

**22.38 PROBABILITY AND ITS APPLICATIONS TO  
RELIABILITY, QUALITY CONTROL AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

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**RISK-INFORMED OPERATIONAL  
DECISION MANAGEMENT (RIODM):  
RISK, EVENT TREES AND FAULT TREES**

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# RISK AND THE MASSACHUSETTS LOTTERY

Most Tickets Cost \$1.00

Each Ticket Type Has a Unique

- Payoff Amount
- P<sub>Success</sub>

For a Single Lottery Ticket of Type  $i$ , the Expected Payoff,  $\langle \$ \rangle_i$ , is

$$\langle \$ \rangle_i = \text{Prob. - Success}_i * \text{Payoff}_i = P_i \cdot \$_i$$

For a Portfolio of  $N$  Lottery Tickets, the Expected Payoff,  $\langle \$ \rangle$ , is

$$\langle \$ \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N \langle \$ \rangle_i = \sum_{i=1}^N P_i \$_i$$

Portfolio                      Portfolio

# DEFINITION OF RISK

Event Risk  $\equiv$  Vector (Set) of Expected Consequences From an Event  
For an Event of Type  $i$ , the Associated Risk Vector,  $\vec{R}_i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{R}_i &= \langle \vec{C}_i \rangle = (\text{Probability of Event, } i) * (\text{Set of Consequences of Event, } i) \\ &= [(\text{Frequency of Event, } i) * (\text{Time Interval of Interest})] * (\text{Set of Consequences of Event, } i)\end{aligned}$$

## CORE DAMAGE RISK DUE TO N DIFFERENT CORE DAMAGE EVENTS

$$\vec{R}_{\text{total}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{R}_i = \sum_{i=1}^N p_i \begin{bmatrix} \text{Consequence}_{1, i} \\ \Downarrow \\ \text{Consequence}_{M, i} \end{bmatrix}$$

Total Risk is the Sum Over All Possible Events of the Risks Associated with Each Event, Respectively

# RISK CALCULATION

$$\overrightarrow{\text{Risk}} = \sum_{i, \text{ All Event Sequences}} \overline{C}_i p_i = \langle \overline{C} \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \langle C_a \rangle \\ \langle C_b \rangle \\ \downarrow \\ \langle C_n \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

$\overline{C}_i$  = Vector of consequences associated with the  $i^{\text{th}}$  event sequence

$p_{i|}$  = Probability of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  event sequence

$\langle \overline{C} \rangle$  = Mean, or expected, consequence vector

$\langle C_{a|} \rangle$  = Mean, or expected, consequence of type a, summed over all event sequences

## EXAMPLE

$$\overline{C}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Offsite acute fatalities due to event } i \\ \text{Offsite latent fatalities due to event } i \\ \text{Onsite acute fatalities due to event } i \\ \text{Onsite latent fatalities due to event } i \\ \text{Offsite property loss due to event } i \\ \text{Onsite property loss due to event } i \\ \text{Costs to other NPPs due to event } i \end{bmatrix}$$

# MAJOR LOGIC TOOLS USED IN PRA

## Event Tree (ET)

To Determine the Probability of a Particular Event

or

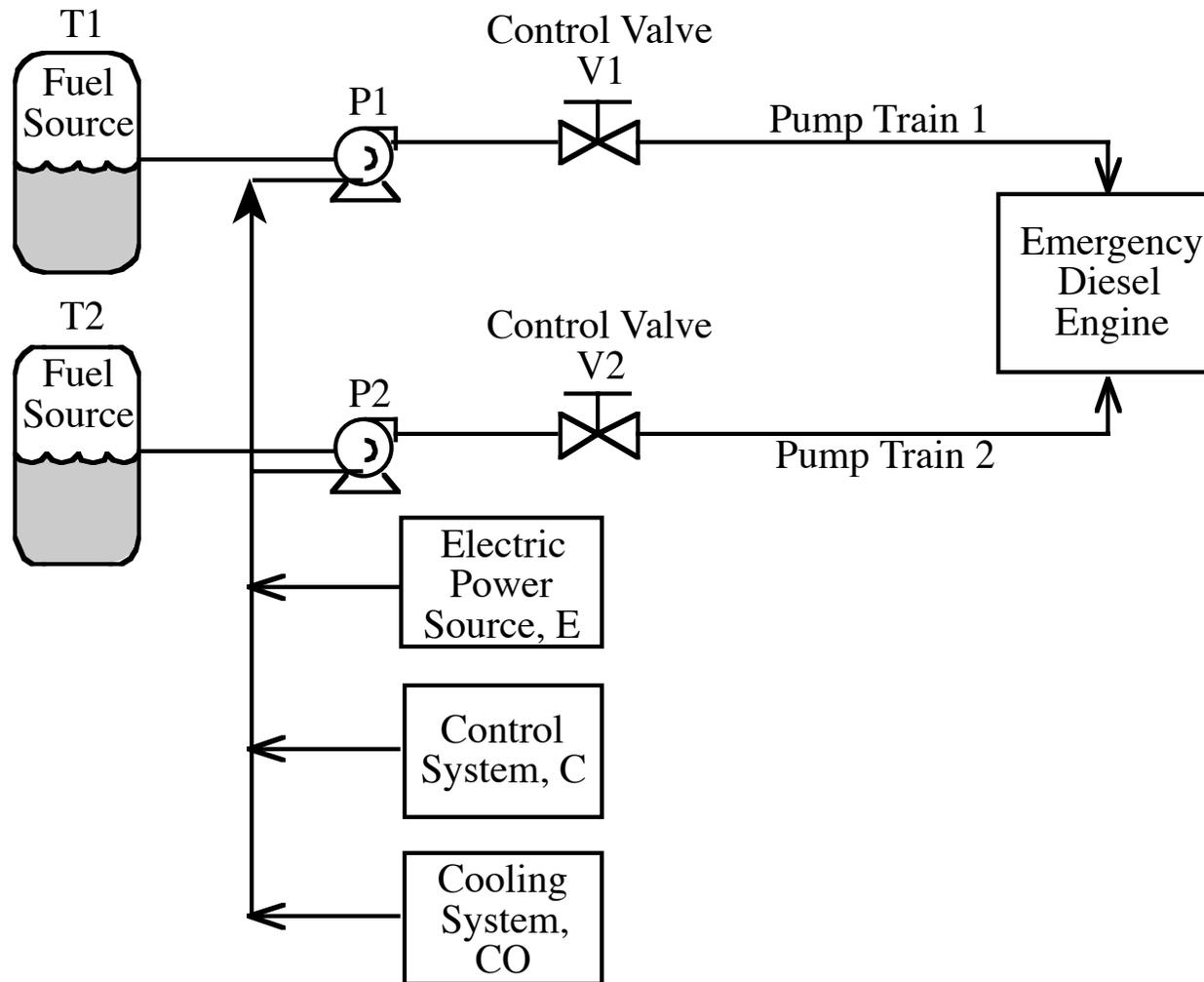
To Explicitly Determine Risk Contributors

