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# ModelEvaluator

**Scalable, Extendable Interface Between Embedded  
Nonlinear Analysis Algorithms and Applications**

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# Overview of Nonlinear Solver and Analysis Capabilities



# Trilinos Nonlinear Solver and Analysis Packages

## Trilinos Packages

- Nonlinear Problems: Given nonlinear operator  $f(x, p) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+m} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$ 
  - Nonlinear equations: Solve  $f(x) = 0$  for  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$  NOX
  - Stability analysis: For  $f(x, p) = 0$  find space  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  such that  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  is singular LOCA
- Transient Nonlinear Problems:
  - DAEs/ODEs Solve  $f(\dot{x}(t), x(t), t) = 0, t \in [0, T], x(0) = x_0, \dot{x}(0) = x'_0$  for  $x(t) \in \mathbf{R}^n, t \in [0, T]$  Rythmos
  - ODE/DAE Sensitivities ...
- Optimization Problems:
  - Unconstrained: Find  $p \in \mathbf{R}^m$  that minimizes  $g(p)$
  - Constrained: Find  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$  and  $p \in \mathbf{R}^m$  that:  
minimizes  $g(x, p)$   
such that  $f(x, p) = 0$  MOOCHO



# ModelEvaluator Overview



# Nonlinear Algorithms and Applications : Everyone for Themselves?

Nonlinear  
ANA Solvers  
in Trilinos

NOX / LOCA

Rythmos

MOOCHO

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Trilinos and non-Trilinos  
Preconditioner and Linear  
Solver Capability

Sandia  
Applications

Xyce

Charon

Tramonto

Aria

Aleph

...

## Key Point

- BAD



# Overview of Nonlinear Model Evaluator Interface

Motivation: An interface for nonlinear problems is needed that will support a variety of different types of problems

- Nonlinear equations (and sensitivities)
- Stability analysis and continuation
- Explicit ODEs (and sensitivities)
- DAEs and implicit ODEs (and sensitivities)
- Unconstrained optimization
- Constrained optimization
- Uncertainty quantification
- ...

as well as different combinations of problem types such as:

- Uncertainty in transient simulations
- Stability of an optimum under uncertainty of a transient problem

Approach: Develop a single, scalable interface to address all of these problems

- (Some) Input arguments:

- State and differential state:
- Parameter sub-vectors:
- Time (differential):

$$x \in \mathcal{X} \text{ and } \dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt} \in \mathcal{X}$$

$$p_l \in \mathcal{P}_l \text{ for } l = 0 \dots N_p - 1$$

$$t \in \mathbf{R}$$

**Key Point**

The number of combinations of different problem types is large and trying to statically type all of the combinations is not realistic

- (Some) Output functions:

- State function:
- Auxiliary response functions:
- State/state derivative operator (LinearOpWithSolve):

$$(\dot{x}, x, \{p_l\}, t) \Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$(\dot{x}, x, \{p_l\}, t) \Rightarrow g_j \in \mathcal{G}_j, \text{ for } j = 0 \dots N_g - 1$$

$$(\dot{x}, x, \{p_l\}, t) \Rightarrow W = \alpha \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{x}} + \beta \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$$

**Key Point**

All inputs and outputs are optional and the model evaluator object itself decides which ones are accepted.



## Some Nonlinear Problems Supported by the ModelEvaluator

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<b>Nonlinear equations:</b>	Solve $f(x) = 0$ for $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$
<b>Stability analysis:</b>	For $f(x, p) = 0$ find space $p \in \mathcal{P}$ such that $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ is singular
<b>Explicit ODEs:</b>	Solve $\dot{x} = f(x, t) = 0, t \in [0, T], x(0) = x_0,$ for $x(t) \in \mathbf{R}^n, t \in [0, T]$
<b>DAEs/Implicit ODEs:</b>	Solve $f(\dot{x}(t), x(t), t) = 0, t \in [0, T], x(0) = x_0, \dot{x}(0) = x'_0$ for $x(t) \in \mathbf{R}^n, t \in [0, T]$
<b>Explicit ODE Forward Sensitivities:</b>	Find $\frac{\partial x}{\partial p}(t)$ such that: $\dot{x} = f(x, p, t) = 0, t \in [0, T],$ $x(0) = x_0$ , for $x(t) \in \mathbf{R}^n, t \in [0, T]$
<b>DAE/Implicit ODE Forward Sensitivities:</b>	Find $\frac{\partial x}{\partial p}(t)$ such that: $f(\dot{x}(t), x(t), p, t) = 0, t \in [0, T],$ $x(0) = x_0, \dot{x}(0) = x'_0$ , for $x(t) \in \mathbf{R}^n, t \in [0, T]$
<b>Unconstrained Optimization:</b>	Find $p \in \mathbf{R}^m$ that minimizes $g(p)$
<b>Constrained Optimization:</b>	Find $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and $p \in \mathbf{R}^m$ that: minimizes $g(x, p)$ such that $f(x, p) = 0$
<b>ODE Constrained Optimization:</b>	Find $x(t) \in \mathbf{R}^n$ in $t \in [0, T]$ and $p \in \mathbf{R}^m$ that: minimizes $\int_0^T g(x(t), p)$ such that $\dot{x} = f(x(t), p, t) = 0$ , on $t \in [0, T]$ where $x(0) = x_0$



