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thermal satellite data of the Powder River Basin, Wyoming

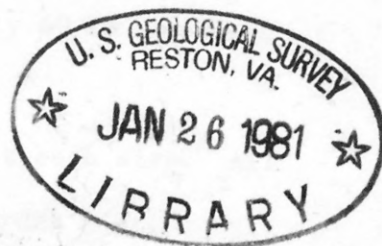
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Introduction

Radiometric and meteorological data were acquired at three ground stations located approximately 150 km apart in the Powder River Basin, Wyoming. These data were collected from July 10 through July 29, 1978, to support the HCMM (Heat Capacity Mapping Mission) thermal satellite data acquired during this same time period. The parameters measured are direct solar radiance, total solar radiance, sky radiance, air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed, and wind direction. The description of the instrumentation can be found in a report by Miller and Watson (1980). Measurement accuracies are summarized in Table 2.

Data Summary

Ground stations were established at three localities (Fig. 1) in the Powder River Basin. The station sites were selected to characterize the regional meteorological conditions of the Basin and to be close enough together to be maintained daily. Station number 1 was on the Innes ranch northeast of the Pumpkin Buttes. Station number 2 was approximately 10 km north of Sheridan, Wyoming, on property belonging to the Peter Kewit Son's Mining Company. Station number 3 was on the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation land at the dam of Pathfinder Reservoir, approximately 60 km southwest of Casper, Wyoming.

Table 1 summarizes the measurements collected at each site. All of the radiometric and meteorological data were recorded continuously on chart recorders and digitized at half hour intervals. Figure 2 through 40 present these data adjusted to local solar time. For those measurements taken simultaneously at more than one site, the data are

displayed on the same graph with a displacement of the ordinate axis. The amount of displacement is noted in the figure caption. Data for station no. 1 are represented by a solid line, for station no. 2 by a broken line (- . -), and for station no. 3 by another broken line (- . . -). The approximate accuracies of the various measurements are tabulated in Table 2.

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Table 1. - Summary of data coverage at each of the three stations from July 10 through July 29, 1978.

(P indicates partial coverage; X indicates total coverage)
(Leaders (- -) indicate no data)

DATE	SKY RADIANCE			DIRECT SOLAR RADIANCE			TOTAL SOLAR RADIANCE			AIR TEMPER- ATURE		RELATIVE HUMIDITY		WIND SPEED		WIND DIRECTION		
	SITE			SITE			SITE			SITE		SITE		SITE		SITE		
	1	2	3	1	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	
July 10	X	P	P	X		-	-	P	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	X
11	X	X	X	P				X	P	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	P
12	X	X	X	-	-			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	-
13	X	X	-	P				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	P
14	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	P	X	X	X	X		X	X
15	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
16	X	X	X	P				X	X	X	P	X	X	X	X		X	X
17	X	X	X	-	-			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
18	X	X	X	-	-			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
19	X	X	P	-	-			X	X	P	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
20	X	X	X	-	-			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
21	X	P	X	-	-			X	P	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
22	X	-	-	P	-	-		X	X	P	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
23	-	-	X	P				X	X	X	X	P	X	P	X		X	X
24	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	P	X	X	X		X	X
25	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
26	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
27	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
28	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
29	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X

Table 2. - Tabulation of the approximate accuracies of the measured parameters.

Instrument	Parameter Measured	Approx. Accuracy
Normal Incidence Pyrheliometer	Direct Solar Radiance	30 W/m ²
Precision Spectral Pyranometer	Total Solar Radiance	25 W/m ²
Precision Infrared Radiometer	Sky Radiance	20 W/m ²
RH/TEMP Sensor	Air Temperature Relative Humidity	1° C 5%
Wind System	Wind Speed Wind Direction	1 m/sec 25°

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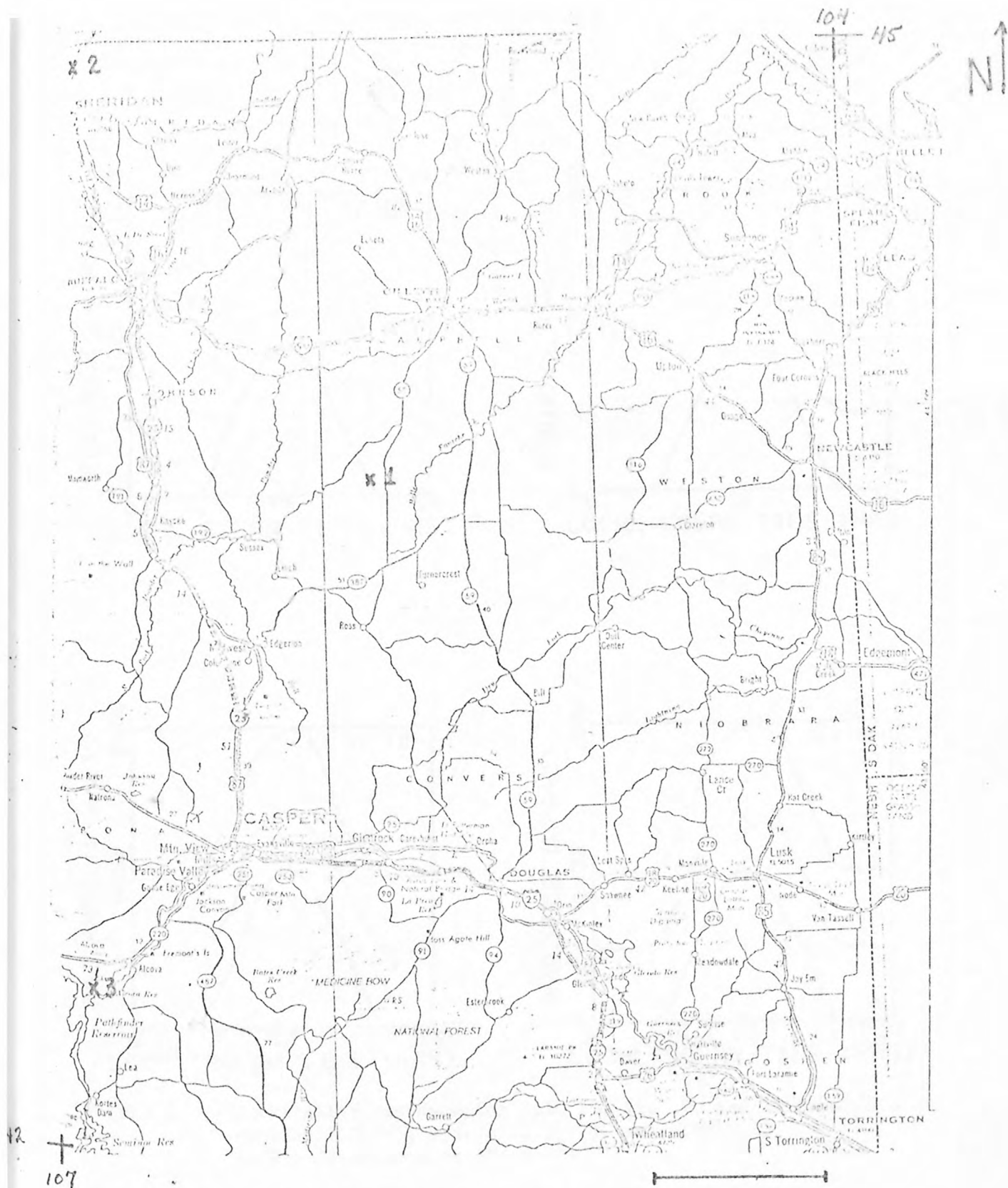


Figure 1. -- Map of the Powder River Basin, WY, showing the location of the three ground stations.

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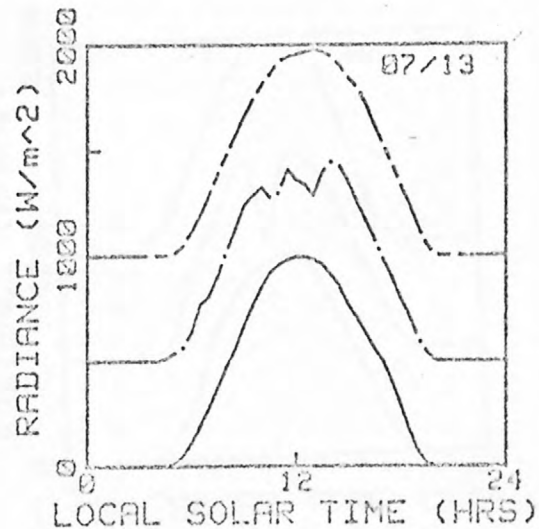
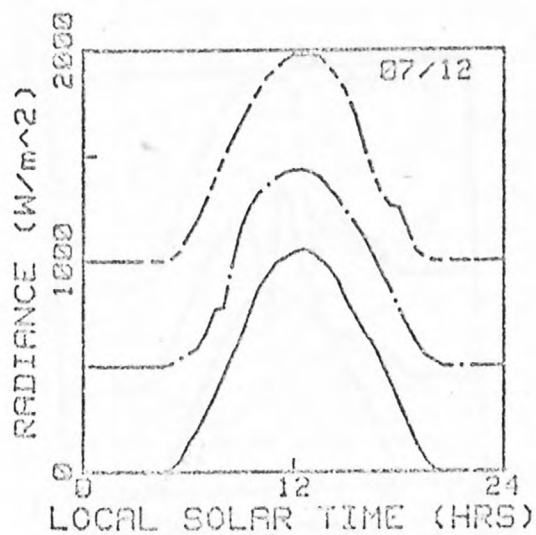
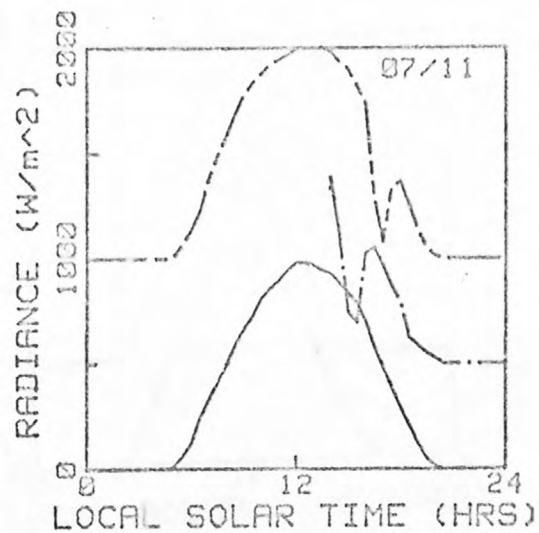
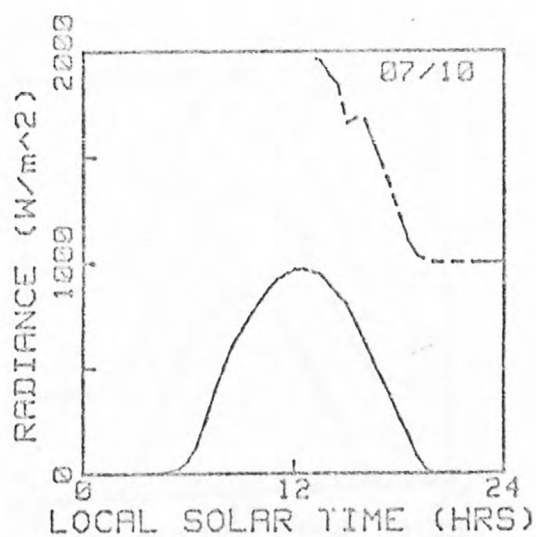


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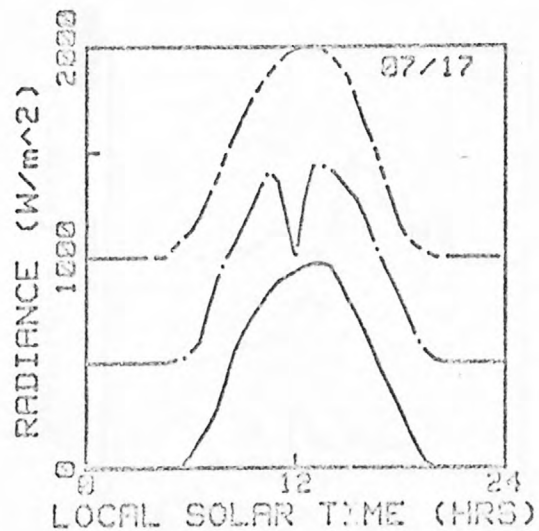
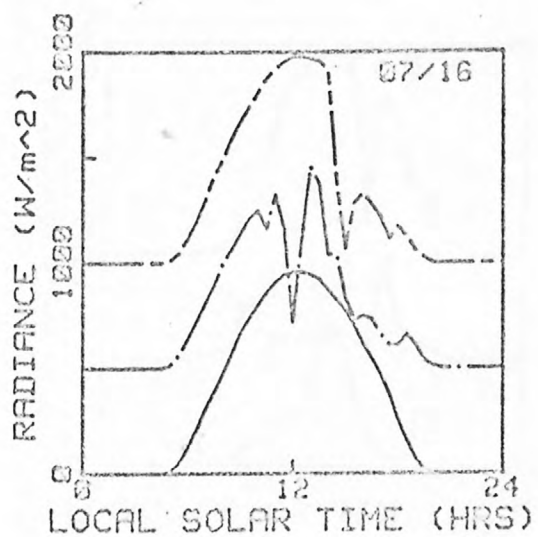
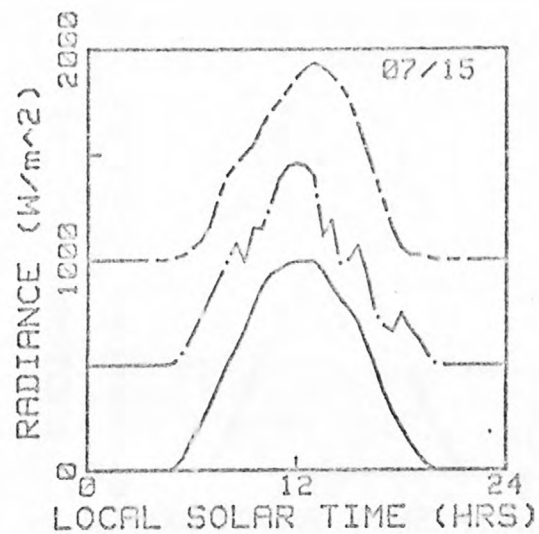
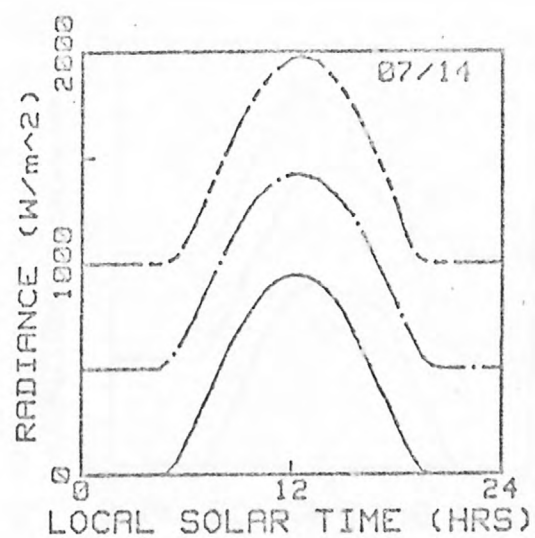


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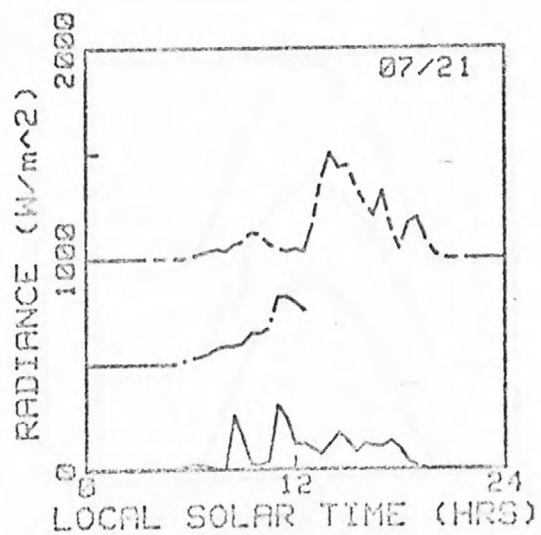
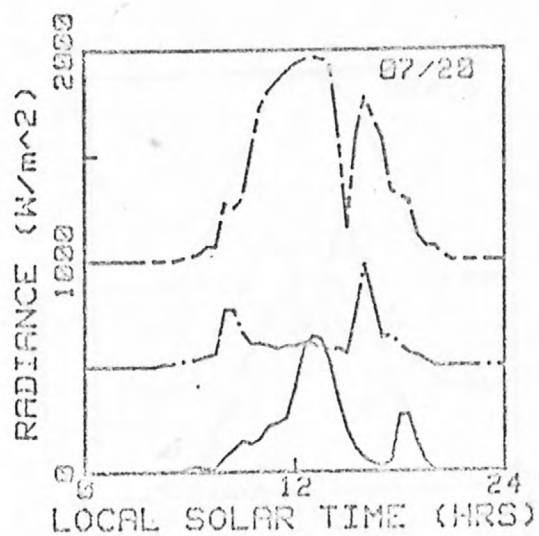
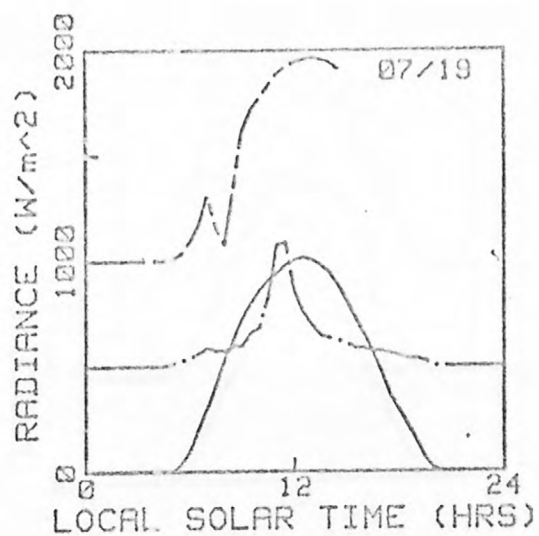
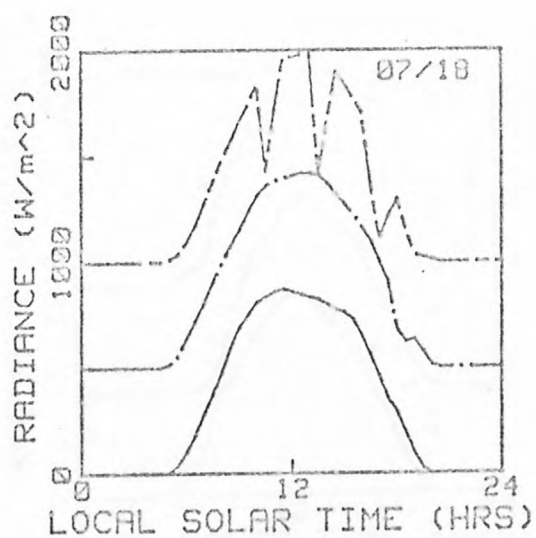


