



# A Quick Overview of GTST Functional Modeling

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# About CRR

## Our Mission

Our mission is to advance reliability and risk analysis for complex engineering systems through innovative research, education, and collaboration with industry partners.

## Our Approach

We research why systems fail, how they fail, when they fail, how to prevent failure, and how to mitigate consequences. We educate through coursework, research, and stakeholder engagement. We engineer solutions.

## Our Impact

We prevent losses and protect life, property, and the environment. Our work improves systems and processes in energy, transportation, defense, space, information systems, and civil infrastructures.

# Facts About CRR

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Core, Affiliate, and  
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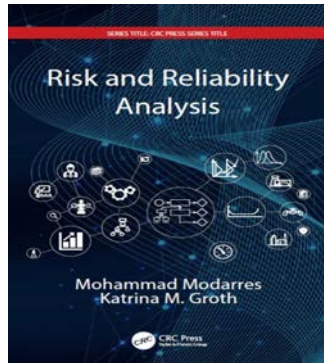
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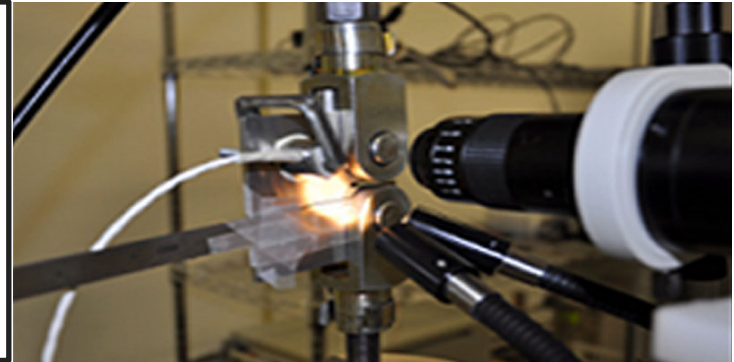
Degrees Offered (Certificate, MS,  
M.Eng, Ph.D.)

**500+**

Graduates since 1991



- SyRRA (Systems Risk and Reliability Analysis) Lab
- Probabilistic Physics of Failure and Fracture
- Cybersecurity Quantification Lab
- Hybrid Systems Integration and Simulation
- Design Decision Support Lab
- Laboratory for Reliable Nanoelectronics



The **#5** Reliability and Quality Engineering in the World

(source: EduRank.org, May 2023 rankings)

**#1** Reliability Engineering degree program in the U.S.,

**#2** internationally (Microsoft Academic Rankings, 2020)

# Educational Programs

## M.S. Reliability Engineering

Thesis and Non-thesis Research

## Ph.D. in Reliability Engineering

### A snippet of Courses Offered:

- 1 Reliability Engineering Fundamentals**

The course introduces students to the fundamental concepts and methods used in reliability data analysis and engineering, including reliability modelling, probability theory, and statistical analysis
- 2 Design for Reliability**

Students learn how to design systems that are reliable, maintainable, and cost-effective over the entire product lifecycle.
- 3 Probabilistic Risk Assessment**

The course covers methods for risk scenario development, simulation approaches, risk model integration and quantification etc. to identify and assess potential risks in complex systems and develop effective mitigation and maintenance plans.
- 4 Advanced Research in Reliability Engineering**

Students explore the latest research and developments in the field of reliability engineering and engage in hands-on projects to apply these concepts in real-world scenarios.

\*All annual courses are available on campus and online

# Our alumni are making impact

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## Academia & Research



## Industry & Tech

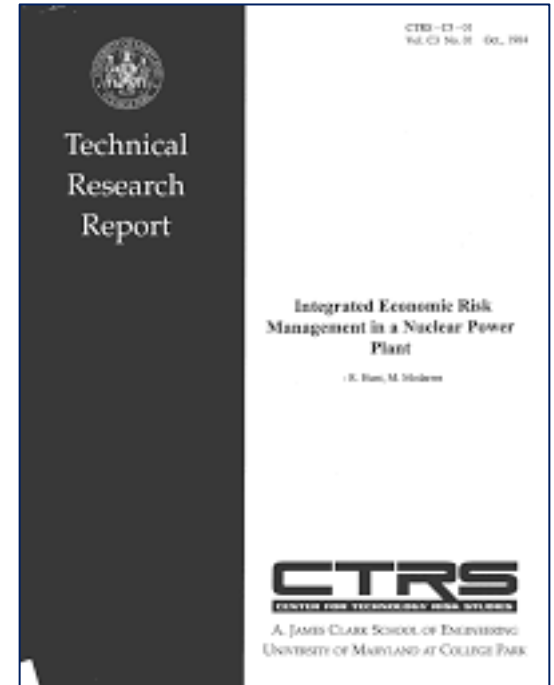


# Research sponsors



# The Impetus for My Work on Functional Modeling: GTST Modeling

- U.S. Department of Energy funded a comprehensive study (Post TMI Accident) on an Integrated Model of Safe, Reliable, and Economic Nuclear Power during 1983-1986.
- There was concern over nuclear workforce depletion and retirement and how to capture and model nuclear plant and use it for knowledge management
- Functional Modeling was proposed and determined as the ideal framework to model nuclear plant knowledge
- The Concept of Goal Tree- Success Tree (GTST) was introduced in 1984
- The Success tree part was later extended to Master Plant Logic Diagram (MPLD) model



