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**Nondestructive Inspection (NDI)
Nondestructive Evaluation (NDE)**

**Quality Assurance (QA) & Data Management (DM)
Committee Overview**

Engineered Residual Stress Implementation (ERSI) Workshop

8 December 2020

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Overview

- NDI/NDE/QA/DM Committee Membership
- Subcommittee Updates
 - Nondestructive Inspection (NDI) – John Brausch
 - Damage detection in residual stress fields
 - Nondestructive Evaluation (NDE) – Eric Lindgren
 - Detection and quantification of residual stress fields
 - Quality Assurance (QA), Data Management (DM) – Kaylon Anderson

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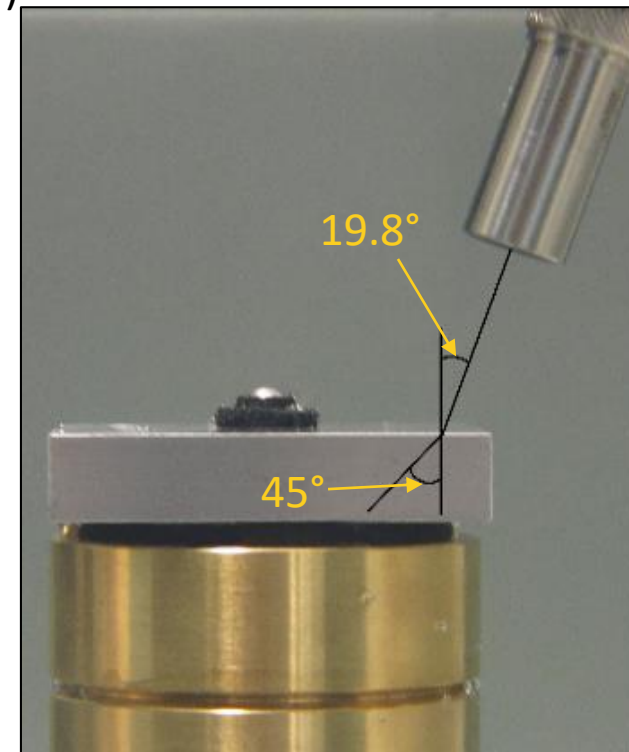
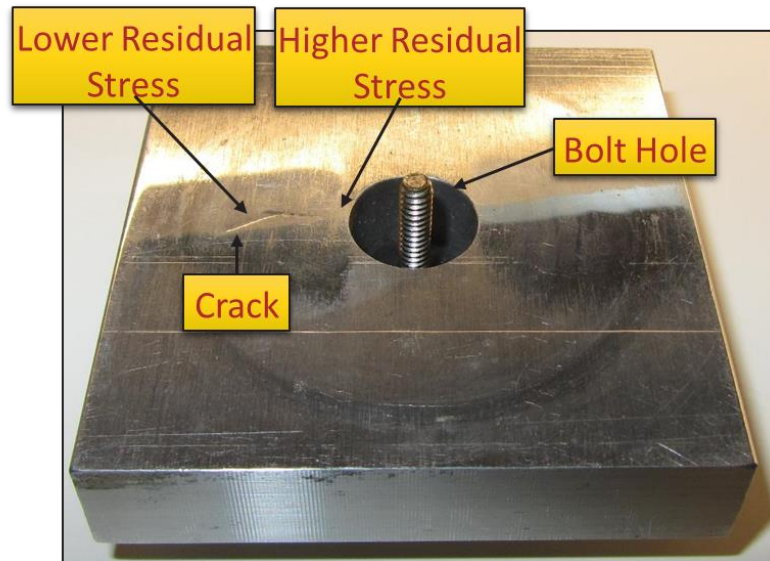
Nondestructive Inspection Sub-Committee

NDI Subcommittee Priorities

- I. Quantify ultrasonic dead zone in Cx holes**
- II. Evaluate Phased Array UT for inspection of Cx holes
- III. Characterize impact of laser-peening of Titanium on eddy current, penetrant and eddy current detectability

Ultrasonic Dead Zone Characterization in Cx Holes

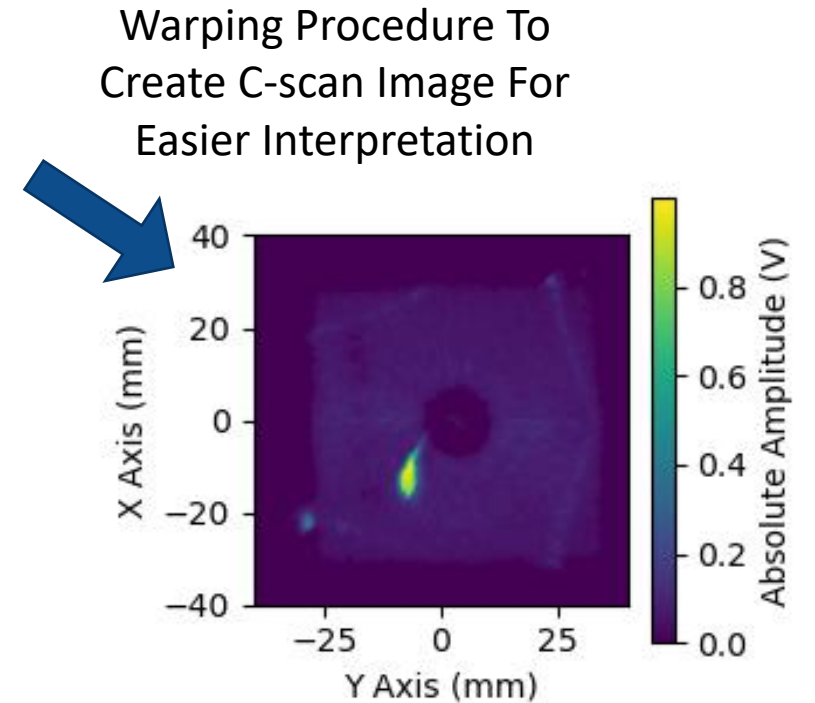
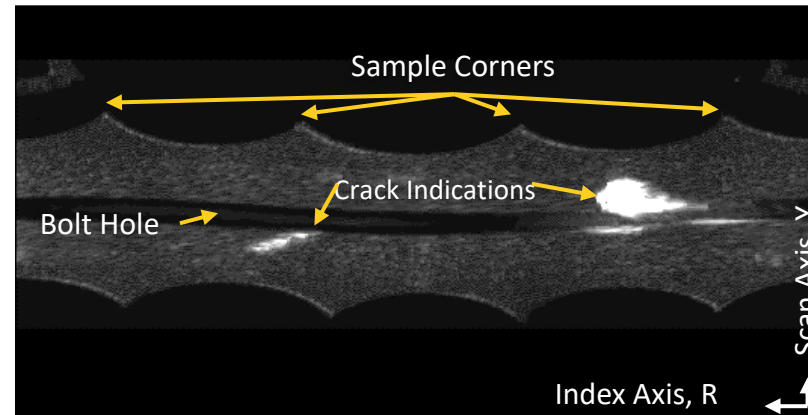
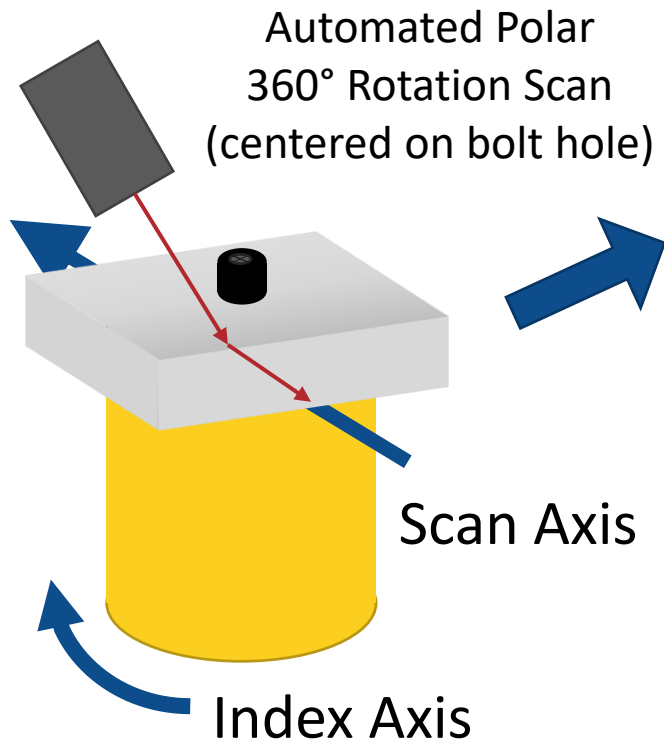
- Round Robin Testing
- Characterize effect of residual stresses on detectability of fatigue cracks with ultrasound
- 117 Specimens, 4% cold work holes – Courtesy of Apes Engineering
 - 3 hole diameters (0.278 inch D, 0.418 inch D, 0.538 inch D)
 - 3 plate thicknesses (0.100 inch, 0.313 inch, 0.500 inch)
 - Fatigue cracks: 0.020 inch – Thru-Thickness



