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IIW International group for extending and Exchanging
Welding knowledge

Publish Technical documents (Guidelines,
Handbook,...)

Create ISO Standards

15 Commissions, One dedicated to Quality Control
and NDT



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UT WG : Eric Sjerne (Canada):

Phased array Handbook;

Phased array calibration block,

Guided waves (LRUT) guidelines

XRay WG: Uwe Ewert (Germany) Recent developments
in standardisation of digital radiology for weld
inspection

Electromagnetic techniques WG: Gerd Dobmann
(Germany) Stress measurement



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New group : NDE reliability including simulation activities

1.Objectives for simulation:

- Guidelines for simulation use in NDT
(Continuation of the ENIQ document)**
- How to validate models ? (Guidelines)**
- International data basis and benchmarking**



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New group : NDE reliability including simulation activities,

2.Objectives for reliability:

- **Guidelines for POD assisted by Simulation : approach, extension of the existing approach in different area (importance of aeronautics, MAPOD)**
- **Have a frame to continue some new aspects in progress (Multi parameter, mixing empirical / simulated data,...)**



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The SISTAE project: Simulation and Statistics for Non Destructive Evaluation



Evaluation of POD Curves Based on Simulation Results

Background

- **Inspection reliability:** one of the key issues in ensuring safety of critical structural components
- Increasing use of probabilistic approaches based on statistical criteria such as **POD curves** and **PFA**s
- Are currently obtained thru **expensive and time consuming** experimental campaigns

Objective

- To replace some of the experimental data with **simulation results** such as those obtained with the software CIVA

Evaluation of POD Curves Based on Simulation Results

Factors affecting the probe signal response due to a flaw:

- NDI system (transducer, scan plan, electronic device)
- Part (geometry, material properties, surface roughness)
- Flaw (size, shape, orientation, position)

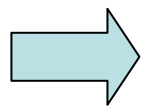
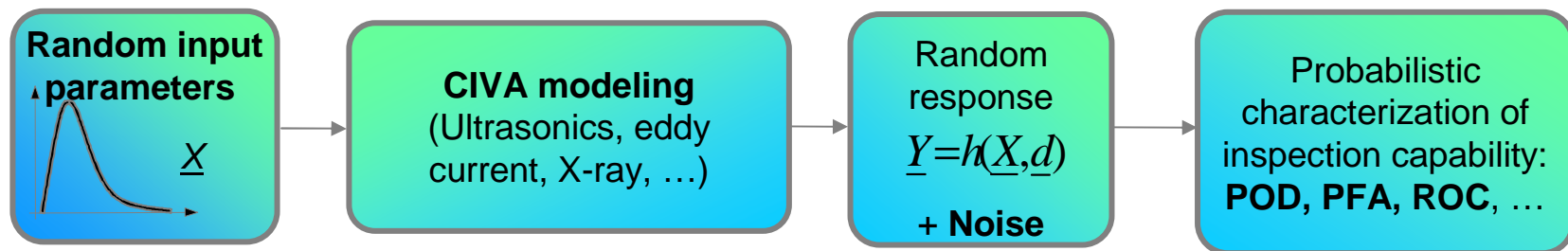
These factors are either deterministic or random in the simulation

Examples of random factors:

- Detail of metallurgical microstructure: structural noise, beam distortions
- Flaw morphology: for a fixed size, various parameters such as shape, orientation, position, elastic properties, and conductivity can vary in a random manner
- Lift-off variations and/or probe orientation during a manual inspection using an eddy current pencil probe

Modeling POD in CIVA: a general approach

1. Definition of the inspection setup using the CIVA graphical user interface
2. Description of uncertainties on a set of input parameters
3. Propagation of uncertainty and computation of noise using CIVA models
4. Evaluation of probabilistic criteria such as the POD, PFA, ROC...



