

# **ERRORSIM: A SIMULATOR FOR ERROR PROPAGATION ANALYSIS OF CONTROL SYSTEMS DEVELOPED IN SIMULINK**

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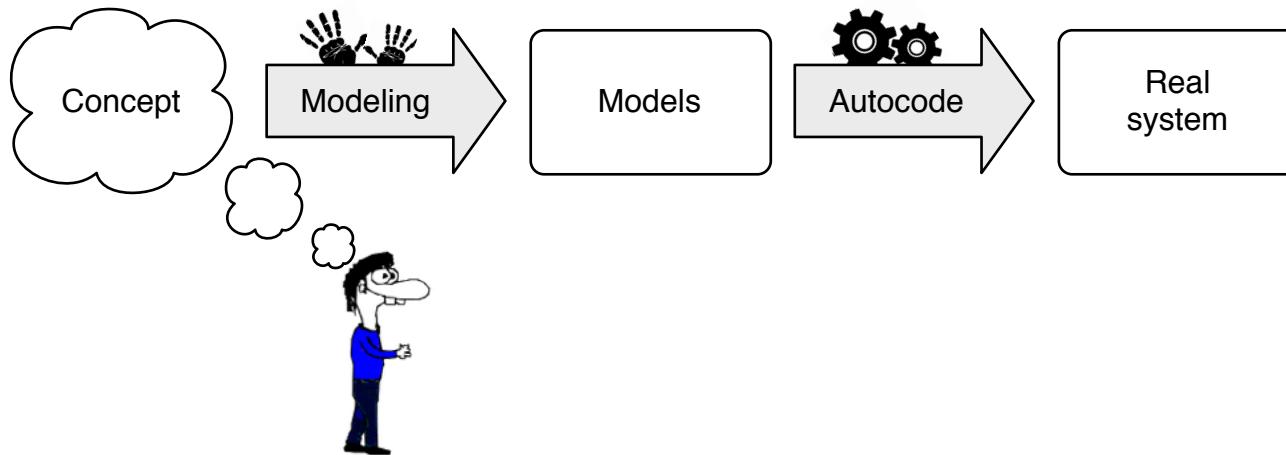
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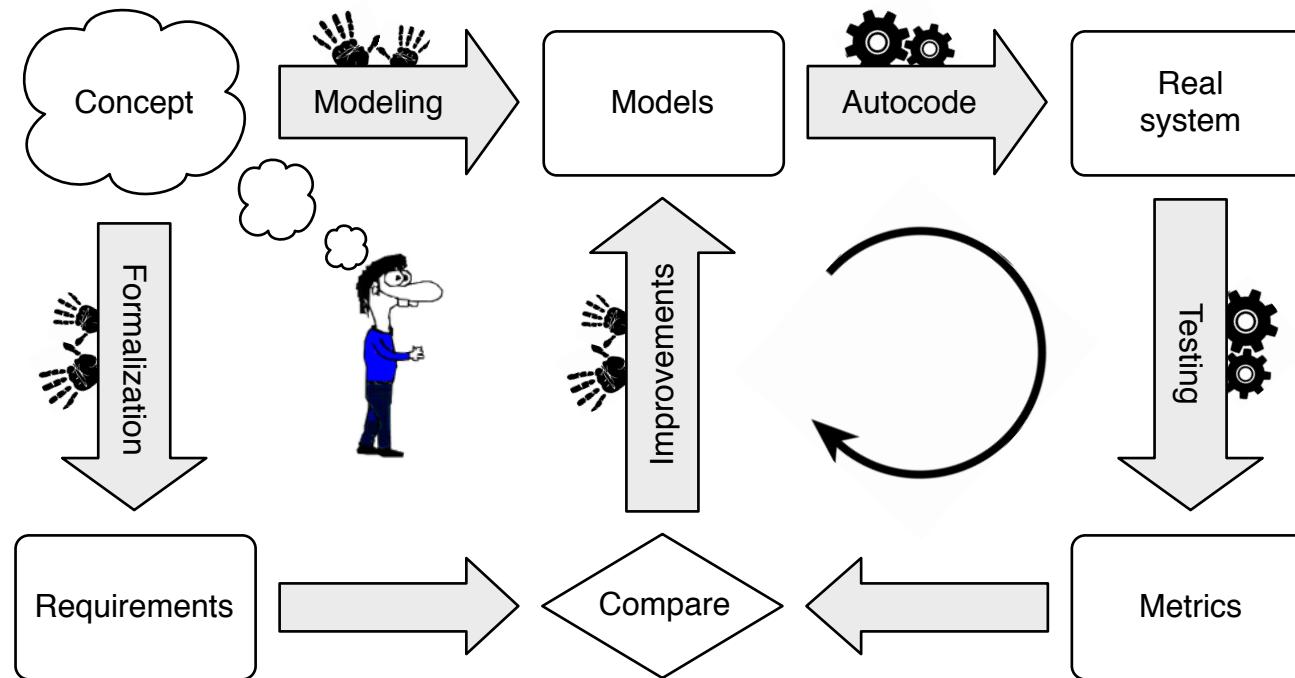
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Simplified **model-based system development** workflow:

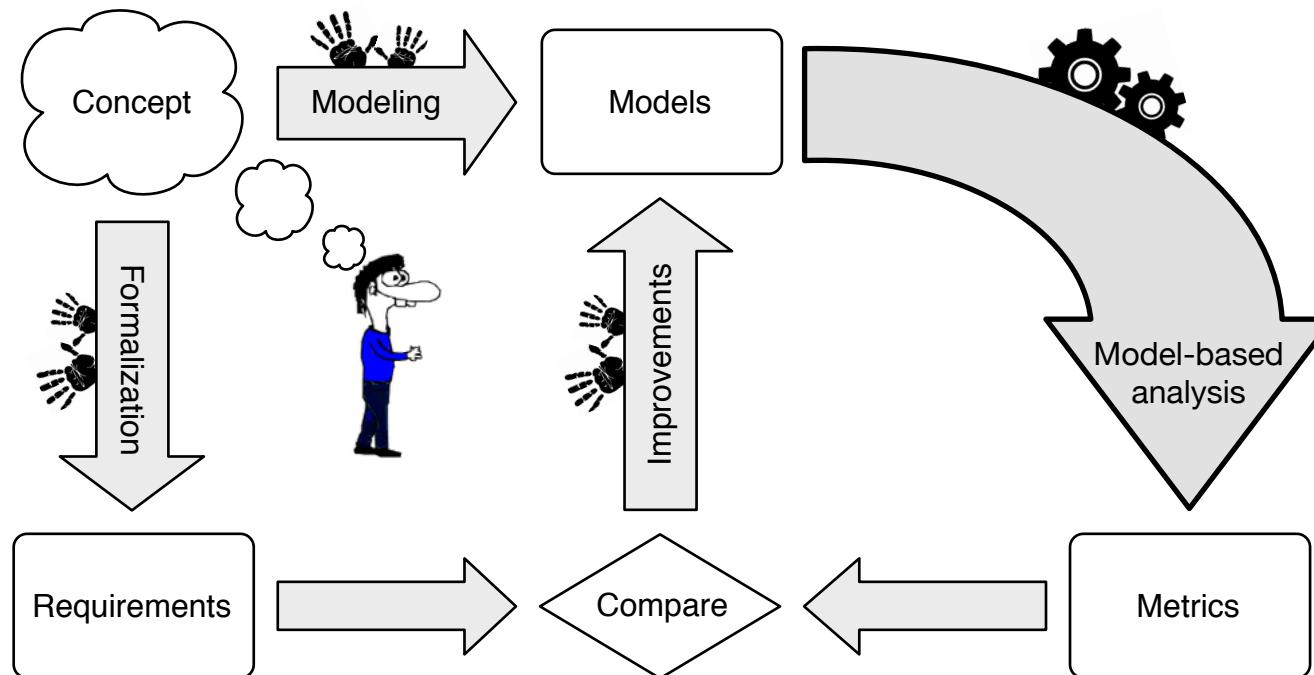


## Conventional system analysis:



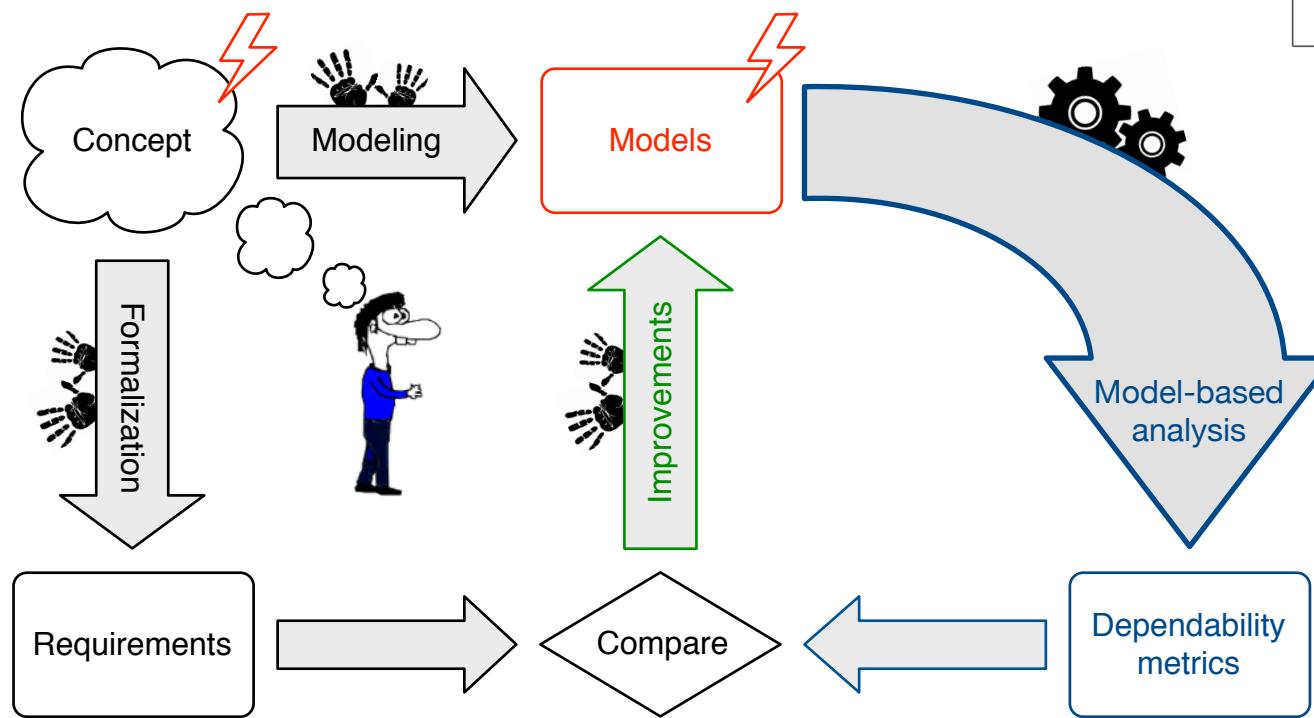
## Model-based system analysis:

To recognize system characteristics and inherent shortcomings in the early design stages in order to provide optimized design solutions.



## Model-based **dependability** analysis:

To analyze and quantify the impact of threats on system operation as basis for design optimizations towards better **dependability**

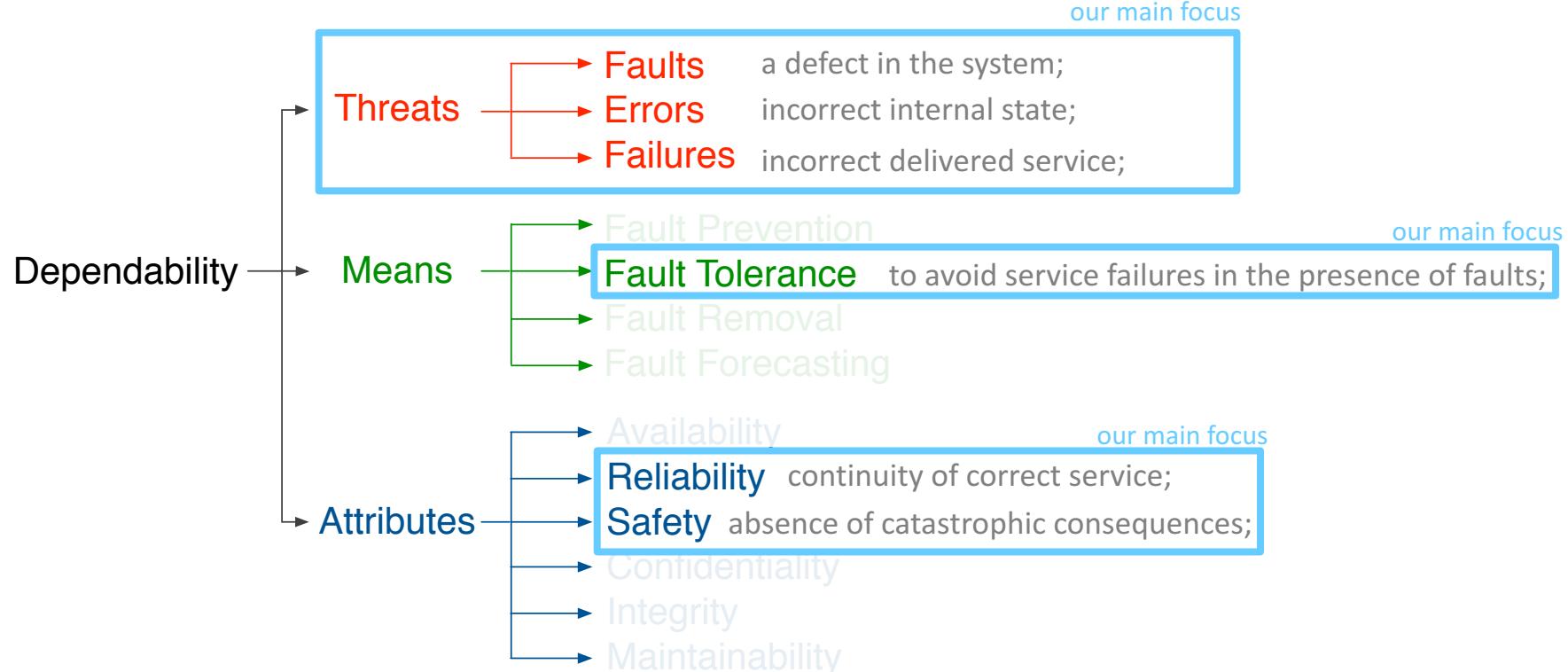


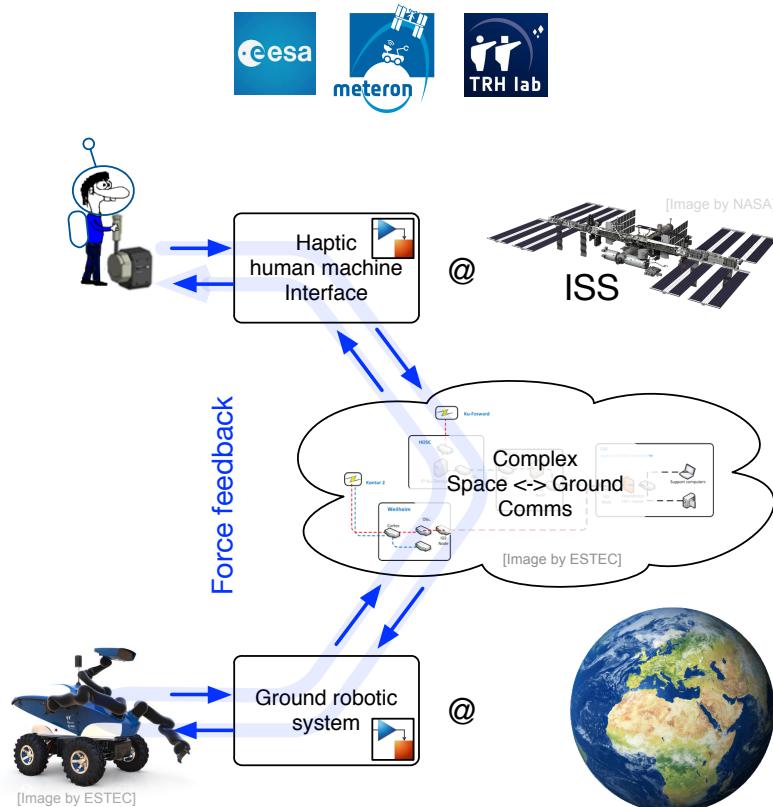
**Dependability:** The trustworthiness of a system such that reliance can justifiably be placed on the service it delivers.