Research performed UDRI On-Site Personnel (Tyler Lesthaeghe, David Zainey & Tineka Witt)

Ultrasonic Dead Zone Characterization in Cx Holes

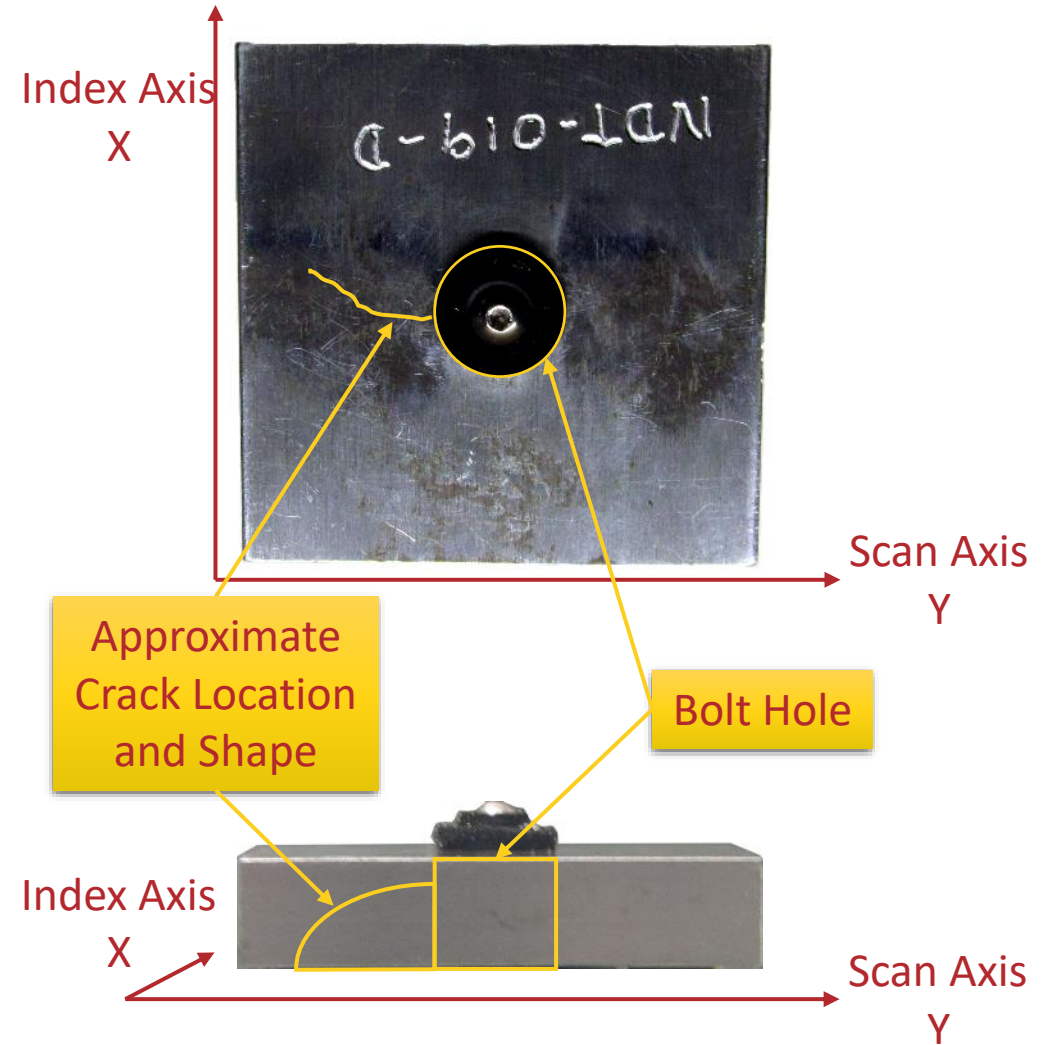
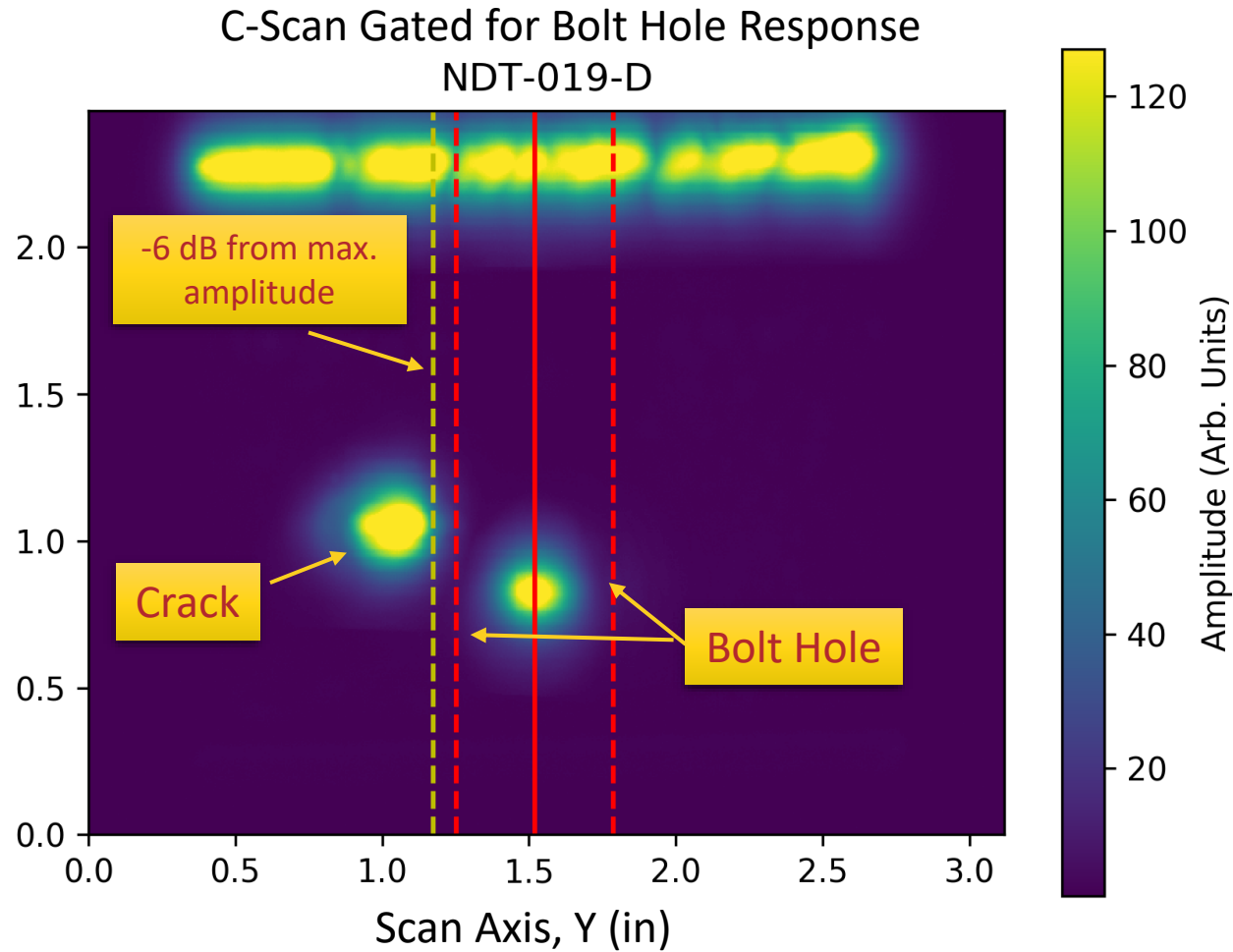
Sample Screening using Polar Scanning Process