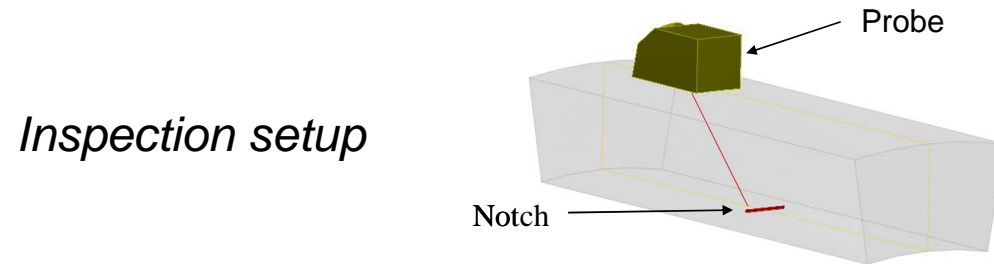
A global methodology for the quantification of uncertainties by a CIVA model-based approach

Estimation of the POD curve using a functional form

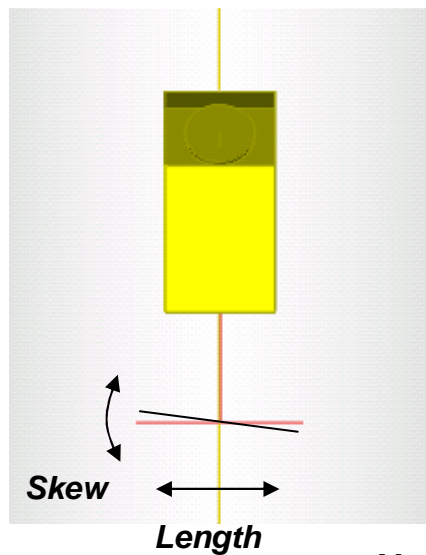
- POD curves relate the detectability of a flaw to its size (or to another geometrical characteristic)
- Usual approach consist in:
 - assuming a functional form for the POD curve
 - estimating the parameters of the function from the inspection results
 - estimating the associated confidence bound

<i>Berens</i>	{	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hit/miss data format: <i>Log-odds function</i> 	$POD(a) = \left\{ 1 + \exp\left(-\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{\ln a - \mu}{\sigma} \right) \right) \right\}^{-1}$
<i>Cheng</i>	{	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signal response data format: <i>Cumulative log-normal distribution function</i> 	$POD(a) = \Phi\left[(\ln a - \mu) / \sigma \right]$
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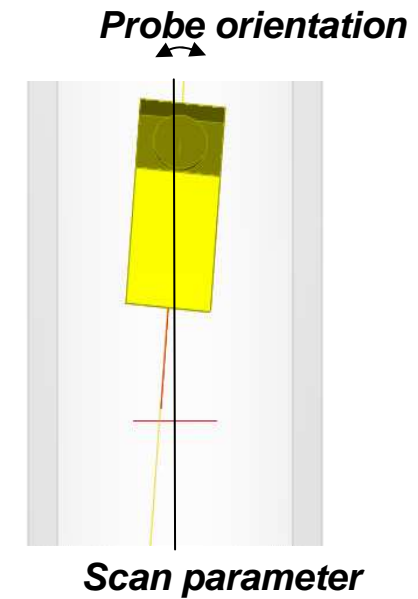
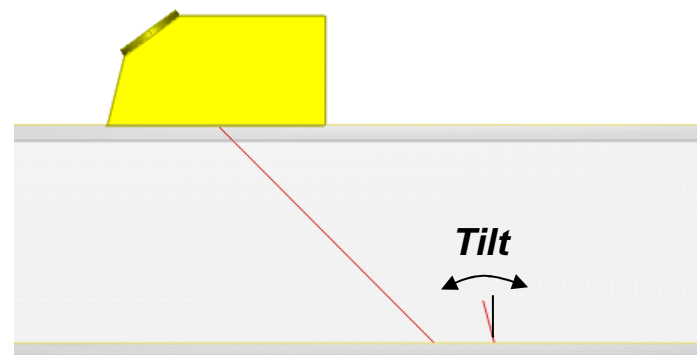
Application case: UT inspection of a tube section containing back wall breaking notches



