



## Prediction of Remaining Useful Life for Components in SSC of RSG-GAS Based on Reliability Analysis

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### ABSTRACT

In the maintenance system, efforts are needed to improve the effectiveness of the maintenance system and organization. For effective maintenance planning, it is necessary to have a good understanding of component availability and the reliability of the system. For this reason, it is crucial to determine the remaining component life using Remaining Useful Life (RUL), so that maintenance tasks can be planned effectively. The purpose of this study is to determine the remaining life of the safety category A component from SSC RSG-GAS based on reliability analysis. The method used in this paper is a statistical approach to estimate the RUL. The Weibull hazard model was selected for modeling the hazard function to be integrated into reliability analysis. The model was verified using data from components with safety category A on SSC from RSG-GAS. The results obtained from the analysis are beneficial for estimating the remaining useful lives of these components which can then be used to plan for effective maintenance and help control unplanned outages. The results obtained can be used for maintenance development and preventive repair planning.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The process of operating a nuclear reactor is determined by the SSC conditions to carry out its functions. In this case, the maintenance process plays a vital role in ensuring the availability of SSC. Therefore, an operation management system requires good SSC reliability. Its management is expected to be able to plan appropriate treatment for all SSCs, to support the operation and aging management system of RSG-GAS[1]. It is necessary to develop a Computerized Maintenance

Management System (CMMS) or a computer-based maintenance management system used to store and retrieve maintenance data. CMMS can handle data related to the frequency and duration of maintenance breakdowns and component costs[2]. Reliability management is an activity to ensure that there are no SSC failures while the reactor is operating. Furthermore, it can optimize costs and minimize or eliminate failures and their causes[3].

Maintenance components are needed to improve the maintenance support system along with replacing traditional strategies with new ones such as RUL (Remaining Useful Life), which can estimate failure times for one or more existing components and failure modes in the future. Prediction of component/system life is aimed to predict RUL before failure, by looking at the current system conditions. Therefore, estimation of

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component reliability and RUL are needed and crucial in maintenance optimization[4].

In recent years, the prediction of RUL has received more attention. It is vital to assess the RUL of an asset when it is used as it impacts the operational performance and profitability of an asset. Once an indication of failure has been detected, it is necessary to estimate the accuracy of the RUL to make timely maintenance decisions to avoid failure. Likewise, its reliability and estimation accuracy tends to result in accurate determination of the optimal inspection interval, thereby minimizing the overall cost of the system[5, 6].

RUL, which is the service life (remaining life) of a component or system at a certain time in the life cycle, is incredibly important for management integrity at a particular time[7–9]. Therefore, the ability to estimate the RUL of components and systems is beneficial for being able to employ different maintenance management strategies to optimize the life cycle phases of a component or system. In absolute terms, proactive management of the system that can be improved depends on the optimal estimation of the RUL and the reliability at various stages of degradation in the life cycle phases of components and systems[10, 11]. For this reason, many reliability estimation techniques, ranging from empirical to stochastic methodologies, have been proposed by researchers in the literature. To date, risk-based and reliability-centered maintenance techniques that incorporate predictive and condition-based maintenance strategies have been incorporated into the integrity of industrial asset management frameworks to maintain operating efficiency and enhance integrity [12].

Currently, Mean Residual Life (MRL) or RUL is recognized as a key feature in maintenance strategy, while true prognostic systems are rarely found in the industry. However, in estimating useful life, variations are found depending on the actual operating conditions and environmental characteristics, such as temperature and pressure, humidity conditions, and corrosion rates. Therefore, it is obvious that there exist many uncertainties that may lead to inaccuracy of the RUL estimation with its ability to predict and predict equipment degradation[13].

Evaluating an efficient component/system depends on classical limitations that limit, for example, the knowledge of available data, dynamics, and implementation requirements (precision, computation time, etc.). Therefore, implementing the RUL estimation method needs to

be done on the safety component data A for RSG-GAS SSC to predict its remaining component life. These results can be used to optimize the maintenance system.

This research aims to estimate the expected value of the remaining life (RUL) of a component or system before failure from any time  $t$  based on the analysis of the reliability and the level of risk to optimize the life cycle phase of the component or system.

In this paper, the reliability method is used to estimate the RUL at a certain time  $t$ . First, several theoretical points are explained, then followed by a case study and the use of the reliability method in determining the RUL. It is necessary to consider the following assumptions: (a) The most suitable distribution for the failure time of a mechanical component is the Weibull distribution. The Assumptions of Independence and Identical Distribution (iid) of the data must be ensured so that a process model such as Weibull can be used; (b) in reliability analysis, hazard level function is needed to estimate RUL of components with safety category A on SSC from RSG-GAS.

