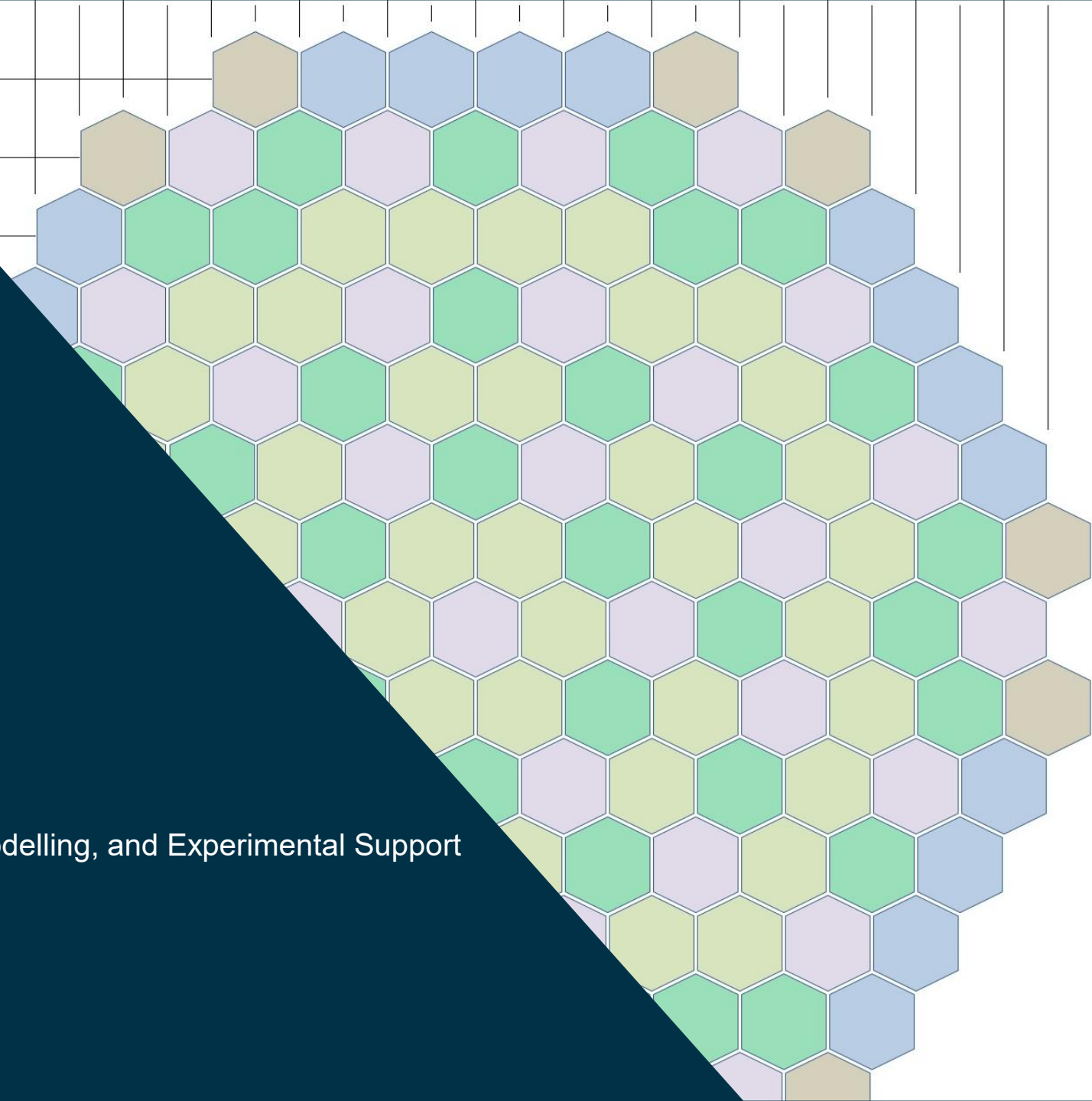


CMS5 Benchmarking against VVER-1000 Plant Data

Emiliya L. Georgieva & Tamer Bahadir

1st International Conference on LWR Fuel Performance, Modelling, and Experimental Support
September 14 – 19, 2025
Nessebar, Bulgaria

Studsvik



▲ OUTLINE

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1 | Introduction |
| 2 | CMS5 – Benchmarking for VVER |
| 3 | VVER-1000 Plant |
| 4 | VVER-1000 Plant Model |
| 5 | Results |
| 6 | Conclusion |

STUDSVIK SCANDPOWER SOFTWARE & SERVICES

Reactor Design & Performance



CASMO5

2D Square/Hex Lattice Physics
(Commercial LWR)



HELIOS-2

2D Gen-Geometry Lattice Physics
(Research & Advanced Reactors)



SIMULATE5

3D Nodal Simulator
(Commercial LWR)



SIMULATE5-K (S5K)

3D Kinetic Nodal Simulator
for Transient Analysis



CMSBuilder

Loading Pattern Design
Optimization

Operation Support



GARDEL

Advanced Core Monitoring &
Reactivity Management



SIMULATE3-R (S3R)

Cycle-Specific Core Model for
Training Simulators



GARDEL-SIM

GARDEL for
Training Simulators

Spent Fuel Analysis & Storage



MARLA

Spent Nuclear Material
Tracking & Management



SNF

Spent Nuclear Fuel Analysis



CASKLOAD

Dry Spent Fuel Storage
Planning & Optimization

Engineering & Consulting Services

INTRODUCTION

- CMS5 for VVER
 - CASMO5
 - ✓ Starts with CASMO-4E (Extended Capability CASMO-4)
 - ✓ VVER-440, VVER-1000 & VVER-1200 → year 2017
 - ✓ 586-group nuclear data library based on ENDF/B-VII.1 (Others commercially available)
 - SIMULATE5
 - ✓ VVER-1000 & VVER-1200 → year 2018 (hexagonal solver)
 - ✓ VVER-440 → year 2022 (control assembly: fuel + absorber)

