

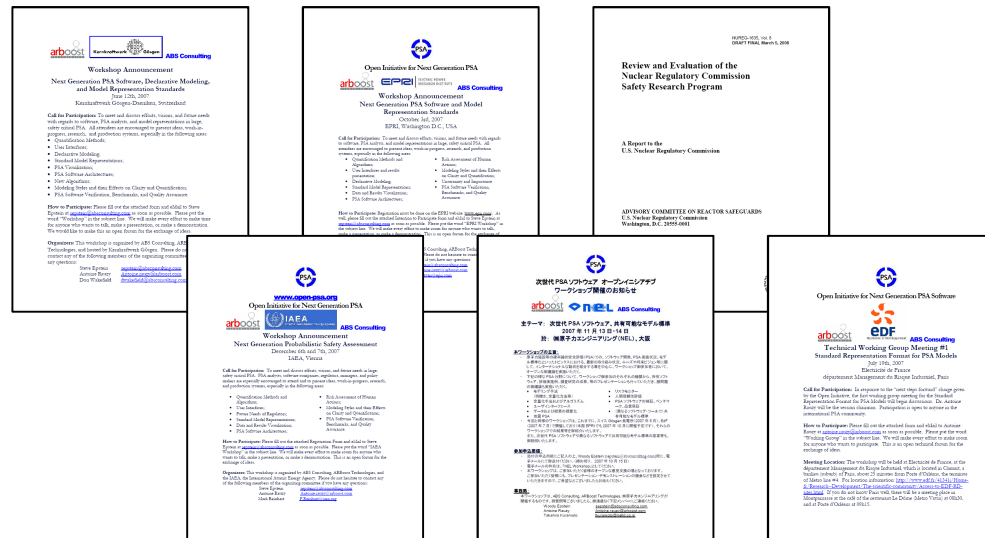
Anatomy of an Efficient Minimal Cutsets Solver: the XFTA calculation engine

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The Open-PSA Initiative

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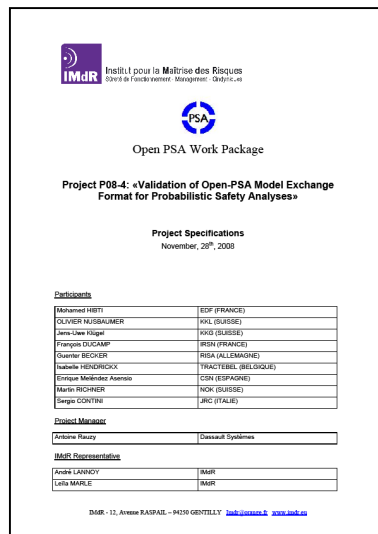
- Disseminate information
- Independently review new ideas
- To develop better methods and software
 - Enhance quality and understanding
 - Encourage peer review
 - Allow transportability of models and methods
 - Define issues to be resolved



The Open-PSA Model Exchange Format

An Exchange Format

- Public
- Fault Trees / Event Trees
- Large set of probability distributions (plus user defined ones)
- XML
- Extensible
- Validated [PSAM'10]

