

An observation metamodel for dependability tools

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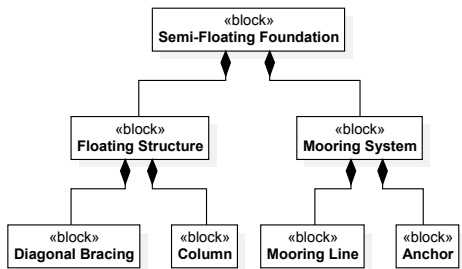
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- this is about:
 - Component-Based systems subject to failures over time
 - Propagation of faults among system components
 - Extension of FaultFlow Java Library to represent observations
 - ... making it possible to test various dependability strategies

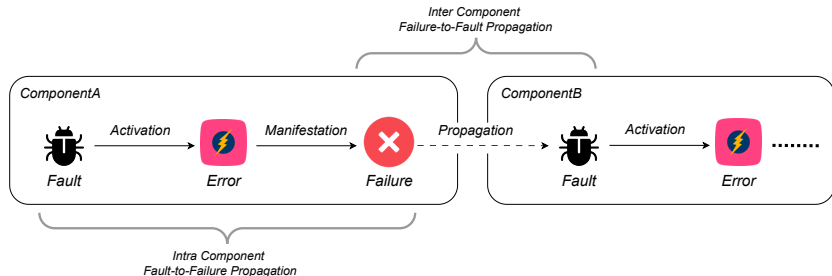
Context: Component-Based Systems



- Composition of multiple **loosely coupled and modular** components
- Components **interact** with each other through physical or communication interfaces
- **Hierarchical structure** frequently represented through SysML Block Definition Diagrams

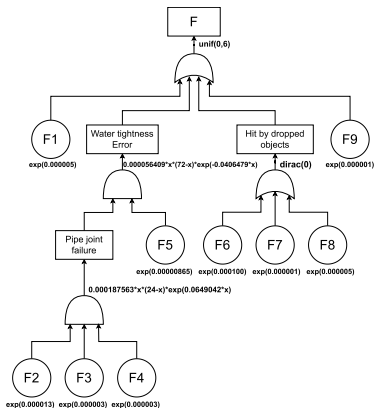
Context: Chain of Threats [1]

- Intra-component **Fault-to-Failure** propagation:
 - Internal component fault activates after a certain time
 - Component internal status becomes erroneous
 - Erroneous component may deliver incorrect services
- Inter-component **Failure-to-Fault** propagation:
 - Interaction with erroneous component propagates a fault
 - direct couplings
 - indirect couplings



[5] Avizienis, Laprie, Randell, Landwehr. *Basic concepts and taxonomy of dependable and secure computing*. IEEE TDSC, 2004.

Failure Logic through Stochastic Fault Tree (SFT)



- Leaf nodes as **internal faults**
- Non-leaf nodes as external faults i.e., **Failure-to-Fault** propagations
- Logical gates as **Fault-to-Failure** propagations
- Node and ports associated with a delay having a non-Markovian distribution

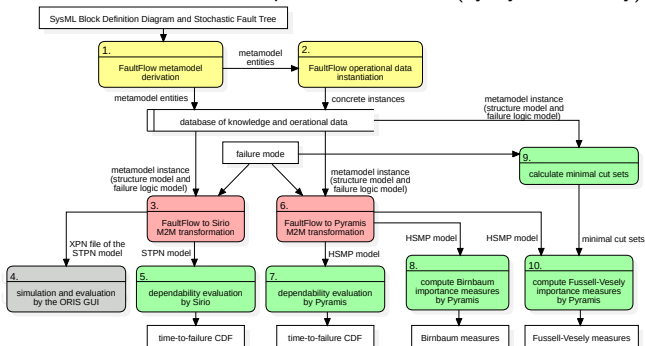
The Fault Flow Java Library [2,3,4]

[2] Carnevali, Cerboni, Montecchi, Vicario. *FaultFlow: an MDE Java Library for Dependability Evaluation of SoS*. Submitted.

[3] Parri, Sampietro, Vicario. *Faultflow: a tool supporting an mde approach for timed failure logic analysis*. EDCC, 2021.

[4] Vicario et al. *Automated generation and efficient analysis of the timed failure logic of component-based systems*. IWES, 2021.

- **Metamodel** allowing representation of complex systems and their related failure logic
- **Non-Markovian distributions** supported for activation and propagation of faults
- **Model-to-Model (M2M) transformations**:
 - Automated derivation of metamodel instances from semi-formal artifacts
 - Automated derivation of failure process duration distribution (by Sirio library)
 - Automated derivation of fault importance measures (by Pyramis library)

