

# BWROG ECCS Suction Strainers Committee – NRC Public Meeting

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## BWROG Management Introduction

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BWROG Executive Committee

# Topics



- Meeting Objectives
- Updates Since the December 4, 2014 Public Meeting
  - Downstream Effects (DSE) - Fuels Subcommittee Update
  - DSE - Components Update
  - Debris Source Term Subcommittee Update
- Proposed 2016 Strategic NEDC-33608-P NRC - BWROG Activities
- Chemical Effects Testing Update
- Fuels Testing Program Update
- Summary

# Meeting Objectives



- End of year technical updates and discussion opportunity for deterministic ECCS Suction Strainers project scope areas
- GE Hitachi fuels LTR
  - Newly proposed NEDC-33608-P timetable for 2016 / 2017
  - NEDC-33608-P processing and technical implementation options
  - Logistics discussions
    - 1Q 2016, 2-day NEDC-33608-P workshop (San Jose, CA proposed)
    - 1Q 2016, ½-day public meeting / drop-in to finalize NEDC-33608-P timeline (RIC week)
    - 2Q / 3Q 2016, ½ -day Chemical Effects survey workshop (venue TBD)
    - 3Q 2016, 1-day public meeting / workshop to review debris characteristics / test debris specification / Debris Source Term Master Survey (venue TBD)

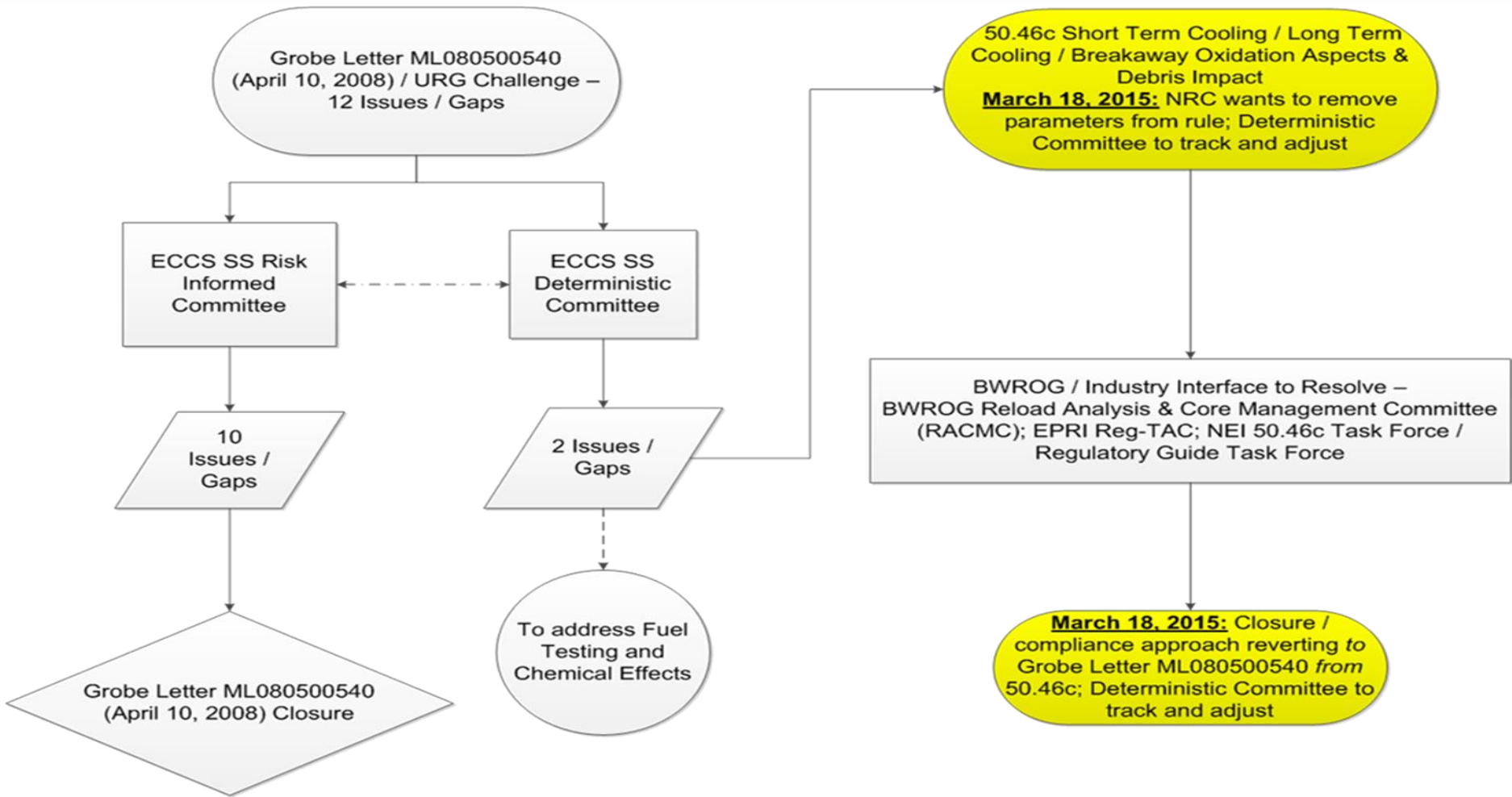
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## BWROG ECCS Suction Strainers Committee Overview

Steve Scammon (Energy Northwest)  
Chairman BWROG  
ECCS Suction Strainer Committee

# Background



December 2, 2015

NRC Public Meeting

# Background (cont.)



- 2015 NRC Submittals
  - BWROG-15003 – “Revised BWROG Request for Closure of ECCS Suction Strainer Issues: Latent Debris Issue #6; Zone of Influence (ZOI) Adjustment for Air Jet Testing (AJT) Issue #7; and Spherical Zone of Influence (ZOI) Issue #12” (February 3, 2015)
    - Revisions initiated following the September 24, 2014 technical teleconference
    - Received official response from NRC Staff (ML15062A365) on March 25, 2015; deterministic technical scope for Issues 6, 7 & 12 considered complete
  - BWROG-15018 – “ECCS Suction Strainers Benchtop Test #4 (BT4) Debris Bed Uniformity Test Plan, R0” (April 27, 2015)

# Head Loss Subcommittee



- Topics
  - Strainer Test Plan
  - Strainer Testing Program



# Head Loss Subcommittee – Strainer Test Plan



## BWROG-ECCS-TP-3-2 Background

- Submitted to NRC June 26, 2014
- Comments Received September 8, 2014
- Responses sent to BWROG for review November 11, 2014
- NRC teleconference February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015
  - Responses sent to NRC
  - Size distribution is key item
- NRC response received July 15, 2015
  - Debris sequencing largely resolved
  - Agreed on the basis for size distribution; NRC wants to understand if there was further breakdown of fibrous debris in the suppression pool
  - Agreement that a single test may not fully address the issue generically for the fleet

# Head Loss Subcommittee – Strainer Testing Program



## Implementation of BWROG Test Plan

- Testing commencement on hold / in coordination with ECCS SS Risk-Informed project Phase III / IV work
- Strainer Test Vendor selected (CDI)
- Strainer Hardware
  - Currently selected GEH Strainer