Employed automated scanning to screen for samples with detectable cracks

- 117 Samples, most did not have detectable cracks

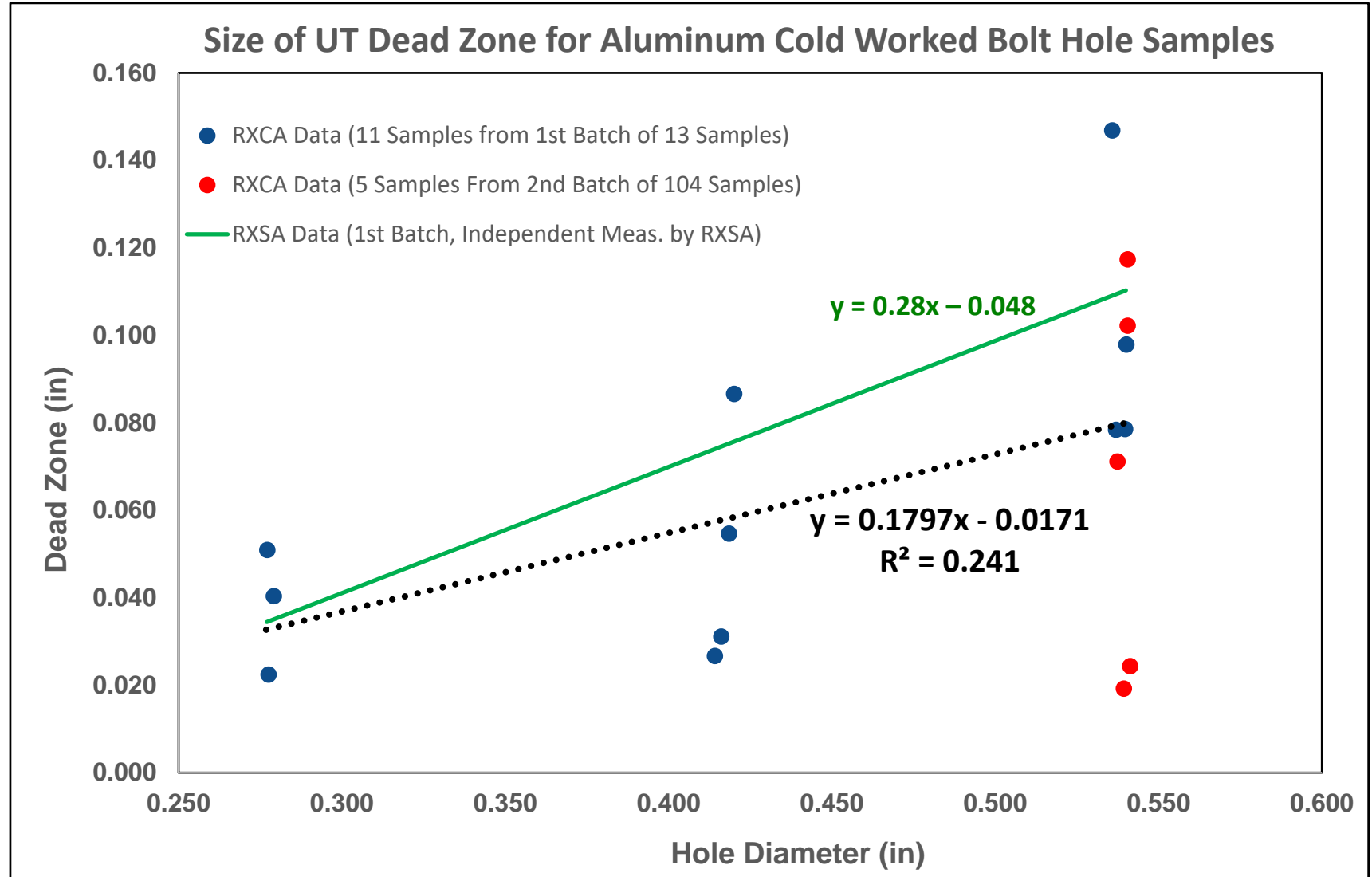
Procedure for Dead Zone Measurement



Python Scripts used to Semi-Automate Dead Zone Measurements

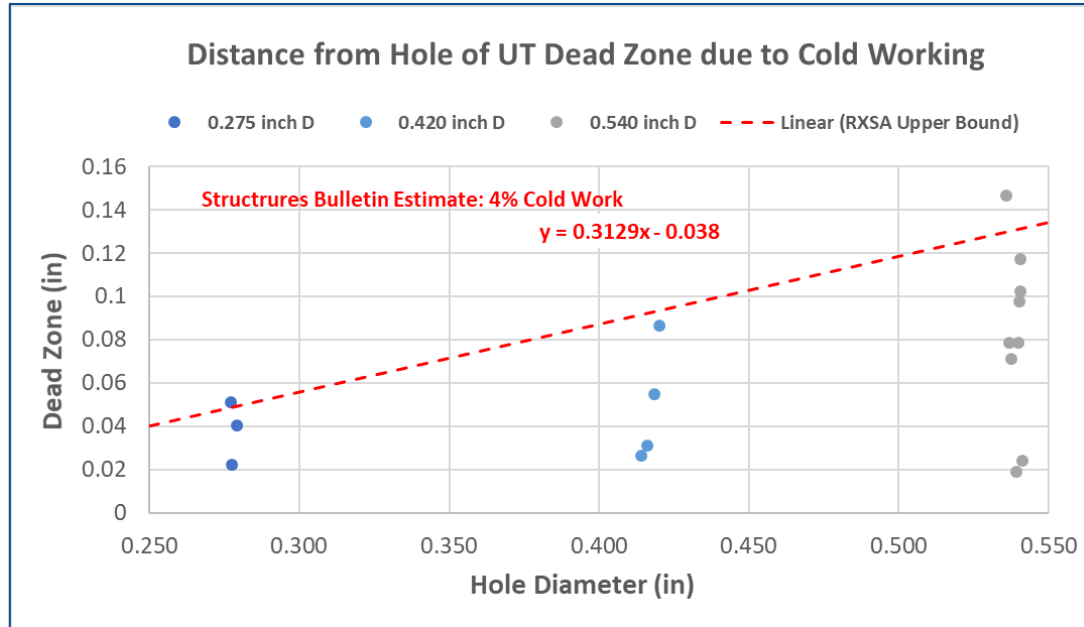
Summary of RXCA Results

- 117 Samples Examined
- Measurable Dead Zone in only 16 samples
 - Used similar procedure as RXSA to size dead zone
 - Samples with no dead-zone not shown
- Similar trend of Dead Zone Size Proportional to Hole Dia. as found by RXSA
 - On average, RXCA results report smaller dead zone compared to RXSA measurements



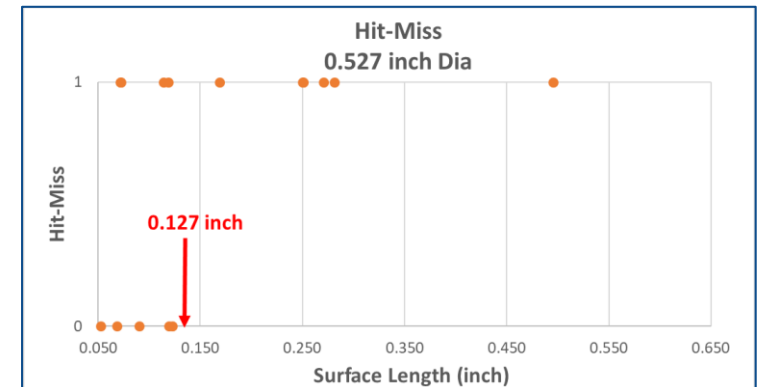
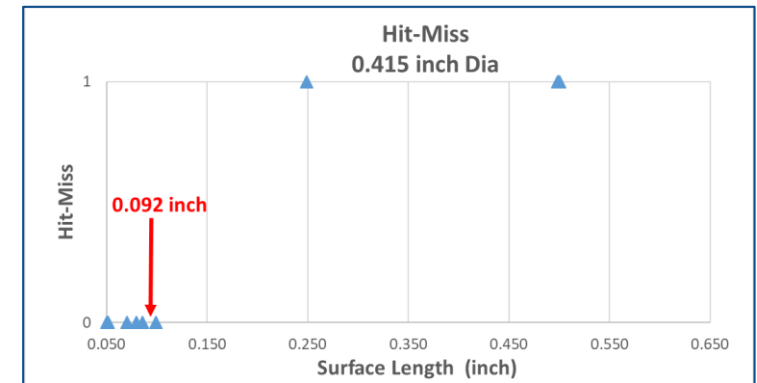
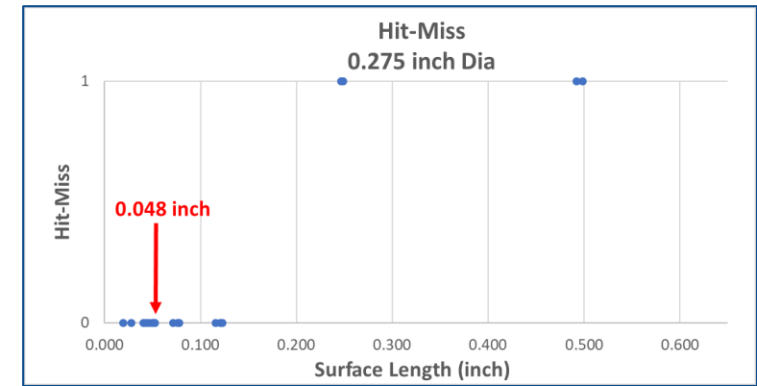
Comparison to Current Assumptions

