

**Final Slides for WCAP-15942-P-A, Supplement 1,
“ZIRLO® Channels for SVEA-96 Optima2 Fuel Assemblies”
Pre-submittal Meeting with the NRC (Non-Proprietary)**

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Pre-submittal Meeting for ZIRLO® Channels

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Pre-Submittal Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Background Information
- Implementation and Licensing Approach
- Technical Details on ZIRLO® Channels
- Schedule
- Topical Report Format
- Summary

Background Information

- WCAP-15942-P-A, “Fuel Assembly Mechanical Design Methodology for Boiling Water Reactors, Supplement 1 to CENPD-287”
 - Approved in March 2006
 - Updated codes and methodology from CENPD-287 (1996)
 - STAV 6.2 → STAV 7.2
 - VIK-2 → VIK-3
 - COLLAPS-II → COLLAPS-3.3D
 - Extended Rod-average Burnup from 50 GWD/MTU to 62 GWD/MTU
 - Provided application of the new methodology to the SVEA-96 Optima2 fuel assembly design.
 - NRC Review based on NUREG-0800, Section 4.2 “Fuel System Design”

Background Information (cont.)

- WCAP-15942-P-A, “Fuel Assembly Mechanical Design Methodology for Boiling Water Reactors, Supplement 1 to CENPD-287”
 - The SER for WCAP-15942-P-A allows for fuel design changes to accommodate plant compatibility issues:

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ZIRLO® Channel Implementation in US

- Current plans are to initially implement SVEA-96 Optima2 fuel assemblies with ZIRLO® Channels as Lead Test Assemblies (LTA's)
 - 8 ZIRLO® Channels in Quad Cities Unit 1, Cycle 22 (6/2011)
 - 8 ZIRLO® Channels in Dresden Unit 2, Cycle 23 (11/2011)

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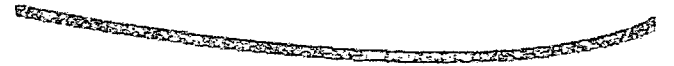
ZIRLO® Channel Licensing Approach

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Channel Materials

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ZIRLO® History

- ZIRLO® was originally developed for PWR fuel
 - PWR standard for many years
 - Cladding as well as skeleton
- ZIRLO® is characterized by
 - Low corrosion rate
 - Good mechanical properties
 - Low irradiation growth and creep rate