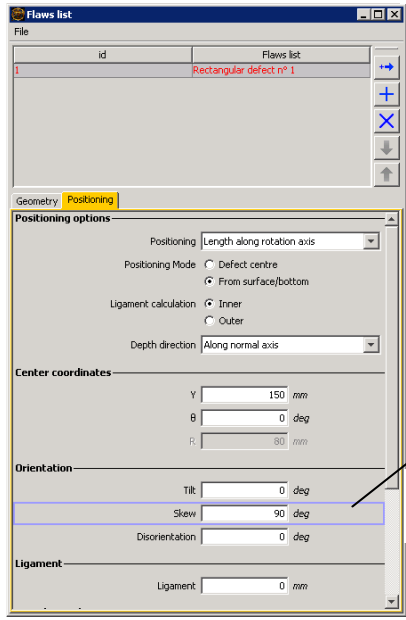
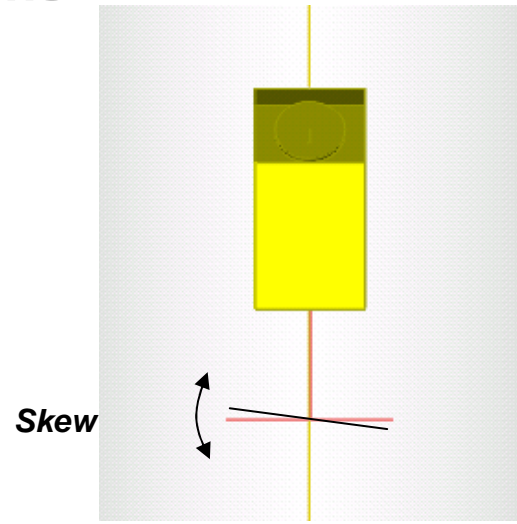
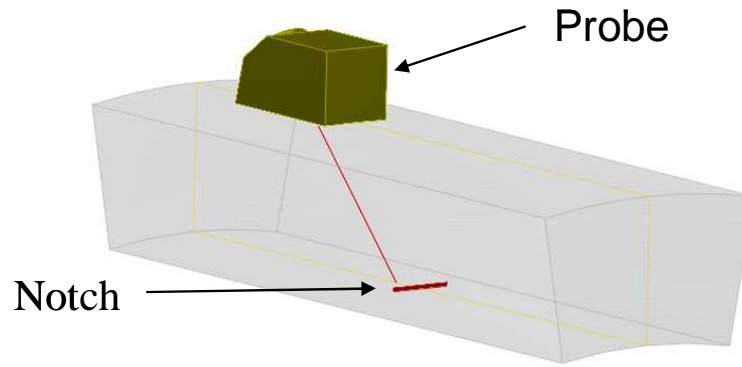
Definition of uncertain parameters



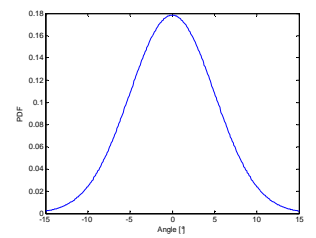
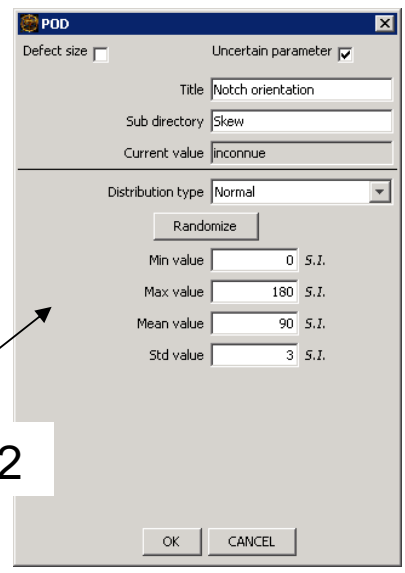
Notch parameters



