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Probabilistic Safety Analysis

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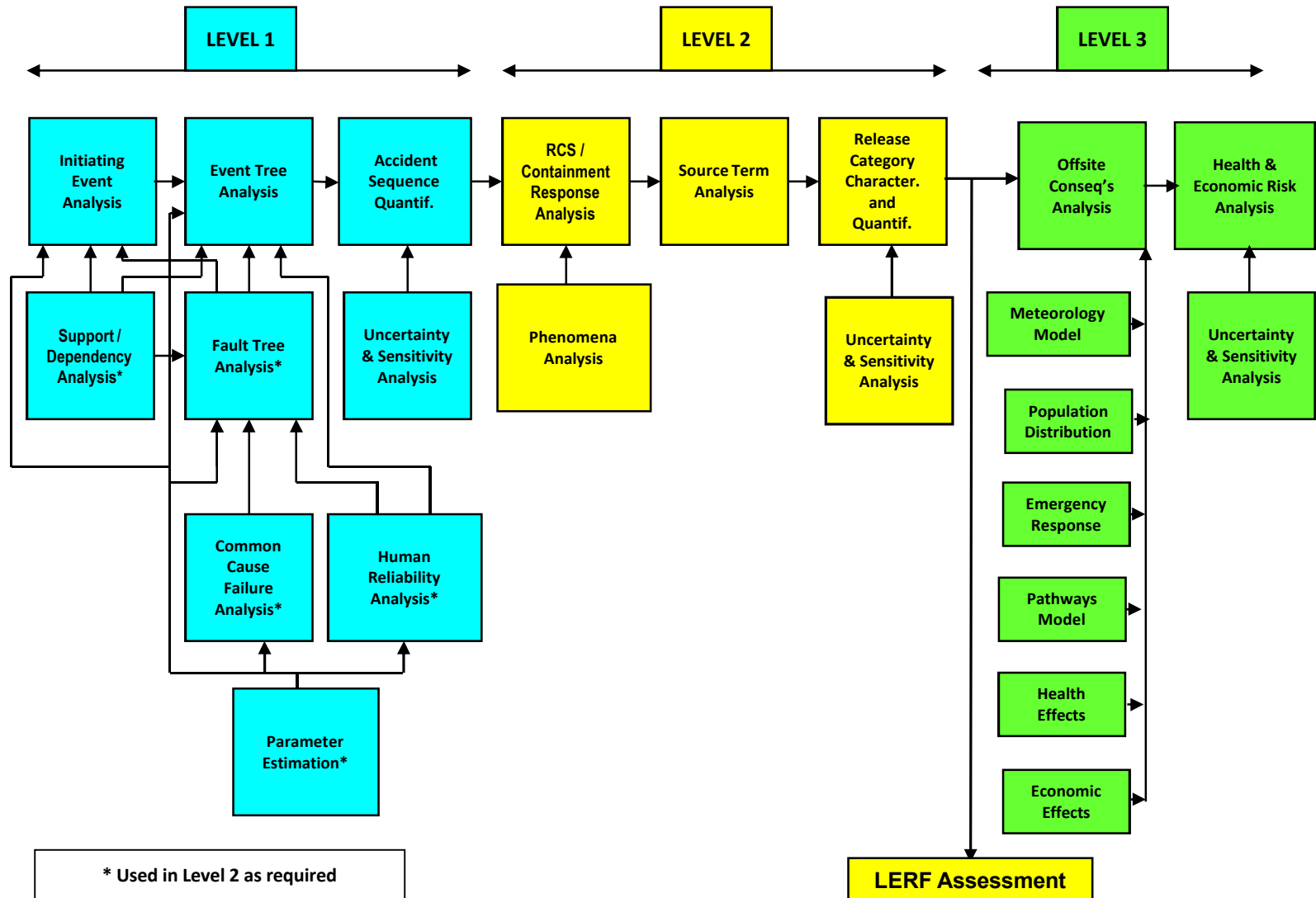


