Complex Systems Design Research Design Engineering Lab

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Complex Systems are everywhere!



Why Study Complex Systems?

System Design Challenge:

- Increasingly complex systems that are software intensive
- Increasingly high expectations of safety and reliability
- Systems commonly suffer from cost overruns and costly failures

Need to Understand Tradeoffs between Complexity, Cost, Competitiveness

Key Questions:

- Will they perform as specified?
- Will they fail? If so, when, how, and at what cost?
- Can failure be prevented?

Need new design methods & validation processes



Why Study Safety and Reliability?

Systems still fail in costly and catastrophic ways





Goal: Safety and Reliability Analysis Earlier in the Design Process



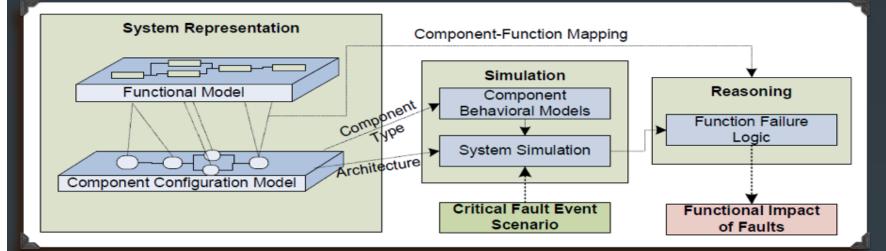
Cheapest and best stage to catch potential failures and include mitigation functions in the design

Safety and reliability as the principal drivers for design: enabled by model-based analysis and risk-based decision making



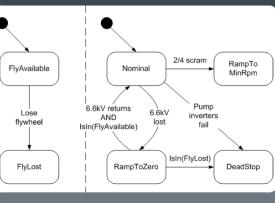
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Design Stage Simulation of Behavior

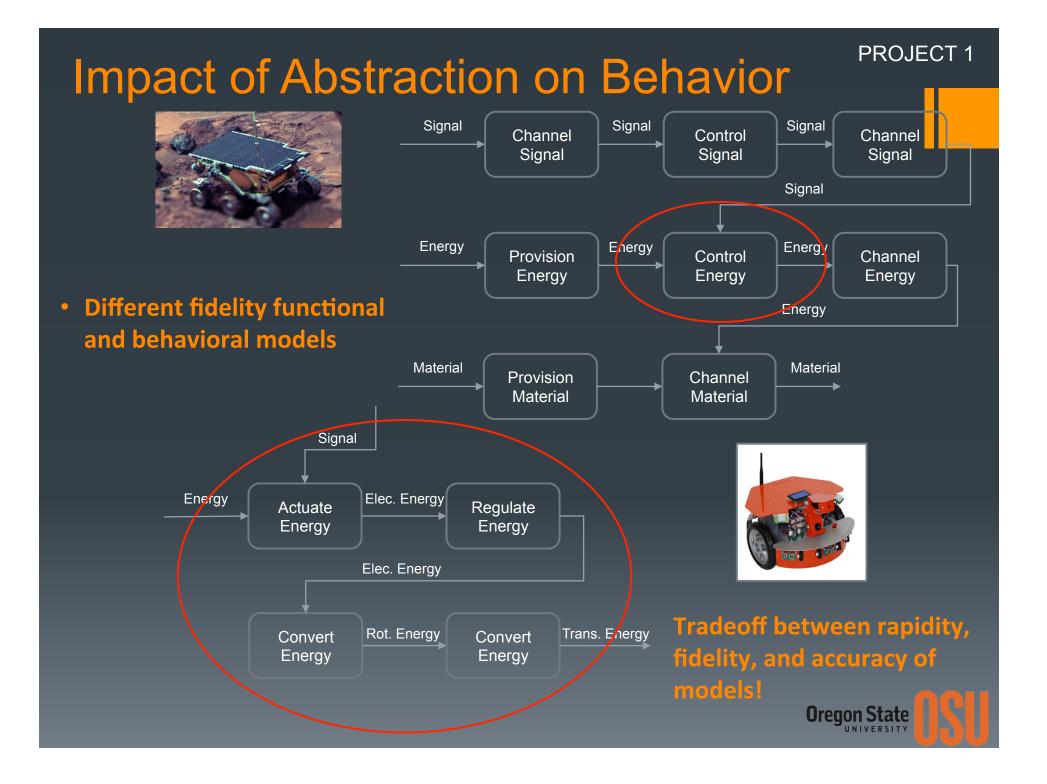


Simulate critical failure scenarios to determine system impact Qualitative behavior simulation based on state machines





Function Health	Description
Healthy	Function affects flow as intended
Degraded	Function affects flow differently than intended
Lost	Function does not act on the flow
No Flow	There is no flow present



Validating Functionality with Testbeds



How do you validate that models and simulations match reality?

