

**U.S. Summary Reports on the Status & Progress  
of Neutronics' Task ID#T16  
(*Preparation of Neutronic Experiments and  
Measuring Techniques*)**

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## **Task Title: Development & Demonstration of Technique for Nuclear Heating Measurements**

### **Task Description**

To develop and demonstrate adequate performance of techniques for measuring nuclear heat deposition in materials of ITER neutronics experiments

### **Task Achievement**

U.S. had opted for further development and demonstration of microcalorimetric technique for total nuclear heating measurements. Highlights of the task achievement are as follows:

(1)The original schedule of this task foresaw its completion by December 31, 1993. However, due to late approval of this task by JCT (in December 1993), no experiments could be scheduled. However, the experiments have now been scheduled for April 1994. Also, this task now forms a part of Task ID#16 , entitled "*Preparation of Neutronic Experiments and Measuring Techniques*".

(2)The preparatory work for the experiments is already underway. This includes scoping heat transfer calculations for probe design, the testing of experimental equipment and data acquisition system etc.

(3)The earlier experimental work done on development of the microcalorimetric technique for total nuclear heating measurements from 1988 through 1993, within the framework of USDOE/JAERI collaborative program, was reviewed and analyzed for directions for the proposed work. Improvements in probe design, instrumentation, and data processing are to be expected in the forthcoming experiments.

## **Task Title: Direct Nuclear Heating Measurements on Plasma Facing Structural Components**

### **Task Description**

The technique for direct nuclear heat deposition measurement is based on the calorimetric method being developed under a previous task ('*Development & Demonstration of Technique for Nuclear Heating Measurements*'). The proposed task shall be carried out in following steps:

- (i) Fabricate individual calorimeters of various probe materials of high ITER JCT priority,
- (ii) Conduct measurements of nuclear heating in each calorimeter under intense D-T neutron field at FNS (JAERI),
- (iii) Validate nuclear data bases through experimental analysis of measured nuclear heating

### **Task Achievement**

(1) This forms a part of Task ID#T16, entitled "*Preparation of Neutronic Experiments and Measuring Techniques*", which is still awaiting final official approval from JCT.

(2) However, the experiments have already been scheduled for April 1994.

(3) The preparatory work for the experiments is already underway. This includes scoping heat transfer calculations for probe design, the pre-analysis for design of test assemblies, the testing of experimental equipment and data acquisition system etc.,

(4) We have been reviewing our earlier work on total nuclear heating measurements, carried out under USDOE/JAERI collaborative framework for directions for the proposed work. Also, a methodology has been developed to associate a quality factor to a cross-section and response function library based on comparison between calculated and measured nuclear heating rates. This quality factor can be thought of as an embodiment of all factors contributing to discrepancies between the measurements, and the calculations, e.g., neutron and photon spectra, neutron kerma factors, photon production cross-sections, and measurements. Ideal quality factor will be unity.

## **Task Title: Development and Demonstration of Technique for Measurement of Neutron-Induced Radioactivity in Pulsed Mode**

### **Task Description**

- (1) Develop and demonstrate the technique for radioactivity measurements in pulsed-operation mode, prior to performing prototypical experiments,
- (2) Validate the pulsed-operation related algorithms scheduled to be included in new radioactivity codes FISPACT and RACC which are being developed under a separate task.

### **Task Achievement**

- (1) This forms a part of Task ID#T16, entitled "*Preparation of Neutronic Experiments and Measuring Techniques*", which is still awaiting final official approval from JCT.
- (2) The preparatory work for the experiments is already underway. This includes pre-analysis to optimize irradiation, cooling, and counting times, material selection, radioactive products of interest to ITER. Also, we are going to investigate feasibility and desirability of installing pneumatic transport system for extracting irradiated rabbits,
- (3) The experiments are tentatively scheduled to be carried out during August through September 1994 period,
- (4) We have been reviewing our earlier work on radioactivity measurements, carried out under USDOE/JAERI collaborative framework for directions for the proposed work. Also, a methodology has been developed to associate a quality factor to a radioactivity library based on comparison between calculated and measured isotopic radioactivities. This quality factor can be thought of as an embodiment of all factors contributing to discrepancies between the measurements, and the calculations, e.g., neutron spectrum, activation cross-sections, decay  $\gamma$  yields, and measurements. Ideal quality factor will be unity.

**Task Titles: (1) Analysis of Existing Shielding Experiments,  
(2) Benchmarking of FENDL Library through  
Analysis of Existing Experiments**

**Task Description**

- Select appropriate shielding experiments that merit analysis based on reference to ITER materials, availability of experimental data, and estimated experimental accuracy.
- Analyze selected experiments and document calculation results and experimental data
- Obtain from JCT the documented results of the other Parties and perform detailed comparative analyses of all results
- Develop methodology for obtaining engineering safety factors from compiled experimental and calculational results
- Generate engineering safety factors for ITER shielding design and document results

