## Bayesian Variable Sampling Plans for the Exponential Distribution with Progressive Hybrid Censoring

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In the past two decades, following the work of Lam (1990), there has been a growing literature on the development of Bayesian variable sampling plans for the exponential distribution based on different types of data including Type-I, Type-II, and random censoring; see Lin *et al.* (2008a) and the references contained therein. Recently, Chen *et al.* (2004) and Lin *et al.* (2008b, 2010) discussed the Bayesian variable sampling plans for exponential lifetime distribution under mixed or ordinary hybrid censoring, and progressive hybrid censoring schemes.

In the Type-I case, there are two ways to approach the optimal Bayesian plan, one is to condition on at least one failure in order for the MLE to exist (see Lin *et al.* 2008a, 2008b, 2010), and the other one is not to condition on that event and use an ad hoc estimate of the parameter when no failure occurs since the MLE does not exist in this case (see Lam 1994). Using the former approach and simulated optimization algorithm, Lin *et al.* (2010) pointed out that the minimum Bayes risks (MBR) under Type-I censoring, Type-I hybrid censoring, or Type-I progressive hybrid censoring are the same when the time-consuming cost and salvage are not included in the loss function. It is important to note that in over 56% of the selected cases in Table 1 of Lin *et al.* (2010), the values of MBR based on the former approach are always smaller than those based on the Lam's approach (with relative efficiencies in the range of 99.3–100%); but, the former approach is not uniformly better in that the efficiencies in some cases is slightly above 100% (with the highest value achieved being 100.2%).

Comparatively, employing the same techniques with the exact distribution of the MLE, the analogous conclusion does not occur in the Type-II case in that the progressive hybrid censoring plans are generally more efficient followed by ordinary hybrid censoring plans and then plans of Lam (1990) in terms of efficiencies. Thus, it is of great interest to use the same procedure to investigate the optimal sampling plans from an exponential distribution under both types of the adaptive progressive hybrid censoring schemes (APHCS) when a general loss function given in Eq. (1) below, which includes the sampling cost, the time-consuming cost, and the salvage, is used, and also to compare their performance with those of progressive hybrid censoring scheme (PHCS). An overview of these progressive hybrid censoring schemes and the related inferential methods can be found in Huang (2010).

#### **Bayes Risk**

Suppose that a lot of N items are presented for acceptance sampling and a sample of size n is taken from the lot. Given  $\lambda$ , the probability density functions of the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of the average lifetime  $\theta = 1/\lambda$  from an exponential distribution with pdf  $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$  for x > 0 and  $\lambda > 0$  under (Type-I and Type-II) PHCS and APHCS (which are denoted by  $f_{\hat{\theta}}(x)$ ) are

all linear combination of gamma distributions (see Lin *et al.*, 2010, Huang, 2010). The larger  $\theta$ , the larger expected lifetime. Thus, it is reasonable to reject a batch if  $\hat{\theta}$  is small. It then leads to the following one-sided decision function:

$$\delta(\boldsymbol{X}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \hat{\theta} \ge \xi, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where X is the resulting failure times and  $\delta(X) = 1$  and 0 represent the decisions of accepting and rejecting the batch, respectively.

Let  $C_1$  be the cost for inspecting an item,  $C_2$  be the salvage incurred by an unfailed item in the inspection,  $C_3$  be the cost per unit time used for life test,  $C_4$  be the loss of rejecting the batch,  $C_5\phi(\lambda)$ be the loss of accepting the batch, where  $C_5 = (1 - n/N)$ . Assuming that  $C_1, \ldots, C_5$  are non-negative,  $C_1 > C_2 \ge 0$ , and  $\phi(\lambda) = a_0 + a_1\lambda + \cdots + a_k\lambda^k$  is a positive and non-decreasing function of  $\lambda$  for  $\lambda \ge 0$ . Noting that the loss of accepting or rejecting the batch without sampling is often greater than one can afford in many applications, therefore, our study will not include these two extreme cases. Combining all the losses and salvage, the loss function for the sampling plan  $S(n, m, (R_1, \ldots, R_m), T, \xi)$ , is usually defined as:

(1) 
$$l(\delta(\mathbf{X}), \lambda) = C_1 n - C_2 (n - m^*) + C_3 \tau + (1 - \delta(\mathbf{X})) C_4 + \delta(\mathbf{X}) C_5 \phi(\lambda),$$

where

$$(m^*, \tau) = \begin{cases} (D, T) & \text{for Type-I APHCS,} \\ (m, X_{m:m:n}) & \text{for Type-II APHCS,} \\ (\min\{m, D\}, \min\{X_{m:m:n}, T\}) & \text{for Type-I PHCS,} \\ (\max\{m, D\}, \max\{X_{m:m:n}, T\}) & \text{for Type-II PHCS.} \end{cases}$$

Then, by assuming that the scale parameter  $\lambda$  has a conjugate gamma prior with density function

(2) 
$$h(\lambda; a, b) = \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \lambda^{a-1} e^{-\lambda b}, \ \lambda > 0,$$

and  $\phi(\lambda)$  is of order k = 2 for the purpose of illustration, the Bayes risk for  $\delta(\mathbf{X})$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} R(n,m,R_1,\cdots,R_m,T,\xi) &= E[l(\delta(X),\lambda)] = E_{\lambda} \{ E_{\boldsymbol{X}|\lambda}[l(\delta(\boldsymbol{X}),\lambda,n)|\lambda] \} \\ &= (C_1 - C_2)n + C_2 E_{\lambda} E_{\boldsymbol{X}|\lambda}[m^*|\lambda] + C_5(a_0 + a_1\mu_1 + a_2\mu_2) \\ &+ C_3 E_{\lambda} E_{\boldsymbol{X}|\lambda}[\tau|\lambda] + \sum_{\ell=0}^2 C_{\ell}^* \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\xi} \lambda^{a+\ell-1} e^{-\lambda b} f_{\hat{\theta}}(x) dx d\lambda, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are the first and second moments of  $\lambda$  about 0 and

$$C_{\ell}^{*} = \begin{cases} C_4 - C_5 a_0, & \ell = 0, \\ -C_5 a_{\ell}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

According to the selected progressive hybrid censoring scheme,  $E_{\lambda}E_{\boldsymbol{X}|\lambda}[m^*|\lambda]$ ,  $E_{\lambda}E_{\boldsymbol{X}|\lambda}[\tau|\lambda]$ , and  $\int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\xi} \lambda^{a+\ell-1} e^{-\lambda b} f_{\hat{\theta}}(x) dx d\lambda$  can be easily determined. For instance, under Type-II APHCS, we can follow from the Eqs. (5) and (7) of Ng *et al.* (2009) and the identity

$$E_{\lambda}(\lambda^{\vartheta}e^{-\lambda\rho T}) = \frac{b^{a}}{\Gamma(a)} \int_{0}^{\infty} \lambda^{a+\vartheta-1} e^{-\lambda(b+\rho T)} d\lambda = \frac{b^{a}}{\Gamma(a)} \frac{\Gamma(a+\vartheta)}{(b+\rho T)^{a+\vartheta}}$$

to obtain the expression of  $E_{\lambda} E_{\boldsymbol{X}|\lambda}[X_{m:m:n}|\lambda]$  for a > 1, and then from the Lemma 1 of Lin *et al.* (2010) with  $f_{\hat{\theta}}(x)$  in Eq. (2.10) of Huang (2010) to have

