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## An Effective and Efficient Model for the Selection of Maintenance Strategy

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## Case Study – First Capital Connect



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### REVIEWS AND CASE STUDIES Practical application of the Decision Making Grid (DMG)

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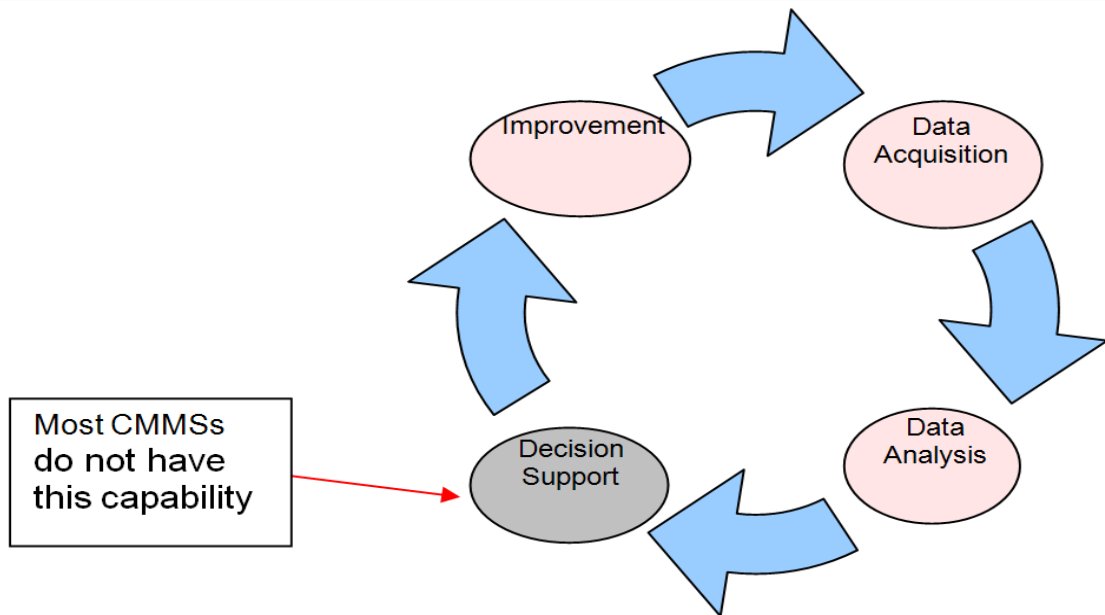
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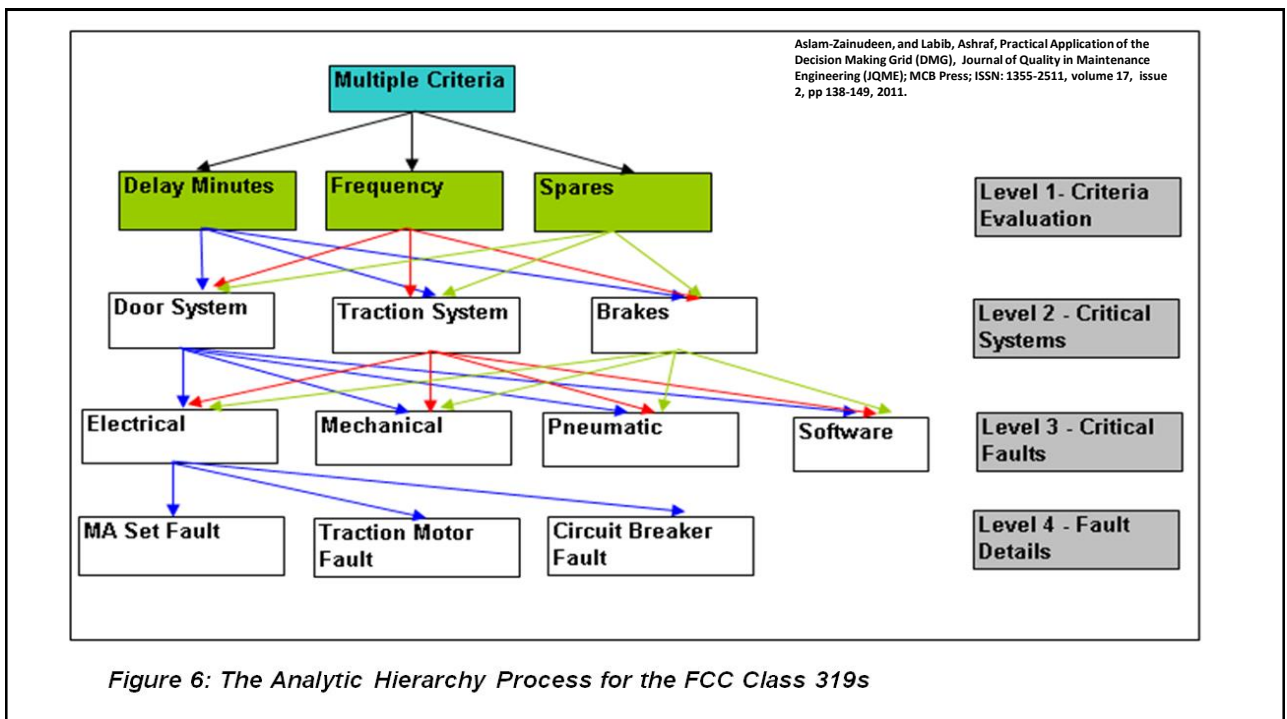
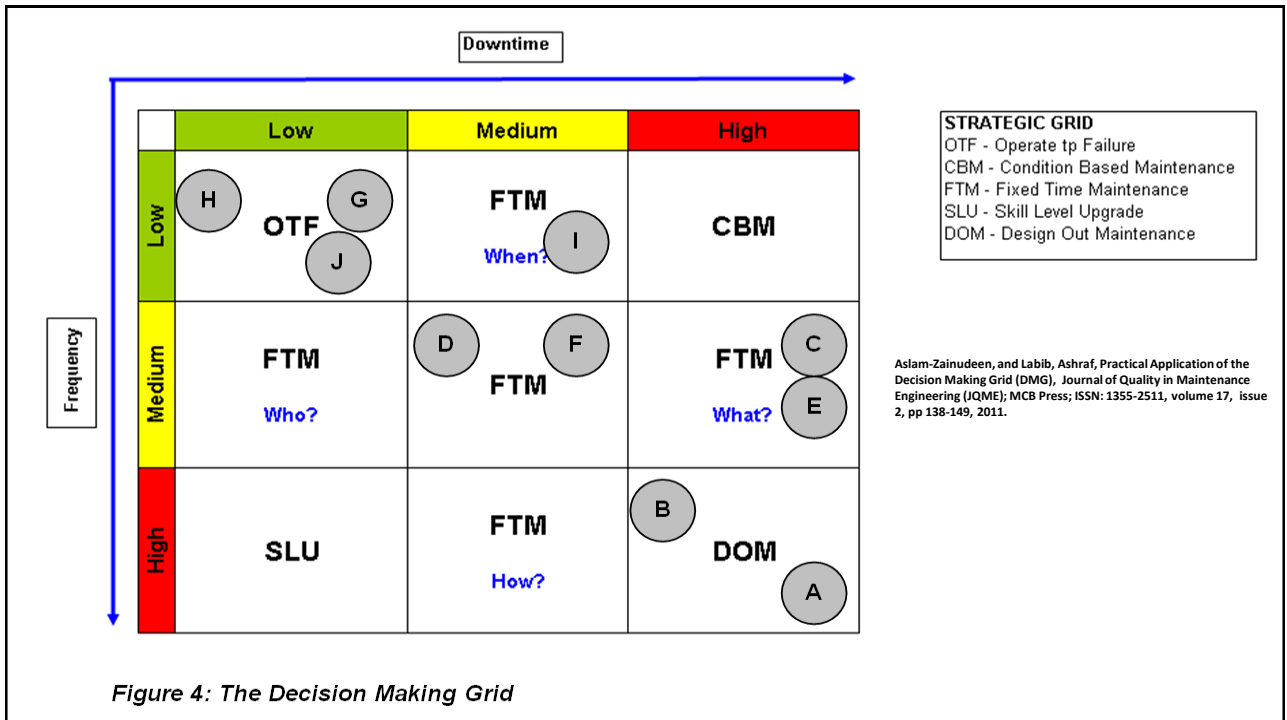
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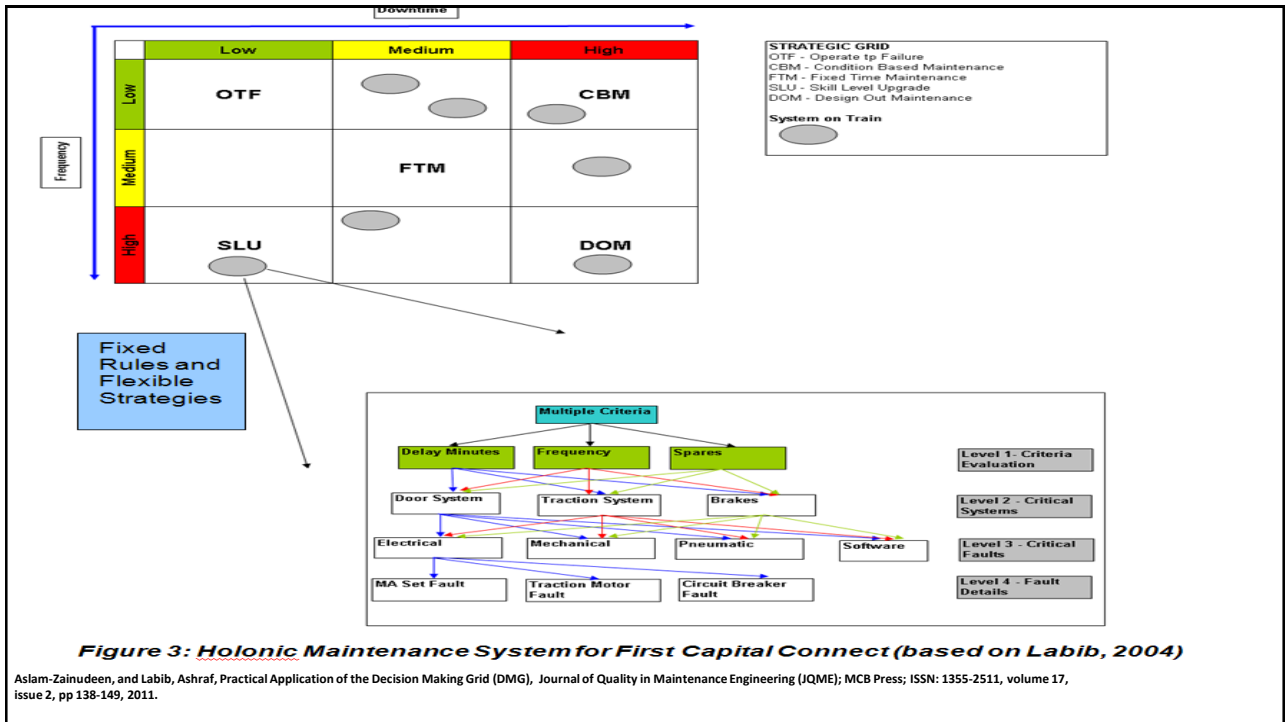
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		Criteria 1 (Frequency)	No. of Failures		Criteria 2 (Downtime)	Delay minutes
High	A	Power	18	High	B Doors	268
High	B	Doors	13	High	A Power	225
Medium	C	Safety Systems	5	High	E Brakes	122
Medium	D	Air Systems	5	High	C Safety Systems	68
Medium	E	Brakes	4	Medium	F Current Collection Equipment	51
Medium	F	Current Collection Equipment	4	Medium	D Air Systems	34
Low	G	Interior Seats, Floor and Trims	3	Medium	I Train Communication	32
Low	H	Jumpers and Coupling	2	Low	G Interior Seats, Floor and Trim	28
Low	I	Train Communication	1	Low	H Jumpers and Coupling	25
Low	J	Underframe	1	Low	J Underframe	8
		<b>Sum of Top 10</b>	<b>56</b>		<b>Sum of Top 10</b>	<b>861</b>
		<b>Sum of All</b>	<b>59</b>		<b>Sum of All</b>	<b>899</b>
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Criteria analysis for DMG





# Introduction

Fundamental questions that need to be asked with regard to existing Computerised Maintenance Management Systems (CMMSs):

- What do users really want from a CMMS?
- Does it support what is happening in the shop-floor? Or, Is it a rather expensive calendar to remind one of when to perform a maintenance schedule?
- Is it really worth spending so much effort, time, and money in buying a system for just being an electronic calendar or a monitoring device?
- Do existing CMMSs really contribute to the bottom line benefits of the company and support in the reduction of breakdowns or are they just a beast to be served by an army of IT specialists?

