



# Weibull 모수 추정치의 불확실성 평가를 통한 균열생성실험 조건 연구

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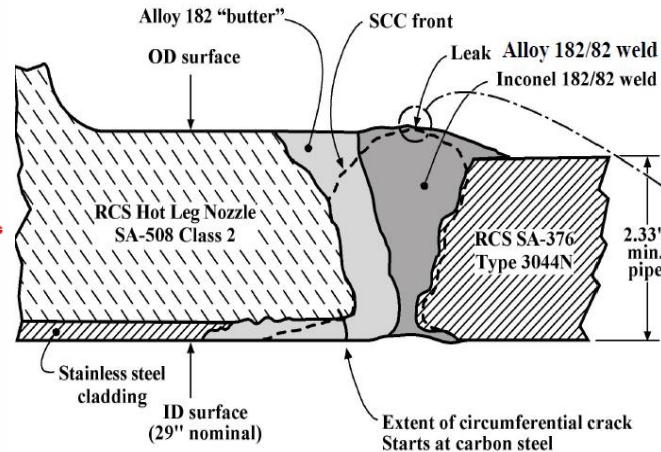
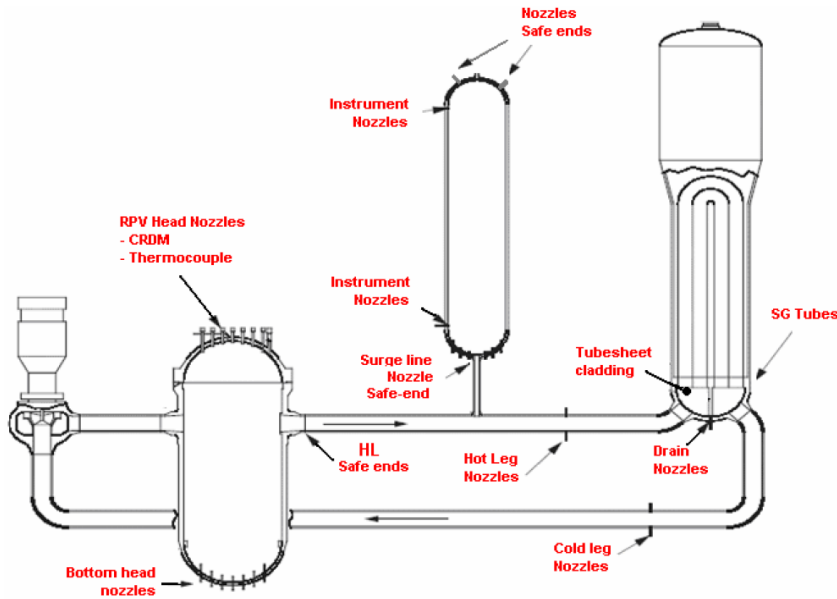
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- **Results and Discussion**
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# Introduction



## Stress Corrosion Cracking (SCC)

- ✓ One of the main materials-related issues in operating nuclear reactors.
  - Can cause significant Loss of Coolant Accident (LOCA).



SCC가 발견된 182/82 용접부 위치 개략도

[EPRI MRP-220, 2007]

미국 V.C. Summer 고온관 용접부에서 발견된 PWSCC

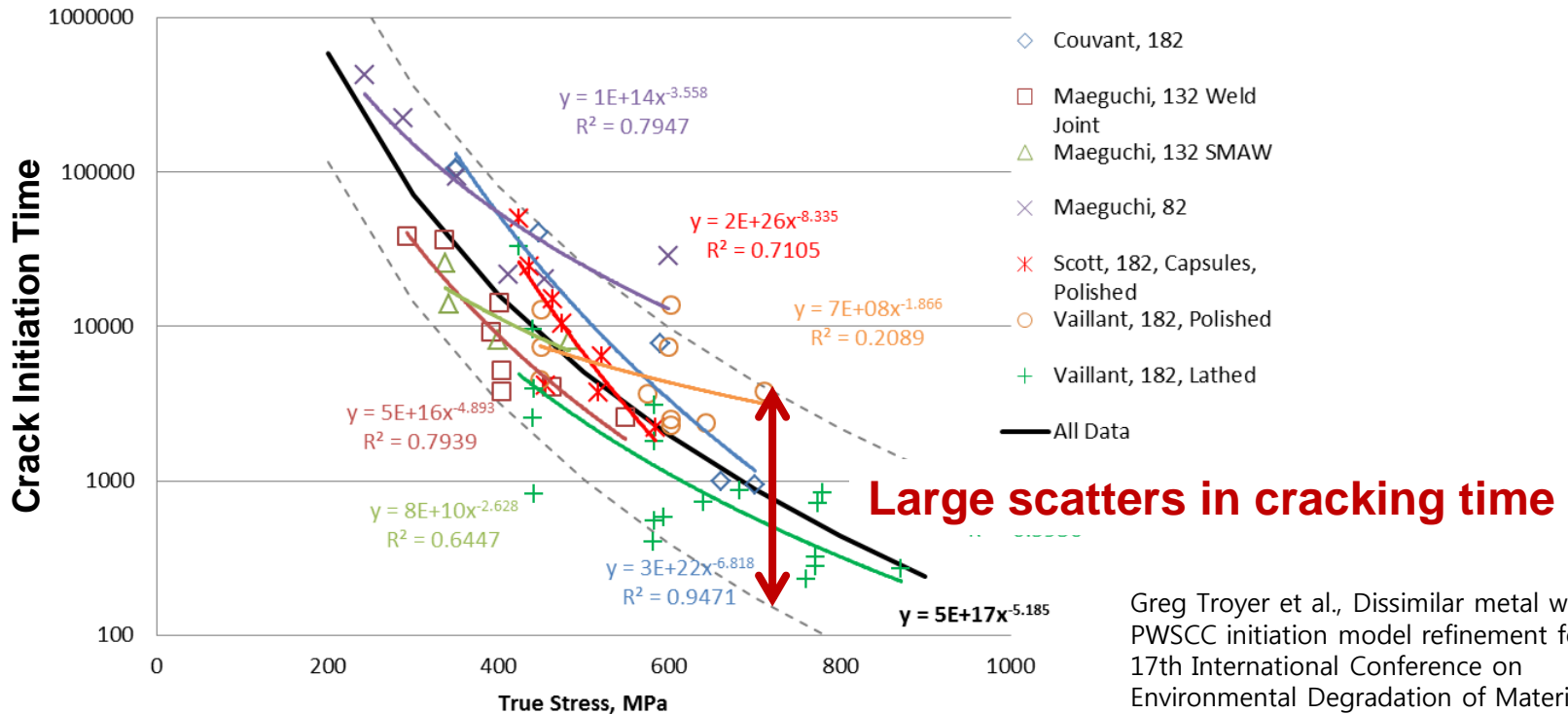
"PWSCC/LPSCC in PWRs (+ Steam Generator Corrosion),"  
USNRC, Adams No. ML11266A011

# Introduction



## Initiation time of SCC

- ✓ To predict the accurate time of SCC is very difficult.
  - The mechanism of SCC initiation is quite complex.
  - Most of SCC experiment show **non-negligible scatters** in cracking time.



