

# Modelling epistemic and aleatory uncertainty in Bayesian Network for dependability analysis

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- Definitions of studied problems
- Forms and Sources of uncertainties
- Theoretical Frameworks for modeling
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# Definitions

- **Dependability :**
  - Reliability is the ability of an entity to accomplish its required function in some given conditions for a time period. (Binary hypothesis)
  - Availability is the ability of an entity to accomplish its required function in some given conditions, at an instant or during a time period given that any means needed are provided (Binary hypothesis).
- **Satisfiability**
  - It's the ability of an entity to satisfy an expected accomplishment level of its function (Non Binary hypothesis).

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# Sources of uncertainty(ies)

## Two levels problems

- **Data:**
  - The instant of a basic event (failure) is unknown (randomness)
  - Few amount of data (Problem of exhaustiveness)
  - Experts judgments given with different expressions (Imprecision and doubt)
  - Sparse data (Incompleteness)
  - Variations of operational conditions (different from labs)
  - Validity of data provided
- **Models**
  - Partial models
  - Incomplete models
  - Concurrent models

# Forms of uncertainty(ies)

## Two main forms of uncertainty(ies)

- Aleatory uncertainty
  - Due to the random character or natural variability of physical phenomenon. The value are precise but different due to natural variations).
  - We are talking about stochastic uncertainty or variability.
  - It is usually associated to observable quantities and considered as not reducible.
- Epistemic uncertainty
  - Due to the imprecise character of the information or to a lack of knowledge.
  - It is usually associated to non observable quantities, or observable quantities with a doubt.
  - It is considered reducible.

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# Some possible frameworks

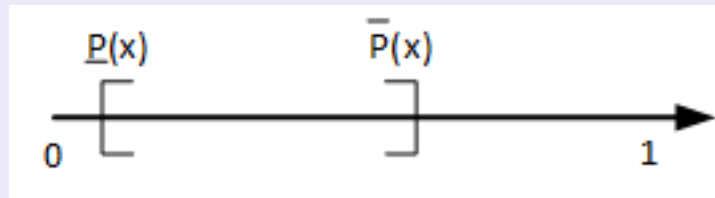
## Probability and other languages

- Probability theory
  - Well suited for modeling the natural variability
  - Two possible interpretations: Objective, Subjective
- Non additive Theories
  - Well suited for modeling epistemic uncertainty
  - Interval Theory (Imprecision)
  - Theory of possibility (Imprecision, Certainty)
  - Evidence Theory (Incompleteness, Ignorance)
  - Imprecise Probabilities (Sets of probability functions and intervals)
  - ...

**Remark: No universal framework but different languages of uncertainty(ies)**

# Modeling uncertainty(ies)

## Interval Valued Probability

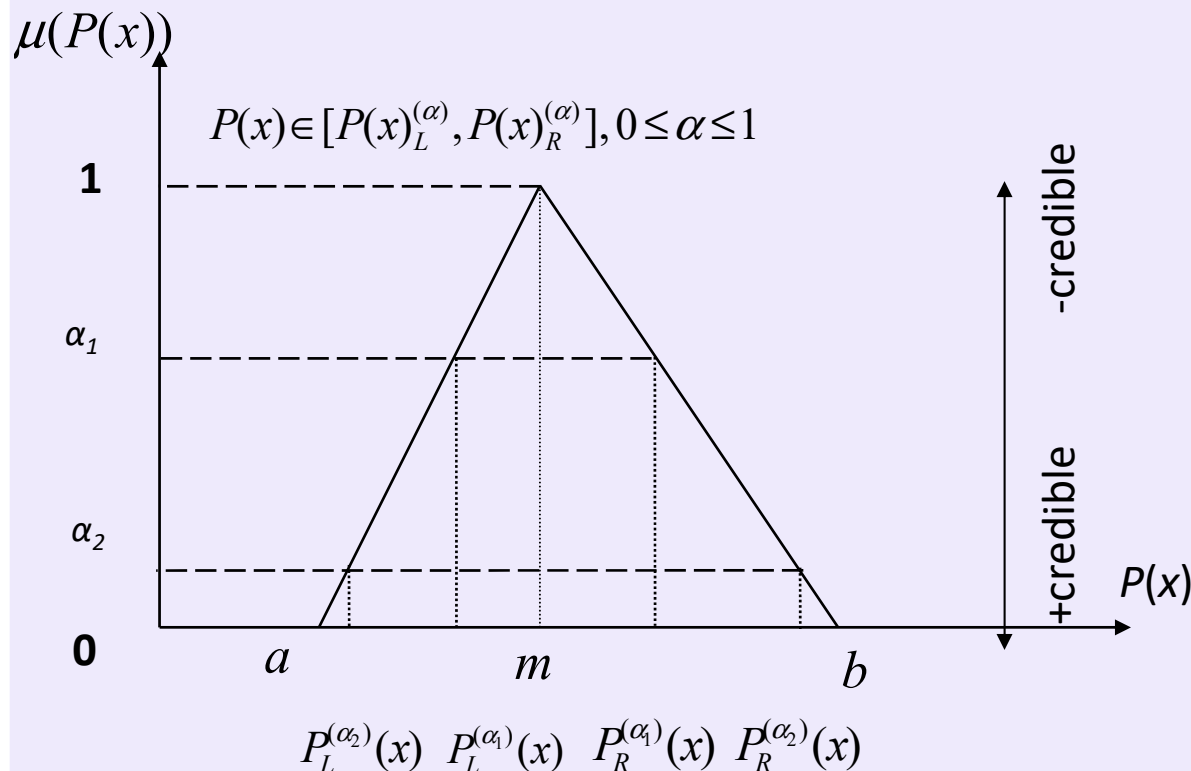


- The real value of  $p(x)$  is unknown but lies between the two bounds  $\underline{p}(x)$  and  $\bar{p}(x)$
- The intervals are convex
- The results of computation should be convex intervals

# Modeling uncertainty(ies)

## Fuzzy valued Probability

- Aleatory uncertainty+Imprecision+credibility with probability+Interval+ $\alpha$  cut

