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## CASR FPI – Engineering Studies: Developer Studies



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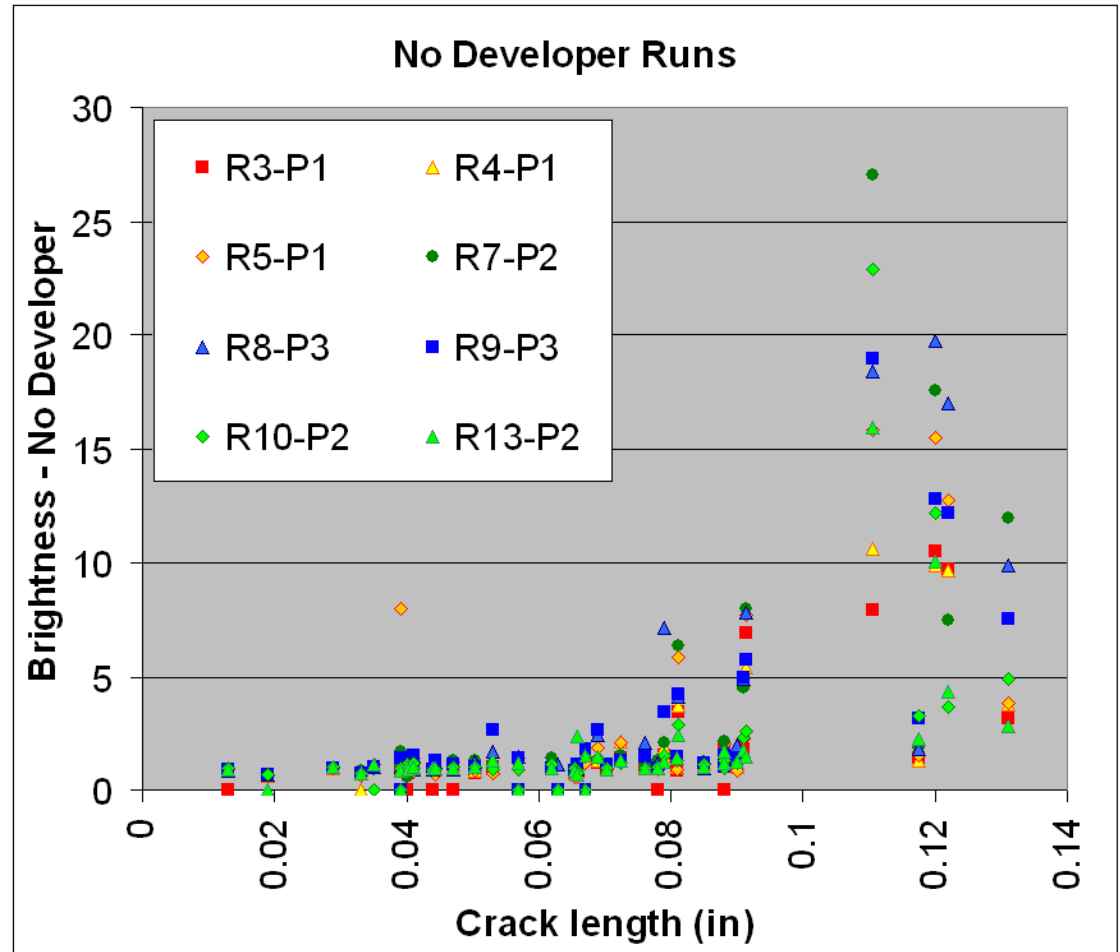
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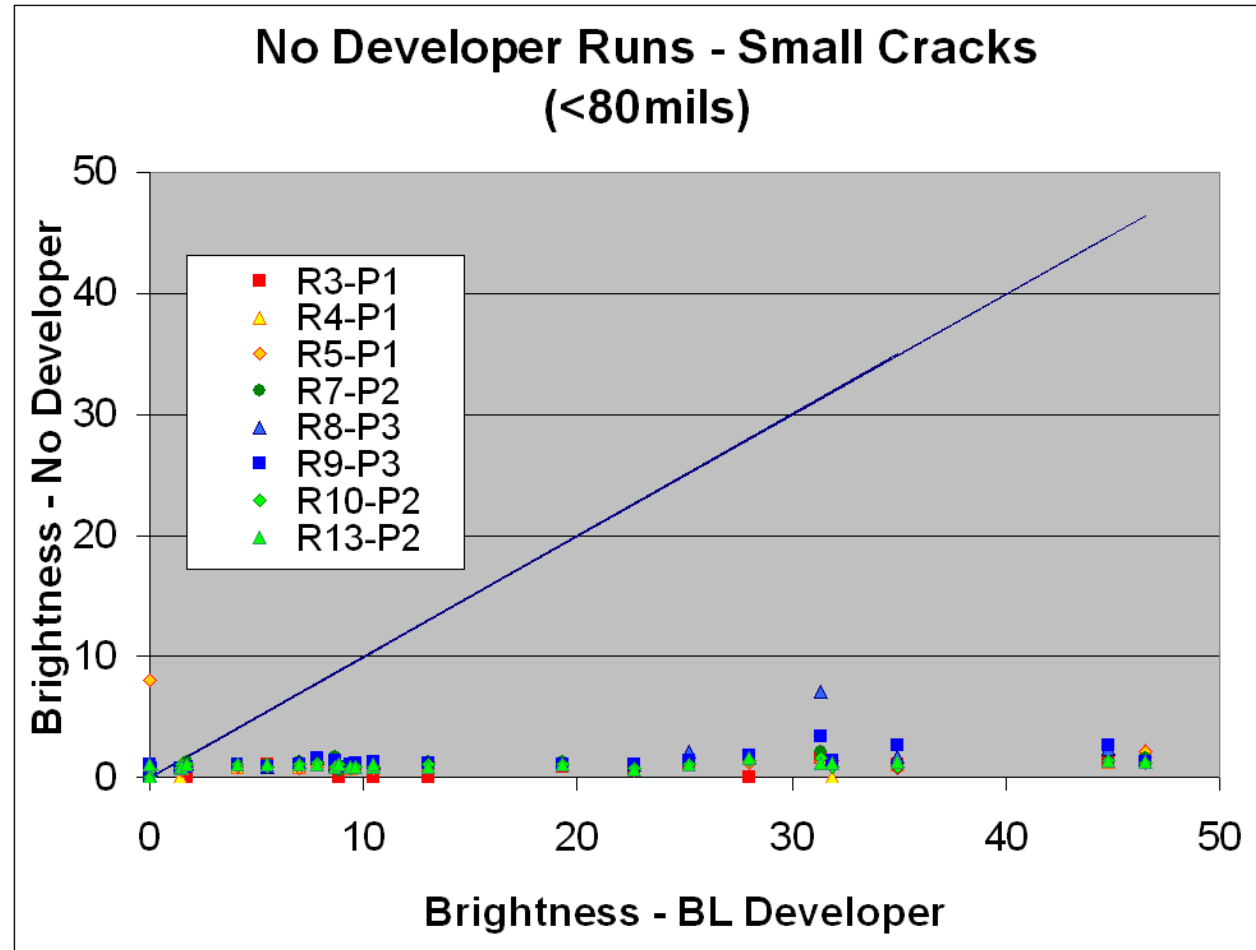


- Brightness of three penetrants was evaluated without developer for cracks ranging from 13 to 130 mils
- While some larger cracks (> 80 mils) had acceptable brightness (>5), this was not true for all large cracks or for small cracks (< 80 mils)





- No difference found in ability of penetrants to “self develop” for small cracks (< 80 mils)
- Effective inspection sensitivity requires developer





- Do penetrants self-develop?
- Without developer, the three penetrants tested did not provide sufficient brightness to suggest reliable inspection
- Developer is required

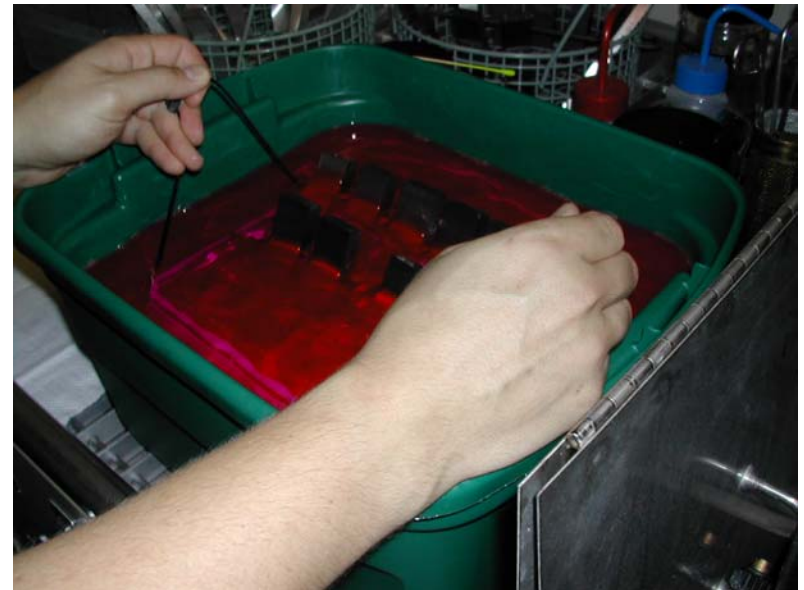


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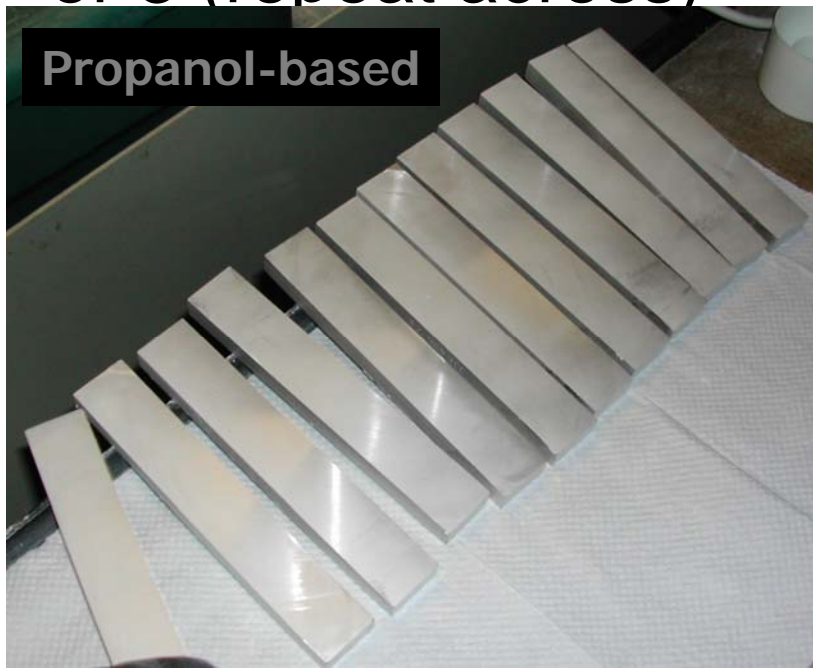
- Level 4 Penetrant – 20 minute dwell, 30 sec spray wash, 120 sec emulsification with agitation, 60 sec spray wash
- Dry powder developer (form a) with dip/drag application – Two penetrant products
  - DP1 used as baseline
  - DP2
- NAWD (form d) alcohol based
  - 2 applications
- NAWD (form d) acetone based
  - 3 applications



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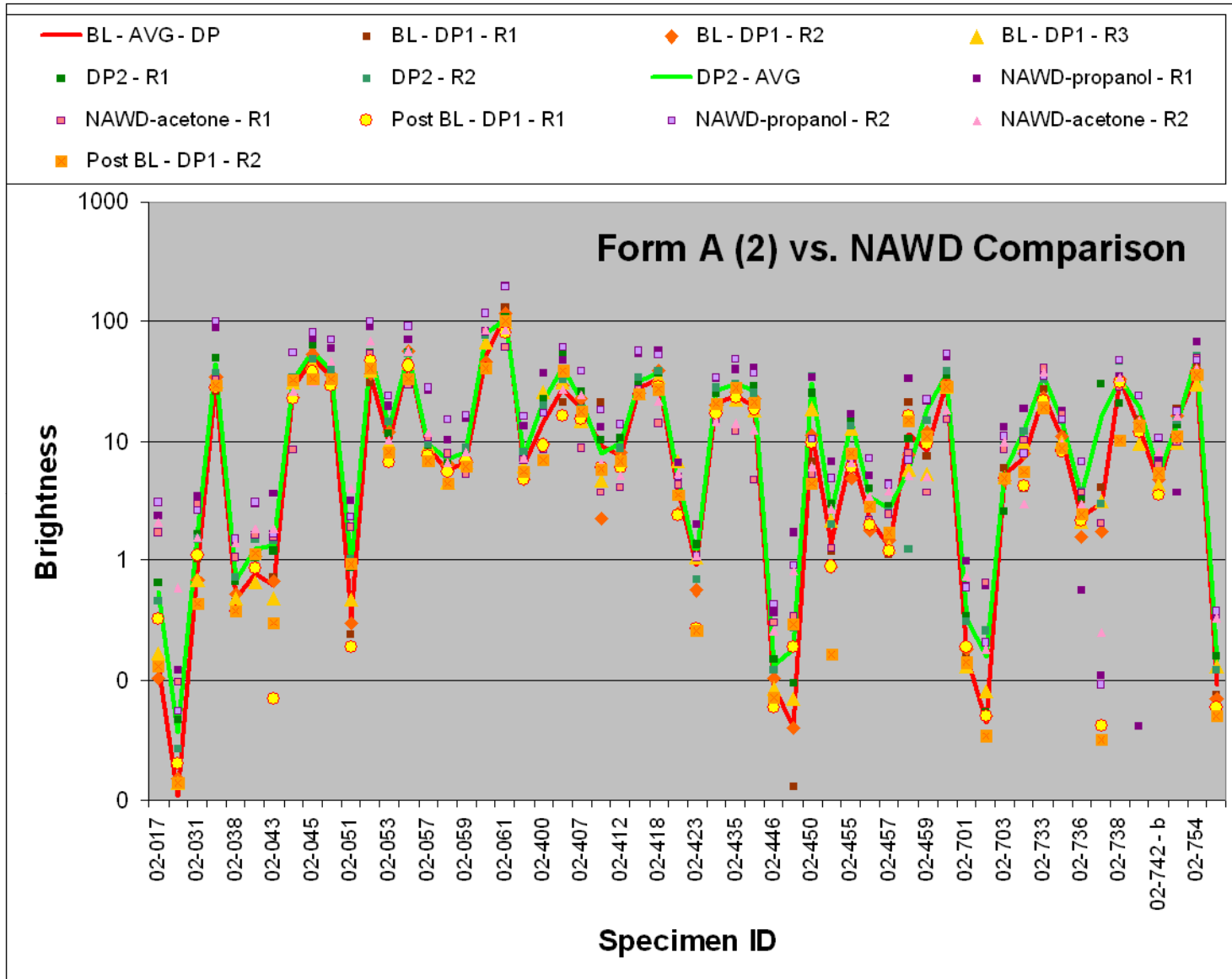


- Followed manufacturer recommendation
- 10" distance
- 2 (across and back) or 3 (repeat across)



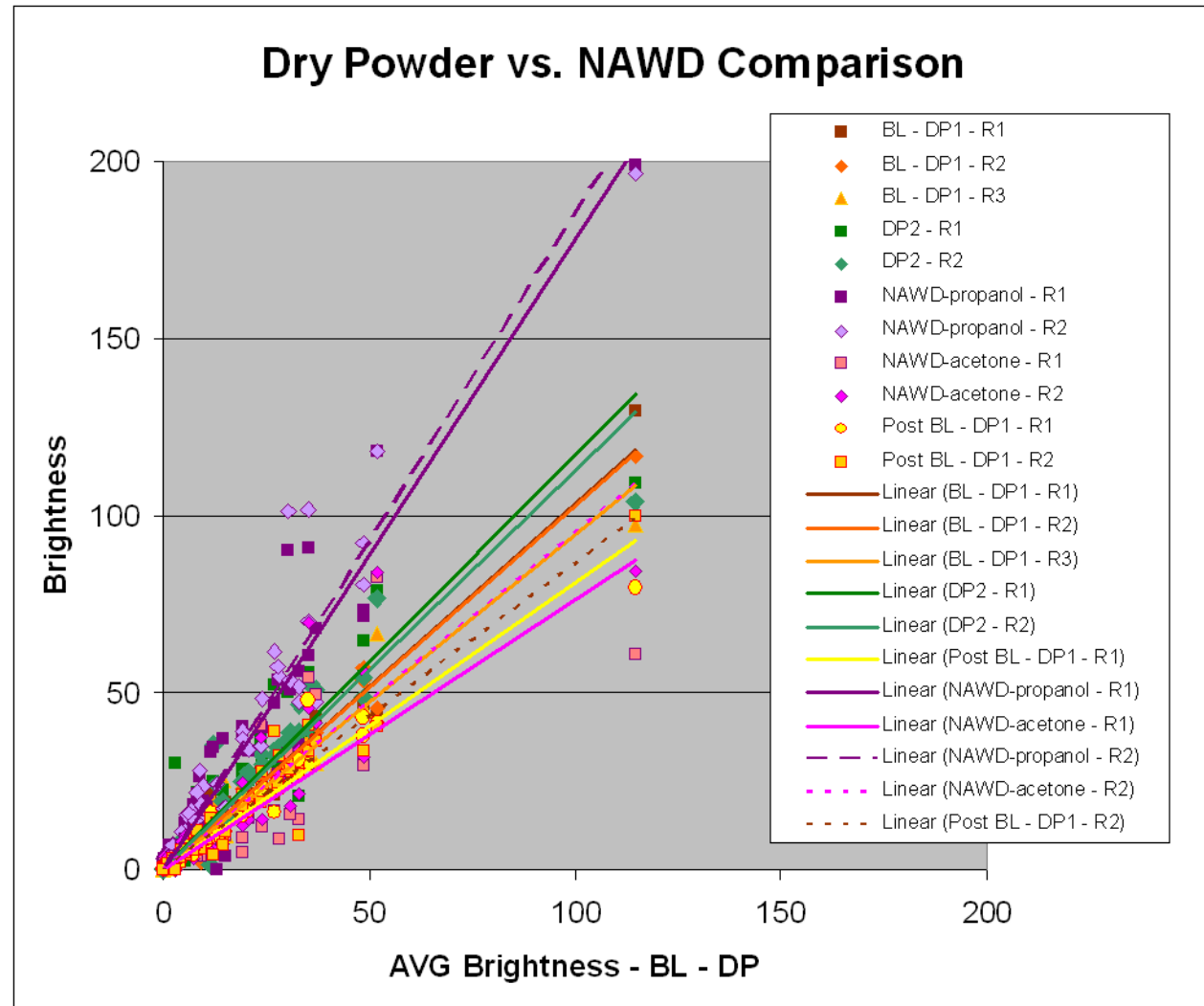




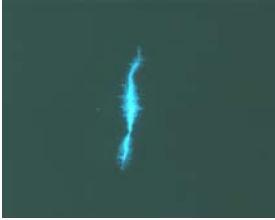
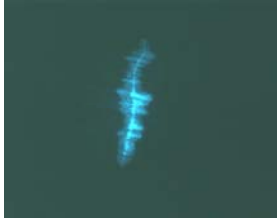
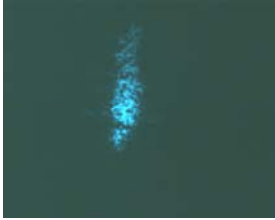
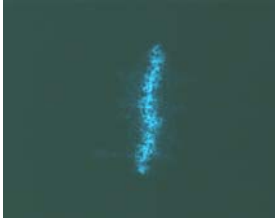
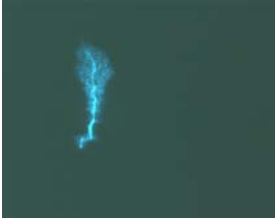

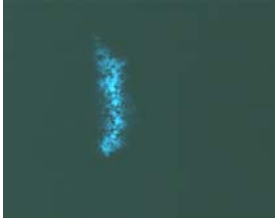
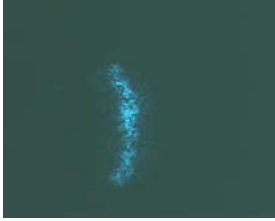
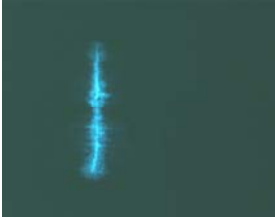
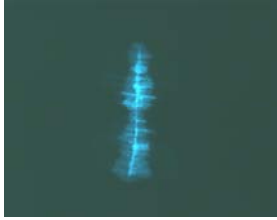
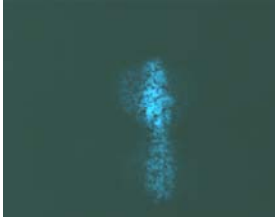
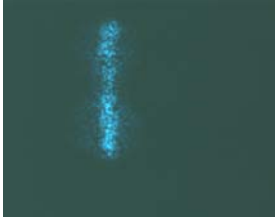




- Data shown for Al, Ti and Ni samples with some differences in surface condition associated with alloy
- DP2 yielded brighter indications than DP1
- Propanol-based NAWD yielded brightest indications which is a result of “blooming” of the indication
- Acetone-based NAWD yielded lowest brightness but also “crisper” images than propanol-based NAWD





	DP1	DP2	NAWD - Propanol	NAWD - acetone
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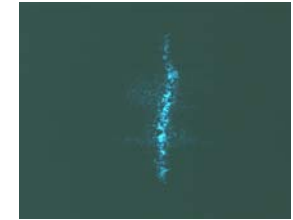
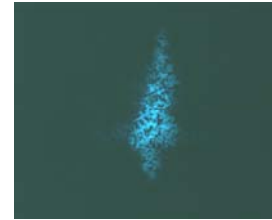
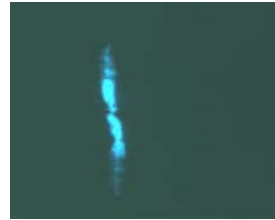
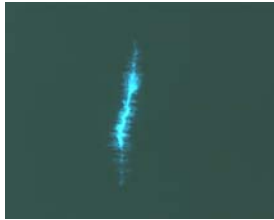
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DP2

NAWD -  
Propanol

NAWD -  
acetone

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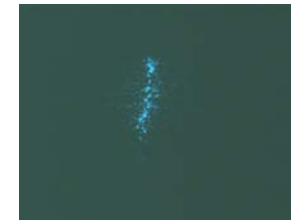
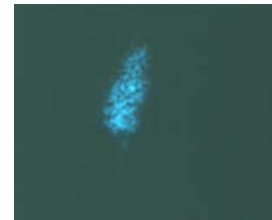
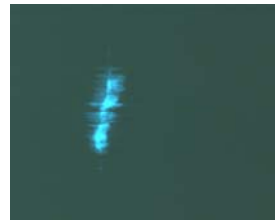
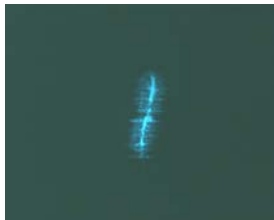
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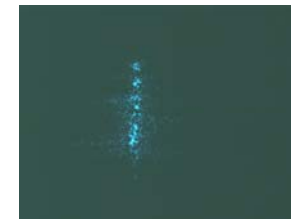
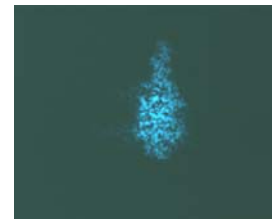
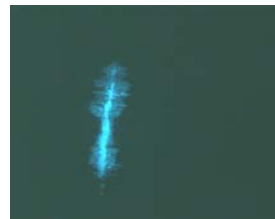
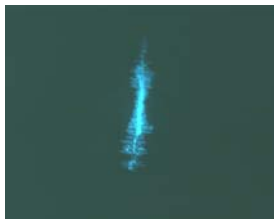
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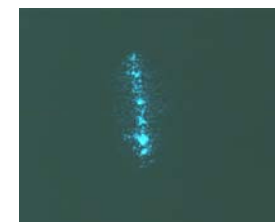
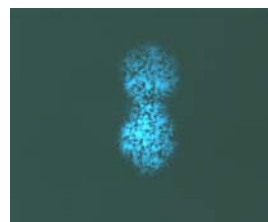
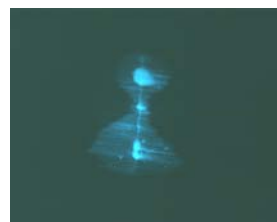
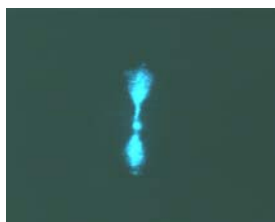
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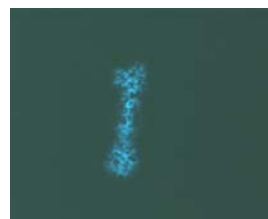
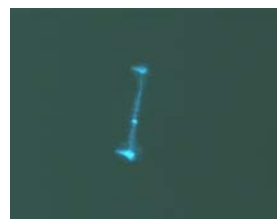
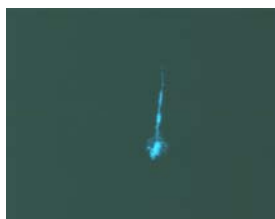
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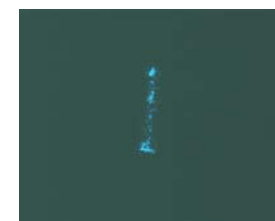
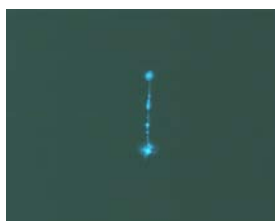
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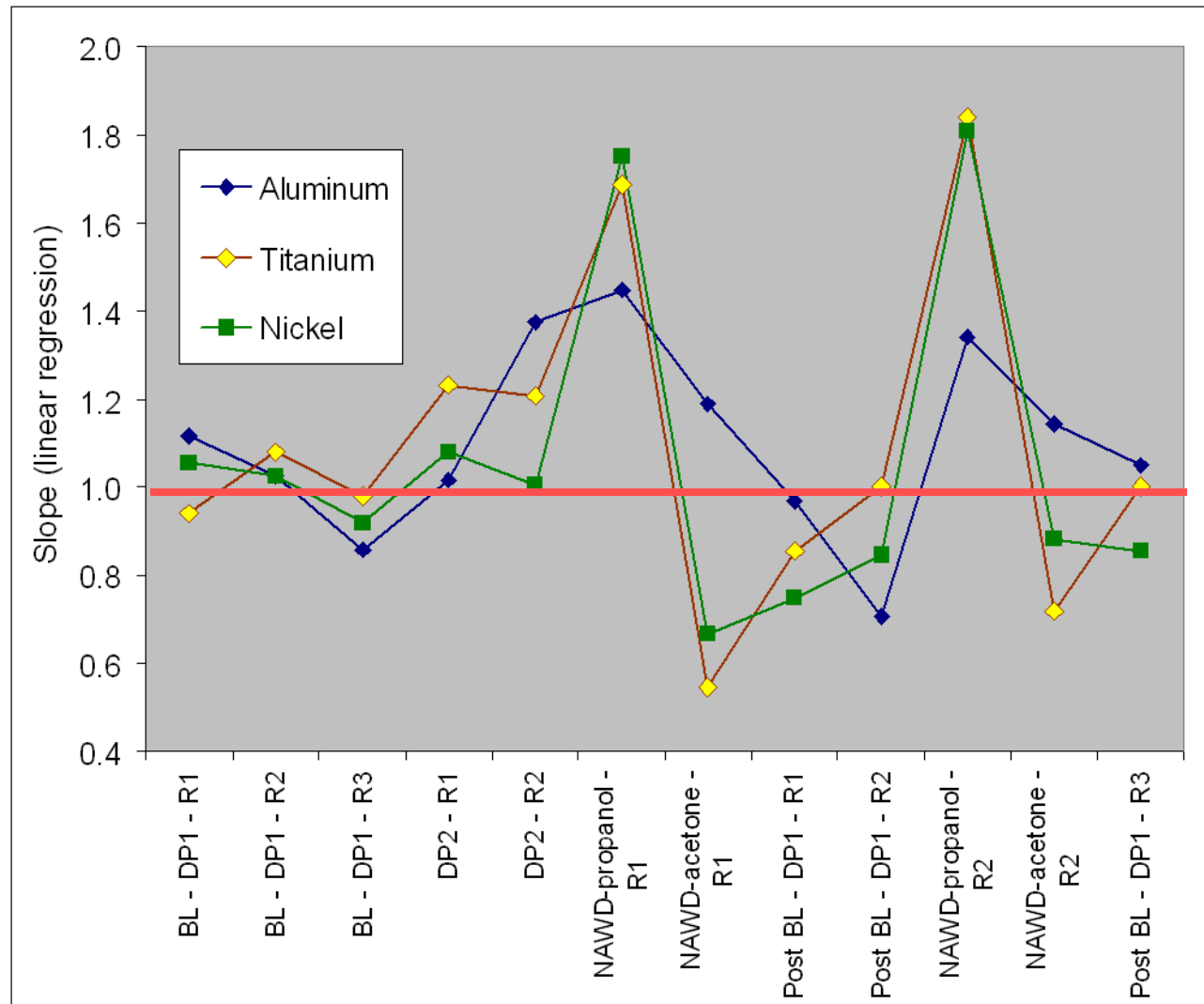
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- Ni and Ti, in general, behaved similarly
- Recommend that differences in indication characteristics be included in training documents
  - “Blooming” that occurs with NAWD when compared to Form A developers





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## Background

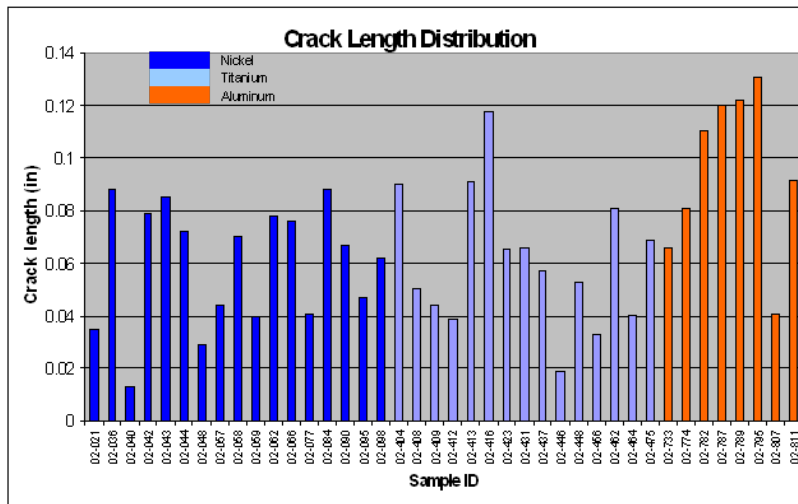
- A key step in the penetrant process is the application of penetrant with many commercial products to choose from. It is often suggested that penetrant families be used together. As a minimum, the penetrant/emulsifier are qualified as a system and shall be used together. However, developers can be selected separately. Data regarding the variation of penetrant brightness in combination with developer has not been published.

