Waste Form Degradation Alternative Analysis (Water Balance Model)

Presented to:
Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board

Presented by:
Pat Brady
Yifeng Wang
Sandia National Laboratories

January 16, 2008
Las Vegas, NV

Outline

- **Objectives of Performance Margin Analysis (PMA)**

- **Total system performance assessment (TSPA) treatment of water fluxes**

- **PMA treatment of water fluxes**

- **Results**

Performance Margin Analysis

- **Quantify the extent to which conservatisms in the TSPA Model, individually and collectively, overestimate the total mean annual dose relative to the model projections of the PMA**

- **Confirm that, when propagated through the TSPA Model, the evaluated conservatisms are indeed conservative with respect to the total system performance measures (e.g., total mean annual dose)**

- **The water balance model is a submodel in the PMA that addresses conservatisms in the treatment of water fluxes into a breached waste package**
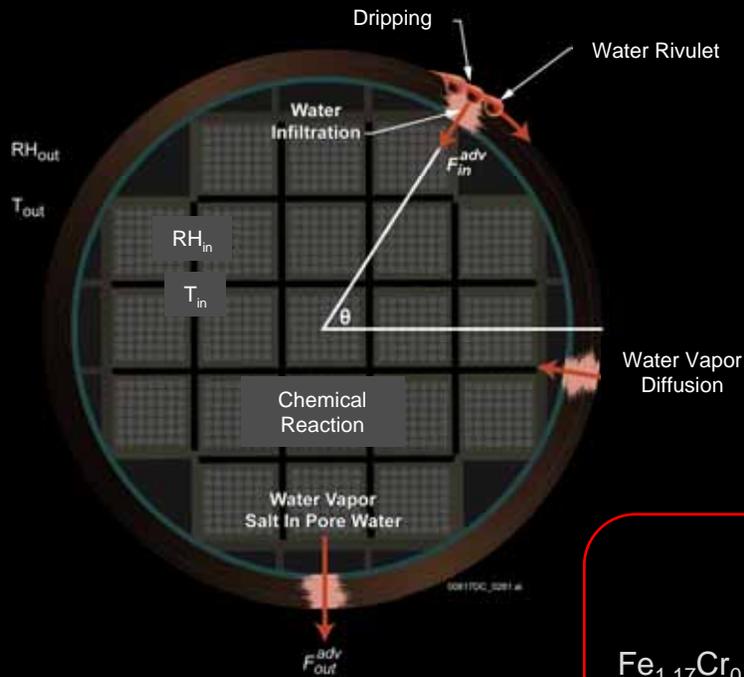
TSPA Model

- **Assumptions made in the treatment of water fluxes**

  - **Breaches in the WP outer layer due to general corrosion provide no resistance to advective seepage flow**

  - **Water vapor condensation inside a WP is controlled by water sorption onto corrosion products**

  - **No water is consumed by corrosion reactions**

Source Term Water (Q) Fluxes

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \text{Advection} + \text{Diffusion} - \text{Reaction}$$

Dripping

Water Rivulet

Water Infiltration

F_{in}^{adv}

RH_{out}

T_{out}

RH_{in}

T_{in}

θ

Chemical Reaction

Water Vapor Diffusion

Water Vapor Salt In Pore Water

F_{out}^{adv}

$$F_{in}^{adv} = f_{in}^{adv} Q_{drip}$$

$$f_{in}^{adv} = 1 - \int_{\pi/2}^{0} (-\sin\theta_0)(\cos\theta_0)^{\lambda} d\theta_0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{6\pi R_{wp} \phi f K_p^{s}}{h^3}$$

Advection

$$\psi = \psi_e (s_w)^{-b}[1 - \alpha(T_{in} - T_0)](1 + \beta m)$$

$$+ \omega \eta m \rho_{water} R T_{in}$$

$$RH_{in} = \frac{\rho_{in}}{\rho_s(T_{in})} = e^{-\frac{\psi \nu_w^0}{R T_{in}}}$$

