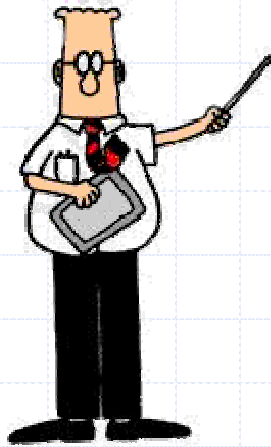


Model-Assisted POD

TESI's perspective



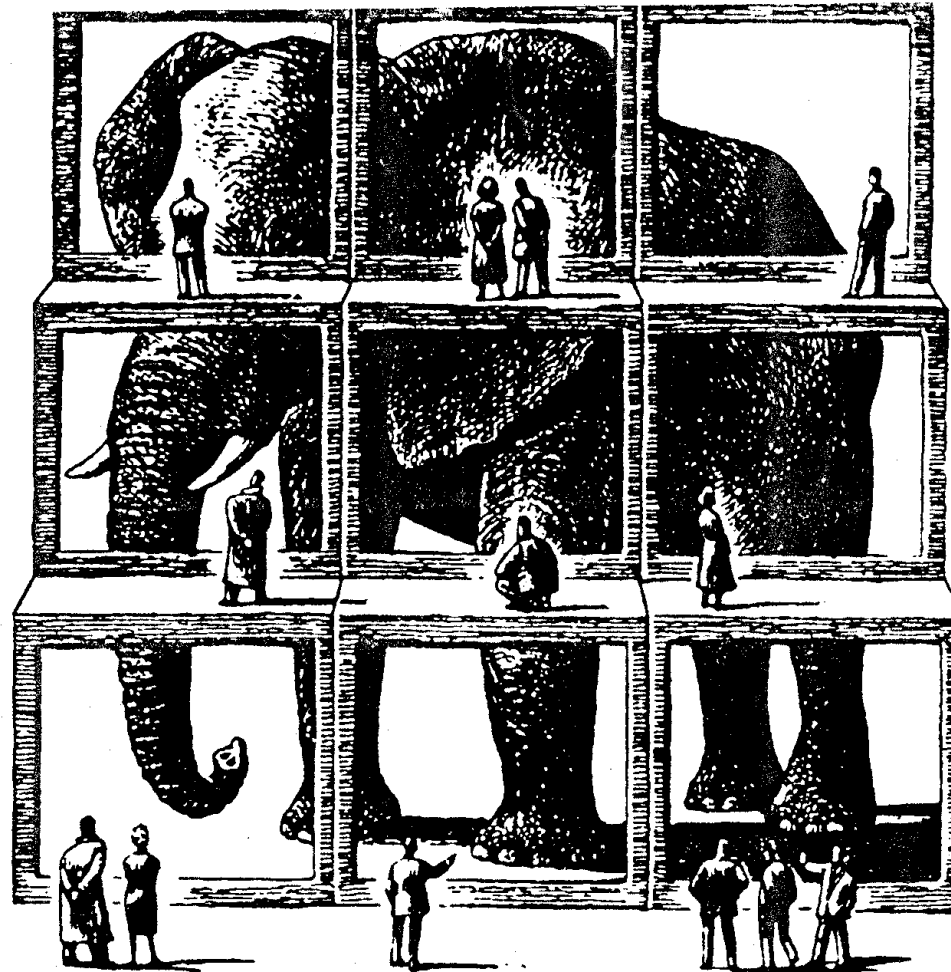
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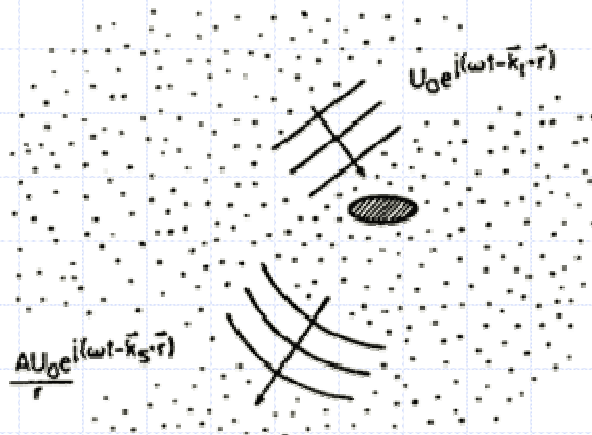


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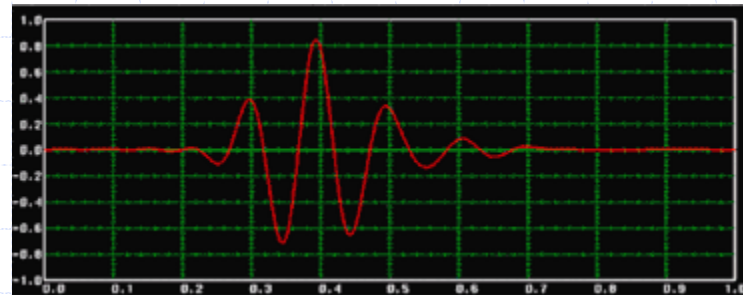


“Model-Assisted” depends on what the definition of “is” is.

e.g.: Attenuation model is global; it does not attempt to model interactions with individual microstructural constituents.



