



Reliability measurements, risk and safety assessment

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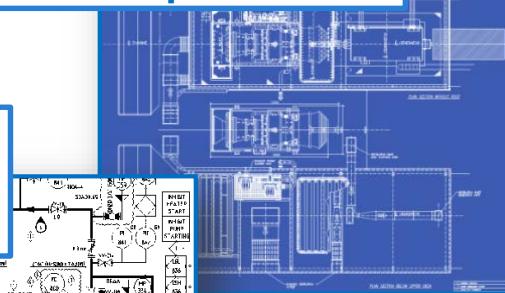
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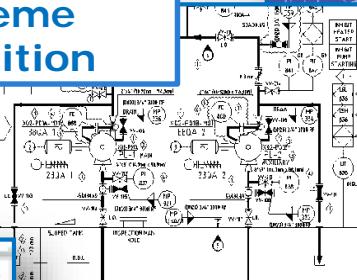
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Reliability, Availability, Maintainability and Safety (RAMS)

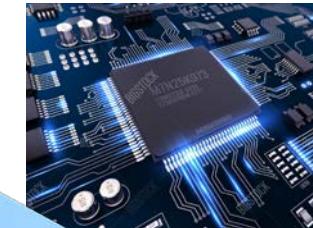
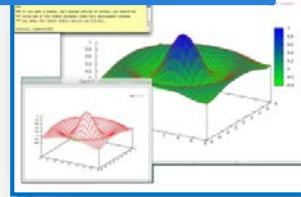
Hardware development



Configurations,
scheme
definition



Preliminary
studies



Reliability improvement in complex system design stage:

- Time reduction for improvement
- Comparison of multiple configurations/solutions
- Validation of design choices
- Achievement of reliability target
- Guarantee availability and safety performance

Fields of application:

railway, biomedical, automotive, avionics, energy (PV, Wind), oil&gas, power electronics, automation, ICT



Industry collaborations:

ALSTOM, Autostrade per l'Italia, Biomerieux, Brembo, Borri Industrial Power Solutions, Comes, Ducati Motor Holding, ECM, ENEL, Esaote, Easytech, GE-Nuovo Pignone, GE Transportation, General Project, Intecs, **Laboratorio CETACE-Analytical***, Leone, Progress Rail SESA, Sirio Panel, TERNA, Trenitalia, VDS srl.

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- Dipartimento di Ingegneria, Università del **Sannio**
- Dipartimento di Elettronica, Informazione e Bioingegneria, **Politecnico di Milano**
- Dipartimento di Fisica, Università degli Studi di **Milano**
- Dipartimento di Ingegneria dell'Energia, dei Sistemi, del Territorio e delle Costruzioni, Università di **Pisa**
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- MTA SZTAKI - **Hungarian Academy Of Sciences**, Institute For Computer Science And Control, Budapest, Hungary
- The Institute of Radioelectronics and Multimedia Technology, **Warsaw University of Technology**, Warsaw, Poland



Research activity

Failure rate and repair evaluation

Failure rate prediction, MTTF (Mean Time Between Failure), MTTR (Mean Time to Restore), etc.

MODELS

Reliability analytical models

Dynamic and static models (Reliability allocation, Rel. Importance, RBD, Fault tolerance)

Failure analysis and risk assessment

Failure Mode Effect and Criticality analysis (FMECA), Fault Tree Analysis (FTA), etc.

ASSESSMENT

Functional safety assessment

SIL evaluation, IEC 61508

Measurements

Device and components characterization, Automatic Measurement System

MEAS & TESTING

Reliability test & lab experiments

Thermal and mechanical stress (i.e. accelerated testing, aging test)