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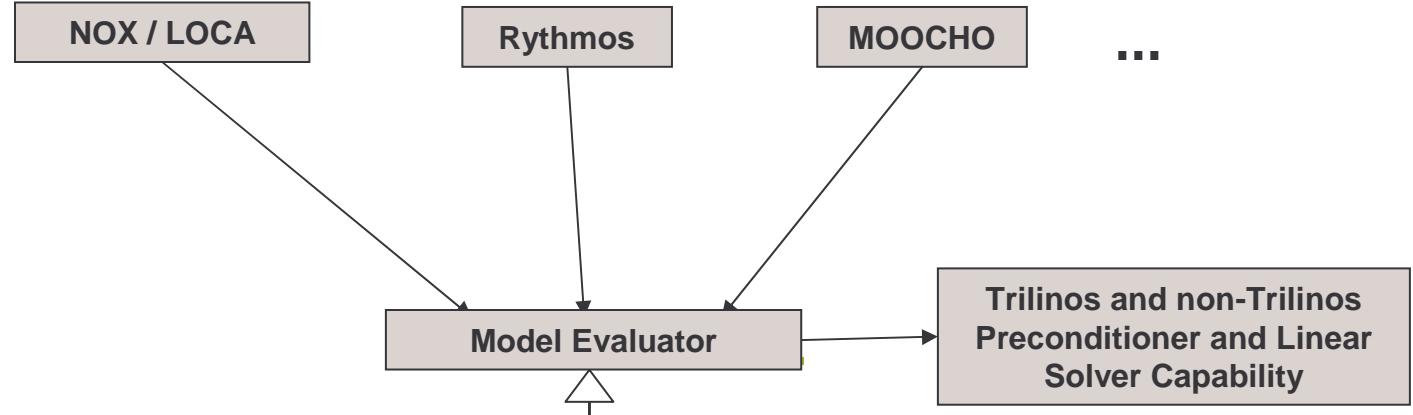
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# Nonlinear Algorithms and Applications : Thyra & Model Evaluator!

Nonlinear  
ANA Solvers  
in Trilinos



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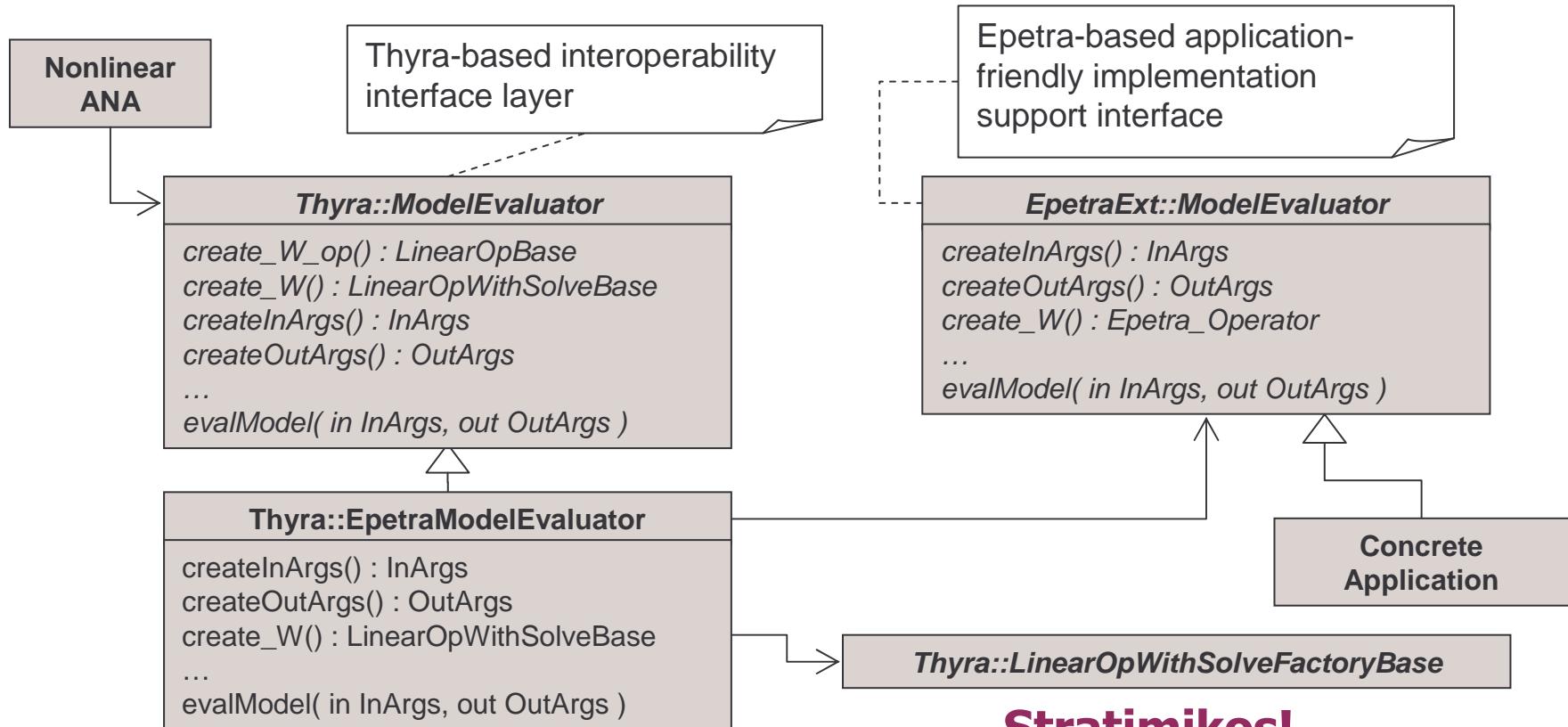


