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# ACCURACY, UNCERTAINTY, PROBABILITY OF DETECTION

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# CONTENT

What is measurement accuracy?

What is measurement  
uncertainty?

How to quantify it?

What is Probability of Detection?

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# ACCURACY

# MEASUREMENT AND MEASURAND

**Measurement:** An experimental process that produces a value that can reasonably be attributed to a quantitative property

**Measurand:** Property that is the object of measurement. It has a numerical **magnitude** and a **reference** that gives meaning to that numerical magnitude.

## **Example:**

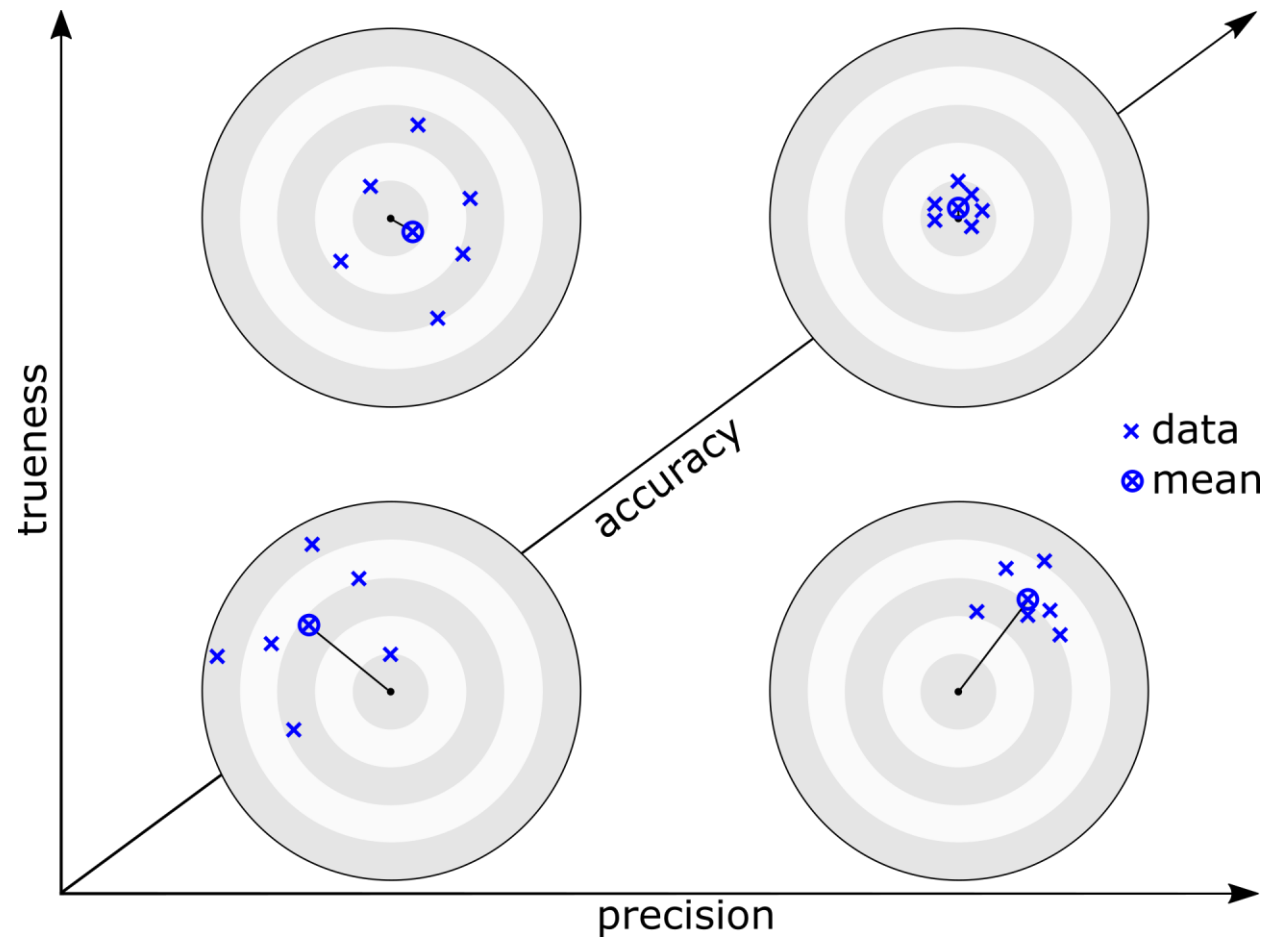
**Measurement:** Determining the mass of a sample by putting it on a balance and reading the indicated value from the scale, including all required preparation and calibration procedures.

**Measurand:** Value read from the scale

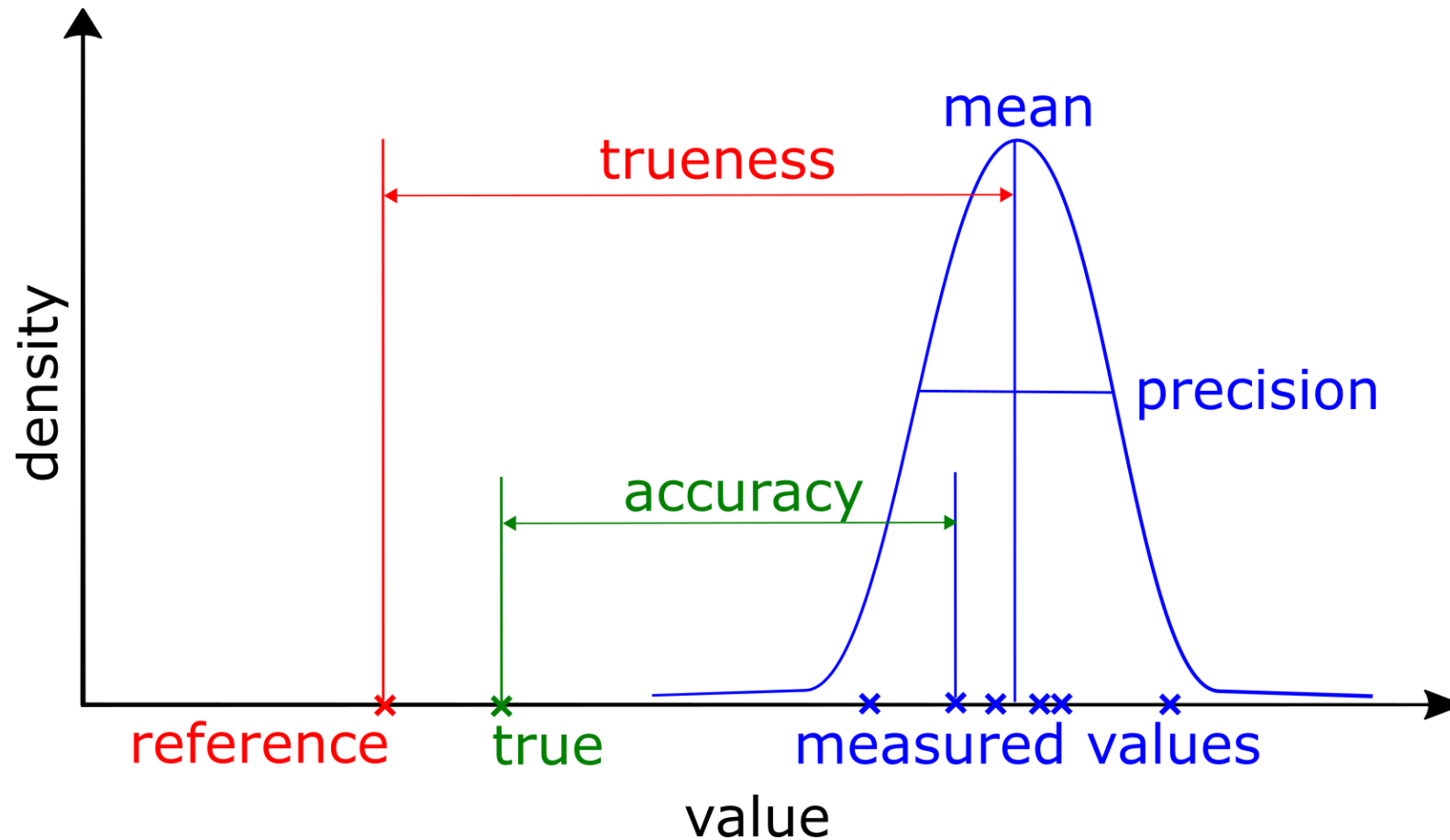
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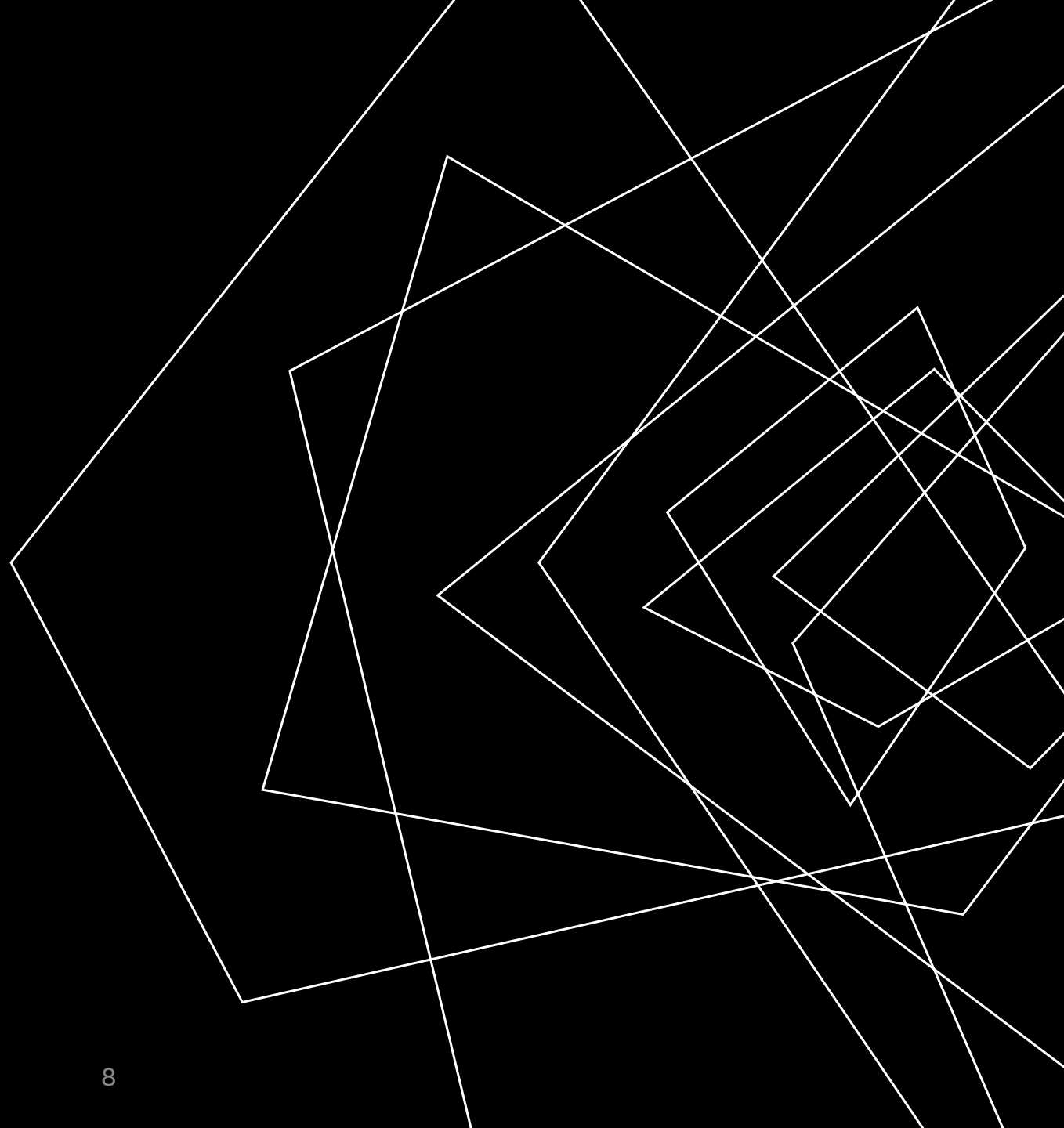
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# UNCERTAINTY





# UNCERTAINTY

GUM: **measurement uncertainty**: a "parameter, associated with the result of a measurement, that characterizes the dispersion of the values that could reasonably be attributed to the measurand".

VIM: a "non-negative parameter characterizing the dispersion of the quantity values being attributed to a measurand, based on the information used".

VIM: "International Vocabulary of Metrology",  
<https://jcgmbipm.org/vim/en/1.4.html>

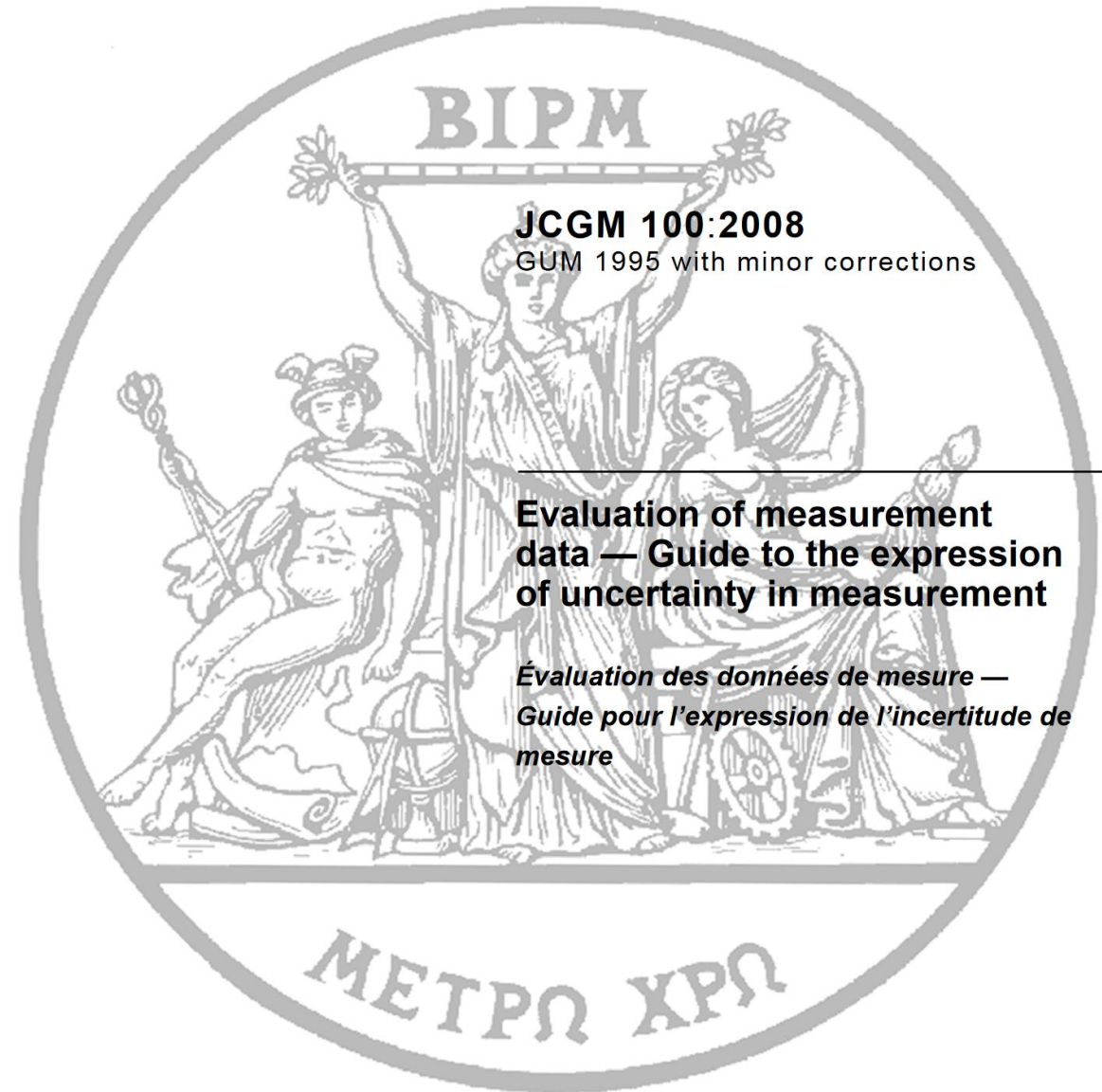
GUM?

# UNCERTAINTY

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# GUM: INTRODUCTION

0.1 “When reporting the result of a measurement of a physical quantity, it is obligatory that **some quantitative indication of the quality of the result** be given so that those who use it can **assess its reliability**.

Without such an indication, measurement results cannot be compared, either among themselves or with reference values given in a specification or standard. It is therefore necessary that there be a readily implemented, easily understood, and generally accepted procedure for characterizing the quality of a result of a measurement, that is, for evaluating and expressing its *uncertainty*.”

# GUM: INTRODUCTION

0.2 “The concept of uncertainty as a quantifiable attribute is relatively new in the history of measurement, although **error and error analysis** have long been a part of the practice of measurement science or metrology. It is now widely recognized that, when all of the known or suspected components of error have been evaluated and the appropriate corrections have been applied, there **still remains an uncertainty about the correctness of the stated result**, that is, a doubt about how well the result of the measurement represents the value of the quantity being measured.”

# GUM: INTRODUCTION

0.3, 0.4

“.. it is imperative that the method for evaluating and expressing uncertainty be uniform throughout the world so that measurements performed in different countries can be easily compared.”

“The **ideal method** for evaluating and expressing the uncertainty ... should be **universal**: the method should be applicable to all kinds of measurements and to all types of input data ... “  
fraction of the distribution of values

# GUM: MODELING

A measurand  $Y$  is in most cases determined by  $N$  other quantities  $X_i$  :

$$Y_i = f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N)$$

Note: the  $X_i$  may depend themselves of many other quantities

Note: the  $X_i$  may be categorized as

- Quantities, whose values and uncertainties are directly determined in the current measurement (single or repeated observations, judgement based on experience, corrections, ...)
- Quantities, whose values and uncertainties are brought in from external sources (data from handbooks, certified reference materials, calibrated measurement standards)

# GUM: MODELING

An output estimate  $y$  of measurand  $Y$  is obtained by input estimates  $x_i$  :

$$y = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

The estimated standard deviation associated with the output estimate or measurement result  $y$ , termed **combined standard uncertainty**  $u_c(y)$ , is determined from the estimated standard deviation associated with each input estimate  $x_i$ , termed standard uncertainty  $u(x_i)$ .

# GUM: EVALUATION OF UNCERTAINTY

Each input estimate  $x_i$  and its standard uncertainty  $u(x_i)$  are determined by a distribution of possible values of the input quantity  $X_i$

The probability distribution may be

- frequency based (based on a series of observations  $X_{i,k}$  of  $X_i$  ), requiring a Type A evaluation
- An a priori distribution, requiring a type B evaluation



# GUM: TYPE A EVALUATION (SIMPLIFIED)

The best estimate of the experimental variance of the mean is given by:

$$s^2(\bar{X}_i) = \frac{s^2(X_{i,k})}{n}$$

This (or the corresponding experimental standard deviation of the mean) quantify how well the mean estimates the expected value of  $X_i$ . Both can be used as a measure of the uncertainty  $u^2(x_i)$  resp.  $u(x_i)$  (“Type A variance” resp. “Type A standard uncertainty”).

Variance: more fundamental quantity

Standard Deviation: Easier to use as same unit as the variable.