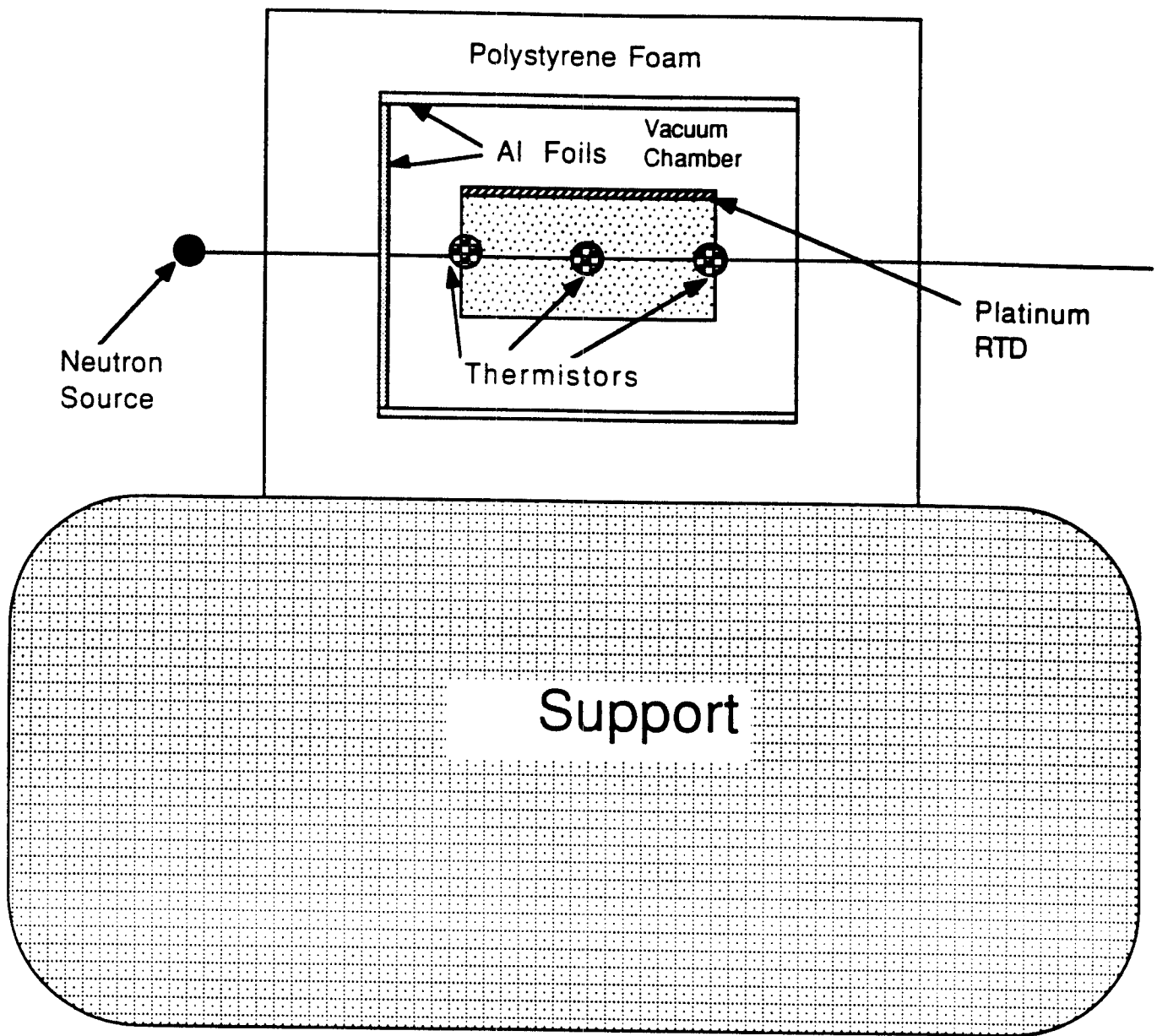
**Task Achievement**

(1) The original schedule of the task #1 foresaw its completion by December 31, 1993. However, due to late approval of this task by JCT (in December 1993), not much work could be accomplished. As for task#2, it forms a part of Task ID#T16, entitled "*Preparation of Neutronic Experiments and Measuring Techniques*" which is still awaiting final official approval from JCT.

(2) However, preparatory work on selection of relevant existing experiments and development of a methodology for generation of engineering safety factors for ITER was carried out over last year,

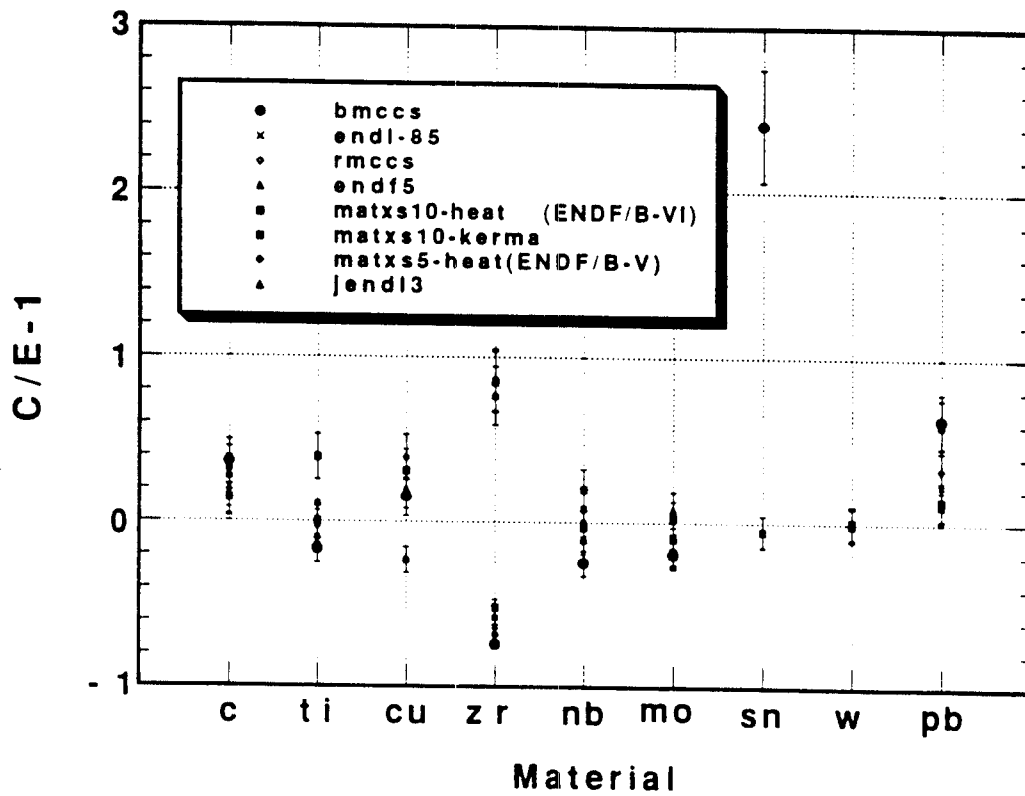
(3) Recently, an informal agreement was reached with FNS, JAERI group on supply of their measured data to U.S. for two shielding experiments conducted recently: (i) 1.12 m thick pure stainless steel-316 cylindrical assembly, and (ii) 1.12m thick water cooled stainless steel assembly (80% volume stainless steel plus 20% volume water). Once, all experimental details and measured data have been furnished to U.S., the analysis process will be launched,

