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Reliability Engineering and Risk Analysis

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Product reliability engineering from concept to marketplace In today's global, competitive business environment, reliability professionals are continually challenged to improve reliability, shorten design cycles, reduce costs, and increase customer satisfaction. "Life Cycle Reliability Engineering" details practical, effective, and up-to-date techniques to assure reliability throughout the product life cycle, from planning and designing through testing and warranting performance. These techniques allow ongoing quality initiatives, including those based on Six Sigma and the Taguchi methods, to yield maximized output. Complete with real-world examples, case studies, and exercises, this resource

covers: Reliability definition, metrics, and product life distributions (exponential, Weibull, normal, lognormal, and more) Methodologies, tools, and practical applications of system reliability modeling and allocation Robust reliability design techniques Potential failure mode avoidance, including Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA) and Fault Tree Analysis (FTA) Accelerated life test methods, models, plans, and data analysis techniques Degradation testing and data analysis methods, covering both destructive and nondestructive inspections Practical methodologies for reliability verification and screening Warranty policies, data analysis, field failure monitoring, and warranty cost reduction All reliability techniques described are immediately applicable to product planning, designing, testing, stress screening, and warranty analysis. This book is a must-have resource for engineers and others responsible for reliability and quality and for graduate students in quality and reliability engineering courses.

Reliability Engineering

This undergraduate and graduate textbook provides a practical and comprehensive overview of reliability and risk analysis techniques. Written for engineering students and practicing engineers, the book is multi-disciplinary in scope. The new edition has new topics in classical confidence interval estimation; Bayesian uncertainty analysis; models for physics-of-failure approach to life estimation; extended discussions on the generalized renewal process and optimal

maintenance; and further modifications, updates, and discussions. The book includes examples to clarify technical subjects and many end of chapter exercises. PowerPoint slides and a Solutions Manual are also available.

Component Reliability for Electronic Systems

This book is a collective work by many leading scientists, analysts, mathematicians, and engineers who have been working at the front end of reliability science and engineering. The book covers conventional and contemporary topics in reliability science, all of which have seen extended research activities in recent years. The methods presented in this book are real-world examples that demonstrate improvements in essential reliability and availability for industrial equipment such as medical magnetic resonance imaging, power systems, traction drives for a search and rescue helicopter, and air conditioning systems. The book presents real case studies of redundant multi-state air conditioning systems for chemical laboratories and covers assessments of reliability and fault tolerance and availability calculations. Conventional and contemporary topics in reliability engineering are discussed, including degradation, networks, and dynamic reliability, resilience, and multi-state systems, all of which are relatively new topics to the field. The book is aimed at engineers and scientists, as well as postgraduate students involved in reliability design, analysis, and experiments and applied probability and statistics.

Accelerated Quality and Reliability Solutions

Computational resources have developed to the level that, for the first time, it is becoming possible to apply large-eddy simulation (LES) to turbulent flow problems of realistic complexity. Many examples can be found in technology and in a variety of natural flows. This puts issues related to assessing, assuring, and predicting the quality of LES into the spotlight. Several LES studies have been published in the past, demonstrating a high level of accuracy with which turbulent flow predictions can be attained, without having to resort to the excessive requirements on computational resources imposed by direct numerical simulations. However, the setup and use of turbulent flow simulations requires a profound knowledge of fluid mechanics, numerical techniques, and the application under consideration. The susceptibility of large-eddy simulations to errors in modelling, in numerics, and in the treatment of boundary conditions, can be quite large due to nonlinear accumulation of different contributions over time, leading to an intricate and unpredictable situation. A full understanding of the interacting error dynamics in large-eddy simulations is still lacking. To ensure the reliability of large-eddy simulations for a wide range of industrial users, the development of clear standards for the evaluation, prediction, and control of simulation errors in LES is summoned. The workshop on Quality and Reliability of Large-Eddy Simulations, held October 22-24, 2007 in Leuven, Belgium (QLES2007), provided one of the first platforms specifically addressing these aspects of LES.

Quality, Reliability, Security and Robustness in Heterogeneous Networks

Using clear language, this book shows you how to build in, evaluate, and demonstrate reliability and availability of components, equipment, and systems. It presents the state of the art in theory and practice, and is based on the author's 30 years' experience, half in industry and half as professor of reliability engineering at the ETH, Zurich. In this extended edition, new models and considerations have been added for reliability data analysis and fault tolerant reconfigurable repairable systems including reward and frequency / duration aspects. New design rules for imperfect switching, incomplete coverage, items with more than 2 states, and phased-mission systems, as well as a Monte Carlo approach useful for rare events are given. Trends in quality management are outlined. Methods and tools are given in such a way that they can be tailored to cover different reliability requirement levels and be used to investigate safety as well. The book contains a large number of tables, figures, and examples to support the practical aspects.

