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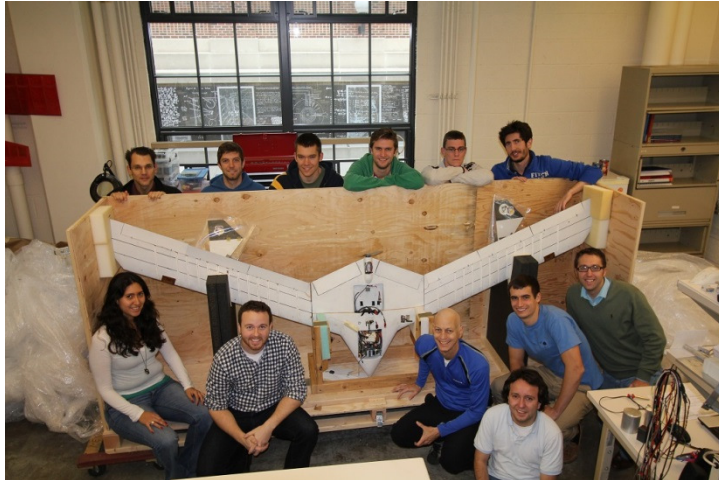
# Design and Analysis of Safety Critical Systems

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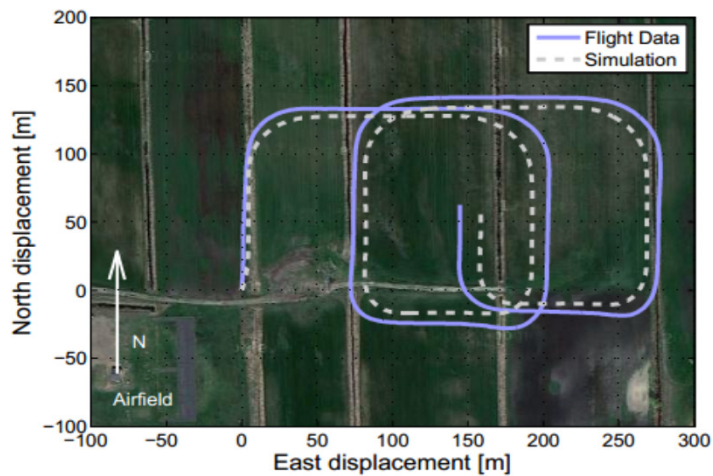
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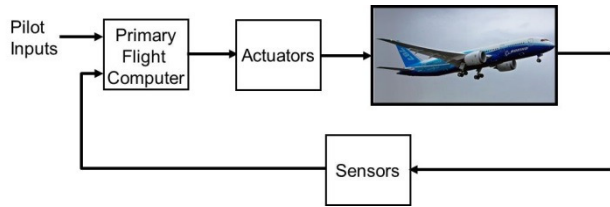


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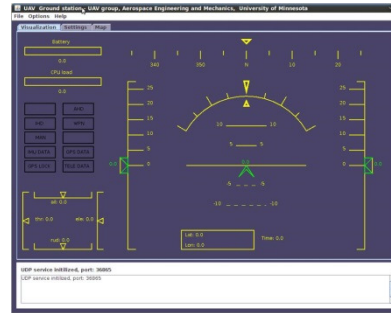


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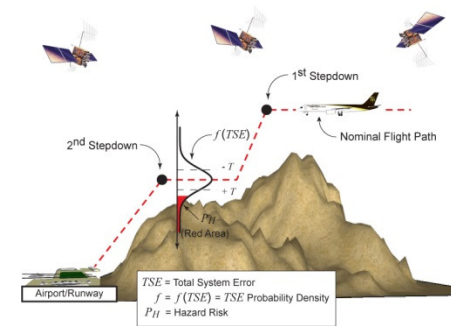
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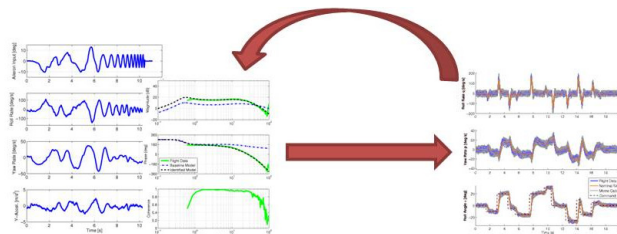
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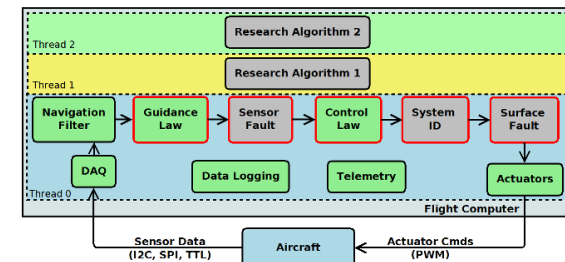
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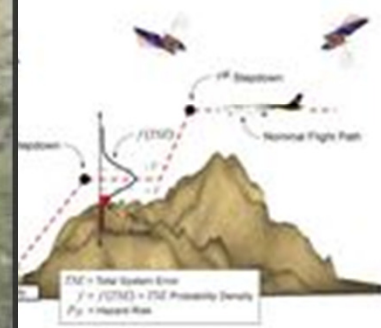
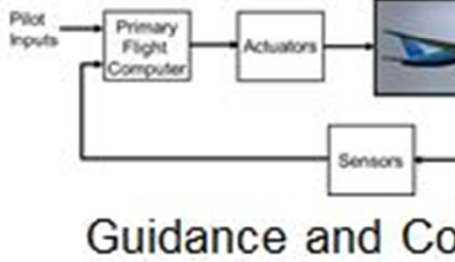


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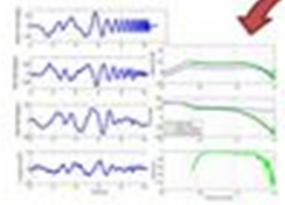


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## Systems Design and Reliability



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# Recent Policy Changes

H. R. 658

One Hundred Twelfth Congress  
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AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,  
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**Increased reliability  
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**SEC. 332. INTEGRATION OF CIVIL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS  
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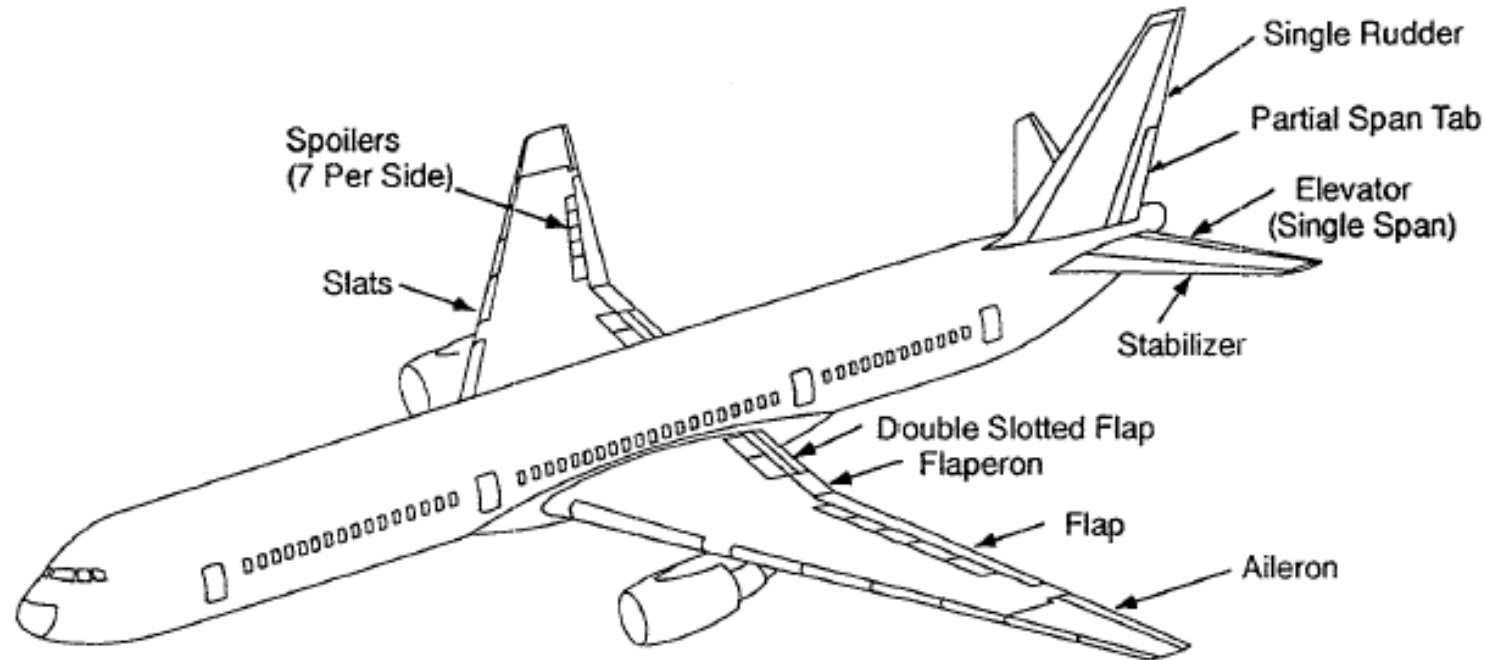


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- 301-440 seats
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- Ref: Y.C. Yeh, "Triple-triple redundant 777 primary flight computer," 1996.

