



# **Susquehanna Steam Electric Station**

**Extended Power Uprate  
Proposed License Amendment**



## **Agenda**

- Introduction
- Initial Staff Comments
- Objectives
- Overview of Changes
- Steam Dryer Analysis
- Comments from Public
- Conclusions and Closing Remarks



## Objectives

- Describe why the dryer analysis techniques employed will provide a final dryer that:
  - Adequately defines and applies loads
  - Comprehensively analyzes the loads
  - Is benchmarked to actual Susquehanna plant data
  - Is robust and has a strong technical basis
  - Requires stress intensities to conform to ASME design limits.



## Submittal Change Overview

- Addresses several areas in original submittal that NRC identified as lacking sufficient information
- Removed Standby Liquid Control proposed changes
- NRC approval is now requested for a change to the FSAR
  - PPL evaluation results indicate that a trip of a feedwater pump or condensate pump may result in a unit scram.



## Submittal Change Overview

- Updated information:
  - Description of TS changes currently undergoing NRC review
  - Updated PRA analysis results
- Detailed Dryer Analysis now provided.



## Susquehanna Steam Dryer Analysis Approach

- Determine if an acoustic resonance will be present after EPU implementation.
- Develop a design basis for cyclic stresses which include EPU conditions.
- Develop required actions to bring the steam dryer design into conformance with the cyclic stress design basis.



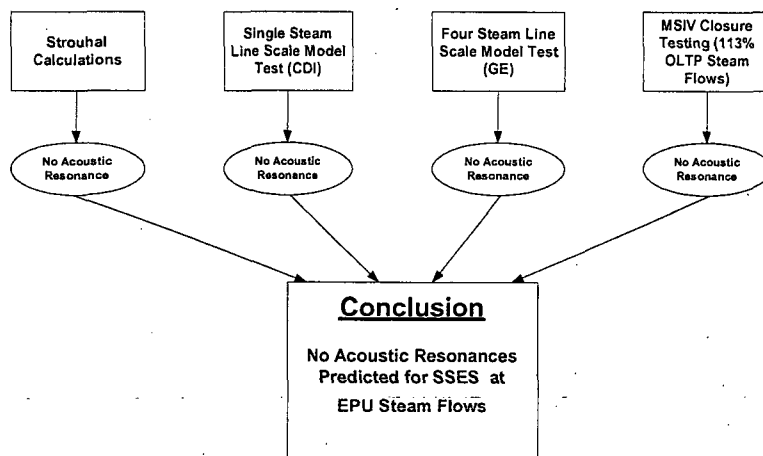


## Steam Dryer Analysis

- Acoustic Resonance and Acoustic Loading
- MSIV Closure Testing
- Analysis Methods
- Uncertainty Evaluation
- Analysis Results
- Needs



## Acoustic Resonance Prediction



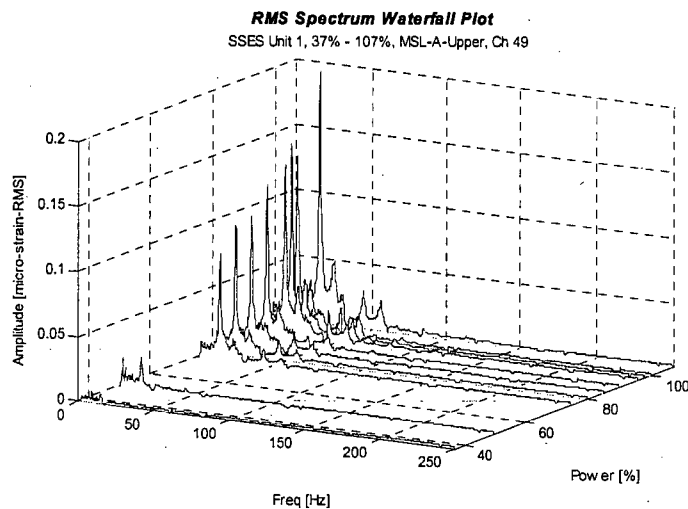


## MSIV Closure Testing

- MSIVs Slow Closed at 75% CLTP
  - Simulates 100% CLTP flow through remaining open steam lines.
  - Used to benchmark strain gauge data for composite load methodology for EPU cases.
- MSIV's Slow Closed at 80% CLTP
  - Simulates 113% OLTP (first EPU step) flow through the remaining open steam lines.
  - Used to determine presence of acoustic resonances and steam line vibration levels at the first EPU step.
  - Strain gauge data used to develop ACM steam dryer loading for the first EPU step.