## Fault Tree (FT)

To Determine Failure Probabilities

For Use in Event Trees

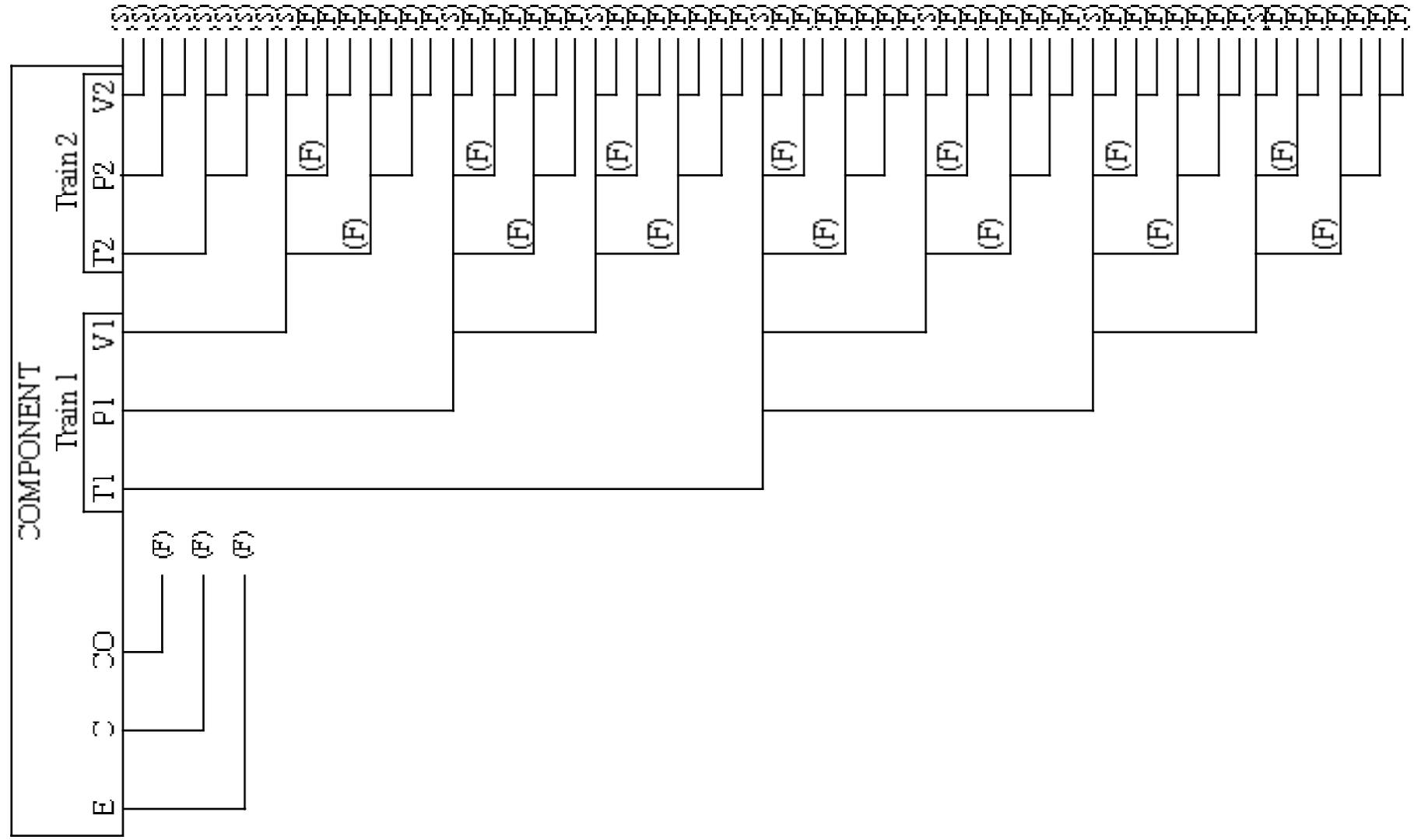
# AN EXAMPLE OF A FUEL PUMPING SYSTEM



The System Succeeds if Fuel is Provided by Either Train 1 or 2.

