


Practical Reliability & Root Cause Analysis Essentials



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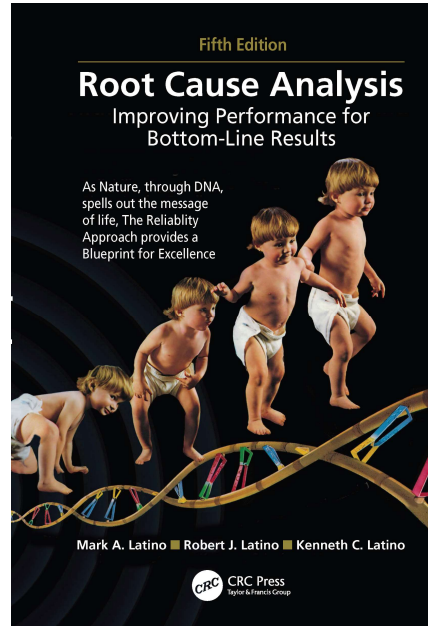


INTRODUCTIONS



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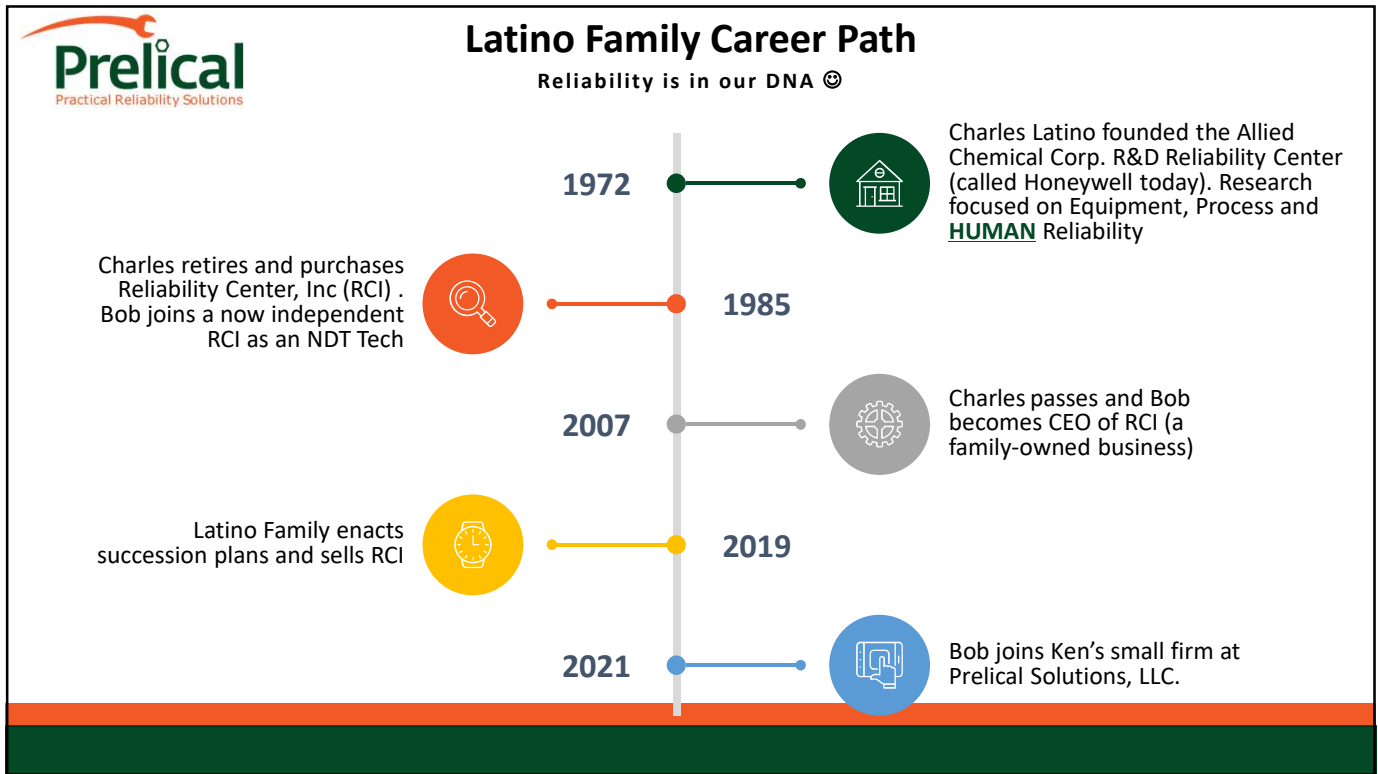
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Charles J. Latino
1929 - 2007

Coined 'The Father of Manufacturing
Reliability' in 1972

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Workshop Rules

Criteria for a Successful Course



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Your Intros!

What is the single greatest impediment to your ability to do the best Root Cause Analysis that you know you can do?

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WHERE ARE WE AT?

Exercise #1: Current State Assessment

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Exercise: Basic RCA Assessment

Root Cause Analysis (RCA) Self-Assessment Tool	Tot. Poss.	Likert Rating Scale					Total Rating By Category/ Rating	Category Score (%)
1. Fundamentals							30	
RCA Effectiveness is Measured Directly Against Defined, Bottom-Line Metrics.		1	2	3	4	5	0	
RCA is Clearly Defined		1	2	3	4	5	0	
An Effective RCA Procedure is in Place		1	2	3	4	5	0	
RCA Analysts are Formally Trained in the RCA Procedure		1	2	3	4	5	0	
RCA Objectives are Correlated to Corporate Dashboard Metrics		1	2	3	4	5	0	
RCA is Routinely Applied to Chronic Failures/Proactively		1	2	3	4	5	0	
Total Category Rating							0	0%
2. Failure Modes & Effects Analysis/Opportunity Analysis							10	
Proactive Tools Such as FMEA/OA are Used to Quantify and Qualify RCA Candidates		1	2	3	4	5	0	
Business Cases are Made to Justify Conducting RCA's		1	2	3	4	5	0	
Total Category Rating							0	0%
3. Preserving Event Data							5	
Disciplined Data Collection Prior to an RCA is a Requirement & a Priority		1	2	3	4	5	0	
Total Category Rating							0	0%

Average RCA Assessment Score: 57%

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Tentative Agenda 😊

1. The Role of RCA in Reliability
2. What do We Analyze?
3. What are They Worth?
4. Who's on the Team?
5. How/What Data/Evidence Do I Gather?
6. Incorporating HOP Principles Into RCA
7. Reconstructing an Undesirable Outcome/Event Using a Logic Tree
8. Writing Effective Corrective Actions

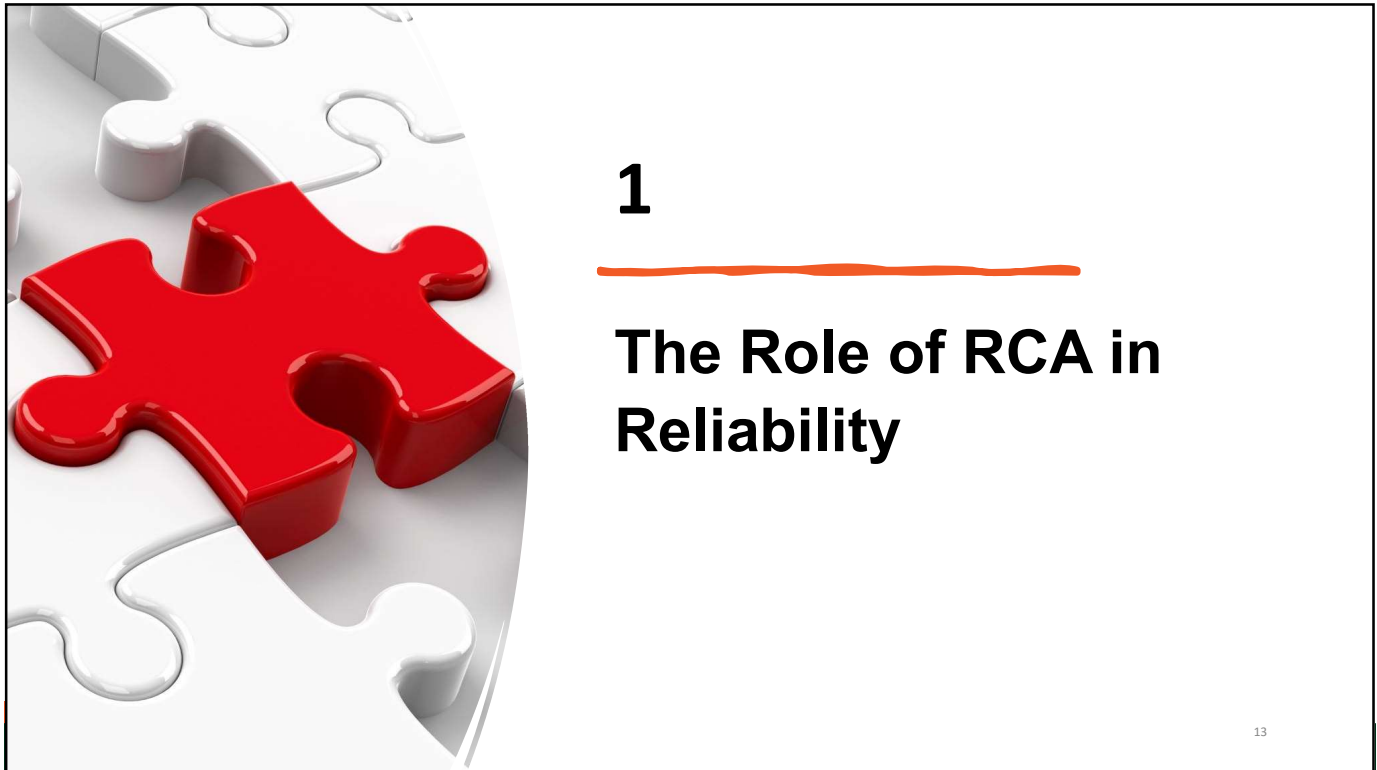
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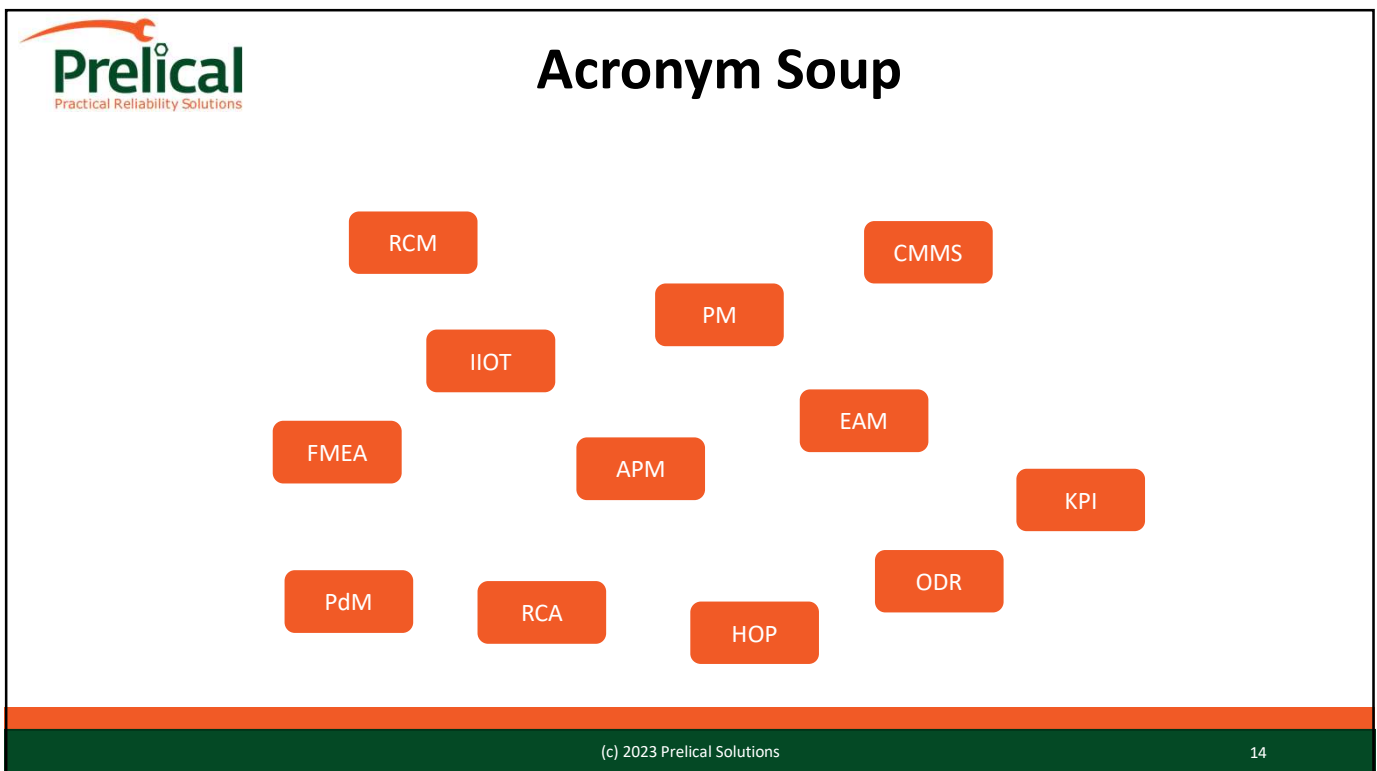


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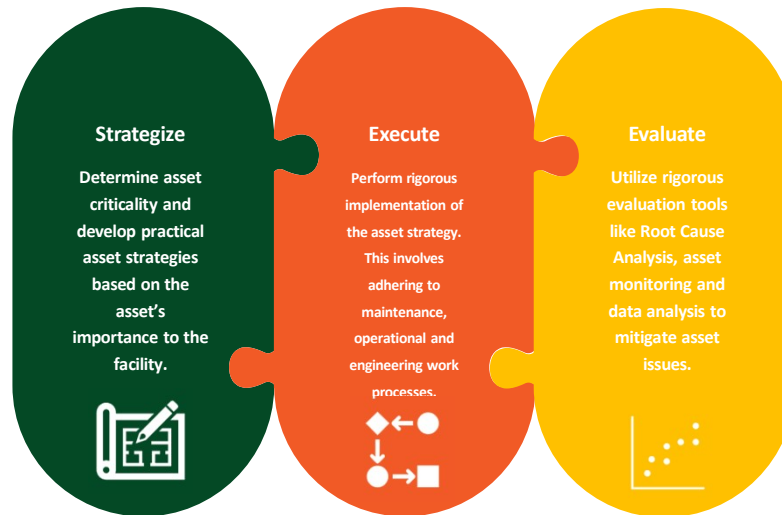
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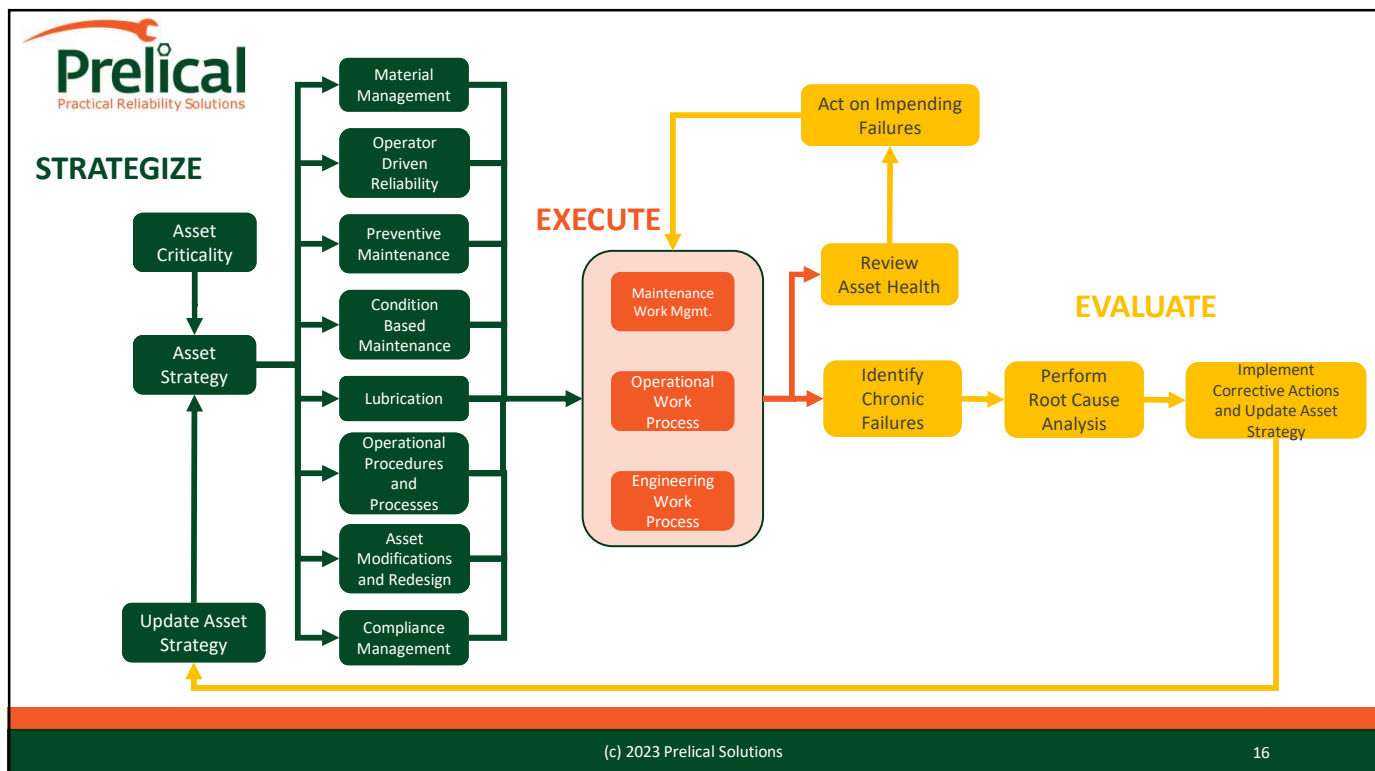
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Reliability Performance Model

A Practical Approach to Proven Results



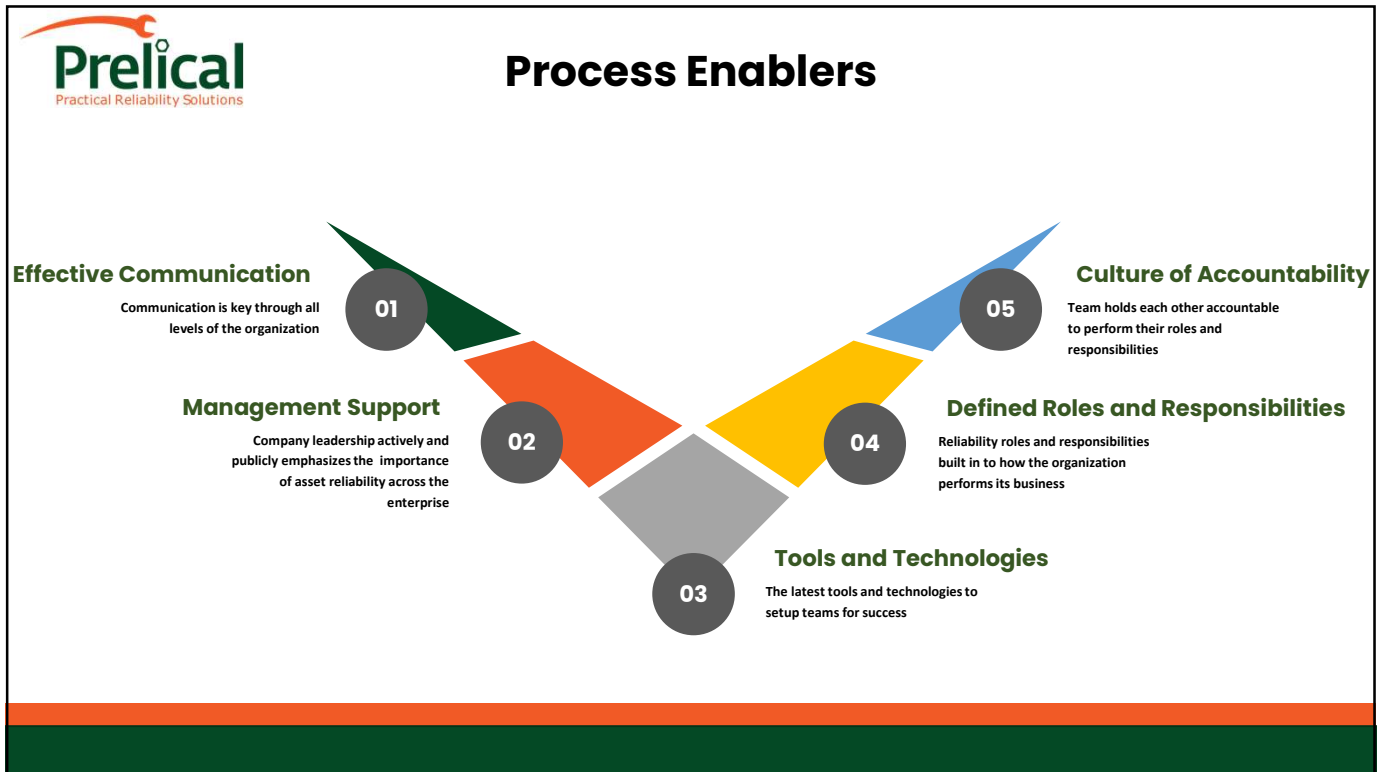
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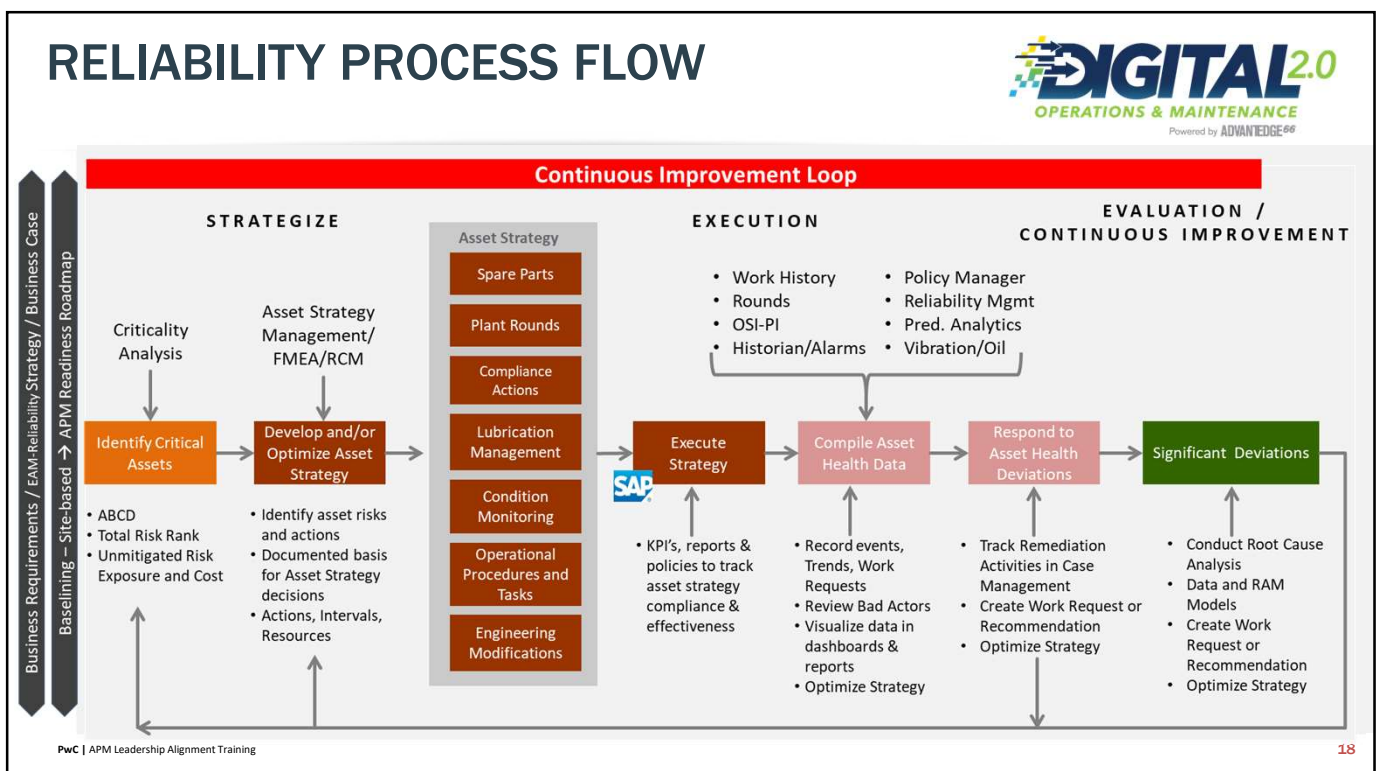
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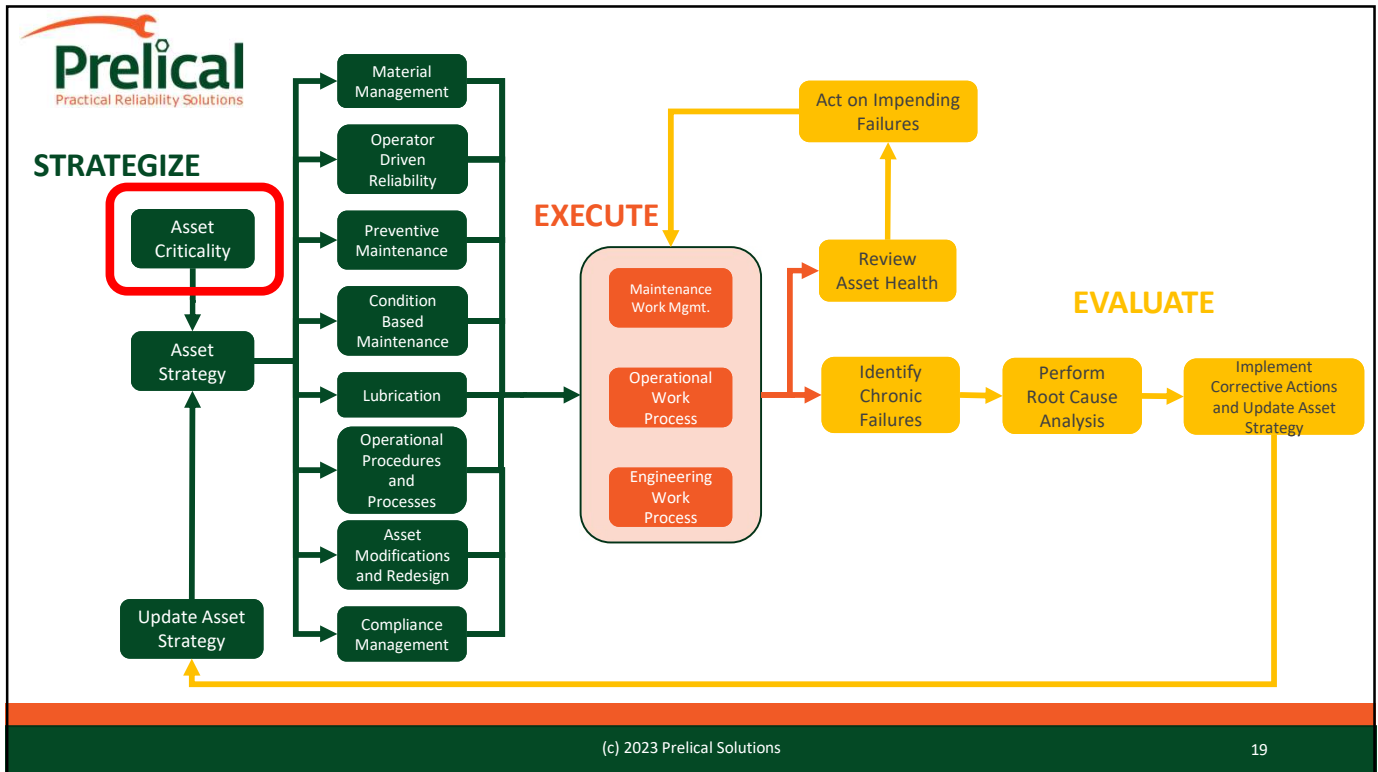
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Asset Criticality Analysis

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Asset Criticality

- Asset Criticality
- Why is Criticality important?
- Elements of Criticality analysis (Safety, Environmental, Production and Cost)
- Typical criticality methodologies
- Typical distributions of Criticality
- Example of a risk matrix
- Demonstrate how to create one with a spreadsheet

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What is Asset Criticality?