Geometry of theoretical scattering calculation



$$A = A_0 e^{-\alpha z}$$

where A is the attenuated amplitude at location z , A_0 is the original amplitude, and α is attenuation coefficient.

Reference:

<http://www.ndt-ed.org/EducationResources/CommunityCollege/Ultrasonics/CalibrationMeth/thompsongray.htm>

TESI uses global models too:

Signal strength depends on target size, morphology & location, part geometry, probe, scan-plan ...

$$\hat{a}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \underbrace{a_i}_{\substack{a_i \\ \log(a_i) \\ 1/a_i}} + \beta_2 \underbrace{\%N}_{\substack{\%N \\ \log(\%N) \\ 1/\%N}} + \beta_3 \underbrace{e^{-\alpha Z_i}}_{\substack{\exp(Z_i) \\ Z_i \\ 1/Z_i}} + \epsilon_i$$

Stochastic component

Physical theory can *suggest* the form of the mathematical model.

Heuristics are an integral constituent of Model Building

e.g.: Signal-to-Noise Ratio

$$\frac{S}{N} = \sqrt{\frac{16}{\rho v_{metal} w_x w_y \Delta t}} \frac{A_{flaw}(f_0)}{FOM(f_0)}$$

Flaw scattering Amplitude at center frequency

Sonic velocity in metal

Lateral beam widths at flaw depth

Pulse duration

Noise "Figure-of-Merit" at center frequency

Note: TESI does not use this formulation

“Model-Assisted”

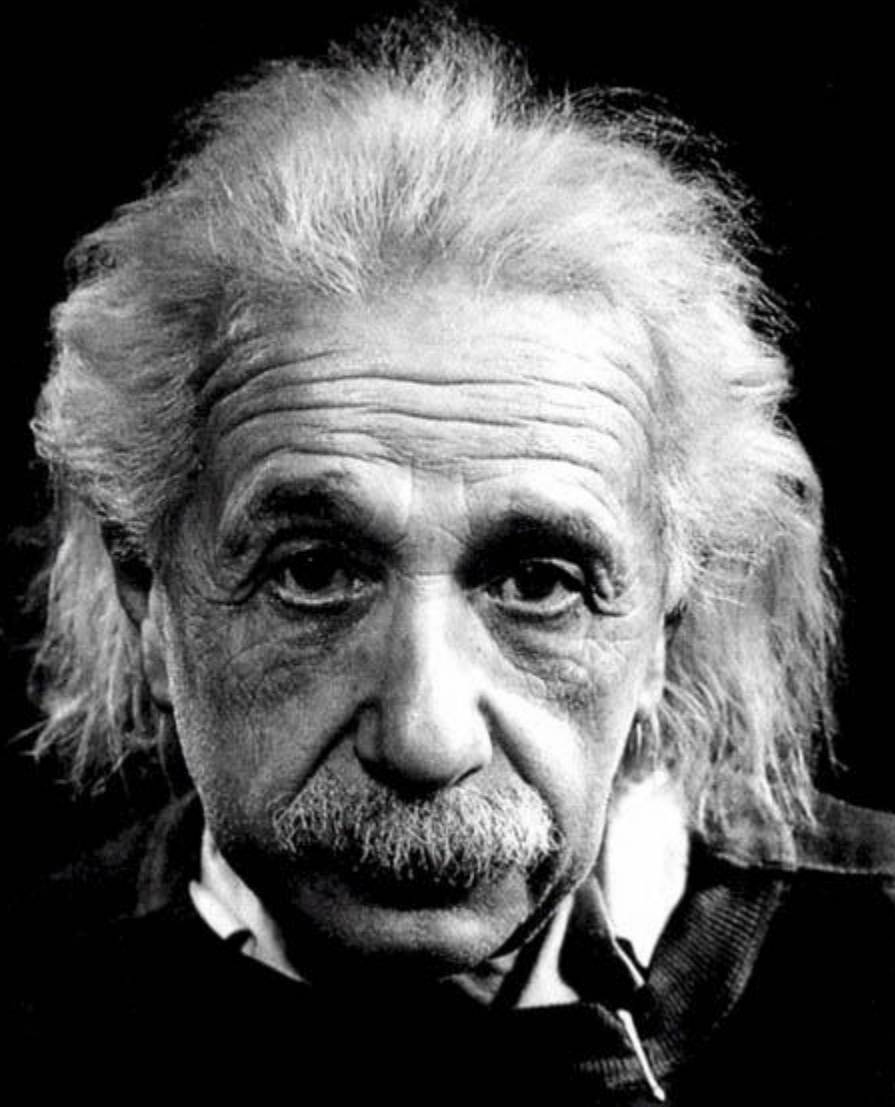
... depends on what you want to model

- complete waveform or
- maximum amplitude at a location (voxel).

... then choose mathematical models of *appropriate* complexity to augment what can be inferred from the raw data alone.



Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler.



UDRI/TESI Plan for UT/POD Reliability Testing

- ◆ Define the Goal.
- ◆ Work backwards from the goal to where we are.
- ◆ Follow the breadcrumbs to lay out a roadmap.



How to get there from here:

Goal: POD for the TESI System

- We need a quantitative method for comparing NDE systems.
- This will allow us to say that the TESI system is better than (a comparative system) and by how much.



