

CONTAINMENT LOAD EXPERT MEETING

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PREPARED COMMENTS AFTER REVIEWING
STANDARD PROBLEM CALCULATION

REQUIRED INFORMATION

- BETTER DEFINITION OF THE QUANTITY OF WATER AND THE LOCATION OF THE WATER. VARIABILITY BETWEEN ~130 TONS (3.2 M DEEP) AND ~20 TONS (0.5 M DEEP) IS TOO LARGE.
- BETTER DEFINITION OF THE TIMING OF QUENCH IN ORDER TO ACCOUNT CORRECTLY FOR DECAY HEAT (81,000 MJ IN 45 MIN.)
- RESOLUTION OF THE DOWNWARD QUENCHING OF A STRATIFIED WATER/MELT LAYERS SEPARATED BY A CRUST, IN ORDER TO DEFINE THE CREDIBILITY OF A LOW CONTAINMENT LOAD ESTIMATE.
- POSSIBILITY OF PERMANENT SEPARATION BETWEEN MELT AND WATER (DETERMINATION OF FRACTION OF MELT THAT MIXES).

CONTINUED - REQUIRED INFORMATION

- CORRECT ACCOUNT FOR PASSIVE HEAT SINKS AND FOR CONDENSATION (SUBDIVISION INTO COMPARTMENTS).
- NONEQUILIBRIUM PROCESSES IN THE CONTAINMENT ATMOSPHERE (CREDIBILITY OF SUPERHEATING) AND EFFECT OF THERMAL STRATIFICATION WITHIN THE CONTAINMENT.
- SCALING OF ANL TESTS (ΔP LESS THAN ADIABATIC IN TESTS).
- CREDIBILITY OF REPEATED STEAM EXPLOSIONS WHEN CORE DRIBBLE DOWN AND WATER REENTERS CAVITY.
- DIRECT HEATING OF CONTAINMENT.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

ANL TESTS (ΔP LESS THAN ADIABATIC).

SIMULANT MATERIAL CRUST BEHAVIOR (PURDUE, UCLA).

COMPUTER CODES (PASSIVE HEAT SINKS, THERMAL STRATIFICATION).

SUGGESTED SPECIFIC TESTS

MELT/WATER STRATIFICATION WITH A CRUST.

CONTAINMENT SUPERHEAT (ANALYZE FIRST ANL CWT16).

REPEATED STEAM EXPLOSIONS.

CONTAIN Steam Spike
Calculations for
Containment Loads
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Non-adiabatic Steam Spike Calculations

- * Zion geometry and heat sinks
- * Precondition heat sinks with realistic steam blowdown (TMLB)
- * Blowdown peak pressure = 4 MP_a
- * Pressure at vessel failure = 3 MP_a
- * Vessel failure source fixed by standard problem
- * Fuel quench steam source varied over range of parameters

