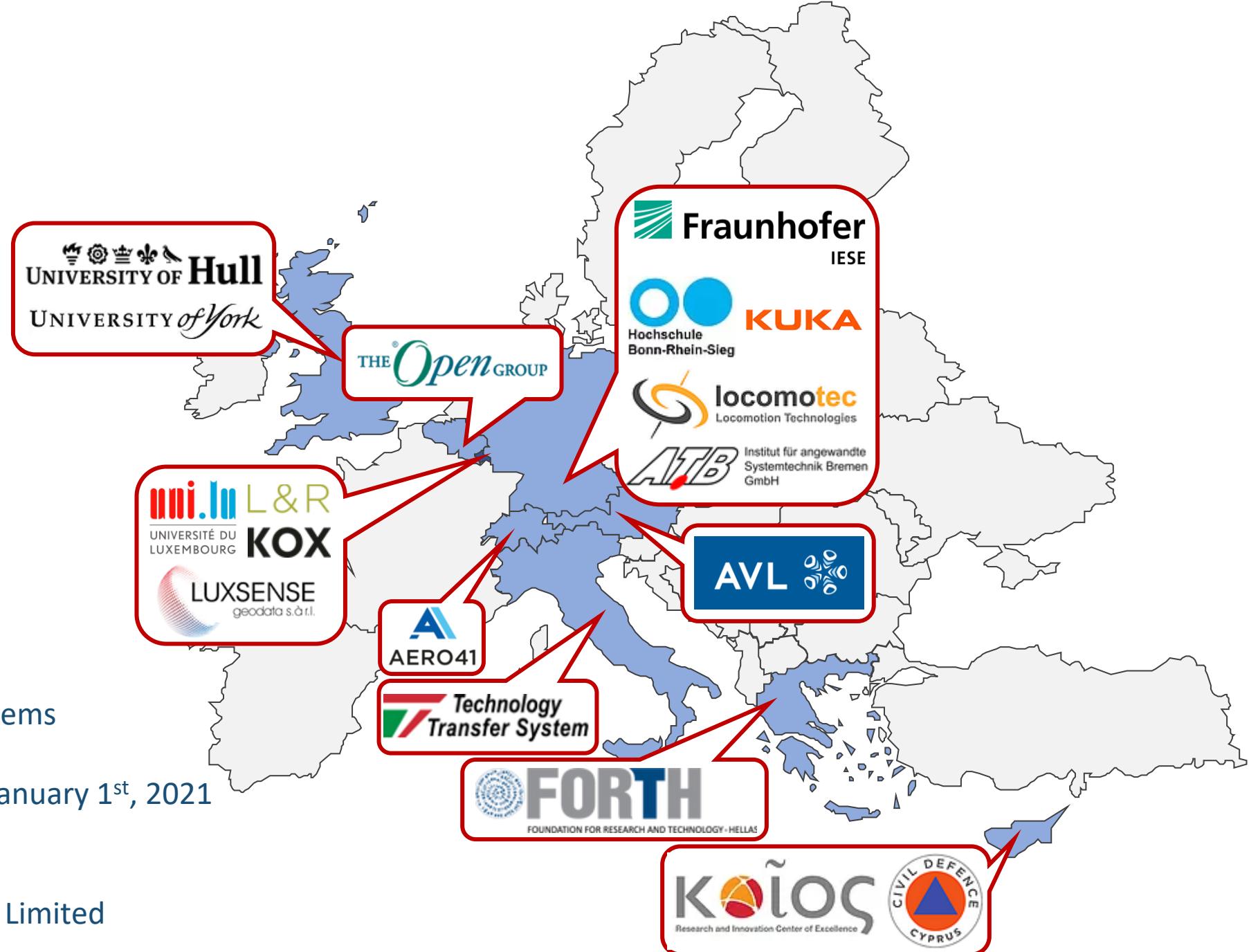




# **SafeDrones:** Real-Time Reliability Evaluation of UAVs using Executable Digital Dependable Identities

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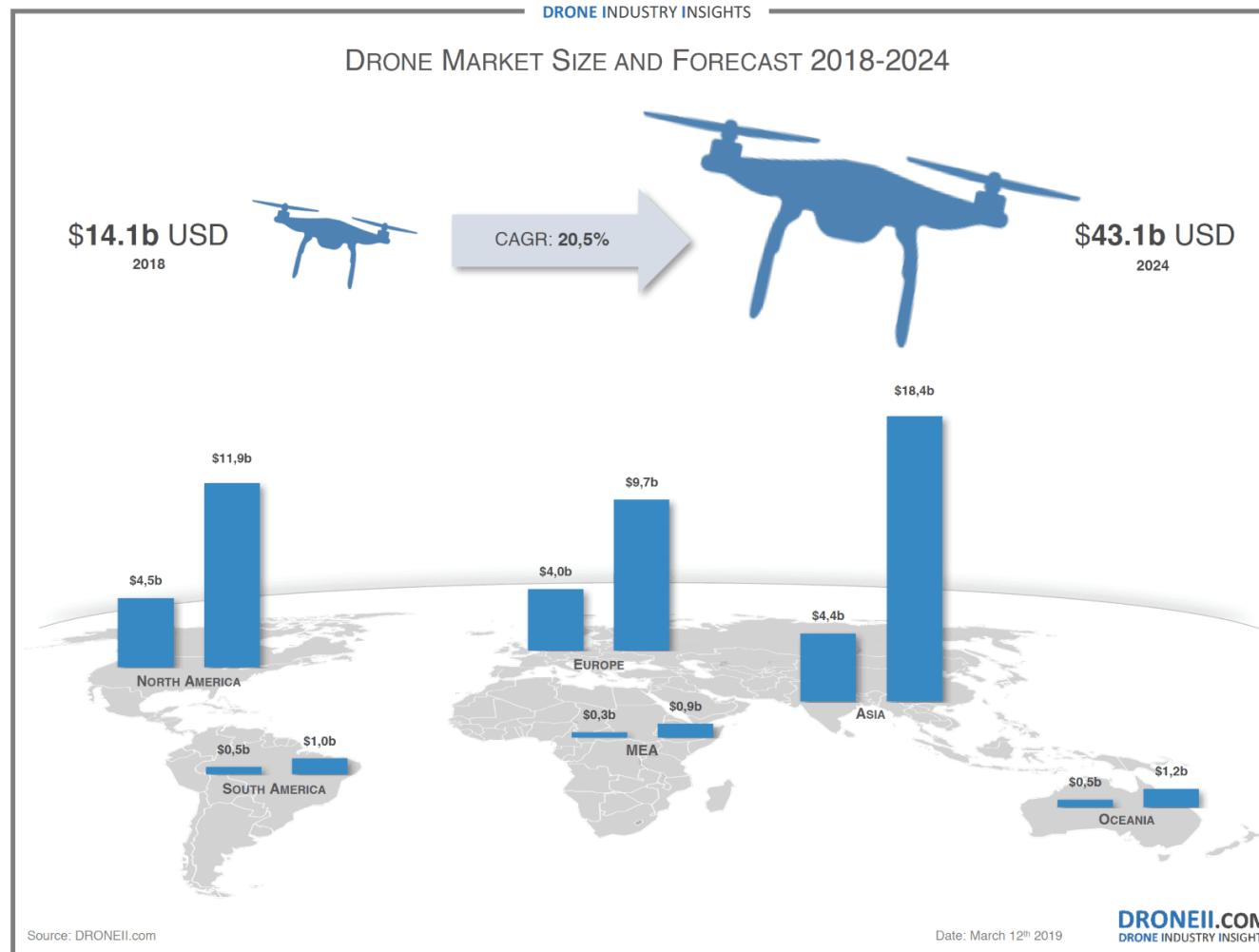


