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## ABSTRACT

This report documents the environmental surveillance program at the Nevada Test Site as conducted by the Department of Energy (DOE) onsite radiological safety contractor from January 1983 through December 1983. The results and evaluations of measurements of radioactivity in air and water, and of direct gamma radiation exposure rates are presented. Relevancy to DOE concentration guides (CG'S) is established.

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## A. INTRODUCTION

This report documents the program conducted at the Nevada Test Site (NTS) for monitoring of radioactivity in the general onsite environment as performed by Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Co., Inc. (REECO) during the calendar year of 1983. As part of its contract, DE-AC08-84NV10327, REECO is responsible for providing radiological safety services within the confines of the test site. For a number of years, the environmental surveillance program has been part of a Department of Energy (DOE) program designed to control, minimize, and document exposures to the NTS working population.

The NTS covers an area of 3,711 square kilometers, with terrain and climate conditions typical of the high southwest desert region and mountainous areas. Temperatures vary from  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $50^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The area is subject to high winds, dust-laden atmosphere, and low humidity. Elevations range from dry lake beds to rugged mountains as high as 2,300 meters. The NTS, since 1951, has been the primary location for testing the nation's nuclear devices (Figure 1).

The monitoring program originally was designed to examine the environment for levels of radioactivity that are of interest in documenting the radiation exposure to NTS workers; i.e., a backup for the onsite personnel dosimetry system. This program also could provide data concerning onsite releases or be a monitoring locale for the detection of worldwide fallout in Nevada from foreign sources. The program follows the standards presented in "A Guide For Environmental Radiological Surveillance at U.S. Department of Energy

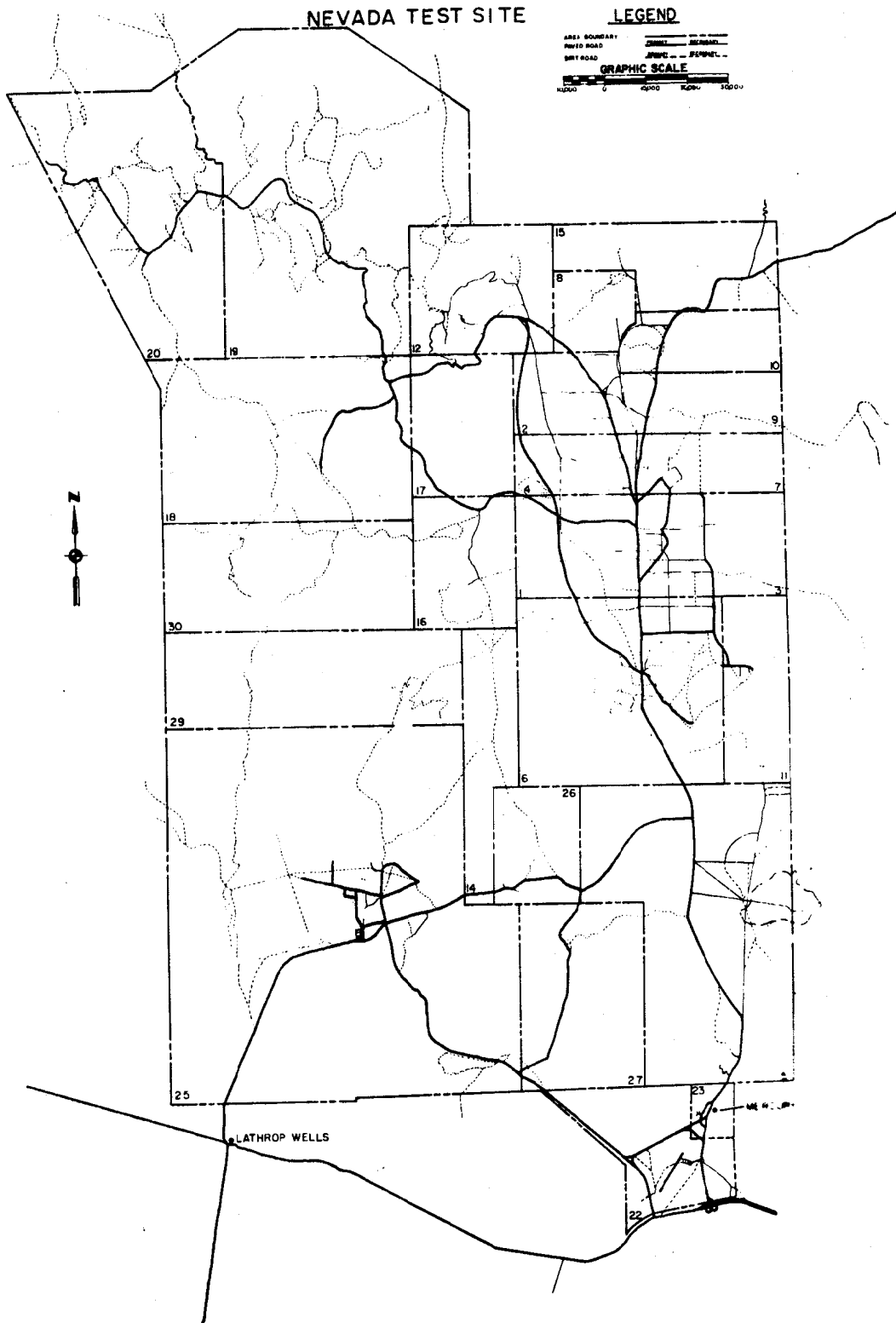


FIGURE 1

Installations," DOE/EP-0023 (Reference 2). The standards dictate the following objectives for the protection of the public:

- (1) Evaluation of containment of radioactivity onsite.
- (2) Detection of rapid changes and evaluation of long-term trends.
- (3) Assessment of doses-to-man from radioactive releases as a result of DOE operations.
- (4) Collection of data bearing on the movement of contaminants released to the environment, with the intent of discovering unknown pathways of exposure.
- (5) Maintenance of a data base.
- (6) Detection and evaluation of radioactivity from offsite sources.
- (7) Demonstration of compliance with applicable regulations and legal requirements concerning releases to the environment.

These objectives are met through the operation of the environmental surveillance program. A summary of the environmental plan is shown in Table 1. Air and potable water samples are collected at specific areas where personnel spend significant amounts of time. Additional air sampling stations are located at sites throughout the NTS in support of the testing program and the radiological waste management program. Water sampling of supply wells, open reservoirs, natural springs, contaminated ponds, and sewage ponds is also done to evaluate the possibility of any movement of radioactive contaminants into the NTS water system. The rate of sampling for each of these surveillance networks is related to potential personnel exposure; i.e., weekly water samples at each cafeteria. Thermoluminescent dosimeters (TLD's) are used to

TABLE 1  
SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

| Sample Type        | Description  | Collection Frequency | Number of Samples | Analysis  |
|--------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|---|
| Air                | Continuous sampling through Whatman GF/A glass filter and a charcoal cartridge | Weekly               | 47                | Gamma spectroscopy, gross beta, plutonium (monthly composite)       |
|                    | Low-volume sampling through silica gel   | Biweekly             | 17                | HTO   |
|                    | Continuous low volume sampling   | Weekly               | 7                 | <sup>85</sup> Kr and <sup>133</sup> Xe                              |
| Potable Water      | 1-liter grab sample  | Weekly               | 8                 | Gross gamma, gross beta, plutonium (quarterly)                      |
| Supply Wells       | 1-liter grab sample  | Monthly              | 12                | Gross gamma, gamma spectroscopy*, gross beta, plutonium (quarterly) |
| Open Reservoirs    | 1-liter grab sample  | Monthly              | 17**              | Gross gamma, gamma spectroscopy*, gross beta, plutonium (quarterly) |
| Natural Springs    | 1-liter grab sample  | Monthly              | 9**               | Gross gamma, gamma spectroscopy*, gross beta, plutonium (quarterly) |
| Contaminated Ponds | 1-liter grab sample  | Monthly              | 8**               | Gross gamma, gamma spectroscopy*, gross beta, plutonium (quarterly) |

\* If the gross gamma measurement can be determined with a two sigma error of less than ten percent.

