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Fundamental progress was made during this grant period in the detection of abrupt changes of stochastic systems and in the closely related problem of modeling and adaptive control of dynamical systems with time-varying parameters. Important advances were made in the development of a general methodology of sequential change-point detection in statistical quality control, capable of handling multivariate quality characteristics and autocorrelated observations. Fixed sample change-point problems were also studied. These developments led to advances in boundary crossing probabilities and large deviation theory of random fields.

Another fruitful direction of research was in the area of recursive estimation and adaptive control of linear stochastic systems. Efficient recursive algorithms and their statistical theory were developed for on-line estimation of parameters, and a relatively complete solution was obtained concerning the adaptive control problem of determining inputs to keep the outputs as close as possible to certain target values when the system parameters are not known in advance but have to be estimated on-line.

Important advances were also made in regression analysis of censored failure time data, inference in nonlinear regression models, and sequential analysis. New techniques involving differential geometry and martingale theory were developed and turned out to be very successful in addressing a number of long-standing problems in these areas. A new test for comparing three treatments in sequential clinical trials was introduced and its properties studied analytically and by simulation.

Students working with the investigators, who finished their Ph. D. degrees during the period covered by this report, were Joe Chang(USA), Jiayang Sun (China), Clive Loader (New Zealand), Dan Rabinowitz (USA), E. S. Venkatraman (India), Paul Zhang (China), Guangrui Zhu (China), Limin Zhang (China), Qizhi Wang (China), Heping Zhang (China), Farid Aitsalia (Algeria), Rebecca Betensky (USA).

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