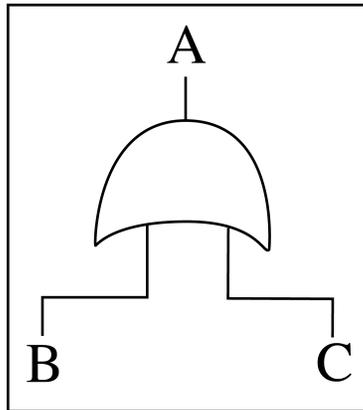


# FUEL INJECTION SYSTEM EVENT TREE



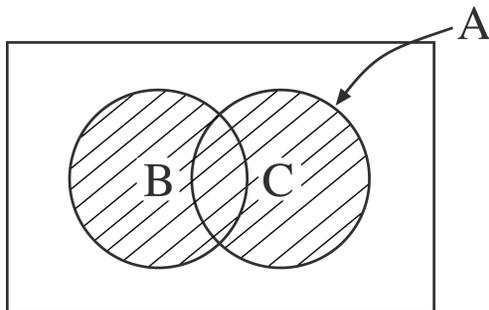
# FAULT TREE LOGIC SYMBOLS ("GATES")

Operation, OR

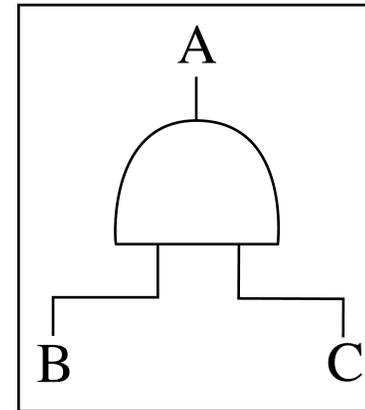


Meaning:

Event A occurs when either event B or C occurs

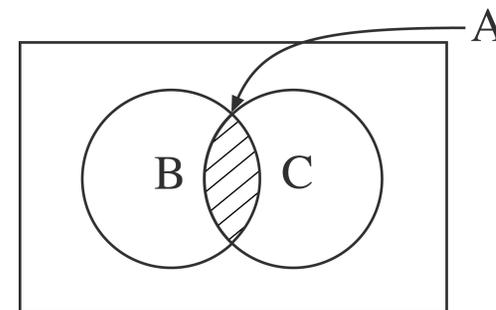


Operation, AND

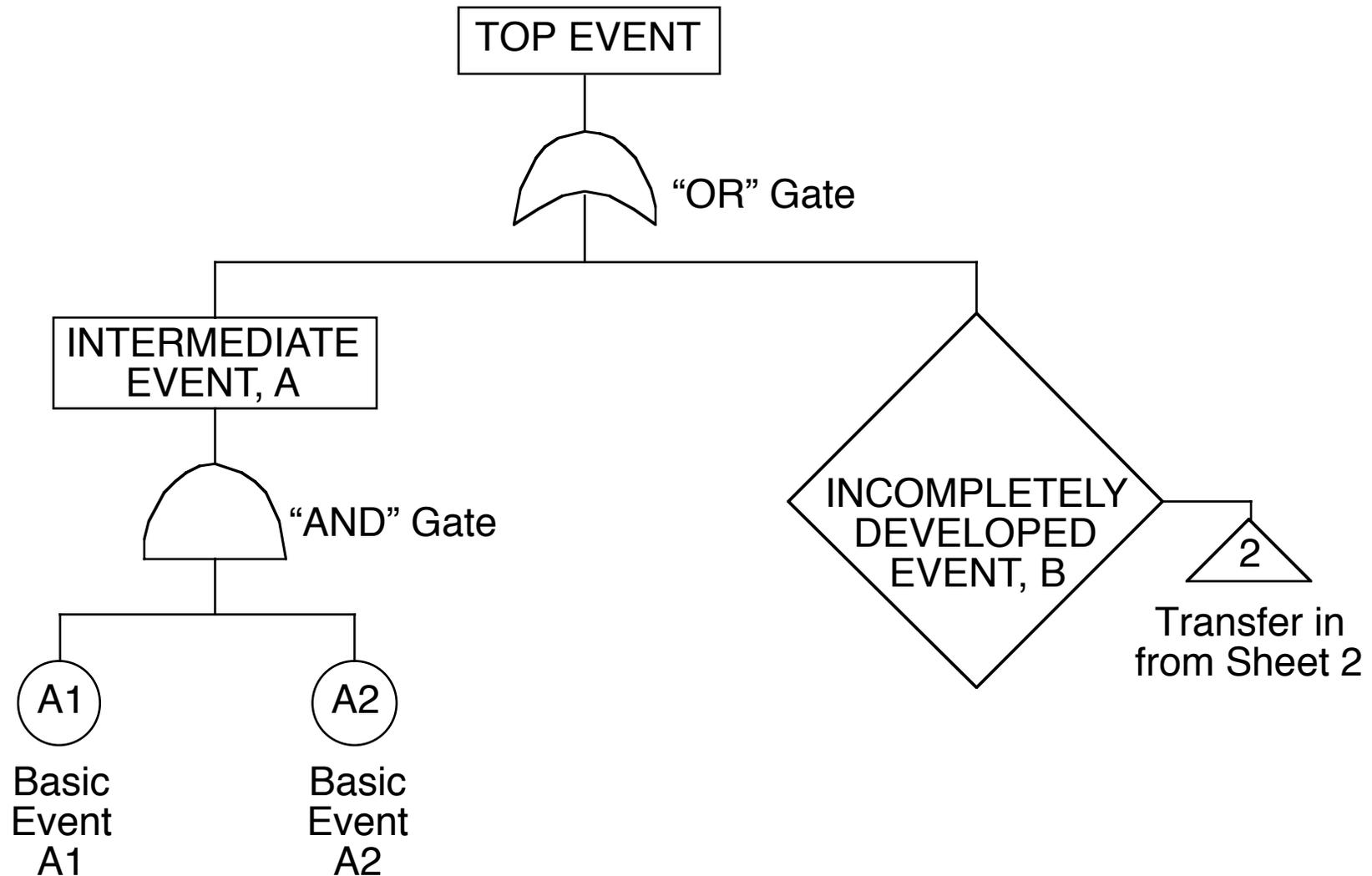


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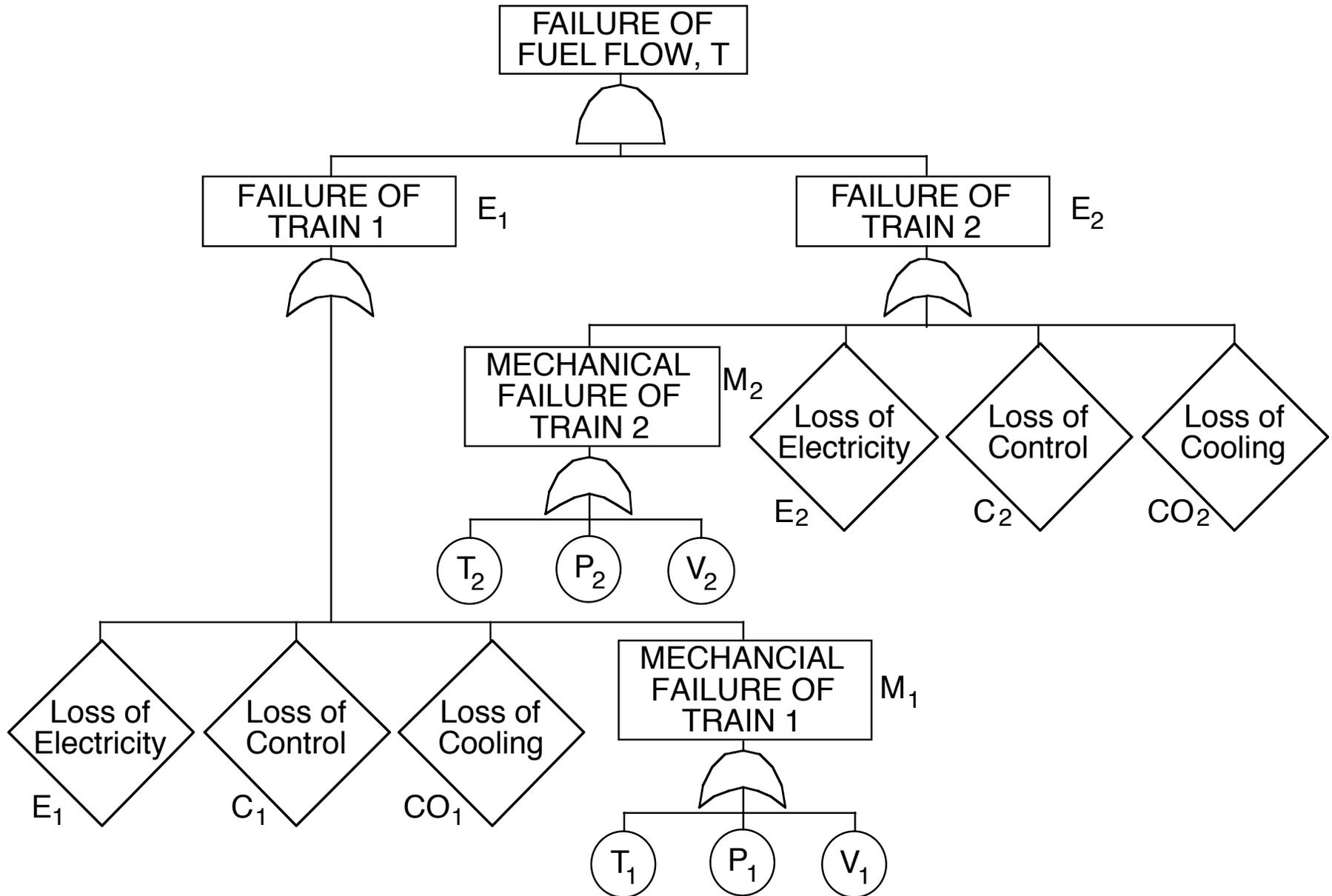
Event A occurs when both event B and C occur



