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RELAP5-3D Development & Application Status

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Outline

- Improvements in Version 2.2
- Ongoing and future work
- Current applications at the INEEL



New models and improvements to existing models

- IMPROVED TURBINE MODEL Dissipation term added to energy equation, moisture separator added, new turbine characteristics input.
- IMPROVED RADIATION/CONDUCTION
 ENCLOSURE MODEL Added input check on energy conservation, temperature initialization, removed need to reinput data on restart.
- HENRY-FAUSKE CRITICAL FLOW MODEL Made compatible with the nearly-implicit solution scheme



New models and improvements to existing models (cont'd)

FLUIDS

- CO₂ added as a new coolant
- CO₂, CO, and O₂ added as noncondensables
- Improvements made to supercritical water and helium properties
- NEUTRON KINETICS Neutron flux correction
 was added that corrects either local burnup values or
 the value of the group 2 fission cross-section that is fed
 to NESTLE for RBMK reactors.



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GENERATION IV FEATURES ADDED

- Westinghouse rod bundle heat transfer correlation for liquid metals
- Gas diffusion model

COUPLING ENHANCEMENTS

- Energy-conserving explicit coupling
- Allow RELAP5-3D to run in parallel while coupled to another code
- Allow multiple noncondensable gases in coupled problems.



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PROGRAMMING IMPROVEMENTS

- Parallelization completed, except neutron kinetics
- Bit-packing transformed to FORTRAN 90 protocol
- Partial backups eliminated for air appearance

USER CONVENIENCES

- Allow multiple connections to Time Dependent Volumes.
- Added inverse kinetics control variable component
- Added optional noncondensable mass fraction input
- Allow reflood on left side of heat slab



RGUI Improvements

- Prototype THUMB Deck Builder
 - Integrated into RGUI
 - Heat slab input added
- JAVA Conversion
- Tiff file format
- Movie Capability



Ongoing and Future Work

- Feedwater Heater Model
- Pressurizer Spray Model
- Compressor Model
- Radiological Transport Model
- Continue FORTRAN 90 conversions
- VHTR Methods Development Plan
- Paper/Pulp Boiler Model
- Continue conversion of RGUI
- Horizontal Stratification Model



Current Validation/Applications

International Nuclear Safety Program

- Integrated Training and Accident Analysis System station developed for the IAEA
- Comparative assessment reports for VVER Standard Problems 1, 5 and 7
- Plant Specific Engineering Handbook

Generation IV reactor studies

- NGNP (VHTR)
- SCWR
- GCFR
- LFR