H_2O Potential

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{D\phi^{5/3} A}{L}(\rho_{out} - \rho_{in})$$

Diffusion

$$F_{out}^{adv} = A_{out} K_c (s_w)$$

Advection

36,400 kg 316 Stainless Steel
29,700 kg UO_2

|	mol H_2O/yr
$Fe_{1.17}Cr_{0.3}Ni_{0.2}$ + 1.2025O_2 + 0.385H_2O + 0.4H^+ $\rightarrow$ 1.17FeOOH + 0.15Cr_2O_3 + 0.2Ni^{2+}	3-30
UO_2 + 1/2O_2 + 2H_2O $\rightarrow$ UO_3:2$H_2O_{Schoepite}$	60
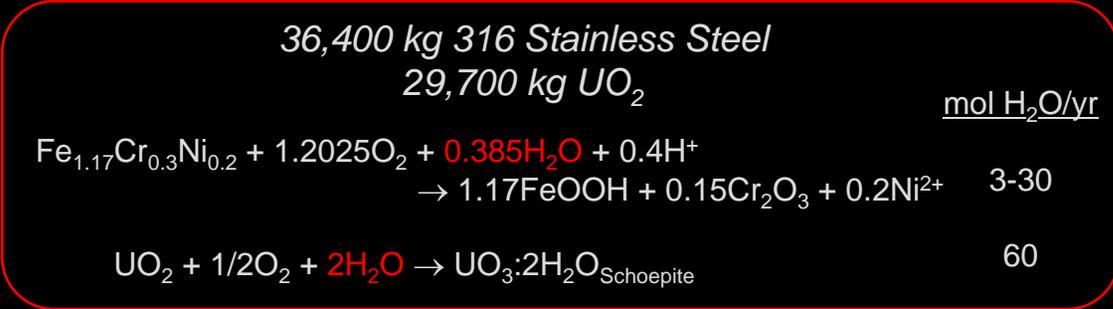
Reaction

Monte Carlo Analysis

- **Thermal inputs, dripping flux, and patch area boundary conditions**

- **Sample on degradation rates (steel, fuel, glass) hydrologic conductivity, dripping flux, rivulet thickness**

