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**ESBWR Test & Analysis Program
Description**

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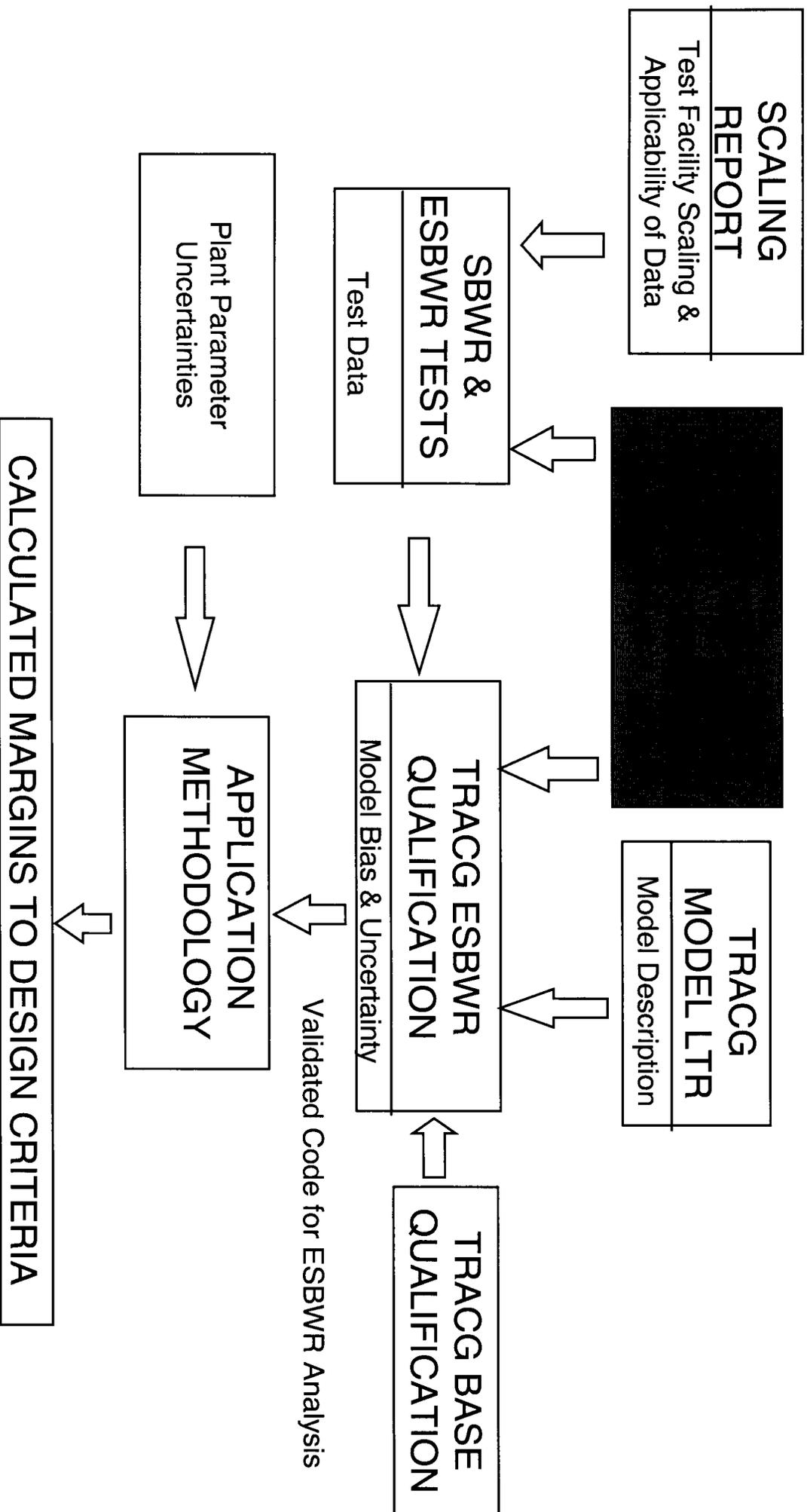
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Test and Analysis Program Description (TAPD)

