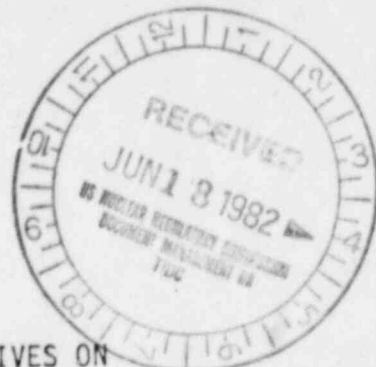




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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING WITH PWR INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES ON  
 June 9, 1982 CONCERNING THE PRESSURIZED THERMAL SHOCK (PTS)  
 ISSUE

Introduction

This was a meeting in Bethesda, MD on June 9, 1982 with the PWR Industry representatives including representatives from the B&W Owners Group (B&WOG), the Combustion Engineering Owners Group (CEOG), the Westinghouse Owners Group (WOG), the eight licensees who received the letter dated August 21, 1981, the Atomic Industrial Forum (AIF), Babcock & Wilcox (B&W), Combustion Engineering (CE), and Westinghouse (W). The meeting was requested by the staff for the purpose of presenting and discussing the current NRC staff considerations of possible recommendations for PTS requirements. The list of attendees are provided in Enclosure 1. Enclosure 2 provides the agenda of the meeting. The staff's material for presenting the possible recommendations for PTS requirements is provided in Enclosure 3. The material which CEOG used in their discussion is provided in Enclosure 4.

Discussion

In the staff's view the principal object of the meeting was to establish a dialogue with the industry and obtain some feedback in order to identify areas of agreement and disagreement, to narrow the gap in these differences and to ultimately go to the Commission with recommendations for requirements to resolve the PTS issue.

Highlights of these discussions provide by group are identified in the following.

NRC Staff Comments

The principal difference between the staff and the industry is the staff's consideration of establishing a RT<sub>NDT</sub> limit. The staff does not accept the industry's point that operators can be relied upon to limit the pressure during a PTS event. The criteria of failure is a transient induced stress sufficient to initiate a crack. Warm prestressing is not considered. The probabilistic approach is based on the experience to date. Although the industry analyses of a number of transients have generally indicated the vessels are acceptable for operation to the end-of-life (EOL), the operational data base indicates problems. The staff rejects the design basis approach to identifying the critical transient as being not sufficiently severe considering the cooldown effects of transients experienced to date involving multiple failures. The staff considers a generic approach to solving the problem more proper than a plant specific or vendor plant approach.

CEOG Comments

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The CEOG doesn't agree with the conservatism of the staff's transient and the crack initiation criteria. The transient would result in a much higher limit of RT<sub>NDT</sub> (300° if the duration time is 30 min., 290° if the duration time is 60 min. and 280° if the duration time is 90 min.). They

suggested that the difference was partially the result of using a different heat transfer coefficient. (Staff considered 330 BTU/sq. ft./hr./°F; CEOG considered 300 BTU/sq. ft./hr./°). Even if the  $RT_{NDT}$  value would be exceeded, CE contends that the vessel would not fail. The vessel could tolerate larger stresses, up to and beyond yield for the outer membrane. CE maintains that data shows that crack arrest would occur. CE contends that a transient characterized by low temperature and high pressure has a nil probability of occurring. It doesn't represent what can realistically occur. A plant cannot hold pressure up when the temperature reduces and if the pressure does increase the temperature increases. To choose a common transient for all plants is not right. A plant specific approach is more appropriate. Some significant design differences in plants preclude the capability of a transient characterized by a low temperature and high pressure.

#### WOG Comments

The WOG response considered the staff approach arbitrary and the staff's transient too severe. WOG believes some events taken from the staff's data base would not be applicable to W plants. If these events were not considered for W plants it would result in an event for W plants of a temperature of 300° at a probability of  $10^{-2}$ . This is consistent with the WOG May 28, 1982, report. The May 28, 1982 report indicated a probability of  $4 \times 10^{-3}$  for a transient resulting in 290° temperatures. The WOG believes that the differences of the different vendor plants should be considered in the final approach to solving the problem. It is wrong for the NRC to take a generic approach which does not consider plant specific differences.

#### B&W Comments

B&W believes the approach should be plant specific. The plant specific submittals should be reviewed. The NRC should place more emphasis on non-destructive examination activity. The improvement of procedures and training is the single most effective activity to solve the PTS issue. Each plant should be given the opportunity to review the staff's report before implementation of requirements.

#### Omaha Public Power District Comments

Much effort and several submittals have been made and it doesn't appear that the staff has considered the information to develop the proposed position. The staff's proposed position is too conservative. No credit has been given operator action, plant specific information has not been considered, the crack initiation criteria is not justified and the limit on  $RT_{NDT}$  should be established on a technical basis-not an arbitrary basis.

#### Conclusions

The Commission desires a resolution to the PTS issue. Some plants will need to make changes before the EOL. The proposed  $RT_{NDT}$  limit is not yet fixed. The staff is still formulating the limit. The staff will provide two weeks for the industry to submit comments in order for the staff to consider industry views in the determination of a staff position. The staff does not subscribe to the view that the industry cannot be held to a standard and the staff doesn't believe it is necessary to consider each plant on a plant specific basis. It is the staff's view that a limit will be established. The comments from the industry should consider the following:

1. The severity and frequency of the proposed transient. Resolve the difference between operating data and frequency calculated by PRA studies.
2. The physical possibility of a plant condition that prevents for example a high pressure and low temperature from occurring at the same time.
3. The staff's correct use of data, i.e., assumed  $\beta$  (transient time constant) should different? Can plants tolerate transients which have occurred to EOL for all plants?
4. Resolution of differences between staff and industry assumptions in the areas of material properties and fluence.
5. Resolution of failure criteria - crack initiation versus crack arrest. Specify what, if any, are the differences in the methods for prediction of initiation and arrest. Identify what methods should be used, i.e., LEFM or EFPM.
6. The properly conservative acceptance criteria to be used, NRC needs to develop this.
7. The proper heat transfer coefficient to be used in the development of a position. This may vary for different conditions, for example RCPs running vs. tripped.
8. The understanding of the damage function through the vessel wall.
9. The use of the best-estimate values versus conservative values of  $RT_{NDT}$  in formulating the regulation.
10. Other differences which should be considered.

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Enclosures:

1. Attendance List
2. Agenda
3. Staff's Material & Possible Recommendations
4. CEOG Discussion Material

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 CONCERNING PRESSURIZED THERMAL SHOCK ISSUE

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AGENDA  
FOR  
MEETING WITH PWR INDUSTRY  
JUNE 9, 1982  
CONCERNING  
THE STAFF'S POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR  
PTS REQUIREMENTS

- I. Discussion of possible NRC recommendations for PTS requirements.
- II. Industry's identification of areas where they believe the bases for the staff's proposed position are in error, why our position is in error, and (if possible) a quantitative estimate of how much difference results from each item.

S. Hanauer

Industry  
Representatives

#1

Current NRC staff  
Consideration of  
Possible Recommendations  
for  
PTS Requirements

June 3, 1982 (ACRS)

June 8, 1982 (PNL)

June 9, 1982 (Industry Rep)



### Summary of Actual Plant Events

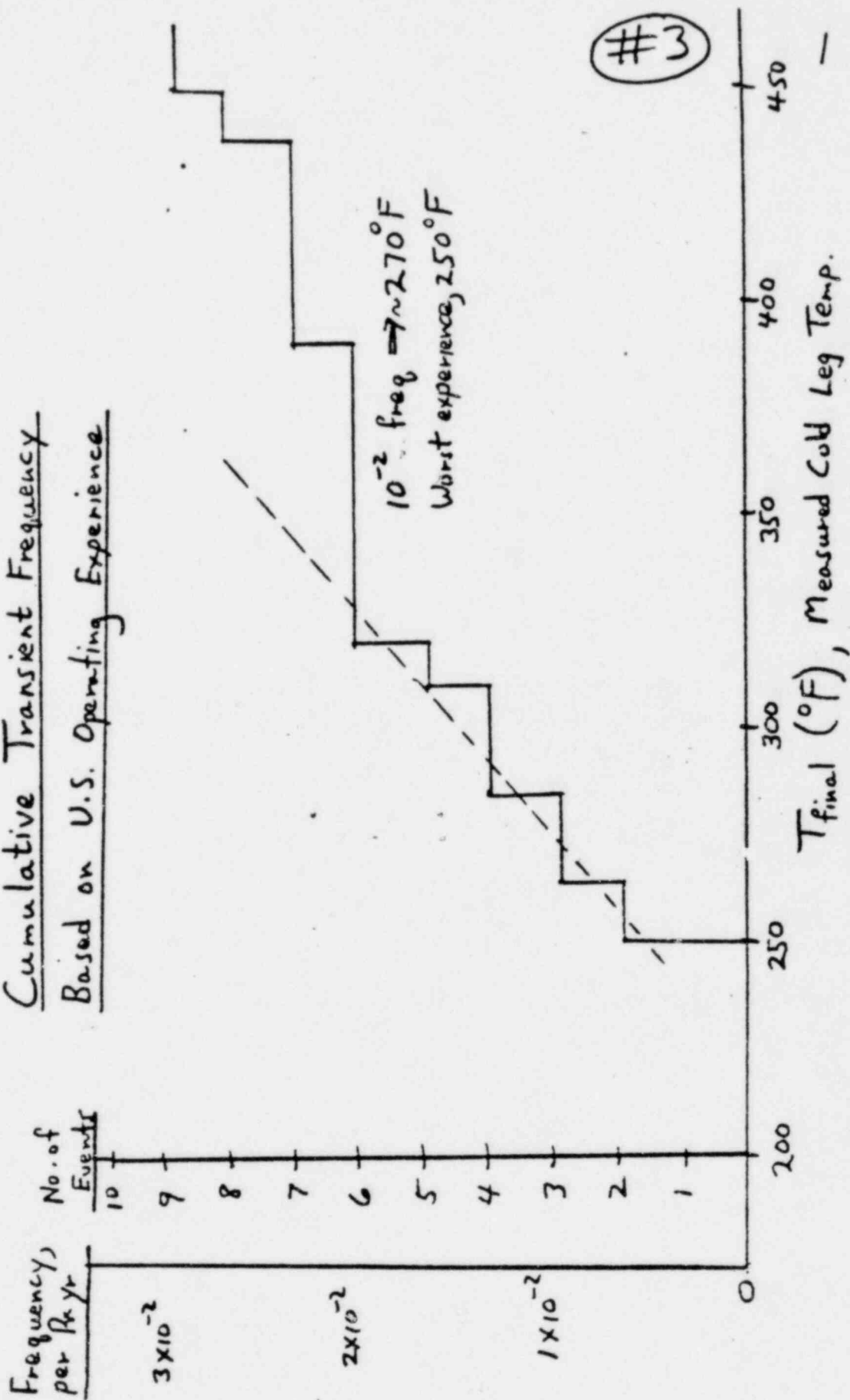
NSSS	Plant Description	Date	Beta (1/m)	T-final (deg F)	Duration	T-init. (deg F)	Pressure (psig)	Comments
<u>W</u>	Robinson 2 Pre-op small SLB	04/28/72	0.097	320.	1 hr	530.	2050.	
<u>W</u>	Robinson 2 Stuck S.G. Valve	11/05/72	0.043	389.	2 hr	550.	1700.	P-reading off scale
<u>B+W</u>	Rancho Seco Loss of NNI/ICS	03/20/78	0.104	285.	1 hr	600.	2000.	
<u>W</u>	Robinson 2 RCP seal SBLOCA	05/01/78	0.172	310.	30 m	450.	1000.	P-reading off scale
<u>B+W</u>	Three Mile-2 PORV SBLOCA	03/28/79	0.098	250.	1 hr	450.	1800.	3-4 hrs in transient
<u>B+W</u>	Crystal River-3 Loss of NNI/ICS	02/26/80	?	250.	?	560.	2300.	T-range 100 -400 deg F
<u>W</u>	Glina SGTR/Stuck PORV	01/25/82	0.127	265.	45 m	550.	1400.	Coldest T <sub>n</sub> measured.
CE	Ft. Calhoun			440				
CE	ANO-2			450				(#)

Foreign experience is not included in our data base. Example of experience not included:

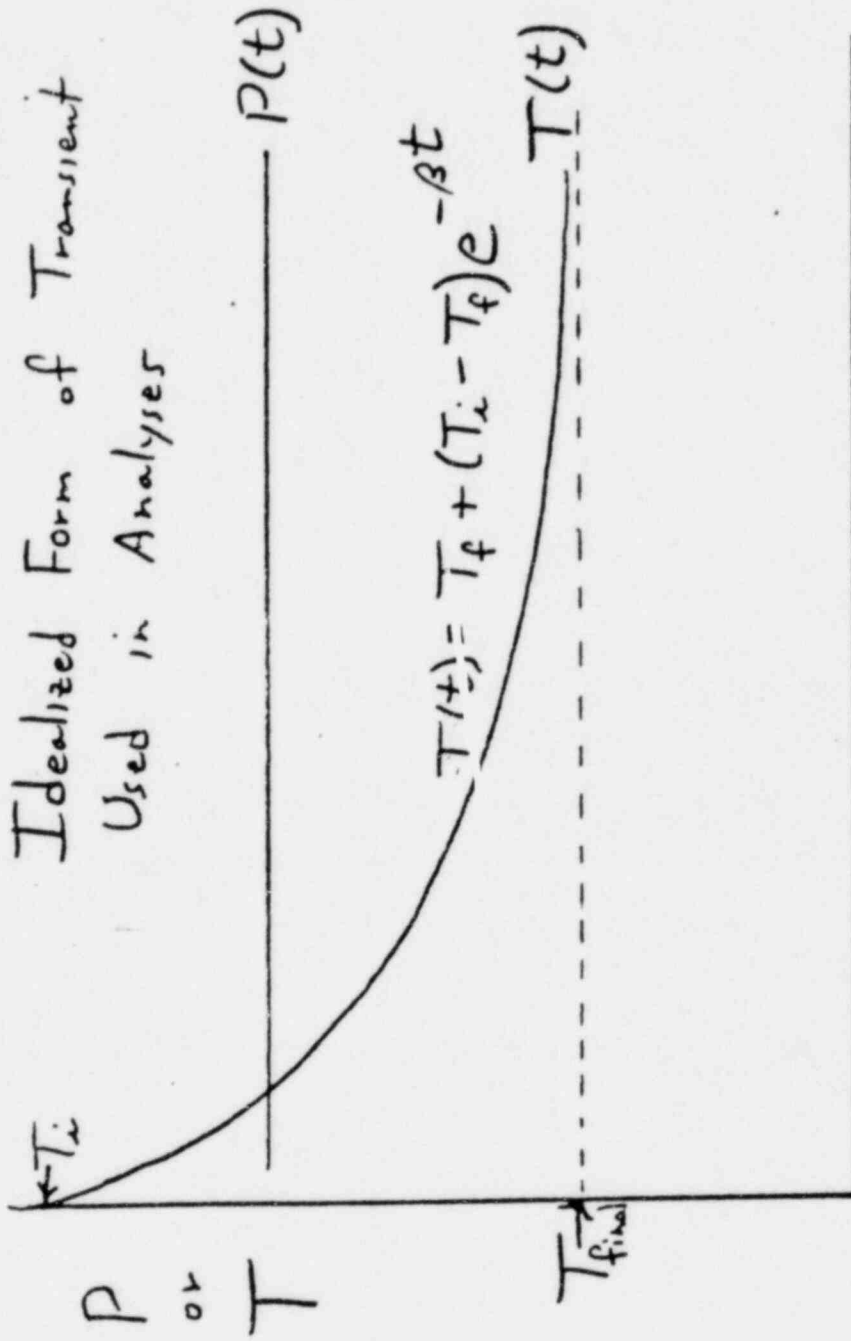
<u>W</u>	Borselle S.G. Blowdown	03/02/81	0.253	285.	45 m	440.	2100.	2-loop PWR European
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Totals: 4 W    2 CE    3 B+W    (9 Total)

