

PRELIMINARY - ANALYSES STILL IN PROGRESS

Cladding Rupture Study

- Using analysis inputs skewed to maximize the PCT, determine if cladding rupture is postulated during the hot leg LOCA transient during the BWST injection phase.
- Perform a generic hot leg U-bend analysis to bound the 177 FA Lowered-Loop analyses
- Perform a limiting DB hot leg U-bend analysis for the 177 FA Raised-Loop plant

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177 FA LL Clad Rupture Study

- Generically Applicable to Six Plants
 - ANO-1
 - CR-3
 - ONS-1
 - ONS-2
 - ONS-3
 - TMI-1
- Determine a limiting fuel type
- Determine the limiting fuel pin burnup and axial peaking
- Perform any sensitivity studies that may be needed to confirm bounding results were obtained

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- Fuel Types Considered
 - Mark-B10 – zircaloy clad
 - Mark-B11 – M5 clad
 - Mark-B12 – M5 clad
 - Mark-B-HTP – M5 clad
- Fuel initial temperature, break size and the timing of CHF, and the CFT initial conditions are important considerations.
- The LOCA linear heat rate (LHR) limit is pushed to achieve a PCT of 2000 ± 50 F.
- The LHR limits to achieve the PCT effectively normalize out plant differences and CHF variations for CLPD breaks so there should be little change from plant to plant.

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- The Mark-B-HTP fuel used in CR-3 has the lowest CHF performance so it was selected for this study of the 14.4 ft².
- The CFT line resistance and initial pressure and liquid volume conditions were set to bound all the LL plants for conservatism.
- Multiple hot pins with different pin pressures were used to simulate the TIL effects.
- The hot pin fuel stored energy EM approach that was approved in Rev 4 of RELAP5/ MOD2- B&W was used in the analyses.

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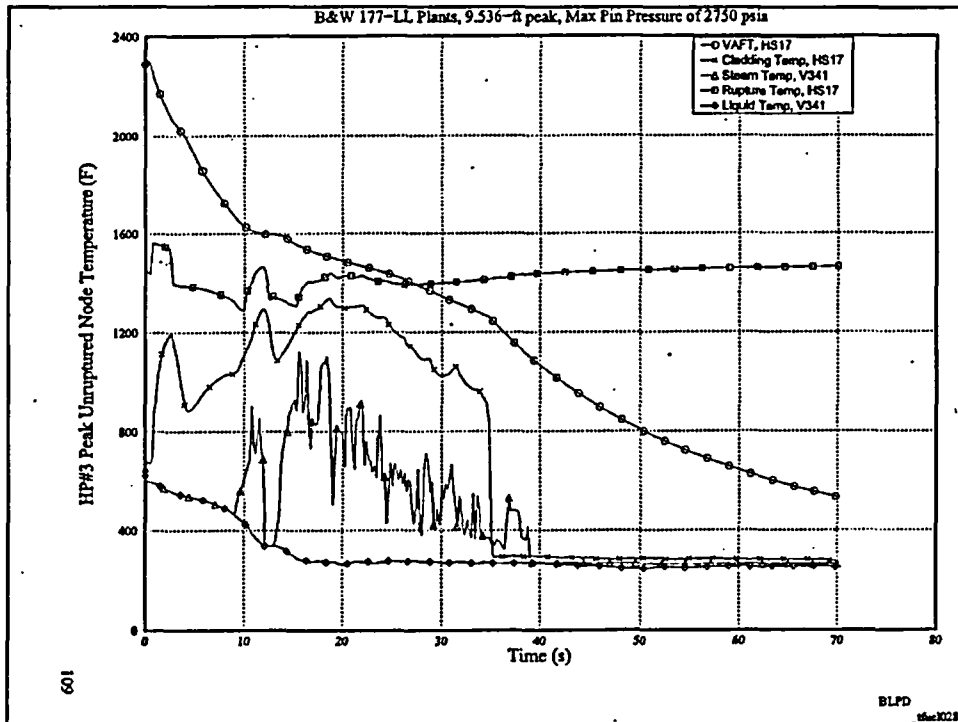
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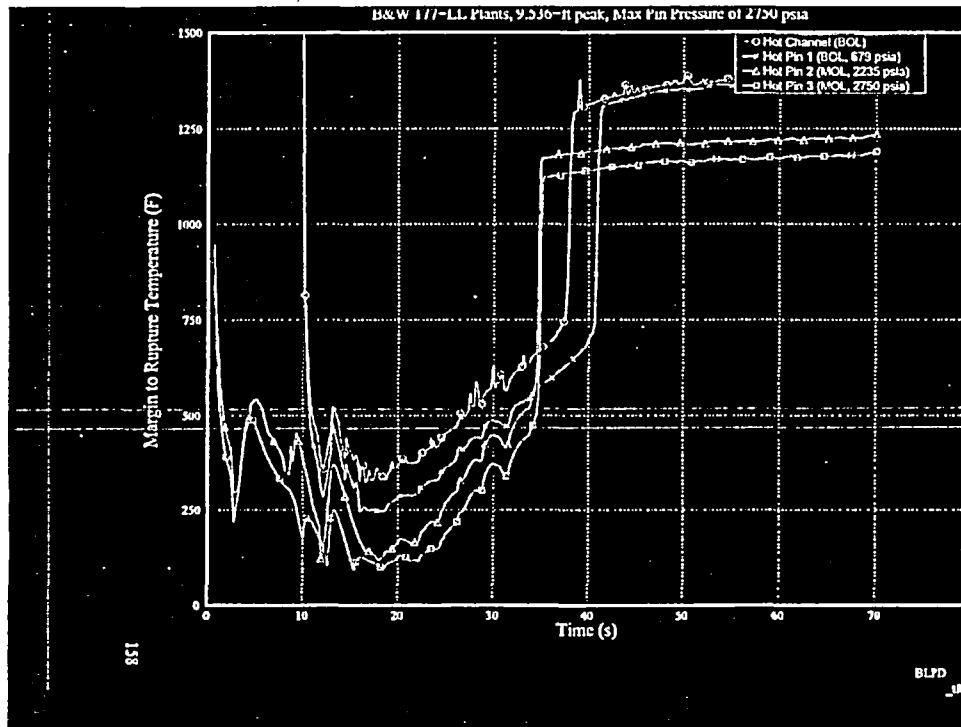