## Purpose

- Compare three penetrants and three developers using two application methods (dip/drag and bulb) in a laboratory environment.
- Brightness and UVA indications were measured for each penetrant with its recommended developer and with the developer from the other penetrants.
- Emulsifier was specific to the penetrant.
- Baseline measurements will be interspersed in the study to track the performance of the samples and ensure sample degradation is not occurring.



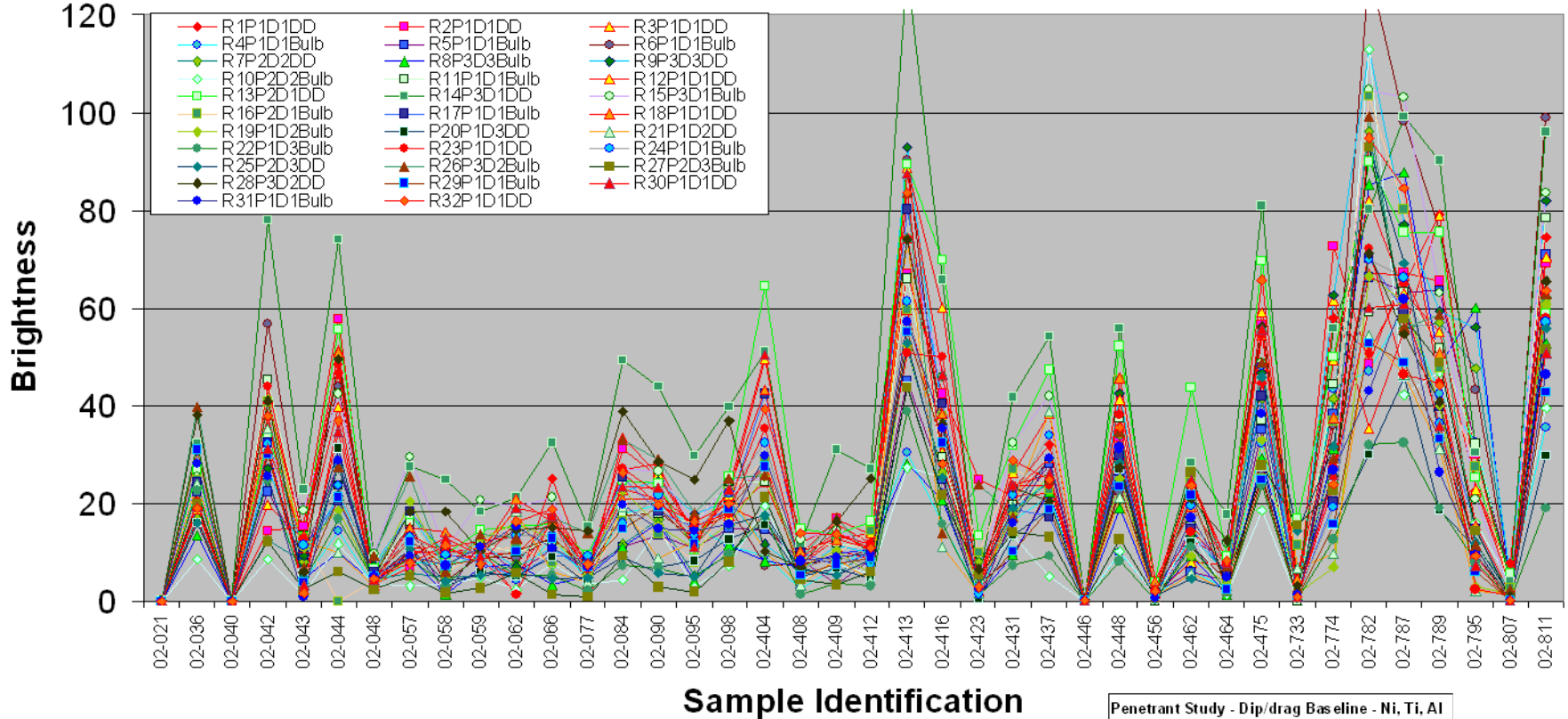
- Testplan and crack size distribution was determined using samples from three alloys
- Number of samples:
  - Ni – 17
  - Ti – 15
  - Al – 8



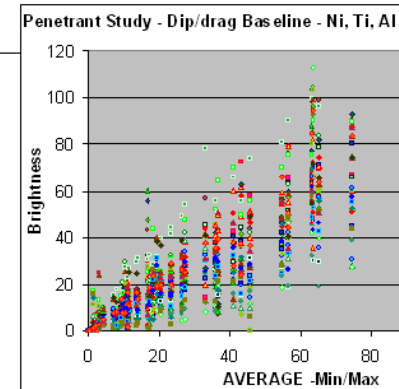
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3	P-1	D-1	bulb	
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5	P-1	D-1	bulb	
6	P-1	D-1	dip/drag	
7	P-2	D-2	dip/drag	penetrant with it's own developer
8	P-3	D-3	bulb	
9	P-3	D-3	dip/drag	
10	P-2	D-2	bulb	
11	P-1	D-1	bulb	
12	P-1	D-1	dip/drag	
13	P-2	D-1	dip/drag	
14	P-3	D-1	dip/drag	
15	P-3	D-1	bulb	
16	P-2	D-1	bulb	
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29	P-1	D-1	bulb	
30	P-1	D-1	dip/drag	
31	P-1	D-1	bulb	
32	P-1	D-1	dip/drag	



## Penetrant Study - Dip/drag Baseline - Ni, Ti, Al

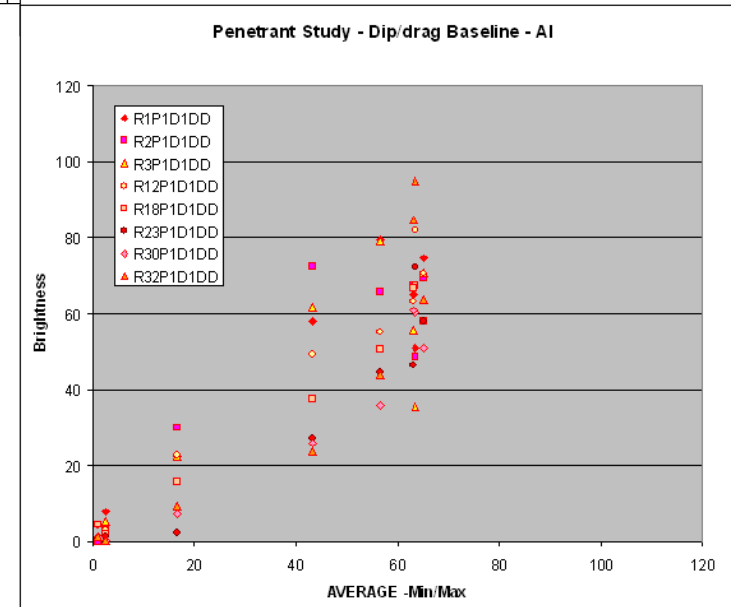
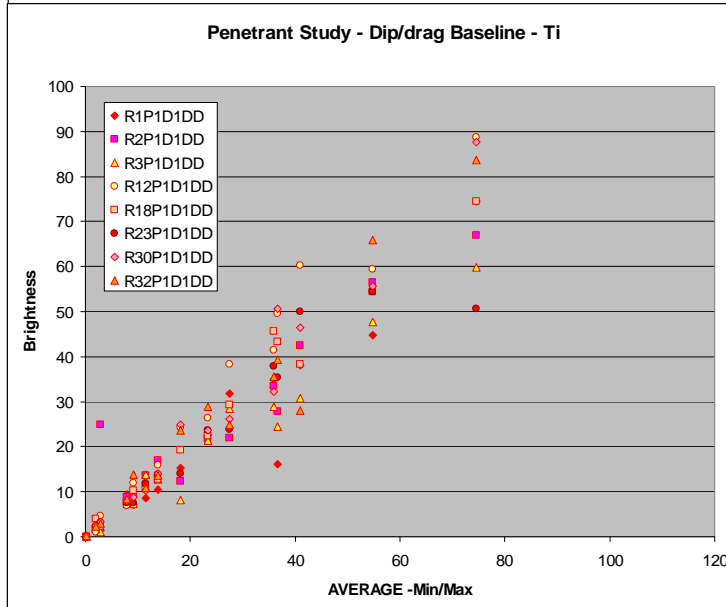
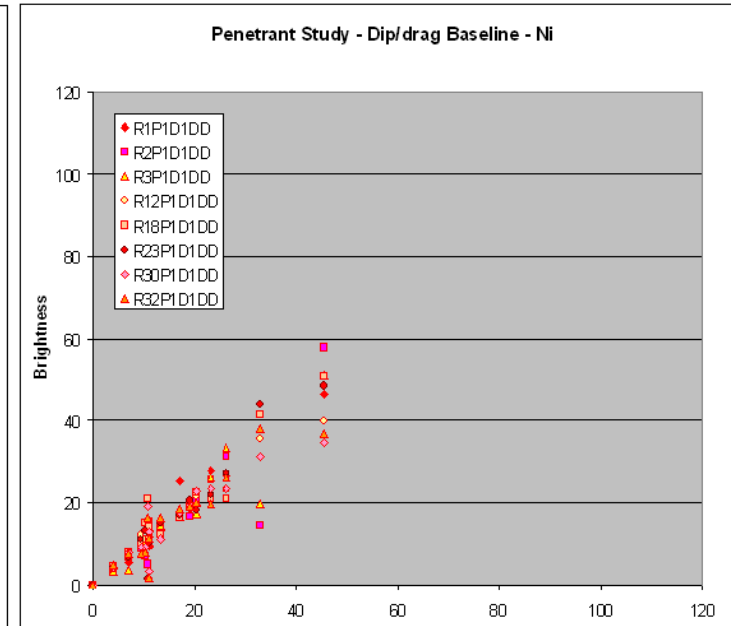
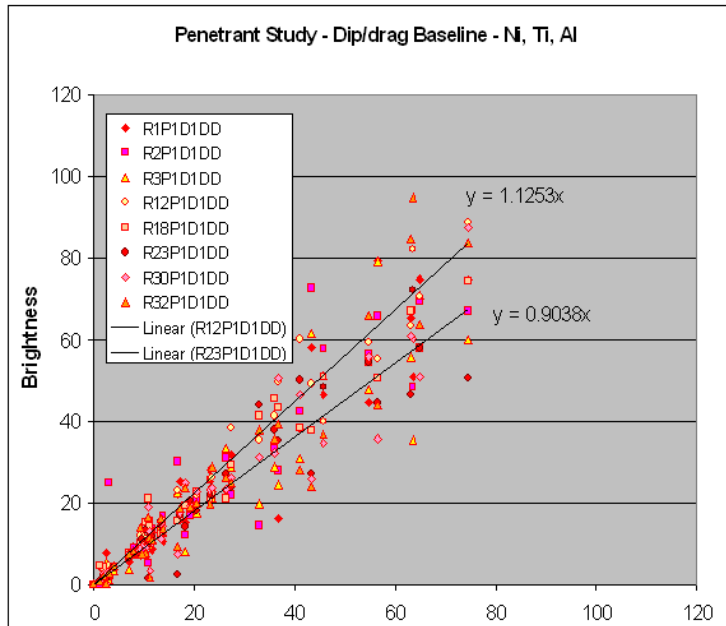


- Over 1400 data points
- Red – baseline dip/drag
- Blue – baseline bulb
- Green – other penetrant/developer combinations
- Considerable variation found as evidenced by raw data and regression analysis



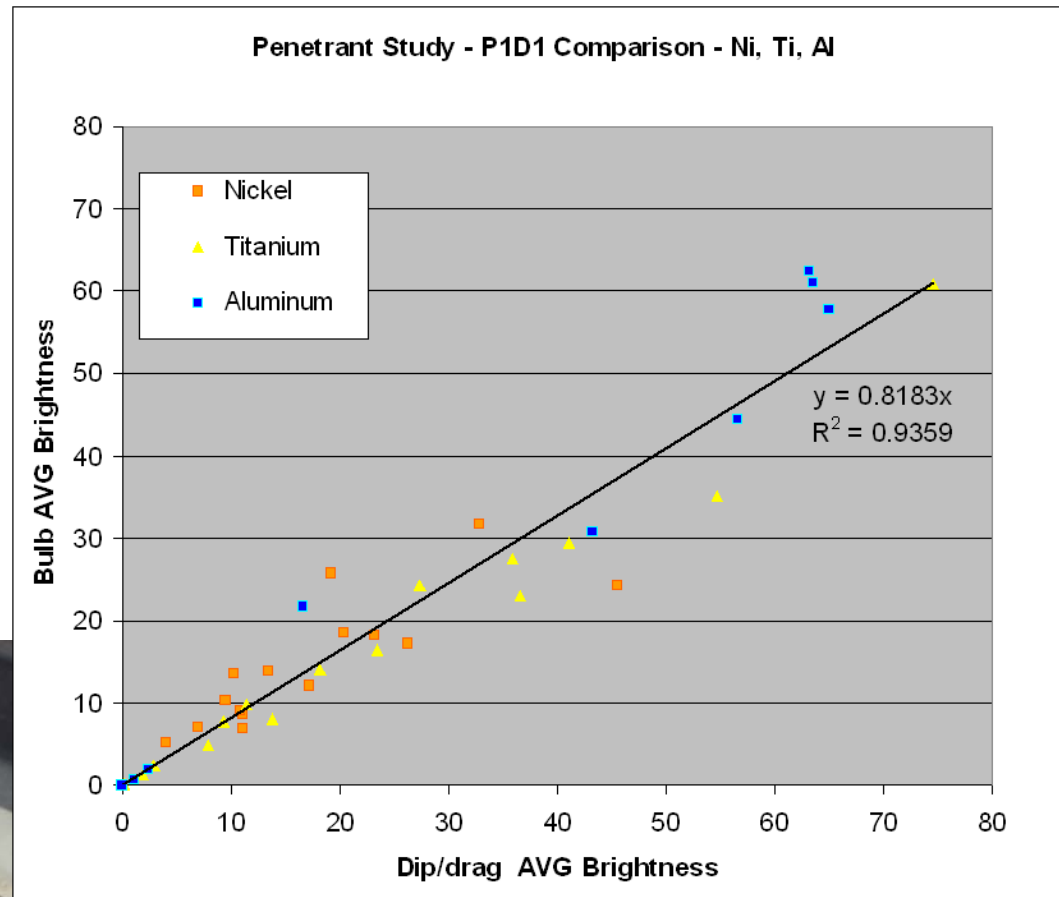


- Baseline comparison shows more variation with Al samples than Ti and Ni
- Al more susceptible to environmental changes, i.e., samples are more difficult to maintain



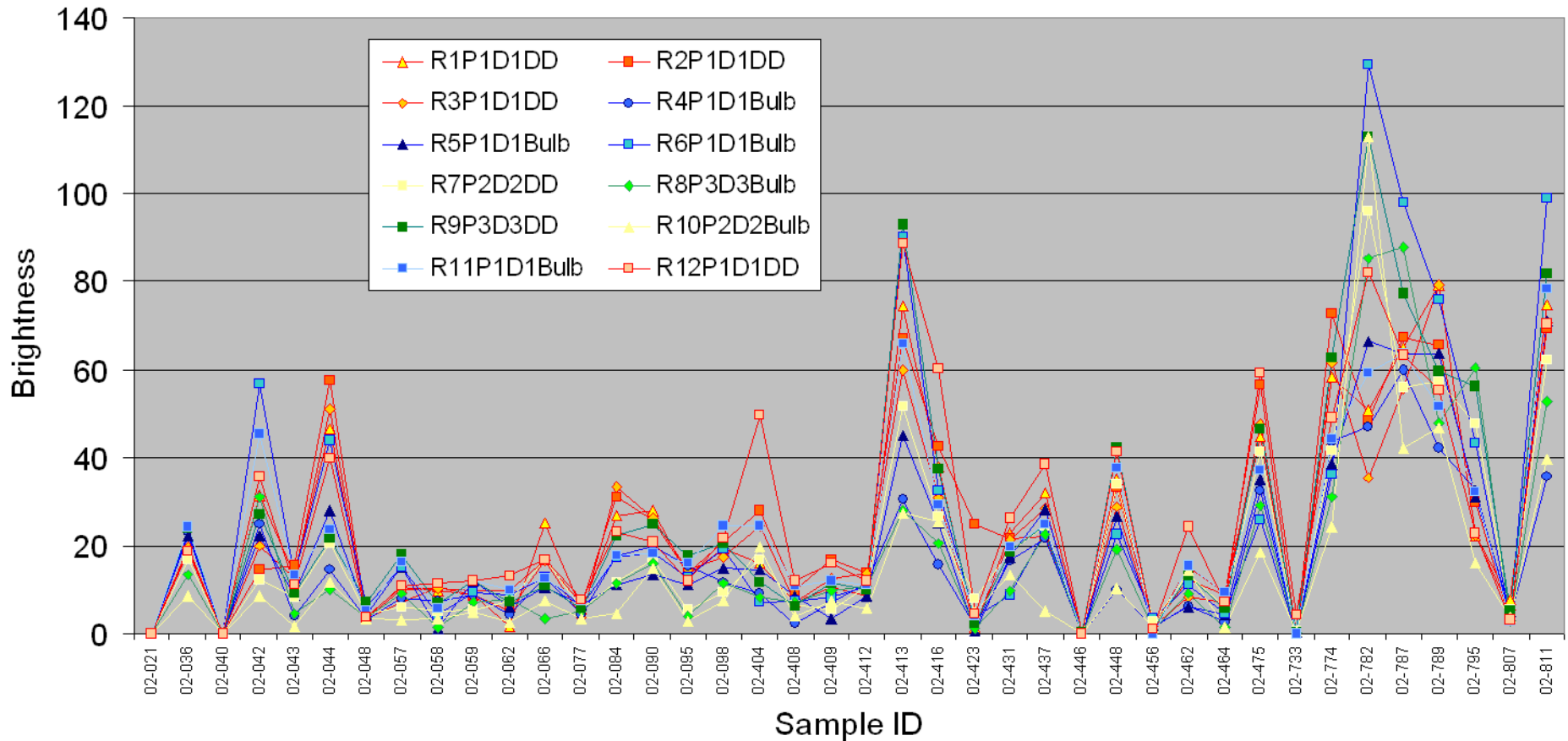


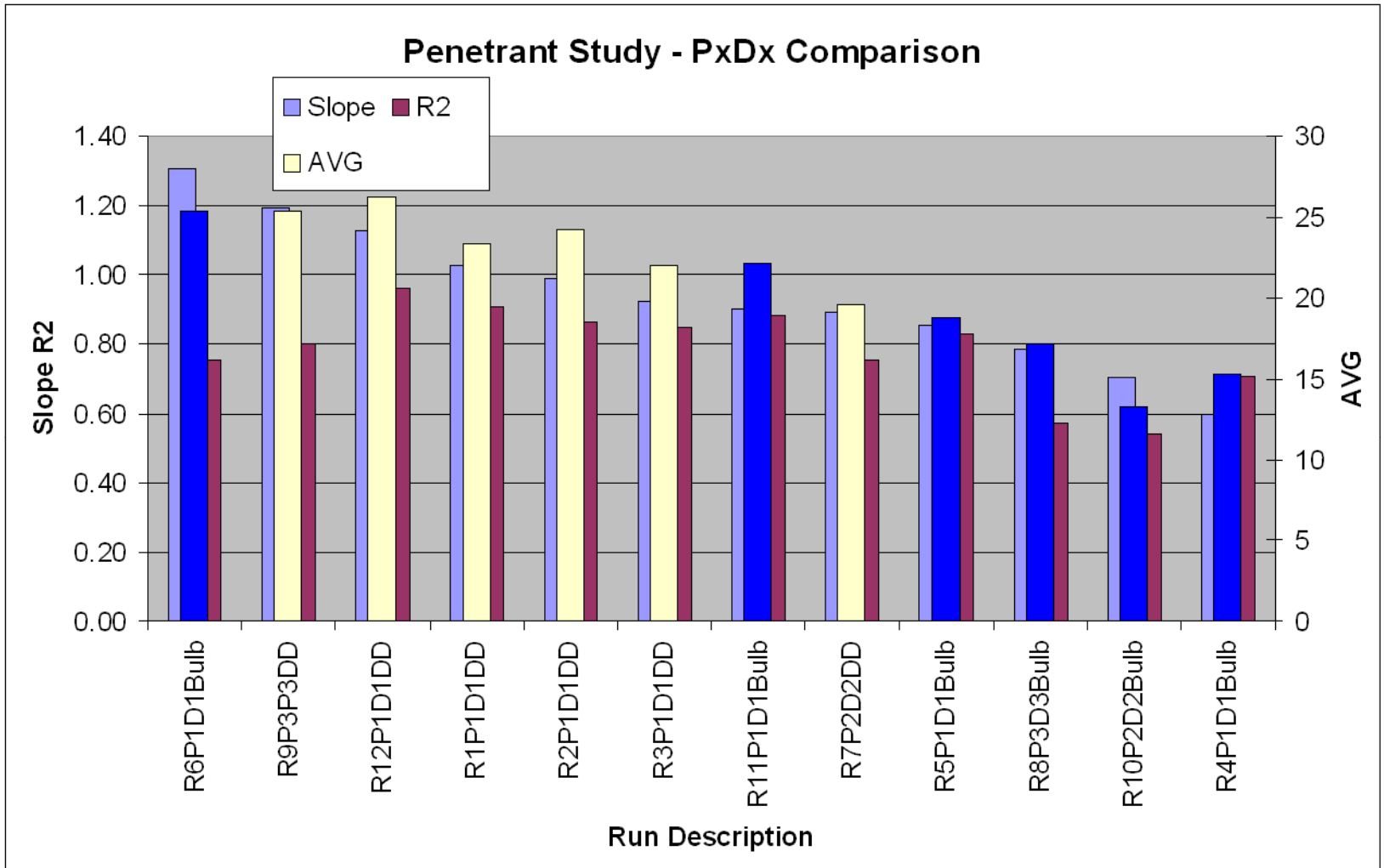
- Use of bulb is on average, 20% less bright than dip/drag application of developer for baseline P/D combination





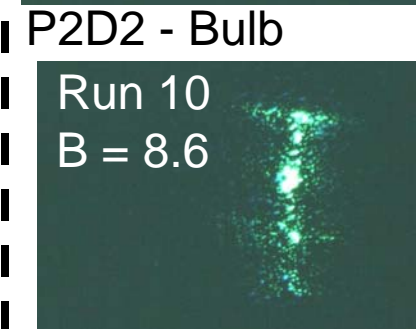
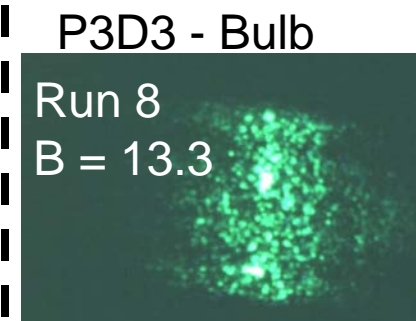
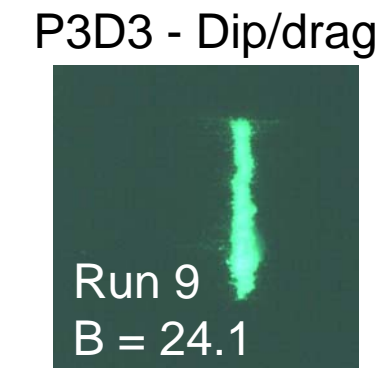
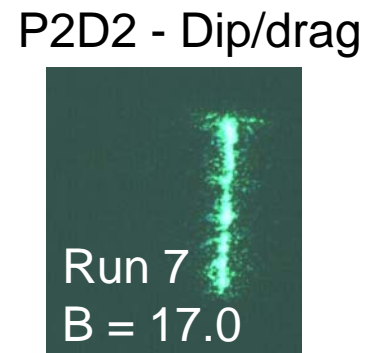
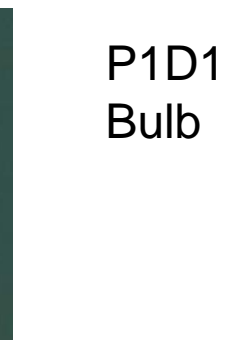
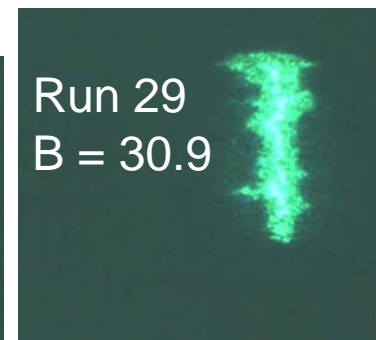
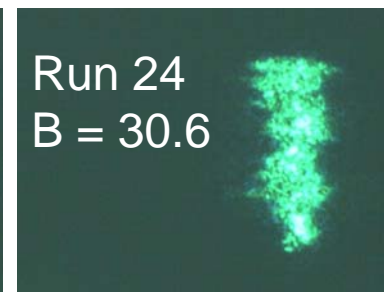
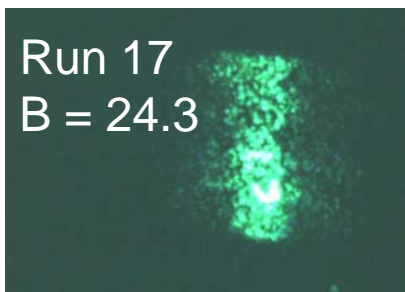
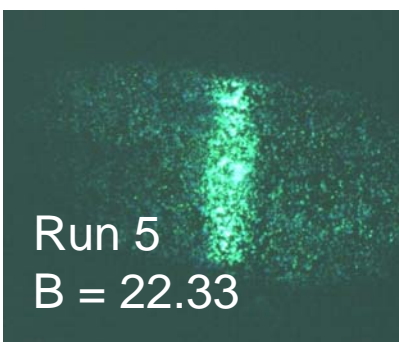
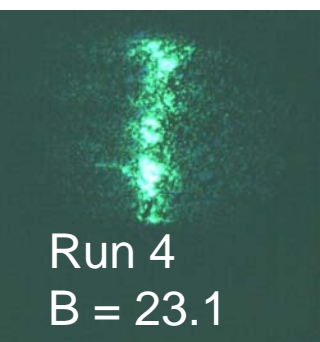
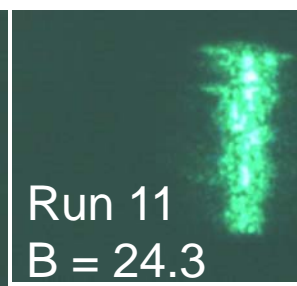
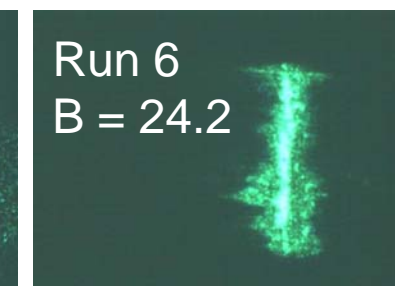
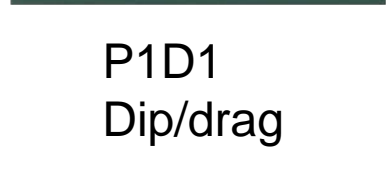
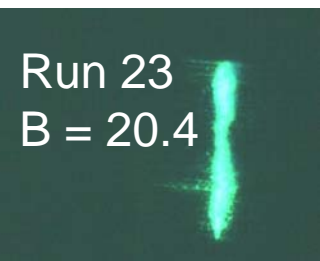
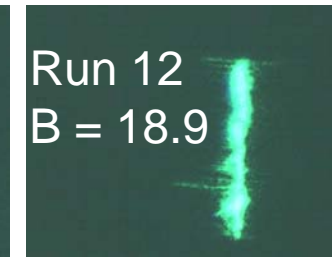
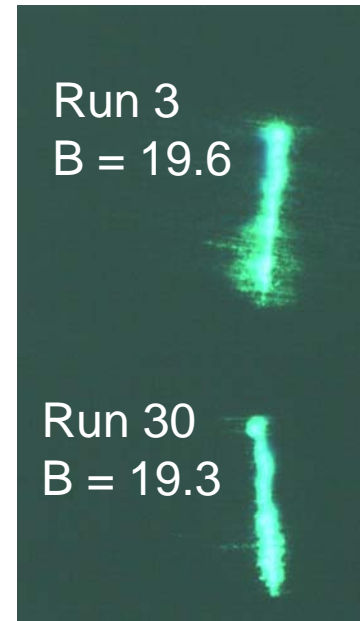
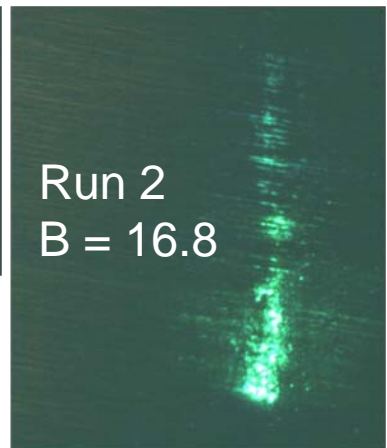
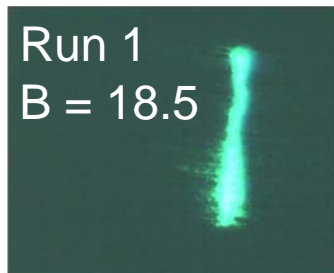
Penetrant Comparative Study - PxDx