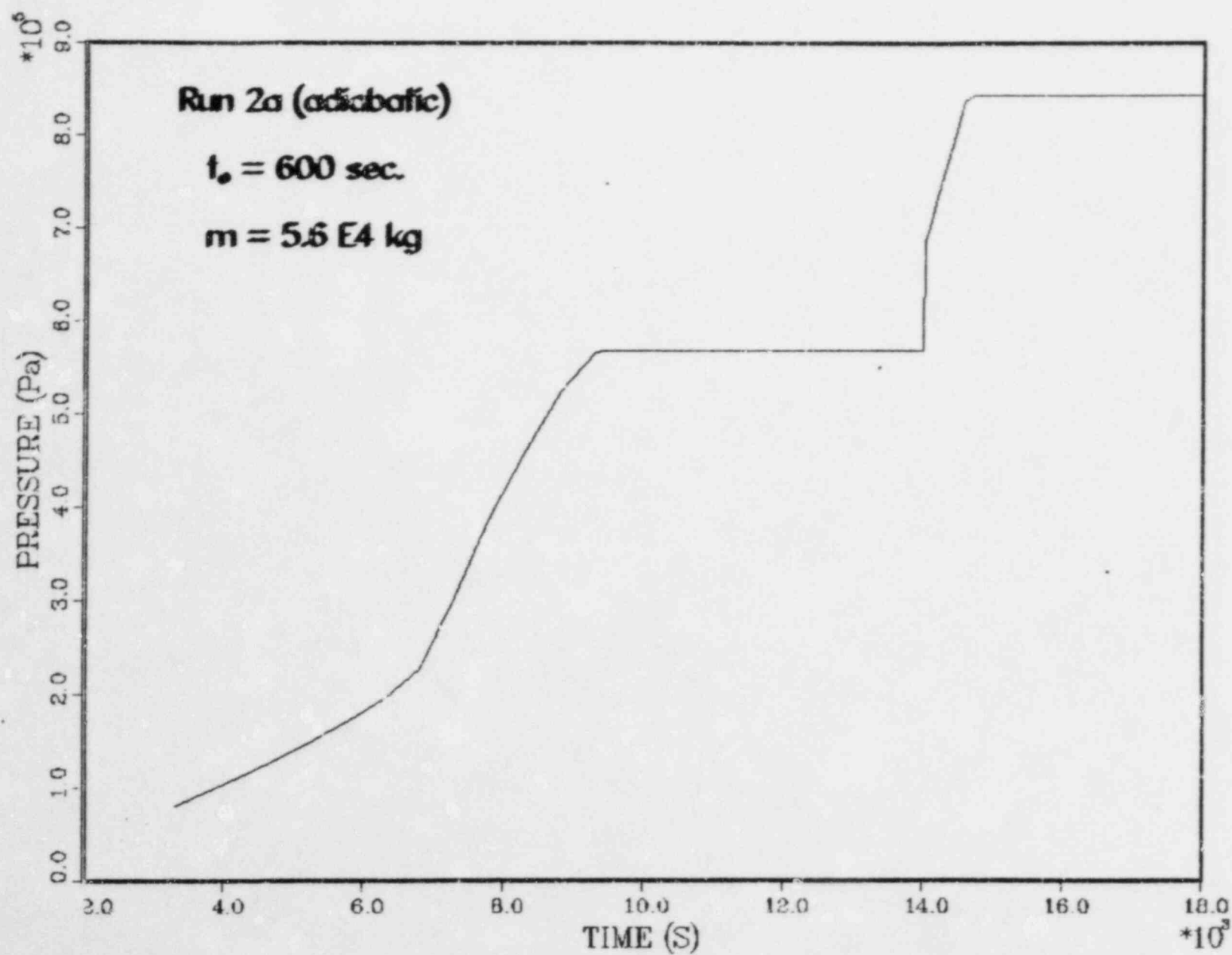


Fuel Quench Steam Source

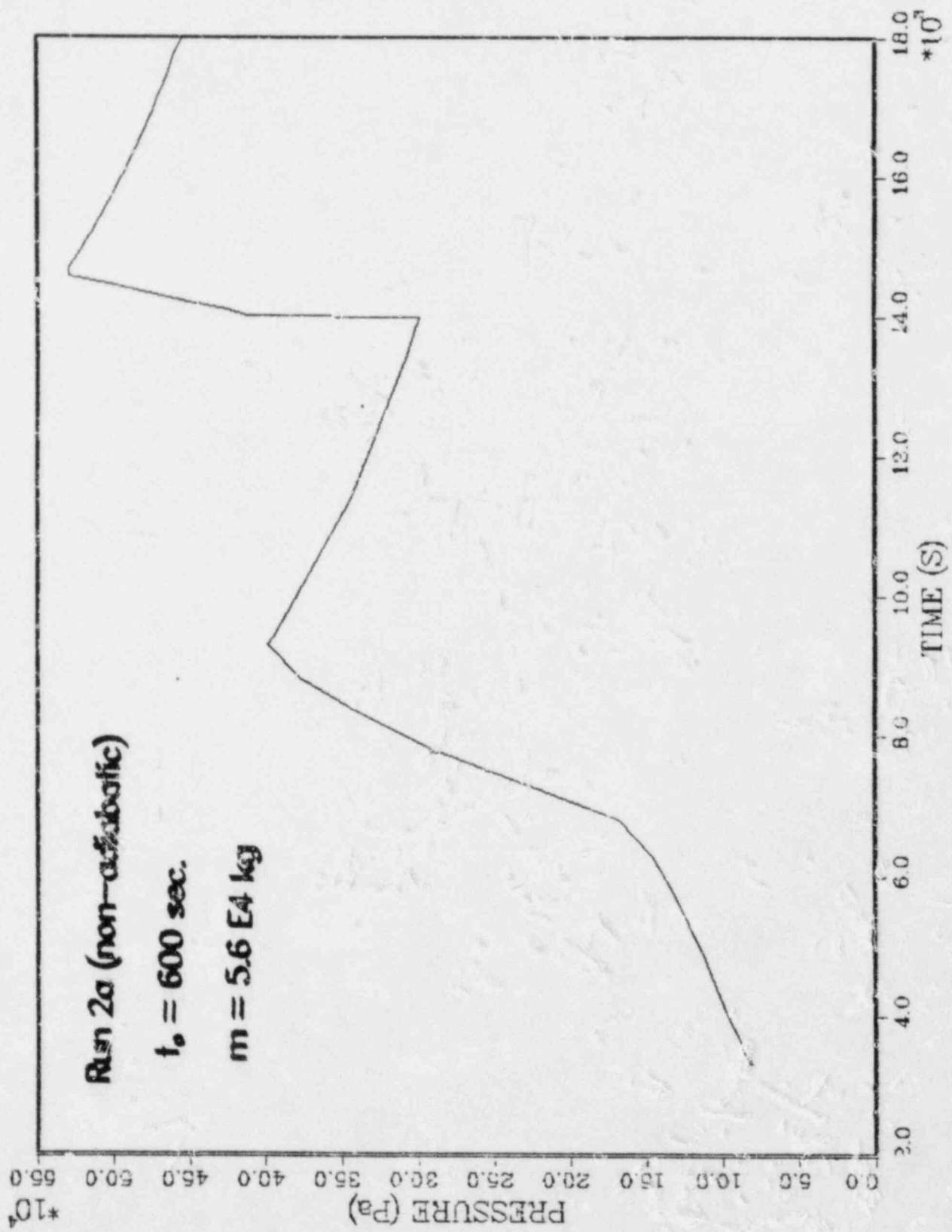
- * Inject M_1 energy into atmosphere at constant rate over time t_0
- * Specific enthalpy approximately saturated vapor value at containment pressure
- * Choose two values of M_1 , three values of t_0
- * Both adiabatic and non-adiabatic calculations performed
- * Total of twelve calculations



