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Event Masking Latent Model

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Definitions

- **Hidden elements**
  - Events: infection, failures, rumor spread, toxic contamination, traffic accident, etc.
  - Entities: components, people, infrastructure, that have **states** and are affected by **events**
- **Observable elements**
  - State (S):
    - operational (no failure/not infected): So
    - degraded (performance): Sd
    - unresponsive (disabled): Su
  - Transition (T): change from one state to another state (self-loops included)
- **State Traces**
  - A sequence of states that happened within a given time horizon:
    - $ST_1 = So_1; So_2; So_3; Sd_3; So_3; So_1; Sd_1; Sd_2; Su_3; So_1; So_2; So_3$
  - Obtained from system logs, contact tracing (GPS), sensors (traffic, water pipes), etc.

Assumptions

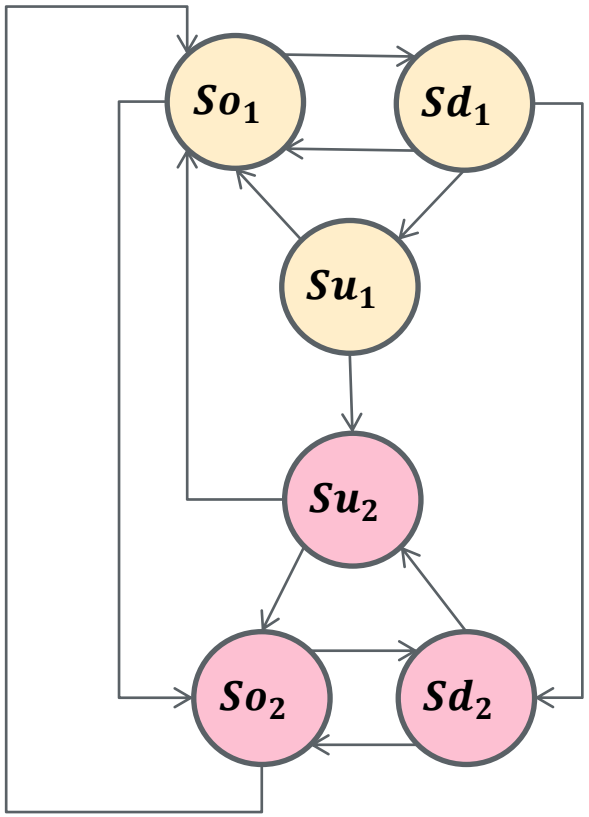
1. Markov property
   - $(S_{t+1} \perp S_{t-1}) | S_t$ or
   - $P(S_{t+1}, S_{t-1}) = P(S_{t+1}|S_t)\, P(S_{t-1})$
   - Memoryless, we do not keep the information from previous states, but the state is rich enough to estimate the transition probabilities.

2. Events might cause other events

3. Root-causes of events are unknown, but should be able to estimate

4. Transitions might have prior probabilities

Example of Markov Chain



Intentionally not showing the self-loops

Markov matrix M

Also called stochastic matrix or transition matrix)

M is a square matrix whose columns are probability vectors $\overrightarrow{x_t}$.

$\overrightarrow{x_t}$

Source states

Target states	So_1	Sd_1	Su_1	So_2	Sd_2	Su_2
So_1	0.15	0.50	0.25	0.80	0.0	0.25
Sd_1	0.05	0.25	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Su_1	0.0	0.10	0.50	0.0	0.0	0.0
So_2	0.80	0.0	0.0	0.15	0.50	0.25
Sd_2	0.0	0.15	0.0	0.05	0.25	0.0
Su_2	0.0	0.0	0.25	0.0	0.25	0.50
$\sum$	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**

Types of Traces

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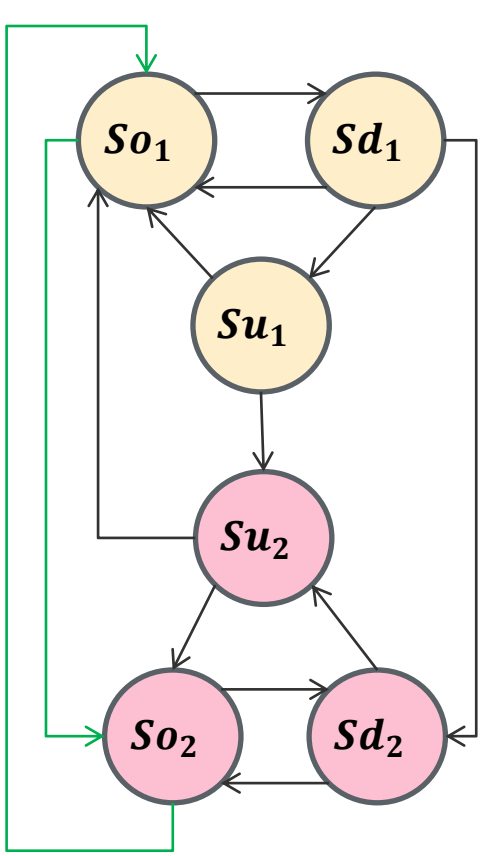
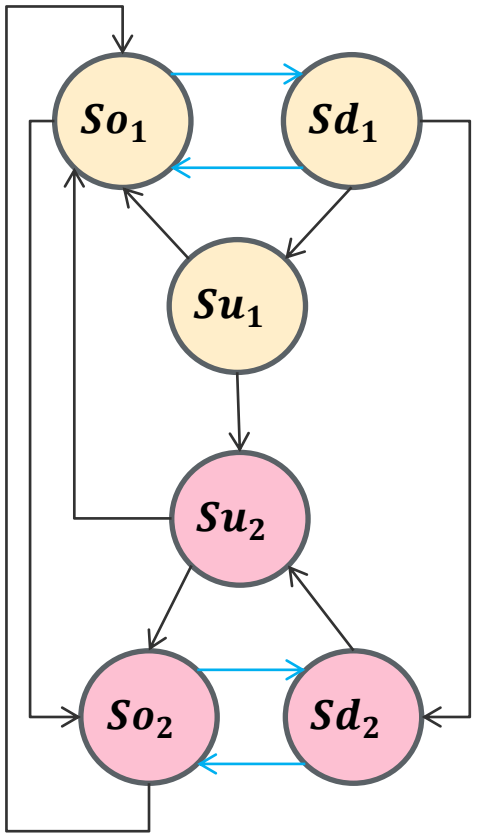