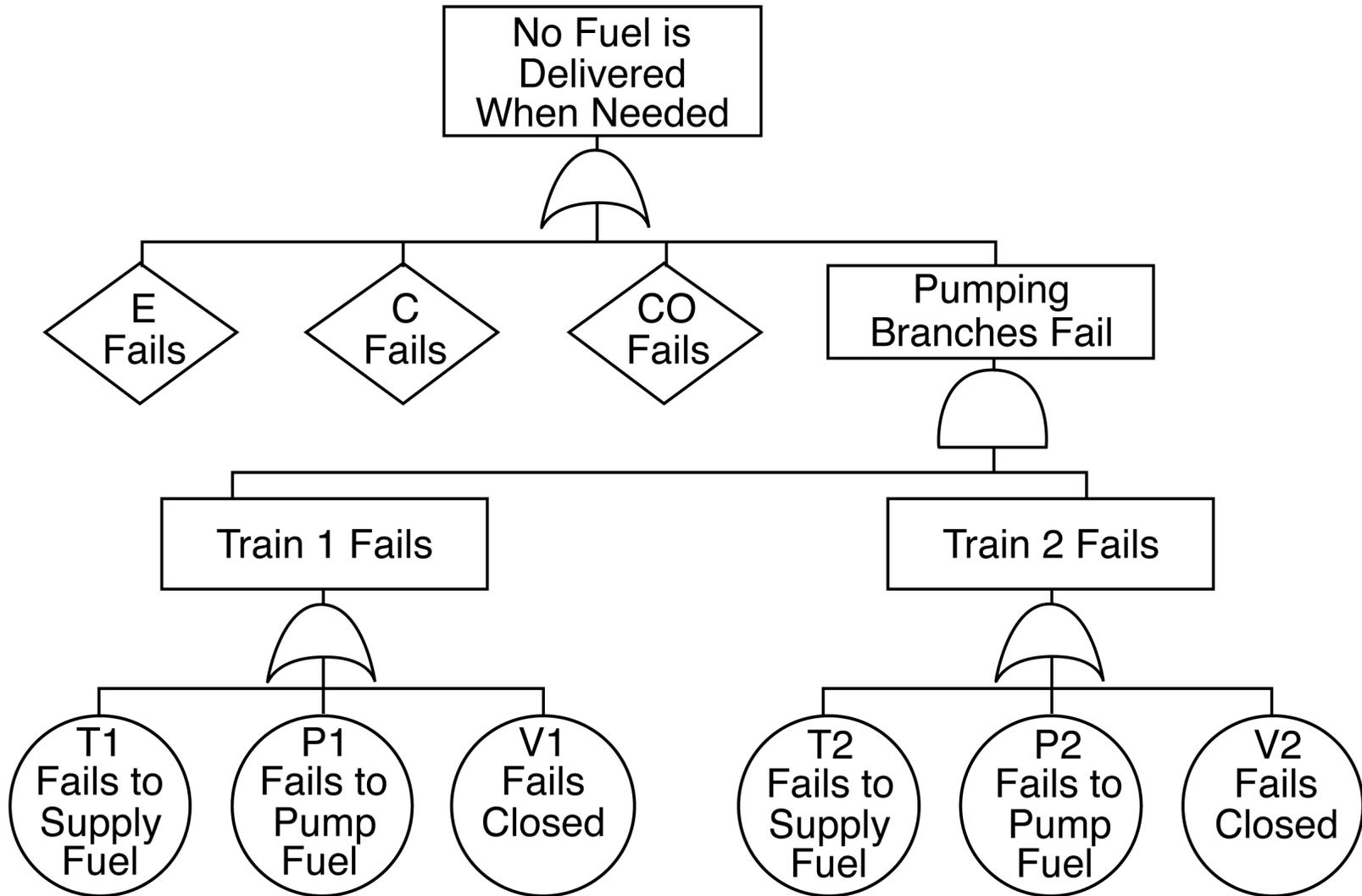
# ILLUSTRATION OF ELEMENTS OF A FAULT TREE



