

## 6 Management and Budget

Professor Michael T. Heath, CSAR Director, and the members of the Science Steering Committee (Figure 6.1) provide world-class leadership and focus for the Center for Simulation of Advanced Rockets. The Center is administratively housed within the Computational Science and Engineering Program of the UI College of Engineering, reporting to the interim Dean of Engineering, Ilesanmi Adesida.

The Computational Science and Engineering Program is inherently interdisciplinary, requiring expertise in advanced computing technology, as well as in one or more applied disciplines. The purpose of the CSE Degree Option at the University of Illinois is a perfect complement to the academic goals of ASC/ASAP—to foster interdisciplinary, computationally oriented research among all fields of science and engineering, and to prepare students to work effectively in such an environment (Figure 6.2).

The CSE Program does not independently admit students or confer graduate degrees—students wishing to elect the CSE Option must first be admitted to one of the participating departments before enrolling in the CSE Program. Similarly, all faculty members affiliated with CSE have regular faculty appointments in one of the participating departments. Students electing the CSE Option become proficient in computing technology, including numerical computation and the practical use of advanced computer architectures and in one or more (traditional) applied disciplines. Such proficiency is gained, in part, through courses that are specially designed to reduce the usual barriers to interdisciplinary work. Thesis research by CSE students is computationally oriented and actively advised by faculty members from multiple departments.

### Science Steering Committee

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 W. Dick, Executive Director  
 R. Fiedler, Technical Program Manager  
 J. Freund, Fluid Dynamics  
 P. Geubelle, Structures and Materials  
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Fig. 6.1: CSAR Science Steering Committee meets weekly to provide program direction.

### Program Management

The Director and Science Steering Committee members are responsible for nurturing the research program, administering the Center, and maintaining and expanding relationships with the DOE DP laboratories. This directorate provides the leadership necessary to ensure that the Center identifies the most important research areas, attracts the most qualified researchers, and pursues and completes the work effectively over the long term. A small administrative staff works to properly execute Center activities (Figure 6.3).

Each of the Research Groups has co-leaders who coordinate the technical program in that area. Nine technical teams are in place to address specific areas within the research effort (Figure 6.4). Recognizing the criticality of meshing to the ongoing success of CSAR, the Science Steering Committee established a “Meshing Group” in 2003.

Two representatives from each of the three DOE DP laboratories serve on a “Tri-lab Support Team” (TST). Each lab has an “applications” and a “computer science” member on the TST; their roles are to integrate Center research into the DOE NNSA lab

Education Program	Research Program		
Computational Science & Engineering Option	Center for Simulation of Advanced Rockets	Midwest Structural Sciences Center	Center for Process Simulation and Design
13 departments 130 faculty associates 10 graduate fellows	DOE funded \$4-5 million per year 10 year program 20 faculty 35 graduate students 5 undergrads 20 professional staff	AFRL funded \$5 million over 5 years 10 faculty 15 students & postdocs	NSF funded \$6 million over 6 years 12 faculty 13 students & postdocs

Fig. 6.2: CSAR is one of three research centers in UI Computational Science and Engineering Program. CSE education program is graduate student academic degree “option.”

programs and to review periodically the technical progress. We met with the TST at UI on 7-8 June 2005.

The membership of the External Advisory Board (EAB) consists of individuals chosen from the DOE DP labs, industry, other governmental agencies, and other universities (Figure 6.5). The External Advisory Board reviews CSAR research studies, makes research recommendations, and provides expertise for translating research findings into practice. A very active communications link has been established with the EAB. The Board annually assesses the progress of the Center in reports to the CSAR Director and the Dean of the College of Engineering. It met on 13-14 October 2004 and 5-6 October 2005.

## Staffing

### Administrative Staff

The Center has appointed a very high quality professional staff that provides experienced management for the program. William Dick serves as Executive Director of the CSAR and Sheryl Hembrey is the Assistant Director. Mr. Dick

was formerly Assistant Dean of Engineering for External Affairs, focusing on the unique needs of the federally funded research centers in the College of Engineering. His role in CSAR is to manage the day-to-day operations of the program, provide strategic direction, address facilities and equipment needs (including ASC computing resources) and to assure that the Center is responsive to the DOE and ASC. Robert Fiedler is the CSAR Technical Program Manager. Prior to joining CSAR, he was employed by Hewlett Packard as a consulting specialist in engineering application support and complex code parallelization. Dr. Fiedler manages the code development process and convenes the System Integration Team. Dr. Mark Brandyberry joined the CSAR staff in 2001 as a Senior Research Scientist. He is responsible for leading our verification and validation efforts. Dr. Brandyberry brought to CSAR a diverse and extensive background in engineering, computer science, and accident risk assessment drawn from a 11-year career at DOE's Westinghouse Savannah River Company and SAIC.

### Technical Staff

Thirteen research scientists, seven research programmers, and five postdocs worked to develop codes and advance the subscale simulations and physical models in FY05. In addition, roughly sixty graduate research assistants (30 funded under the DOE/CSAR subcontract) work with faculty principal investigators (Table 6.1).

