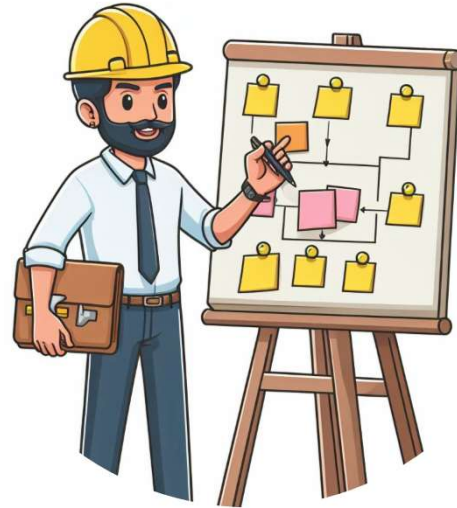


Analysis Tools

- Logic Tree
- 5 Whys

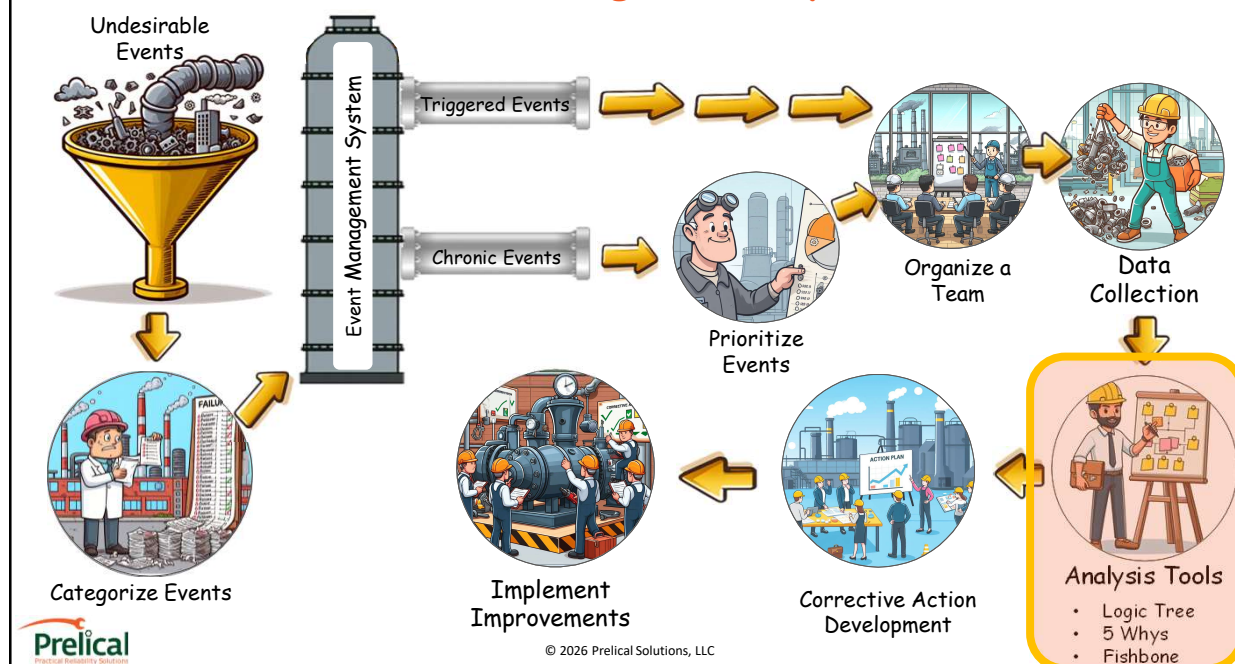


© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

1

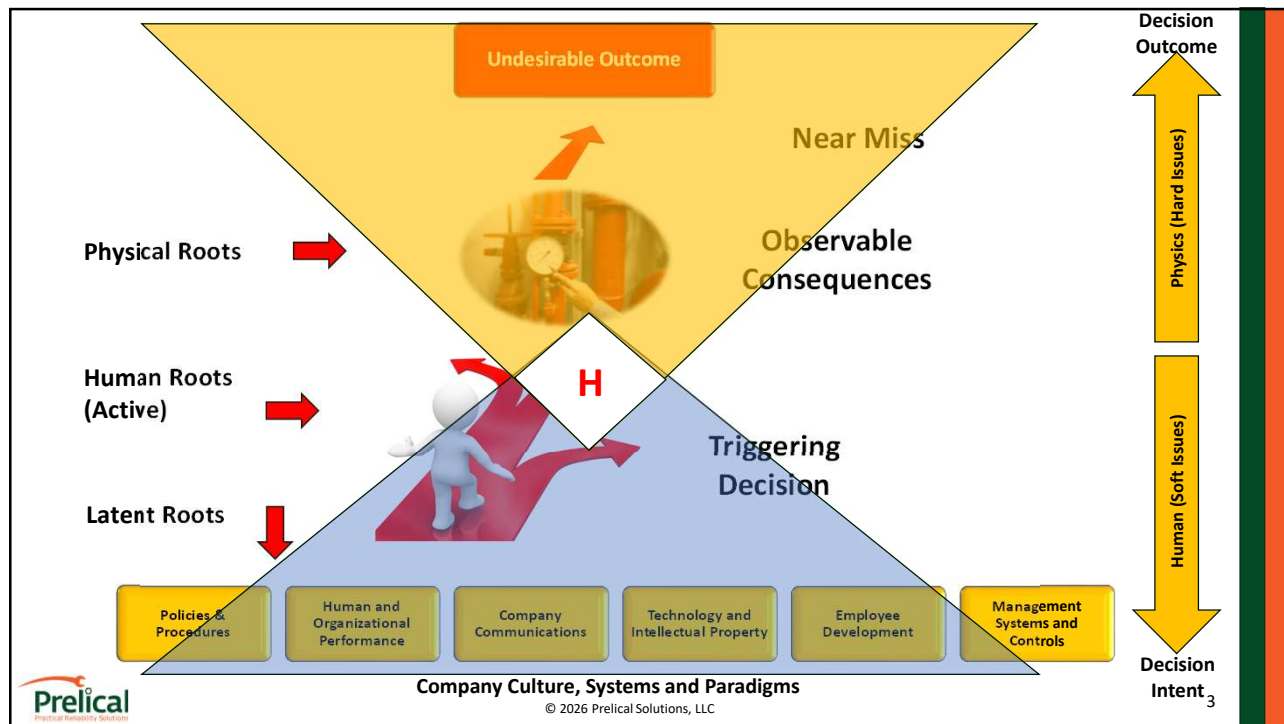
1

Prelical Event Management System (PEMS)

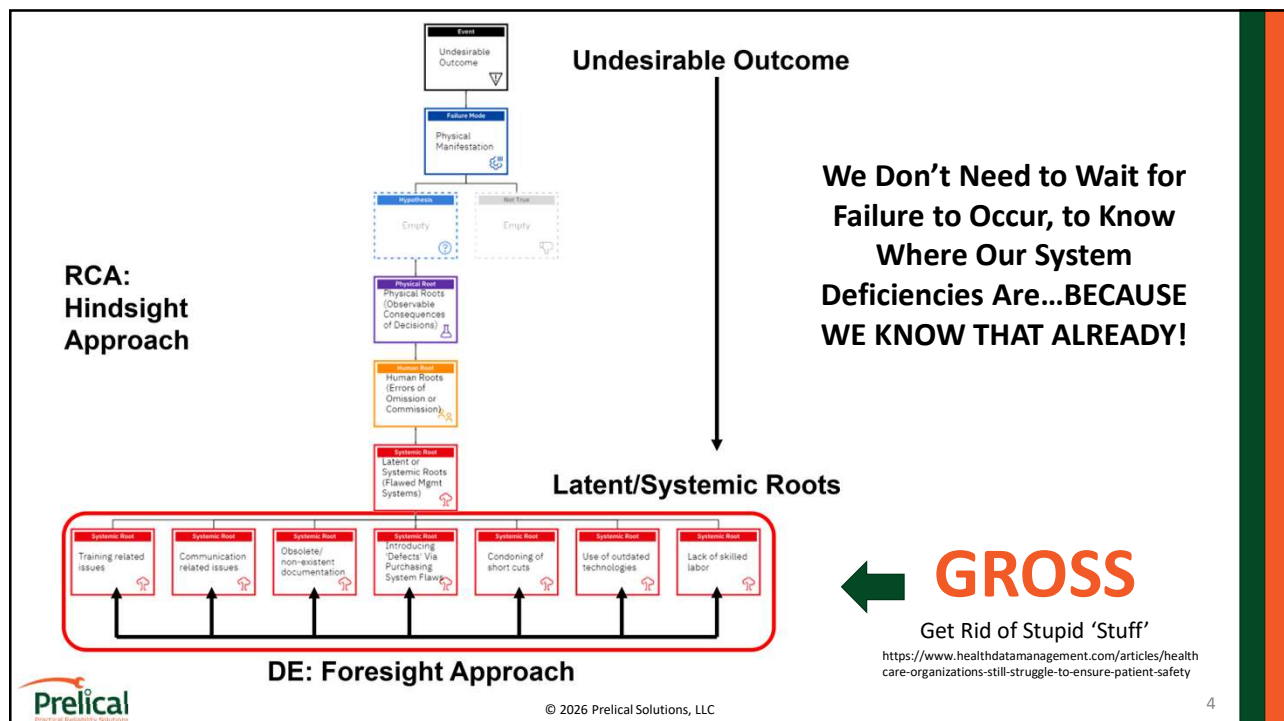


© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

2



3



4

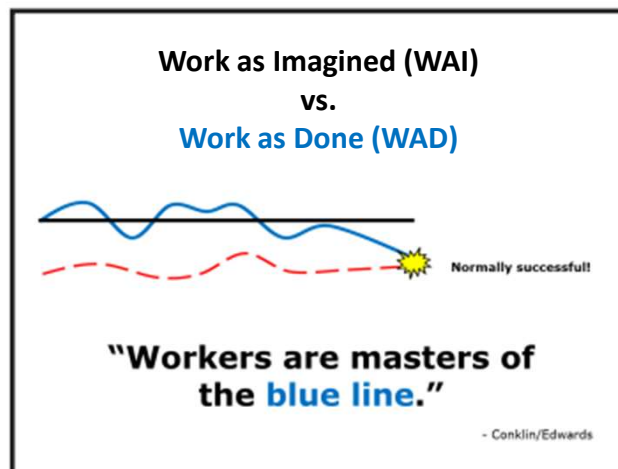
What is HOP?

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

HOP = Human and Organizational Performance

5

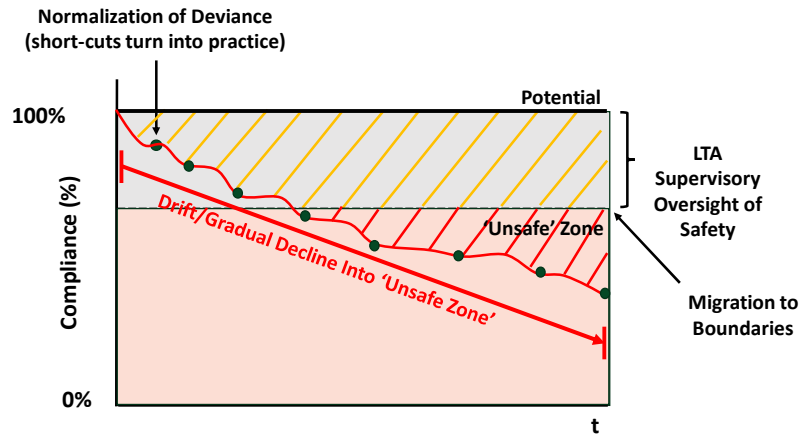
HOP* and the 'Blue Line'



* HOP = Human & Organizational Performance

6

Drifting Into Complacency... "Forgetting to be Afraid"



7

Are All RCA Tools Created Equal?



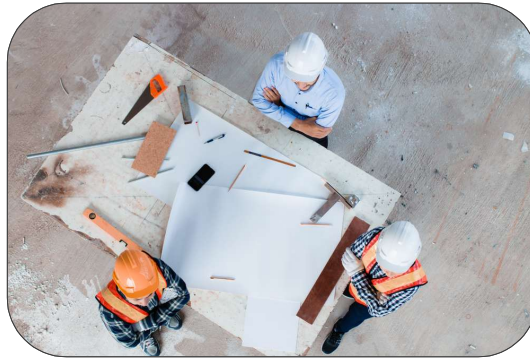
Source: Pixabay.com

8

Using the Right Tool for the Analysis at Hand

Logic Tree

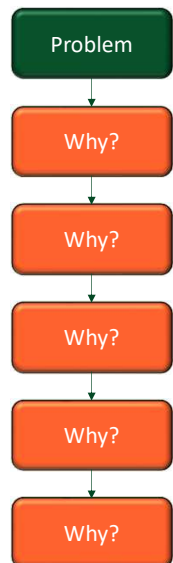
5 - Whys



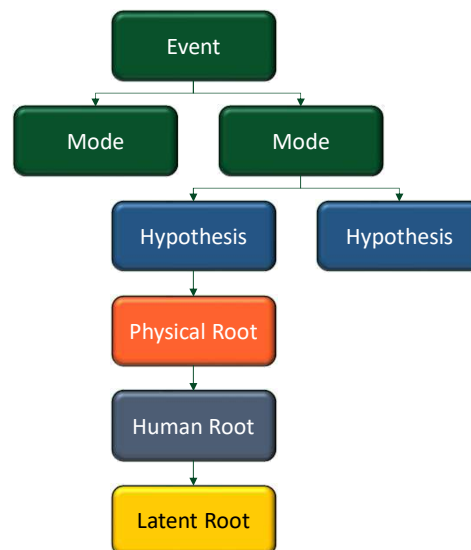
9

Exploring the 2 Most Common RCA Tools

5-WHYS



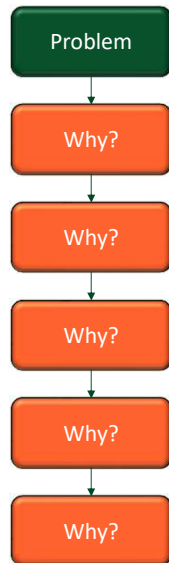
Logic Tree



10

5-Whys

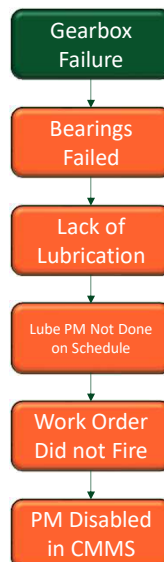
The "5 Whys" technique is a problem-solving and root cause analysis method aimed at uncovering the underlying reasons for an issue by repeatedly asking "why" questions.



