

# **HALT In The Product Development Process**

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Apex Ridge Reliability provides tailored reliability solutions that advance our customer's products in the market.

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SECOND EDITION

# How Reliable is Your Product?



## 50 WAYS TO IMPROVE PRODUCT RELIABILITY

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*"The book presents practical examples of what an engineer should and shouldn't do to be successful in developing a reliable product. It is a must read for all engineers and managers who are involved with corporate-wide improvement efforts."*

**James McLinn, CRE, Fellow ASQ, Manager of Reliability, Beckman-Coulter**

*"Mike and Adam take you on a guided tour of Design for Reliability techniques, which are interwoven with many fascinating and useful case studies that demonstrate how this approach has already benefited many organizations. They have gifted you with the tools to help make your great products better."*

**Mark Turner, C.R.P., Six Sigma & DFSS Black Belt**

*"If most people who want reliable products would execute even half of what Mike and Adam are espousing, how great it would be for consumers. Instead of going into depth on each topic, this book stays at a higher level to give a perspective of reliability within the product development lifecycle."*

**Harry McLean, Author of HALT, HASS, and HASA Explained: Accelerated Reliability Techniques**



Mike Silverman passed away on September 13, 2014. Throughout his twenty-five-year career, he maintained a singular focus on reliability. He was the founder and managing partner of Ops A La Carte, a reliability engineering consultancy that helps customers build end-to-end reliability into their products. Mike created HALT and HASS Labs, a reliability laboratory in Northern California. A Certified Reliability Engineer, he published over a dozen technical papers and was also a former president of the Silicon Valley IEEE Reliability Society.



Adam Bahret has over twenty years of industry experience as a Design, Analysis, and Reliability Engineer. He has developed major reliability programs in fields such as Semiconductor Ion Implantation, Medical Blood Analysis, Industrial Robotics, and Diesel Systems. Adam has specialized in combining reliability analytical and design tools into product development programs, as well as developing specialized testing programs for product development and qualification. He has a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering and a Master's in Systems Engineering. He is a member of ASQ and IEEE, as well as a Nationally Certified Reliability Engineer (CRE).

Mike and Adam worked together for many years on collaborative initiatives and advancing reliability practices in industry through education and mentoring. In addition to their professional relationship, they were close friends who greatly enjoyed exchanges on both the philosophical and practical aspects of engineering while mountain hiking or skiing. One can only conclude that they believed altitude was a catalyst for discovery.

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& LEADERSHIP : QUALITY CONTROL

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# Definition of HALT

## Highly Accelerated Limit Life Test

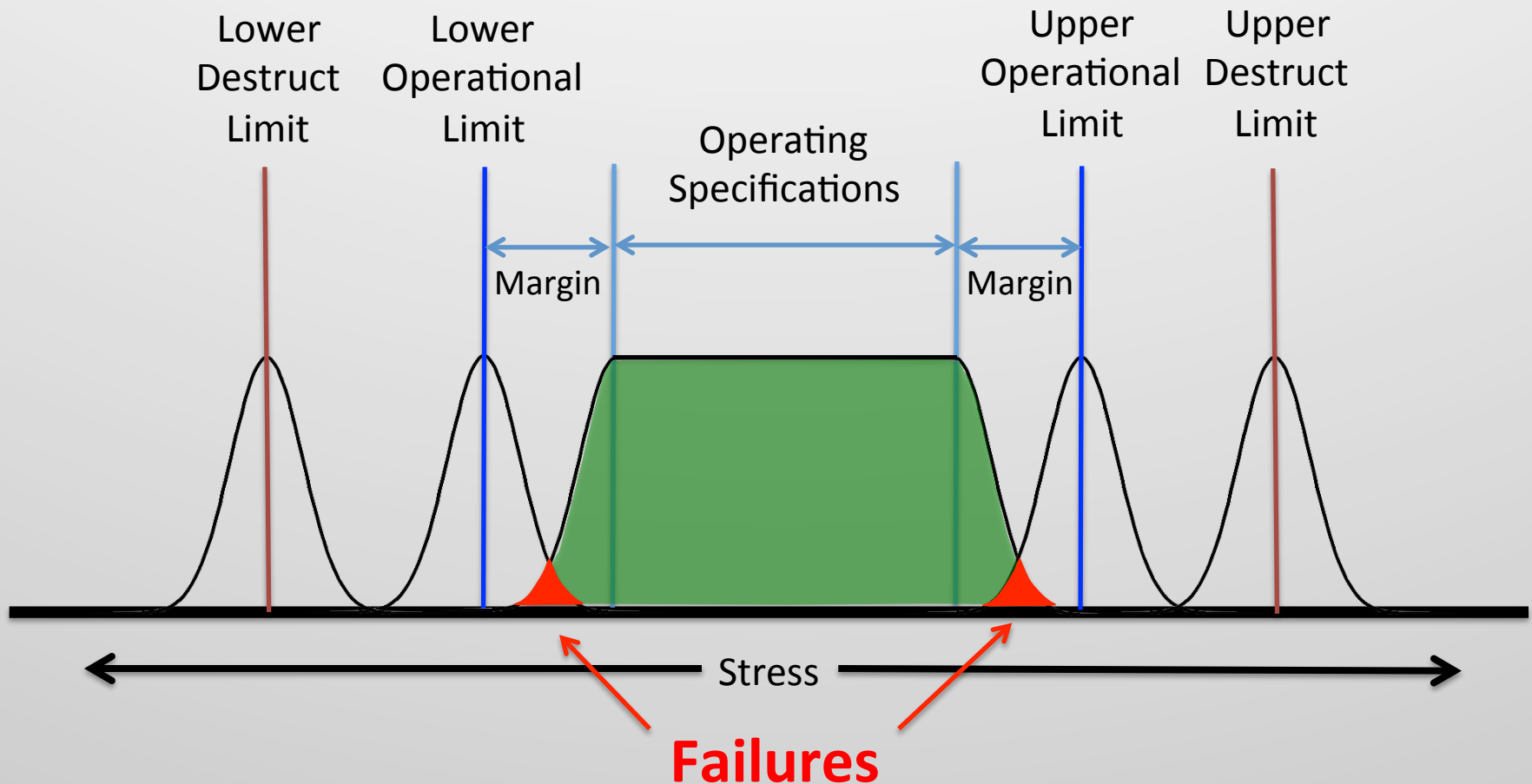
**HALT: Performed to ruggedize the product and obtain large margins over the expected in-use conditions. Uses all stresses which can cause relevant failures. Stresses are not limited to field levels or stresses.**

**-“Accelerated Reliability Engineering: HALT and HASS”, Gregg Hobbs**

# What does HALT do?

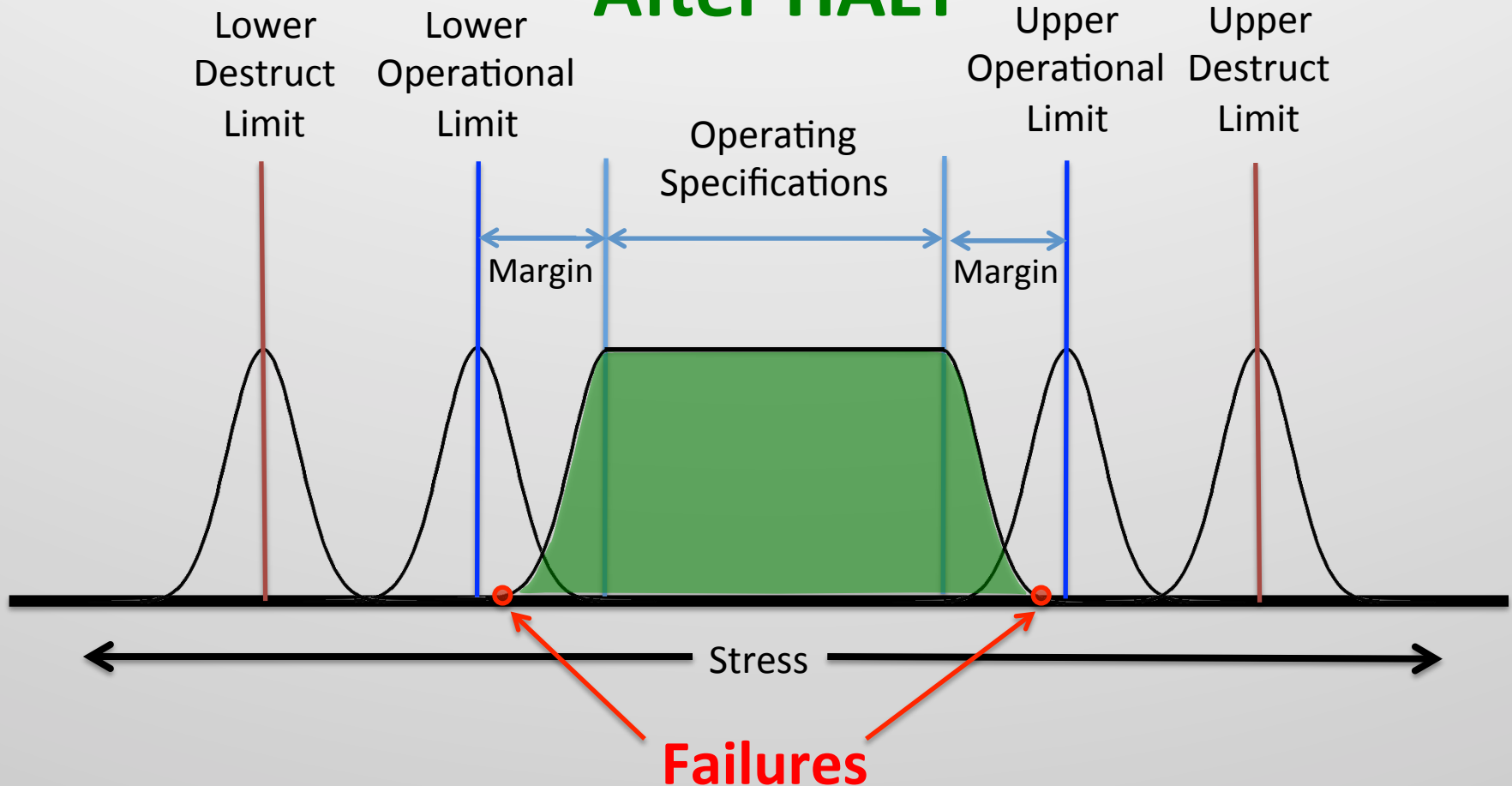
- **Quickly discovers failure modes**
- **Evaluates design margins**
- **Supports release of a mature product**
- **Reduction in development time and cost**
  
- **HALT is not something you pass or fail**
- **HALT is a tool for discovery of design characteristics**

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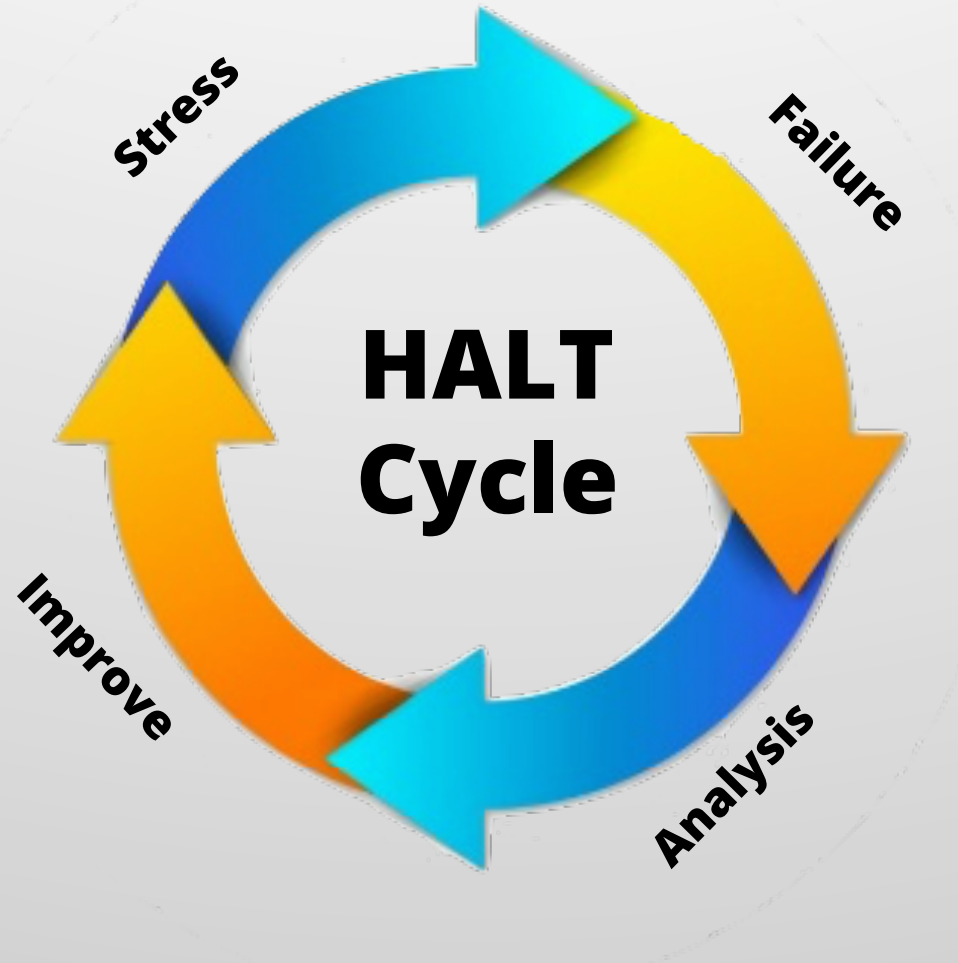
After HALT



