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# TRACE Version 5.0 Development and Status

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## Introduction

- Code Consolidation resulting in TRACE began approximately 10 years ago with the goals of preserving the capabilities of predecessor codes and modernize code architecture.

```

    graph TD
      TRAC-P[TRAC-P] --> TRACE[TRACE]
      TRAC-B[TRAC-B] --> TRACE
      RELAP[RELAP] --> TRACE
      RAMONA[RAMONA] --> TRACE
    
```

- Maintain investment in existing RELAP5, TRAC-PWR, and TRAC-BWR input models
- Maintain in-house control over code development and testing process

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## Coupling With Other Codes

- TRACE can be run in a coupled mode with the PARCS three dimensional reactor kinetics code.

```

    graph LR
      TRACE[TRACE  
Thermal-Hydraulics] <--> PARCS[PARCS  
Kinetics]
    
```

- TRACE has been coupled to CONTAIN through its exterior communications interface (ECI). TRACE could be coupled to detailed fuel models or CFD codes in the future using the ECI.

```

    graph LR
      TRACE[TRACE  
Thermal-Hydraulics] <--> ECI((ECI))
      ECI --> CONTAIN[CONTAIN  
Containment T/H]
      ECI --> FRAPTRAN[FRAPTRAN  
Fuel Rod Performance]
      ECI --> CFD[CFD]
      FRAPTRAN --- Future1((Future))
      CFD --- Future2((Future))
    
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## TRACE Version 5.0

- **TRACE "Version 5.0" was completed and made available to interested groups in August 2007. Associated documentation includes:**
  - Theory Manual
  - Assessment Manual
  - User Guide
- **With the release of Version 5.0, our intent is to treat the code and documentation as a consistent set. Future releases will be accompanied by updated Theory Manual and revised Assessment Manual.**

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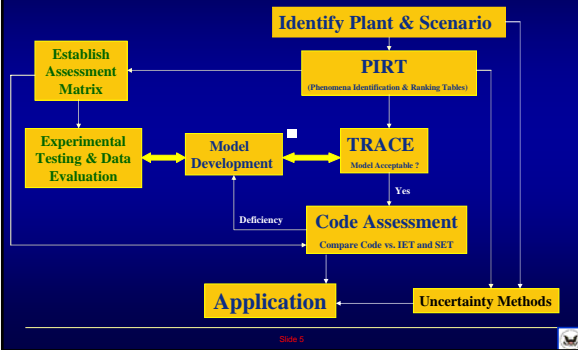
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## Development / Assessment



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## Major Model Revisions

- **Wall and two-phase interfacial drag models**
- **Reflow heat transfer models**
- **New condensation w/non-condensable gas models developed to analyze the ESBWR.**
  - Drywell condensation
  - In-tube condensation
- **Condensation (Cold Leg)**
- **Steam Properties**

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## Assessment

- Basic assessment matrix consists of over 400 individual experiments performed in over 35 different facilities.
- Assessments performed using a strictly “frozen” version of the code.
- Additional assessment performed for unique features of new & advanced plants:
  - ESBWR: PUMA and PANDA IETs, PCCS HX tests
  - EPR: ROSA-IV NC, FLECHT and APEX Reflux Condensation
  - APWR: Scaled advanced accumulator tests
  - AP1000: APEX and ROSA-AP600 IETs, CMT tests

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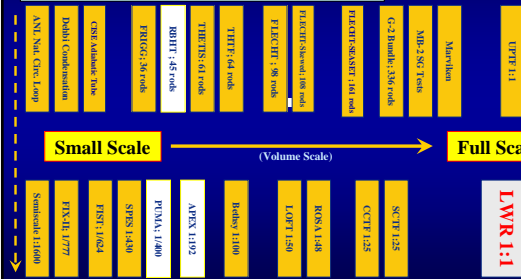
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## T/H Assessment Tests

### Separate Effects Tests: Phenomena



### Integral Effects Tests: System Interactions




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## Documentation

- The TRACE 5.0 Documentation (Theory Manual, Assessment Report, User Guide) is “generic” and is expected to be referenced as the basis for most applications.
- Additional documentation with supporting assessment, new model options, and modeling guidelines is produced for unique applications:
  - ESBWR Applicability Report (draft)
  - APWR Applicability Report (planned)
  - AP1000 Applicability Report (if needed)
  - etc.

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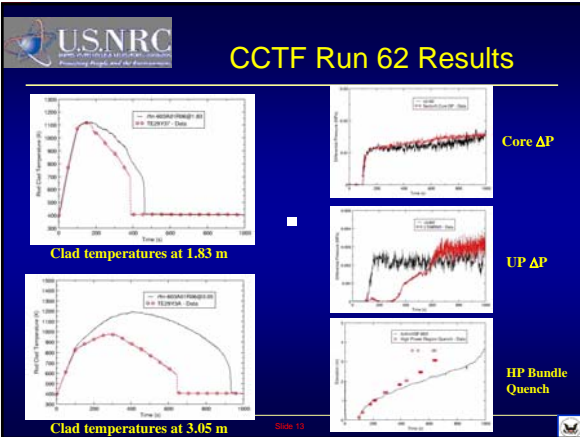
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- ## Near Term Efforts
- **Most important near-term steps are to:**
    - Complete development of series of plant input decks to support agency confirmatory calculations.
    - Improve code "robustness" to insure acceptable run times and execution w/o user interaction.
    - Identify major deficiencies & begin corrective action.
    - Continue support for new & advanced reactor Design Certification reviews.
    - Expand assessment matrix for additional applications (BWR stability, UPI plants, etc.)
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- ## Longer Term Efforts
- **Model Improvement & New Features**
    - Activation of 3<sup>rd</sup> (droplet) and 4<sup>th</sup> (second bubble) fields
    - Spacer grid models.
      - Convective heat transfer enhancement
      - Droplet Breakup
      - Grid Rewet
    - Fuel rod models for burst & blockage.
    - Incorporation of thermal-hydraulic model improvements based on results of recent experimental projects.
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