

H<sub>2</sub> CONTROL MEASURES  
FOR  
SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT

COMMISSION BRIEFING

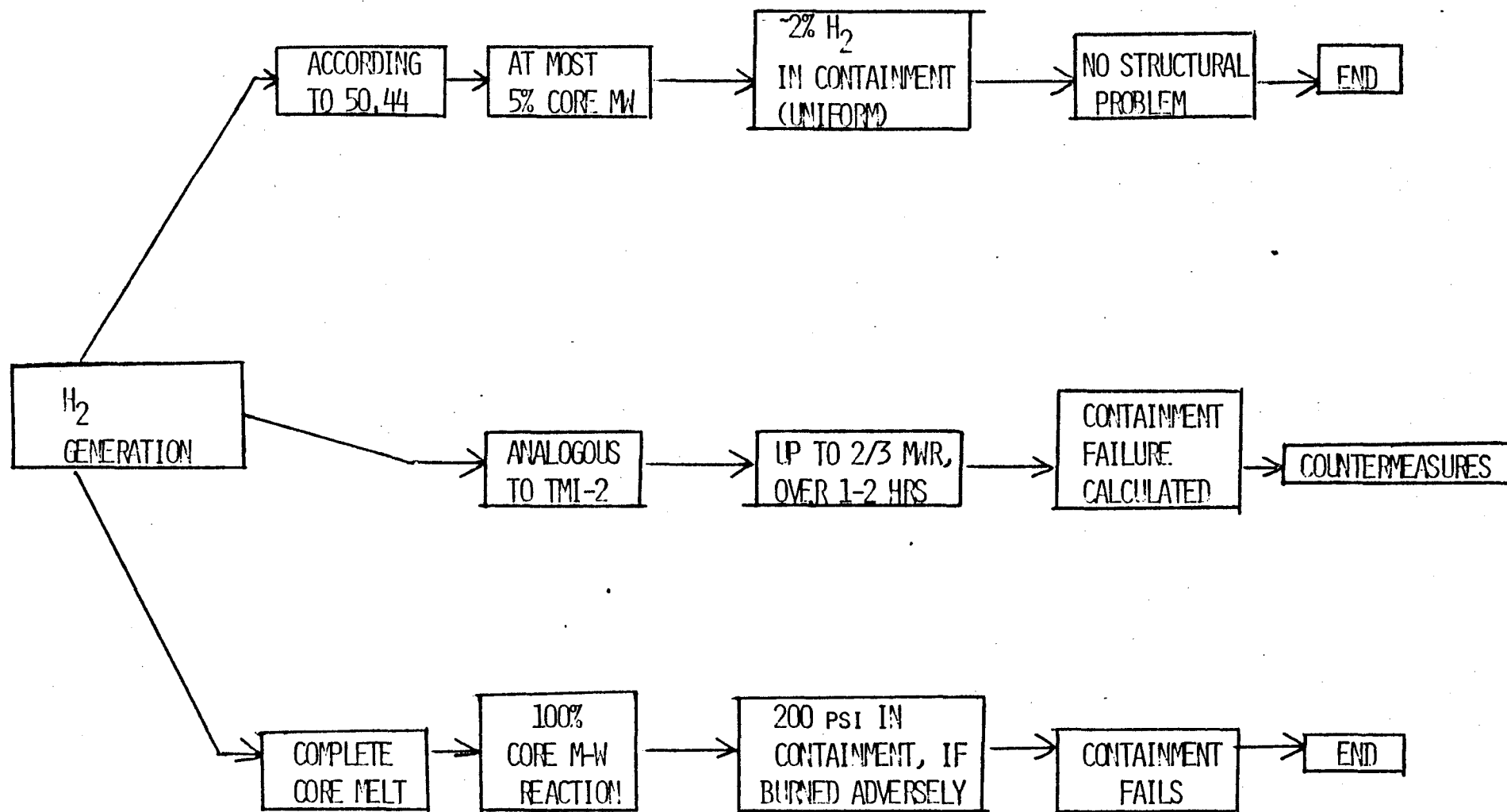
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## OUTLINE

- . H<sub>2</sub> SOURCE TERM
- . EFFECTS OF H<sub>2</sub> COMBUSTION ON EXISTING DESIGN
- . POSSIBLE REMEDIES AND CONTRAINDICATIONS
  - X INTERIM MEASURES
  - X LONG-TERM MEASURES
- . CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



ADIABATIC CONTAINMENT  
HYDROGEN COMBUSTION  
CALCULATION

INITIAL STATE

$$VOL = 1.193 \times 10^6 \text{ FT}^3$$

$$T_0 = 77 \text{ F}$$

$$P_0 = 16.3 \text{ PSIA}$$

$$\text{MOLES } O_2 = 615$$

$$\text{MOLES } N_2 = 2324$$

$$\text{MOLES } H_2 = 331 = 300 \text{ KG} \quad *$$

ALL HYDROGEN

REACTS WITH OXYGEN

$$H_2 = 331 \text{ MOLES } (1.04 \times 10^5 \text{ BTU/MOLE})$$

$$H = 34.4 \times 10^6 \text{ BTU}$$

FINAL STATE

$$VOL = 1.193 \times 10^6 \text{ BTU}$$

$$T_f = 2000 \text{ F}$$

$$P_f = NRT/V = 68.6 \text{ PSIA}$$

$$\text{MOLES } O_2 = 450$$

$$\text{MOLES } N_2 = 2324$$

$$* \text{ MOLES } H_2O = 331$$

REACTION PRODUCTS

HEATED BY COMBUSTION

$$H_c = \sum C_{v,i} (T_T - T_0)$$

• CONTAINMENT STRUCTURAL ANALYSES

. TVA

. AMES

. RDA

## CONTAINMENT STRUCTURAL ANALYSES

### IVA

- NEGLECTED STIFFENERS
- USED ACTUAL STRENGTH INSTEAD OF MINIMUM CODE YIELD STRENGTH OF STEEL
- 33 PSIG YIELD PRESSURE
- 43.5 PSIG ULTIMATE STRENGTH