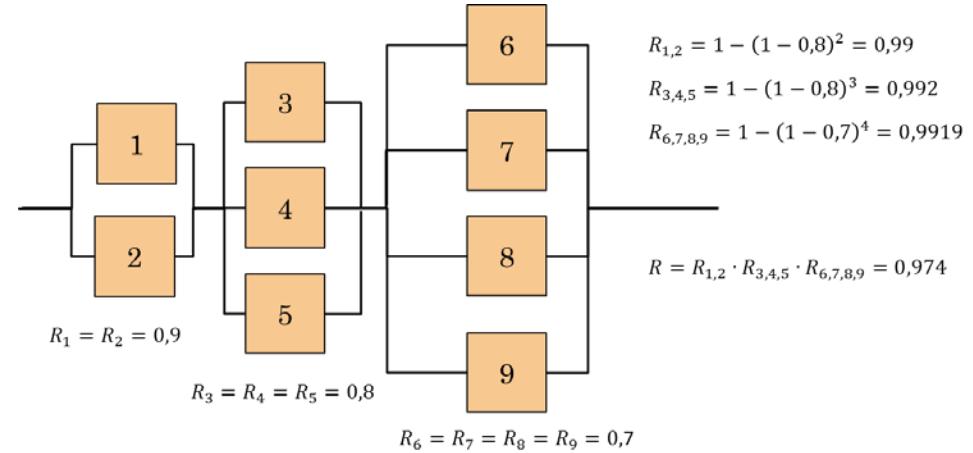
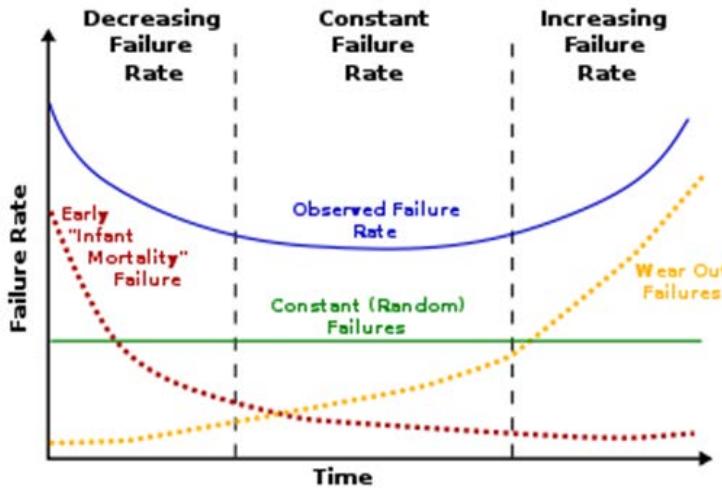
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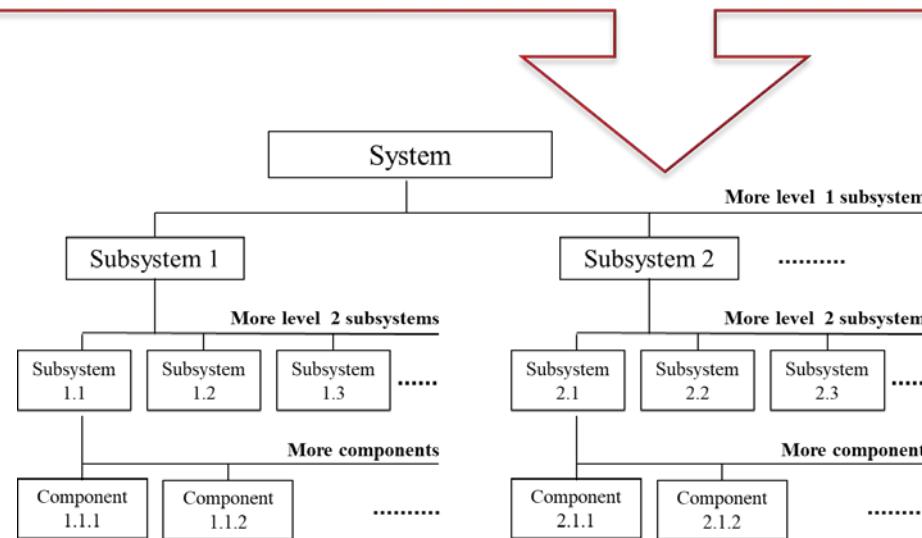
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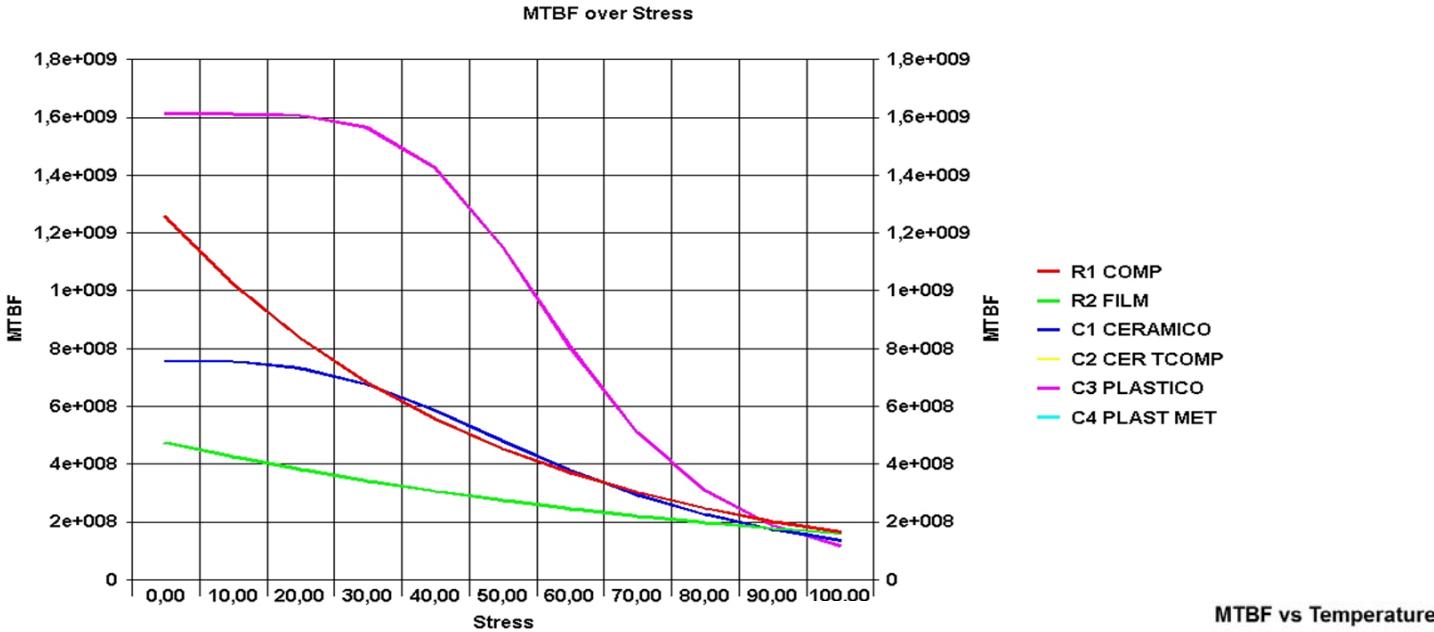
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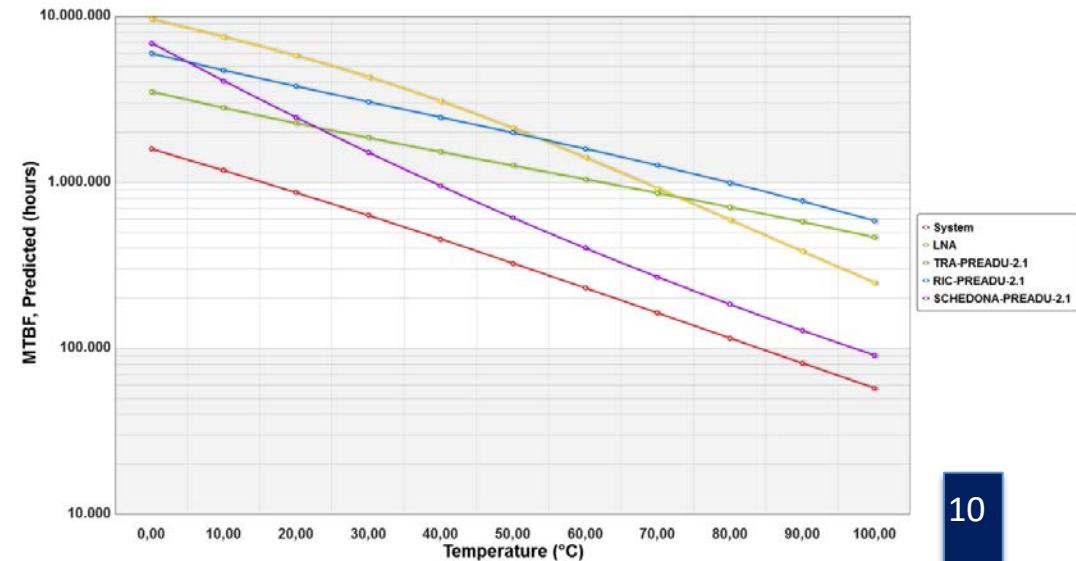


$$\lambda_{\text{System}} = f(\lambda_{1.1.1}, \lambda_{1.1.2}, \dots, \lambda_{2.1.1}, \dots)$$

- λ , failure rate models
- MTBF Mean Time Between Failures
- MTTR Mean Time To Restore
- Reliability allocation
- Reliability importance