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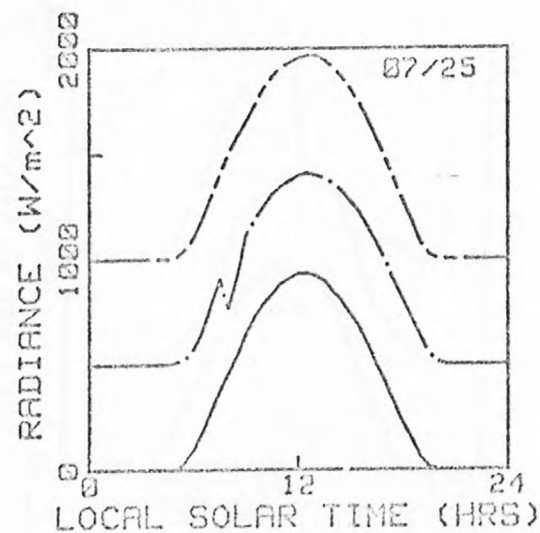
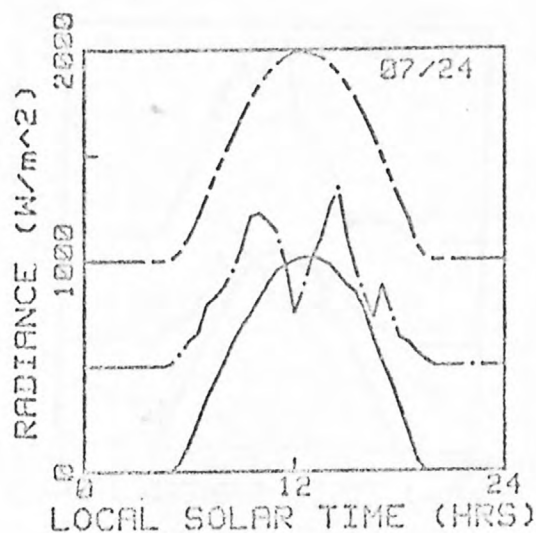
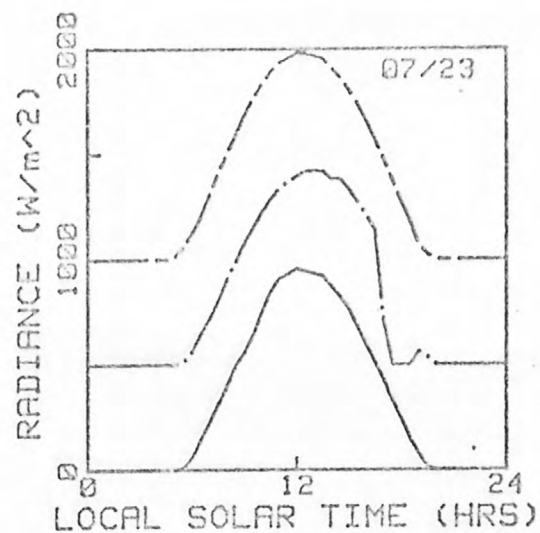
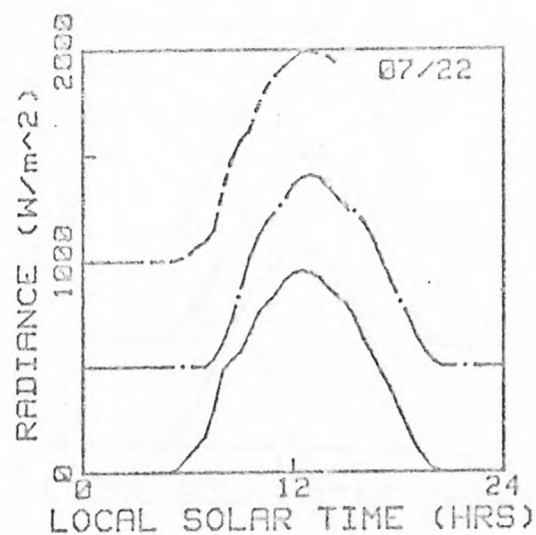


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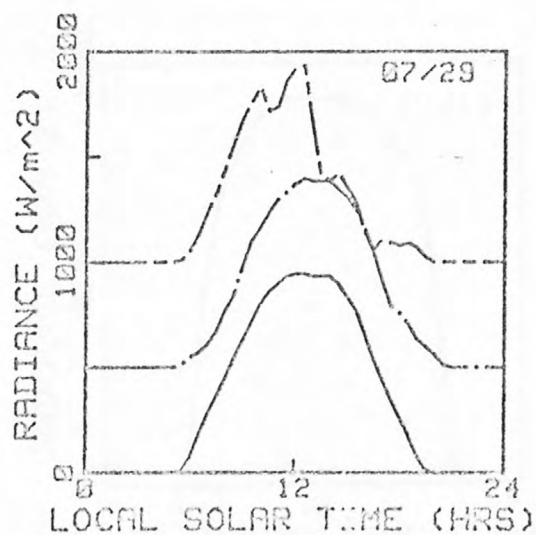
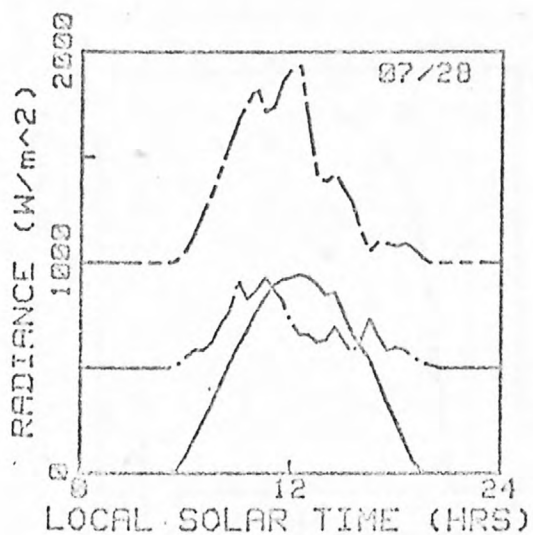
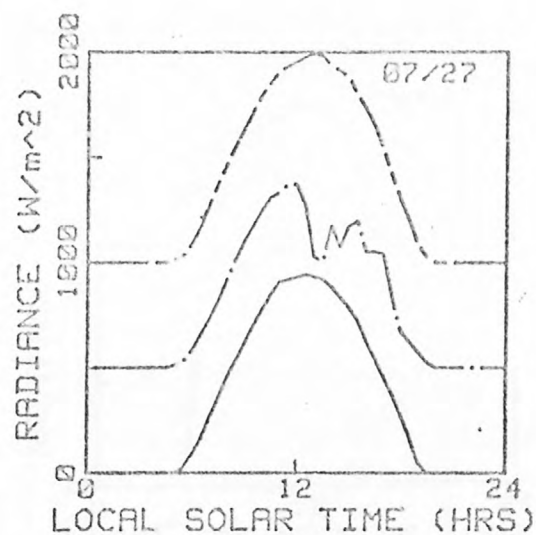
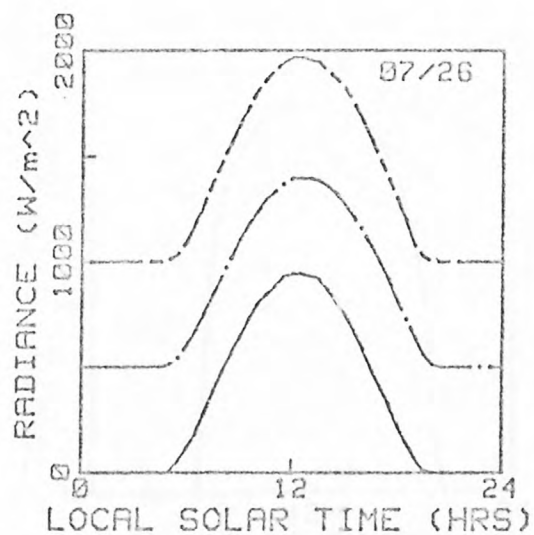


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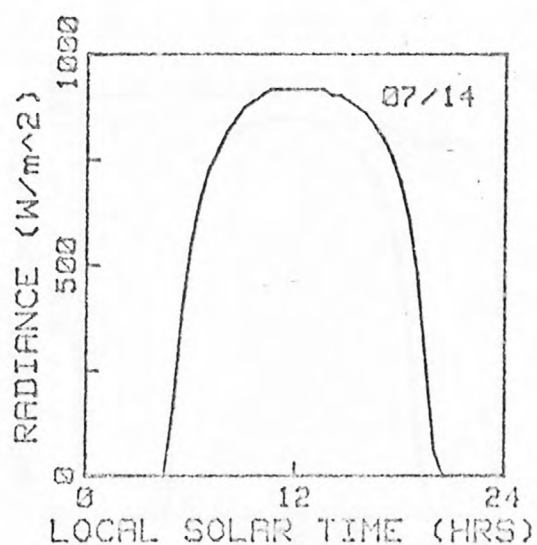
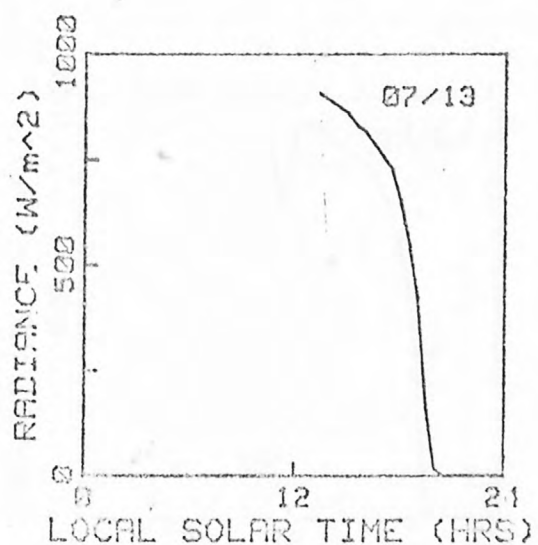
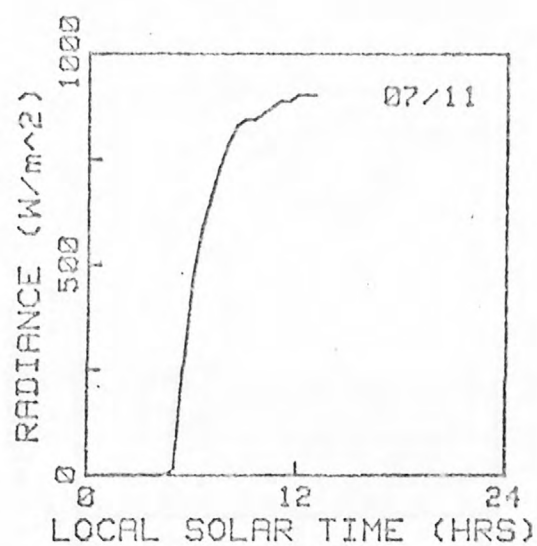
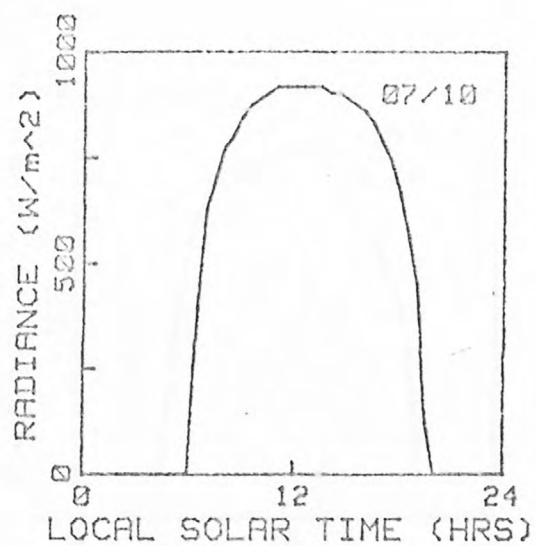


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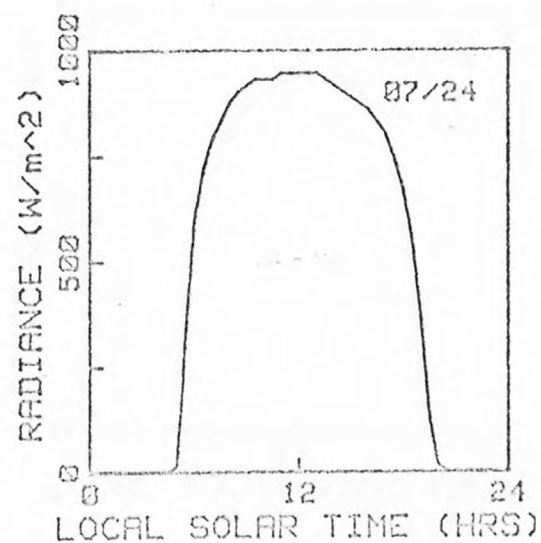
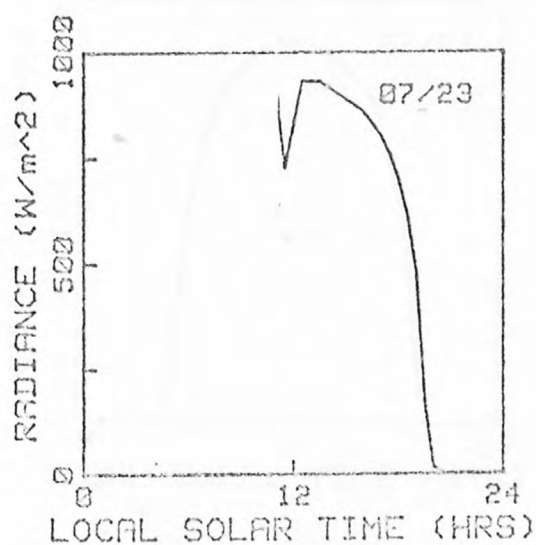
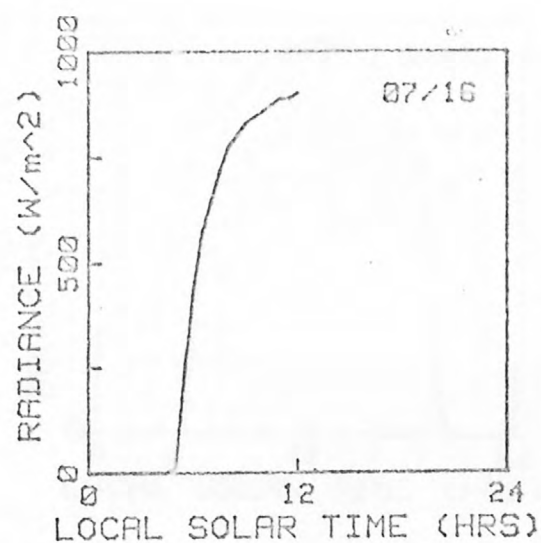
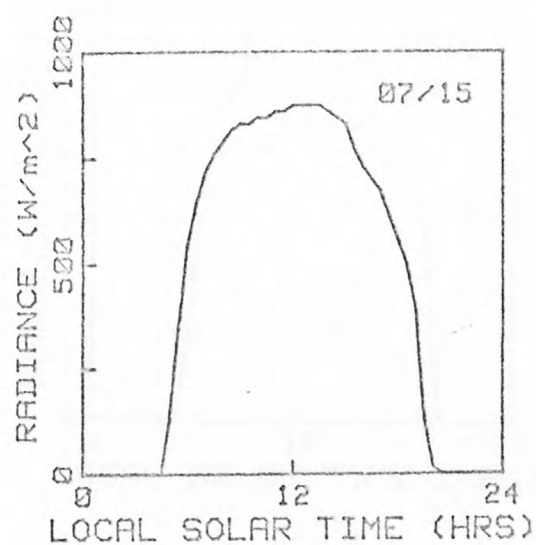