■ CMS5 – BENCHMARKING FOR VVER

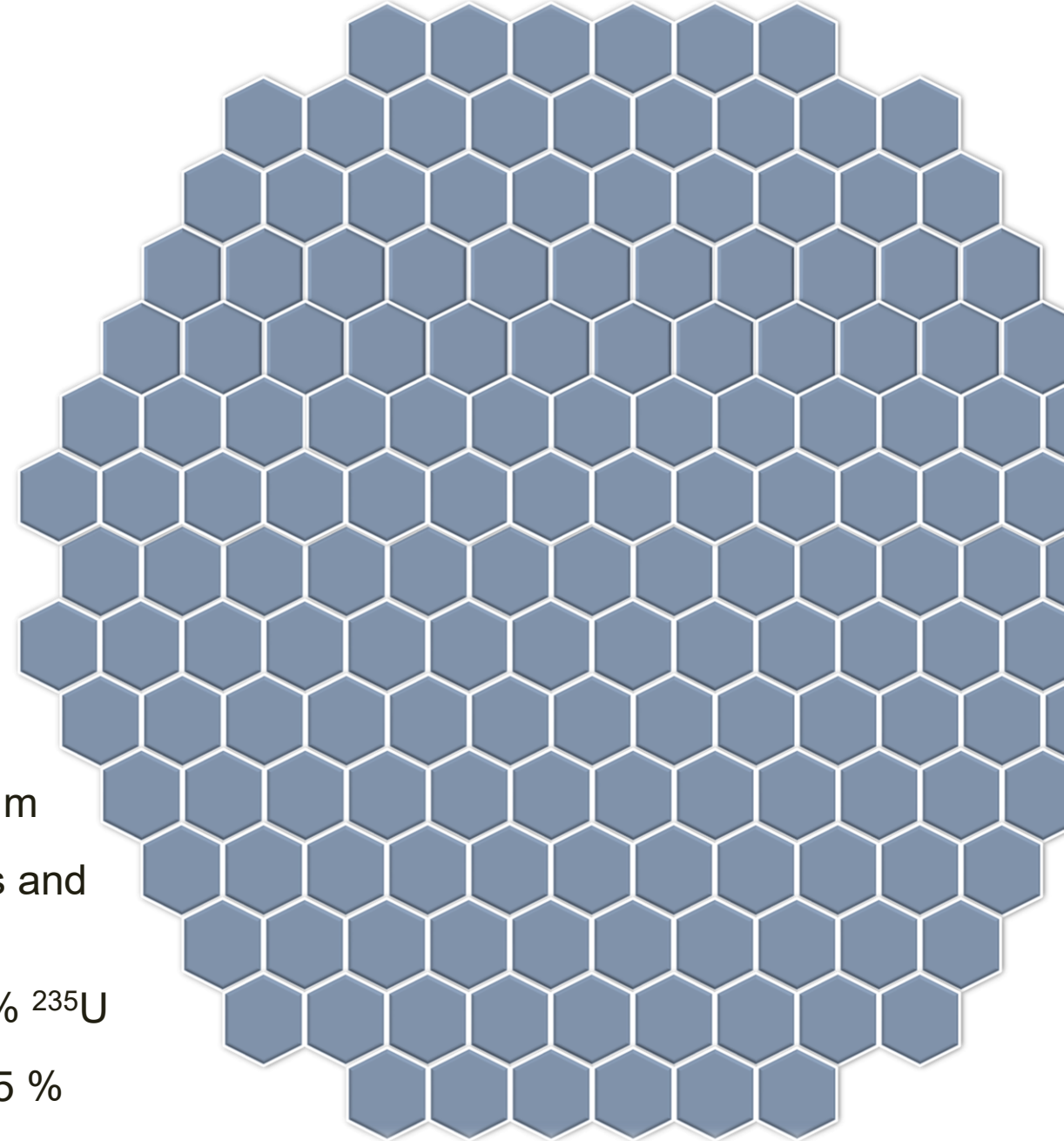
- Comparison vs. Monte Carlo solution
 - 2D cores with realistic VVER-1000 fuel assembly designs by TVEL (Russia)
 - ✓ MIDICORE Benchmark
 - ✓ FULLCORE Benchmark
 - 2D cores with realistic VVER-440 fuel assembly designs by TVEL (Russia)
 - ✓ FULLCORE Benchmark
 - ✓ FULLCORE RK3+ Benchmark
 - ✓ Extended FULLCORE Benchmark

■ CMS5 – BENCHMARKING FOR VVER

- Comparison vs. plant data
 - X2 Benchmark
 - ✓ Khmelnytskyi 2 NPP, initial 4 fuel cycles
 - ✓ VVER-1000 fuel assembly designs by TVEL
 - Comparisons to a VVER-1000 NPP
 - ✓ 9 consecutive fuel cycles
 - ✓ VVER-1000 fuel assembly designs by TVEL (Russia) and Westinghouse (Sweden)
 - Comparisons to a VVER-440 NPP
 - ✓ 7 consecutive fuel cycles
 - ✓ VVER-440 fuel assembly designs by TVEL (Russia)

▼ VVER-1000 PLANT

- VVER-1000/V320 pressurized water reactor
 - Thermal power 3,000 MW(th)
 - Generator power 1,000 MW(e)
 - Primary pressure 15.7 MPa
 - Inlet coolant temperature at rated power 286 °C
 - Total coolant flow rate ~88,000 m³/h
- Core
 - Active height – 3.53 m; effective diameter – 3.16 m
 - 163 hexagonal fuel assemblies with 312 fuel pins and 19 instrument/guide tubes
 - ✓ UO₂ with maximum average enrichment 4.4 % ²³⁵U
 - ✓ U-Gd oxide with maximum content of Gd₂O₃ 5 %

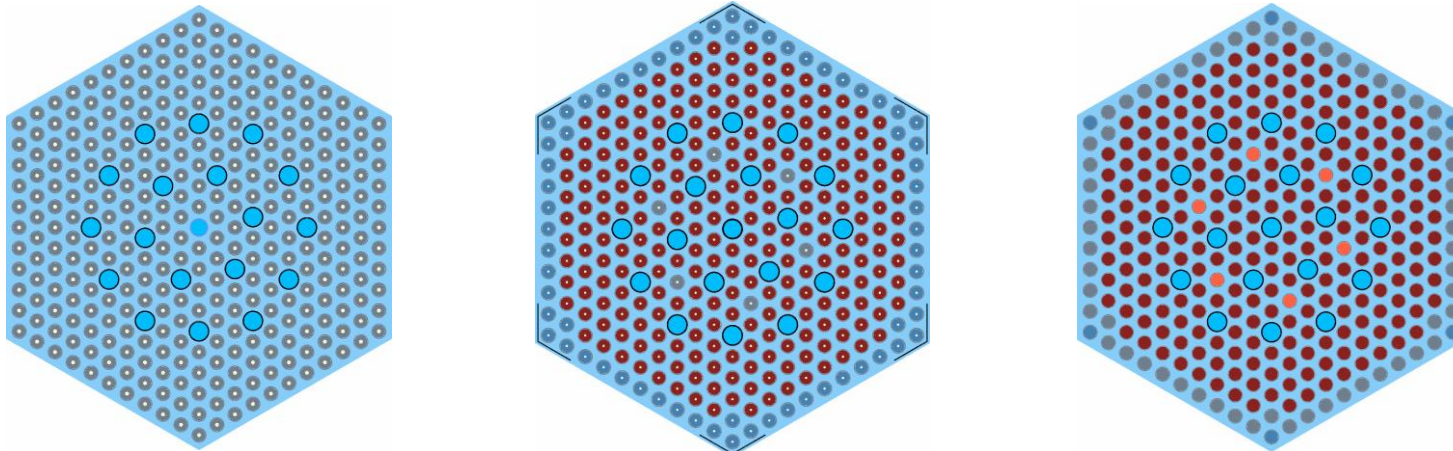


▴ VVER-1000 PLANT MODEL

- Fuel and Reflector
 - CASMO5 lattice physics code & ENDF/B-VII.1

▲ VVER-1000 PLANT MODEL

- Fuel and Reflector
 - CASMO5 lattice physics code & ENDF/B-VII.1
 - Segments
 - ✓ Two-dimensional single assembly calculations in full geometry