# HALT Process

**Stress:**  
Start low and step up the stress, testing the product during the stressing

**Improve:**  
Make temporary improvements or isolate stress from found failure mode and continue



**Failure:**  
Gradually increase stress until a failure occurs

**Analyze:**  
Analyze the failure to root cause as much as possible in lab

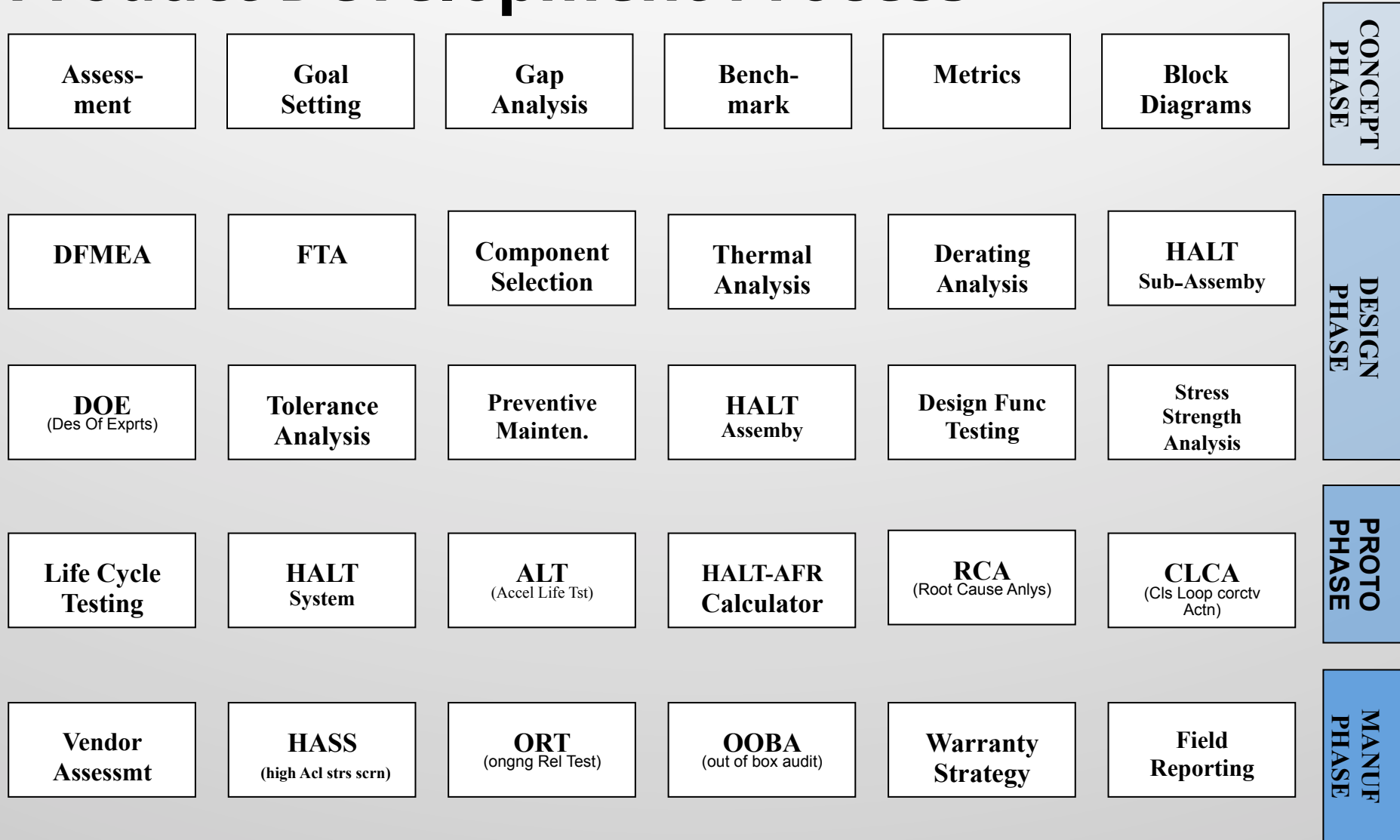


# **System Engineering Qualitative Value**

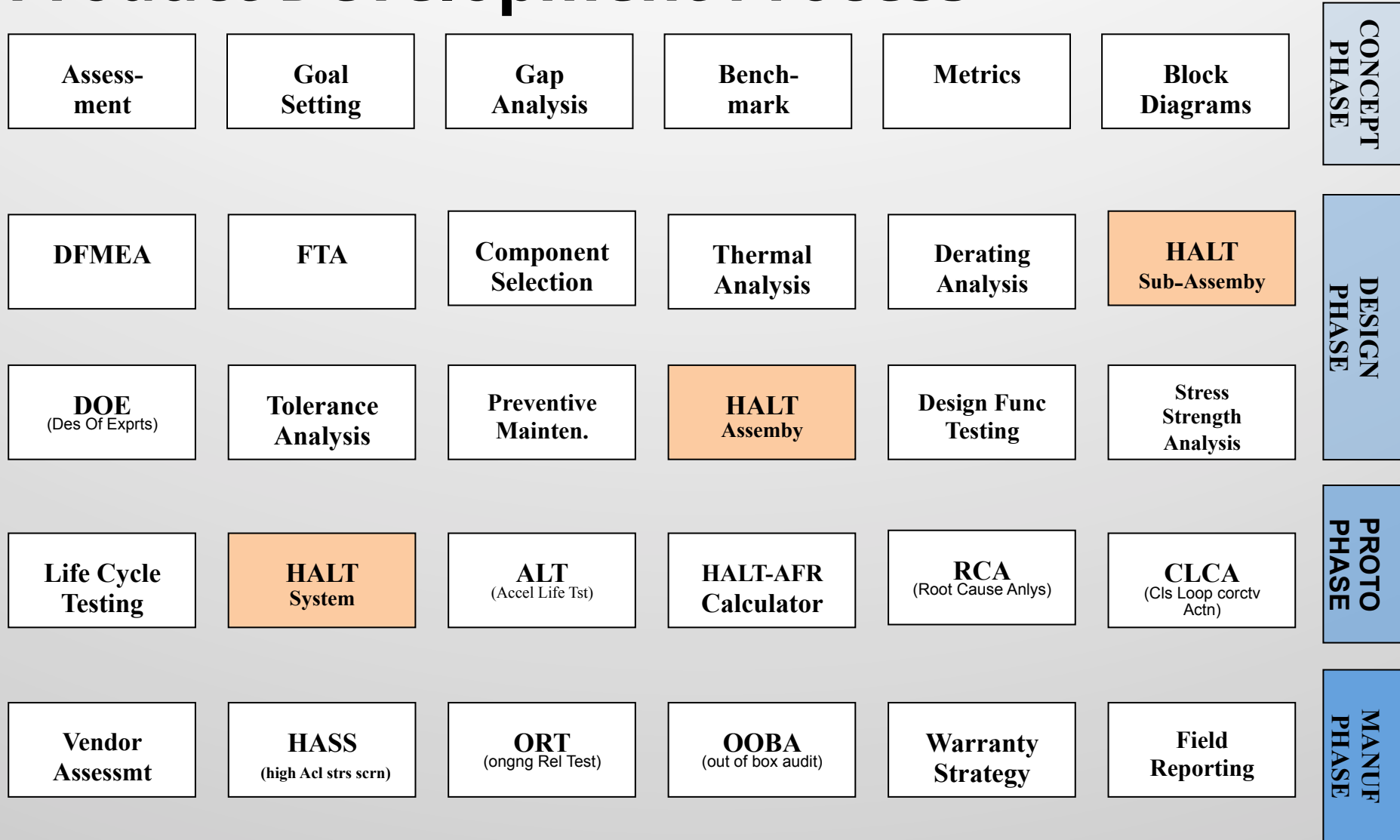
## **Reliability Integration-**

**“ The Process of seamlessly cohesively integrating reliability tools together to maximize reliability and at the lowest possible cost.”**

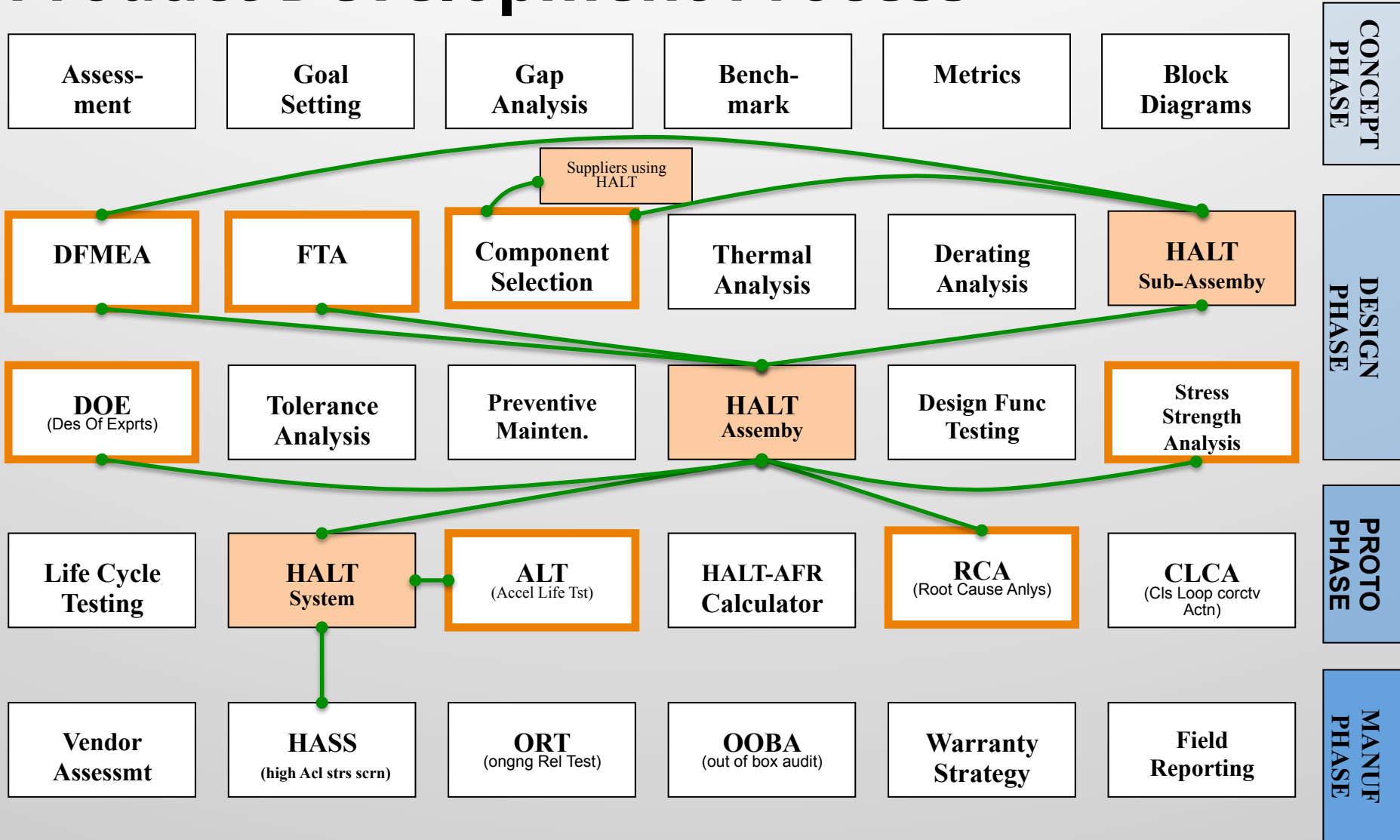
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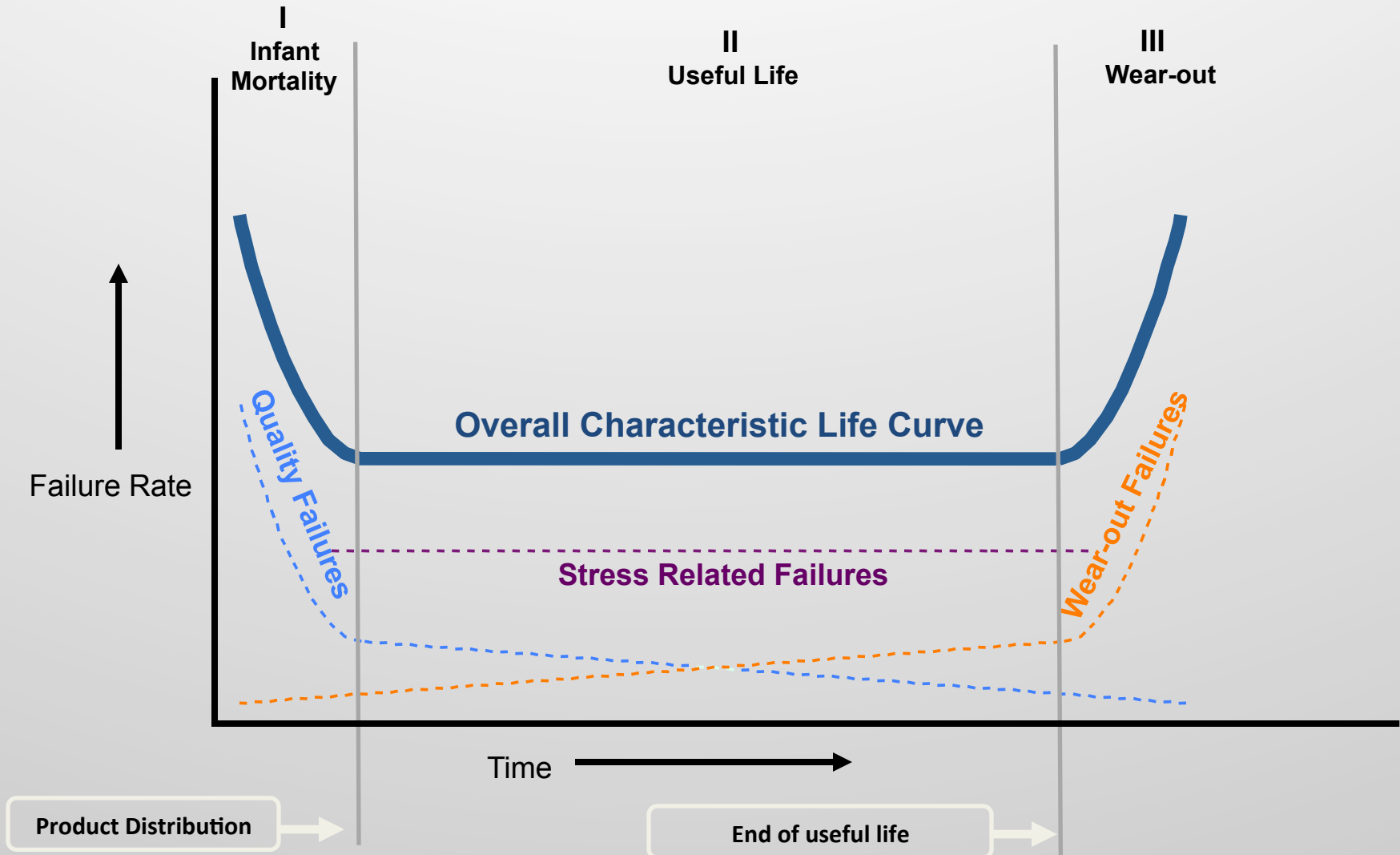
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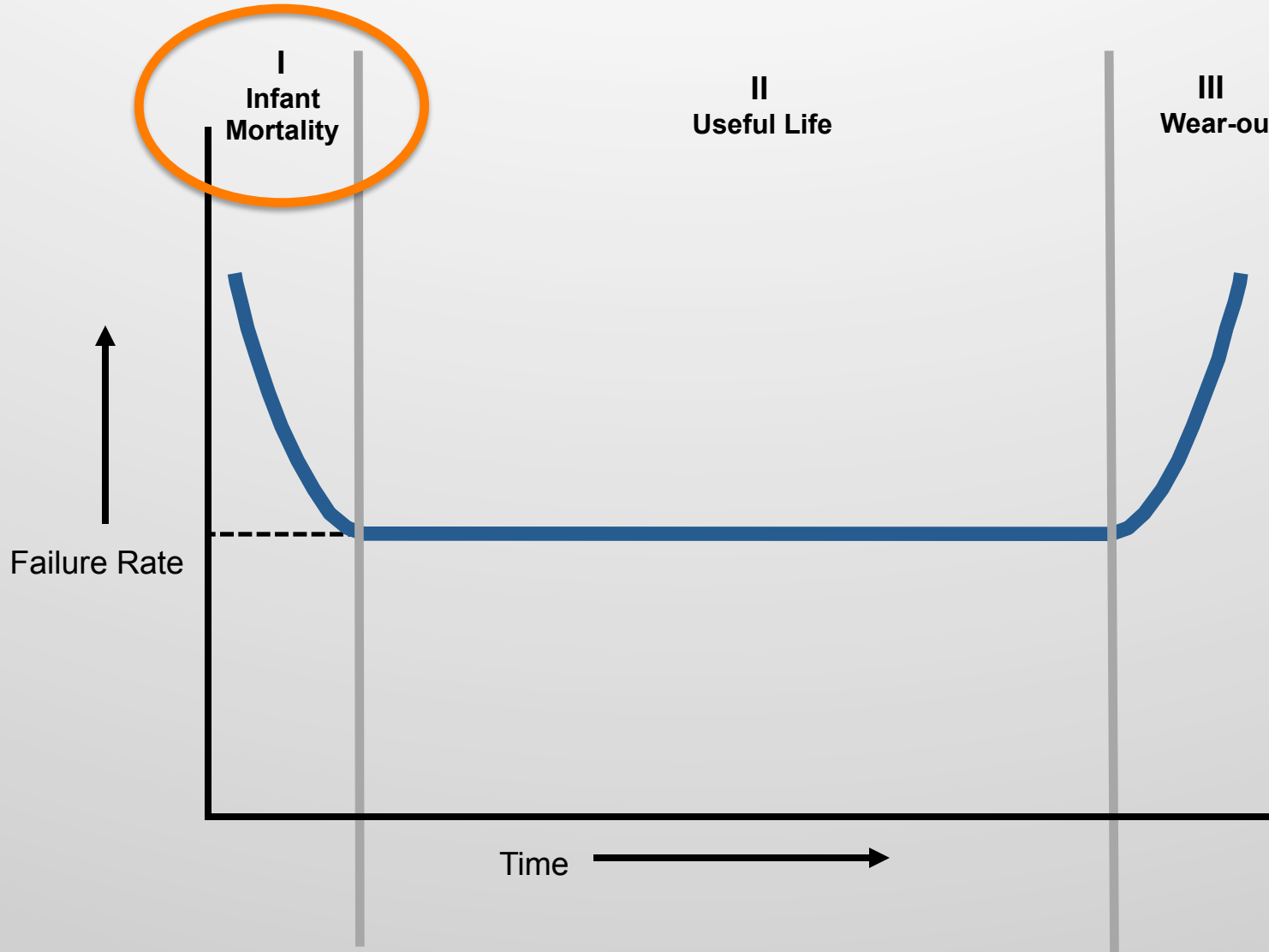
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- **What are we trying to improve?**
- **What are the metrics for design improvement?**