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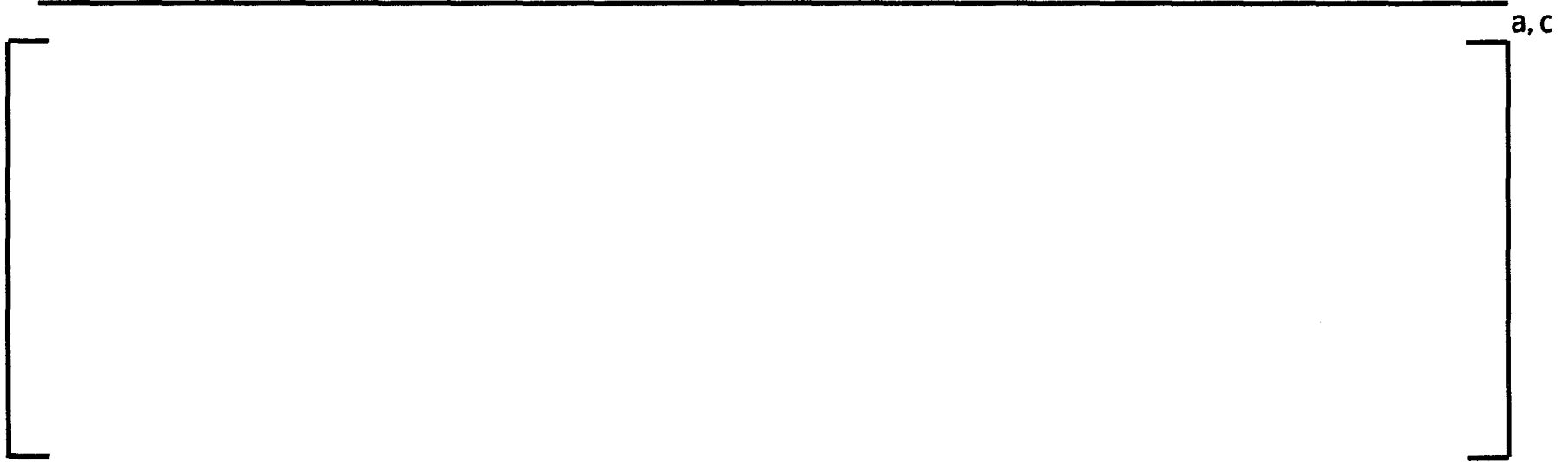
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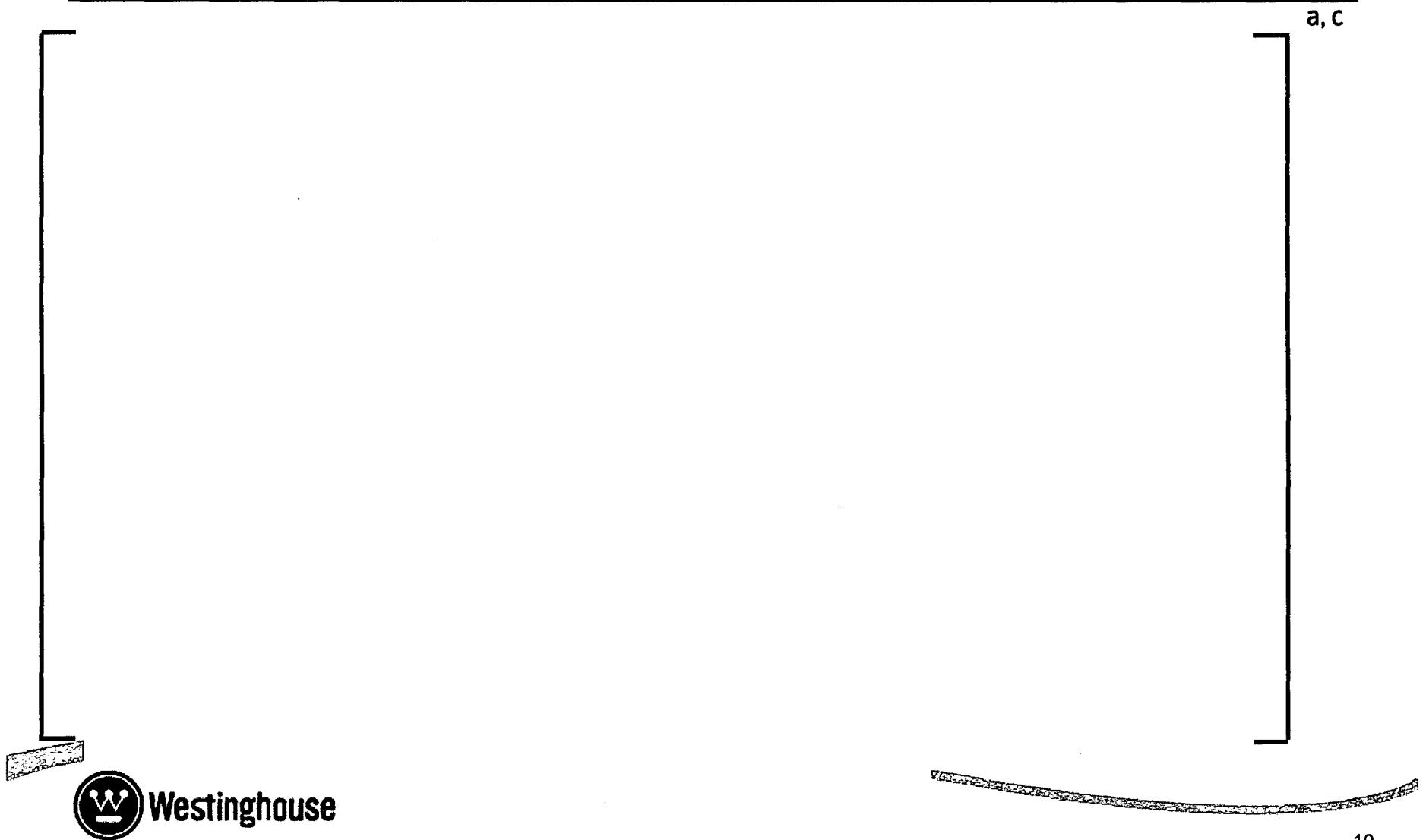
Data implies ZIRLO® also behaves well for BWRs