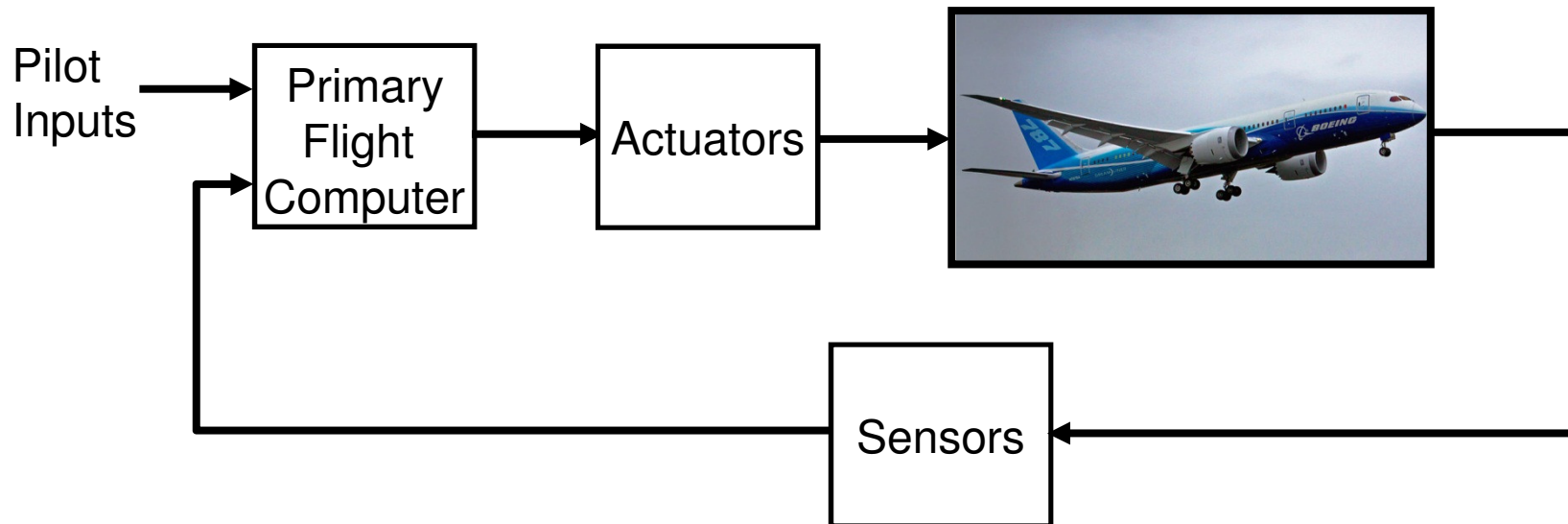


# 777 Primary Flight Control Surfaces [Yeh, 96]



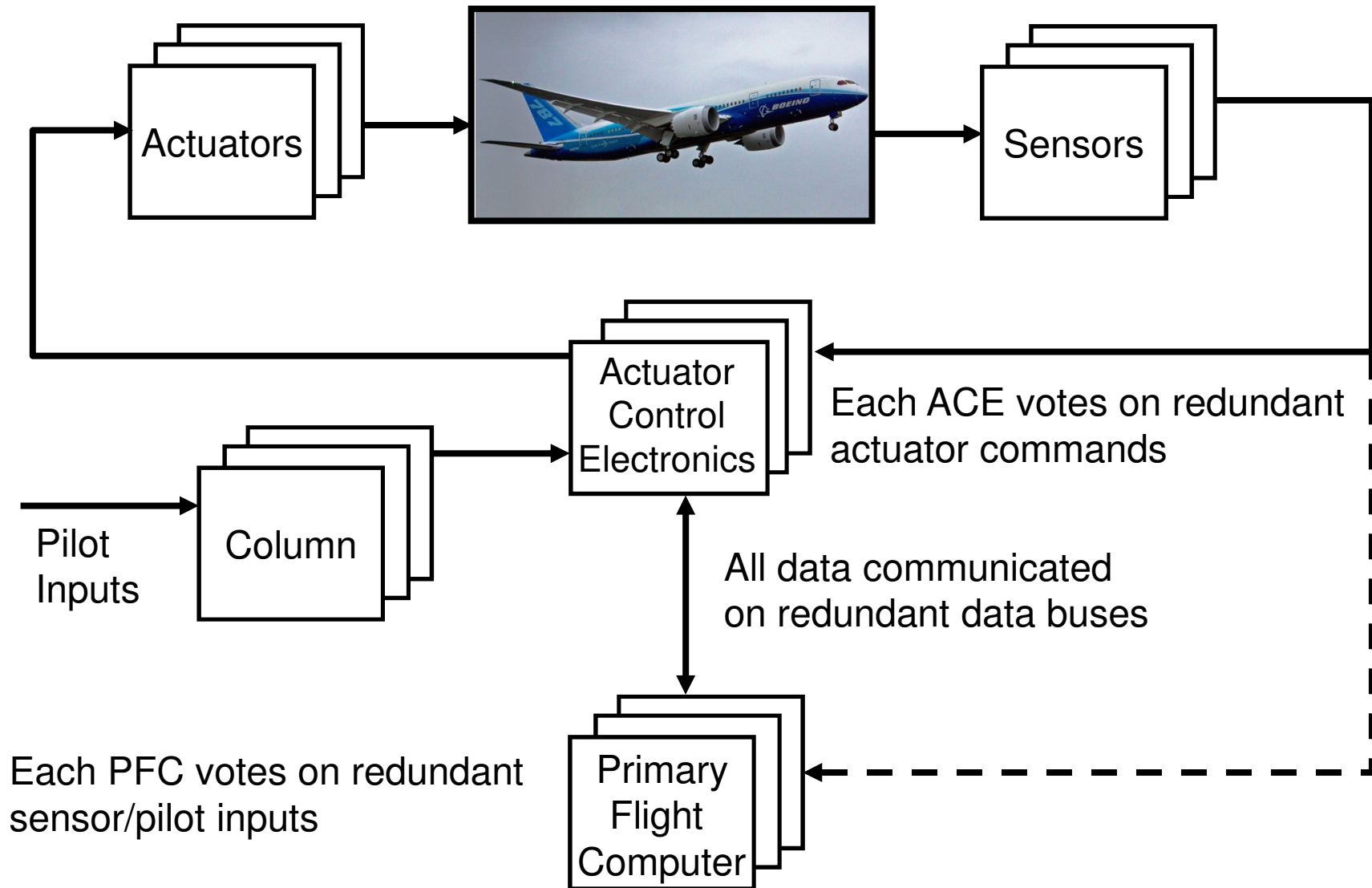
- Advantages of fly-by-wire:
  - Increased performance (e.g. reduced drag with smaller rudder), increased functionality (e.g. “soft” envelope protection), reduced weight, lower recurring costs, and possibility of sidesticks.
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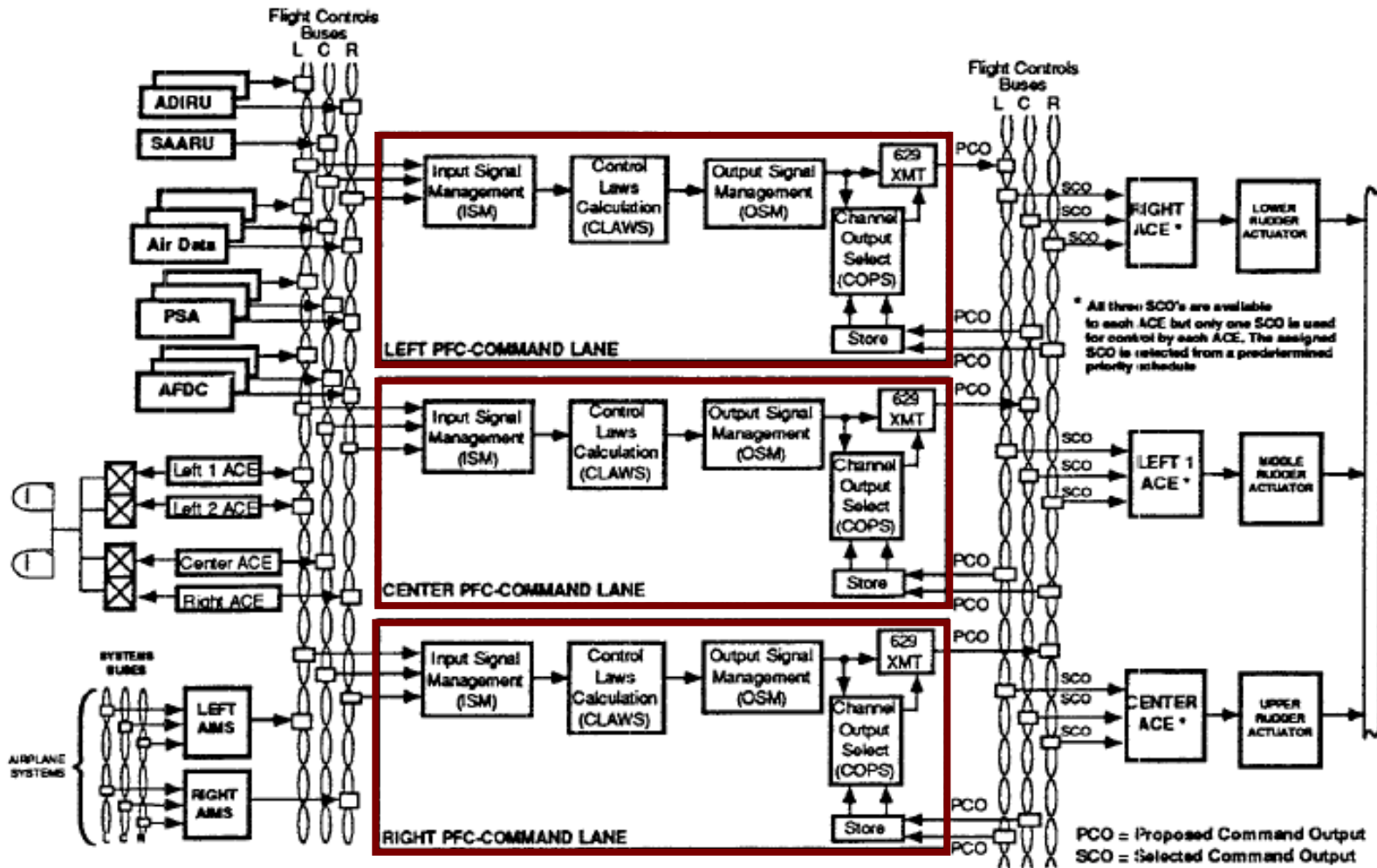


Reliable implementation of this classical feedback loop adds many layers of complexity.