Greg Troyer et al., Dissimilar metal weld PWSCC initiation model refinement for xLPR, 17th International Conference on Environmental Degradation of Materials in Nuclear Power Systems – Water Reactors August 9-13, 2015, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

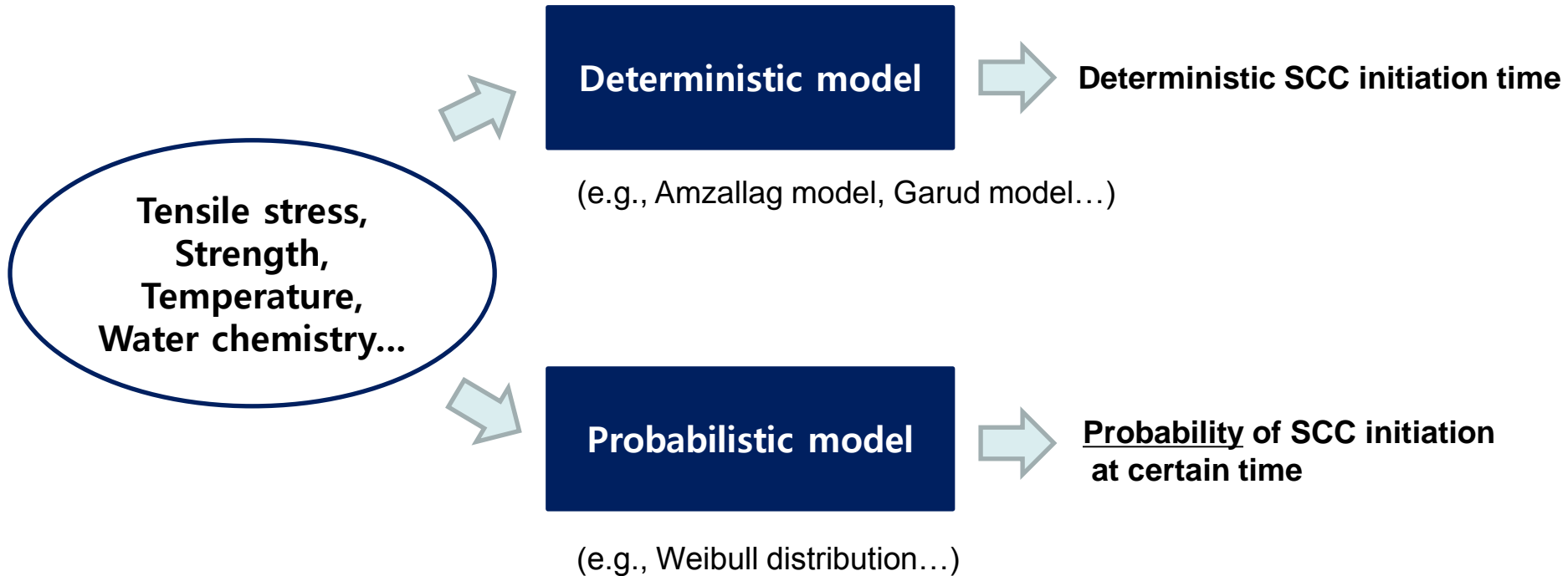
The results of several SCC initiation experiments (normalized to 325°C)



- **Prediction model of SCC initiation**

- ✓ Deterministic model or Probabilistic model

- Probabilistic model can quantify the data scatters in SCC experiment.



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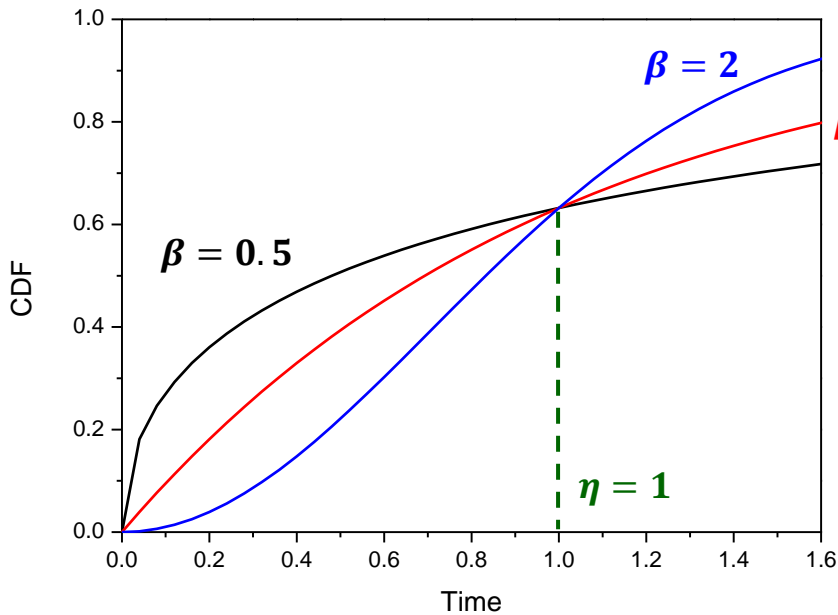


## ▪ The Weibull distribution

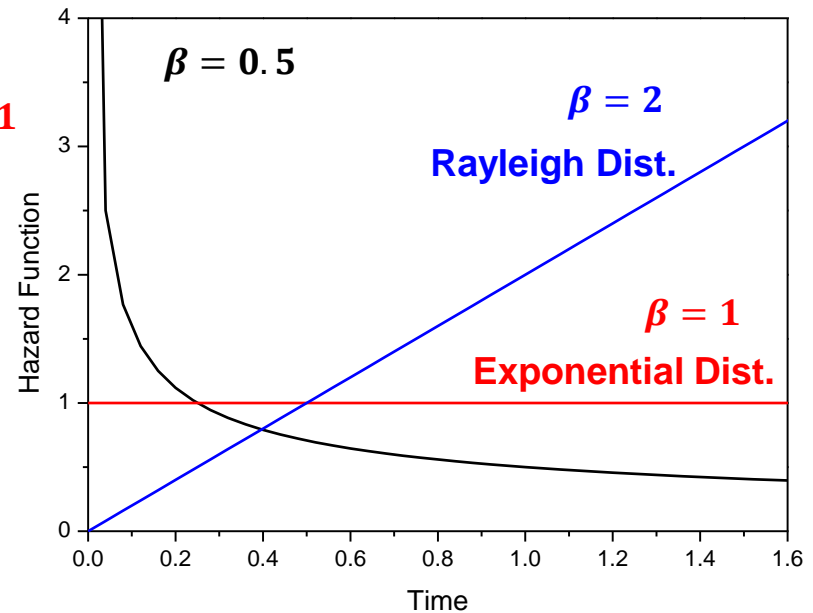
- ✓ Frequently used as a cracking probability function.
  - Can consider the effect of **time-dependent degradation** of material.
  - Shape parameter ( $\beta$ ); scale parameter ( $\eta$ )

$$F(t; \beta, \eta) = 1 - \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{t}{\eta} \right)^\beta \right]$$

$$\lambda(t; \beta, \eta) = \frac{\beta t^{\beta-1}}{\eta^\beta}$$



Cumulative Distribution Function



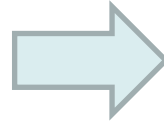
Hazard Function (Cracking rate)

# Introduction



## Experimental factors for Weibull estimation

- ✓ It is possible to estimate the parameters of the Weibull distribution by SCC test.
  - Many specimens
  - Narrow censoring interval
  - Long test duration



**Accurate estimators  
for the SCC initiation model**

What is the 'reasonable' level?

