

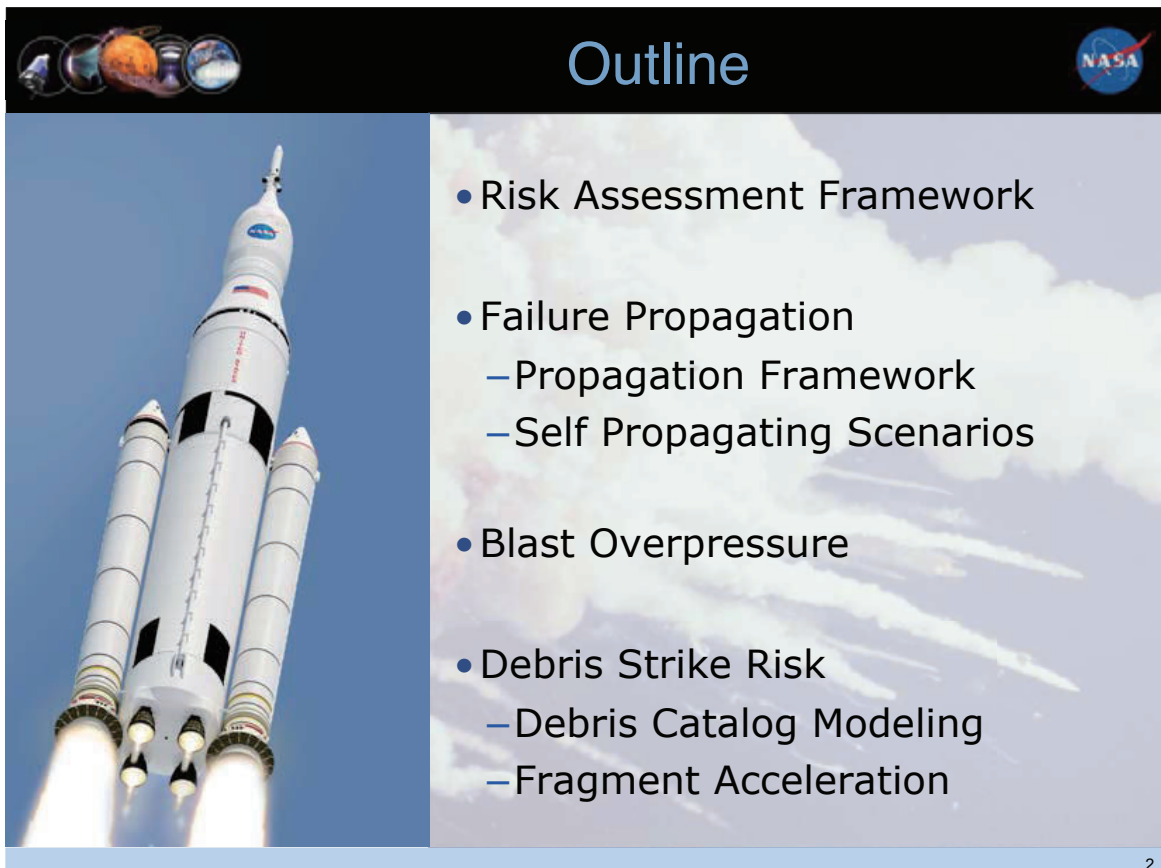



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Engineering Risk Assessment of Launch Vehicle Failure

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- Risk Assessment Framework
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 - Self Propagating Scenarios
- Blast Overpressure
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 - Fragment Acceleration


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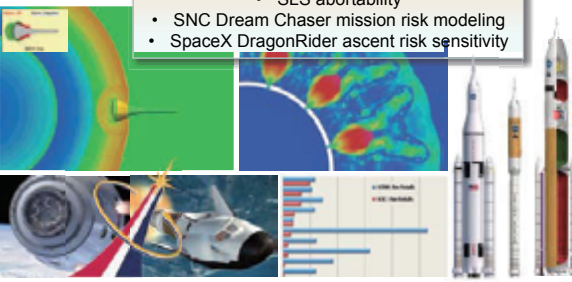
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Engineering Risk Assessment Activity

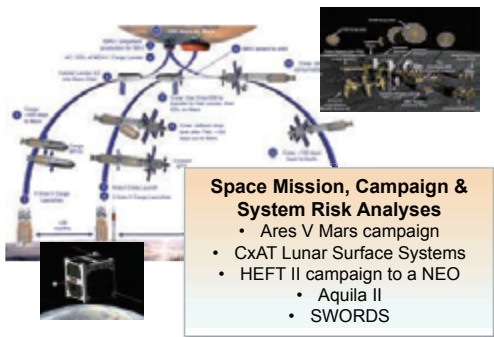
Crew Launch Vehicle Risk Assessment & Risk-Informed Design

- Ares I/V integrated LOM/LOC
 - SLS abortability
- SNC Dream Chaser mission risk modeling
- SpaceX DragonRider ascent risk sensitivity



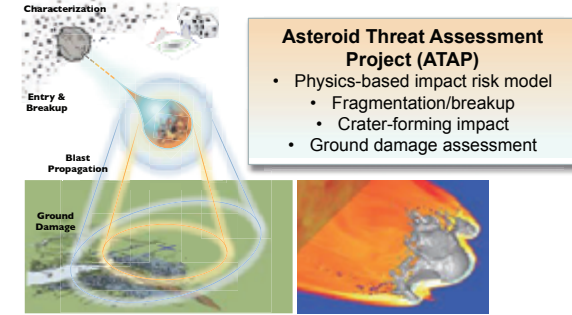
Space Mission, Campaign & System Risk Analyses

- Ares V Mars campaign
- CxAT Lunar Surface Systems
- HEFT II campaign to a NEO
 - Aquila II
 - SWORDS



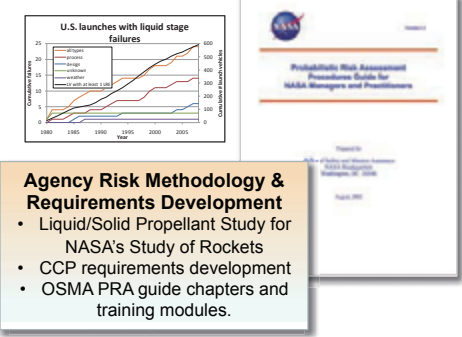
Asteroid Threat Assessment Project (ATAP)

- Physics-based impact risk model
 - Fragmentation/breakup
 - Crater-forming impact
- Ground damage assessment



Agency Risk Methodology & Requirements Development

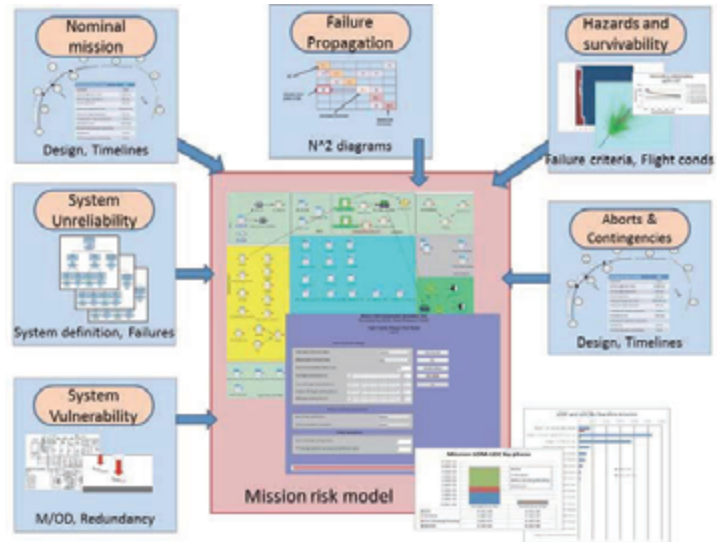
- Liquid/Solid Propellant Study for NASA's Study of Rockets
- CCP requirements development
- OSMA PRA guide chapters and training modules.



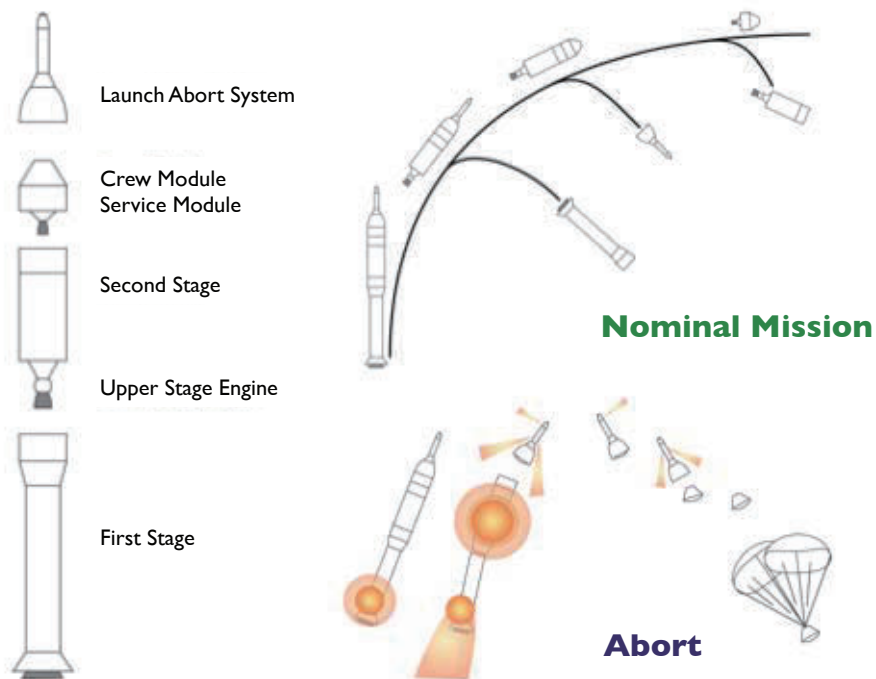
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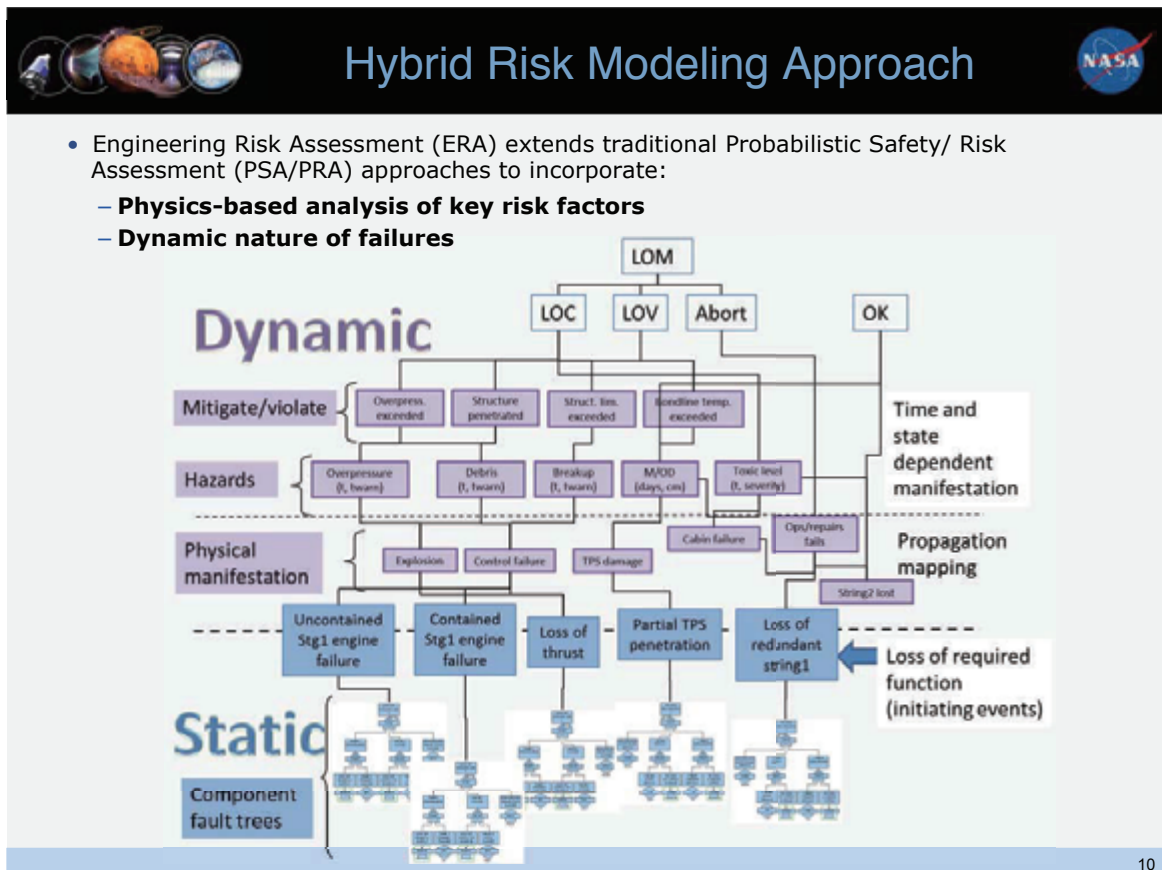
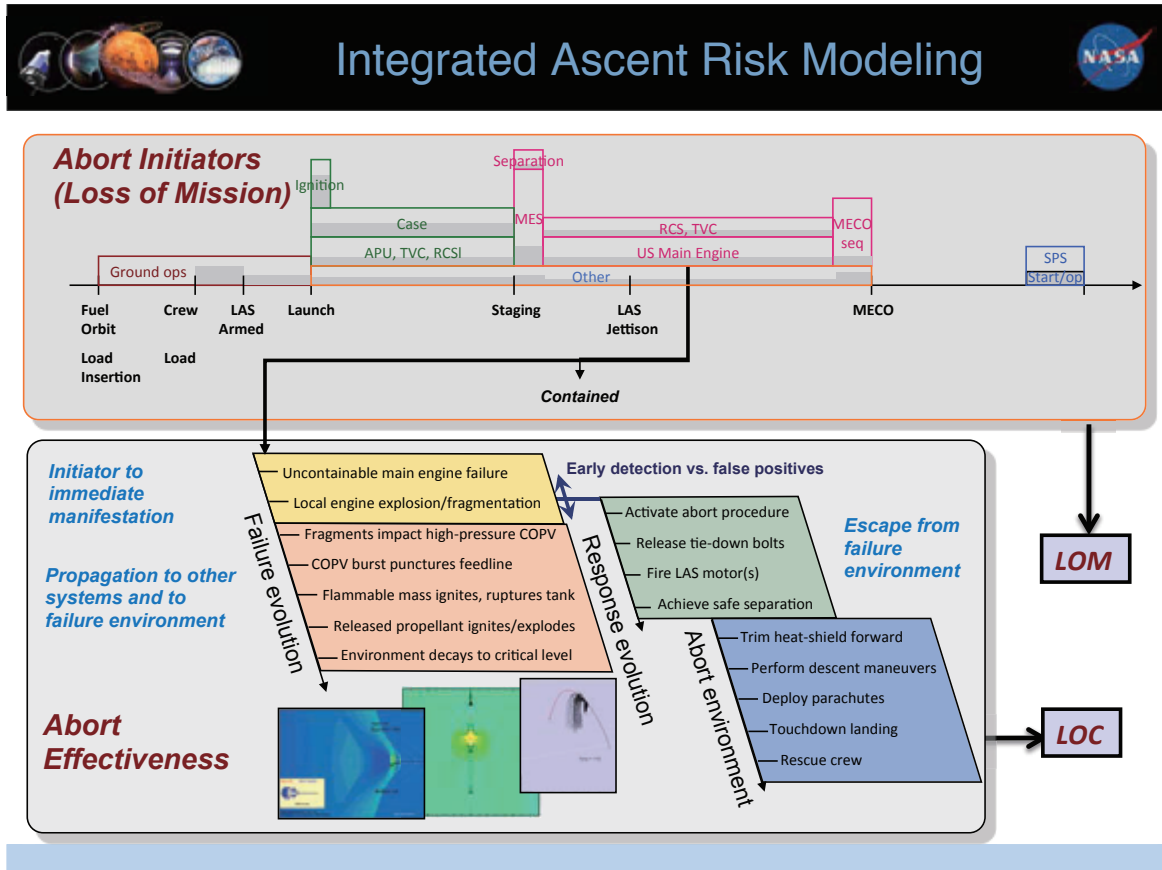
Engineering Risk Assessment (ERA) extends traditional Probabilistic Safety/Risk Assessment (PRA/PSA) approaches to incorporate:


- **Physics-based analysis of key risk factors**
 - External hazards
 - Failure environments
- **Dynamic nature of failures**
 - Time dependence
 - State dependence
 - Interactive effects




Crewed Launch Mission



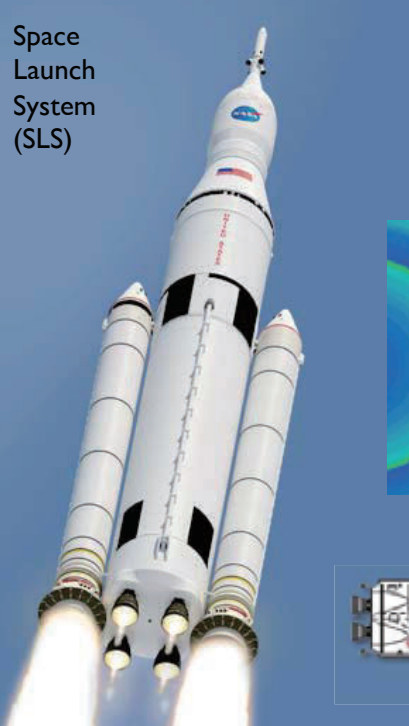





Launch Vehicle Explosion Risk Assessment



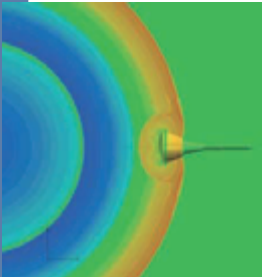
Space Launch System (SLS)




- Impact design by focusing physics-based analysis on risk driving **Hazard Environments**
- Launch vehicle stage explosion hazards to crew




Aborting Crew Module



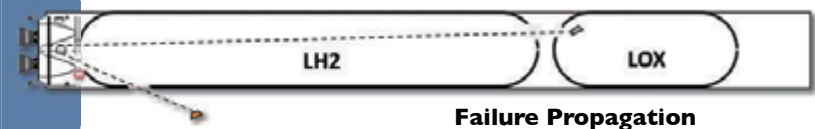
Blast Overpressure



Fireball




Debris Strike





Failure Propagation

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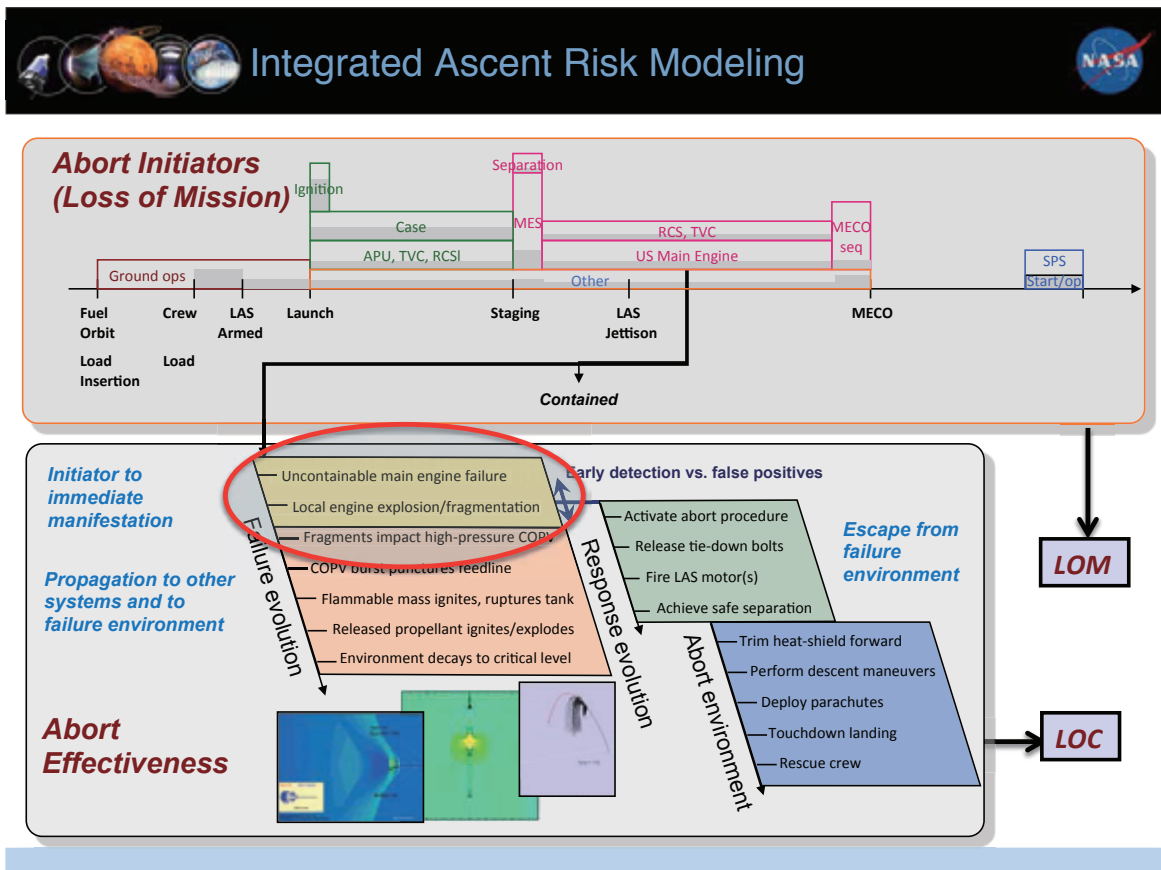
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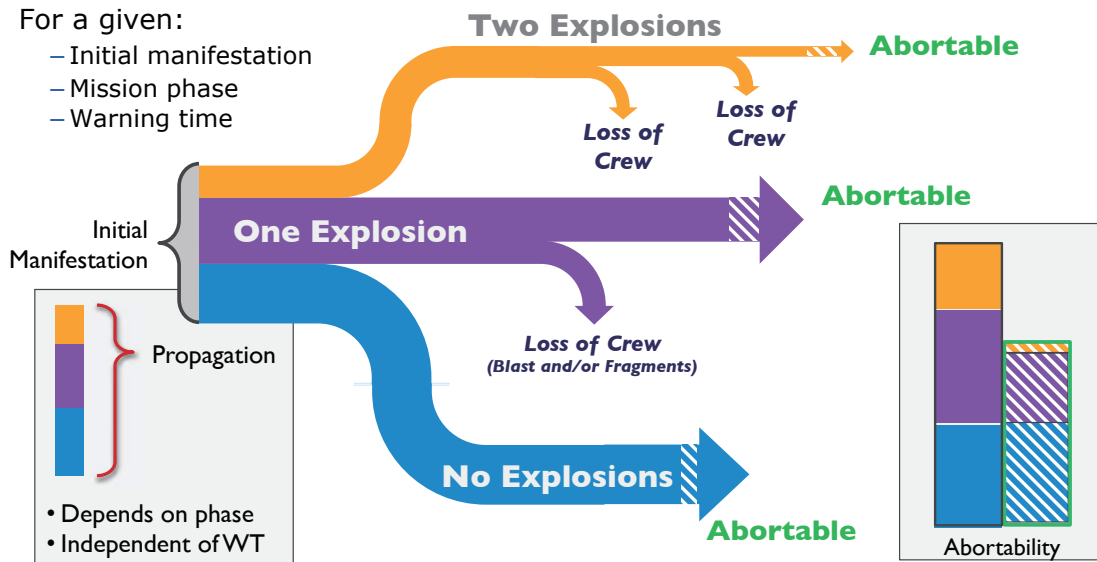
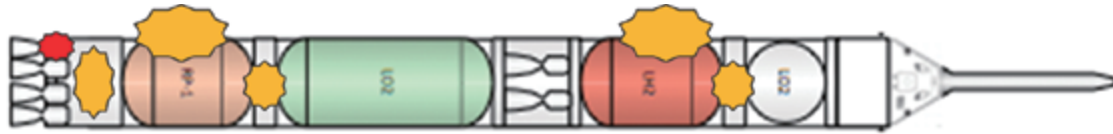
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Failure Propagation

Ref:
 S. Lawrence, D. Mathias, K. Gee, "A Failure Propagation Modeling Method for Launch Vehicle Safety Assessment," PSAM 12, Honolulu HI, June 2014.
 D. Mathias, S. Motiwala, "Simulation of Liquid Rocket Engine Failure Propagation Using Self-Evolving Scenarios," RAMS, Palm Harbor FL, January 2015.