\*\* All of these locations were not sampled due to inaccessibility or lack of water.

TABLE 1 (Continued)  
SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

| Sample Type                     | Description                                       | Collection Frequency | Number of Samples | Analysis   |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------|--|
| Effluent Ponds                  | 3-liter grab sample                               | Quarterly            | 7                 | Gross gamma, gamma spectroscopy*<br>gross beta,<br>plutonium |
| External Gamma Radiation Levels | CaF <sub>2</sub> :Dy Thermoluminescent Dosimeters | Quarterly            | 163               | Total integrated exposure over field cycle                   |

\* If the gross gamma measurement can be determined with a two sigma error of less than ten percent.

survey the ambient NTS external gamma levels and are collected on a quarterly cycle. Except for removal of a station, inaccessibility of the location, or loss of data, sampling was continuous during this reporting period. A review of all analyses from this sampling program relative to the DOE concentration guides were performed daily to insure that potential problems were noted in a timely fashion. Table 2 lists the CG's used in the evaluations of this program (Reference 3).

All laboratory analyses appropriate to the environmental surveillance program are shown in Table 3. The analysis that provided the most information on the majority of test site samples has been the gross beta analysis. It allowed for rapid determinations of trends in gross radioactivity, and because of counting system characteristics, had a low detection limit. This meant that positive measurements were obtained down to the lowest limits of ambient radioactivity. The remaining analyses show their worth to the program in more specific instances. Gamma spectroscopy and noble gas sampling have proved their importance by indicating whether increases of radioactivity in air were caused by the Nevada Test Site or other offsite sources. TLD analysis of direct gamma radiation onsite has shown: (1) elevated exposure rates at the coordinates of the NTS atmospheric tests; and (2) consistent exposure rates at all radiation levels when the TLD's are integrated over a three month period. Plutonium analysis was primarily an indicator of the small amounts of plutonium-239 in the air near areas with histories of safety shots. Tritium analysis was used principally as a check of the water in the ponds below the Area 12 tunnels.

TABLE 2

## DOE CONCENTRATION GUIDES (CGs) FOR CONTROLLED AREAS\*

| <u>Nuclide</u>    | <u>CG for Air<br/>(<math>\mu\text{Ci/cc}</math>)</u> | <u>CG for Major NTS Waters<br/>(<math>\mu\text{Ci/ml}</math>)</u> | <u>CG for Drinking Water<br/>(<math>\mu\text{Ci/ml}</math>)</u> |
|-------------------|--|---|---|
| $^3\text{H}$      | $5 \times 10^{-6}$                                   | $1 \times 10^{-1}$  | $3 \times 10^{-3}$  |
| $^7\text{Be}$     | $6 \times 10^{-6}$                                   | $5 \times 10^{-2}$  | $2 \times 10^{-3}$  |
| $^{85}\text{Kr}$  | $1 \times 10^{-5}$                                   | -----   | -----   |
| $^{89}\text{Sr}$  | $3 \times 10^{-8}$                                   | $3 \times 10^{-4}$  | $3 \times 10^{-6}$  |
| $^{90}\text{Sr}$  | $1 \times 10^{-9}$                                   | $1 \times 10^{-5}$  | $3 \times 10^{-7}$  |
| $^{95}\text{Zr}$  | $1 \times 10^{-7}$                                   | $2 \times 10^{-3}$  | $6 \times 10^{-5}$  |
| $^{131}\text{I}$  | $4 \times 10^{-9}$                                   | $3 \times 10^{-5}$  | $3 \times 10^{-7}$  |
| $^{132}\text{Te}$ | $2 \times 10^{-7}$                                   | $9 \times 10^{-4}$  | $3 \times 10^{-5}$  |
| $^{133}\text{Xe}$ | $1 \times 10^{-5}$                                   | -----   | -----   |
| $^{137}\text{Cs}$ | $6 \times 10^{-8}$                                   | $4 \times 10^{-4}$  | $2 \times 10^{-5}$  |
| $^{140}\text{Ba}$ | $1 \times 10^{-7}$                                   | $8 \times 10^{-4}$  | $3 \times 10^{-5}$  |
| $^{238}\text{Pu}$ | $2 \times 10^{-12}$                                  | $1 \times 10^{-4}$  | $5 \times 10^{-6}$  |
| $^{239}\text{Pu}$ | $2 \times 10^{-12}$                                  | $1 \times 10^{-4}$  | $5 \times 10^{-6}$  |

\*This table contains the concentration guides for the nuclides of major interest at the NTS (DOE Order 5480.1A, Chapter XI).

TABLE 3  
LABORATORY ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES

| Type of Analysis       | Type of Sample    | Analytical Equipment         | Counting Period (Min.) | Analytical Procedures  | Sample Size        | Detection Limit                  |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Gross Beta             | Air               | Wide Beta II                 | 20                     | Place filter on a 12.7 cm stainless steel planchet.  | $10^9$ cc          | $2 \times 10^{-16}$ $\mu$ Ci/cc  |
|                        | Water             | Wide Beta II                 | 100                    | Evaporate, transfer residue to a 12.7 cm stainless steel planchet.   | 1000 ml            | $1 \times 10^{-9}$ $\mu$ Ci/ml   |
| Gamma Spectroscopy     | Air (particulate) | Ge(LI)                       | 20                     | Same as for gross beta.  | $10^9$ cc          | $5 \times 10^{-15}$ $\mu$ Ci/cc  |
|                        | Air (gaseous)     | Ge(LI)                       | 20                     | Place charcoal cartridge in plastic bag.   | $10^9$ cc          | $5 \times 10^{-15}$ $\mu$ Ci/cc  |
|                        | Water             | Ge(LI)                       | 20                     | Allquot sample into Nalgene bottle.  | 500 ml             | $1 \times 10^{-8}$ $\mu$ Ci/ml   |
| Krypton-85             | Air               | Liquid Scintillation Counter | 200                    | Cryogenic-gas chromatographic techniques used to collect krypton into liquid scintillation solution.                                 | $3 \times 10^5$ cc | $4 \times 10^{-12}$ $\mu$ Ci/cc  |
| Plutonium-239          | Air               | Silicon Semiconductor        | 333                    | Filter is ashed and put in solution. Pu is purified by anion exchange resin column, then electrodeposited on a stainless steel disc. | $4 \times 10^9$ cc | $1 \times 10^{-17}$ $\mu$ Ci/cc  |
|                        | Water             | Silicon Semiconductor        | 333                    | Pu is concentrated with $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3$ and purified with anion resin column. Electro-deposited on a stainless steel disc.  | 1000 ml            | $1 \times 10^{-11}$ $\mu$ Ci/ml  |
| Tritium                | Air               | Liquid Scintillation Counter | 100                    | Distill the $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and aliquot 5 ml into a scintillation solution.   | $6 \times 10^6$ cc | $3 \times 10^{-13}$ $\mu$ Ci/cc  |
|                        | Water             | Liquid Scintillation Counter | 100                    | Allquot 10 ml into a scintillation solution.   | 2 ml               | $9 \times 10^{-7}$ $\mu$ Ci/ml   |
| Xenon-133              | Air               | Liquid Scintillation Counter | 200                    | Cryogenic-gas chromatographic techniques used to collect xenon into liquid scintillation solution.                                   | $3 \times 10^5$ cc | $10 \times 10^{-12}$ $\mu$ Ci/cc |
| Direct Gamma Radiation | TLD               | Harshaw 2000                 |                        | Post-anneal at 115°C for 15 minutes. Readout to 270° for 25 seconds.   |                    | 10 mR/quarter                    |