U-bend specimen



# of specimens  
(6 ea.)

Censoring interval (150 h)

Test duration (1200 h)

Specimen	100 hr	250 hr	500 hr	700 hr	900 hr	1200 hr
# 1	x	x	x	x	Crack	-
# 2	x	x	Crack	-	-	-
# 3	x	x	x	x	x	Crack
# 4	x	x	x	x	Crack	-
# 5	x	x	x	x	x	Crack
# 6	x	x	x	x	x	Crack

The example of SCC experiment result (interval censored)

# Weibull Estimation



- Median Rank Regression (MRR)
- Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)

## Median rank

- ✓ Median rank is used to estimate the cracking probability at the certain time.
  - The number of total specimen :  $N$
  - The number of cracking specimen :  $j$
  - Cracking probability :  $\theta$
- ✓ Assume that all the specimens are tested independently (i.e.,  $j$  is binomially distributed),

$$\begin{aligned}
 CDF_{bin} &= \sum_{i=0}^j \binom{N}{j} \theta^i (1-\theta)^{N-i} \\
 &= (N-j) \binom{N}{j} \int_0^{1-\theta} t^{N-j-1} (1-t)^j dt \\
 &= I_{1-\theta}(N-j, j+1) \\
 &= 0.5
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta_{median} = 1 - I_{0.5}^{-1}(N-j, j+1)$$

**Median Rank**

※ Incomplete beta function

$$B(x; \alpha, \beta) = \int_0^x t^{\alpha-1} (1-t)^{\beta-1} dt$$

$$I_x(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{B(x; \alpha, \beta)}{B(1; \alpha, \beta)}$$

※ Regularized incomplete beta function

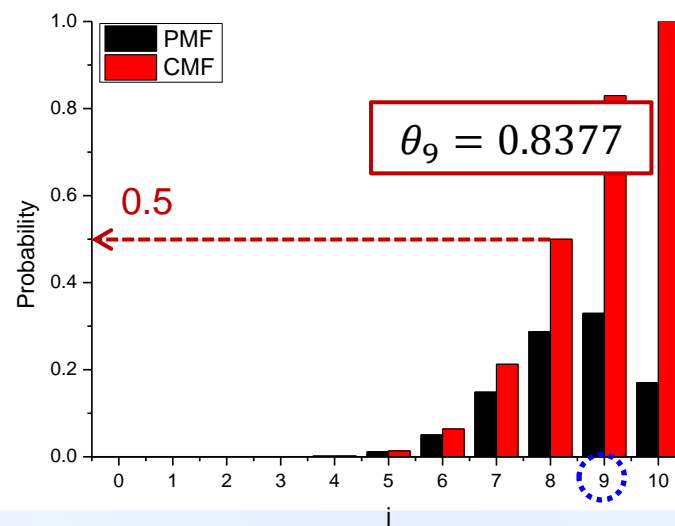
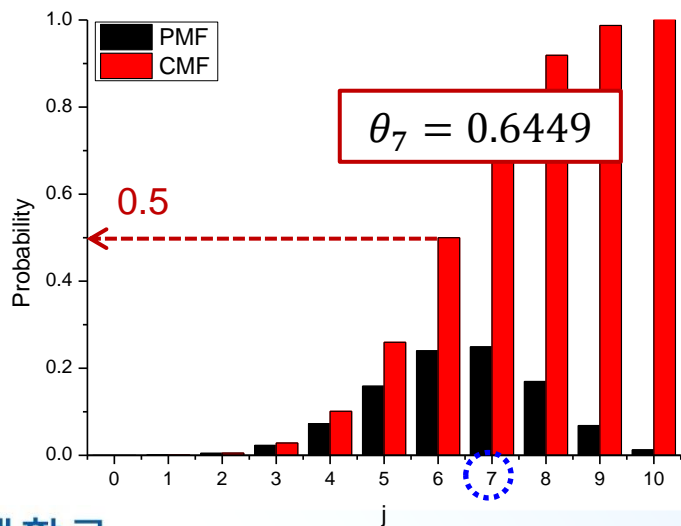
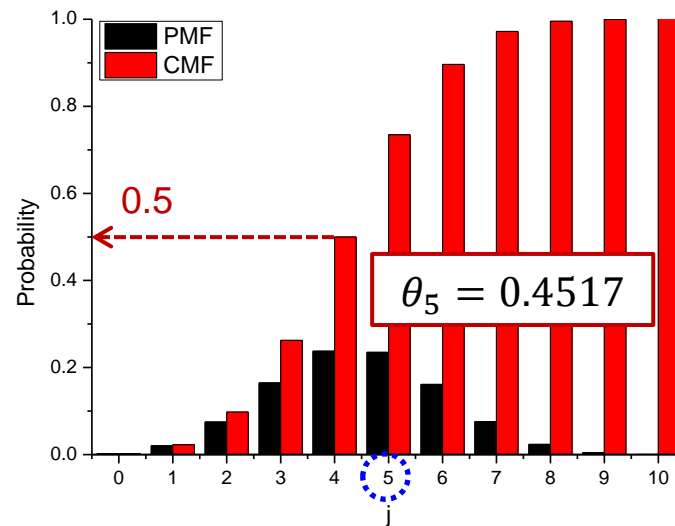
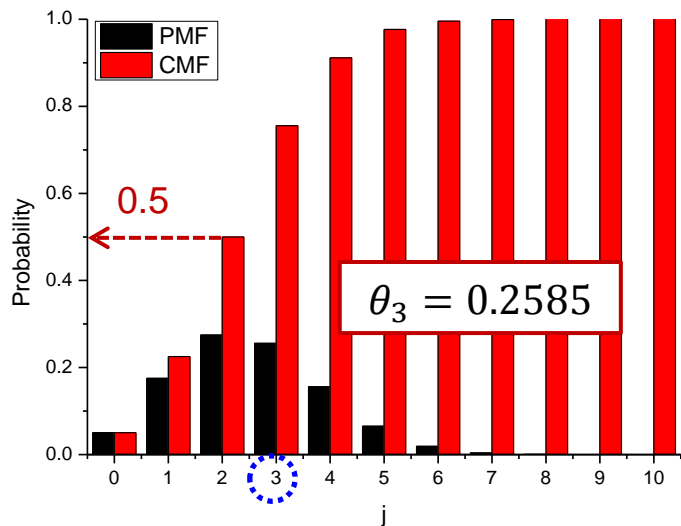


# Weibull Estimation



- Meaning of median rank

※ For the case of  $N = 10$



# Weibull Estimation



\* U. Genschel, W.Q. Meeker, A comparison of maximum likelihood and median-rank regression for Weibull estimation, Quality Engineering, 22.4 (2010) 236-255

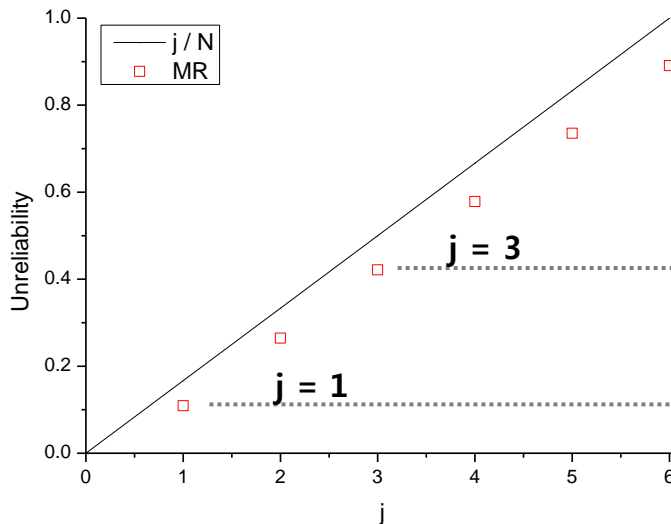
## Median Rank Regression (MRR)

- ✓ Weibull parameters are determined by regression.
  - Linearization technique is not recommended\*.

