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Quick Tour of Weibull++

Weibull++ offers the most comprehensive toolset available for reliability life data analysis, with support for all life data types and all commonly used product lifetime distributions.

Accelerated Life Testing (ALTA) and Accelerated Life Testing PRO (ALTA PRO) utilize powerful life-stress relationship models to design and analyze data from accelerated life tests.

Reliability Growth (RGA) supports all of the major **reliability growth models** and can analyze data from both developmental testing and fielded repairable systems. It also includes a comprehensive toolset for advanced reliability growth projections, planning and management.

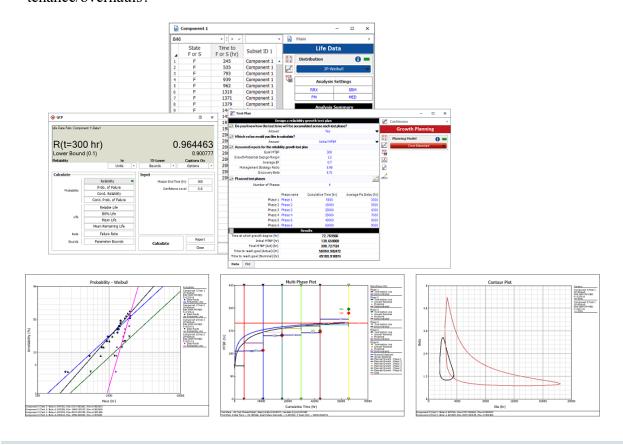
These applications are also packed with tools for related reliability analysis such as degradation data analysis, stress-strength comparison, reliability test design and design of experiments (DOE). In addition, Weibull++ also supports warranty data analysis, non-parametric data analysis and recurrent event data analysis.

For life data and life-stress data analysis, you can use this application to answer a wide variety of questions such as:

- How many units do you need to test? How much test time? At which stress levels?
- Will the product meet the reliability requirement?
- What is the influence of different failure modes? How does accelerated stress affect life?
- Which design (or supplier) will be more cost-effective over time?
- How many units are likely to be returned under warranty?
- Is there an emerging reliability problem in the field? With a particular supplier? In a particular region?
- When will a crack, wear, etc. degrade to the point of failure?
- What is the typical time to repair? How effective are the repairs?

For growth data analysis, you can use this application to answer a wide variety of questions, such as:

- Will the product meet the MTBF goal? How much test time is required?
- How does the product perform across different test phases? At which phase will the product meet the reliability requirement? What is the initial MTBF?
- How do the test data compare to the reliability growth test plan?
- What failure modes should be fixed and when?
- What is the optimum growth maintenance strategy? When is the best time to schedule maintenance/overhauls?



Note: For detailed examples for some common life data analysis features, refer to https://help.reliasoft.com/weibull_quickstart/content/quickstart/quick_start_introduction.htm.

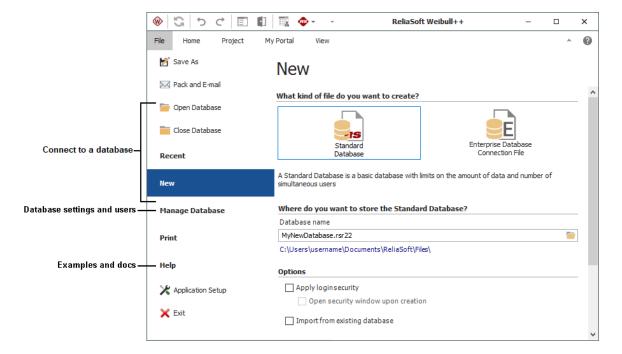
Using Databases and Projects

File Menu

Use commands on the **File** menu (**New**, **Recent** or **Open Database**) to create or open a database).

Each database supports simultaneous access by multiple users. If you have admin permissions, use **File > Manage Database** to control user access and manage configurable settings that apply throughout the database.

Use **File > Help** to access online help and shipped examples.

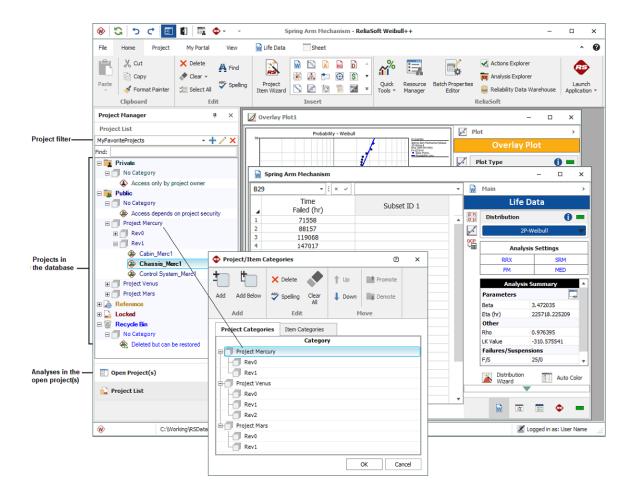


Project List

Each database can contain multiple projects. Use the **project list** to create or open a project.

