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<div data-bbox="672 812 1352 1542"> <div> Chapter 20  Degradation Modeling  and Destructive Degradation Data Analysis    Segment 1    Degradation Reliability Data  and Degradation Path Models  Introduction and Background </div> <div>20 - 3</div> </div>	<div data-bbox="672 11 1352 730"> <div> Degradation Leading to Failure </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most failures can be traced to an underlying degradation process.</li> <li>• Degradation curves can have different shapes.</li> <li>• A <b>soft failure</b> occurs when the observed degradation level crosses a threshold.</li> <li>• Some applications have more than one degradation variable or more than one underlying degradation process.</li> <li>• Examples here have only one degradation variable and underlying degradation process.</li> </ul> <div>20 - 4</div> </div>
<div data-bbox="1373 812 2053 1542"> <div> Degradation Data </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Degradation is natural response for some reliability applications.</li> <li>• Degradation data can provide considerably more reliability information than censored failure-time data (especially with few or no failures). Reduction of degradation data to failure-time data loses information.</li> <li>• There can be useful reliability inferences even with 0 failures.</li> <li>• Direct observation of the degradation process allows direct modeling of the failure-causing mechanism.</li> <li>• Degradation data provides better justification and credibility for extrapolative acceleration models. (Modeling is closer to the physics-of-failure.)</li> </ul> <div>20 - 5</div> </div>	<div data-bbox="1373 11 2053 730"> <div> Limitations of Degradation Data </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Degradation data may be difficult or impossible to obtain.</li> <li>• Obtaining degradation data may have an effect on future product degradation (e.g., taking apart a motor to measure wear).</li> <li>• Substantial measurement error can diminish the information in degradation data.</li> <li>• In some applications the <b>degradation</b> level may not correlate well with failure.</li> </ul> <div>20 - 6</div> </div>

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<div data-bbox="751 1036 804 1406" data-label="Caption"> <p>Plot of Laser Operating Current as a Function of Time</p> </div> <div data-bbox="911 946 1306 1510" data-label="Figure"> </div> <div data-bbox="1318 927 1337 966" data-label="Text"> <p>20-9</p> </div>	<div data-bbox="863 154 886 664" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>Laser Repeated Measures Degradation Data</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="936 99 1194 735" data-label="List-Group"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage increase in operating current for GaAs lasers tested at 80°C.</li> <li>• Fifteen (15) devices each measured every 250 hours up to 4000 hours of operation.</li> <li>• For these devices and the corresponding application, a <math>\mathcal{D}_f = 10\%</math> increase in current was the specified failure level.</li> </ul> </div> <div data-bbox="1318 107 1337 154" data-label="Text"> <p>20-10</p> </div>
<div data-bbox="1465 1026 1488 1414" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>General Degradation Path Models</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="1539 911 1990 1547" data-label="List-Group"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When there are no explanatory variables, the general degradation path models has the form <div data-bbox="1610 1096 1633 1339" data-label="Equation-Block"> <math display="block">Y = h_d[\mathcal{D}(t)] = \xi(t) + \epsilon.</math> </div> </li> <li>• Transformations are often used to linearize or otherwise simplify the form of a degradation model and may be suggested by physics of failure or from the data.</li> <li>• <math>h_d[\mathcal{D}(t)]</math> is a monotone increasing transformation of the observed degradation <math>\mathcal{D}(t)</math>.</li> <li>• <math>\xi(t)</math> is a monotone function (either increasing or decreasing) of (possibly transformed) time <math>\tau = h_t(t)</math>.</li> <li>• The error term <math>\epsilon</math> will be described by a location-scale distribution (e.g., a normal distribution) with parameters (<math>\mu = 0</math> and <math>\sigma_\epsilon</math> (although technically, other distributions could also be used).</li> </ul> </div> <div data-bbox="2018 919 2037 966" data-label="Text"> <p>20-11</p> </div>	<div data-bbox="1493 149 1516 669" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>General Degradation Path Regression Models</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="1566 89 1698 735" data-label="List-Group"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explanatory variables <math>x</math> arise from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Accelerating variables (e.g., temperature, voltage, or pressure) in accelerated tests.</li> <li>▶ Covariates from field data.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </div> <div data-bbox="1728 243 1751 712" data-label="Text"> <p>The regression model for degradation will be</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1770 274 1793 539" data-label="Equation-Block"> <math display="block">Y = h_d[\mathcal{D}(t)] = \xi(t, x) + \epsilon.</math> </div> <div data-bbox="1818 89 1963 735" data-label="List-Group"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For a fixed value of <math>x</math>, <math>\xi(t, x)</math> is a monotone increasing function of (possibly transformed) time <math>\tau = h_t(t)</math>.</li> <li>• The transformation for the <math>x</math> could be suggested from physics of failure (e.g., the Arrhenius and Power-rule models described in Chapters 18 and 19) or from the data.</li> </ul> </div> <div data-bbox="2018 107 2037 154" data-label="Text"> <p>20-12</p> </div>

## Chapter 20

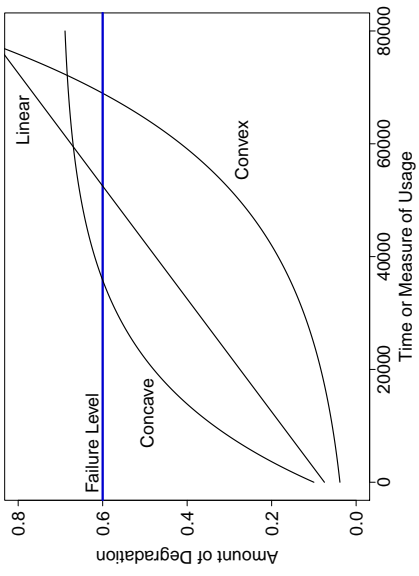
### Degradation Modeling and Destructive Degradation Data Analysis

#### Segment 2

#### Mechanistic Motivation for Degradation Path Models and Parameter Interpretation

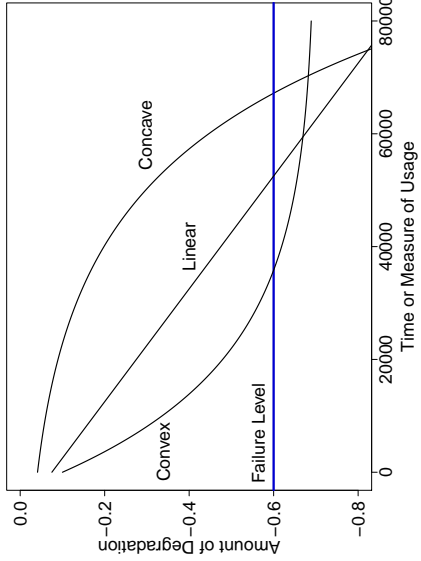
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#### Possible Shapes for Univariate Increasing Degradation Curves



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#### Possible Shapes for Univariate Decreasing Degradation Curves



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#### Possible Shapes for Univariate Degradation Curves

- **Linear degradation:** Degradation rate

$$\frac{d\xi(t)}{dt} = \beta_1$$

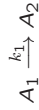
is constant over time. Degradation **level** at time  $t$ ,  $\xi(t) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t$ , is linear in  $t$ . Examples include the amount of automobile tire tread wear, mechanical wear of a bearing, or a zero-order chemical reaction.

- **Concave degradation:** Degradation rate decreasing in time. Degradation level increasing at a decreasing rate. Examples include chemical processes with a limited amount of material to react (e.g., a first-order chemical reaction).
- **Convex degradation:** Degradation rate increasing in time. Degradation level increasing at an increasing rate. Examples include the Paris-law crack growth model.