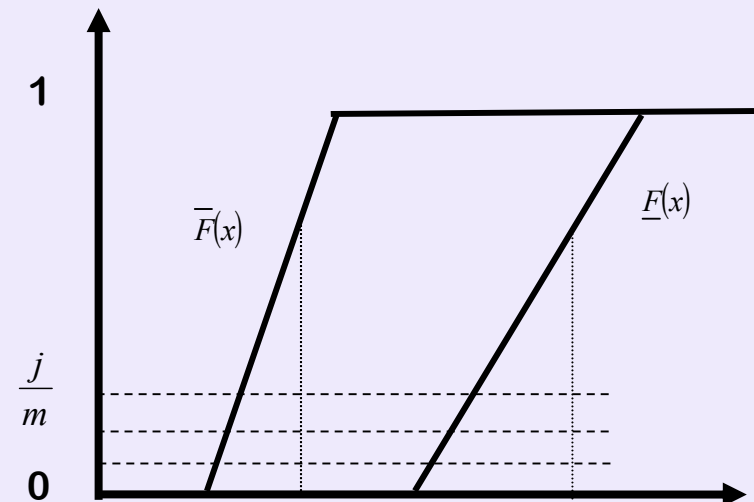
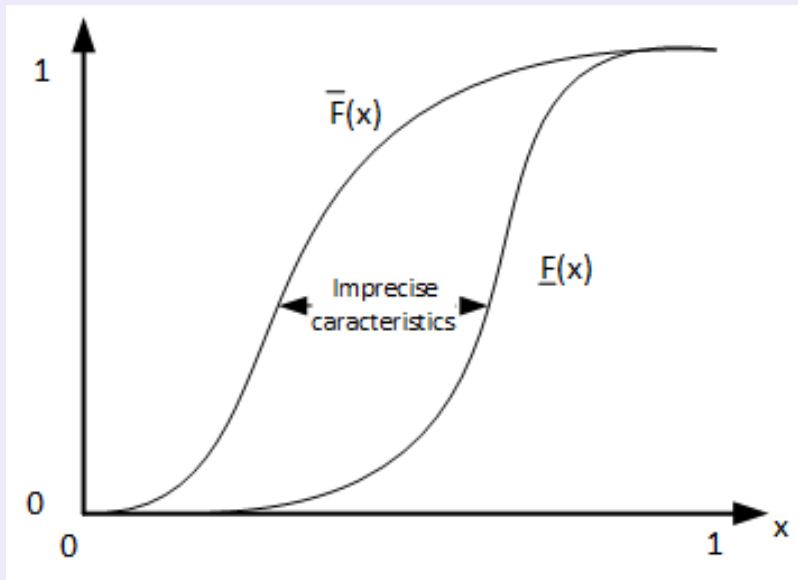


Fuzzy valued probabilities are sets of embodied interval valued probabilities defined by  $\alpha$ -cuts

# Modeling uncertainty(ies)

## Probability boxes

- P-Box : Family of probability distributions bounded by upper and lower cumulative distributions



$$[\underline{F}_X, \bar{F}_X] = \{ ([\underline{X}_1, \bar{X}_1], p_i); ([\underline{X}_2, \bar{X}_2], p_i); \dots; ([\underline{X}_j, \bar{X}_j], p_i); \dots; ([\underline{X}_m, \bar{X}_m], p_i) \}$$

Remark: Sets of interval valued probabilities with weight

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# Encoding interval valued probabilities in BN

## Dempster Shafer Theory

- Frame of discernment

$$\Omega = \{H_1, H_2, \dots, H_q\}$$

- Dempster-Shafer Structure (power set of  $\Omega$ )

$$A_i \in 2^\Omega : \{\emptyset, A_1 = \{H_1\}, \dots, A_q = \{H_q\}, A_{q+1} = \{H_1, H_2\}, \dots, A_{2^q-1} = \{H_1, \dots, H_q\}\}$$

- Basic Mass Assignment

$$m : 2^\Omega \rightarrow [0, 1] \quad m(\emptyset) = 0 \quad \sum_{A_i \in 2^\Omega} m(A_i) = 1$$

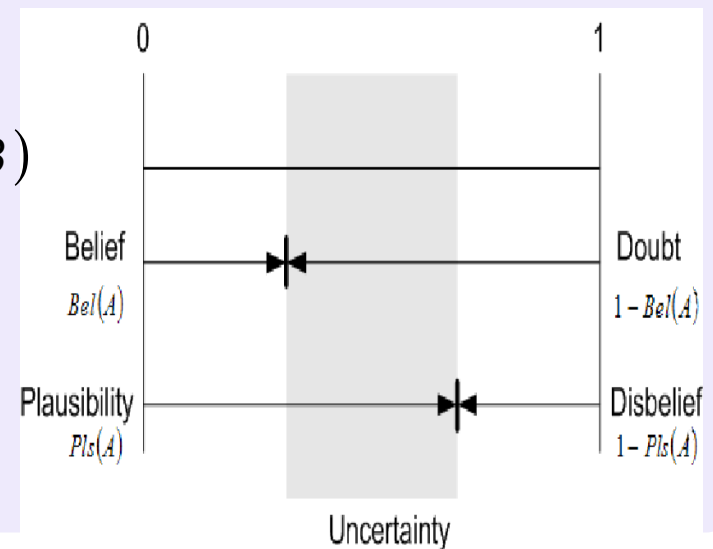
- Measures (bounds)

$$Bel(A_i) \leq P(A_i) \leq Pls(A_i)$$

$$Bel(A_i) = \sum_{B|B \subseteq A_i} m(B) \quad Pls(A_i) = \sum_{B|A_i \cap B \neq \emptyset} m(B)$$

- Möbius Transform

$$m(A_i) = \sum_{B|B \subseteq A_i} (-1)^{|A_i| - |B|} Bel(B)$$



# Encoding interval valued probabilities in BN

## Dempster Shafer Theory

- All nodes encode the Dempster-Shafer Structure

$$A_i \in 2^\Omega : \{\emptyset, A_1 = \{H_1\}, \dots, A_q = \{H_q\}, A_{q+1} = \{H_1, H_2\}, \dots, A_{2^q-1} = \{H_1, \dots, H_q\}\}$$