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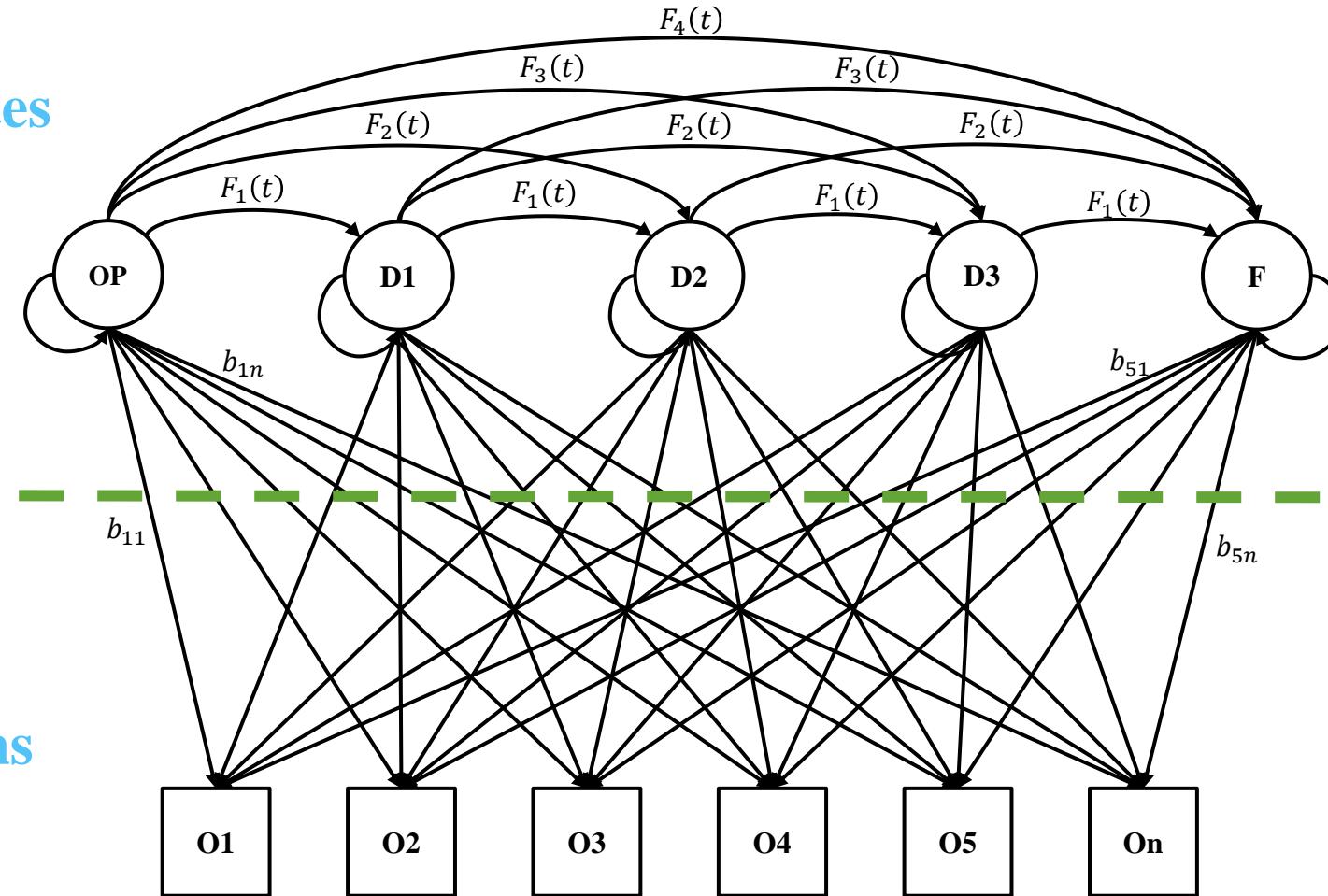
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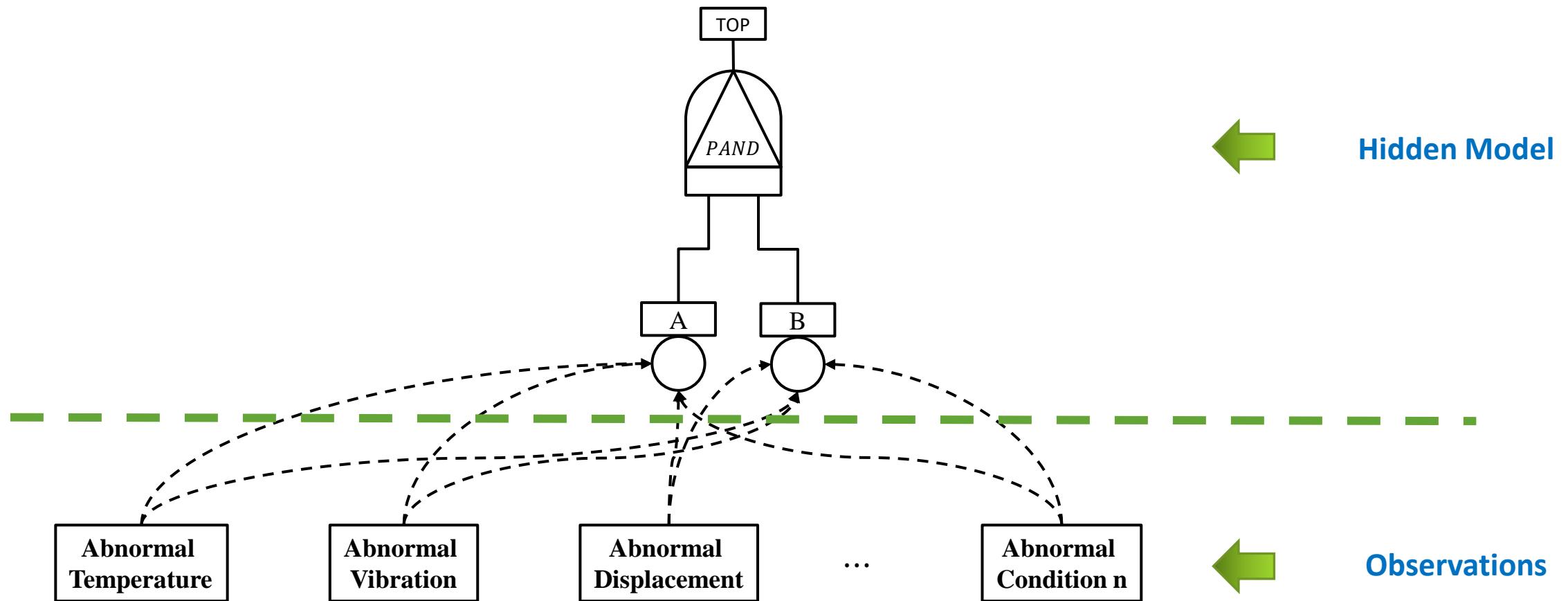
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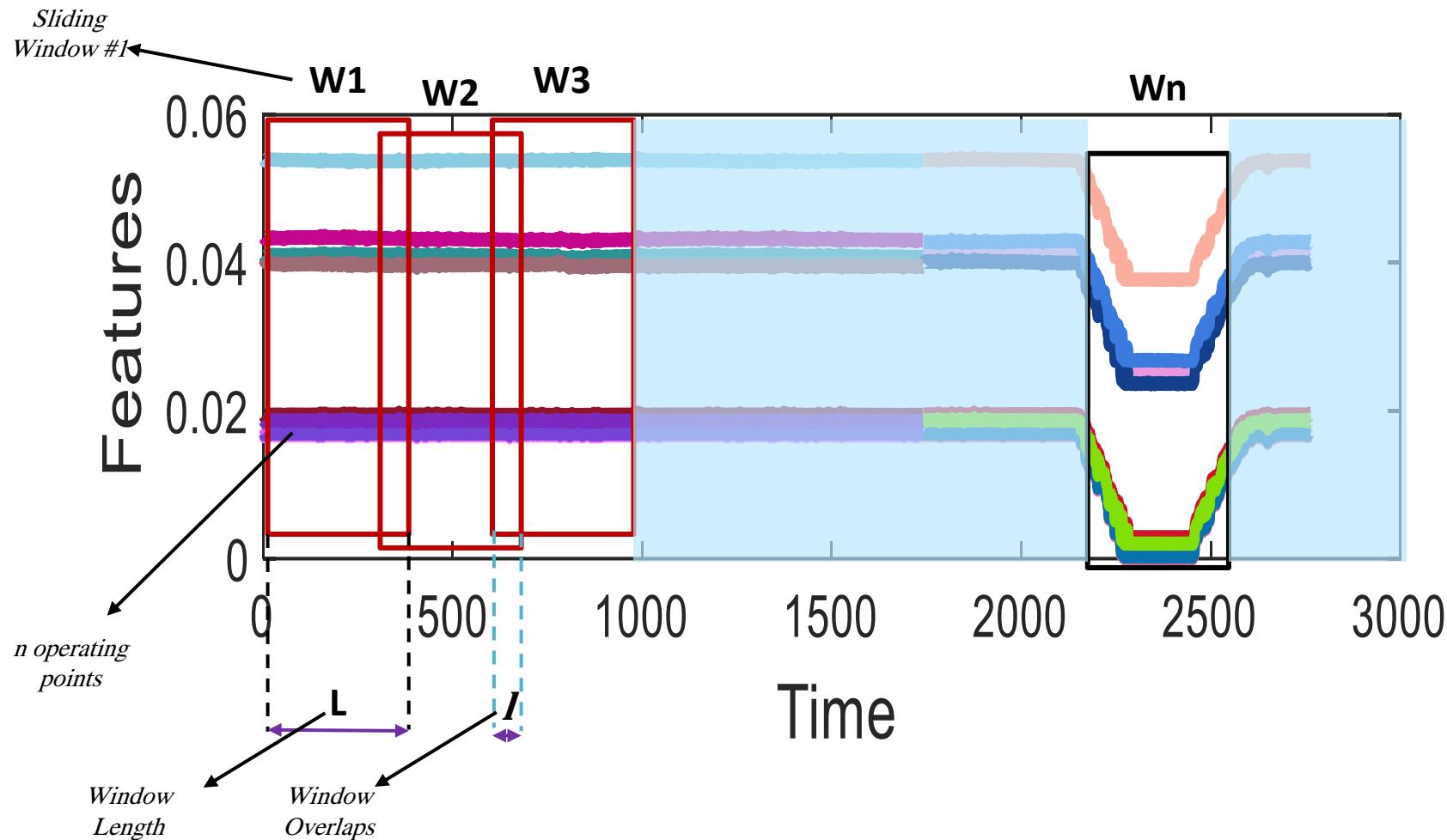
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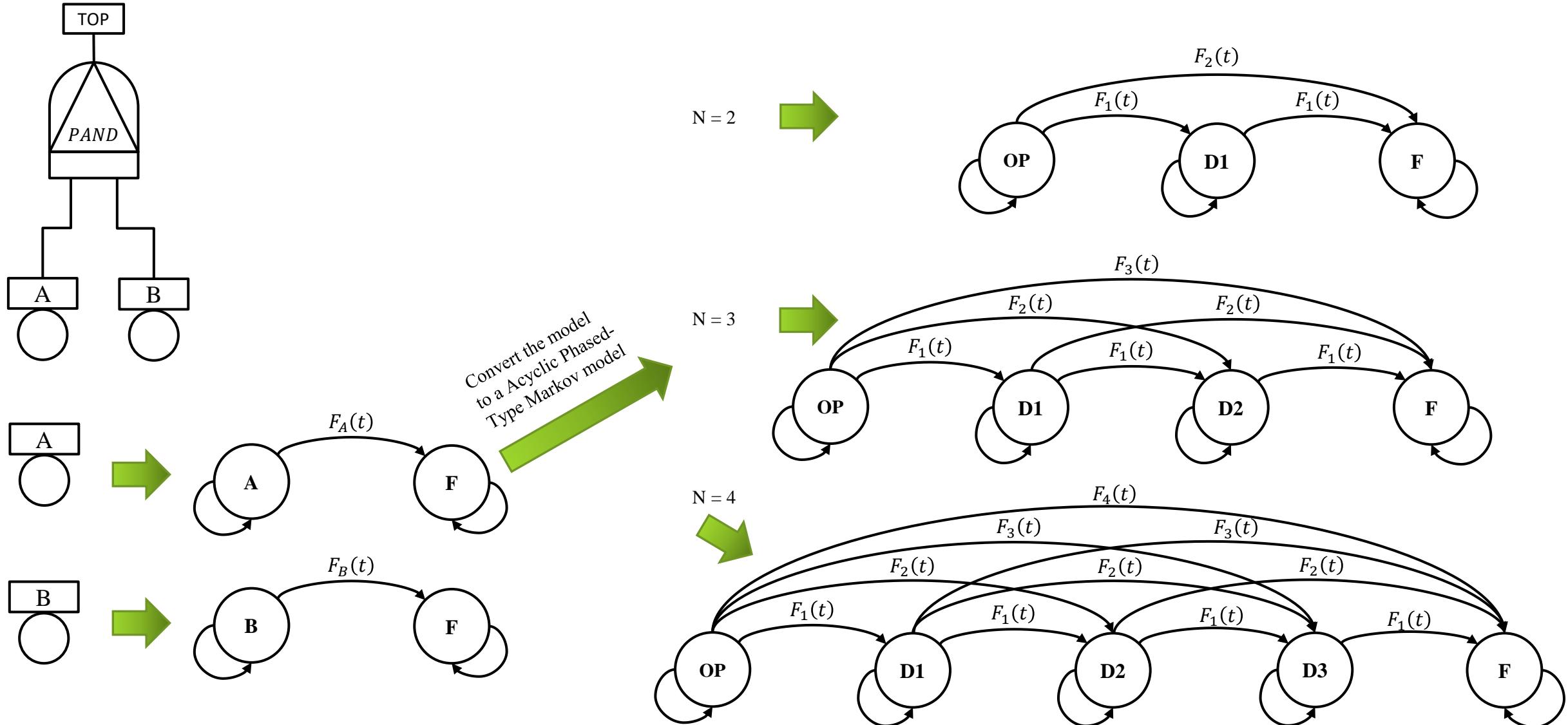
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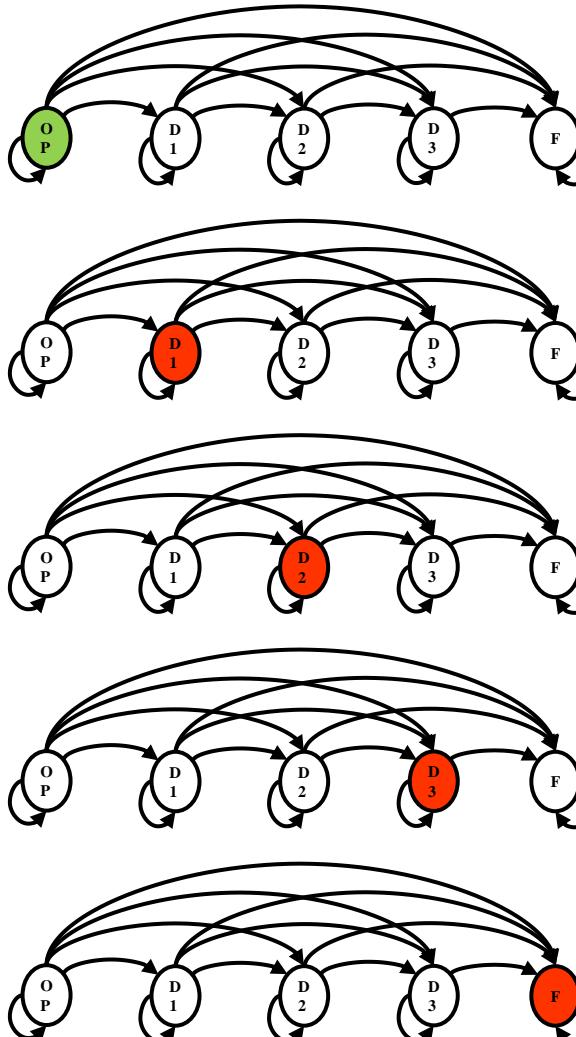
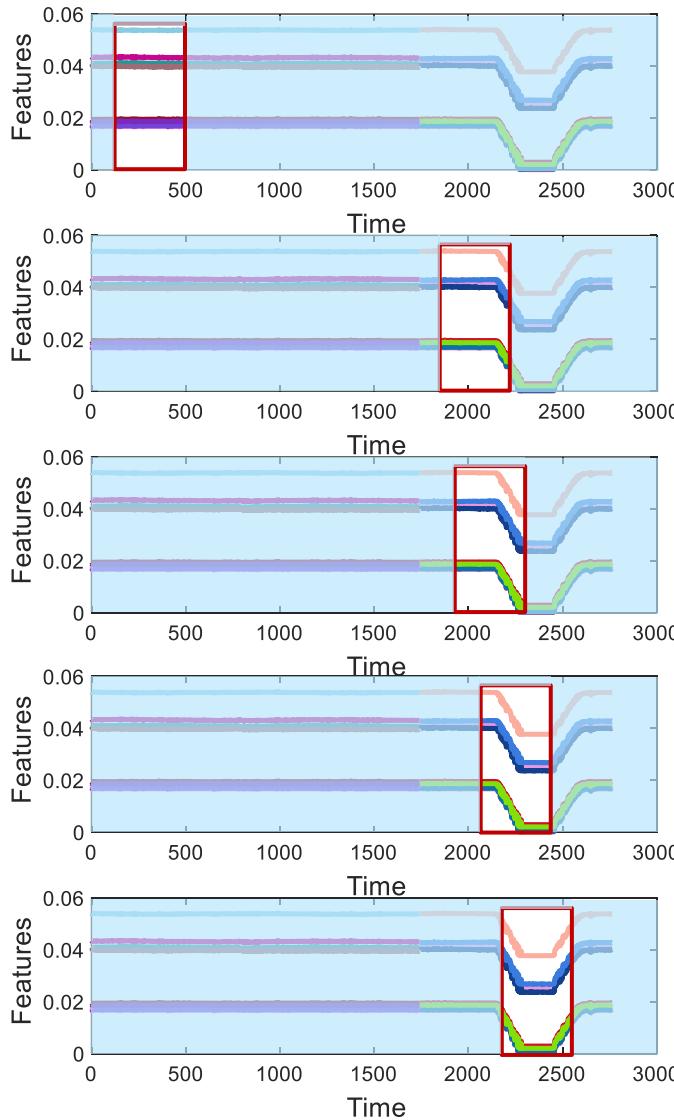
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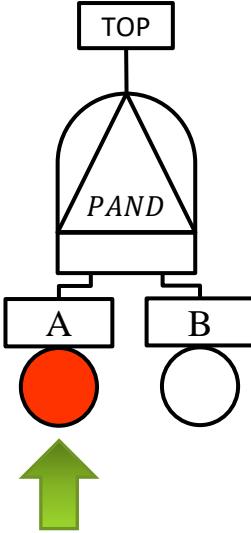
# A Basic Event in DFT and Phased Type Markov Model



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Calculating the Probability to Failure and also Mean Time To Failure (MTTF)





# SafeDrones Project Goal

## Reliability and Safety Modelling

Providing safety and reliability models for different parts of Drones.