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#### Motivation for the Asymptotic Degradation Path Model Simple One-Step Chemical Reaction Leading to Failure

- $A_1(t)$  is the amount of harmful material at time  $t$  that is available for reaction to failure-causing  $A_2$ .
- $A_2(t)$  is observable or proportional to an observable performance degradation  $\mathcal{D}(t)$  at time  $t$ .
- Consider the chemical reaction:



- A soft failure occurs when  $\mathcal{D}(t)$  exceeds the threshold  $\mathcal{D}_f$
- The rate equations for this reaction are

$$\frac{dA_1}{dt} = -k_1 A_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dA_2}{dt} = k_1 A_1$$

where  $k_1$  is the **reaction rate constant**.

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#### Asymptotic Degradation Path Model

- The solution to the system of differential equations is:

$$\begin{aligned} A_1(t) &= A_1(0) \exp(-k_1 t) \\ A_2(t) &= A_2(0) + A_1(0)[1 - \exp(-k_1 t)] \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where  $A_1(0)$  and  $A_2(0)$  are initial conditions.

- The asymptote for  $A_2$  is

$$\mathcal{D}_\infty = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} A_2(t) = A_2(0) + A_1(0).$$

- The expression in (1) is the basis for the statistical model

$$Y = \xi(t) + \epsilon = \beta_0 + \beta_3[1 - \exp(-\beta_1 t)] + \epsilon$$

where  $\tau = h_t(t)$  is (possibly) transformed time.

- Note that if  $\mathcal{D}_f > \mathcal{D}_\infty$ , there will never be a failure.
- A simple one-step diffusion process can be modeled in the same way.

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Some Common Degradation Path Models

Model	$\xi(t)$	Description
1	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 \tau$	↑ Linear
2	$\beta_0 - \beta_1 \tau$	↓ Linear
3	$\beta_0 + \beta_3 [1 - \exp(-\beta_1 \tau)]$	↑ Asymptotic
4	$\beta_0 - \beta_3 [1 - \exp(-\beta_1 \tau)]$	↓ Asymptotic

Note that  $\tau = h_i(t)$ .

- Transformed time  $\tau$  is a positive power transformation of  $t$ . Consequently,  $\tau$  is a monotone increasing function of  $t$ .
- Note that  $\beta_1 > 0$  and  $\beta_3 > 0$  but  $\beta_0$  is unrestricted in sign and may be constrained to be equal to 0 or some other value.
- Models 1 and 2 describe degradation that is **linear** in  $\tau$ .
- Models 3 and 4 describe degradation that is **asymptotic** in  $\tau$ .

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Degradation Model Parameter Interpretation

- $\beta_0 = \xi(0)$  is the  $y$  intercept for all of the models.
- $\beta_1$  is the absolute value of the degradation rate (slope) for the linear models and the differential equation reaction rate constant for the asymptotic models.
- The asymptote of the **increasing** asymptotic degradation path Model 3 for large  $t$  is
$$\xi(\infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \xi(t) = \beta_0 + \beta_3.$$
- The asymptote of the **decreasing** asymptotic degradation path Model 4 for large  $t$  is
$$\xi(\infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \xi(t) = \beta_0 - \beta_3.$$

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Some Common Degradation Path Regression Models

Model	$\xi(t, x, x_0)$	Description
5	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 \exp[-\beta_2(x - x_0)]\tau$	↑ Linear
6	$\beta_0 - \beta_1 \exp[-\beta_2(x - x_0)]\tau$	↓ Linear
7	$\beta_0 + \beta_3(1 - \exp\{-\beta_1 \exp[-\beta_2(x - x_0)]\tau\})$	↑ Asymptotic
8	$\beta_0 - \beta_3(1 - \exp\{-\beta_1 \exp[-\beta_2(x - x_0)]\tau\})$	↓ Asymptotic

Note that  $\tau = h_i(t)$ .

- Transformed time  $\tau$  is a positive power transformation of  $t$ . Consequently,  $\tau$  is a monotone increasing function of  $t$ .
- Models 5 and 6 describe **linear** degradation in  $\tau$ .
- Models 7 and 8 describe **asymptotic** degradation in  $\tau$ .
- The factor  $AF = \exp[-\beta_2(x - x_0)]$  is a time-scaling acceleration factor (scaling transformed time  $\tau$ ) and  $\beta_2 > 0$ .
- If there are  $p > 1$  explanatory variables, the factor  $\exp[-\beta_2(x - x_0)]$  is replaced by

$$\exp[-\beta_2'(x - \bar{x})] = \exp\left[-\sum_{i=1}^p \beta_{2i}(x_i - x_{0,i})\right].$$

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Degradation Regression Model  
Parameter Interpretation

- $\beta_0 = \xi(0, x, x_0)$  is the  $y$  intercept for all of the models, is unrestricted in sign and may be constrained to be equal to 0 or some other value.
- $\beta_1 > 0$  is the absolute value of the degradation rate (slope) at  $x_0$  for the linear models and the differential equation reaction rate constant at  $x_0$  for the asymptotic models.
- Note** that instead of  $x_0$ , one can use any other value of  $x$  for this baseline value.
- For fixed  $x$ , the asymptote of the **increasing** asymptotic degradation path Model 7 for large  $t$  is
$$\xi(\infty, x, x_0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \xi(t, x, x_0) = \beta_0 + \beta_3.$$
- For fixed  $x$ , the asymptote of the **decreasing** asymptotic degradation path Model 8 for large  $t$  is
$$\xi(\infty, x, x_0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \xi(t, x, x_0) = \beta_0 - \beta_3.$$

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Destructive Degradation Data

- Some degradation measurements are destructive.
- Examples include testing materials and components such as
  - Adhesive strength.
  - Dielectric strength of an insulating material.
  - Tensile strength of a polymer.
  - Strength of a seal.

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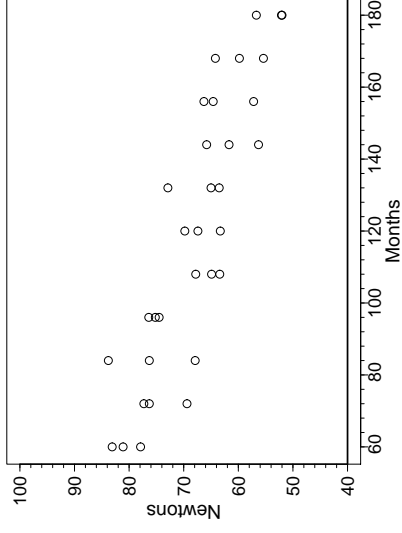
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### Adhesive Bond A Strength Field Data

- An accelerated test estimated that the 0.01 quantile of the failure time distribution of **Adhesive Bond A** would be at least 20 years.
- Over the next 15 years, tens of thousands of the systems using Adhesive Bond A had been deployed in the field.
- There was concern that the large amount of extrapolation (in both the time and temperature dimension) might have provided overly optimistic lifetime estimates.
- Could the systems (originally designed for 15-year life) safely stay in service for 20 or 30 years?
- Three units were randomly selected from each of 11 age groups of the deployed systems having ages between 5 and 15 years, returned to the laboratory, and strengths of the 33 adhesive bonds were measured destructively.
- Want an estimate of the fraction failing (strength falling below 40 Newtons) after both 20 and 30 years.

