

Causes of faults, cont.

Component defects

Manufacturing imperfections, random device defects, component wear-out

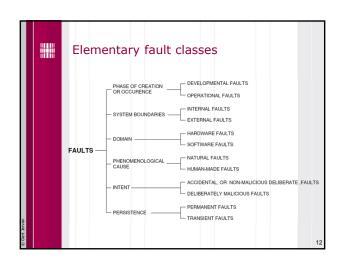
Most commonly considered causes of faults

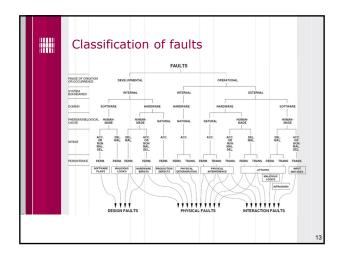
Examples: bonds breaking within the circuit, corrosion of the metal

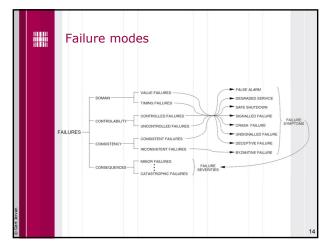
External disturbance

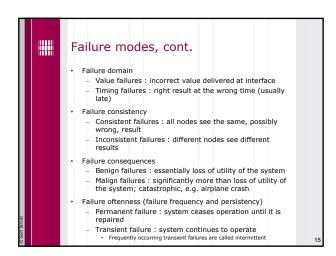
Radiation, electromagnetic interference, operator mistakes, environmental extremes, battle damage

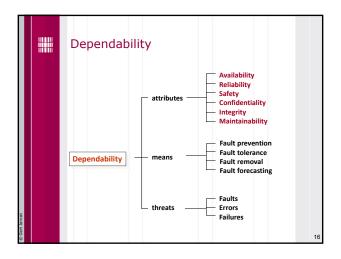
Example: lightning





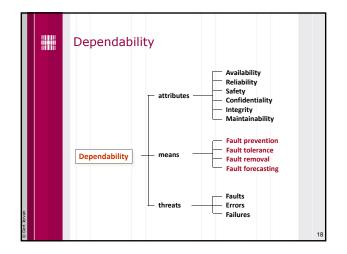


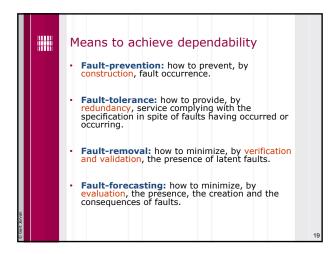


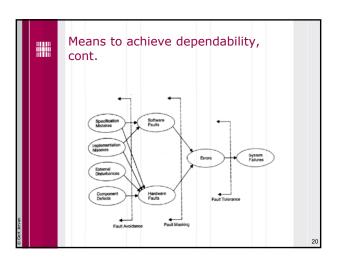


Dependability attributes

Availability: readiness for correct service
Reliability: continuity of correct service
Safety: absence of catastrophic consequences on the user(s) and the environment
Confidentiality: absence of unauthorized disclosure of information
Integrity: absence of improper system alterations
Maintainability: ability to undergo, modifications, and repairs
Security: the concurrent existence of (a) availability for authorized users only, (b) confidentiality, and (c) integrity with 'improper' taken as meaning 'unauthorized'.







Fault prevention

• Attained by quality control techniques

- Software

• Structured/object oriented programming

• Information hiding

• Modularization

- Hardware

• Rigorous design rules

• Shielding

• Radiation hardening

• "Foolproof" packaging

• Note:

- Malicious faults can also be prevented;
Example: firewalls

Fault tolerance

• Fault tolerance is the ability of a system to continue to perform its functions (deliver correct service), even when one or more components have failed.

• Masking: the use of sufficient redundancy may allow recovery without explicit error detection.

• Reconfiguration: eliminating a faulty entity from a system and restoring the system to some operational condition or state.

• Error detection: recognizing that an error has occurred

• Error location: determining which module produced the error

• Error containment: preventing the errors from propagating

• Error recovery: regaining operational status

The concept of redundancy

Definition

Redundancy is the addition of information, resources, or time beyond what is needed for normal system operation.