Abortability Flow-Chart: Simple Example



Simple Propagation Matrix Example

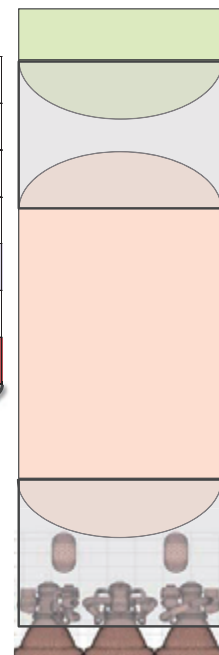
Selected initiator: Stage 1 turbopump failure
 Paths go horizontally and then vertically

Stage 1 TurboPump	0%	50%	15%	Transition Probabilities		
	Stage 1 MCC Expl	70%	0%	5%	0%	
Initiators		Aft Skirt Explosion	10%	80%	0%	
		20%	HE Tank Explosion	10%	5%	
		Intermediate Environments		Stage 1 Tank Rupture		50%
				100%	Stage 1 Intertank CBM	
						Stage 2 Tank Rupture

Event Tree

Stage 1 TP

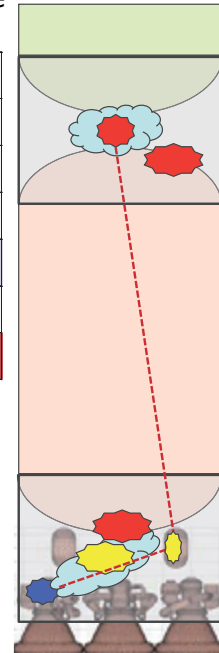
Failure Environments



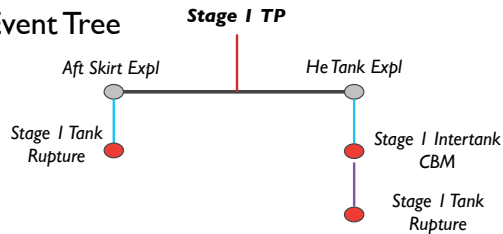
Simple Propagation Matrix Example

Stage 1 inter-tank CBM causes (overpressure) Stage 1 tank rupture

Stage 1 TurboPump	0%	50%	15%			
Stage 1 MCC Expl		70%	0%	5%	0%	
Aft Skirt Explosion			10%	80%	0%	
HE Tank Explosion		20%		10%	5%	
Stage 1 Tank Rupture				100%		50%
Stage 1 Intertank CBM						
Stage 2 Tank Rupture						



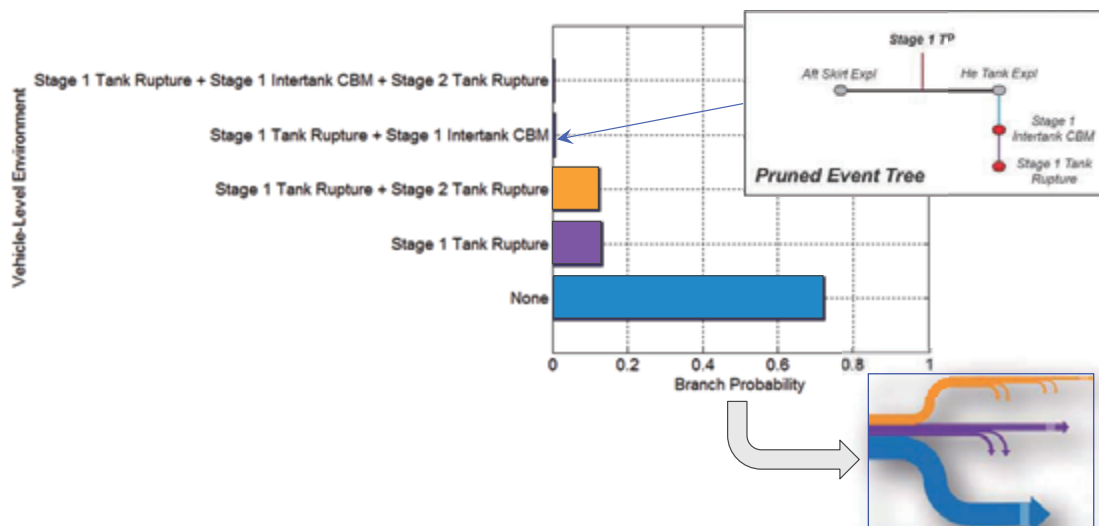
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Sample Monte Carlo Results

Monte Carlo results are binned to produce the desired mapping (branch splits) between the initial manifestation and the explosion(s)



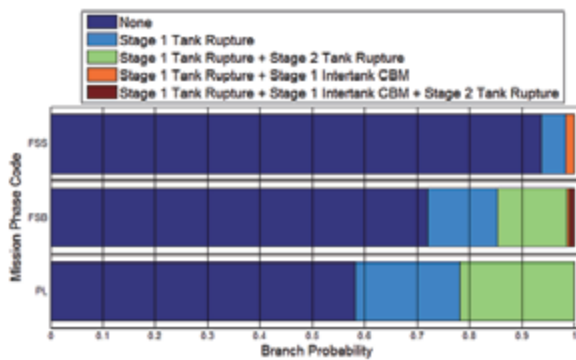
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Implementation for Complex Cases

Transition Data Table Snippet

Phase and propagation resistance sensitivities

ID	Pre-launch w/ LAS	Launch w/ LAS	Upper Stage: w/ LAS	Upper Stage: w/o LAS	Spacecraft	Source	Target	Status
	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
00	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	0.0/0.0
01	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	0.0/0.0
02	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	0.0/0.0
03	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	0.0/0.0
04	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	0.0/0.0
05	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	0.0/0.0
06	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	0.0/0.0
07	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	0.0/0.0
08	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	0.0/0.0
09	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	0.0/0.0
10	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	0.0/0.0
11	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	0.0/0.0
12	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	0.0/0.0
13	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	0.0/0.0
14	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	0.0/0.0
15	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	0.0/0.0
16	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	Stage 1 Tank Rupture	0.0/0.0
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Mapping: Dependence on Phase

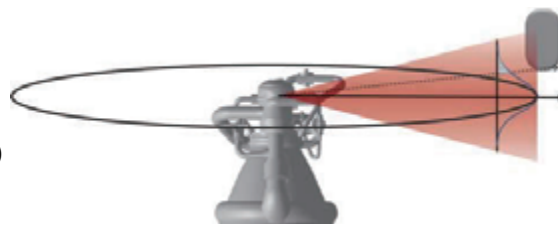
Stage I Shutdown/Separation

Stage I Boost


Pre-Launch

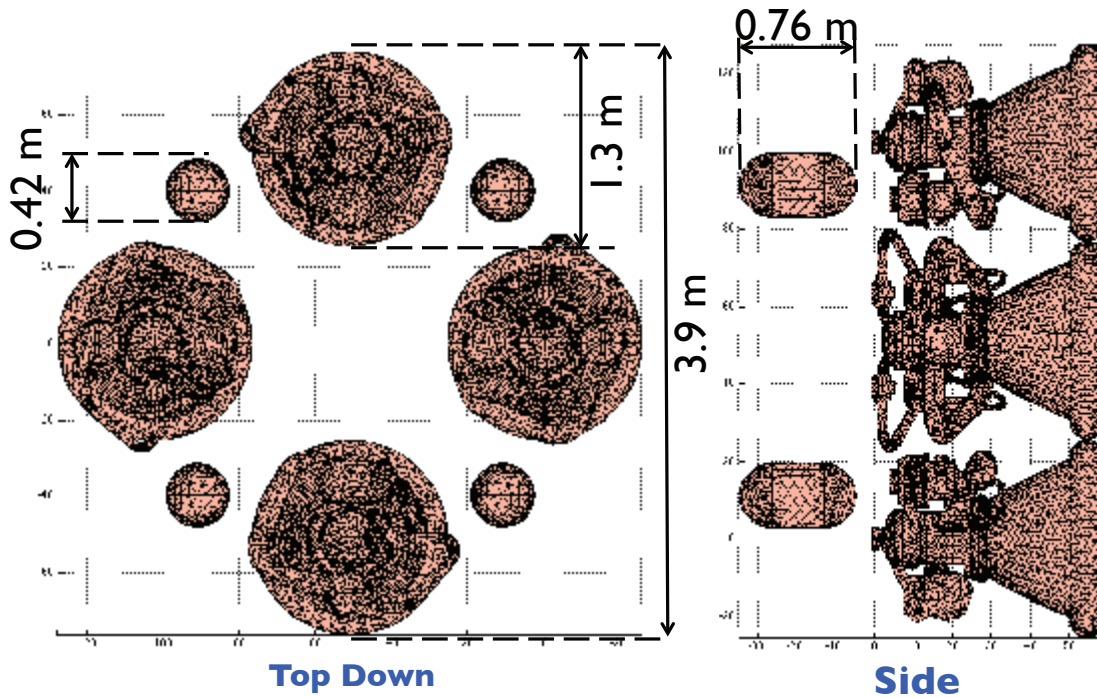
Transition Analysis Thought Process


- Energy Transfer Mode(s)
 - Overpressure
 - Kinetic Energy (Fragments)
 - Shock & Vibration
 - Environment (pressure, temperature)
 - Etc.
- Source Severity
 - Energy type: **[KE]**
 - Magnitude: **[Velocity and density]**
 - Uncertainties: **[Velocity and density]**
- Target Vulnerability
 - Energy type: **[KE]**
 - Magnitude: **[Size, Location, Limit velocity]**
 - Uncertainties: **[Limit velocity]**
- Energy Decay
 - Natural decay with distance: **[1/d²]**
 - Obstructions: **[%]**



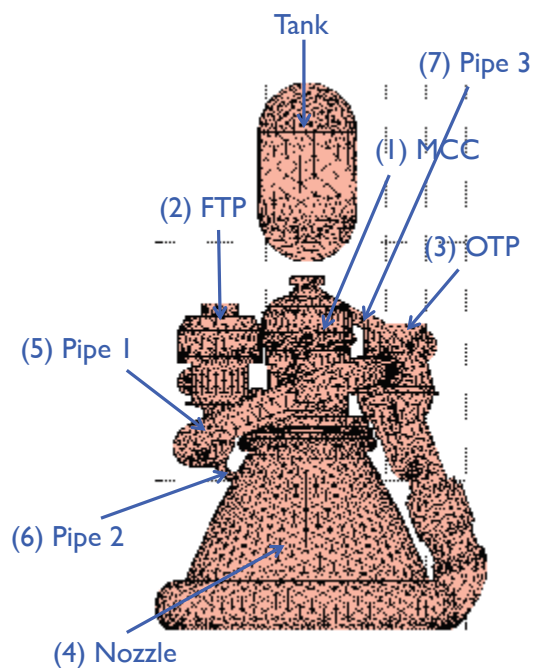
Example: TP Burst → He tank burst

Self Propagating Failure Scenarios 



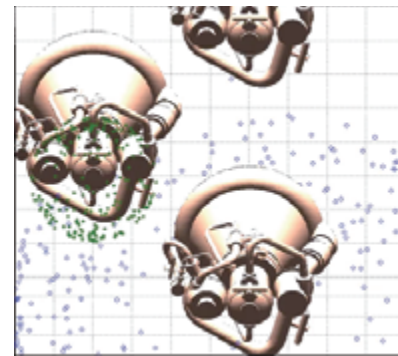
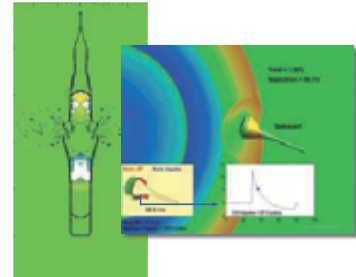
Test Case: 4 Engines + Tanks 

- Simple engine model for generic launch vehicle platform (derived from J2X)
- 32 components: 7 per engine and 4 tanks
 - Main combustion chamber (MCC)
 - 2 turbopumps: fuel (FTP) and oxidizer (OTP)
 - 3 pipes (fuel, oxidizer, hot gas)
 - Nozzle
- Between ~1k–6k triangles per component
- 3 different initiators: MCC, FTP, and OTP



Failure Propagation Model

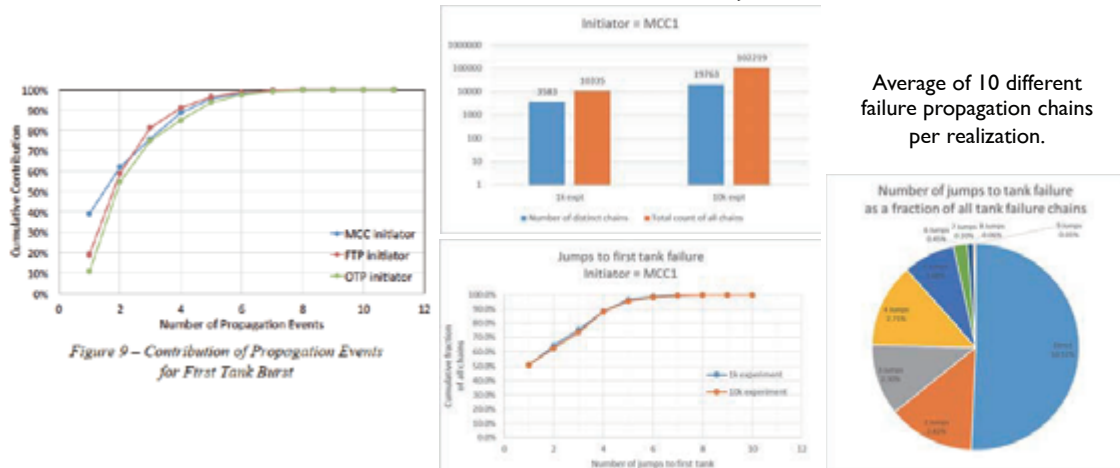
- Models failure propagation of debris field and blast wave environments
- Consists of component-to-component interactions and behaviors given initial conditions
- Uses Monte Carlo framework developed in C++:
 - Execution begins by seeding a failure and letting it cascade until propagation ends
 - Results include probabilities of component vulnerabilities and scenario tracking
- 100,000 realizations run in ~2 minutes on laptop for current test case