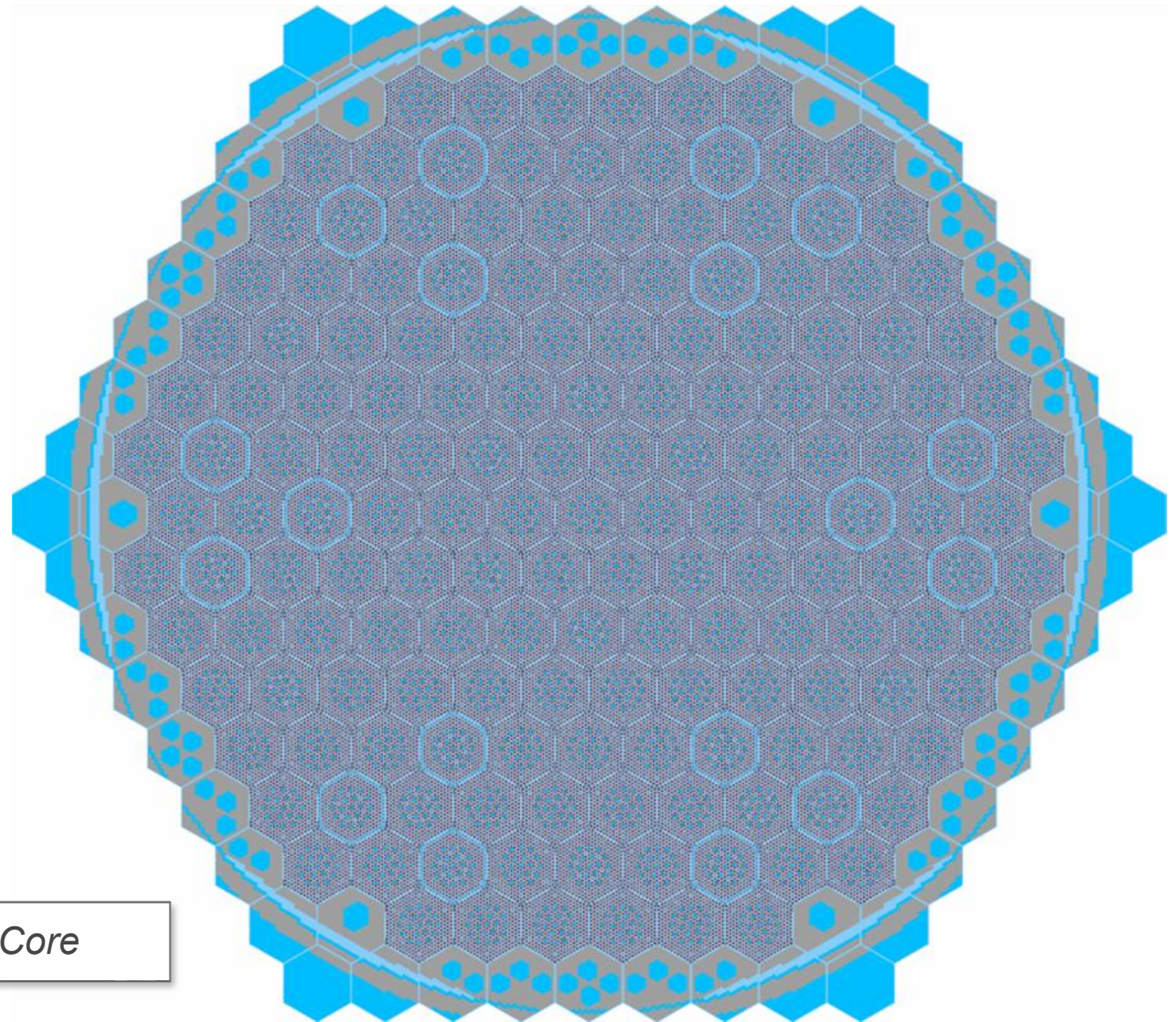


Fuel Segments

▲ VVER-1000 PLANT MODEL

- Fuel and Reflector
 - CASMO5 lattice physics code & ENDF/B-VII.1
 - Segments
 - ✓ Two-dimensional single assembly calculations in full geometry
 - Radial reflector
 - ✓ Multi-assembly calculation in full core with baffle and barrel

▼ VVER-1000 PLANT MODEL



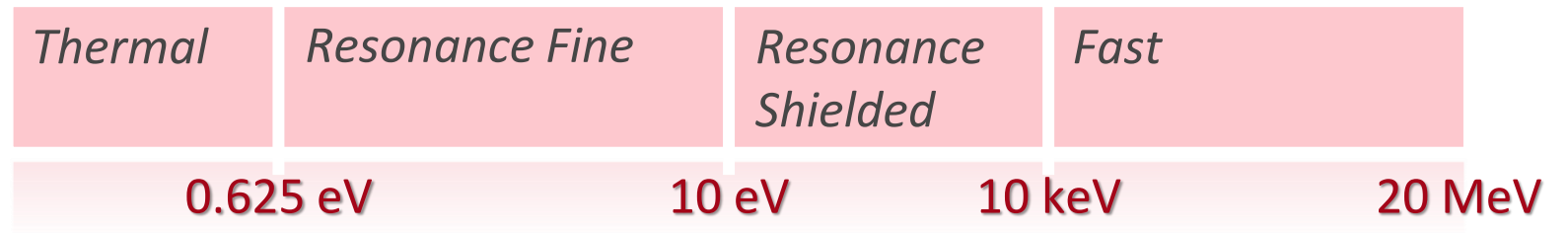
2D Core

▲ VVER-1000 PLANT MODEL

- Fuel and Reflector
 - CASMO5 lattice physics code & ENDF/B-VII.1
 - Segments
 - ✓ Two-dimensional single assembly calculations in full geometry
 - Radial reflector
 - ✓ Multi-assembly calculation in full core with baffle and barrel
 - Top & bottom reflectors
 - ✓ One-dimensional fuel and reflector calculations

▲ VVER-1000 PLANT MODEL

- Fuel and Reflector
 - CASMO5 lattice physics code & ENDF/B-VII.1
 - Segments
 - ✓ Two-dimensional single assembly calculations in full geometry
 - Radial reflector
 - ✓ Multi-assembly calculation in full core with baffle and barrel
 - Top & bottom reflectors
 - ✓ One-dimensional fuel and reflector calculations
- Four-group cross-section library



