

Dependability Analysis of Two Candidate Architectures for a Brake-By-Wire System

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1 Introduction

/This section shall introduce the reader to the subject addressed by the report. It should include i) a brief explanation of how a brake-by-wire system works and its main advantages and drawbacks compared to existing brake systems, and ii) a description of the purpose of the report, i.e., a formulation of the problem to which the report provides an answer. The last paragraph should consist of a roadmap of the report./

The purpose of this laboratory assignment is to gain understanding about how dependability modeling can be applied to evaluate fault-tolerant systems. In this report, two different design solutions for a brake-by-wire systems is evaluated.

In a brake-by-wire system, the conventional hydraulic is replaced by an electronic system. The advantage to use a electronic system instead of the conventional is lower weight, lower cost, and simpler integration with other electronic systems already in use, such as active safety systems and stability control.

The model used for a brake-by-wire system is shown in Fig. 1. The central unit (CU) receives the measured brake force intended by the driver and transmits brake command

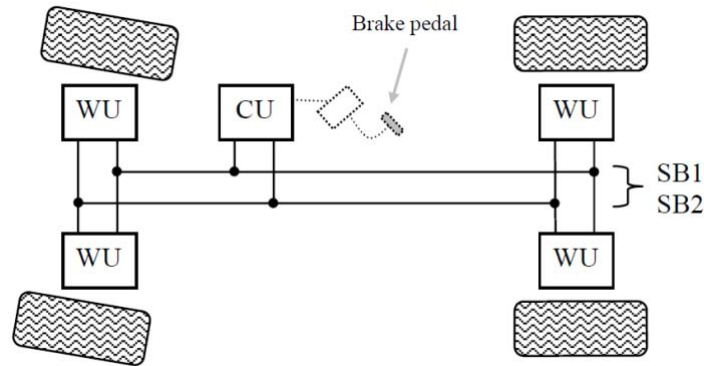


Figure 1: Brake-by-wire system

2 Overview of the Candidate Architecture

This section shall describe the centralized and distributed architectures, and the two modes of operation (full functionality and degraded functionality). It should also describe the modelling assumptions, including the model parameters.

2.1 Centralized Architecture

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2.2 Distributed Architecture

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2.3 Modes of Operation

In this section you describe the two modes of operation of the system; full functionality and degraded functionality.

2.3.1 Full Functionality

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2.3.2 Degraded Functionality

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2.4 Assumptions and modeling parameters

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Subsystem	Part	Failure rate	Coverage
System bus	Serial bus	FailureRate	1
Wheel unit	Computer module	FailureRate	1
Wheel unit	Sensor	FailureRate	1
Wheel unit	Actuator	FailureRate	1
Central unit	Computer module	FailureRate	0.99

Table 1: Failure rates and coverage factors for the distributed architecture

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Wheel unit	Actuator	FailureRate	1
Central unit	Computer module	FailureRate	First CM failure:1 Second CM failure: 0.99

Table 2: Failure rates and coverage factors for the Centralized Architecture

3 Description of Models

This section shall describe your models for the different subsystems for the two architectures and the two levels of functionality. Figures should be explained in the text.

In this section, models for the two architectures and their subsystems will be described.

3.1 Wheel Unit Model

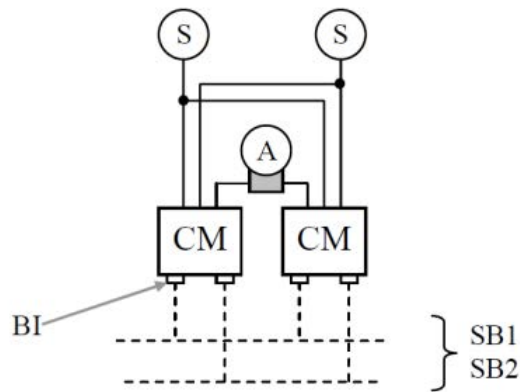


Figure 2: Wheel Unit

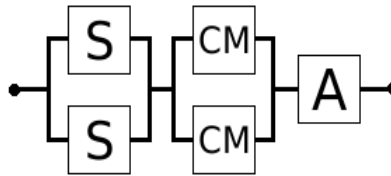


Figure 3: Reliability block diagram of the wheel unit

3.2 Wheel Unit Subsystem Model

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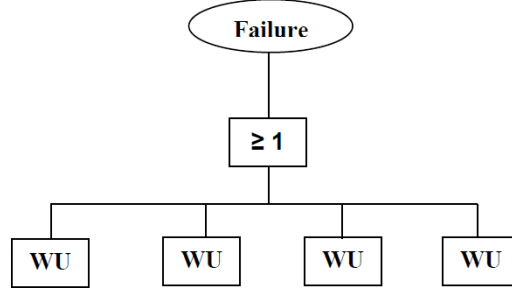


