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On-line Monitoring and Calibration Techniques in Nuclear Power Plants



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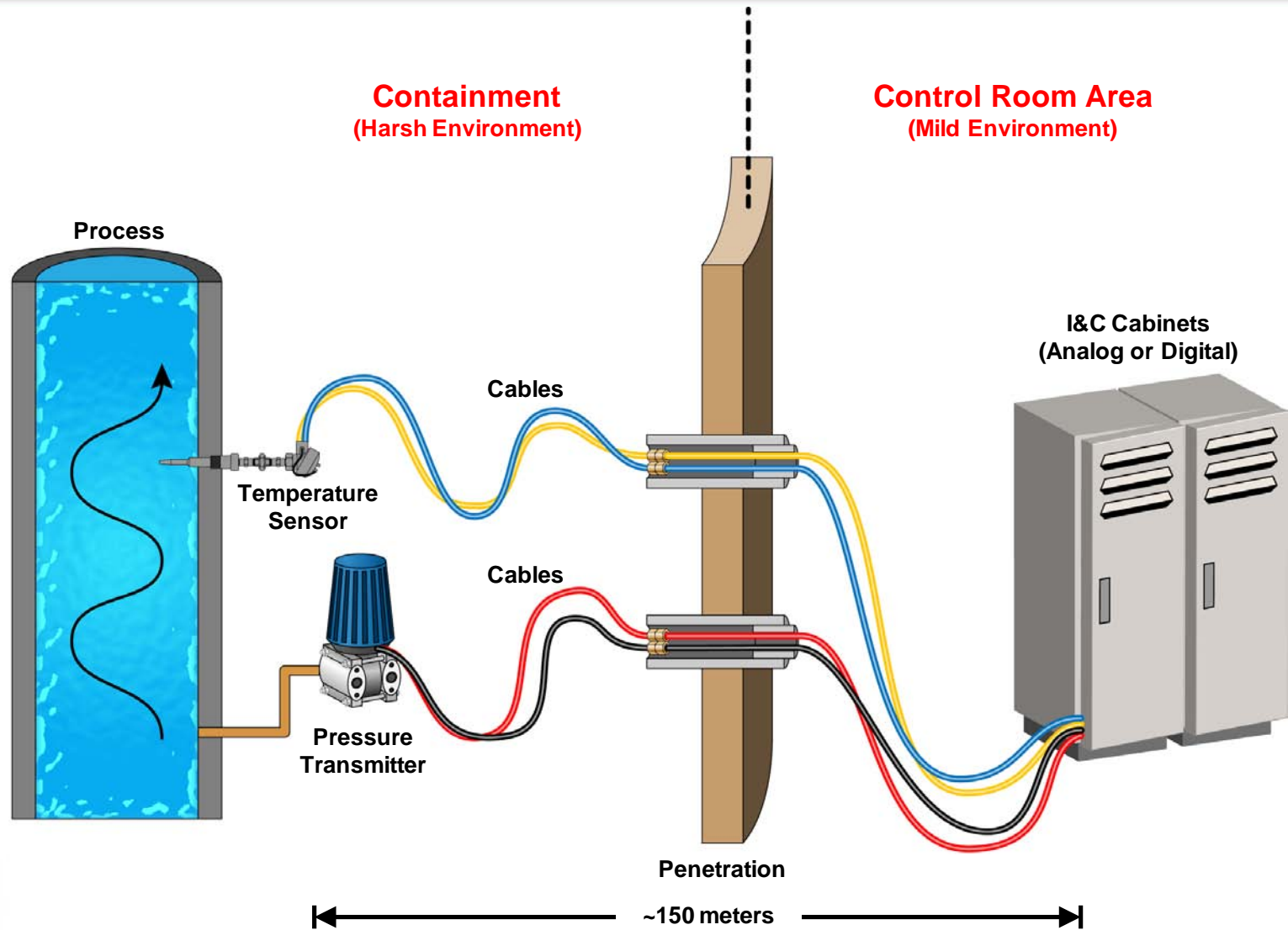
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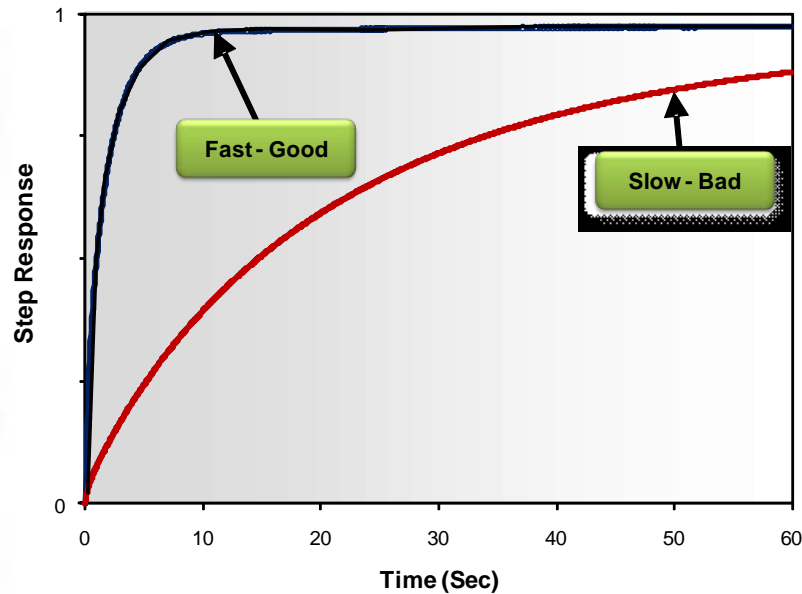


