
Advanced Analysis Methodologies

- **Censored Data**
 - Converting to continuous data often presents analysis challenges
 - For example, if we use detection range, how do we account for non-detects in the analysis
 - Censored data provides a solution
- **Generalized Linear Models**
 - System performance is often best characterized by non-normal data
 - » Time
 - » Accuracy
 - » Pass/Fail
 - Generalized linear models provide a more flexible analysis framework to handle these non-normal outcomes.
- **Bayesian Methodologies**
 - Allow for the incorporation of multiple sources of information, when it is appropriate
 - Provide methodologies for finding confidence intervals when there are zero observations

IDA Motivating Example: Submarine Detection Time

- **System Description**

- Sonar system replica in a laboratory on which hydrophone-level data, recorded during real-world interactions can be played back in real-time.
- System can process the raw hydrophone-level data with any desired version of the sonar software.
- Upgrade every two years; test to determine new version is better
- Advanced Processor Build (APB) 2011 contains a potential advancement over APB 2009 (new detection method capability)

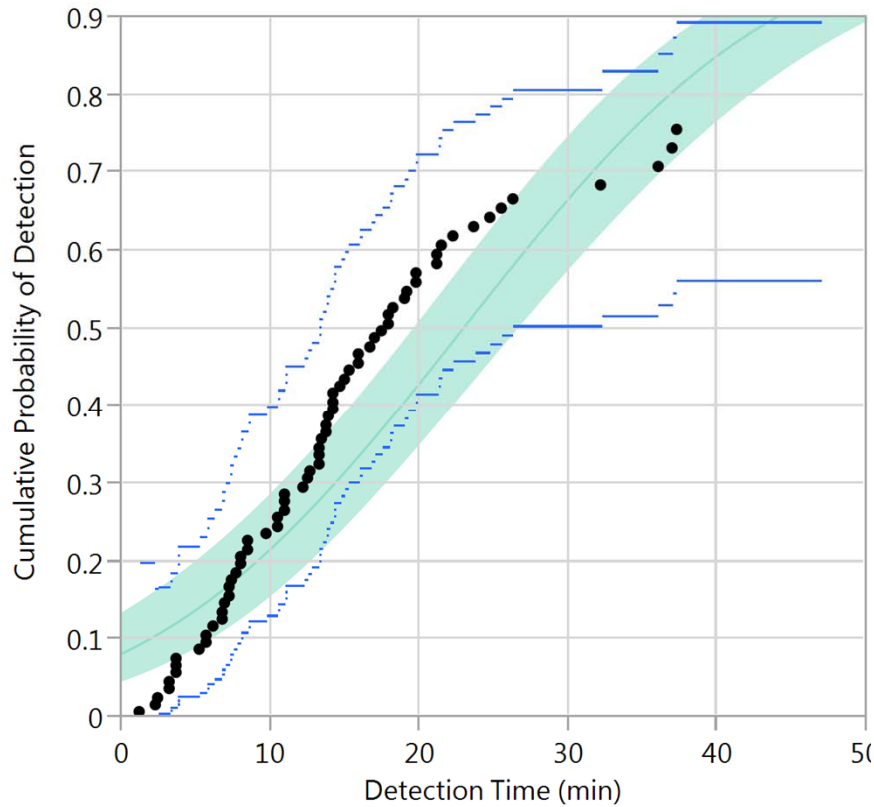


- **Response Variable: Detection Time**
 - Time from first appearance in recordings until operator detection
 - » Failed operator detections resulted in *right censored data*
- **Factors:**
 - Operator proficiency (quantified score based on experience, time since last deployment, etc.)
 - Submarine Type (SSN, SSK)
 - System Software Version (APB 2009, APB 2011)
 - Array Type (A, B)
 - Target Loudness (Quiet, Loud)