Pros	Cons
Simple execution	Uses linear logic
Quick results	Concludes with 1 root cause
Individual and/or Team Based	'Why' questioning is limited
Limited data/evidence collection required	Seeks opinions
Reactive and proactive application	Lacks technical capability to explore multiple paths of failure
Big contributor to Defect Elimination (DE) Efforts	Often concludes with replacing parts and/or blaming decision-makers

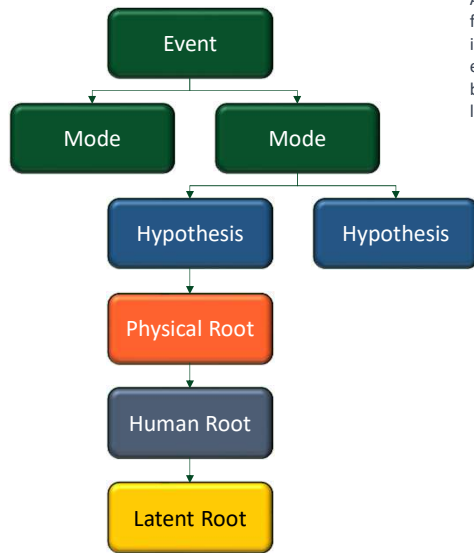
11

5-Whys Example



12

Logic Tree (a.k.a. Causal Factor Tree)

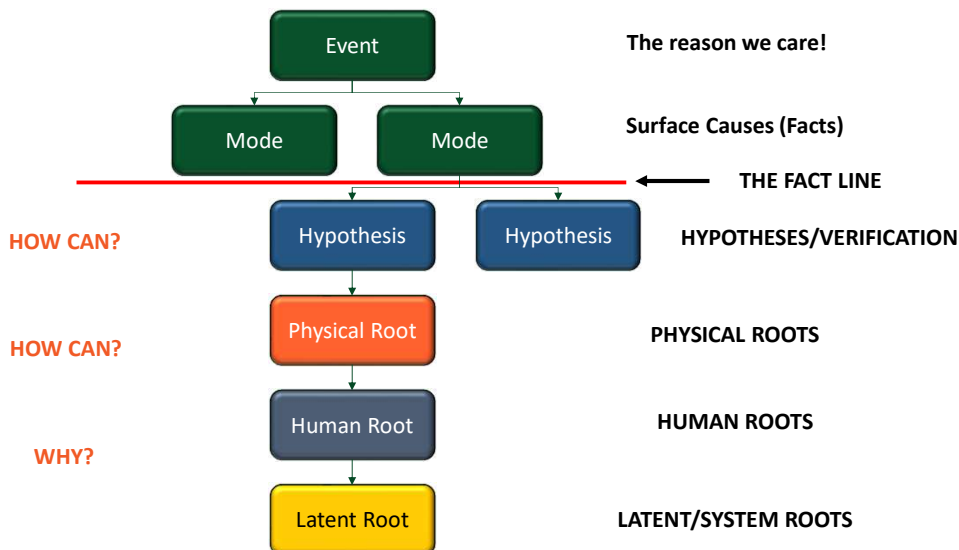


An RCA Logic Tree, or Root Cause Analysis Logic Tree, is a structured and hierarchical method for organizing and visually representing the causes and effects related to a specific problem or issue. It is a visual tool used in the context of Root Cause Analysis (RCA) to systematically explore and analyze the various causes (physical, human and latent) and contributing factors behind a problem. This tool helps in understanding the cause-and-effect relationships and will lead to the identification of root causes.

Pros	Cons
Very disciplined	Time consuming
Requires extensive data collection	Requires extensive data collection
Requires diversity of team members	Requires SMEs as needed
Requires unbiased facilitator	Requires accountable team
Reactive and proactive application	Requires management support
Explores multiple, simultaneous paths to failure	
Explores how mgmt systems influence decision making	
Can explore Human and Organizational Performance (HOP) Issues	

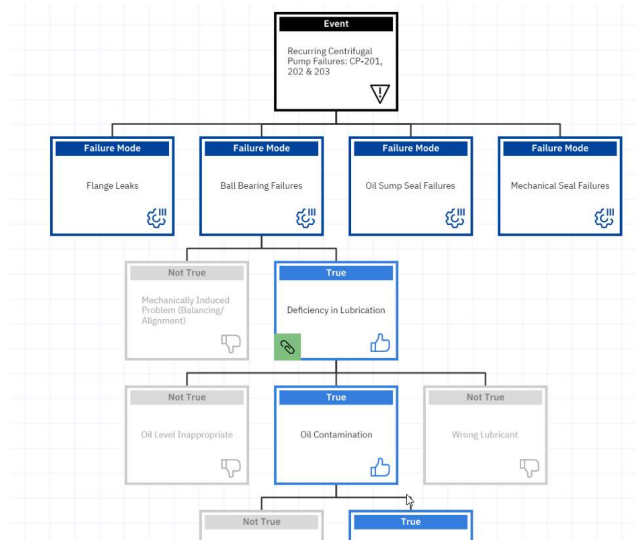
13

Basic Logic Tree Elements Used for Event Reconstruction



14

Group Exercise – Building a Logic Tree



15

Stating the Event

On 11.1.2X at 2a ET we experienced an unexpected outage lasting 4 hours, and resulting in \$525k of total aggregate losses

Example

Considerations When Stating the Event

The most important node on the logic tree. It is a direct link to leadership about the business impact of the Event, and why they should be interested in the RCA.

Should reflect the key elements of the team's Problem Statement.

At its core, the Event is the 'reason you care' enough to do an RCA.

Least acceptable consequence

The Event description MUST ONLY CONTAIN FACTS!!!!



16

Stating the Mode(s)

Critical Pump (P-100)
Bearing Failure

Example

Considerations When Stating the Mode(s)

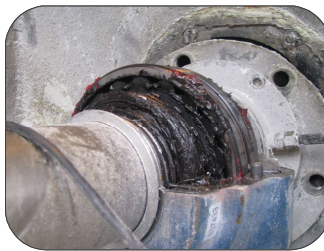
Often the Mode is mistakenly identified as the Event.

The Mode(s) are the observable failure mechanisms.

The Mode(s) are anomalies that need to be explained.

There can be more than 1 Mode on any given RCA.

All Modes **MUST ONLY CONTAIN FACTS**.



© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

17

17

Exploring the Hypotheses

Hypothesis

Considerations When Exploring Hypotheses

Hypotheses are “educated guesses”.

When coming off facts (from the parent nodes), these are the potential answers to the question ‘How Could?’ and ‘Why?’. We will explore when it is appropriate to ask which questions in a few minutes.

The statement should reflect some type of deficiency (i.e. – lubrication vs. lubricant contamination, or frequency was less than adequate)



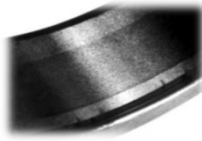
© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

18

18

Exploring the Hypotheses

Erosion



Corrosion



Fatigue



Overload



“How Could P-100 Bearing Have Failed?”



© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

19

19

RCA Verification Techniques

Visual Techniques

- Metallurgical Analysis
- High Speed Photography
- Video Cameras
- Borescopes
- Human Observation/Rounds
- Strobe Lights

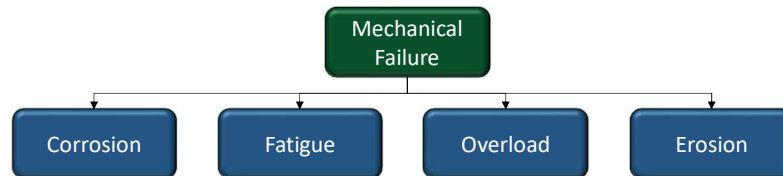
NDT Tools

- Laser Alignment
- Vibration Monitoring & Analysis
- Ultrasonics
- Infrared Thermography
- Lubrication Sampling/Analysis
- Scanning Electron Microscopy
- Experimental Stress Analysis
- Motion Amplification



© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

21



22

Overload Failures

- Ductile
- Brittle



Example of a Ductile Overload

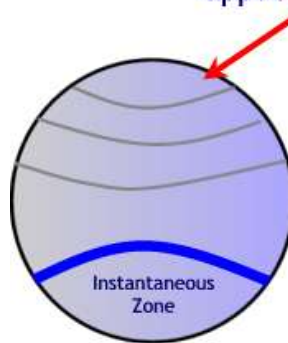
A Brittle Overload would not be deformed and would be fractured

23

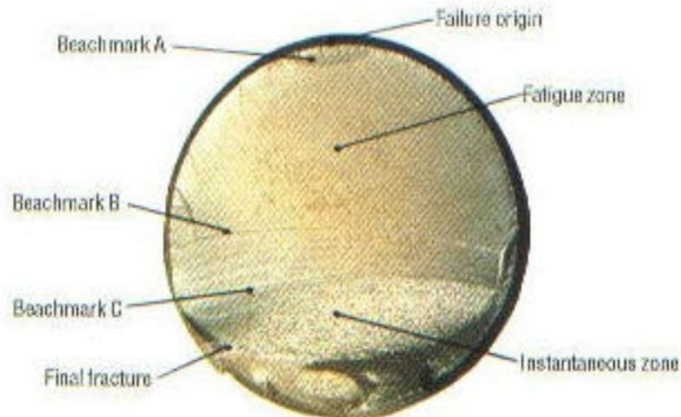
Fatigue Failures

- Bending
- Torsion
- Tension

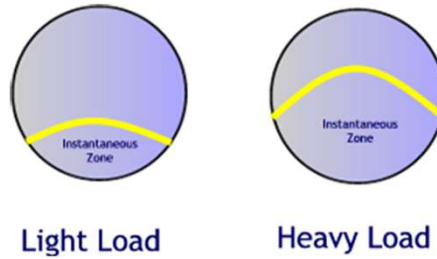
Beach marks show different level of stress over time. If the pattern of the marks is different than different stresses have been applied over time



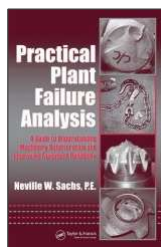
Fatigue Failures



Fatigue Failures

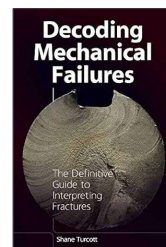


Reference Books



Practical Plant Failure Analysis

ISBN: 0849333768



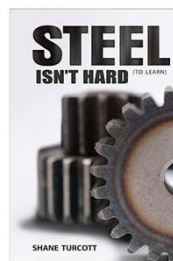
Decoding Mechanical Failures

ISBN: 1777157609



How Components Fail

ISBN: 0871701898



Steel Isn't Hard (to Learn)

ISBN: 978-1777157616

RCA Verification Techniques

Reliability Data Analysis

Statistical analysis

- Distribution analysis
 - Normal
 - LogNormal
 - **Weibull (used 95% of the time for reliability analysis)**
- Trend Tests
 - Army Material Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA)



© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

29

RCA Verification Techniques

Reliability Data Analysis

Why use statistical analysis?

- To identify a failure pattern
- Provides capability to assess failure risk
- Provides accurate estimation of MTBF
- Helps make general assumptions about seemingly unrelated data
- [Example: Weibull Analysis](#)

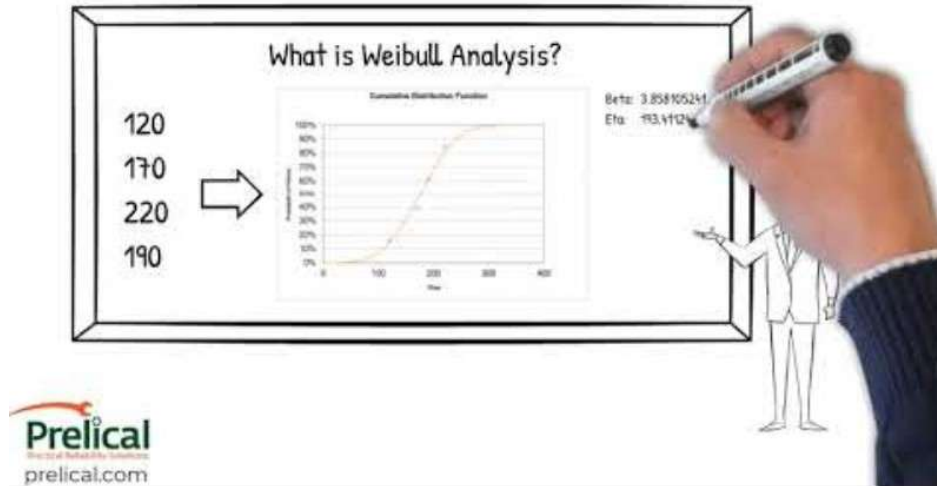


© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

30

30

Weibull Analysis - Overview



31

Can you explain these calculations?