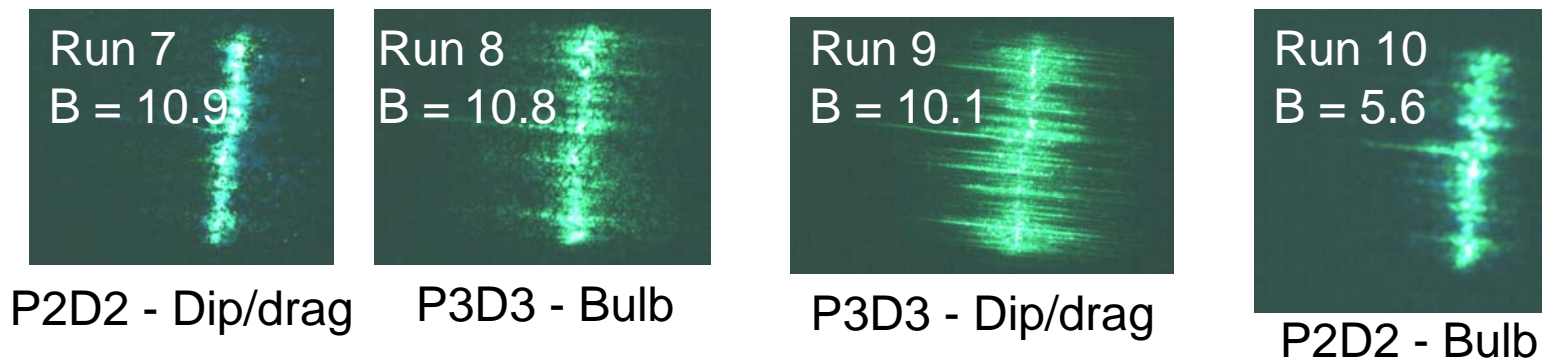
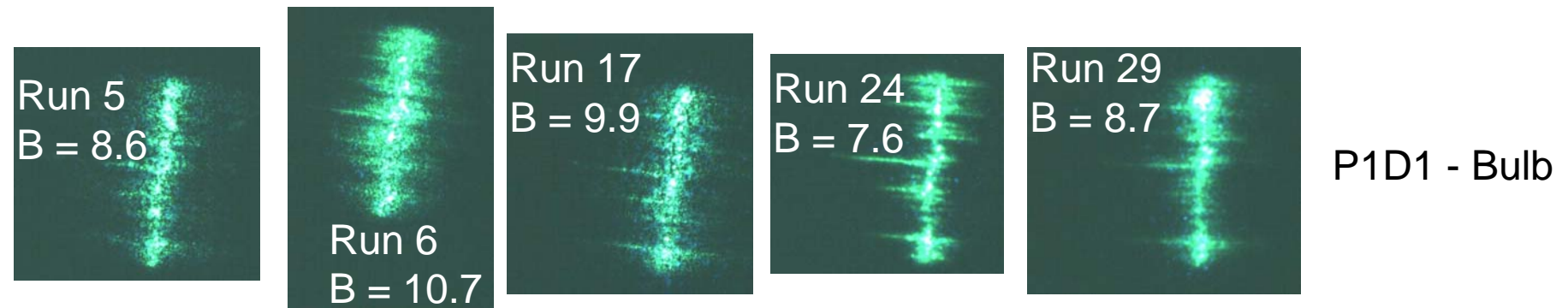
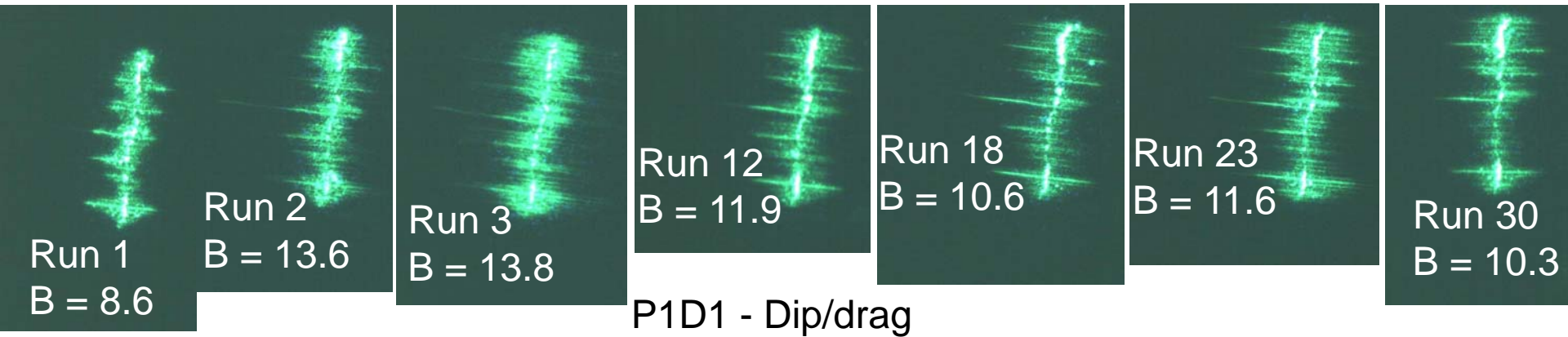
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<b>Slope</b>	1.31	1.19	1.13	1.03	0.99	0.92	0.90	0.89	0.86	0.79	0.70	0.60
<b>R2</b>	0.76	0.80	0.96	0.91	0.86	0.85	0.88	0.76	0.83	0.57	0.54	0.71
<b>AVG</b>	25.35	25.40	26.25	23.41	24.21	22.03	22.15	19.62	18.81	17.14	13.33	15.35

# 02 – 036 – Nickel – Px Dx

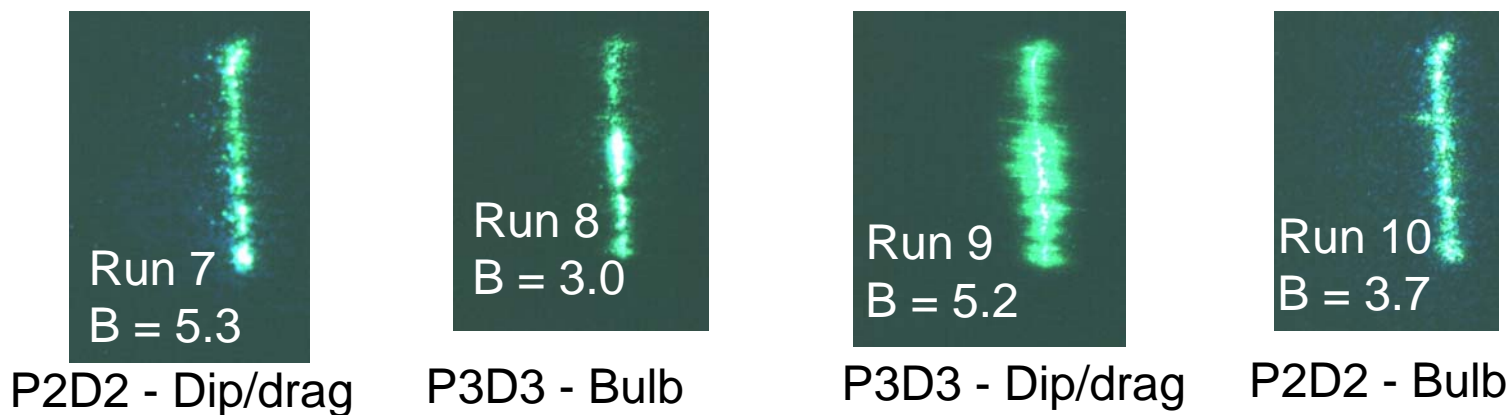
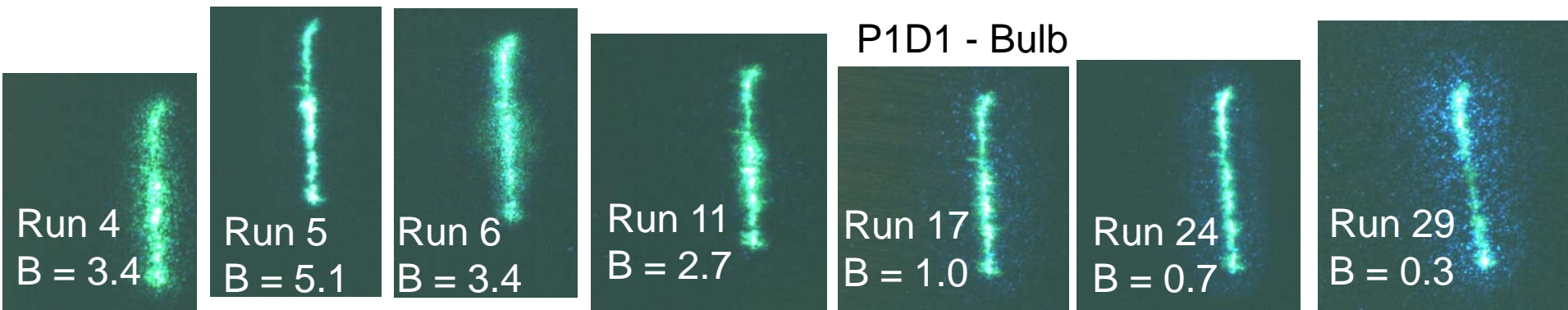
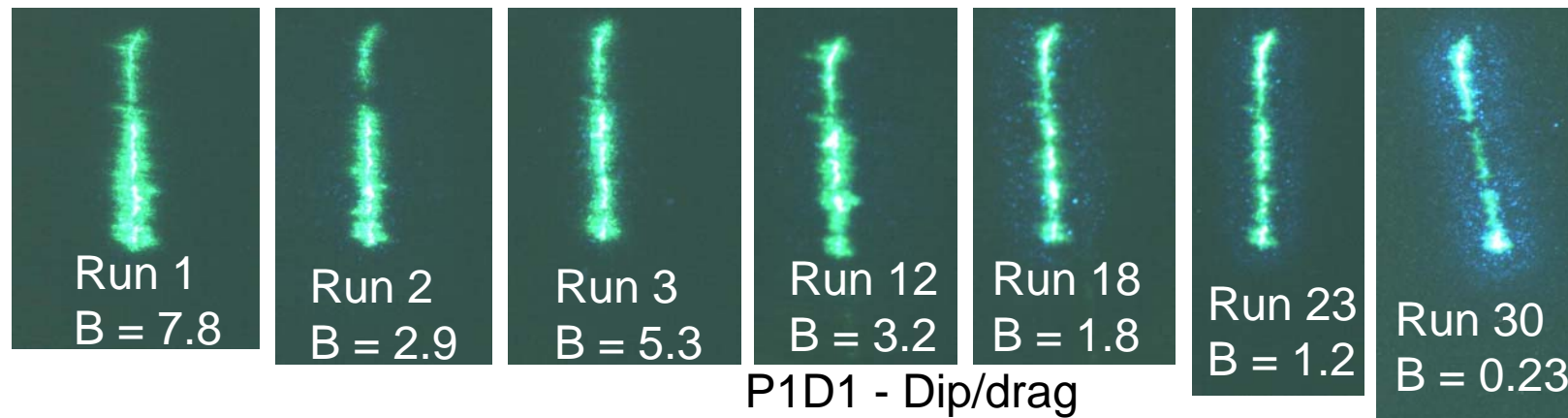




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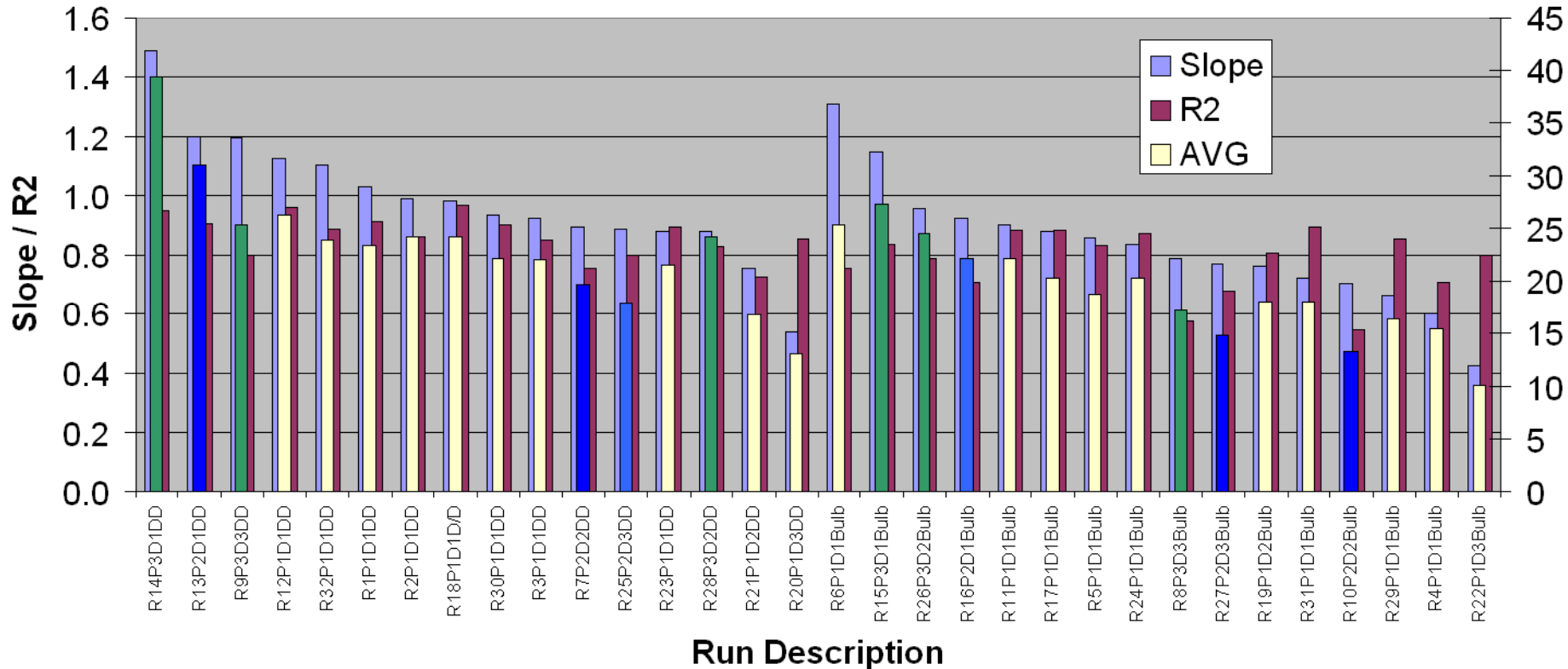


# 02- 807 - Aluminum – Px Dx





Penetrant Comparative Study Pall Dall



- Data sorted between dip/drag and bulb and then arranged in order of decreasing average brightness with P1Dx shown in white, P2Dx shown in blue, and P3Dx shown in green



- Differences in penetrant/developer families are observed but all cracks gave acceptable performance
- In general, dip/drag gave better brightness values than bulb
- Linear regression analysis showed better performance for P3D3 followed by P1D1 and P2D2



- Do penetrants self-develop?
- How does dry powder developer compare to non aqueous wet developer?
- How do different penetrant/developer families compare?
- **How do developer application methods compare (dust chambers, bulb, spray wand, electrostatic)?**
- How do different developer forms compare?



- 15 - 20 samples per basket
- 20 minute penetrant dwell
- 90 second pre-wash
- 120 seconds emulsifier contact with vertical motion
- Two 30 second cycles of air agitated water rinse, then a 90 second post-wash



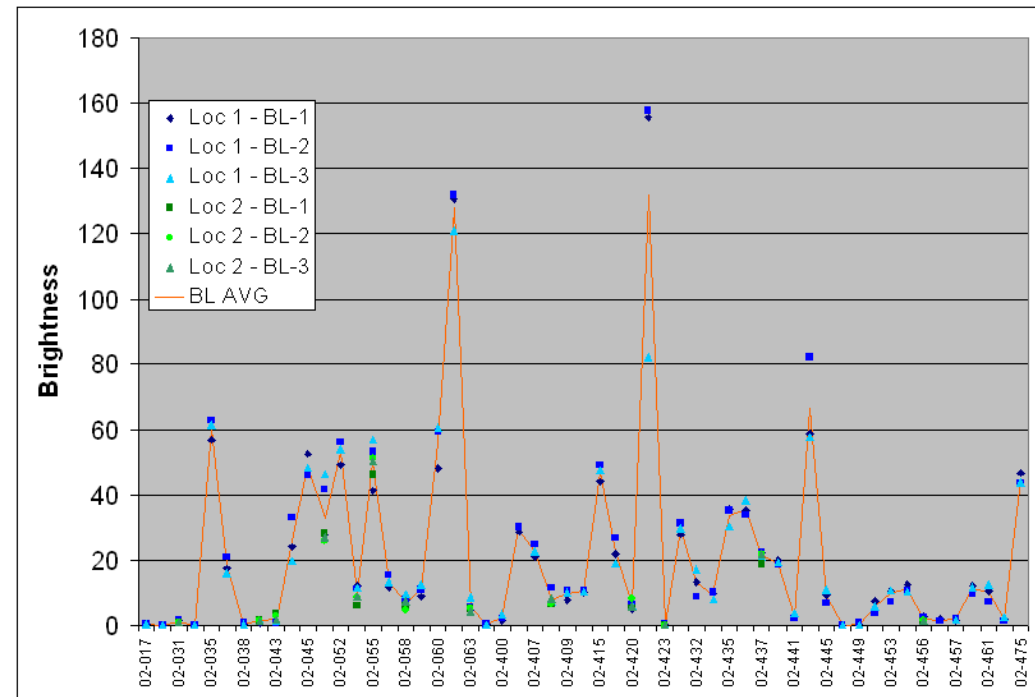


- Samples dried for 10 minutes at 160°F
- Drag-through application of developer
- 10 minute development time
- Brightness reading using Spotmeter
- Length reading using UVA and image analysis software





- Utilized standard sample process with baseline established using dip/drag method of developer application
- Evaluated four developer chambers and wand application methods at two locations
- Same penetrant process (level 4 PE) and chemistry used through out







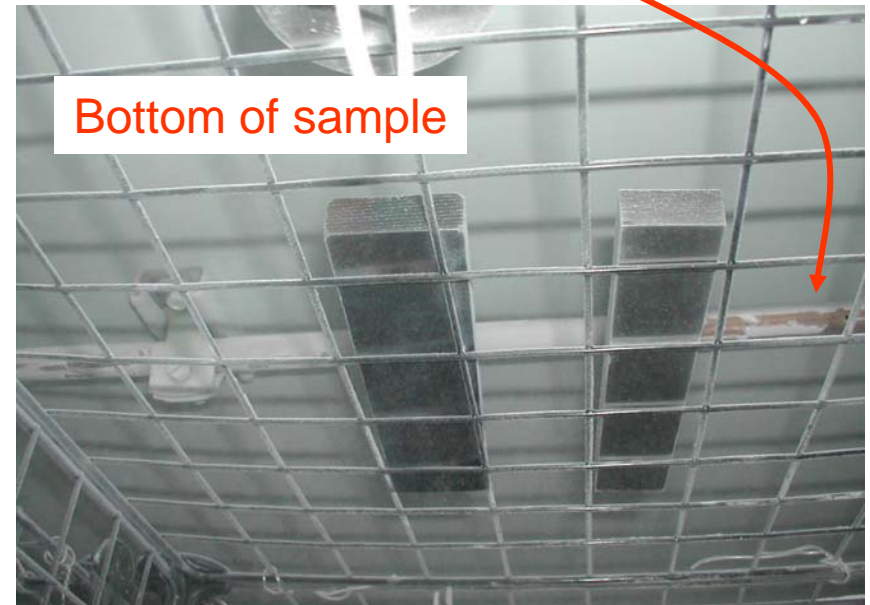
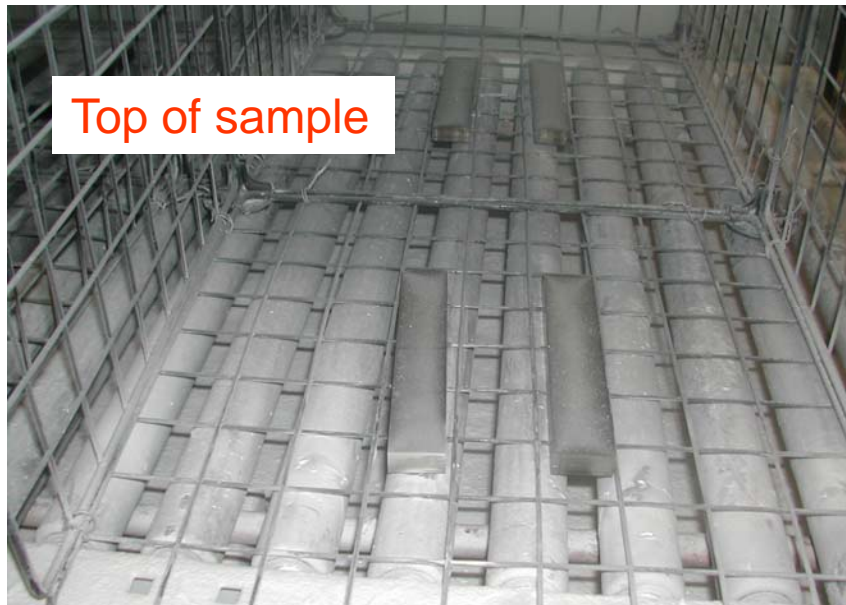
- Chamber a – Developer applied through linear diffuser located at top and bottom of chamber
- Chamber b – Developer applied from circular diffuser located at top and bottom of chamber
- Chamber c – Developer applied from circular diffuser located at top of chamber
- Chamber d – Developer applied from two nozzle diffusers located at bottom of chamber
- Manual spray – Low pressure, high volume manual application
- Dip/drag – Hand application of individual samples. Used for baseline measurements.





- Developer applied through linear diffusers located at top and bottom of chamber
- Developer time of 20 or 60 sec followed by 2 min dwell, 1 min evacuation and removal at 5 min
- Samples placed with cracks in up or down position

Samples prior to removal



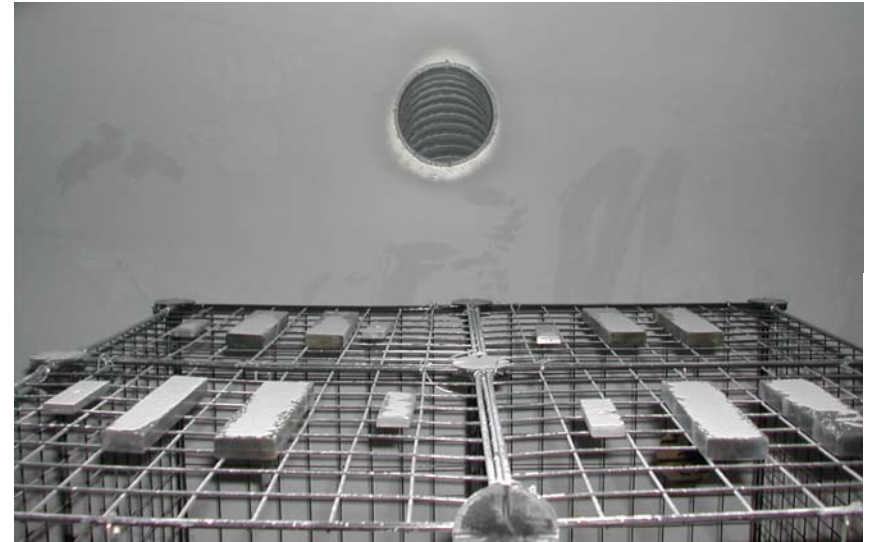


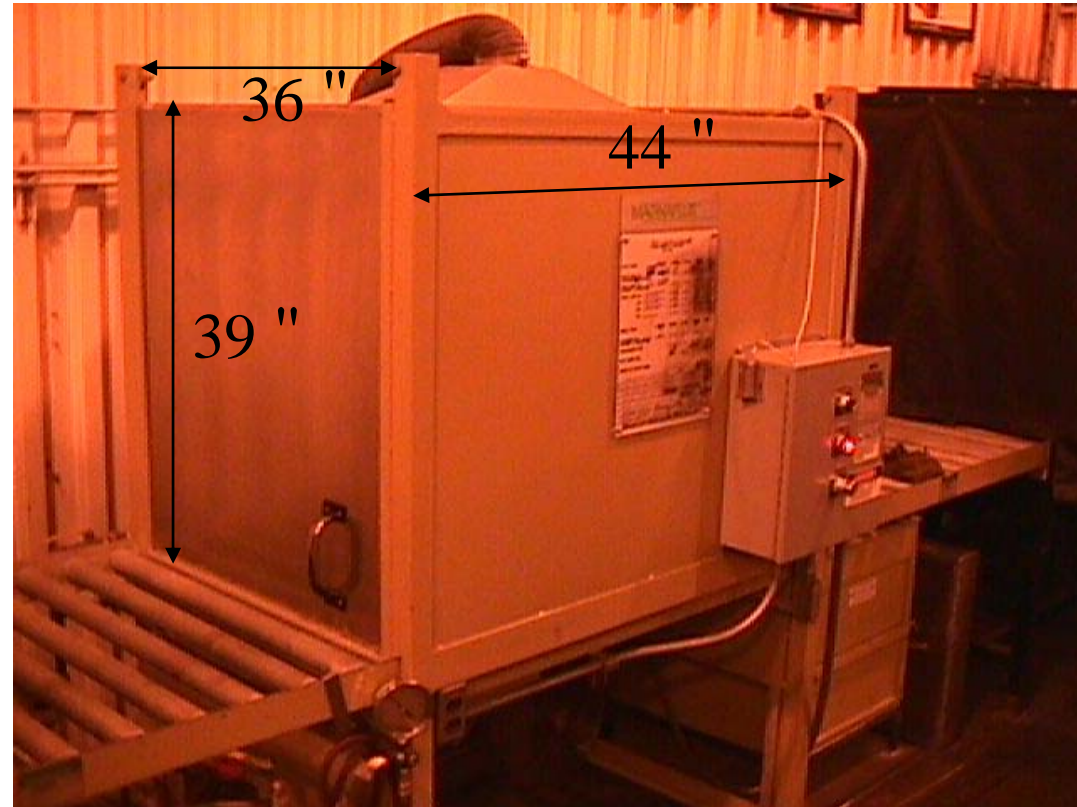
- New developer added to pot prior to study
- Run 8 – Samples placed in up or down position. Developer application for 20 sec.
- Run 10 – Samples in up or down position. Developer application for 60 sec.
- Run 12 – Samples placed in down or up (opposite of Run 8) position. Developer application for 20 sec.