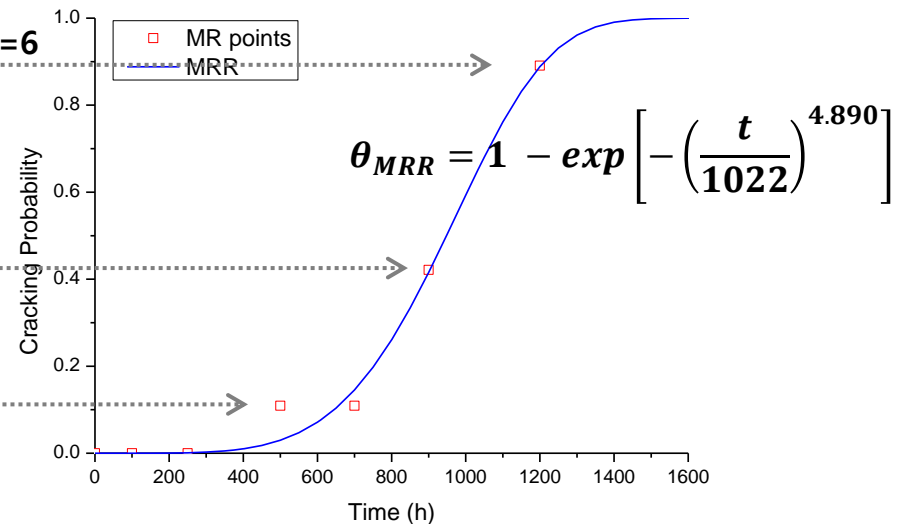
$$\ln \left[ \ln \left[ \frac{1}{1 - F(t)} \right] \right] = \beta \ln(t) - \beta \ln(\eta)$$

→ Not recommended for regression

Time (hr)	Cracking fraction	Cracking probability
100	0 / 6	0
250	0 / 6	0
500	1 / 6	0.1091
700	1 / 6	0.1091
900	3 / 6	0.4214
1200	6 / 6	0.8909



Median rank (for N=6)



Cracking probability curve



## ▪ Likelihood function

- ✓ MLE method estimates the Weibull parameters directly by using the likelihood function.
- ✓ For interval censored data\*;

\* ReliaSoft Corporation, Life Data Analysis Reference Book, Retrieved Jan. 1, 2014, available under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License

- Likelihood function

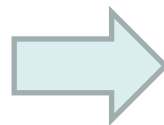
$$L(\beta, \eta) = \prod_{i=1}^S [1 - F(s_i; \beta, \eta)] \cdot \prod_{j=1}^C [F(c_{jU}; \beta, \eta) - F(c_{jL}; \beta, \eta)]$$

- Log-likelihood function

$$\Lambda(\beta, \eta) = \sum_{i=1}^S \ln[1 - F(s_i; \beta, \eta)] + \sum_{j=1}^C \ln[F(c_{jU}; \beta, \eta) - F(c_{jL}; \beta, \eta)]$$

- The condition of **maximum likelihood** point

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \Lambda(\beta, \eta) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \Lambda(\beta, \eta) = 0 \end{cases}$$



**Solve these two simultaneous non-linear equations**

# Weibull Estimation

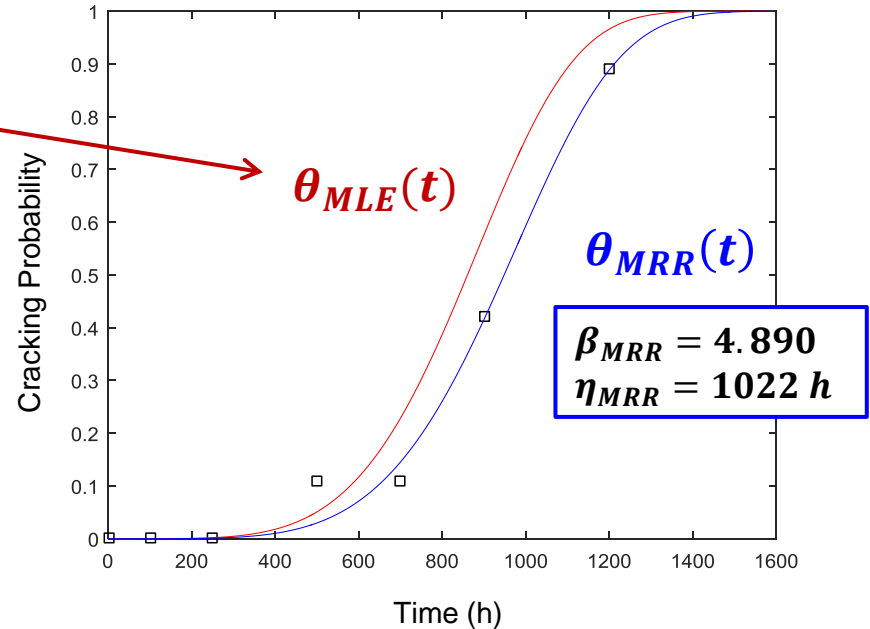
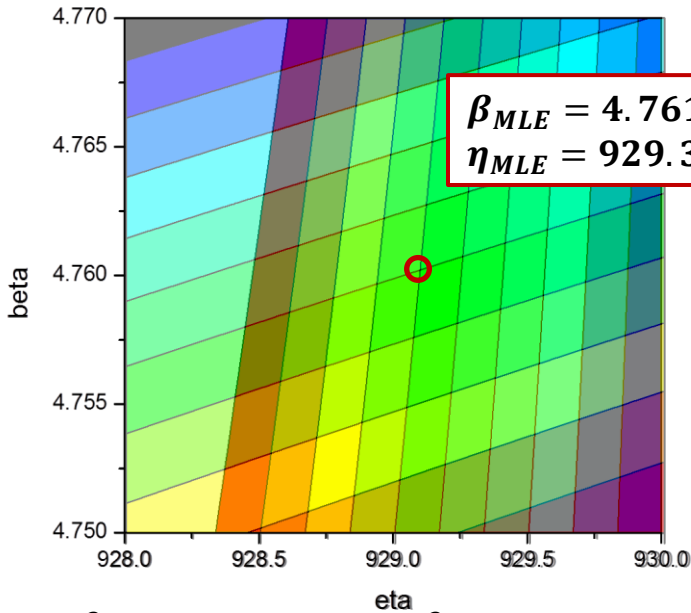


- Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)

- ✓ Numerical (or graphical) approach is used for finding the maximum likelihood point.
- ✓ It is interesting that  $\theta_{MRR}(t) \neq \theta_{MLE}(t)$ .

→ Which method is accurate?

Time (hr)	Cracking fraction	Unreliability
100	0 / 6	0
250	0 / 6	0
500	1 / 6	0.1091
700	1 / 6	0.1091
900	3 / 6	0.4214
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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \text{Log}(L(\eta, \beta)) \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \text{Log}(L(\eta, \beta))$$

Comparison of MRR and MLE

# Monte Carlo Simulation



\* John. I. McCool, Using the Weibull distribution: reliability, modeling and inference, John Wiley & Sons, New Jersey, 2012

## ■ Motivation of the simulation

- ✓ There is no MLE theory yet available to set the estimation confidence for interval censored data\*.
  - Monte Carlo simulation could be used to evaluate uncertainties of each estimation methods quantitatively.