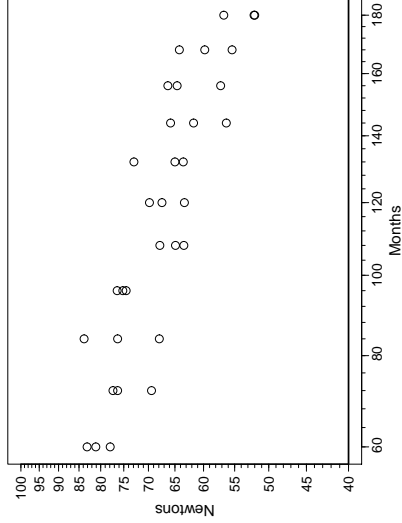
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### Adhesive Bond A Strength Field Data Linear–Linear Axes



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### Adhesive Bond A Strength Field Data Square Root–Log Axes



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### General Structure of Destructive Degradation Models

- Degradation model:  $Y = \xi(t) + \epsilon$  where the path function  $\xi(t)$  is monotone in  $t$  and  $\epsilon$  has a location-scale distribution.
- Other forms could be used for  $\xi(t)$ .
- Time  $t$  can be viewed as a special kind of explanatory variable for  $Y$ .
- $\epsilon$  is an error term that describes unit-to-unit variability (and probably some measurement errors and model uncertainty that may not be independently estimable).
- The degradation distribution is:

$$G(y; t) = \Pr(Y \leq y) = \Phi \left[ \frac{y - \xi(t)}{\sigma} \right].$$

For given value of  $t$  the  $p$  quantile of the distribution of  $Y$  is

$$y_p(t) = \xi(t) + \Phi^{-1}(p) \sigma.$$

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### Degradation Model Likelihood with No Explanatory Variables

- For the data with exact observations and right-censored observations, the likelihood is

$$L(\theta|\text{DATA}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma} \phi \left( \frac{y_i - \xi(t_i)}{\sigma} \right) \right]^{\delta_i} \times \left[ 1 - \Phi \left( \frac{y_i - \xi(t_i)}{\sigma} \right) \right]^{1-\delta_i}.$$

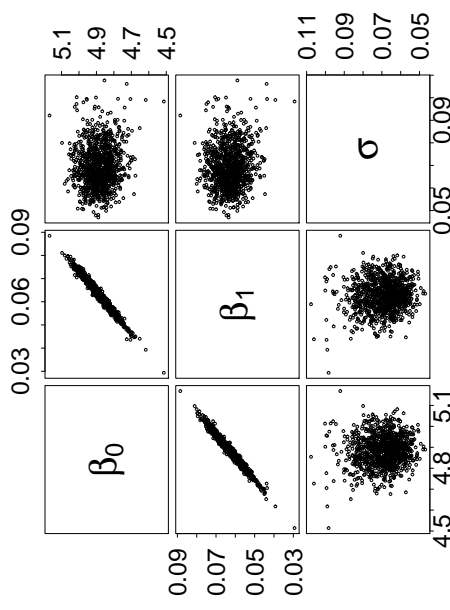
- $n$  is the number of observations.
- $\xi(t)$  is the chosen path model (say one of Models 1–4).
- The censoring indicator

$$\delta_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y_i \text{ is an exact observation} \\ 0 & \text{if } y_i \text{ is a right-censored observation.} \end{cases}$$

- $\theta = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma)$  for the linear models.
- $\theta = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_3, \sigma)$  for the asymptotic models.

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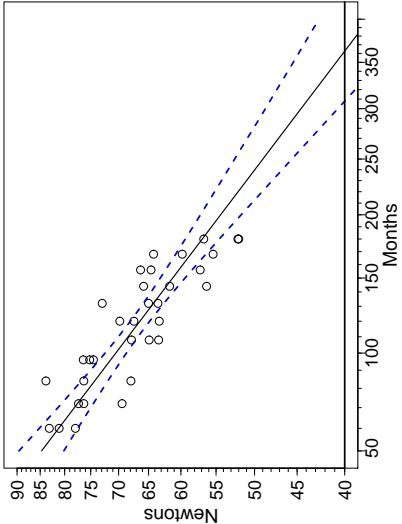
### Adhesive Bond A Strength Field Data Log/Square Root Transformation Weakly Informative Prior Distribution Posterior Pairs Plot $\hat{\xi}(t) = \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 t$



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Adhesive Bond A Strength Field Data  
and Fitted Model  
Normal Distribution Linear Path

$$\hat{\xi}(t) = \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 \tau$$



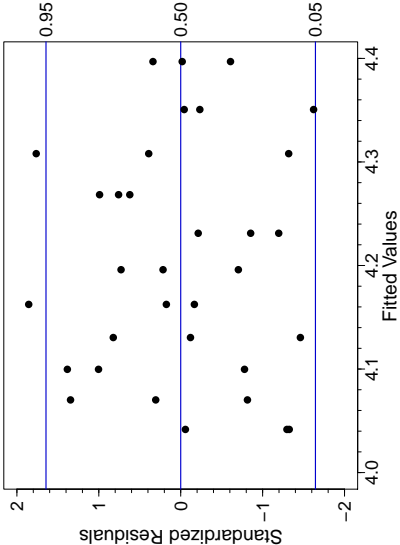
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Adhesive Bond A Strength Field Data  
Bayesian Parameter Estimates  
Normal Distribution Linear Path Model

Parameter	Estimate	95% Credible Interval		
		Error	Lower	Upper
$\beta_0$	4.49	0.01	4.46	4.51
$\beta_1$	0.37	0.02	0.33	0.40
$\sigma$	0.05	0.005	0.04	0.06

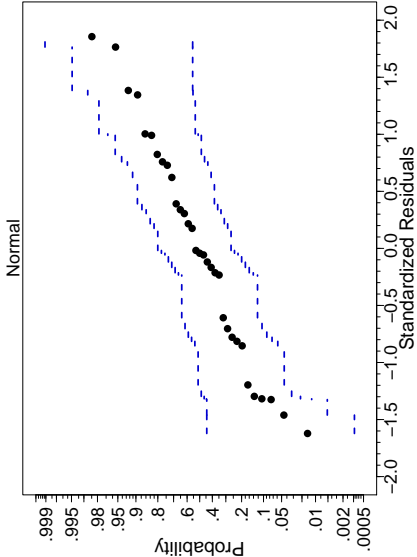
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Adhesive Bond A Strength Field Data  
Residuals Versus Fitted Values



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Adhesive Bond A Strength Field Data  
Normal Distribution Residual Probability Plot



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Degradation Modeling  
and Destructive Degradation Data Analysis

Segment 4

Failure-Time Distributions  
Induced from Destructive Degradation Models  
and Failure-Time Inferences

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A General Approach to Obtaining  
the Failure Time Distribution for  
Increasing Destructive Degradation Models

For increasing degradation, the failure time  $T$  of a unit is defined to be the time that its observed degradation exceeds a critical value  $\mathcal{D}_f$ . The event  $T \leq t$  is equivalent to observed degradation being greater than or equal to  $\mathcal{D}_f$  [i.e.,  $Y \geq h_d(\mathcal{D}_f)$ ]. Then,

$$F(t, x) = \Pr(T \leq t) = 1 - \Phi \left[ \frac{h_d(\mathcal{D}_f) - \xi(t, x)}{\sigma} \right], \text{ for } t \geq 0.$$
$$t_p = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p \leq F(0, x) \\ \xi^{-1} [h_d(\mathcal{D}_f) - \sigma \Phi^{-1}(1 - p)] & \text{if } F(0, x) < p < F(\infty, x) \\ \infty & \text{if } F(\infty, x) < p, \end{cases}$$

where for given  $x$ ,  $\xi^{-1}(w)$  is the unique solution for  $t$  in the equation  $\xi(t, x) = w$ . That is,  $\xi[\xi^{-1}(w), x] = w$ .