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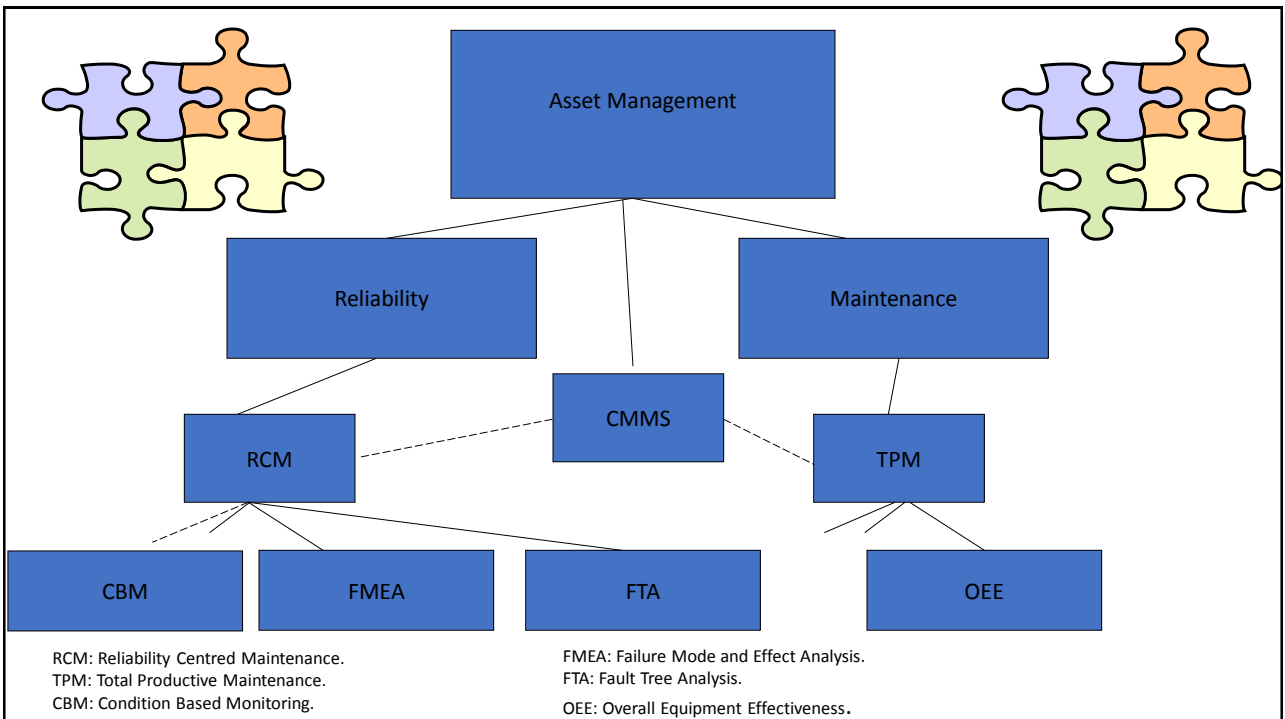
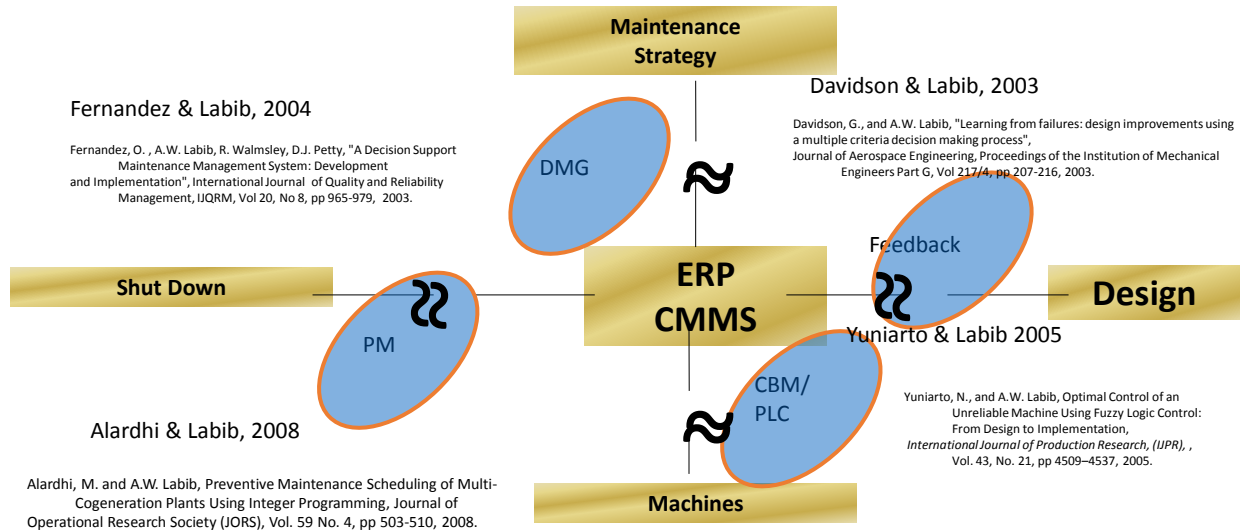
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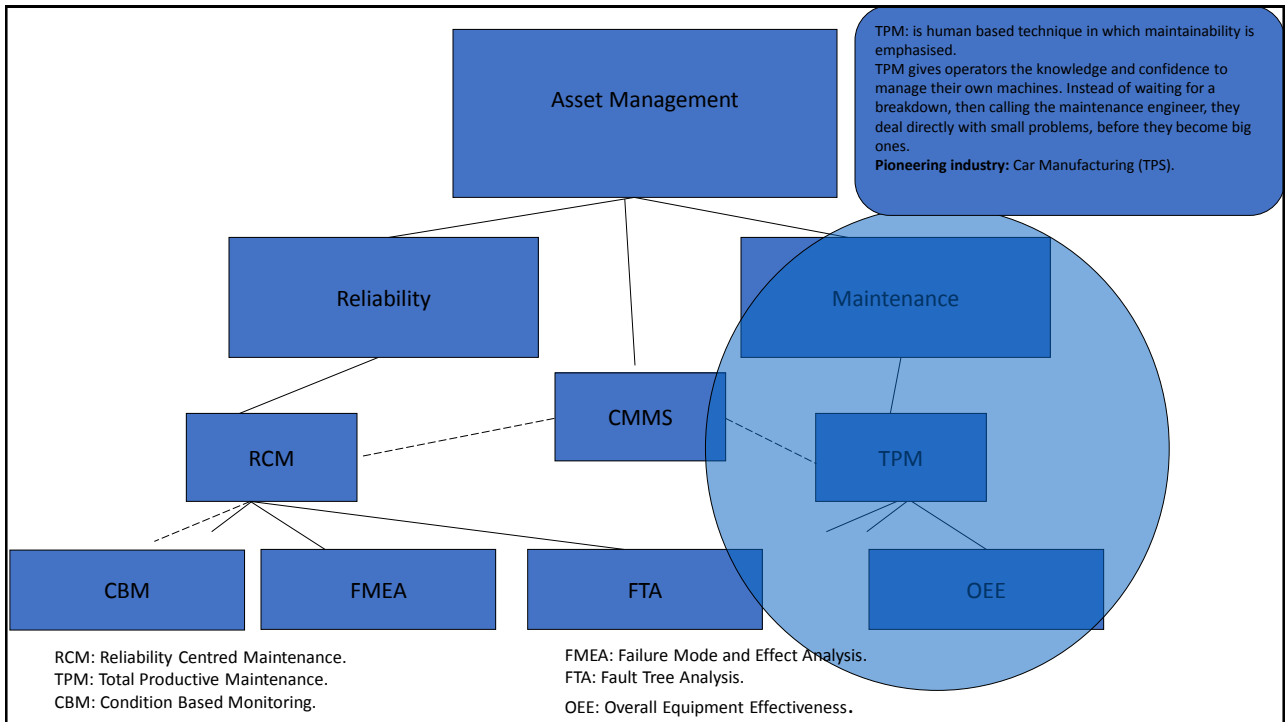
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## Evidence of Black Holes

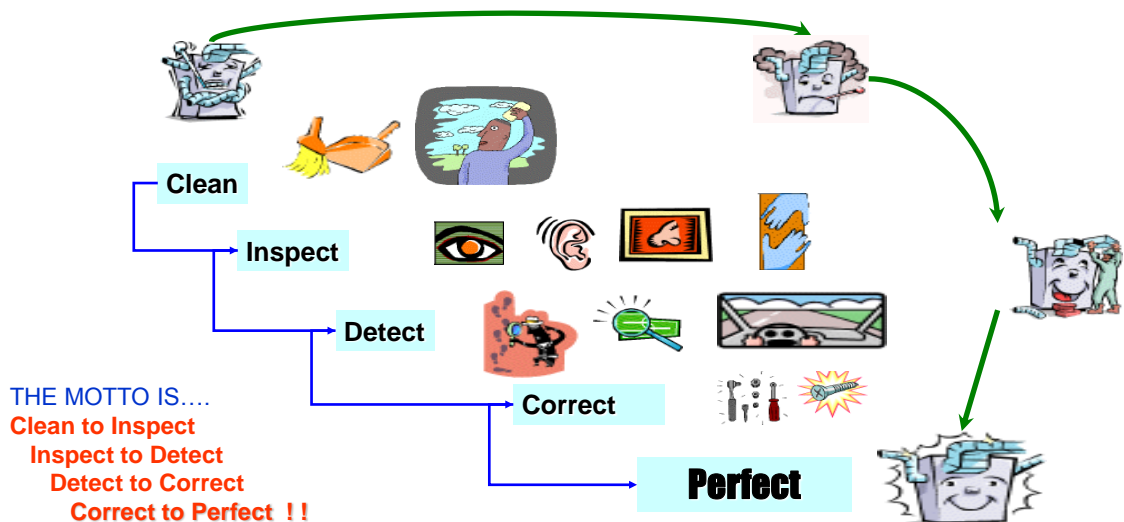
In short, companies tend to spend a vast amount of capital in acquisition of of-the-shelf systems for data collection and their added value to the business is questionable.

