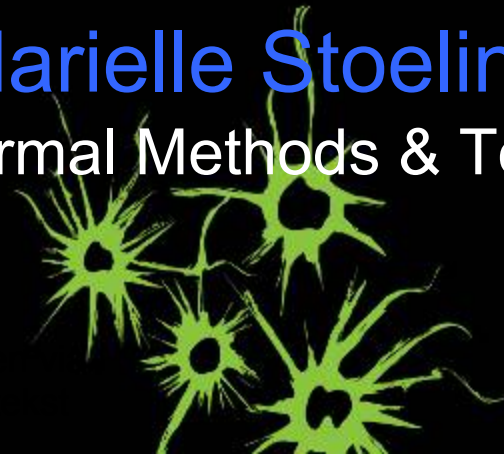


*How risk happens and  
stochastic model checking can help*



**Marielle Stoelinga**  
Formal Methods & Tools





**No risk, no fun**

sensors

object detection

lasers

software

GPS Google

### How to manage risks of (new) products & services?

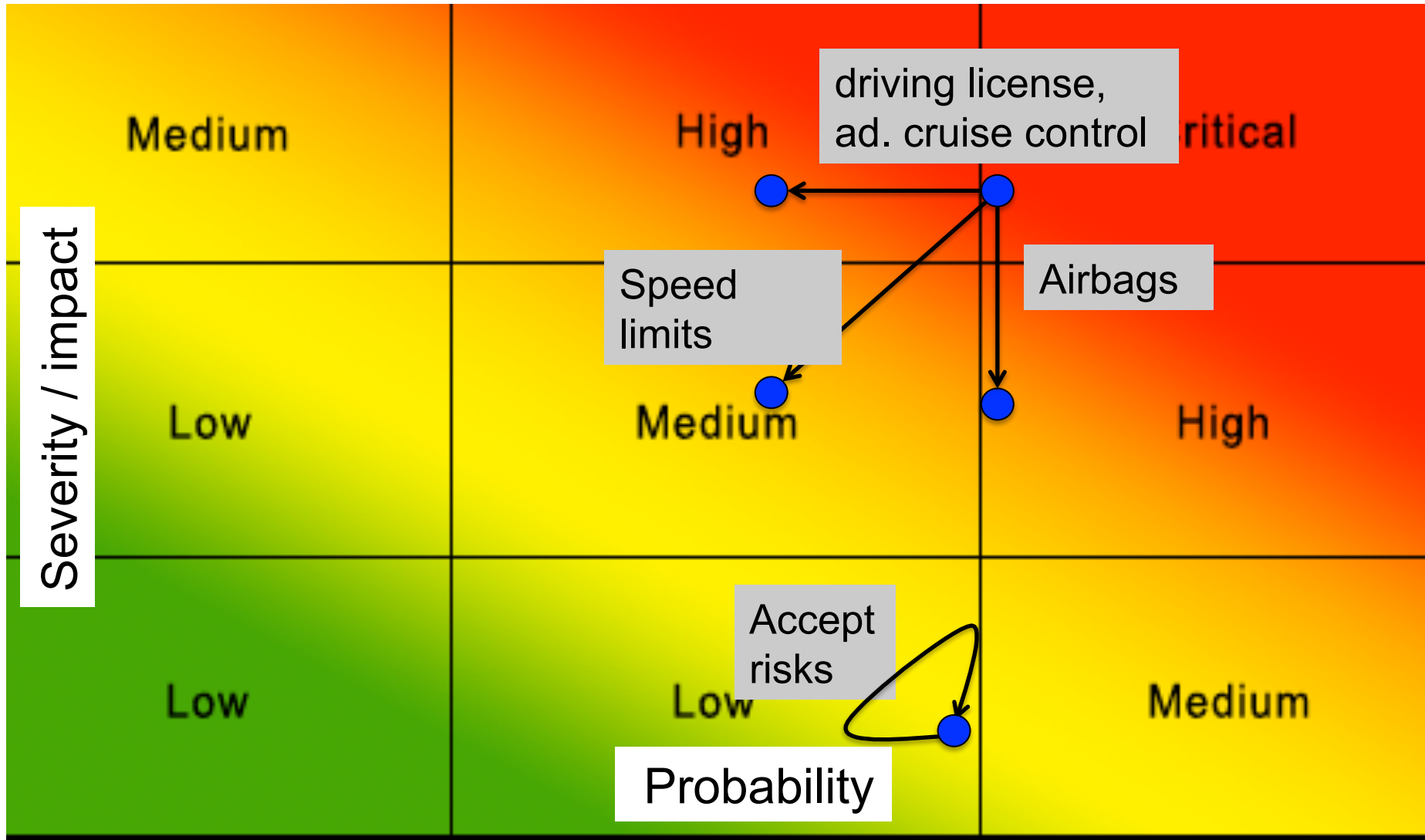
- Model risks
- Analyze / prioritize
- Take appropriate measures

### Design space: improve safety (& security)

- Better components | redundancy | fail-safe mechanisms | maintenance | testing | ....

→ Where to invest? Make better and more informed decisions

# Risk priority heat map





# Risk management: engineering a safer world

## Methods

- *Textual / spread sheets:*
  - Failure Mode, Effect and Criticality Analysis (FMECA; FMEA)
  - Hazard & operability study (Hazop)
- *Architectural (system / enterprise)*
  - UML/Marte
  - AADL: error annex
- *Domain-specific:*
  - Fault tree analysis (FTA)
  - Reliability block diagrams
  - Event trees

→ Goal: reduce risks to acceptable level

→ Risk assessment often mandatory

## Standardization

- NRC NUREG-0492: nuclear
- SAE ARP4761: aerospace,
- IEC standard: 61025
- European NEN 61025.

## Applications

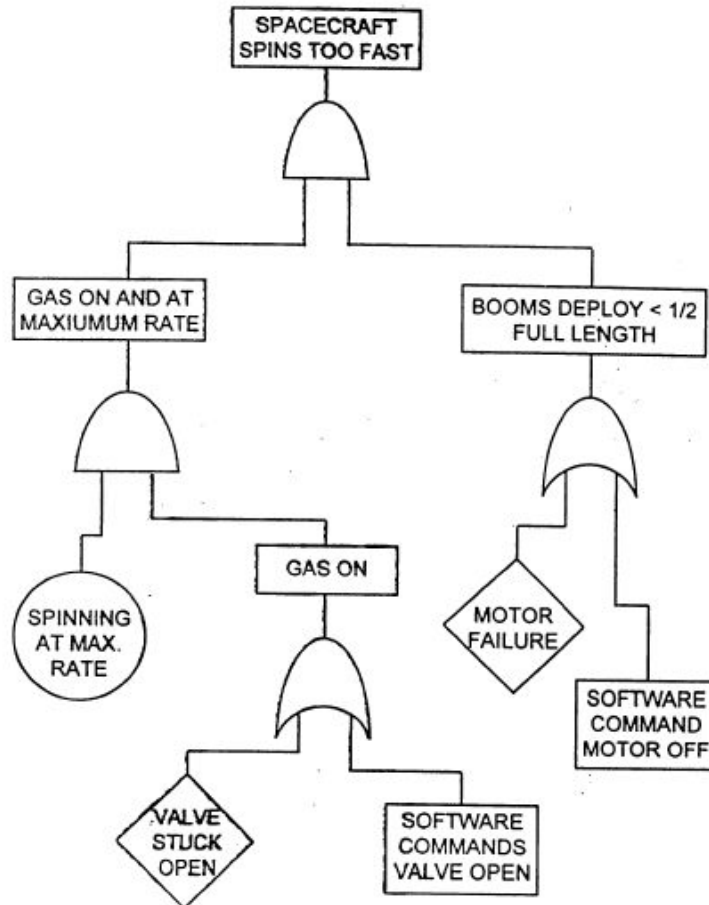
- Products / systems: *data centers, rail roads, power plants, IoT ...*
- Services & processes: *opening online bank account*