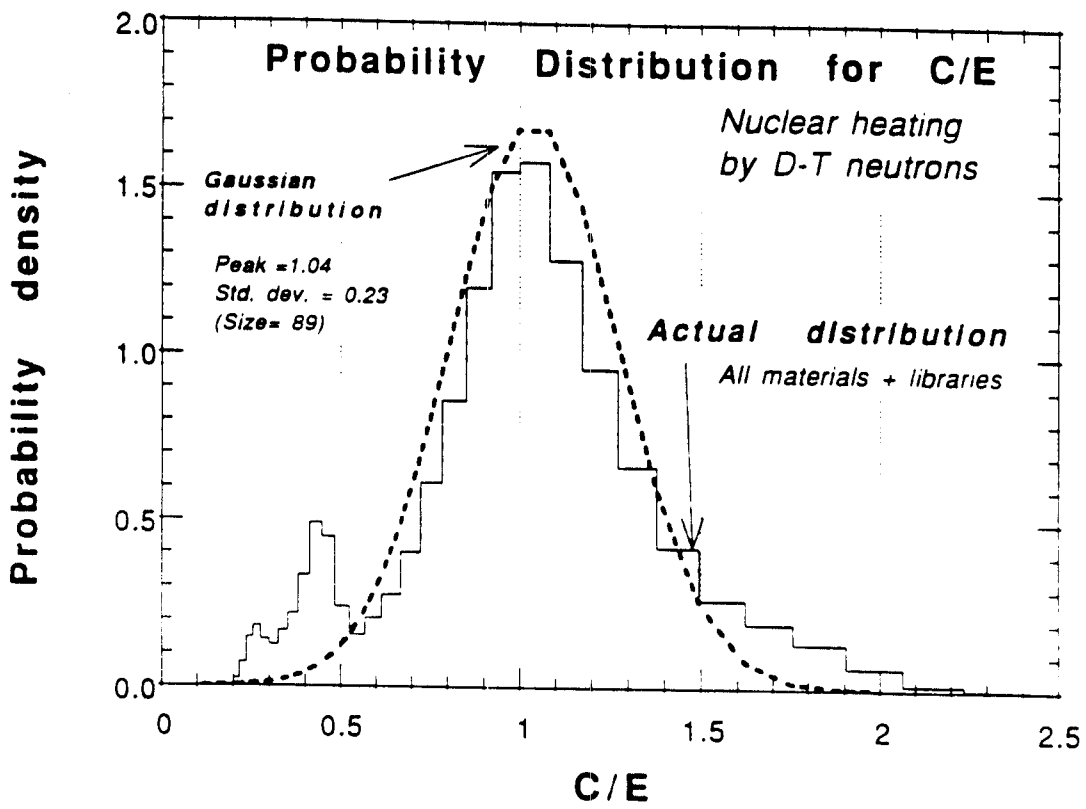
(4) A new methodology was developed to arrive at estimates of design safety factors based on the experimental and analytical results from design-oriented integral experiments. This methodology will be used to obtain design safety factors.



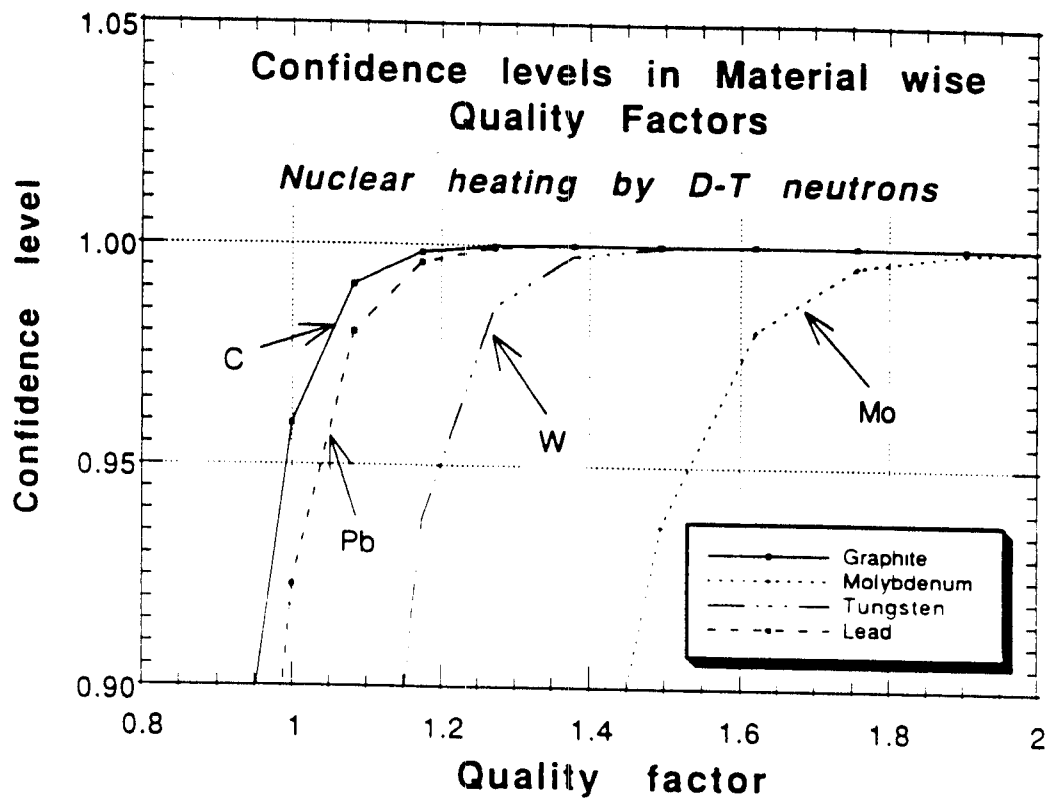
**Simplified Picture of  
Single Probe Calorimeter**

