

Post Fukushima PSA

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Properties of an advanced PSA code

- PSA must cover longer periods after an initiating event
 - These periods may differ strongly dependent on time
 - Some effects involving shut down states and the fuel element pool are slow.
 - Recovery and repair after the initiating event appear feasible in such cases.
- Hence, we should consider modeling of
 - Phased mission, and
 - Periods of grace.
- Boundary conditions:
 - As simple as reasonably acceptable
 - Reasonable computational costs
 - Use as much as possible from existing PSA models

- Quality of existing component models
 - In principle adequate
 - But they assume an initially intact component at $t=0$.
- Basic requirement
 - Unavailability before a mission phase change should be equal to unavailability after the mission phase change
- Strategy
 - Develop component models with given unavailability at an arbitrary starting time t_0
 - Define a data structure compatible with existing PSA models and which allows the component model including its parameters to change at times of mission change.

Component models (examples)

- Non repairable component

$$U(t) = 1 + (U_0 - 1) \exp(-\lambda(t - t_0))$$

- Repairable component

$$U(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \rho} + \left(U_0 - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \rho} \right) \exp(-(\lambda + \rho)(t - t_0))$$

Component models (examples)

- Tested component

$$U_u(t) = 1 + U_{r0} \frac{\lambda}{\rho - \lambda} \exp(-\rho(t - t_0)) - \left(U_{r0} \frac{\lambda}{\rho - \lambda} + 1 - U_{u0} \right) \exp(-\lambda(t - t_0))$$

