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## Probabilistic Safety Analysis

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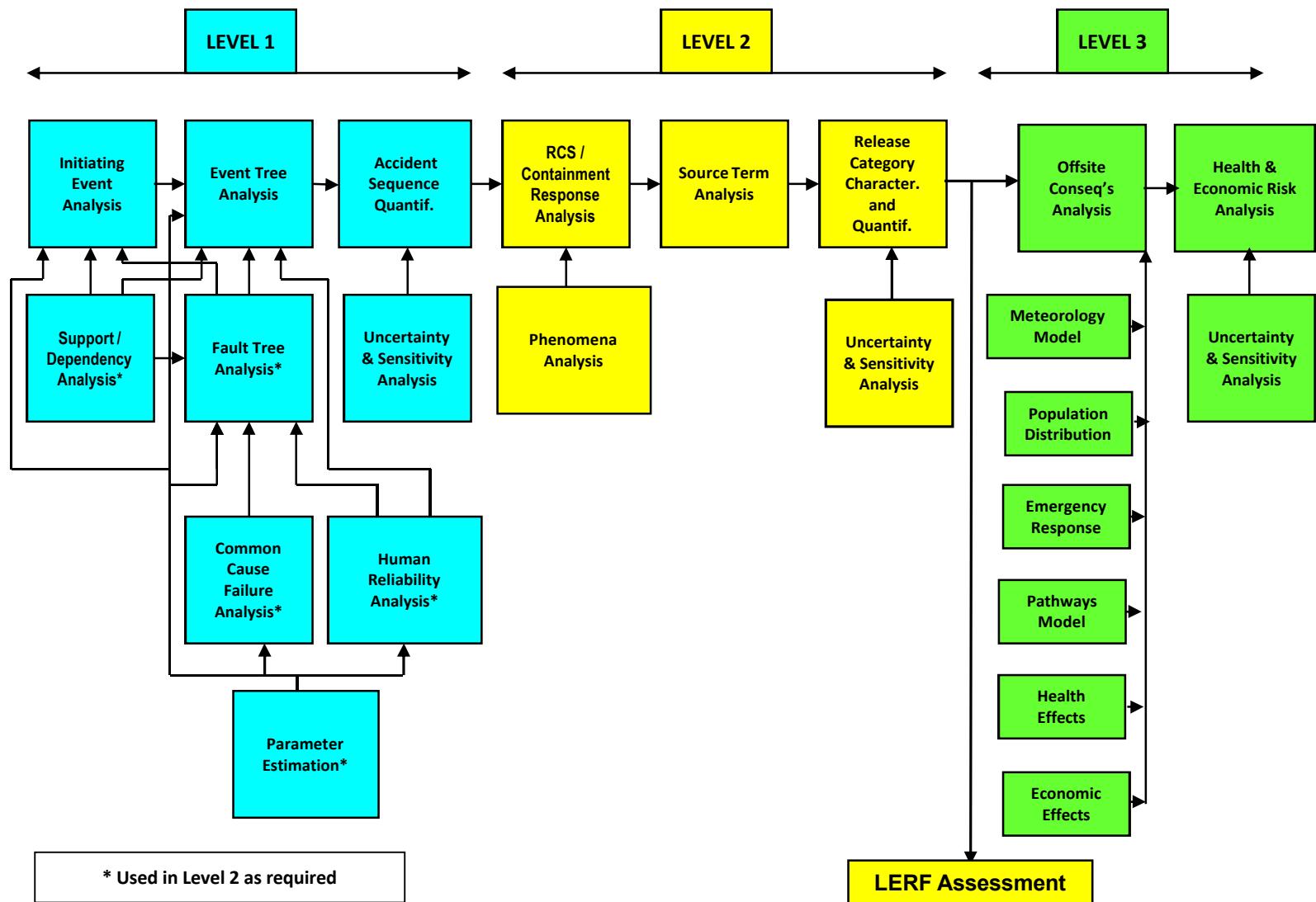
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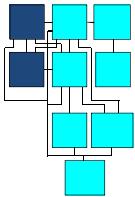


