



Engineering Risk Benefit Analysis

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RPRA 1. The Logic of Certainty

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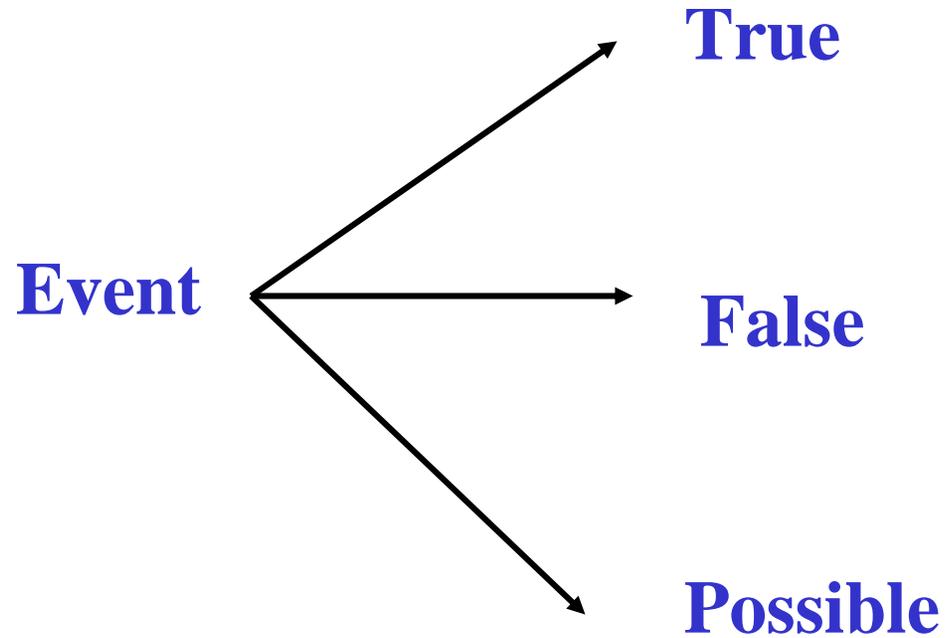
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Event Definition

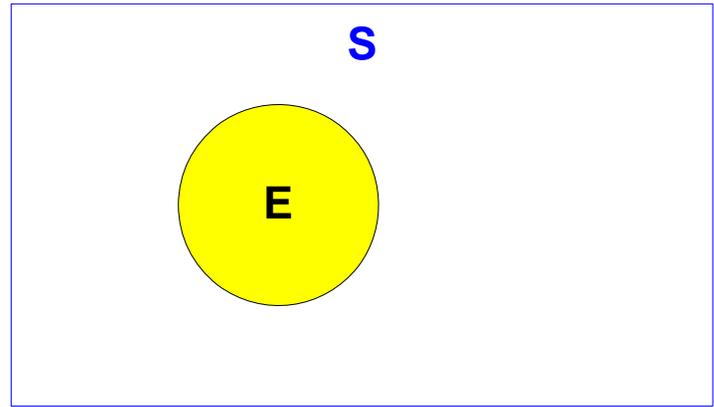
- ***Event:*** A statement that can be true or false.
- “It may rain tonight” is not an event.
- According to our current state of knowledge, we may say that an event **E** is **TRUE**, **FALSE**, or **POSSIBLE (UNCERTAIN)**.
- **Eventually, E will be either TRUE or FALSE.**



Venn Diagrams

- *Sample Space*: The set of all possible outcomes of an experiment. Each elementary outcome is represented by a *sample point*.
- *Examples*: Die {1,2,3,4,5,6} Failure Time {0, ∞}
- A collection of *sample points* is an event.

Venn Diagram

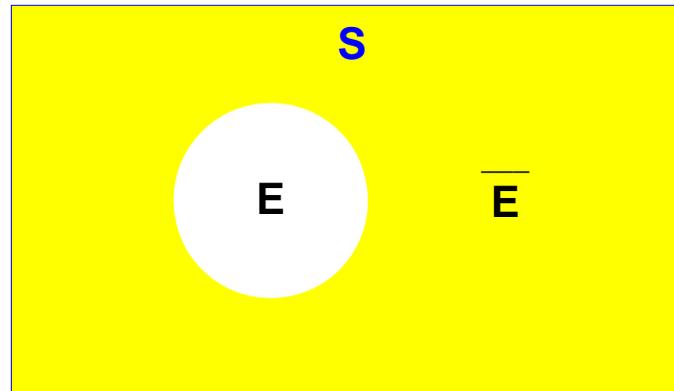


Indicator Variables

$$X_j = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{If } E_j \text{ is T} \\ 0, & \text{If } E_j \text{ is F} \end{cases}$$

Important Note: $X^k = X$, $k: 1, 2, \dots$

Venn Diagram



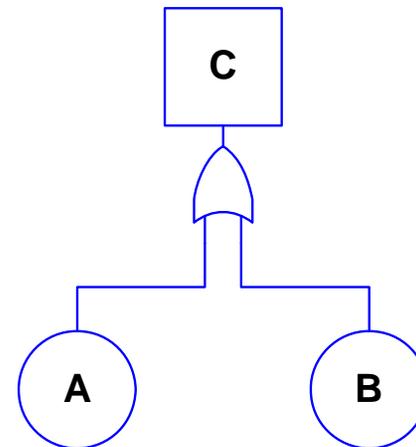
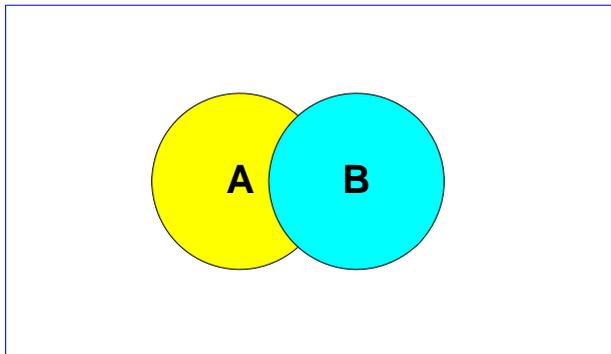