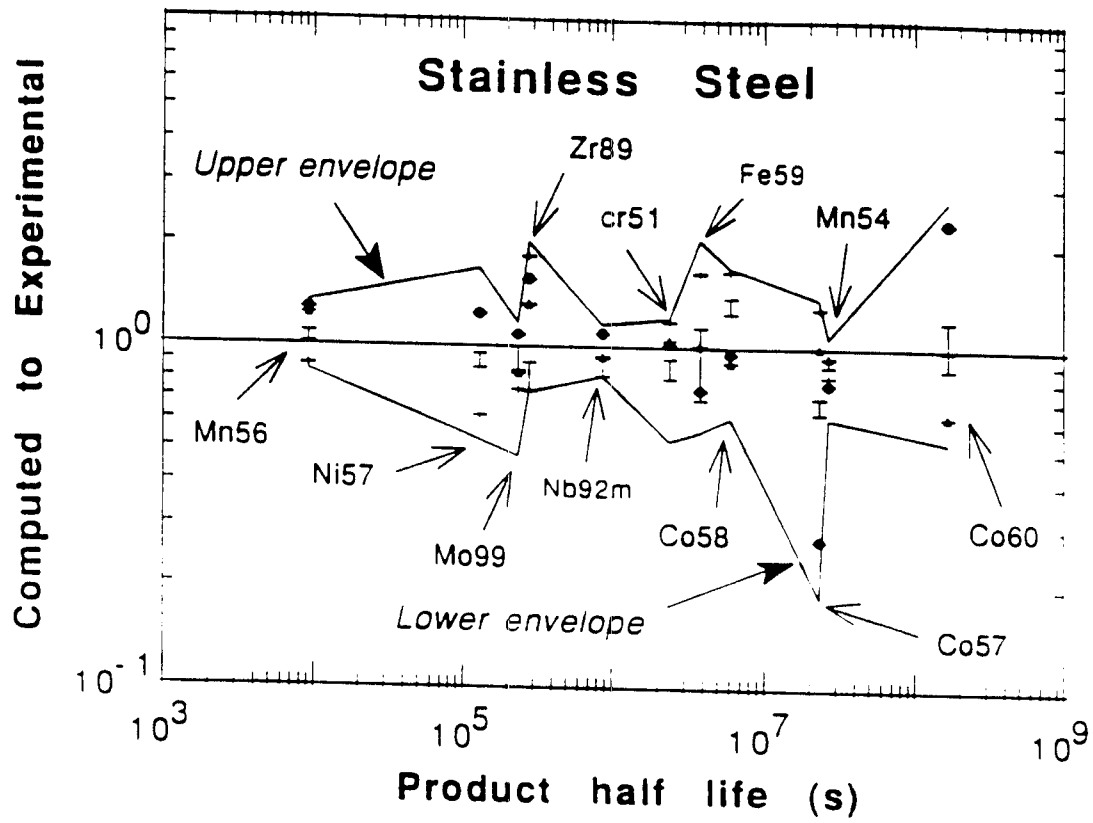
### Prediction Uncertainty in Nuclear Heating