- 20 sec of developer application followed by 3.5 min dwell and 2 min evacuation
- Other runs included:
  - 20 sec without evac
  - 40 sec without evac
  - 120 sec with evac



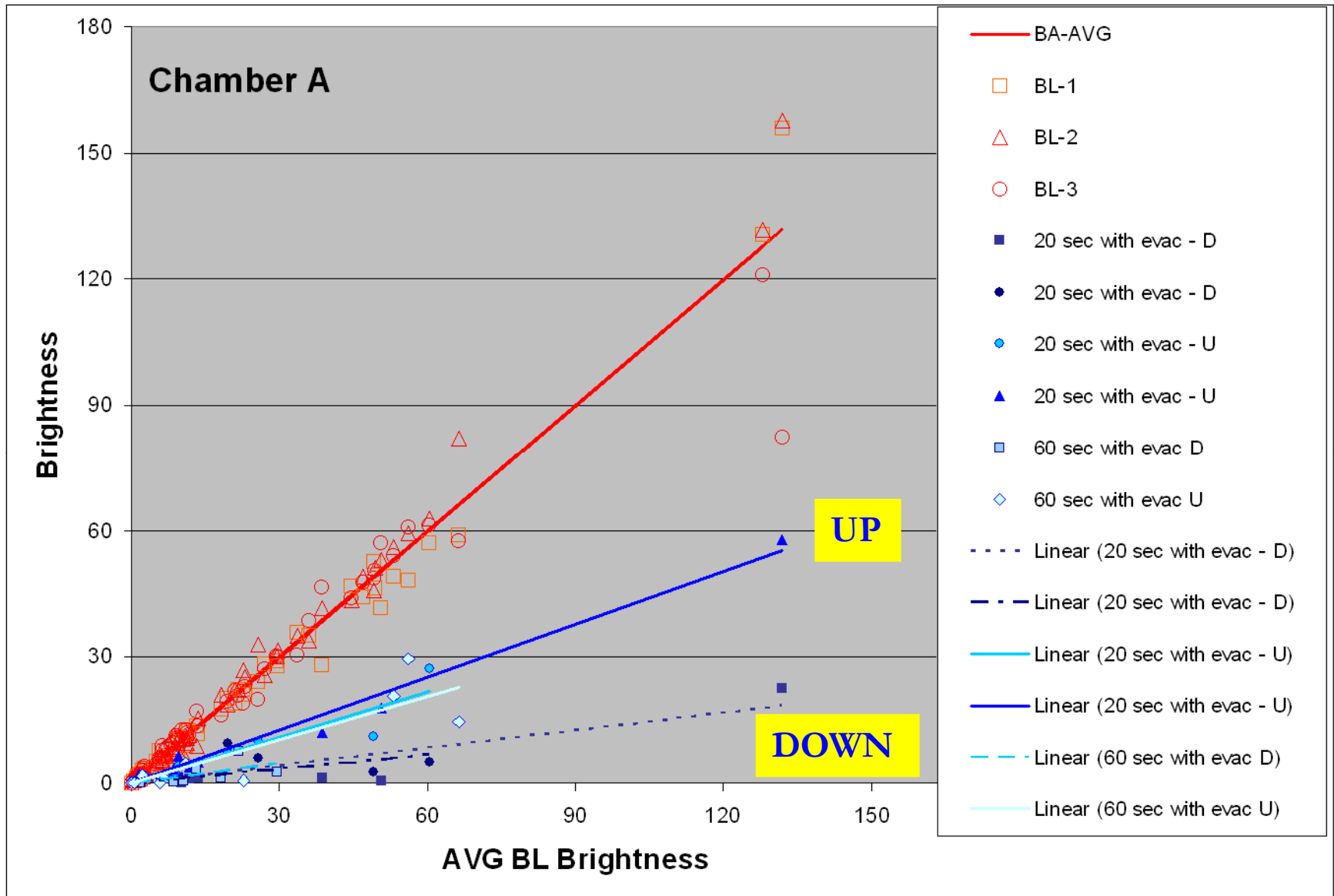


- Circular diffuser located in top of chamber
- 120 sec of developer followed by 110 sec dwell and evacuation of 60 sec

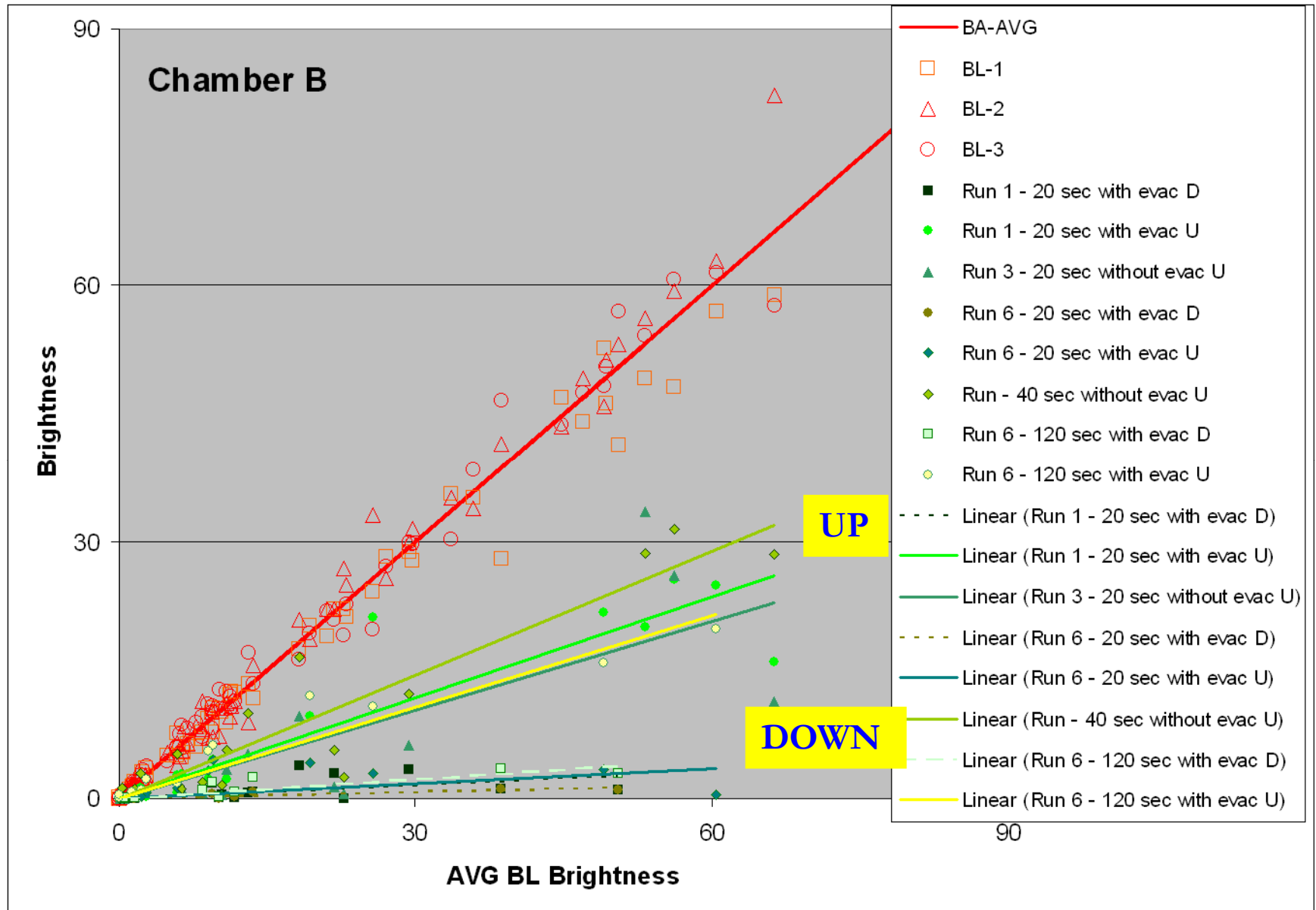


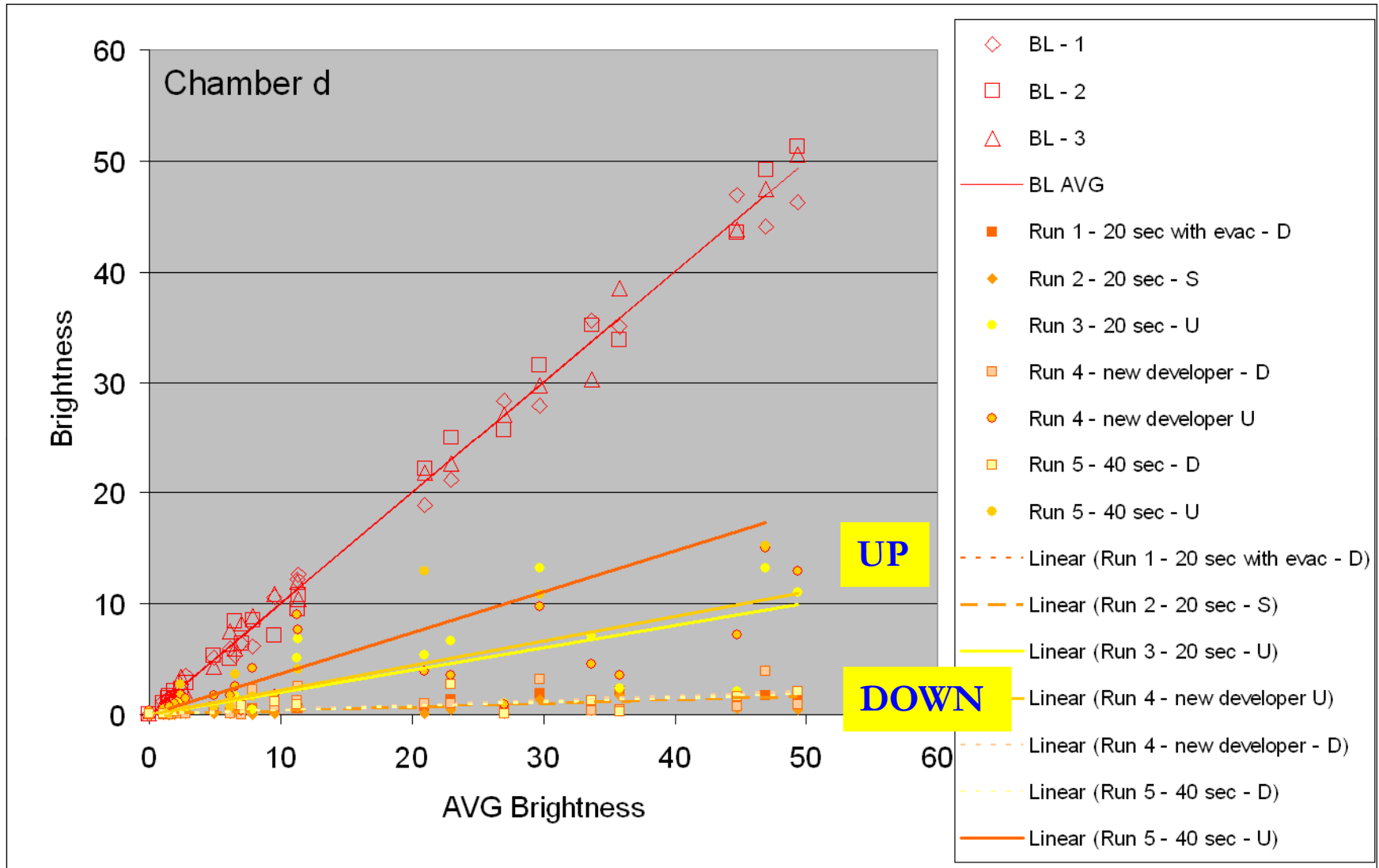
- Chamber contains two jets, at approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the chamber length
- Jets located below rollers
- Typical operation of 5 sec developer application followed by 10 min dwell in chamber





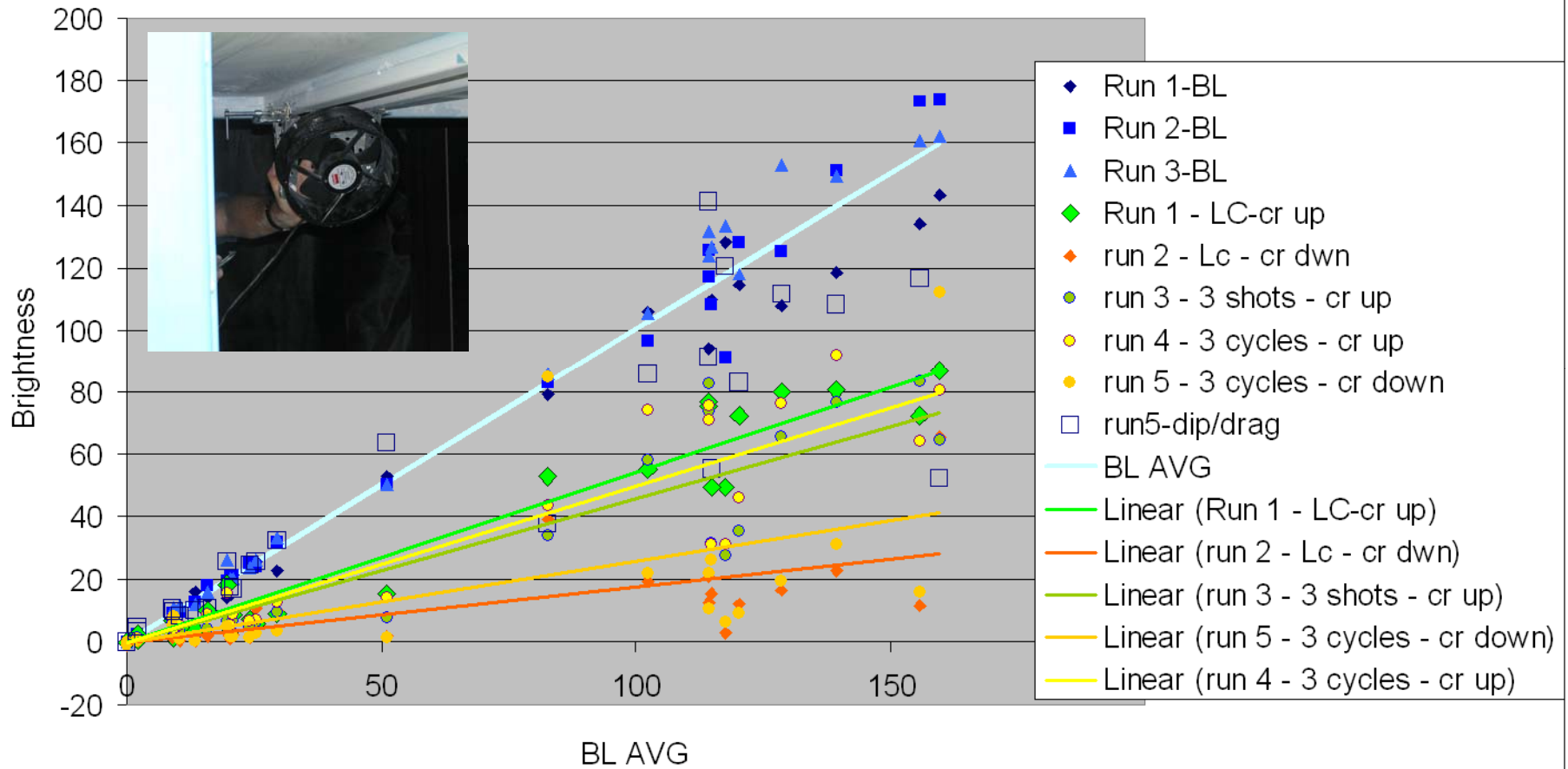








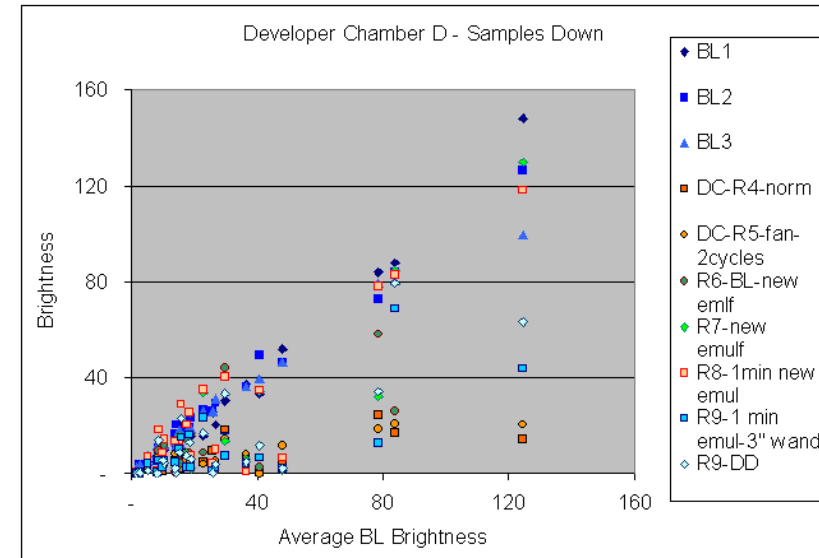
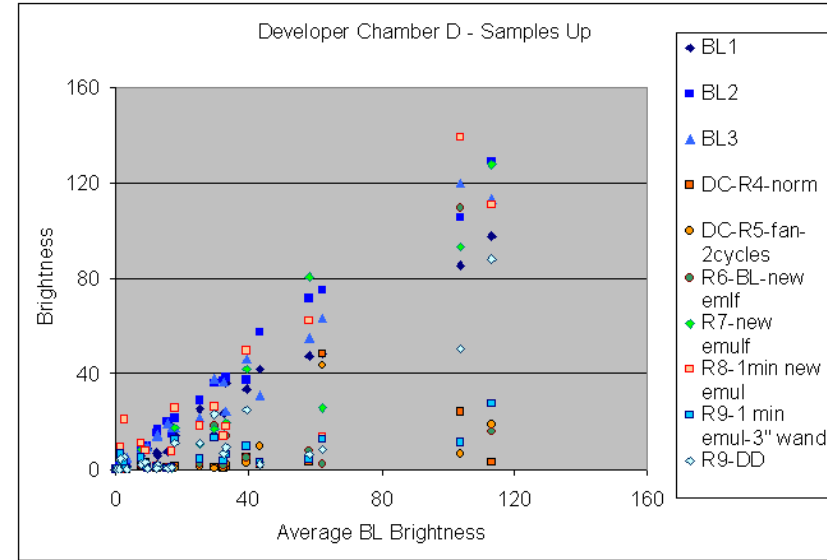
Developer Chamber Studies - Chamber D with Fan



# CASR Developer Chamber Characterization



- Crack location (up, down, sideways) has significant effect on brightness
- Suggest consider approaches which enhance contact of the developer with potential crack locations
  - Localized developer in areas of concern
- Characterization of chamber performance needed for routine use in line maintenance
- Utilization of fan did not significantly enhance brightness
- Use of 3" wand has 10% better brightness performance than developer chamber but only 30% of that when samples were hand processed



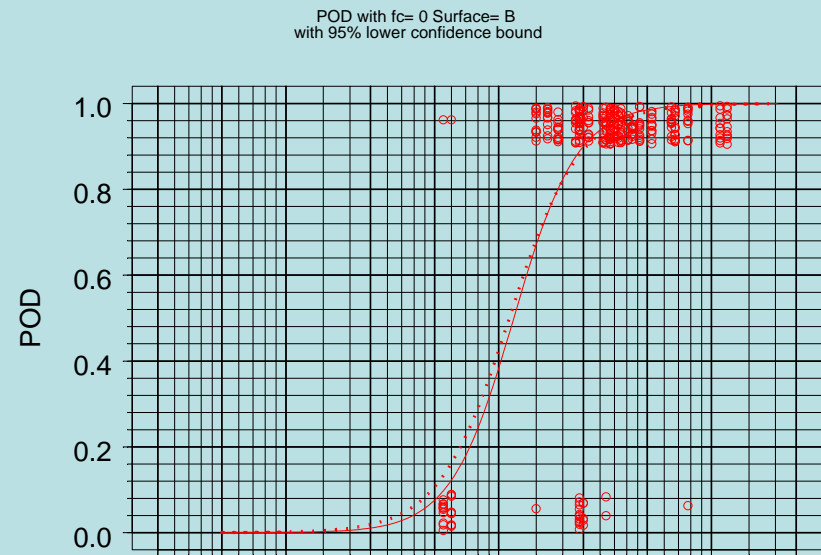
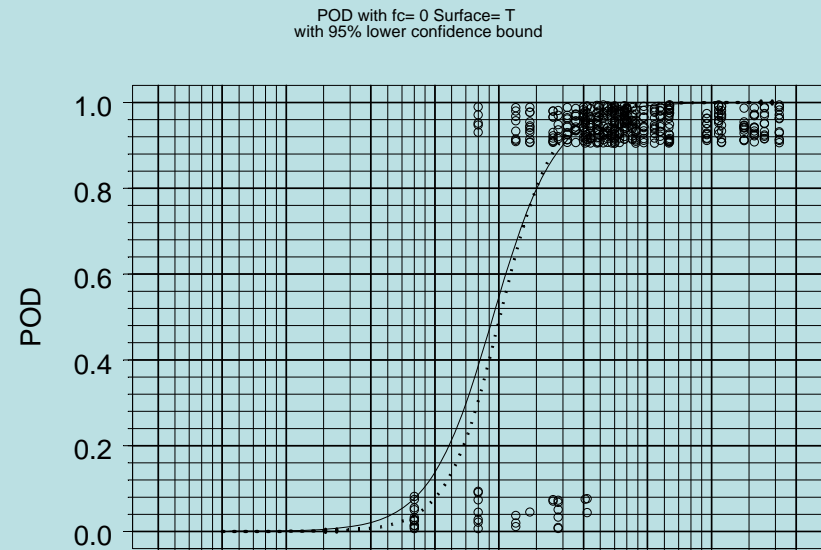
	BL1	BL2	BL3	DC-R4-norm	DC-R5-fan-2cycles	R6-BL-new emlf	R7-new emulf	R8-1min new emul	R9-1 min emul-3" wand
<b>Samples Up</b>				0.1565	0.1837				
<b>Samples Down</b>				0.1767	0.1767				
<b>Samples Dip/Drag</b>	0.9918	1.0511	0.9571			0.6883	0.937	0.9582	0.2709



- Statistical analysis showed:
  - Differences were found in location within the chambers
    - Right/left effects in Chamber B but not Chamber A for cracks in up position
    - Improved brightness in middle of Chamber B compared to either end for cracks in up position
    - More variation at front of Chamber D than middle and back of chamber
    - No right/left, front/back or level effects for cracks in down position
    - No level (top, middle bottom) effect found in Chamber A, B or D
  - Most significant effect was crack orientation (up, down, sideways)
- Suggest consider approaches which enhance contact of the developer with potential crack locations
  - Localized developer in areas of concern
- Characterization of chamber performance needed for routine use in line maintenance

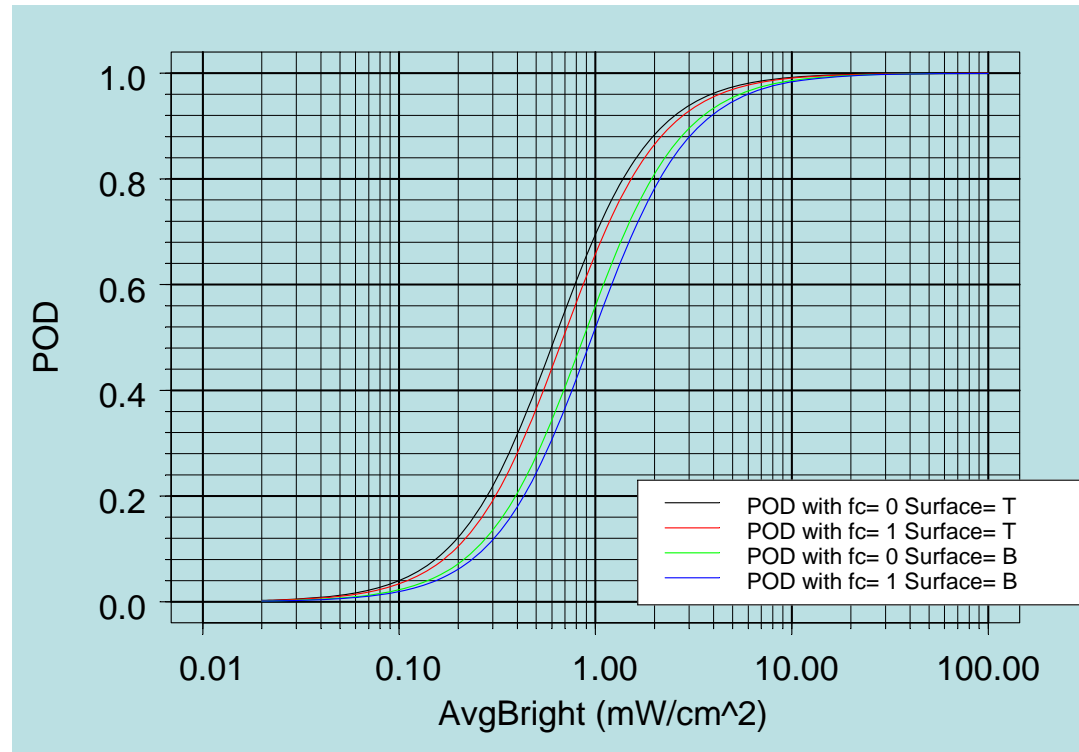


- Completed POD study which correlates brightness to detectability
- Used two sample sets, two inspectors under multiple UV intensity level, white light level combinations
- Evaluated indication location (top or bottom) of panel
- Significant differences can occur



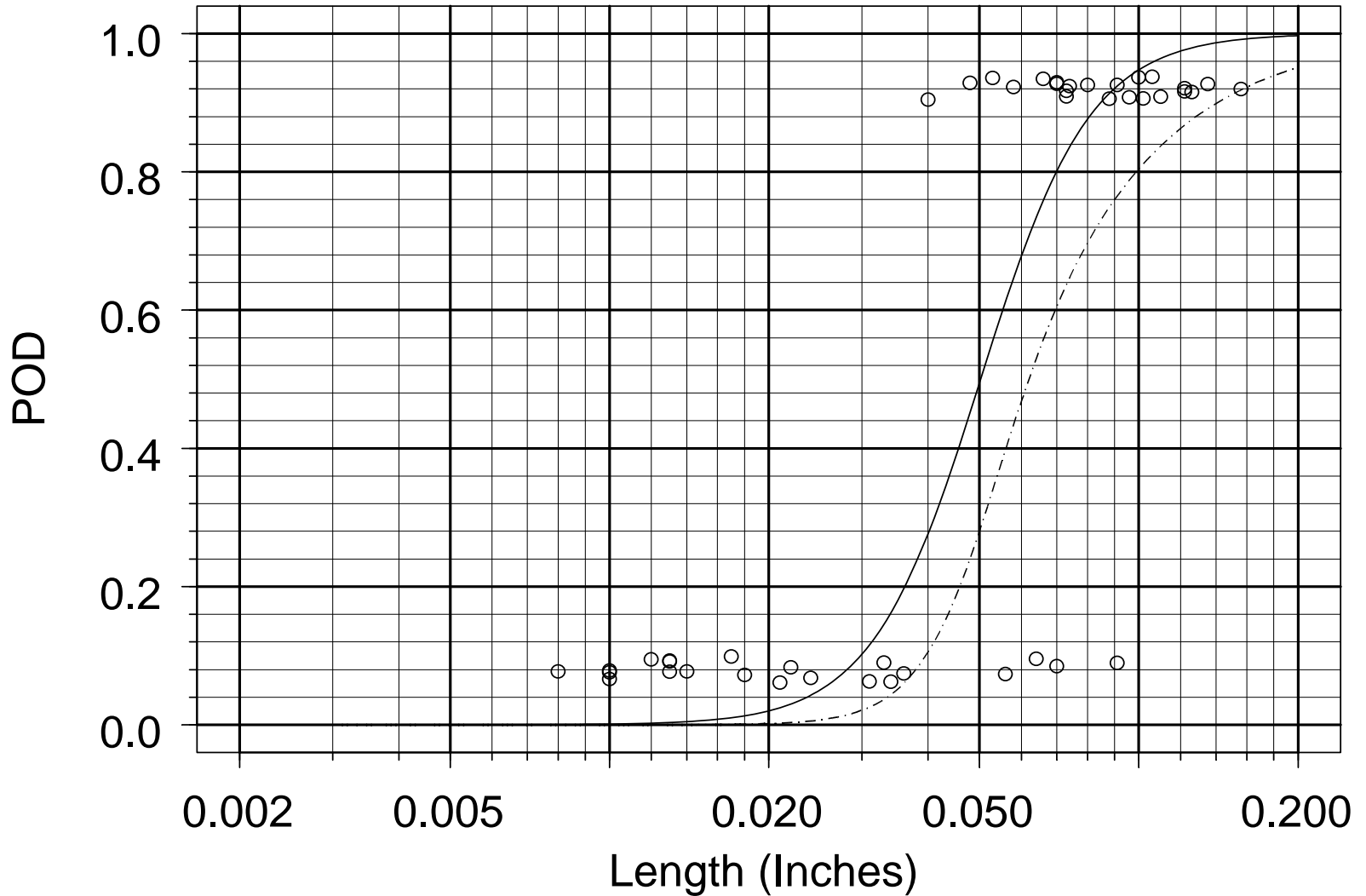


- POD is correlated to brightness
- UVA intensity of  $5000 \mu\text{watts}/\text{cm}^2$  lead to ~15 mil improvement in POD when compared to 1000 and 3000  $\mu\text{watts}/\text{cm}^2$
- Increasing whitelight contamination led to significant reductions in POD in excess of 100 mils