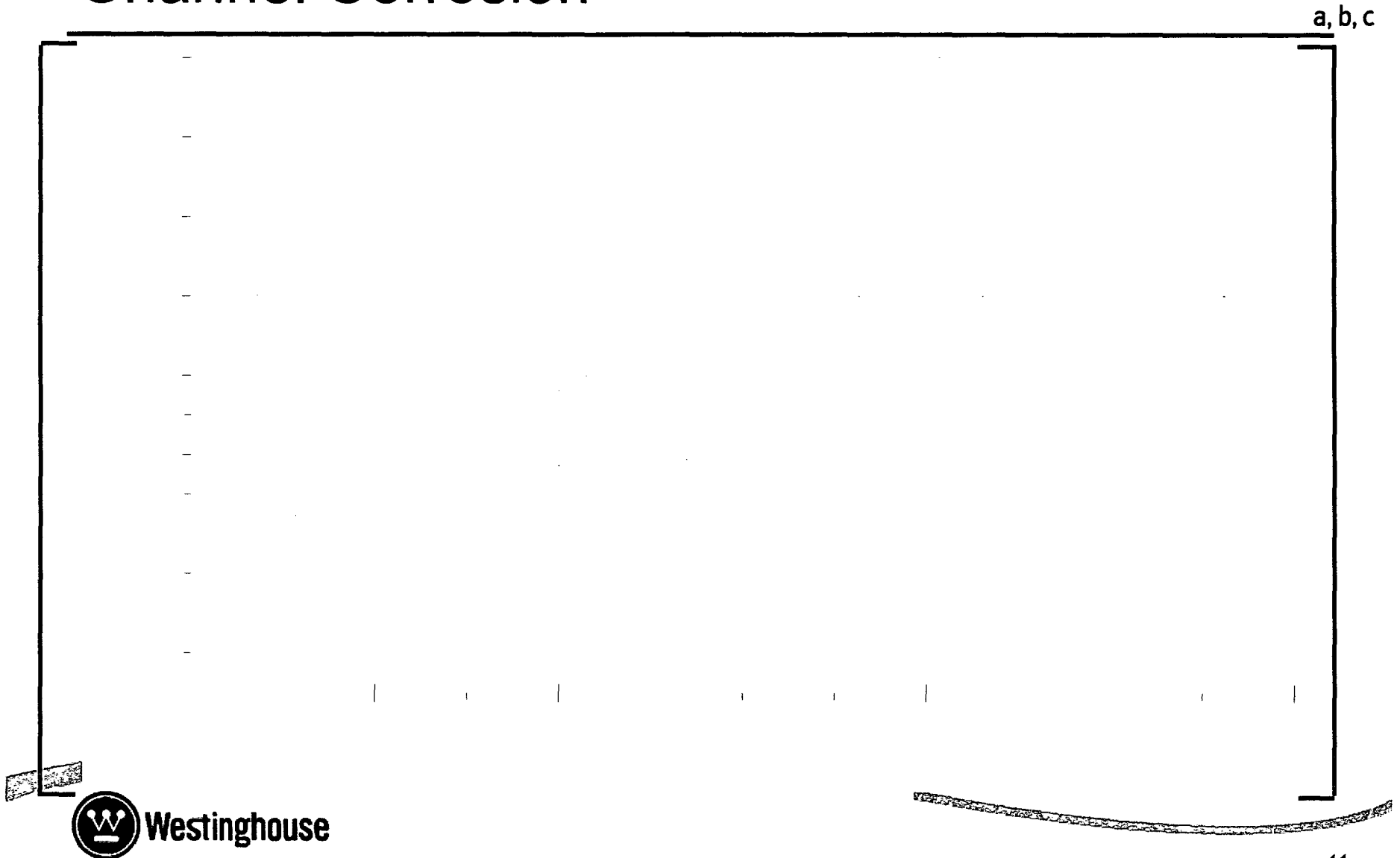
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