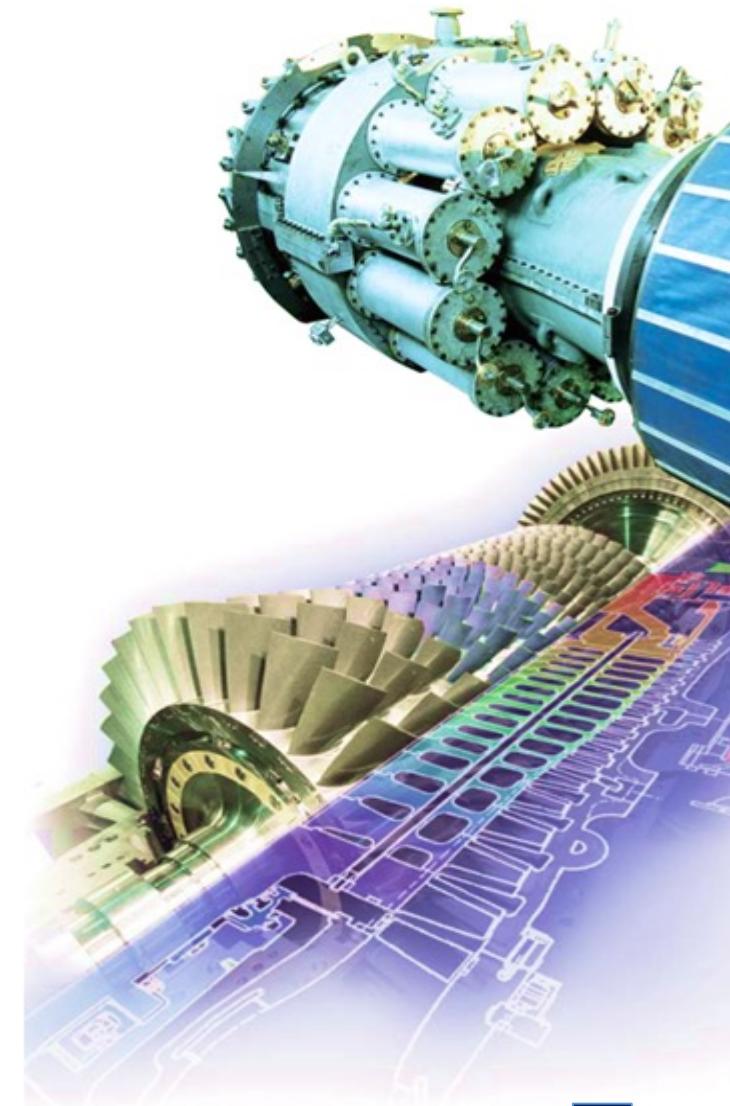


- Most critical components
- Derating
- Temperature effects



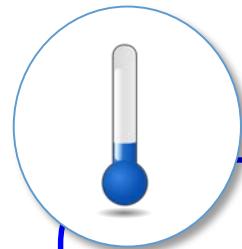
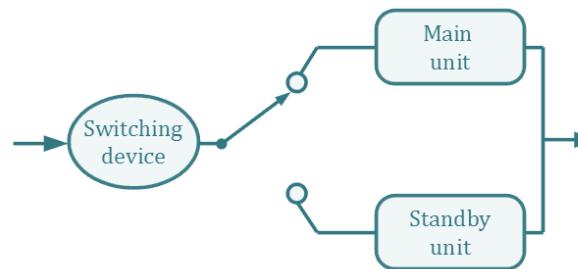
Fault Tolerant Design

- **Fault tolerance** enables a system to continue its required operation, sometimes at a reduced efficiency level, rather than failing completely when some components of the system fail.
- It is widely used in *Energy* applications **to achieve continuous and successful operations despite extreme process and environmental conditions.**
- The most used fault tolerant technique is **redundancy**: critical components performing the same function are duplicated to increase system reliability and availability.
- A particular effective architecture is "**standby redundancy**": **in case main component failure arises, standby unit is activated to complete the mission.** There are three different redundant configurations: hot standby, warm standby and cold standby.



Standby Redundancy

Dynamic (or “standby”) redundancy consists of fault detection and system reconfiguration with a standby unit; in case of main component failure, standby unit is activated to complete the mission.



Cold standby

Standby unit is **inactive** and completely disconnected from power source or fuel supply; quiescent components during the inactive period do not age and cannot fail.

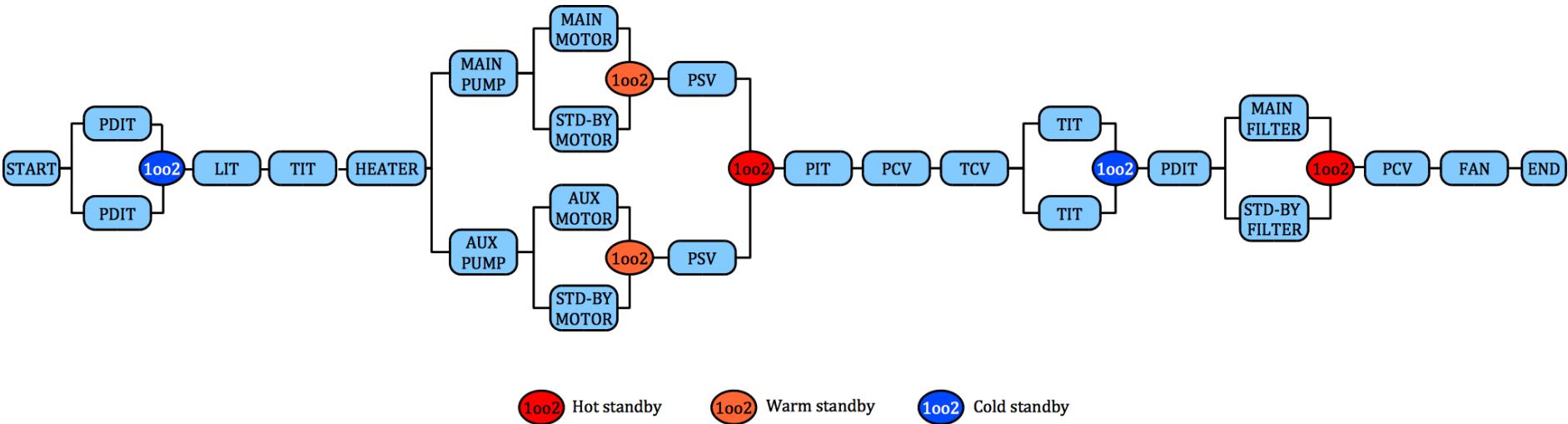
$$R_s(t) = R_1(t) + (1-p) \cdot \int_0^t f_1(x) \cdot R_{2,a}(t-x) \cdot dx$$