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Do Not Forget Sensors and Cables

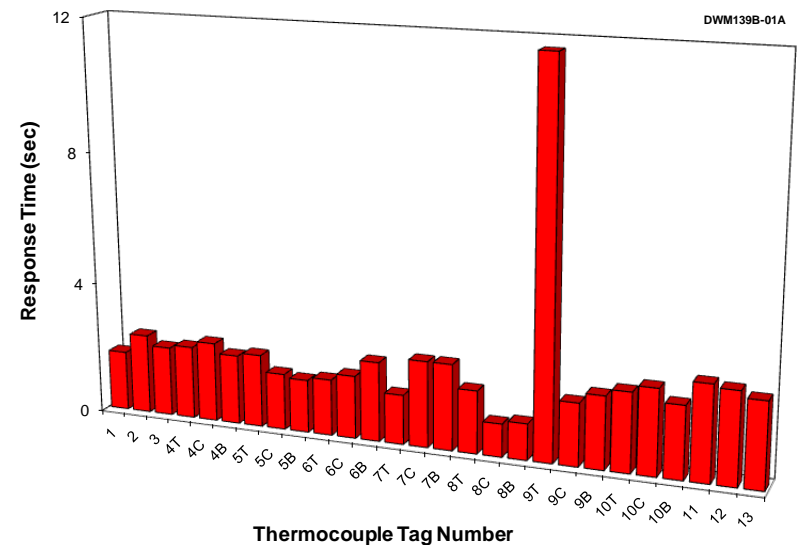


Proper Installation is Critical to Temperature Sensor Performance

