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## Logical Methods: Fault Tree & Event Tree

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# System representation

# (complex) System representation

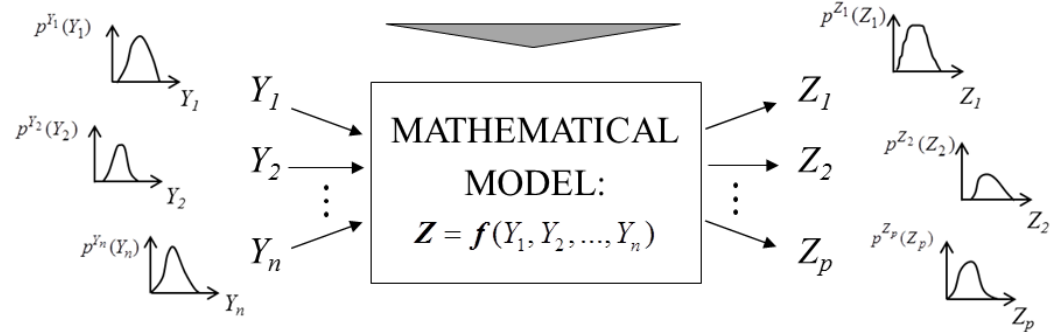
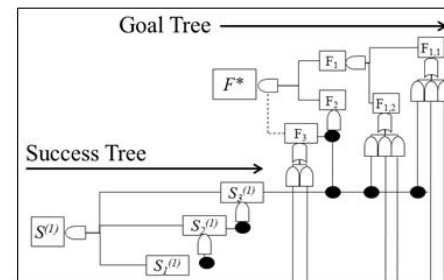
Definition of the structural, logical and functional relations among the components of the system



REAL SYSTEM



REPRESENTATION



SIMULATION with UNCERTAINTY PROPAGATION



# System representations in the scientific literature

Three main types of system representation techniques exist:

- Phenomenological/Functional methods
- Graph structure
  - Structural methods
  - Flow methods
- Hierarchical
  - Logical methods (e.g., Fault Tree / Event Tree, Goal Tree Success Tree + (Dynamic) Master Logic Diagram)



## Vulnerability assessment of CIs

### Phenomenological/ Functional methods

e.g., Agent Based Modeling and Simulation, System Dynamic Model, Economic-Based Approaches, ...

### Structural/ Topological methods

e.g., Topology-based approaches

### Flow methods

e.g., Flow-based approaches (maximum flow model, ...)

### Logical methods

e.g., Fault/Event trees, Probabilistic Modeling (Markov Chains, Bayesian network, ...)



Logical methods are:

- **apt to representation;**
- capable of capturing the **logic of the functioning/dysfunctioning** of a complex system;
- capable of identifying the **combinations of failures of elements** (hardware, software, and human and organization), which lead to the **loss of the system-of-systems function.**



# Logical Methods: Fault Tree



## Objectives

1. Decompose the system failure in elementary failure events of constituent components
2. Computation of system failure probability, from component failure probabilities

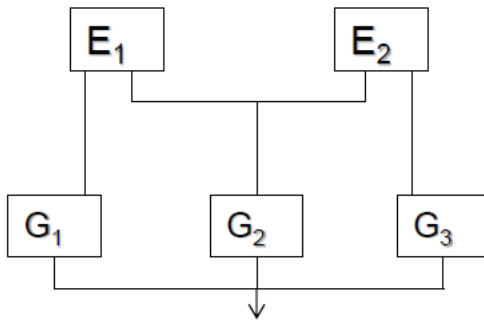


- Systematic and quantitative
- Deductive (search for causes)

# FT construction: Procedure steps

## 1. Define top event (system failure)

Electrical generating system



E1, E2 = engines

G1, G2, G3 = generators, each one is rated at 30 KVA



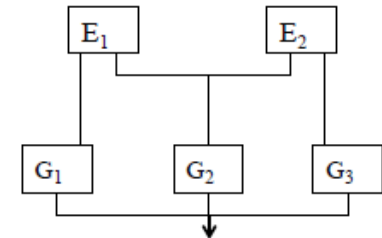
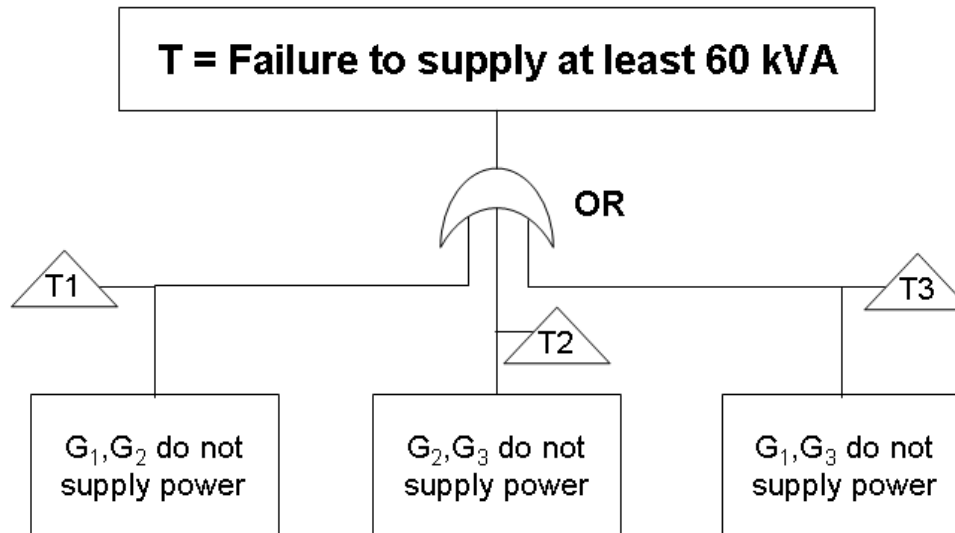
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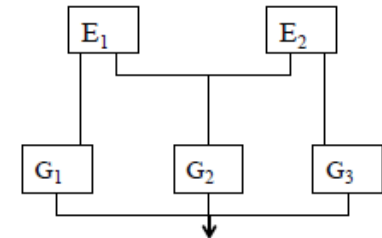
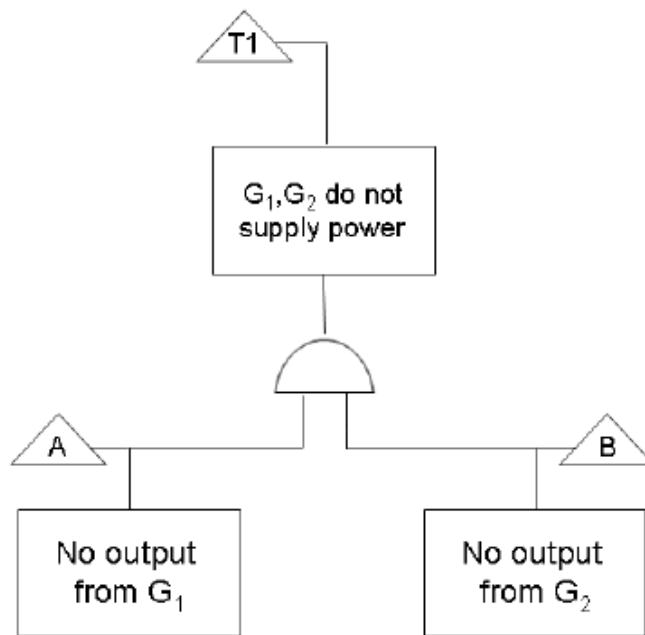
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2. Decompose top event by identifying sub-events which can cause it.

At least two out of the three generators do not work



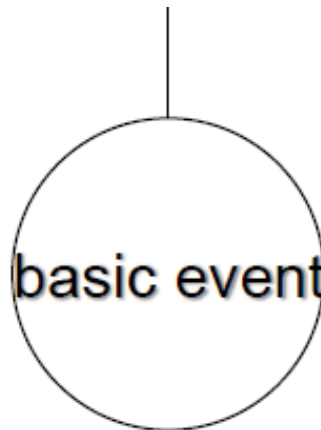
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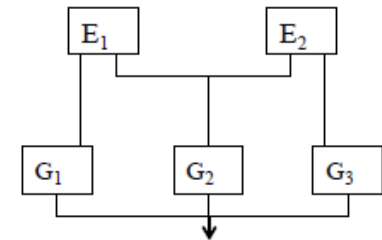
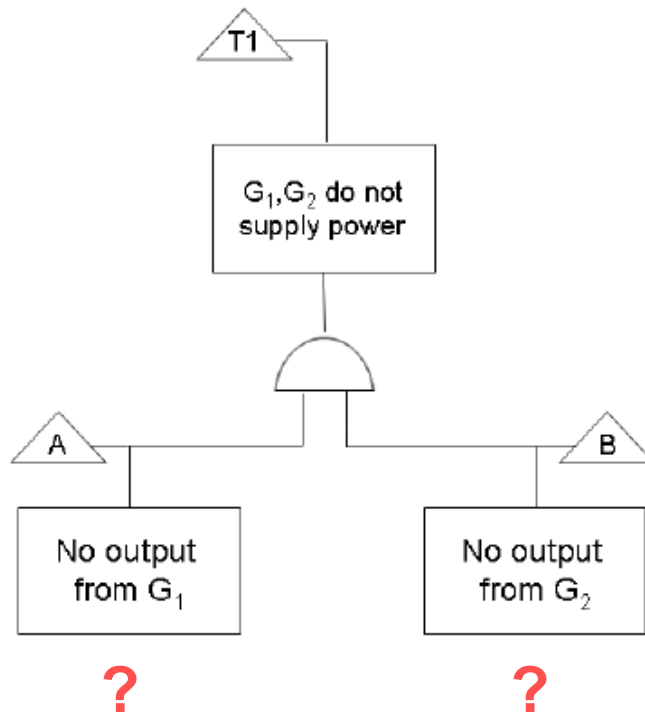
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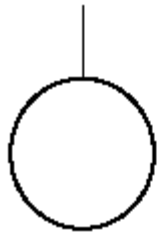
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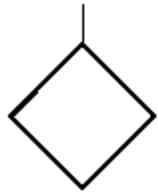




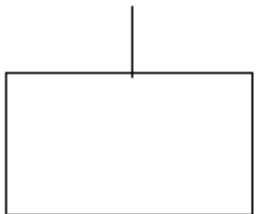
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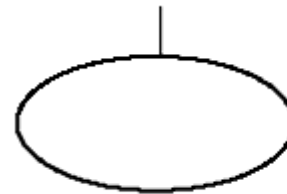
**Basic event with sufficient data**