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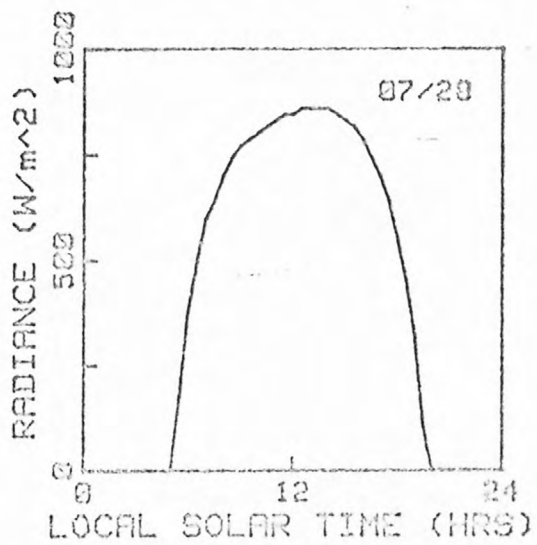
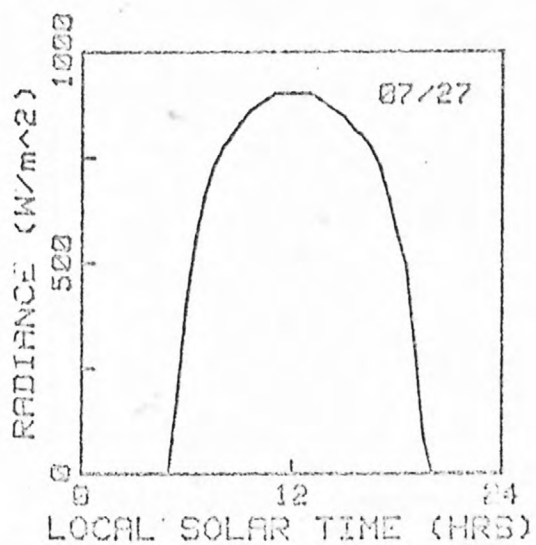
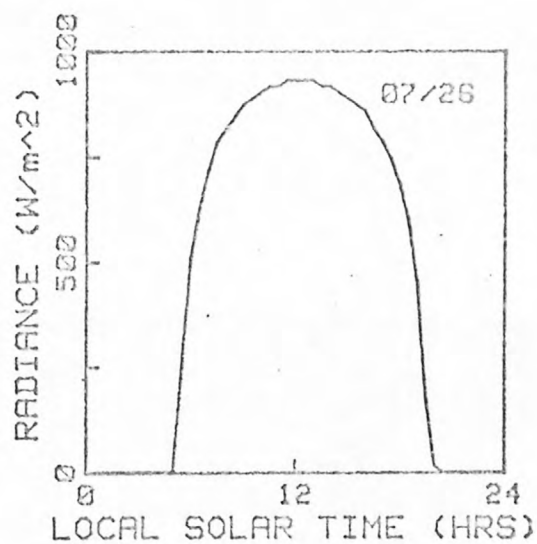
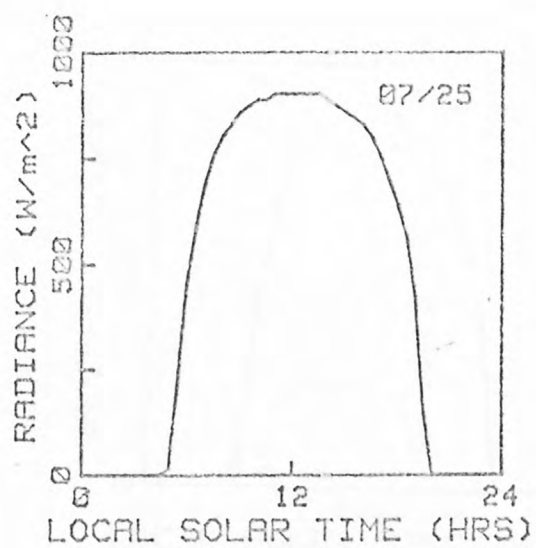


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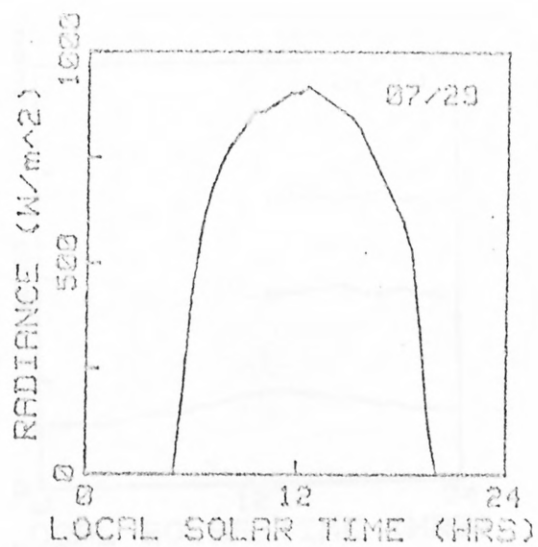


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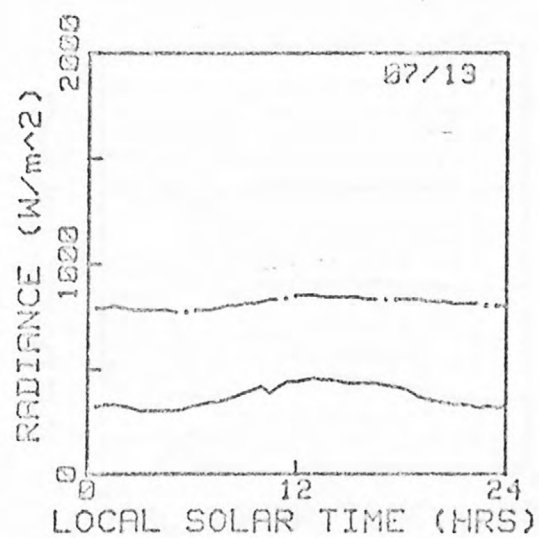
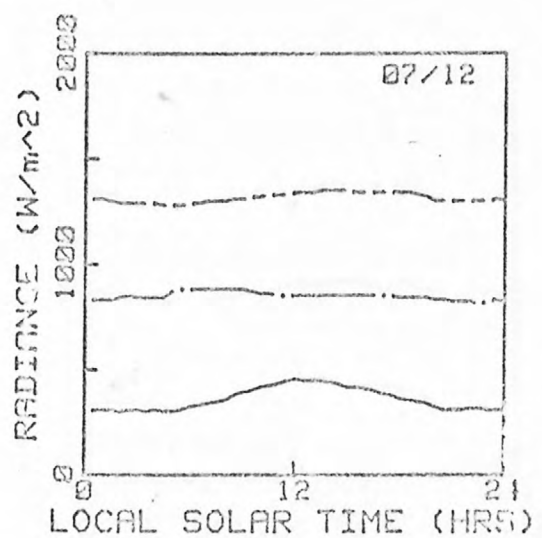
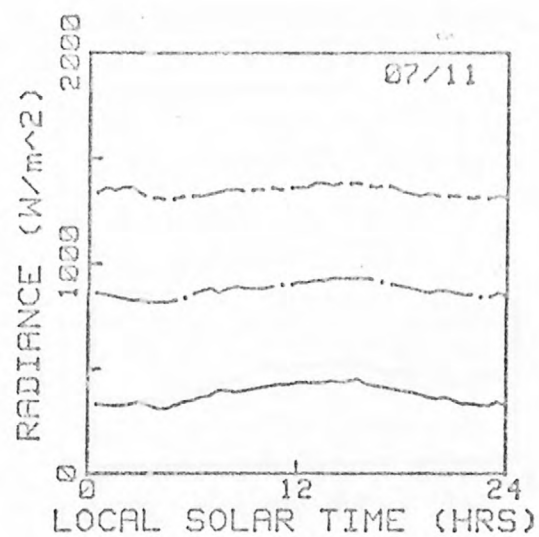
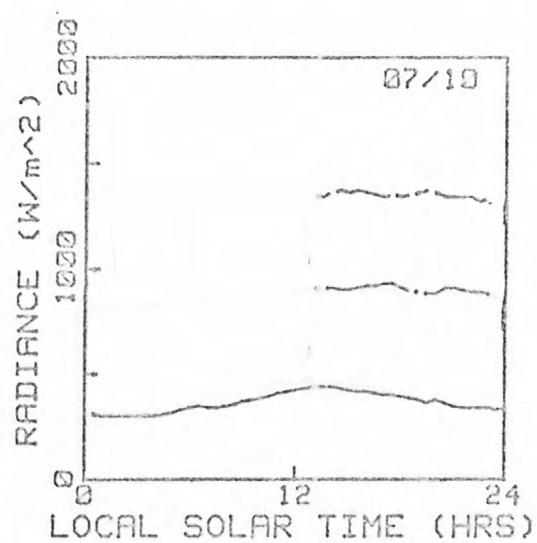


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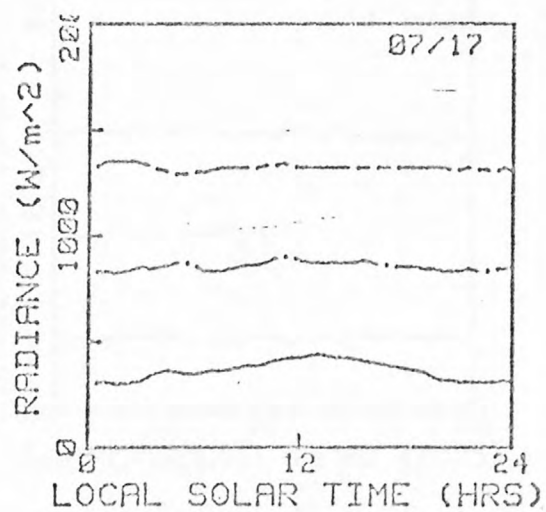
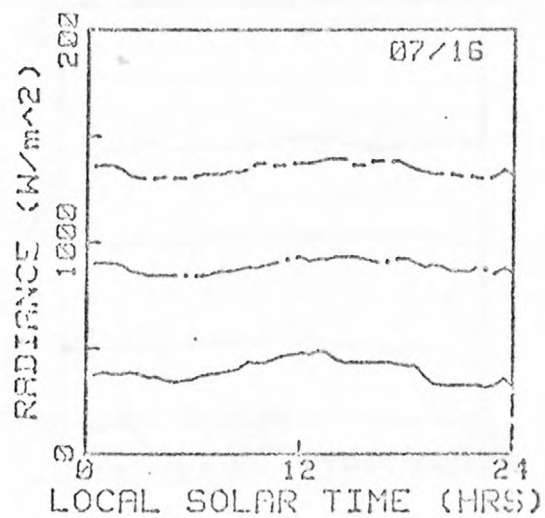
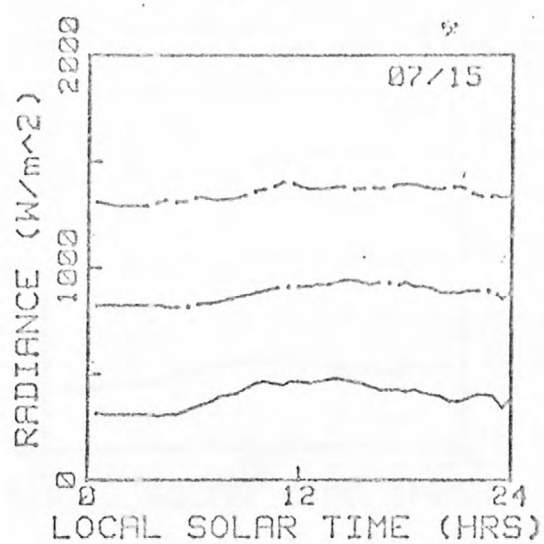
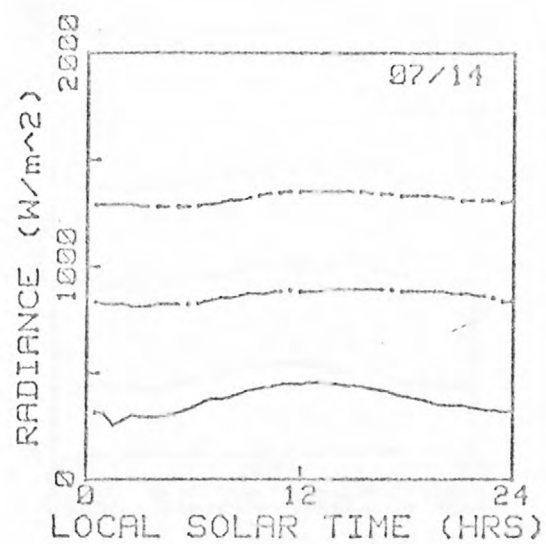


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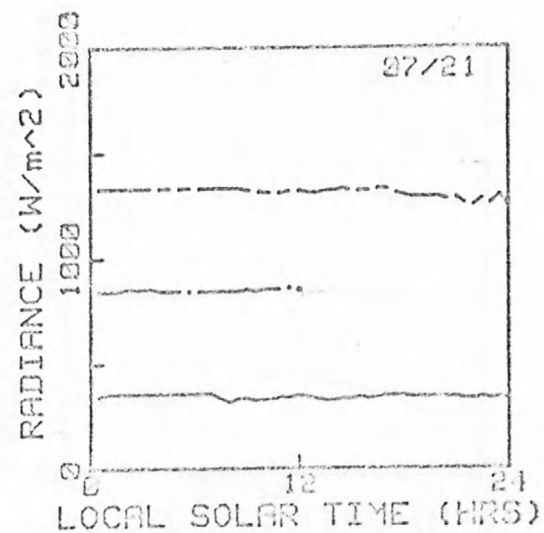
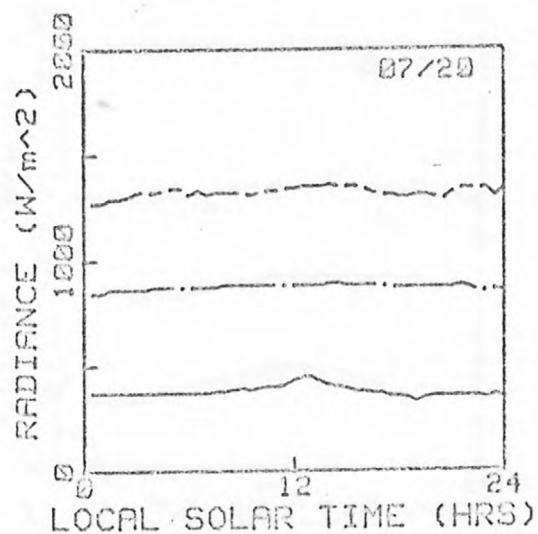
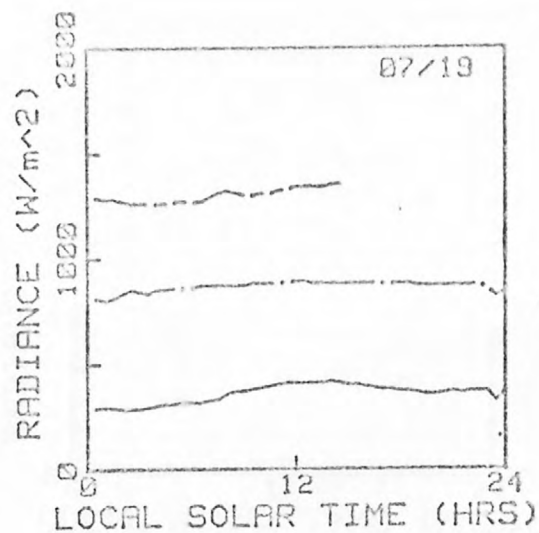
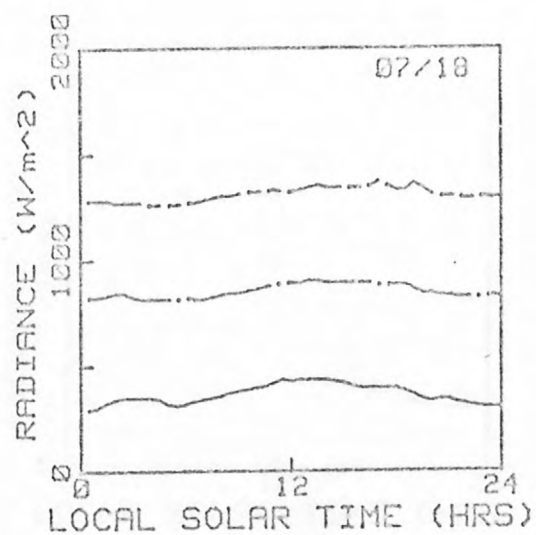


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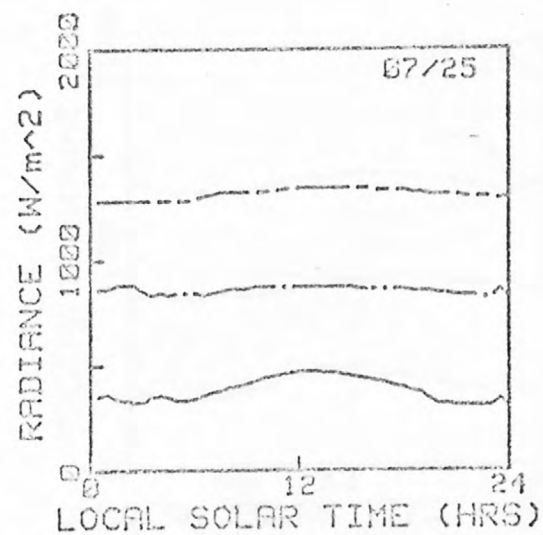
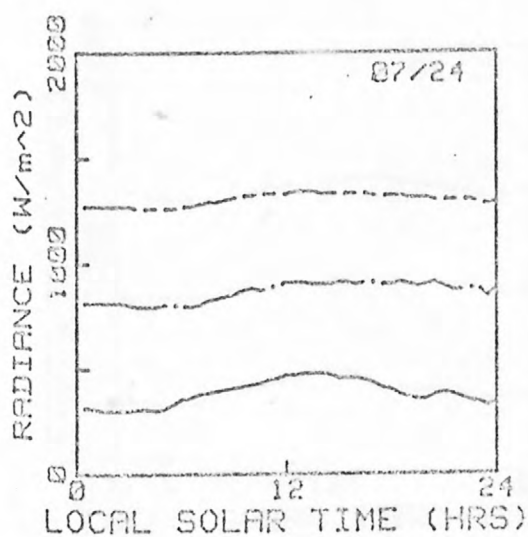
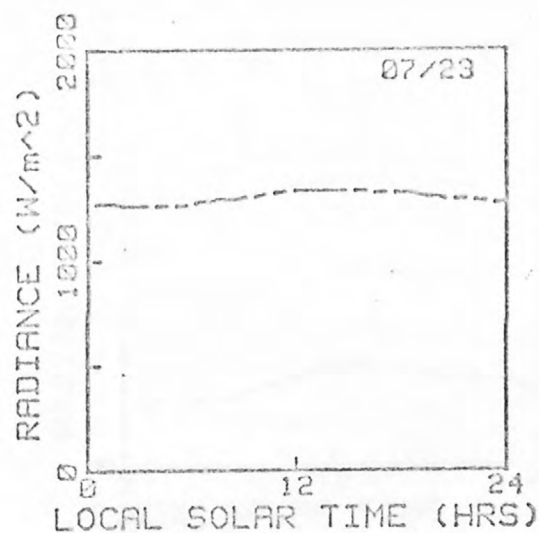
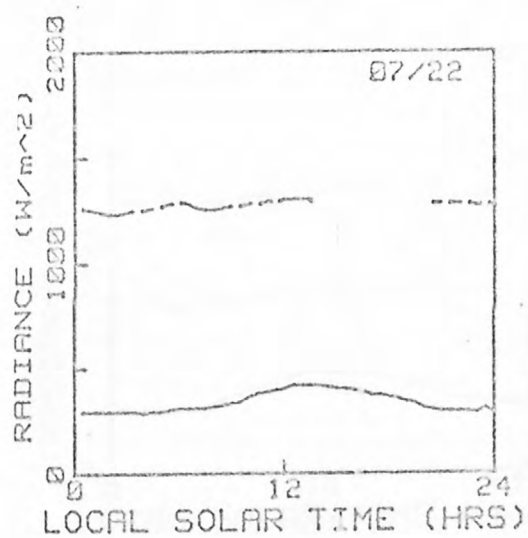


