





## Handling Uncertainty – The AIM-C Approach

- The First Step is Identifying and Understanding potential error sources
  - Maintains Visibility of potential errors
  - Forces step-by-step breakdown of the analysis/test process
  - Forces agreement on responses of interest
- Classifying them allows the team to determine appropriate strategies for addressing them.
- Types:
  - Aleatory Uncertainty (Variability, Stochastic Uncertainty)
  - Epistemic Uncertainty (Lack of Knowledge, e.g., unknown geometry)
  - Known Errors (e.g., mesh convergence, round-off error)
  - Unknown Errors (Mistakes, e.g. wrong material inputs used)

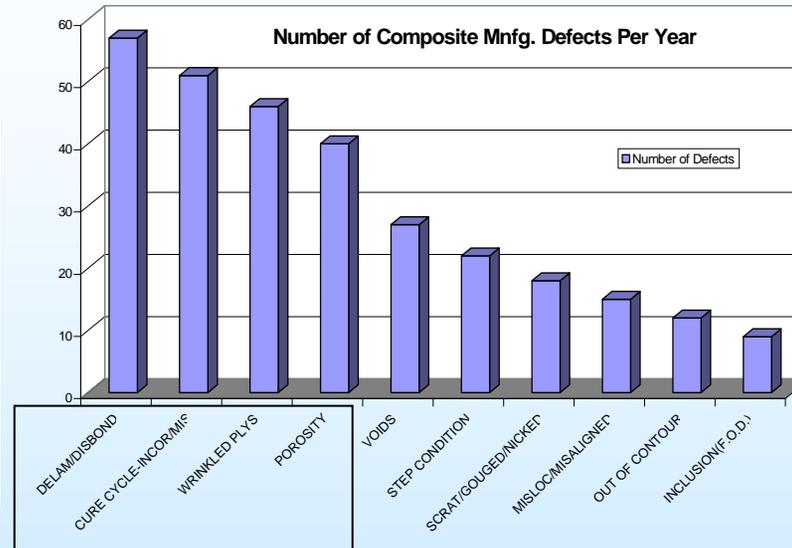


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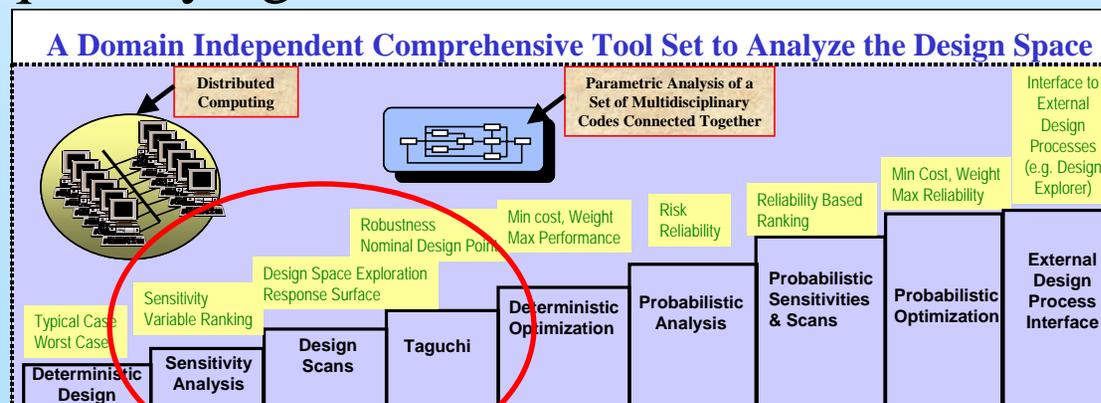
- Prior knowledge is useful in determining likelihood of occurrence.

Example: Past experience with Similar designs suggest that 3/4 of Stiffened panel defects are:

- Delaminations
- Cure Cycle Inconformities
- Ply wrinkles, or
- Voids/Porosity



- Tools such as DOE/ANOVA and Sensitivity Analysis are useful in quantifying a variable's influence on the result.