10 Oscillatory Motion Chap. 1

Another example is the free vibration of a multidegree-of-freedom system, to which the vibrations at each natural frequency contribute. Such vibrations result in a complex waveform, which is repeated periodically as shown in Fig. 1.2-1.

The French mathematician J. Fourier (1768-1830) showed that any periodic motion can be represented by a series of sines and cosines that are harmonically related. If $x(t)$ is a periodic function of the period τ , it is represented by the Fourier series

$$x(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + a_1 \cos \omega_1 t + a_2 \cos \omega_2 t + \dots + b_1 \sin \omega_1 t + b_2 \sin \omega_2 t + \dots \quad (1.2-1)$$

where

$$\omega_1 = \frac{2\pi}{\tau}$$

$$\omega_n = n\omega_1$$

To determine the coefficients a_n and b_n , we multiply both sides of Eq. (1.2-1) by $\cos \omega_m t$ or $\sin \omega_m t$ and integrate each term over the period τ . Recognizing the following relations

$$\int_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} \cos \omega_m t \cos \omega_n t dt = \begin{cases} \tau/2 & \text{if } m = n \\ 0 & \text{if } m \neq n \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} \sin \omega_m t \sin \omega_n t dt = \begin{cases} \tau/2 & \text{if } m = n \\ 0 & \text{if } m \neq n \end{cases} \quad (1.2-2)$$

$$\int_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} \cos \omega_m t \sin \omega_n t dt = 0 \quad \text{if } m = n$$

all terms except one on the right side of the equation will be zero, and we obtain the result

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\tau} \int_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} x(t) \cos \omega_n t dt$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{\tau} \int_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} x(t) \sin \omega_n t dt \quad (1.2-3)$$

The Fourier series can also be represented in terms of the exponential function. Substituting

$$\cos \omega_n t = \frac{1}{2}(e^{i\omega_n t} + e^{-i\omega_n t})$$

$$\sin \omega_n t = \frac{1}{2i}(e^{i\omega_n t} - e^{-i\omega_n t})$$

Chap. 1.2 Periodic Motion 11

in Eq. (1.2-1), we obtain

$$x(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{2}(a_n - ib_n)e^{i\omega_n t} + \frac{1}{2}(a_n + ib_n)e^{-i\omega_n t} \right]$$

$$= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [c_n e^{i\omega_n t} + c_n^* e^{-i\omega_n t}] \quad (1.2-4)$$

where

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2}a_n$$

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2}(a_n - ib_n) \quad (1.2-5)$$

Substituting for a_n and b_n from Eq. (1.2-3), we find c_n to be

$$c_n = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} x(t) (\cos \omega_n t - i \sin \omega_n t) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\tau} \int_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} x(t) e^{-i\omega_n t} dt \quad (1.2-6)$$

Some computational effort can be minimized when the function $x(t)$ is recognizable in terms of the even and odd functions

$$x(t) = E(t) + O(t) \quad (1.2-7)$$

An even function $E(t)$ is symmetric about the origin so that $E(t) = E(-t)$, i.e., $\cos \omega t = \cos(-\omega t)$. An odd function satisfies the relationship $O(t) = -O(-t)$, i.e., $\sin \omega t = -\sin(-\omega t)$. The following integrals are then helpful:

$$\int_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} E(t) \sin \omega_n t dt = 0$$

$$\int_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} O(t) \cos \omega_n t dt = 0 \quad (1.2-8)$$

When the coefficients of the Fourier series are plotted against frequency ω_n , the result is a series of discrete lines called the *Fourier spectrum*. Generally plotted are the absolute values $|2c_n| = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}$ and the phase $\phi_n = \tan^{-1} b_n/a_n$, an example of which is shown in Fig. 1.2-2.

With the aid of the digital computer, harmonic analysis today is efficiently carried out. A computer algorithm known as the *fast Fourier transform* (FFT) is commonly used to minimize the computation time.

*See J. S. Bendat & A. G. Piersol, *Random Data* (New York: John Wiley & Sons, 1971), pp. 365-366.

32

Can you interpret this graph?

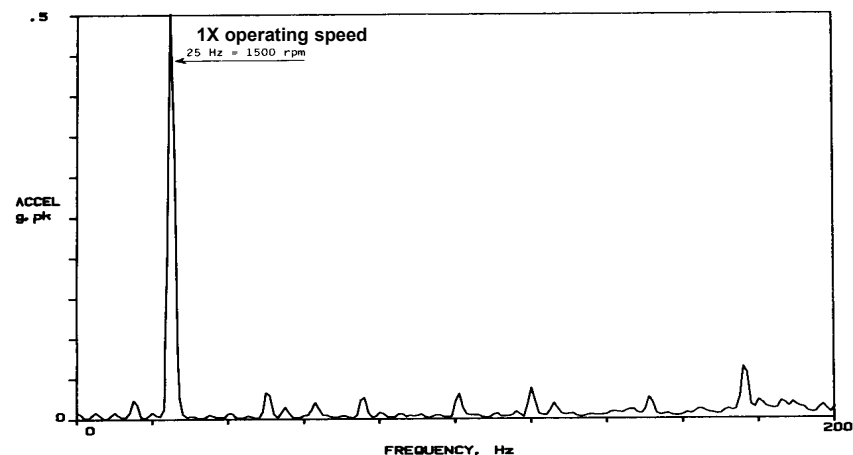


Figure 5.5 Spectrum of imbalance created in a tabletop demonstration machine turning at 1500 rpm (25 Hz).

33

What's the point?

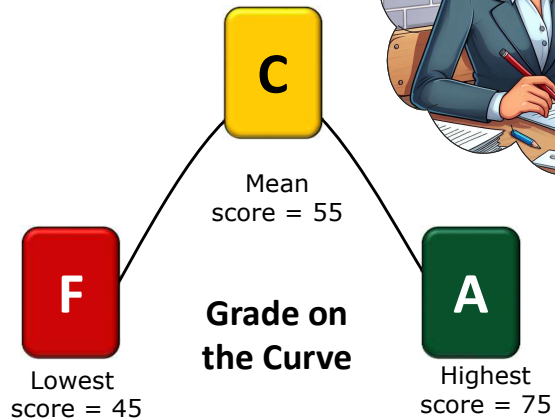
- You don't have to know the FFT theory to benefit from Vibration Analysis.
- Likewise, you don't have to know statistical methods theory to benefit from statistical analysis of failure data.
- You just need know how to apply the methods and interpret the results!



34

Our First Introduction to Statistics!

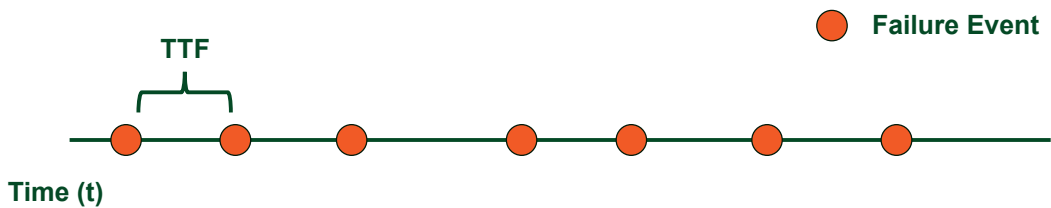
<i>Grades</i>	
Student	Score
Jack	45
Beth	55
Joe	60
Mike	60
Lisa	55
Fred	50
Lynn	50
Jason	75
Sara	55
Tina	55
Chris	65



35

Distribution Analysis

Mean Time Between Failure (MTBF)



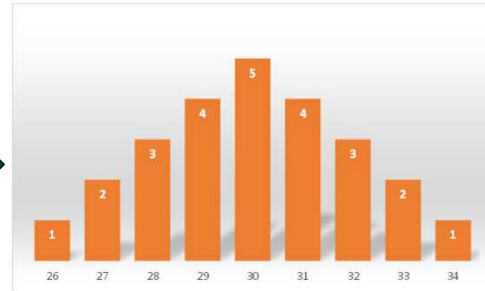
$$MTBF = \frac{TTF1 + TTF2 + TTF3 + TTF4 + TTF5 + TTF6}{6}$$

36

Normal Distribution

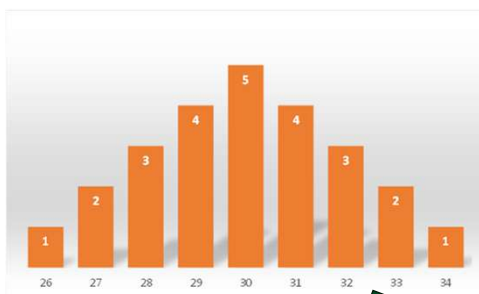
Asset ID	TTF
Asset101	26
Asset101	28
Asset101	33
Asset101	33
Asset101	27
Asset101	30
Asset101	32
Asset101	34
Asset101	28
Asset101	29
Asset101	30
Asset101	32
Asset101	27
Asset101	28
Asset101	30
Asset101	31
Asset101	29
Asset101	31
Asset101	31
Asset101	29
Asset101	30
Asset101	32
Asset101	30
Asset101	29
Asset101	31

TTF	n
26	1
27	2
28	3
29	4
30	5
31	4
32	3
33	2
34	1

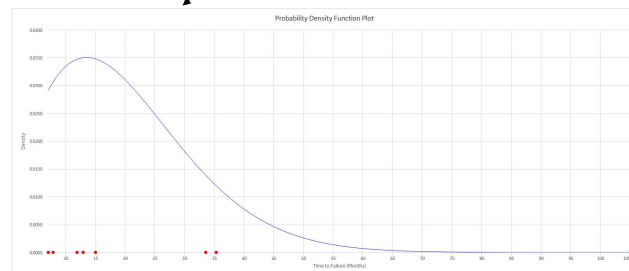


37

Normal Distribution

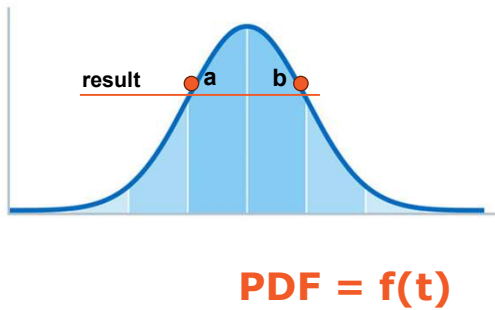


PDF = $f(t)$
Probability Density Function



38

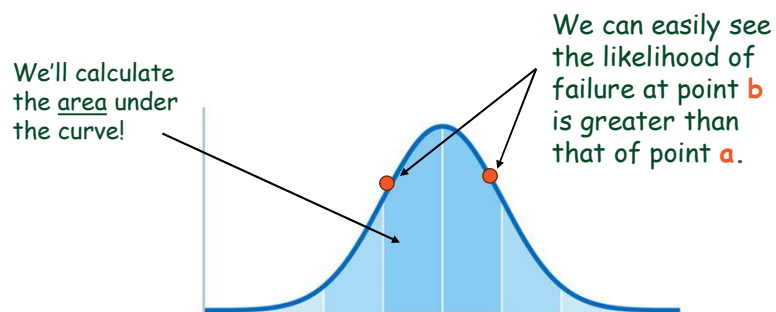
Interpreting MTBF Results



If you solve the **PDF** at points **a** and **b**, and you get the same results ... showing the probability of failing at points **a** or **b** ...

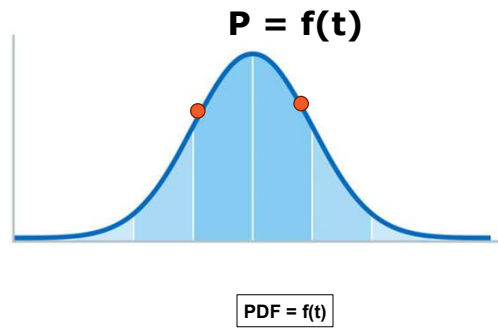
...But nothing about how many failures have occurred before points a or b!

How does this distribution indicate reliability?