Cumulative Transient Frequency  
Based on U.S. Operating Experience

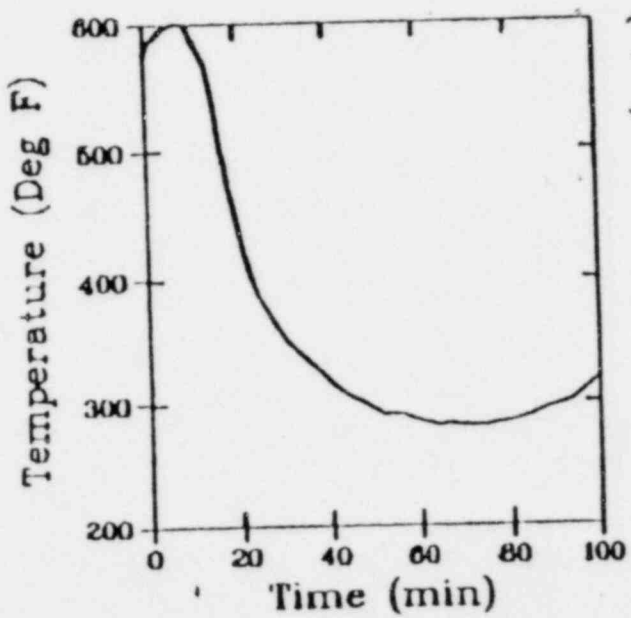
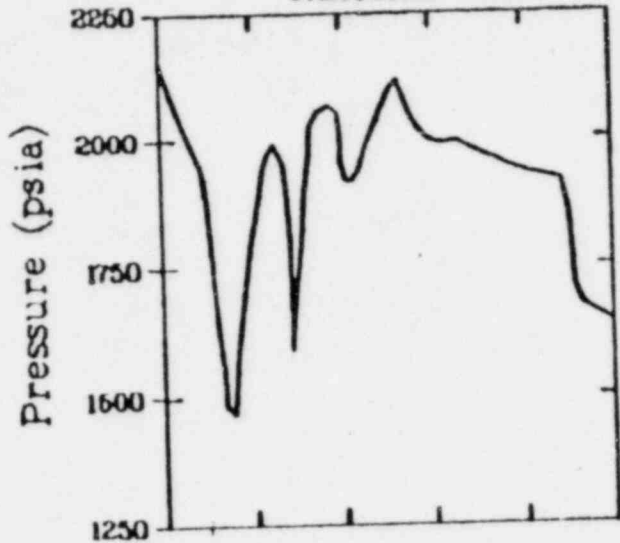


Idealized Form of Transient  
Used in Analyses



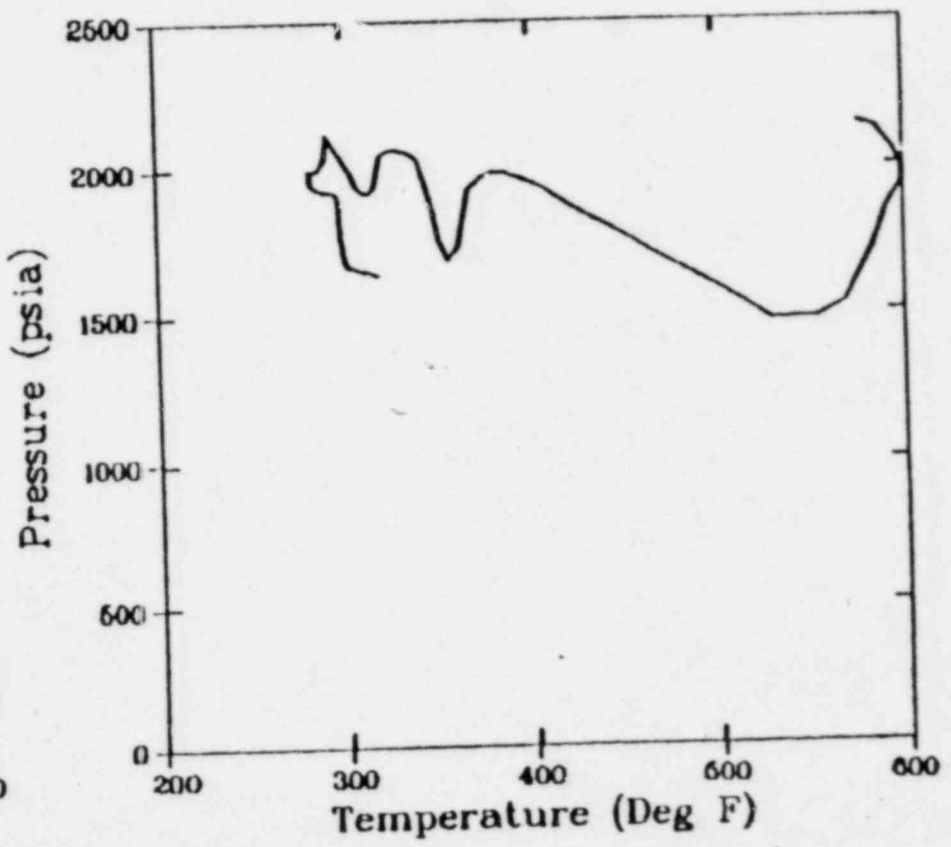
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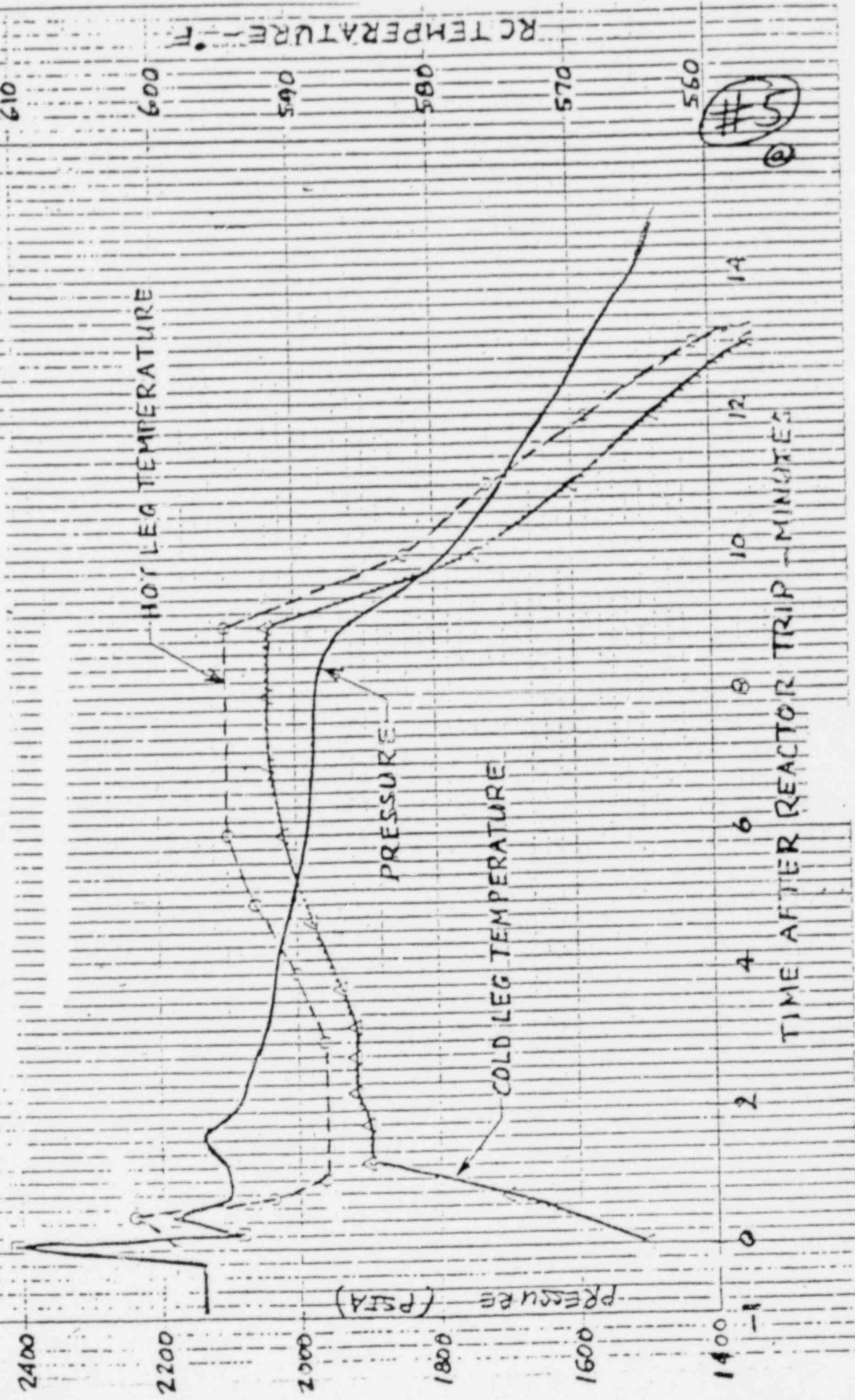
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- B&W NSSS
- Loss of NNI/ICS Indicators
- SG refill with MFW
- Pressure Controlled with SI



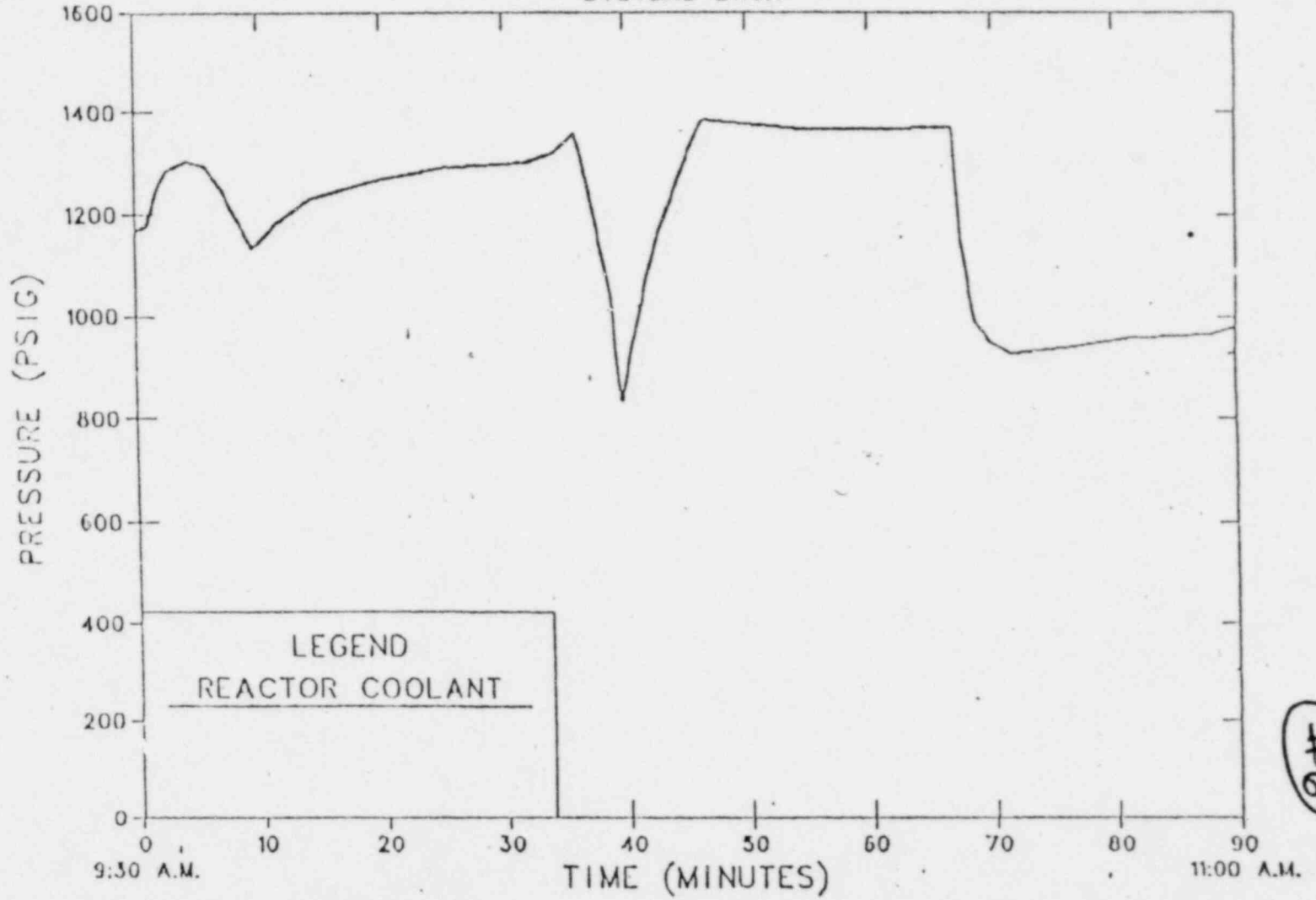
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LOOP B RC PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE AFTER REACTOR  
 TRIP AT SMUD ON 3/20/78  
 (RANCHO SECO "TRANSIENT")