# Triplex Control System Architecture



# 777 Triple-Triple Architecture [Yeh, 96]

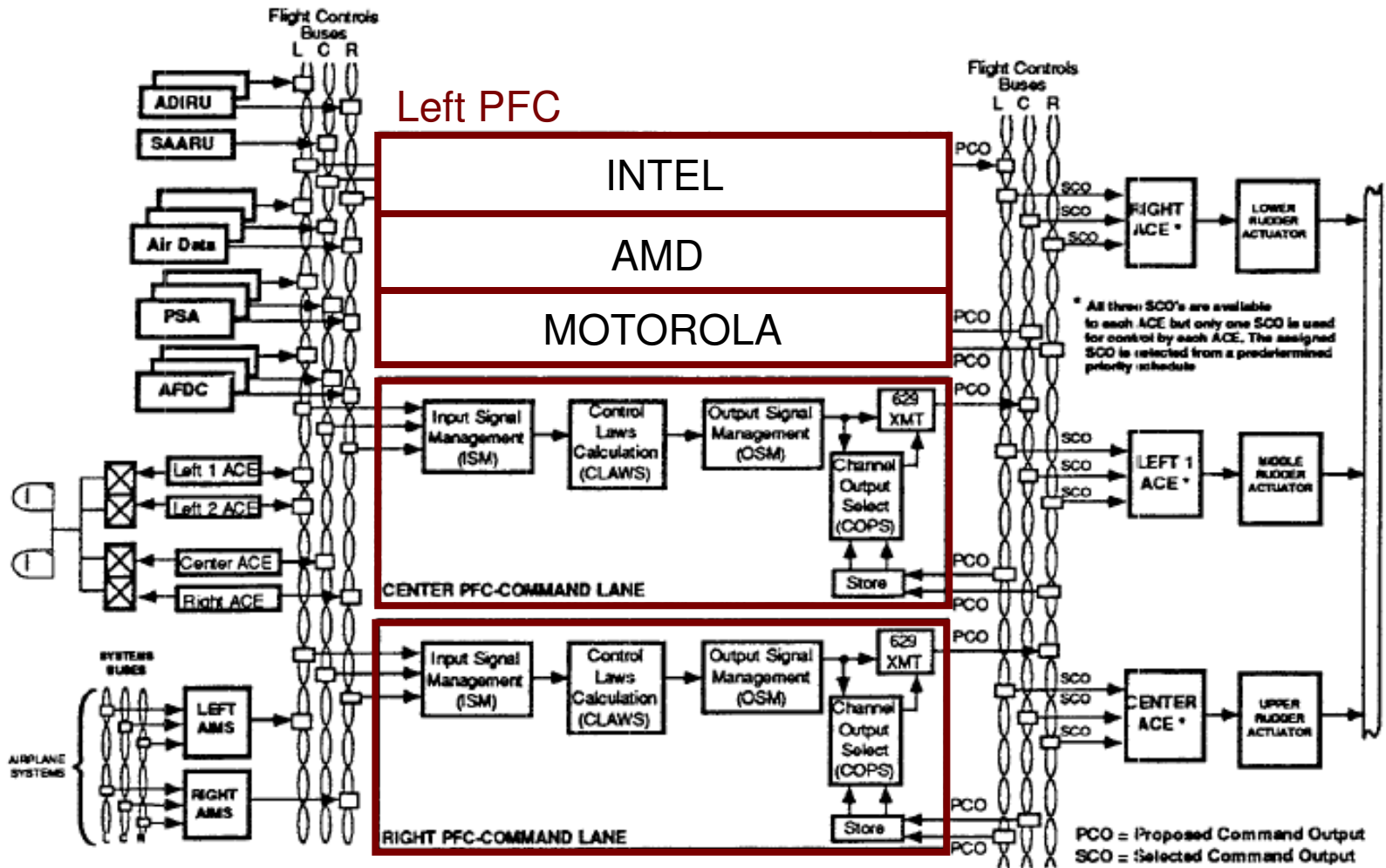


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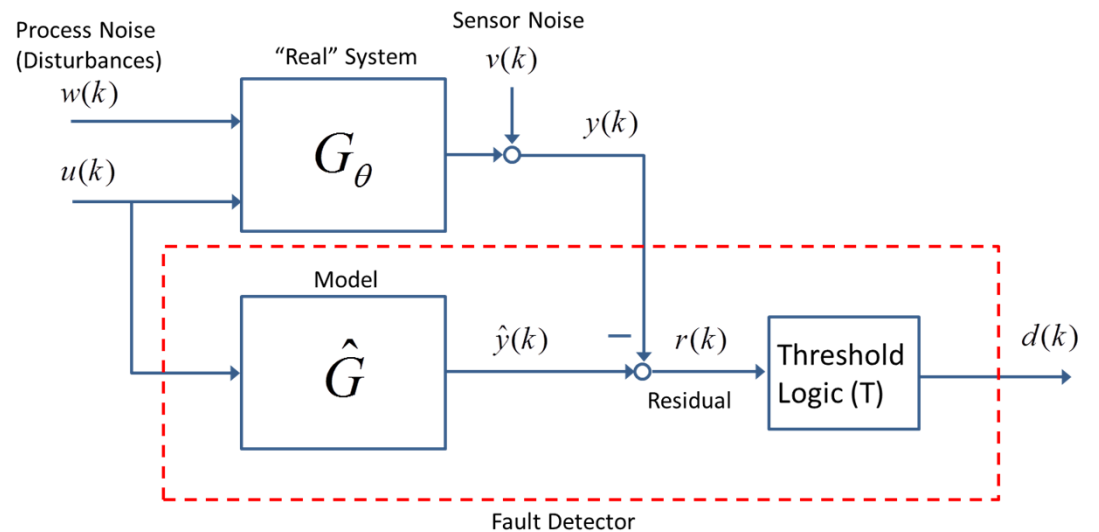


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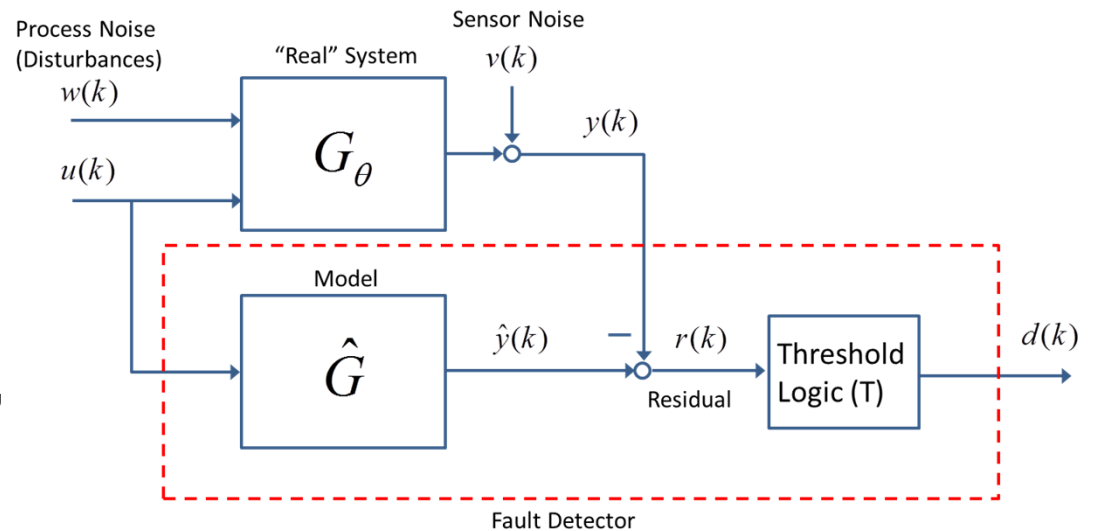


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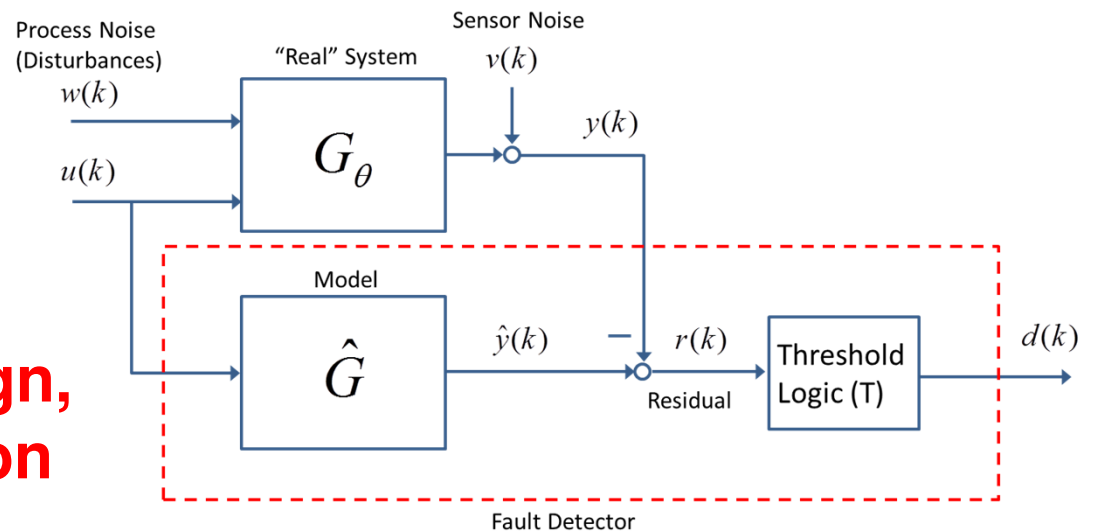


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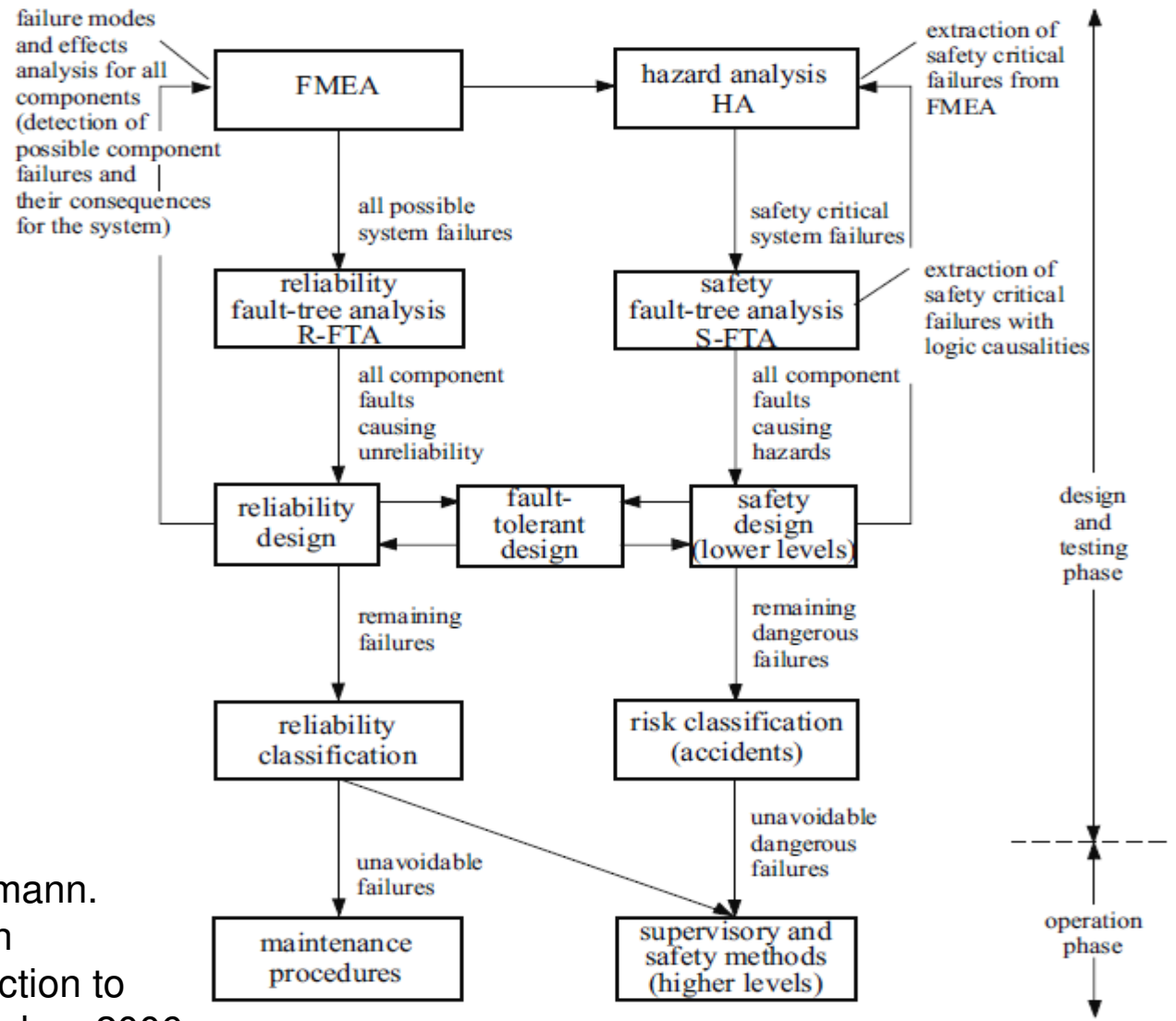


