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# Warranty Prediction during Product Development

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Xerox Auditorium/Gordon Atrium

This talk describes the challenges faced by companies to manage warranty performance during product development. Understanding and reducing warranty cost often focuses exclusively on the analysis of product failures. However, warranty costs can also be incurred by events such as misaligned customer expectations that do not involve a product failure, per se. Many experts agree that effective management of system reliability and reliability validation during product development is a key to achieve superior time to market and life cycle quality. A survey of the challenges faced by various organizations will be presented. From the survey emerge some key and common issues that these companies face. The talk will then review the current state of the art to identify areas for improvements as well as needed integrations in order to develop a comprehensive framework that will be useful to product developers to manage and predict warranty performance during product development. This framework extends and integrates three areas: 1) extend scenario-based FMEA to include the diagnosis and repair of failure events as part of the scenario; 2) use of Bayesian methods to integrate field data, product development data and engineering judgments; 3) generate costs models that allow tradeoff studies between product design, service model design and warranty policies. The talk will conclude with an update on the research progress to develop a Bayesian framework for warranty prediction and outlines the possible benefits it may provide.

**Cost: \$15.00 (Dinner and Presentation)** - Dinner will be Pizza, Wings, and Soda  
**\$5.00 (Presentation Only)**

5:30 Registration, Networking, and Dinner

6:15 Warranty Prediction Talk

7:30 Networking

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