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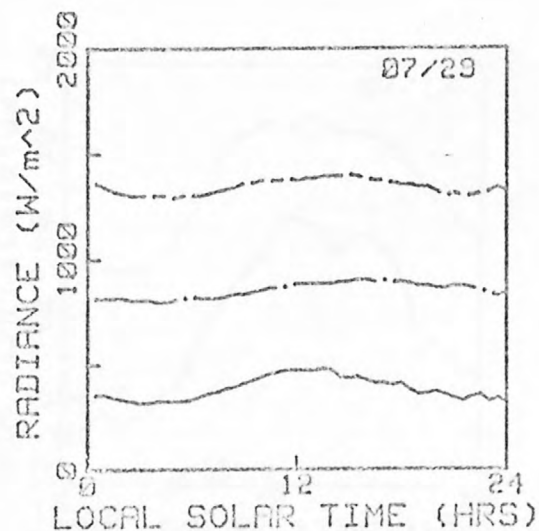
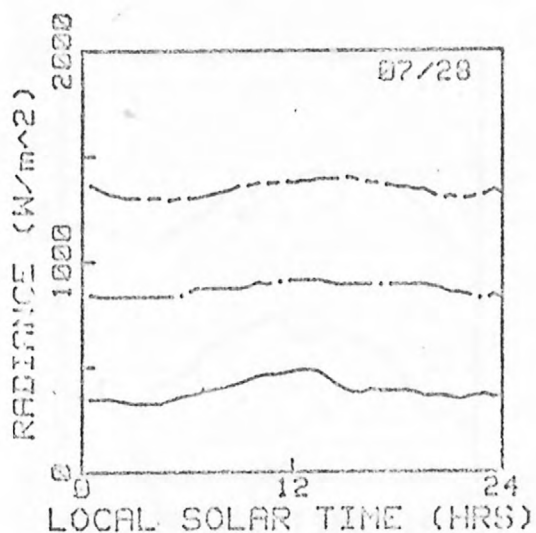
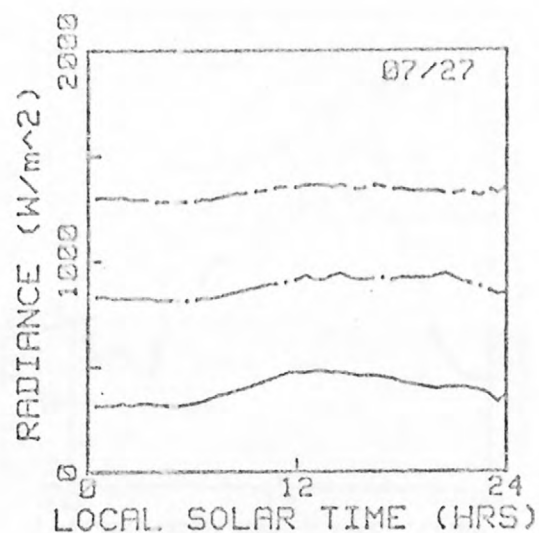
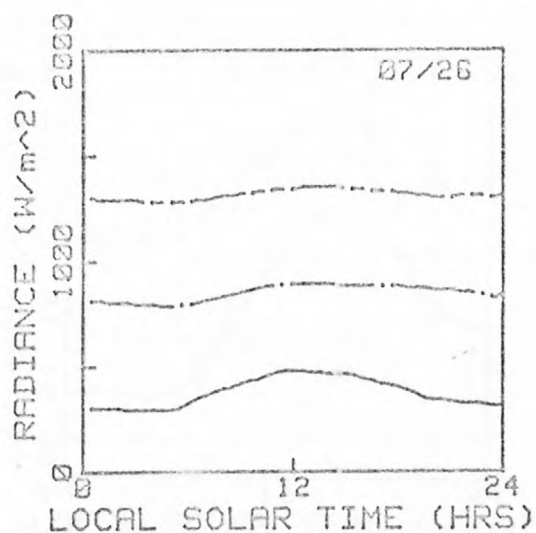


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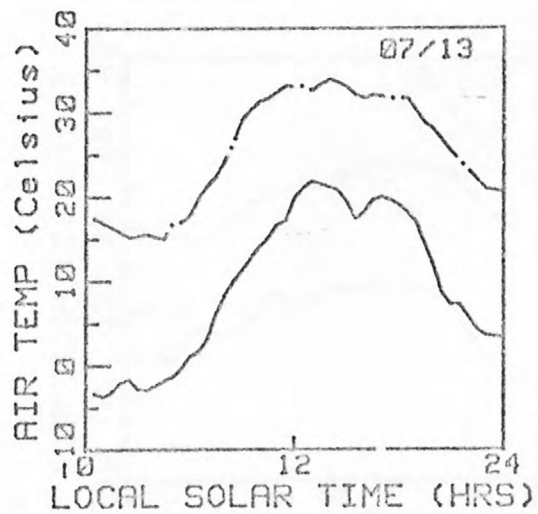
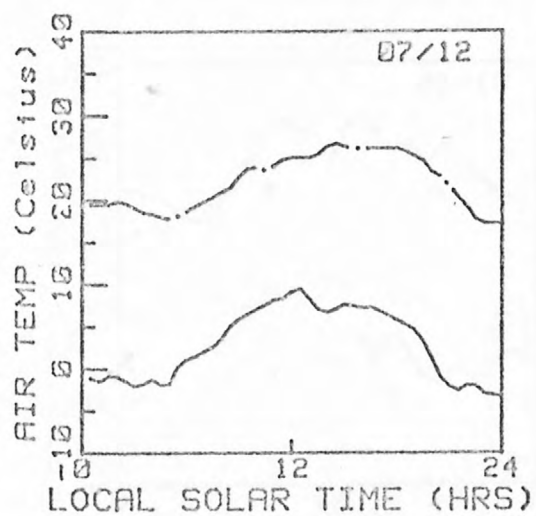
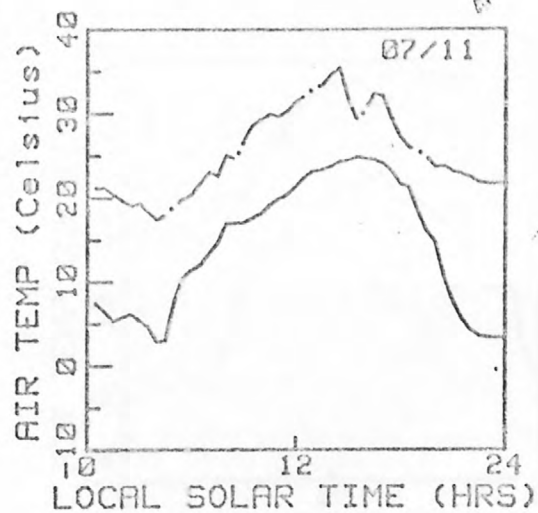
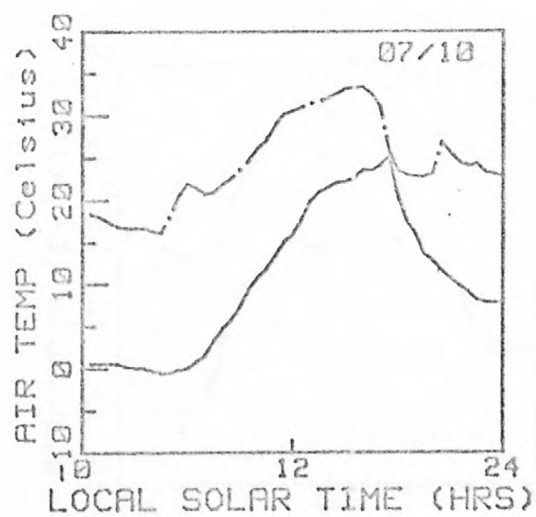


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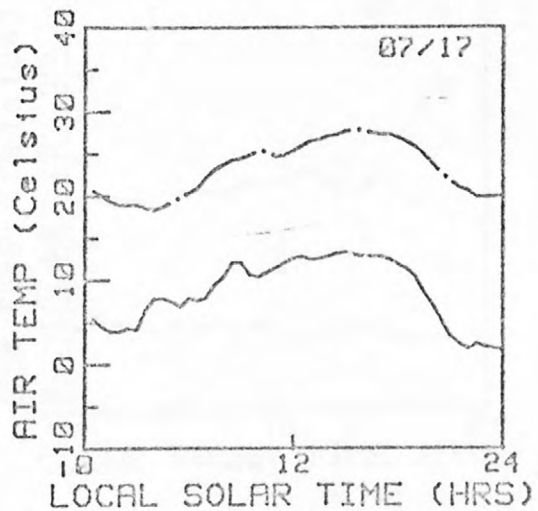
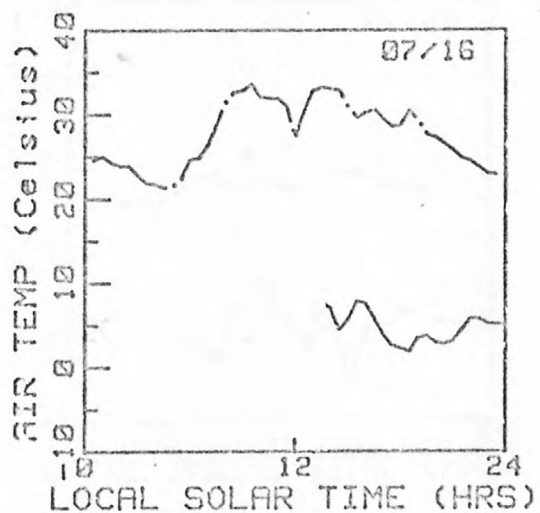
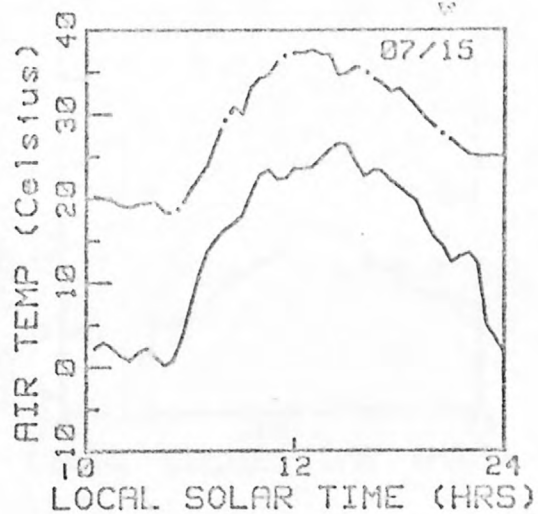
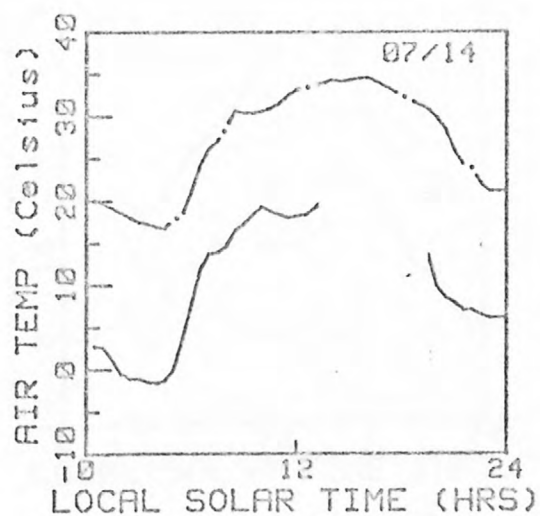


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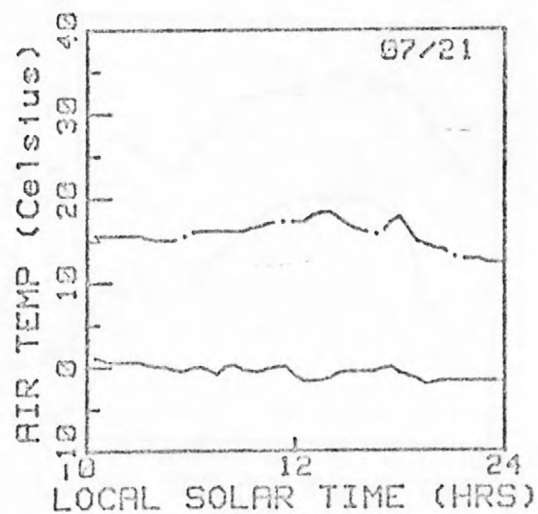
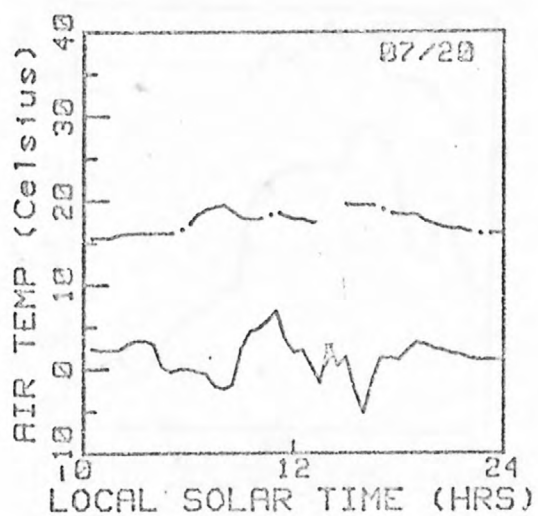
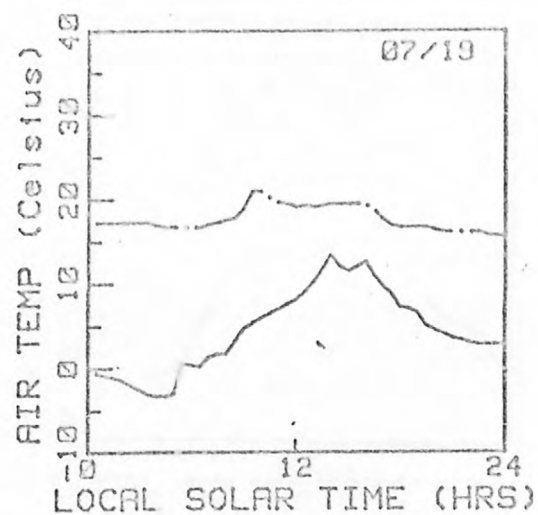
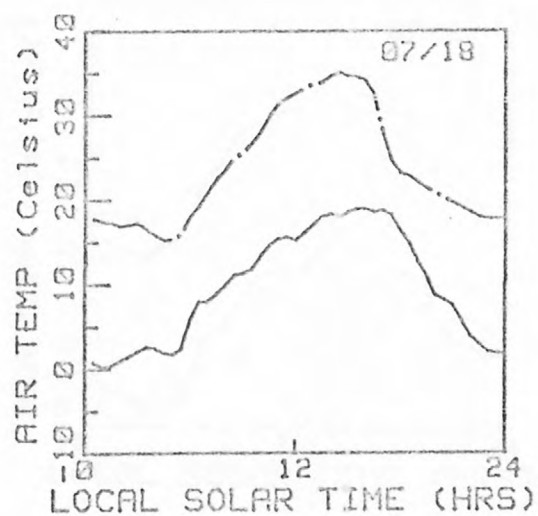


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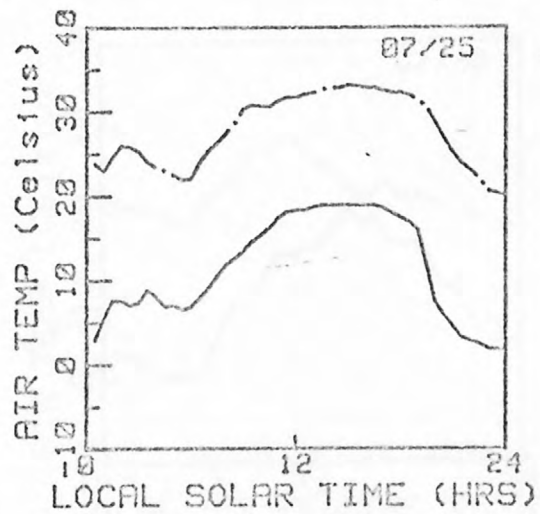
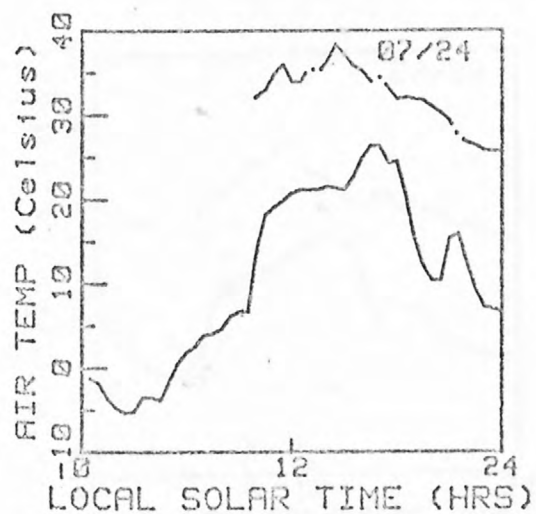
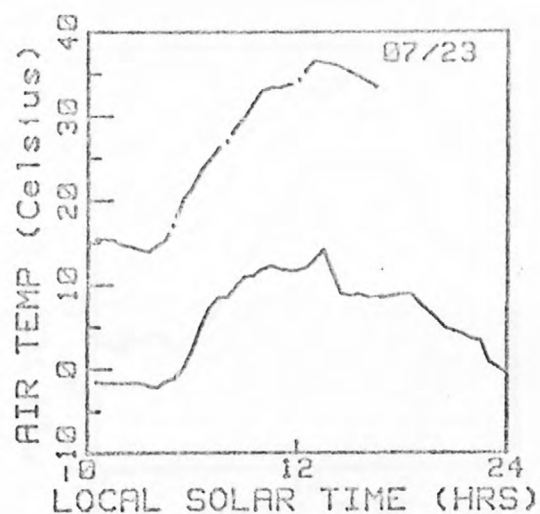
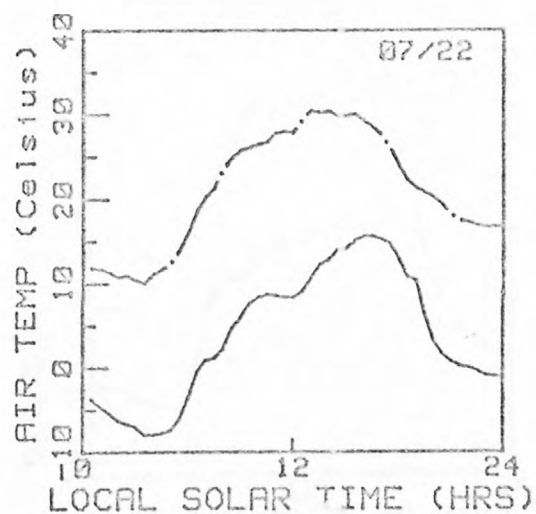