# GUM: TYPE A EVALUATION (SIMPLIFIED)

In most cases the best available estimate for a randomly varying quantity  $X_i$  is the arithmetic mean (average) of  $n$  observations:

$$\bar{X}_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n X_{i,k}$$

The variance due to random effects is calculated by:

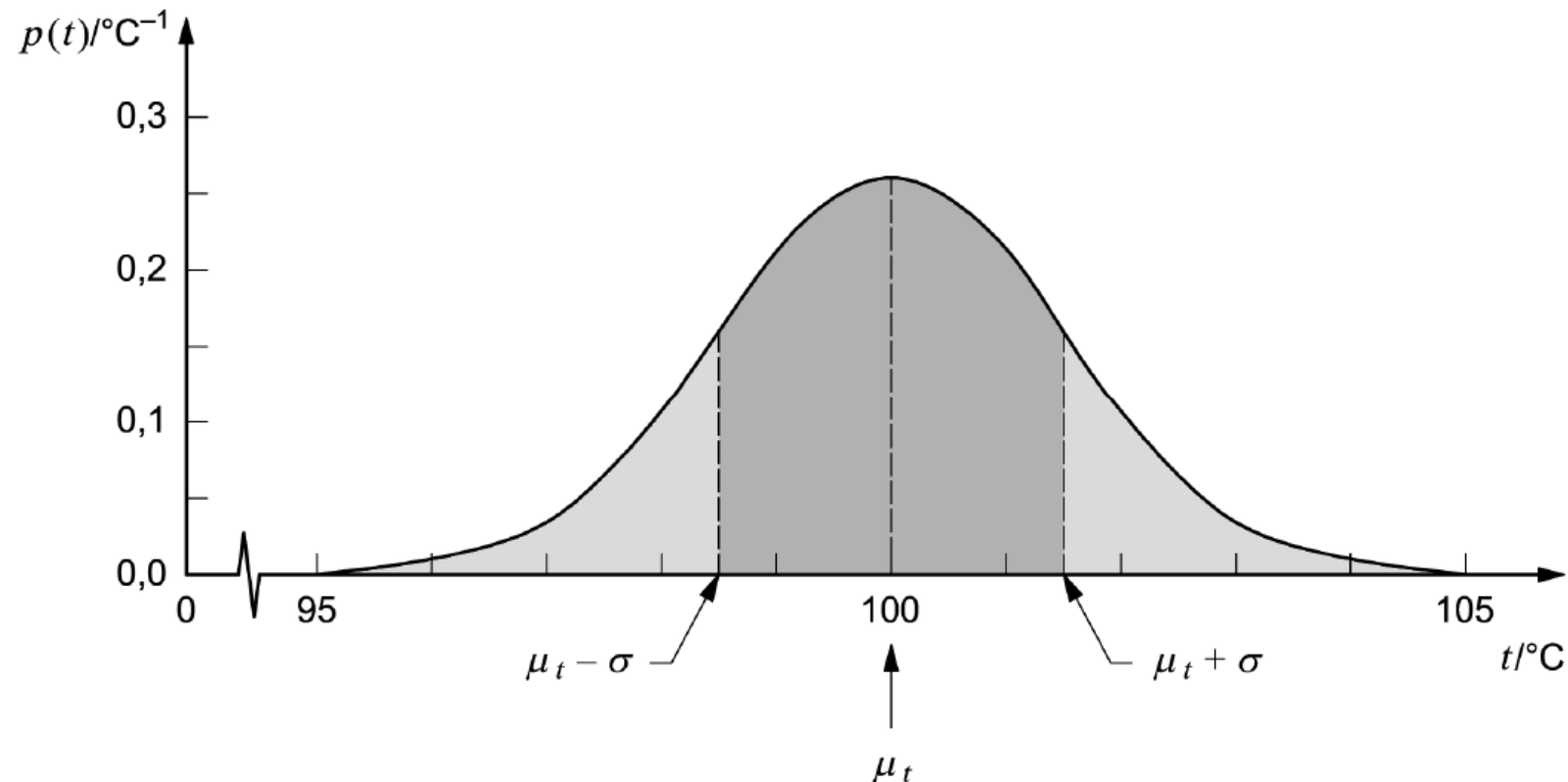
$$s^2(\bar{X}_i) = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^n (X_{i,k} - \bar{X}_i)^2$$

The estimated variance  $s^2$  and its square root, the experimental standard deviation  $s$ , characterise the dispersion of values around their mean.

# GUM: TYPE A EVALUATION (SIMPLIFIED)

Example:

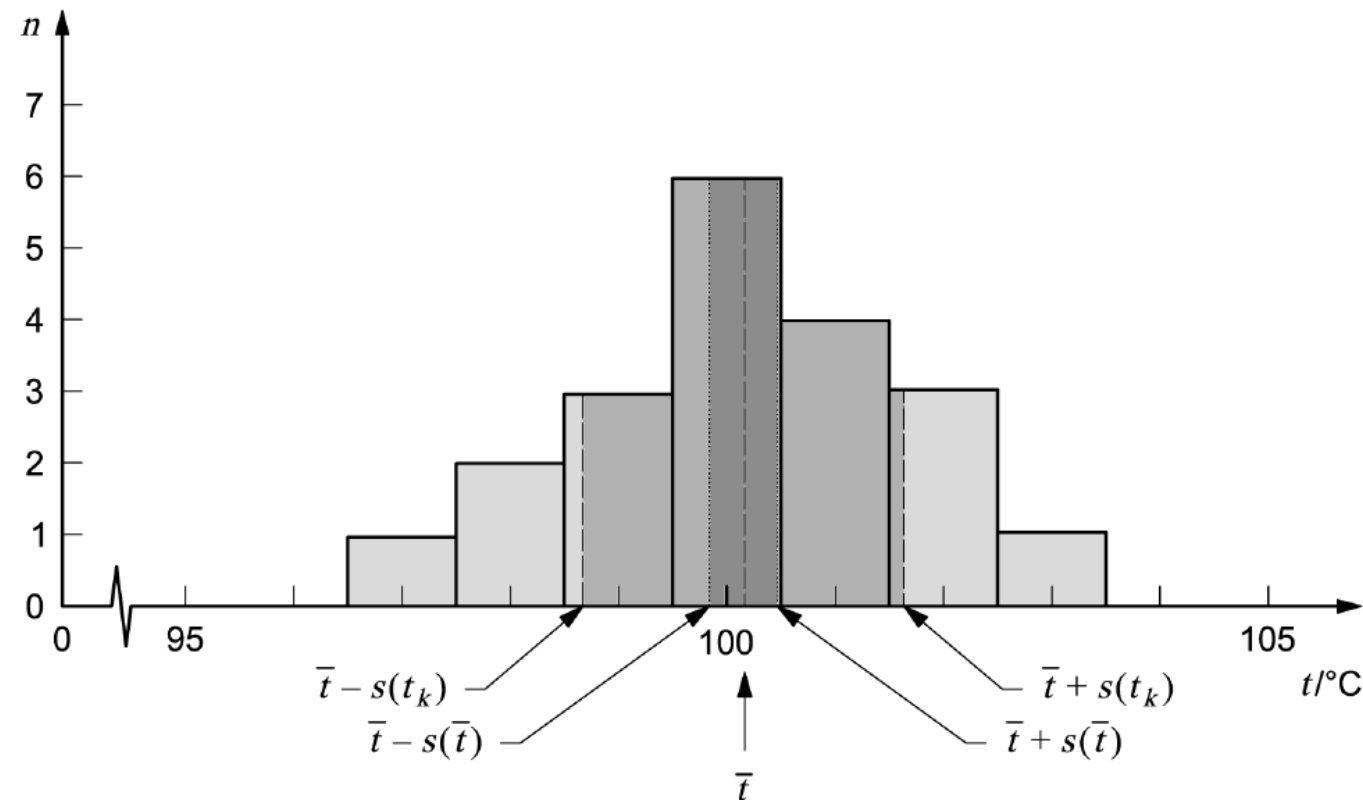
1) Physics/Math: Normal distribution (“the perfect world”)



# GUM: TYPE A EVALUATION (SIMPLIFIED)

Example:

2) Reality: some discrete values measured



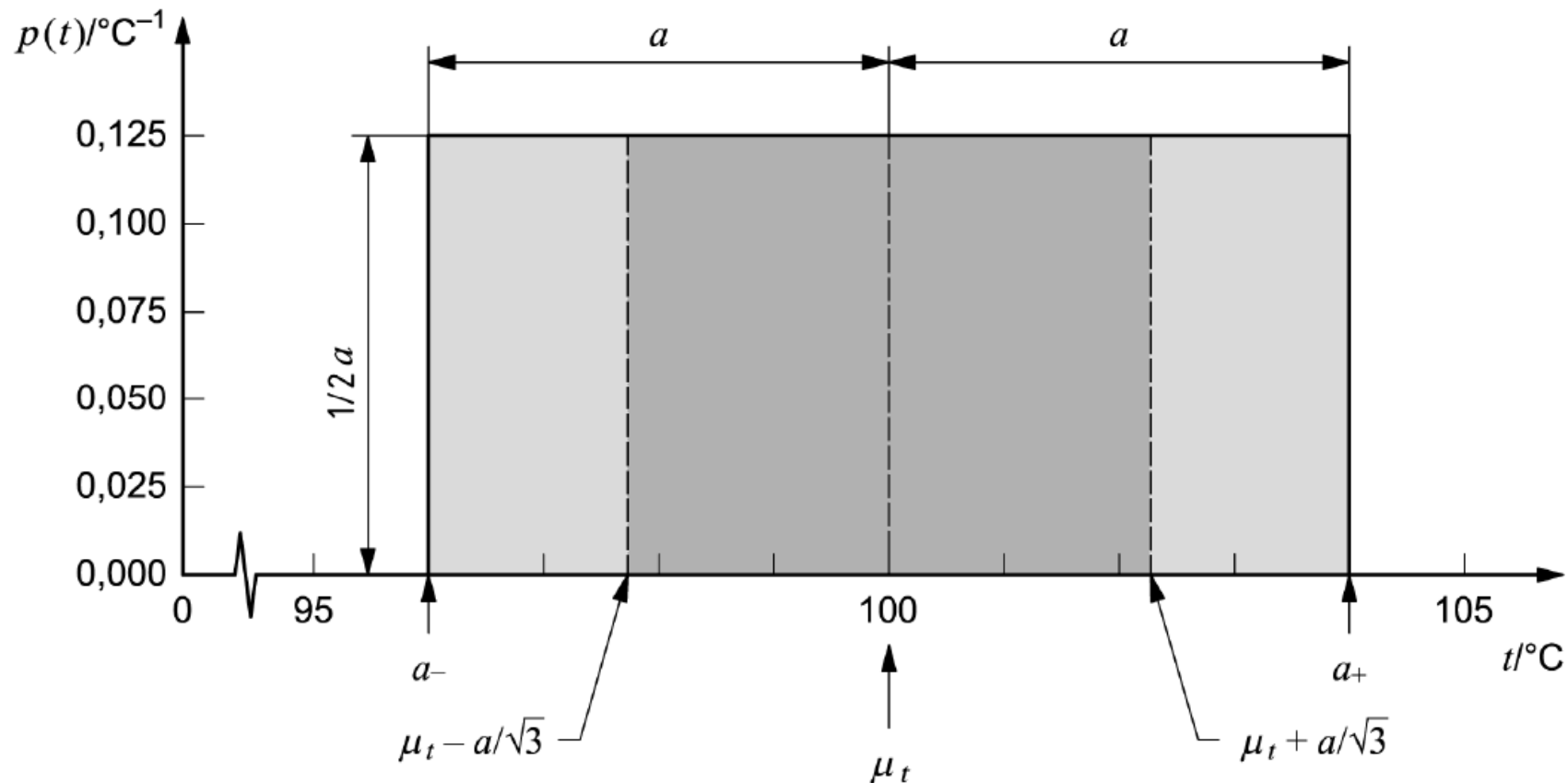
# GUM: TYPE B EVALUATION (SIMPLIFIED)

For quantities not obtained by repeated observations,  
“Type B variance/standard deviation” (and thus uncertainty)  
are evaluated by scientific judgement.  
Information may include:

- previous measurement data;
- experience with or general knowledge of the behaviour and properties of relevant materials and instruments;
- manufacturer's specifications;
- data provided in calibration and other certificates;
- uncertainties assigned to reference data taken from handbooks.

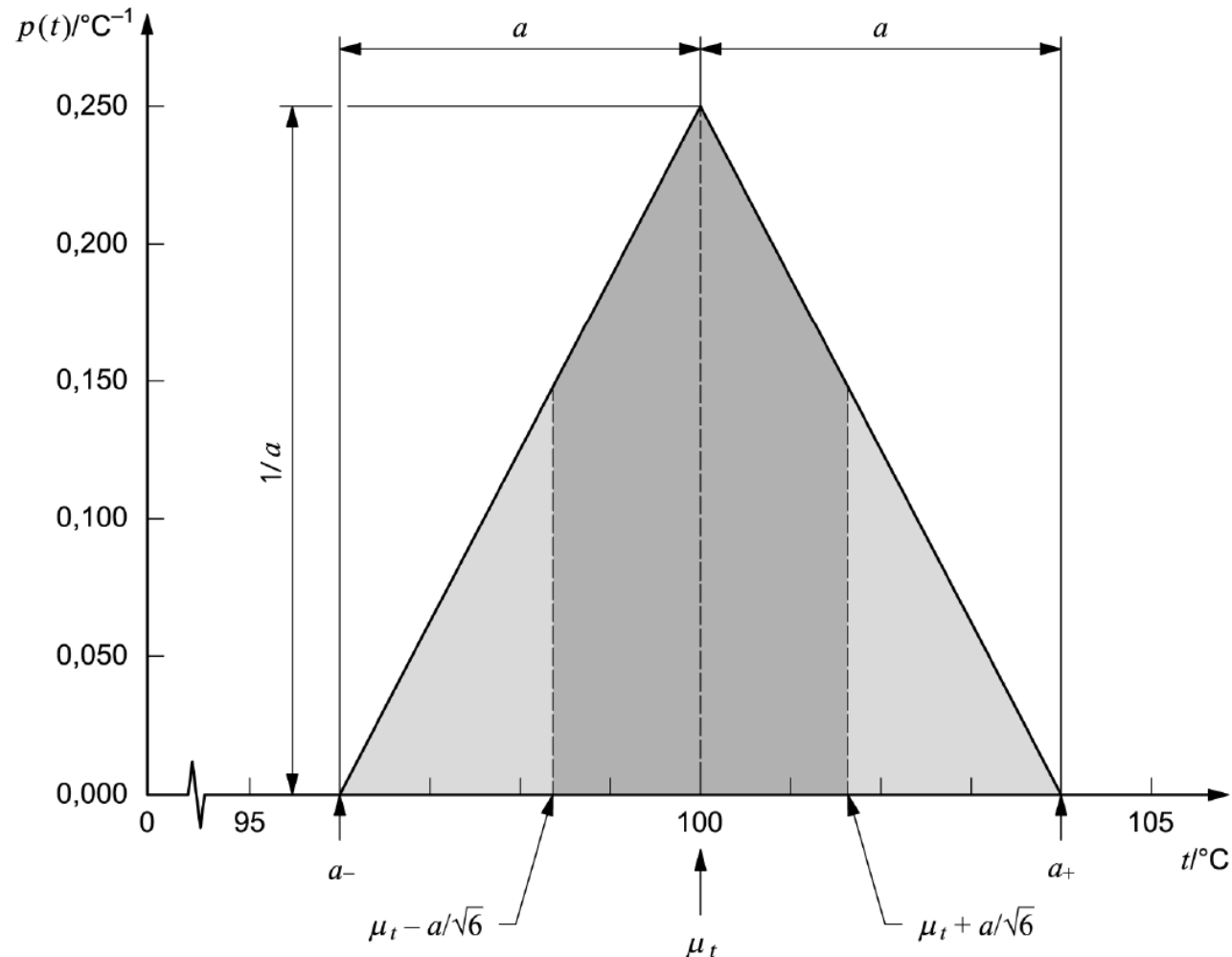
# GUM: TYPE B EVALUATION (SIMPLIFIED)

In many cases a rectangular distribution is assumed:



# GUM: TYPE B EVALUATION (SIMPLIFIED)

More realistic: triangular or trapezoidal distributions:



# GUM: COMBINED STANDARD UNCERTAINTY

**Case 1: all input quantities independent (uncorrelated)**

Combining all standard uncertainties of the input estimates  $x_i$ :

$$u_c^2(y) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 u^2(x_i)$$

Why the derivatives? Sensitivity coefficients!



# GUM: COMBINED STANDARD UNCERTAINTY

## Case 2: correlated input quantities (interdependent

Combining all standard uncertainties of the input estimates by using the estimated covariance  $u(x_i, x_j)$ :

$$u_c^2(y) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} u(x_i, x_j)$$

# GUM: SUMMARY (OF PROCEDURE)

- 1) Express mathematically the relationship between the measurand  $Y$  and the input quantities  $X_i$  on which  $Y$  depends:  $Y = f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N)$   
The function  $f$  should contain every quantity, including all corrections and correction factors, that can contribute a significant component of uncertainty to the result of the measurement
- 2) Determine  $x_i$ , the estimated value of input quantity  $X_i$ , either on the basis of the statistical analysis of series of observations or by other means.

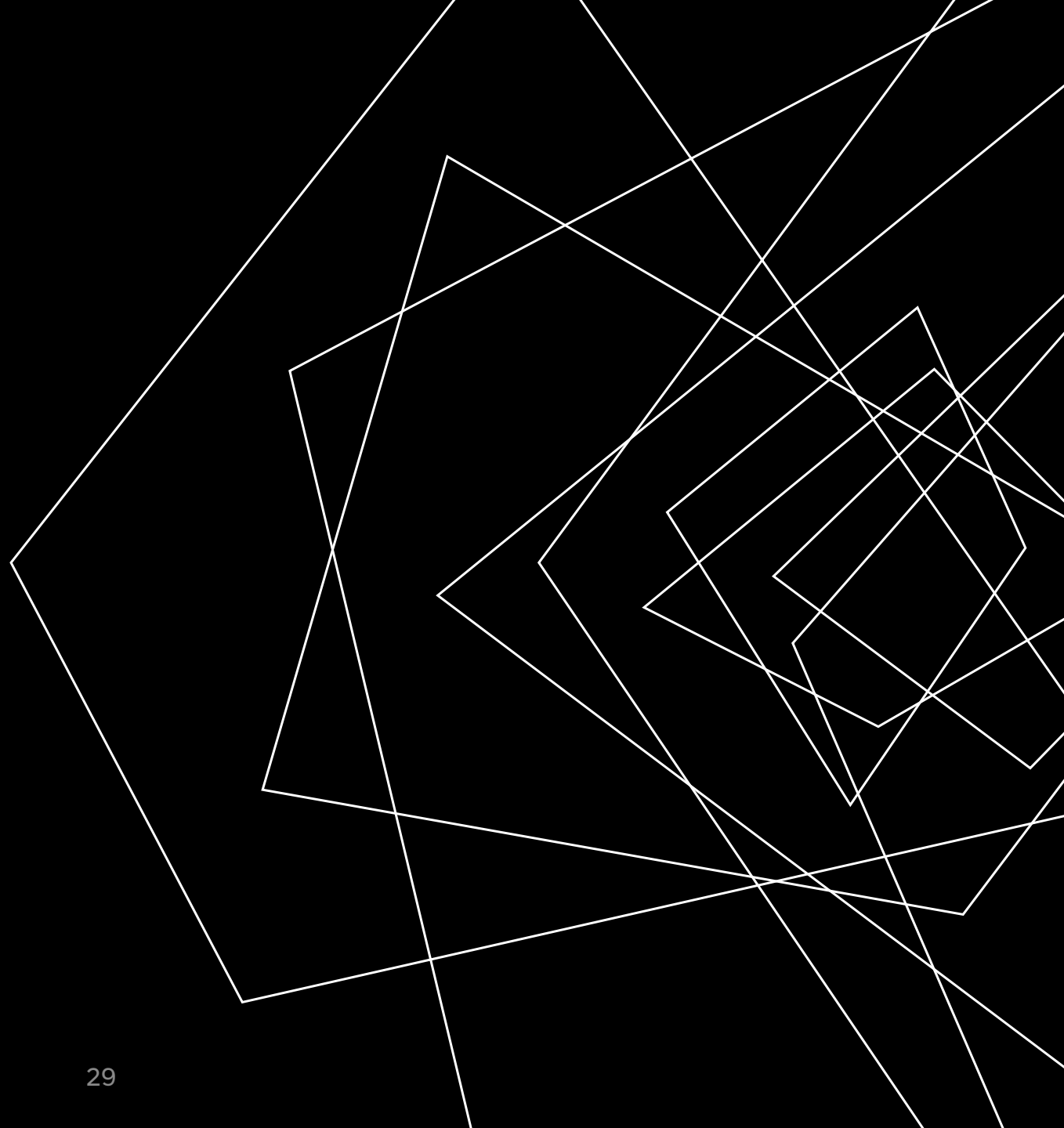
# GUM: SUMMARY (OF PROCEDURE)

- 3) Evaluate the standard uncertainty  $u(x_i)$  of each input estimate  $x_i$ .
  - For an input estimate obtained from the statistical analysis of series of observations, the standard uncertainty is evaluated by a type A evaluation
  - For an input estimate obtained by other means, the standard uncertainty  $u(x_i)$  is evaluated by a type B evaluation.
- 4) Evaluate the covariances associated with any input estimates that are correlated (see 5.2)
- 5) Calculate the result of the measurement, that is, the estimate  $y$  of the measurand  $Y$ , from the functional relationship  $f$  using for the input quantities  $X_i$  the estimates  $x_i$  obtained in step 2.

# GUM: SUMMARY (OF PROCEDURE)

- 6) Determine the combined standard uncertainty  $u_c(y)$  of the measurement result  $y$  from the standard uncertainties and covariances associated with the input estimates
- 7) If it is necessary to give an expanded uncertainty  $U$ , whose purpose is to provide an interval  $y - U$  to  $y + U$ , multiply the combined standard uncertainty  $u_c(y)$  by a coverage factor  $k$ , typically in the range 2 to 3, to obtain  $U = k u_c(y)$ .
- 8) Report the result of the measurement  $y$  together with its combined standard uncertainty  $u_c(y)$  or expanded uncertainty  $U$ . Describe how  $y$  and  $u_c(y)$  or  $U$  were obtained.