## ■ Simulation study range

※ Select 63 combinations of simulation cases

True Weibull parameter		The number of specimen	Test duration [% of $\eta_{true}$ ]	Censoring interval [% of $\eta_{true}$ ]
$\eta_{true}$	$\beta_{true}$			
100	2	5	80	5
	3	10	100	10
	4	15	120	15
		20	140	20
		25	160	30
		50	180	40
		100	200	60

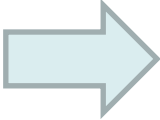
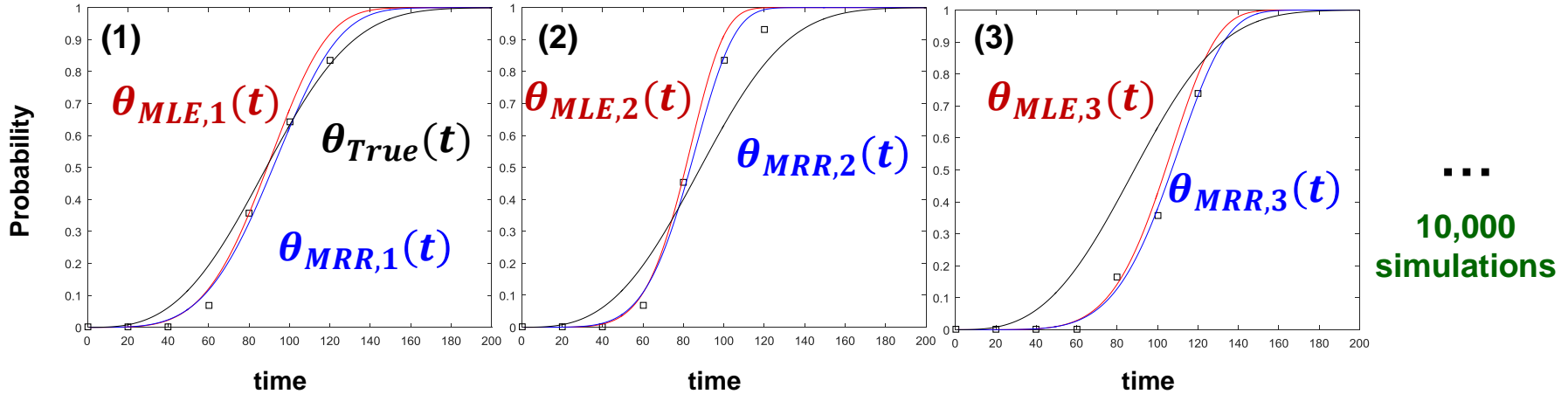
※ Baseline case of the simulation study

# Monte Carlo Simulation



- Method of the simulation

- ✓ 10,000 times of random simulations for each combination cases.



Case 1	Sim. 1	Sim. 2	Sim. 3	...	Sim. 10,000
$\beta_{True}$	$\hat{\beta}_{MLE,1}$	$\hat{\beta}_{MLE,2}$	$\hat{\beta}_{MLE,3}$	...	$\hat{\beta}_{MLE,10000}$
	$\hat{\beta}_{MRR,1}$	$\hat{\beta}_{MRR,2}$	$\hat{\beta}_{MRR,3}$		$\hat{\beta}_{MRR,10000}$
$\eta_{true}$	$\hat{\eta}_{MLE,1}$	$\hat{\eta}_{MLE,2}$	$\hat{\eta}_{MLE,3}$	...	$\hat{\eta}_{MLE,10000}$
	$\hat{\eta}_{MRR,1}$	$\hat{\eta}_{MRR,2}$	$\hat{\eta}_{MRR,3}$		$\hat{\eta}_{MRR,10000}$

⋮ 63 cases

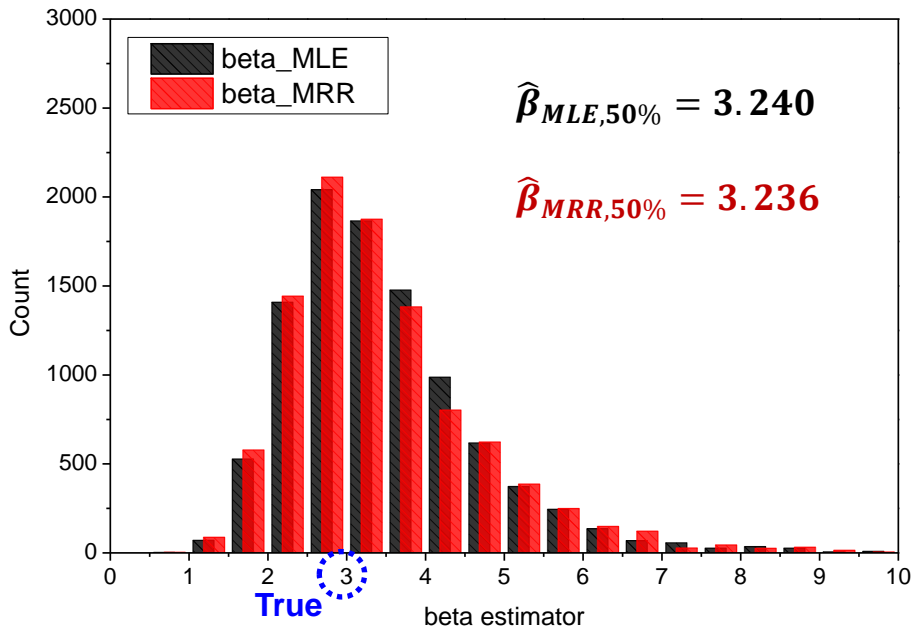
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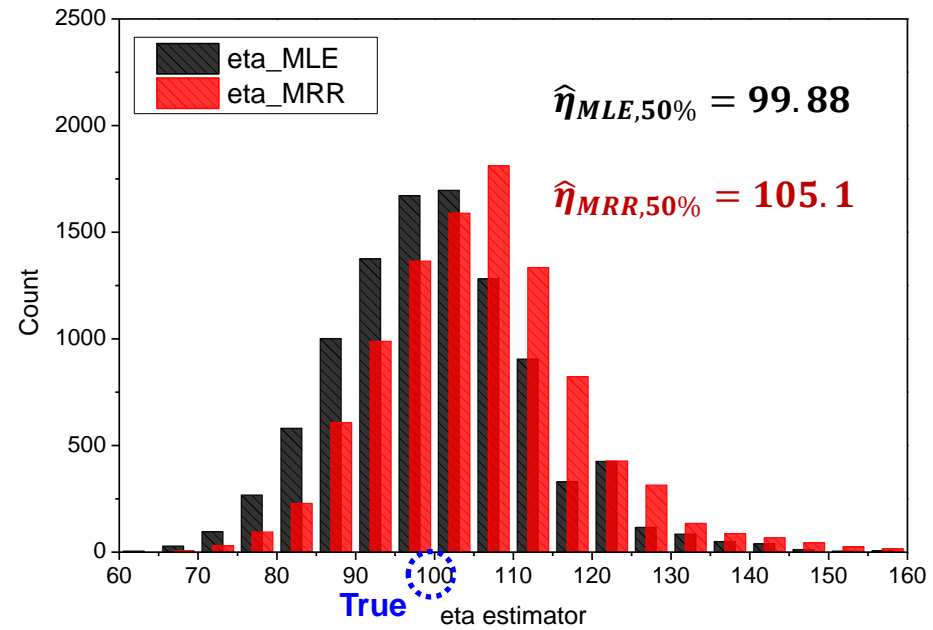
## ■ Distribution of estimators

- ✓ For baseline simulation case,

True Weibull parameter		The number of specimen	Test duration [% of $\eta_{true}$ ]	Censoring interval [% of $\eta_{true}$ ]
$\eta_{true}$	$\beta_{true}$			
100	3	10	120	20