## Key Points

- Provide single interface from nonlinear ANAs to applications
- Provide single interface for applications to implement to access nonlinear ANAs
- Provides shared, uniform access to linear solver capabilities
- Once an application implements support for one ANA, support for other ANAs can quickly follow



# Model Evaluator : Thyra and EpetraExt Versions



- Thyra::ModelEvaluator and EpetraExt::ModelEvaluator are near mirror copies of each other.
- Thyra::EpetraModelEvaluator is fully general adapter class that can use any linear solver through a Thyra::LinearOpWithSolveFactoryBase object it is configured with
- Stateless model that allows for efficient multiple shared calculations (e.g. automatic differentiation)
- Adding input and output arguments involves
  - Modifying only the Thyra::ModelEvaluator, EpetraExt::ModelEvaluator, Thyra::EpetraModelEvaluator, and a few other auxiliary classes and tools => O(1) overhead to add new arguments!
  - Only recompilation of Nonlinear ANA and Concrete Application code



## Simple Example EpetraExt::ModelEvaluator Subclass



## Example EpetraExt::ModelEvaluator Application Implementation

```
/** \brief Simple example ModelEvaluator subclass for a 2x2 set of
 * parameterized nonlinear equations.
 *
 * The equations modeled are:
\verbatim

f[0] =          x[0]      + x[1]*x[1] - p[0];
f[1] = d * ( x[0]*x[0] - x[1]      - p[1] ) ;

\endverbatim
*/
class EpetraModelEval2DSim : public EpetraExt::ModelEvaluator {
public:
    EpetraModelEval2DSim(...);
    /** \name Overridden from EpetraExt::ModelEvaluator . */
    // @{
    RCP<const Epetra_Map>        get_x_map() const;
    RCP<const Epetra_Map>        get_f_map() const;
    RCP<const Epetra_Vector>     get_x_init() const;
    RCP<Epetra_Operator>        create_W() const;
    InArgs            createInArgs() const;
    OutArgs           createOutArgs() const;
    void evalModel( const InArgs& inArgs, const OutArgs& outArgs ) const;
    // @}

private:
    ...
};
```

Complete nonlinear equations example in:

Trilinos/packages/epetraext/example/model\_evaluator/2dsim/



## Example EpetraExt::ModelEvaluator Application Implementation

```
EpetraExt::ModelEvaluator::InArgs EpetraModelEval2DSim::createInArgs() const
{
    InArgsSetup inArgs;
    inArgs.setModelEvalDescription(this->description());
    inArgs.setSupports(IN_ARG_x,true);
    return inArgs;
}

EpetraExt::ModelEvaluator::OutArgs EpetraModelEval2DSim::createOutArgs() const
{
    OutArgsSetup outArgs;
    outArgs.setModelEvalDescription(this->description());
    outArgs.setSupports(OUT_ARG_f,true);
    outArgs.setSupports(OUT_ARG_W,true);
    outArgs.set_W_properties(
        DerivativeProperties(DERIV_LINEARITY_NONCONST,DERIV_RANK_FULL,true)
    );
    return outArgs;
}

void EpetraModelEval2DSim::evalModel( const InArgs& inArgs, const OutArgs& outArgs ) const
{
    const Epetra_Vector &x = *inArgs.get_x();
    RCP<Epetra_Vector> f_out = outArgs.get_f();
    RCP<Epetra_Operator> W_out = outArgs.get_W();
    if (!is_null(f_out)) {
        ...
    }
    if (!is_null(W_out)) {
        ...
    }
}
```

### Key Point

From looking at example code, there is not even a hint that other input and output arguments exist!



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## Vertical Integration Milestone: ModelEvaluator in Action!