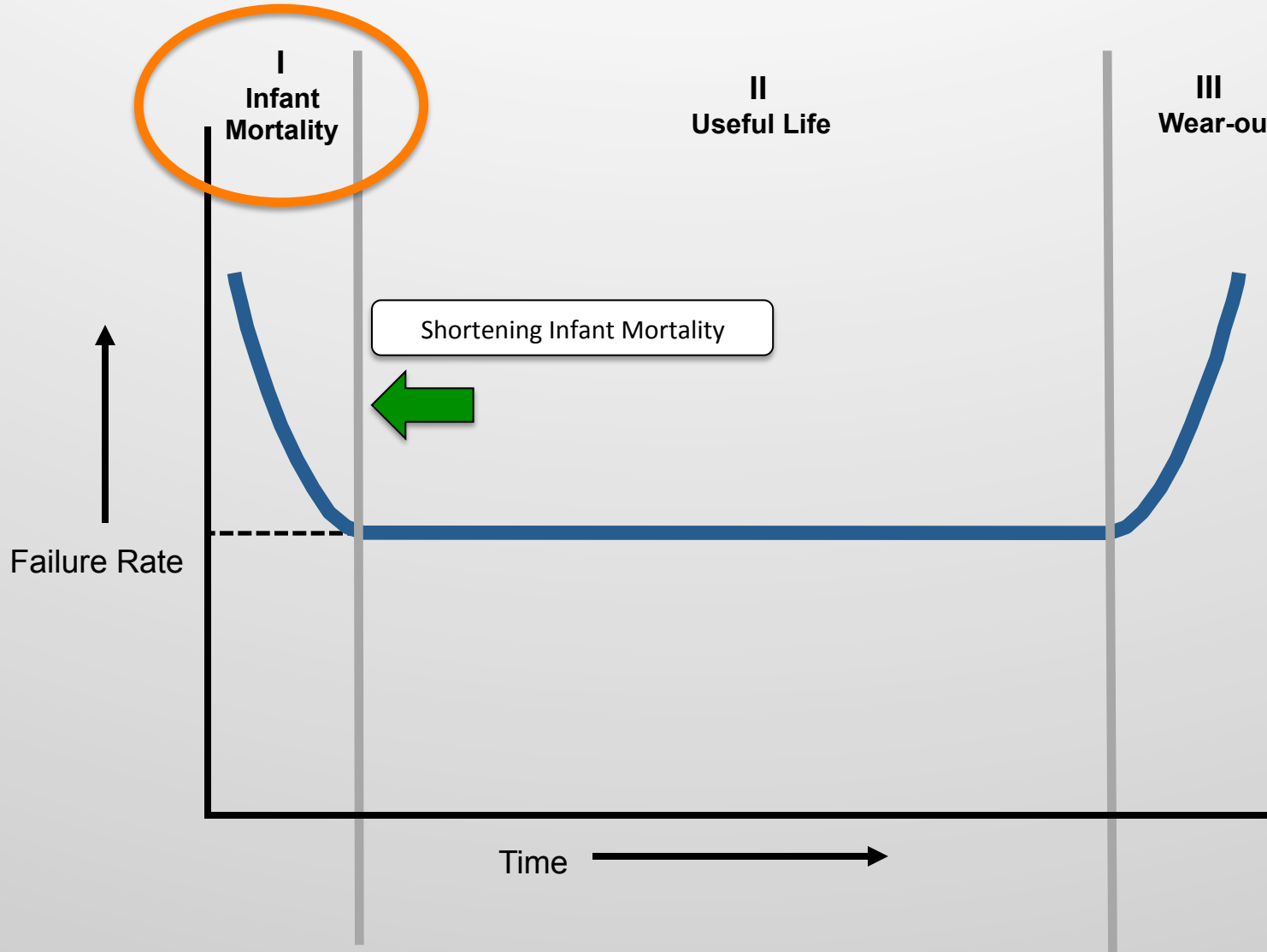
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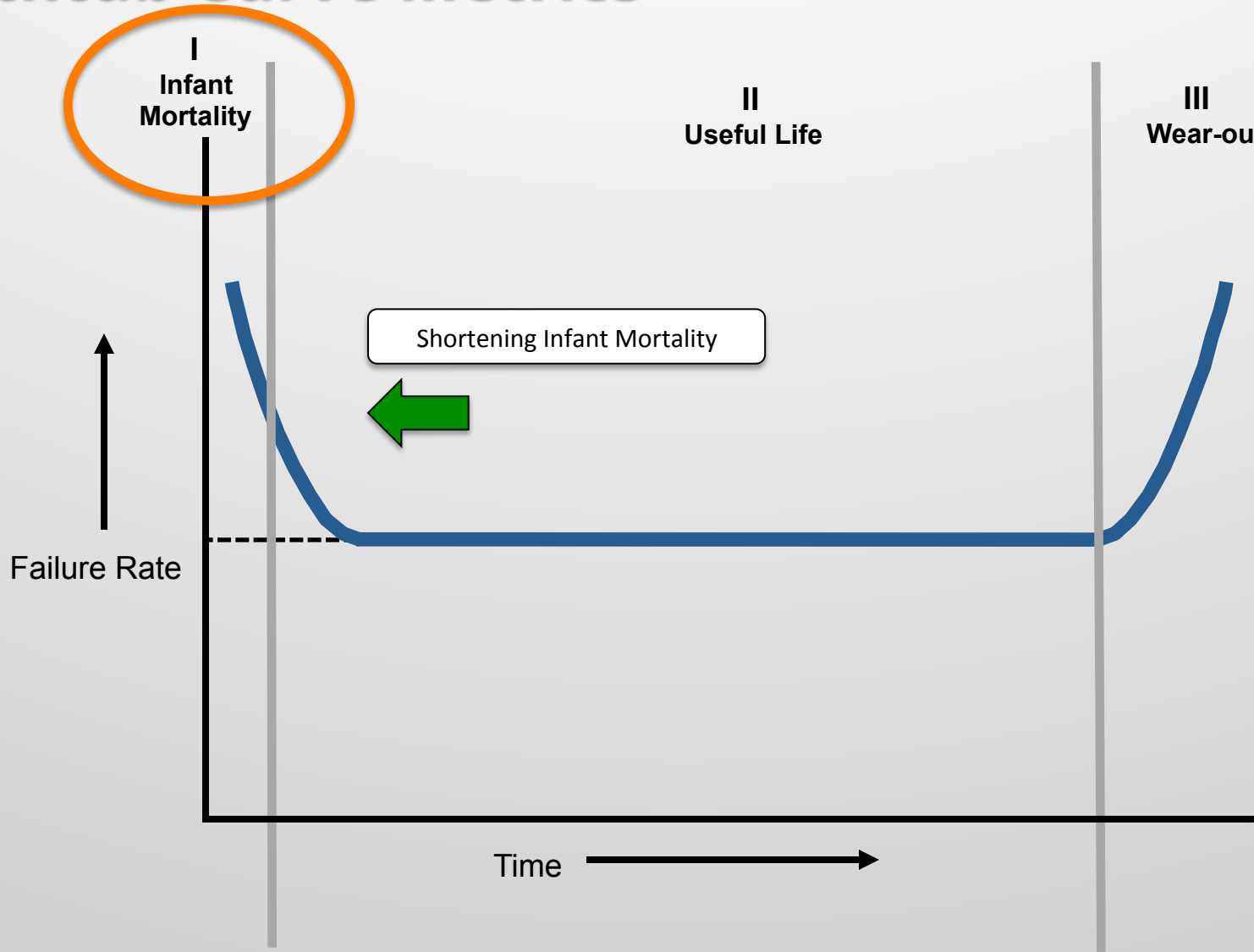


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# **HALT Improving Infant Mortality**

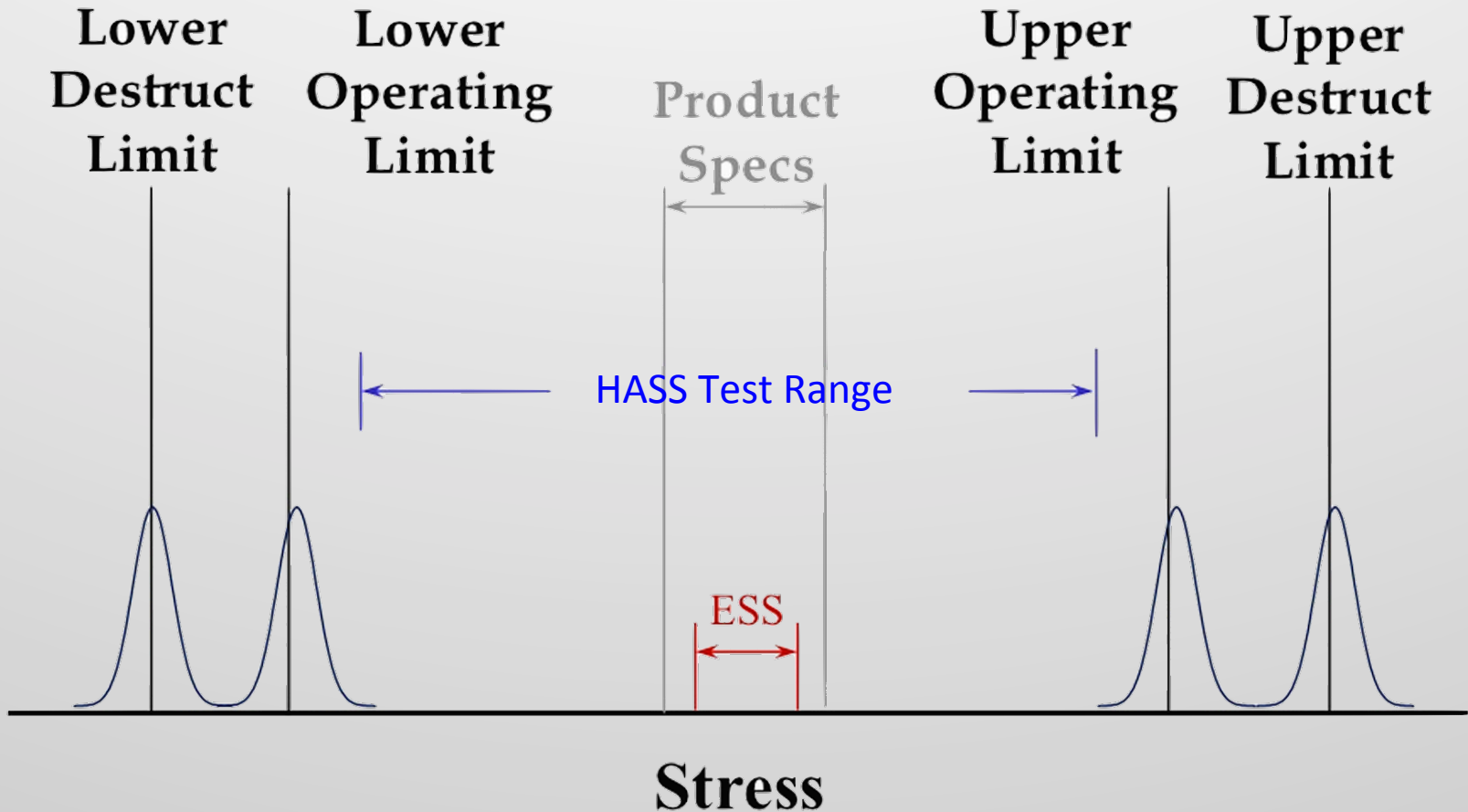
- **HASS -Highly Accelerated Stress Screen**
  - In HASS all product is “screened” at stress levels above operating levels are applied in order to quickly uncover process weakness, thereby reducing quality based field failures.
- **HASA –Highly Accelerated Stress Audit**
  - In HASA only a predetermined statistically significant portion of the produced units are screened.