Quality and Reliability Engineering: Recent Trends and Future Directions

A fine blend of the three disciplines, viz. quality, reliability and maintainability, this

book provides a clear understanding of the concepts and discusses their applications using statistical tools and techniques. The concepts are critically assessed and explained to enable their use for management decision-making. The book describes many current topics such as six sigma, capability maturity model integration (CMMI), process data management, reliability system models, repairable system models, maintainability assessment and design and testing concepts. It is intended as a textbook for the undergraduate students of Mechanical Engineering and Production and Industrial Engineering. The book will also be useful to the postgraduate students of Applied Statistics, Quality and Reliability, and Quality and Productivity Management as well as to the management and engineering professionals. KEY FEATURES : Provides charts and plots to explain the concepts discussed. Gives an account of most recent developments. Gives illustrations of practical situations where tools can be applied immediately. Interspersed with plenty of worked-out examples to reinforce the concepts. Includes chapter-end exercises to drill the students in self-study.

Quality and Reliability in Engineering

Providing a comprehensive approach to both the art and science of reliability engineering, this volume covers all aspects of the field, from basic concepts to accelerated testing, including SPC, designed experiments, human factors, and reliability management. It also presents the theory of reliability systems and its

application as prescribed by industrial and government standards.

Quality and Reliability of Telecommunications Infrastructure

With emphasis on practical aspects of engineering, this bestseller has gained worldwide recognition through progressive editions as the essential reliability textbook. This fifth edition retains the unique balanced mixture of reliability theory and applications, thoroughly updated with the latest industry best practices. Practical Reliability Engineering fulfils the requirements of the Certified Reliability Engineer curriculum of the American Society for Quality (ASQ). Each chapter is supported by practice questions, and a solutions manual is available to course tutors via the companion website. Enhanced coverage of mathematics of reliability, physics of failure, graphical and software methods of failure data analysis, reliability prediction and modelling, design for reliability and safety as well as management and economics of reliability programmes ensures continued relevance to all quality assurance and reliability courses. Notable additions include: New chapters on applications of Monte Carlo simulation methods and reliability demonstration methods. Software applications of statistical methods, including probability plotting and a wider use of common software tools. More detailed descriptions of reliability prediction methods. Comprehensive treatment of accelerated test data analysis and warranty data analysis. Revised and expanded end-of-chapter tutorial sections to advance students' practical knowledge. The fifth

edition will appeal to a wide range of readers from college students to seasoned engineering professionals involved in the design, development, manufacture and maintenance of reliable engineering products and systems. www.wiley.com/go/oconnor_reliability5

Reliability Engineering

This book presents the latest theories and methods of reliability and quality, with emphasis on reliability and quality in design and modelling. Each chapter is written by active researchers and professionals with international reputations, providing material which bridges the gap between theory and practice to trigger new practices and research challenges. The book therefore provides a state-of-the-art survey of reliability and quality in design and practices.

Quality, Reliability and Maintenance 2004

The papers included in this volume were presented at the 5th international conference on Quality, Reliability and Maintenance which took place at the University of Oxford in April 2004. They highlight the importance of the QRM disciplines and represent the latest developments, trends and progress, and are essential reference material for all reasearch academics, quality planners,

maintenance executives and personnel who have the responsibility to implement the findings of quality audits and maintenance policy. Quality, Reliabilty, and Maintenance - be it in industry, commerce, education, or academia - influences and guides every contemporary aspect of our lives. This collection of papers includes topics such as: Quality Analysis Condition Monitoring Maintenance Management Computer Applications Education and Training Research Applications

Quality and Reliability of Large-Eddy Simulations

Reliability and survival analysis are important applications of stochastic mathematics (probability, statistics and stochastic processes) that are usually covered separately in spite of the similarity of the involved mathematical theory. This title aims to redress this situation: it includes 21 chapters divided into four parts: Survival analysis, Reliability, Quality of life, and Related topics. Many of these chapters were presented at the European Seminar on Mathematical Methods for Survival Analysis, Reliability and Quality of Life in 2006.

