

# Root Cause Analysis



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# Approach

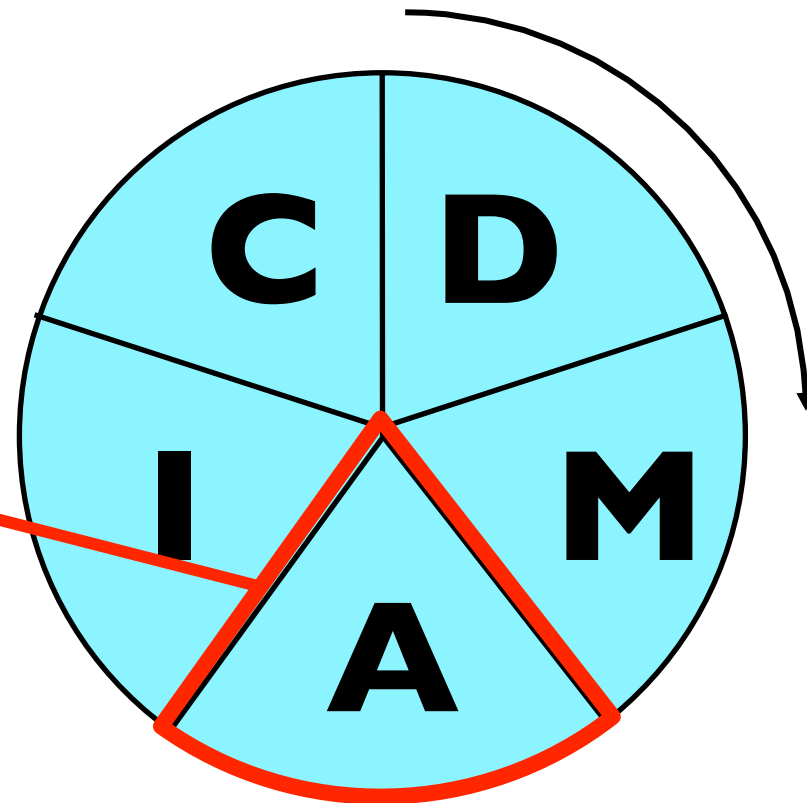
**Define**

**Measure**

**Analyze**

**Improve**

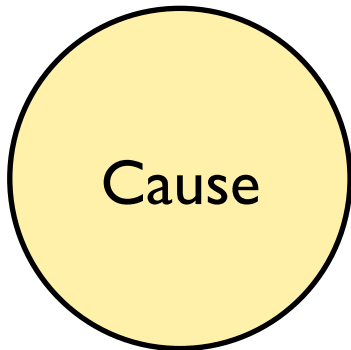
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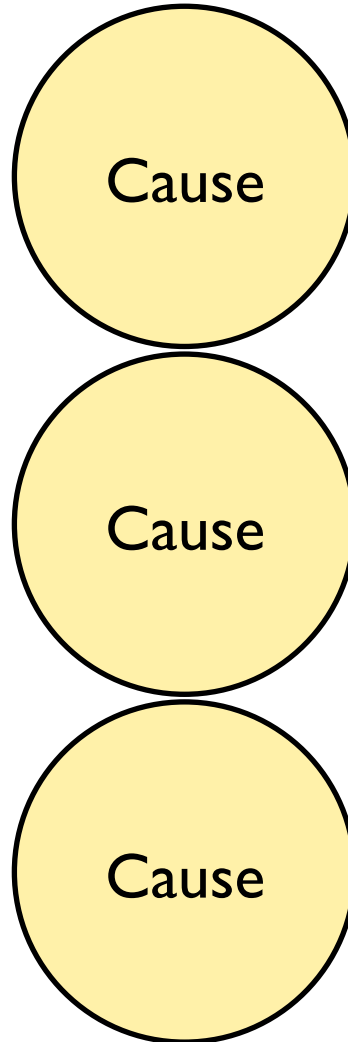


# Three types of causes

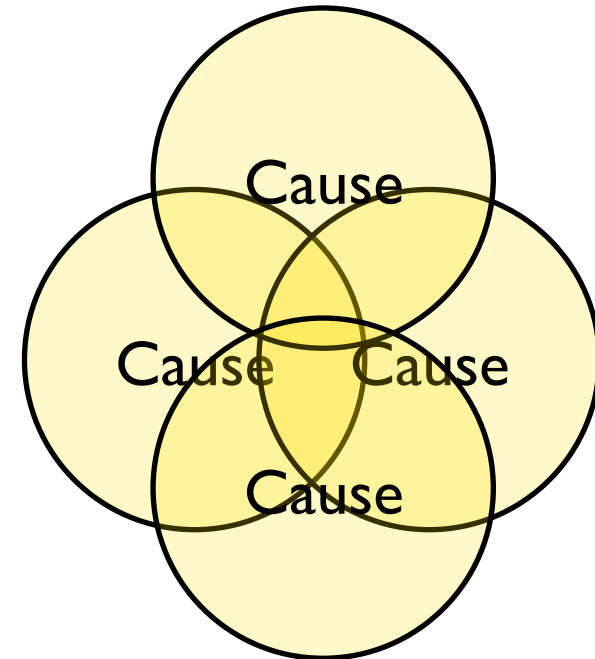
Single cause



Multiple causes



Multiple, complex and combinatory causes





# 7QC

## The seven basic tools of quality

- The Ishikawa diagram
- The Check sheet
- The Control chart
- The Histogram
- The Pareto chart
- The Scatter diagram
- Stratification



