

Inclusion of Radiation Effects in the NASA Reliability & Maintainability Standard

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

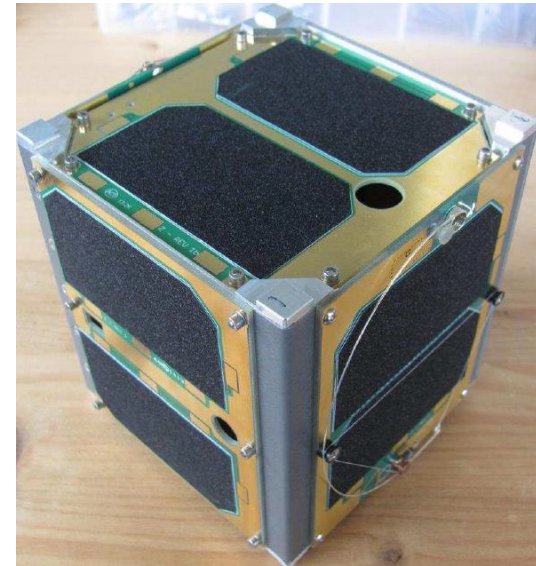


- **AMSAT: Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation**
 - **BN: Bayesian Network**
 - **COTS: Commercial Off-the-Shelf**
 - **GSN: Goal Structuring Notation**
 - **IUCF: Indiana University Cyclotron Facility**
 - **LEO: Low Earth Orbit**
 - **NASA: National Aeronautics and Space Administration**
 - **R&M: Reliability and Maintainability**
 - **REM: Experiment Board**
 - **RHA: Radiation Hardness Assurance**
 - **SEE: Single-Event Effects**
 - **SEFI: Single-Event Functional Interrupt**
 - **SEL: Single Event Latch-up**
 - **SEU: Single-Event Upset**
 - **SRAM: Static Random Access Memory**
 - **SysML: System Modeling Language**
 - **TID: Total Ionizing Dose**
 - **VUC: Controller Board**
 - **VUMC: Vanderbilt University Medical Center**
 - **WDT: Watchdog Timer**
 - **WDI: WDT Input**
 - **WDO: WDT Output**
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Motivation: CubeSats

- **CubeSats: Platform for affordable, quick-turn spaceflight**
 - Volume, mass, and power constraints
 - Use of rad-hard parts prohibitive
- **Traditional Radiation Hardness Assurance (RHA)**
 - System reliability based on parts reliability
- **Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) RHA**
 - System reliability based on system mitigation of part faults and failures