By analyzing the criticality of assets, reliability professionals can prioritize maintenance activities and allocate resources more efficiently to ensure the most critical assets receive the appropriate level of attention and care. This approach can help reduce the likelihood of asset failure and improve overall plant reliability.

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Why is Criticality Important?



Determines what level of asset strategy is required to mitigate failures



Helps to determine stocking levels of materials in the storeroom

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Risk Variables

- Safety
- Environmental
- Operations
- Financial

		Consequence				
		Very Low 1	Low 10	Medium 100	High 500	Very High 1000
Probability	Frequent 5	5	50	500	2500	5000
	Probable 1	1	10	100	500	1000
	Possible 0.3	0.3	3	30	150	300
	Remote 0.1	0.1	1	10	50	100
	Improbable 0.05	0.05	0.5	5	25	50

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Mission Time

Mission time refers to the length of time during which an asset or system is expected to operate under normal operating conditions.

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Safety

Probability	Description
5	Likely to occur more often than mission time
1	Likely to occur the same as mission time
0.3	Likely to occur less frequent than the mission time
0.1	Likely to occur much less frequent than the mission time
0.05	Unlikely to occur
Safety Consequence	Description
1000	Fatality, litigation, business jeopardy
500	Permanent disability and potential litigation
100	Hospitalization and/or temporary disability
10	Lost Time Injury
1	None to minor first-aid

		Consequence				
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Environmental

Probability	Description
5	Likely to occur more often than mission time
1	Likely to occur the same as mission time
0.3	Likely to occur less frequent than the mission time
0.1	Likely to occur much less frequent than the mission time
0.05	Unlikely to occur

Environmental Consequence	Description
1000	World Issue, litigation and business jeopardy
500	National regulatory issue, fine or litigation
100	Local regulatory issue, Fine, reputation damage
10	DEQ Recordable Issue
1	None to minor cleanup required

	Consequence				
	Very Low 1	Low 10	Medium 100	High 500	Very High 1000
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Probable 1	1	10	100	500	1000
Possible 0.3	0.3	3	30	150	300
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Operational

Probability	Description
5	Likely to occur more often than mission time
1	Likely to occur the same as mission time
0.3	Likely to occur less frequent than the mission time
0.1	Likely to occur much less frequent than the mission time
0.05	Unlikely to occur

Operational Consequence	Description
1000	Plant outage and \$MM Loss
500	Area outage and \$M loss
100	Subarea outage and \$k loss
10	Asset outage with moderate repair cost
1	Minor repair or adjustment required

	Consequence				
	Very Low 1	Low 10	Medium 100	High 500	Very High 1000
Frequent 5	5	50	500	2500	5000
Probable 1	1	10	100	500	1000
Possible 0.3	0.3	3	30	150	300
Remote 0.1	0.1	1	10	50	100
Improbable 0.05	0.05	0.5	5	25	50

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Financial

Probability	Description
5	Likely to occur more often than mission time
1	Likely to occur the same as mission time
0.3	Likely to occur less frequent than the mission time
0.1	Likely to occur much less frequent than the mission time
0.05	Unlikely to occur

Production Loss \$

X

+

=

Consequence \$

Maintenance Cost \$

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SAFETY RISK DIMENSIONS



Total Risk						
Safety	Consequence					
	Probability	1	10	100	500	1,000
	Probable 1	1	10	100	500	1,000
	Credible 0.1	0.1	1	10	50	100
	Remote 0.01	0.01	0.1	1	5	10
	Improbable 0.001	0.001	0.01	0.1	0.5	1
Financial	Unlikely 0.0001	0.0001	0.001	0.01	0.05	0.1
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitigated Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Unmitigated Risk						
Basis for Assessment						

Safety Risk = Safety Probability * Safety Consequence

Remember to capture the Basis for Assessment!

Probability	
1	Chance of causing a safety event in 1 year
0.1	Chance of causing a safety event in 10 year
0.01	Chance of causing a safety event in 100 year
0.001	10% chance of causing a safety event in 100 years
0.0001	1% chance of causing a safety event in 100 years

Consequence	
1	Medical Treatment, Minor Health Effects, First Aid Case, or Less, or Loss of Containment below the Tier 2 PSE threshold
10	Medical Treatment with Restricted Duty or Medium Health Effects or Tier 2 PSE without fire or explosion
100	One or More Lost Time Workday Cases or Significant Health Effects or Tier 1 PSE remaining within containment (C5 or heavier material), or Tier 2 toxic release, or Tier 2 PSE with a fire or explosion
500	Permanent Disability, Multiple Hospitalizations, or Major Health Effects or Tier 1 PSE with no fire or explosion (C4 or lighter material), or onsite toxic release
1000	Fatality, Public Hospitalization, or Severe Health Effects or Tier 1 Process Safety Event (PSE) with fire or explosion, or offsite toxic release

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ENVIRONMENT RISK DIMENSIONS



Total Risk

Safety	Probability	Consequence				
		1	10	100	500	1,000
Environm...	Probable 1	1	10	100	500	1,000
	Credible 0.1	0.1	1	10	50	100
	Remote 0.01	0.01	0.1	1	5	10
	Improbable 0.001	0.001	0.01	0.1	0.5	1
	Unlikely 0.0001	0.0001	0.001	0.01	0.05	0.1

☐ Not Applicable
 ☒ Mitigated Risk
 ☐ Unmitigated Risk

Basis for Assessment

Environmental Risk = Environmental Probability * Environmental Consequence

Remember to capture the Basis for Assessment!

Probability

1	Chance of causing a environmental event in 1 year
0.1	Chance of causing a environmental event in 10 year
0.01	Chance of causing a environmental event in 100 year
0.001	10% chance of causing a environmental event in 100 years
0.0001	1% chance of causing a environmental event in 100 years

Consequence

1	No environmental event can occur
10	Environmental event resulting in < RQ; or an event that lasts < one hour; or occurs up to 3 times per year
100	Environmental event resulting in > 1 times RQ but < 10 times RQ; or an event that lasts up to 24 hours; or occurs 3-5 times per year
500	Environmental event resulting in >10 times Reportable Quantity (RQ); or an event that lasts > 24 hours; or occurs > 5 times per year
1000	Community injury or shelter-in-place; or release on roadways or sensitive waterways impacting communities or commerce

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OPERATIONS RISK DIMENSIONS



Total Risk

Safety	Probability	Consequence				
		0.1	1	10	100	500
Environm...	Frequent 5	0.5	5	50	500	2,500
	Probable 1	0.1	1	10	100	500
	Likely 0.33	0.033	0.33	3.3	33	165
	Credible 0.1	0.01	0.1	1	10	50
	Possible 0.05	0.005	0.05	0.5	5	25

☐ Not Applicable
 ☒ Mitigated Risk
 ☐ Unmitigated Risk

Basis for Assessment

Operations Risk = Operations Probability * Operations Consequence

Remember to capture the Basis for Assessment!

Probability

5	Chance of failing multiple times per year
1	Chance of failing 1 time per year
0.33	Chance of failing 1 time per 3 years
0.1	Chance of failing 1 time per 10 years
0.05	Chance of failing 1 time per 20 years

Consequence

0.1	Business Interruption <\$10M
1	Business Interruption \$10M to \$100M
10	Business Interruption \$100M to \$1MM
100	Business Interruption \$1MM to \$10MM
500	Business Interruption > \$10MM

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FINANCIAL RISK CRITERIA



Safety 100	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Unmitigated Risk:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Probability:</td> <td>Probable (1) ▼</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Production Loss: US Dollar</td> <td>500,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maintenance Cost: US Dollar</td> <td>50,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consequence: US Dollar</td> <td>550,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Financial Risk: US Dollar</td> <td>550,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</td> </tr> </table>	Unmitigated Risk:		Probability:	Probable (1) ▼	Production Loss: US Dollar	500,000.00	Maintenance Cost: US Dollar	50,000.00	Consequence: US Dollar	550,000.00	Financial Risk: US Dollar	550,000.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	
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Consequence: US Dollar	550,000.00														
Financial Risk: US Dollar	550,000.00														
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Environm... 100															
Operations 100															
Financial 550,000.00															

Financial Risk

- The estimated monetary value attributed to the Unmitigated Risk
- Financial Probability is the same as Operations Probability
- Financial Consequence is:

$$\text{Production Loss} + \text{Maintenance Cost}$$
- Financial Risk = Probability X Financial Consequence (\$)

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Overall Rating

Safety Probability
X
Safety Consequence

+

Environmental
Probability
X
Environmental
Consequence

+

Operational
Probability
X
Operational
Consequence

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Overall Rating

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \text{Safety} & & \text{Environmental} & & \text{Operational} & & \\
 1 \times 10 = 10 & + & 1 \times 100 = 100 & + & 1 \times 100 = 10 & = & 120 \text{ (B)}
 \end{array}$$

Rating	Range
A	≥ 1000
B	≥ 100 and < 1000
C	> 5 and < 100
D	≤ 5

		Consequence				
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Asset Criticality Distribution

High Criticality (A)

- 5-10% of Assets
- Consider robust asset strategies development

Medium Criticality (B)

- 20-30% of Assets
- Manufacturer Recommendations
- Asset Specific Templates

Low Criticality (C/D)

- 60-75% of Assets
- Basic Care
- Run to Failure

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Criticality Assessment

Total Risk 12

		Probability	Consequence				
			1	10	100	500	1,000
Safety	Probable	1	1	10	100	500	1,000
	1	1	10	100	500	1,000	
Environmental	Probable	0.1	0.1	1	10	50	100
	1	0.1	1	10	50	100	
Operations	Probable	0.01	0.01	0.1	1	5	10
	1	0.01	0.1	1	5	10	
Financial	Probable	0.001	0.001	0.01	0.1	0.5	1
	1	0.001	0.01	0.1	0.5	1	
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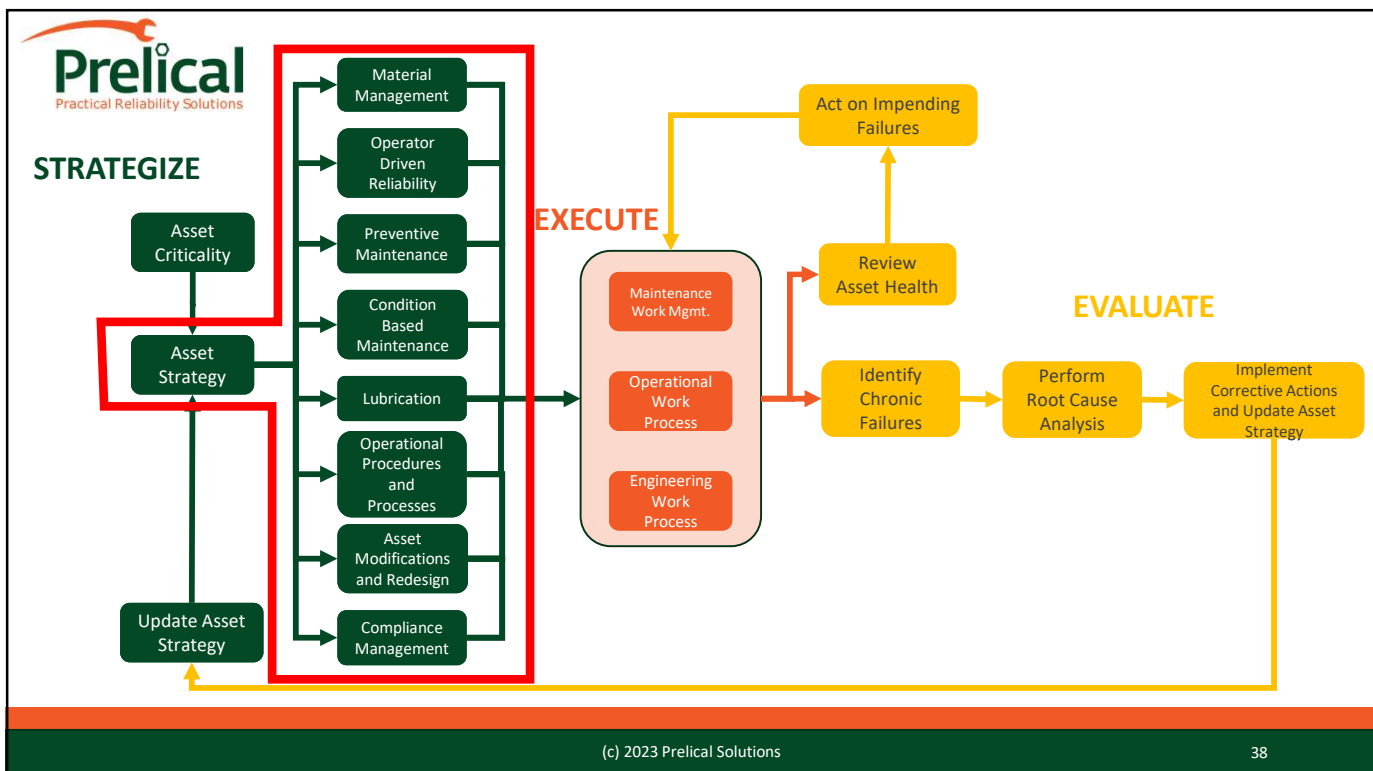
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Basis for Assessment:
Risks associated with MI Processes (i.e. RBI, PCMS) are not considered in this assessment.
Safety: Firebox shell failure (gas oil - fire potential) 100, 0.01
Environmental: Duty threshold limits due to damper failure 10, 1
Operations: Tube plugging/coking causing rate reduction/shutdown 10, 0.1
Financial: \$500K Production Loss, \$150K Maintenance Cost

Cancel Save

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Asset Strategy Development

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Failure Phases

Phase of Failure	Effect	Mitigating Action
Primary Failure	Initial indication of an impending failure	Condition Monitoring
Secondary Failure	Inability to perform intended function	Root Cause Analysis (RCA)

Primary

Process temperature too hot →

High vibration of bearing →

Pipe thinning →

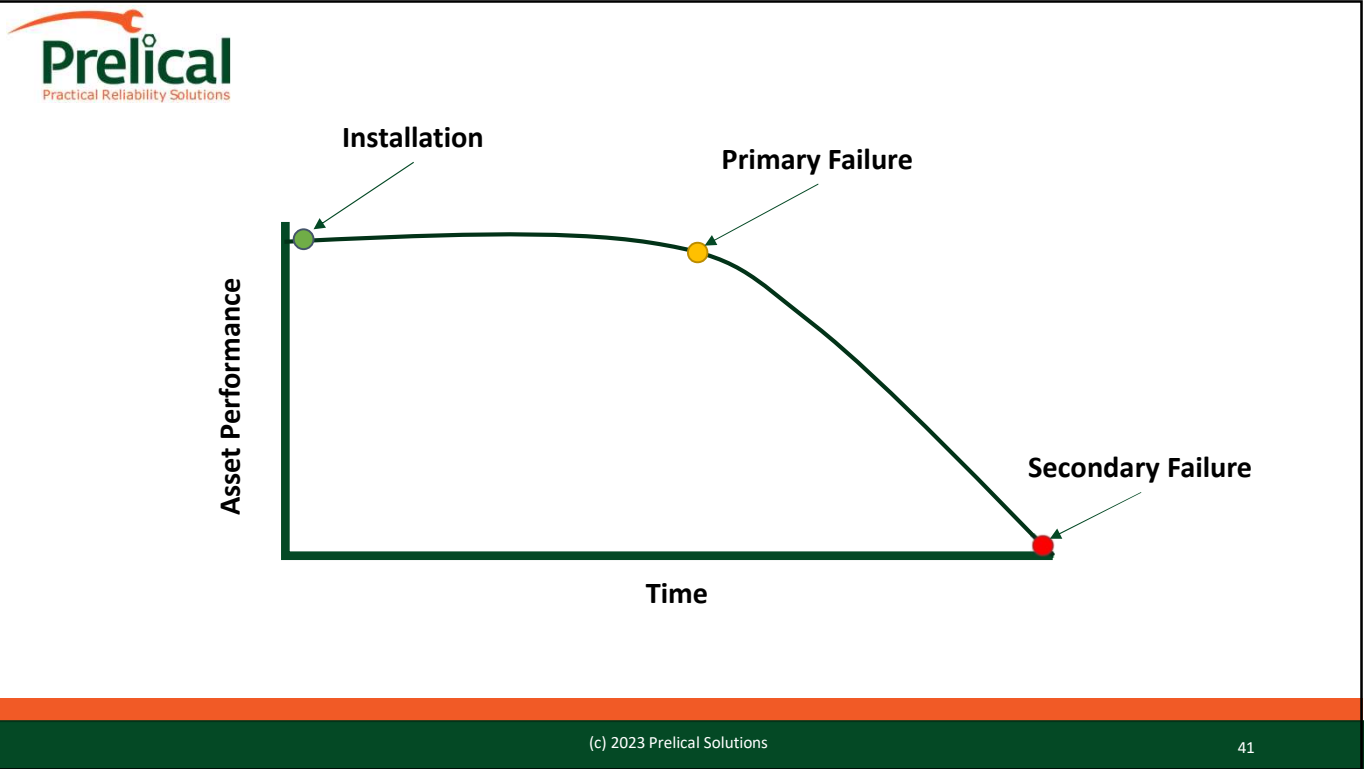
Secondary

Off-spec product

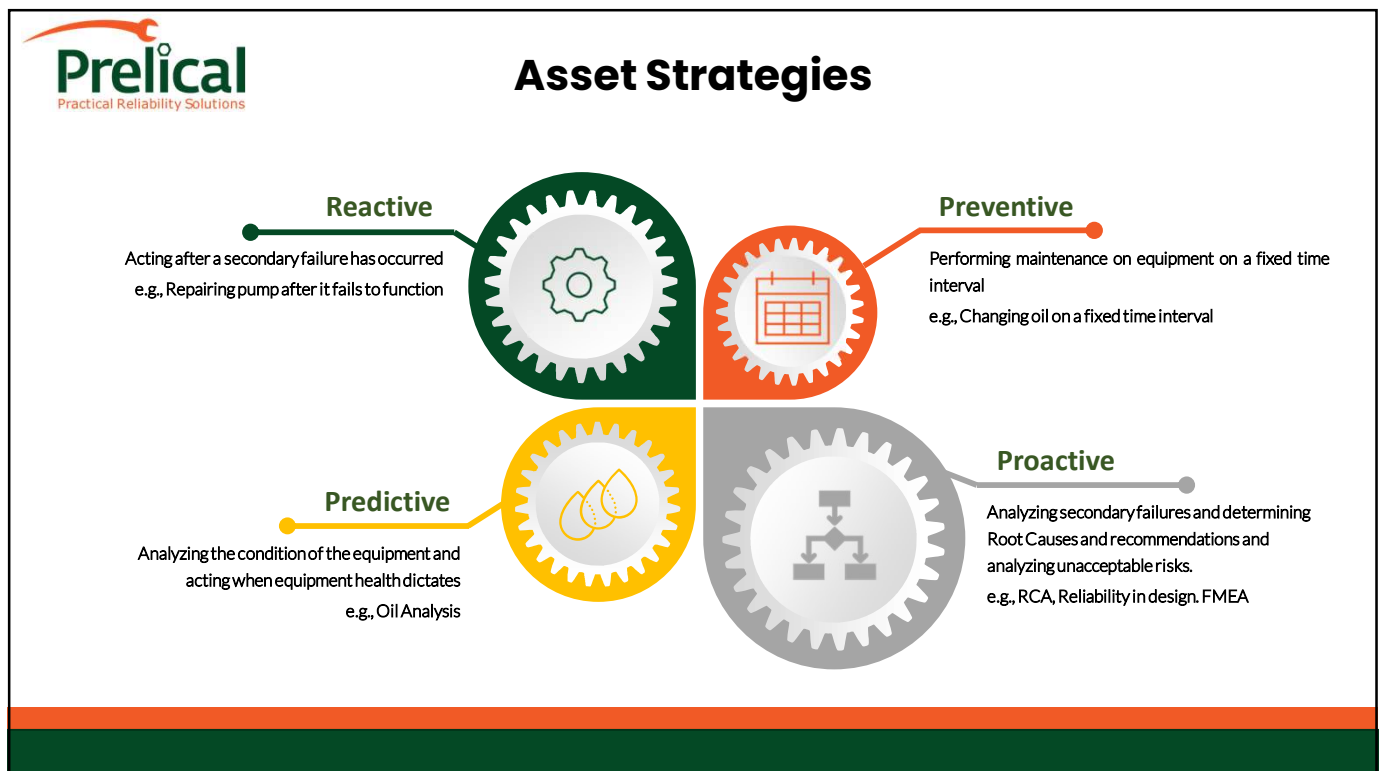
Pump fails

Steam leak

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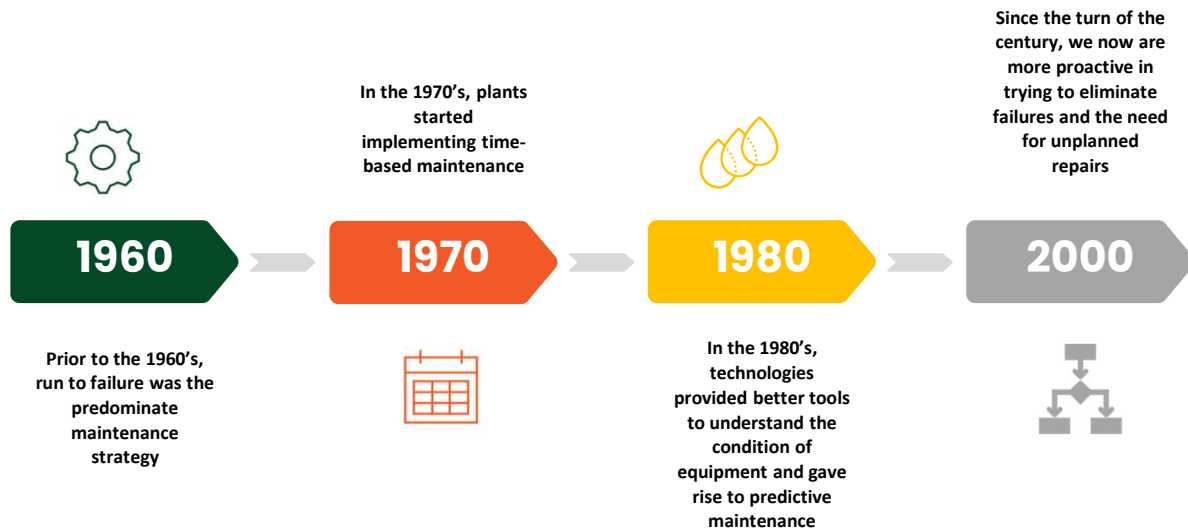


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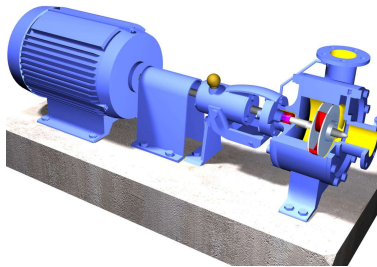
Industrial Maintenance Strategy Evolution



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Risks (Failure Modes)

- Bearing Failures
- Seal / Packing Failure
- Coupling Failures
- Performance Issue



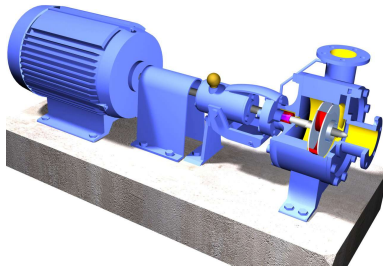
Mitigating Actions

- Vibration Analysis
- Visual Coupling Inspection
- Maintenance Rounds
- Operator Rounds
- Alignment Check
- Routine Oil Sampling
- Evaluate pump performance curve and system curve
- Stock materials in storeroom

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Risks (Failure Modes)

- Bearing Failures



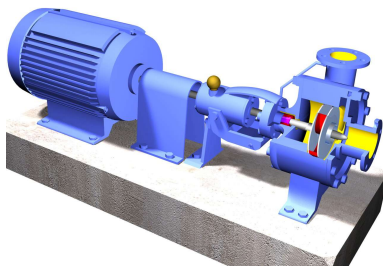
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Risks (Failure Modes)

- Bearing Failures



Mitigating Actions

- Vibration Analysis

Task Properties

Interval:

1/month

Cost:

\$25/check

Recommended Resources:

Vibration Analysis

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Exercise

What is your maintenance strategy ratio?