Figure 4: Fault tree for the Wheel Unit Subsystem, full functionality

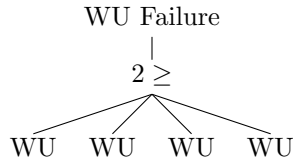


Figure 5: Fault tree for the Wheel Unit Subsystem, degraded functionality

3.3 Central Unit (CU)

In the two evaluated architectures the central unit is configured in two different ways. The central unit for the distributed architecture is described in Section 3.3.1 and the central unit for the centralized architecture is described in Section 3.3.2.

3.3.1 Distributed Duplex Architecture

The distributed architecture’s central unit consists of two computing modules (CM) configured in duplex. Each CM fails silent with a coverage factor of 99%. If a violation of the fail-silent property occurs, i.e. a CM delivers a erroneous result, the central unit fails. In Figure 6

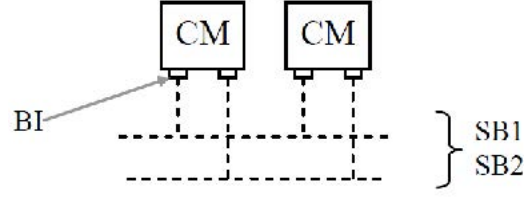


Figure 6: Central Unit, duplex configuration

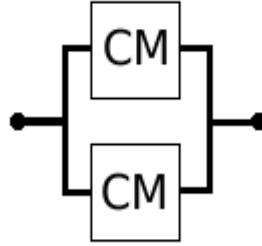


Figure 7: Reliability block diagram for the Central Unit, duplex configuration

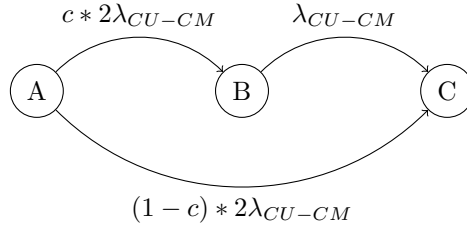


Figure 8: Markov chain model

3.3.2 Centralized Triplex Architecture

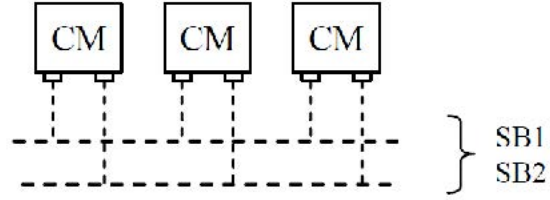


Figure 9: Central Unit, triplex configuration

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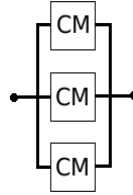


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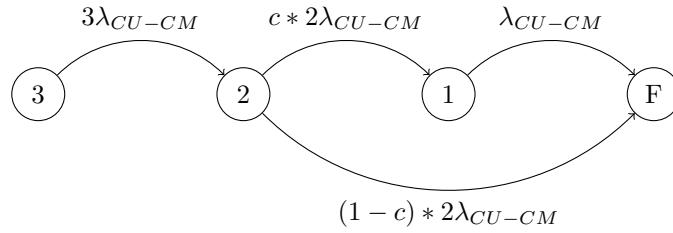