# EXAMPLE FOR UNCERTAINTY EVALUATION



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# ON THE ACCURACY OF TENDON LOCALIZATION IN CONCRETE USING ULTRASOUND

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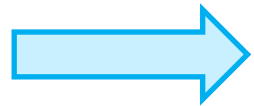
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# Why bother?

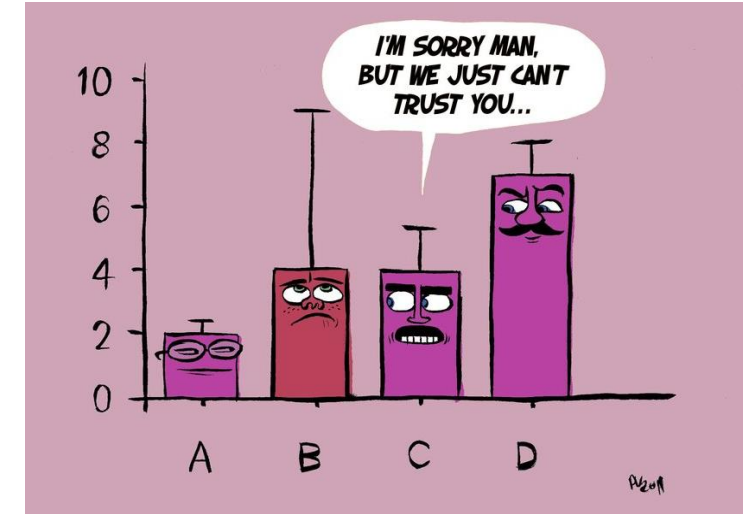
„The basis for decisions are the information available about the considered system.“

Information can be

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{true} \\ \text{biased} \end{matrix} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{precise} \\ \text{imprecise} \end{matrix} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{comparable} \\ \text{incomparable} \end{matrix} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{relevant} \\ \text{irrelevant} \end{matrix} \right\}.$$



*The condition of measured information must be known, especially when it is to be used in safety-relevant calculations!*



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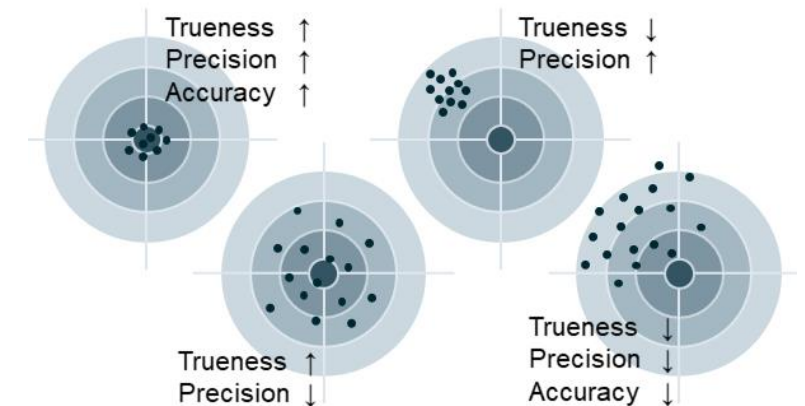


Fig. acc. to e.g. M. Krystek, Calculating measurement uncertainties, Beuth, 2016 & W. Hässelbarth, EUROLAB Technical Report No. 1/2006



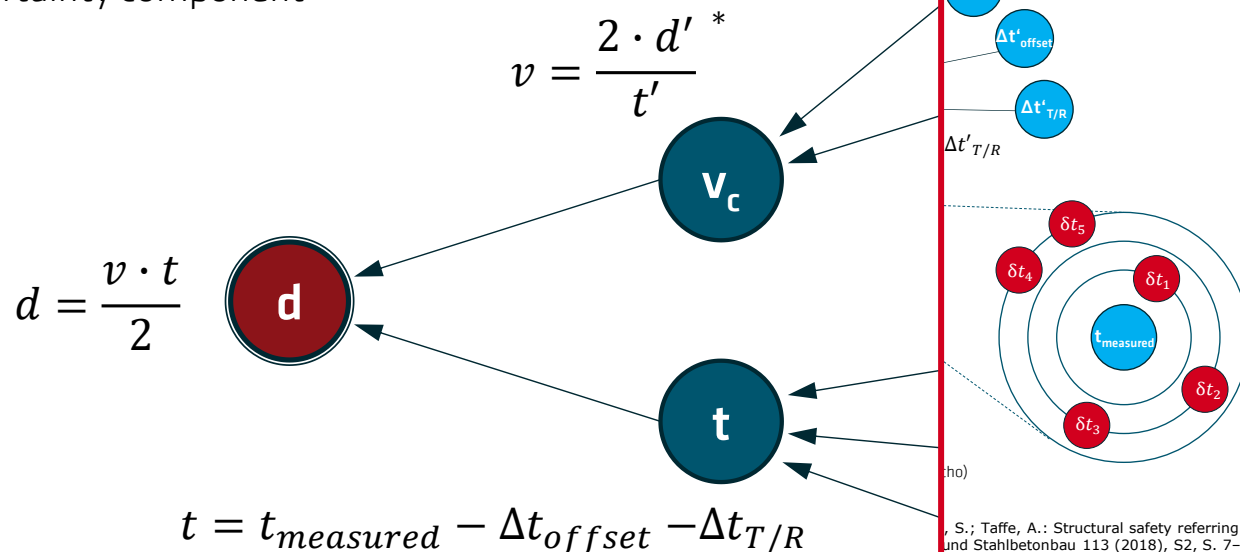
# Measurement uncertainty

## Concept

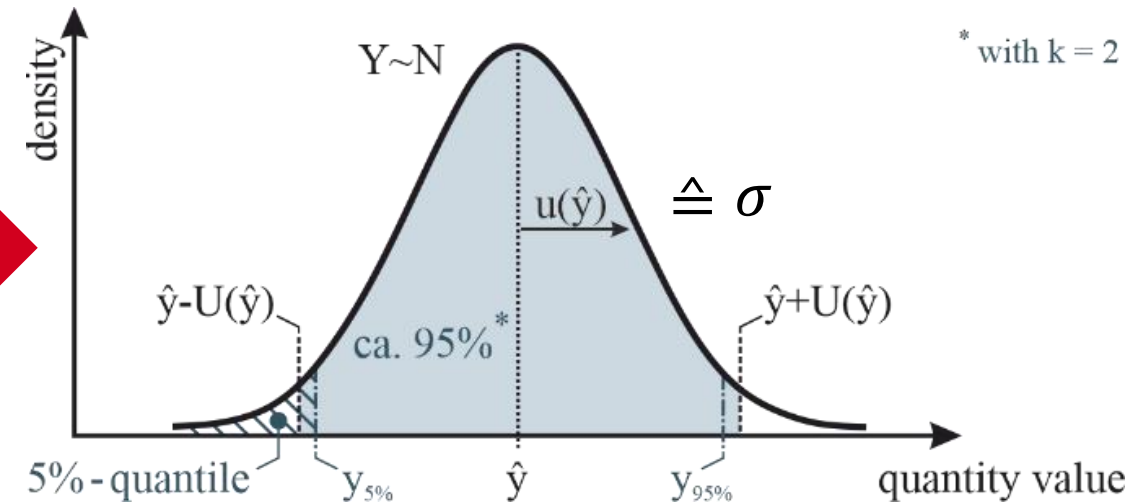
Model of the measurement:

$$Y = f(X_i)$$

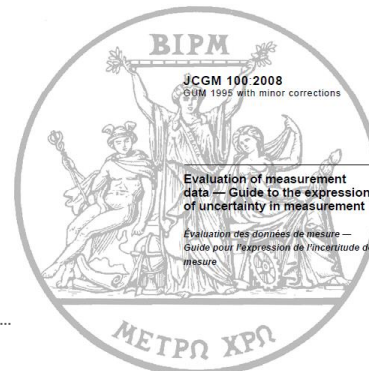
certainty component



Measurand  $Y \sim N$



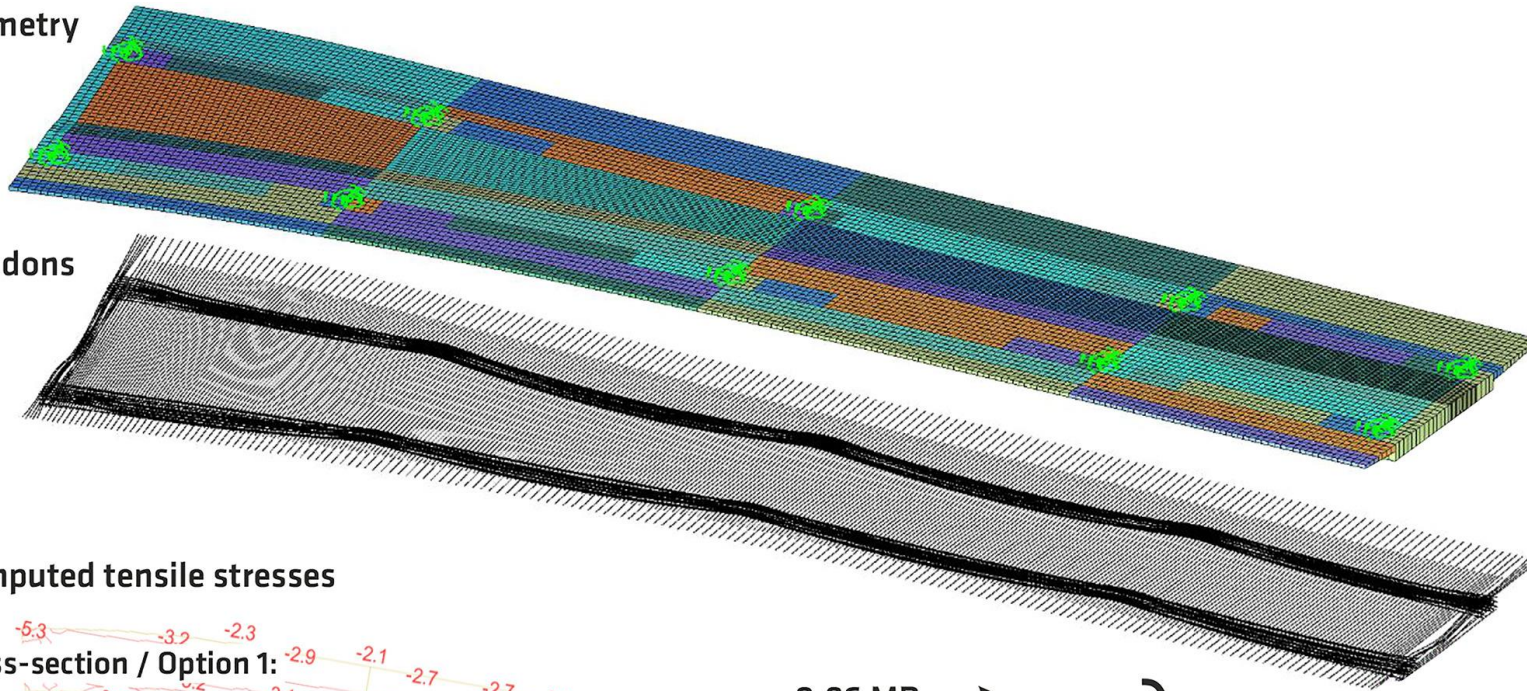
\* with  $k = 2$



Reference: Küttenbaum, S. et al. (2022): Approach to the development of a model to quantify the quality of tendon localization in concrete using ultrasound. ICCRRR2022.

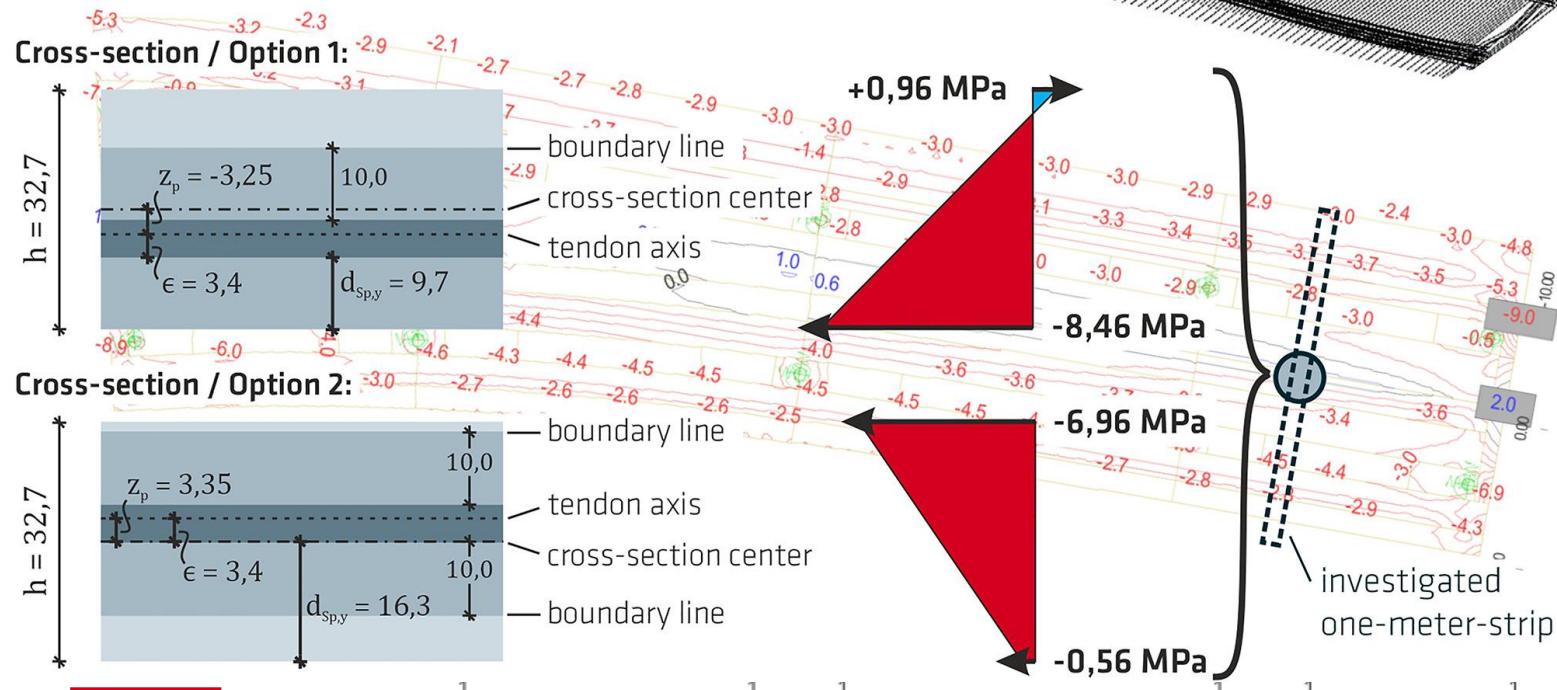


(a) Isometry



(b) Tendons

(c) Computed tensile stresses



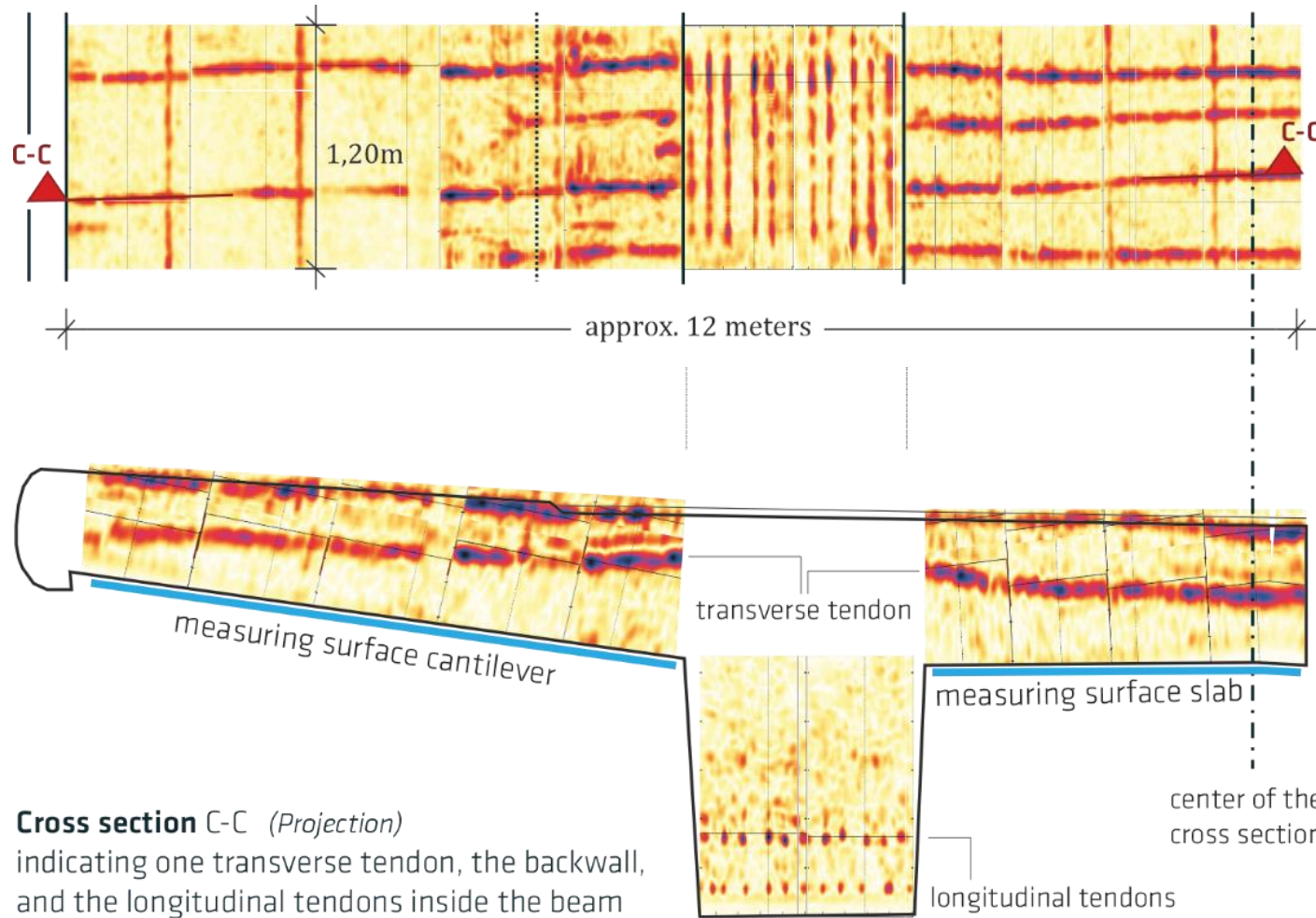
Drawing: Küttenbaum S., Braml T., Taffe A., Kessler S., Maack S. Reliability assessment of existing structures using results of nondestructive testing. Structural Concrete. 2021;22:2895–915. <https://doi.org/10.1002/suco.202100226>  
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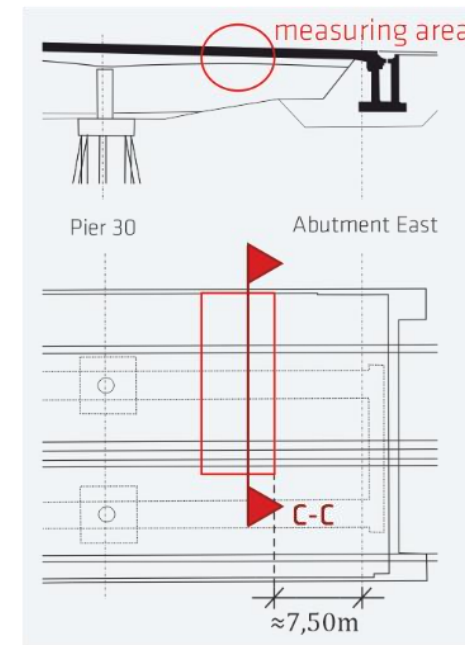


# Proposed model

## Tendon localization using ultrasonic-echo



**Aerial perspective**  
indicating the transverse and longitudinal tendons



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## Tendon localization using ultrasonic-echo