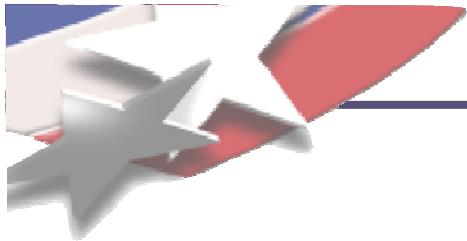


## Summary of Trilinos Vertical Integration Project (Milestone)

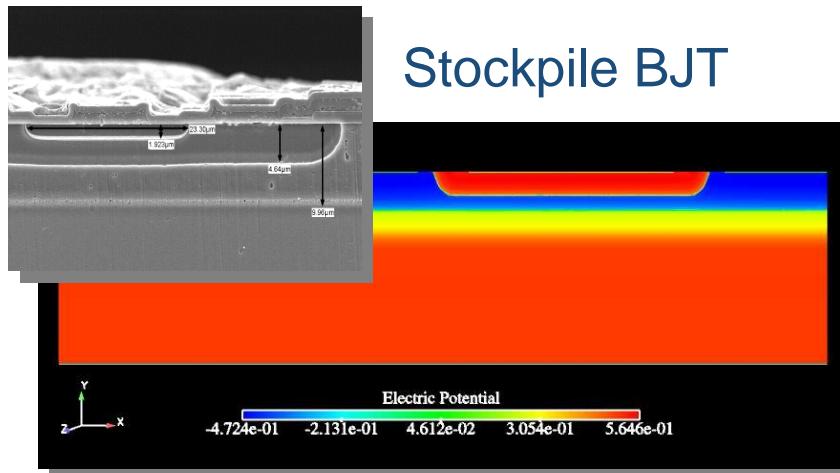
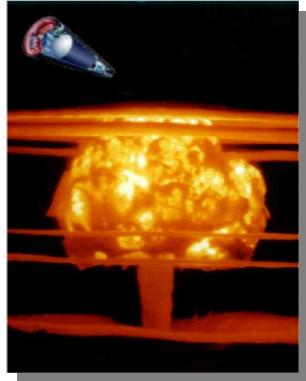
- **Goal:** Vertically integrate **Trilinos** solver algorithms in Trilinos to build new predictive embedded analysis capabilities
  - **Impact:** Vertically integrated 10+ Trilinos algorithm packages
- **Goal:** Demonstrate on relevant production applications
  - **Impact:** Solved steady-state parameter estimation problems and transient sensitivities on semiconductor devices in **Charon**
  - **Impact:** Solved Eigen problems on MHD problem in Charon
- **Added Goal:** Explore refined models of collaboration between production application developers and algorithm researchers.
  - **Impact:** Closer collaboration between application and algorithm developers yielding better algo and app R&D

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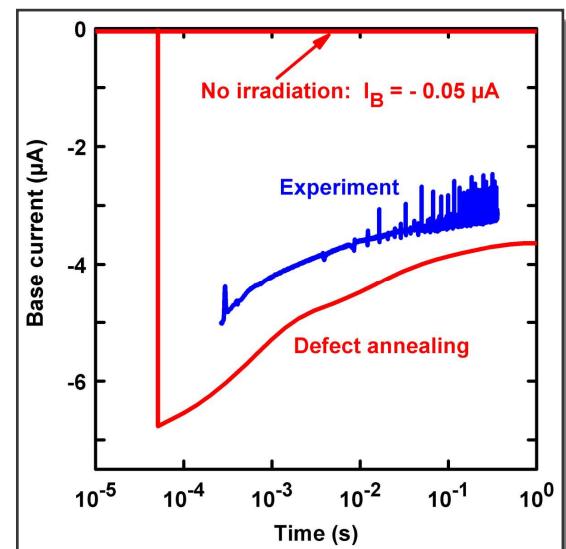
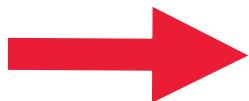
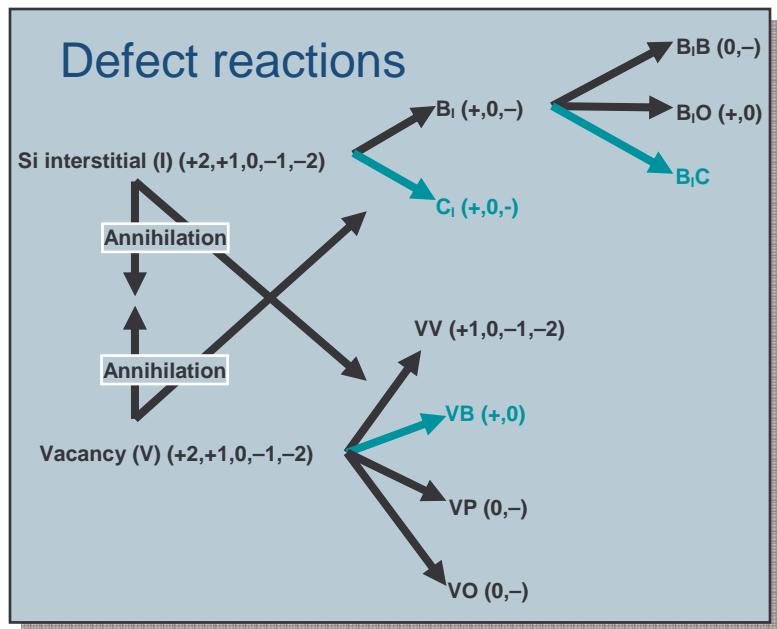