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- The core exit skewed power peaks produce earlier CHF than the middle or bottom skewed peaks and this presents the biggest challenge to clad rupture. Therefore the 9.536-ft elevation axial peak case was used.
- The limiting margin to rupture for a double-ended guillotine break was calculated as 105 F for the pressurizer in the intact hot leg and 99 F for the pressurizer in the broken hot leg.

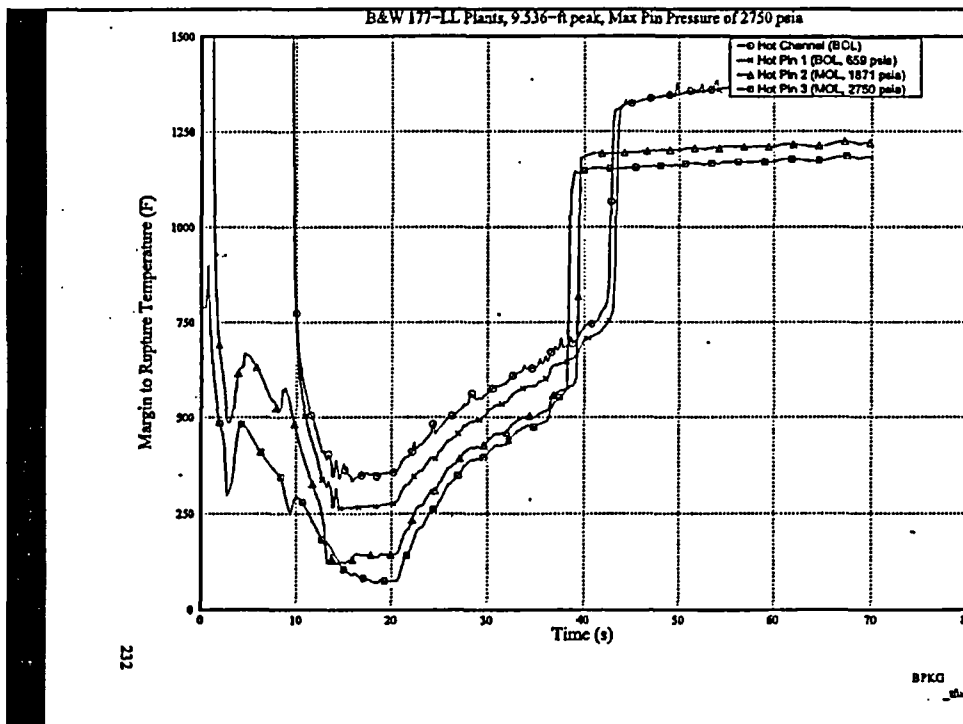
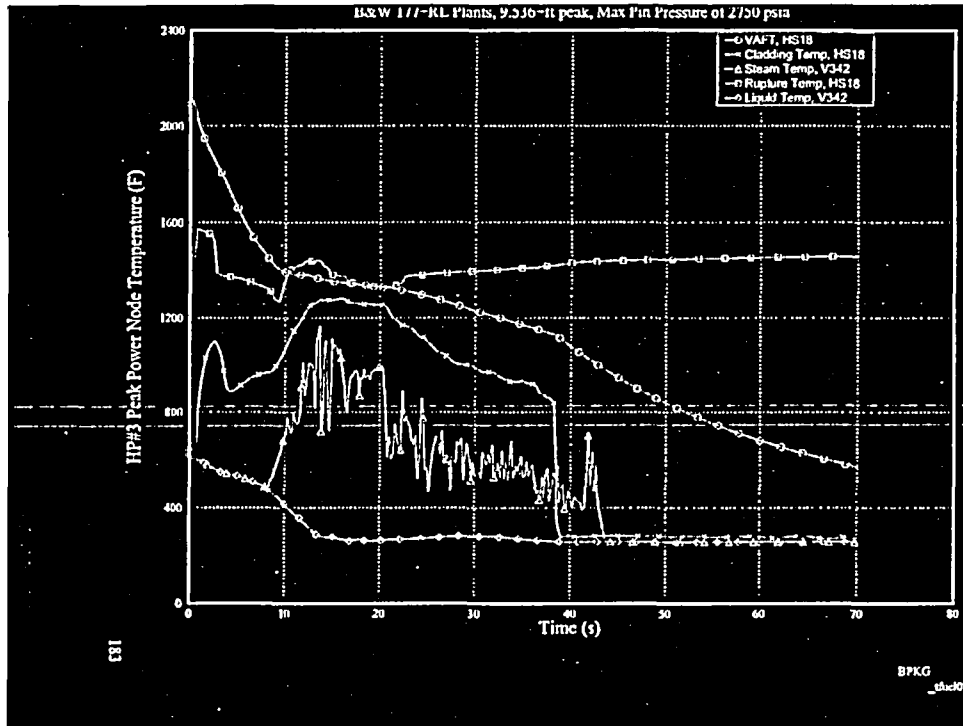
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177 FA RL Clad Rupture Study

- DB Specific Plant Parameters
- Fuel types considered
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 - Mark-B12 - M5
- Use multiple hot pins to simulate the time-in-life effects for the 9.536-ft axial peak
- Perform a pressurizer location sensitivity study
- The limiting margin to rupture for a double-ended guillotine break was calculated as 79 F for the pressurizer in the intact hot leg and 72 F for the pressurizer in the broken hot leg.



Clad Rupture Study Conclusions

- Cladding rupture was not be predicted for the LL or RL analyses for the double-ended hot leg U-bend break for the 9.536-ft axial peak.
- Cladding rupture will not occur for smaller break sizes or lower axial peaking elevations.
- These results can be used in defining the inputs to the dose evaluations.