# Agenda

- Fault tree analysis
  - Benefits of stochastic model checking
- Maintenance
  - Integration in fault trees
- Industrial case studies
  - ProRail + others
- Conclusions

Today:  
systems level

# Fault trees: what are they?



## Preferred tool for RAMS

### ➤ Graphical Model

- How do component failures propagate to system failures?

### ➤ Qualitative Analysis

- Pinpoint root causes and critical parts

### ➤ Quantitative Analysis

- **Reliability:**  $P$ [no failure during mission time]
- **Availability:**  $E$ [up-time]
- MTTF, MTBF, .....

# fault trees: who uses them?



**AIRBUS**



Rijkswaterstaat  
Ministerie van Infrastructuur en Milieu



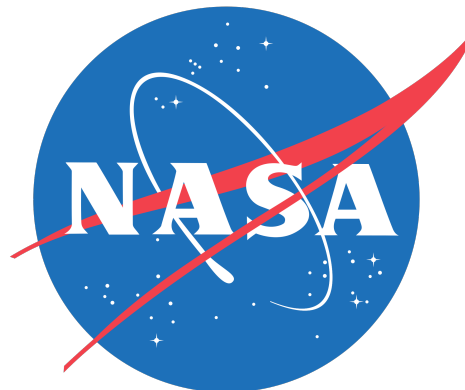
**Honeywell**



**Movares**  
adviseurs & ingenieurs



**TOYOTA**



**ProRail**

# FTA on twitter

- Falcon 7 rocked, SpaceX
- Led by Elon Musk, Tesla
- Ready for launch June 2015



**Elon Musk** @elonmusk · Jun 28

That's all we can say with confidence right now. Will have more to say following a thorough **fault tree analysis.**

← ↻ 1.3K ★ 1.9K + 👤 ⋮

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**Elon Musk** @elonmusk · Jun 28

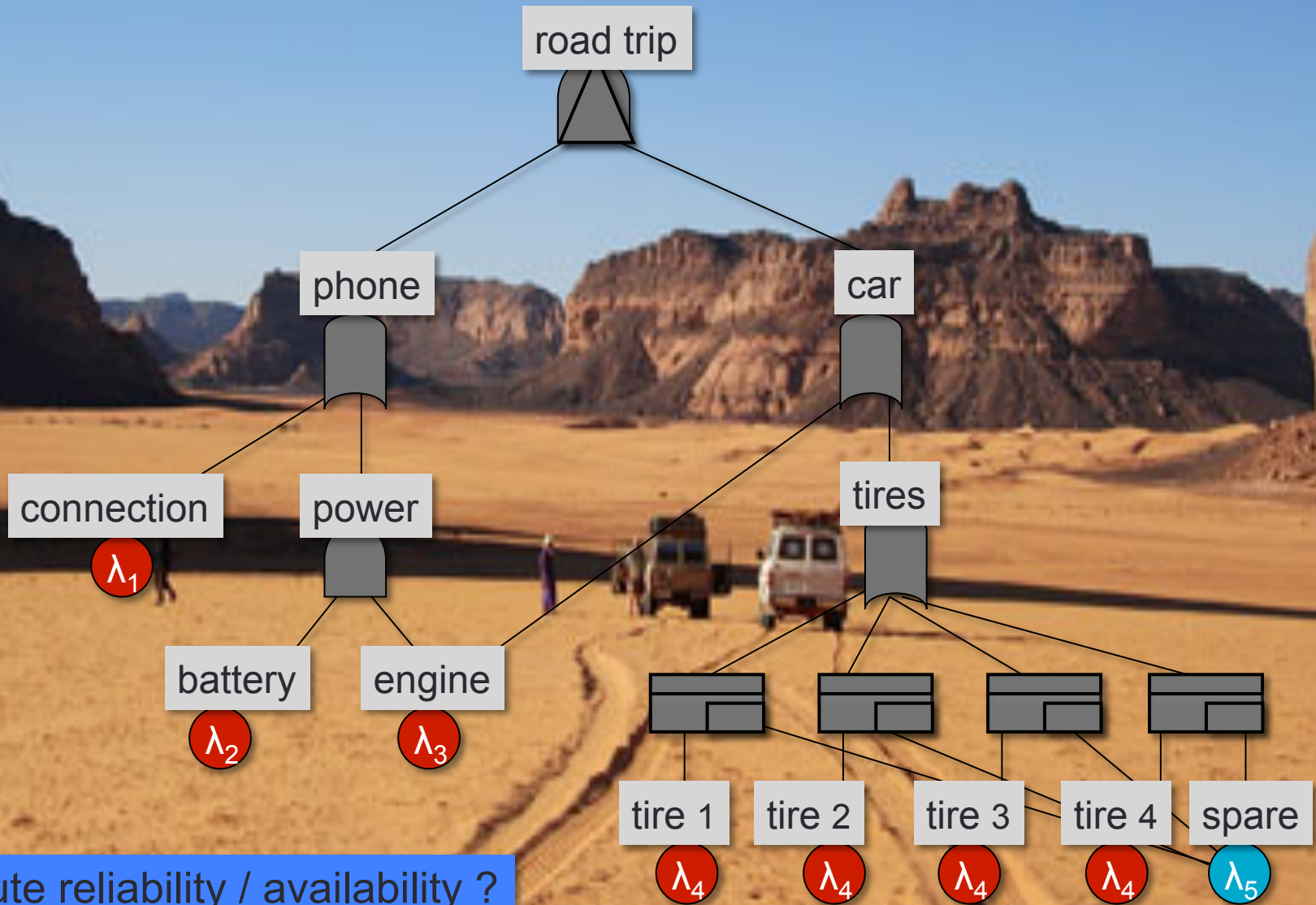
There was an overpressure event in the upper stage liquid oxygen tank. Data suggests counterintuitive cause.