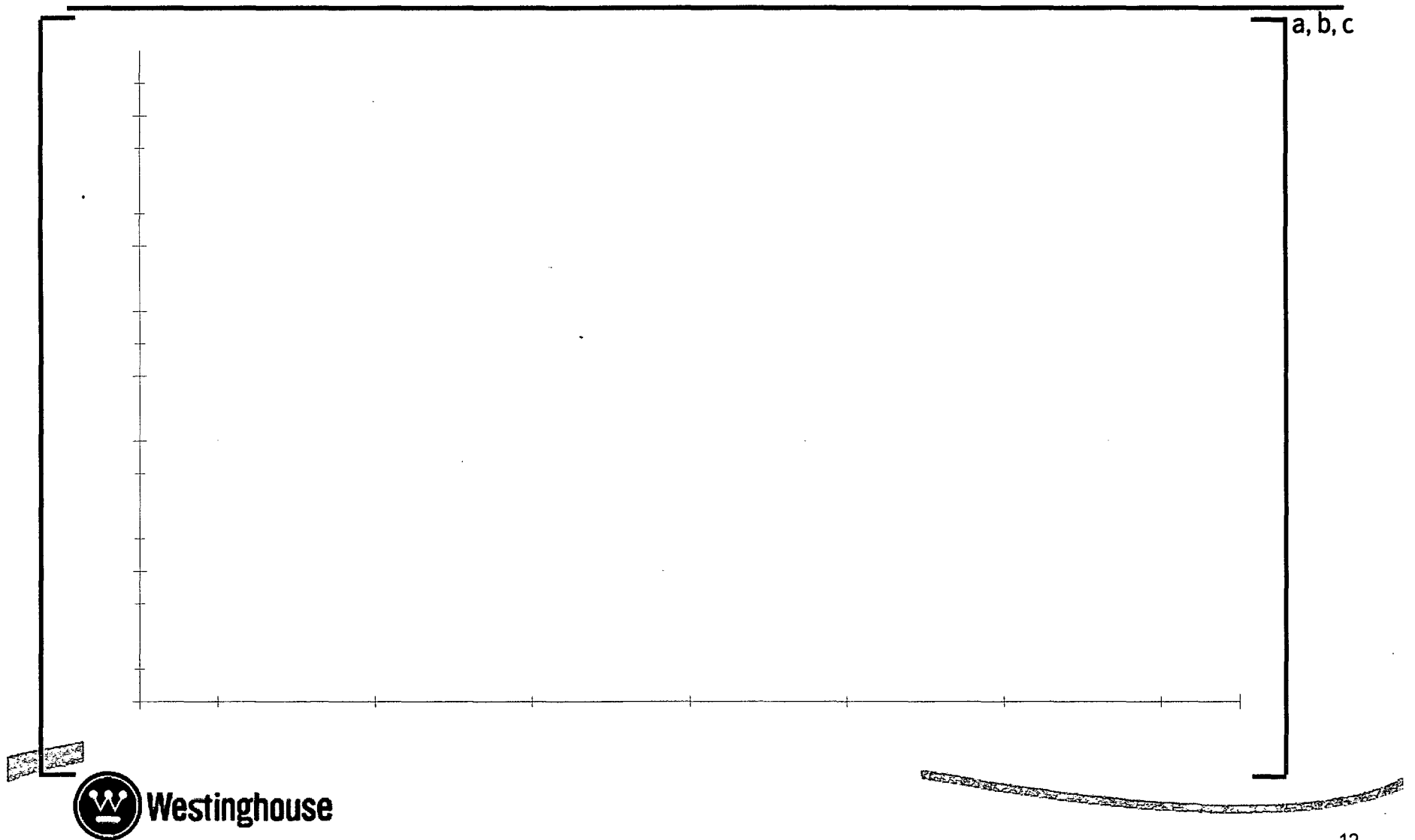
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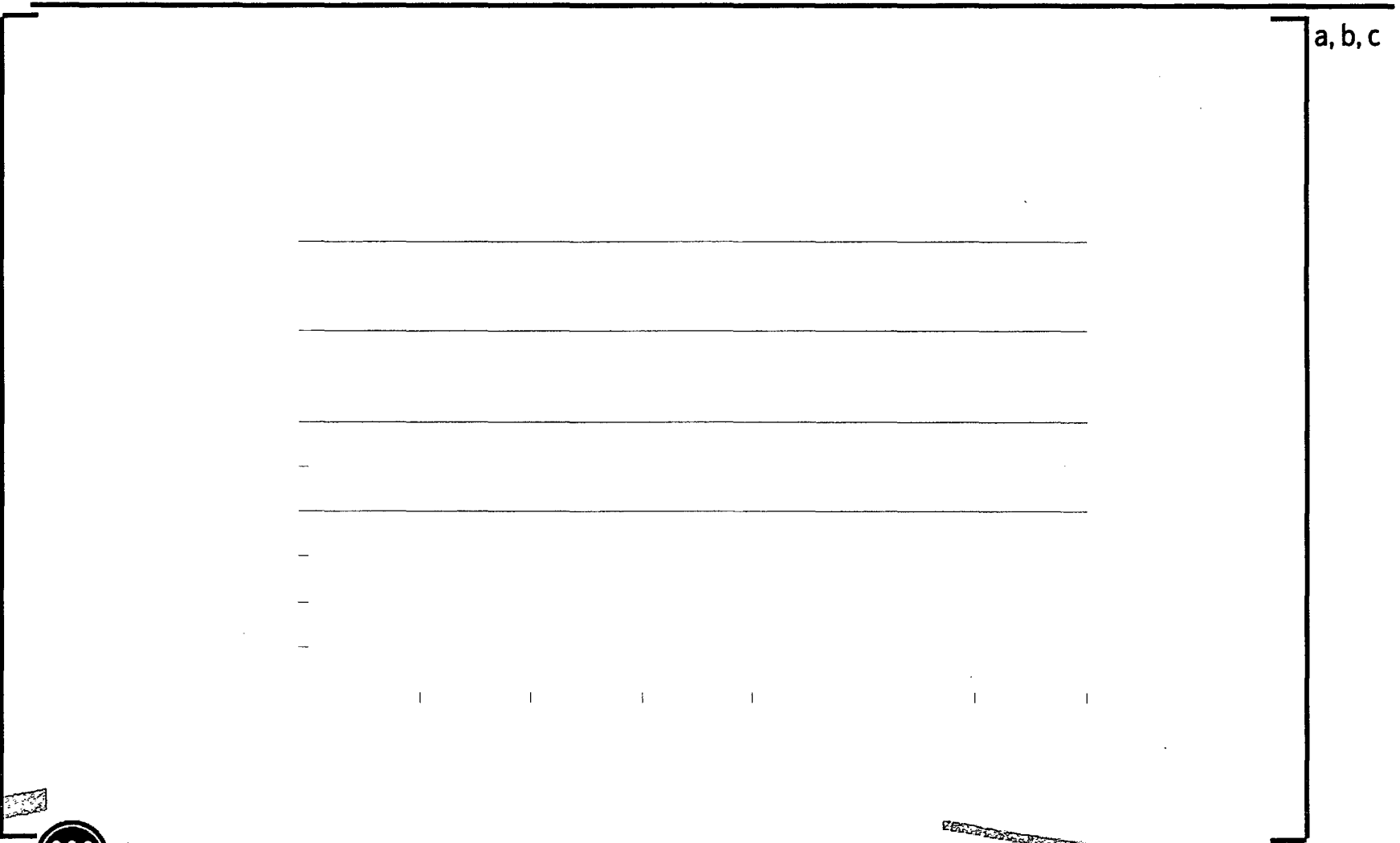