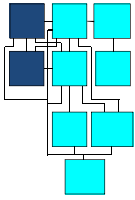
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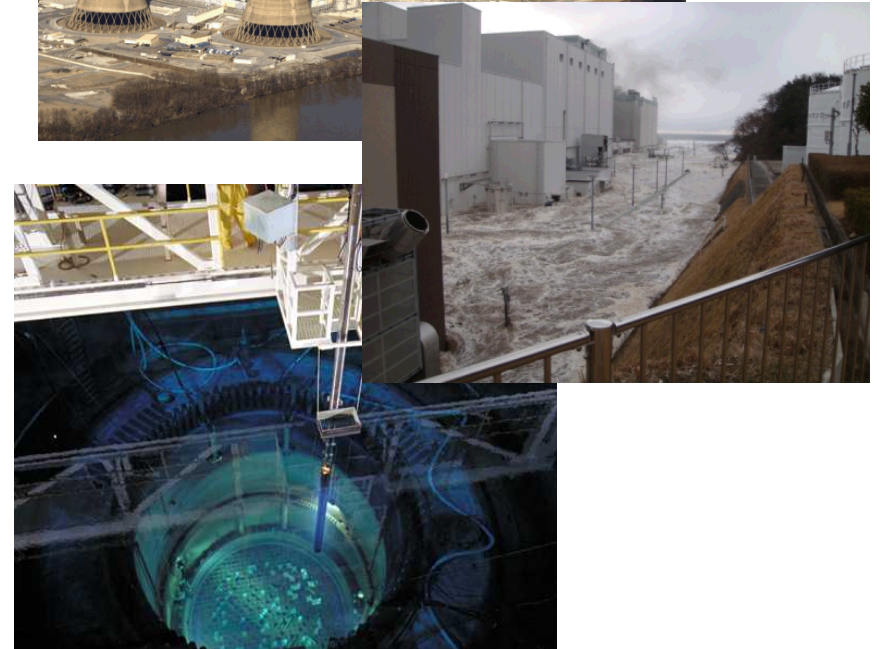
Principal Steps in a Probabilistic Safety Analysis (PSA)