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## DSE – Components Update

Bradley Tyers (Exelon)  
Vice Chairman BWROG  
ECCS Suction Strainer Committee

# Topics



Overview

Actions Completed or Underway

Summary

# Overview



- Address downstream effects on components using deterministic methods and risk-informed insights
- BWROG obtained use of WCAP-16406-P for evaluating impact of debris on downstream components
- Accident sequences, mission times and operational characteristics obtained from risk informed pilot study

# Actions Completed or Underway



- Developing source term for evaluation
- Reviewing wear and abrasion models and methods
- Reviewing NRC SER on limitations and conditions
- Performing initial evaluation for Risk-Informed pilot plant(s); identifying critical systems, mission times, and components for wear and plugging
- Incorporate results into Risk-Informed Phase IV

# Summary



- WCAP-16406-P availability to BWR fleet has been obtained
- Coordinating completion with ECCS SS Risk-Informed Solutions committee
- WCAP-16406-P applicability review for BWRs, and pilot plant(s) evaluations to be completed 2016

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## Debris Source Term Subcommittee Update

Tony Borger (Talen Energy)  
Vice Chairman BWROG  
ECCS Suction Strainer Committee



# Debris Source Term



## Surveys

- Debris Source Term Surveys
  - Survey Information
  - Verification
  - References
- Chemical Effects Surveys
- Coatings Assessment Surveys

# Debris Source Term (cont.)



## Debris Source Term Survey

- Plant Information & URG Methodology
- Drywell Debris & Transport
- Wetwell Debris
- ECCS System Information

Results being used to develop Source Term Specification (inputs to testing program or generic studies)

# Debris Source Term (cont.)



## Debris Source Term Survey

- Survey information reviewed with feedback to individual sites for clarification and challenges
- Improved technical rigor and data input quality
- Forecast BWROG-internal completion in 1Q 2016
- NRC opportunity to review during 3Q 2016 workshop associated with debris specification & test debris specification

# Debris Source Term (cont.)



## Chemical Effects Survey

- Includes SLC chemistry
- Associated data used as input for the Chemical Effects testing program
- Aluminum, iron and lead inventories considered
- Inventory of Chemical Effects Source Term (submerged / non-submerged)
- Survey development and processing in concert with Debris Source Term Master Survey finalization
- NRC opportunity to review during ½ day 2Q / 3Q 2016 workshop

# Coatings Assessment Survey



## Coatings Assessment Survey

- Program detail
  - Related to Unqualified Coatings
  - Related to Qualified Coatings
- Types of coating systems used
  - Products
  - Thickness
- DST input (flake, particle, chip)
- Inspection details

# Coatings Assessment Survey (cont.)



## Coatings Assessment Survey

- Industry vetting opportunity for BWROG survey; Nuclear Coatings Committee (NUCC) meeting January 2016
- Forecast BWROG-internal completion in 2Q 2016
- Anticipated submittal of Coatings Assessment Survey to NRC in 2Q / 3Q 2016

# Summary



- Support and scheduling of 2016 workshops to improve NRC understanding of debris inputs to testing programs
  - Debris Source Term Master Survey (3Q)
  - Chemical Effects Survey (2Q / 3Q)
- Anticipated submittal of Coatings Assessment Survey in 2Q / 3Q

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## Downstream Effects (DSE) – Fuels Subcommittee Update

Greg Broadbent (Entergy)  
Vice Chairman BWROG  
ECCS Suction Strainer Committee



# Topics



Activities Since Last NRC Meeting

Upcoming Activities

Challenges

Summary

# Activities Since Last NRC Meeting



## Submitted Benchtop Testing Plan 4 (BT4) to NRC

- BT4 evaluates the potential for debris bed non-uniformity
- No NRC comments to date



# Upcoming Activities

## Finalizing Debris Source Term for Fuel Testing

- Fibrous Debris Concentration Calculation
  - Based on Suction Strainer Bypass Test Results
- Fuel Debris Specification
  - Based on Calculation of Fibrous Debris Concentration and URG for Other Debris

# Upcoming Activities



- Finalizing Debris Source Term for Fuel Testing (cont.)
  - Both Documents Utilize Plant Survey Data
  - Both Documents To Be Submitted to NRC

# Challenges



- Delay in NRC Reviews of Test Program
- Mitigating 50.46c rulemaking impact to testing program via coordination with other industry organizations (e.g., NEI)
- Balancing resources appropriately between ECCS SS deterministic and risk-informed projects

# Summary



- Benchtop Test 2 on hold pending Source Term finalization
- Benchtop Test 4 submitted
- NEDC-33608-P NRC reviewer challenges contributed to layup of fuels testing
  - Full-scale and Benchtop Testing programs included

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## Proposed 2016 Strategic NEDC-33608-P NRC – BWROG Activities

Rob Choromokos (SIA)  
ECCS Suction Strainer Committee

# Discussion Points



- October 19, 2015 Public Teleconference with NRC Staff on NEDC-33608-P review status
  - NRC unable to achieve December 31, 2015 delivery of Safety Evaluation (SE) on LTR-1
  - NRC reviewers requesting additional background on development of LTR-1
  - Planned discussion opportunity to revise existing NRC-BWROG approach associated with NEDC-33608-P
  - BWROG Chairman's outreach offering workshop opportunities review historical / recently developed information
  - BWROG to propose to NRC a revised strategic plan for in-vessel effects possibly including a risk-informed resolution



# Discussion Points (cont.)



- BWROG Proposal
  - Areas of requested NRC input for resources / availability / protocol acceptability
    - Consider retracting NEDC-33608-P from formal SE review process and combine with risk-informed disposition of related Grobe Letter potential issue/s
      - 10CFR50.46c rulemaking impact with respect to a need for a Safety Evaluation Report (SE)
    - Consider breaking out Test Program from LTR to accelerate review of LTR Methodology/Analysis
      - Two (2) month NRC Staff reviewer resource availability window for partial NEDC-33608-P review & formal commentary (Methodology & Analysis – 1st priority)
      - Four (4) month NRC Staff reviewer resource availability window for partial NEDC-33608-P review & formal commentary (Testing Program – 2nd priority)

# Discussion Points (cont.)



- BWROG Proposal (cont.)
  - Areas of requested NRC input for resources / availability / protocol acceptability (cont.)
    - Staff reviewers' need for a 2-day NEDC-33608-P document review workshop with NRC Staff reviewers (1Q 2016; San Jose, CA)
    - NRC Management's need for ½-day public meeting / drop-in to finalize NEDC-33608-P timeline (1Q 2016; RIC week at White Flint)
    - Staff reviewers' need for a 1-day in-situ meeting in Washington DC in 3Q 2016 to review fuels testing program related information (e.g. debris characteristics, test debris specification and Debris Source Term Master Survey)
      - Debris characteristics / test debris specification / Debris Source Term Master Survey reviews could be coordinated with Alden Lab facilities tour (3Q 2016)

# Discussion Points (cont.)



- BWROG Proposal (cont.)
  - Current 2016 BWROG timeline / milestone expectations supporting the overall proposal
    - Internal completion of Debris Source Term Master Survey (1Q 2016)
    - BWROG internal evaluation of 10CFR50.46c rulemaking potential impacts following public release from NRC (3Q 2016)
    - NRC visit / facilities tour of Alden Lab; could be coordinated with debris characteristics / test debris specification workshop / Debris Source Term Master Survey for NRC Staff (3Q 2016)

