



Quantification of the uncertainty of NDE

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1. Background and motivation

We need to accept:

- Limited resource
- Not parts but a whole
- No 100% safety

➔ Risk-based management

1. Background and motivation

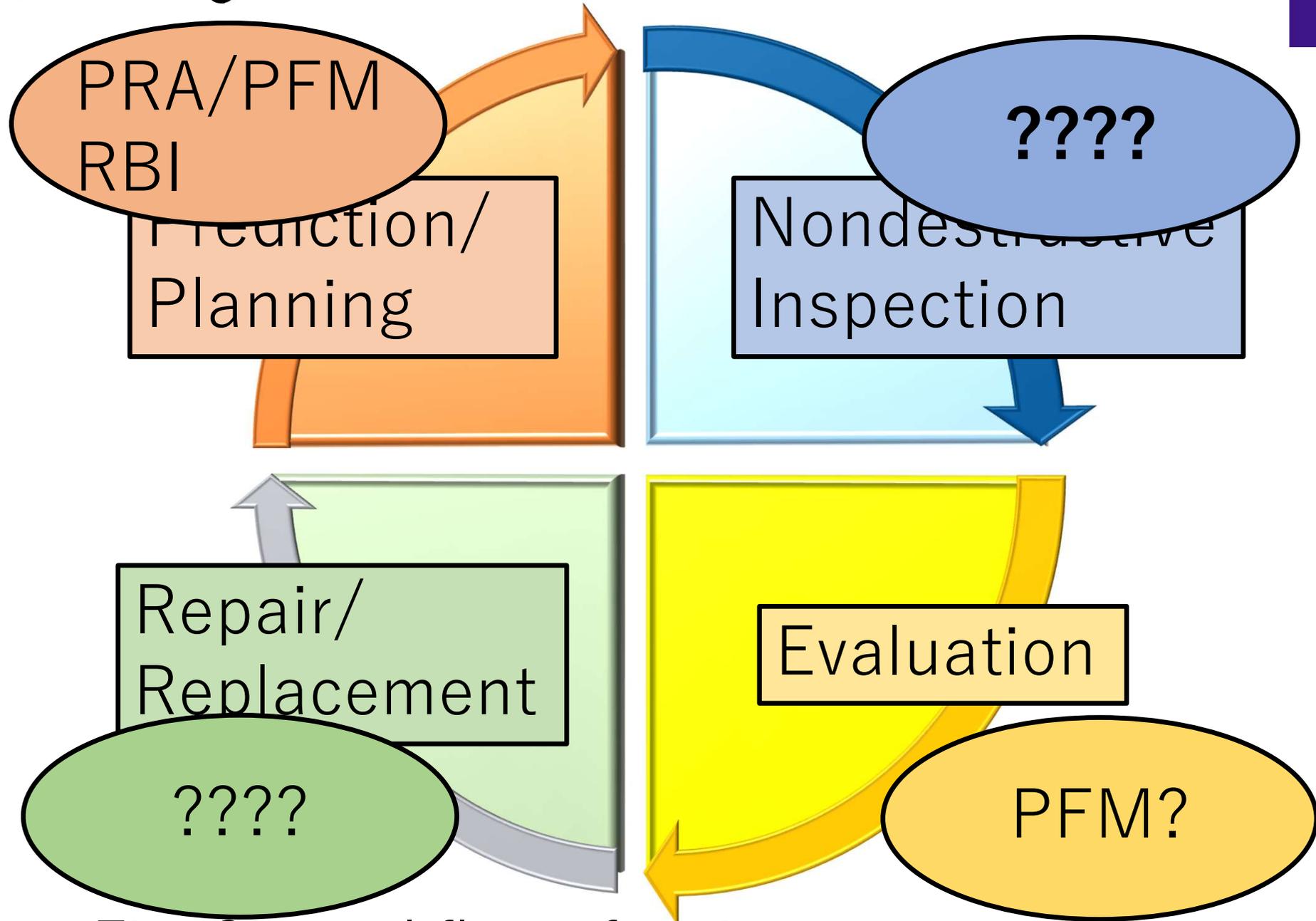


Fig. General flow of maintenance activity

1. Background and motivation

The role of nondestructive inspection

detection & evaluation



of a flaw

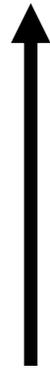
to estimate the size of
a detected flaw

to confirm whether
there is a flaw or not

1. Background and motivation

To account for the **uncertainty of NDT**

detection & evaluation



“safety factor”

■ true size = estimation $\pm \alpha$

“minimum detectable flaw size”

- a flaw larger than a certain size \rightarrow detectable
- a flaw smaller than a certain size \rightarrow undetectable

Incompatible with “Risk.”

1. Background and motivation

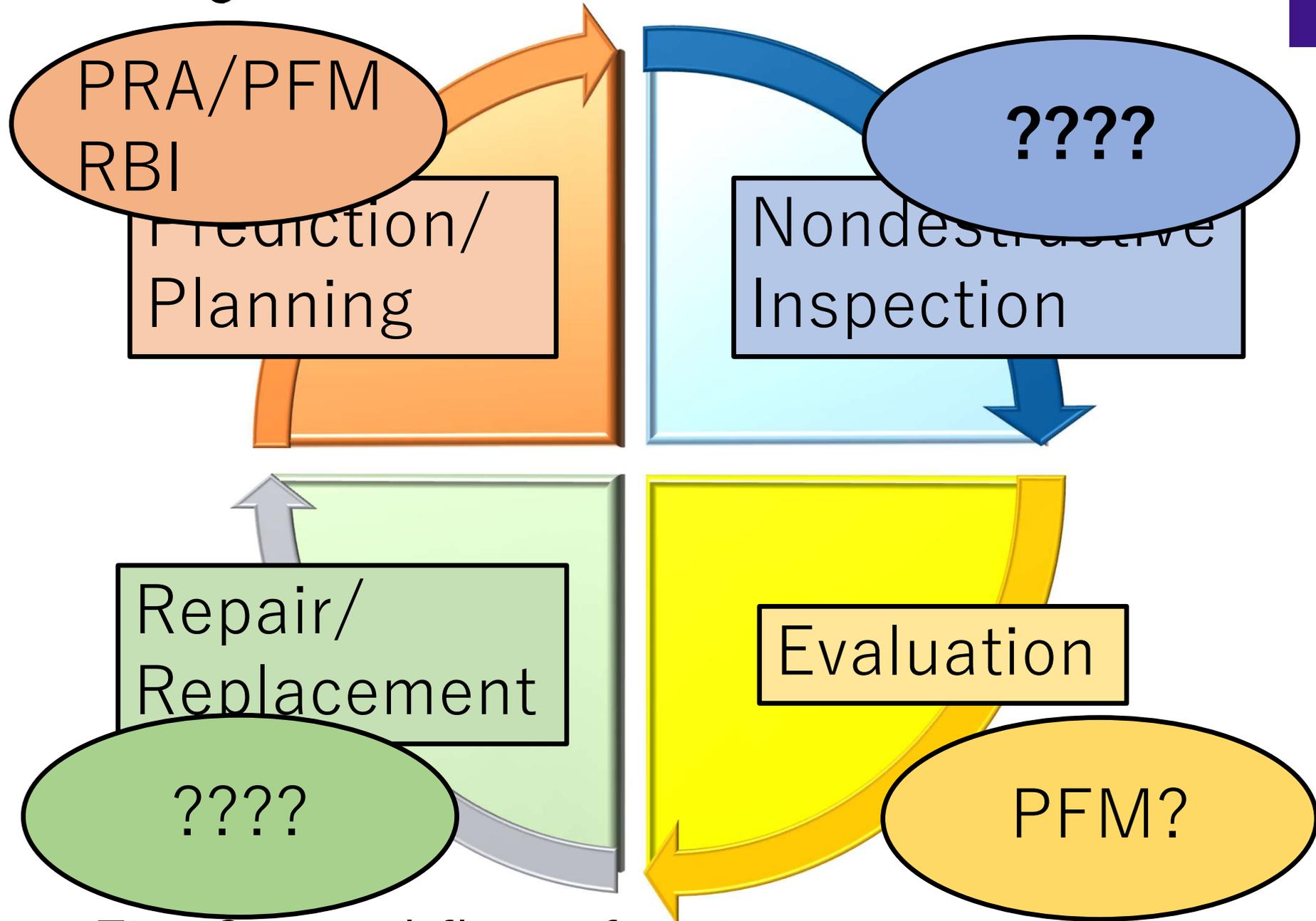


Fig. General flow of maintenance activity

1. Background and motivation

It is probable that risk-based management of infrastructure would be significantly enhanced, if

the uncertainty of nondestructive evaluation is well quantified,

but the number of such studies is quite limited.