Stochastic Models in Reliability Engineering

This book presents recent progresses in control, automation, robotics, and measuring techniques. It includes contributions of top experts in the fields, focused

on both theory and industrial practice. The particular chapters present a deep analysis of a specific technical problem which is in general followed by a numerical analysis and simulation and results of an implementation for the solution of a real world problem. The presented theoretical results, practical solutions and guidelines will be useful for both researchers working in the area of engineering sciences and for practitioners solving industrial problems.

Quality and Reliability of Technical Systems

Fast technological development produces systems of ever-increasing complex ity. The demand for reliable functioning of these systems has become more and more important. Thus, there is a need for highly reliable technical devices and systems, for monitoring and controlling their functioning and for planning maintenance and corrective actions to fulfill given requirements considering eco nomic limitations. These tasks reflect the wide field of engineering activities that are accompa nied by and based on a wide range of stochastical models. The book presents the main contributions to a workshop on Stochastic Models of Reliability, Qual ity, and Safety held in Schierke near Magdeburg, Germany. This workshop was part of a series of meetings that take place every two years organized by the Society of Reliability, Quality and Safety. The basic idea of these workshops is to bring together theorists, applied statisticians, and practitioners to exchange experiences and ideas of common interest. The book contains recent results in reliability and

related fields. The presentation aims at making at least a part of the results accessible to engineers.

Quality Of Protection

Quality of Protection: Security Measurements and Metrics is an edited volume based on the Quality of Protection Workshop in Milano, Italy (September 2005). This volume discusses how security research can progress towards quality of protection in security comparable to quality of service in networking and software measurements, and metrics in empirical software engineering. Information security in the business setting has matured in the last few decades. Standards such as IS017799, the Common Criteria (ISO15408), and a number of industry certifications and risk analysis methodologies have raised the bar for good security solutions from a business perspective. Designed for a professional audience composed of researchers and practitioners in industry, Quality of Protection: Security Measurements and Metrics is also suitable for advanced-level students in computer science.

Nursing and Clinical Informatics: Socio-Technical Approaches

This book presents the state-of-the-art of reliability engineering, both in theory and

practice. It provides design guidelines for reliability, maintainability, and software quality. This is a textbook establishing a link between theory and practice, with a large number of tables, figures, and examples to support the practical aspects. This allows rapid access to practical results. The book is based on over 30 years of industrial and academic experience.

Failure Analysis

High reliability, maintanability, and safety are expected fro complex equipment and systems. This book presents state-of-the-art methods and procedures used for cost and time effective quality and reliability assurance during the design and production of equipment and systems. It is based on more than 20 years experience gained by the author in research and industry. The book covers theory, practice, and management aspects and addresses the needs of scientists, system-oriented engineers, engineers in development and production and project and quality assurance managers. The second edition has been completely updated revised and includes modern concepts such as Total Quality Management (TQM) and Concurrent Engineering.

Advances in Stochastic Models for Reliablity, Quality and Safety

Progress in Automation, Robotics and Measuring Techniques

This Dictionary covers information and communication technology (ICT), including hardware and software; information networks, including the Internet and the World Wide Web; automatic control; and ICT-related computer-aided fields. The Dictionary also lists abbreviated names of relevant organizations, conferences, symposia and workshops. This reference is important for all practitioners and users in the areas mentioned above, and those who consult or write technical material. This Second Edition contains 10,000 new entries, for a total of 33,000.

Quality, Reliability, Security and Robustness in Heterogeneous Networks

Drawing of real-world issues and with supporting data from industry, this book overviews the technique and equipment available to engineers and scientists to identify the solutions of the physical essence of engineering problems in simulation, accelerated testing, prediction, quality improvement, and risk during the design, manufacturing, and maintenance stages. For this goal the book integrates Quality Improvement and Accelerated Reliability/ Durability/ Maintainability/Test Engineering concepts. Accelerated Quality and Reliability

Solutions includes new and unpublished aspects in quality: - complex analysis of factors that influence product quality, and other quality development and improvement problems during design and manufacturing ; in simulation: - the strategy for development of accurate physical simulation of field input influences on the actual product – a system of control for physical simulation of the random input influences – a methodology for selecting a representative input region for accurate simulation of the field conditions; in testing: - useful accelerated reliability testing (UART) – accelerated multiple environmental testing technology – trends in development of UART technology; in studying climate and reliability; in prediction: - accurate prediction (AP) of reliability, durability, and maintainability - criteria of AP - development of techniques, etc.. The book includes new and effective aspects integration of quality, reliability, and maintainability. Other key features: Includes aspects of quality integrated with reliability which can help to solve earlier inaccessible problems during design, manufacturing, and usage Develops a new approach to improving the engineering culture for solving quality and reliability problems. Enables the accurate prediction of quality, reliability, durability, and maintainability Proposes strategies for accelerated quality, reliability, durability, and maintainability improvement and development Combines new techniques with equipment for accurate physical simulation of field situation (mechanical, electrical, multi-environmental, and other influences, as well as human and other factors) for development accelerated testing (including reliability testing) and research Overviews the latest techniques in physical simulation; accelerated

