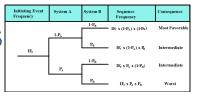
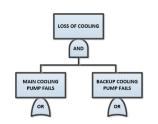


# Session 4 -- Crane safety studies at nuclear power plants

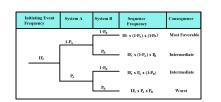


Present the use of fault tree and event tree analysis in crane safety studies

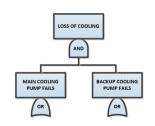
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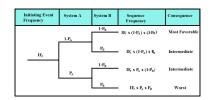
# Crane safety studies at nuclear power plants



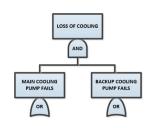
- Describe two reports
- NUREG-0612 "Control of Heavy Loads at Nuclear Power Plants" (July 1980)
- NUREG-1174 "A survey of Crane Operating Experience at US Nuclear Power Plants" from 1968 through 2002 (June 2003)



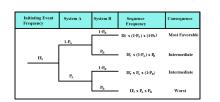
### **NUREG 0612**



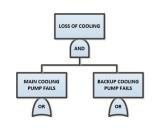
- The first Part of the presentation deals with the use of fault tree analysis to describe Load drop scenarios of heavy loads at Nuclear power Plants
- NUREG-0612 addresses controls for safe movement of heavy loads
  - Safe load paths
  - 2. Procedures
  - 3. Crane operator training
  - 4. Special lifting devices
  - 5. Special lifting devices not specially designed
  - 6. Crane inspection and Maintenance



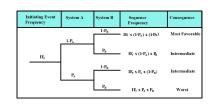
## Accidental Drops of Heavy Loads Consequences



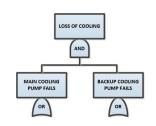
- Damage irradiated uranium fuel
- Cause critically accidents
- Damage safe shutdown equipment



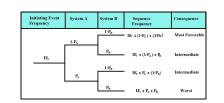
## TECHNICAL APPROACH - FAULT TREE ANALYSIS



- Above the hook/below the hook
- Basic Events
- Human Error Events (e.g., Crane Operator Failure, Erroneous Test and Maintenance Actions)
- Equipment Failure (e.g., Structural Failure, Control System Failures Leading To Over speed)

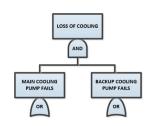


## **STEPS IN STUDY (CONTINUED)**

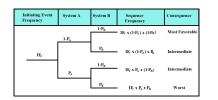


- Events identification and fault tree construction determination of all the ways the polar crane (bridge) system
  could fail:
- Structural failure while subjected to normal load conditions
- Structural failure due to excessive load
  - i) Two-blocking event
  - ii) Load hang-up event
- 3. Over speed event - loss of hoisting of lowering capability coupled with loss of brakes

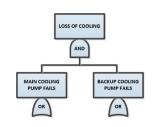
Two blocking event refers to continue to hoist past the limit switch position resulting stretching and breaking the wire rope resulting in a load drop



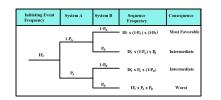
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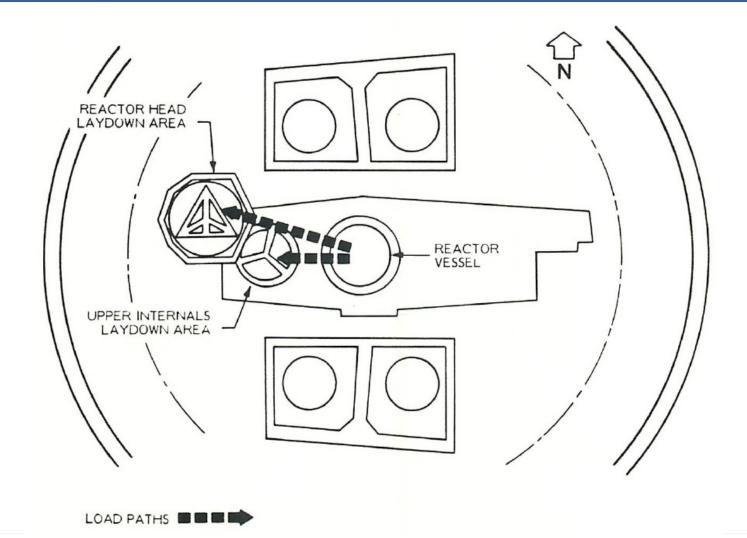


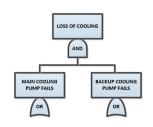
- Qualitative analysis
  - Find minimal cut sets and establish all single failure events leading to system failure
- Probabilistic analysis
  - Find sources of data and determine applicability to nuclear power plants
  - 2. Compute probability of the Top Event (Load Drop)
  - 3. Probabilistically rank basic events and min cut sets (i.e., conduct a sensitivity analysis)
- Conclusions, recommendations and results.