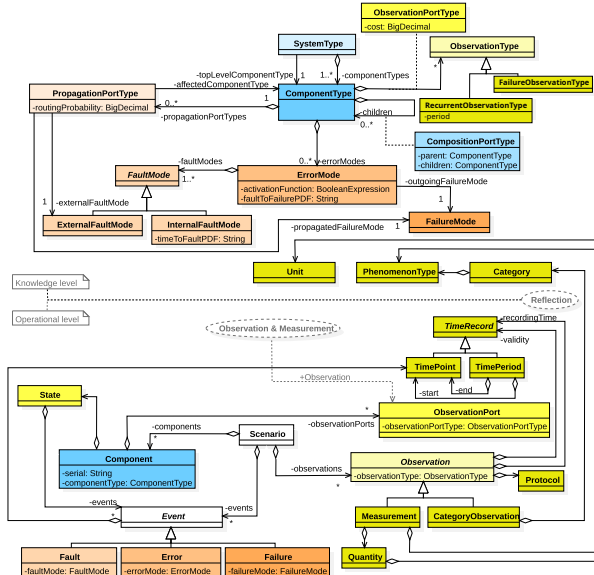


Contribution of the work

- Provide a software environment to test **dependability evaluation** methods
 - Evaluate different **monitoring** policies, **rejuvenation** policies etc . . .
 - Support **online failure prediction** methods
 - **Synthetic data** generation
- Extension of the Fault Flow Java Library
 - Extension of the Fault Flow **Metamodel**
 - Extension of the FaultFlow to Sirio **M2M transformation rules**

Extending FaultFlow with an Observation Metamodel

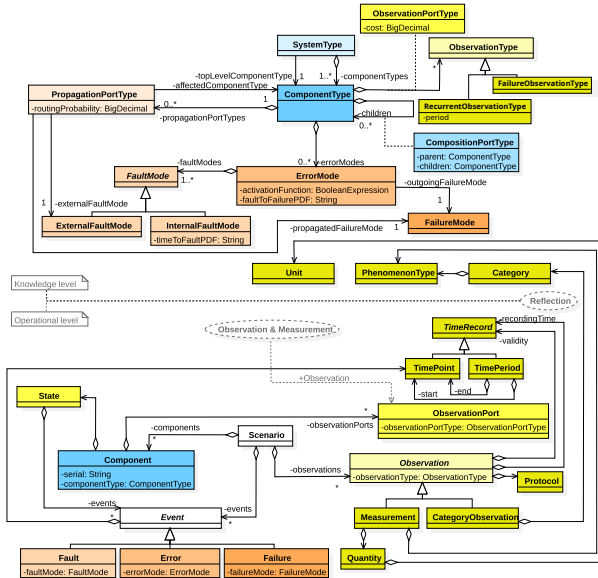
- Observation & Measurement Analysis Pattern
- Reflection Pattern [5]
- **Application domain-unaware** metamodel



[5] Schmidt, Stal, Rohnert, Buschmann. *Pattern-oriented software architecture, volume 1: a system of patterns*. John Wiley & Sons, 1996.

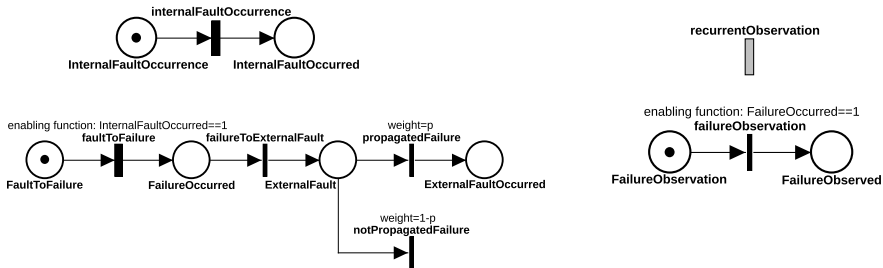
Extending FaultFlow with an Observation Metamodel

- Recurrent or one-shot
- Qualitative or quantitative
- Referred to an instant or a time period



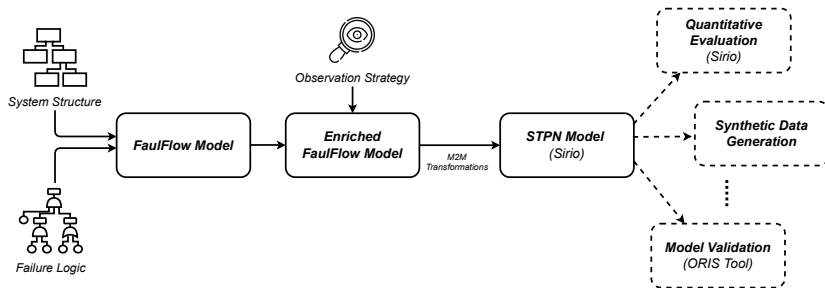
Extending the FaultFlow-to-Sirio M2M transformations

- Rules to transform observation-related metamodel instances into Petri Net **places** and **transitions**
- STPN includes transitions modeling occurrence of observations
 - IMM transitions for observations taken at event occurrence (one-shot)
 - DET/GEN transitions for observations taken at specific times (recurrent)
- Extension of **STPN simulator** to get observation values at transition firings
 - Entry-point methods returning observation value based on component state



Extended FaultFlow Java Library Workflow

- **Quantitative Evaluation** of monitoring setup
- **Validation** of Models
- Generation of **realistic synthetic datasets** of typed and time-stamped observations