## Safety and Reliability Monitoring

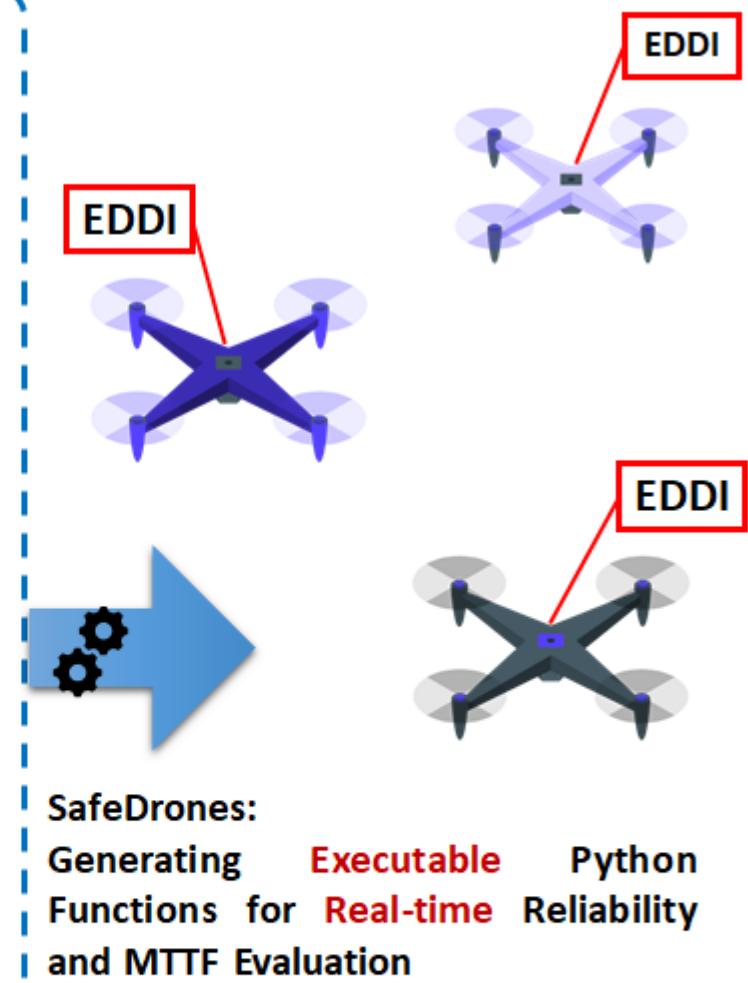
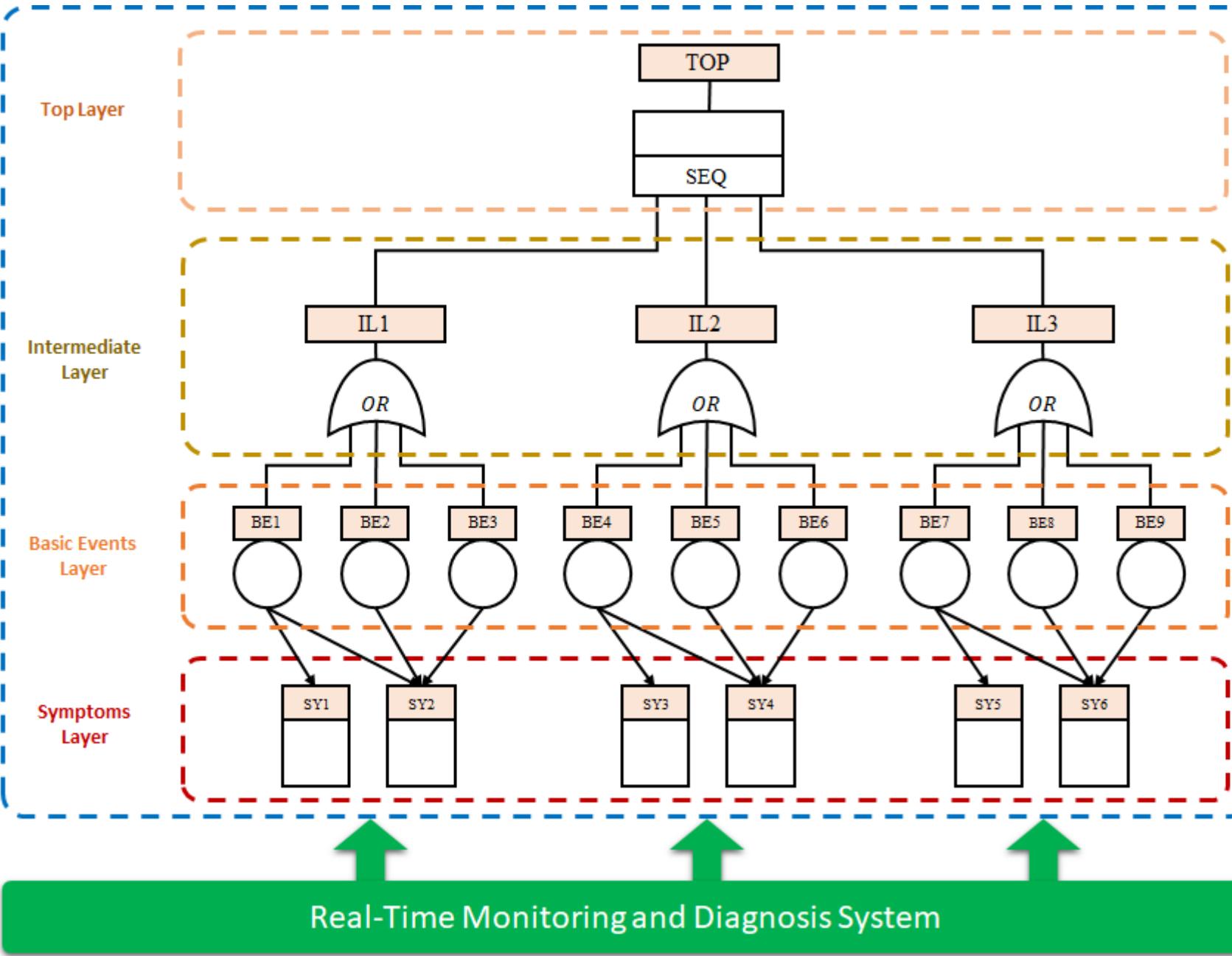
Online safety and reliability monitoring of Drones.

## EDDI: Executable Digital Dependable Identifier

Providing EDDI functions to be executed on robot embedded system.



<https://github.com/koo-ec/SafeDrones>

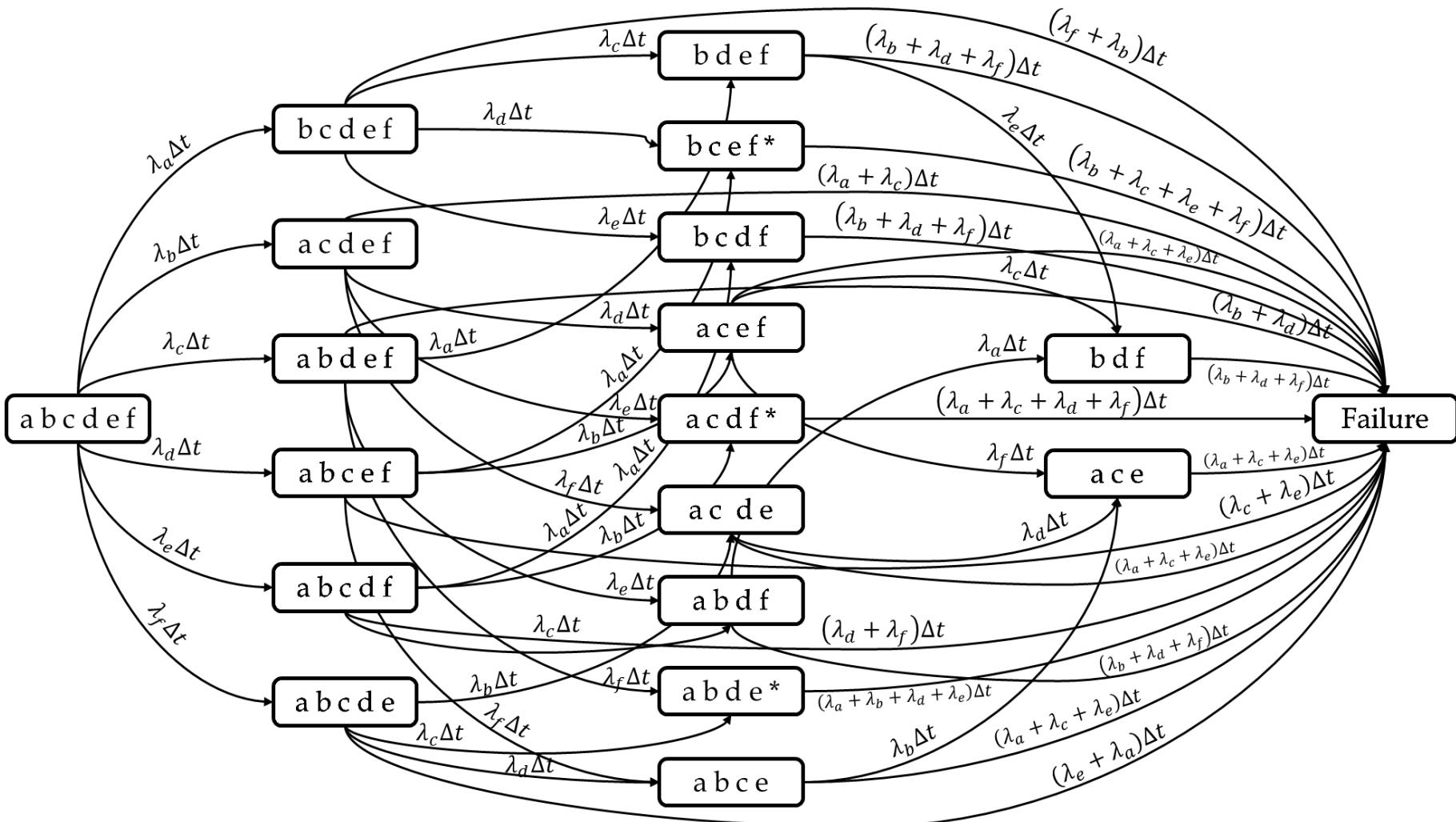
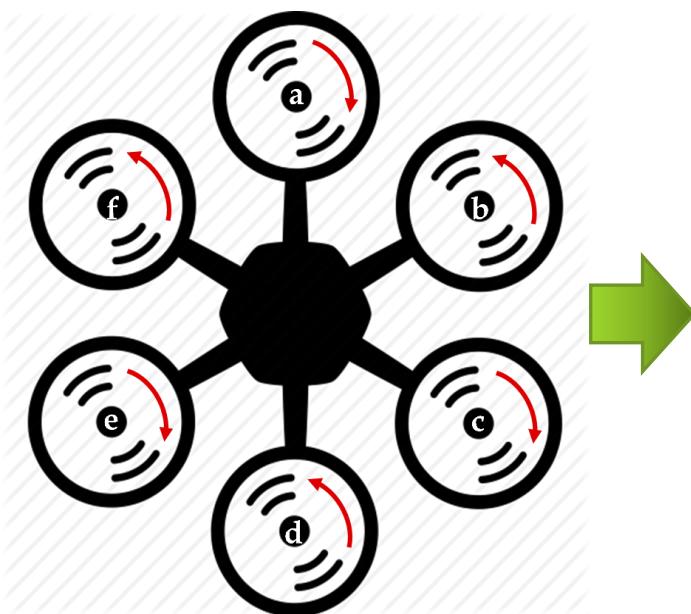