**Undeveloped event**



**Event represented by a gate**



**Condition event used with inhibit gate**



**Transfer symbol**

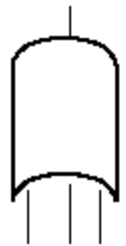


# FT gate symbols



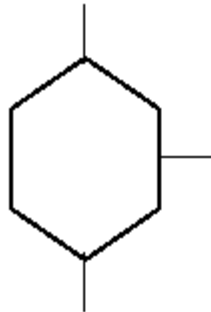
**AND gate**

**Output event occurs if all input events occur simultaneously.**



**OR gate**

**Output event occurs if any one of the input events occurs.**

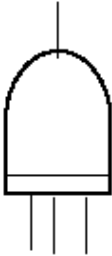

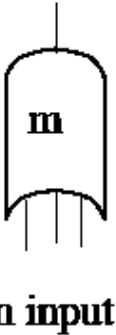


**Inhibit gate**

**Input produces output when conditional event occurs.**



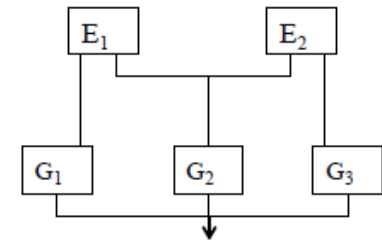
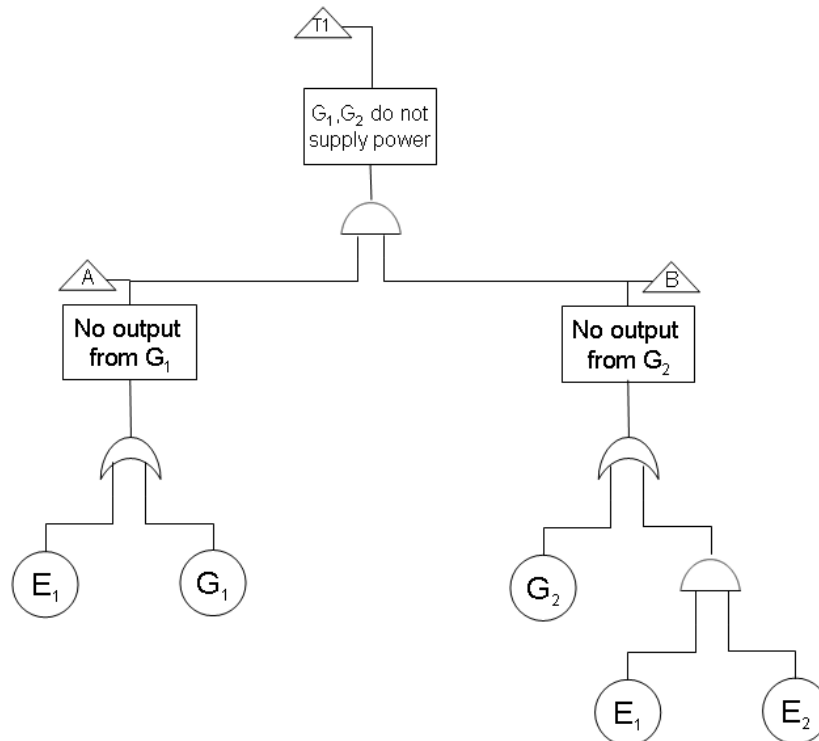
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|--|--|--|
|   | <b>Priority<br/>AND<br/>Gate</b>                       | <b>Output event occurs<br/>if all input events<br/>occur in the order<br/>from left to right</b> |
|   | <b>Exclusive<br/>OR<br/>Gate</b>                       | <b>Output event occurs<br/>if one, but not both,<br/>of the input events<br/>occur.</b>          |
|  | <b>m out of n gate<br/>(volume or sample<br/>gate)</b> | <b>Output event occurs<br/>if m out of n input<br/>events occur.</b>                             |



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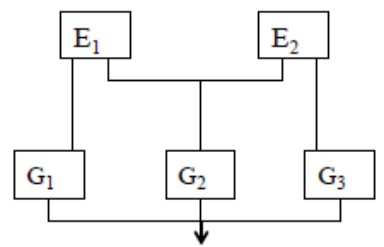
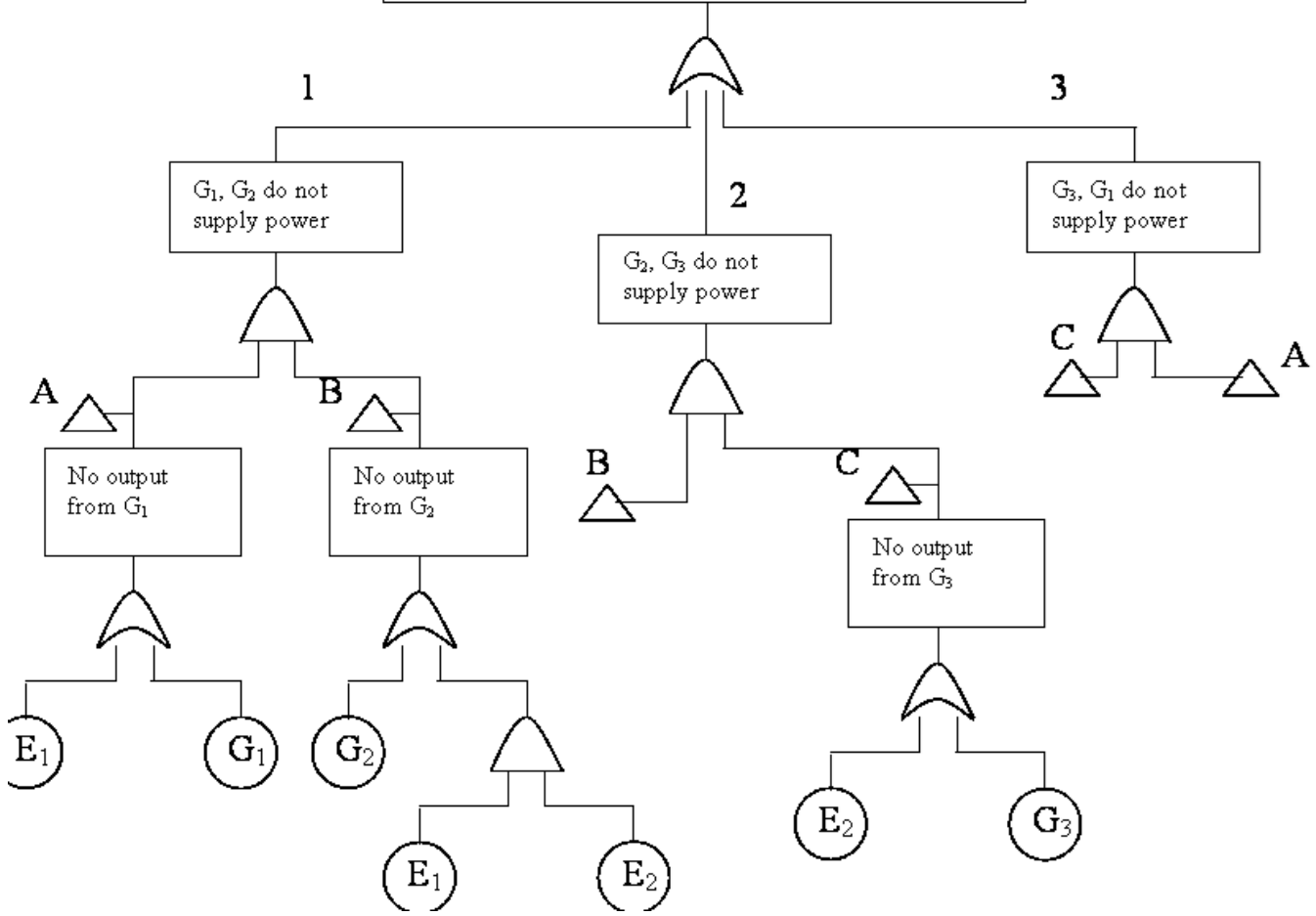
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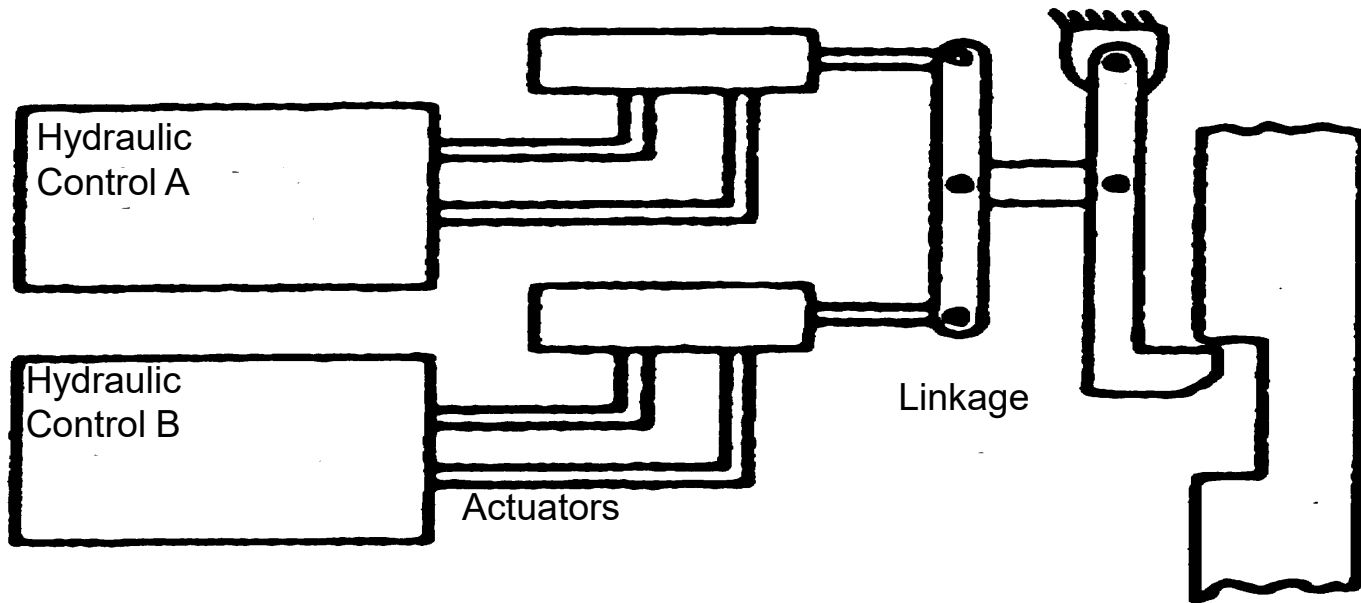
# FT example 1