# Gaps Model of ERP/CMMSSs



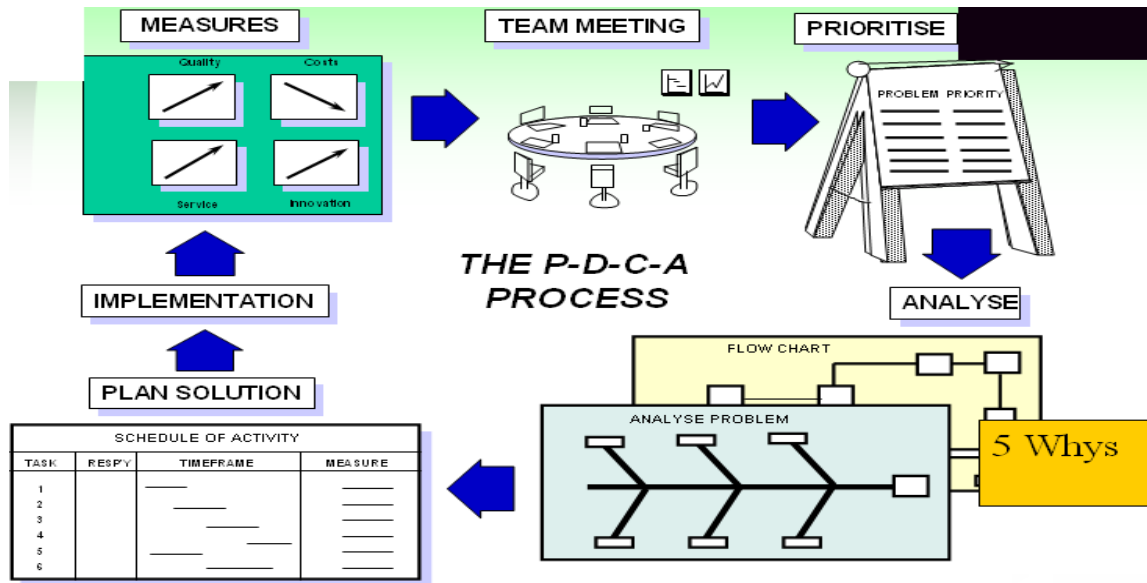


## Autonomous Maintenance – in a nutshell





## Tools



## Making Monitoring Easier

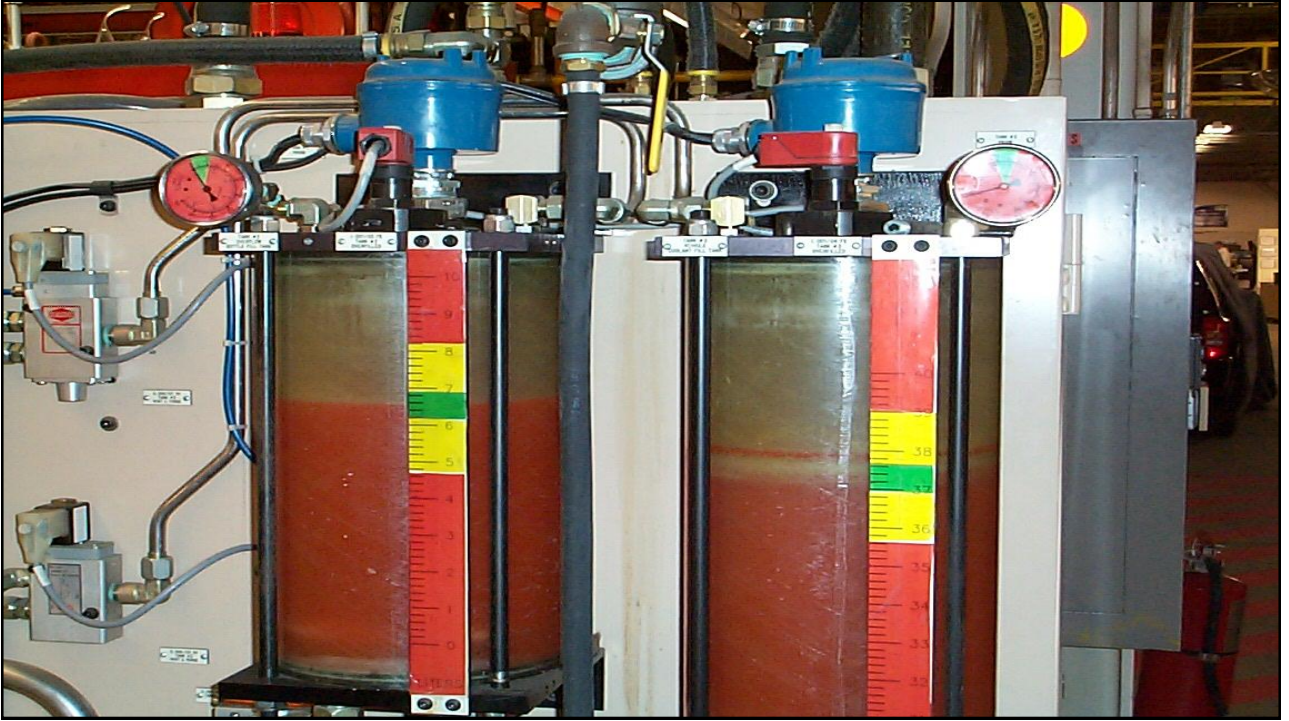


**Before**



**After**

**Ensure proper water flow to the bearings of a boiler water supply pump**



## Making Monitoring Easier



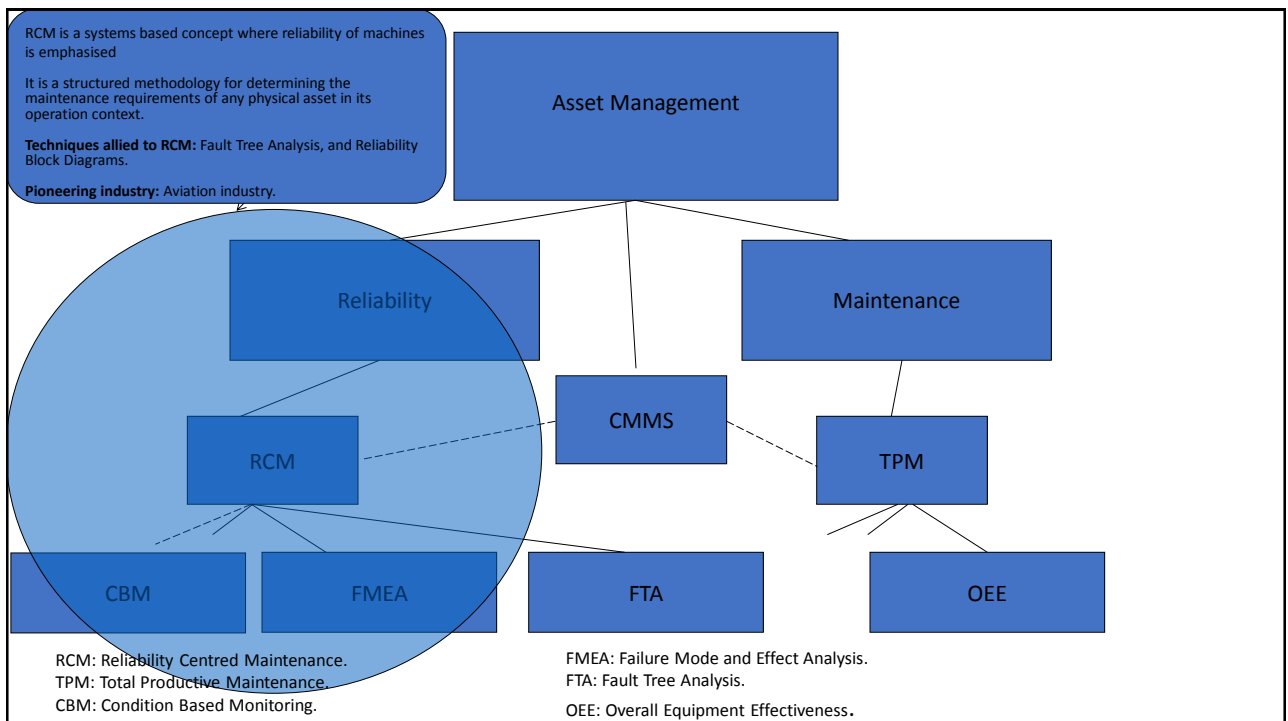
# Making Inspection Easier



Before



After





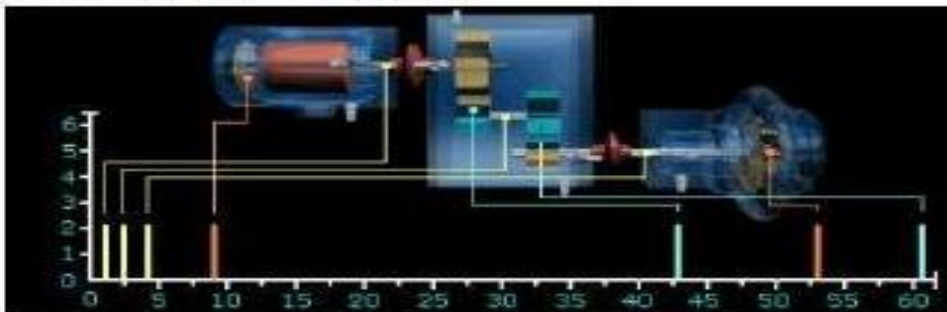
## Control the test conditions

- Vibration changes when the speed and load change.
- The machine must operate in the same state during every test.
- Check the speed and load.

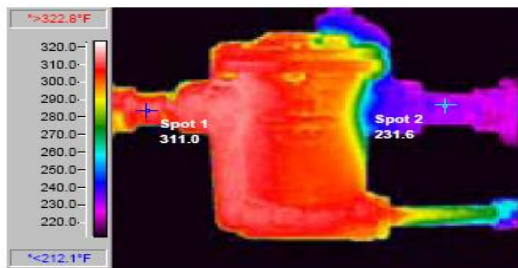


## Introducing "forcing frequencies"

- Special calculations are used to indicate where to look in the spectrum – called "forcing frequencies".
- Most vibration analysis programs will perform these calculations.