If you have a lot of projects:

- Use the **project filter** to limit what's displayed.
- Use the **project category** to group projects within the list.



Current Project Explorer

Use the **current project explorer** to create or open analyses and reports.

You can open the same project in any ReliaSoft desktop application. Analyses and reports are visible only in the application(s) that can edit them:

- Life data folios are visible only in Weibull++
- Fault trees are visible only in BlockSim
- FMEAs are visible only in XFMEA/RCM++
- Etc.

Common features such as **resources** and **project attachments** are visible in all ReliaSoft desktop applications.

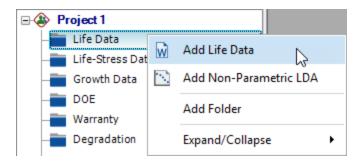
Using Life Data Folios

Weibull++'s life data folio allows you to fit a statistical distribution to failure time data in order to understand the reliability performance of a product over time or to make projections about future behavior. From the analysis, you can obtain reliability information about a product such as probability of failure, reliability, mean life or failure rate.

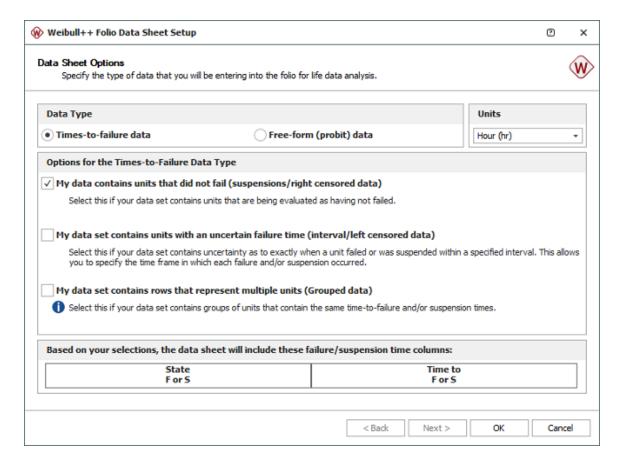
The basic steps for using a life data folio are:

1. Add life data folio

Right-click the Life Data folder in the current project explorer and choose Add Life Data.

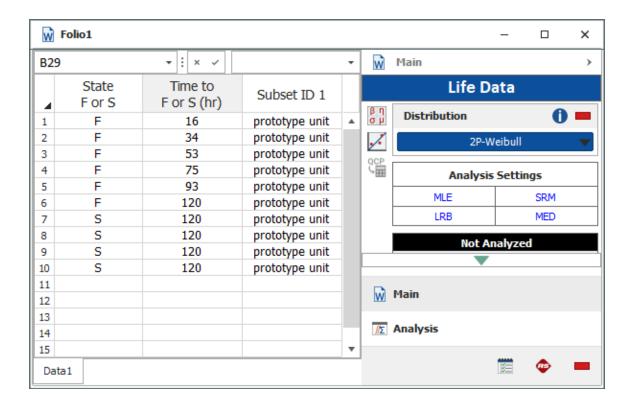


In the setup window, select the desired data type and the units for time/usage values (hours, cycles, etc.).



2. Enter data

Enter the data and use the control panel to specify the life distribution and analysis settings.

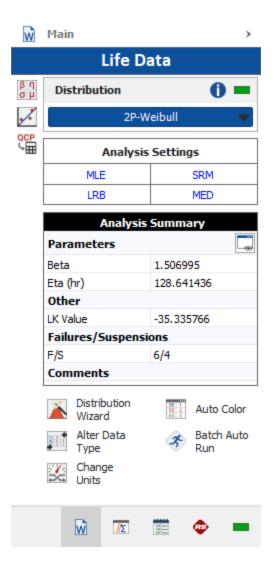


3. Analyze data

Click the Calculate icon on the control panel.



The Analysis Summary area displays the parameters of the distribution. Click the **Detailed**Summary icon to view more information.

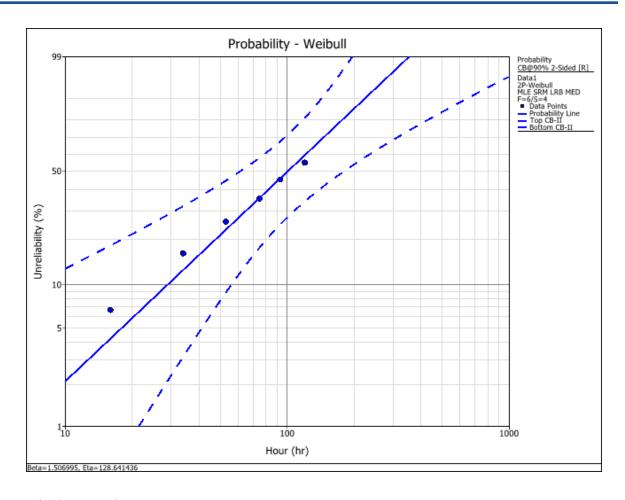


4. View plots

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To show the confidence bounds, click the **Confidence Bounds** link on the plot's control panel, and then set the desired type of bounds and confidence level.