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## Chemical Effects Program Update

Steve Sawochka (NWT Corporation)  
ECCS Suction Strainer Committee

# CE Testing Program Update



- Four benchtop (BT) and seven high temperature (HT) loop simulation tests completed under original test plan
- Revised test plans developed for additional tests
- Goals of BT tests are:
  - Assess tendency for precipitate formation at Post-LOCA conditions
  - Quantify short term corrosion and release rates of containment materials
  - Quantify short term releases of soluble species from fibrous material
- Goal of HT loop tests is to assess the effect of precipitate formation and fibrous material degradation on debris bed pressure drop
- Assessment of likelihood of chemical effects at individual plants is goal of benchtop and HT loop tests

# Benchtop Test Summary



- Material exposures in 2 liter polycarbonate containers:
  - Al, Al + NUKON, Galvanized Carbon Steel (GCS), GCS+ NUKON in Demineralized water and sodium pentaborate solutions (257 ppm B, 109 ppm Na)
  - NUKON in demineralized water
- Material areas (ft<sup>2</sup>/ft<sup>3</sup>) and NUKON weights (lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>) based on “binning” of site survey results
- Exposures at 200°F for 48 hours followed by reductions to 140°F for 24 hours and then 110°F for 24 hours
- Assessments based on visual observations and turbidity, pH and chemical analyses (Al, SiO<sub>2</sub>, Si, Na, Zn, etc.)
- Corrosion and release rates based on solution chemistry and coupon weight changes
- Dissolution of NUKON based on solution chemistry

# Benchtop Test Summary (cont.)



- Aluminum was considered initially since its precipitates had been shown to form surface films on the debris bed leading to increase pressure drop
- Only 9 BWRs reported exposed aluminum areas greater than  $0.01 \text{ ft}^2 \text{ Al}/\text{ft}^3$  liquid in containment; maximum exposed area was  $0.39 \text{ ft}^2/\text{ft}^3$
- Testing considered effect of NUKON in demineralized water and borated solutions
- Second series of tests performed with galvanized carbon steel
- 10 BWRs reported exposed GCS/zinc areas greater than  $0.01 \text{ ft}^2 \text{ Zn}/\text{ft}^3$  liquid in containment; maximum exposed area was  $0.29 \text{ ft}^2/\text{ft}^3$
- Additional tests planned with carbon steel and selected fibrous materials

# BWR Survey Data: AI/NUKON



Plant #	Total AI, ft <sup>2</sup>	AI, ft <sup>2</sup> /ft <sup>3</sup>	NUKON +Fiber, lb	NUKON, lb/ft <sup>3</sup>
13	50000	0.39	113	8.78E-04
29	25000	0.29	686	8.03E-03
20	27720	0.26	1928	1.79E-02
32	7758	0.059	23	1.71E-04
33	7758	0.059	23	1.71E-04
23	4810	0.051	86	9.12E-04
19	4503	0.038	23	1.91E-04
15	1652	0.018	721	8.03E-03
16	1652	0.018	721	8.03E-03
30	295	0.002	23	1.36E-04



# Benchmark Test Matrix: AI/NUKON



Test	Solution	AI, ft <sup>2</sup> /ft <sup>3</sup>	NUKON, lbs/ft <sup>3</sup>	Max AI, ppm
NWT-BT2-1	DW	0.333	0	0.3
NWT-BT2-2	DW	0.333	0.0062	0.3
NWT-BT2-3	DW	0.333	0.031	1
NWT-BT2-4	DW	0.998	0	0.3
NWT-BT2-5	DW	0.998	0.0062	0.3
NWT-BT2-6	DW	0.998	0.031	1.6
NWT-HT3	DW	0.4	0.016	1.4
NWT-BT1-1	NaPB	0.333	0	8
NWT-BT1-2	NaPB	0.333	0.0062	8
NWT-BT1-3	NaPB	0.333	0.031	8
NWT-BT1-4	NaPB	0.998	0	11
NWT-BT1-5	NaPB	0.998	0.0062	14
NWT-BT1-6	NaPB	0.998	0.031	14
NWT-HT4	DW/NaPB	0.4	0.016	2.4
NWT-HT5	DW/NaPB	0.4	0.016	3

# NWT-BT1 Results: Al/NUKON/NaPB



- No indication of precipitate formation based on visual inspection or turbidity, visual inspection continued for over a month
- Aluminum concentration at 200°F and 140°F significantly below ANL predicted solubility limits of ~660 and 86 ppm
- Concentration at 110°F near solubility limit (~16 ppm)
- Passivation of aluminum coupons apparent from solution concentration variations and subsequent coupon analysis
- No significant effect of NUKON on NaPB solution pH or aluminum release
- Aluminum release rates consistent with values developed by NWT from Alion database (Alion tests performed with continuous stirring with magnetic stirrer bar)
- Approximately 50% of oxidized aluminum released to solution

# NWT-BT2 Results: AI/NUKON/DW



- Tests performed with air saturated demineralized water under static conditions
- No indication of precipitate formation based on turbidity or visual inspection
- Solution pH increased to 9 to 9.5 over time due to sodium and calcium release from NUKON
- Aluminum release rates significantly lower than in NaPB solution
- Release rate much lower in absence of NUKON since pH was significantly lower
- Release rate less than in NaPB solution even at higher pH than NaPB solution

# BWR Survey Data: GCS/NUKON



Plant	Total Zn, ft <sup>2</sup>	Zn, ft <sup>2</sup> /ft <sup>3</sup>	NUKON +Fiber, lb	NUKON, lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	Total Al, ft <sup>2</sup>
30	47,989	0.29	22	1.3E-04	295
31	46,739	0.28	22	1.3E-04	31
8	23,385	0.18	239	1.8E-03	N/R
9	23,385	0.18	239	1.8E-03	N/R
10	23,385	0.18	239	1.8E-03	N/R
34	14,600	0.11	27	2.0E-04	N/R
35	10,150	0.08	27	2.0E-04	N/R
27	4,730	0.04	115	8.9E-04	120
28	4,730	0.04	115	8.9E-04	120
21	1,525	0.01	3156	2.6E-02	N/R
6	169	0.00	3622	3.1E-02	108

# Benchmark Test Matrix: Zn/NUKON



Test	Solution	Zn, ft <sup>2</sup> /ft <sup>3</sup>	NUKON, lbs/ft <sup>3</sup>
NWT-BT3-1	DW	0.311	0
NWT-BT3-2	DW	0.323	0.002
NWT-BT3-3	DW/NaPB	0.312	0
NWT-BT3-4	DW	0.934	0
NWT-BT3-5	DW	0.949	0.002
NWT-BT3-6	DW/NaPB	0.954	0

# NWT-BT3 Results: Zn/NUKON



- No visual indication of precipitate formation, visual inspection continued for over a month. However, formation of limited amount of precipitate and dropout indicated by solution concentration decrease with transition to NaPB chemistry
- Zinc release rates consistent with estimates developed by NWT from Alion database for GCS and zinc coupons
- pH increase observed as NUKON lbs/ft<sup>3</sup> increased, but no significant effect on zinc release
- Most of oxidized zinc released from coupon; minimal film formation (limited passivation)