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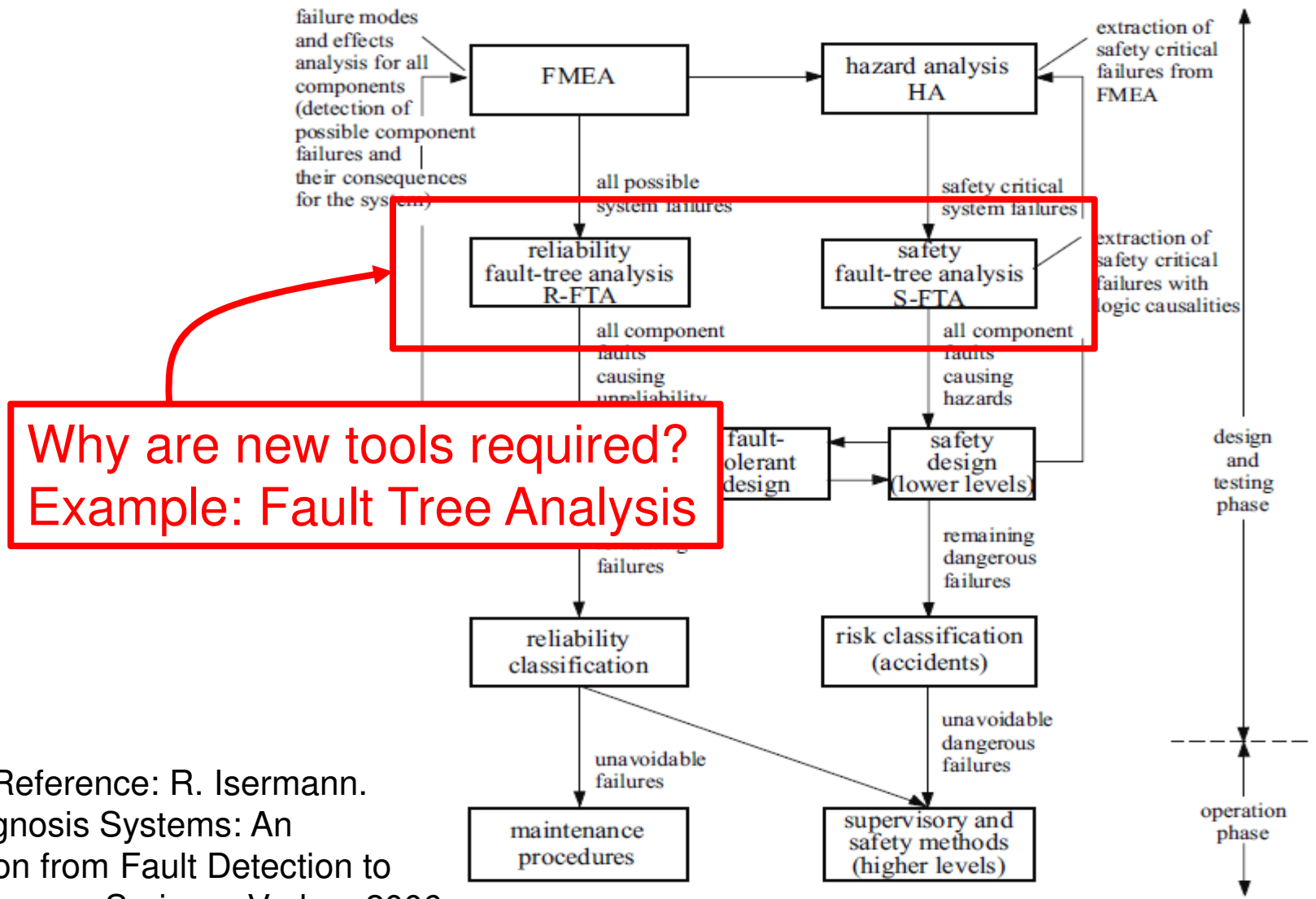
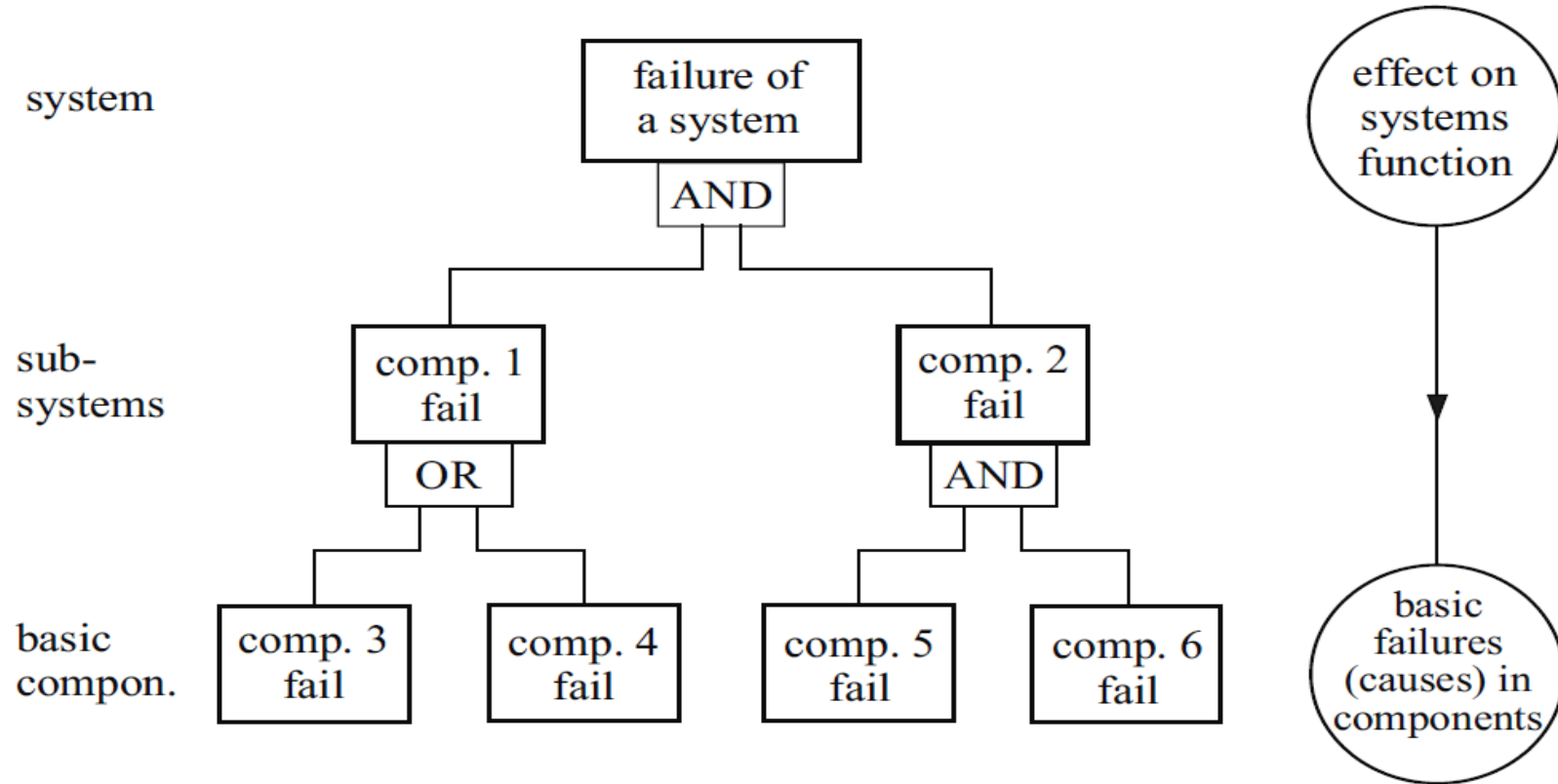
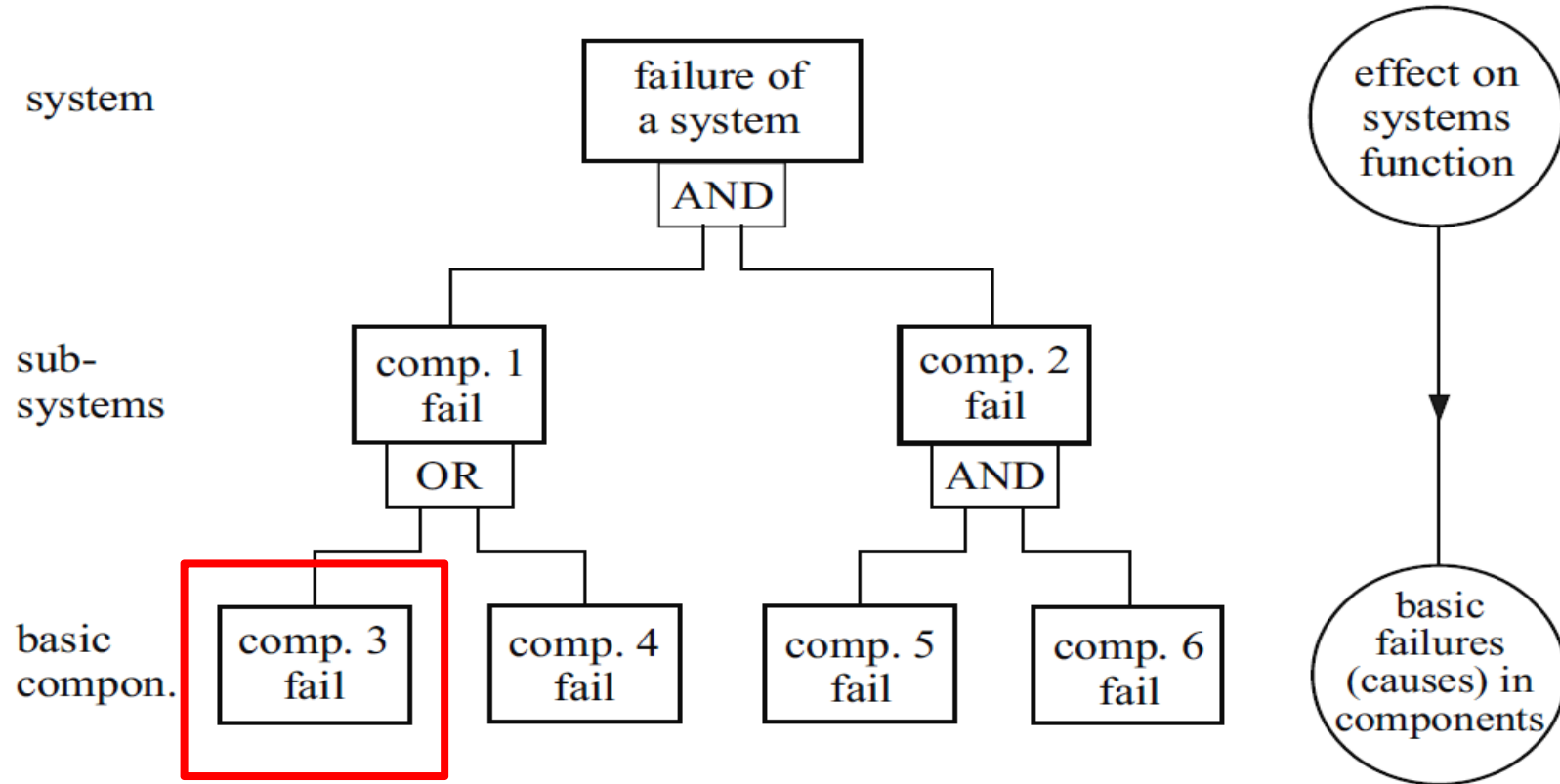