- Allocation of masses in each set under the constraint

$$\sum m(A_i) = 1$$

- Prior masses are computed from interval valued probabilities and the Möbius transform (root nodes)

$$\left[ \underline{P}(H_i), \overline{P}(H_i) \right] = \left[ Bel(H_i), Pls(H_i) \right] \quad M_X = \left[ 0 \underline{P}(A_1) \dots \sum_{B|B \subseteq A_i} (-1)^{|A_i|-|B|} \underline{P}(B) \dots \right]$$

- Child nodes integrate conditonal belief mass on the cartesian product of each variables

$$M_{X_i} \mid M_{pa}(X_i)$$

- Computation of masses through the junction tree and the bayesian inference extended to belief masses

# Encoding interval valued probabilities in BN

## Binary case for dependability analysis

- Each node has the following frame of discernment

$$2^{\Omega} = \{Up, Down, \{Up, Down\}\}$$

- Interval valued probability to mass distribution through Möbius transform

$$M_{X_i} = \left[ \underline{P}(X_i = \{Up\}) \quad \left(1 - \overline{P}(X_i = \{Up\})\right) \quad \left(\overline{P}(X_i = \{Up\}) - \underline{P}(X_i = \{Up\})\right) \right]$$

- In dependability analysis, conditional probability tables are mainly based on binary logic but extended to the frame of discernment (AND, OR, KooN ...)
- Finally, from any node, the belief and plausibility measures give the bounds of probability

$$Bel(X_i = Up) = \sum_{state | state \subseteq Up} m(X_i = state) \rightarrow \underline{P}(X_i = Up) \quad Pls(X_i = Up) = \sum_{state | state \cap Up \neq \emptyset} m(X_i = state) \rightarrow \overline{P}(X_i = Up)$$

$$[Bel(X_i = Up), Pls(X_i = Up)] = [\underline{P}(X_i = Up), \overline{P}(X_i = Up)]$$



# Conditional probability table for series systems

## AND Logic with 3 states

Node Edition

Node selection : AND 1

Node type: Label

View mode: Determinist Equation

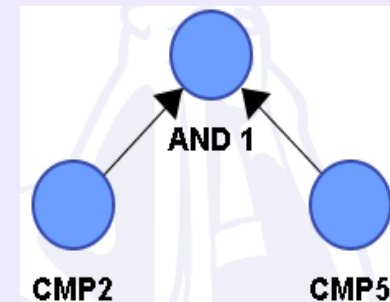
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DOWN		DOWN	0.000	100.000	0.000
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	DOWN	UP	0.000	100.000	0.000
		DOWN	0.000	100.000	0.000
		UP_DOWN	0.000	100.000	0.000
	UP_DOWN	UP	0.000	0.000	100.000
		DOWN	0.000	100.000	0.000
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# Conditional probability table for // systems

## OR Logic with 3 states

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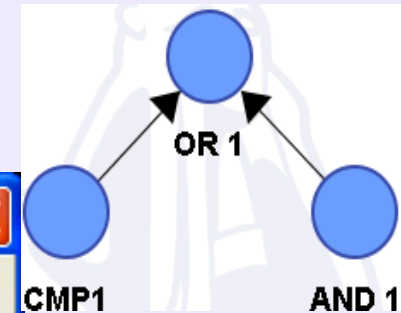
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DOWN		DOWN	100.000	0.000	0.000
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	DOWN	UP	100.000	0.000	0.000
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# Conditional probability table for KooN

## Logic with 3 states

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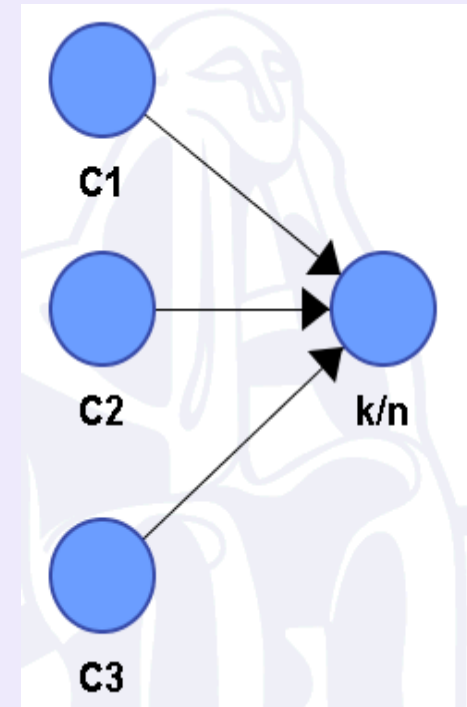
Equation

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Up	Up	Up	100,000	0,000	0,000
		Down	100,000	0,000	0,000
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	Down	Up	100,000	0,000	0,000
		Down	0,000	100,000	0,000
		Up,Down	0,000	0,000	100,000
	Up,Down	Up	100,000	0,000	0,000
		Down	0,000	0,000	100,000
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		Up,Down	0,000	0,000	100,000

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# Conditional probability table for Belief measure

## Logic formulation of belief measure

$$Bel(X = Up) = \sum_{state | state \subseteq Work} m(state)$$

Node Edition

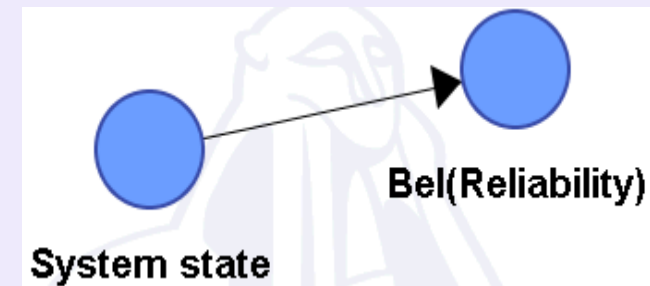
Node selection: Bel(Reliability) ▼

Node type: Label ▼

View mode:

Values
Believe
NotBelieve

System state	Believe	NotBelieve
UP	100.000	0.000
DOWN	0.000	100.000
UP_DOWN	0.000	100.000



# Conditional probability table for Plausibility measure

## Logic formulation of plausibility measure

$$Pls(X = Up) = \sum_{state \in Up \cap state \neq \emptyset} m(X = state)$$

Node Edition

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Values

Plausibility
Implausibility

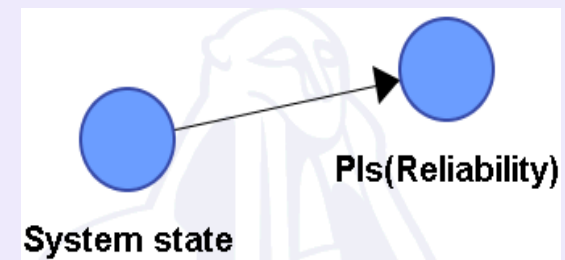
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System state	Plausibility	Implausibility
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UP_DOWN	100.000	0.000

