

COMPARISON OF SIMULATION AND ANALYTICAL PACKAGES FOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

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This 90-minute panel discussion will embrace comparisons of simulation packages and analytical packages for performance evaluation of computer, telecommunications, and similar systems. Packages that combine both simulation and analytic methods can tap the strengths of each. The three panelists, each of whom is an author of a package that uses one or both of these methodologies (MacNair - RESQ, Mitra - PANACEA, Talavage - Micronet), will each talk briefly about his views on the subject in general and how they relate to his own package in particular. The chairman will then entertain questions and comments from the audience.