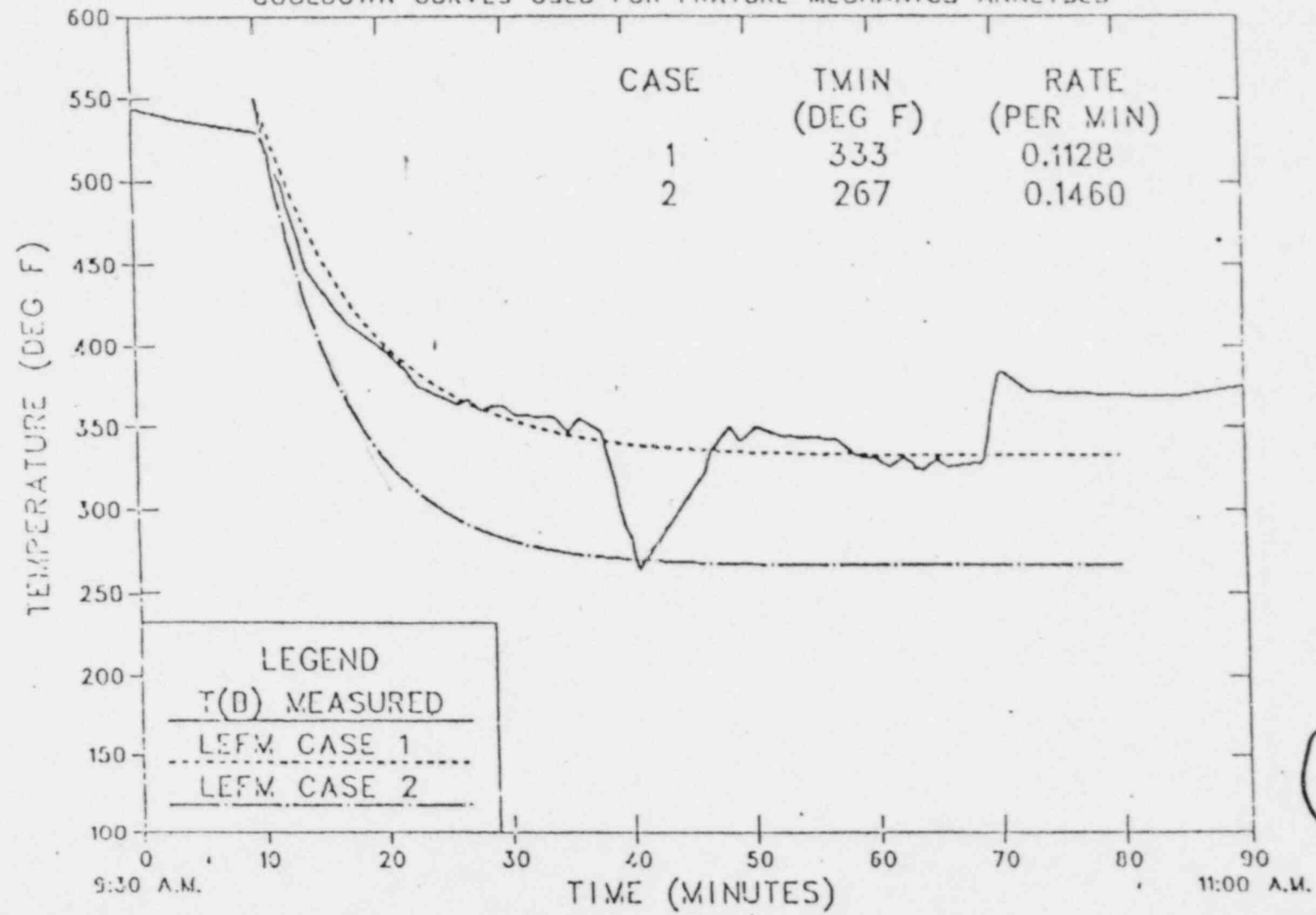
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R.E. GINNA SGTR EVENT 01/25/82  
SYSTEMS DATA



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R.E. GINNA SGTR EVENT 01/25/82  
 COOLDOWN CURVES USED FOR FRATURE MECHANICS ANALYSES



#7

Deterministic Crack

Initiation Conditions

$$\beta = 0.15 \text{ min.}^{-1}$$

$R_{TNDT}$

200 225 250 275 300 °F

Axial Cracks

$R_{TNDT} = 300^\circ\text{F}$

Circumferential Cracks

SAFE

UNSAFE

Initiation

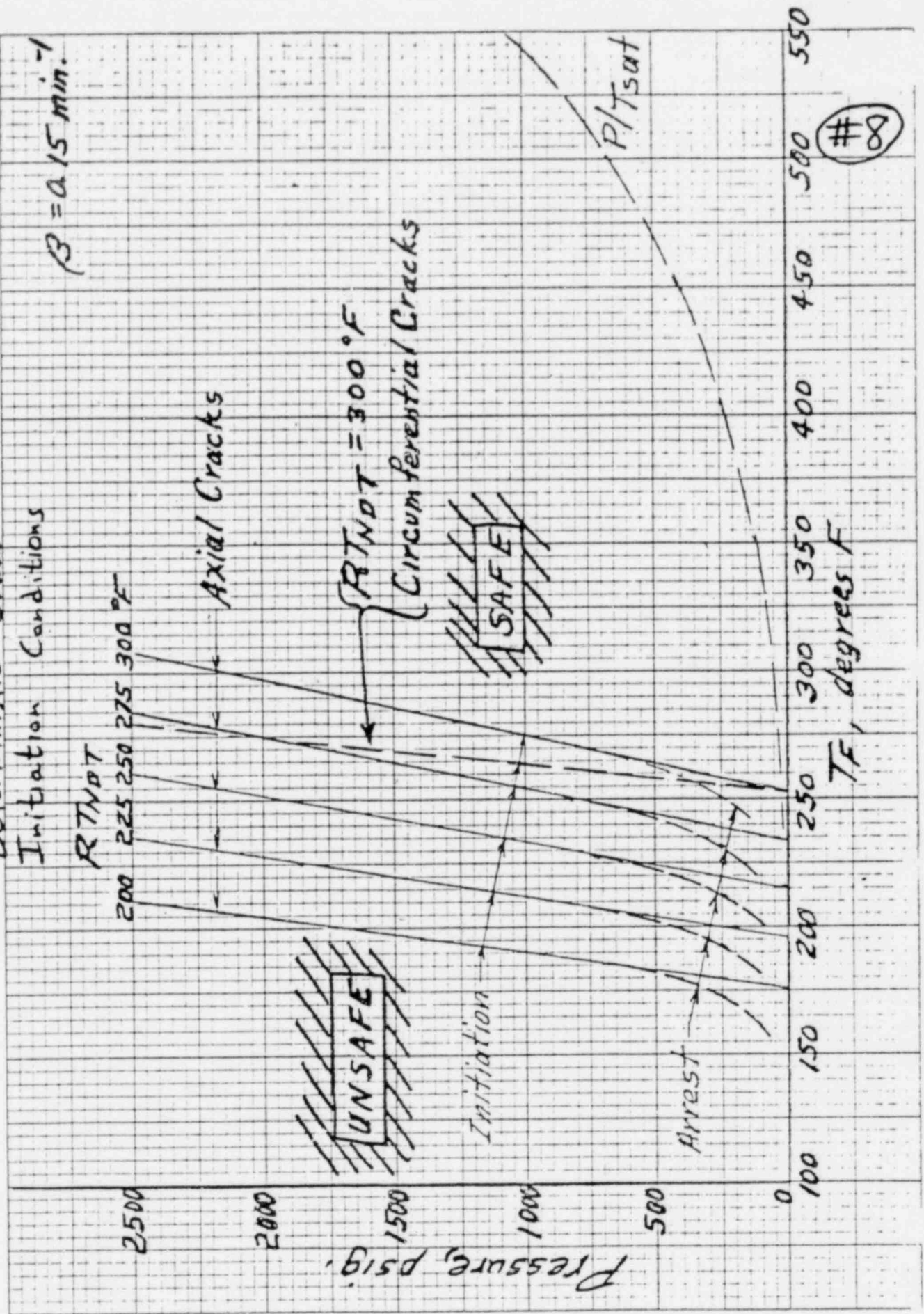
Arrest

$P/T_{sat}$

Pressure, psig.

$T_F$ , degrees F

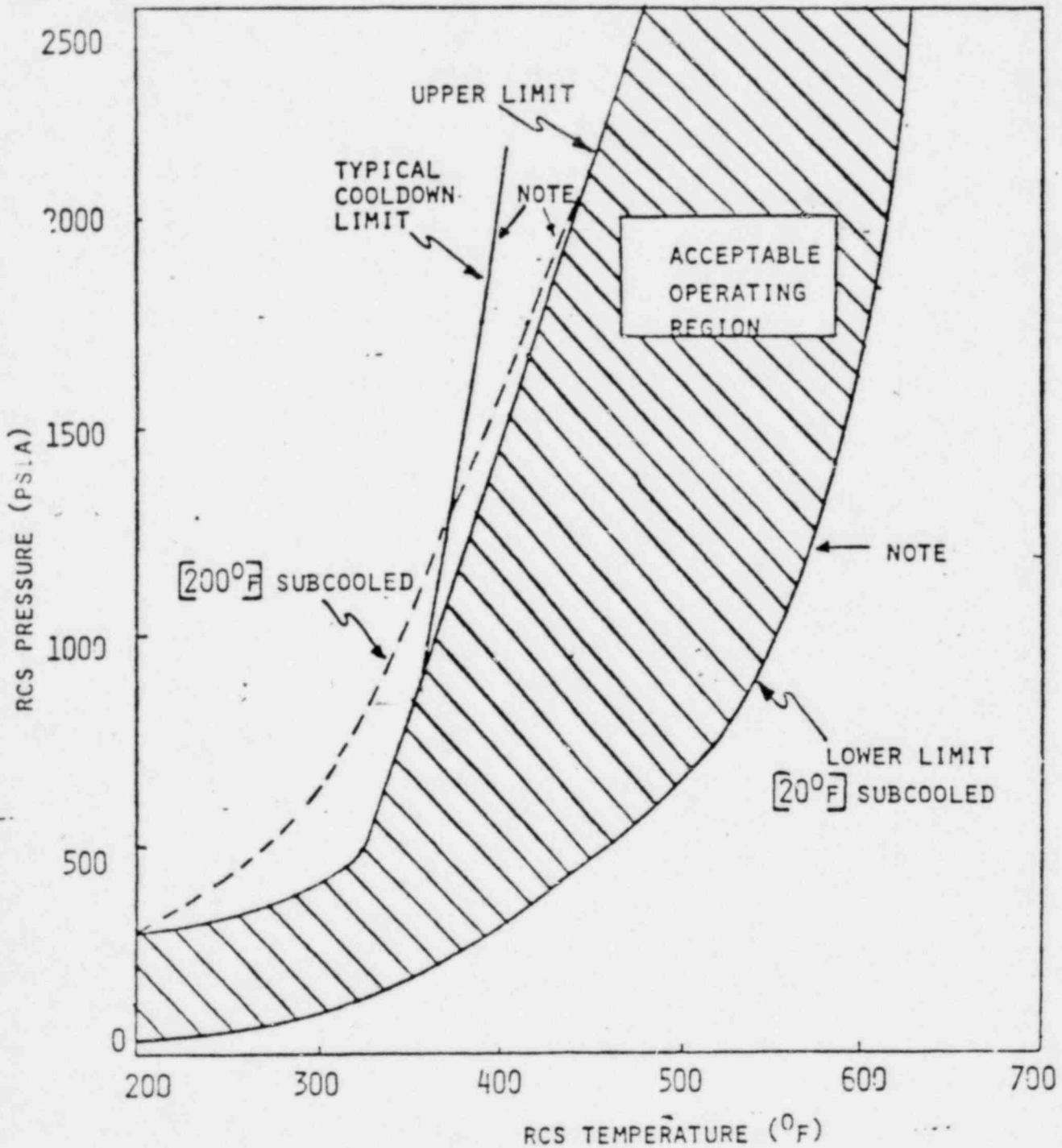
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POST ACCIDENT RCS PT LIMIT CURVES

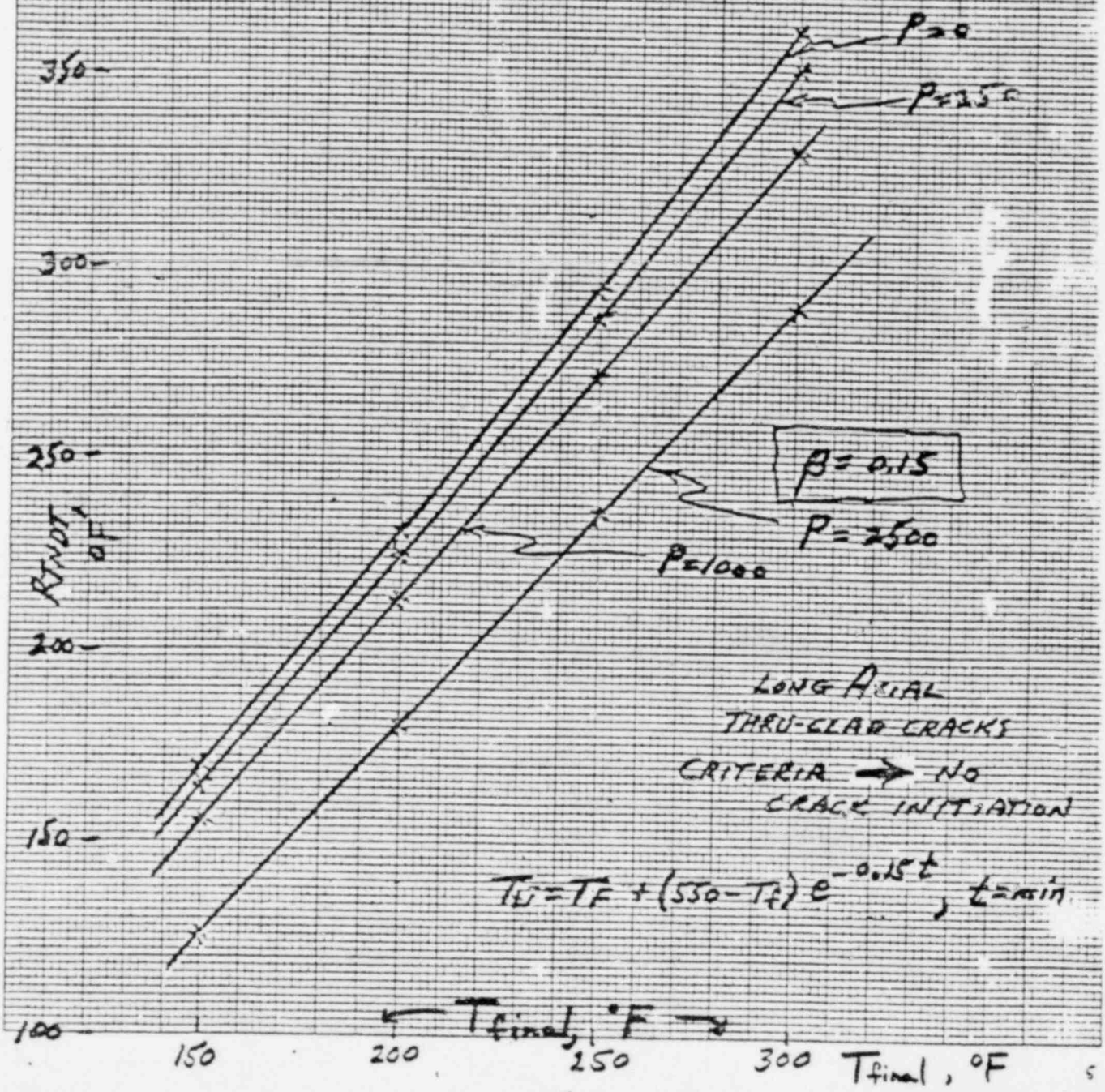
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(Provided to NRC by CEOG at 3/3/82 meeting)

Deterministic  
Crack Initiation  
Conditions

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#11

Deterministic Method  
for  
Crack Initiation

(based on transient with  $T_{\text{final}} = 250^{\circ}\text{F}$   
and  $\beta = 0.15 \text{ min}^{-1}$ )

<u><math>RT_{\text{HDT}}, ^{\circ}\text{F}</math></u>	<u>Pressure, psig</u>
230	> 2500
275	< 1000
295	< 300

