

# Attempt to predict Human Error Probability in different industry sectors using data from major accidents and Bayesian networks

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My results were wrong!

Why?

How have I found out the error?

# Previous results x Corrected results

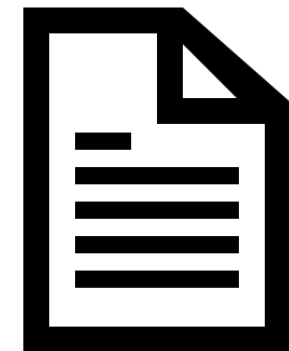


- Data Collection
- Data Analysis
- Application of HRA data in Decision-Making

# Data collection



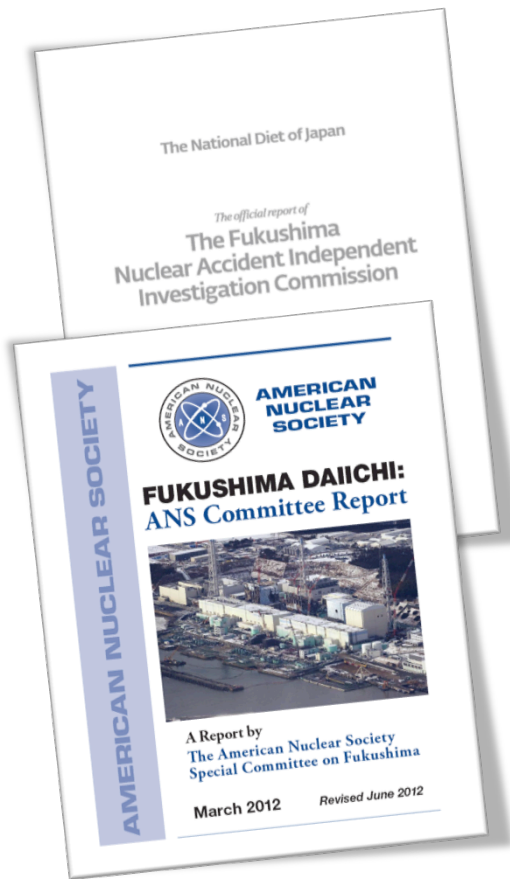
## Taxonomy: CREAM (Hollnagel)



Major accident reports

Moura et al.(2016)

	Performance Shaping Factors	Cognitive error	Execution Error
Accident 1	1	0	0
Accident 2	1	1	1
...	0	1	0
...	1	0	0
...	1	1	1
...	0	0	1
Accident 238	1	1	1



*Workers had to work using a flawed manual: sections in the diagrams of the severe accident instruction manual were missing.*

*flood protection for the batteries was not provided.*

INDUSTRY	LOCATION	Human Factors	Technological factor	Organisational Factor	Cognitive error
		Individual Functional Fatigue	Inadequate procedure	Design failure	Observation Missed
NUCLEAR	Fukushima	0	1	1	0
UPSTREAM	Piper Alpha	0	1	1	1