## QASPR Qualification of electronic devices in hostile environments



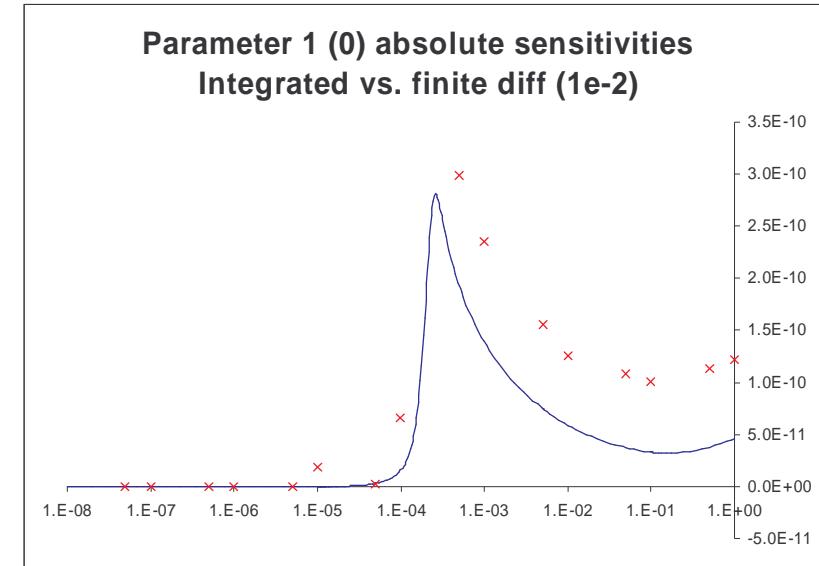
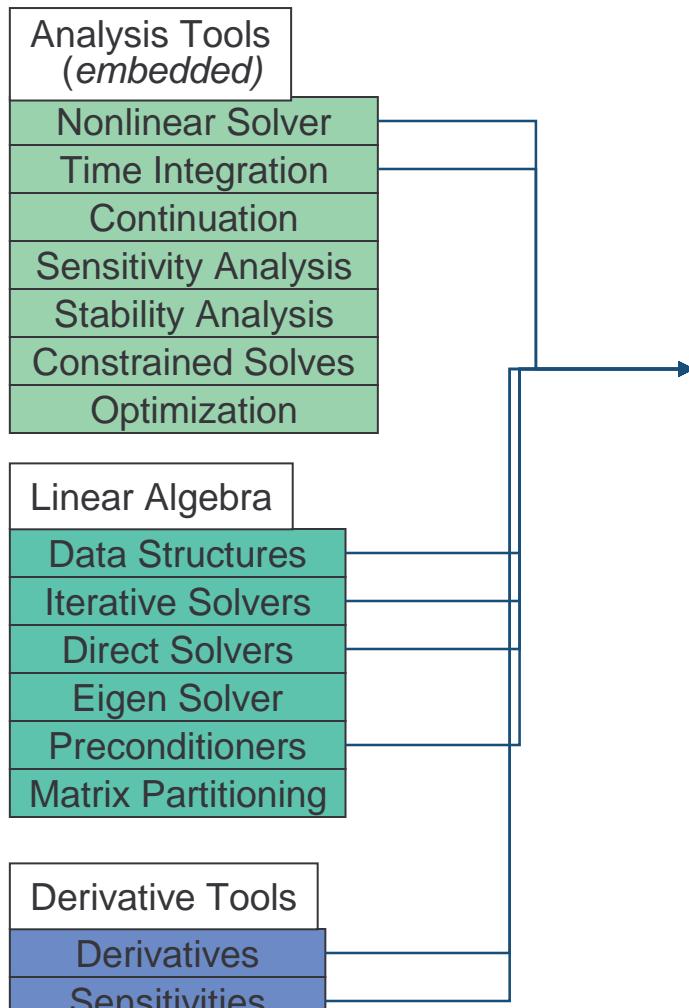
PDE semiconductor  
device simulation