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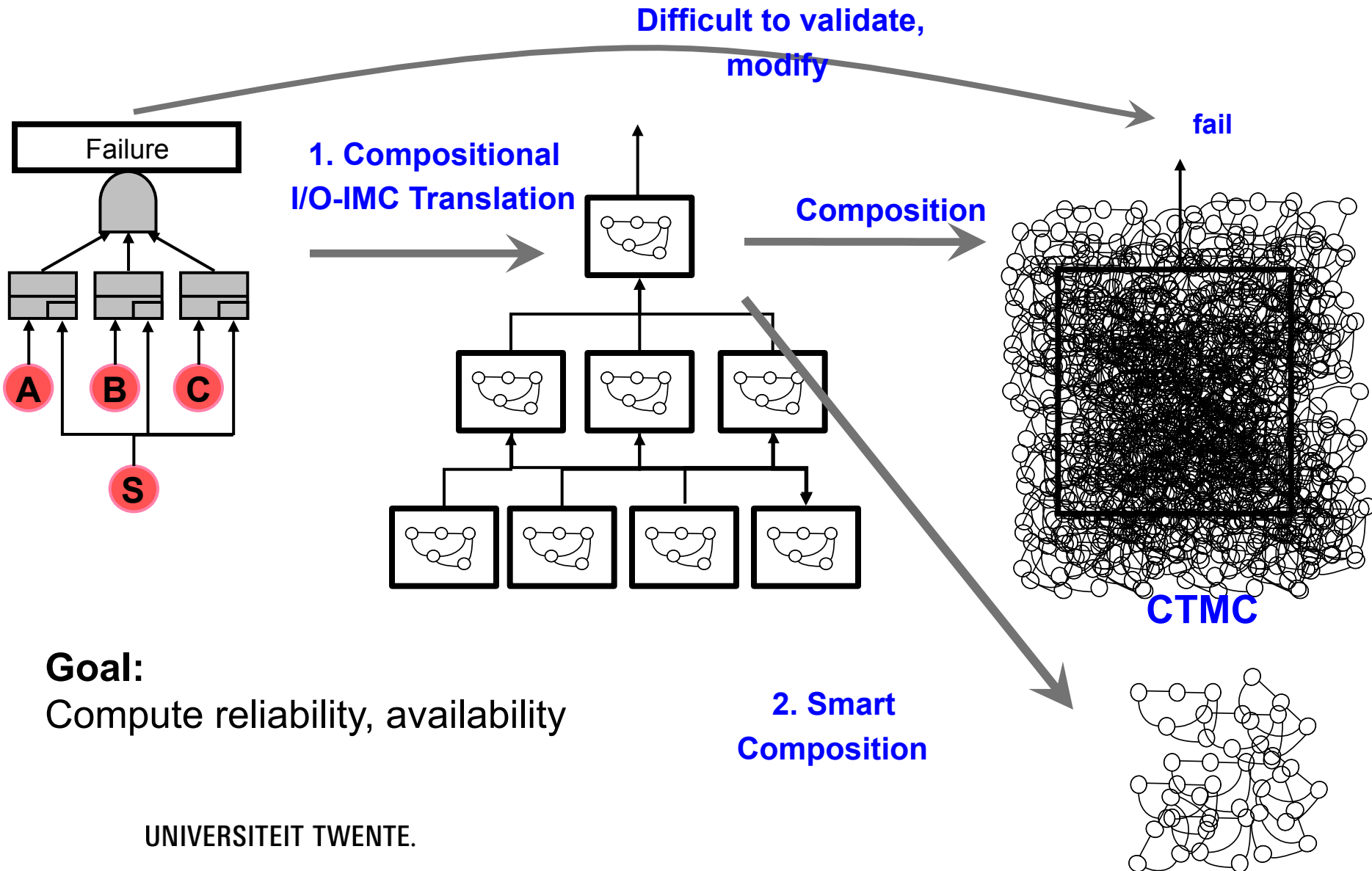


# Example: Safe road trip

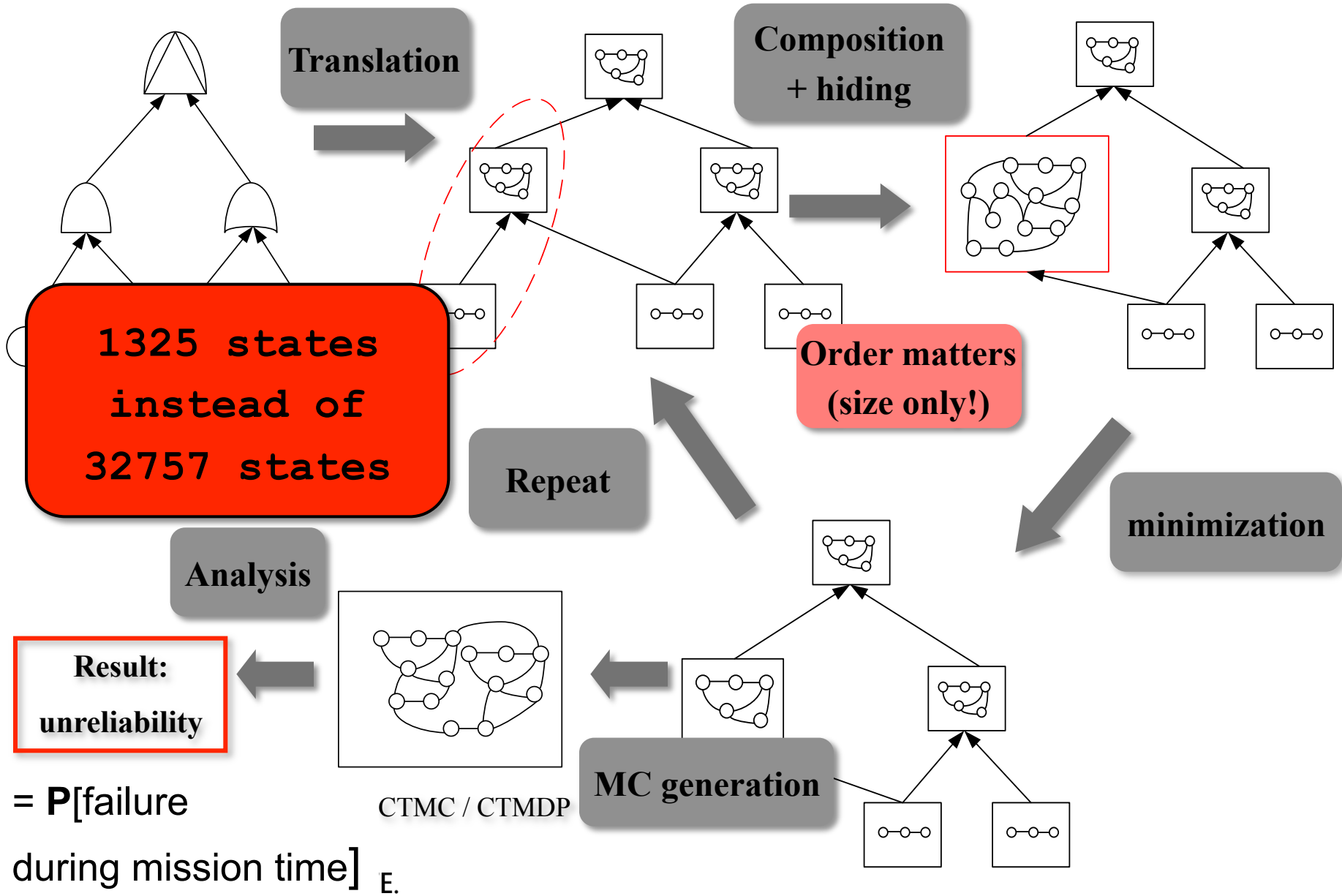


Compute reliability / availability ?

