



Identifying Human Failure Events (HFEs) for External Hazard Probabilistic Risk Assessment

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Project Objective & Approach





Objective: Development of a technically-sound method for identifying and prioritizing potentially risk significant uncertainty contributors in external hazard probabilistic risk assessment.



Michelle T. Bensi, Katrina M. Groth, Zeyun Wu, Zhegang Ma, Hongbin Zhang, Ray Schneider: Identifying and Prioritizing Sources of Uncertainty in External Hazard Probabilistic Risk Assessment (2020). DOE Office of Nuclear Energy Award DE-NE0008974

Task 4 Objective & Approach



Characterization of Uncertainty in Human Response Under Physical Effects





Evolution of HRA Methods







Motivation & Objectives



- Responses to a hazard event are reliant on human actions to a significant degree.
- Human response and human-plant interactions are key elements of successful prioritization of uncertainties within any PRA.
- Most existing human reliability analysis (HRA) models are built for control room (CR) actions.
- During a flooding event, most of the response actions are *ex-CR*.
- How to identify potential human failure events and associated uncertainties given available tools?

To address this shortcoming, we will modify and exercise the cognitivebased Phoenix model to support identification of human activities, causal factors, and uncertainties.



Methods: IDAC



 Information, Decision, and Action in Crew Context (IDAC) method considers three main stages of human response, all affected by mental state:





Chang, Y. H. J., & Mosleh, A. (2007). Cognitive modeling and dynamic probabilistic simulation of operating crew response to complex system accidents: Part 1: Overview of the IDAC Model. *Reliability Engineering & System Safety*, *92*(8), 997-1013.

Methods: Phoenix



• The Phoenix HRA method builds upon this as a layered qualitative analysis





Ekanem, N. J., Mosleh, A., & Shen, S. H. (2016). Phoenix–a model-based human reliability analysis methodology: qualitative analysis procedure. *Reliability Engineering & System Safety*, 145, 301-315.

Task Data



- Few task analyses available for NPP ex-control room actions
- NUREG-7256, "Effects of Environmental Conditions on Manual Actions for Flood Protection and Mitigation", contains hierarchical task analyses of three representative flooding mitigation actions:
 - Install a portable pump
 - Install flood barriers on structure exterior walls
 - Build a sandbag berm around service water strainer pit
- Identifies manual actions via NRC staff assessments and plant-specific procedures

Subtask 2.4 – Load Equipmen	t from Outdo	or Contain	er on Transport Vehicle
Open the large container door	Unsheltered	Fixed	Involves unlocking and opening the Sea-Van container.
Load equipment (i.e., hoses and fittings) on the transport vehicle	Unsheltered	Semi- fixed	Involves gathering (gripping and lifting) hoses and fittings from the storage container and loading them onto the transport vehicle. This subtask is assumed to be mostly unsheltered and to occur when opening the container.
Perform manual work with simple equipment (i.e., secure equipment onto the transport vehicle)	Unsheltered	Fixed	This task primarily involves physical movements, such as gripping and pulling, to apply load restraints.



Crew Failure Mode Identification



- 19 Phoenix CFMs: Generic functional modes of failure
 - Aggregated from a variety of sources: operating experience, relevant literature, expert discussion, and NRC-defined failure modes from SACADA

ID	Crew Failure Modes in "I" phase	ID	Crew Failure Modes in "D" phase	ID	Crew Failure Modes in "A" phase
I1	Key alarm not responded to (intentional or unintentional)	D1	Plant/system state misdiagnosed	A1	Incorrect timing of action
12	Data not obtained	D2	Procedure misinterpreted	A2	Incorrect operation of component/object
13	Data discounted	D3	Failure to adapt procedures to the situation	A3	Action on wrong component/object
I4	Decision to stop gathering data	D4	Procedure step omitted (intentional)		
15	Data incorrectly processed	D5	Inappropriate transfer to a different procedure		
I6	Reading error	D6	Decision to delay action		
I7	Information miscommunicated	D7	Inappropriate strategy chosen		
I8	Wrong data source attended to				
19	Data not checked with appropriate frequency				



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Development of CRTs from Hierarchical Task Decomposition







Portable pumps at the Diablo Canyon NPP ready for deployment.



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Results: Development of CRTs



Subtask 2.5 – Drive Transport Vehicle to Reactor Building Location Where Equipment Will Be Unloaded				
Specific Actions	Degree of Sheltering Location		Comments	
Enter the transport vehicle	Unsheltered	Fixed	Personnel must unlock and open the vehicle.	
Operate the transport vehicle from the equipment storage container location to the reactor building	Semi- sheltered	Variable	Includes driving the transport vehicle from the storage container location to the reactor building where the pump will be unloaded. Considered semi-sheltered because weather could affect visibility and hearing.	
Exit the transport vehicle	Semi- sheltered	Fixed		
Communicate electronically outside the reactor building (i.e., to get the high bay door open)	Semi- sheltered	Semi-fixed	Involves communication and coordination with individuals in the reactor building to have the high bay door opened	
Operate the transport vehicle to move it inside the reactor building	Semi- sheltered	Semi-fixed	Includes driving transport vehicle into the reactor building.	
Exit the transport vehicle	Semi- sheltered	Fixed		



Failure may be due to operator transporting equipment, or due to internal operating crew.