## B. SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The results obtained from the environmental surveillance program for the reporting period of CY-1983 show that the radioactivity in air and water in the NTS environments was low compared to DOE guidelines. External gamma radiation at certain NTS sites approached the rate that could provide the annual dose commitment guide exposure for an individual in a controlled area (5 rem/y).

The maximum CY-1983 average gross beta concentration in air was  $1.9 \times 10^{-14}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$  at seven of the forty-seven stations. This average represents 0.002 percent of the applicable concentration guide of  $1 \times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$  as listed in DOE Order 5480.1A, Chapter XI (assuming  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  is the beta emitter present). The other stations during this report period demonstrated similar results. One of the air sampling stations, 19-3 Substation, was discontinued in August because the power was shut off at that substation. The site average for the forty-seven stations was  $1.8 \times 10^{-14}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$  with one standard deviation being 4.7 percent. This gross beta concentration is considered to be normal background concentrations at the Nevada Test Site.  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  concentrations in air were primarily on the order of  $10^{-17}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$  as compared with the concentration guide of  $2 \times 10^{-12}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$  (DOE Order 5480.1A, Chapter XI). The highest average  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  concentration occurred in Area 9 at the 9-300 Bunker. This  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  concentration of  $2.9 \times 10^{-16}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$  represents 0.014 percent of the concentration guide. The majority of NTS air sampling stations measured plutonium concentrations similar to those found in the basecamp (Mercury) and all were negligible in terms of exposure to NTS personnel.

One tritium in air sampler was added near the site boundary in Area 23 during CY-1983. The data showed large fluctuations throughout the year. The highest average tritium in air concentration occurred in Area 23, Bldg. 650 of  $2.7 \times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$ . This represents 0.05 percent of the concentration guide.

One noble gas sampler was added in October and placed at Area 20 Camp during CY-1983. Two minor releases, caused by drillback operations, were detected. The first occurred during the week of August 1, 1983, and was detected at the Area 1 BJY sampling location. The  $^{133}\text{Xe}$  concentration was  $154 \times 10^{-12}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$  or 0.0015 percent of the concentration guide. The other release occurred during the week of October 3, 1983. Prior to this drillback operation, the DOE asked that noble gas samplers be placed in about a two mile radius around the hole. To accomplish this the regular sampling units were borrowed and placed accordingly. The only sample location which had a positive result was at the 9-300 Bunker. The  $^{133}\text{Xe}$  concentration was  $16.1 \times 10^{-12}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$  which represents 0.0002 percent of the concentration guide.

Measurements of radioactivity in the principal NTS water system showed that no release or movement of radionuclides occurred during the reporting period. It was shown that the radioactivity in the closed water system (supply wells and potable waters) was determined by the specific activity of the associated potassium concentration (naturally occurring  $^{40}\text{K}$ ). The highest average gross beta concentration in potable waters and supply wells was  $8.4 \times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  from the Area 6 Cafeteria and  $11.9 \times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  from Area 6 Well C1. Water

from one open reservoir (A-5 reservoir) showed gross beta activities believed to be associated with the occasional influx of radionuclides from surface contamination in the surrounding areas. There was no human consumption of this water, and the activity was still within the applicable concentration guides.

The highest average  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  concentration from noncontaminated waters was  $1.8 \times 10^{-10}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  at A-5 Reservoir. This represents 0.004 percent of the concentration guide for  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ . All of the positive plutonium results have a high percentage error associated with them and are possibly due to statistical fluctuations of the counting system.

The highest average concentration of tritium in noncontaminated water occurred at the A-5 Reservoir. This concentration of  $2.8 \times 10^{-6}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  represents 0.1 percent of the concentration guide. Positive results close to the detection limit may have been caused by statistical fluctuations in the counter.

Measurable amounts of tritium were present in the contaminated waste ponds. The amounts of effluent released to the environment for the year were calculated and reported to DOE Headquarters in accordance with DOE Order 5484.1, Chapter IV.

TLD measurements of the NTS gamma radiation rates at the 163 locations showed some variation during CY-1983. A nine station control network displayed similar results to previous years, while the remaining 154 stations recorded changes related to known effects. The maximum dose rate of 3540 mrem/y

occurred at Bldg. 610 in the X-Ray area, but the majority of NTS locations measured in the range of approximately 100-160 mrem/y.

The maximum dose to an individual living at the NTS boundary was calculated for CY-1983. The maximum calculated dose to the total body, bone, and lung was 0.20 mrem, 1.7 mrem, and 0.25 mrem respectively. Using the values from Reference 17, these doses represent risks for radiation-induced cancers of  $3.3 \times 10^{-8}$  (total body),  $3.4 \times 10^{-8}$  (bone), and  $5.0 \times 10^{-9}$  (lung) to the individual.

### C. SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS

#### 1. Air Monitoring

Air sampling units were located at 47 stations on the NTS to measure the radionuclides in the form of particulates and halogens. One station was discontinued because of the lack of power. All placements were chosen primarily to provide monitoring of radioactivity at sites with high occupational factors. Geographical coverage, access, and availability of commercial power were also considered.

The sampling units consist of a positive displacement pump drawing air at approximately 100 liters per minute through a 9-centimeter Whatman GF/A filter for particulates, followed by a charcoal cartridge for radioiodines, and mounted on a plastic sample holder. A

dry-gas meter was utilized to measure the volume of air displaced over the sampling period which was typically seven days. The total volume sampled was approximately 1000 cubic meters.

The samples were held for about seven days prior to analysis to allow the naturally-occurring radioactive noble gas products to decay to insignificant levels. Gross beta counting was performed with a gas flow proportional counter (Beckman WIDE BETA II) for 20 minutes. The lower limit of detection for typical parameters involved was  $2 \times 10^{-16}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$ . Gamma spectroscopy was accomplished using a lithium-drifted germanium detector with an input to 2000 channels which were calibrated at 1 keV per channel from 0 to 2 MeV.

The weekly air samples for a given sampling station were batched on a monthly basis and radiochemically analyzed for  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ . The procedure incorporated an acid dissolution and an ion exchange recovery on a resin bed. Plutonium was deposited by plating on a stainless steel disc. The chemical yield of the plutonium was determined with an internal  $^{236}\text{Pu}$  tracer. Alpha spectroscopy was performed utilizing a solid state silicon surface barrier detector. The lower limit of detection for the parameters involved was  $2 \times 10^{-17}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$ .