# Fault tree analysis: how to compute reliability?



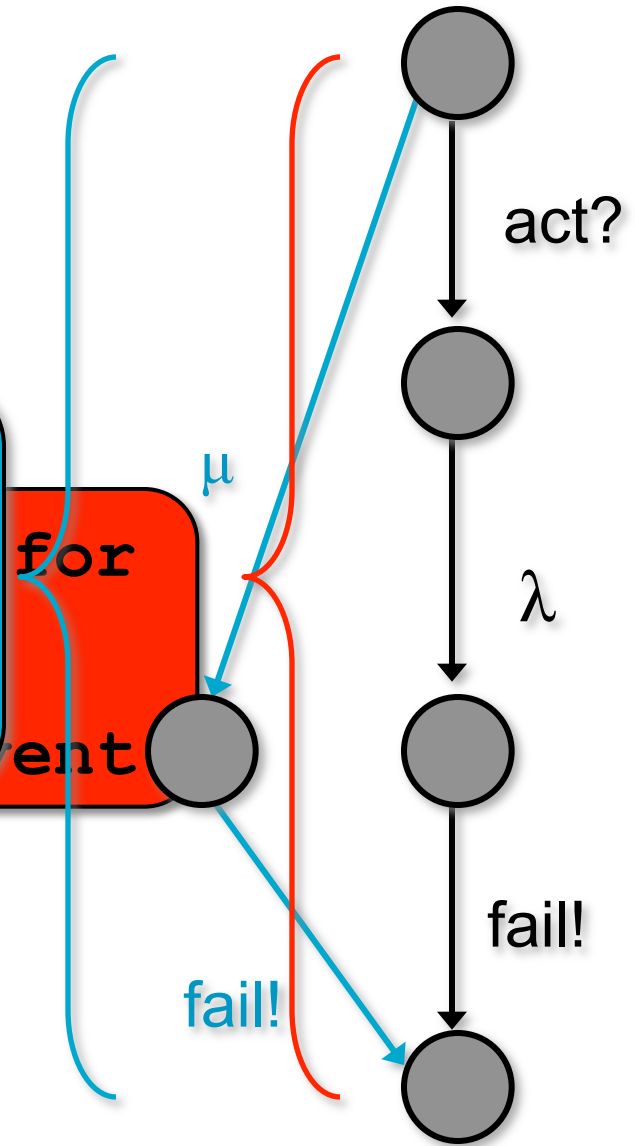
# Deep compositionality [IEEE TDSC'10]



# Interactive Markov Chains (I/O-IMC)

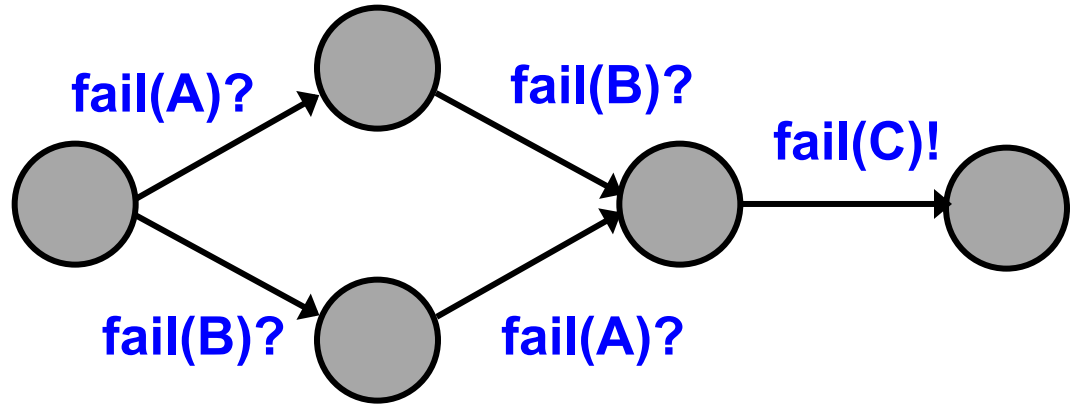
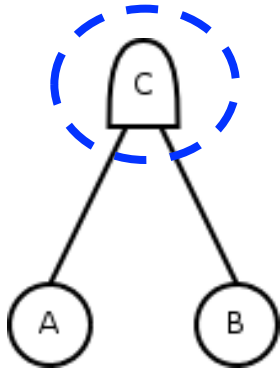
- I/O-Automata + CTMC
- Markovian transitions (CTMC)
  - labeled with rates  $\lambda$
  - delays governed by exponential distribution
  - $P$ [transition]
- Interactive ...
  - labeled with
  - synchroniz
- Action signature
  - ? - Input actions: *delayable*
  - ! - Output actions: *immediate*
  - ; - Internal actions: *immediate*
- Compositional performance modeling

