



**The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Department of Applied Mathematics**

**Seminar
On**

**Stochastic Scheduling Subject to Preemptive-repeat
Breakdowns with Incomplete Information**

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Abstract

We address a stochastic scheduling problem subject to preemptive-repeat machine breakdowns with incomplete information on the probability distributions of random processing times and machine up/downtimes. We first investigate the probabilistic characteristics of the model in such settings, and then apply the results to derive the optimal static and dynamic policies for a large class of performance measures. Under proper conditions, the optimal dynamic policies can be determined by one-step reward rates. Finally, we show that two important preemptive-repeat models in the previous literature are in fact two extreme cases of our model.

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