## Main Steam Line Strain Gauge Test Results

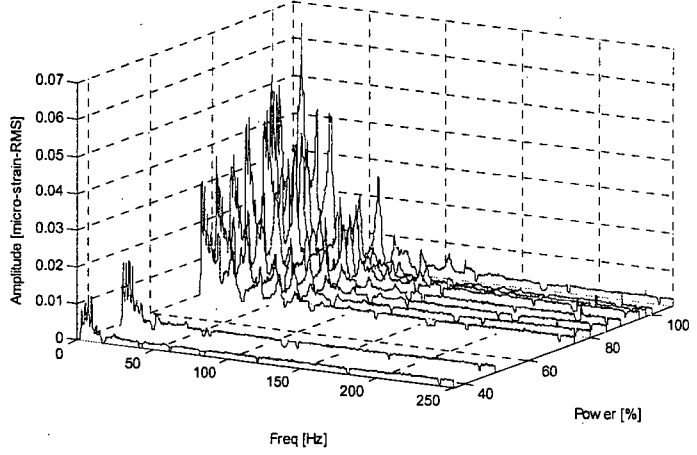




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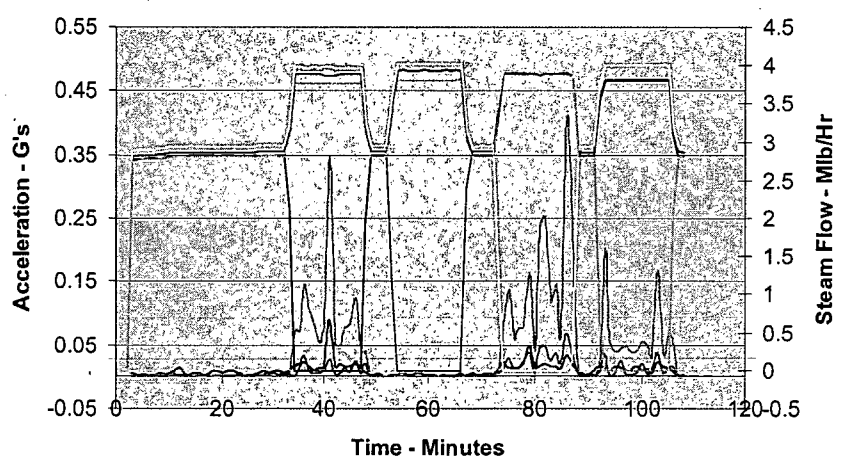
**RMS Spectrum Waterfall Plot**

SSES Unit 1, 37% - 107%, MSL-A-Low er, Ch 50



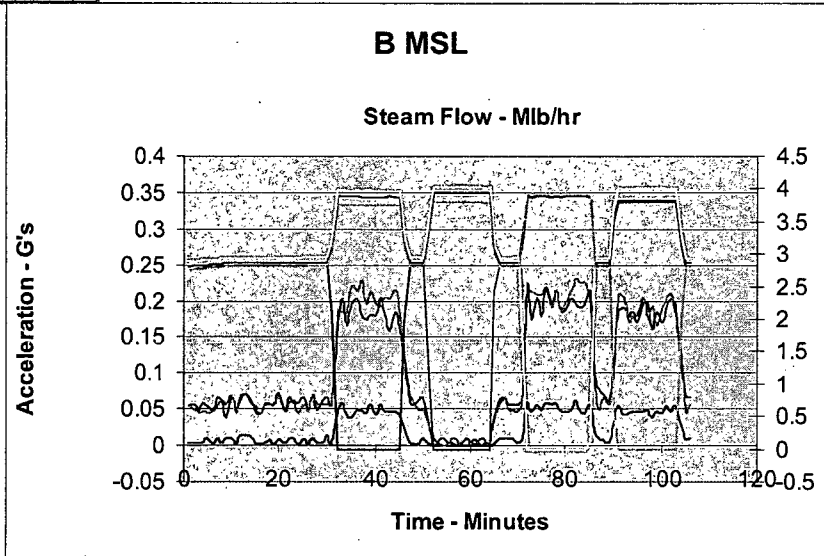
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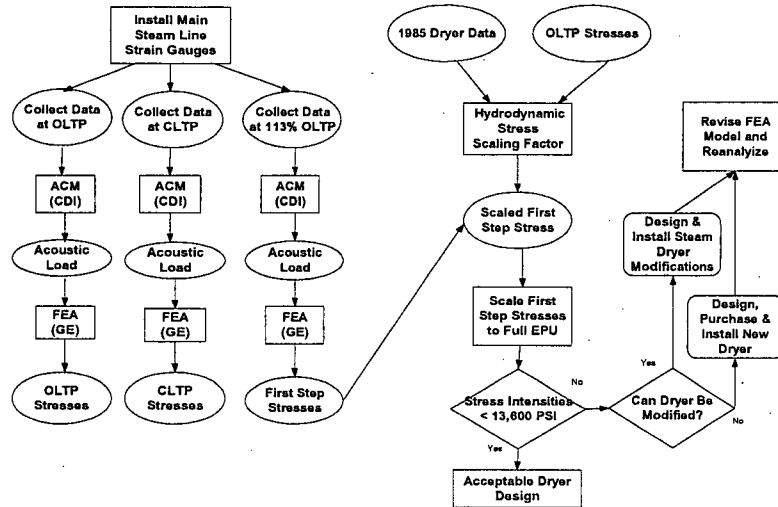
## Steam Dryer Analysis Methods