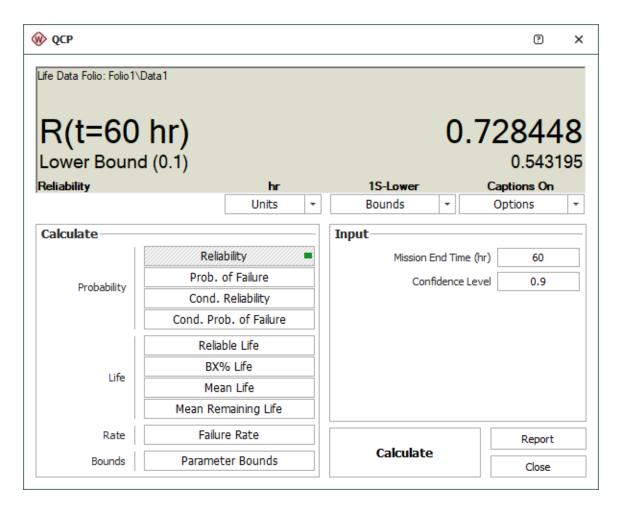


5. Calculate metrics

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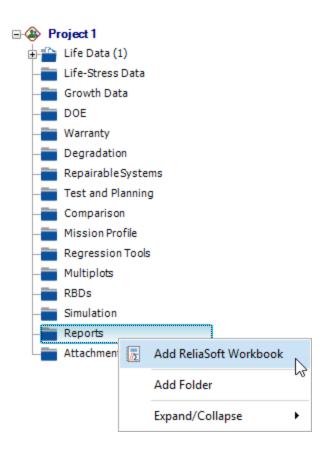


The following example shows the estimates for the reliability and the lower one-sided 90% confidence bound.

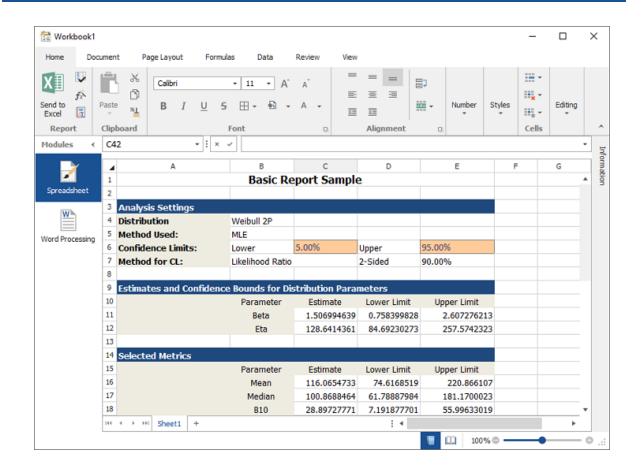


6. Create report

Right-click the Reports folder in the current project explorer and choose **Add ReliaSoft Workbook**.



In the ReliaSoft Workbook wizard, select the folio as the default data source. If desired, you can also select a standard or user-defined report template (e.g., the "Weibull Summary Style 1 Template" is shown below).



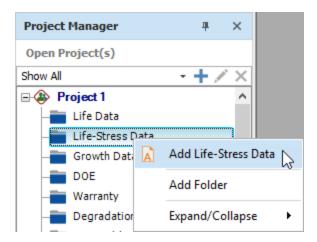
Using Life-Stress Data Folios

Weibull++'s life-stress data folio allows you to perform quantitative accelerated life testing data analysis. In this analysis, you extrapolate a product's failure behavior at normal conditions from life data obtained at accelerated stress levels. Since products fail more quickly at accelerated stress levels, the analysis allows you to obtain reliability information about a product (e.g., mean life, probability of failure at a specific time, etc.) in a shorter time.

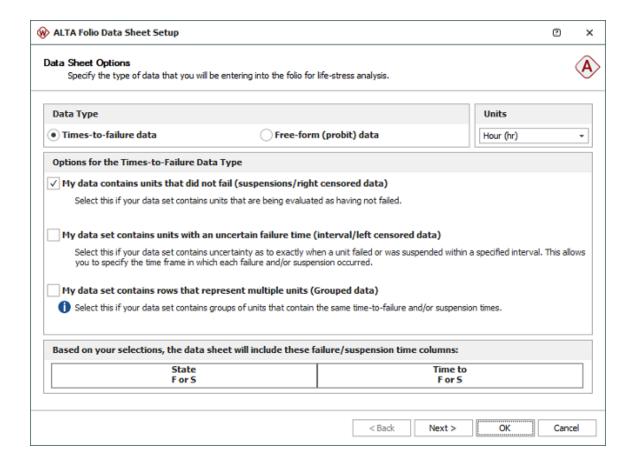
The basic steps for using a life-stress data folio are:

1. Add life-stress data folio

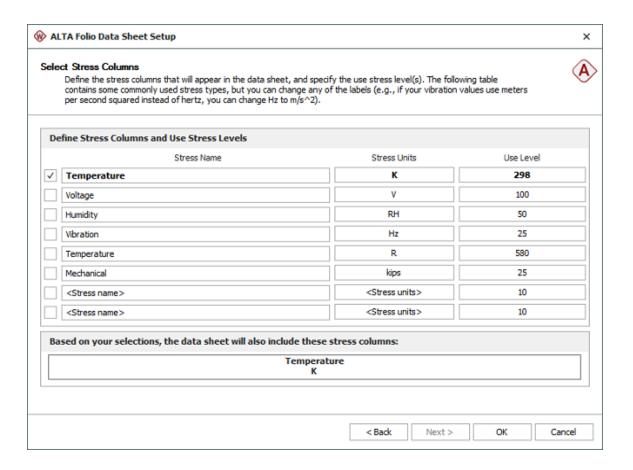
Right-click the Life-Stress Data folder in the current project explorer and choose **Add Life-Stress Data**.



In the setup window, select the desired censoring type and units for time/usage values (hours, cycles, etc.).

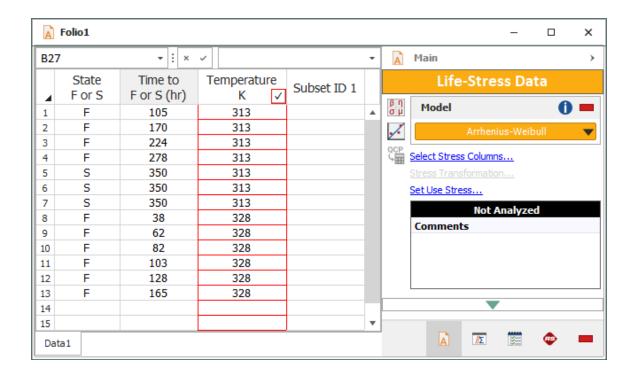


On the next page, define the stress type(s) to use in the analysis and the use stress level.



2. Enter data

Enter the data and use the control panel to specify the life-stress model.

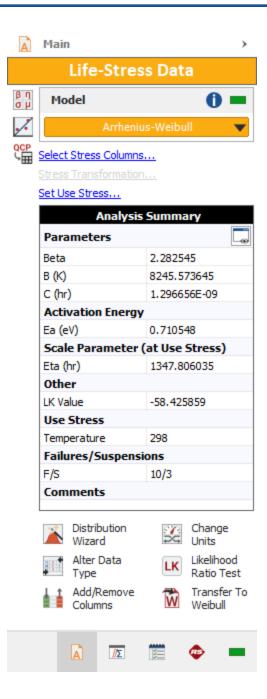


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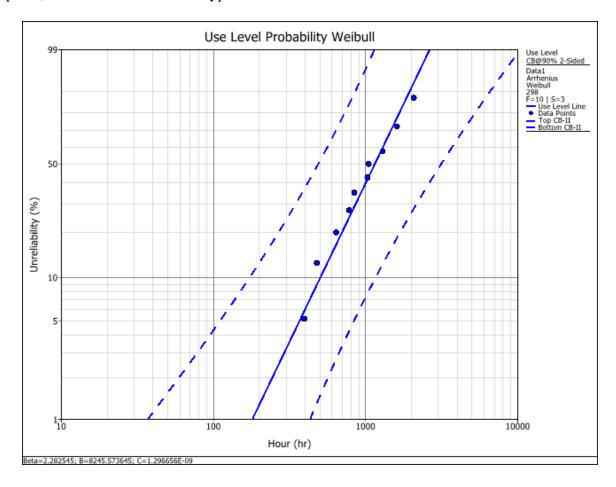


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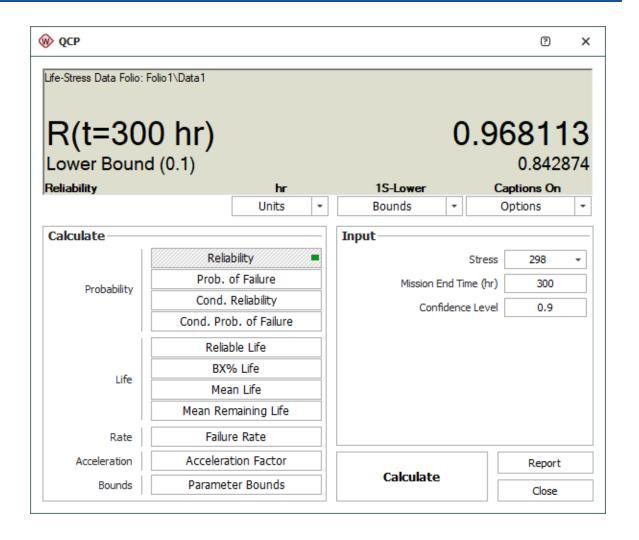


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The following example shows the estimates for reliability and the lower one-sided 90% confidence bound.