Modeling uncertainty sources using statistical distributions



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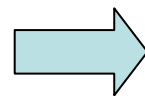
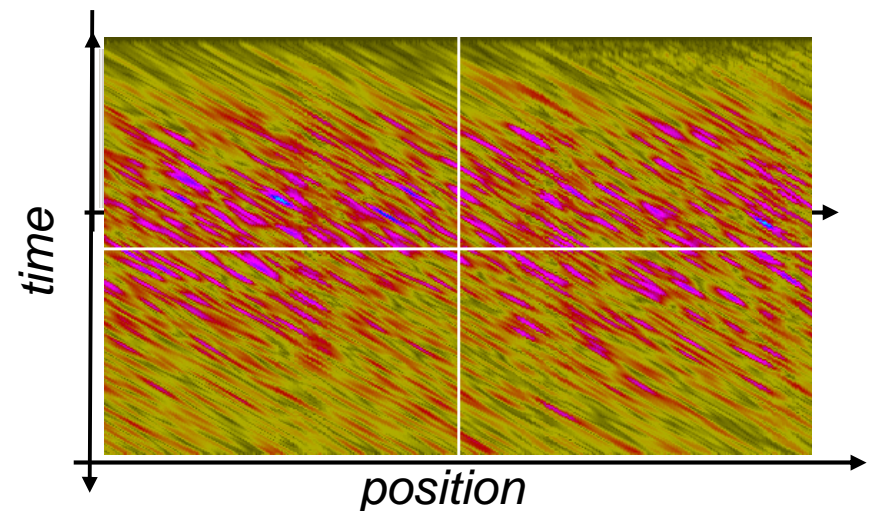
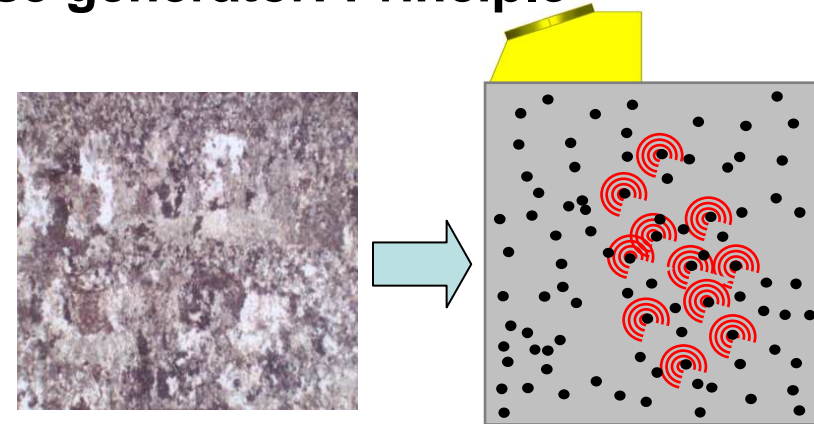
Statistical distribution

- Parametric distributions:**
- Uniform
 - Normal
 - Log-normal
 - Rayleigh
 - Exponential
 - ...