# Vertical Integrations of Trilinos Capabilities: Example 1

## Trilinos Capabilities

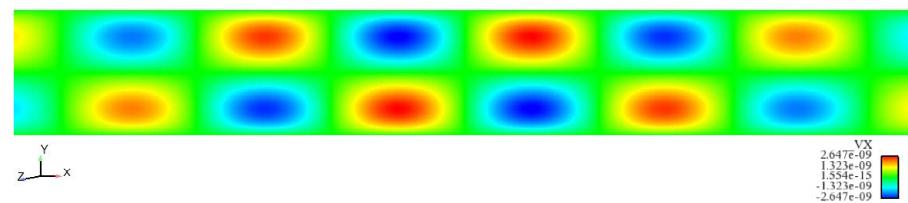
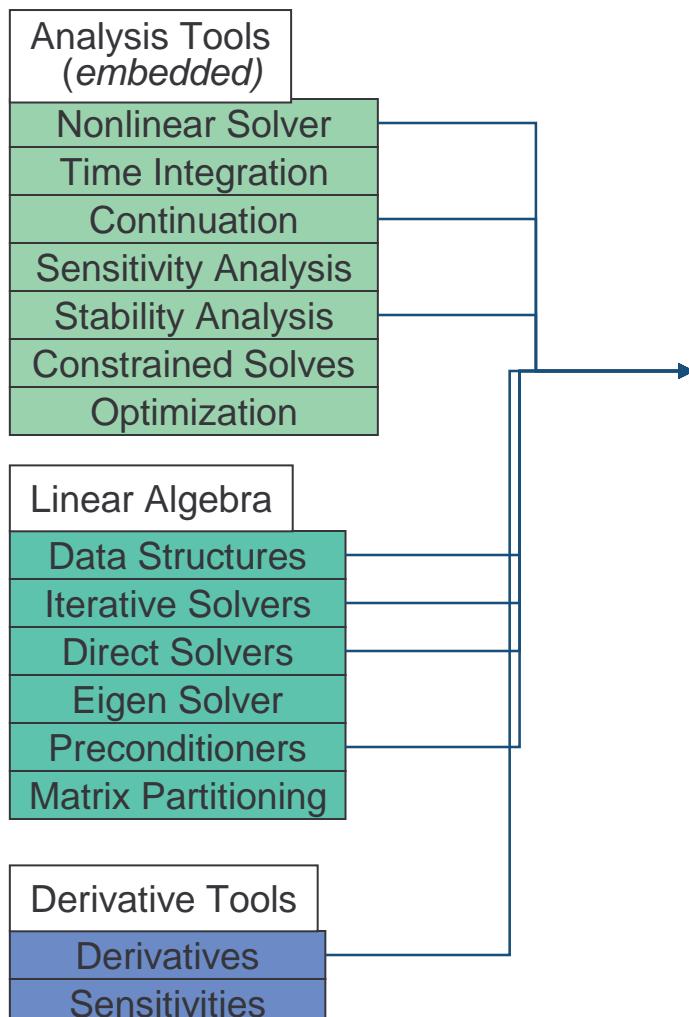


Transient sensitivity analysis of a 2n2222 BJT  
in Charon *w/AD+Rythmos: 14x faster than FD*