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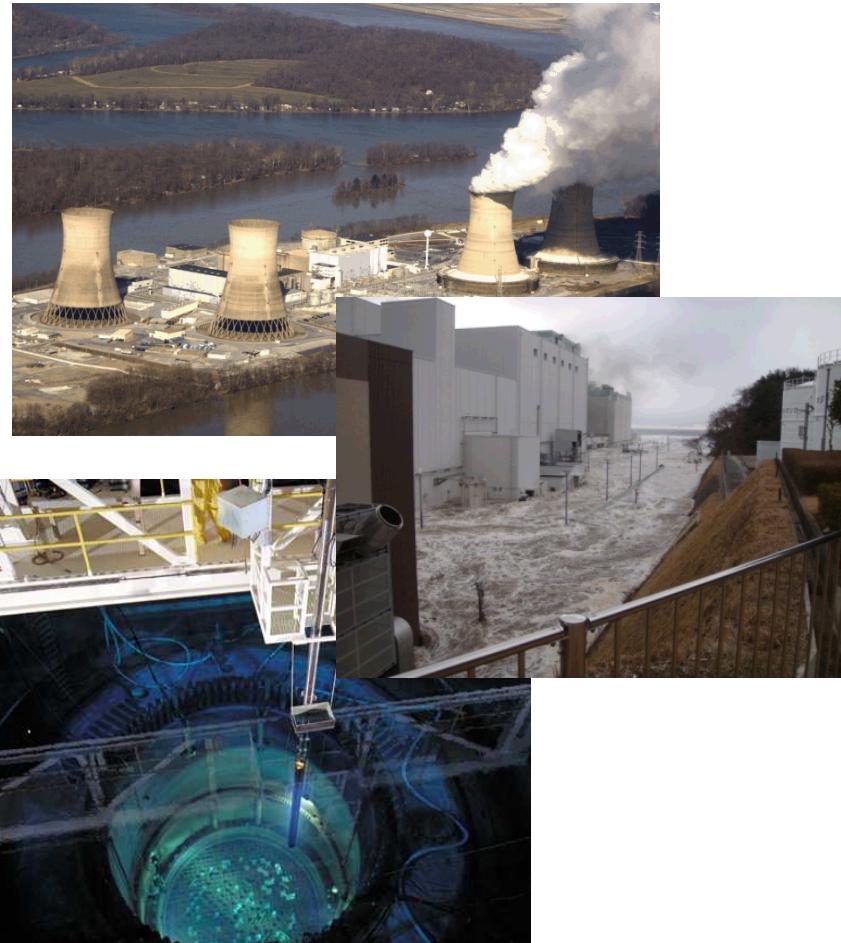
# Principal Steps in a Probabilistic Safety Analysis (PSA)