# What does HASS do?

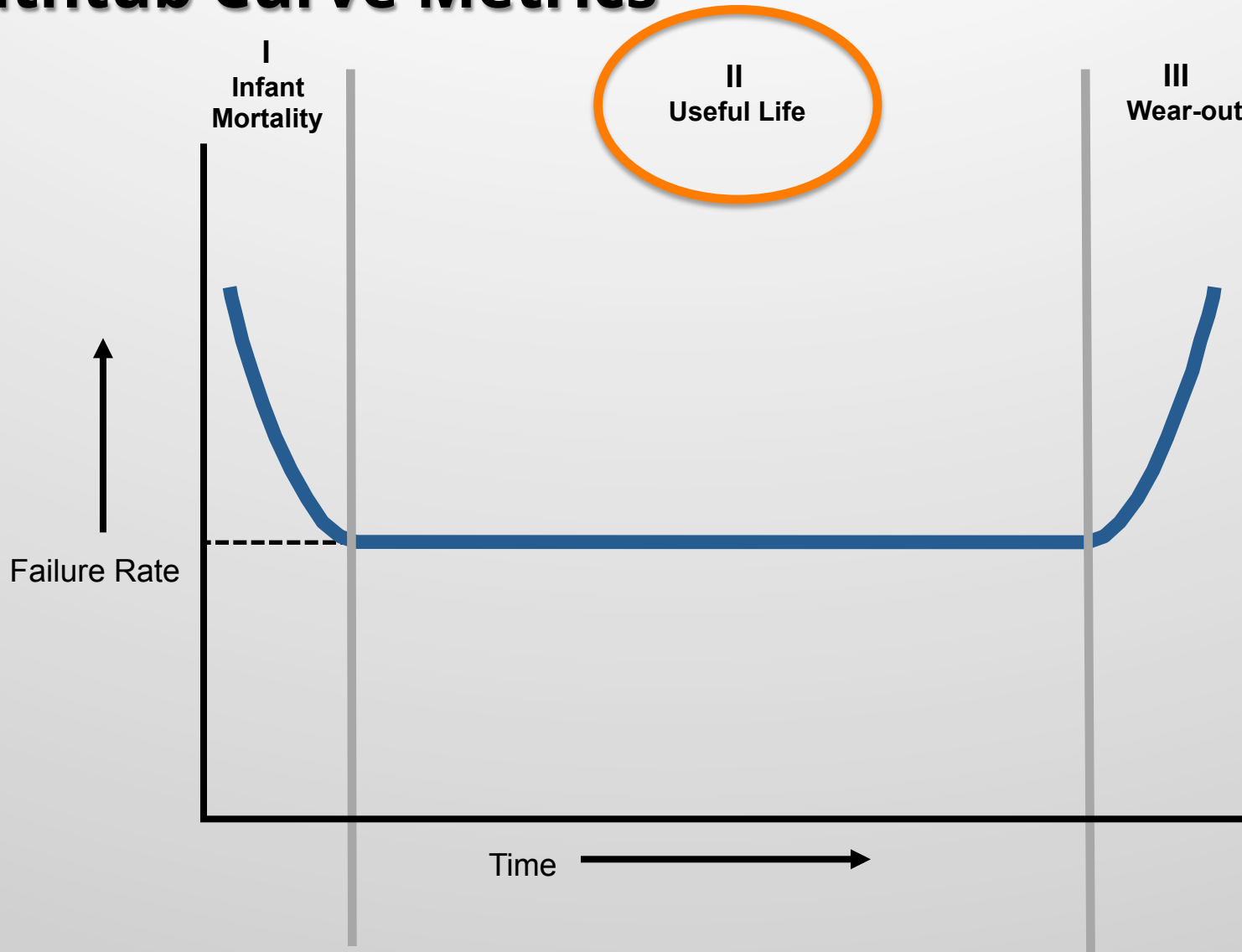
- **Detect and correct Process changes**
- **Reduces production time and cost**
- **Increases out of box and field reliability**
- **Decreases field service and warranty cost**
- **Reduces infant mortality rate**
- **Finds failures not found in burn-in**

**-HASS can not be done without HALT**

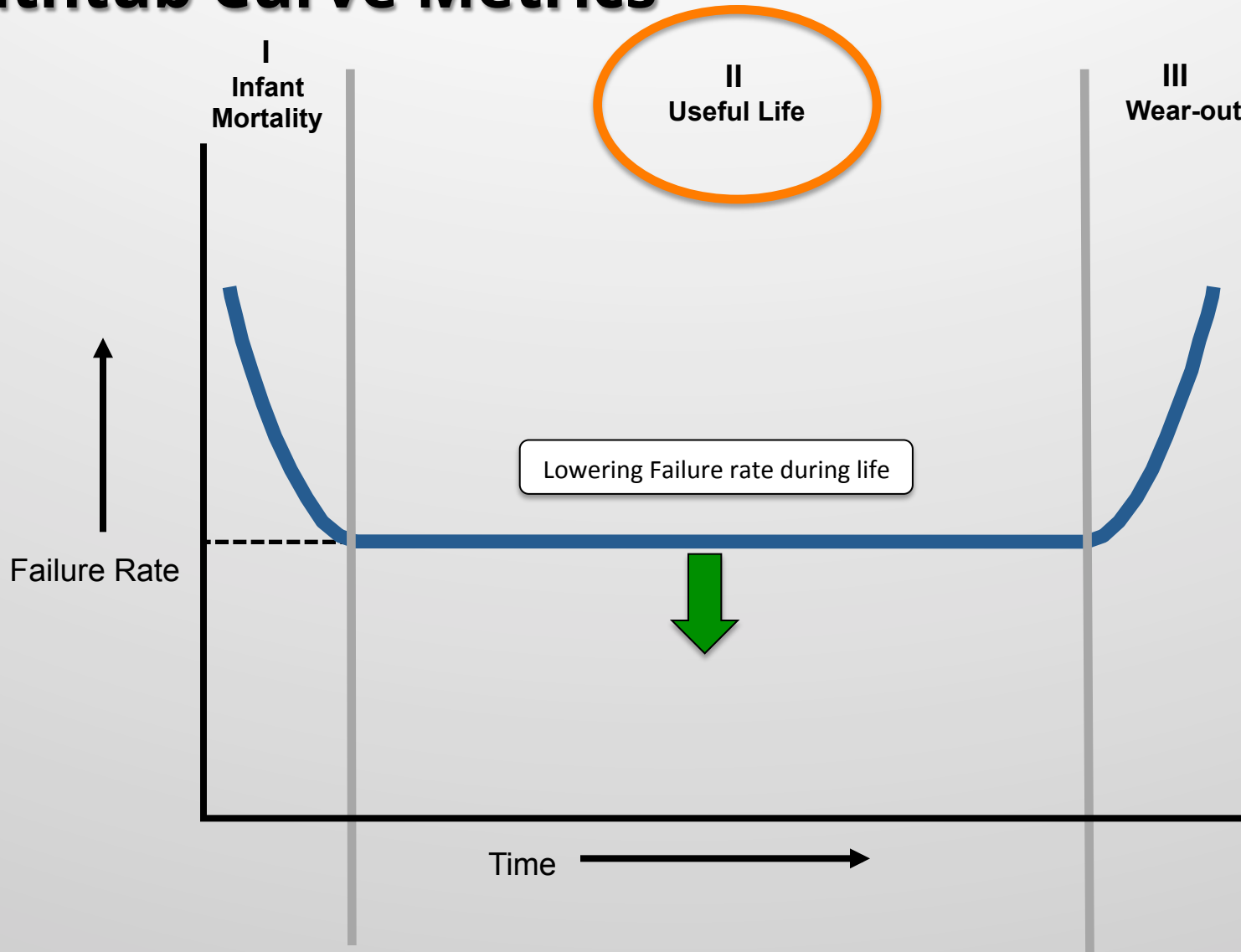
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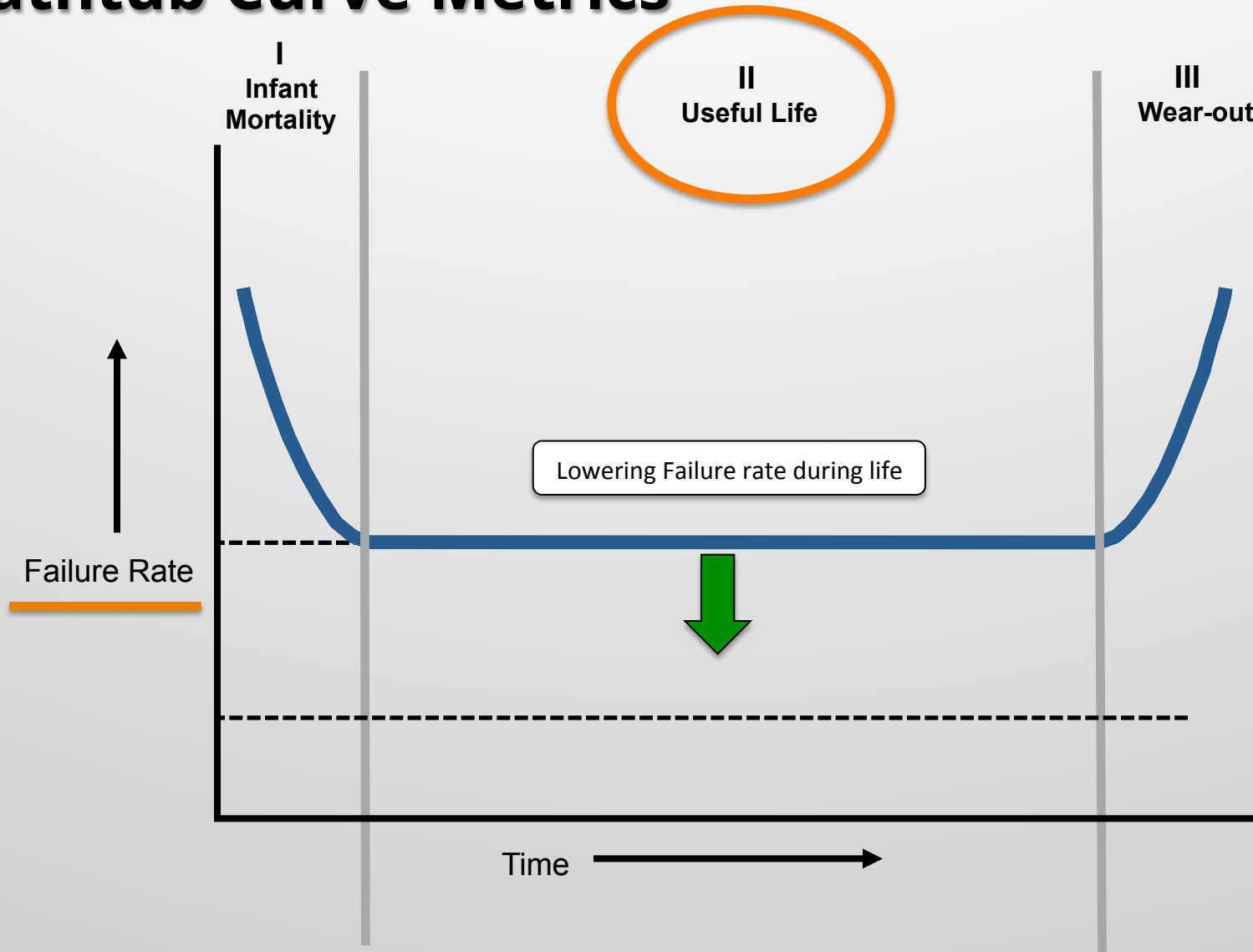
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# HALT and Improving Failure Rate

- **FMEA's**
  - Identifying areas of highest system criticality for testing focus
  - Identifying non relevant failure modes
- **FTA**
  - Identifying failure modes for FTA investigation
- **Design of Experiments (DOE)**
  - Identifying how to combine different stresses for HALT
  - A tool for root cause analysis after HALT



# Product Development Process

Assessment

**DFMEA**

DOE  
(Des Of Expts)

Life Cycle Testing

Vendor Assessment

Goal Setting

Gap Analysis

Benchmark

Metrics

Block Diagrams

FMEA – “Failure Mode and Effects Analysis” is a methodology for understanding failure modes and identifying their impact on the system

FIA

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Thermal Analysis

Derating Analysis

HALT Sub-Assembly

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(high Acl strsr scrn)

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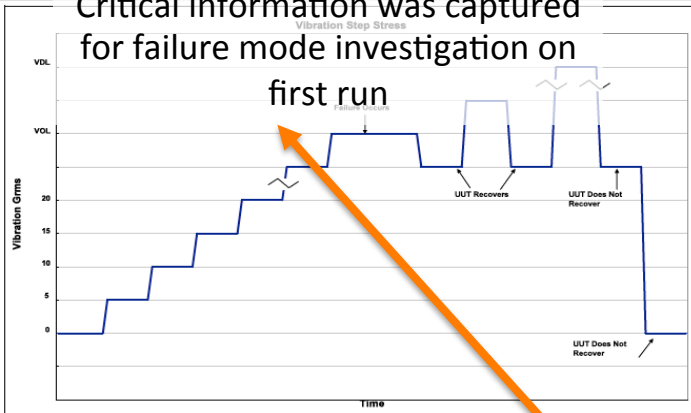
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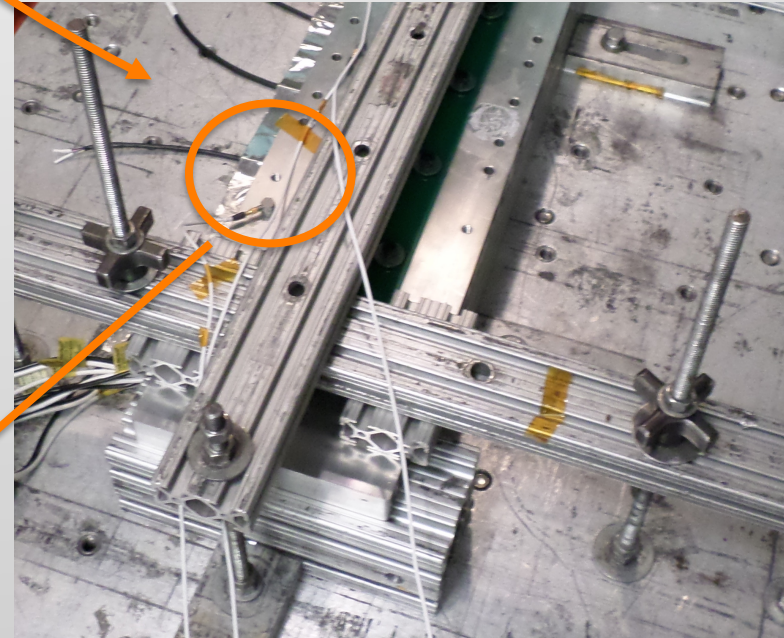
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How about using HALT in addition to the bench test?

Critical information was captured for failure mode investigation on first run



Put accelerometer right at pressure sensor/valve location as response for binding failure mode diagnosis



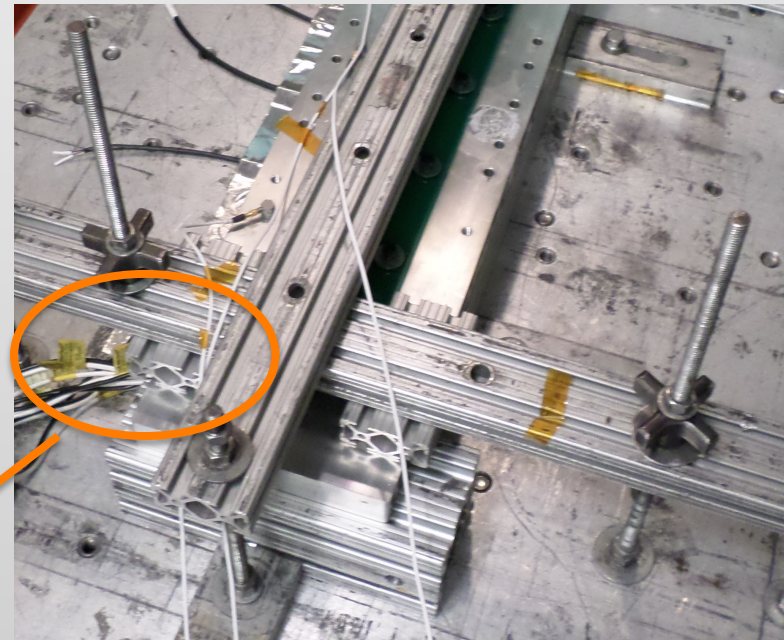
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243	downstream pressure sensor	regulate pressure	incorrect high pressure	loss of valve control	4	Disconnect	3	5	60	System Level testing will capture any in accuracy over time
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Increase Occurrence of "Disconnect" Cause from a 3 to 5 which brings ID 243 into the "critical evaluation zone"

Team revisits DFMEA and changes corrective/mitigative actions

Discover in HALT testing that PCB connection easily disconnects



# HALT & DOE

Assessment

Design of Experiments (DOE) - A method to determine the relationship between factors affecting a process and the output of that process

DFMEA

– “Cause and Effect” relationships can be statistically related

**DOE**  
(Des Of Expts)

– Interactions of multiple variables driving the “Effect” can be determined

Life Cycle Testing

HALT System

Available Factorial Designs (with Resolution)

Runs	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
4	Full	II												
8		Full	IV	II	II	II								
16			Full	V	IV	IV	IV	II	II	II	II	II	II	II
32				Full	VI	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV
64					Full	VII	V	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV
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CLCA  
(Cis Loop corctv Actn)

Vendor Assesmt

HASS  
(high Acl strsrn)

Available Resolution III Plackett-Burman Designs

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Field Reporting



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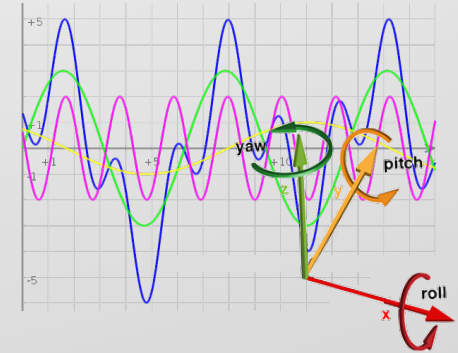
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What's the hardest part of setting up a DOE?