Goal:

- ◆ Provide a quantitative measure of NDE effectiveness.
- ◆ "POD" is *part* of the answer.
 - POD is *not* a single number but depends on these factors:
 - Intrinsic – system capability
 - Extrinsic – target/noise characteristics
 - *Combined – intrinsic/extrinsic synergism*

POD can be generalized:

- ◆ Probability of detection is a *function*.
- ◆ This function can be evaluated at interesting conditions.
- ◆ System comparisons must consider more than a single number.
 - Car mileage *vs* acceleration
 - NDE sensitivity *vs* system throughput.



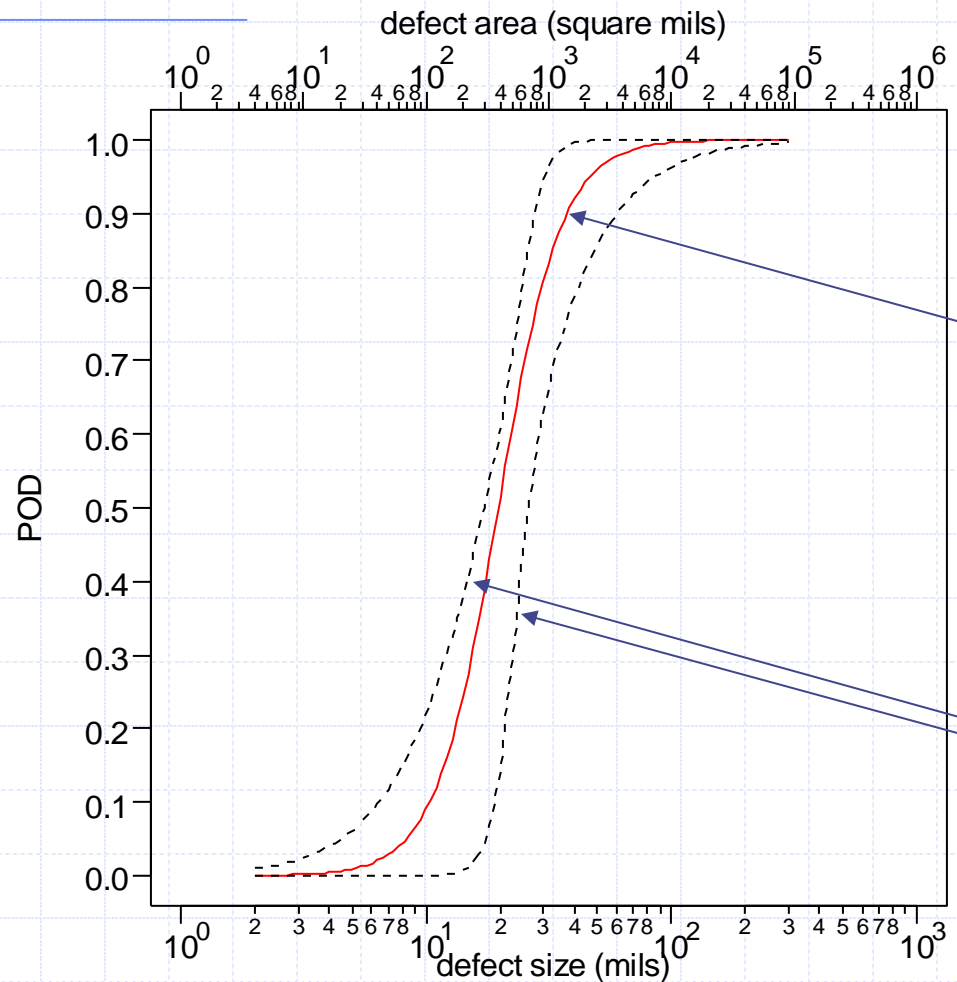
TESI goodness criteria

- ◆ Compare two systems' POD *functions* *
(mathematical descriptions of capability)
 - Are they *meaningfully* different?
 - If so, which one is better?

* *The entire function everywhere, not just its value at one condition*



Working backwards – Goal: POD function



This is what we want.