# RCA tools

## **Pareto chart**

- Initial sorting

## **Five Whys**

- Simple Root Cause Analysis

## **Ishikawa diagram**

- Causality mapping

## **Failure Mode and Effects Analysis**

- Risk estimation

## **Fault Tree Analysis**

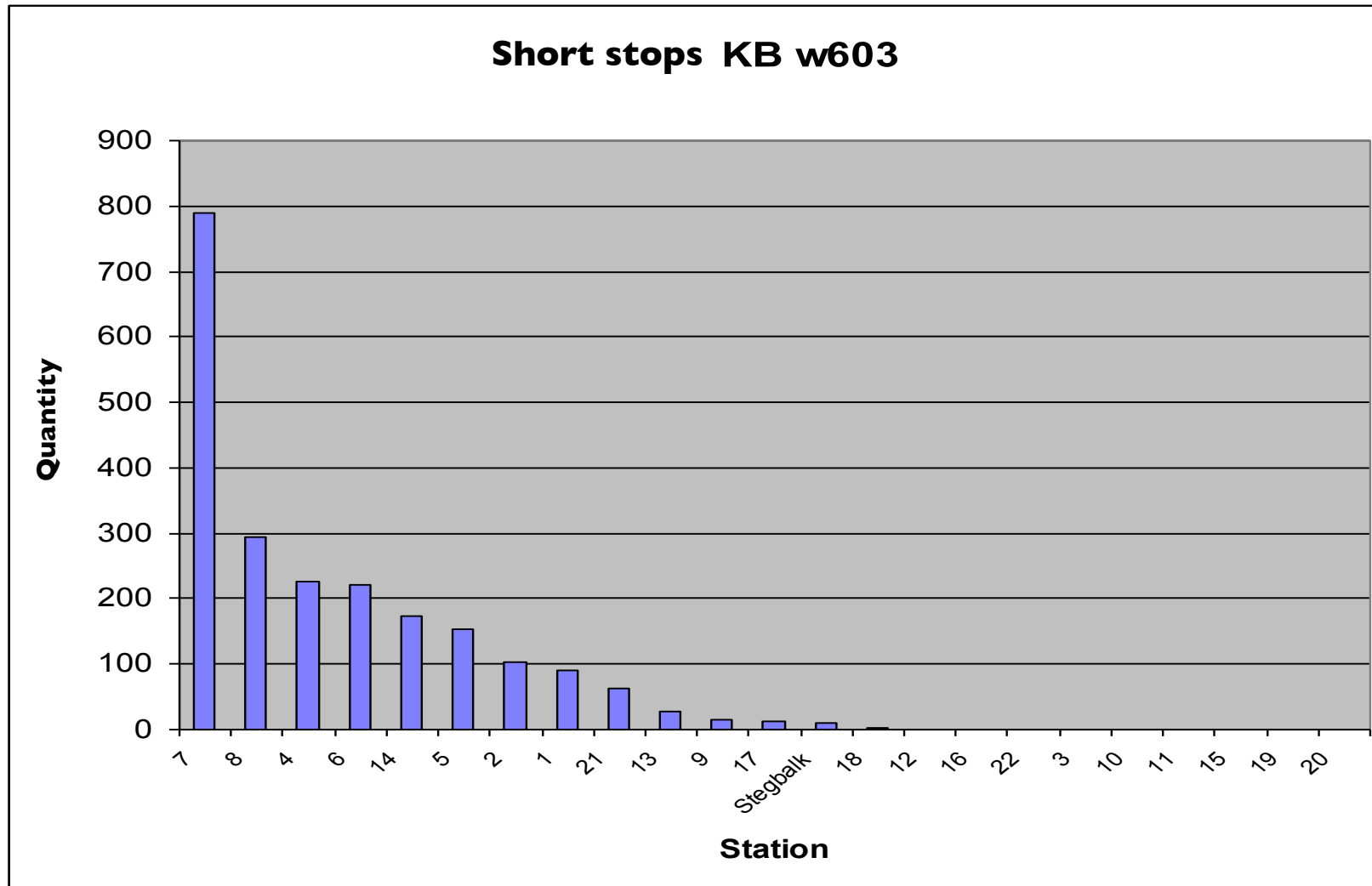
- Cause and Effect Analysis

## **PM-analysis**

- Advanced Root Cause Analysis



# Pareto chart





# Five Whys

**Why** is there a high reject rate of widgets?

- Because the plastic is stained.

**Why** is the plastic stained?

- Because there is excess oil in the cutting machine.

**Why** is there excess oil in the cutting machine?

- Because it is clogging as it is months since it was cleaned.

**Why** is it so long since it was cleaned?

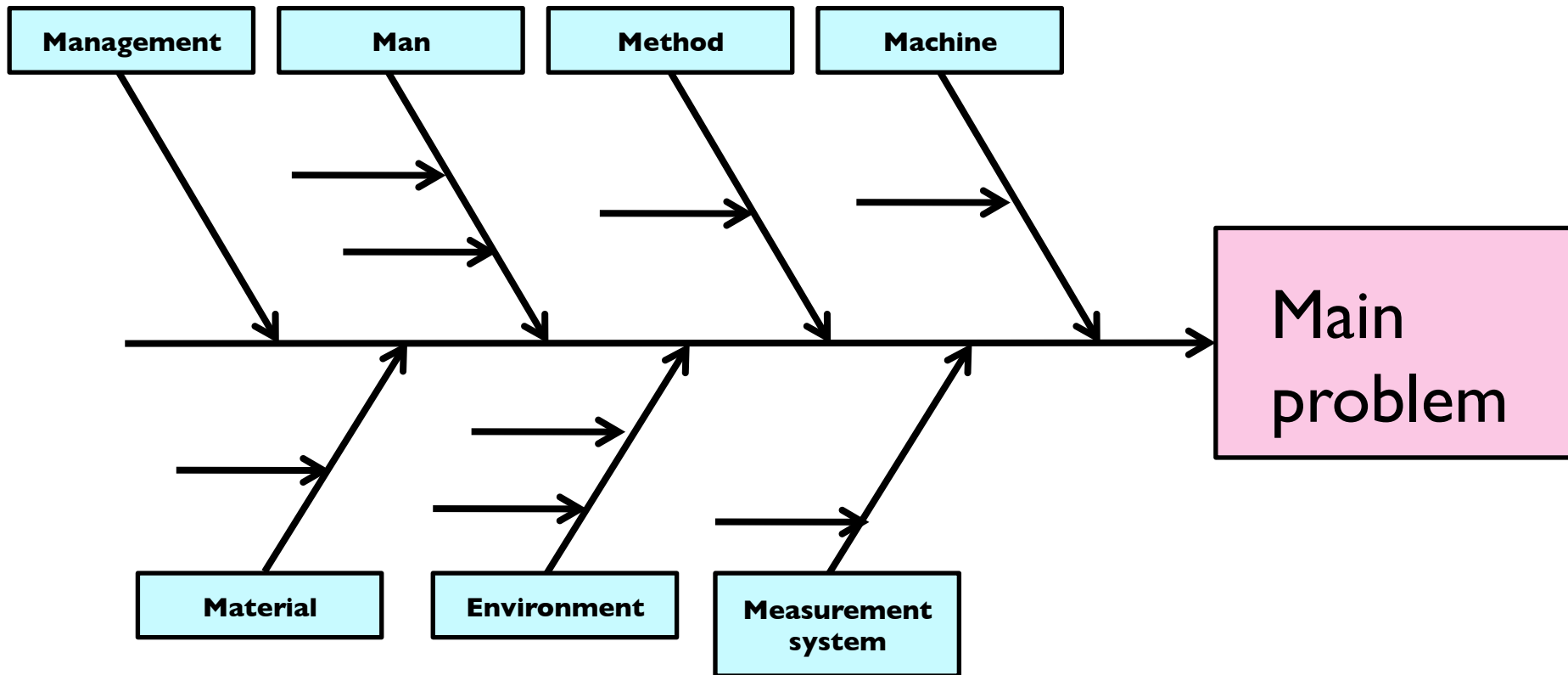
- Because we only service machines when they break down, not on a preventative basis.

