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## **Modeling Battery Manufacturing Complexity**

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## Agenda

- Introduction
- Data Methodology
- Analysis & Results
- Summary of Findings
- Limitations & Future Research



## Introduction

- Interest and questions from agencies
- Purpose
- Basics of Battery
- Technologies
  - Conventional
  - Advanced





## Data Methodology (1 of 4)

- Data Sources: Battery characteristics and unit prices
  - Defense Logistics System
    - Over 15 million active and historical National Item Identification Numbers (NIIN) and Navy Item Control Numbers (NICN) and more than 100 million parts in the Federal Supply Catalog.
  - Defense Logistics Agency Internet Bid Board System
    - Search and view Request For Proposals (RFPs), Invitations For Bid (IFBs), Awards and other procurement information
  - Manufacturers' websites
    - Battery technical specifications
    - Product features and benefits
  - Government solicitations





## Data Methodology (2 of 4)

- Input Data & Calibrate
  - Weight of batteries
  - Primary Op spec
  - Dates based on contract
  - Learning rates are based on power trend line to find the slope of quantity discount
  - Calibrate Manufacturing Complexity for Structure (MCPLXS) to unit prices (Target Value)

Cost Item:	External Integration Complexity for Electronics External Integration Complexity for Structure Hardware Software Integration Factor Labor Learning Curve Legacy Schedule Penalty Multiplier - Hardware Do Manufacturing Complexity for Electronics Manufacturing Complexity for Structure	^ ~	Current Value: 4.512067
Output Cost Selection			
Cost Object:	Saft 17677-000 (Ni-Cd)		
Cost Item:	Development Cost Development Cost per Weight Unit Development Duration Development Labor Hours Electronic Density Electronic Engineering Change Notices Estimated Cost	^	Current Value: 6,881 \$
		~	Target Value: 6,862
Constraints			
Tolerance (%	): 0.500		Maximum Iterations: 30



# Data Methodology (3 of 4)

- Included the following attributes to look at dependencies for MCPLXS:
  - Voltage
  - Weight
  - Capacity
  - Battery types (categorized by chemistry)
  - Rechargeable or non-rechargeable
  - Manufacturer



## Data Methodology (4 of 4)

- Ran multiple simulations in RapidMiner
  - Preferred model: Decision Tree based on relative error
  - Voltage increases = MCPLXS increases
  - Weight decreases = MCPLXS increases



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## Analysis

#### Dependency Finder in TrueFindings

- Find a relationship where MCPLXS is the Dependent Variable
- Filter attributes and select variables
- R-value: ranking of the linear correlation of independent to dependent variables



# Analysis■ Dependency Finder: Filtered by Op Spec then Battery Type





## Analysis

- Multicurve Finder in TrueFindings
  - Analyze scatter plots to find relationships and trends
  - Predictions are more complex than just the single predicted value
  - Predictions include a margin of error and calculate statistics to a 95 percent significance level
  - Regression Statistics
    - R-Squared
    - Adjusted R-Squared



### **Results**

- Scatterplot for Lead Acid batteries for Airborne Military
  - R-Square: 0.971
  - Adjusted R-Square: 0.957
  - Produce prediction formulas



- MCPLXS = 0.126 \* [Voltage] - 0.029 \* [Weight] + 3.204



## **Summary of Findings**

- Battery database
  - approximately 975 datapoints across 114 individually identifiable part numbers
- Data repository serves as a useful resource for users to reach back to calibrated manufacturing complexities
  - Multiple attributes
  - Numerous operating environments
- Types of batteries have a strong relationship to MCPLXS



## **Limitations and Future Research**

- Insight into Manufacturers' rates
  - assumptions were made to utilize set values for overhead, general and administrative, and fee or profit
- Amount of labor and automation built into manufacturing process
- Expand this study by increasing the scope of data collection and fill-in the gaps of battery characteristics
  - \* The success of validity for CERs will depend on accumulating more data from other sources



#### **Questions?**