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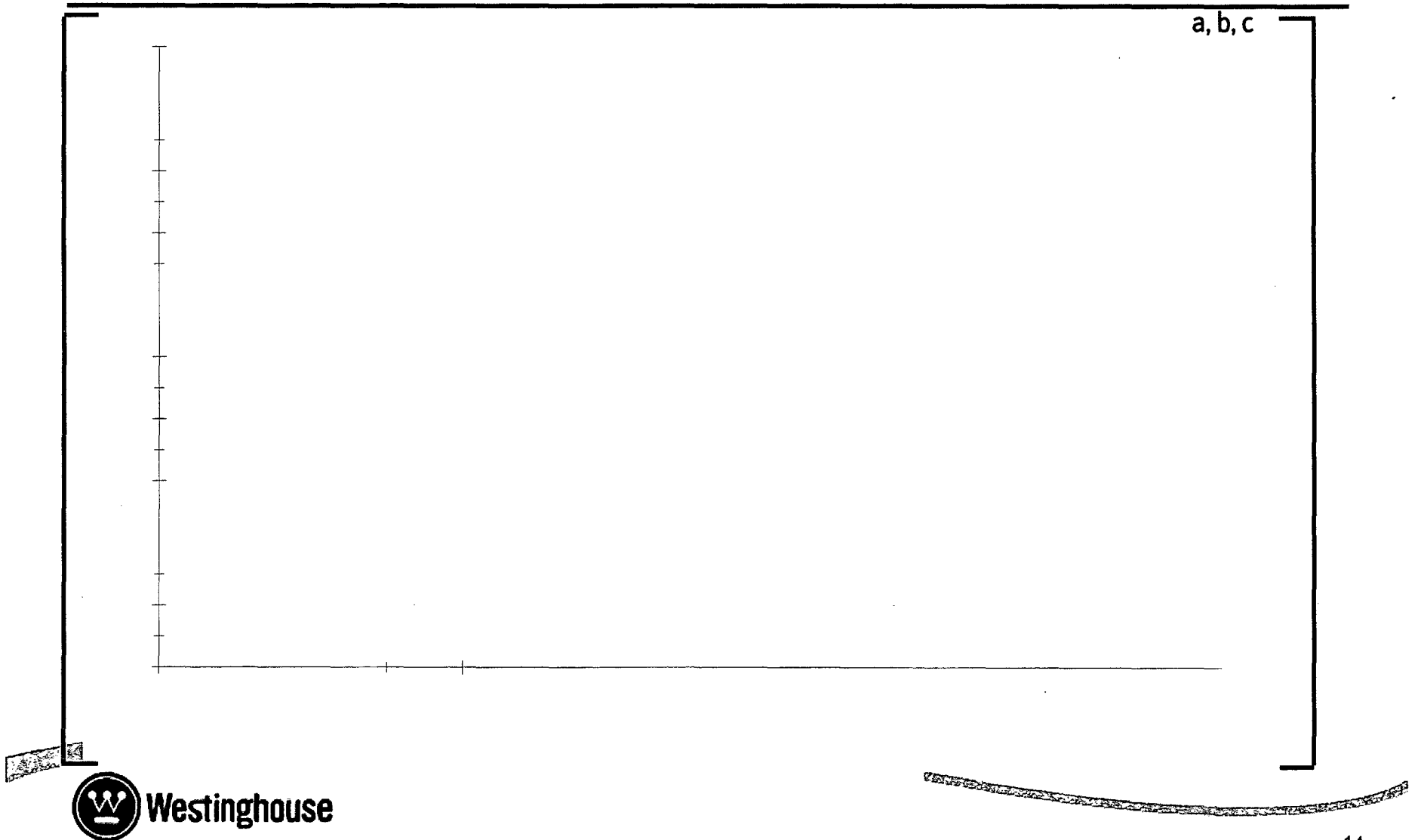