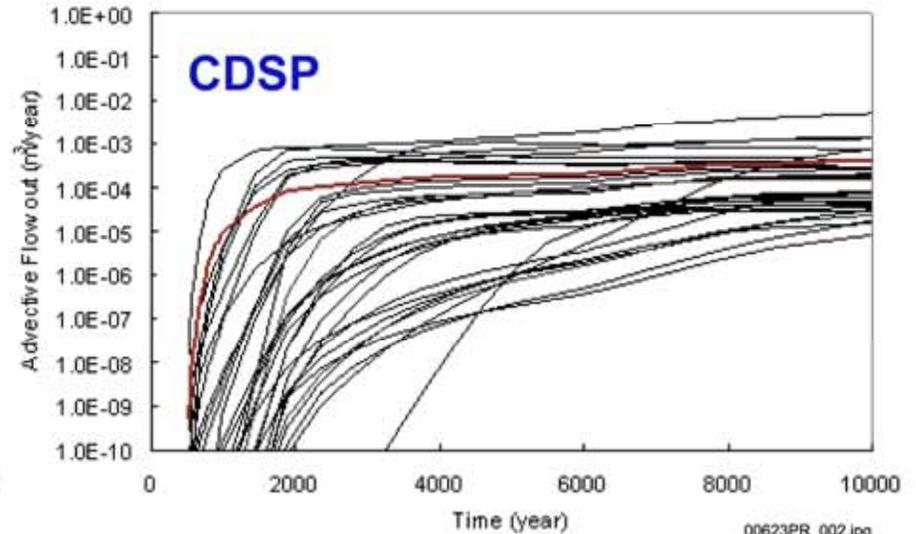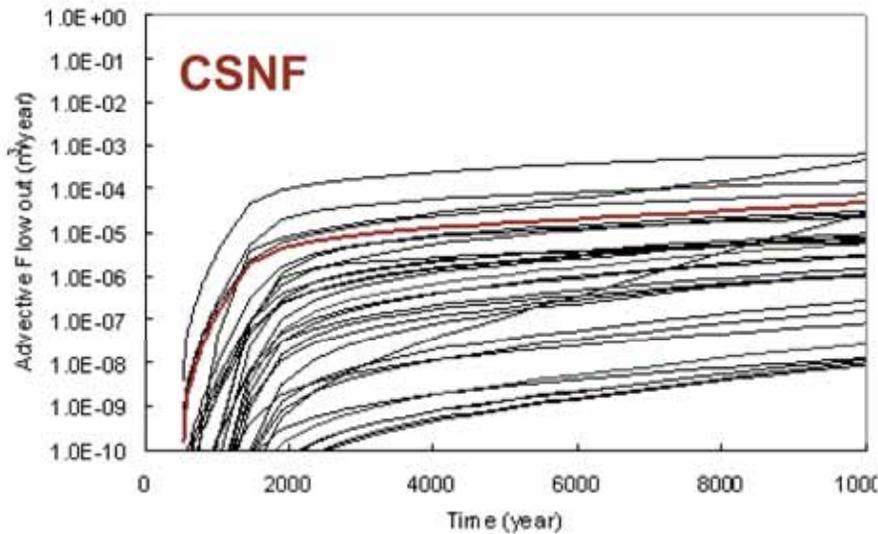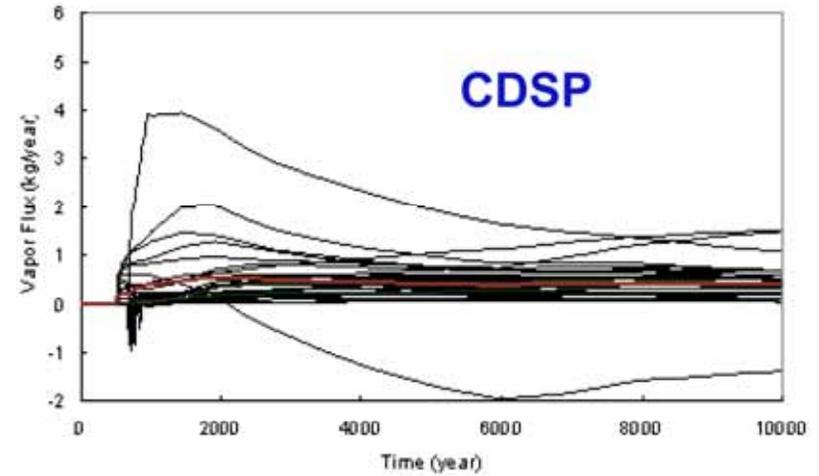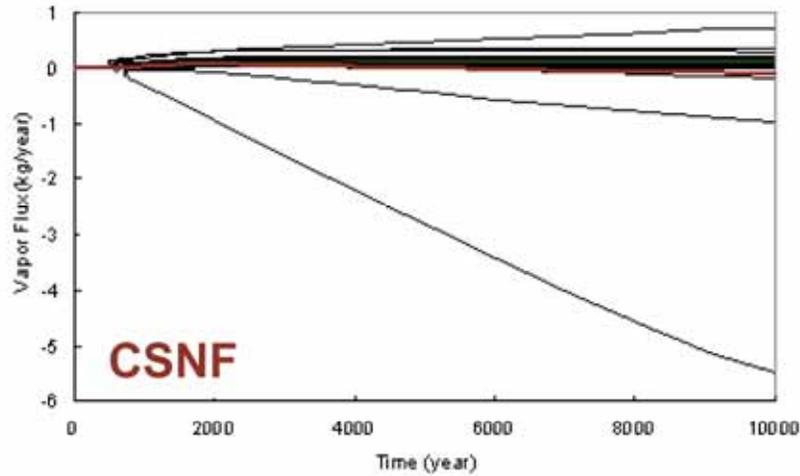- **Calculate 30 realizations to predict water flux over 10,000 years**