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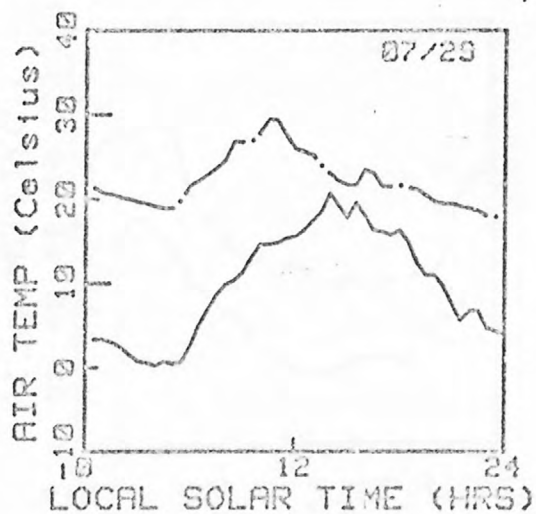
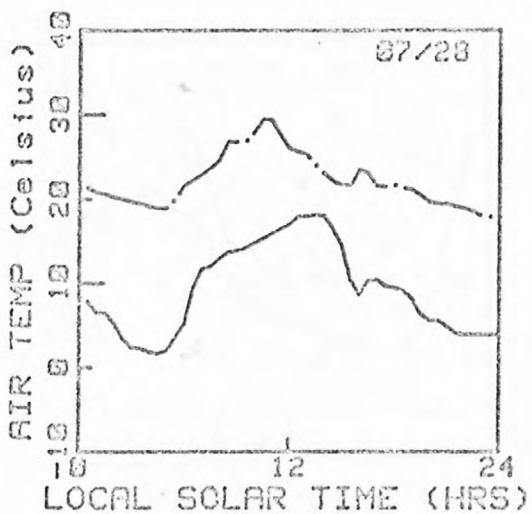
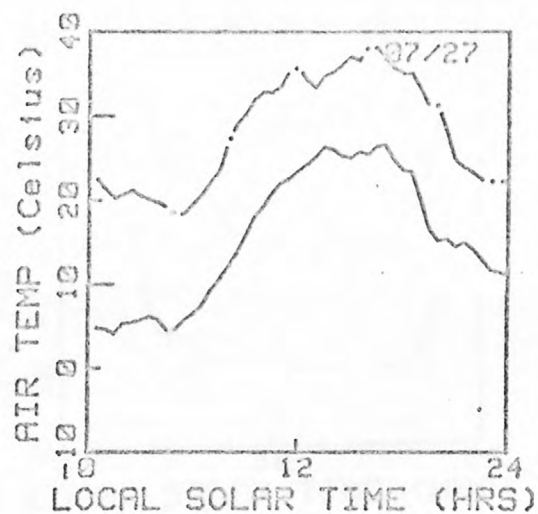
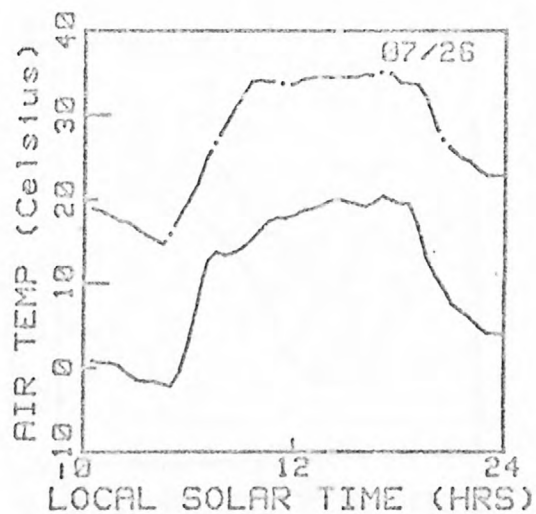


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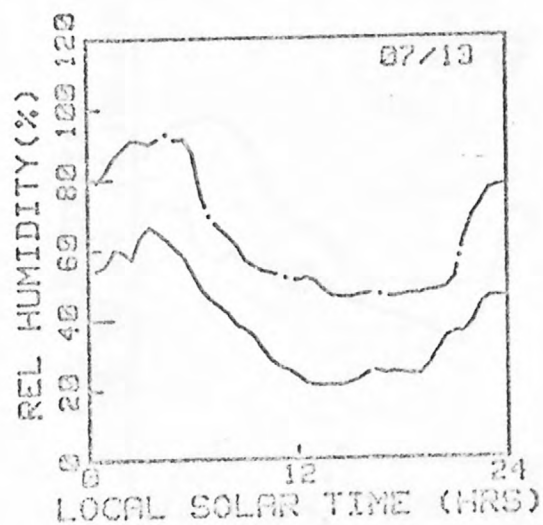
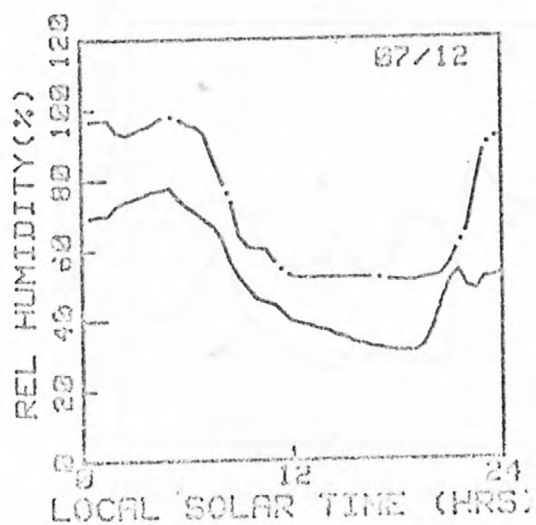
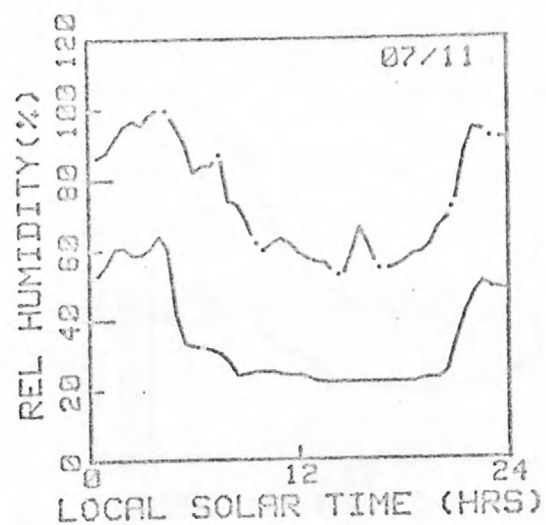
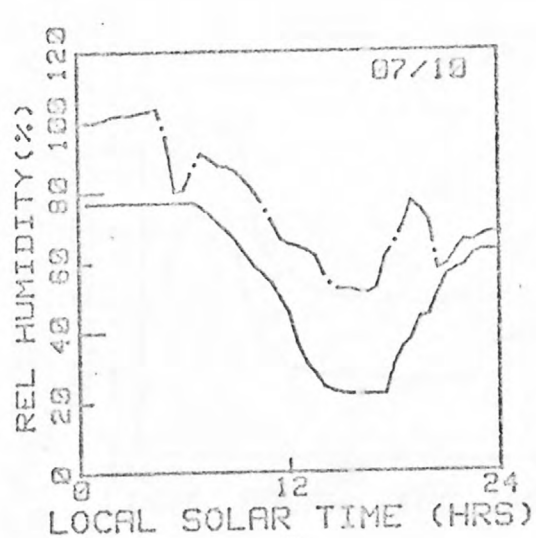


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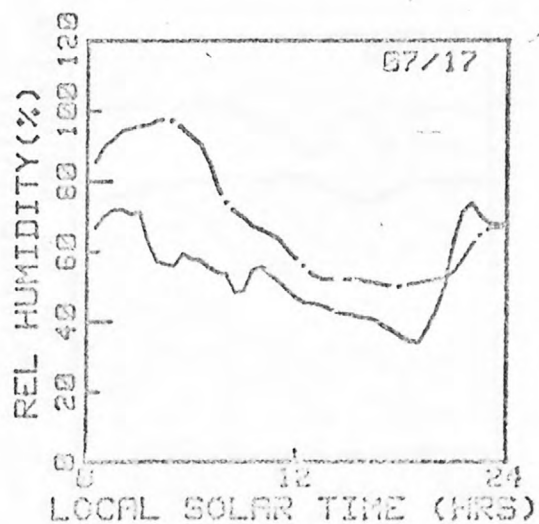
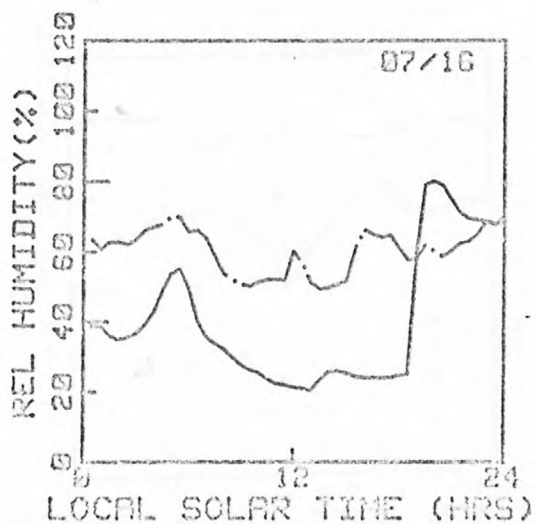
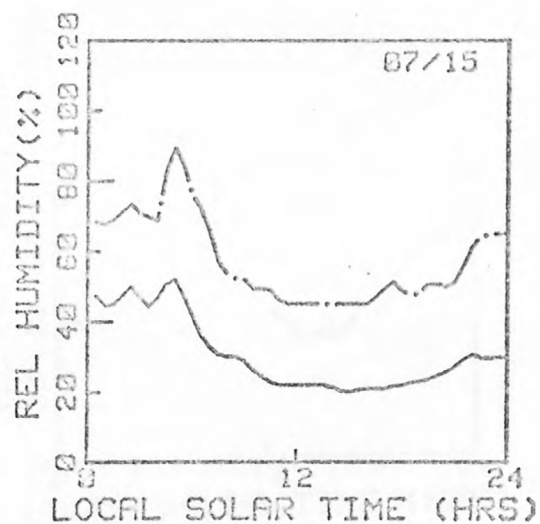
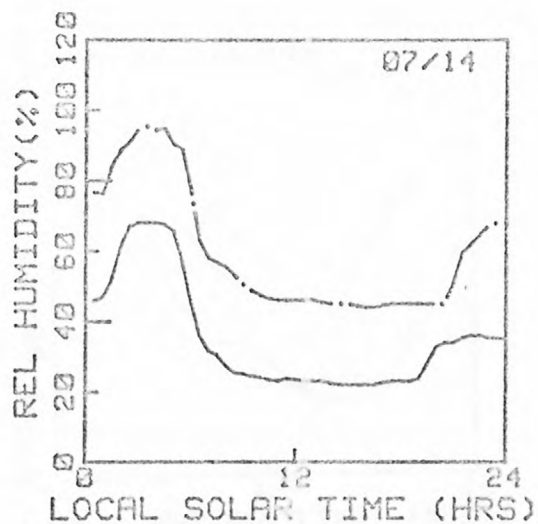


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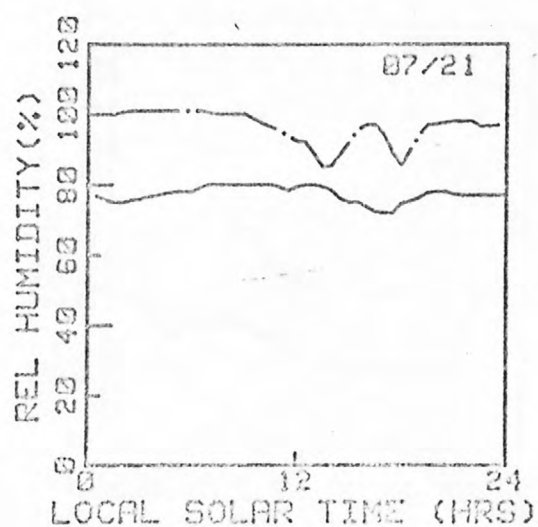
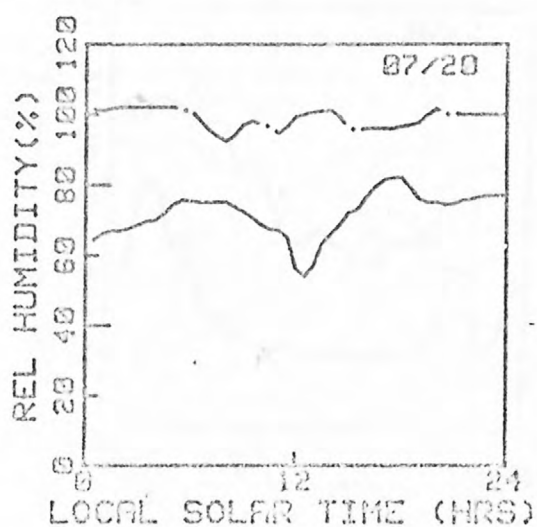
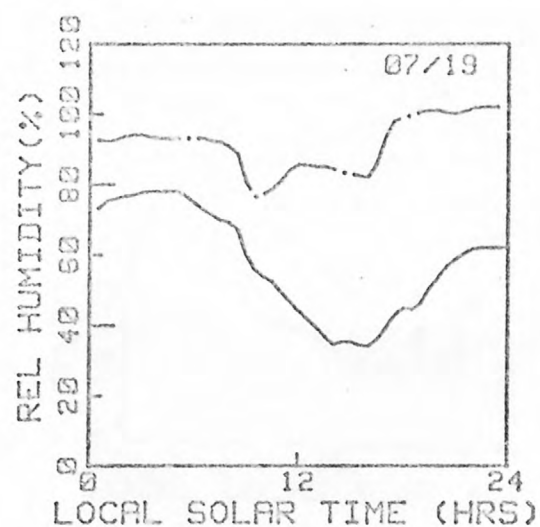
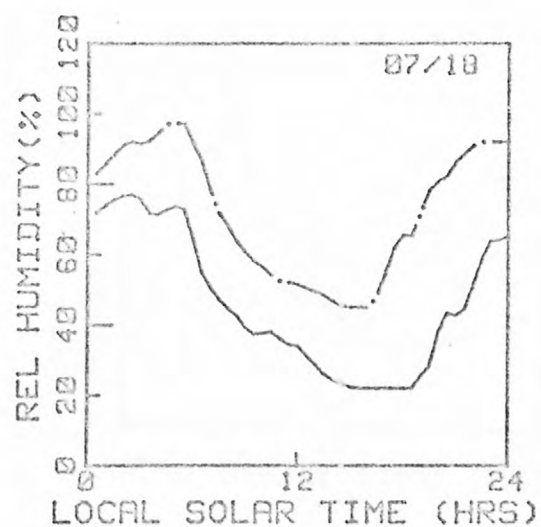


Figure 23. -- Relative humidity for July 18, 19, 20, and 21 for station 1(—) and station 2(---) (displacement 20% RH).

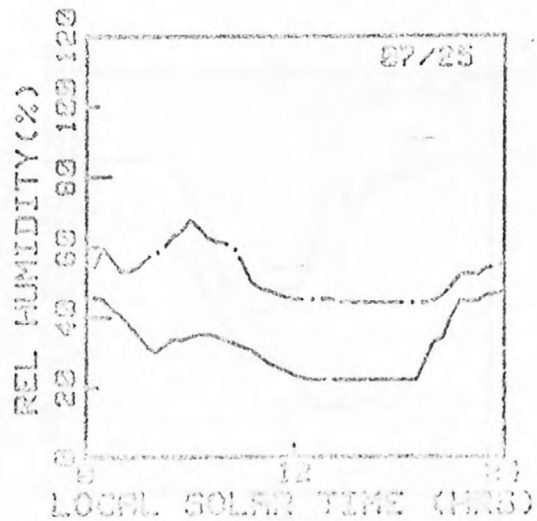
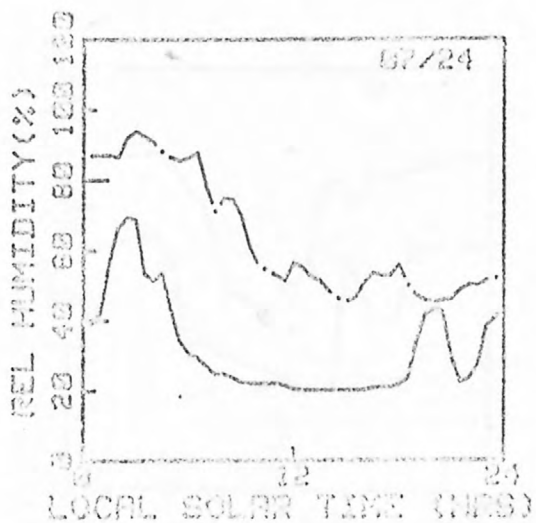
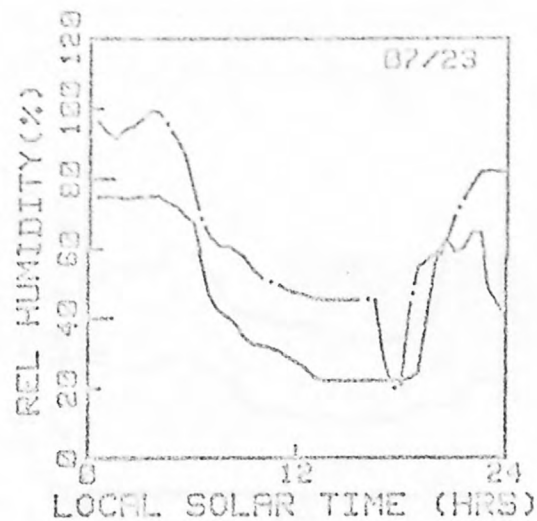
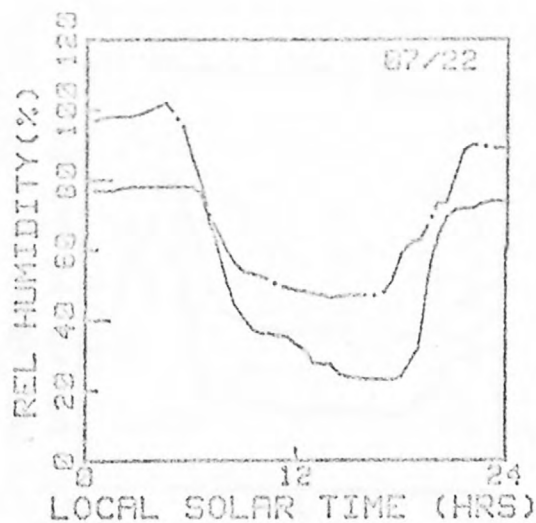