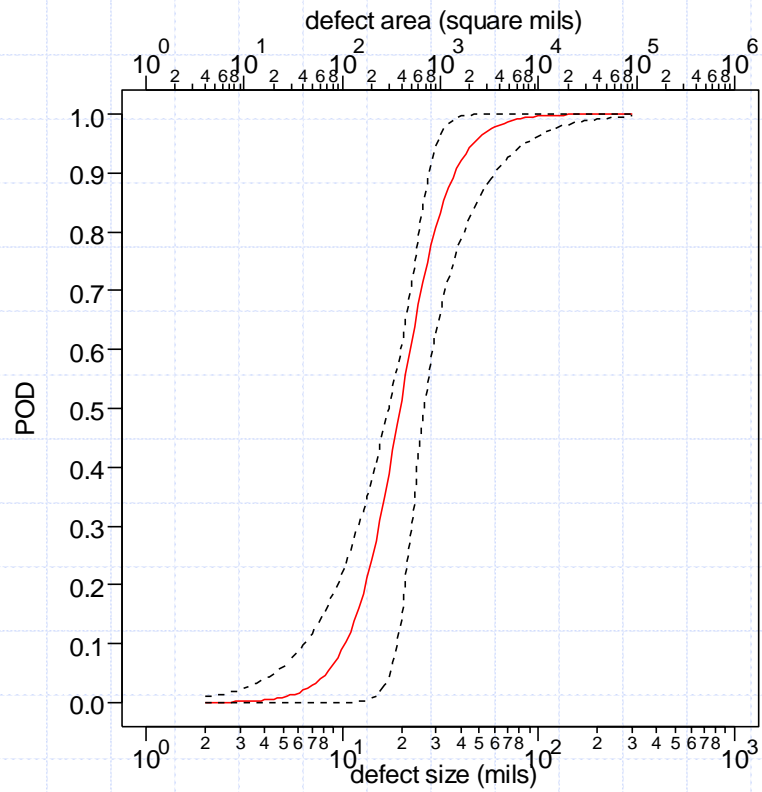
POD *function*

POD = f (target size, chemistry, shape, orientation, depth, entry surface curvature, probe characteristics, system settings, ...)

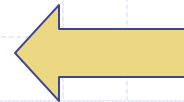
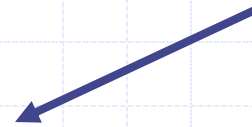
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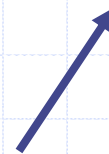
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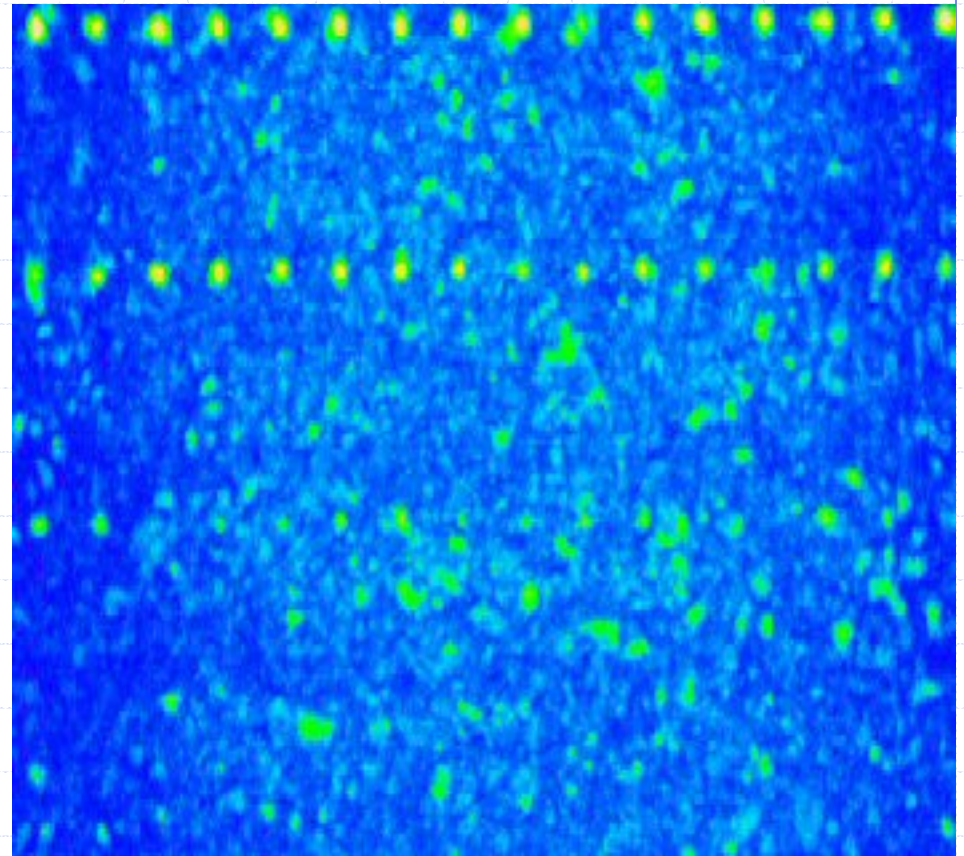
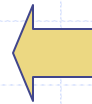
This is what we need to get it