## 2. THEORY

### Analysis of Reliability, Risk Level and Estimation of The Remaining Useful Life Of Components using Statistics

The Weibull distribution is the most widely used empirical distribution and appears in almost all products of failure characteristics because it includes all three phases of damage that may occur in the damage distribution. The Weibull distribution is used in special cases, assuming the baseline hazard has a two-parameter Weibull form. The parameters used in this Weibull distribution are  $\theta$  which is called the scale parameter and  $\beta$  which is called the shape parameter. The parameter  $\beta$  is useful for determining the level of damage from the formed data pattern and the scale parameter ( $\theta$ ) affects the mean value of the data pattern. The probability density function of the Weibull distribution model is provided in Eq. 1[14].

$$f(t) = \frac{\beta}{\theta} t^{\beta-1} e^{-\frac{t^\beta}{\theta}} \quad t > 0 \quad (1)$$

In the parameter estimation stage, the distribution parameter values will be determined, which is by the time data between component damage (TTF) with the least square method and Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE). Furthermore, the parameter values were substituted



3. METHODOLOGY

After entering the data, the relevant software is selected in the first step of the appropriate statistical approach, followed by the selection of an appropriate function or model of one of the main functions, for example,  $f(t)$  with the Weibull function. Furthermore, the cumulative distribution function  $F(t)$ , reliability function  $R(t)$ , the level of risk  $h(t)$ , and then the remaining life of the component  $m(t)$  can be calculated using the available functions[6].

Data Processing Diagram on reliability analysis is shown in Figure 2[6]. Calculation of reliability and RUL were performed using Matlab code.

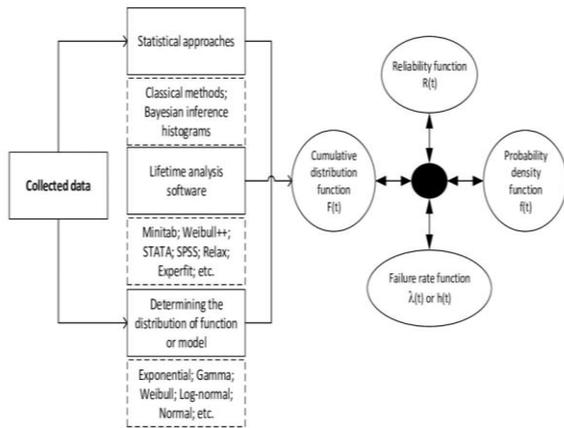


Fig 2. Data Processing Diagram on reliability analysis[6]

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The evaluated data is component damage with Safety A category on SSC of RSG-GAS reactor for core configuration number (CCN) from 72 to 94 between the years 2010 to 2018. Damage data for the SSC component is presented in Appendix A.

Determination of the distribution of component damage data and estimated data distribution parameters (Weibull distribution). Furthermore, the Goodness of Fit Test for the TTF distribution for the selected distribution, namely Normal, Exponential, Log-Normal, and Weibull, The Anderson Darling test was used. From the parameter value estimation, the shape and scale parameter values are obtained.

The plot of the probability function to determine the goodness of fit test of the exponential, normal, lognormal, and Weibull distribution functions for the BRV10 component is shown in Figure 3.

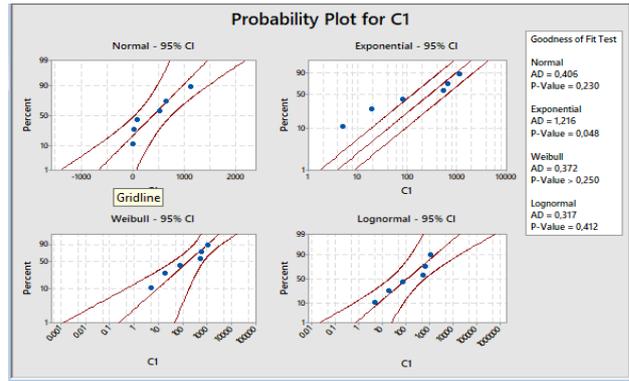


Fig. 3. Results of Component Distribution Conformity Test Electrical power supply (BRV10)

The value of the scale, shape, level of failure risk/damage rate  $h(t)$ , and the reliability value of the component  $R(t)$  are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Level of Risk and Reliability for Components of Safety Category A on SSC from RSG-GAS