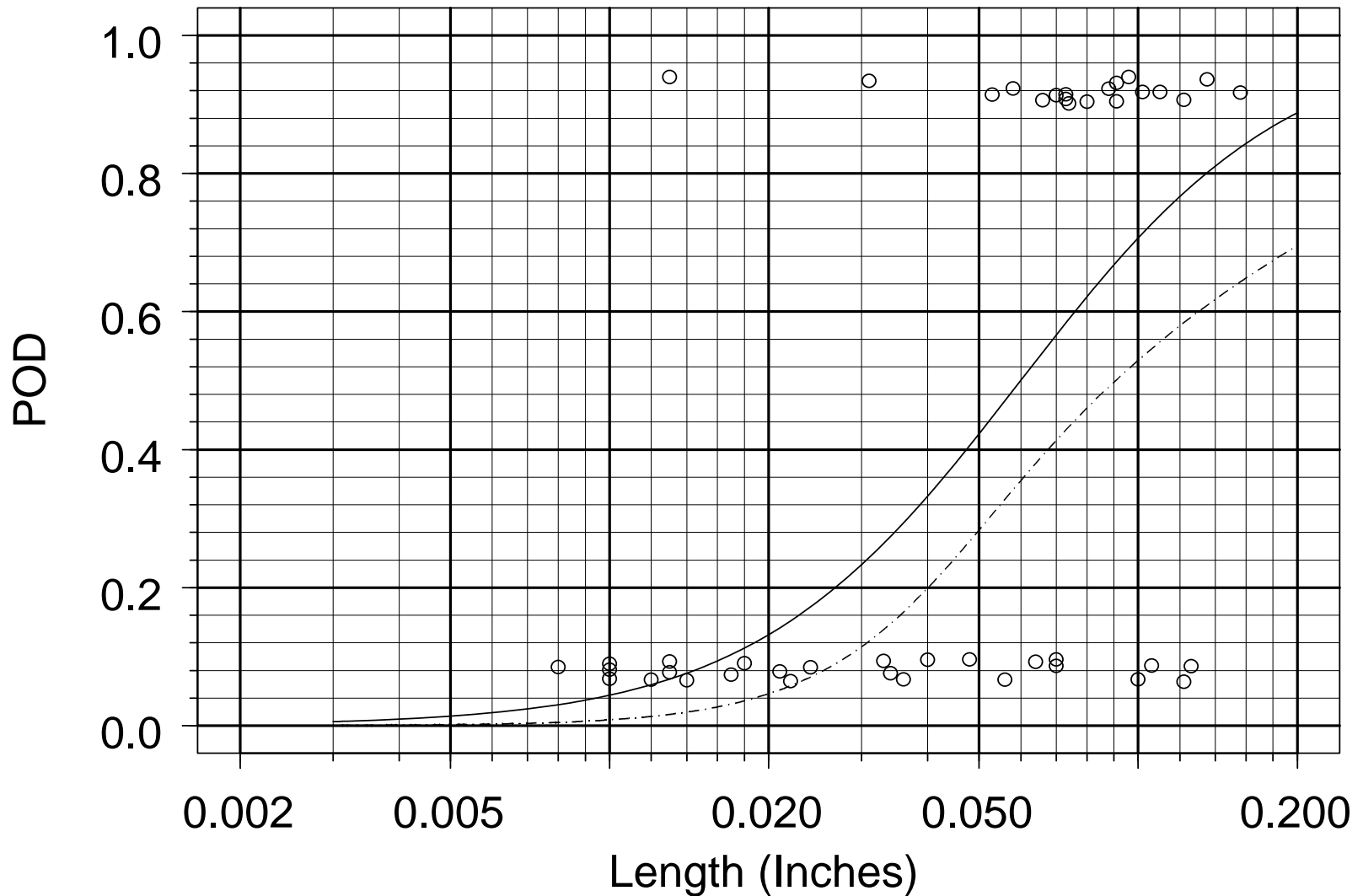
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Hit-Miss POD with 95% lower confidence bound







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- Low pressure, high volume spray
- 5 and 25 sec runs completed using lobster cage with cracks in D, S or U position
- 60 and 120 sec runs completed with samples all in U position

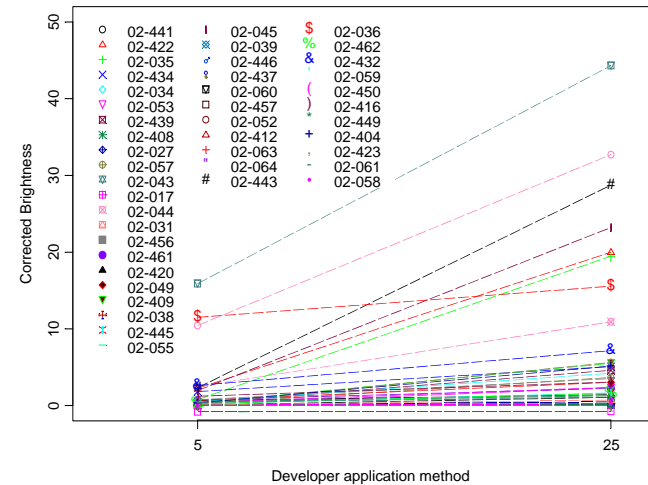




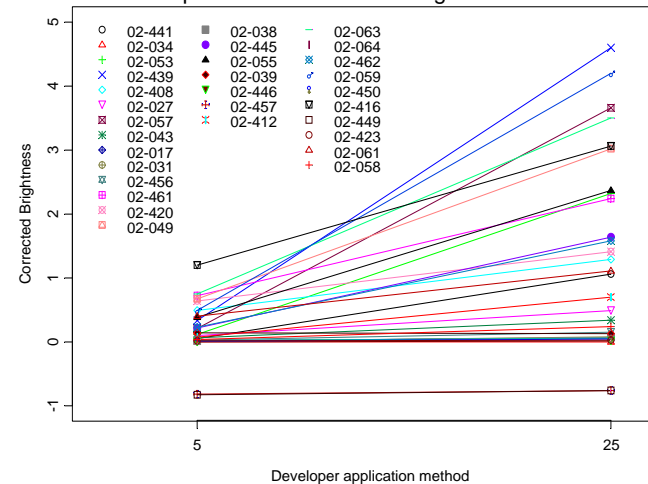


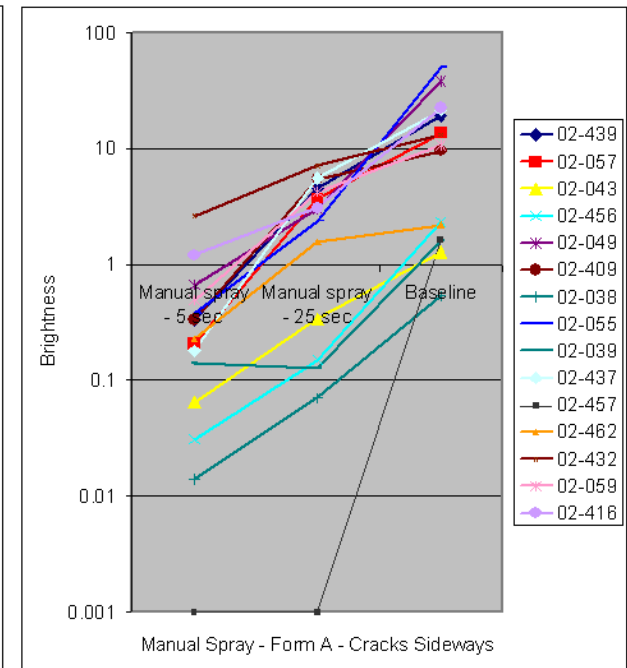
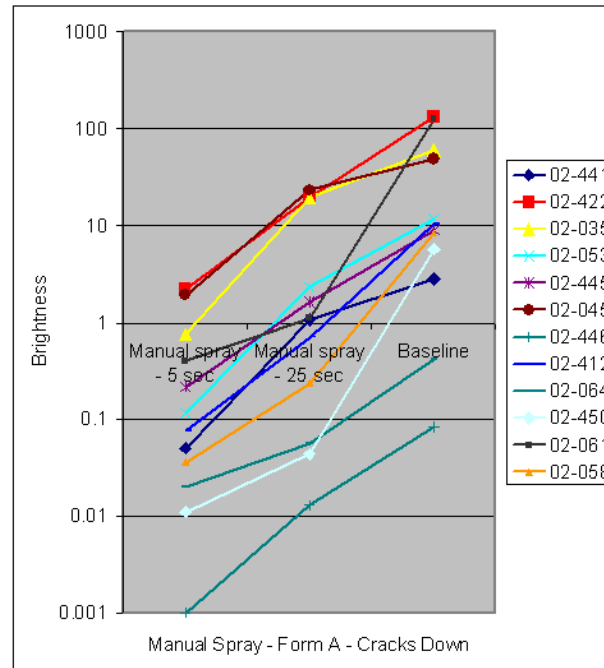
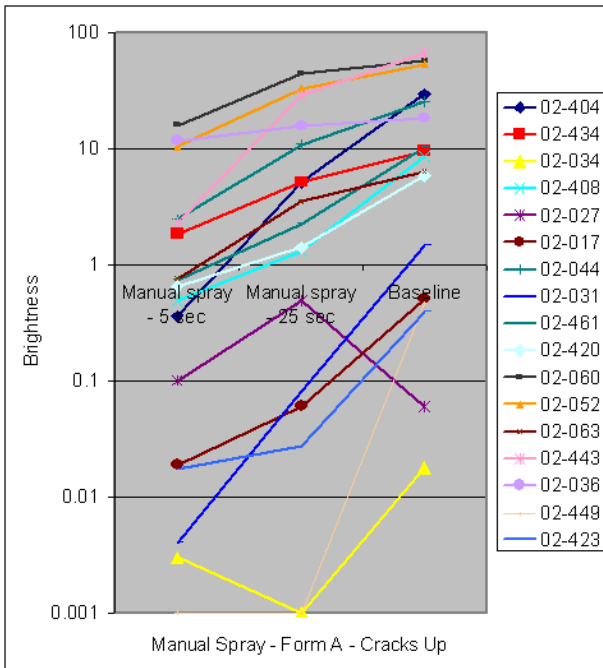
- Increasing time of manual spray application from 5 to 25 sec showed significant improvements in brightness

Comparison of time ( Run 4A[5sec] and 4B[25sec]) in Site



Comparison of time ( Run 4A[5sec] and 4B[25sec]) Specimens with small CBrightness in Site1

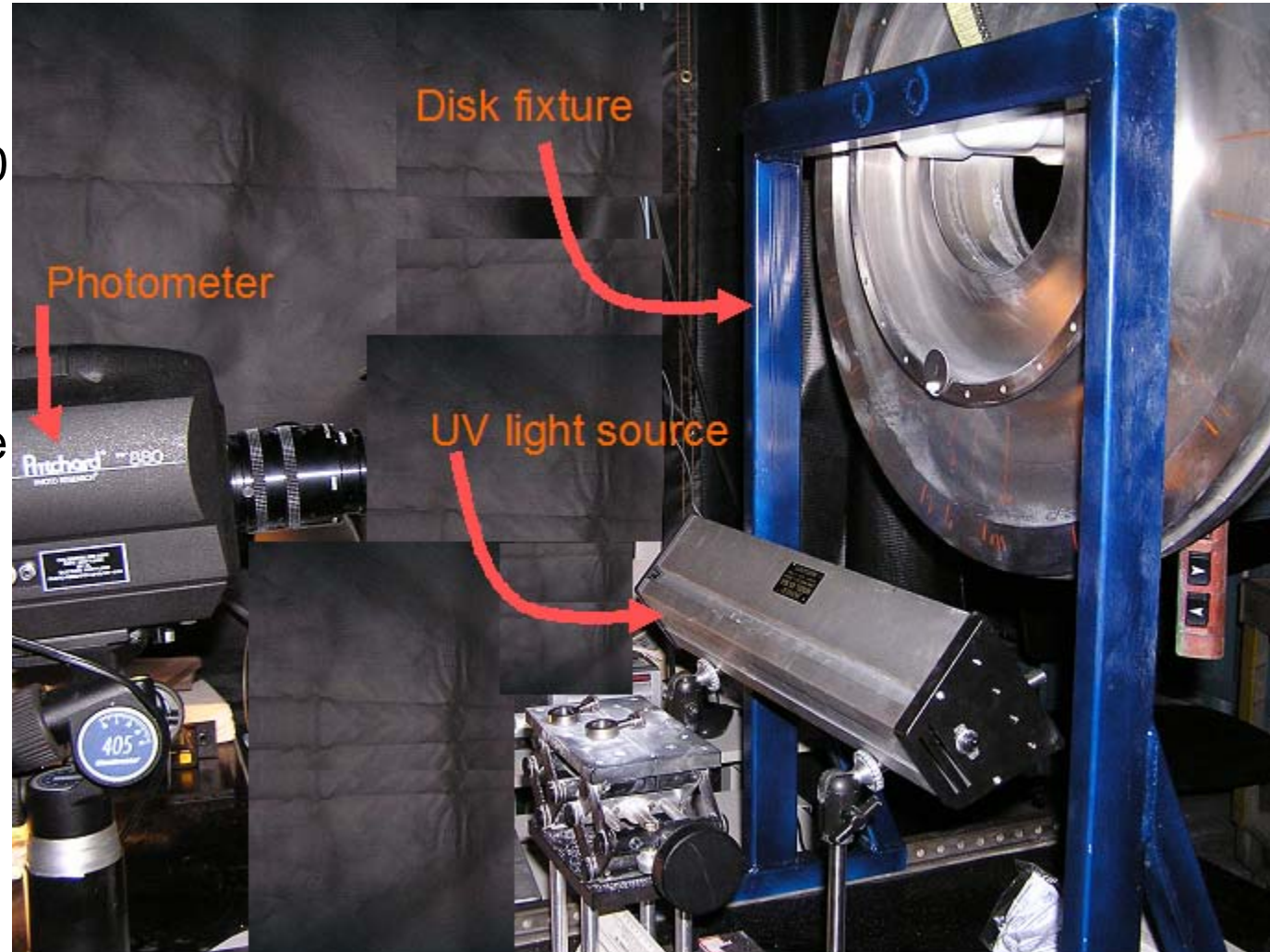




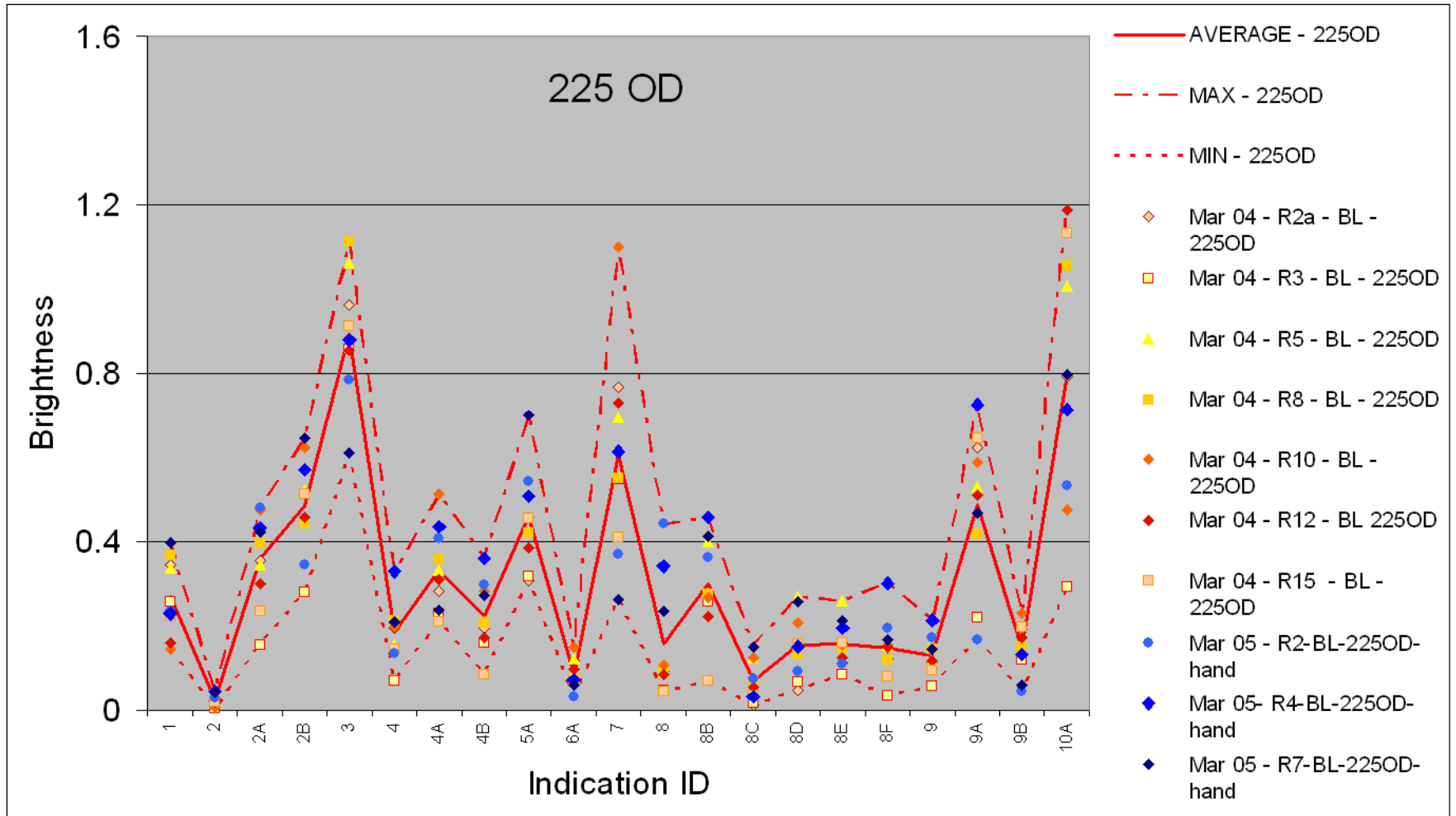
- Increasing time improves brightness for all orientations
- Runs made at 60 sec showed further improvements in brightness compared to 25 sec
- Runs made at 120 sec showed reduction in brightness for some samples



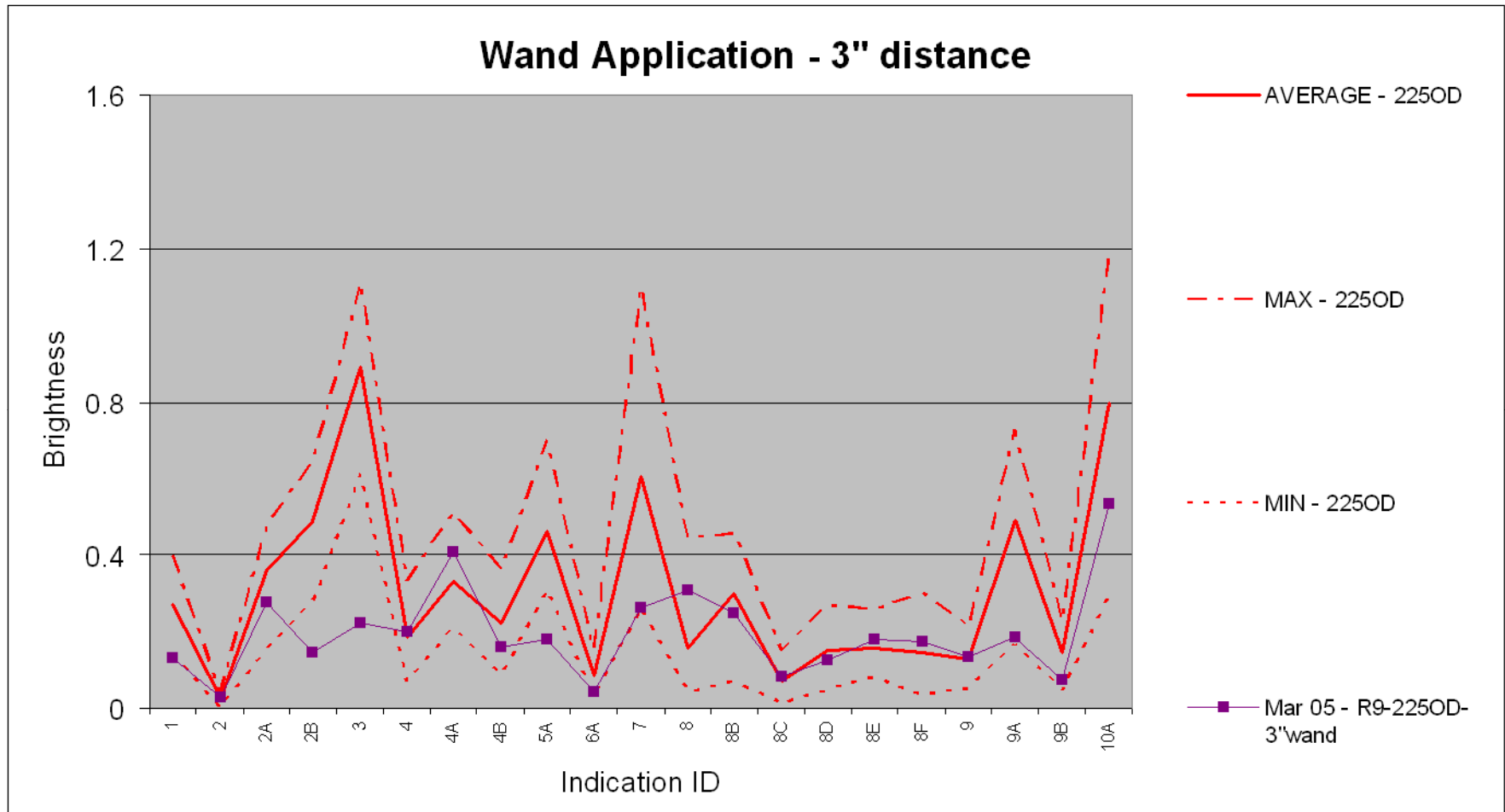
- Brightness measurements made with Photo Research PR-880 photometer
- UVP XX-BLB 17" fluorescent UVA source with  $850\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$  at the part surface
- Fixtures used to maintain disk position
- Geared tripod head used to manipulate photometer position



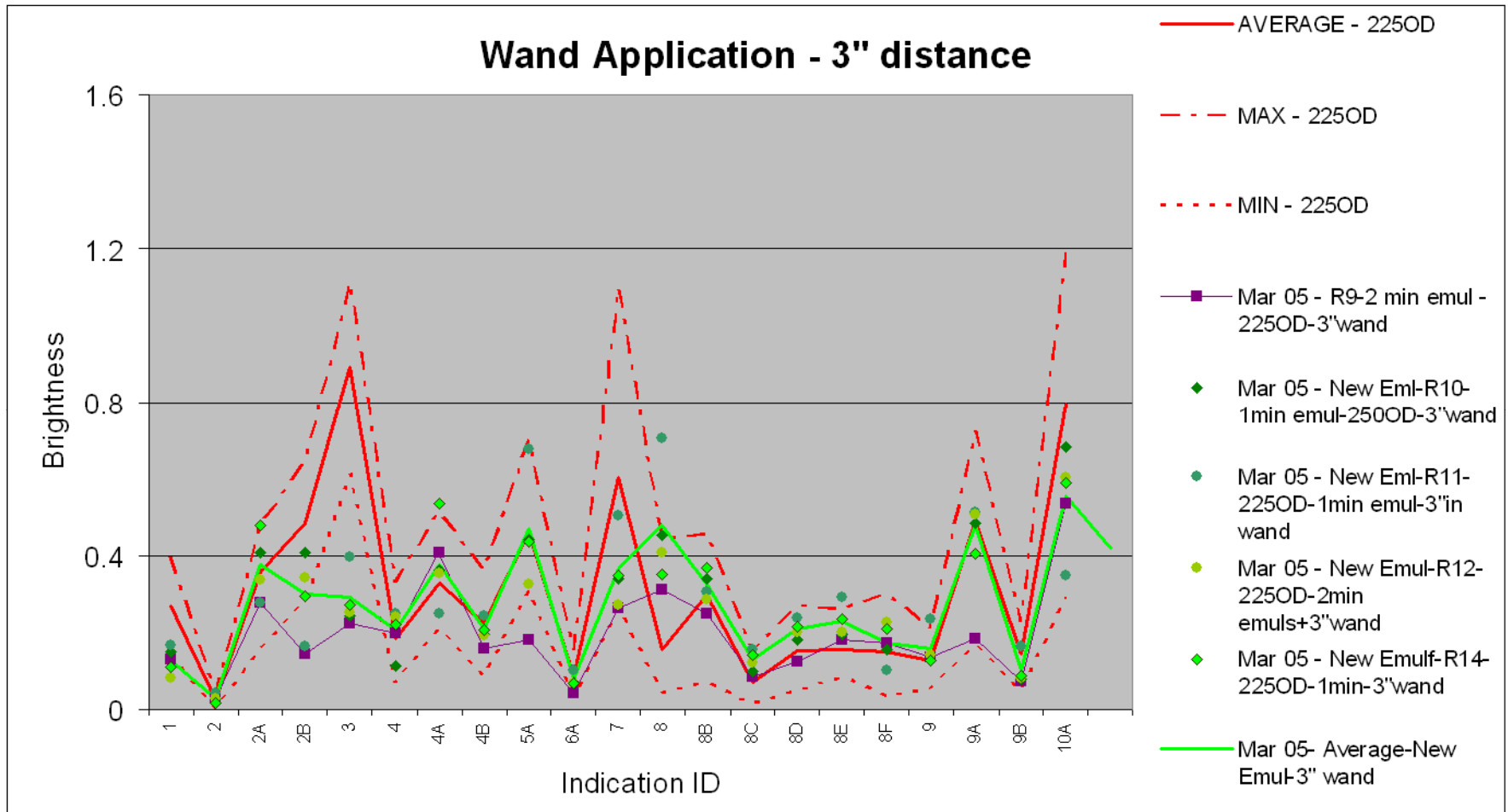








- Use of wand at 3" distance from part led to lower brightness than hand processing with brightness of 30% of the average brightness found with hand-processing

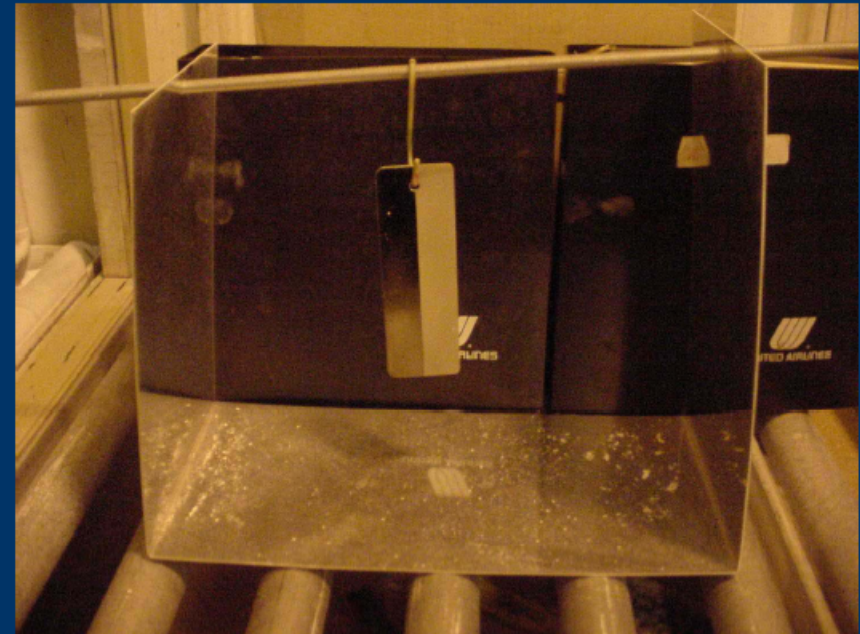


- Brightness increased with new emulsifier compared to original emulsifier
- Use of wand in general led to a reduction in brightness but less variability than with hand processing



- Utilized “worst case” configuration for the sample for comparison to dip/drag
- Digital camera used to record indication response for comparison