Data for Detectable Cracks (16 samples)



- Considerable variability in results
- Missed cracks greater than prediction are concerning
 - Further analysis of 0.275 in diameter hole samples initiated
- Next: Correlate dead zone estimates to residual stress profiles – collaboration required

All Cracks (56 samples)



NDI Implementation Strategy

- Capability impacts documented in EN-SB-008-012
- Impacts incorporated into ultrasonic probability of detection models
- Inspection limitations to be documented in ERSI Best Practices
- Documentation of inspection process best practices in general procedures of T.O. 33B-1-2 where applicable



Nondestructive Evaluation Sub-Committee



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Nondestructive Evaluation to Detect and Quantify Residual Stress Fields in Cold Worked Holes

Eric Lindgren

**Materials State Awareness Branch
Materials and Manufacturing Directorate**

December 8, 2020

Objective / Motivation / Impact

Objective

- **Nondestructive Evaluation (NDE) to quantify residual stress field at cold worked fastener holes**
 - **Verify Engineered Residual Stress (ERS) is present**
 - **After in-service and possibly for quality assurance**

Motivation

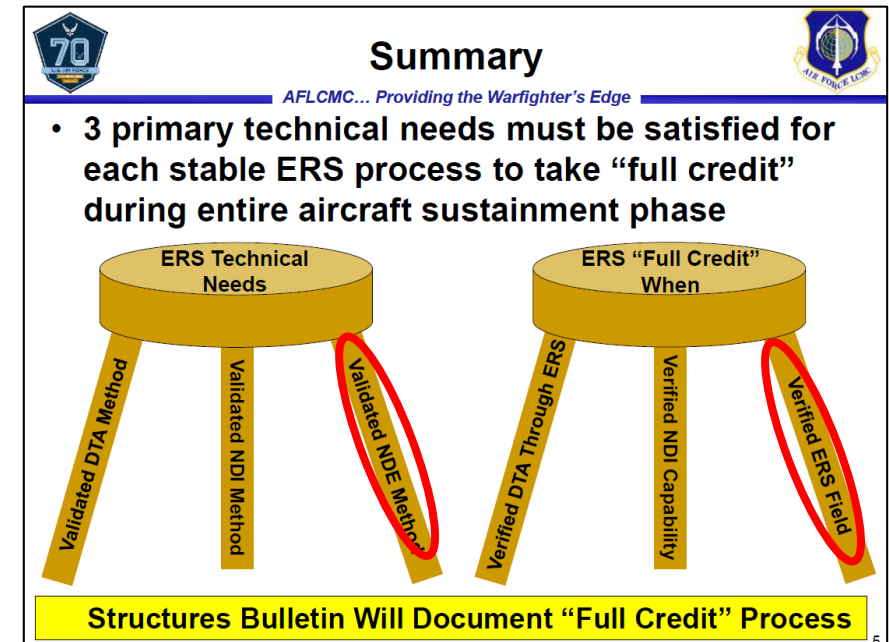
- **One of three primary technical needs to take full credit during entire sustainment phase**

Impact

- **Enables enhanced life management**
- **Enables life extension**
- **Both while not compromising safety**



Engineering Residual Stress Integration



From "ASIP Perspective on Accounting for Engineered Residual Stress (ERS) in Damage Tolerance Analysis,"
 C.A. Babish, ASIP Conference 2017

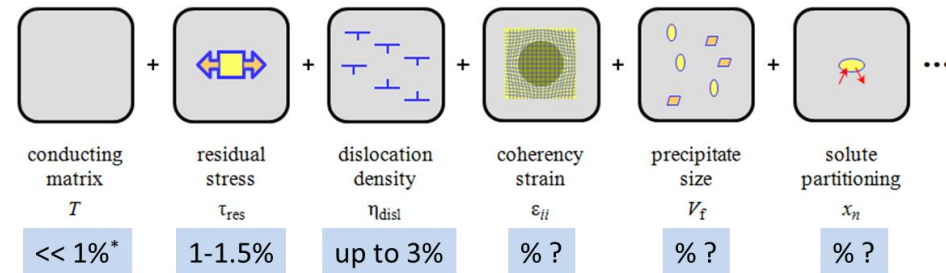
Background / Challenges

Background

- **Multiple NDE-based methods sensitive to residual stress**
 - X-ray diffraction, ultrasound, eddy current, neutron diffraction
- **Previous research addresses predominantly shot-peened metals**
 - Multiple for turbine engine applications

Challenges

- **Confounding factors can exceed residual stress effect on NDE measurements**
- **In service: manufacturing (e.g. fit-up stresses), maintenance, repair, usage**
- **Macro-scale: temperature, geometry, material**
- **Micro-scale: dislocation density, coherency strain, precipitates, solute positioning**

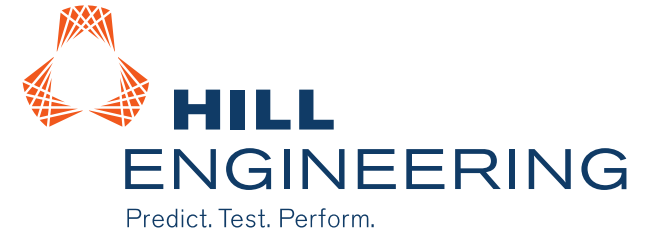


* Temperature controlled environment

Approach

Develop comprehensive inversion methodology:

- **Focus: cold worked fastener holes**
- **Includes: multi-frequency, multi-probe approaches**
 - Initial focus on eddy current methods
 - Ultrasonic techniques being evaluated
- **Leverages modeling: macro and micro effects in aluminum alloys first**
- **Integrates uncertainty quantification:**
 - Required to provide quantitative answer
- **Year one of four year program complete**



Progress to Date

Initial Exploration:

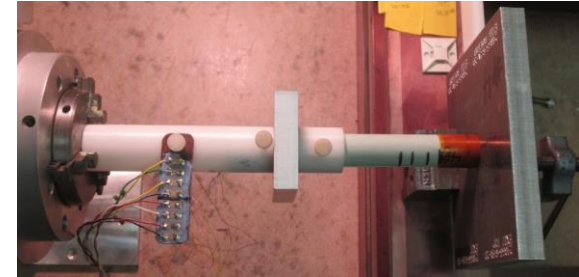
- In-hole eddy current probe
- Specialized eddy current surface probe
- Ultrasonic probes

Structured Approach:

- Confounding factor assessment
- Rigorous test matrices
- Initial sample sets
- Will integrate structural variability

Preliminary Results:

- All methods sensitive to controlled residual stresses
- Changes measured are small – promising for QA
- Start to address hard problem: quantification