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### A General Approach to Obtaining the Failure Time Distribution for Decreasing Destructive Degradation Models

For decreasing degradation,  $T \leq t$  is equivalent to observed degradation being less than or equal to  $\mathcal{D}_t$  [i.e.,  $Y \leq h_d(\mathcal{D}_t)$ ]. Then,

$$F(t, x) = \Pr(T \leq t) = \Phi \left[ \frac{h_d(\mathcal{D}_t) - \xi(t, x)}{\sigma} \right], \text{ for } t \geq 0.$$

$$t_p = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p \leq F(0, x) \\ \xi^{-1}[h_d(\mathcal{D}_t) - \sigma\Phi^{-1}(p)] & \text{if } F(0, x) < p < F(\infty, x) \\ \infty & \text{if } F(\infty, x) < p. \end{cases}$$

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### Induced Failure Time Distribution for the Linear Degradation Model 2 (Decreasing Degradation)

- For Model 2  $T \leq t$  is equivalent to observed degradation being less than or equal to  $\mathcal{D}_t$  [i.e.,  $Y \leq h_d(\mathcal{D}_t)$ ]. Then

$$F(t) = \Pr[Y \leq h_d(\mathcal{D}_t)] = \Phi \left[ \frac{h_d(\mathcal{D}_t) - \xi(t)}{\sigma} \right], \text{ for } t \geq 0.$$

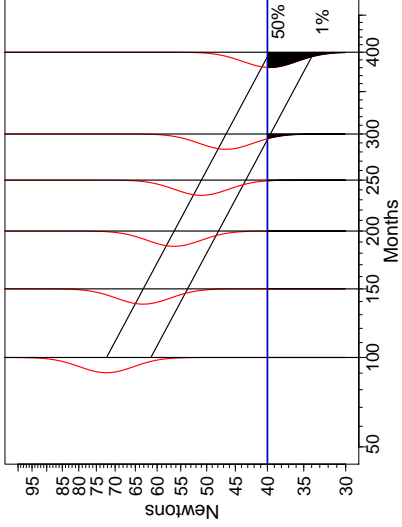
- This failure time distribution is a mixed distribution with a probability **atom** at  $t = 0$  and probability

$$\Pr(T = 0) = F(0) = \Phi \left[ \frac{h_d(\mathcal{D}_t) - \beta_0}{\sigma} \right].$$

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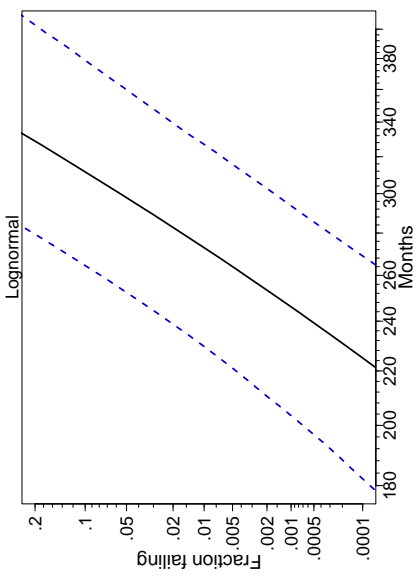
### Adhesive Bond A Estimate of Fraction Failing as a Function of Time

$$\hat{y}_p = \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 \tau + \hat{\sigma} \Phi_{\text{norm}}^{-1}(p)$$



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### Adhesive Bond A Lognormal Probability Plot of the Failure-Time cdf Estimate and 95% Credible Intervals



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### Quantiles for the Failure Time Distribution at Fixed Values of $\mathcal{D}_t$ for Model 2

For Model 2, the  $p$  quantile is  $t_p = h_t^{-1}(\tau_p)$ , where

$$\tau_p = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p \leq F(0) \\ \frac{1}{\beta_1} [\beta_0 - h_d(\mathcal{D}_t) + \Phi^{-1}(p)\sigma] & \text{if } p > F(0), \end{cases}$$

$$\text{where } F(0) = \Phi \left[ \frac{h_d(\mathcal{D}_t) - \beta_0}{\sigma} \right].$$

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### Chapter 20

#### Degradation Modeling and Destructive Degradation Data Analysis

#### Segment 5

#### Background and an Example of Accelerated Destructive Degradation Testing (ADDT) and Model Building.

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Accelerated Destructive Degradation Test of Adhesive Bond B

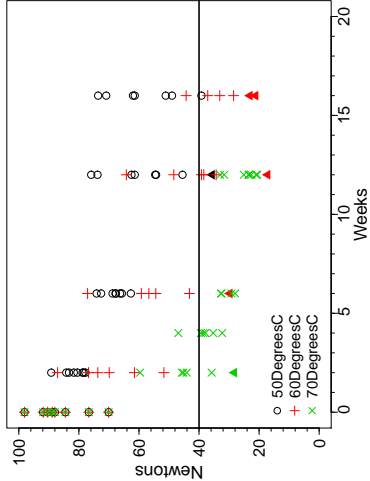
- **Objective:** Assess the strength of an **adhesive bond** as a function of time. Estimate the fraction of devices with a strength below 40 Newtons after 5 years of operation (approximately 260 weeks) at 25°C.
- The test is destructive; each unit can be measured only once.
- There were 6 right-censored observations.
- 8 units with no aging were measured at the start of the experiment.
- A total of 80 additional units were aged and measured according to a temperatures and time schedule.

Adhesive Bond B ADDT Test Plan

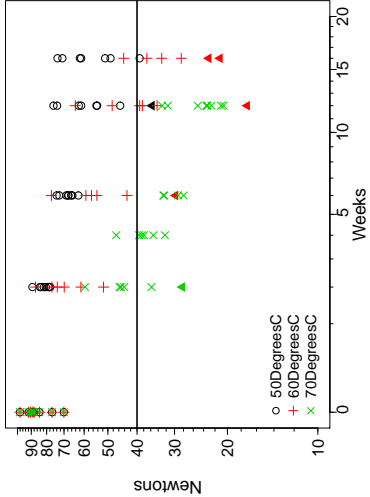
Number of Specimens Tested

Temp °C	Weeks Aged						Totals
	0	2	4	6	12	16	
—	8						8
50	8	0	8	8	7		31
60	6	0	6	6	6		24
70	6	6	4	9	0		25
Totals	8	20	6	18	23	13	88

Adhesive Bond B ADDT Data  
Scatter Plot  
Linear–Linear Axes

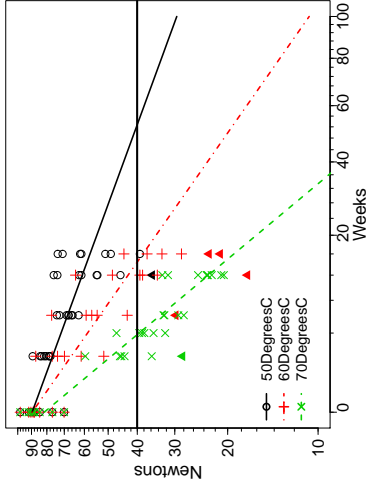


Adhesive Bond B ADDT Data  
Scatter Plot  
Square Root–Log Axes



Adhesive Bond B ADDT Data  
Overlay of Individual Normal Distribution Fits  
Square Root–Log Axes

$$\hat{\xi}^{[j]}(t) = \hat{\beta}_0^{[j]} + \hat{\beta}_1^{[j]} \tau, \quad j = 50, 60, 70$$



General Structure of Destructive Degradation  
Regression Models

- Degradation model:  $Y = \xi(t, x) + \epsilon$ , where for fixed  $x$ , path  $\xi(t, x)$  is monotone in  $t$  and  $\epsilon$  has location-scale distribution with parameters  $\mu = 0$  and  $\sigma$ .
- Other forms could be used for  $\xi(t, x)$ .
- Time  $t$  can be viewed as a special kind of explanatory variable for  $Y$ .
- $\epsilon$  is an error term that describes unit-to-unit variability (and probably some measurement errors and model uncertainty that may not be independently estimable).
- The degradation distribution and its quantile:

$$G(y; t, x) = \Pr(Y \leq y) = \Phi \left[ \frac{y - \xi(t, x)}{\sigma} \right].$$