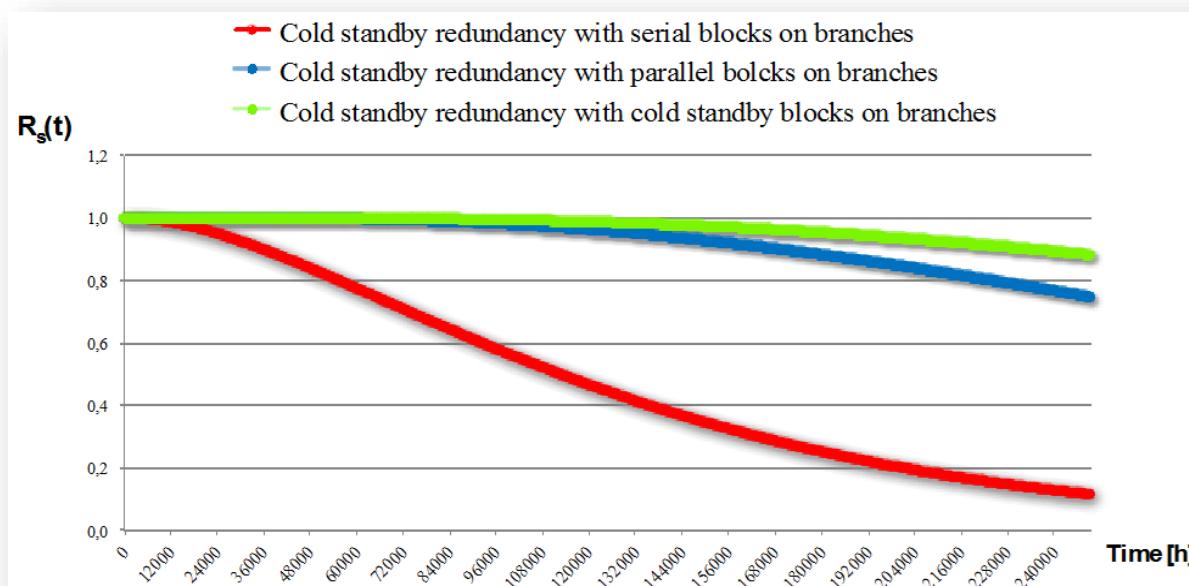
Warm standby

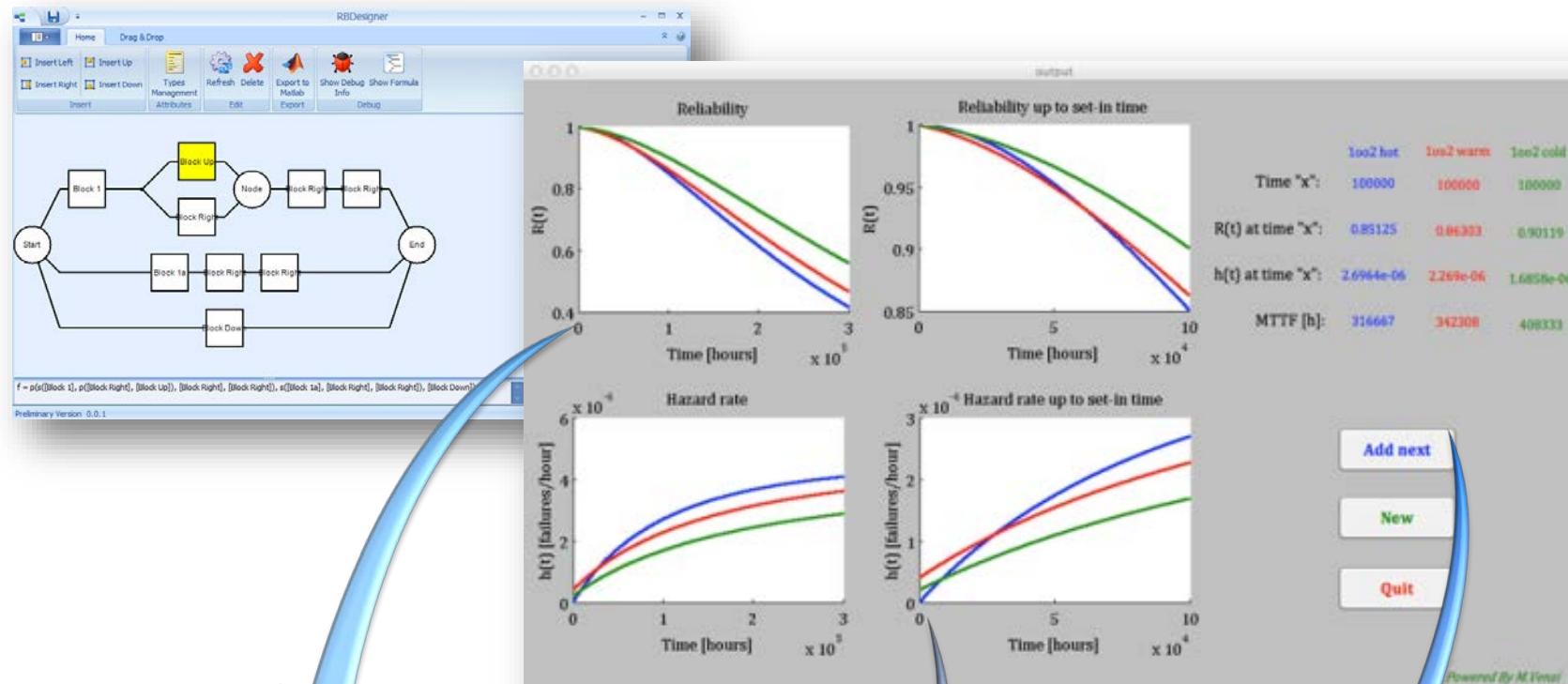
Both units are connected to power source but just one piece of equipment is used for the process, the other one is half operative and ready to run in case of main failure.

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System Reliability vs. Time

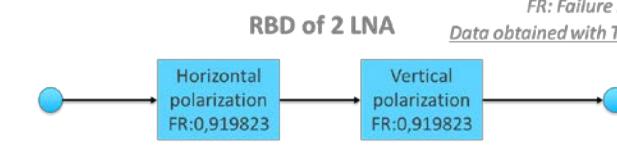
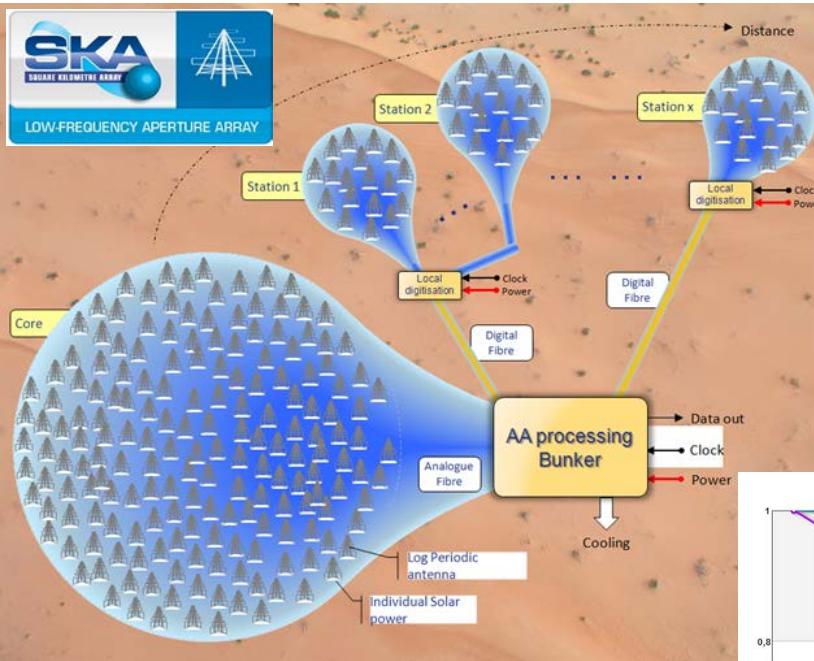