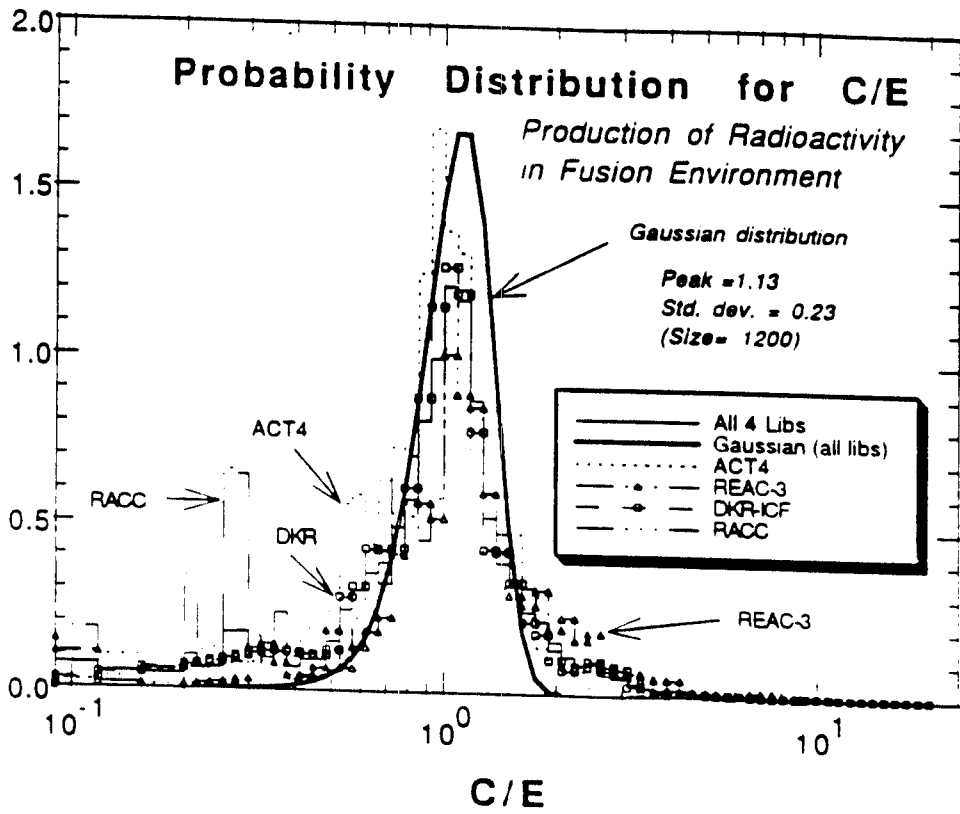


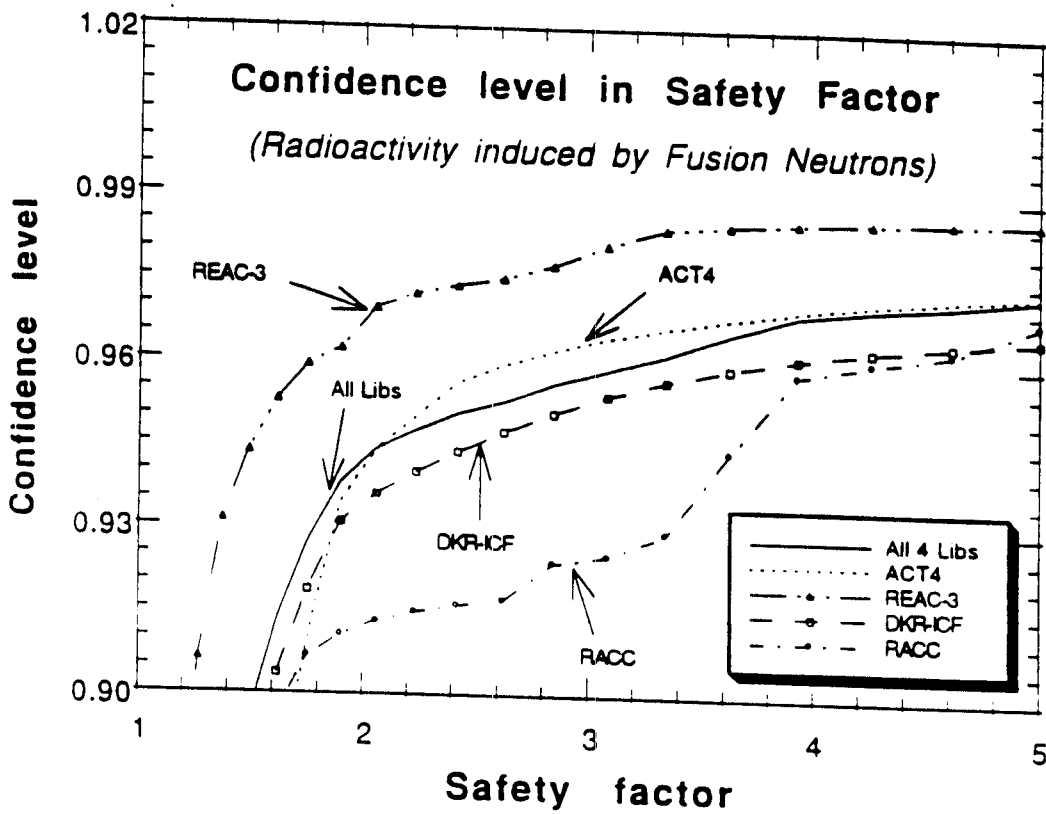






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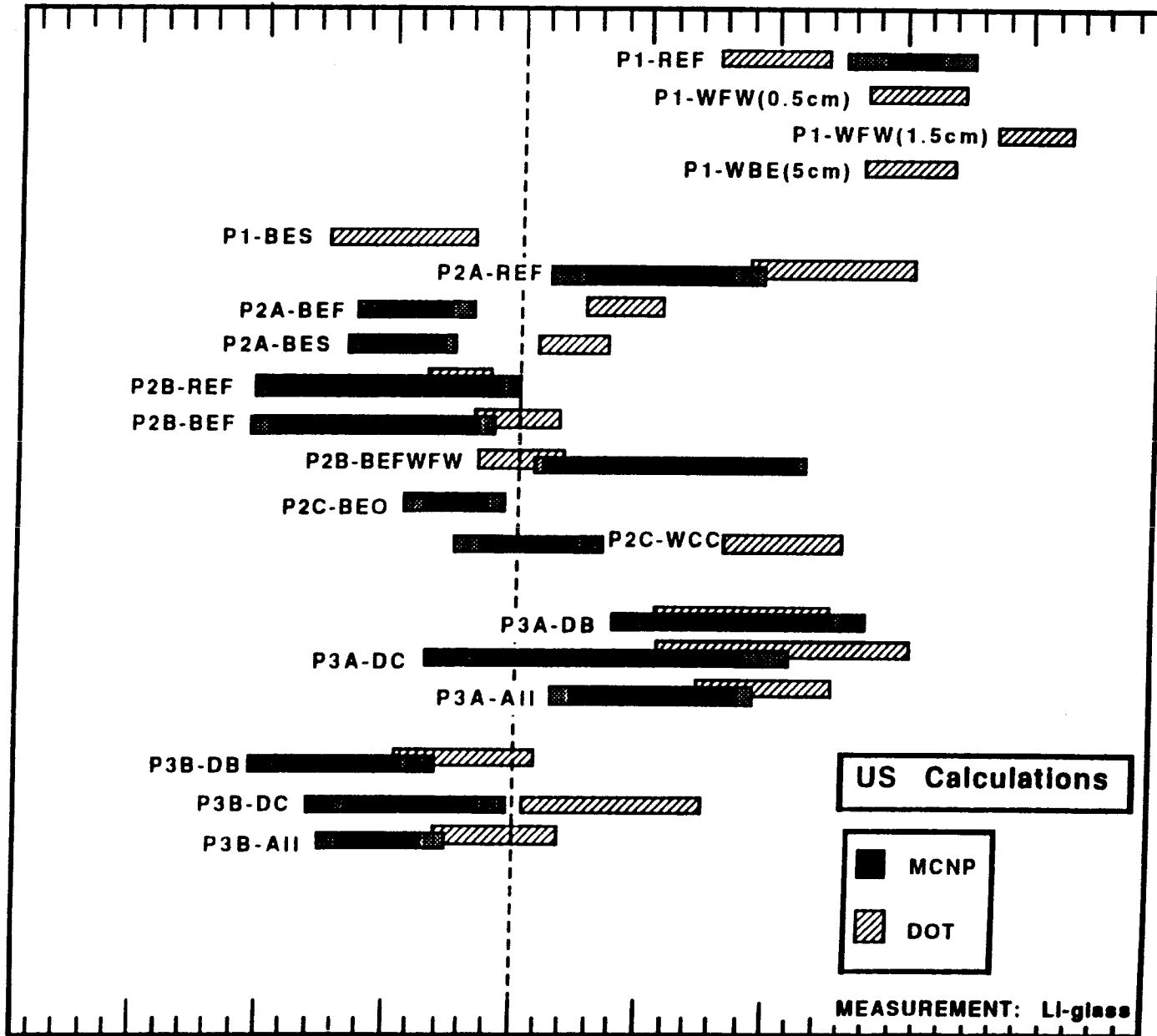


**Table (1): Abbreviation for the Experiments Conducted in Phase I through Phase III**

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Experiment /Case</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>
I	Reference Experiment	P1-REF
I	First Wall Experiment-FW=0.5 cm	P1-WFW(0.5)
I	First Wall Experiment-FW=1.5 cm	P1-WFW(1.5)
I	Beryllium Experiment-Be=5 cm	P1-WBE(5 cm)
I	Beryllium Experiment-Be=10 cm	P1-WBE(10 cm)
IIA	Reference Experiment	P2A-REF
IIA	Beryllium Front Experiment	P2A-BEF
IIA	Beryllium-Sandwiched Experiment	P2ABES
IIB	Reference Experiment	P2B-REF
IIB	Beryllium Front Experiment	P2B-BEF
IIB	Beryllium Front With First Wall Expt.	P2B-BEFWFW
IIC	Water Coolant Channel Experiment	P2C-WCC
IIC	Beryllium Edge-On Experiment	P2C-BEO
IIIA	Reference Experiment-Drawer A	P3A-DA
IIIA	Reference Experiment-Drawer B	P3A-DB
IIIA	Reference Experiment-Drawer C	P3A-DC
IIIA	Reference Experiment-Drawer A&B&C	P3A-All
IIIB	Armored Experiment-Drawer A	P3B-DA
IIIB	Armored Experiment-Drawer B	P3B-DB
IIIB	Armored Experiment-Drawer C	P3B-DC
IIIB	Armored Experiment-Drawer A&B&C	P3B-All
IIIC	Large Opening Experiment-Drawer A	P3C-DA
IIIC	Large Opening Experiment-Drawer B	P3C-DB
IIIC	Large Opening Experiment-Drawer C	P3C-DC
IIIC	Large Opening Experiment-Drawer D	P3C-DD
IIIC	Large Opening Expt.-Drawer A&B&C	P3C-All