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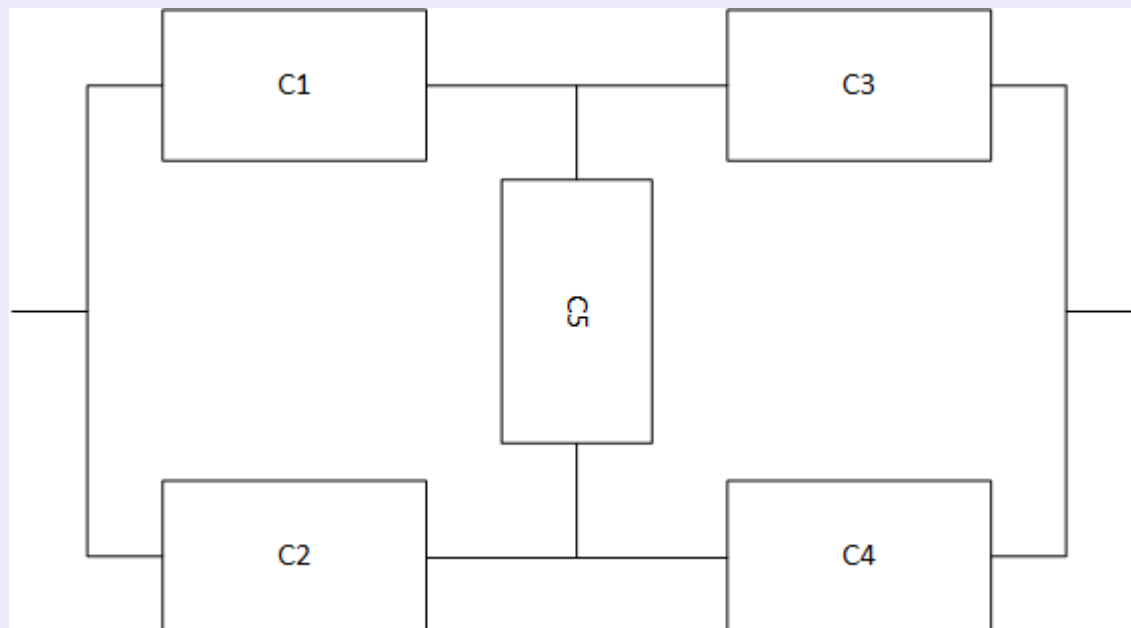
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# Application to system reliability

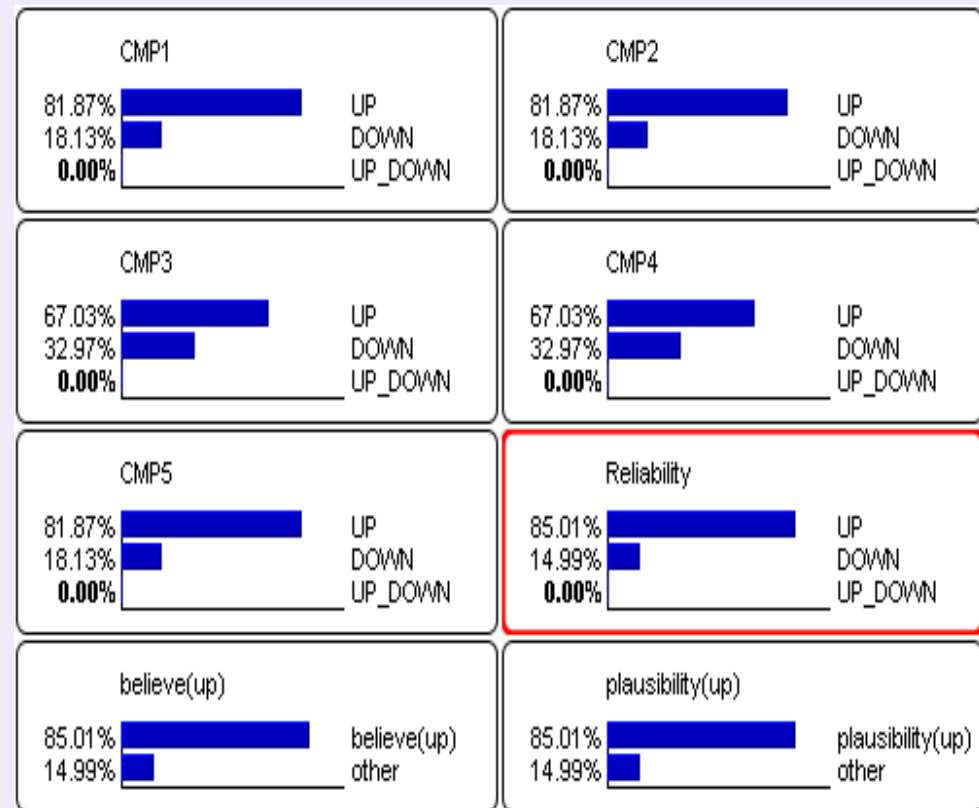
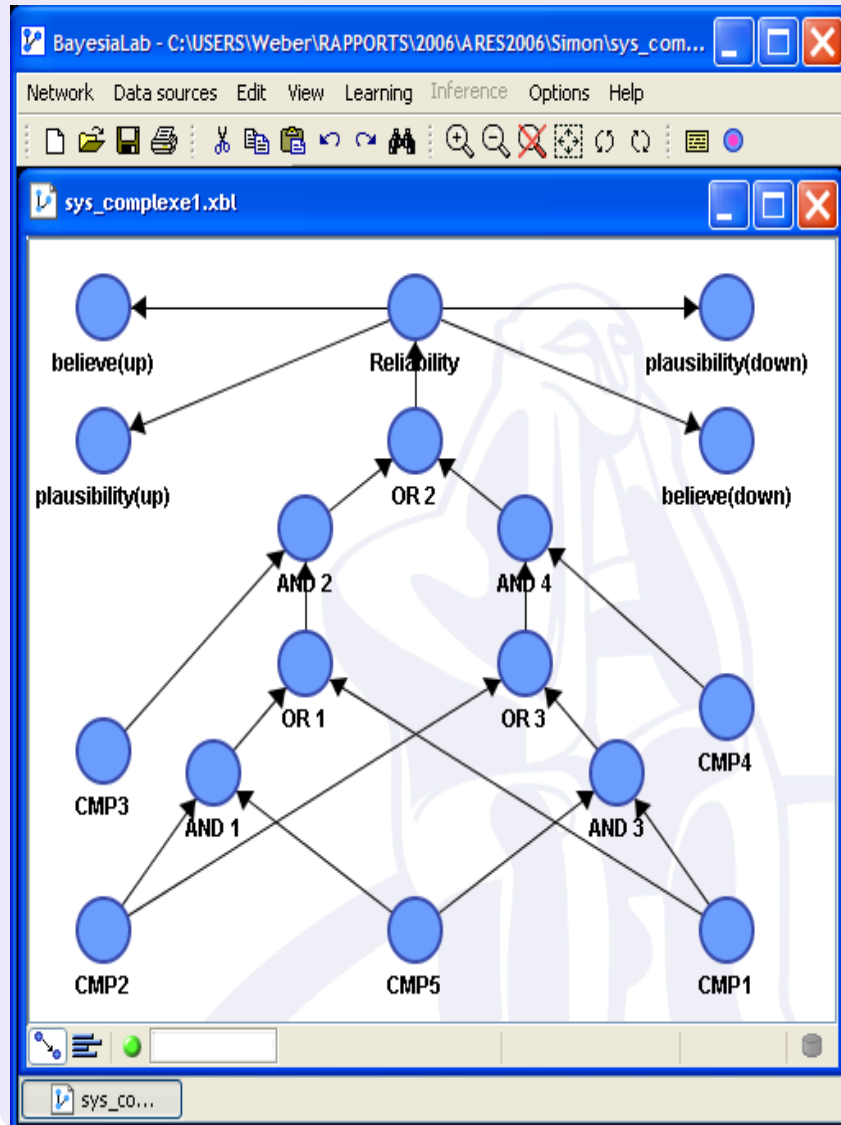
## Reliability block diagram of a simple complex system