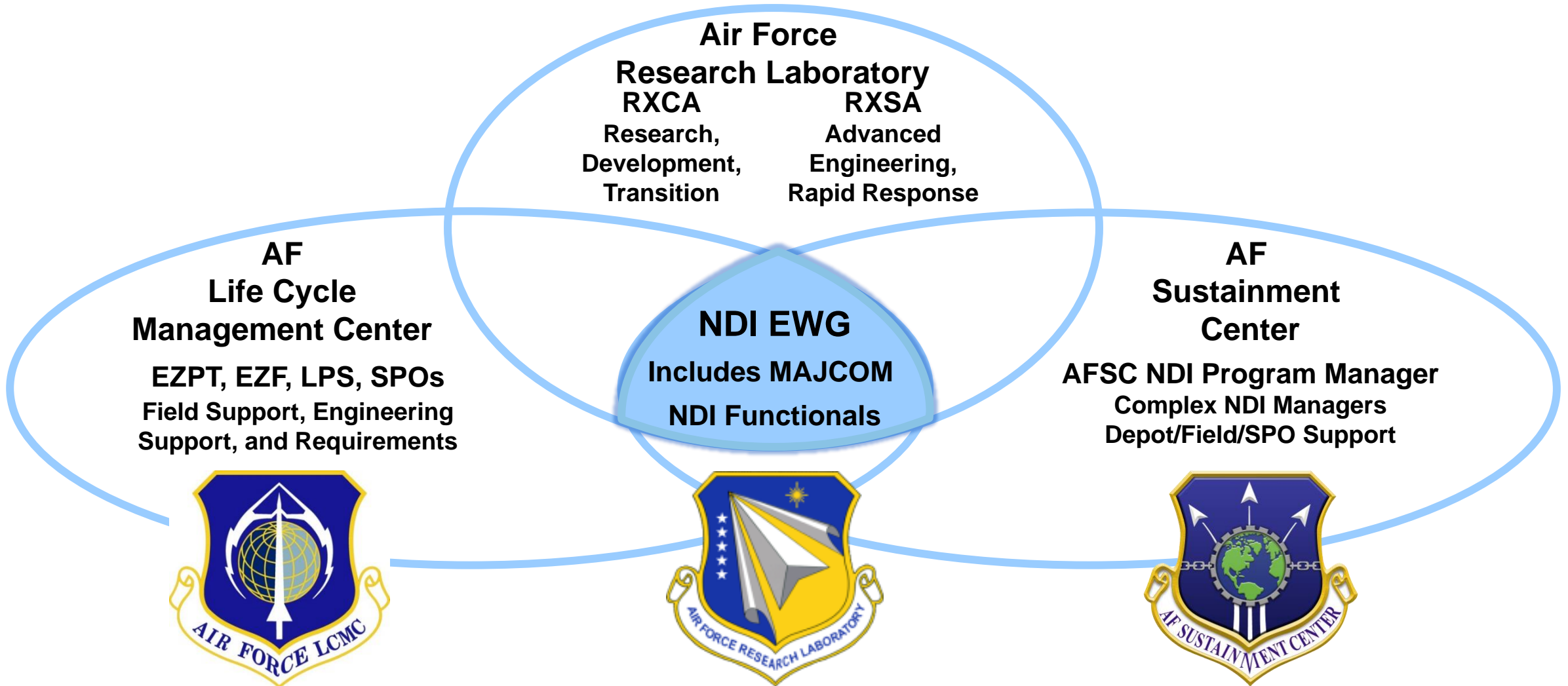


Summary

- **Quantitative NDE methods required for “full credit” for ERS**
 - **QA and Surveillance**
- **Extensive past R&D focused on NDE**
 - **Multiple methods can measure ERS**
 - **Success limited to differential measurements**
 - **Quantitative results hindered by confounding factors: there are many!**
- **New program leveraging past experience**
 - **Ambitious objectives**
 - **Eddy current and ultrasonic based approaches**
 - **Addresses QA and surveillance**
 - **Includes components with 10 and 20 year service life**



Nondestructive Inspection Executive Working Group



Quality Assurance and Data Management Sub-Committee

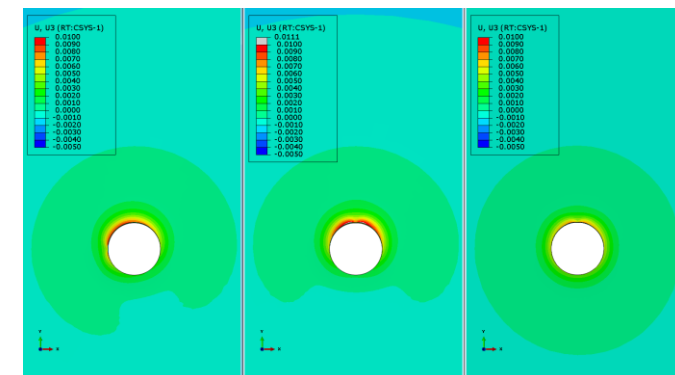
FastenerCam for QA/QC of Cold-Expanded Fastener Holes – 2020 ERSI Update and Summary

Doyle Motes,

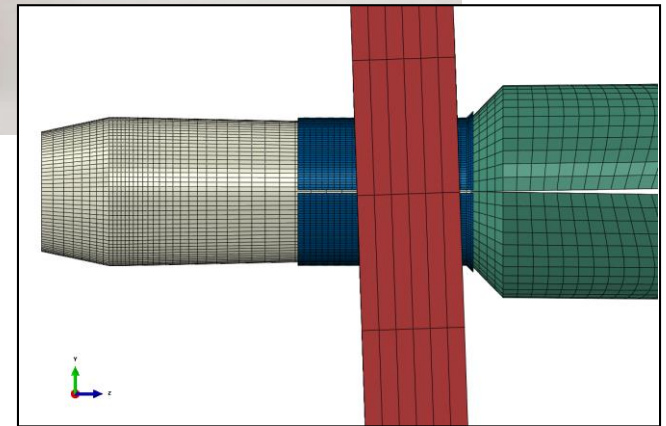
Texas Research Institute (TRI) Austin, Inc.

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- Developed out of RIF and subsequent SBIR efforts
- Handheld laser profilometer and software package (open source Python)
- Measures cold expansion around cold-worked fastener holes (quality assurance)
 - New install
 - Legacy analysis
 - What is unique to our approach
- Provides options for:
 - Good/Bad (Green light/red light)
 - Full data capture (entire set of profile data)
 - Interfaces with NLogn for reporting



- Ruggedized manufacturing prototype has been developed (TRL 6)
- Positioned to start LRIP for fieldable units
- Use cases include:
 - Straight shank holes
 - Multiple layers
 - Off-angle pulls
 - 2024 and 7075 Al alloys
- Meets MIL-STD-810F, -1472F, -461G
- 8 hr battery, 2 TB HD, integrated touchscreen tablet



Next Steps to Develop FastenerCam™

- Develop and implement profilometry capabilities (scanning and analysis) for countersunk CX holes
- Manufacture an upgraded FastenerCam™ (for straight and countersunk holes)
- Repeatability and reliability (R&R) study to integrate FastenerCam™ into tech orders for aircraft of interest

Digitalex background

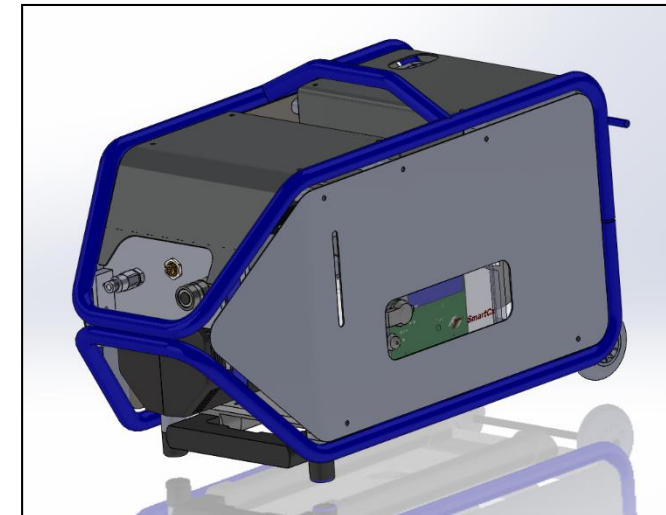
Sam Zimmerman,
Fatigue Technologies, Inc.

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New Hydraulic Puller and PowerPak integrating instrumentation with proprietary data analysis

- Fully electric operation,
- Monitors load vs piston stroke data,
- Integrated process validation (Go/No Go),
- Process data logging for archive records,
- Allows tool life tracking, lockout and other digitized tool management
- Integration to networked factory (IoT),
- Compatible with legacy FTI processes,
- Compatible with Data Spatial Positioning (DSP) systems.