Digital filter example

Software redundancy: lines of software to perform a validity checks

Hardware redundancy : if more memory needed for the software checks

Time redundancy: each filter calculation performed twice to detect faults

Information redundancy: output using with a simple parity bit

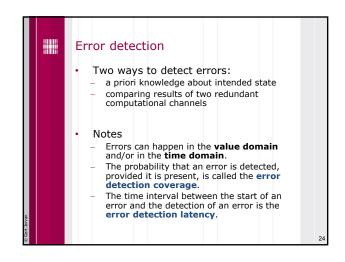
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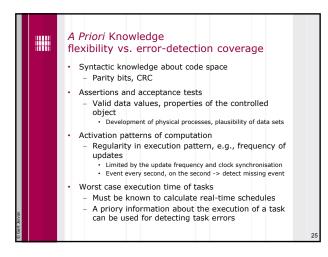
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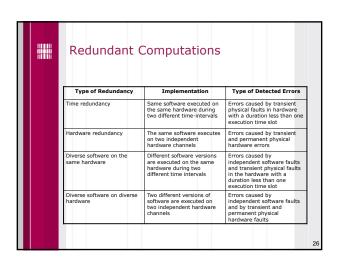
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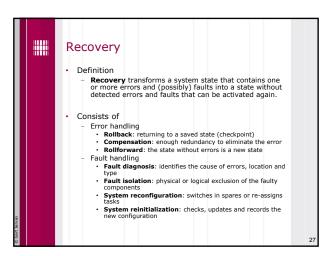
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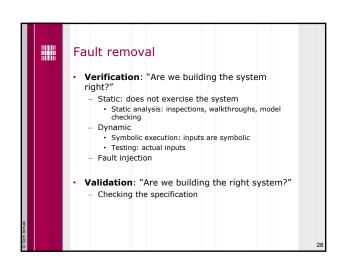
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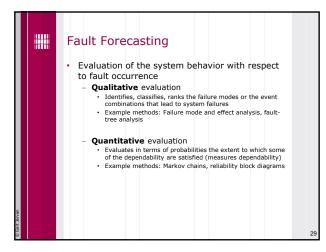




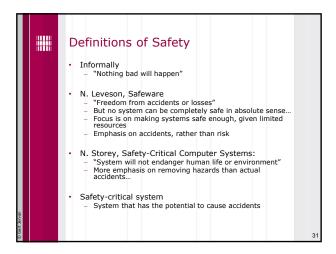














The Role of Standards

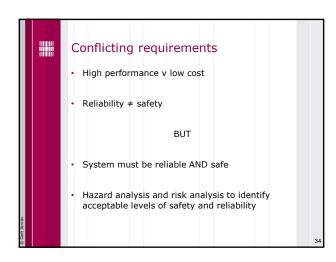
- Helping staff to ensure that a product meets a certain level of quality

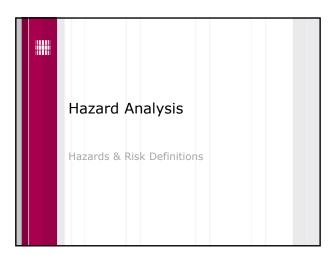
- Helping to establish that a product has been developed using methods of known effectiveness

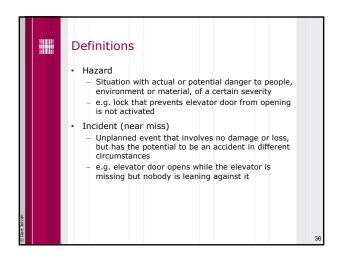
- Promoting a uniformity of approach between different teams

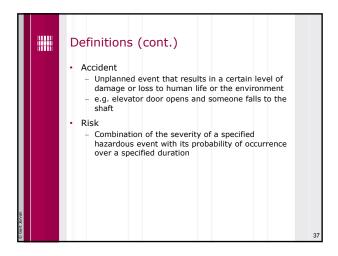
- Providing guidance on design and development techniques

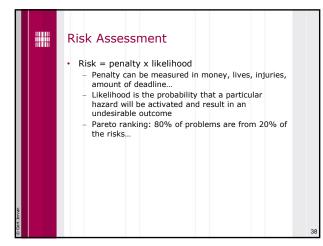
- Providing some legal basis in the case of a dispute











Risk Assessment (cont.)

• Example of risk calculation

- Failure of a particular component results in chemical leak that could kill 500 people

- Estimate that component will fail once every 10,000 years

risk = penalty x (probability per year)

= 500 x (0.0001)

= 0.05 deaths per year

• But rare and costly events are a problem

- E.g. infinite penalty multiplied by near-zero probability?

- Must guard against catastrophic penalties event for near-zero probability

Risk

A combination of the likelihood af an accident and the severity of the potential consequences

The harm that can result if a threat is actualised

Acceptable/tolerable risk: The Ford Pinto case (1968)

BENEFITS
Savings: 180 burn deaths, 180 serious burn injuries, 2,100 burned vehicles.
Unit Cost: \$200,000 per death, \$67,000 per injury, \$700 per vehicle.
Total Benefit: 180 X (\$200,000) + 180 X (\$67,000) + \$2,100 X (\$700) = \$49.5 million.

COSTS
Sales: 11 million cars, 1.5 million light trucks.
Unit Cost: \$1,000,000 X (\$11) + 1,500,000 X (\$11) = \$137 million.

Acceptability of Risk

- ALARP (As Low As is Reasonably Possible)
- If risk can be easily reduced, it should be
- Conversely, a system with significant risk may be acceptable if it offers sufficient benefit and if further reduction of risk is impractical

- Ethical considerations
- Determining risk and its acceptability involves moral judgement
- Society's view not determined by logical rules
- Perception that accidents involving large numbers of deaths are perceived as more serious than smaller accidents, though they may occur less frequently

Conflicting Requirements – Safety and Reliability

• A system can be unreliable but safe

- If it does not behave according to specification but still does not cause an accident

• A system can be unsafe but reliable

- If it can cause harm but faults occur with very low probability

• Fail Safe

- System designed to fail in a safe state e.g. trains stop in case of signal failure

- affects availability – 100% safe but 0% available..