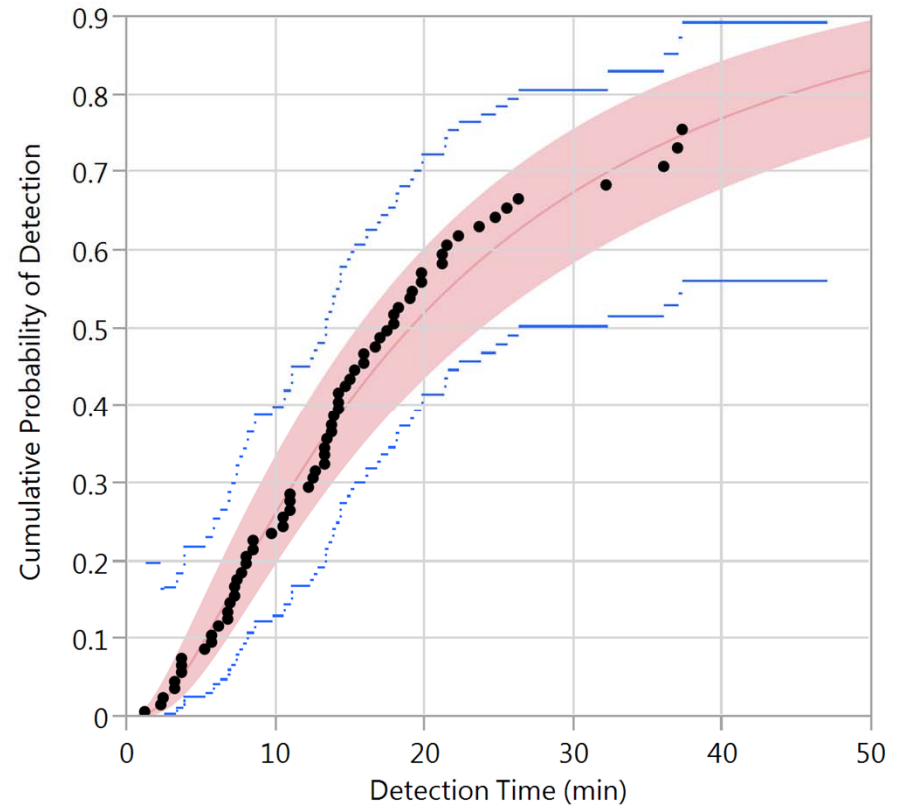
Detection Time Distribution

- Detection time does not follow a normal distribution

Normal Distribution

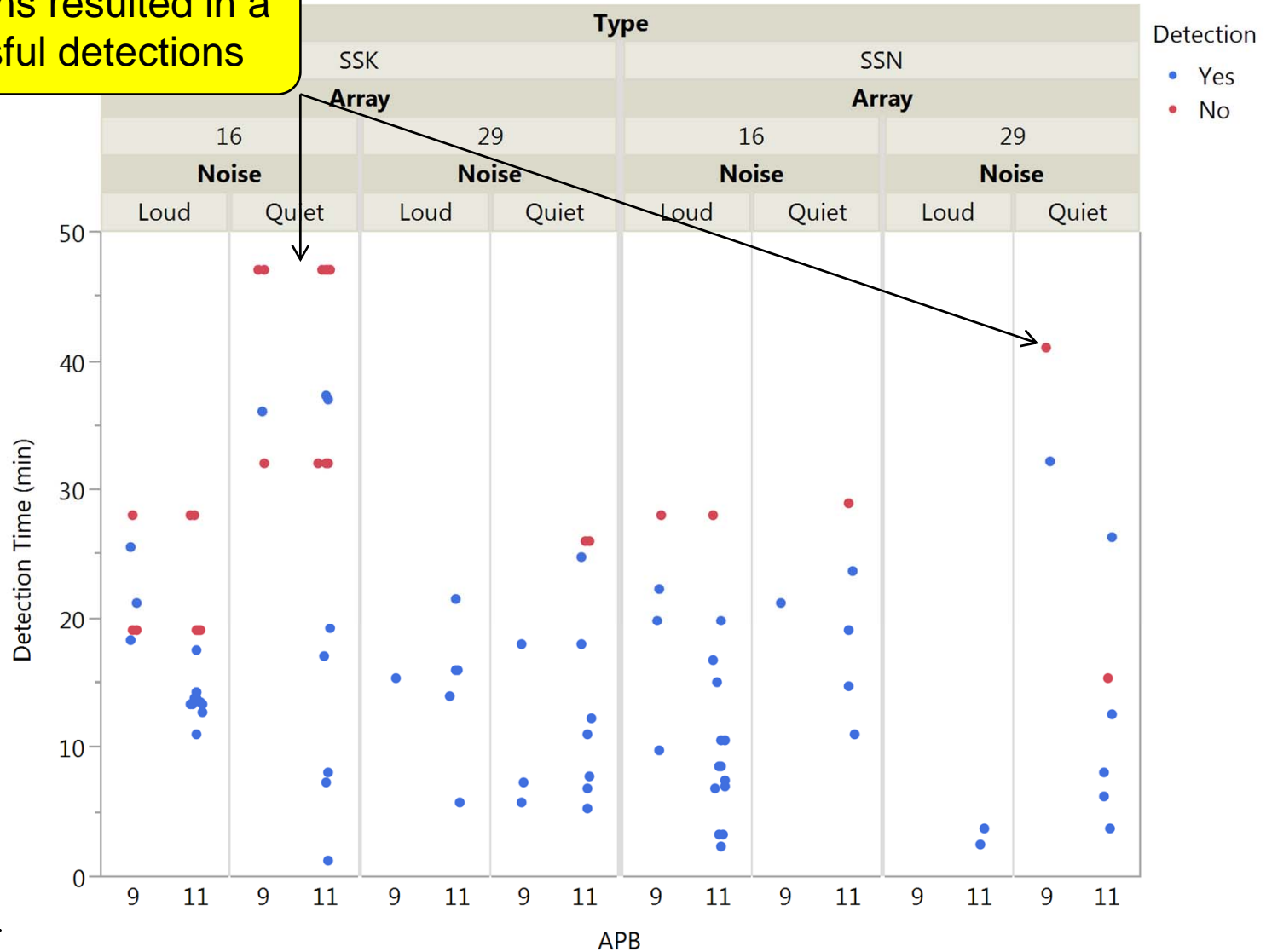


Lognormal Distribution



Failed Detection Opportunities

Not all runs resulted in a successful detections

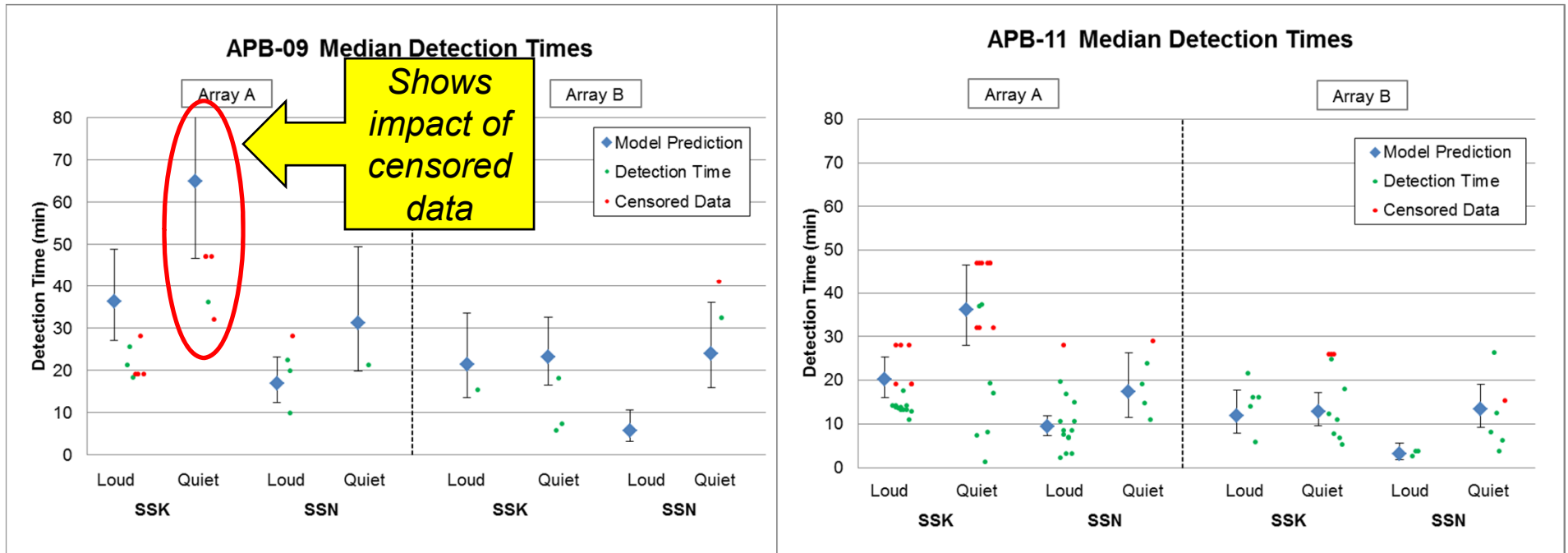




Submarine Detection Time: Analysis

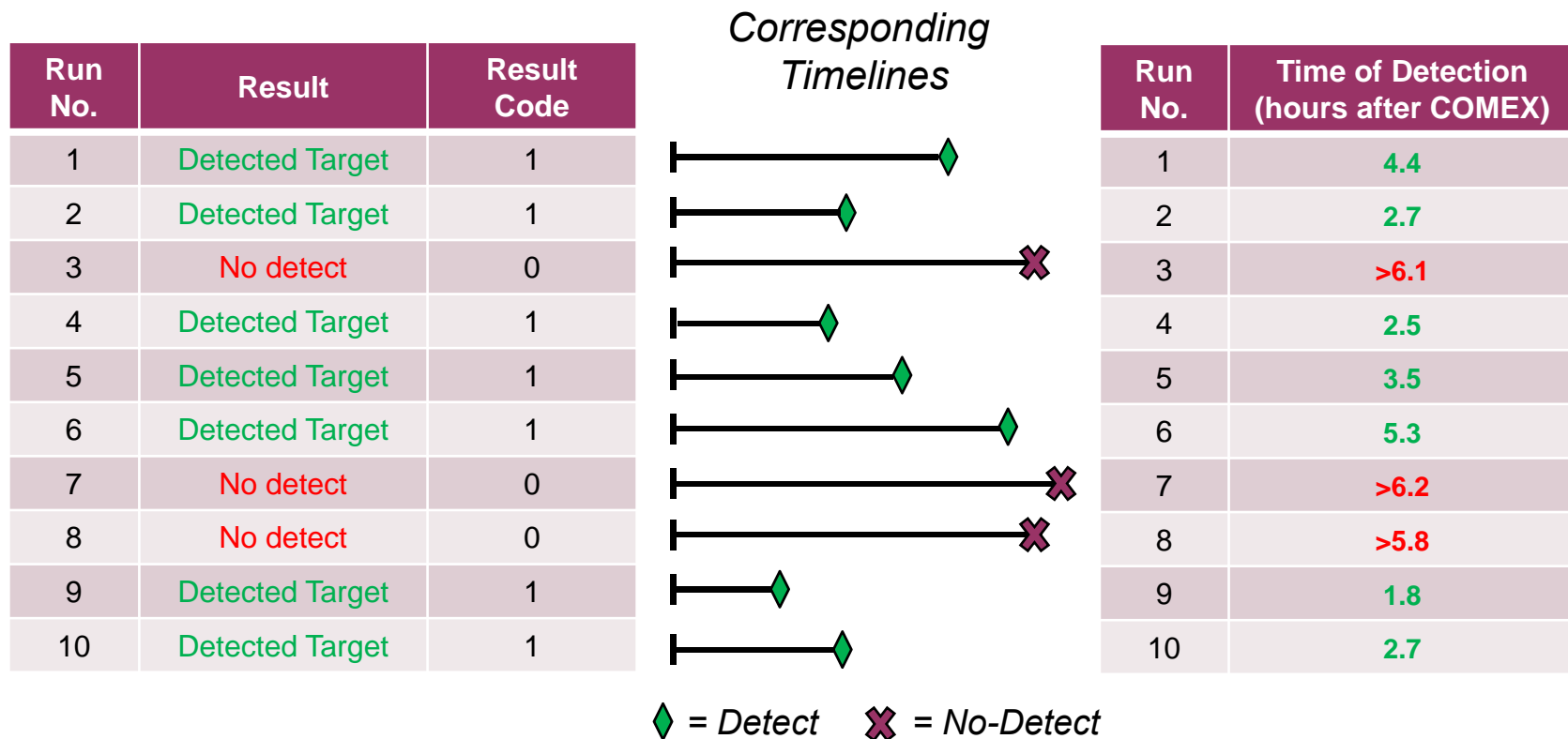
- **Advanced statistical modeling techniques incorporated all of the information across the operational space.**
 - Generalized linear model with log-normal detection times
 - Censored data analysis accounts for non-detects
- **All factors were significant predictors of the detection time**