Robust Design  
Computational  
System (RDCS)



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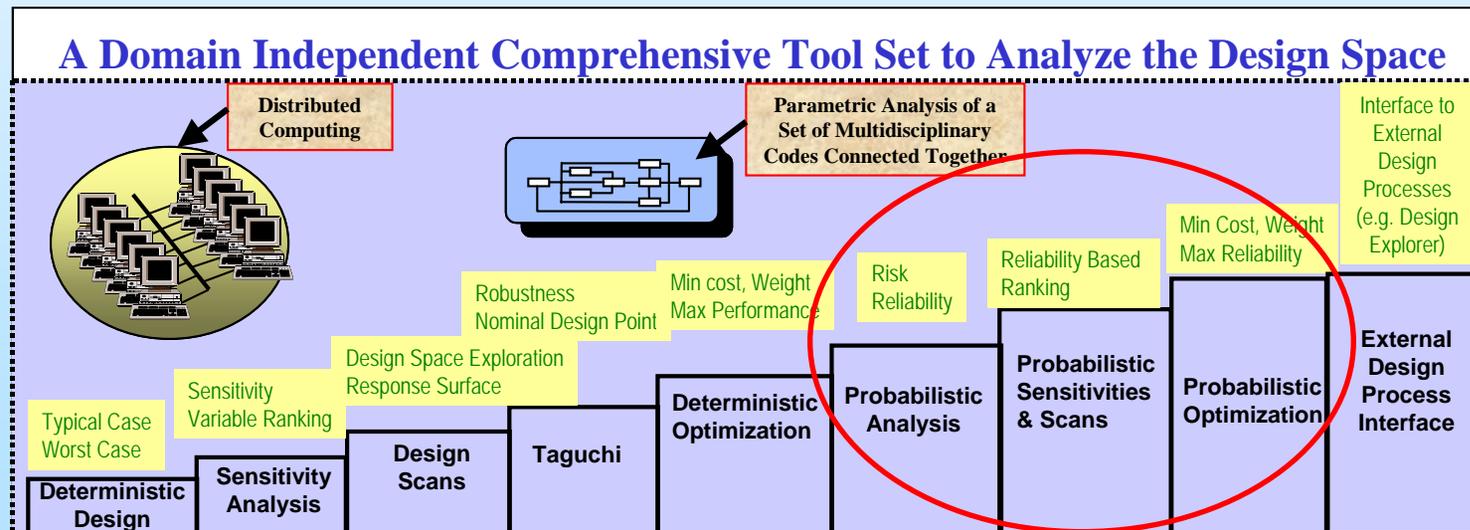




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## Quantifying Uncertainty

- If its important, and you can't remove it by design, quantify it.
- Testing or Probabilistic Analysis Tools are applied.

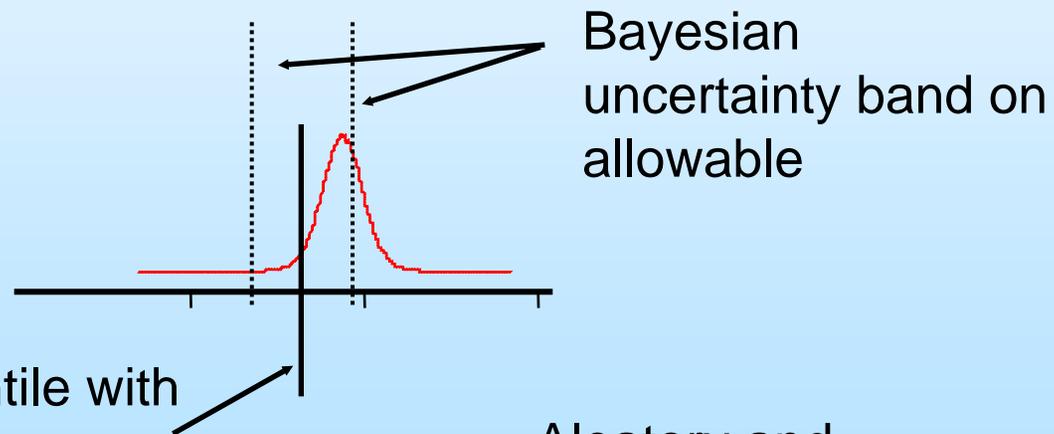




# Data from Knowledge, Analysis, and Test

## Combined Data – Allowables with Uncertainty

- Data contain replicates => can estimate stress allowables (quantiles with confidence bands)
- RDCS allows simulation of physical data with sources of randomness including batch effects (aleatory or random uncertainty) => can simulate allowables.
- Combined data: allowables with uncertainty bands