# FUEL PUMPING SYSTEM FAULT TREE

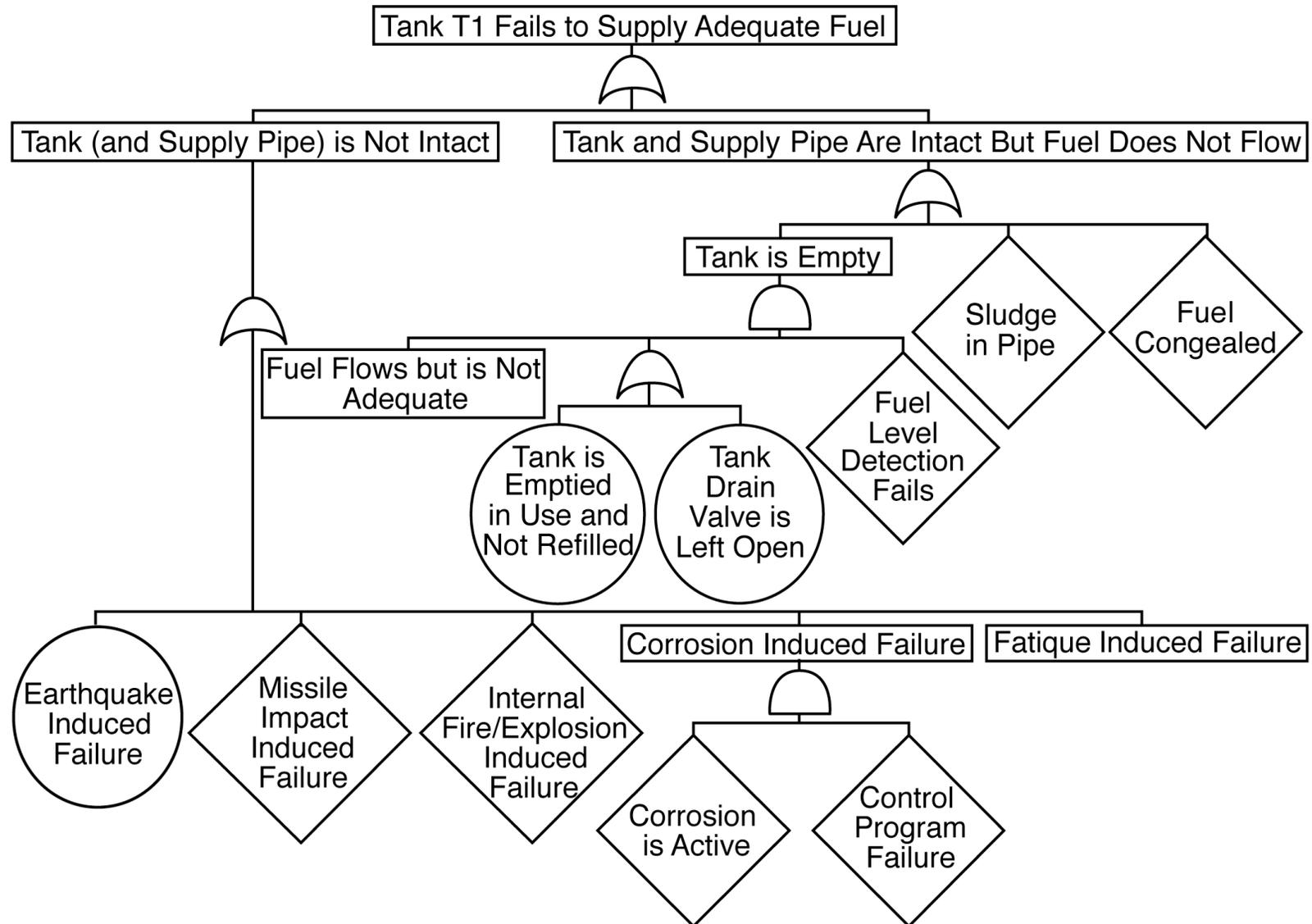


# SIMPLIFIED FAULT TREE FOR THE FUEL PUMPING SYSTEM



NOTE:  $\text{Prob.}(E1 \cdot E2) = \text{Prob.}(E2|E1) \cdot \text{Prob.}(E1) = \text{Prob.}(E1)$

# FAULT TREE FOR TOP EVENT: TANK T1 FAILURE



# CUT SETS AND MINIMAL CUT SETS

CUT SET: A cut set is any set of failures of components and actions that will cause system failure.

MINIMAL CUT SET (MCS): A minimal cut set is one where failure of every set element is necessary to cause system failure. A minimal cut set does not contain more than one cut set.

$$\text{Top Event, } T = \bigcup_{i=1}^N (\text{MCS}_i)$$

# PUMPING SYSTEM EXAMPLE

## MINIMAL CUT SETS

Any Binary Combination of an Element of  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{T1, Tank} \\ \text{P1, Pump} \\ \text{V1, Valve} \end{array} \right]$  and of  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{T2, Tank} \\ \text{P2, Pump} \\ \text{V2, Valve} \end{array} \right]$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Train 1}} \qquad \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Train 2}}$

C Control System

E Electric Power Source

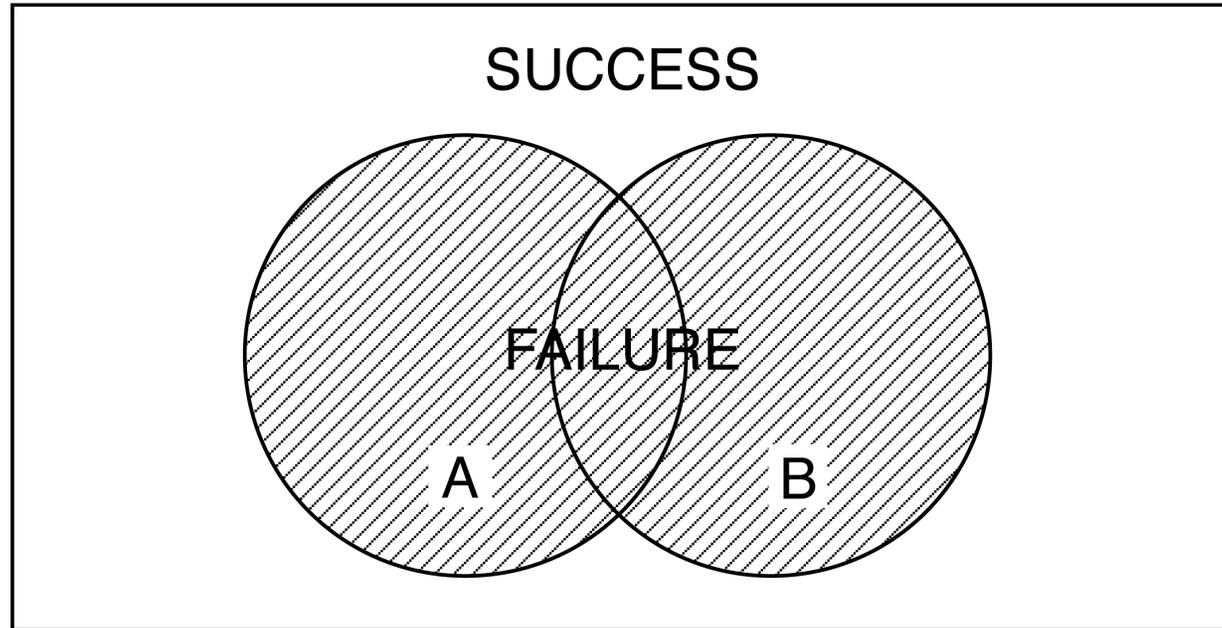
CO Cooling System

} Dependent Failure of Pumping Train 1 and 2

**Failure of Any Minimal Cut Set Will Result in System Failure**

# **MINIMAL CUT SETS OF THE HUMAN BODY**

# CONSIDER SYSTEM MINIMAL CUTS SETS A & B



$$\begin{aligned}\text{Prob.}(\text{Failure}) &= \text{Prob.}_A + \text{Prob.}_B - \text{Prob.}(A \cdot B) \\ &= \text{Prob.}_A + \text{Prob.}_B - [\text{Prob.}(B/A) \text{Prob.}_A] \\ &= \text{Prob.}_A + \text{Prob.}_B - (\text{Prob.}_A \cdot \text{Prob.}_B) \\ &\quad \text{if } A \text{ \& } B \text{ are independent}\end{aligned}$$