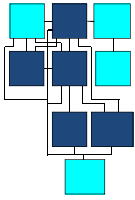




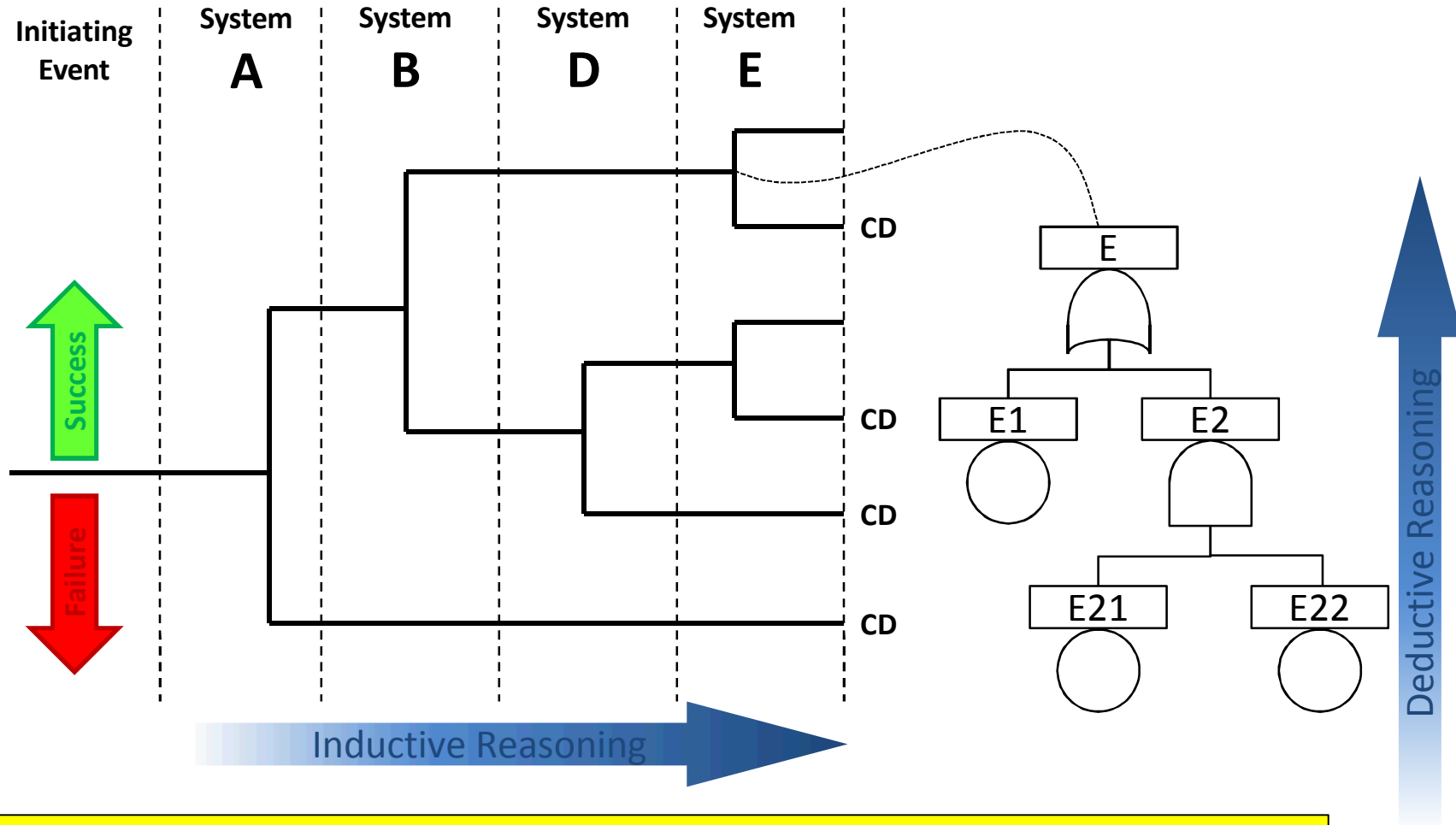
Types of Initiating Event

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

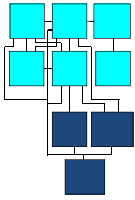




Event Tree and Fault Tree Analysis

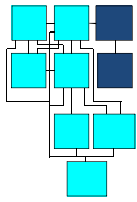


Analysis requires thorough knowledge of how the system operates and is maintained.