# Summary of Benchtop Testing



- Site survey results used to establish solution chemistry, aluminum and galvanized carbon steel areas ( $\text{ft}^2/\text{ft}^3$ ) and NUKON concentrations ( $\text{lbs}/\text{ft}^3$ ) for initial 18 benchtop tests
- Additional tests to be performed based on materials survey binning
- No precipitate formation indicated by visual observation or turbidity during 4-day tests
- Preliminary basis for estimating releases at individual BWR sites developed

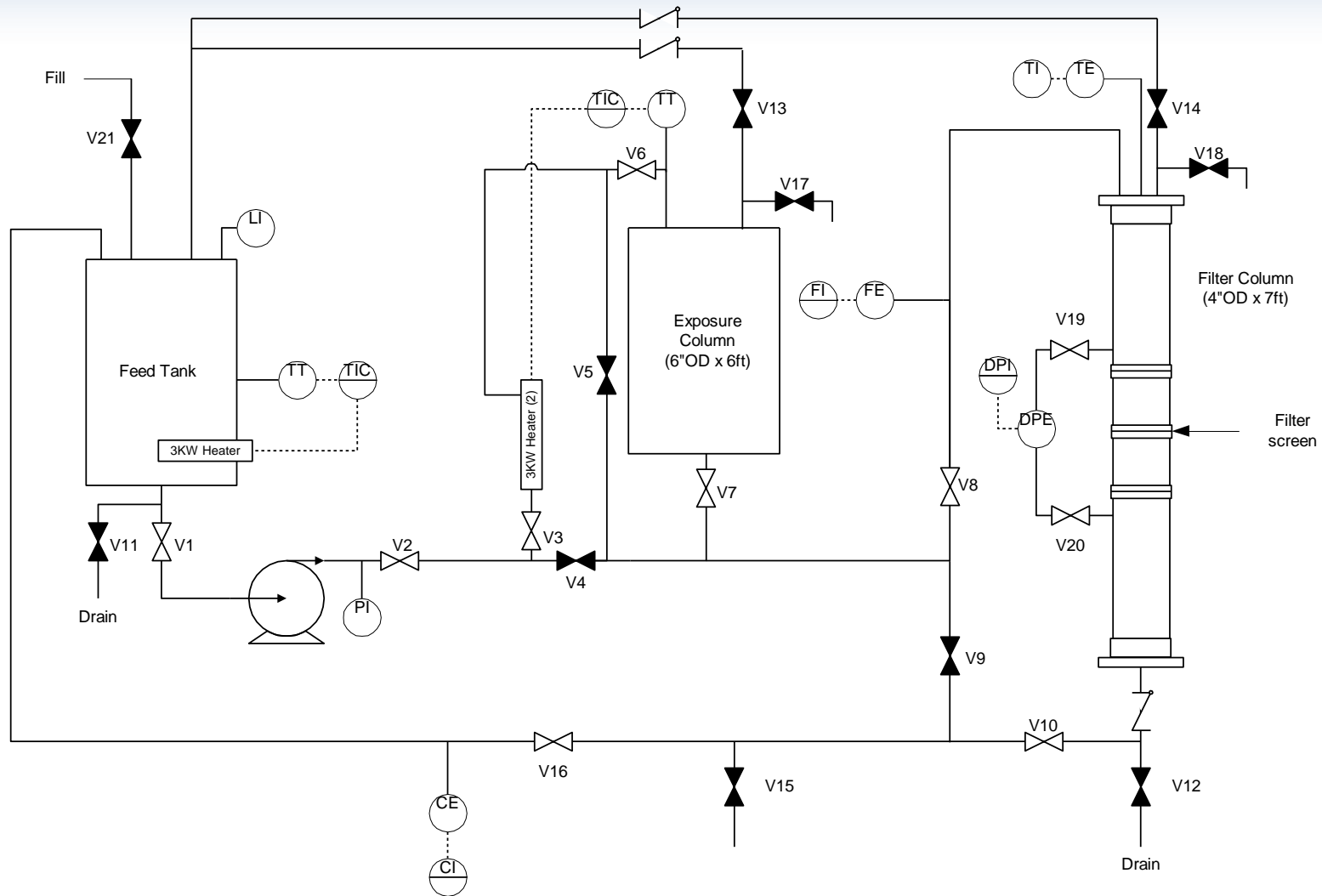
# High Temperature Loop Facility



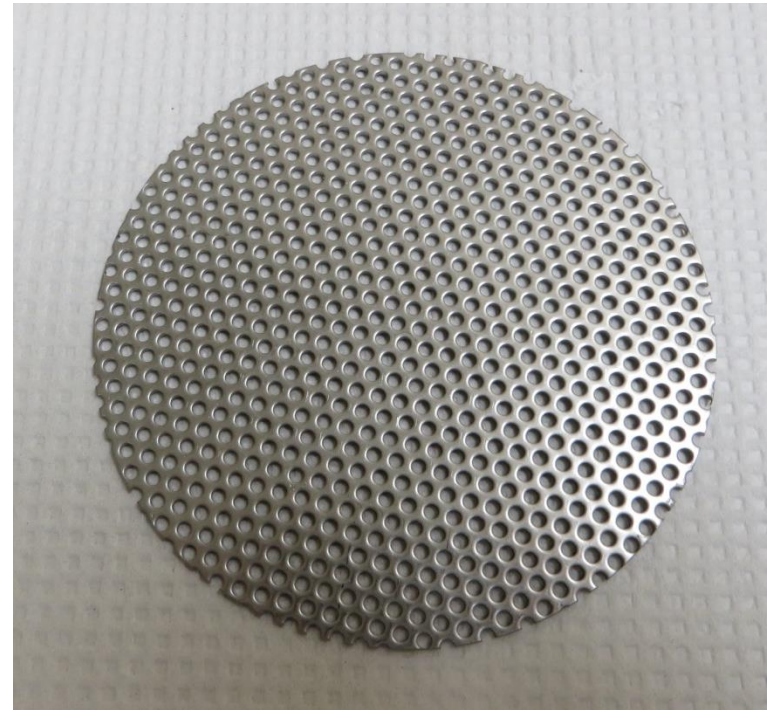
- 3.84-inch diameter filter section - designed to facilitate debris bed removal for analysis (0.0804 ft<sup>2</sup> area)
- 1.5 to 4 GPM flow rate (0.042 to 0.11 fps; 19 to 50 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup>); (0.06 fps at 2 gpm)
- 125 gallon SS conical bottom Feed Tank
- 5.83-inch ID exposure vessel (0.02 fps at 2 gpm)
- PID temperature control
- Flow, differential pressure, feedtank level and temperature recorded on data logger



# ECCS SS Loop Schematic



# 4" Column and Perforated Screen



# High Temperature Loop Tests



Test #	Al, ft <sup>2</sup> /ft <sup>3</sup>	Zn, ft <sup>2</sup> /ft <sup>3</sup>	CS, ft <sup>2</sup> /ft <sup>3</sup>	NUKON, lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	Solution	Comment
NWT-HT1	0	0	0	0.004	DW	2-day hot functional test to demonstrate debris bed formation and evaluate initial steps of test procedure. AIOOH injection following test.
NWT-HT2	0.75	0	0	0.016	DW	NUKON deposition at flow distributor during debris bed formation. Test aborted.
NWT-HT3	0.40	0	0	0.016	DW	18-day test. End of test debris bed pressure drop of 1.6 psi. AIOOH injection following test
NWT-HT4	0.40	0	0	0.016	DW/NaPB	18-day test. End of test debris bed pressure drop of 5.0 psi. AIOOH injection following test.
NWT-HT5	0.40	0	0	0.016	DW/NaPB	14-day test to debris bed pressure drop of 8.2 psi.
NWT-HT6	0	0	0	0.016	DW/NaPB	21-day baseline test. End of test debris bed pressure drop of 2.4 psi.
NWT-HT7	0	0	0	0.004	NaPB	AIOOH debris bed sensitivity test immediately following bed formation.