*overlook cue/signal: not realised that PSV was out for maintenance.*





1

Define of the **nodes** and their **states**

2

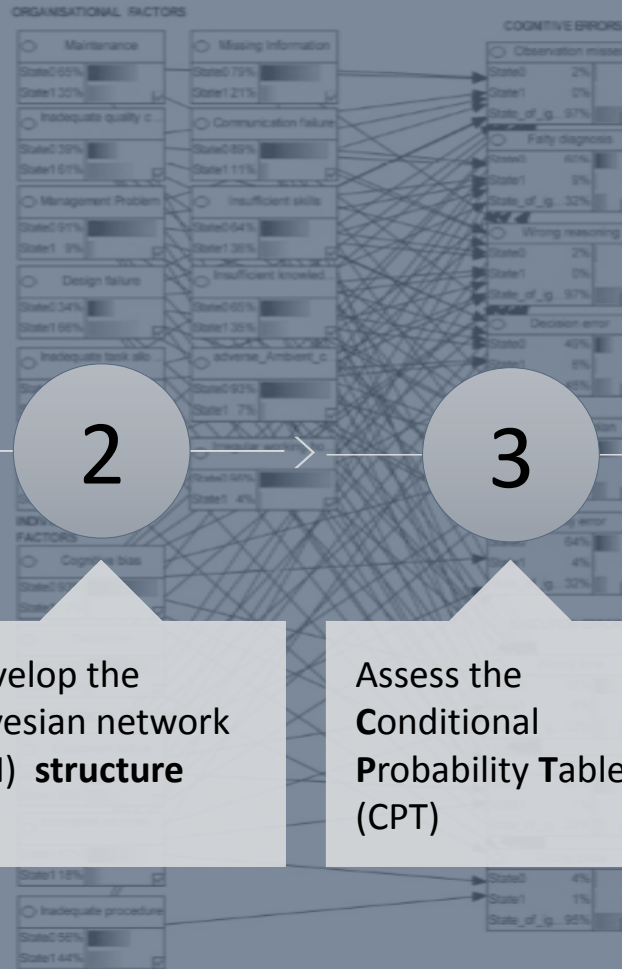
Develop the Bayesian network (BN) **structure**

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Assess the **Conditional Probability Tables (CPT)**

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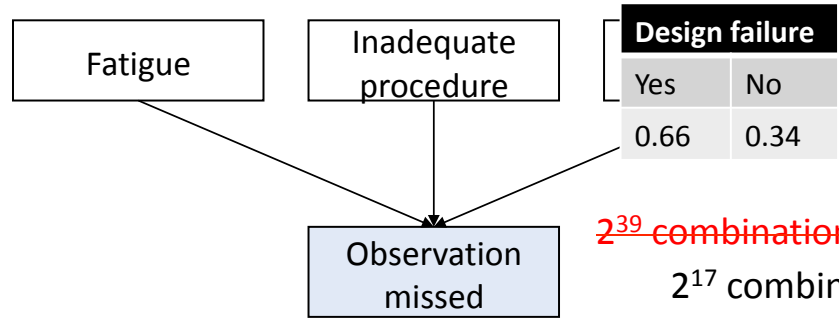
Verify/ Validate



#### 4. RESULTS

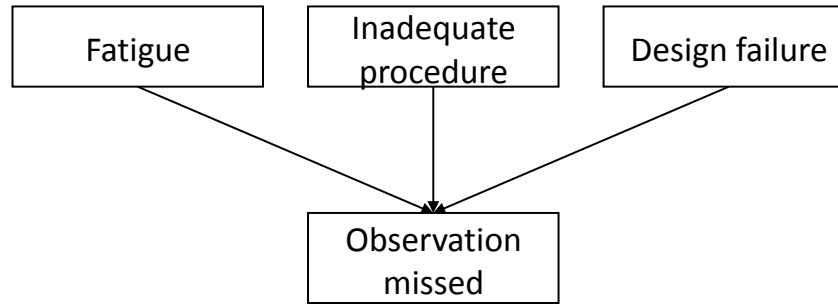
##### 4.1. Human Error Probabilities (HEPs) from major accidents dataset

# CPT

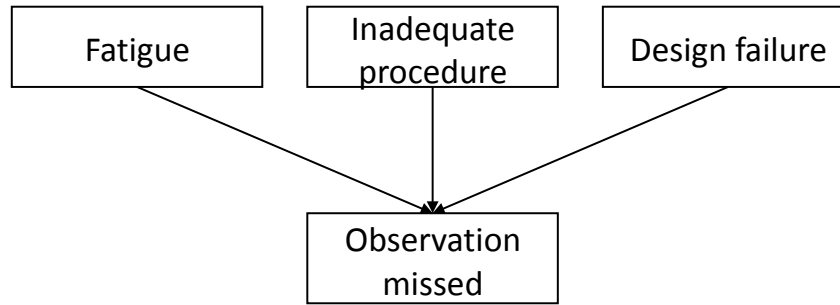


~~2<sup>39</sup> combinations = 549,755,813,888~~  
 2<sup>17</sup> combinations = 131,072