Working backwards –

C-scan

Descriptive
function

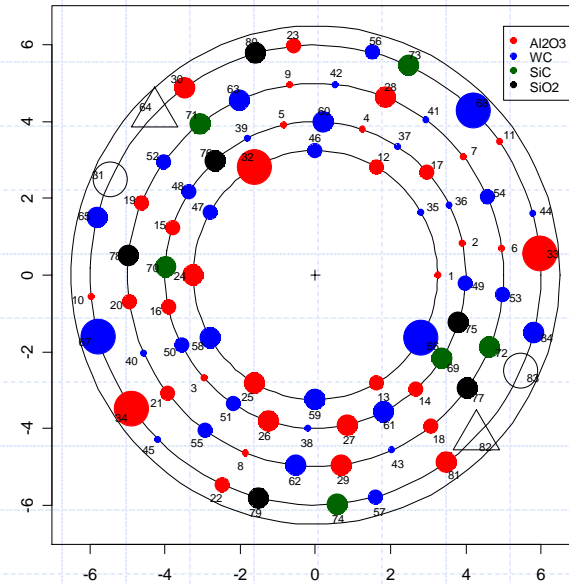
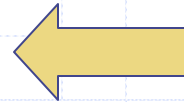
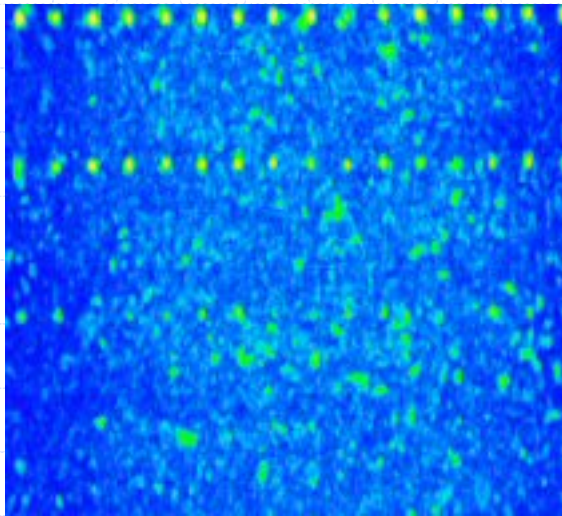
*POD = f (target size, chemistry,
shape, orientation, depth, entry
surface curvature, probe
characteristics, system settings, ...)*



Working backwards –

TESI DOX specimens

Optimized C-scan

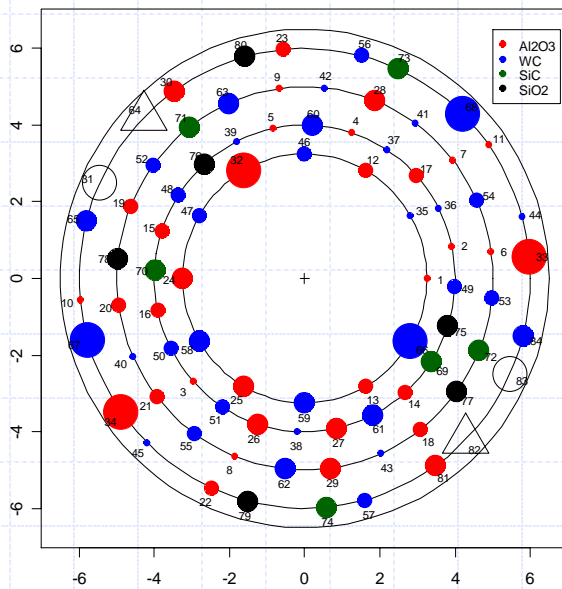


Selected variables:
target size, chemistry, depth,
surface curvature, background
noise, *and their interactions*