Factor/Model Term	Description of Effect	P-Value
Recognition Factor	Increased recognition factors resulted in shortened detection times	0.0227
APB	Detection time is shorter for APB-11	0.0025
Target Type	Detection time is shorter for SSN targets	0.0004
Target Noise Level	Detection time is shorter for loud targets	0.0012
Array Type	Detection time is shorter for Array B	0.0006
Type* Noise		0.0628
Type* Array	Additional model terms improve predictions. Third order interaction is marginally significant, therefore all second order terms are retained.	0.9091
Noise*Array		0.8292
Type* Noise*Array		0.0675

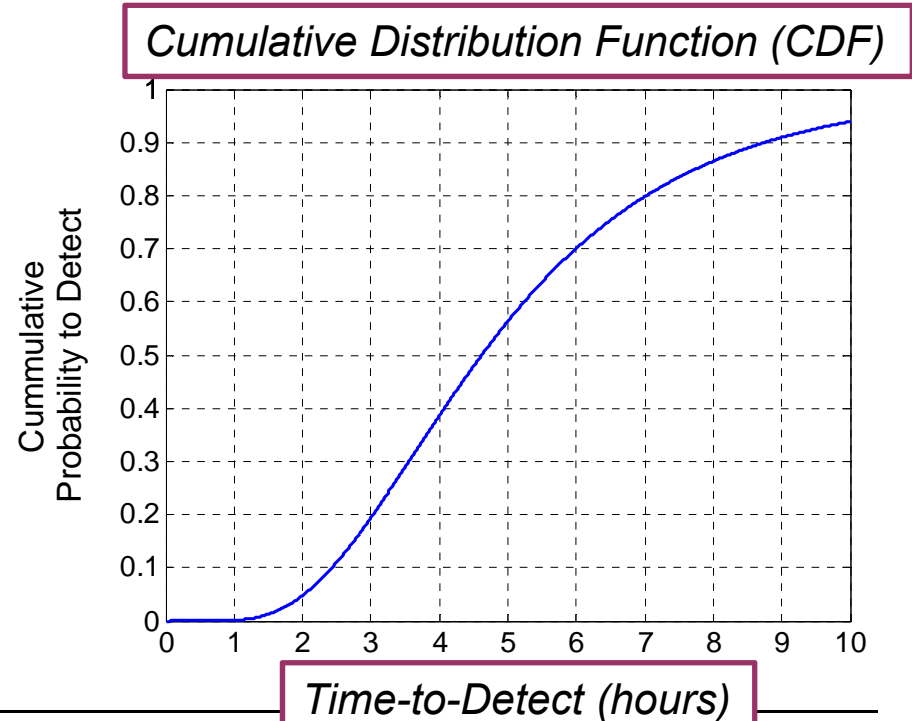
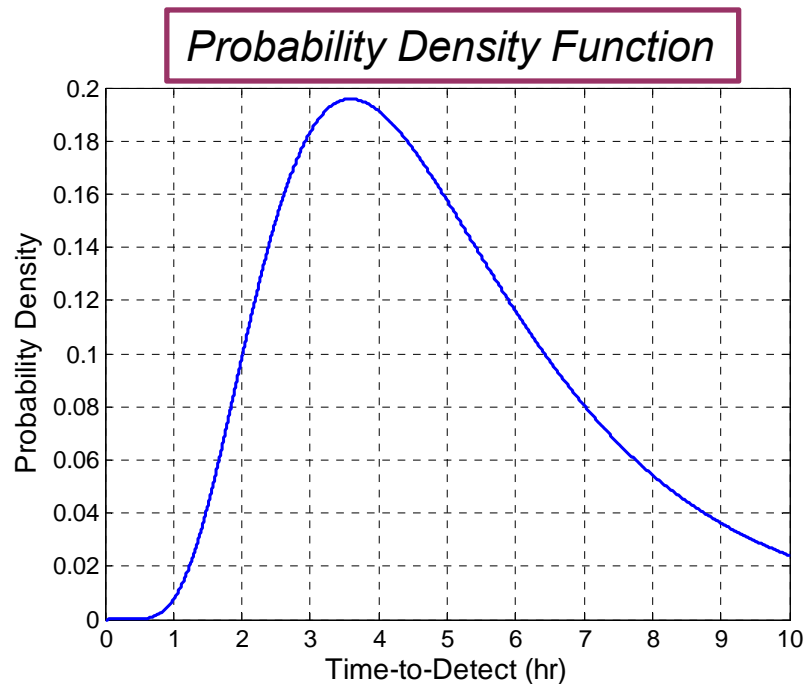


- **Median detection times show a clear advantage of APB-11 over the legacy APB**
- **Confidence interval widths reflect weighting of data towards APB-11**
- **Statistical model provides insights in areas with limited data**
 - Note median detection time in cases with heavy censoring is shifted higher

- **Censored data = we didn't observe the detection directly, but we expect it will occur if the test had continued**
 - We cannot make an exact measurement, but there is information we can use. The no detects are on the tail of the distribution!
 - Same concept as a time-terminated reliability trials (failure data)

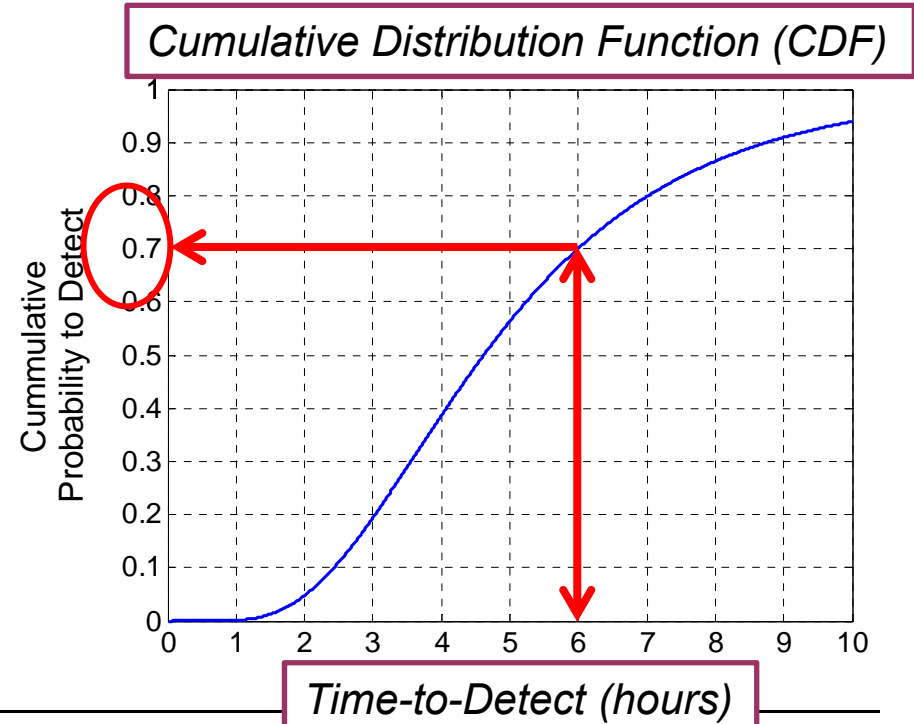
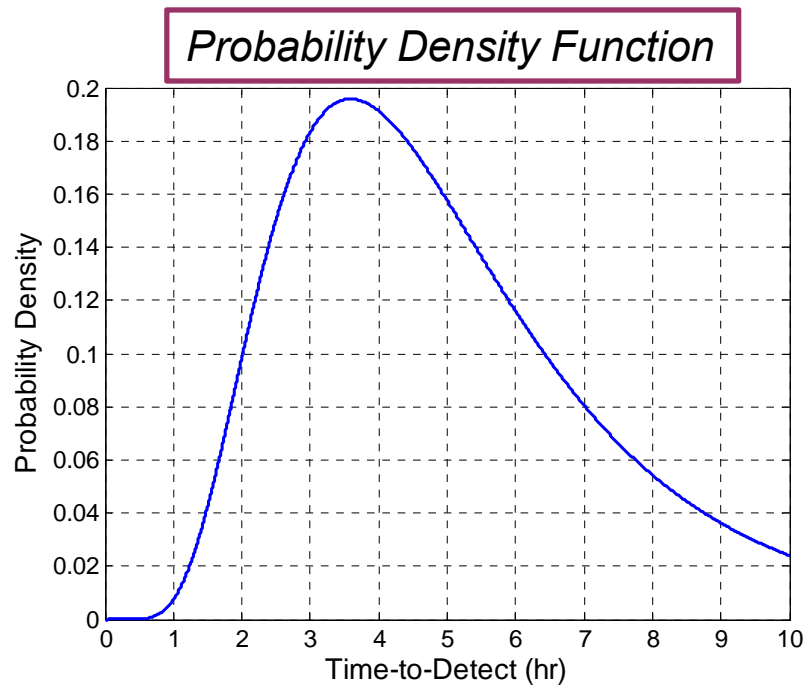