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\xi \lambda^{a+\ell-1} e^{-\lambda b} f_{\hat{\theta}}(x) dx d\lambda = \sum_{d=0}^m \sum_{k=0}^d \frac{c_m \cdot c_{k,d}(R_1+1,\dots,R_d+1)}{\prod_{k=1}^{m-d} (k+\sum_{i=d+1}^m R_i)} A_{\gamma_{d-k+1},m,0}$$

where  $c_m = \prod_{i=1}^m \gamma_i$  with  $\gamma_i = \sum_{k=i}^m (R_k + 1)$ ,  $c_{i,r}(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_r) = \frac{(-1)^i}{\left\{\prod_{j=1}^i \sum_{k=r-i+1}^{r-i+j} \alpha_k\right\} \left\{\prod_{j=1}^{r-i} \sum_{k=j}^{r-i} \alpha_k\right\}}$ , and  $A_{\zeta,\eta,\kappa} = \frac{\Gamma(a+\ell)}{(b+\kappa T+\zeta T)^{a+\ell}} I_{S_{\zeta,\eta,\kappa}}(\eta, a+\ell)$ . Here  $S_{\zeta,\eta,\kappa} = \frac{\eta\xi-\zeta T}{b+\kappa T+\eta\xi}$  and  $I_x(\alpha,\beta) = \frac{B_x(\alpha,\beta)}{B(\alpha,\beta)}$  is the distribution function of beta  $(\alpha,\beta)$  distribution with  $B_x(\alpha,\beta) = \int_0^x t^{\alpha-1}(1-t)^{\beta-1}dt$  being the incomplete beta function for  $0 \le x \le 1$ . Combining these two results as well as  $E_\lambda E_{\boldsymbol{X}|\lambda}[m^*] = m$ , we thus have the explicit expression for the Bayes risk of a sampling plan  $S(n,m,(R_1,\ldots,R_m),T,\xi)$  under Type-II APHCS. Analogously, the explicit expressions for the Bayes risks of the sampling plans under other three progressive hybrid censoring schemes can be derived; see Huang (2010) for the detailed derivations.

#### Algorithm and Numerical Results

Denote the set of feasible values of  $(n, m, (R_1, \ldots, R_m), T, \xi)$  by G. The optimal sampling plan  $S(n^o, m^o, (R_1^o, \ldots, R_m^o), T^o, \xi^o)$  is the one that minimizes the Bayes risk  $R(n, m, (R_1, \ldots, R_m), T, \xi) = E[l(\delta(\mathbf{X}), \lambda)]$  for  $(n, m, (R_1, \ldots, R_m), T, \xi) \in G$ . Thus, the steps for finding an optimal sampling plan in a class of possible sampling plans are as follows:

- (a) set  $n^* = n = 1$  and  $m^* = m = 1$ . Find optimal T and  $\xi$ , say  $T^*$  and  $\xi^*$ , to minimize  $R(1, 1, (0), T, \xi)$ . Set  $R_S \equiv R(1, 1, (0), T^*, \xi^*)$ .
- (b) If  $n^*$  violates the condition given in Eq. (3) below, go to step d.
- (c) Set n = n + 1. For m = 1, ..., n and all possible choices of  $(R_1, ..., R_m)$ , find optimal Tand  $\xi$ , say T' and  $\xi'$ , to minimize  $R(n, m, (R_1, ..., R_m), T, \xi)$ . If  $R(n, m, (R_1, ..., R_m), T', \xi') < R_S$ , set  $n^* = n$ ,  $m^* = m$ ,  $T^* = T'$ ,  $\xi^* = \xi'$ ,  $(R_1^*, ..., R_m^*) = (R_1, ..., R_m)$ , and  $R_S = R(n, m, (R_1, ..., R_m), T', \xi')$ . Go to step **b**.
- (d)  $S(n^o, m^o, R_1^o, \dots, R_m^o, T^o, \xi^o)$  is the optimal sampling plan with  $n^* = n, m^* = m, T^* = T', \xi^* = \xi'$ , and  $(R_1^*, \dots, R_m^*) = (R_1, \dots, R_m)$ .