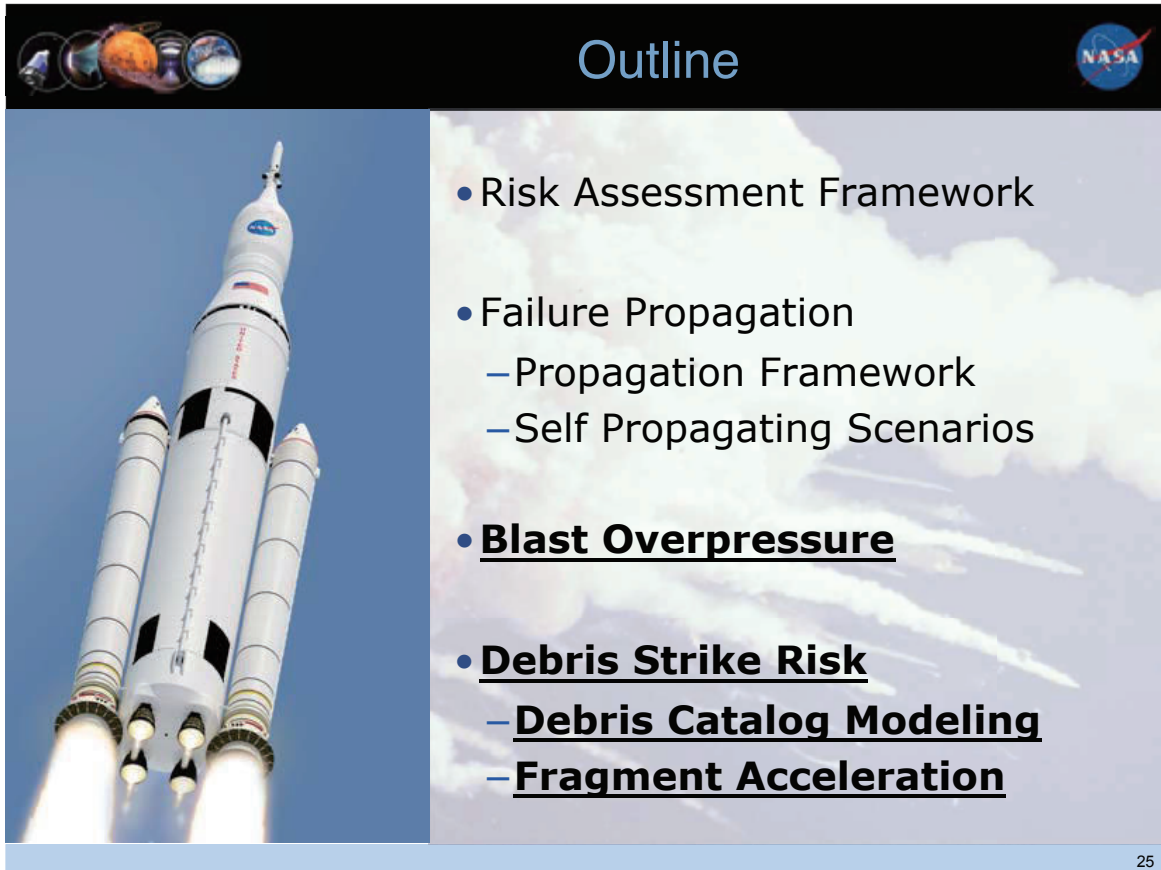


LOM and LOC Probabilities

- Interested in specific end results that lead to loss-of-mission (LOM) or loss-of-crew (LOC) outcomes
- LOM outcome occurs with 2nd engine out – propagation leads to strike of a critical component in another engine

Non-truncated MCC chains, 10k realizations

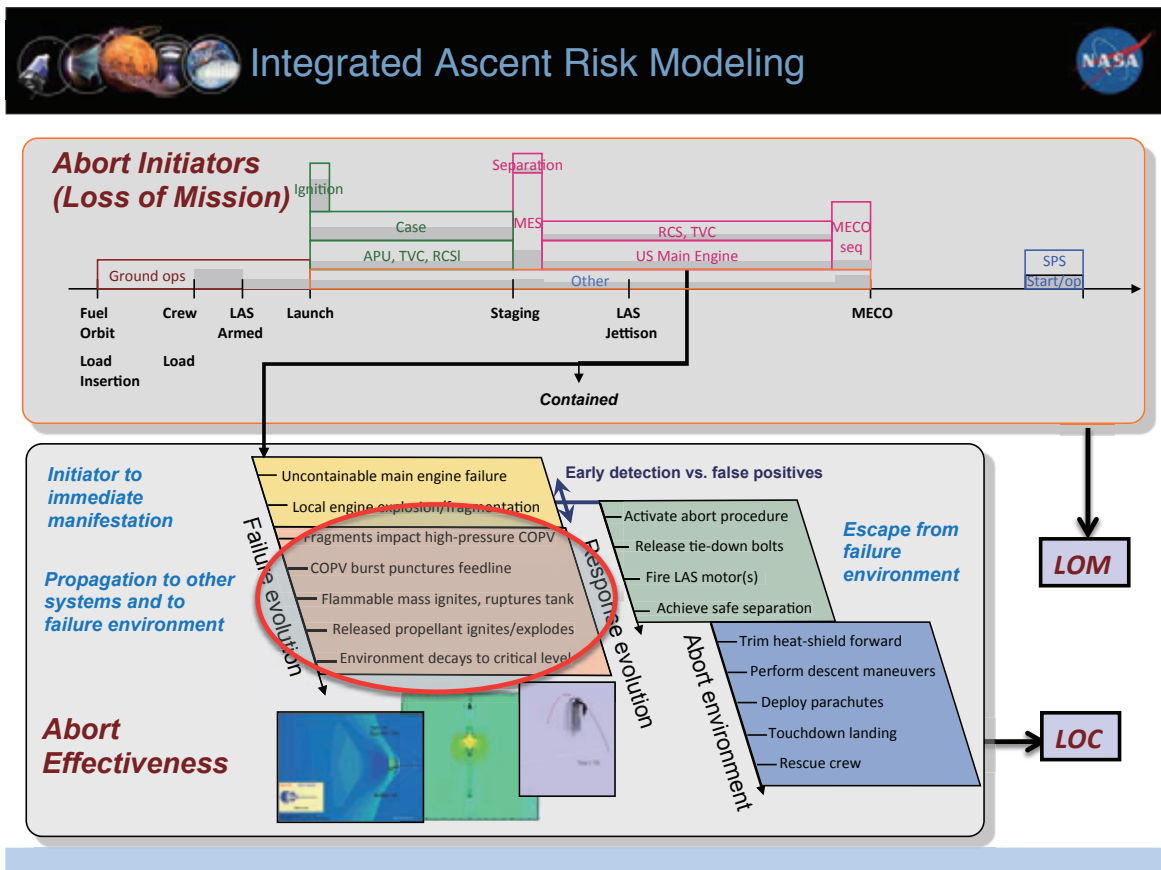




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Integrated Ascent Risk Modeling

Abort Initiators (Loss of Mission)

Timeline: Fuel Orbit, Crew Load Insertion, LAS Armed, Launch, Staging, LAS Jettison, MECO, SPS Start/op.

Systems: Ground ops, Ignition, Case, APU, TVC, RCSI, Separation, MES, RCS, TVC, US Main Engine, MECC seq.

Initiator to immediate manifestation

- Uncontainable main engine failure
- Local engine explosion/fragmentation
- Fragments impact high-pressure COPV
- COPV burst punctures feedline
- Flammable mass ignites, ruptures tank
- Released propellant ignites/explodes
- Environment decays to critical level

Propagation to other systems and to failure environment

Abort Effectiveness

Early detection vs. false positives


- Activate abort procedure
- Release tie-down bolts
- Fire LAS motor(s)
- Achieve safe separation

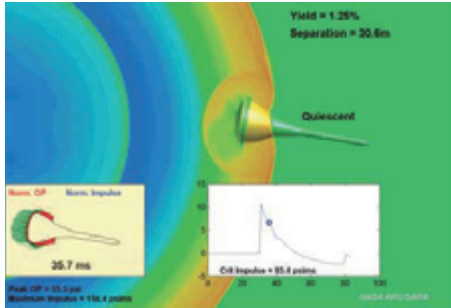
Escape from failure environment

Abort environment

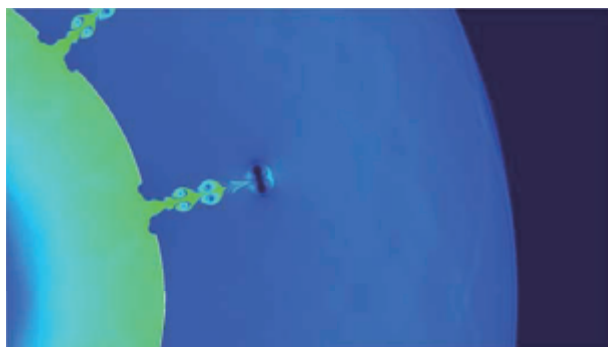
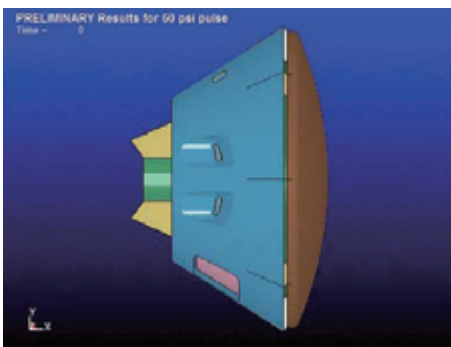
- Trim heat-shield forward
- Perform descent maneuvers
- Deploy parachutes
- Touchdown landing
- Rescue crew

Outcomes: LOM (Loss of Mission), LOC (Loss of Crew)

Blast & Debris Modeling 



- **Engineering-level models:** quick, easily reconfigurable sensitivity and trade studies
- **CFD blast wave simulations:** more accurate blast propagation and interaction effects
- **CFD tank burst simulations:** launch vehicle tank failure scenarios
- **Structural response modeling:** effects of blast pressures on vehicle



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Blast Overpressure

S. Lawrence, D. Mathias, K. Gee, M. Olsen, "Simulation Assisted Risk Assessment: Blast Overpressure Modeling, PSAM8, PSAM-0197, June 2006.

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Blast Overpressure Modeling

•Objectives:

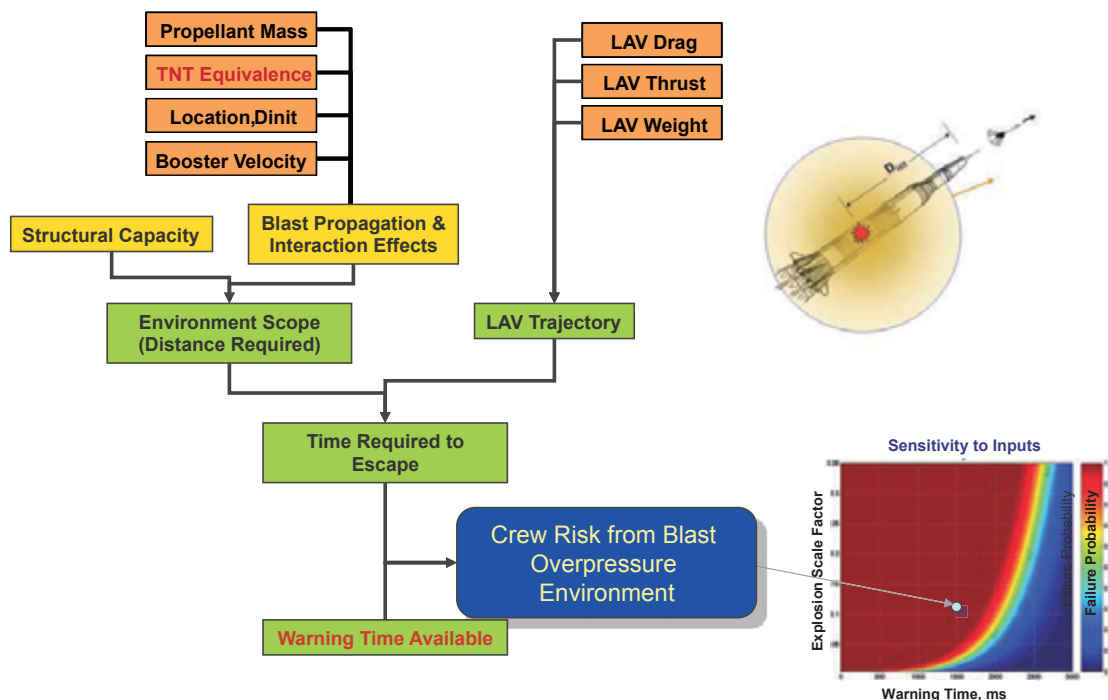
- Provide data to support requirement definition/refinement/verification for structural survival of blast loading
- For a given structure, provide data to support failure probability analysis
- Provide risk information for use in integrated ascent/abort risk assessment

•Key problem elements:

- Blast size specification (yield %)
- Blast propagation, including vehicle velocity effects
 - Overpressure decay
 - Blast trajectory (time-of-arrival)
- Interaction of blast with abort vehicle (LAV)
- Response of structure to blast loading




Explosion Modeling: Engineering-Level Model



Vapor Cloud Explosion (VCE) Modeling

- Engineering-level enhancement
- Blast behavior a function of:
 - Total energy (blast size)
 - Detonation Mach number (blast strength)
- TNT distribution replaced with 1-parameter (M_{flame}) family of distributions
 - Baker-Strehlow-Tang curve set: Developed from 1-D numerical simulations w/ simplified chemistry (heat addition)
- Model includes families of curves for positive-phase impulse as well as peak overpressure