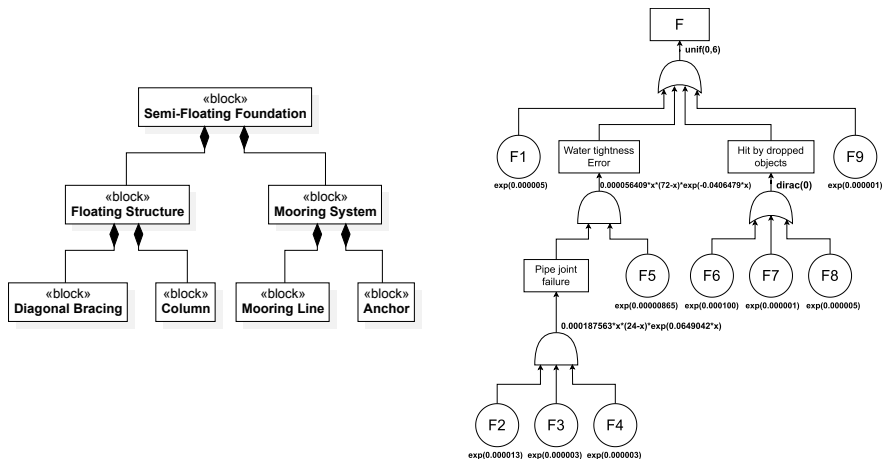


[6] <https://www.oris-tool.org>

[7] <https://www.oris-tool.org/sirio>

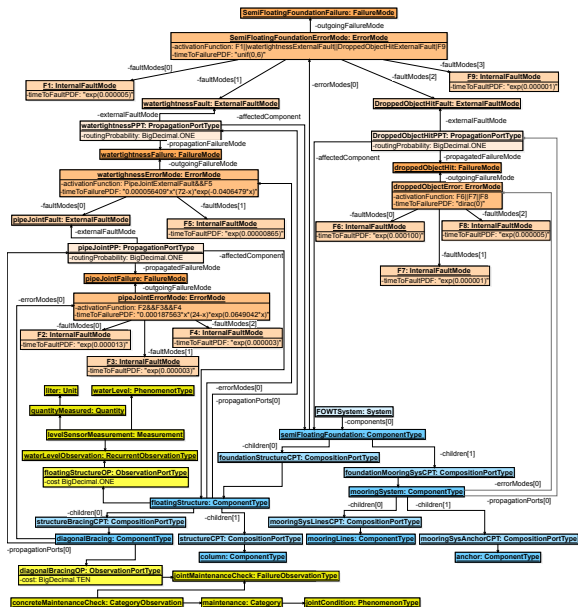
[8] Paolieri, Biagi, Carnevali, Vicario. *The ORIS Tool: Quantitative Evaluation of Non-Markovian Systems*. IEEE TSE, 2021.

Floating Offshore Wind Turbine Case Study [9]: Structure and Failure Logic

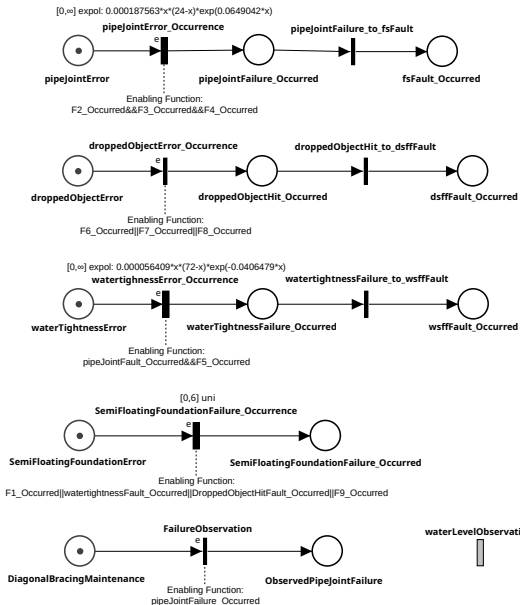
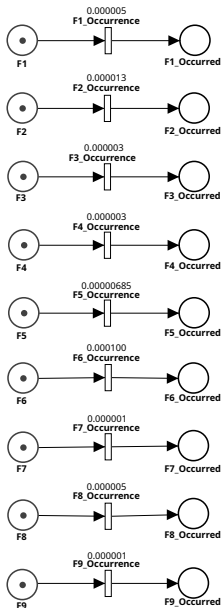


[9] Zhang, Sun, Sun, Guo, Bai. *Floating offshore wind turbine reliability analysis based on system grading and dynamic FTA*. JWEIA, 2016

Floating Offshore Wind Turbine Case Study: Fault Flow Representation



Floating Offshore Wind Turbine Case Study: STPN Representation



Discussion and Future Directions

- **Aim of the Work:** Provide a flexible and extensible metamodel to facilitate customization of monitoring strategies
- **Ongoing Direction:**
 - Learning failure logic models through model-based and data-driven methods
 - Markov Arrival Process parametrization for online failure prediction