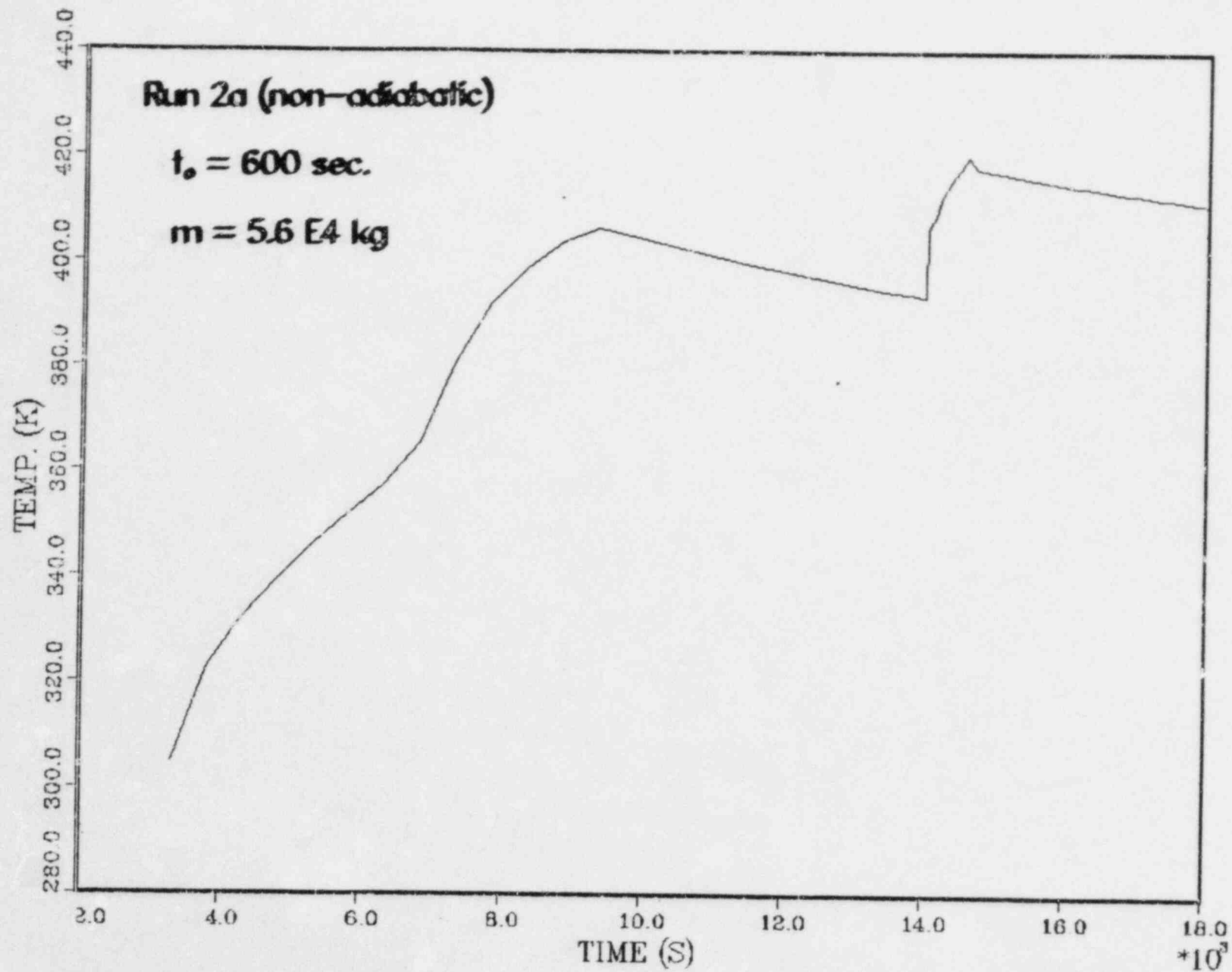
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