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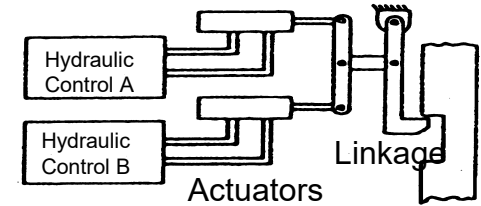
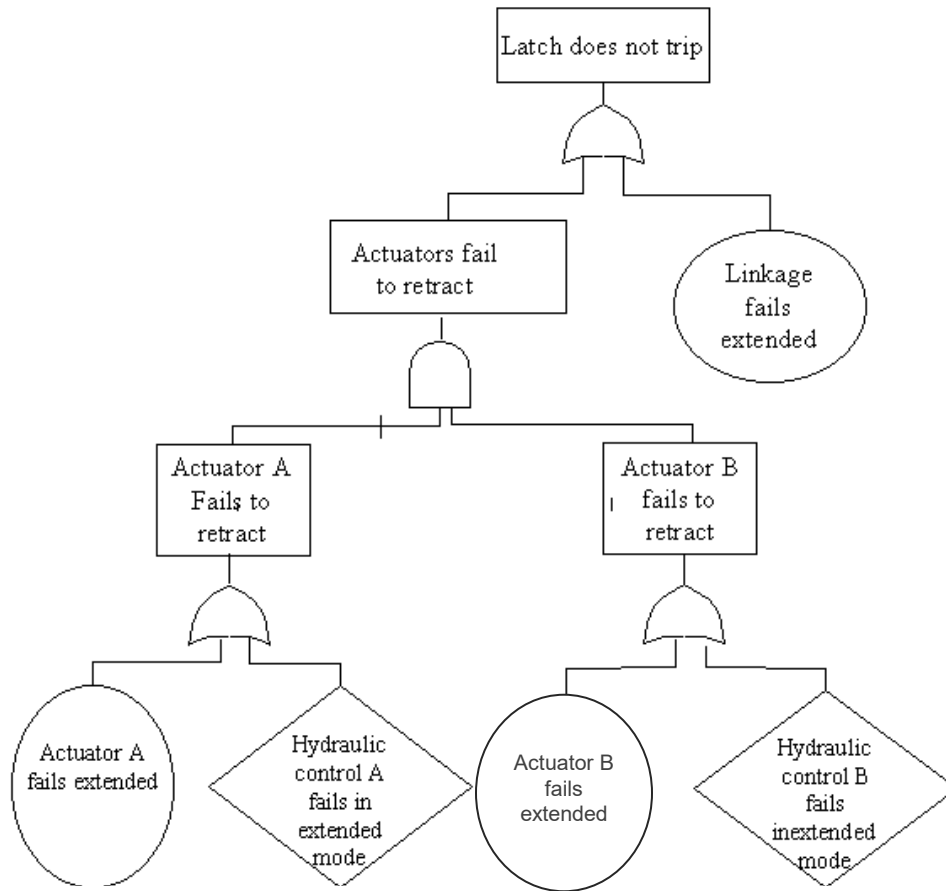


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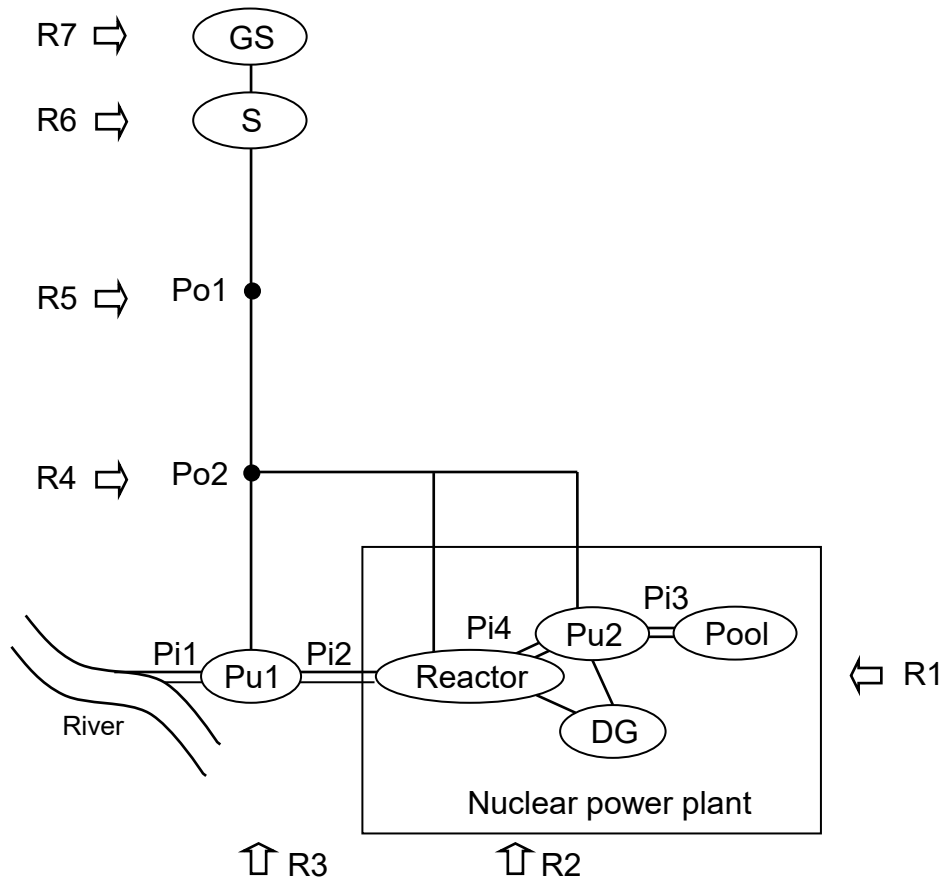




# FT Example 2: Fault Tree



# FT Example 3: The System of Systems



## Internal emergency devices:

- Power system  
Diesel Generator (DG)
- Water system  
Pipe (Pi)  
Pump (Pu)  
Pool

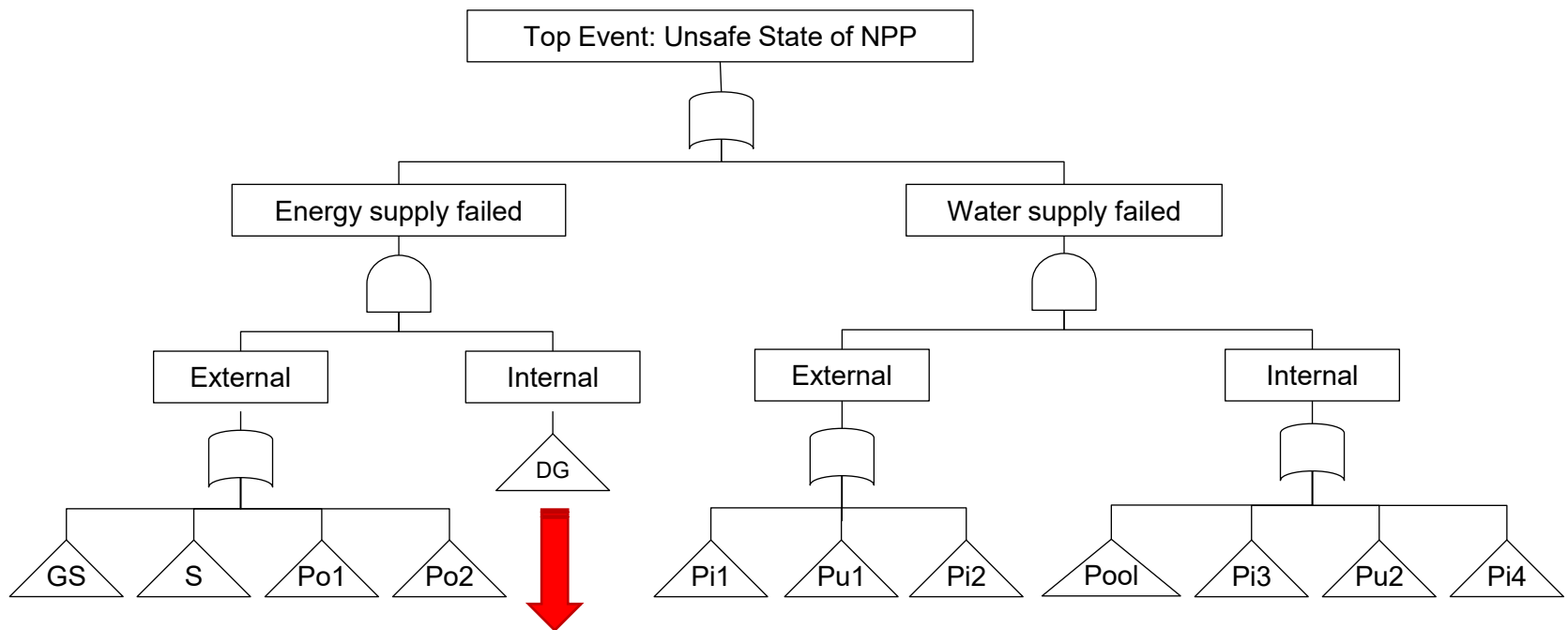
## Interdependent CIs:

- Power system  
Generation Station (GS)  
Substation (S)  
Pole (Po)
- Water system  
Pipe (Pi)  
Pump (Pu)  
River
- Road transportation system  
Road access (R)

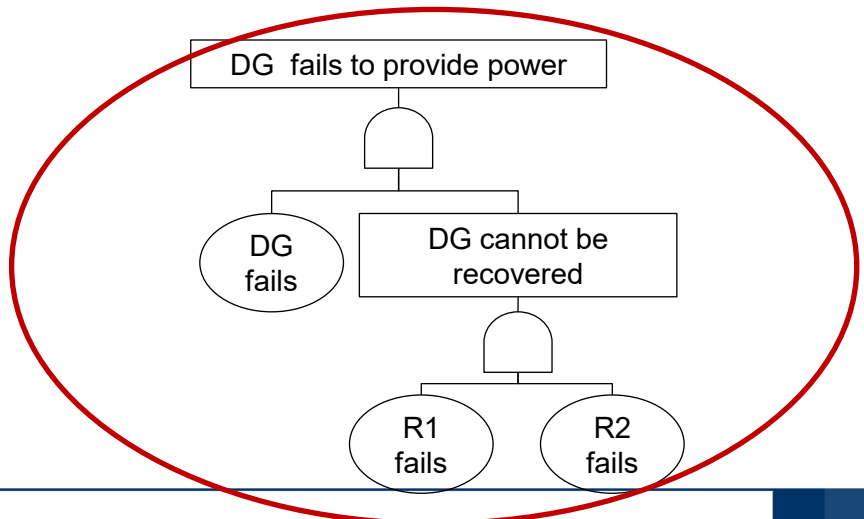
- Pipe
- Power line
- ⇨ Road access



# FT Example 3: Fault Tree



Example:



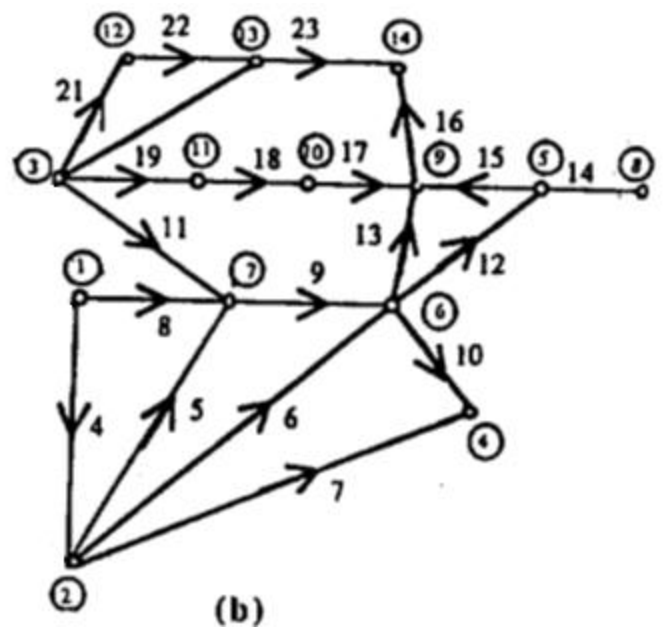
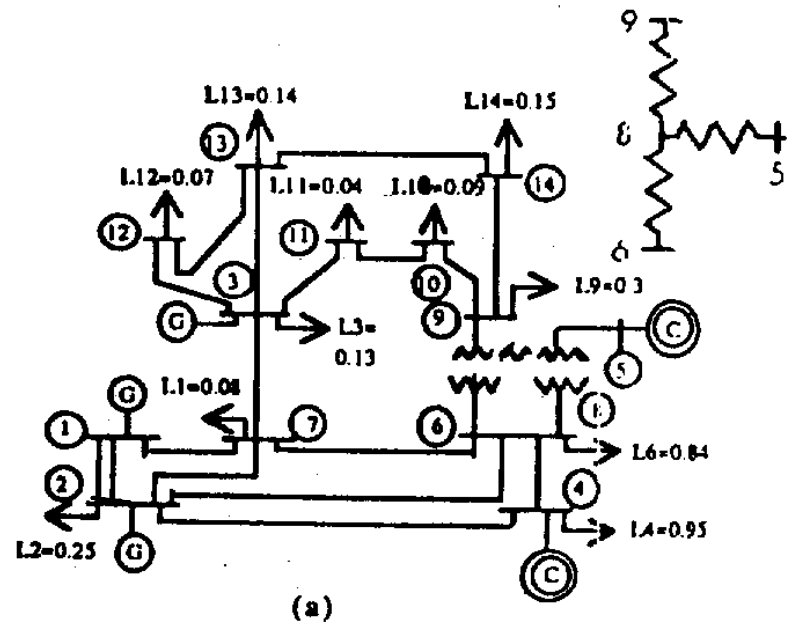
Elements that fail can be immediately repaired/replaced if the access through the road system does not fail → roads considered as “reserve components”.

# FT Example 4: IEEE14 Bus Power Distribution System

Generators (G1, G2 , G3)

Loads (2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14)

Power delivery paths: lines (L) and buses (B).





# FT Example 4: IEEE14 Bus Power Distribution System

Draw a Fault Tree (FT) for the top event “failure to supply power Load2”



# FT qualitative analysis



- Introducing:
- $X_i$  : binomial indicator variable of  $i$ -th component state (basic event)

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{failure event true} \\ 0 & \text{failure event false} \end{cases}$$

- **FT = set of Boolean algebraic equations (one for each gate) => structure (switching) function  $\Phi$ :**

$$X_T = \Phi (X_1 , X_2 , \dots , X_n)$$



# Boolean Logic laws

## 1) Commutative Law:

- (a)  $XY = YX$
- (b)  $X + Y = Y + X$

## 2) Associative Law

- (a)  $X(YZ) = (XY)Z$
- (b)  $X + (Y + Z) = (X + Y) + Z$

## 3) Idempotent Law

- (a)  $XX = X$
- (b)  $X + X = X$

## 4) Absorption Law

- (a)  $X(X + Y) = X$
- (b)  $X + XY = X$

## 5) Distributive Law

- (a)  $X(Y + Z) = XY + XZ$
- (b)  $(X + Y)(X + Z) = X + YZ$

## 6) Complementation\*

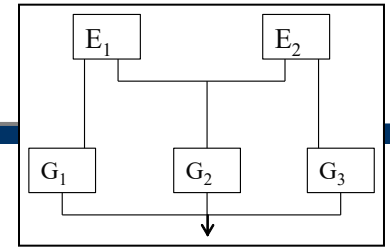
- (a)  $X\bar{X} = \emptyset$
- (b)  $X + \bar{X} = \Omega$
- (c)  $\bar{\bar{X}} = X$

## 7) Unnamed relationships but frequently useful

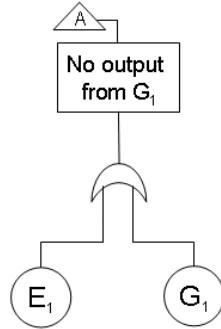
- (a)  $X + \bar{X}Y = X + Y$
- (b)  $\bar{X}(X + Y) = \bar{X}\bar{Y}$



# Structure function: Example 1

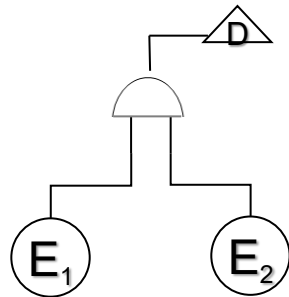


OR gate

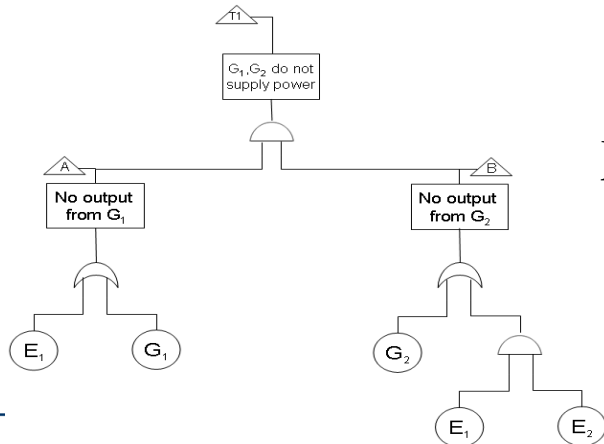


$$X_A = X_{E_1} + X_{G_1} - X_{E_1} X_{G_1} = 1 - (1 - X_{E_1})(1 - X_{G_1})$$

AND gate



$$X_D = X_{E_1} X_{E_2}$$



$$X_{T_1} = \Phi(X_{E_1}, X_{E_2}, X_{G_1}, X_{G_2})$$



Structure functions can be expressed in reduced expressions in terms of minimal path or cut sets.

A path set is a set  $\underline{X}$  such that  $\Phi(\underline{X}) = 0$ ;

a cut set is a set  $X$  such that  $\Phi(X) = 1$ .

Physically, a path (cut) set is a set of components whose functioning (failure) ensures the functioning (failure) of the system.

### ■ Reduce $\Phi$ in terms of minimal cut sets (mcs)

- **cut sets** = logic combinations of primary events which render true the top event
- **minimal cut sets** = cut sets such that if one of the events is not verified, the top event is not verified

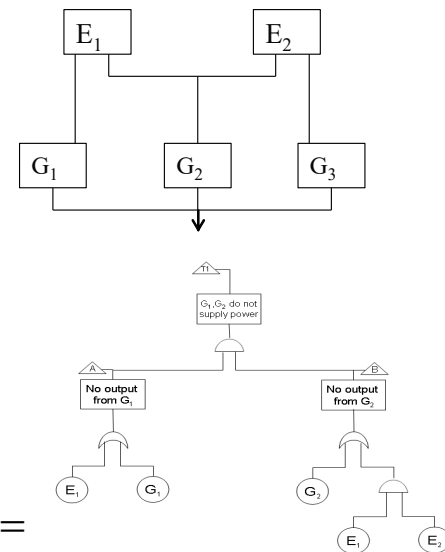


- FT = set of boolean algebraic equations (one for each gate) => structure (switching) function  $\Phi$ :

$$X_T = \Phi(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$$

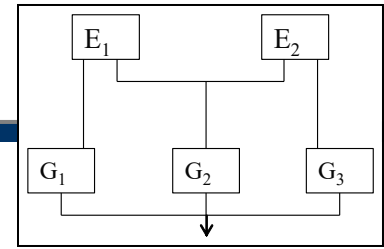
- Boolean algebra to solve FT equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_{T_1} &= X_A X_B = \\
 &= (X_{E_1} + X_{G_1} - X_{E_1} X_{G_1})(X_{G_2} + X_{E_1} X_{E_2} - X_{E_1} X_{E_2} X_{G_2}) = \\
 &= X_{E_1} X_{G_2} + X_{E_1} X_{E_2} - X_{E_1} X_{E_2} X_{G_2} + X_{G_1} X_{G_2} + X_{E_1} X_{E_2} X_{G_1} + \\
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 &= X_{E_1} X_{G_2} + X_{E_1} X_{E_2} + X_{G_1} X_{G_2} - X_{E_1} X_{E_2} X_{G_2} - X_{E_1} X_{G_1} X_{G_2}
 \end{aligned}$$





# mcs: Example 1



$$X_{T_1} = X_{E_1} X_{G_2} + X_{E_1} X_{E_2} + X_{G_1} X_{G_2} - X_{E_1} X_{E_2} X_{G_2} - X_{E_1} X_{G_1} X_{G_2}$$

$$= 1 - [1 - X_{E_1} X_{G_2} - X_{E_1} X_{E_2} - X_{G_1} X_{G_2} + X_{E_1} X_{E_2} X_{G_2} + X_{E_1} X_{G_1} X_{G_2}] =$$