- Assume that the time data come from an underlying distribution, such as the log-normal distribution
 - Other distributions may apply – you must consider carefully. See slide 4 where we did it for the submarine detection data
- That parameterization will enable us to **link** the time metric to the probability of detection metric.



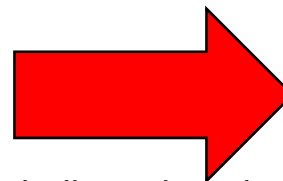
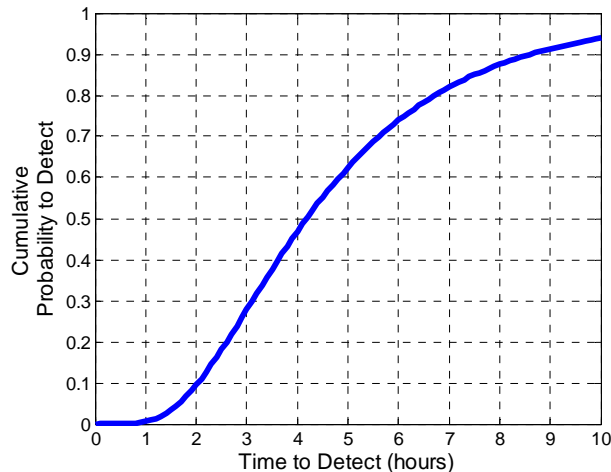
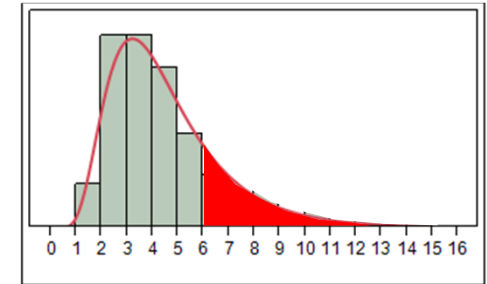
Parameterizing Data

- **Example: Aircraft must detect the target within it's nominal time on station (6-hours)**
 - Binomial metric was detect/non-detect within time-on-station
- **If we determine the shape of this curve (i.e., determine the parameters of the PDF/CDF), we can use the time metric to determine the probability to detect!**

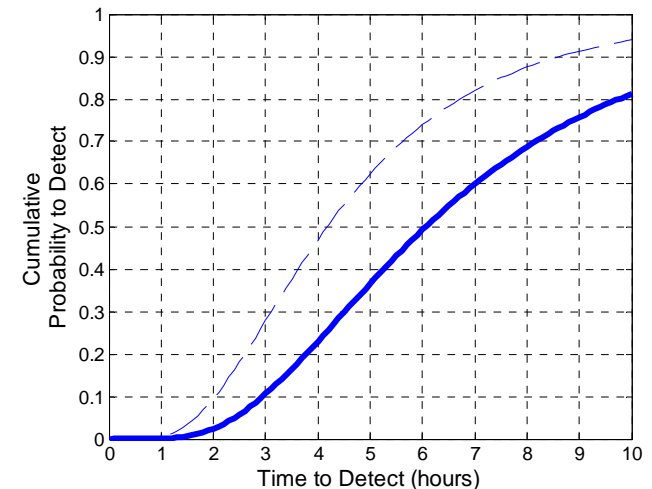


Conceptualizing the Censored-Data Fit

- For non-censored measurements, the PDF fit is easy to conceptualize
- For censored measurements, the data can't define the PDF, but we know they contribute to the probability density beyond the censor point
- Example event from an OT:
 - No Detects (Detect Time > 6 hours) lie somewhere on the tail of the distribution.
 - Detect will eventually occur sometime after 6 hours, pushing the distribution curve to the right
 - Mathematically, there are ways of calculating the shifted distribution.



Including a bunch of censored (Time > 6 hour) events will push the CDF to the right (see how probability to detect is lower at 6 hours)



IDA Characterizing Performance with Censored Data

- Now let's employ DOE...
- Consider a test with 16 runs
 - **Two** factors examined in the test
 - Run Matrix:

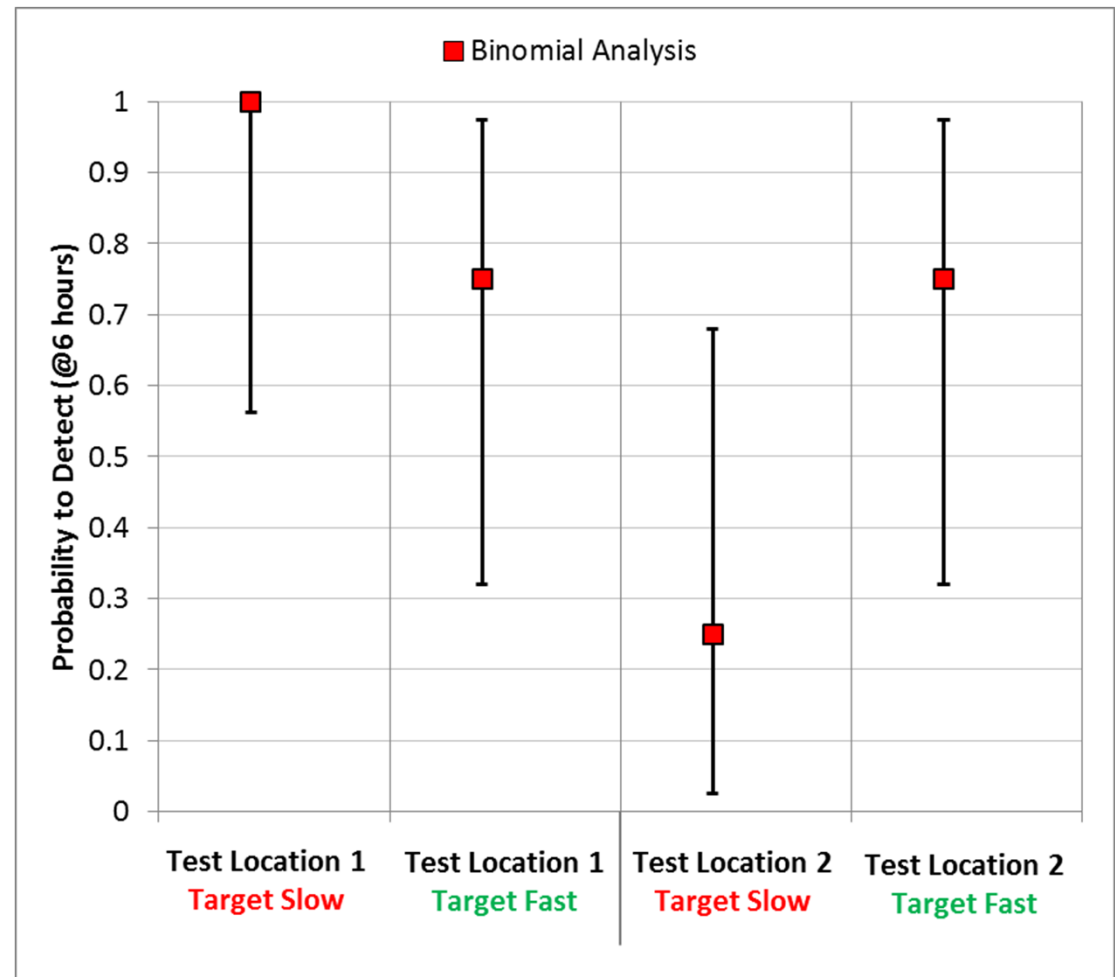
	Target Fast	Target Slow	Totals
Test Location 1	4	4	8
Test Location 2	4	4	8
	8	8	16