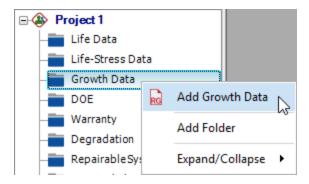
Using Growth Data Folios

Weibull++'s growth data folio supports traditional reliability growth analysis, repairable systems analysis and reliability growth projections. The data type you select determines the type of analysis you can perform.

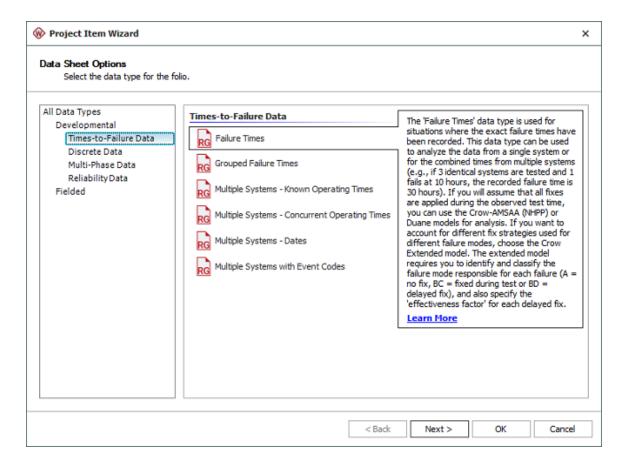
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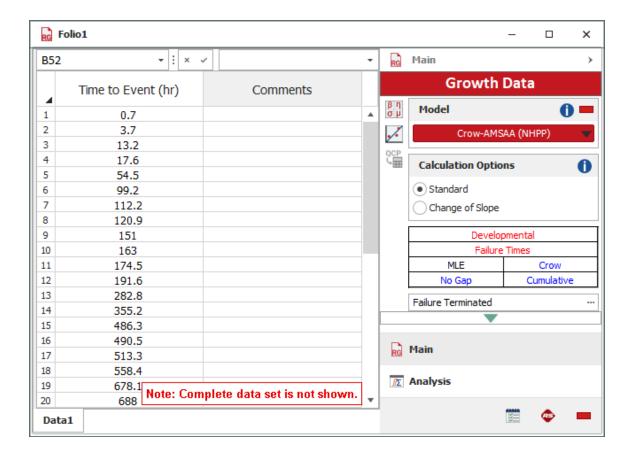


In the setup window, select the desired data type. Then click **Next** to set the units for values (hours, cycles, etc.) and other preferences.



2. Enter data

Enter the data and use the control panel to specify the growth model and analysis settings.

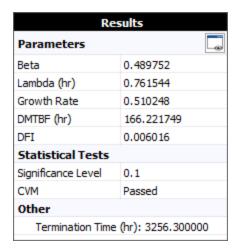


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The Analysis Summary area displays the parameters of the growth model. Click the **Detailed Summary** icon to view more information.

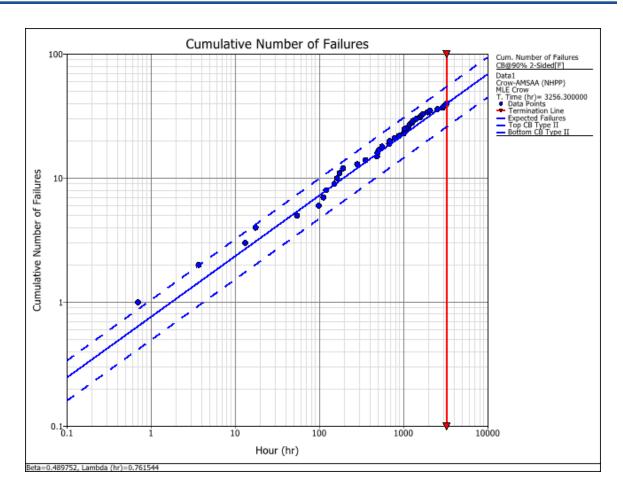


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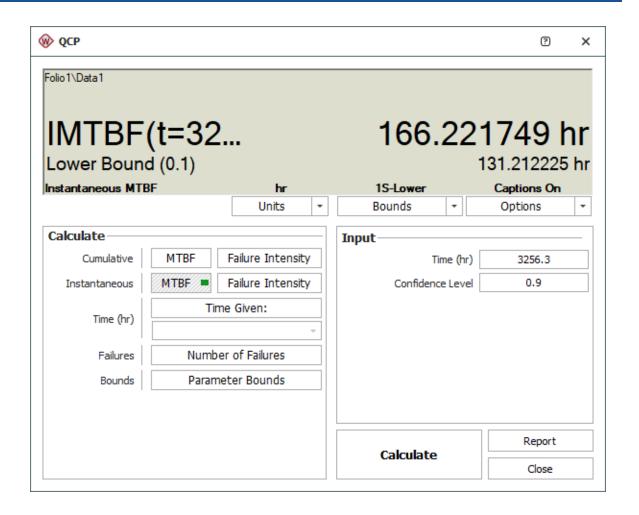