Modeling complex noise sources using specific algorithms

The ultrasonic grain noise generator: Principle

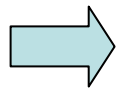
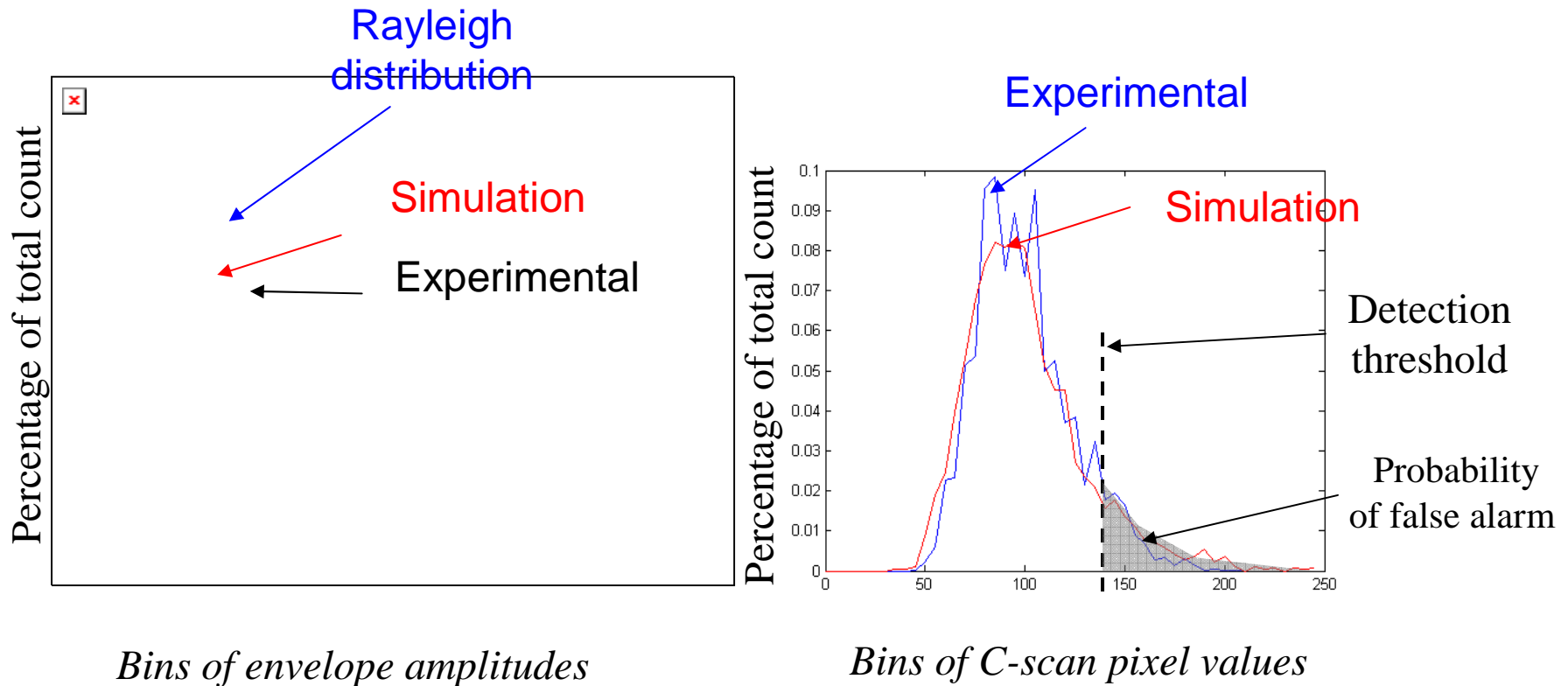
- Synthetic microstructure: The polycrystalline structure is modeled as a set of randomly positioned scatterers. The scatterer density ρ is fixed by the user.
- A reflectivity is associated to each scatterer according to a zero mean Gaussian distribution. The standard-deviation σ characterizing the strength of scatterers is fixed thru the GUI.
- For each scanning position, the backscattered signal results from the super-imposition of signals coming from ideal back-scatterers in the medium.



Space and time coherence properties are well reproduced

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The ultrasonic grain noise generator: statistical properties and Probability of False Alarm (PFA)

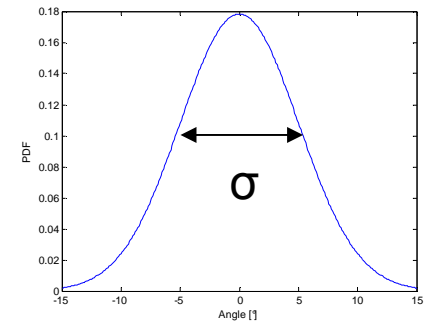


Good prediction of the statistical properties of C-scan pixel values
Important to predict the PFA and an adequate detection threshold

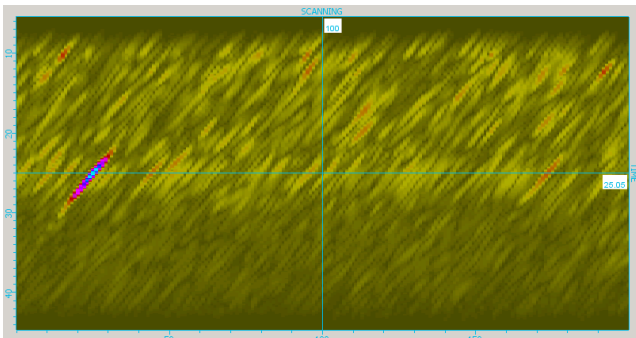
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Definition of the statistical distributions defining the uncertain parameters