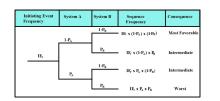
### LOAD PATH FOR REACTOR HEAD AND UPPER INTERNALS REMOVAL PLAN VIEW

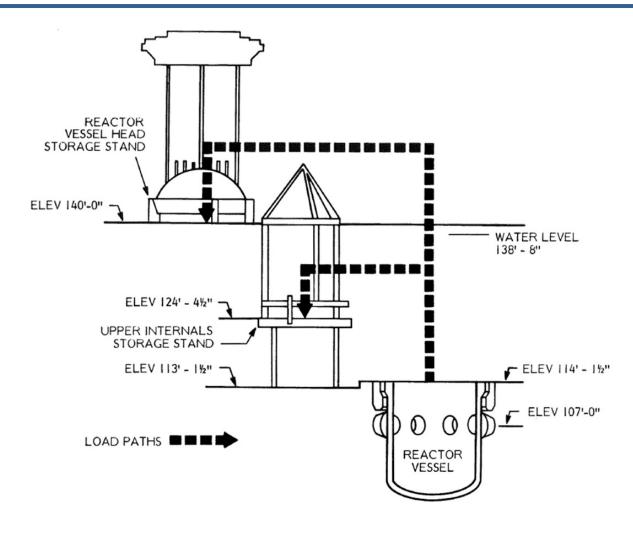


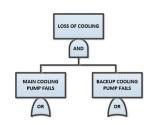




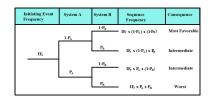
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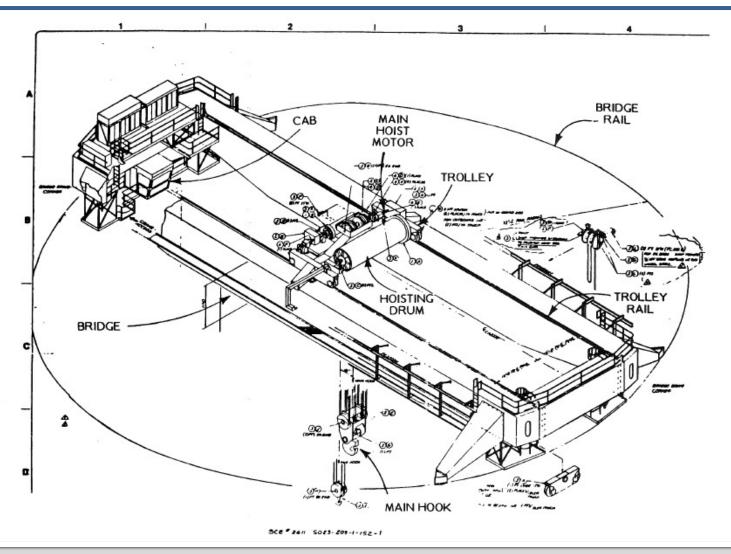


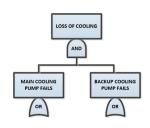




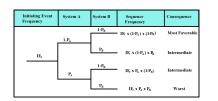
### **Polar Crane**

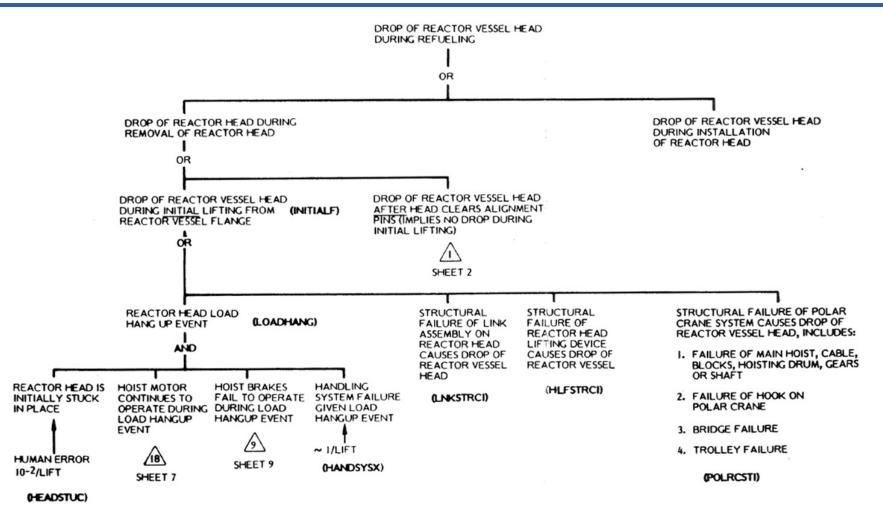


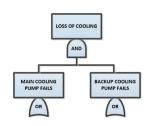




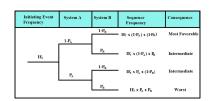
## Fault Tree Top Event – Sheet 1

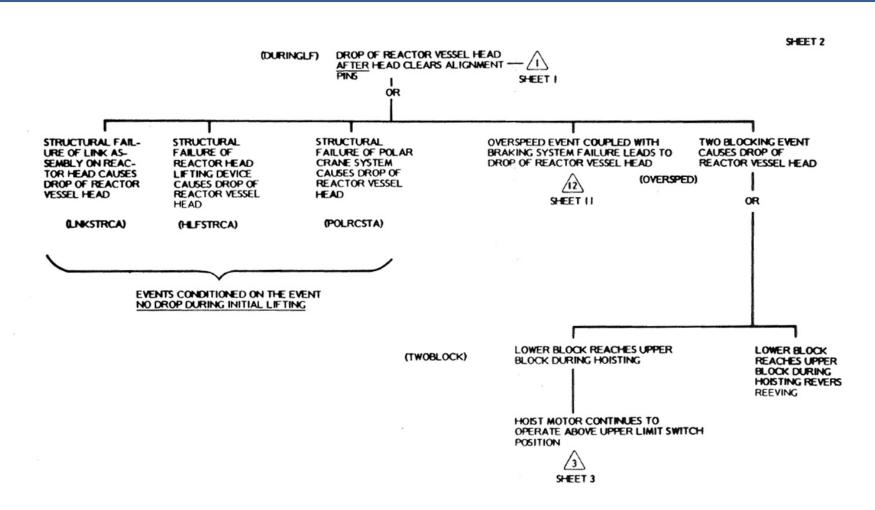


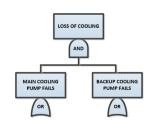




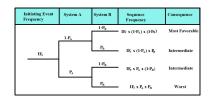
## Fault Tree Top Event – Sheet 2







### **Qualitative Evaluation**



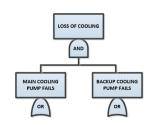
#### DESCRIPTOR EVENTS

- STRUCTURAL FAILURE DURING INITIAL LIFT
- STRUCTURAL FAILURE AFTER INITIAL LIFTING
- DROP OF HEAD DURING INITIAL LIFTING
- REACTOR HEAD LOAD HANGUP EVENT
- OVERSPEED EVENT
- TWO-BLOCKING EVENT

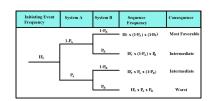
#### MIN CUT SETS

A TABLE OF THE NUMBER OF MIN CUT SETS VERSUS ORDER IS GIVEN BELOW:

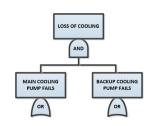
		ORDER	1	2	3	4	5	6
NO.	OF MIN	CUT SETS	6	0	2	178	94	8



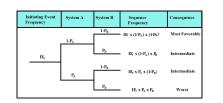
#### PROBABILISTIC ANALYSIS



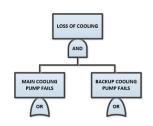
- Assigning probabilistic data to the basic events
- Computing the probability of the top event (i.e., Probability of reactor head/upper internals drop during refueling)
- Determining the most important basic events and min cuts sets that contribute to the load drop event (i.e., conduct an importance analysis).