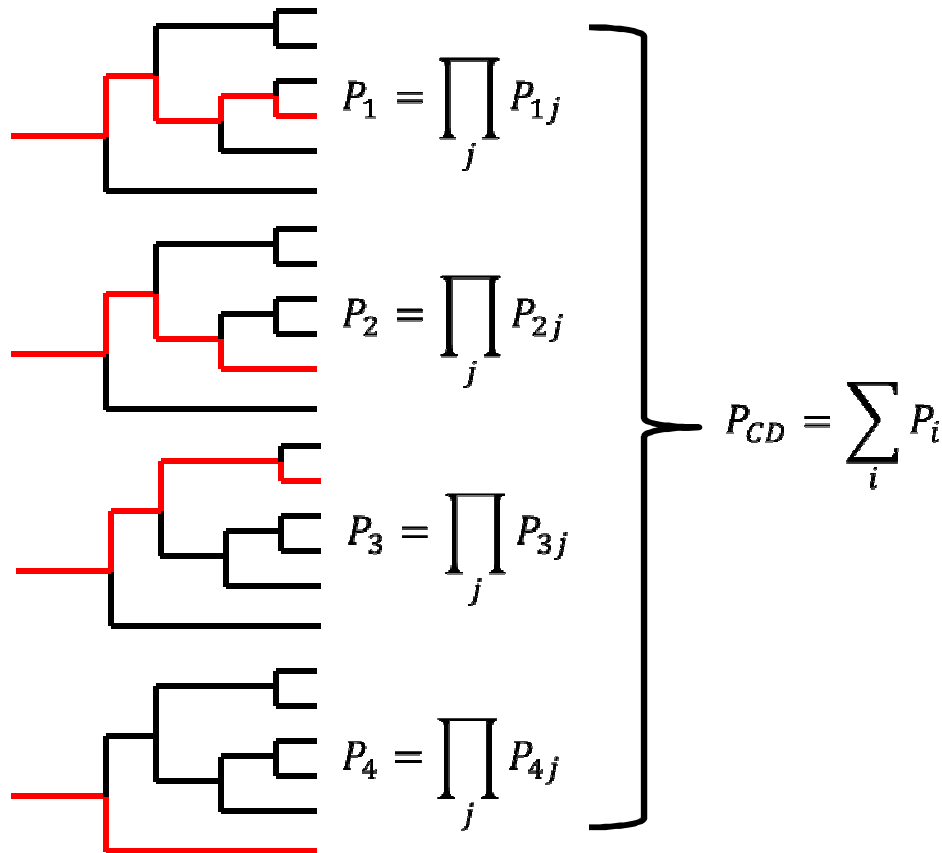


Data Analysis

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

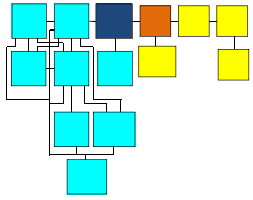


Accident Sequence Quantification



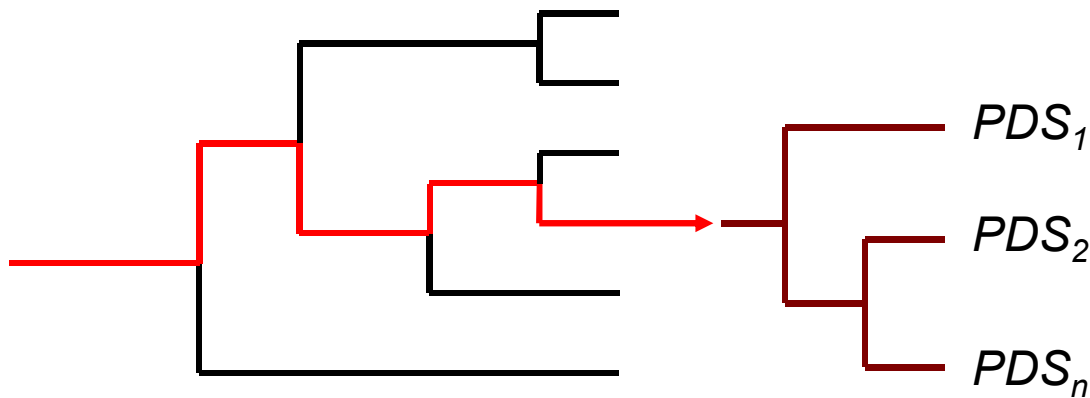
Core Damage Probability

- Regulatory Metric