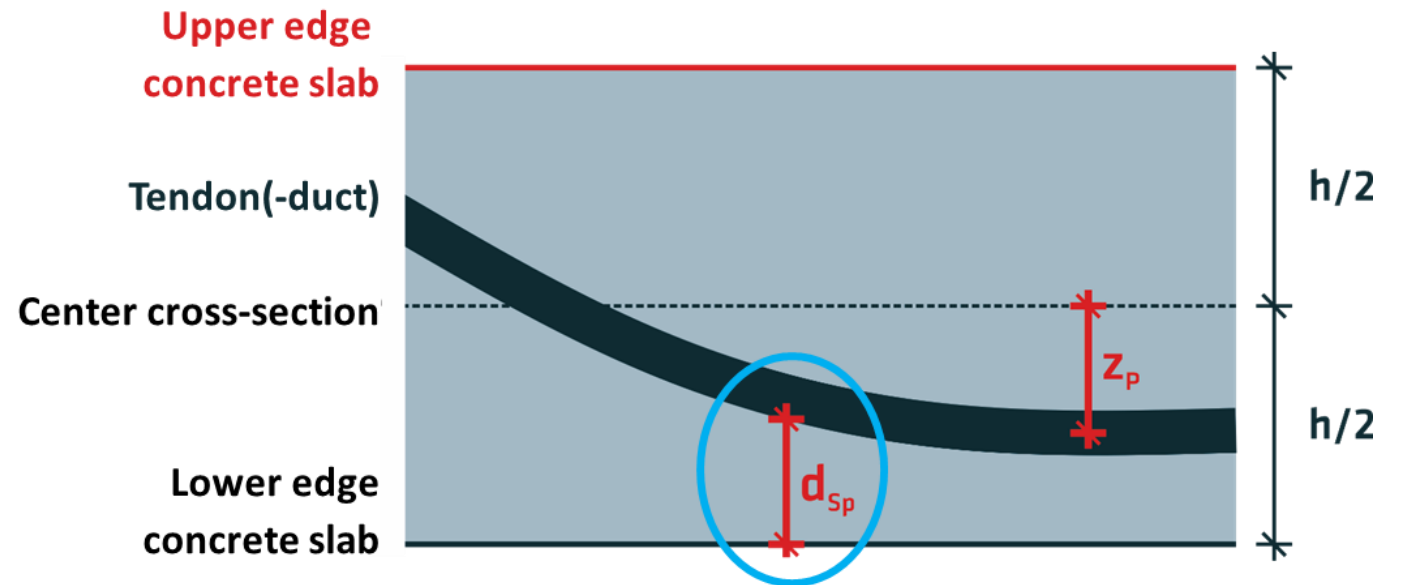
### 1. Definition of measurand $Y = f(X_i)$

#### Mounting depth of a tendon duct

$$Y = D_{Sp} = \frac{c_T T}{2} - \dots$$

with  $T = T_A - \dots - \sum T_i$

and  $c_T = \frac{2D_{c_T}}{T_{c_T}} - \dots - c_{T,i} - \dots$



# Proposed model

## Tendon localization using ultrasonic-echo

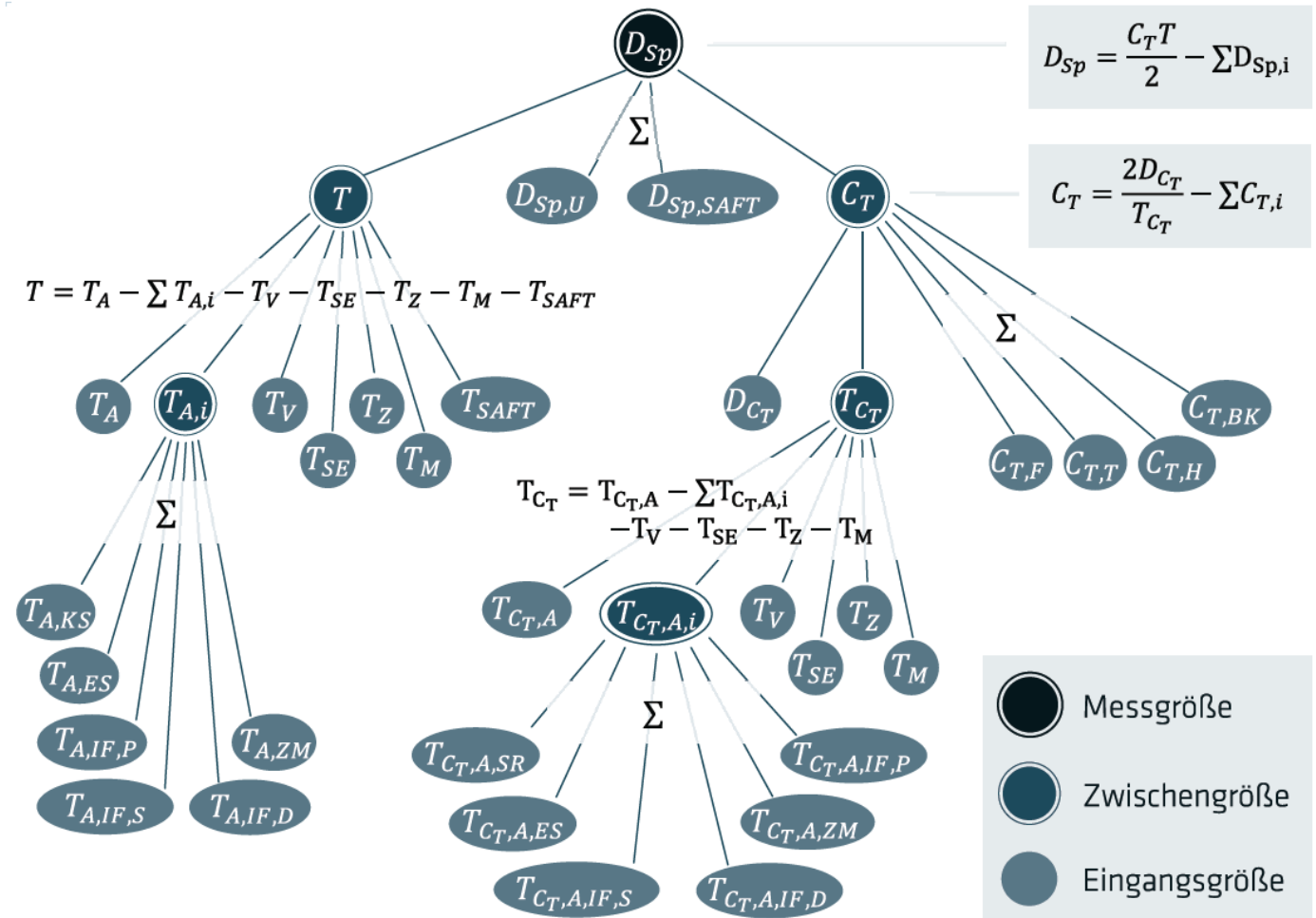
### 2. Identification of input quantities $X_i$

#### Mounting depth of a tendon duct

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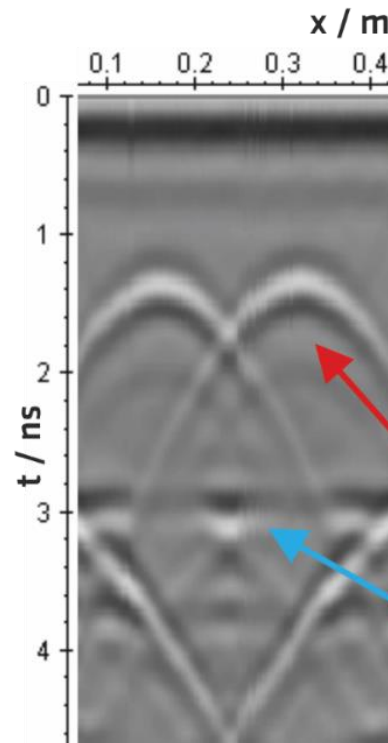
### 3. Quantification of input quantities $X_i$

#### Propagation velocity acc. to Type B

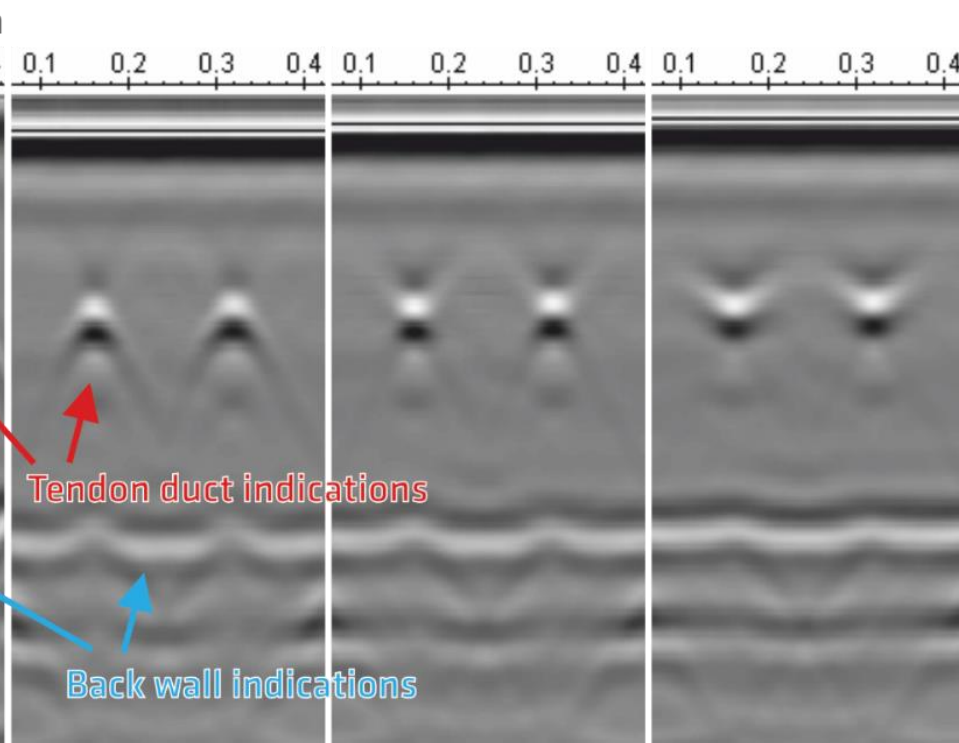
a) Concrete specimen with two tendons



b) Diffraction hyperbola



c) Migrated data using a underestimated (left), overestimated (right) and the unbiased propagation velocity (center)



# Proposed model

## Tendon localization using ultrasonic-echo

### 3. Quantification of input quantities $X_i$

#### Type B:

1. Definition of a distribution type
2. Calculation of expected value and variance

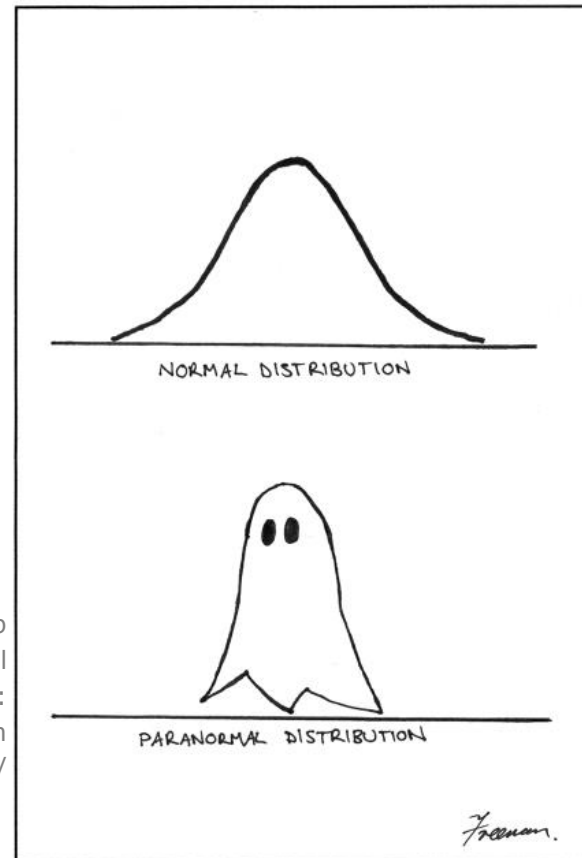


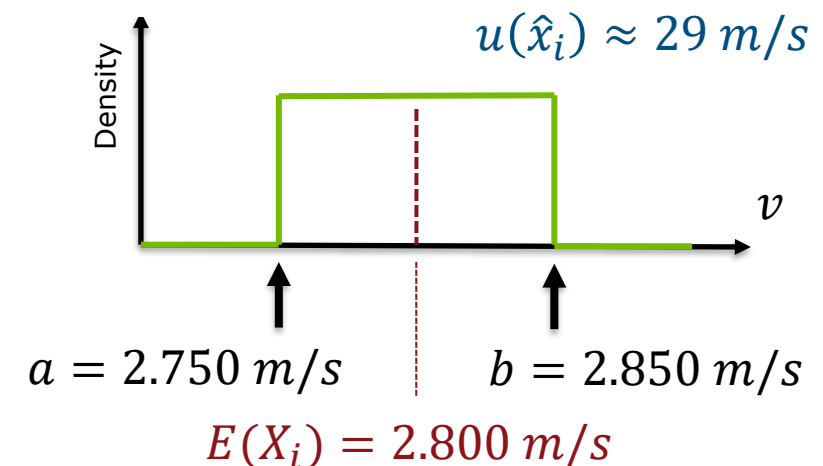
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#### Propagation velocity $v$

- Expert judgement of two limits: „We individually expect  $c_T$  to lie between 2.750 ... 2.850 m/s. That's all we know!.“

→ Uniform distr. with parameters:

$$E(X_i) = \hat{x}_i = \frac{a + b}{2} \quad \text{bzw.} \quad u(\hat{x}_i) = \frac{b - a}{2\sqrt{3}}$$



# Proposed model

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### 3. Quantification of input quantities $X_i$

#### Component temperature

$$C_T = \frac{2D_{C_T}}{T_{C_T}} - \dots - C_{T,T} - \dots$$

- 1) Component temperature varies during the measurements by a maximum of  $\Delta T = 20K$ .
- 2) Suitable values for the propagation velocity are determined on average.
- 3) In the aforementioned temperature range, the change is  $\Delta c_T = -0,05\%/1K$ .
- 4) Let a frequently suitable value for the  $S_H$ - wave velocity in concrete be  $c_T \approx 3.000m/s$ .

$$\rightarrow C_{T,T} \sim U(-15ms^{-1}; +15ms^{-1})$$

$$\rightarrow u(\hat{c}_{T,T}) \approx 9ms^{-1}$$



# Proposed model

## Tendon localization using ultrasonic-echo

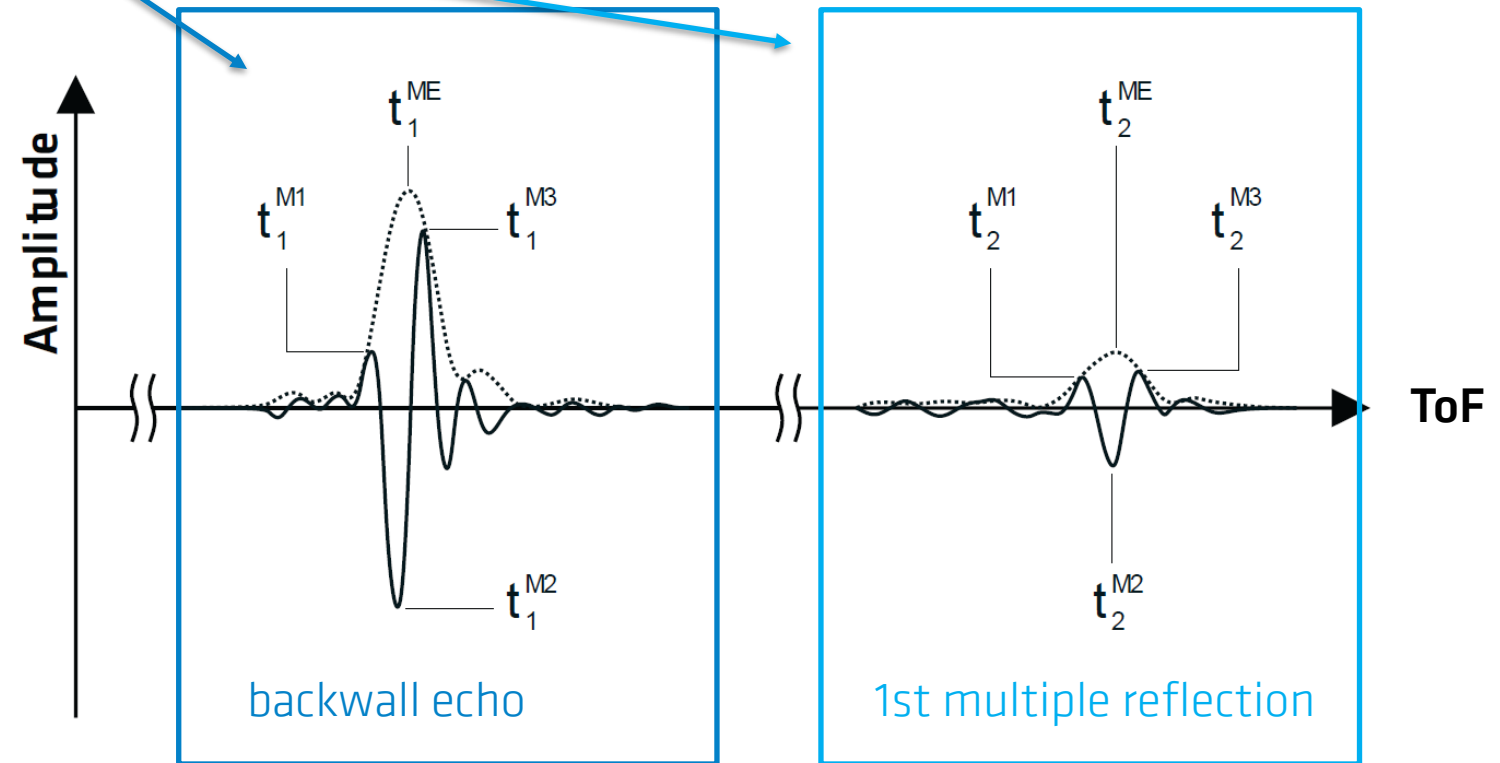
### 3. Quantification of input quantities $X_i$

$$\text{Offset } T_V = -(T_2^{ME} - 2T_1^{ME})$$

$$T = T_A - \dots - T_V - \dots$$

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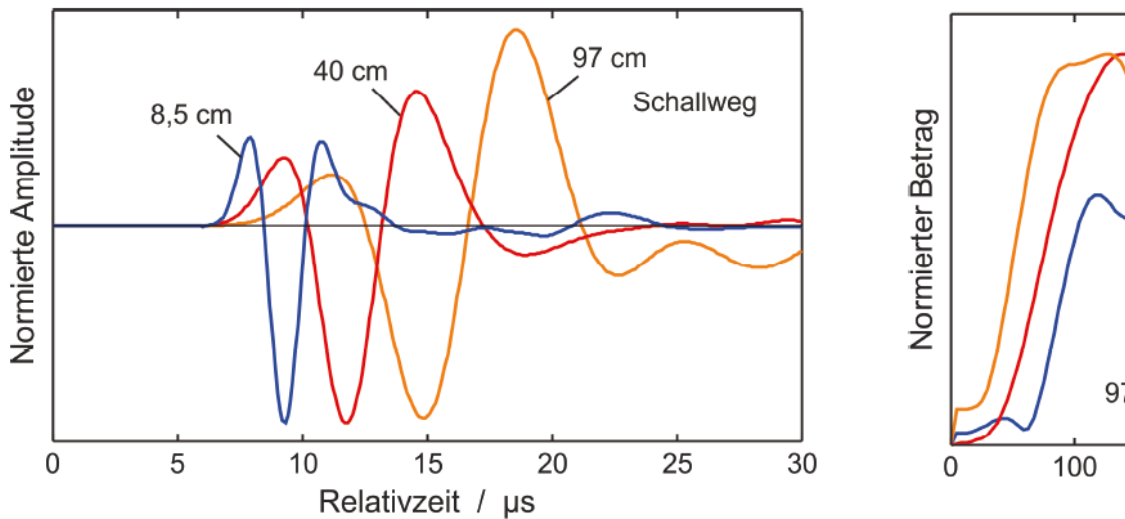
→ Type A



# Proposed model

## Tendon localization using ultrasonic-echo

### Time- & frequency-dependent changes in



**Abb. 2: Einfluss des Schallwegs auf die Signalform (links) und zugehörig jeweils in normierter Darstellung**

(Bildquelle: Martin Schickert, Weimar/DGZfP-VNB 124/2018-11-16)

Reference: DGZfP-Merkblatt B04

### 3. Quantification of input quantities $X_i$

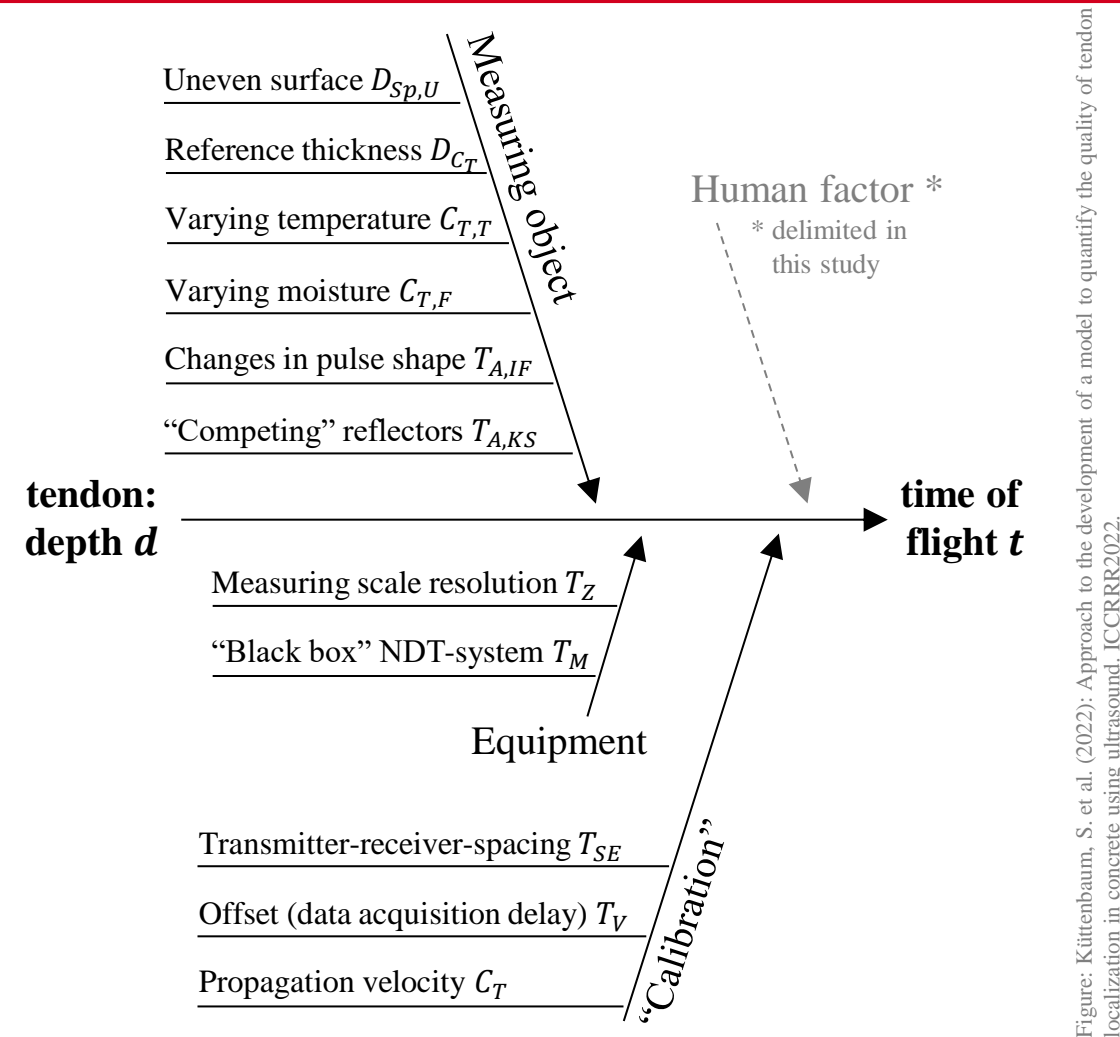


Figure: Küttenbaum, S. et al. (2022): Approach to the development of a model to quantify the quality of tendon localization in concrete using ultrasound. ICCRRR2022.