- There is a set of paths from left to right
- A path is defined by a set of working components



# System reliability

## Without precise probability

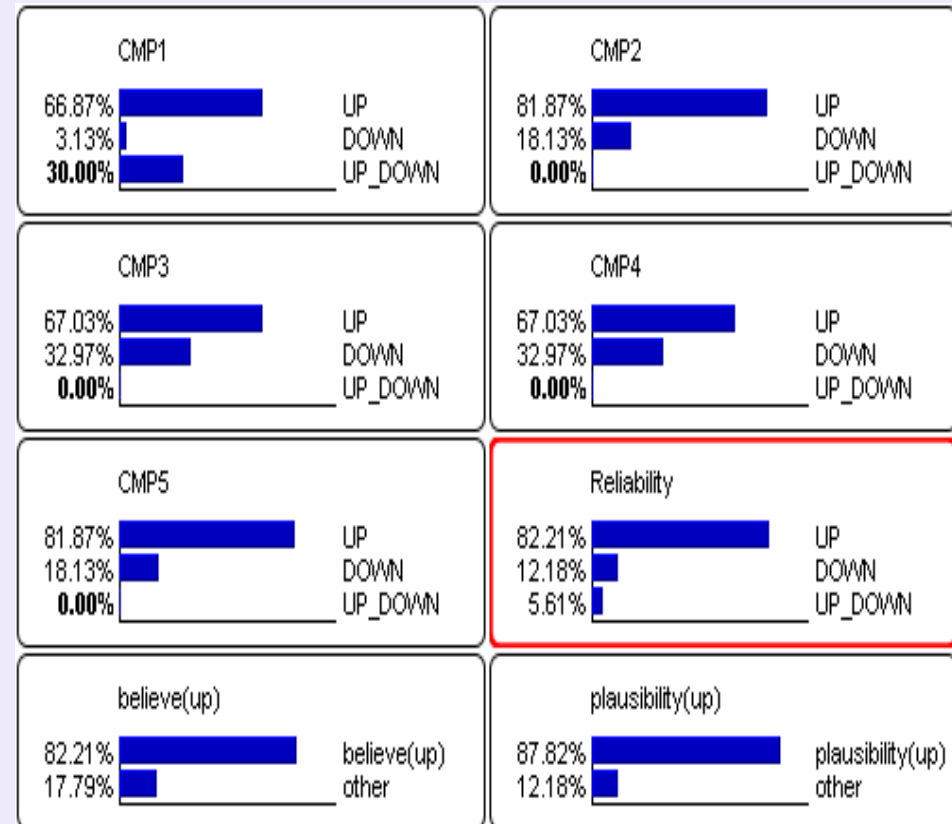
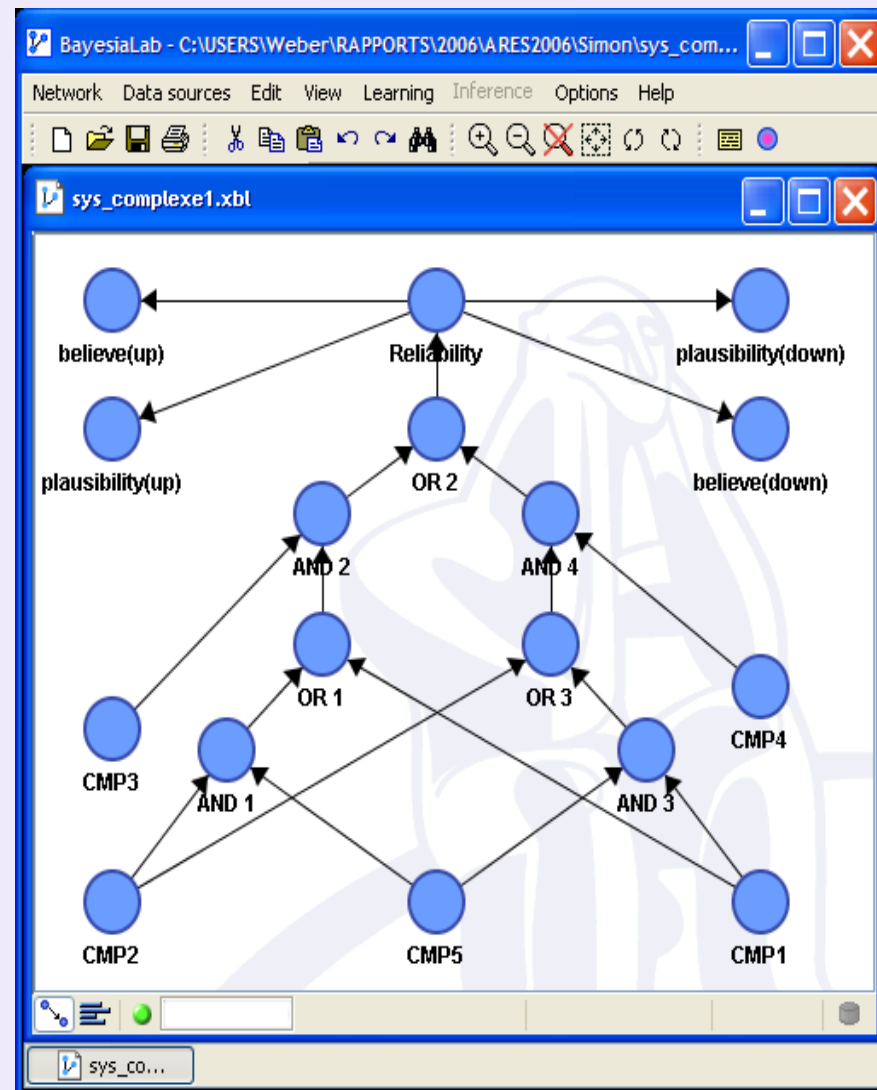