- Insufficient for accident progression analysis

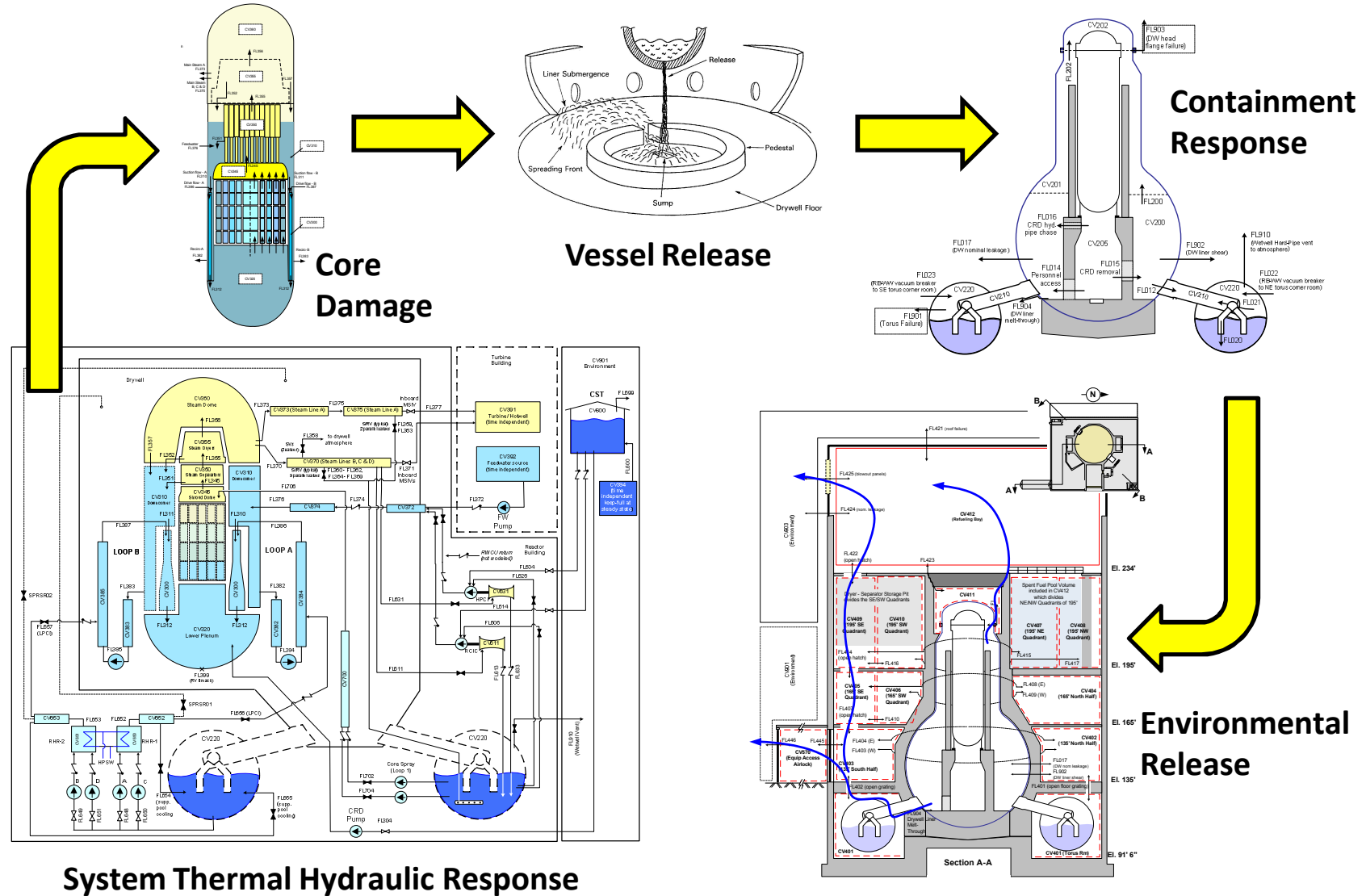


Plant Damage State

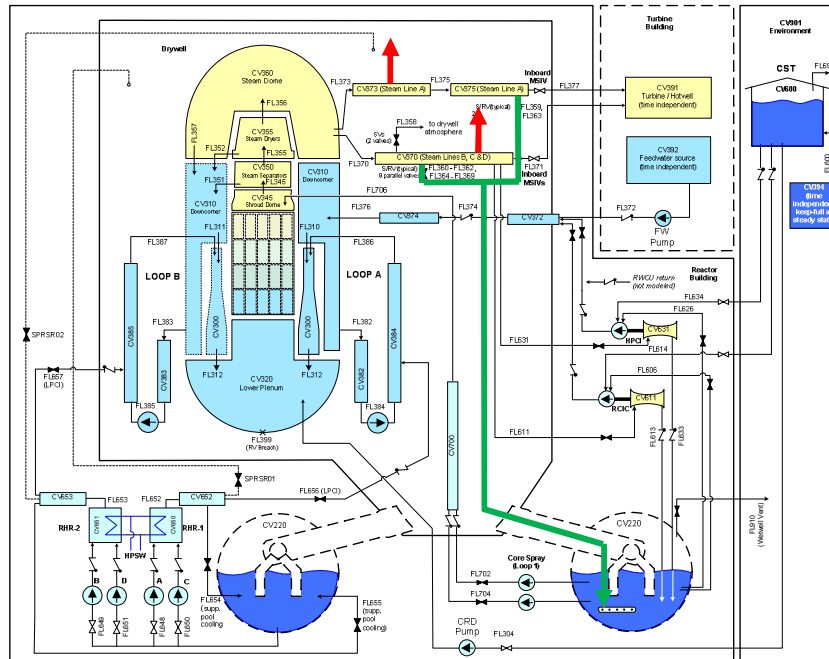
- Core damage insufficient for accident progression analysis
 - Containment status
 - Status of ignored systems



