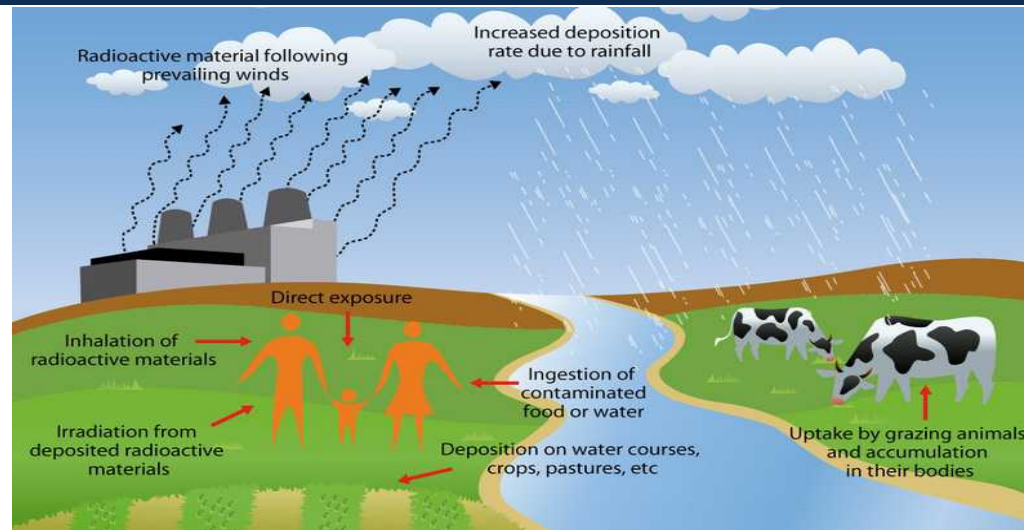


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Performing Consequence Analysis for Multi-Unit/Spent Fuel Pool Source Terms