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## Tendon localization using ultrasonic-echo

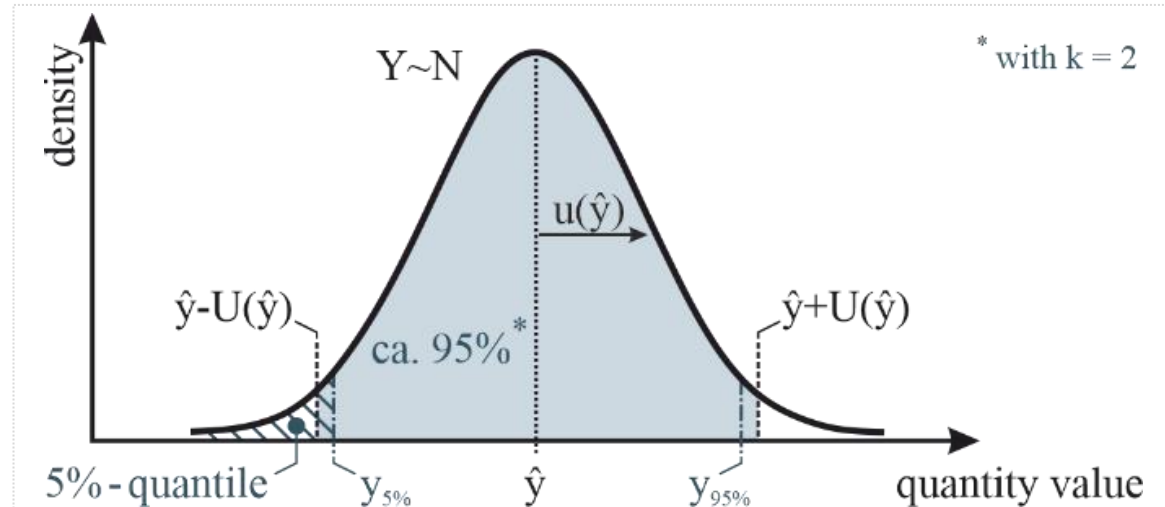
Measured quantity value

$$\hat{y} = f(\hat{x}_1, \dots, \hat{x}_n).$$

Combined standard meas. uncertainty

$$u(\hat{y}) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 u^2(\hat{x}_i) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n c_i c_j u(\hat{x}_i, \hat{x}_j)}.$$

### 4. Measurement result $\hat{y}$ ; $u(\hat{y})$ ; distr. type



$\hat{y} \pm U(\hat{y}) \equiv$  Interval containing the value of the measurand (e.g. mean) with a defined probability (of e.g. 95%) based on the available info

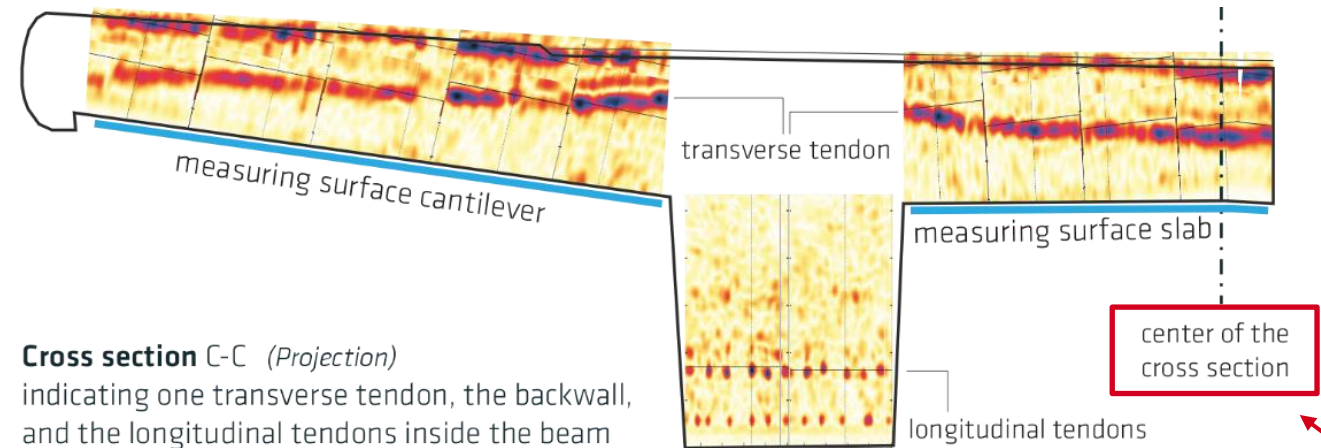
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### 4. Measurement result $\hat{y}$ ; $u(\hat{y})$ ; distr. type

Measurement result:

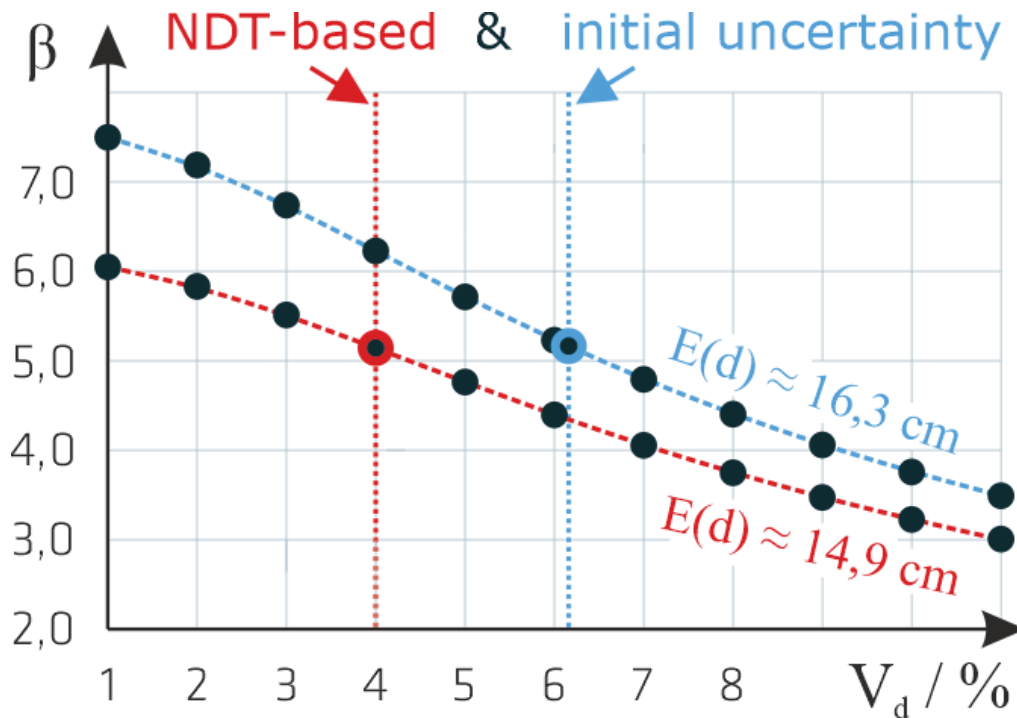
$$d'_{sp,y} \sim N(\mu = 14,9 \text{ cm}; \sigma = 0,6 \text{ cm})$$



Basis-variable	Initial model			NDT-supported model		
	Distr. type	$E(X)$	$\sigma_X (V_X)$	Distr. type	$E(X'')$	$\sigma_{X''}$
$d_{sp,y} / \text{cm}$	N	16,3	1,0 (6,1 %)	N	14,9	$u = 0,6$ (ultrasound; 4 %)

# Outlook

## NDT-results in structural assessment



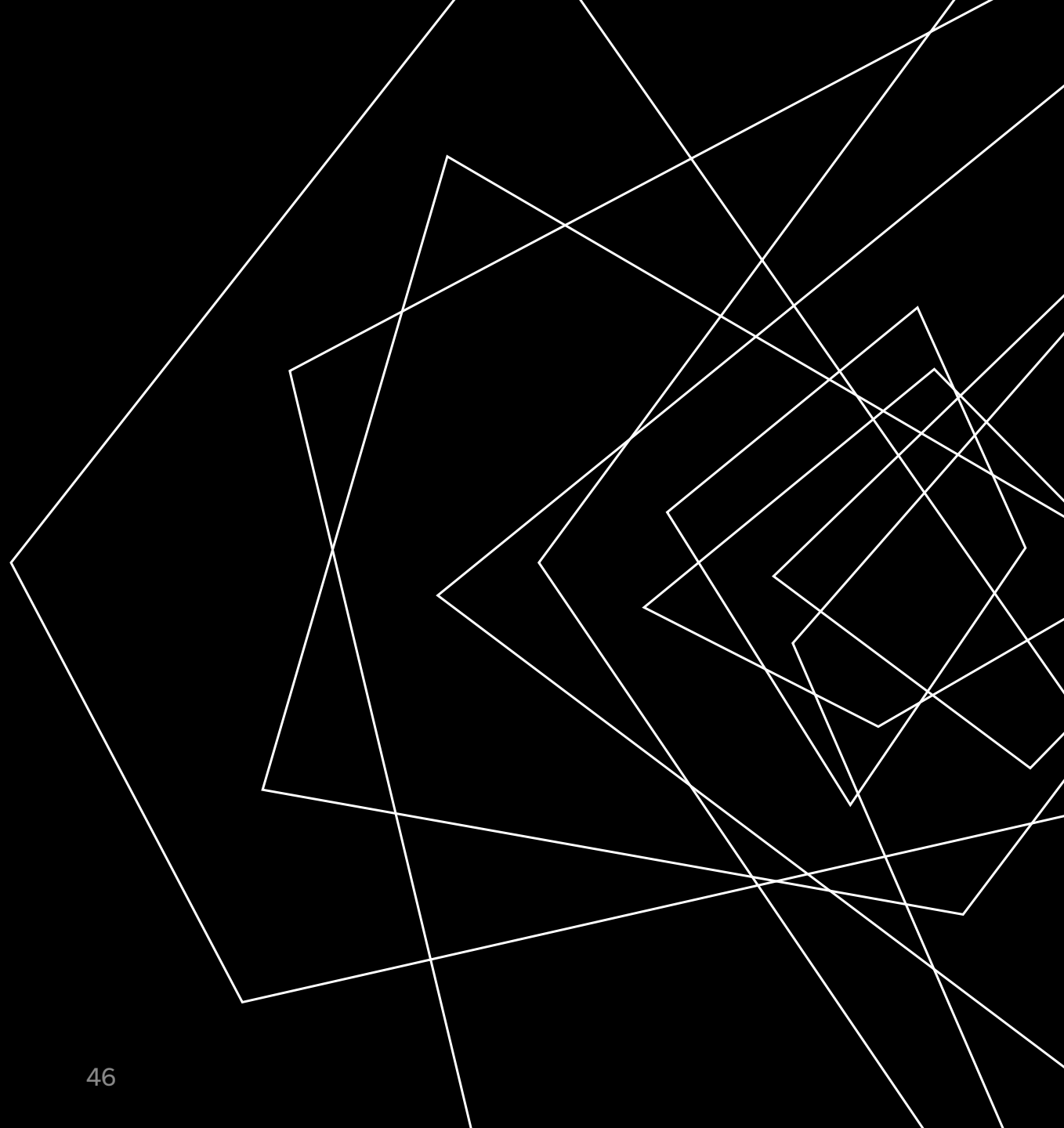
- ➡ increased level of approximation
- ➡ improved life time prediction
- ➡ targeted planning of measures
- ➡ optimized resource consumption

### More details:

Küttenbaum S. et al.: *Reliability assessment of existing structures using results of nondestructive testing*. *Structural Concrete*. (2021)

<https://doi.org/10.1002/suco.202100226>

# PROBABILITY OF DETECTION



# SOURCES

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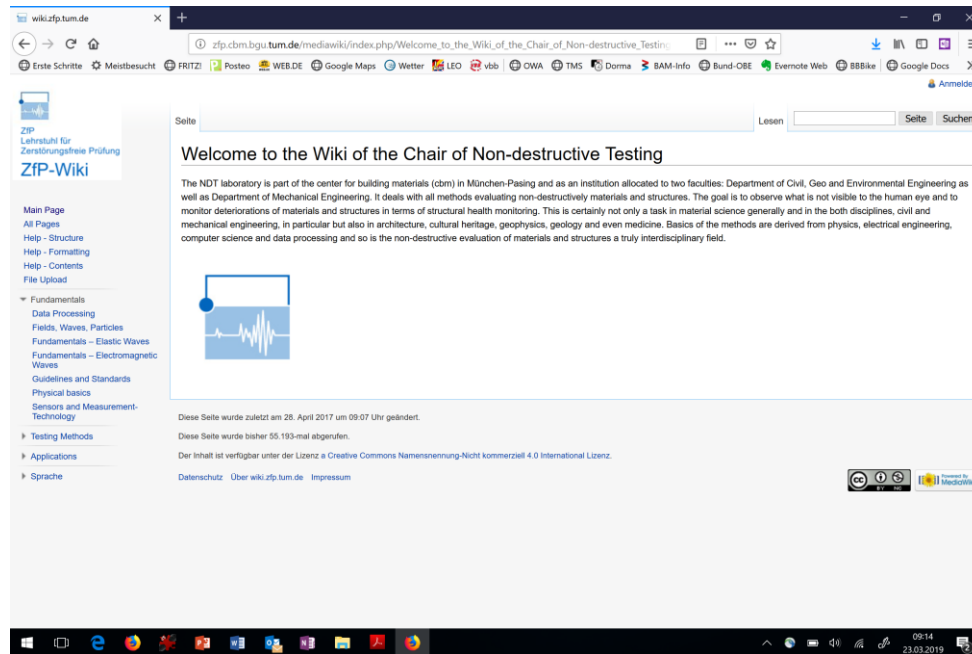
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# SOURCES



**ZfP(NDT)-Wiki**

**TU Munich  
(Chair for NDT,  
Prof. Christian Große)**

<http://zfp.cbm.bgu.tum.de/mediawiki/index.php>



# POD

Purpose:

Characterize the reliability of NDT to

- Find a specific flaw/feature: (Hit/Miss) with a desired reliability (e. g. “is there a crack?”)

Or

- Measure a specific quantity  $\hat{a}$  with a required accuracy (e. g. depth of crack)

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# POD

## Hit/ miss method

The hit/ miss method gives a binary analysis of a testing signal, whether a defect is detected (hit) or missed (miss). Consequently, the testing results can be scaled in four possible configurations depending if a (non-) existing defect is (not) detected:

**Table 1: The four possible diagnosis results of testing**

defect	detected	not detected	probability
<b>Existing</b>	True positive (TP) The existing defect is detected (hit)	False negative (FN) The existing defect is not detected (miss)	TP + FN = 100 %
<b>non-existing</b>	False positive (FP) A defect is detected even though it is not existing	True negative (TN) No defect is detected, where no defect exists	FP + TN = 100 %

The POD is equal to the probability of TP and can be calculated in the following way:<sup>[2]</sup>

$$POD = P(TP) = \frac{TP}{(TP + FN)}$$

For one specific flaw size  $a$ , this equation can also be represented by the number of positive tests divided by the total amount of tests:<sup>[3]</sup>

$$POD(a) = \frac{n_{pos}(a)}{n_{tot}(a)}$$

The hit/ miss method requires a clearly defined hit/ miss criterion, e.g. a defined threshold.

# POD

Amount of  
registrations

Threshold

TN

TP

FN

FP

amplitude height

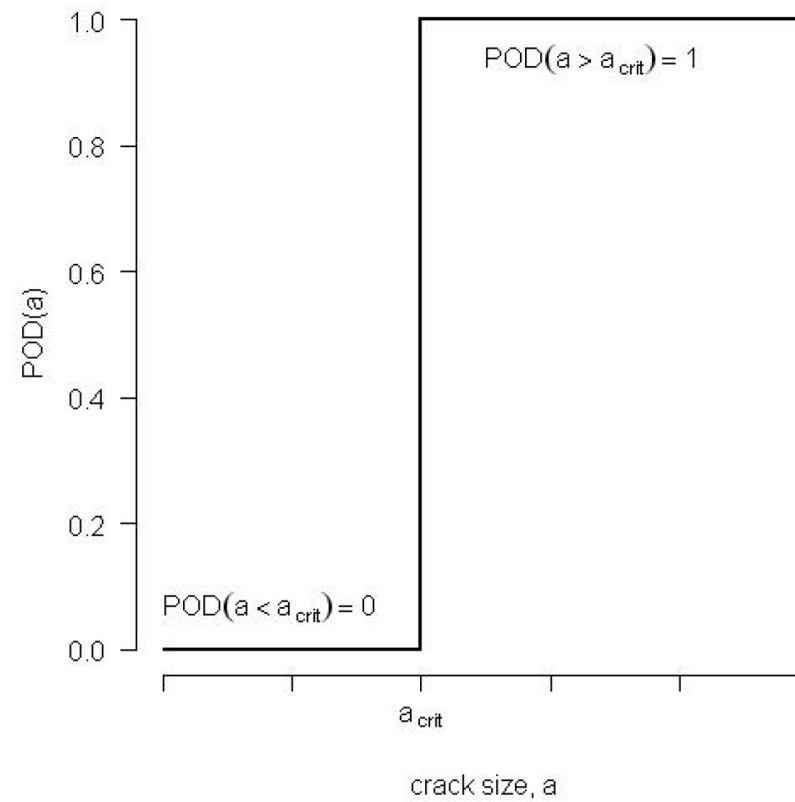


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# POD

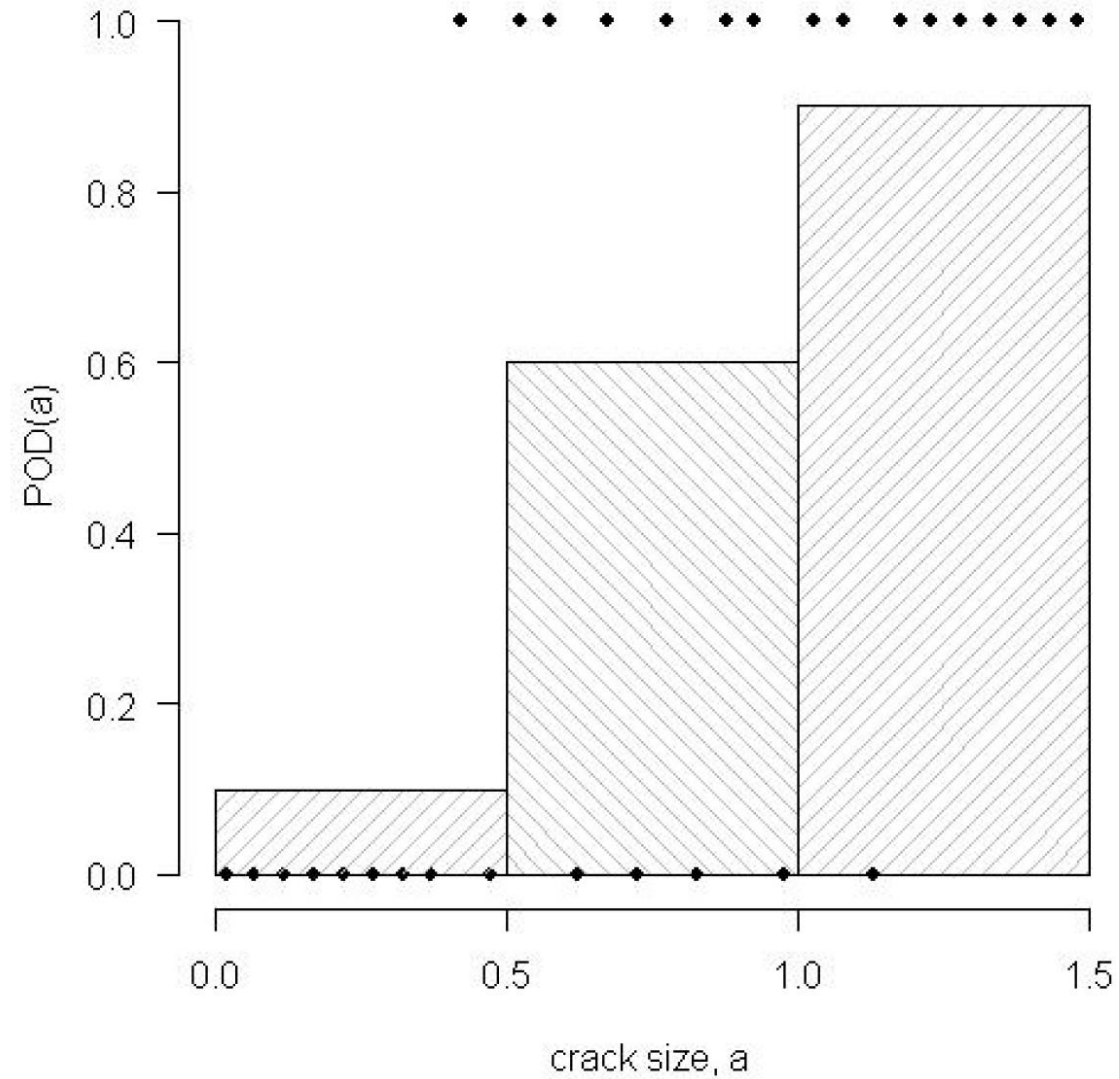
Perfect inspection situation:



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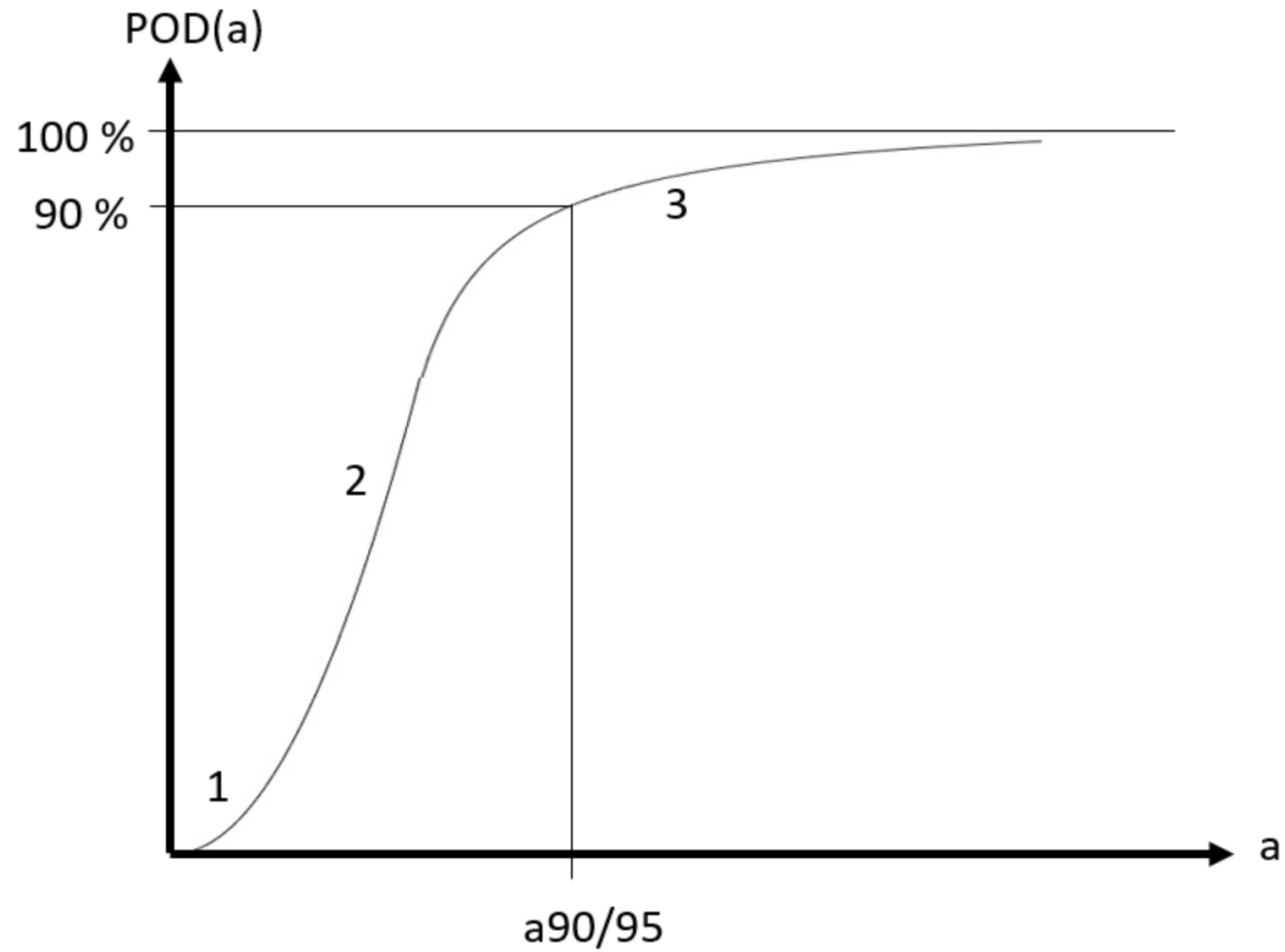
# POD

More realistic:



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# POD



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# POD DETERMINATION

Experimental design – objectives (shortened):

- not to determine the smallest crack the system can find
- to determine the largest crack the system can miss.
- to establish the relationship between POD and target size (or other variables)
- to determine the potential for false positives (false calls) at each set of conditions,,
- To do this use representative specimens with targets of known size (and other characteristics to be evaluated)
  - Real
  - numerical

**Source: MIL-HDBK-1823A**

# POD DETERMINATION

Account for:

- Specimen preprocessing
- Inspector
- Inspections Materials
- Sensor
- Inspection setup (calibration)
- Inspection process
- Imaging consideration

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# POD DETERMINATION

Test matrix:

- All relevant variables
- Appropriate intervals
- Appropriate step size

Past: Full matrix required

Today: design of experiments, factorial design

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# POD DETERMINATION

Test specimen:

- Multiple test specimen variance in condition and size, enough distance between flaws)
- Unfamiliar to inspectors
- relevant
- referenced
- maintained

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# POD DETERMINATION

Test design:

- At least 60 targets for hit/miss (120 are better)
- At least 40 targets for quantitative measures
- For determination of false positives: 3 times as much unflawed measurements, number also depending on required false positive rate
- (e. g. FP rate required to be 1%: > 100 possibilities required)
- Complete independence and some fully unflawed specimen
- Everything as close to real testing situation as possible!

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# POD DETERMINATION

Very important: Report!

- a. The description of the NDE system,
- b. The experimental design,
- c. The individual test results, and
- d. The summary test results.

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# POD DETERMINATION

Public conception:

“The number of inspections (of the same object) increases POD”

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# POD DETERMINATION

Public **mis**conception!

“The number of inspections (of the same object) increases POD”

This only increases the confidence in your observation/judgement, but not POD.

Thought experiment: Barrel with red and green apples.

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# POD DETERMINATION

How to get a POD curve from a (large) set of experiments/measurements:

Prerequisites:

1. linearity of the parameter  $\hat{a}$  and  $a$
2. uniform variance of the system responses  $\hat{a}$
3. uncorrelated observations  $\hat{a}$
4. multivariate normal distribution of the  $\hat{a}$  errors

$a$ : experimental parameter(e. g. crack size)

$\hat{a}$ : system response

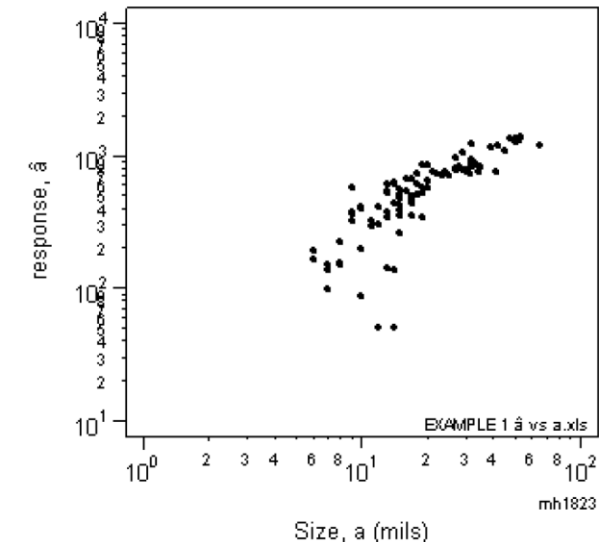
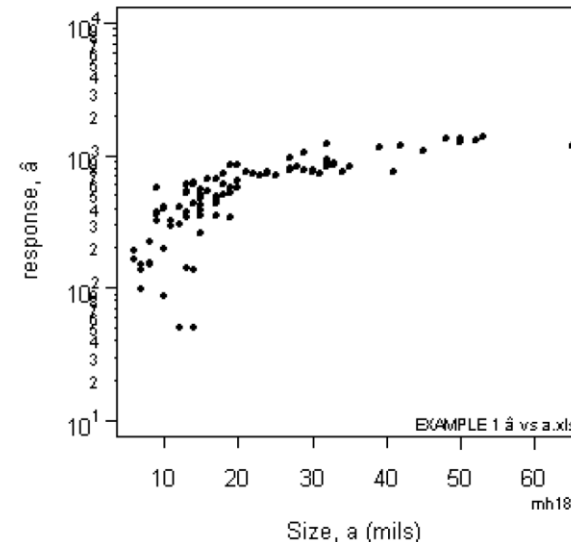
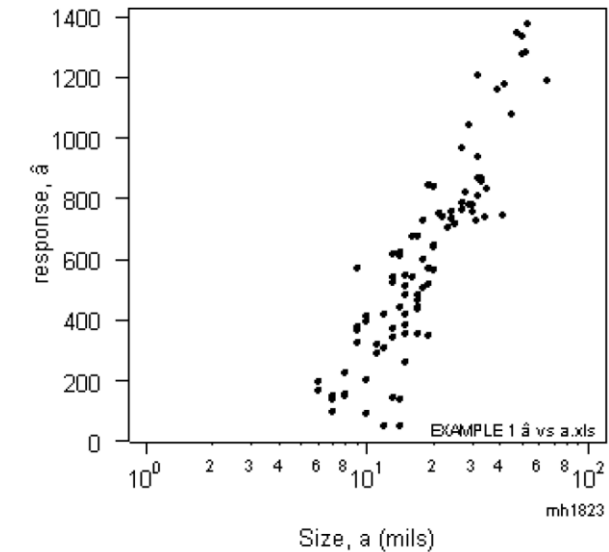
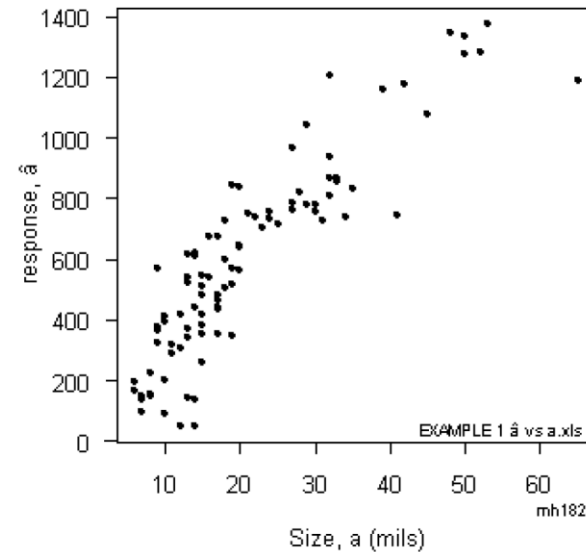
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# POD DETERMINATION

How to get a POD curve from a (large) set of experiments/measurements:  
(Generalized) linear models for  $\hat{a}$  vs.  $a$ !

1) Make it linear

Four Possible  $\hat{a}$  vs.  $a$  Models  
also use to determine values for left.censor (=  $a_{\text{hat.noise}}$ ),  
right.censor, and  $a_{\text{hat.decision}}$



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# POD DETERMINATION

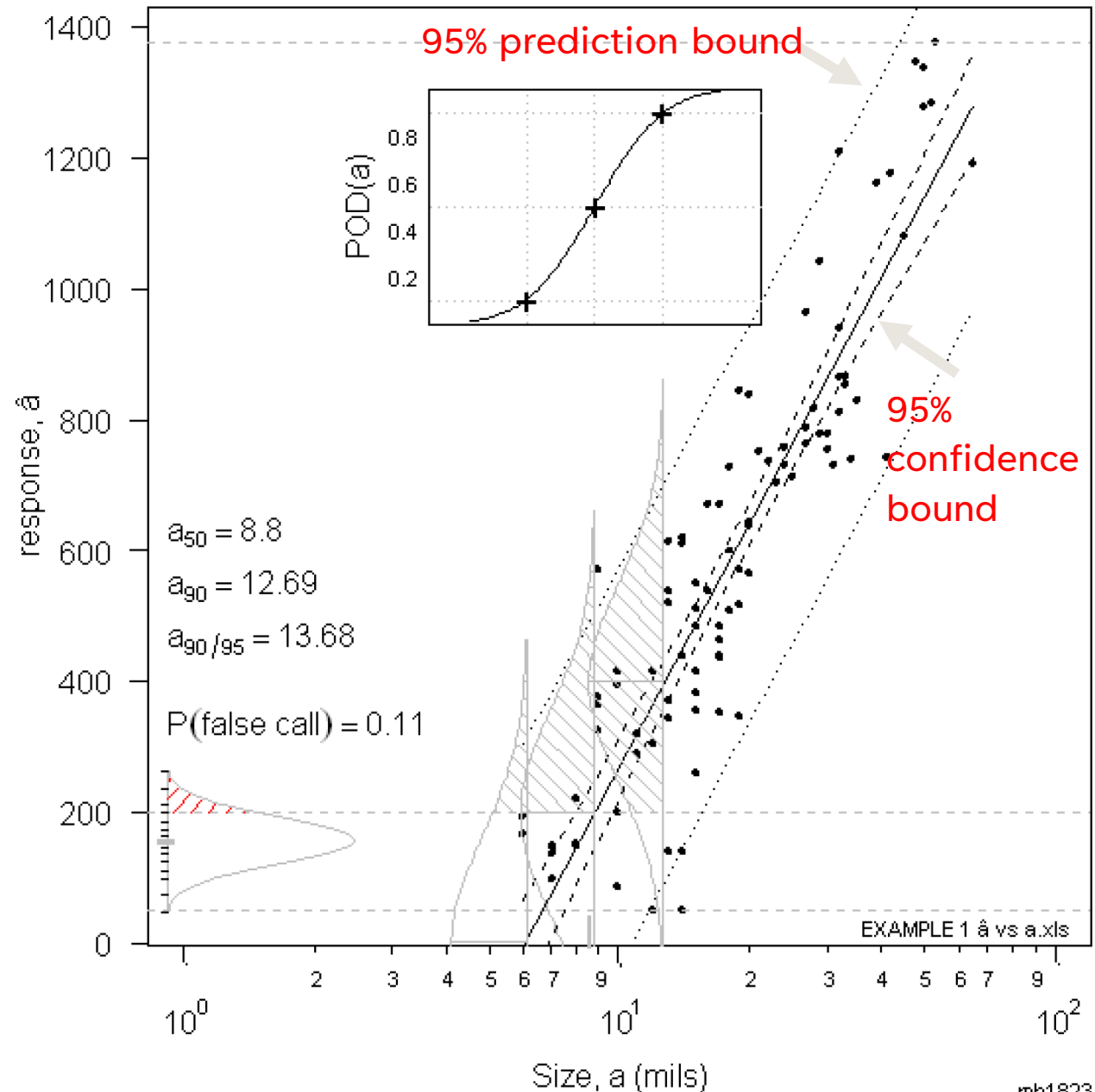
## 2) Evaluate

Censoring:

Left:  
signals indiscernible  
from noise.

Right:  
100% of measuring range.

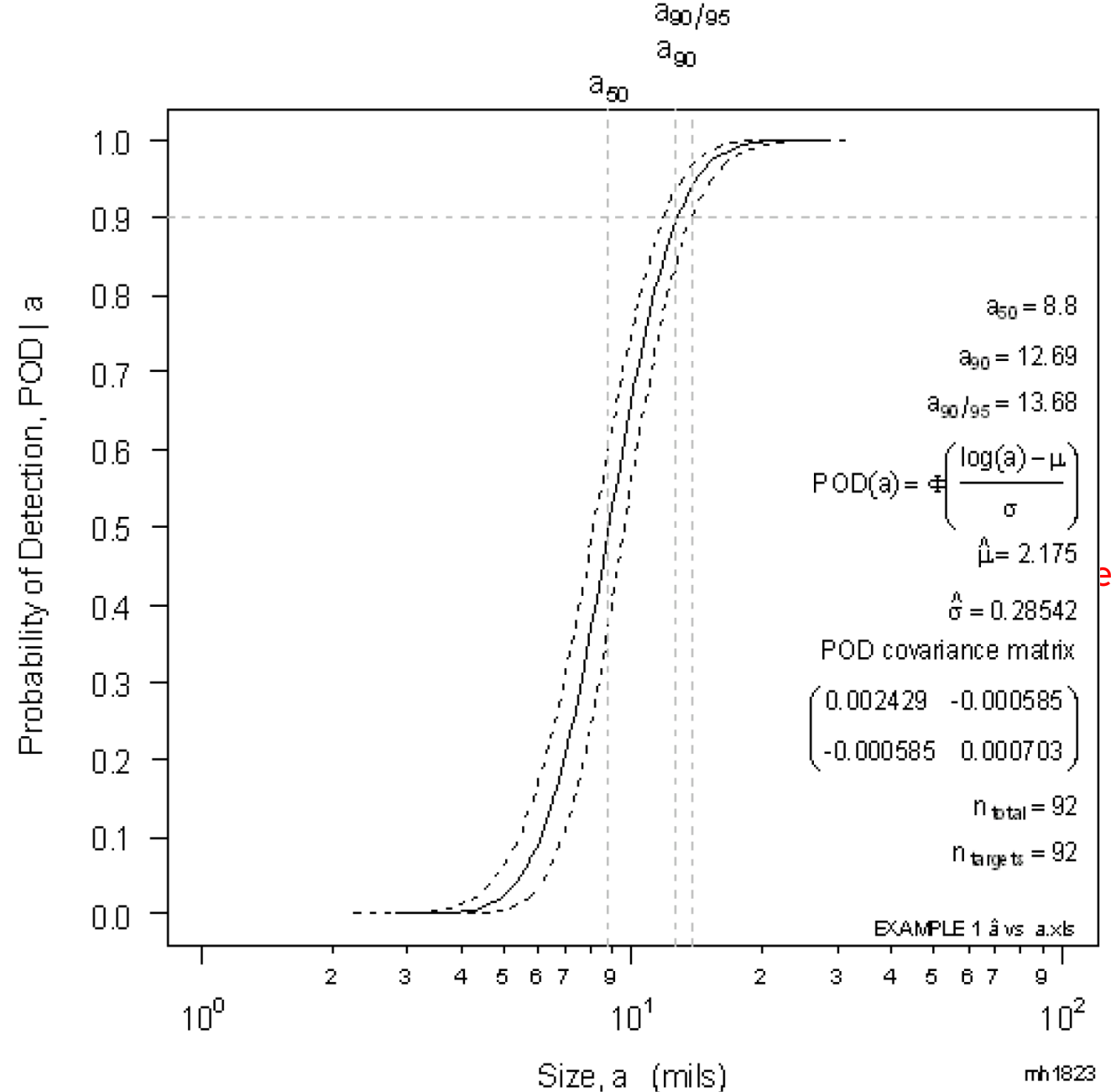
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# POD DETERM