A separate sampler was designed for the collection of airborne tritiated water vapor (HTO) (Reference 4). The portable sampler was capable of unattended operation for up to two weeks in desert areas.

A small electronic pump drew air into the apparatus at approximately 0.5 liters per minute, and the HTO was removed from the air stream by two silica gel drying columns. Appropriate aliquots of condensed moisture were obtained by heating the silica gel. Counting via liquid scintillation techniques allowed for the determination of the HTO activity. A lower limit of detection for this analysis was  $2 \times 10^{-13}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$ .

One noble gas sampling unit was added during CY-1983. The sampling units are housed in a metal tool box with three metal air bottles attached with quick disconnect hoses. A vacuum is maintained on the first bottle which causes a steady flow of air to be collected in the other two bottles. The flow rate is approximately 0.5 cubic centimeters per minute. The two collection bottles are exchanged weekly which yield a sample volume of about  $3 \times 10^5$  cubic centimeters.

The noble gases are separated and collected from the atmospheric sample by a series of cryogenic-gas chromatographic techniques. Water and carbon dioxide are removed at room temperature and the krypton and xenon are collected on charcoal at liquid nitrogen temperatures. These gases are transferred to a molecular sieve where they are separated from any remaining gases and each other. The krypton and xenon are transferred to separate scintillation

vials and counted on a liquid scintillation counter. The lower limits of detection for the krypton and xenon are  $4 \times 10^{-12}$  and  $10 \times 10^{-12}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$ , respectively.

## 2. Water Monitoring

Water samples were collected at various frequencies from selected potable water consumption points, supply wells, natural springs, open reservoirs, final effluent ponds, and contaminated ponds. Frequency was determined on the basis of a preliminary radiological pathways analysis; i.e., potable water weekly, supply wells monthly, etc. Samples were collected in 1-liter glass containers. All samples were analyzed for gross beta, tritium, and gamma emitting isotopes. Plutonium analyses were performed on a quarterly basis.

A 500-ml aliquot was taken from the original sample and counted in a Nalgene bottle for gamma activity in a Ge(Li) detector. A 5-ml aliquot was used for tritium analysis via liquid scintillation counting. The remainder of the original sample was evaporated to 15-ml, transferred to a stainless steel counting planchet, and evaporated to dryness after the addition of a wetting agent. Beta counting was accomplished as described in Section 1 except that the water samples were counted for 100 minutes. Lower limits of detection were: (1) gamma spectroscopy,  $1 \times 10^{-8}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$ ; (2) tritium,  $9 \times 10^{-7}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$ ; and (3) gross beta,  $1 \times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$ .

For the quarterly plutonium analysis, an additional 1-liter sample was collected. The radiochemical procedure was similar to that described in Section 1. As mentioned, alpha spectroscopy was used to measure any  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ . The lower limits of detection for this procedure was  $4 \times 10^{-11}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$ .

### 3. Gamma Monitoring (TLD)

TLD's were located at 163 stations on the NTS to measure the external gamma radiation from the environment. These locations were chosen to: (1) provide a low-level control type network; (2) provide an arc coverage for the nuclear testing program; (3) measure the residual activity from the atmospheric testing program; and (4) document the radiological conditions at the radioactive waste management sites (RWMS).

The dosimeters used were  $\text{CaF}_2:\text{Dy}$  (TLD-200) 0.6 cm X 0.6 cm x 0.09 cm chips from Harshaw Chemical Company. A badge consisting of two chips shielded by 0.12 cm cadmium ( $1030 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ ) inside a 0.13 cm plastic ( $140 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ ) holder was placed about one meter above the ground at each location. The dosimeters detected gamma radiation above an energy cutoff of approximately 90 keV. The known systematic errors of the dosimeter in this application were the minimized detection of lower energy photons and fade of the phosphor's stored energy with time. Previous research indicated that only about 5-10%



of the total exposure from natural background was from gamma emitters below 150 keV (Reference 5).

Fade in TLD-200 can be high when used in elevated temperatures such as those encountered at certain NTS locations. This loss of the phosphor's stored energy was minimized both physically and analytically by the REECo dosimetry group. Before readout, the chips were annealed at 115°C for 15 minutes to reduce the high-fade, low temperature traps. Calibration TLD's were stored in a lead pig to empirically determine the value of this minimized fade (usually less than 10 percent).

Random errors included dosimeter variance, source calibration, and transit exposure. One method of error analysis was contained in a paper by Burke and Gesell, "Error Analysis of Environmental Radiation Measurements Made with Integrating Detectors," NBS Special Publication 456, pp. 187-198, (1976), (Reference 6). For our purposes, a less rigid statistical evaluation was sufficient. All analyses are being evaluated as to their compliance with ANSI N545-1975, "American National Standard Performance, Testing, and Procedural Specification for Thermoluminescent Dosimetry (Environmental Applications)" (Reference 7).

#### 4. Data Treatment

Each set of data obtained from this program underwent a thorough inspection as to its accuracy. Not only is the data analyzed automatically by computer, it is also verified by REECo Environmental Sciences Department (ESD) personnel prior to acceptance. If serious differences were found from the expected value, a review of the field handling, sample preparation, and processing was done. On the occasions when the problem could not be resolved by an environmental analyst, a recount or second sample was secured whenever possible.

All data were plotted on a daily basis or listed in tabular form. This treatment facilitated the data review process and revealed trends or periodicity. Each station's data were plotted against a logarithmic axis because of the possible magnitudes of variation in environmental data. The averaging plots in each section show arithmetic means and the range of data at each point. Arithmetic means, although severely affected by outliers (suspicious data), were those values compared to the CG's and listed in all tables. The plots provided reassurance to the means by graphically demonstrating the data file.

In this program, the value used to check for inaccuracies, trends, or periodicity was the central tendency of the plots. This statistic showed the center of the data file with a strong resistance to