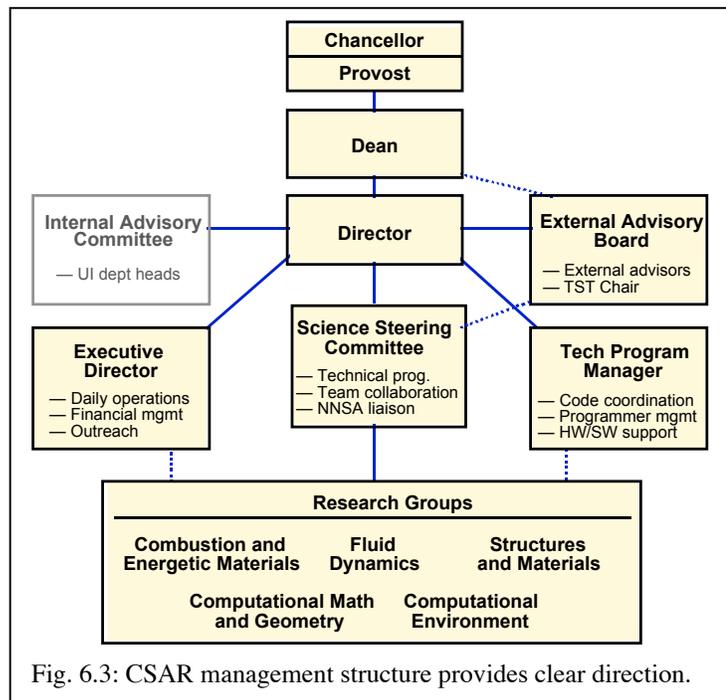


Fig. 6.3: CSAR management structure provides clear direction.



Fig. 6.5: Critical constituencies included on EAB.

## Research Group Structure

The full-system simulation effort is being carried out in a collaborative manner by a number of teams, each with specific responsibilities indicated below. To facilitate communication and cooperation among teams, there are appropriate overlaps in membership.

*System Integration Team (SITeam)*: Responsible for overall system integration, including the mathematical model selection for the system components and the specification of compatible interfaces between component models. Includes both physical compatibility of component models and software and data interfaces between corresponding component codes.

*Integrated Code Development Team (In-code)*: This team brings together each of the lead code authors from the four Research Groups. Responsible for developing the integrated simulation code.

*Meshing Group*: Responsible for crafting and executing a strategy for developing our approach to meshing, remeshing, and mesh adaptation. Formally established in FY03, this team of scientists and faculty have worked together for many years.

*Validation, Accident, and Specification Team (VAST)*: Responsible for specifying detailed blueprints of devices to be simulated, including physical dimensions and materials. This team is also responsible for identifying and measuring critical quantities for assessing quality of system simulation. This team has worked closely with NASA and ATK/Thiokol in the past year to collect detailed performance data for the Space Shuttle RSRM that will be used for verification and validation (V&V) of CSAR code modules and simulations. Also responsible for assessing various failure modes, and effects of aging and damage on constituent materials.

*Combustion and Energetic Materials Team (CEM)*: Responsible for combustion-injection modeling and corresponding codes for simulating burning of composite propellant. Also responsible for continuum-mechanical and molecular-level modeling and corresponding codes for simulating the thermo-mechanical behavior of energetic materials.

*Fluid Dynamics Team*: Responsible for fluid-mechanical modeling and corresponding codes for simulating the interior cavity flow and exhaust plume.

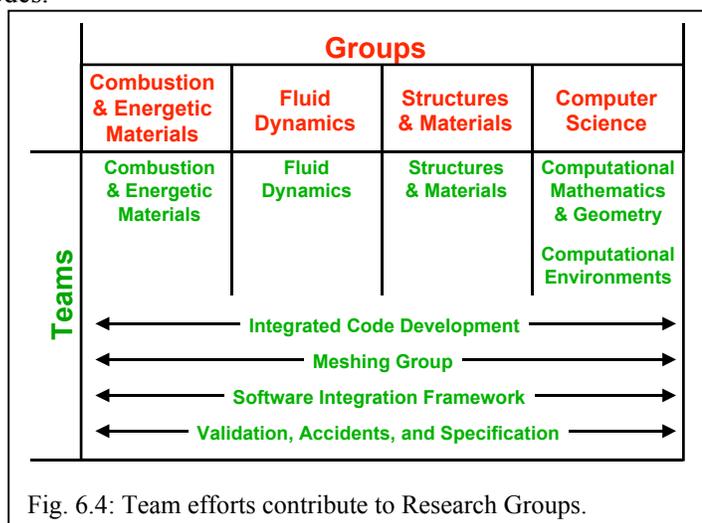


Fig. 6.4: Team efforts contribute to Research Groups.

**Table 6.1**  
**CSAR Staff Employment (DOE Funds Only)**

	FY00	FY 04	FY06	Projected FY07
Senior investigators	38	22	19	17
Technical staff & visitors	26	20	22	18
Administrative staff	4	3	3	3
Graduate students	39	34	28	28
Undergraduate students	3	7	5	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>

*Structures and Materials Team:* Responsible for solid-mechanical and thermal modeling and corresponding codes for simulating the case, nozzle, insulation, and propellant.

*Computational Environments Team:* Responsible for specifying compatible data structures and data formats for scientific data management and also for parallel I/O and visualization. Also responsible for parallelization strategies, performance evaluation, and tuning of individual component codes as well as integrated system code.

*Computational Mathematics and Geometry:* Responsible for parallel numerical algorithms, such as sparse linear system solvers, as well as algorithms for mesh generation, partitioning, and adaptive refinement, needed for various component codes.

## **Facilities and Space**

CSAR has been provided contiguous, centralized office space for the program management and for the technical research staff. The Center occupies approximately 5000 square feet of office, conference room, and dry lab/computer space in the Digital Computer Laboratory, a building in the heart of the Engineering campus.

## **CSAR Seminar Series**

Known as “Rocket Science 101,” the Center offers an internal seminar series designed to cross-educate the faculty, staff, and students. Further, the seminar series identifies key technology needs for research project development. (See Table 5.1 in Education and University Integration for the list of seminars offered in 2005-06.)

## **Budget**

The CSAR budget has been adequate to maintain an aggressive research program throughout the program. In addition to funds provided by the DOE, the University of Illinois has provided needed support for both research expenditures and computer workstations, and facility renovation.