[J. C. Laprie, A. Avizienis, and H. Kopetz. Dependability: Basic Concepts and Terminology. Springer-Verlag, Secaucus, NJ, USA, 1992.]

## Terminology

Laprie[1992]





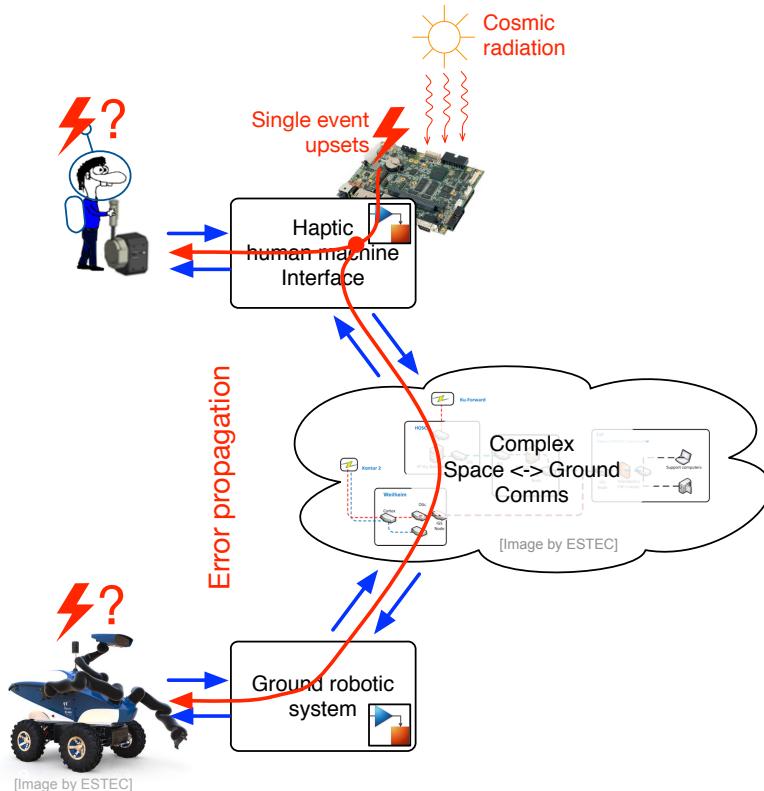
## Recent project:

### Robot control system:

- Distributed, space to ground
- Haptic telemanipulation
- Software, hardware, network
- Model-based design with Simulink

Astronaut Andreas Mogensen controls a ground rover from space  
07.09.2015.  
[Video from ESA YouTube channel]

## Fault model:

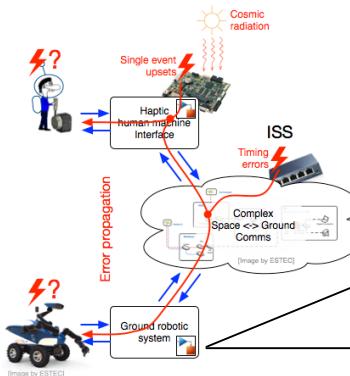


**Single event upset (SEU)** – an ionizing particle hits a micro electronic device (CPU, RAM) causing a bit-flip, and leading to silent data corruption (**data error**).

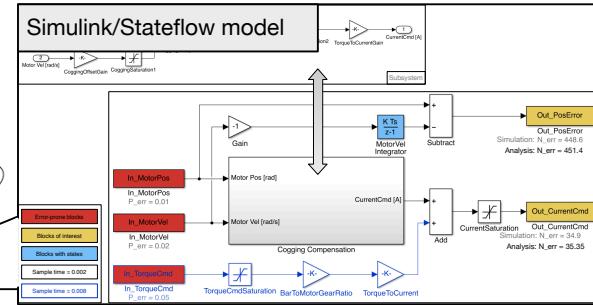


SEUs detected in Columbus Mass Memory Units of the International Space Station.

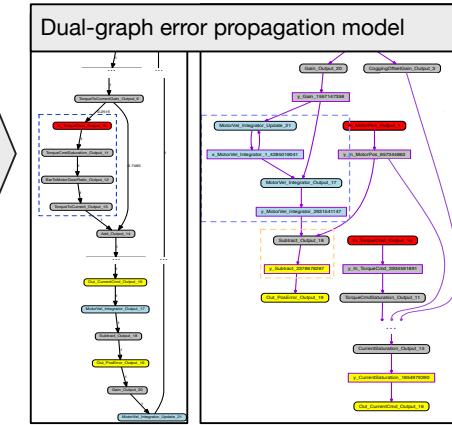
[Ivano Verzola, Anne-Emmanuelle Lagny, and Janos Biswas, A Predictive Approach to Failure Estimation and Identification for Space Systems Operations. SpaceOps 2014 Conference. Pasadena, CA.]



**Baseline system model:**

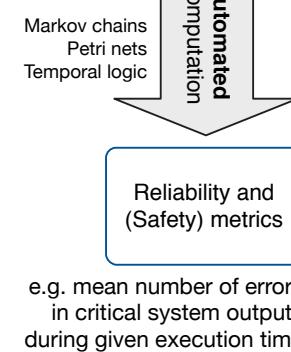


**Analytical model:**



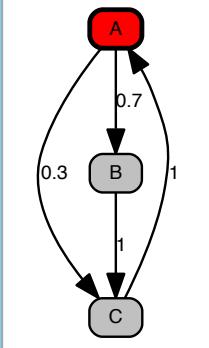
## Error propagation analysis:

- Central part: stochastic dual-graph error propagation model (DEPM).
- Automatic generation of the DEPM from different baseline system models including Simulink.
- Optimized, automatic computation of reliability metrics of the system based on the DEPM.

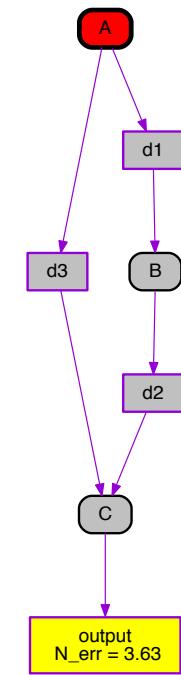


## Dual-graph error propagation model (DEPM)

Control flow graph



Data flow graph



### Component-level reliability properties

*Conditions of element A*

**if** (True):  
**then** (d1=ok)&&(d2=ok) **with pr** 0.1  
**then** (d1,error)&&(d2,error) **with pr** 0.9

*Conditions of element B*

**if** (d1==ok):  
**then** (d2=ok) **with pr** 1.0  
**if** (d1==error):  
**then** (d2=ok) **with pr** 0.9  
**then** (d2,error) **with pr** 0.1

*Conditions of element C*

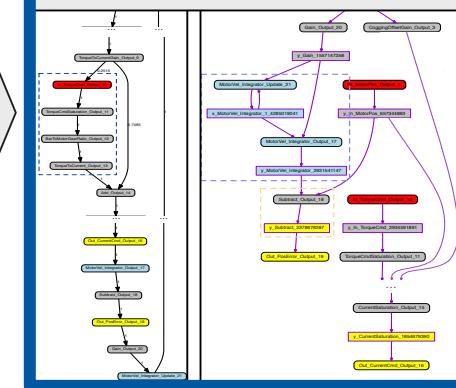
**if** (d2==ok)&&(d3 == ok):  
**then** (output=ok) **with pr** 1.0  
**if** (d2==error)||(d3 == error):  
**then** (output= error) **with pr** 0.8  
**then** (output= ok) **with pr** 0.1

*Mean number of errors in data storage output:* 3.63

[A. Morozov and K. Janschek.  
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### Analytical model:

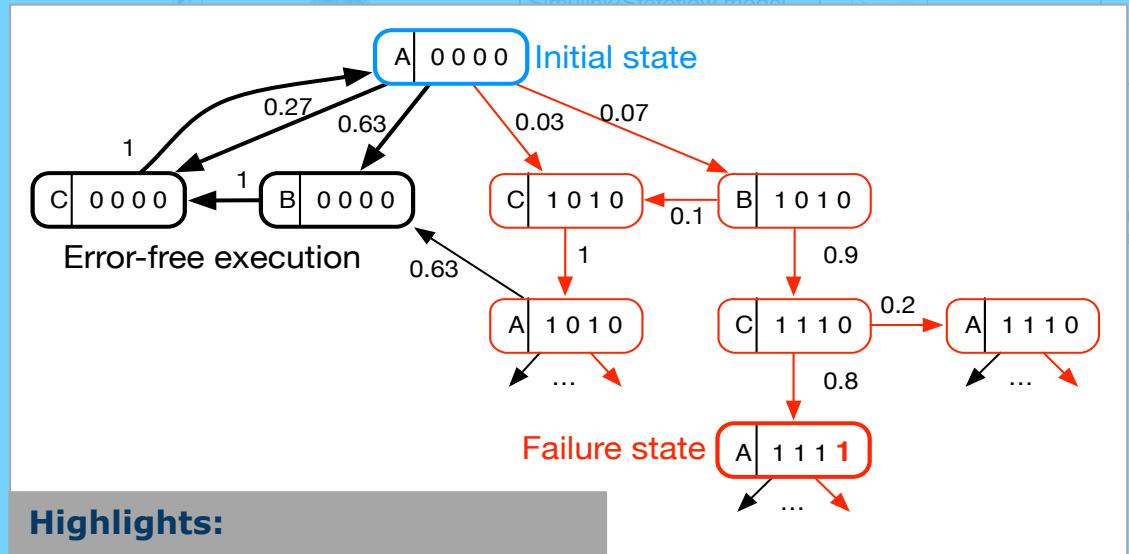
Dual-graph error propagation model



### Highlights:

- Probabilities of:
  - control flow transitions
  - faults activation
  - errors propagation
- Cycles in control and data flow graphs
- Parallel processes
- Complex hierarchical models

## Discrete time Markov models (DTMC)

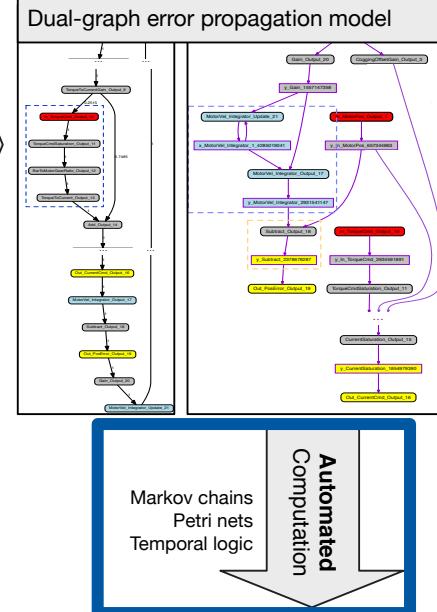


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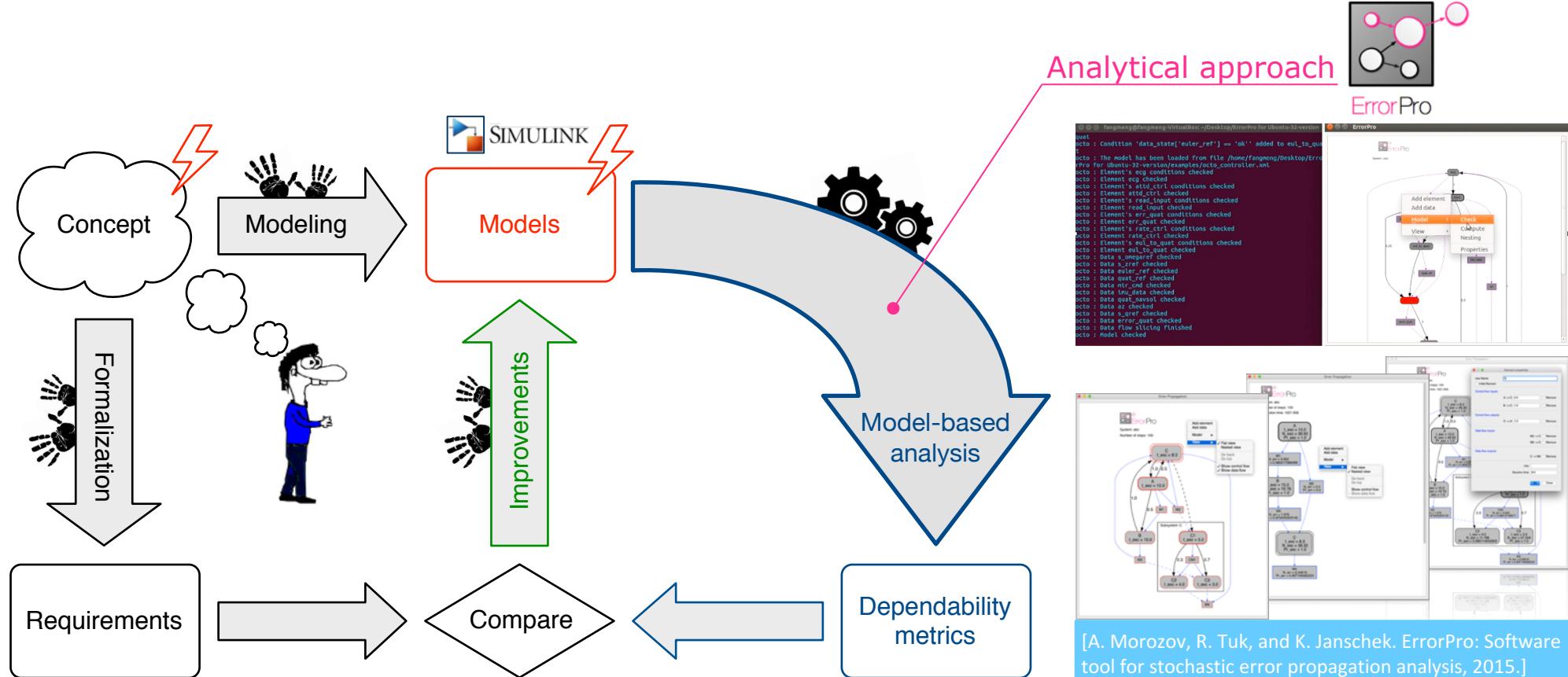
- Automatic generation and computation of DTMC models
- Petri net models for timing and parallel processes
- Optimizations: Fast solvers, nesting, data flow slicing