Figure 11: Caption

3.4 System Model

3.4.1 Centralized Architecture

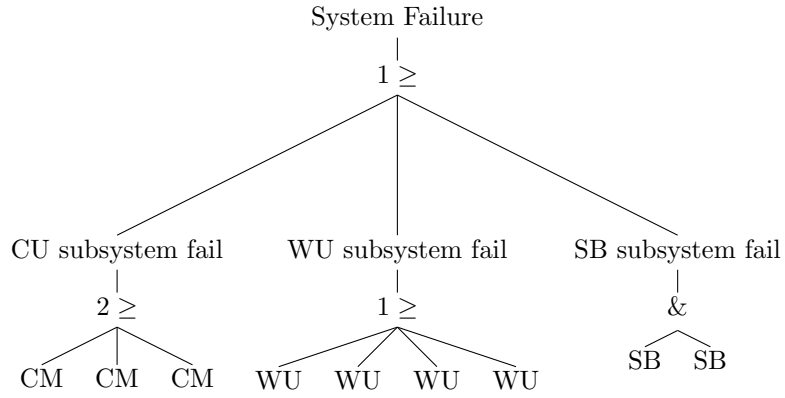


Figure 12: Fault tree for Full Functionality

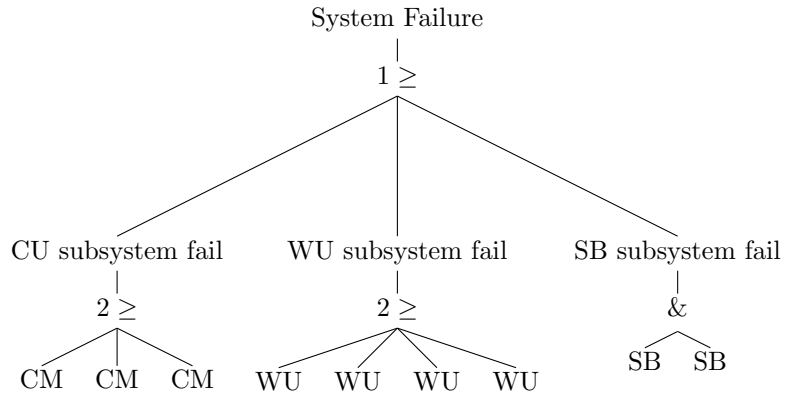


Figure 13: Fault tree for Degraded Functionality

3.4.2 Distributed Architecture

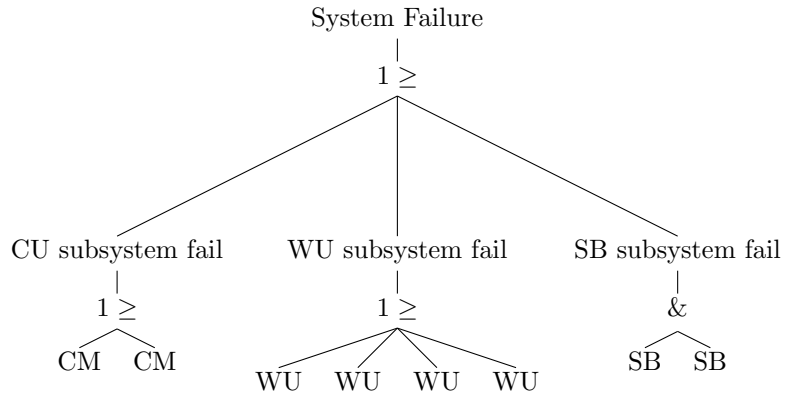


Figure 14: Fault tree for Full Functionality

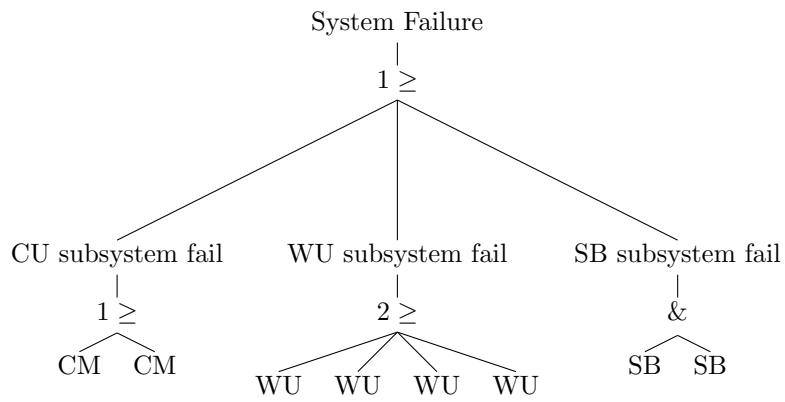


Figure 15: Fault tree for Degraded Functionality

4 Results

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Units		Distributed	Centralized
Wheel Unit Subsystem Full Functionality	Reliability MTTF	0.7450 3.93	0.8357 5.52
Wheel Unit Subsystem Degraded Functionality	Reliability MTTF	0.9726 7.24	0.9891 10.2
Central Unit	Reliability MTTF	0.9806 21.3	0.9952 20.8
Entire System Full Functionality	Reliability MTTF	0.7305 3.74	0.8316 5.23
Entire System Degraded Functionality	Reliability MTTF	0.9537 6.56	0.9843 9.06

Table 3: Reliability and MTTF results

/Insert Reliability Graphs and comment them in the text. Make sure that the caption numbers are correct./

5 Discussion

/Discuss the pros and cons of the different design solutions. /

6 Conclusions

/Present your conclusions and recommendations./

References

- [1] Leslie Lamport, *LaTeX: A Document Preparation System*. Addison Wesley, Massachusetts, 2nd Edition, 1994.

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