

Caldon Ultrasonics



NRC Meeting at Alden Research Laboratory, Inc. Part 2

NON-PROPRIETARY

August 24, 2009

Agenda – Day 1

- Introductory Remarks 8:00 am – 8:15 am
- Tour of Lab with Special Emphasis Where Calibrations Tests are to be Run
- Description of the Analysis of the Uncertainties in the Lab Measurement (By ARL)
- History of LEFM and Their Applications to Power Plants
- The “Black Box”; How Chordal LEFMs work
- Calibrations Test in the Lab
- Laboratory Calibrations, Practice and Data
- Calibration Test for LaSalle Unit 2
- Witness Sample Data Collection – Preliminary Results (Lab)
- Questions and Answers Lab Tests
- Traceability and Uncertainties
- Summary of Completed Tests, Questions and Answers (Day 1)

Agenda – Day 2

- Purpose and Scope of ER-157 and ER-80
- Summary of Changes to ER-157 Rev. 8
- Coherent Noise Treatment
- Transducer Placement Treatment
- Responses to Recent RAIs
- Reprise of Calibration Results to Date
- Configuration of LEFMs for New Plants
- LEFM Follow Up
- Questions and Answers, Meeting Wrap Up

Revision 8, ER-157P

Changes are described in ER-685

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- Supplements Appendix F, ER-80, by reference to ER-486 in describing the sensitivity of chordal systems to upstream hydraulic configuration
- Updates hardware description, LEFM CheckPlus system
- Clarifies the performance of an LEFM CheckPlus system with a component out of service
- Makes the main body of ER-157 non proprietary by eliminating the breakdown of uncertainties for Check and CheckPlus systems. Only the bottom lines are included. Appendix A is referenced for details

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Appendix A (Uncertainty analysis)

- Incorporates, weighting factors for CheckPlus in the algorithm discussion (previously only the Check weighting factors were included), subsequent discussion of error contributors includes both Check and CheckPlus.
- Corrects several editorial and typographical errors
- ASME 19.1 remains the methodology reference, but references to ISO standard used in Europe and a NIST technical note are added for completeness.
- Includes a more straightforward derivation of sensitivity coefficients for the volumetric flow determination
- Includes a comprehensive listing of sensitivity coefficients for all independent inputs to the LEFM and cross references these contributors to the detailed uncertainty accounting in Table A-1 (Equation (32))
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Appendix B

- Changed to reflect the (small) changes in “bottom line” uncertainties and sample rate in Appendix A
- Made non proprietary

Treatment of Coherent Noise

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Transducer (Re)placement Uncertainty

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Responses to Recent RAIs

Derivation and meaning of “systematic” and “random” temperature errors for combination with mass flow uncertainties

- The appropriate combination of errors is given in Appendix A of ER-157

$$P = Q \rho (h_s - h_{fw})$$

$$\partial P/P = \partial Q/Q + \partial \rho/\rho + \partial h_s / (h_s - h_{fw}) + \partial h_{fw} / (h_s - h_{fw})$$

- The uncertainties in Q , ρ , and h_{fw} are the responsibility of the LEFM
- Almost all of the uncertainties in ρ , and h_{fw} are systematically related to some of the uncertainties in Q

$$\partial P/P \approx \{ \partial Q/Q_{\text{uncorr}}^2 + [\partial Q/Q_{\text{corr}} + \partial \rho/\rho + \partial h_{fw} / (h_s - h_{fw})]^2 + [\partial h_s / (h_s - h_{fw})]^2 \}^{1/2}$$

- But the thermal power uncertainty analyses used some licensees assume:

$$\partial P/P \approx \{ [\partial Q/Q + \partial \rho/\rho_{\text{corr}} + \partial h_{fw \text{ corr}} / (h_s - h_{fw})]^2 + \partial \rho/\rho_{\text{uncorr}}^2 + [\partial h_{fw \text{ uncorr}} / (h_s - h_{fw})]^2 + [\partial h_s / (h_s - h_{fw})]^2 \}^{1/2}$$

- The “correlated” and “uncorrelated” values of temperature are selected such that

$$[\partial Q/Q + \partial \rho/\rho_{\text{corr}} + \partial h_{fw \text{ corr}} / (h_s - h_{fw})]^2 + \partial \rho/\rho_{\text{uncorr}}^2 + [\partial h_{fw \text{ uncorr}} / (h_s - h_{fw})]^2 = \partial Q/Q_{\text{uncorr}}^2 + [\partial Q/Q_{\text{corr}} + \partial \rho/\rho + \partial h_{fw} / (h_s - h_{fw})]^2$$

Responses to Recent RAIs

- Effect of local fluid velocity vectors on LEFM pressure instrument
- Effect of downstream hydraulic geometry on LEFM flow measurement