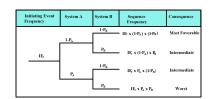
## **Structural Reliability**



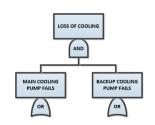
- After initial lift, it was assumed that as many 10 structural elements are in series
- It was assumed that each element is stressed to the maximum allowable stress limit
- Mean probabilities are given below:
  - During lifting of the head (after initial lift), no binding
     3.0 E-7/lift
  - Same as above with binding 1.0E-4/lift
  - During lifting the upper internals (after initial lift) insignificant



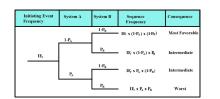
#### PROBABILISTIC DATA FOR BASIC EVENTS



- Human error
- Equipment failure
- Structural failures
  - Structural failure of the polar crane system
  - Structural failure of the reactor head lifting device
  - Structural failure of the link assembly on the reactor vessel
  - Crane failure
  - Rigging



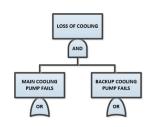
## Causes of Crane Accidents United States Department of Navy



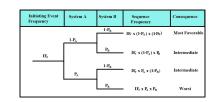
Cause Category	(1) Number of load drop events reported	(2) Upper* bound estimate	Estimated** mean probability
I. Crane failure	10	20	$1.7 \times 10^{-5}/lift$
2. Crane operator failure	30	60	5.1 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> /lift
3. Rigging failure	3	6	5.1 x 10-6/lift
Total	43	86	7.4 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> /lift

<sup>\*</sup> Assumes only one-half of the events are reported.

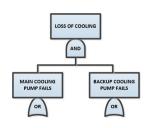
<sup>\*\*</sup> Calculated as the average of columns (1) and (2) divided by the estimated mean number of lifts,  $8.75 \times 10^5$ .



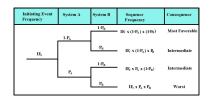
### **Human Error Probabilities**



- GENERALLY 10<sup>-2</sup>/event
- EXCEPTIONS
  - (1) Continue to hoist to upper limit switch position =  $10^{-3}$ /event
  - (2) Conditional probability for emergency stop during
    - Two Blocking = 1
    - Load Hangup = 1
    - $\bullet$  Overspeed = 0.1



## **Equipment Failure Probabilities**



#### EQUIPMENT FAILURE

- BEING UNAVILABLE AT THE TIME OF THE DEMAND (e.g., OPEN OR SHORT CIRCUIT IN A CONTROL CIRCUIT)
- FAILURE TO CHANGE STATE UPON DEMAND (e.g., RELAY CONTACTS FAILING TO OPEN, BRAKES FAIL-ING TO OPERATE).

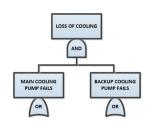
#### UNANNOUNCED FAILURES

- DYNAMIC BRAKE RESISTOR
- OVERSPEED SWITCHES

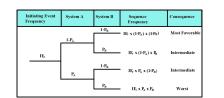
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 $\lambda$  = failure rate

 $\theta$  = plant life, 30 years

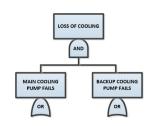


# Reactor Head Probability drop per lift

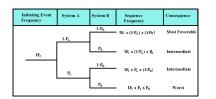


#### Mean (90% confidence interval)

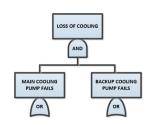
	Conservative
$2.0 \times 10^{-5}$ (1.5 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> , $2.1 \times 10^{-4}$ )	3.6 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> (2.7 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> , 3.1 × 10 <sup>-4</sup> )
3.8 × 10-6 (1.7 × 10-6, 4.4 × 10-5)	6.5 × 10-6 (3.0 × 10-6, 6.5 × 10-5)