Union (OR operation)

$$A \cup B = C$$

$$X_C = 1 - (1 - X_A)(1 - X_B)$$

$$X_C \equiv \coprod X_j$$



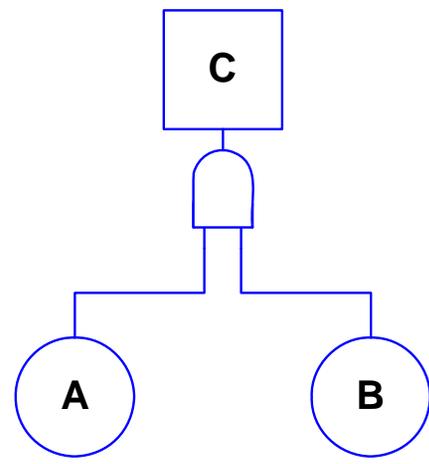
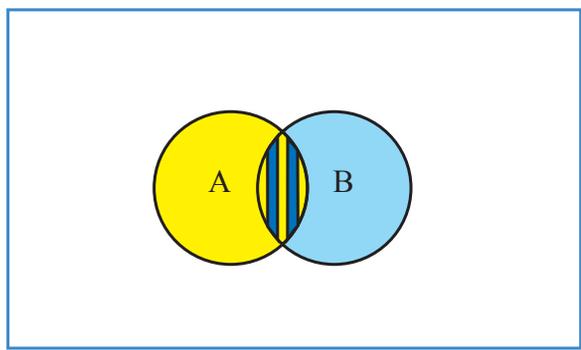


Intersection (AND operation)

$$A \cap B = C$$

$$X_C = X_A X_B$$

$$X_C \equiv \prod X_j$$

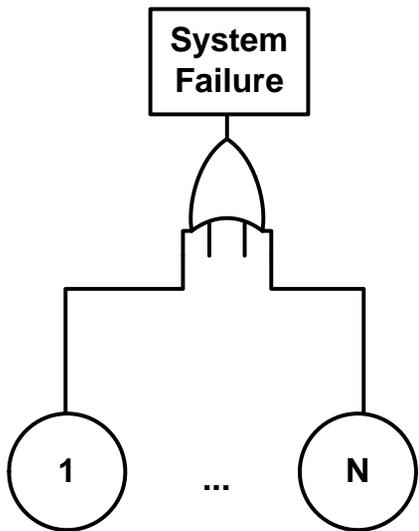
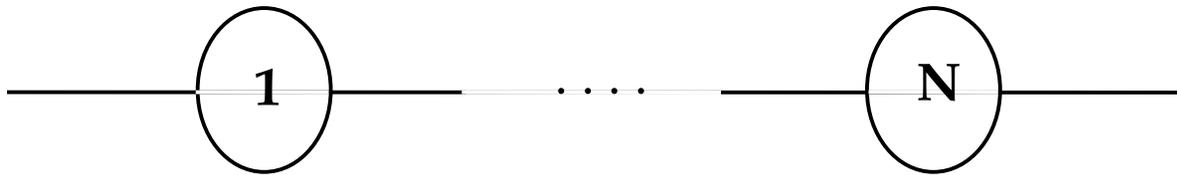


Mutually Exclusive Events: $A \cap B = \emptyset$



Simple Systems

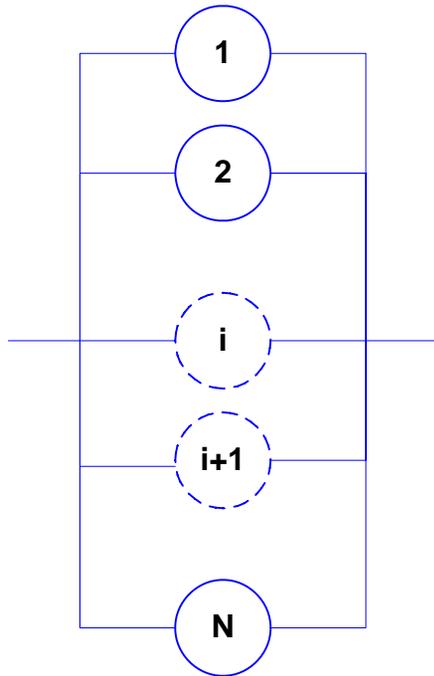
Reliability Block Diagram for the Series System