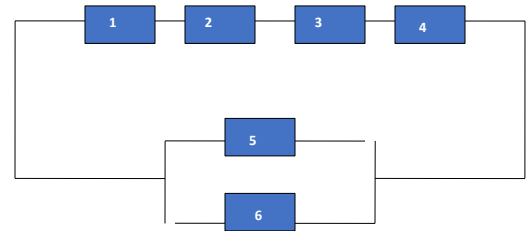
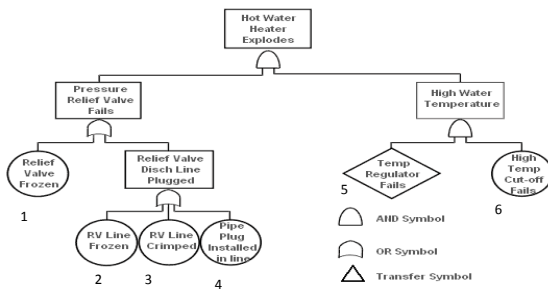


## Equipment



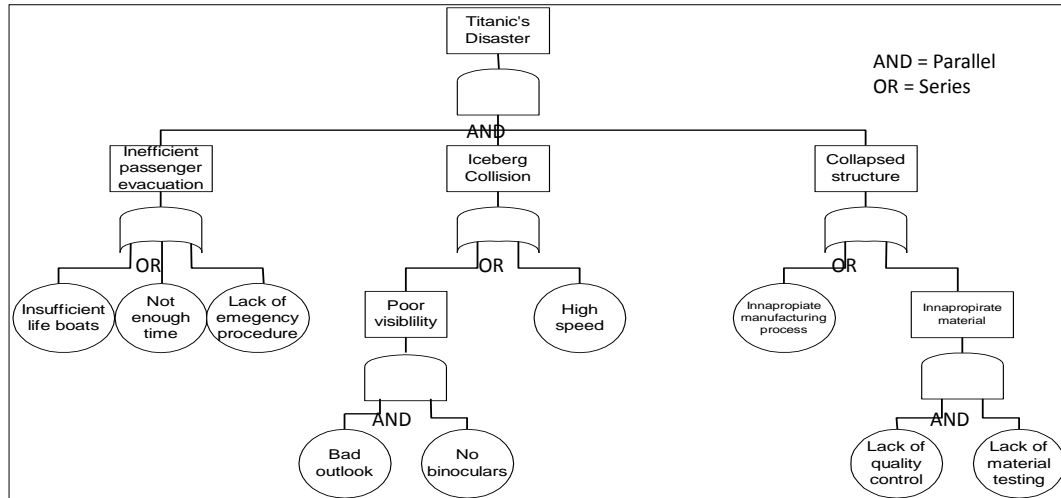
## Reliability Centred Maintenance (RCM):

- Fault Tree Analysis (FTA)
- Reliability Block Diagrams (RBD)

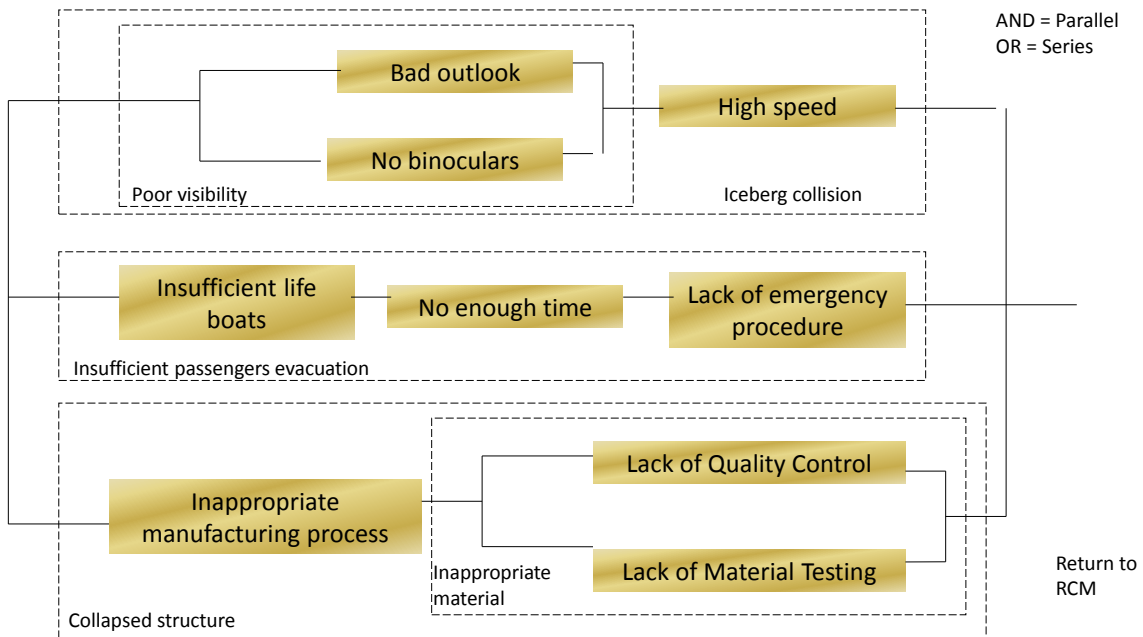


## Titanic The Unsinkable Ship That Sank

## Fault Tree Analysis (FTA) for the Titanic Disaster



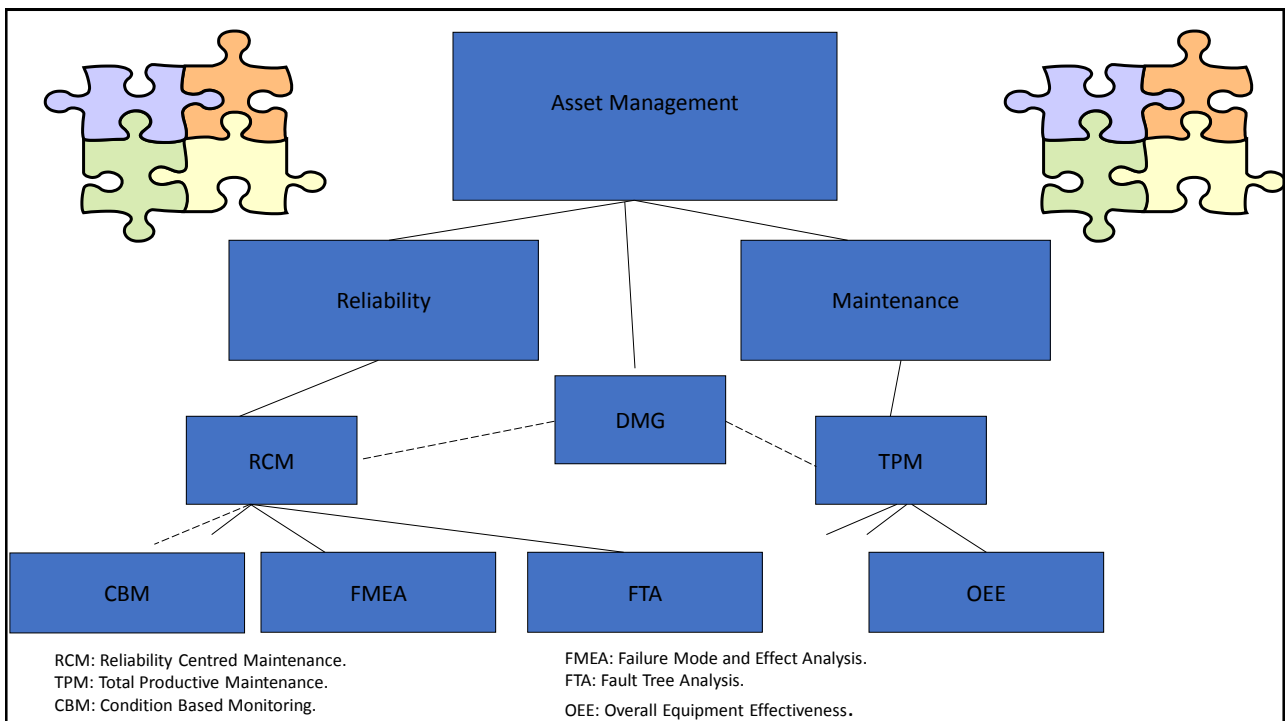
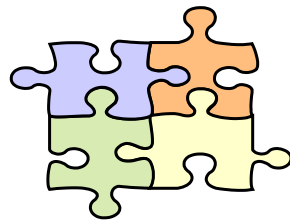
## Reliability Block Diagram (RBD) for the Titanic Disaster



## Theoretical Background:

### *Maintenance & Reliability Policies – Proposed Approach (Model)*

- The proposed approach is innovative in that it offers a decision map adaptive to the collected data where it suggest the appropriate use of RCM, TPM, and CBM as well as additional ones.





## Proposed Model:

The model identifies 5 levels of maintenance strategies which have an impact on performance.

1. OTF: Operate To Failure (or keep the best practice).
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3. CBM: Condition Based Maintenance (In general: RCM).
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5. DOM: Design Out Maintenance.

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### The Decision Making Grid (DMG)

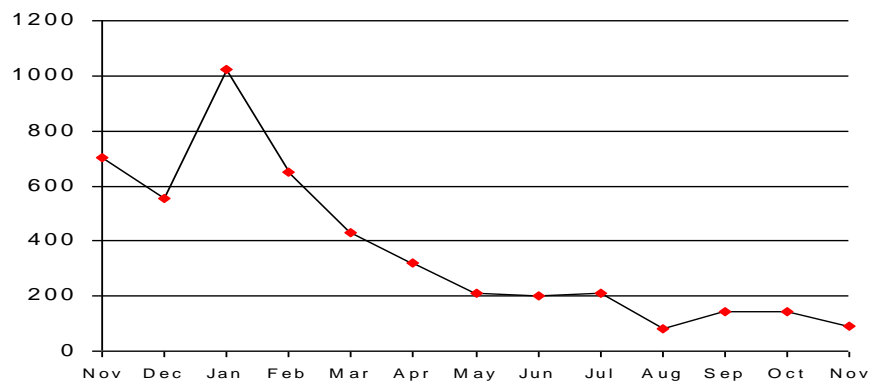
- It acts as a map where the performances of the worst machines are placed based on multiple criteria.
- The objective is to implement appropriate maintenance actions that will lead to the movement of machines towards an improved state with respect to multiple criteria.
- The outputs of the model are:
  - a) classification of maintenance related policies, and
  - b) prioritisation of the proposed actions.

## An Industrial Case Study



### Breakdown Trends (hrs.)

This case study demonstrates the application of the proposed model and its effect on asset management performance. The application of the model is shown through the experience of a company seeking to achieve World-Class status in asset management. The company has implemented the proposed model which has had the effect of reducing total downtime from an average of 800 hours per month to less than 100 hours per month as shown in Figure.



#### Company Background and Methodology

In this particular company there are 130 machines, varying from robots, and machine centres, to manually operated assembly tables. Notice that in this case study, only two criteria are used (frequency, and downtime). However, if more criteria are included such as spare parts cost and scrap rate, the model becomes multi dimensional, with low, medium, and high ranges for each identified criterion. The methodology implemented in this case was to follow three steps. These steps are i. Criteria Analysis, ii. Decision Mapping, and iii. Decision Support.

## Data Analysis for the DMG

Criteria:	Downtime		Frequency	
	Name	Downtime (hrs)	Name	Frequency (No. off)
	Machine [A]	30	Machine [G]	27
	Machine [B]	20	Machine [C]	16
	Machine [C]	20	Machine [D]	12
	Machine [D]	17	Machine [A]	9
	Machine [E]	16	Machine [I]	8
	Machine [F]	12	Machine [E]	8
	Machine [G]	7	Machine [k]	8
	Machine [H]	6	Machine [F]	4
	Machine [I]	6	Machine [B]	3
	Machine [j]	4	Machine [H]	2
	<b>Sum of Top 10</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>Sum of Top 10</b>	<b>97</b>
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Criteria Evaluation

### A reflective question:

If you were my maintenance manager, what policy action(s) would you instruct me to improve the situation in this report?