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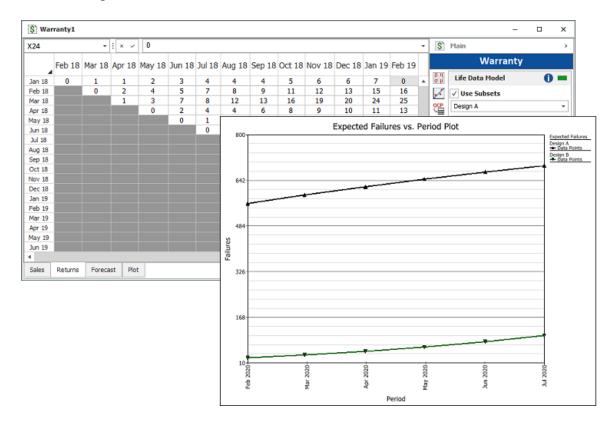
The following example shows the instantaneous MTBF with the lower one-sided 90% confidence bound.



More Analyses and Tools

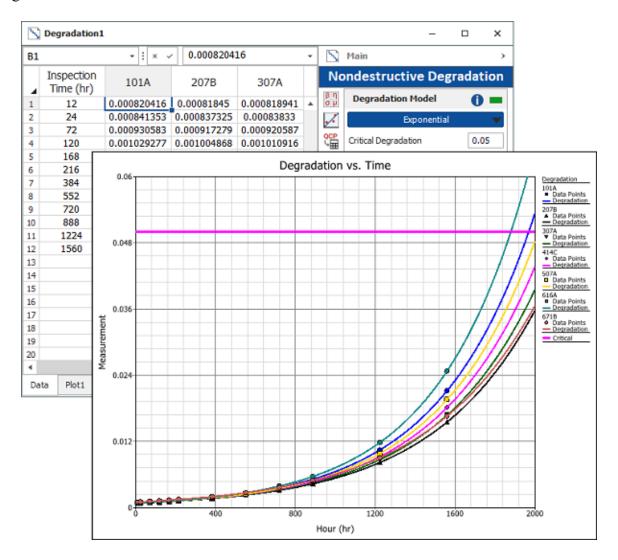
Warranty Data Analysis

For life data analysis, the warranty folio offers a choice of 4 data entry formats that use sales and returns data to predict future returns under warranty: Nevada, Times-to-Failure, Dates of Failure and Usage.



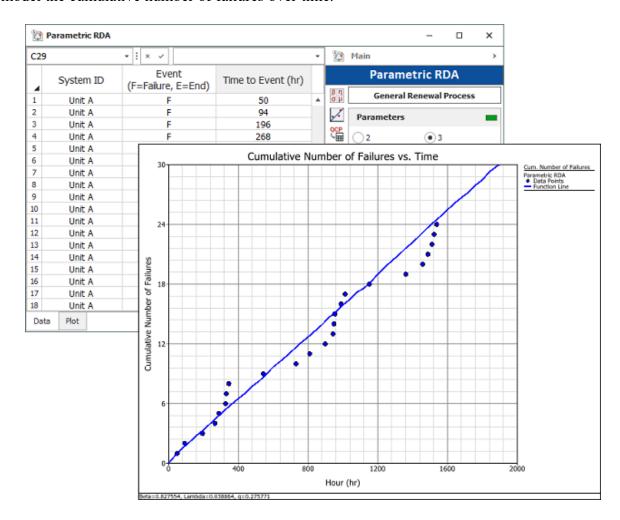
Degradation

For life data and life-stress analyses, the degradation folio extrapolates expected failure times based on how a performance measure (e.g., crack propagation, tread depth, vibration) has degraded over time.



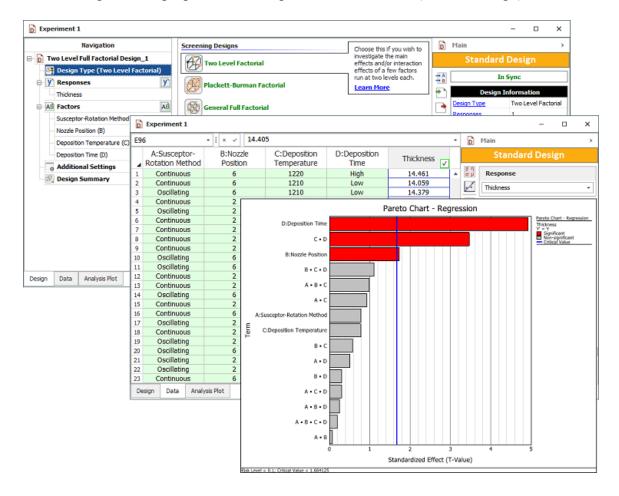
Recurrent Event Data Analysis

For life data analysis, the non-parametric RDA folio uses the Mean Cumulative Function to plot the average number of recurring failures over a given period of time. The parametric RDA folio uses the General Renewal Process (GRP) model, which considers the effectiveness of repairs, to model the cumulative number of failures over time.



