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# **Boeing's Certifiable Primary** Structural Bonding Initiative

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- Robust Bonding Materials and Processes
- Non-Destructive Inspection
- Design and Analysis
- Sustainment / Repair

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Bonding Path Forward in AMTAS-Boeing relationship

# **Boeing Approach to Bonding Certification**

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#### Supportability and Repair

### Linked Requirements



#### **Advanced Design / Analysis**



Advanced NDE Techniques LBID

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#### **Affordable Bonding Processes**



**Reliable Bonding Processes Parameters** 

## Fault Tree Analysis Bonded Skin to Rib Joint

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Fault Tree Analysis provides both data to assess the critical bonding parameters and flexibility to optimize the reliability

# **Reliable Bonding Materials and Processes**

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### **Boeing Need:**

### **Controlled Process Parameters**

# Assess effects of process parameter changes

- •Materials aging: shelf-life and storage conditions
- •Batch-to-batch differences
- •Out-time effects
- •Tape vs. fabric
- •Thermal and hydrothermal conditioning •Cure conditions

### **Efficient In-Line QC Methods**

- Develop techniques to assess quality of bonding steps in mfg
  - •In-line surface preparation assessment tools
  - •Analytical tools to assess surface chemistry
  - •Process control as measured by surface features or materials condition

### **AMTAS Support:**

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•Define key factors for making good/poor bonds •How to predict material surface prep compatibility •Develop correlation between surface contact angle and bond quality •In-line contact angle surface analysis







#### •AFM Tool

- •Detect contamination
- on surface
- •Map laminate surface
- •Electrochemical Tool
  - Contamination
  - detection
  - In-field tool development





# **Robust Bonding M&P Collaborative Activity**



# Arrestment Feature Performance Advanced Analysis and Testing

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Arrestment Features are a key parameter to certifying Transport Bonded Primary Structure

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# **Disbond / Delamination Arrest Mechanisms**

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#### Mode I: FEM vs. Analytical Fracture Analysis





#### Mode II: FEM vs. Analytical Fracture Analysis



Design Curves - Identify key variables for design, opt. and certification

# Path Forward - AMTAS / Boeing Relationship

Certification of Bonded

**Primary Structure** 

Understand design

requirements and

specify criteria

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AMTAS Activity

**Boeing Needs** 

### **Damage Tolerance**

Crack Arrest Fail safety

### **Process Control**

Establish process reliability value Surface energy Understand Bonding Process and convert to process criteria

Project 3 – surface characterization

Project 1 – disbond

arrestment modeling

In-Line Quantitative QC tools

In-service requirements

Implement Manufacturing Controls

Life cycle



Project 6 – surface probe development



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