- The DO's:
  - Actions should be policy related.
  - Actions should be pragmatic/practical.
- The DO NOT's:
  - No reports from reports (paralysis by analysis).
  - No theoretical slogans ('go and fix machine A', because this what I normally do).

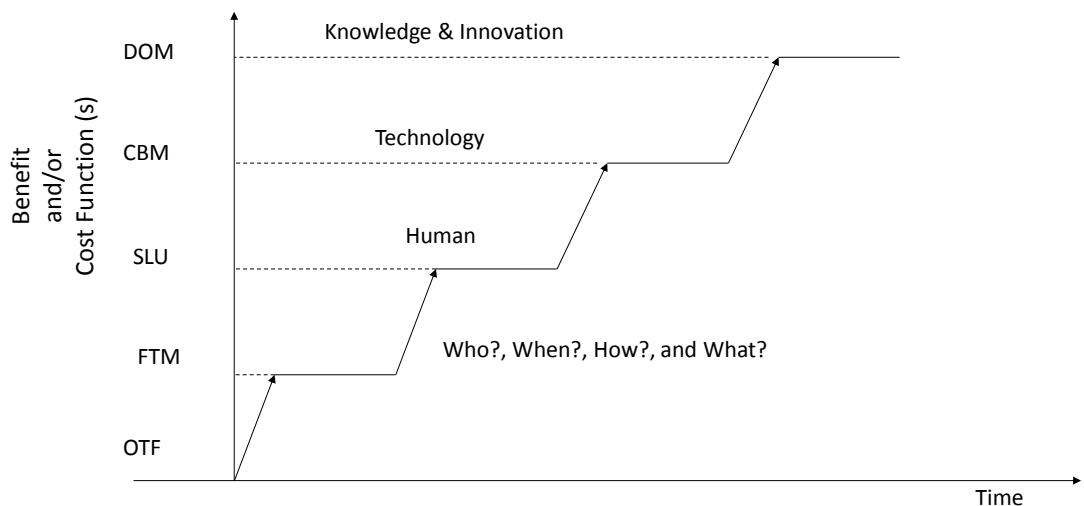
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Decision-Making Grid  
(DMG)

Downtime

		Downtime		
		Low	Medium	High
Frequency	Low	O.T.F.	F.T.M.	C.B.M.
	Medium	F.T.M.	F.T.M.	F.T.M.
	High	S.L.U.	F.T.M.	D.O.M.

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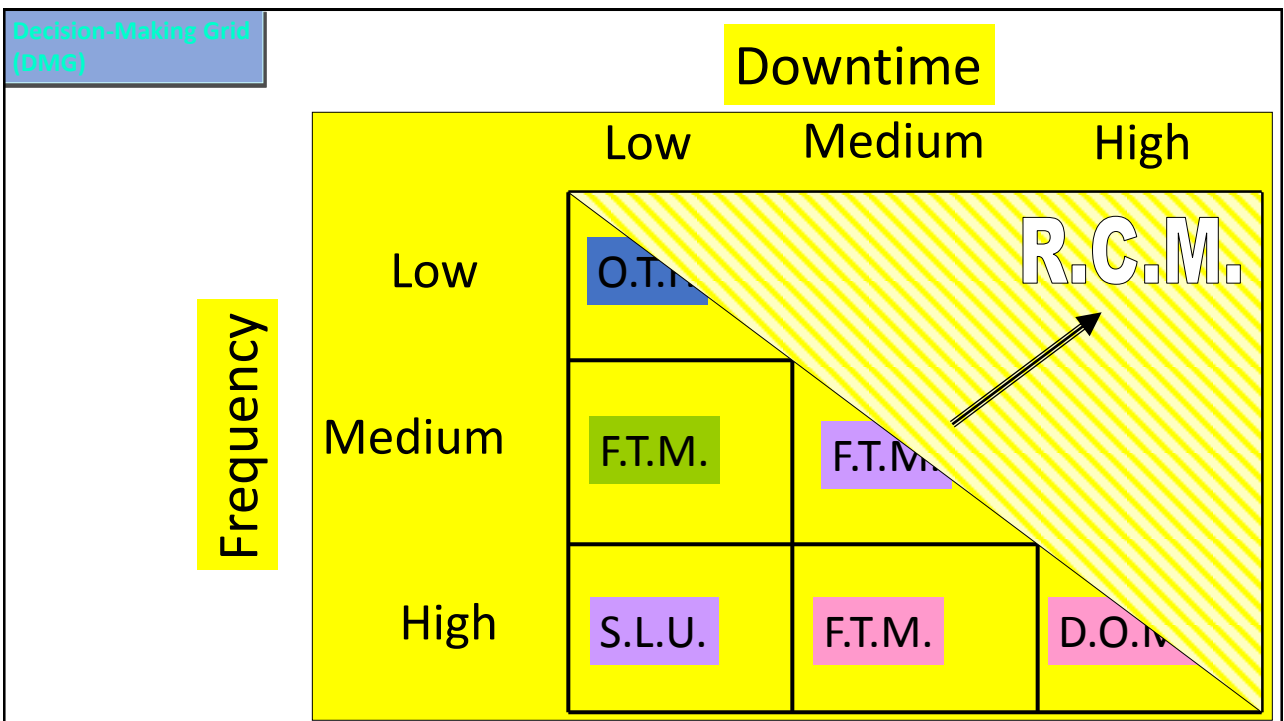
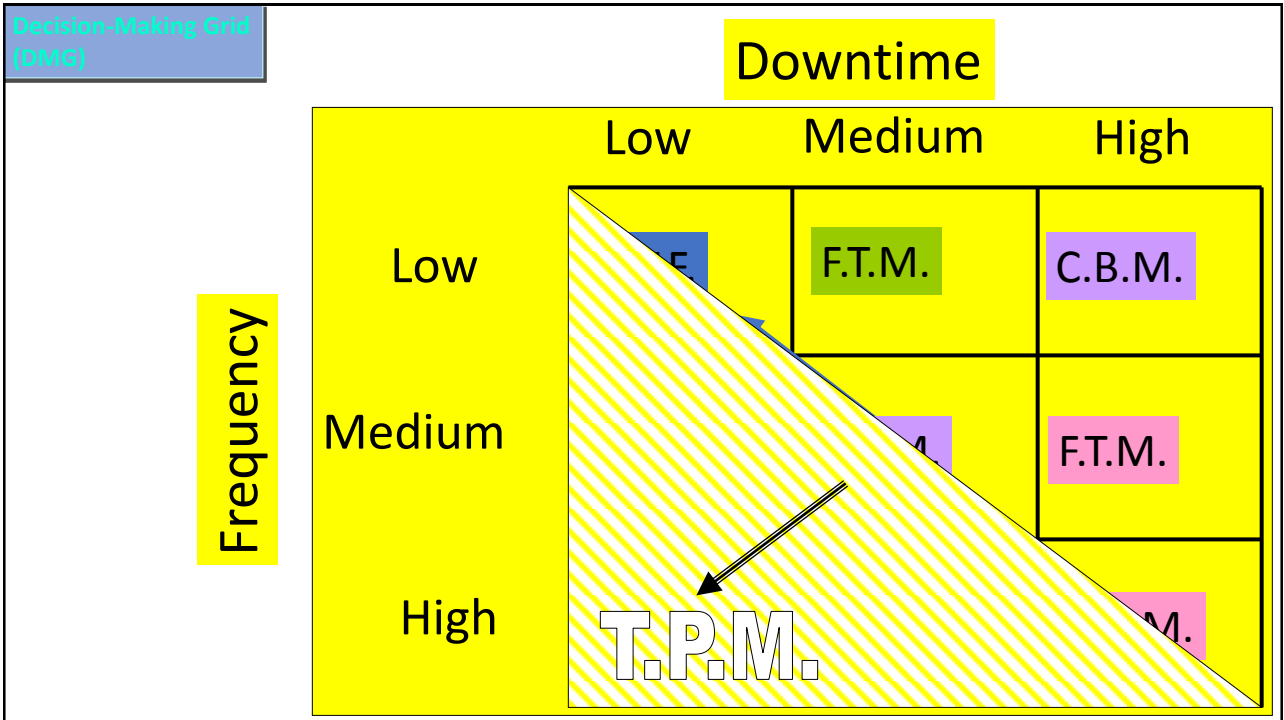
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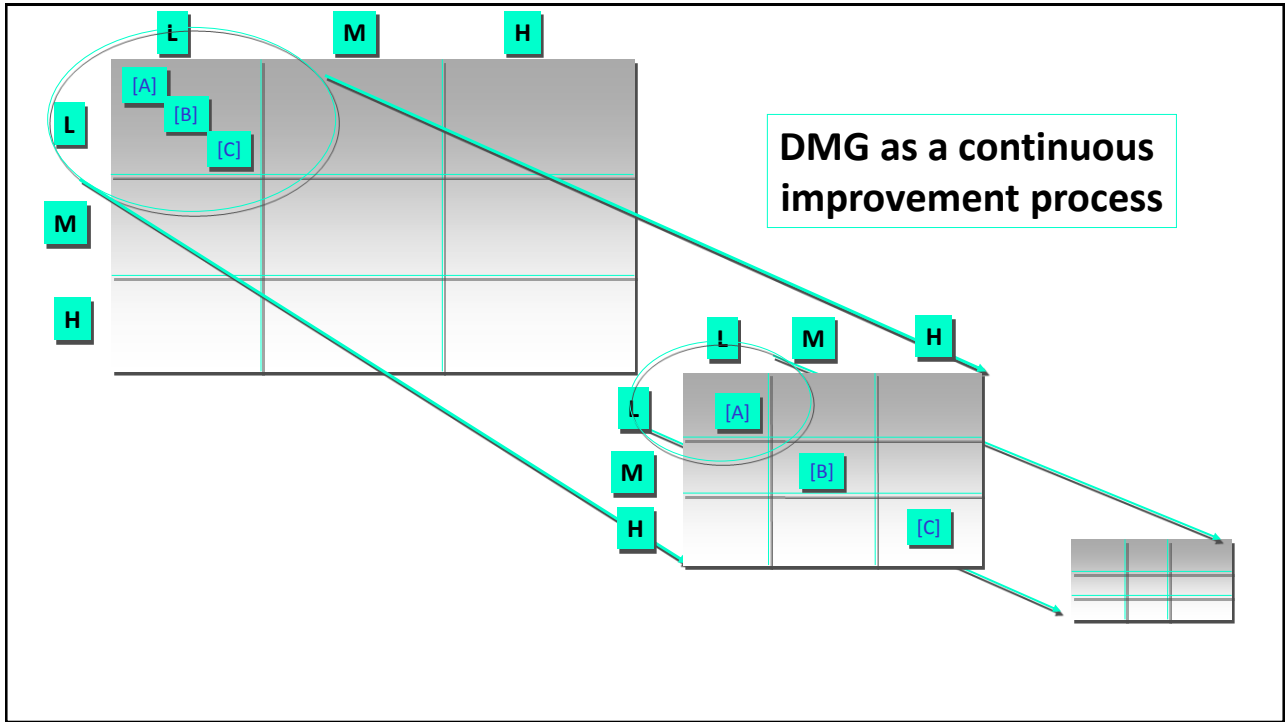
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## The DMG...