**Why** only service after breakdowns?

- Because maintenance says it is cheaper (but what about the cost of rejects and rework?).



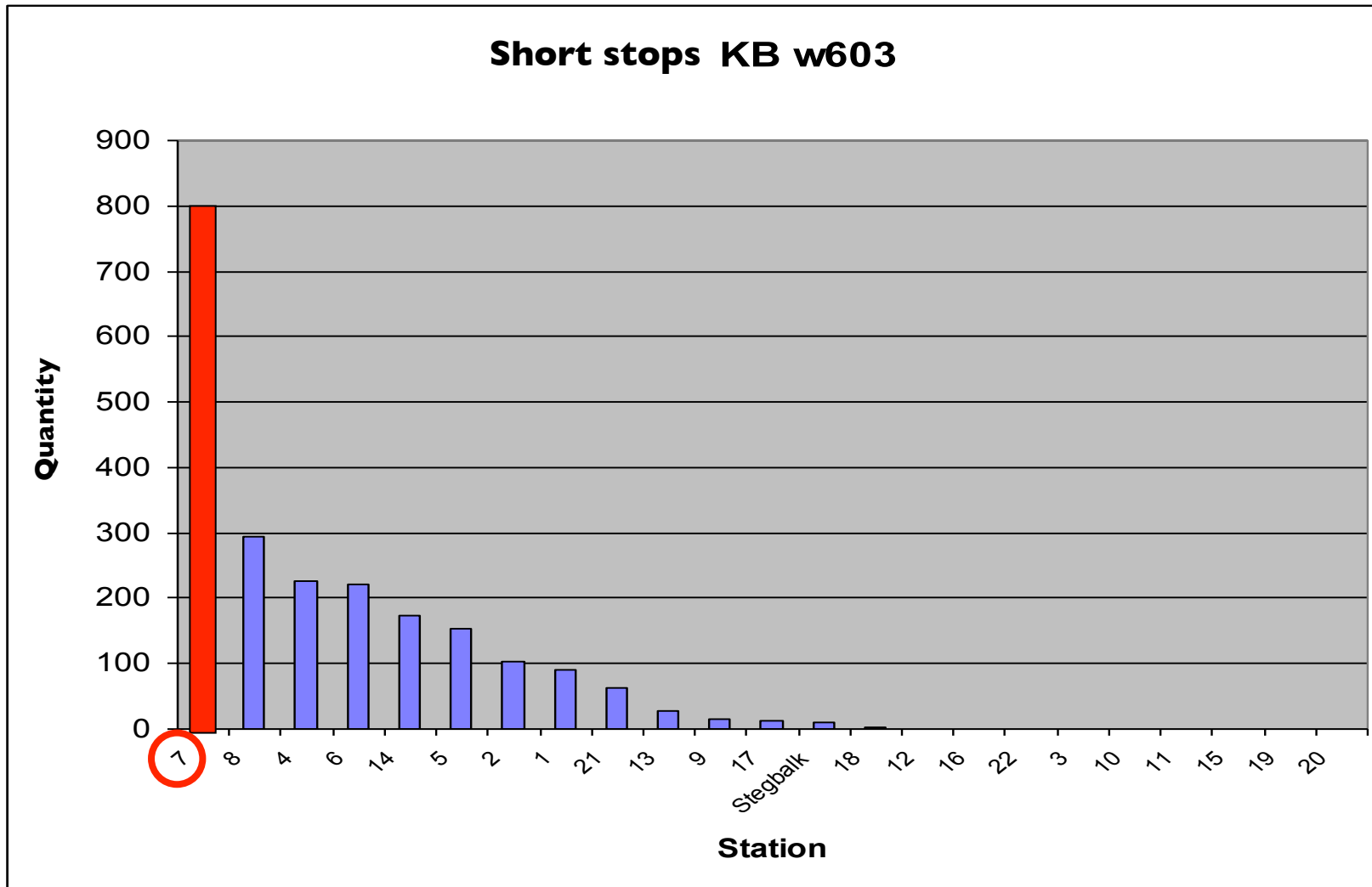
# Ishikawa diagram





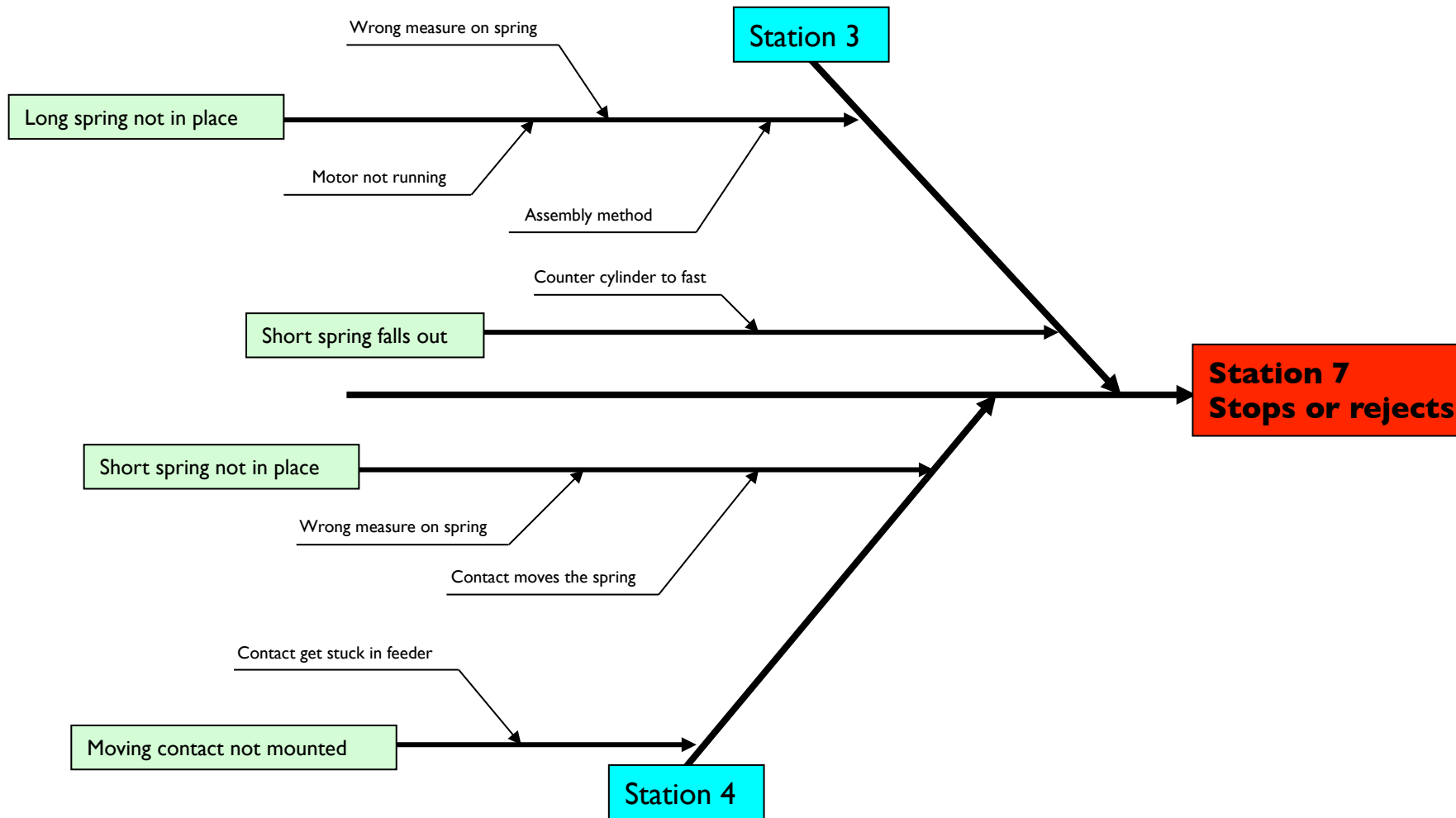


# Example from ABB Cewe-Control





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# Failure Mode and Effect Analysis

FMEA is a systematic method for identification and analysis of a system with respect to possible failure modes, their causes and their effects, plus the consequences on the functions of the system



# Failure Mode and Effect Analysis

FMEA is performed in order to...

- ...identify failure modes with non-wanted effects on the system's functions
- ...improve the dependability and availability of a system
- ...identify the need for deeper diagnosis
- ...improvement of the maintainability of a system





# Failure Mode and Effect Analysis

- FMEA should be performed in groups, preferably cross functional
- Limit the analysis to smaller systems or processes
- Use the same grading system for different FMEAs
- Include "soft" deficiencies e.g. usability, ergonomics, etc.



# Failure Mode and Effect Analysis

FMEA should not be used when:

...a system has high amount of redundancies

...a system have a high degree of common cause failures

*For such systems FTA might be a better method*



# Fault Tree Analysis, FTA

- FTA is:
- a qualitative and quantitative method for analyzing complex systems
  - a logical process that might be transferred into reliability block diagrams
  - a top-down technique in which a possible event on system level is analyzed and broken down to component level
  - developed in the aero-space industry and the nuclear power industry