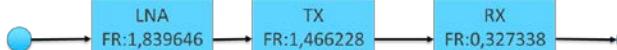
Reliability vs. time

Hazard rate vs. time

System MTTF

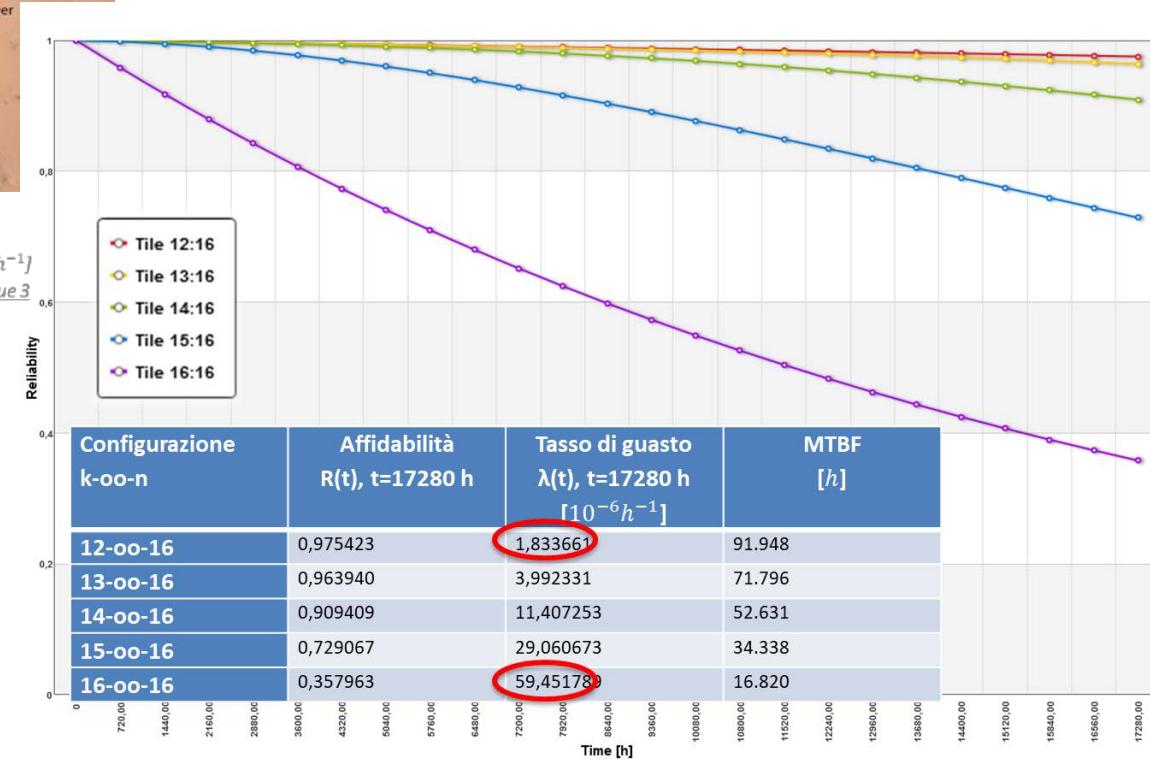


Receiver chain



$$R_{Syst}(t) = \prod_{l=1}^n R_l(t) \quad \lambda_{Syst} = \sum_{l=1}^n \lambda_i \quad MTBF = \int_0^{+\infty} R_{Syst}(t) dt = \frac{1}{\sum \lambda_i}$$

512 Stations with 16 tile
A **tile** is composed by **16** antennas
Total: **131.072** antennas



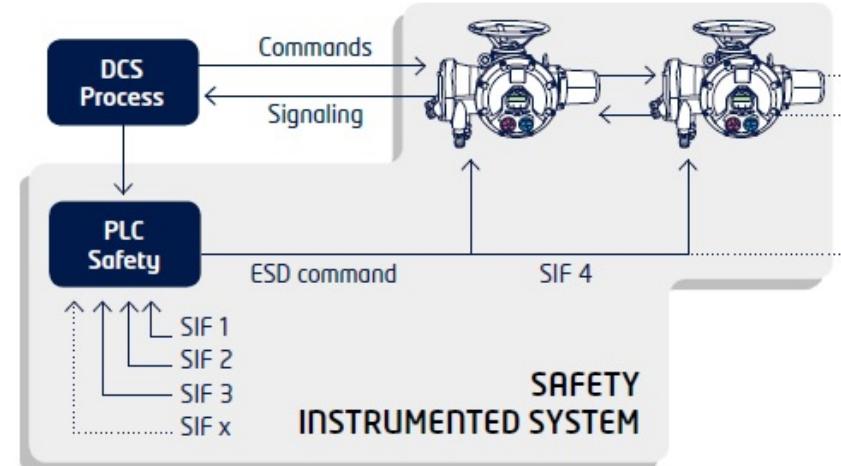
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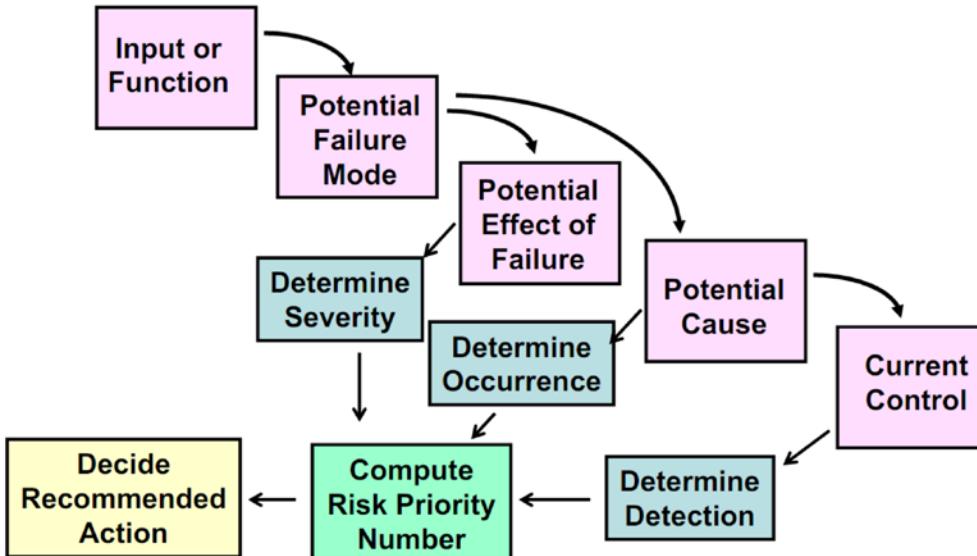
Failure Analysis Methods

- Every product or process has **modes of failure**
- An analysis of potential failures helps designers focus on and understand the **impact of potential process or product risks and failures**
- **Several systematic methodologies** have been developed to quantify the effects and impacts of failures.

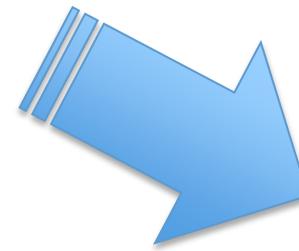


FMEA on Ultracapacitors

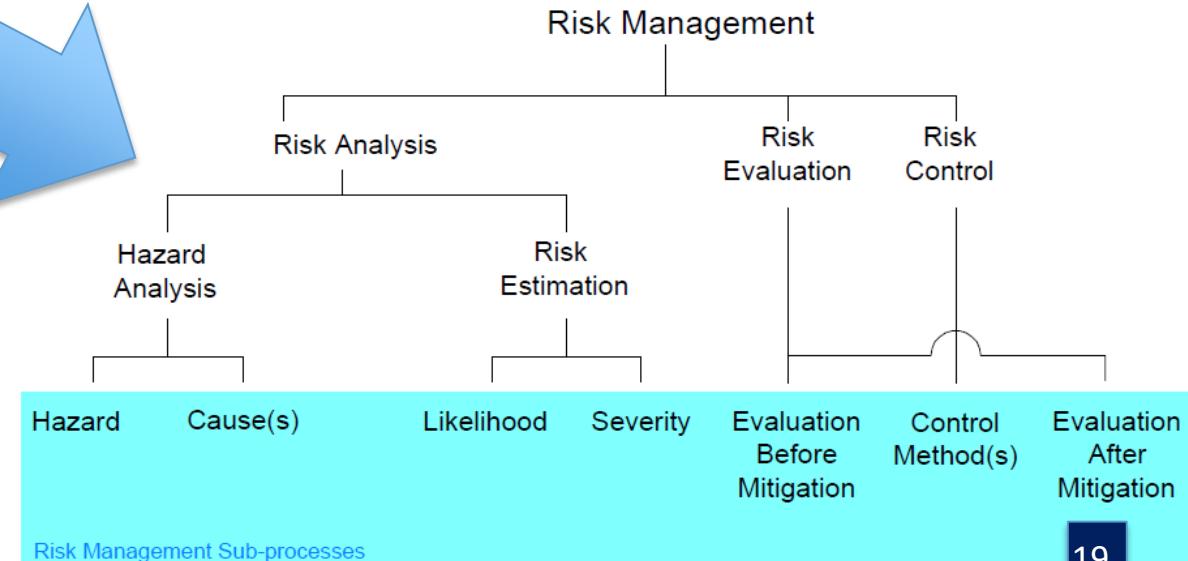
| Item | Failure Modes | Failure causes | Local effect | Final effect |
|----------------|---|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ultracapacitor | Capacitance decrease | Overvoltage Overtemperature Ageing | Decrease of component efficiency | Loss of system performance |
| | Equivalent Series Resistance (ESR) increase | Overvoltage Overtemperature Mechanical stress Ageing | Decrease of component efficiency | Loss of system performance |
| | Temperature increase | Mechanical stress | Fire | System damage |
| | Capacitance/ESR out of specific | Overvoltage Overtemperature | Decrease of component efficiency | Loss of system performance |
| | Cell leakage (solvent vapor release) | Overpressure | Component Explosion | System damage |
| | Cell opening | Electrochemical decomposition overpressure | Component Explosion | System damage |
| | Gas pressure | Overvoltage Overtemperature | Component Explosion | System damage |