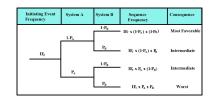
## **Basic event importances**



ANK			PROBABILITY	ERROR FACTOR	DISTRIBUTION BASIC EVENT DESCRIPTION  CONSTANT ** DROP OF HEAD DURING INITIAL LIFTING **
1	INITIALF	0.807	1.00 0.850E-05	10.0	LOGNORMI. STRUCTURAL FAILURE OF POLAR CRANE SYSTEM
2	POLRSCSI	0.434	1.00	0.000	CONSTANT ** STRUCTUAL FAILURE AFTER INITIAL LIFTING **
3	DURINGLE	0.138	0.260E~05	10.0	LOGNORML STRUCTURAL FAILURE REACTOR HEAD LIFTING DEVICE
4	HLFSTRCI	0.133		10.0	LOGNORML STRUCTURAL FAILURE OF LINK ASSEMBLY ON HEAD
4	LNKSTRCI	0.133	0.260E-05	0.000	CONSTANT ** REACTOR HEAD LOAD HANGUP EVENT **
5	LOADHANG	0.107	1.00	0.000	CONSTANT HANDLING SYSTEM FAILURE
5	HANDSYSX	0.107		10.0	LUGNORML REACTOR HEAD IS INITIALLY STUCK IN PLACE
5	HEADSTUC	0.107	0.100E-01	0.000	CONSTANT OPERATOR FAILS TO PRESS EMERGENCY STOP
5	ESTOPOPL.	0.107	1.00	10.0	LOGNORML OPERATOR FAILS TO PLACE HOIST LEVER IN OFF POSI
5	HOISTOPL	0.107	0.100E-01		LOGNORML STRUCTURAL FAILURE OF POLAR CRANE SYSTEM
6	POLRSCTA	0.869E-01	0.170E-05	10.0	LOGNORML ZERO ADJUSTMENT SET HIGH
7	ZEROADHI	0.772E-01	0.100E-01	10.0	LOGNORML SET POINT ADJUSTMENT TOO HIGH
7	STPTHI	0.772E-01	0.100E-01	10.0	CONSTANT ** TWO BLOCKING EVENT **
8	TWOBLOCK	0.547E-01	1.00	0.000	CONSTANT OPERATOR FAILS TO PRESS EMERGENCY STOP
8	ESTOPOP2	0.547E-01	1.00	0.000	LOGNORML OPERATOR FAILS TO PLACE HOIST LEVER IN OFF POSI
8	HOISTOP2	0.546E-01	0.100E-01	10.0	LOGNORML LIMIT SWITCH CONTACTS FAIL TO OPEN
9	LSHCLOSE	0.536E-01	0.500E-02	2.00	
10	HLFSTRCA	0.256E-01	0.500E-06	10.0	LOGNORML STRUCTURAL FAILURE REACTOR HEAD LIFTING DEVICE LOGNORML STRUCTURAL FAILURE OF LINK ASSEMBLY ON HEAD
10	LNKSTRCA	0.256E-01	0.500E-06	10.0	
11	COMPHI	0.116E-02	0.150E-03	10.0	LOGNORML COMPARATOR OUTPUT CURRENT HIGH
11	WHTSTONE	0.116E-02	0.150E-03	10.0	LOGNORML WHEATSTONE BRIDGE FAILURE LOW
11	OUTDRLOW	0.116E-02	0.150E-03	10.0	LOGNORML OUTPUT DRIVER FAILS LOW
11	ABINPTLO	0.116E-02	0.150E-03	10.0	LOGNORML OUTPUT OF BISTABLE INPUT AMP FAILS LOW
11	ASTPTHI	0.116E-02	0.150E-03	10.0	LOGNORML SET POINT AMP FAILS HIGH
12	LSCLOSED	0.108E-02	0.100E-03	3.00	LOGNORML LS CONTACTS FAIL TO OPEN
13	HCLOSED	0.772E-03	0.100E-03	3.00	LOGNORML HOIST CONTACTS, H, FAIL TO OPEN
13	HIRELAY	0.772E-03	0.100E-03	3.00	LOGNORML HIGH LIMIT RELAY CONTACTS FAIL TO OPEN
14	MHCLOSED	0.162E-03	0.100E-04	3.00	LOGNORML MH CONTACTS FAIL TO OPEN
15	OVERSPED	0.864E-04	1.00	0.000	CONSTANT ** OVERSPEED EVENT **
15	DYBRRES	0.864E-04	0.410	2.00	LOGNORML DYNAMIC BRAKE RESISTOR FAILS OPEN CCT
16	HB12-13C	0.660E-04	0.100E 00	10.0	LOGNORML HB CONTACTS 12-13 FAIL TO OPEN
16	HB11-12C	0.660E-04	0.100E-03	3.00	LOGNORML HB CONTACTS 11-12 FAIL TO OPEN
17	MENSENLO	0.386E-04	0.500E-05	10.0	LOGNORML MAIN HOIST SENSOR FAILURE LOW
18	FDSTRCCT	0.374E-04	0.150E-03	10.0	LOGNORML FAILURE OF FIELD STRENGHTING CCT
18	193X730	0.374E-04	0.150E-03	10.0	LOGNORML DRIVER 193X730 DEFECTIVE
19	HBRAKE 1	0.191E-04	0.170E-04	10.0	LOGNORML HOIST BRAKE #1 FAILS TO OPERATE
19	HBRAKE2	0.191E-04	0.100E 00	10.0	LOGNORML HOIST BRAKE #2 FAILS TO OPERATE
20	RUNTIMER	0.105E-04	0.100E-03	3.00	LOGNORML RUN TIMER CONTACTS FAIL TO OPEN
21	ACPOHER	0.713E-05	0.200E-03	3.00	LOGNORML LOSS OF AC POWER
22	HMOTOR	0.249E-05	0.100E-04	3.00	LOGNORML LOSS OF HOISTING MOTOR
23	ESCLOSED	0.228E-05	0.100E-04	3.00	LOGNORML ES CONTACTS FAIL TO OPEN
24	ESTOPCLO	0.162E-05	0.100E-04	3.00	LOGNORMI EMERGENCY STOP SWITCH CONTACTS FAIL TO OPEN
25	MOTSTOPO	0.1025-05	0.1005-01	10.0	LOCKHOOM DEEDATOD EATHER TO DEACH MOTER FRIED IN OUR BOOK



## Mean Probabilities of Various Load Drop Scenarios per Lift (Best Estimate Case)

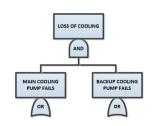


MEAN PROBABILITIES OF VARIOUS LOAD DROP SCENARIOS PER LIFT\* (BEST ESTIMATE CASE)

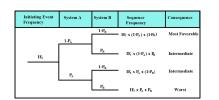
Load Drop Scenario	Mean Probability
Drop of head during initial I	ift 1.6 x 10-5
Structural failure during ini	tial lift 1.4 × 10-5**
Structural failure after init	ial lift 2.7 x 10-6
Reactor head load hangup e	vent 2.1 x 10-6
<ul> <li>Two-blocking event</li> </ul>	1.1 x 10-6
<ul> <li>Overspeed event</li> </ul>	$1.7 \times 10^{-9}$

Because there are common min cut sets to the above scenarios, the probability of their sum exceeds the Top Event probability.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Includes the sum of importances of the following basic events: POLRSCI, HLFSTRCI, and LNKSTRCI in Table 4.