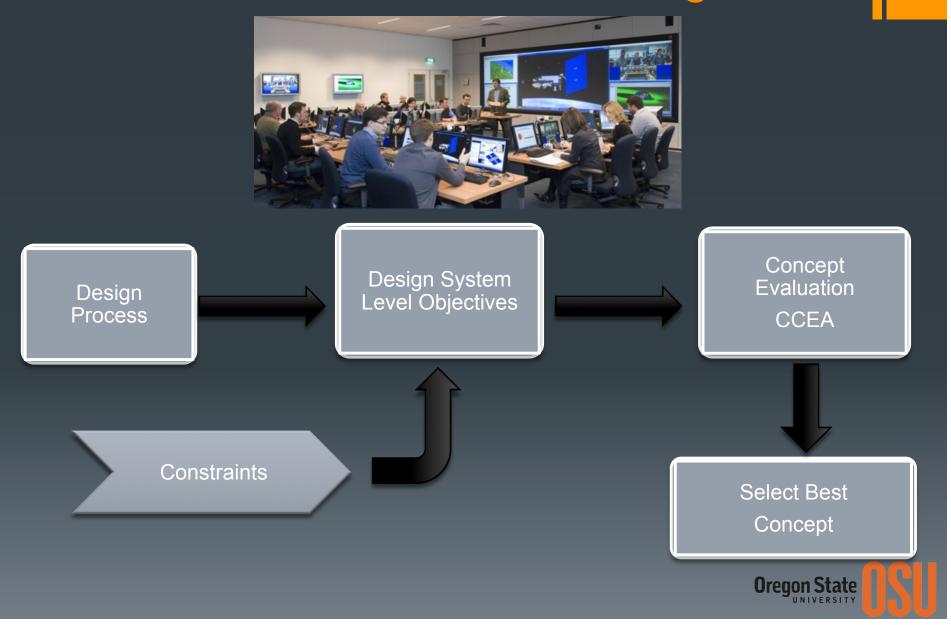
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Nominal Mode: Standard

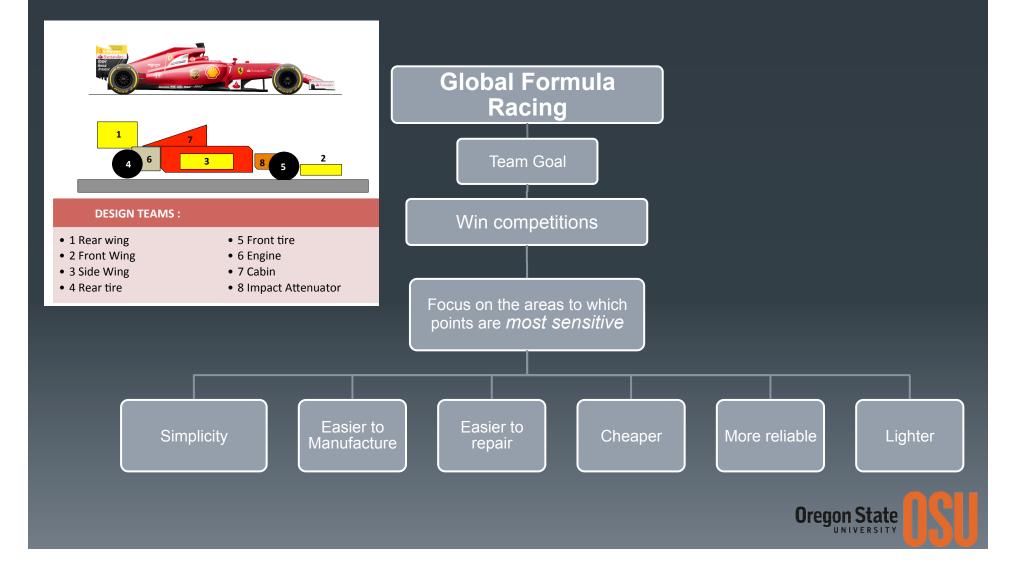
Failure Mode: Flat Tire

Automation of Distributed Design

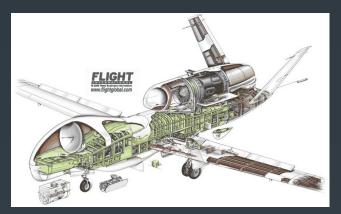


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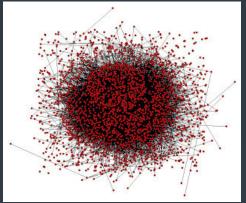
Representing the Design of Systems as Coordination among Different Agents



