Template for the Preparation of Manuscripts (Full Paper at DIR2025)

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Abstract (approx. 100 to 150 words)

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1. Introduction

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The body of the paper should open with an introduction, which is a brief assessment of prior work by others, and an explanation of how the paper contributes to the field. The introduction should briefly describe the extent of the study and techniques employed. The introduction part of the body should not contain information on results obtained.

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$$(k) = r_0 \cdot exp\left(-2R_q^2k^2\right) \tag{1}$$

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Figure 1. Geometrical configuration for tangential control (10 points)

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Table 1. Table example (12 points)

Item	Specifications
Table caption defined	The table caption, in bold, should always be centred with the table number above the table. Arabic numbers should be used for table numbers. Do not end the table caption with a full stop.
Table contents	Preferred type font is Times New Roman 11 point. Line spacing should be single space with one additional line of space between paragraphs.

3. Chapter suggestions

3.1 Introduction

• Research Objectives: Clearly articulate the primary goals of your research, which should be focused on advancing the understanding and practice of NDT within the engineering context. Specify the key challenges or issues your research aims to address. Explain how these objectives relate to the broader context of NDT and engineering.

• Significance: Discuss the significance of your research for the field of NDT in engineering. Explain how it directly contributes to the advancement of NDT practices, the development of novel techniques within the engineering discipline, and addresses critical problems.

3.2 Literature Review

• Identify Gaps: Thoroughly analyze the existing literature, identifying gaps, limitations, or areas with room for improvement in NDT techniques within the engineering field. Discuss how these gaps have hindered progress in the engineering applications of NDT.ONLY the paper from 10-15 years ago would be accepted to add a reference to the literature review.

• Motivation: Elaborate on the motivation behind your research, emphasizing how it directly contributes to the advancement of NDT in engineering. Provide specific examples of problems or shortcomings in the literature that your work seeks to rectify.

3.3 Methodology:

• <u>Detailed Approach</u>: Provide a comprehensive overview of the research methods and techniques employed in your study. Explain how these methods are tailored to address the specific engineering challenges in NDT. Provide step-by-step details, including any specialized equipment or software used.

> Consider using a flowchart in your paper to enhance the reader's understanding.

• <u>Innovations</u>: If your methodology includes novel techniques, modifications, or innovations, provide a detailed account of these advancements and their significance for engineering applications in NDT. Explain how these innovations address the limitations of current NDT methods.

3.4 Experimental Setup (if applicable):

• <u>Equipment and Customization</u>: Describe the equipment used in your experiments, highlighting any modifications or customizations made to adapt them to NDT in the context of engineering. Include technical specifications and how these modifications affect the performance of engineering applications.

• <u>Conditions and Considerations</u>: Explain the experimental conditions, including environmental factors, sample characteristics, and other parameters relevant to engineering applications of NDT. Detail how these conditions were selected to replicate real-world scenarios in engineering.

3.5 Results:

• <u>Data Presentation</u>: Present the results of your experiments clearly and comprehensively. Utilize figures, tables, and diagrams to visually represent your findings, emphasizing the engineering-specific aspects. Include detailed captions that provide engineering context for the presented data.

• <u>Engineering Implications</u>: Discuss how the results directly relate to engineering applications, addressing the specific problems or challenges in NDT that your research aims to solve. Describe how these results could be practically applied in the field of engineering.

3.6 Discussion

• <u>Interpretation</u>: Provide a detailed interpretation of the results and their significance for engineering. Discuss the implications of your findings in the context of improving NDT practices in the field, considering both their theoretical and practical implications.

• <u>Comparisons</u>: Compare your results with existing literature, emphasizing the unique contributions your research makes to the engineering aspects of NDT. Discuss how your work advances the state of knowledge in NDT within the engineering domain.

3.7. Conclusions

Following the body of the report the author should present, in narrative format, conclusions drawn from the paper. The conclusions should be based on the discussion in the body of the paper. In addition, it may be valuable to demonstrate the value of the work to the profession. The conclusions should be written for the general reader. Specific detailed information is better confined to the body of the paper.

• Summary of Goals: Summarize the primary research objectives and restate how your work directly addresses the specific challenges in NDT within the engineering discipline. Highlight the contributions to engineering knowledge. ➤ highlight your contributions

• Practical Implications: Highlight the practical applications and implications of your research for engineering practitioners in the field of NDT. Discuss how your findings can be implemented in real-world engineering scenarios and the benefits they offer.

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References

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1. L Udpa and S S Udpa, 'Neural Networks for the Classification of Non-Destructive Evaluation Signals', IEE Proceedings-F, Vol 138, No 1, pp 201-205, February 1991.