# Debris Bed Sensitivity to Chemical Effects



- ALOOH precipitate injected at debris bed inlet during 4 tests to demonstrate sensitivity to chemical effects
- ALOOH preparation based on WCAP-16530
- Although data are limited, the debris bed sensitivity based on lb Al/lb NUKON appears relatively independent of debris bed exposure history

# Debris Bed Sensitivity to CE



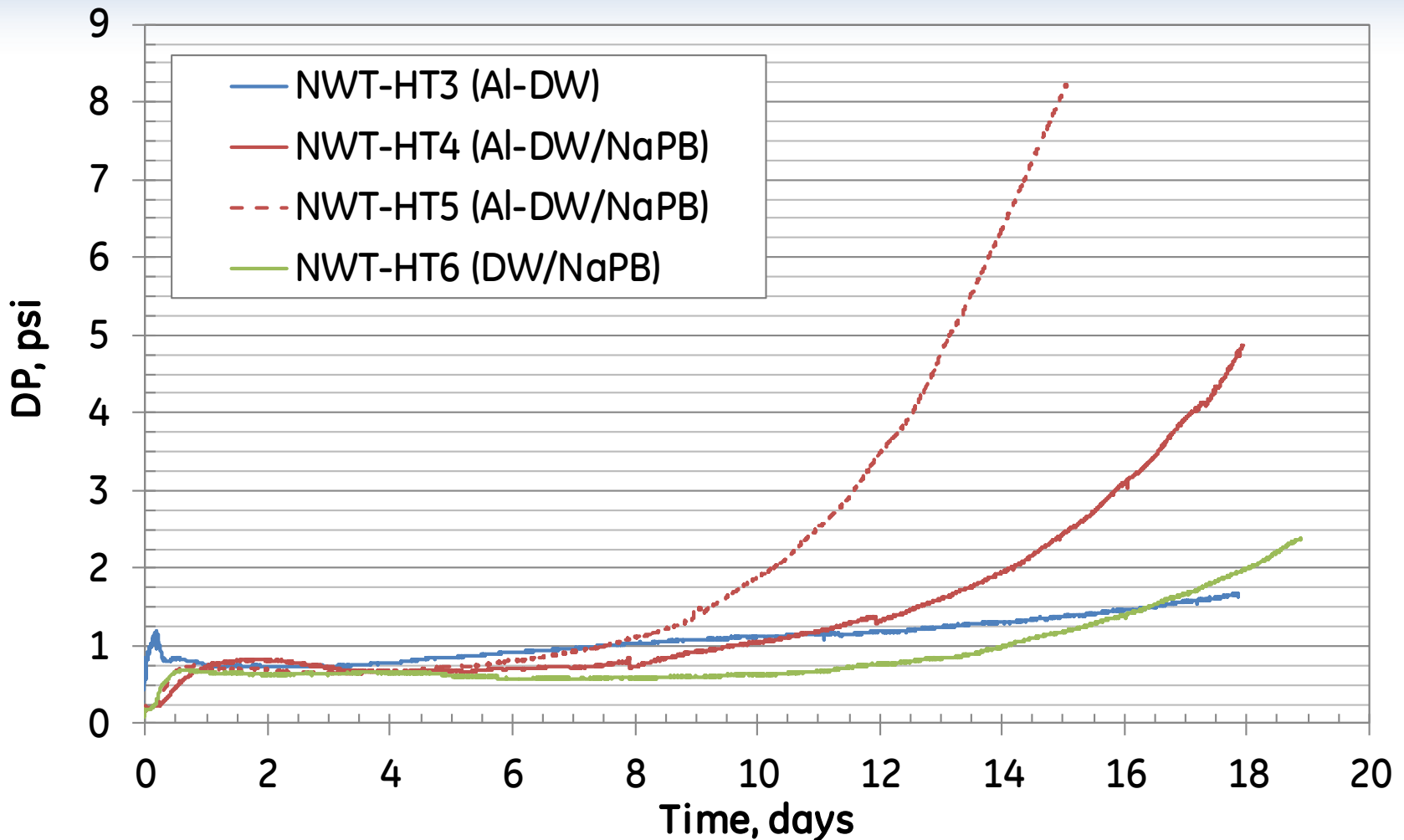
Test	Chemistry	Debris bed exposure, days	AIOOH inlet conc., ppm Al	DP initial/final, psi	AIOOH, lb Al/lb NUKON
NWT-HT1	DW	2	2.9	0.25/7.9	0.007
NWT-HT3	DW	18	0.7	1.7/~11	0.004
NWT-HT4	DW/NaPB	18	3.2	5/~36	0.007
NWT-HT7	NaPB	0	2.2	0.2/8.5	0.003

# Debris Bed Pressure Drop



- Minimal pressure drop increase during 18-day DW / AI / NUKON Test HT3 (Pressure drop of 1.7 psi after 18 days)
- Debris Bed pressure drop increased to 5 psi after 18 days during NaPB/AL/NUKON Test HT4; CE after extended exposure
- Validation Test: Pressure drop increased to 5 psi after 13 days and 8 psi after 15 days during NaPB/AL/NUKON Test HT5
- Effect of Aluminum Release: Pressure drop only increased to 2.4 psi after 19 days during NaPB/NUKON Test HT5 (No Aluminum)
- Significant debris bed compression occurred during all tests. Pressure drop increase appears due to NUKON dissolution leading to bed compression and corrosion product loading