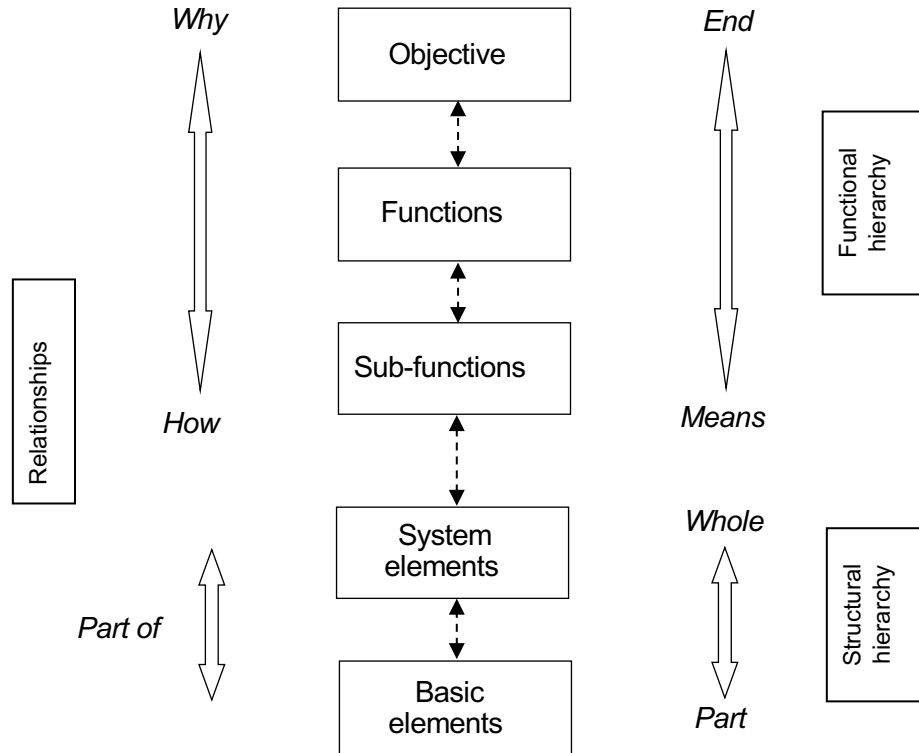
Integrated Economic Risk Management in a Nuclear Power Plant Hardware Protection, Hunt & Modarres, October 1984, DOI:10.1007/978-1-4684-5317-1\_34  
Conference: 1984 Annual Meeting of Society for Risk Analysis

# A Conceptual Goal Tree- Success Tree Diagram

GTST meant to model extremely large systems

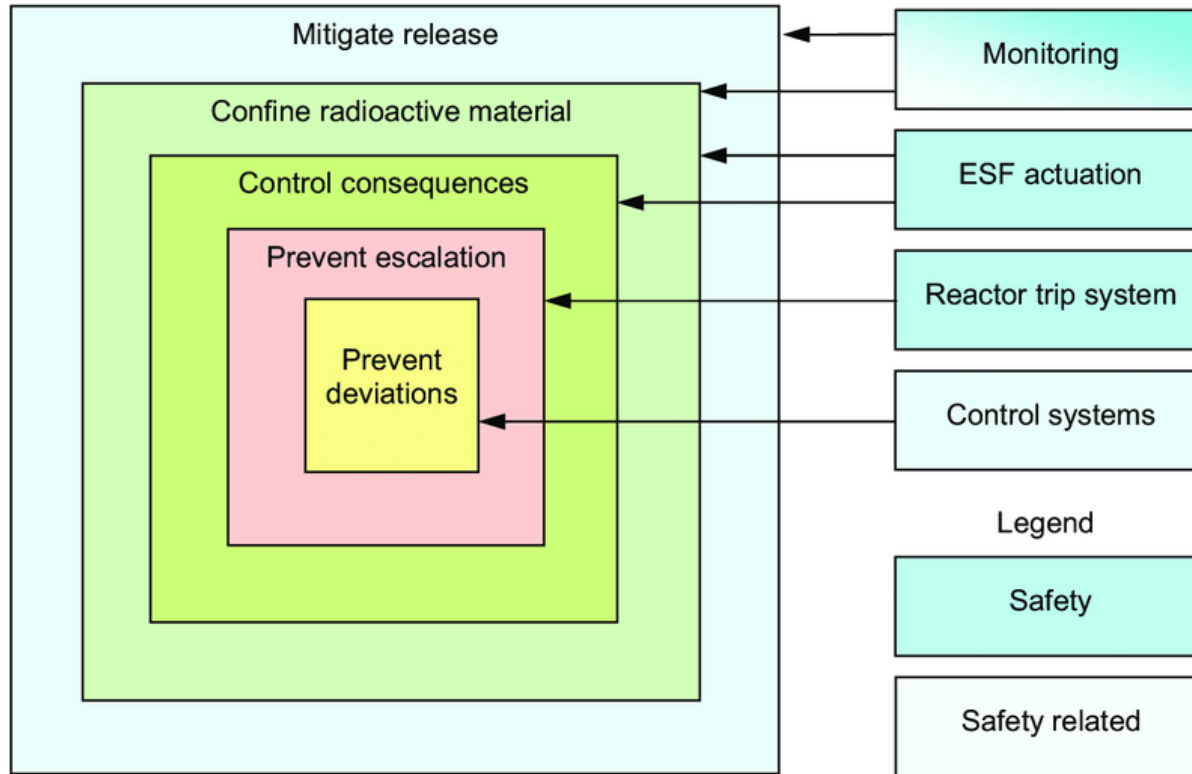
These systems are:

- Evolving
- Integrated (Nonlinear and tightly and diversly coupled)
- Dynamic
- Large Scale (over space and time)