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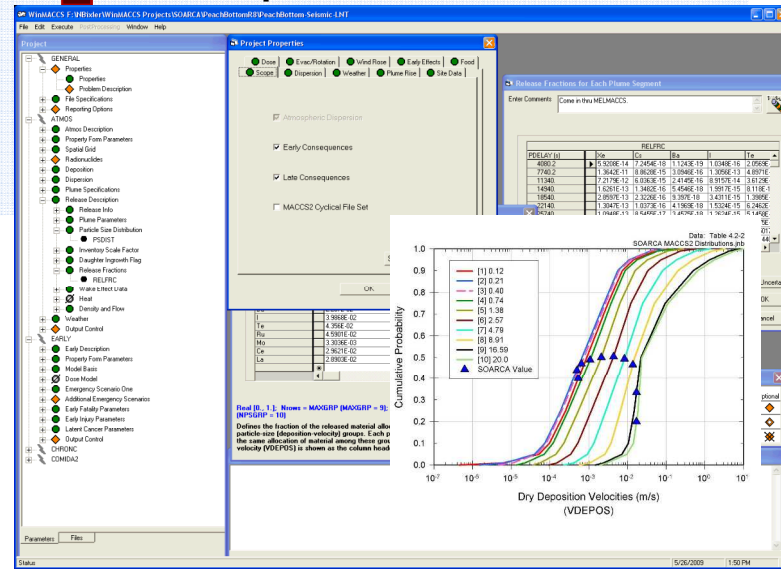
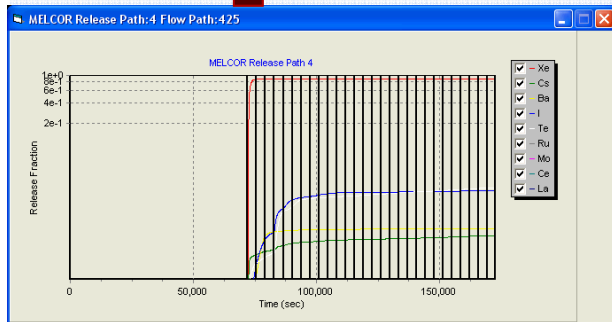
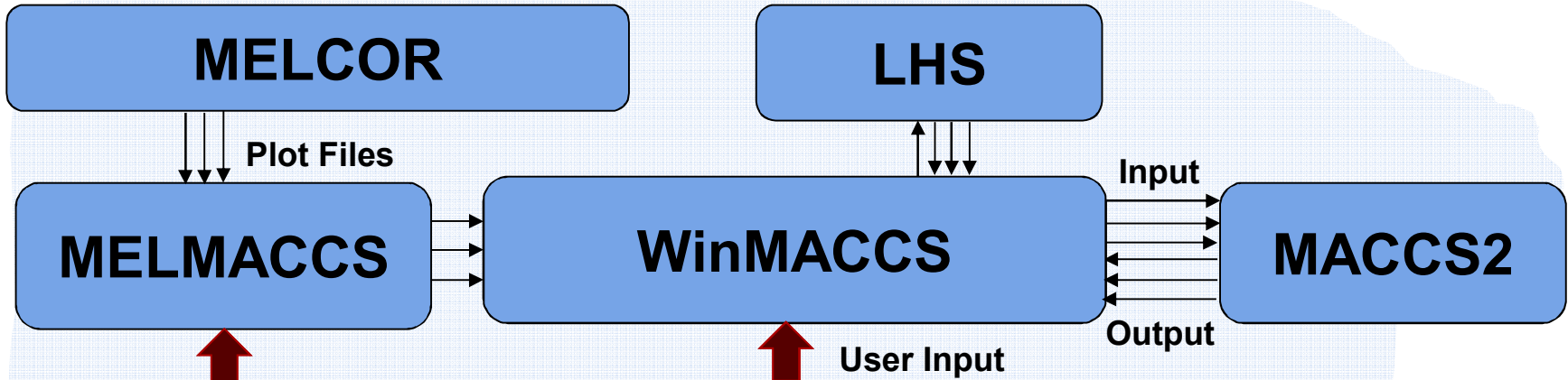
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Outline

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WinMACCS Calculation Framework for a Level-3 PSA Analysis



Requirements to Support Multi-Unit Consequence Analyses

- Ability to treat multiple, overlapping source terms
 - Different accident initiation times
 - Different release signatures
 - Different isotopic inventories
- Spent fuel pools present a special case
 - Multiple fuel cooling times (different inventories)
 - Release signature may be a function of cooling time
- Overall release may continue for more than a week