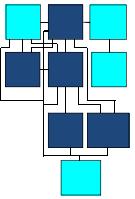




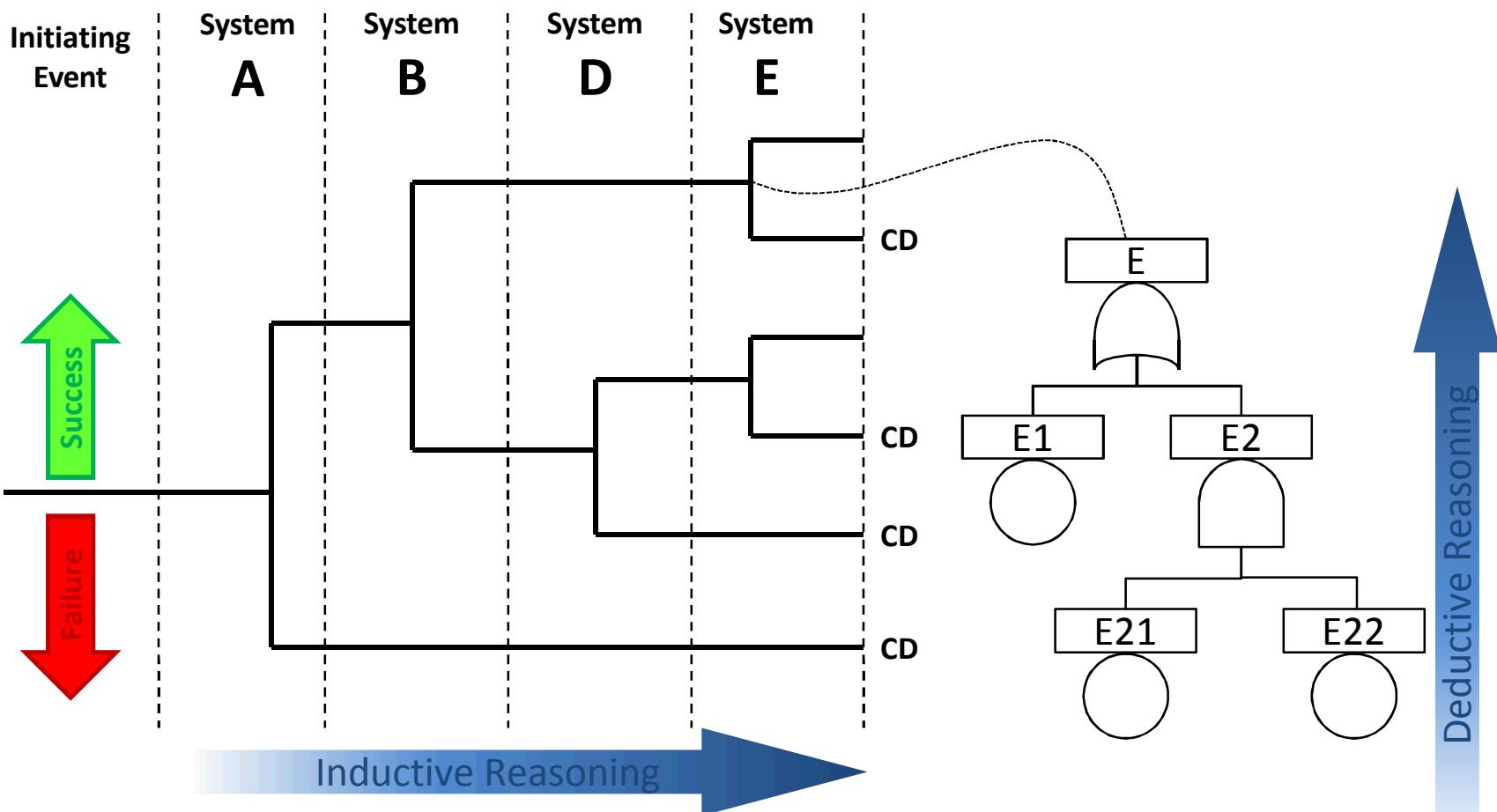
# Types of Initiating Event

- Internal
  - Transients
  - Loss of coolant
  - Support system failures
  - Fire
- External
  - Seismic
  - Flood
  - Weather
- Operating State
  - Full power
  - Low power and shut down

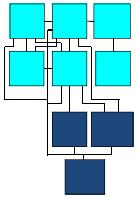




# Event Tree and Fault Tree Analysis

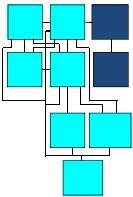


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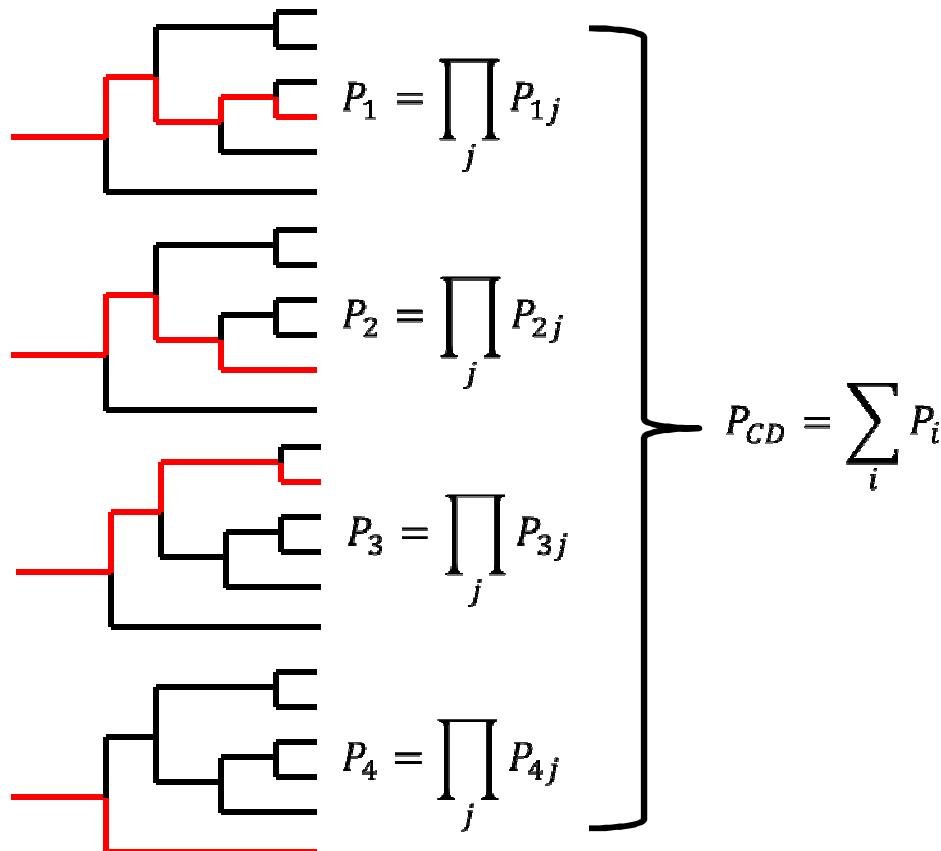