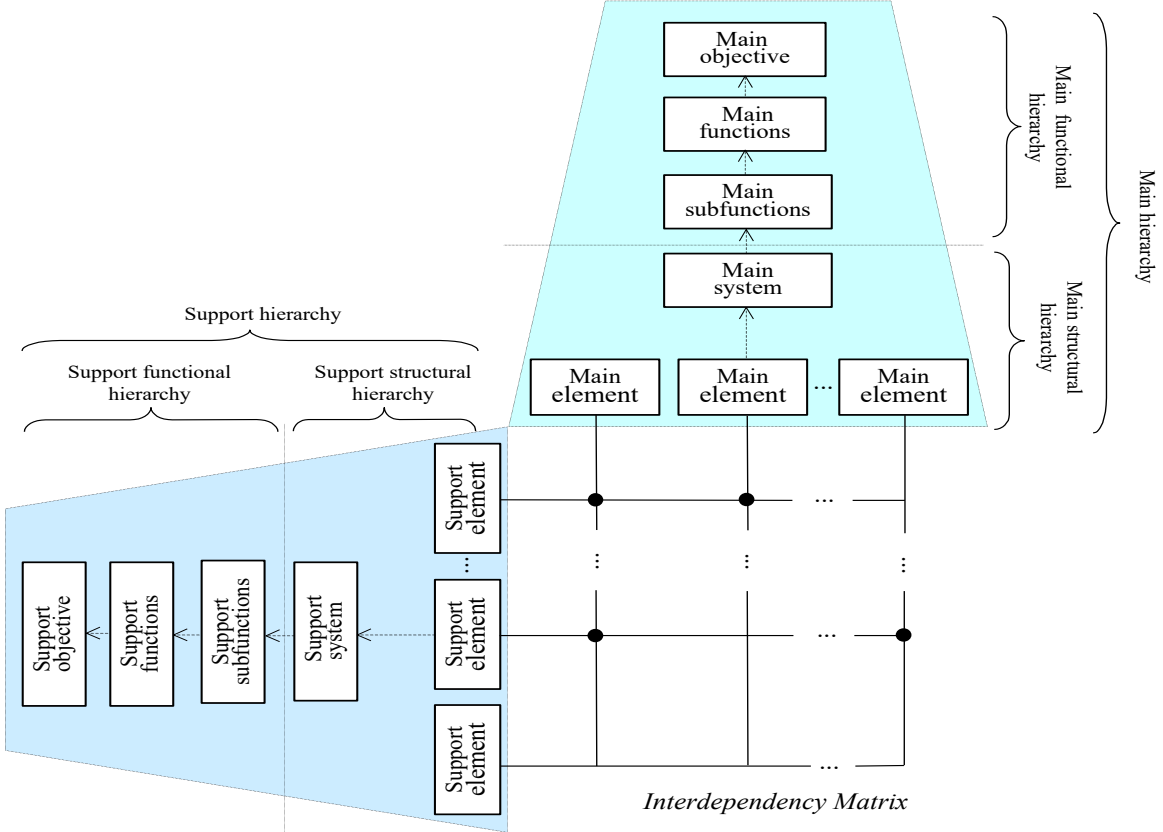




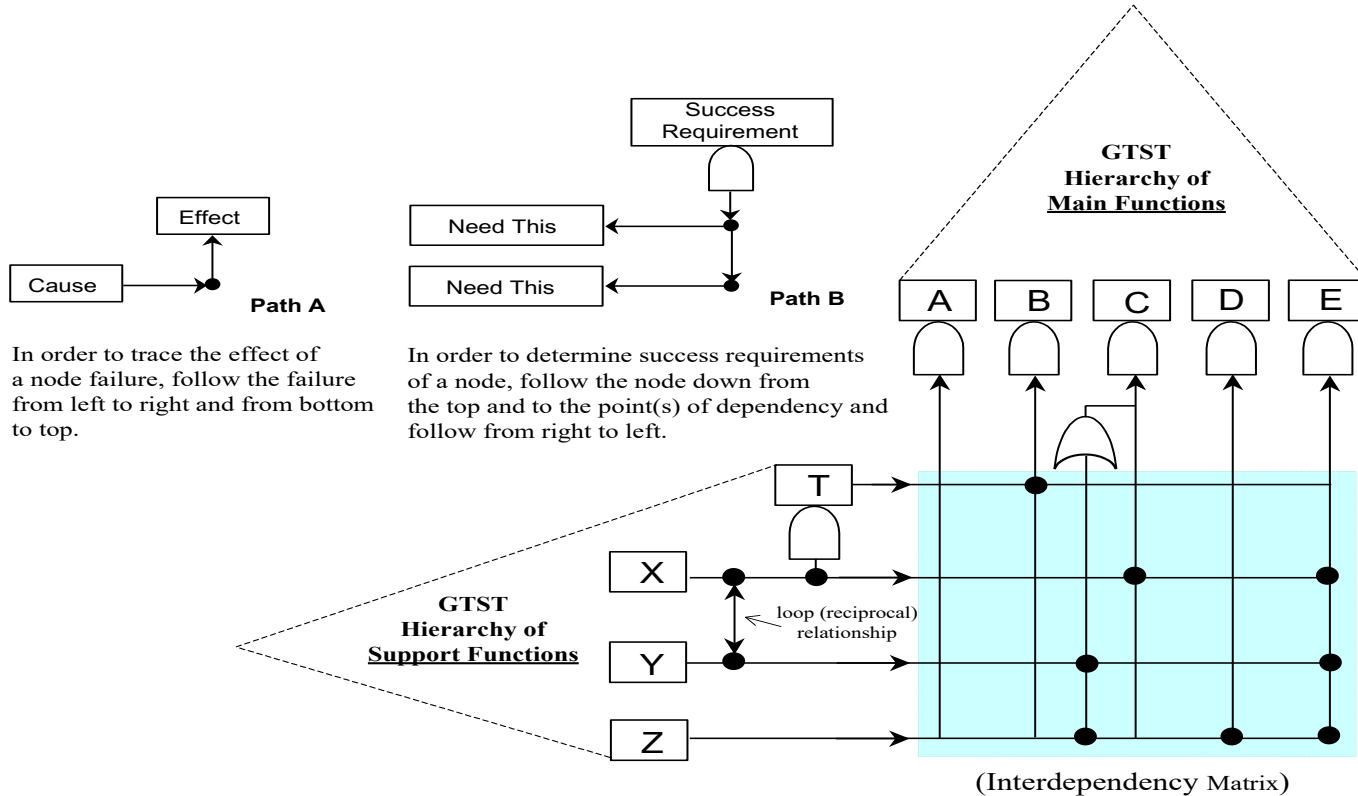
# Application of GTST to Nuclear Plants



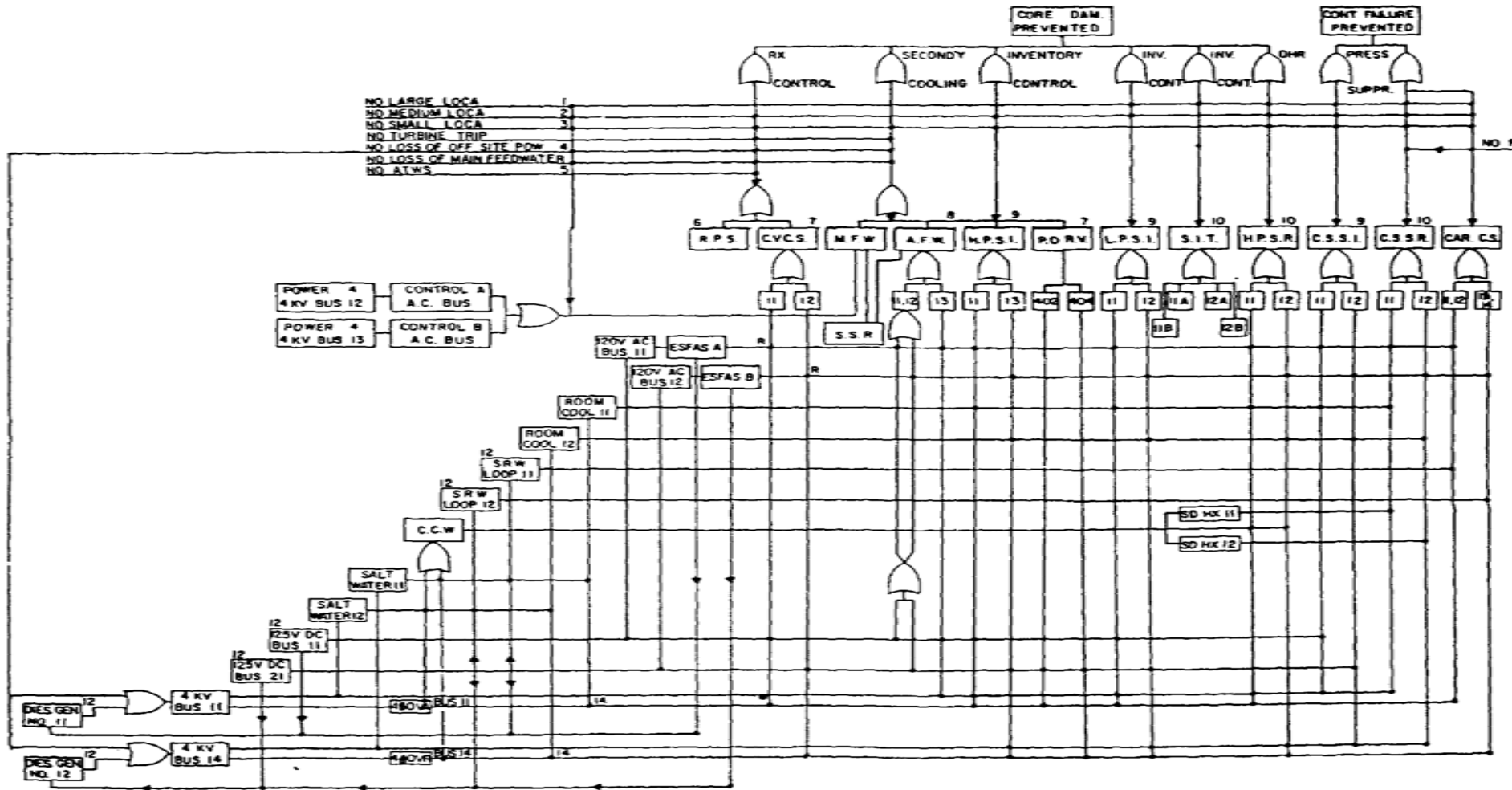