Source Term Analysis

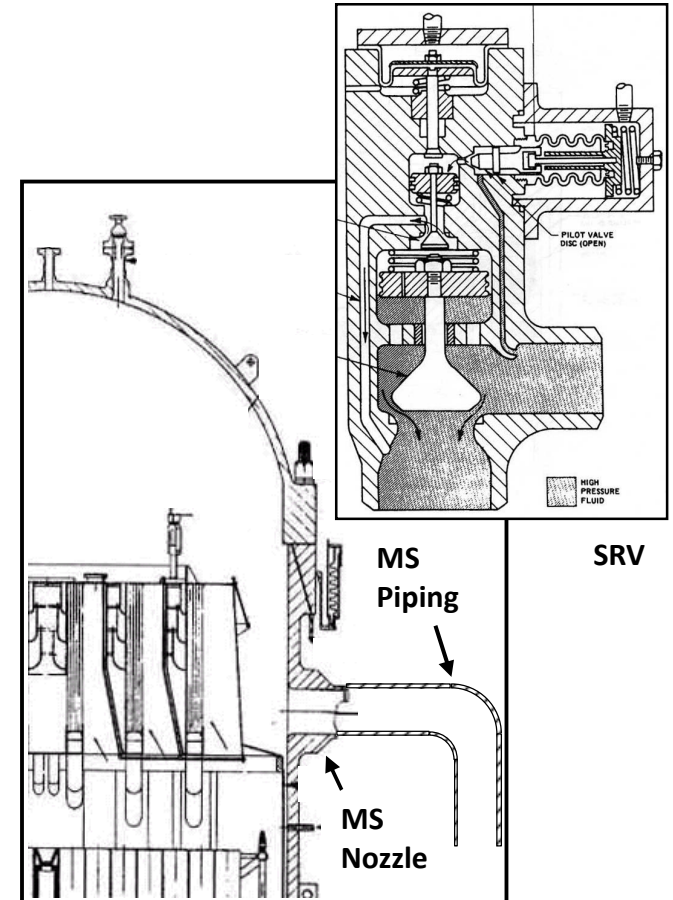


Uncertainty and Sensitivity Analysis

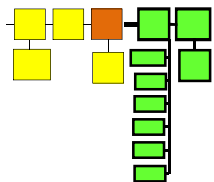


Main Steam (MS) Lines
vent to the drywell
(unscrubbed release)

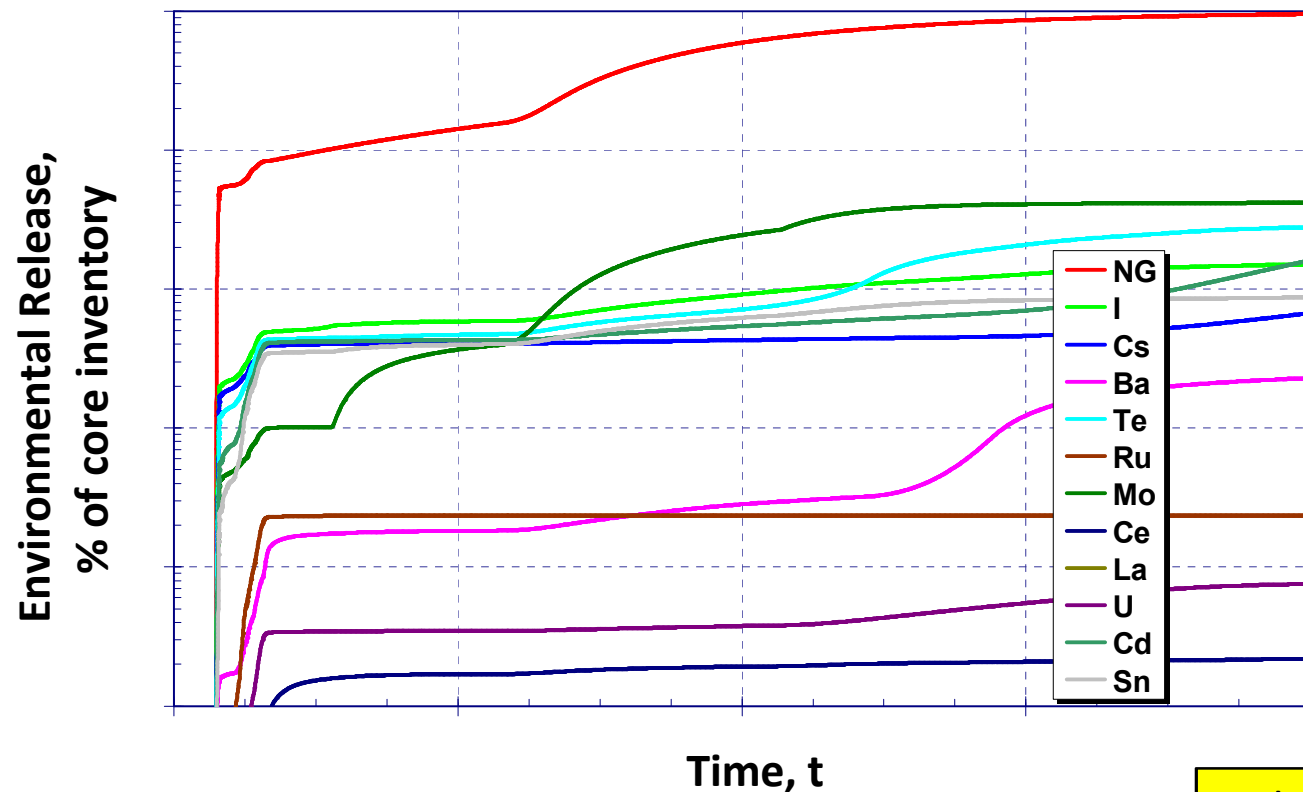
Safety Release Valves
(SRVs)
vent to the wetwell
(scrubbed release)