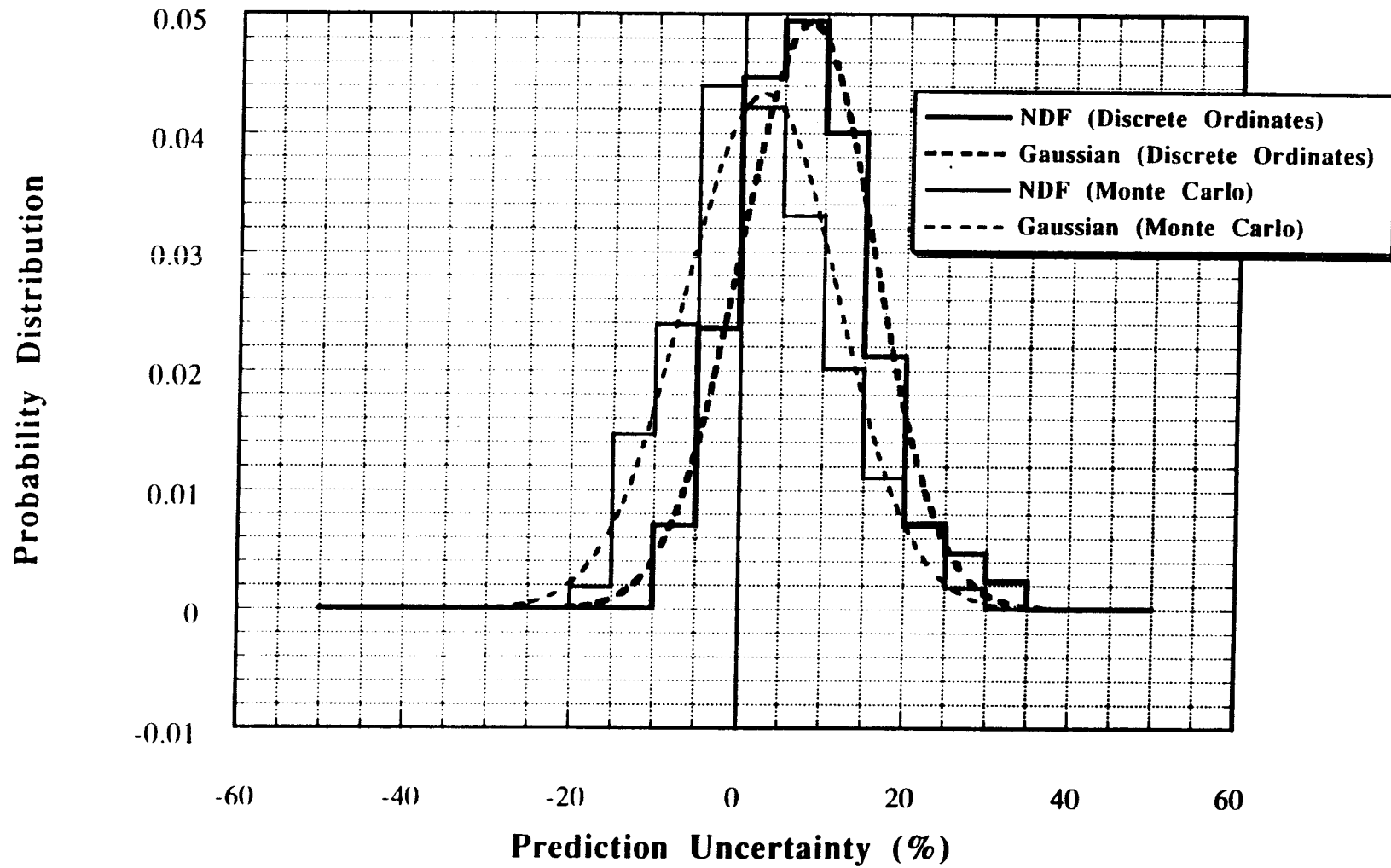
# PREDICTION UNCERTAINTY (%)

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LINE-INTEGRATED TRITIUM PRODUCTION RATE FROM LI-6 (T-6)

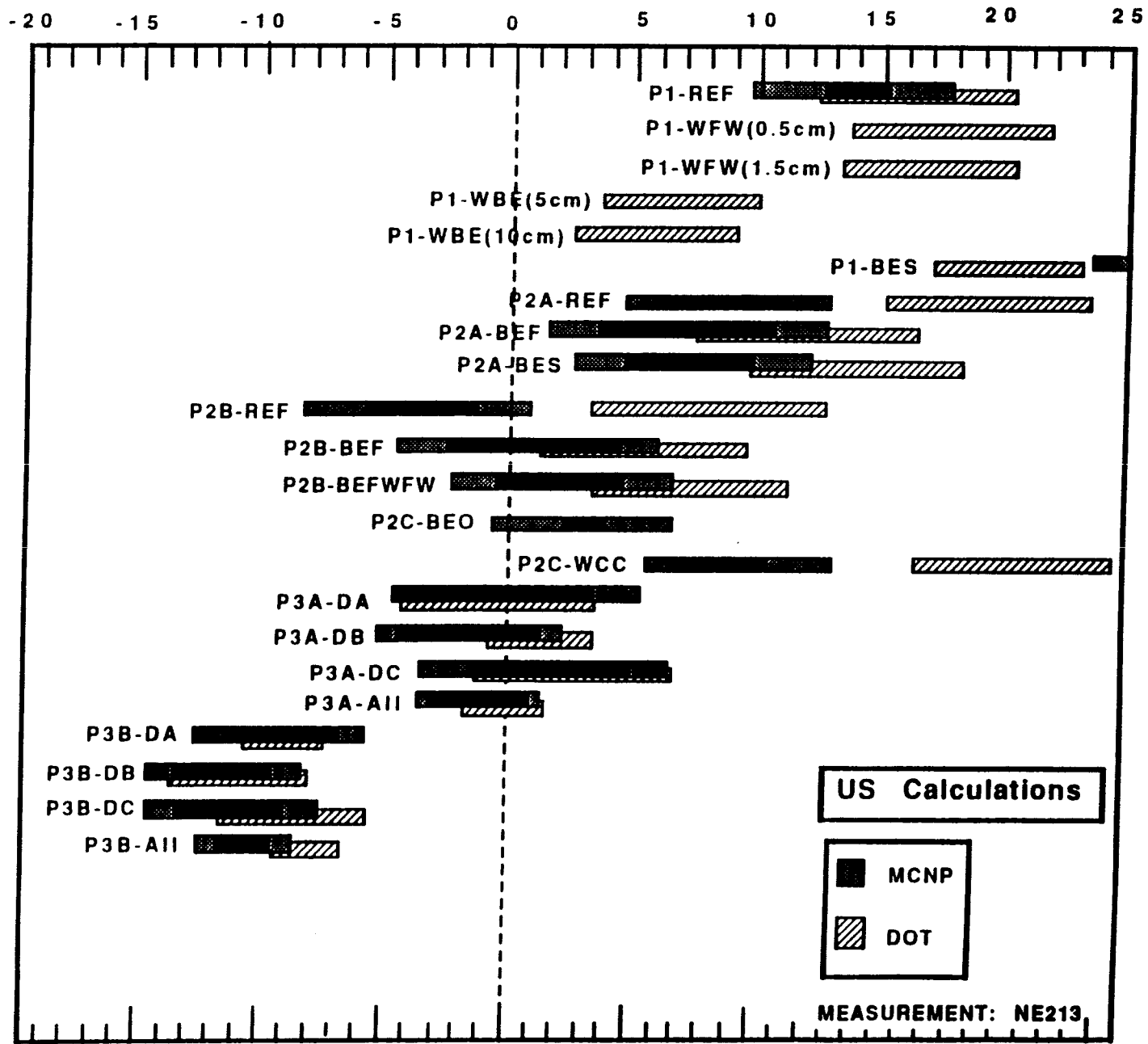
**Gaussian Distribution that Approximates the Normalized Distribution Function, NDF,  
of the Prediction Uncertainties in T-6  
(US Calculations, All Measuring Methods, All Phases)**