testing; prediction of reliability, durability, and maintainability; quality development and improvement; safety aspects of risk assessment, especially for transportation Supported by real life examples and industry data Deals with the latest techniques in physical simulation, accelerated testing, prediction of reliability, durability, maintainability, quality development and safety aspects of risk assessment Provides step-by-step guidance on the accurate prediction of quality factors, the physical simulation of field situations and of accelerated reliability testing Dramatically reduces recalls by solving product improvement problems through the integration of quality development with reliability

Out of the Present Crisis

A textbook for courses in quality and reliability. Examples and exercises stress practical engineering applications implemented in complete, self-contained computer programs.

Reliability Abstracts and Technical Reviews

Today, organizations have achieved an overall failure rate above 80 percent with Lean, Six Sigma, Lean Six Sigma, and continuous improvement in general. This is certainly not due to a shortage of books, consultants, and other online resources

about the methodologies and tools, or the success stories of Toyota and others. However, it is due to a shortage of knowledge and practice about the most critical success factors of improvement: leadership, sustaining infrastructure, behavioral and cultural transformation, and now emerging technology. These factors produce 90 percent of the success with continuous and sustainable improvement; the methodologies and tools represent an irrelevant 10 percent. For decades, most organizations have focused on this quick and easy, irrelevant 10 percent through an endless series of fad, in-vogue improvement programs as they attempt to mimic the best-in-class practices of the most successful organizations. Out of the Present Crisis: Rediscovering Improvement in the New Economy is the contemporary version of Deming's famous 1982 book, "Out of the Crisis." The author builds a solid case for organizations to aggressively pursue the next generation of systematic and sustainable improvement through a combined strategy of Deming's back-to-basics, innovation and breakthrough thinking, integration of emerging and enabling technology, and adaptive improvement across diverse environments and industries. The book's practical, pragmatic style is backed up by many real world examples and personal experiences. If you're looking for another book about Lean or Six Sigma "tools" this is not it. But it is a book about how to achieve lasting success by making improvement the cultural standard of excellence and living code of conduct in organizations. This popular book provides executives with an up-to-date and proven reference guide for rediscovering successful systematic and sustainable improvement in today's

economy. The author demonstrates the importance of viewing improvement as a continuous manageable "process" and covers the most critical success factors of leadership, sustaining infrastructure, behavioral and cultural transformation, and emerging technology in a practical, no-nonsense, "how-to-do" style. The book provides specific guidance for all industries including public and private corporations, hospitals, financial services, airlines, municipalities, and federal, state, and local governments.

Practical Reliability Engineering

Over the last 50 years, the theory and the methods of reliability analysis have developed significantly. Therefore, it is very important to the reliability specialist to be informed of each reliability measure. This book will provide historical developments, current advancements, applications, numerous examples, and many case studies to bring the reader up-to-date with the advancements in this area. It covers reliability engineering in different branches, includes applications to reliability engineering practice, provides numerous examples to illustrate the theoretical results, and offers case studies along with real-world examples. This book is useful to engineering students, research scientist, and practitioners working in the field of reliability.

Dictionary of Acronyms and Technical Abbreviations

Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe from China, Invs. 701-TA-447 and 731-TA-1116 (Final)

"This book specifically develops theories to understand service quality and quality management practice of EC which is completely a new and innovative effort to formulate perceptions of global consumers"--Provided by publisher.

Mathematical Methods in Survival Analysis, Reliability and Quality of Life

The main reason for the premature breakdown of today's electronic products (computers, cars, tools, appliances, etc.) is the failure of the components used to build these products. Today professionals are looking for effective ways to minimize the degradation of electronic components to help ensure longer-lasting, more technically sound products and systems. This practical book offers engineers specific guidance on how to design more reliable components and build more reliable electronic systems. Professionals learn how to optimize a virtual component prototype, accurately monitor product reliability during the entire

production process, and add the burn-in and selection procedures that are the most appropriate for the intended applications. Moreover, the book helps system designers ensure that all components are correctly applied, margins are adequate, wear-out failure modes are prevented during the expected duration of life, and system interfaces cannot lead to failure.

