Next Generation Severe Accident and Dynamic Event Tree Modeling

Abstract: MELCOR3 and ADAPT are two computer applications being used for nuclear safety-related simulations and developed at Sandia National Laboratories. MELCOR3 is a next generation severe accident simulation application that focuses on robust and flexible simulations with concrete measures of Software Quality Assurance, Verification, Validation, and Uncertainty Quantification (SQA-VVUQ). ADAPT is a next generation dynamic event tree (DET) software that focuses on using one or more physics simulators to build a set of trees from epistemic and aleatory uncertainties as a function of state to efficiently explore the space of sequences that may occur during an event. This talk will discuss both codes at a high level, recent efforts and results, and plans for future development.

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