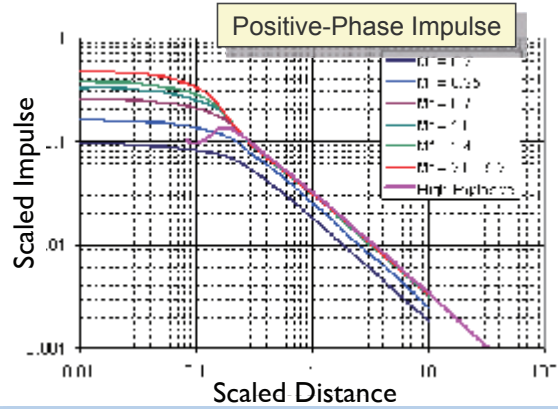
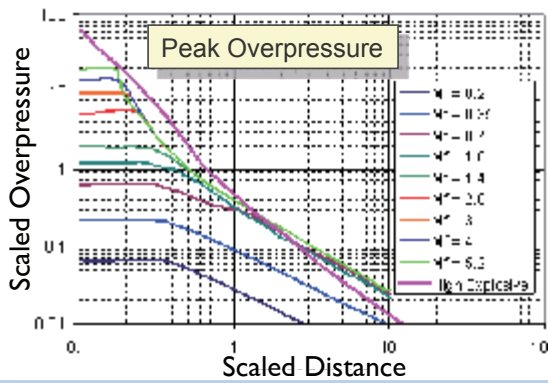
TNT Equivalency/Sachs Scaling:

Overpressure: $OP = (p_{max} - p_{\infty})/p_{\infty}$

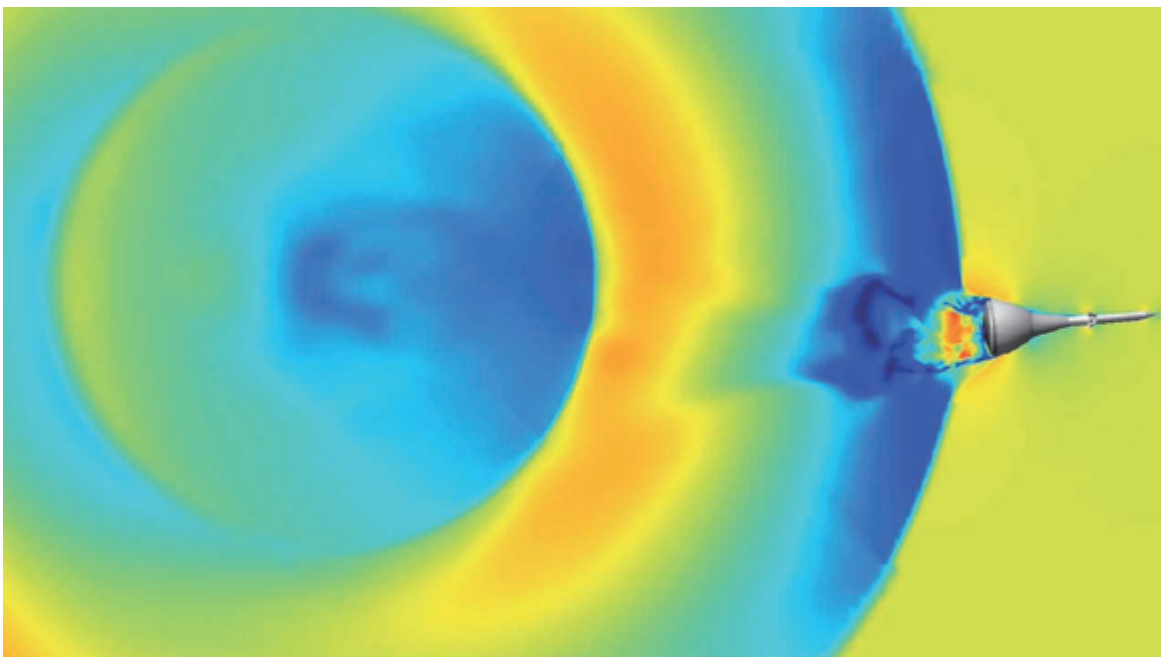
Distance: $\lambda = x/\alpha$

$\alpha = (E_{prop}/\rho_{\infty})^{1/3}$

Time: $\tau = t c_{\infty}/\alpha$



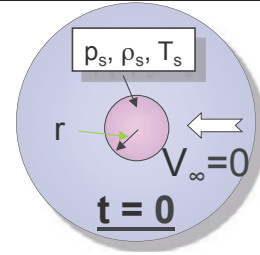
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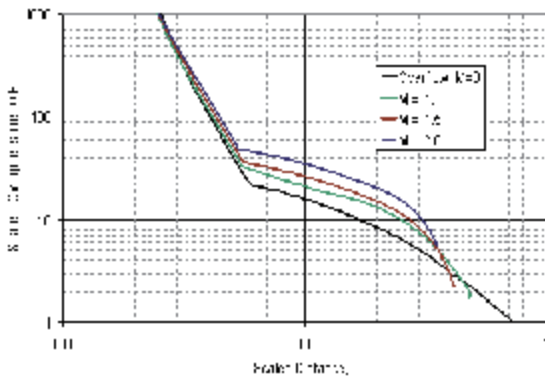
Headwinds: Navier-Stokes Simulations

Perfect gas simulations at selected conditions along ascent trajectory

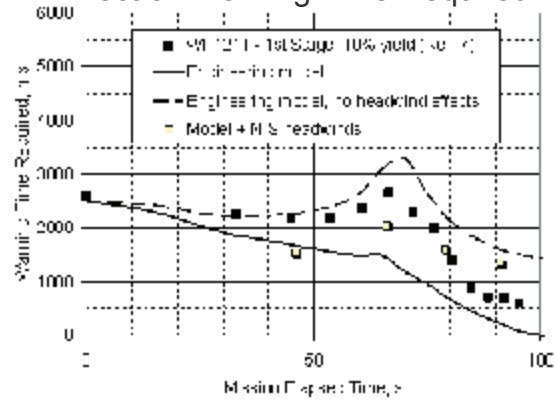
- Increase initial shock strength
- Increase penetration
- Sensitive to initial conditions



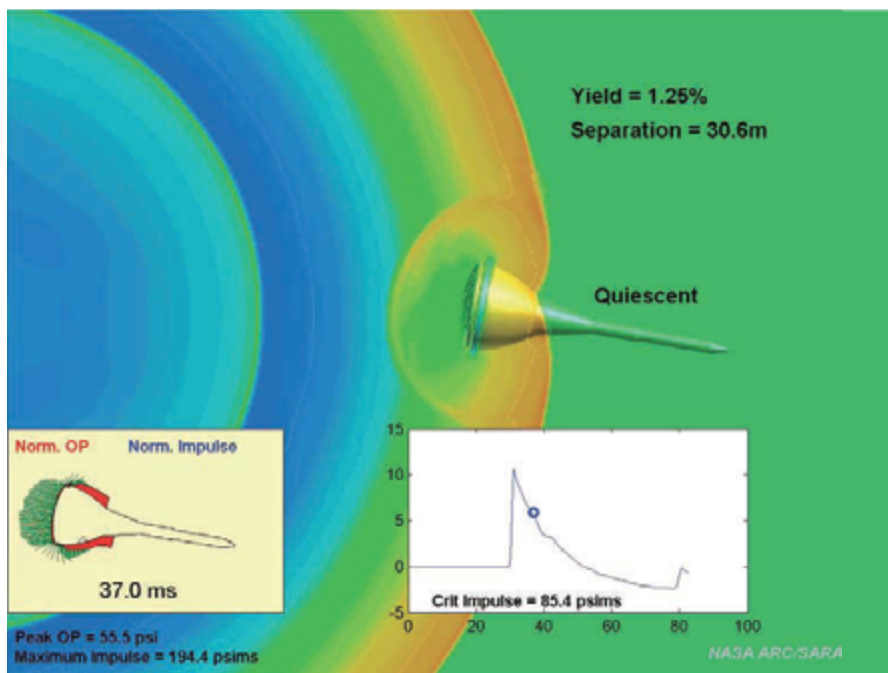
Overpressure Characteristics



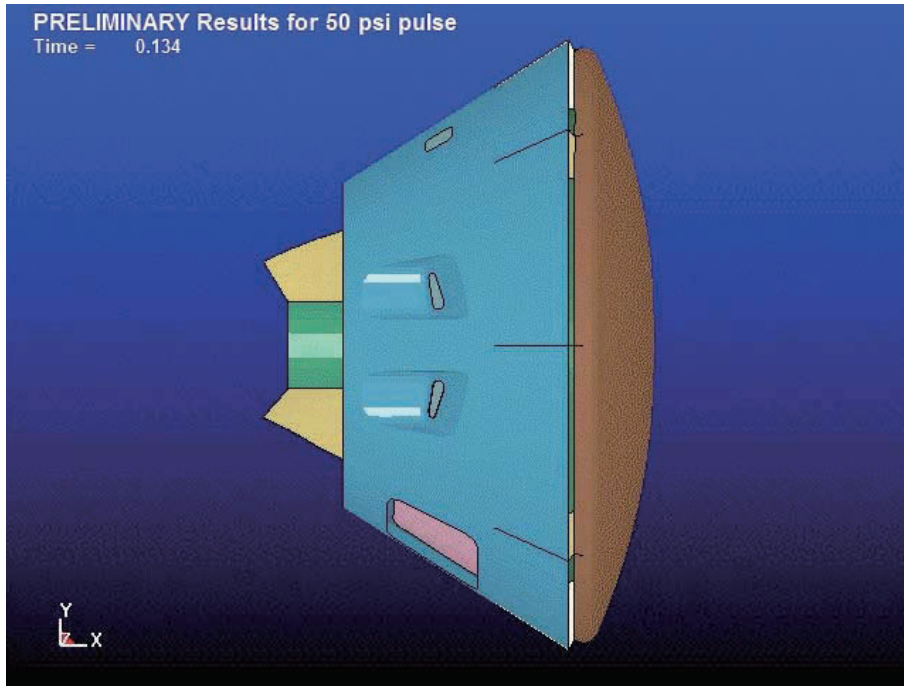
Effect on Warning Time Required



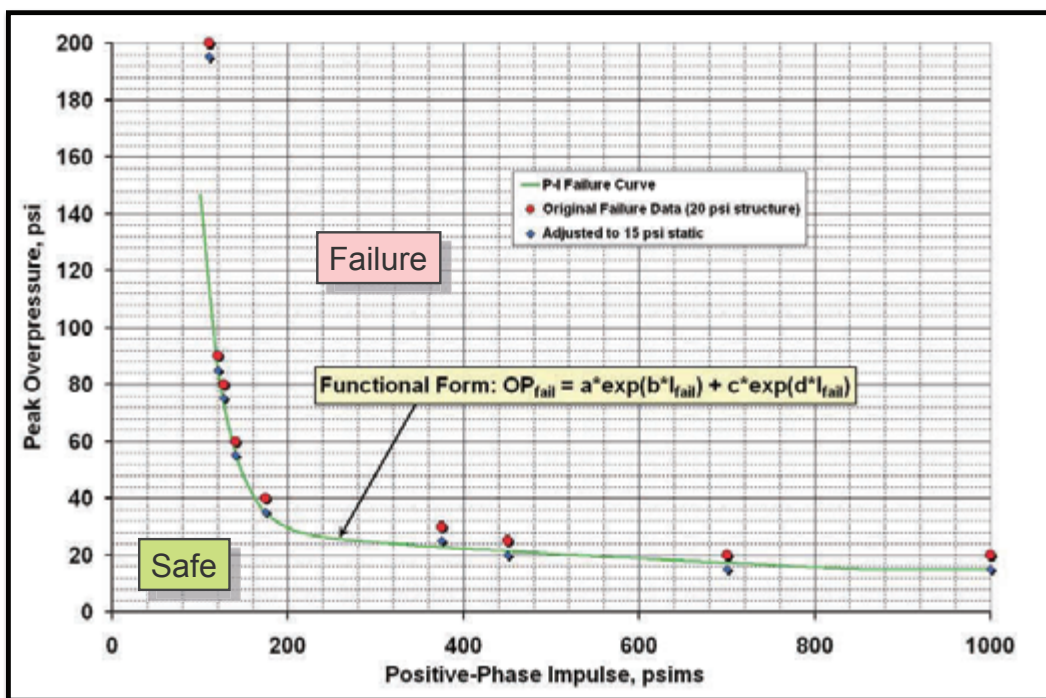
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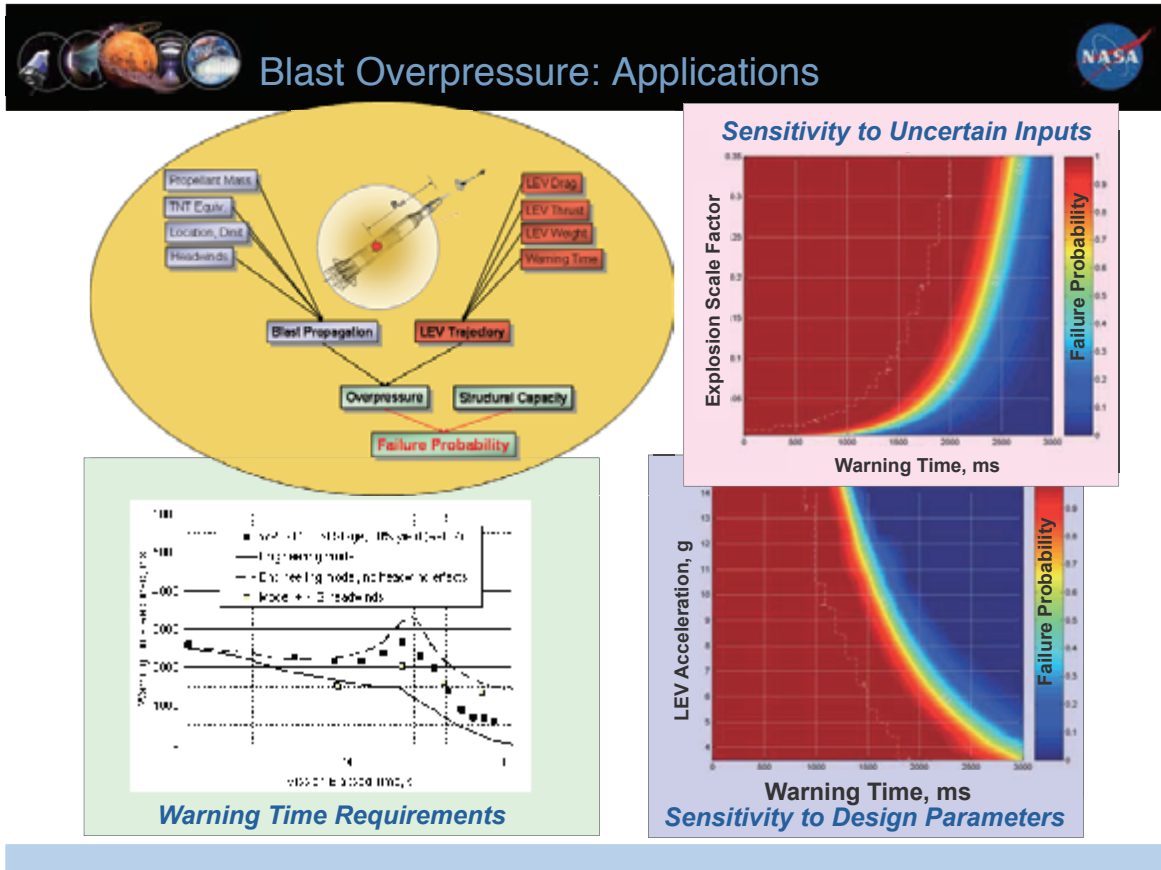