### AMES LABORATORY

- QUASI-STATIC ANALYSIS
- INCLUDED "SMEARED" STIFFENERS
- 36 PSIG YIELD PRESSURE

### R&D ASSOCIATES

- ASSUMED STIFFENERS RELATIVELY INEFFECTIVE
- USED MINIMUM CODE YIELD STRENGTH OF STEEL
- 27 PSIG YIELD PRESSURE

### RES

- 34 PSIG YIELD PRESSURE

LICENSEE EFFORTS

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SHORT TERM

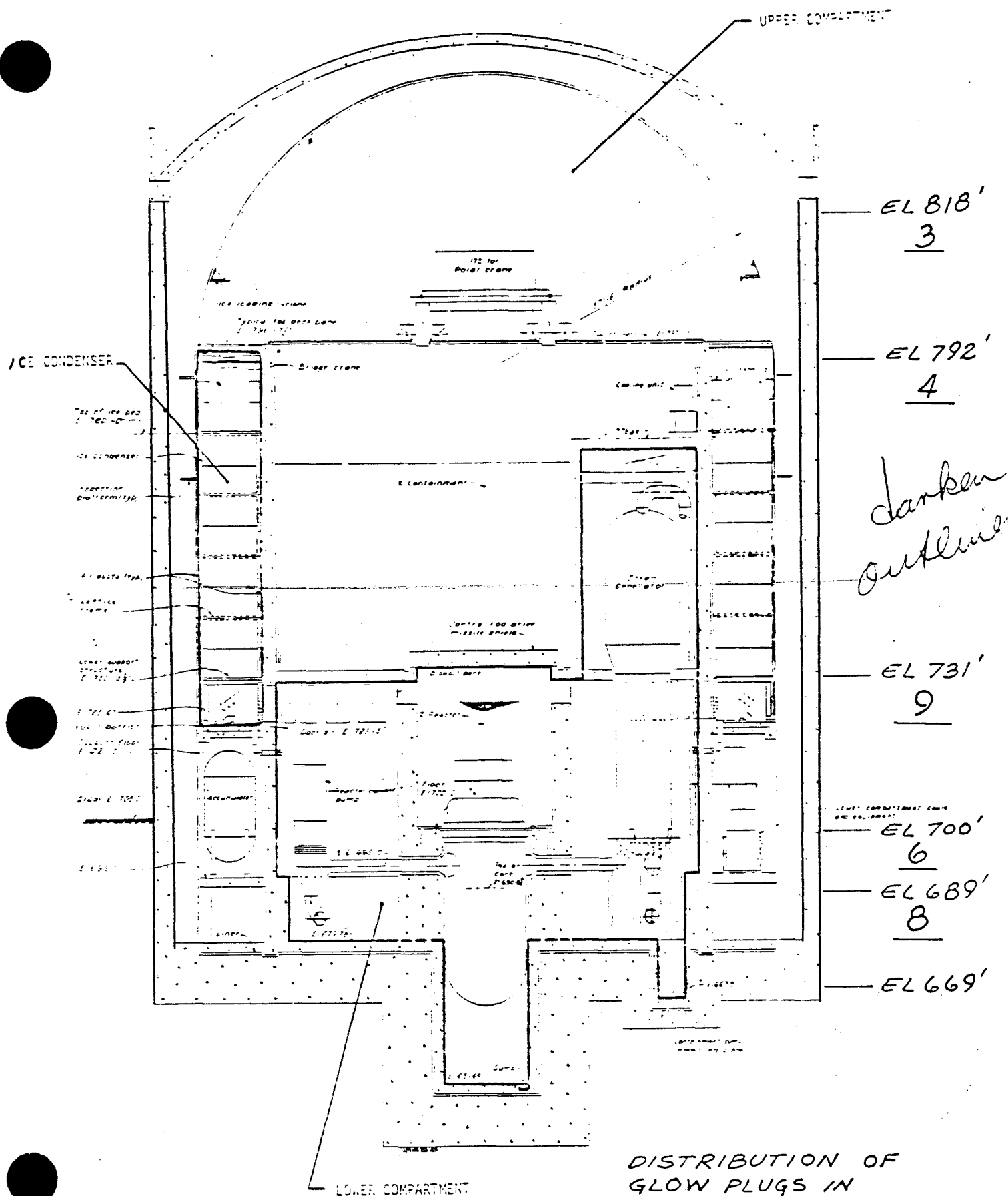
PROPOSED DISTRIBUTED IGNITION SYSTEM

PHASE I (INTERIM)

- . SYSTEM INSTALLATION AND TESTING COMPLETE BY SEPTEMBER 15, 1980
- . PRIOR COMMISSION APPROVAL BEFORE SYSTEM IS MADE OPERABLE (TVA SUBMITTAL BY AUGUST 15, 1980)
- . SYSTEM DESIGN
  - . 30 GLOW PLUGS
    - 18 IN LOWER COMPARTMENT
    - 5 IN LOWER PLENUM OF ICE CONDENSER
    - 4 IN UPPER PLENUM OF ICE CONDENSER
    - 3 IN UPPER COMPARTMENT
  - . GMAC 7-G DIESEL ENGINE GLOW PLUG PRESENTLY BEING TESTED
  - . UTILIZING BACKUP LIGHTING CIRCUITS
    - . SEISMIC DESIGN
    - . POWERED FROM EMERGENCY BUSES (EMERGENCY DIESEL GENERATORS)
    - . REMOTE MANUAL CONTROL FROM AUXILIARY BUILDING



# SEQUOYAH CONTAINMENT



DISTRIBUTION OF  
GLOW PLUGS IN  
CONTAINMENT  
FIGURE

• GLOW PLUG TESTING (STATUS)