This algorithm is finite, that is, we can find an optimal sampling plan in a finite number of steps in the search. It is true in view of the facts that, for  $n \ge 1$ ,  $R(n^o, m^o, (R_1^o, \dots, R_m^o), T^o, \xi^o) \le R(n, m, (R_1, \dots, R_m), T_n, \xi_n)$ , where  $R(n, m, (R_1, \dots, R_m), T_n, \xi_n) = \min_{T,\xi} \{R(n, m, (R_1, \dots, R_m), T, \xi)\}$ , and, from the definition of the loss function in Eq. (1),  $R(n^o, m^o, (R_1^o, \dots, R_m^o), T^o, \xi^o) \ge n^o(C_1 - C_2)$ . Thus, the optimal sample size  $n^o$  satisfies the condition: for  $n \ge 1$ ,

(3) 
$$n^{o} \leq \frac{R(n, m, (R_{1}, \dots, R_{m}), T_{n}, \xi_{n})}{C_{1} - C_{2}}$$

Since the expression of  $R(n, m, (R_1, \ldots, R_m), T, \xi)$  is very complicated, the regular numerical optimizations such as Newton-Gauss and steepest descent methods are not applicable; hence, a simulated annealing algorithm (see Lin *et al.* 2010) is employed for the determination of an optimal sampling plan in our numerical examples below.

By setting a = 1.5, b = 2.0,  $a_0 = 1.0$ ,  $a_1 = 1.0$ ,  $a_2 = 1.0$ , N = 1000,  $C_1 = 1.0$ ,  $C_2 = 0.5$ ,  $C_3 = 2.0$  and  $C_4 = 5.0$  as the true values of the parameters and coefficients in the model (which we refer as **the original setting**), the optimal sampling plan is S(4, 1, (3), 18.0196, 0.017) under Type-II APHCS with Bayes risk being 7.1844; and is S(1, 1, (0), 21.3921, 0.0170) under Type-II PHCS with Bayes risk being 7.1011. Thus, the relative efficiency of the plan under Type-II PHCS to the plan under Type-II APHCS (**Eff2**) can be computed as 7.1011/7.1844 = 98.8%, which indicates that the difference between these two schemes is negligible.

In many situations, the parameters and coefficients are not known in advance. They may be estimated or be assigned subjectively by experimenters. Thus, there is a need to investigate how the change in efficiency for each censoring scheme when one of the selected parameters or coefficients used in the model has been misspecified. To demonstrate the analysis, we conduct a sensitivity analysis study with parameters a and b, and coefficients  $a_2$ ,  $C_3$ , and  $C_4$ , respectively. The results are presented in Table 1. The efficiency reported as **Eff1** is the ratio of the MBR,  $R(n^o, m^o, (R_1^o, \dots, R_m^o), T^o, \xi^o)$ , under the original setting and the one under the setting with one misspecified parameter or coefficient. It is easily seen that, the values of **Eff1** in over 63% (19/30) cases under Type-II APHCS are in the range of 85–115%; but, this does not occur consistently in that the efficiencies in some cases are below 32% or above 190% if one of the parameters or coefficients are chosen incorrectly. In contrast, there are about 37% (11/30) of the selected cases under Type-II PHCS that the efficiencies are in the range of 85–115% (with the lowest and the highest values achieved being 36.8% and 497.6%). It shows that the proposed optimal sampling plans under Type-II APHCS are generally much more robust than those under Type-II PHCS with regard to changes in the parameters and coefficients used in the model.

It is also important to compare the proposed sampling plans based on these two schemes. As expected, the values of MBR under Type-II PHCS except the case  $C_3 = 0$  are all smaller than those under Type-II APHCS. However, among the 11 robust cases, the values of **Eff2** are in the range of 82.2–99.6%, which suggests that there is approximately no difference in efficiency between these two schemes.

Given that  $D \ge 1$ , similar results in terms of robustness and efficiency can also be observed in the Type-I case, as seen in Table 2. In general, the optimal sampling plans under Type-I APHCS are more robust than those under Type-I PHCS; and, from the settings of these two schemes, the relative efficiencies of the plans under Type-I PHCS to those under Type-I APHCS are often significantly larger than 115%. On the whole, we can conclude that for exponential distribution, the plans under APHCS, especially in the Type-I case, are generally more robust and efficient than those based on PHCS when a general loss function is used.