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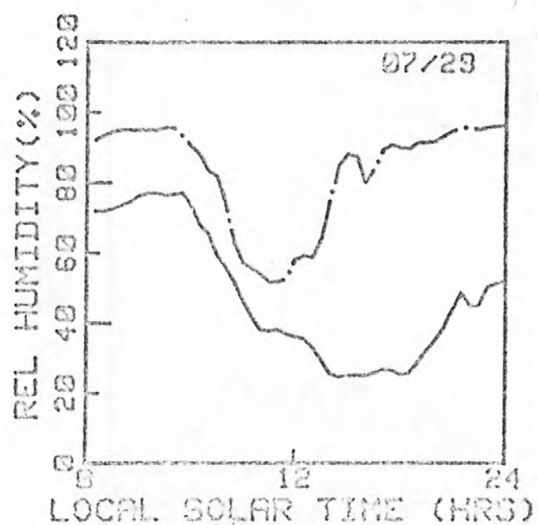
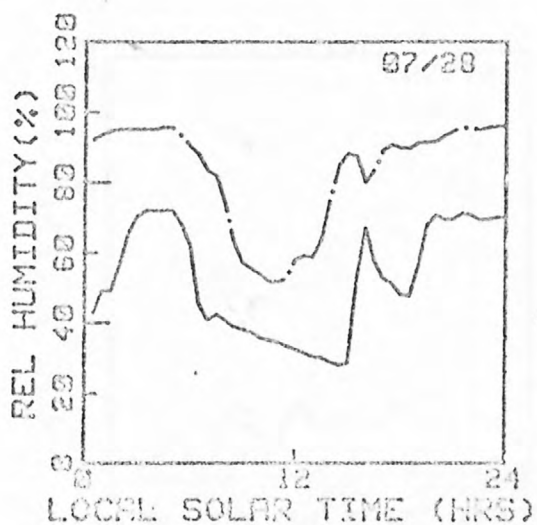
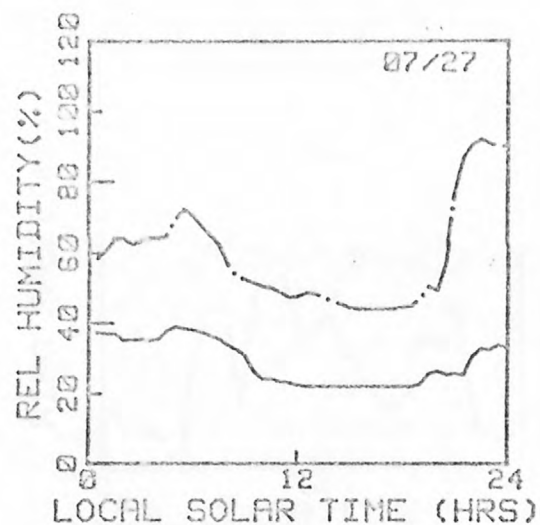
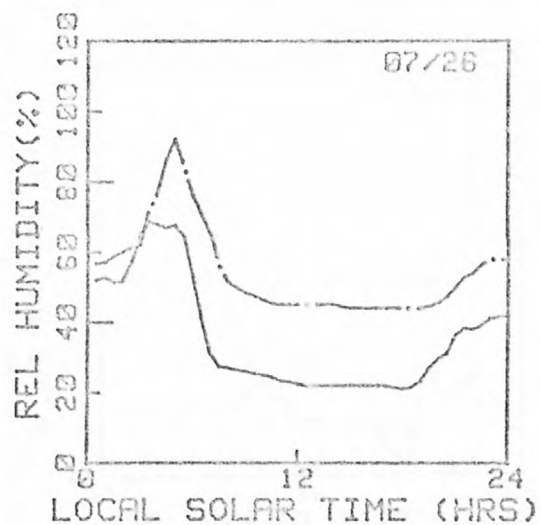


Figure 25. — Relative humidity for July 26, 27, 28, and 29 from station 1 (—) and station 2 (---) (displacement 20% RH).

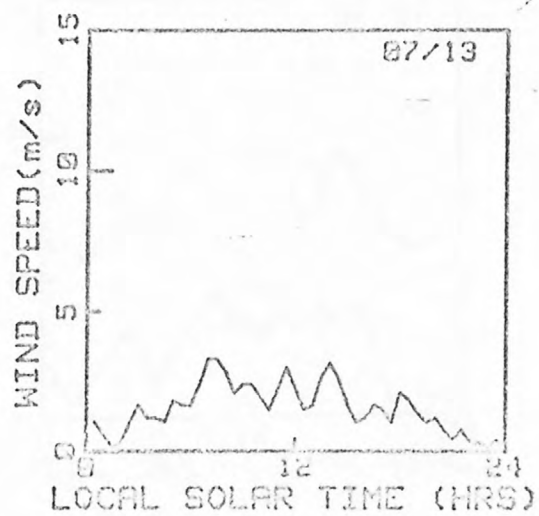
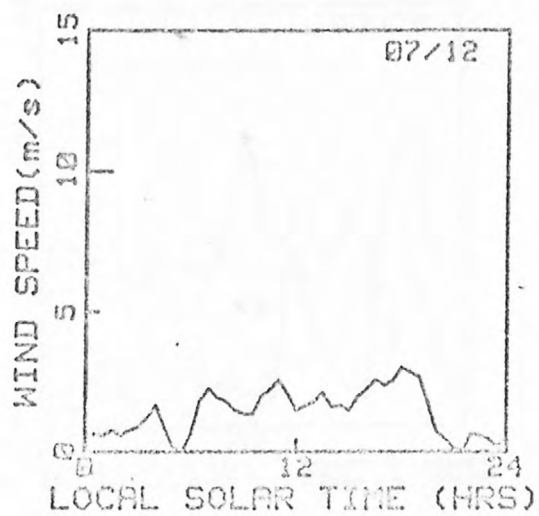
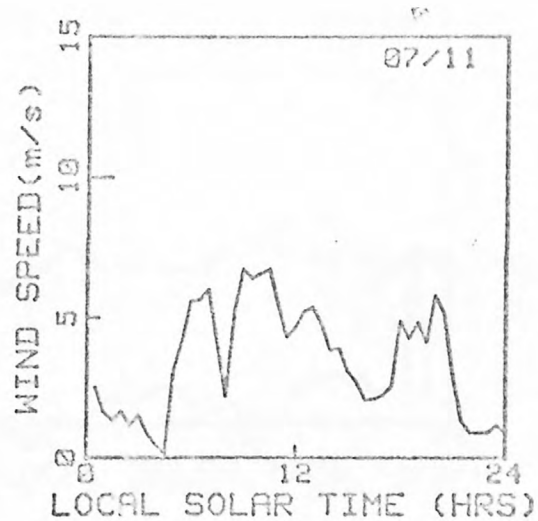
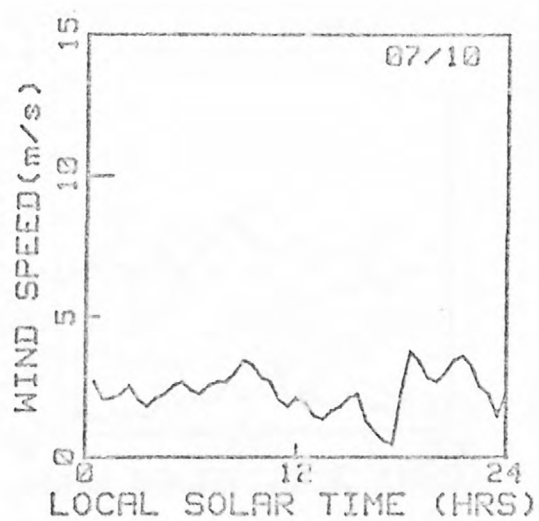


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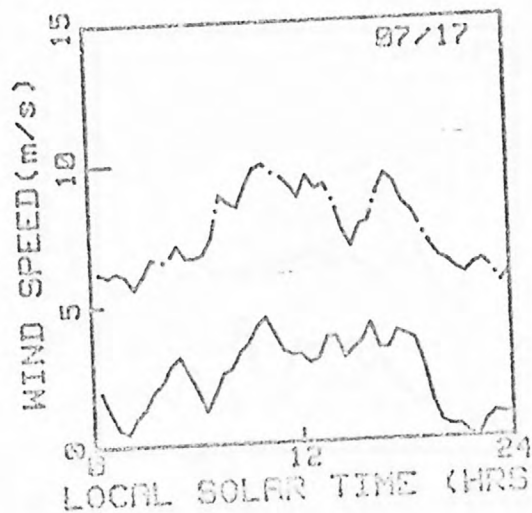
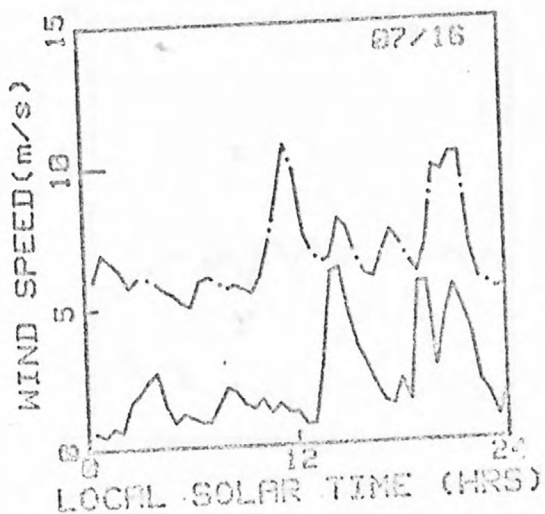
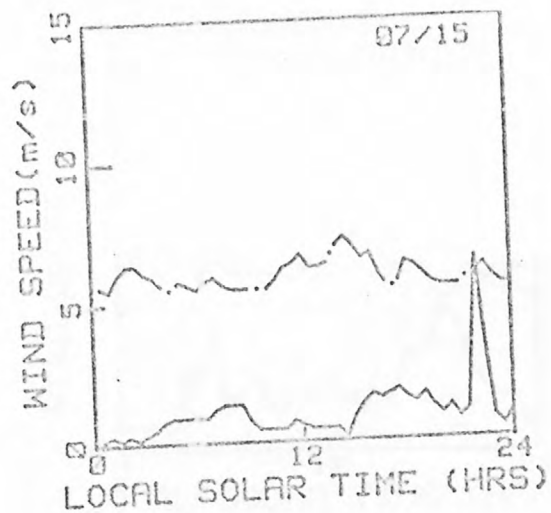
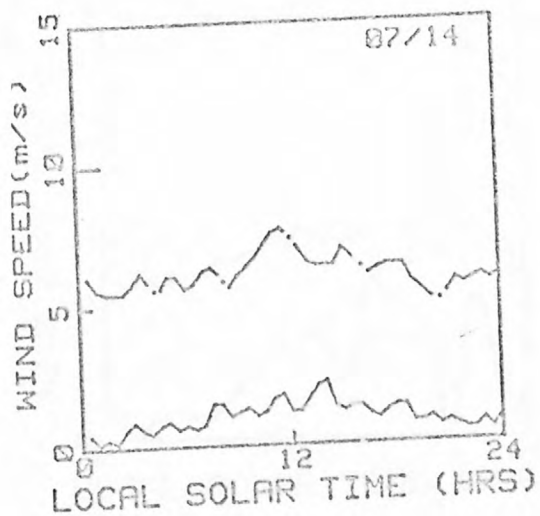


Figure 27. -- Wind speed for July 14, 15, 16, and 17 from station 1 (—) and station 2 (---) (displacement 5 m/s).

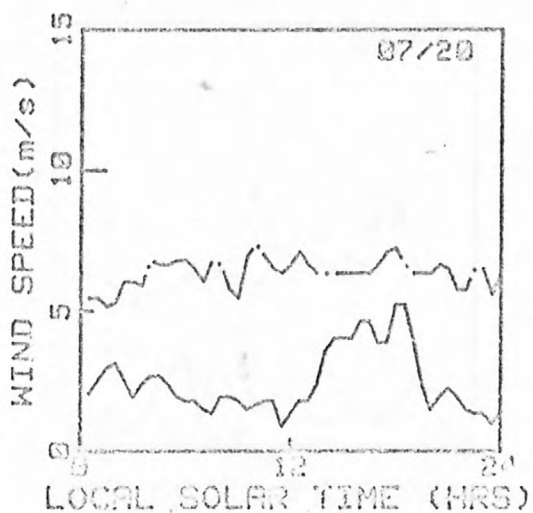
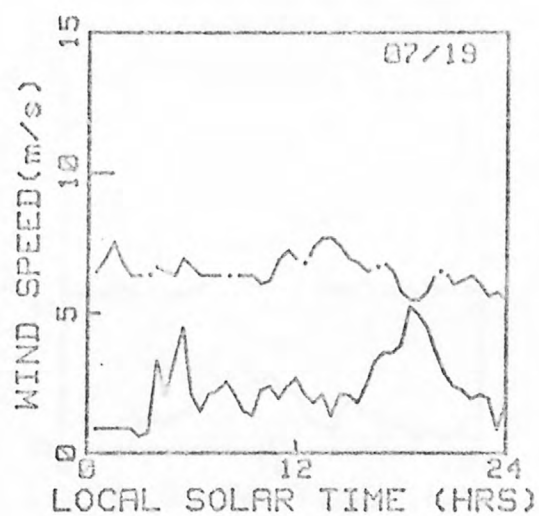
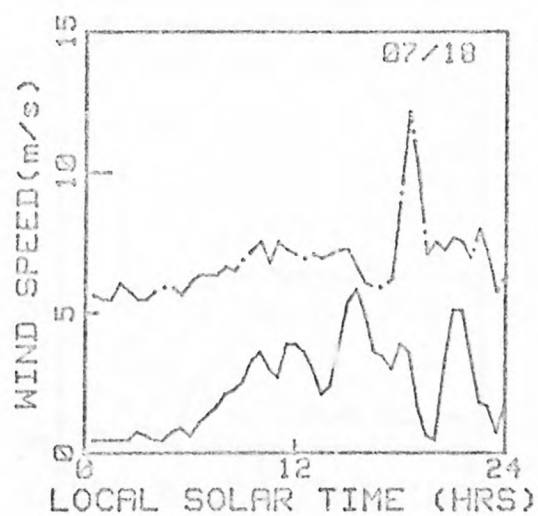


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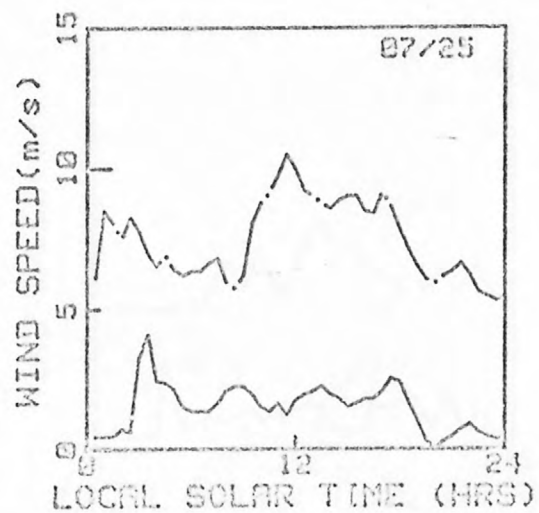
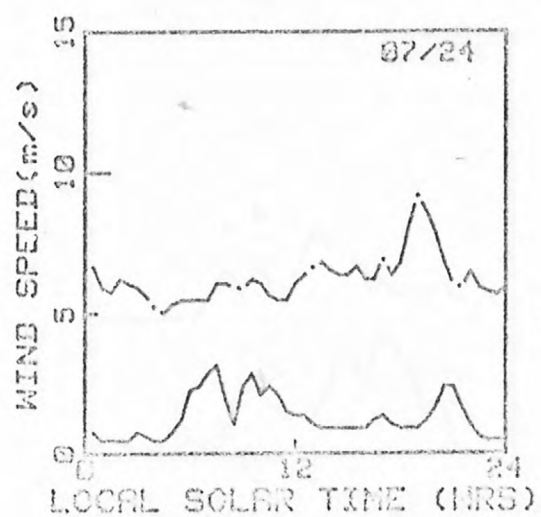
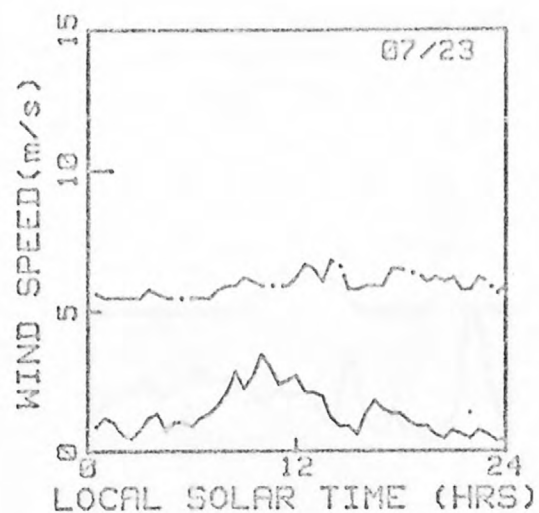
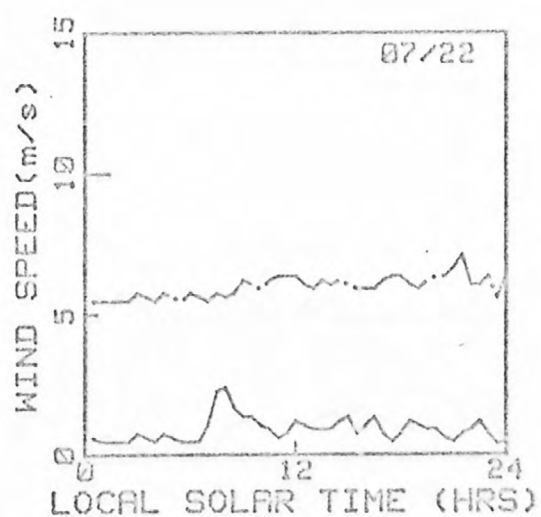