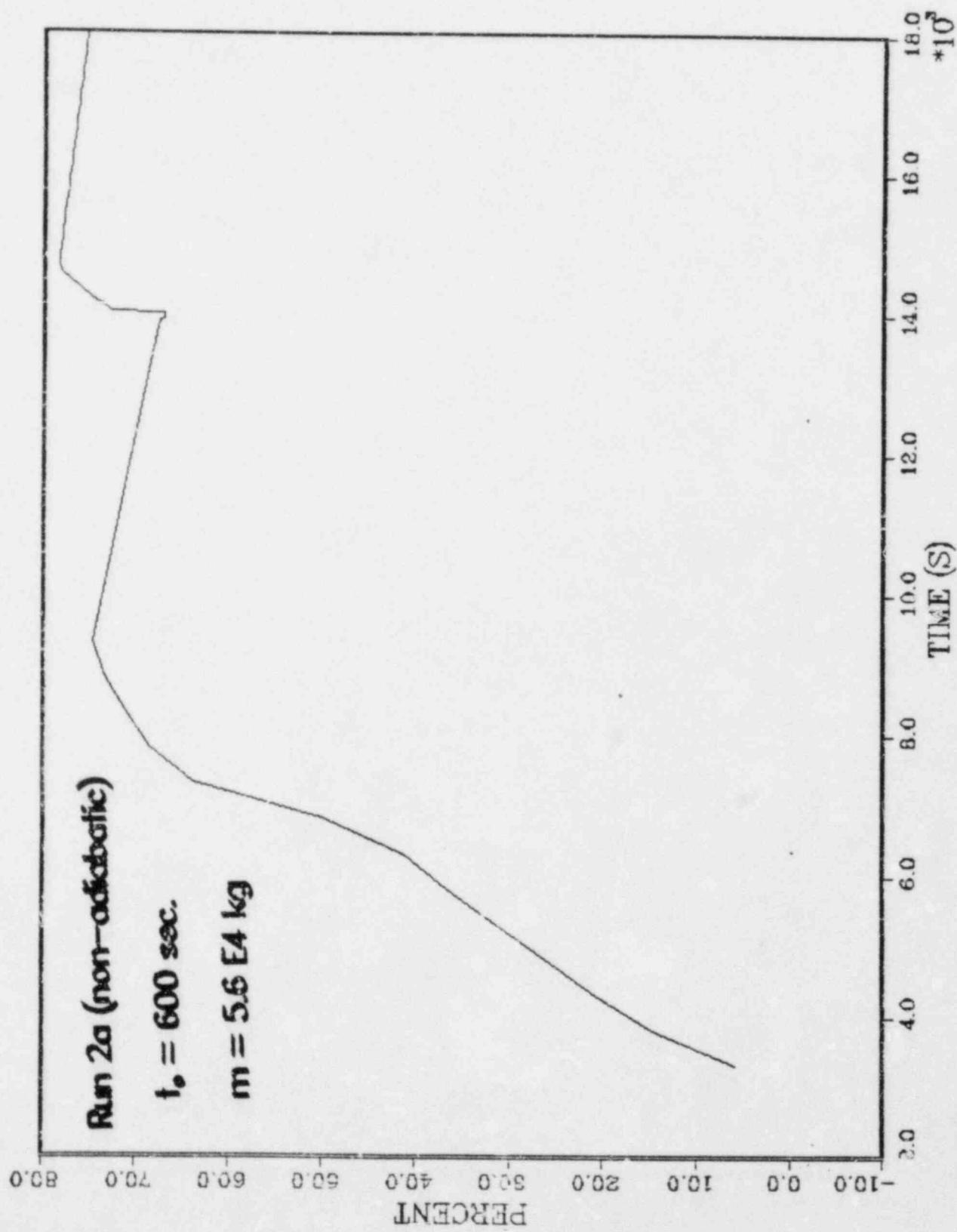
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CELL GAS TEMPERATURES