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	Reactive	_____ %
	Preventive	_____ %
	Predictive	_____ %
	Proactive	_____ %

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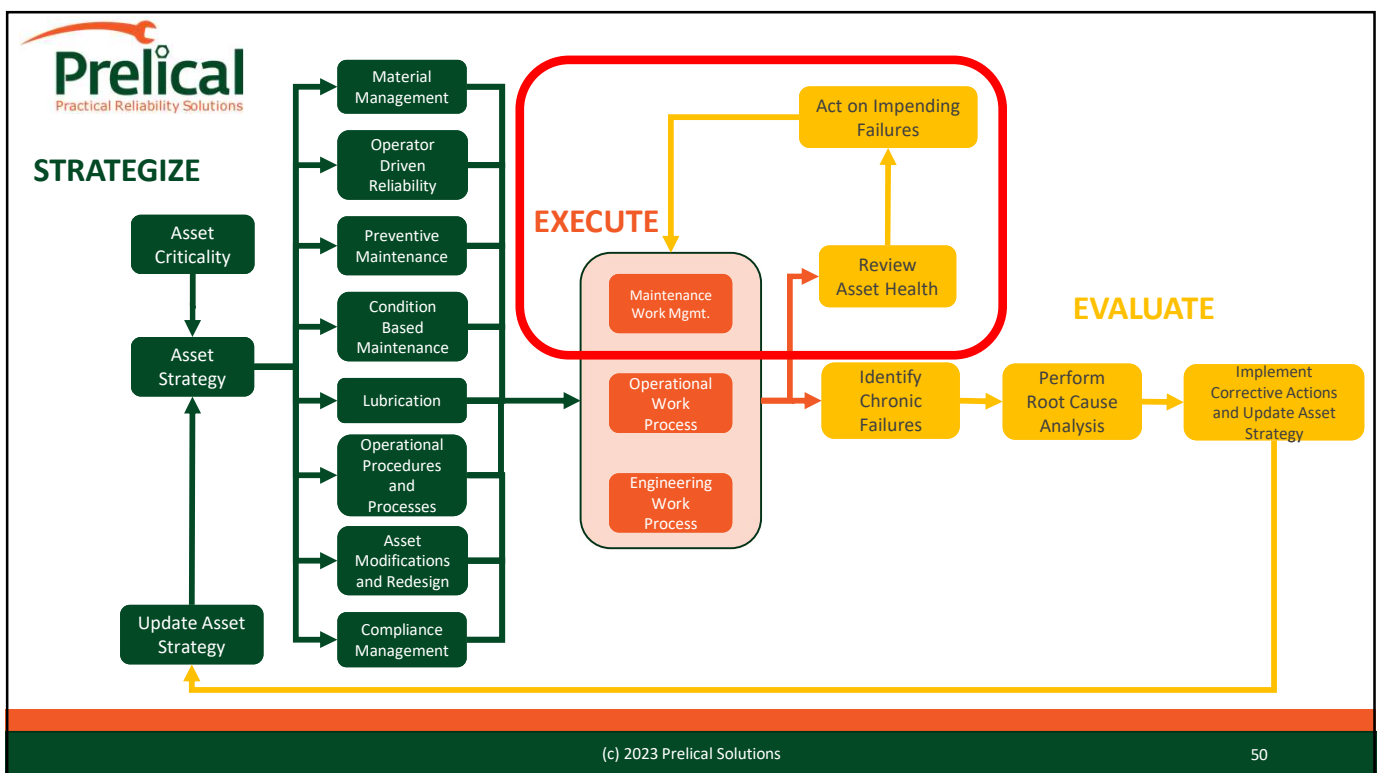
Risks (11)

- ☐ Base or skid degradation
Strategy Mitigated Risk Rank: 1.1001
Strategy Mitigated Financial Risk: 50000
Source: ASM
- ☐ Bearing Wear
Strategy Mitigated Risk Rank: 1.1001
Strategy Mitigated Financial Risk: 50000
Source: ASM
- ☐ Breaker
Strategy Mitigated Risk Rank: 1.1001
Strategy Mitigated Financial Risk: 50000
Source: ASM
- ☐ Captive Transformer
Strategy Mitigated Risk Rank: 1.1001
Strategy Mitigated Financial Risk: 50000
Source: ASM
- ☐ Feeder Cable
Strategy Mitigated Risk Rank: 1.1001
Strategy Mitigated Financial Risk: 50000
Source: ASM

Mitigating Actions (4)

- ☐ Lube oil samples
Interval: 3
Interval Units: Months
Cost: 250
Source: ASM
- ☐ Motor Inspect and Lube
Interval: 12
Interval Units: Hours
Cost: 100
Source: ASM
- ☐ Operator rounds
Interval: 12
Interval Units: Hours
Cost: 25
Source: ASM
- ☐ Vibration Analysis
Interval: 3
Interval Units: Months
Cost: 500
Source: ASM

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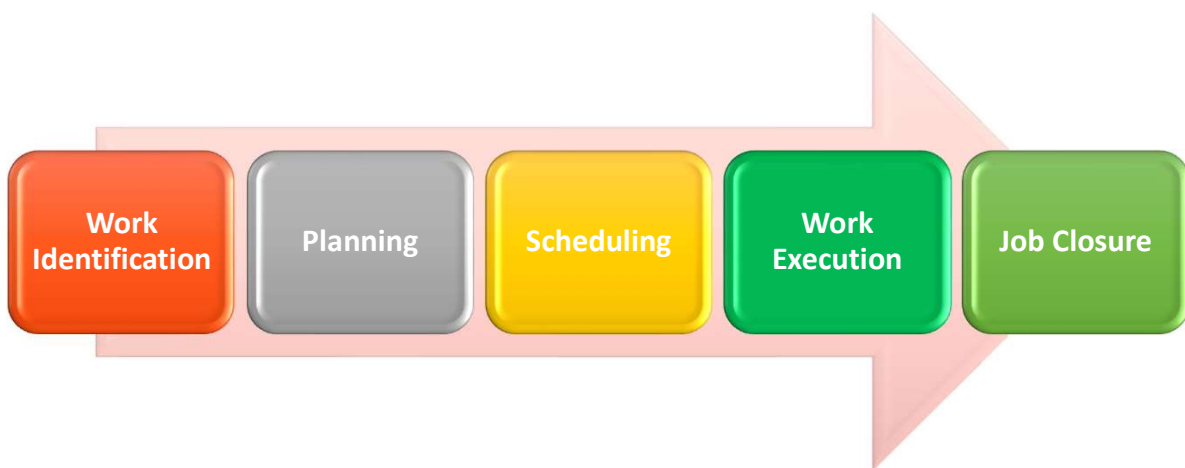


Maintenance Work Execution

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Typical Maintenance Work Management System



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Work Identification

**How is work identified
in the facility?**



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Work Identification



- Operator/Maintenance Routes
- Preventive and Predictive (PM/PdM) Maintenance Routes
- Root Cause Analysis (RCA) action Items
- Tank Integrity
- Safety and Environmental Audits
- Employee Ownership and Awareness
- Engineering and/or Capital Initiatives

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Rounds (Operator/Maintenance)

- Early detection of equipment defects
- Use of operator/craftsman senses and basic diagnostic tools
- Supplements more advance inspections performed by Predictive Maintenance Group (e.g. vibration, infrared)
- Allows identified defects to be planned and scheduled
 - Will reduce unplanned equipment downtime and related maintenance repair cost
 - Reduces the probability of safety and environmental issues
- Creates a feeling of ownership of the equipment



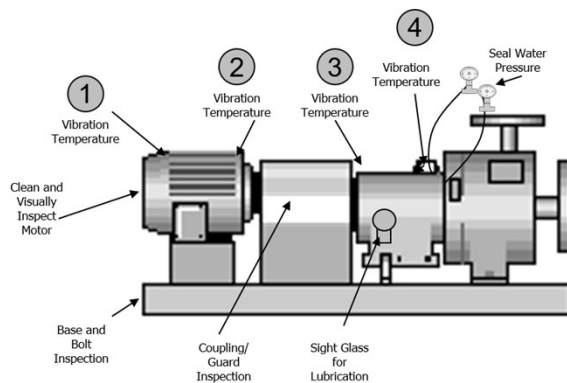
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Pump / Motor Data Collection Points



Centrifugal Pump

- Check Bearing Temperatures (inboard/outboard)
- Check Bearing Overall Vibration (ips) (inboard/outboard)
- Check Seal Water Pressure
- Inspect Coupling RPM (if safe to do so)
- Inspect for loose, short or missing bolts on base and flanges
- Check oil level
- Check oil quality (visual inspection)

Electric Motor

- Check Bearing Temperatures (inboard/outboard)
- Check Bearing Overall Vibration (ips) (inboard/outboard)
- Ensure airflow on fins and back, and clean debris from back of motor
- Inspect for loose, short or missing bolts on base
- Ensure all cables are in working order

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Display PM Notification: Connective Maintenance

PM Notification Edit Goto Extras Environment System Help

Notification: 17409126 M2 X460 Replace bundle

Notific. Status: OSNO WAIT TRSP

Notification Malfunction Data System Availability Location Dates DMS Documents

Reference object

Functional loc: R201 / R201 X460, DEPROP 8TH STEAM S.

Equipment: 10551237 X460 HEAT EXCH. SHELL & TUBE

Assembly:

Subject

Coding:

09/18/2023 20:58:28 UTC Steve Coleman (STEVEBC)

001592 X460 Replace bundle

IMR Criticality: 1a-MI Short-Term

IMR Required Completion Date: 04/30/2025

IMR Scope:

Start/End Dates

Required Start: 09/18/2023 15:58:28 Priority: Fixed Date

Required End: 04/30/2025 05:00:00 Breakdown: ☒

Revision: R201

Item

Object part:

Damage:

Text:

Cause:

Cause Text:

Entry: 0 Zm: 0

Responsibilities

Planner Group: R01 / R201 B OOH Approver

Man WorkCtr: R20 / R201 R2_Area B Float

User responsbl:

Reported By: STEVEBC Notif.Date: 09/18/2023 15:58:28



Quality work
history starts
with accurate
SAP notifications

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Backlog Management



- Work is coming in faster than we can process it
- Prioritization is critical to managing the backlog of work
- Priority should be based on the level of risk
- Backlog review and prioritization should be an ongoing activity
- Every work order should have an accurate priority code

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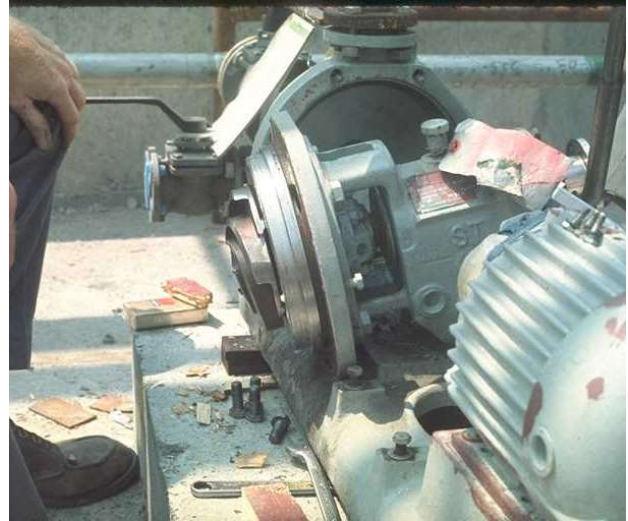
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Planning

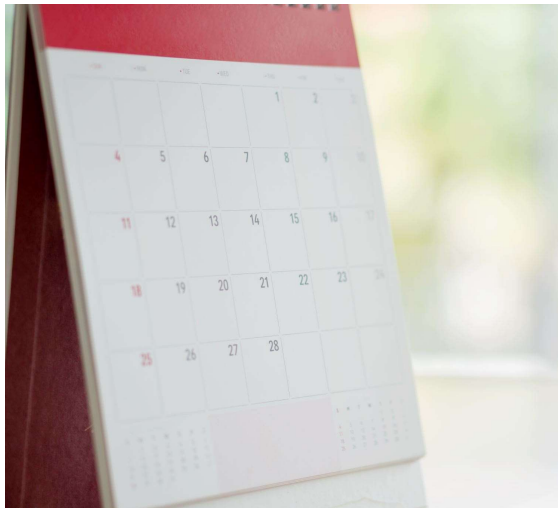
- Detailed work instructions
- Supplemental documentation (e.g. procedures, drawings, etc.)
- Proper time allocation from internal resources
- Contract work if required:
 - Permits
 - Mill Entry Requirements
 - Pre-Job Requirements
- Spare parts procured (internal or external)
- Proper work order coding in CMMS



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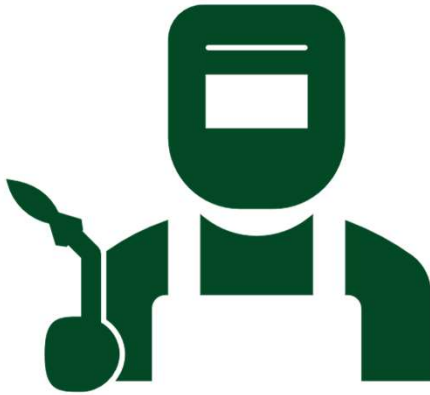
Scheduling

- Maintenance Resource Optimization cannot be obtained without effective scheduling
- Operations and Maintenance are both responsible for work scheduling and coordination of work (Core Teams)
- Planned and ready to be scheduled (R2BS) work is essential for effective scheduling
- The backlog is used to prioritize, select and Schedule work
- Manpower availability must be established for effective scheduling
- Final manpower availability is established weekly by Operations/maintenance coordinator
- Weekly, daily & shutdown schedules are developed, distributed and posted

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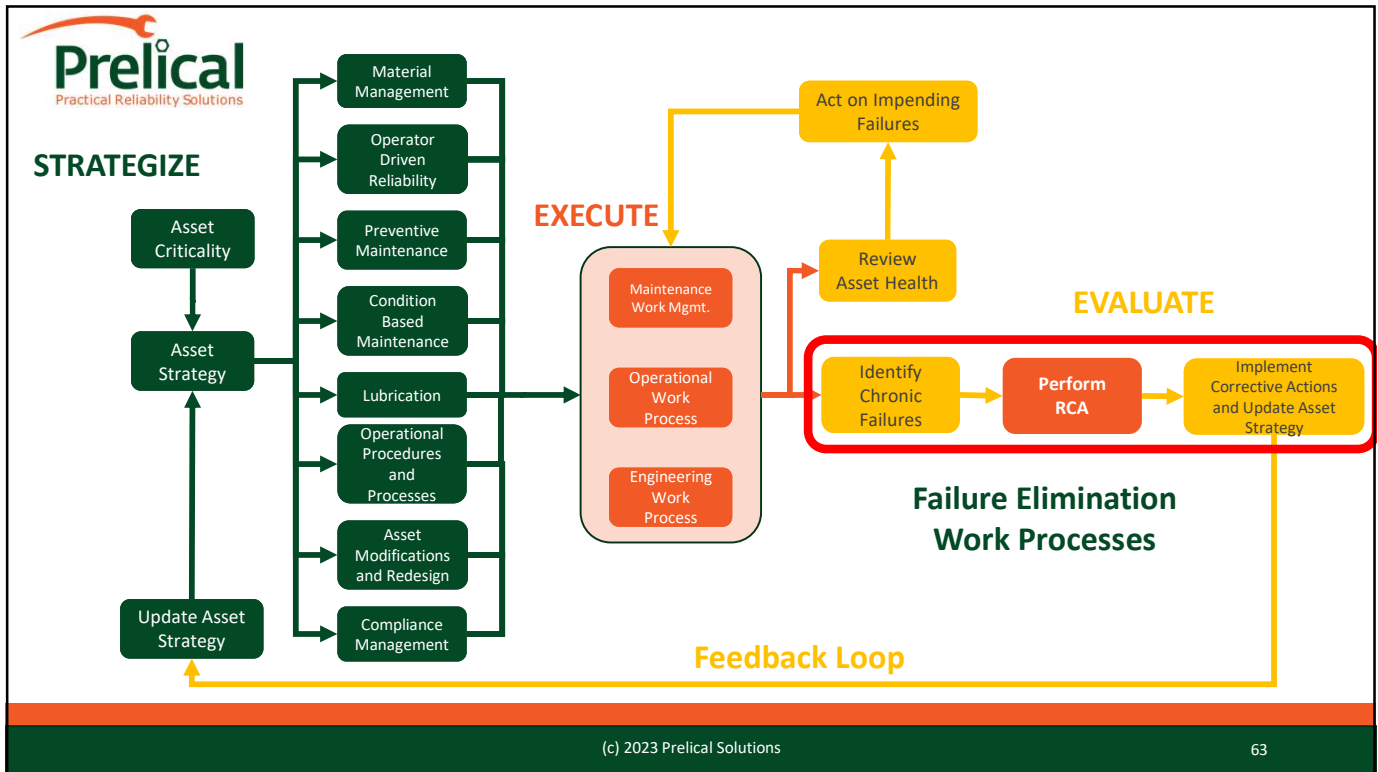
Work Execution

- All safety precautions will be in place and reviewed prior to performing the work.
- Ensure that all tools, parts and service equipment (e.g. cranes) are available for the schedule start of work
- Ensure that the equipment is locked out ahead of work execution and the area is ready for maintenance to perform the required work
- Utilizing precision maintenance techniques and principles will be the expectation on every job effort.
- Good housekeeping practices
 - Identifies issues and assigns work to promote good housekeeping to extend equipment life and asset health.
 - Personally, assure that each job site is left in a neat and clean condition promoting equipment reliability and life, and that his/her area is kept in safe and clean condition for all employees



Job Closure

- The crew should communicate with the Supervisor, Operation/Maintenance Coordinator or an appointed operations contact to properly return the equipment to service and the desired performance is obtained
- Maintenance works with operations to startup or “try” equipment, when possible, to insure it operates properly when work is complete
- Document the details of the job in CMMS
- Craft time confirmations are accurately entered CMMS
- Precision Maintenance forms are completed and returned to Supervisor as required by the job
- Spare parts / cores are properly tagged and returned to the storeroom
- Feedback provided to the planner for any corrections needed (e.g. wrong parts, time estimates incorrect, etc.)
- Work order is properly closed



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What do We Analyze?

Identifying Bad Actors for Analysis

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Root Cause Analysis Steps

Data Collection

Critical data about the event needs to be collected before analysis can begin

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Analyze the Event

The team will begin the analysis process utilizing a cause-and-effect diagram.

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Review Trends to Verify Success

Track work history, process trends and other data to ensure the event has been mitigated or eliminated

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Assemble the Team

A cross functional team needs to be assembled

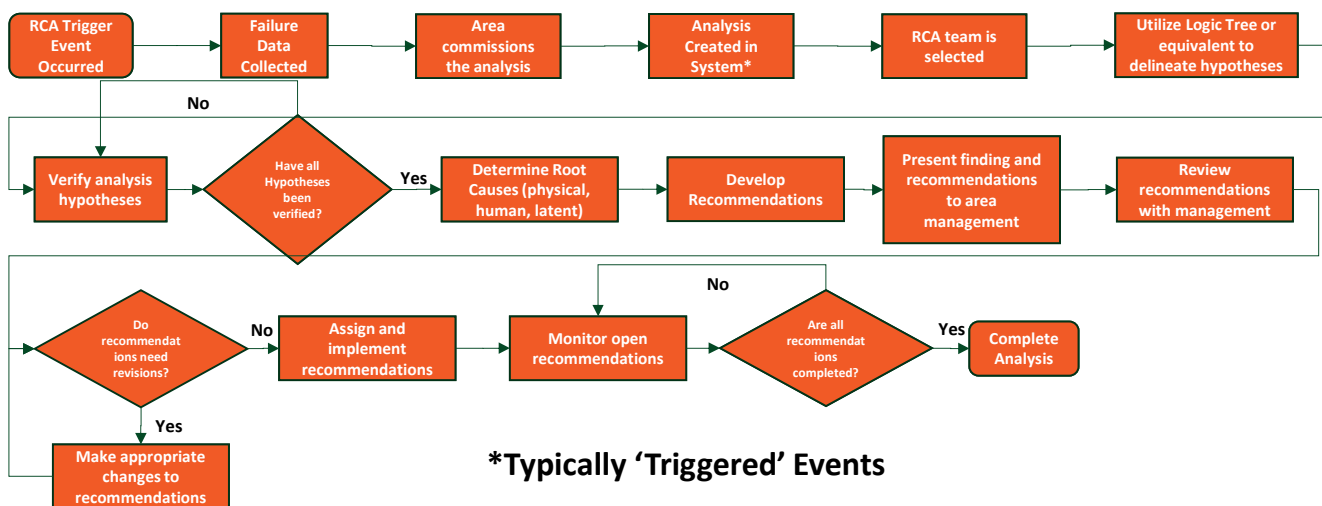
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Develop Corrective Actions and Report

Once causes are known, corrective actions can be developed and reported to decision makers

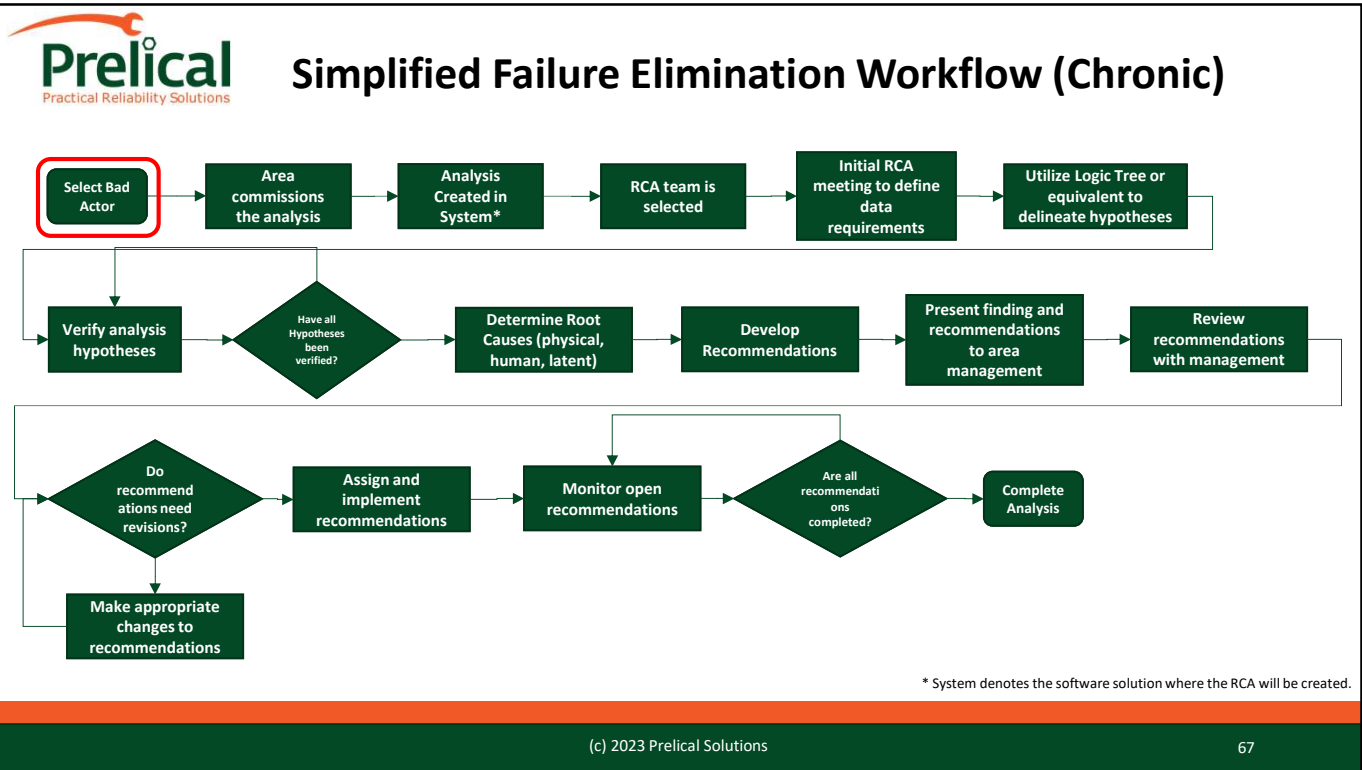
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Simplified Failure Elimination Workflow (Sporadic)



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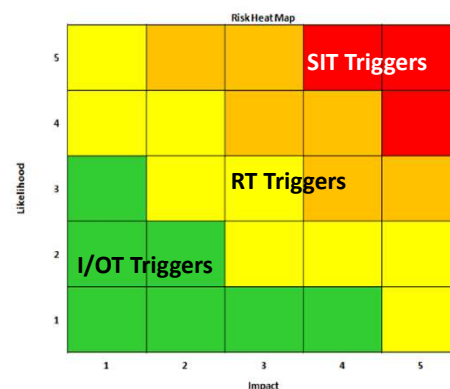
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Sample RCA Trigger Thresholds

- **Improvement/Opportunity Triggers (I/OT)**
 - Management Discretion
- **Reportable Triggers (RT)**
 - > \$20k for Single Incident
 - > 4 Hours Unexpected Cumulative Downtime Over a 24-Hour Period
- **Serious Incident Triggers (SIT)***
 - > \$100k for Single Incident
 - > 12 Hours Unexpected Cumulative Downtime Over a 24-Hour Period



STKY = 'Stuff That Kills You'

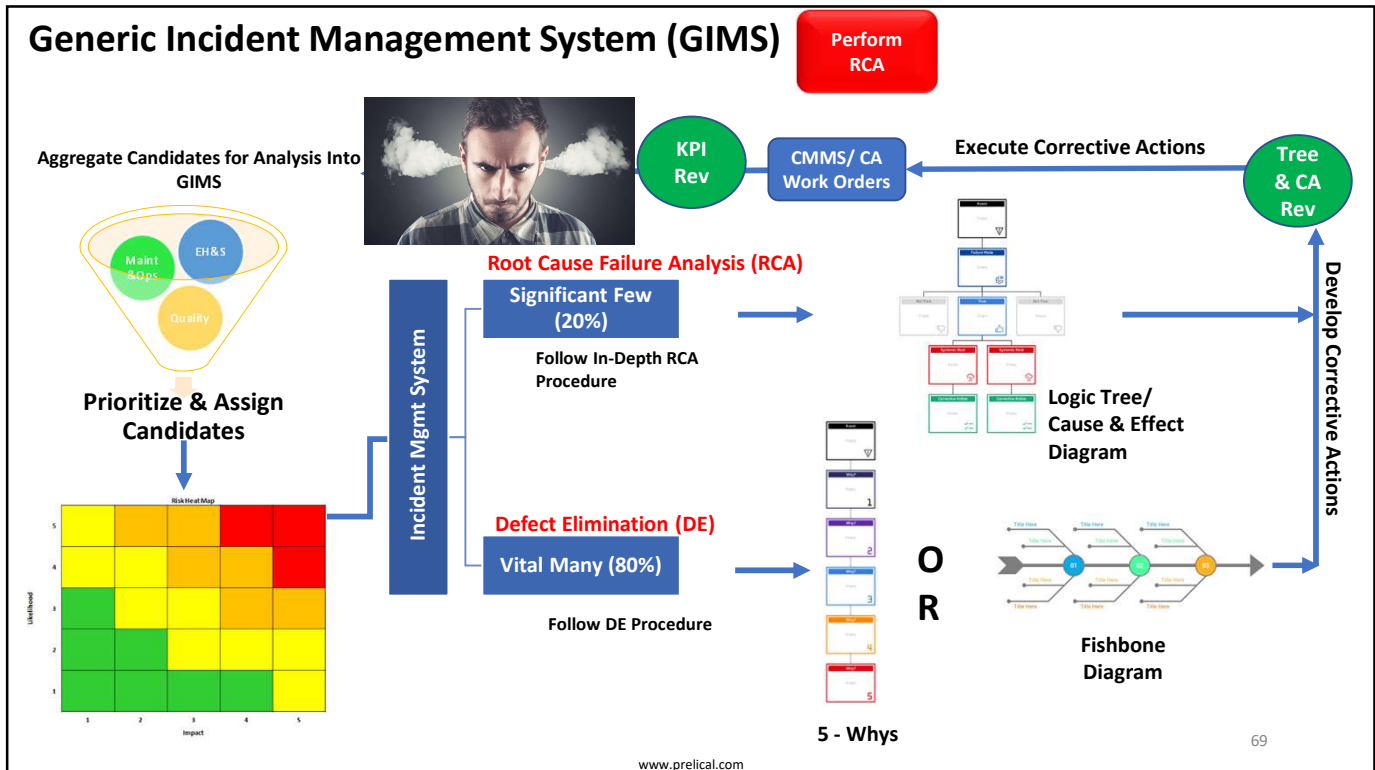
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What are Your RCA Triggers?

