

Pressurized Thermal Shock at NRG

Project development, progresses and future

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Generality of PTS

PTS at NRG progress by year

PTS future



Presenter introduction



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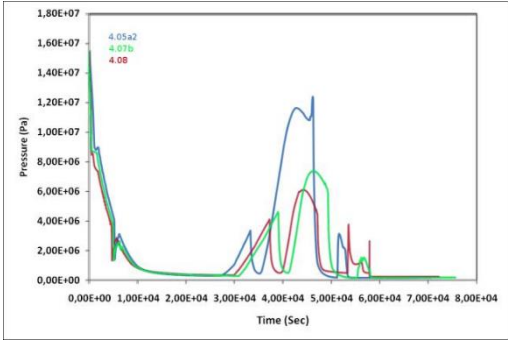
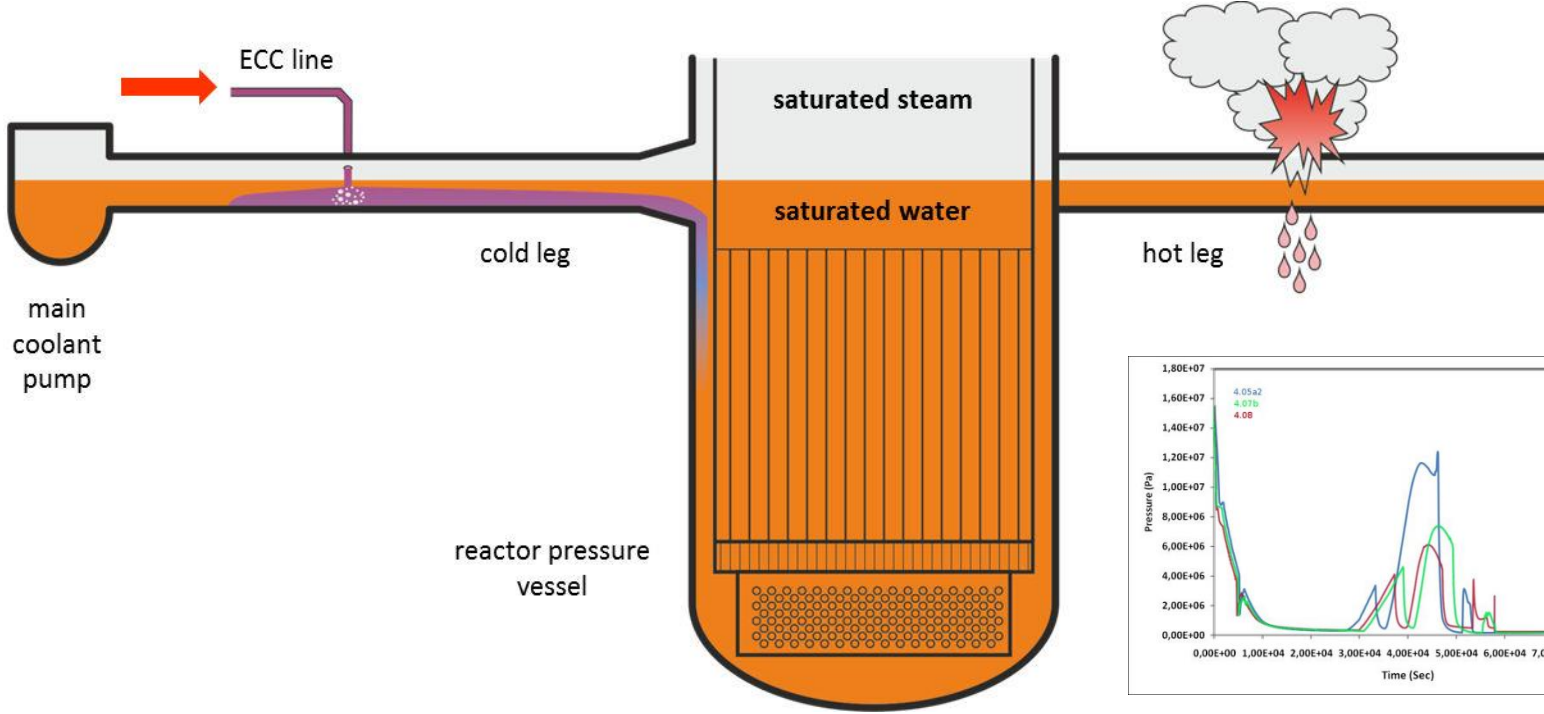
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Since 2016 at NRG.