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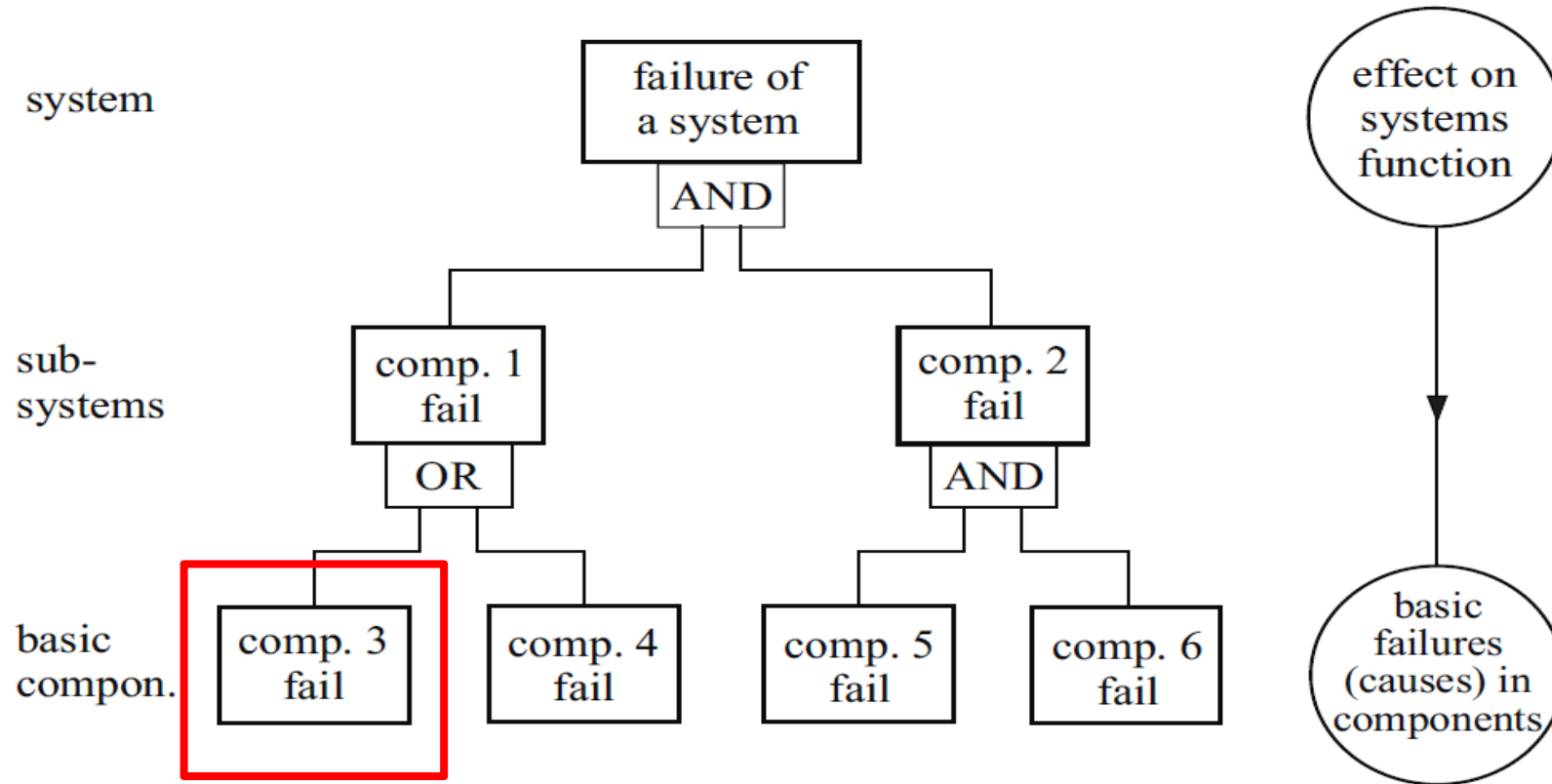


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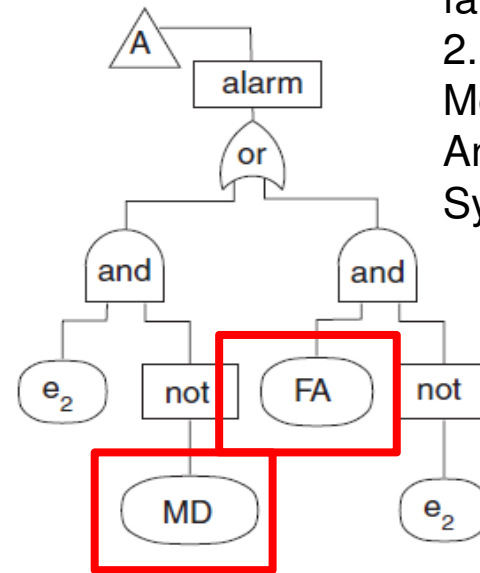
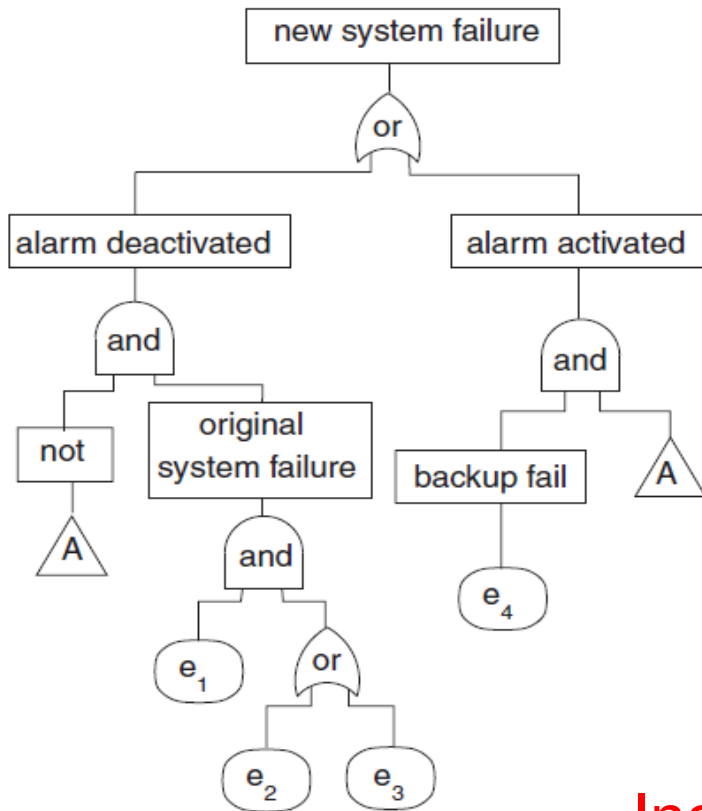


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Model-based fault detection introduces new failure models (false alarms, missed detections, etc.)



# Extended Fault Tree Analysis

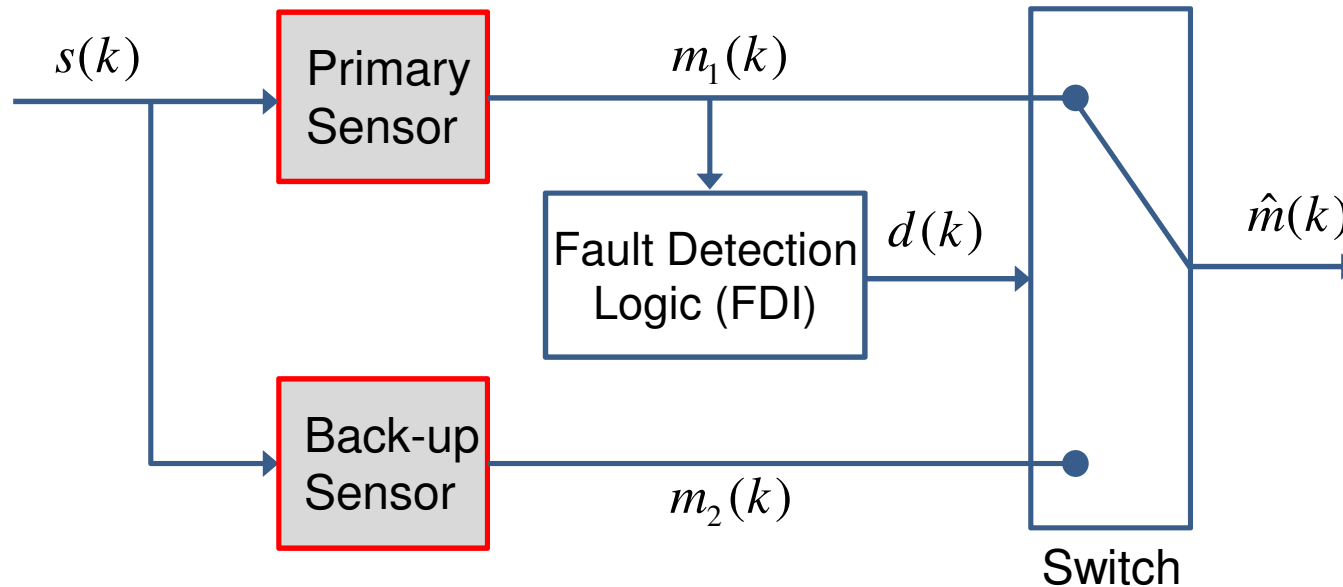


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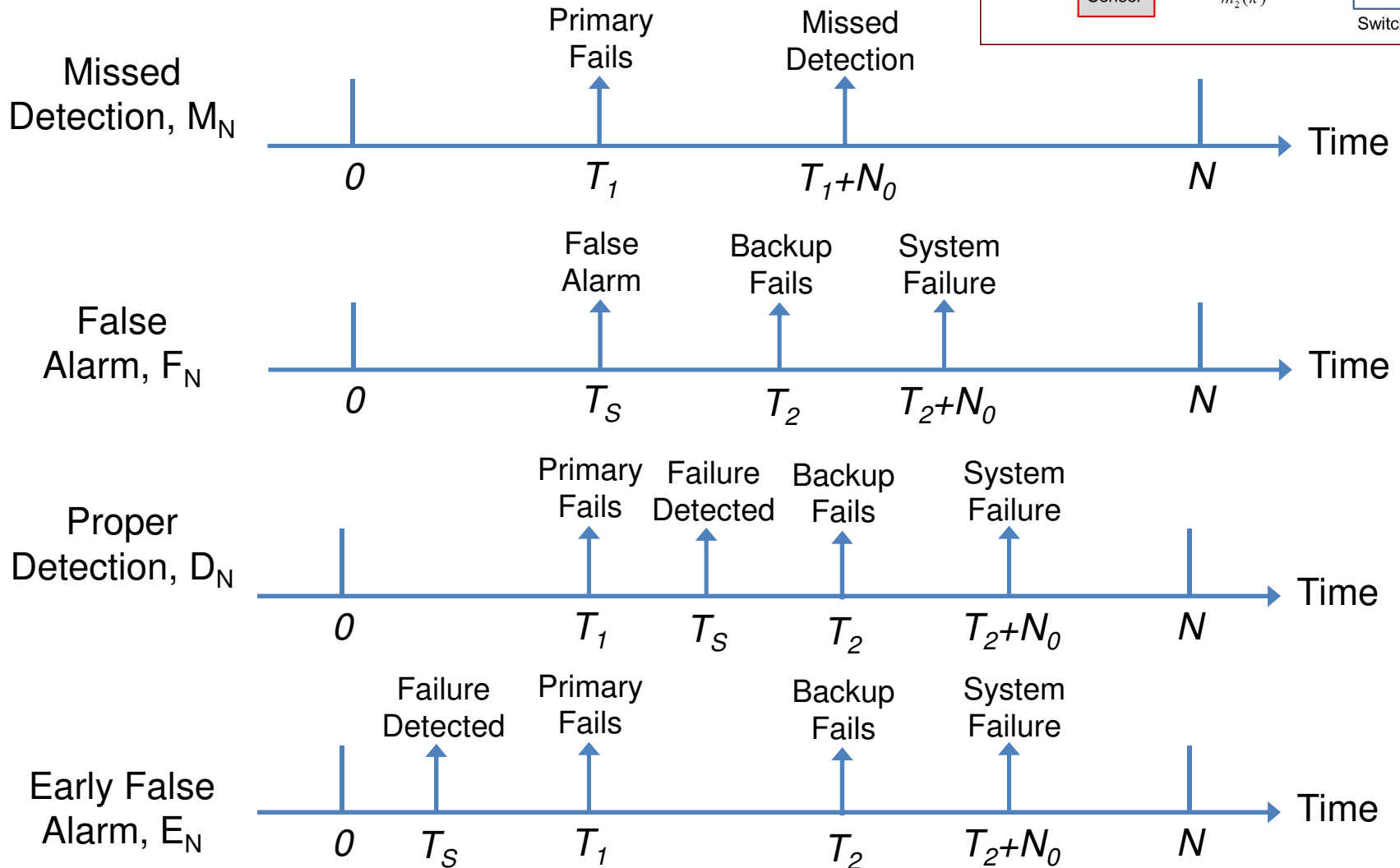
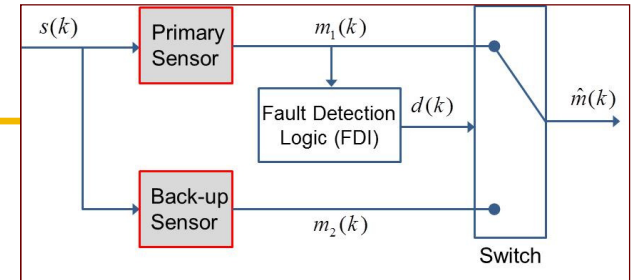
**Incorporate failure modes due to false alarms and missed detections (per hour)**  
 (Enumerate time-correlated failures and apply total law of probability)