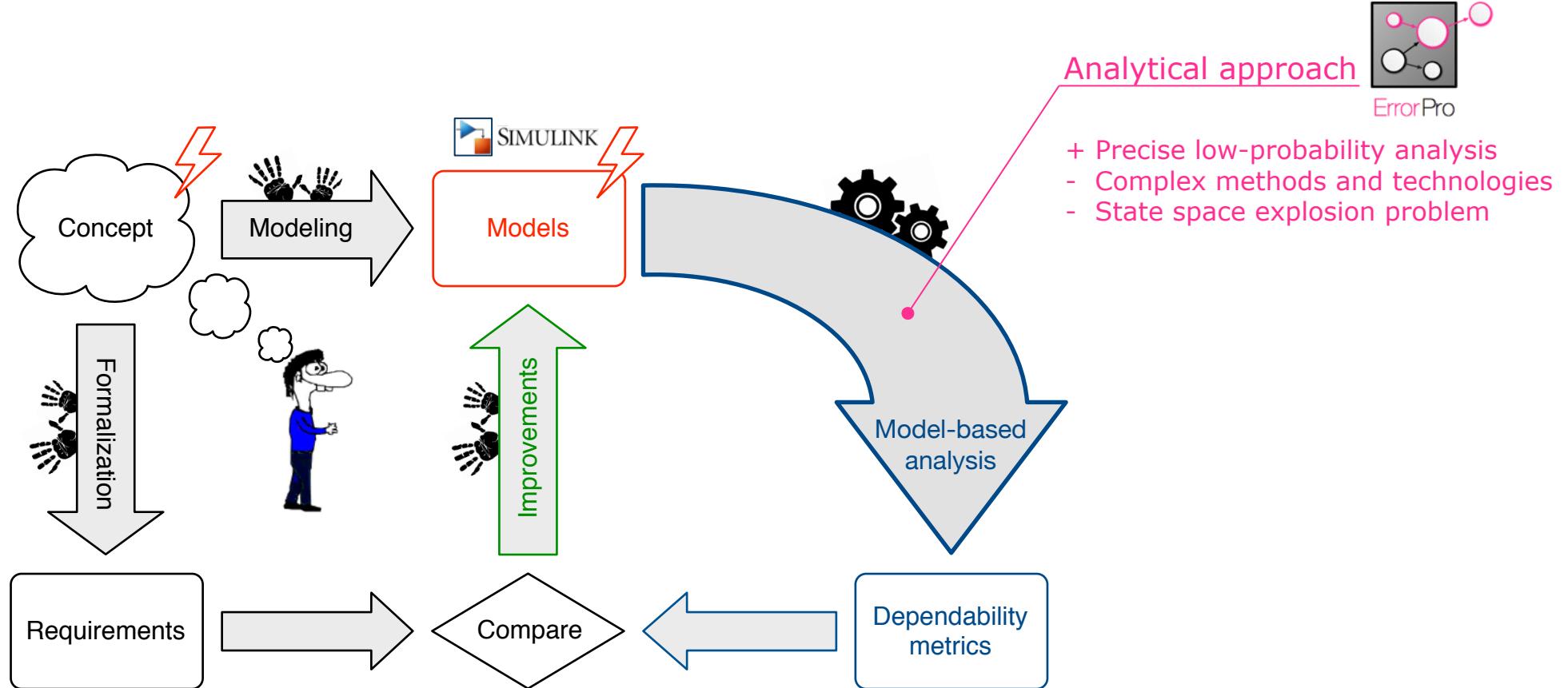
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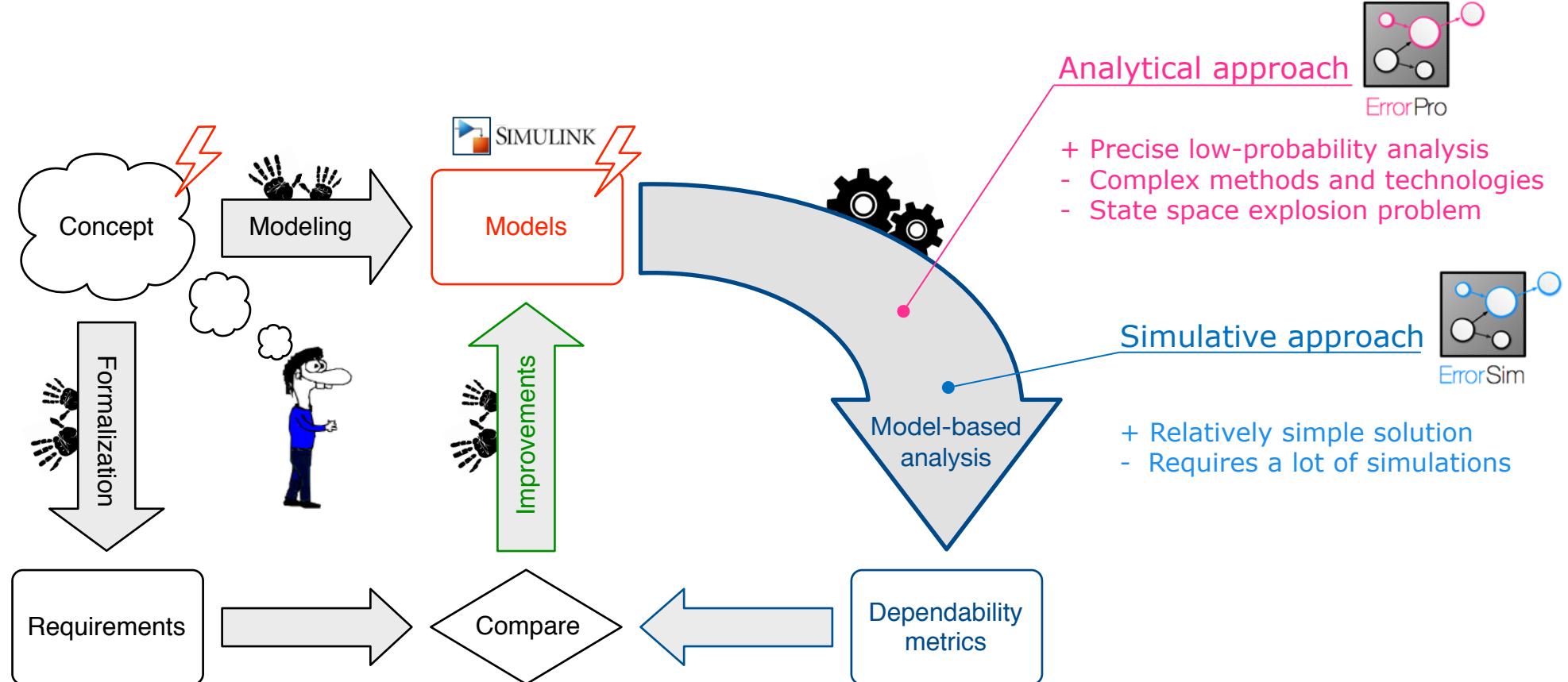
### Analytical model:



Reliability and (Safety) metrics  
e.g. mean number of errors in critical system outputs during given execution time







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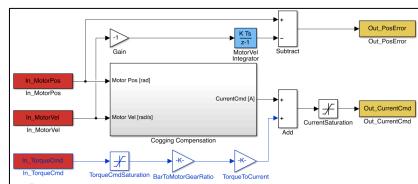
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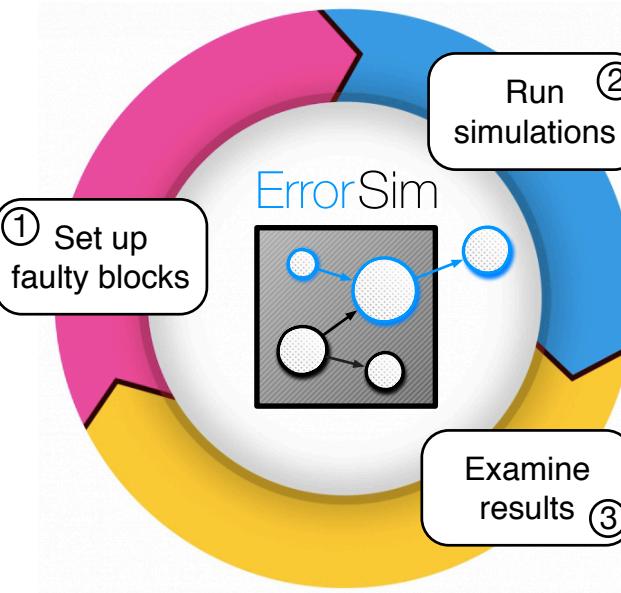
## Input:

Simulink model with highlighted blocks



**Red faulty blocks,**  
errors are injected in the  
outputs of these blocks.

**Yellow blocks of interest,**  
statistical information is  
gathered for these blocks.

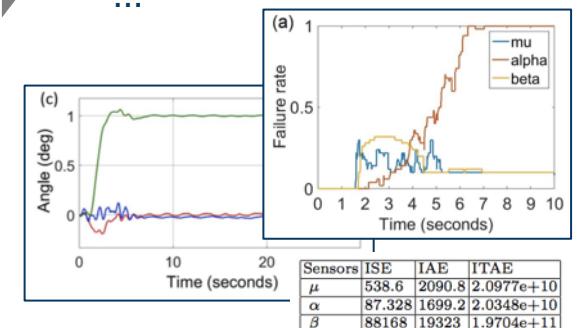


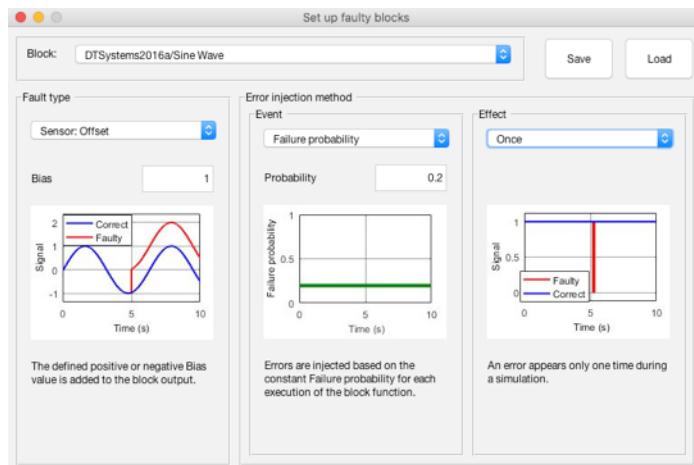
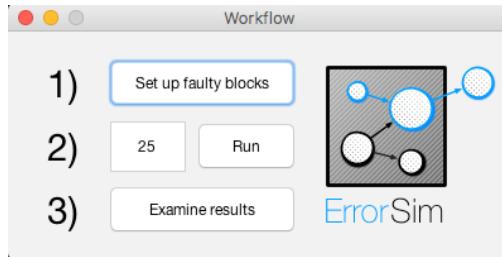
MATLAB, Simulink API, GIUDE

## Output:

Reliability metrics for  
the **blocks of interest**:

- Error plots
  - Number of errors
  - Failure rates
- ...