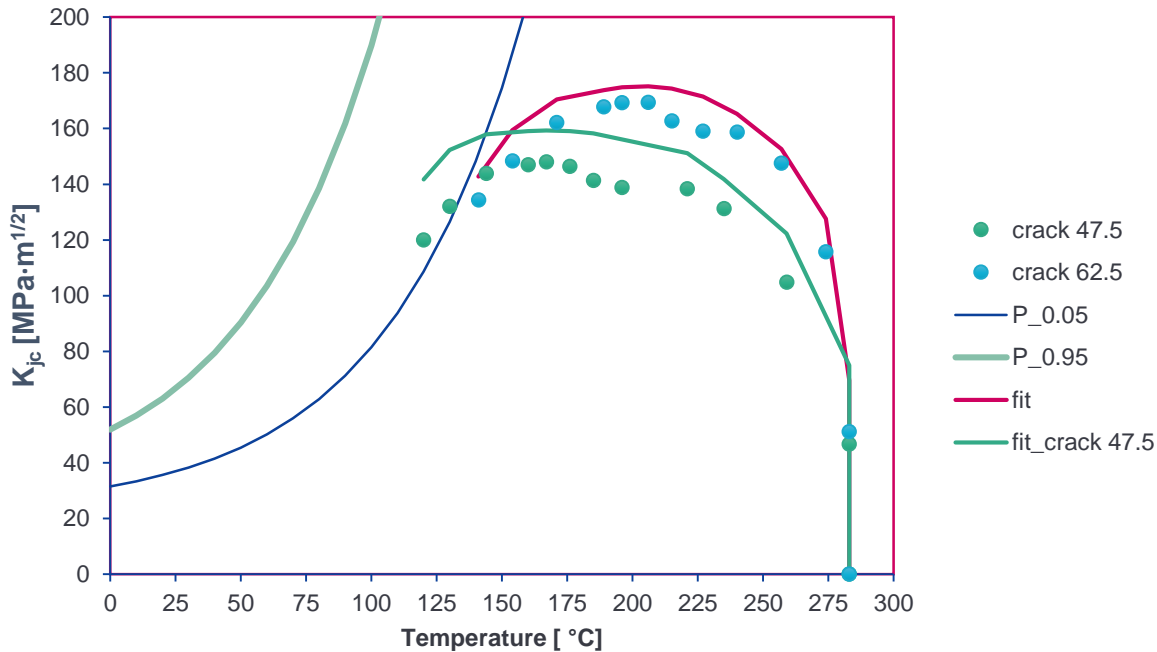
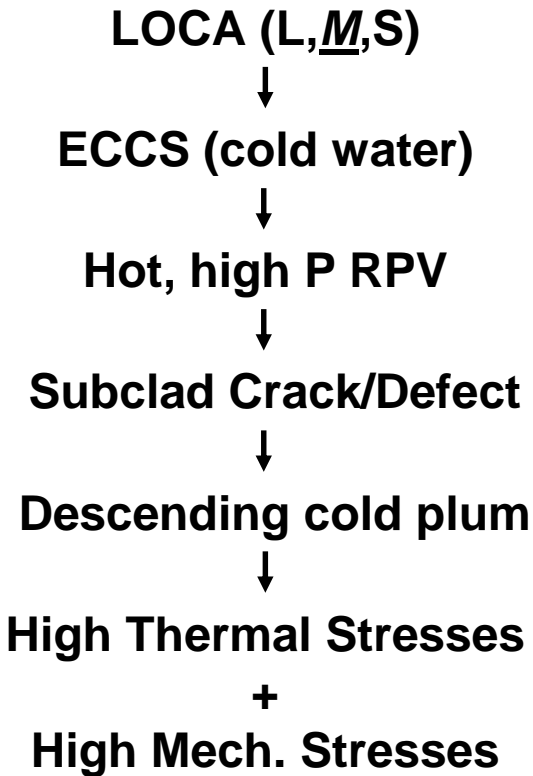
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Pressurized Thermal Shock



