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Master Thesis

Literature review

A comprehensive review of the probability of detection approach: Standards, applications, and emerging trends

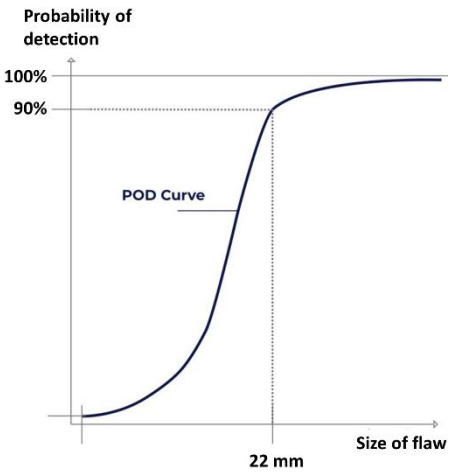
Keywords: probability of detection, performance evaluation, reliability assessment

Conditions:

Duration:	6 months
Requirements:	Familiarity with probability and statistics, Basic research and academic writing skills
Language:	English
Target group:	Master students

Contents:

The probability of detection (POD) approach is a statistical tool used to evaluate the performance and reliability of diagnostic procedures. This approach quantifies how likely a detection system is to successfully identify a target by calculating the probability that the target is correctly recognized by the system, considering the inherent variability and uncertainty associated with the detection process. This helps assess the effectiveness of the detection system and allows for informed decisions about improving detection sensitivity, and ensuring reliable performance. The POD approach was initially developed to evaluate nondestructive testing (NDT) methods. Probability of detection-based evaluation results in a curve referred to as the POD curve. In NDT field, the POD curve illustrates the probability of detecting a flaw as a function of its size. The figure displays an example of such a curve.



Example of a POD curve

The POD approach has applications in various fields. It is used in aerospace industry to evaluate techniques for detecting structural damages. In the manufacturing sector, POD is employed to ensure quality by assessing methodologies for detecting defects in products before they reach consumers. This approach is also gaining interest in other domains where it was previously less commonly applied, such as structural health monitoring field and nuclear industry.

A comprehensive review on the POD approach helps facilitate its advancement and ensures its effective application. This review would shed light on its strengths, while also exploring its limitations. Examining the standardized methods for calculating POD and its diverse applications across fields would provide valuable insights. Ultimately, such a review would promote best practices for POD implementation, ensuring reliable detection systems and improved safety.

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The goals of this work are:

- Studying existing standards and methodologies for the POD approach to identify strengths and weaknesses
- Examining how the POD approach is applied across different fields and what criteria are considered for performance evaluation
- Determining any gaps or limitations in current POD techniques
- Identifying future directions and emerging applications of the POD analysis
- Complete and detailed documentation/presentation of the research results

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