# Extending Success Tree: The Master Plant Logic Diagram (MPLD) and GT-MPLD



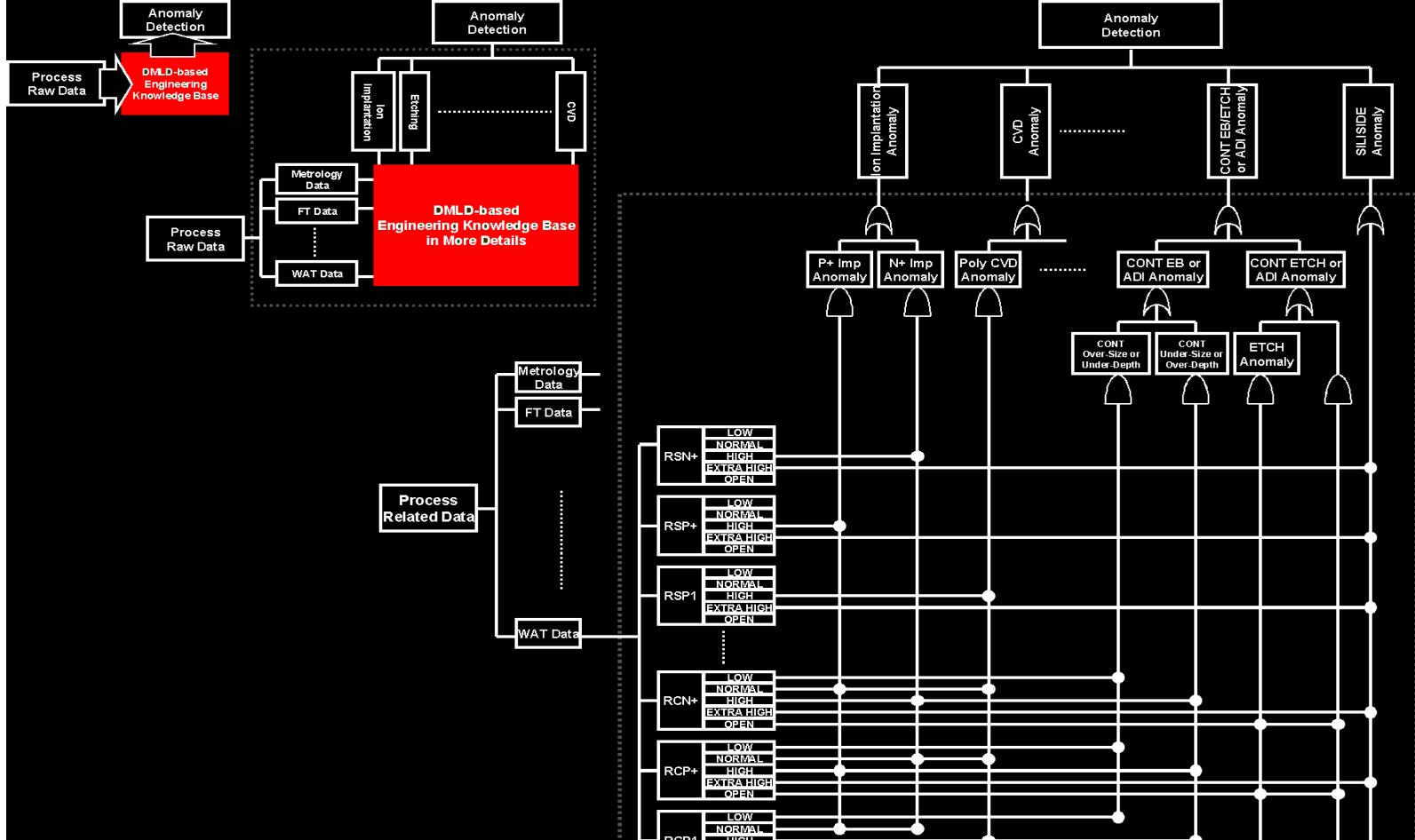
# USE of GTST-MPLD as a Searchable Knowledge Base



