PILGRIM CORE SPRAY SPARGER INDICATIONS











LOWER SPARGER

8004030348







SPARGER TO SHROUD ATTACHMENT METHOD



# SPARGER NOZZLES



## SPARGER SUPPORT METHOD

## FABRICATION HISTORY

- BEND PIPE



- FIT UP IN SHROUD (CHECK FIT)
- WELD HEADERS TO T-BOX (SHOP OPERATION)
- DRILL NOZZLE HOLES
- WELD HALF COUPLINGS TO HEADERS
- INSTALL ELBOWS
- MOUNT SPARGER IN SHROUD (COLD SPRINGING ASSUMED)
- AIM AND TACK WELD ELBOWS AND NOZZLES

# PERFORMANCE HISTORY

- FIRST CRITICAL JUNE 1972
- NO INADVERTANT CORE SPRAY INJECTIONS
- CORE SPRAY MAINTENANCE FLOW DURING EACH REFUELING

MAX.  $\Delta T = 130^{\circ} F$ 

- FOUND INDICATIONS ON INNER BEND RADIUS - FEB. 1980

## STRESSES - NORMAL OPERATION

- ALL IDENTIFIED STRESSES DURING NORMAL OPERATIONS FOUND TO BE NEGLIGIBLE
- CONSIDERED

IMPINGEMENT - FLOW PAST SPARGERS SEISMIC - PROPERLY MOUNTED IS RIGID STRUCTURE PRESSURE  $-\Delta P = 0$ THERMAL MISMATCH -  $\Delta T \simeq 0$ STAGNANT LINE TOP TO BOTTOM  $\Delta T < 8^{\circ}$  F THRU WALL  $\Delta T < 8^{\circ}$  F WEIGHT - NEGLIGIBLE PIPE 9.11 LB/FT WATER 4.2 LB/FT NOZZLES 3 LB/FT STRESSES - NORMAL OPERATION - CONTINUED

FLOW INDUCED VIBRATION



POSTULATED INSTALLATION STRESSES

INSTALLATION-RADIAL MISMATCH



CASE 1



R1 < R2

CASE 2

ASSUME R1 = 93.25 R2 = 94.25 UNIFORM FORMING € 2 1.1% σ 2 38.3 KSI (FROM S-€ CURVE)

# CONCLUSION - RADIAL MISMATCH

- RADIAL MISMATCH CAN RESULT IN TENSILE STRESSES AT INNER BEND RADIUS
- STRESSES WILL RELAX TO ELEVATED TEMPERATURE YIELD STRESS DURING OPERATION
- STRESSES ARE DEFLECTION LIMITED SECONDARY STRESSES

# STRESSES DURING CORE SPRAY INJECTION

CONSIDERED

- IMPINGEMENT FLOW PAST SPARGER = LESS THAN NORMAL OPERATION
- PRESSURE
  - △P 🚊 16 PSI, STRESS NEGLIGIRIE
  - σ ≃ 160 PSI
- THERMAL
  - HIGH CIRCUMFERENTIAL AND LONGITUDINAL STRESSES DUE TO THRU WALL GRADIENT. (SECONDARY STRESSES)
- SECONDARY BENDING DUE TO CHANGE IN BEND RADIUS  $\sigma \simeq 3 \rm KSI$
- AXIAL STRESS DUE TO  $\triangle P$  AND BRACKET FRICTION  $\sigma < 300$  PSI
- SEISMIC
  - DUE TO THERMALAR ALL SUPPORTS ACTING THEREFORE = RIDGID STRUCTURE
- TORSION DUE TO NOZZLE FLOW
  σ < 200 PSI</li>
- WEIGHT STRESS NEGLIGIBLE

## STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF A SPARGER WITH CRACKS

CONSIDERED

- IMPINGEMENT

BENDING - INCREASE PROPORTIONAL TO DECREASED SECTION MODULUS -STRESSES INSIGNIFICANT

1.10

- PRESSURE

HOOP STRESS - NO CHANGE AXIAL STRESS - PROPORTIONAL TO CROSS SECTIONAL AREA

- THERMAL (THRU WALL)

NO CHANGE IN MAX. STRESS

- CHANGE IN BEND RADIUS

INCREASED STRESS PROPORTIONAL TO DECREASE IN SECTION MODULUS (DEFLECTION LIMITED)

NOTE:- THIS LOADING WILL CAUSE A THRU WALL CRACK TO OPEN UP. WORST CASE ESTIMATED TO INCREASE GAP BY .005 INCH.

# STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF A SPARGER WITH CRACKS-CONTINUED

- AXIAL STRESS DUE TO AP AND BRACKET FRICTION

WILL INCREASE PROPORTIONAL TO REDUCTION IN CROSS SECTIONAL AREA

BOUNDING #1

σ<sub>A</sub> = 30 KSI FOR A THRU WALL CRACK OVER 90% OF THE CIRCUMFERENCE (PRESSURE AXIAL LOAD INCLUDED)

BOUNDING #2

ASSUME VESSEL WALL BRACKET HOLDS PIPE UNTIL BRACKET BENDS AS A PLASTIC HINGE



HINGE AXIS

Q = 15000 LBS

σ<sub>A</sub> = 30 KSI FU? A THRU WALL CRACK OVER 80% OF THE CIRCUMFERENCE

# CONCLUSIONS

- WITH THRU WALL CRACKS, SPARGER FLOW DISTRIBUTION MAY BE AFFECTED

# BUT

- CORE SPRAY WATER WILL BE DELIVERED TO SHROUD INTERIOR

- SPARGER WILL RETAIN STRUCTURAL CONTINUITY

# STRESS EVALUATION OF THE CORE SPRAY SPARGER

• OBJECTIVE IS TO EVALUATE DIFFERENT SOURCES OF STRESS IN THE SPARGER AND CONSIDER THEIR EFFECT ON THE OBSERVED CRACKING.



INITIAL CONFIGURATION



LOAD APPLICATION DURING FABRICATION



FINAL DEFORMED SHAPE AFTER LOAD REMOVAL

SR 3/13/80

## GENERAL ELECTRIC CO.

Nuclear Energy Division

#### ENGINEERING CALCULATION SHEET



CADAL NA NEA. 27 18.741

# TRANSIENT STRESSES

- THERMAL AND PRESSURE STRESSES IN THE PIPE ARE SMALL
- FLOW INDUCED VIBRATION IS UNLIKELY
- FATIGUE USAGE DUE TO THE OPERATING TRANSIENTS IS THEREFORE NEGLIGIBLE

SR 3/13/80

# STEADY STATE STRESSES

- STRESSES DUE TO FABRICATION COULD BE SIGNIFICANT AND WOULD EXIST THROUGHOUT PLANT OPERATION.
- STRESSES DUE TO INSTALLATION AND RESULTING BRACKET CONSTRAINT ARE IMPORTANT.
- THE RESTRAINT STRESSES WOULD BE FURTHER INTENSIFIED NEAR DISCONTINUITIES AND WELD REGIONS. THE WELD RESIDUAL STRESSES TOGETHER WITH THE CONSTRAINT STRESSES COULD BE SUFFICIENT TO CAUSE CRACK INITIATION.
- UNDER WORST CASE ASSUMPTIONS FOR STRESS CORROSION CRACKING, CRACK GROWTH COULD OCCUR WITH FLAWS OF 0.025 INCH DEPTH.

SR 3/13/80

# CRACK ARREST CONSIDERATIONS

- SINCE MOST OF THE APPLIED LOADING IS SECONDARY (DISPLACEMENT CONTROLLED), AS THE CRACKS GROW THE APPLIED STRESSES RELAX AND LEAD TO CRACK ARREST.
- THE RESIDUAL STRESSES DUE TO FABRICATION VARY FROM TENSION TO COMPRESSION. AS THE CRACKS PROPAGATE INTO REGIONS OF COMPRESSIVE STRESS THE APPLIED K VALUE DROPS AND CRACK ARREST IS LIKELY.