2 (1) Uncertainty of flaw detection

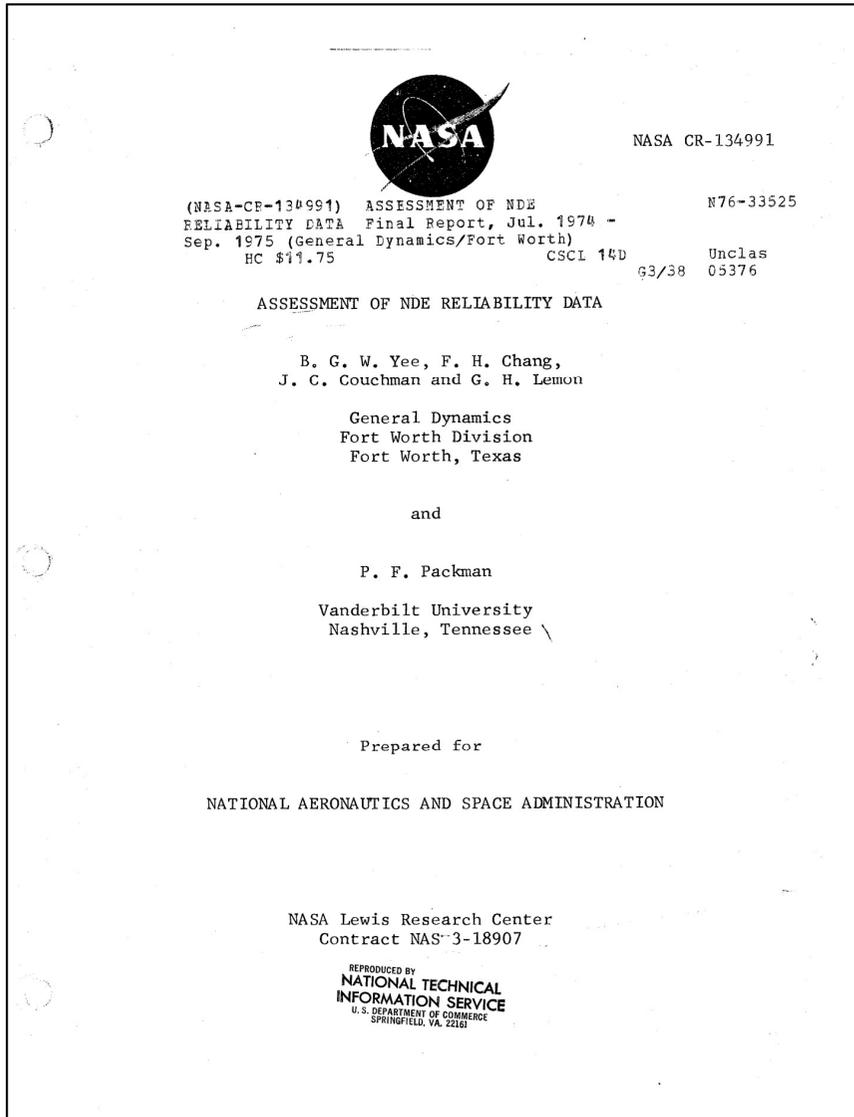
POD (Probability of Detection)

No need to detect all flaws.



2 (1) Uncertainty of flaw detection

early POD studies (70's)



Directly, the probability of detection is given as

$$p = \frac{n}{N}$$

n ← detected
 N ← number of flaws

The lower confidence interval of this probability can be calculated given as

$$1 - 0.95 = \sum_{i=n}^N \binom{N}{i} p_i^i (1 - p_l)^{N-i}$$

BGW. Yee et al., Assessment of NDE Reliability Data, NASA-CR-134991 (1976)



(a) Range Interval Method of Data Cumulation

03-JUL-75				TEST 1, PENET			
RANGE	MIN LN	MAX LN	N	DET	50%	95%	99%
1	7*	21*	39	4	9	9	9
2	25	36	48	13	26	26	26
3	38	52	72	23	31	31	31
4	54	67	120	63	52	52	52
5	68	82	132	91	68	68	68
6	83	97	87	60	68	68	68
7	98	108	39	23	57	57	57
8	115	126	33	15	43	43	43
9	129	141	42	26	60	60	60
10	146	153	18	11	58	58	58
11	158	171	9	3	28	28	28
12	182	185	9	5	50	50	50
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	241	247	12	12	94	94	94
17	248	262	51	50	96	96	96
18	268	275	9	7	71	71	71
19	279	290	15	13	82	82	82
20	295	306	15	14	89	89	89
21	310	322	27	19	68	68	68
22	323	336	30	27	87	87	87
23	338	347	18	15	79	79	79
24	362	362	3	3	79	79	79
25	381	381	3	3	79	79	79
26	393	393	3	3	79	79	79
27	408	408	3	3	79	79	79
28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	459	466	6	4	57	57	57
32	474	979	90	83	91	91	91

(b) Optimum Probability Method of Data Cumulation

03-JUL-75				TEST 2, PENET				MARTIN (2)			
RANGE	MIN LN	MAX LN	N	DET	50%	95%	99%	0	MIS	100	100
1	7*	21*	39	4	9	9	9	0	0	0	0
2	25	36	48	13	26	26	26	0	0	0	0
3	38	52	72	23	31	31	31	0	0	0	0
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(c) Overlapping Sixty Point Method of Data Cumulation