failure:
$$X = 1 - \prod_1^N (1 - X_j) \equiv \bigcup_1^N X_j$$

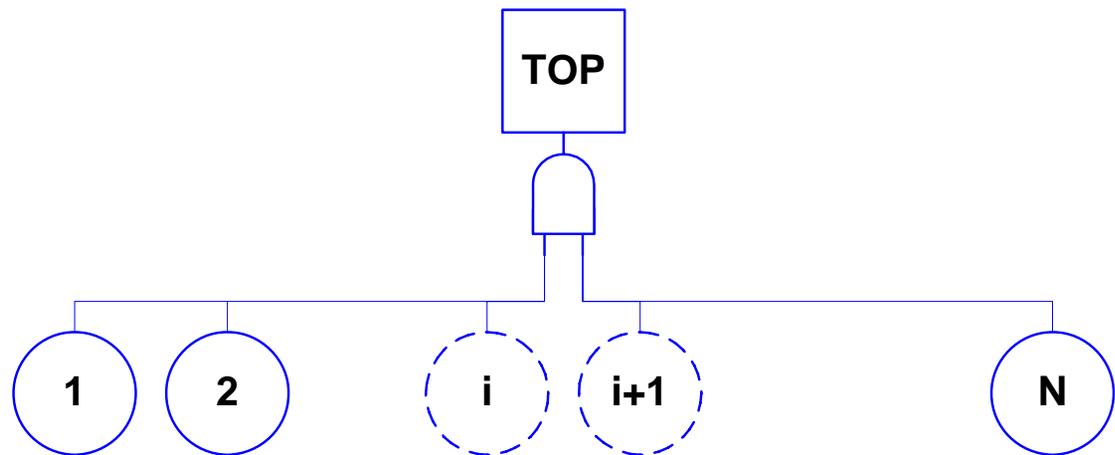
success :
$$Y = \prod_1^N Y_j$$

Reliability Block Diagram for the Parallel System



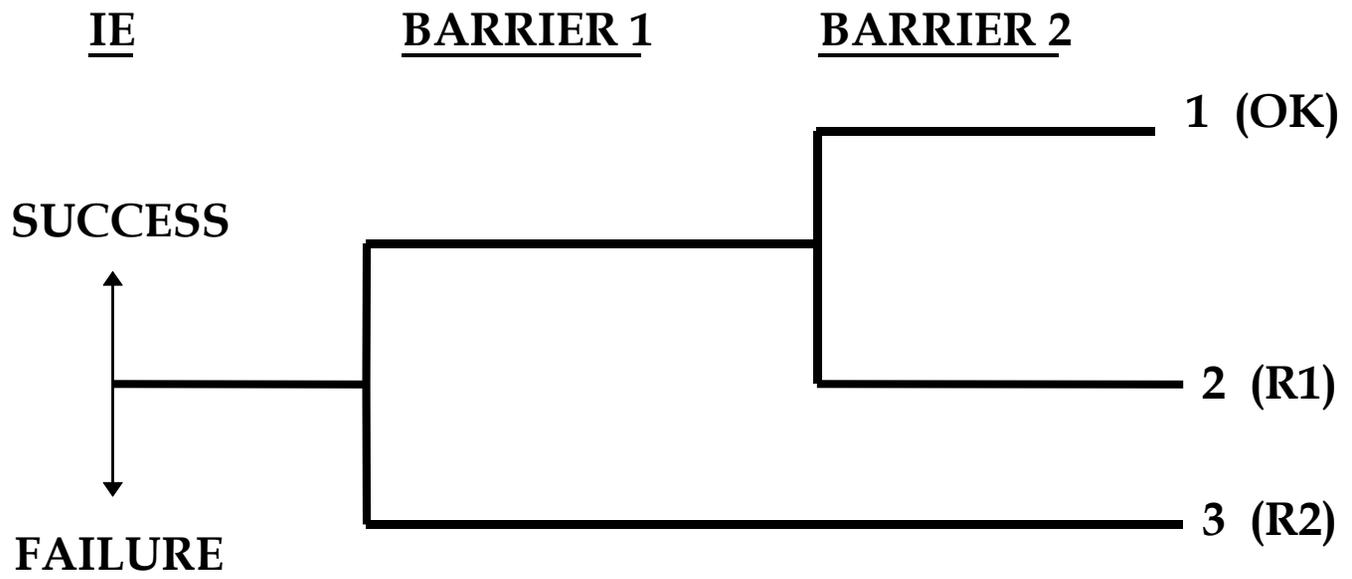
$$X = \prod_1^N X_j$$

$$Y = \prod_1^N Y_j$$



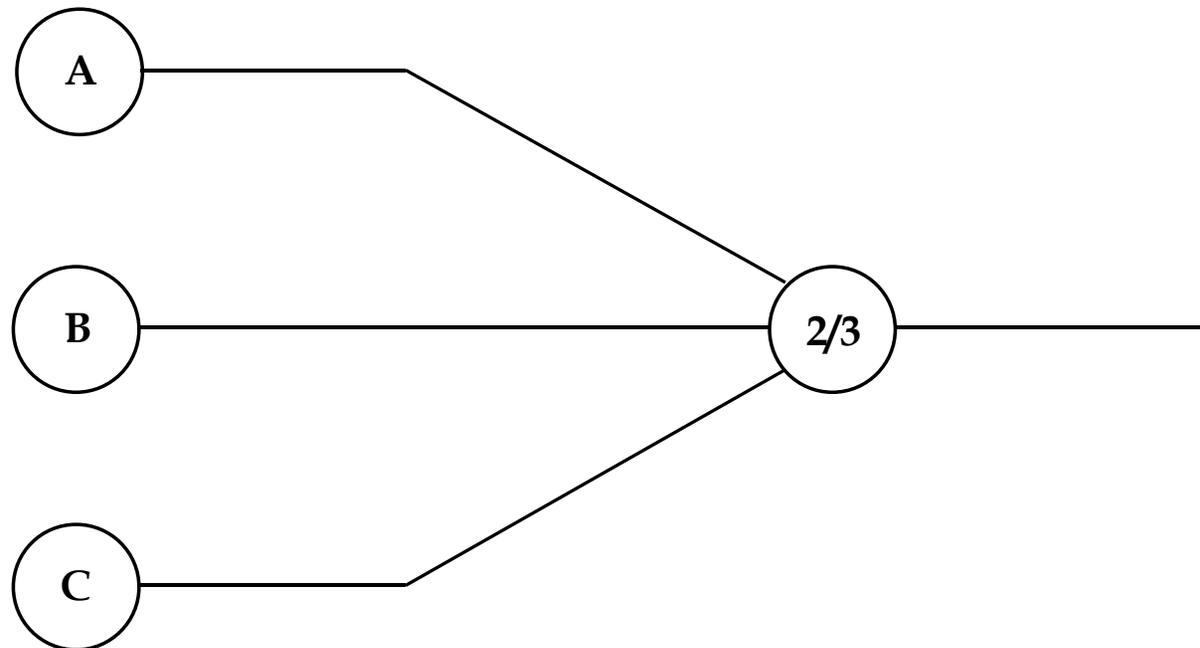


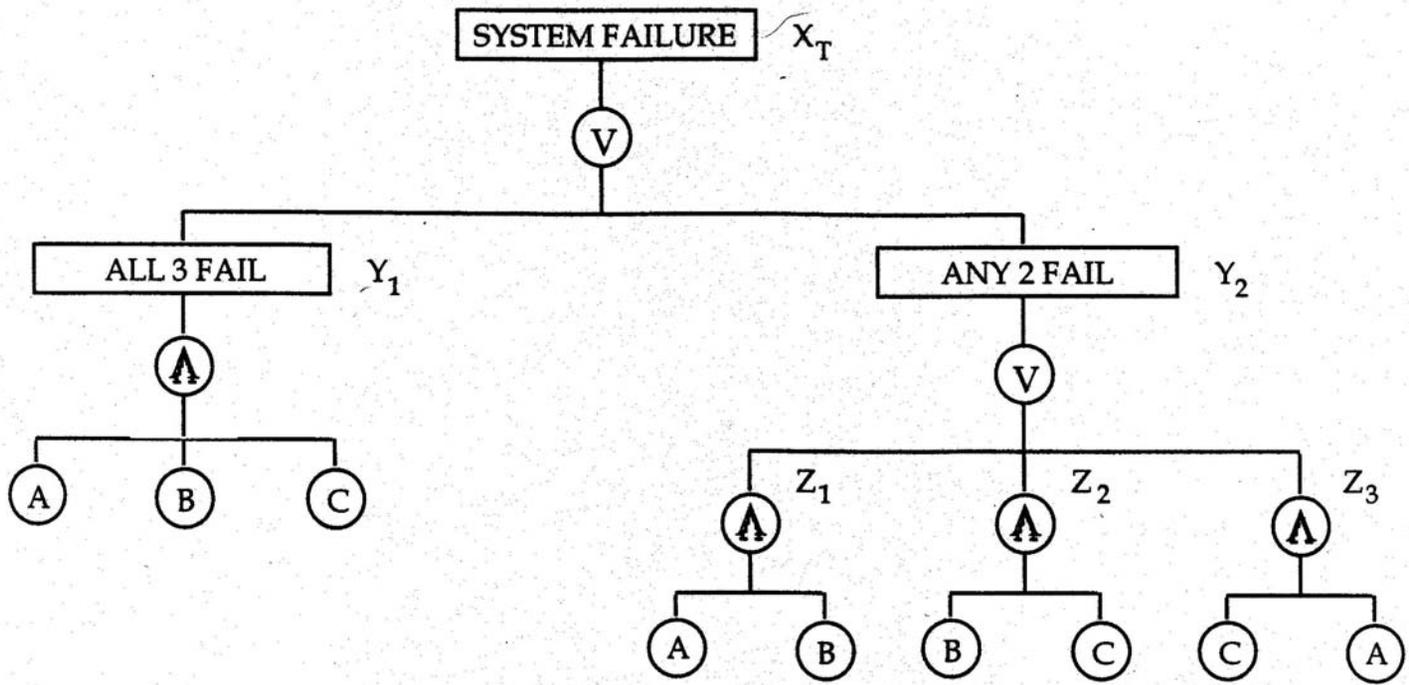
Event-Tree Analysis



Fault-Tree Analysis

Reliability Block Diagram for the 2-out-of-3 System





$$\begin{aligned}
 X_T &= 1 - (1 - Y_1)(1 - Y_2) \\
 &= 1 - (1 - X_A X_B X_C) \{1 - [1 - (1 - Z_1)(1 - Z_2)(1 - Z_3)]\} \\
 &= 1 - (1 - X_A X_B X_C) \{1 - [1 - (1 - X_A X_B)(1 - X_B X_C)(1 - X_C X_A)]\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Expanding and using $X^k = X$ we get