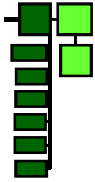
General Electric Mark-1 Boiling Water Reactor Example



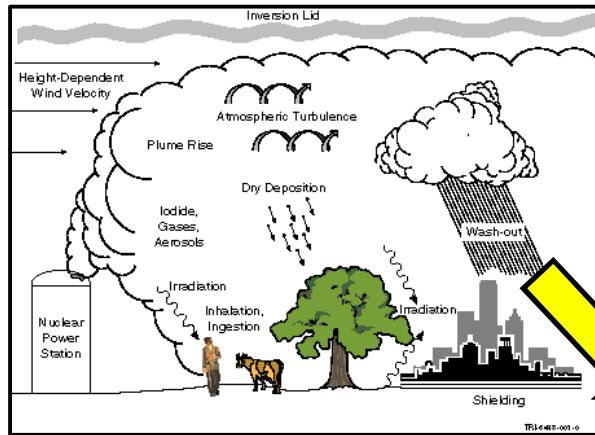
Release Quantification



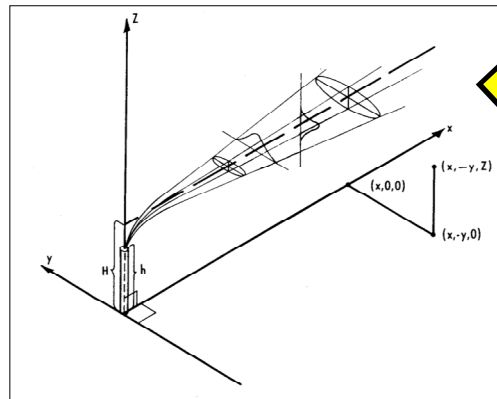
+ Elevation
+ Release Energy



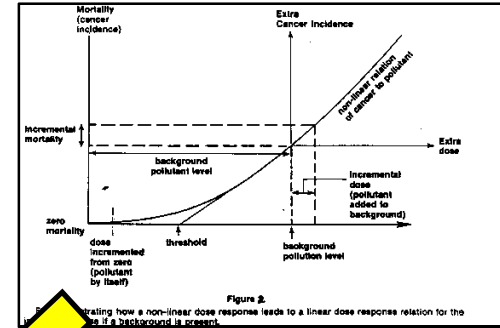
Offsite Consequence Analysis



Deposition and Exposure Pathway

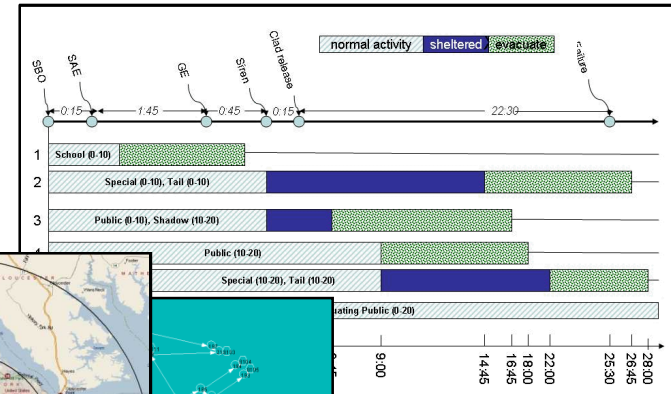


Atmospheric Transport

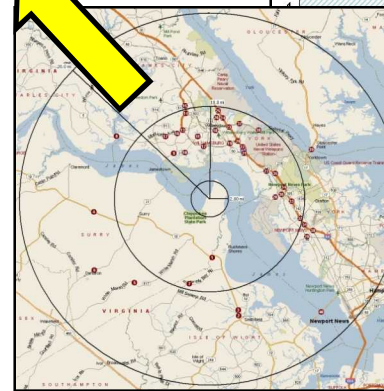


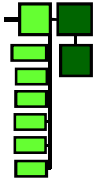
Dose Response

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.**”*

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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.