ARIES Systems Code
Development & Results

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Outline of Progress

1. Improving and substantiating the ARIES Systems Code (ASC)
2. Documentation and ASC homepage
3. Strawmen points issued
4. VASST GUI for visualizing data
ASC Flow of Calculations

(medium detail)

• Systems code consists of modular building blocks

• Two modes of operation

• Adjustable input files
Power Flow Diagram Ensures Power Accountability
✓ Power Balance Verified ✓

![Diagram showing energy balance check and power losses](image)

### Power Balance Check:

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DCLL TEST CASE

ACT-Ib point
Generic radial build implemented

- Generic radial build allows true modularity of blankets to add components as required.
- Items not in use are given a thickness = 0.
ASC Constructs Radial Builds for Both Blankets

- ACT-SA (c) SCLL
- DCLL test case

- Vacuum vessel
- Manifolding area
- Divertors
- Blankets I & II
- Central solenoid & bucking cylinder
- HT Shield
- IB blanket & first wall
All-encompassing ASC Homepage

1. History
2. Documentation
   - Modifications
   - Equations
   - Code Modules
   - Input & outputs
   - Examples
   - Flow of calculations
   - Power flow diagram
   - Reference documents
   - Old documentation
3. Strawmen Points
4. VASST

http://aries.ucsd.edu/carlson/aries/

ARIES Systems Code Homepage

The Aries Systems Code (ASC) is a critical tool used in the process of identifying an attractive operating regime for a potential fusion power plant. The code integrates the most up-to-date physics from the fusion community, as well as sound engineering and costing models and algorithms to create a self-consistent and balanced power plant design. In the current pathways study (2010 – 2012), the code is being used for parametric evaluations in support of the major goals of the program as to assess areas of advanced physics and technology as well as conventional regimes. The systems code can determine which parameters, such as cost of electricity (COE), are sensitive to certain criteria or limitations placed on the design, and use a visualization tool to enhance and support the iterative design process.

Updated: 11/2011 by L. Carlson

Current Systems Code Version: ASC v.34

History: In ~2010, L. Carlson took over operation and maintenance of the systems code from Z. Dragojlovic. Since then, the ASC has undergone many revisions, updates and error corrections, which have been mainly documented in Aries Pathways project meetings. These can be found grouped together or in the Aries meeting archives.

Documentation: Documents in support of the different systems code modules.

Strawmen Points: The current study is tentatively named Advanced and Conventional Tokamaks or (ACT). Four combinations of advanced and conventional physics and technology create four corners that define the tokamak parameter space. The detailed parameters and specifications of various strawmen points can be found on this page.

VASST: The Visual Aries Systems Scanning Tool (VASST) is a visualization and filtering tool written in Matlab. The tool takes the database of viable tokamak power plants from the systems code and is able to visualize a multitude of plots that are of interest to the user.
All modifications are listed to archive changes

- **Modifications:**
  - Subversion SVN version control
  - SVN history log
  - Modifications sheet (ASC_mods.xlsx)

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| y.31    | 2011-04-15 | 2011-04-15 LCC: Lots of changes after the April 2011 strawmen have been issued, ACT-I, II. Have focused mainly on generalizing the code in anticipation to converging it to the DCLL blanket module. Right now, the two blankets are two entirely separate codes and all the work up until now has been on the SiC code. Focused on taking the data from inside the code and making it part of the input files. E.g. all the material properties are now one input file rather than part of Part.cpp. Also did inflation factors and CD costs and frequency and efficiencies. Also implemented a "tab:" after all the output files. This expedites the conversion so a webpage since they can be imported into excel and delimited by the colon and line right up into columns. For more details see ASC Legend 23.xls and ASC mods after modification #34.
All equations are listed, explained and referenced

- Equations:
  - Volume calculations
  - Blanket, divertor pumping powers
  - First wall and divertor heat flux
  - Power summation
  - Gross cycle efficiency
  - Current drive
  - Part construction, references and constraints

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A. Plasma Surface Area


Notes: Calculates the surface area of the plasma. The average neutron wall flux uses this by dividing neutron power by the plasma surface area.

C. Discretized equations:

These take into account all the plasma factors that affect its size. This is the most accurate formula currently used in the code. To take advantage of symmetry, the contour shape is multiplied by two.

- \( R = R_0 + a \cos(\vartheta + \sin^{-1}(\delta) \sin(\vartheta)) \)
- \( Z = a \kappa \sin(\vartheta + \varphi \sin(2\vartheta)) \) for \( \vartheta < \pi/2 \)
- \( Z = a \kappa \sin(\vartheta + \varphi \sin(2\vartheta)) \) for \( \vartheta \geq \pi/2 \)

- \( R_0 = \) plasma major radius
- \( a = \) plasma minor radius (add SOL thickness here to find surface area incl. SOL)
- \( \kappa = \) plasma elongation
- \( \delta = \) plasma triangularity
- \( \varphi = \) plasma squaerness on outboard side (~0)
- \( \vartheta = \) plasma squaerness on inboard side (~0)
- \( \varphi = \) poloidal angle
Code’s C++ modules explained

**Code Modules (C++):**
- Physics, Aries, Cost, Costing Accounts, Design Point, Geometry, Part.cpp

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**Costing Accounts Module Equations**