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### Table 1: The MBRs and optimal sampling plans for some selected values of a, b, $a_2$ , $C_3$ and $C_4$ under APHCS and PHCS in the Type-II case

| a   | b    | $a_2$ | $C_3$ | $C_4$ | Scheme | $n^{o}$ | $m^o$ | $(R_1^o, \cdots, R_m^o)$ | $T^{o}$          | ξ°               | MBR              | Eff1(%) | Eff2(%) |
|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|-------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|---------|
| 1.5 | 2.0  | 1.0   | 2.0   | 5.0   | APHCS  | 4       | 1     | (3)                      | 18.0196          | 0.0170           | 7.1844           |         |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 21.3921          | 0.0170           | 7.1011           |         | 98.8    |
| 2.0 |      |       |       |       | APHCS  | 3       | 1     | (2)                      | 4.4317           | 0.1506           | 6.7917<br>5.6288 | 105.8   |         |
| 2.5 |      |       |       |       | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (0)                      | 3.5540           | 0.1500           | 6.9126           | 120.2   |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 6.7469           | 0.4676           | 5.7103           | 124.4   |         |
| 3.0 |      |       |       |       | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.7569           | 0.7870           | 6.9878           | 102.8   |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 3       | 2     | (0,1)                    | 0.0169           | 0.7131           | 3.4059           | 208.5   |         |
| 3.5 |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.2151<br>0.0145 | 1.1080           | 7.0326           | 102.2   |         |
| 4.0 |      |       |       |       | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 1.7355           | 1.4288           | 7.0347           | 100.0   |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.0127           | 1.4286           | 4.2075           | 168.8   |         |
| 5.0 |      |       |       |       | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.0674           | 2.0698           | 6.9722           | 103.0   |         |
|     | 0.0  |       |       |       | PHCS   | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.0102           | 2.0700           | 1.4270           | 497.6   |         |
| 1.5 | 0.8  |       |       |       | PHCS   | 3       | 1     | (2)                      | 7.0134           | 1.0200<br>1.0215 | 7.4685<br>3 7801 | 96.2    |         |
|     | 1.0  |       |       |       | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (2)                      | 6 1897           | 0.8201           | 7 4974           | 95.8    |         |
|     | 1.0  |       |       |       | PHCS   | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.0170           | 0.8214           | 5.9307           | 119.7   |         |
|     | 3.0  |       |       |       | APHCS  | 3       | 1     | (2)                      | 17.3696          | 0.0255           | 7.9389           | 90.5    |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 3       | 1     | (2)                      | 0.2330           | 0.0355           | 7.8989           | 89.9    | 99.5    |
|     | 4.0  |       |       |       | APHCS  | 3       | 1     | (2)                      | 6.4334           | 0.0340           | 8.9738           | 80.1    |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 3       | 1     | (2)                      | 0.3698           | 0.0340           | 8.9125           | 79.7    |         |
|     | 5.0  |       |       |       | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 50.1664          | 0.0426           | 12.9870          | 55.3    |         |
|     | 10.0 |       |       |       | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (0)                      | 14 3119          | 0.0420           | 22 7314          | 31.6    |         |
|     | 10.0 |       |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 106.9607         | 0.0851           | 19.2767          | 36.8    |         |
|     | 2.0  | 2.0   |       |       | APHCS  | 4       | 1     | (3)                      | 8.0285           | 0.4204           | 7.9139           | 90.8    |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 4       | 3     | $(2^{*}0,1)$             | 0.0340           | 0.7043           | 6.5036           | 109.2   | 82.2    |
|     |      | 2.5   |       |       | APHCS  | 4       | 1     | (3)                      | 18.0813          | 0.6642           | 8.1161           | 88.5    |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 3       | 1     | (2)                      | 0.0340           | 0.6661           | 7.7033           | 92.2    | 94.9    |