Structural Response Model



Overpressure-Impulse (P-I) Failure Criteria





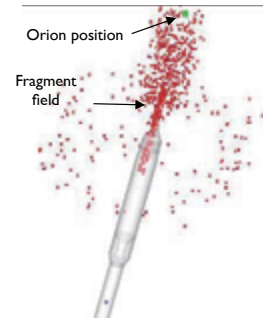
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Debris Strike Risk

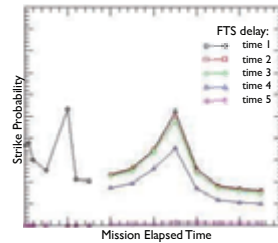
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 **Debris Model** 

- **Debris propagation**
 - Three degrees-of-freedom (3DOF) trajectory integration using MISSION code
 - Trajectories calculated for:
 - Launch vehicle
 - Crew module
 - Each fragment of potentially dangerous size
- **Initial debris conditions ("Debris Catalog")**
 - Mass distribution based on experimental data
 - Velocity distribution
 - Experimental and historical data
 - Computed results
- **Debris Impact risk determined from intersection of CM and debris trajectories**

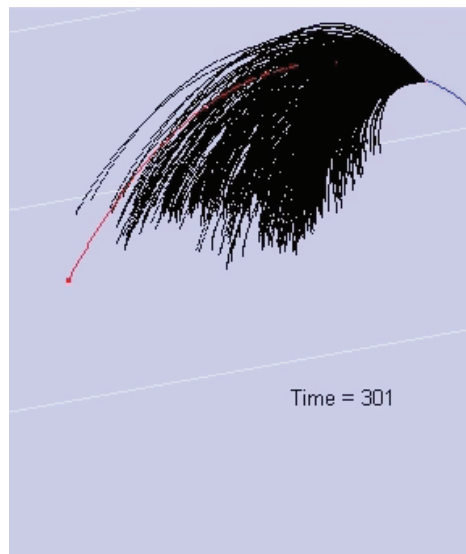


Debris field caused by fragmentation of the Ares I CLV during ascent



Strike probability as a function of MET with penetration criterion

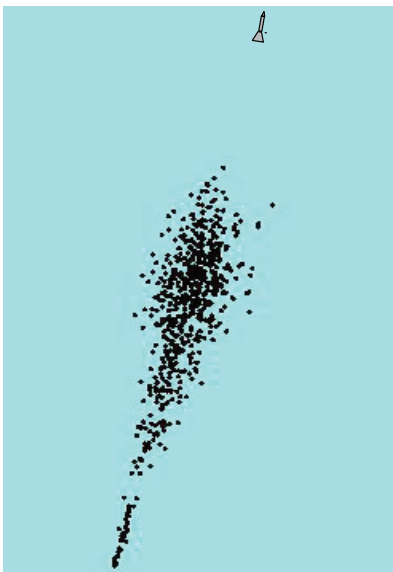
 **Debris Propagation Model** 



Analysis of Debris Strike Probability

- Debris catalog generation
 - Generate debris field based on vehicle dimensions and failure mode
 - Assess sensitivity of strike probability to debris field parameters
- Response surface approach to predicting strike probability
 - Full Monte Carlo analysis can be computational expensive and time-consuming
 - Investigated accuracy and speed of response surface approach

Launch Vehicle Debris Catalog



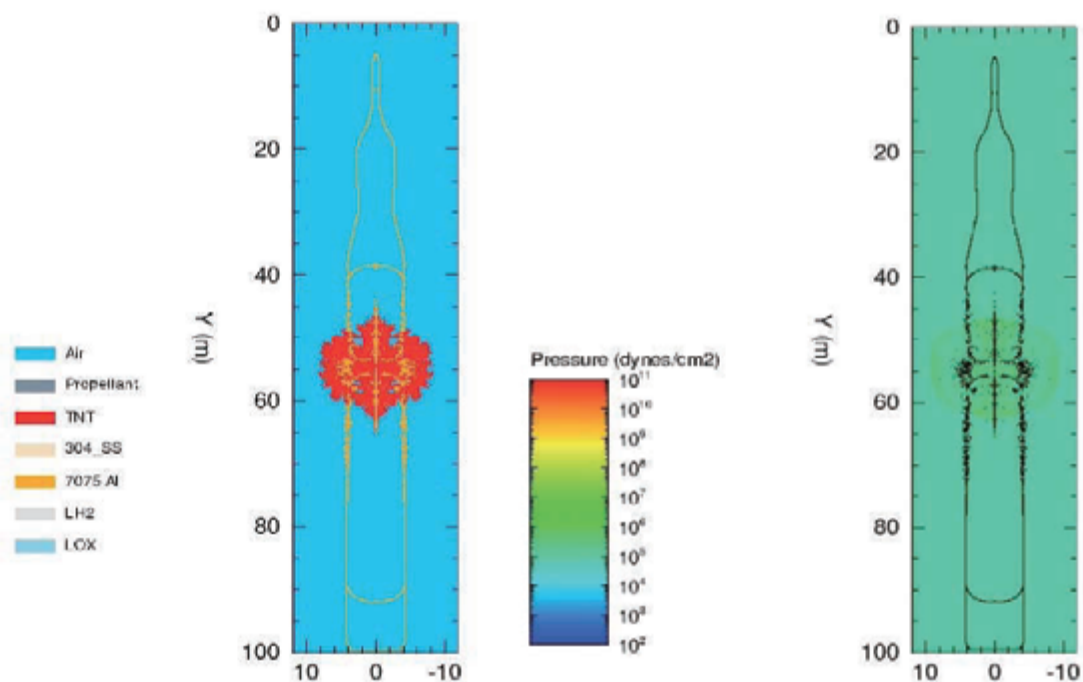
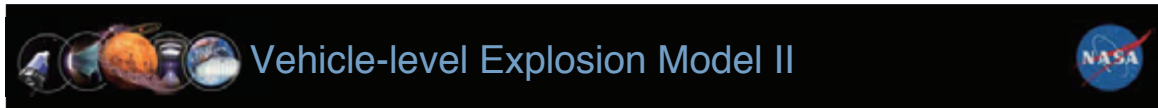
- Number of pieces
- For each piece
 - Mass
 - Reference area
 - Aerodynamic characteristics
 - Imparted velocity

Debris Catalog Model

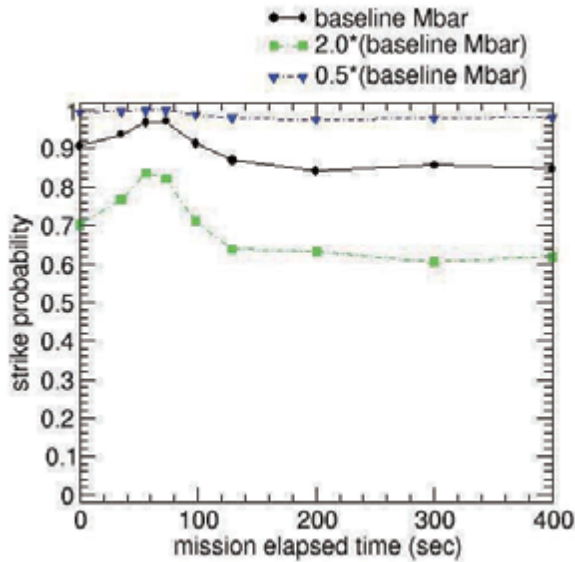
- Number of pieces and mass distribution
 - Based on analysis of explosion of cylinders Sternberg 3-part exponential distribution
 - Controlled by average mass of debris pieces
- Imparted velocity
 - Flight termination system (FTS)
 - Activation of linear shaped charges
 - Controlled by tank pressures and crack/hole size (venting)
 - Explosion Johnson-Cook fracture
Grady-Kipp fragmentation
 - CTH solution
 - Controlled by equivalent mass of TNT

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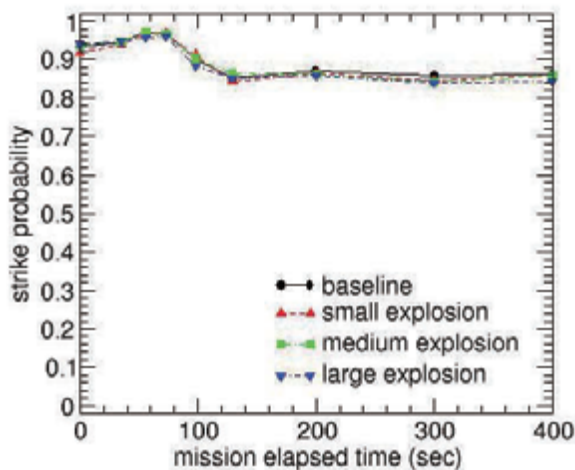
Debris Strike Sensitivity



- Current model
- Effect of number of debris pieces
- Warning time = 0.5 sec

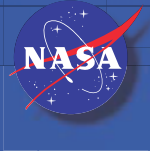
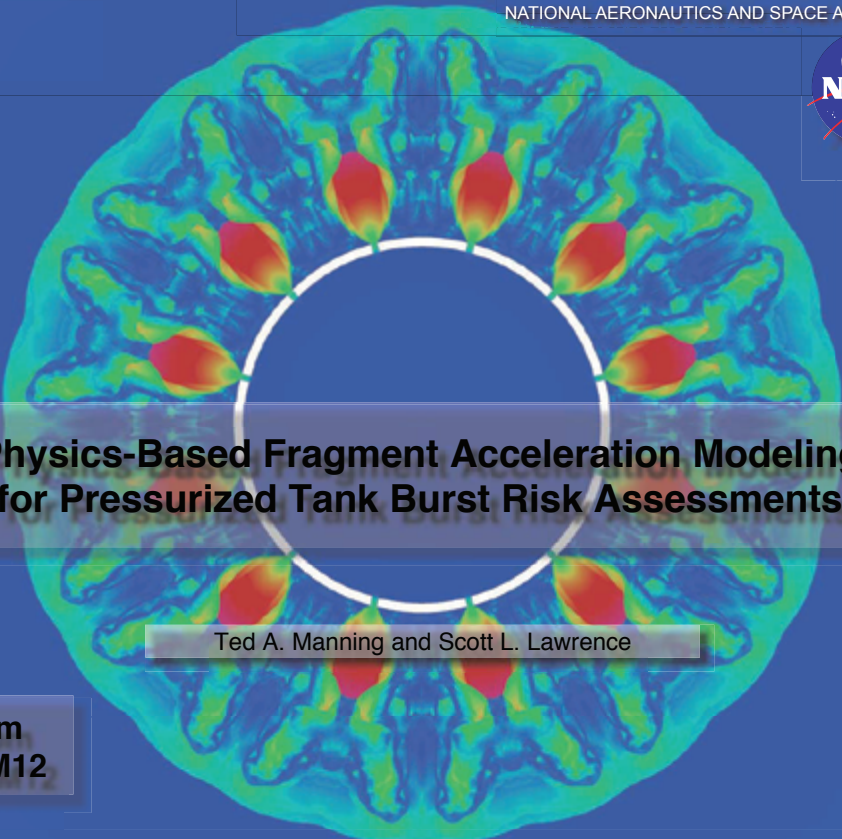
Space Shuttle ET debris model

Debris Strike Sensitivity



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**Physics-Based Fragment Acceleration Modeling
for Pressurized Tank Burst Risk Assessments**

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Fragment Acceleration Modeling





STS-51-L (Challenger)

- Energy Partition

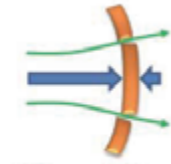
Blast Wave (Pressure)
Fragments (Kinetic) k
Other (Thermal, etc.)