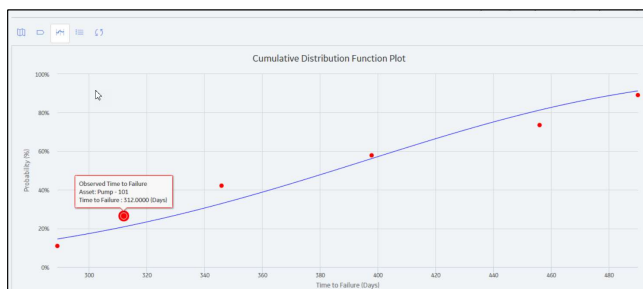
Weibull Distribution

Probability of failure = Area under the curve



41

Weibull Distribution

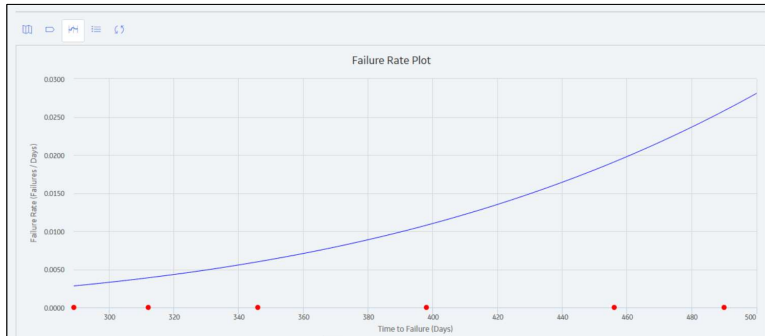


$P=F(t)$ is commonly known as the Cumulative Distribution Function or **CDF**

$$\text{CDF} = F(t)$$

42

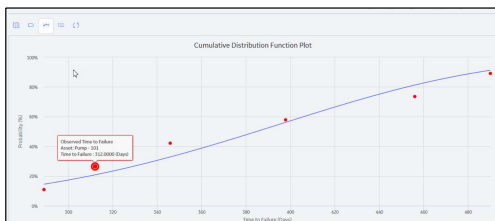
Weibull Distribution



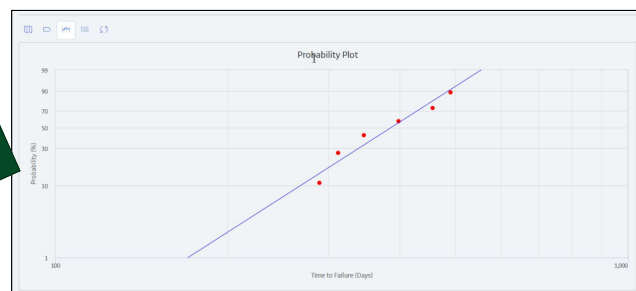
**Failure
Rate Plot**

43

Weibull Distribution



A straight-line results
when the CDF is plotted
on log paper.



44

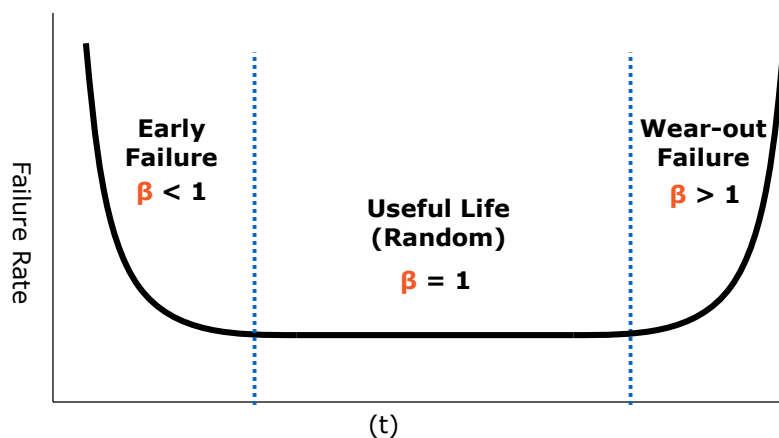
Weibull Distribution

Two Parameters:

- β (**Beta**) = Shape Factor
 - Indicates failure pattern
 - Slope of probability plot
- η (**Eta**) = Characteristic Life
 - Indicates expected life
 - Point where 63.2% of population has failed

45

Beta and the Bathtub Curve



46

Weibull Distribution

General Rules for Beta:

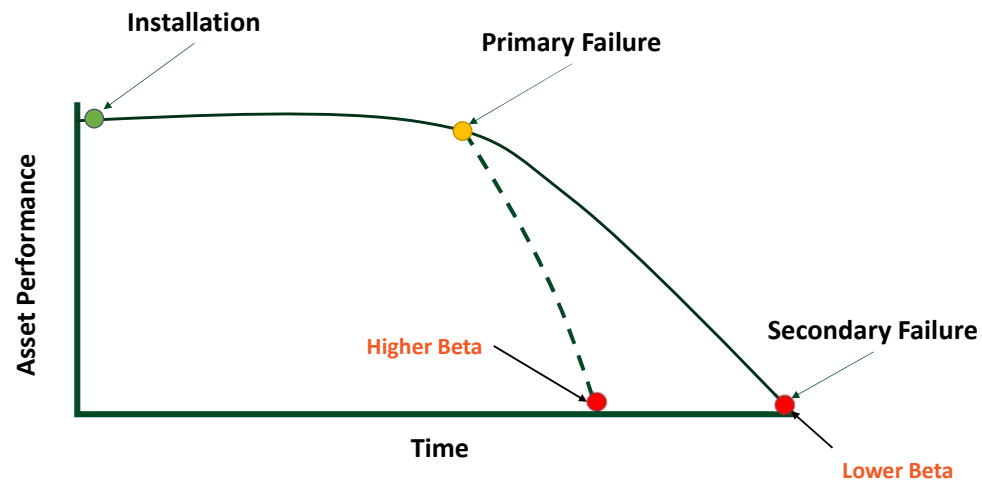
$\beta < 1$ Indicates infant mortality

$\beta = 1$ Indicates random failure

$1 < \beta < 4$ Indicates early wear-out failure

$\beta > 4$ Indicates rapid wear-out failure

47



48

Weibull Distribution

- Extremely applicable to most every failure mode
- Will produce good results even with a small amount of data
- Best starting point for reliability analysis
- **95%** of the time, Weibull is the best tool
- Requires quality data for meaningful results

**Weibull Distributions can only be used
on one failure mode at a time**

Risk Manager

- Allows you to estimate probability of failure
- Good for short-term planning
- Helps predict which machines will make it to the next scheduled maintenance

Identifying Human Roots

P-101 Bearing
Not Aligned
Properly



Considerations When Labeling a Human Root (HR)

Human roots are the choices/decisions people make, that trigger observable consequences.

Human roots are acts of decision-making that are typically based on good intent, and often common business practices.

Human roots are NOT the end of an analysis, they are often the beginning of the analysis.

Unless there is malice with intent (sabotage), **BLAMING SOMEONE WILL RESULT IN A SHALLOW CAUSE ANALYSIS, NOT A ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS!!**



© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

53

53

Identifying Latent/Organizational System Roots

Less Than Adequate (LTA)
Oversight of Field
Qualifications

Field Tech Not Properly
Trained in Latest
Alignment Best Practices



Considerations When Labeling a Latent Root

Latent roots represent the human reasoning for a decision error.

These are the answers to 'WHY?' people made the decisions they did, that day.

Latent roots are often the flawed organizational systems that decision-makers relied on, to make their decision.

Such organizational systems could be inadequate, insufficient, or non-existent.

Latent roots can encompass varying levels of depth, that may or may not include socio-technical factors (i.e. – external factors like regulatory and insurance influences) as well as cultural norms (i.e. – we've always done it that way).



© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

Image provided by Ludeca

54

54

Identifying Contributing Factors

On 1.28.86, at Launch of Mission 51-L it was 36F at Cape Canaveral FL



Considerations When Labeling a Contributing Factor

Conditions that existed the day of the Event, but may not be in the control of the organization to change (i.e. – it was freezing that day, which was uncharacteristic for the region)

May more may not be actionable, must be explored (i.e. – a lightning strike triggered an automated shutdown, but was the facility properly grounded [mitigation exploration])

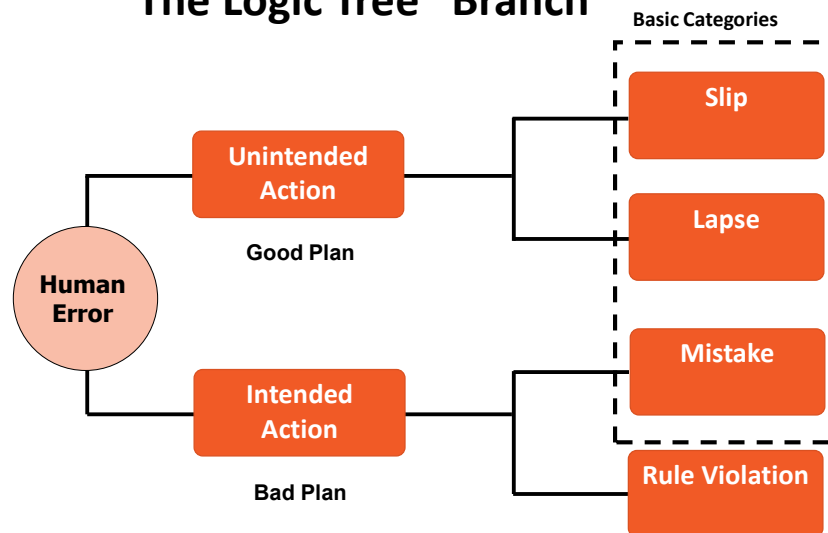


© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

55

55

Human Error The Logic Tree “Branch”



© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

56

56

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

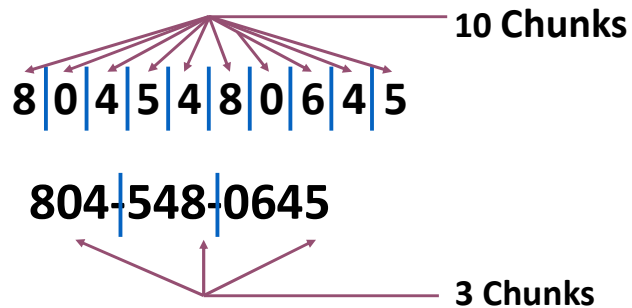


© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

57

57

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)



© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

58

58

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.



© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

59

59

What Do You See? The Mind is a Mysterious Thing (#2)

I cdnuolt blveiee taht I cluod aulacilty uesdnatnrd
waht I was rdanieg. The phaonmneal pweor of
the hmuan mnid Aoccdrnig to a rscheearch at
Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it deson't mtttaer in waht
oredr the ltteers in a wrod are, the olny iprmoatnt
tihng is taht the frist and lsat ltteer be in the rghit
pclae. The rset can be a taotl mses and you can
sitll raed it wouthit a porbelm. Tihs is bcuseae
the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by
istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe. Amzanig huh?



© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

60

60

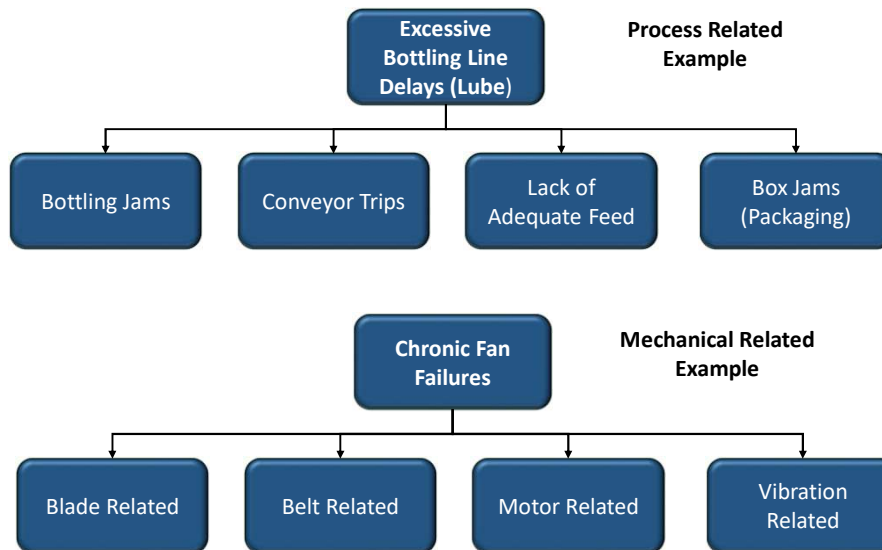
Developing Common Branches



Source: Pixabay.com

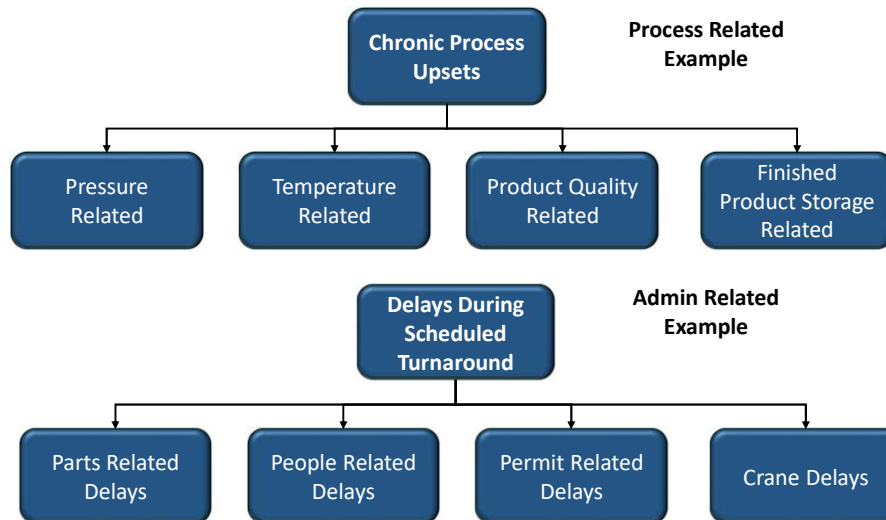
61

Sample of Common Logic Tree Branches



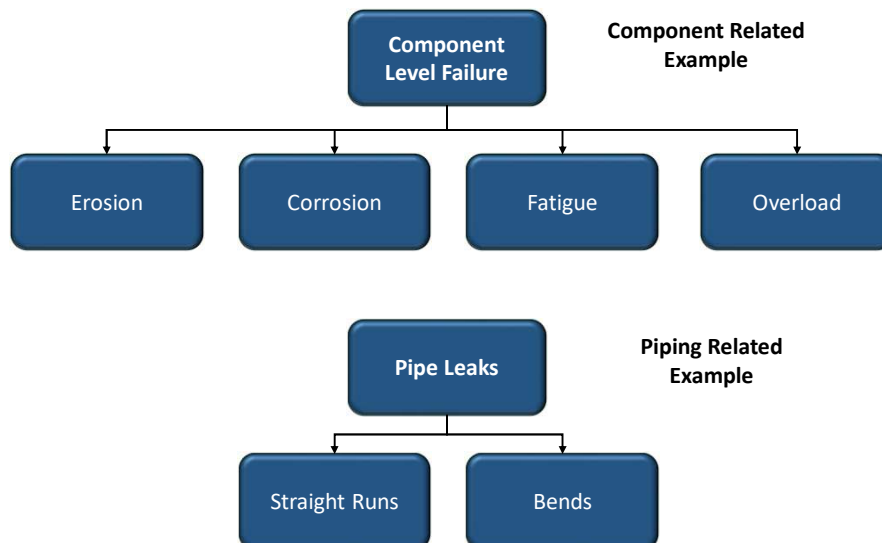
62

Sample of Common Logic Tree Branches



63

Sample of Common Logic Tree Branches



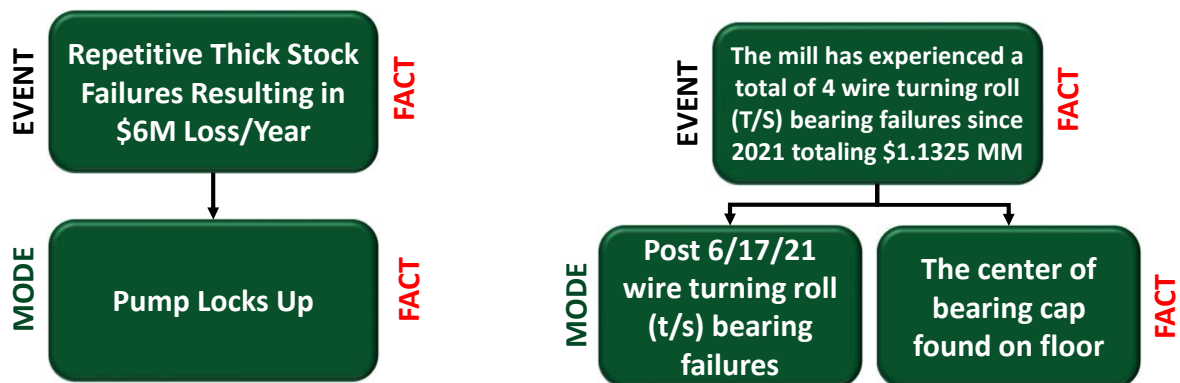
64

Sample of Common Logic Tree Branches



65

Top Box – Definition



Thick Stock Pump – Top Box

66

Logic Tree Facilitation – Tips and Tricks



Considerations When Labeling a Latent Root

- Biggest Bang for Your Buck!
- The 'Broad and All-Inclusive' Test
- Draw a Sketch of the Event Being Analyzed
- Construct a Timeline of the Event
- Managing the FACT Line
- Maintaining the Verification Log (VL)
- Node Confidence Factors (0 – 5 Scale, 5=True and 0 = Not True)
- Beware Conventional Wisdom

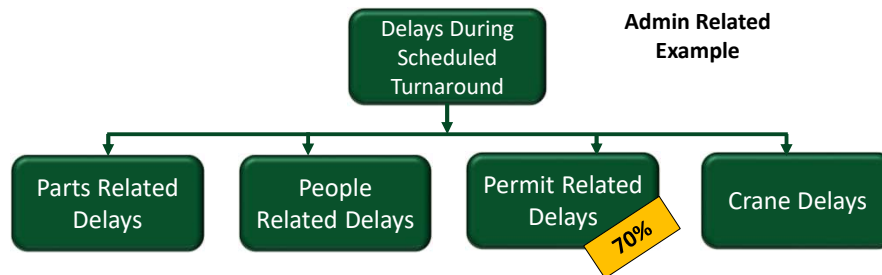
67

Logic Tree Facilitation – Tips and Tricks



EVENT

MODE

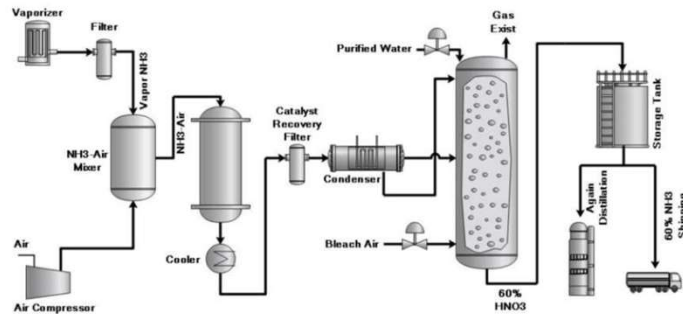


68

Logic Tree Facilitation – Tips and Tricks



Draw a Sketch of the Event Being Analyzed



Source: <https://chemicalengineeringworld.com/process-flow-diagram-pfd/>

Logic Tree Facilitation – Tips and Tricks



Construct a Timeline of the Event

Put in a better timeline

NASA
Johnson Space Center

STS 51-L Incident Investigation Integrated Events Timeline

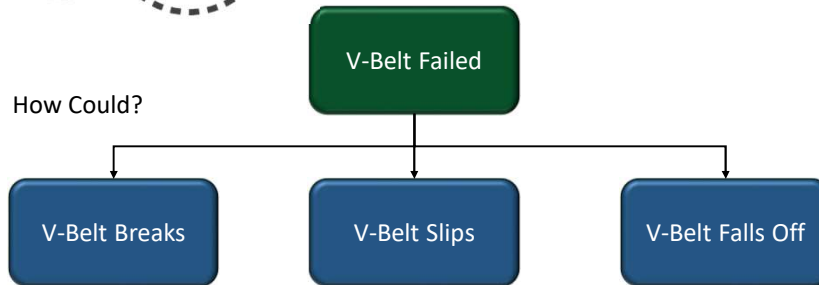
CAMERA	PHOTOGRAPHIC EVENT	NET SEC	NET SEC	INSTRUMENTATION EVENT	DATA SOURCE
		66.764	66.764	START ET LH ₂ ULLAGE PRESSURE DEVIATIONS	T41P1700C
		65.524	65.524	LHOB ELEVON ACTUATOR DELTA P CHANGE	V58P0866C
		65.404	65.404	END VEHICLE PITCH RATE CHANGE	V90R2525C L
E204	BRIGHT SUSTAINED GLOW ON +Z AND -Z SIDES OF ET	64.705	64.937	START RE LARGE PITCH VARIATIONS	V58H1100A
E204	ABRUPT CHANGE IN ANOMALOUS PLUME SHAPE, FIRST INDICATION OF LH ₂ LEAK NEAR ET 2058 RING FRAME	64.660	64.604	START VEHICLE PITCH RATE CHANGE	V90R2525C L
E207	FIRST EVIDENCE OF PLUME DEFLECTION CONTINUOUS	60.988	63.924	RHOB ELEVON ACTUATOR DELTA P CHANGE	V58P0966C
E203	FIRST EVIDENCE OF ANOMALOUS SBB PLUME ATTACHING TO THE ET 2058 RING FRAME	60.248	62.484	RHOB ELEV ACT HINGE MOMENT SPIKE	V58P0966C
E207	FIRST EVIDENCE OF PLUME DEFLECTION - INTERMITTENT	60.238	62.094	START L SRB TVC ROCK ACT SPIKE	B58H1150C
E204	VISUAL EVIDENCE OF FLAME FROM R SRB IN +Z DIRECTION, NEAR ET ATTACH RING (SEEN FROM SOUTH SIDE)	55.763			
E207	CONTINUOUS WELL-DEFINED PLUME ON R SRB IN +Z, -Y COORDINATES	59.262	60.004	SRB CHAMBER PRESS DIVERGENCE RH VS LH	B47P2302C R B47P1302C L
E207	FLICKERING DYNAMIC PLUME ON R SRB	TBD	59.000	*RECONSTRUCTED MAX Q T20 PSF	JSC DATA
E207	FIRST EVIDENCE OF FLAME ON R SRB	58.788			

[Ref. 3/21-29]

Logic Tree Facilitation – Tips and Tricks



The 'Broad and All-Inclusive' Test



The Test: Is the only the V-belt could have failed, from: breaking, slipping and/or falling off?

71

Event Reconstruction Using a Logic Tree Tips & Tricks



"Wide" Logic Trees (Bushes)

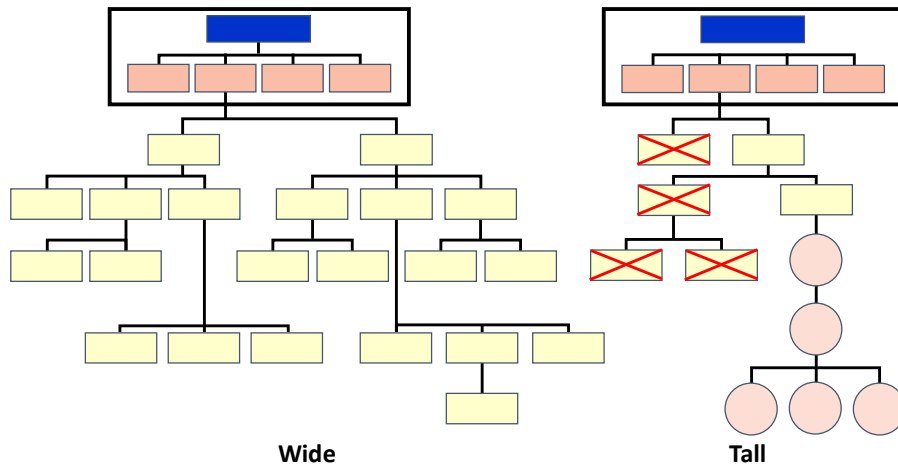


"Tall" Logic Trees
(Redwoods)

Which Tree Structure is Desired?

72

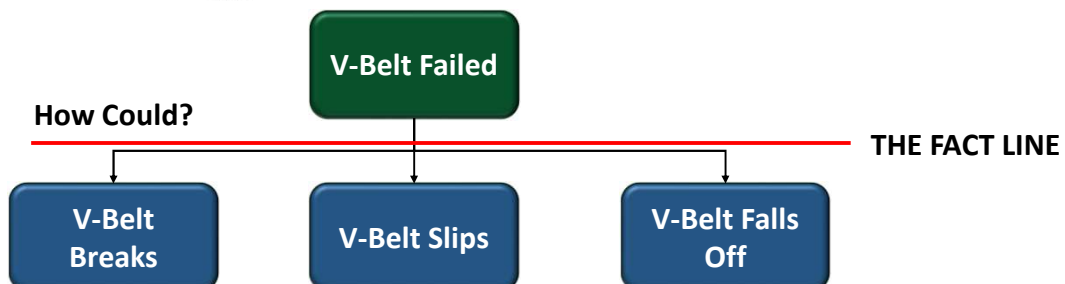
Event Reconstruction Using a Logic Tree Tips & Tricks



Data verification is key for a successful logic tree!

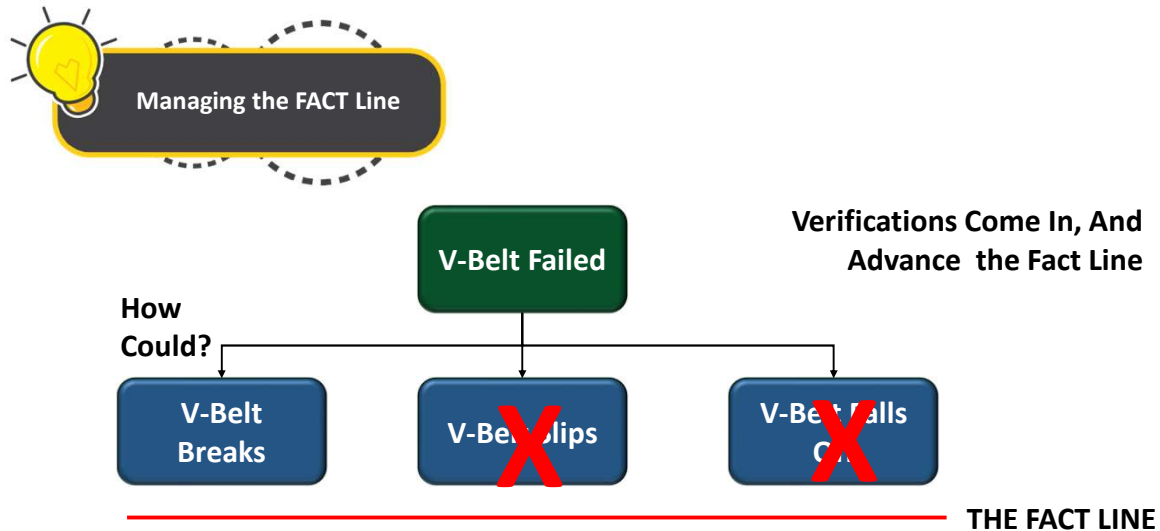
73

Logic Tree Facilitation – Tips and Tricks



74

Logic Tree Facilitation – Tips and Tricks



75

Logic Tree Facilitation – Tips and Tricks



Hypotheses	Verification Method	Resp.	Due Date	Completion Date	Verification Outcome
High Vibration on CP-235 Outboard Bearing	Review Vibration Alarm Limits and Histories	KCL	10.31.25	11.1.25	Review of Alarm Limits and Histories Reveals a Trending of Increased Vibration Starting on 9.23.25

76

Logic Tree Facilitation – Tips and Tricks



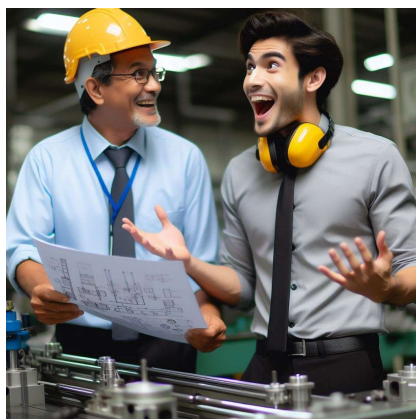
Beware Conventional Wisdom/Confirmation Bias

- We don't need this team; I know what the problem is because I've been here 22 years!!
- We've tried that before
- It's old equipment
- We don't have time to do an RCA on this failure

Conventional Wisdom: Beware of the above as they are most often 'Assumptions' and not facts. A successful RCA will NOT allow hearsay to fly as FACT!!

