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Outline



- 2017 In-review
- The 3 Pillars of ERSI
- Pursuing Policy Change
- Long Term Organization
- Research Dependency Structure
- Structural Community Awareness



2017 In-review: The Good



Technical Progress

Sub-committee activity has been productive

Growing Community

– 56% increase in active members in one year!

ASIP Awareness

- Increased ERSI visibility in more program offices
- Key personnel involved in SB creation





2017 In-review: The Not-So Good



Inter-committee Communication

- Sub-committee activities not well advertised within the working group
 - Nearly missed opportunities

Task Coordination

Many hands make light work*





The 3 Pillars of ERSI



Validated DADTA Methods

- Physics based approach
- 0.05" rogue flaw & explicit residual stress field
- Demonstrate improvement over current approach

Quality Assurance (QA)

- Determine acceptance criteria
 - Linked to assumed residual stress minimums

Non-destructive Inspection (NDI)

Effect of residual stresses on each NDI technique





Pursuing Policy Change: The What



Structures Bulletin

- Generalized guide to approach a class of problems
- Concise examples for clarification
- No requirement of exact software/techniques

Best-practices Guide

- In-depth technical detail behind why certain approaches are used
- Substantiating document for a bulletin to reference
- Enables practitioners
 - List of requirements and technical specifics for completing them



Pursuing Policy Change: The How



Structures Bulletin

- Drafted by anyone in the defense community
- Finalized by USAF
- Living document as requirements evolve

Best-practices Guide

- Technical community contributes and shapes
- In-depth technical detail





Long Term Organization: Best Practices Guide



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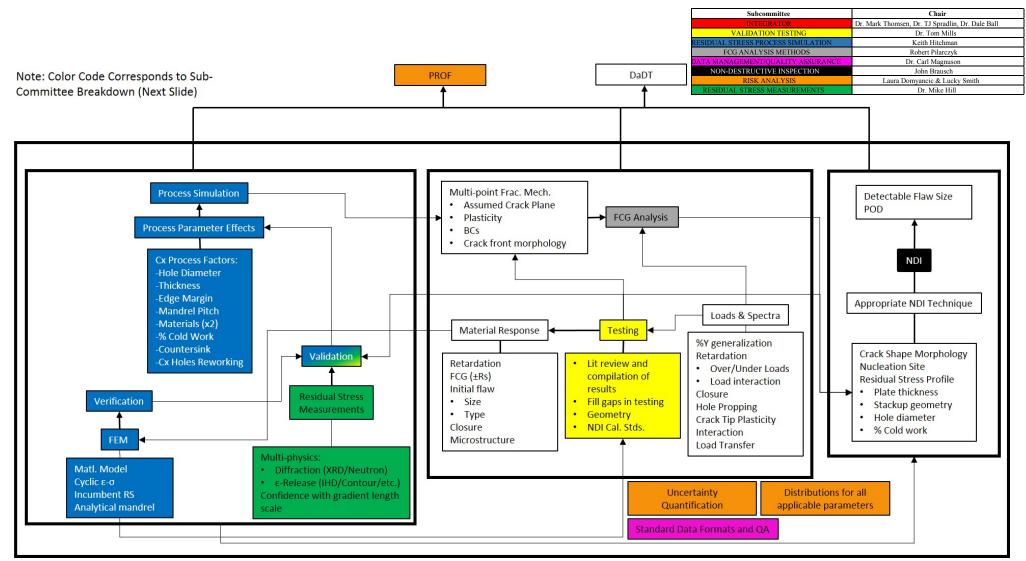
- How
 - Structural Applications Sub-Committee
 - Participate as a task group
- Why
 - Neutral community
 - Forum of equals
 - Agnostic to funding
 - Long-term stability
 - Internationally welcoming
- Who
 - Anyone
 - Only ASTM members can vote
 - Broadest base of technical expertise possible





Technical Dependencies: Now

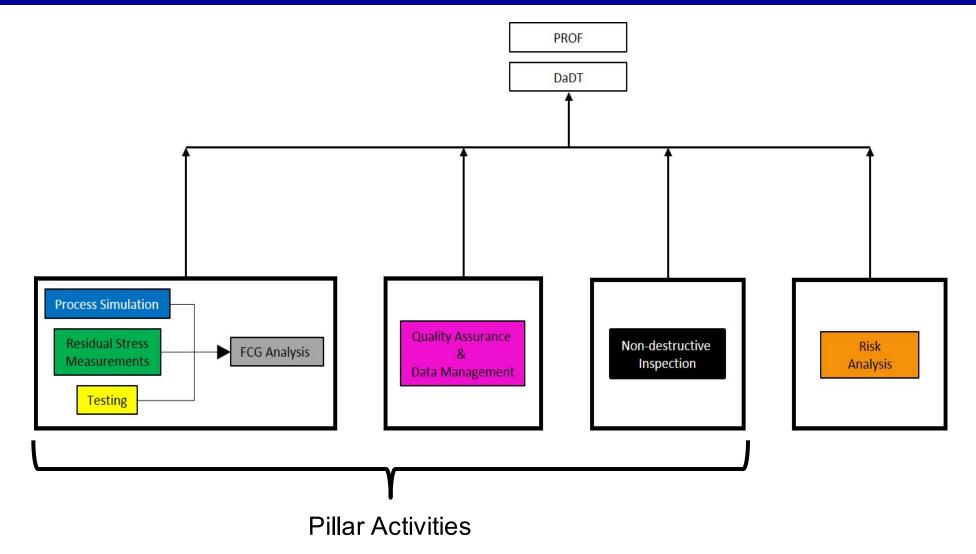






Technical Dependencies: Proposed

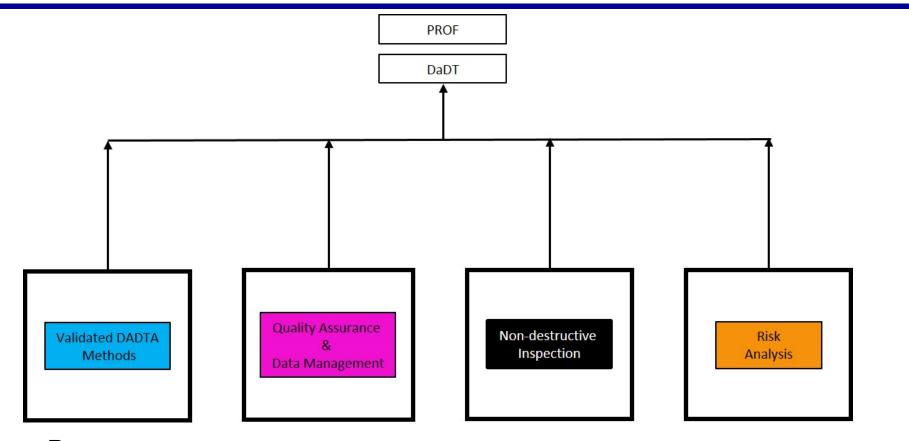






Technical Dependencies: Proposed





- Pros
 - Increases communication within areas of high dependency
 - Increases visibility of activities
 - Aligns portfolio with targeted research outcome
- Cons
 - One group larger than rest*
 - Loss of resolution by specific technical area





Structural Community Awareness: ASIP



•ASIP 2017

- Why
 - Communication to a broader audience
- What
 - 5 Panelist Topics
 - ASIP Requirements
 - Validated DADTA
 - NDI
 - Quality Assurance
 - ASIP Manager Perspective
- When
 - 29 November, 2017 (Afternoon)





Questions