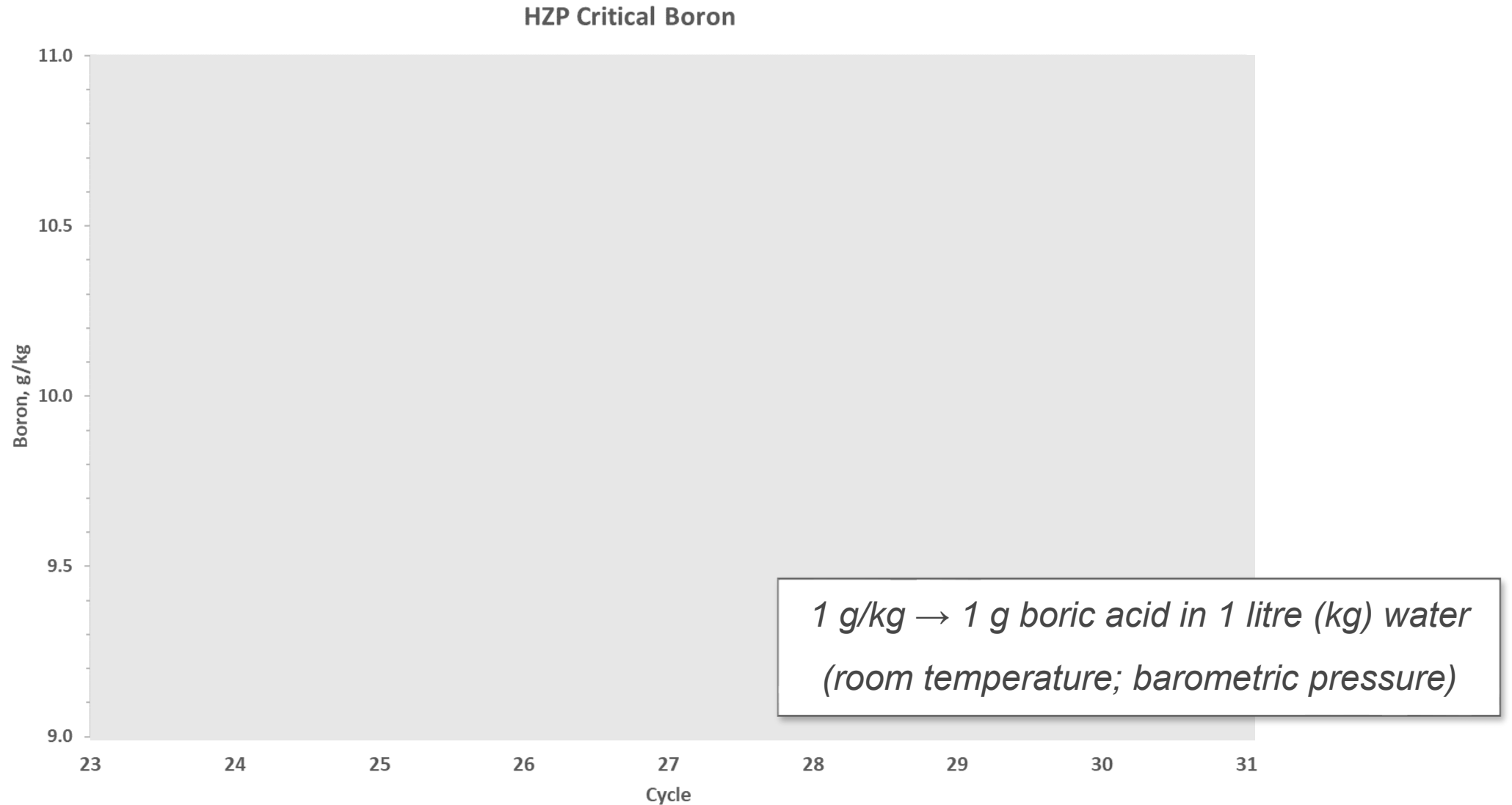
▴ VVER-1000 PLANT MODEL

- Reactor core
 - SIMULATE5 multigroup nodal code

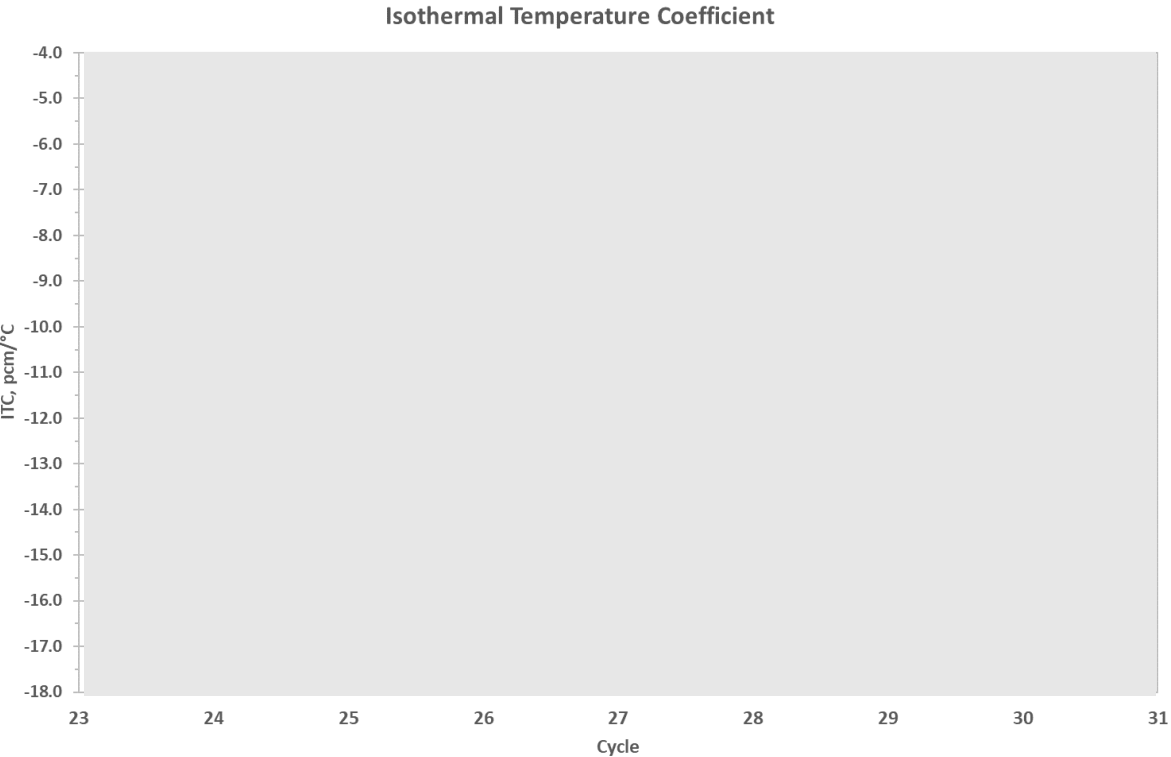
▲ VVER-1000 PLANT MODEL

- Reactor core
 - SIMULATE5 multigroup nodal code
 - Full core geometry
 - ✓ 163 fuel assemblies and 48 radial reflector assemblies
 - ✓ Fuel assembly → 6 radial & 30 axial nodes
 - Spacer grids
 - SPND tubes
 - 10 control rod banks
 - Cycles 24 – 32
 - ✓ Jump-in cycle initialization
 - ✓ Reactor power and positions of the control rod banks

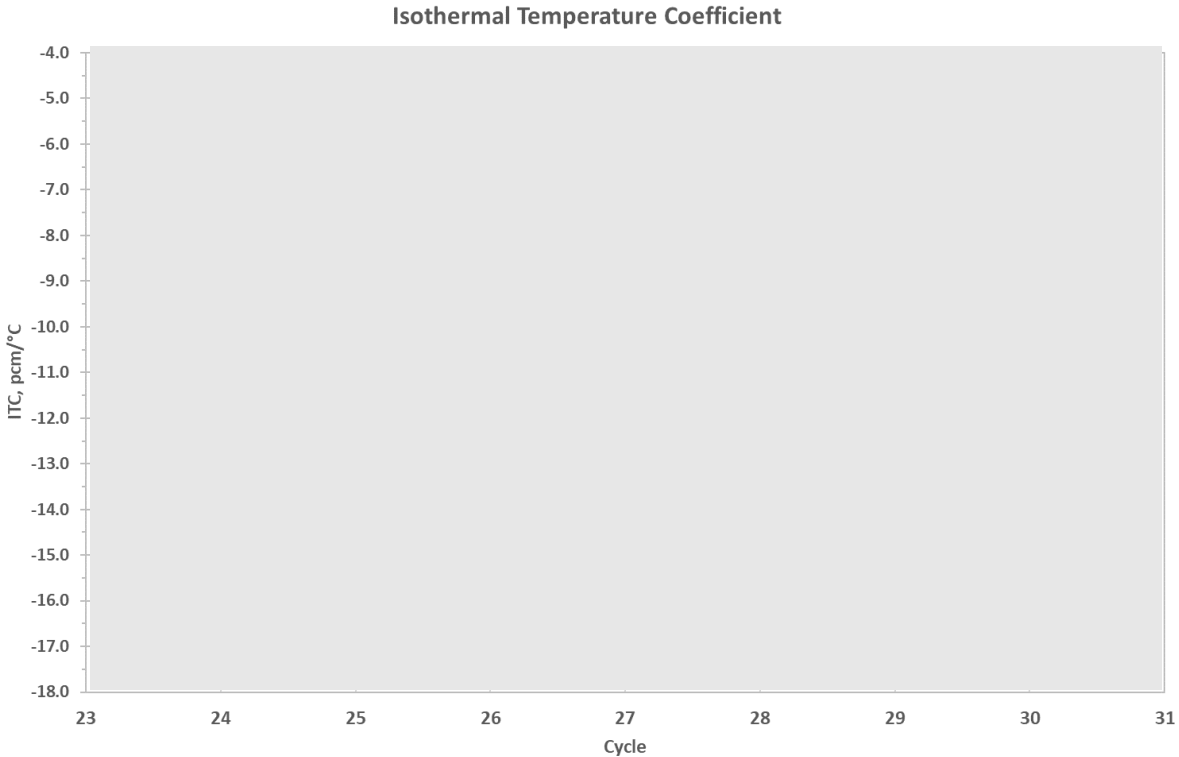
▼ VVER-1000 RESULTS – HZP CRITICAL BORIC ACID