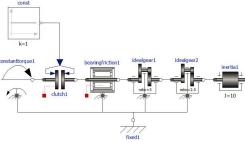
Modeling Systems as Networks

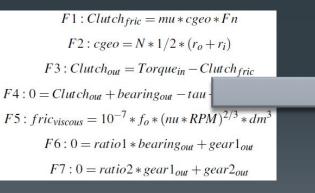


Explore similarity









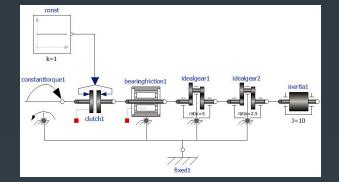
Representing systems as a network to quantify robustness without requiring complete simulation

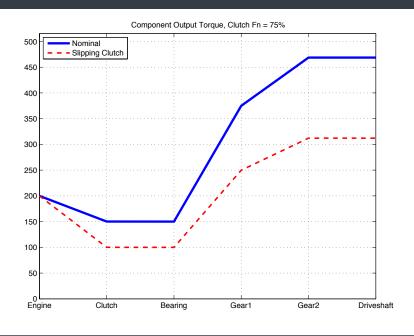
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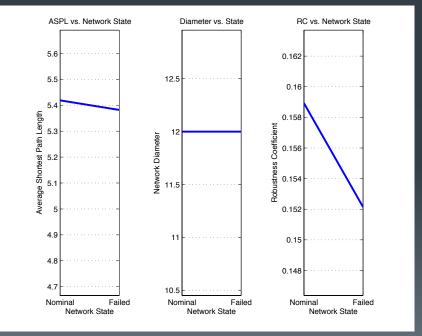
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Quantification of Robustness



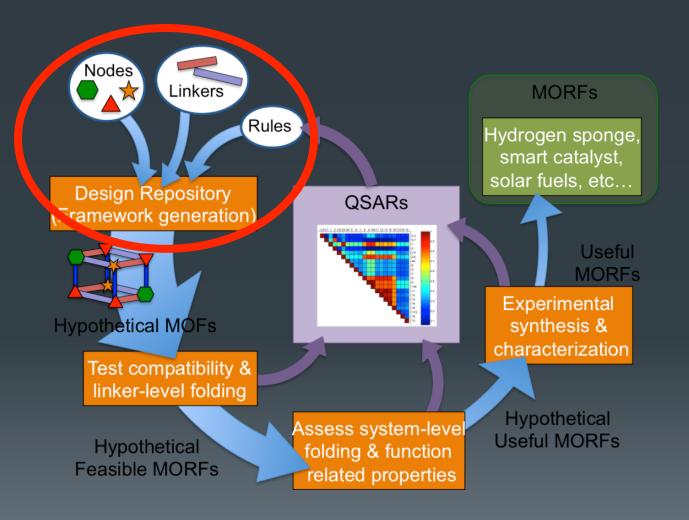






Performance degradation indicated by change in network metrics Oregon State

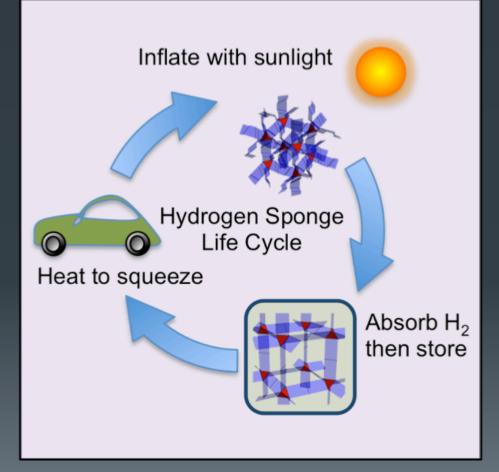
Engineering Design Methods to Design Functional Materials





PROJECT 4

Designing Unique Materials: MORFs



MORF Applications:

- Self-squeezing H₂ sponge
- Self regulating catalysis
- Tunable/active filtration
- Opto-mechanical muscles
- Failsafe seals etc.
- Smart catalysis
- Chemical/environmental sensing
- Solid State Turing Media



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