Distribution of  $\hat{\beta}$  for baseline case

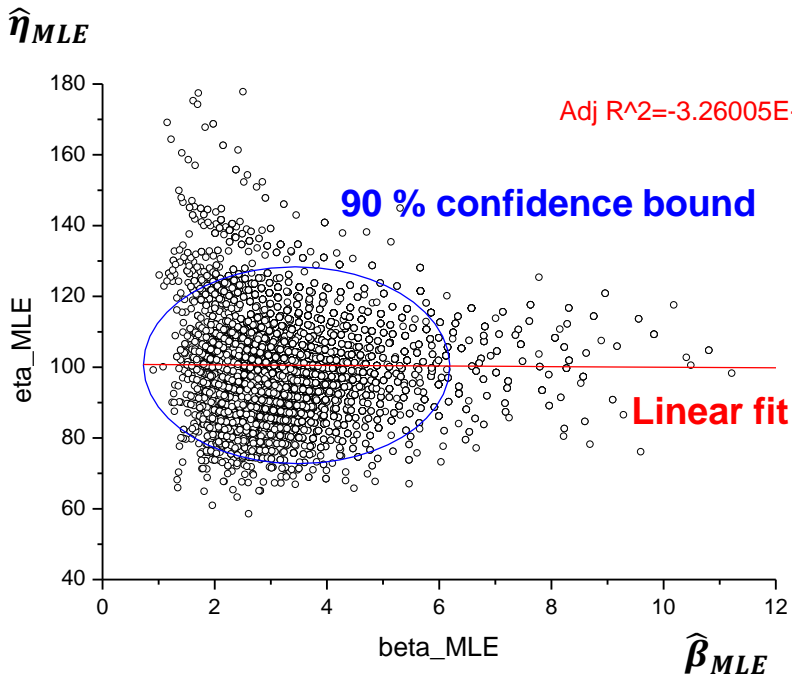


Distribution of  $\hat{\eta}$  for baseline case

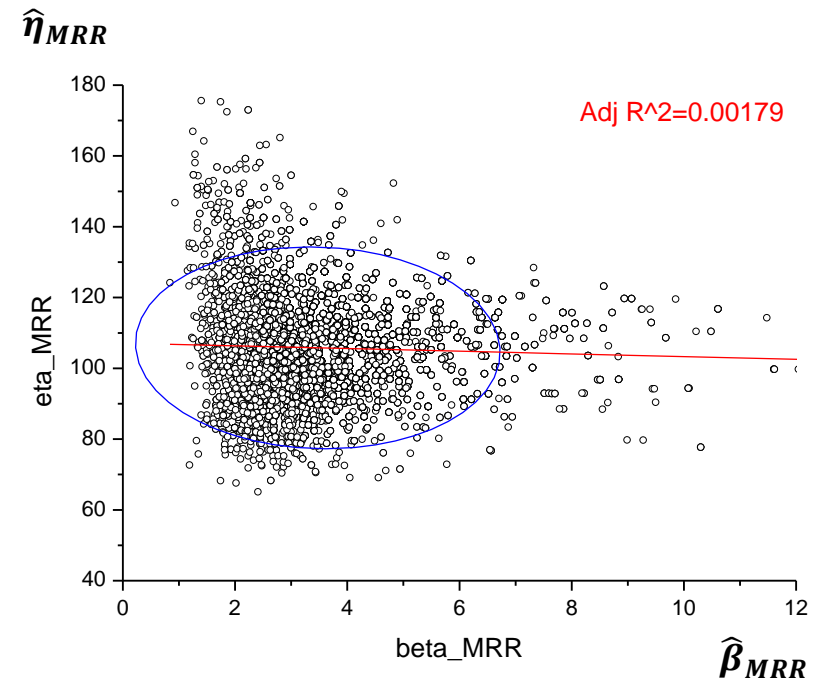
# Monte Carlo Simulation



- **Correlation between  $\hat{\beta}$  and  $\hat{\eta}$** 
  - ✓ There is no correlation between  $\hat{\beta}$  and  $\hat{\eta}$  for both MLE and MRR estimation.
    - because,  $R^2 \cong 0$ .



Scatter plot of MLE estimators



Scatter plot of MRR estimators



# Monte Carlo Simulation



- **Evaluation of estimation uncertainty**

- ✓ 5 %, 50 % and 95 % percentiles of Weibull estimators were compared to the true parameters.

※ **Standard Error** (SE):

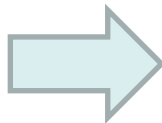
$$SE(\hat{\beta}) = \frac{\hat{\beta} - \beta_{true}}{\beta_{true}}$$

$$SE(\hat{\eta}) = \frac{\hat{\eta} - \eta_{true}}{\eta_{true}}$$

※ **Standardized Confidence Interval** (SCI)

$$SCI_{90\%}(\hat{\beta}) = SE(\hat{\beta}_{95\%}) - SE(\hat{\beta}_{5\%})$$

$$SCI_{90\%}(\hat{\eta}) = SE(\hat{\eta}_{95\%}) - SE(\hat{\eta}_{5\%})$$



The estimation method would be reliable when  $SE_{50\%}$  and  $SCI_{90\%}$  approached to 'zero'.  
~ bias                      ~ deviation

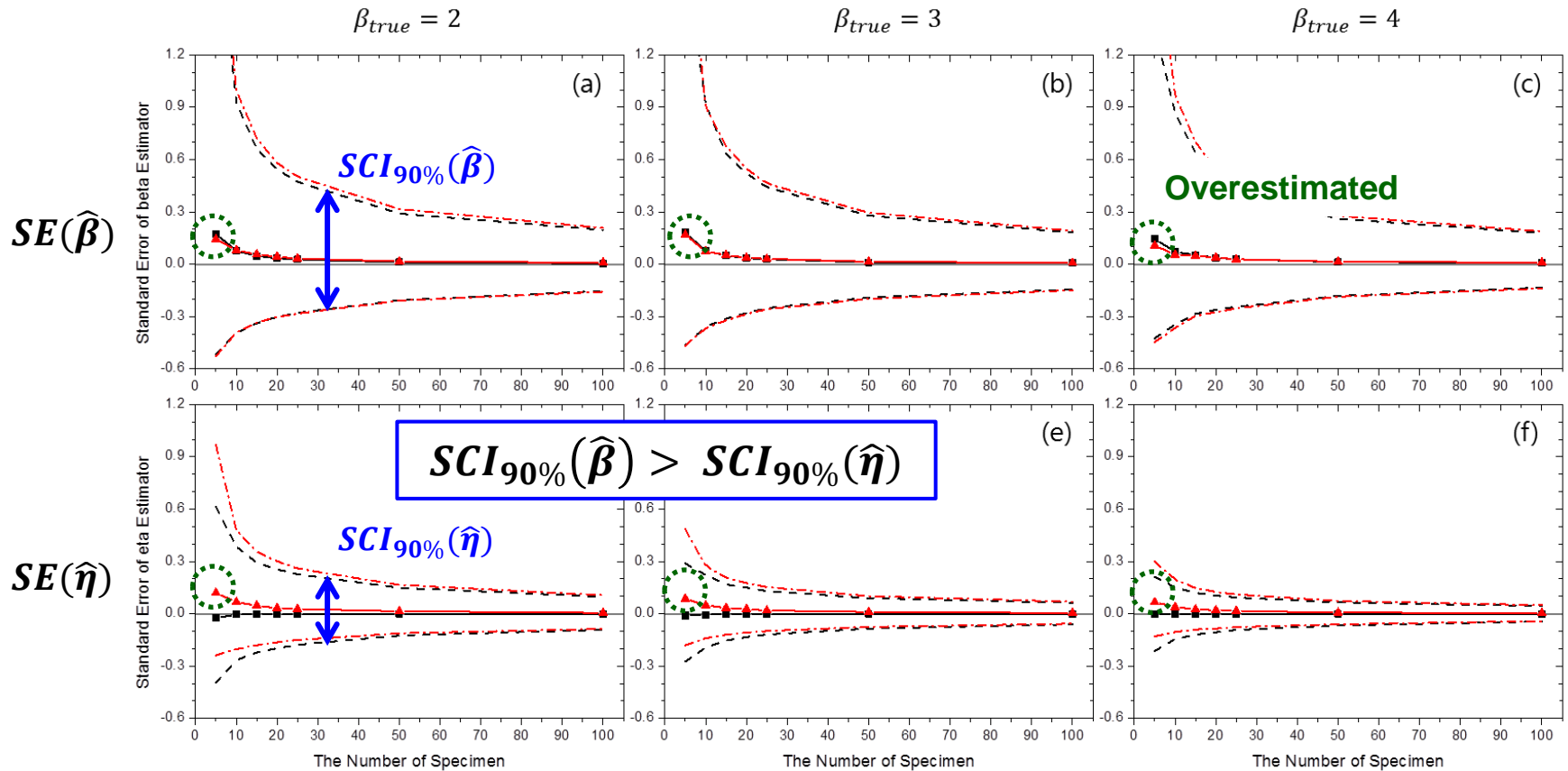
# Results and Discussion



## Effect of the number of specimen

✓ Interval = 20 %, duration = 120 %

- - - Std.Err(MLE\_5%)      - · - · Std.Err(MRR\_5%)  
 —■— Std.Err(MLE\_50%)    —▲— Std.Err(MRR\_50%)  
 - - - Std.Err(MLE\_95%)    - · - · Std.Err(MRR\_95%)