Warm BE: can fail before activation, with reduced rate



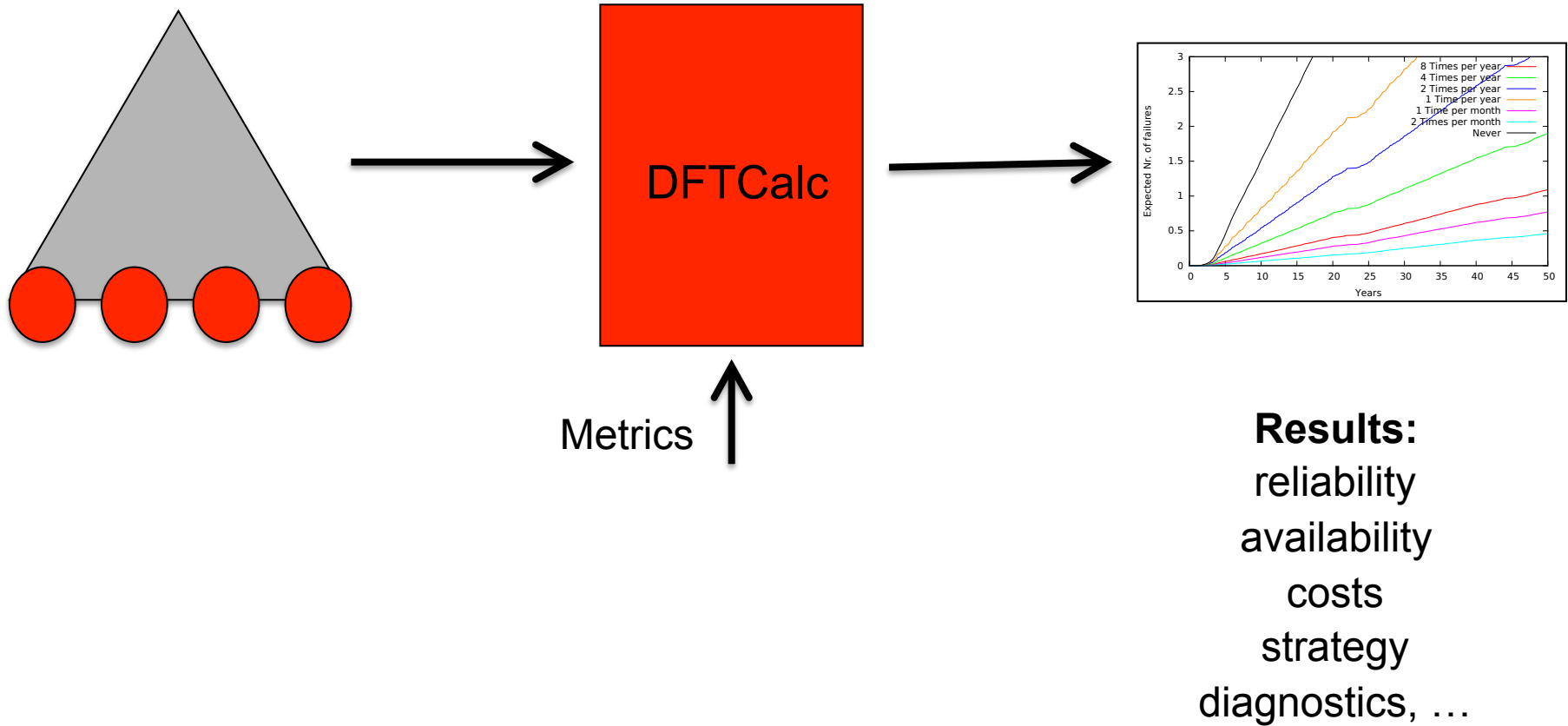
# semantics for DFT gates

## AND gate





# Tool implementation: **DFTcalc**



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  - Standard approaches
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- **Maintenance**
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# Maintenance optimization via Fault Trees

## Maintenance

- **Crucial:** Large impact on reliability / availability / life span
- **Costly:** labour / equipment / unplanned down time

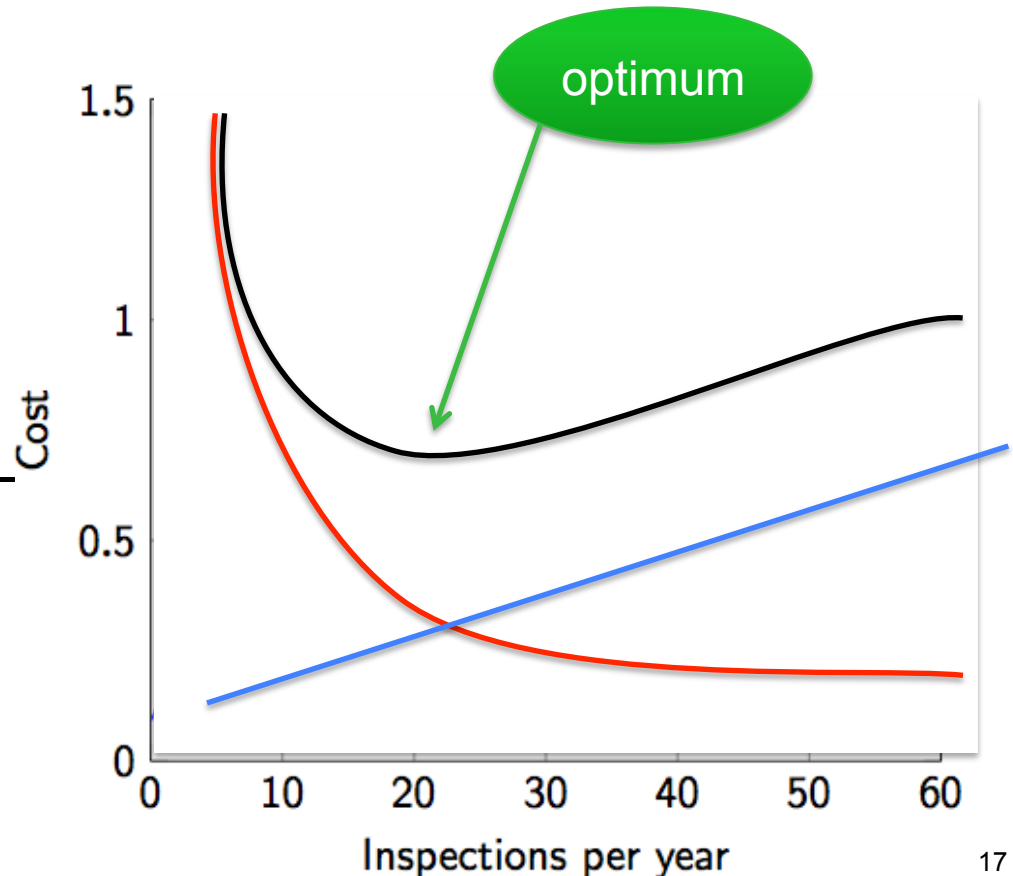
## Optimize

- Performance benefits  
→ fault trees
- Maintenance cost  
→ in leaves

## Goal

Decision support for cost-effective maintenance

- inspection cost
- downtime cost
- total cost





# Case 1: Electrically Insulated Joint

**ProRail**



- Electrically separates tracks
- 45.000 EIJs in the Netherlands
- Important cause of train disruptions