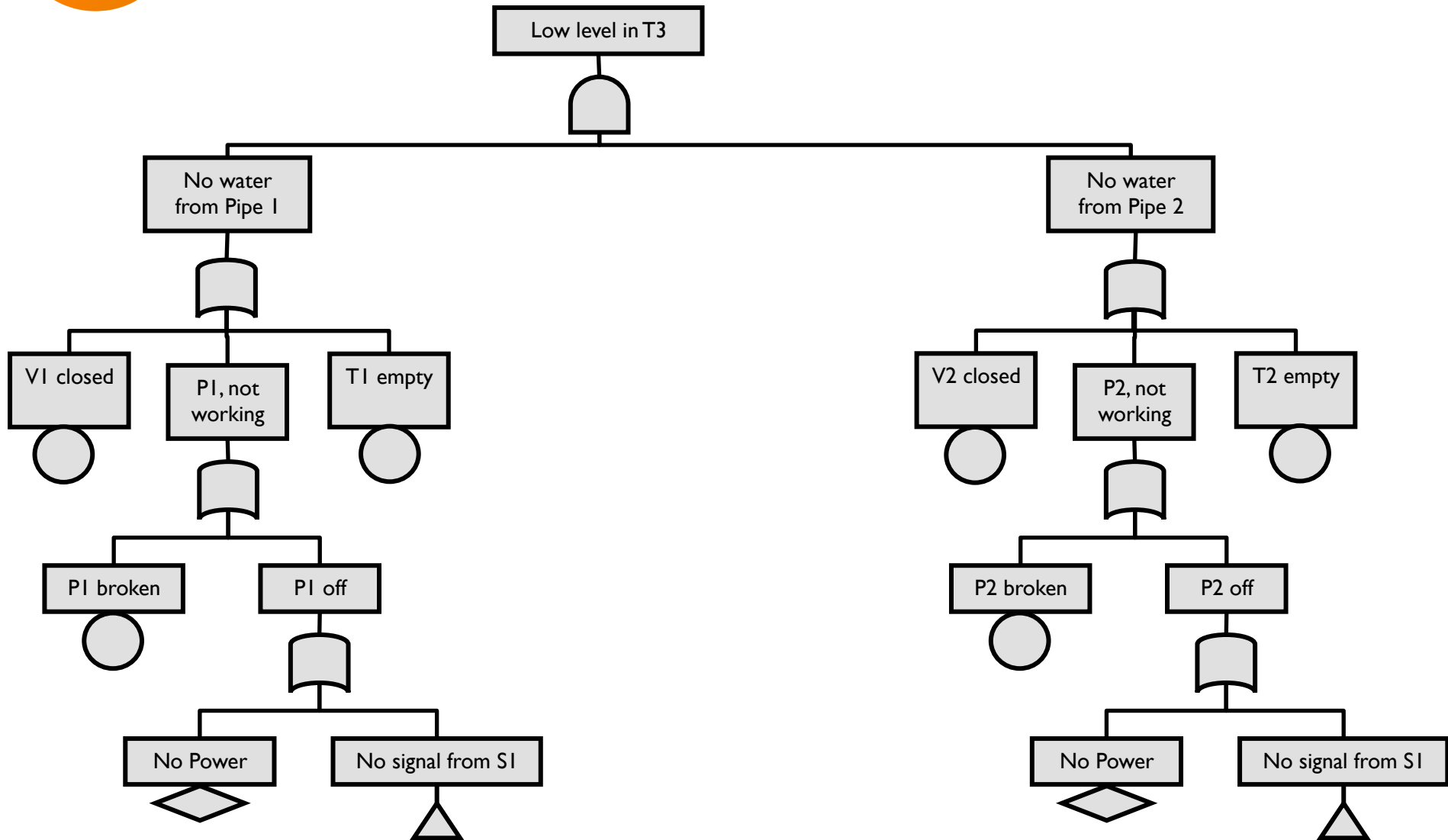
# Fault Tree Analysis, FTA

FTA is performed in order to:

- analyze and show the connection between non-wanted events in the system and the root causes to these events
- identify the events (human, environmental, technological) that might be difficult to calculate mathematically
- increase the understanding of the structures and relations in a system
- identify critical failure modes and weaknesses even in the absence of component data

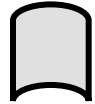


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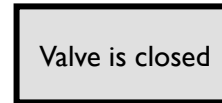




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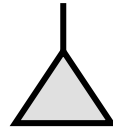
The OR-gate indicates that the output event occurs if any of the input events occur



The Comment rectangle is for supplementary information



The AND-gate indicates that the output event occurs only when all the input events occur



The Transfer-out symbol indicates that the fault tree is developed further at the occurrence of the corresponding Transfer-in symbol



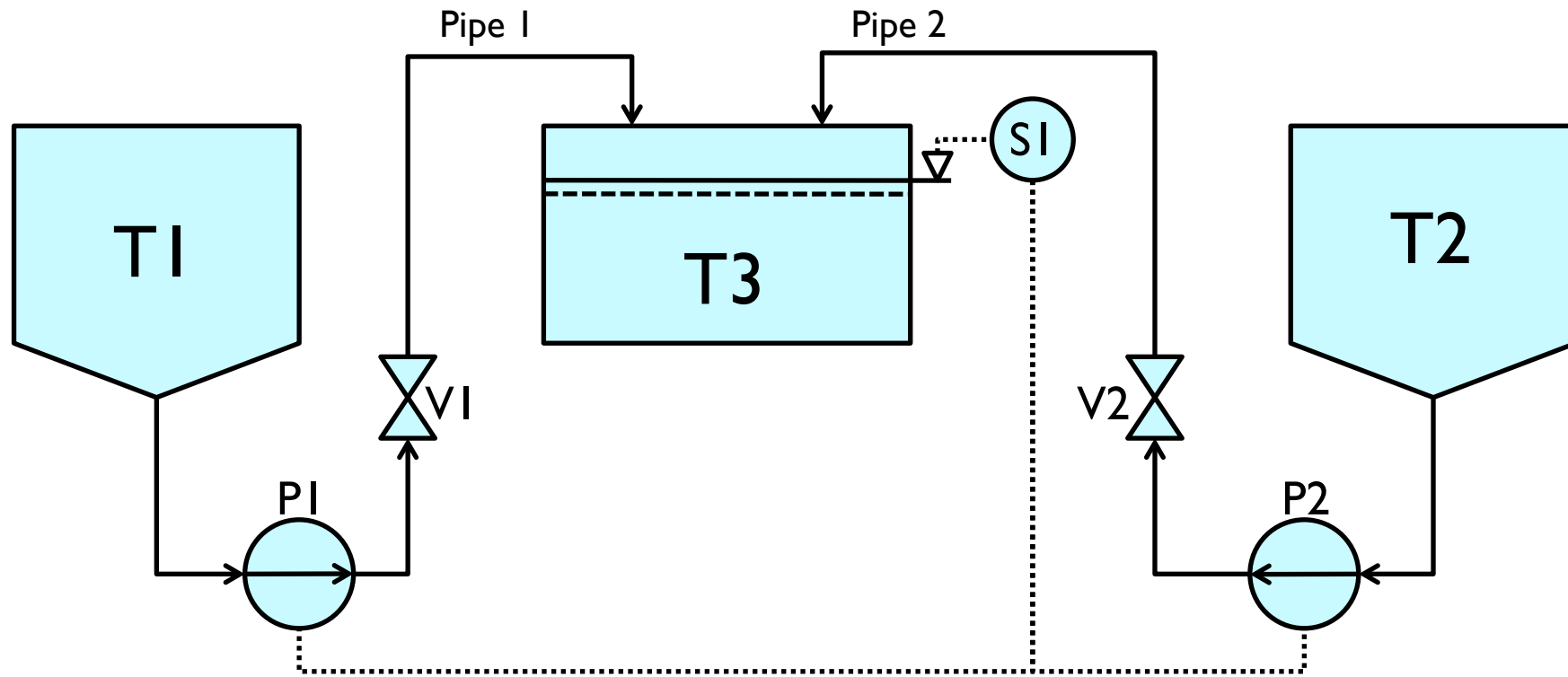
The Basic event represents a basic equipment failure that requires no further development of failure causes