### Vertical Run Set-up

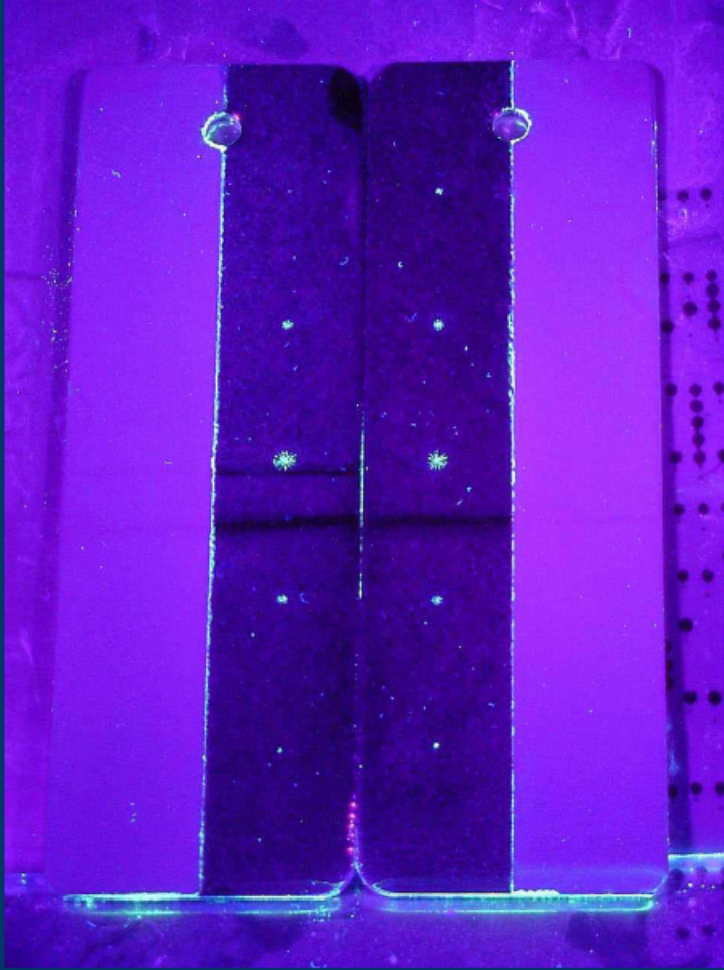


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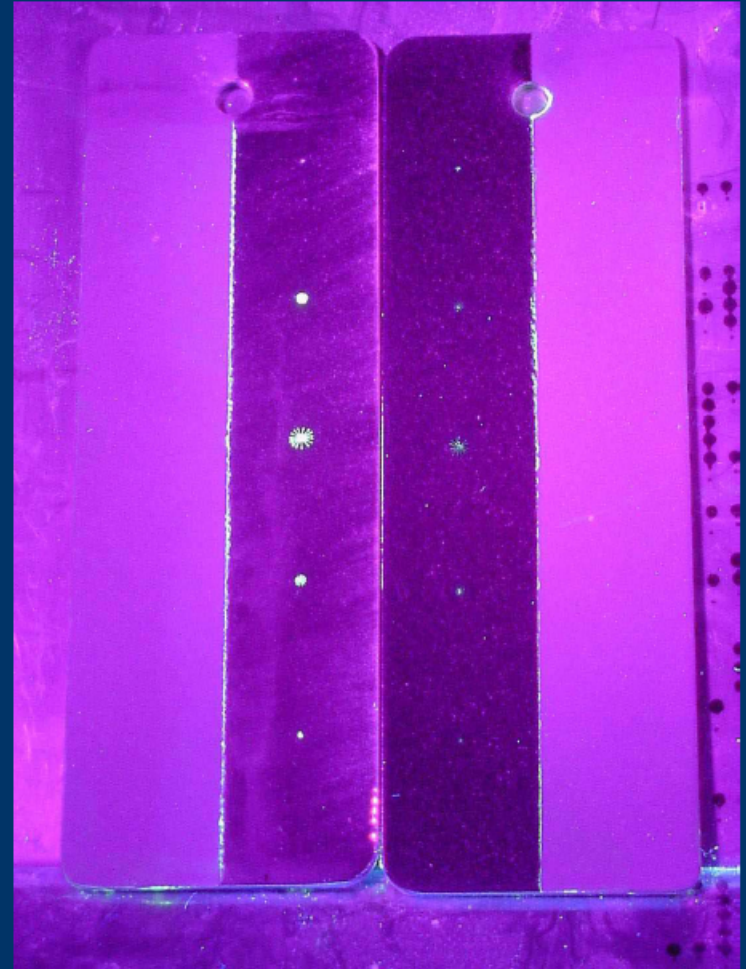
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## KDS Panel 1<sup>st</sup> Baseline Horizontal Cabinet Run



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## Dip vs. Cabinet 1 After Vertical Run



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- Developer application is critical to overall FPI performance
- Developer application by dip/drag yields brighter indication than with any of the developer chamber or wand application methods
- No indications were “lost” but detectability improves with brightness – optimal process will yield bright indications
- Sample orientation matters
  - Avoid barriers that prevent direct application of the developer
  - Ensure chamber configuration or part handling fixtures (rollers, baskets, etc.) don’t hamper application
  - No metal-to-metal contact
  - May require multiple trips through the chamber to ensure adequate coverage on all surfaces
- White light contamination matters



- Do penetrants self-develop?
- How does dry powder developer compare to non aqueous wet developer?
- How do different penetrant/developer families compare?
- How do developer application methods compare (dust chambers, bulb, spray wand, electrostatic)?
- How do different developer forms compare?



- Current industry standards allow the use of several developer forms, including:
  - Dry powder (Form a)
  - Water soluble (Form b)
  - Water suspendible (Form c)
  - Non-aqueous wet developer (Form d)
- Past studies have shown that application of dry powder using a dust storm cabinet produces an indication brightness that varies between cabinets, and with defect location
- Spray or dip application of water suspendible or water soluble developer has the potential of avoiding this defect location sensitivity



- To compare the brightness of form b (water soluble) and form c (water suspendible) developer processes to baseline dip/drag processing using form a (dry powder)
- To compare performance results to previous studies of dust chamber performance





- Dry powder developers are accepted into the qualified products listing (QPL-SAE-AMS-2644) through a dip/drag processing procedure at Wright Patterson AFB
- Acceptance of Forms b and c developers is based on immersion results (dipping sample into stirred bath) using the manufacturer's recommended concentration
- It is known that
  - NAWD produces very bright indications, but full coverage of large components is not realistic.
  - Powder application using a dusting bulb produces results similar to that obtained using a dust storm cabinet
  - Immersion of large specimens into a vat of Form b or c is not always feasible in industry, so spray application is typical

*Note: This study is not intended to be an exhaustive comparison of penetrant products, nor is it a qualification process study. Rather its purpose is to provide data from representative products which are typical of aerospace use.*



This work monitored the change in FPI indication brightness while varying:

### Developer Type

- Dry powder
- Water soluble
- Water suspendible
- NAWD

### Developer Concentration (for soluble/suspendible)

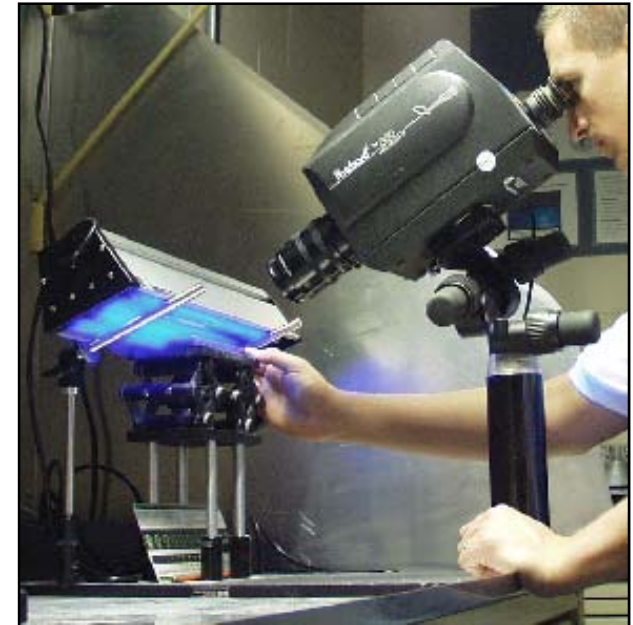
- Recommended
- Low

### Developer Application Method

- Immersion
- Spray (performed at Tinker)
- Dip/drag
- Bulb

### Crack Orientation (for Bulb application)

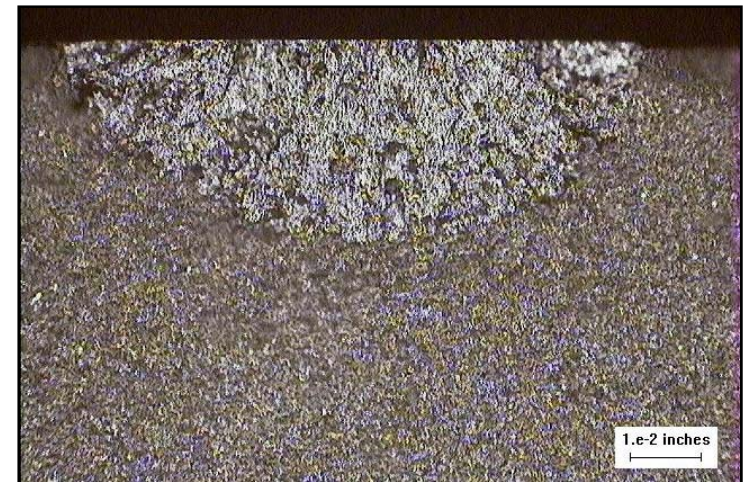
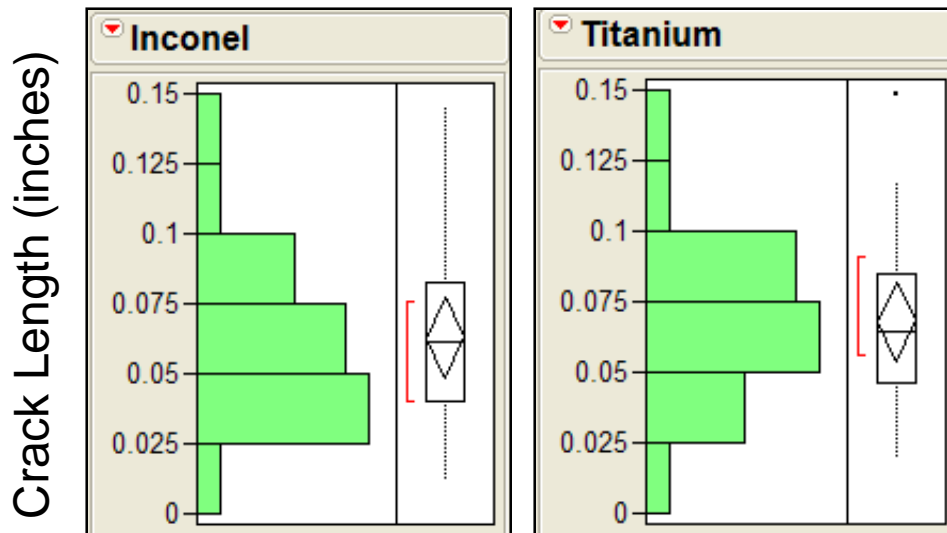
- Facing up
- Facing sideways



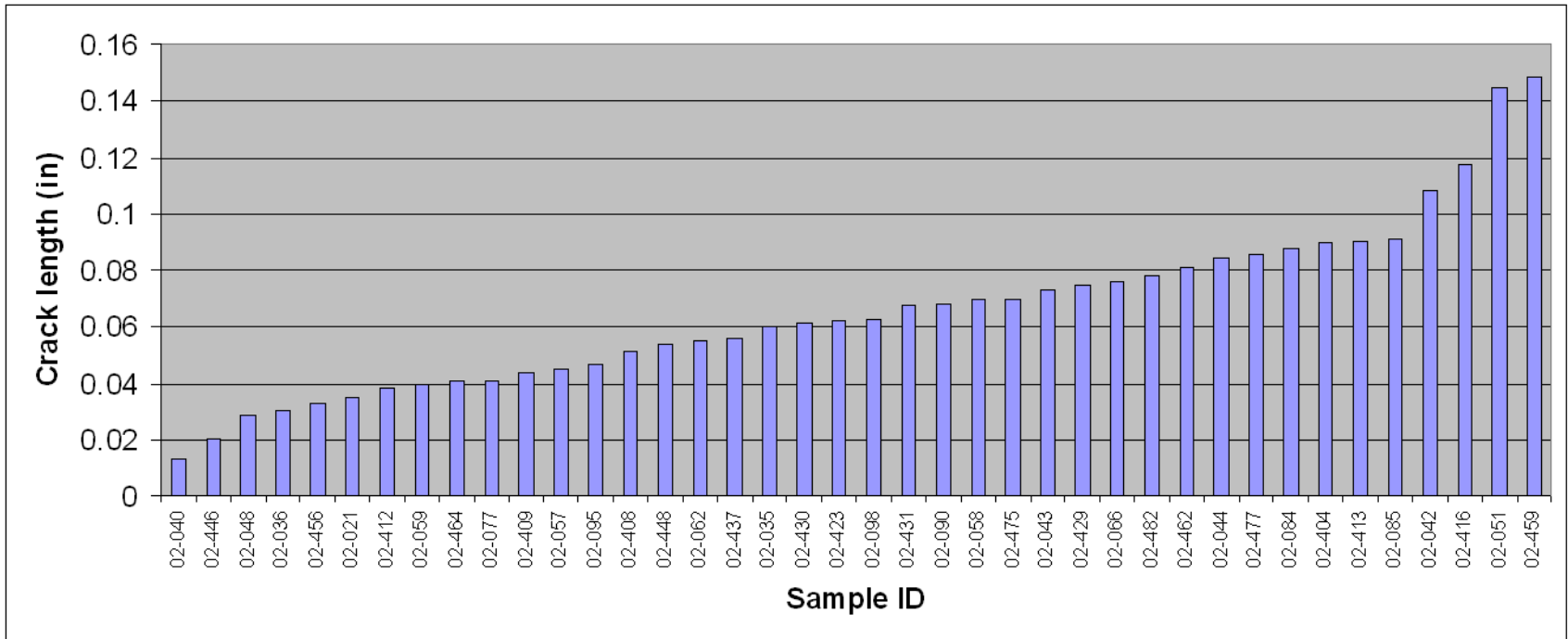


### Low-cycle fatigue (lcf) crack samples

- (20 pcs) Inconel-718 and (20 pcs) Titanium 6-4
- Dimensions: 1 - 1.5" wide X 0.5" thick X 6" long
- EDM starter defect propagated under 3-point bending
- Crack lengths ranged from 0.013" to 0.145" (0.066" aver.)
- Aspect ratio (surface length : depth)  $\approx$  2.6 : 1



Example Aspect Ratio



- 39 samples (Ti, Ni) selected with crack sizes shown in the distribution above
- Included 16 samples from prior emulsification studies completed at ISU



## Inspection Process

- 20 minute penetrant dwell
- 90 second pre-wash
- 120 second emulsification (15-second agitation interval)
- 90 second post-wash
- ➔ developer apply (soluble or suspendible)
  - 10 minute dry @ 155°F
- ➔ 10 minute development (dry powder)
  - photometer brightness and UVA microscope imaging
  - NAWD Application and 10 minute development
  - photometer brightness and UVA microscope imaging
  - 30 minute UT-agitated acetone clean
  - 60 minute dry @ 155°F



*Variation depending upon experimental run*



When divided by developer form, experimental runs included:

### Dry powder developer

- Dip/drag application

- Crack facing upward – Bulb application

- Crack facing sideways – Bulb application

### Water suspendible developer

- Recommended concentration – immersion application

- Low concentration – immersion application

- Low concentration – spray application (Tinker)

### Water soluble developer

- Recommended concentration – immersion application

- Low concentration – immersion application

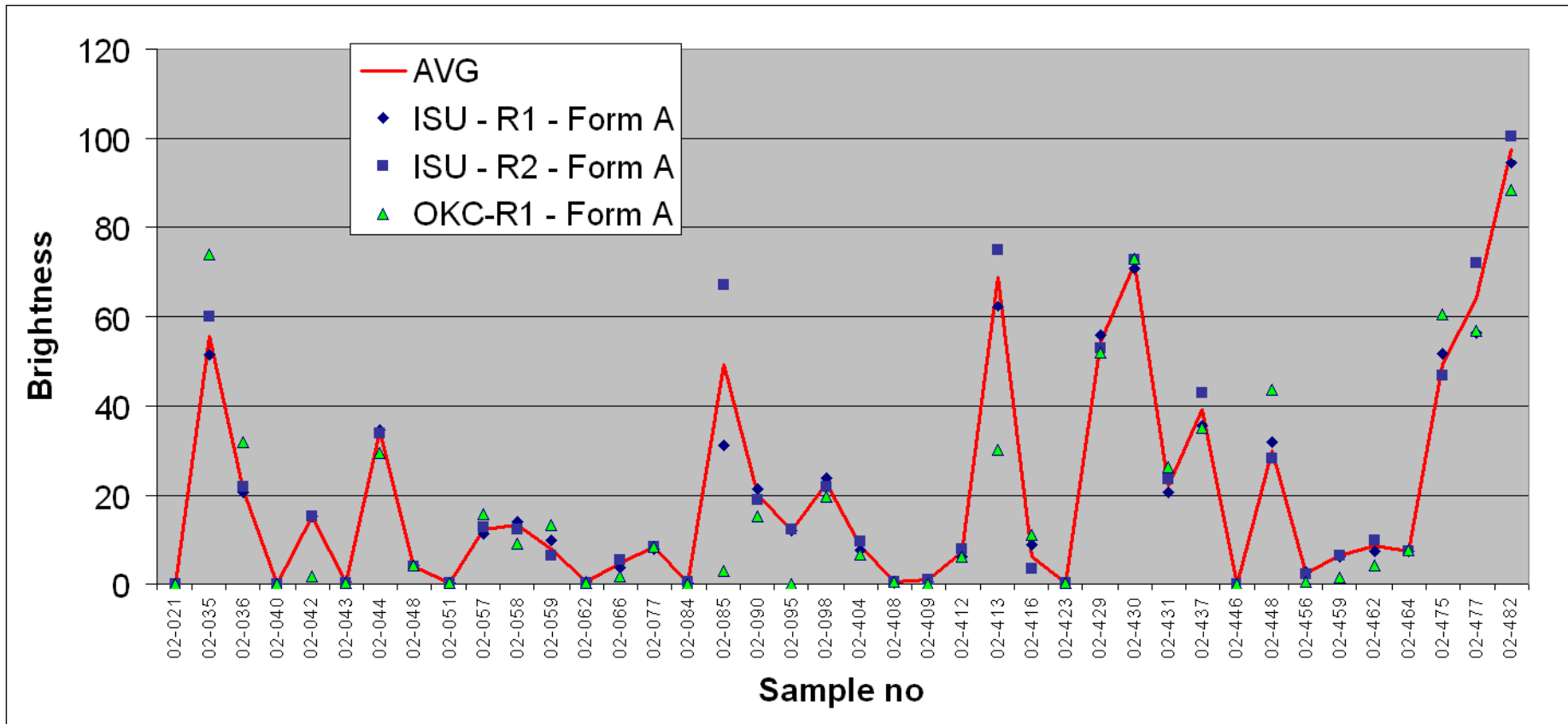
- Low concentration – spray application (Tinker)

### NAWD

- Applied as a follow-up to any developer combination above



- Baseline runs completed at ISU using dip/drag processing
- Shipped emulsifier, penetrant and dry powder developer to Tinker for use in baseline processing
- One baseline run at Tinker to verify good compatibility between ISU baseline and OKC results
- Three runs each with Form B and Form C processes
  - Two runs with baseline penetrant/emulsifier and form b/c developer
  - One run through inspection line using penetrant/emulsifier/developer
- More detailed runs completed at ISU

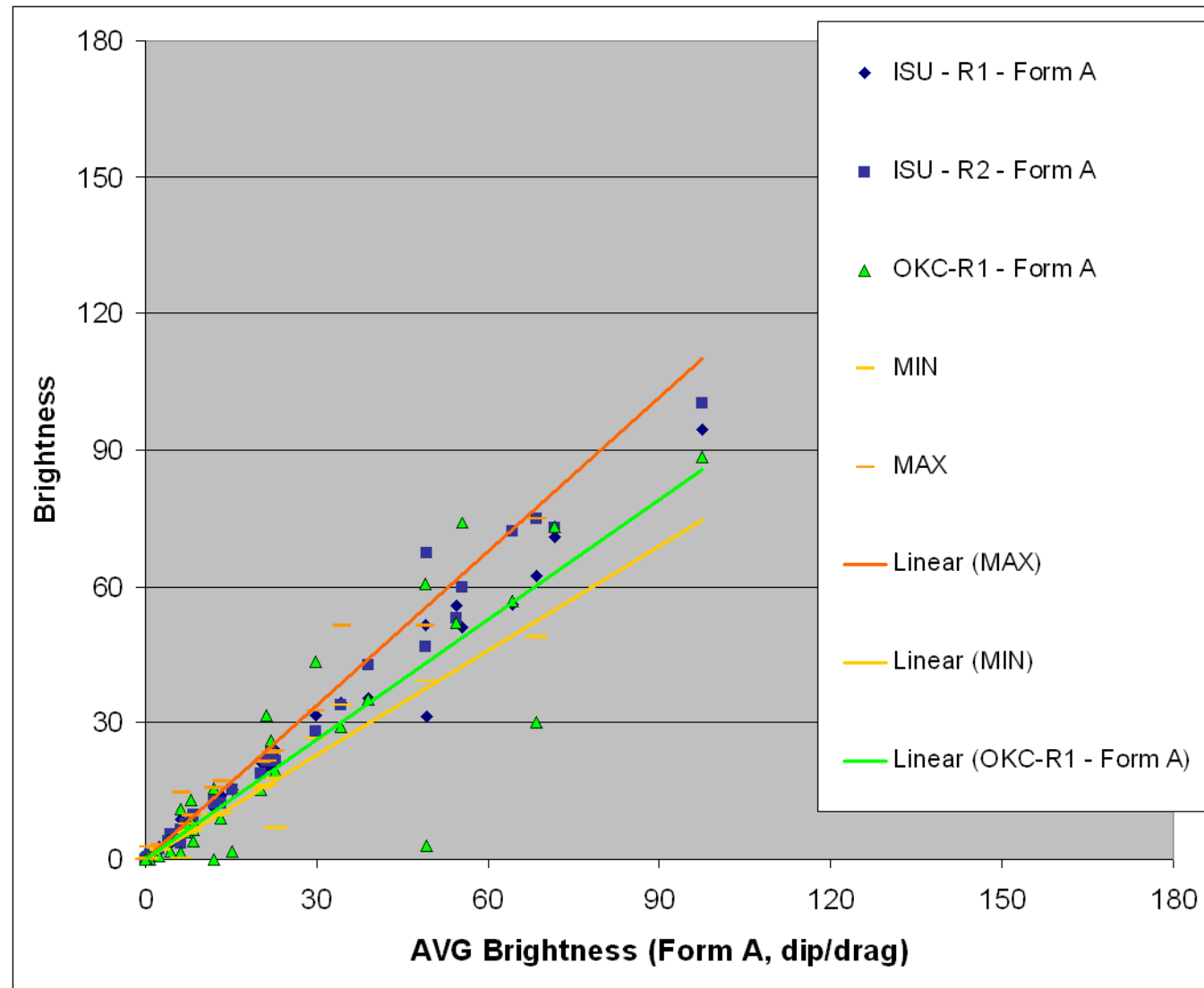


- Reasonable agreement between baseline runs at ISU and OKC





- Linear regression results for baseline showed OKC results within the normal variability of baseline processing at ISU



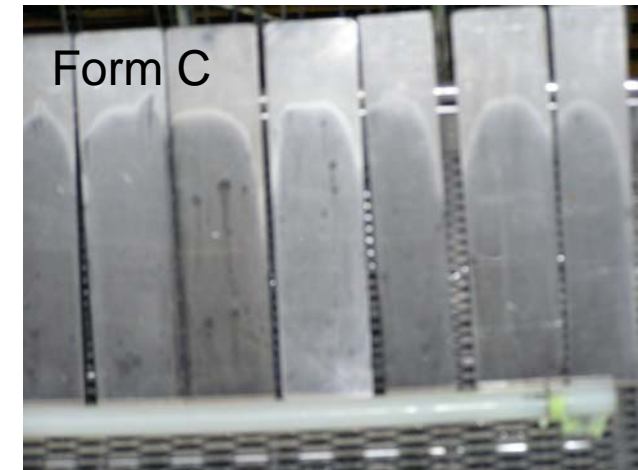
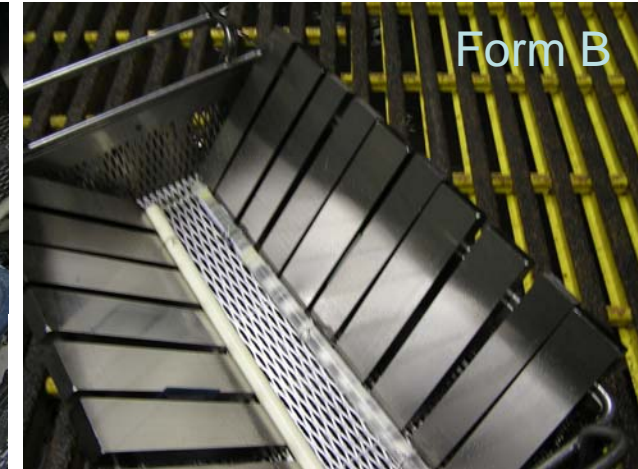


- Penetrant
  - Applied with applicator over crack location
  - Dwell time of 20 minutes
- Pre and Post-rinse
  - 90 sec each
- Emulsification
  - 120 sec total contact time
  - Mild agitation every 15 sec, 30 sec for transition to rinse station



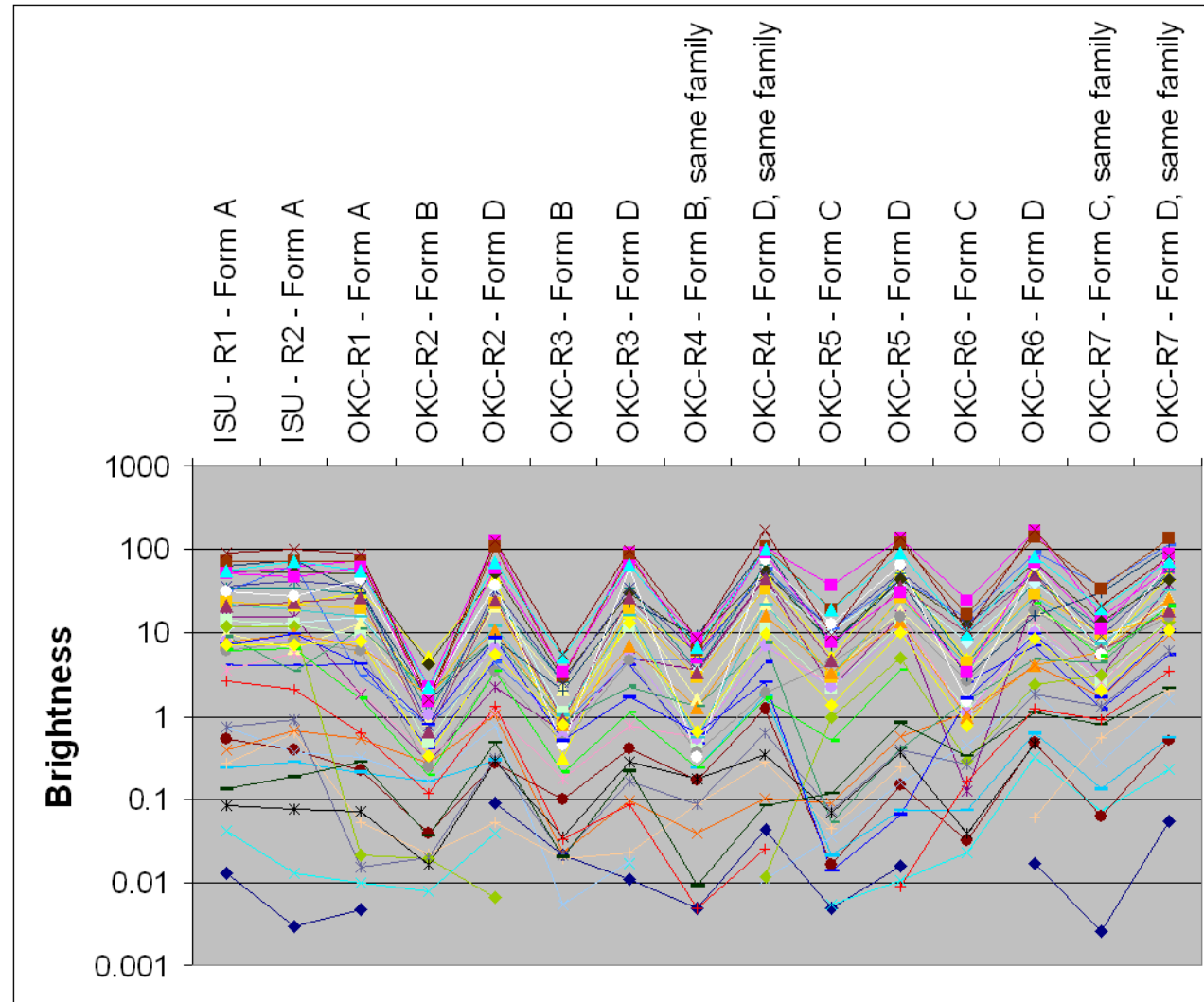


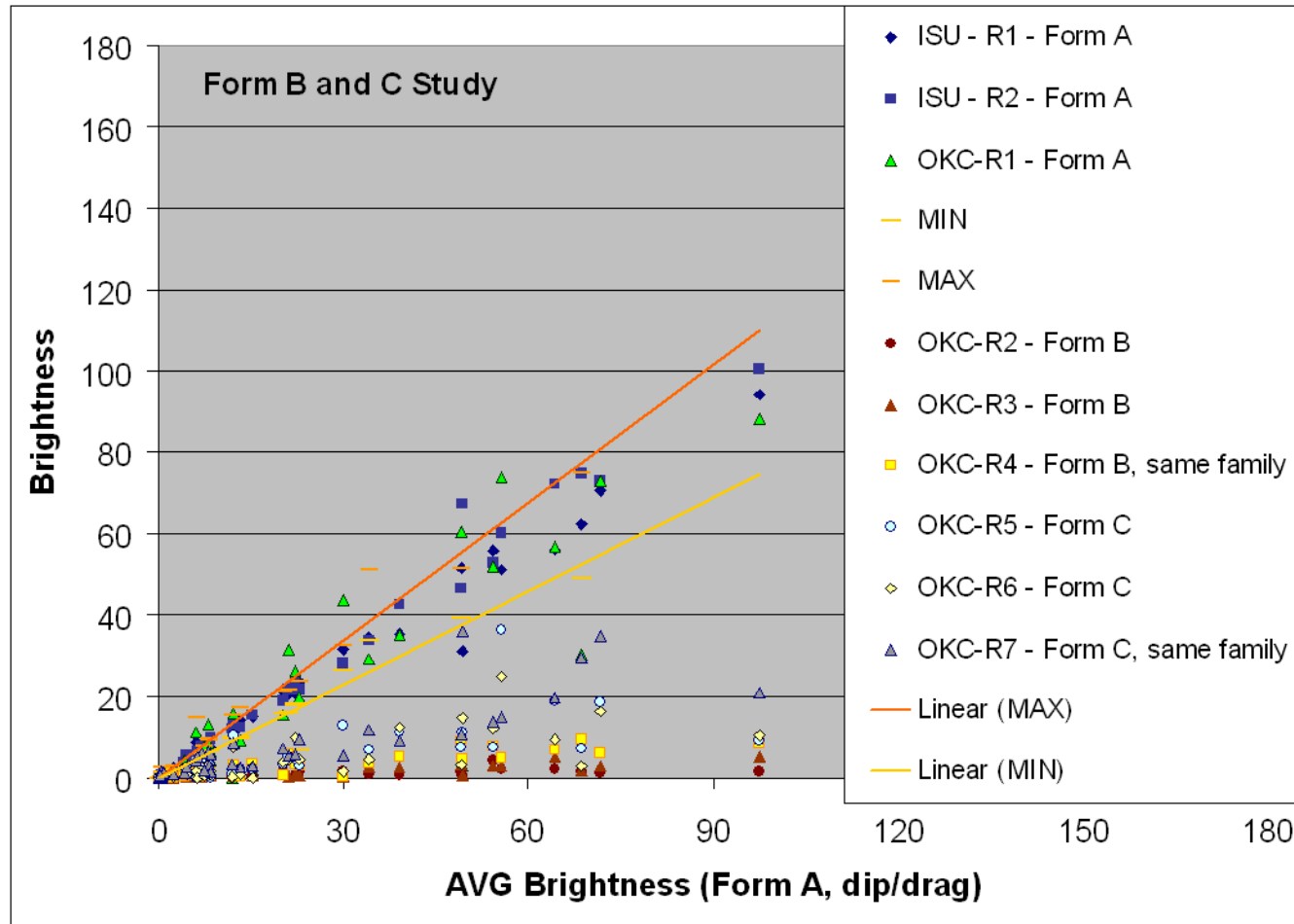
- Form A – Dip/drag processing using baseline materials
- Form B – Water soluble applied with spray system
- Form C – Water suspendible applied with spray system
- Form D – NAWD, isopropanol-based spray can, single pass