# Full Scale Simplified MPLD of a PWR Nuclear Plant

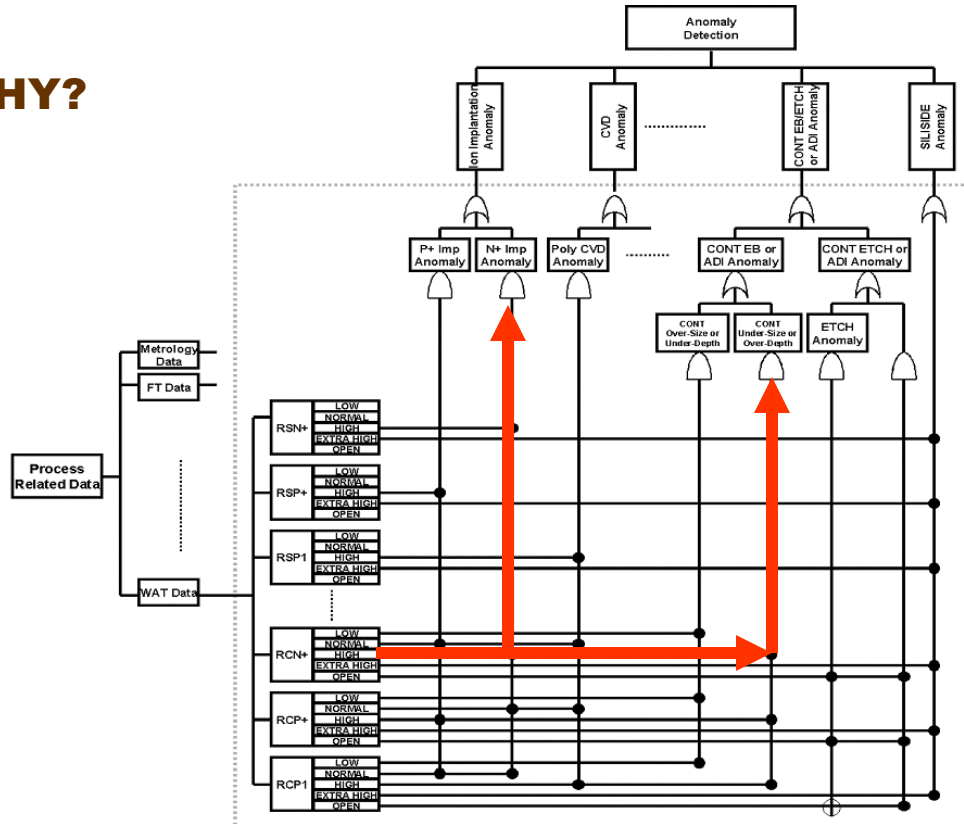


# GTST-DMLD Applications to Many Other Systems



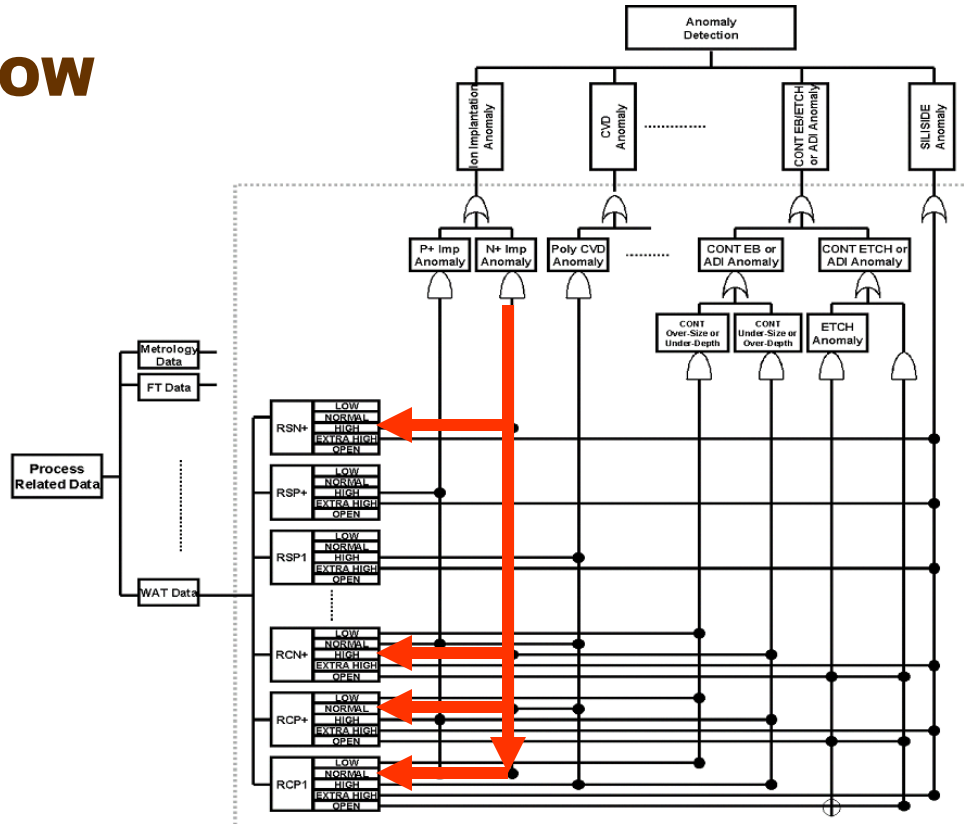
# USE of GTST-MPLD as a Searchable Knowledge Base (Cont.)