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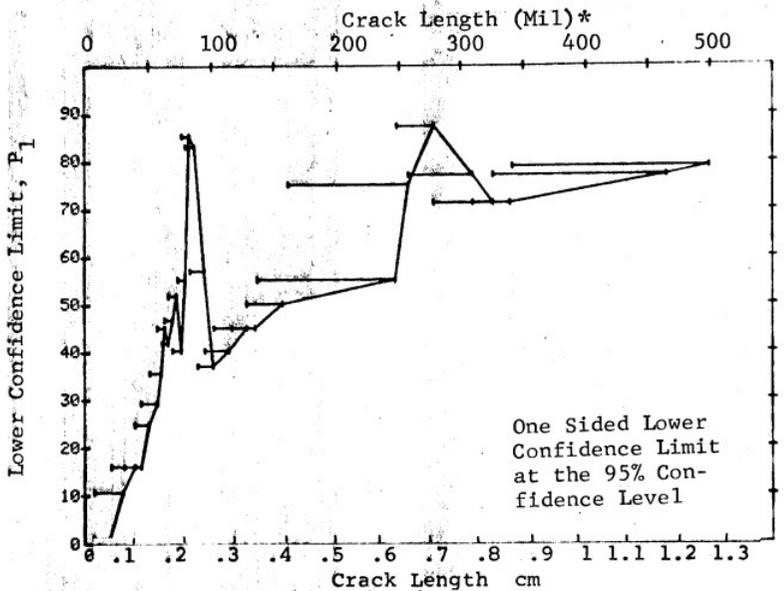
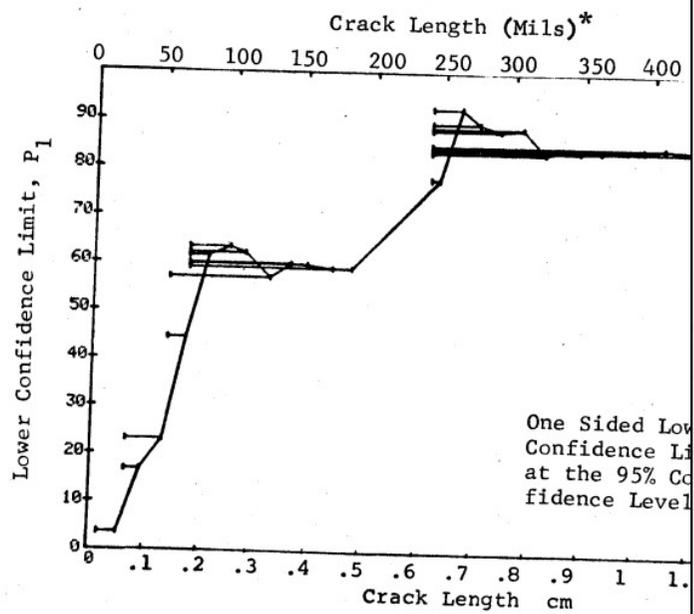
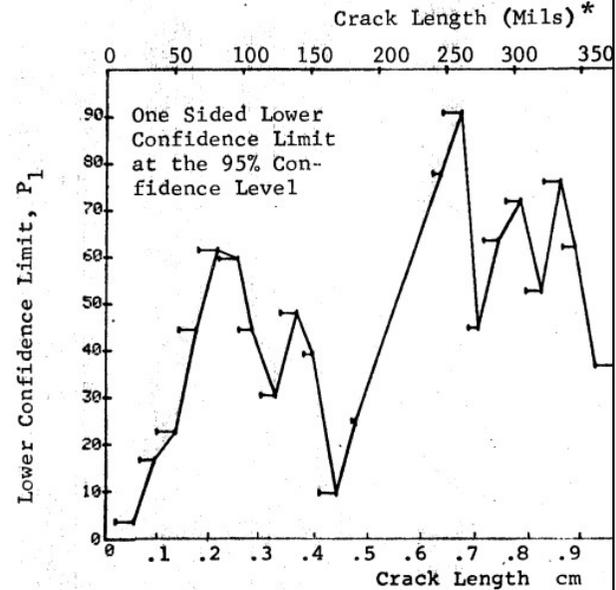


Figure D-2 Probability of Detection for 2219-Liquid Penetrant. Fatigue Cracks Lab. Env.

Figure D-2 (Continued)

Figure D-2 (Concluded)

BGW. Yee et al., Assessment of NDE
NASA-CR-134991 (1976)

2 (1) Uncertainty of flaw detection

More recent POD studies

Results obtained by the approach based on the binomial distribution, which used in the early study, significantly depend on how to categorize flaws.



Estimating the parameters of a function that represents a probability of detection

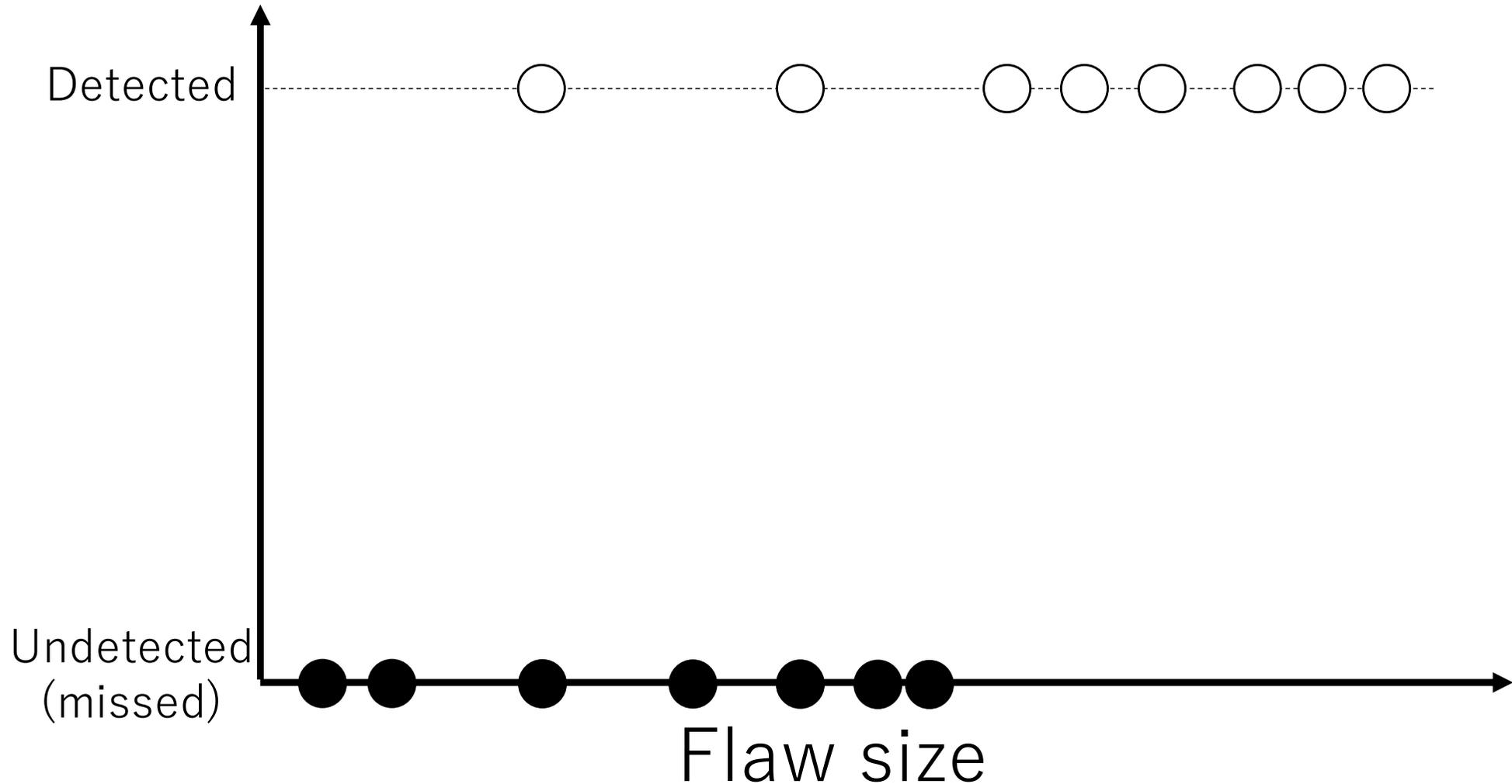
- Binary data (detected or undetected)
→ Hit/Miss approach
- Signal amplitude $>$ Threshold?
→ \hat{a} - a approach

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Recent POD: Hit/Miss approach