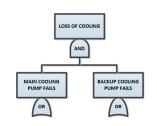


## Ranking of Most Important Min Cut Sets

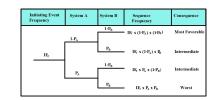


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       BASIC EVENT
                       PROBABIL ITY
                                          ERROR FACTOR DISTRIBUTION BASIC EVENT DESCRIPTION
                                                       CONSTANT .. DROP OF HEAD DURING INITIAL LIFTING ..
       INITIALE
                       0.100E 01
                                             0.000
       POLRSCS1
                       0.850E-05
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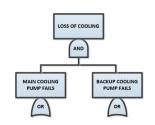
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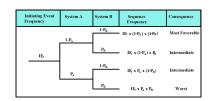
## **Recommendations**



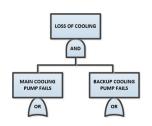
RECOMMENDA	TIONS	STUDY
•	MORE RELIABLE LOAD SENSING CIRCUIT LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO CALIBRATION ERRORS	(1)
0	SHORTEN EXPOSURE TIME OF LOAD OVER OPEN REACTOR VESSEL	(1)
0	SECOND OPERATOR	(1)
0	SECOND LIMIT SWITCH	(2)
ė	OVERSPEED SWITCH	(3)



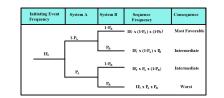
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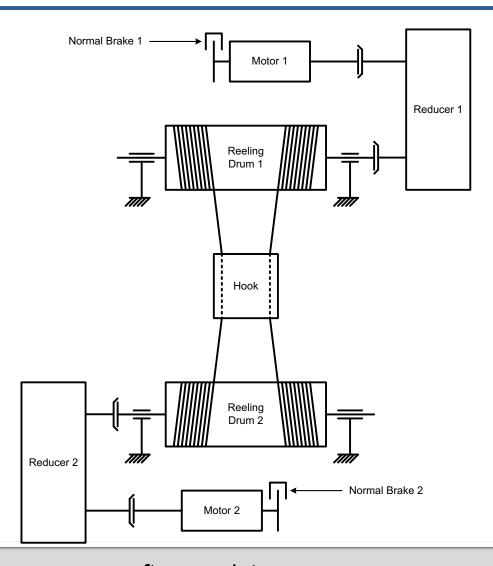


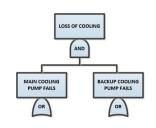
- "A survey of Crane Operating Experience at US Nuclear Power Plants" from 1968 through 2002 (June 2003)
- response to a candidate generic issue 186, "Potential Risk and Consequences of Heavy Load Drops in Nuclear Power Plants,"
- Finding of phase 2 NUREG 0612 report
  - Installation of a single failure proof crane not cost effective
  - Further action was not required to reduce the risk associated with heavy load drops
- Determine the likelihood and significance of heavy load drops
- Trend analysis



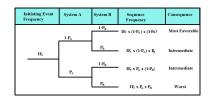
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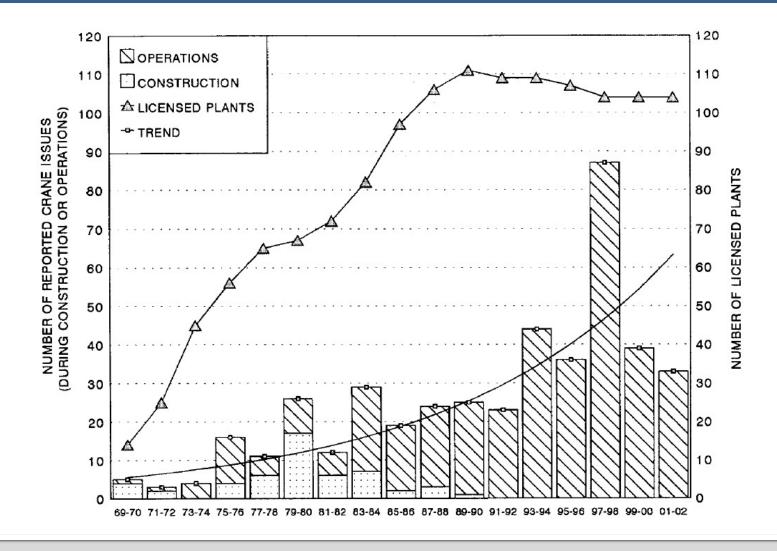


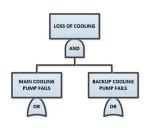




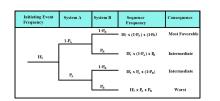
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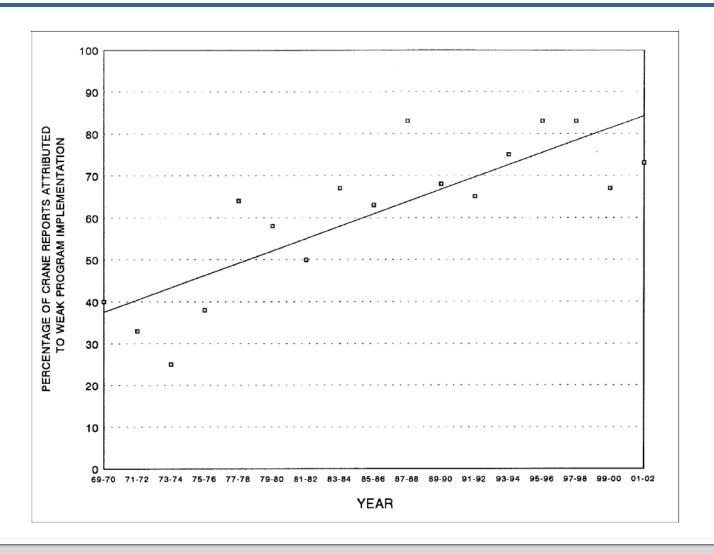