$$X_T = 1 - (1 - X_A X_B)(1 - X_B X_C)(1 - X_C X_A)$$

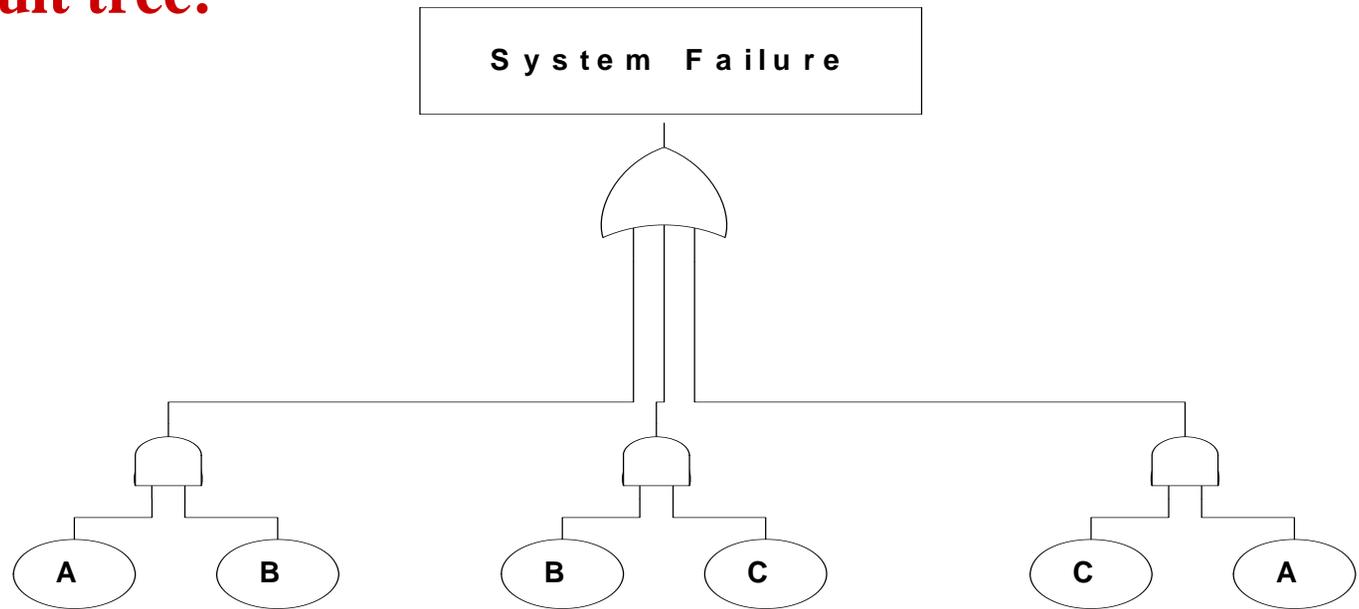


Cut sets and minimal cut sets

- ***CUT SET:*** Any set of events (failures of components and human actions) that cause system failure.
- ***MINIMAL CUT SET:*** A cut set that does not contain another cut set as a subset.



New fault tree:



Minimal cut sets:

$$M_1 = X_A X_B, \quad M_2 = X_B X_C, \quad M_3 = X_C X_A$$

$$X_T = \prod_{j=1}^3 M_j \equiv 1 - (1 - M_1)(1 - M_2)(1 - M_3) =$$

$$= 1 - (1 - X_A X_B)(1 - X_B X_C)(1 - X_C X_A)$$



$$X_T = \phi(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \equiv \phi(\underline{X})$$

$\phi(\underline{X})$ is the structure or switching function.

It maps an n-dimensional vector of 0s and 1s onto 0 or 1.