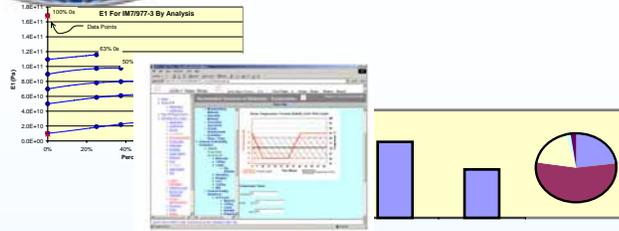


Allowable estimate = quantile with confidence band. This is the “aleatory” content

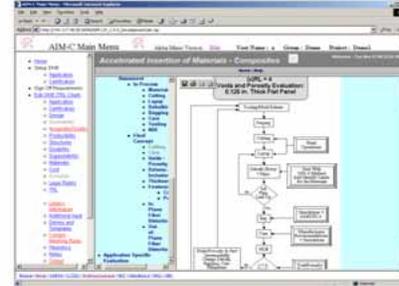
Aleatory and Bayesian are kept separate



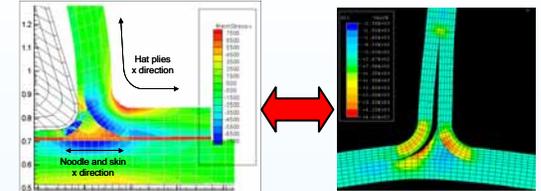
### Encoded Heuristics



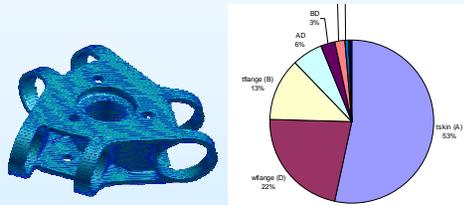
### DKB Re-creation



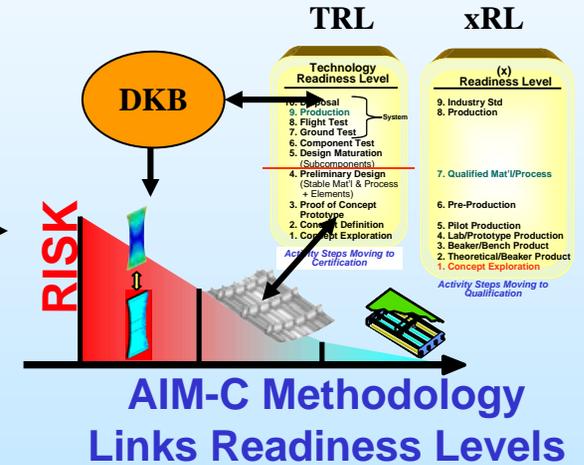
### Producibility



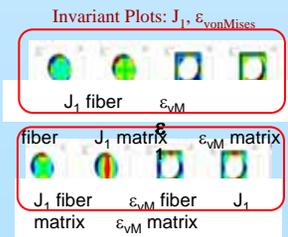
### Processing data passed to Structural Analyses