Concepts for Multi-Unit Consequence Analysis

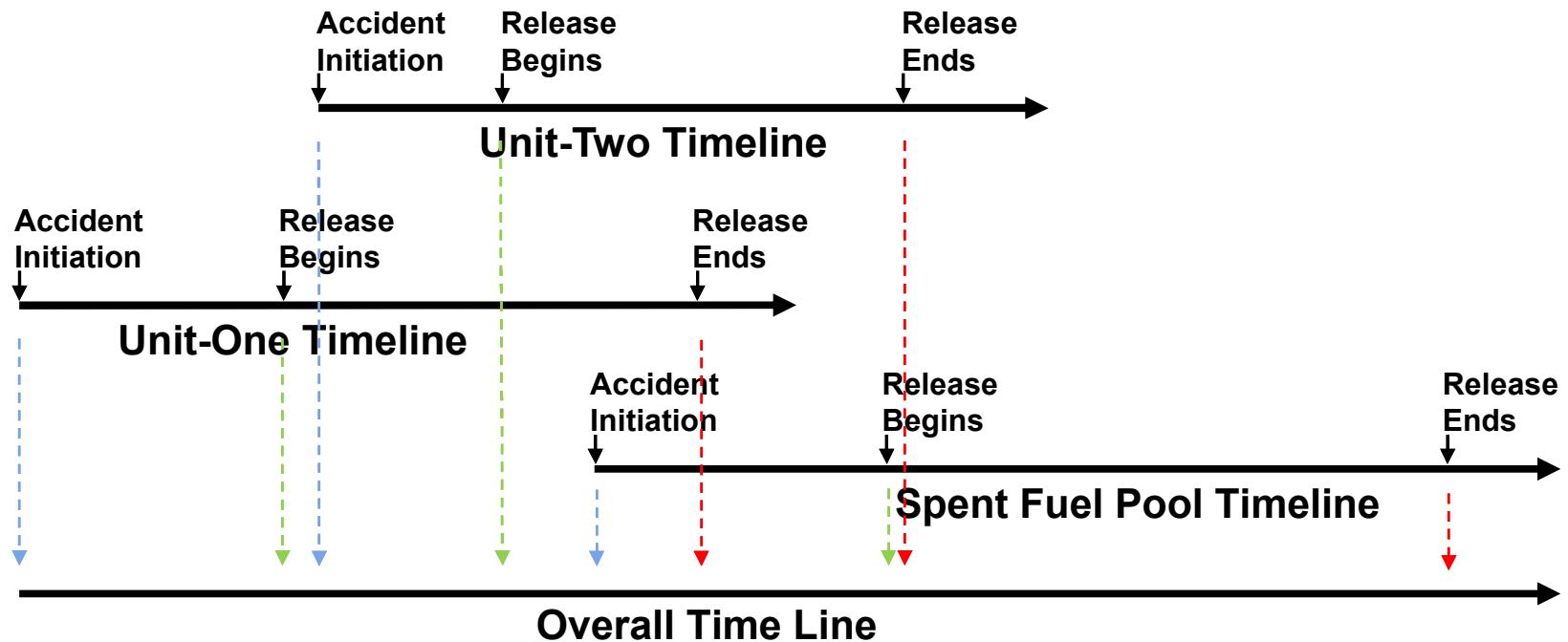
Source Terms

- Multiple source terms can generally be evaluated independently
 - Initiating events may be simultaneous or time-offset
 - Initiating events may be common cause, dependent, or independent
 - Units may share equipment
- Source term is estimated for each unit and spent fuel pool
 - When initiating events are time-offset, offset may be variable or uncertain

Concepts for Multi-Unit Consequence Analysis

Multiple Timelines

- Accident initiation times (i.e., reactor shutdown) can differ between units
- Radioactive decay begins at shutdown at each unit
- Release timing is relative to reactor shutdown
- Each release is represented by multiple plume segments