Disjunctive Normal Form:

$$\mathbf{X}_T = \mathbf{1} - \prod_1^N (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{M}_i) \equiv \bigsqcup_1^N \mathbf{M}_i$$

Sum-of-Products Form:

$$X_T = \sum_{i=1}^N M_i - \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^N M_i M_j + \dots + (-1)^{N+1} \prod_{i=1}^N M_i$$



For the 2-out-of-3 System:

$$X_T = 1 - (1 - X_A X_B) (1 - X_B X_C) (1 - X_C X_A)$$

$$X_T = (M_1 + M_2 + M_3) - (M_1 M_2 + M_2 M_3 + M_3 M_1) + M_1 M_2 M_3$$

But,

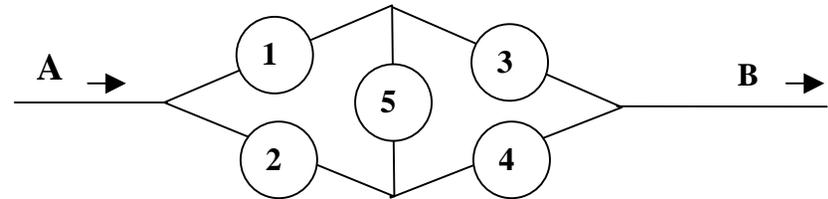
$$M_1 M_2 = X_A X_B X_C = X_A X_B X_C$$

Therefore, the sum-of-products expression is:

$$X_T = (X_A X_B + X_B X_C + X_C X_A) - 2X_A X_B X_C$$



The Bridge Network



$\{X_1X_2\}, \{X_3X_4\}, \{X_2X_3X_5\}, \{X_1X_4X_5\}$

Disjunctive Normal Form:

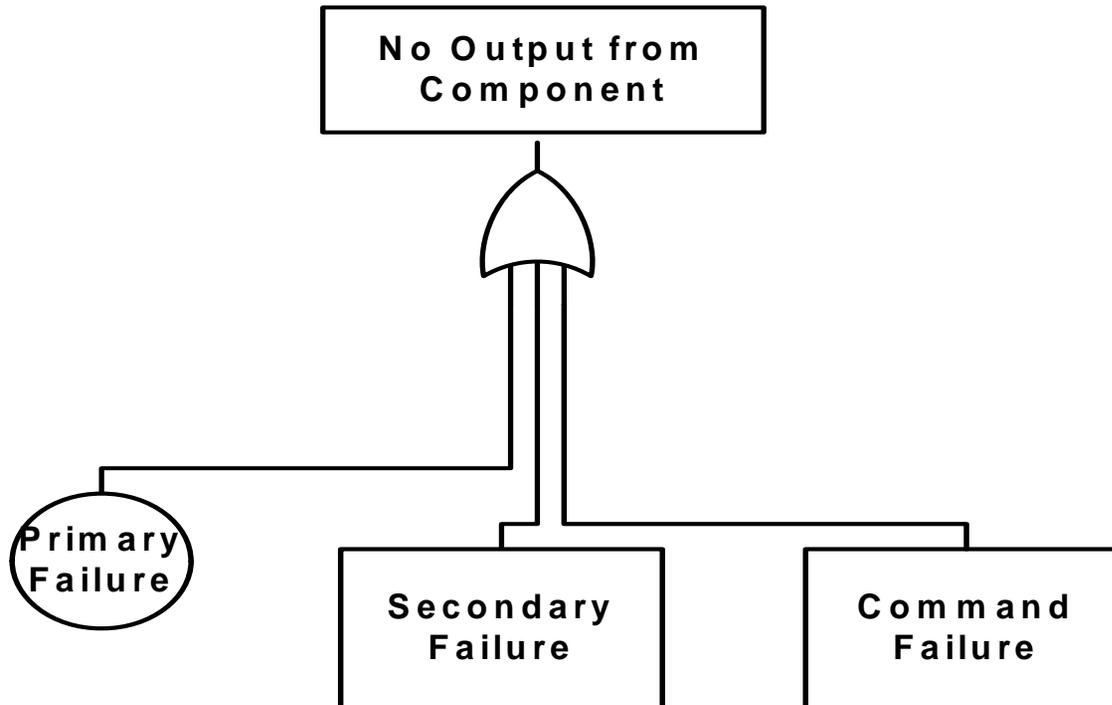
$$X_T = 1 - (1 - X_1X_2)(1 - X_3X_4)(1 - X_2X_3X_5)(1 - X_1X_4X_5)$$

Sum-of-Products Form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_T = & X_1X_2 + X_3X_4 + X_2X_3X_5 + X_1X_4X_5 - \\
 & - X_1X_2X_3X_4 - X_1X_2X_3X_5 - X_1X_2X_4X_5 - \\
 & - X_2X_3X_4X_5 - X_1X_3X_4X_5 + 2X_1X_2X_3X_4X_5
 \end{aligned}$$