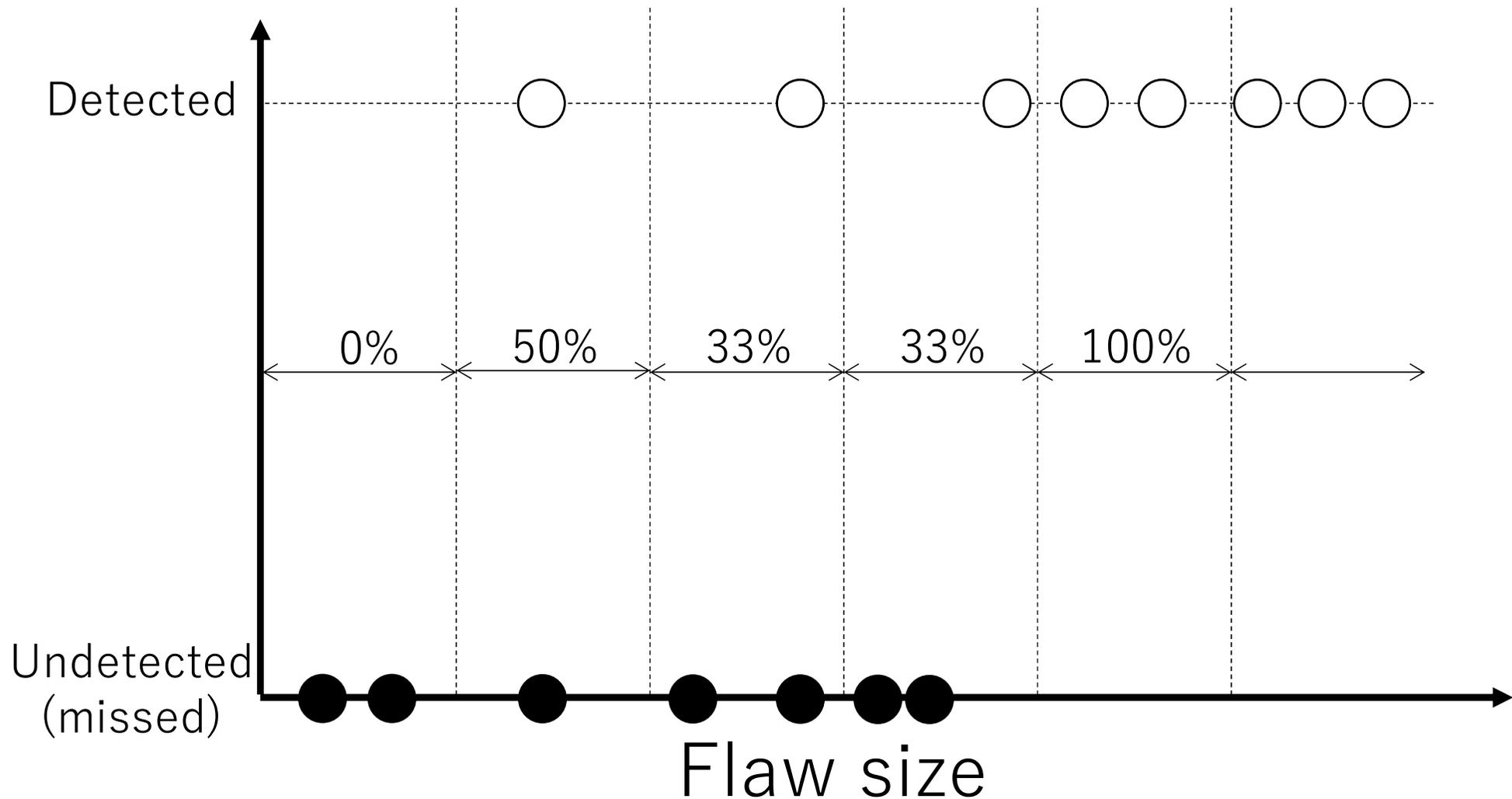
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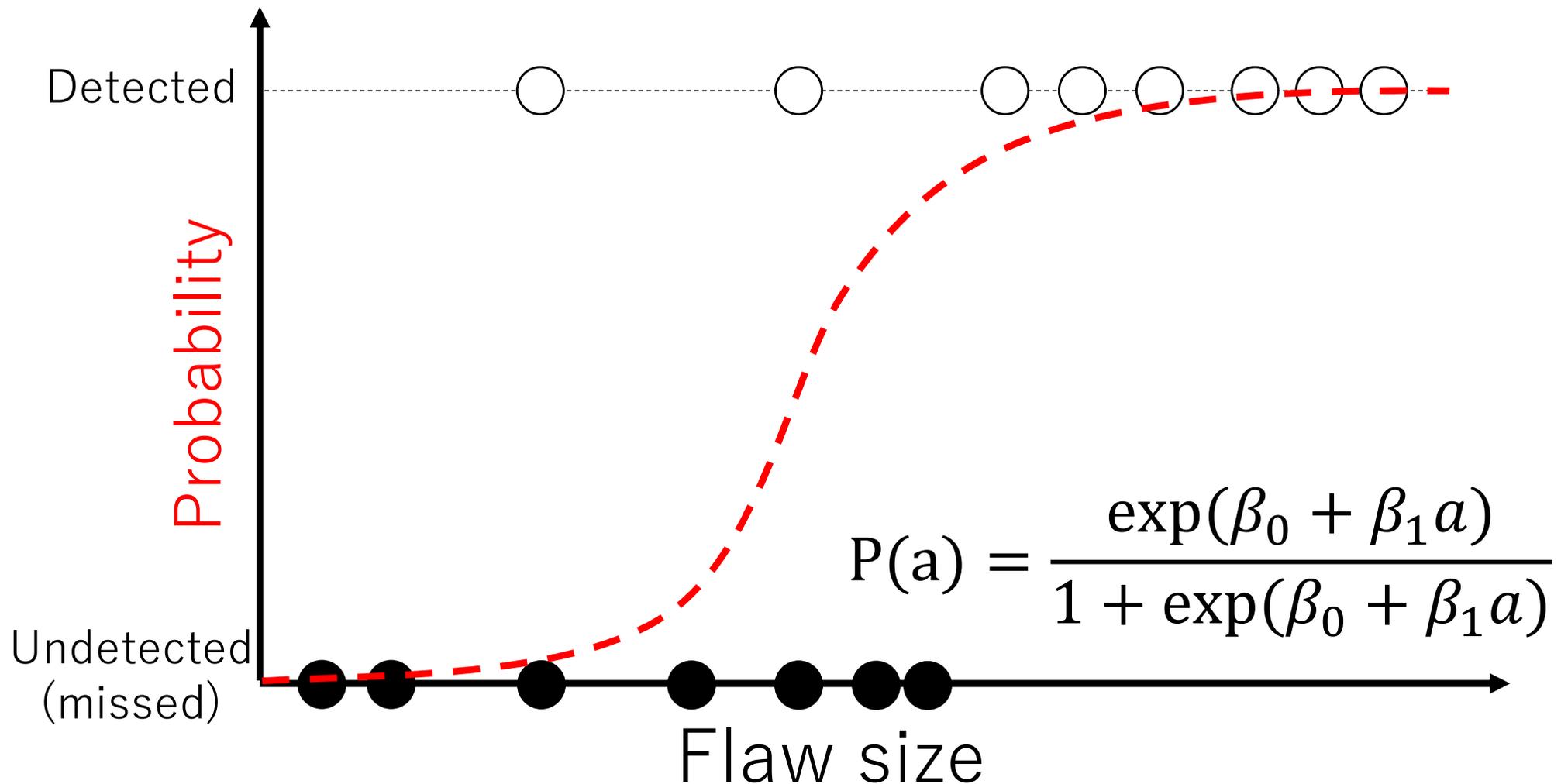
[The early approach]



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Recent POD: Hit/Miss approach

[Estimating the parameters of a function]