Normal operation

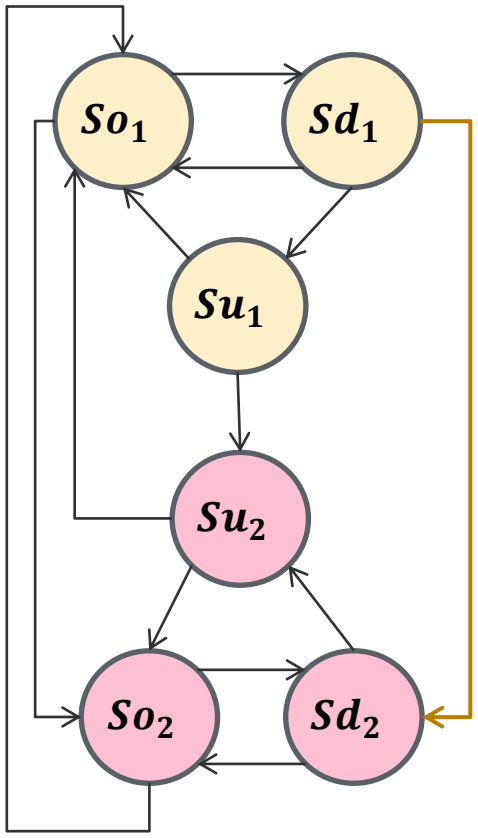
$(So_1; So_2; So_1)$



Intermittent failure

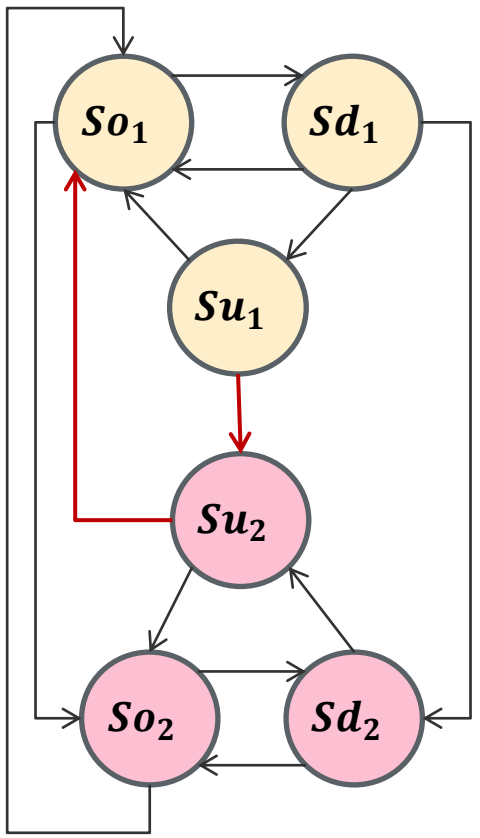
$(So_1 \rightarrow Sd_1 \rightarrow So_1)$