For given  $(t, x)$ , the  $p$  quantile for the cdf  $G(y; t, x)$  is

$$y_p(t, x) = \xi(t, x) + \Phi^{-1}(p) \sigma.$$



Adhesive Bond B ADDT Data  
Bayesian Estimates  
Linear Path Normal Distribution Individual Line Fits

- For each temperature level  $j$  three individual estimates are obtained:  $\hat{\beta}_0^{[j]}$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]}$ , and  $\hat{\sigma}^{[j]}$ .
- A summary of the linear path normal distribution estimates for individual temperatures for the Adhesive Bond B data is

Temperature	Estimates					95% Credible Interval	
	$\hat{\beta}_0^{[j]}$	$\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]}$	$\hat{\sigma}^{[j]}$	$\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]}$	$\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]}$	for $\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]}$	
50°C	4.50	0.11	0.14	0.08	0.14		
60°C	4.50	0.21	0.17	0.17	0.26		
70°C	4.40	0.36	0.15	0.32	0.40		

Individual Degradation Rate Estimates

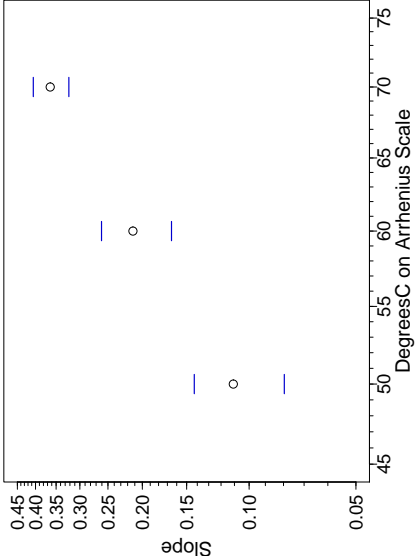
- The estimates  $\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]}$  (slopes of the individual lines at test condition  $j$ ) can be used to identify the relationship between the degradation rate and the accelerating variables.
- Taking the log of the slope in Model 6 gives

$$\log(\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]}) = \log(\beta_1) - \beta_2'(x_j - \bar{x}_j)$$

the surface  $\log(\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]})$  versus  $x_j$  should be approximately linear in the  $x_j$  if the model relating degradation rate and the accelerating variables is adequate. Then

- For a single accelerating variable  $x$ , the plot of  $\log(\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]})$  versus  $x_j$ , for all values of  $j$  should be approximately linear.
- For a vector  $x$  the plot of  $\log(\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]})$  versus any of the accelerating variables, conditional on fixed values of the remaining accelerating variables, should be approximately linear.

Adhesive Bond B ADDT Data Arrhenius Plot of Individual Degradation Rate Estimates  $\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]}$  versus °C Normal Distribution Estimates



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Fitting an Acceleration Model to ADDT Data

Linear-Path Acceleration Model for the Adhesive Bond B Data

For the Adhesive Bond B data, the strength of the adhesive as a function of time and temperature is modeled by

$$Y_i = \xi(t_i, x_i) + \epsilon_i \\ = \beta_0 - \beta_1 \exp[-\beta_2(x_i - x_0)]\tau_i + \epsilon_i$$

where

$$Y_i = \log(\text{Newtons}_i) \\ \tau_i = \sqrt{t_i} = \sqrt{\text{Weeks}_i} \\ x_i = 11604.52 / (^\circ\text{C}_i + 273.15) \\ x_0 = 50^\circ\text{C} \\ \epsilon_i \sim \text{NORM}(0, \sigma), \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Likelihood for the ADDT Model with Right Censored Data

- For a sample of  $n$  units consisting of exact failure times and right-censored observations, the likelihood can be expressed as

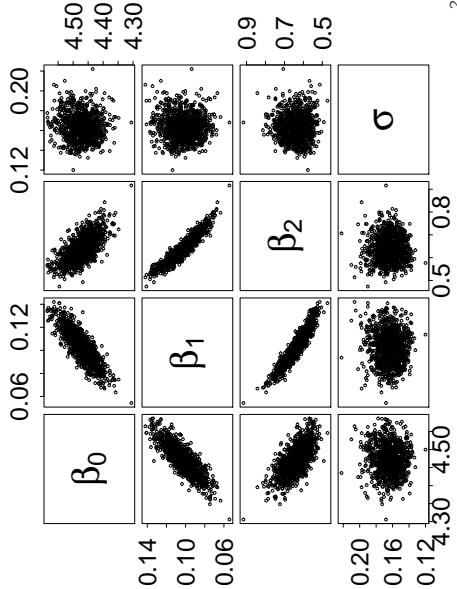
$$L(\theta|\text{DATA}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma} \phi\left(\frac{y_i - \xi(t_i, x_i)}{\sigma}\right) \right]^{\delta_i} \times \left[ 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{y_i - \xi(t_i, x_i)}{\sigma}\right) \right]^{1-\delta_i}$$

- $n$  is the number of observations.
- $\xi(t, x_i)$  is the chosen path model (say one of Models 5–8).
- The censoring indicator

$$\delta_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y_i \text{ is an exact observed} \\ 0 & \text{if } y_i \text{ is a right-censored observation.} \end{cases}$$

- $\theta = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \sigma)$  for the linear models.
- $\theta = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \sigma)$  for the asymptotic models.

Adhesive Bond B Strength Data  
Log/Square Root Transformation  
Weakly Informative Prior Distribution  
Posterior Pairs Plot



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Adhesive Bond B ADDT Data  
Bayesian Parameter Estimates  
Normal Distribution Linear Path Arrhenius Model

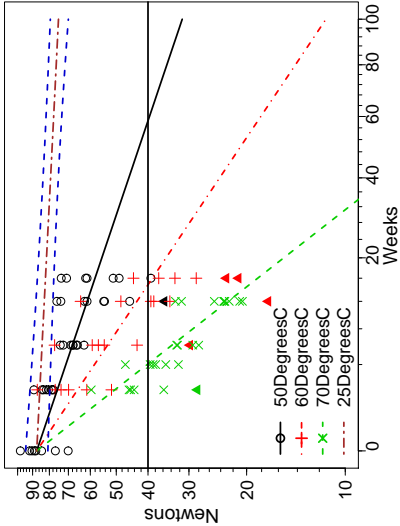
Parameter	Estimate	Error	95% Credible Interval	
			Lower	Upper
$\beta_0$	4.47	0.04	4.39	4.55
$\beta_1$	0.10	0.01	0.08	0.13
$\beta_2$	0.64	0.06	0.54	0.77
$\sigma$	0.16	0.01	0.14	0.19

Estimates for the slopes (degradation rates) at each temperature are obtained from  $\hat{\beta}_1^{[t]} = \beta_1 \exp[-\beta_2(x - x_0)]$  where  $x = 11604.52/(\text{°C} + 273.15)$  and  $x_0 = 50\text{°C}$ . In this case for the four temperatures of interest, the estimates are

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_1^{[25]} &= 0.015, & \hat{\beta}_1^{[50]} &= 0.101 \\ \hat{\beta}_1^{[60]} &= 0.202, & \hat{\beta}_1^{[70]} &= 0.388\end{aligned}$$

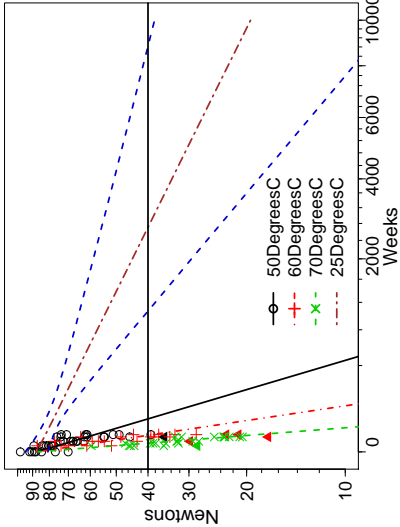
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Adhesive Bond B ADDT Data and Fitted Model  
Normal Distribution Linear Path Arrhenius Model  
 $\hat{\xi}(t, x) = \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 \exp[-\hat{\beta}_2(x - x_0)]\tau$