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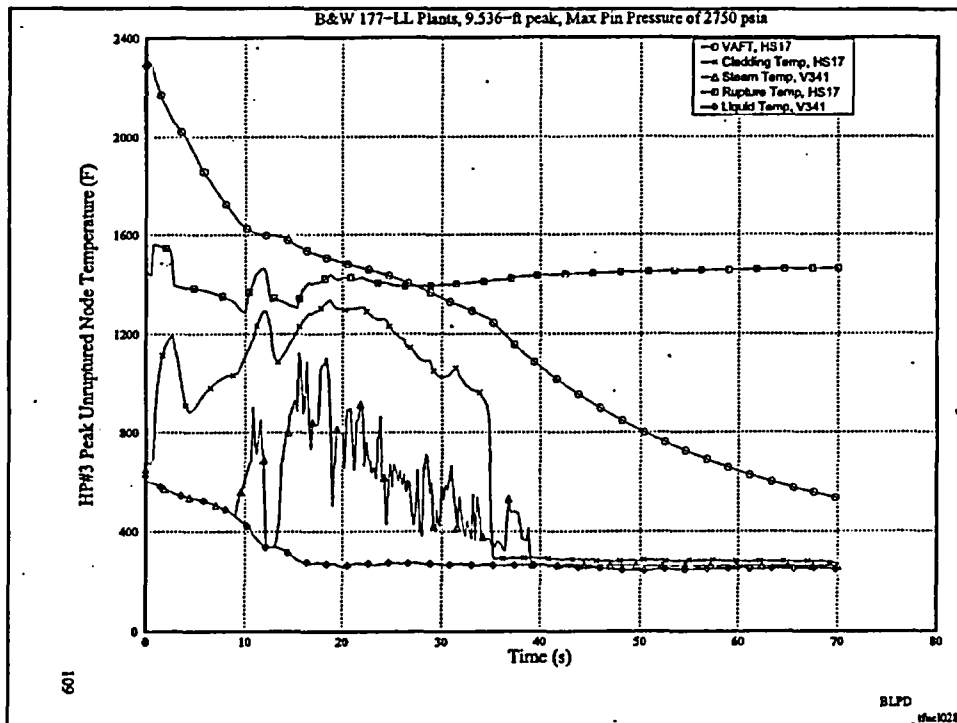
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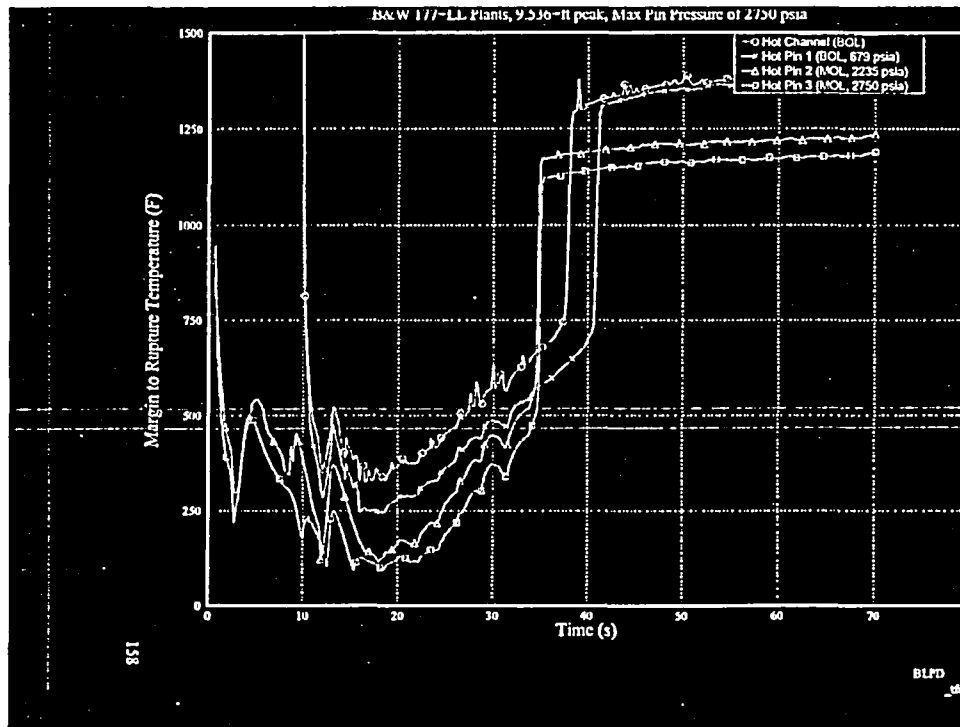