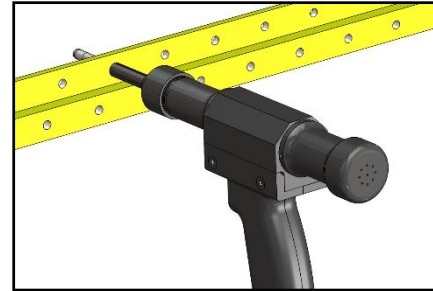
Vision for digitized cold expansion tools

QUALITY

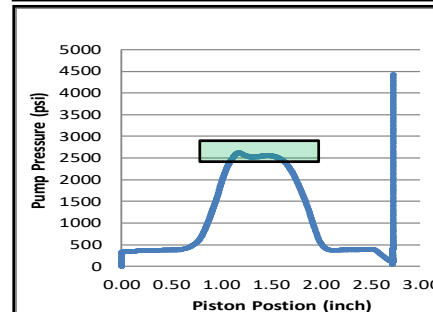
- Increased process confidence and reduced quality risk
- Integrated process check ("Instant" Go/No Go)

PLANNING

- Pre and Post Cx process data sharing
- Active monitoring of KPI's and advanced analytics



**FTI Instrumented
SsCx Tooling**



CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

- Increased quality at higher rates
- Potential for extended PM schedules
- Traceability and advanced data

PROCUREMENT

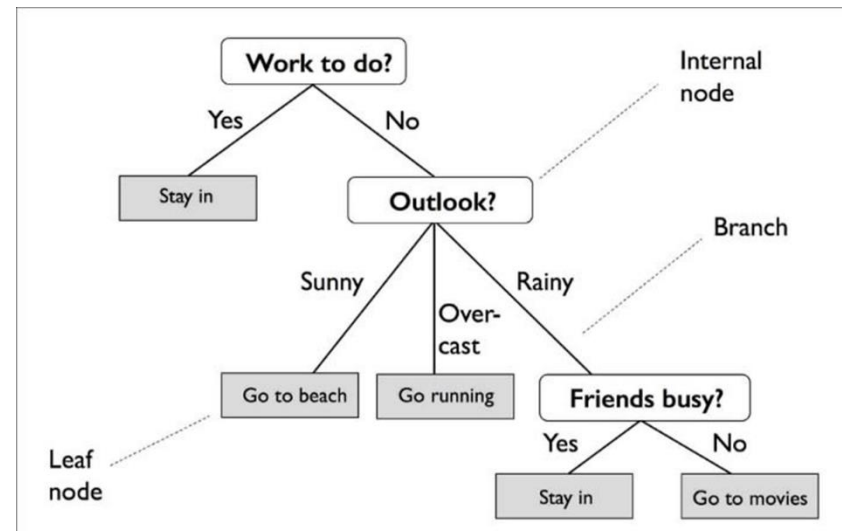
- Real-time tooling and consumables data
- Advanced tool tracking

ENGINEERING

- Greater confidence in design allowables
- Traceable digital Cx data records (Digital Twin)

Decision Tree Go/No-go

- Data is curve fit to both a flat-top Gaussian and a skew Gaussian
- Curve fit parameters are fed into decision tree classifier
- Planned schedule: Available on DSP program unit
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- Two curve fit equations:

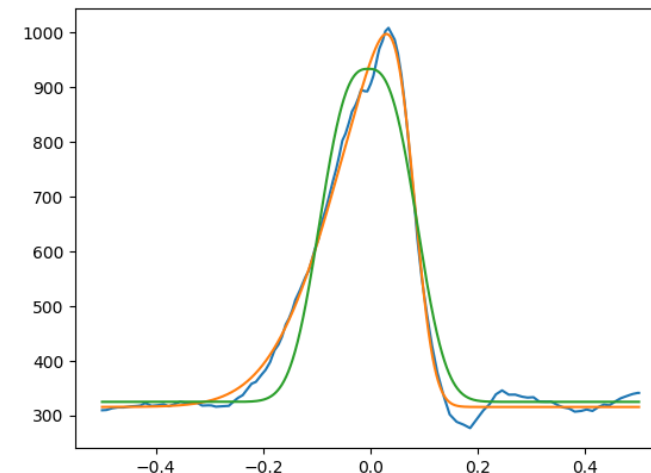
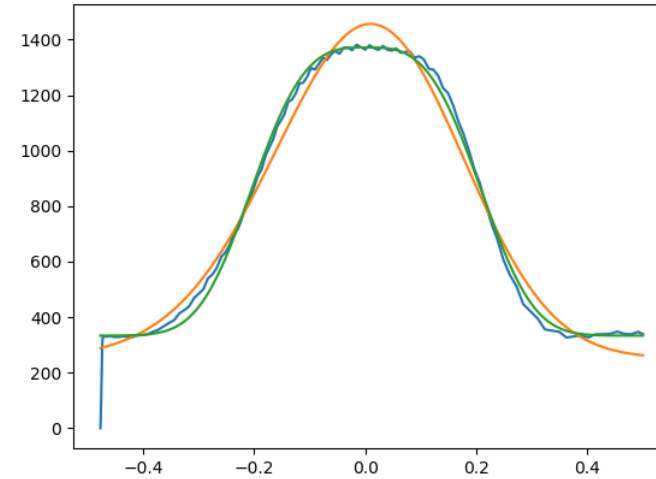
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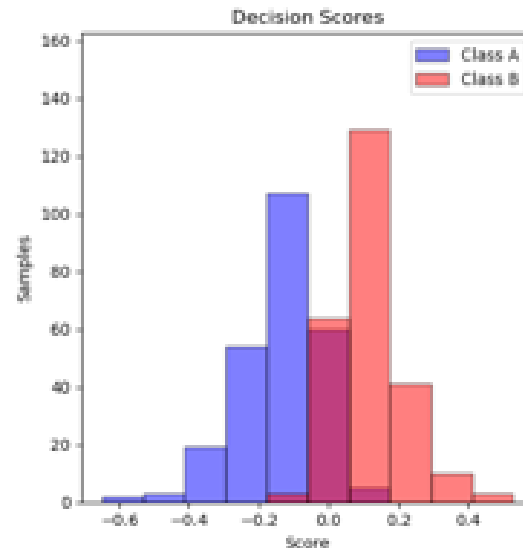
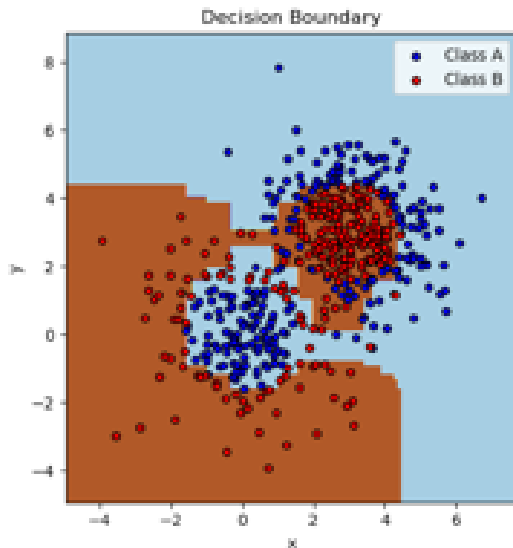
$$CDF(x) = \frac{1 + \operatorname{erf}(x/\sqrt{2})}{2}$$

Equations:

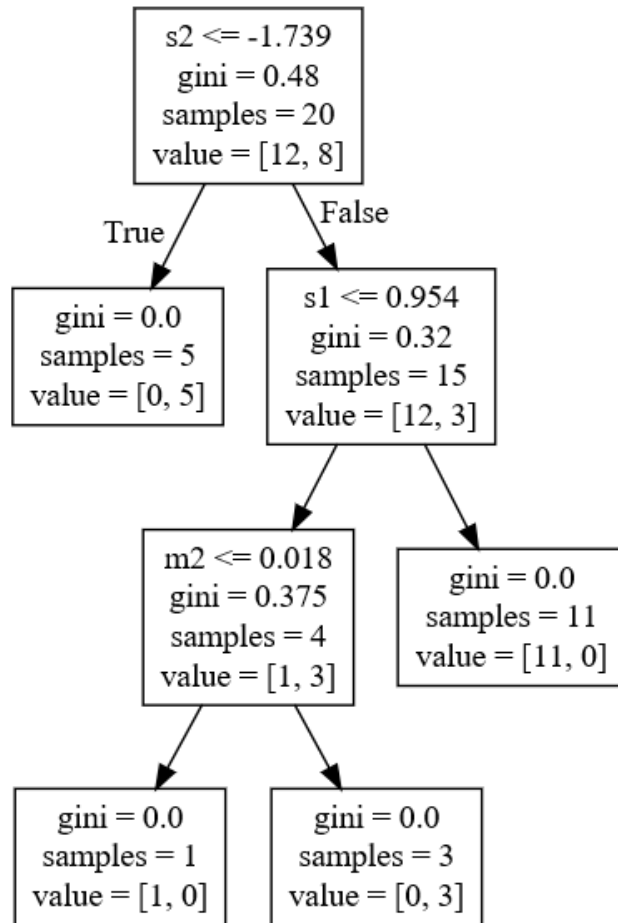
$$S(x) = \alpha \left(PDF\left(\frac{x-m}{\sigma}\right) CDF\left(\frac{\beta(x-m)}{\sigma}\right) \right) + \gamma$$

$$F(x) = \alpha \left(PDF\left(\left(\frac{x-m}{\sigma}\right)^\varphi\right) \right) + \gamma$$