Concepts for Multi-Unit Consequence Analysis

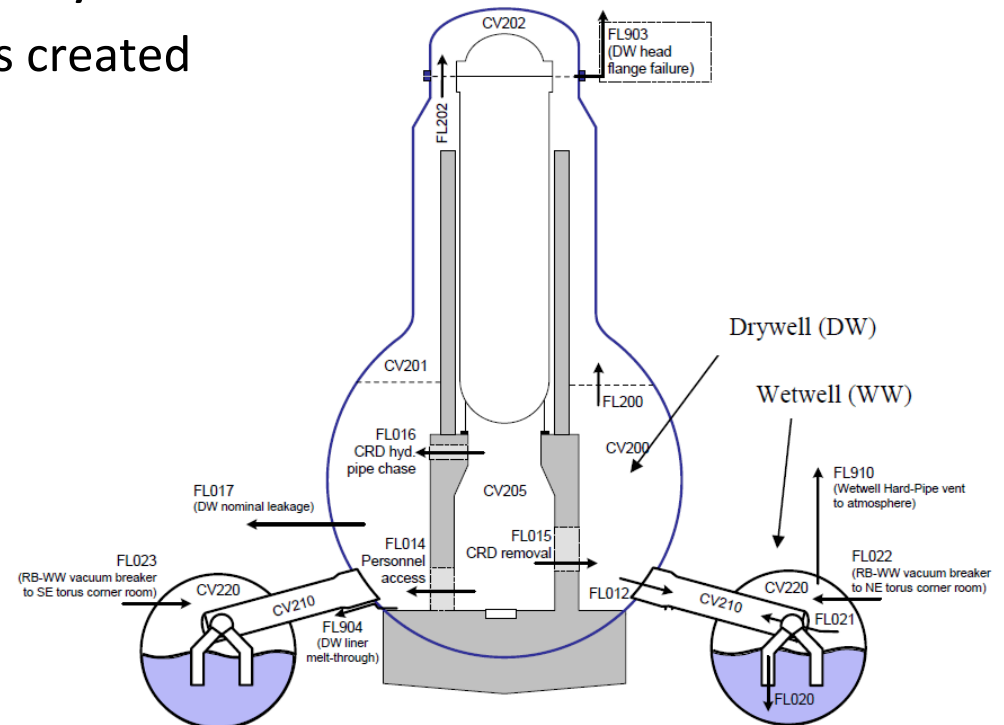
Multiple Inventories

- Release fractions are relative to inventory
 - MELCOR does not model isotopic inventories
 - Fission product behavior is calculated by chemical class, e.g., Cs, I,...
 - Tracks masses of chemical groups
 - Tracks decay heat associated with chemical groups
- MELCOR was modified to better treat spent fuel pools
 - Release fractions can be estimated by ring
 - MelMACCS can associate each ring with a different isotopic inventory
- A general treatment needs to associate release fractions with a specific inventory

Process for Multi-Unit Consequence Analysis

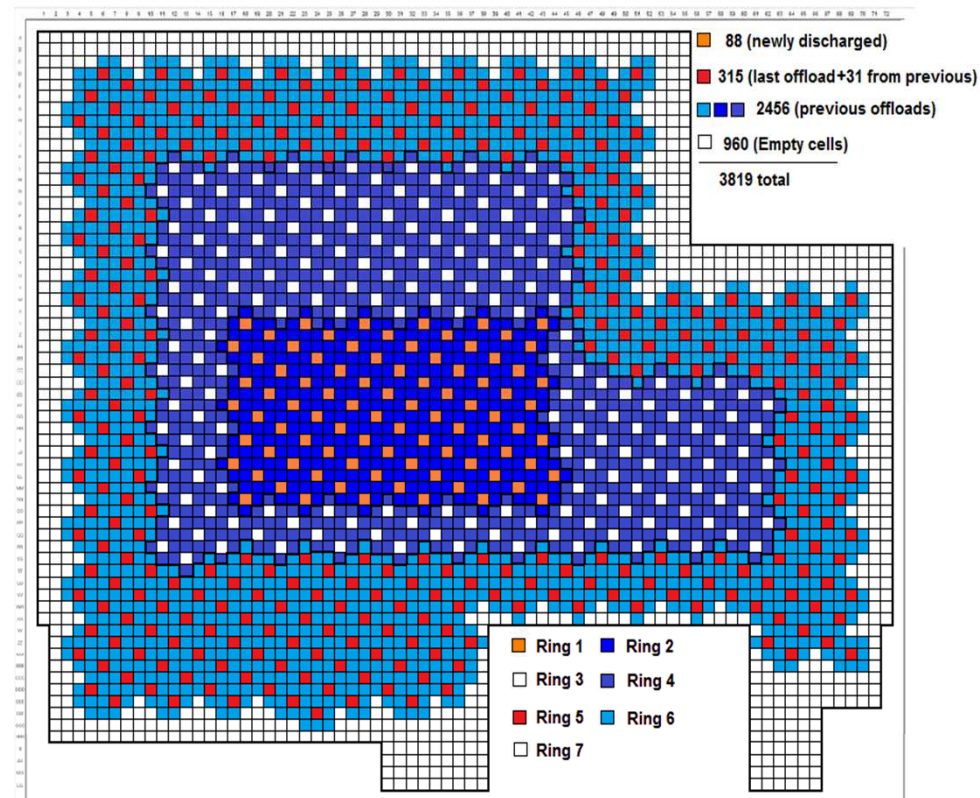
Unit Source Terms

- For each unit
 - An isotopic inventory is calculated or estimated with ORIGEN
 - Release fractions are estimated for each chemical class by MELCOR
- MelMACCS is run separately for each unit
 - A single source term file is created
 - Isotopic inventory
 - Release fractions