|     |      | 3.0   |       |       | APHCS  | 4       | 1     | (3)                      | 15.4680          | 0.8851           | 8.2648           | 86.9    | 20.1    |
|     |      | 5.0   |       |       | APHCS  | 4       | 1     | (2)                      | 0.0340           | 1 6245           | 8 6104           | 83.4    | 89.1    |
|     |      | 0.0   |       |       | PHCS   | 3       | 2     | (0,1)                    | 0.0340           | 1.4430           | 2.4687           | 287.6   |         |
|     |      | 7.5   |       |       | APHCS  | 4       | 1     | (3)                      | 9.0591           | 2.3632           | 8.8203           | 81.5    |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.0340           | 2.3691           | 6.0193           | 118.0   |         |
|     |      | 10.0  |       |       | APHCS  | 4       | 1     | (3)                      | 8.4516           | 2.9867           | 8.9406           | 80.4    |         |
|     |      | 1.0   | 0.0   |       | PHCS   | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.0340           | 2.9934           | 4.1788           | 169.9   |         |
|     |      | 1.0   | 0.0   |       | APHCS  |         | 1     | (0)                      | 15.0155          | 0.0170           | 3.6923           | 194.6   |         |
|     |      |       | 1.0   |       | APHCS  | 3       | 1     | (0)                      | 6 9000           | 0.0170           | 6.0203           | 192.3   |         |
|     |      |       | 110   |       | PHCS   | 5       | 4     | (3*0,1)                  | 0.0340           | 0.4352           | 3.9550           | 179.5   |         |
|     |      |       | 3.0   |       | APHCS  | 5       | 1     | (4)                      | 4.0155           | 0.0170           | 8.0817           | 88.9    |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 5       | 1     | (4)                      | 0.0771           | 0.2443           | 8.0489           | 88.2    | 99.6    |
|     |      |       | 4.0   |       | APHCS  | 5       | 1     | (4)                      | 18.5816          | 0.0170           | 8.8817           | 80.9    |         |
|     |      |       | 5.0   |       | PHCS   | 5       | 1     | (4)                      | 0.0850           | 0.2801           | 8.8437           | 80.3    |         |
|     |      |       | 5.0   |       | PHCS   | 5       | 1     | (4)                      | 14.6429          | 0.0170           | 9.0817           | 74.2    |         |
|     |      |       | 10.0  |       | APHCS  | 5       | 1     | (4)                      | 16.9107          | 0.0170           | 13.6817          | 52.5    |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 5       | 1     | (4)                      | 0.1153           | 0.2292           | 13.6034          | 52.2    |         |
|     |      |       | 2.0   | 10.0  | APHCS  | 4       | 1     | (3)                      | 11.3484          | 0.0170           | 7.2475           | 99.1    |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 21.3921          | 0.0170           | 7.1643           | 99.1    | 98.9    |
|     |      |       |       | 15.0  | APHCS  | 4       | 1     | (3)                      | 4.5194           | 0.0170           | 7.3107           | 98.3    | 00 -    |
|     |      |       |       | 20.0  | PHCS   | 4       | 1     | (3)                      | 0.0340           | 0.0170           | 7.1770           | 98.9    | 98.2    |
|     |      |       |       | 20.0  | PHCS   | 4       | 1     | (3)                      | 0.0340           | 0.0170           | 7 1771           | 97.4    | 973     |
|     |      |       |       | 30.0  | APHCS  | 4       | 1     | (3)                      | 1.0250           | 0.0170           | 7.5002           | 95.8    | 31.3    |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 4       | 1     | (3)                      | 0.0340           | 0.0170           | 7.1771           | 98.9    | 95.7    |
|     |      |       |       | 50.0  | APHCS  | 4       | 1     | (3)                      | 15.3002          | 0.0170           | 7.7528           | 92.7    |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 4       | 1     | (3)                      | 0.0353           | 0.0170           | 7.1773           | 98.9    | 92.6    |
|     |      |       |       | 100.0 | APHCS  | 4       | 1     | (3)                      | 15.1794          | 0.0170           | 8.3844           | 85.7    |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 4       | 1     | (3)                      | 0.0391           | 0.0170           | 7.1775           | 98.9    | 85.6    |