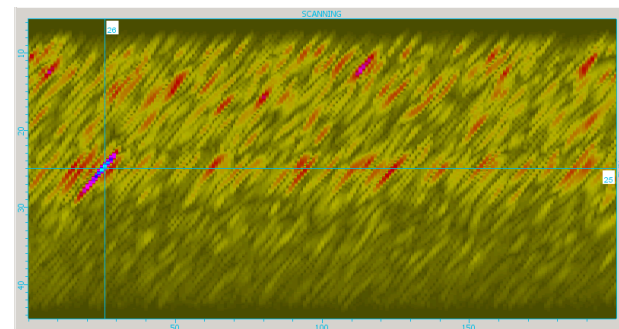
Notch tilt }
Notch skew } Normal distribution, $\sigma = 1^\circ$
Probe orientation }
Notch length } Normal distribution, $\sigma = 3 \text{ mm}$



Selection of two different noise levels



$\sigma=125$ $\rho=0.1 \text{ mm}^{-3}$
SNR=14 dB



$\sigma=250$ $\rho=0.1 \text{ mm}^{-3}$
SNR=8 dB

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\hat{a} vs. a analysis (signal response data format)

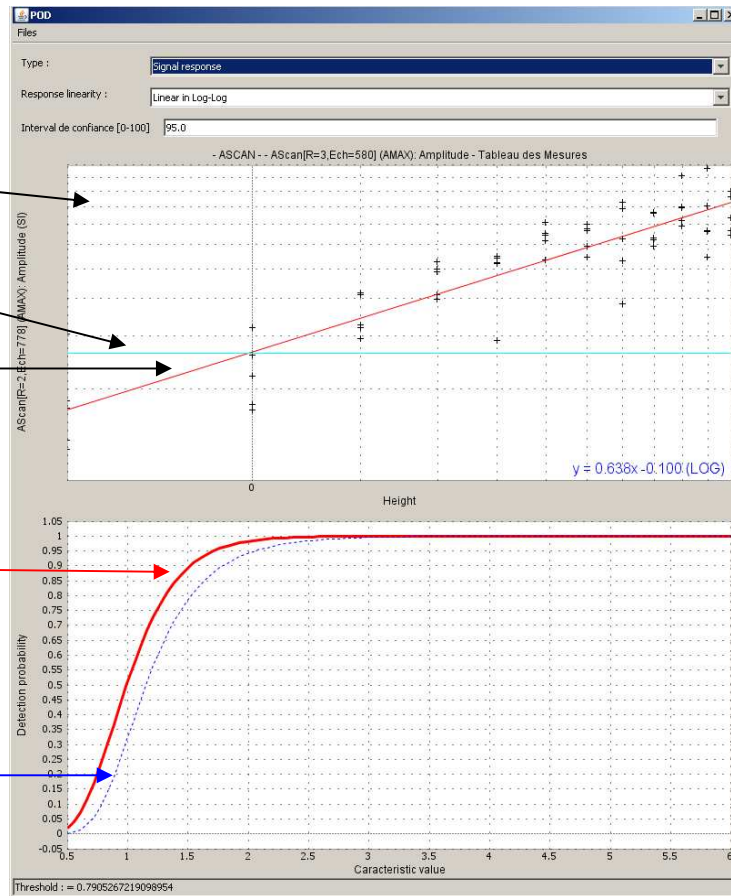
\hat{a} vs. a plot

Threshold

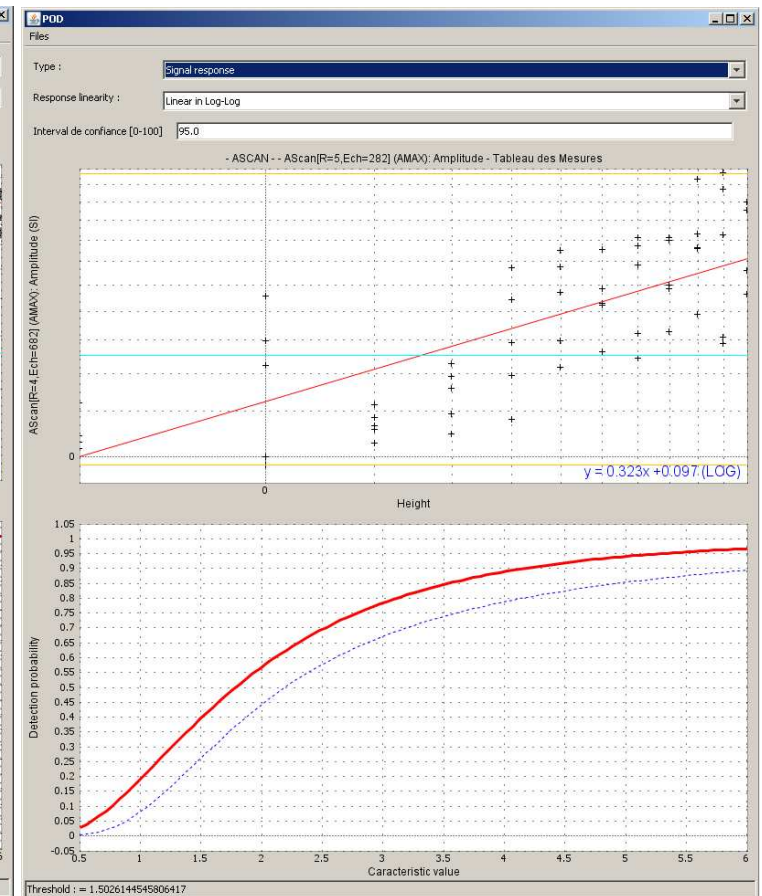
Linear assumption

POD

95% lower confidence bound



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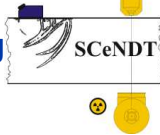
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structure through Simulation Supported POD*

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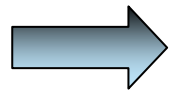
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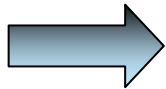


WHY PICASSO ?