Pressurized Thermal Shock Analysis



PTS Analysis Option

EuDuc =N

Option 1

Option 2

**Thermal and
Pressure transient**

Crack analysis

CFD

**FEM
(3D)**

TH

**Formula
(& 1D FEM)**

Precise but long

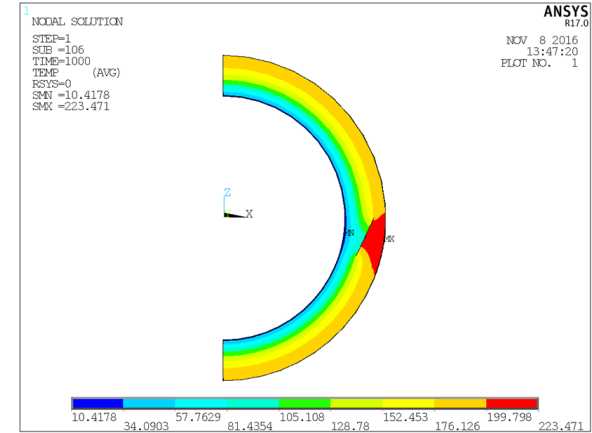
**Effective but based
on models**



PTS at NRG - 2017 – Analysis of embedded skewed cracks

No 'thermal transient'
analysis

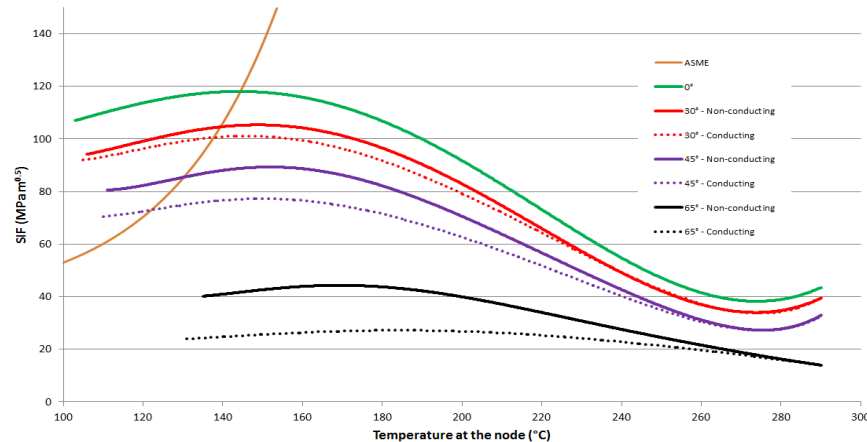
Crack as thermal
obstacle



Conservatism ASME
projection rules for PTS



All cracks considered
projectable in axial



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PTS at NRG - 2018 – Use of master curve and CFD coupling

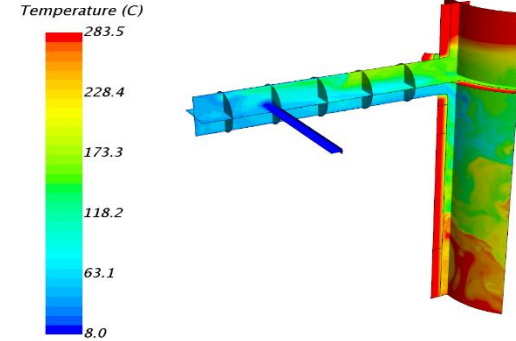
CFD thermal transient (HPCIS)
 Constant pressure
 Quarte downcomer geometry