# Data Analysis

- Sources
  - Generic data
  - Plant-specific data
- Specific challenges
  - Common cause failures
  - Human reliability
  - Time dependency
- Uncertainty
  - Random
  - State of knowledge

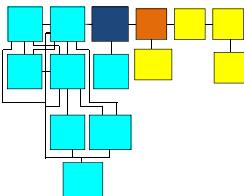


# Accident Sequence Quantification



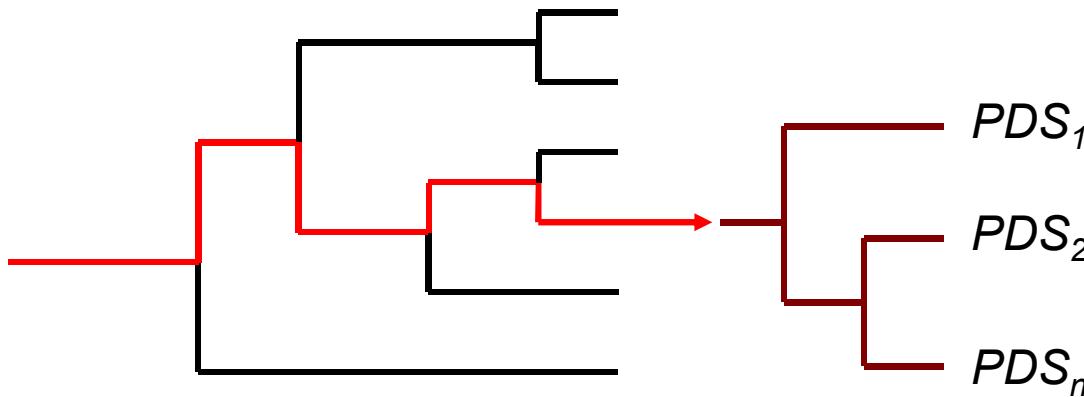
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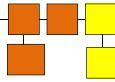
- Regulatory Metric
- Insufficient for accident progression analysis



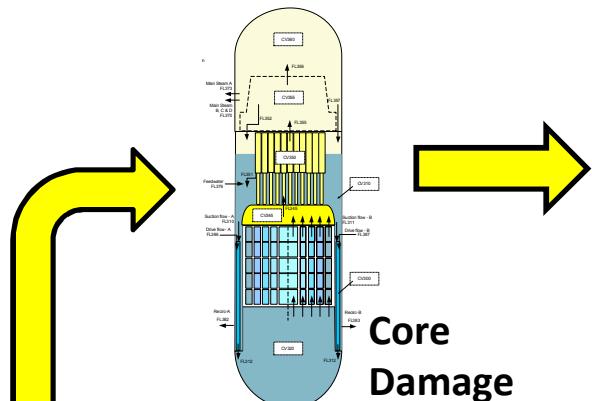
# Plant Damage State

- Core damage insufficient for accident progression analysis
  - Containment status
  - Status of ignored systems