VVER-1000 RESULTS – ITC

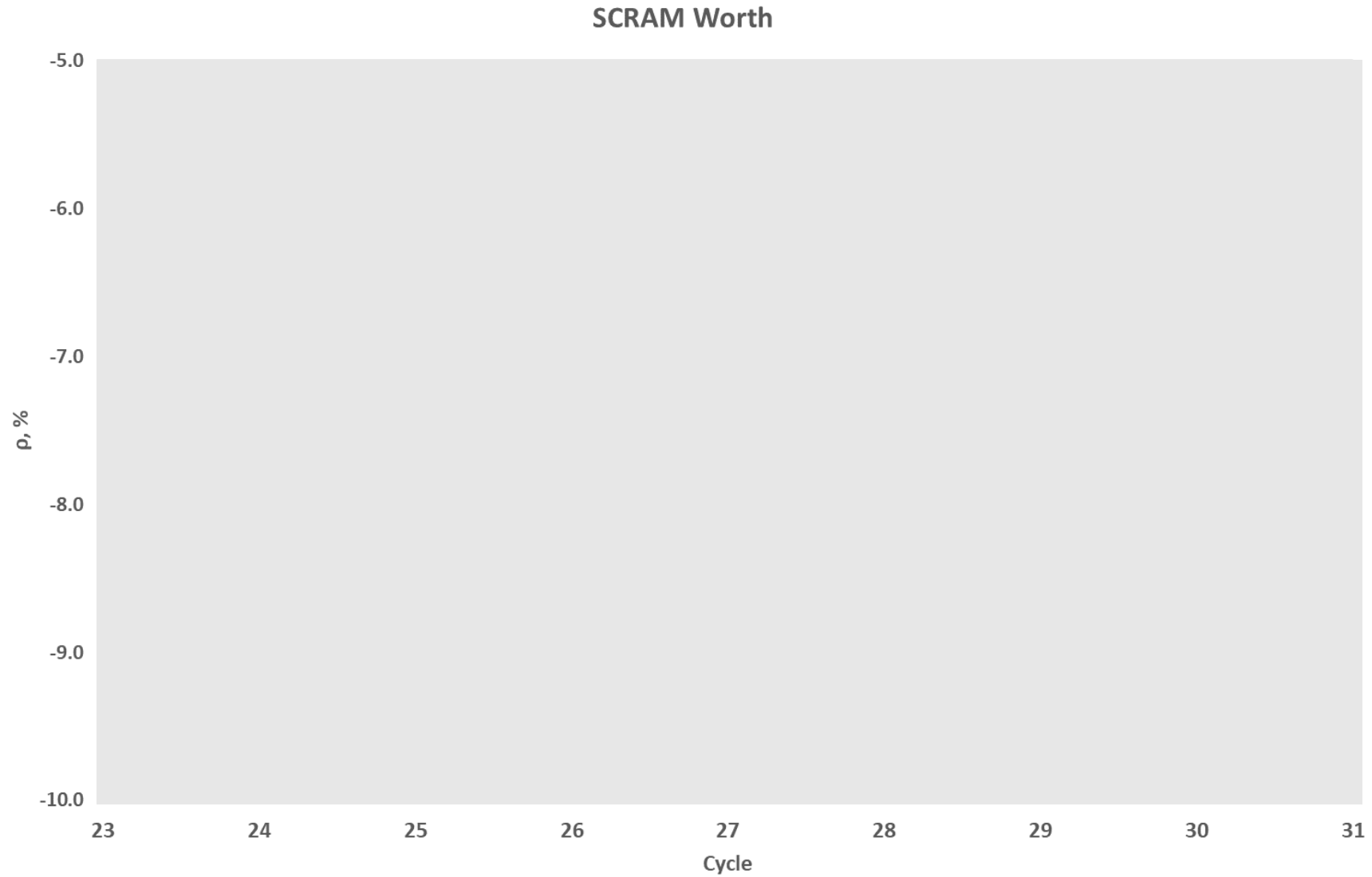


Initial State

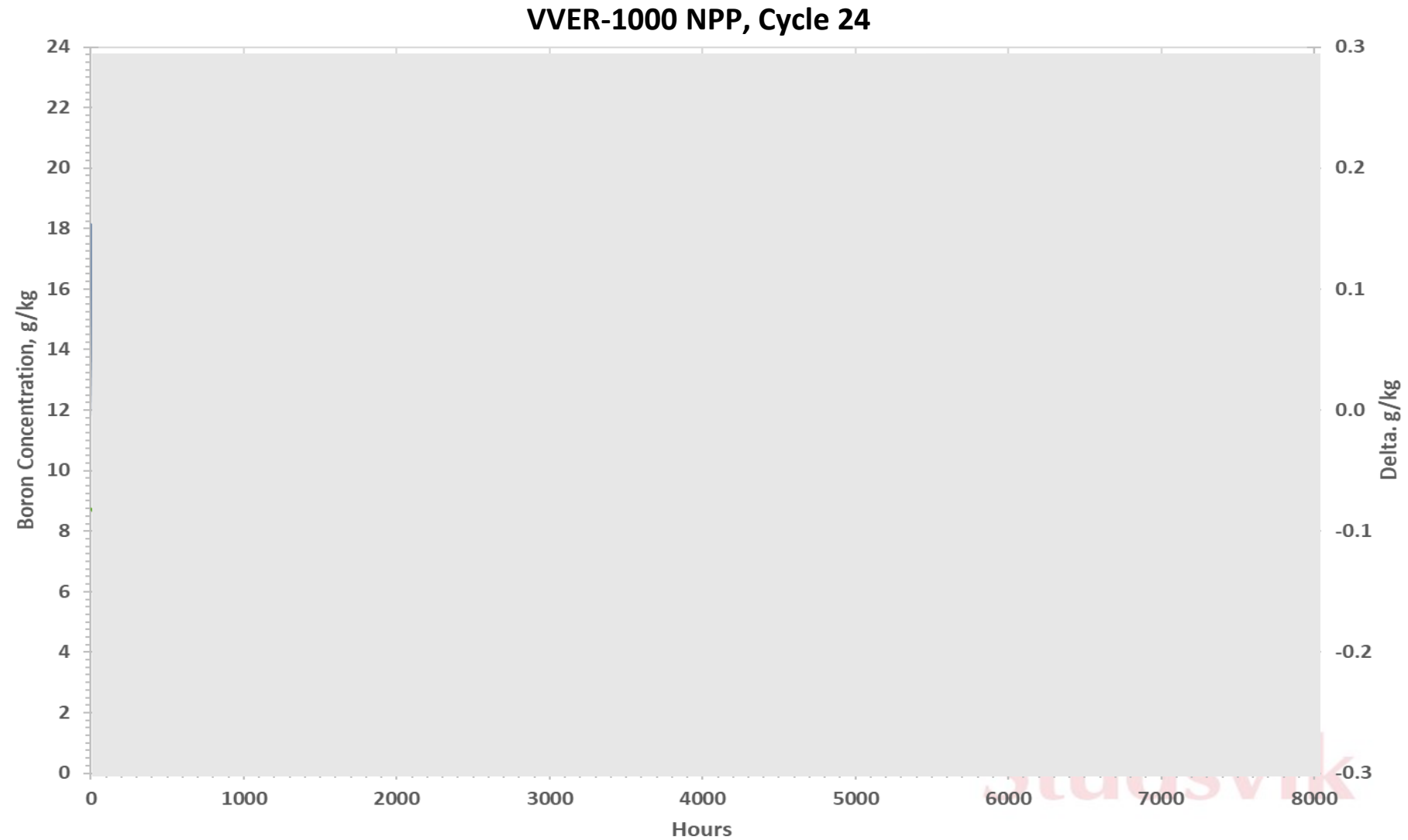


Final State

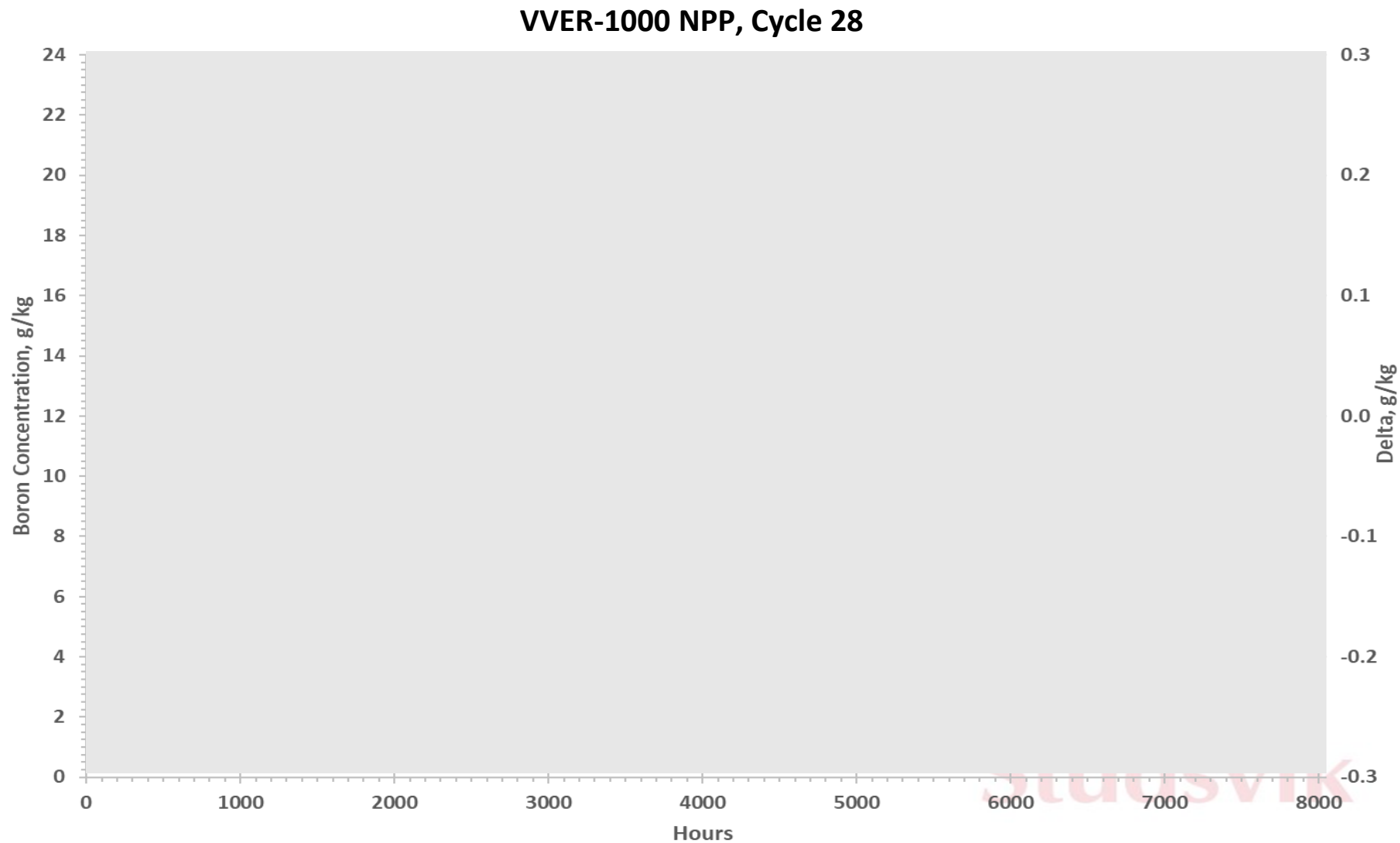
▼ VVER-1000 RESULTS – SCRAM WORTH



▼ VVER-1000 RESULTS – BORON LETDOWN

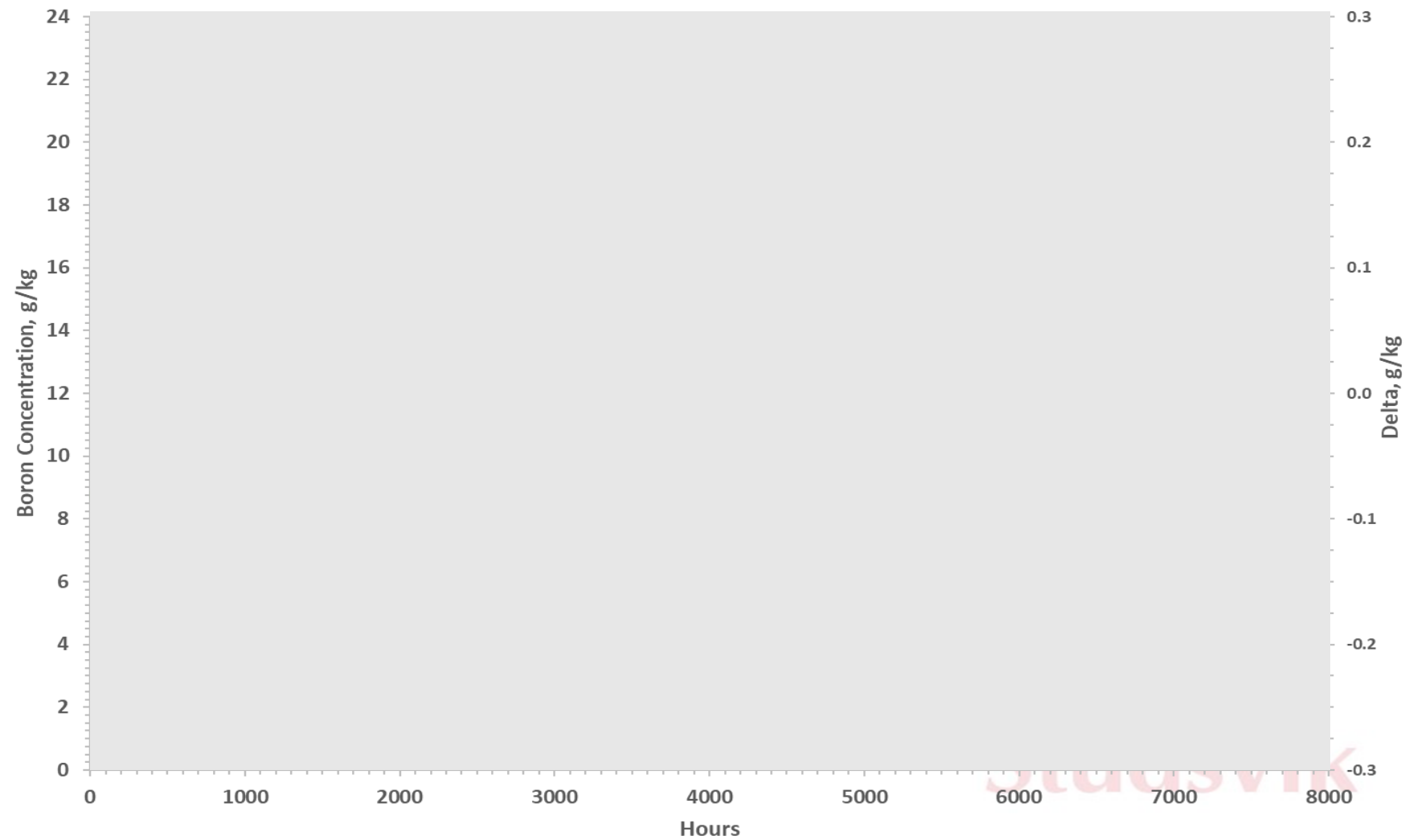