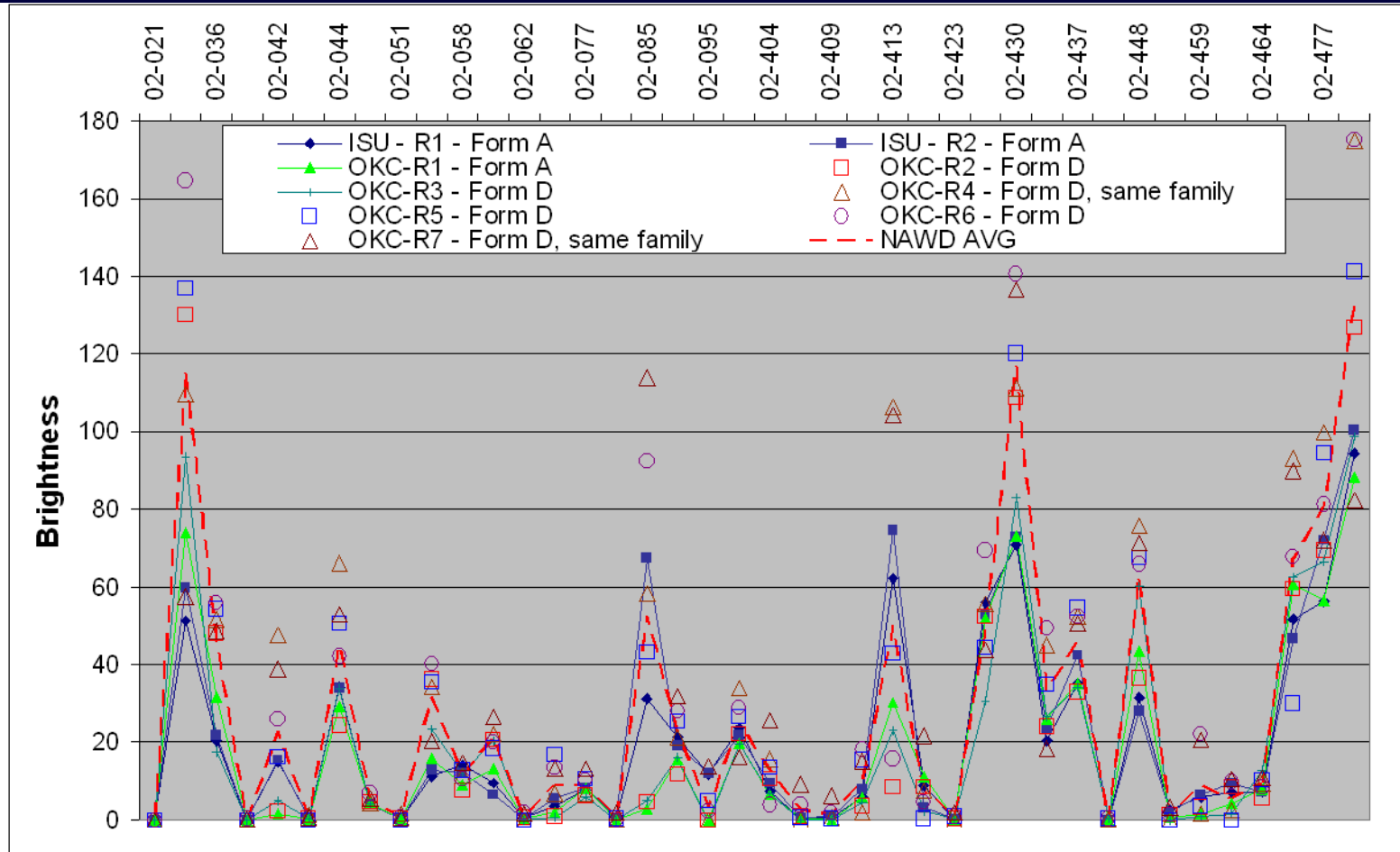


- Brightness results plotted on log scale
- Form B and C results on average show lower brightness than Form A or Form D
- Form C slightly better than Form B





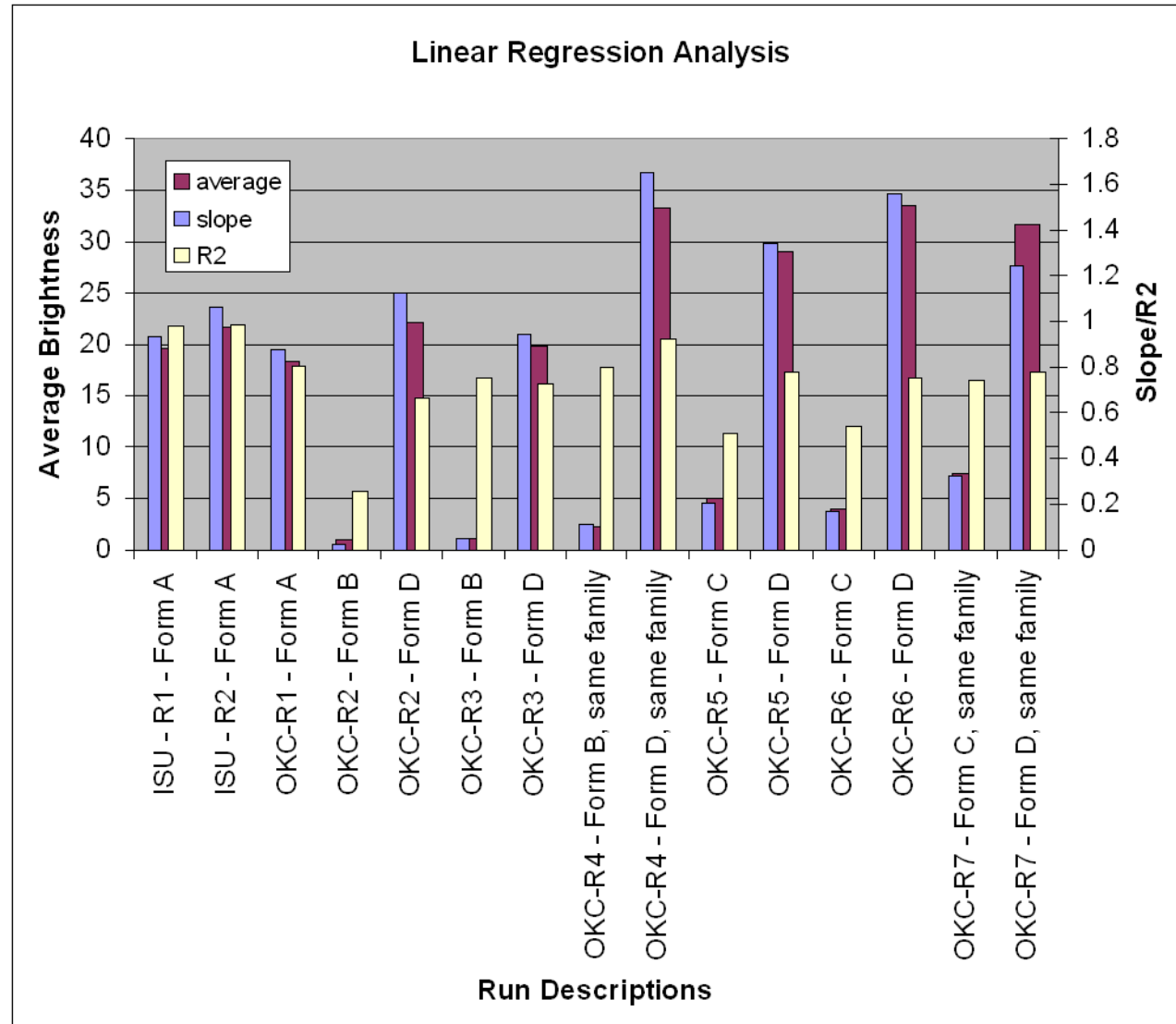
- Linear regression analysis shows significant reduction compared to dip/drag Form A



- Form D (NAWD aerosol) used after each run
- Verified penetrant entered cracks



- Form C slightly better than Form B
- Developer combined with same penetrant/emulsifier slightly better than developer used with baseline p/e



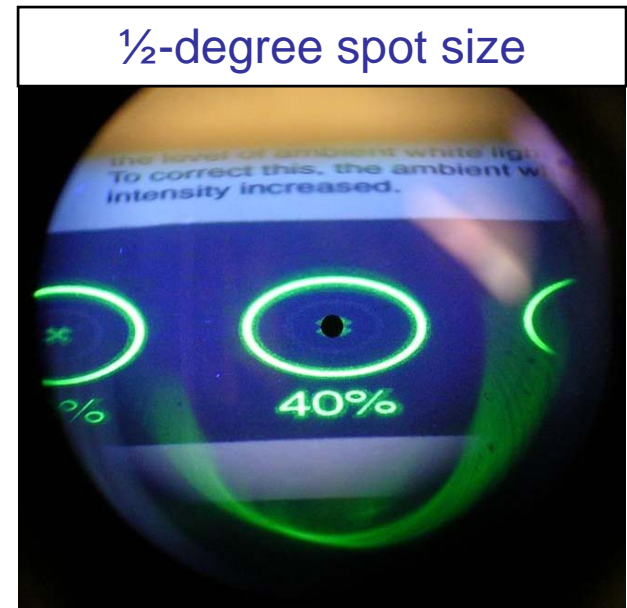
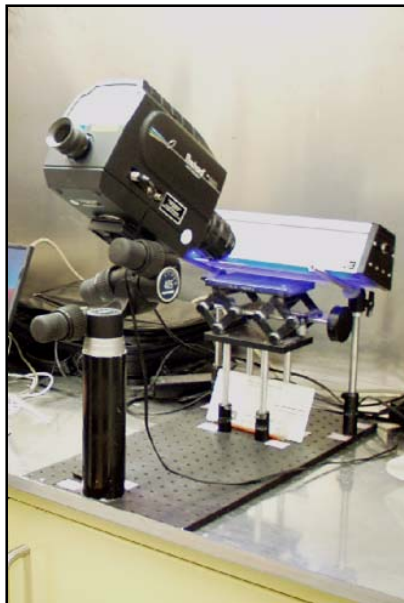


- Repeat baseline runs at ISU using dip/drag followed by NAWD
- Repeat baseline runs at ISU using bulb application followed by NAWD





- Brightness measurements were made with a Pritchard PR-880 photometer by Photo Research
- UV-A intensity measured with Spectroline DSE-100X and broadband DIX-365 sensor
- UV-A irradiation provided by twin 40W fluorescent bulbs (3,000  $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ )
- Indication images captured using a Leica MZFLIII UV-A binocular microscope and QImaging Retiga 1300 cooled camera





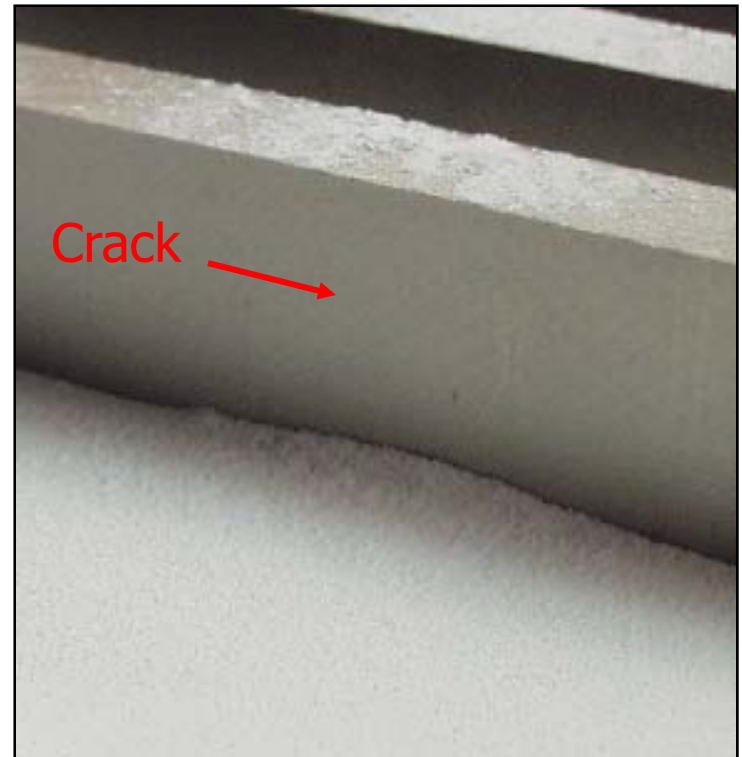
### Surface Appearance After Developer Application at ISU



Dip / Drag



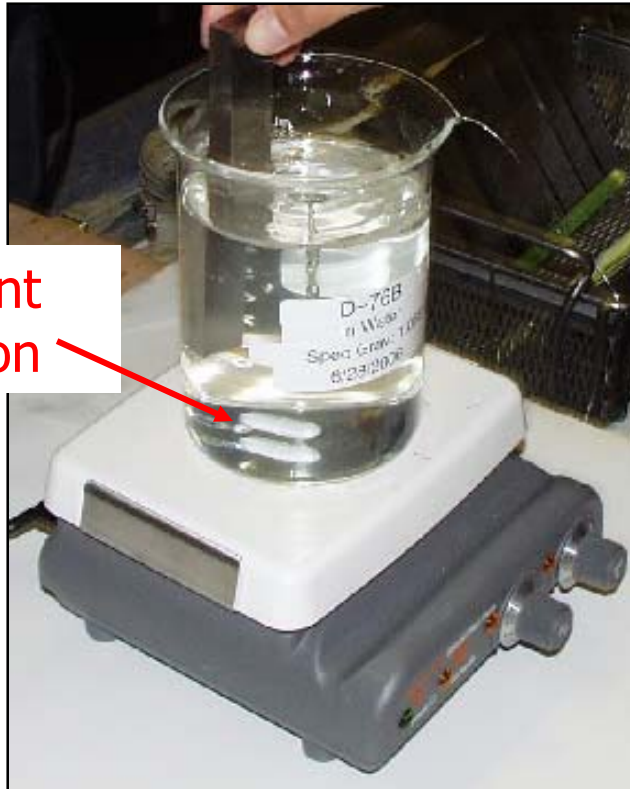
### Surface Appearance After Developer Application at ISU



Bulb



### Surface Appearance After Developer Application at ISU



Constant  
Agitation



Water Soluble

Dipped Once per End



### Surface Appearance After Developer Application at ISU

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Agitation

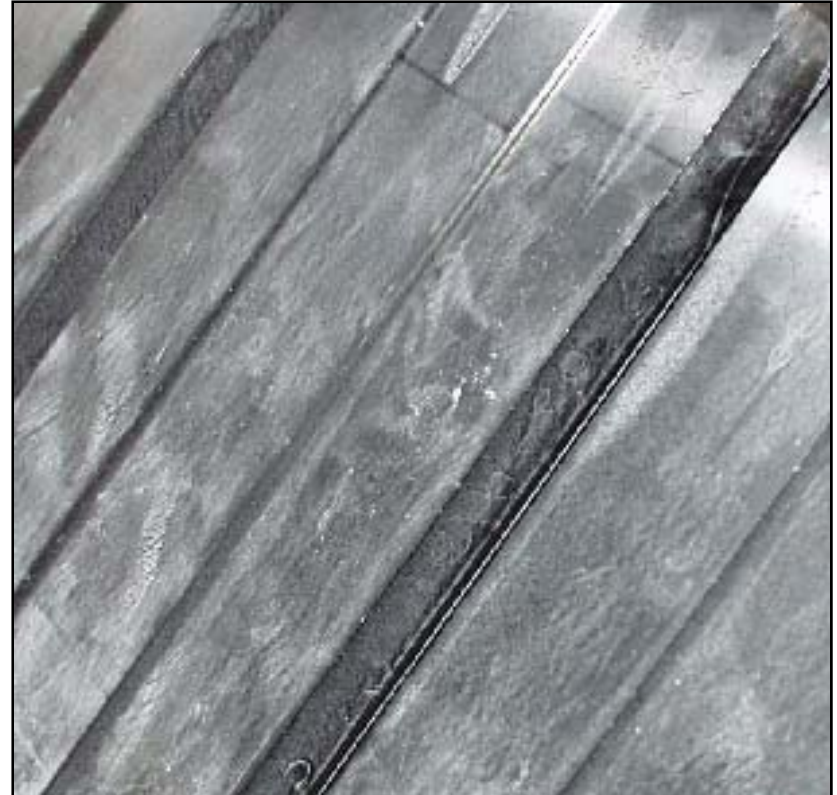


Water Suspendible

Dipped Once per End



Form B



Form C



### Surface Appearance After Developer Application at ISU



NAWD

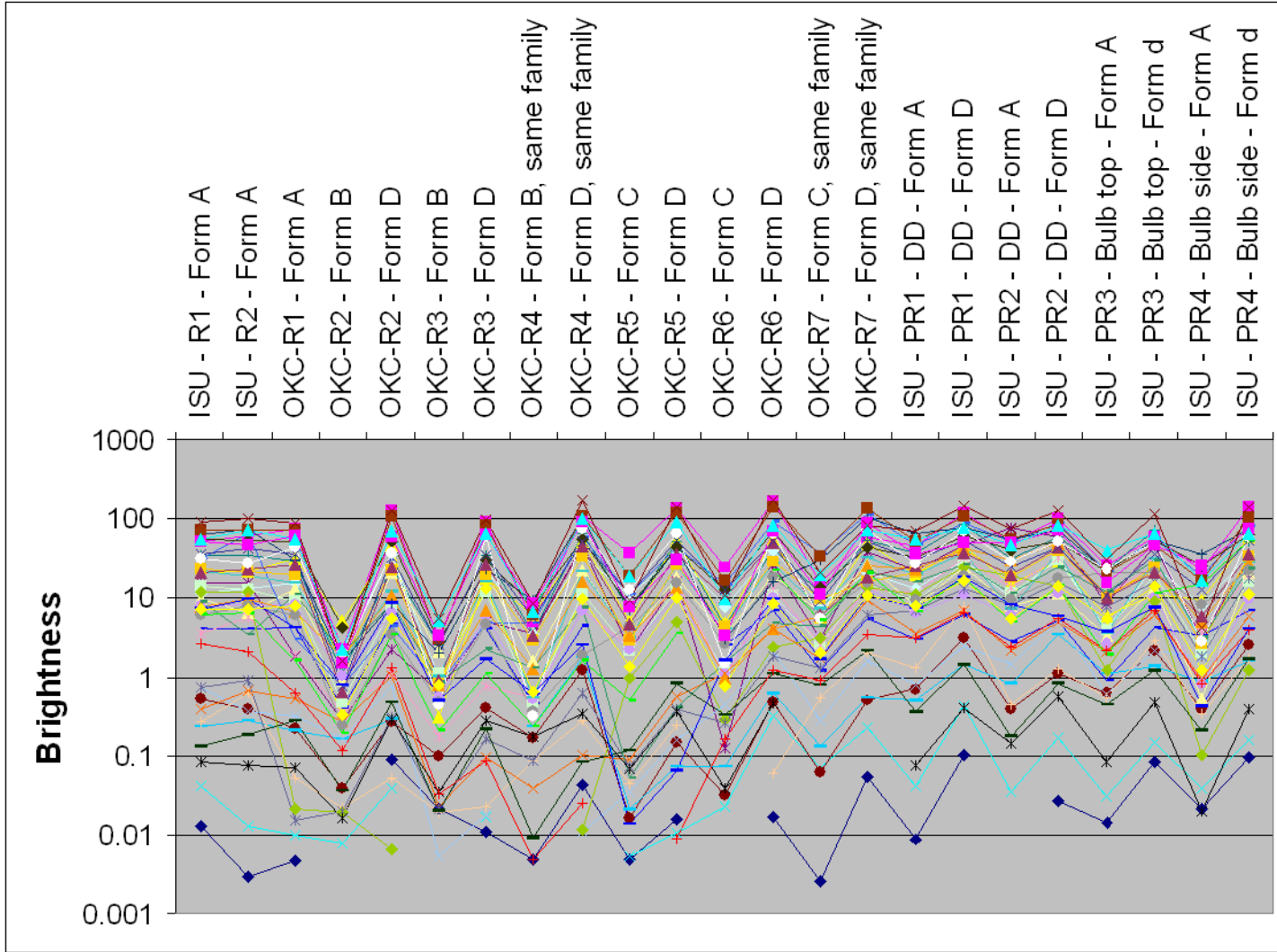
Applied Over Initial Developer



Water Soluble/Suspendible developers used at acceptable concentration, and at a lower concentration to determine the relative effect on indication brightness

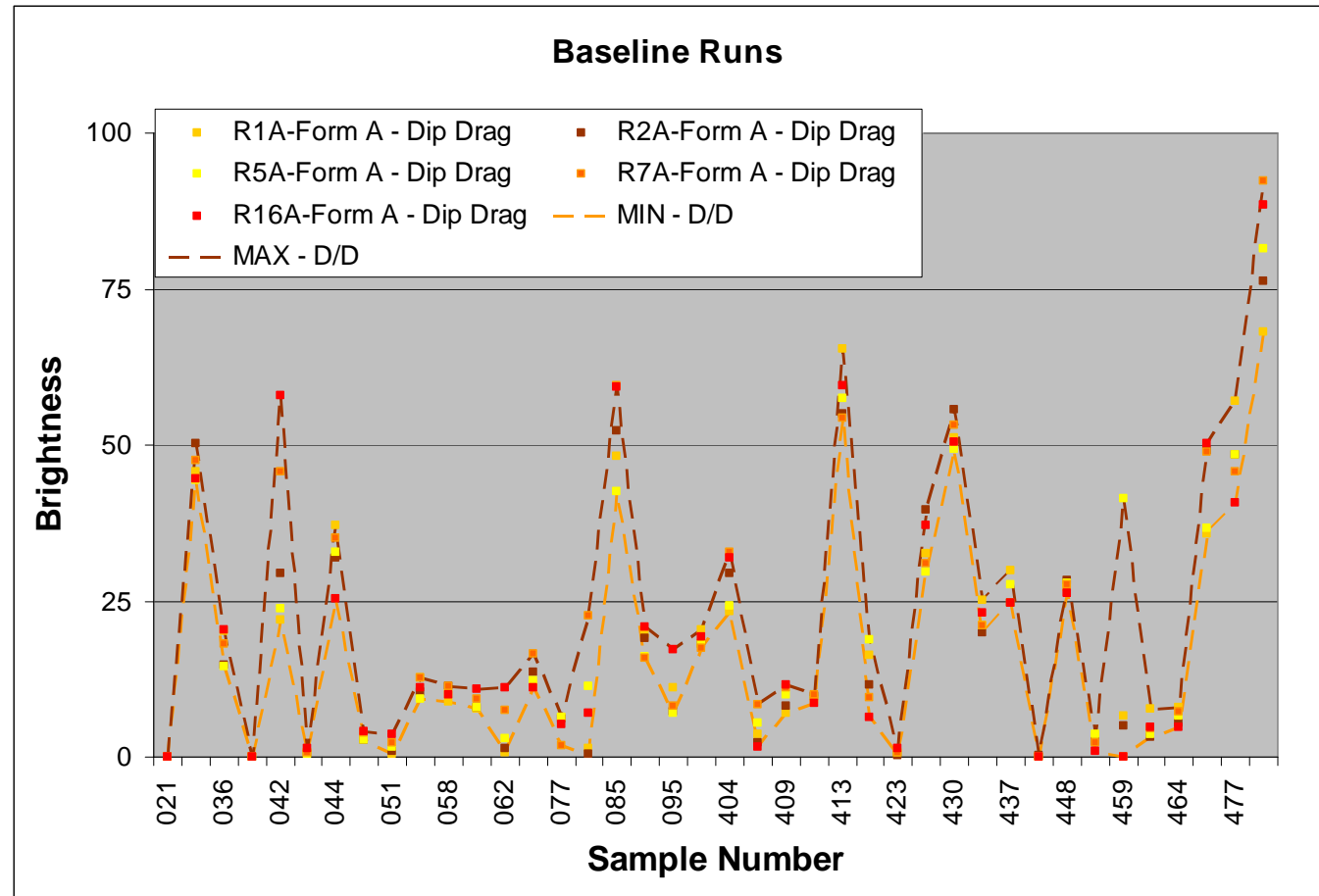
QPL Listed and Manufacturer's Recommended	Form B	2.0 lbs/gal 1.055 sp. grav.
	Form C	0.5 lbs/gal 1.035 sp. grav.
Lower than Standard	Form B	0.25 lbs/gal 1.01 sp. grav.
	Form C	0.25 lbs/gal 1.008 sp. grav.