- ***Purpose***
 - ***To provide a comprehensive, integrated plan that addresses the testing and analysis elements needed for analysis of ESBWR steady state and transient performance***
 - Study of calculated ESBWR transients and identification of important phenomena (PIRT)***
 - Systematic definition of experimental and analytical modeling needs***
 - Evaluation of testing and analysis plan against these needs to establish adequacy of program***

ESBWR Technology Program Elements



ESBWR Test and Analysis Program (TAPD) Evolution

- **Based on SBWR TAPD**
 - **Transient response and governing phenomena are the same**
- **SBWR TAPD updated through a review of differences between SBWR and ESBWR features**
 - **No differences in PIRTs other than those related to specific ESBWR features e.g. no containment sprays in ESBWR**
- **NRC review comments on SBWR TAPD addressed**
 - **No requirements for additional testing or qualification**
 - **Differences in ranking of some phenomena resolved**

TAPD Scope

- **Prediction of ESBWR system performance during normal operation, transients and LOCAs**
 - **Includes: Steady state operation and plant startup; anticipated operational transients (AOOs) and ATWS; LOCA (vessel and containment); stability**
 - **Excluded: Severe accidents are considered separately (design requirements for containment to handle hydrogen generation assuming metal-water reaction are considered). Non-thermal hydraulic issues (structural integrity, seismic response; etc.) are not covered other than as input parameters for system response evaluations.**

ESBWR and BWR Analysis Methods

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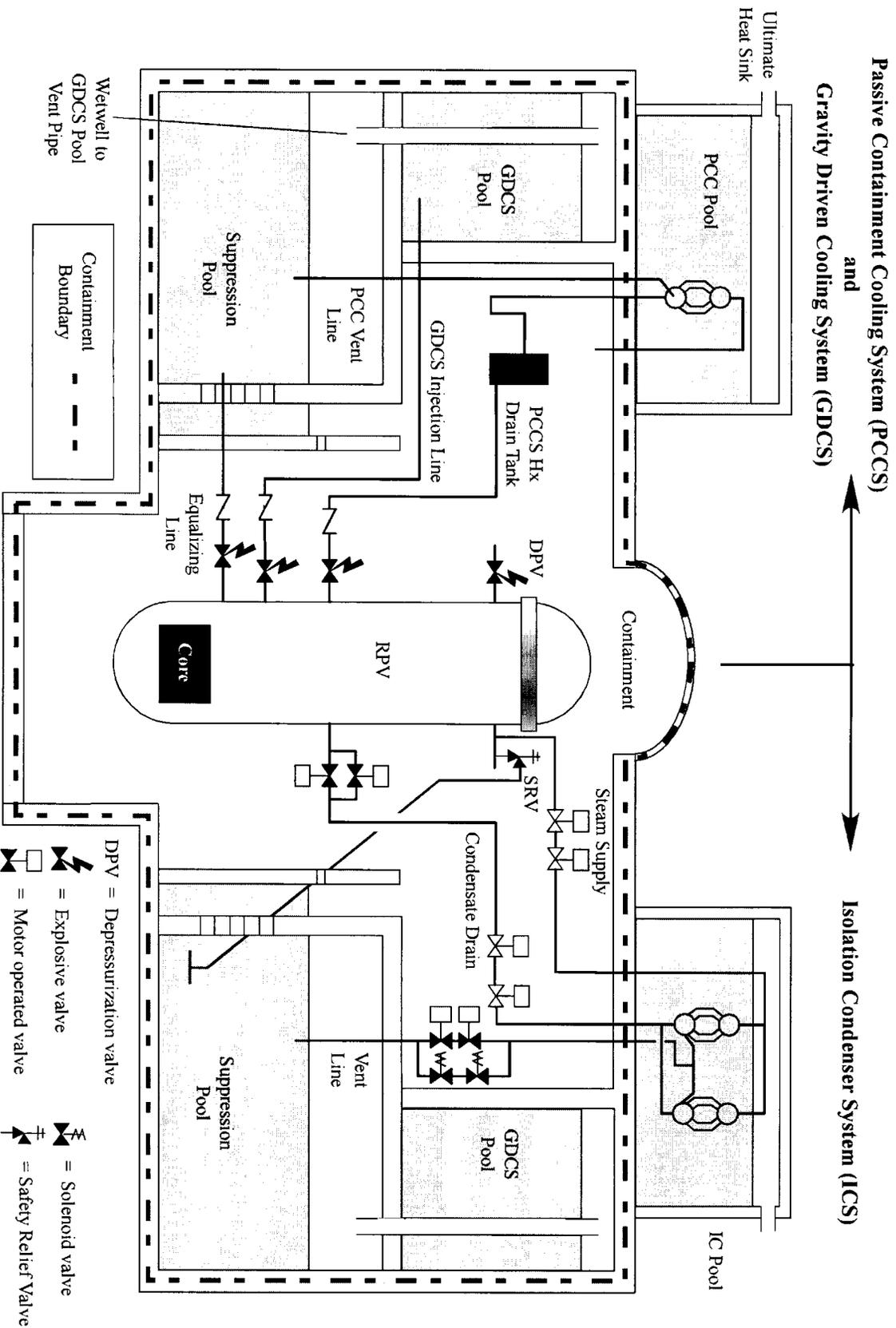
Strategy for Determination of Test & Analysis Needs