<b>Fatigue</b>		NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Procedure		NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
Design failure		NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
(...)									
<b>Observation missed</b>	<b>NO</b>	<div style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 15px;">           times the combination occurred in accidents  <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid white;"/>           total number of accidents         </div>							
	<b>YES</b>								



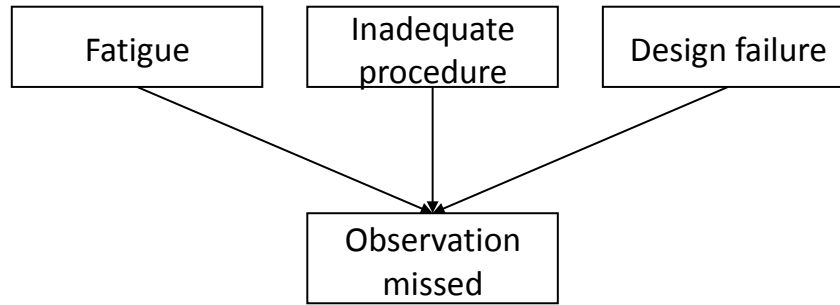
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Procedure		NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
Design failure		NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
(...)									
Observation missed	NO	0.18	0.31	0.11	0.24	0	0	0.004	0.01
	YES	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.06	0	0.01	0	0.01



Fatigue		NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Procedure		NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
Design failure		NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
(...)									
Observation missed	NO	0.86	0.91	0.85	0.80	0	0	1	0.5
	YES	0.14	0.09	0.15	0.20	0	1	0	0.5

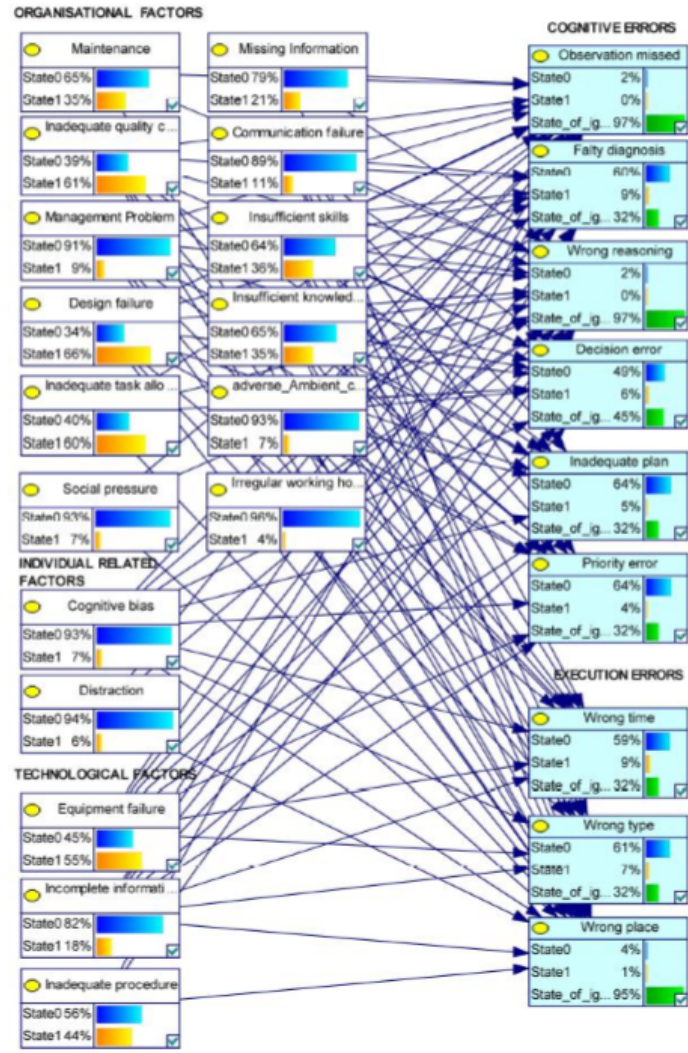
**normalised**

Undefined result  
(Divided by zero)