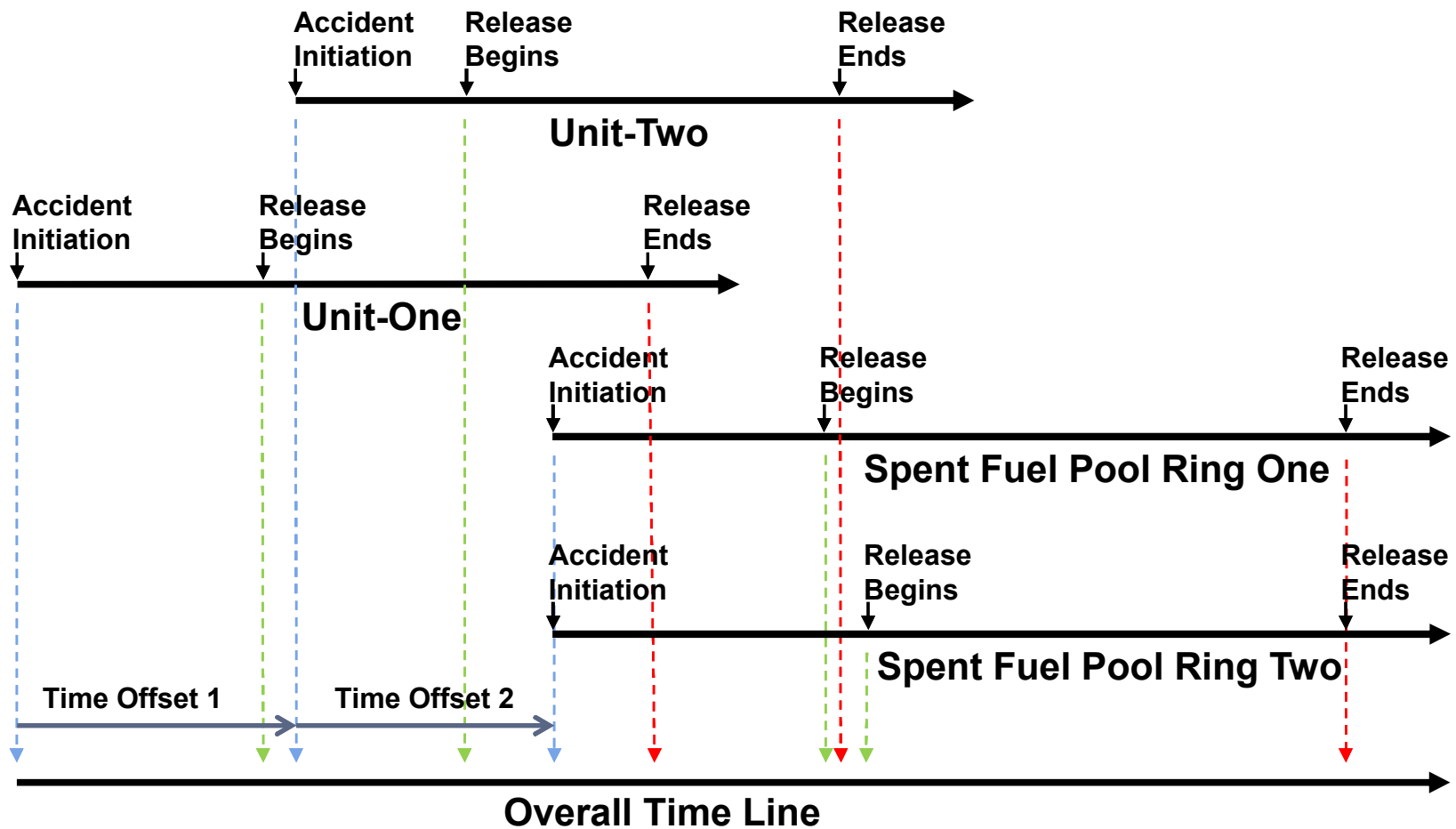
Process for Multi-Unit Consequence Analysis Spent Fuel Pool Source Terms