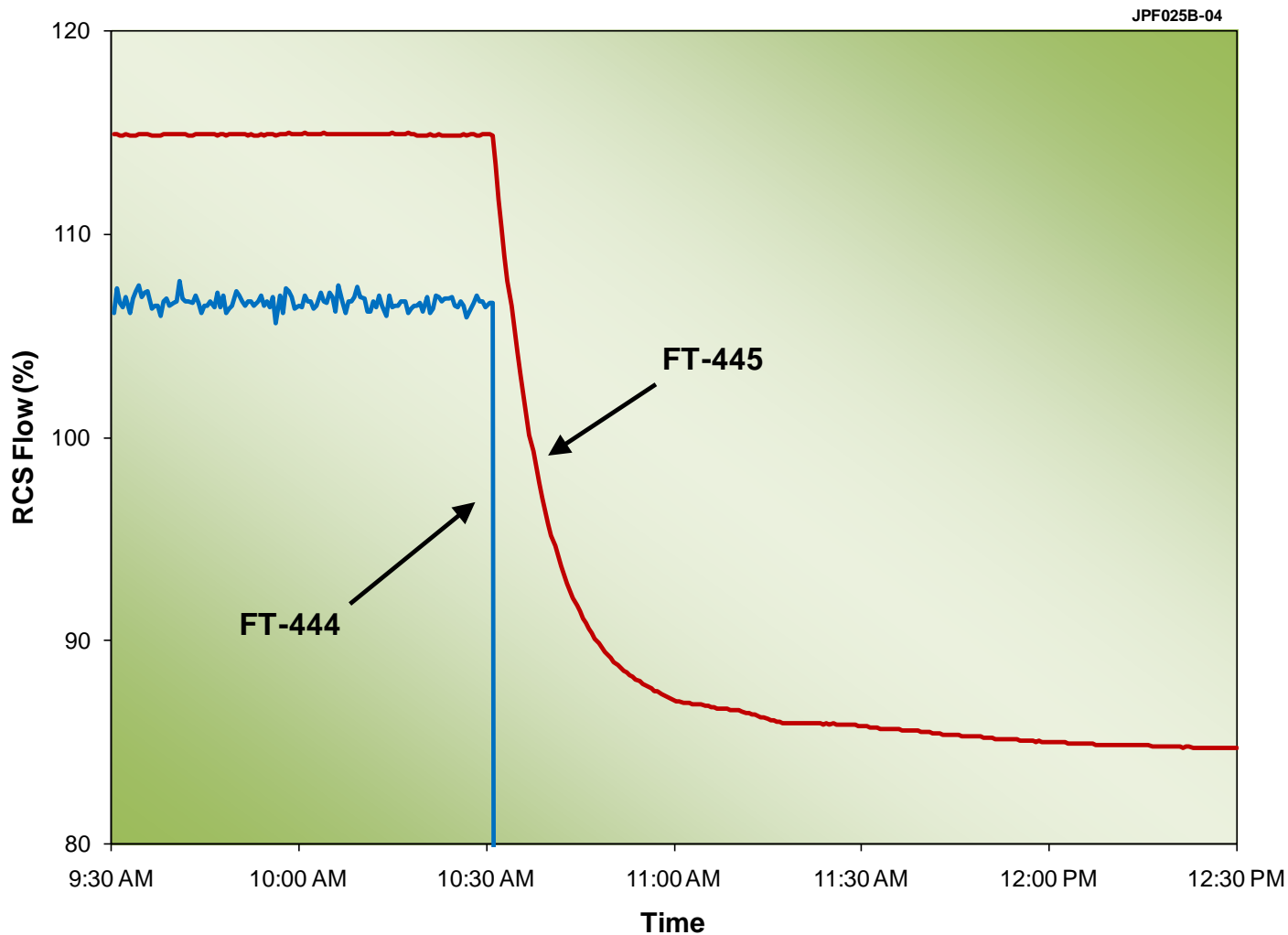


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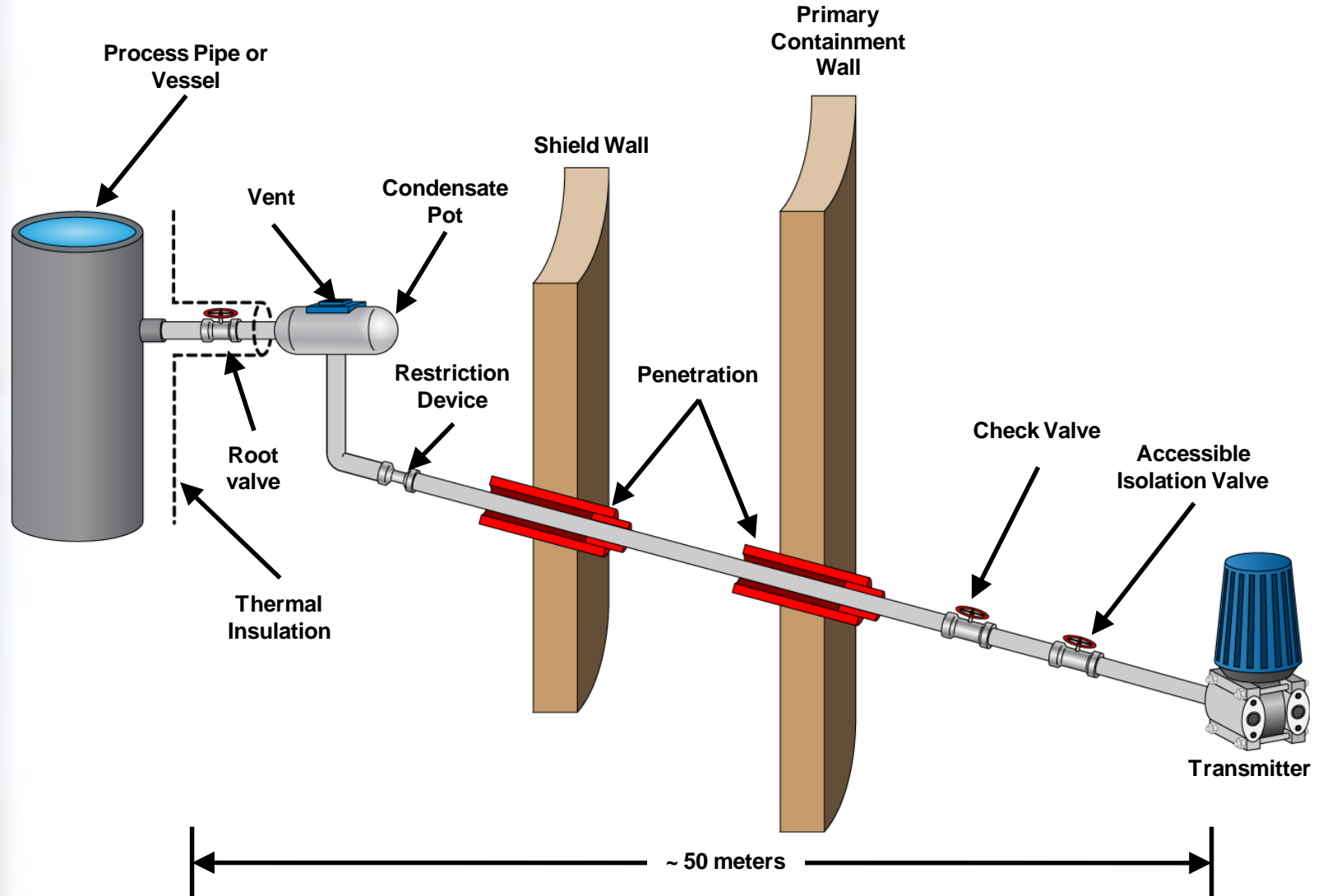
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