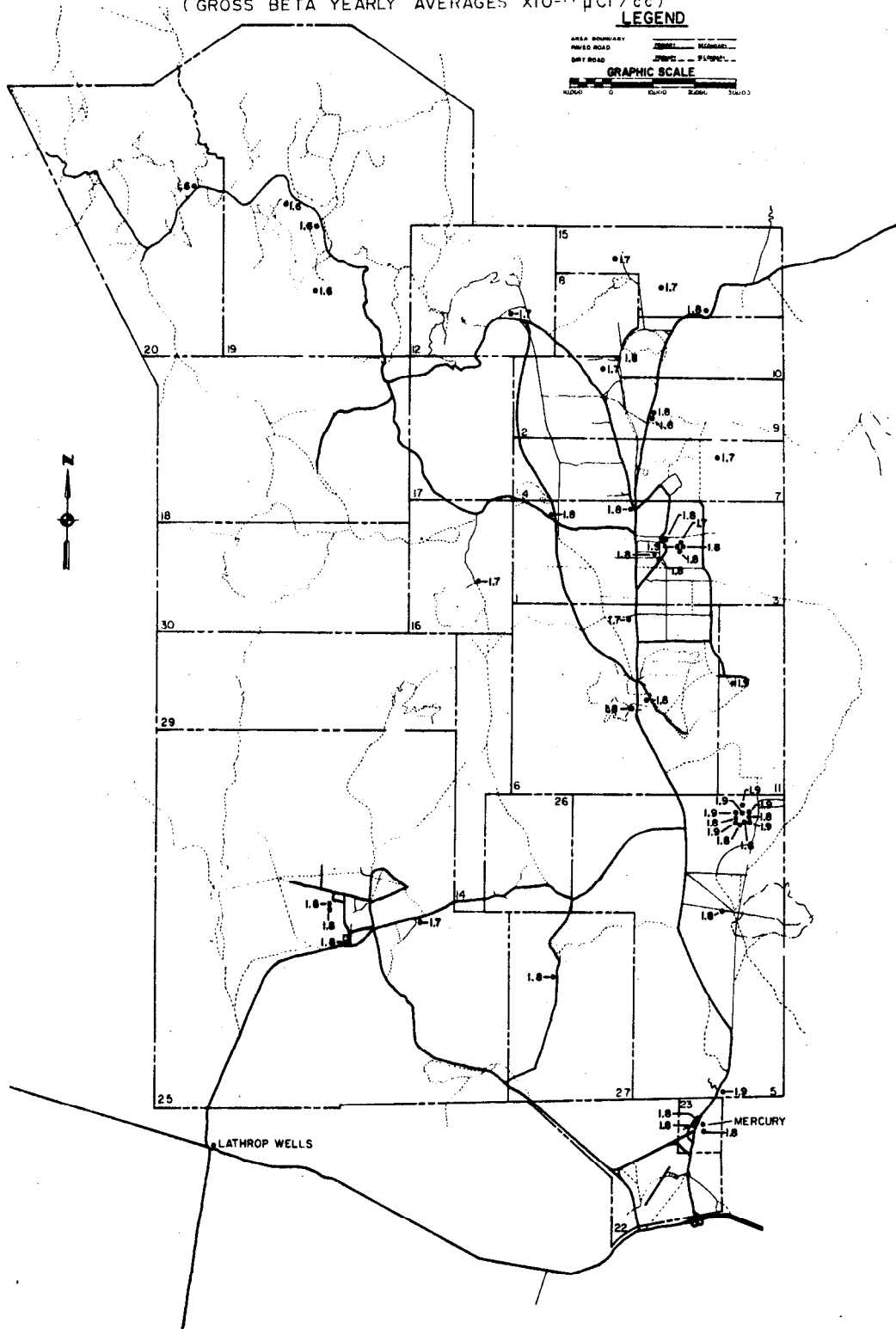
outliers and allowed the judgement of the analyst to be imposed upon the system. Any suspected data were checked against the station's central tendency and prior measures of dispersion.

#### D. RADIOACTIVITY IN AIR

Ambient air monitoring was performed at the 47 locations shown in Figures 2 and 3. During the month of August one of the locations, 19-3 Substation, was discontinued because the power substation was taken out of service. The computer plotted displays of the gross beta and  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  activities for the entire air surveillance network are presented in Appendix A. In the first plot, the forty-seven weekly values were arithmetically averaged to show a smoothed presentation of the changes in airborne radioactivity over the surveillance period. The data ranges are included for each of these points. The remaining plots in Appendix A depict the actual measurements at each station.

Figures 2 and 3 summarize the 1983 gross beta and  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  yearly locational averages, respectively. Tables 4 and 5 list these yearly averages along with the half-year averages. The network average for the whole year for gross beta activity was  $1.8 \times 10^{-14}$  or 0.002 percent of the applicable concentration guide of  $1 \times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$  listed in DOE Order 5480.1A, Chapter XI (assuming  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  is the beta emitter present).

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**AIR SAMPLING STATIONS**  
 (GROSS BETA YEARLY AVERAGES  $\times 10^{-14}$   $\mu\text{Ci}/\text{cc}$ )



**FIGURE 2**

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AIR SAMPLING STATIONS

(Pu-239 YEARLY AVERAGES  $\times 10^{-17}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$ )

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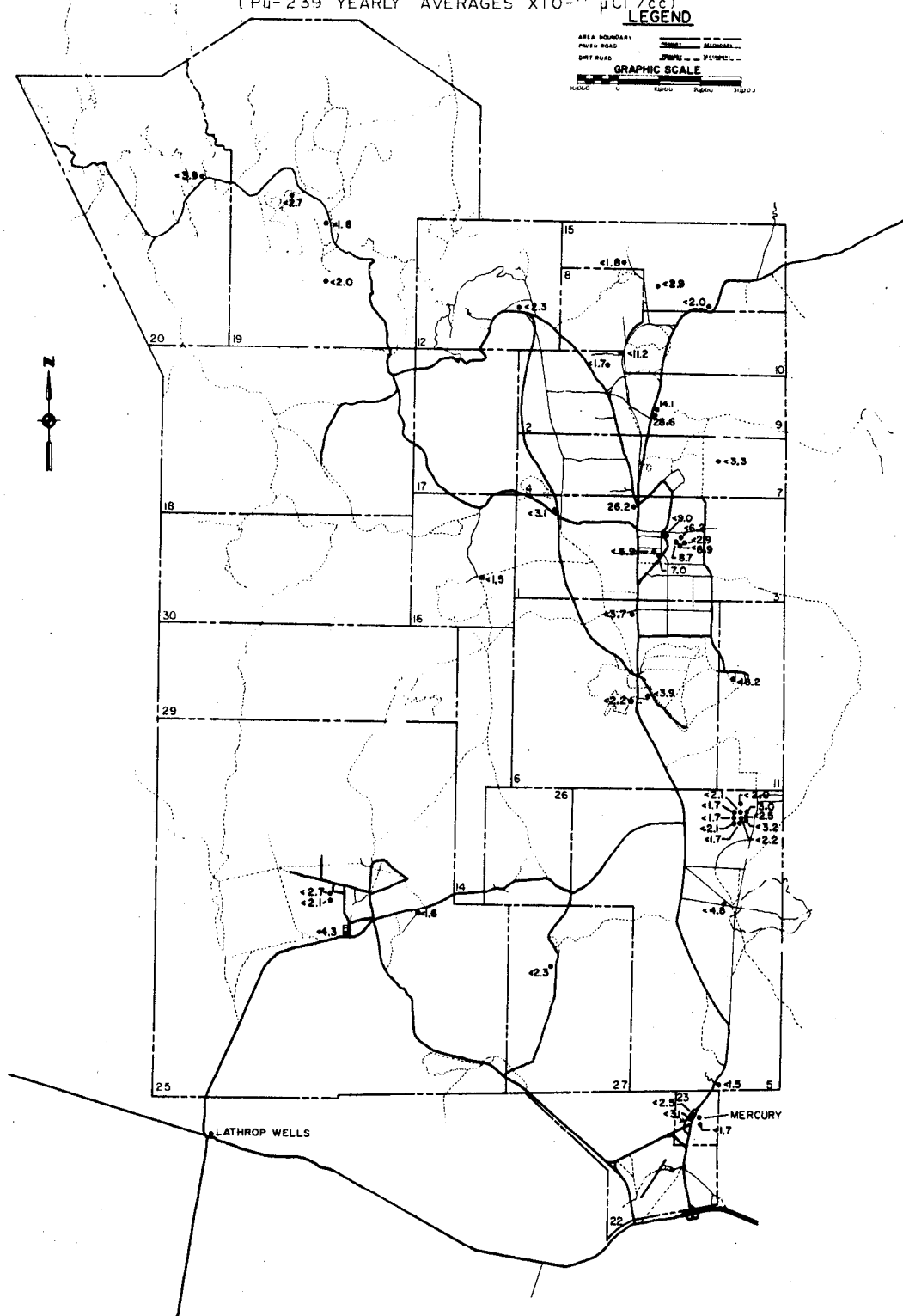