- Detection Results:

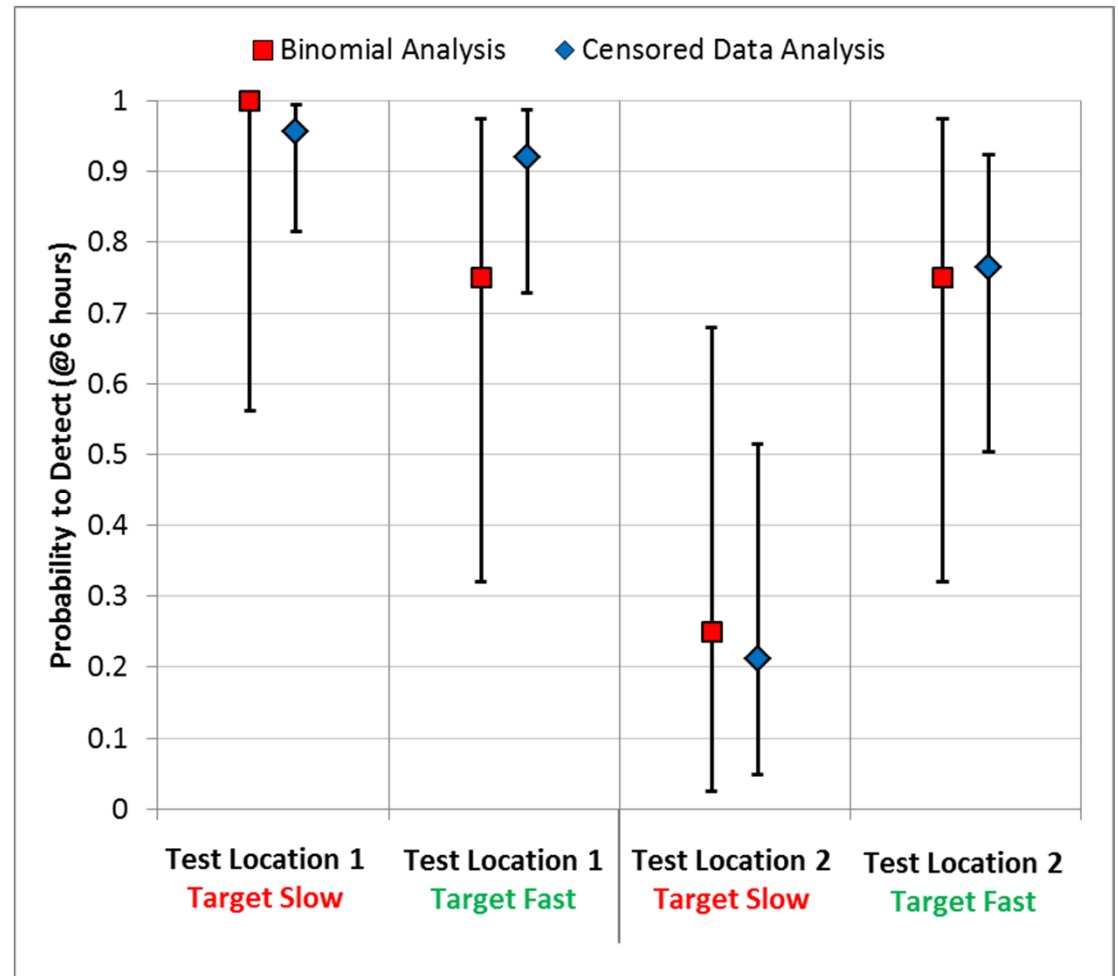
	Target Fast	Target Slow	Totals
Test Location 1	3/4	4/4	7/8 (0.875)
Test Location 2	3/4	1/4	4/8 (0.5)
	6/8 (0.75)	5/8 (0.63)	

IDA Attempt to Characterize Performance

- As expected, 4 runs in each condition is *insufficient* to characterize performance with a binomial metric
- Cannot tell which factor drives performance or which conditions will cause the system to meet/fail requirements
- Likely will only report a 'roll-up' of 11/16
 - 90% confidence interval:
[0.45, 0.87]



- Measure *time-to-detect* in lieu of binomial metric, employ censored data analysis...
- Significant reduction in confidence intervals!
 - Now can tell significant differences in performance
 - » E.g., system is performing **poorly** in Location 2 against slow targets
 - We can confidently conclude performance is above threshold in three conditions
 - » Not possible with a “probability to detect” analysis!



- **Many binary metrics can be recast using a continuous metrics**
 - Care is needed, does not always work, but...
 - Cost saving potential is too great not to consider it!
- **With Censored-data analysis methods, we retain the binary information (non-detects), but gain the benefits of using a continuous metric**
 - Better information for the warfighter
 - Maintains a link to the “Probability of...” requirements
- **Converting to the censored-continuous metric maximizes test efficiency**
 - In some cases, as much as 50% reduction in test costs for near identical results in percentile estimates
 - Benefit is greatest when the goal is to identify significant factors (characterize performance)

- **There are many classes of statistical models:**
 - General linear models (normal distribution)
 - Generalized linear models (Exponential family)
 - » Provides a simplified framework for numerically maximizing the likelihood
 - Location-scale regression (location scale, log-location scale)
 - Nonlinear regression (almost everything else)
- **These regression analyses are a logical extension of standard statistical regression analysis**
- **However, methods presented here are more general**
 - Data not necessarily normal
 - Data may not have constant variance
 - Link between data and response may not be linear
- **Practical T&E problems often cannot be solved with straightforward regression analysis**

Model Specification: GLM versus Generalized Linear Model

- **General Linear Model (e.g., regression)**

- Model: $f(y) \sim Normal(\mu, \sigma)$

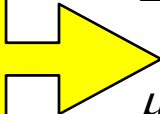
$$\mu = \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i x_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^k \beta_{ij} x_i x_j + h.o.t.$$

- Where, k is the number of factors and h.o.t. are higher order terms.

- **Generalized Linear Model**

- Model:

g⁻¹(·) is the inverse “link function” – it literally links the factors to the expected value of the response



$$f(y) \sim ExponentialFamilyDistribution(\alpha, \beta)$$

$$E(Y) = \mu = f(\alpha, \beta)$$

$$\mu = g^{-1} \left(\beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i x_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^k \beta_{ij} x_i x_j + h.o.t \right)$$

- **Class of distributions that provides the basis for Generalized Linear Models**

- **Distributions include:**

- Continuous

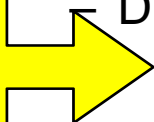
- » Normal
- » Log-normal
- » Beta
- » Gamma
- » Exponential

- Discrete:

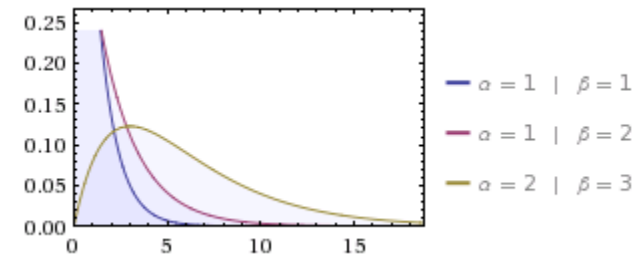
- » Binomial/Bernoulli
- » Poisson
- » Negative Binomial

- And several more!