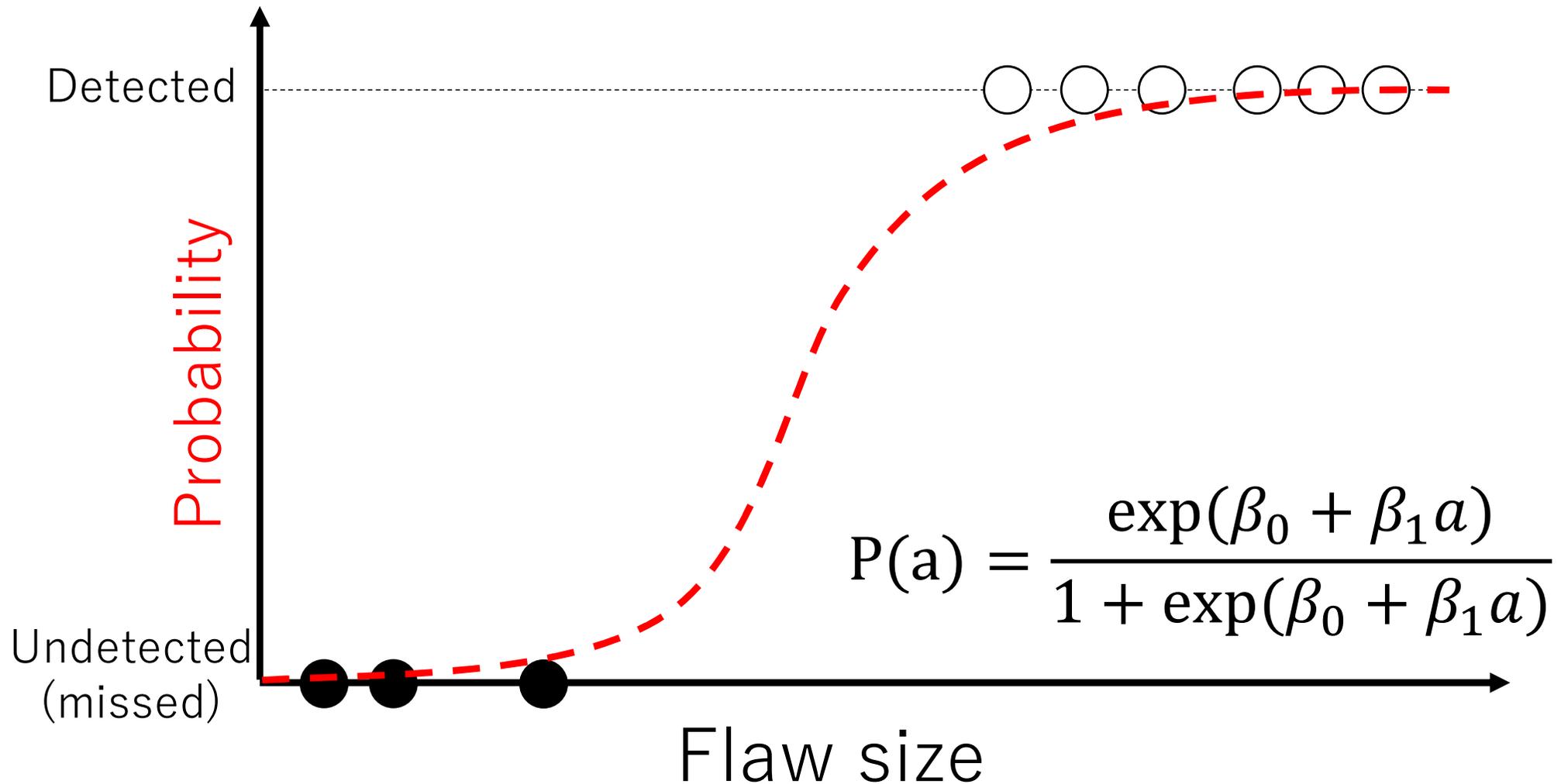


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Recent POD: Hit/Miss approach



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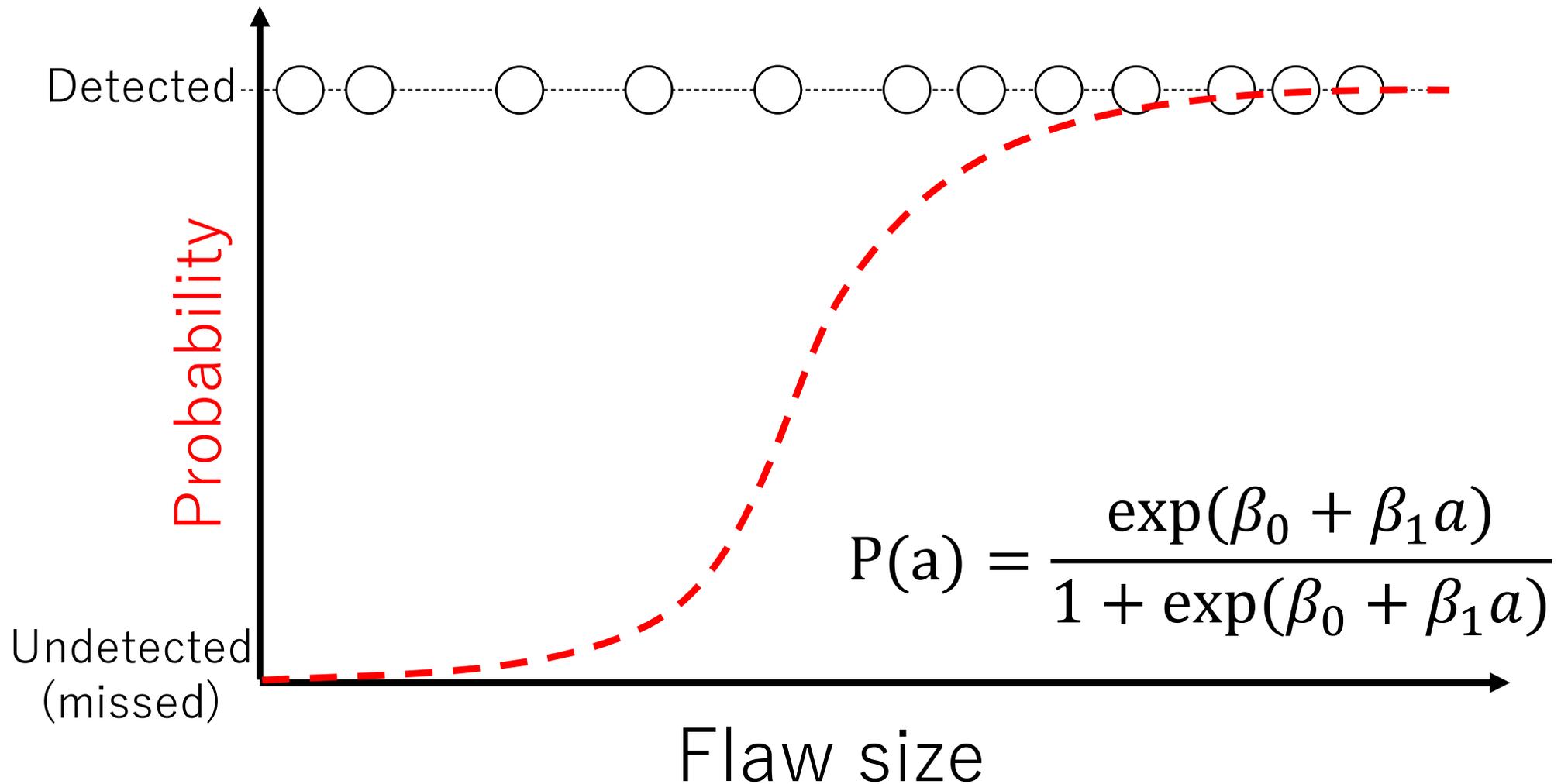