Design of Experiments

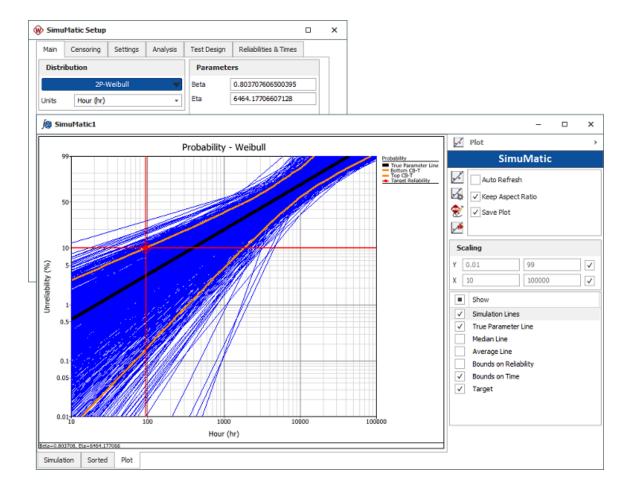
A set of design folios provide techniques for DOE analyses such as identifying key factors that affect performance (standard design), minimizing a system's sensitivity to noise (robust design) and determining the best proportion of components in a mixture (mixture design).



Monte Carlo Data Generation and SimuMatic

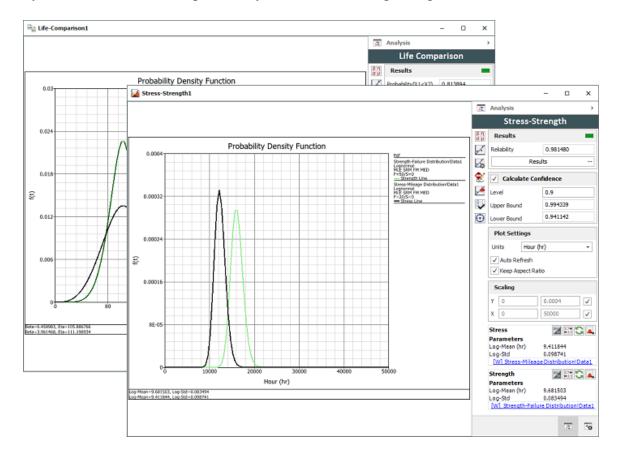
For life data and life-stress data analyses, the Monte Carlo utility generates a data set based on a specified probability distribution. SimuMatic performs analyses on a large number of simulated data sets, based on a specified probability distribution. For growth data analysis, the Monte Carlo utility generates a data set based on the Crow-AMSAA model, with specified beta and lambda parameters while SimuMatic performs analyses on a large number of simulated data sets, based on the Crow-AMSAA model.

The life data versions look like this:



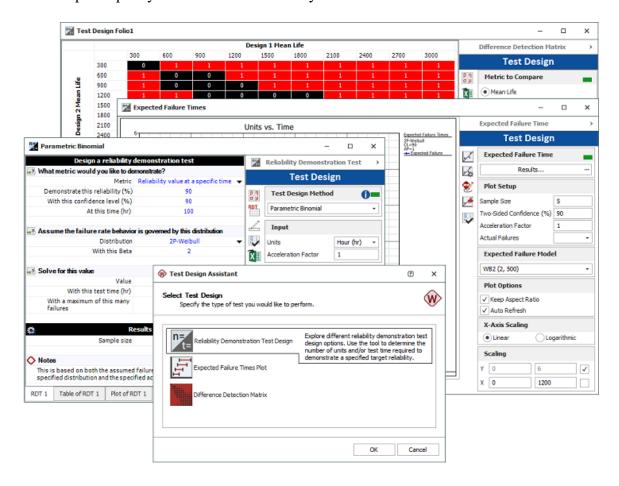
Comparison Folios

The life comparison folio determines the probability that the life of one population will be greater or less than that of the second. The stress-strength analysis folio determines the probability of failure based on the probability of stress exceeding strength.



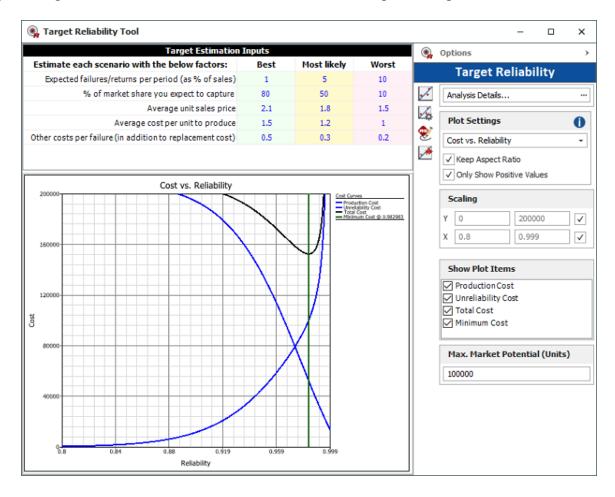
Test Design

For life data analysis, Weibull++ offers a choice of tools to assist with reliability test design: Reliability Demonstration Test (Parametric Binomial, Non-Parametric Binomial, Exponential Chi-Squared or Non-Parametric Bayesian), Expected Failure Times Plot and Difference Detection Matrix. For growth data analysis, the Test Design folio uses the non-homogeneous Poisson process (NHPP) to design a demonstration test for repairable systems by solving for either the test time required per system or the number of systems that must be tested.