# POTENTIAL LOOSE PIECES

- I. SAFETY ANALYSIS
- II. POTENTIAL CONCERNS
  - A. CHEMICAL OR CORROSION
  - B. FLOW BLOCKAGE
  - C. CONTROL ROD INTERFERENCE
- III. LOOSE PIECES UNLIKELY
  - IV. REACTOR INTERNALS
    - A. SPARGER LOCATION
    - B. DIFFICULT PATH TO FUEL ORIFICE
    - C. DIFFICULT PATH TO CONTROL ROD

JEC-1 3/11/80

## V. POTENTIAL SHAPES

- A. PIPE
  - 1. 2 THROUGH WALL 360° CRACKS
  - 2. WEIGH LESS THAN 100 LBS.
  - 3. WILL SINK
  - 4. CANNOT CAUSE FLOW BLOCKAGE
  - 5. CANNOT INTERFERE WITH CONTROL ROD

### B. NOZZLES

- 1. THROUGH WALL 360° CRACK
- 2. WEIGH APPROXIMATELY 1 3/4 LBS.
- 3. WILL SINK
- 4. CANNOT CAUSE FLOW BLOCKAGE
- 5. CANNOT INTERFERE WITH CONTROL ROD
- C. SMALL PIECES
  - LONGITUDINAL AND CIRCUMFERENTIAL CRACKS
  - 2. WILL PROBABLY SINK
  - 3. FLOW BLOCKAGE
    - A. EXTREMELY UNLIKELY TO PASS THROUGH SEPARATOR
    - B. DIFFICULT PATH TO FUEL ORIFICE
    - C. SINGLE PIECE CANNOT CAUSE UNACCEPTABLE FLOW BLOCKAGE

- 4. CONTROL ROD INTERFERENCE
  - A. DIFFICULT PATH TO CONTROL ROD
  - B, REQUIRES PRECISELY SIZED PIECE
  - C. MAY BE DETECTED
  - D. IN WORST CASE, ROD WILL PROBABLY INSERT
  - E. ONE FULLY STUCK OUT ROD IS ACCEPTABLE
  - F. UNACCEPTABLE INTERFERENCE REQUIRES MULTIPLE PRECISELY SIZED PIECES

#### VI, CONCLUSIONS

- A. NO POTENTIAL FOR UNACCEPTABLE CORROSION
- B. POTENTIAL FOR UNACCEPTABLE FLOW BLOCKAGE IS ESSENTIALLY ZERO
- C. POTENTIAL FOR UNACCEPTABLE CONTROL ROD INTERFERENCE IS ESSENTIALLY ZERO











# FUEL ASSEMBLIES & CONTROL ROD MODULE

1.TOP FUEL GUIDE 2.CHANNEL FASTENER 3. UPPER TIE PLATE 4.EXPANSION SPRING 5.LOCKING TAB 6.CHANNEL 7.CONTROL ROD 8.FUEL ROD 9.SPACER 10.CORE PLATE ASSEMBLY 11.LOWER TIE PLATE 12.FUEL SUPPORT PIECE 13. FUEL PELLETS 14.END PLUG 15.CHANNEL SPACER 16.PLENUM SPRING



POOR ORIGINAL

GEZ-4383

MATERIALS ASPECTS OF PILGRIM CORE SPRAY SPARGER CRACKING

- LISTING OF POSSIBLE CAUSES OF
  CRACKING
- MATERIALS DISCUSSION OF COLD WORK AND IGSCC
- SUMMARY

+2

# POSSIBLE CAUSES OF CRACKING

12

# LOCATION POSSIBLE CAUSE

EVIDENCE

1. SPARGER ARMS NEAR T-BOX

> SENSITIZATION BY
>  LOCATION OF CRACKS WELDING

- COLD WORK FOLLOWED BY ESTIMATED 5% COLD WORK WELD SENSITIZATION NEAR T-BOX
- FATIGUE (THERMALLY UNDER EVALUATION △T's INDUCED)
- FATIGUE (FLOW-INDUCED UNDER EVALUATION VIBRATION)
- 2. SPARGER ARMS AWAY FROM T-BOX
- SENSITIZATION FROM NONE FABRICATION
- COLD WORK FOLLOWED PIPE BEND FORMING, BY SENSITIZATION
- LOCAL HEAVY COLD WORK