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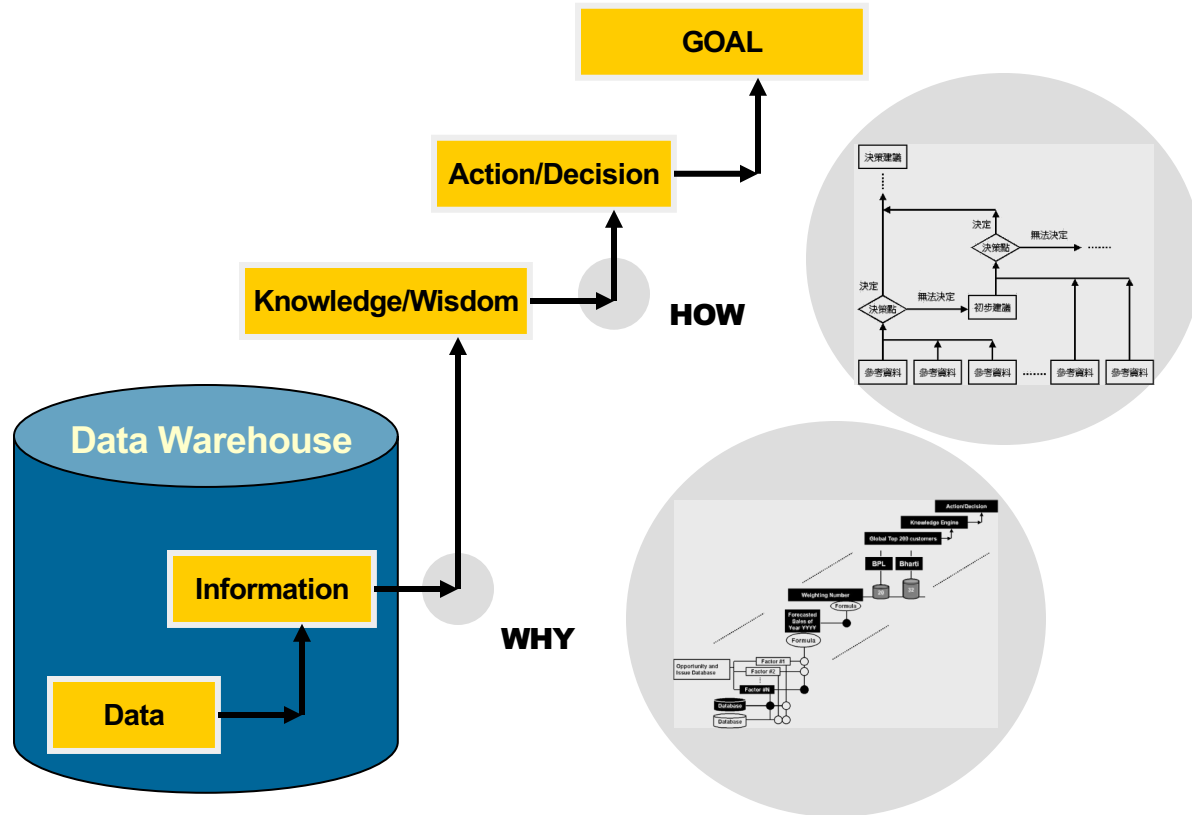