# Vertical Integrations of Trilinos Capabilities: Example 2

## Trilinos Capabilities

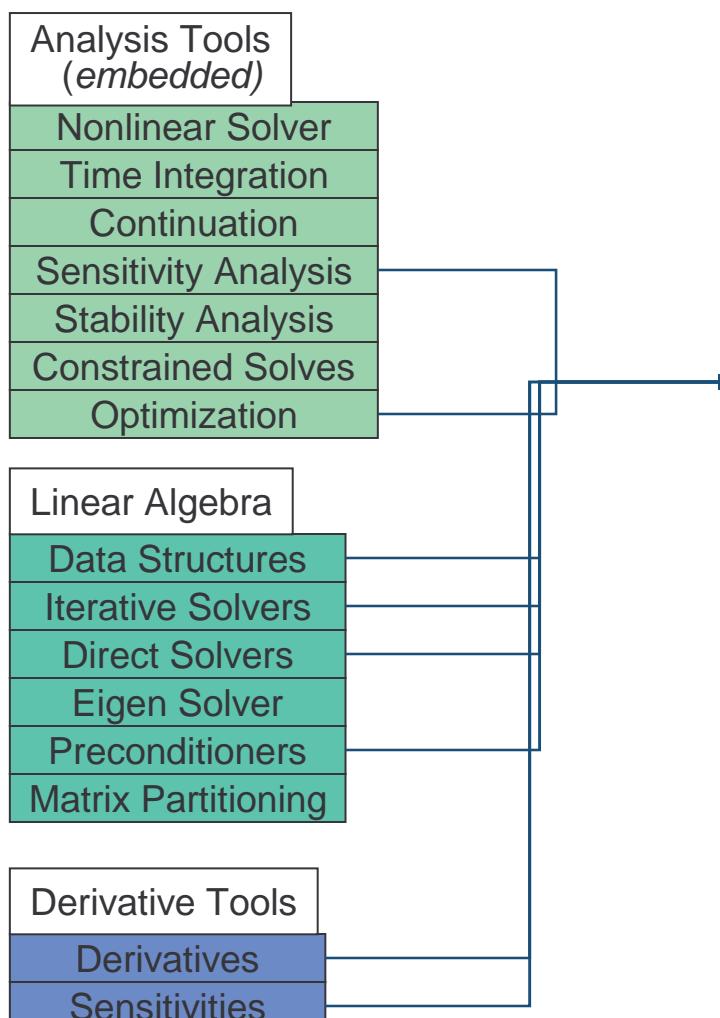


Destabilizing eigen-vector for heated fluid in magnetic field

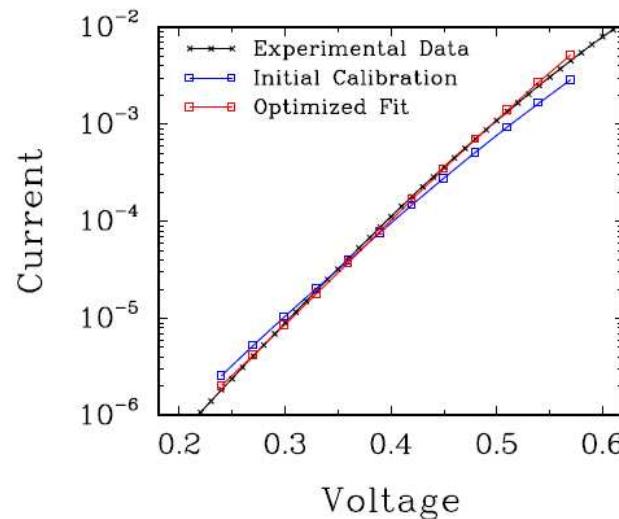


# Vertical Integrations of Trilinos Capabilities: Example 3

## Trilinos Capabilities



$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && \frac{1}{2} \|g(x, p) - g^*\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}\beta\|p\|_2^2 \\ & \text{subject to} && f(x, p) = 0 \end{aligned}$$



Steady-State Parameter Estimation Problem  
using 2n2222 BJT in Charon *MOOCHO + AD*



## Derivative Support and Sensitivity Analysis



# Model Derivatives

## First Derivatives

- State function state sensitivities:

$$W = \alpha \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{x}} + \beta \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$$

[[LinearOpWithSolveBase](#) or [LinearOpBase](#)]

- State function parameter sensitivities:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial p_l}, \text{ for } l = 0 \dots N_p - 1$$

[[LinearOpBase](#) or [MultiVectorBase](#)]

- Auxiliary function state sensitivities:

$$\frac{\partial g_j}{\partial x}, \text{ for } j = 0 \dots N_g - 1$$

[[LinearOpBase](#) or [MultiVectorBase<sup>2</sup>](#)]

- Auxiliary function parameter sensitivities:

$$\frac{\partial g_j}{\partial p_l}, \text{ for } j = 0 \dots N_g - 1, l = 0 \dots N_p - 1$$
 [[LinearOpBase](#) or [MultiVectorBase<sup>2</sup>](#)]

## Use Cases:

- Steady-state and transient sensitivity computations
- Optimization
- Multi-physics coupling
- ...

### Key Point

Derivative class used to store one of these three forms of a derivative



## Forward/Direct and Adjoint Sensitivities

Steady-state constrained response:

$$g(x, p) \text{ s.t. } f(x, p) = 0$$

Reduced response function:

$$\hat{g}(p) = g(x(p), p)$$

Reduced Sensitivities:

$$\frac{\partial \hat{g}}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial p} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial p} \quad \text{where: } \frac{\partial x}{\partial p} = -\frac{\partial f^{-1}}{\partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p}$$

### Key Point

The form of the derivatives you need depends on whether you are doing direct or adjoint sensitivities

Forward/Direct Sensitivities ( $n_g$  large,  $n_p$  small)

$$\frac{\partial \hat{g}}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \left( -\frac{\partial f^{-1}}{\partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \right) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial p}$$

$$\begin{matrix} n_g \\ n_p \end{matrix} = \boxed{\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}} \left( -\boxed{\frac{\partial f^{-1}}{\partial x}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \right) + \boxed{\frac{\partial g}{\partial p}}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \frac{\partial \hat{g}}{\partial p} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial p} \\ \text{MV} & \text{LO} & \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{LOWS} & \text{MV} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{MV}} & \text{MV} \end{matrix}$$

Adjoint Sensitivities ( $n_g$  small,  $n_p$  large)

$$\frac{\partial \hat{g}^T}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial f^T}{\partial p} \left( -\frac{\partial f^{-T}}{\partial x} \frac{\partial g^T}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial g^T}{\partial p}$$

$$\begin{matrix} n_p \\ n_g \end{matrix} = \boxed{\frac{\partial f^T}{\partial p}} \left( -\boxed{\frac{\partial f^{-T}}{\partial x}} \frac{\partial g^T}{\partial x} \right) + \boxed{\frac{\partial g^T}{\partial p}}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \frac{\partial \hat{g}^T}{\partial p} & \frac{\partial f^T}{\partial p} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g^T}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g^T}{\partial p} \\ \text{MV} & \text{LO} & \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \text{LOWS} & \text{MV} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{MV}} & \text{MV} \end{matrix}$$