$$v_i = \sqrt{\frac{2kE}{m}}$$
- Momentum Conservation





$$v_i = v_{jet}$$
- Force Driven

Baker Model (1977)



Differential Pressure

$$v_i = \int \frac{F}{m} dt$$

 **Problem Statement** 

• Problem

- Baker (1977) tank burst velocity model may not be suitable for low yield, lower altitude tank explosions due an external vacuum assumption

• Objective

- Evaluate / Improve the Baker model

• Approach

- Focus on Pressure Burst (no combustion)
- Run high fidelity fluid/rigid-body simulations (Overflow CFD)
- Add and/or modify terms in Baker model
- Compare, Adjust, Iterate



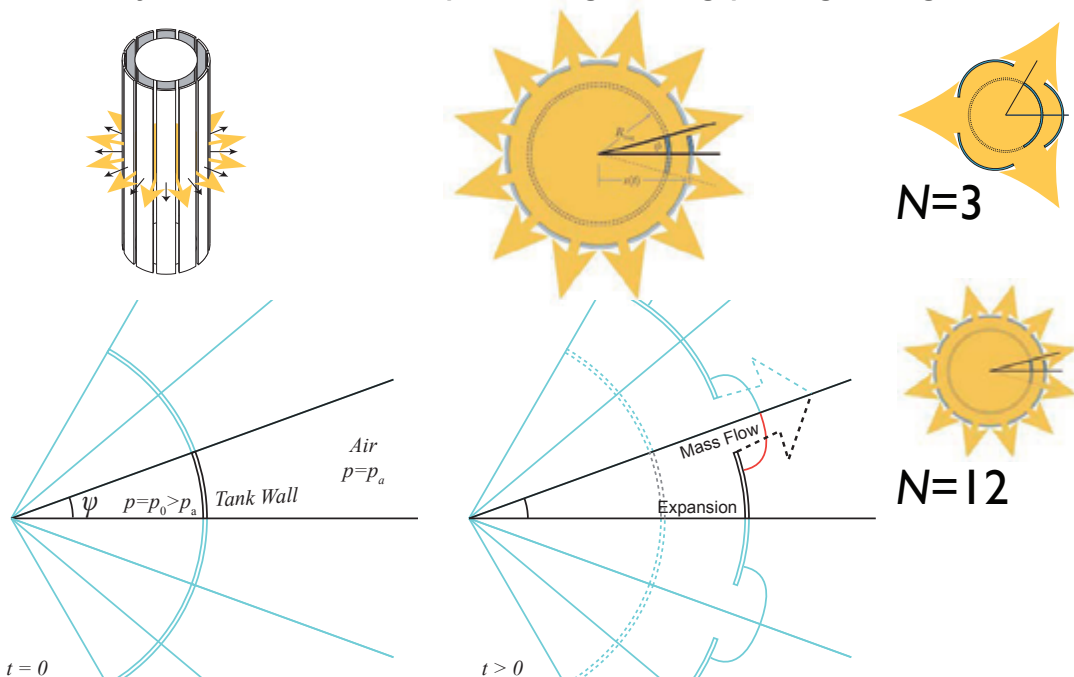
OVERFLOW
CFD


Original Baker

Modified Baker


 **Framework for Tank Burst Modeling** 

Infinite Cylinder: 2-dimensional expansion of gas, with gap leakage, N fragments



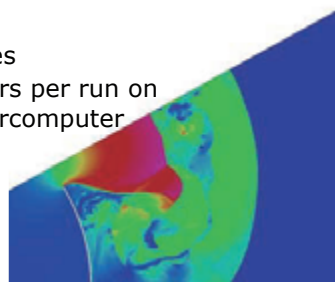
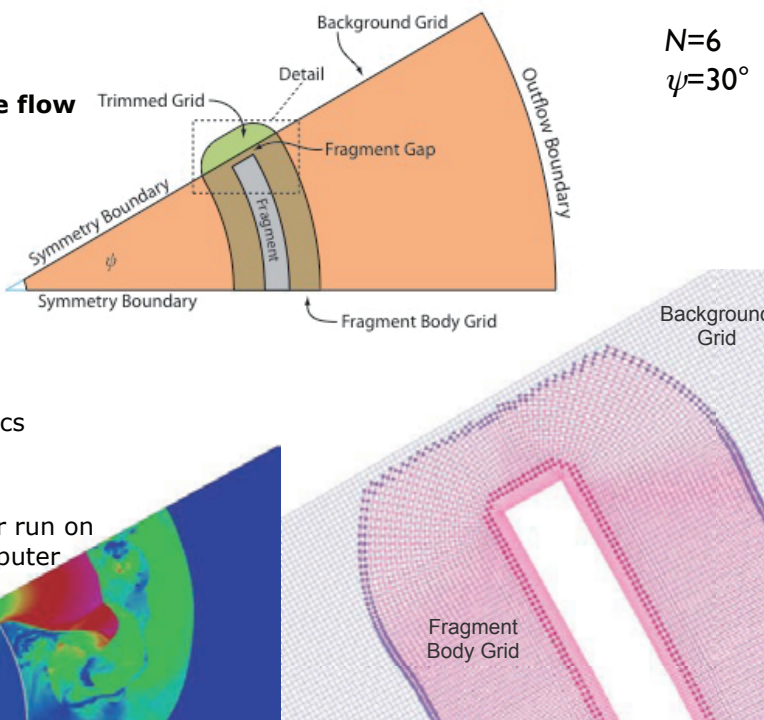


Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) Simulations




- OVERFLOW 2.2
 - **Unsteady compressible flow**
 - **Rigid body dynamics**
 - Finite difference
 - Structured overset grids
 - Multi-species fluids
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- For Tank Burst
 - **2-D with symmetry BC**
 - **Inviscid**
 - 1-DOF rigid body dynamics
 - 2 Overset grids
 - 2~10 million vertices
 - Up to 6000 cpu hours per run on NASA Pleiades supercomputer

OVERFLOW CFD





$N=6$
 $\psi=30^\circ$

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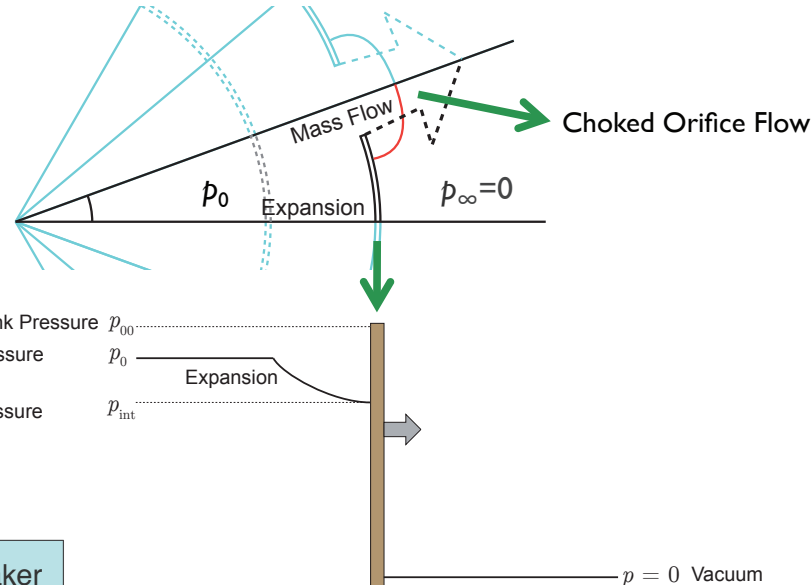


Tank Burst Engineering Model (Baker Model)



- “Original Baker” (Baker 1977): Isentropic Expansion with Orifice Plate leakage

Original Baker

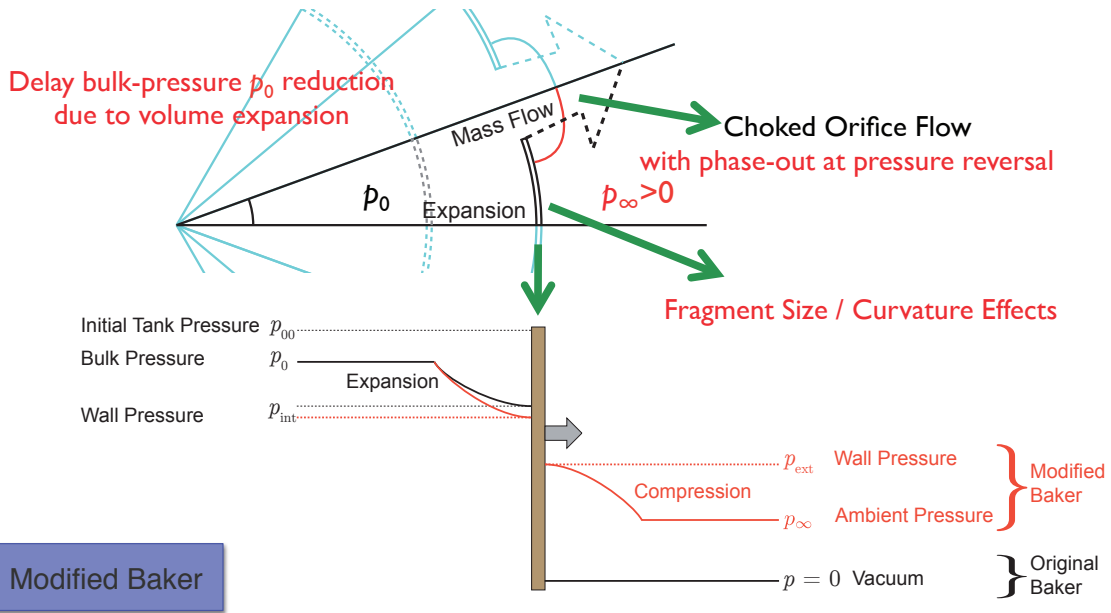


} Original Baker

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Modifications to Baker Model

- Modified Baker: 1-D Piston Model with Orifice Plate leakage



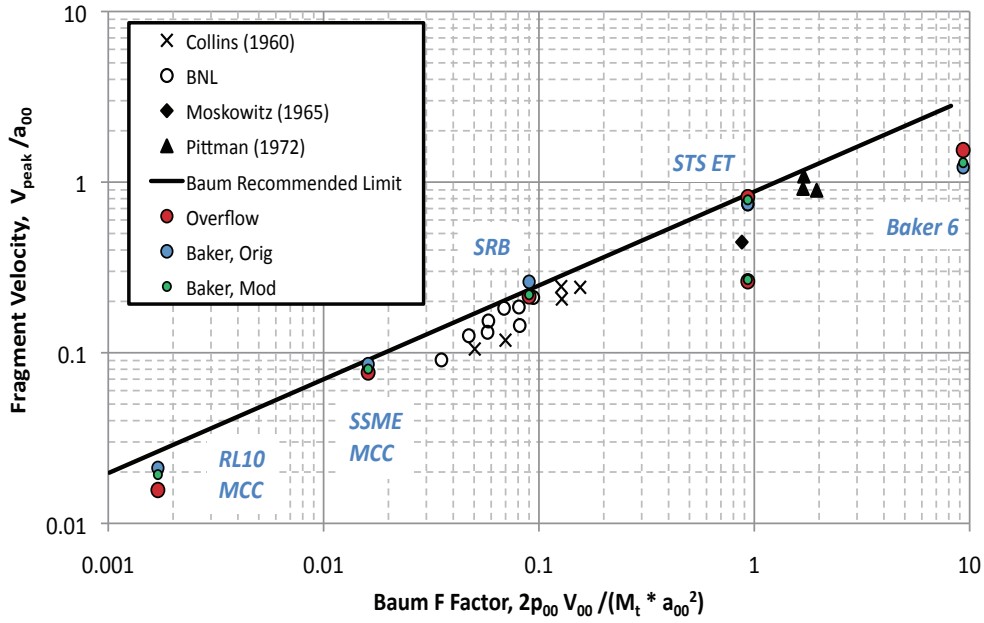
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Tank Burst Cases

	STS ET	SSME MCC	SRB	RL10 MCC	Baker 6
Tank contents	Air	H ₂ , O ₂ , H ₂ O	APCP gas	H ₂ , O ₂ , H ₂ O	Air
Tank material	Aluminum	Inconel	Steel	Inconel	Aluminum
Radius (cm)	420	22.3	184	11	25.4
Thickness (cm)	0.21	1.24	1.2	1.17	0.68
p_{00} { Δp } (psi)	{22}	3000	800	500	10,000
T_{00} (K)	293	3400	3430	3400	272
p_∞ (atm)	0.001~1.0	1	1	1	1
Pressure Ratio	1500~2.5	205	54	9	680
Internal spec. heat ratio γ	1.4	1.37	1.155	1.37	1.4
Fragment count: N	3~24	3~24	4~24	3,12	3~24
Phase-in $\Delta t a_0 / \psi R_{frag}$	1	0.1	1	1	1
Phase-in factor n	8	8	8	8	8
Discharge coeff. C_d	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8