77

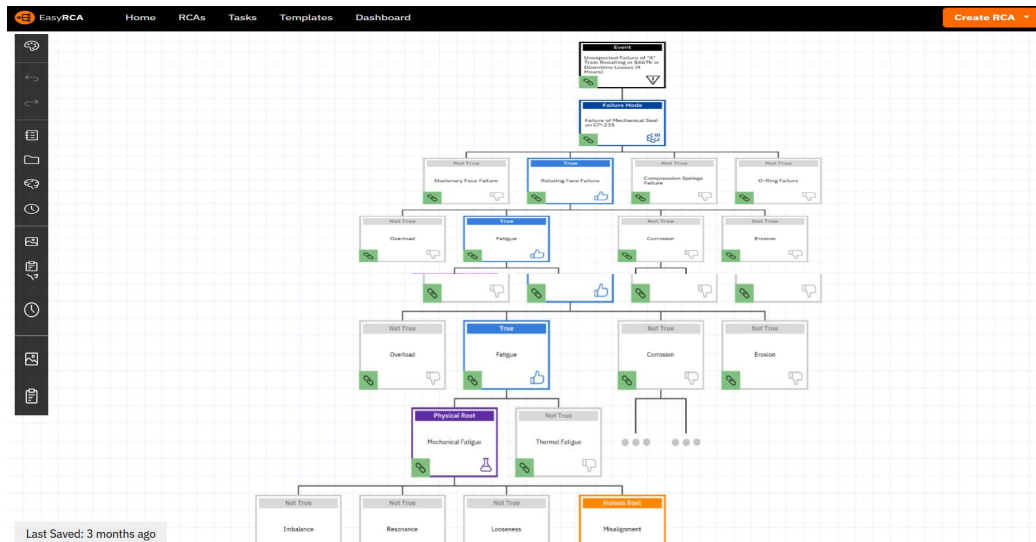
RCA Exercise Time



"I Really Get (Have) to be on an RCA Team?" 😊

78

EasyRCA Overview Tutorial



79

Root Cause Analysis Exercise

Instructions: Break into teams of 3-5 members. Organize into work teams where each team has at least one member who is **NOT** familiar with the event being analyzed. Follow the steps below and be prepared to report your analysis and findings to the other teams. 60 minutes

Step 1: Identify Event to Analyze

Step 2: Calculate the Annual Losses Associated with Event

Step 3: Sketch Out the Event for Team (Basic)

Step 4: Construct a Basic Timeline

Step 5: Begin Logic Tree Construction

Step 6: Validate Hypotheses Using Data Previously Collected (Virtually)

Step 7: Continue Down Logic Tree Until Latent/System Roots are Identified. Properly Identify Physical, Human, and Latent Root Causes.

Step 8: Propose Corrective Actions for Actionable Root Causes

Step 9: Present Case Study to Leadership (Rest of Class)

80

Paper Industry Case Study

Case #1 in RCA Book – Page 301



Thick Stock Pump Failures



© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

84

84

Case #1 Thick Stock Pump Analysis



© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

85

85

The RCA Business Case

The Annual Impact of the Failure

Subsystem	Event	Mode	Frequency	Impact/ Occurrence	Total Annual Loss
Bleach Room	Thick Stock Pump Failure	Bearing Failures	10/year	\$100,000	\$1,000,000

The Bottom-Line Benefit

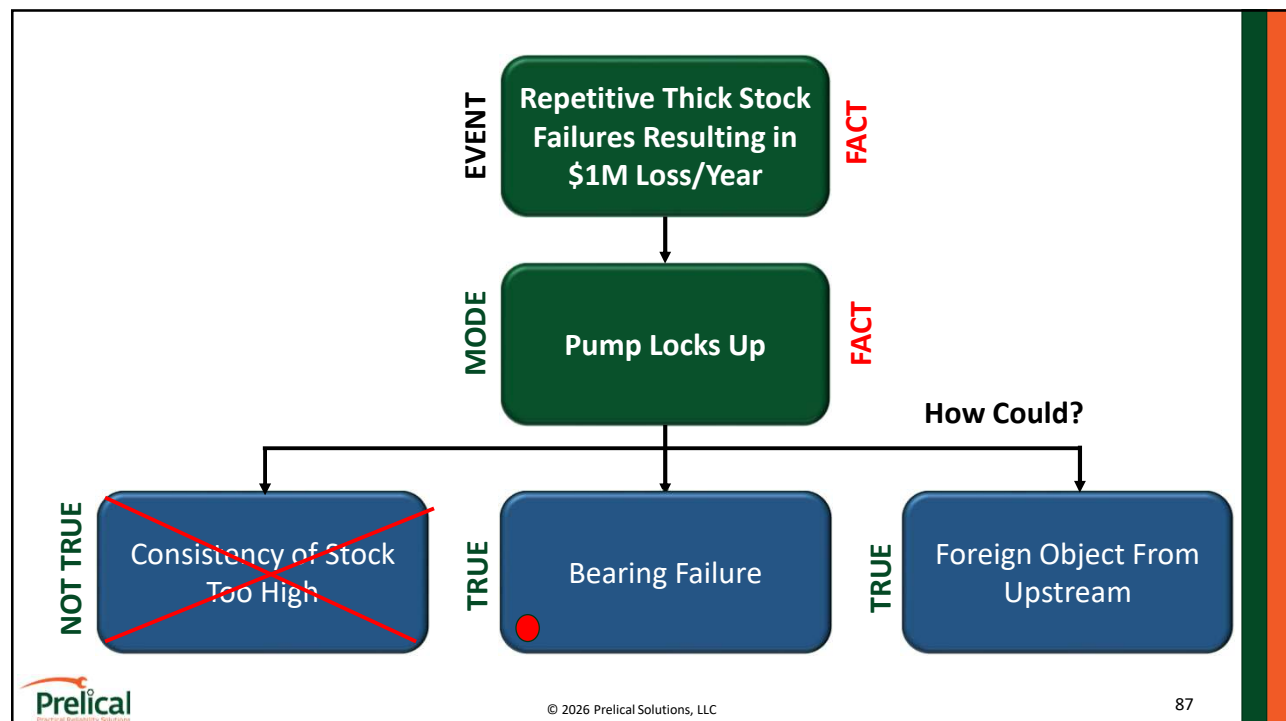
Duration of Analysis	3 Months (Part-Time Team)
Cost to Perform Analysis	\$20,000
Approximate Savings/Year	\$700,000
Estimated ROI	3,500%



© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

86

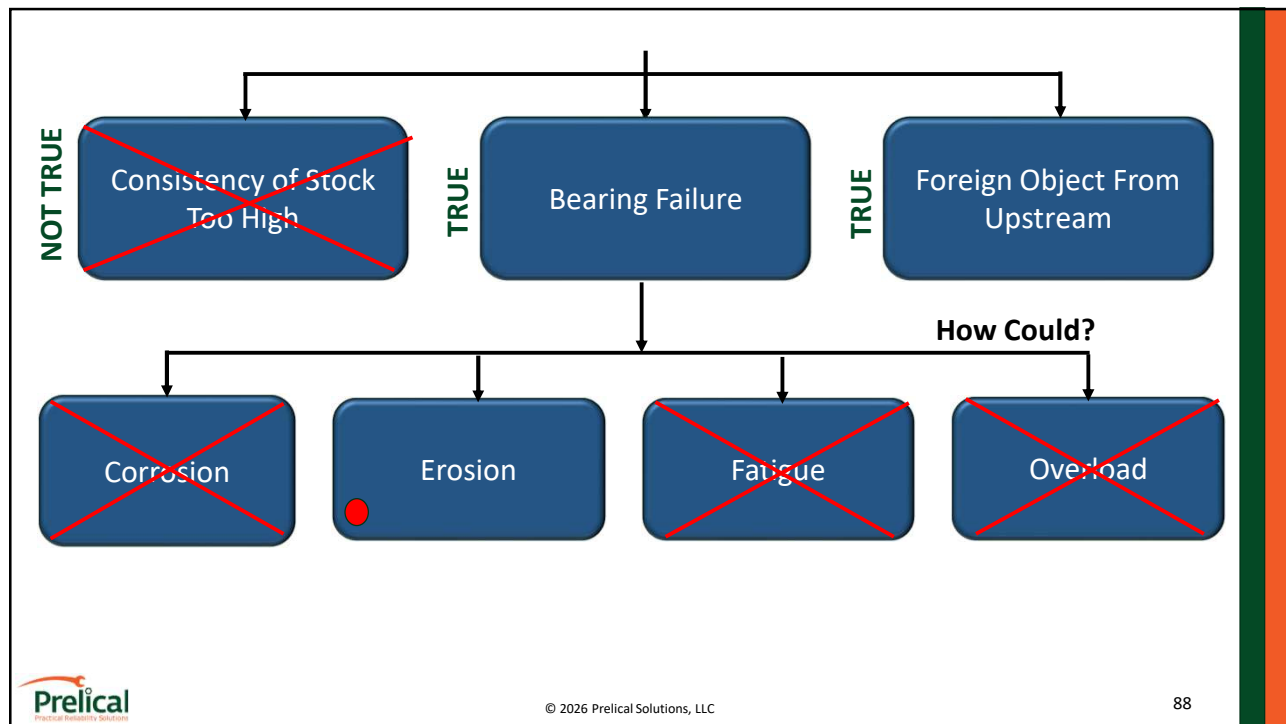
86



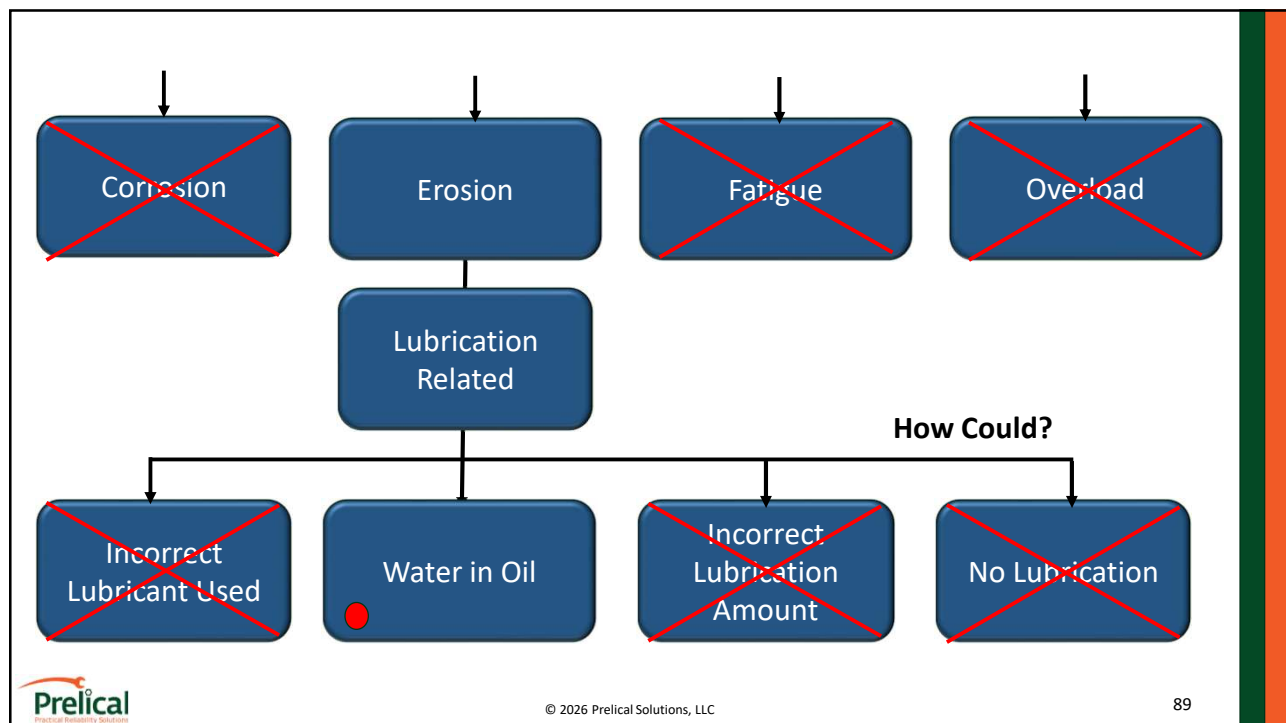
© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