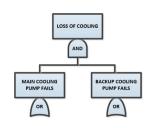




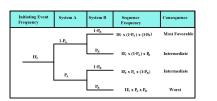
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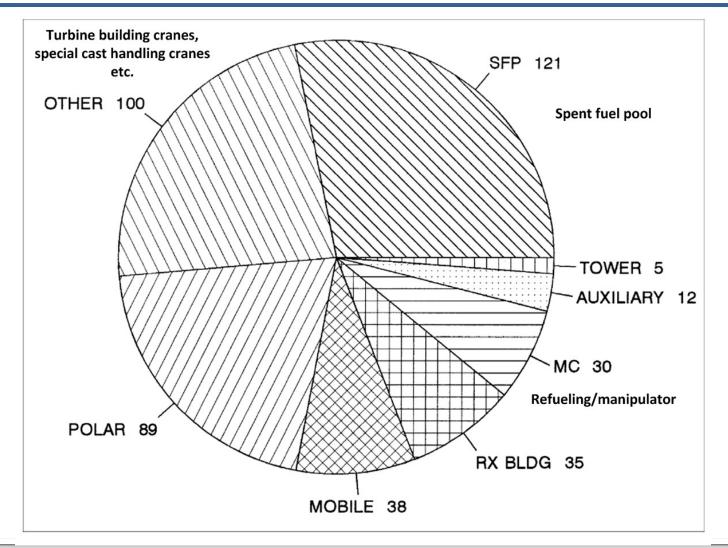


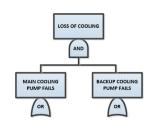




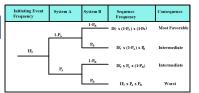
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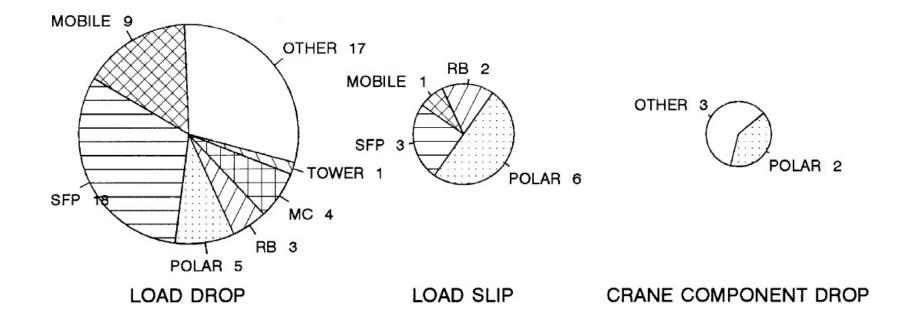


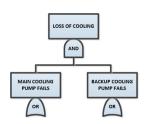




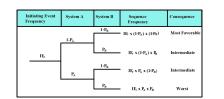
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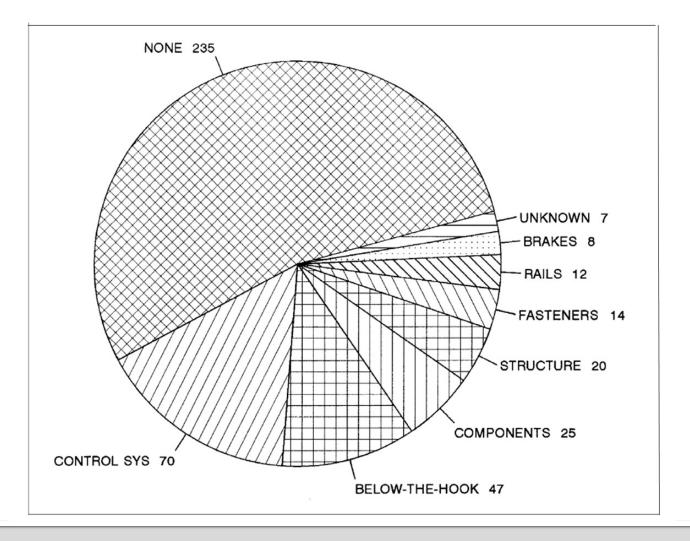


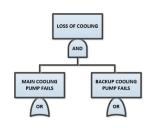




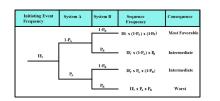
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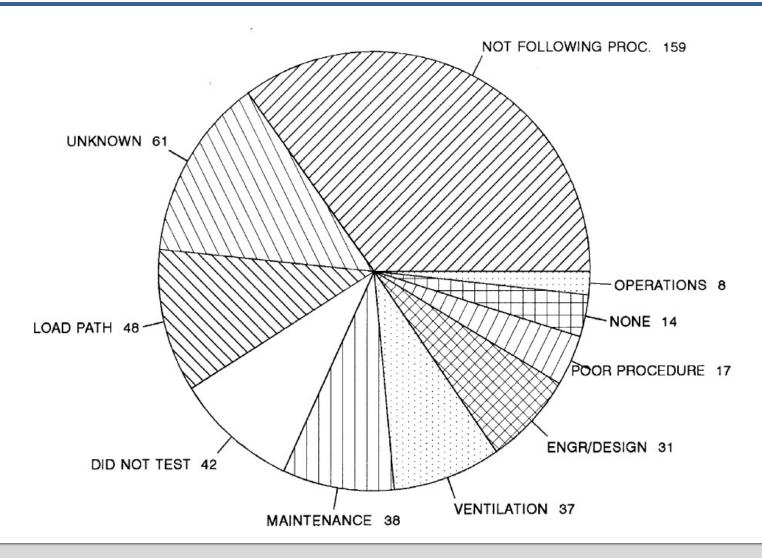