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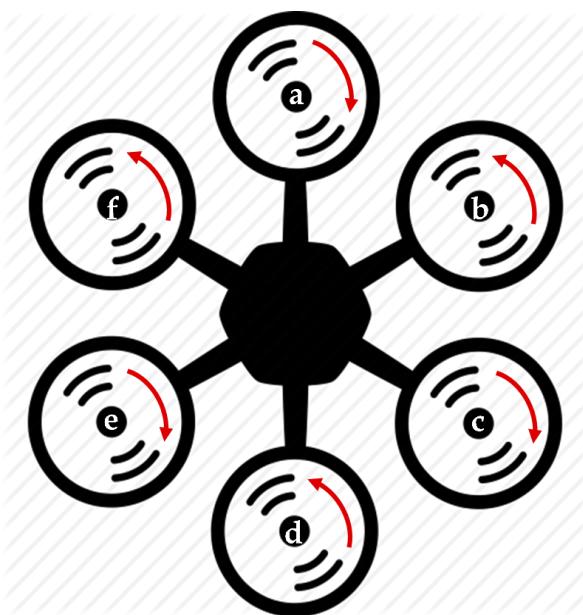
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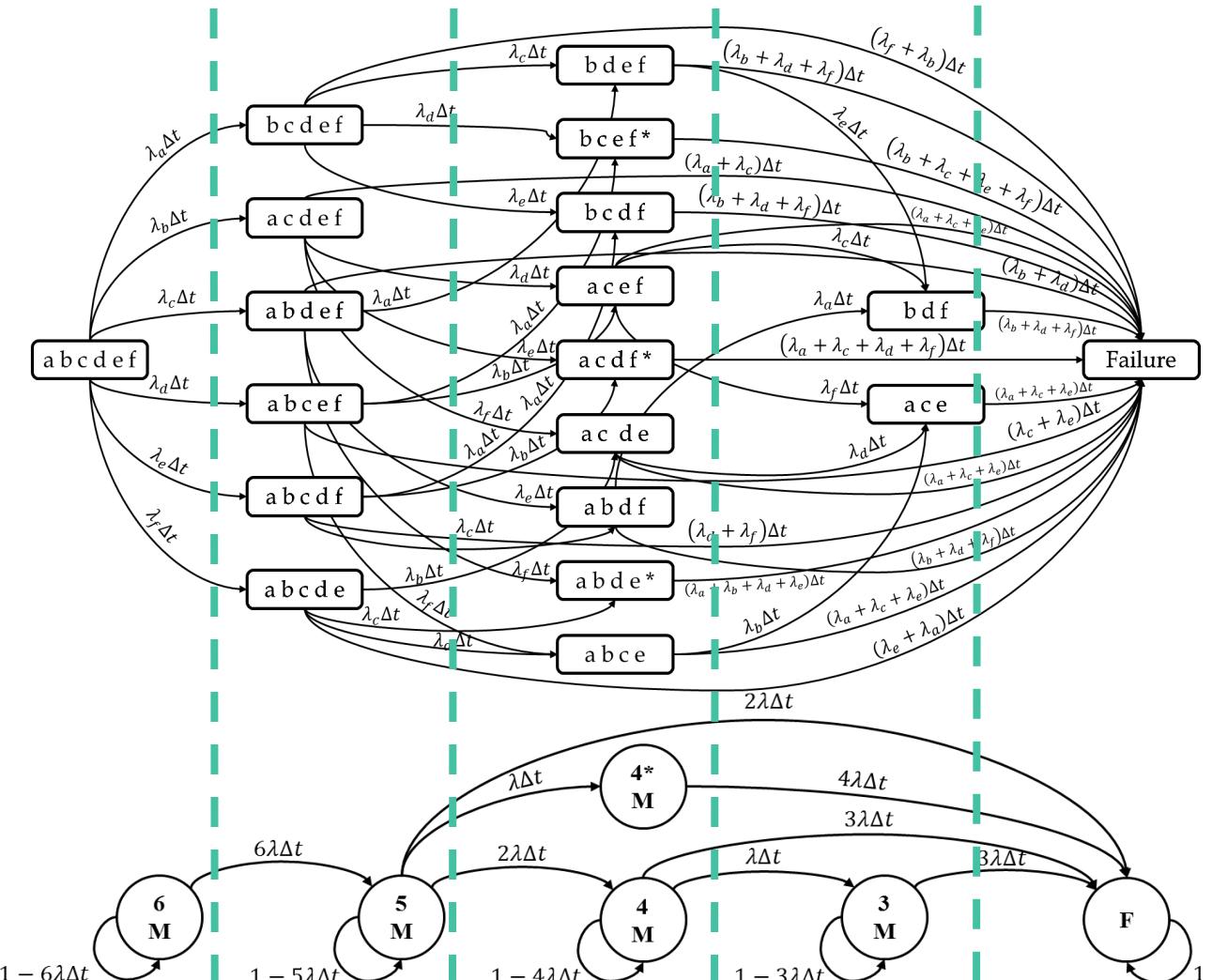


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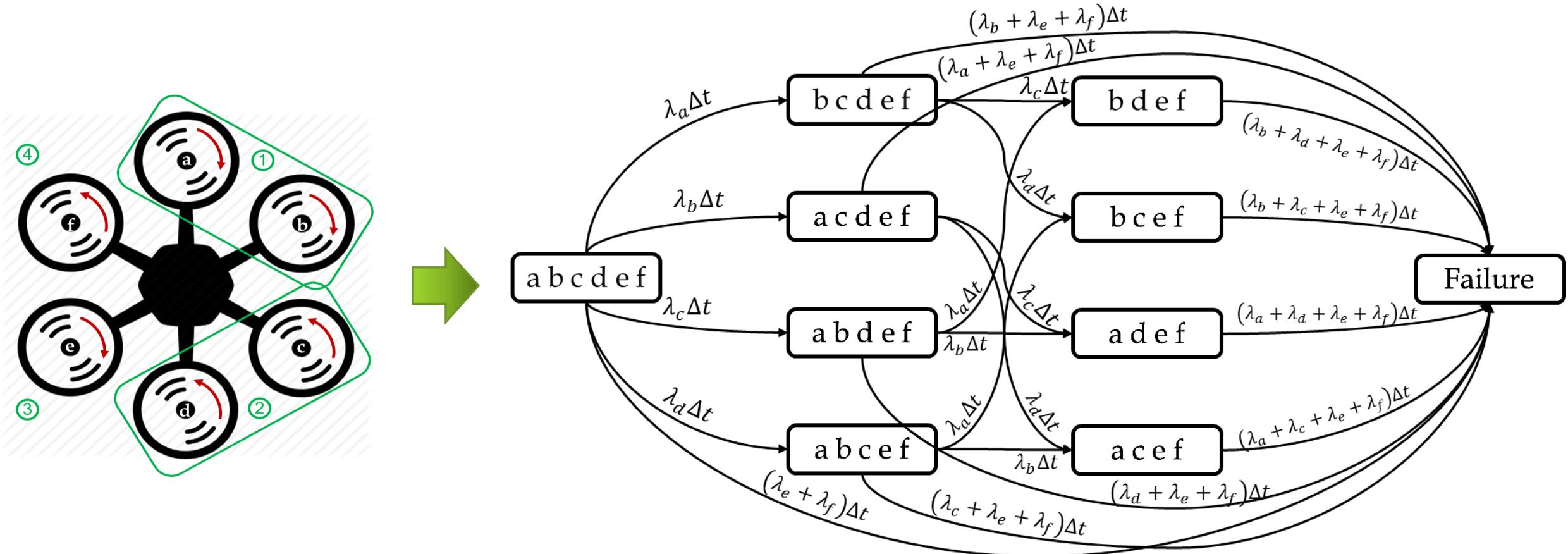


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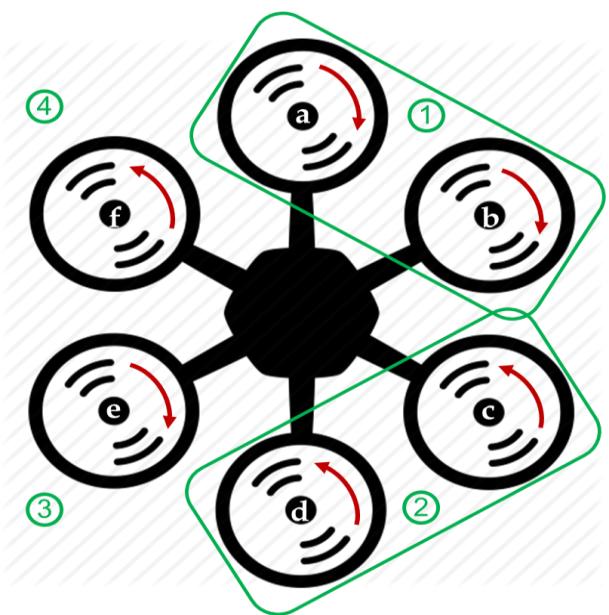
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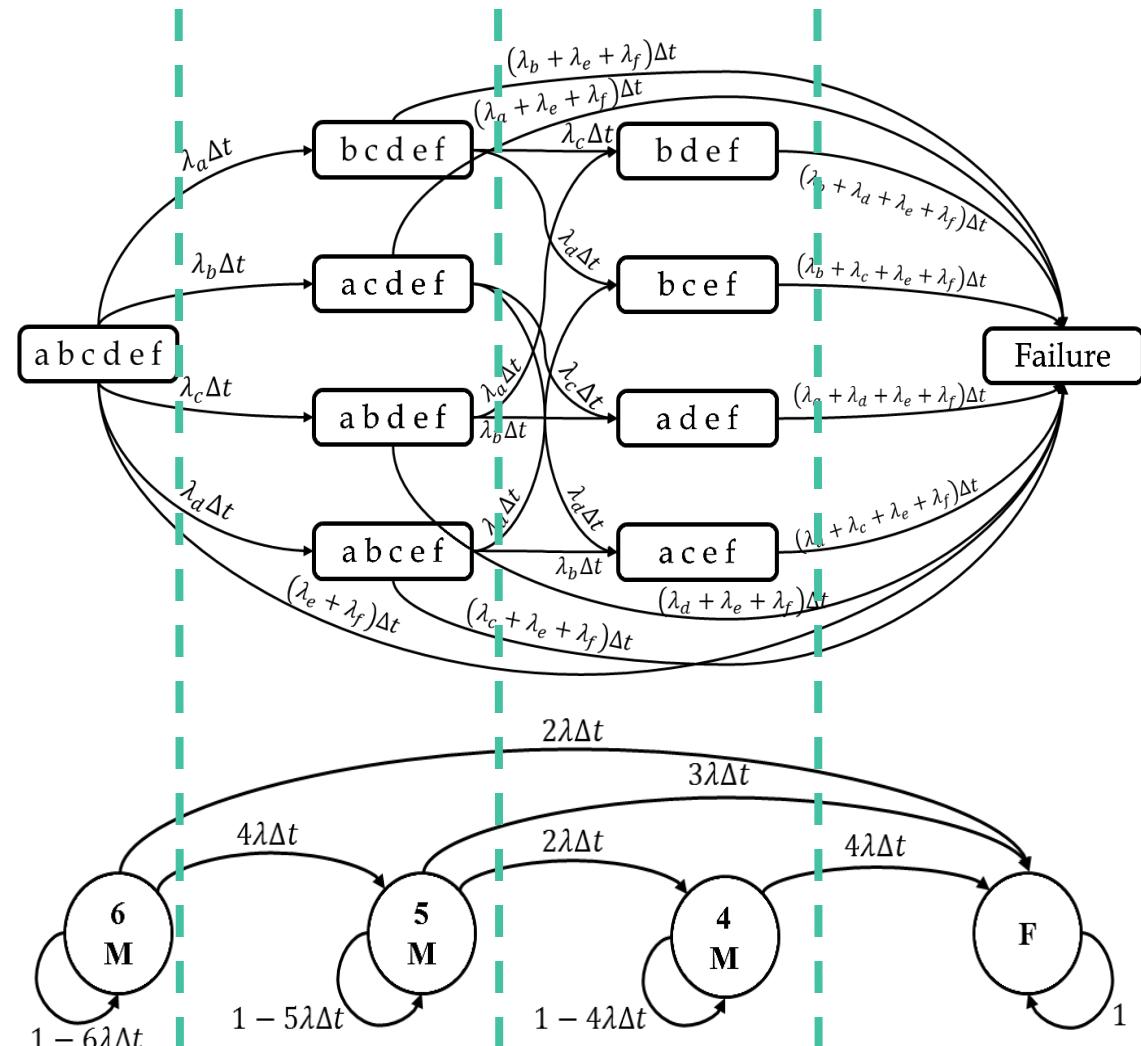