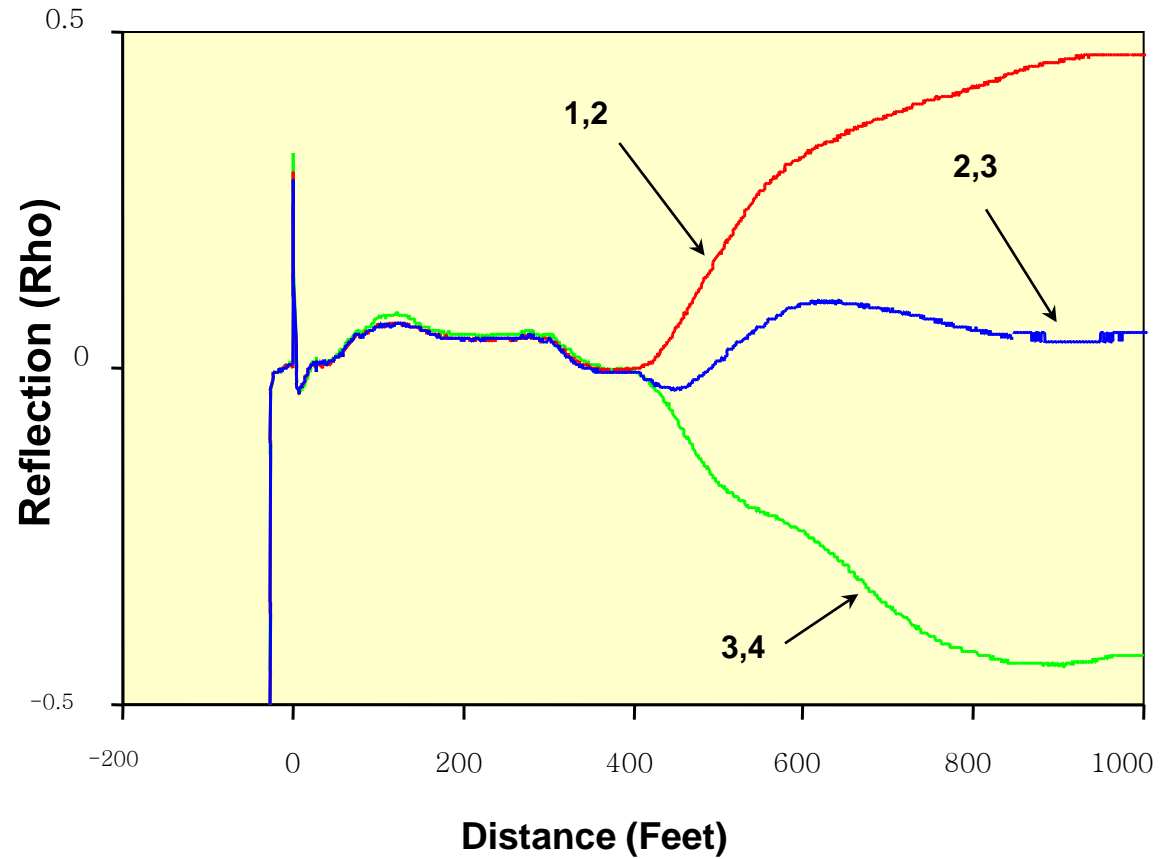
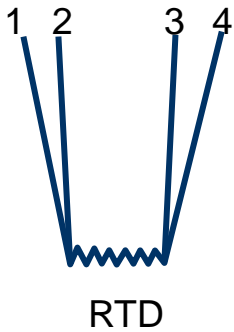
Nuclear Power Plant Pressure Transmitter Failure Mode Detected by Pure Luck