- DETERMINING GLOW PLUG TEMPERATURE AS A FUNCTION OF APPLIED VOLTAGE (14 VOLTS - ABOUT 1700°F; 12 VOLTS - ABOUT 1500°F)
- DETERMINING DURABILITY OF GLOW PLUG (SPECIMEN HAS CONTINUED TO OPERATE SUCCESSFULLY AFTER 6 DAYS AT 1700°F)
- DETERMINING RELIABILITY OF GLOW PLUG AS AN IGNITION SOURCE (ACHIEVED IGNITION IN DRY AIR MIXTURES CONTAINING 12 VOLUME PERCENT AND 7 VOLUME PRECENT HYDROGEN)
- DETERMINING THE PERCENT COMPLETION OF HYDROGEN BURNS (ESSENTIALLY 100% COMBUSTION OF DRY AIR MIXTURE CONTAINING 12 VOLUME PERCENT HYDROGEN)
- FURTHER TESTING WILL VARY HYDROGEN CONCENTRATION AND INTRODUCE STEAM ENVIRONMENT

## PHASE II (IMPROVEMENTS)

- IMPROVEMENTS TO BE IMPELMENTED IN PARALLEL WITH TVA'S LONG-TERM DEGRADED CORE TASK FORCE PROGRAM
  
- IMPROVEMENTS:
  - . EACH IGNITOR WILL HAVE INDIVIDUAL CONTROL FROM THE MAIN CONTROL ROOM
  - . MORE HYDROGEN AND OXYGEN MONITORS WILL BE INSTALLED TO GUIDE OPERATORS
  - . A PLANT COMPUTER TO WARN OF HYDROGEN CONCENTRATIONS REACHING THE DETONATION LIMIT WILL BE PROVIDED.
  - . BACKUP DIESEL POWER SUPPLY TO THE SYSTEM WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED.
  - . ENVIRONMENTAL QUALIFICATION OF DISTRIBUTED IGNITION SYSTEM COMPONENTS WILL BE DETERMINED.
  - . EFFECTS OF THE HYDROGEN BURN ENVIRONMENT ON COMPONENTS WILL BE ANALYZED.
  - . ALTERNATE AND/OR ADDITIONAL IGNITOR LOCATIONS WILL BE SELECTED BASED ON A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF HYDROGEN COMBUSTION
  - . INSTALLATION OF HYDRIDE CONVERTERS NEAR THE REACTOR VESSEL VENT, PORV DISCHARGE, AND AIR RETURN FANS WILL BE CONSIDERED.
  - . ADDITIONAL CONTAINMENT PENETRATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED TO FACILITATE AN EXPANDED HYDROGEN MONITORING CAPABILITY.

PHASE III (FINAL)

- FINAL MODIFICATIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED AT COMPLETION OF TVA'S LONG-TERM DEGRADED CORE TASK FORCE PROGRAM.

DEGRADED CORE TASK FORCE PROGRAM

- LONG-TERM (2 YEAR) EFFORT
- MAJOR TASKS

1. CONTROLLED IGNITION
2. HALON SUPPRESSANTS
3. RISK ASSESSMENT
4. CORE BEHAVIOR, HYDROGEN GENERATION AND TRANSPORT
5. HYDROGEN BURNING AND CONTAINMENT RESPONSES

TVA. ANALYSES

. ANALYTICAL EFFORT

- WESTINGHOUSE/OFFSHORE POWER SYSTEMS
- ABOUT/YEAR STUDY OF CRITICAL PARAMETERS FOR VARIOUS ACCIDENT SCENARIOS TO DETERMINE CONTAINMENT RESPONSE
- USING CLASIX CODE (UNDER DEVELOPMENT)

## CLASIX CAPABILITIES

1. VENT FROM UPPER COMPARTMENT
2. ICE CONDENSER
3. RECIRCULATION FAN
4. DOORS - LOWER INLET AND INTERMEDIATE
5. INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATION OF  $O_2$ ,  $H_2$ ,  $N_2$  AND  $H_2O$
6. SATURATED AND SUPER-HEATED STEAM
7. SPRAYS
8.  $H_2$ ,  $N_2$  AND HEAT ADDITIONS
9. BREAK FLOW
10. BURN CONTROL