The Underdeveloped event represents an event that is not examined further because information is unavailable or because its consequence is insignificant



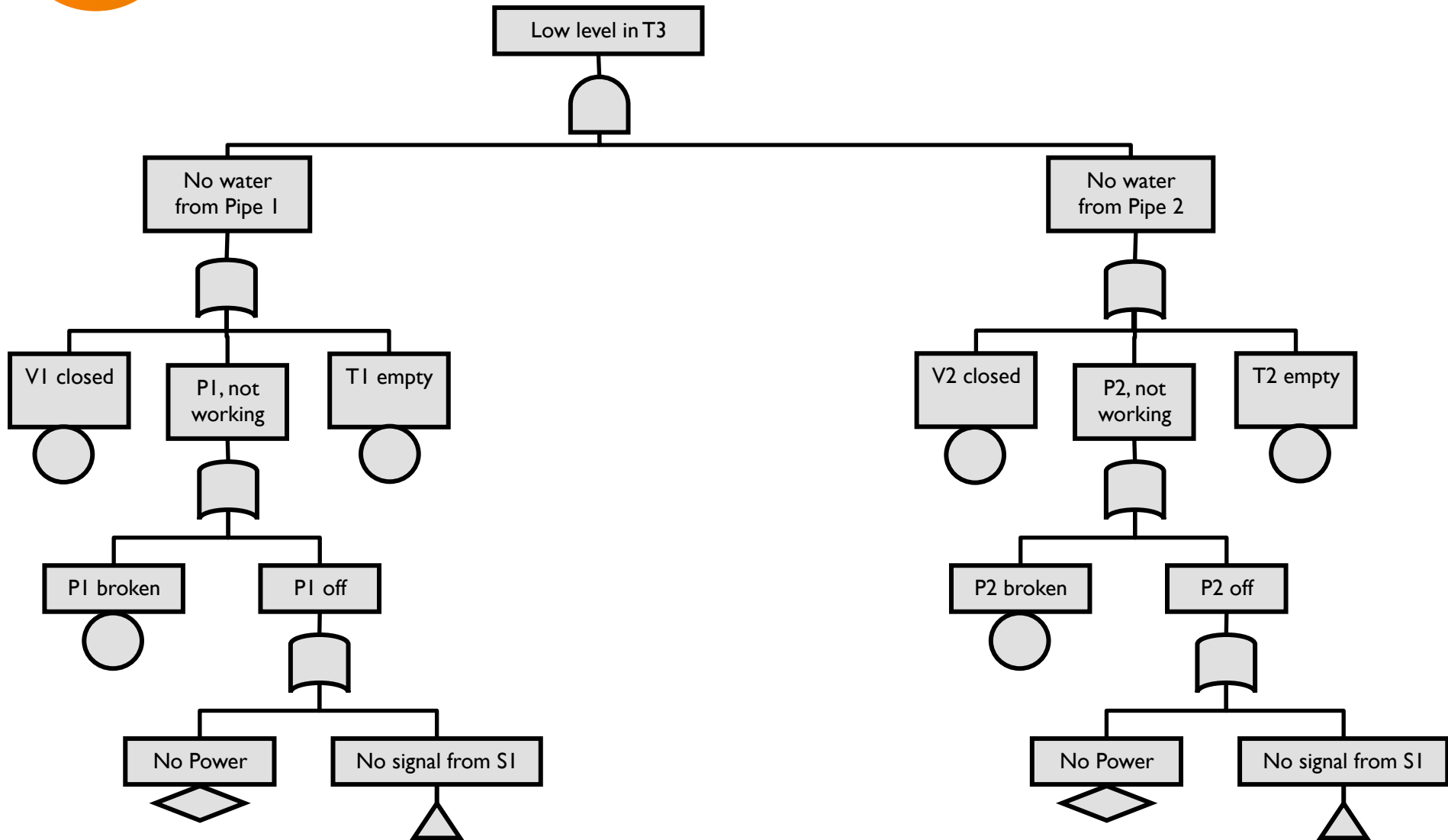
# Fault Tree Analysis, FTA



**What causes are there for low level in tank T3?**



# Fault Tree Analysis, FTA

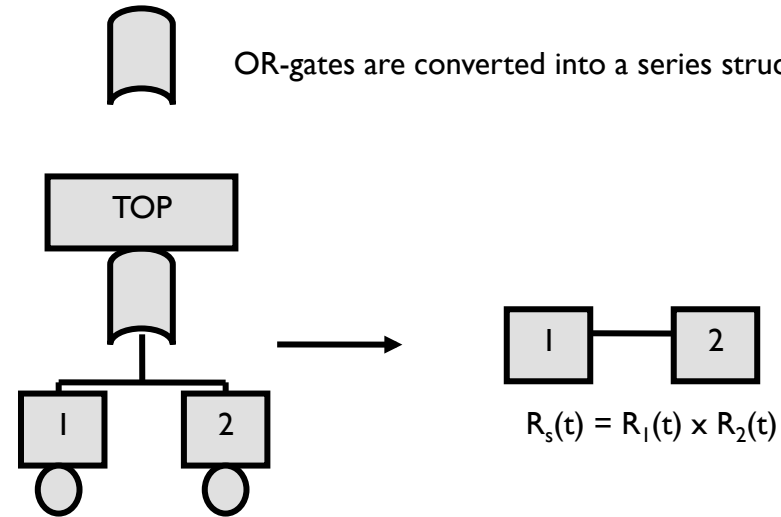