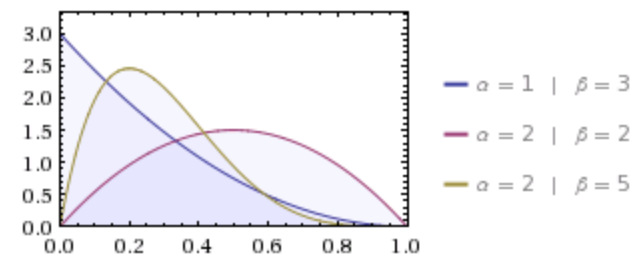
Logistic Regression is a Generalized Linear Model



Gamma Distribution



Beta Distribution



- **Provide flexible shapes that can be used to describe almost any type of data!**

IDA Pass/Fail Analysis: A Second Motivating Example

- **System's goal is to maintain a lock on a moving target**
- **Response Variable: Maintain track? (Yes/No)**
 - Debatable if a continuous metric could have replaced this binary response. However, no continuous metric was tracked during the test, so we are stuck analyzing pass/fail response.
- **Factors:**
 - Target Size (small/large)
 - Target Speed (slow/fast)
 - Time of Day (day/night)
 - Target Aspect (frontal/quarter)
 - Maneuvering (yes/no)
- **Generalized linear models can be used to fit logistic and probit regression under the same framework!**