$$Bel(U_p) = Pls(U_p) = R_S(T_F) = 0,85$$



# System reliability with precise probabilities

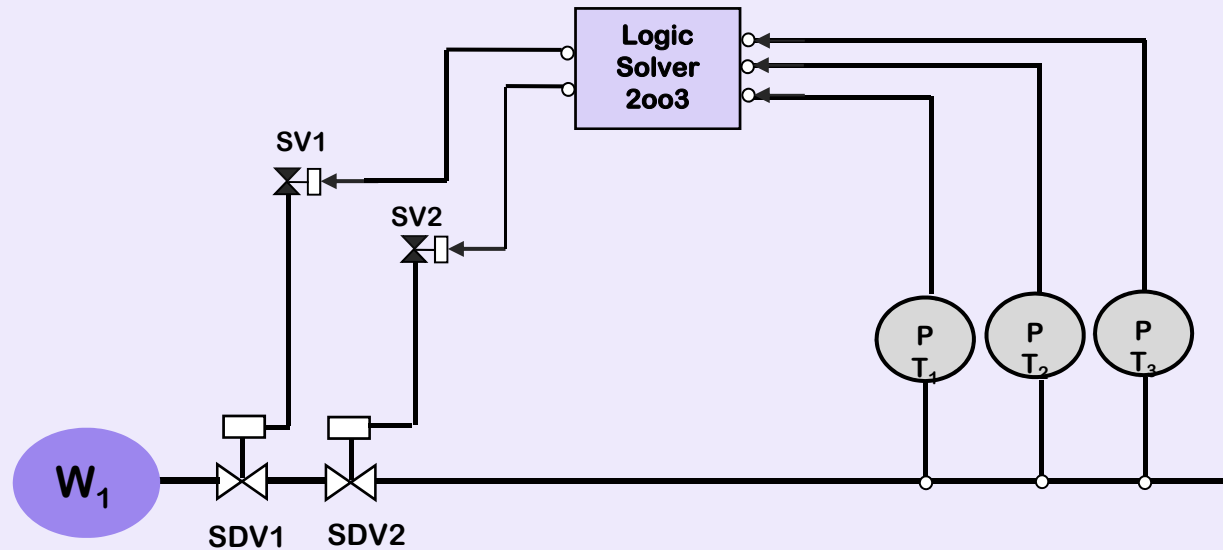
## Without precise probability



$$Bel(Up) = 0,82 < R_S(T_F) = 0,85 < Pls(Up) = 0,87$$

# Study of a High Integrity Safety System (Fuzzy Probabilities)

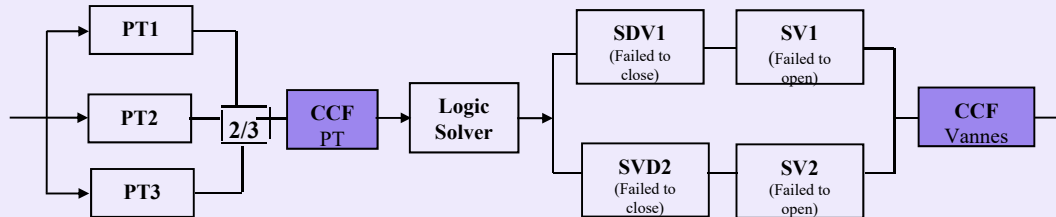
## Assessing the probability of failure on demand