## Example: Dual-Redundant Architecture



**Objective:** Compute reliability of system assuming sensors have a mean-time between failure of 1000Hrs.

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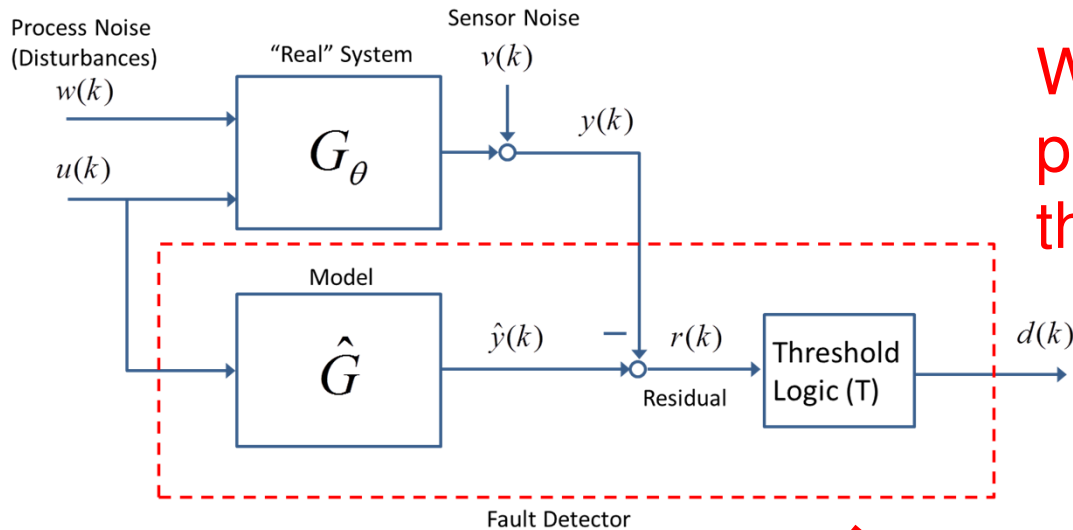
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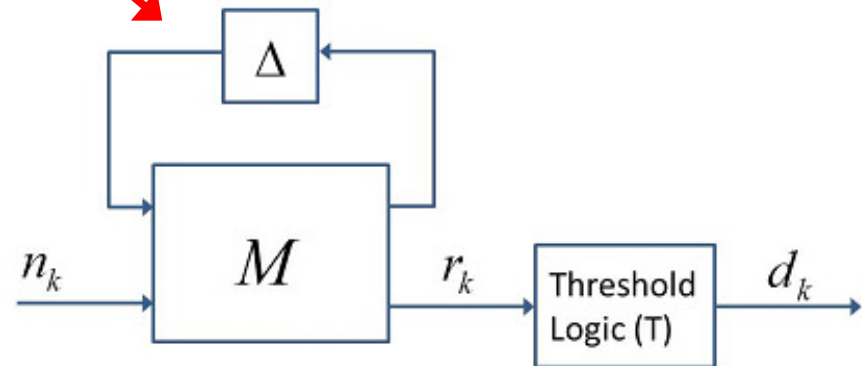
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# False Alarm Analysis



What is the conditional probability of an alarm given that no fault has occurred?

**Abstraction:** Discrete-time uncertain linear system driven by noise.

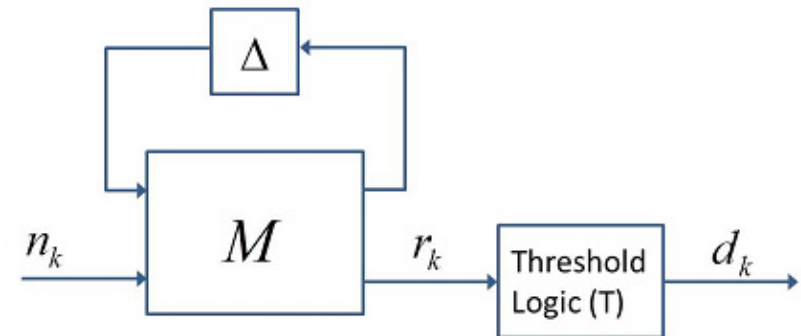


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(Healthy) Dynamics for residual

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Simple Thresholding

$$d_k := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |r_k| \leq T \\ 1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

## Objective:

Assume  $n_k$  is a stationary Gaussian process and assume known dynamic model for residuals.

Compute the probability  $P_N$  that  $|r_k| > T$  for some  $k$  in  $\{1, \dots, N\}$ .

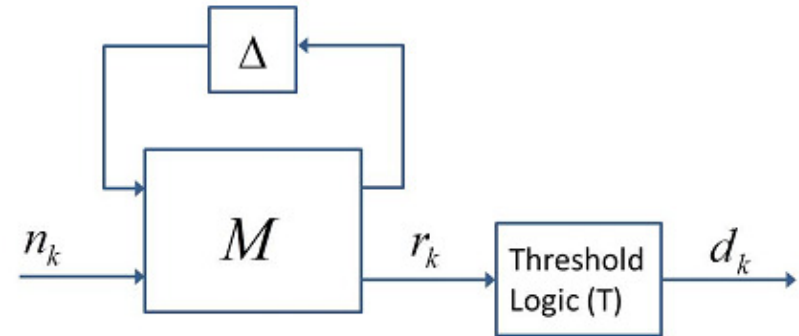


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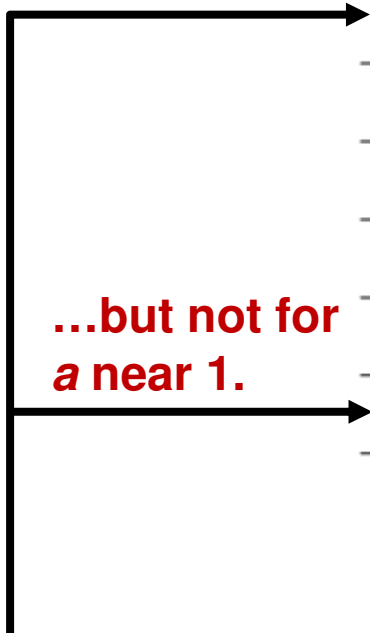
There exist bounds  $\gamma_k$  ( $k=1, \dots, N$ ) such that

1.  $\gamma_k \geq P_N$
2.  $\gamma_k$  are monotonically non-increasing in  $k$
3.  $\gamma_k$  requires evaluation of  $k$ -dim. Gaussian integrals

# Results: Effects of Correlation

False Alarm Probabilities and Bounds for N=360,000

**Neglecting correlations is accurate for small  $a$**



**...but not for  $a$  near 1.**

$a$	$T$	$P_N$	$1 - L_N^{(2)}$	$1 - L_N^{(1)}$
0	6.807	$3.600 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.600 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.600 \times 10^{-6}$
0.7	9.531	$3.587 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.587 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.598 \times 10^{-6}$
0.8	11.34	$3.524 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.524 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.526 \times 10^{-6}$
0.9	15.62	$3.167 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.173 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.200 \times 10^{-6}$
0.99	48.25	$9.641 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.177 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.360 \times 10^{-6}$
0.999	152.2	$1.395 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.401 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.446 \times 10^{-7}$

For each  $(a, T)$ ,  $P_1 = 10^{-11}$   
 which gives  $NP_1 = 3.6 \times 10^{-6}$

Residual Generation

$$r_{k+1} = ar_k + n_k + f_k$$

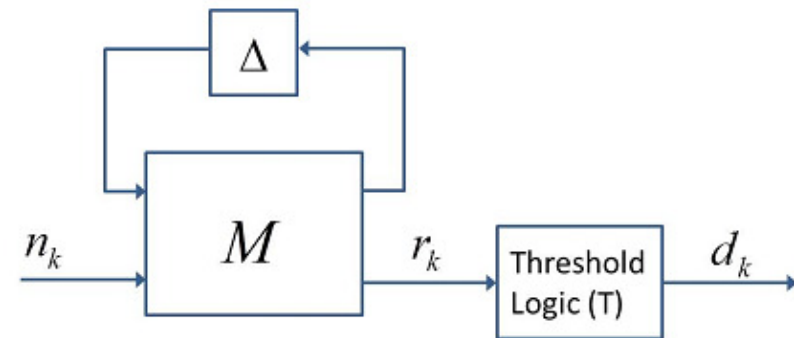
Decision Logic

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# Worst-case False Alarm Probability

Reference

Hu and Seiler, Worst-Case False Alarm Analysis of Aerospace Fault Detection Systems, Submitted to ACC, 2014.



## Issue:

Model depends on unknown (uncertain) parameters,  $\Delta \in \Delta$ .

## Objective:

Compute the worst-case false alarm probability

$$P_N^* := \max_{\Delta \in \Delta} P_N(\Delta)$$

## Main Result:

Robust  $H_2$  analysis results can be used to compute worst-case residual variance. This yields bounds on  $P_N^*$ .