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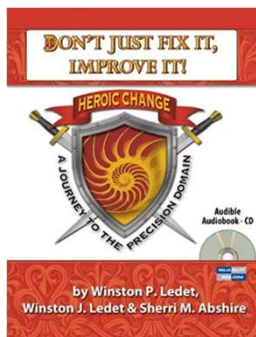
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Defect Definition

“Anything that erodes value, reduces production, compromises health, safety or environmental performance or creates waste”



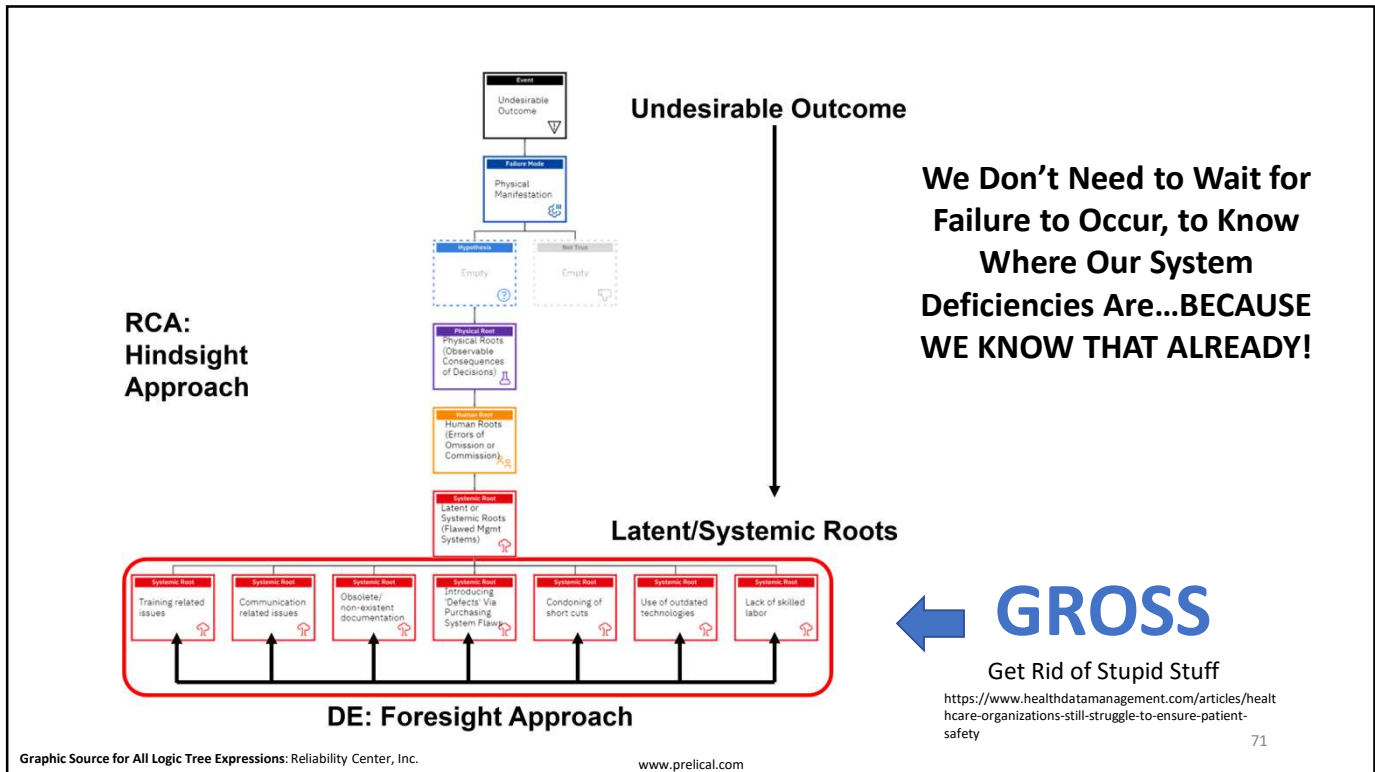
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Are problems really opportunities?



Opportunities

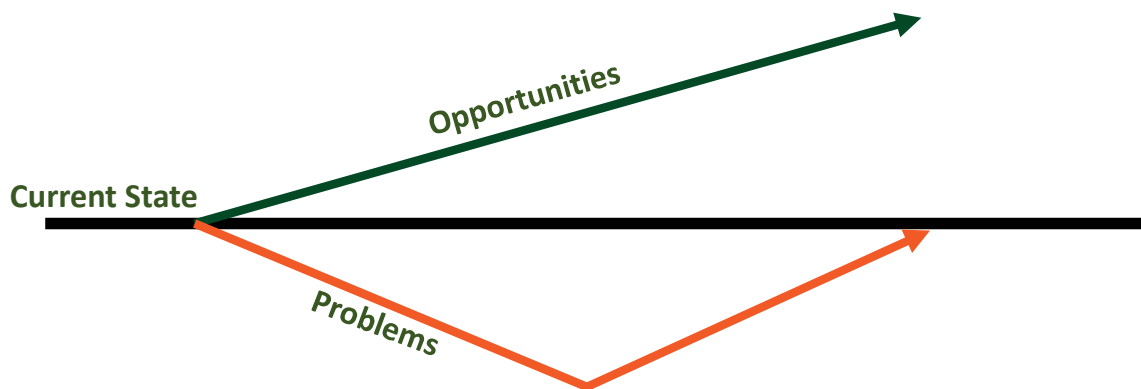
An occasion or situation that makes it possible to do something to improve the current situation (status quo)



Problems

A matter or situation regarded as unwelcome or harmful and needing to be dealt with and overcome to get back to status quo.

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**If opportunities drive improvements,
why do we focus so much on fixing
problems?**

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**IMMEDIATE
ACTION
REQUIRED**



**It is human nature for us to work on the
'urgent' versus the 'important'!!**

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Sporadic Failure Characteristics



Urgent

These events are typically dramatic event that require immediate attention from the site

Infrequent

These events, by definition, do not occur very often

Time Consuming

These events take considerable time and attention away from the site to deal with the consequences of the event

Costly

These events require considerable financial resources to get back to steady state operations

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Conveyor Fracture



Dryer Bearing Failure

Sporadic Effect



Gloss Calender Roll Failure

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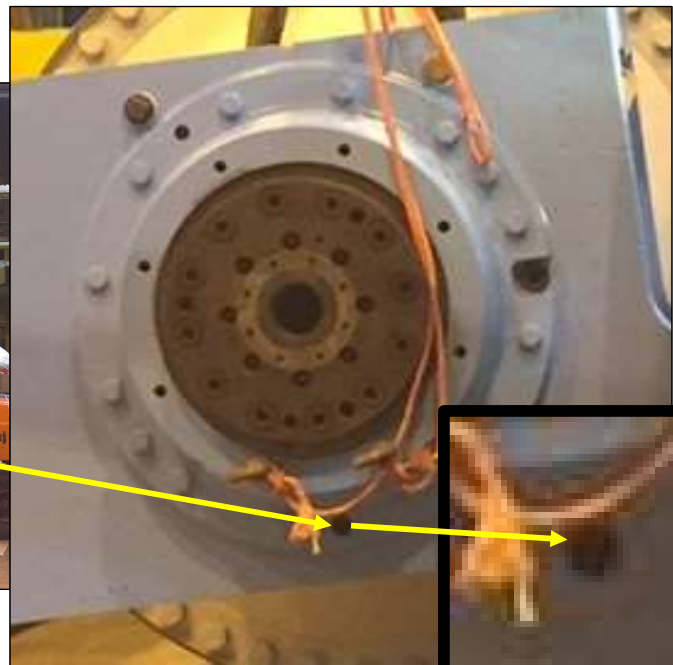


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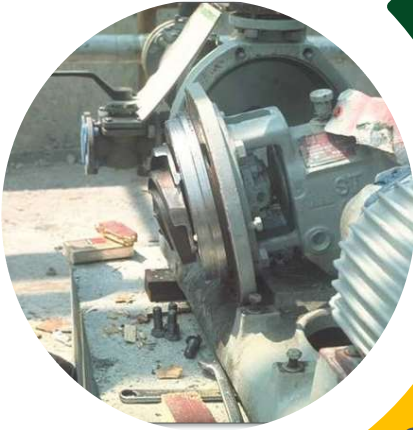
Team Exercise: Sporadic Failure Listing

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Chronic Failure Characteristics



Routine

These are events that happen so often, they are considered part of the status quo

Frequent Occurrence

These events, by definition, happen very frequently

Quick Fix

These events generally get resolved quickly. Mainly due to how often they occur

Not Individually Costly

Individual events do not cost very much when compared to sporadic failures. However, they are very costly if you multiple their impact by their frequency of occurrence.

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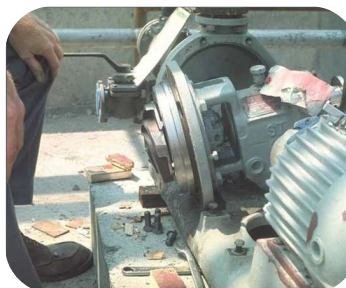
Chronic Effect



Fuel Oil Pumps



Conveyor Failures



Centrifugal Pump Failures



Heat Exchanger Leaks

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Team Exercise: Chronic Failure Listing

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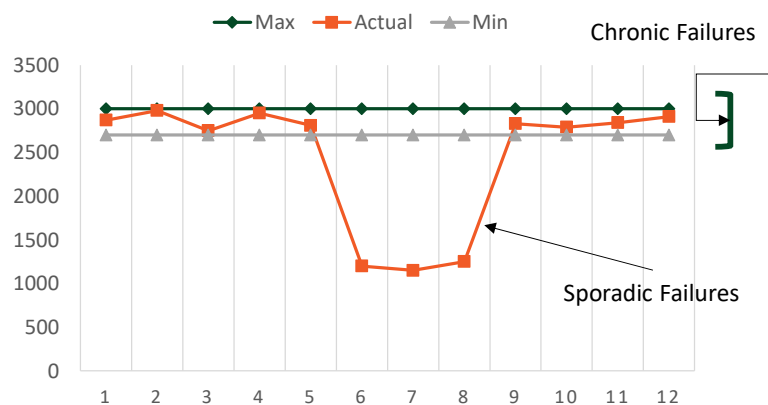
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Chronic Failures are Built Into the Current State




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Max Goal Production
Maximum Sustainable Production
- 
Min Goal Production
Minimum Sustainable Production
- 
Actual Production
Actual Daily Production

DAILY PRODUCTION (TONS)

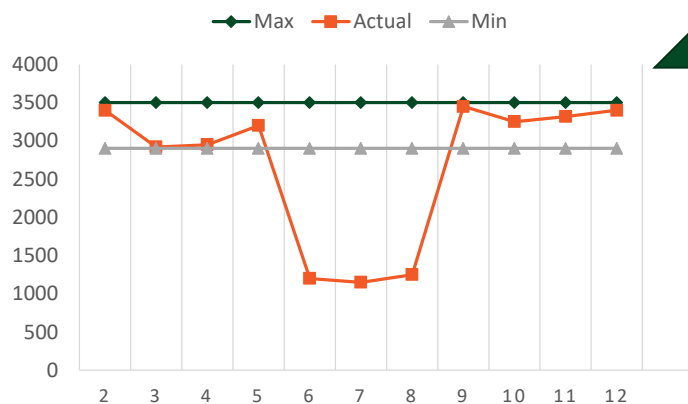


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Focusing on Reducing Chronic Failures Increases the Status Quo

- 
Max Goal Production
Maximum Sustainable Production
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Min Goal Production
Minimum Sustainable Production
- 
Actual Production
Actual Daily Production

DAILY PRODUCTION (TONS)



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'No Blame' Zone

We are here to learn how failures and high risks occur, **NOT** how to pin the incident on someone or some group of individuals.



"To address this mistake we need to utilise our thorough system of root cause analysis. I will begin, if I may, by pointing out that it's not my fault"

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What Are They Worth? Quantifying Bad Actors for Analysis

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People?

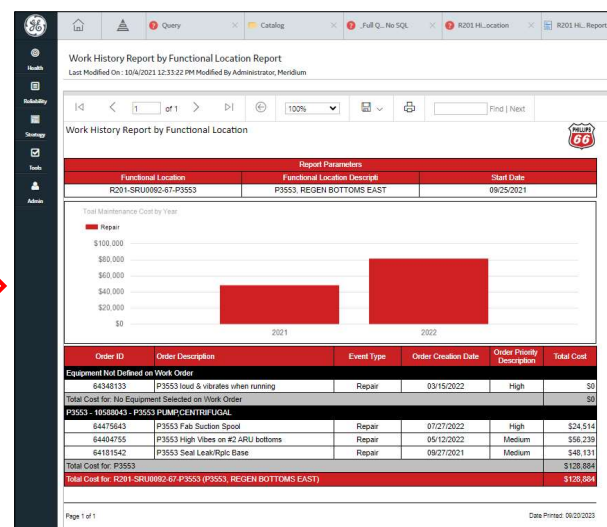
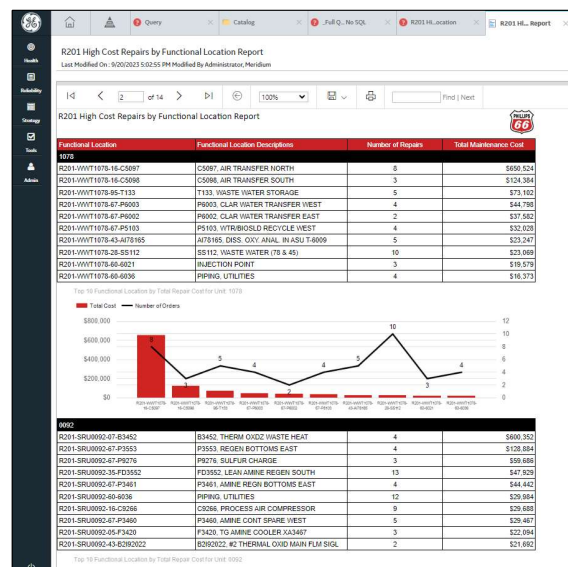
Plant Data?

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System	Event Description	Event Mode	Frequency Per Year	Impact Per Event (Maintenance + Production)	Total Impact
Pulp Mill	Digester Failures	Cap failures	52	\$25,000	\$1,300,000
Bleach Plant	TSP1 Failures	Locks Up	6	\$150,000	\$900,000
Paper Machine 1	Trim Squirt Pump Failures	Impeller Wear	12	\$65,000	\$780,000
Woodyard	Chipper Failures	Blade Failures	26	\$20,000	\$520,000
Paper Machine 1	Felt Roll Failures	Bearings	5	\$90,000	\$450,000
Paper Machine 1	Pulper Failures	Pulper Gearbox Failures	3	\$95,000	\$285,000
Woodyard	Truck Dump	Hydraulic Failures	6	\$45,000	\$270,000
Recastitizing	Kiln Failure	Insulation Failures	2	\$125,000	\$250,000
Paper Machine 2	Fan Pump Motor Failures	Winding Failures	2	\$100,000	\$200,000
Pulp Mill	Primary Screen Failures	Screen Fails	2	\$75,000	\$150,000
Waste Treatment	Primary Clarifier	Bull Gear Bearing Failures	2	\$75,000	\$150,000
Bleach Plant	MC Pump 4 Failures	Bearing Failures	2	\$75,000	\$150,000
Power	Power Boiler Failures	Trips	6	\$20,000	\$120,000
Pulp Mill	MC Pump 1 Failures	Bearing Failures	2	\$55,000	\$110,000
Pulp Mill	MC Pump 1 Failures	Seal Leaks	4	\$25,000	\$100,000
Recastitizing	Kiln Failure	Gearbox Failures	1	\$90,000	\$90,000
Paper Machine 2	Press Section	Press Roll Failures	1	\$90,000	\$90,000
Pulp Mill	A Washer Failures	Doctor Failures	3	\$27,000	\$81,000
Power	FD Fan Failures	Coupling Failures	2	\$30,000	\$60,000
Woodyard	Debarking Drum Failure	Gearbox Failures	2	\$25,000	\$50,000
Paper Machine 2	Kady Mill Failures	Bearing Failures	2	\$25,000	\$50,000
Power	Power Boiler Failures	Igniter Failures	4	\$5,000	\$20,000
Waste Treatment	Sump Pump Motor Failures	Will not start	3	\$5,000	\$15,000
Total					\$6,191,000

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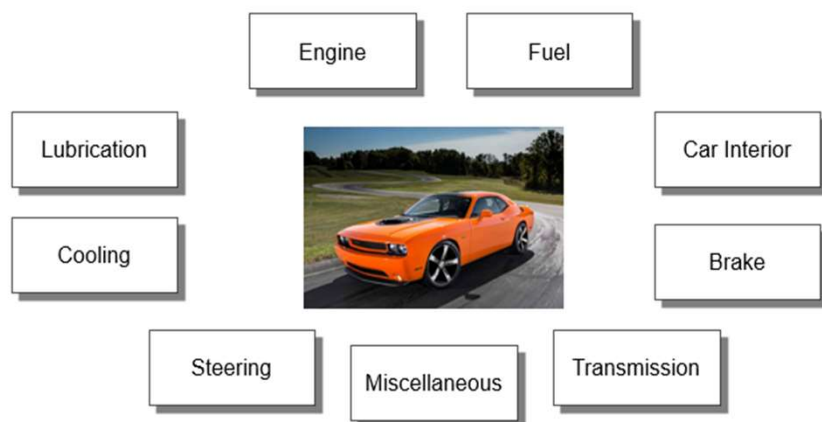
Exercise #3: Quantifying Chronic Failures

Opportunity Analysis of a Car

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Failure Definition: Any event or condition that requires out-of-pocket expenditures to operate and/or maintain the vehicle.

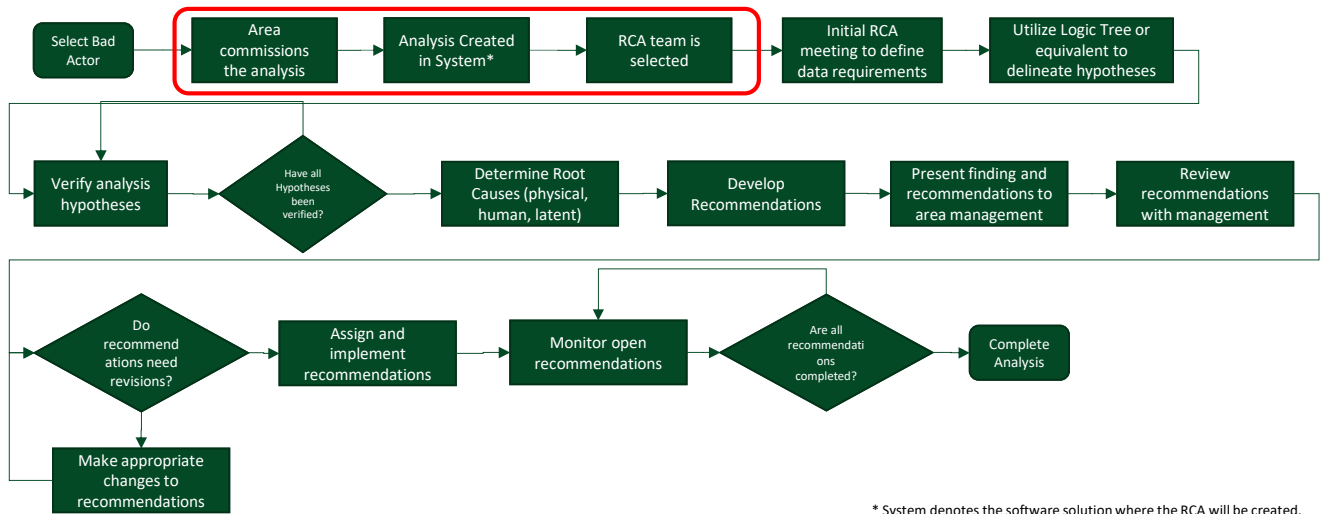
Sub-System Diagram



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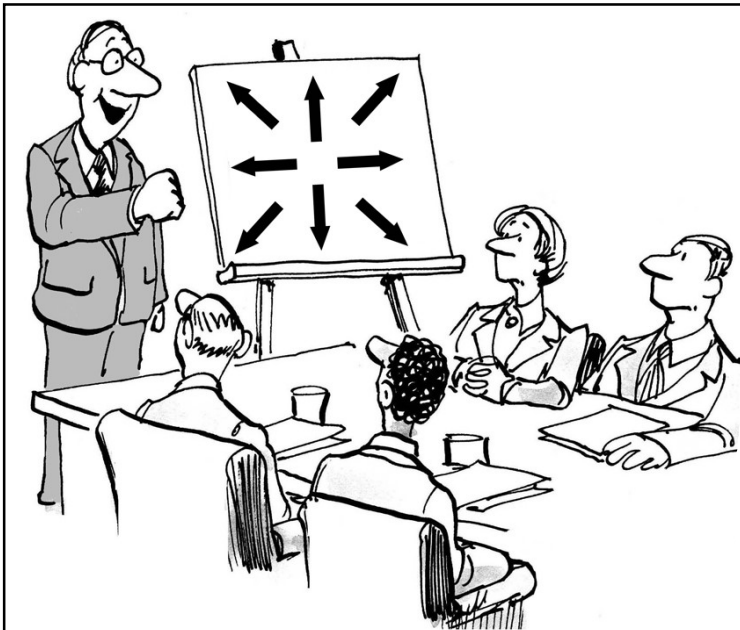


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Who's On the Team? Putting Together an Analysis Team

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Contrary to Popular Belief...

“Today we are going to decide who to blame.”

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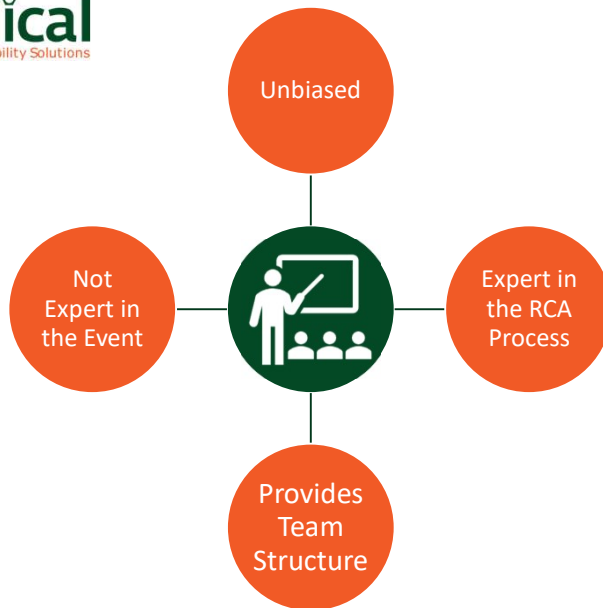


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Characteristics for an Effective Team

- **Multidisciplinary:** A good RCA team should consist of members with diverse expertise and perspectives. The team should include individuals from various departments who have relevant knowledge and skills to contribute to the analysis.
- **Analytical skills:** The team members should have strong analytical skills to be able to identify the underlying causes of the problem. They should be able to analyze data, identify patterns, and use logical reasoning to make informed decisions.
- **Communication skills:** The RCA team should have excellent communication skills to effectively communicate the findings to other stakeholders. This includes both written and verbal communication skills.
- **Objectivity:** The RCA team should be able to approach the analysis objectively and avoid any biases. They should be able to consider all relevant factors and perspectives without being influenced by personal opinions or agendas.
- **Accountability:** The RCA team should take ownership of the analysis and the recommendations made. They should be committed to following through on the recommendations and ensuring that the underlying issues are resolved.

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Role and Characteristics of an RCA Facilitator

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**Properly
Defining the
Problem is Half
the Game**



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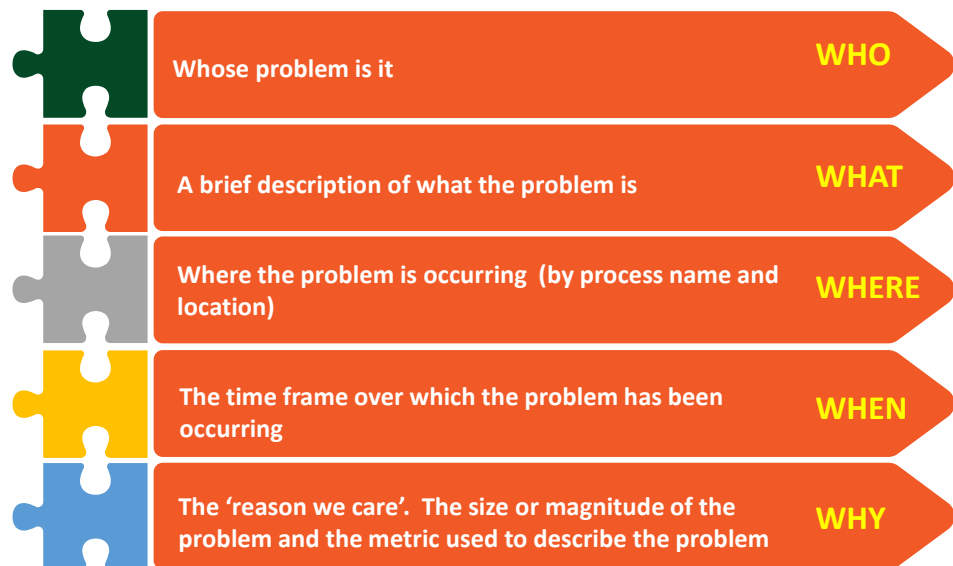
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Problem Statement Tip

- Write the Problem Statement **knowing beforehand who your audience is**, and what their expectations may be.
- Be aware you must likely **convince** both :
 - 1) **management** to provide resources to help you solve the problem as well as
 - 2) enlist **team members** to assist you;
- You don't want to spend your scarce time **explaining repeatedly** what you're trying to accomplish.
- **The Problem Statement is not to be confused with the Team Objective.** The Team Objective is a description of the scope of the analysis team.