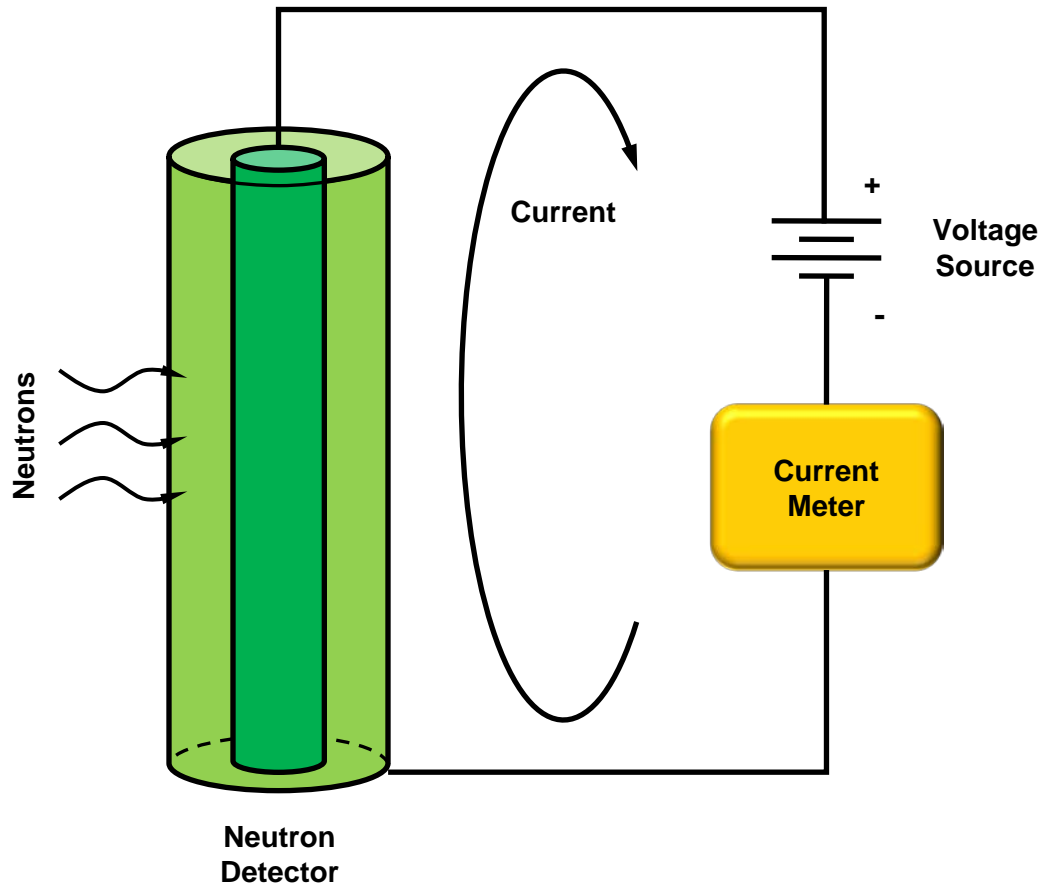
Sensing Lines are Critical to the Performance of Pressure Transmitters