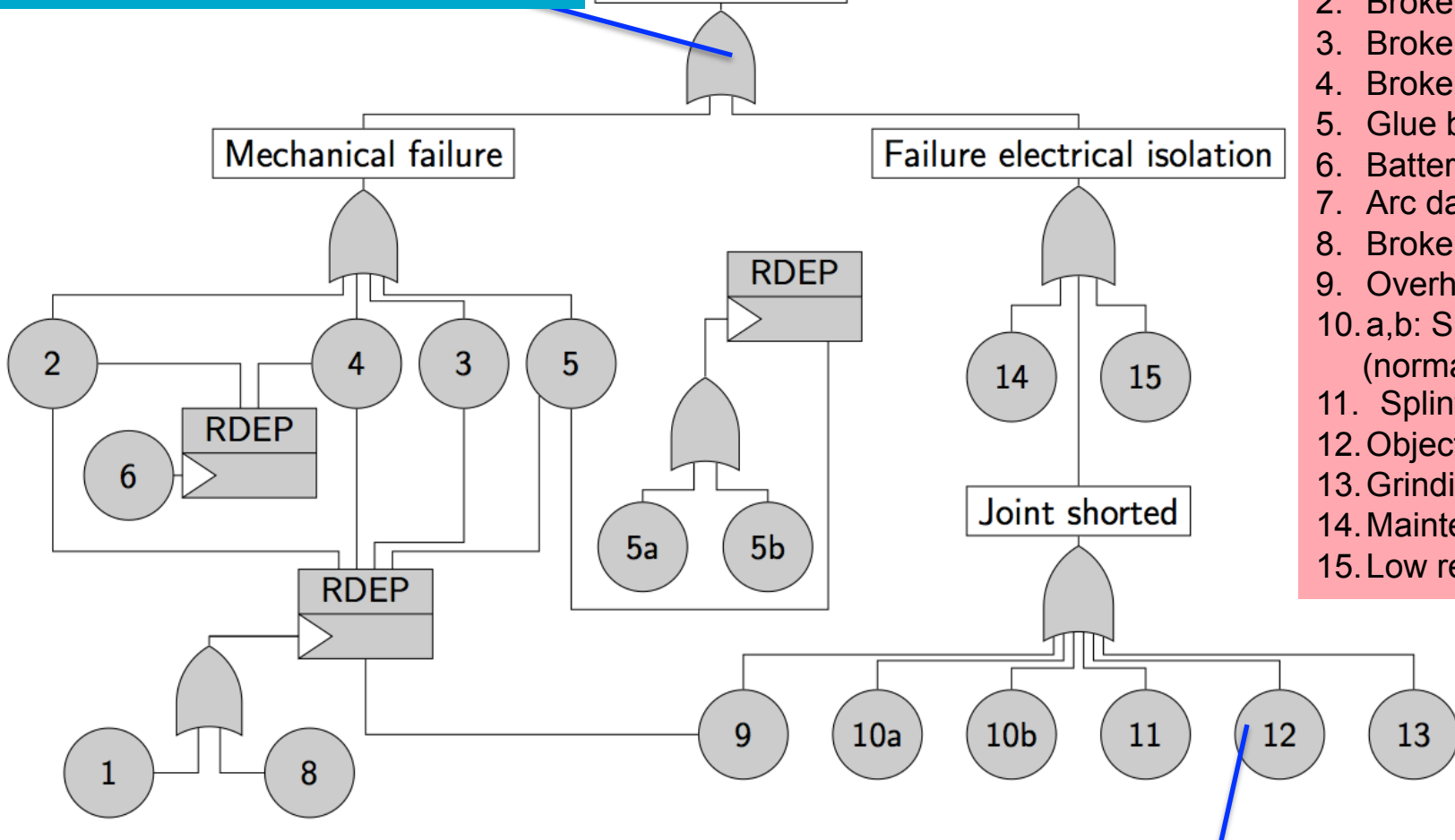
# El joint: modeling

Regular gates: as before

Failure El-joint

Mechanical failure

Failure electrical isolation



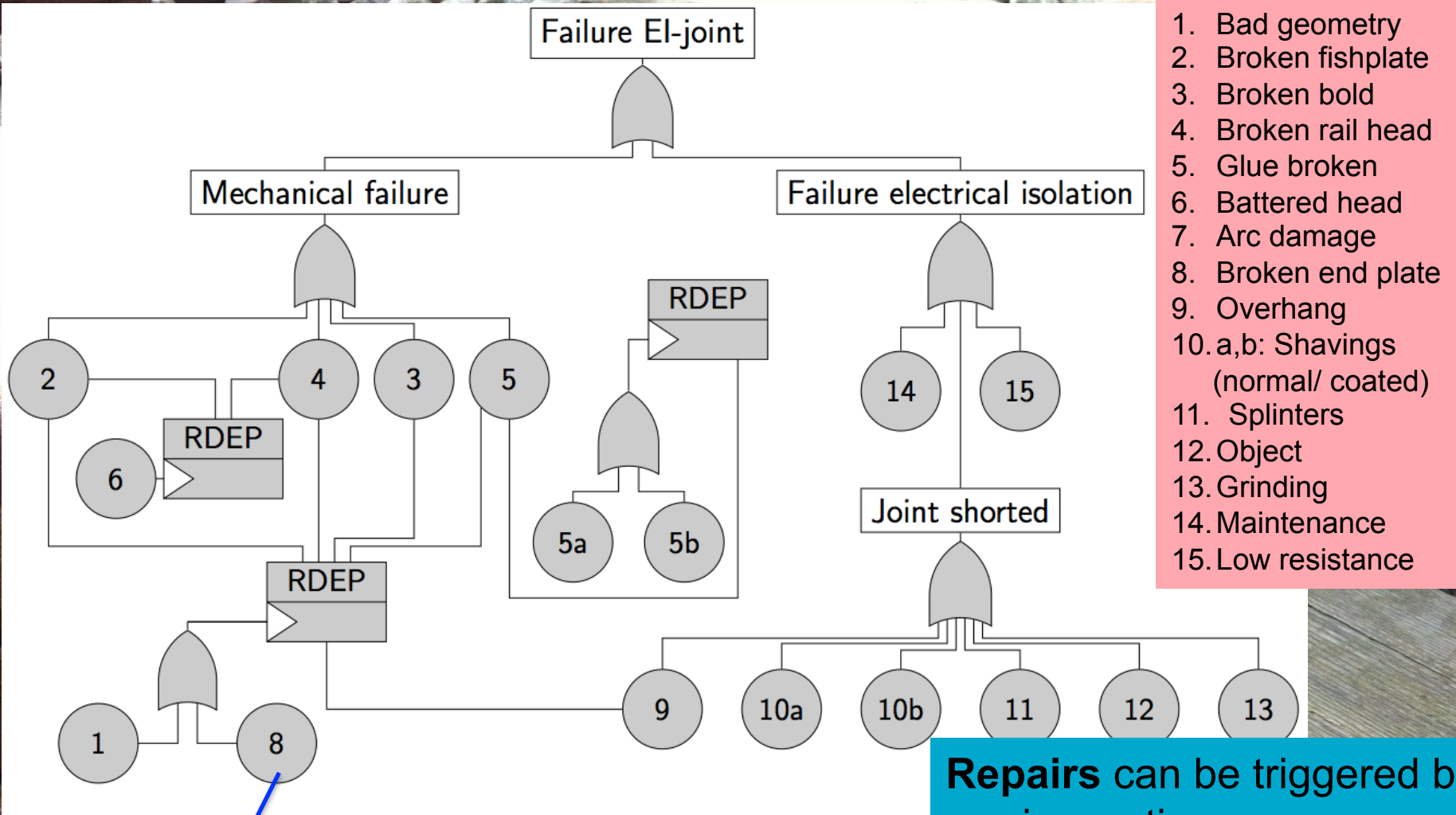
1. Bad geometry
2. Broken fishplate
3. Broken bold
4. Broken rail head
5. Glue broken
6. Battered head
7. Arc damage
8. Broken end plate
9. Overhang
- 10.a,b: Shavings (normal/ coated)
11. Splinters
12. Object
13. Grinding
14. Maintenance
15. Low resistance