# Table2: The MBRs and optimal sampling plans for some selected values of a, b, $a_2$ , $C_3$ and $C_4$ under APHCS and PHCS in the Type-I case

| a   | b    | $a_2$ | $C_3$ | $C_4$ | Scheme | $n^{o}$ | $m^o$ | $(R_1^o, \cdots, R_m^o)$ | $T^{o}$          | $\xi^{o}$        | MBR              | Eff1(%)      | Eff2(%) |
|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|-------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1.5 | 2.0  | 1.0   | 2.0   | 5.0   | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.0340           | 0.0170           | 3.7787           |              |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 21.3863          | 0.0170           | 4.8883           |              | 129.4   |
| 2.0 |      |       |       |       | APHCS  | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 0.0888           | 0.0127           | 4.4285           | 85.3         |         |
| 25  |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 10.6490          | 0.1382           | 5.5777           | 87.6         | 126.0   |
| 2.5 |      |       |       |       | PHCS   |         | 1     | (0)                      | 0.0478<br>6.7469 | 0.0102<br>0.4520 | 6.1278           | 79.8         | 118.5   |
| 3.0 |      |       |       |       | APHCS  | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 0.0169           | 0.1713           | 5.5387           | 68.2         |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 2       | 2     | (2*0)                    | 4.8399           | 0.7133           | 1.6097           | 303.7        | 29.1    |
| 3.5 |      |       |       |       | APHCS  | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 0.0145           | 0.6335           | 5.5112           | 68.6         | 10 -    |
| 4.0 |      |       |       |       | APHCS  | 3       | 3     | (3*0)                    | 3.7380           | 0.7954           | 5 5270           | 68.2         | 49.7    |
| 4.0 |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 5       | 5     | (5*0)                    | 3.0297           | 0.2389<br>0.7955 | 3.1813           | 153.7        | 57.4    |
| 5.0 |      |       |       |       | APHCS  | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 0.0102           | 0.1489           | 5.5186           | 68.5         |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 10      | 10    | (10*0)                   | 2.1826           | 0.7848           | 6.0897           | 80.7         | 110.3   |
| 1.5 | 0.8  |       |       |       | APHCS  | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 0.0136           | 4.7503           | 5.5397           | 68.2         | 114 5   |
|     | 1.0  |       |       |       | APHCS  | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 8.5569           | 1.0041           | 5 5463           | 68.1         | 114.5   |
|     | 1.0  |       |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 10.6961          | 0.4035           | 6.1741           | 79.2         | 111.3   |
|     | 3.0  |       |       |       | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.0511           | 0.0255           | 3.0255           | 124.9        |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 32.0771          | 0.0255           | 4.2257           | 115.7        | 139.7   |
|     | 4.0  |       |       |       | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.0681           | 0.0340           | 2.7856           | 135.7        |         |
|     | FO   |       |       |       | ADUCS  | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 42.7705          | 0.0340           | 3.9752           | 123.0        | 142.7   |
|     | 5.0  |       |       |       | PHCS   |         | 1     | (1)<br>(0)               | 53 4770          | 0.0426<br>0.0426 | 2.0027           | 126.9        | 144.6   |
|     | 10.0 |       |       |       | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.1702           | 0.0851           | 2.5743           | 146.8        | 11110   |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 106.9455         | 0.0851           | 3.6609           | 133.5        | 142.2   |
|     | 2.0  | 2.0   |       |       | APHCS  | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 0.1008           | 0.0170           | 4.5823           | 82.5         |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 21.3921          | 0.4194           | 5.6199           | 87.0         | 122.6   |
|     |      | 2.5   |       |       | APHCS  | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 0.0823           | 0.0170           | 4.9578           | 76.2         | 1175    |
|     |      | 2.0   |       |       | APHCS  | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 21.3921          | 0.0014           | 5 2072           | 83.9         | 117.5   |