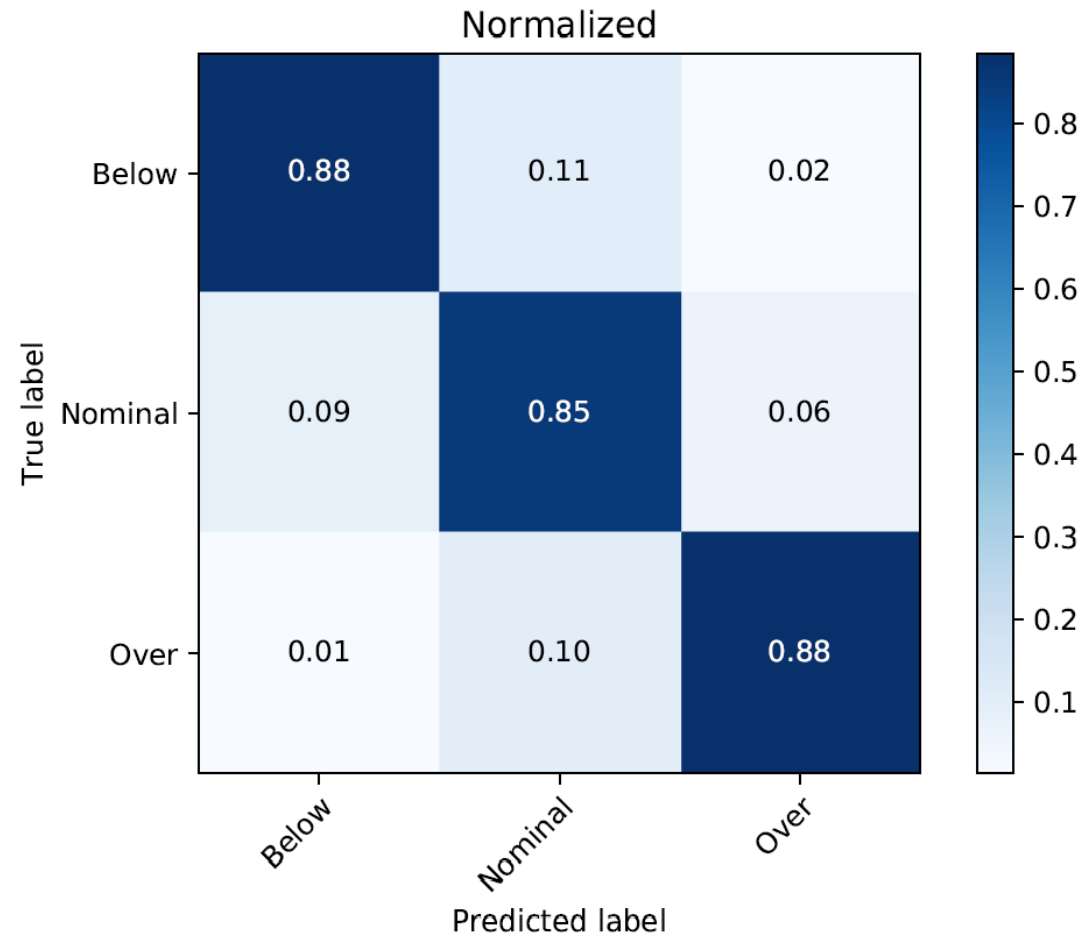




- Separate parameter space into rectangular “regions” split by branches
- Regions are continually split into smaller and smaller rectangles at each branch

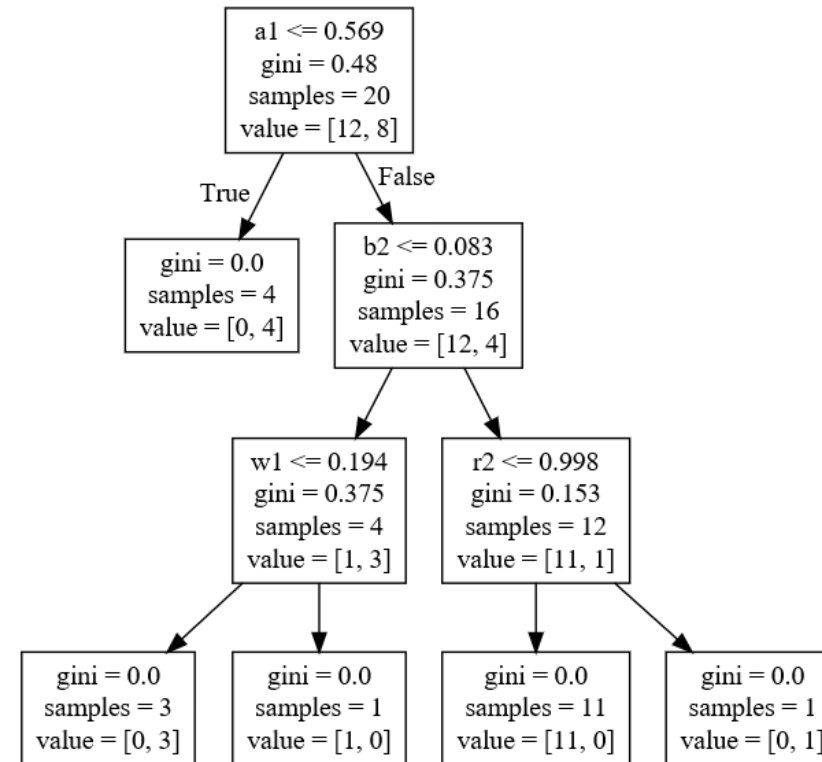


- At each branch, minimize Gini index.
 - Gini measures how “pure” each category is
- Pruning
 - After building tree, remove unnecessary branches
- Bootstrapping
 - Build multiple trees and take the median of all of them

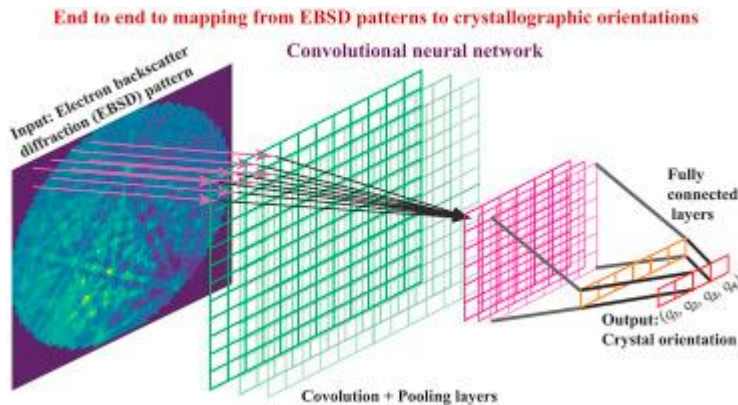


Classification rate with built-in 90% confidence interval

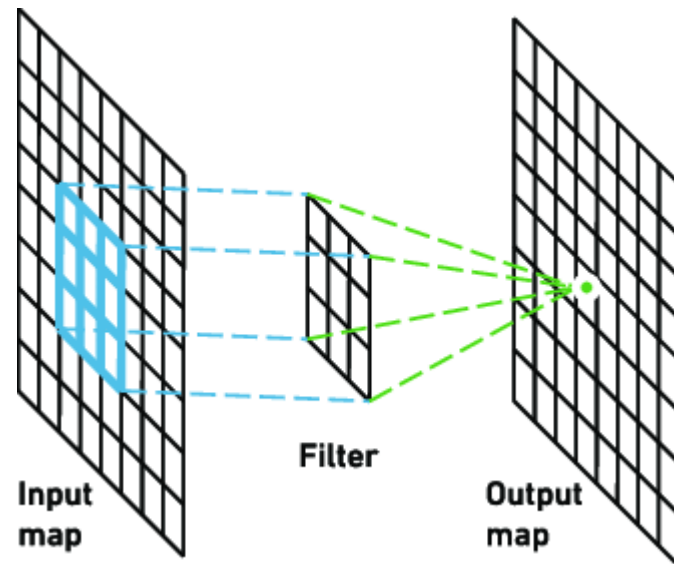
- Process can account for lots of different data configurations and styles
- Better configuration with LOTS more data
- Need to fine-tune pruning options to help clean up excessively large trees