| RISK ASSESSMENT MATRIX | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| SEVERITY PROBABILITY | Catastrophic (1) | Critical (2) | Marginal (3) | Negligible (4) |
| Frequent (A) | High | High | Serious | Medium |
| Probable (B) | High | High | Serious | Medium |
| Occasional (C) | High | Serious | Medium | Low |
| Remote (D) | Serious | Medium | Medium | Low |
| Improbable (E) | Medium | Medium | Medium | Low |
| Eliminated (F) | Eliminated | | | |



RISK:
combination of the probability of occurrence of harm and the severity of that harm





SAFETY:

Safety is the freedom from unacceptable risk of physical injury or of damage to the health of people, either directly, or indirectly as a result of damage to property or to the environment



**ACHIEVING
IEC 61508
COMPLIANCE**

IS IT SAFE?



Certificate

FS Eng (TÜV Rheinland)

Functional Safety Engineer (TÜV Rheinland)

Application Area

Safety Instrumented Systems

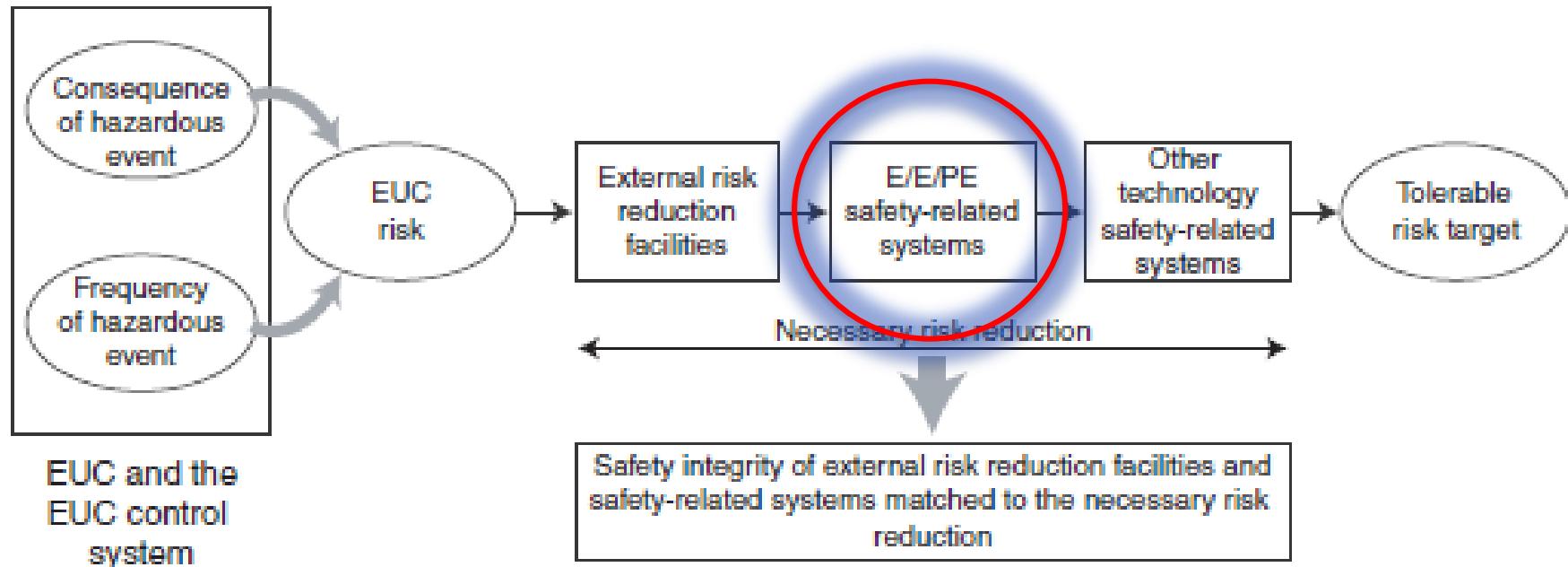
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A **safety instrumented system (SIS)** is a designated system that implements the required safety functions necessary to achieve or maintain a safe state for some equipment (an EUC).

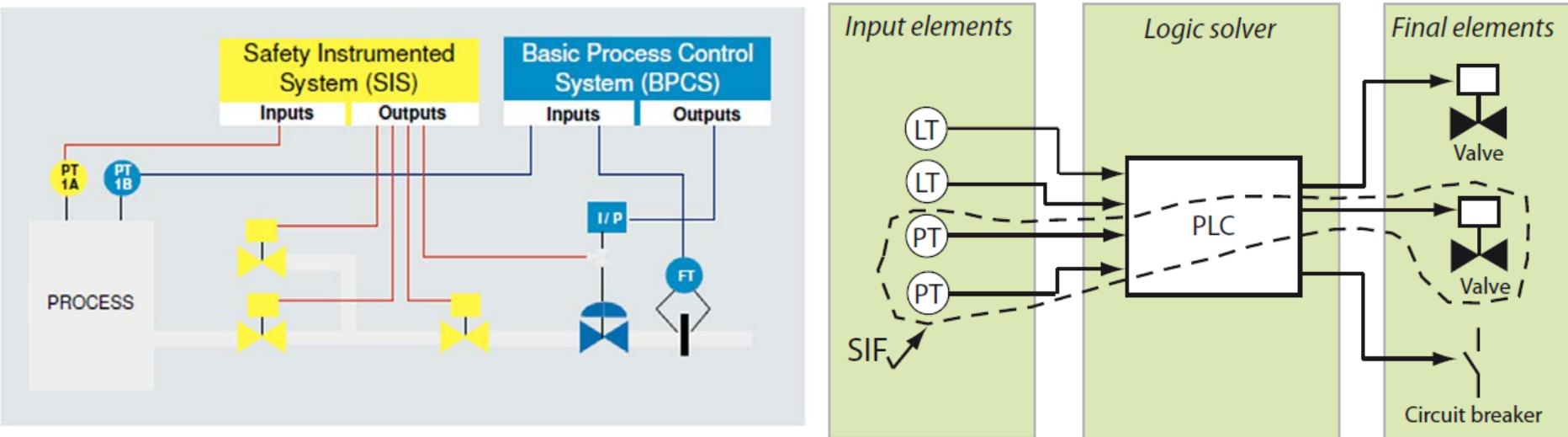
A SIS consists of three types of elements:

- Detectors (or sensors)
- Logic solver (e.g., one or more computers/PLD)
- Actuating items (e.g., valves, brakes)