|     |      | 3.0   |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 21.3921          | 0.8805           | 5.9730           | 81.8         | 112.5   |
|     |      | 5.0   |       |       | APHCS  | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 0.0340           | 6.1106           | 5.5806           | 67.7         |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 21.3921          | 1.6101           | 6.3228           | 77.3         | 113.3   |
|     |      | 7.5   |       |       | APHCS  | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 0.0340           | 6.3531           | 5.5806           | 67.7         |         |
|     |      | 10.0  |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 21.3921          | 2.3341           | 6.5370           | 74.8         | 117.1   |
|     |      | 10.0  |       |       | APHCS  |         | 1     | (0)                      | 0.0340           | 6.1438<br>2.0402 | 5.5806           | 67.7         | 110.4   |
|     |      | 1.0   | 0.0   |       | APHCS  | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 0 4109           | 0.0170           | 3 4057           | 111.0        | 119.4   |
|     |      | 1.0   | 0.0   |       | PHCS   | 4       | 4     | (4*0)                    | 21.3921          | 0.4359           | 2.2717           | 215.2        | 66.7    |
|     |      |       | 1.0   |       | APHCS  | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 0.1738           | 0.0170           | 3.6471           | 103.6        |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 21.3863          | 0.0170           | 4.1543           | 117.7        | 113.9   |
|     |      |       | 3.0   |       | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.0340           | 0.0170           | 3.8128           | 99.1         |         |
|     |      |       | 1.0   |       | ADUCS  | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 21.3863          | 0.0170           | 5.6223           | 86.9         | 147.5   |
|     |      |       | 4.0   |       | PHCS   |         | 1     | (1)                      | 21 3863          | 0.0170<br>0.0170 | 5.8408<br>6.3563 | 76.9         | 165.2   |
|     |      |       | 5.0   |       | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.0340           | 0.0170           | 3.8808           | 97.4         | 100.2   |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 21.3863          | 0.0170           | 7.0903           | 68.9         | 182.7   |
|     |      |       | 10.0  |       | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.0340           | 0.0170           | 4.0511           | 93.3         |         |
| -   |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 21.3863          | 0.0170           | 10.7604          | 45.4         | 265.6   |
|     |      |       | 2.0   | 10.0  | APHCS  | 2       | 2     | (2*0)                    | 0.0340           | 0.0170           | 3.8111           | 99.1         | 100.0   |
|     |      |       |       | 15.0  | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (0)                      | 0.0340           | 0.0170           | 3 8434           | 98.7         | 129.9   |
|     |      |       |       | 10.0  | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 21.3920          | 0.0170           | 5.0150           | 97.5         | 130.5   |
|     |      |       |       | 20.0  | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.0348           | 0.0170           | 3.8757           | 97.5         |         |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 21.3915          | 0.0170           | 5.0783           | 96.3         | 131.0   |
|     |      |       |       | 30.0  | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.0447           | 0.0170           | 3.9316           | 96.1         |         |
|     |      |       |       | 50.0  | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 21.3916          | 0.0170           | 5.2050           | 93.9         | 132.4   |
|     |      |       |       | 50.0  | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (1)                      | 21 3021          | 0.0170<br>0.0170 | 4.0179<br>5.4584 | 94.0<br>80.6 | 135.0   |
|     |      |       |       | 100.0 | APHCS  | 2       | 1     | (1)                      | 0.0867           | 0.0170           | 4.1758           | 90.5         | 100.0   |
|     |      |       |       |       | PHCS   | 1       | 1     | (0)                      | 21.3921          | 0.0170           | 6.0919           | 80.2         | 145.9   |
|     |      |       |       |       |        |         |       |                          |                  |                  |                  | -            |         |