## Transient Sensitivities: State Equations with Responses

### Fully Implicit ODE/DAE State Equations

$$\begin{aligned} f(\dot{x}(t), x(t), p, t) &= 0, \quad t \in [t_0, t_f] \\ x(0) &= x_0(p) \\ \dot{x}(0) &= \dot{x}_0(p) \end{aligned}$$

### Composite Response Function

$$d(x, p) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(\dot{x}(t), x(t), p, t) dt + h(\dot{x}(t_f), x(t_f), p)$$

### Reduced Composite Response Function

$$\hat{d}(p, v) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \hat{g}(p, t) dt + \hat{h}(p)$$

where:

$$\hat{g}(p, t) = g(\dot{x}(p, t), x(p, t), p, t))$$

$$\hat{h}(p) = h(\dot{x}(p, t_f), x(p, t_f), p))$$

<http://www.cs.sandia.gov/~rabartl/TransientSensitivitiesDerivation2007.pdf>



## Transient Sensitivities: Forward Sensitivity Method

Forward Sensitivity Equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{x}} \left( \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial p} \right) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial p} \right) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} &= 0, \quad t \in [t_0, t_f] \\ \frac{\partial x(t_0)}{\partial p} &= \frac{\partial x_0}{\partial p} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{x}(t_0)}{\partial p} &= \frac{\partial \dot{x}_0}{\partial p}\end{aligned}$$

Forward Reduced Gradient

$$\frac{\partial \hat{d}}{\partial p} = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial \dot{x}} \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial p} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial p} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial p} \right) dt + \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial \dot{x}} \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial p} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial p} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial p} \right) \Big|_{t=t_f}$$

Forward Sensitivity Methods:

- The forward sensitivities  $d(x)/d(p)$  are integrated right along with the forward state equation
- Can be solved using explicit or implicit time integration methods
- $O(n_p)$  extra storage and computation per time step
- Reuse of forward solver integrator infrastructure, Jacobian/preconditioner storage

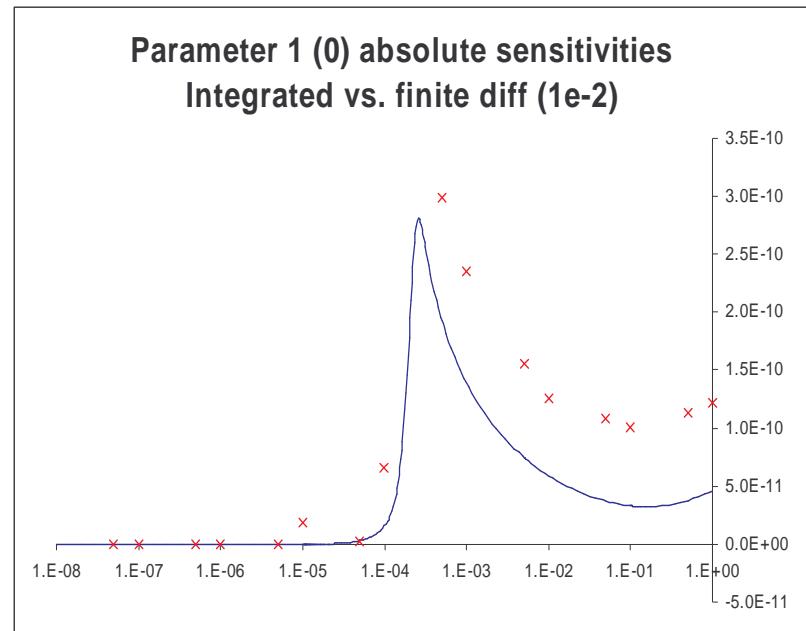
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# Forward Transient Sensitivities with Charon/Rythmos

QASPR transient current sensitivities w.r.t. reaction parameters for an irradiated semiconductor device modeled with Charon

- Embedded sensitivities with AD/Sacado (Phipps) & Rythmos
- Finite differences (steplen=1e-2) (optimal steplen=1e-1)
- Embedded sensitivities vs. finite diff.
  - Much more accurate and robust!
  - 10x faster for 40 parameters!



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# ModelEvaluator Software Summary

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- Motivation for Unified ModelEvaluator Approach to Nonlinear Problems
  - Large overlap in commonality between requirements for many nonlinear abstract numerical algorithms (ANAs).
  - Incremental support for sensitivities, optimization, and UQ
  - Mixed problem types will become more and more common and must be easy to support
- Properties of ModelEvaluator Software
  - Strong Typing of Input/Object Types but Weak Typing of Problem Formulation
  - Designed for Augmentation
  - Incremental Development of Model Types and Capabilities
  - Self-Describing Models => Smart Algorithms
  - Independence/Multiplicity of Input and Output Objects
- ANAs **already using** or can use ModelEvaluator
  - NOX (nonlinear equations)
  - LOCA (stability analysis, continuation)
  - Rythmos (explicit ODEs, implicit ODEs, DAEs)
  - MOOCHO (constrained optimization, unconstrained optimization, nonlinear equations)
  - Aristos (full space, trust-region optimization)