For a good system :  $\text{Prob.}_A, \text{Prob.}_B \ll 1$ , and  $\text{Prob.}_A \cdot \text{Prob.}_B \ll \text{Prob.}_A$  or  $\text{Prob.}_B$ , and  
 $\text{Prob.}(\text{Failure}) \leq \text{Prob.}_A + \text{Prob.}_B$ , (rate event approximation)

# SYSTEM MINIMAL CUT SETS

E

C

CO

Train 1 • Train 2

## SYSTEM CUT SETS

All possible combinations of the minimal cut sets, from

E, C, CO, (Train 1 • Train 2) to

[E • C • CO • Train 1 • Train 2]

The top event, T, is the union of the minimal cut sets. The top event probability is the probability of the union of the minimal cut sets, ( $mcs_i$ )

$$\text{Prob.}(T) = \text{Prob.}(mcs_1 + mcs_2 + \cdots + mcs_N)$$

# ILLUSTRATION OF DECOMPOSITION OF TOP EVENT INTO THE UNION OF THE MINIMAL CUT SETS

$$T = E_1 \cdot E_2 \quad (1)$$

$$E_1 = E + C + CO + M_1 \quad (2)$$

$$E_2 = E + C + CO + M_2 \quad (3)$$

$$M_1 = T_1 + P_1 + V_1 \quad (4)$$

$$M_2 = T_2 + P_2 + V_2 \quad (5)$$

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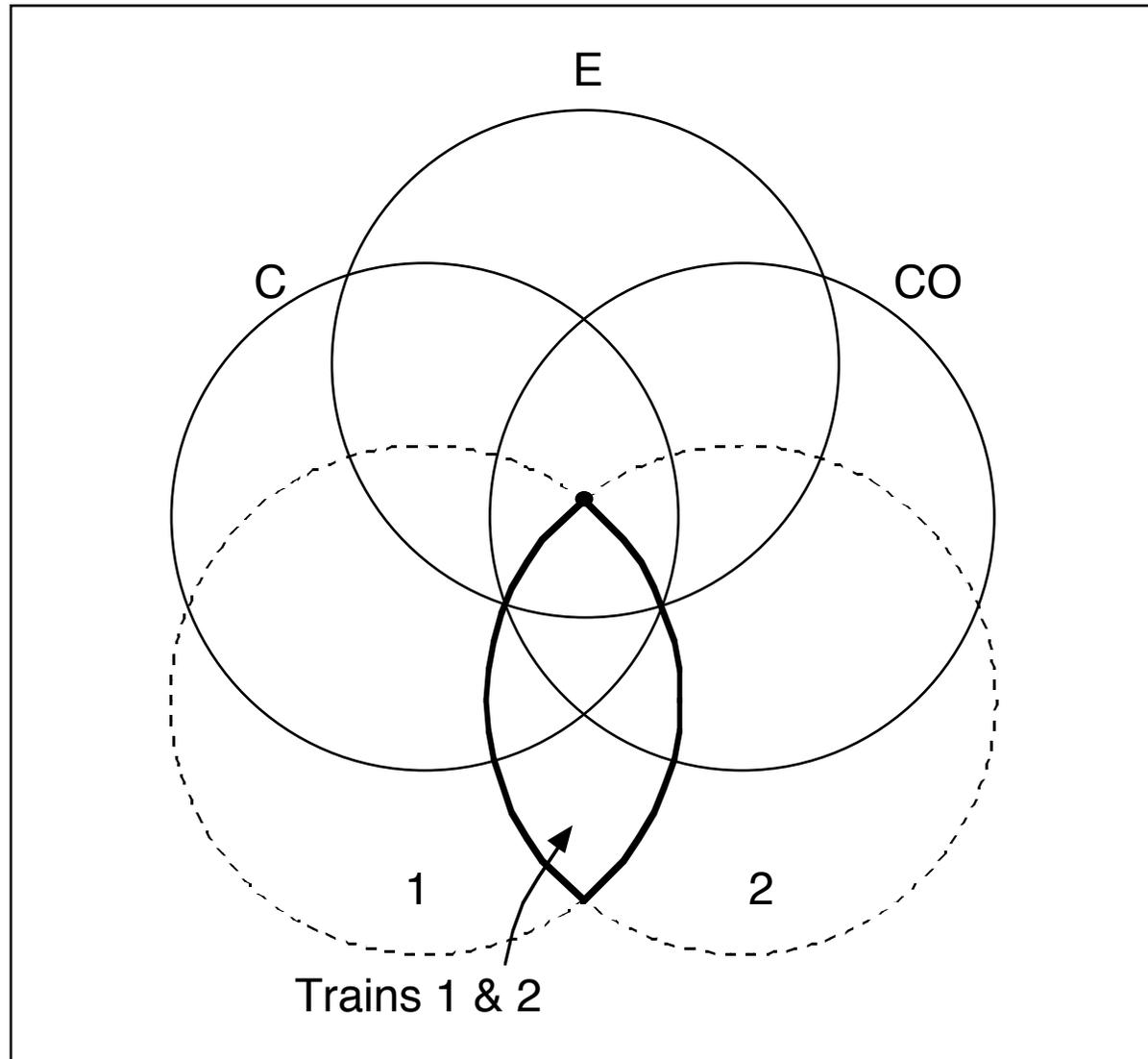
$$E_1 = E + C + CO + (T_1 + P_1 + V_1) \quad (6)$$