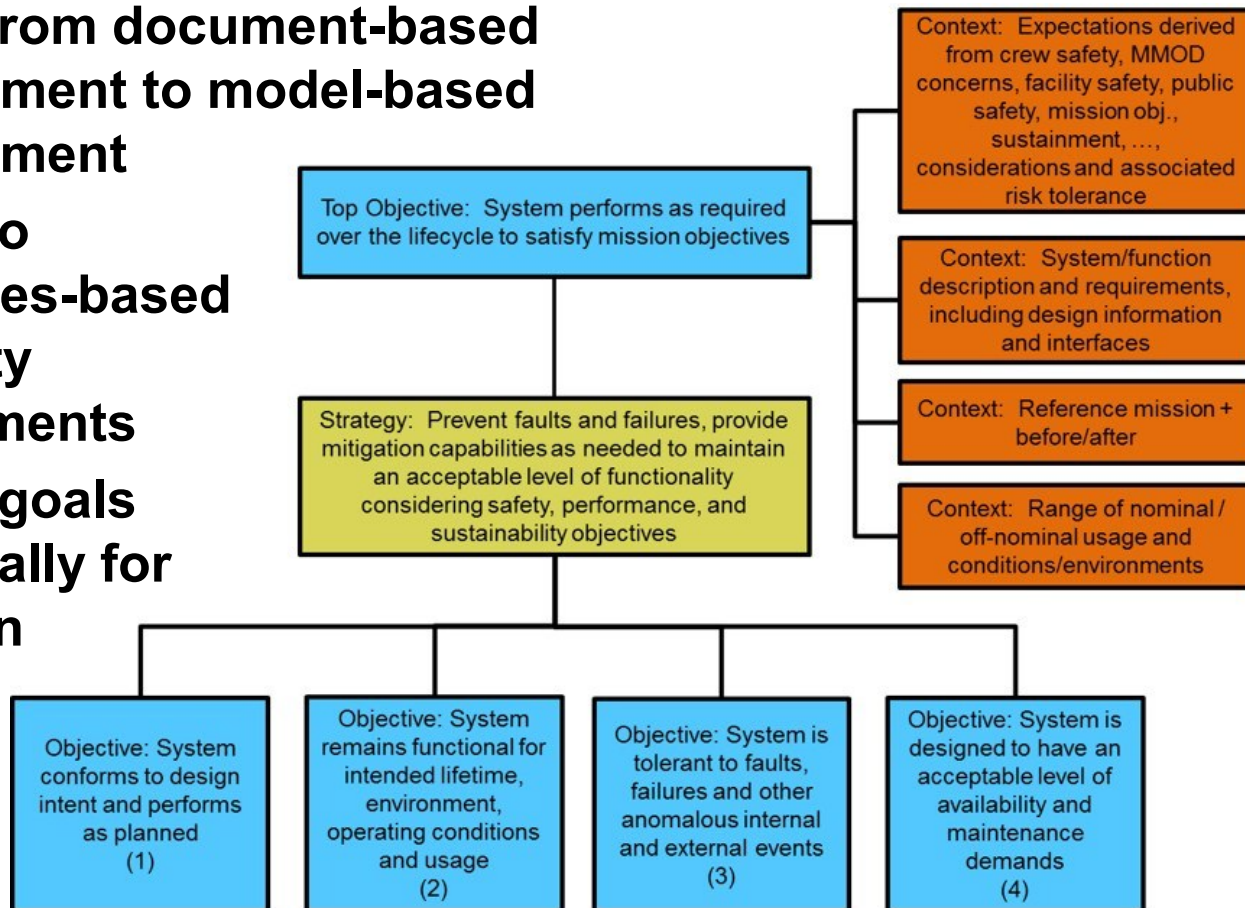


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Prototype (AMSAT)

Motivation: NASA Reliability & Maintainability (R&M) Hierarchy

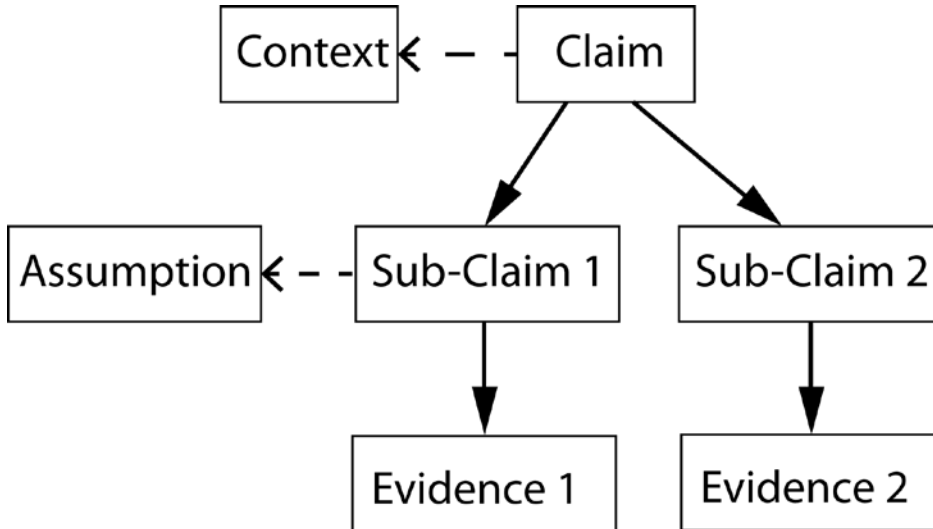


- Moves from document-based development to model-based development
- Moves to objectives-based reliability requirements
- Adding goals specifically for radiation effects