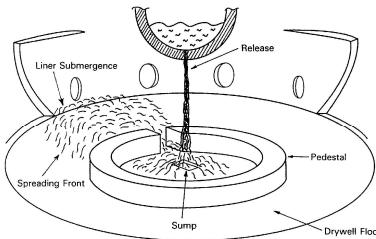




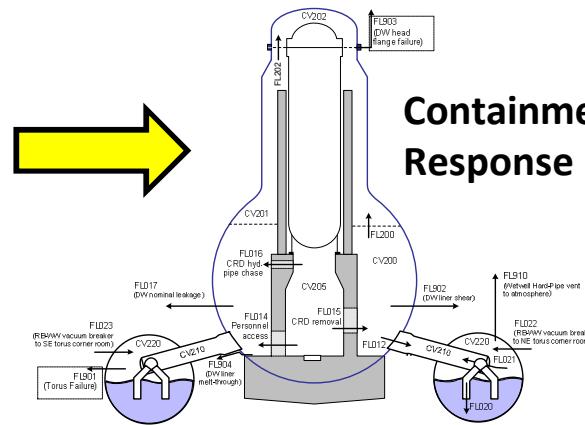
# Source Term Analysis



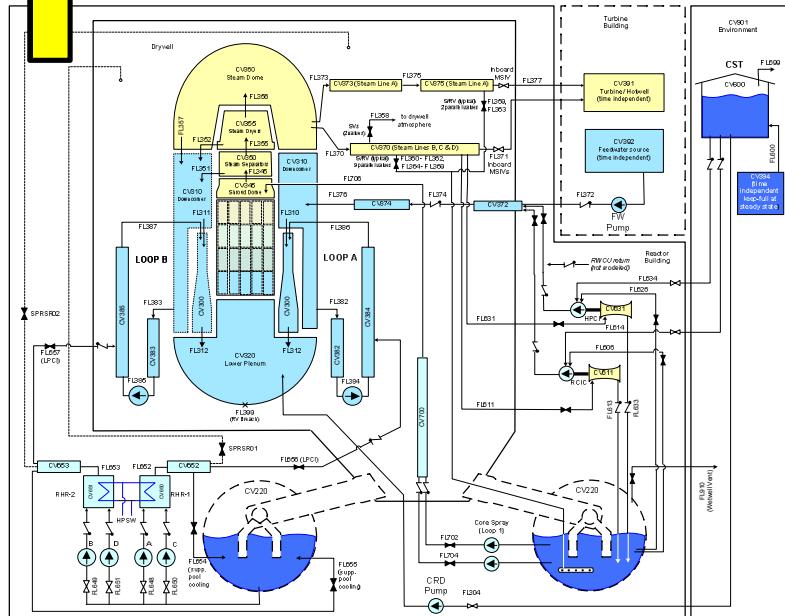
# Core Damage



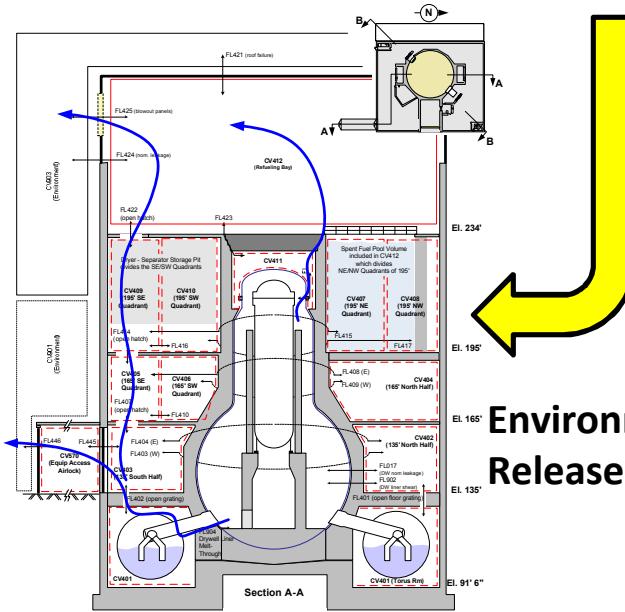
## Vessel Release



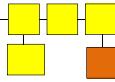
# Containment Response



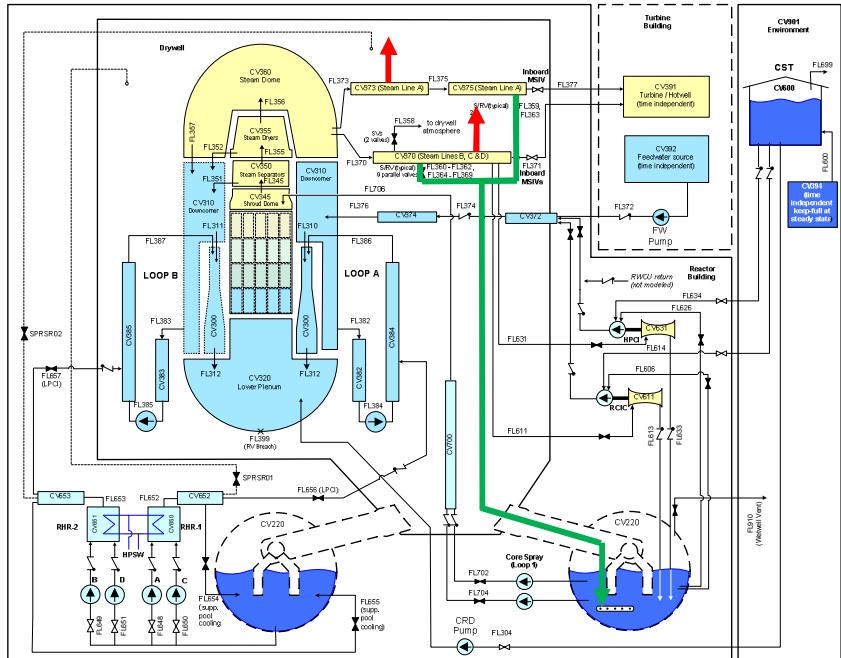