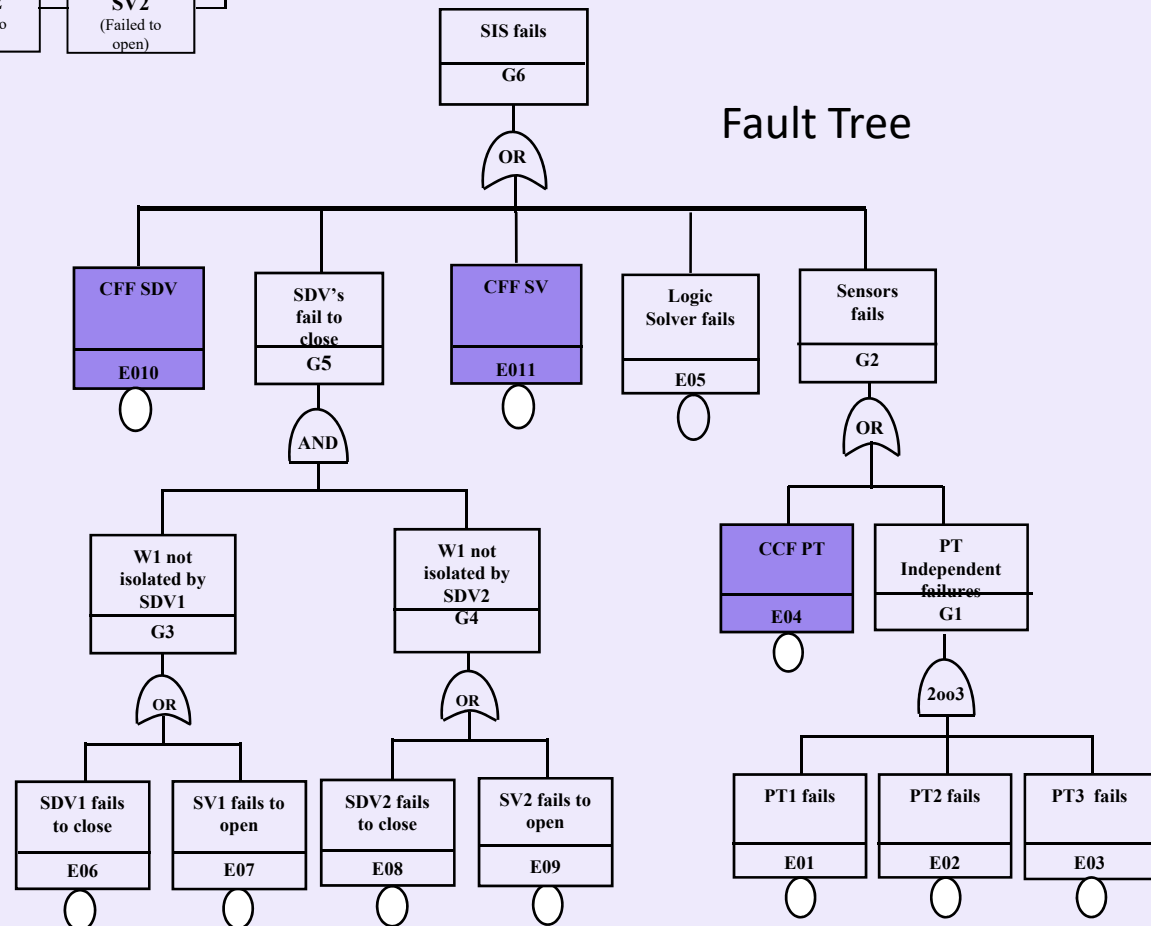
Composants du SIS	$\lambda_D$ (h <sup>-1</sup> )	DC	$\beta$ (%) CCF	MTTR	Ti (h)
PT	2.70E- 7	0	<3, 5, 8>	0	T1 = 1460
SDV	5.70E- 6	0	<8, 10,13>	0	T2 = 1460
SV	5.70E- 6	0	<8, 10,13>	0	T2 = 1460
Logic Solver	5.00E- 6	1	-	10	-

# Study of a High Integrity Safety System

## Reliability Bloc Diagramme or Fault Tree Modeling of the System



Reliability Block Diagram



Fault Tree

# Computing fuzzy probability into the network

## Algorithm for inference with fuzzy probability

**For  $\alpha$  from 0 to 1**

**Define  $I^{(\alpha)}$ , the set of  $\alpha$ -cut of the inputs**

**ForAll inputs**

**Define the corresponding basic probability assignment**

**EndFor**

**Compute the basic mass assignment of each output in  $O$  by inference**

**ForAll outputs,**

**Build the  $\alpha$ -cuts of  $O^{(\alpha)}$  from the output basic mass assignments**

**EndFor**

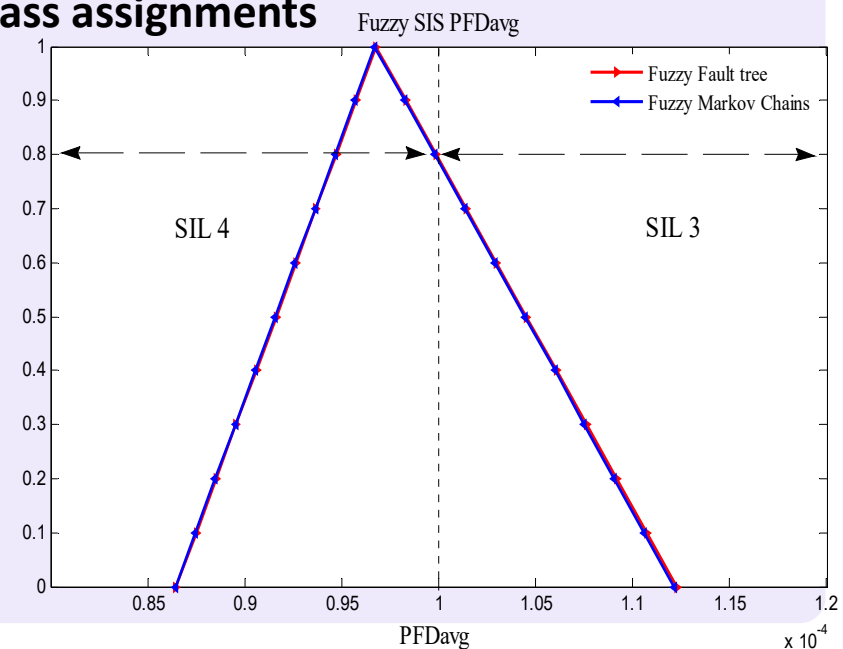
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**ForAll outputs**