# HT Pressure Drop Variations



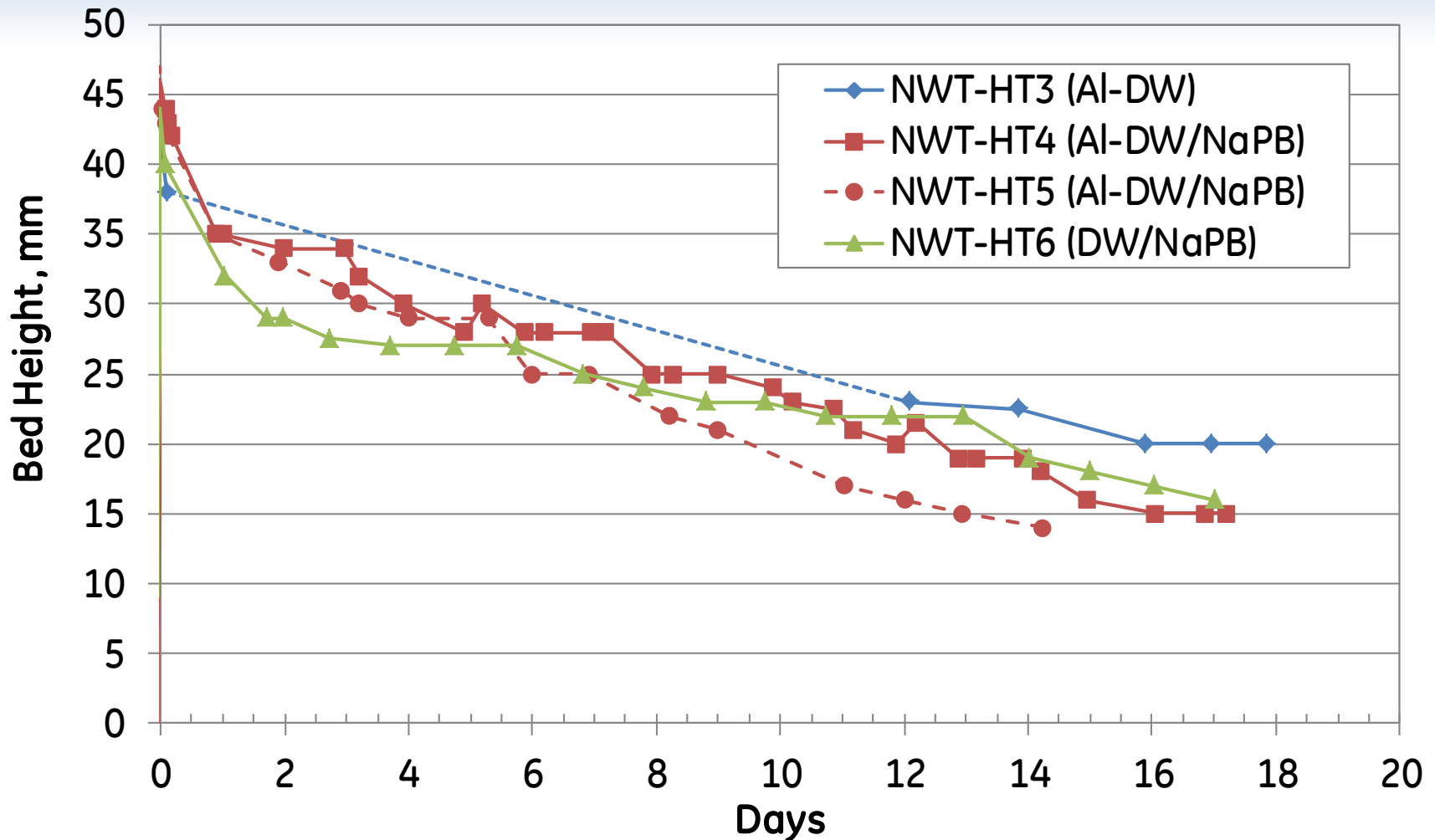
# Debris Bed Height Variations



- Debris bed height decreased/compressed significantly during all tests (height measured at the edge of filter column wall)
- Decreases in bed height appear to reflect NUKON dissolution as well as particulate removal
- Concentrations of Na, Ca, Si correspond to dissolution of 20-30% of the NUKON over 15 to 18 day test