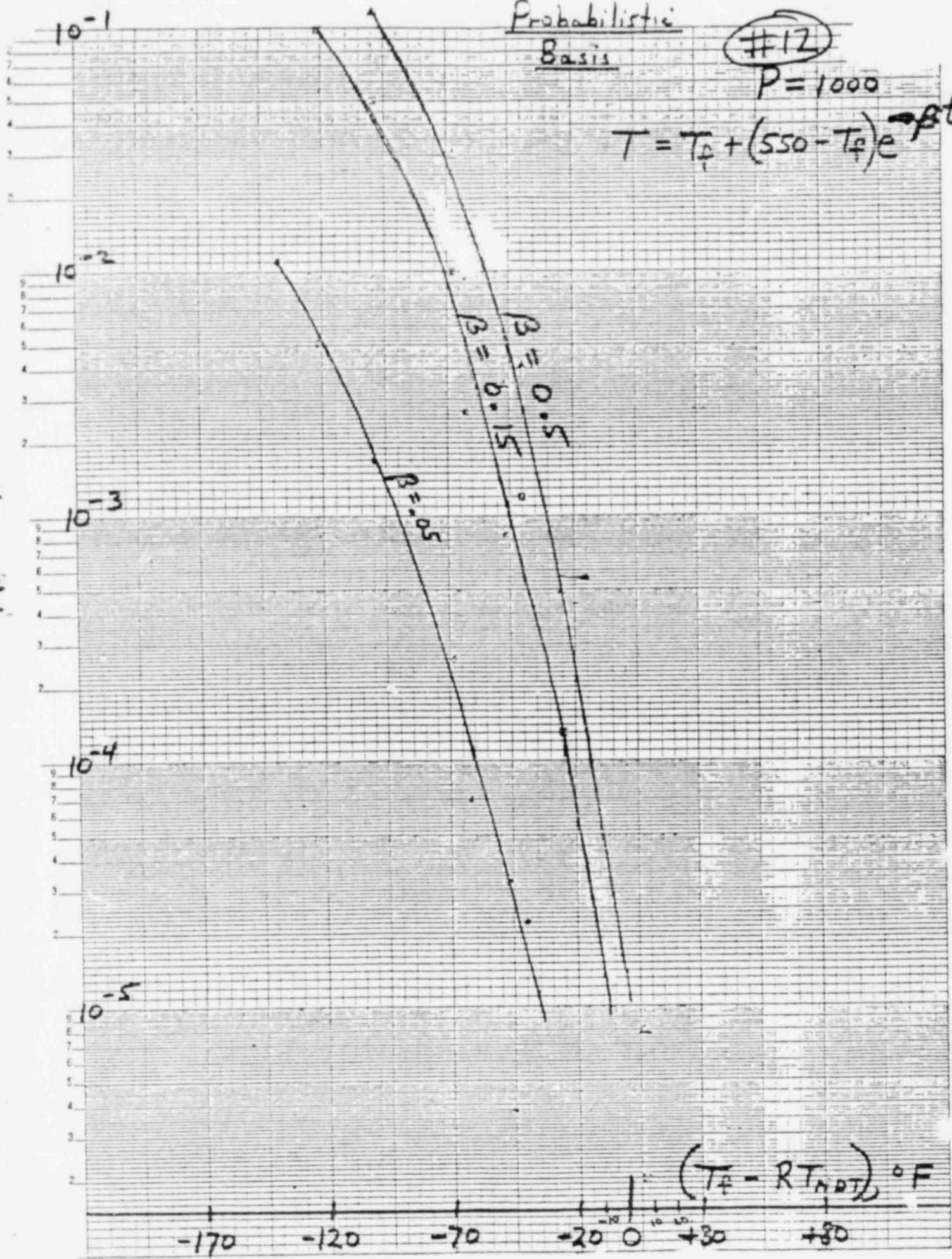
Probabilistic  
Basis

#12

P = 1000

$$T = T_f + (550 - T_f)e^{-\beta t}$$

P (FAILURE / TRANSIENT OCCURS)



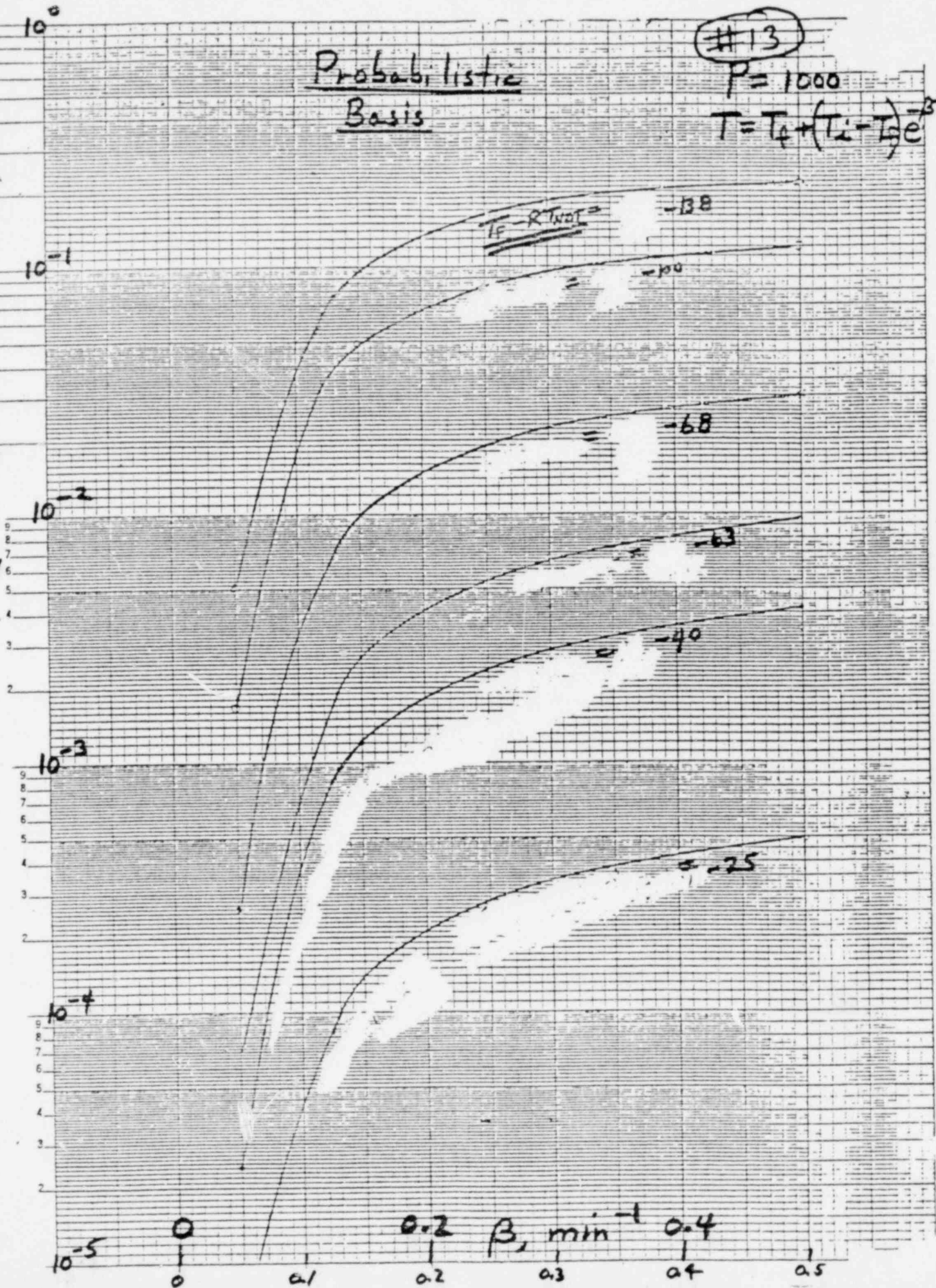
Probabilistic  
Basis

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$P = 1000$

$T = T_f + (T_i - T_f)e^{-\beta t}$

P (Failure Transient Occurred)

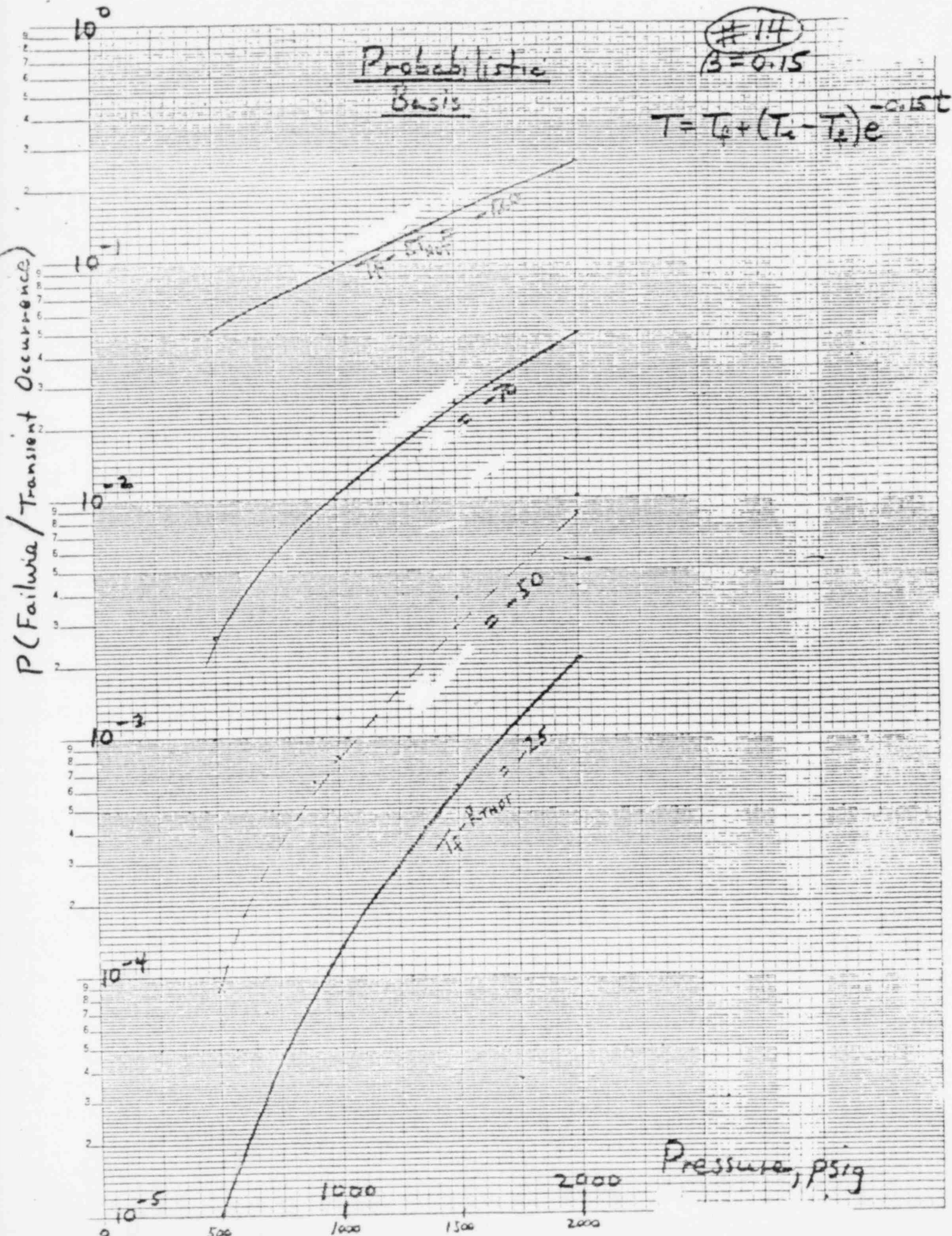


Probabilistic  
Basis

#14  
 $\beta = 0.15$

$$T = T_0 + (T_i - T_0)e^{-\beta t}$$

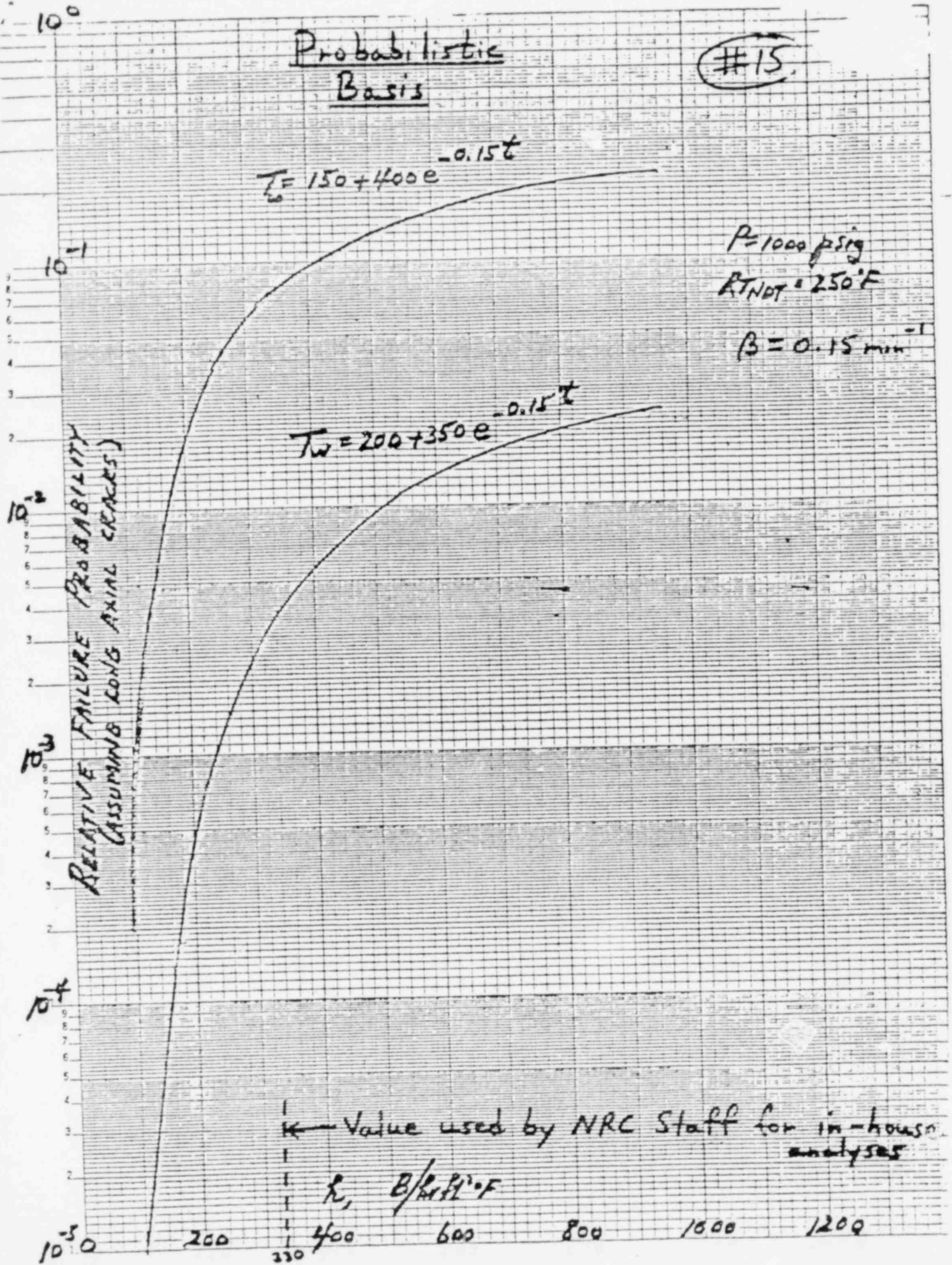
P(Failure/Transient Occurrence)



Pressure, psig

Probabilistic Basis

#15



$$T_0 = 150 + 400e^{-0.15t}$$

$$T_w = 200 + 350e^{-0.15t}$$

$P = 1000 \text{ psig}$   
 $RT_{NDT} = 250 \text{ F}$

$\beta = 0.15 \text{ min}^{-1}$

← Value used by NRC Staff for in-house analyses

$t, B/RT^2 \cdot F$

10<sup>-3</sup> 200 330 400 600 800 1000 1200

#16

Deterministic Method  
for  
Crack Initiation

(based on transient with  $T_{\text{final}} = 250^{\circ}\text{F}$   
and  $\beta = 0.15 \text{ min}^{-1}$ )