AMPLITUDES ARE

ARE LON

LIMITED

NO EVIDENCE OF SENSITIZATION

NONE

• FATIGUE

SAME AS ABOVE

\* SENSITIZATION AND COLD WORK STATE OF SPARGERS NOT YET KNOWN



EFFECTS OF COLD WORK ON IGSCC OF TYPE 304 STAINLESS STEEL





EFFECTS OF COLD WORK ON IGSCC





% Cold Work or Strain

# COLD WORK AND IGSCC

- MECHANISM OF ENHANCED IGSCC SUSCEPTIBILITY IS COMPLEX; NUMEROUS FACTORS ARE INVOLVED.
- MODERATE AMOUNTS OF COLD WORK REDUCE STRESS THRESHOLD TO 0.8 COLD WORKED YIELD IF MATERIAL IS SENTITIZED AFTERWARDS.
- TGSCC HAS BEEN OBSERVED IN HIGHLY COLD WORKED MATERIAL BUT AT STRESSES ABOVE YIELD.
- LOCAL (SURFACE) COLD WORK, IF SEVERE, CAN INITIATE CRACKS WHICH MAY GROW BENEATH THE HARDENED REGION.
   PIPE CRACKING EXPERIENCE

ROLE IN CORE SPRAY SPARGER MAY BE SIGNIFICANT SCENARIO ON CAUSE OF CORE SPRAY SPARGER CRACKING

# EVENT

# VARIABLE EROM PLANT TO PLANT

1

1

1

1. SOME SENSITIZATION FROM PIPE VENDOR FABRICATION

+

+

- 2. COLD WORK DURING PIPE BENDING
- 3. WELD SENSITIZATION DURING T- SOME PLANTS ARE 304L BOX OR ELBOW WELDING
- 4. INSTALLATION & RESIDUAL STRESSES

4

+

COLD WORK/SENSITIZATION (IGSCC)

- KEY CONTRIBUTORS TO CRACKING VARIABLE
- 21 PLANTS INSPECTED TO DATE
- 19 PLANTS REPORTED NO CRACKING

# PILGRIM SPARGER CONCLUSIONS

- CONFIDENCE THAT CRACKING NEAR T-BOX CAN BE EXPLAINED BY DATA AND SPARGER CONDITION
- LESS CONFIDENT IN EXPLANATION OF CRACKING MECHANISM AWAY FROM T-BOX

# PILGRIM ECCS ANALYSIS

- o REQUESTED BY BECO
- O NO CREDIT FOR CORE SPRAY TRANSFER
- RUNS DONE WITH APPROVED MODELS CONSERVATIVE ASSUMPTIONS, NO MODEL IMPROVEMENTS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW
- PRELIMINARY RESULTS
  MAPLHGR REDUCED 5 10 %
- o GE CONSIDERS BECO APPROACH EXCESSIVELY CONSERVATIVE

# NO CORE HEAT TRANSFER CREDIT

- o LIMIT BREAK 4.34 FT<sup>2</sup> SUCTION BREAK
- o EFFECT ON BLOWDOWN & REFILL CALCULATION
  - NO CCFL PREDICTED
  - NO REFLOOD DELAY
  - NO CHANGE IN DEPRESSURIZATION RATE, UNCOVERY TIME, OR REFLOOD TIME
- o EFFECT ON HEATUP CALCULATION
  - NO SPRAY TRANSFER ON FUEL RODS
  - NO CREDIT FOR CHANNEL WETTING
  - \_ HIGHER PEAK CLADDING TEMPERATURES
- FIVE FUEL TYPES CONSIDERED
  O TO 30,000 MWD/ ST EXPOSURE RANGE

JAA -2 3/13/80

# CONSERVATI SM IN BECO APPROACH

- O BUNDLE HEAT TRANSFER DURING CORE SPRAY PERIOD
  - CORE SPRAY DISTRIBUTION
  - POOL OF WATER
  - CHANNEL COOLING
  - STEAM COOLING
- o REFLOOD TIME

. . .

- CCFL CORRELATION
- BYPASS LEAKAGE FLOW
- CCFL BREAKDOWN
- VAPORIZATION CORRELATION
- o OTHER MODEL CONSERVATISMS
  - DEPARTURE FROM NUCLEATE BOILING
  - \_ FILM BOILING CORRELATION (BROMLEY)
  - DECAY HEAT ( OLD ANS + 20%)

JAA - 3 3/13/80