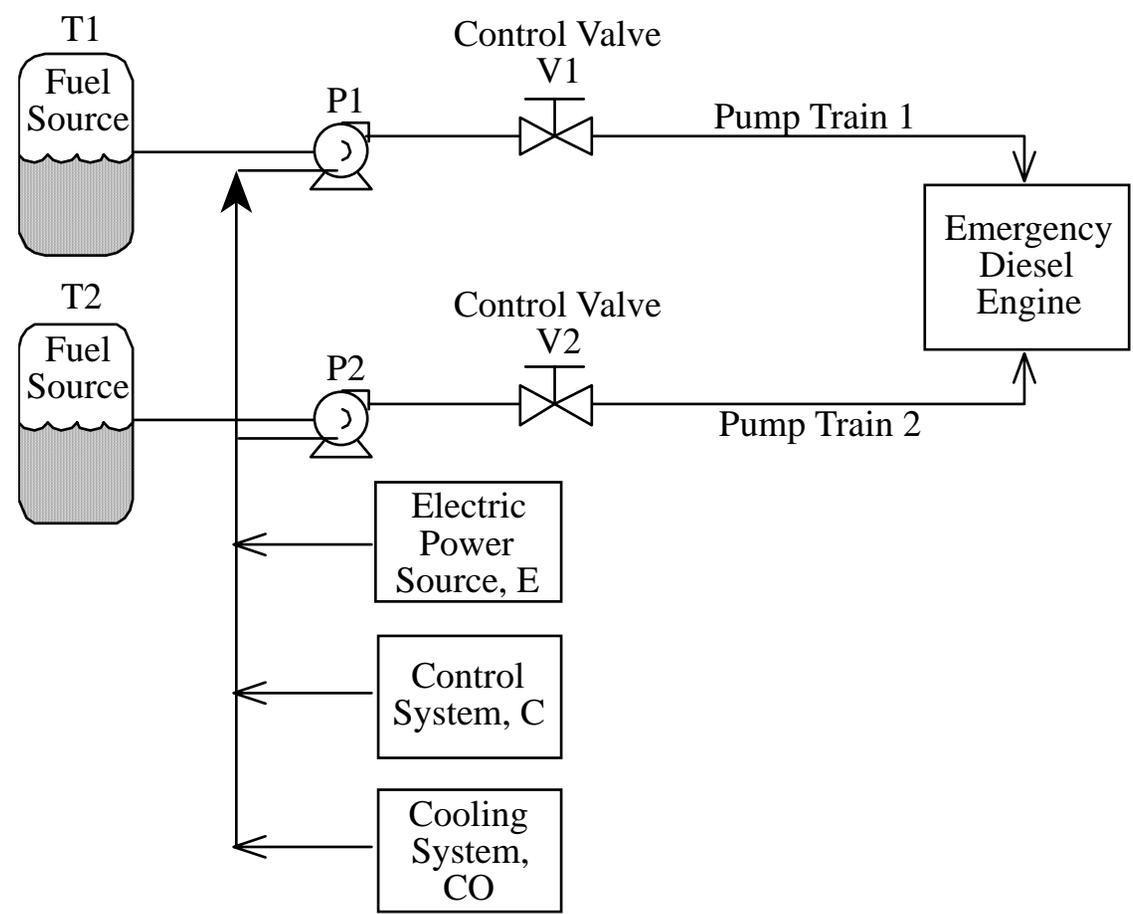
Causes of Failure

1. **Primary failure ("hardware" failure)**
2. **Secondary failure (external, environmental)**
3. **"Command" failure (no input; no power)**