Graphical Assurance Cases



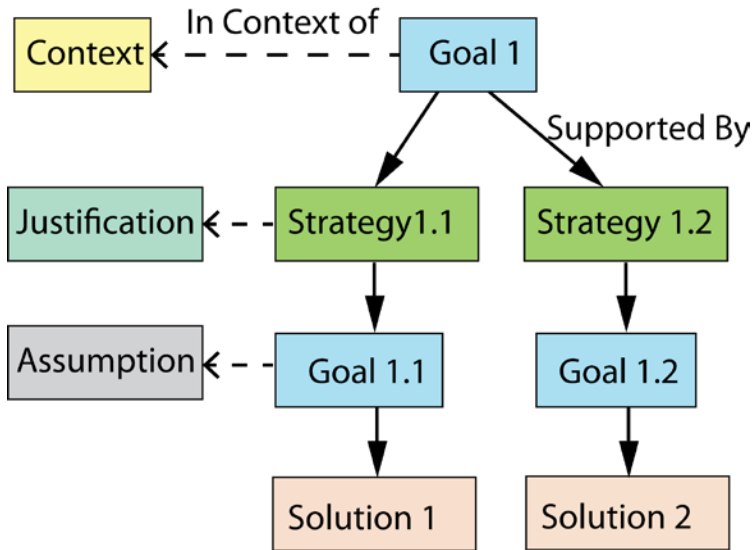
Argument: “A connected series of claims intended to support an overall claim.” [1]

Assurance Case: “A reasoned and compelling argument, supported by a body of evidence, that a system, service or organization will operate as intended for a defined application in a defined environment.” [1]

[1] GSN Community Standard Version 1 2011



Goal Structuring Notation (GSN)



Colors/Shapes
Denote Function

GSN is a visual representation of a hierarchy of claims [1]

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Goal=Claim

Strategy=Inference

Solution=Evidence

Context=Background

Justification=Rationale

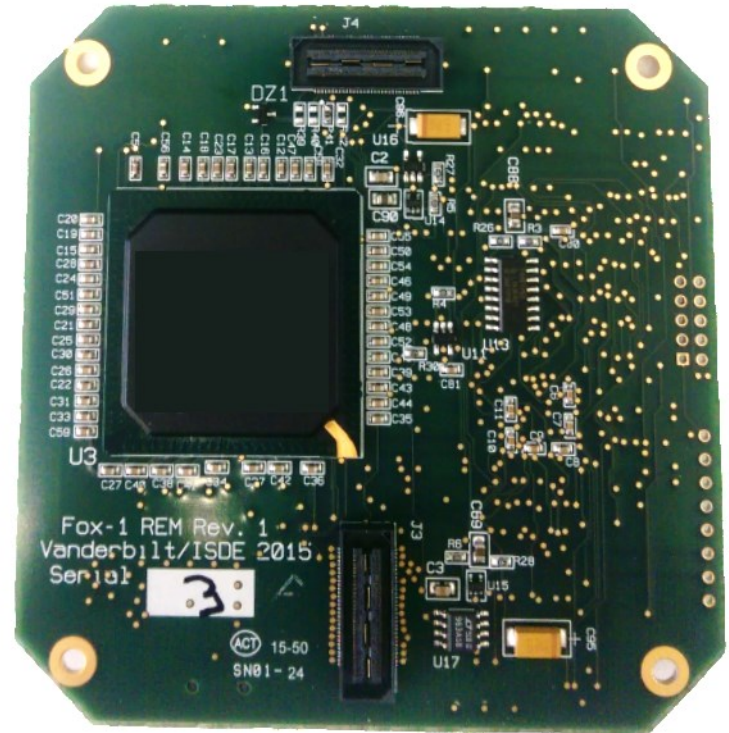
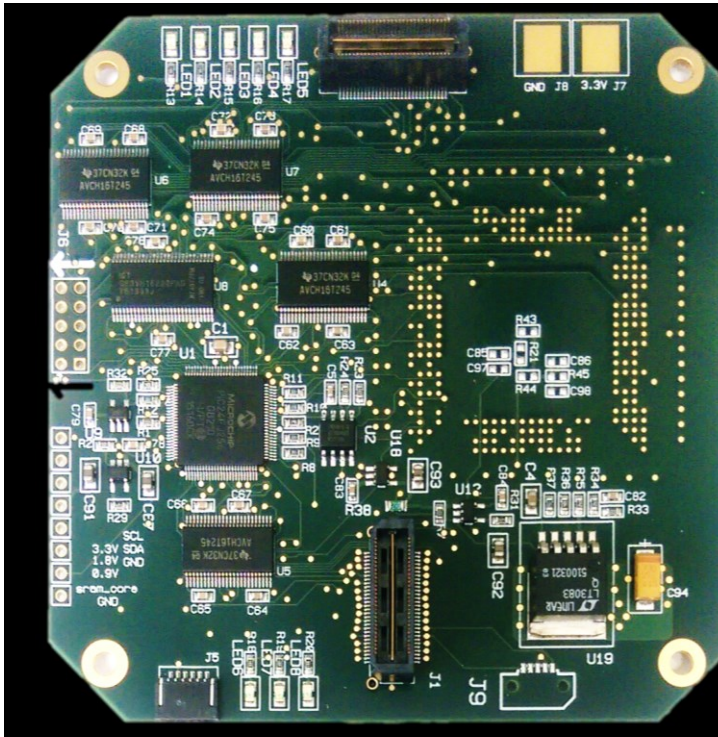
Assumption=Unsubstantiated Claim