## Fault types

- Sensor faults
- Hardware faults
- Network faults

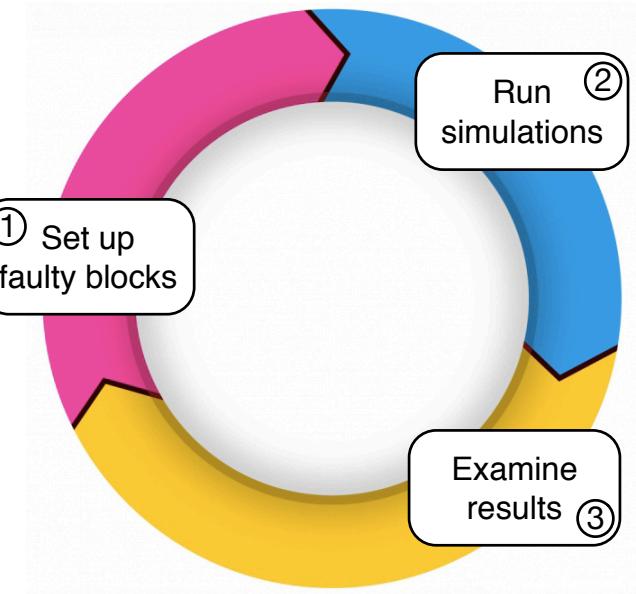
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Event (when):

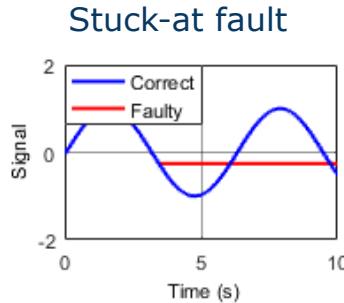
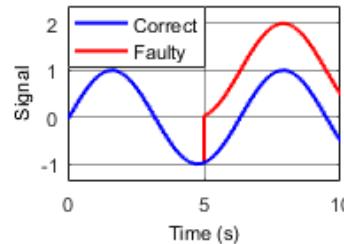
- Failure probability
- Mean Time To Failure (MTTF)
- Failure rate distribution

Effect (how long):

- Once
- Constant time
- Infinite time
- Mean Time To Repair (MTTR)

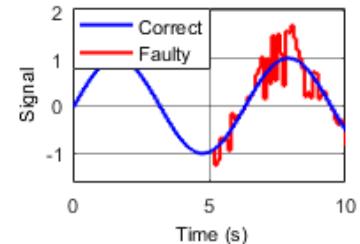


## Sensor: Offset



Fault types following the IEC 61508 standard

## Noise

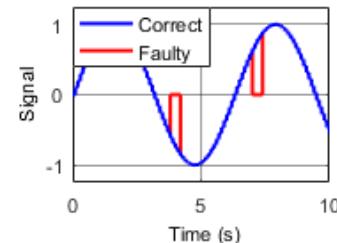


## Hardware: Bit flips

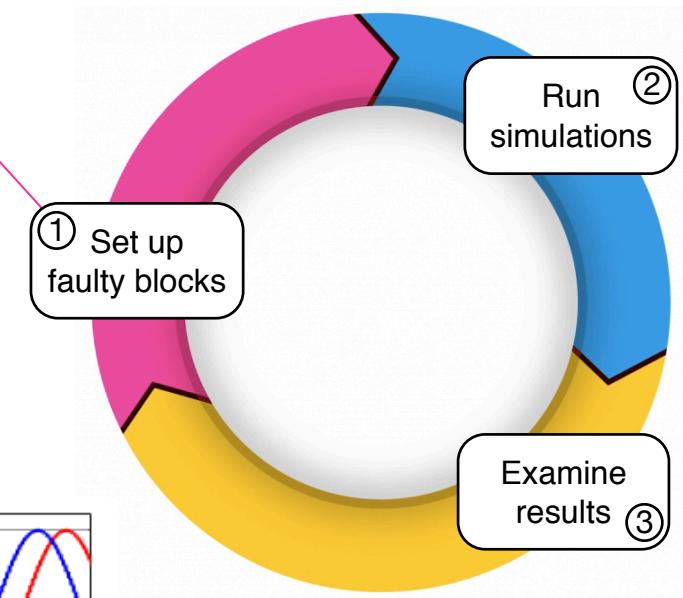
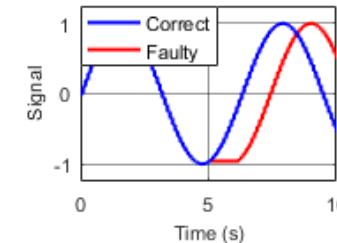
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## Network: Package drop

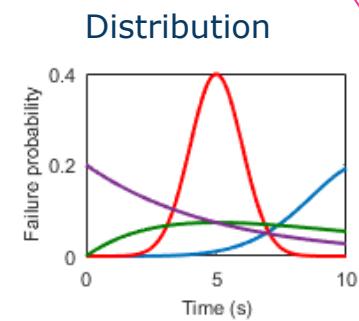
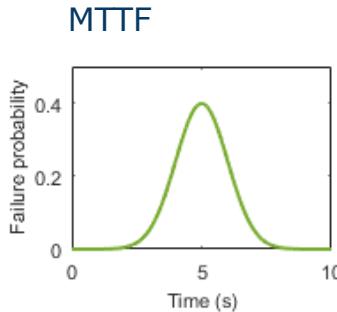
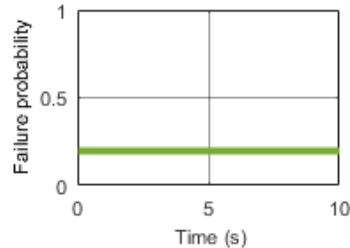


## Delay

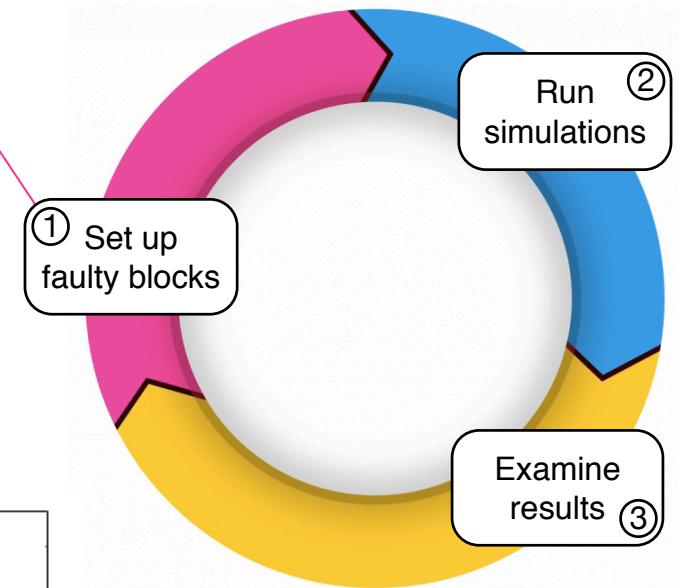
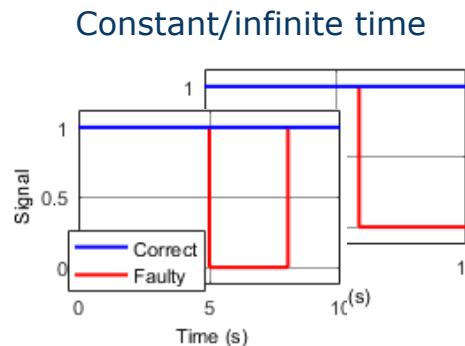
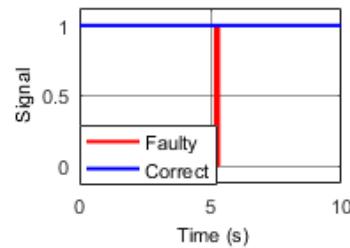