Elements of an Effective Problem Statement – Job Aid





Problem Statement: Warnings

- **DON'T UNDERSTATE** - Be careful to avoid under-stating a problem statement. A natural tendency is to write a problem statement too simplistically because we don't have time to do the due diligence to define all the elements described.
- **DON'T TAKE SHORT CUTS** - If you're going to recruit support and resources to help solve your problem, others must understand the context and the significance in order to support you.
- **ONLY STATE FACTS** - The problem statement must not include any indication or speculation about the cause of the problem or what actions will be taken to solve the problem. Never attempt to solve the problem or steer the solution at this stage. This will allow the influence of biases to draw unproven conclusions as facts.

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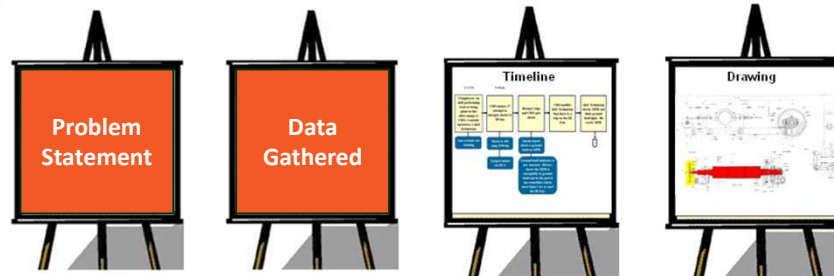
Problem Statement Example

- **Poor Problem Statement:** Crude charge pumps keep failing
- **Better Problem Statement:** Repetitive crude charge pump failures causing unplanned downtime and excessive maintenance repair cost. This is causing the refinery \$2,000,000 in LPO cost and \$150,000 in maintenance repair cost that was not budgeted.

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Ideal Initial Team Meeting
...But We Have to be Practical,
NOT PERFECT!
(FOR TRIGGERED EVENTS)

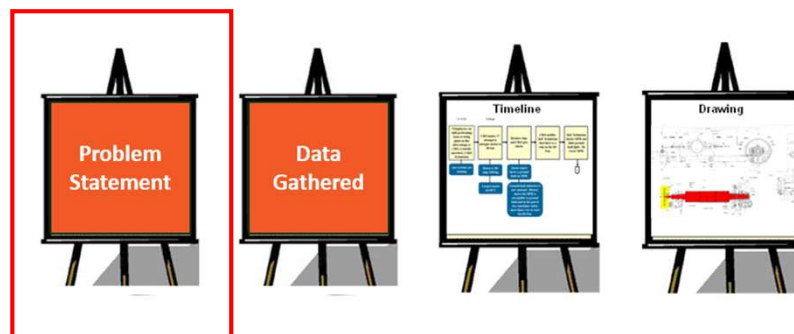


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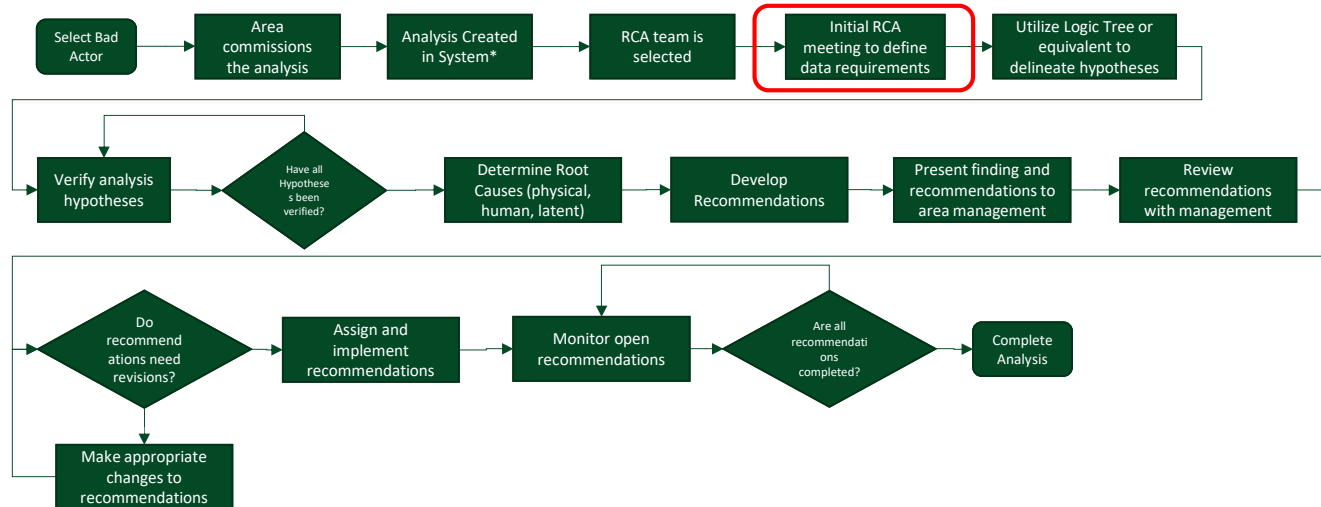
Exercise #5: Team Prep/Develop Problem Statement



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What Data/Evidence Do I Gather?

Developing a Data Gathering Strategy

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Types of Failure Data

- **Physical data:** Failed components and other physical data from the scene of the failure.
- **Equipment data:** Collecting data about the equipment itself, such as its make, model, age, and maintenance history, can help identify any issues with the equipment that may have contributed to the failure.
- **Operational data:** Data related to the operation of the equipment, such as the operating parameters, performance data, and any deviations from normal operating conditions, can provide insight into what may have caused the failure.
- **Maintenance data:** Collecting data about the maintenance history of the equipment, such as the maintenance schedules, repair records, and any modifications made to the equipment, can help identify any potential maintenance-related issues that may have contributed to the failure.
- **Environmental data:** Data related to the environment in which the equipment operates, such as temperature, humidity, and other environmental factors, can help identify any external factors that may have contributed to the failure.
- **Human factor data:** Data related to the operators and maintenance personnel, such as their training, experience, and any actions taken before or during the failure, can help identify any human factors that may have contributed to the failure.
- **Process data:** Data related to the process in which the equipment is used, such as the process parameters, controls, and procedures, can help identify any process-related issues that may have contributed to the failure.

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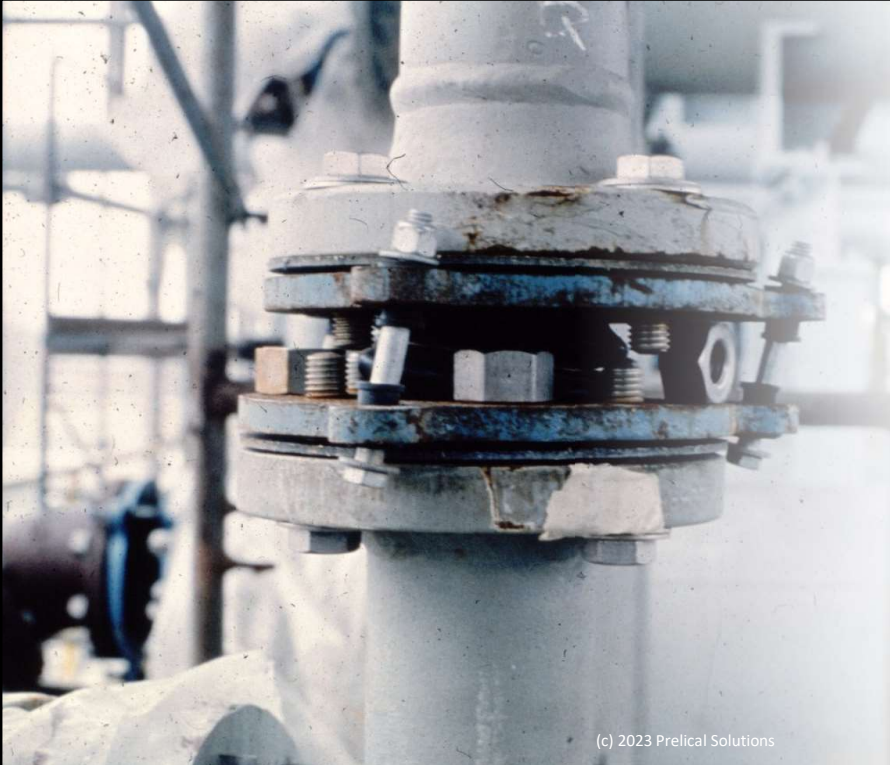


Component Examples (Tangibles)

- **Material Samples**
- **Review of Old vs New Parts**
- **Residue Samples**
- **Lubricant Samples**
- **Failed Parts (i.e. - Bearings, Gears)**
- **Calibration of Instruments/Gauges**
- **Leaking Fluids**
- **Water Samples**
- **Air Samples**
- **Raw Materials**

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Failure Location & Timing Information

- Functional Location of Failure
- Time of Failure (Day, Shift & Time of Year)
- Weather/Environmental Conditions
- Location of Fractured Parts
- Gauge Readings
- Where Were Relevant Personnel
- Failure Histories (Timing)
- Work Order Histories (Timing)

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Document Data

- Procedures & Their Histories
- Training Records
- Procurement Documentation
- Shift Logs
- JD Edwards/DCS/PI Info
- Inspection Results (Visual, PM)
- Chem & Metallurgical Lab Test Results
- P&IDs
- Work Order Histories
- HR Records

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Potential People To Talk With

- Witnesses
- Maintenance Personnel
- Operations Personnel
- Quality Personnel
- Reliability Technicians
- E & I Personnel
- Mechanics
- Storeroom/Warehouse Personnel
- EH&S Personnel
- Purchasing/Accounting Personnel
- Chem/Metallurgical Lab Personnel
- Leadership/Sponsors/Mgmt
- Vendors/Suppliers

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Mindsets/What People Believe

- We Were Short-Staffed
- We Lack Quality, Skilled Labor
- Turnover is Too High
- They Were Inexperienced
- Procedures are Not Updated/Not Followed
- We Were Never Trained on New Systems/Technologies
- We've Always Done it this Way
- It's Maintenance's Fault (Can't Keep Equipment Running)!
- It's Operation's Fault! (Running to Fast)



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Optional Exercise #6: Data Gathering Strategy

CSB Failure – ExxonMobil Torrance, CA

Break into Teams

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What Data Would You Need to Collect?



**ExxonMobil
Torrance
Refinery
Explosion**

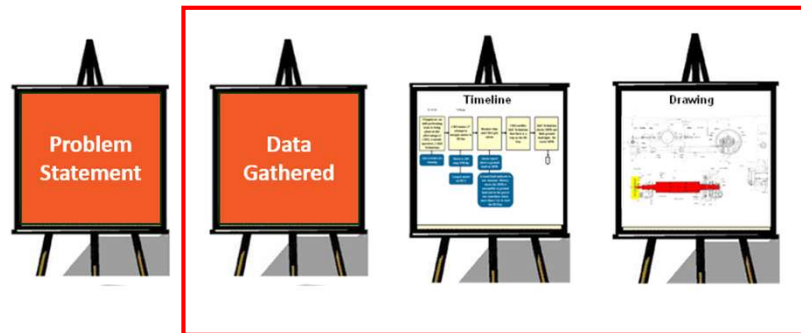
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Exercise #7: Identify Initial Data to Gather for RCA Team Meeting



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Incorporating HOP (Human & Organizational Performance) Principles Into RCA

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5 Core Principles of Human & Organizational Performance (HOP)

#	HOP Core Principles
1	People make mistakes
2	Blame fixes nothing
3	Context drives behavior
4	Learning is vital
5	Response matters

Source: Conklin, Pre-Accident Investigations, 2014



Understanding Human Reasoning Via Effective Interviewing



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How Therapy Works...

- Therapy is, in part, an ongoing interview...**NOT AN INTERROGATION**
- An interview is essentially a structured conversation where one participant asks questions and the other provides answers.
- Indeed, therapists regularly use interview techniques to gather useful information that will, in turn, help them better understand the client's difficulties, implement proper interventions, assess progress, and overcome obstacles in therapy

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#	Interviewing Technique	Description
1	Reflection	'Verbal mirroring' of the client's communications, by which the therapist restates what the client has said (usually in a summarized, paraphrased form)
2	Pinpointing	Clarify or 'pin down' the client's specific meaning regarding some event or interaction
3	Open-Ended Questions	An open-ended question is one that cannot be answered with a simple yes or no or another short reply
4	Confrontation	Used to point out discrepancies between what the client states and what is being observed
5	Self-Disclosure	Disclosing an aspect and show <u>empathy</u> of the therapist's experience is another technique that may be used to establish rapport, support the client emotionally,
6	Silence	Pauses in conversation may create a space for self-reflection, in which thoughts and emotions may become clearer and reach awareness
7	Reframing	Seeing old problems or events with new eyes
8	Focusing	Ensure that the therapeutic encounter remains just that—focused on the work of therapy

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#	Interviewing Technique	Therapeutic Examples
1	Reflection	Client says , "I can't seem to get anywhere in life". Reflective Response : "So, you feel like you're not achieving your life goals?"
2	Pinpointing	Client says , "I was abused as a child". Pinpoint Response : "What do you mean by abused?"
3	Open-Ended Questions	Therapist says , "Did you enjoy dinner with your mother?" vs. Open-Ended question : "Tell me how dinner was with your mother?"
4	Confrontation	Client says , "I drink socially". Confrontation Response : "You've had 3 DUIs in the recent past and you said you drink in the morning to steady your nerves. Tell me what social drinking means to you."

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#	Interviewing Technique	Therapeutic Examples
5	Self-Disclosure	Client says , "People think I'm a troublemaker because I get bored quickly in school and then get in trouble." Self-Disclosure Response : "I can relate, as I had ADHD in school and did the same thing."
6	Silence	Client says , "I get so mad at my spouse I feel like hitting them". Silence then Client Responds : "Then I immediately feel guilty for being a lousy spouse myself".
7	Reframing	Client says , "I'm nervous about my job interview". Reframing Response : "That's a good thing, it means you care".
8	Focusing	Client goes off on tangent about child's accomplishments. Focusing Response : "Your child sounds amazing, and you should be proud. Now let's pick up where we left off talking about your mother-in-law"

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Application to RCA Interviewing...

#	Interviewing Technique	RCA Facilitation Examples
1	Reflection	Interviewee says , "I took a shortcut to ensure there was no production loss". Reflective Response : "As you know, this is very common. When one feels time pressured, they often take short-cuts in order to maximize production"
2	Pinpointing	Interviewee says , "We always take that short cut". Pinpoint Response : "Tell me more details about how often 'always' is, and specifically this short cut"
3	Open-Ended Questions	RCA Facilitator says , "Did you follow the procedure?" vs. Open-Ended question : "What led you to believe that was the correct choice (Sense-making), at that time?"
4	Confrontation	Interviewee says , "All those bolts were tightened when I did the inspection yesterday". Confrontation Response : "2 of the 8 coupling bolts were missing and the remaining ones had oxidation about ¼" from the head, indicating they were loose for some time. How do we reconcile these two accounts?"

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Application to RCA Interviewing...

#	Interviewing Technique	RCA Facilitation Examples
5	Self-Disclosure	Interviewee says , "People think I'm a troublemaker because I'm opinionated." Self-Disclosure Response : "I can relate, as I was just like that. Then I got into the investigation business and learned I needed evidence to support my claims...it really works"
6	Silence	Interviewee says , "I get so mad when my boss doesn't listen to me". Silence then Client Responds : "Then I just give up and stop telling him about the safety hazards I see".
7	Reframing	Interviewee says , "They say Safety is #1, but their actions say differently". Reframing Response : "Why do you feel Safety is just a slogan?"
8	Focusing	Interviewee goes off on tangent about being reprimanded in the past. Focusing Response : "I'm sorry you had this impactful event, when did this happen [usually it's been years and they still carry the burden]"

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Interviewing Preparation Guide



**Psychological Safety
Interviewing Guide
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Time to Get Salty 😊!

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RCA Interviews - Getting 'Salty' in the Mill ☺



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Incorporating Human Factors Engineering Principles Into RCA

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Human Error Defined

“Error will be taken as a generic term to encompass all those occasions in which a planned sequence of mental and physical activities fails to achieve its intended outcome, and when these failures cannot be attributed to some chance agency.”

- J.T. Reasons

University of Manchester

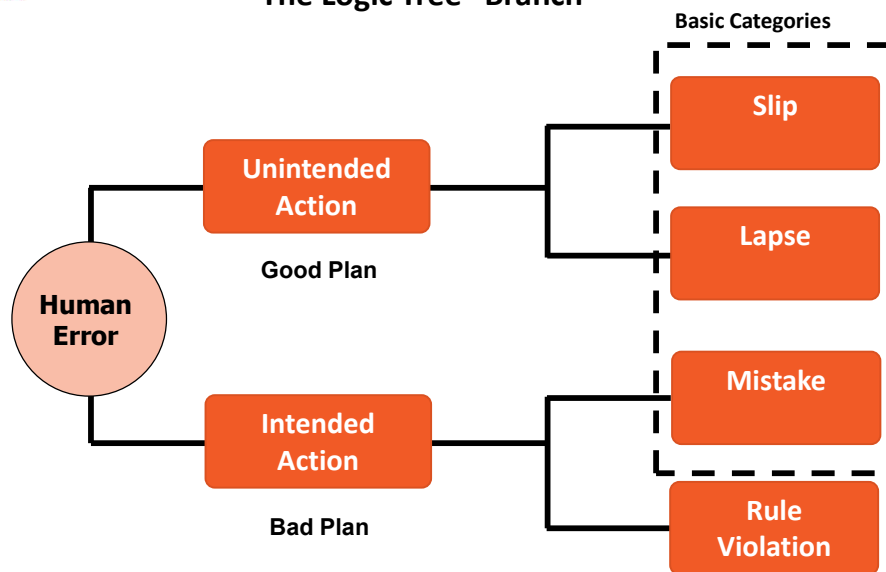
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Human Error

The Logic Tree “Branch”



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Term	Definition
Unintended Actions	Actions that deviate from intended action fall into two classes; those that nevertheless achieve the goal, and those that do not.
Slips	Are potentially observable as externalized actions-not-as-planned (i.e. – slips of the tongue).
Lapses	Are generally more covert errors and involve failures of memory.
Intended Actions	Even when the intended actions proceed as planned, they can still be judged as erroneous if they fail to achieve their intended outcome. In this case, the problem resides in the adequacy of the plan rather than conformity of its actions to some prior intention. If the intention is not appropriate, it is a mistake.
Mistakes	Are defined as deficiencies or failures in the judgmental and/or inferential processes involved in the selection of an objective or in the specification of the means to achieve it, irrespective of whether or not the actions directed by this decision-scheme run according to the plan.

Source: Managing the Risks of Organizational Accidents (Reason)

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Why Do Mix-Ups Occur?

Human Factors in Design – Medication Labeling and Procedure Writing

Procedure Writing – Mixed Case:

The attending surgeon shall record in the medical record the correct side for and name of the surgical procedure

Procedure Writing – All Upper Case:

THE ATTENDING SURGEON SHALL RECORD IN THE MEDICAL RECORD THE CORRECT SIDE FOR AND NAME OF THE SURGICAL PROCEDURE

Medication

Unique
Pattern

MEDICATION

Generic Pattern

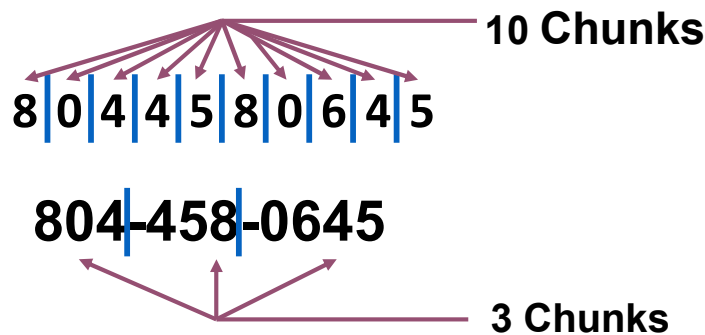
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Human Factors in Design – Brain Processing Capability



Of all the signals that reach our sensory register, we focus on a few that seem important (normal capacity is about seven “chunks” of information).

Source: Making Connections: Teaching and the Human Brain (Caine and Caine 1991)

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What Do You See?

The Mind is a Mysterious Thing (#1)

**A bird in the
the hand is
worth two in
the bush**

Perceptions are mental models developed in the brain to interpret incoming information the way it SHOULD BE versus the way that it IS.

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hmuan mnid Aoccdrnig to a rscheearch at
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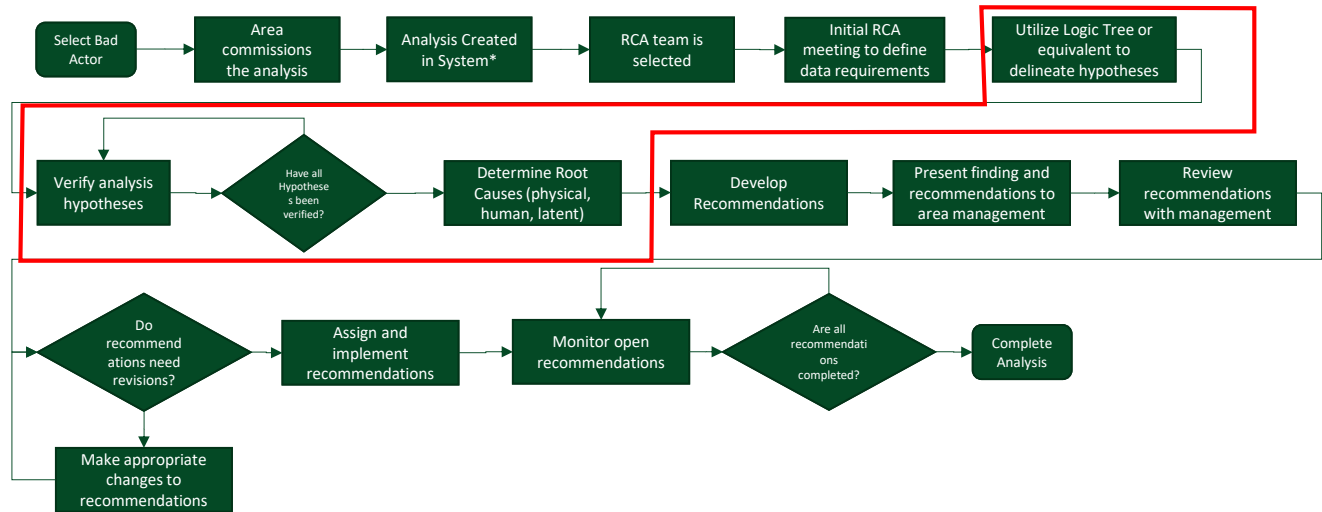
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Simplified Failure Elimination Workflow (Chronic)



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Reconstructing an Undesirable Outcome/Event

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What is your preferred RCA Approach?

- ☐ 5 Whys
- ☐ Fishbone Diagram
- ☐ Logic Tree/Causal Factor Type Tree
- ☐ Other



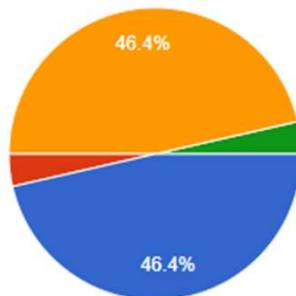
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Previous Running Averages

What is your preferred RCA Approach?



- 5 Whys
- Fishbone Diagram
- Logic Tree/Causal Factor Type Tree
- Other

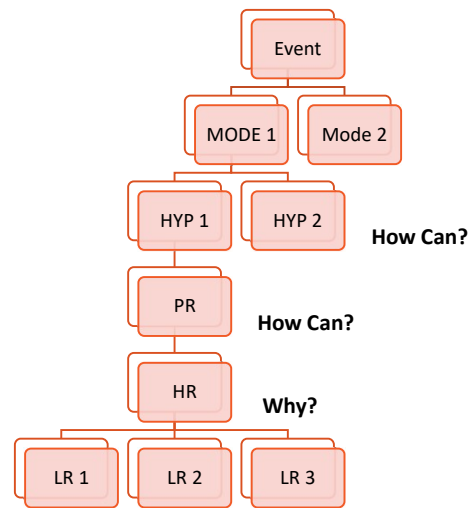
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5-WHYS



Causal Factor Tree

**If an Analysis
Concludes with 1
Root Cause (RC),
It's NOT an RCA**



1. Loss of Peripheral Vision – latch on to something obvious, we do not look for other things going on simultaneously
2. Does not consider multiple root causes and contributing factors
3. This '1 cause' belief provides fuel to the critics of the term 'RCA'

If an Analysis Concludes With Blame, It's NOT an RCA

5-WHY



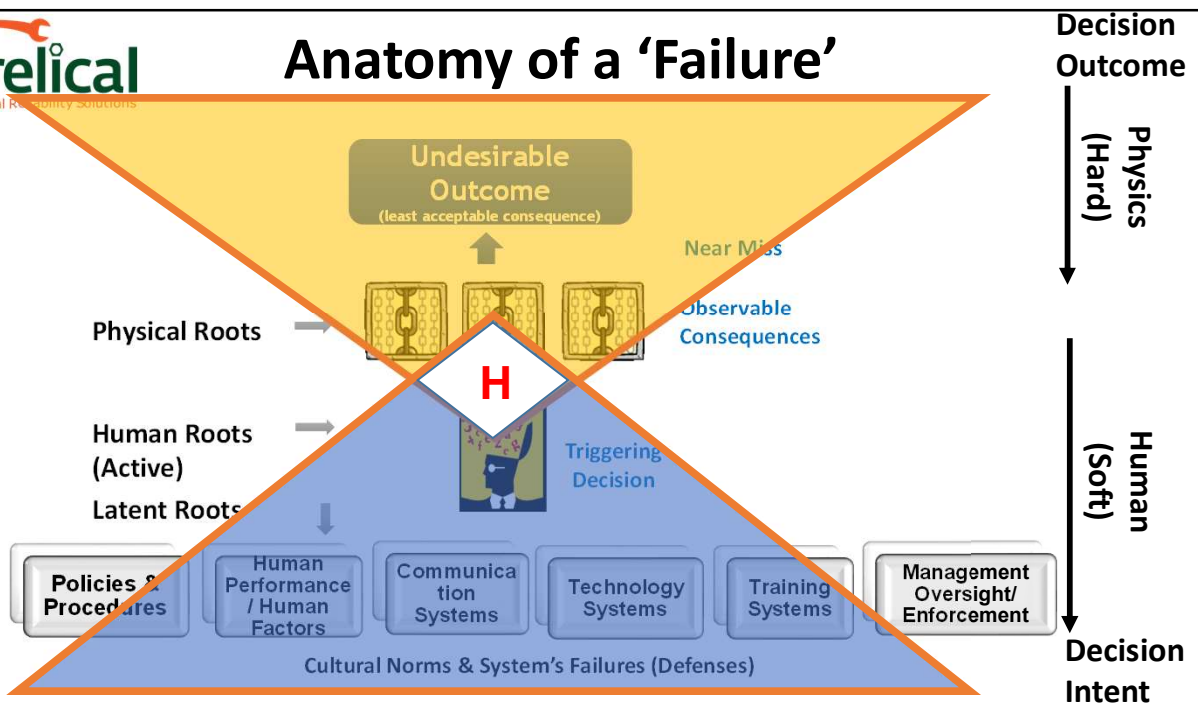
1. Ran out of 'Whys'...
2. Does not seek reasoning for inappropriate decision
3. Cannot identify multiple flawed organizational systems, influencing the decision-maker

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Anatomy of a 'Failure'



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The 'Root' System

HOW's { **Consequences**

**Component Causes
(Physical)**

WHY's { **Actions**
Intent

**Decision Roots
– WHY? (Human)**

**Deficiencies in
Organizational
Systems
(Latent)**

HOP

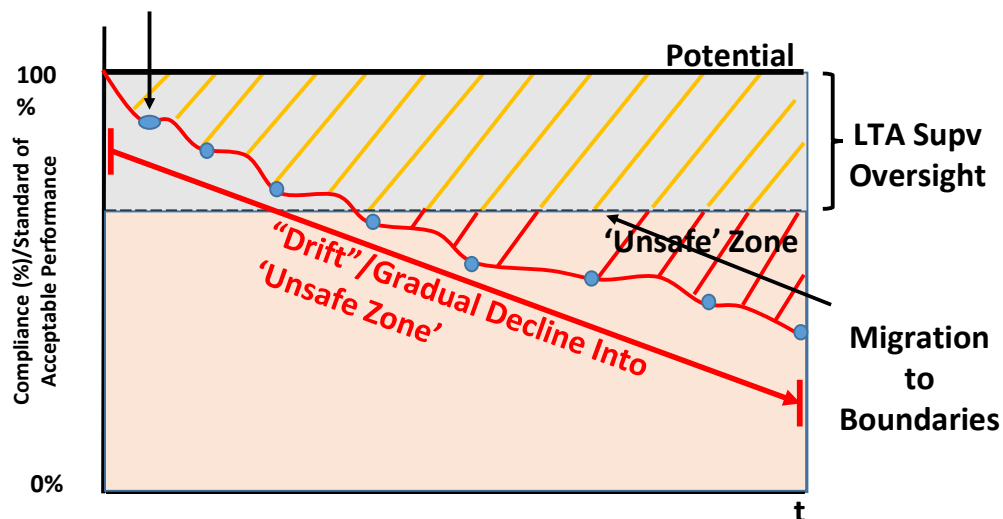
Where Current RCA Efforts Often Lack Depth!