• Fail Operational

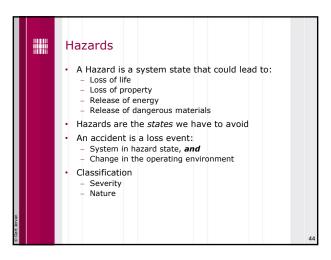
- System designed to keep working even if something fails

- usually using redundancy

• Fail-over to reduced capability system

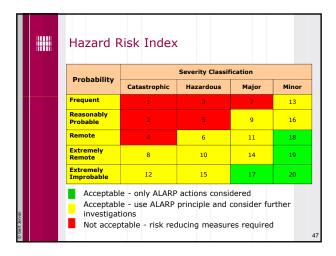
- Mechanical backup

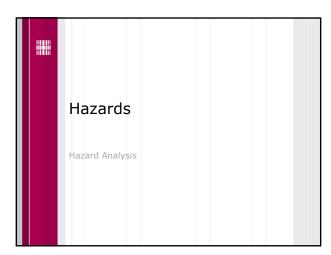


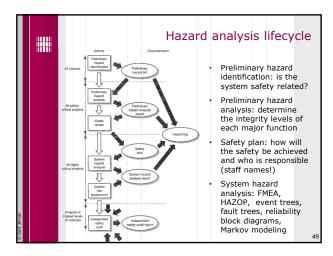


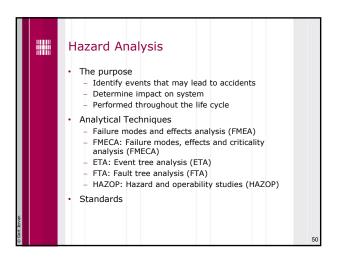


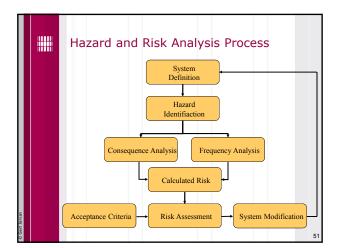


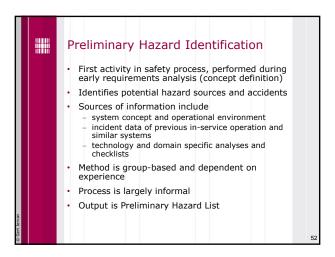












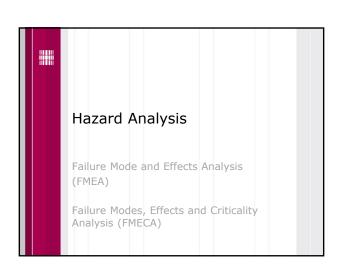
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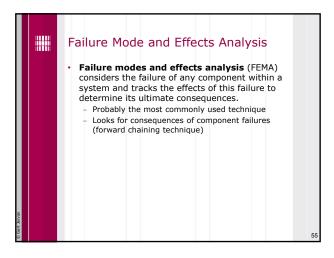
Refines hazards and accidents based on design proposal

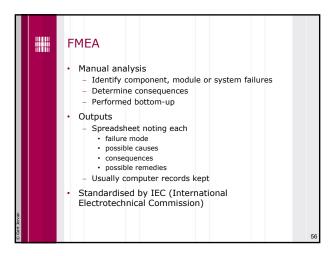
Performed using a system model that defines
- scope and boundary of system
- operating modes
- system inputs, outputs and functions
- preliminary internal structure

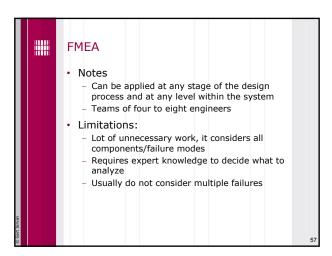
Techniques for Preliminary Hazard Analysis include
- Hazard and Operability Studies
- Functional Failure Analysis

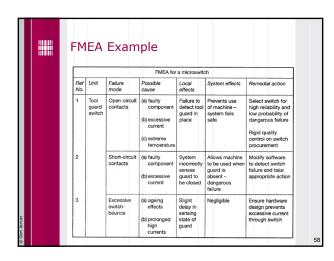
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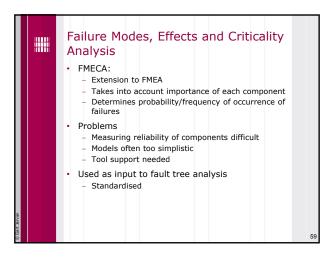