The Number of Specimen

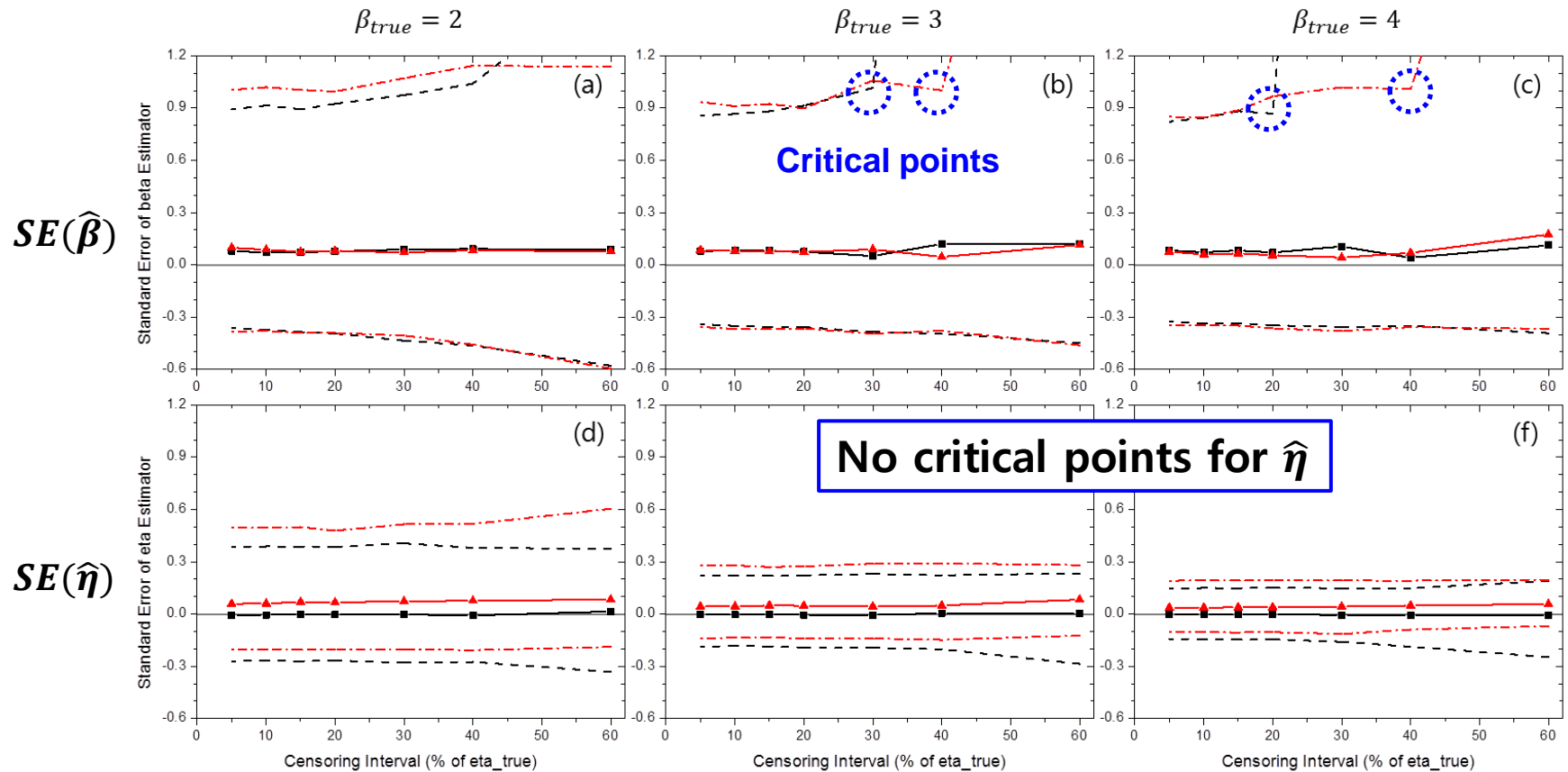
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## Effect of the censoring interval

✓ Specimen = 10, duration = 120 %

- - - Std.Err(MLE\_5%)      - - - Std.Err(MRR\_5%)  
 - ■ - Std.Err(MLE\_50%)    - ▲ - Std.Err(MRR\_50%)  
 - - - Std.Err(MLE\_95%)    - - - Std.Err(MRR\_95%)



Censoring Interval (% of  $\eta_{true}$ )

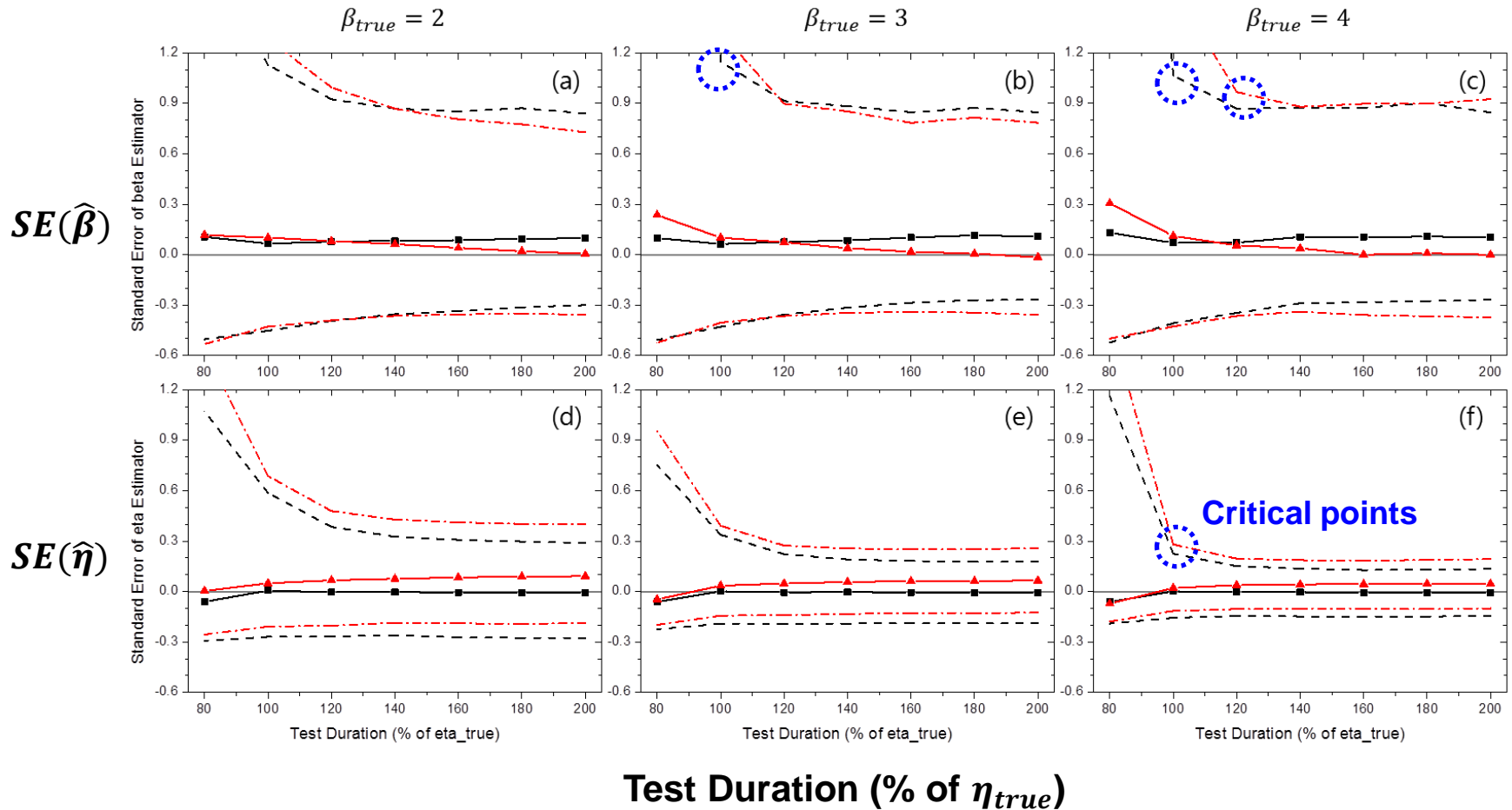
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## Effect of the test duration