# USE of GTST-MPLD as a Searchable Knowledge Base (Cont.)

**HOW**

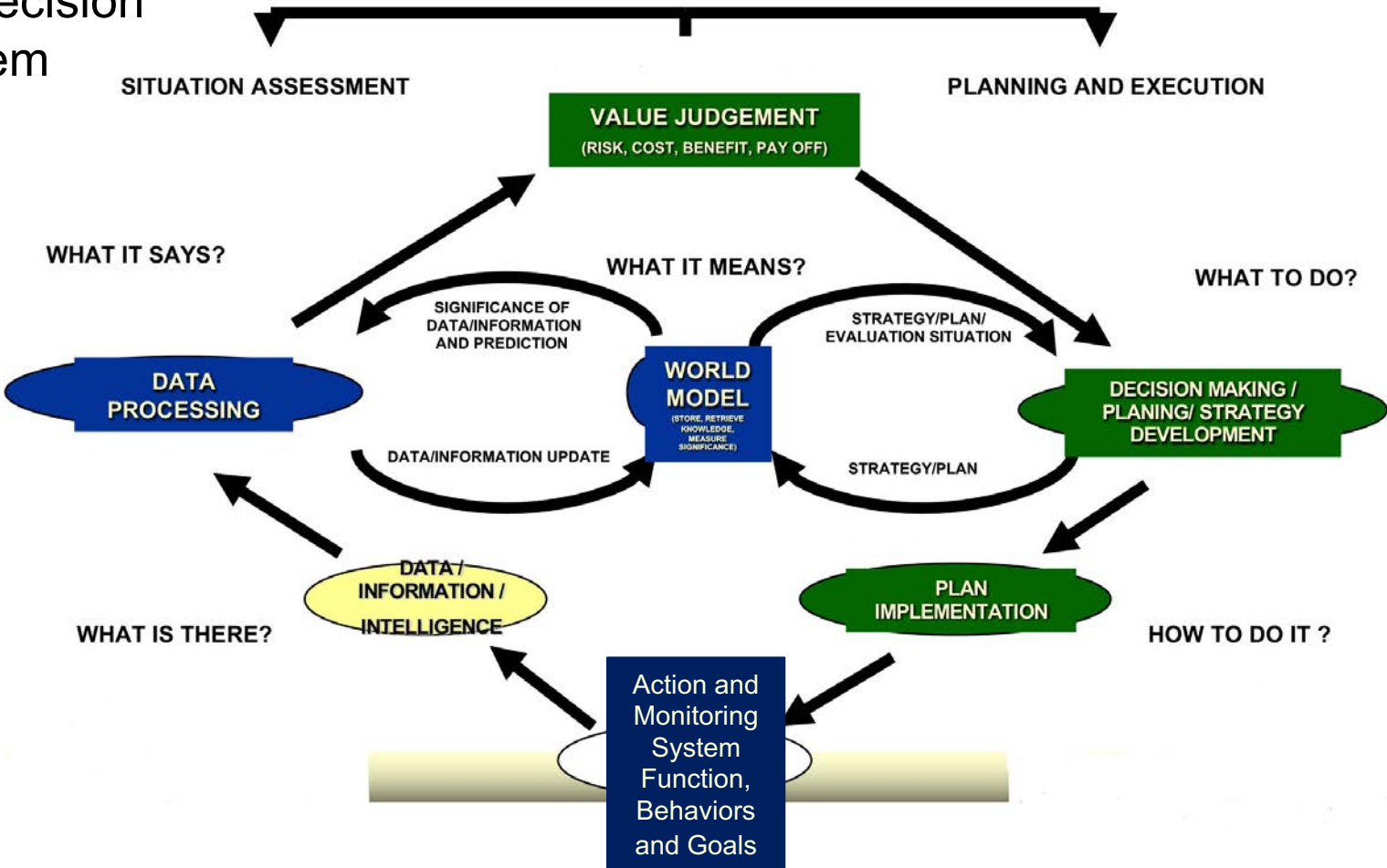


# More Recent Work Connects GTST-MPLD (more recently GTST-DMLD) to Intelligent ML Applications

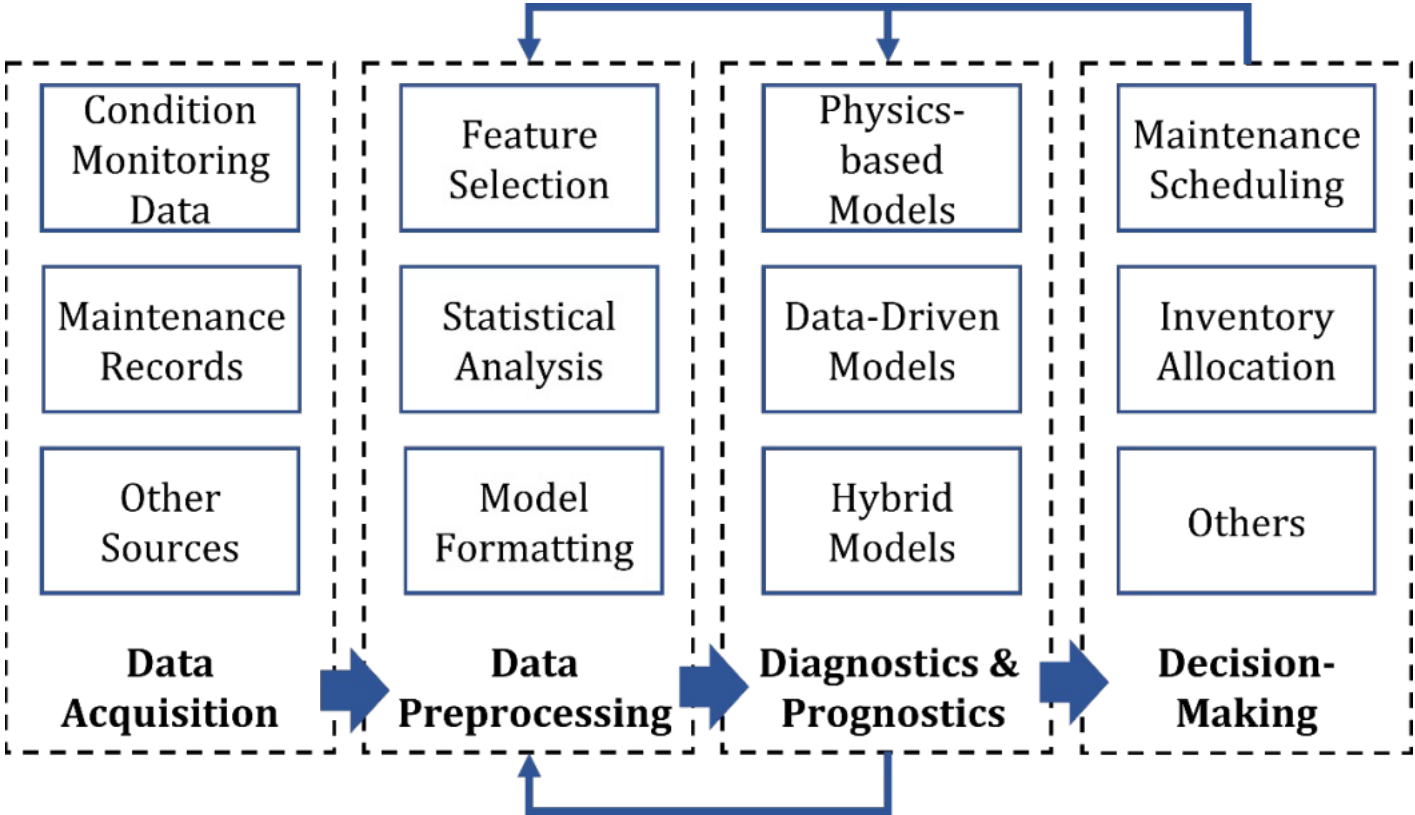




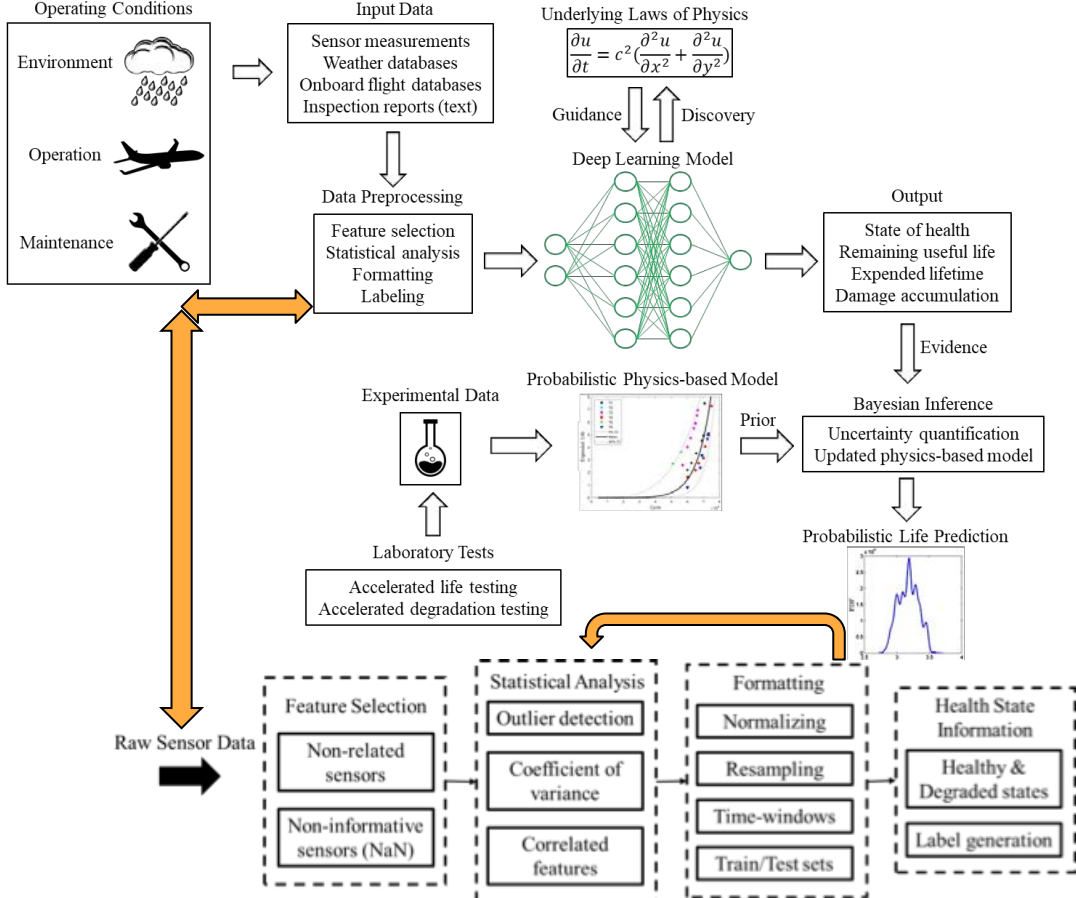
# GTST As a Decision Support System



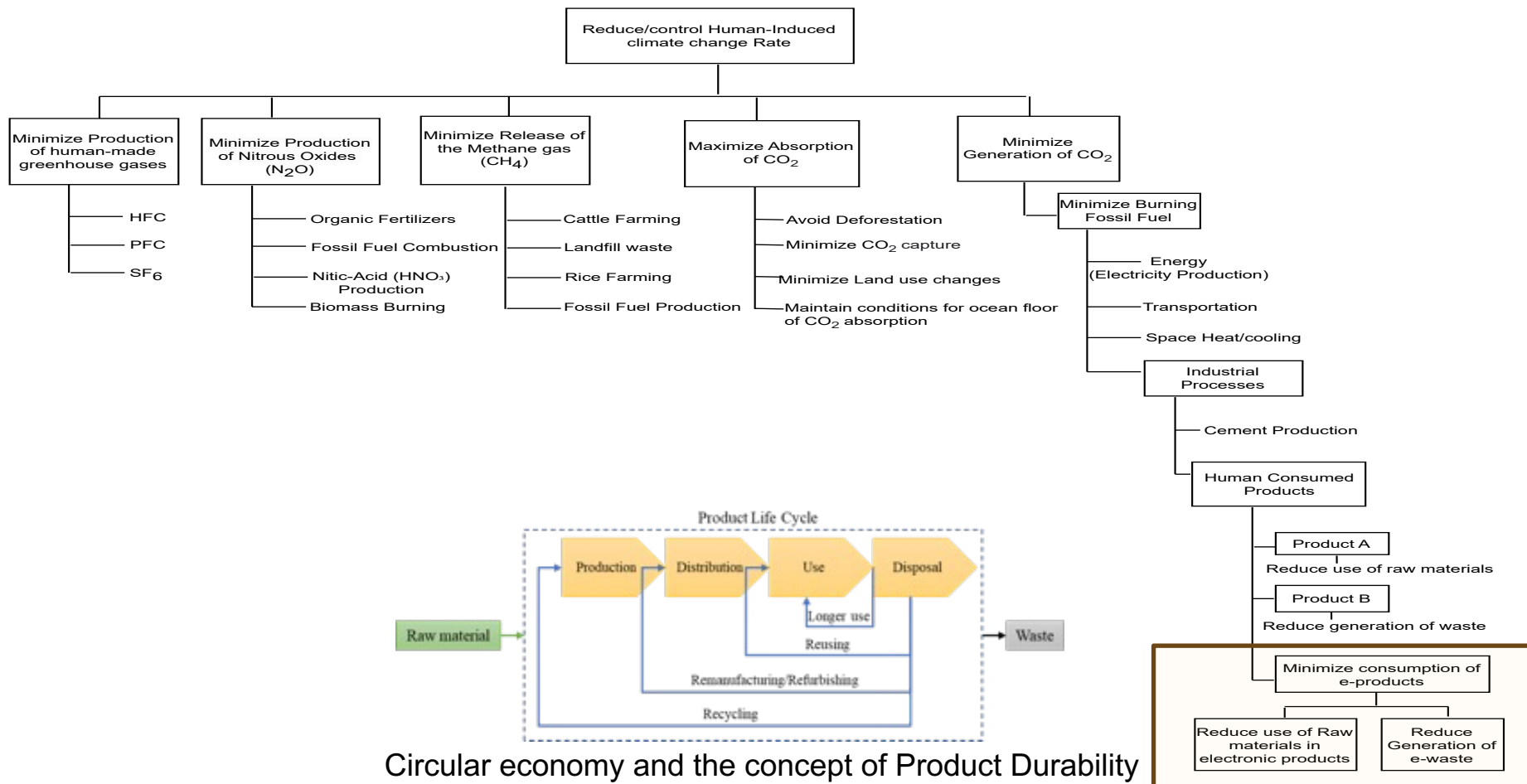
# Our Recent Work on Data Processing for GTST ML-Based Decision Making



# Hybrid Deep-Learning Physics Discovery & Physics of Failure Model



# Application of GTST to Climate Change and Decarbonizing Human Activities



Circular economy and the concept of Product Durability

# A Functional Description of Product Durability

**Goal:** Offer promise of Life

**Function:**  
Prevent/Predict/Minimize/Assure  
Product Failure

Minimize degradation

Minimize performance  
reduction

Maximize endurance  
to over-stress

Maximize warranty

**Goal:** Offer assurance of  
readiness to work

**Function:** Maximize product  
availability and capability

Assure ease of repair

Assure ease of  
maintenance

Maximize ability to  
upgrade

# Conclusions

- Functional modeling stands on a strong philosophical foundation
- Functional Modeling has served well and can naturally work with modern ML approaches for decision making
- The full potential of the FM concepts are yet to be realized
- Collaboration and exchange of ideas will be critical for further expansion of FM

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