Selecting the most critical Factors and Levels

Create response results that show a clear link of inputs and outputs for the experiment

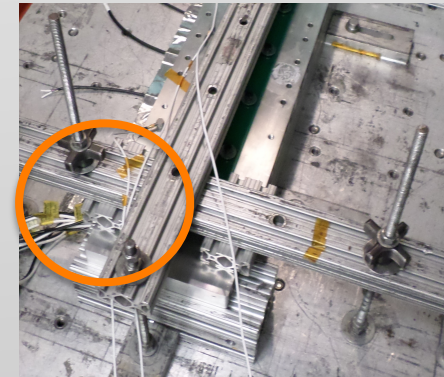
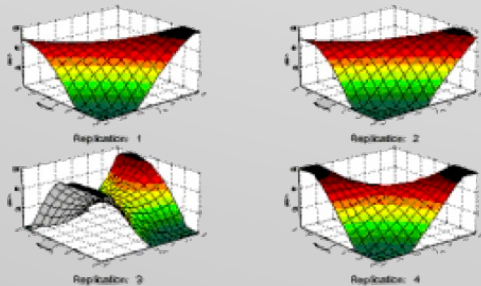
Multiple Simultaneous Frequency



Discoveries in HALT assist with selection of the critical matrix factors

Conclusive surface response

Replication 1  $z = 85.95 + 1.23x - 0.13y - 1.40z + 4.896xy - 2.511y^2$   
 Replication 2  $z = 88.216 + 1.345x + 0.889y - 1.290z + 5.211xy - 3.589y^2$   
 Replication 3  $z = 80.681 + 1.134x - 0.910y + 2.389z + 4.110xy - 3.220y^2$   
 Replication 4  $z = 84.27 + 1.020x + 0.95y - 0.814z + 4.887xy - 1.279y^2$



# HALT & FTA

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Goal Setting

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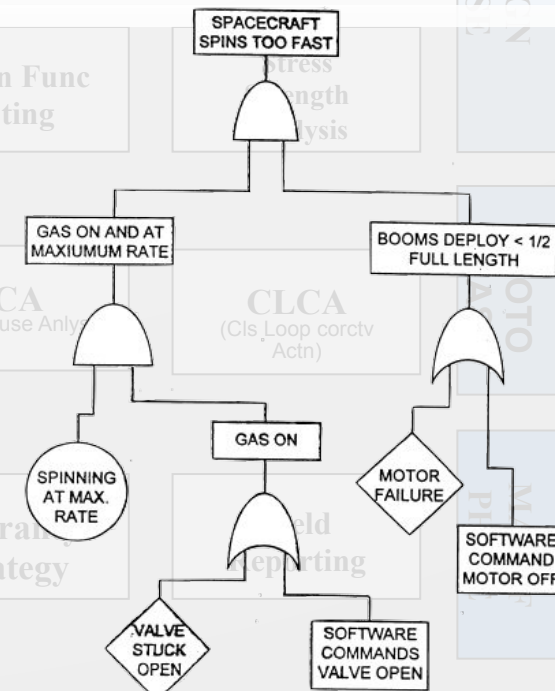
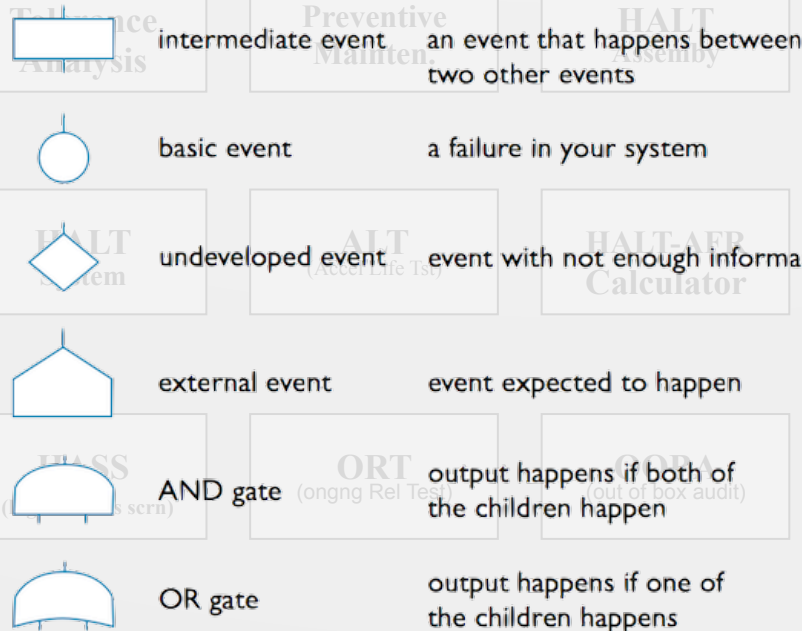
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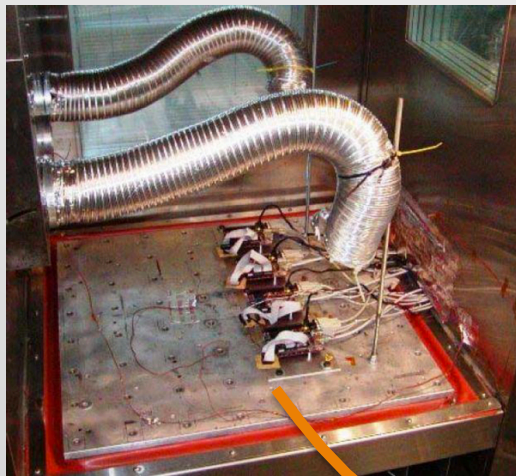
Vendor Assessment

- Fault Tree Analysis (FTA) is a deductive approach for resolving an undesired event into its causes
- FTA is a top down failure analysis, looking back to the causes of a given event
- Specific logic symbols are used to to illustrate the event relationships

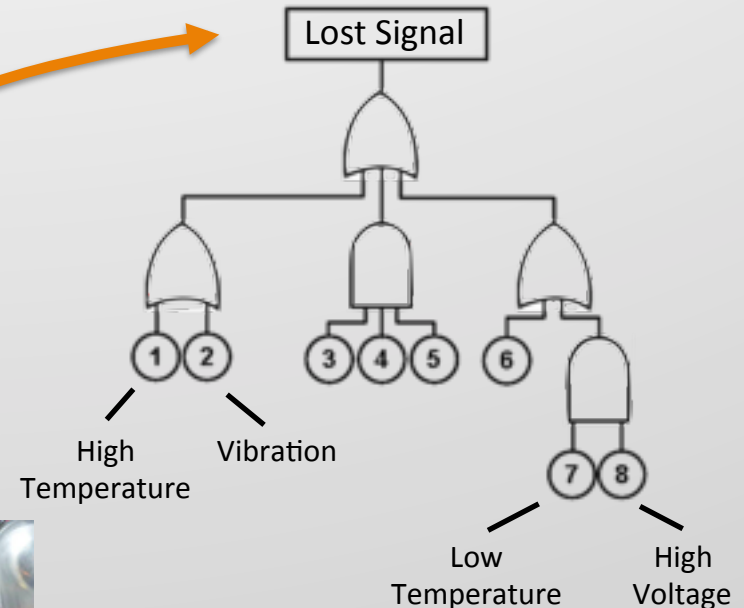


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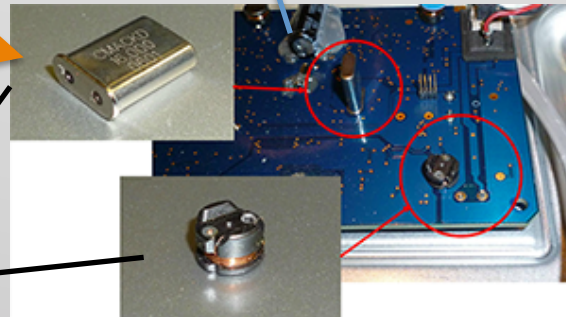
- HALT will expose failure modes that can be the subject of an FTA
- The stresses in HALT can be considered in the FTA structure



Lost Signal

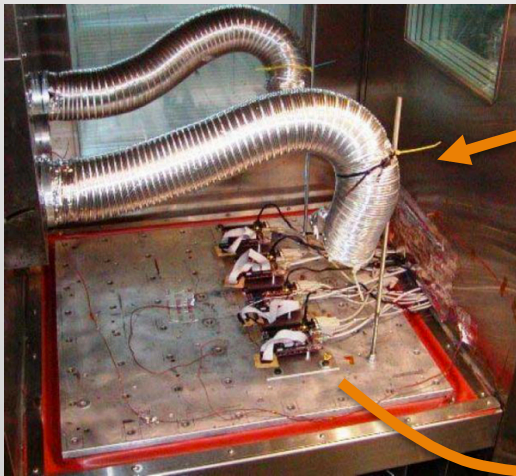


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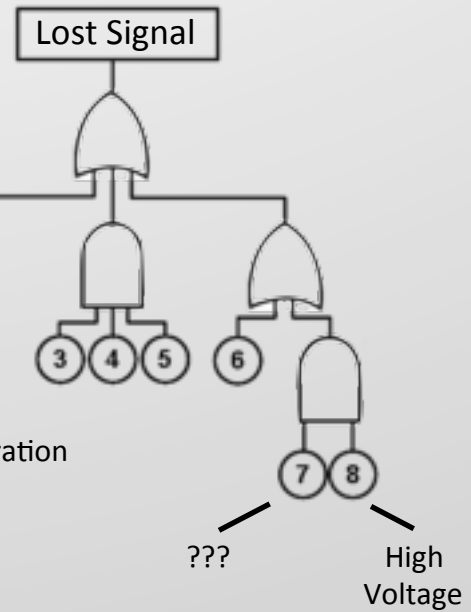
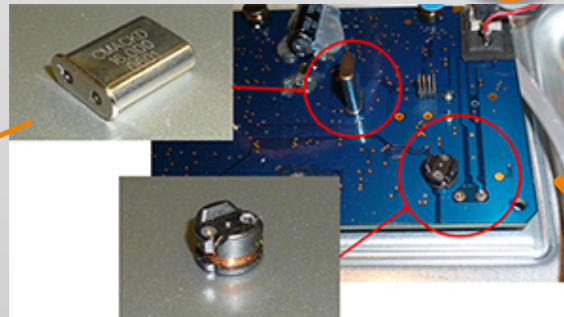


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- An FTA may not be able to be completed with high confidence without experimentation
- HALT can very quickly identify relationships between stresses and failure modes

