European-American Workshops on Reliability of NDE

- A series of workshops, starting in 1997 in Berlin, has been improving understanding of the sources and effects of different factors influencing POD
 Aerospace, Nuclear, and Off-shore industries in each continent have developed distinct POD determination approaches consistent with their unique needs
- Commonalities and differences influenced by the role that the resultant POD plays in life management
 4th workshop held in Berlin on June 24-26

- Next workshop is being planned by SwRI
 Information from the 4th Workshop follows
 - Agenda
 - Area identified as needing further discussion



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Tuesday, June 23, 2009

- Tutorial: Design of Experiments (DoE)
- Tutorial: Probability of Detection (POD) Basics
- Tutorial: Probability of Detection (POD) Advanced

Wednesday, June 24

- Keynote Presentations
- Statistical Tools for Inspection
- Applications in Industry I
- Applications in Industry II
- Break-out Session: Applications in Industry
- Break-out Session: Statistical Tools for Inspection
- Poster Evening



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Thursday, June 25

- Applications in Industry III
- Reliability of Structural Health Monitoring (SHM)
- Progress in Method for Reliability Model-Assisted Probability of Detection (MAPOD) I
- Human Factor I
- Human Factor II
- Progress in Methods for Reliability Model-Assisted Probability of Detection (MAPOD) II
- Progress in Methods for Reliability Model-Assisted Probability of Detection (MAPOD) III



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- Break-out Session: Human Factor
- Break-out Session: Progress in Methods for Reliability and MAPOD
- Break-out Session: Reliability of Structural Health Monitoring (SHM)
- Integrated Solutions I
- Integrated Solutions II
- Break-out Session: Integrated Solutions

Areas Identified in Need of Further Discussion: Empirical (4th European-US Workshop)

- Relative attributes
 - 29 out of 29, DOEPOD (NASA). hitmiss, ahat vs a,
 - E.g., efficiency, assumptions...
- Advanced statistical analysis techniques
 - Right censoring, left censoring, truncation
- Determining POD from finds
- Relationship of POR to POD
- Application to image-based data
- Interpreting repair and subsequent inspections
 Evolution of flaw population

Areas Identified in Need of Further Discussion: MAPOD (4th European-us Workshop)

- Combining empirical and model-based information
- Accuracy of resulting POD predictions
- Assessing dependence on multiple parameters
 Use of DOE to make practical
- Determining input distributions for stochastic calculations
- Role of coverage predictions
- Validation/calibration of MAPOD predictions
- Relative roles of model-assisted vs fully model-based POD determination
- Glossary of terms
- Description of use in training, certification, and testing of operators
- Relationship of accuracy of model and POD prediction
 - Validating models and metrics for model accuracy and POD uncertainty

Areas Identified in Need of Further Discussion: Both (4th European-US Workshop)

- Dealing with false calls
- Combining the results of independent inspections
- Assessing dependence on multiple parameters
 - Use of DOE to design practical tests

Some Future Directions

- New European Union research effort is being started to apply MAPOD ideas to aircraft engines
- A new study group is being initiated by IIW Commission V (NDT) on Reliability Including Simulation (Benoist). Possible activities include
 - Simulation
 - Guidelines for use and validation
 - International data bases in benchmarking
 - Reliability
 - Guidelines for determining POD
 - Guidelines for MAPOD approaches
 - Discussion of advanced concepts (mixing empirical and simulation data, multivariate effects, ...)