PRELIMINARY ANALYTICAL RESULTS

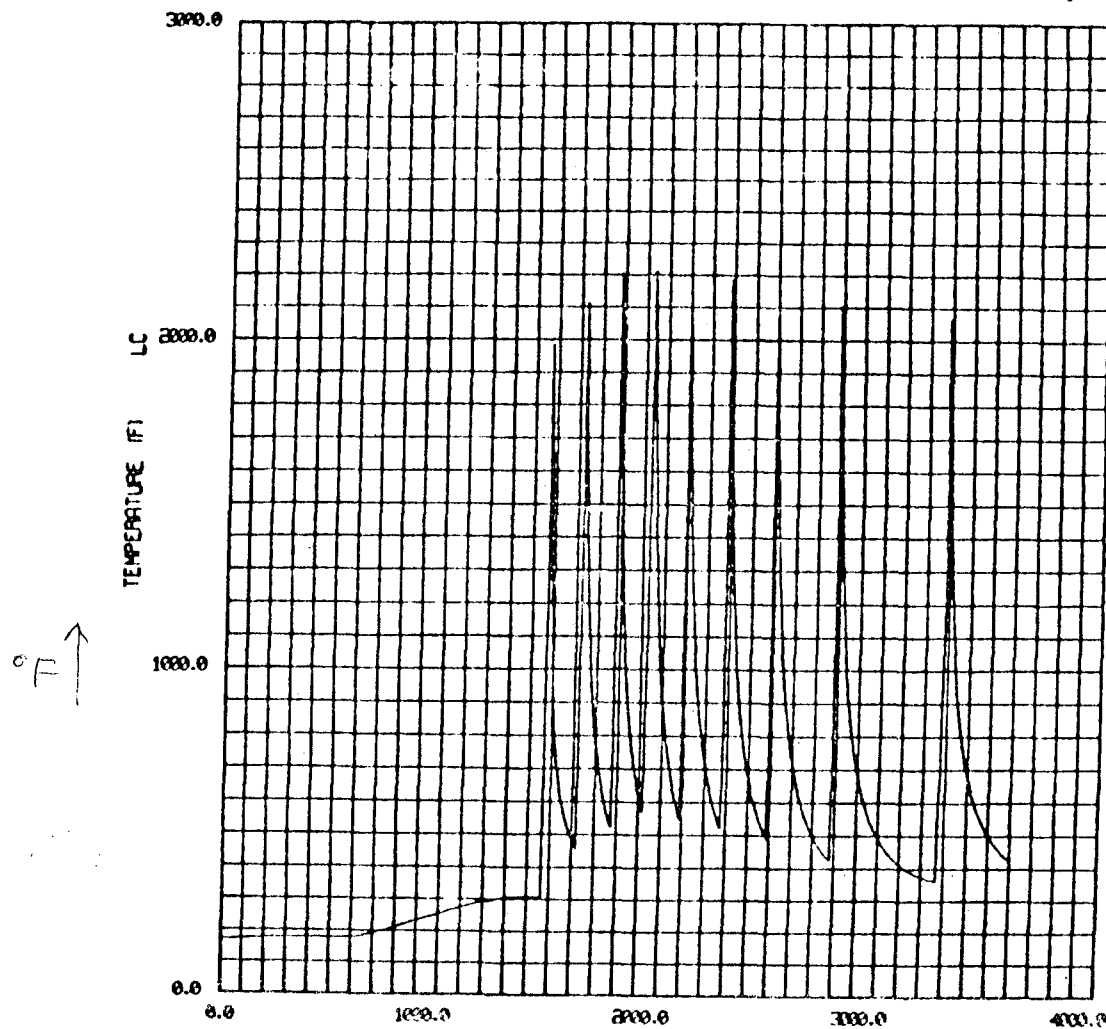
- SELECTED SMALL BREAK LOCA RESULTING IN DEGRADED CORE COOLING (S<sub>2</sub>D SEQUENCE OF WASH-1400)
- RATE OF HYDROGEN RELEASE BASED ON MARCH CODE CALCULATION (ONSET OF HYDROGEN RELEASE 3500 SEC AFTER ACCIDENT INITIATION AND ASSUMED TO CONTINUE UNIMPEDED FOR 3000 SEC, RESULTING IN REACTION OF ABOUT 80% OF TOTAL ZIRCONIUM IN CORE)
- HYDROGEN COMBUSTION ASSUMED WHEN 10 VOLUME PERCENT HYDROGEN REACHED
- VARIED ASSUMPTIONS REGARDING AIR RETURN FAN AND UPPER COMPARTMENT SPRAY PERFORMANCE, AND ICE AVAILABILITY.

## BASE CASE PARAMETERS

1. INITIAL CONDITIONS:
  - VOLUMES
  - TEMPERATURES
  - PRESSURES LOTIC
  - ICE MASS CODE
  - ICE HEAT TRANSFER AREA
  
2. BURN PARAMETERS:
  - H<sub>2</sub> FOR IGNITION 10 V/O
  - H<sub>2</sub> FOR PROPAGATION 10 V/O
  - O<sub>2</sub> FOR IGNITION 5 V/O
  
3. AIR RETURN FANS:
  - NUMBER OF FANS 2
  - CAPACITY OF EACH FAN 40000 CFM
  
4. SPRAY SYSTEM:
  - FLOW RATE 6000 GPM
  - TEMPERATURE 125 F
  - HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENT 20 BTU/HR FT<sup>2</sup>F
  