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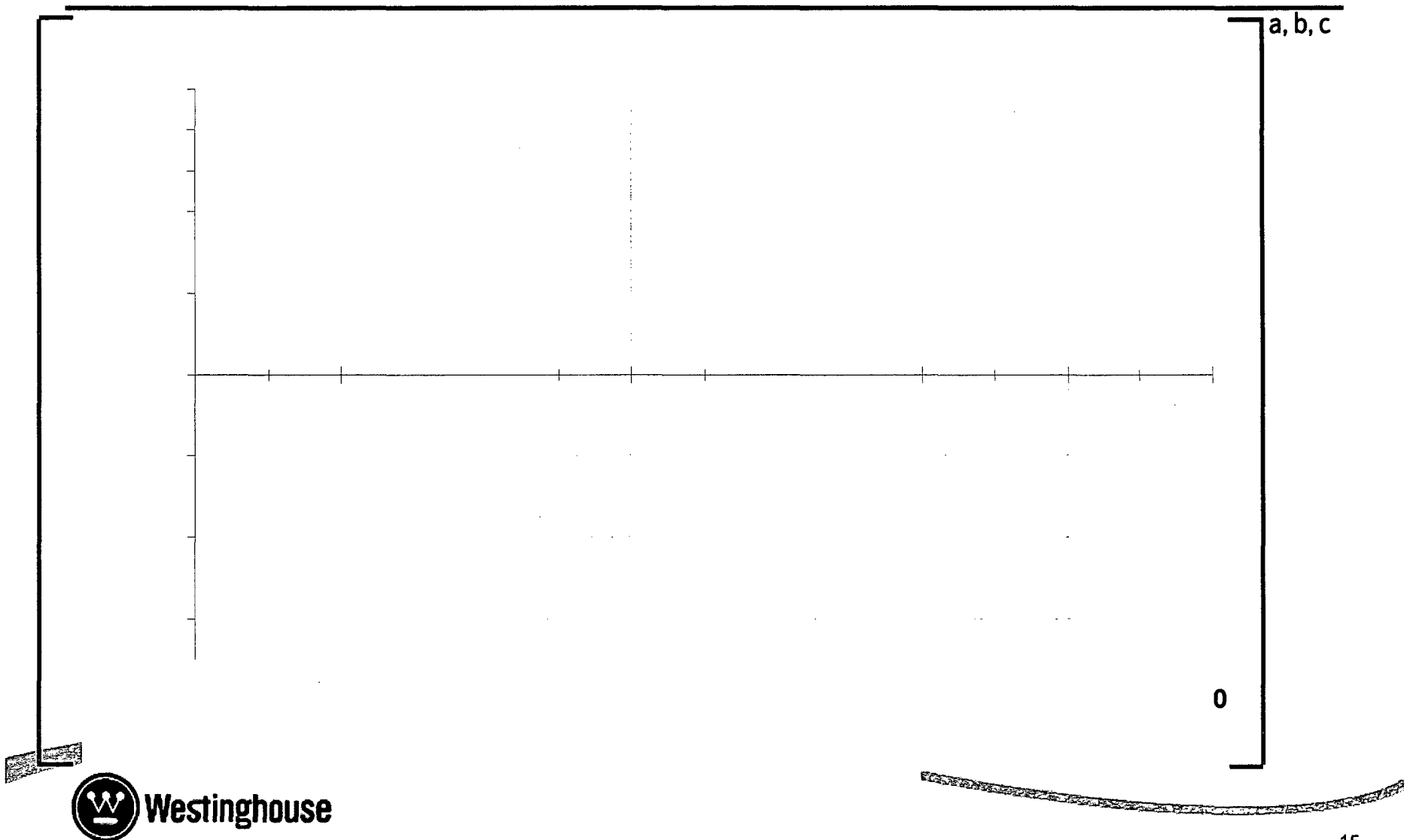
Hydrogen Impact on Growth