**Embody the nested intervals**

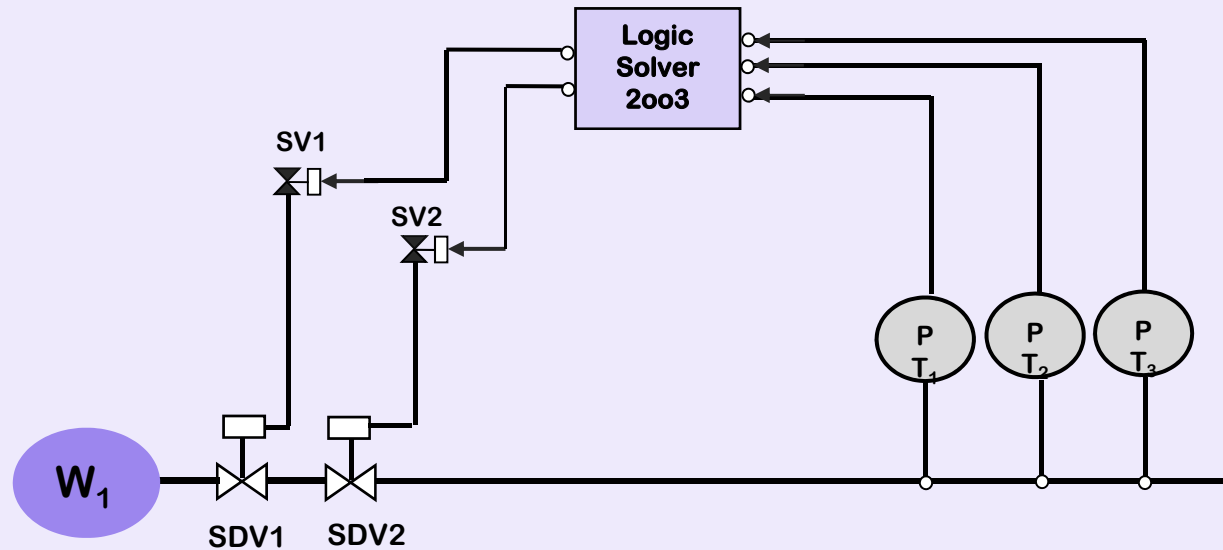
**EndFor**

where  $I$  is the set of input fuzzy numbers and  
 $O$  is the set of output fuzzy numbers.



# Study of a High Integrity Safety System (p-boxes)

## Assessing the probability of failure on demand



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Logic Solver	2.15E- 7	-	T3 = 2190

# Study of a High Integrity Safety System

## Results :

For an arbitrarily large value

For each input

Choose a value  $N$  in  $[0,1]$

Define the interval from the p-box corresponding to  $SN$ .

Define the weight at  $1/N$

Transform the interval into a bpa.

EndFor

Compute the outputs by EN inference.

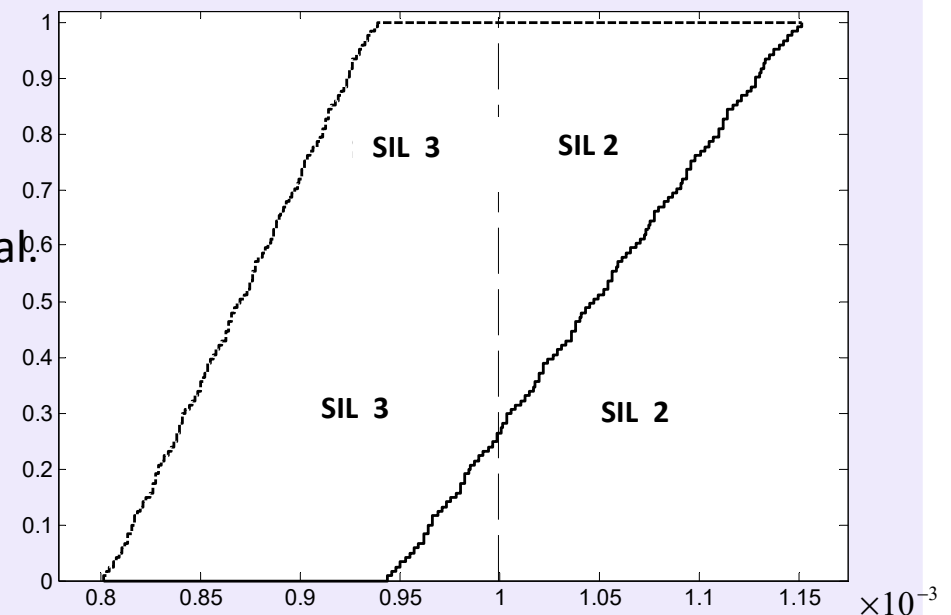
For each output

Transform each resulting bpa in an interval.

Transform the set of intervals and weights in a p-box.

EndFor

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# Conclusion

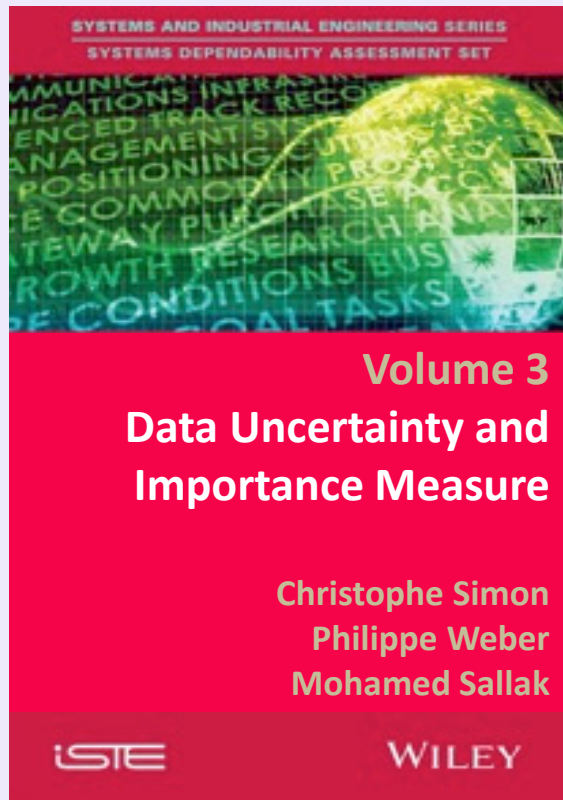
- Bayesian networks can model
  - dependability analysis problems (binary hypothesis)
  - Satisfiability problems (non binary problems)
  - Risk analysis
- Bayesian network handle several forms of uncertainty
  - Interval valued probability
  - Fuzzy valued probability
  - Family of probability
- Results are as best case/worst case computation
- Bayesialab is our polyvalent tool for modeling

# Open problems

- Complexity of Models regarding the complexity of Systems (managing complexity)
- Model Uncertainty of large systems
- Model validation to increase the confidence
- Dependencies between events
- Sequence of Events
- Incoherent Systems
- Modeling Human behavior
- Integrating new information (according to the theoretical framework used)



Thank you for your attention



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