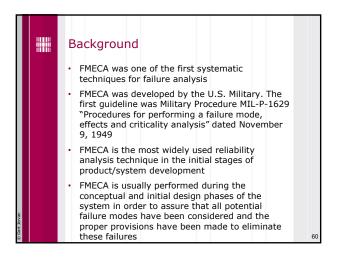


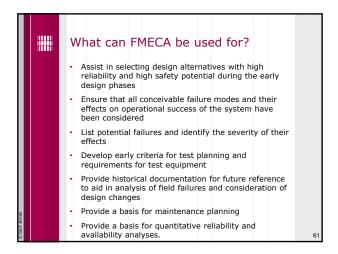


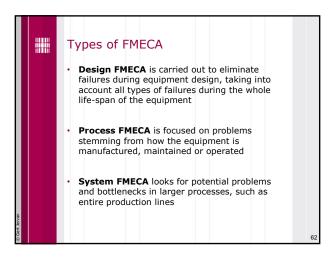


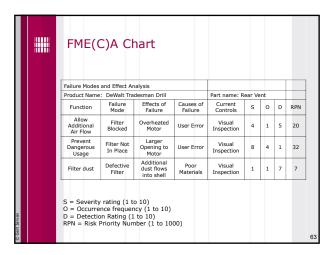


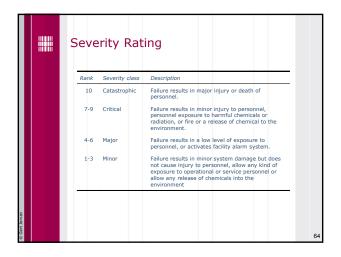


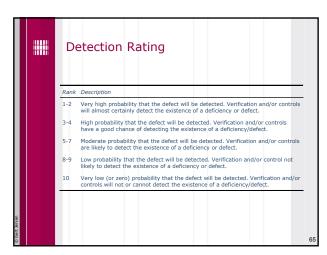


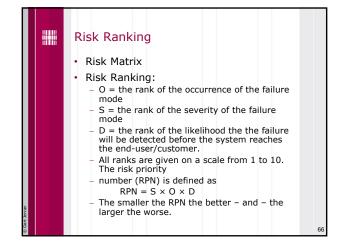


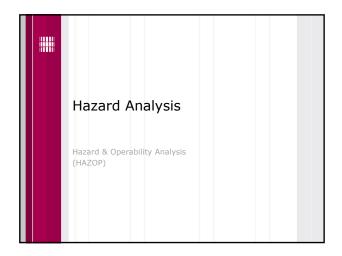


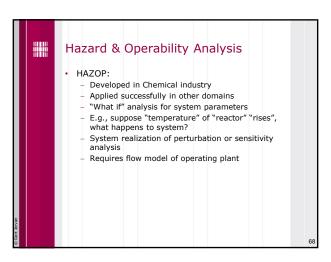












Hazard & Operability Analysis

Flowing items are "entities"

Entities have characteristic properties known as "attributes"

Analysis based on possible deviations of attribute values

"Guide words" used to guide the analysis— designed to capture dimensions of variation

Supplementary adjectives add temporal element

Different word sets for different applications

HAZOP examples

• Guide words:

– no, more, less, early, late, before, ...

Interpretation examples:

• Signal arrives too late

• Incomplete data transmitted / only part of the intended activity occurs

• Attributes:

– Data flow, data rate, response time, ...

HAZOP guide word interpretations

Guide word Chemical plant Computer-based system

No No part of the intended result is accommended to the physical quantity

Less A quantitative increase in the physical quantity

As well as The intended activity occurs

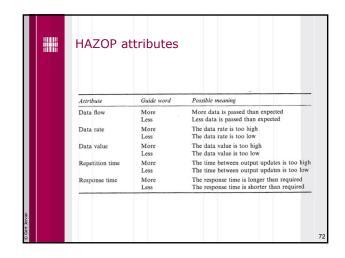
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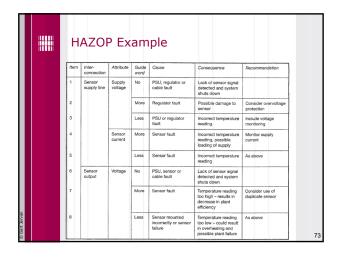
Part of Only part of the intended activity occurs

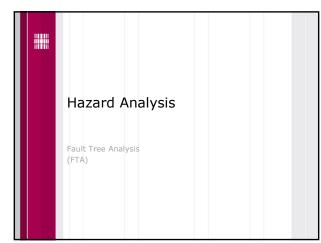
Reverse The opposite of what was intended occurs, for example reverse flow within a jope

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Fault Tree Analysis

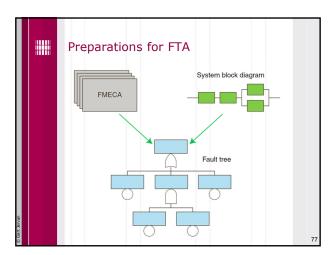
Fault Tree Analysis (FTA) is a top-down approach to failure analysis, starting with a potential undesirable event (accident) called a TOP event, and then determining all the ways it can happen.

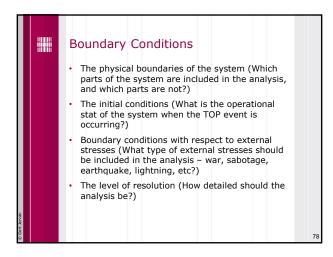
The analysis proceeds by determining how the TOP event can be caused by individual or combined lower level failures or events.