SIL – PFD_{av} – PFH – modes of operation

| Safety Integrity Level (SIL) | Average probability of failure to perform a safety function on demand – PFD _{av} (Low demand mode of operation) | Probability of a dangerous failure per hour – PFH (High demand or continuous mode of operation) |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| SIL4 | $\geq 10^{-5}$ to $< 10^{-4}$ | $\geq 10^{-9}$ to $< 10^{-8}$ |
| SIL3 | $\geq 10^{-4}$ to $< 10^{-3}$ | $\geq 10^{-8}$ to $< 10^{-7}$ |
| SIL2 | $\geq 10^{-3}$ to $< 10^{-2}$ | $\geq 10^{-7}$ to $< 10^{-6}$ |
| SIL1 | $\geq 10^{-2}$ to $< 10^{-1}$ | $\geq 10^{-6}$ to $< 10^{-5}$ |



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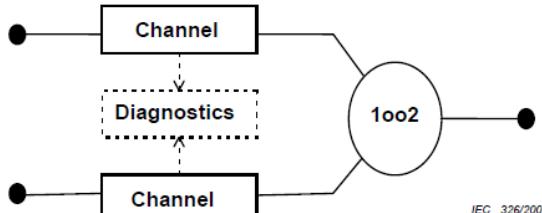


Figure B.6 – 1oo2 physical block diagram

$$t_{GE} = \frac{\lambda_{DU}}{\lambda_D} \left(\frac{T_1}{3} + MRT \right) + \frac{\lambda_{DD}}{\lambda_D} MTTR$$

The average probability of failure on demand for the architecture is

$$PFD_G = 2((1 - \beta_D)\lambda_{DD} + (1 - \beta)\lambda_{DU})^2 t_{CE} t_{GE} + \beta_D \lambda_{DD} MTTR + \beta \lambda_{DU} \left(\frac{T_1}{2} + MRT \right)$$

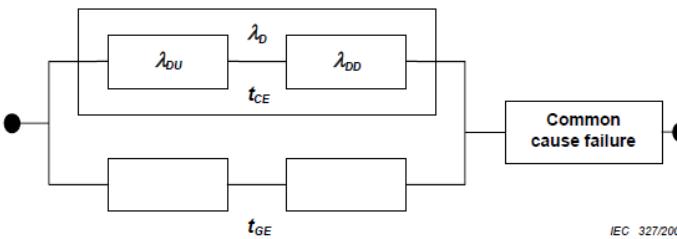


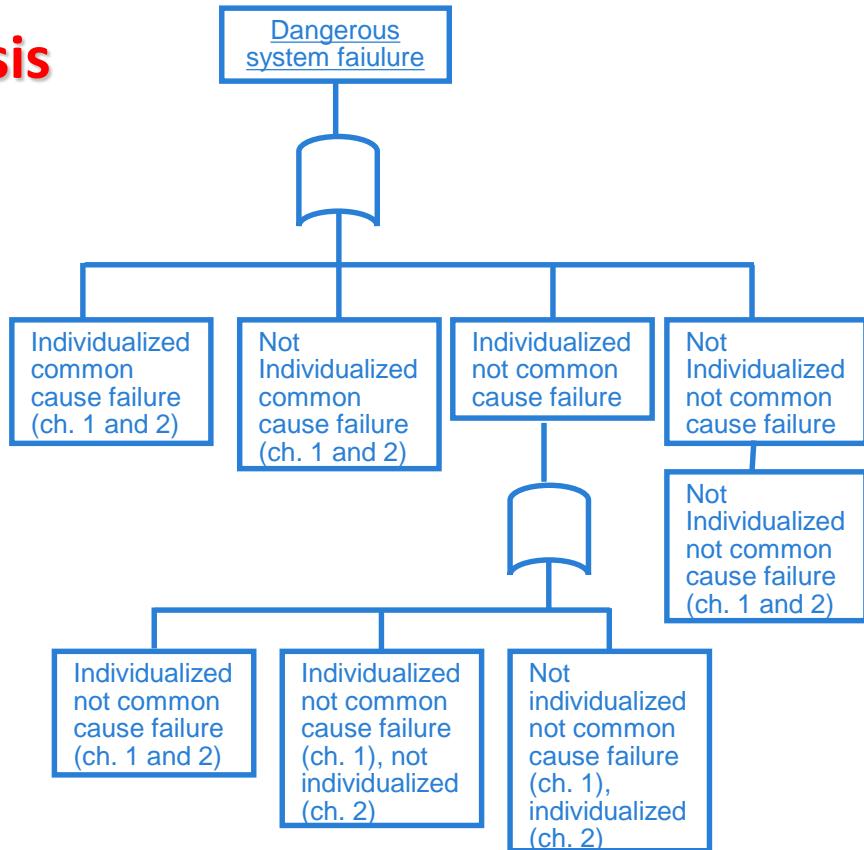
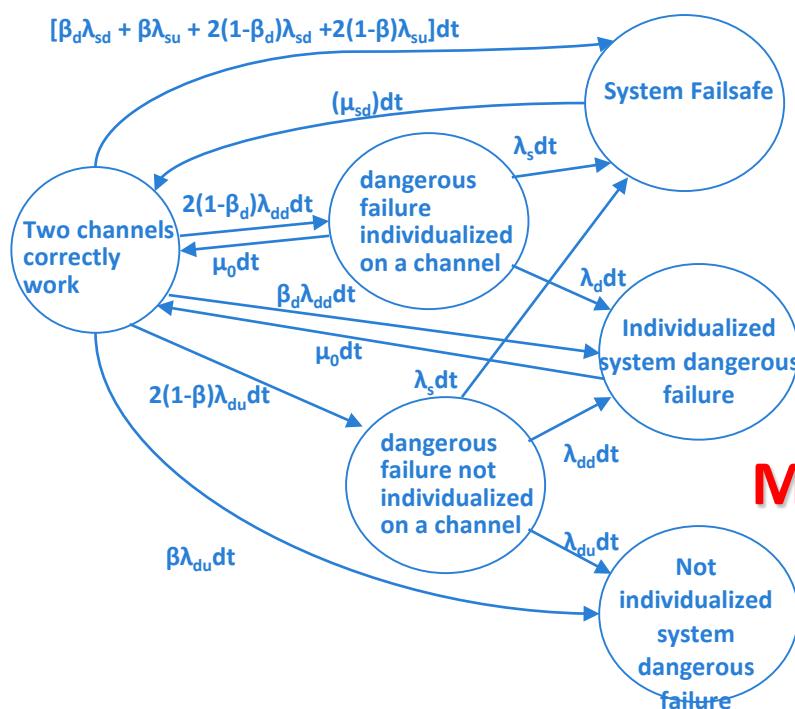
Figure B.7 – 1oo2 reliability block diagram

where β denotes the fraction of undetected failures that have a common cause; β_D represents the fraction of detected failures, by the diagnostic test, that have a common cause.