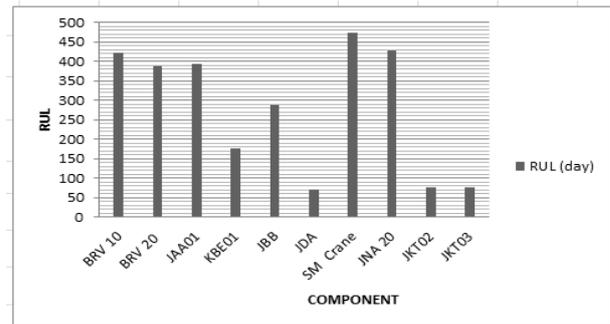
Component	Scale (θ)	Shape (β)	T (day)	h(t)	R(t)
Electrical power supply, B (BRV 10) Component:	305.61	0.643	100	0.0031	0.8100
			250	0.0023	0.5906
			500	0.0018	0.3488
			750	0.0015	0.2060
			1000	0.0014	0.1216
Emergency diesel aggregates	432.63	1.547	1250	0.0013	0.0718
			50	0.0011	0.8362
			100	0.0016	0.6993
			200	0.0023	0.4889
			400	0.0034	0.2391
Emergency diesel aggregates	390.42	0.979	600	0.0043	0.1169
			800	0.0050	0.0572
			100	0.0026	0.7781
			200	0.0025	0.6054
			400	0.0025	0.3666
Reactor system, JA Reactor pool (Al-Lining) JAA01	139.08	0.694	600	0.0025	0.2219
			800	0.0025	0.1344
			1000	0.0025	0.0814
			50	0.0068	0.7790
			250	0.0042	0.2868
Measuring point of the process systems:	309.36	1.250	500	0.0034	0.0823
			750	0.0030	0.0236
			1000	0.0027	0.0068
			1250	0.0026	0.0019
			50	0.0026	0.8170
Reactor pool purification KBE01 Experimentati on system reactor pool, Rabbit systems (inside the reactor pool) (JBB)	309.36	1.250	150	0.0034	0.5452
			300	0.0040	0.2973
			450	0.0044	0.1621
			600	0.0048	0.0884
			750	0.0051	0.0482

Experimentation system reactor pool, JB Control rods drive and suspension (JDA)	61.292	0.774	20	0.0163	0.7766
			100	0.0113	0.2826
			150	0.0103	0.1502
			200	0.0097	0.0799
			250	0.0092	0.0424
Cranes and hoist, SM Crane, Reactor Building	494.54	1.135	300	0.0088	0.002256
			100	0.0018	0.79486
			250	0.0021	0.56327
			500	0.0023	0.31728
			750	0.0024	0.17871
			1000	0.0025	0.10067
Measuring point of the process systems: Pool cooling system JNA 20	475.55	1.507	50	0.0010	0.85343
			100	0.0014	0.72835
			250	0.0023	0.45274
			500	0.0033	0.20498
			750	0.0040	0.09280
Out of core temperature and neutron flux measurement JKT 02	209.41	0.669	1000	0.0046	0.04201
			25	0.0645	0.92316
			50	0.0051	0.85222
			200	0.0032	0.52749
			400	0.0026	0.27824
Out of core temperature and neutron flux measurement JKT 03	57.164	0.606	600	0.0022	0.14677
			800	0.0021	0.07742
			10	0.0211	0.89931
			100	0.0085	0.34600
			150	0.0073	0.20352
		200	0.0065	0.11972	
		250	0.0059	0.07042	
		300	0.0055	0.04142	

From Table 1, the remaining useful life is calculated for components with safety category A on SSC from RSG-GAS can be observed. The calculation results of the RUL values are shown in Table 2 and Figure 4.

**Table 2.** Remaining Use Life (RUL)

Component	RUL (day)
Electrical power supply, B (BRV 10) Component Emergency diesel aggregates	422.0292957
Electrical power supply, B (BRV 20) Component Emergency diesel aggregates	389.1657201
Reactor system, JA Reactor pool (Al-Lining) JAA01	393.9410755
Measuring point of the process systems: Reactor pool purification KBE01	177.3360699
Experimentation system reactor pool, Rabbit systems (inside the reactor pool) (JBB)	288.0915321
Experimentation system reactor pool, JB Control rods drive and suspension (JDA)	71.12416625
Cranes and hoist, SM Crane, Reactor Building	472.4362112
Measuring point of the process systems: Pool cooling system JNA 20	429.0521178
Out of core temperature and neutron flux measurement JKT02	77.951269
Out of core temperature and neutron flux measurement JKT03	77.951269