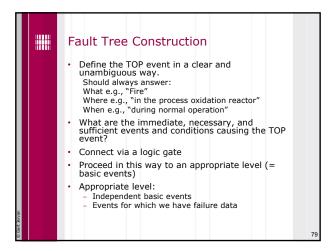
The causes of the TOP event are "connected" through logic gates

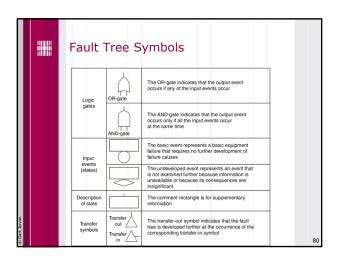
FTA is the most commonly used technique for causal analysis in risk and reliability studies.

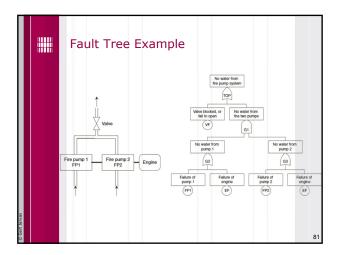


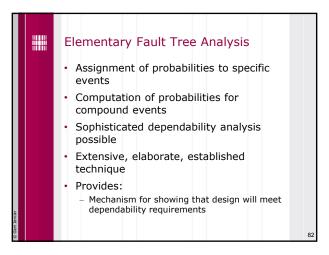


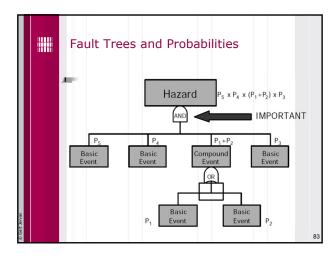


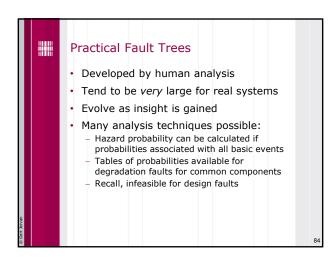


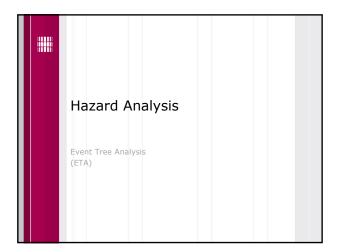


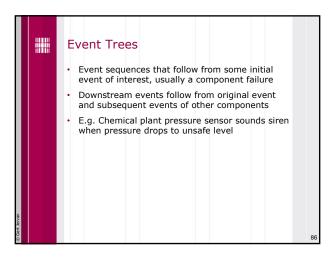


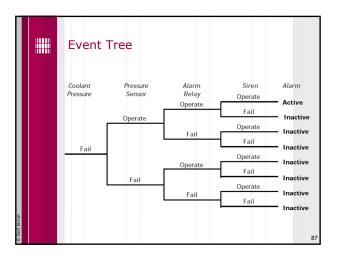












Barriers

Most well designed systems have one or more barriers that are implemented to stop or reduce the consequences of potential accidental events. The probability that an accidental event will lead to unwanted consequences will therefore depend on whether these barriers are functioning or not.

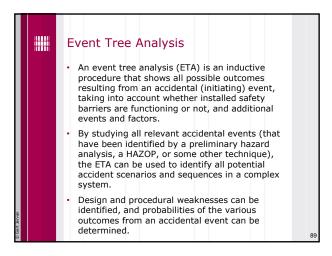
The consequences may also depend on additional events and factors. Examples include:

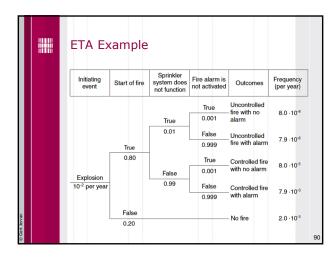
Whether a gas release is ignited or not

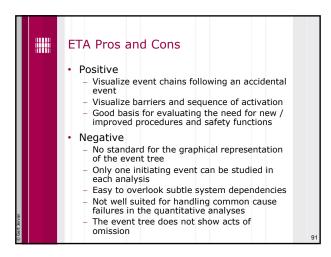
Whether or not there are people present when the accidental event occurs

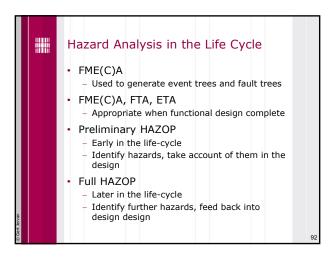
The wind direction when the accidental event occurs

Barriers may be technical and/or administrative (organizational).