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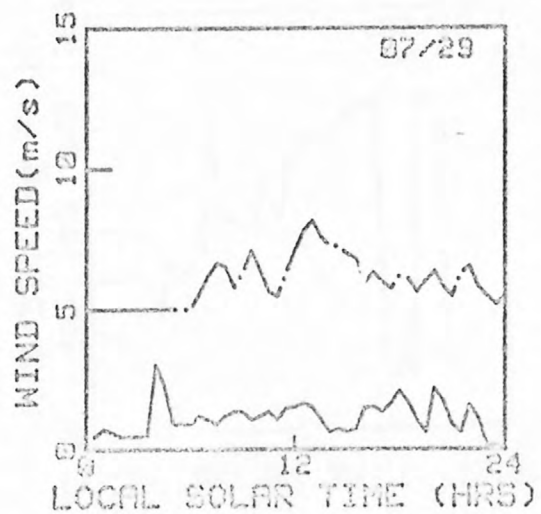
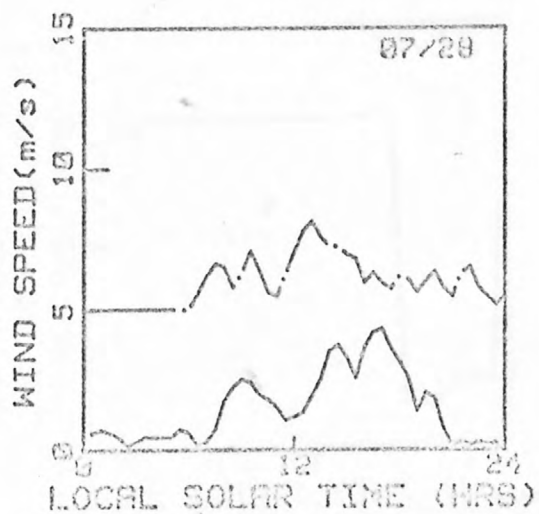
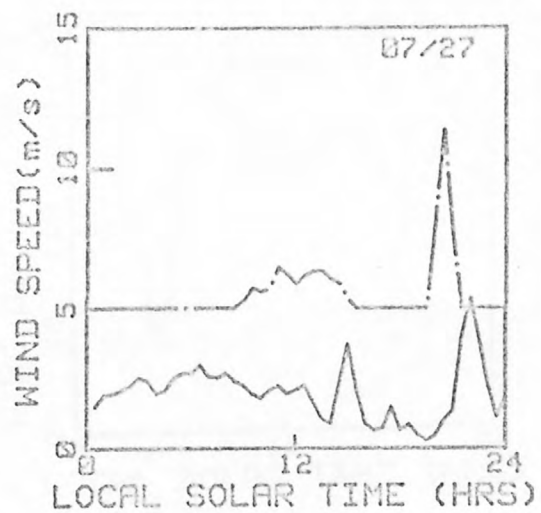
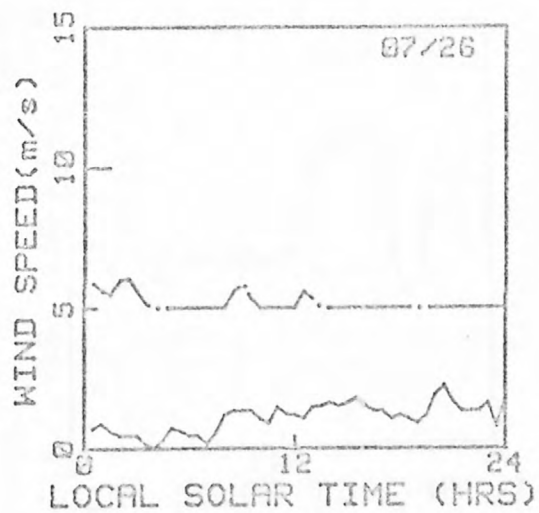


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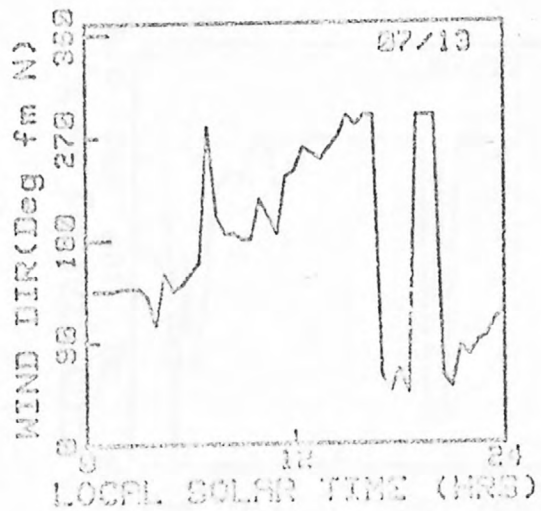
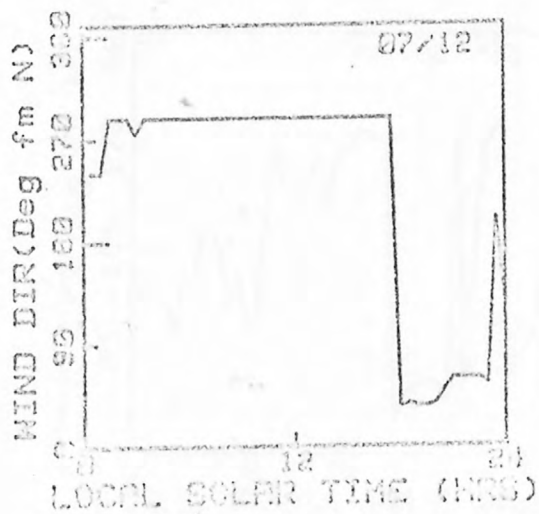
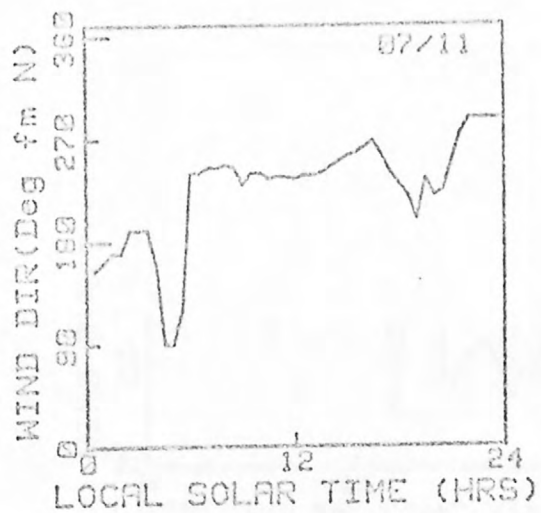
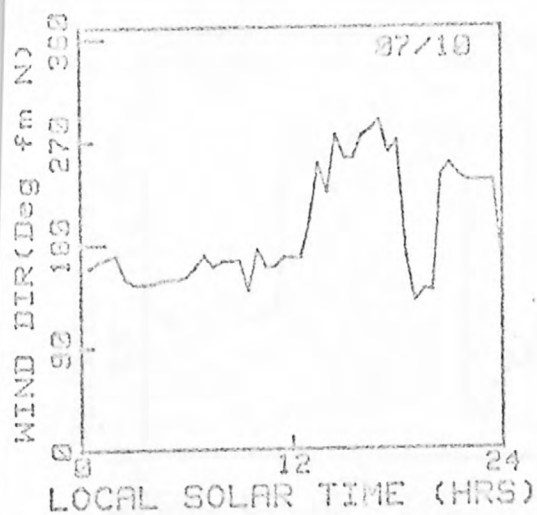


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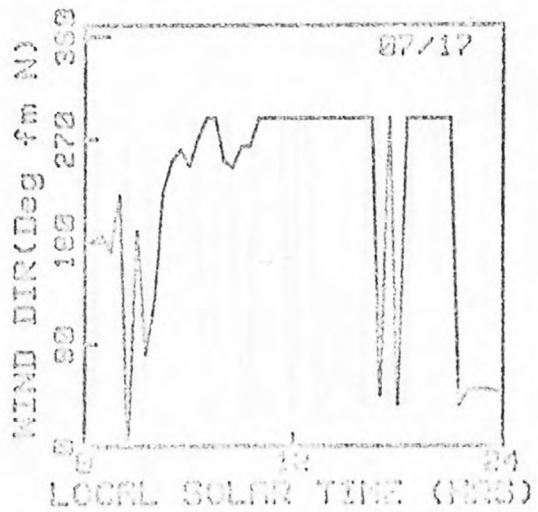
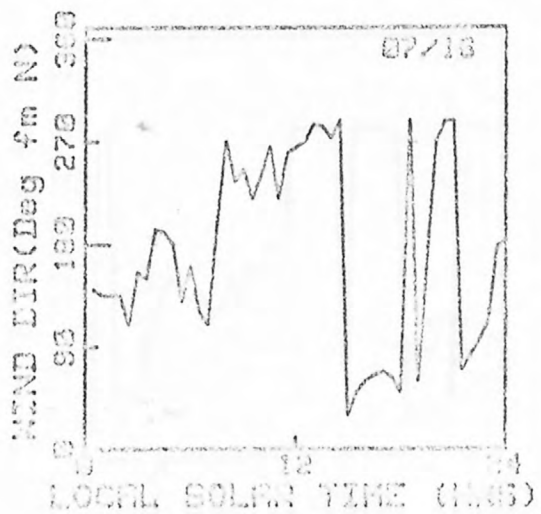
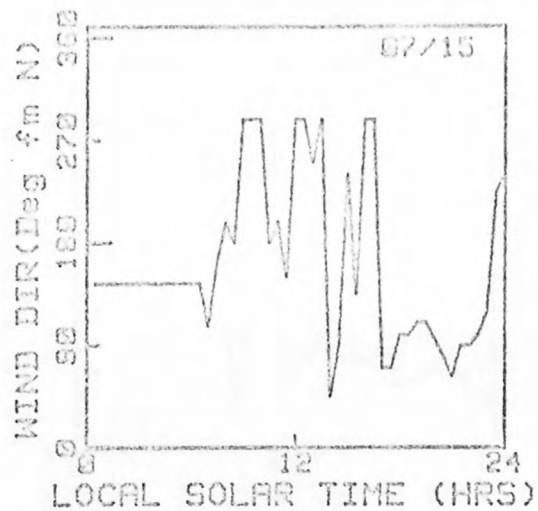
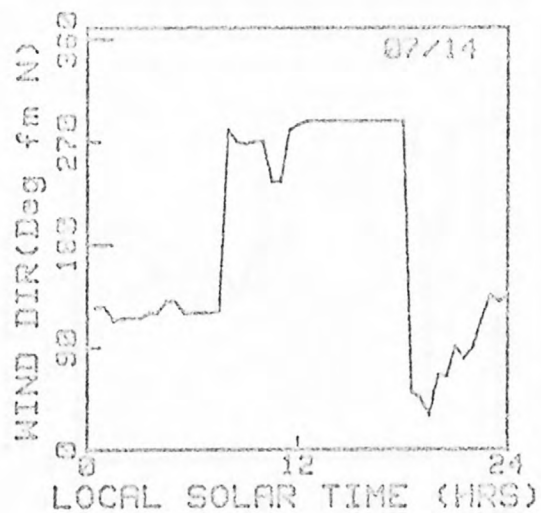


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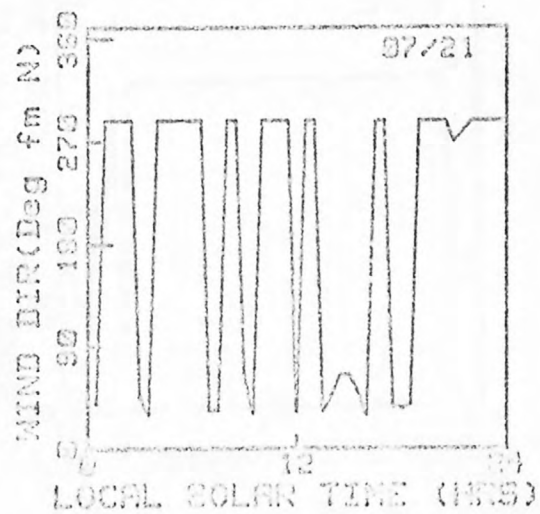
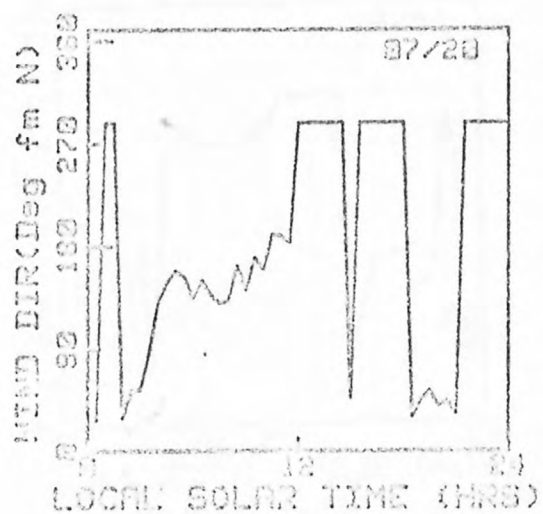
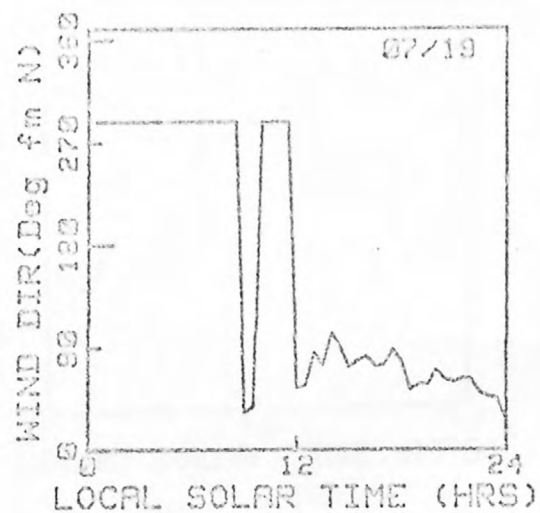


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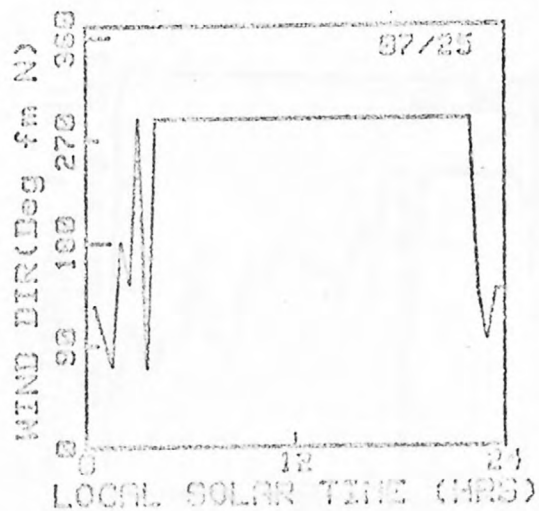
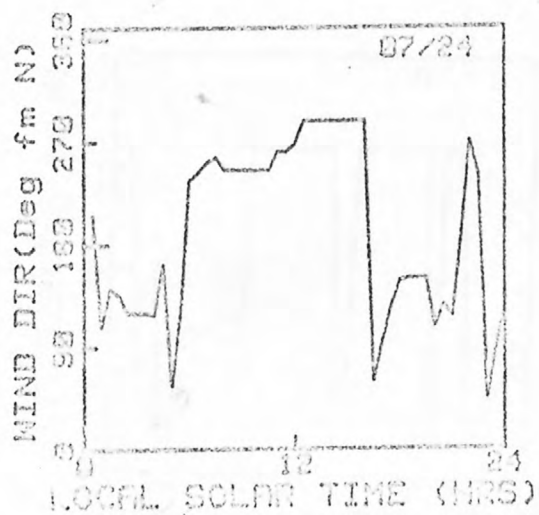
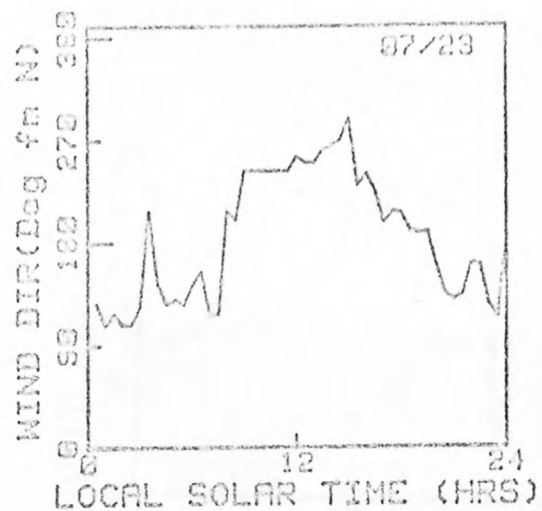
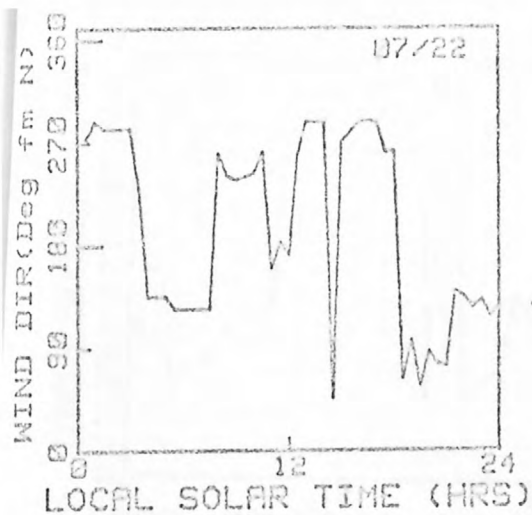