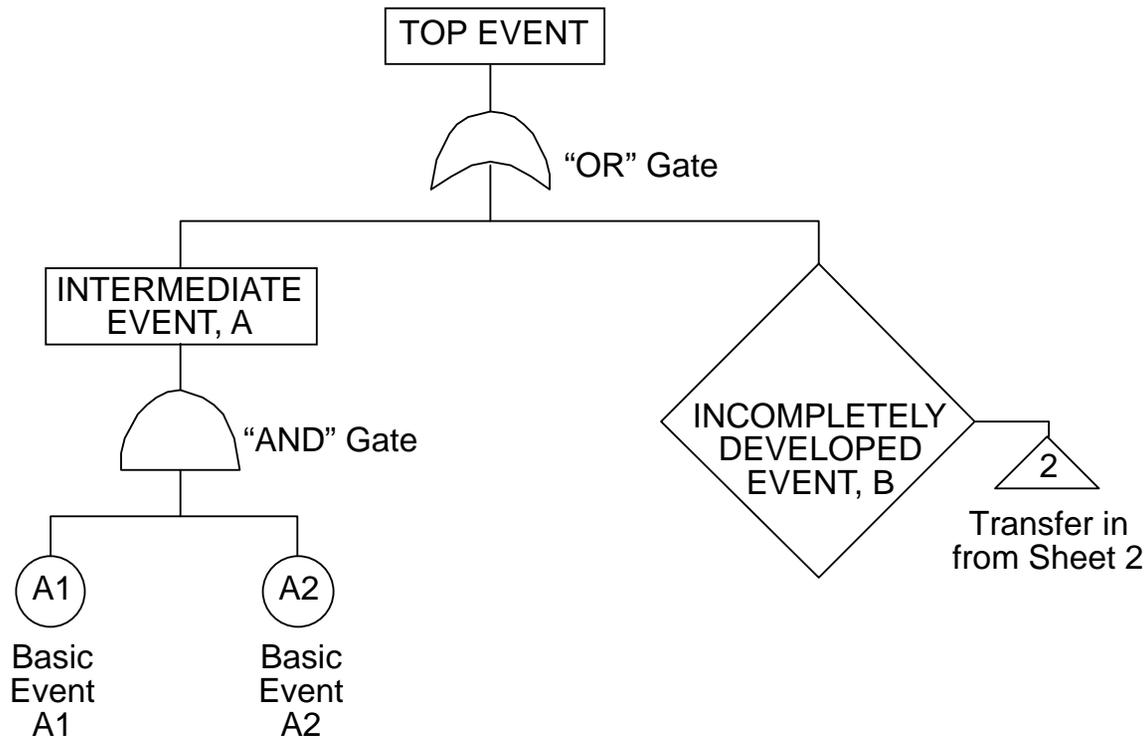




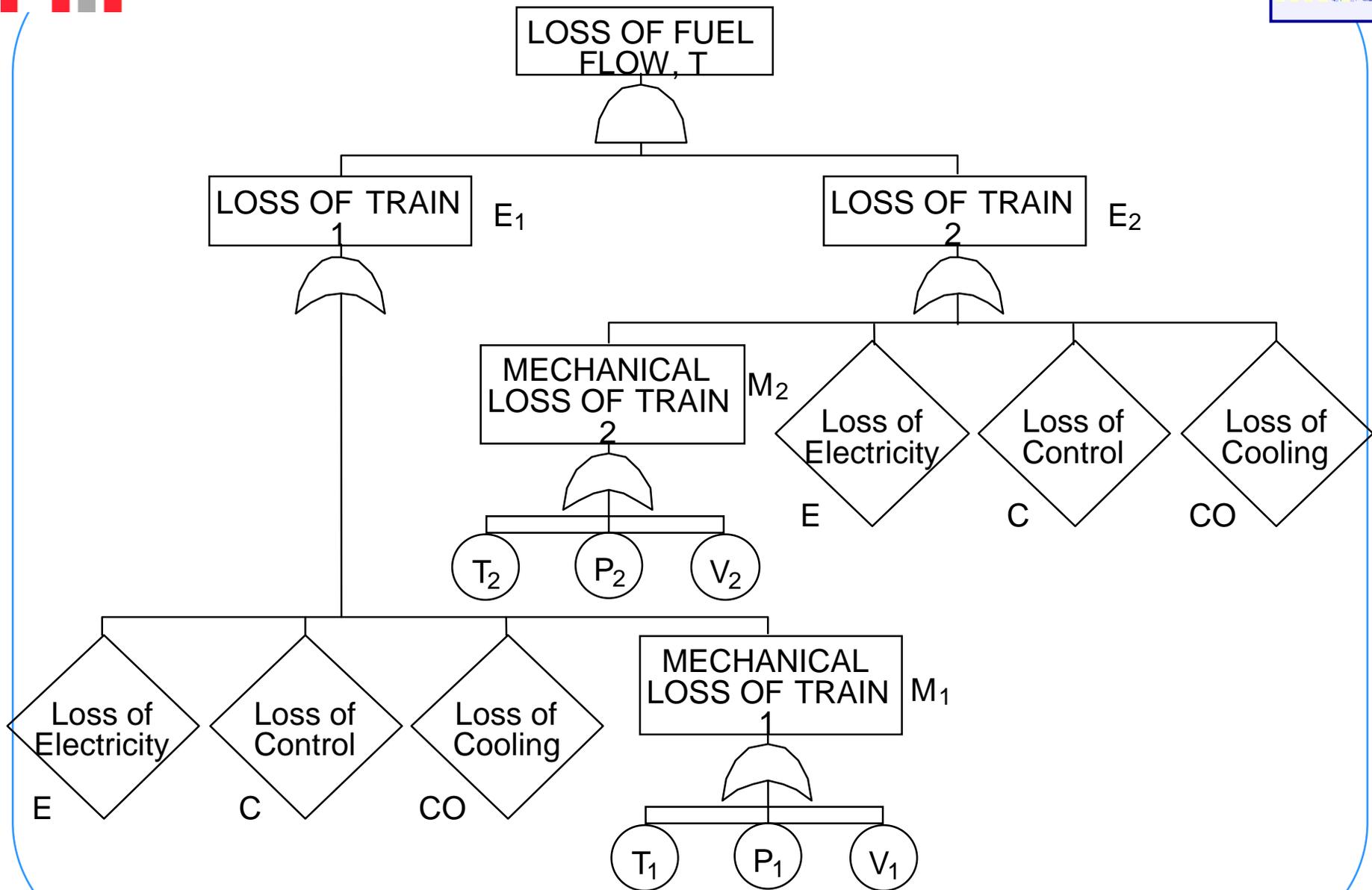
Reliability Block Diagram for the Fuel-Supply System



Fault tree elements

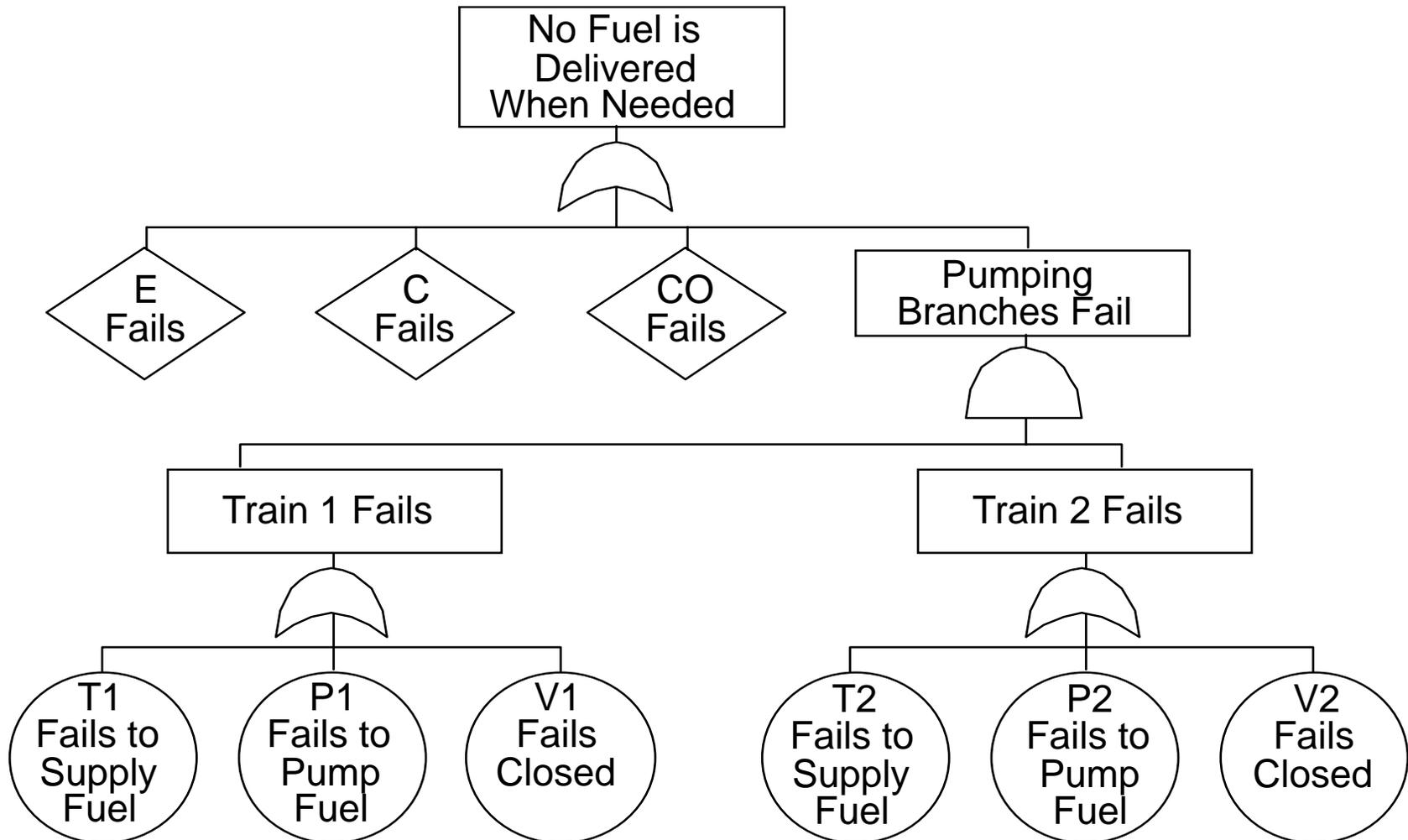


Note: It's helpful to start the fault-tree development from the output of the system (the top event) and work backwards.