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Adhesive Bond B ADDT Data and Fitted Model  
Normal Distribution Linear Path Arrhenius Model  
 $\hat{\xi}(t, x) = \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 \exp[-\hat{\beta}_2(x - x_0)]\tau$



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ADDT Model Checking

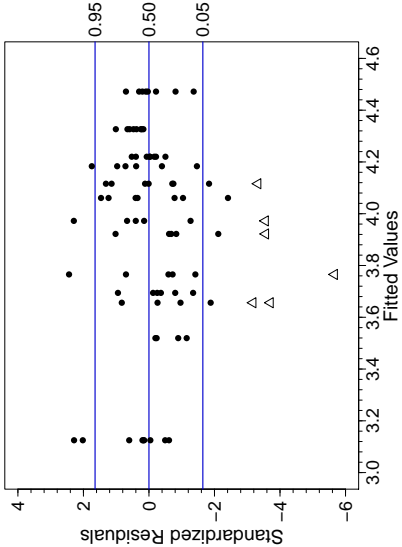
ADDT Model Checking  
Residual Plots

- Residuals versus fitted values.
- Residuals versus accelerating variables.
- Residuals versus time of exposure.
- Residuals versus observation order is useful when observations are taken sequentially in time.
- Residual probability plot.

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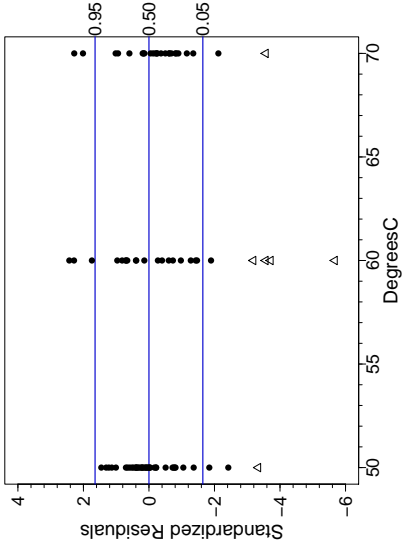
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Adhesive Bond B ADDT Data  
Residuals Versus Fitted Values



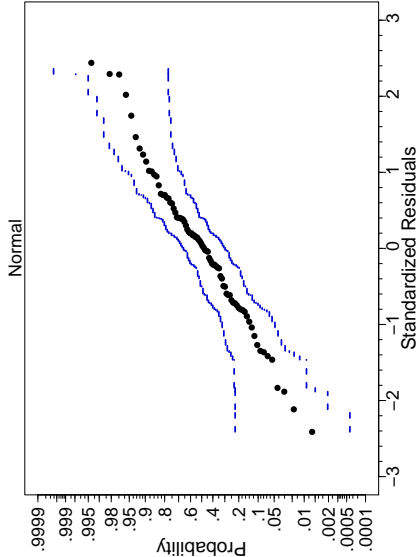
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Adhesive Bond B ADDT Data  
Residuals Versus Temperature Conditions



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Adhesive Bond B ADDT Data  
Residual Normal Distribution Probability Plot



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Some Comments on the Adhesive Bond B Residuals

- The standardized residuals look approximately like a random sample from a  $NORM(0, 1)$  distribution.
- The horizontal line at 0 in the plot versus fitted values and versus temperature indicate the median of the standardized distribution under the fitted model. Then approximately 50% of the residuals should be above that line.
- There appears to be some evidence of nonconstant variance, but it is not systematic with temperature or times.

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Induced Failure Time Distribution  
for the Linear Degradation Model 6  
(Decreasing Degradation)

- For Model 6,  $T \leq t$  is equivalent to degradation being less than or equal to  $\mathcal{D}_t$  [i.e.,  $Y \leq h_d(\mathcal{D}_t)$ ]. Then

$$\begin{aligned} F(t, x) &= \Pr(T \leq t) = \Pr[Y \leq h_d(\mathcal{D}_t)] \\ &= \Phi \left[ \frac{h_d(\mathcal{D}_t) - \xi(t, x)}{\sigma} \right], \text{ for } t \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

- This failure time distribution is a mixed distribution with a probability **atom** at  $t = 0$  so

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(T = 0, x) &= F(0, x) = \Pr(Y \leq h_d(\mathcal{D}_t)) \\ &= \Phi \left[ \frac{h_d(\mathcal{D}_t) - \beta_0}{\sigma} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

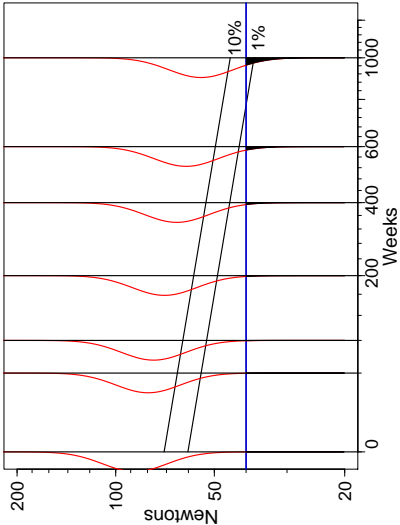
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### Adhesive Bond B

#### Estimates of Fraction Failing as a Function of Time at 25°C

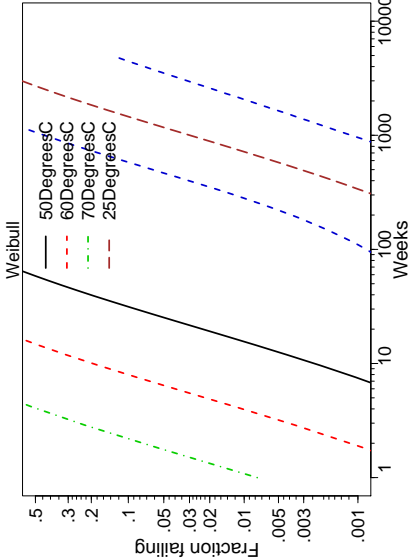
$$\hat{y}_p = \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1^{(25)} \tau + \sigma \Phi_{\text{norm}}^{-1}(p)$$


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### Adhesive Bond B

#### Weibull Multiple Probability Plot

#### cdf Estimates at Test Temperatures and Use Conditions



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#### Quantiles for the Failure Time Distribution at Fixed Values of $x$ and $\mathcal{D}_f$ for Model 6

For Model 6, the  $p$  quantile is  $t_p = h_t^{-1}(\tau_p)$ , where

$$\tau_p = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p \leq F(0, x) \\ \frac{1}{\beta_1 AF} [\beta_0 - h_d(\mathcal{D}_f) + \Phi^{-1}(p)\sigma] & \text{if } p > F(0, x), \end{cases}$$

where

$$AF = \exp[-\beta_2(x - x_0)]$$

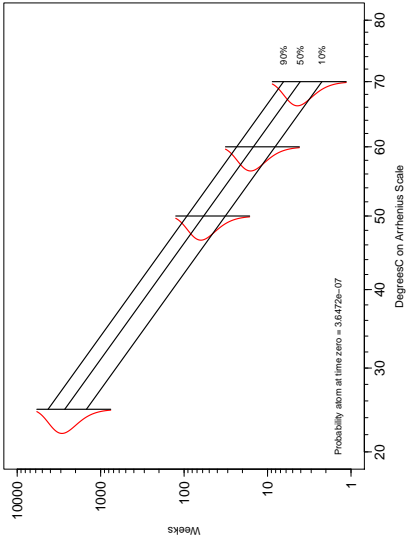
and

$$F(0, x) = \Pr[Y \leq h_d(\mathcal{D}_f)] = \Phi \left[ \frac{h_d(\mathcal{D}_f) - \beta_0}{\sigma} \right].$$

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### Adhesive Bond B Data

#### Model Plot Estimates of Failure-Time Distribution as a Function of Temperature



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### Accelerated Destructive Degradation Test of Adhesive Formulation K

- Formulation K was a newly developed adhesive using a special additive compound that enhances performance.
- The additive degrades over time, through a diffusion process, reducing adhesive strength.
- **Objective:** Assess the strength of the adhesive as a function of time. Estimate the fraction of devices with a strength below 45 Newtons after 2 and 5 years of operation (approximately 104 and 260 weeks, respectively) at 25°C.
- 30 specimens were put into temperature-controlled chambers at 40, 50, and 60°C (total of 90 specimens).
- A specified number of units were removed and tested destructively after 3, 6, 12, 18 and 24 weeks of exposure.
- An additional 10 units with no aging were measured at the start of the experiment.