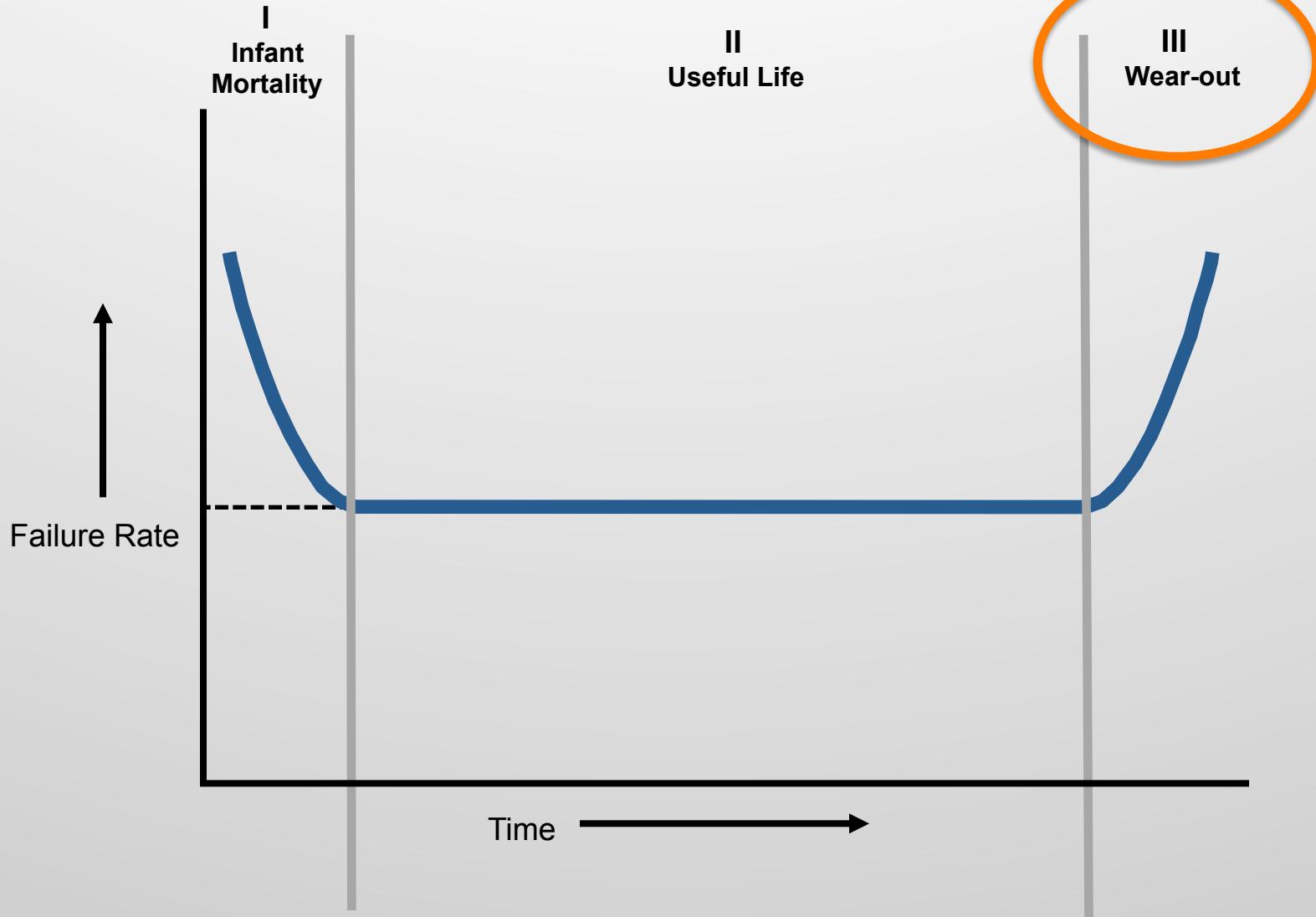


Broke Free With Temp and Vibration combination

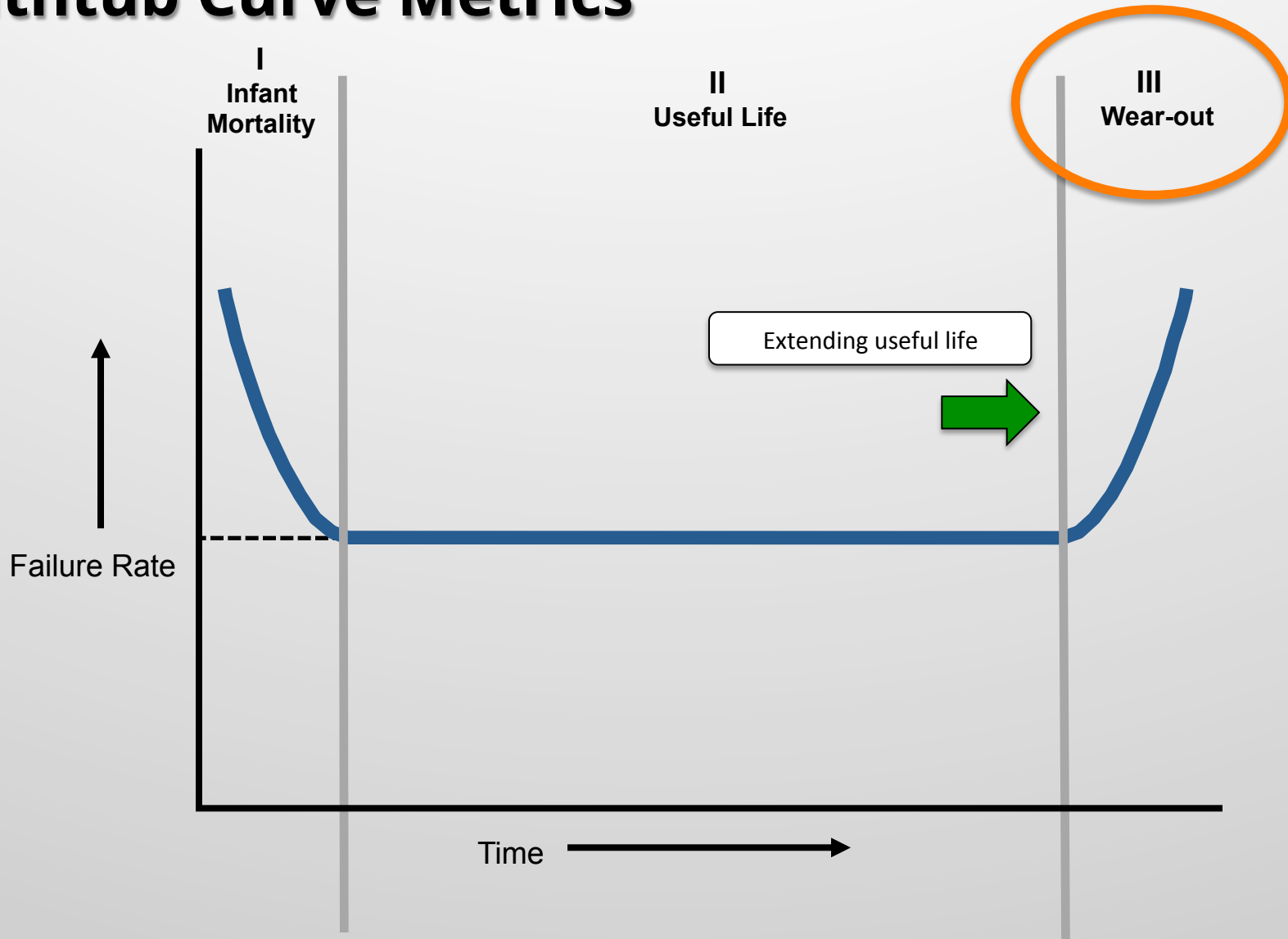


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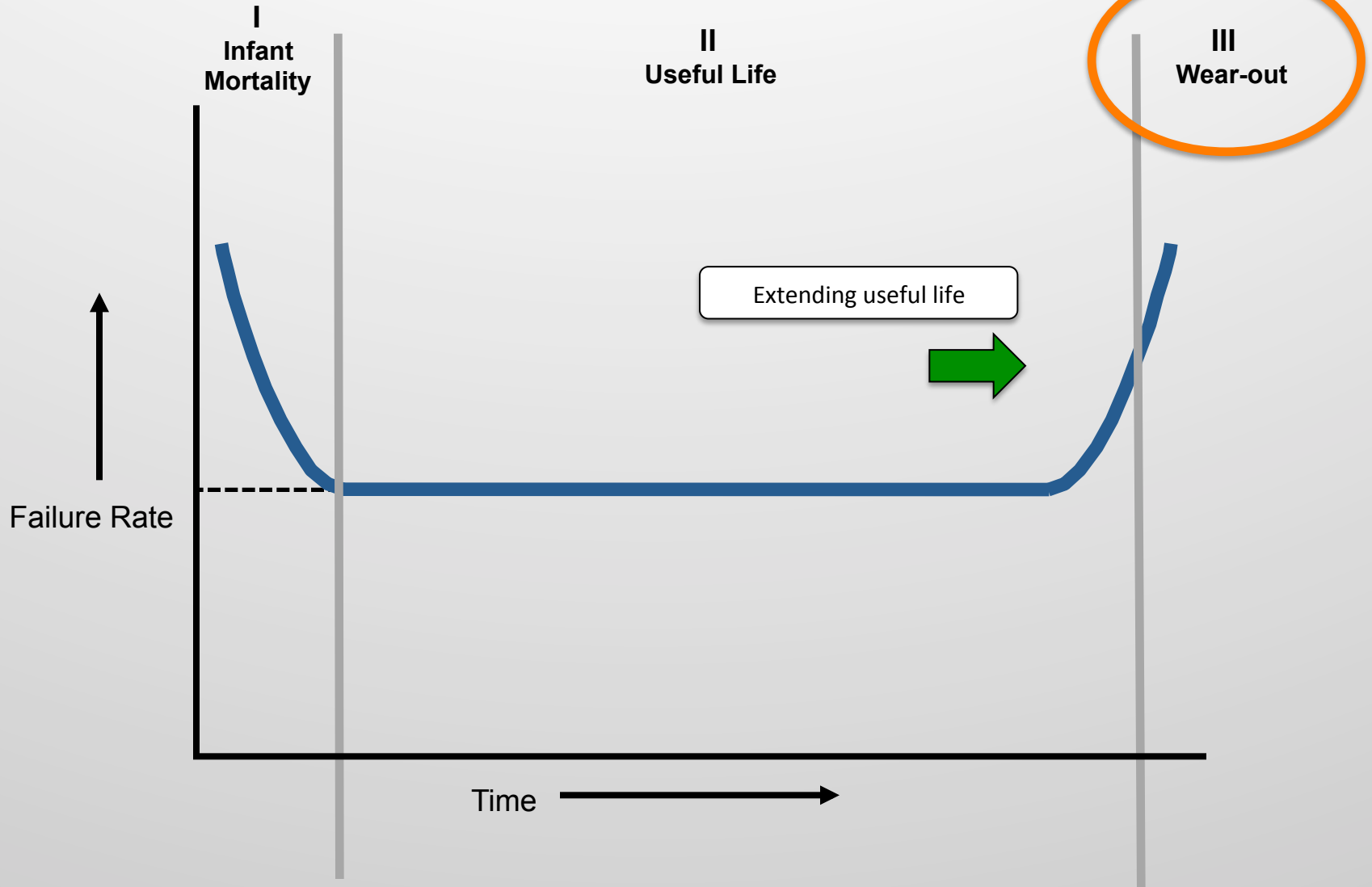
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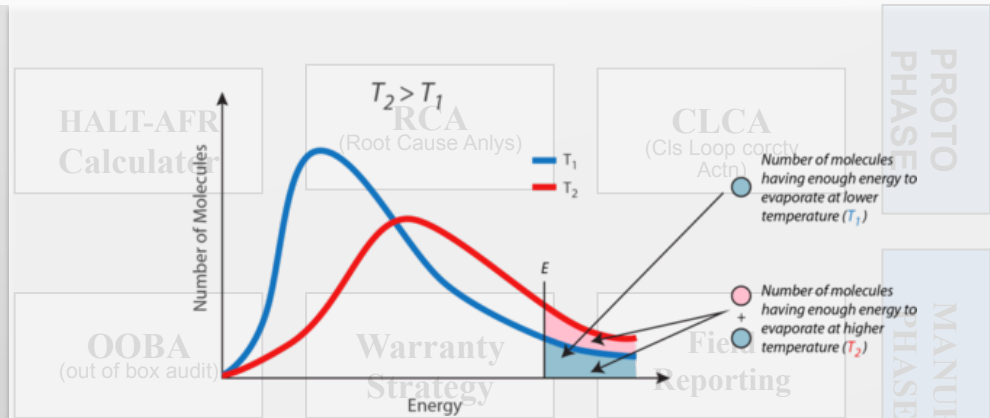
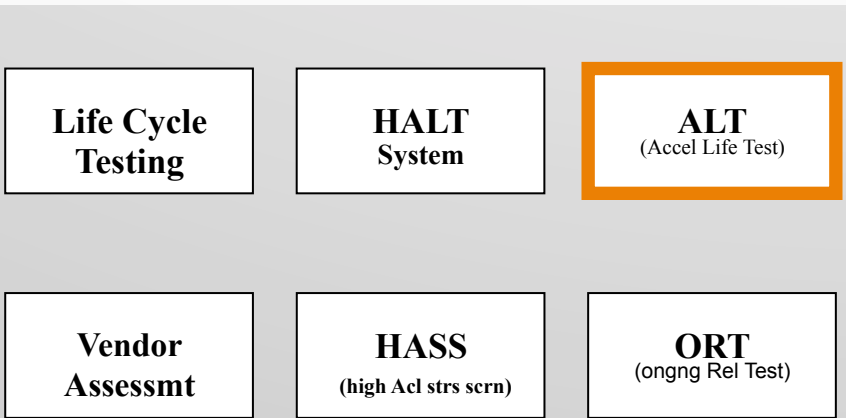
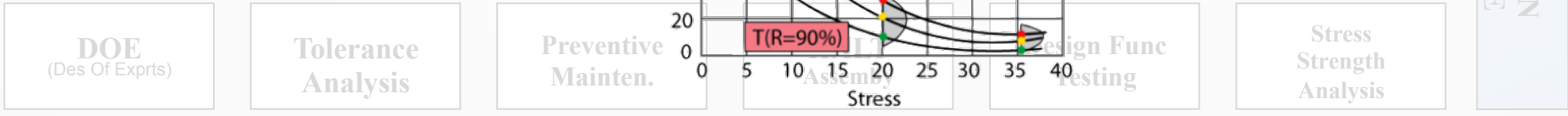
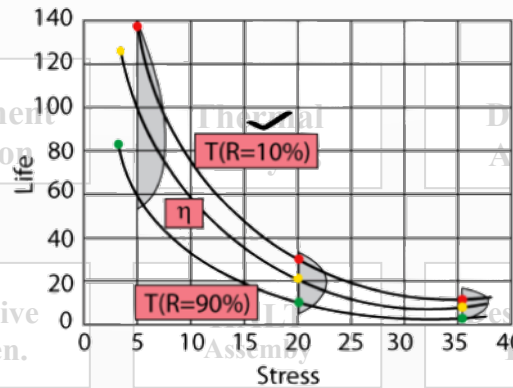


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- Accelerated Life Test (ALT) – Is the process of determining the reliability of a product in a short period of time by accelerating the use environment

- Common Models

- Coffin Manson
- Arrhenius
- Power Weibull

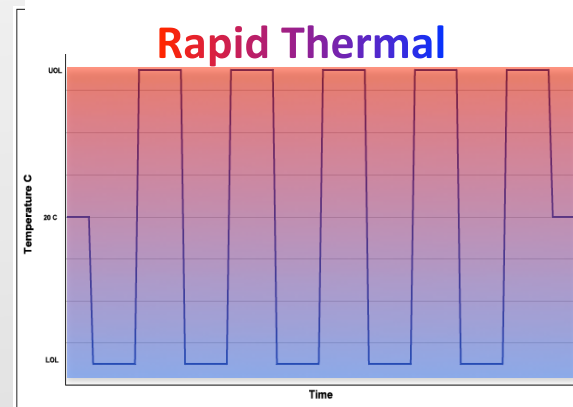
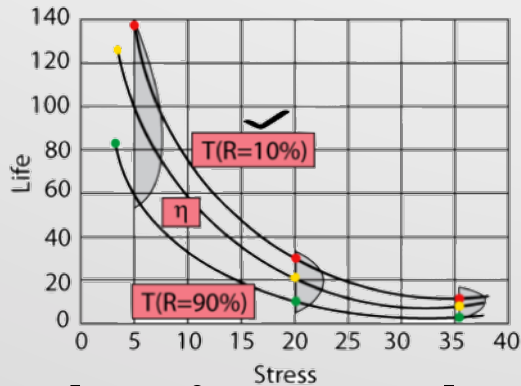




# HALT & ALT

- Coffin Manson accelerated life model

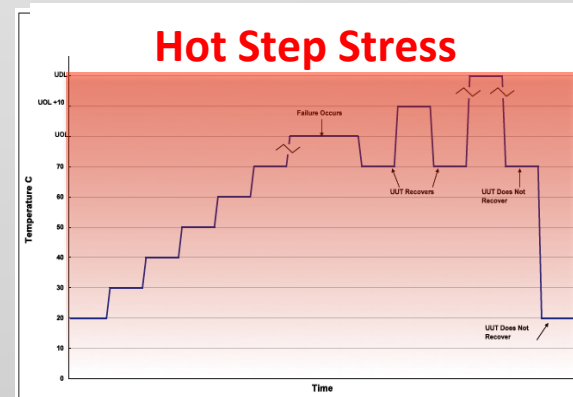
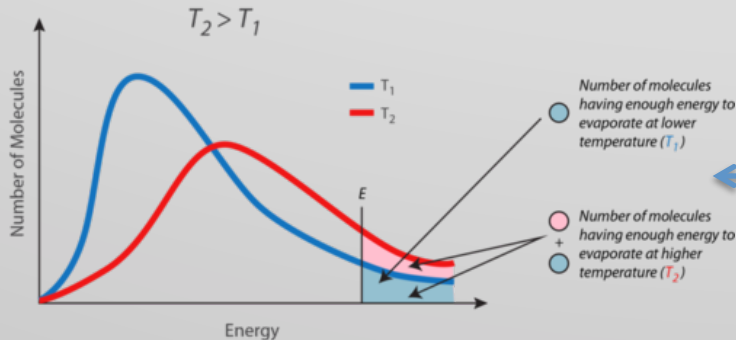
- Uses increases temperature range cycling to demonstrate useful life in a shorter time period