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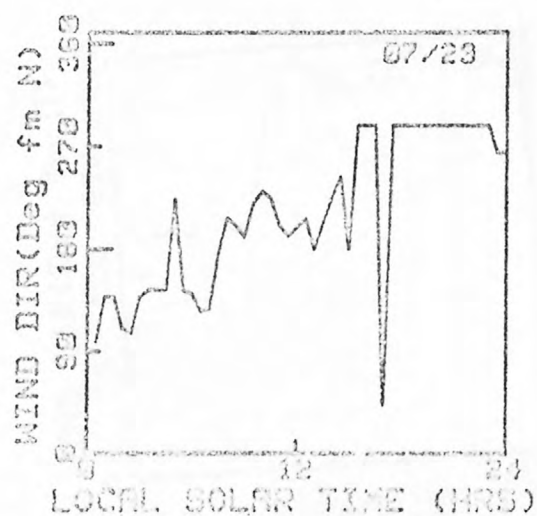
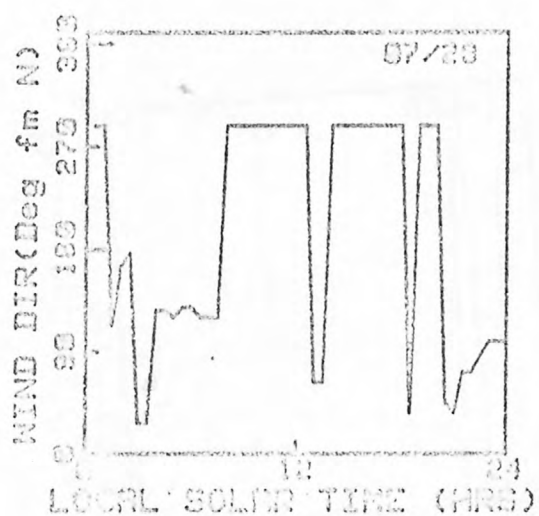
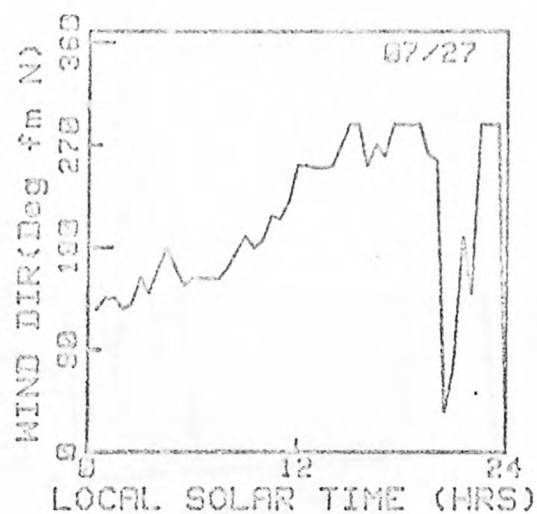
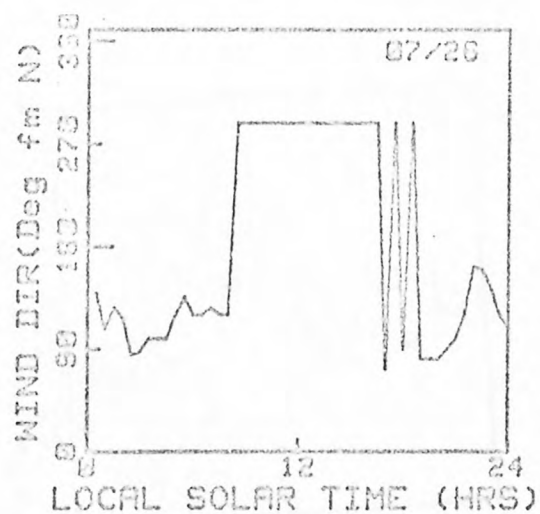


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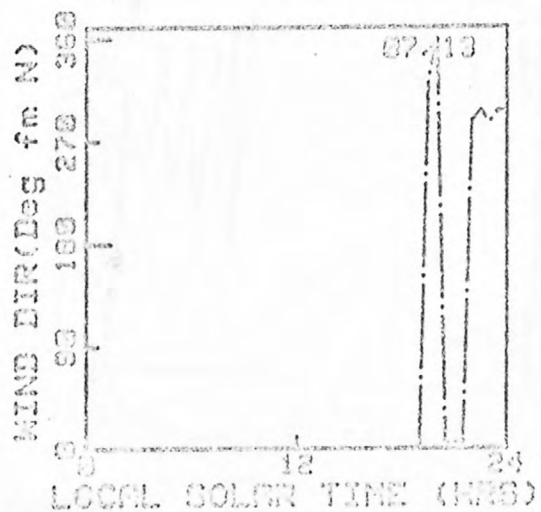
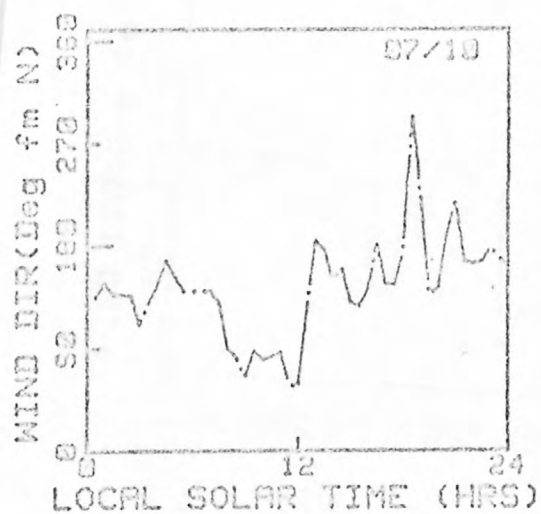


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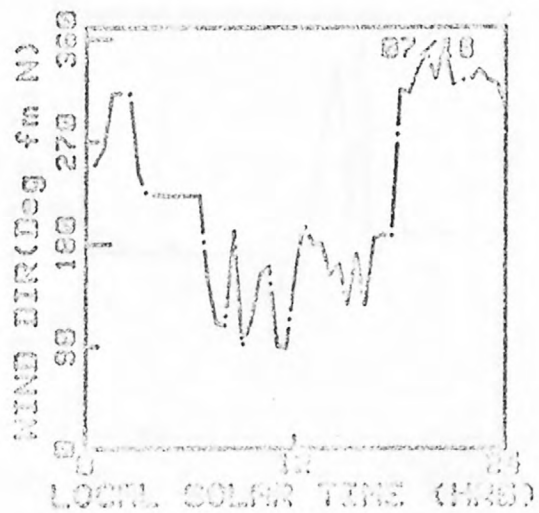
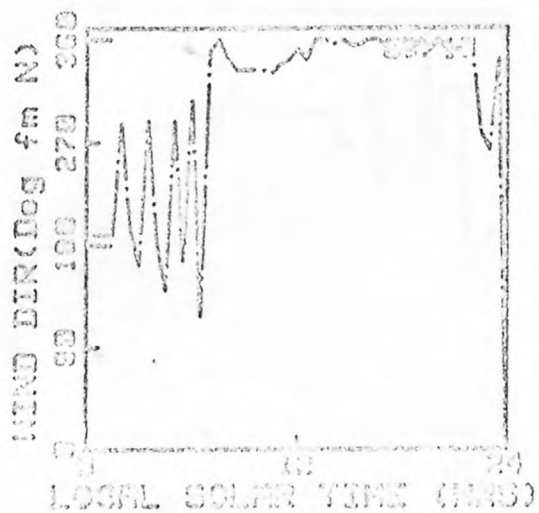
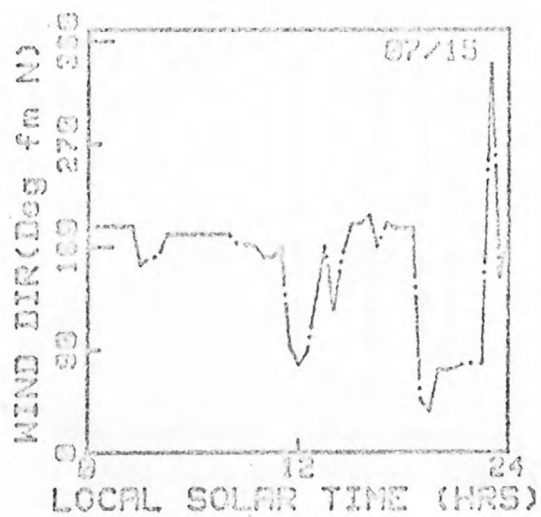


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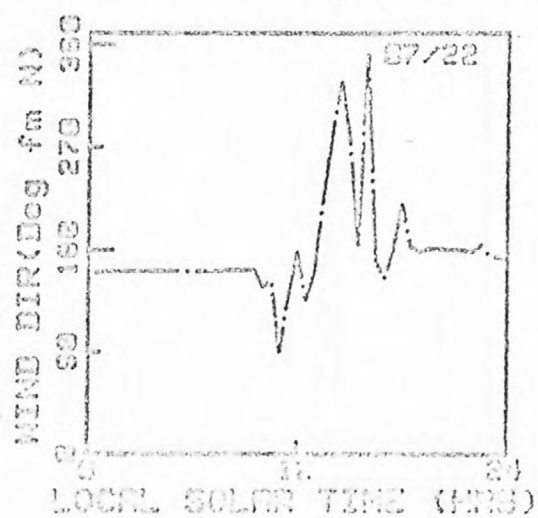
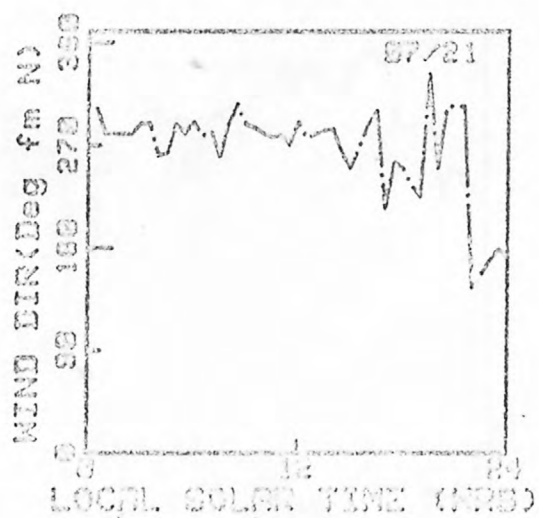
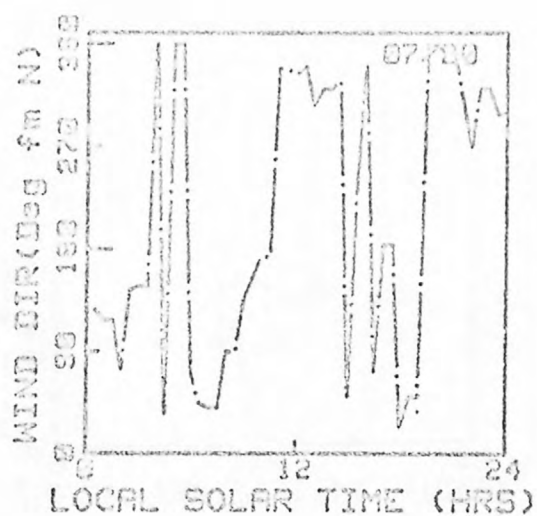
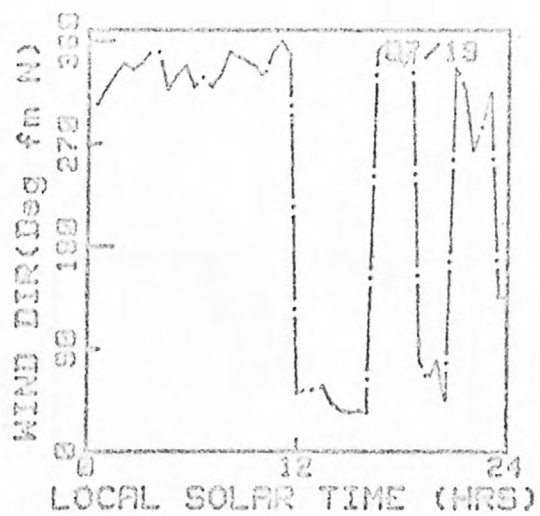


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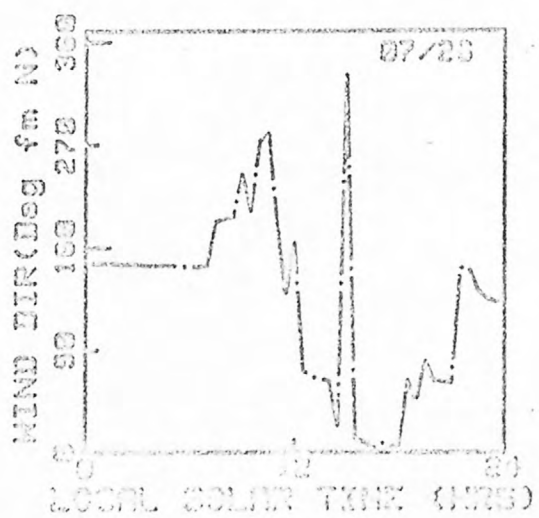
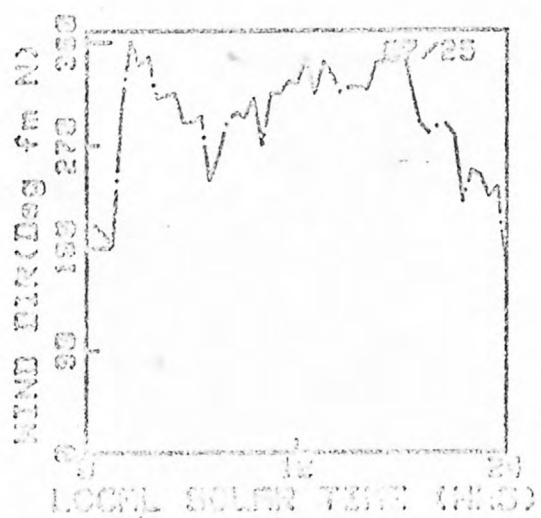
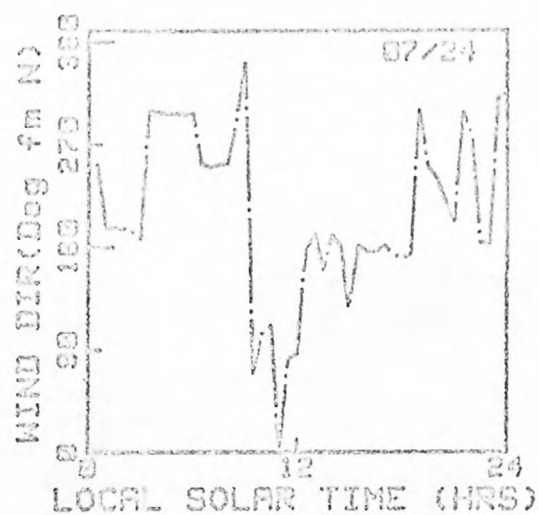
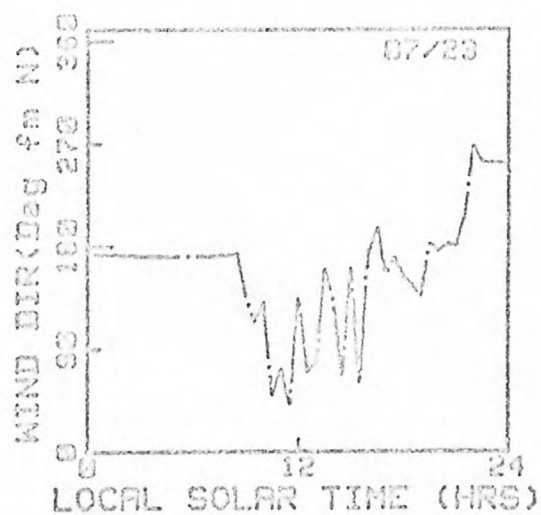


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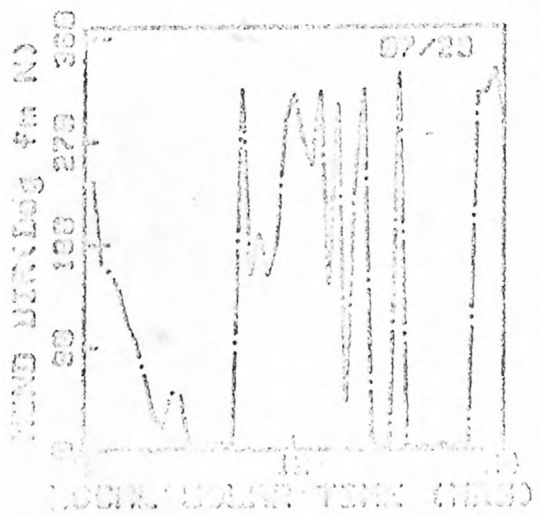
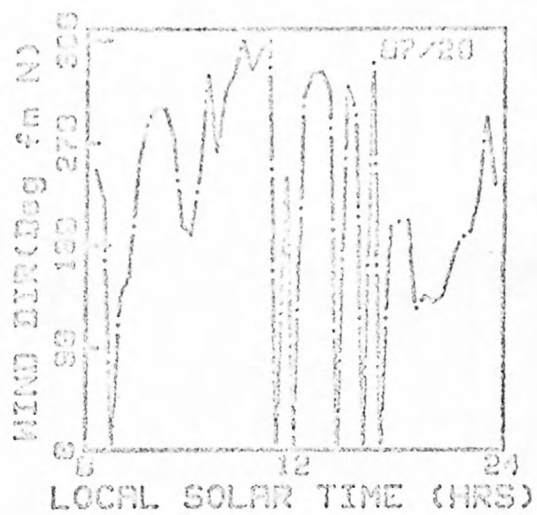
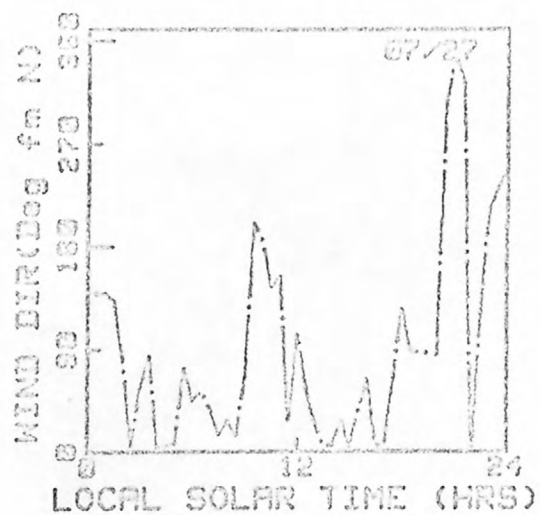


Figure 40. -- Wind direction for July 27, 28, and 29 from station 2.

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