87

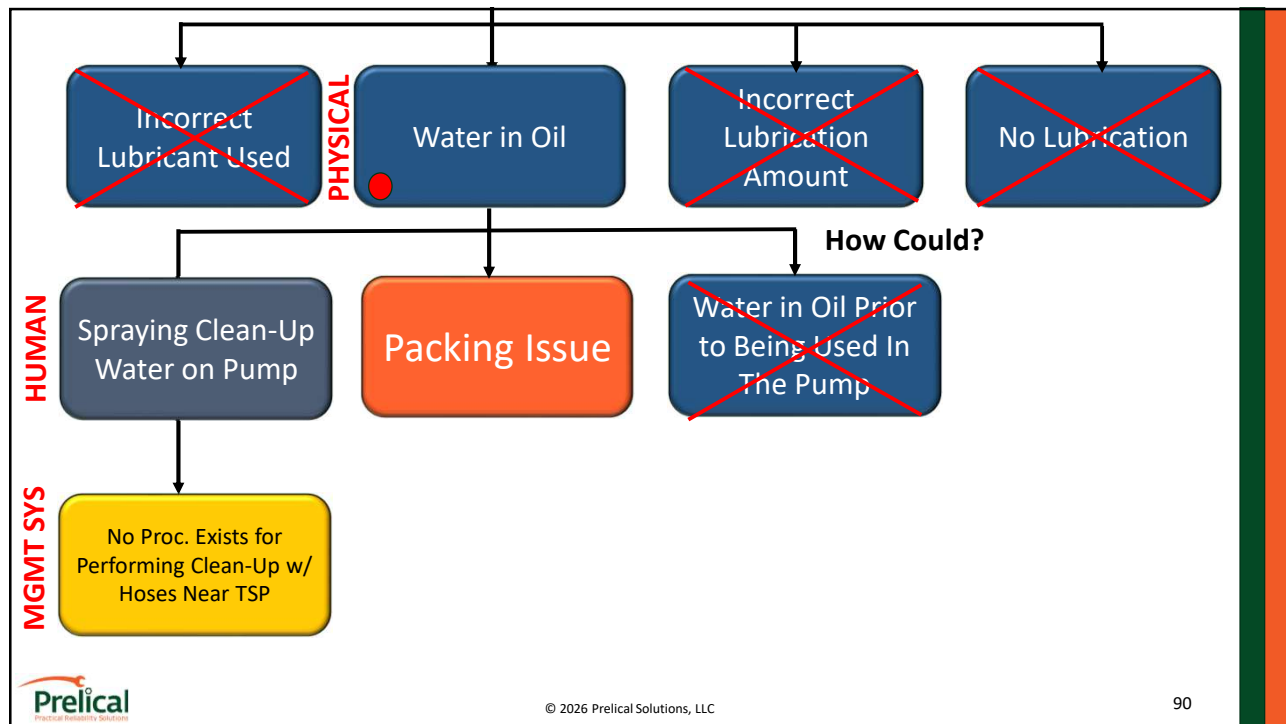
87



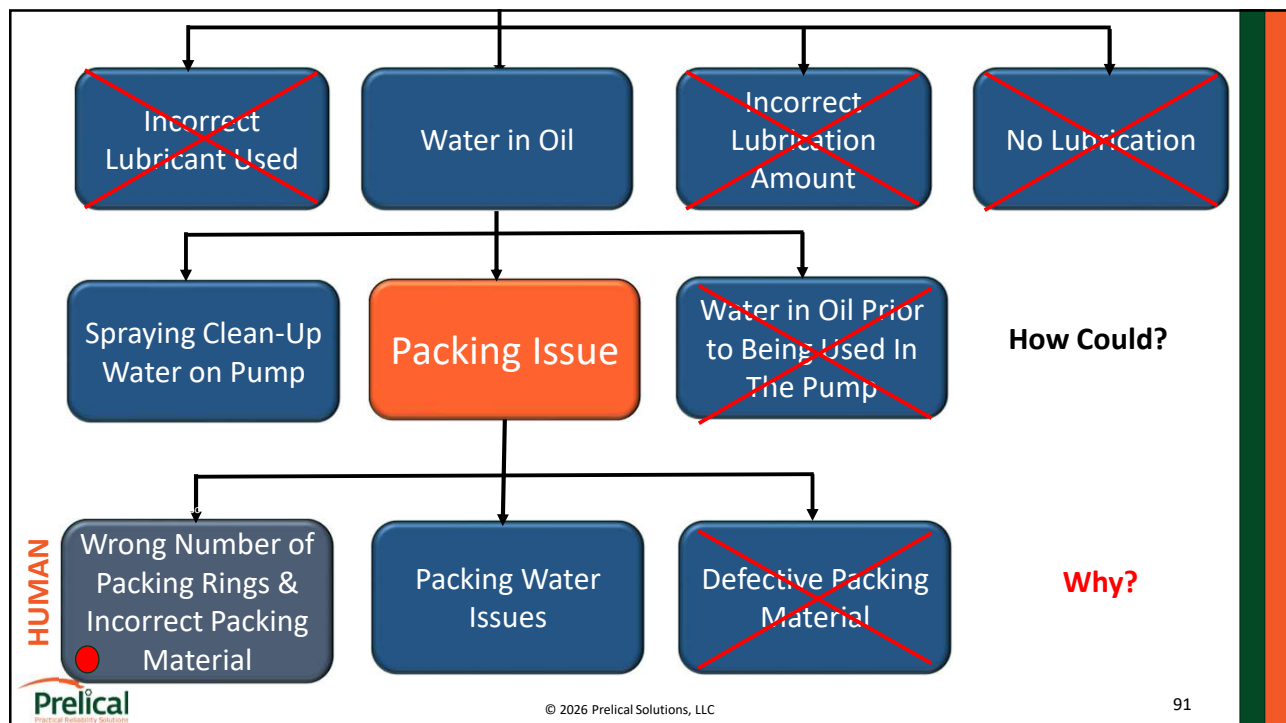
88



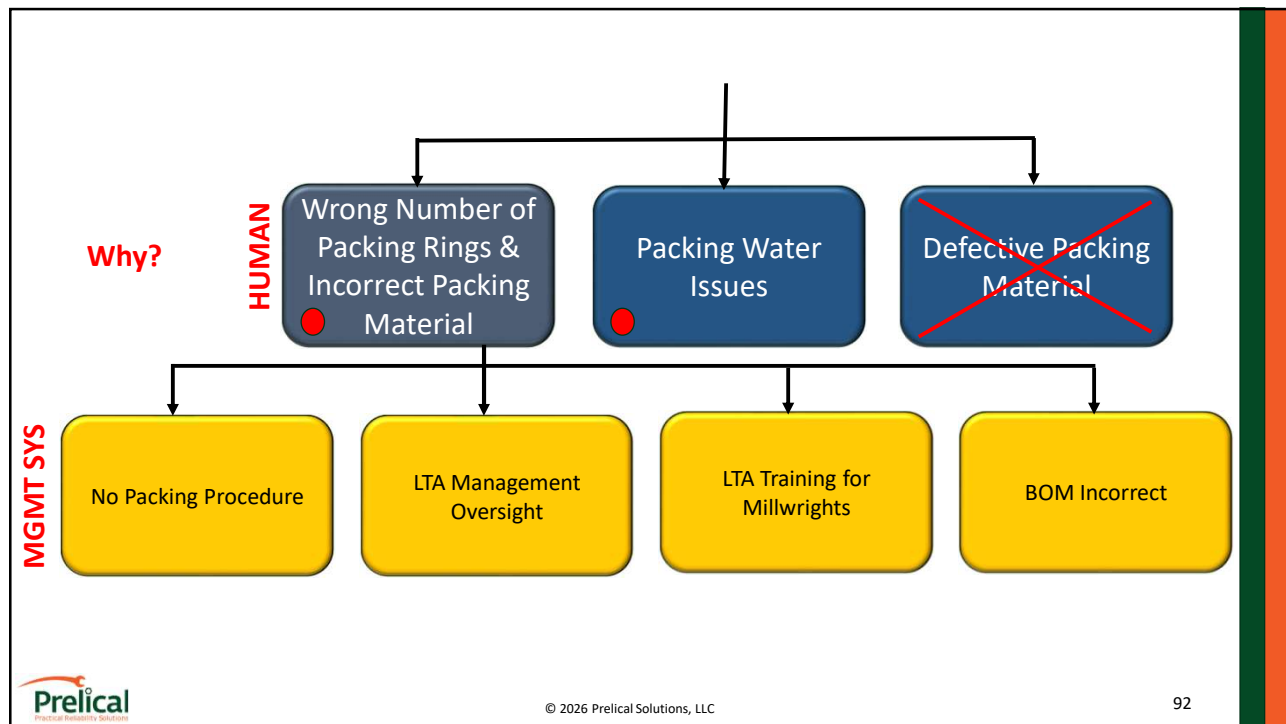
89



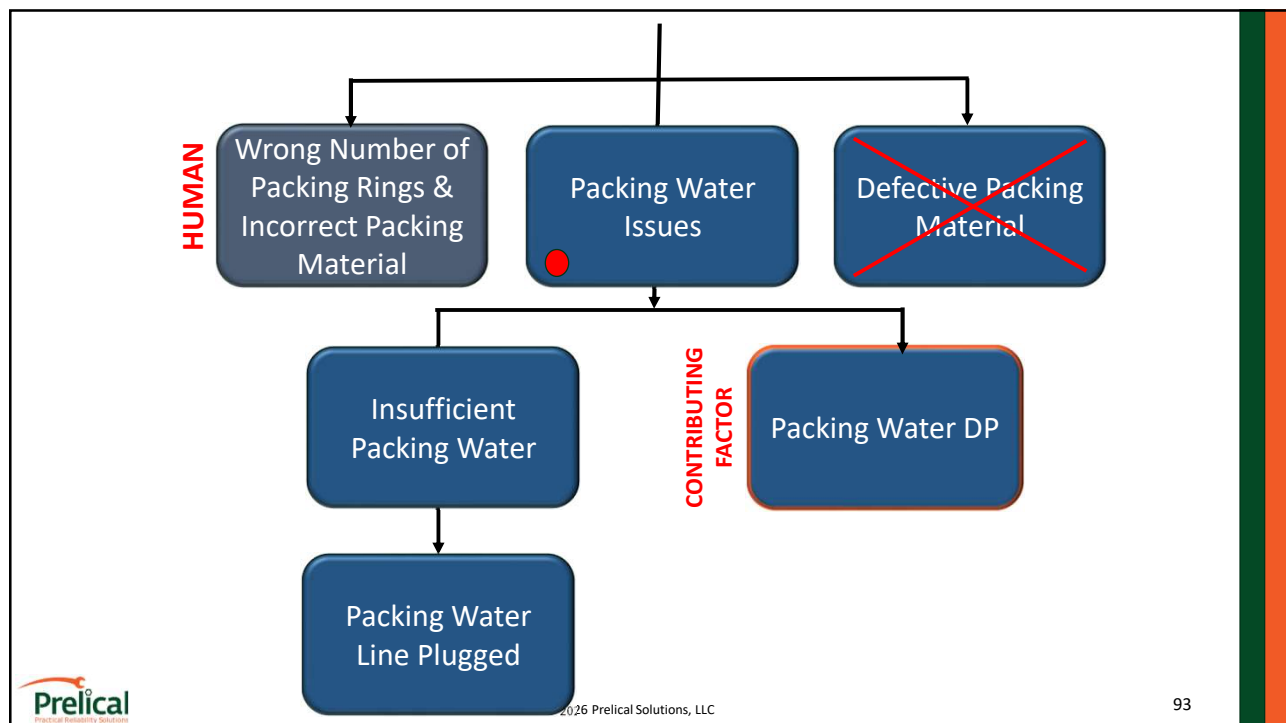
90



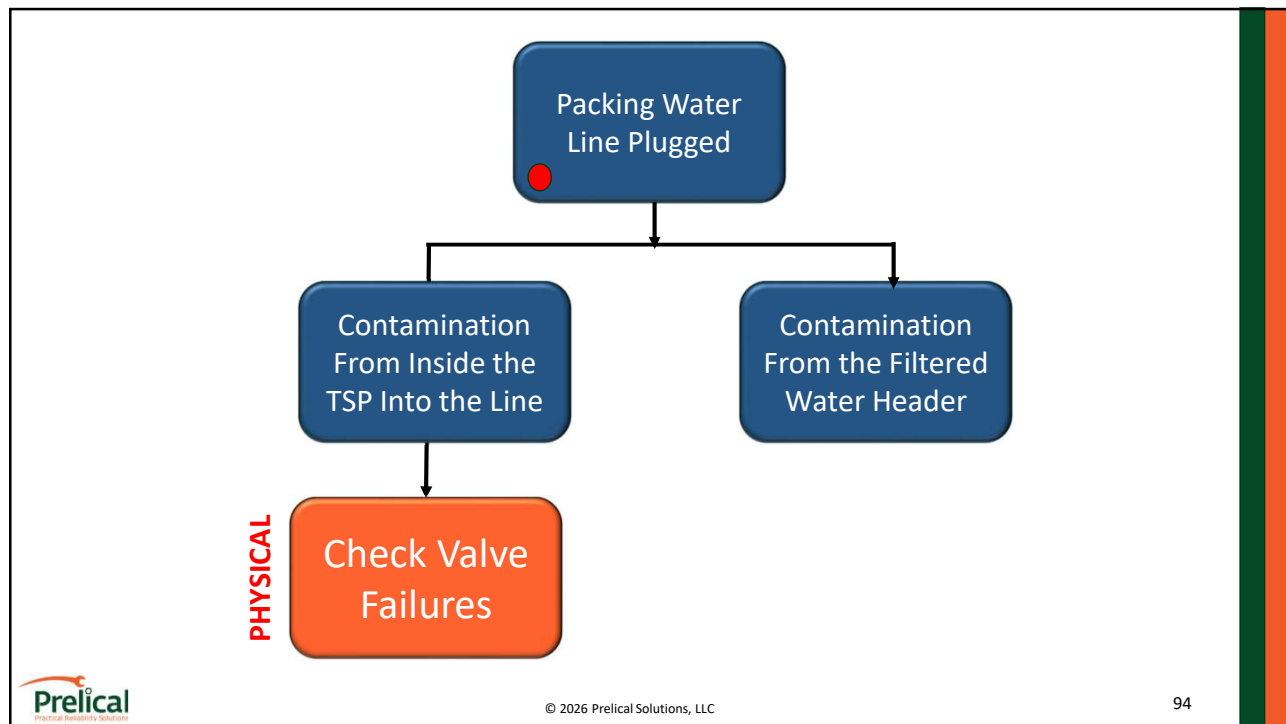
91



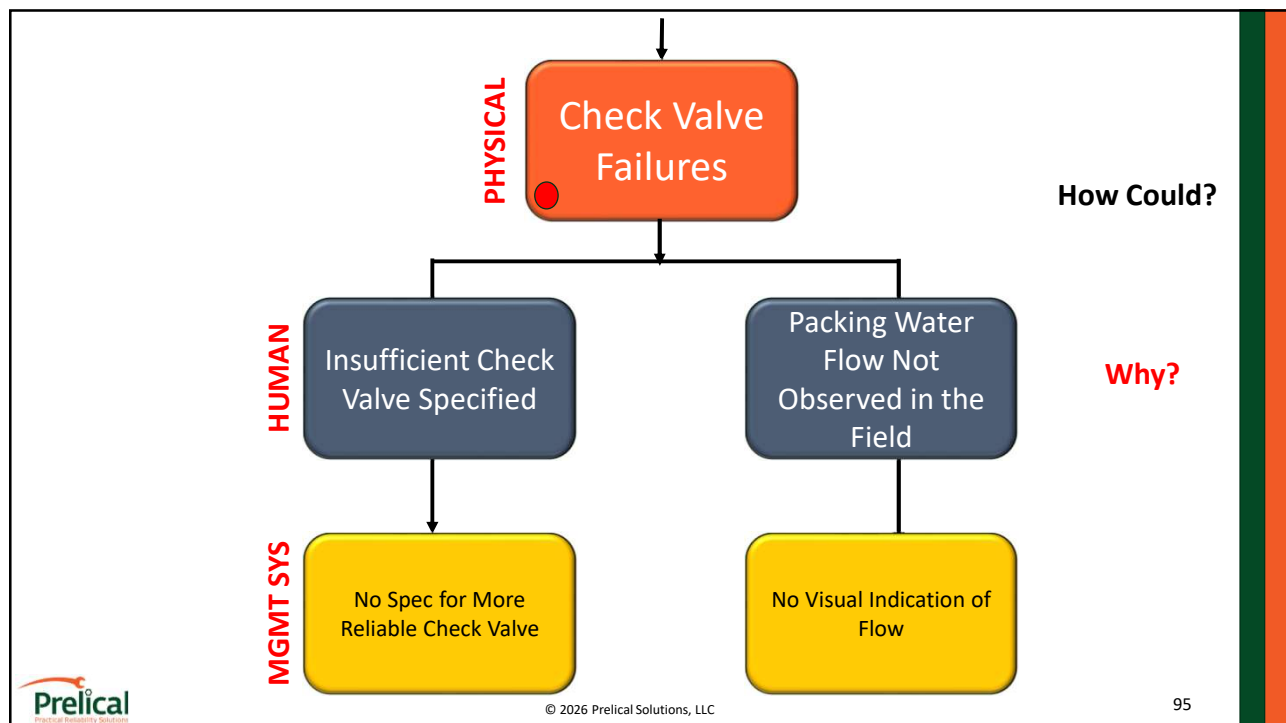
92



93



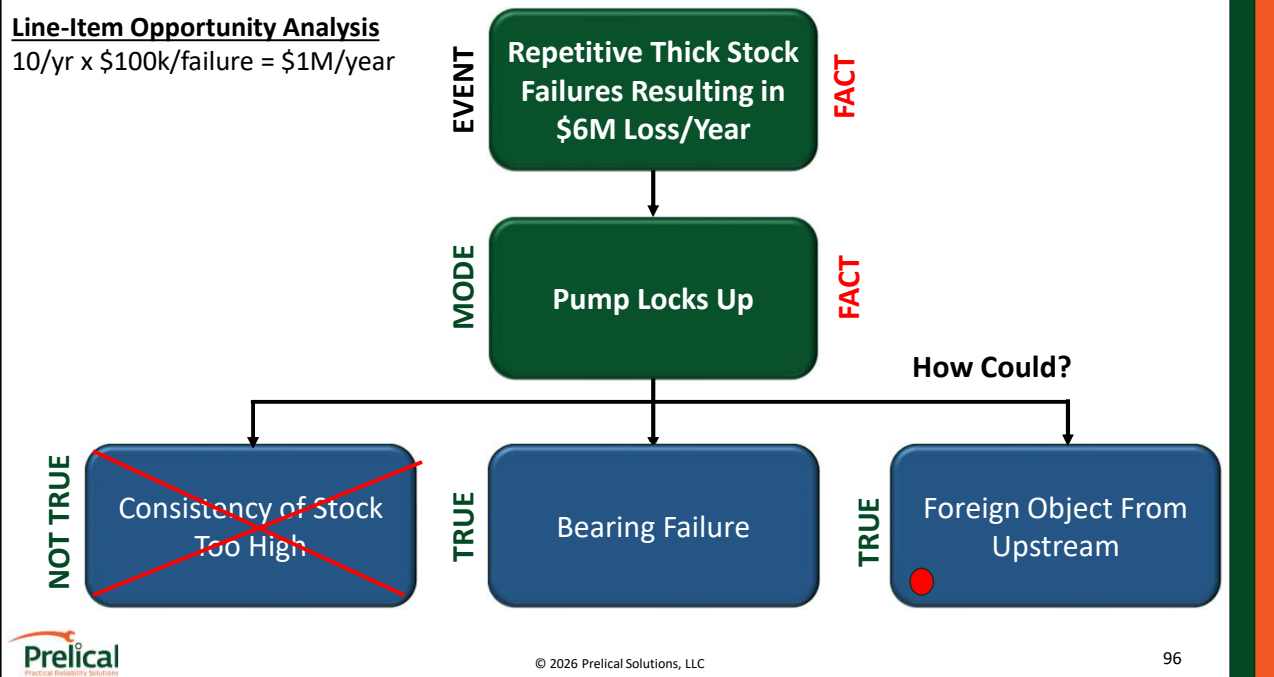
94



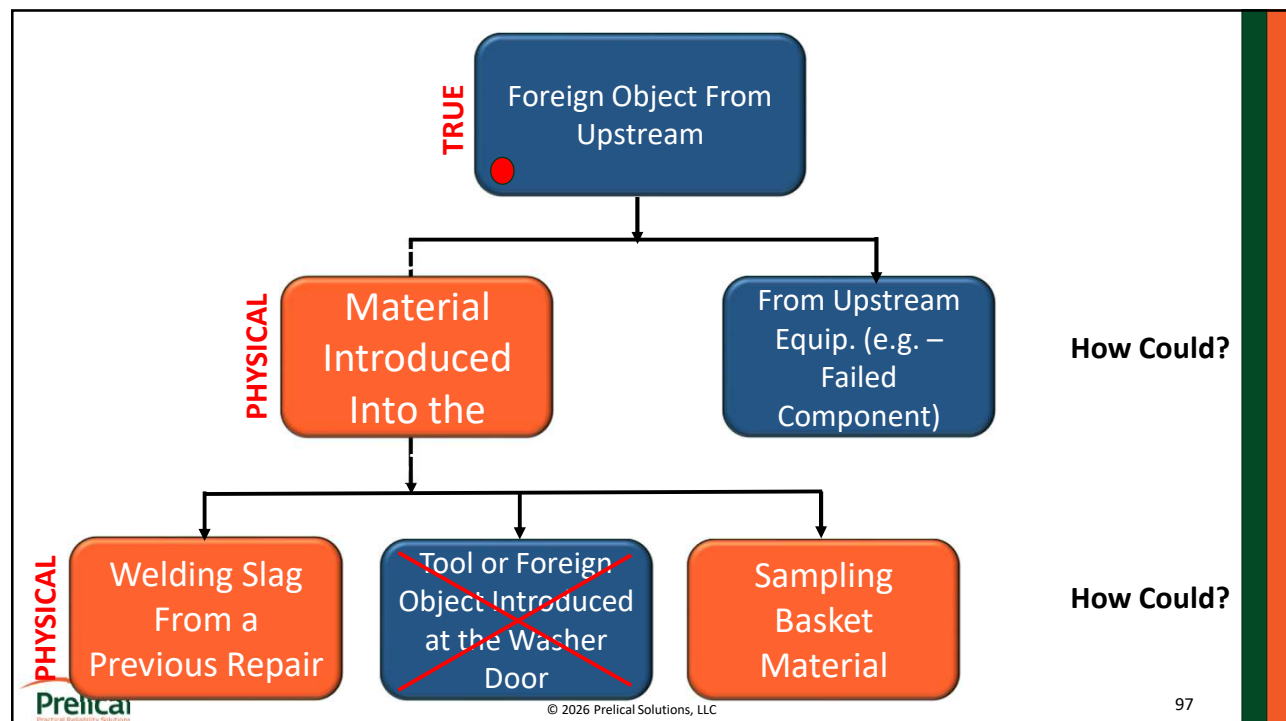
95