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#### ADDT with an Asymptotic Model

#### Adhesive Formulation K

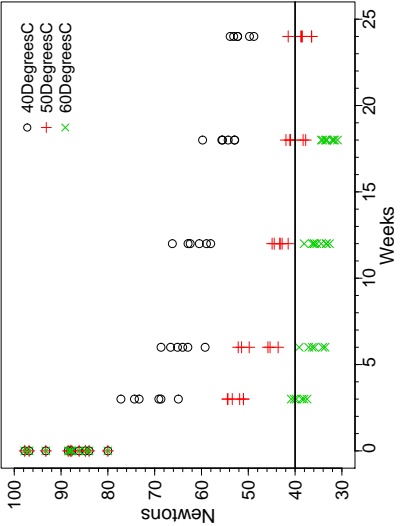
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Adhesive Formulation K Test Plan

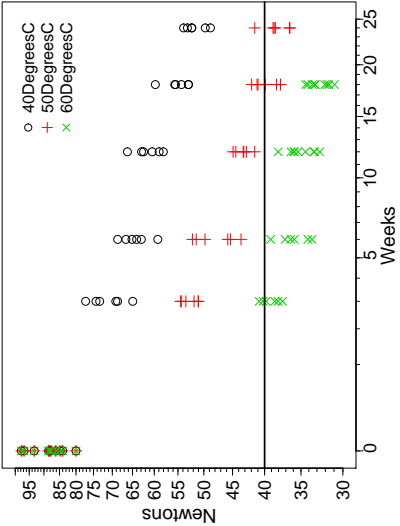
Number of Specimens Tested

Temp °C	Weeks Aged							Totals
	0	3	6	12	18	24		
—	10							10
40	6 6 6 6 6 6							30
50	6 6 6 6 6 6							30
60	6 6 9 9 0							30
Totals	10	18	18	21	21	12	12	106

Adhesive Formulation K ADDT Data  
as a Function of Temperature  
Linear–Linear Axes

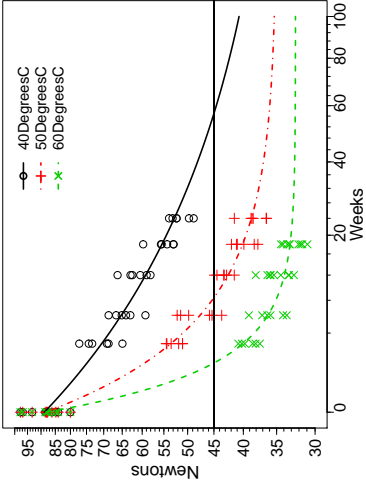


Adhesive Formulation K ADDT Data  
as a Function of Temperature  
Square Root–Log Axes



Adhesive Formulation K ADDT Data  
Overlay of Individual Normal Distribution Fits  
Square Root–Log Axes

$\xi^{[j]}(t) = \hat{\beta}_0^{[j]} - \hat{\beta}_3^{[j]}[1 - \exp(-\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]}\tau)], \quad j = 50, 60, 70$

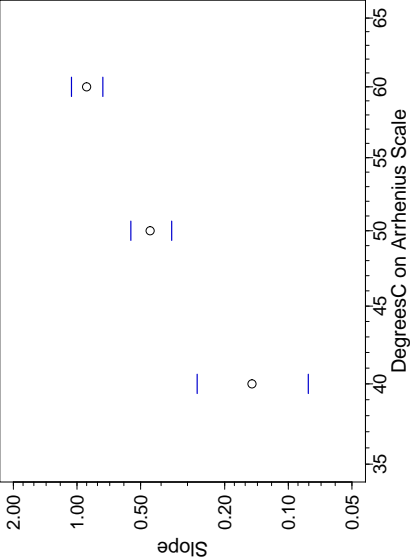


Adhesive Formulation K ADDT Data  
Bayesian Parameter Estimates  
Asymptotic Path Normal Distribution  
Individual Line Fits

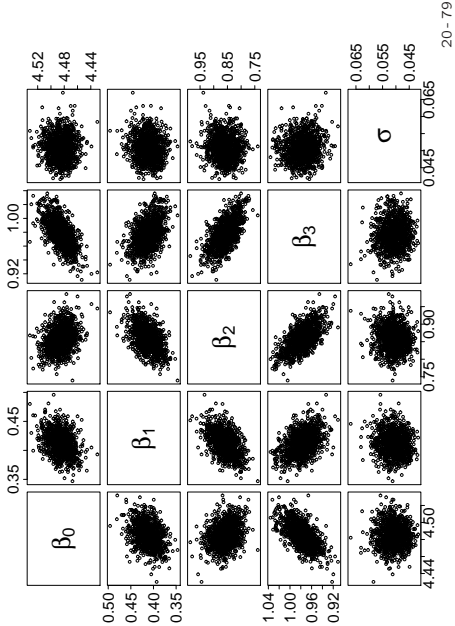
- For each temperature level three individual estimates are obtained:  $\hat{\beta}_0^{[j]}$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]}$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_3^{[j]}$ , and  $\hat{\sigma}^{[j]}$ .
- A summary of the asymptotic path normal distribution estimates for individual temperatures for the Adhesive Formulation K ADDT data is

Temperature	Estimates				95% Credible Interval for $\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]}$		
	$\hat{\beta}_0^{[j]}$	$\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]}$	$\hat{\beta}_3^{[j]}$	$\hat{\sigma}^{[j]}$	$\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]}$	$\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]}$	$\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]}$
40°C	4.49	0.15	1.01	0.056	0.081		0.27
50°C	4.48	0.45	0.93	0.052	0.36		0.56
60°C	4.48	0.90	1.00	0.054	0.32		1.06

Adhesive Formulation K ADDT Data Arrhenius Plot  
Individual Degradation Rate Estimates  $\hat{\beta}_1^{[j]}$  versus °C  
Arrhenius Plot



Adhesive Formulation K ADDT Data  
Log/Square Root Transformation  
Weakly Informative Prior Distribution  
Posterior Pairs Plot



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Adhesive Formulation K ADDT Data  
Bayesian Parameter Estimates  
Normal Distribution Asymptotic Path Arrhenius Model

$$Y = \beta_0 - \beta_3[1 - \exp(-\beta_1 \exp[-\beta_2(x - x_0)]\tau)] + \epsilon$$

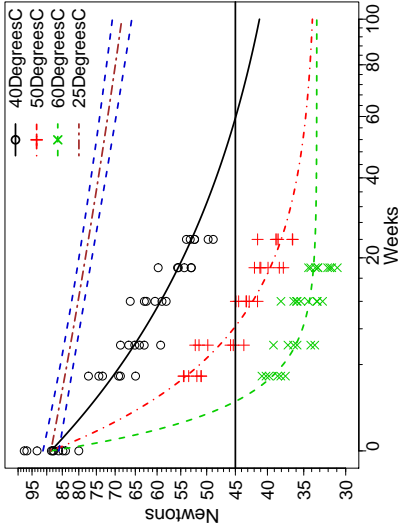
Parameter	Estimate	Standard 95% Credible Interval	
		Error	Lower Upper
$\beta_0$	4.49	0.01	4.46 4.51
$\beta_1$	0.41	0.02	0.37 0.45
$\beta_2$	0.86	0.03	0.79 0.93
$\beta_3$	0.98	0.02	0.94 1.02
$\sigma$	0.05	0.005	0.04 0.06