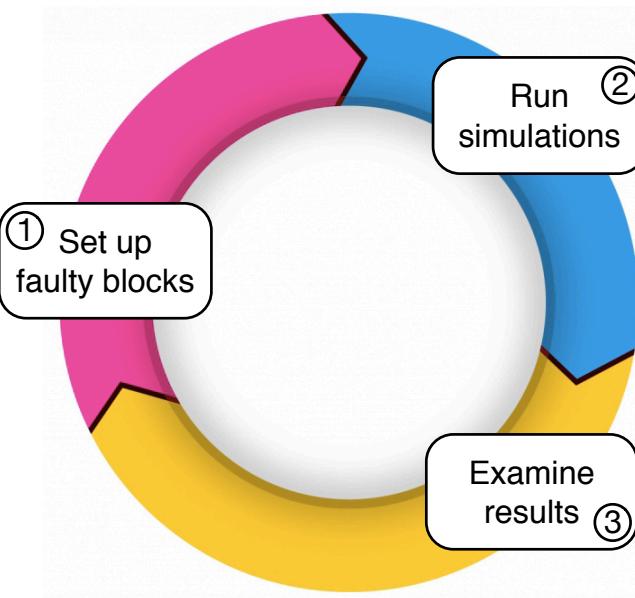
## Injection methods based on FIDES and Mil-HDBK-217

### Event: Failure probability



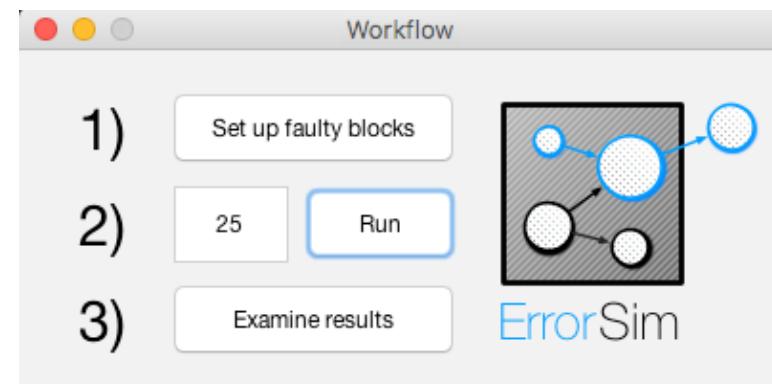
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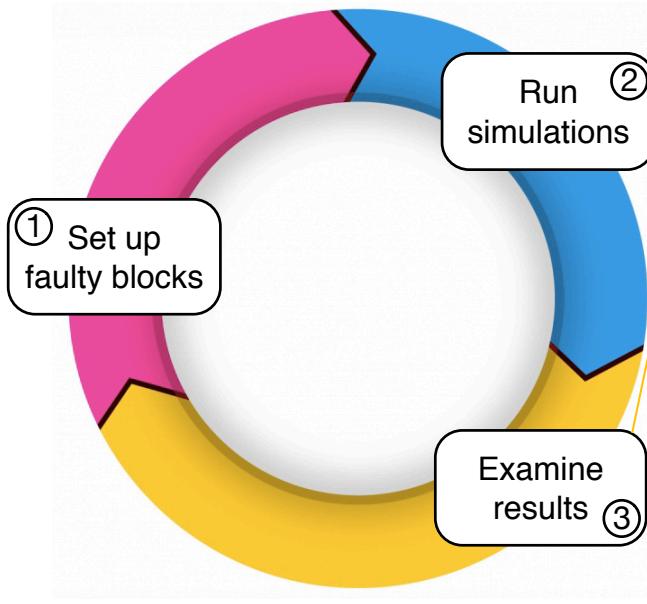




### Technical details

- Correct run
- N runs with error injections
- Model instrumentation using block function callbacks of the Simulink API





## Statistical information

### Signal values:

- Correct
- Faulty
- Error (residual)

### Reliability metrics:

- Mean number of errors and its time distribution
- Mean error value and its time distribution

### Performance indices:

- Integral squared error
- Integral absolute error
- Integral time absolute error



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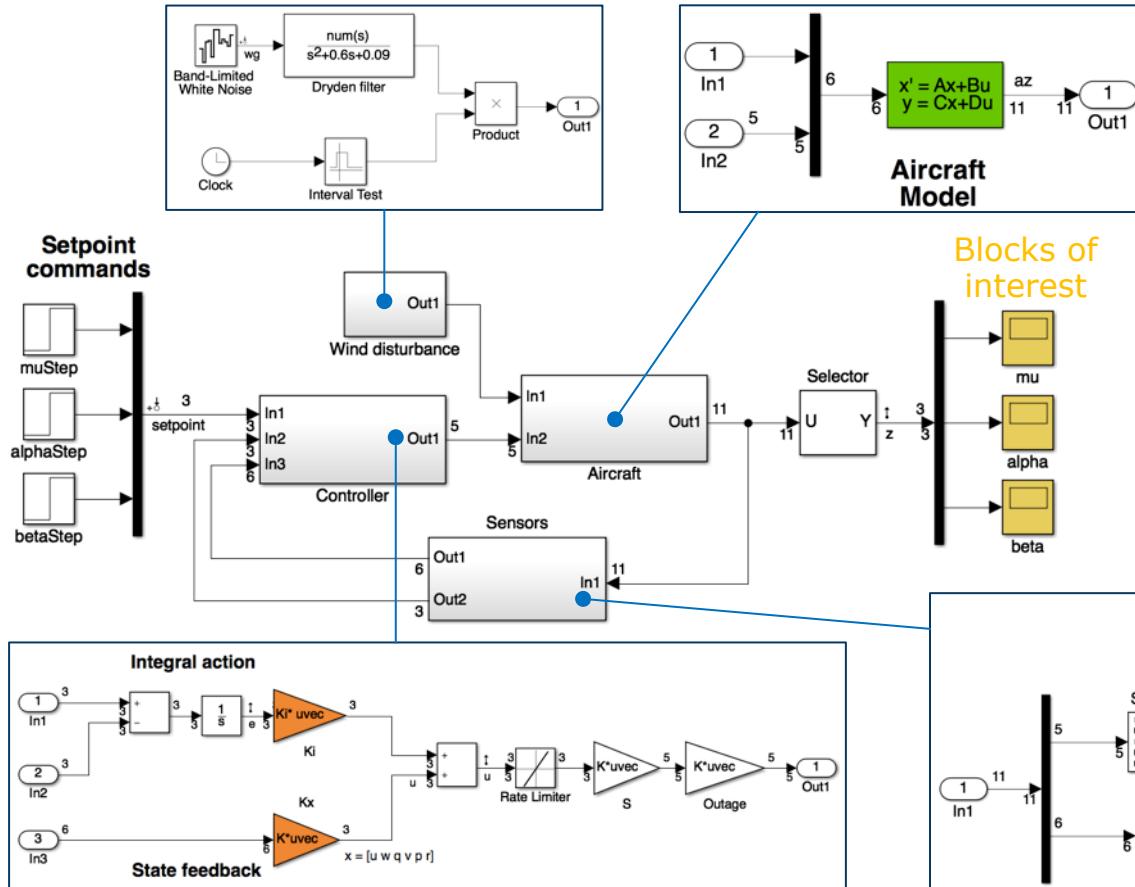
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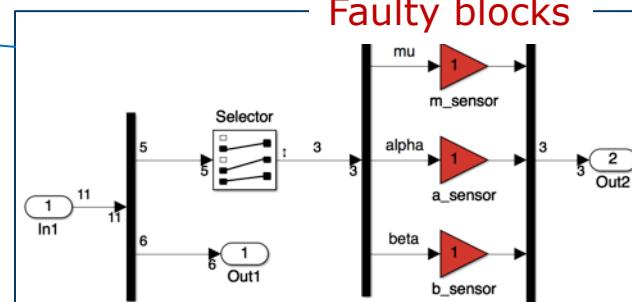
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Simulink model of a fault-tolerant control of a passenger jet:

- test and tune, state feedback parameters in order to achieve better fault tolerance;
- error injection into three sensor signals that represent  $\mu$ ,  $\alpha$ , and,  $\beta$  angles of an aircraft;
- evaluation of errors in critical outputs.

