Bayesian Reliability Model for

Beam Permit System of RHIC at BNL

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RHIC

- Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider 2.4 mile
- Yellow and Blue two counter circulating beams
- 6 interaction regions



Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider





Beam Permit System

- RHIC peak stored energy 72 MJ
 - 70 MJ in SC magnets
 - 2 MJ in beams
- Beam Permit System (BPS):
 - Receives subsystems' health inputs
 - Takes decision for disposal of energy
- Impacts reliability and availability of RHIC

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Beam Permit System



Objective

- Estimate Reliability characteristics of BPS Draw best possible inference
- Reliability Information Sources
- 1. Monte Carlo model^[1]: Profound view
 - Basic component failures^[2], Structural bottlenecks
 - Exponential MIL HDBK^[3], Manufacturer's data
- 2. Historical failure data (15 years): Bird's eye view
 - Real survival characteristics



HOW TO CONSIDER BOTH?





Bayesian Paradigm^[4]

Integration of information from multiple sources

Updating current knowledge when new information is acquired



Frequentist Approach

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- Event probability: limit of its long term occurrence rate
- Parameters constant μ , σ

Bayesian Approach

- Keeps updating probability
- Parameters are random

variables - μ , σ

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Thomas Bayes

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Bayesian Paradigm

Bayes theorem: Continuous form







Source 1: Monte Carlo model

- Exponential^[5] survival distribution of components
- Simulates system behavior top distribution may be different



Distribution	Parameter	Point estimate	AIC*	BIC**
Exponential	Scale - λ	8.831e-5	3141125.52	3141136.15
	Shape - α	1		
Weibull	Scale - λ	8.829e-5	3141127.47	3141148.72
	Shape - α	1.00046		
Gamma	Scale - λ	8.84e-5	3141127.44	3141148.66
	Shape - α	1.00106		

Check - Non homogenous Poisson process^[6]

 λ for 10⁷ hours – no trending

Check – Distribution with goodness-of-fit

*Akaike Information Criterion^[7] **Bayesian Information Criterion^[7]



STEP 1

STEP 2

Source 2: Historical failure data

- BPS hardware failure data for 15 years
- 16 data points for the time between failures owing to high reliability of BPS

Check - Distribution of historical data with goodness-of-fit

Distribution	Parameter	Point estimate	AIC*	BIC**
Exponential	Scale - λ Shape – α	1.20E-04 1	322.9	323.7
Weibull	Scale - λ Shape - α	0.000171 0.627457	317.6	319.1
Gamma	Scale - λ Shape - α	6.03E-05 0.503074	318.1	319.7
Lognormal	Scale - λ Shape - α	7.7676 1.99141	319.0	320.5

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*Akaike Information Criterion **Bayesian Information Criterion



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Bayesian reliability model

Posterior

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- Tradeoff between Prior and Data distribution
- Tradeoff level: depends on relative strength, can be changed by altering hyperparameters
- Conjugate prior: Yields a posterior of the same form as







Weibull:
$$f(x|\alpha, \eta) = \alpha \eta x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\eta x^{\alpha}}$$
 Shape = α
Scale = $n^{-1/\alpha}$



Likelihood function: $L(\alpha, \eta | x) = \prod_{i=1}^{k} \alpha \eta x_{i}^{\alpha-1} e^{-\eta x_{i}^{\alpha}}$

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 $\alpha = 0.6275, \eta = 1.2904$



Conjugate Prior Distribution^[8]



Hyperparameter $\beta = 3$

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 $\alpha = 1, \eta = 0.7741$

 $\alpha, \eta \sim [0,\infty)$



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Posterior parameter samples [4,8]

• Posterior kernel: Contains all the information of α and η

 $p(\alpha,\eta|x) \propto \alpha^k \eta^{k+\beta-1} \left(\prod_i^k x_i\right)^{\alpha-1} e^{(-\eta \sum x_i^{\alpha} - \alpha - \eta \beta)}$

• Proposal density

$$q(\alpha',\eta'|\alpha,\eta) = \frac{1}{\alpha\eta} e^{\left(\frac{\alpha'}{\alpha} - \frac{\eta'}{\eta}\right)}$$

• Metropolis Hastings Algorithm

$$a((\alpha',\eta'),(\alpha,\eta)) = min\left\{1,\frac{p(\alpha',\eta')/q(\alpha',\eta'|\alpha,\eta)}{p(\alpha,\eta)/q(\alpha,\eta|\alpha',\eta')}\right\}$$

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• Posterior parameters

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- $\alpha = 0.6327$
- η = 1.2225





Posterior Distribution

Prior: $\alpha = 1.0000, \eta = 0.7741$ Data: $\alpha = 0.6275, \eta = 1.2904$



Posterior: $\alpha = 0.6327$, $\eta = 1.2225$



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Discussion

Prior: $\alpha = 1.0000, \eta = 0.7741$ Data: $\alpha = 0.6275, \eta = 1.2904$



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Conclusion

- Bayesian analysis furnishes the most informed inference for BPS
- Emphasize the importance of both the information sources
 - MC Model Fine failure characteristics
 - Historical data Real survival behavior
- Advocate the value of $\beta = 3$
 - High confidence in the actual machine failure data
 - Mild influence of the MC model results
- Ability to regulate the influence of either information sources





Why?

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"Is this needed for a Bayesian analysis?"

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