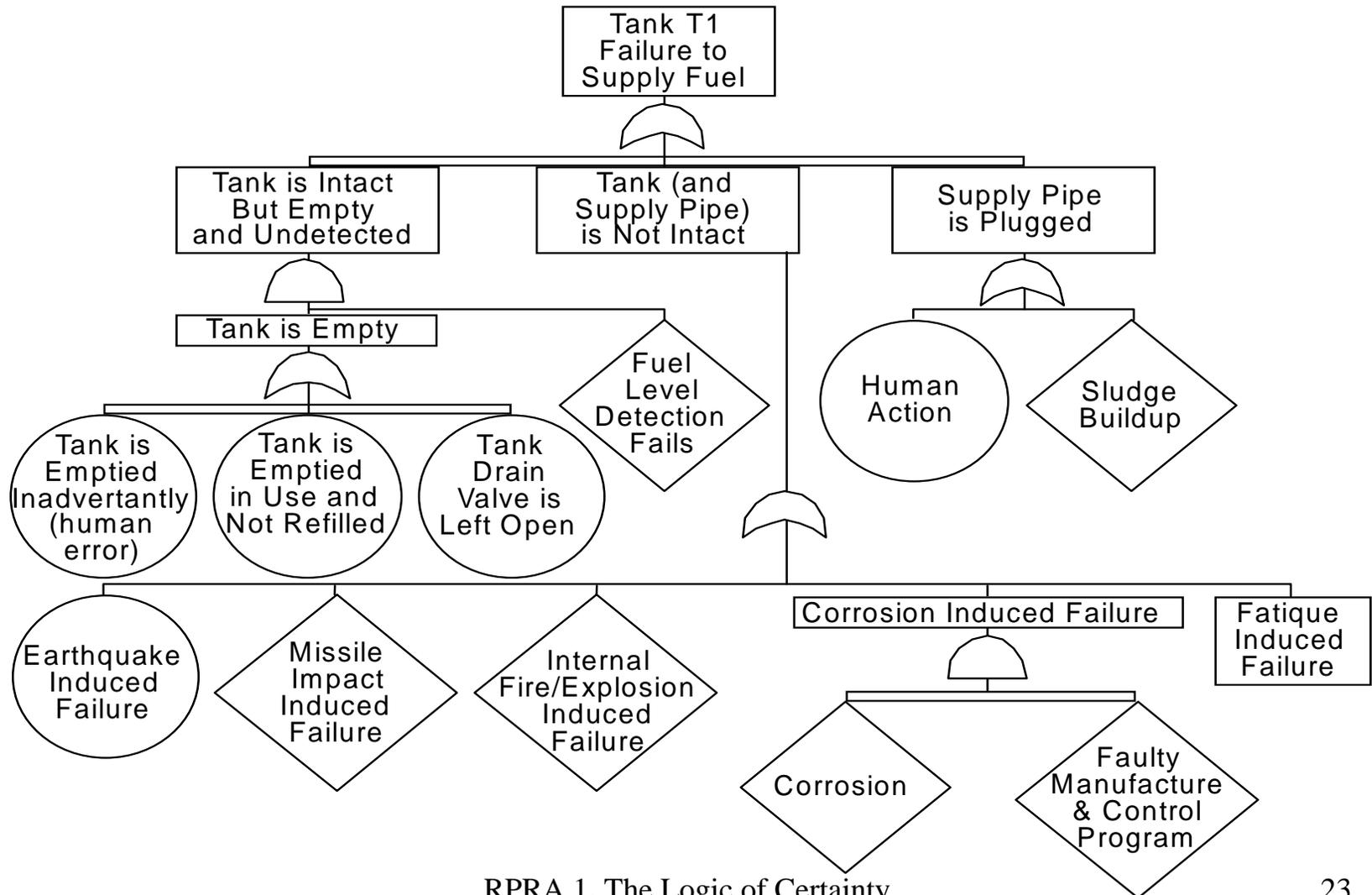


A simpler fault tree





Development of T1



System min cut sets

Any combination of
an element of

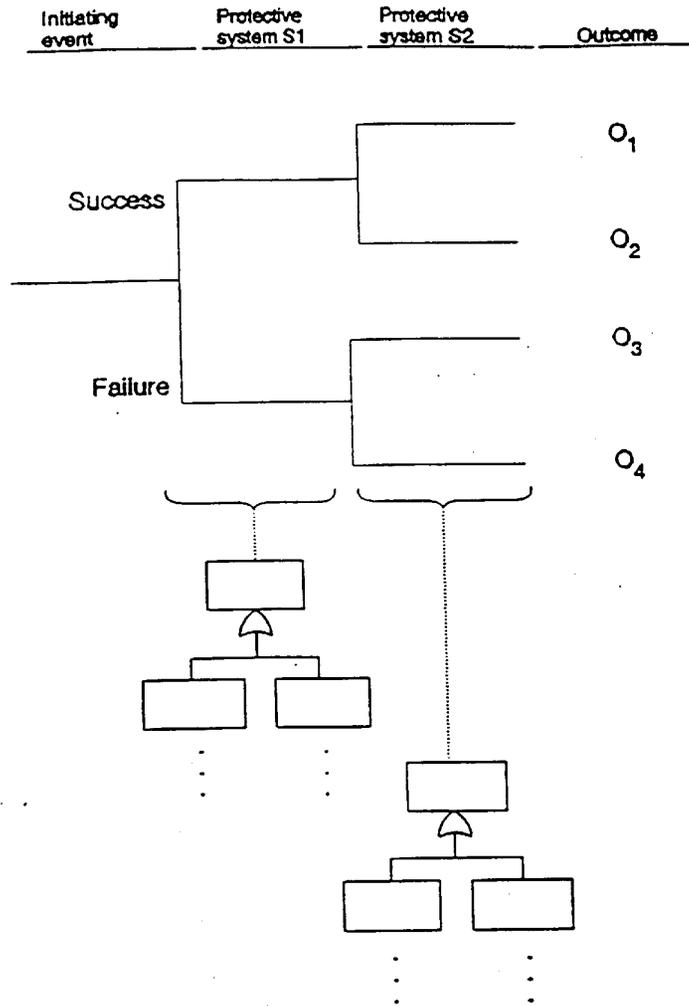
T1, Tank
P1, Pump
V1, Valve

and of

T2, Tank
P2, Pump
V2, Valve

plus

C	Control System
	or
E	Electric Power Source
	or
CO	Cooling System



Example of event tree analysis with fault trees

Examples of Initiating Events

- **Loss of Coolant**
- **Transients**
- **Human Error**
- **Loss of Power**
- **Fires**
- **Airplane Crashes**
- **Earthquakes**