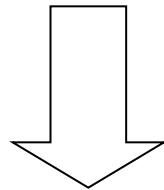
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3 minimal cut sets:

$$M_1 = \{E_1 G_2\}$$

$$M_2 = \{E_1 E_2\}$$

$$M_3 = \{G_1 G_2\}$$

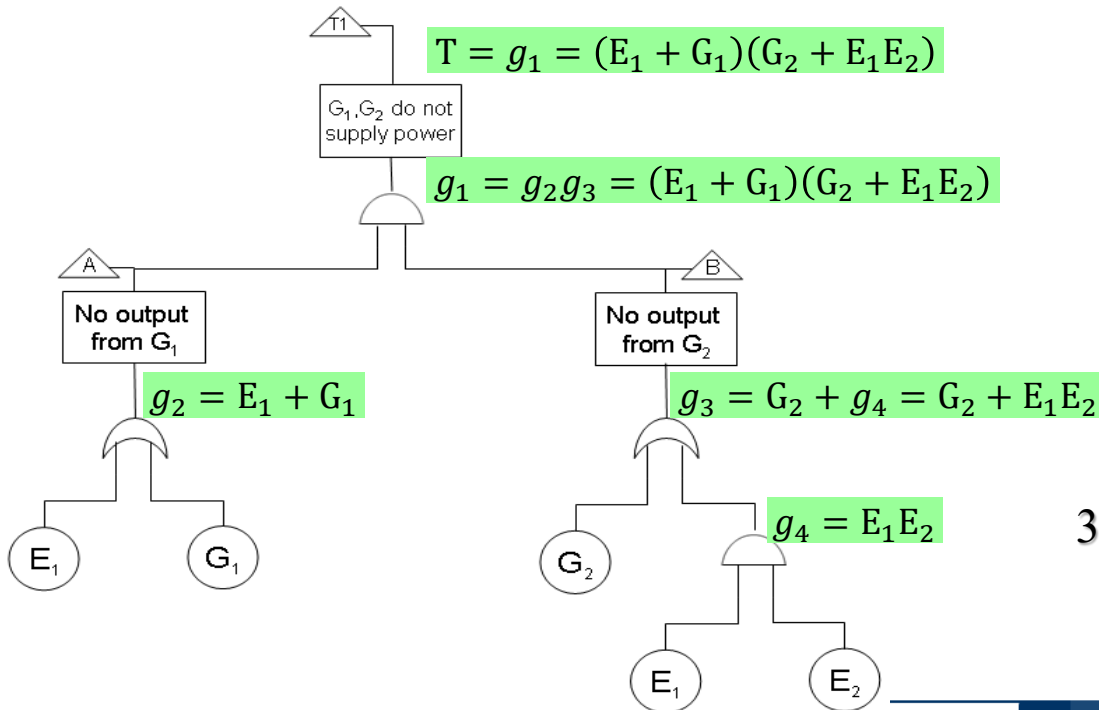
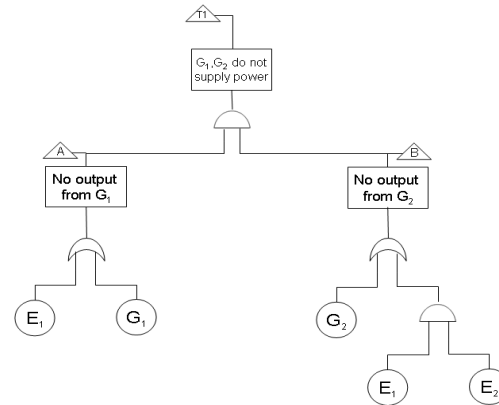
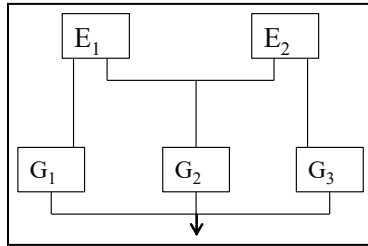


## Alternative way of obtaining minimal cut sets

1. Label the primary events.
2. Label the gates and list the gates type and inputs.
3. Write a Boolean equation for each gate.
4. Use Boolean algebra to solve for the top event in terms of the cut sets.
5. Use Boolean algebra to eliminate the cut set redundancies to obtain the minimal cut sets.



# mcs: Example 1



$$T = (E_1 + G_1)(G_2 + E_1E_2)$$

$$T = E_1G_2 + E_1E_1E_2 + G_1G_2 + E_1E_2G_1$$

$$T = E_1G_2 + E_1E_2 + E_1E_2G_1 + G_1G_2$$

$$T = E_1G_2 + E_1E_2(1 + G_1) + G_1G_2$$

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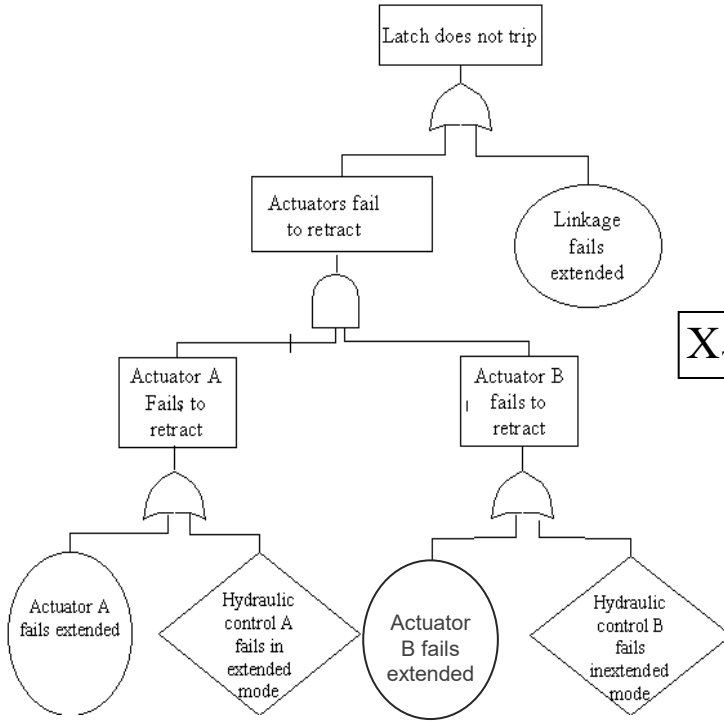
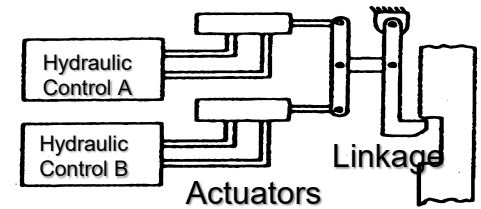
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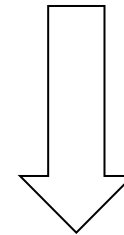
$$M_3 = \{G_1G_2\}$$



# mcs: Example 2



$$X_T = 1 - (1 - X_L)(1 - (X_A + X_{HA} - X_A X_{HA}))(X_B + X_{HB} - X_B X_{HB})$$



5 minimal cut sets:

- $M_1 = X_L$
- $M_2 = X_A X_B$
- $M_3 = X_A X_{HB}$
- $M_4 = X_{HA} X_B$
- $M_5 = X_{HA} X_{HB}$



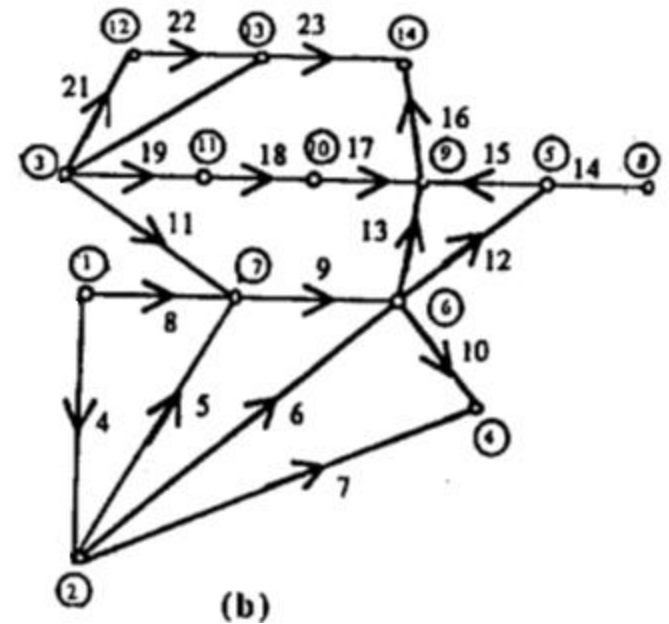
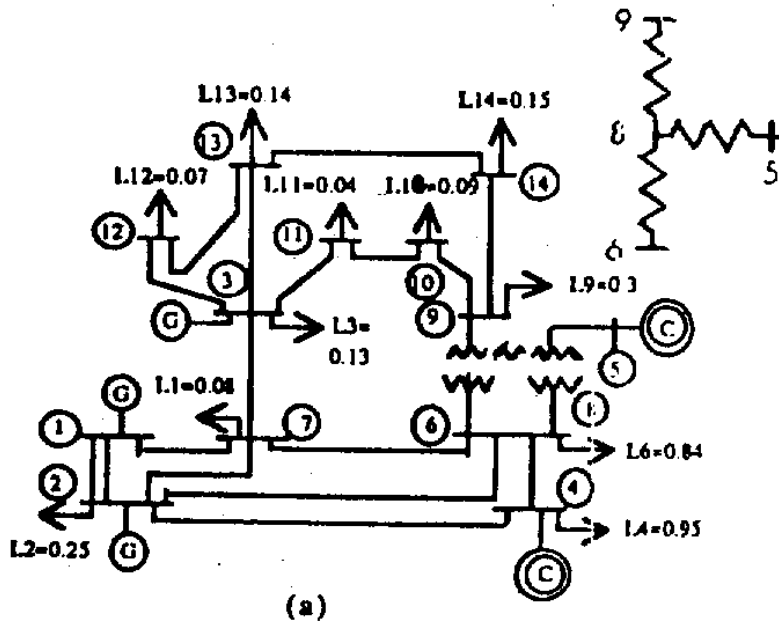
- 1. mcs identify the component basic failure events which contribute to system failure**
- 2. qualitative component criticality: those components appearing in low order mcs or in many mcs are most critical**

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Loads (2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14)

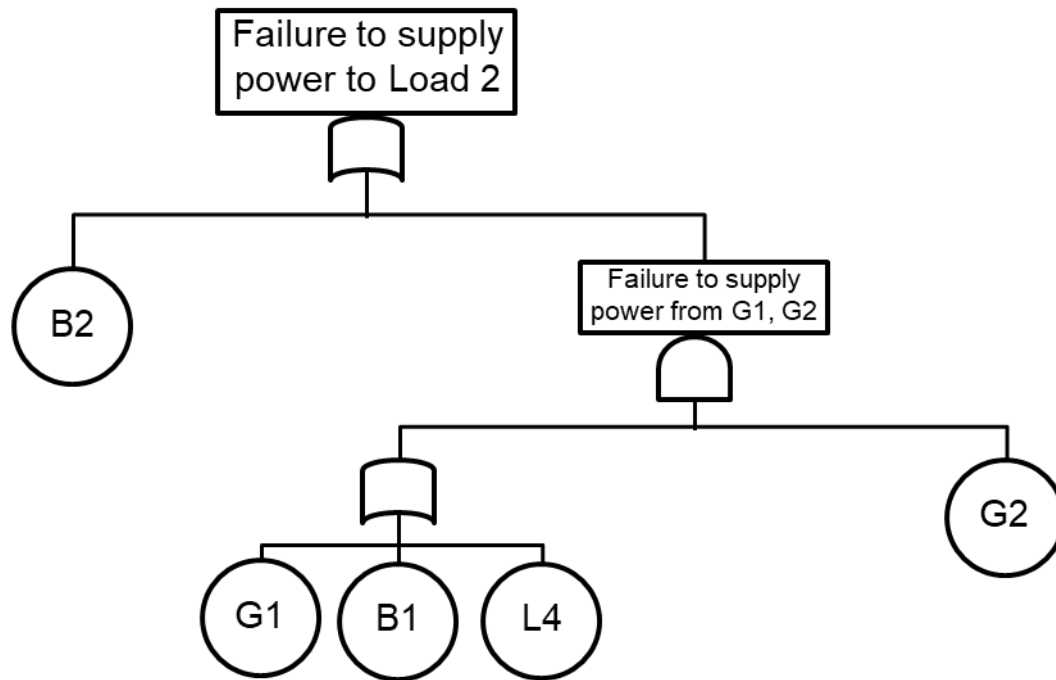
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Find the Mcs for the top event “failure to supply power Load 2”