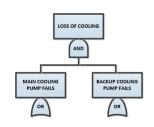




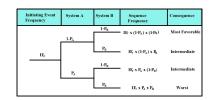
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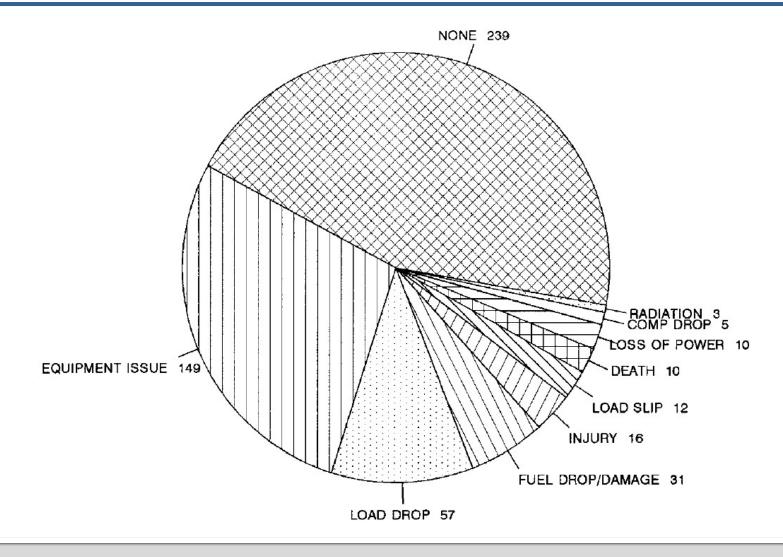


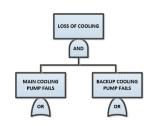




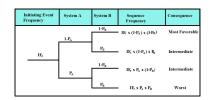
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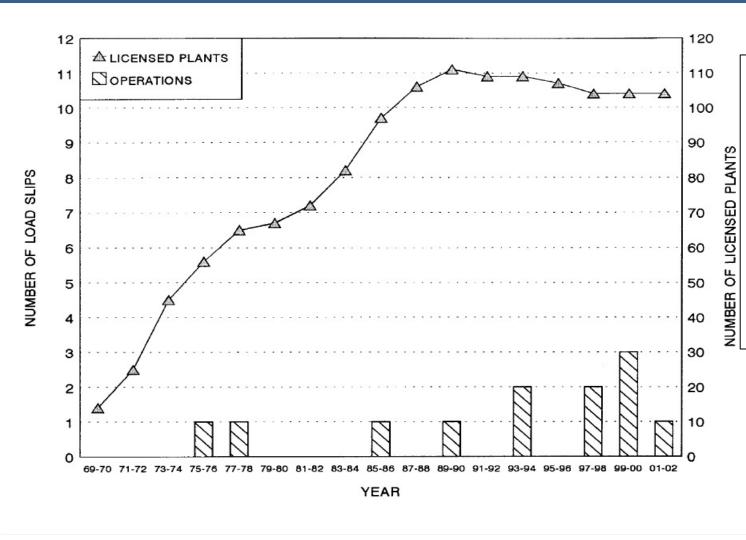






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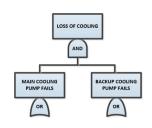




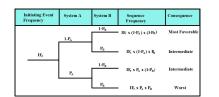
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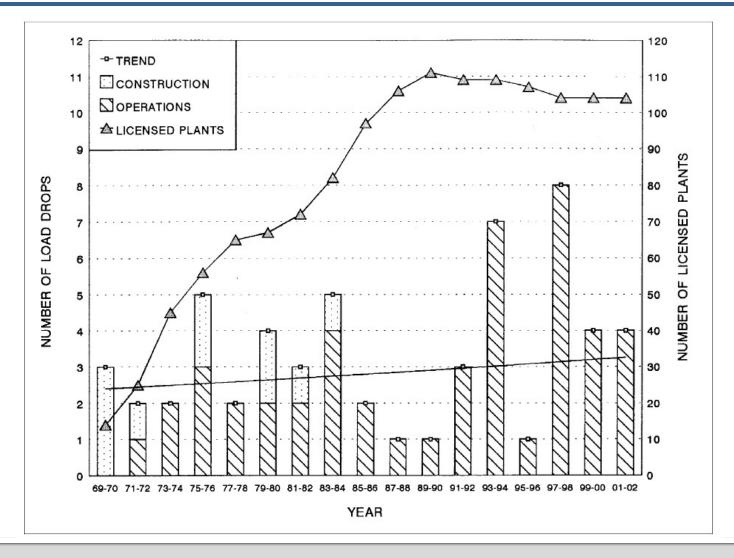
- 1. Below the hook
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- Operations and engineering

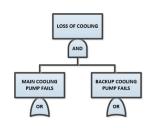
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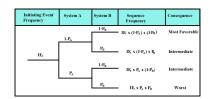
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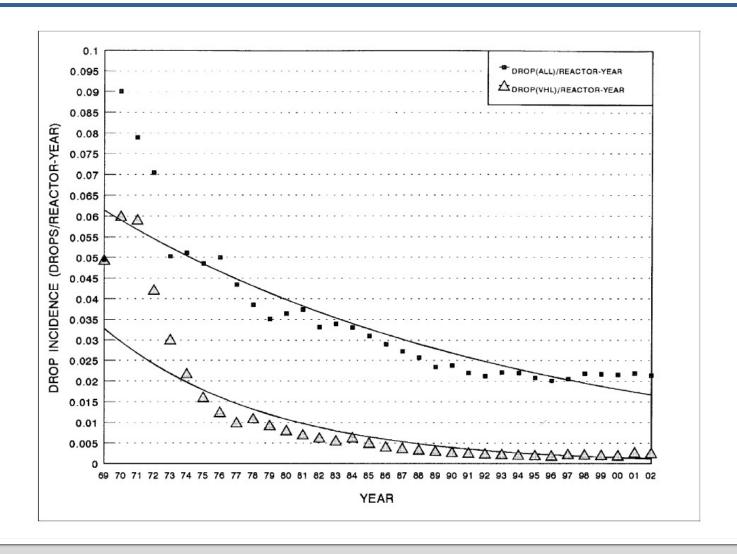


