PURDUE UNIVERSITY THERMAL HYDRAULIC EXPERIMENT FACILITY - LWR & SMR GROUP -

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LABORATORY CAPABILITY Fundamental Physics of Thermal-Hydraulics

- 12", 8", 6", 4", 2" & 1" ID Two-phase Flow Pipe Loops
 - Objective of Facility
 - To acquire 3-D two-phase flow data for code development
 - Dimension & Capability
 - Height: up to 20 feet
 - Orientation: vertical up, down, horizontal
 - o Previous Work
 - Department of Energy (DOE)
 - Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
 - Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory
 - Future Planned Work
 - DOE/NRC

Annular, Droplet, Entrainment and Film Dynamics Facility

- Objective of Facility
 - To simulate annular two-phase flow dynamics in the BWR
- o Dimension & Capability
 - Pressure: up to 10 bar
 - Working Fluid: air-water and Freon 113
 - Gas velocity up to 100 m/s
- Previous Work
 - Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)
- o Future Planned Work
 - DOE





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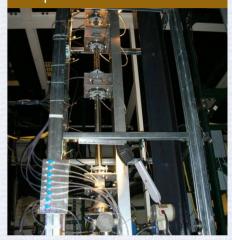
Boiling Loop for Seismic Effect Study

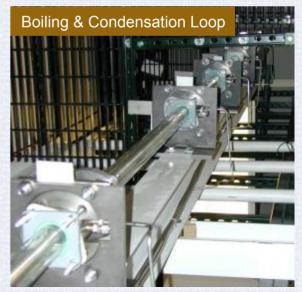
- o Objective of Facility
 - To acquire 3-D Boiling data for earthquake analysis
- o Dimension & Capability
 - Pressure: up to 10 bar
 - Geometry: annulus
- Previous Work
 - TEPCO
- o Future Planned Work
 - DOE/NRC

High Pressure Boiling Loop up to Critical Heat Flux

- o Objective of Facility
 - To measure wall nucleation characteristics
 - To study 3-D wall nucleation behavior
- o Dimension & Capability
 - Pressure: up to 10 bar
 - Geometry: annulus
- Previous Work
 - NRC
 - Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory
- o Future Planned Work
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Seismic Vibration Simulation





LABORATORY CAPABILITY II. Separate-effects Tests for Reactor Safety

- Two-phase Flow in Rod Bundle
 - Objective of Facility
 - To acquire 3-D local parameters in rod bundle
 - To analyze the spacer-grid effects
 - o Dimension & Capability
 - Pressure: up to 10 bar
 - Geometry: full size BWR 8x8 bundle
 - Previous Work
 - NRC
 - o Future Planned Work
 - DOE/NRC

BWR-Type Novel Modular Reactor (NMR-50) Test Facility

- o Objective of Facility
 - To study the natural circulation start-up instability
- o Dimension & Capability
 - Pressure: up to 10 bar
 - Max Power: 18 kW to simulate fission coupling
 - Height: up to 7 meters (or 23 feet)
- Previous Work
 - DOE
- o Future Planned Work
 - DOE

Nuclear Reactor Fuel Assembly Simulation Loop



Natural Circulation SMR Loop

LABORATORY CAPABILITY II. Separate-effects Tests for Reactor Safety

PWR-Type Small Modular Reactor (Similar to NuScale) Test Facility

- o Objective of Facility
 - To study the blowdown accident transient and design basis accident
 - To study the ECCS performance
- Dimension & Capability
 - Pressure: up to 10 bar
 - Max Power: 18 kW
 - Height: up to 12 feet
- Previous Work
 - DOE
- Future Planned Work
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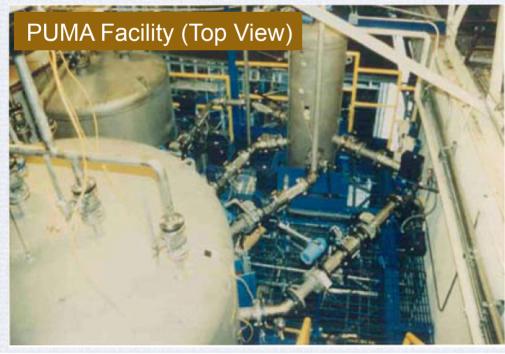
LABORATORY CAPABILITY III. Integral Test Facility PUMA

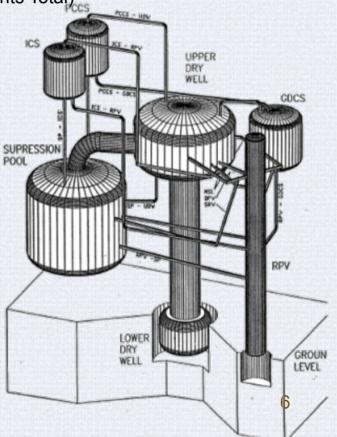
<u>Purdue University Multi-Dimensional Test A</u>ssembly (PUMA) Test Facility Features

- Well-Scaled Integral Test Facility for SBWR/ESBWR Certification
- Maximum Heater Rod Power of 650 kW
- State-of-Art Measurement and Control System (500 Instruments Total)

Possible User Facility

- Need Permission from NRC
- Requires 3 Research Assistants for operation and service







LABORATORY CAPABILITY *IV. Computational Calculation Capability*

System Analysis Codes

TRAC P, B, M, RELAP5, TRACE, CATHARE, RAMONA

CFD Codes

CFX, FLUENT

CFD Code Development

Cooperate with Bettis and ANSYS for the development of 3-D boiling CFX code

Computer Hardware Available at TRSL

- About 35 personal computers in total
- 5 of the computers connected to the network for general usage purposes
- 20 computers used for acquisition of data from thermal-hydraulic and integral test facilities
- 2 computers for CFD codes
- 5~8 computers used by PUMA staff for system analysis codes and data analysis of PUMA experiments
- 1 Unix workstation for system analysis codes



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