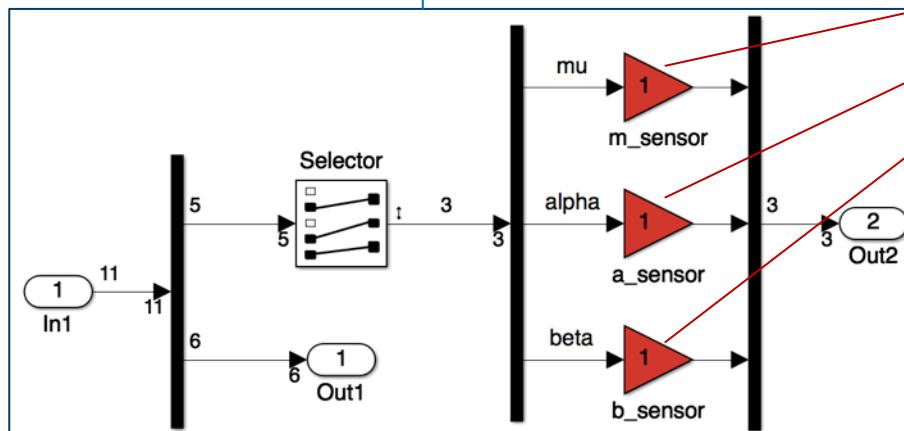
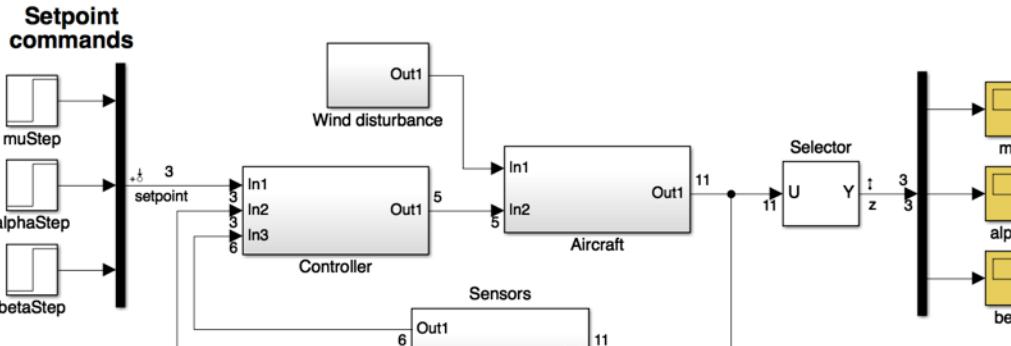
## Faulty blocks



[Mathworks: Fault-tolerant control of a passenger jet - Matlab Simulink example, 2016]

[M. Saraoğlu, A. Morozov, M. Turan Soylemez and K. Janschek. ErrorSim: a Tool for Error Propagation Analysis of Simulink Models, SafeComp 2017]

# Case study: Experiments



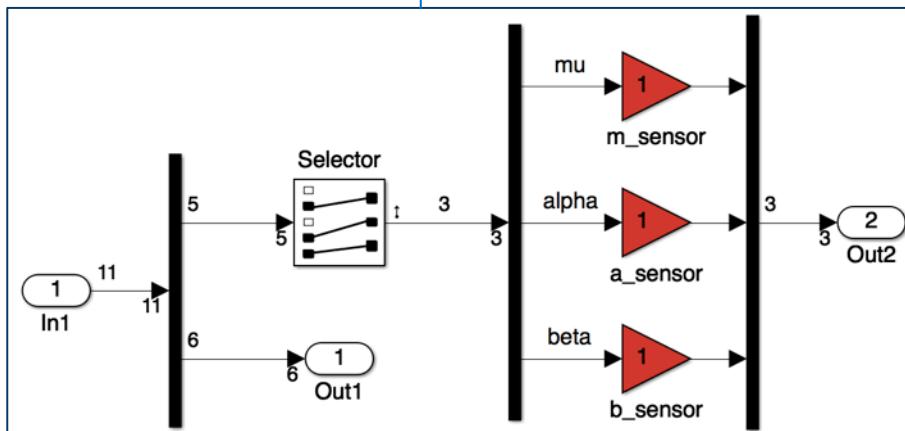
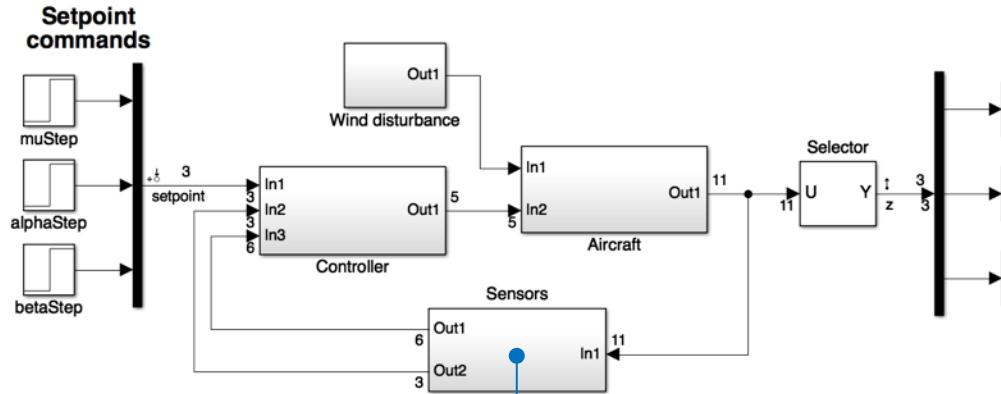
Three experiments with various fault types and injection methods from light to more severe:

Experiment 1			
Sensors	Fault type	Fault injection method	
		Event	Effect
• $\mu$	Oscillation, %10	Failure probability, 0.03	Constant time, 1s
• $\alpha$	Offset, +0.05	MTTF, 10s	Constant time, 0.2s
• $\beta$	Stuck-at fault	Failure probability, 0.05	MTTR, 2s

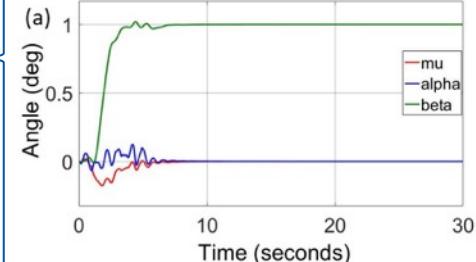
Experiment 2			
Sensors	Fault type	Fault injection method	
		Event	Effect
$\mu$	Oscillation, %20	Failure probability, 0.1	Constant time, 1s
$\alpha$	Offset, +0.05	MTTF, 4s	Constant time, 1s
$\beta$	Stuck-at fault	Failure probability, 0.05	MTTR, 2s

Experiment 3			
Sensors	Fault type	Fault injection method	
		Event	Effect
$\mu$	Oscillation, %20	Failure probability, 0.1	Constant time, 1s
$\alpha$	Offset, +0.05	MTTF, 4s	Constant time, 1s
$\beta$	Stuck-at fault	Failure probability, 0.05	MTTR, 5s

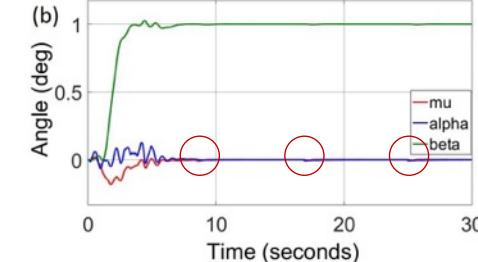
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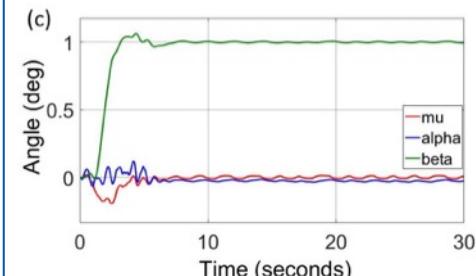
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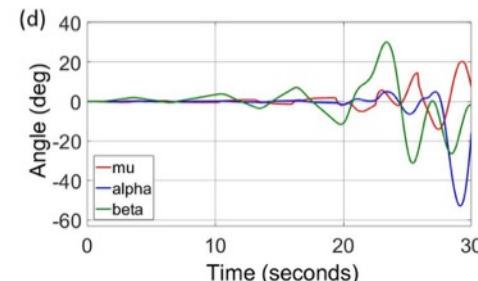
Experiment 1:  
Eventual deteriorations



Experiment 2:  
Minor continuous deteriorations



Experiment 3:  
Unstable behavior



## Achieved results:

- New lightweight tool for error analysis of Simulink models
- Various fault types based on IEC 61508
- Various fault injection methods based on FIDES and Mil-HDBK-217
- Reported reliability metrics suitable for RAMS analysis of a complete system

## Future challenges:

- Performance evaluation and optimization
- Automatic report generation for FTA/FMEA
- Integration into industrial development processes.

# Thank you!

We are looking for partners for further development and integration of the ErrorSim into industrial processes.

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