FIGURE 3

TABLE 4

## AVERAGES OF AIR SURVEILLANCE DATA FOR GROSS BETA

 $(X 10^{-14} \mu\text{Ci/cc})$ 

| Station                 | 1/1/83-6/30/83 | 7/1/83-12/31/83 | 1/1/83-12/31/83 |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Area 1 BJJ              | 1.6            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 1 Gravel Pit       | 1.6            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 2 Cable Yard       | 1.7            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 2 Compound         | 1.6            | 1.9             | 1.7             |
| Area 3 Compound         | 1.8            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 3 Complex #2       | 1.5            | 2.0             | 1.8             |
| Area 3 3-300 Bunker     | 1.7            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 3 U3ax South       | 1.7            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 3 U3ax East        | 1.6            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 3 U3ax North       | 1.6            | 1.9             | 1.7             |
| Area 3 U3ax West        | 1.7            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 5 DOD Yard         | 1.7            | 2.0             | 1.9             |
| Area 5 Gate 200         | 1.5            | 2.2             | 1.9             |
| Area 5 RWMS #1          | 1.8            | 1.8             | 1.8             |
| Area 5 RWMS #2          | 1.8            | 2.0             | 1.9             |
| Area 5 RWMS #3          | 1.7            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 5 RWMS #4          | 1.7            | 2.1             | 1.9             |
| Area 5 RWMS #5          | 1.8            | 2.0             | 1.9             |
| Area 5 RWMS #6          | 1.7            | 2.1             | 1.9             |
| Area 5 RWMS #7          | 1.7            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 5 RWMS #8          | 1.7            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 5 RWMS #9          | 1.7            | 2.0             | 1.8             |
| Area 5 Well 5B          | 1.7            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 6 CP Complex       | 1.7            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 6 Well 3 Complex   | 1.6            | 1.8             | 1.7             |
| Area 6 Yucca Complex    | 1.6            | 2.0             | 1.8             |
| Area 7 UE7ns            | 1.6            | 1.8             | 1.7             |
| Area 9 9-300 Bunker     | 1.7            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 9 9-300 Bunker #2  | 1.7            | 1.8             | 1.8             |
| Area 11 Gate 293        | 1.8            | 1.9             | 1.9             |
| Area 12 Compound        | 1.5            | 1.7             | 1.6             |
| Area 15 EPA Farm        | 1.6            | 1.8             | 1.7             |
| Area 15 Gate 700        | 1.7            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 15 Piledriver      | 1.6            | 1.8             | 1.7             |
| Area 16 Substation      | 1.6            | 1.7             | 1.7             |
| Area 19 Echo Peak       | 1.5            | 1.7             | 1.6             |
| Area 19 Substation      | 1.4            | 1.8             | 1.6             |
| Area 19 19-3 Substation | 1.5            | 1.7             | 1.6             |
| Area 20 Dispensary      | 1.5            | 1.6             | 1.6             |
| Area 23 Bldg. 790       | 1.7            | 1.8             | 1.8             |
| Area 23 Bldg. 790 #2    | 1.7            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 23 H&S Roof        | 1.6            | 1.9             | 1.7             |
| Area 25 E-MAD South     | 1.7            | 2.0             | 1.8             |
| Area 25 E-MAD North     | 1.7            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 25 NRDS Warehouse  | 1.6            | 1.9             | 1.8             |
| Area 25 Henre Site      | 1.5            | 1.9             | 1.7             |
| Area 27 Cafeteria       | 1.6            | 1.9             | 1.8             |

TABLE 5  
AVERAGES OF AIR SURVEILLANCE DATA FOR PLUTONIUM

(X 10<sup>-17</sup> μCi/cc)

| Station | 1/1/83-6/30/83  | 7/1/83-12/31/83 | 1/1/83-12/31/83 |       |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| Area 1  | Gravel Pit      | <2.2            | <4.0            | <3.1  |
| Area 2  | Cable Yard      | <8.5            | <13.9           | <11.2 |
| Area 2  | Compound        | <1.9            | <1.5            | <1.7  |
| Area 3  | BJY             | <4.0            | <48.3           | <26.2 |
| Area 3  | Compound        | <6.3            | <7.4            | <6.9  |
| Area 3  | Complex #2      | <7.5            | <6.5            | <7.0  |
| Area 3  | U3ax South      | <7.7            | <10.0           | <8.9  |
| Area 3  | U3ax East       | <3.4            | <2.3            | <2.9  |
| Area 3  | U3ax North      | <8.1            | <4.4            | <6.2  |
| Area 3  | U3ax West       | <8.2            | <5.3            | <6.7  |
| Area 3  | 3-300 Bunker    | <5.8            | <12.2           | <9.0  |
| Area 5  | DOD Yard        | <2.6            | <1.3            | <2.0  |
| Area 5  | Gate 200        | <2.2            | <0.9            | <1.5  |
| Area 5  | RWMS #1         | <3.0            | <1.3            | <2.2  |
| Area 5  | RWMS #2         | <2.3            | <3.9            | <3.2  |
| Area 5  | RWMS #3         | <2.2            | <3.0            | <1.2  |
| Area 5  | RWMS #4         | <2.2            | <3.8            | <3.0  |
| Area 5  | RWMS #5         | <2.6            | <1.6            | <2.1  |
| Area 5  | RWMS #6         | <1.8            | <1.6            | <1.7  |
| Area 5  | RWMS #7         | <1.7            | <1.7            | <1.7  |
| Area 5  | RWMS #8         | <2.5            | <1.6            | <2.1  |
| Area 5  | RWMS #9         | <1.5            | <2.0            | <1.7  |
| Area 5  | Well 5B         | <7.2            | <2.4            | <4.8  |
| Area 6  | CP Complex      | <3.1            | <1.3            | <2.2  |
| Area 6  | Well 3 Complex  | <2.8            | <4.6            | <3.7  |
| Area 6  | Yucca Complex   | <2.7            | <5.0            | <3.8  |
| Area 7  | UE7ns           | <2.3            | <4.3            | <3.3  |
| Area 9  | 9-300 Bunker    | 34.7            | 23.5            | 28.6  |
| Area 9  | 9-300 Bunker #2 | 11.4            | 16.4            | 14.1  |
| Area 11 | Gate 293        | <2.9            | <33.4           | <18.2 |
| Area 12 | Compound        | <1.8            | <2.8            | <2.3  |
| Area 15 | EPA Farm        | <4.0            | <1.9            | <2.9  |
| Area 15 | Gate 700        | <2.2            | <1.7            | <2.0  |
| Area 15 | Piledriver      | <2.1            | <1.5            | <1.8  |
| Area 16 | Substation      | <1.8            | <1.2            | <1.5  |
| Area 19 | Echo Peak       | <2.5            | <1.5            | <2.0  |
| Area 19 | Substation      | <2.0            | <1.5            | <1.8  |
| Area 19 | 19-3 Substation | <2.5            | <3.3            | <2.7  |
| Area 20 | Dispensary      | <5.5            | <2.5            | <3.9  |
| Area 23 | Bldg. 790       | <3.2            | <3.0            | <3.1  |
| Area 23 | Bldg. 790 #2    | <2.3            | <2.7            | <2.5  |
| Area 23 | H&S Roof        | <1.8            | <1.6            | <1.7  |
| Area 25 | E-MAD South     | <2.7            | <1.4            | <2.0  |
| Area 25 | E-MAD North     | <3.6            | <1.8            | <2.7  |
| Area 25 | Henre Site      | <1.8            | <1.3            | <1.6  |
| Area 25 | NRDS Warehouse  | <7.3            | <1.2            | <4.3  |
| Area 27 | Cafeteria       | <2.8            | <1.7            | <2.2  |