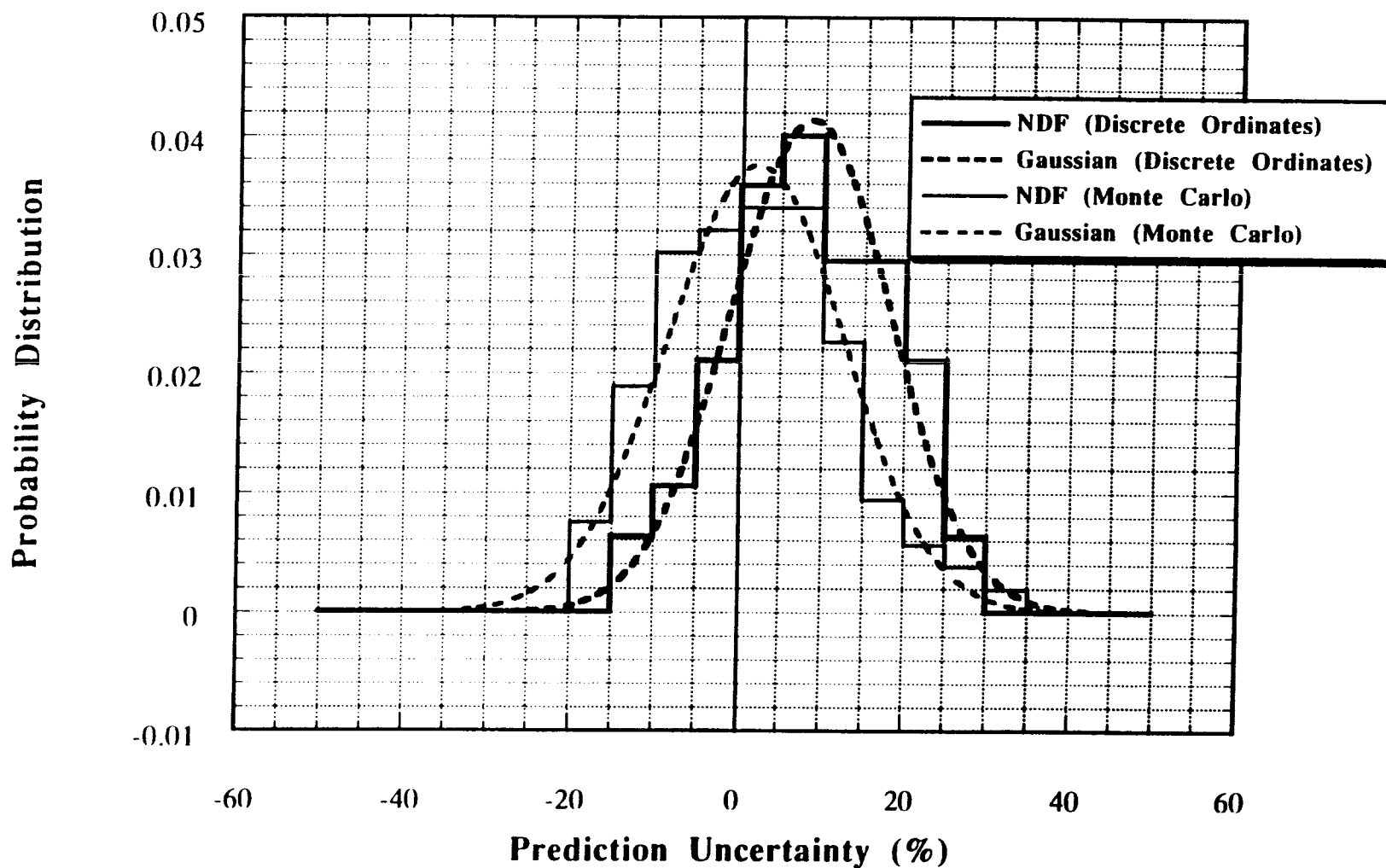


# PREDICTION UNCERTAINTY (%)



LINE-INTEGRATED TRITIUM PRODUCTION RATE FROM LI-7 (T-7)

**Gaussian Distribution that Approximates the Normalized Distribution Function, NDF,  
of the Prediction Uncertainties in T-7  
(US Calculations, All Measuring Methods, All Phases)**



**Confidence Level for Calculations not to Exceed Measurements  
as a Function of Design Safety Factor  
for T-7 (All Methods)  
(All Phases)**