<u>RT<sub>NDT</sub>, °F</u>	<u>Pressure, psig</u>	<u>*P(failure/trans)*</u>
230	> 2500	$10^{-5}$ to $10^{-4}$
275	< 1000	$10^{-4}$ to $10^{-3}$
295	< 300	$10^{-4}$ to $10^{-3}$

\* Probability of vessel failure given  
occurrence of the transient

described and with vessel RT<sub>NDT</sub> shown



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## RT<sub>NDT</sub> Limits Under Consideration

- Using deterministic curves, with  $\beta = 0.15$ ,  $T_f = 250$ :  
for full pressure capability, then

$$\underline{\underline{RT_{NDT} \text{ (Actual)}}} = 230^\circ\text{F} \text{ for longitudinal welds}$$

$$\underline{\underline{RT_{NDT} \text{ (Actual)}}} = 255^\circ\text{F} \text{ for circumferential welds}$$

- Using probabilistic curves for above  $\beta$ ,  $T_f$ , and  $RT_{NDT}$ :

$$P(\text{failure} / \text{transient occurrence}) = \sim 10^{-5}$$

$$P(\text{transient occurrence}) = \sim 10^{-2}$$

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{P(\text{failure})}} = \sim 10^{-7} \text{ (For the given transient)}$$

Note, however, that the total failure probability would be higher to account

for all transients including those with

$T_f < 250^\circ\text{F}$  and/or  $\beta > 0.15 \text{ min}^{-1}$

## Determination of $RT_{NDT}$

- Limit under consideration was derived assuming actual  $RT_{NDT}$  is known
- How should  $RT_{NDT}$  be determined for regulation?
  - "Best Estimate" value
  - Conservative value

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## Unquantified Uncertainties

- Local temperature in downcomer vs. measured temp.
- Changes being made:
  - better instrumentation (bus separation in B&W plant)
  - interim training and procedure modifications
- Consequences of vessel failure
- Failure criteria
  - Heat transfer coefficient
  - Cladding effects (increases  $K_{IC}$  but may inhibit growth)
  - Use of  $K_{IC} = 200 \text{ ksi} \sqrt{\text{in}}$  for crack arrest
  - Best estimate vs. lower bound  $K_{IC}$
  - Method used to determine  $R_{TNDT}$
  - More severe transients may occur
  - We used normal distributions with "tails" that may not exist in reality
  - Assumed crack shape, size, and probability

#20

Possible Actions for Plants that  
Do Not Currently Meet Criteria

- Justification of lower  $RT_{NDT}$ , for example through lower initial  $RT_{NDT}$
- Operations improvements
  - licensee would have to prepare and justify
  - licensee would have to show that no other safety problems were created
- Instrumentation improvements for use by operator
- Credit for pressure limiting control system
  - licensee would have to design reliable system
  - licensee would have to determine and justify that system would not create safety problems
- Full volumetric NDE of vessel
- shutdown for annealing

#21

## Flux Reduction Considerations

- Are we willing to accept EOL  $RT_{NDT}$  equal to limit for many older operating plants?
- Does this mean limiting  $RT_{NDT}$  should be lowered?
- Should we require flux reduction methods to slow down toughness degradation?
- We propose that these questions should be answered when the safety goal is finalized.

## Defense in Depth

Should we require:

- upgraded operator procedures and training at all plants
- improved instrumentation at some RTNDT threshold
- hardware improvements at some RTNDT threshold:
  - Auto Pressure Control
  - Warmer Feedwater
  - Warmer ECCS water
- required flux reduction at some RTNDT threshold

CEGG COMMENTSNRC / INDUSTRY P T S MEETING  
(6/9/82)

- CONSERVATISMS IN NRC LEFM ANALYSES
- CHARACTERISTICS OF NRC TRANSIENT
- PROBABILITY OF NRC TRANSIENT

# CONSERVATISMS IN NRC LEFM ANALYSES

- ANALYSIS OF NRC TRANSIENT

- CRACK INITIATION CRITERION

CRACK ARREST

LEFM / EPFM

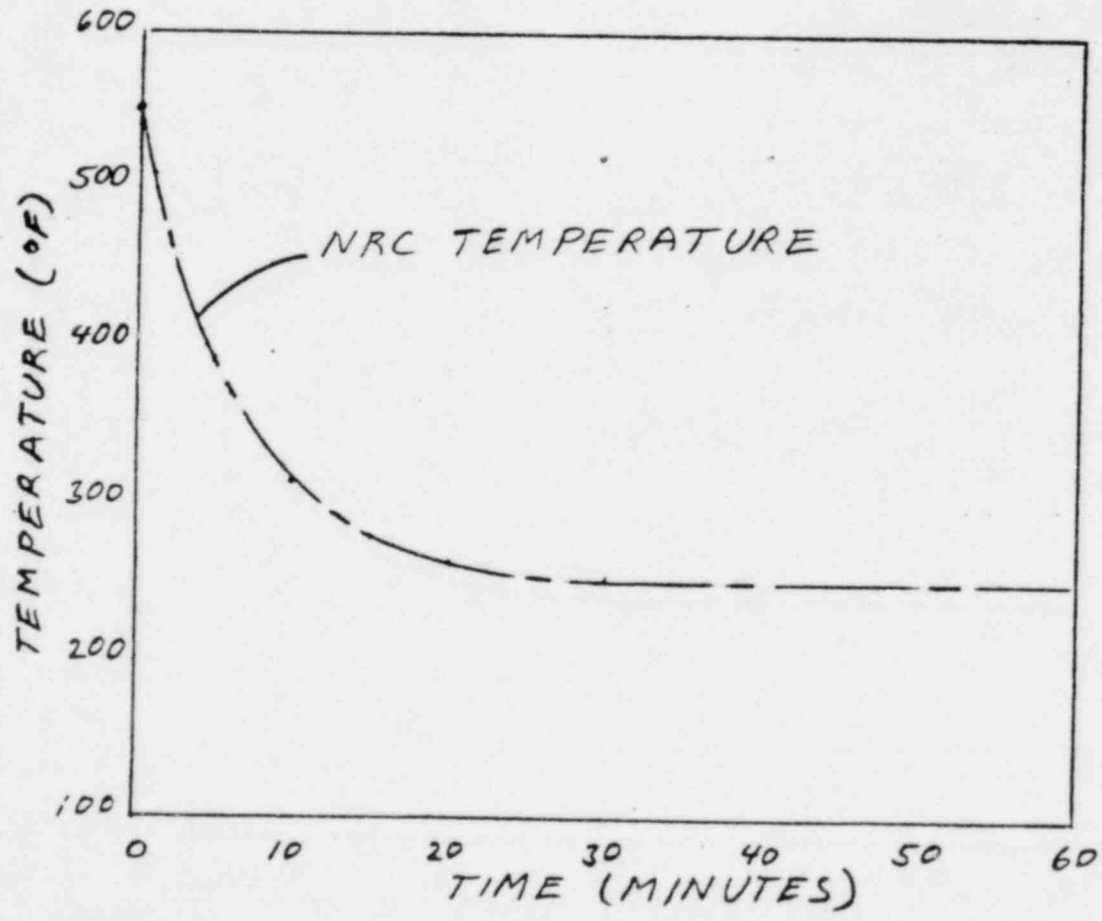
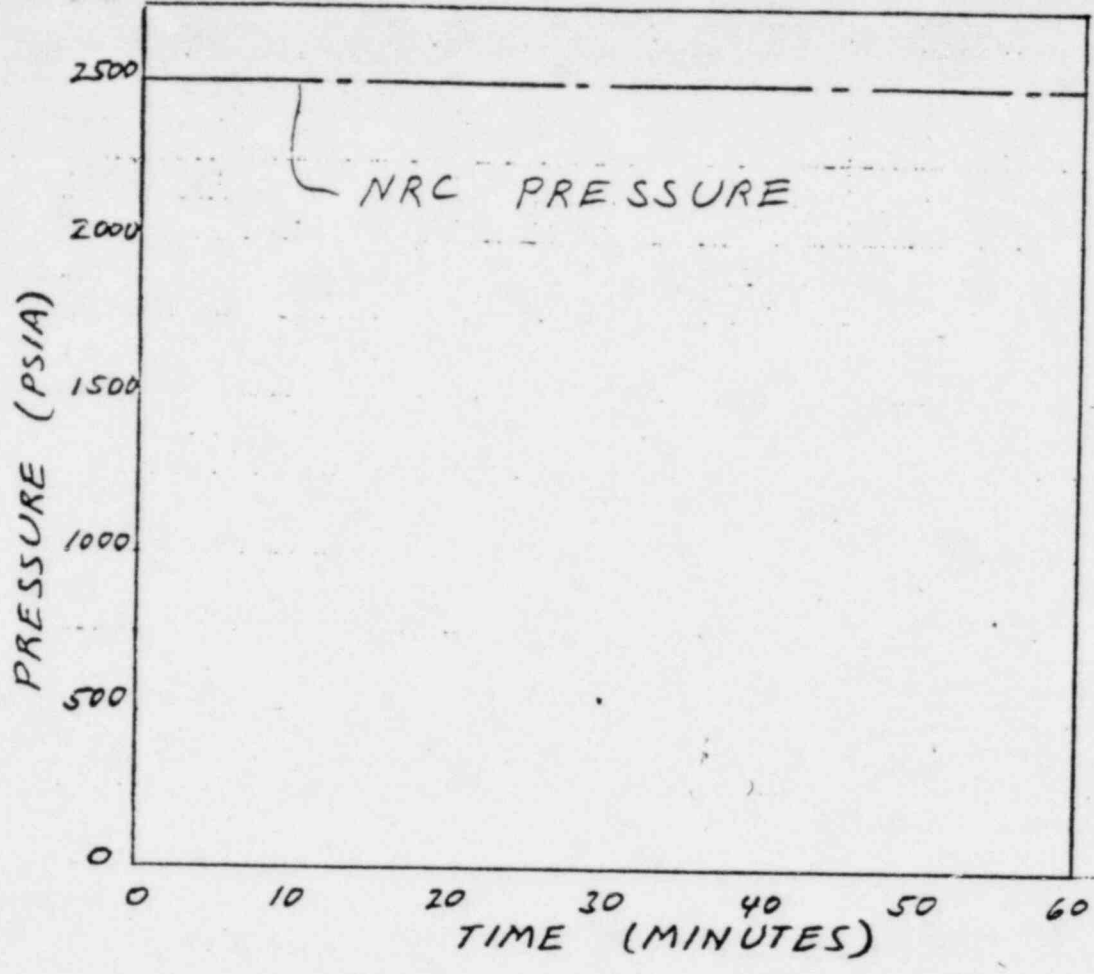


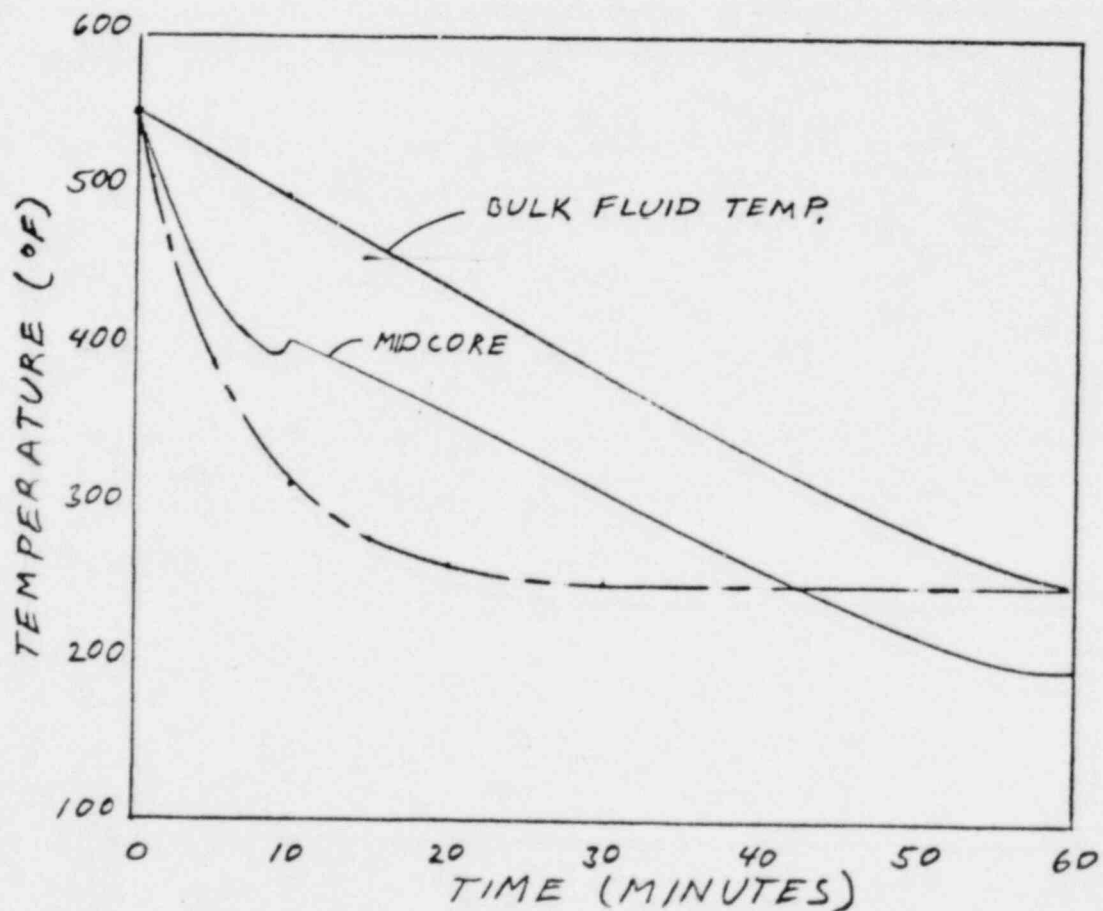
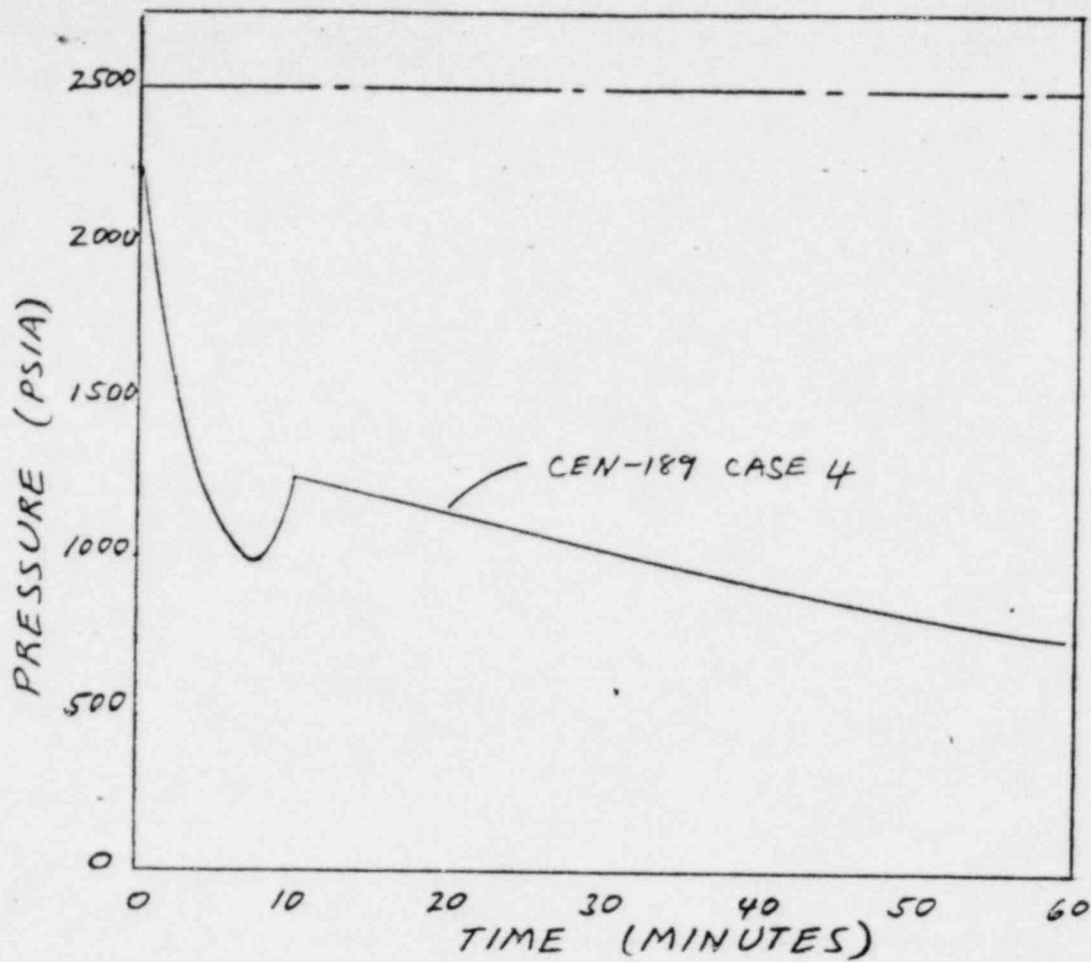
# ANALYSIS OF NRC TRANSIENT