5. ICE CONDENSER DRAIN TEMPERATURE 32 F
  
6. BREAK RELEASE DATA MARCH CODE

READY-

FRAME 01



3480sec +

TUA 52D CASE1 2 FAN 1 SPRAY BURN 100 PCT AT 10 V 0 6FPS T+3480

PASEA

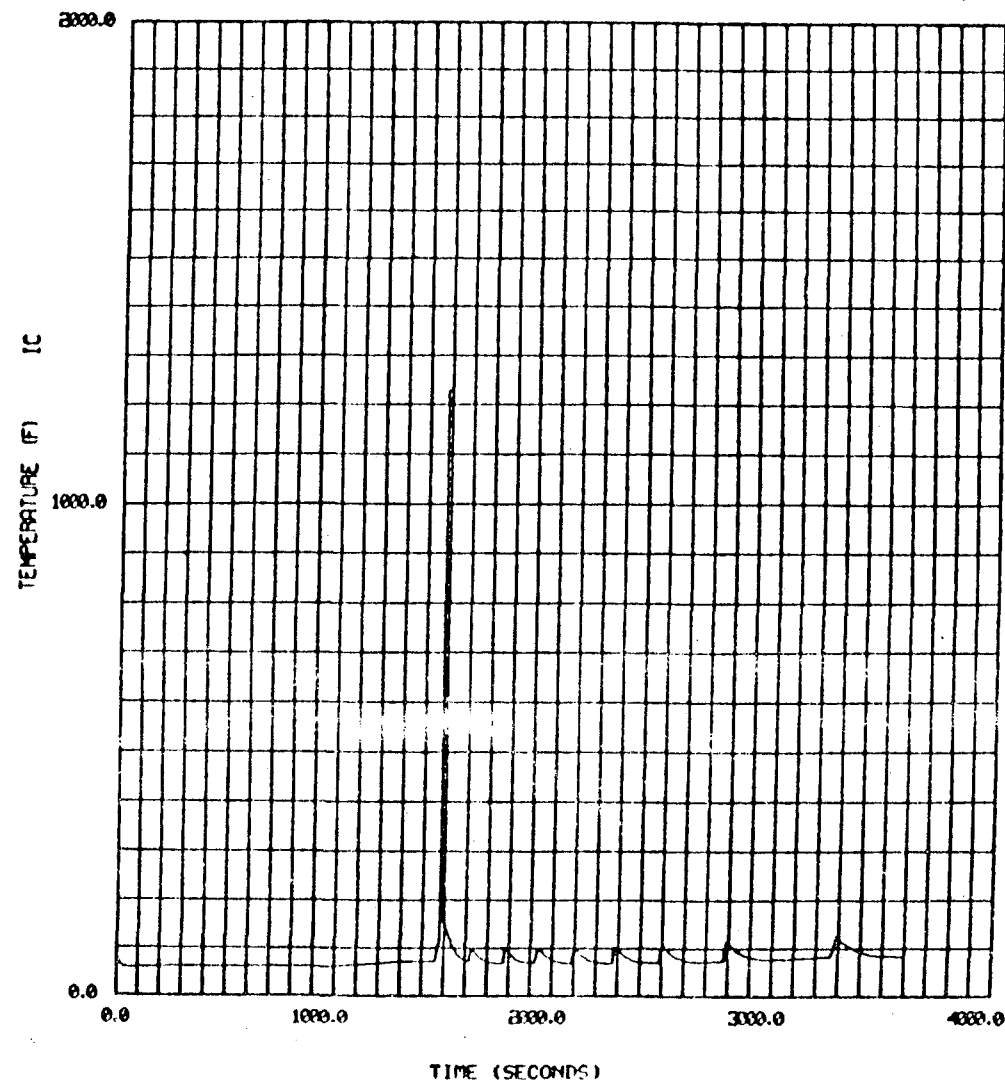
BAGE CASE

400# BURENS

LOWER COMPARTMENT TEMPERATURE

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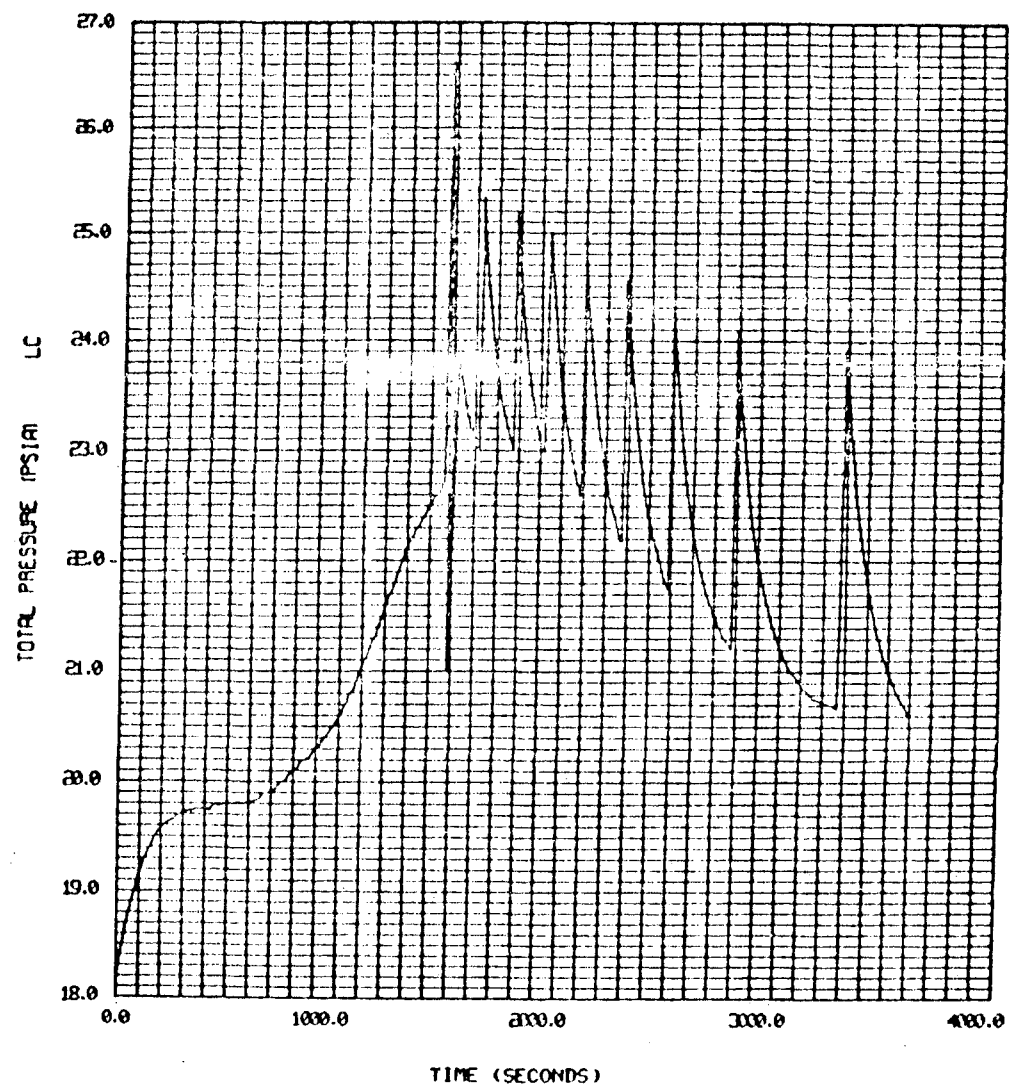