Estimates for the slopes (degradation rates) at each temperature are obtained from  $\hat{\beta}_1^{[t]} = \hat{\beta}_1 \exp[-\hat{\beta}_2(x - x_0)]$  where  $x = 11604.52/(\text{°C} + 273.15)$ . In this case for the four temperatures of interest, the estimates are

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_1^{[25]} &= 0.031, & \hat{\beta}_1^{[40]} &= 0.154 \\ \hat{\beta}_1^{[50]} &= 0.412, & \hat{\beta}_1^{[60]} &= 1.037\end{aligned}$$

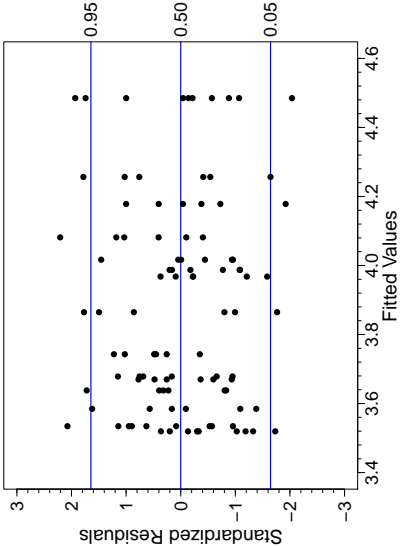
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Adhesive Formulation K ADDT Data  
and Fitted Model  
Normal Distribution Asymptotic Path Arrhenius Model  
 $\hat{\xi}(t) = \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_3[1 - \exp(-\hat{\beta}_1 \exp[-\hat{\beta}_2(x - x_0)]\tau)]$



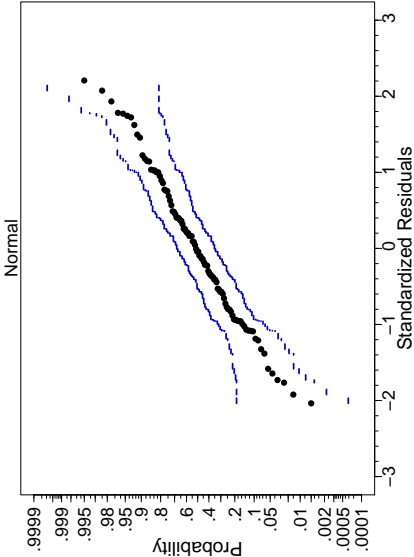
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Adhesive Formulation K ADDT Data  
Residuals Versus Fitted Values



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Adhesive Formulation K ADDT Data  
Normal Distribution Residual Probability Plot



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Induced Failure Time Distribution  
for the Asymptotic Model 8  
(Decreasing Degradation)

- For Model 8,  $T \leq t$  is equivalent to observed degradation less than  $\mathcal{D}_t$  [i.e.,  $Y \leq h_d(\mathcal{D}_t)$ ]. Then

$$F(t, x) = \Pr[Y \leq h_d(\mathcal{D}_t)] = \Phi \left[ \frac{h_d(\mathcal{D}_t) - \xi(t, x)}{\sigma} \right], \text{ for } t \geq 0.$$

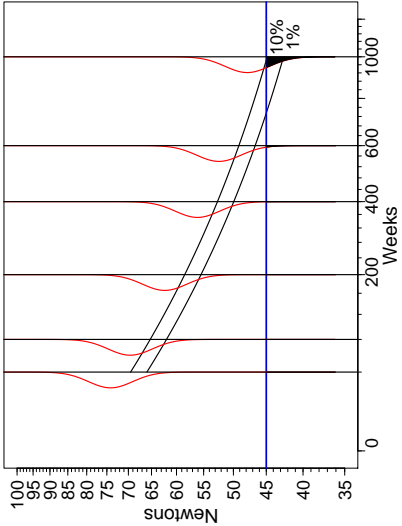
- This failure time distribution is a mixed distribution with probability **atoms** at  $t = 0$  and  $t = \infty$  with probabilities

$$\Pr(T = 0, x) = F(0, x) = \Phi \left[ \frac{h_d(\mathcal{D}_t) - \xi(0, x)}{\sigma} \right] = \Phi \left[ \frac{h_d(\mathcal{D}_t) - \beta_0}{\sigma} \right]$$

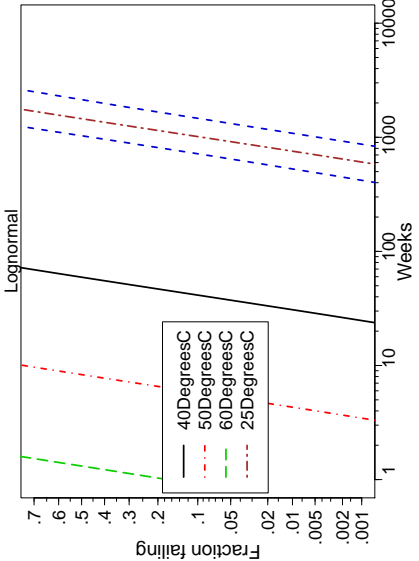
$$\Pr(T = \infty, x) = 1 - F(\infty, x) = 1 - \Phi \left[ \frac{h_d(\mathcal{D}_t) - (\beta_0 - \beta_3)}{\sigma} \right].$$

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$$\hat{y}_p = \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_3 \left( 1 - \exp \left\{ -\hat{\beta}_1^{(25)} \tau \right\} \right) + \sigma \Phi_{\text{norm}}^{-1}(p)$$



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Quantiles for the Failure Time Distribution  
at Fixed Values of  $x$  and  $\mathcal{D}_f$  for Model 8

- For Model 8, the  $p$  quantile is  $t_p = h_t^{-1}(\tau_p)$ , where

$$\tau_p = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p \leq F(0, x) \\ \frac{1}{\beta_1 A F} \log \left[ \frac{\beta_3}{h_d(\mathcal{D}_t) - \Phi^{-1}(p)\sigma - (\beta_0 - \beta_3)} \right] & \text{if } F(0, x) < p < F(\infty, x) \\ \infty & \text{if } p > F(\infty, x), \end{cases}$$

where

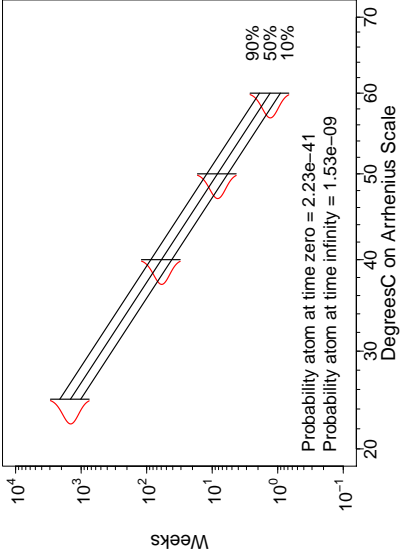
$$A F = \exp[-\beta_2(x - x_0)]$$

and

$$F(0, x) = \Phi \left[ \frac{h_d(\mathcal{D}_t) - \beta_0}{\sigma} \right]$$
$$F(\infty, x) = \Phi \left[ \frac{h_u(\mathcal{D}_t) - (\beta_0 - \beta_3)}{\sigma} \right].$$

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Model Plot Estimates of Failure Time Distribution  
as a Function of Temperature



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