Working backwards –

TESI DOX specimens

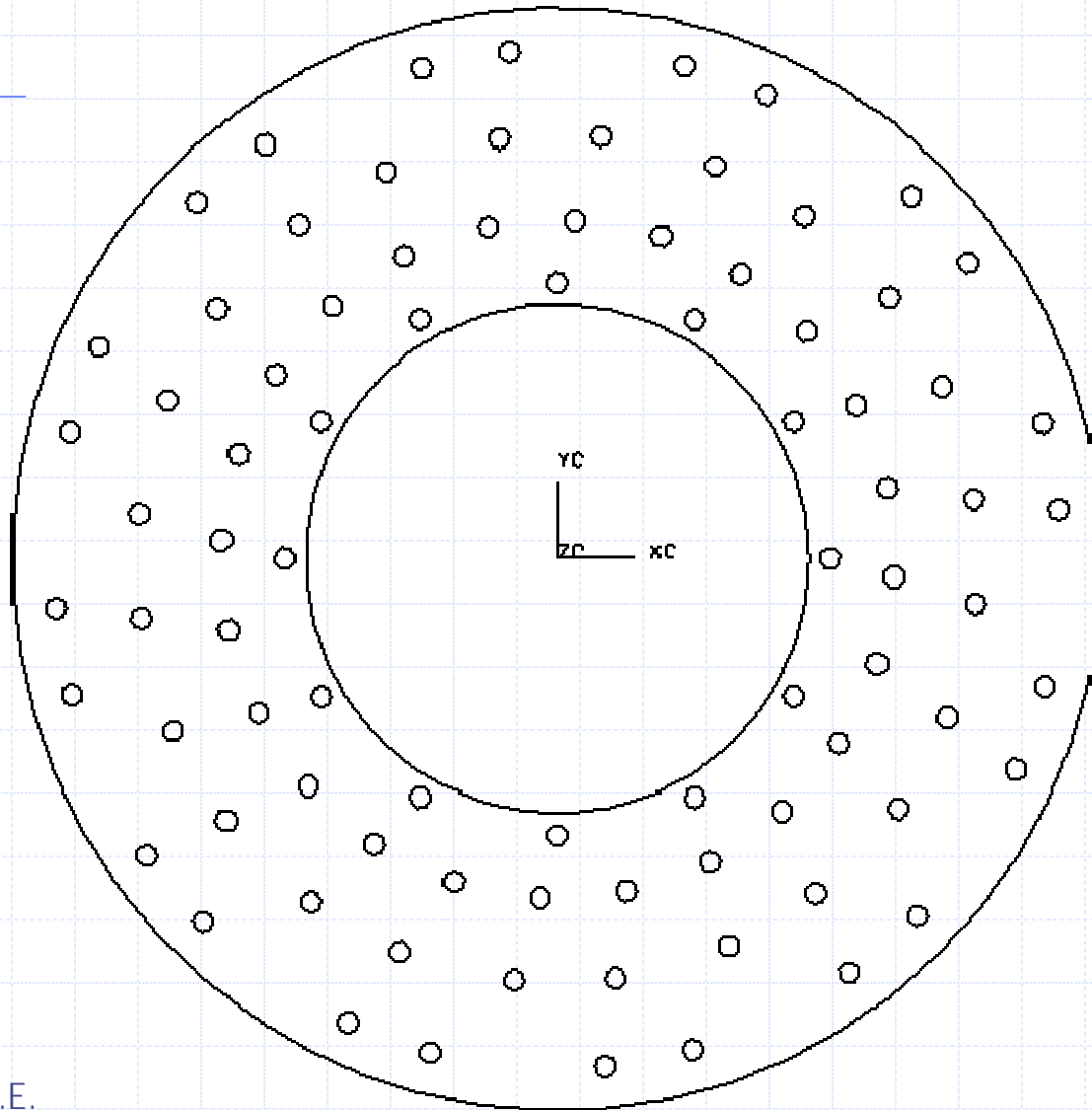


Selected variables:

1. size
2. chemistry
3. depth
4. surface curvature
5. background noise (low)
6. *interactions*