3D FEM

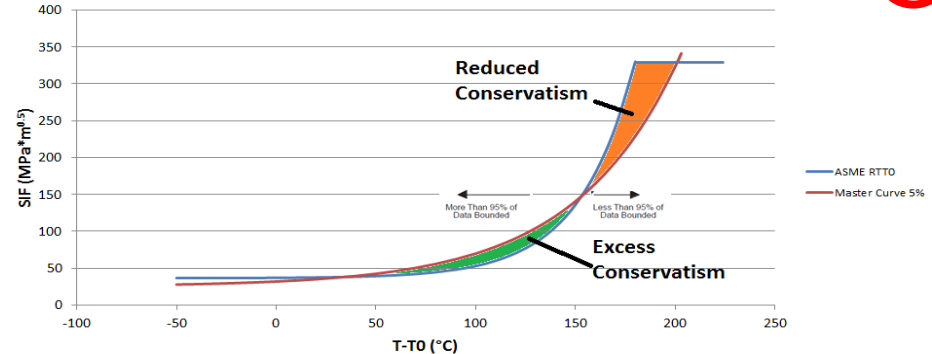
Multiple crack analysis
 Sensitivity to shape ratio,
 orientation and position

Probabilistic meaning via
 Master Curve – K_{IC} stochastic

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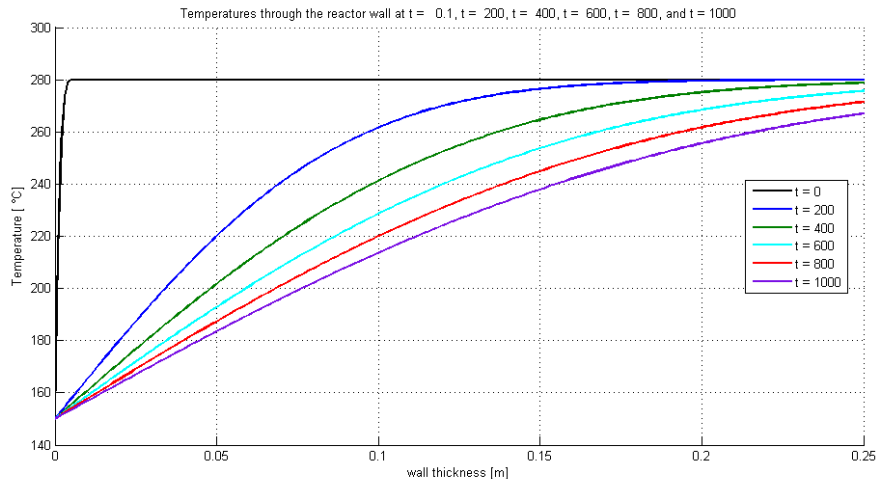
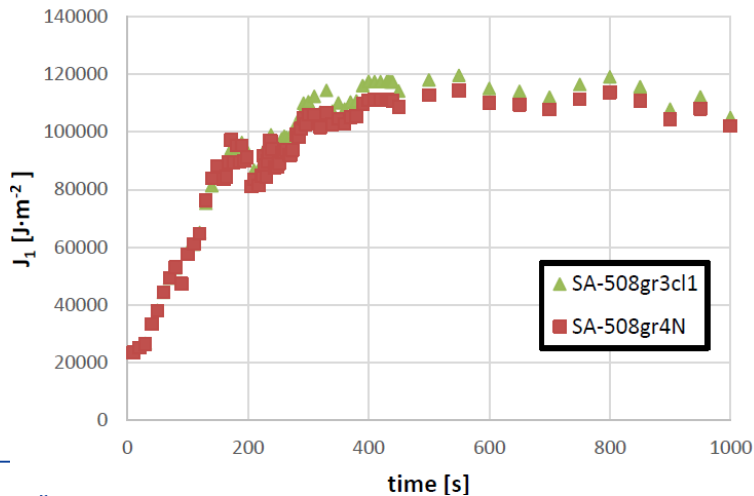


$$K_{Jc} = 20 + \left[11 + 77 \cdot \exp(0.019(T - T_0)) \cdot \left(\frac{25.4}{B}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \cdot \left(\ln\left(\frac{1}{1 - P_f}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \right]$$