HALT

- Arrhenius acceleration life model

- Uses elevated temperature to demonstrate useful life in a shorter time period



HALT

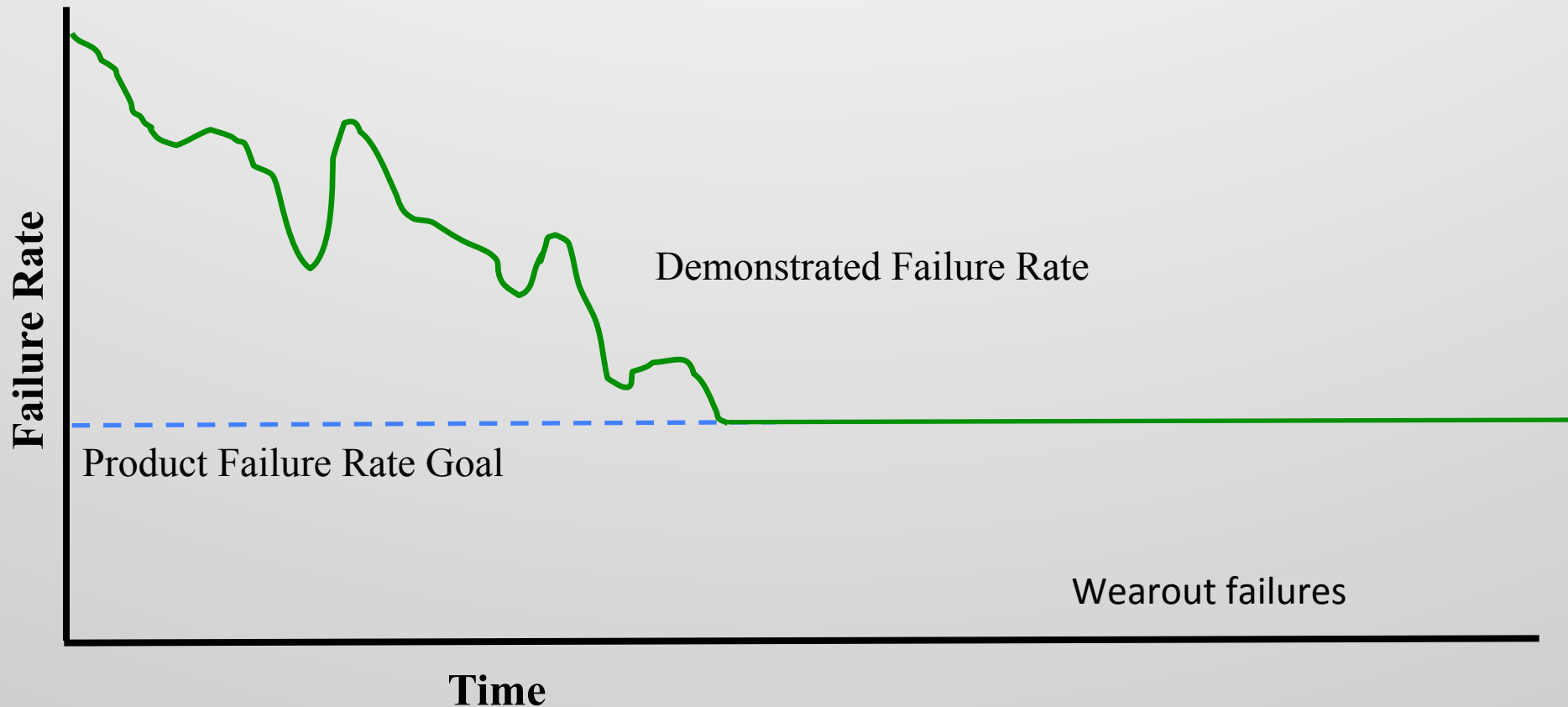
# Root Cause Analysis & HALT

- **HALT yields a high number of failure types in a short time period**
- **This offers the opportunity to begin to investigate and classify failure types far in advance of their discovery in other test methods**

**When doing a root cause analysis for any type of test the most important distinction is it a wear-out failure or stress failure?**

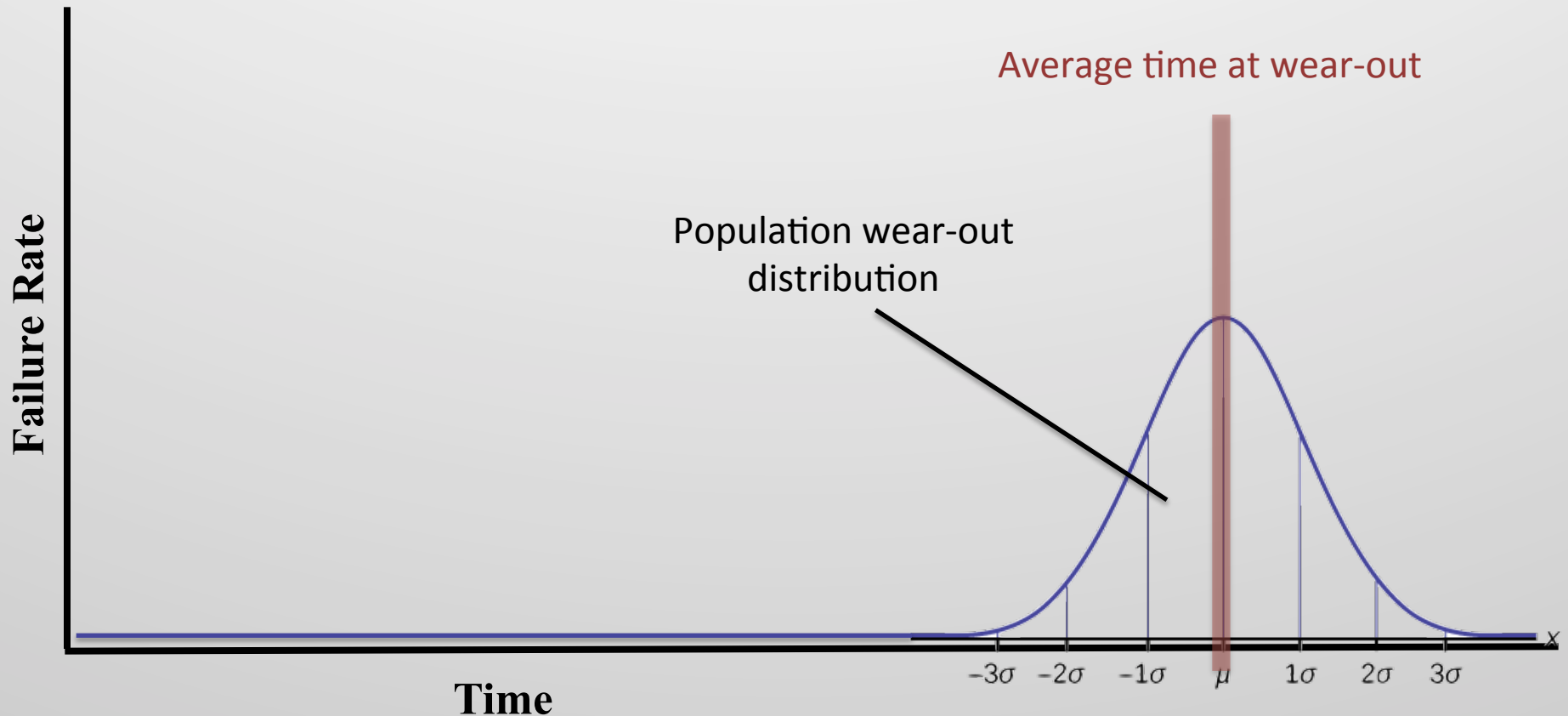
# Root Cause Analysis & HALT

- In a Reliability Growth program it is critical that only stress related failures are included in demonstrating the failure rate



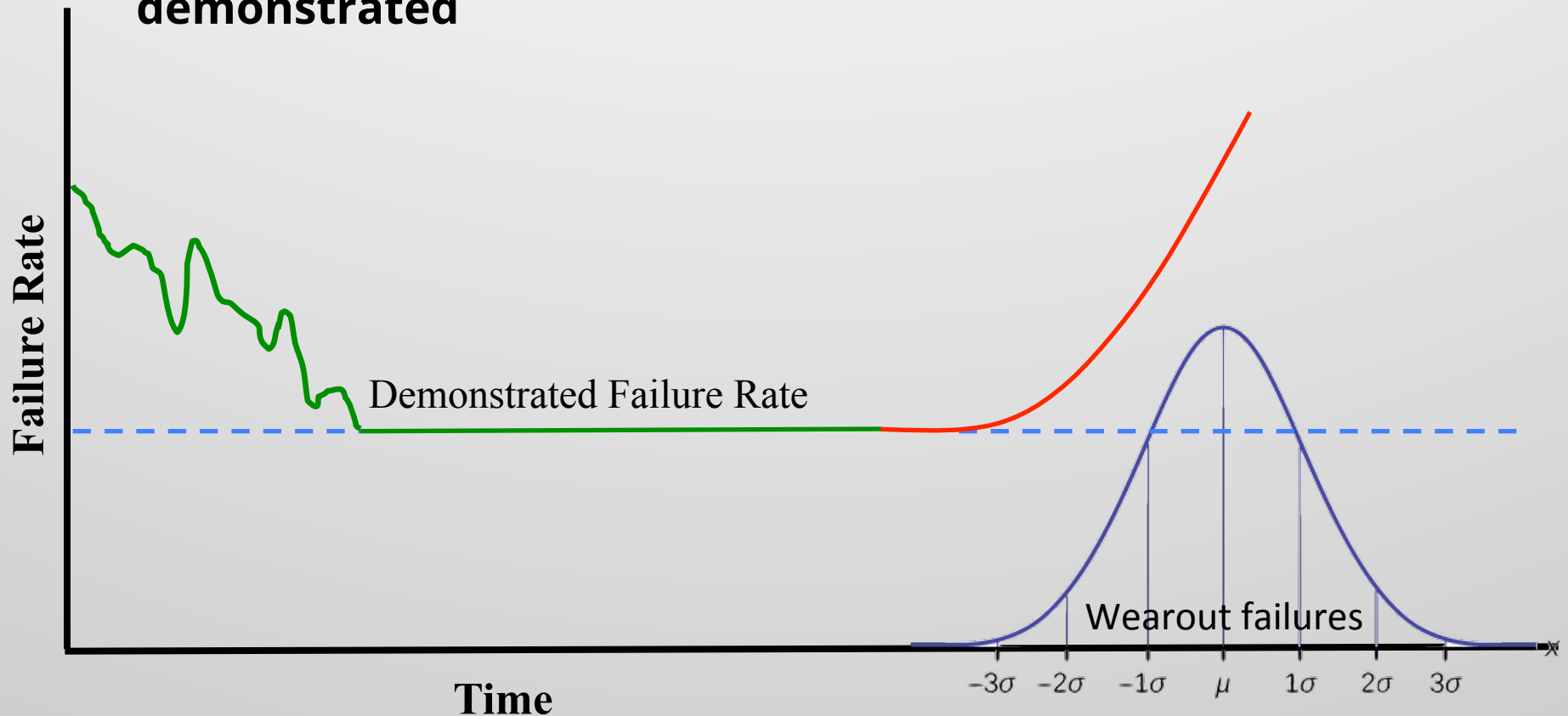
# Root Cause Analysis & HALT

- Wearout failures are grouped into normal distributions and dictate when the product should be removed from the population so it's "old age" doesn't pull down field performance