new BEs: maintenance

- Constructed from ProRail's FMECA
- Connected to failure database



# El joint: modeling



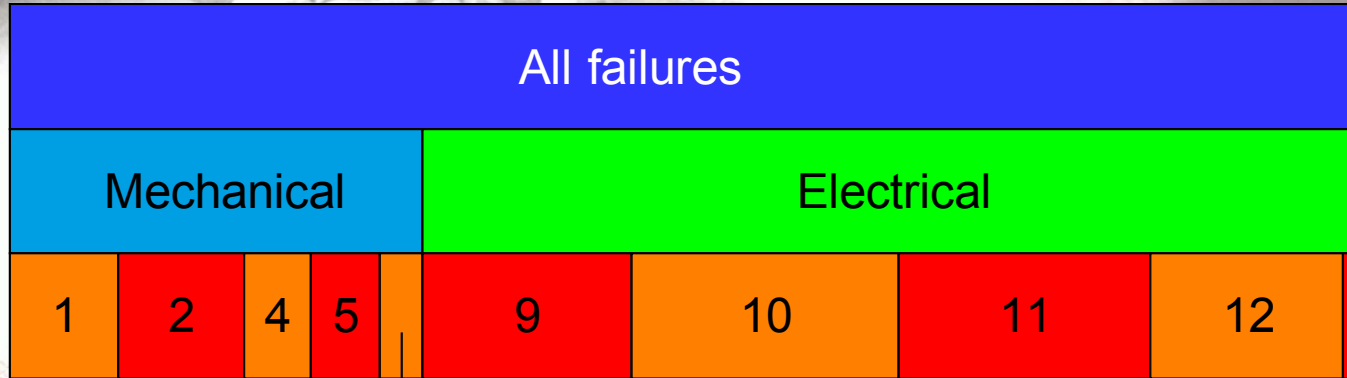
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**new BEs: maintenance**

**Inspections**  
fixed frequency

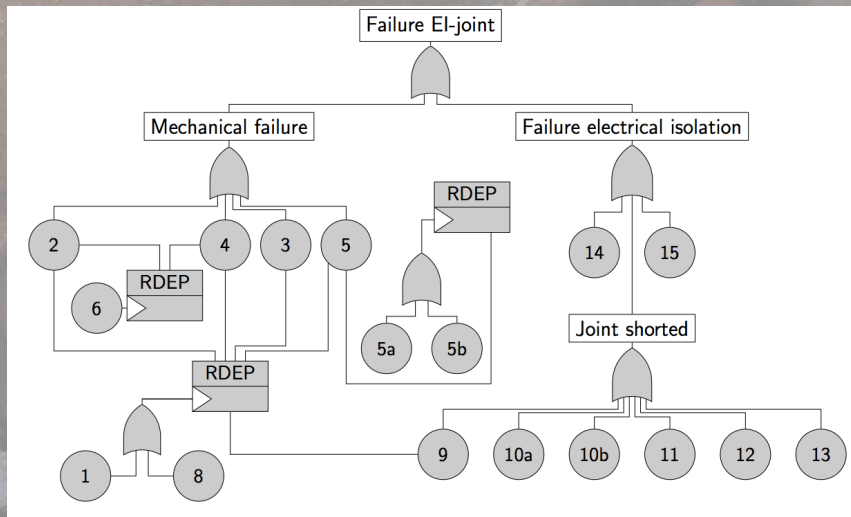
- Repairs can be triggered by**
- inspections
  - other repairs
  - failures
  - periodic

# Electrically Insulated Joint: failure causes

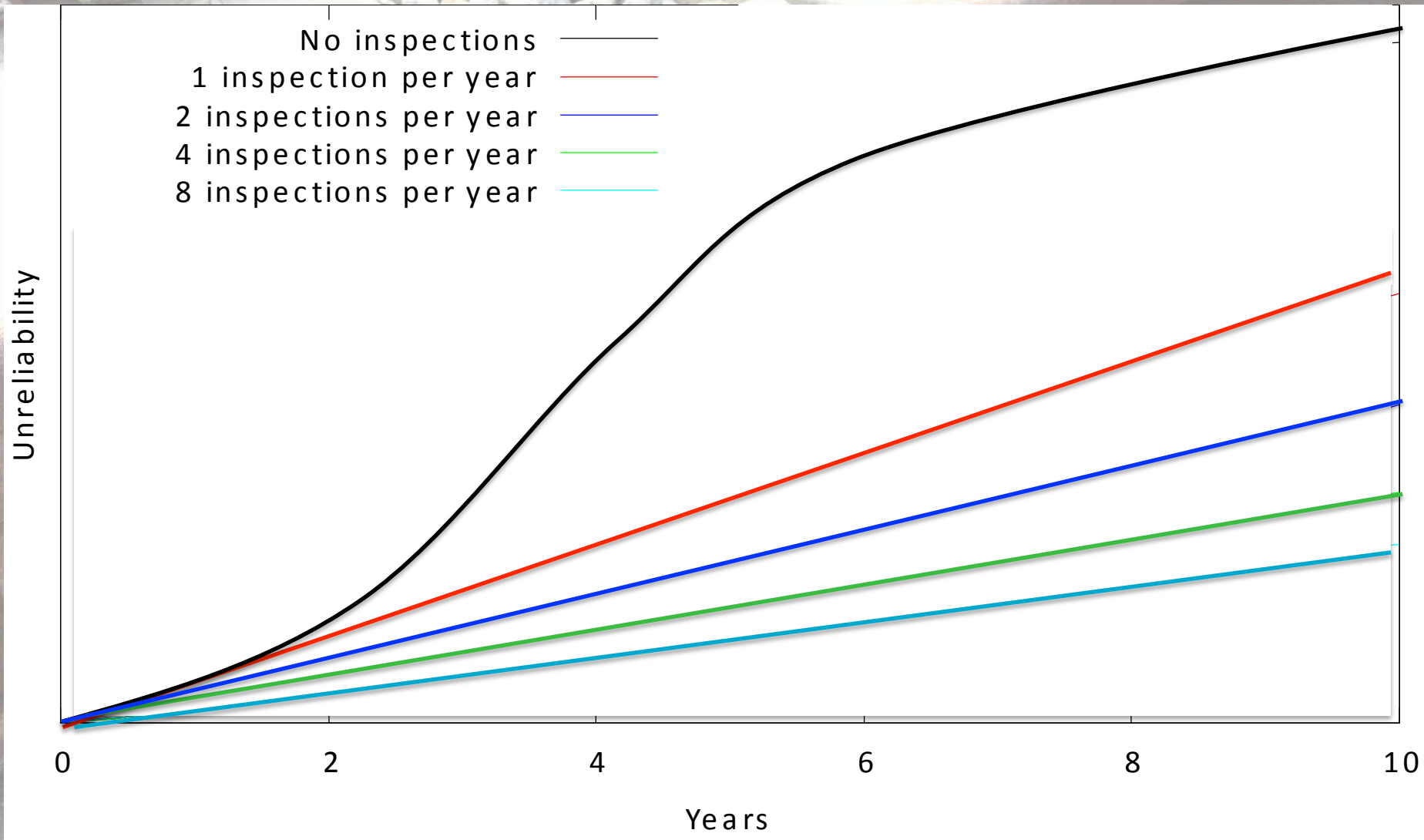


Other mech.