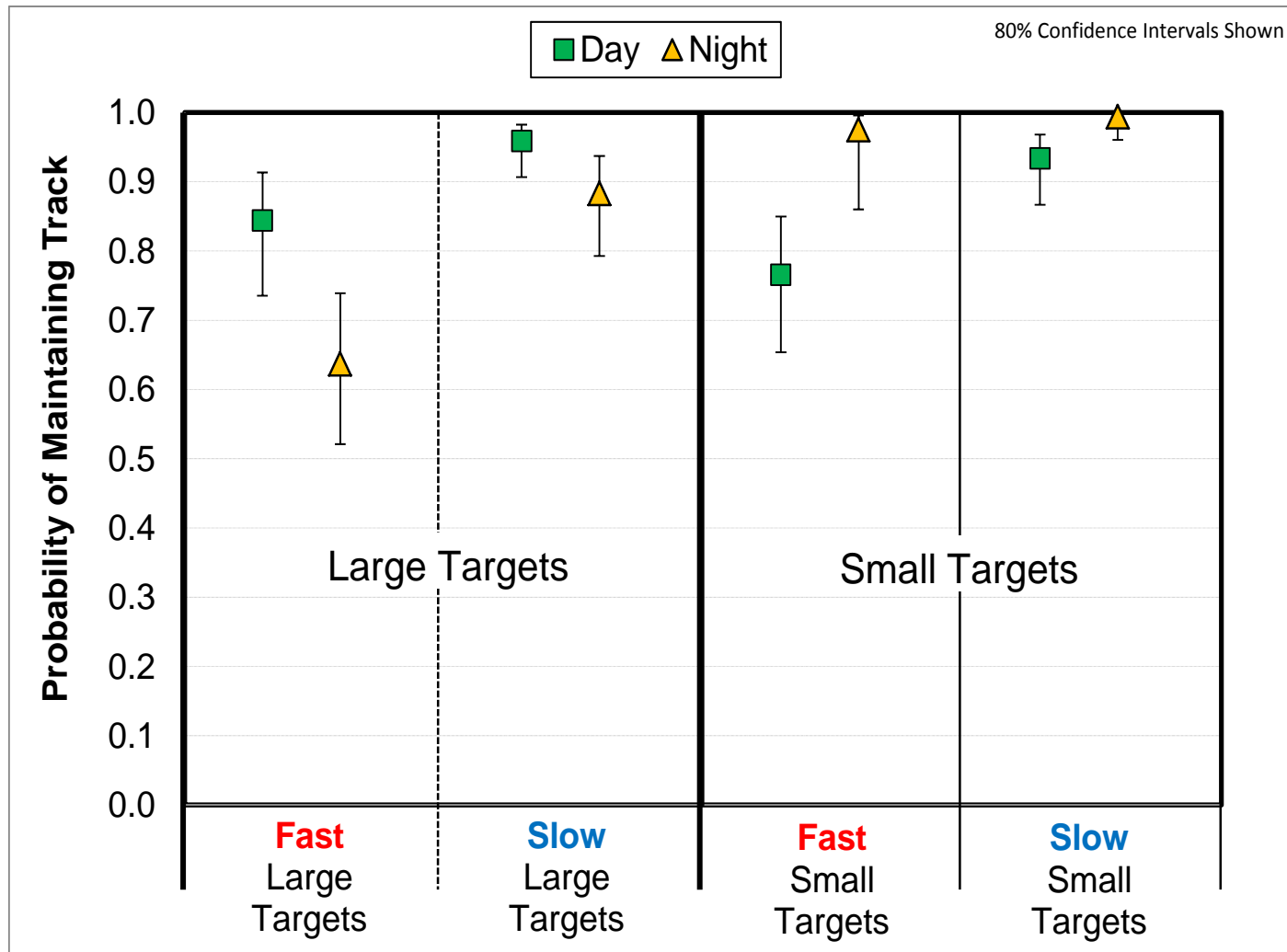
- **Logistic Regression Model:**

$$f(y) \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$$

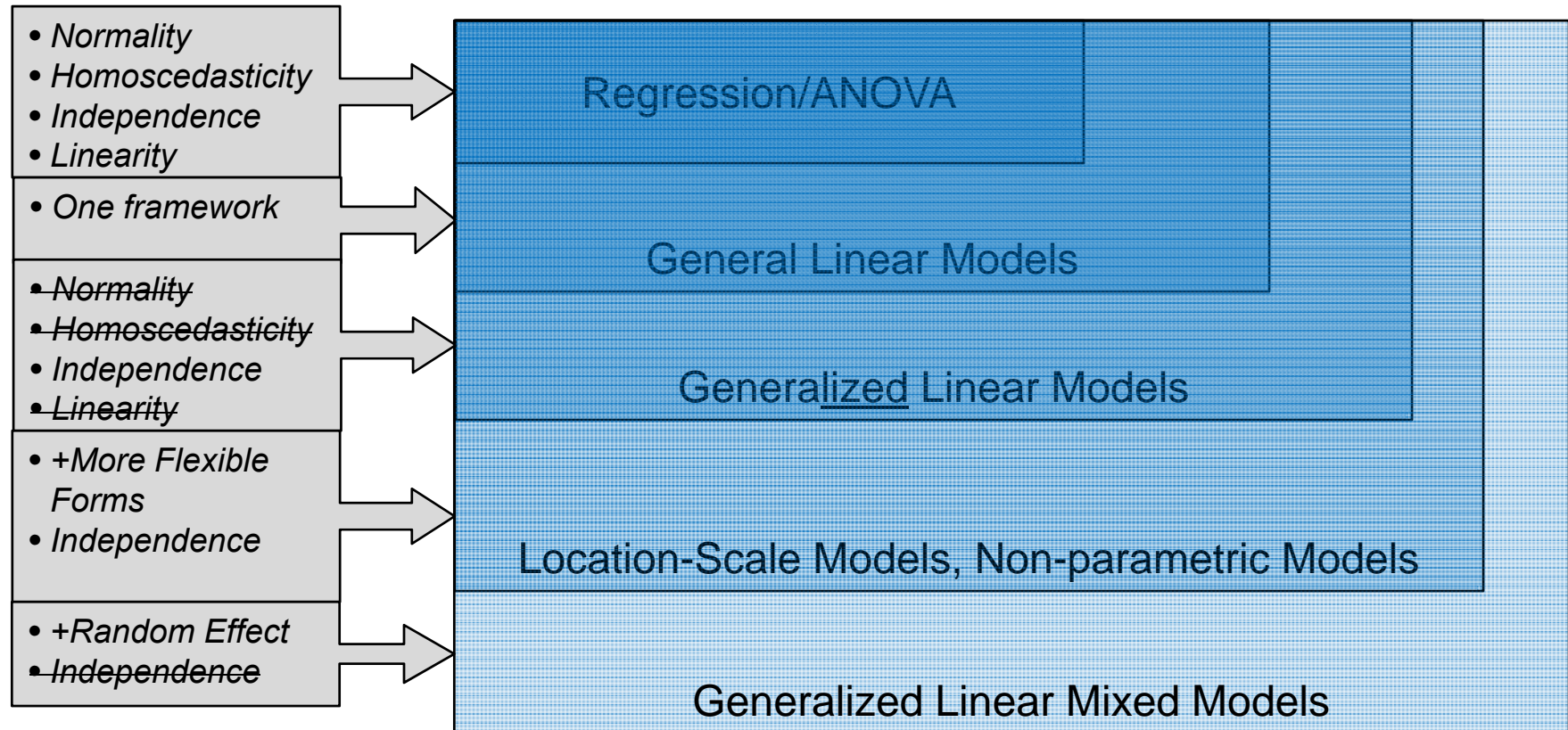
$$\mu = np$$

$$\mu = \frac{\exp\left(\beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i x_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^k \beta_{ij} x_i x_j + h.o.t\right)}{1 + \exp\left(\beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i x_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^k \beta_{ij} x_i x_j + h.o.t\right)}$$

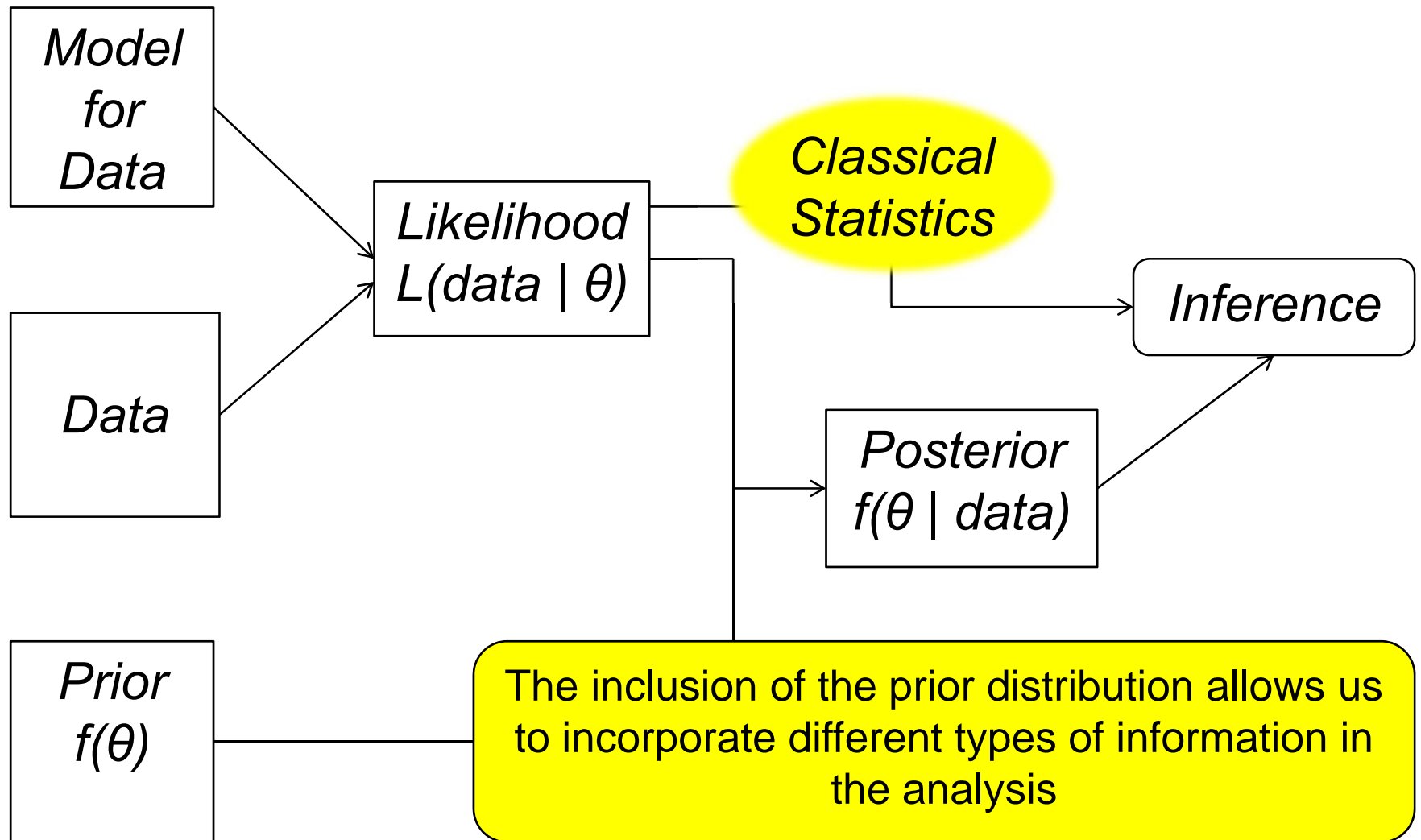
Summarizing Results



- There is a model for every situation!



- x2 for Bayesian versions of these model forms, which can also incorporate prior knowledge
- Note, Bayesian methodologies can make analysis easier by avoiding the complex optimization problem.