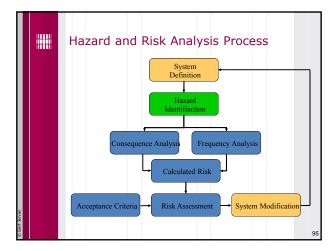


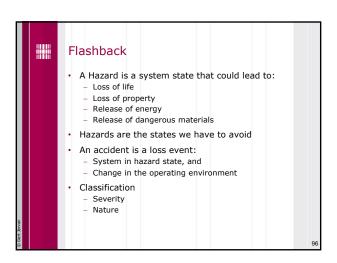


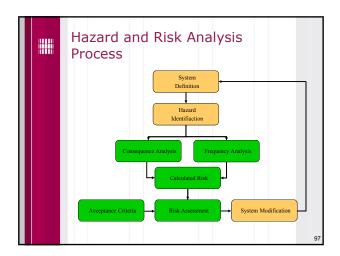












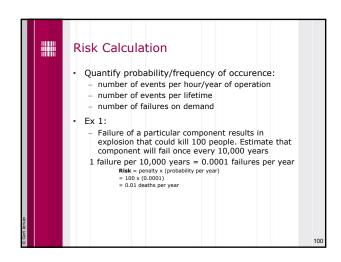


Introduction

• Hazard analysis identifies accident scenarios: sequences of events that lead to an accident

• Risk is a combination of the severity of a specified hazardous event with its probability of occurence over a specified duration

– Qualitative or quantitative



Risk Calculation

• Ex 2:

- Country with population of 50,000,000

- Approx. 25 people are each year killed by lightning i.e. 25/50,000,000=5x10-7

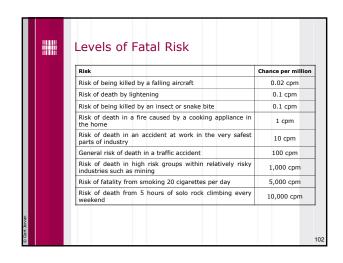
- Risk:

• every individual has proabability of 5x10-7 to be killed by lightning at any given year

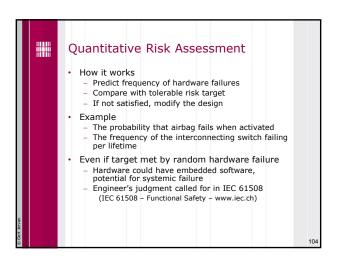
• Population is exposed to risk of 5x10-7 deaths per person year

• Qualitative:

- intolerable, undesirable, tolerable







Quantitative risk assessment

• Quantify probability/frequency of occurence:

- number of events per hour/year of operation

- number of events per lifetime

- number of failures on demand

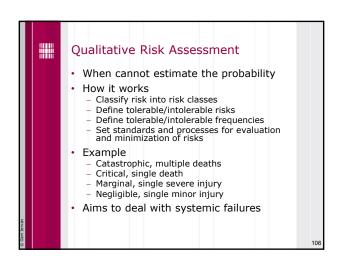
• Example:

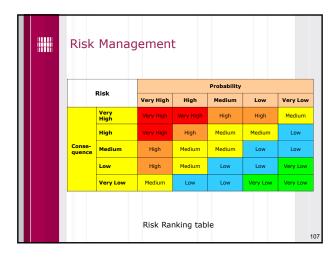
- Failure of a particular component results in explosion that could kill 100 people. Estimate that component will fail once every 10,000 years 1 failure per 10,000 years = 0.0001 failures per year

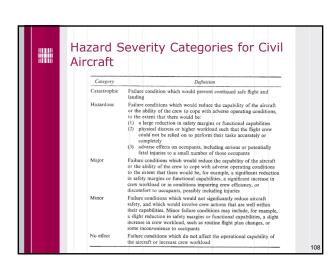
Risk = penalty x (probability per year)

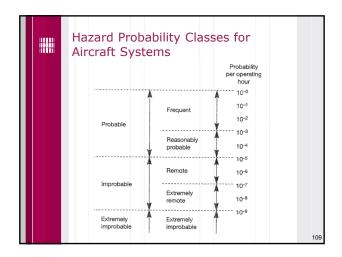
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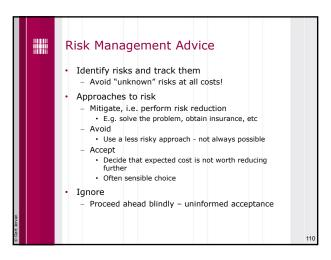
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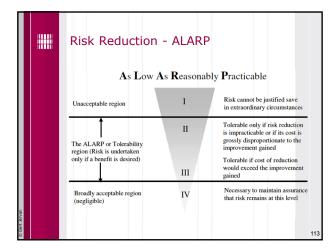


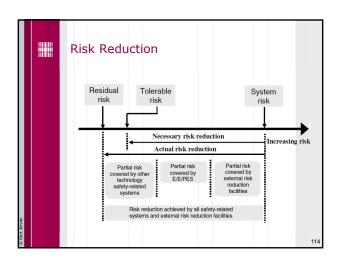


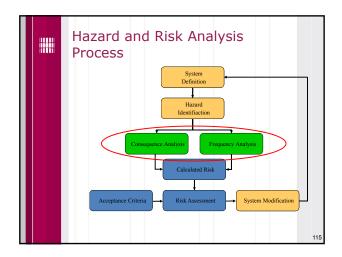


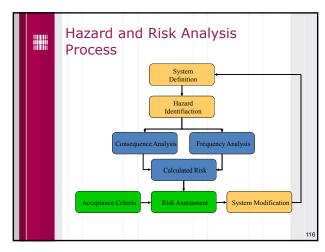












Safety Requirements

Once hazards are identified and assessed, safety requirements are generated to mitigate the risk