Cable Diagnostics

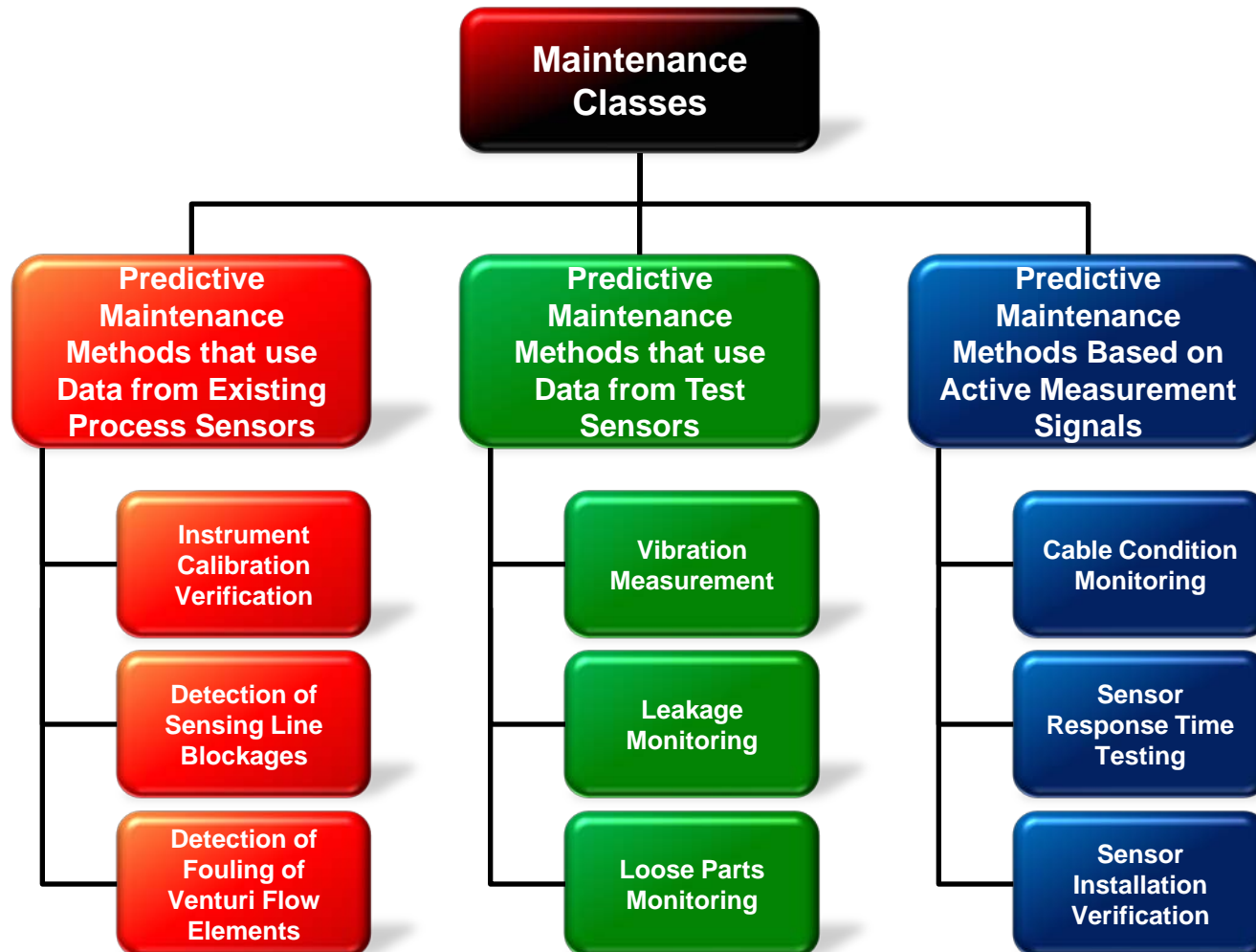


Signal Problems are Not Always in Cables



I – V Test

Conventional and Advanced Predictive Maintenance Technologies



Plant Implementation of On-Line Calibration Monitoring