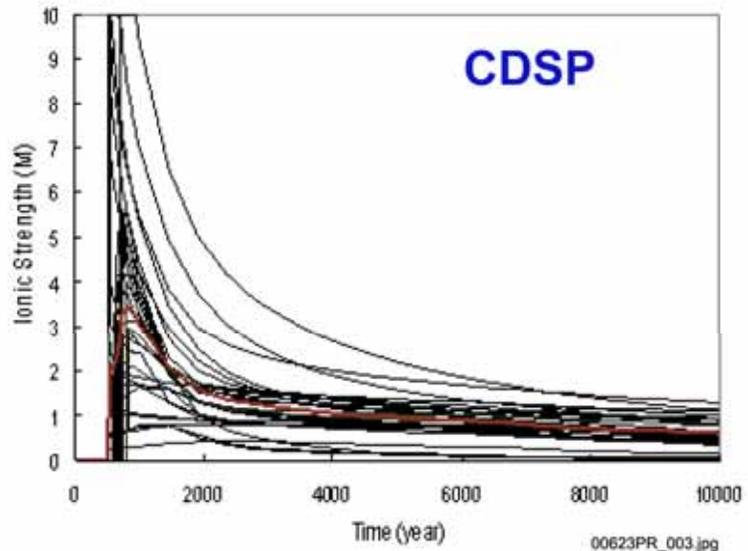# Water Balance in the Package: Boundary Conditions and Results
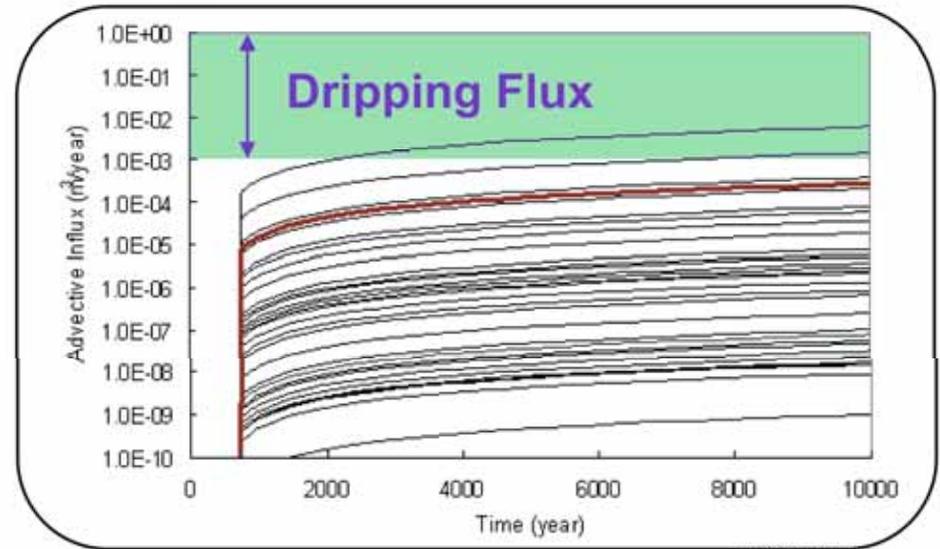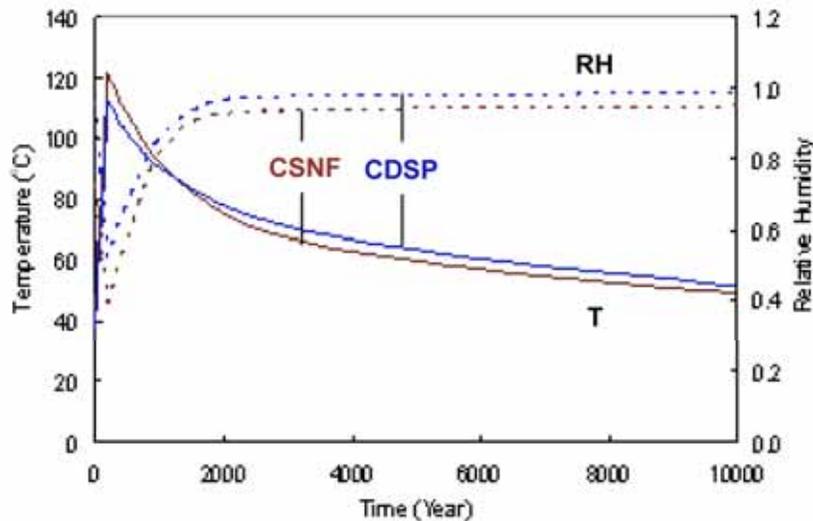