As a...

- Continuous Improvement Process.
- Multiple Criteria Analysis.
- Strategic / Operational Concept.
- Generic Methodology.

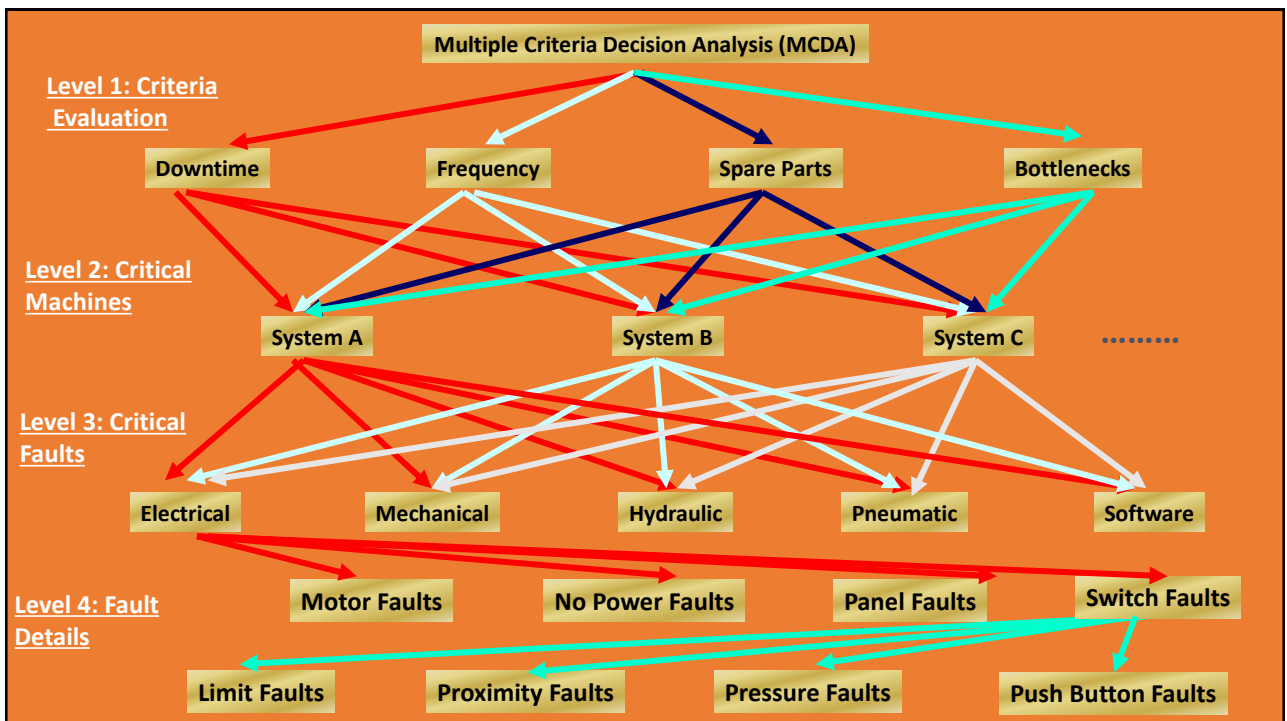
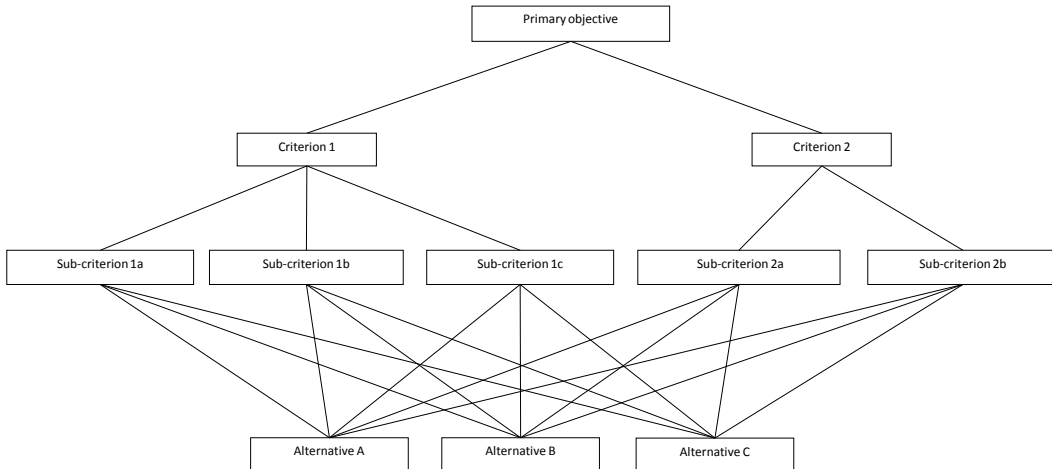


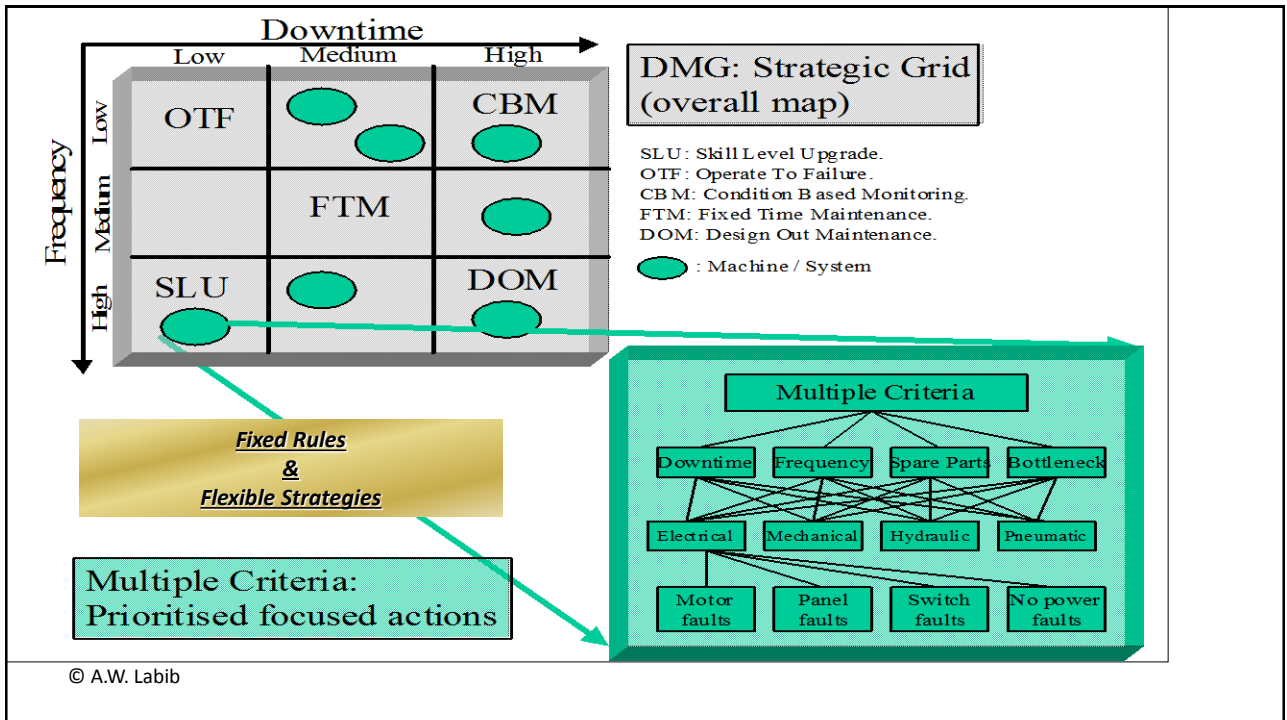


## Demonstration of the AHP

Analytic Hierarchy Process

## A typical AHP decision hierarchy





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Part 1 is: The DMG strategy selection (effectiveness).

Part 2 is The DMG for focussed actions (efficiency).

## Decision-Making Grid (DMG)

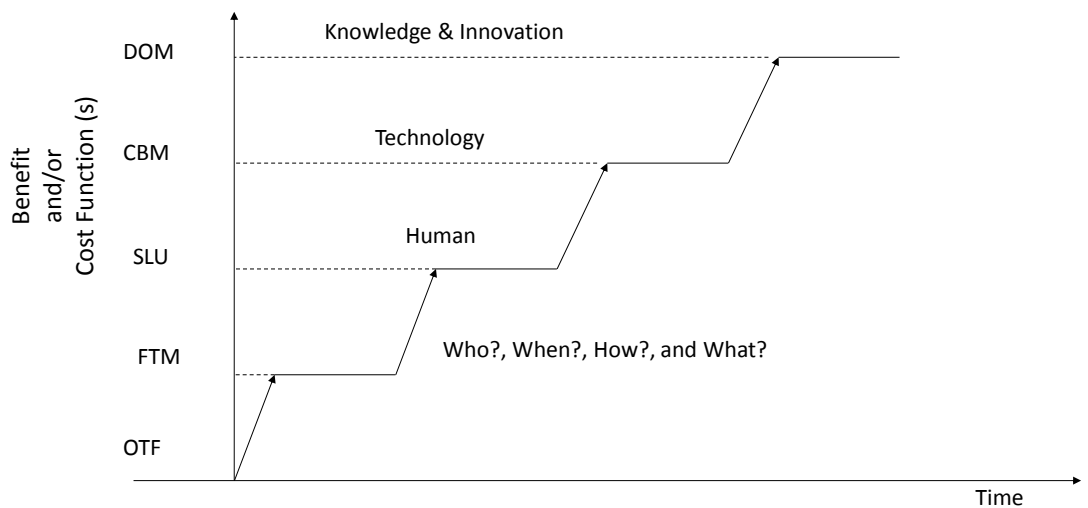
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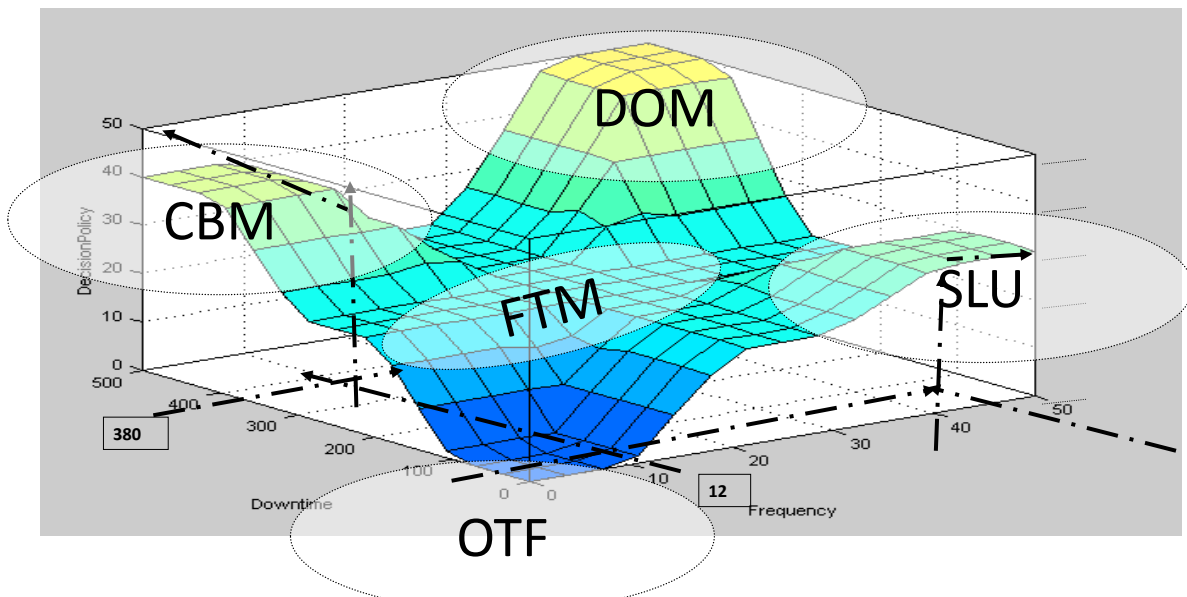
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## The Fuzzy Decision Surface



