# DEALING WITH VARIABLE OPERATING CONDITIONS IN SYSTEM MODELING

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# Outline

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#### Issues in system modeling

•Higher quality standards, tighter constraints

- Safety critical systems
  - Dependability, performance, sustainability, ...
- Issues on models and causes of systems' disasters are:
  - neglecting the principles of redundancy and dependence
  - considering over-simplistic/approximated models



### **Multiple-Variable Operating Conditions**

- Operating conditions may affect the system/observed quantity behaviour
- The system operating conditions may vary due to:
  - External events: weather, temperature, pressure, electromagnetics, workloads fluctuations, ...
  - Internal events: standby policies, interferences or interdependencies among components, load sharing, ...

#### What if neglected?

#### Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 1986 - Challenger Space Shuttles disaster:

"... due to rubber O-Rings breaks, ... a design flaw on neglecting the rubber behaviour at low temperature ..."

#### Feb. 1st 2003 - Columbia Space Shuttle disaster:

"... a breach in the leading edge of the left wing, ... the conflict between a design specification stating that the thermal protection system was not designed ..."

## Problem Rationale [RESS09]

- Identify and enumerate the mutually exclusive operating conditions  $c_i$  in  $C = \{c_i\}$
- c(t):**R**->**C** characterises the condition at t
- For each  $c_i$  identify **F**={F<sub>i</sub>(t)} the set of  $F_i(t)$  in isolation  $\forall t \in R, c(t) = c_i$   $c_1 = \text{Mem}, c_2 = \text{Disk}$



#### Memory

#### • Assumptions:

*i. F*(*t*) continuous

*ii.*  $F_i(t)$  continuous and strictly monotonic -> invertible



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# Solution Algorithm [CCPE14]



- 1. State space modelling
  - By the modeller
  - Through high level formalism (PN)
- 2. Markovianisation
  - CPH [TSE11]
- 3. Evaluation
  - Kronecker algebra
  - CTMC solver

### **Non-Markovian Model Analysis**

- Memory management
- Solution approaches
  - Supplementary Variables
  - Renewal theory

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S1

• Phase type expansion – Markovianisation

#### One memory per state (Time) Domain memory

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## Codomain Fitting [IDCS13]

•Associate with each stage a specific codomain value range



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#### **Critical System Surveillance**







# **Ongoing and Future Work**

#### •Extension of the NMSPN formalism: MDNMSPN



- Queueing Network
   New G/G/x policy with variable x
  - Solution techniques
    - Lumping, symmetry
    - Fitting algorithms
    - Time domain analysis
    - Random variable algebra

- 2 or more variables analysis
  - Continuous
  - 3 or more
    - Time, workloads, temperature

### **Case Studies**

Processor blades



Power domain 2

FDD: Floppy disk drive



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MCS App Client

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