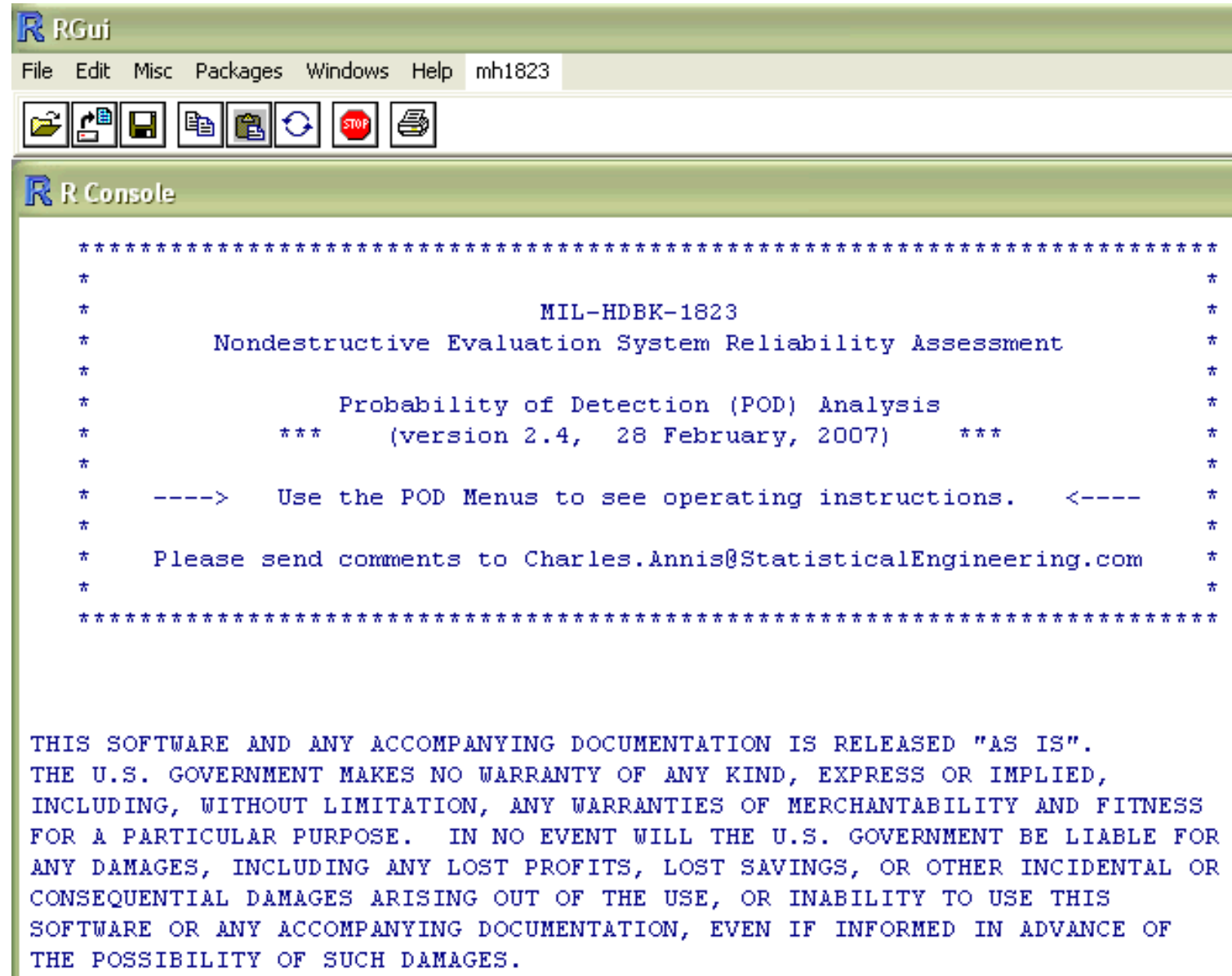
- 2) Generate  $POD(a)$   
from  $a$  vs  $\hat{a}$   
via Delta method

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# POD SOFTWARE

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The screenshot shows the RGui application window. The title bar reads 'RGui'. The menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'Misc', 'Packages', 'Windows', 'Help', and a user name 'mh1823'. Below the menu bar is a toolbar with icons for file operations and execution. The main window is the 'R Console', which displays the following text:

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*                               MIL-HDBK-1823                               *
*       Nondestructive Evaluation System Reliability Assessment             *
*
*               Probability of Detection (POD) Analysis                     *
*               ***      (version 2.4,  28 February, 2007)      ***         *
*
*   ---->   Use the POD Menus to see operating instructions.   <----      *
*
*   Please send comments to Charles.Annis@StatisticalEngineering.com      *
*
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# ROC

ROC  
Receiver Operation Characteristic

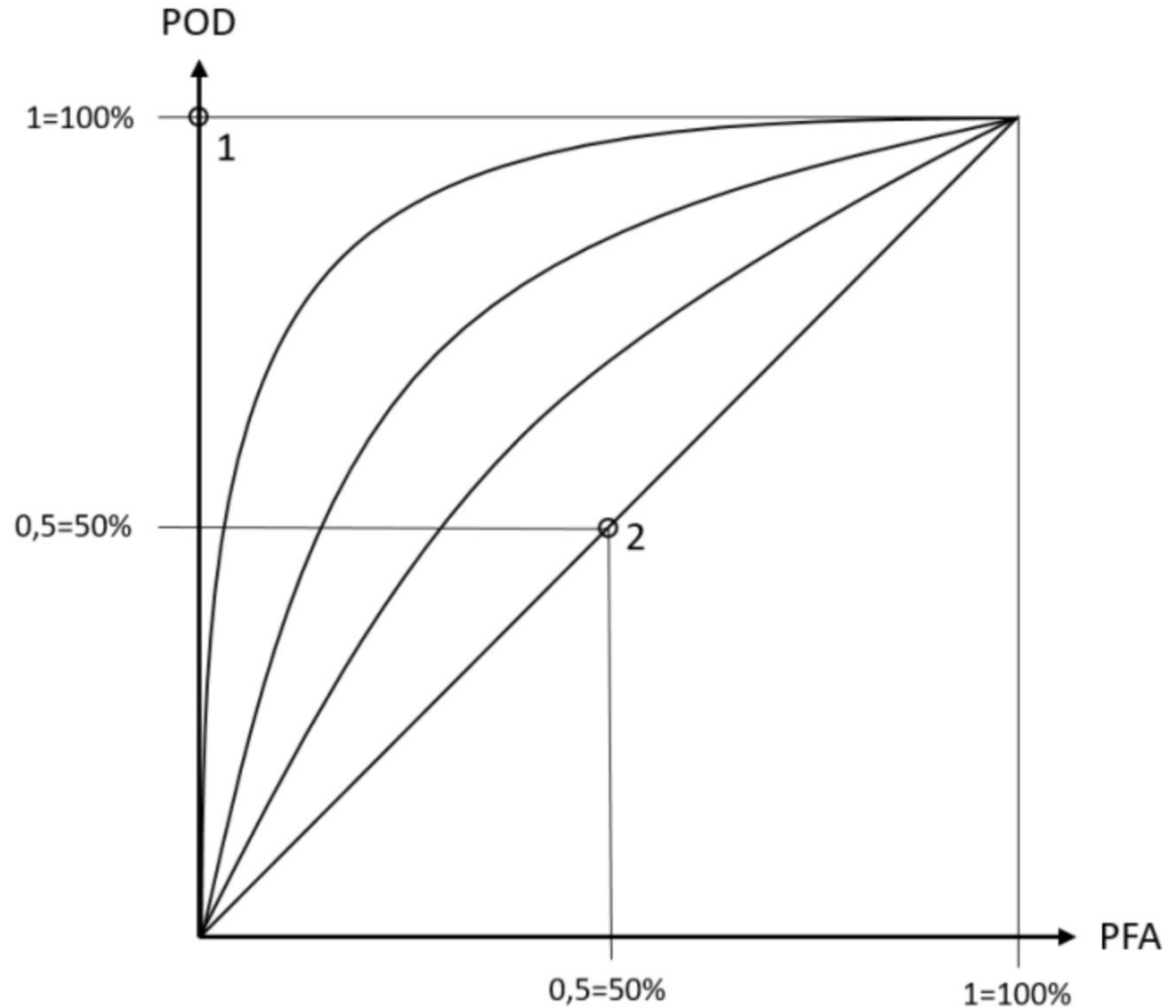
Characterization of accuracy  
of a NDE system

Debated!  
- Size effect not included



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# PFA

PFA

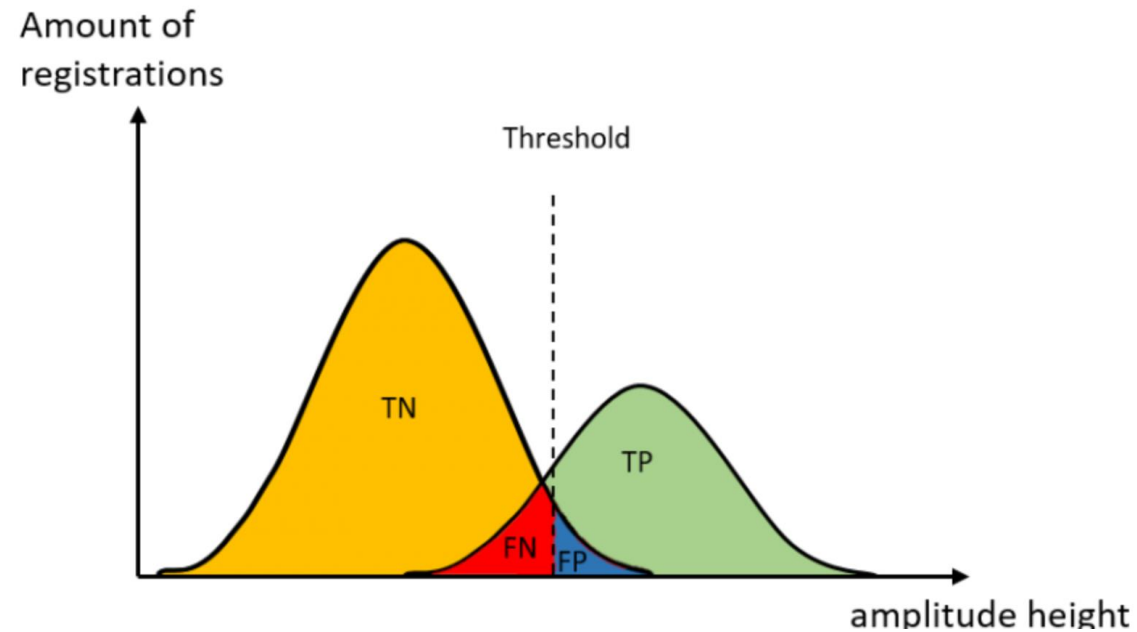
Possibility of false alarms

$$PFA = P(FP) = \frac{FP}{(FP + TN)}$$



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# FALSE POSITIVES

*Sensitivity, Specificity, positive predictive value, and negative predictive value*

Relationship between POD and false positives depends on

- The inspection
- frequency of defectives in the population being inspected

a. An NDE demonstration inspection is performed on a known test piece:

(1) *Sensitivity*: “The part has a defect. What is the probability that the test will be positive?”

$P(+|\text{defect})$ .

(2) *Specificity*,  $P(-|\text{no defect})$ : “The part does not have a defect. What is the probability that the test will be negative?”

b. An inspection is performed on a part with uncertain history:

(1) *Positive Predictive Value (PPV)*,  $P(\text{defect}|+)$ : “The NDE system indicates a positive result, a hit. What is the probability that the part actually has a defect (of the size being inspected for)?”

(2) *Negative Predictive Value (NPV)*,  $P(\text{no defect}|-)$ : “The NDE system passed the part, giving a negative test result. What is the probability that the part is defect-free?”

# FALSE POSITIVES

**TABLE I-II. Generic contingency table of possible inspection outcomes.**

	defect present (+)	defect absent (-)	Totals
Test result positive (+)	<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>a + b</b>
Test result negative (-)	<b>c</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>c + d</b>
Totals	<b>a + c</b>	<b>b + d</b>	<b>a+b+c+d</b>

# FALSE POSITIVES

„Good inspection“ (specitivity (POD) = 0.9, sensitivity=0.9  
)

**TABLE I-III. Contingency table of possible inspection outcomes – “good” inspection.**

	defect present (+)		defect absent (-)		Totals
Test result positive (+)	<b>27</b>	0.9	<b>997</b>	0.1	<b>1024</b>
Test result negative (-)	<b>3</b>	0.1	<b>8973</b>	0.9	<b>8976</b>
Totals	<b>30</b>		<b>9970</b>		<b>10000</b>

sensitivity, $P(+ defect)$	0.9	(true positive)
specificity, $P(- no\ defect)$	0.9	(true negative)
<b>PPV, <math>P(defect +)</math></b>	<b>0.02637</b>	(fraction positive with defect)
NPV, $P(no\ defect -)$	0.99967	(fraction negative without defect)

**Source: MIL-HDBK-1823A**



# FALSE POSITIVES

„Bad inspection“ (specitivity (POD) = 0.5, sensitivity=0.5 )

**TABLE I-IV. Contingency table of possible inspection outcomes – coin-toss result.**

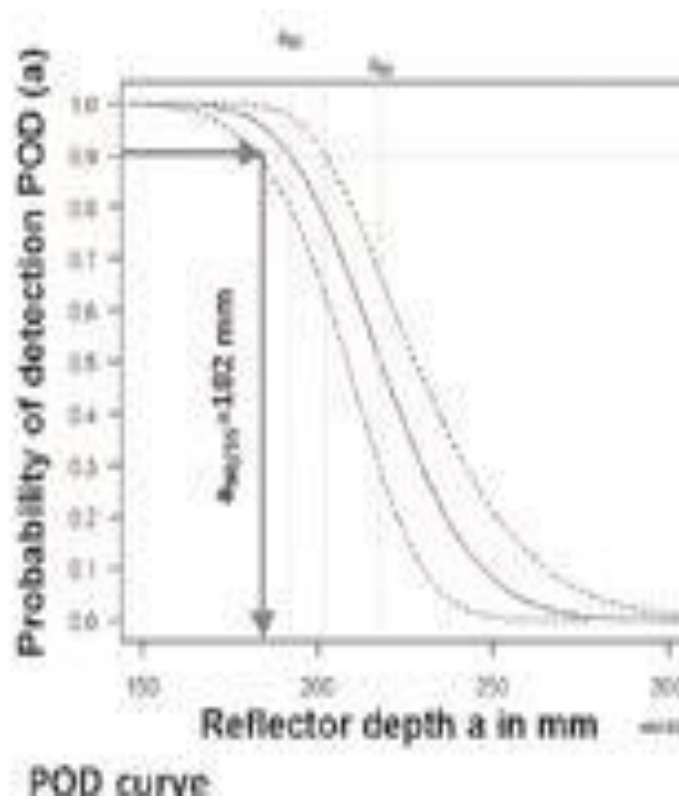
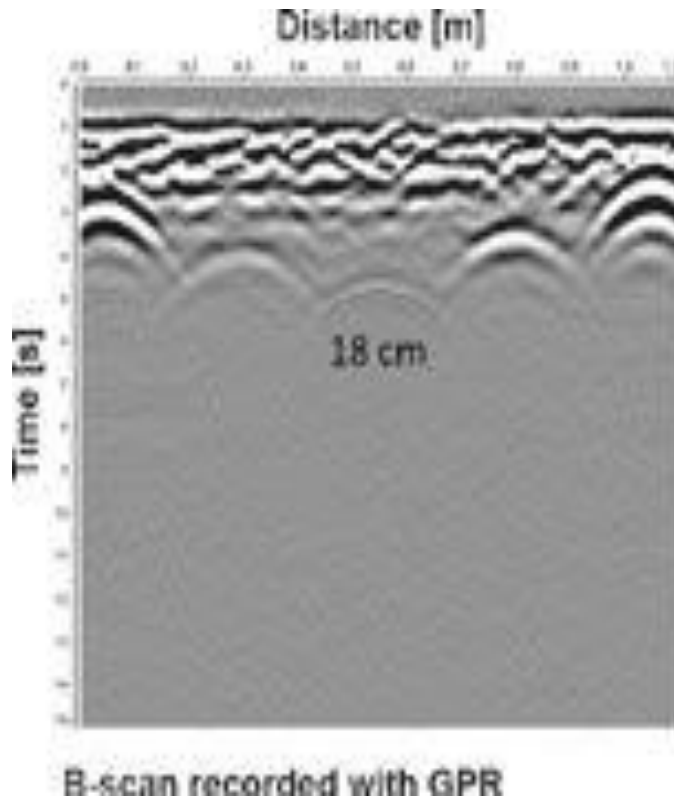
	defect present (+)		defect absent (-)		Totals
Test result positive (+)	<b>15</b>	0.5	<b>4985</b>	0.5	<b>5000</b>
Test result negative (-)	<b>15</b>	0.5	<b>4985</b>	0.5	<b>5000</b>
Totals	<b>30</b>		<b>9970</b>		<b>10000</b>

sensitivity, $P(+ defect)$	0.5	(true positive)
specificity, $P(- no\ defect)$	0.5	(true negative)
PPV, $P(defect +)$	0.003	(fraction positive with defect)
NPV, $P(no\ defect -)$	0.997	(fraction negative without defect)

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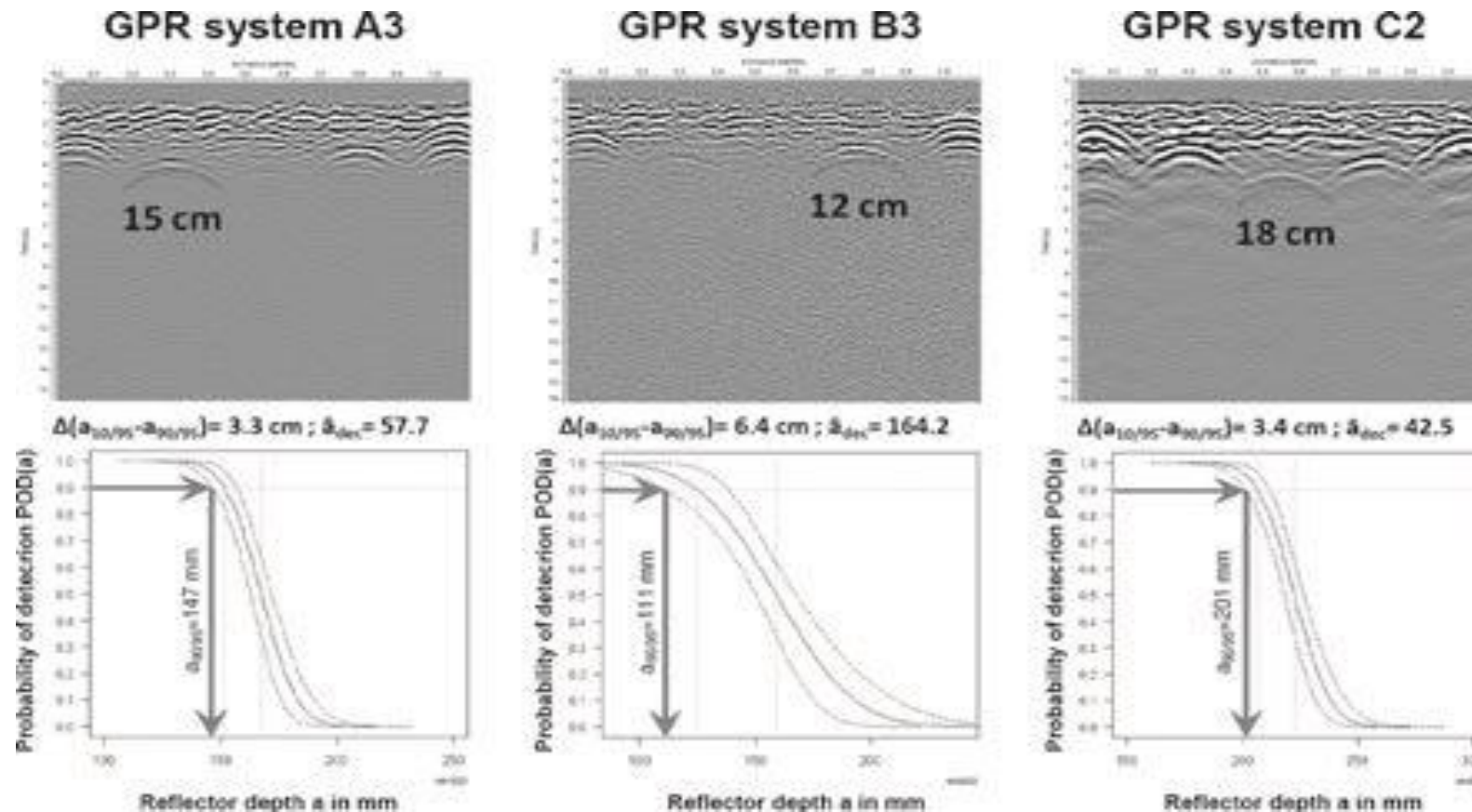
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Detection of rebar in concrete by radar, Taffe & Feistkorn 2013