- **In the context of aging engines and increase of air traffic in next 20 years, it is crucial to have a reliable predictive maintenance to**



Minimize unscheduled maintenance operations on engines which are cost and time consuming



Increase accuracy of damage tolerance analysis and consequently **the level of safety**

▶ Main impacts of the project :



Improve the answer to FAA/EASA damage tolerance requirement with higher knowledge and accuracy on NDT inspection PODs

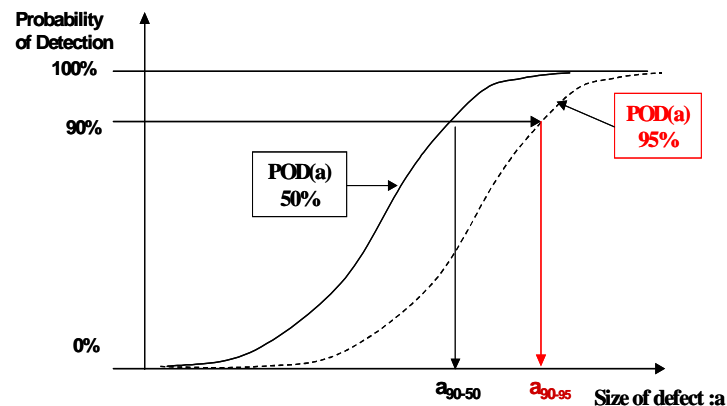


Savings in costs concerning aircraft maintenance and engine development
(avoidance of the manufacturing of expensive samples with defects)

Objectives



« simulation supported POD curves based on NDT simulation in addition to existing experimental data base »

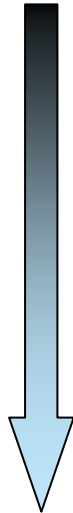


- Eddy Current
- Ultrasonic Testing
- Xray

Objectives (1/2)



Complete experimental NDT inspections by simulated NDT inspections



More representative samples population for POD campaign – enhancing the accuracy of the POD samples and increasing their numbers thanks to simulation techniques