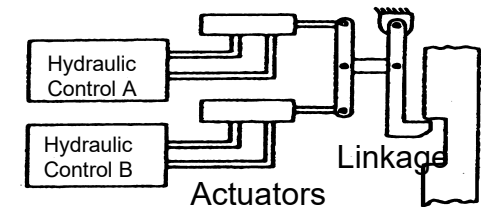
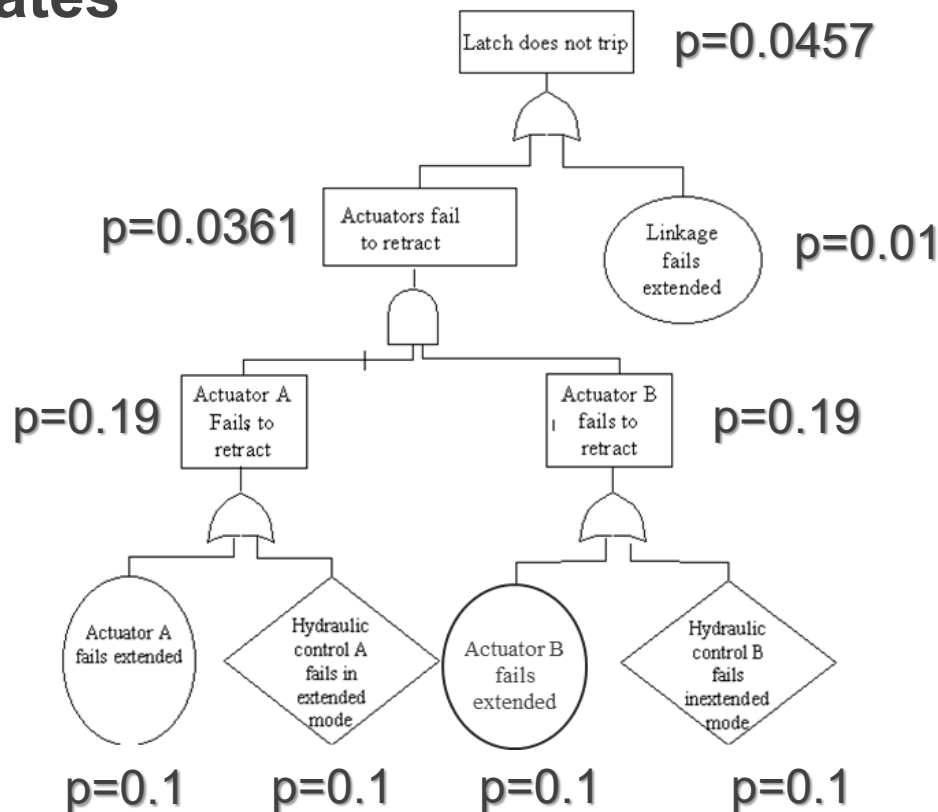


# FT quantitative analysis



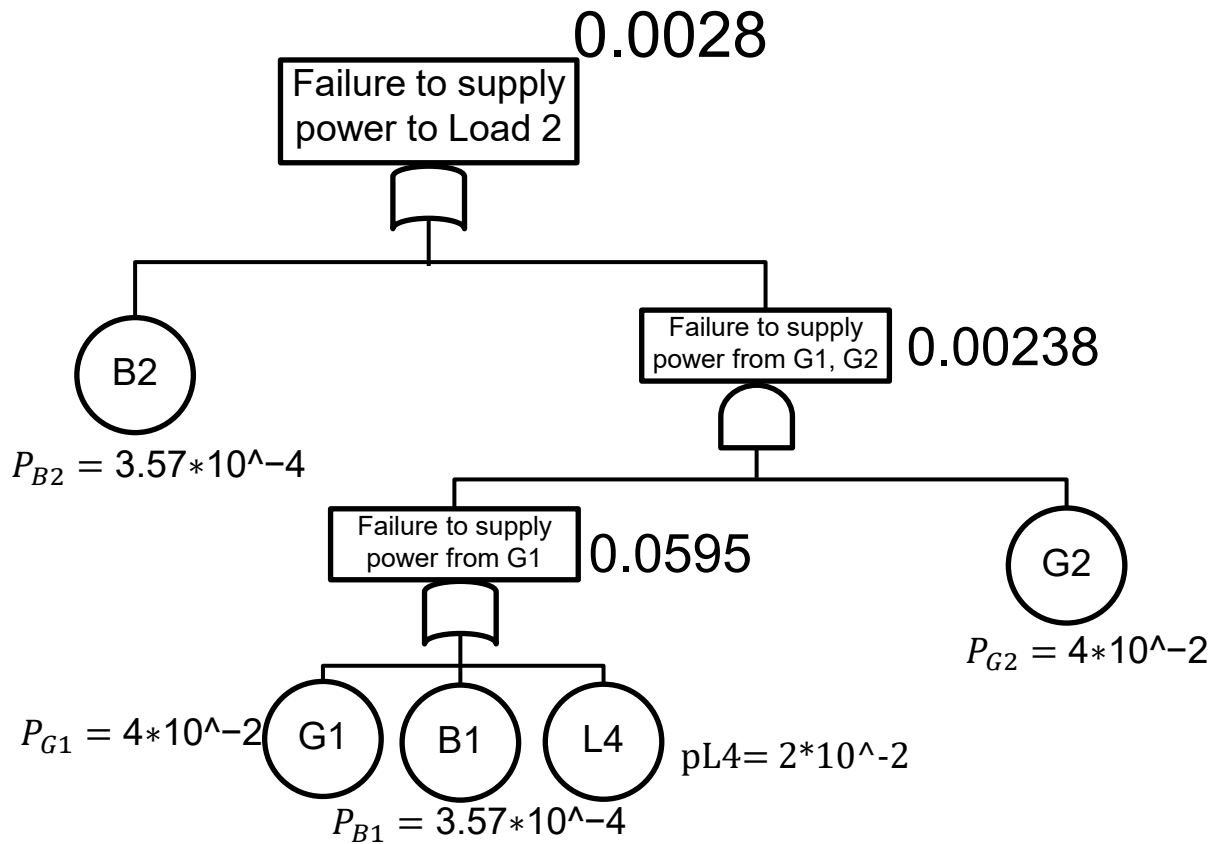
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# FT Example 4: IEEE14 Bus Power Distribution System

- using the laws of probability theory at the fault tree gates





Compute system failure probability from primary events probabilities by:

1. using the laws of probability theory at the fault tree gates
- 2. using the mcs found from the qualitative analysis**

$$P[\Phi(\underline{X}) = 1] = \sum_{j=1}^{mcs} P[M_j] - \sum_{i=1}^{mcs-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{mcs} P[M_i M_j] + \dots + (-1)^{mcs+1} P\left[\prod_{j=1}^{mcs} M_j\right]$$

**It can be shown that:**

$$\sum_{j=1}^{mcs} P[M_j] - \sum_{i=1}^{mcs-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{mcs} P[M_i M_j] \leq P[\Phi(\underline{X}) = 1] \leq \sum_{j=1}^{mcs} P[M_j]$$



## FT quantitative analysis: Example 2

5 mcs:

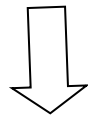
$$P(M_1) = P(X_L=1) = 0.01$$

$$P(M_2) = P(X_A X_B=1) = 0.1 \cdot 0.1 = 0.01$$

$$P(M_3) = P(X_A X_{HB}) = 0.1 \cdot 0.1 = 0.01$$

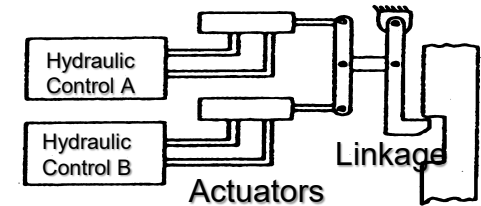
$$P(M_4) = P(X_{HA} X_B=1) = 0.1 \cdot 0.1 = 0.01$$

$$P(M_5) = P(X_{HA} X_{HB}) = 0.1 \cdot 0.1 = 0.01$$



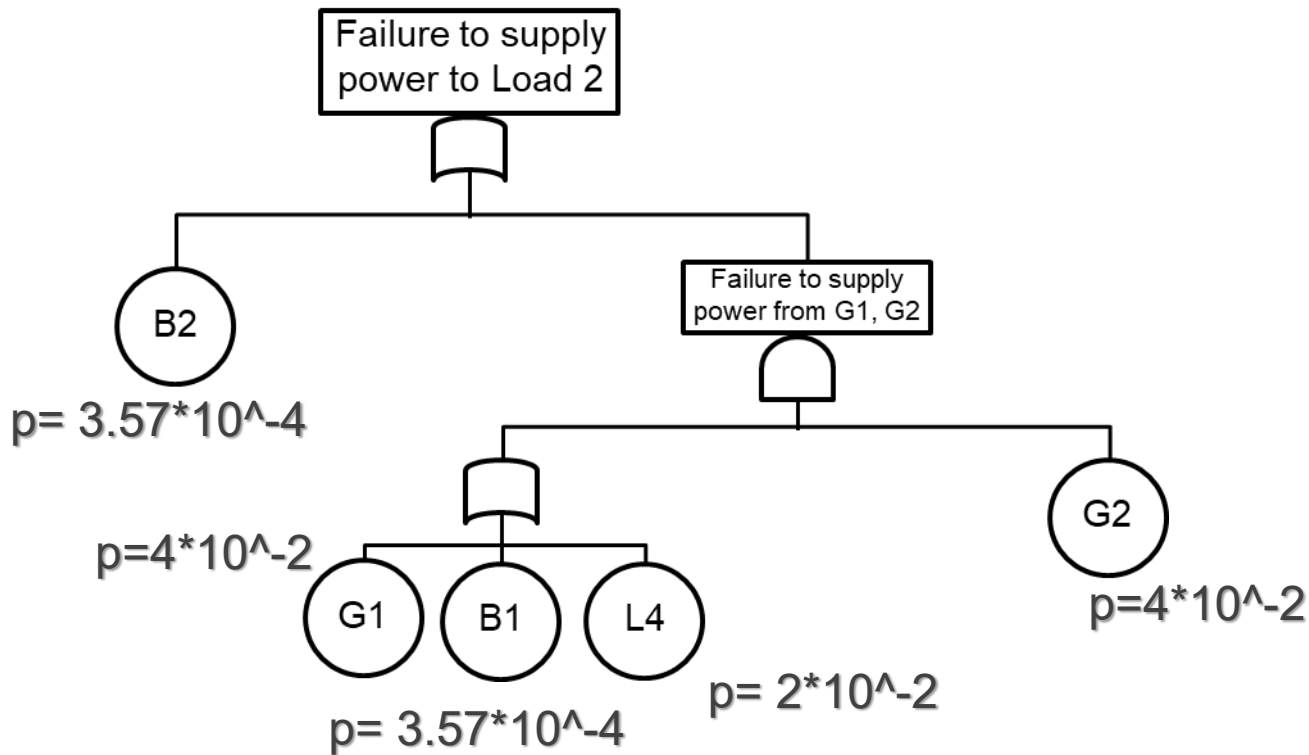
$$P[\Phi(\underline{X}) = 1] \leq \sum_{j=1}^{mcs} P[M_j] = 0.05$$

$$P[\Phi(\underline{X}) = 1] \geq \sum_{j=1}^{mcs} P[M_j] - \sum_{i=1}^{mcs-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{mcs} P[M_i M_j] = 0.0464$$