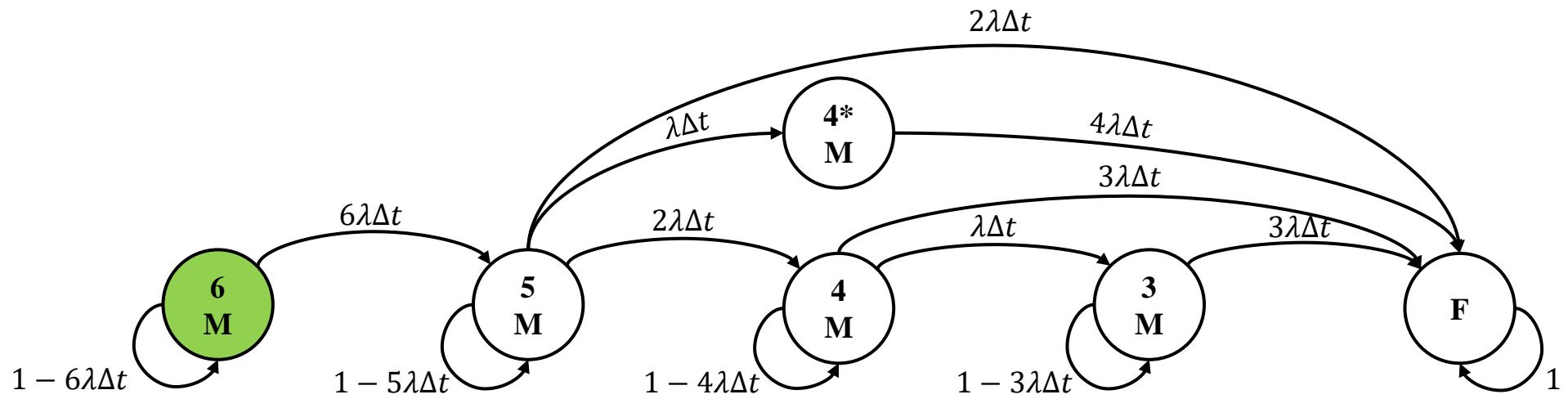
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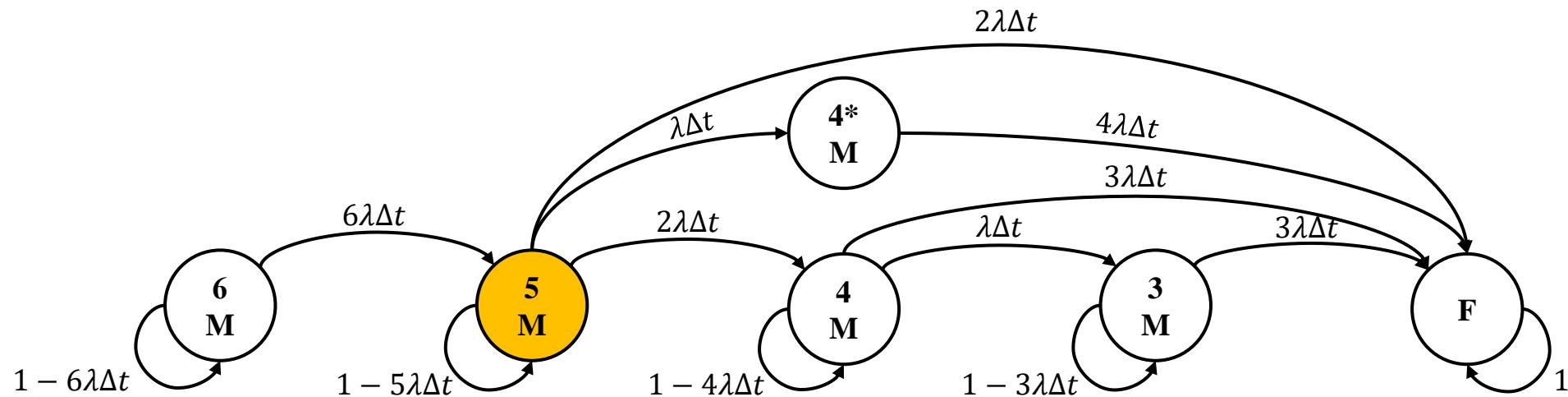
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print(MTTF)
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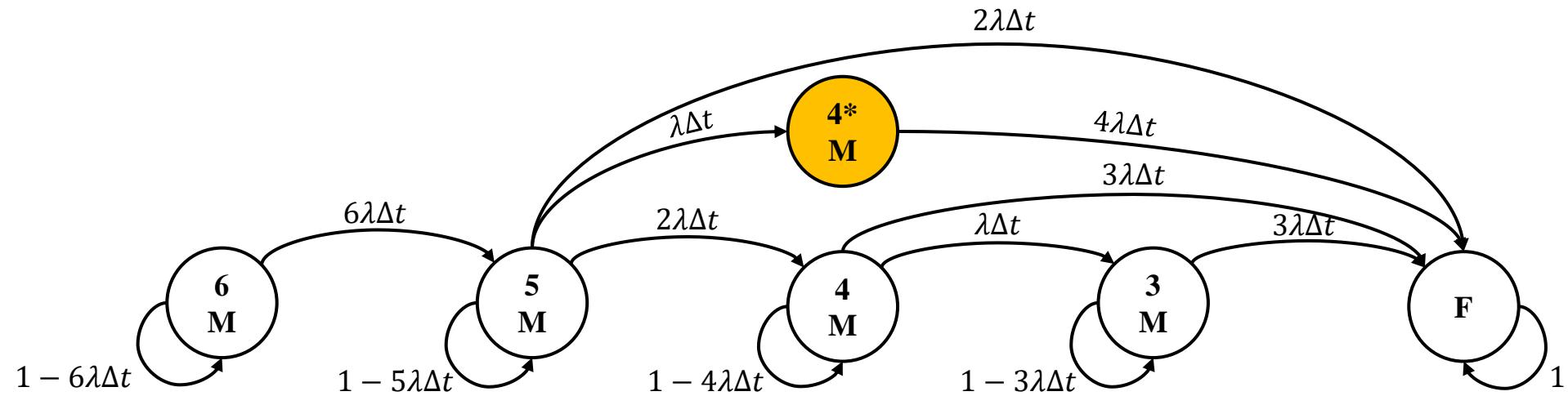


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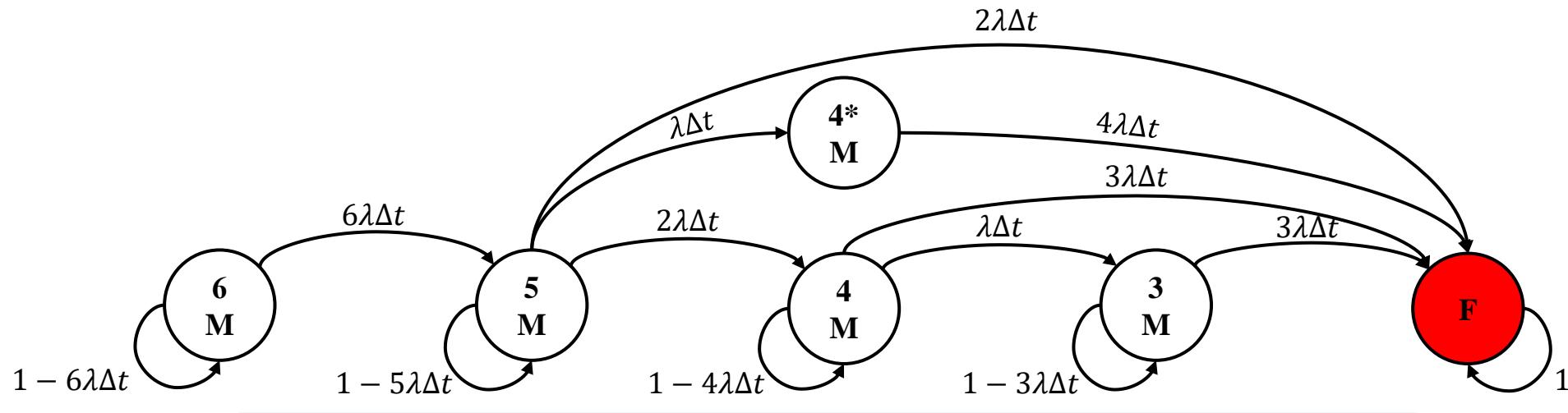


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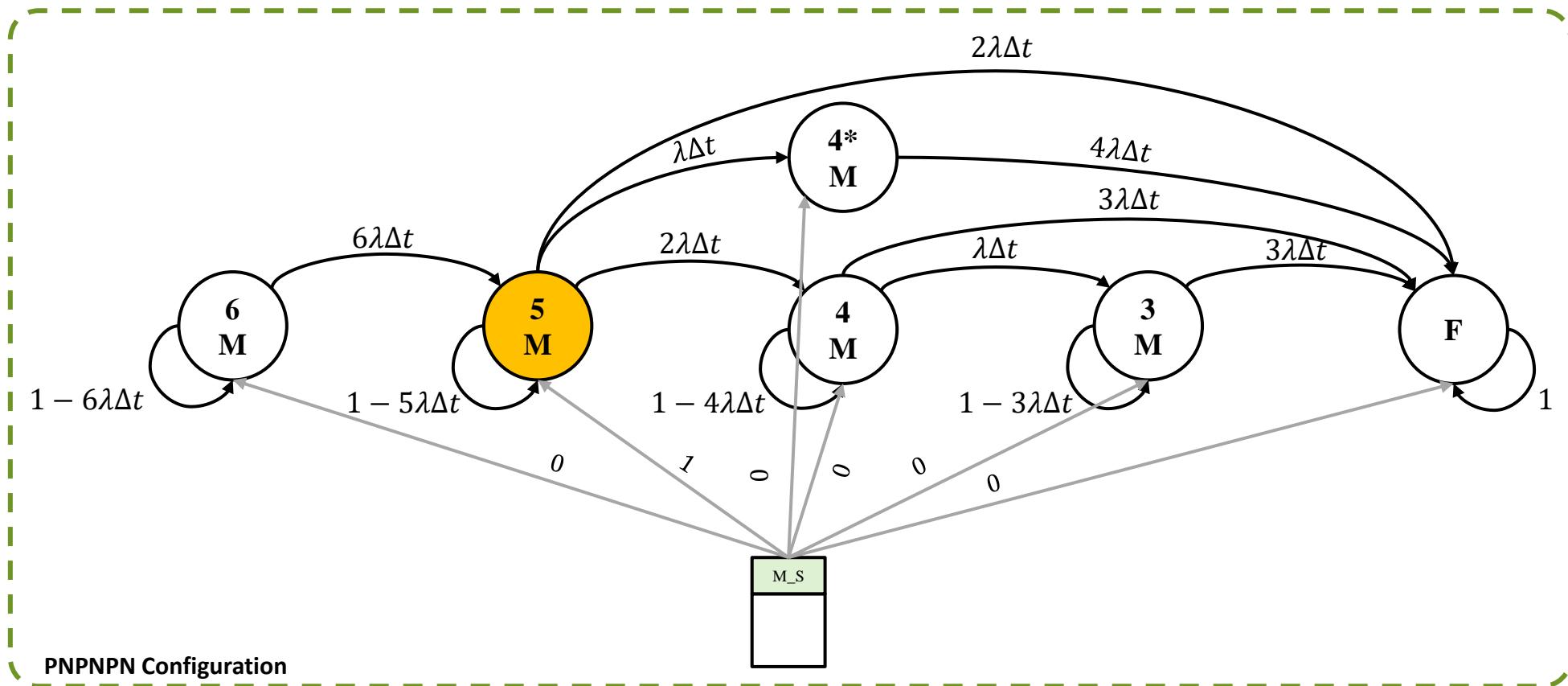


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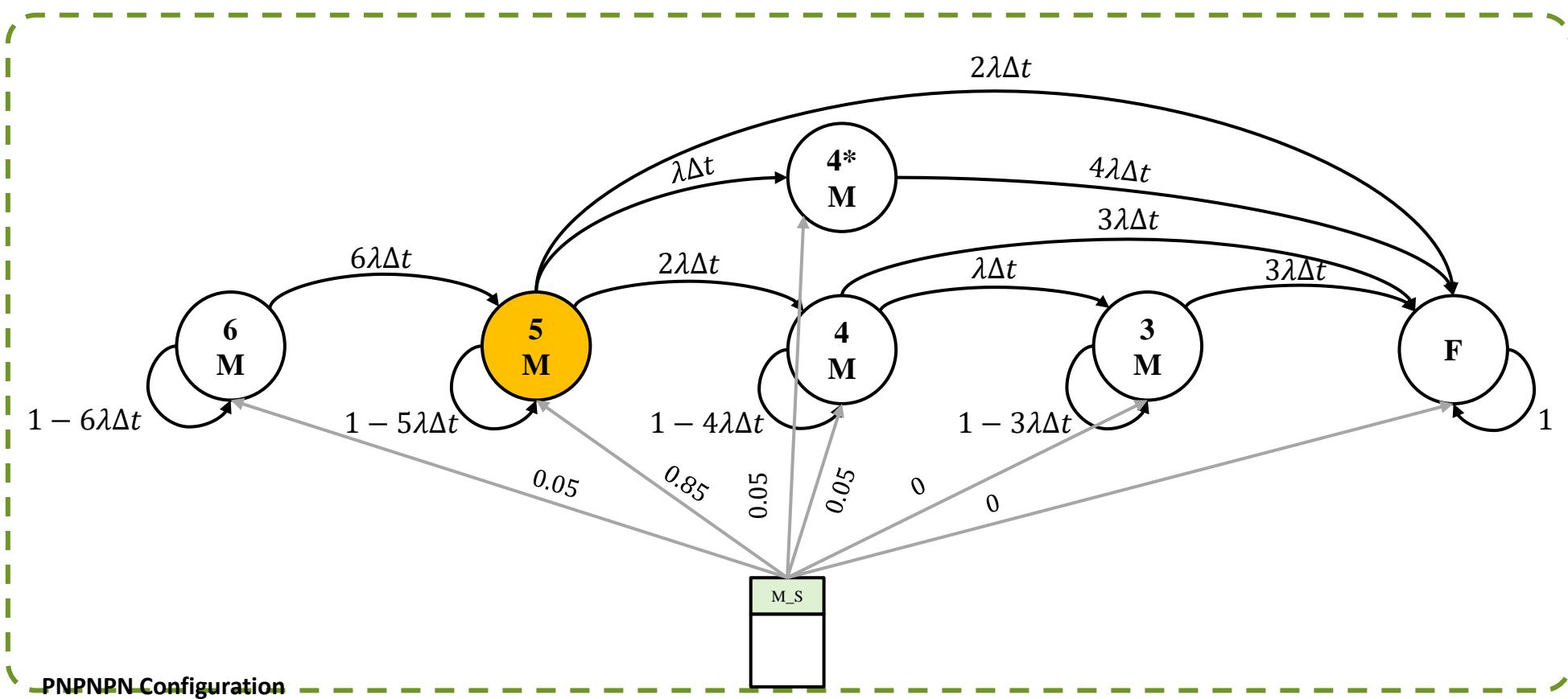