✓ Specimen = 10, interval = 20 %

- - - Std.Err(MLE\_5%)      - - - Std.Err(MRR\_5%)  
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 - - - Std.Err(MLE\_95%)    - - - Std.Err(MRR\_95%)



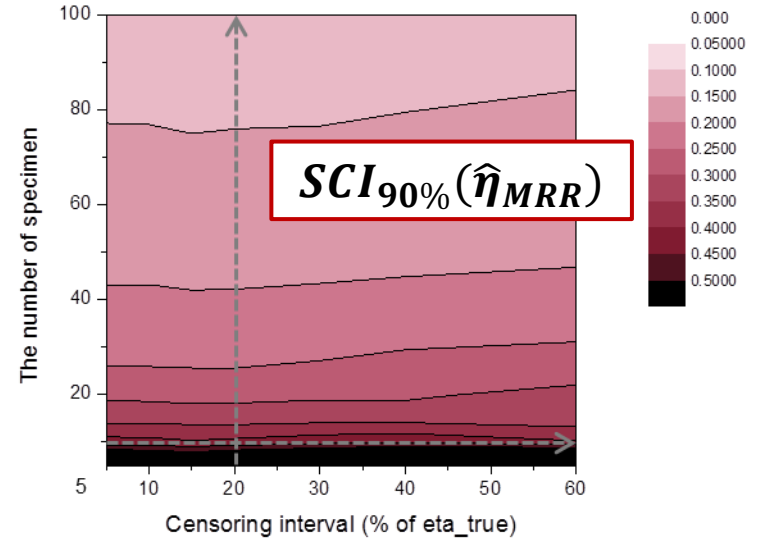
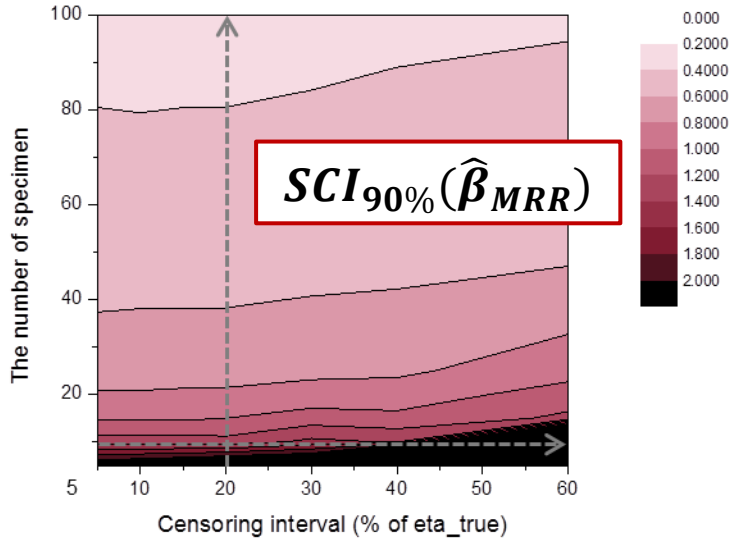
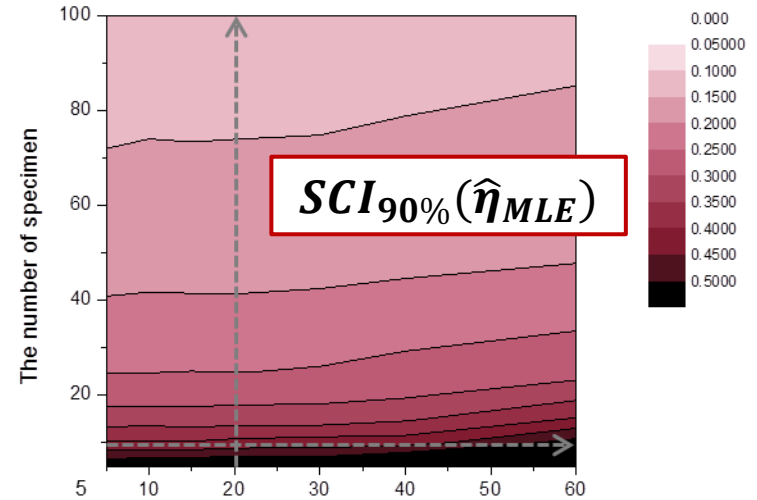
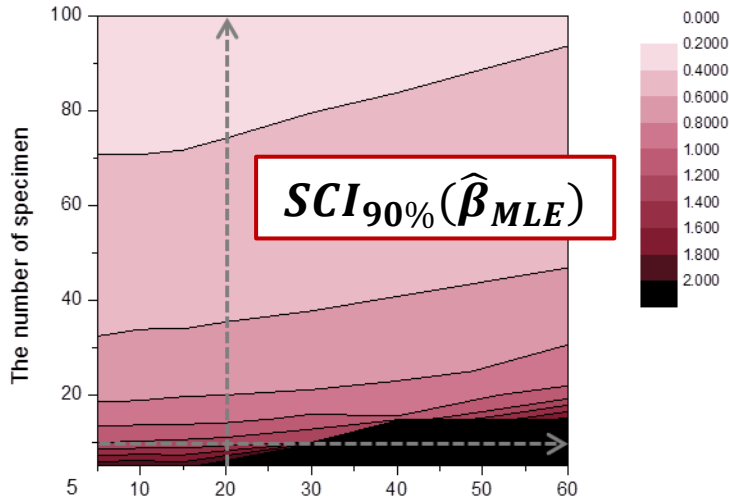
# Results and Discussion



- Results of SCI evaluation

※ For the case of  
 'β<sub>true</sub> = 3'  
 'test duration = 120 % of η<sub>true</sub>'

The Number of Specimen



Censoring Interval (% of η<sub>true</sub>)



## ▪ Summary

- ✓ The goal of this work is
  - to quantify the estimation uncertainty of Weibull estimation.
  - to suggest **reasonable experimental conditions** for SCC test.
  
- ✓  $\hat{\eta}_{MLE}$  is reliable even if the number of specimen is relatively small (Esp. at high  $\beta_{true}$ ).
  - Estimation of  $\beta$  from the test is not recommended.
  
- ✓ There is a critical censoring interval and test duration.
  - Beyond the critical condition is undesirable.
  - Too short censoring interval ( $< 20\%$  of  $\eta_{true}$ ) is not effective for reducing the estimation uncertainty.
  - Too long test duration ( $> 160\%$  of  $\eta_{true}$ ) is also not effective.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**