$$E_2 = E + C + CO + (T_2 + P_2 + V_2) \quad (7)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
T &= [(E + C + CO) + (T_1 + P_1 + V_1)] \cdot [(E + C + CO) + (T_2 + P_2 + V_2)] \\
&= \underbrace{(E + C + CO) \cdot (E + C + CO)}_{(E + C + CO)} + (E + C + CO) \cdot [(T_1 + P_1 + V_1) + (T_2 + P_2 + V_2)] \quad (8) \\
&\quad \underbrace{\hspace{15em}} \\
&= (E + C + CO) \left\{ 1 + \left[ \cancel{(T_1 + P_1 + V_1)} + \cancel{(T_2 + P_2 + V_2)} \right] \right\}^1 \\
&\quad + \underbrace{(T_1 + P_1 + V_1)(T_2 + P_2 + V_2)} \\
&\quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} T_1 \cdot T_2 + T_1 \cdot P_2 + T_1 \cdot V_2 \\ + P_1 \cdot T_2 + P_1 \cdot P_2 + P_1 \cdot V_2 \\ + V_1 \cdot T_2 + V_1 \cdot P_2 + V_1 \cdot V_2 \end{array} \right] \\
T &= (E + C + CO) + \left[ \begin{array}{l} T_1 \cdot T_2 + T_1 \cdot P_2 + T_1 \cdot V_2 \\ + P_1 \cdot T_2 + P_1 \cdot P_2 + P_1 \cdot V_2 \\ + V_1 \cdot T_2 + V_1 \cdot P_2 + V_1 \cdot V_2 \end{array} \right] = \bigcup_{i=1}^N (\text{MCS}_i)
\end{aligned}$$

# VENN DIAGRAM FOR FUEL SYSTEM FAILURE



$$T = C + E + CO + (\text{Train 1} \supseteq \text{Train 2})$$

# BOOLEAN ALGEBRA

Boolean algebra is employed in problems involving binary variable. A binary variable has only two values, denoted by “1” and “0,” or “A” and “ $\bar{A}$ ,” or “true” and “false,” or “high” and “low,” or “switch closed” and “switch open,” among other things. Since the two states can be captured in functional proportions, Boolean algebra is sometimes also called propositional calculus. In algebra involving binary states, the plus sign, “+,” is used to denote the “or” function, and the multiplication sign, “ $\cdot$ ,” is used to denote the “and” function. These two signs are called *logical sum* and *logical product*, respectively. Naturally, the + and  $\cdot$  signs used in this context will not follow conventional arithmetic rules. With this background, the following theorems are assembled here for easy reference: (from *Engineering Reliability*, R. Ramakumar)

$$1 \cdot 1 = 1 \quad (1)$$

( $\cdot$  = intersection,  $\cap$ ,  $\wedge$ , and)

$$1 + 1 = 1 \quad (2)$$

$$1 \cdot 0 = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$1 + 0 = 1 \quad (4)$$

(+ = union,  $\cup$ ,  $\vee$ , or)

Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be Boolean variables. Then

$$A \cdot 1 = A \quad (5)$$

$$A + A = A \quad (6)$$

$$A \cdot 0 = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$A + 0 = A \quad (8)$$

# BOOLEAN ALGEBRA (continued)

$$A \cdot A = A \quad (9)$$

$$A + 1 = 1 \quad (10)$$

$$A + \bar{A} = 1 \quad (11)$$

$$A \cdot \bar{A} = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$A + AB = A \quad (13)$$

$$A(A + B) = A \quad (14)$$

Associative law:  $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C) \quad (15)$

Associative law:  $(AB)C = A(BC) \quad (16)$

Cumulative law:  $A + B = B + A \quad (17)$

Cumulative law:  $A \cdot B = B \cdot A \quad (18)$

Distributive law:  $A(B + C) = AB + AC \quad (19)$

Distributive law:  $A + BC = (A + B)(A + C) \quad (20)$

Double complement:  $\overline{\bar{A}} = A \quad (21)$

DeMorgan's law:  $\overline{A + B} = \bar{A} \bar{B} \quad (22)$

DeMorgan's law:  $\overline{AB} = \bar{A} + \bar{B} \quad (23)$

$$A + \bar{A}B = A + B \quad (24)$$

$$A(\bar{A} + B) = A \cdot B \quad (25)$$

$$(A + B)(\bar{A} + C) = AC + B \quad (26)$$

$$(AC + B\bar{C}) = \bar{A}C + \bar{B}\bar{C} \quad (27)$$

# SUMMARY

- Risk is the Expected Consequence Vector of System Operation
- Risk Can Be Modeled via Combined Event and Fault Trees
- System Failure Consists of the Union of the System Minimal Cut Sets
- Prob.  $(A \cdot B) = \text{Prob.}(B|A) \text{Prob.}(A)$