## System Thermal Hydraulic Response



# 165<sup>1</sup> Environmental Release

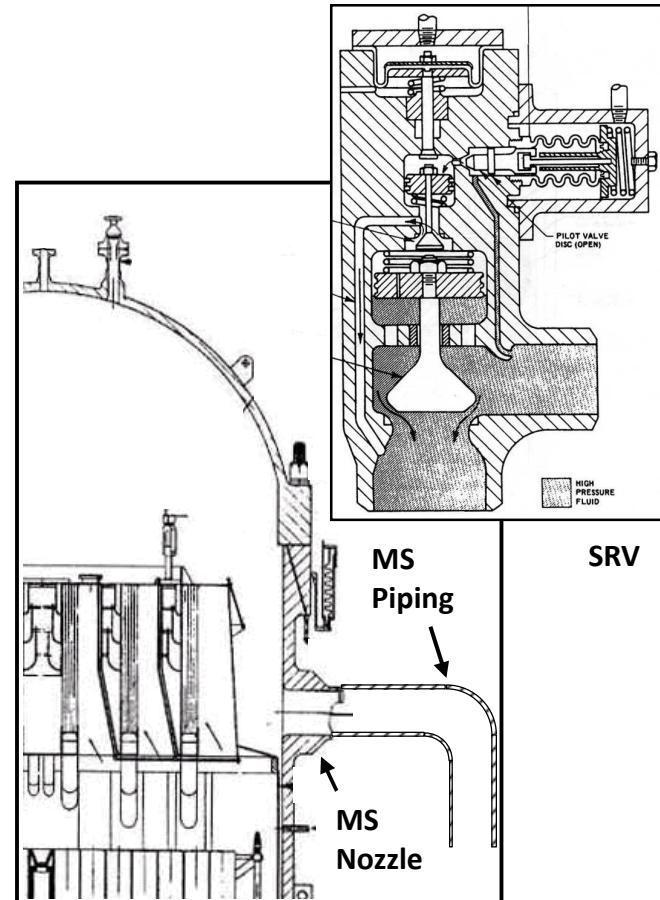


# Uncertainty and Sensitivity Analysis

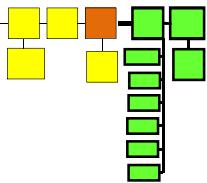


Main Steam (MS) Lines  
vent to the drywell  
(unscrubbed release)