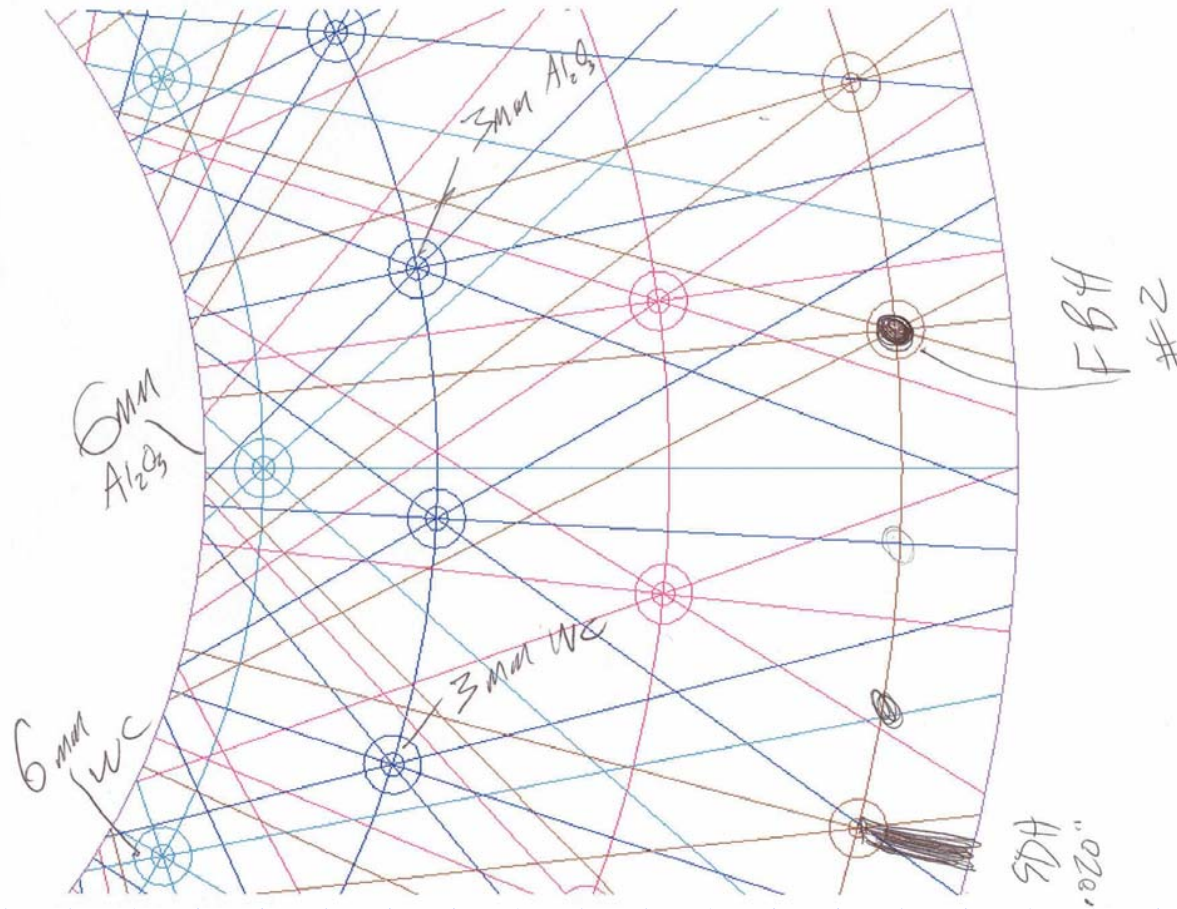


UT Targets are strategically located

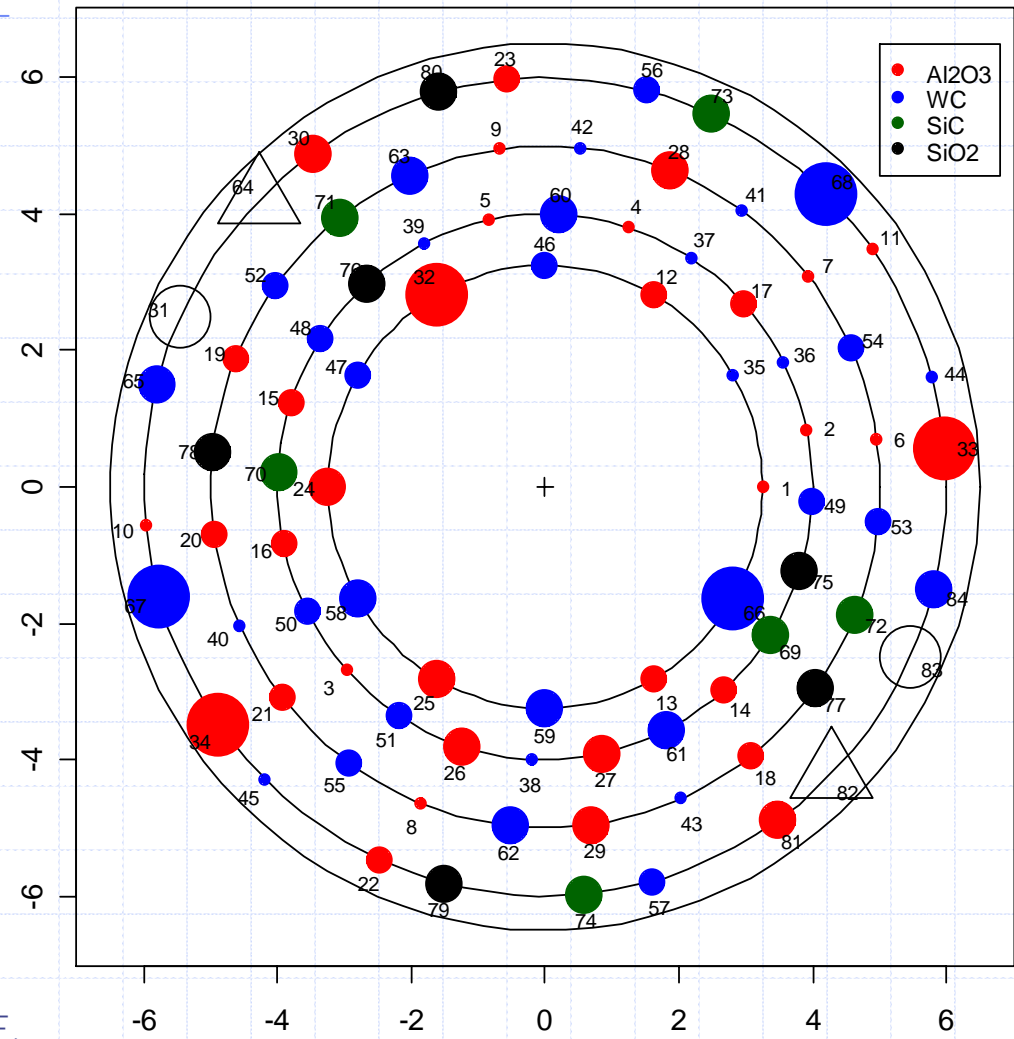


Al Klassen's Ray-tracing

All Rows Defects and Sound Paths

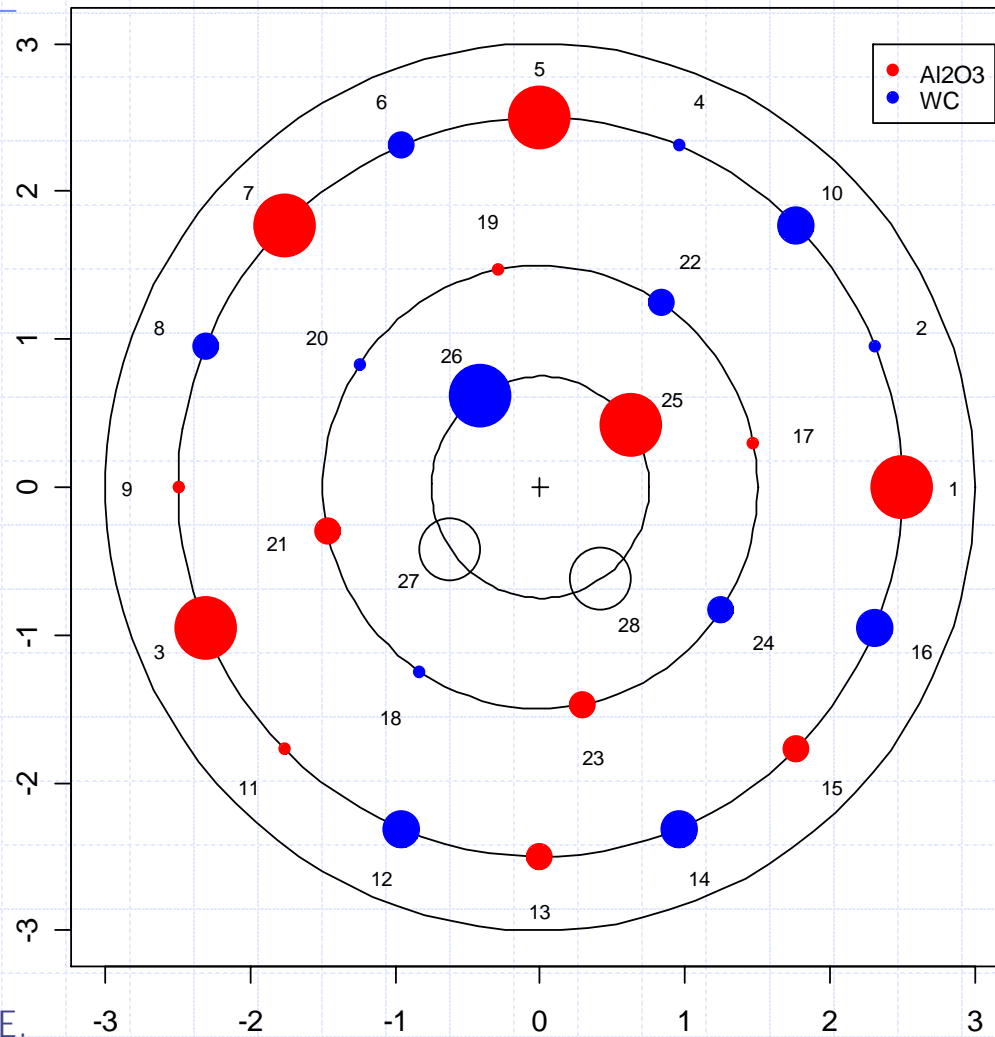


Designed Experiment – outer disk



Symbols are *NOT* to scale

Designed Experiment - inner disk



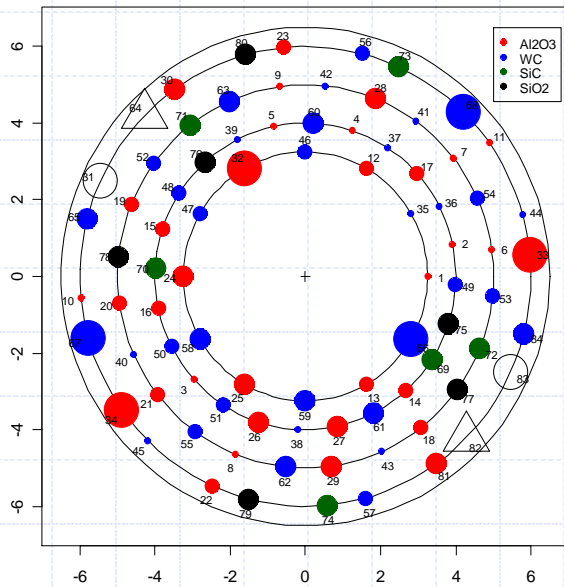
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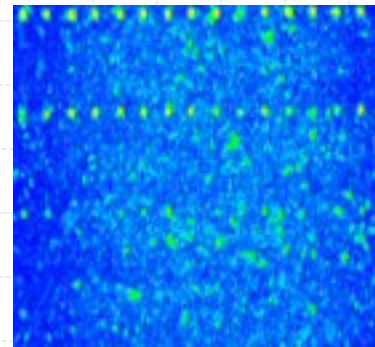
Review: TESI Specimen to POD Function

1) Design TESI Specimens

2) Build them

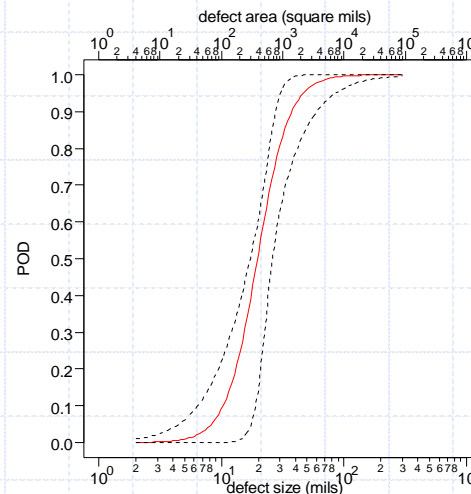


3) Exercise TESI system



4) Do the math and stats

$$\hat{a} = \beta_0 + g \left(\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \beta_i f_i(x_i) \right)$$



5) Build the POD function

6) Use it to compare systems



Things to Remember:

- ◆ *Any system's performance must be tested.*
- ◆ TESI is building a testing ensemble:
 - Hardware:
 - ◆ The 12½" dia and 6" dia DOX disks
 - ◆ The GEAE "DOE" test blocks
 - ◆ Other opportunities (e.g. SHA blocks – we hope)
 - Software:
 - ◆ Mathematical and statistical models based on interrogating constituents of the ensemble, statistically aggregating their responses, and leading to ...
 - ◆ POD models of system performance.



“Model-Assisted” means ...

... using mathematical models *of appropriate complexity* to augment what can be inferred from the raw data alone.

... recognizing the intermediate goal:

- Using wave mechanics to describe the entire waveform?
- Or describing the maximum amplitude at a location (voxel)?



Summary:

- ◆ TESI Goals in Model-Assisted POD are entirely consistent with those of the MAPODWG.
- ◆ We are pursuing models more statistical than physical, that nonetheless are firmly founded on physical principles.