HOP = Human & Organizational Performance

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Forgetting to be Afraid* ...

Normalization of Deviance
(short-cuts turn into practice)



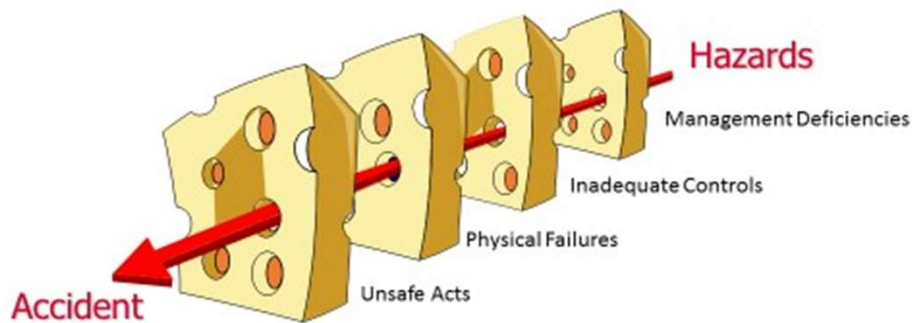
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James Reason's "Swiss Cheese" Model of Accident Causation (1990)



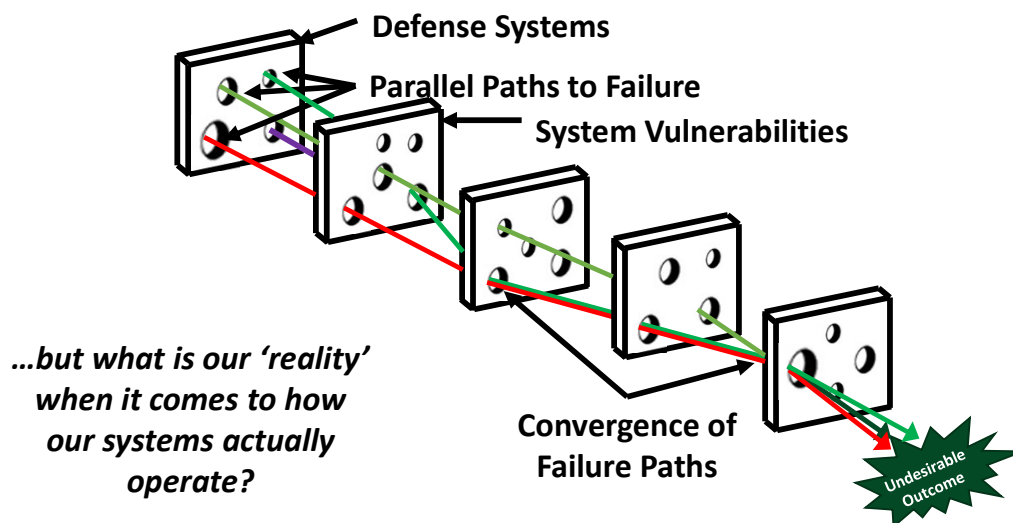
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The Bob Latino Interpretation of Reason's SCM



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Constructing a Logic Tree



Properly State the 'EVENT'

- ☐ The **Undesirable Outcome**
- ☐ Business Performance **Consequence**
- ☐ The '**Trigger**' requiring further analysis
- ☐ **The 'Reason We Care'**
- ☐ An indisputal FACT

The 'Event' is the Direct LINK to Leadership for Analysis Support

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Constructing a Logic Tree

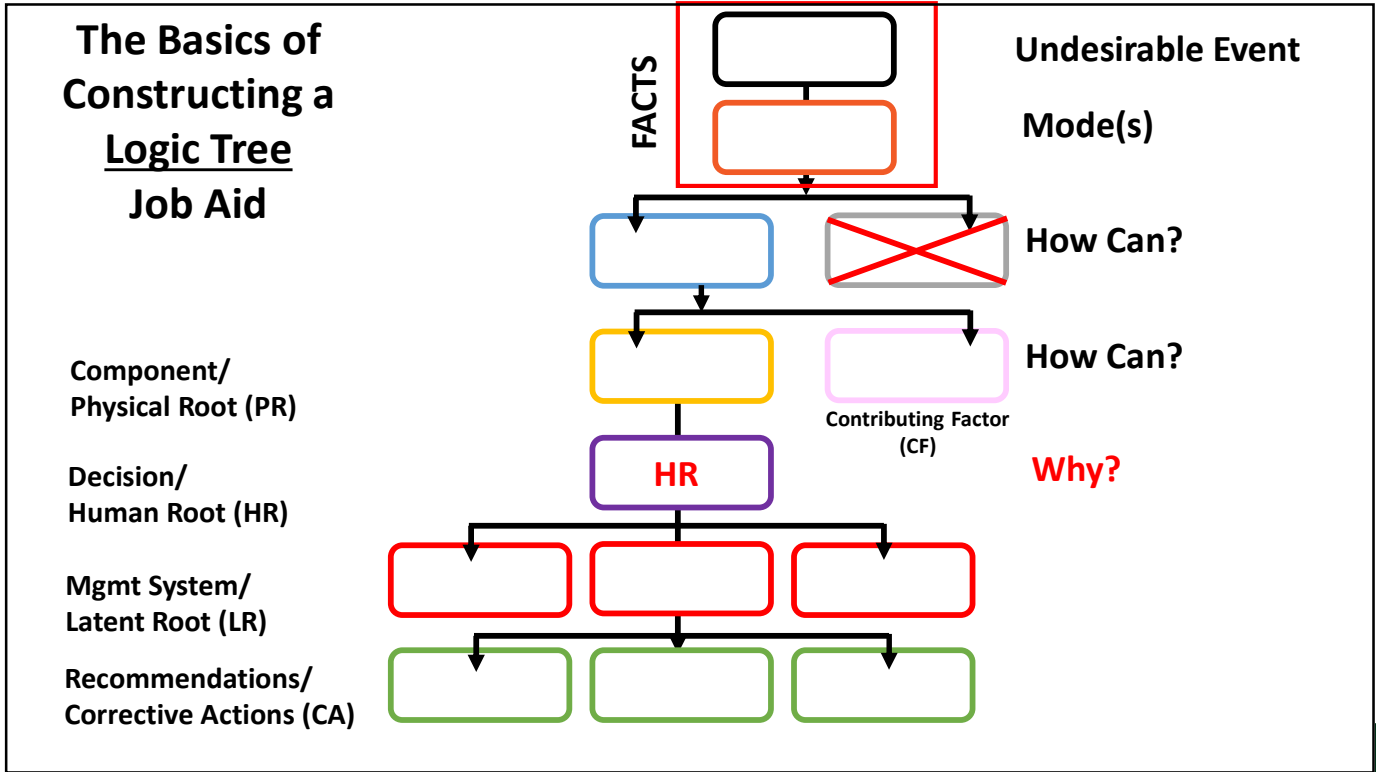


Properly Identify the Failure Mode(s)

- ☐ **Failure Mechanisms** leading to the Event
- ☐ Observed **Anomalies**
- ☐ **FACTS! FACTS! FACTS!**

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Verification Log

Hypothesis	Verification Method	Verification Outcome	Resp	Due Date	Completion Date

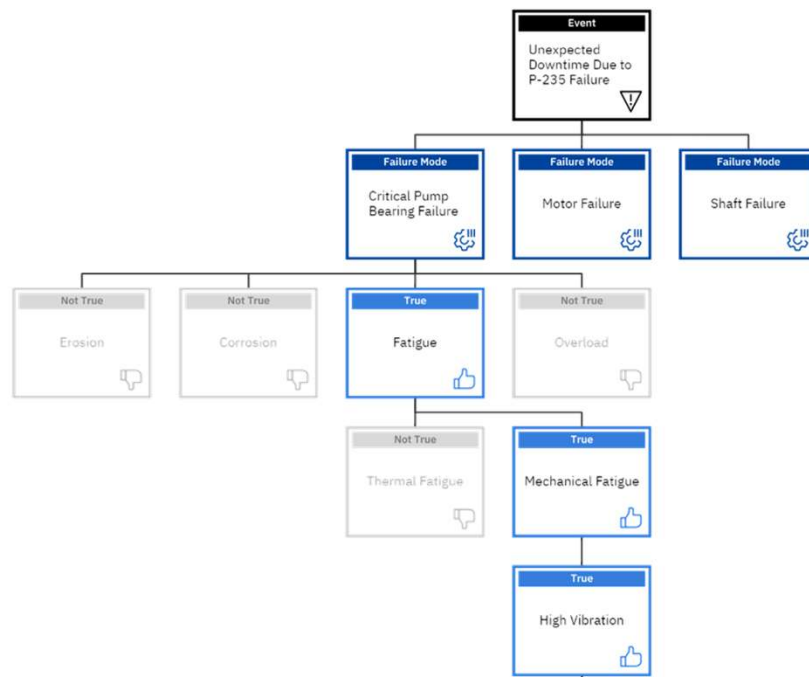
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Corrective Action Log

Identified Root Cause	P, H or L	Suggested Corrective Actions	Resp	Due Date	Completion Date	Metrics Date

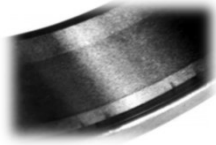
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Metallurgy 101

Erosion



Uniform Loss of Metal

Corrosion



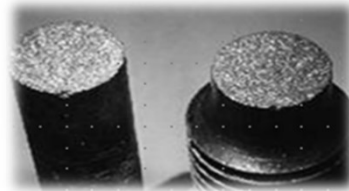
Pitting (Electrical Phenomena)

Fatigue



Cyclic Failure

Overload



Instantaneous Fracture

How Material Failure Occurs

Material Loss	Material is Overpowered
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Erosion (Wear) ➤ Corrosion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fatigue ➤ Overload

And many combinations of these four mechanisms!

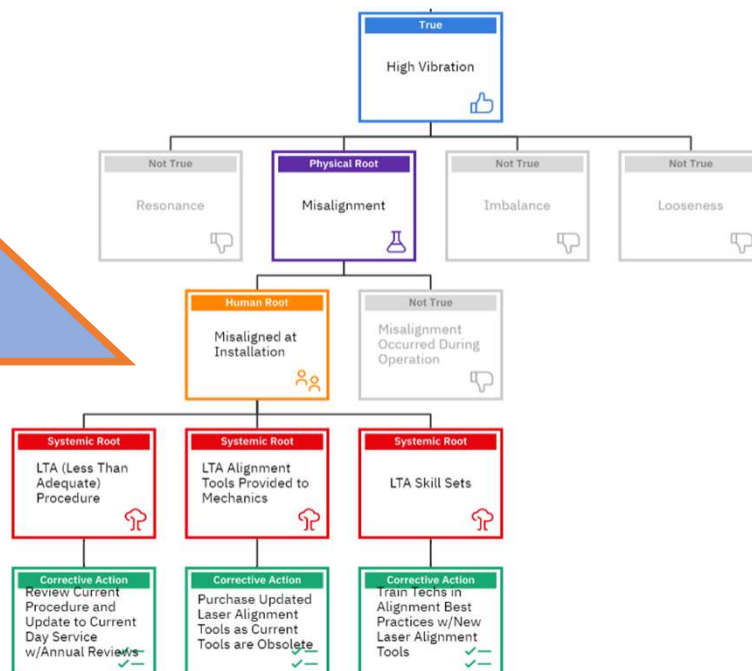
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The Social Sciences Stuff



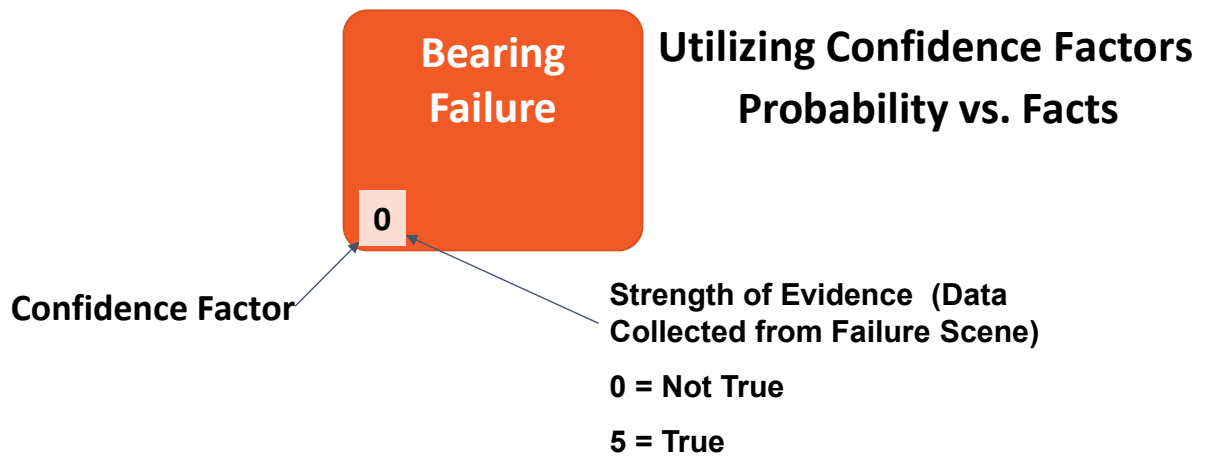
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Event Reconstruction Using a Logic Tree Tips & Tricks



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Event Reconstruction Using a Logic Tree Tips & Tricks

- To see if the logic is sound, read it backwards as well as forwards.
 - For instance, in the last example, if I read it this way: “Are all the ways in which a bearing can fail, contained somewhere within the Erosion, Corrosion, Fatigue, and/or Overload hypotheses?”
- During reconstruction, consider it being in a ‘draft’ mode. When completed, we must re-read and re-word to ensure the logic reads like a story.
- Each hypothesis must represent a ‘Statement of Deficiency’.
 - For instance, ‘Vibration’ does not describe a deficiency. It must be more descriptive like, ‘Vibration levels exceeded set alarm limits.’

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Event Reconstruction Using a Logic Tree Tips & Tricks

- The natural tendency of a team will be to jump to conclusions, usually way down the tree. As the team leader, your job is to pull the reins in and stick to the discipline of the logic tree questioning.
 - For instance, when we find that a bearing fails, the natural tendency is to jump to installed wrong, lubrication wrong, wrong bearing, etc. However, move back in shorter increments of time and visualize 'HOW' the bearing actually failed (erosion, corrosion, fatigue, and/or overload)'.
- When the tree is complete, start to label roots. The easiest way to do that is to find where humans made a decision/choice (or a Human Root). Typically, just above that node is a Physical Root (consequence) and just below that node will be the Latent Roots (reasoning/systems roots).

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Event Reconstruction Using a Logic Tree Tips & Tricks

- Another natural tendency of a team will be to jump to a predetermined conclusion. This is common when revisiting a prior failure where a conclusion had been determined. Under such conditions, there will be a tendency to make the logic match your prior conclusions, and it will often prevent you from exploring new, additional options. Ensure that new options are explored by using 'How Can' questioning versus only 'Why'. Remember, parallel paths to failure are most common.

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"Wide" Logic Trees (Bushes)



"Tall" Logic Trees
(Redwoods)

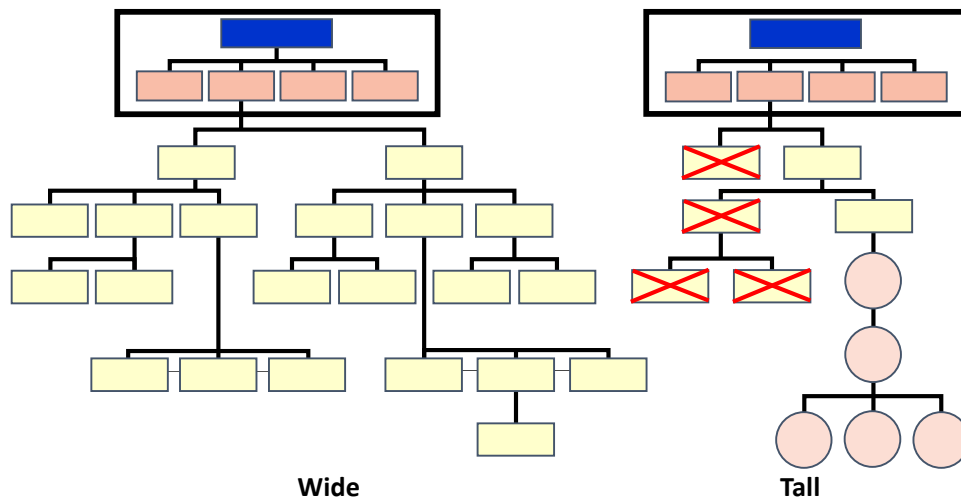
Which Tree Structure is Desired?

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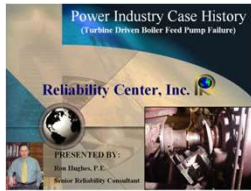
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Online Case Studies



Thermo-Compressor Cone Failures (~ 18 minutes)



Turbine Driven Boiler Feed Pump Failure (~16 minutes)

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What is [ChatGPT](#) & How Can it Help an RCA?

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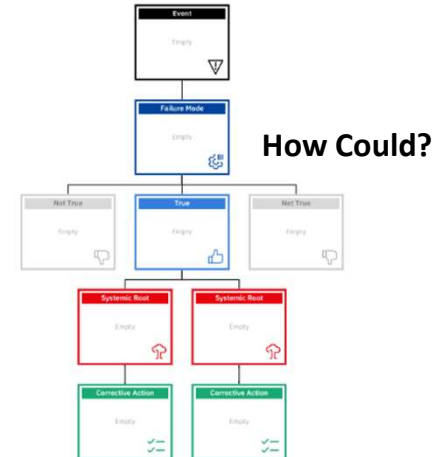
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5-Whys vs Logic Tree: What's the Difference?

5-WHY



Logic Tree/ Causal Factor Tree

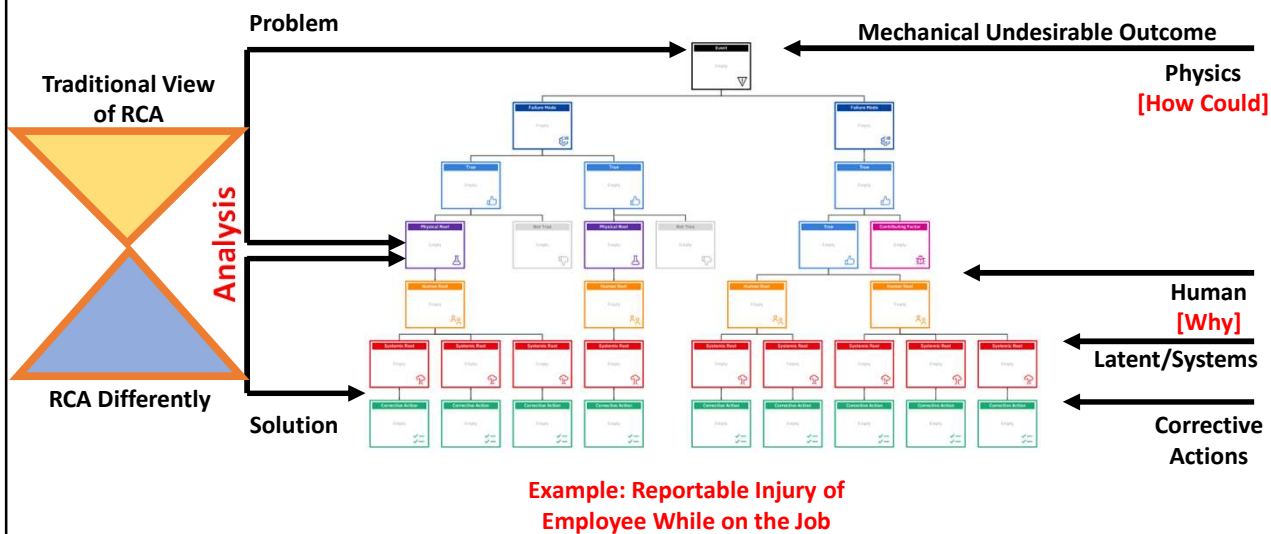


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In Holistic RCA, The Nature of Undesirable Outcome is Irrelevant

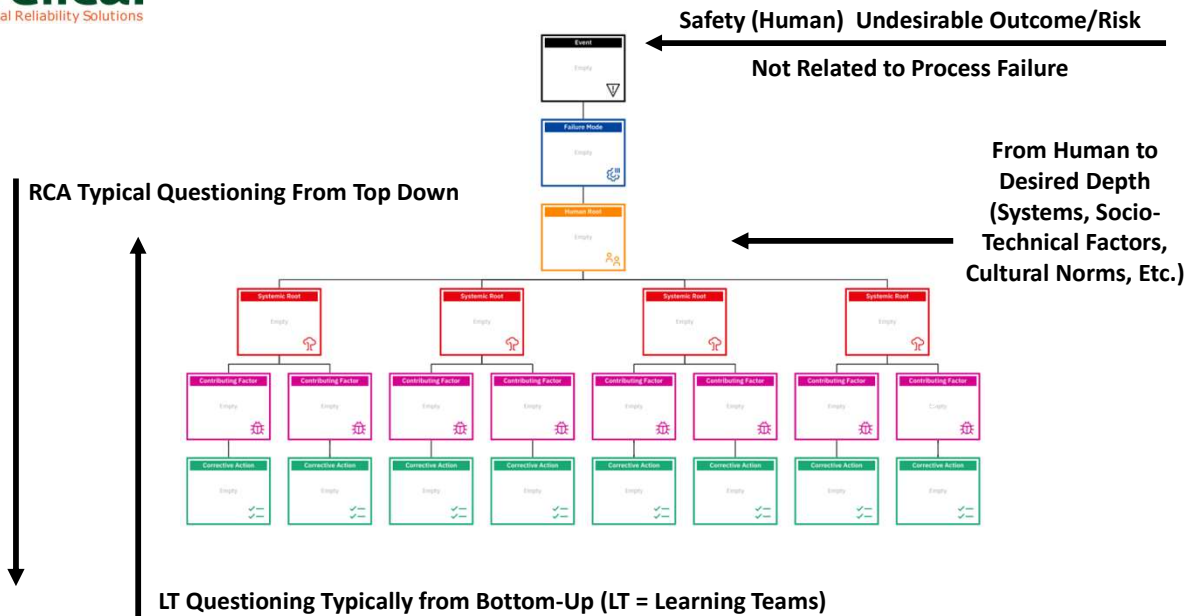


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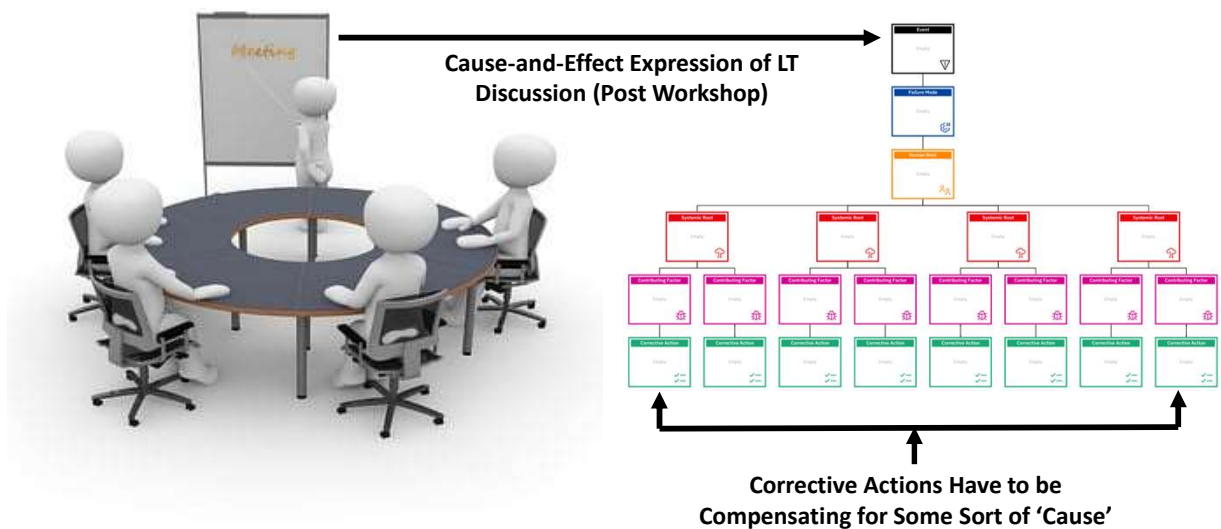
HOP Principles Applied to RCA