TUA S2D CASE1 2 FAN 1 SPRAY BURN 100 PCT AT 10 U 0 GFPS T+3480 BASE1

ICE CONDENSER TEMPERATURE

READY-

FRAME 05 F,5

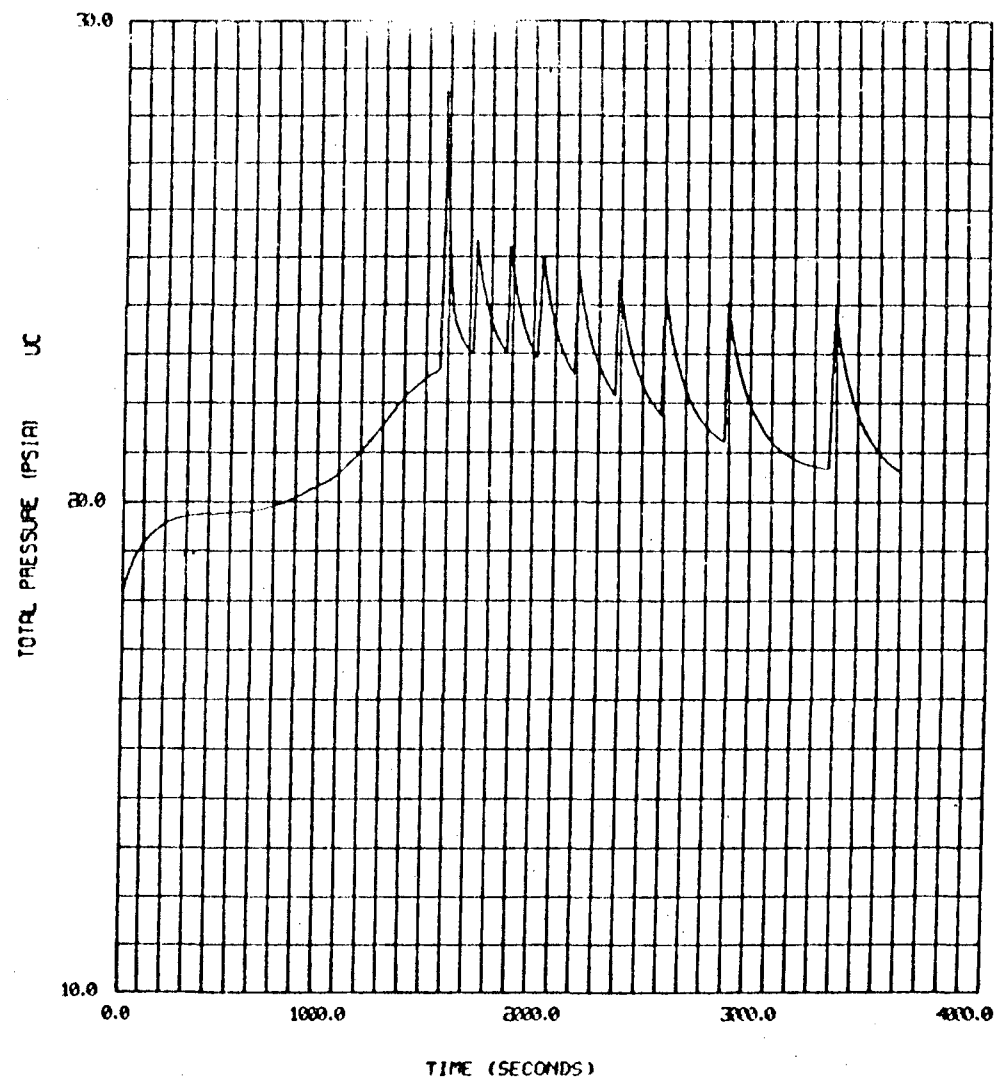


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LOWER COMPARTMENT PRESSURE

READY-

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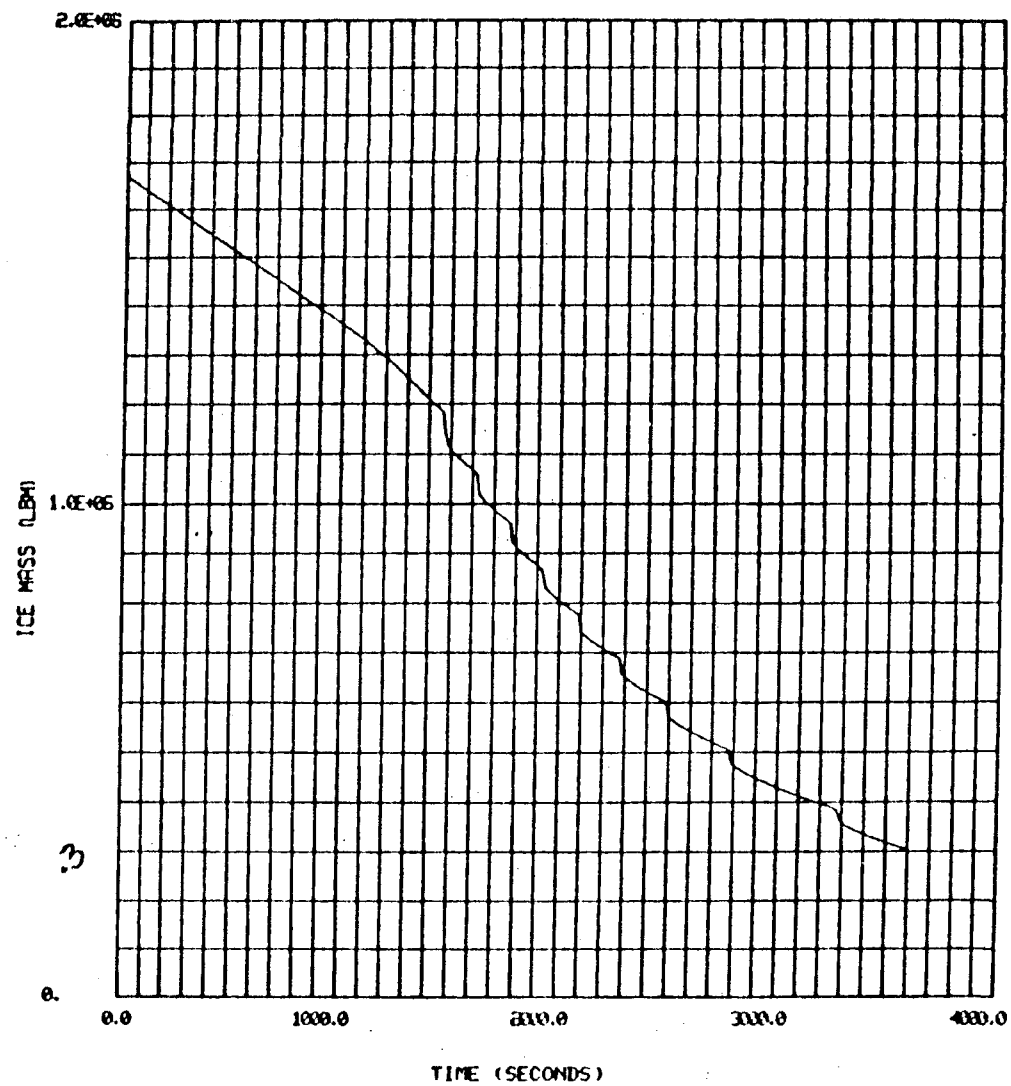