Motivating Example: Stryker Reliability Analysis

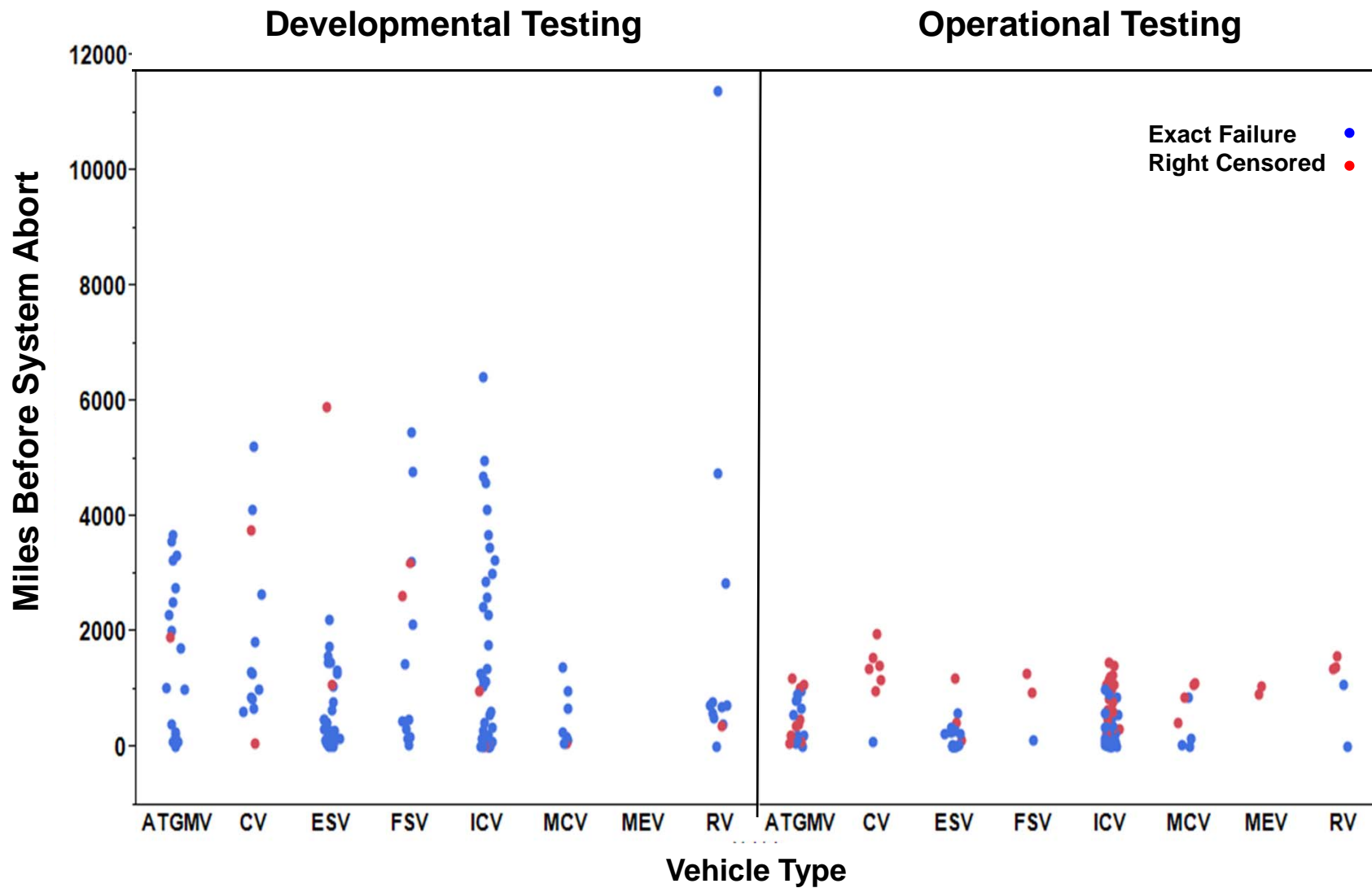
- **Statistical methods (including DOE) apply to reliability data as well as performance data**
- **Stryker Retrospective Case Study**
 - Infantry Carrier Vehicle (ICV) - the infantry/mission-vehicle type
 - Base vehicle for eight separate configurations
 - IOT&E Results:

Stryker Reliability by Variant using Operational Test Data					
Vehicle Variant	Total Miles Driven	System Aborts	MMBSA	MMBSA 95% LCL	MMBSA 95% UCL
Antitank Guided Missile Vehicle (ATGMV)	10334	12	861	493	1667
Commander's Vehicle (CV)	8494	1	8494	1525	335495
Engineer Squad Vehicle (ESV)	3771	13	290	170	545
Fire Support Vehicle (FSV)	2306	1	2306	414	91082
Infantry Carrier Vehicle (ICV)	29982	35	857	616	1230
Mortar Carrier Vehicle (MCV)	4521	4	1130	441	4148
Medical Evacuation Vehicle (MEV)	1967	0	-	657	-
Reconnaissance Vehicle (RV)	5374	2	2687	744	22187
Total	66749	68	982	774	1264

- **Results do not leverage DT data or relationships between vehicles**



The Stryker Reliability Data Set



- **Informative Priors**
 - Based on subject matter expertise (there will be a degradation in OT reliability)
 - » Data is already included in model
- **Hierarchical Models**
 - Assumes the parameters are related, the data tells us how closely related
 - Hierarchical models for the Stryker case study allow us to estimate MEV reliability based on other data

Bayesian Analysis Model:

$$t_{DT} \sim \exp(\lambda_i) \quad t_{OT} \sim \exp(\lambda_i/\eta)$$

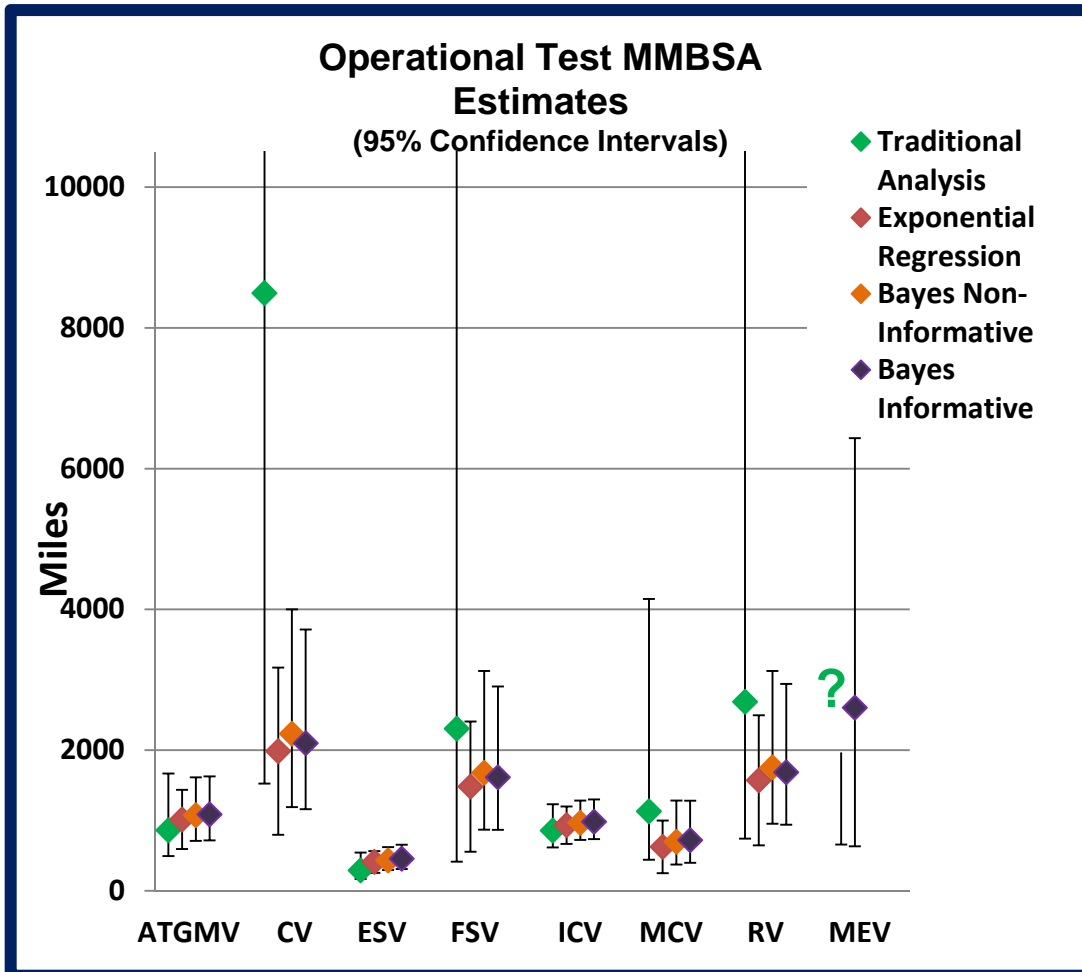
$i = 1, 2, \dots, 8$ (vehicle variants including MEV)

$$\lambda_i \sim \text{gamma}(a, b)$$

$$\eta \sim \text{beta}(1, 1)$$

$$a \sim \text{gamma}(.001, .001)$$

$$b \sim \text{gamma}(.001, .001)$$



- **Traditional Approach:**

$$MMBSA = \frac{\text{Miles}}{\text{\# Failures}}$$

- Extremely wide confidence intervals
- Results in unrealistic estimates for the Commander's Vehicle

- **Exponential Regression Approach & Bayesian Approaches**

$$MMBSA = f(\text{TestPhase Variant})$$

- Allows for a degradation in MMBSA from DT to OT (increases could occur as well).
- Leverages all information
 - » Better estimates of MMBSA
 - » Tighter confidence intervals

- **Provide very flexible analysis methods**
- **Priors allow us to consider other types of data, basing decisions on all available information about a system**
- **Methods can easily be extended to incorporate other situations:**
 - Kill chain analysis
 - Complex system structures reliability analysis
 - Incorporate any relevant prior testing, modeling and simulation, or engineering analysis