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Find the Mcs for the top event “failure to supply power to bus 2” (Load2)





```
%%%%%%%% case 14bus %%%%%%%%%
branch_R=[0.999 0.9971 0.9980 0.9800 0.9908 0.8651 0.8634 0.8492 0.8333 0.9636
0.8651 0.9998 0.9998 0.9998 1 1 0.8655 0.9536 0.9005 0.8974];
% Failure probability for power generation bus, load bus and transmission
% bus.
P_bus=3.57*10^-4;
L_bus=2.33*10^-5;
bus=3*10^-5;
% Generator failure probability
Gen=4*10^-2;
%%%%%%%%%%%%LOAD2
% Components identified in mcs for Load2
B2=P_bus; G1=Gen; G2=Gen; B1=P_bus; L4=1-branch_R(4);
% mcs
M_1=B2;
M_2=G1*G2;
M_3=B1*G2;
M_4=L4*G2;
%Probability of failure of Load2
XT_Load2= 1-(1-M_1)*(1-M_2)*(1-M_3)*(1-M_4)=0.0028
```



1. Straightforward modelization via few, simple logic operators.
2. Physical elements represented in a well-defined structure, according to the logic of the system that leads to the identification of the minimal cut sets.
3. Minimal cut sets are a synthetic result which identifies the critical components.
4. Providing a graphical communication tool whose analysis is transparent.
5. Providing an insight into system behaviour.



1. Additional factors (operational, organizational, etc.) are not included. The exhaustive identification and manipulation of the minimal cut sets can be difficult for large systems.
2. Difficult to build the FT (in particular , in the case of large number of components and complicated logic dependencies).
3. No flexibility: the addition of a new component can change the entire structure of the FT.
4. No accounting for the strength of the relationships (Boolean-logic).



# Logical Methods: Event Tree



# Objectives

1. Identification of possible scenarios (accident sequences), developing from a given accident initiator
2. Computation of accident sequence probability



- **System event tree**

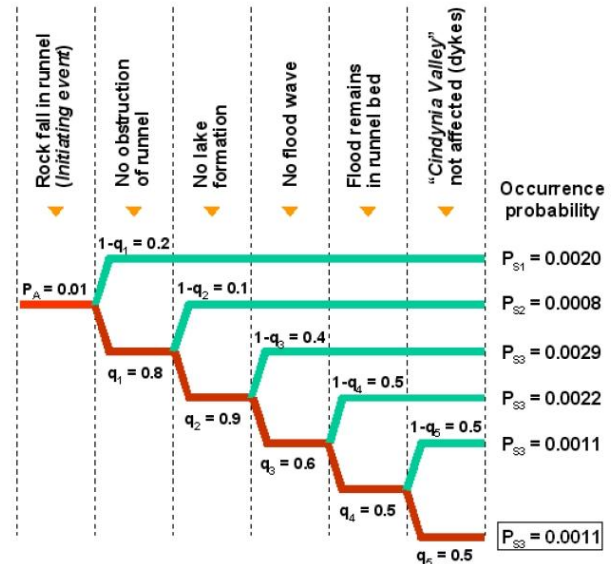
The accident sequences **in the system/infrastructure** are identified with respect to the protection and safety systems/components involved (valves, pumps, pipes, tanks, etc.)

Quantification of Event Tree for Building Protected by Sprinkler System

| Initiating Event | Fire Spreads Quickly | Sprinkler Fails to Work | People Cannot Escape | Resultant Event     | Scenario |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Fire Starts      | P = 0.1<br>YES       | P = 0.3<br>YES          | P = 0.5<br>YES       | Multiple Fatalities | 1        |
|                  |                      |                         | P = 0.5<br>NO        | Loss / Damage       | 2        |
| Fire Starts      | P = 0.1<br>NO        | P = 0.7<br>NO           | Fire Controlled      | 3                   |          |
|                  |                      | P = 0.9<br>NO           | Fire Contained       | 4                   |          |

- **Phenomenological event tree**

Description of the accident phenomenological evolution **that affect the system/infrastructure** (winds, sea currents, animals/plants, etc.)





- Systematic and quantitative
- Inductive (search for consequences)



1. Define an accident **initiating** event **IE**
  - a system failure
  - an external, potentially disruptive event (e.g., an earthquake)
2. Identify “**headings**”  $S_k$  :
  - **safety/protection functions, systems, procedures** demanded by IE
  - **phenomena** potentially influencing the development of an accident sequence
3. Specify **failure/success** states of  $S_k$
4. Combine the states of all  $S_k$  to generate accident sequences



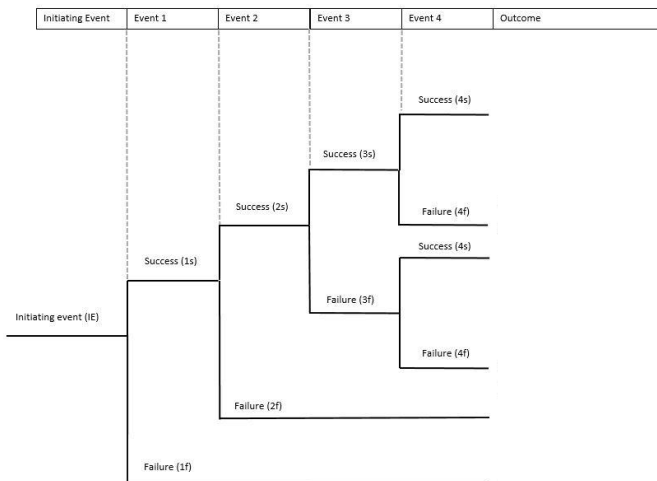
## ETA: some general comments (2)