TUA S2D CASE1 2 FAN 1 SPRAY BURN 100 PCT AT 10 U 0 6FPS T+3480 BASE1

UPPER COMPARTMENT PRESSURE

READY-

FRAME 41 F,41



TUA S2D CASE1 2 FAN 1 SPRAY BURN 100 PCT AT 10 U 0 GFPS T+3480 BASE1

ICE MASS

TABLE 1. PRELIMINARY CONTAINMENT ANALYSIS SENSITIVITY STUDIES

	TOTAL H <sub>2</sub> BURNED (LB)	PEAK TEMP. (°F)			PEAK PRESS (PSIA)	
		LOWER COMPARTMENT	ICE BED	UPPER COMP.	LOWER COMP.	UPPER COMP.
1. BASE CASE	900	2200	1200	150	26.5	28.5
2. H <sub>2</sub> IGNITION AND PROPAGA- TION @ 8%	1050	1200	700	260	28.5	30.5
3. 1 AIR FAN	900	2200	1350	160	26.5	29.5
4. NO ICE*	850	2400	2000	270	41	41
5. NO AIR FANS	1200	2370	2580	1090	46.4	92.4

\* ICE EXISTS ONLY FOR THE FIRST TWO OF 7 BURNING CYCLES.



## NRR EFFORTS

- . LLNL IGNITER TESTS

- . BCL ANALYSES

LLNL WORK

OBJECTIVE: EXPERIMENTALLY EVALUATE IGNITER  
EFFECTIVENESS AND RELIABILITY

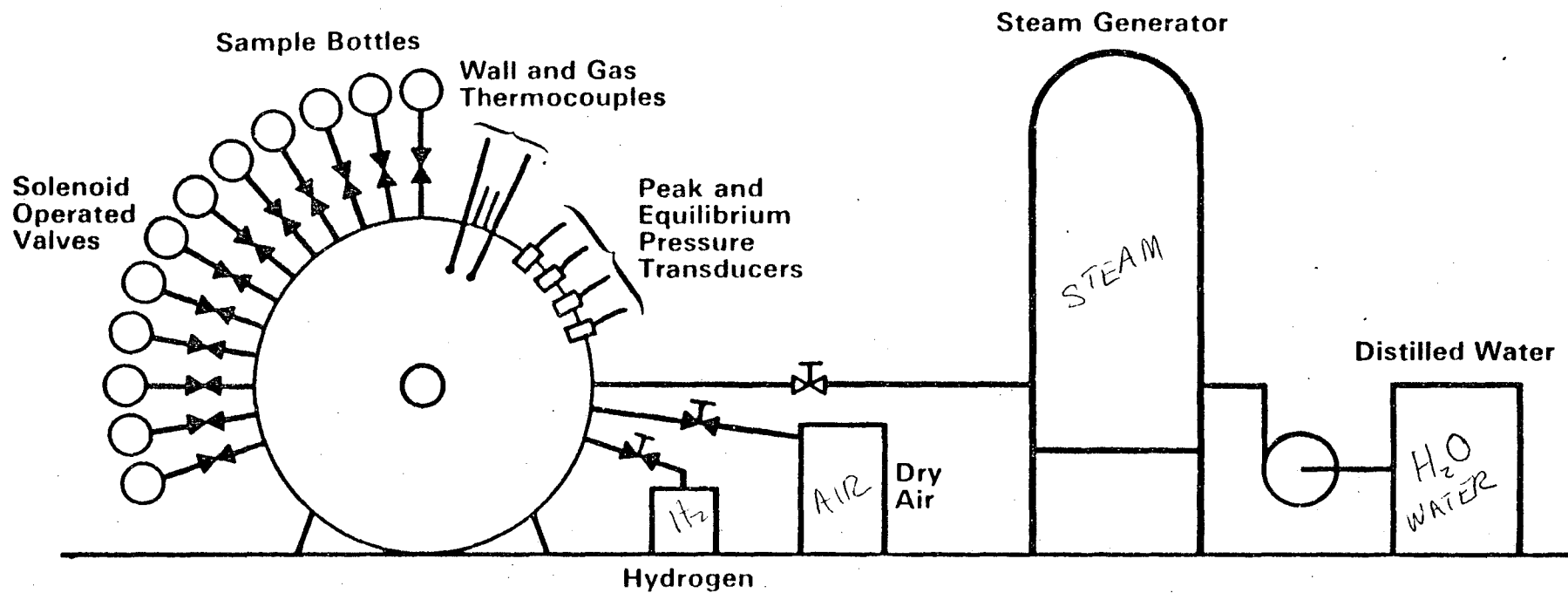
FACILITY: 700 PSIG PRESSURE VESSEL  
4 FEET DIAMETER X 8 FEET LONG

INSTRUMENTS: PRESSURE  
TEMPERATURE  
GAS SAMPLING

SCHEDULE:

DESIGN & BUILD:	JULY - SEPT., 1980
TESTS	: SEPT - OCT., 1980
REPORT	: OCT., 1980

## Schematic View of Igniter Test Apparatus



## BCL WORK

- . OBJECTIVE: EVALUATE EFFICACY OF PROPOSED IGNITER SYSTEM
- . ANALYSIS MODEL: MARCH CODE
- . FEATURES OF CODE

MODELS PRIMARY SYSTEM

MODELS CONTAINMENT SYSTEM

- . MULTI-COMPARTMENT
- . TRACKS ATMOSPHERE CONSTITUENTS
- . MODELS HEAT SINKS, ICE BED, FANS, SPRAYS

- . SCHEDULE

PRELIMINARY WORK: DONE

BALANCE OF WORK: OCTOBER 1980

HYDROGEN PRODUCTION  
DURING S<sub>2</sub>D  
CORE MELT SEQUENCE  
(MARCH CODE RESULTS)

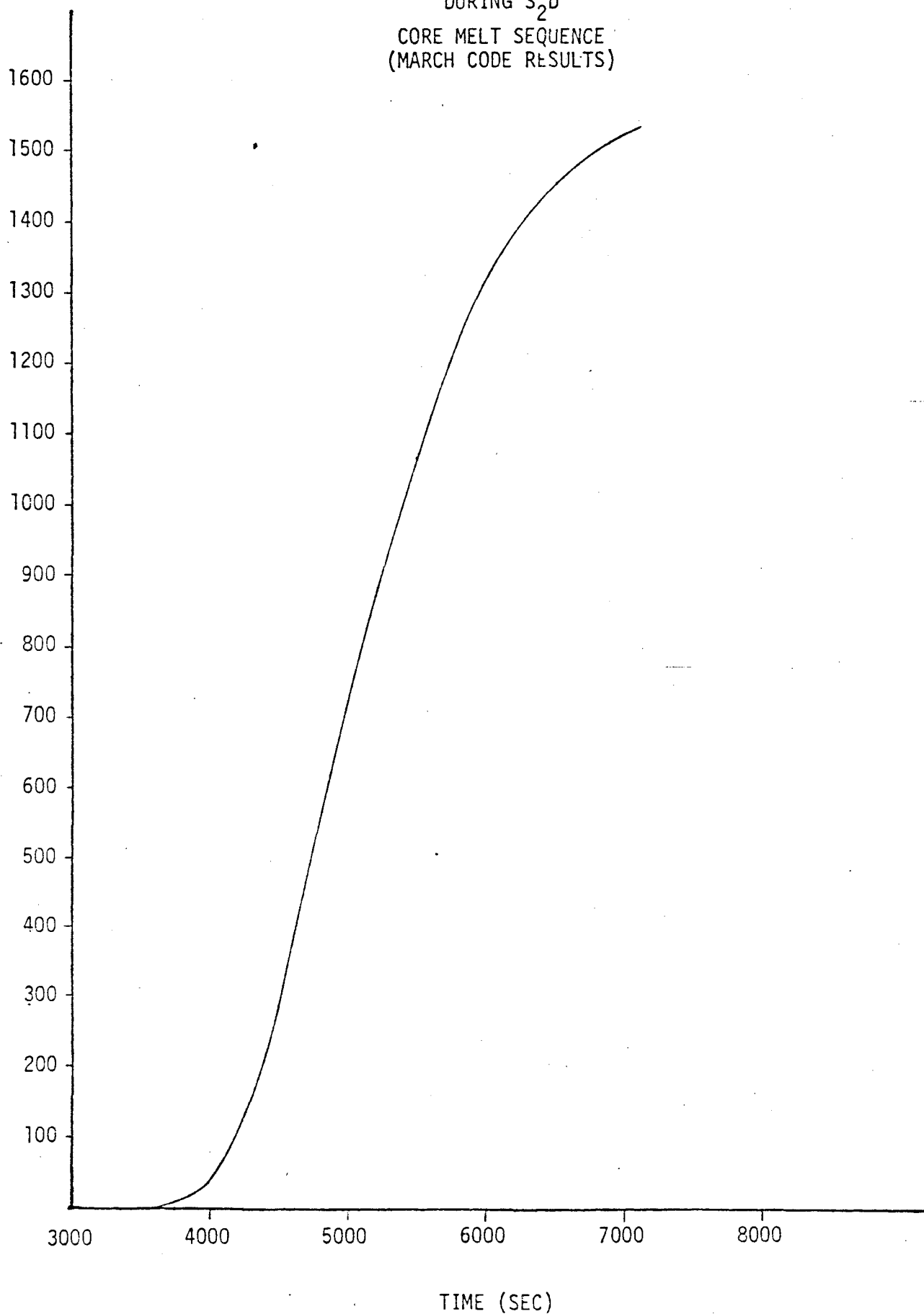


TABLE . BATTELLE ANALYSIS OF  $H_2$  BURNING IN SEQUOYAH CONTAINMENT

CASE	$H_2$ IGNITION SETPOINT (%)	$H_2$ BURN LIMIT (%)	BURN TIME (SEC)	CONTAINMENT PEAK PRESSURE (PSIA)	
				ACTUAL	ADIABATIC
1	10	0	1	~ 23	58.
2	10	0	25	~ 22	58.
3	12	0	1	~ 24	64.
4	8	0	25	~ 22	51.
5	8	4	1	~ 22	36.
6	10	0	1	~ 31	79.

CASE 6 - ICE BED MELTED BEFORE BURNING OCCURS.

## CONCLUSION

- . LIKELIHOOD OF A DEGRADED CORE ACCIDENT IS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED BY IMPLEMENTATION OF TMI SHORT TERM LESSONS LEARNED
- . TVA HAS PROPOSED TO FURTHER IMPROVE SAFETY MARGINS BY USE OF AN INTERIM DISTRIBUTED IGNITION SYSTEM
- . DECISION OPTIONS:
  - . OPTION A: HOLD AT 5%
  - . OPTION B: NOMINAL 50% LIMIT
  - . OPTION C: LIMITED 100%
  - . OPTION D: UNLIMITED 100%
- . STAFF RECOMMENDATION: OPTION B