- For each spent fuel pool
 - An isotopic inventory is estimated for each ring with ORIGEN
 - Release fractions are calculated by chemical class and by ring with MELCOR
- MelMACCS is run once for a spent fuel pool
 - Separate source term files are based on release fractions by ring



Process for Multi-Unit Consequence Analysis Integrating Multiple Source Terms

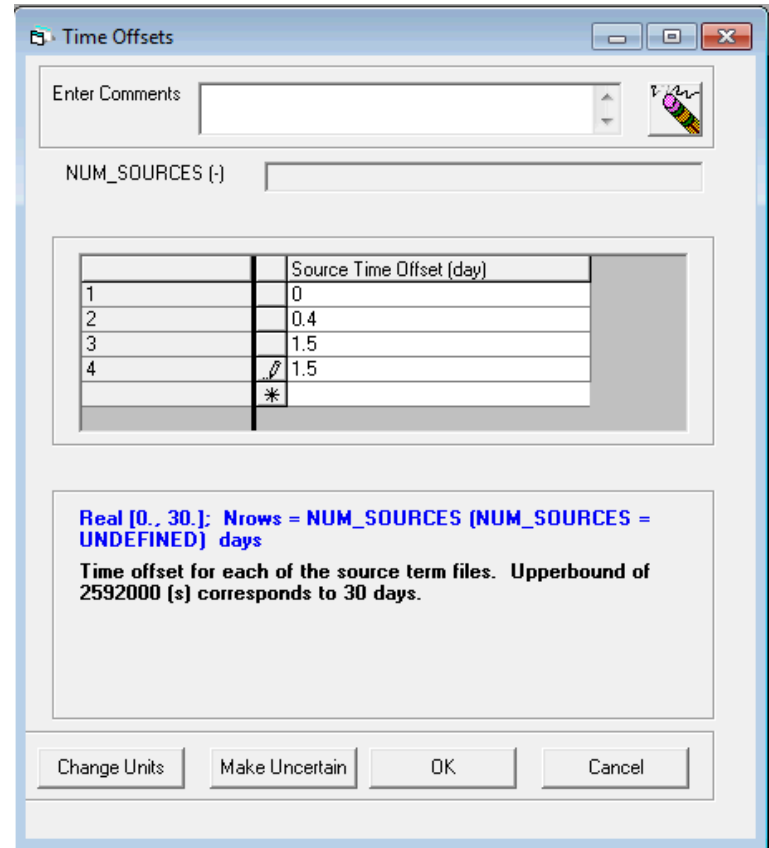
- Time offsets account for delays between initiating events
- Radioactive decay is relative to each initiating event



Process for Multi-Unit Consequence Analysis

Calculating Consequences

- User enters times for each initiating event
- MACCS calculates atmospheric transport and dispersion for each unit or spent fuel pool
- Results are superposed to estimate consequences



Time Offsets

Enter Comments

NUM_SOURCES ()

	Source Time Offset (day)
1	0
2	0.4
3	1.5
4	1.5
	*

Real [0.. 30.]: Nrows = NUM_SOURCES (NUM_SOURCES = UNDEFINED) days

Time offset for each of the source term files. Upperbound of 2592000 (s) corresponds to 30 days.

Change Units Make Uncertain OK Cancel

Summary

- A framework has been developed for evaluating multi-unit accident
- A source term is calculated independently for each unit
- Multiple source terms are calculated for a spent fuel pool
- WinMACCS/MACCS integrates the source terms into a single calculation