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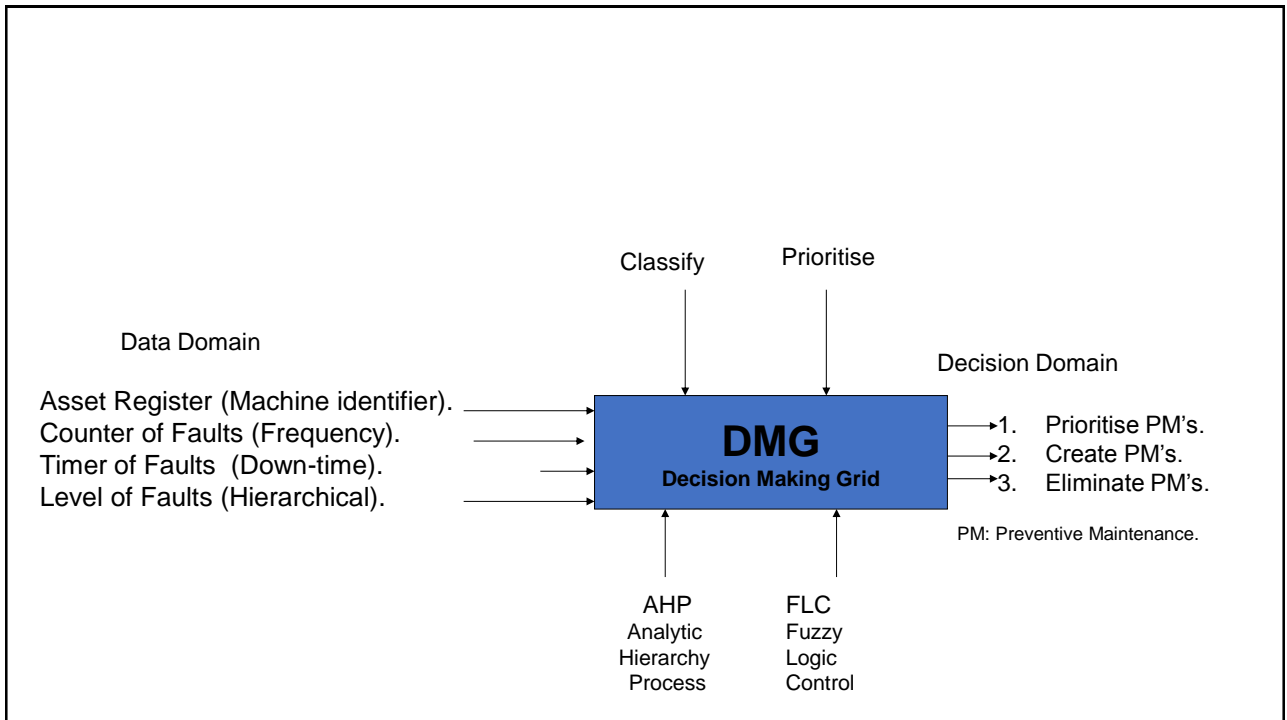
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## Basic Data Requirements

- Asset Register (Machine identifier).
- Counter of Faults (Frequency).
- Timer of Faults (Down-time).
- Level of Faults (Hierarchical).

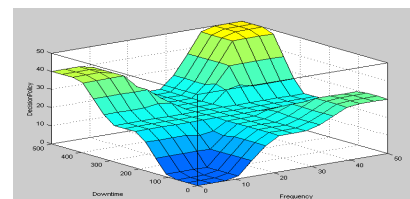
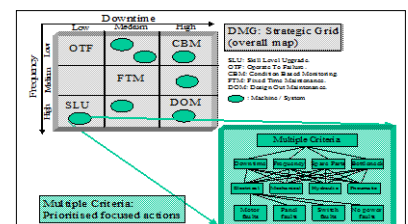
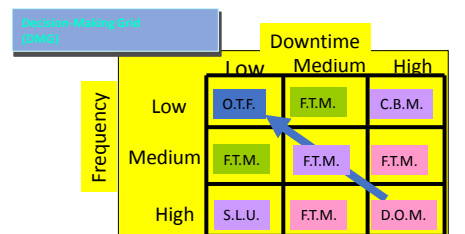


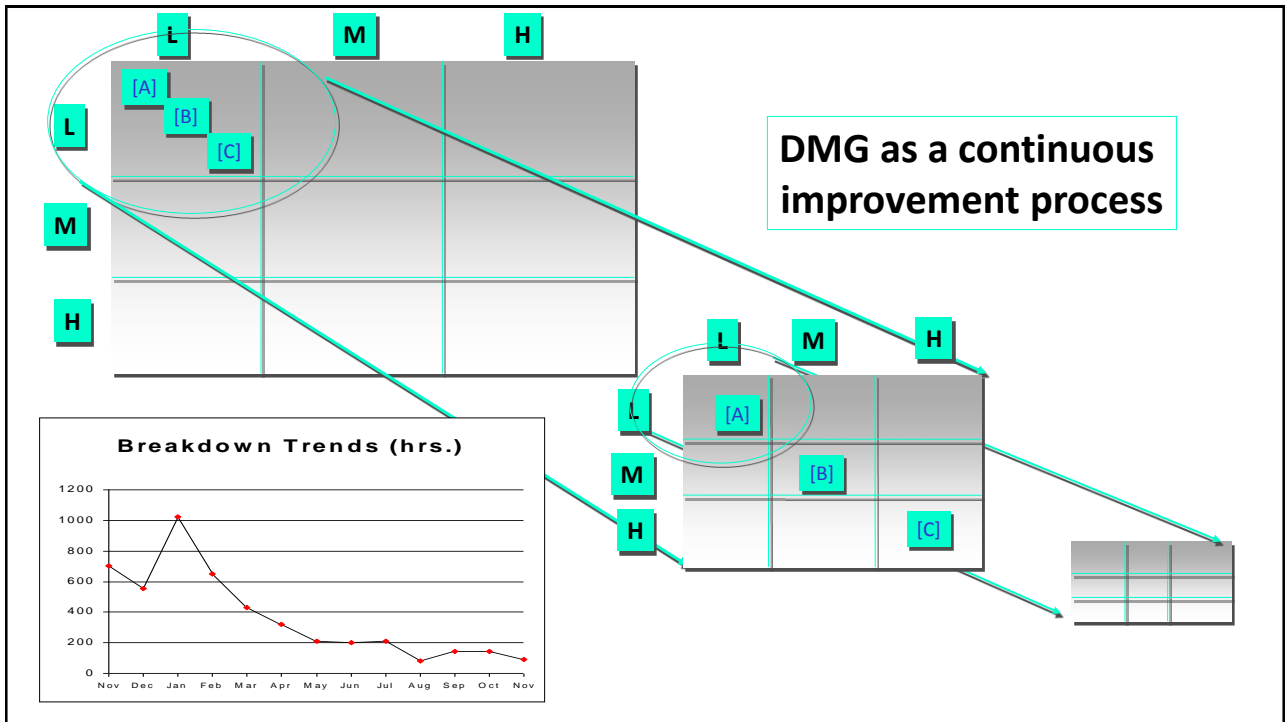
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Part 3: The DMG for cost/benefit analysis.  
(Using rule based fuzzy logic system).





## Characteristics of a model for the way forward

### • Why?

- People are either obsessed with a certain maintenance strategy, or not familiar with some of them.
- Lots of data but no decisions.

So what we have done is:

- Simple
- Intuitive
- Comprehensive, and
- of Utility



## Cases from Industry & European Projects

### • Industry:

- Case 1: Qatar Petroleum (QP) - Qatar
- Case 2: Oman Air B737NG fleet - Oman
- Case 3: ESB Moneypoint Generating Station – Ireland.
- Case 4: Ahmadi Distillery Co. – Kuwait.
- Case 5: PDO - Oman
- Case 6: TRANSCO – Abu Dhabi, Emirates.
- Case 7: GE Aviation China – USA/China
- Case 8: FCC – UK

### • EU Projects:

- Train\_In\_Main.
- iLearn2Main.

### • Reported publications:

- Burhanuddin, *etal*, 2007.
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- Taher, *etal*, 2009.
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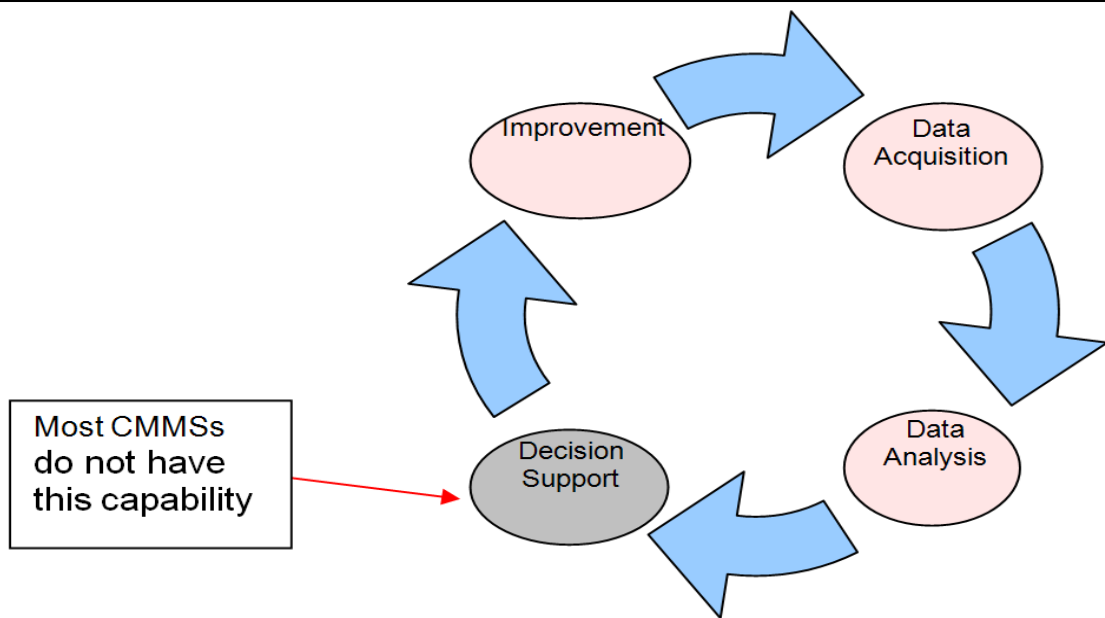
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**Figure 1: The Effective Asset Management Cycle**