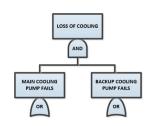




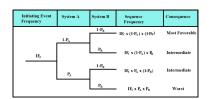
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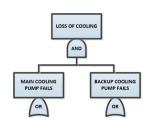




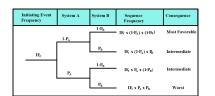
# Basis of Probability Assignment for load drop event tree

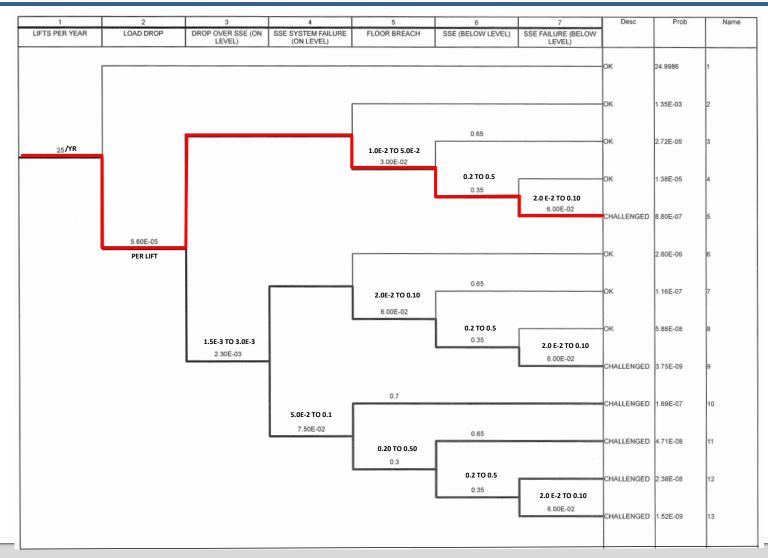


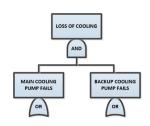
Node	Description	Basis	Probability
			Estimation
1	Number of very heavy Loads per reactor year	54000 Lifts since 1980 2300 reactor years 54000/2300	25 per year
2	Load Drop	Three load drops since 1980 did not occur near SSE – All Rigging Failures 3/54000 drops/lift	5.6E-05 drops/lift
3	Drop Over SSE* (on level)	Failure to follow procedures 159 occurrences 159/54000 reduce by factor of 2 since all load drops are not caused by following procedures 159/54000 x .5 median (1.5E-3 3.0E-3)	2.3E-03
4	SSE System Failure (on level)	5 to 10 per cent median (0.05,0.10) Failure to follow procedures, common mode effects	7.5E-02
5	Floor Breach first branch	1 to 5 per cent median (0.01 0.05) Failure to follow procedures, common mode effects	3.0E-02
5	Floor Breach second branch	2 to 10 per cent median (0.02 0.10) Failure to follow procedures, common mode effects	6.0E-02
5	Floor Breach third branch	10 to 50 per cent median (0.10 0.50) Failure to follow procedures, common mode effects	0.30
6	SSE (Below Level)	20 to 50 per cent include controlling electrical, instrumentation or mechanical fluid systems	0.35
7	SSE Failure (Below Level)	48 Load path violations none resulted in SSE system failure assume double of probability reported in NUREG 0612 – 2 to 10%	6.0E-02



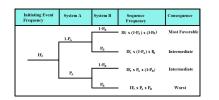
## **Load Drop Event Tree**







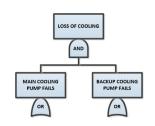
# Potential Consequences of very heavy load drops



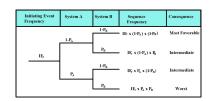
Endstate	Accident Frequency per Reactor Year <sup>1</sup>	Plant Consequence	Plant Status	
1	No load drop path	None. No load drop occurs.	ОК	
2	1.4E-03 (mean)	Load drop occurs, but does not result in any train or system damage.	ОК	
3	2.8E-06 to 3.5E-05	Load drop occurs, resulting in a floor breach, but does not result in a SSE train or system damage.	ок	
4	2.8E-05 to 3.5E-05	Load drop occurs, resulting in a floor breach, and one SSE train disabled	ОК	
5	1.4E-07 to 3.5E-06	Load drops occurs, resulting in a floor breach, and one SSE system disabled.	Plant is challenged.2	
6	2.1E-06 to 4.2E-06	Load drop occurs, resulting in one SSE train being disabled. No floor breach or other damage to SSE.	ок	
7	8.4E-09 to 2.1E-07	Load drop occurs, resulting in one SSE train being disabled. A floor breach occurs, but no other SSE damage occurs.	ок	
8	8.4E-09 to 2.1E-07	Load drop occurs, resulting in one train disabled, a floor breach and one additional SSE train disabled in another system (both systems remain intact).	ОК	
9	4.2E-10 to 2.1E-08	Load drop occurs, resulting in one SSE train disabled, a floor breach, and one SSE system disabled.	Plant is challenged.	
10	1.1E-07 to 4.2E-07	Load drop occurs, resulting in one SSE system disabled with no floor breach.	Plant is challenged.	
11	2.1E-09 to 1.1E-07	Load drop occurs, resulting in one SSE system disabled, a floor breach, but no other train or system damage.	Plant is challenged.	
12	2.1E-09 to 1.1E-07	Load drop occurs, resulting in one SSE system disabled, a floor breach, and one other SSE train damaged.	Plant is challenged.	
13	1.1E-10 to 1.1E-08	Load drop occurs, resulting in two systems disabled, including a floor breach.	Plant is challenged.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Assumes an average of 25 very heavy loads per reactor year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>A condition where at least one SSE system has been disabled because of a load drop.



### **Comments**



- Study concluded that BWRs are more susceptible to load drops than PWRs because most operations for BWR occur in the reactor building – loads are above safety equipment
- NUREG-1174 was an important reference document for the Yucca Mountain project
- Another reference document
  - Joseph Martore and H. E. Lambert, <u>Heavy Loads Probabilistic Safety</u>
     <u>Assessment</u>, TENERA LP and FTA Associates, Submitted to the National Science Foundation, August 1988.