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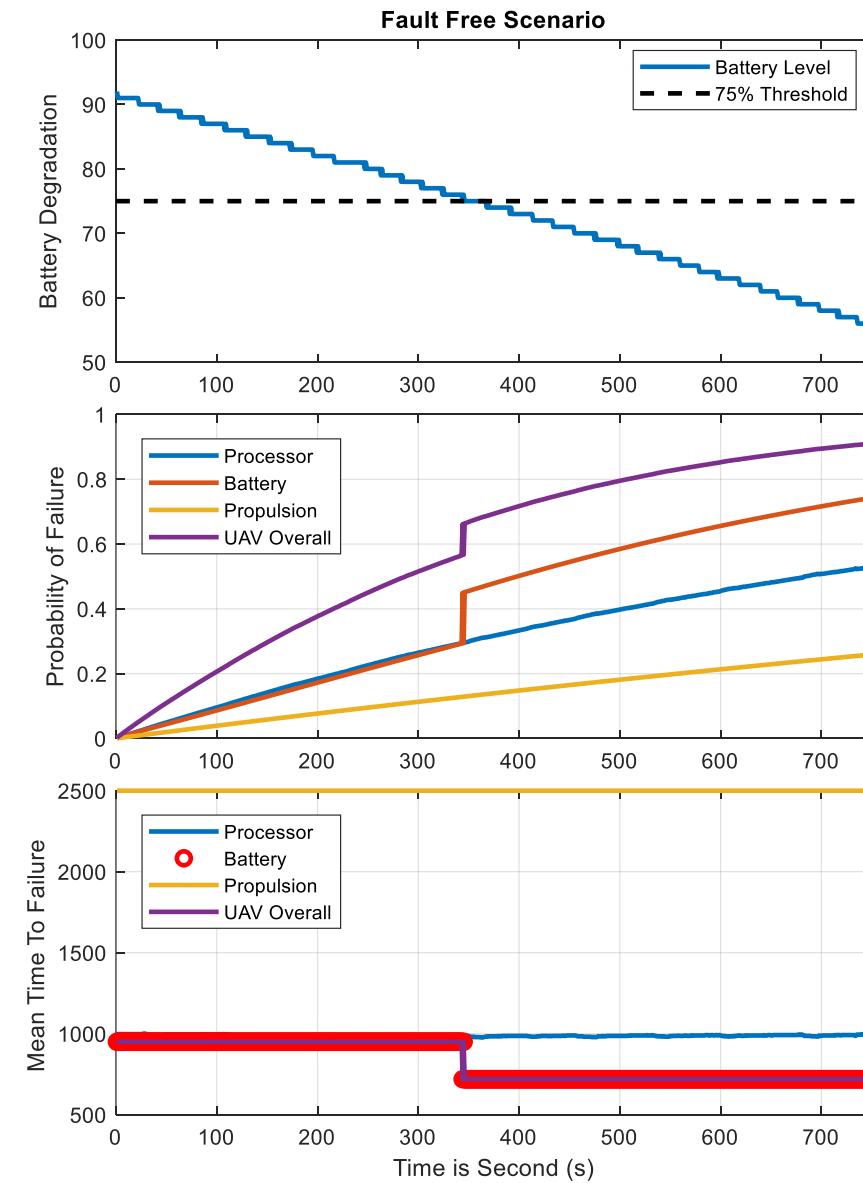
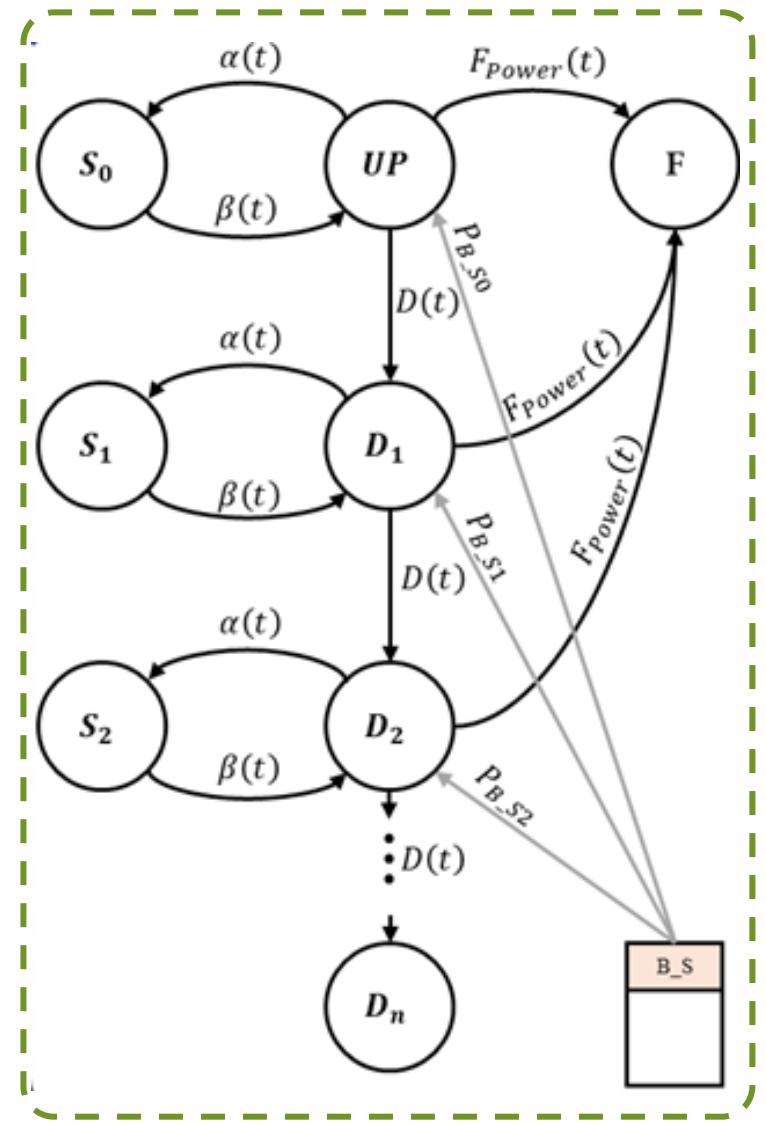
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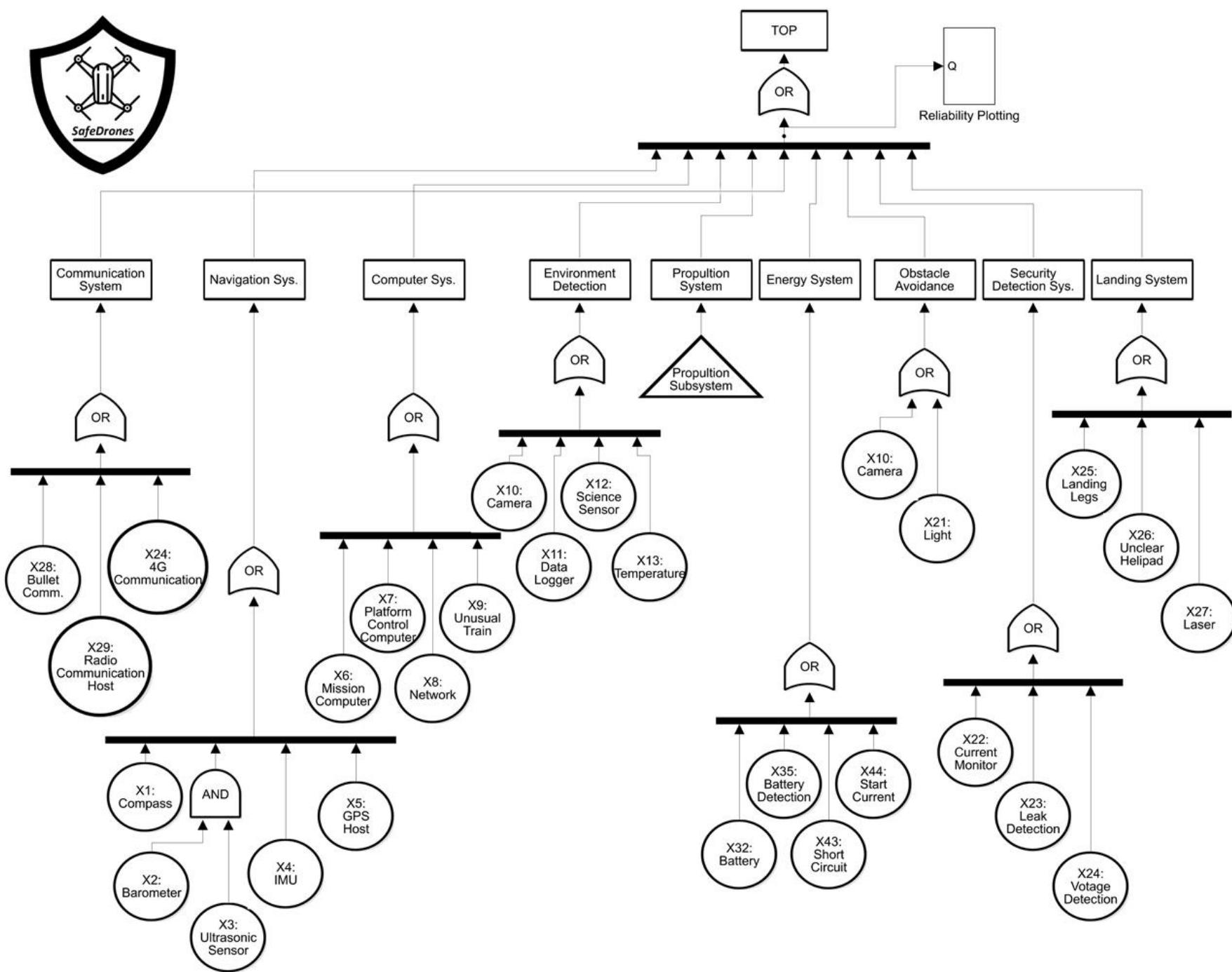
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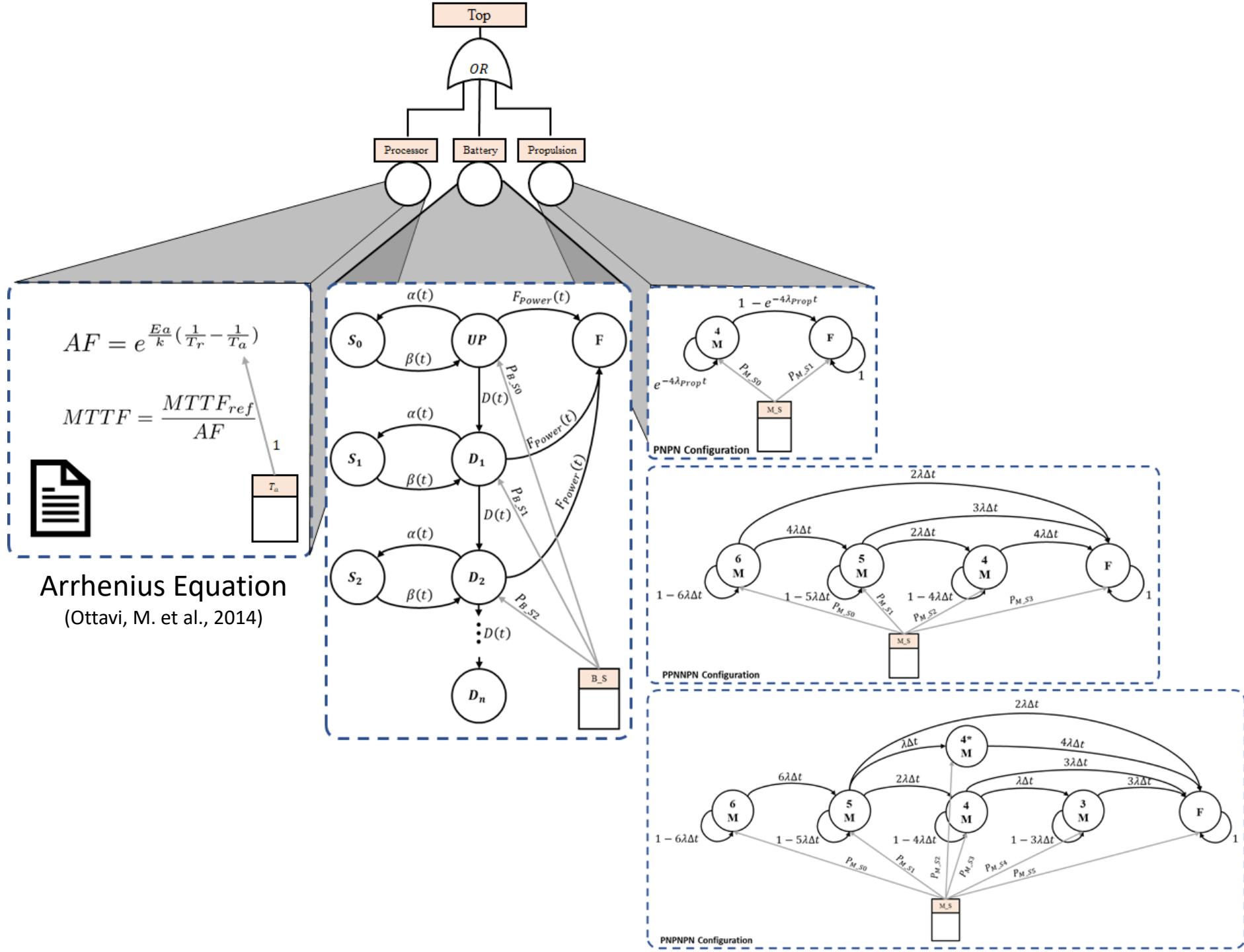
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# Battery System Degradation and Failure