**Conditional probabilities** are assigned to  $S_k$  states (upon previous identification, e.g. by **FTA**)



**Sequence probability** = **product** of the conditional probabilities of the events in a branch

**“Failure” probability** = sum of the probabilities of the sequences leading to failures

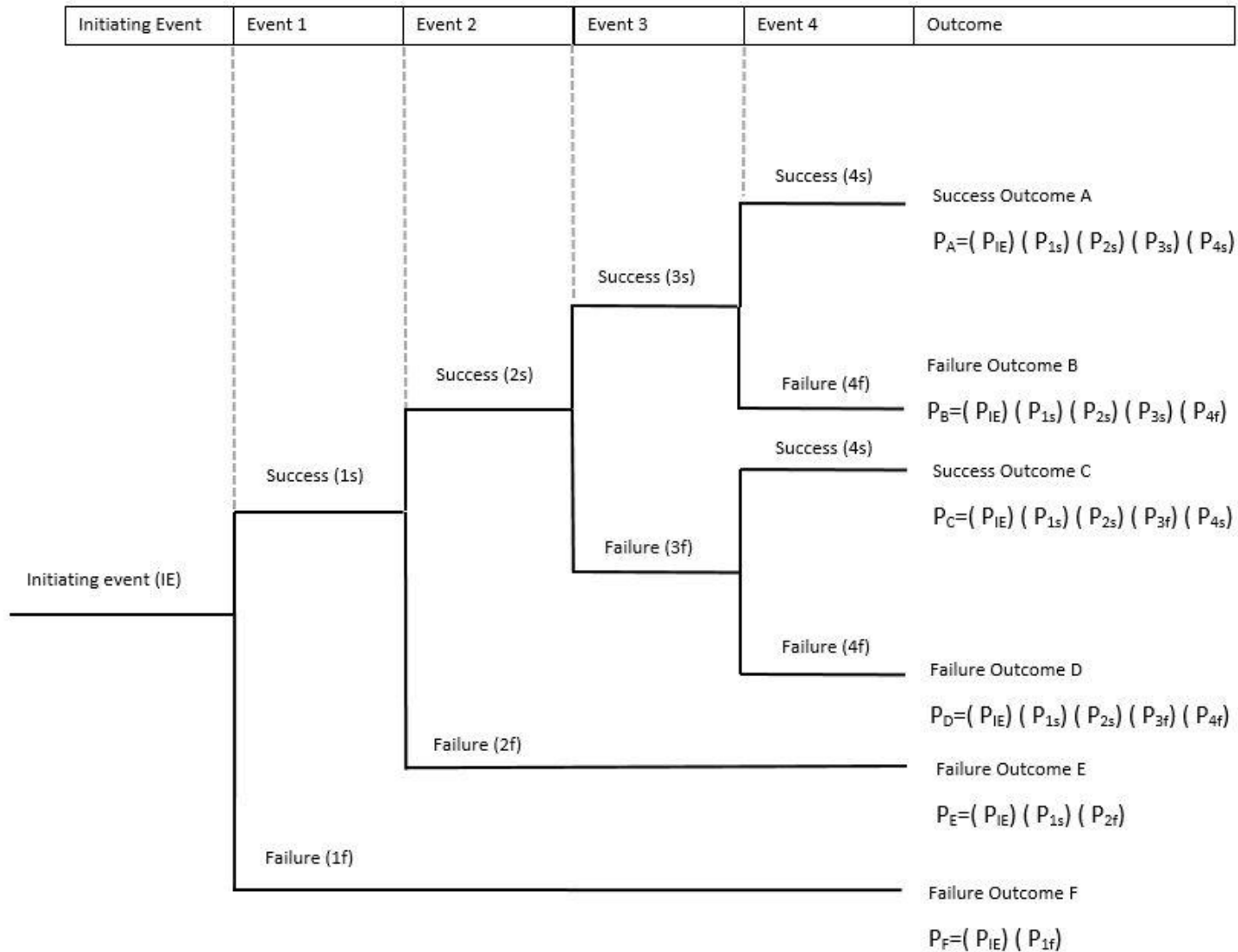


$$P(I1_s 2_s \quad ) = P(4_s | 3_s \quad I) \cdot P( \quad )$$

$$= P(2_s | 1_s I) \cdot P(1_s | I) \cdot P(I)$$

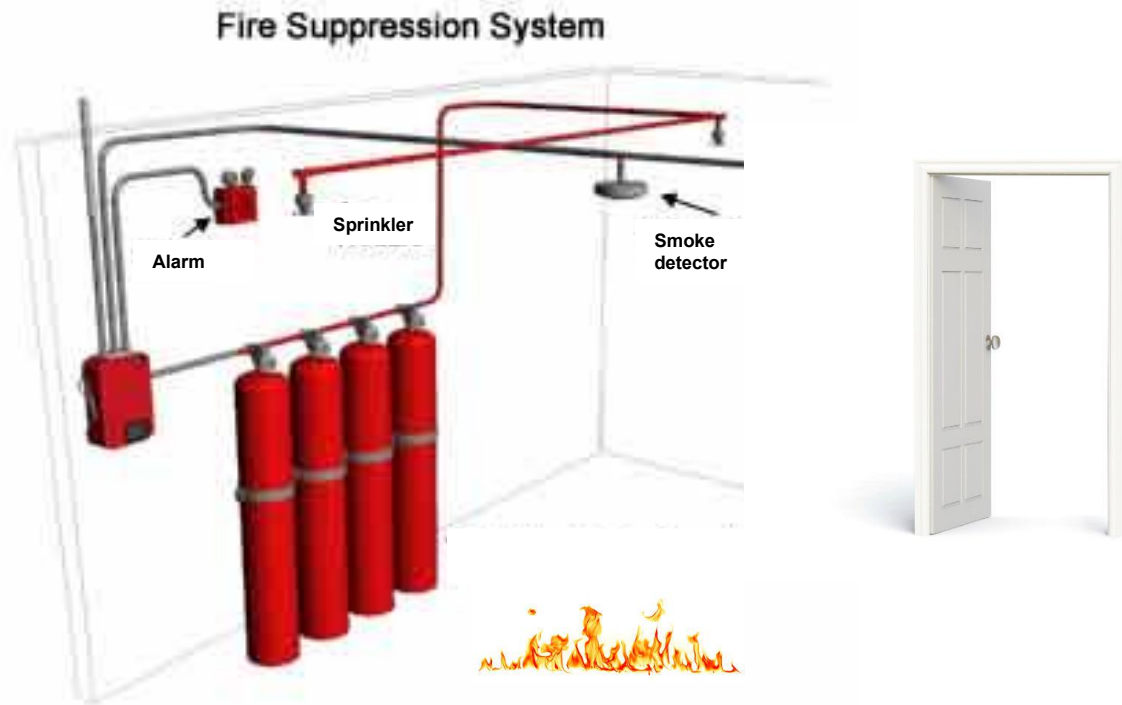


# Event Tree (independent events)





# Event Tree Example 1: Fire protection system





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**INITIATING  
EVENT**

**FIRE SPREADS  
QUICKLY**

**SPRINKLER  
FAILS TO  
WORK**

**PEOPLE  
CANNOT  
ESCAPE**

**RESULTANT  
EVENT**

**SCENARIO**



## ETA: some general comments (1)

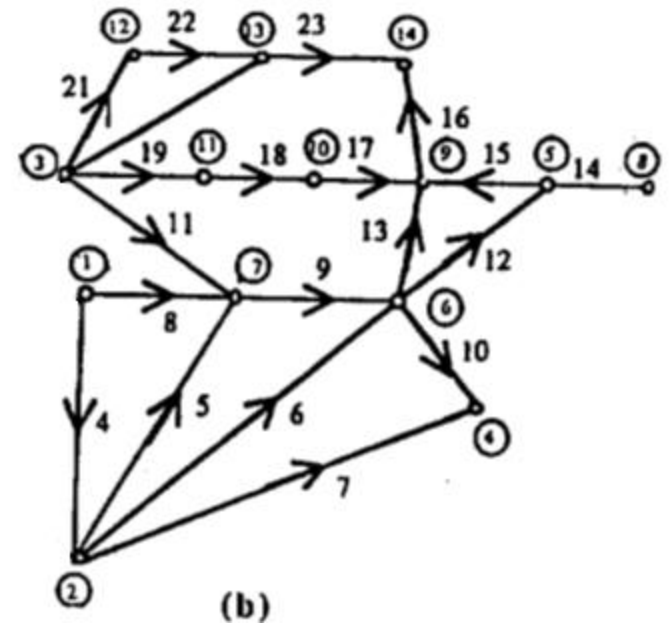
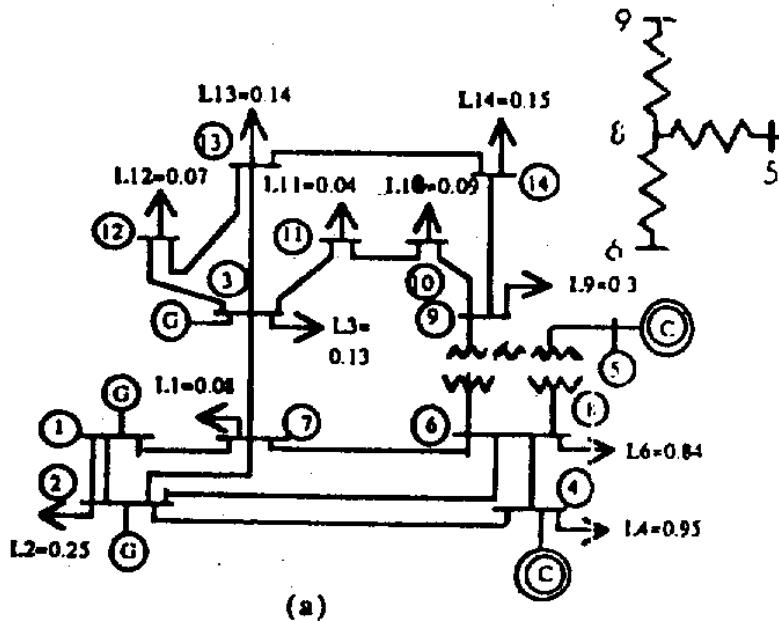
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2. **Time** and **logic** of  $S_k$  interventions are important for the tree structure (**simplifications possible**)
3.  $S_k$  states are, in general, **conditional** on accident initiator and previous  $S_j$ 's states

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Generators (G1, G2, G3)

Loads (2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14)

Power delivery paths: lines (L) and buses (B).

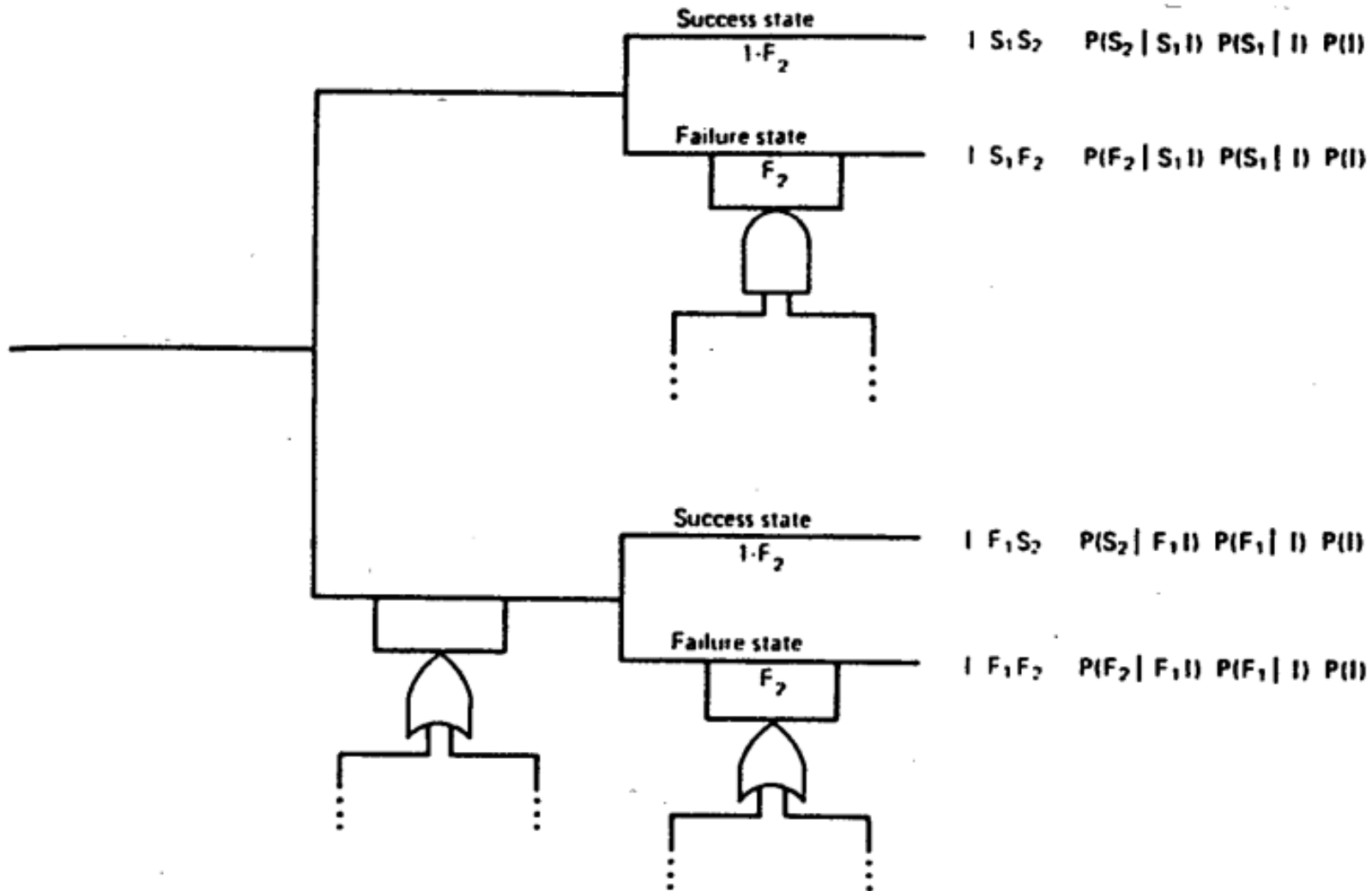




# FT Example 4: IEEE14 Bus Power Distribution System

Draw the ET and calculate the probability of “failure to supply power to bus 2” (Load2)

|    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|
| G1 | B1 | L4 | G2 | B2 |
|----|----|----|----|----|





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