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CubeSat Experiment

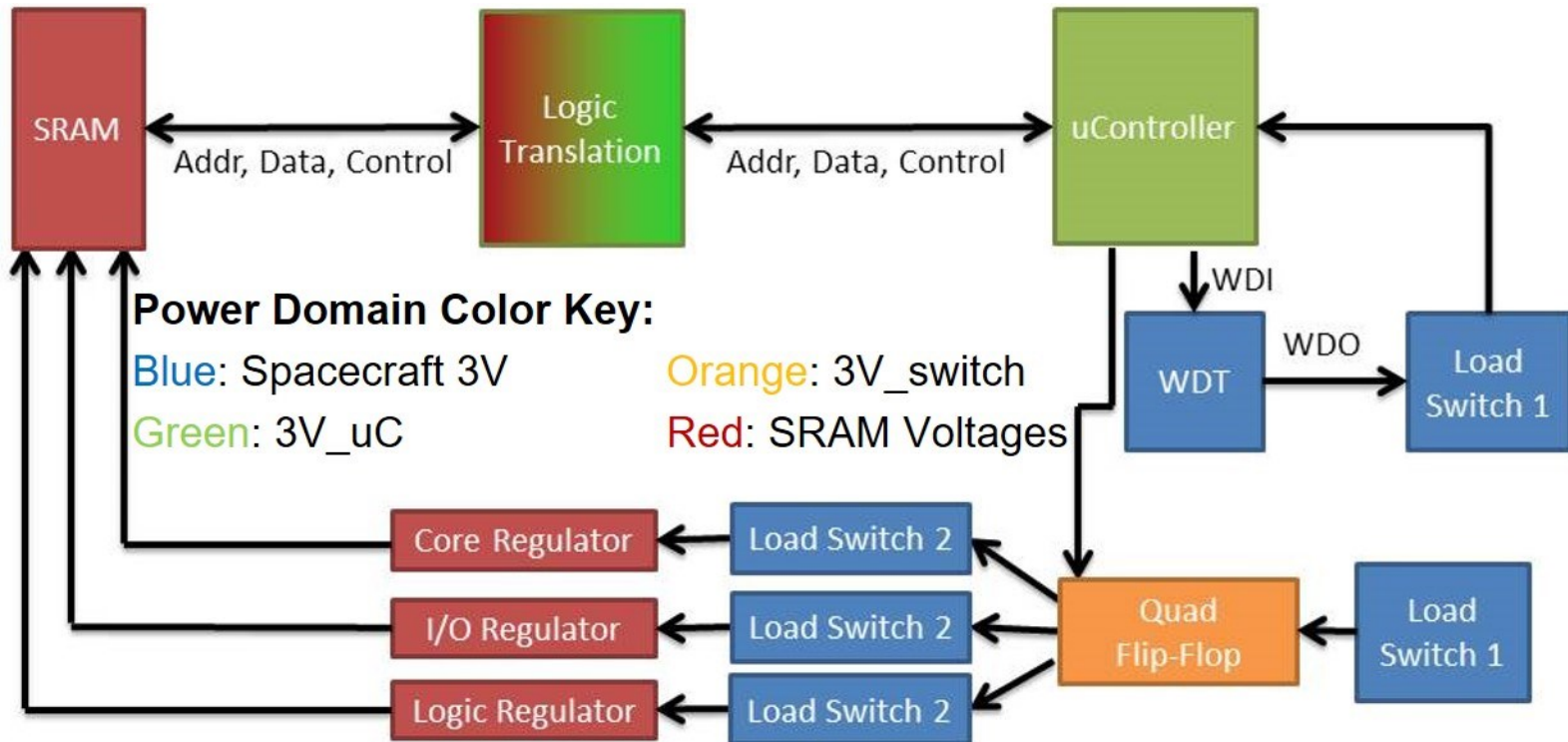
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CubeSat Experiment Block Diagram