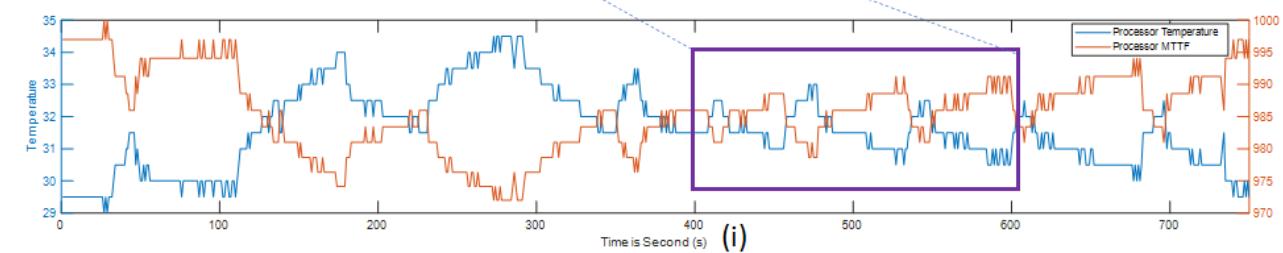
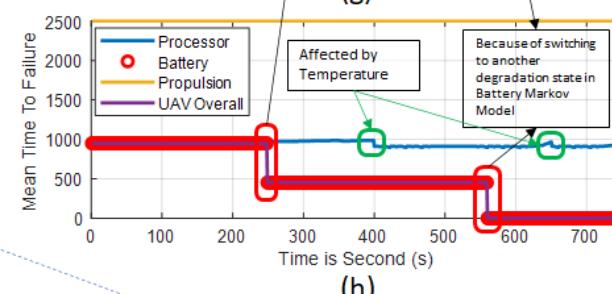
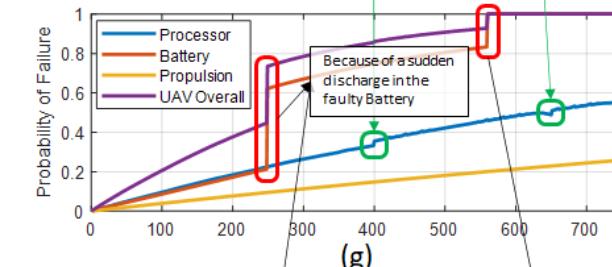
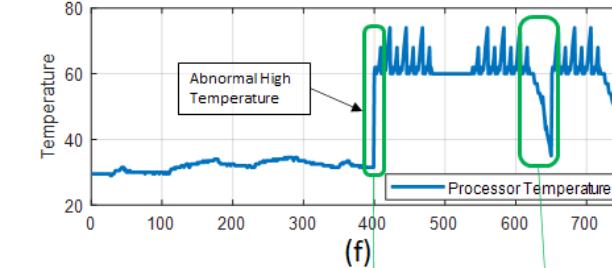
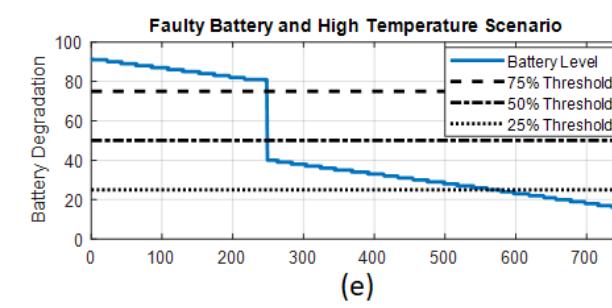
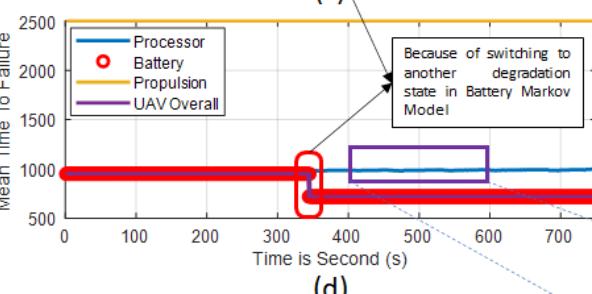
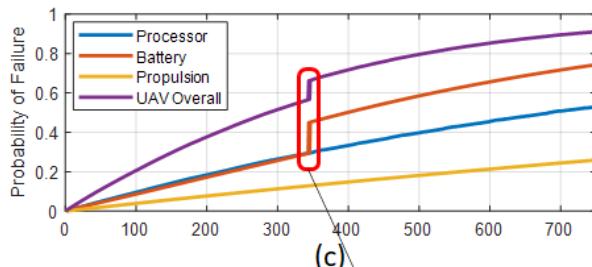
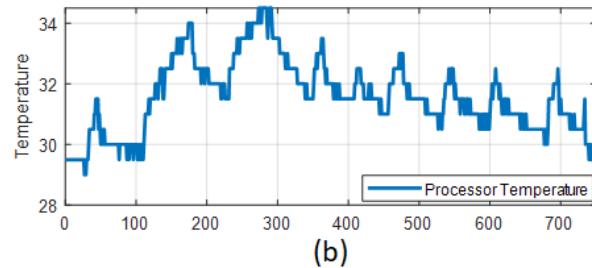
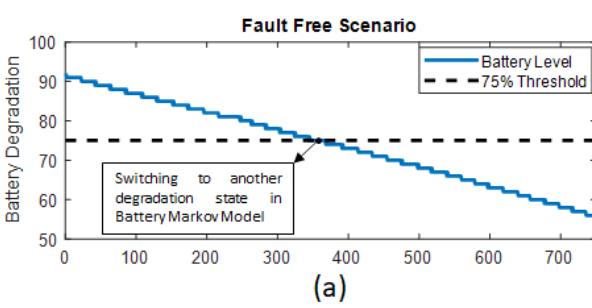








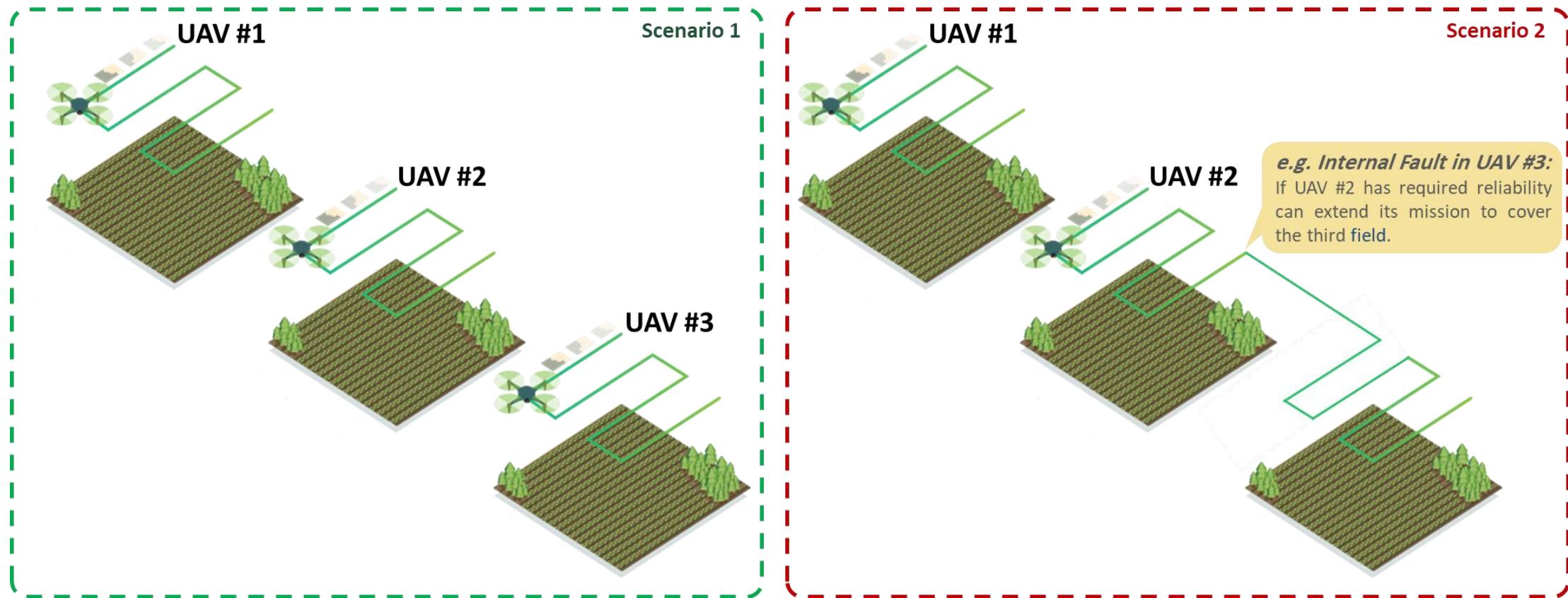
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Motor $\lambda$	Motor failure rate	0.001
<b>Battery parameters</b>		
Battery $\lambda$	Battery failure rate	0.0001
$D$	Battery degradation rate	0.0064
$\alpha$	Battery usage rate	0.008
$\beta$	Battery inactivity rate	0.007
<b>Processor parameters</b>		
$u$	Utilization	1
$MTTF_{ref}$	Reference MTTF	1000 hours
$E_a$	Boltzmann constant	8.617E-05
$k$	Activation energy	0.3 electron-volts
$T_r$	Reference temperature	29° C





# Application of SafeDrones for Multi-robot Precision Agriculture

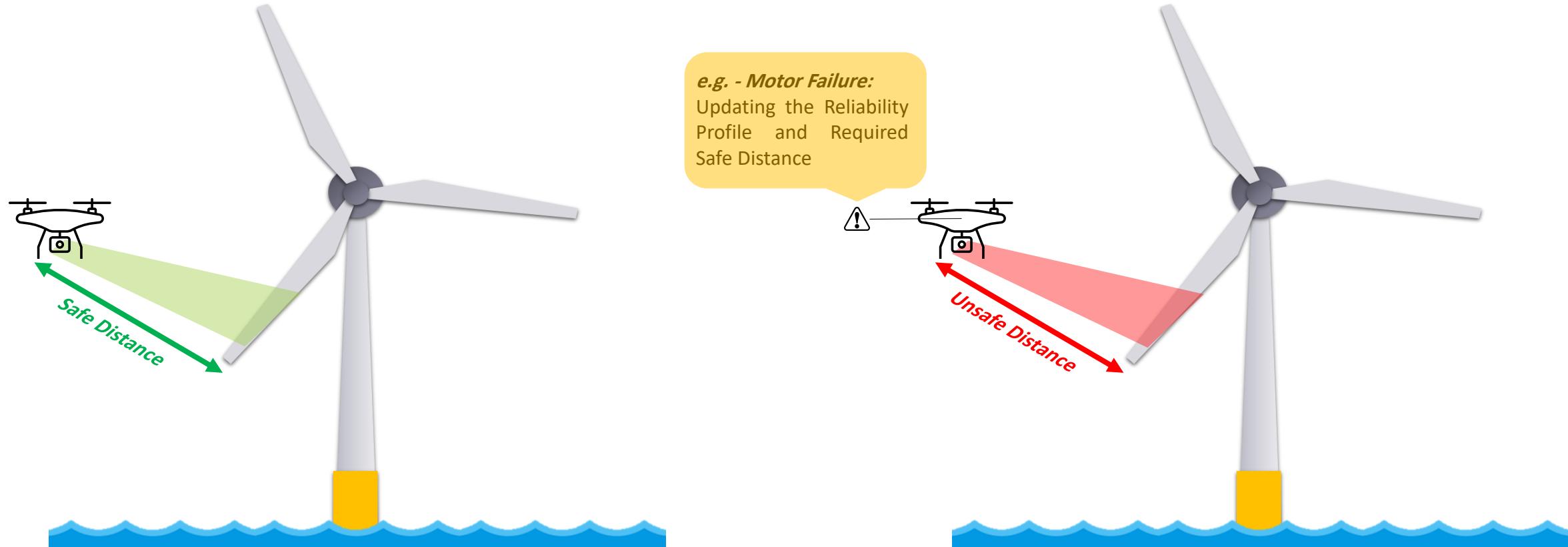
Consider a scenario in which three UAVs are tasked to scan three fields in parallel when an internal fault occurs in UAV #3. Although it does not cause immediate failure, SafeDrones re-evaluates the reliability at runtime and determines it increases the risk above a dangerous threshold, so in order to reduce the risk of collision or spraying out of bounds, UAV #3 activates a fail-safe mechanism and returns to base. If UAV #2 has required availability, its mission can then be updated to cover the third field.



# Application of SafeDrones for Offshore Wind Turbine Blade Inspection



Considering the widely variable wind speeds encountered, a fault in the UAV that reduces controllability risks collision with a blade, causing damage to both UAV and wind turbine. The SafeDrones approach allows us to assess risk in real-time in response to the occurrence of faults by providing a runtime evaluation of reliability. Using this information, the drone can adapt its behaviour accordingly, e.g. by increasing safe distance to reduce risk of collision.