### Design, ANOVA, Design Explorer, & Probabilistic Optimization RDCS Links

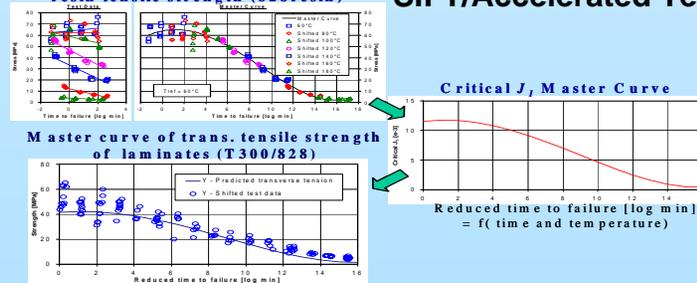


### Physics Based 3D SIFT & Fracture Failure Theories

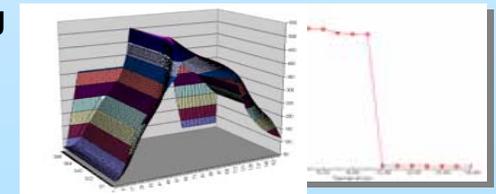


### Structures

### SIFT/Accelerated Testing



### Durability



### Materials & Processing



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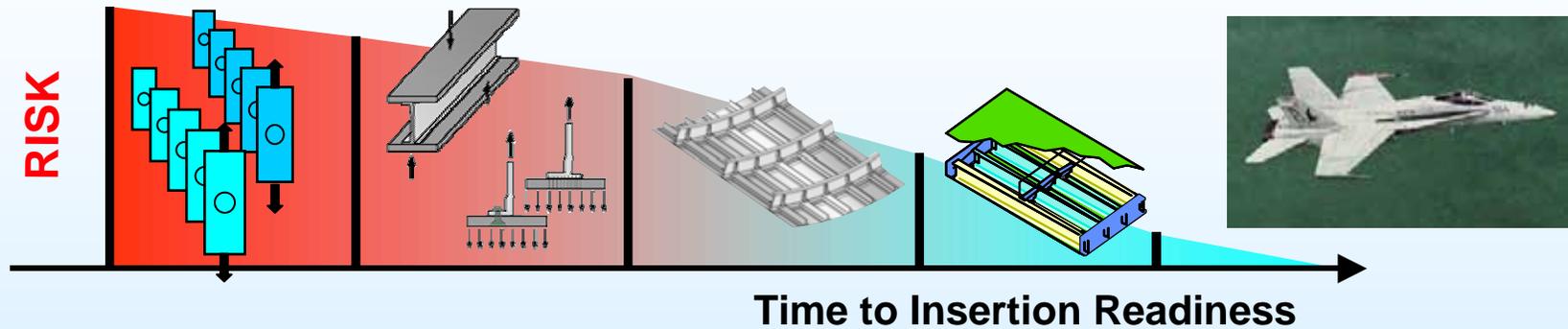




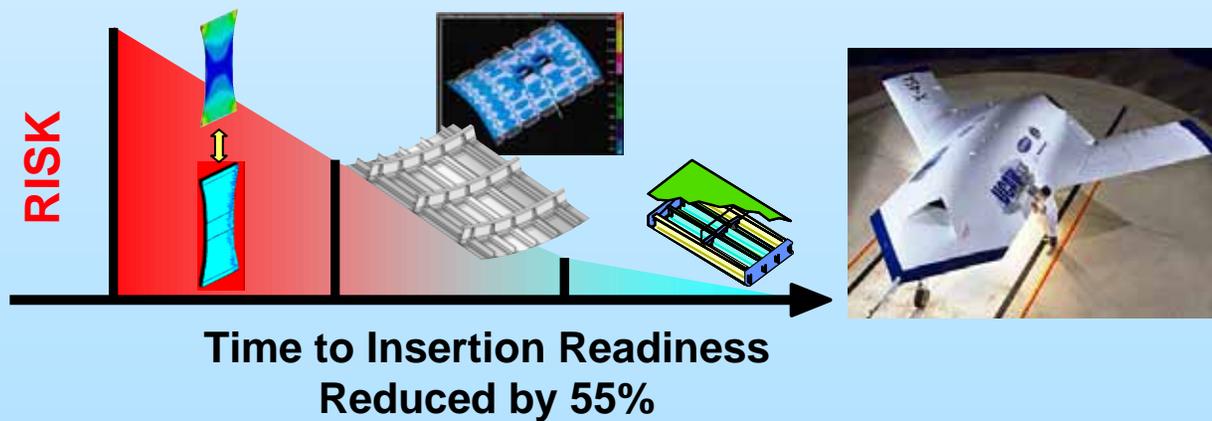
# What's the Benefit of AIM-C?



## Traditional Test Supported by Analysis Approach



## AIM Provides an Analysis Approach Supported by Experience, Test and Demonstration



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