$$U_r(t) = U_{r0} \exp(-\rho(t - t_0))$$

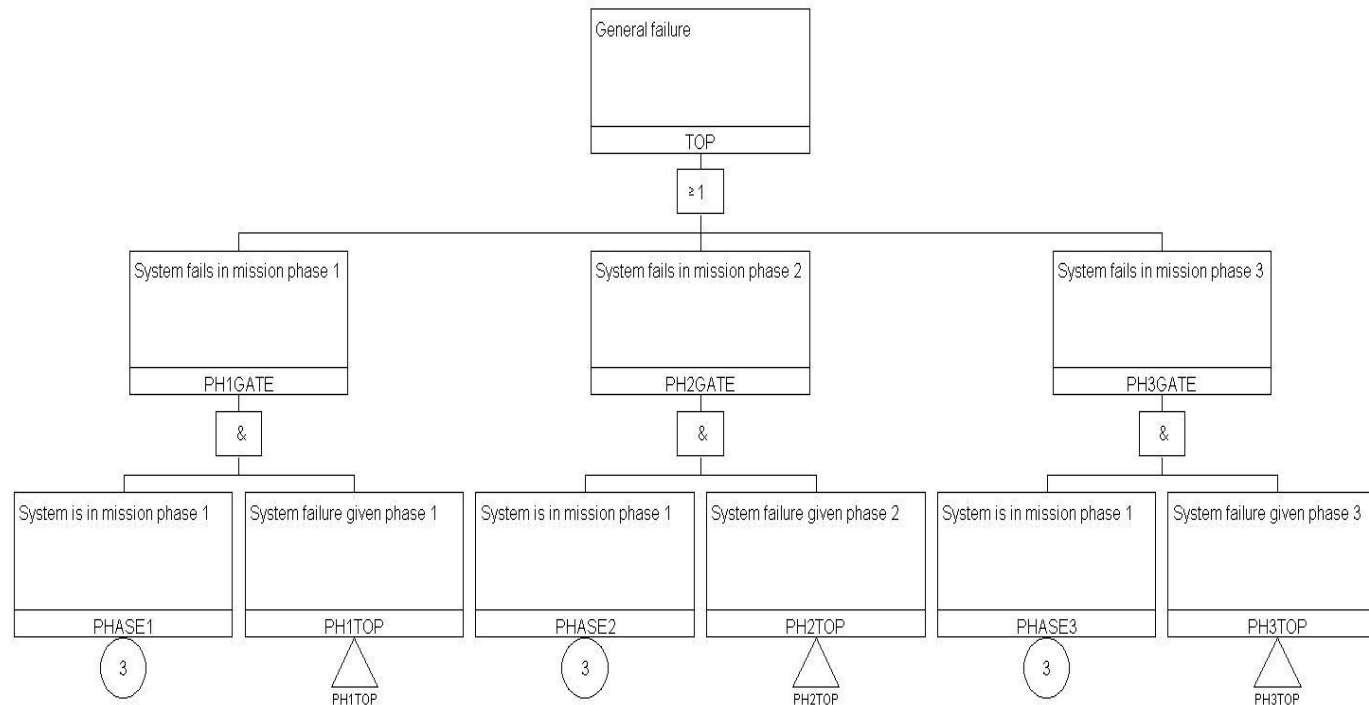
- After a test, let

$$U_{r0} = U_u(T_k) + U_r(T_k)$$

$$U_{u0} = 0$$

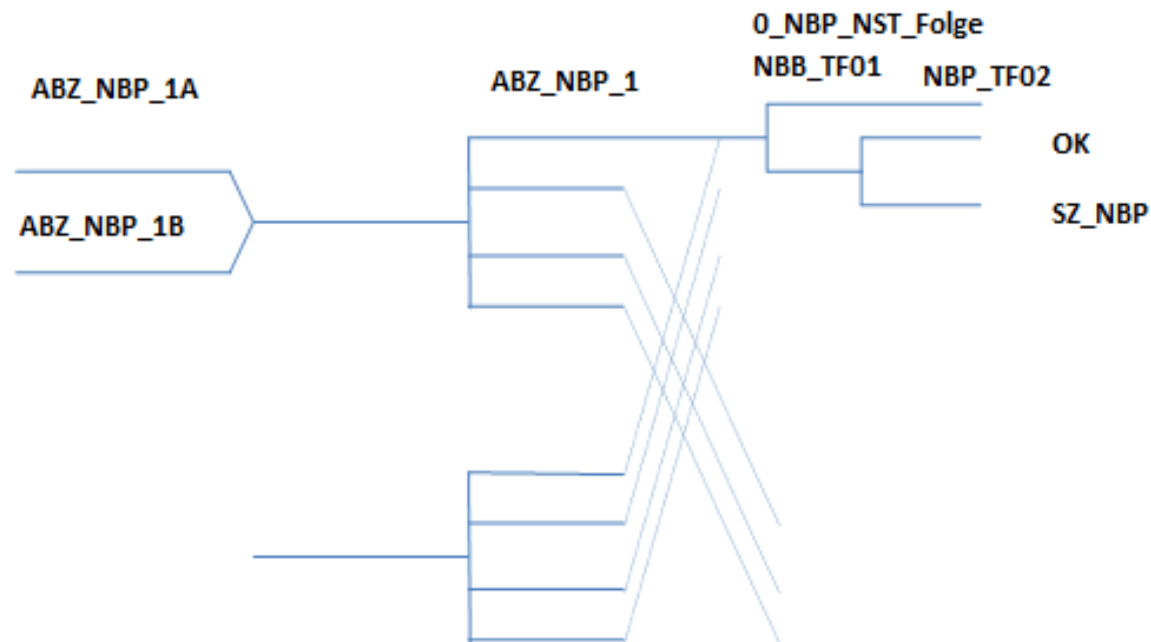
$$t_0 = T_k$$

Phased mission fault trees



- Fault tree will contain basic events for phases and sub fault trees for phases.
- Use phase basic events to store starting time of the phase.
- Allow for one component model per phase in each basic event.

Phased mission event tree



- A structure of sub pre-event trees are used to define BC sets for each phase, which are inherited by system event trees to implement phase dependent modifications of the fault trees.
- Hence, phased mission is easily possible for PSA, which already make distinctions of phases

Phased mission starting at a random time point

- After an initiating event, requirements to the safety system change.
- Hence, we need (at least) a mission to start with the initiating event.
- In a rudimentary way, such mission phase is implemented in the mission time model in PSA codes.
- In slow scenarios, more than one mission phase after the initiating event would be useful (e.g.: possibility to repair in first mission phase, no such possibility later due to adverse conditions)
- Assume, that the durations of such post initiator phases are fixed given the initiating event.

Mathematical treatment of random phased missions

- Given the scenario defined the random phased mission system is equivalent to the deterministic one, if the time point of the initiating event is given.
- Then the failure frequency density of the contribution of the initiating event is

$$h_{as}(t) = h_i(t) \left(U_p(t) + \int_t^{t+D} h_M(x) dx \right)$$

- And the failure frequency

$$H_{as}(t_B) = \int_0^{t_B} h_{as}(t) dt$$

Organizing random phased mission in the PSA code

- Let an initiating event define an initial phase after its occurrence.
- If there is more than one phase after the initiating event, use phase basic events as defined above, but with a flag denoting the starting time as relative to the initiating event.

Periods of grace

- A period of grace is a time a minimal cut set may exist without causing system failure. If repair occurs before the period of grace elapses, there is no failure.
- If repair rates for all components in a minimal cut set are given, the probability of repair after this period elapses can be given by

$$pr\{T_R > T_G\} = \exp\left(-\sum \rho_i\right)$$

- If repair on all components in the minimal cut set is not feasible, it is assumed, that the component with the largest repair rate will be repaired

$$pr\{T_R > T_G\} = \exp(-\max(\rho_i))$$

Organizing periods of grace in a PSA code

- A period of grace can be associated to a mission phase and thus to a phase basic event.
- It must be possible to associate different periods of grace to different parts of an event tree (using BC sets exchanging the phase basic event).

Summary and Conclusions

- A large step towards more accurate modeling can result by small changes in the PSA code.
 - Formulate component models which allow to transit between mission phase changes smoothly.
 - Allow for more than one component model per basic event.
 - Implement a phase basic event, which defines a mission phase, its starting point, the relation to a basic event, and possibly a period of grace for the system.
 - Modify time dependent quantification to account for the above.

Summary and Conclusions

- Put this into OPSAMEF?