Keeping an Eye on Reliability

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-conference proceedings of the 7th International Conference on Heterogeneous Networking for Quality, Reliability, Security and Robustness, QShine 2010. The 37 revised full papers presented along with 7 papers from the allocated Dedicated Short Range Communications Workshop, DSRC 2010, were carefully selected from numerous submissions. Conference papers are organized into 9 technical sessions, covering the topics of cognitive radio networks, security, resource allocation, wireless protocols and algorithms, advanced networking systems, sensor networks, scheduling and optimization, routing protocols, multimedia and stream processing. Workshop papers are organized into two sessions: DSRC networks and DSRC security.

Quality and Reliability of Technical Systems

Reliability Engineering – A Life Cycle Approach is based on the author's knowledge of systems and their problems from multiple industries, from sophisticated, first class installations to less sophisticated plants often operating under severe budget constraints and yet having to deliver first class availability. Taking a practical approach and drawing from the author's global academic and work experience, the text covers the basics of reliability engineering, from design through to operation and maintenance. Examples and problems are used to embed the theory, and case studies are integrated to convey real engineering experience and to increase the student's analytical skills. Additional subjects such as failure analysis, the management of the reliability function, systems engineering skills, project management requirements and basic financial management requirements are covered. Linear programming and financial analysis are presented in the context of justifying maintenance budgets and retrofits. The book presents a stand-alone picture of the reliability engineer's work over all stages of the system life-cycle, and enables readers to: Understand the life-cycle approach to engineering reliability Explore failure analysis techniques and their importance in reliability engineering Learn the skills of linear programming, financial analysis, and budgeting for maintenance Analyze the application of key concepts through realistic Case Studies This text will equip engineering students, engineers and technical managers with the knowledge and skills they need, and the numerous examples and case studies include provide insight to their real-world application. An Instructor's Manual and Figure Slides are available for instructors.

Concise Reliability for Engineers

American Special Technical Publication

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-conference proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Heterogeneous Networking for Quality, Reliability, Security and Robustness, QShine 2013, which was held in National Capital Region (NCR) of India during January 2013. The 87 revised full papers were carefully selected from 169 submissions and present the recent technological developments in broadband high-speed networks, peer-to-peer networks, and wireless and mobile networks.

Reliability Engineering

Services Marketing: Text And Cases

Failure analysis is the preferred method to investigate product or process reliability and to ensure optimum performance of electrical components and systems. The physics-of-failure approach is the only internationally accepted solution for

continuously improving the reliability of materials, devices and processes. The models have been developed from the physical and chemical phenomena that are responsible for degradation or failure of electronic components and materials and now replace popular distribution models for failure mechanisms such as Weibull or lognormal. Reliability engineers need practical orientation around the complex procedures involved in failure analysis. This guide acts as a tool for all advanced techniques, their benefits and vital aspects of their use in a reliability programme. Using twelve complex case studies, the authors explain why failure analysis should be used with electronic components, when implementation is appropriate and methods for its successful use. Inside you will find detailed coverage on: a synergistic approach to failure modes and mechanisms, along with reliability physics and the failure analysis of materials, emphasizing the vital importance of cooperation between a product development team involved the reasons why failure analysis is an important tool for improving yield and reliability by corrective actions the design stage, highlighting the ‘concurrent engineering' approach and DfR (Design for Reliability) failure analysis during fabrication, covering reliability monitoring, process monitors and package reliability reliability resting after fabrication, including reliability assessment at this stage and corrective actions a large variety of methods, such as electrical methods, thermal methods, optical methods, electron microscopy, mechanical methods, X-Ray methods, spectroscopic, acoustical, and laser methods new challenges in reliability testing, such as its use in microsystems and nanostructures This practical yet

comprehensive reference is useful for manufacturers and engineers involved in the design, fabrication and testing of electronic components, devices, ICs and electronic systems, as well as for users of components in complex systems wanting to discover the roots of the reliability flaws for their products.

Recent Advances in Reliability and Quality in Design

International conference supported by Indian Statistical Institute, held at Bangalore, 20-22 December, 2011; selected papers.

Reliability Engineering

Proliferation of the Internet Economy: E-Commerce for Global Adoption, Resistance, and Cultural Evolution

"This book gives a general overview of the current state of nursing informatics giving particular attention to social, socio-technical, and political basic conditions"--Provided by publisher.