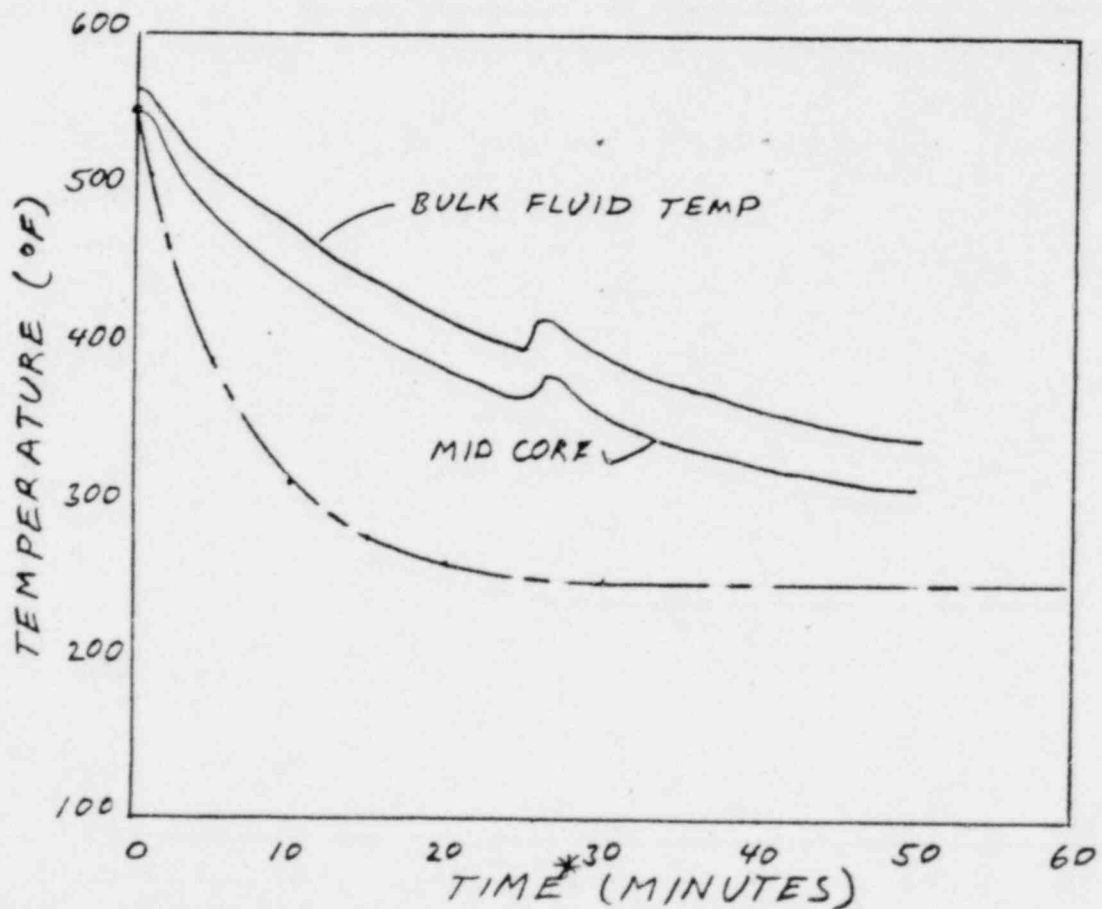
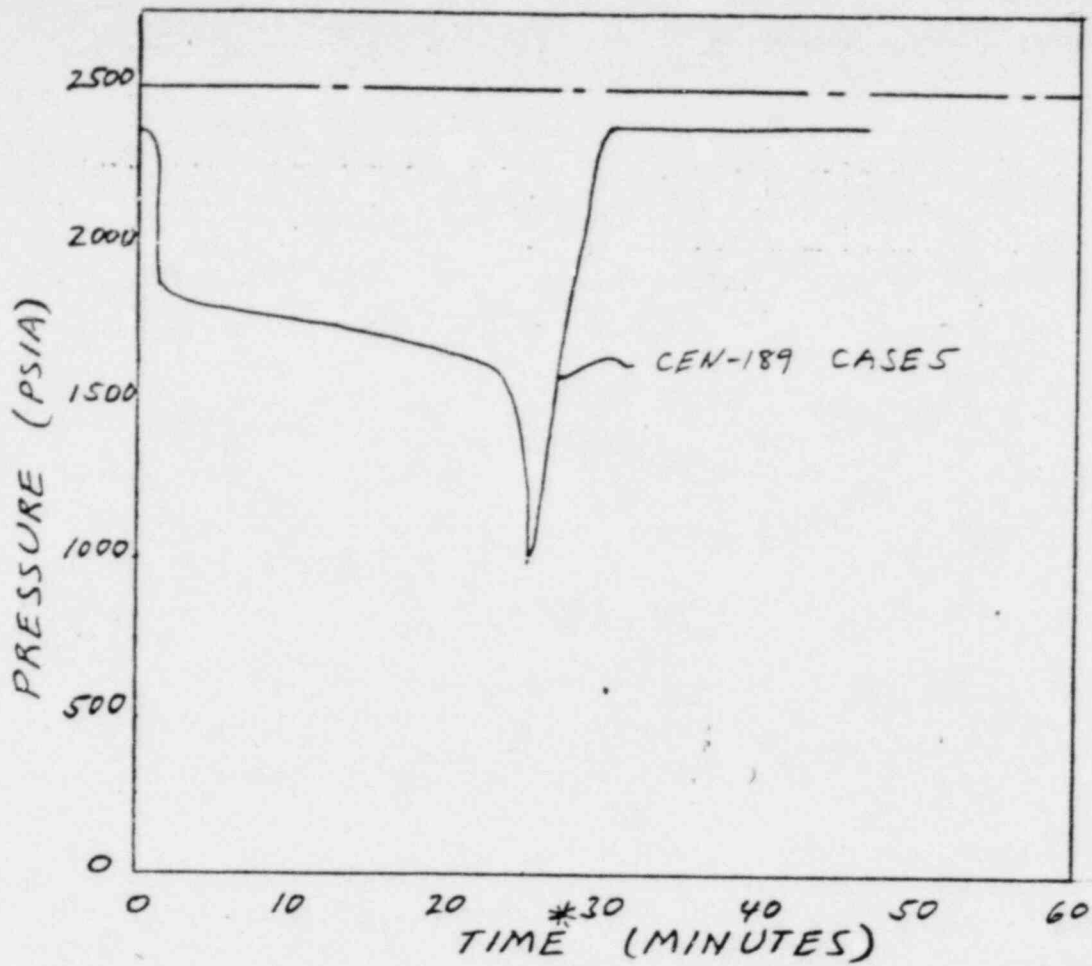
DURATION OF TRANSIENT (MINUTES)	$R_{TNDT}$ AT INITIATION (°F)
30	320
60	290
90	280

## CHARACTERISTICS OF NRC TRANSIENT

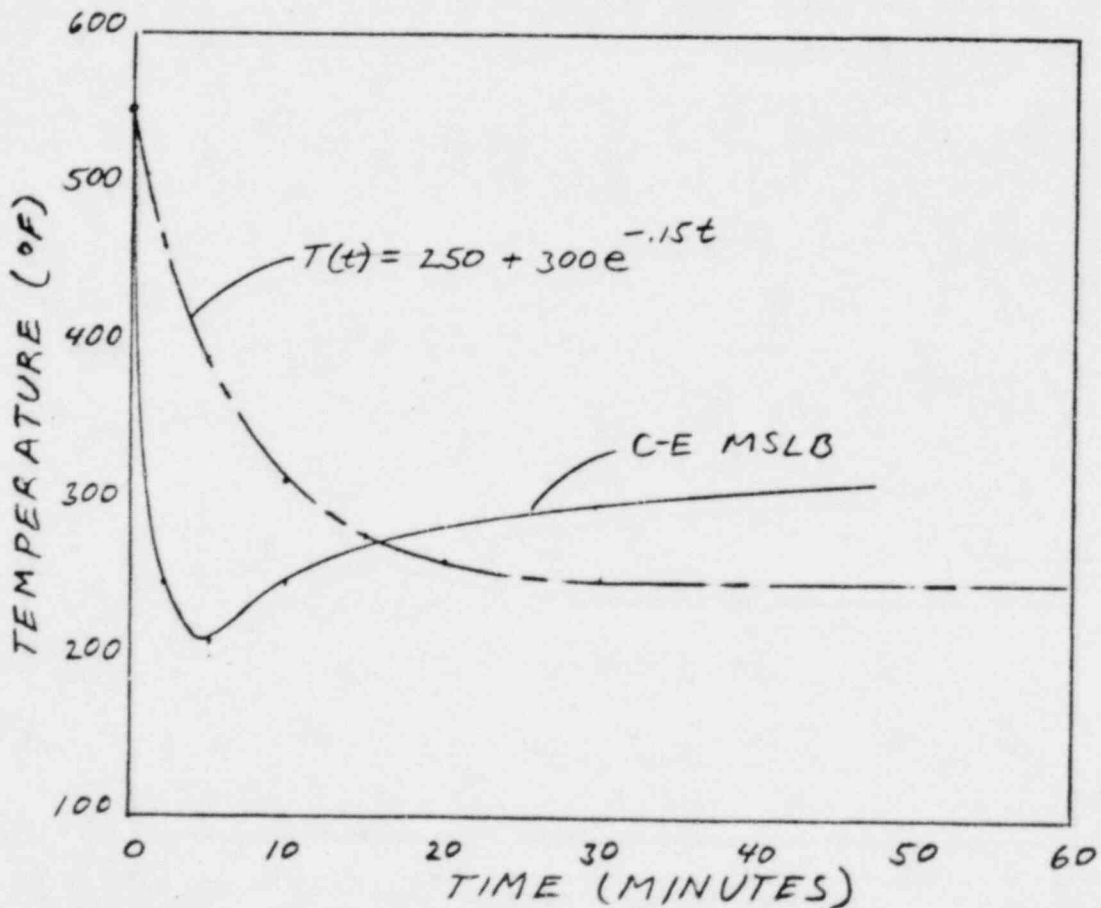
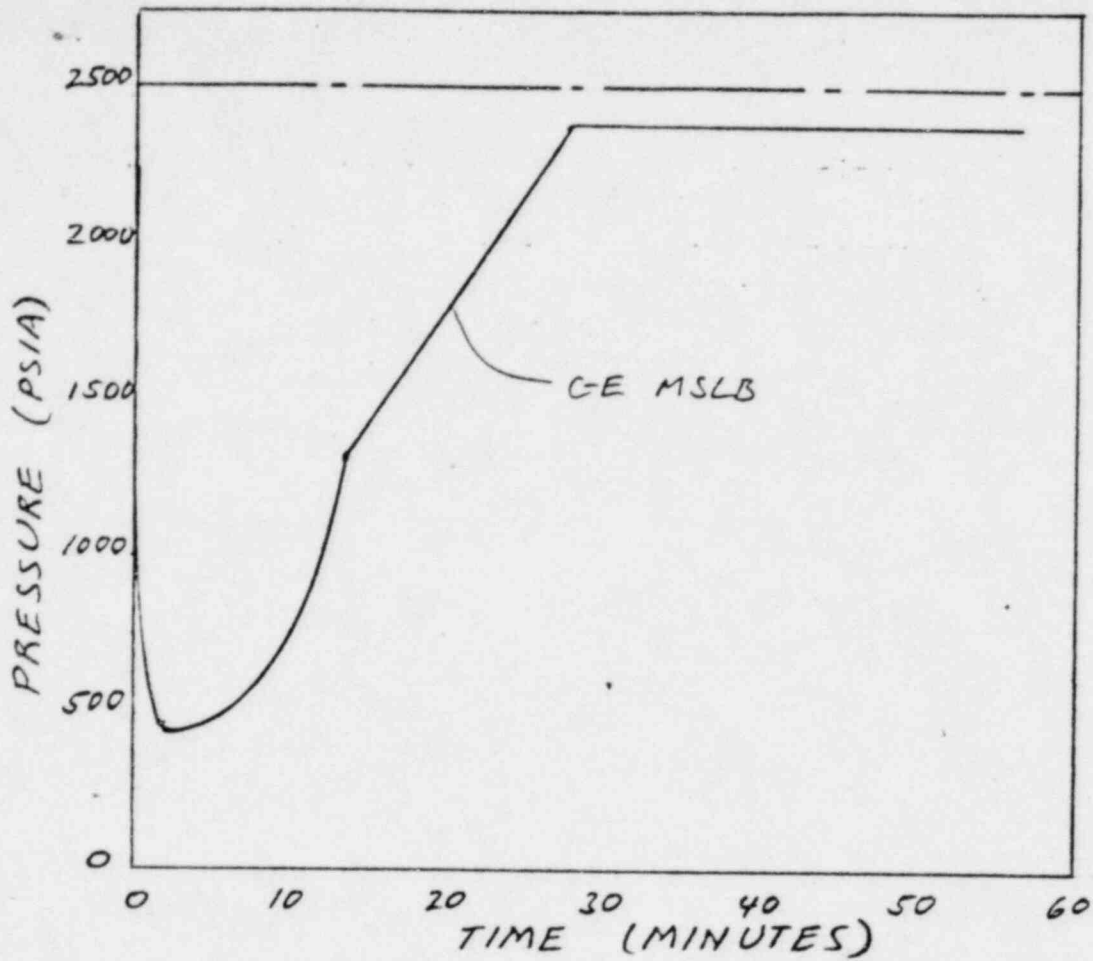
- CONSTANT HIGH PRESSURE WHILE TEMPERATURE RAPIDLY DECREASES
- RAPID COOLDOWN TO CONSTANT LOW TEMPERATURE