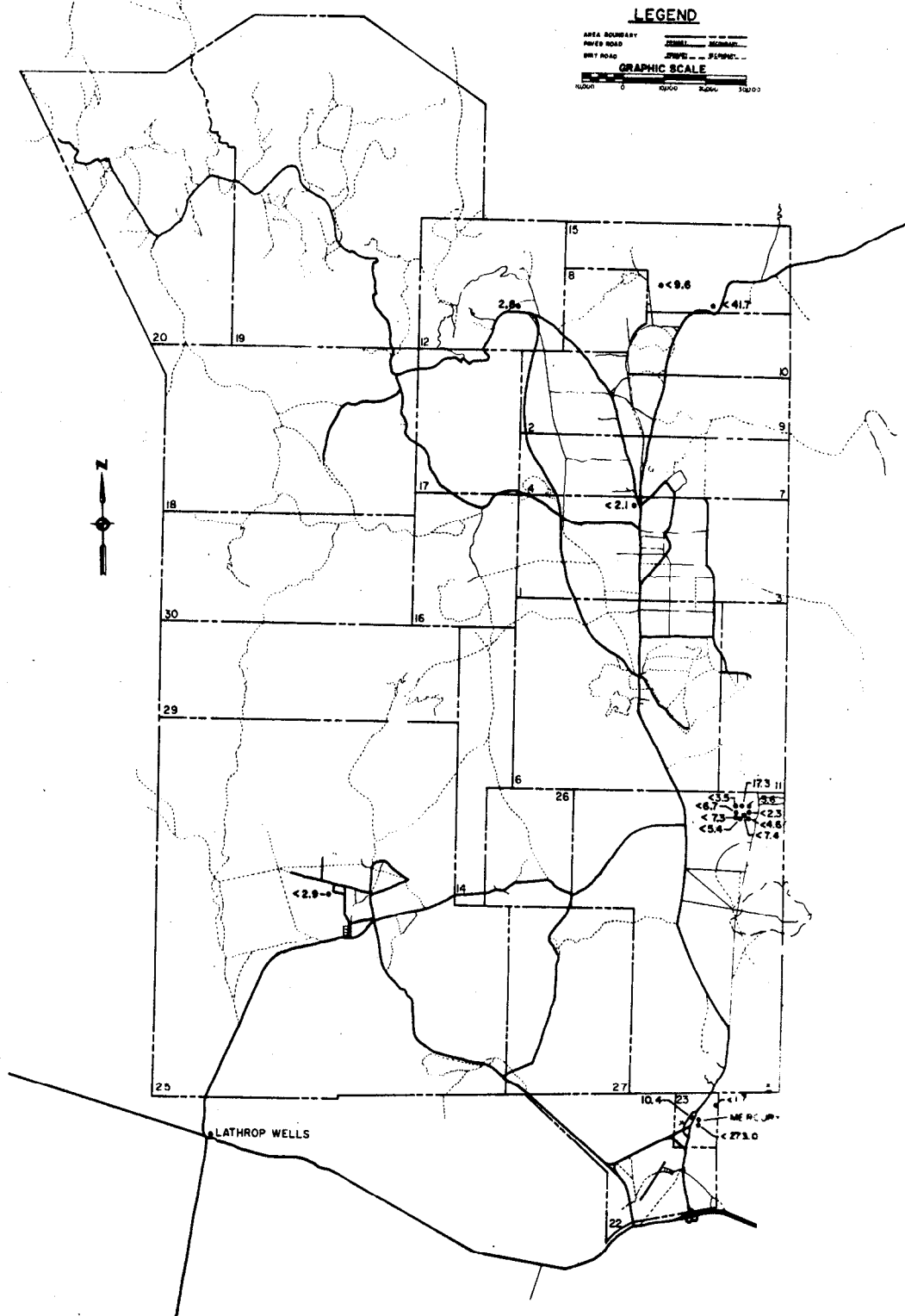
Table 5 lists the  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  concentrations for the year. All stations averaged below  $10^{-15}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$  for CY-1983, with the majority being on the order of  $10^{-17}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$ . The highest activity was found at 9-300 Bunker. The average concentration at this location was  $2.9 \times 10^{-16}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$ , or 0.01 percent of the controlled area concentration guide of  $2 \times 10^{-12}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$ . Figure 3 shows the  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  yearly results at their respective locations. This map highlights the areas of plutonium contamination. The radioactivity is primarily due to tests conducted before 1960 in which nuclear devices were detonated with high explosives (safety shots). These tests spread low-fired plutonium throughout the eastern and northeastern areas of the NTS. Two decades later, the effects of these tests are still demonstrated in increased plutonium concentrations in air in Areas 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 15.

An additional tritium in air sampler was added in CY-1983 near the site boundary in Area 23. The locations of all of the tritium samplers along with their yearly averages are shown in Figure 4. All of these stations were sampled for two week intervals. Substantial fluctuations occurred throughout the year with most of the samplers. This may be due to the small volumes of air sampled or mechanical problems with the sampler.

The highest average concentration of HTO occurred at Building 650 of  $2.7 \times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$  which represents 0.05 percent of the concentration guide. Both Buildings 650 and 790 release small amounts of tritium from processing samples. Due to the close proximity of the two tritium in air samplers,



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**TRITIUM IN AIR SAMPLING STATIONS**  
 (HTO YEARLY AVERAGES  $\times 10^{-4}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$ )



**FIGURE 4**

elevated concentrations of HTO are detected. Table 6 lists the maximums, minimums, and averages along with the percent of the concentration guide. Appendix B has the actual measurements plotted for each location.

An additional noble gas sampler was added during the month of October at the Area 20 Camp. The location and yearly average for each station is shown in Figure 5. Two minor releases occurred during CY-1983 from drillback operations. The first occurred during the week of August 1, 1983, and was detected at the Area 1 BJY sampling location. The  $^{133}\text{Xe}$  concentration was  $154 \times 10^{-12}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$  or 0.0015 percent of the concentration guide. The second release occurred during the week of October 3, 1983. Prior to the start of drillback, the DOE requested the hole be surrounded with noble gas samplers with a radius of about two miles. To do this the regular sampling units were borrowed and placed accordingly. The only positive result occurred at the 9-300 Bunker. The  $^{133}\text{Xe}$  concentration was  $16.1 \times 10^{-12}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$  and represents 0.0002 percent of the concentration guide.

Table 7 lists the average  $^{85}\text{Kr}$  and  $^{133}\text{Xe}$  concentrations at each location along with the lowest and highest values detected.