# Conclusions

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- Commercial aircraft achieve high levels of reliability.
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- Tools for Systems Design and Certification
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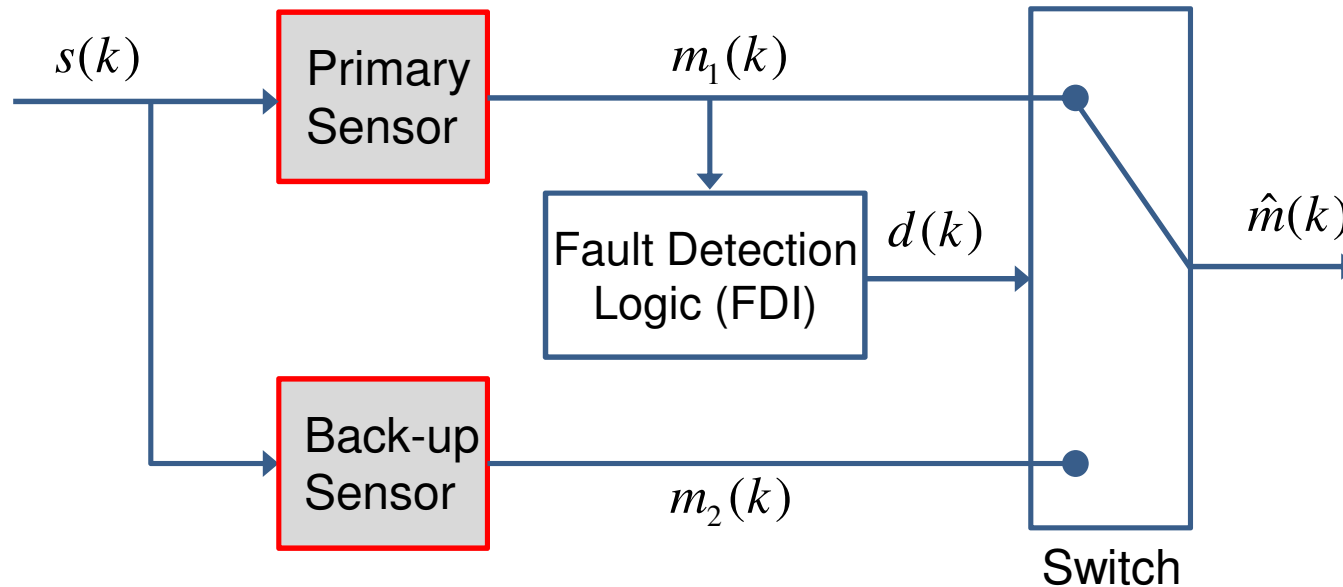
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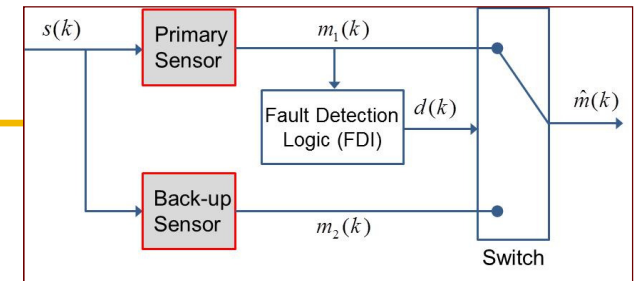
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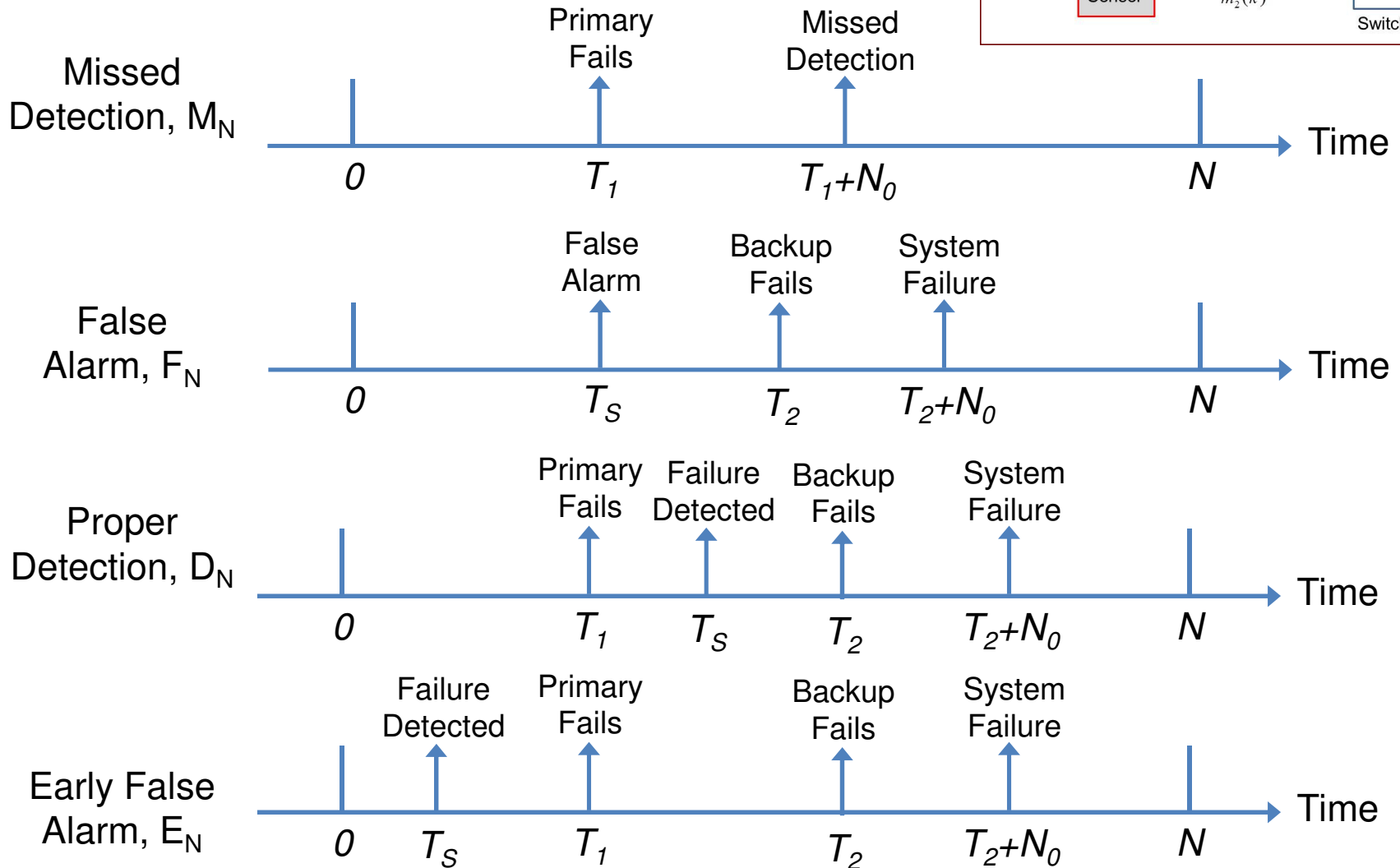
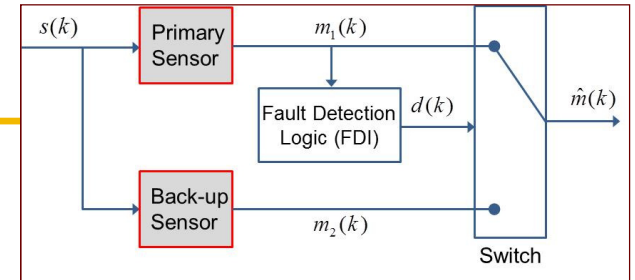
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  - c. FDI Missed Detection:  $P[ T_S \geq k + N_0 \mid T_1 = k ]$
2. Neglect intermittent failures
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4. Sensor failures and FDI logic decision are independent
  - Sensors have no common failure modes.

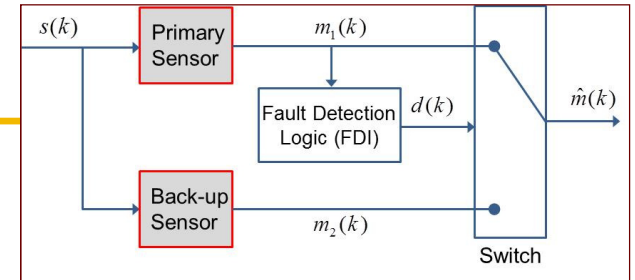


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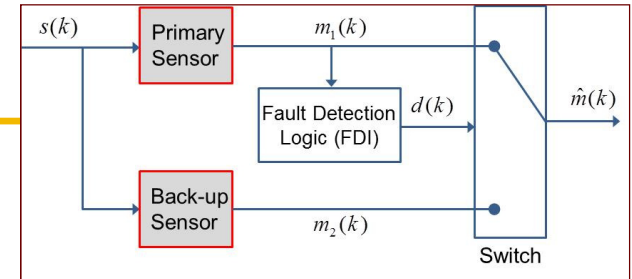
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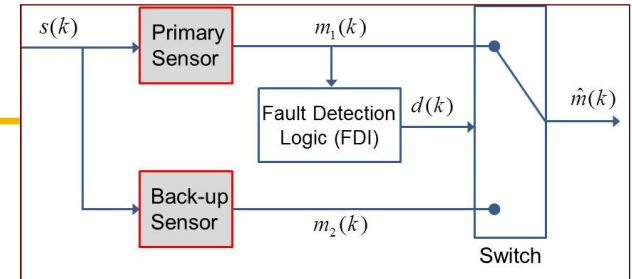


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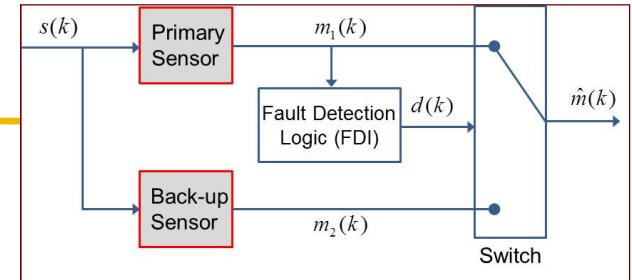


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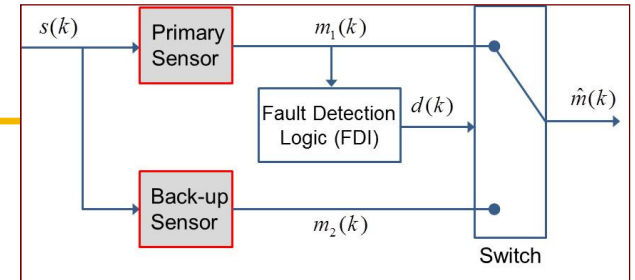
- Apply basic probability theory:



$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{S,N} = & \sum_{k=1}^N \Pr[T_S \geq k + N_0 \mid T_1 = k] \Pr[T_1 = k] \\
 & + \Pr[T_S \leq N \mid T_1 = N + 1] \Pr[T_1 = N + 1] \Pr[T_2 \leq N] \\
 & + \sum_{k=1}^N \Pr[T_S < k + N_0 \mid T_1 = k] \Pr[T_1 = k] \Pr[T_2 \leq N]
 \end{aligned}$$

