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Why do we need reliability analyses?

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One bit-flip in a 1 MB SRAM every 10¹² hours of operation 0.5 billion cars with an average daily operation time of 5% About 5000 cars are affected by a bit-flip every day







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Industry:

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Safety certification

- Reliability thresholds
- < 10⁻⁹ failures/hour

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Autonomous CPS landscape is **changing! New reliability analyses** are necessary.

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COTS hardware

(inexpensive, but unreliable)

Inadequate resources

(developer hours, computing power, component costs)

Time-to-market pressures

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Periodic tasks and messages







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For processors and switches **Poisson(n, \delta, \lambda_{crash})** = Pr(n crashes in an interval of length δ l crash rate λ_{crash})

For processors, switches, and network links

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Goal: PUB > Pr (iteration failure)







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Example!











































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Key idea 1: Tackle scalability through abstraction and pruning

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The problem of reliability anomalies



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Scalability challenges Key idea 1: Tackle scalability through abstraction and pruning **Reliability anomalies** Key idea 2: Ensure monotonicity to eliminate anomalies









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Simplistic approach

$P_{UB} + \Delta > Pr$ (iteration failure)

Assumption:

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FITUB > **FIT**control-system





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Temporal robustness as per (2, 3) constraint

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Predictable Resource Allocation

TBest Student Paper Award

Swayam Autoscaler [Middleware '17]

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