# Debris Bed Height Variations

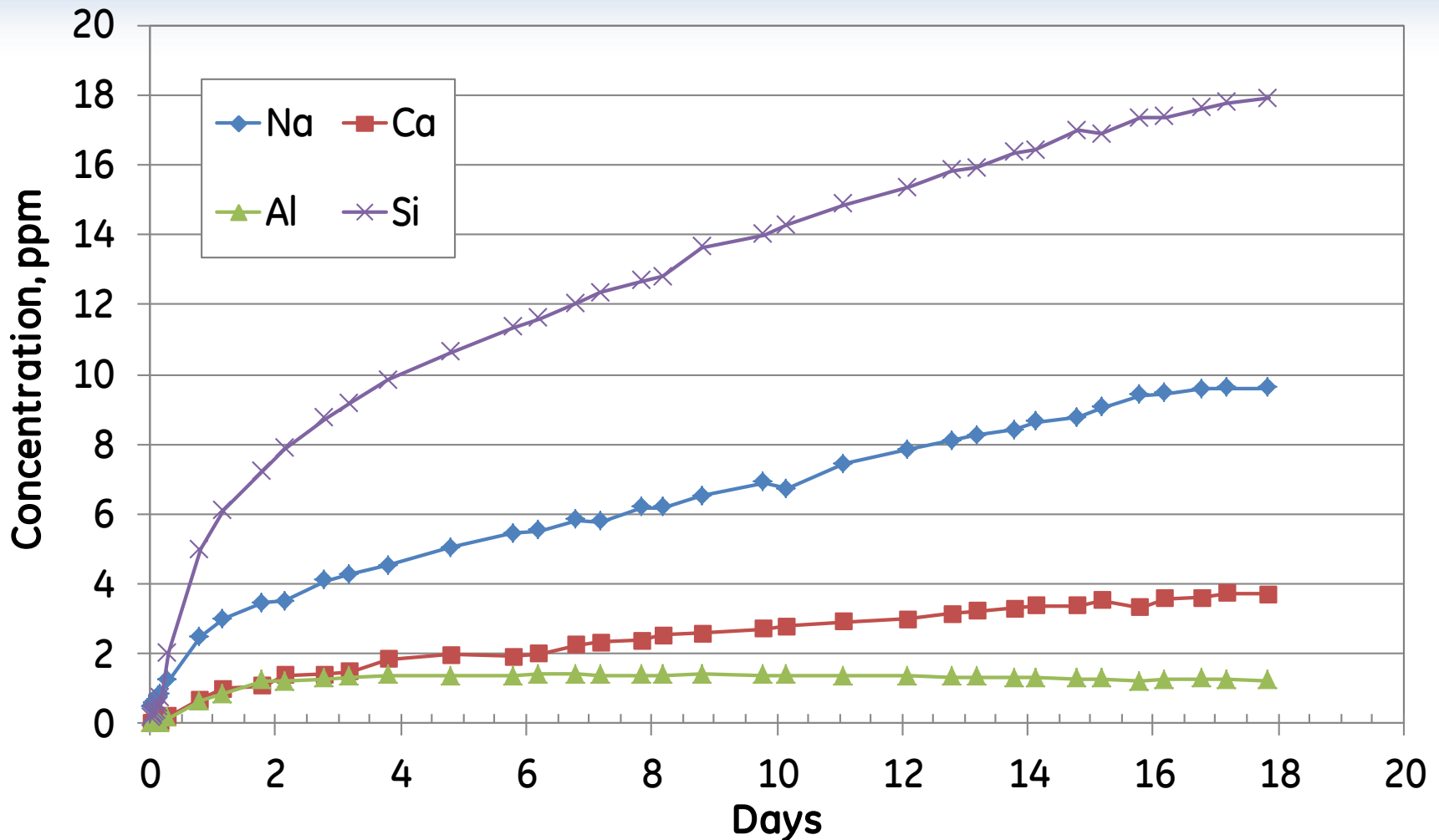


# HT Loop Chemistry Observations

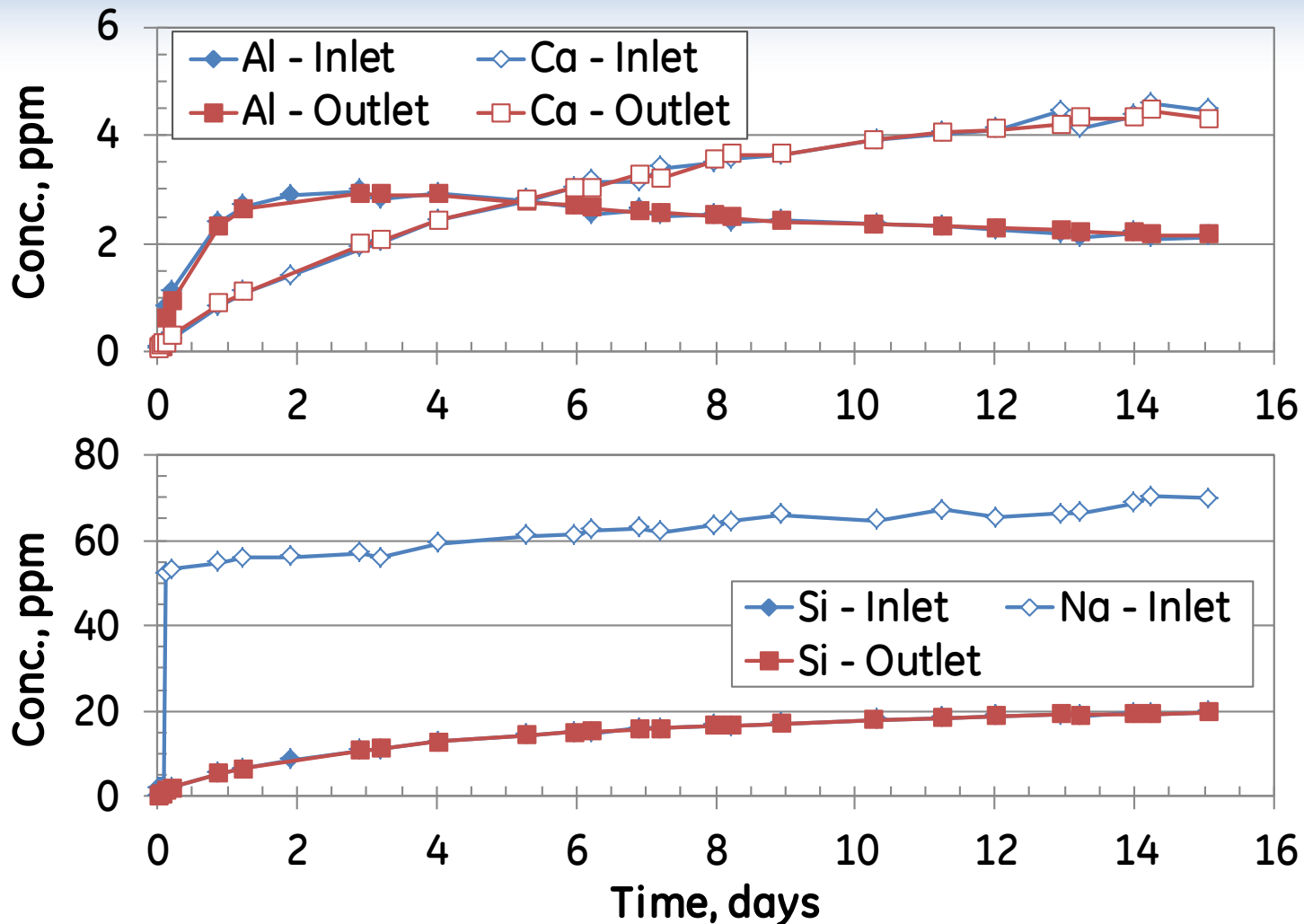


- Aluminum, calcium and silica concentrations at filter column inlet and outlet have been effectively identical
  - Particulate/precipitate removal by debris bed cannot be quantified based on inlet and outlet concentration data
  - Removal will have to be estimated from post-test debris bed analysis
- Na, Si and Ca concentrations (resulting from solubilization of NUKON) generally significantly exceed aluminum concentrations due to aluminum corrosion
- Maximum aluminum concentrations during 15 to 18 day HT Loop tests have been very low (<4 ppm) and well below the aluminum solubility limit at 140°F

# NWT-HT3 NUKON Dissolution



# NWT-HT5 NUKON Dissolution





# Test Plan Revisions: 2015

- New Bench Top Test Plan developed: BWROG-ECCS-TP-4-2 Revision 0
- New HT Loop Test Plan near completion (BWROG-ECCS-TP-4-3)
- Key elements of initial combined test plan (BWROG-ECCS-TP-4-1 R5) were retained
- Test Parameters will continue to be based on “binning” of BWROG Containment Materials Survey Results

# BT Test Plan



- Five series of tests currently planned in demineralized water and borated solutions (6 parameter sets per test series)
- Test parameters to be based on survey binning results
  - Effect of aluminum surface finish on corrosion and release rates
  - Corrosion and release rates of carbon steel
  - Effect of Al/GCS, Al/CS and GCS/CS ratios on release rates
  - Effects of insulation materials (other than NUKON) on release rates

# Proposed HT Loop Test Plan



## Overview

- 9 tests planned over 12 months
- Effects of releases from galvanized carbon steel and carbon steel to be evaluated in demineralized water and borated solutions
- Effects of particulate loading on debris bed pressure drop to be evaluated in demineralized water and borated solutions

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## Fuel Testing Program Update

Ludwig Haber (Alden Lab)  
BWROG ECCS Suction Strainer Committee



# DSE – Fuels: Technical Update



## Overview:

- BT2 testing put on hold based on source term and surrogate characteristics uncertainty
- Finalizing fiber length size distribution characteristics
- Assisting in NRC reviewer transition

# DSE – Fuels: Technical Update



## Fiber length characterization:

- Original Alion length distribution data is not aligned well (longer) with other industry data obtained by Alden and difficult to duplicate using standard fiber preparation methods
- Filter bags from bypass testing available to Alden for reprocessing
- Results shift towards smaller fiber lengths, more inline with other Alden data