PTS at NRG - 2019 – Transient extension and new materials

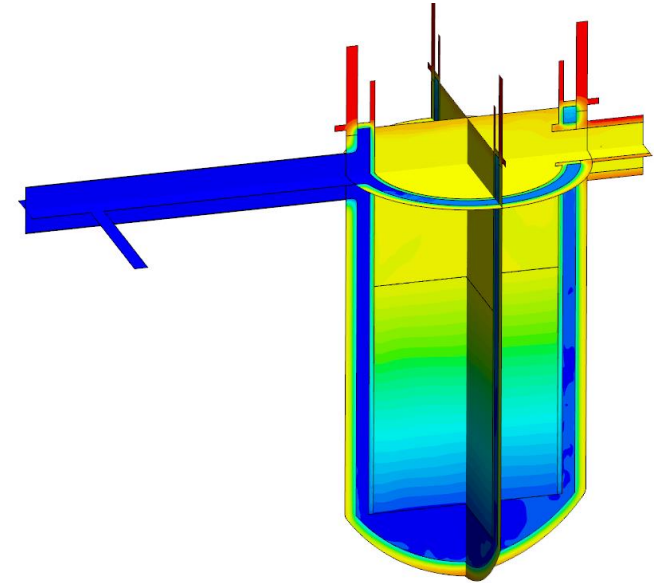
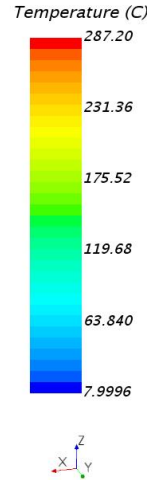
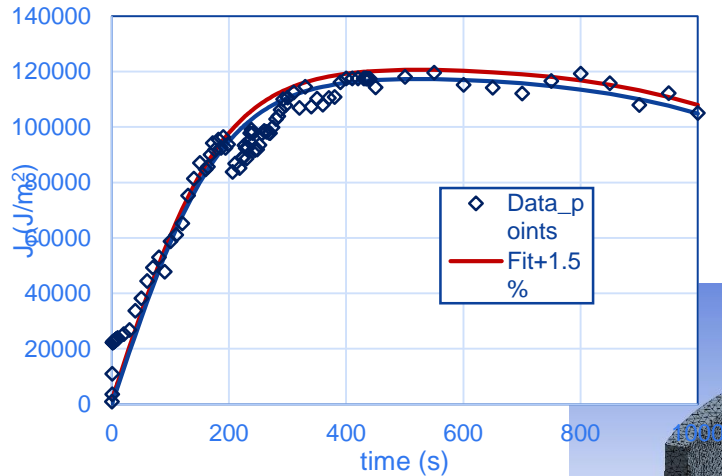
**CFD thermal transient (HPCIS
Constant pressure
1000sec**



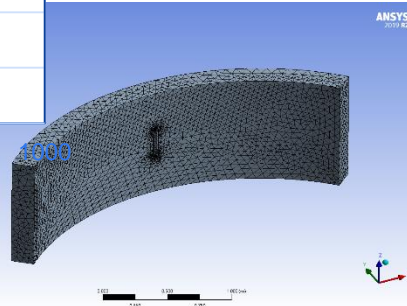
**Irradiation embrittlement
Crack interaction**