Line-Item Opportunity Analysis

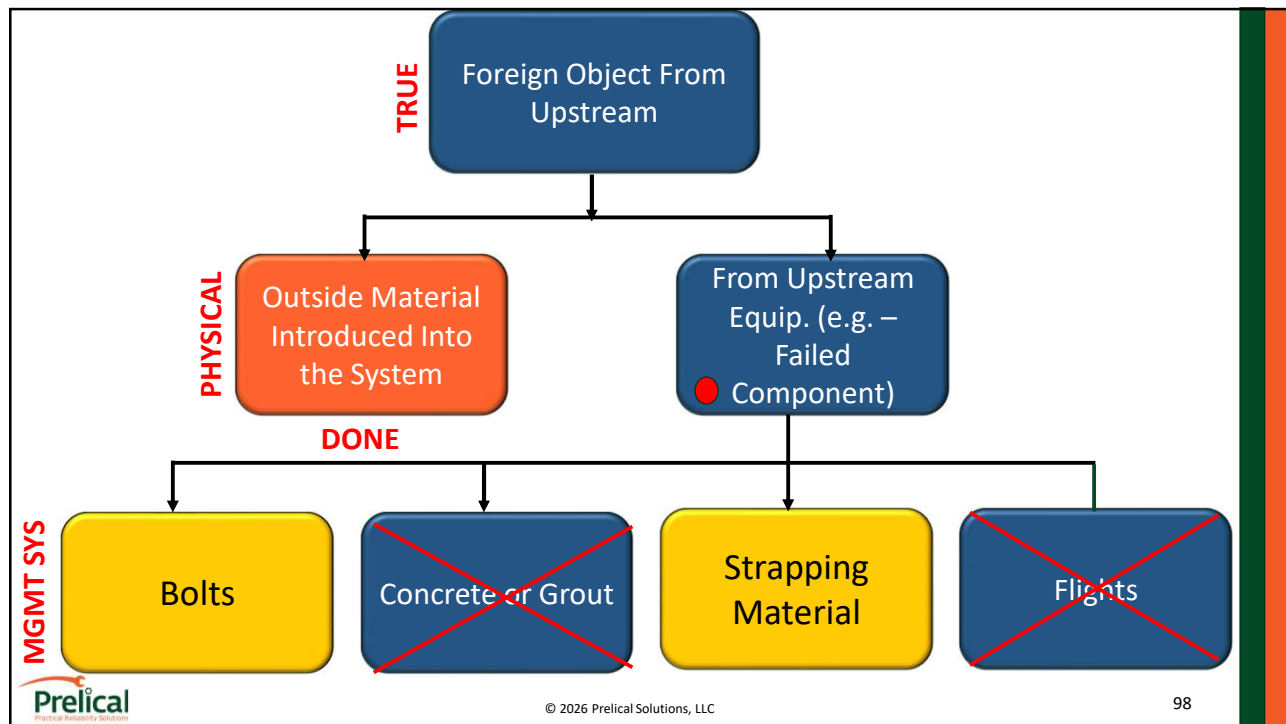
10/yr x \$100k/failure = \$1M/year



96



97



98

Human Error is NOT a Root Cause!!

WHEN ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS GOES PERSONAL

Tell me who clogged you this time!

Reliable

Machines always spill under pressure.

Prelical
Prelical Forensic Solutions

© 2026 Prelical Solutions, LLC

99