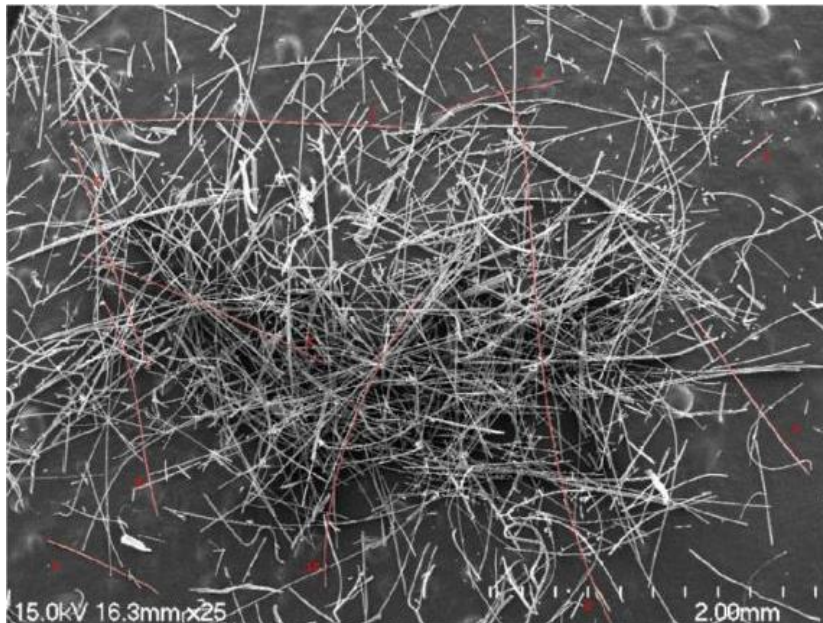
# DSE – Fuels: Technical Update



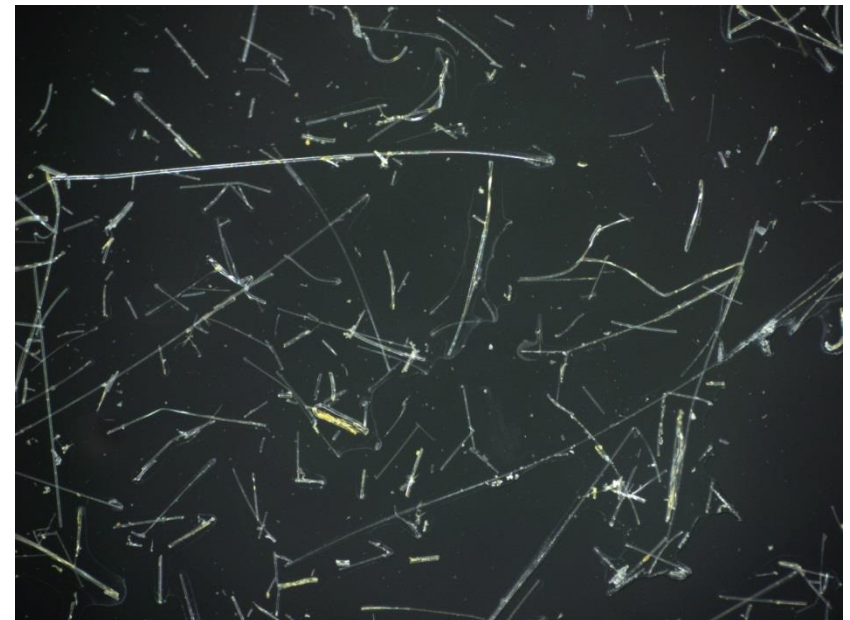
## New image analysis

- Relatively few fibers per image, allowing measurement of all fibers, yielding more representative distribution

Old image



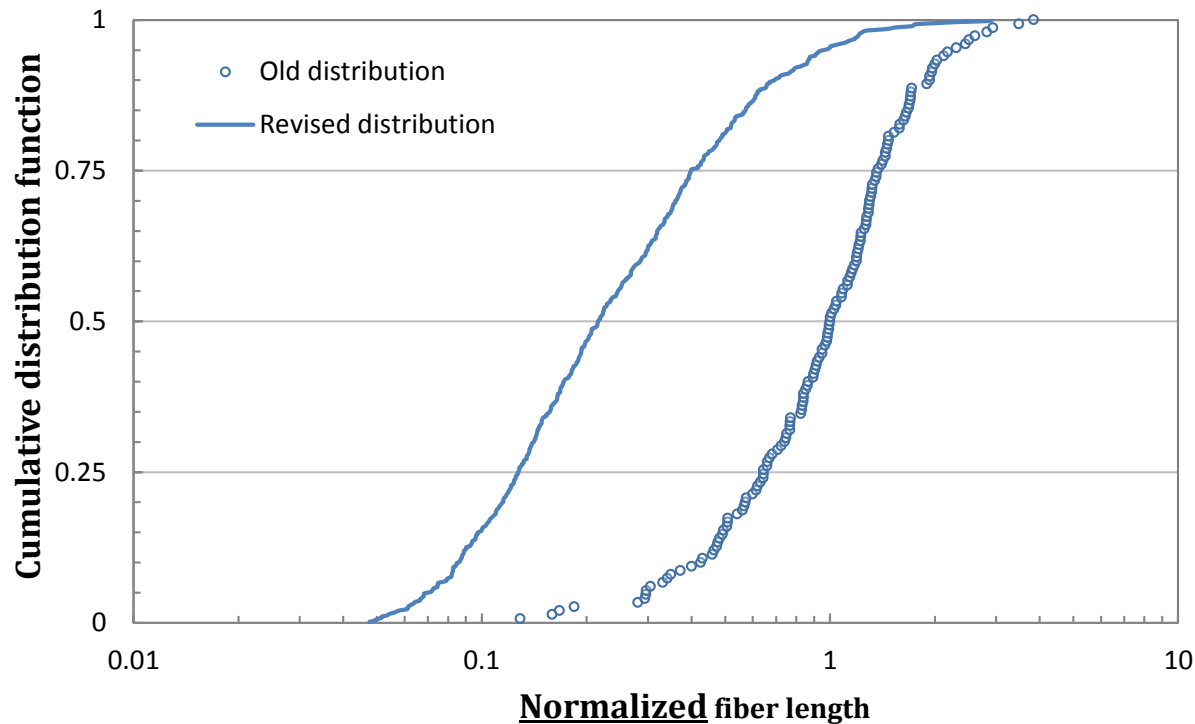
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# DSE – Fuels: Technical Update



Example updated versus previous size distributions:



# DSE – Fuels: Technical Update



- Shift to smaller size is consistent among tests
  - Approximately a 2/3 reduction from original evaluation
- Fiber distribution convergence achieved at 200-300 fibers (sample size)
  - Distribution based on 500-600 fibers (sample size)
- Relationship between fiber types is maintained
  - Longer Temp-Mat
- Final results will be incorporated in debris specification

# DSE – Fuels: Technical Update



## Assisting NRC reviewer transition:

- Establish agenda and associated materials for proposed 1Q 2016 LTR workshop
  - LTR test program parameter evaluation strategy
  - Provide overview and relationships / context of existing documents

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## Summary:

- Experimental work on hold pending LTR SE and source term finalization
  - Finalizing target fiber size distribution
  - Updated approach needed for feedback / approval of ongoing efforts

# BWROG ECCS Suction Strainers Committee – NRC Public Meeting



## BWROG Management Summary

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# Summary



- End of year project / subcommittee technical updates
- GE Hitachi fuels LTR topics
  - Newly proposed NEDC-33608-P timetable
  - NEDC-33608-P processing options and achieving ultimate alignment
  - 2016 Logistics discussions
    - NEDC-33608-P workshop
    - NEDC-33608-P timeline acceptance meeting or management drop-in during the RIC week (week March 7, 2016)
    - Fuels testing prerequisite documents review workshop