VVER-1000 RESULTS – BORON LETDOWN

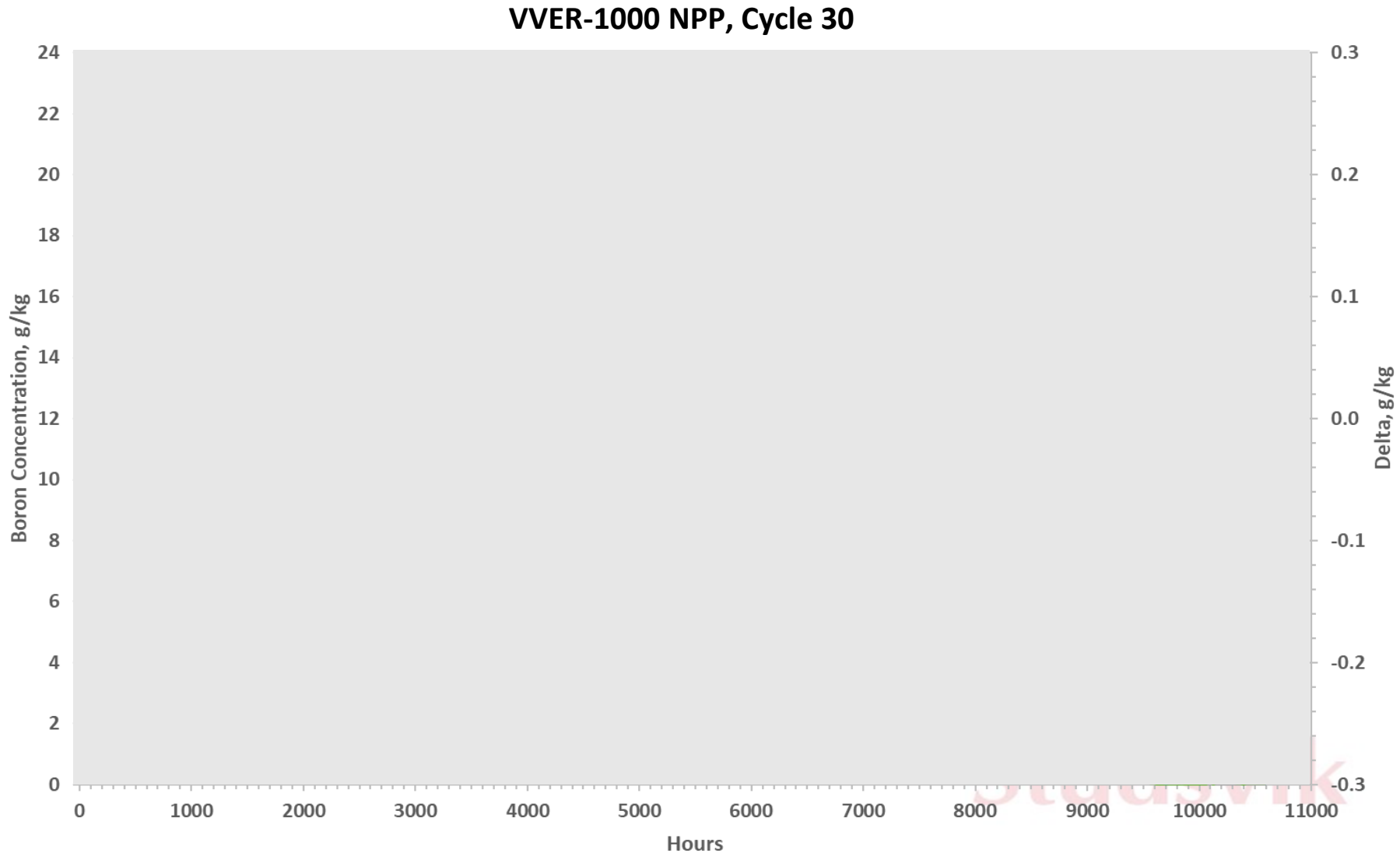


VVER-1000 RESULTS – BORON LETDOWN

VVER-1000 NPP, Cycle 29

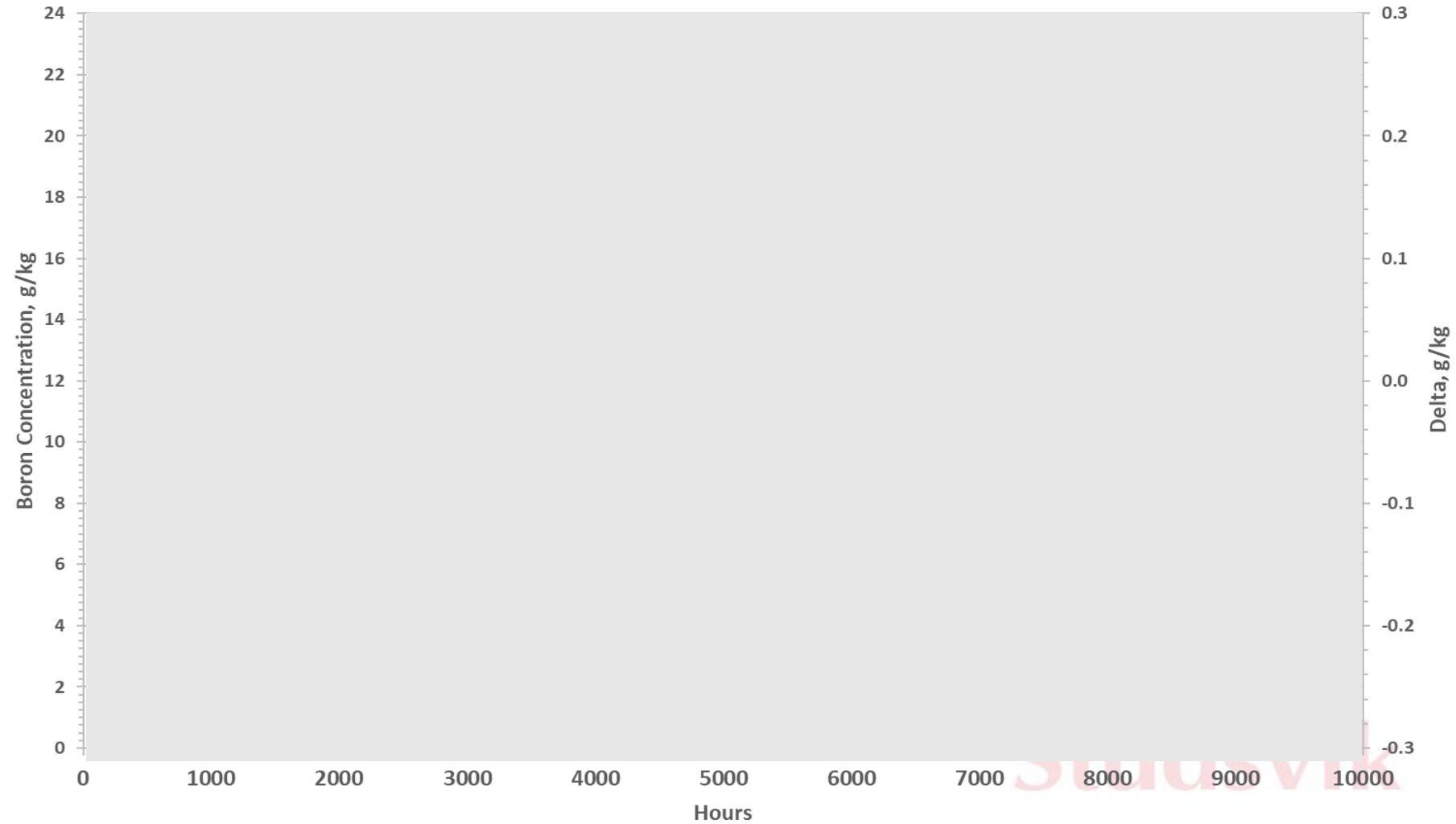


VVER-1000 RESULTS – BORON LETDOWN



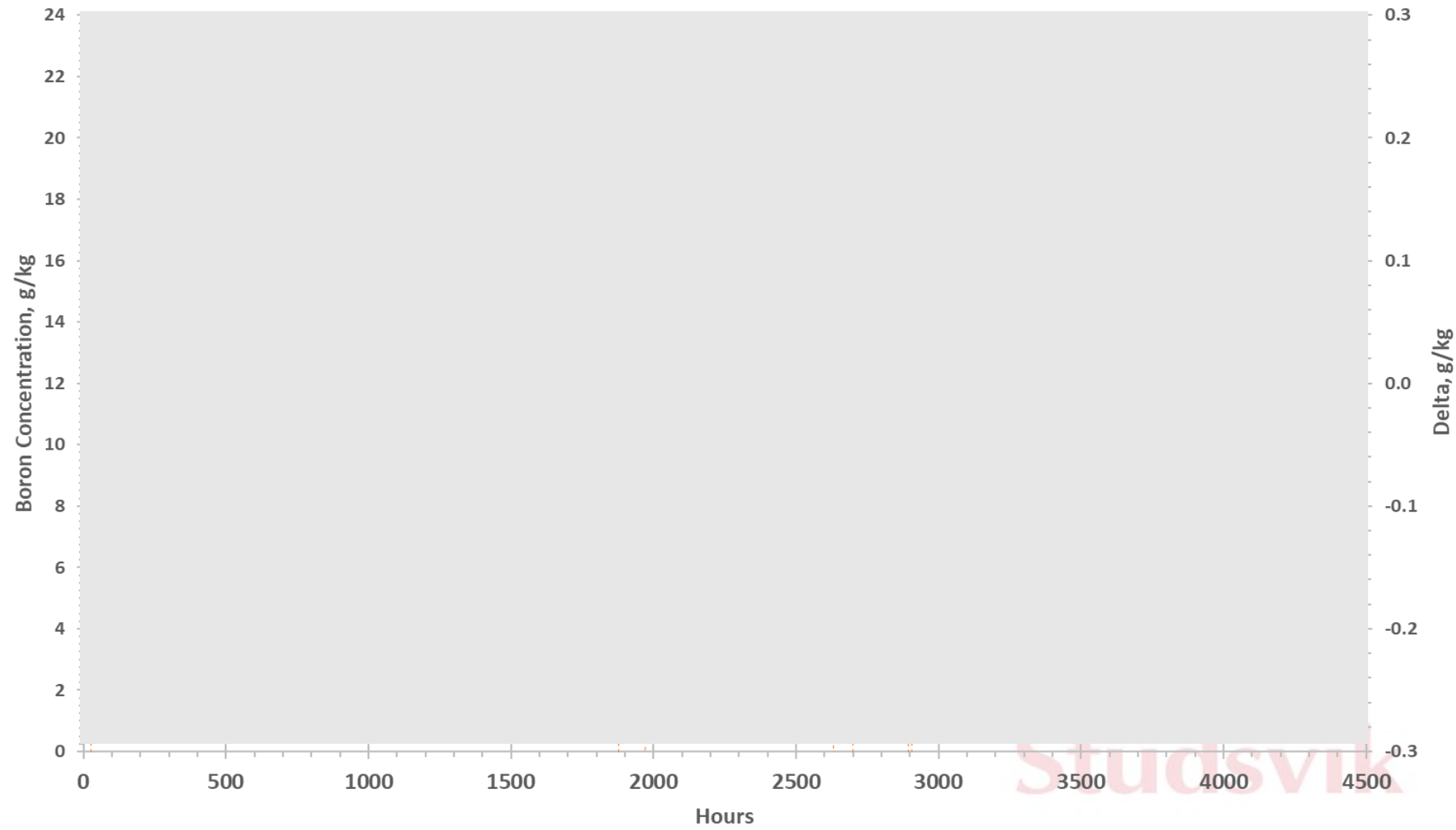
▼ VVER-1000 RESULTS – BORON LETDOWN

VVER-1000 NPP, Cycle 31



VVER-1000 RESULTS – BORON LETDOWN

VVER-1000 NPP, Cycle 32



▲ CONCLUSION

- The accuracy of the CMS5 predictions is demonstrated with comparisons to a VVER-1000 plant measurements for 9 cycles in a row as follows
 - low power physics tests at BOC (critical boric acid, ITC & SCRAM worth)
 - boric acid concentration vs cycle exposure in clock hours
- The Studsvik Scandpower CMS5 code package for VVER
 - commercially available fuel vendor independent software suite
 - supports VVER-440, VVER-1000 & VVER-1200 reactors

▲ **THANK YOU!**

emiliya.georgieva@studsvik.com