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## Monitor Points

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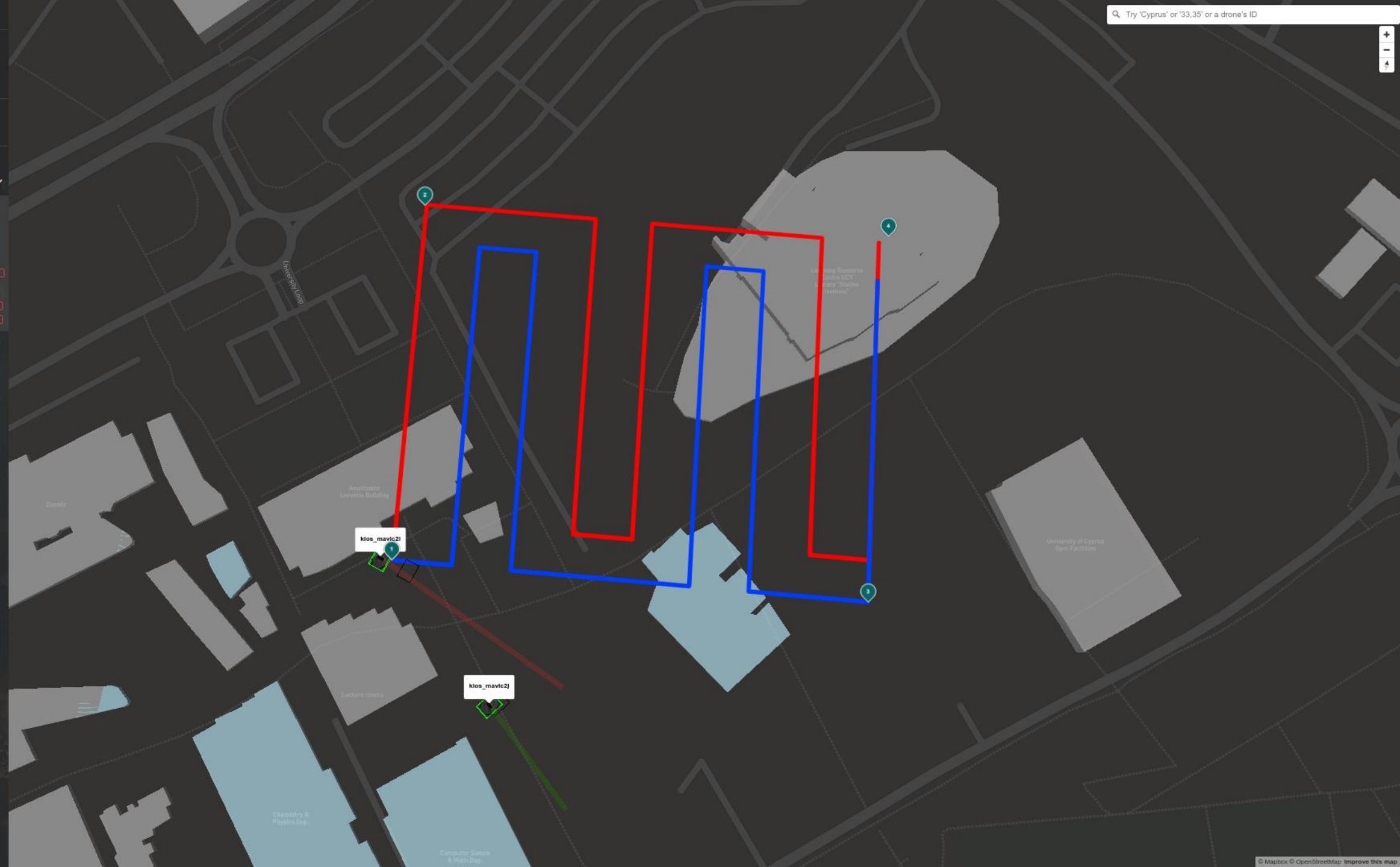
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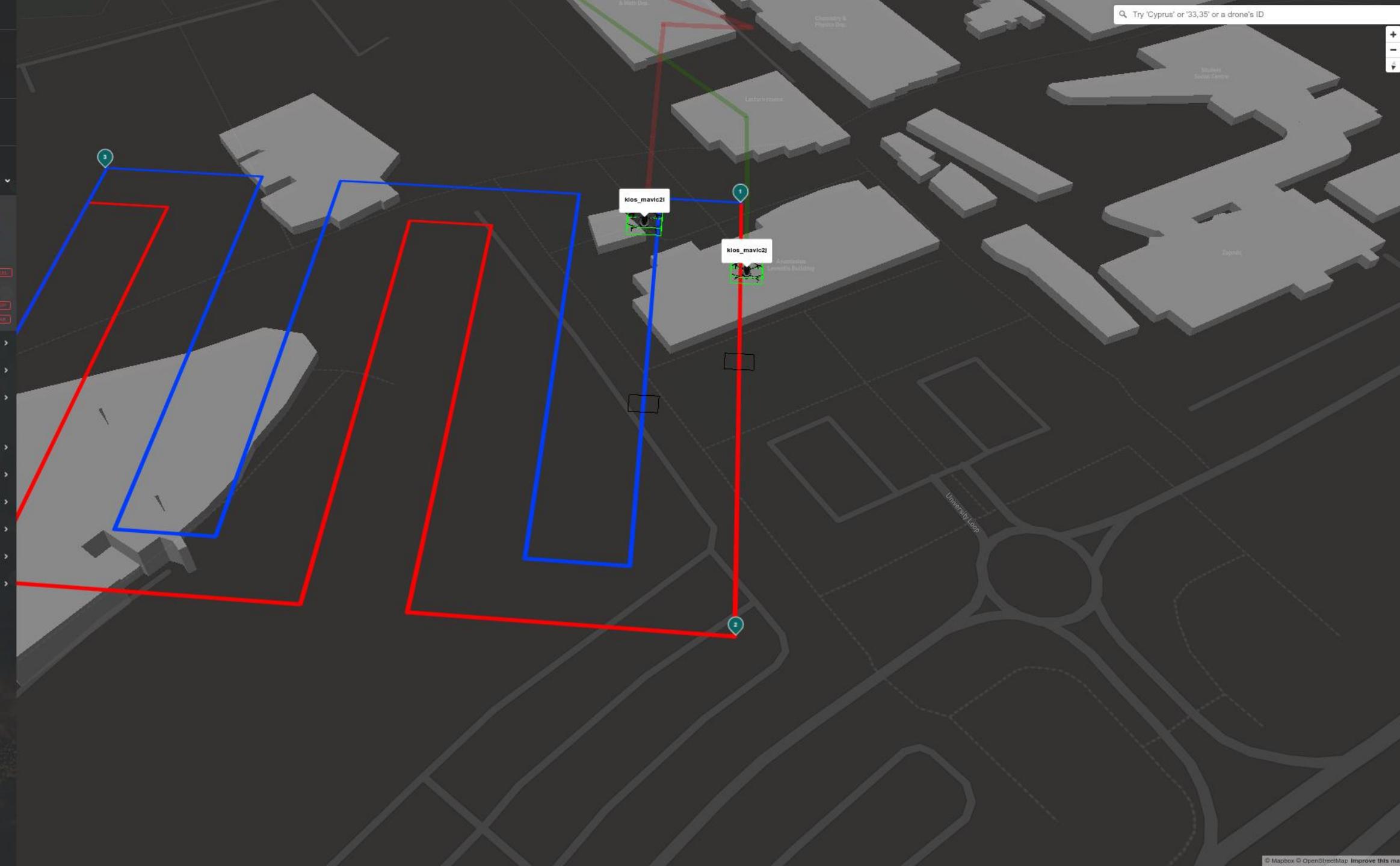
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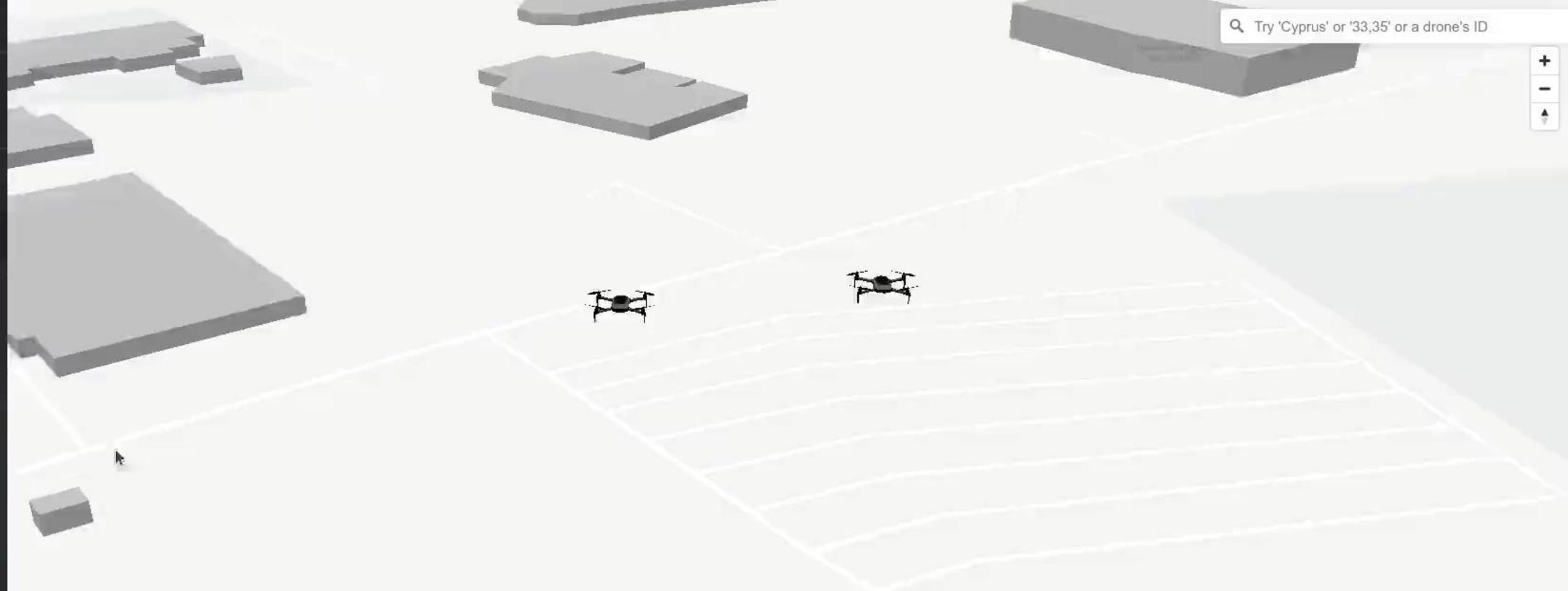
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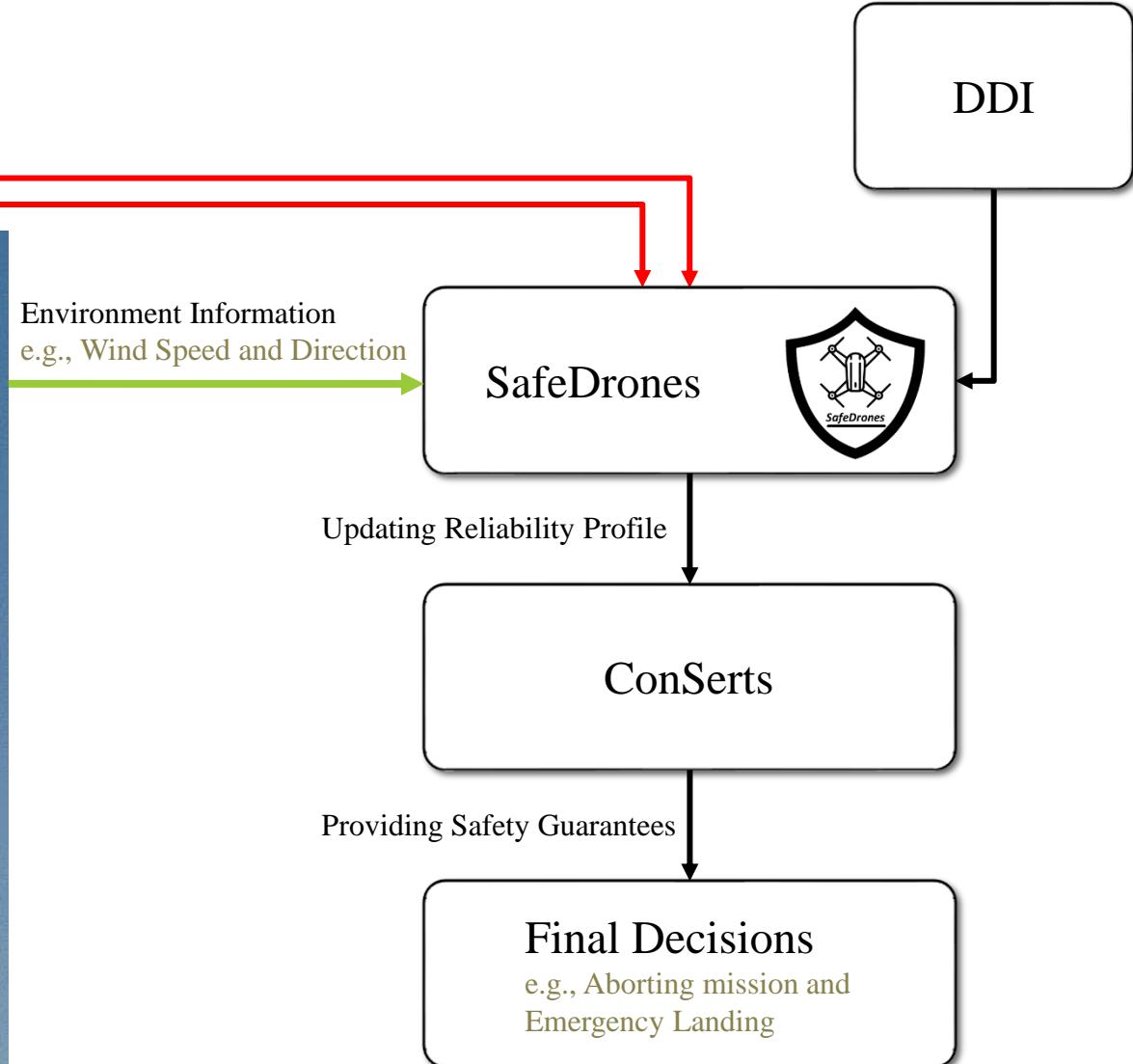
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## Conclusion

- To help address the problems of UAV reliability and risk assessment, particularly at runtime where operational and environmental factors are hard to predict, the SafeDrones reliability modelling approach has been proposed.
- It employs a combination of FTA with CBEs to support real-time reliability evaluation as a prototype of the EDDI concept.
- It introduces a novel symptoms layer in Fault Tree Analysis to integrate it with runtime monitoring data.
- To illustrate SafeDrones, we applied it to a power network inspection use case to show how real-time reliability evaluation can be used to anticipate imminent failures and prevent accidents by recommending appropriate responses.

# Future Works



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# GPS Failure