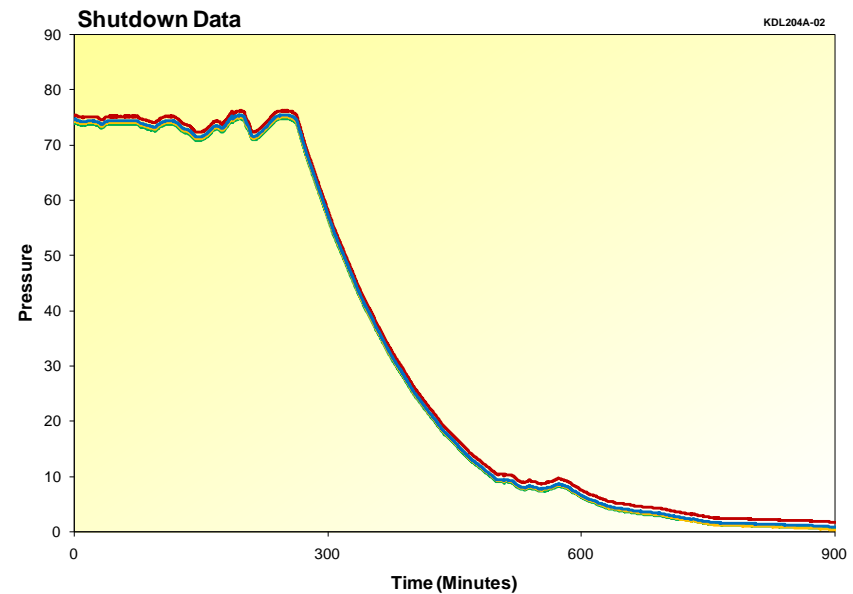
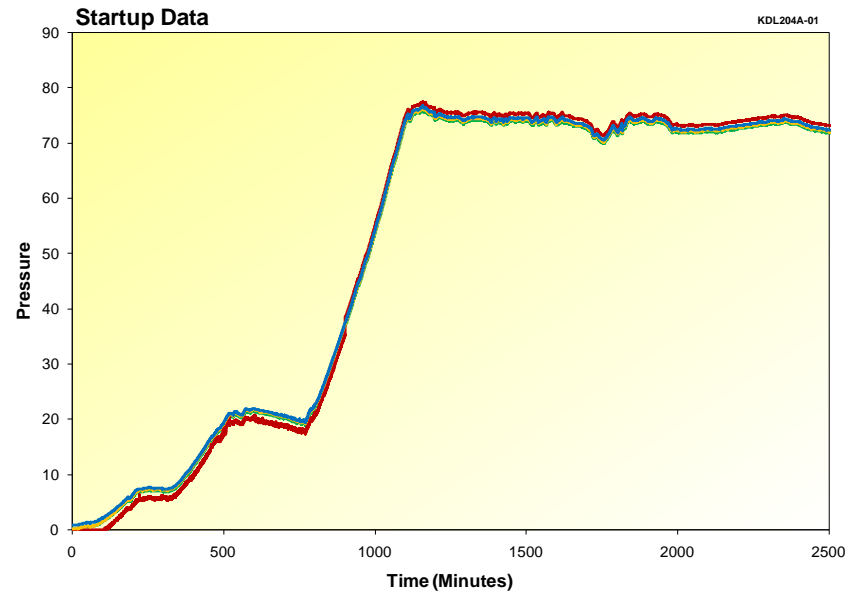
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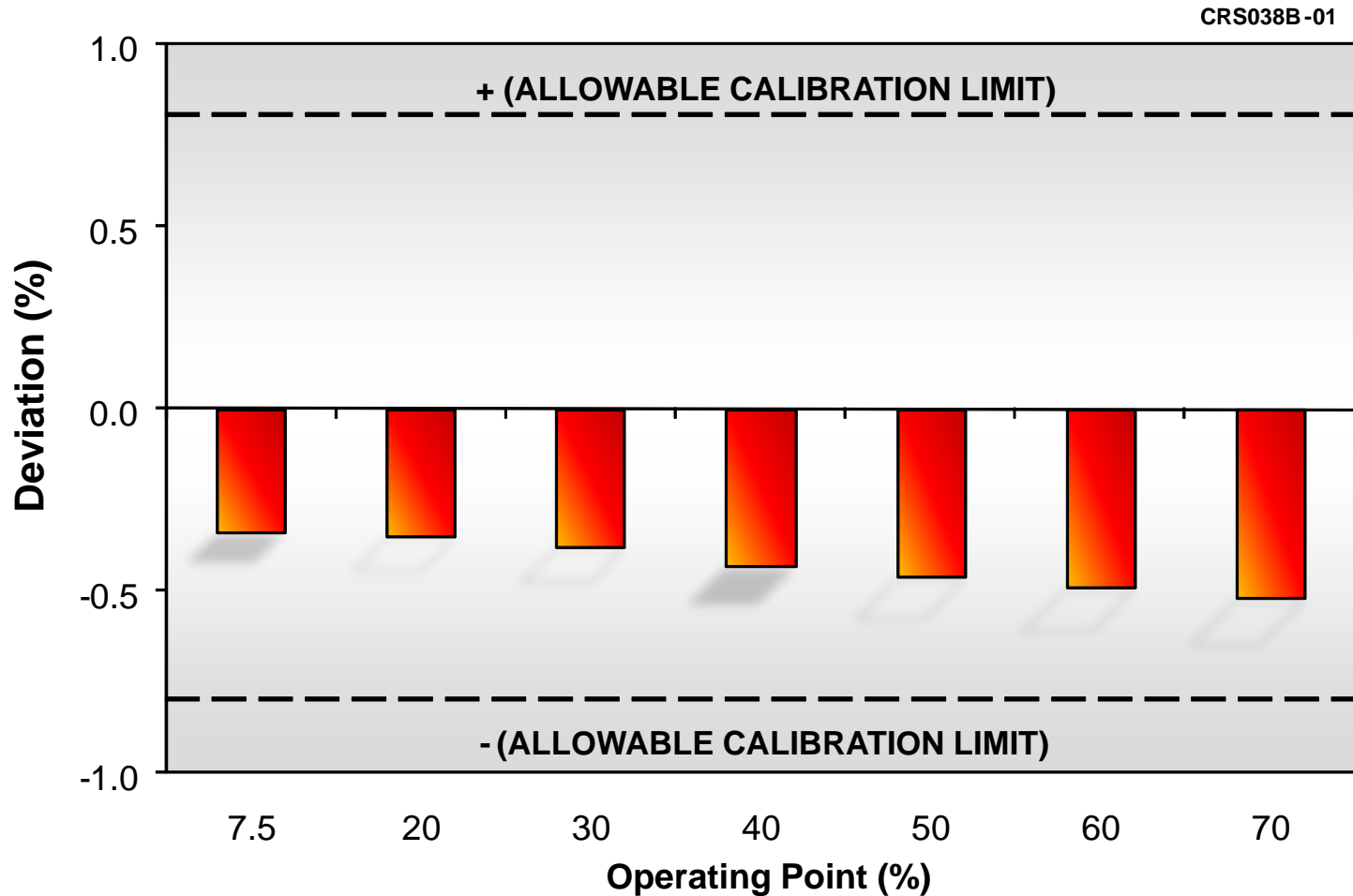
Status of Plant Instrumentation