Other elec.

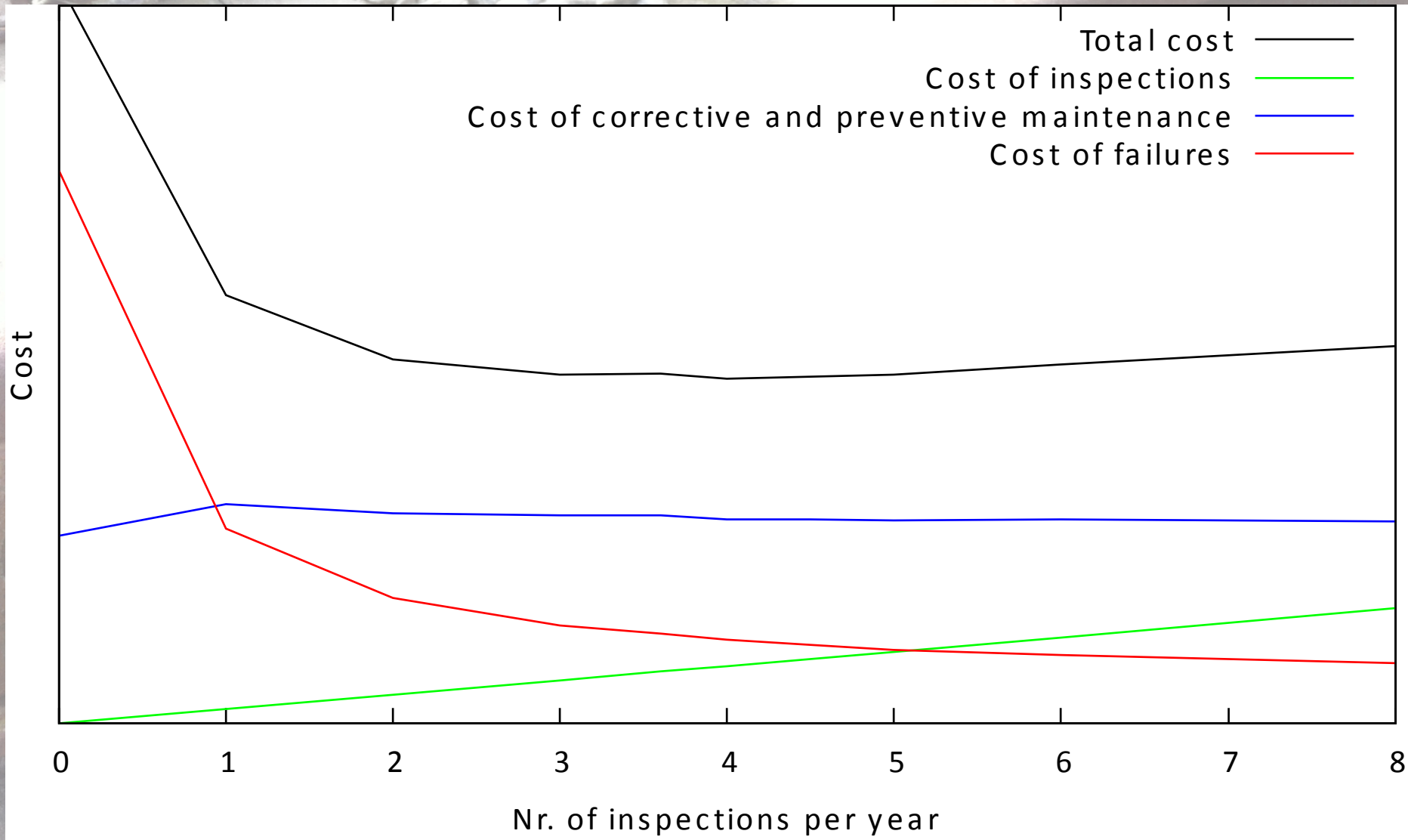


# Results: unreliability





# Results: price / performance



## New joint type: **NRG joint vs current joints**



Same analysis for NGR joint:

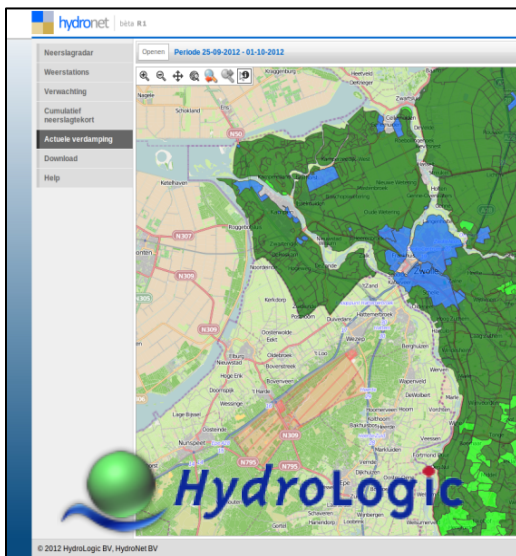
- NRG joint is cost-effective
- More sensitive to variations in maintenance policy



# More software: other cases



Cardiac assist system  
reliable enough?



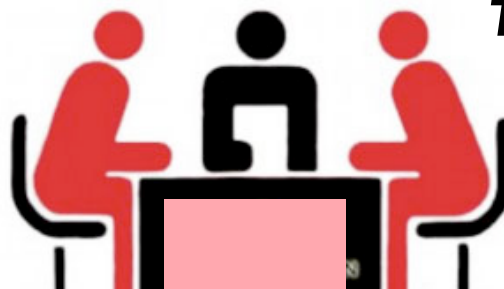
Web service scalable  
enough?



E-payment  
secure enough?



Reduce energy in streaming  
applications?



Risks in digital victim-offender  
mediation: with FTs

**Tech4people**

# SUMMARY

- Fault Tree Analysis
  - practical relevance
  - (stochastic) model checking fruitfully applied
- Compositional modeling & analysis
  - better models
  - more efficient techniques
- Easy to extend
  - esp with maintenance
- Applicable to industrial cases
- **Future work**

**No risk,  
no fun**



# FUTURE WORK

Fault trees + big data analytics

- understand failure causes better
- Fault trees provide domain knowledge

**Hiring:**

2 PhD students

<https://www.utwente.nl/en/organization/careers/vacancies/!/vacature/888350>