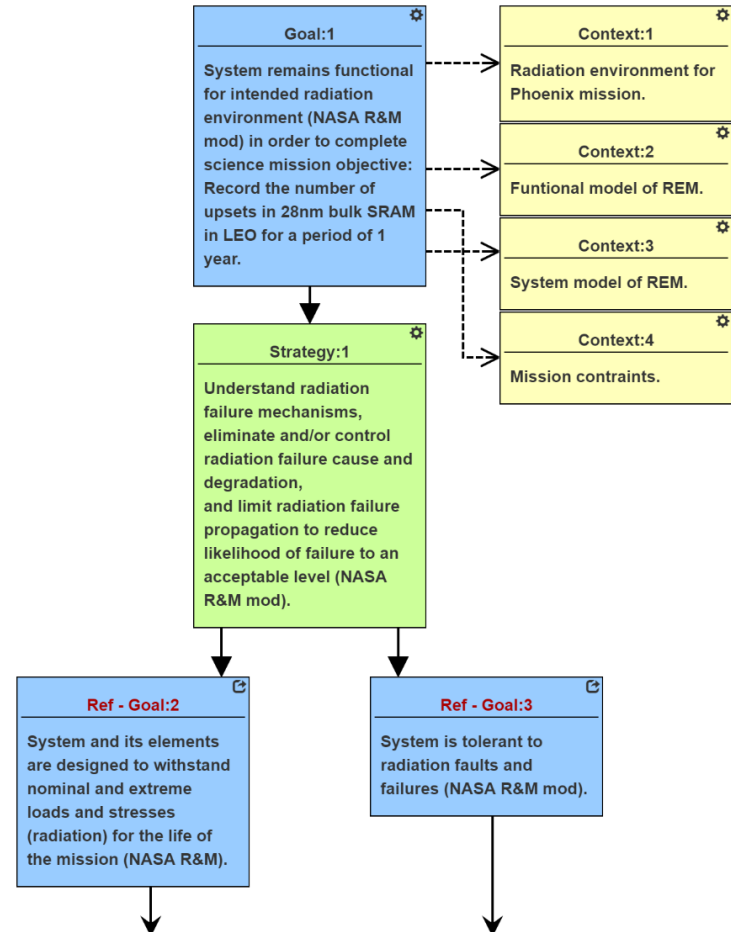
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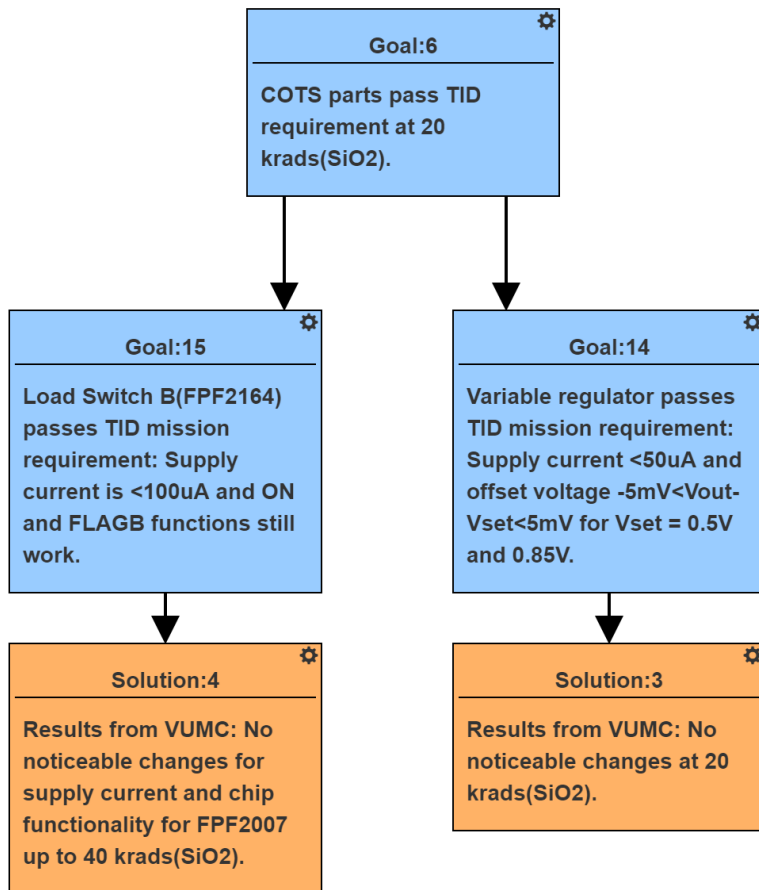
CubeSat Experiment Top Level GSN Model