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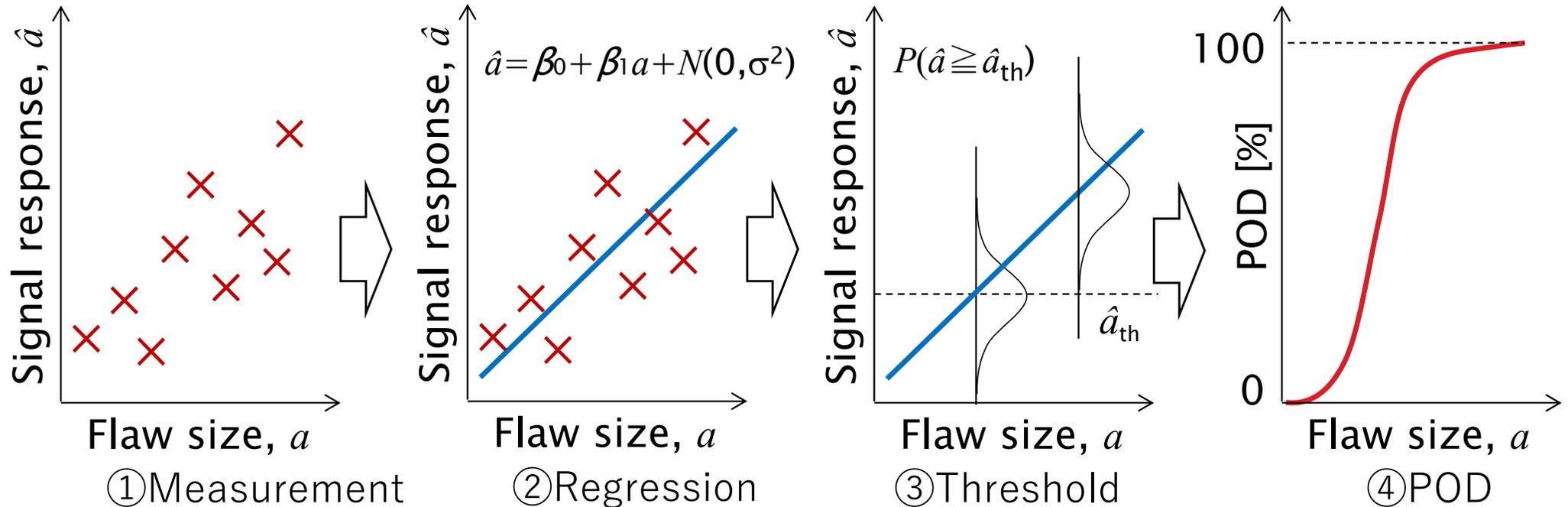
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Recent POD: \hat{a} - a approach

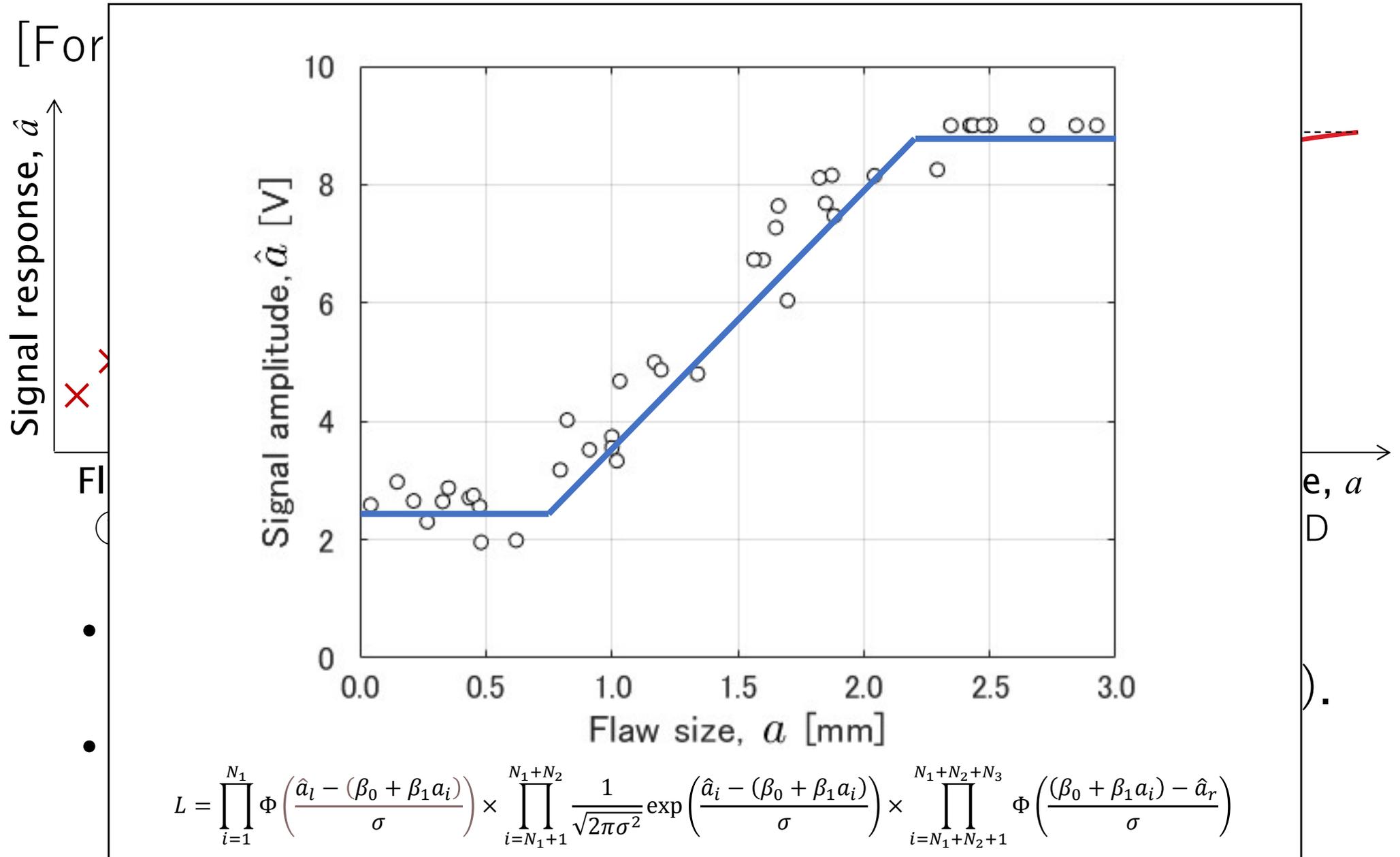
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- Applicable to the results where the results of measurements are given as numeric data (not binary).
- Capable of considering the effect of the decision threshold

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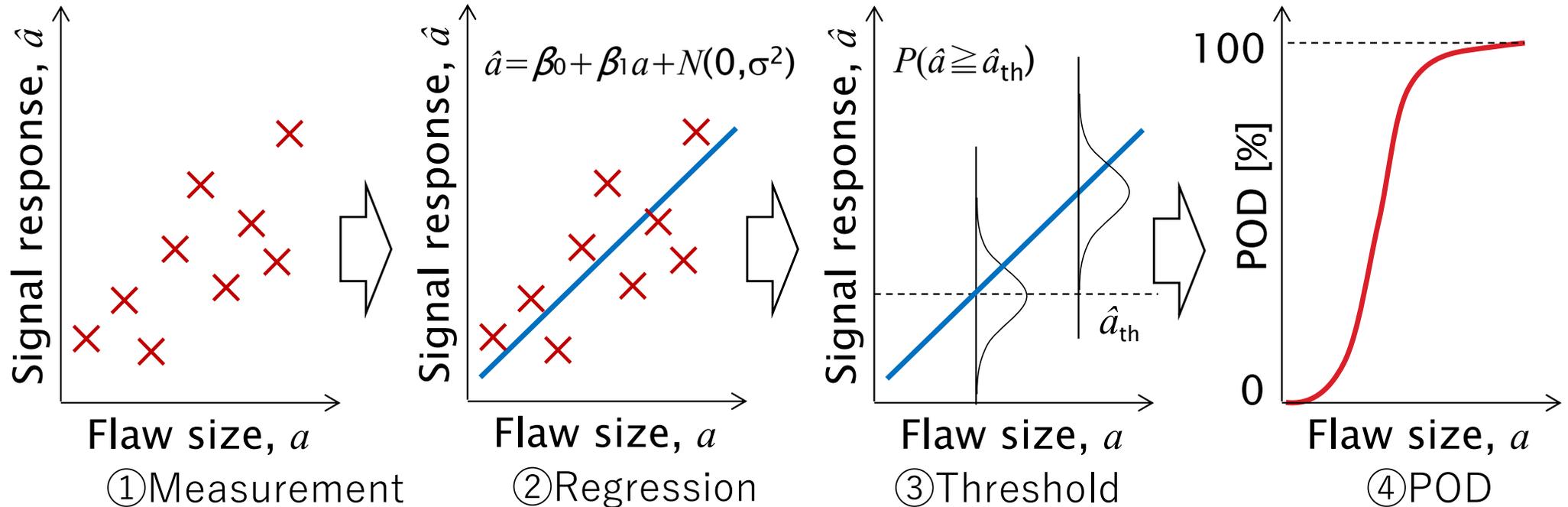
Recent POD: \hat{a} - a approach