- Knowledge of probabilistic performance
  - Sensor failures:  $P[ T_i=k ]$  where  $T_i :=$  failure time of sensor  $i$
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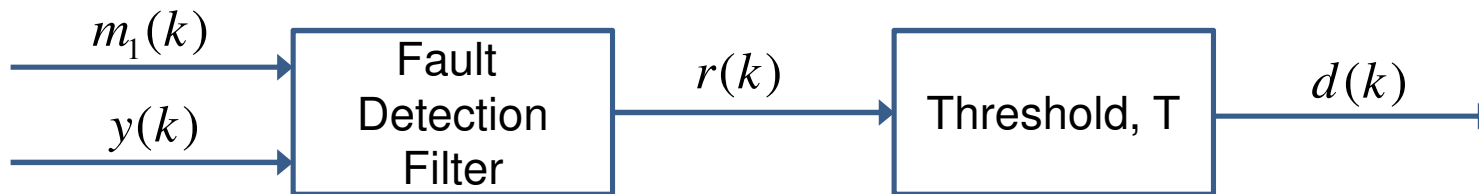
# Example



- Sensor Failures: Geometric distribution with parameter  $q$

$$q = 1 - e^{-\frac{\Delta t}{MTBF}}$$

- Residual-based threshold logic



Residual

$$r(k+1) = n(k) + f(k)$$

$f$  is an additive fault  
 $n$  is IID Gaussian noise, variance= $\sigma$

Decision Logic

$$d(k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |r(k)| \leq T \\ 1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

# Example

- Per-frame false alarm probability can be easily computed

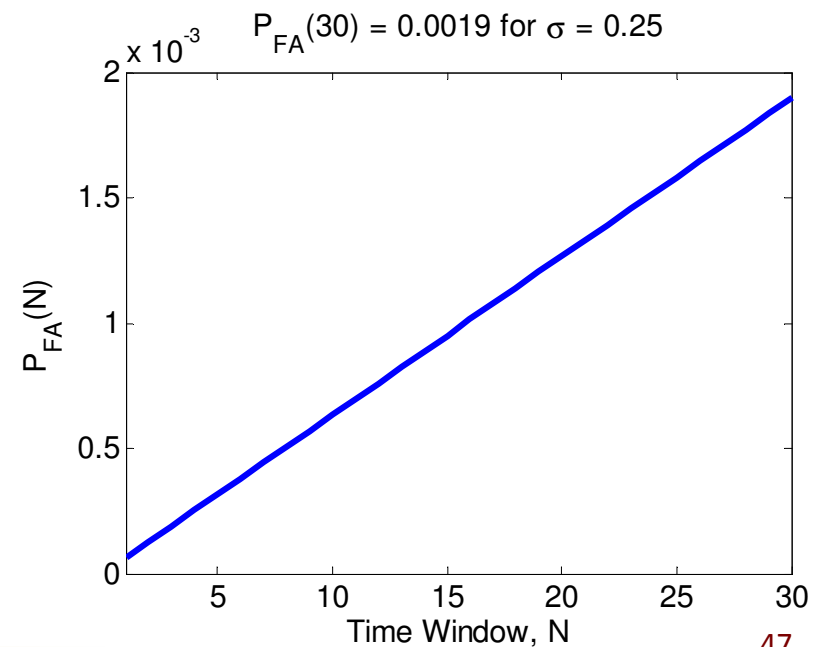
For each  $k$ ,  $r(k)$  is  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ :  $P_F = \Pr[d(k) = 1 \mid \text{No Fault}] = 1 - \int_{-T}^T p(r) dr$

➔  $P_F = 1 - \text{erf}\left(\frac{T}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}\right)$

- Approximate per-hour false alarm probability

$P[T_S \leq N \mid T_1 = N + 1] = 1 - (1 - P_F)^N \approx NP_F$

**Per-frame detection probability  $P_D$  can be similarly computed.**



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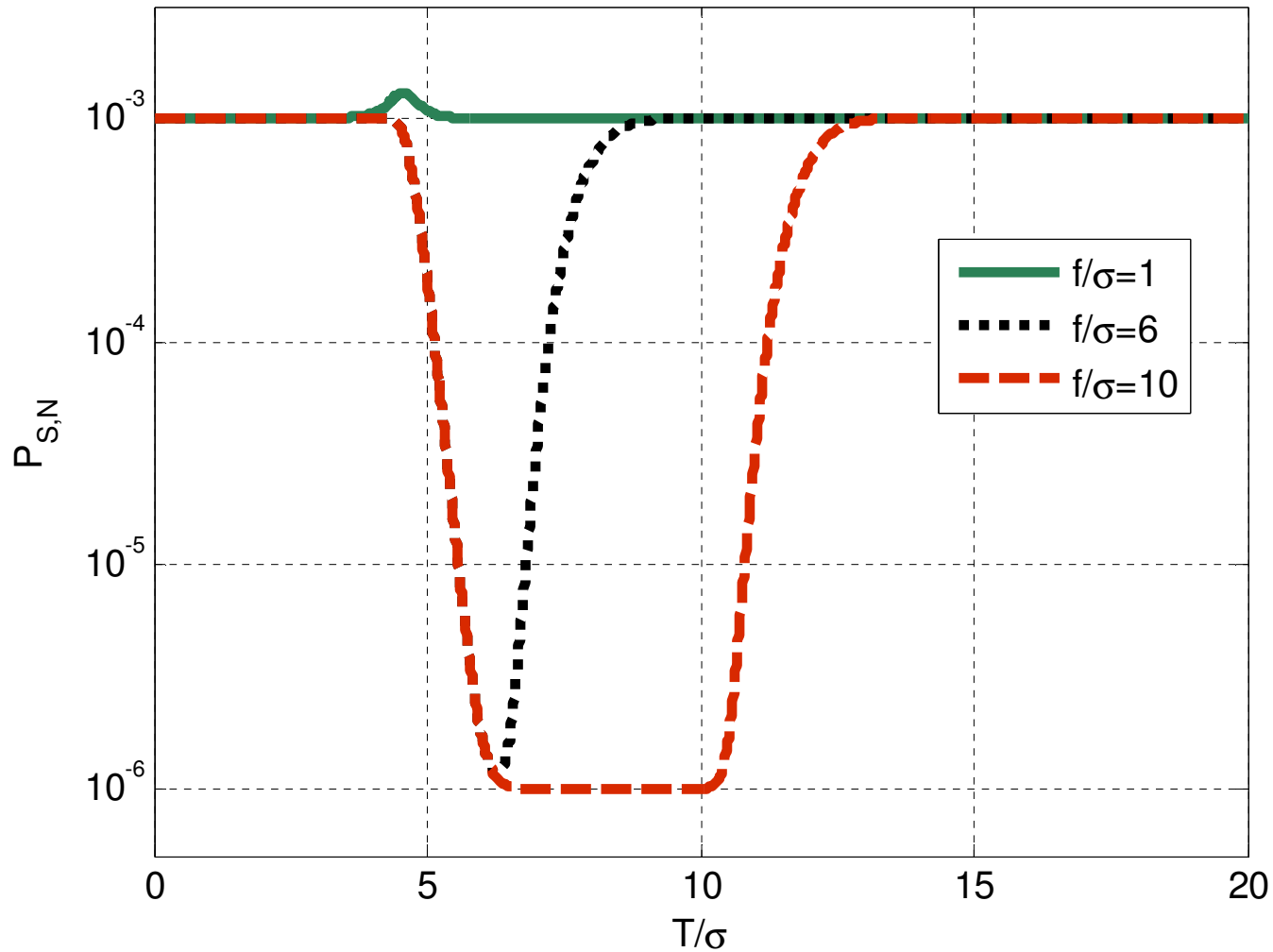
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Primary sensor fails  
+ missed detection

Failure detected +  
Backup sensor fails

False alarm +  
Backup sensor fails

# System Failure Rate



Sensor mean time between failure = 1000hr  
and  $N=360000$  ( = 1 hour at 100Hz rate)

## Correlated Residuals

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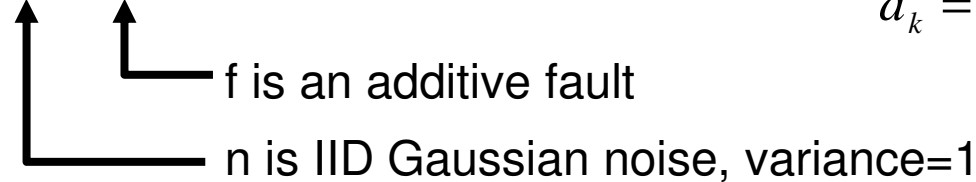
- Example analysis assumed IID fault detection logic.
- Many fault-detection algorithms use dynamical models and filters that introduce correlations in the residuals.
- **Question:** How can we compute the FDI performance metrics when the residuals are correlated in time?
  - FDI False Alarm:  $P[ T_S \leq N \mid T_1 = N+1 ]$
  - FDI Missed Detection:  $P[ T_S \geq k+N_0 \mid T_1 = k ]$

## False Alarm Analysis with Correlated Residuals

- Problem: Analyze the per-hour false alarm probability for a simple first-order fault detection system:

Residual Generation ( $0 < a < 1$ )

$$r_{k+1} = ar_k + n_k + f_k$$


  
 $f$  is an additive fault  
 $n$  is IID Gaussian noise, variance=1

Decision Logic

$$d_k = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |r_k| \leq T \\ 1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

**Residuals are correlated in time due to filtering**

- The  $N$ -step false alarm probability  $P_N$  is the conditional probability that  $d_k=1$  for some  $1 \leq k \leq N$  given the absence of a fault.

$$P_N = 1 - \int_{-T}^T \cdots \int_{-T}^T p_R(r_1, \dots, r_N) dr_1 \cdots dr_N$$

**There are  $N=360000$  samples per hour for a 100Hz system**

## False Alarm Analysis

- Residuals satisfy the Markov property:

$$r_{k+1} = ar_k + n_k + f_k \quad \Rightarrow \quad p(r_{k+1}|r_1, \dots, r_k) = p(r_{k+1}|r_k)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad p_R(r_1, \dots, r_k) = p(r_k|r_{k-1}) \cdots p(r_2|r_1) \cdot p_1(r_1)$$

- $P_N$  can be expressed as an N-step iteration of 1-dimensional integrals:

$$P_N = 1 - \int_{-T}^T \cdots \int_{-T}^T p_R(r_1, \dots, r_N) dr_1 \cdots dr_N \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_N(r_N) &= 1 \\
 f_{N-1}(r_{N-1}) &= \int_{-T}^T f_N(r_N) p(r_N|r_{N-1}) dr_N \\
 &\vdots \\
 f_1(r_1) &= \int_{-T}^T f_2(r_2) p(r_2|r_1) dr_2 \\
 P_N &= 1 - \int_{-T}^T f_1(r_1) p_1(r_1) dr_1
 \end{aligned}$$

**This has the appearance of a power iteration  $A^N x$**

## False Alarm Probability

- **Theorem:** Let  $\lambda_1$  be the maximum eigenvalue and  $\psi_1$  the corresponding eigenfunction of

$$\lambda_1 \psi_1(x) = \int_{-T}^T \psi_1(y) p(y|x) dy$$

Then  $P_N \approx c \lambda_1^{N-1}$  where  $c = \langle 1, \psi_1 \rangle$

- **Proof**
  - This is a generalization of the matrix power iteration
  - The convergence proof relies on the Krein-Rutman theorem which is a generalization of the Perron-Frobenius theorem.
  - For  $a=0.999$  and  $N=360000$ , the approximation error is  $10^{-156}$

Ref: B. Hu and P. Seiler. False Alarm Analysis of Fault Detection Systems with Correlated Residuals, Submitted to IEEE TAC, 2012.