- ***Develop list of governing phenomena and system interactions***
 - ***Top-Down process***
 - ***Bottom-Up process***
- ***Top-Down Process***
 - ***Calculate scenarios for transients/LOCAs***
 - ***Determine key phases of transients***
 - ***List potentially important phenomena***
 - ***Expert Group ranking phenomena (PIRT)***
- ***Bottom-Up process***
 - ***List all unique ESBWR design features***
 - ***Determine associated phenomena/system interactions***
 - ***Evaluate and rank issues by importance***
 - ***Supplements PIRT ranking approach to fill any gaps by focusing on ESBWR-unique features***
- ***Consolidate highly ranked phenomena and system interactions from both approaches***

Strategy for Determination of Test & Analysis Needs (contd)

- **Use high ranked phenomena lists to:**
 - **Evaluate capability/applicability of analysis models (TRACG)**
Implement any needed models or bounding modeling procedures
 - **Evaluate test coverage**
Plan for tests to fill in gaps
 - **Evaluate uncertainties to establish appropriate design margins**
- **Medium ranked phenomena also evaluated**

ESBWR Passive Systems



Differences between ESBWR and SBWR

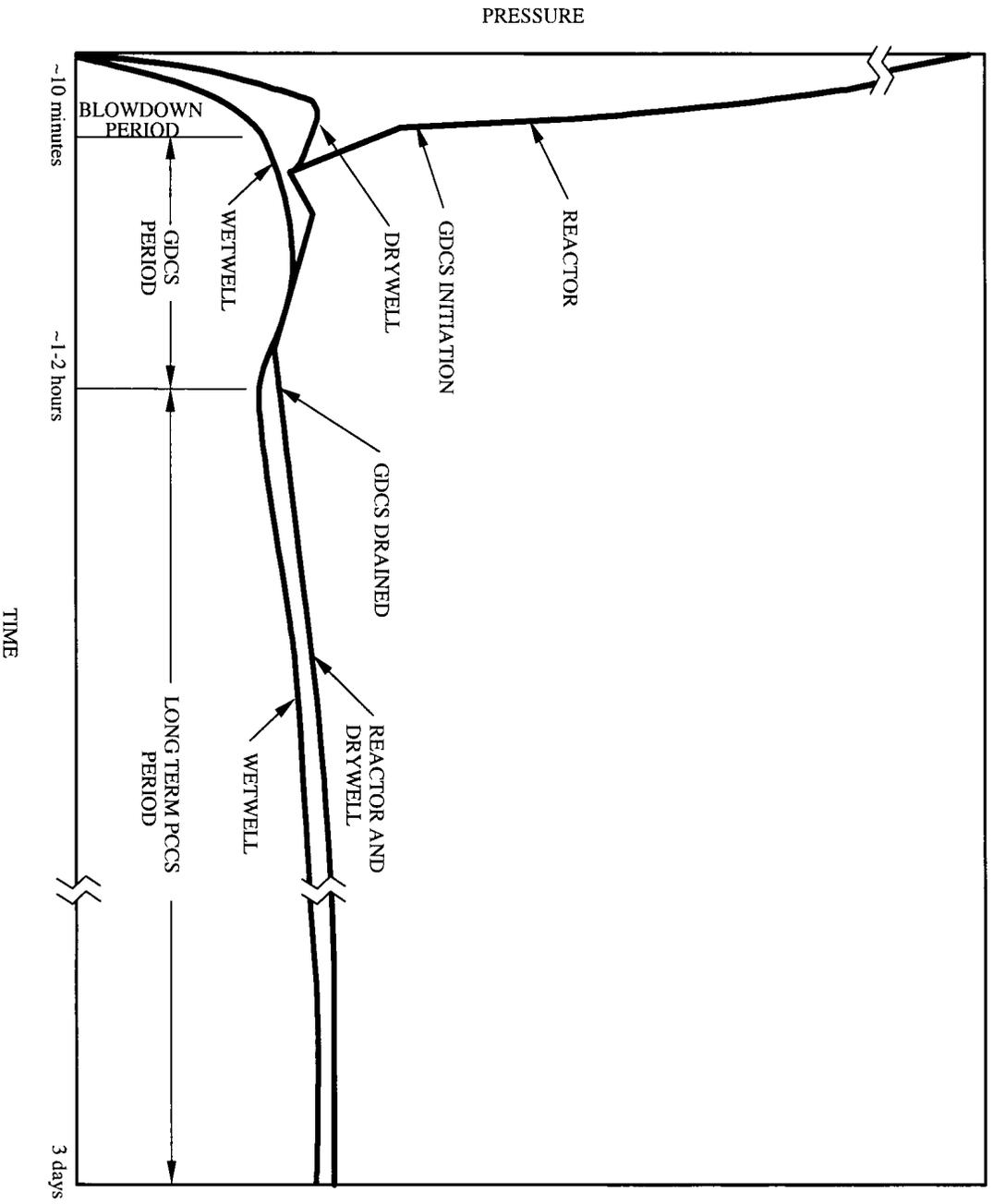
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TAPD Results

- ***Lists of Highly Ranked Phenomena and System Interactions***
 - ***Consolidated from Top-Down and Bottom-Up processes***
- ***Lists of Medium Ranked Phenomena also maintained***
- ***Grouped by transient type***
 - ***ECCS/LOCA***
 - ***Containment/LOCA***
 - ***AOOs***
 - ***ATWS***
 - ***Stability***
- ***Separated by phase of transient for LOCA***
 - ***Blowdown***
 - ***GDCCS***
 - ***Long term PCCS***

Phases of ESBWR LOCA Transient



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GDCS Line Break – Chimney Level

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Steam Line Break – RPV and Containment Response

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PCCS Heat Removal

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***Example of List of Highly Ranked Phenomena
(Containment/ LOCA)***

Evaluation of System Interactions

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Test Coverage of Qualification Needs

- ***Matrix of Test Data vs. Qualification Needs (High Ranked PIRTs)***
 - ***Qualification Needs grouped by Reactor Core/ Vessel and Containment***
 - ***Test Data grouped by Separate Effects, Component, Integral System Tests and BWR Operating Plant Data***
- ***Qualification Plan was developed to supplement existing data base where needed***
- ***Objective: Every Qualification Need covered by at least one test***

Overview of SBWR-specific Test Programs

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Other Applicable Test Programs