**Fig 4.** Remaining Component Life

The remaining component life (RUL) was calculated from the year 2010 ( $t_1$ ), namely the time of the last year's component failure data, until the year 2018. The remaining component life for the electrical power supply component, B (BRV10) Component emergency diesel aggregates, electrical power supply, B (BRV20) Component emergency diesel aggregates, reactor system, JA reactor pool (Al-Lining) JAA01, measuring point of the following process systems: reactor pool purification KBE01, experimentation system reactor pool, rabbit systems inside the reactor pool (JBB), experimentation system reactor pool, JB control rods drive and suspension (JDA), cranes and hoist, SM crane, reactor building, measuring point of the process systems: pool cooling system JNA 20, out-of-core temperature and neutron flux measurement JKT 02 and JKT 03, are consecutive: 422.029, 389.165, 393.941, 177.336, 288.091, 71.124, 472.436, 429.052, 77.951, and 77.951 days.

RUL estimation can provide information and data input for maintenance management to determine the appropriate and efficient treatment strategy. Strategy determination is the process of selecting components from the system with the lowest RUL value, so that replacement can be carried out before more serious damage occurs.

As seen in calculation results in Table 2, the estimation of RUL of RSG-GAS components is derived by projecting out the failure prediction during operation. This prediction assists to improve the operating conditions and protective measures, and hence avoid serious failures. Consequently, data in Table 2 should be compared with adequate litera for course ectnessture of the methodology used in the present study. As in the cases studies inspected herein, the failure model of RUL was simulated using Fortran code-based on the estimation method of Ref.[14] and by applying Weibull distribution predicated on Ref.[6]. The results of the comparison for the RUL simulations are plotted in Fig. 5. It can be noticed in Figure 5 that the present study has the RUL estimation

similar to the Fortran code and the Weibull distribution.

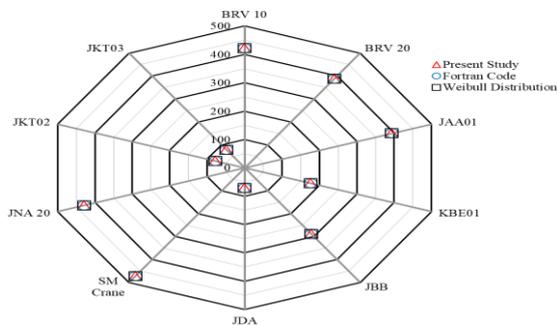


Fig 5. Comparison of RUL estimation (in days)

## CONCLUSION

The effective prediction of RUL encourages fast maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) decision making and increases the availability of reliable SSC RSG-GAS components for use. The results presented can be used for preventive maintenance planning based on failure probability or RUL. This can reduce regular maintenance costs and increase operational efficiency, as well as a guide for care management to make fast maintenance and better decisions. In the future, there will be more focus on estimating RUL based on the context of which parameters are more influential to be considered to achieve a more realistic approach and outcome. Prediction techniques by mapping techniques against data types can enable the selection of relevant modeling methodologies.

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## APPENDIX

Damage Data for Components with safety category A on SSC from RSG-GAS

Component	CCN	Date of Damage	TTF	Type of Damage					
Electrical power supply, B (BRV 10) Component: Emergency diesel aggregates	73	24/11/2010	0	Diesel BRV 10 CW heater fault cannot be reset				BRV20 charger does not work/is damaged	
	78	08/05/2012	531	Day tank BRV10 over scale				BRV20 fault	
	85	07/02/2014	640	Fuse BRV10 break				BRV20 fault	
		26/02/2014	19	cannot be operated				BRV 20 Operates without anyone knowing	
		15/05/2014	78	BRV10 fault mechanic at RKU in local	Reactor system, JA Reactor pool (Al-Lining) JAA01	27/02/2017	294	The JAA 01 floating bulkhead door is slightly curved	
		20/05/2014	5	repeatedly					
		16/06/2017	1123	electrical fault					
		75	21/05/2011	0	Day tank fuel level too low "fault" cannot be reset,				
		83	28/06/2013	769	The accuracy is broken				
		86	03/12/2014	523	BRV20 water pump water line is leaking				
Electrical power supply, B (BRV 20) Component: Emergency diesel aggregates				The flexible radiator hose for diesel generator no.2 (BRV20) is leaking					
				Charger BRV20 tidak berfungsi/rusak					
					Measuring point of the process systems: Reactor pool purification KBE01	27/08/2011	146	The JAA01 CL001 indicator points to 0 m JAA 01 CL811 / 821/831 designation <12.41 m	
						76	13/09/2011	17	JAA 01 CL 811/821/831 points <12.41
						77	17/01/2012	126	The JAA01 CL811 reading level is below the minimum limit
								The temperature indication on the JAA01 CT001 meter is zero	
								JAA01 CL811 pmeter is not accurate	
								A noise is heard on KBE 01 AP 001	
								KBE01 AP002 is rough	
								The KBE01 AP001 pump is inoperable	
								The KBE01 pump designation CP001 at RKU shows the maximum	
								KBE01 AP001 blink/fault (off)	
								KBE01 AA068 every time the process closes, a blink fault occurs	
								KBE01 AA068 cannot be opened / closed	
								The KBE01 AP001 pump	