## Safety Release Valves (SRVs)

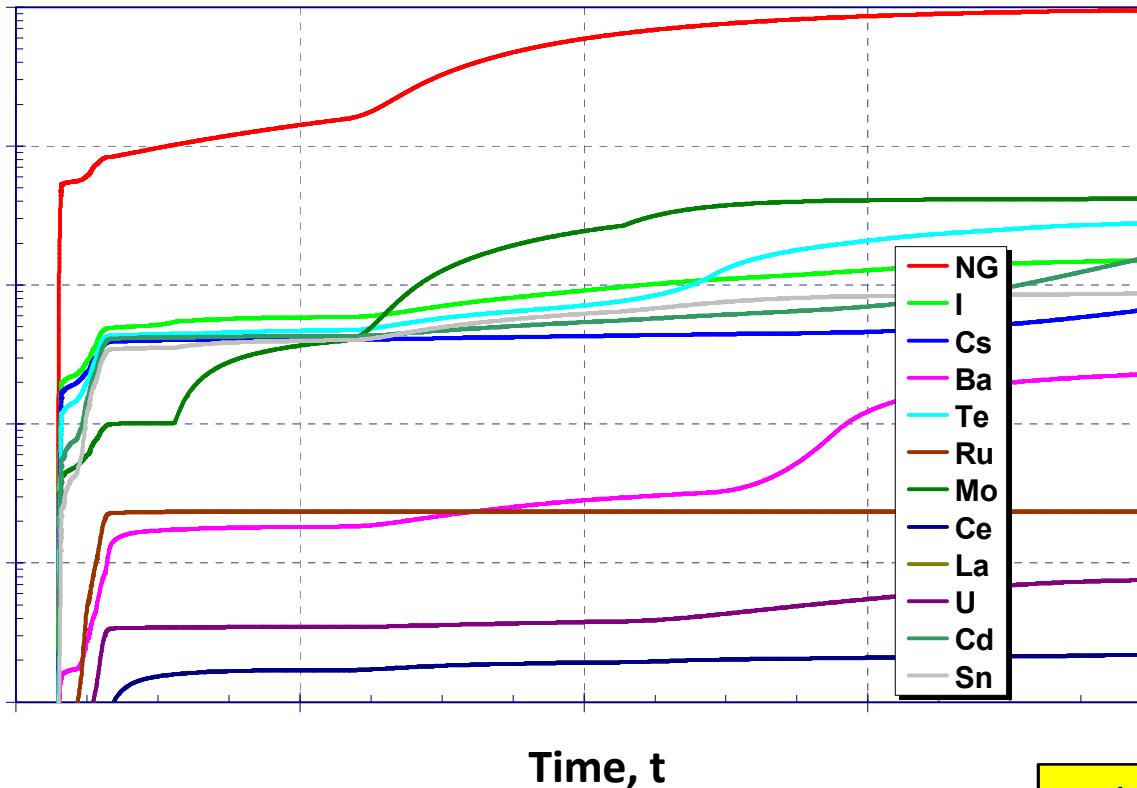


## General Electric Mark-1 Boiling Water Reactor Example

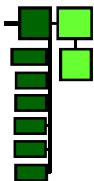


# Release Quantification

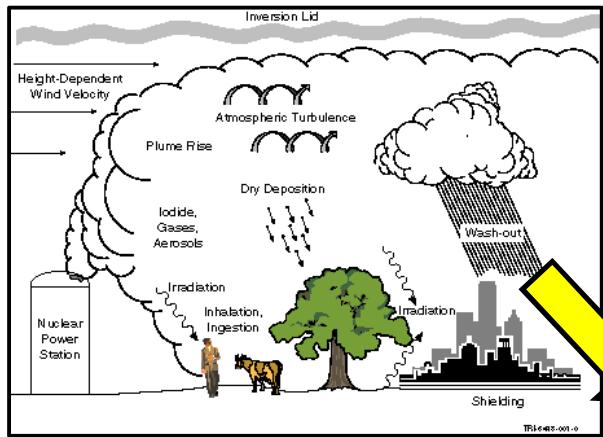
Environmental Release,  
% of core inventory