Hydrogen Content Based on Growth

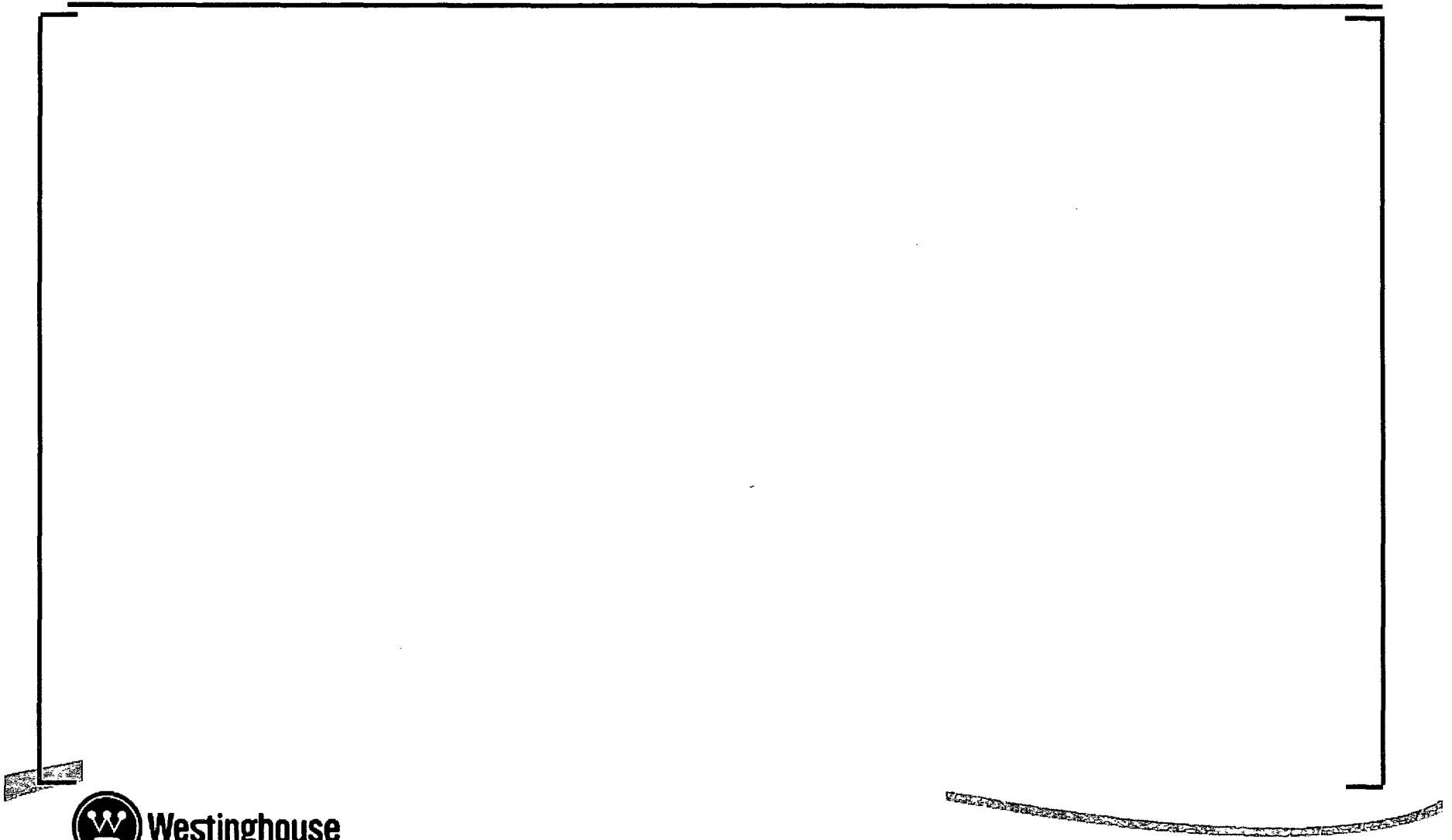


Channel Bow

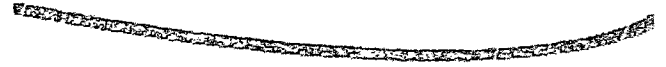
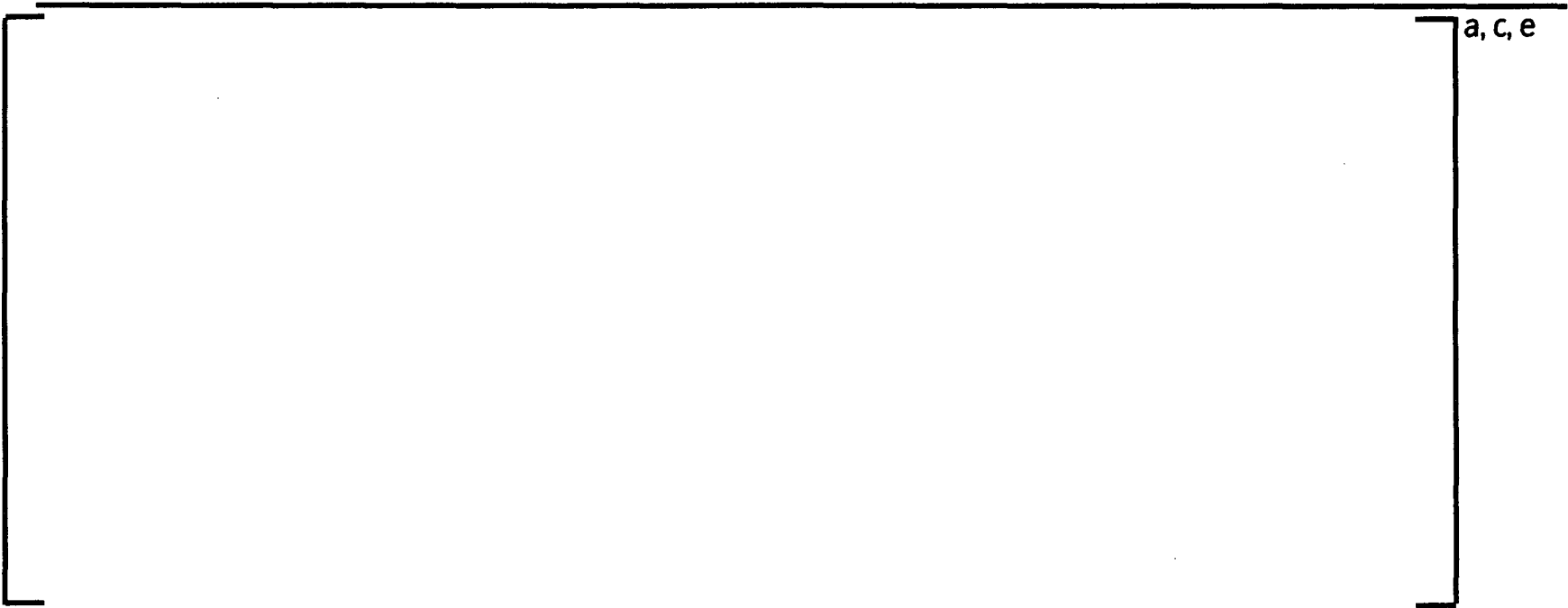


ZIRLO® Channel Inspection

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Future Verification



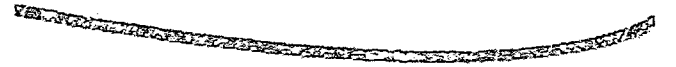
Future Inspection Plans

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Implementation Schedule

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Topical Report Format

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Summary

- The primary operational issue with BWR fuel is channel distortion and bowing

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