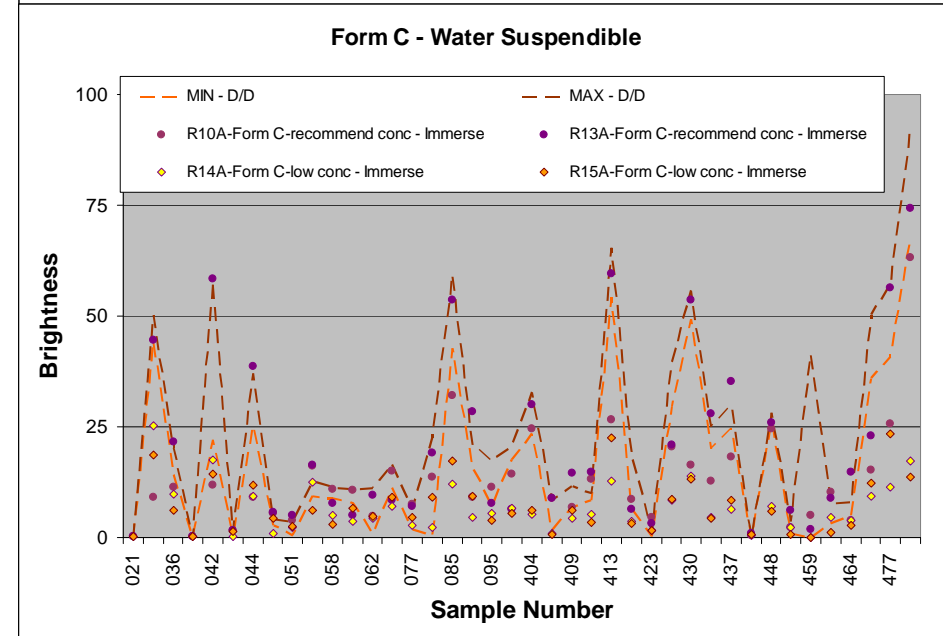
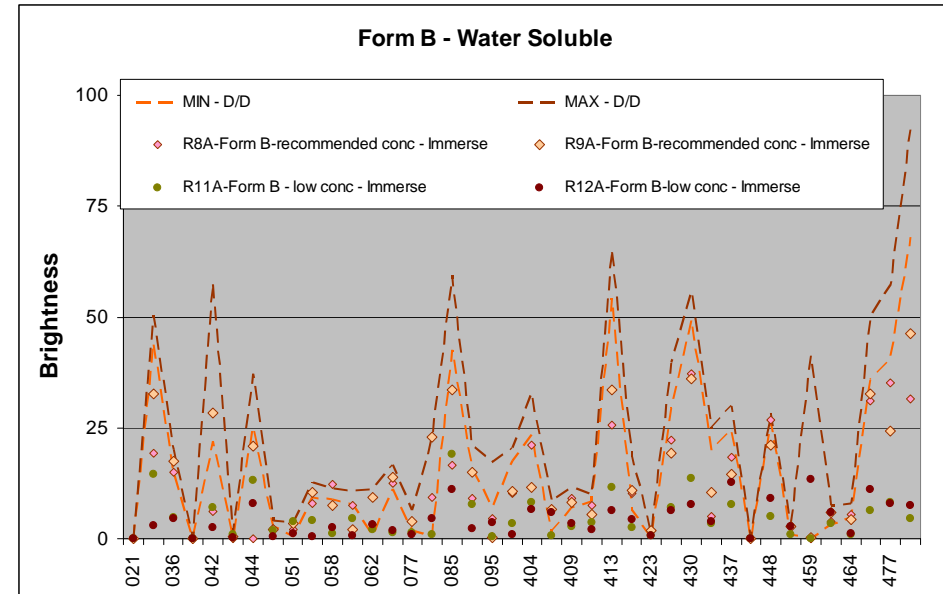
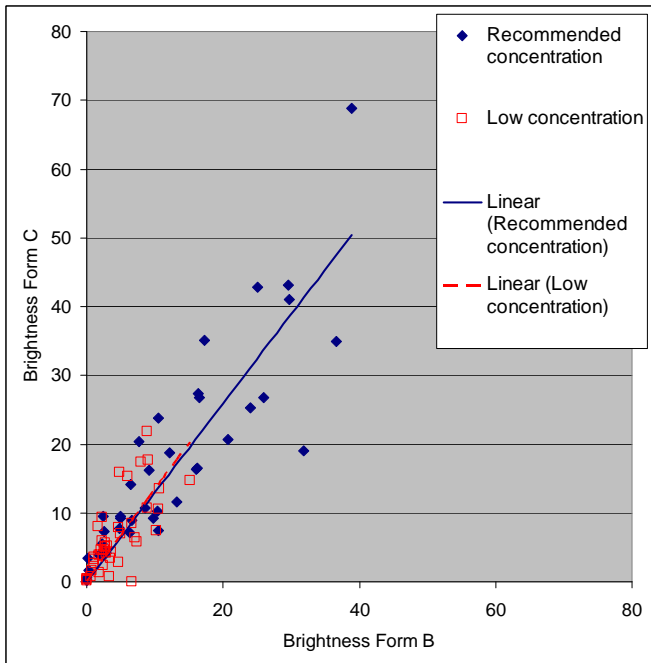


- Form A dip/drag runs made through out study to monitor sample progression



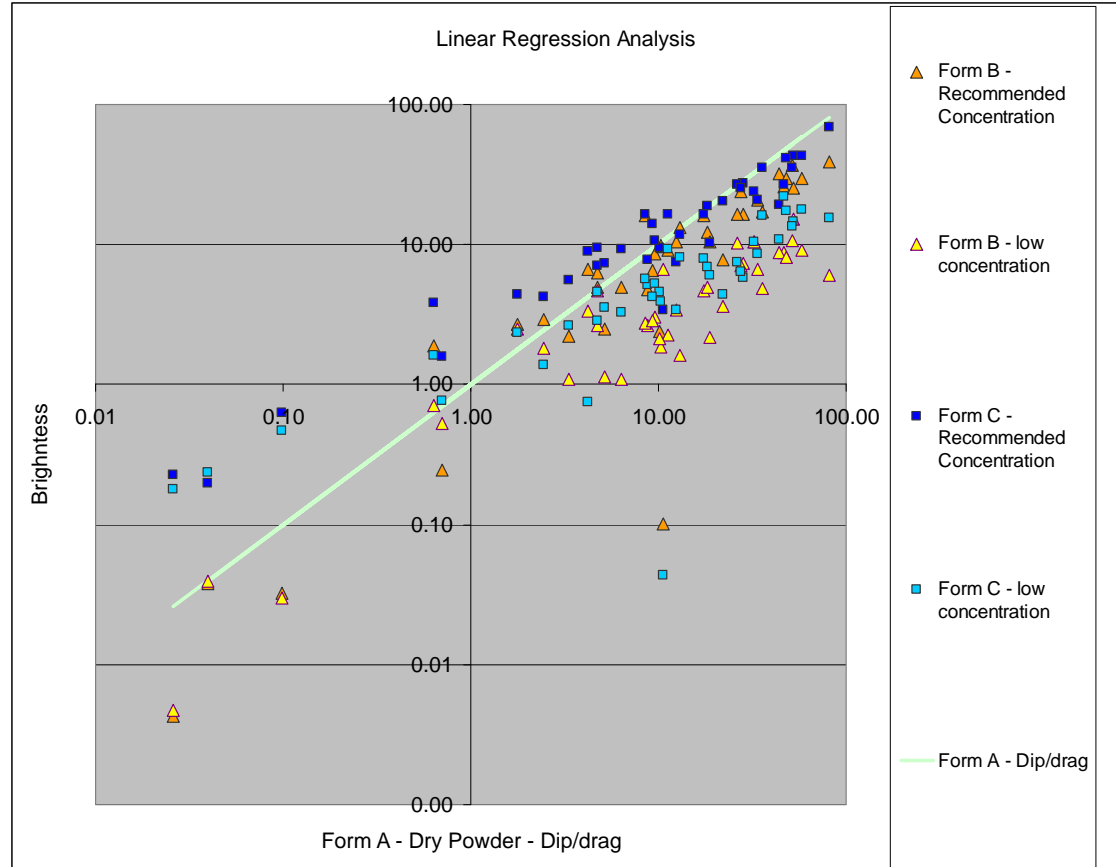


- Form C on average 30% brighter than Form B



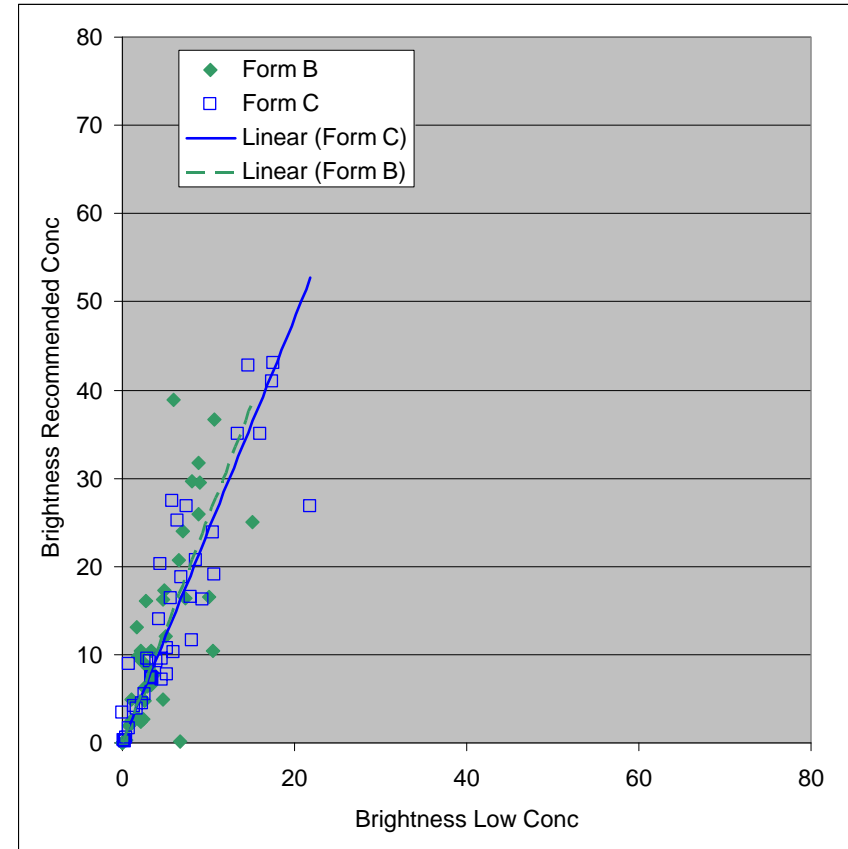


- Form C brightness similar to Form A with enhanced brightness at “smaller brightness” range



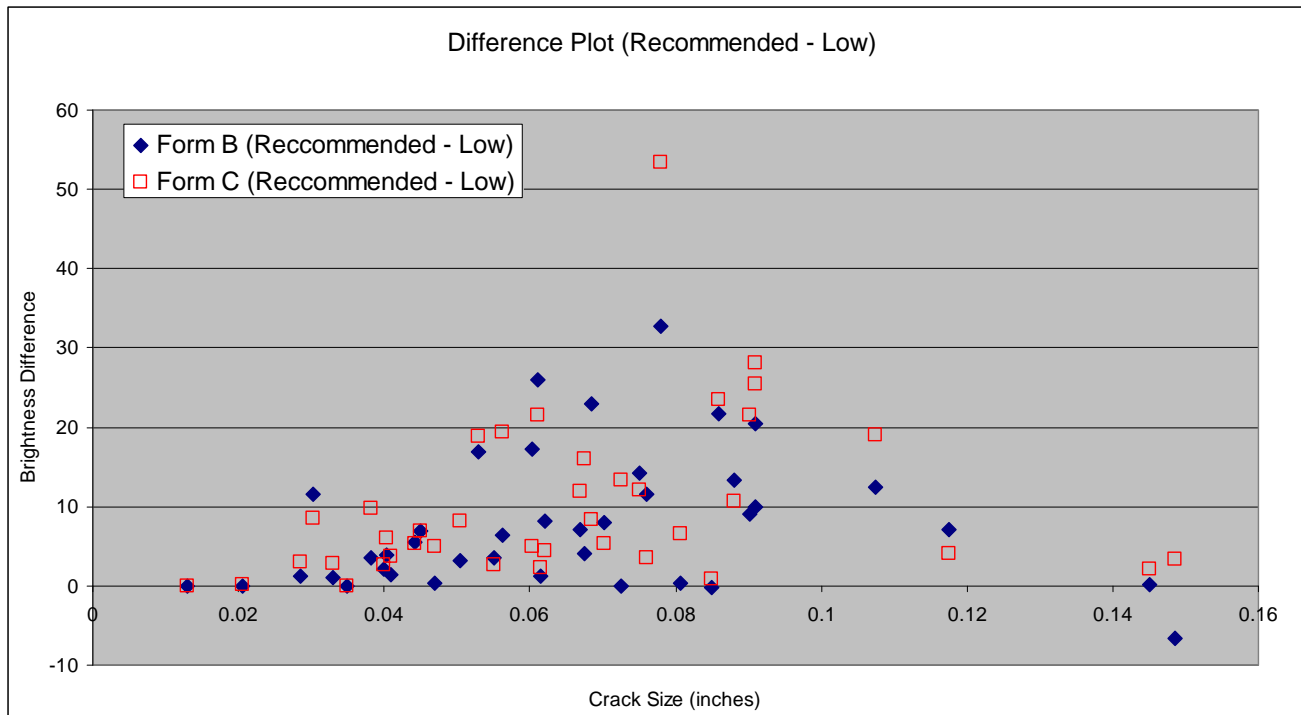


- Using the recommended concentration led to significant improvements in brightness for both Form B and C



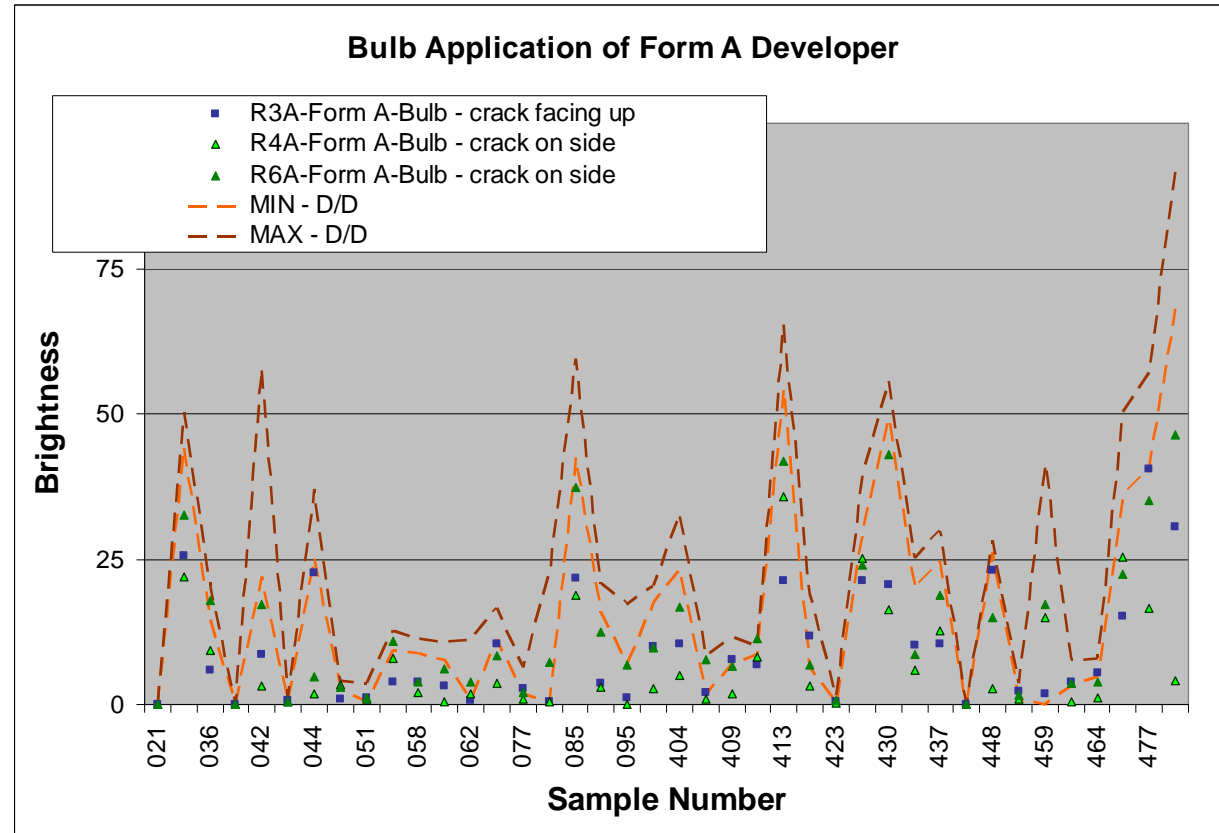


- Question ask about better performance using the lower concentration at smaller crack sizes
- Generating difference plot did not find advantage





- Bulb application lower than dip/drag application





Run 1  
Form A D/D  
B=0.01

Run 5  
Form A D/D  
B=0.03

Run 7  
Form A D/D  
B=0.04

Run 8  
Form B RC  
B<0.01

Run 9  
Form B RC  
B<0.01

Run 10  
Form C RC  
B=0.2

Run 11  
Form B LC  
B=0.01

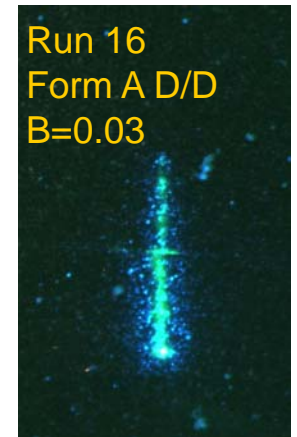
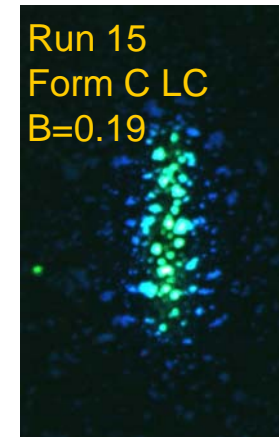
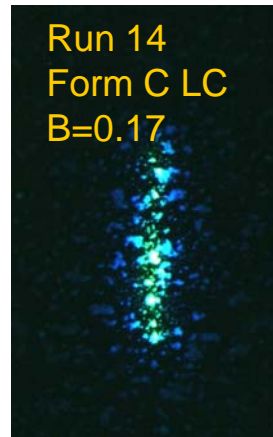
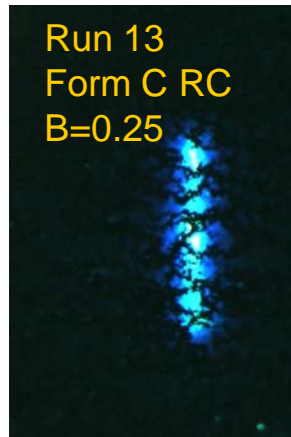
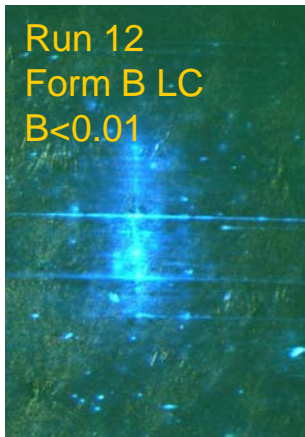
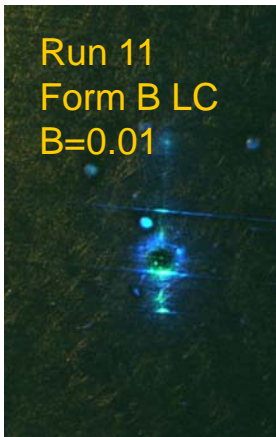
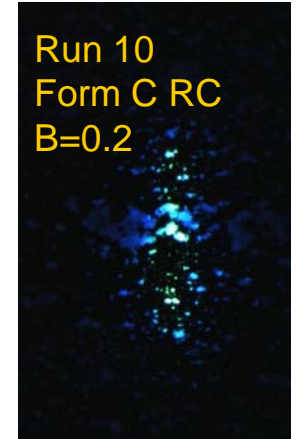
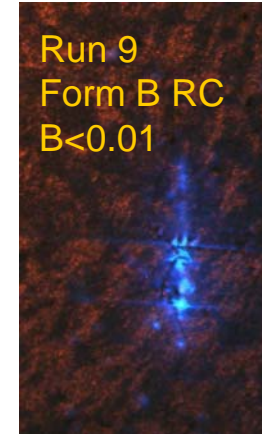
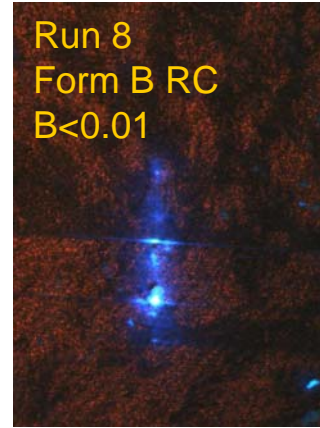
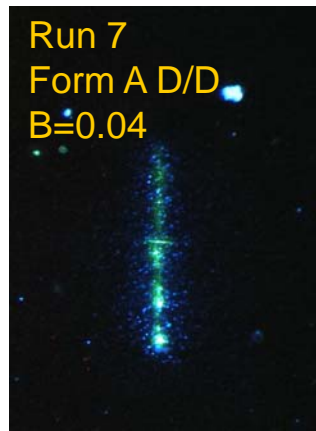
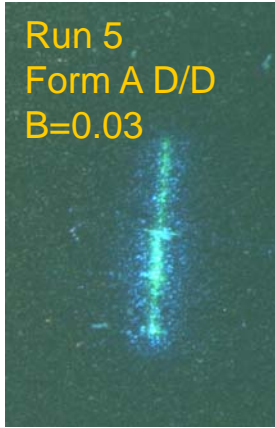
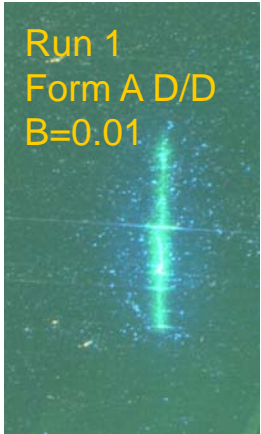
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Form B LC  
B<0.01

Run 13  
Form C RC  
B=0.25

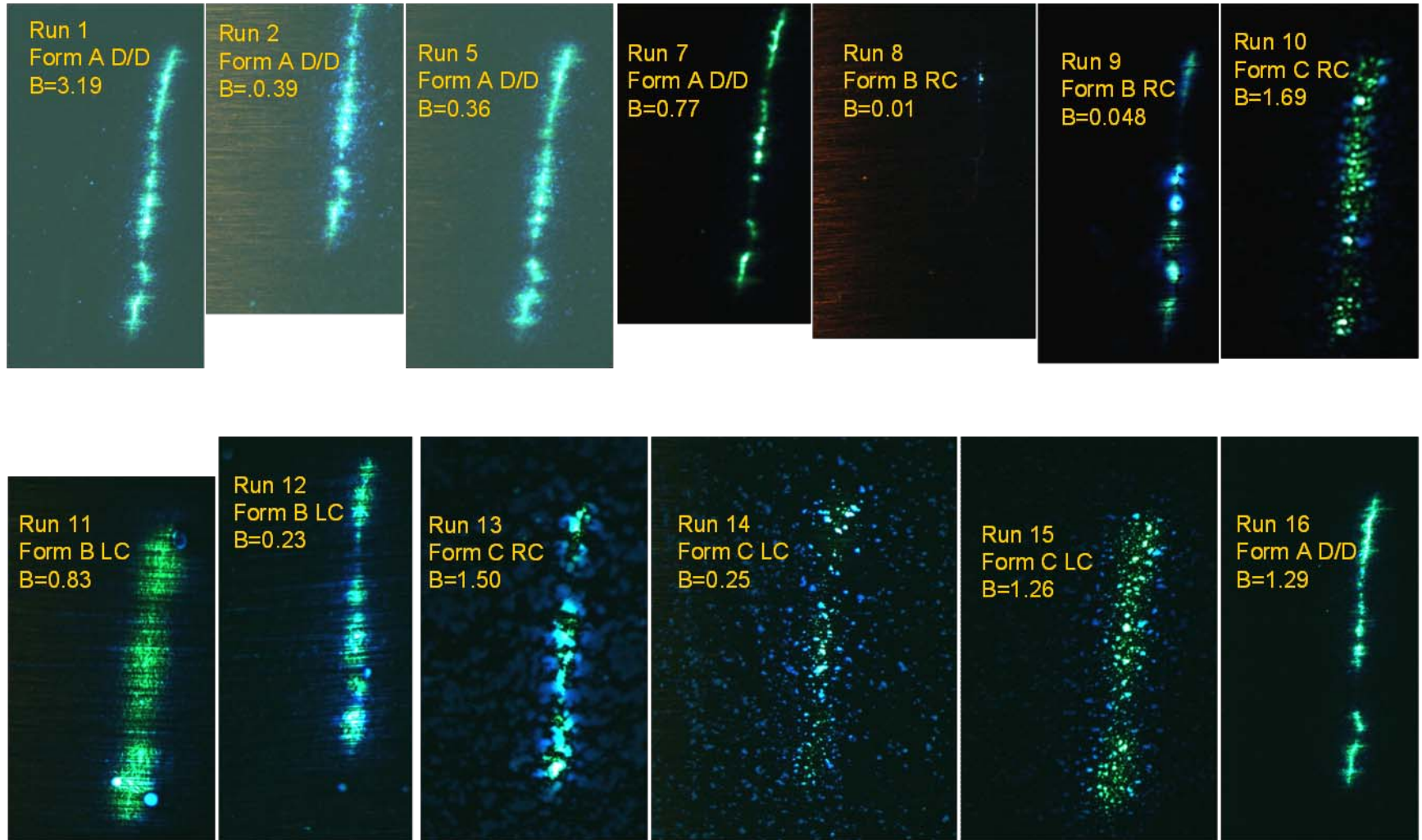
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Form C LC  
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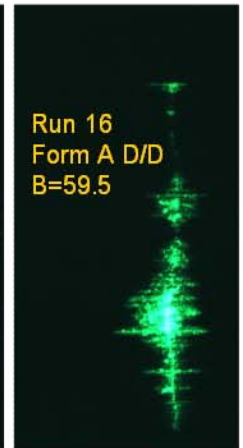
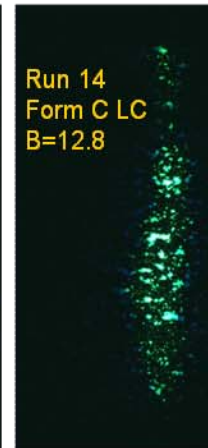
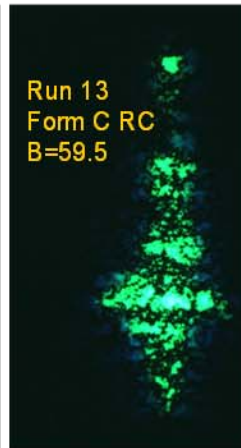
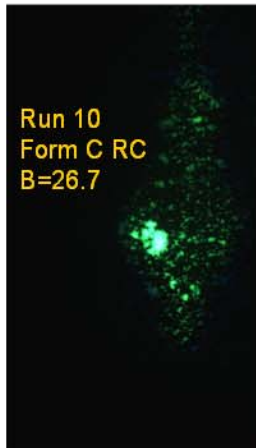
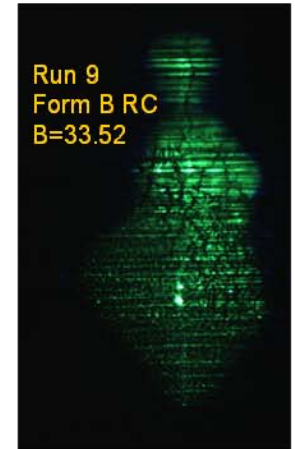
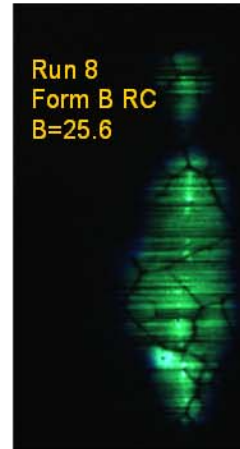
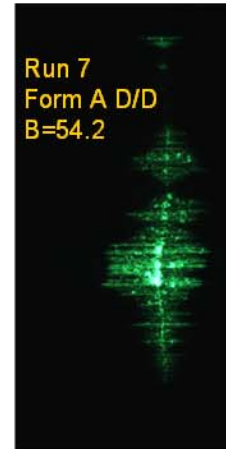
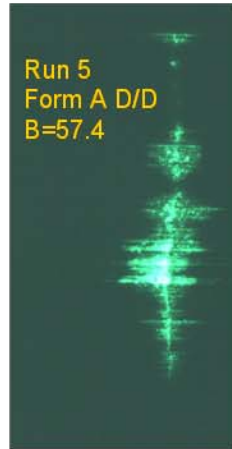
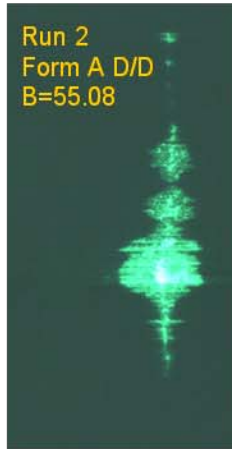
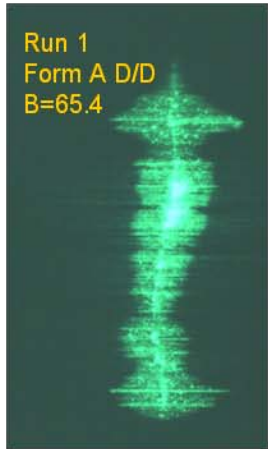
Run 15  
Form C LC  
B=0.19

Run 16  
Form A D/D  
B=0.03











- Use of Form B and Form C developers at the recommended concentration lead to a 240% increase in brightness.
- Masking of small cracks was not evident at either the recommended or low concentration for this data set.
- Form B and Form C indications were more diffuse in nature, particularly when compared to the linear indications generated by the Form A developer. It is important that inspectors be aware of these differences and the implications for detectability. Consideration should be given to the implications for training.