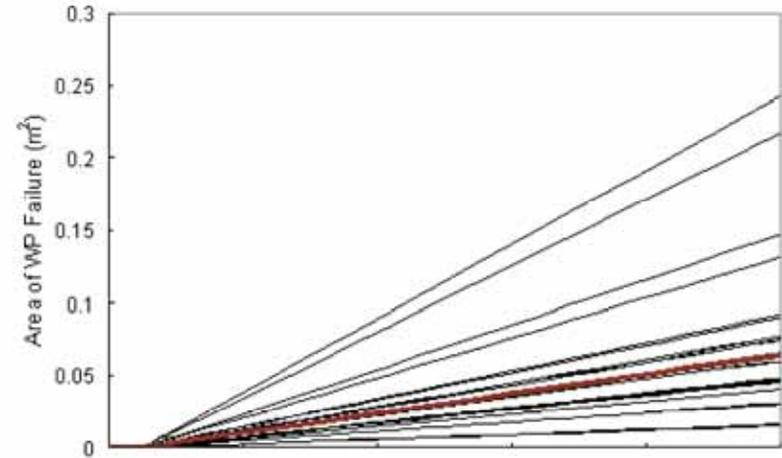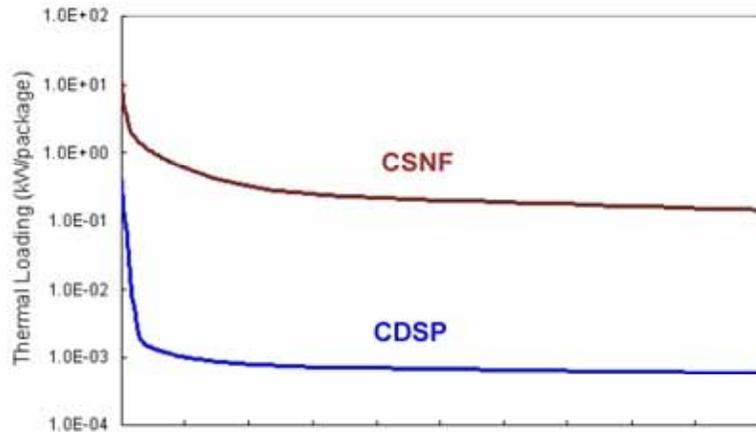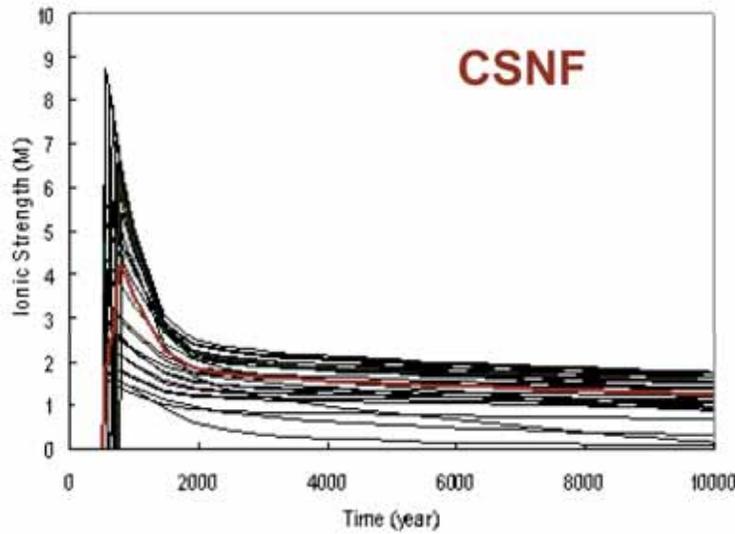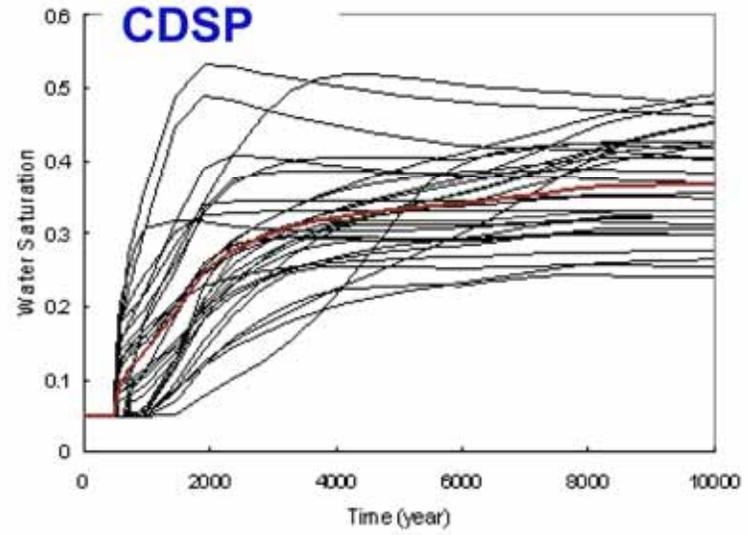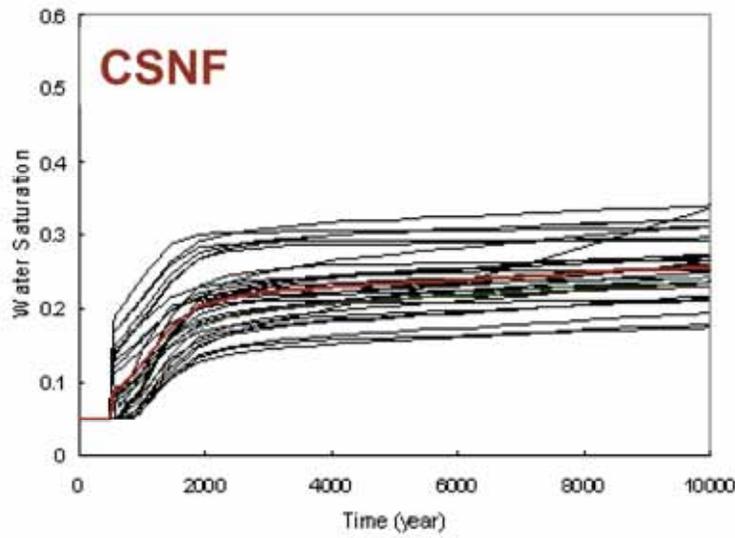
Water Balance in the Package: Predictions

00623PR_002.jpg

00623PR_003.jpg

Preliminary Results

- **Water saturations less than 0.5**

- **Advective outflows small (< 0.5 L/yr)**

- **Ionic strengths > 1M**