			is operating, but there is no flow Fault system, in the CXB02 Marshalling Kiosk the system is dead, there is no power supply	77	02/03/2012	259	system reactor pool, JB Control rods drive and suspension (JDA)	inoperable / JDA 03 at start-up crashes itself JDA 03 at start-up falls off on its own The JDA 01 spindle is broken Many of the JDA indicator lights on the panel do not light up JDA07 + 14 has a slow response and frequent shutdown faults. Reg rod JDA07 at position 353 mm, a repeated fault occurs Position indicator display is off JDA is broken (JDA 02) JDA06 + 11 response is slow (lagging behind the others) JDA06 11 response is slow (lagging behind the others) JDA04 armature dropped indicator cannot be reset JDA06 faults frequently The JDA06 power supply module cannot be closed JDA01 control rod overload insert indicator light cannot turn on (off) JDA07 Armatur Drop JDA02 Blink, cannot be reset JDA06 when rod drop test, not responding to indicator
	13/05/2014	18		78	11/04/2012			
	21/07/2014	69	The KBE01 AP001 pump sounds rough There is a water leak dripping in the pump seal of the reactor purification system (KBE01 AP001) KBE01 AP001 sounds harsh		25/04/2012	40		
	03/02/2015	197	KBE01 AP001 sounds harsh		30/04/2012	5		
	01/04/2016	423	KBE01 AP001 Pump On Blink indicator cannot be reset	79	12/06/2012	43		
	22/03/2017	355	The indicator is below the limit/drop		18/06/2012	6		
	14/05/2017	53	KBE01AA01 0 valve cannot be opened/closed from RKU	81	26/01/2013	222		
Experimentation system reactor pool, JBB	22/10/2017	161	1 broken Hot Cell lighting lamp (JBB01)		08/02/2013	13		
	30/03/2010	0	The water supply tank from the JBB 01 to JBB 04 system rabbit has no known water level		24/02/2013	16		
	26/07/2010	118	JBB 01 rabbit system facility is not operating optimally	82	30/04/2013	65		
	14/05/2011	292	The radiation timer counter is abnormal (sometimes runs doesn't)	85	05/02/2014	281		
	07/05/2013	724	MCB 4A on bit system		19/03/2014	42		
	25/06/2013	49	JBB03 line 3 is broken <i>The solenoid valve cannot be turned on when the capsule returns to the drum, Manipulator problem</i>		20/03/2014	1		
				86	28/04/2014	39		
	04/03/2014	252			19/06/2014	52		
Experimentation	09/06/2011	0	JDA 07					



			detector did not respond The JKT02 CX821 neutron detector showed no response when the reactor started up	too fast, causing an unbalanced alarm
	18/12/2015	2	JKT02 CX821 cannot respond while operating	
90	18/01/2016	31	JKT03 CX841 HV fault	
81	18/01/2013	0	JKT03 CX831 response is unstable	
	26/01/2013	8	The meter does not show the true value, even though the detector position is upper	
	09/02/2013	14	JKT03 CX841 oscillation occurs	
83	15/07/2013	156	JKT03 CX821 cannot measure	
85	07/05/2014	296	JKT03 CX811 up, Unbalanced load alarm	
86	25/08/2014	110	JKT03 CX811 with JKT03 CX821 is different	
	13/10/2014	49	Oscillation system (JKT03 CX811)	
88	12/08/2015	303	JKT03 CX811 oscillation meter designation	
	13/08/2015	1	JKT03 CX821 oscillating neutron detector designation	
89	28/09/2015	46	The JKT03 CX821 neutron detector designation oscillates momentarily causing an unbalanced load alarm	
	08/10/2015	10	JKT03 CX821 slow response neutron detector indicates that it raises an unbalanced load alarm	
	10/10/2015	2	The response of the JKT03 CX 821 Detector was	
	12/10/2015	2		