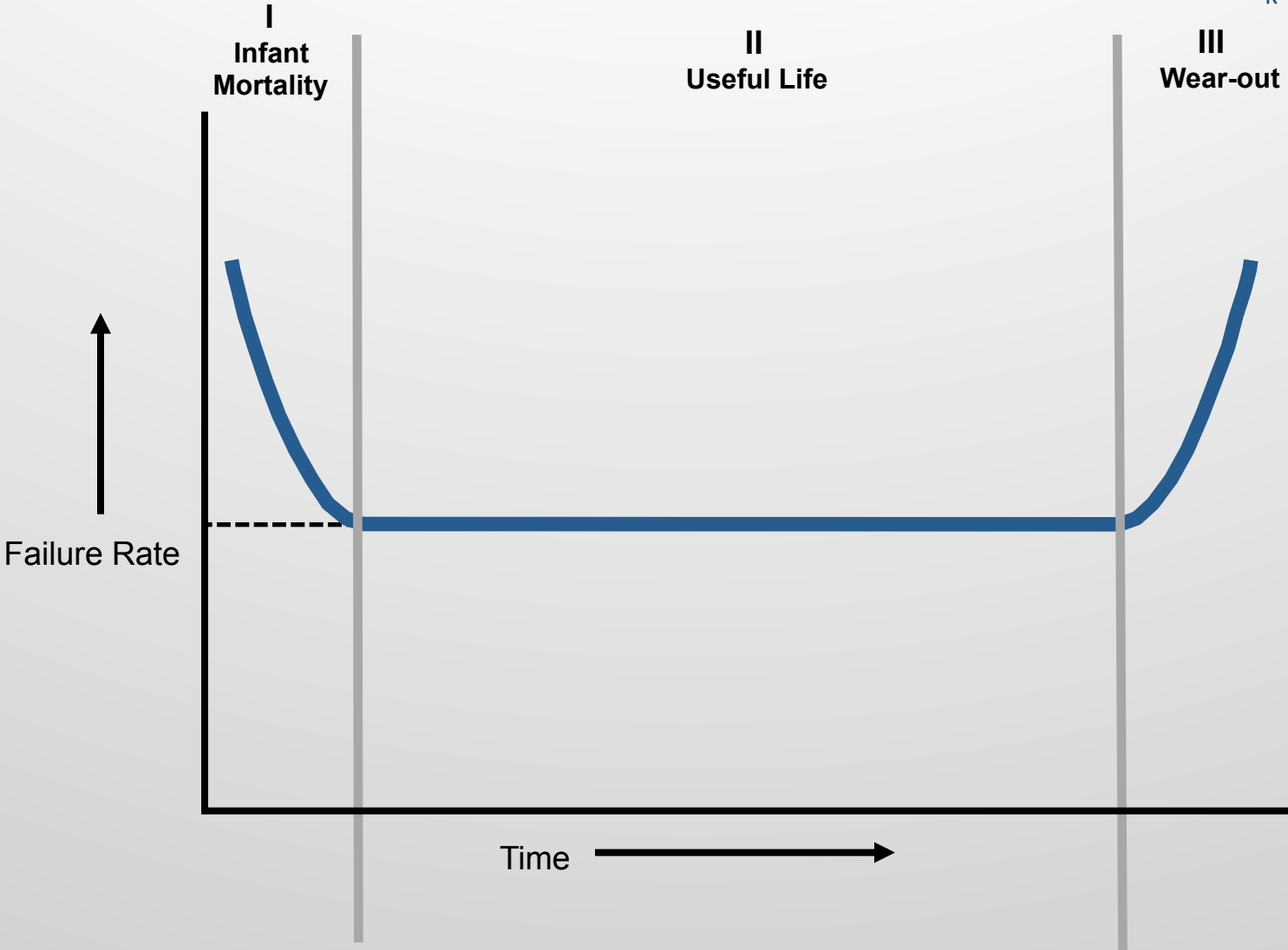


# Root Cause Analysis & HALT

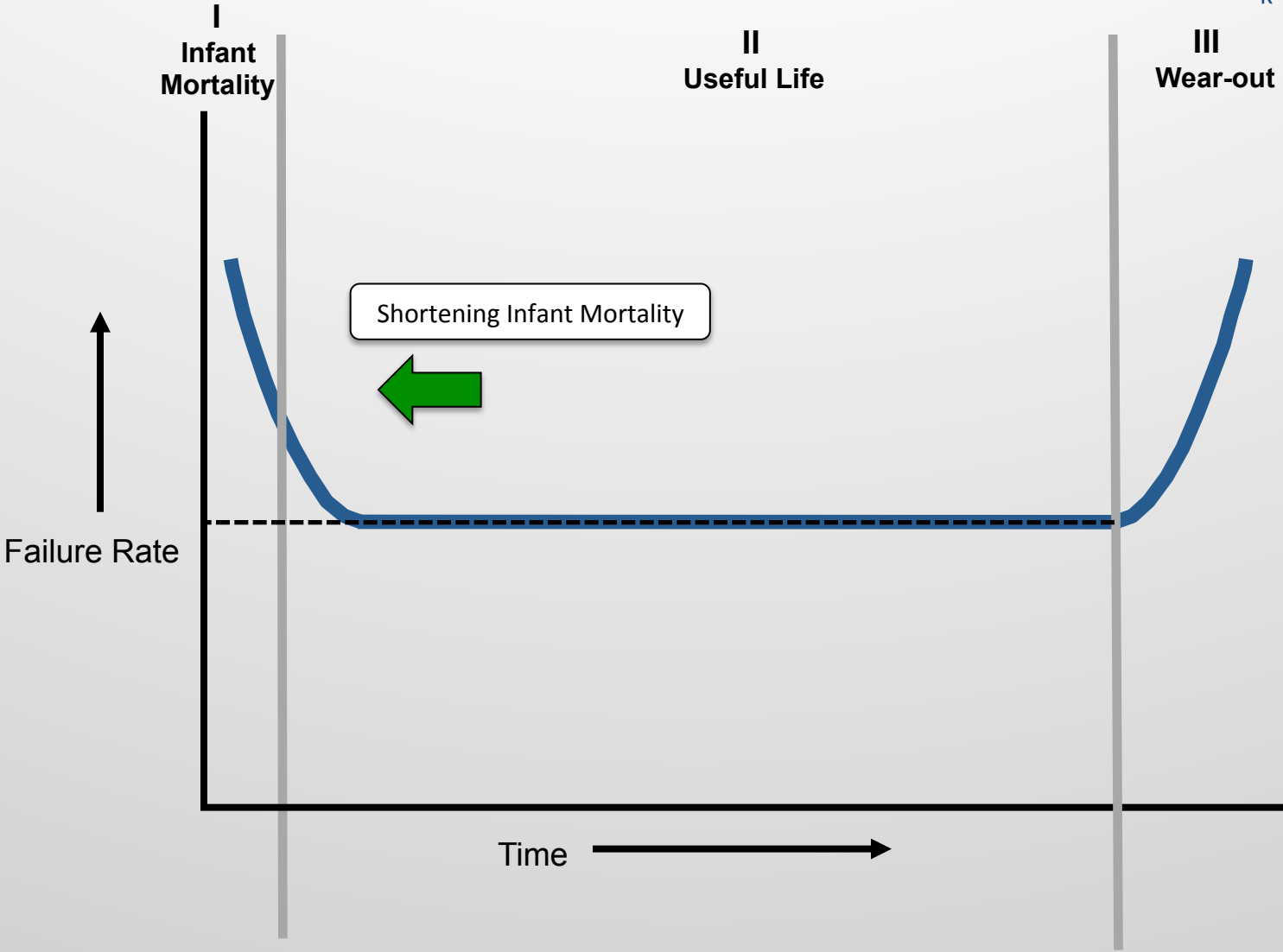
- If wear-out failures can't be distinguished from stress failures the **demonstrated product failure rate** in an RG program will be **artificially low** and the **goal** can not be demonstrated



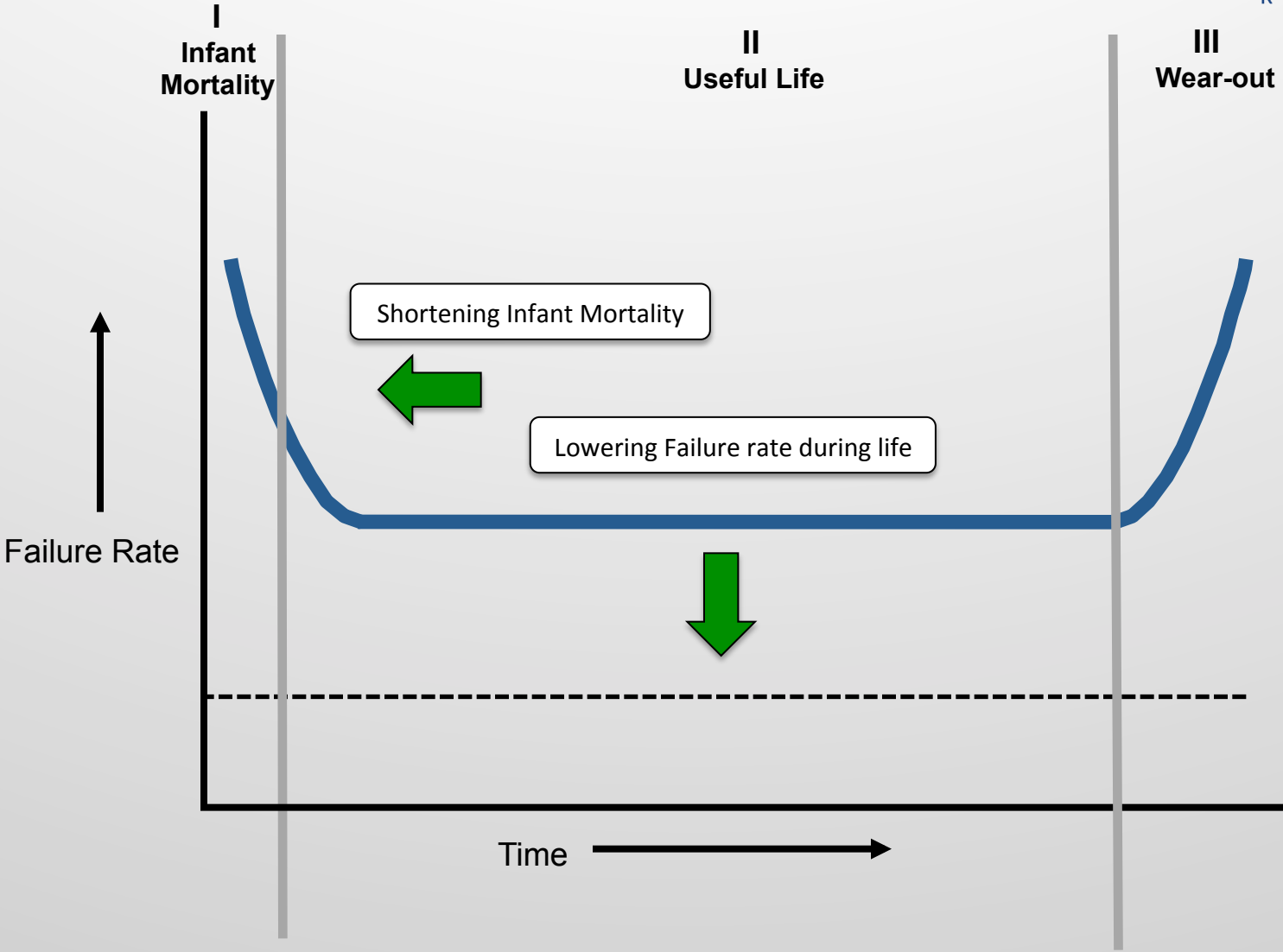
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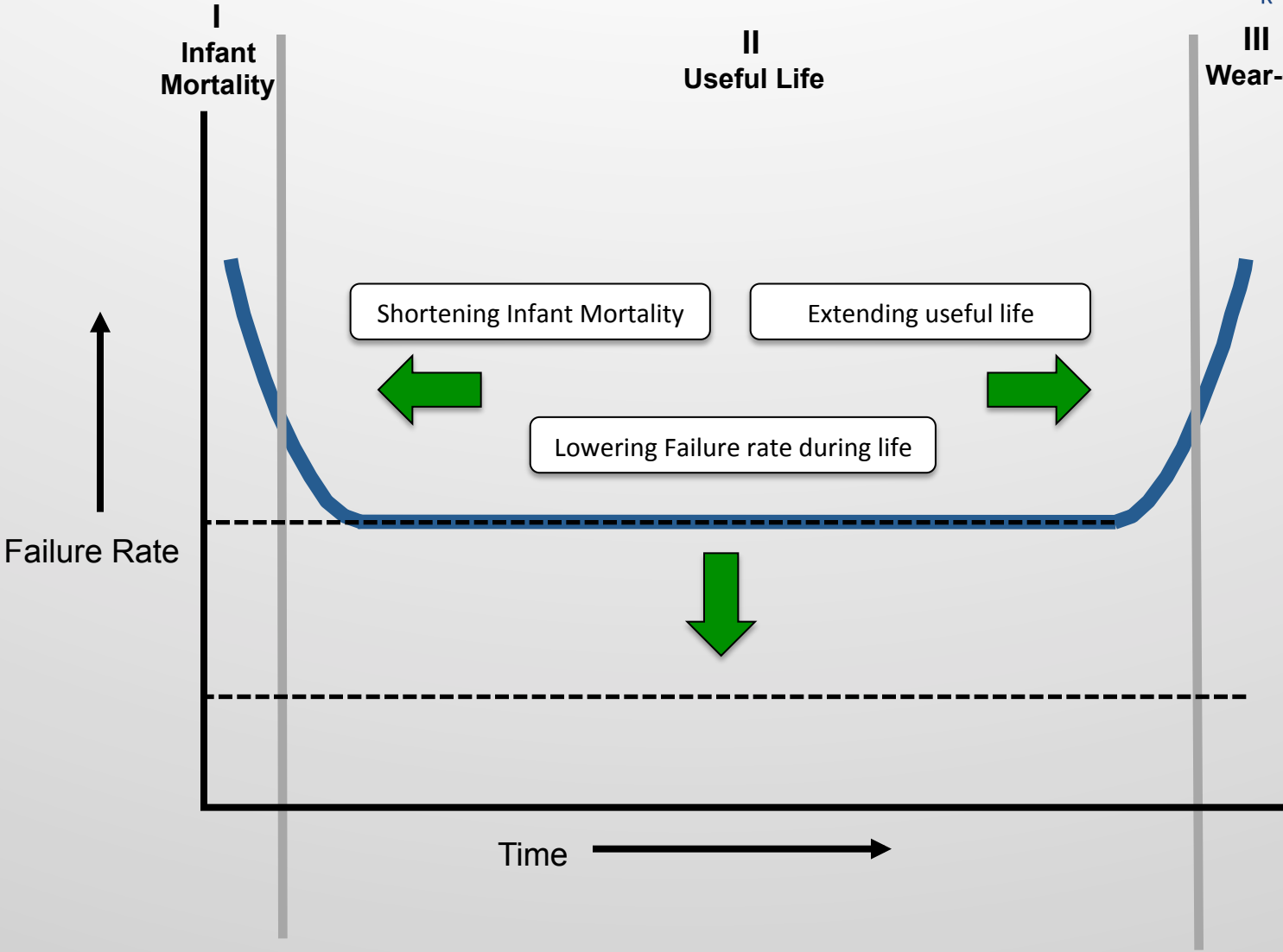


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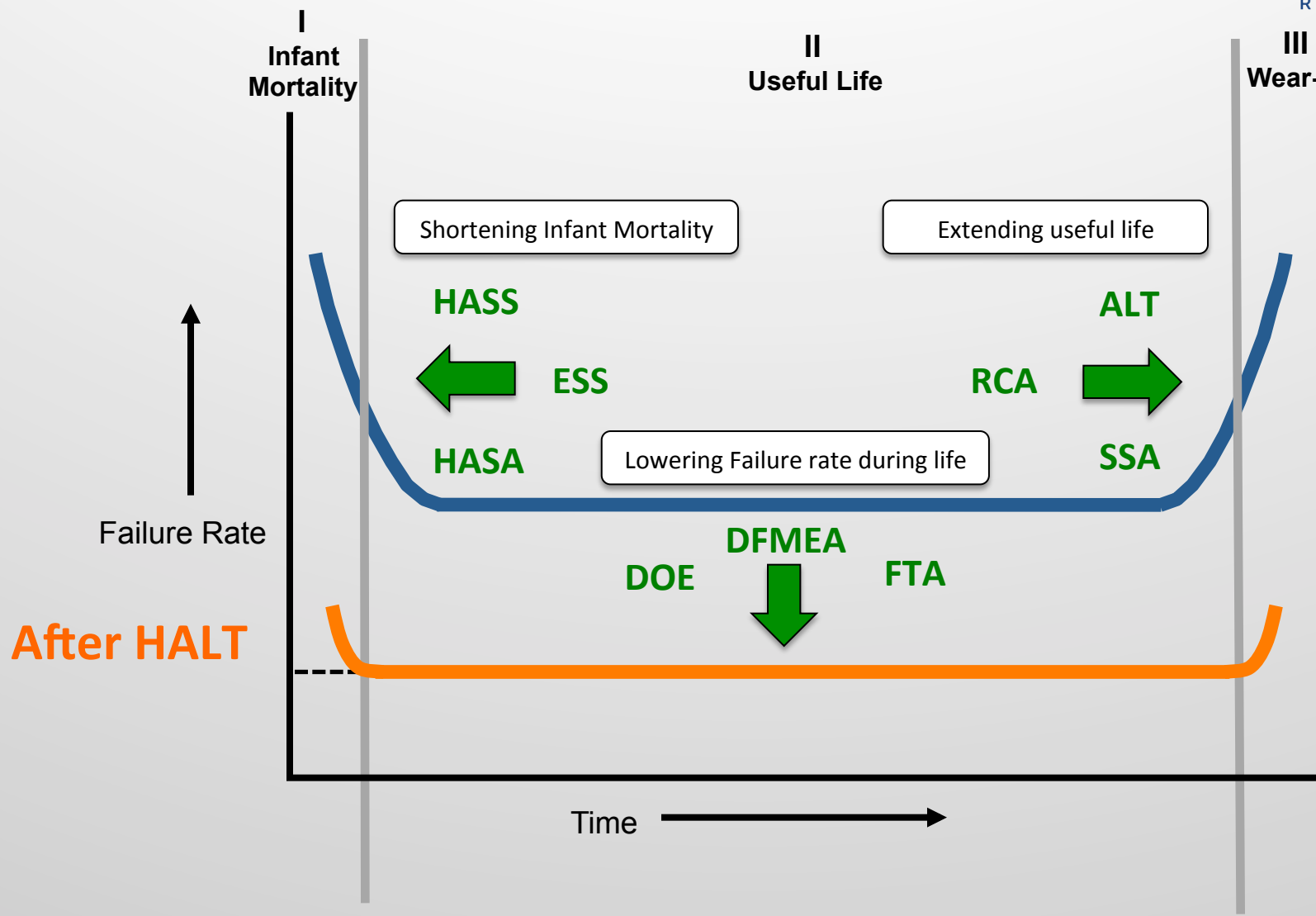




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# Bathtub Curve After HALT



# Thank You

## Questions?