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RCA Differently vs Learning Teams (LT): Cause-And-Effect Expressions



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Case #1

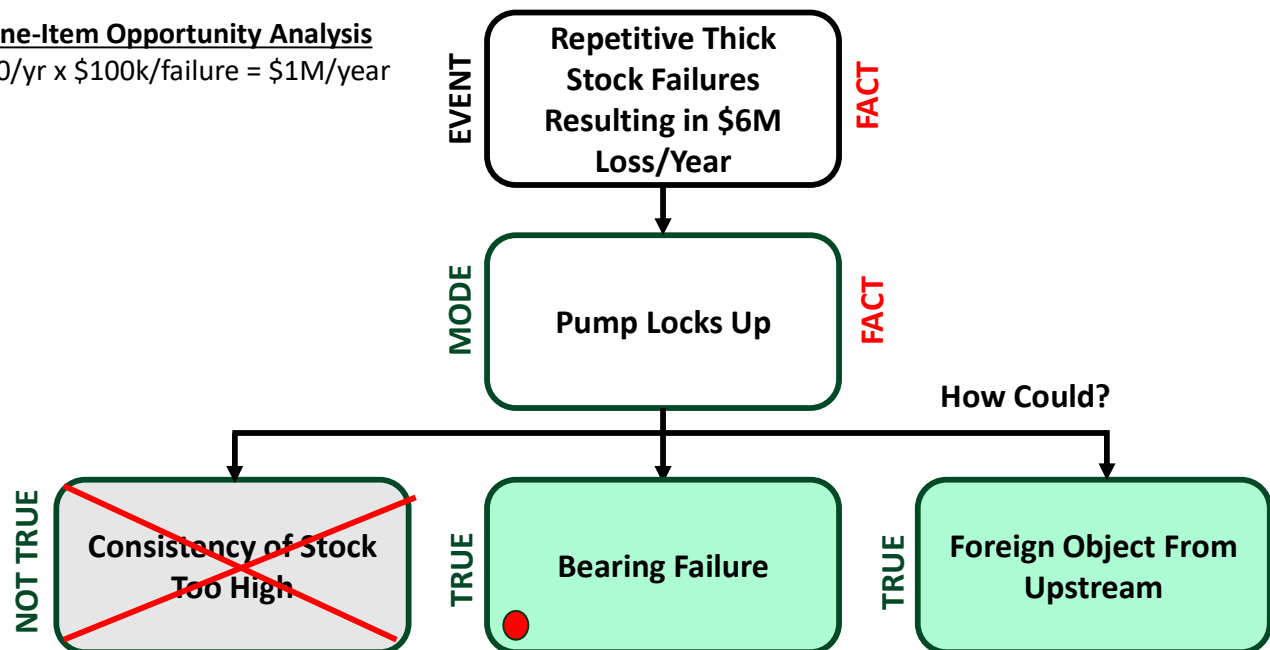
Thick Stock Pump Analysis



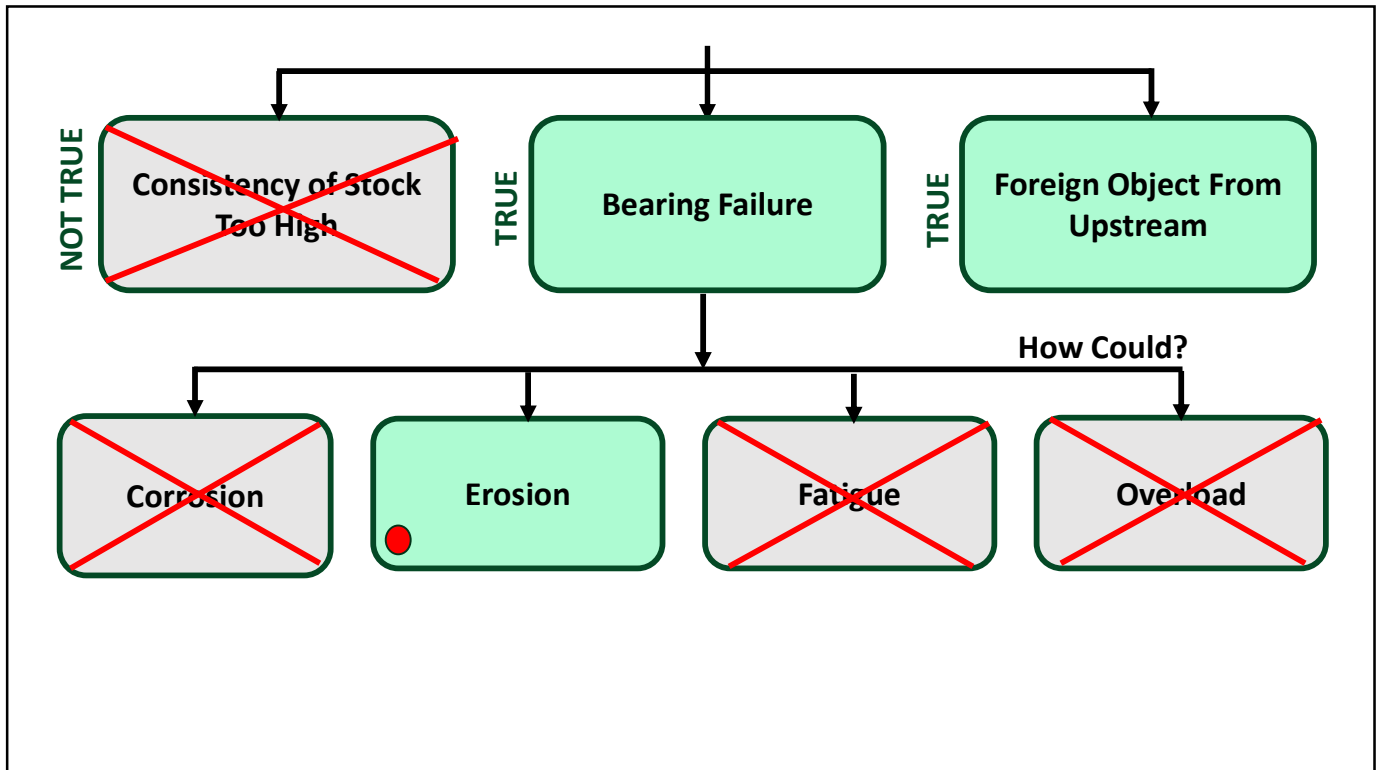
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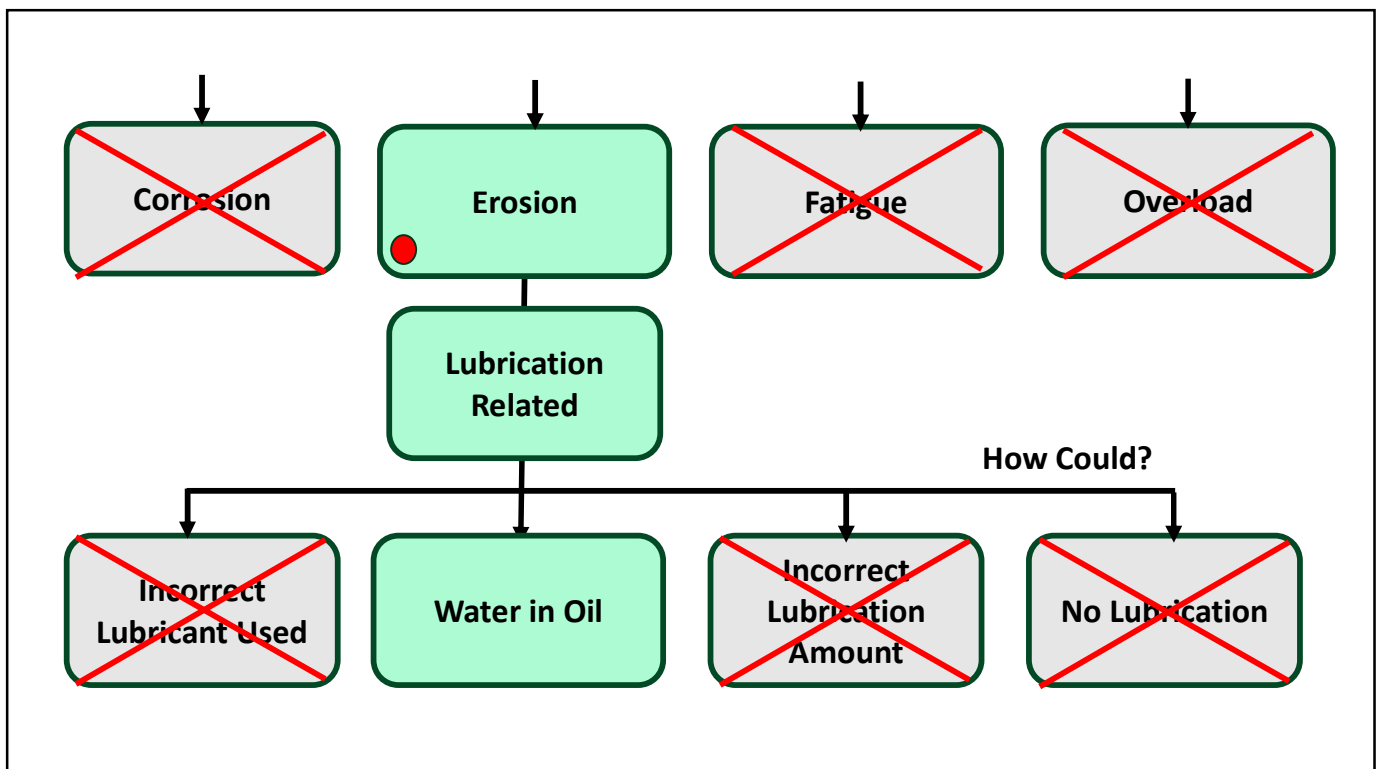
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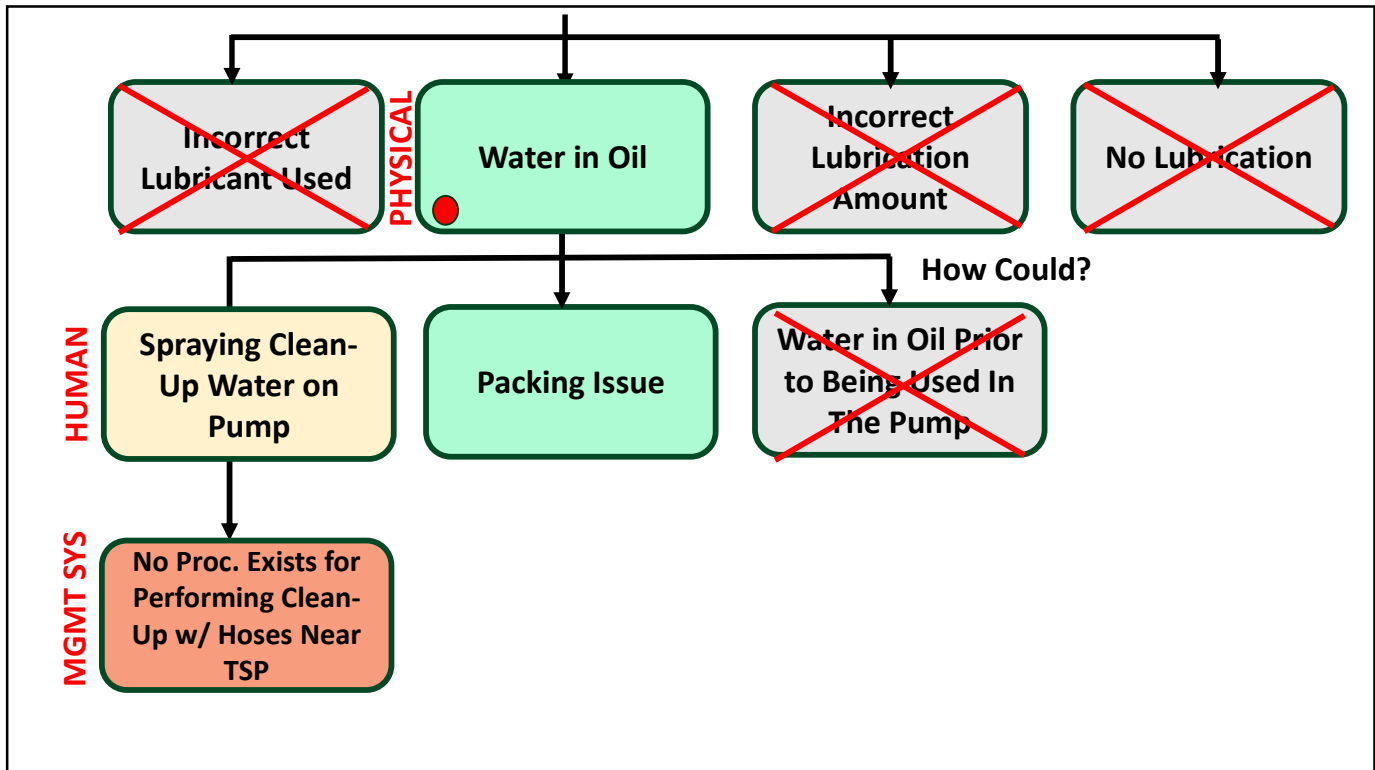
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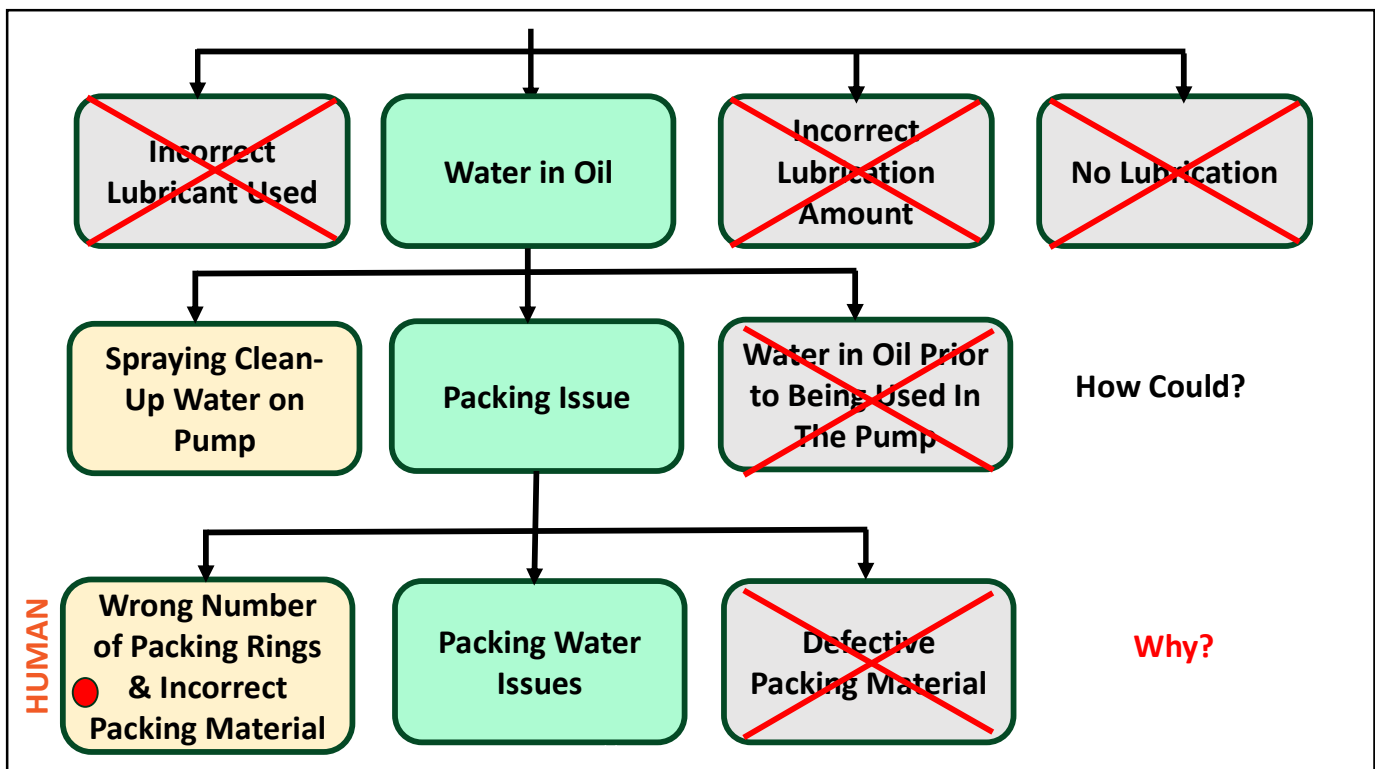
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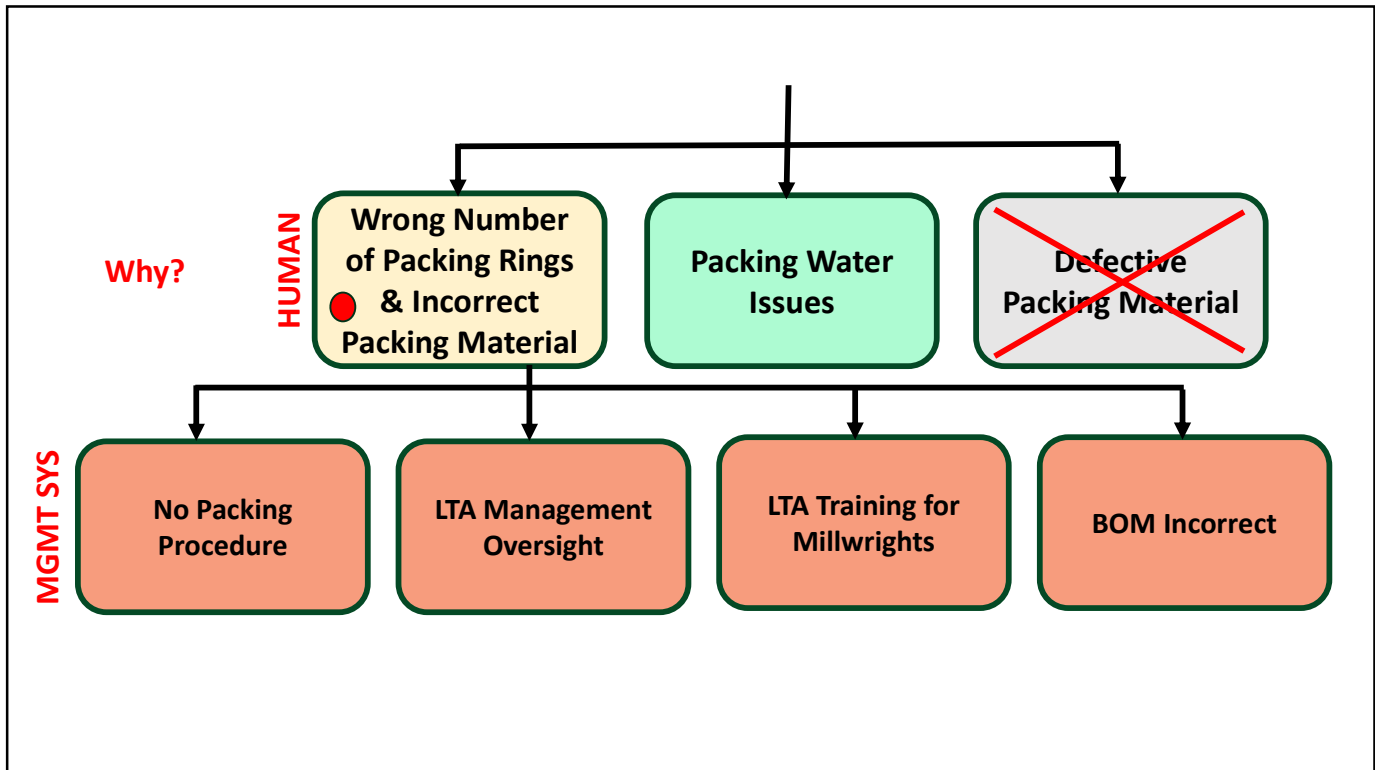
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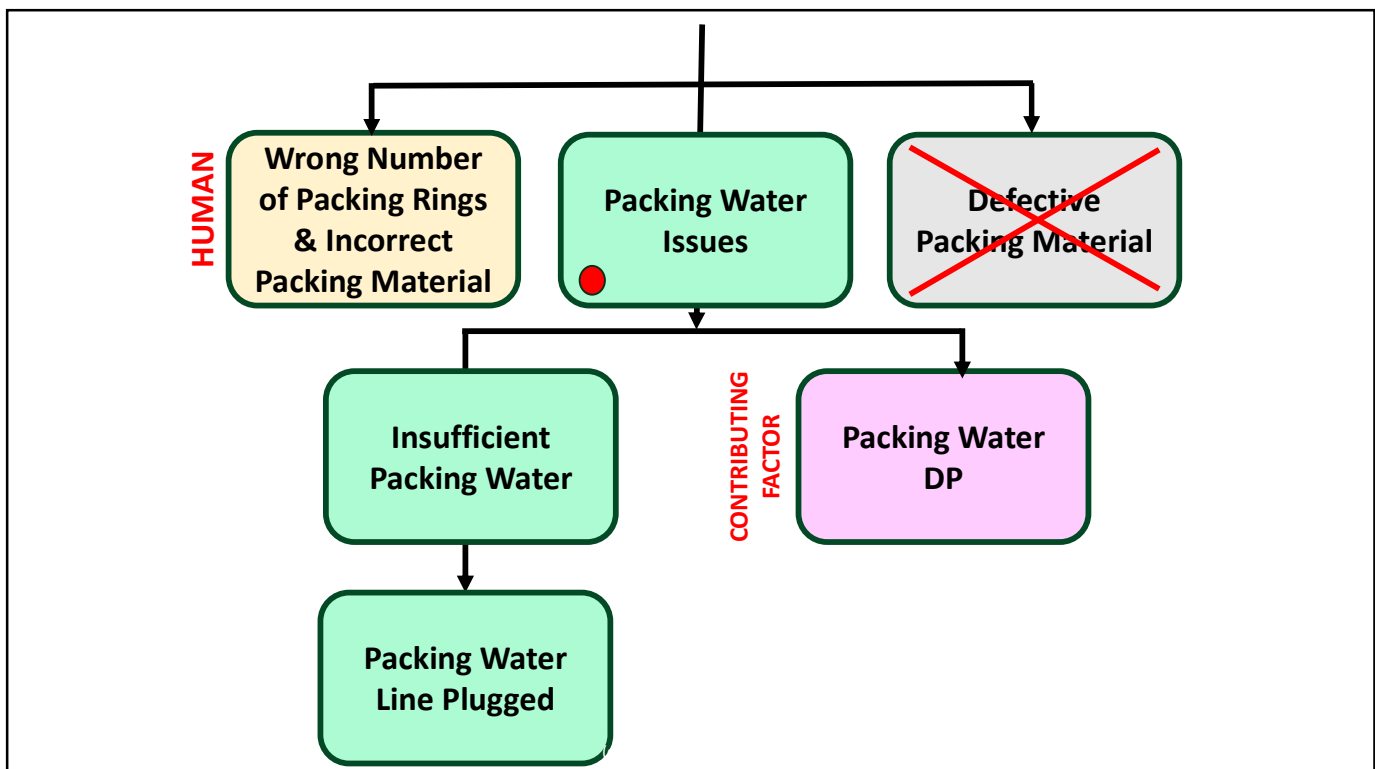
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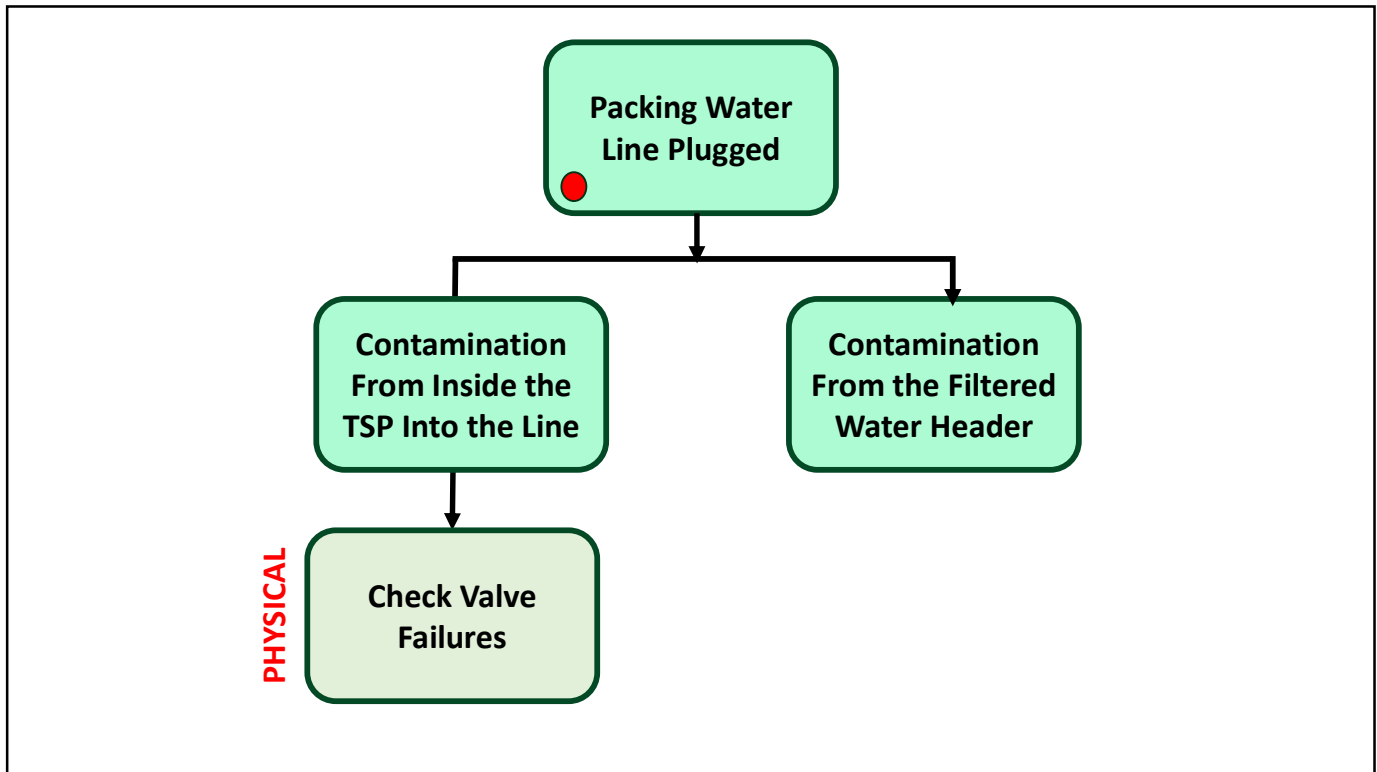
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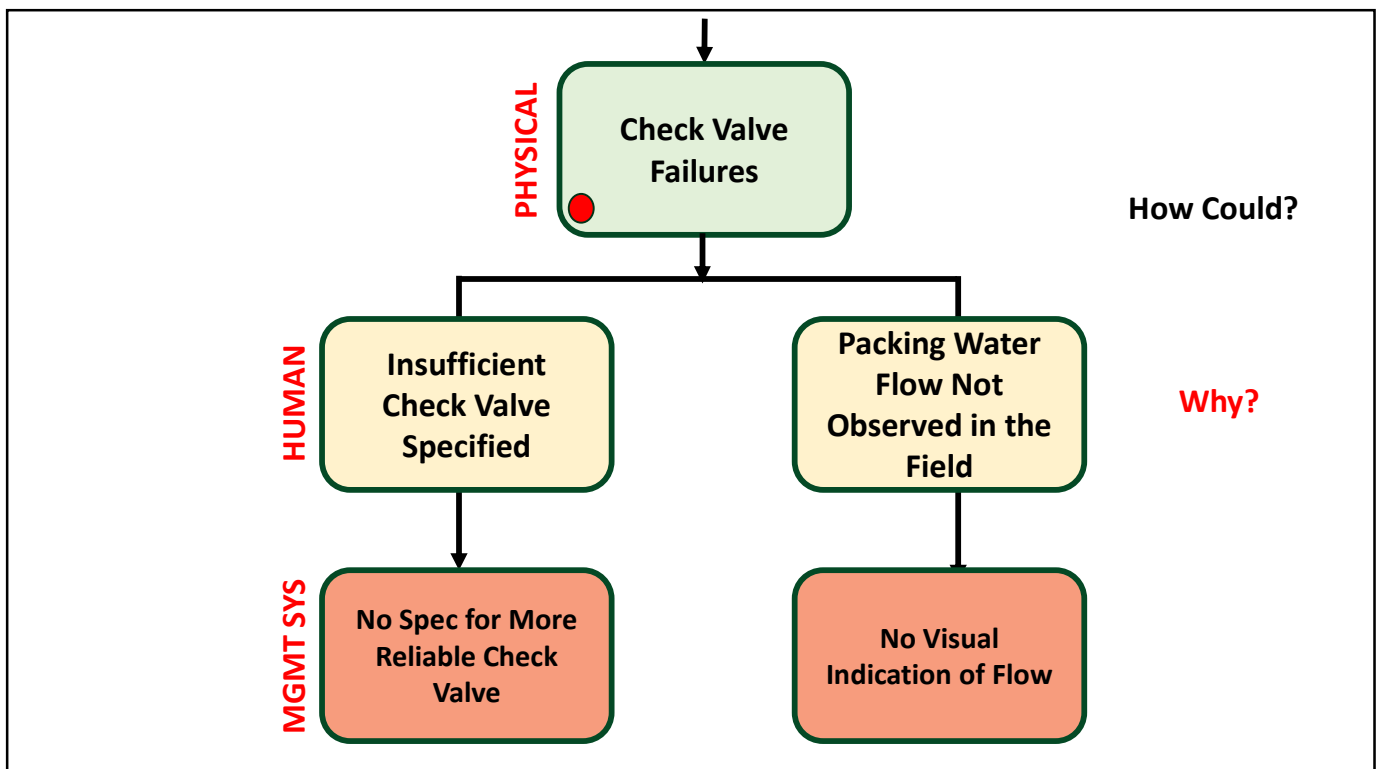
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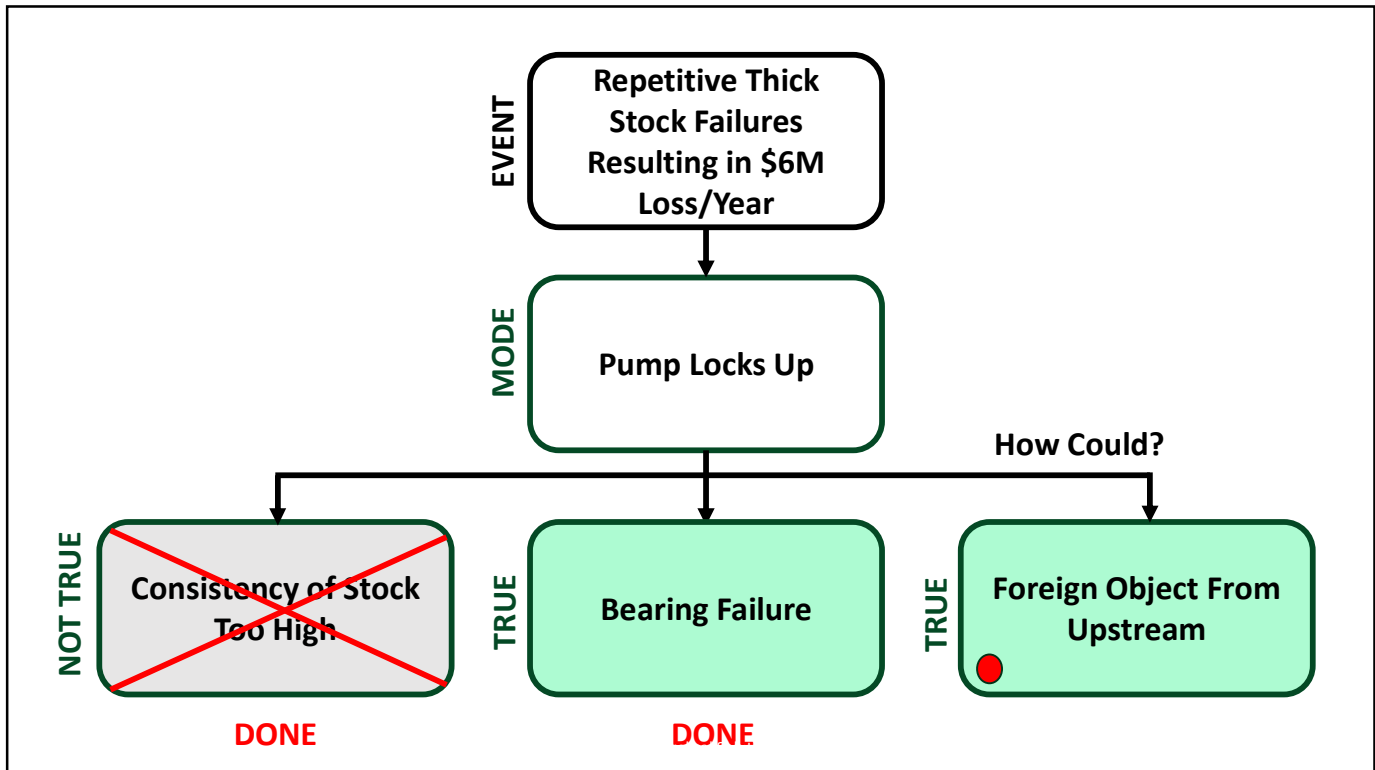
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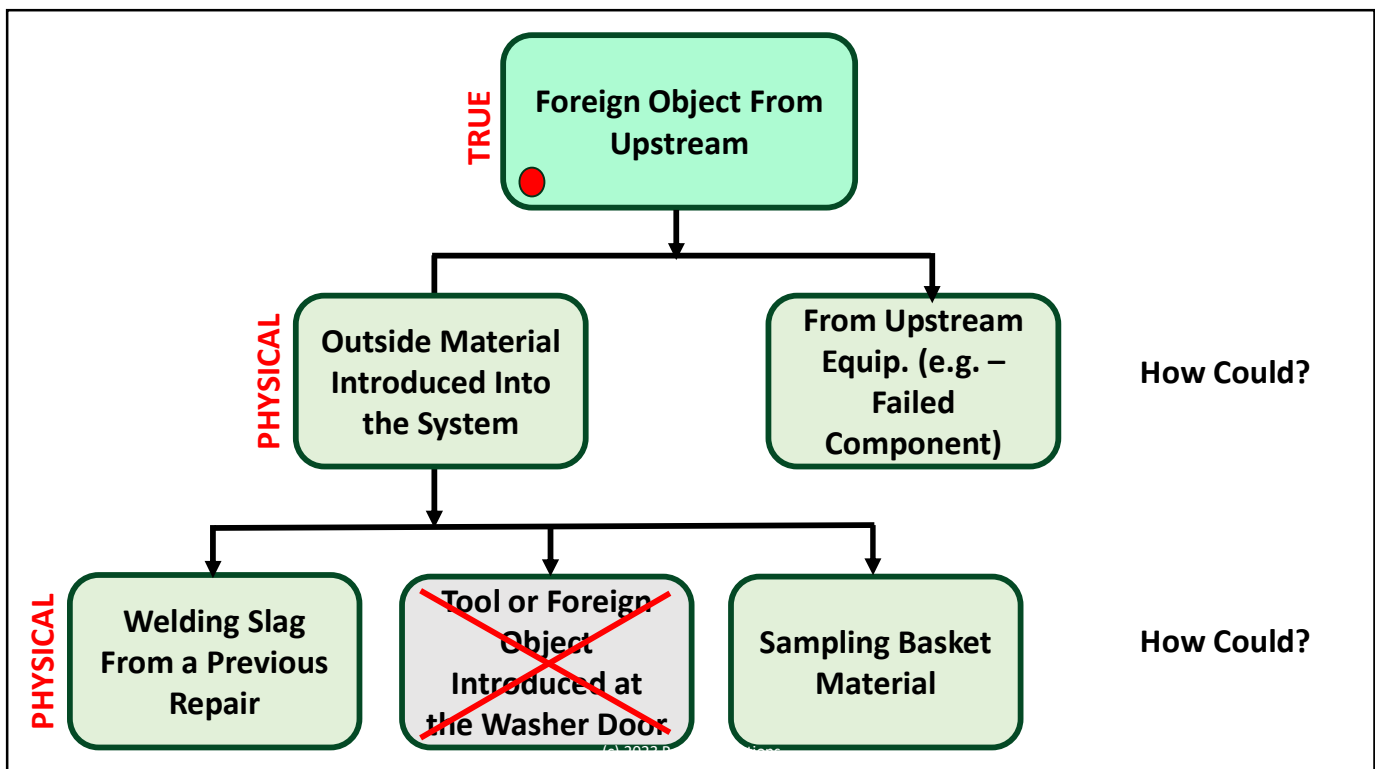
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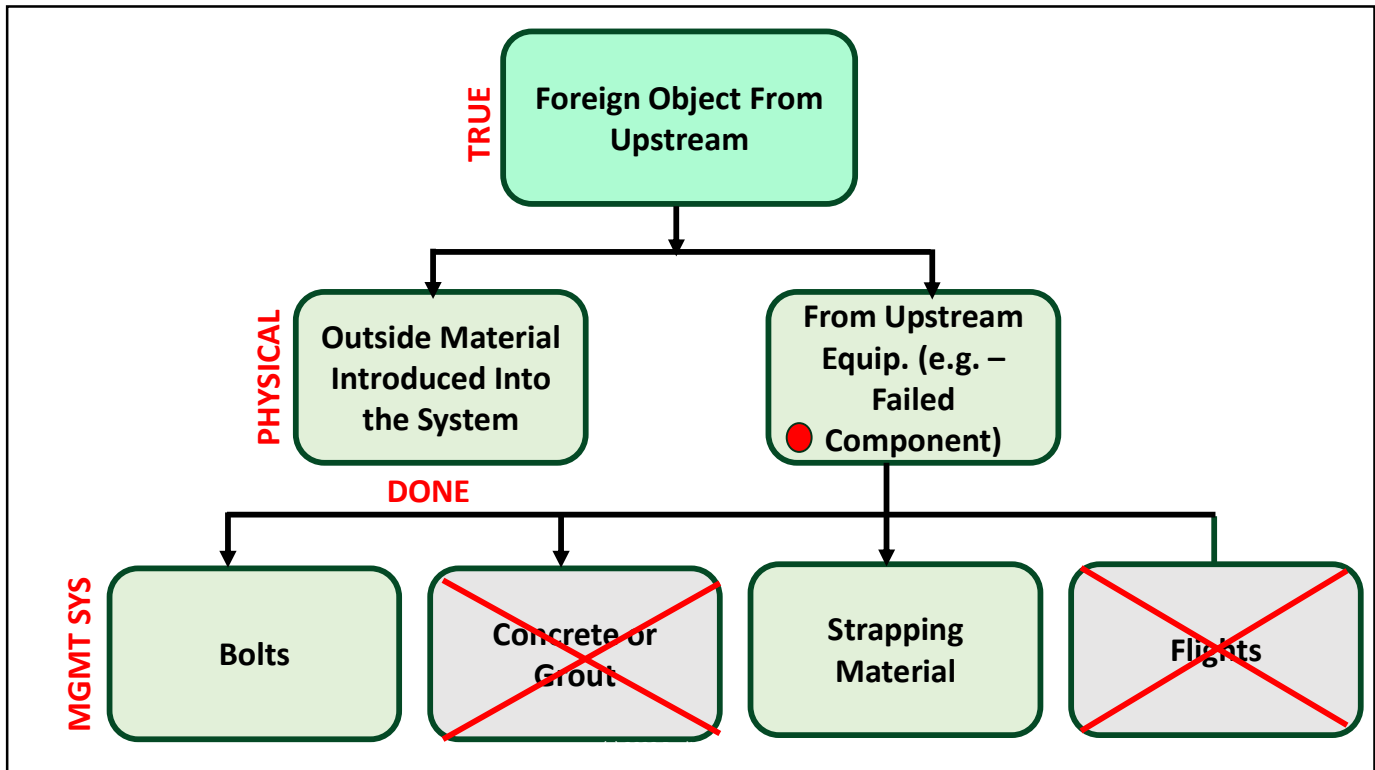
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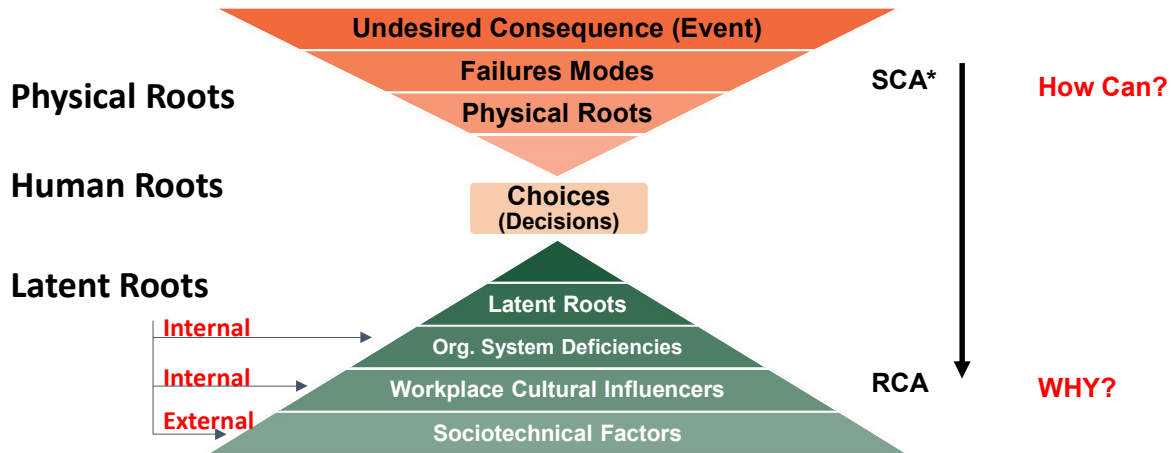