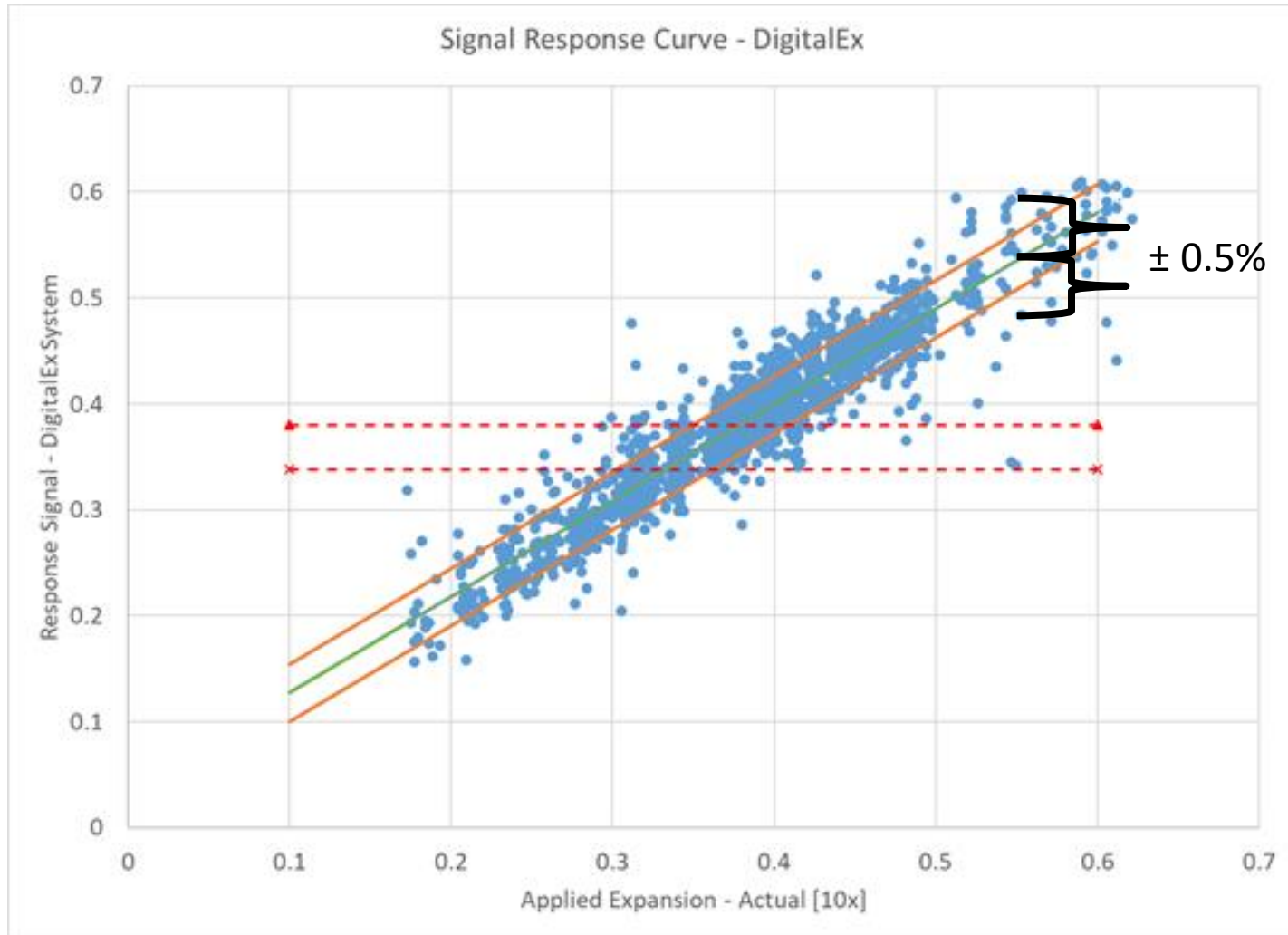


Machine Learning Applied Expansion Estimation



- Convolution NN iteratively determines filters
- Filters are optimized using error back-propagation
- Consecutive layers detect important combinations of features





- Present capabilities are useful but not universal
 - Needs significantly more testing before final roll-out
- Better for processing prediction, not as useful for QA control
 - Since QA is not driven by expansion, cannot *currently* use expansion as true QA metric
- Expected timeline – May/June 2021

Update on Best Practices Document

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- Significant progress was made to the NDI/NDE/QA/Data Management Best Practices document
- Feedback has been gathered from ERSI committee members and revisions are in-work
- An outline of the revised sections is included for reference

OUTLINE

**Nondestructive Evaluation, Quality Assurance, and Data
Management Considerations for Residual Stress:
Best Practices**

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Prepared for:
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1. NONDESTRUCTIVE INSPECTION

- 1.1 Inspection methods for metallic structures
 - 1.1.1 Eddy current
 - 1.1.1.1 Conventional surface eddy current
 - 1.1.1.2 Bolt-hole eddy current
 - 1.1.1.3 Conformal eddy current
 - 1.1.1.4 Eddy current arrays
 - 1.1.2 Ultrasonic
 - 1.1.2.1 Compression-Wave
 - 1.1.2.2 Shear-Wave
 - 1.1.2.3 Phased Array
 - 1.1.3 Fluorescent penetrant
 - 1.1.4 Radiography
 - 1.1.4.1 Film
 - 1.1.4.2 Computed radiography
 - 1.1.4.3 Computed tomography
- 1.2 NDI impacts due to applied stress
- 1.3 NDI impacts for cold expanded holes
 - 1.3.1 Eddy current
 - 1.3.1.1 Rotary bolt hole eddy current
 - 1.3.1.2 Surface eddy current inspections
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 - 1.3.3 Fluorescent penetrant
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 - 1.4.3 Fluorescent penetrant
- 1.5 Methods for quantifying impact of ERS on POD
 - 1.5.1 POD estimation methods
 - 1.5.1.1 Hit-Miss
 - 1.5.1.2 Amplitude versus flaw size
 - 1.5.2 EDM versus naturally occurring cracks under influence of residual stress
 - 1.5.3 Crack aspect ratio considerations
 - 1.5.4 Capability modeling
 - 1.5.5 POD correction methods – transfer functions
 - 1.5.6 Cx considerations
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- 1.7 Future considerations
 - 1.7.1 Material dependency
 - 1.7.2 Impact of installed fasteners
 - 1.7.3 Advanced inspection methods
 - 1.7.4 NDI and Teardown Evaluations of Post-Service Structure
 - 1.7.5 Terminology:

2. QA AND NDE

- 2.1 Terminology definition
- 2.2 Requirements and key factors
 - 2.2.1 Stable
 - 2.2.2 Producibility
 - 2.2.3 Statistically characterized
 - 2.2.4 Supportable
 - 2.2.5 DigitalEx
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 - 2.2.11 Quantification of risk
 - 2.2.12 Testing/measurement requirements
 - 2.2.13 Conservatism/safety factors
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 - 2.3.1 Digital thread
 - 2.3.2 Current methods
 - 2.3.2.1 A-10 ASIP
 - 2.3.2.2 F-16 ASIP
 - 2.3.2.3 DSP Program

- **NDI: J. Brausch committed to fill-in any of this chapter?**
- **QA and NDE: Does anyone want to help fill-in any of this chapter?**
 - Will likely need support at least from:
 - FTI (Sam?) for instrumented puller
 - TRI-Austin (Doyle?) for FastenerCam