\* TIME AFTER FEEDWATER RESTORATION



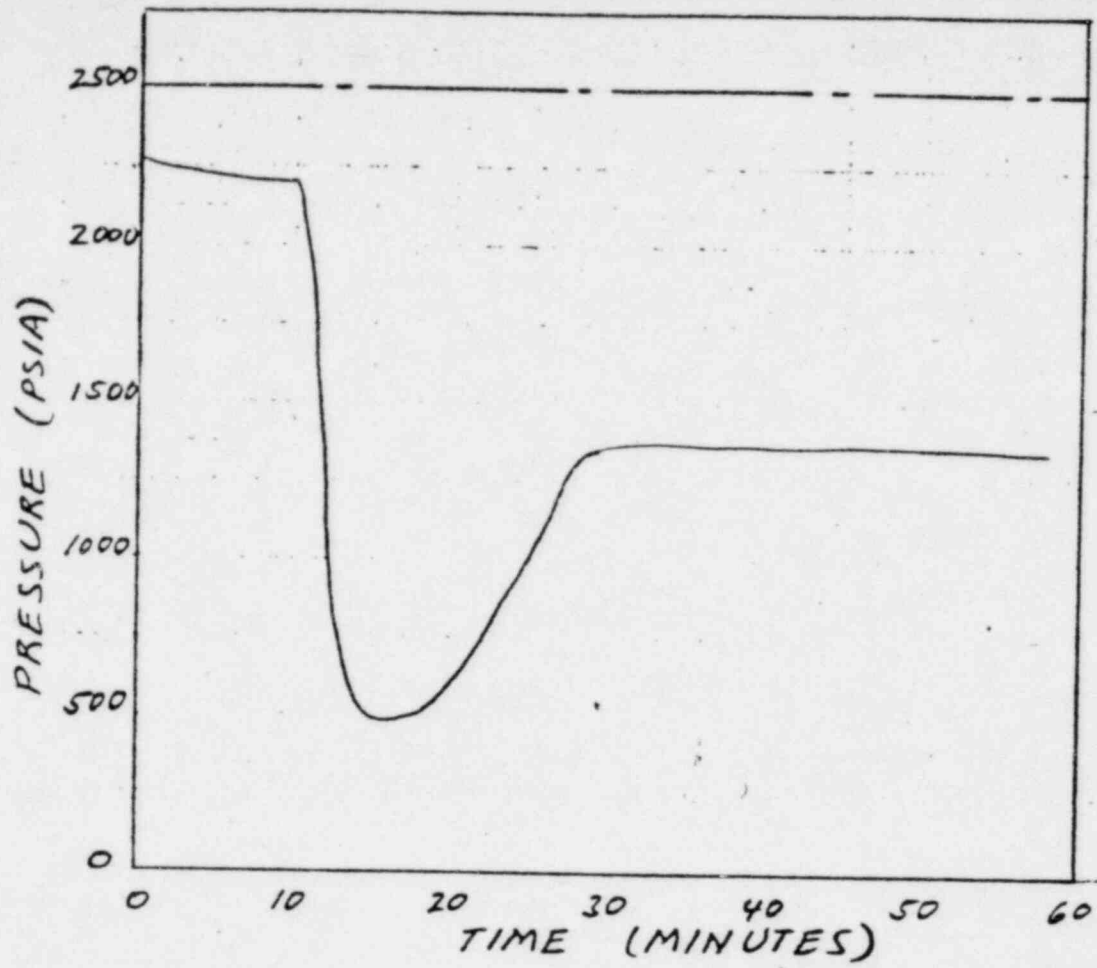
CONCLUSIONS OF COMPARISONS OF  
NRC TRANSIENT AND SYSTEM RESPONSES

- PRESSURE CANNOT REMAIN HIGH WHILE TEMPERATURE DECREASES RAPIDLY
- TEMPERATURE DOES NOT REMAIN LOW FOR CASES OF REPRESSURIZATION AFTER A RAPID INITIAL COOL DOWN

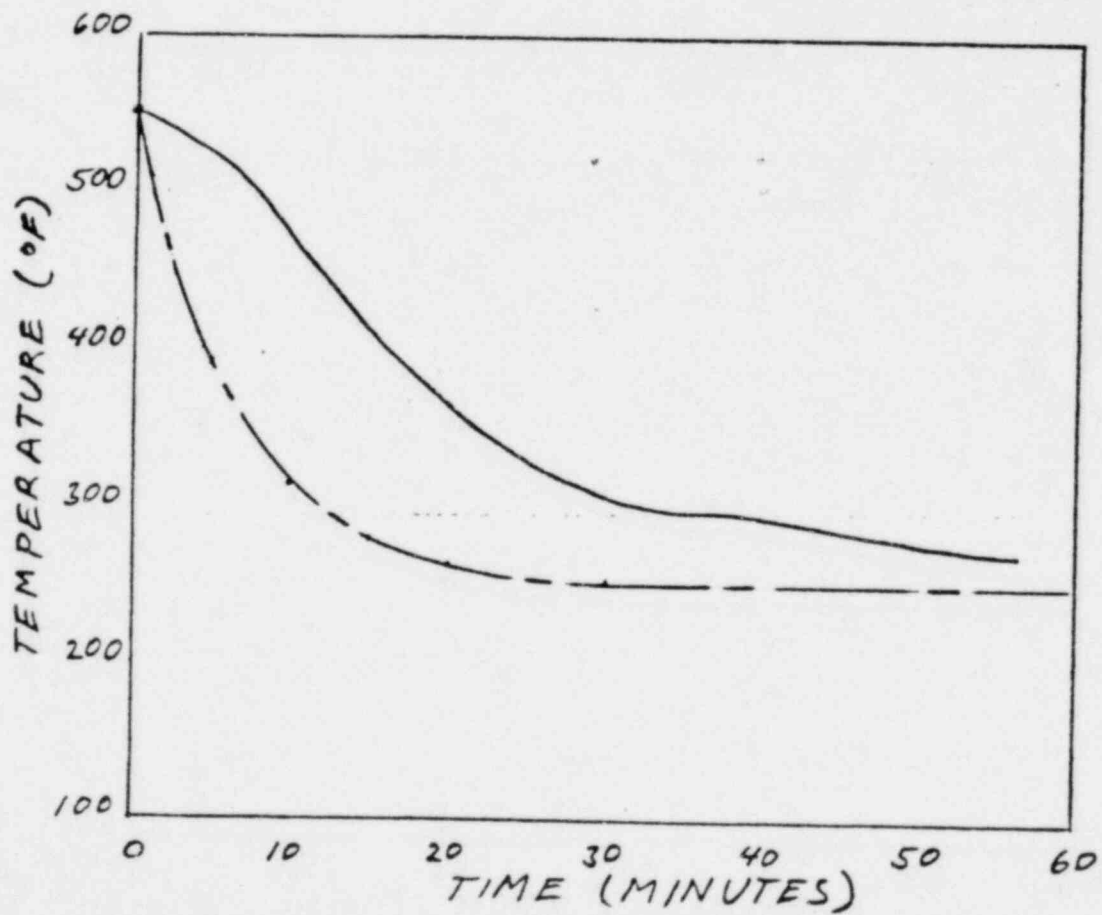
## PROBABILITY OF NRC TRANSIENT

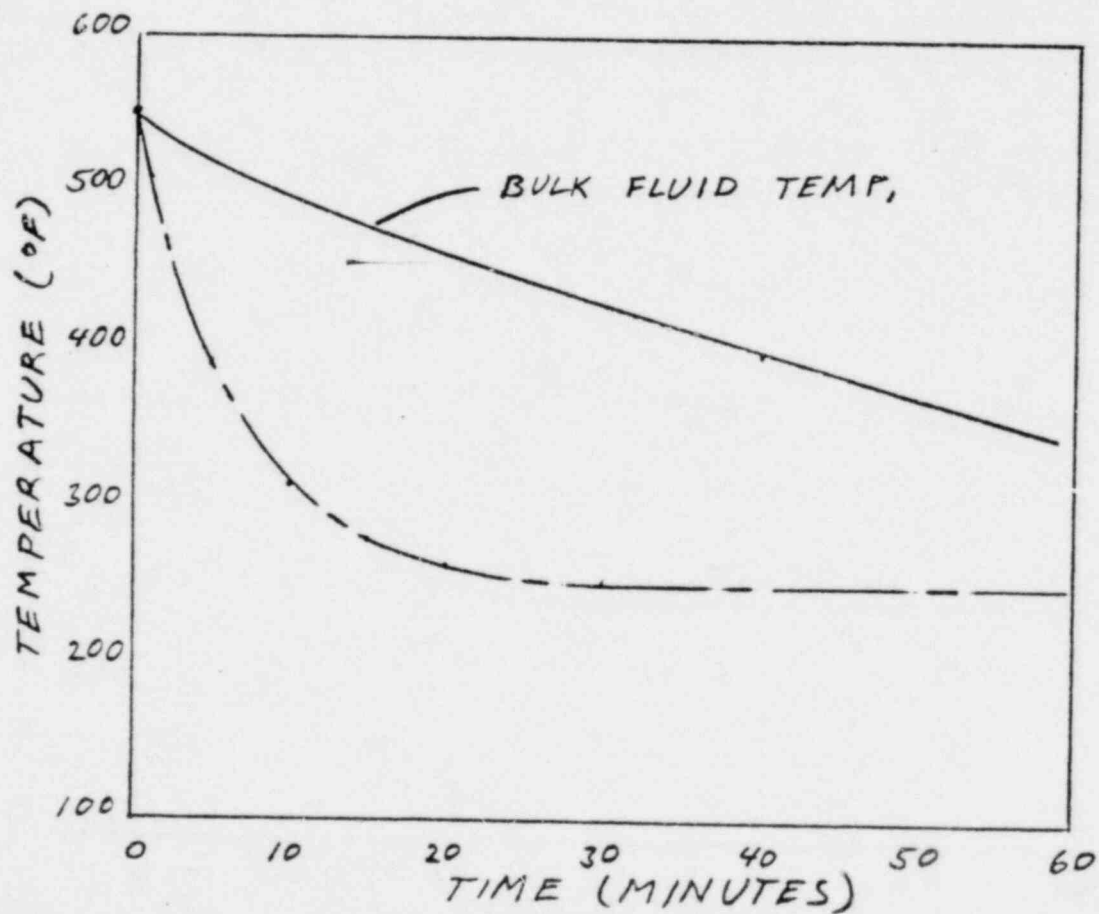
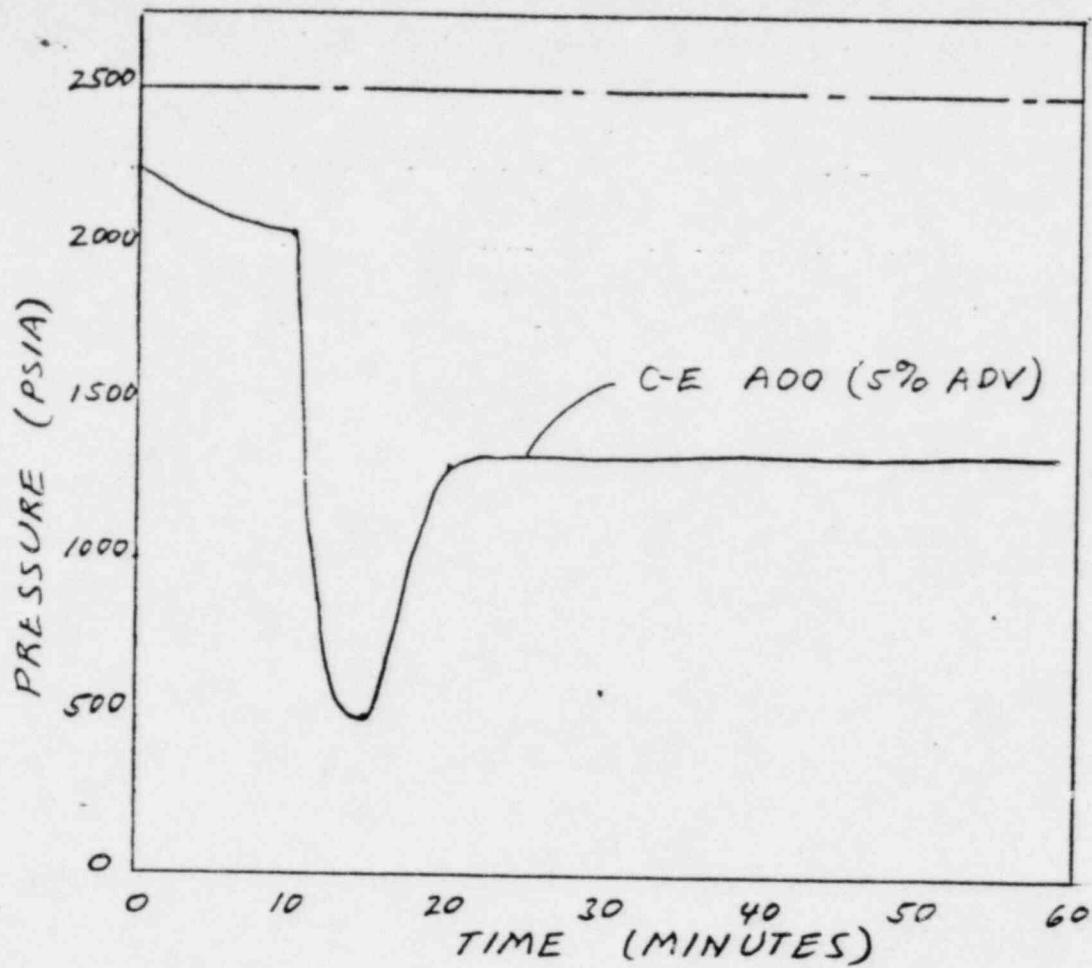
- PROBABILITY OF SIMULTANEOUS OCCURRENCE OF NRC PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE IS NIL
- PROBABILITY OF SEQUENCES OF EVENTS NECESSARY TO PRODUCE NRC TEMPERATURE TRANSIENT ARE VERY LOW
- TRANSIENTS RESULTING FROM  $10^{-2}$ /YR EVENTS ARE MUCH LESS SEVERE THAN NRC TRANSIENT