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		Criteria 1 (Frequency)	No. of Failures			Criteria 2 (Downtime)	Delay minutes
High	A	Power	18	High	B	Doors	268
High	B	Doors	13	High	A	Power	225
Medium	C	Safety Systems	5	High	E	Brakes	122
Medium	D	Air Systems	5	High	C	Safety Systems	68
Medium	E	Brakes	4	Medium	F	Current Collection Equipment	51
Medium	F	Current Collection Equipment	4	Medium	D	Air Systems	34
Low	G	Interior Seats, Floor and Trims	3	Medium	I	Train Communication	32
Low	H	Jumpers and Coupling	2	Low	G	Interior Seats, Floor and Trim	28
Low	I	Train Communication	1	Low	H	Jumpers and Coupling	25
Low	J	Underframe	1	Low	J	Underframe	8
		<b>Sum of Top 10</b>	<b>56</b>			<b>Sum of Top 10</b>	<b>861</b>
		<b>Sum of All</b>	<b>59</b>			<b>Sum of All</b>	<b>899</b>
		<b>Percentage</b>	<b>94%</b>			<b>Percentage</b>	<b>95%</b>

Criteria analysis for DMG

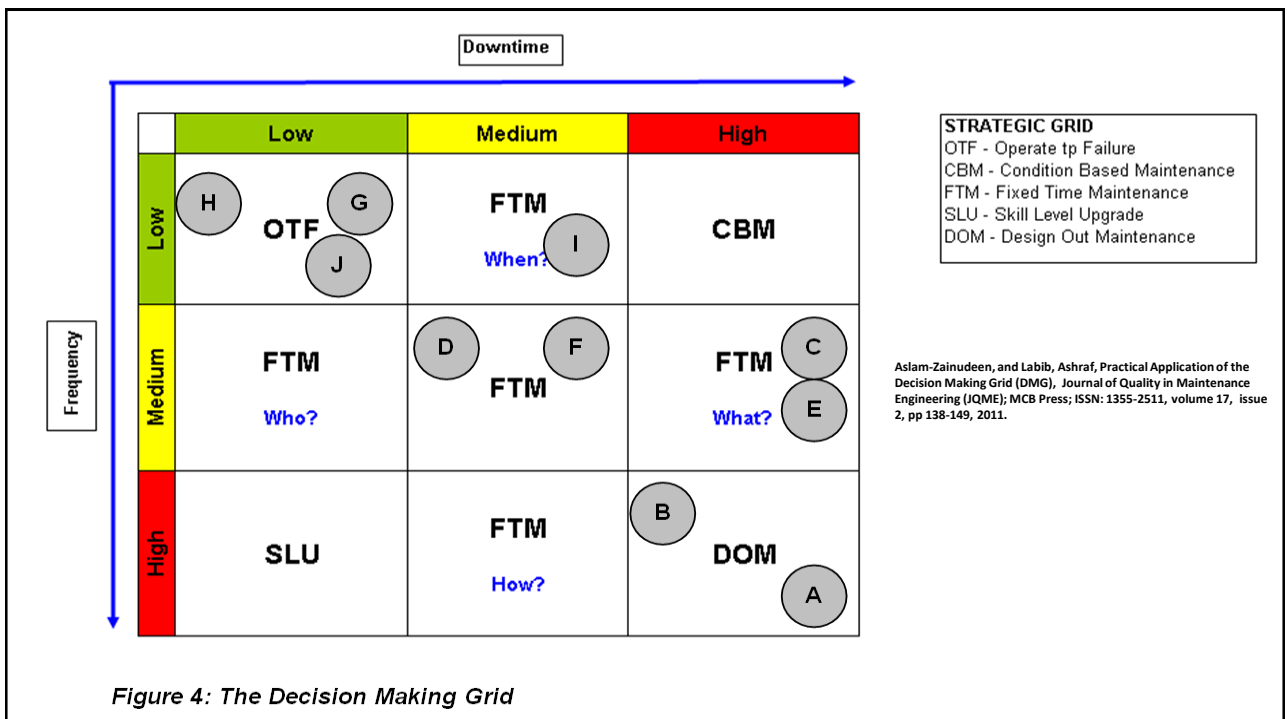


Figure 4: The Decision Making Grid

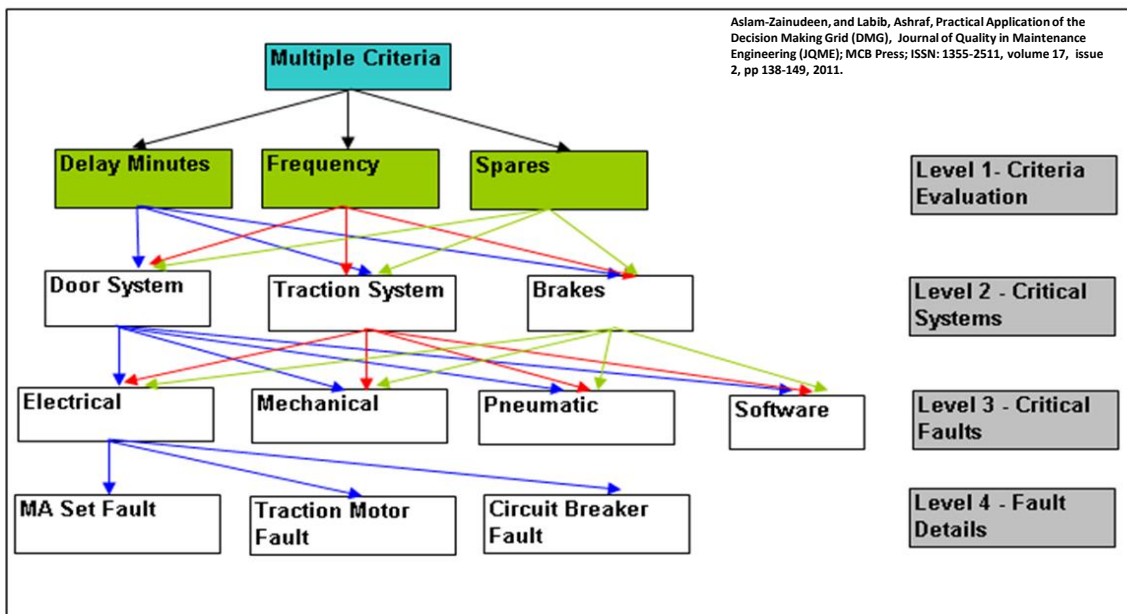


Figure 6: The Analytic Hierarchy Process for the FCC Class 319s

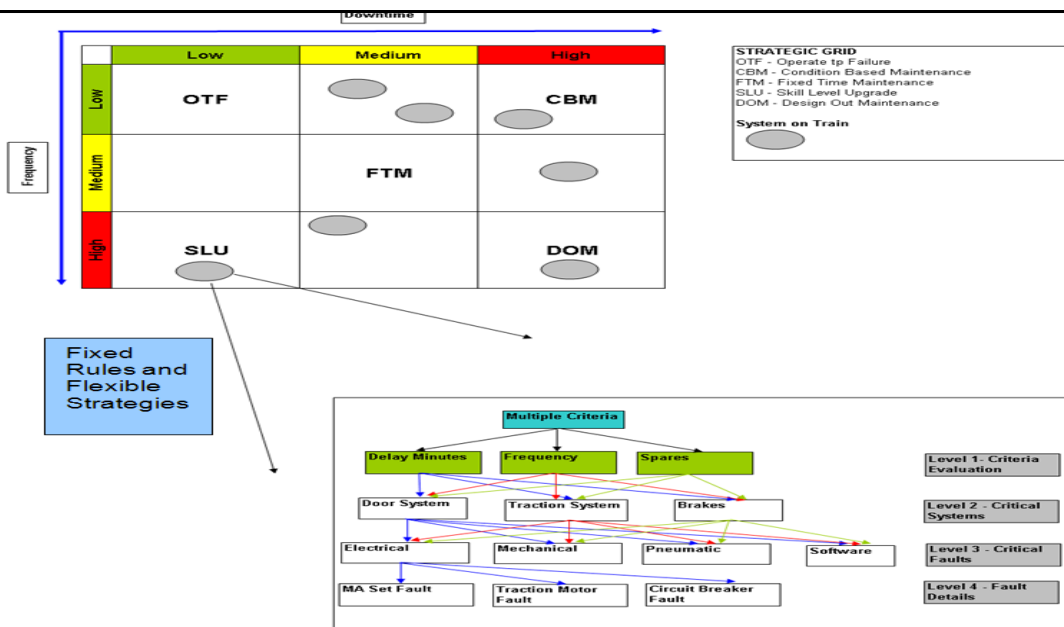


Figure 3: Holonic Maintenance System for First Capital Connect (based on Labib, 2004)

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### Conclusion:

It is concluded that the application of the DMG would assist FCC engineers in making decisions about what types of maintenance should be done and would also allow maintenance to be adapted to suit the changing real world performance of the fleets.

The advantages of ensuring maintenance work is prioritised in this manner would have the following advantages to FCC as a business:

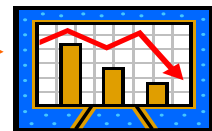
1. Lower downtime of the units.
2. Reduced maintenance costs because of focus on the most effective work that can be done.
3. Reduced impact on passenger services and therefore an improved corporate image in the eyes of the customer.
4. Increased profits through the increased availability of units for revenue earning service.
5. Increased reliability of the units because the worst performing systems are prioritised and the work carried out is adapted to deal with the root causes of the failures of these worst performing systems.
6. Reduced operating costs due to the reduction of failures in service.
7. Enables continuous improvement within FCC because after the first set of worst performing systems are improved, work on the next set of worst performing systems can be started.

Due to the similarities in the CMMSs used in other TOCs in the railway industry, it is also concluded that the application of the DMG would be worth considering in these TOCs in order to enable the realisation of the previously described benefits.

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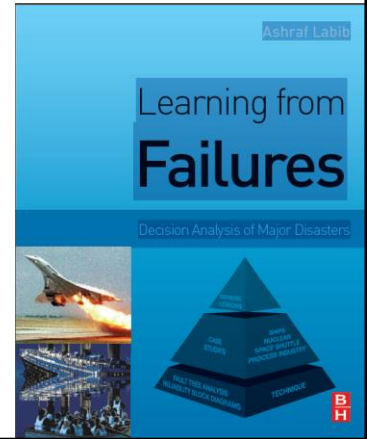
### Conclusion - The Revenue of a Company can be Improved by:

- Higher prices on products or reduction of raw material cost.
- Reduction of production – and maintenance costs.
- Increased productivity.
- High quality products.



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