Additional Cases

- [Cooling Tower Fan #2 Motor Failure](#)
- [Lubrication Degradation Mechanisms RCA](#)
- [Industry Example](#)
- [RCA on RCA](#)

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Root Cause vs Shallow Cause



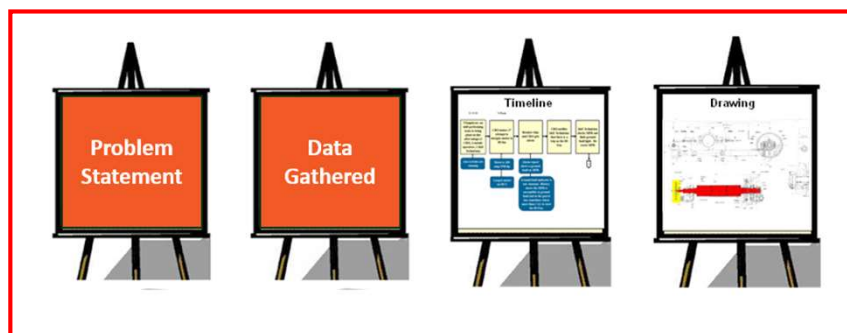
*SCA = Shallow Cause Analysis

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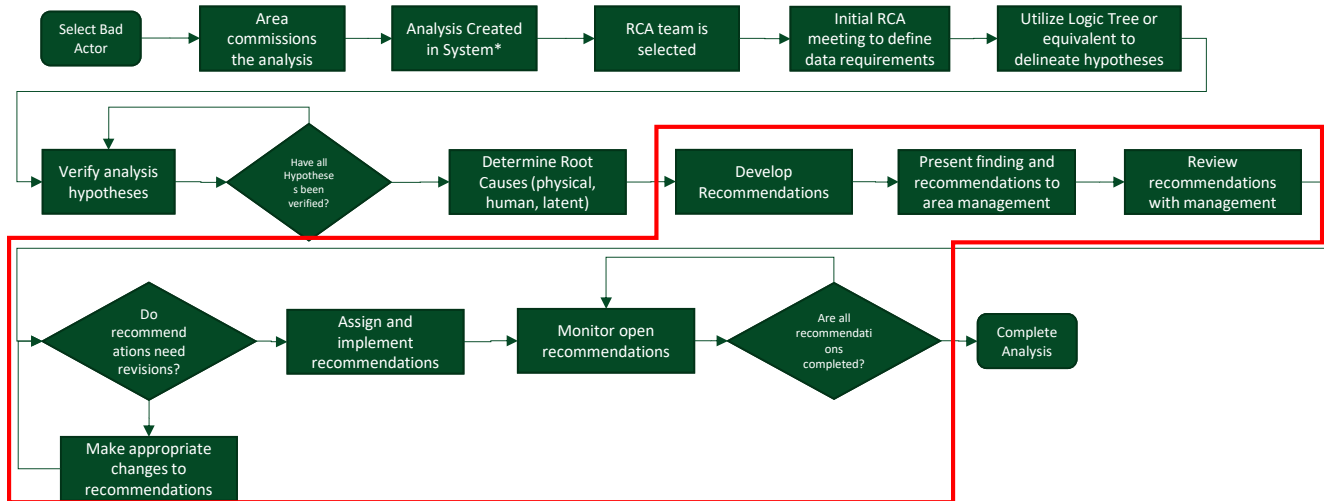
Exercise #8: 5-Y's & Logic Tree Construction



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Simplified Failure Elimination Workflow (Chronic)



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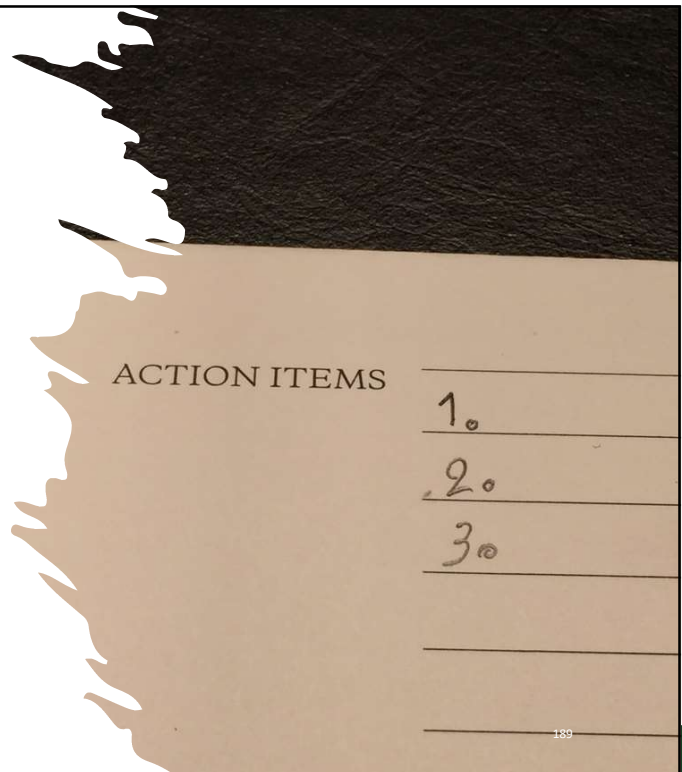
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Writing Corrective Actions that Work

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Creating & Executing Corrective Actions



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Corrective Actions

When **systemic root causes** are discovered, their corrective actions justified and their elimination finalized, the facilities will have been raised to unprecedented high level of performance and reliability.

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Effective Corrective Actions

Address the System....not the people

- ★ Go beyond addressing just the Physical Roots
- ★ Target the weaknesses in the organizational system
- ★ **Do not make recommendations for Human Roots**

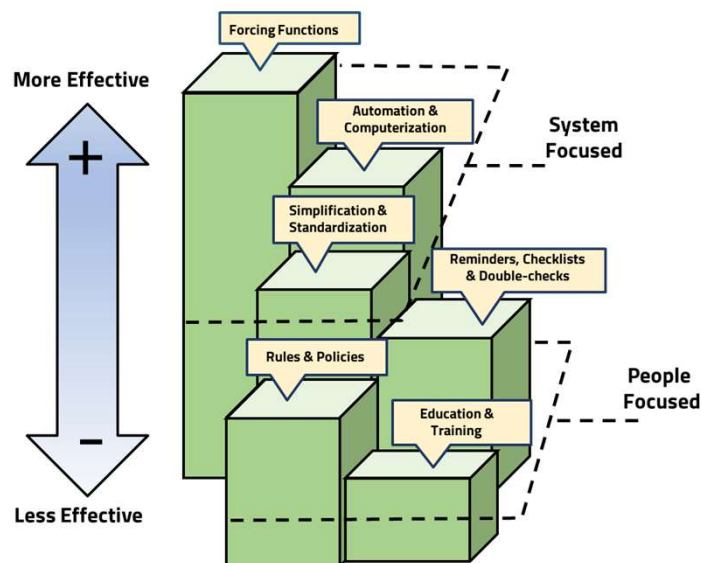
Change the System....make it easier for people to consistently perform correctly

- Or, make it difficult (*more painful?*) to perform in error
- Automate to reduce the human decisions
- Standardize to promote consistent decisions
- Simplify to remove confusion when deciding

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Hierarchy of Intervention Effectiveness



Source: <http://www.cassiemcdaniel.com/blog/hierarchy-of-effectiveness-process/> ¹⁹²

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Action Plan Rigor Test

The more criteria that are met, the stronger the action plan becomes.

>= 6 is Strong
<= 3 is Weak

- ☐ 1. Does the recommendation directly impact the latent root?
- ☐ 2. Is the recommendation "SMART" (Specific-Measurable-Attainable-Realistic-Timely)
- ☐ 3. If the new process is dependent on a person/role or time(s)-of-day, is there a fail-safe backup to ensure it's done? (Must have to be viable 24/7)
- ☐ 4. Does the recommendation survive changes in personnel?
- ☐ 5. Is the recommendation supported by data and/or best practices (literature/research)?
- ☐ 6. Are procedural verifications, audits, and/or organizational checks & balances in place to ensure the sustainability of the Action Item? (If we come looking again in 6 or 12 months, will these preventions still be alive and functioning?)
- ☐ 7. Has the Financial Impact of the Action Item been considered? (Is solution cost prohibitive?)
- ☐ 8. Will removing this LR from the combination of the others, by itself, prevent recurrence?



Develop a presentation for management on the findings and corrective action plan



Exercise #9: ID Corrective Actions for Identified Root Causes and their Associated Tracking Metrics

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“Those who say something is impossible, should get out of the way of those doing it!”

***- Joel Barker
Futurist – The Business of Paradigms***

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Analyst Summary Sheet

1. **Define the problem:** Clearly define the problem or issue that you want to analyze. Write a brief description of the problem, including what happened, when it occurred, where it occurred, and who was involved.
2. **Assemble the team:** Assemble a team of people who have knowledge and expertise related to the problem. This team should include people from different departments or areas of the organization, if applicable.
3. **Gather data:** Collect data and information related to the problem. This step involves reviewing documents, conducting interviews, and observing the situation. Use data collection tools such as checklists, surveys, or questionnaires to gather information.
4. **Identify possible causes:** Brainstorm and list all possible causes of the problem. Use tools such as Fishbone Diagrams, 5 Whys, or Mind Mapping to help identify possible causes. Encourage the team to think creatively and consider all possible causes.
5. **Analyze the data:** Analyze the data and information you have collected to determine the most likely causes of the problem. Use tools such as Pareto Charts, Histograms, or Scatter Diagrams to help analyze the data. Look for patterns, trends, or correlations that can help identify the root cause(s) of the problem.
6. **Determine the root causes:** Identify the root cause(s) of the problem. The root causes are the underlying reason for the problem, and they must be addressed to prevent the problem from recurring. Use the information gathered in steps 3-5 to identify the root cause(s) of the problem.
7. **Develop corrective actions:** Develop a list of corrective actions that address the root cause(s) of the problem. These actions should be specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound. Involve the team in developing the corrective actions and ensure that they are feasible and practical.
8. **Implement corrective actions:** Implement the corrective actions and monitor the situation to ensure that the problem does not recur. Assign responsibilities for implementing the corrective actions and establish a timeline for completion.
9. **Verify effectiveness:** Verify that the corrective actions have been effective in addressing the problem. This step involves monitoring the situation and reviewing data to ensure that the problem has been resolved. Use metrics or performance indicators to measure the effectiveness of the corrective actions.
10. **Document the process:** Document the RCA process, including the problem definition, data collection, analysis, root cause determination, corrective actions, implementation, and verification of effectiveness. This documentation can be used for future reference or to help address similar problems that may arise.

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Leveling Up ☺

Traditional RCA	Best Practices RCA
1. RCA is a Task	1. RCA is a System
2. RCA Focuses on Outcomes	2. RCA Focuses on Intent
3. Most All RCA Tools Are Equal	3. RCA Tools are NOT Created Equal
4. RCA Analyzes Broken Parts	4. RCA Analyzes Undesirable Outcomes
5. People are the Problem	5. People & Systems are the Solution
6. Often Results in 'Shallow Cause Analysis'	6. Results in Effective 'Root Cause Analysis'
7. Focuses on 'Work As Imagined'	7. Focuses on 'Work As Done'
8. RCA is Reactive (Focus on Urgent)	8. RCA is <u>also</u> Proactive (Focus on Important)
9. RCA Focuses Only on Short-Term (Preventing Recurrence)	9. RCA Focuses on Long-Term (Knowledge Management)

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