



Coral: a tool for Compositional Reliability and Availability analysis[†]

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Introduction









- State-space explosion.
- Ambiguous syntax and semantics.
- Lack of modularity:
 - Dynamic modules can not be reused.
 - Restrictions on spares and dependencies.
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- Case study: FTPP system.
- Dynamic fault trees (DFT).
- DFT semantics in terms of I/O-IMCs.
- Deep compositionality.
- Prototype tool chain.
- Conclusion.



Case study: FTPP





- 16 processors divided into 4 groups
- 4 network elements connect the processors
- Per group 2 processors must be operational
- Different configurations are possible











Monolithic DFT analysis [Dugan et al. 1992]



- Convert the DFT into a Continuous-time Markov chain.
- Analyze CTMC using standard solution techniques.
- In special cases binary decision diagrams can be used!





FTPP Results





Analysis method	Max number of states	Max number of transitions	Unreliability (T=10)
Monolithic	32757	426826	2.55479 · 10 ⁻⁸





- Model local behavior
- Combination of I/O automata and CTMC; closely related to IMCs
- Markovian transitions (CTMC)
- Interactive tran I/O-IMC for
- Action signature Basic event
 - ? Input actions
 - I Output actions
 - ; Internal actions

Input/Output Interactive Markov Chains (I/O-IMC)





DFT semantics DFT gate to I/O-IMC







 Semantics of a DFT arises naturally as composition of the semantics of its building blocks



But: This may lead to huge models.





- Formally define semantics
- Many useful techniques
 - Combining models: Composition
 - Refining models: Abstraction
 - Minimizing models: Aggregation
 - Reusing models: Renaming
- Well supported by CADP toolset (VASY/INRIA)
 - Widely used in industry (e.g. Airbus)

Combat State-space explosion





Conclusion: *How we tackled drawbacks*



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Extensions at the lowest level





- Fully automated tool
- More aggressive state reduction
 - Weaker equivalences
 - Interface constraints
 - Phase-type minimization
- Further extensions to DFT modeling capabilities
 - Extension to non-exponential distributions
 - New DFT building blocks
- Apply deep compositionality to other engineering formalisms!
 - E.g. Architectural description languages like AADL



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The END!



Case studies





(a) The cascaded PAND system

(c) A multi-processor distributed computing system

Case study	Analysis method	Max number of states	Max number of transitions	Unreliability (T=1)
(a)	Monolithic	4113	24608	0.00135668
(a)	Compositional	132	426	0.00135668
(b)	Monolithic	8	10	0.657900
(b)	Compositional	36	119	0.657900
(c)	Monolithic	253	1383	2.00025 10-9
(c)	Compositional	157	756	2.00025 10-9









Non-determinism!



