
TEMP and Test Plan Review Examples

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DOE Guidance by Milestone

Milestone Supported	Information Content
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Specific example: Q-53 Army Counter-Fire Radar Test Plan (Test completed – report in progress)

- **Response variables clearly identified: circular error probable, point of origin error, point of impact error , probability to detect, probability to classify**
 - Includes mix of continuous and binary responses
- **Integrated testing –**
 - Shot performance characterization data will be obtained from DT.
 - Ten IOT&E missions will be randomly selected to confirm accuracy of DT missions
 - » Could we do better than random?
- **Clear identification of factors and levels**
 - Table 1-2 and 1-3
- **Problems discovered in DT prohibited the OT use of DT data**
 - No test design for OT was acceptable because of large OT
 - » 278 Fire missions, 3649 projectiles fired
 - » Allowed for characterization of performance despite no DOE basis for the design



Specific example: SDB II

Air Force/Navy Air Delivered Weapon TEMP

(In OSD routing for approval)

- **Operational evaluation is based on modeling and 55 flight test weapon releases**
 - Test design includes 50 of 55 shots to characterize performance across three attack modes (normal*, laser, coordinate)
 - An additional 28 Government Confidence Test (GCT) weapon releases will be conducted before OT for normal attack mode only; some OT shots may be reduced if GCT eliminates factors that do not affect performance
 - Table 3-6 identifies factors for DT, GCT, and OT
- **Response variables**
 - Primary response variables are Probability of Single Shot Kill and miss distance
- **Overarching Design**
 - Primary factors airspeed, altitude, range represent launch acceptability region (LAR); GCT will define the levels; will be incorporated into all 55 shots
 - Sub-designs for each of the attack modes; laser and coordinate are legacy modes so fewer shots are dedicated for this
 - Power shown for overarching and subdesigns



Specific example: Triton Navy UAV Integrated Evaluation Framework (in-progress)

- **IEF serves as a source document for OT description in TEMP and basis for Test Plans**
 - Triton IEF identifies six mission oriented COIs and associated tasks
 - Response variables (RV) are identified for each COI, continuous and binary
 - Only RV that drive test design are associated with COIs, other measures are listed but not assigned to a COI (e.g., mission planning, cybersecurity)
- **Mission tasks are organized into Vignettes**
 - Test design for each vignette vice per COI or RV
 - Tables including RV, Factors, Levels for each vignette are provided that adequately span the operational envelope and can be reasonably controlled in OT
 - Split plot designs are used with whole plots for hard to change factors (e.g., light, altitude); however, test execution most likely will result in a more randomized test design
- **Power of tests documented (at 80% confidence level)**
 - Per RV for main effects, 2-factor, and 3-factor interactions
 - Standard deviation and operationally significant effect sizes based on historical performance of similar systems