Reliability Engineering Handbook

The international market is very competitive for high-tech manufacturers to day. Achieving competitive quality and reliability for products requires leader ship from the top, good management practices, effective and efficient operation and maintenance systems, and use of appropriate up-to-date engineering de sign tools and methods. Furthermore, manufacturing yield and reliability are interrelated. Manufacturing yield depends on the number of defects found dur ing both the manufacturing process and the warranty period, which in turn determines the reliability. the production of microelectronics has evolved into Since the early 1970's, one of the world's largest manufacturing industries. As a result, an important agenda is the study of reliability issues in fabricating microelectronic products and consequently the systems that employ these products, particularly, the new generation of microelectronics. Such an agenda should include: • the economic impact of employing the microelectronics fabricated by in dustry, • a study of the relationship between reliability and yield, • the progression toward miniaturization and higher reliability, and • the correctness and complexity of new system designs, which include a very significant portion of software.

Life Cycle Reliability Engineering

Quality Control and Reliability Technical Report

Our life is strongly influenced by the reliability of the things we use, as well as of processes and services. Failures cause losses in the industry and society. Methods for reliability assessment and optimization are thus very important. This book explains the fundamental concepts and tools. It is divided into two parts. Chapters 1 to 10 explain the basic terms and methods for the determination of reliability characteristics, which create the base for any reliability evaluation. In the second part (Chapters 11 to 23) advanced methods are explained, such as Failure Modes and Effects Analysis and Fault Tree Analysis, Load-Resistance interference method, the Monte Carlo simulation technique, cost-based reliability optimization, reliability testing, and methods based on Bayesian approach or fuzzy logic for processing of vague information. The book is written in a readable way and practical examples help to understand the topics. It is complemented with references and a list of standards, software and sources of information on reliability.

STATISTICAL METHODS FOR QUALITY, RELIABILITY AND MAINTAINABILITY

In the last decade, the technology, regulation, and industry structure of our information infrastructure (telephone services, cable and broadcast television, and myriad new data and information services) have changed dramatically. Since the break-up of AT&T's Bell System monopoly, telephone services in the United States

are no longer purchased from a single firm. Advances in fiber optics, wireless communications and software-controlled switching are changing how communication services are provided. As the global economy grows more dependent on a hybrid mix of interconnected networks, public officials in the US and abroad are relinquishing control of the market. All of these changes are affecting the quality and reliability of the telecommunications infrastructure, but informed discussions of the public policy and economic issues are scarce. Deregulation and increased competition have lowered prices, but have service quality and reliability suffered? Do advanced network technologies which make it possible to offer a dizzying array of new services increase vulnerability to system-wide failures? Who should or is likely to bear the costs of increased -- or decreased -- service quality? This volume tackles the economic and public policy issues raised by these difficult questions for an audience of industry executives, scholars, and policymakers. Leading scholars and analysts examine such issues as the effects of network ownership on incentives to invest in quality improvements and/or strategies for quality-differentiated pricing in tomorrow's broadband, integrated networks. They analyze the quality of current telecommunications networks and the impact of re-regulation on cable television quality. The contributions range from new microeconomic theory to new empirical research. As such, the volume makes a valuable contribution to the public debate on network quality and reliability. It will be useful both as an introduction to newcomers and as a resource for more experienced researchers. As regulatory, industry and national barriers to

integrated communications fall, these issues are likely to become even more important. The research presented here provides a solid foundation for further discussion.

Reliability, Yield, and Stress Burn-In

High reliability, maintainability, and safety are expected from complex equipment and systems. To build these characteristics into an item, failure rate and failure mode analyses have to be performed early in the design phase, starting at the com ponent level, and have to be supported by a set of design guidelines for reliability and maintainability as well as by extensive design reviews. Before production, qualification tests of prototypes must ensure that quality and reliability targets have been reached. In the production phase, processes and procedures have to be selec ted and monitored to assure the required quality level. For many systems, availabi lity requirements must also be satisfied. In these cases, stochastic processes can be used to investigate and optimize availability, including logistical support. This book presents the state of the art of the methods and procedures necessary for a cost and time effective quality and reliability assurance during the design and production of equipment and systems. It takes into consideration that: 1. Quality and reliability assurance of complex equipment and systems requires that all engineers involved in a project undertake a set of specific activities from the definition to the operating phase, which are performed concurrently to achieve

the best performance, quality, and reliability for given cost and time schedule targets.

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