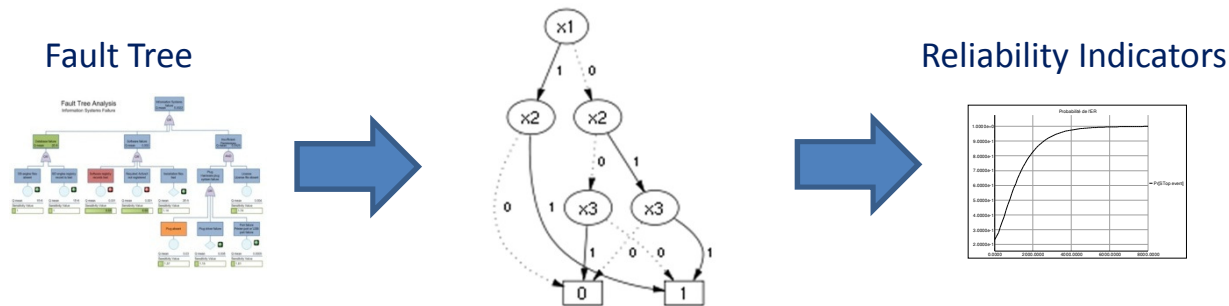


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  <define-gate name="top" >
    <or>
      <gate name="G" />
      <basic-event name="C" />
    </or>
  </define-gate>
  <define-gate name="G" >
    <and>
      <basic-event name="A" />
      <basic-event name="B" />
    </and>
  </define-gate>
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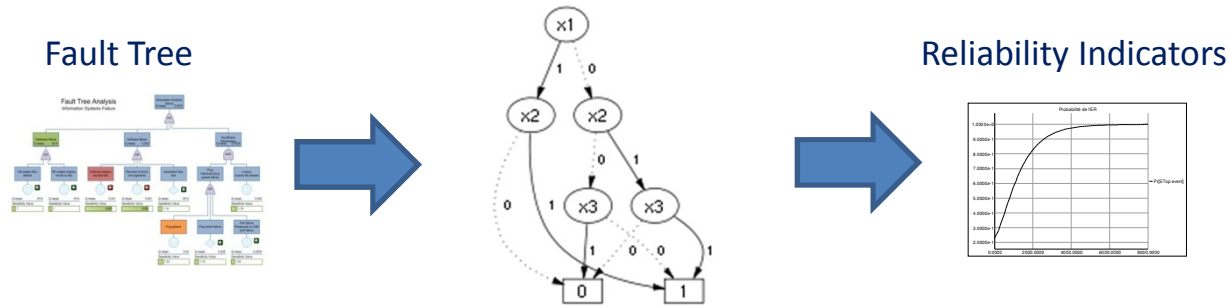


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Top-Down	MOCUS (RSAT – RiskSpectrum)	
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Enumerative MCS Algorithms

Ingredient 1: equations

$top = OR(S1, S2, S3)$

$S1 = AND(-A, -B, C)$

$S2 = 3\text{-out-of-4}(-A, B, -C, D)$

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Ingredient 2: 4-valued logic

Ingredient 4: unit propagation

ingredient 5: variable selection heuristics

ingredient 6: truncation (cutoff)

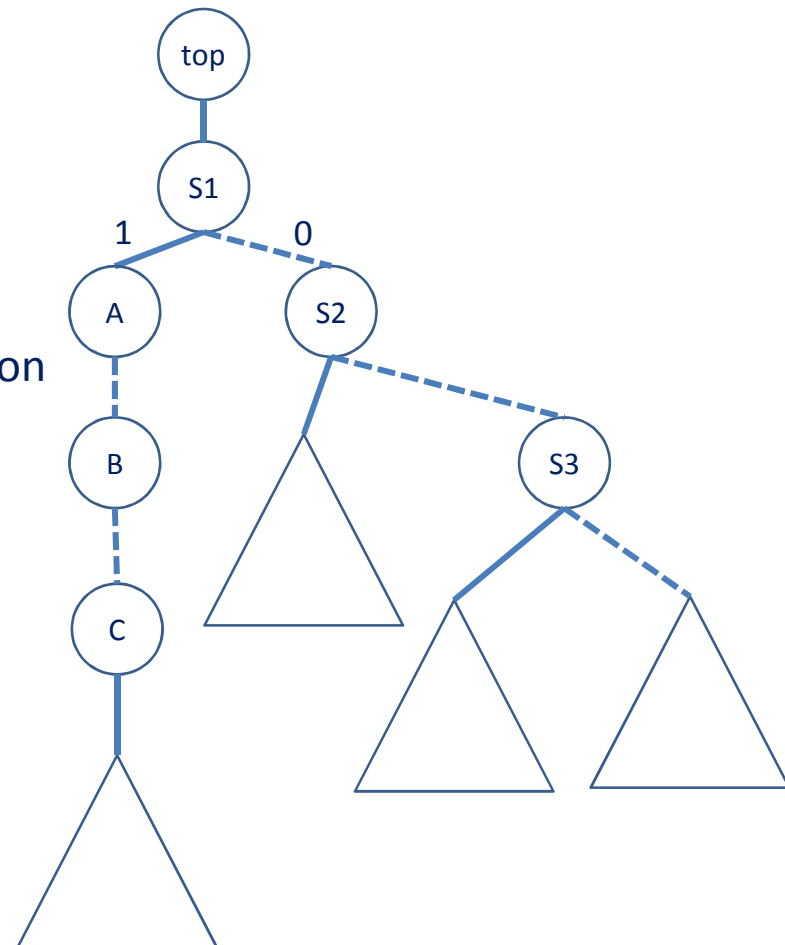
ingredient 7: minimality detection

ingredient 8: data structures

ingredient 9: rewriting/modularization

... more details in the article (PSAM'11)

Ingredient 3: enumeration



The XFTA Project

Provide the community with a Fault Tree solver

- Open-Source (C++)
 - Free of use, even in commercial packages
- Supporting the Open-PSA Model Exchange Format
- Implementing State-of-the-Art algorithms
 - Works for coherent and non-coherent models
- Calculating (reliability) indicators of interest
 - Minimal Cutsets
 - Top Event Probability, Importance Factors
 - Sensitivity Analyses, Time Dependent Analyses, Safety Integrity Levels

Experiments (on my laptop)

	#gates	#BE	cutoff	#MCS	running time
PSA 1	2096	1055	1.0e-12	146831	30s53
PSA 2	2722	1430	1.0e-12	36717	15s46

Version 1.1 available on my web page (<http://www.lix.polytechnique.fr/~rauzy>)

Conclusion

With

- The Open-PSA Exchange Format, and
- XFTA

You have no more excuse not to cross check your calculations...