- **Revision:** 10/2011 by L. Carlson
- **Code Version:** ASC v.34
- **Code Modules:** CostingAccount.cpp, CostingAccount.h
- **History:** Z. Dragojlovic received from L. Waganer 12/2009. Since then, have made a few modifications, mainly related to replaceable algorithms.
- **Module note:** This module applies detailed and intricate costing algorithms. CostingAccounts.cpp module creates an output file and lists the costs. There are no numbers in this file, only the output file is the best way to stay up to date on the current algorithm. Costs may vary slightly depending on the blanket in use.
- **Reference:** Complete costing account documentation by L. Waganer 10. (11-25-10).doc
  MOST RECENT costing accounts and algorithms in spreadsheet
  “Algorithm Comparison (RevD 120910).xls”
Input files are more easily modified

- Input files:
  - Raw data file from physics module
  - Setup files – choose divertor, blanket, scanning mode
  - Runaries script – designates points to scan
  - Radial build input file – IB, OB, vertical
  - Materials – name, purpose, density, cost, cost basis year
  - Inflation factors
  - Costing parameters
  - Magnets – TF and PF coil parameters
  - Power flow – neutron multiplication factors, efficiencies, power flow fractions

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PbLi
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liquid_breeder_coolant
8897
9.06
2011

RAFS
FS_RA_large_complex_structure_(composite)
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9500
44.78
2011
Output files & reference docs

- **Output files:**
  - Raw data output file
  - Part files for CAD drawings
  - Costing accounts and algorithms
  - System engineering summary
  - Powers and heat fluxes summary
  - Inflation factors, material properties, part compositions printouts

- **Flow of calculations diagram** – flow of the code structure

- **Power flow diagram** – complete listing of all power fractions, power flow, generated, lost and recovered heat.

- **Reference documents** – spreadsheets, papers, journal articles, etc. from contributing team members to reference equations, assumptions and hard numbers in the systems code.

- **Old reference documents** – for archival purposes.
# ARIES ACT Strawmen Designs

- **Two blanket designs:** *advanced SCLL technology and conventional DCLL*
- **Two physics regimes:** *advanced* ($\beta_n 0.04-0.06$) *and conventional physics* ($\beta_n \sim 0.03$)
  
  => *4-corners scanning approach to cover parameter space*

## Strawman Designs

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All formally-issued strawmen available online:

[http://aries.ucsd.edu/carlson/aries/](http://aries.ucsd.edu/carlson/aries/)
Strawmen Points Page

- Version
- History/overview
- Four-corners approach
- Strawmen issued
  - Name
  - Date
  - Blanket
  - Physics
  - ASC version
  - Notes
- Filtering sequences

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**Aries Systems Code Strawmen Points**

**Revision:** 1/2012 by L. Carlson

**Code Version:** ASC v.34

**History:** Strawmen points have been issued in the past by R. Miller for ARIES-AT. The full output of the final strawman point that became ARIES-AT is printed here.

**Four-corners Approach:**

Four combinations of advanced and conventional physics and technology create four corners that define the tokamak parameter space. Our interest lies in defining the corners and exploring the viable operating points in between to better analyze tradeoffs and relationships between parameters.

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* SCLL – self-cooled lead-lithium. Advanced physics – betaN ~ 4.0 – 6.0

**Filtering Sequence:** Finding a single strawman point to issue from thousands to tens of thousands of possible points is difficult to do. To select the strawman point we have employed the VASST visualization GUI to help filter out points...
Easier-to-read part printouts combine all part parameters

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Some example scanning parameters

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Preliminary filtering:
1. $P_{nelec} = 1000$ MW ± 25 MW
2. Divertor (in/outboard) limit < 15 MW/m²
3. $B_T$-max = 6 - 18 T

System scans done on cluster computer with 100’s nodes

Large system scans can produce $10^6 - 10^8$ points
### Visual Aries Systems Scanning Tool (VASST) Documentation

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### Overview:
This graphical user interface tool, build in Matlab, was designed to be able to more clearly visualize the enormous database of possible tokamak points that the systems code produces. The tool seeks to make an easy to use and intuitive user interface in which the user can plot and explore different parameters of the systems code output file. VASST allows the user to plot two parameters against each other and plots another parameter as a colored overlay on the points.

See [How to run the VASST GUI](#) for details on running the code. (v.3 6/2011)

### Filtering Sequence:
- [Filtering sequence example](#) of SCLL points.
- [Filtering sequence example #2](#) of 20,000 DCLL points showing GUI constraints tab as they are applied.
- [Filtering sequence example #3](#) of 9,500 SCLL points showing GUI constraints tab as they are applied, used to find ACT-SA (c) point.

### Screen Shots:
Pull-down menus for common parameters

Number of design points in database

Auto-labeling

Color bar scale

All self-consistent design points displayed

Save plot

Correlation coefficient

Specific data point info available here

Slider bars filter points in real time

Multiple filters can be added
VASST Filtering Sequence

- Used to help find ACT-SA strawmen points
Summary

- ASC continues improvements and is ready to be run
- All-encompassing documentation of systems code and ASC Homepage
- Preliminary strawmen for ARIES Physics & Technology Assessment issued
- VASST visualization tool provides visual interaction with systems code database