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Recent POD: \hat{a} - a approach

[For “signal amplitude” data]



Problems

- Simple linear regression model
- Constant variance is necessary
- Many experimental signals (& samples) needed
- A single parameter to characterize a flaw

2 (1) Uncertainty of flaw detection

Our approach for reconstructing the \hat{a} - a approach

- Simple regression model
 - Not closed-form
- Constant variance
 - Variance depending on flaw size
- Many experimental signals (& samples)
 - Combinational use of measurements and simulations
- A single parameter to characterize flaw
 - Multiple flaw parameters

2 (1) Uncertainty of flaw detection

① detecting surface cracks by eddy current testing

1. Regression analysis based on the combinational use of measured and simulated signals

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Measured} & \text{Normal distribution} & \text{Simulated} \\
 \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 V(d, l) = N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2) \times V^{sim}(d, l) + N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2) \\
 \uparrow \quad \swarrow & & \uparrow \\
 \text{Depth} \quad \text{Length} & & \text{Normal distribution}
 \end{array}$$

2. Maximum likelihood analysis for estimating the parameters

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ln L = & \sum_{i=1}^{M_l} \ln \Phi \left(\frac{V_i - (\mu_1 V^{sim}(d_i, l_i) + \mu_2)}{\sqrt{V^{sim}(d_i, l_i)^2 \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=M_l+1}^{M-M_r} \left[\ln \{ 2\pi (V^{sim}(d_i, l_i)^2 \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2) \} + \frac{\{ V_i - (\mu_1 V^{sim}(d_i, l_i) + \mu_2) \}^2}{V^{sim}(d_i, l_i)^2 \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} \right] \\
 & + \sum_{i=M-M_r+1}^M \ln \left(1 - \Phi \left(\frac{V_r - (\mu_1 V^{sim}(d_i, l_i) + \mu_2)}{\sqrt{V^{sim}(d_i, l_i)^2 \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}} \right) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Probability of detection given as the probability that measured signal exceeds a threshold

$$POD(d, l) = \Phi \left(\frac{(\mu_1 V^{sim}(d, l) + \mu_2) - V_{th}}{\sqrt{V^{sim}(d, l)^2 \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}} \right)$$

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Two-dimensional POD

90% POD + Confidence interval

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2 (1) Uncertainty of flaw detection

② effect of the distance between scanning lines

- 36 fatigue cracks on type 316L SS
- pluspoint probe, 100kHz
- one flaw parameter model
- scanning line runs parallel to a crack

Length & depth of the fatigue cracks

Depth vs FWHM of signal distribution

(when probe runs perpendicular to a fatigue crack)

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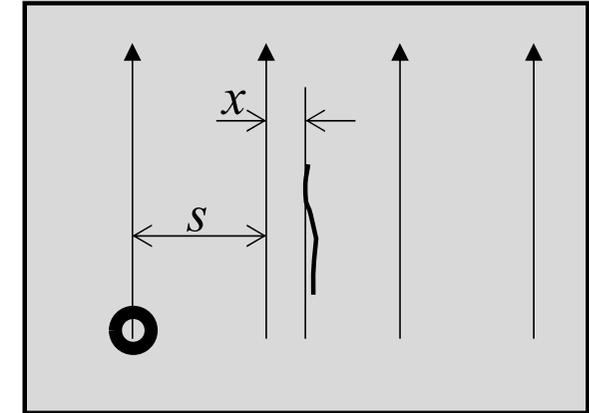
② effect of the distance between scanning lines

Then, evaluate

$$\frac{1}{s} \int_{-s/2}^{s/2} \int_{\sqrt{V_{th}}}^{\infty} \sqrt{F(x)} P(V^{1/2}; d) dV^{1/2} dx$$

↑ ↑
 distance signal

$$x = U\left(-\frac{s}{2}, \frac{s}{2}\right)$$



by the Monte-Carlo method to evaluate signal.

s=3 mm

s=5 mm

s=7 mm

Probability of detection with variable distances

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2 (1) Uncertainty of flaw detection

③ effect of sensor placing in wall thinning monitoring

The POD is given as the probability

$$|\mathbf{B}^{exp}(l, t_r, \theta, s_A, s_C)| > B_{th}$$

[Assumption1]

$$B_{i,j}^{exp}(l, \theta, t_r) = c_1 B_{i,j}^{sim}(l, \theta, t_r) + c_2 + N(0, \sigma_e^2)$$

Fig. The dimensions and sensor placements

$$\sigma_e = c_3 B_{i,j}^{sim} + c_4$$

[Assumption2]

$$x_A \sim \text{Uniform}\left(-\frac{s_A}{2}, \frac{s_A}{2}\right) \quad \& \quad x_C \sim \text{Uniform}\left(-\frac{s_C}{2}, \frac{s_C}{2}\right)$$

- The four parameters were estimated by comparing experimental and numerical signals due to 27 ($i = 1, 2, \dots, 27$) samples.
- The effect of x_A and x_C were evaluated by Monte-Carlo simulations (N=1,000,000).
- The confidence interval of POD was calculated by the bootstrap method (1,000 samples).

- H. Song, N. Yusa, A probability of detection model for a sensor-based monitoring method against local wall thinning, International Journal of Applied Electromagnetics and Mechanics 71 (2023), S29-S37.

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Fig. POD contour when $S_A=50$ mm and $S_C=90^\circ$

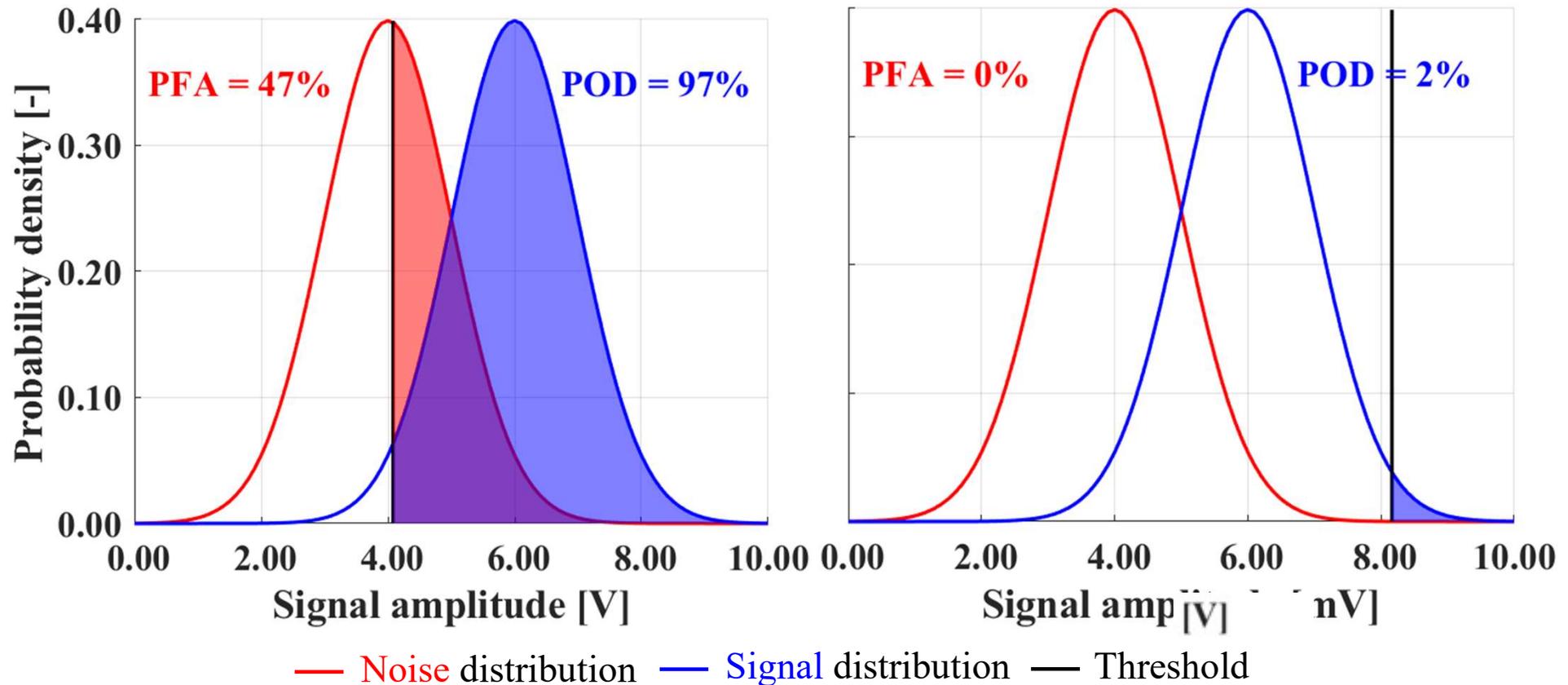
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④ from POD to ROC