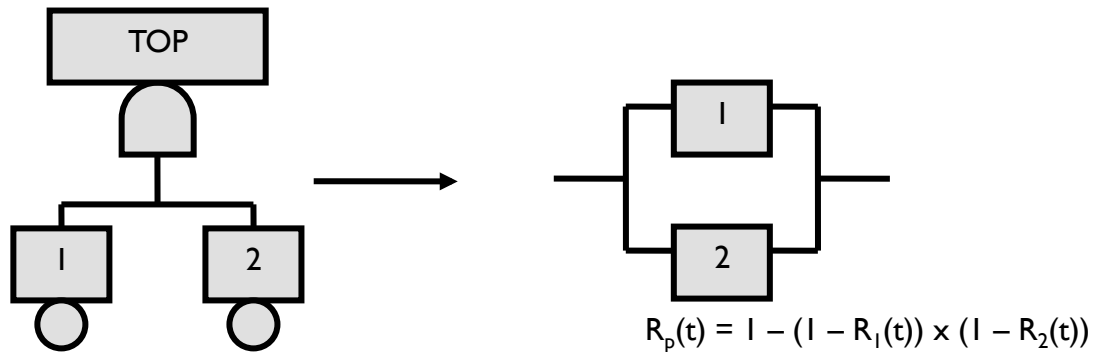
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**How to convert FTA into reliability block diagrams:**

OR-gates are converted into a series structure.



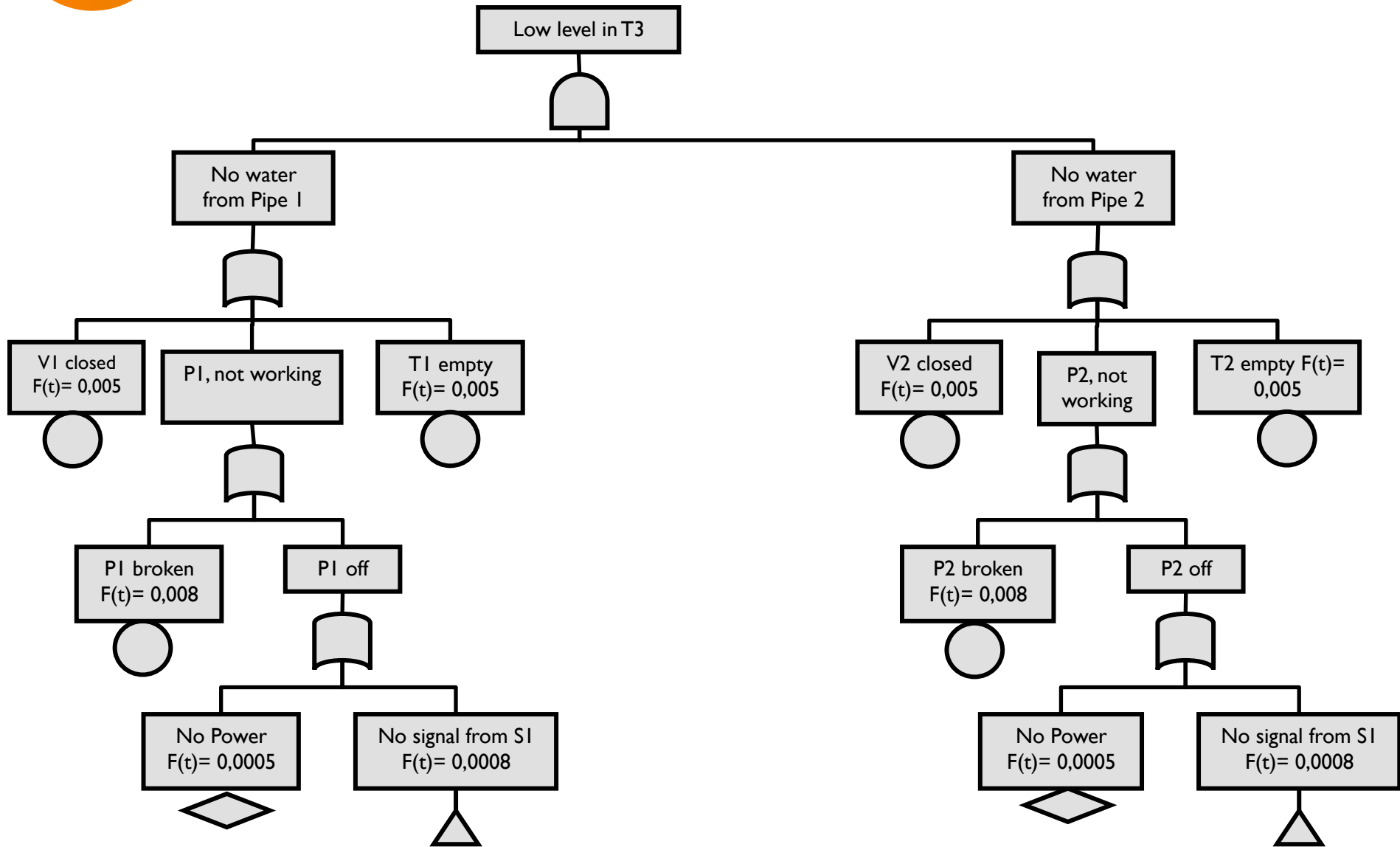
AND-gates are converted into parallel structures.