MTTR : Mean Time To Restore

T_i : Proof Test interval, periodic test performed to detect failure in a safety related system

Fault Tree Analysis



Markov diagram 1oo2 configuration

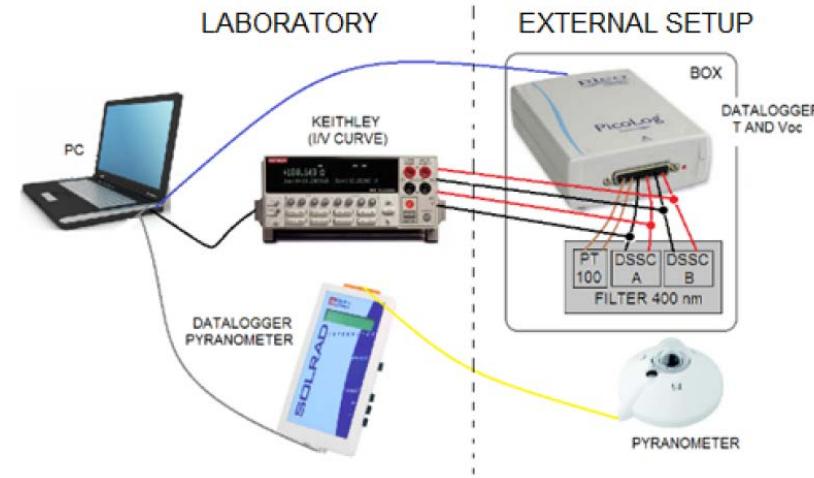
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Thermal tests: planning

- Thermal test #1 Analysis of critical components behavior
 @ $T_{operating} = 45^\circ\text{C}$
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- Thermal test #2 Replacing the critical components and increasing their temperature range
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- Thermal test #3 Study of the inverter thermal behavior with increasing operating temperature



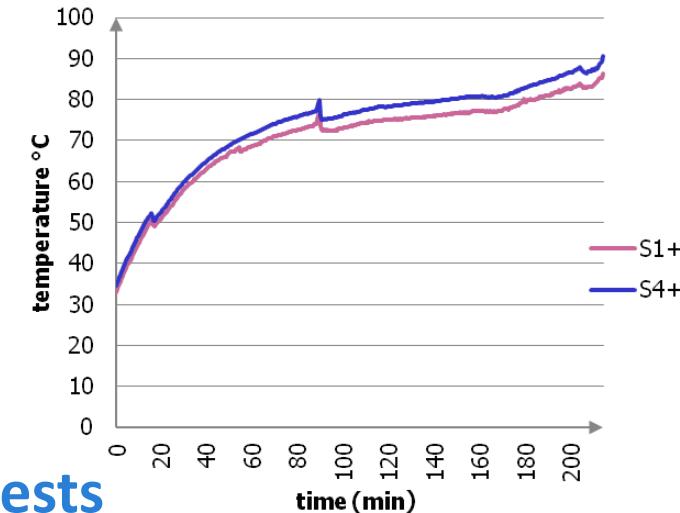
Thermal test #3

+ Inverter thermal behavior

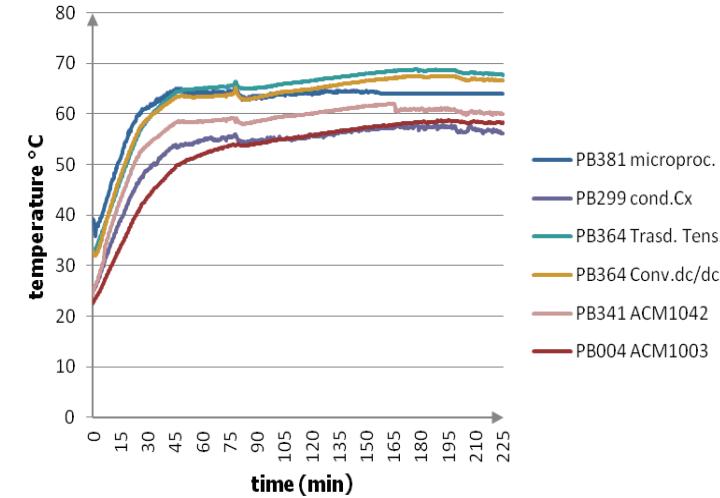
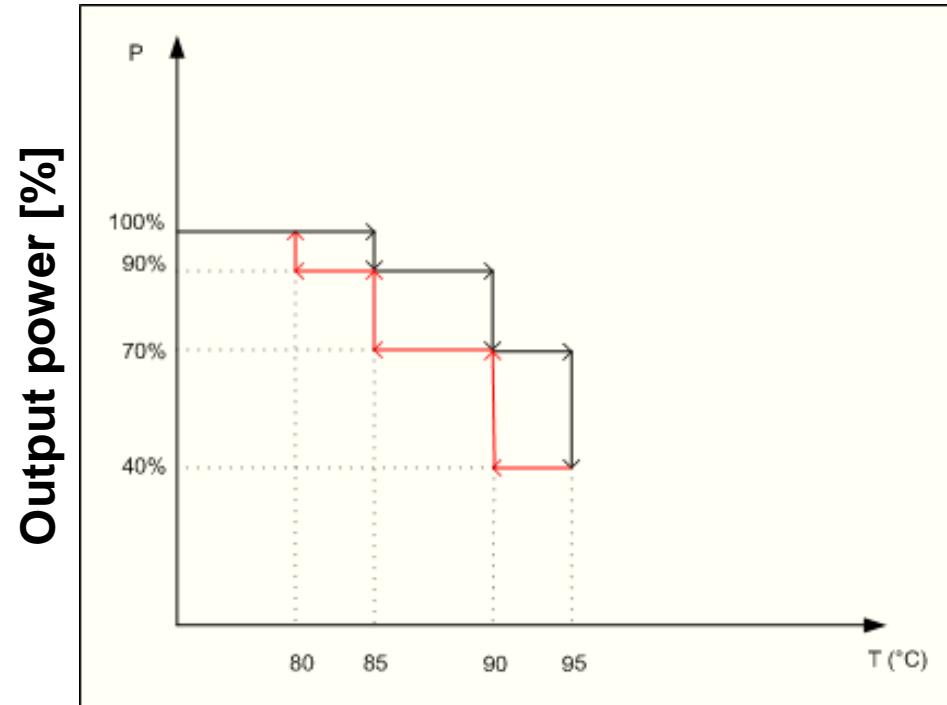
④ $T_{oper} = 45^\circ\text{C}$

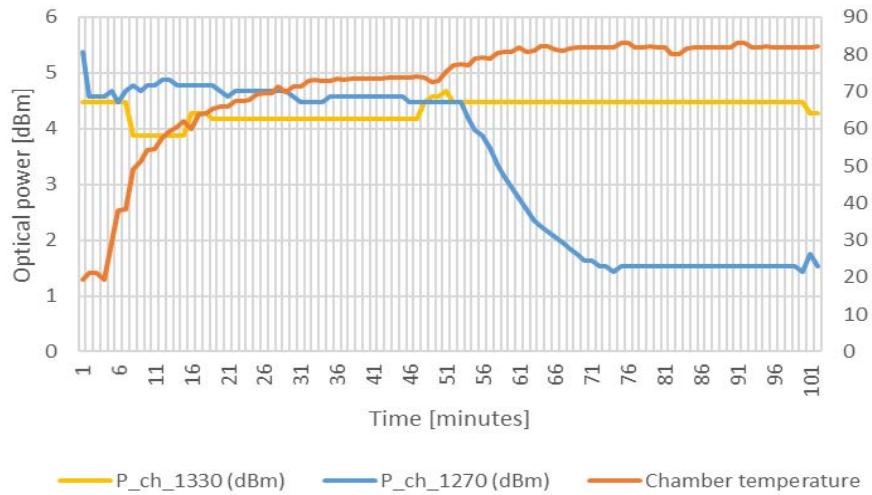
④ $T_{oper} = 50^\circ\text{C}$

④ $T_{oper} = 55^\circ\text{C}$



+ Derating strategy based on thermal tests





$$k = A e^{-\frac{E_A}{RT}}$$

activation energy
rate constant
frequency factor or pre-exponential factor
kelvin temperature
the gas constant
mathematical quantity, e

Test duration: 800 hours
Severity (T_{max}) = 80°C



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