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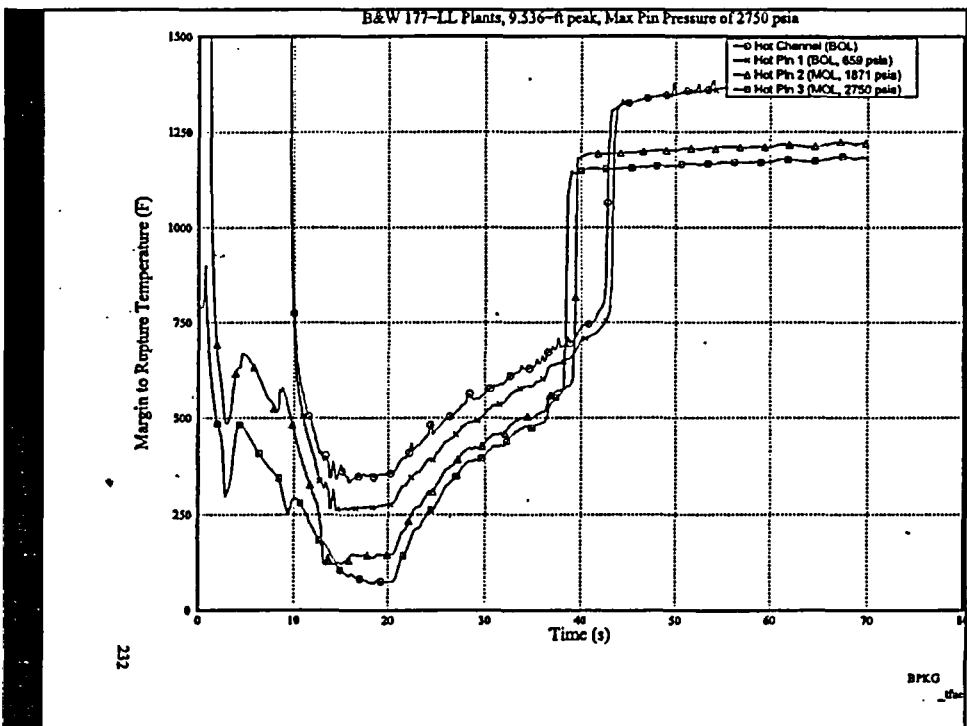
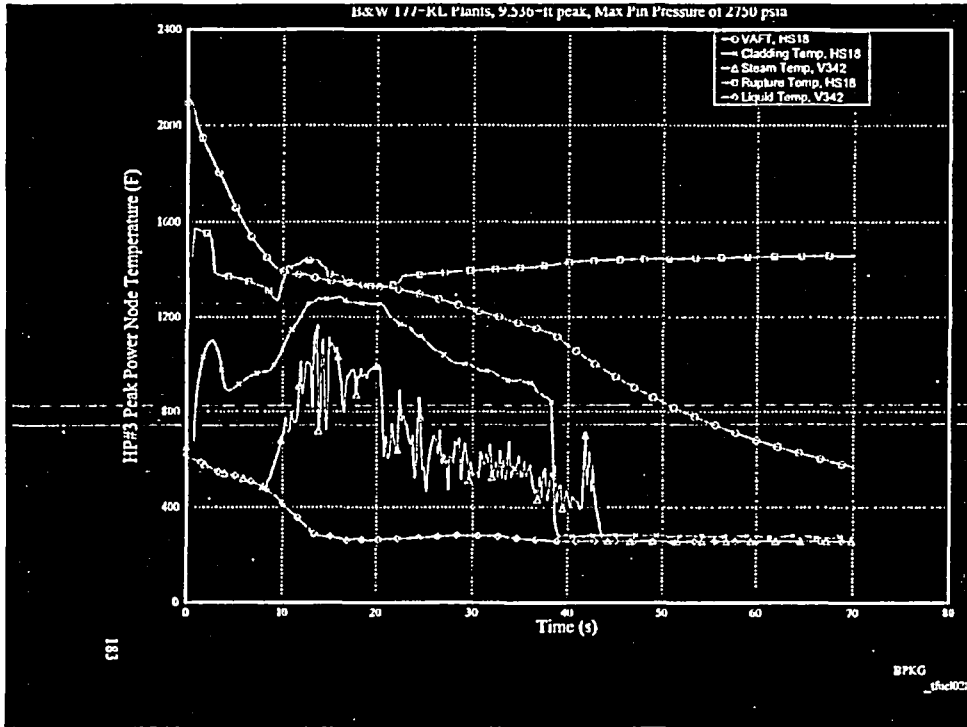
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