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Dynamic Materials and Interactions

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Dynamic Materials and Interactions Motivation



Internal Carriage /
Payload Constraints



High energy density; Multifunctional
(energetic/reactive/structural) materials; Insensitive

Survivable Systems



Mechanics of heterogeneous materials;
Survivable energetics; Combined thermal and
acoustic loading; Thermally stable materials

Rapid Development
Time



Energetic materials by design; Predictive multi-
scale modeling and simulation



Dynamic Materials and Interactions Overview



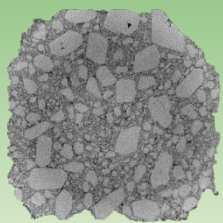
Program Objectives:

Conduct fundamental, basic research into the dynamic chemistry and physics of complex materials, particularly Energetic Materials (EMs).

Research Areas:

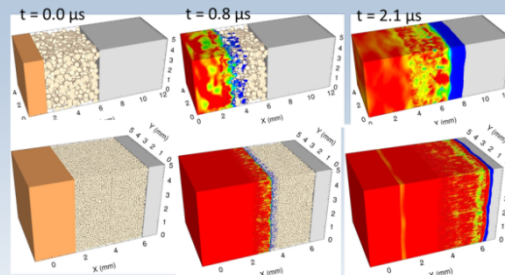
Energetic Materials Science

- Predictive processing-structure-property relationships



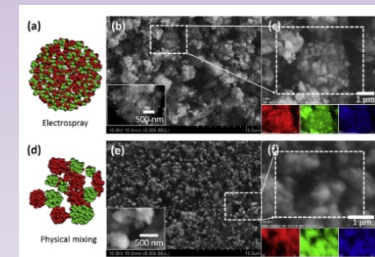
Dynamics of Heterogeneous Mat'ls

- Material structure – shock wave interactions
- Stress wave tailoring



Reactive Materials

- Enhanced energy content and improved efficiency
- New energetic mat'ls





Basic Research Challenges / Program Concerns



- **Lack of predictive understanding requires long development times and large resource investment for new explosive formulations**
- **Dynamic response of heterogeneous materials is complex and continuum response depends on the stochastic mesostructure**
 - How do you bridge the multiple length and time scales involved
 - How do you account for material heterogeneity at the continuum
- **Mesoscale validation experiments are extremely challenging but critical to code validation and model development**
- **How to realize the promise of increased energy density from Reactive Materials**