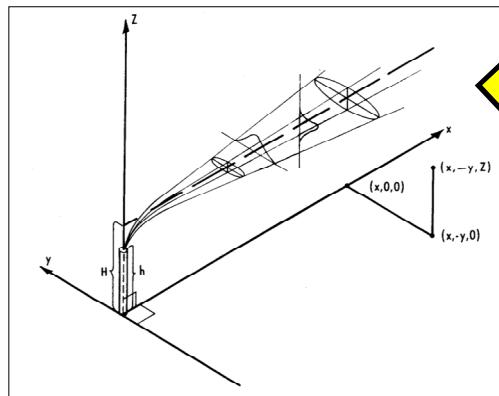
+ Elevation  
+ Release Energy



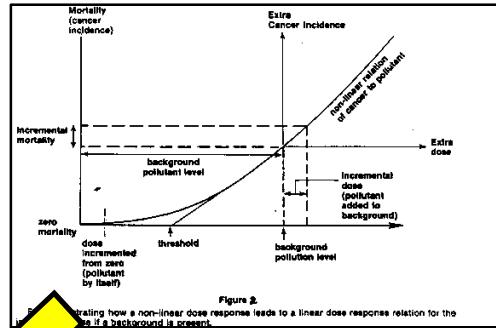
# Offsite Consequence Analysis



Deposition and Exposure Pathway

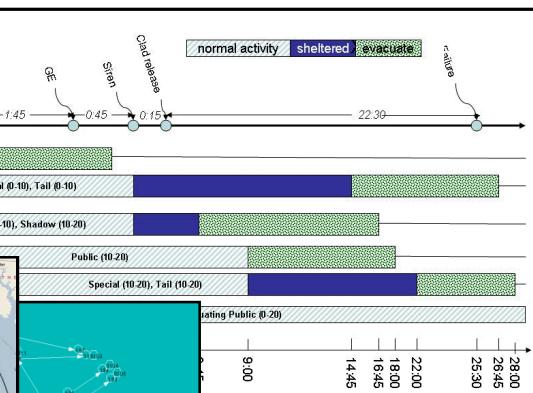
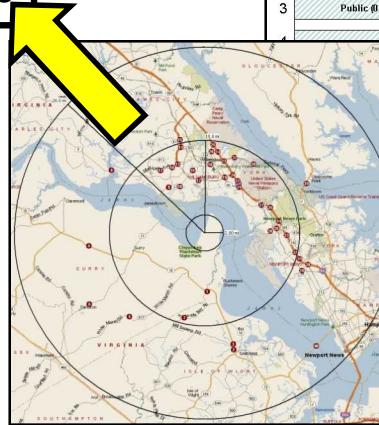


Atmospheric Transport

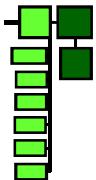


Dose Response

Latent  
Cancer  
Fatalities



Evacuation Modeling



# Risk and Uncertainty Analysis

- Risk
  - Frequency
  - Consequence
- Uncertainty
  - Weather conditions
  - Dose response

**Latent Cancer Fatalities/Reactor Year**

# Overview of PSA

- Strengths
  - Systematic analysis methodology
  - Qualitative and quantitative insights
  - Uncertainty and sensitivity evaluation
- Limitations
  - Availability of data
  - Dependency on analyst expertise
  - Static analysis

# Research Directions

## Challenges

- New technology
  - Digital instrumentation and control
- Novel operations
  - Multi unit
  - Passive safety
- Human factors
  - Man-machine interface
  - Cognitive models

## Solutions

- Bayesian belief networks
  - Limited data
  - Human reliability
- Dynamic PSA
  - System response
  - Corrective actions
- System dynamics
  - Safety profile
  - Decision making

# **BACKUP SLIDES**

# Required Event Tree Information

- Knowledge of accident initiators
- Thermal-hydraulic response during accidents
- Knowledge of mitigating systems (frontline and support) operation
- Know the dependencies between systems
- Identify any limitations on component operations
- Knowledge of procedures (system, abnormal, and emergency)

# Plant Damage State Definition

- Core Damage (CD) designation for end state not sufficient to support Level 2 analysis
  - Need details of core damage phenomena to accurately model challenge to containment integrity
- PDS relates core damage accident sequence to:
  - Status of plant systems (e.g., AC power operable?)
  - Status of Reactor Coolant System or RCS (e.g., pressure, integrity)
  - Status of water inventories (e.g., injected into Reactor Pressure Vessel?)

# Fault Tree Analysis Definition

*“An analytical technique, whereby an **undesired state** of the system is specified (usually a state that is critical from a safety standpoint), and the system is then analyzed **in the context of its environment and operation** to find all **credible** ways in which the undesired event can occur.”*

# Common Cause Failures

- Conditions which may result in failure of more than one component, subsystem, or system
- Concerns:
  - Defeats redundancy and/or diversity
  - Data suggest high probability of occurrence relative to multiple independent failures

# Minimal Cut Set Definition

A group of basic event failures (component failures and/or human errors) that are ***collectively necessary*** and ***sufficient*** to cause the TOP event to occur.