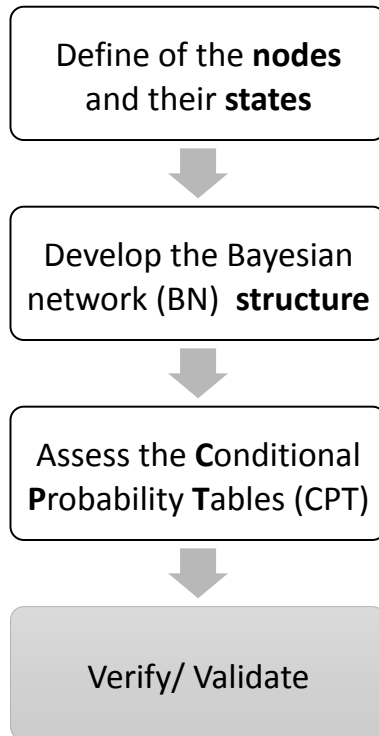
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Now, the computation of those probabilities...



# HEP Results





**Validation:**  
*If the system does what is supposed to do in the real world.*

**Verification:**  
*If the system works as it is supposed to work.*



# Validation



# Validation



# Verification

- Still having problems, mainly with organisational factors
- Dependencies of organisational PSFs?

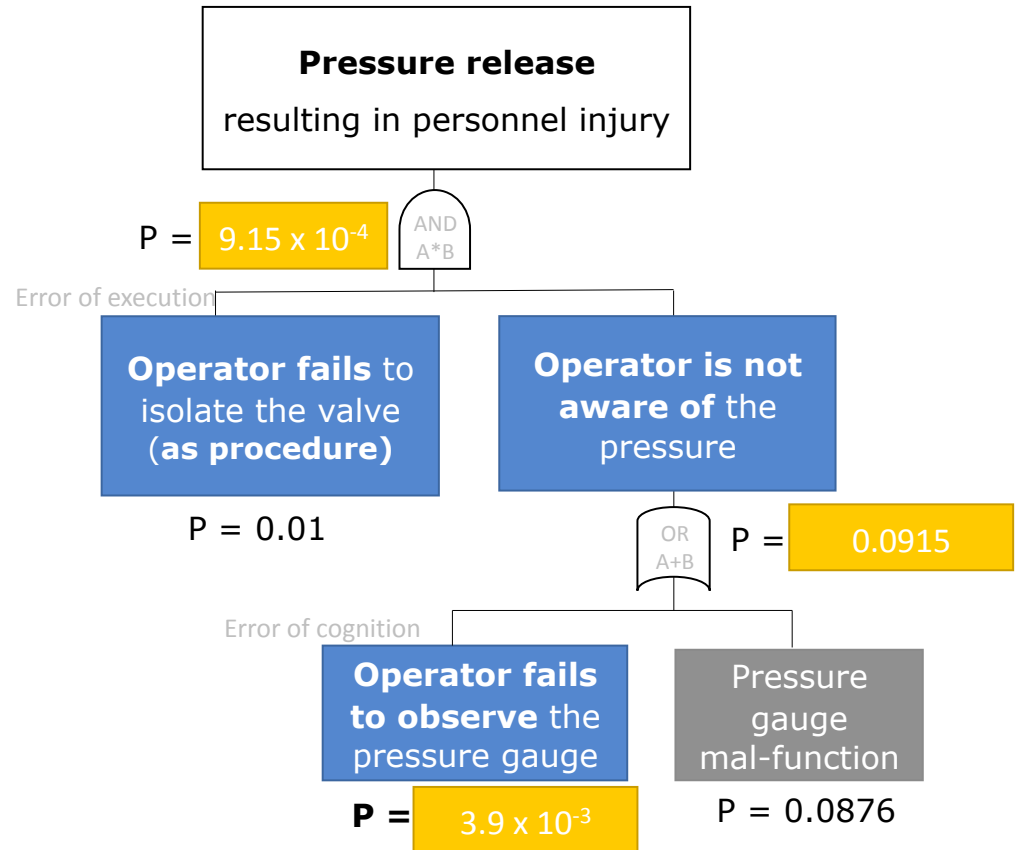


## Application of HRA Data in Decision- Making



Figure source: <https://www.sofisglobal.com> – About mechanical valve interlocks to eliminate human errors