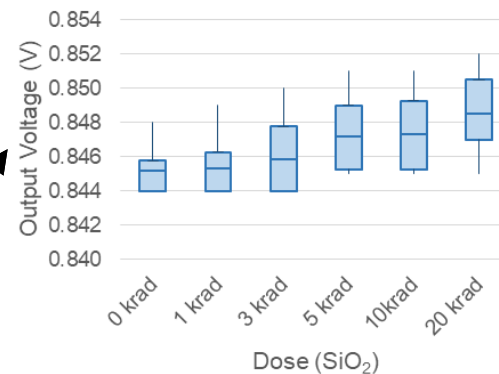
- **Top level goal: Based on top level goal of R&M hierarchy, adds specific science mission objective**
- **Sub-goals: Use both part-level radiation tolerance and system-level radiation tolerance to achieve top level goal**



CubeSat Experiment GSN Model for Part-Level Mitigation Test Results



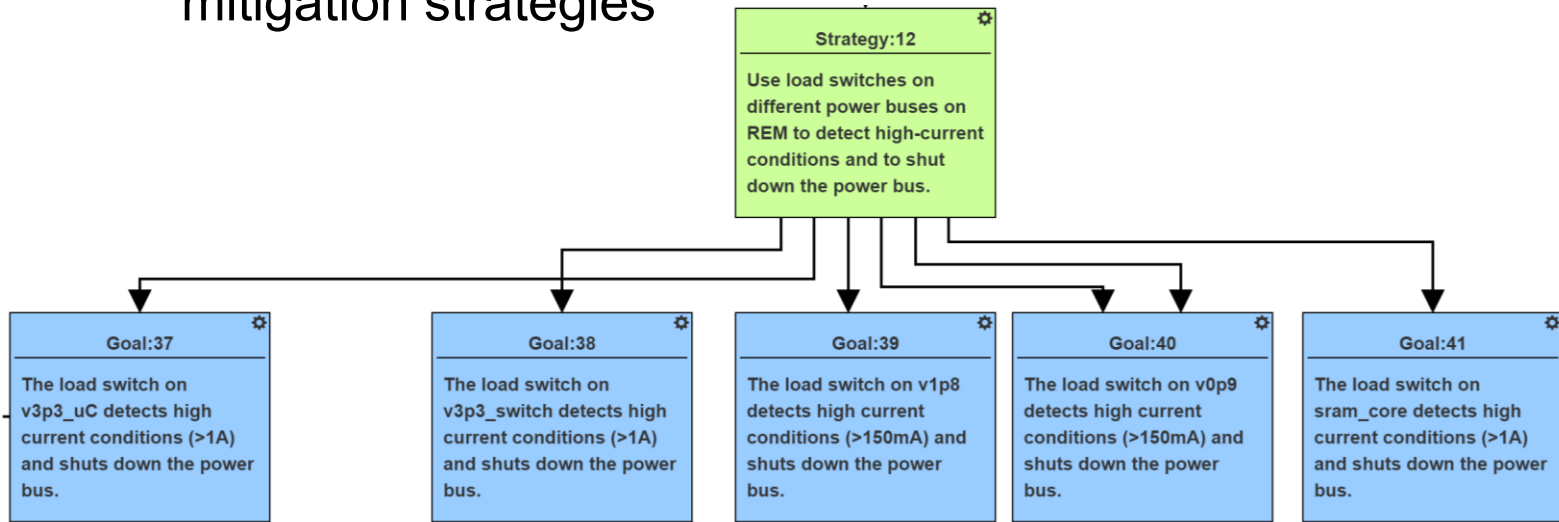
Output Voltage Setting
0.85V



CubeSat Experiment Design Changes from use of GSN



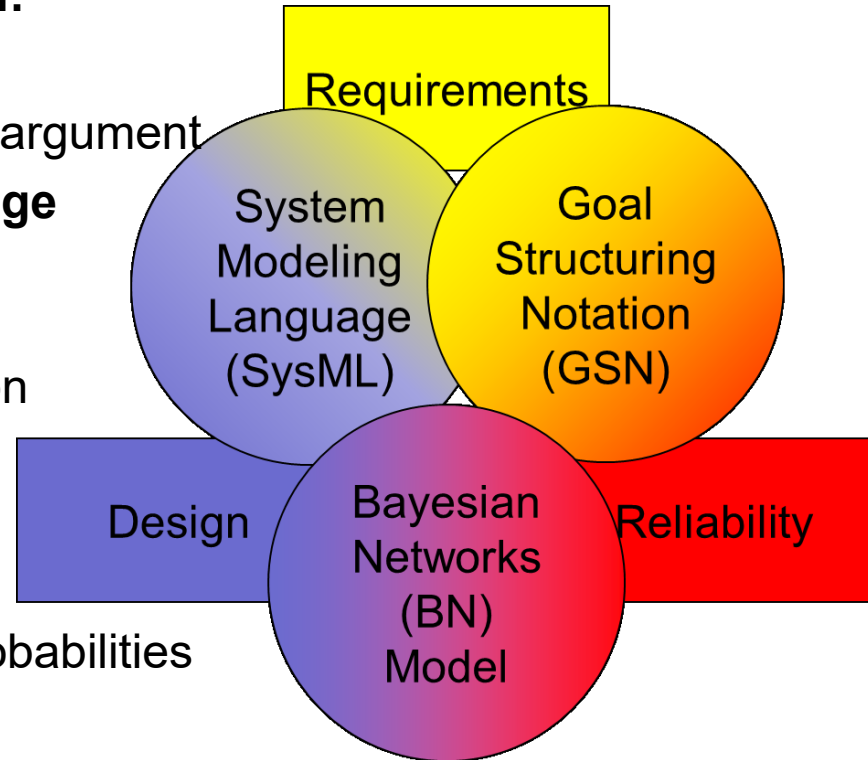
- **Missing load switched identified**
 - Discovered during creation of argument for the system mitigation of latch-up events
- **Influenced future experiment board designs**
 - Addition of system level telemetry to evaluate mitigation strategies



Integrated System Design for Radiation Environments



- **Goal Structuring Notation:**
 - R&M Template
 - Visual representation of argument
- **System Modeling Language (SysML):**
 - Specification of systems through standard notation