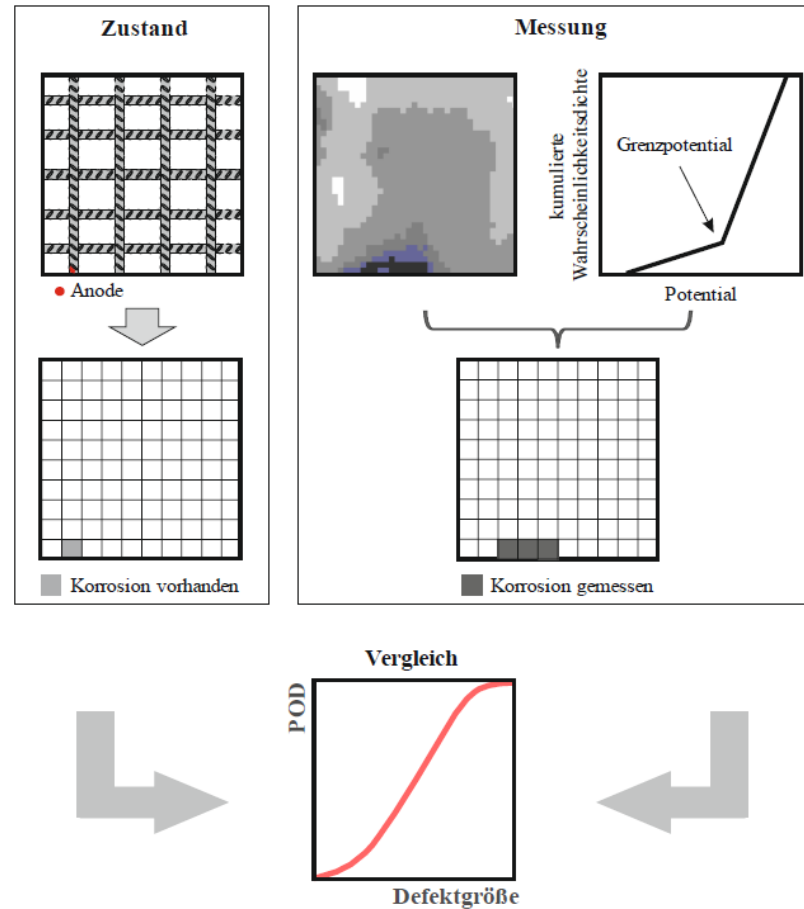
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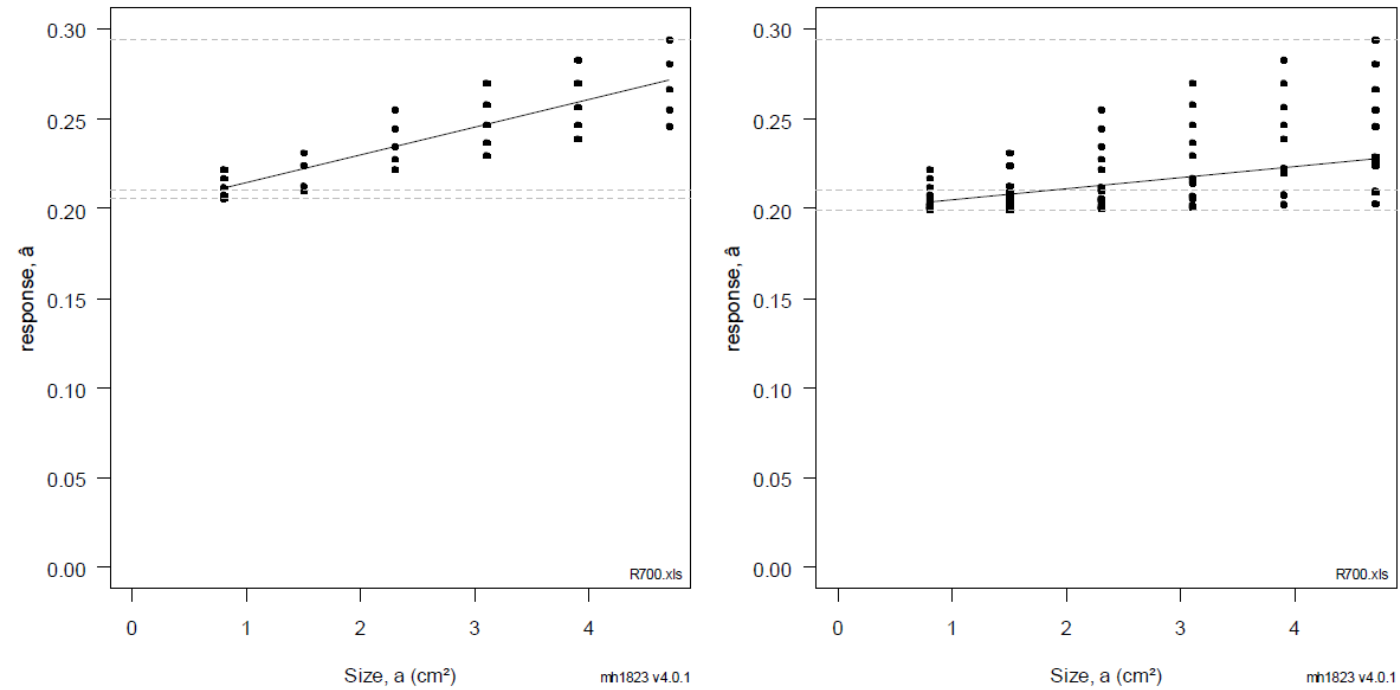


Bild 7-2: Gemessene Potentiale in Abhängigkeit der Defektgröße: Elektrolytwiderstand 700  $\Omega\text{m}$ ; Messraster 5 x 5 cm<sup>2</sup> (links) und 20 x 20 cm<sup>2</sup> (rechts).

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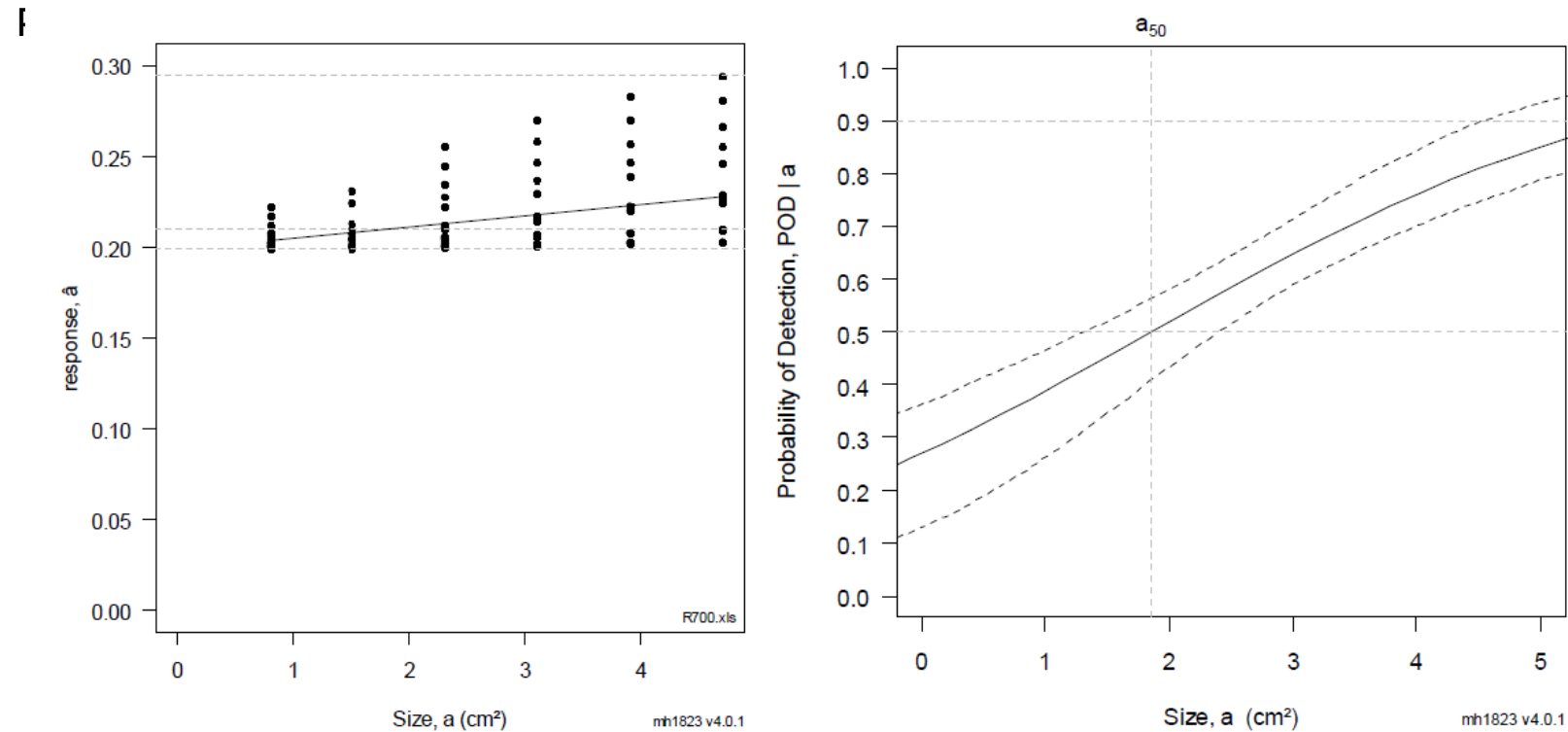


Bild 7-3: Gemessene Potentiale in Abhängigkeit der Defektgröße (links);  $a$  vs.  $\hat{a}$  Modell (rechts); Elektrolytwiderstand 700  $\Omega$ m; Messraster 20 x 20 cm<sup>2</sup>.

# POD IN NDT-CE

Potential mapping of rebar corrosion, Kessler, PhD thesis, 2013:  
resistivity

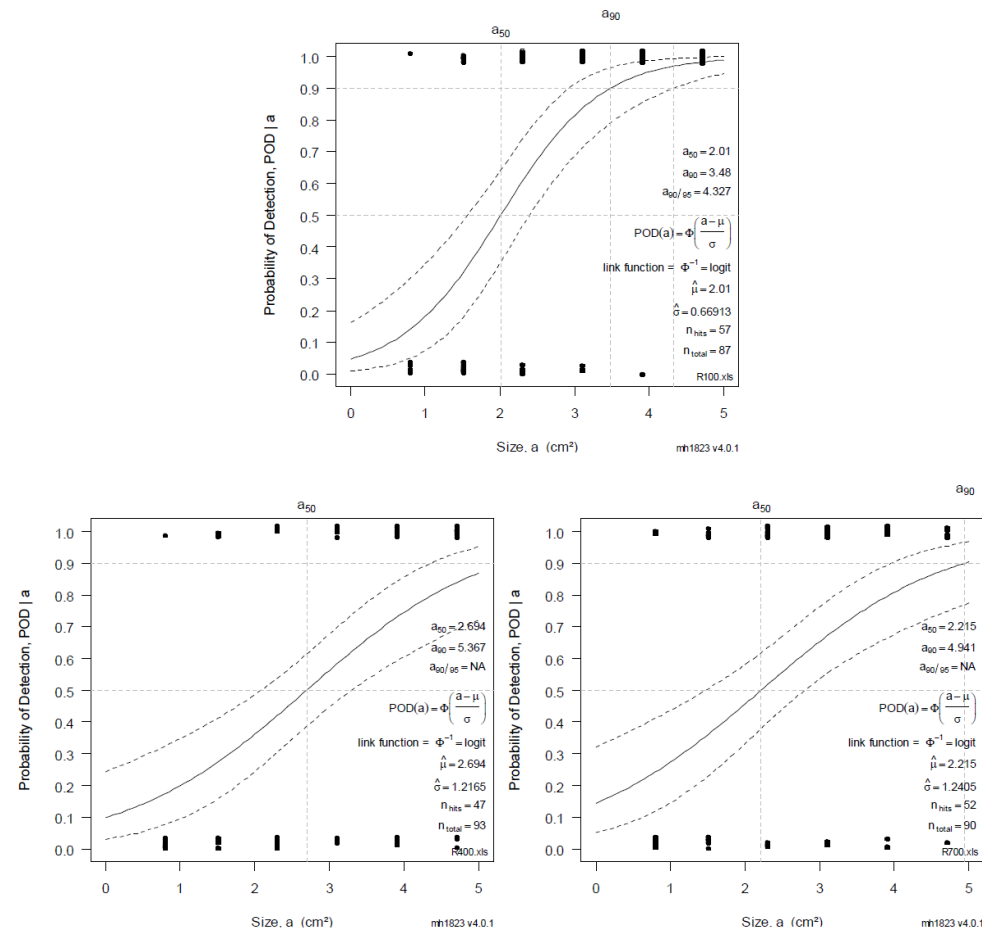


Bild 7-4: POD in Abhängigkeit des Elektrolytwiderstandes: 100 Ωm (oben), 400 Ωm (links), 700 Ωm (rechts); Messraster 15 x 15 cm².

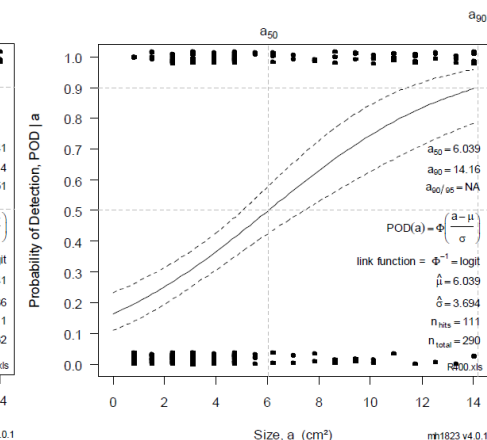
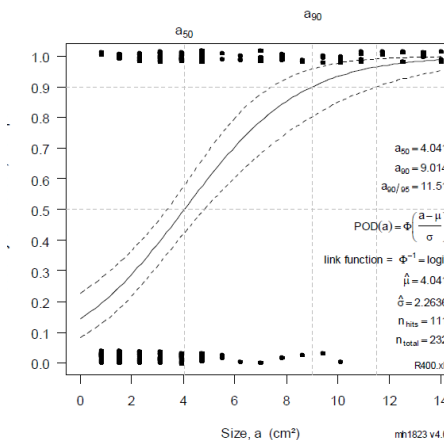
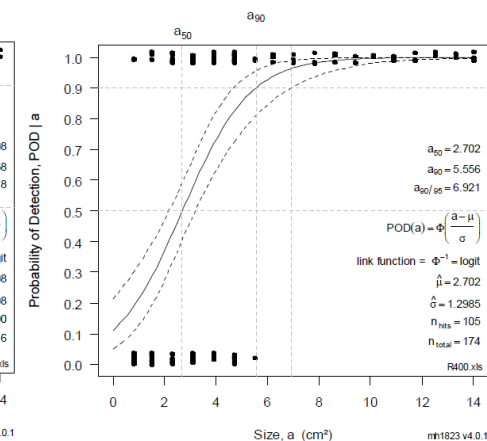
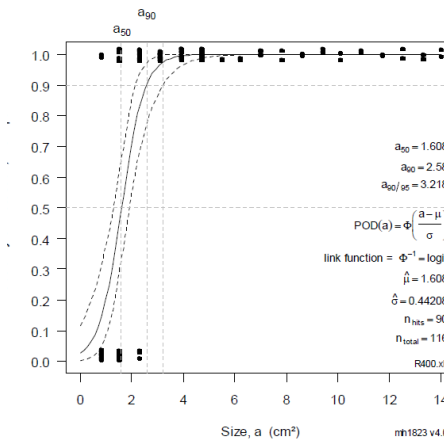
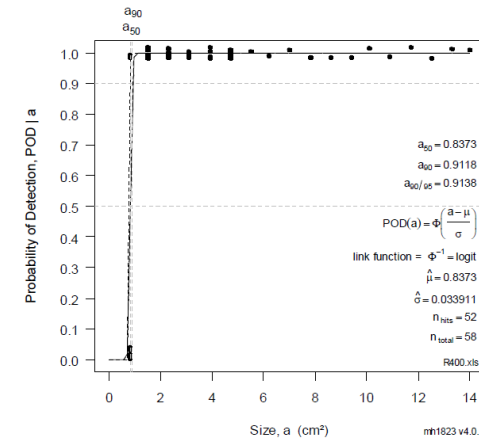
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Grid interval

Tabelle 7-1: Detektionswahrscheinlichkeit  $a_{50}$  und  $a_{90}$

Messraster [cm <sup>2</sup> ]	$a_{50}$ [cm <sup>2</sup> ]	$a_{90}$ [cm <sup>2</sup> ]
5 x 5	0,84	0,91
10 x 10	1,61	2,60
15 x 15	2,70	5,56
20 x 20	4,04	9,01
25 x 25	6,04	14,20





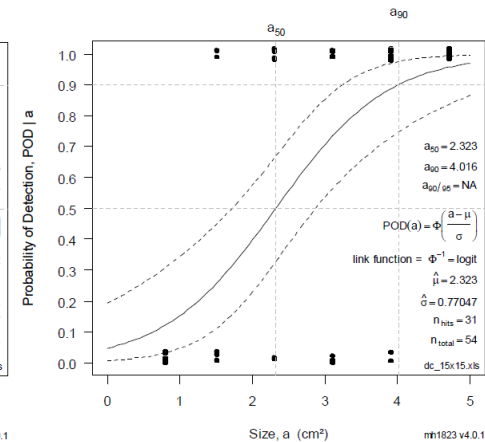
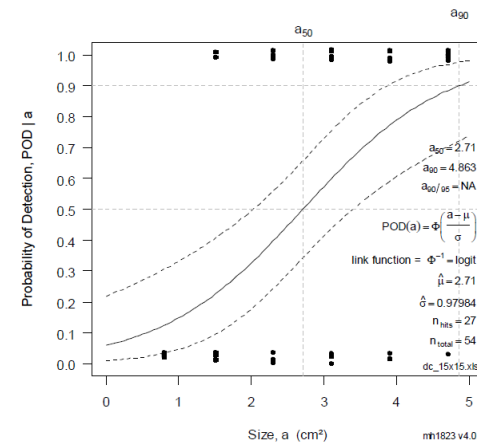
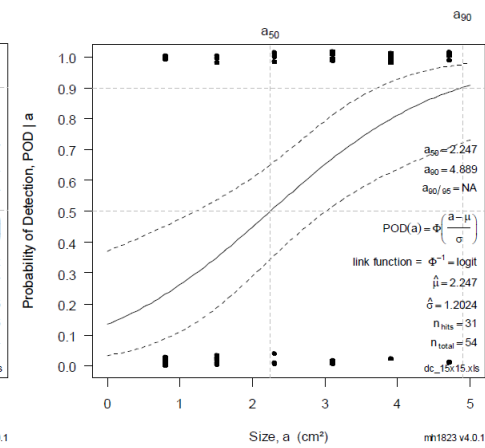
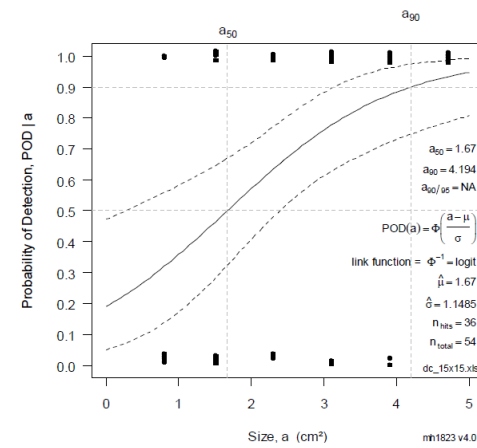
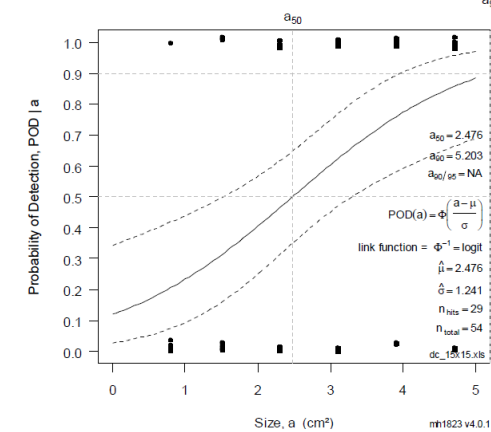
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Concrete cover

Tabelle 7-2: Detektionswahrscheinlichkeit  $a_{50}$  und  $a_{90}$

Betondeckung [mm]	$a_{50}$ [cm <sup>2</sup> ]	$a_{90}$ [cm <sup>2</sup> ]
10	2,5	5,2
20	1,7	4,2
30	2,2	4,9
40	2,7	4,9
50	2,3	4,0





# THANK YOU!

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