Results: Development of FTs





Results: Phase & CFM Occurrences



CFM Phases HFE Phases I7, 4 Information, 3 A1, 1 I2, 3 A2, 11 Information, 7 D7, 9 Decision, 4 Action, 20 Decision. 15 Action, 19 A3. 3 D6, 1 D4, 1 A4, 5 D3.1 D2, 3 **Crew Failure Modes in "I"** Crew Failure Modes in ID **Crew Failure Modes in "A"** ID ID "D" phase phase phase I2 Data not obtained **D2** Procedure misinterpreted Incorrect timing of action A1 Information miscommunicated Failure to adapt procedures A2 Incorrect operation of 17 D3 to the situation component/object A3 **D4** Procedure step omitted Action on wrong component/object (intentional) **D6** Decision to delay action *A4* No action taken Inappropriate strategy chosen **D7**



Contributions



- Demonstrated applicability of Phoenix method to ex-CR actions
 - Cognitive-based methods (third-generation HRA) are better suited than older methods (first- and second-generation HRA)
- CFMs provided in method are mostly relevant
 - Further refinement needed for Action phase CFMs, but Information and Decision CFMs sufficient to describe scenarios

This work sets the stage for a systematic treatment of human actions in external environments, allowing for the future development of the causal basis of HRA.



Future Work Directions



- Validation on two more ex-CR tasks
 - Then, seeking expert feedback on these analyses
- Issue of coordination & communication between multiple teams or individuals
 - Introduces complexities not currently modeled
- Mapping of PIF causal chains to identified CFMs (Task 4.2)
 - Using Groth's 2012 PIF hierarchy and Phoenix CFMs
- Quantification through resultant Bayesian Network (Task 4.3)





Thank you!

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NUREG-7256 Task Analysis for Task 2



Task 2 – Load and Unload Portable Pump				
Specific Actions	Degree of Sheltering	Location	Comments	
Subtask 2.1 – Drive Transport	Vehicle to E	quipment	Storage Building	
Walk to the transport vehicle location from reactor building	Unsheltered	Variable	Transport vehicle is located away from reactor building and equipment storage building	
Enter the transport vehicle	Unsheltered	Fixed	Personnel must unlock and open the vehicle.	
Operate the transport vehicle to move it from its location to the equipment storage building	Semi- sheltered	Variable	This involves driving to a location away from the reactor buildings. Considered semi-sheltered because weather could affect visibility and hearing.	
Exit the transport vehicle	Semi- sheltered	Fixed		
Open the equipment storage building door (i.e., high bay door of the storag the building)	Unsheltered	Fixed	This task involves unlocking the door and operating the door mechanism.	
Enter the transport vehicle	Semi- sheltered	Fixed		
Operate the transport vehicle to move it into the equipment storage building	Semi- sheltered	Variable	Involves pulling the transport vehicle into the storage facility.	
Exit the vehicle	Semi- sheltered	Fixed		



NUREG-7256 Task Analysis for Task 2



Task 2 – Load and Unload Portable Pump						
Specific Actions	Degree of Sheltering	Location	Comments			
Subtask 2.2 - Load Diesel Dri	Subtask 2.2 – Load Diesel Driven Pump into Transport Vehicle					
Operate the powered hoist to load the pump on the transport vehicle	Sheltered	Fixed	This task involves positioning the hoist over the load, and lifting, moving, and lowering the load into place using the hoist controls.			
Perform manual work with simple equipment (i.e., secure pump on the transport vehicle)	Sheltered	Fixed	This task involves primarily physical movements, such as gripping and pulling, to apply load constraints.			
Subtask 2.3 – Drive Transpor	t Vehicle to E	quipment	Storage Container			
Enter the transport vehicle	Unsheltered	Fixed	Personnel must unlock and open the vehicle.			
Operate the transport vehicle to move the pump from the equipment storage building to the equipment storage container location	Semi- sheltered	Variable	Includes driving the transport vehicle from the equipment storage building to the equipment storage container location. Considered semi-sheltered because weather could affect visibility and hearing.			
Exit the transport vehicle	Semi- sheltered	Fixed				
Subtask 2.4 – Load Equipmer	nt from Outdo	or Contain	er on Transport Vehicle			
Open the large container door	Unsheltered	Fixed	Involves unlocking and opening the Sea-Van container.			
Load equipment (i.e., hoses and fittings) on the transport vehicle	Unsheltered	Semi- fixed	Involves gathering (gripping and lifting) hoses and fittings from the storage container and loading them onto the transport vehicle. This subtask is assumed to be mostly unsheltered and to occur when opening the container.			
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Subtask 2.5 – Drive Transport Vehicle to Reactor Building Location Where Equipment Will Be Unloaded					
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Operate the transport vehicle from the equipment storage container location to the reactor building	Semi- sheltered	Variable	Includes driving the transport vehicle from the storage container location to the reactor building where the pump will be unloaded. Considered semi- sheltered because weather could affect visibility and hearing.		
Exit the transport vehicle	Semi- sheltered	Fixed			
Communicate electronically outside the reactor building (i.e., to get the high bay door open)	Semi- sheltered	Semi- fixed	Involves communication and coordination with individuals in the reactor building to have the high bay door opened.		
Operate the transport vehicle to move it inside the reactor building	Semi- sheltered	Semi- fixed	Includes driving transport vehicle into the reactor building.		
Exit the transport vehicle	Semi- sheltered	Fixed			
Subtask 2.6 – Unload Pump, I	loses, and Fi	ttings fron	n Transport Vehicle		
Operate the powered hoist to unload the pump and other equipment from the transport vehicle	Sheltered	Fixed	Involves positioning the hoist over the load, and lifting, moving, and lowering the load using the hoist controls and physical movements.		















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