- **Bayesian Network (BN)**
 - Nodes describe probabilities of states
 - Calculate conditional probabilities from observations

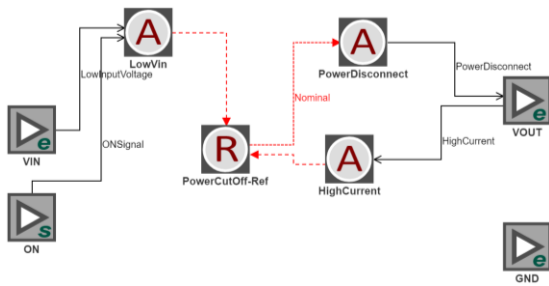




Overview of Modeling Languages Used

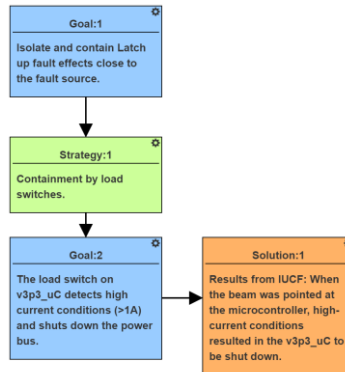
SysML+Fault Modeling

- Extends SysML with fault propagation models
- "[F]aults" cause "[A]nomalies", potentially triggering "[R]esponses"



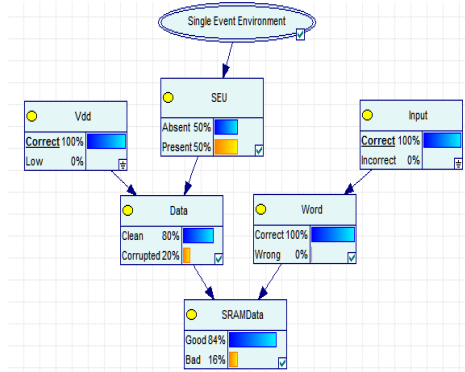
GSN

- Arguments show mitigation measures to address faults and anomalies



BN Model

- Captures probabilities that faults result in anomalies



Integrated System Design for Radiation Environments



- **R&M Hierarchy (using the GSN modeling language) provides the connection between Requirements and Reliability**

- **Developing models between**

- Design and Requirements and adding fault propagation
- Design and Reliability

- **Applying to same CubeSat experiment board**

- Considerations for the use of COTS and related mitigation strategies