$(So_2 \rightarrow Sd_2 \rightarrow So_2)$



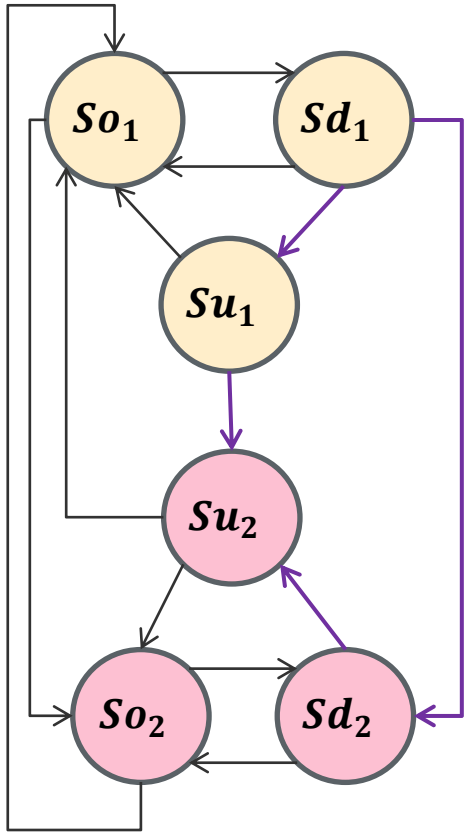
Systemic degradation

$(Sd_1 \rightarrow Sd_2)$



Failure masking

$(Su_1 \rightarrow Su_2 \rightarrow So_1)$

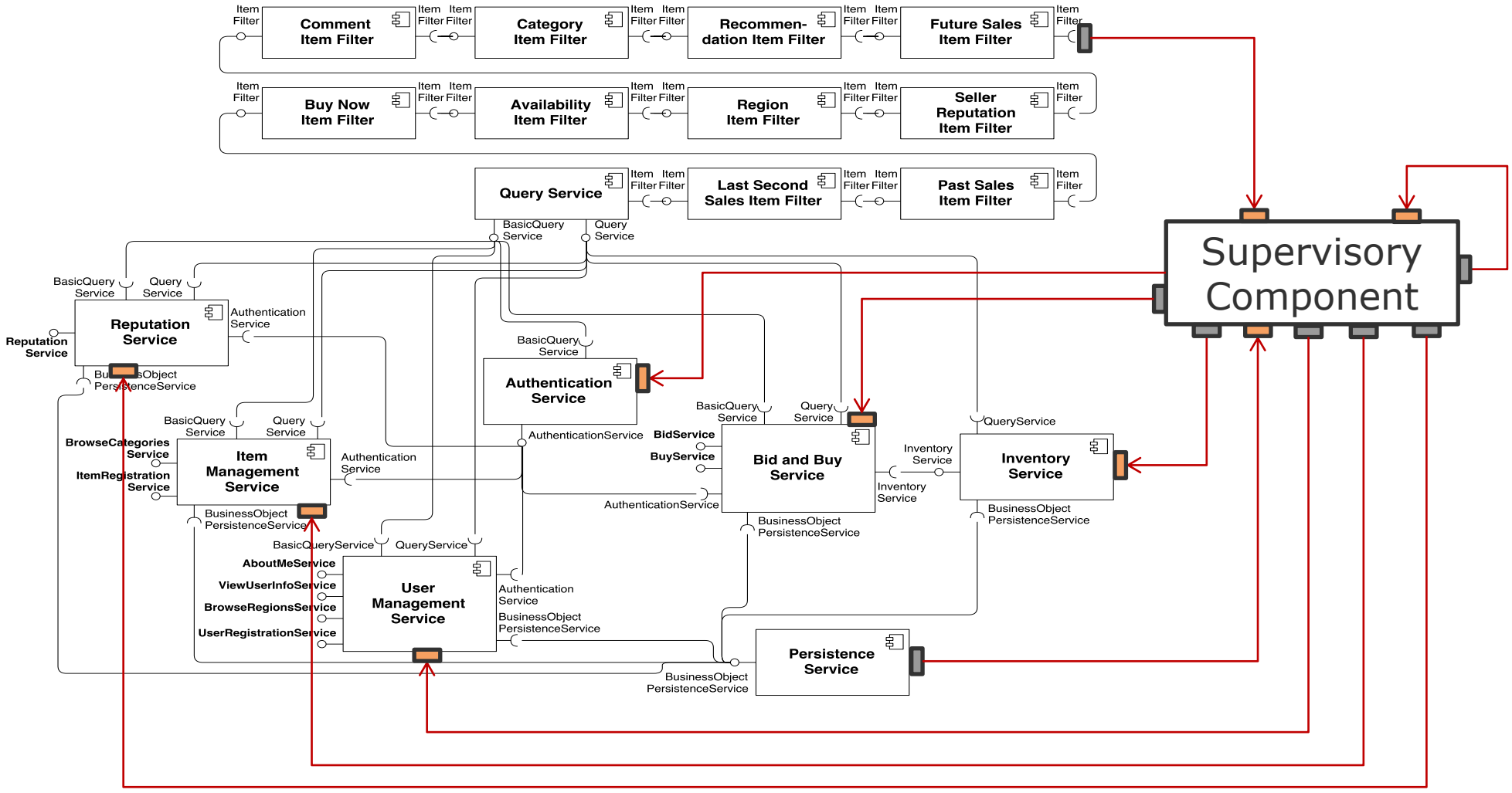


Failure cascade

$(Sd_1 \rightarrow Su_1 \rightarrow So_2)$

$(Sd_1 \rightarrow Sd_2 \rightarrow Su_2)$

End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Item Filter
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Supervisory Component
Reputation Service
Authentication Service
Item Management Service
BrowseCategories Service
ItemRegistration Service
Bid and Buy Service
BidService
BuyService
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