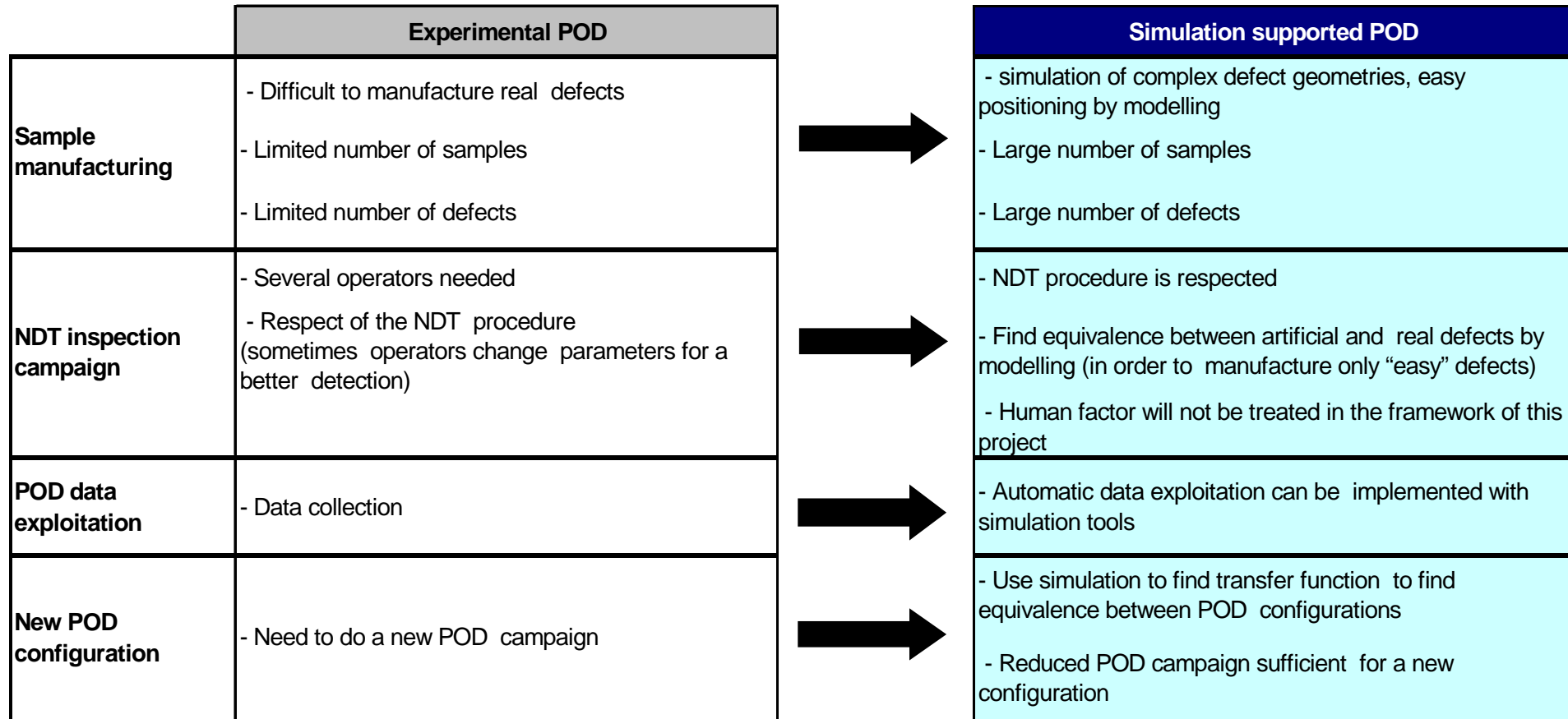


Delta POD approach – limiting the need of a new POD campaign for similar part or inspection configurations



Increase the accuracy and overcome cost issue of a Probability of Detection campaign with Non Destructive Testing simulation techniques.

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ENIQ : European Network for Inspection Qualification

Qualification in the nuclear area :

For procedure's Qualification Experimental : open experimental trial + Technical justification including Modelling.

Up to now , very deterministic approach;

Evolution to technical justification including Simulation Assisted POD approach...