MSSV FAILURE + FAILURE TO ISOLATE AFW





# OCA-1 ANALYSIS

## INPUT

1. HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENT

300 BTU / HR FT<sup>2</sup> °F

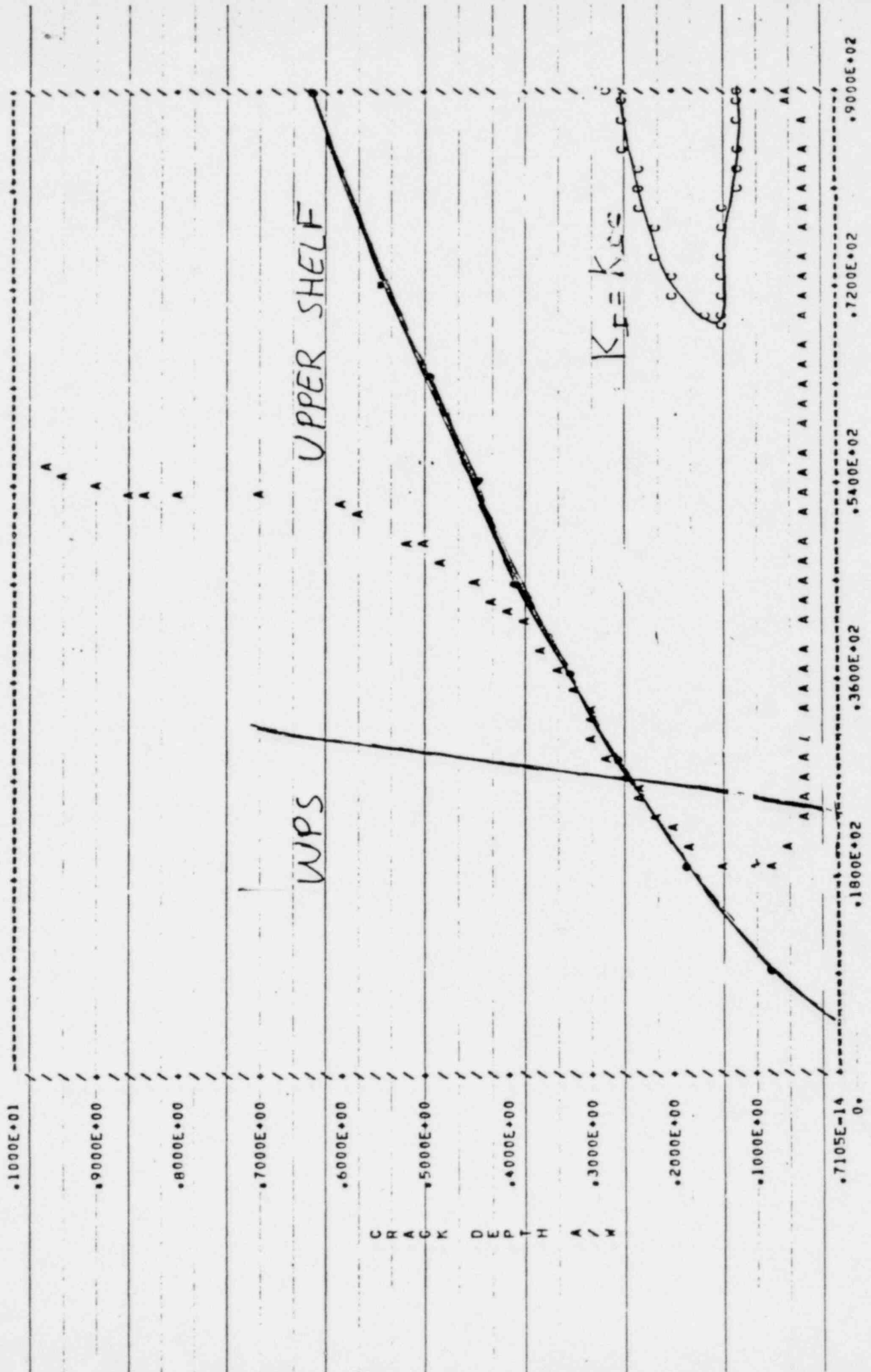
2. MATERIAL PROPERTIES

	250 F	550 F
E	$29.25 \times 10^6$	$27.7 \times 10^6$
$\alpha$	$6.89 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.16 \times 10^{-6}$
$\frac{E\alpha}{1-\nu}$	285	323

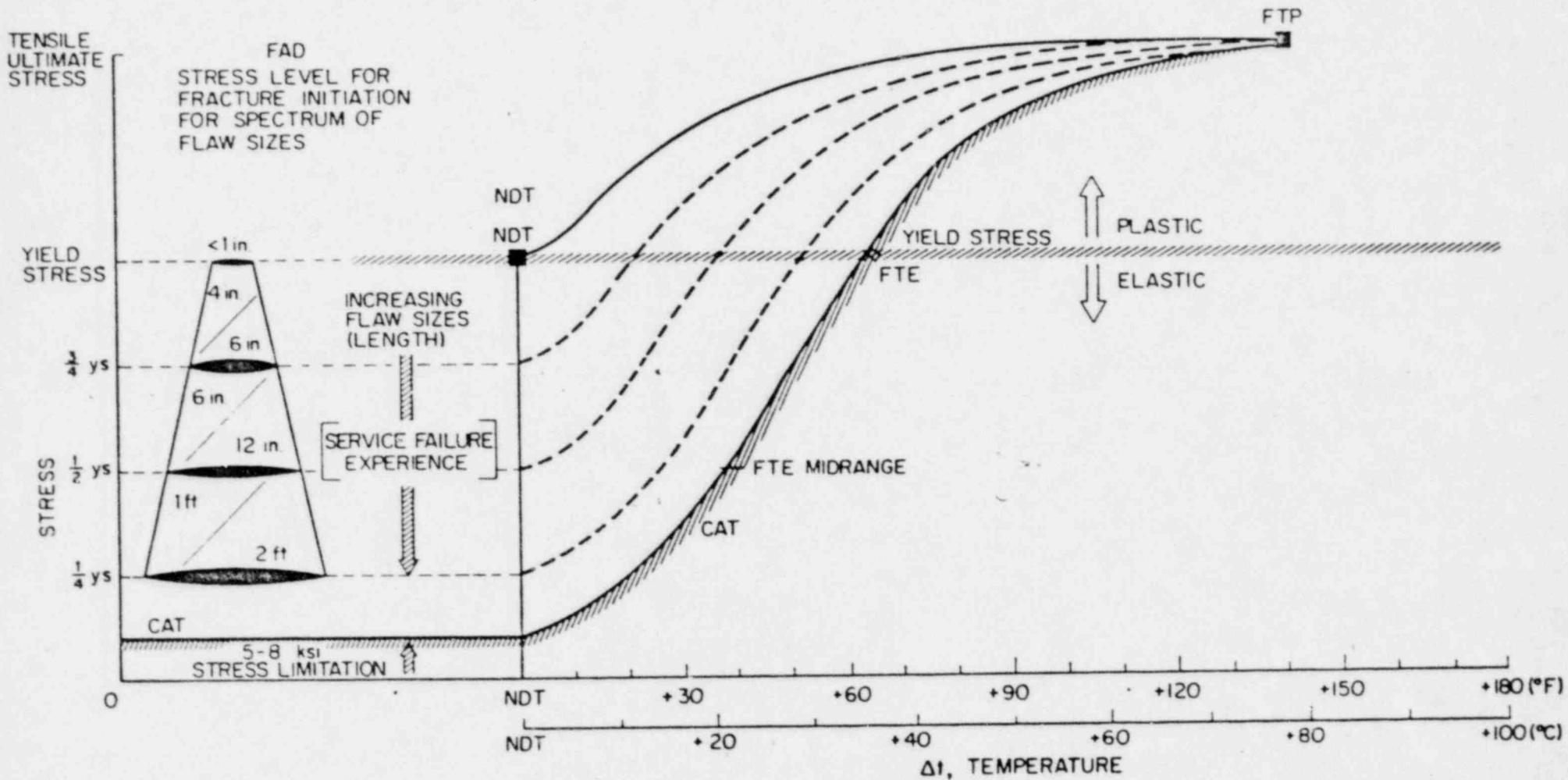
IN ANALYSIS

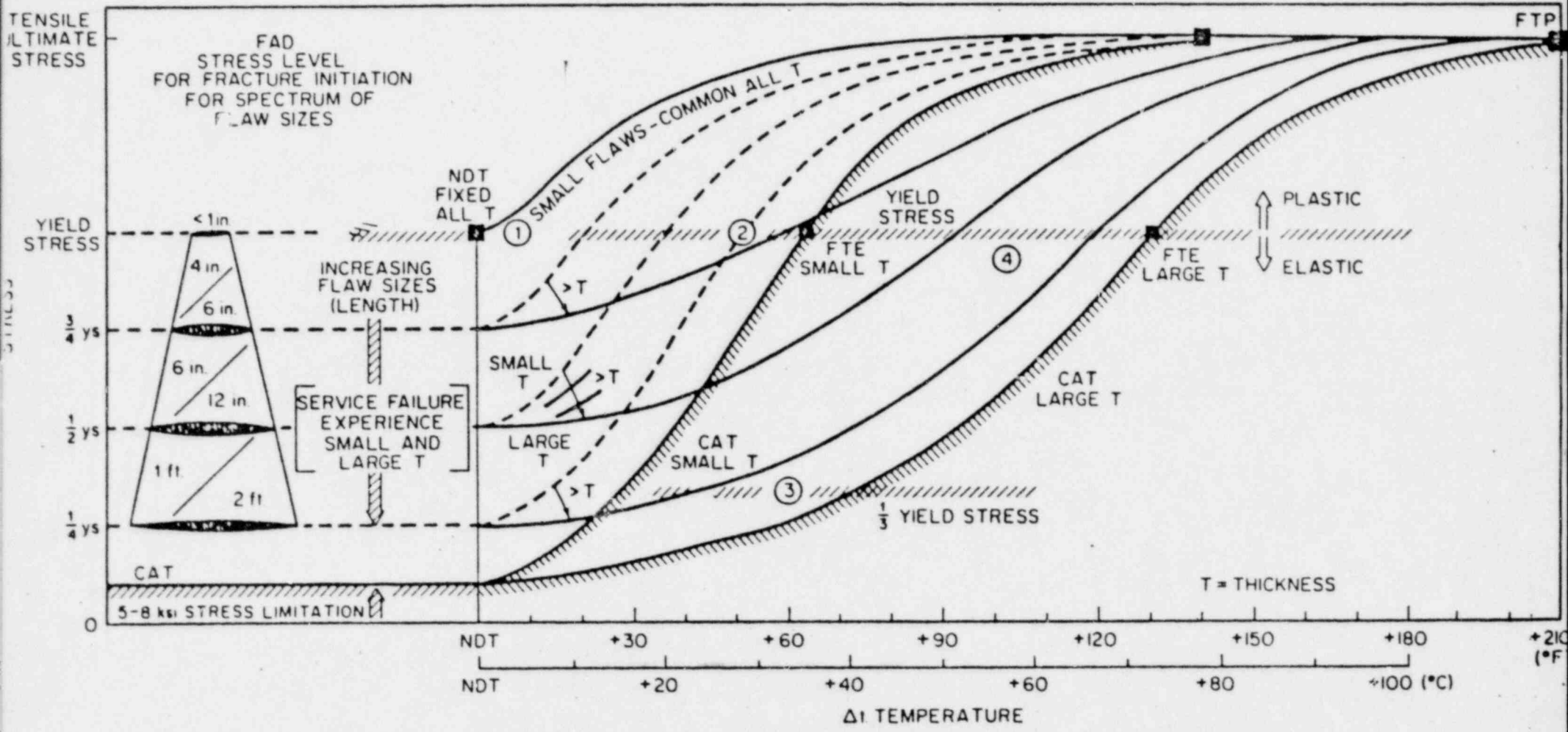
$$\frac{E\alpha}{1-\nu} = 304$$

CRITICAL CRACK DEPTH VS. TIME

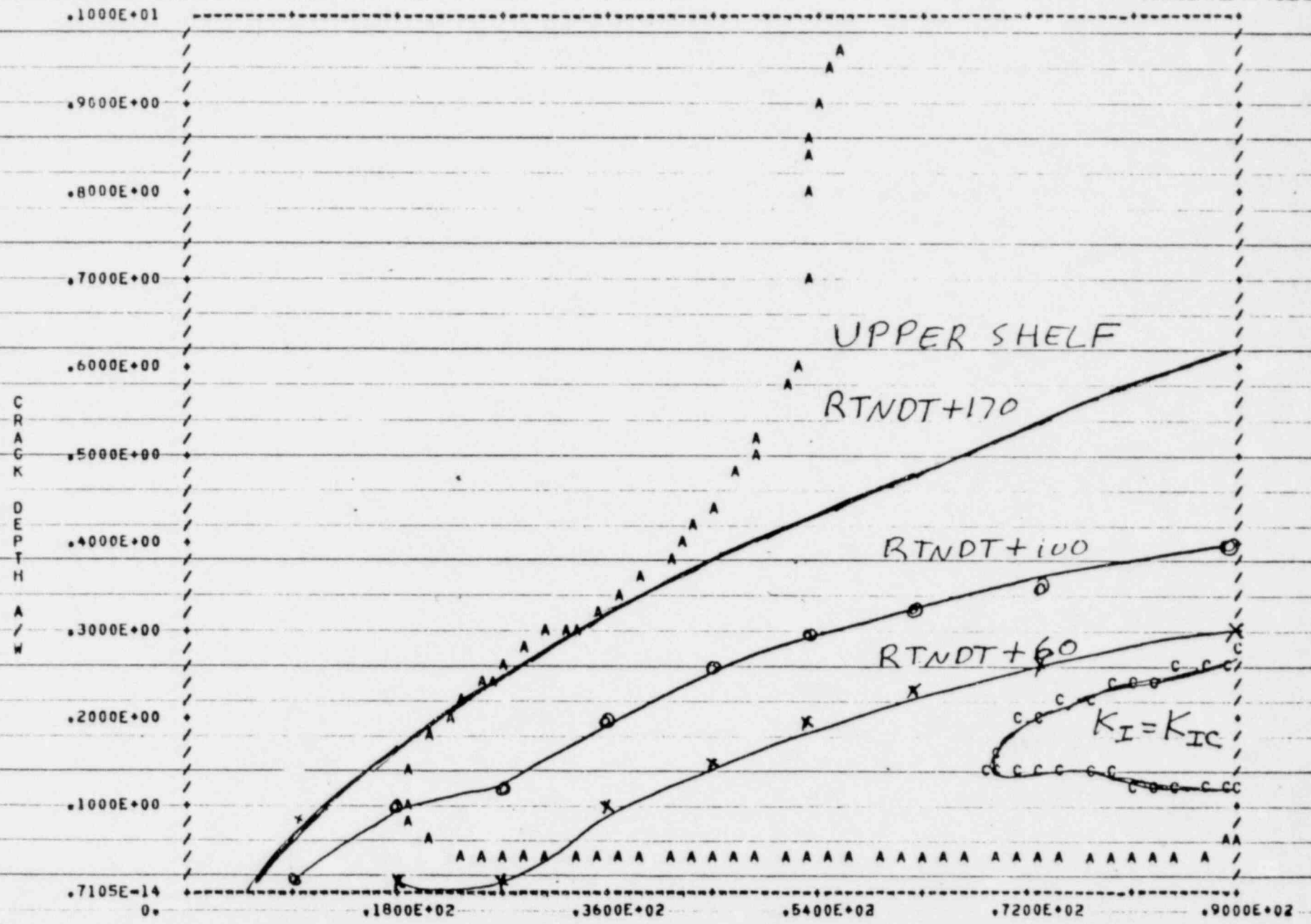


FLUENCE =  $10E-20$  N/50-GM  
 INITIAL RTNOT = -20 DEG. F  
 PCI, CU = .35





CRITICAL CRACK DEPTH VS. TIME



FLUENCE =  $1.0E+20$  N/50 CM  
 INITIAL RTNDT = -20 DEG. F  
 PCT. CU = .35  
 PCT. P = .012  
 SURFACE RTNDT 280

TIME (MIN) EXP TRANSIENT

X T - RTNDT = 60 ° F  
 O T - RTNDT = 100 ° F