Item #	Tag	Group	Online Monitoring Result
1	1AB-P-0513-W	MAIN STEAM PRESSURE LOOP 1	Good
2	1AB-P-0525-W	MAIN STEAM PRESSURE LOOP 2	Good
3	1AB-P-0536-W	MAIN STEAM PRESSURE LOOP 3	Good
4	1AB-P-0544-W	MAIN STEAM PRESSURE LOOP 4	Good
5	1AE-L-0501-W	STEAM GENERATOR A LEVEL WR	Good
6	1AE-L-0505-W	STEAM GENERATOR A LEVEL WR	Good
7	1AE-L-0502-W	STEAM GENERATOR B LEVEL WR	Good
8	1AE-L-0506-W	STEAM GENERATOR B LEVEL WR	Good
9	1AE-L-0503-W	STEAM GENERATOR C LEVEL WR	Good
10	1AE-L-0507-W	STEAM GENERATOR C LEVEL WR	Good
11	1AE-L-0504-W	STEAM GENERATOR D LEVEL WR	Good
12	1AE-L-0508-W	STEAM GENERATOR D LEVEL WR	Good
13	1BB-L-0465-W	PRESSURISER LEVEL	Bad
14	1BB-L-0466-W	PRESSURISER LEVEL	Good
15	1BB-L-0467-W	PRESSURISER LEVEL	Good
16	1BB-L-0468-W	PRESSURISER LEVEL	Good
17	1BB-P-0401-W	RCS PRESSURE WR PPS	Good
18	1BB-P-0402-W	RCS PRESSURE WR PPS	Good
19	1BB-P-0403-W	RCS PRESSURE WR PPS	Good
20	1BB-P-0404-W	RCS PRESSURE WR PPS	Bad
21	1BB-P-0455-W	PRESSURISER PRESSURE	Good
22	1BB-P-0456-W	PRESSURISER PRESSURE	Bad
23	1BB-P-0457-W	PRESSURISER PRESSURE	Good
24	1BB-P-0458-W	PRESSURISER PRESSURE	Bad
25	1AE-L-0547-W	STEAM GENERATOR D LEVEL NR	Good
26	1AE-L-0548-W	STEAM GENERATOR D LEVEL NR	Good
27	1AE-L-0549-W	STEAM GENERATOR D LEVEL NR	Good
28	1AE-L-0554-W	STEAM GENERATOR D LEVEL NR	Good

Plant Startup and Shutdown Data



On-Line Calibration Monitoring Results Covering the Full Operating Range of a Transmitter



Conclusions and Recommendations

- Do not forget the sensors, process-to-sensors interfaces, cables, connectors, and penetration
- The validity, accuracy, and fidelity of process signals depends on proper installation of sensors and flawless cables and connectors
- On-line monitoring techniques and in-situ test methods are now mature enough for ready use in nuclear power plants
- Regulators have approved the OLM concept to verify the calibration of nuclear plant pressure, level, and flow transmitters
- U.S. plants are applying for generic NRC licensing to implement OLM for online calibration monitoring of pressure, level, and for transmitters
- Research is needed to establish the uncertainty of modeling techniques for on-line calibration monitoring applications

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