... to check if a certain risk criteria is met



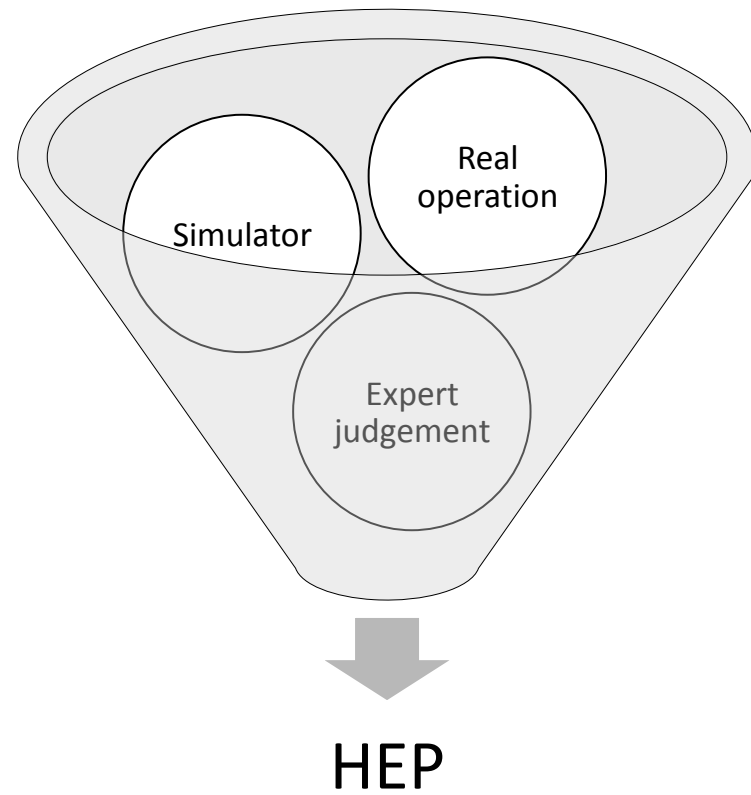
# Application: Check the risk level

- Design phase
- Operational phase –risk level remains acceptable?  
(as part of the management of change)
- Life extension

## Research:

Not **under-estimated** nor **over-estimated** HEP (Human Error Probability).

↑ Real operation  
Simulator  
Expert judgement

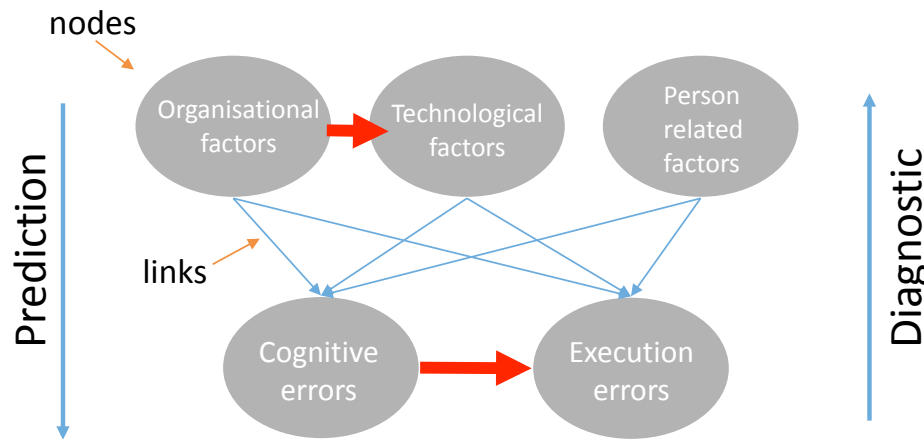


# Problems to tackle

Probabilistic approach to analyse the dependencies of random variables

Many data sources

Accept new evidence



Limited number of connections if using a simple algorithm

$P(\text{cognitive error} = \text{YES}) =$

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