PTS at NRG - 2020 – Complete RPV and submodeling

**CFD thermal transient
(HPCIS/accumulator)
Constant pressure
1000sec
Core as porous medium**



**Sub-modeling
Fluctuation harmonisation
(phase out CFD)**

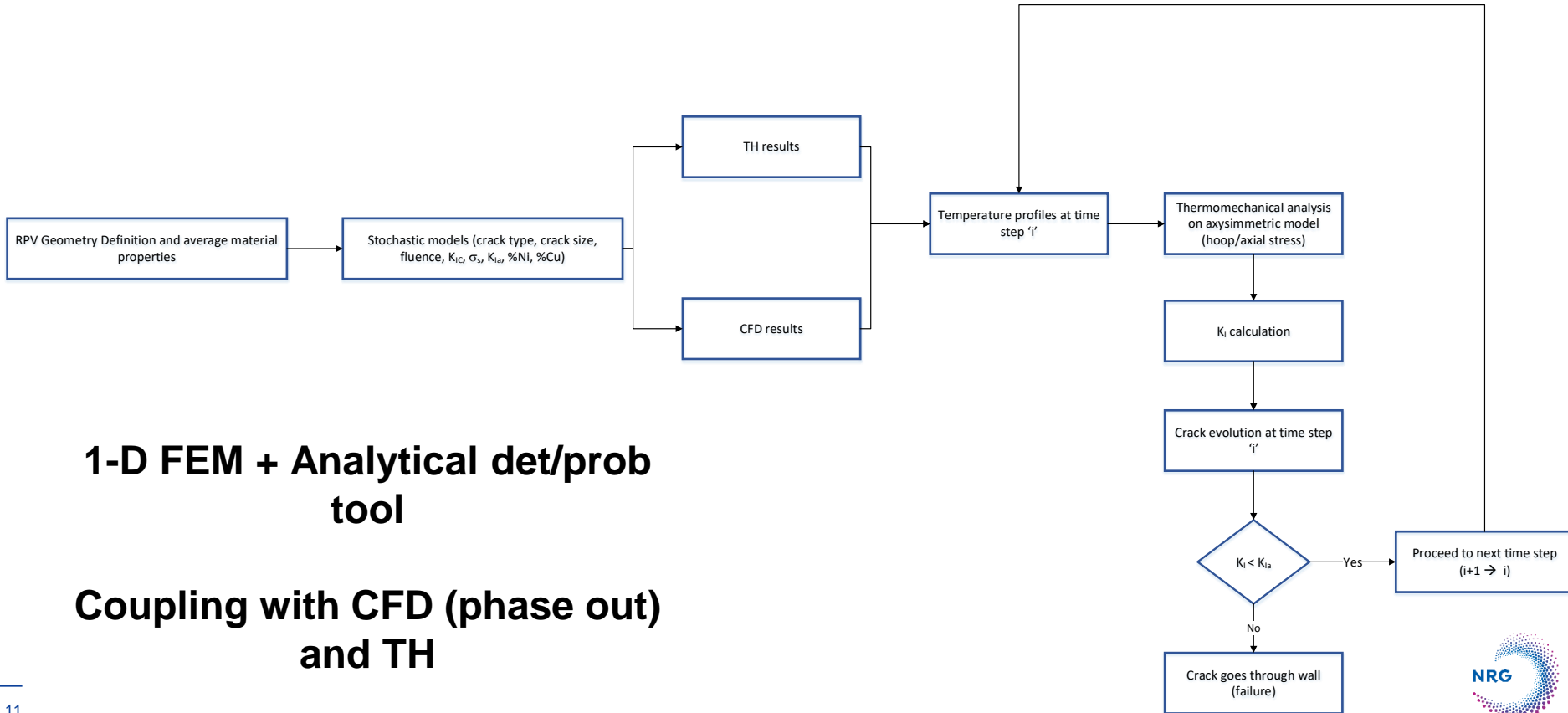


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PTS at NRG – 2021-2024 the (fully probabilistic) future

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1-D FEM + Analytical det/prob tool

Coupling with CFD (phase out) and TH



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