A lower a_{th} leads not only higher POD but also a higher PFA



→ Necessity to consider both POD and PFA

- F. Yu et al, Receiver operating characteristic analysis for evaluating a proper experimental condition of eddy current tests under a low signal-to-noise ratio, International Journal of Applied Electromagnetics and Mechanics 71 (2023), S179-S189.

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2 (2) Uncertainty of flaw evaluation

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ill-posedness of inverse problems (from NDT viewpoint)

- there would be no x that gives y , (necessity of proper flaw modeling);
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An earlier study



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2 (2) Uncertainty of flaw evaluation

An earlier study ~ huge error!!



The estimated profile differed significantly from the true one, although the signal was well reproduced.

→ **Necessity to evaluate the uncertainty**

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Evaluating possible error range ~ an earlier approach

Calculating all possible (flaw profile)-(signal) combinations.

Model (flaw on a t10 plate) (a) Flaw model1 (b) Flaw model2
Possible error caused by 10% signal difference

■ Small error would lead to a large error in flaw evaluation

→ Point estimation is insufficient

- N. Yusa et al, Numerical evaluation of the ill-posedness of eddy current problems to size real cracks, NDT&E International 40 (2007), 185-191.
- N. Yusa, H. Hashizume, Numerical investigation of the ability of eddy current testing to size surface breaking cracks, Nondestructive Testing and Evaluation 32 (2017), 50-58.

2 (2) Uncertainty of flaw evaluation

More quantitative approach

The Bayes' theorem states

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{posterior distribution} \\
 \downarrow \\
 P(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{V}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{V}|\mathbf{X})P(\mathbf{X})}{P(\mathbf{V})} \\
 \begin{array}{l}
 \nearrow \text{flaw profile} \quad \nwarrow \text{signal} \\
 \uparrow \text{likelihood} \quad \downarrow \text{prior distribution}
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

from POD analysis

Thus,

$$P(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{V}_1, \mathbf{V}_2, \dots, \mathbf{V}_N) = \frac{P(\mathbf{X}) \prod_{i=1}^N P(\mathbf{V}_i|\mathbf{X})}{\int P(\mathbf{X}) \prod_{i=1}^N P(\mathbf{V}_i|\mathbf{X}) d\mathbf{X}}$$

- C. Cal et al., Metamodel-based Markov-Chain-Monte-Carlo parameter inversion applied in eddy current flaw characterization, NDT&E International 99 (2018), 13-22.
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3. Summary

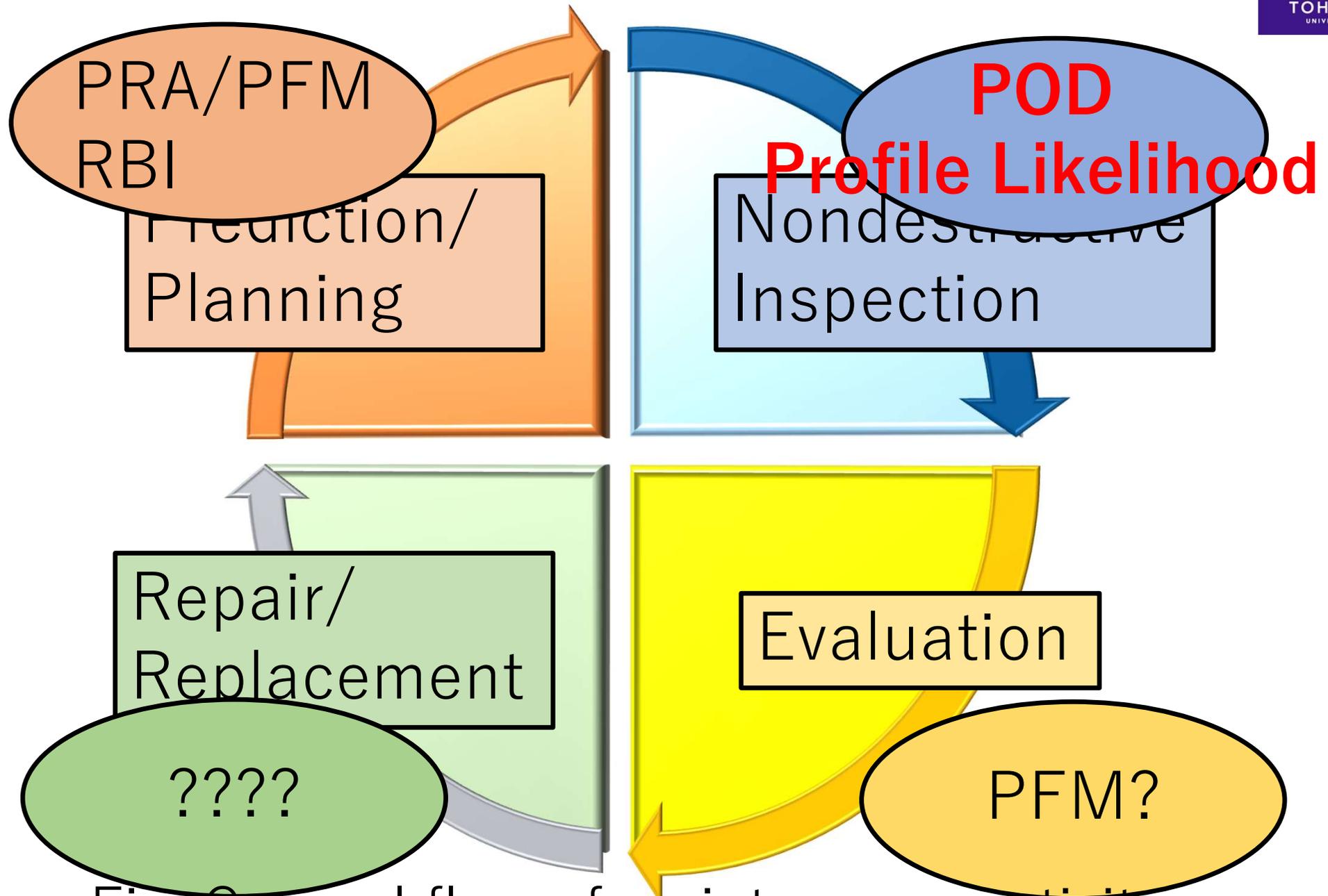


Fig. General flow of maintenance activity

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