Requirements may be
primary: prevent initiation of hazard
eliminate hazard
reduce hazard
secondary: control initiation of hazard
detect and protect
warn

Safety requirements form basis for subsequent development

Safety Integrity

Safety Integrity

Likelihood of a safety-related system satisfactorily performing the required safety functions under all stated conditions within a stated period of time
Hardware integrity, relating to random faults
Systematic integrity, relating to dangerous systematic faults

Expressed
Quantitatively, or
As Safety Integrity Levels (SILs)
Standards, IEC 1508, 61508
Define target failure rates for each level
Define processes to manage design & development
Aims to deal with systemic failures

Safety Integrity Levels (SILs)

Tolerable failure frequency are often characterised by Safety Integrity Levels rather than likelihoods
SILs are a qualitative measure of the required protection against failure

SILs are assigned to the safety requirements in accordance with target risk reduction
Once defined, SILs are used to determine what methods and techniques should be applied (or not applied) in order to achieve the required integrity level
Point of translation from failure frequencies to SILs may vary

Automotive SIL

Uncontrollable (SIL 4), critical failure

No driver expected to recover (e.g. both brakes fail), extremely severe outcomes (multiple crash)

Difficult to control (SIL 3), critical failure

Good driver can recover (e.g. one brake works, severe outcomes (fatal crash)

Debilitating (SIL 2)

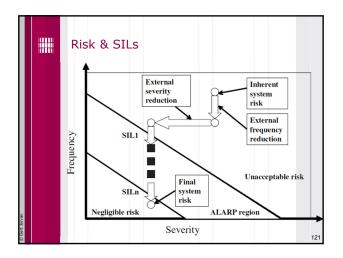
Ordinary driver can recover most of the time, usually no severe outcome

Distracting (SIL 1)

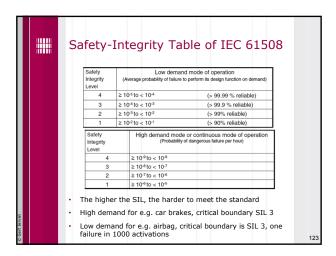
Operational limitations, but minor problem

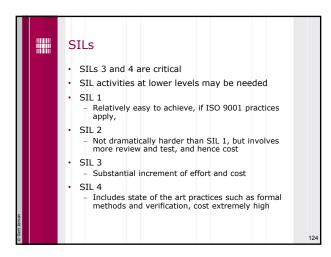
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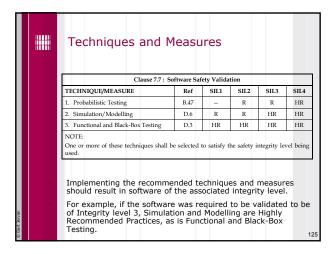
Safety is not an issue, customer satisfaction is

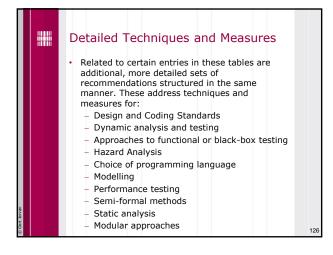


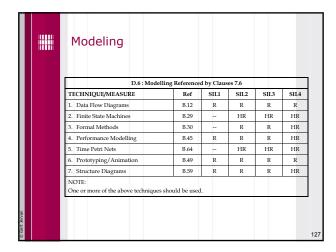


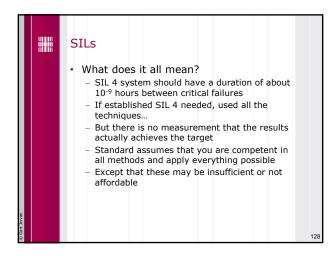


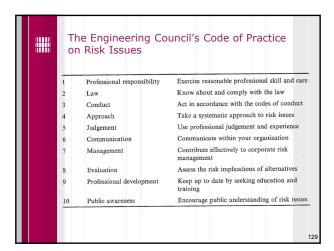


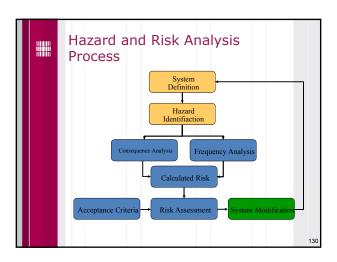








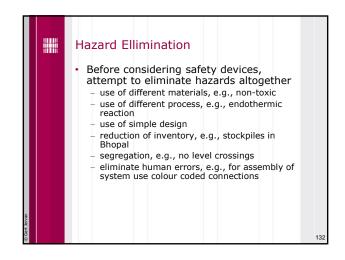


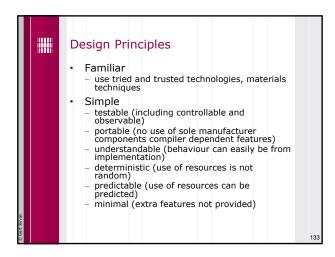


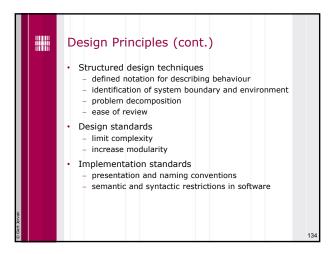
Risk Reduction Procedures

Four main categories of risk reduction strategies, given in the order that they should be applied:

Hazard Elimination
Hazard Reduction
Hazard Control
Damage Limitation
Only an approximate categorisation, since many strategies belong in more than one category







Classes of System Failure

Random (physical) failures

due to physical faults

e.g., wear-out, aging, corrosion

can be assigned quantitative failure probabilities

Systematic (design) failures

due to faults in design and/or requirements

inevitably due to human error

usually measured by integrity levels

Operator failures

due to human error

mix of random and systematic failures

Nature of Random Failures

- Arise from random events generated during operation or manufacture
- Governed by the laws of physics and cannot be eliminated
- Modes of failure are limited and can be anticipated
- Failures occur independently in different components
- Failure rates are often predictable by statistical methods
- Sometimes exhibit graceful degradation
- Treatment is well understood

Treating Random Failures

Random failures cannot be eliminated and must be reduced or controlled

Random failures can be mitigated by:
predicting failure modes and rates of components
applying redundancy to achieve overall reliability
performing preventative maintenance to replace components before faults arise
executing on-line or off-line diagnostic checks

Nature of Systematic Failures

- Ultimately caused by human error during development, installation or maintenance

- Appear transient and random since they are triggered under unusual, random circumstances

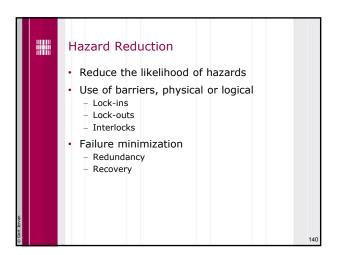
- Systematic and will occur again if the required circumstances arise

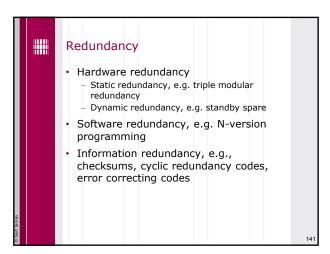
- Failures of different components are not independent

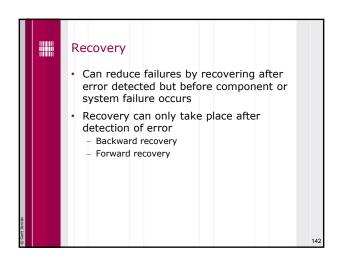
- Difficult to predict mode of failure since the possible deviations in behaviour are large

- Difficult to predict the likelihood of occurrence









Error Detection

• Based on check that is independent of implementation of the system

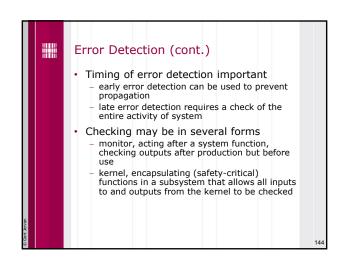
- coding - parity checks and checksums

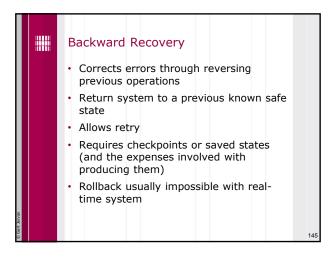
- reasonableness - range and invariants

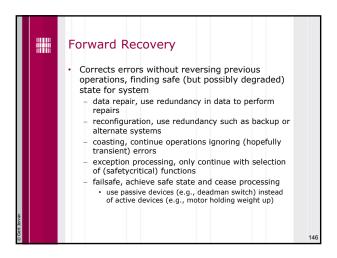
- reversal - calculate square of square root

- diagnostic - hardware built-in tests

- timing - timeouts or watchdogs







Hazard Control

Detect and control hazard before damage occurs

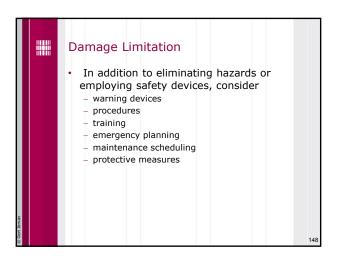
Reduce the level or duration of the hazard

Hazard control mechanisms include:

Limiting exposure: reduce the amount of time that a system is in an unsafe state (e.g. don't leave rocket in armed state)

Isolation and containment

Fail safe design



Architectural Design

• Suitable architectures may allow a high integrity system to be built from lower integrity components

- combinations of components must implement a safety function independently

- overall likelihood of failure should be the same or less

- be wary of common failure causes

• Apportionment approaches can be quantitative and/or qualitative

- quantitative: numerical calculations

- qualitative: judgement or rules of thumb