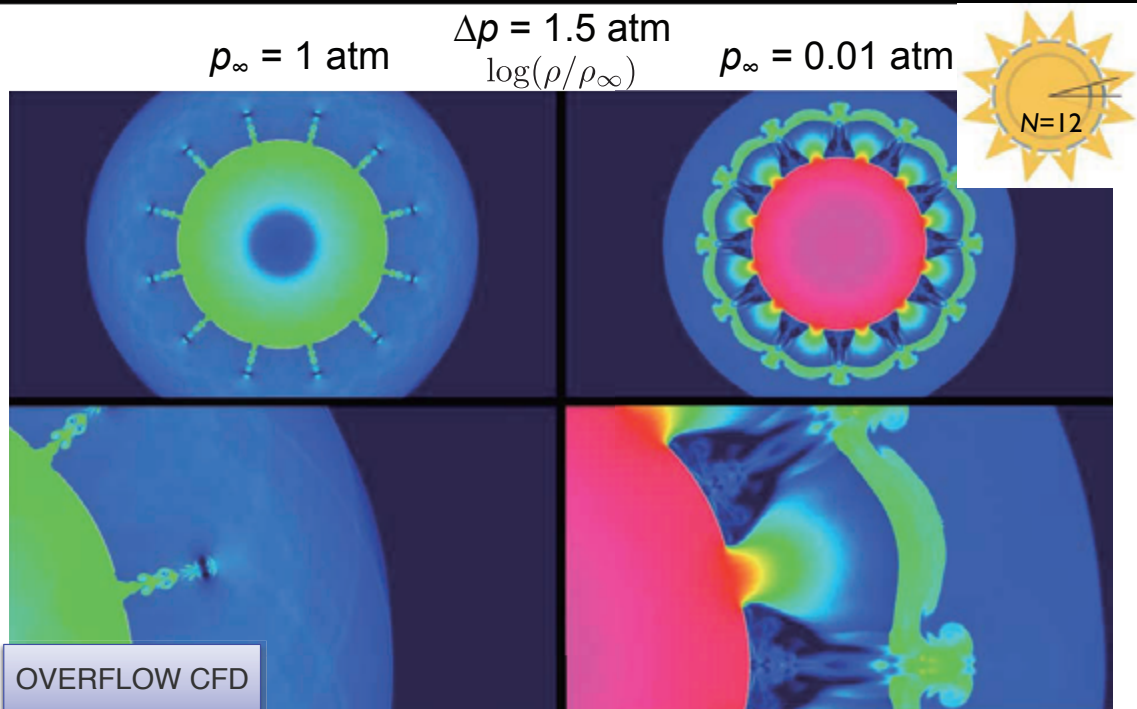
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Compared to Baum Velocity Limit



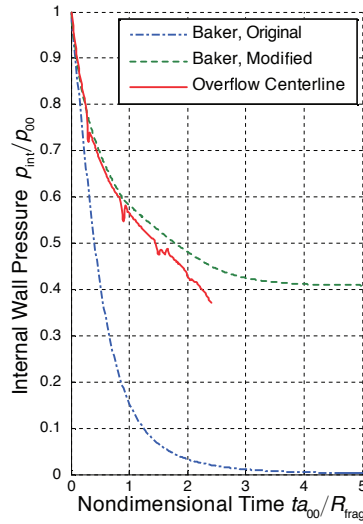
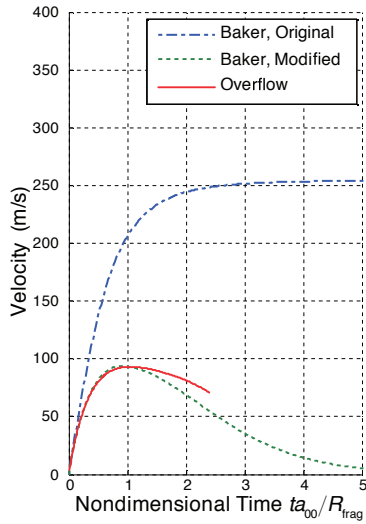
Original Baker Modified Baker OVERFLOW CFD

STS External Tank: External Pressure Effect



STS External Tank: Sea Level

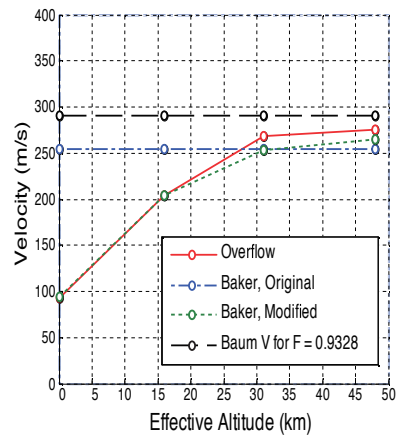
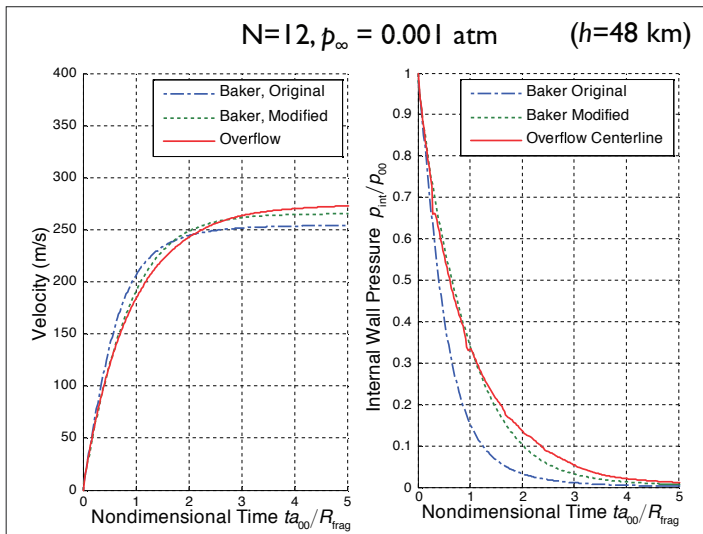
$T_{00}=293\text{K}$, $\Delta p=22\text{ psi}$, $\gamma_{00}=1.4$ (Air), $R_{\text{gas}00} = 287\text{ J/kg K}$ $p_{\infty}=1\text{ atm}$



Original Baker Modified Baker OVERFLOW CFD

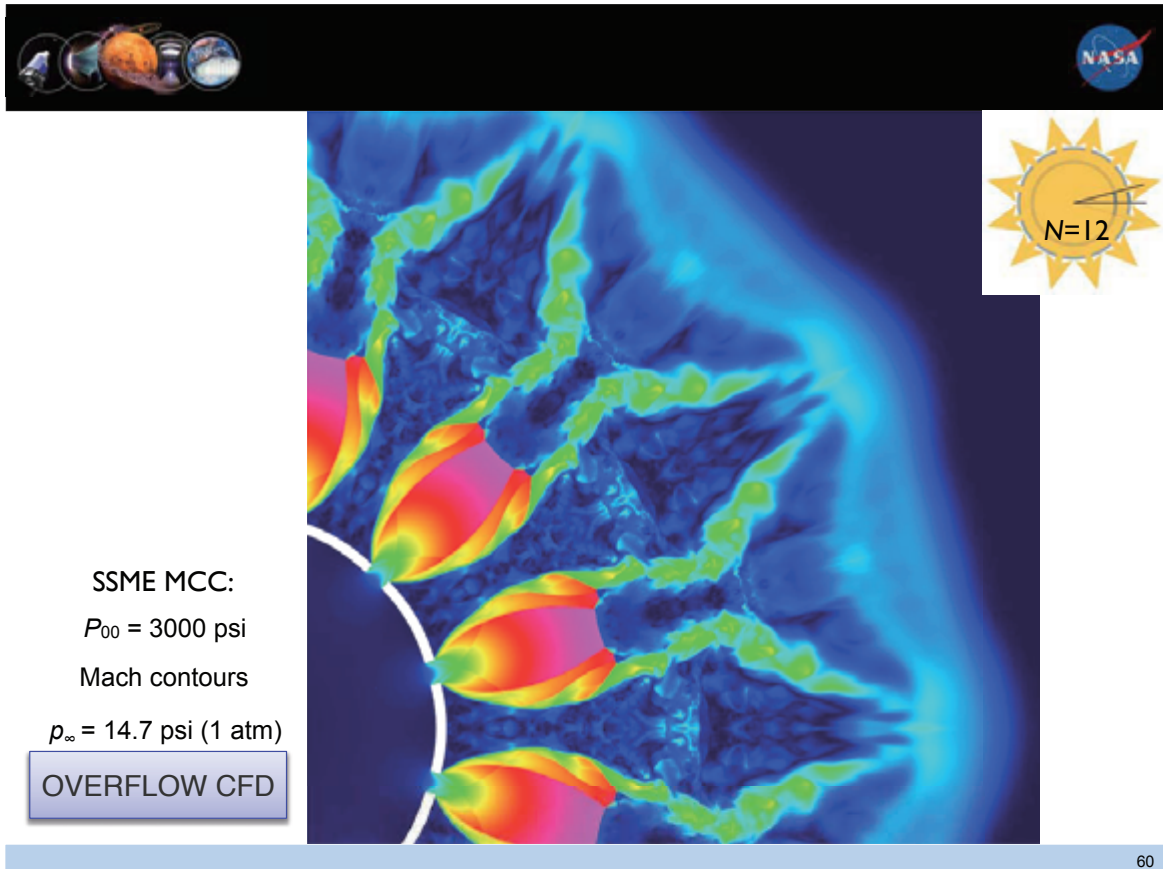
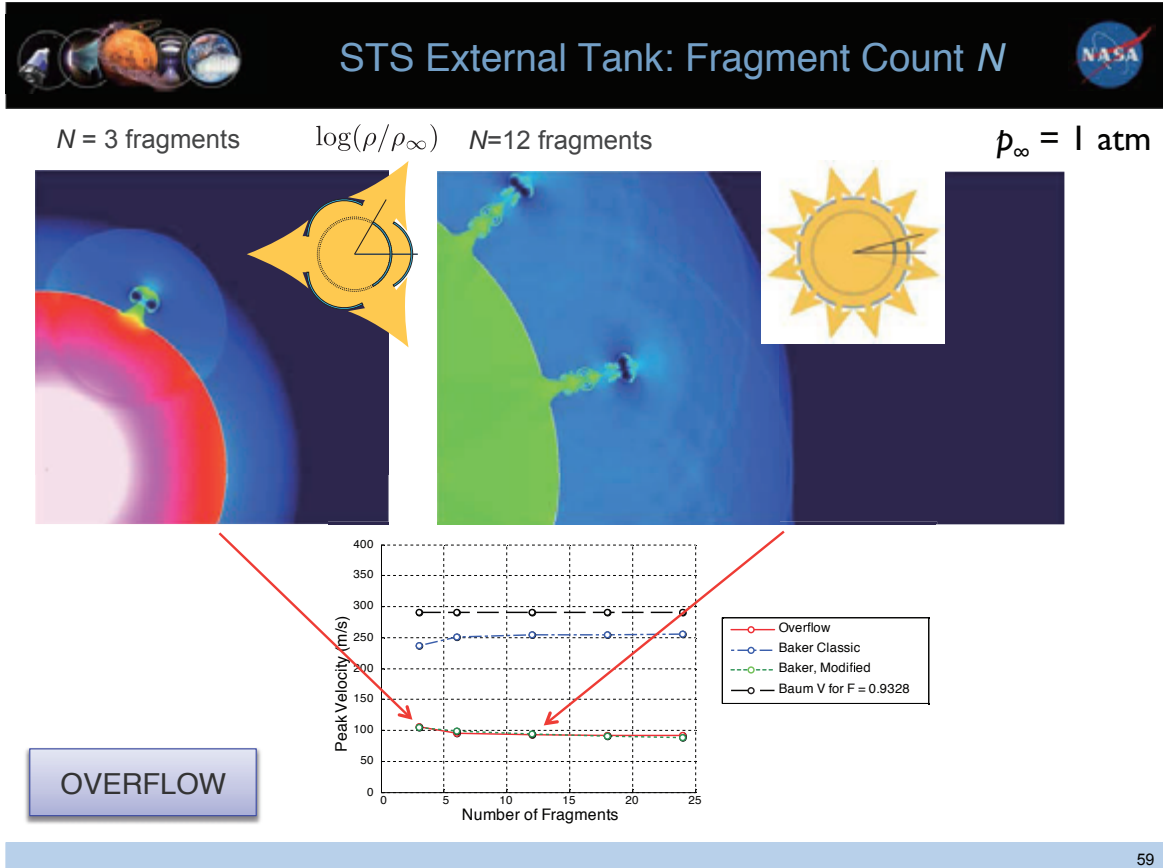
STS External Tank: External Pressure Sensitivity

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 External Pressure, $p_{\infty} = 0.001, 0.01, 0.1, \text{ and } 1\text{ atm}$



1 atm 0.1 atm 0.01 atm 0.001 atm

Original Baker Modified Baker OVERFLOW CFD





Fragment Acceleration Summary

- Tank Burst Simulations
 - Developed CFD-based capability to predict fragment velocity and understand flow field
- Engineering Modeling
 - Better understand limitations of Baker tank burst velocity model
 - Improved Baker Model account for external atmospheric effects and fragment size/curvature
 - Improvements greatest for low altitude tank (low pressure ratio)
- Future Work:
 - Extend Modified Velocity Model
 - To other burst geometries: sphere and tank domes
 - Include effects of cryogenics
 - Apply velocity model results to
 - Debris strike risk assessments
 - Failure propagation analysis
 - Develop fracture sizing models

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Engineering Risk Assessment



- Risk Assessment Framework
- Failure Propagation
 - Propagation Framework
 - Self Propagating Scenarios
- Blast Overpressure
- Debris Strike Risk
 - Debris Catalog Modeling
 - Fragment Acceleration

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