- Main steam line strain gauges used as inputs to ACM.
- Structural Integrity Associates provided strain to pressure conversion factors.
- Steam dryer load definition generated using CDI acoustic circuit methodology (ACM).
- Load definition input into GE ANSYS finite model of SSES steam dryer.
- GE model used 1% Raleigh damping factor.
- GE performed  $\pm 10\%$  frequency shifts to bound structural uncertainty.
- Strains from GE ANSYS finite model were benchmarked against 1985 SSES strain gauge data.
- Stress intensities were scaled as a result of the benchmarking effort.
- The ASME stress intensity design limit of 13,600 PSI for 304 stainless steel was applied to the finite element analysis stress intensity results.





# Steam Dryer Structural Evaluation Process



# Uncertainty Considerations

Uncertainty Component	Symbol	Bias (Note 1)	Precision (Note 2)
Acoustic Pressure Measurement	U1	0%	+/-6.2%
Difference in MSL Strain Gauge Locations Between Susquehanna and Quad Cities Unit 2	U2a	0%	+/-16.9%
Ability of ACM to Determine Acoustic Dryer Pressure Loads	U2b	-	-
Measurement of Dryer Pressures in 1985 Susquehanna Measurements	U3a	0%	+/-10%
Ability of ACM to Determine Spatial Distribution of Non-Acoustic Pressure Loads	U3b	0%	+/-7.6%
Use of a Two-Second Time History in FE Calculations	U4a	-2%	0%
Ability of FE Model to Represent Dryer Structure	U4b	(*)	(*)
Determination of CPPU Scale Factor	U5a	(*)	(*)
Conservatism in 113% OLTP Load Definition	U5b	+24%	0%
<b>Bias / Precision - Totals</b>		<b>+22%</b>	<b>+/-22.8%</b>



## Uncertainty Considerations

- Notes to Uncertainty Table:
  - 1) Negative bias values indicate an under-prediction of the dryer loads or stress intensities and a positive bias value indicates an over-prediction.
  - 2) The precision value indicates either an over-prediction or an under-prediction of the dryer loads or stress intensities.
  - 3) NA indicates that an uncertainty value is not applicable for this uncertainty component.
- (\*) Indicates proprietary information, as provided in PPL letter to the NRC PLA-6076.



## Significant Contributors To Uncertainty

- Structural uncertainties applied at the component level.
- Conservatism In 113% OLTP Load Definition
  - + 24% Over prediction (Positive Bias)
- Ability of ACM to Determine Spatial Distribution of Non-Acoustic Pressure Loads
  - Non-Acoustic Loads Developed Based On Benchmark Of 1985 Instrumented Dryer Test
- Overall Approach Results In A Conservative Estimate Of End-To-End Uncertainty Evaluation Of Dryer Stresses



## Finite Element Analysis Results

- Two steam dryer components exceeded allowable design peak stress intensities (13,600 PSI) prior to applying structural and analytic uncertainties.
- Four additional steam dryer components have insufficient peak stress intensity margin to cover uncertainties.



## Summary

- Analysis shows no acoustic resonances are expected to exist at full EPU conditions.
- Steam line testing demonstrates that no acoustic resonances will exist at the first EPU step.
- Steam line testing demonstrates that the main steam lines and attached equipment will be subject to low levels of vibration at the first EPU step.
- Analysis techniques are comprehensive and utilize actual Susquehanna plant data.
- The steam dryer analysis method was benchmarked against measured Susquehanna strains.
- The EPU steam dryer design will conform to the ASME design criteria ensuring the steam dryer will maintain its structural integrity.



## Needs

A decision to modify or replace the steam dryer by end of November.

We would like feedback on steam dryer analysis methodology.