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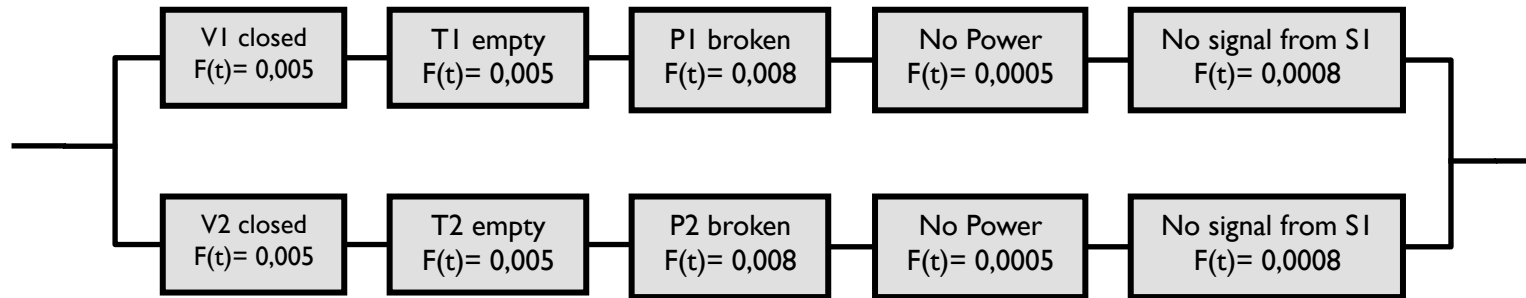


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$$R_{\text{sys}}(t) = 1 - (1 - (0,995 \times 0,995 \times 0,992 \times 0,9995 \times 0,9992))^2 = 0,9996$$





# PM analysis

Aiming at reducing chronic loss to zero

## Accomplished by:

- An analytical and systematic view on every phenomenon
- A study of every thinkable factor that may cause the phenomenon
- Identification of every deviation and reduction of these to zero



# PM analysis

Aiming at reducing chronic loss to zero

**P:** - Physical  
- Phenomena

**M:** - Mechanism  
- Machine, Man, Material, Method



# PM analysis

## The eight steps of PM analysis:

1. Clarify the Phenomenon
2. Conduct a physical analysis
3. Identify constituent conditions
4. Study 4M for causal factors
5. Establish optimal conditions (Standard values)
6. Survey Causal Factors for Abnormalities
7. Determine Abnormalities to Be Addressed
8. Propose and Make Improvements



# PM analysis

## I. Clarify the Phenomenon

The phenomenon occurs when a failure happens, and may be defined as "the difference between a normal and an abnormal state"

A precise clarification of the phenomenon is the key to successful problem solving

1. Eliminate preconcieved ideas
2. Study the equipment
3. Classify the phenomenon
4. Study and identify the deviations



# PM analysis

PM Analysis sheet: **Length variation in cut tubes**

Physical analysis	Constituent conditions	Primary 4M	Secondary 4M	Established optimal conditions	Abnormalities	Suggested improvements
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# PM analysis

## 2. Conduct a physical analysis

Apply a physicist's view on the equipment.

Define physical entities for measurement of the phenomenon

1. Identify the principles of the studied operation
2. Identify the standards of the operation
3. Identify interacting relations between equipment and products
4. Quantify physical events



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# PM analysis

## 3. Identify constituent conditions

Identify all fundamental causes to the problem

Find fundamental causes within all 4Ms: man, machine, method, material





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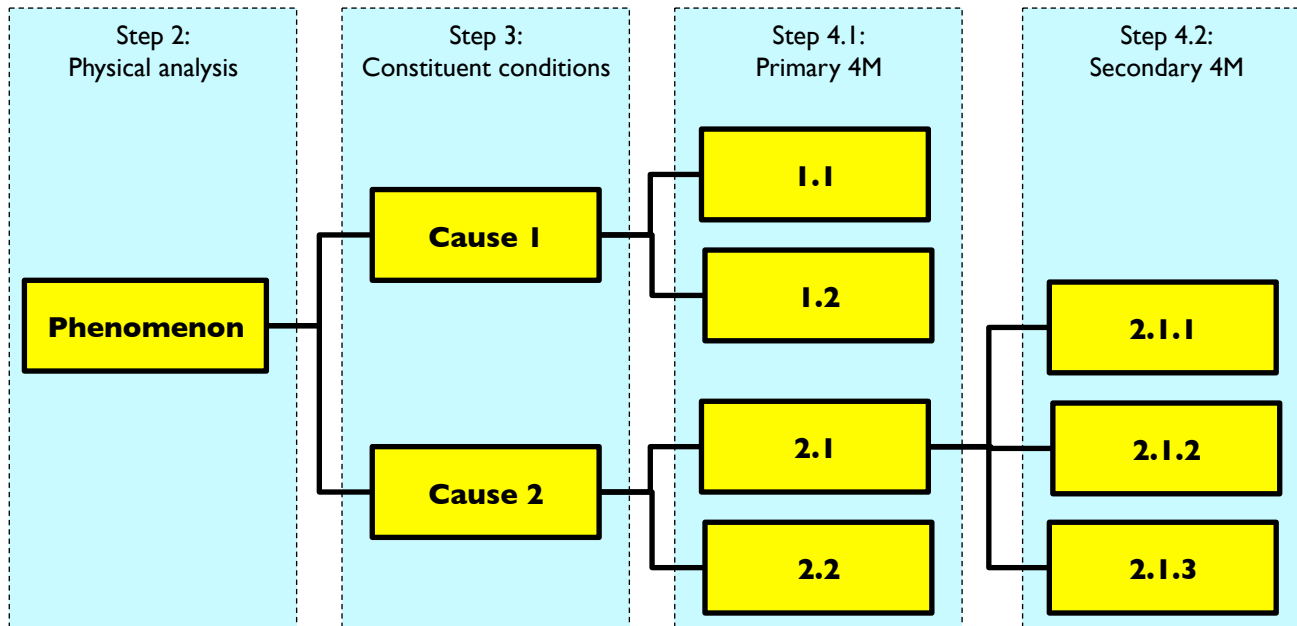
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## 4. Study 4M for causal factors

Study the relations between the fundamental causes and the 4Ms in terms of cause and effect.





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## 5. Establish optimal conditions (Standard values)

”Optimal conditions” are the conditions that are required for the equipment to function and deliver according to requirements.



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## 6. Survey Causal Factors for Abnormalities

Measure the differences between possible root causes, according to steps 3 and 4, and the optimal conditions, defined in step 5.



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## 7. Determine Abnormalities to Be Addressed

Based on the survey in step 6, define which factors that truly contribute to the problem and therefore should be dealt with.



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## 8. Propose and Make Improvements

Propose improvements for correction of the identified deviations.  
Prevent them from re-occurring.



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**Time for a brake?**