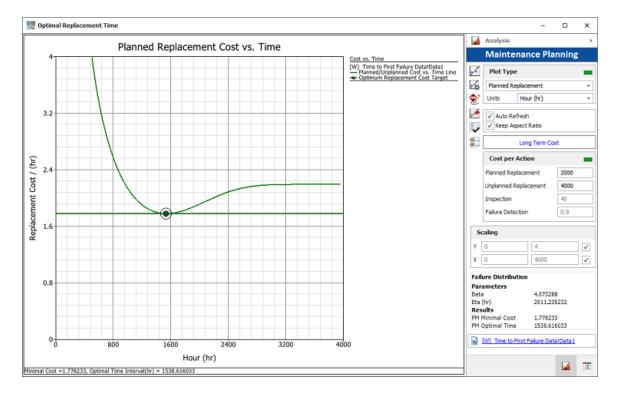
Target Reliability Planner

For life data analysis, the Target Reliability folio finds the optimum cost and reliability of a product, given estimates for various factors involved in the product's production and sale.



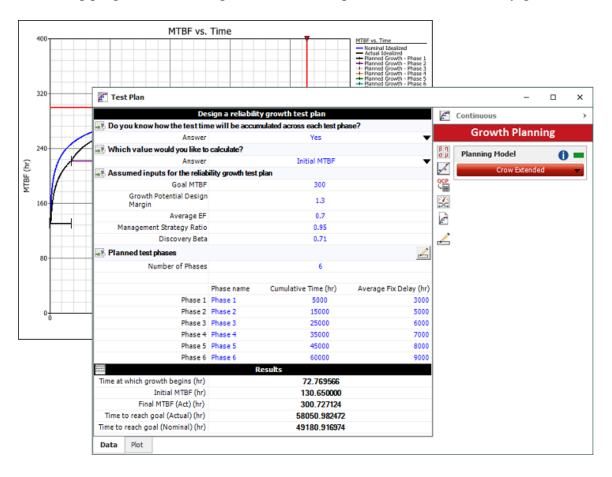
Maintenance Planning

For life data analysis, the Maintenance Planning folio uses the optimum replacement age model to determine the most cost-effective time to replace aged components.



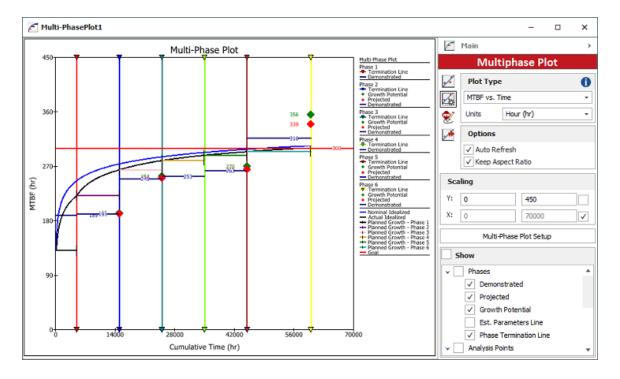
Growth Planning

For growth data analysis, the growth planning folio helps you to create a multi-phase reliability growth testing program that is designed to achieve a specific MTBF or reliability goal.



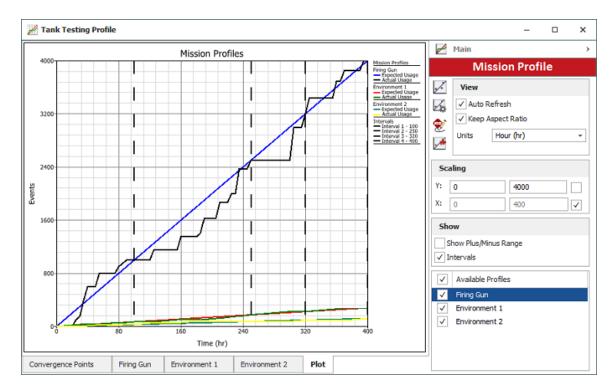
Multi-Phase Plot

For growth data analysis, the multi-phase plot displays actual test results (e.g., demonstrated, projected and growth potential MTBF or failure intensity) across multiple analysis points and/or test phases. It can be linked to a growth planning folio to compare actual test results against the test plan.



Mission Profiles

For growth data analysis, mission profiles help to create a balanced operational test plan and track the actual testing against the plan to make sure the data will be suitable for reliability growth analysis.



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