PERCENT H₂O VAPOR



PERCENT H2

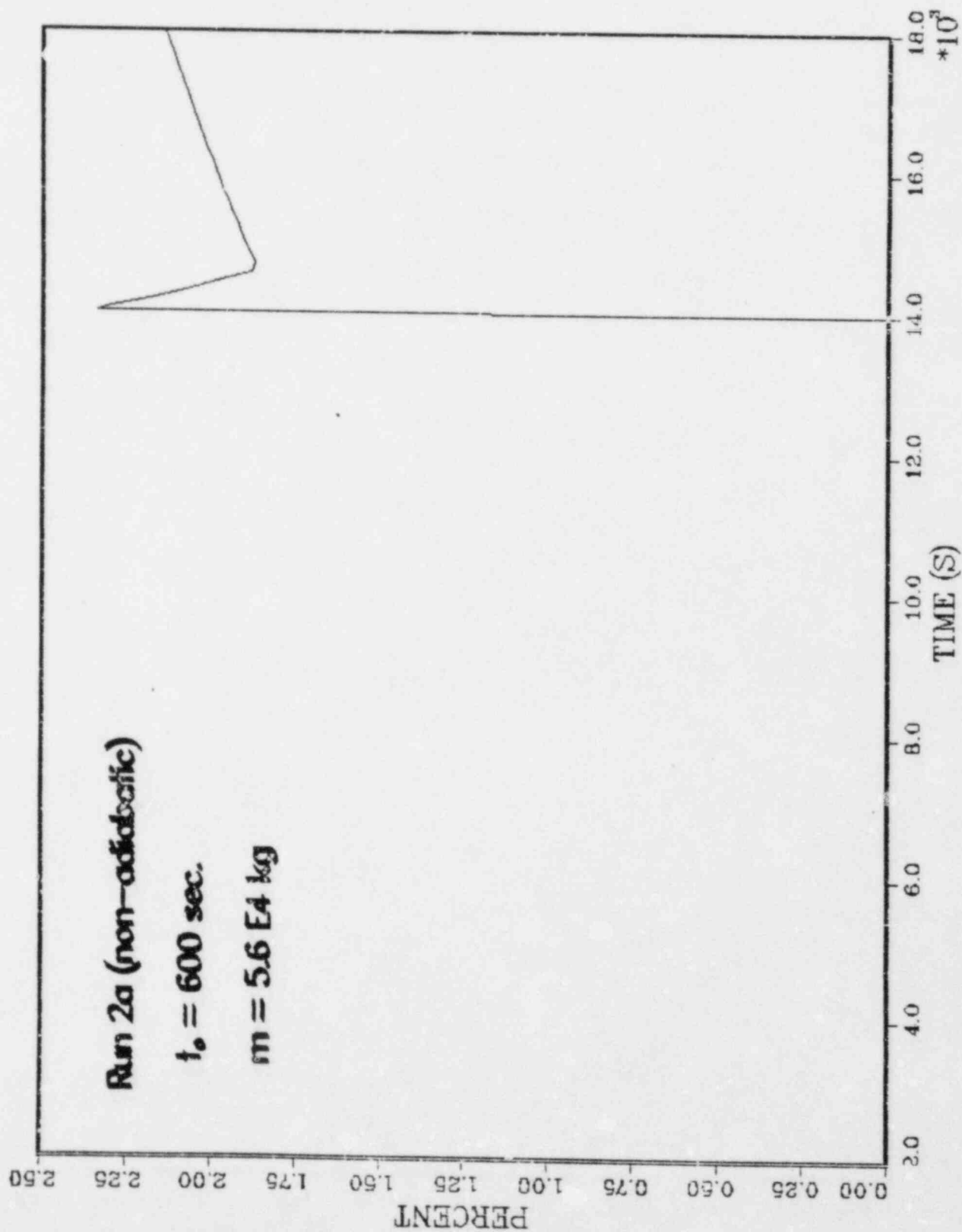
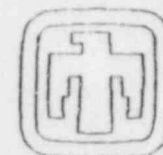


Table I. Results of CONTAIN Steam Spike Parameter Study

Case	mass steam boiled $M_{\text{in quench}}$	time (sec) t_0	Adiabatic Pressure Rise (Pa)	Non- Adiabatic Pressure Rise	Percent Change
1	5.6E4	60	2.811E5	2.624E5	7.1
2	5.6E4	600	2.786E5	2.344E5	18.9
3	5.6E4	3600	2.799E5	1.716E5	63.1
4	2.8E4	60	1.982E5	1.834E5	8.1
5	2.8E4	600	1.964E5	1.613E5	21.8
6	2.8E4	3600	1.967E5	1.061E5	85.4



PEAK
PRESSURE
(BAR)