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Additional Test Programs

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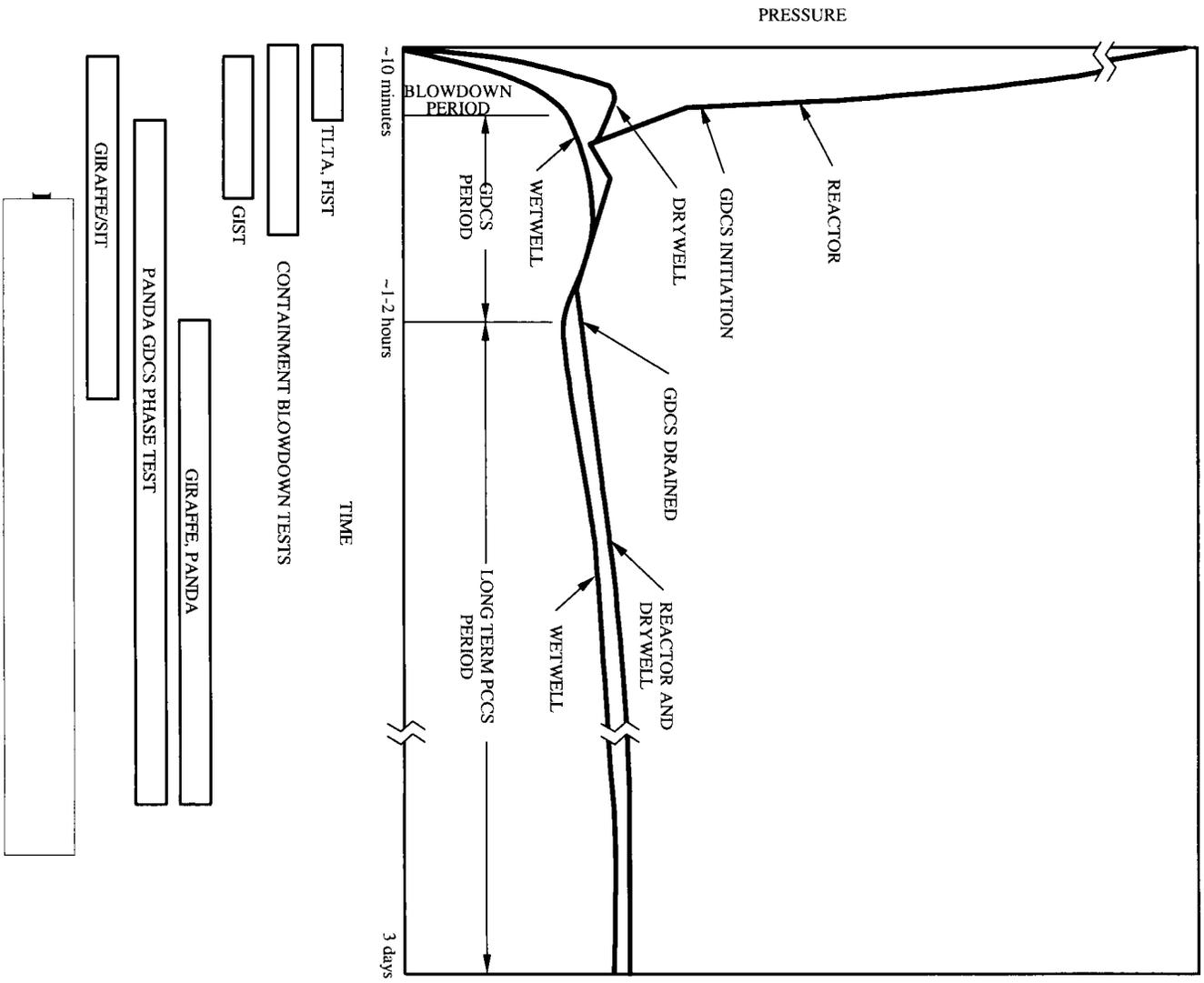
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Example of Qualification Coverage by Component Tests

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Integral Test Coverage for ESBWR LOCA



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Summary of Test Coverage

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TAPD Summary

- **TAPD provides sound technology basis for ESBWR design certification**
 - **Test and analysis needs systematically defined**
- **TAPD addresses 10CFR52.47 requirements**
 - **Performance of each safety feature of the design evaluated**
 - All unique features evaluated**
 - Important phenomena identified**
 - Test and analysis basis established**
 - **Interdependent effects among safety features of the design evaluated**
 - Important interactions identified and studied**
 - Tests added to program to cover needs**
 - **Sufficient data exist on the safety features of the design to assess analytical tools (TRACG) used for safety analysis**
 - TRACG modeling and qualification needs assessed**
 - Test and analysis plans developed to address these needs**
 - Test coverage detailed in Qualification Plan**