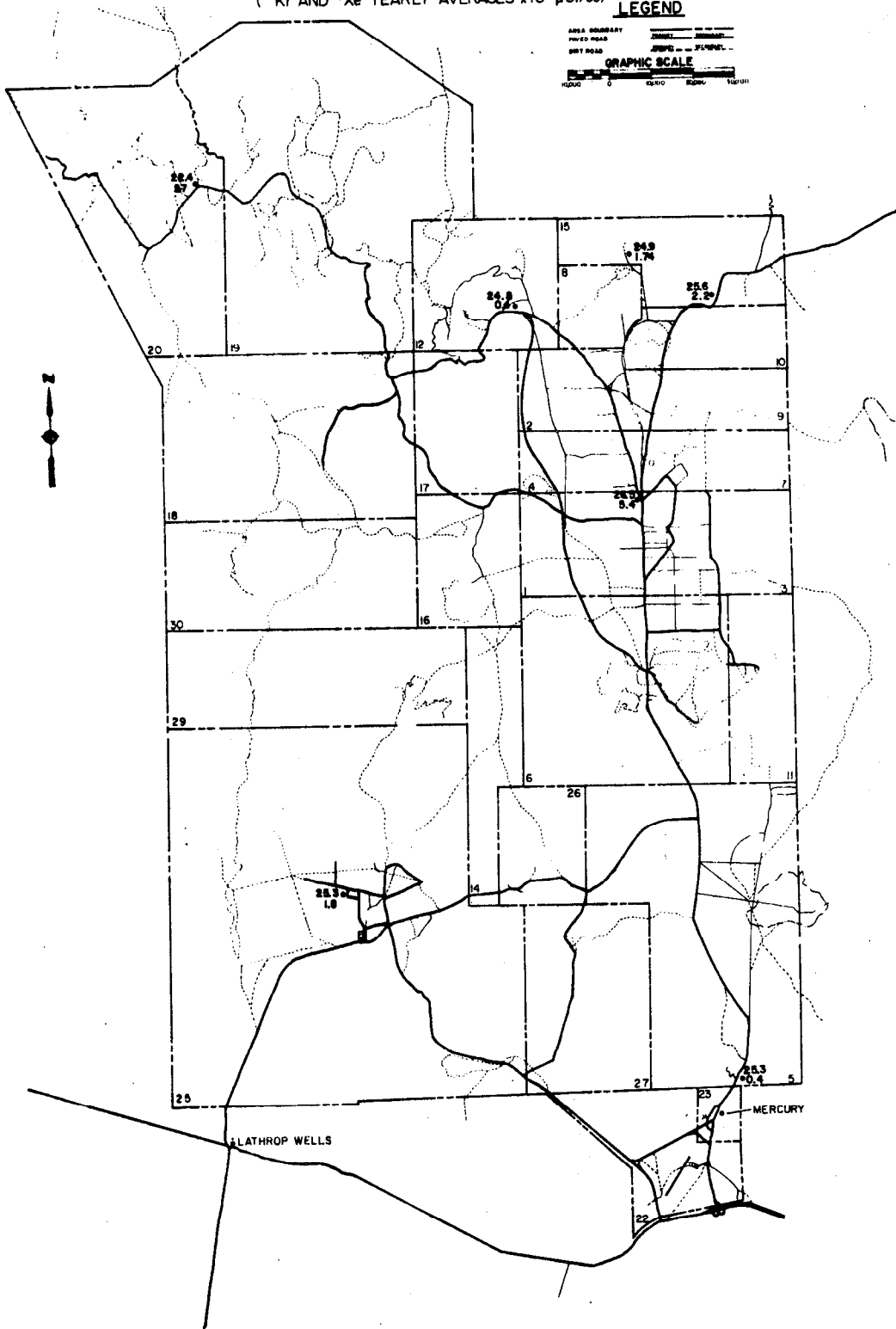
#### E. RADIOACTIVITY IN SURFACE AND GROUND WATER

The principal water distribution system on the NTS consists of twelve supply wells, eight potable water stations, and seventeen open reservoirs. The wells feed directly to many of the reservoirs, and the drinking water was pumped

TABLE 6  
TRITIUM IN AIR  
Concentrations  
( $\mu\text{Ci}/\text{cc}$ )

| <u>Stations</u>       | <u>Maximum</u> | <u>Minimum</u> | <u>Average</u> | <u>% of CG</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Area 1 BJY            | 8.2E-11        | <1.4E-13       | <2.1E-11       | <0.0004        |
| Area 5 RWMS-1         | 2.5E-10        | 5.6E-12        | <7.4E-11       | <0.0015        |
| Area 5 RWMS-SE        | 2.7E-10        | <1.0E-11       | <4.6E-11       | <0.0009        |
| Area 5 RWMS-(SE-NE)   | <9.3E-11       | <3.3E-12       | <2.3E-11       | <0.0005        |
| Area 5 RWMS-NE        | 9.5E-11        | <1.2E-12       | <3.6E-11       | <0.0007        |
| Area 5 RWMS-(NE-NW)   | 4.2E-10        | 1.0E-11        | 1.7E-10        | 0.0034         |
| Area 5 RWMS-NW        | 1.0E-10        | 2.2E-12        | <3.5E-11       | <0.0007        |
| Area 5 RWMS-(NW-SW)   | 6.2E-10        | 3.3E-12        | <6.7E-11       | <0.0013        |
| Area 5 RWMS-SW        | 5.4E-11        | 3.7E-12        | <7.3E-11       | <0.0015        |
| Area 5 RWMS-(SW-SE)   | 1.4E-10        | 1.5E-11        | <5.4E-11       | <0.0011        |
| Area 12 Base Camp     | 8.9E-11        | 6.7E-12        | 2.8E-11        | 0.0006         |
| Area 15 EPA Farm      | 5.3E-10        | <1.3E-13       | <9.6E-11       | <0.0019        |
| Area 23 Bldg. 790     | 1.3E-09        | <1.3E-13       | <1.0E-10       | <0.0020        |
| Area 23 Bldg. 650     | 1.3E-08        | <1.5E-13       | <2.7E-09       | <0.0540        |
| Area 23 Site Boundary | 3.2E-11        | <2.4E-12       | <1.7E-11       | <0.0003        |
| Area 25 EMAD          | 2.1E-10        | <1.4E-13       | <2.9E-11       | <0.0006        |
| Area 15 Gate 700      | 7.2E-09        | <8.0E-14       | <4.2E-10       | <0.0084        |

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NOBLE GAS SAMPLING STATIONS**  
(<sup>86</sup>Kr AND <sup>136</sup>Xe YEARLY AVERAGES  $\times 10^{-6} \mu\text{Ci/cc}$ )



**FIGURE 5**

TABLE 7  
NOBLE GASES IN AIR

| Stations           | Concentrations ( $\times 10^{-12}$ $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$ ) |            |            |                   |            |            |
|--------------------|--|------------|------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
|                    | <sup>85</sup> Kr                                       |            |            | <sup>133</sup> Xe |            |            |
|                    | <u>Max</u>   | <u>Min</u> | <u>Avg</u> | <u>Max</u>        | <u>Min</u> | <u>Avg</u> |
| Area 1 BJY         | 32.0   | 22.1       | 26.5       | 154.0             | -4.0       | 5.4        |
| Area 12 Base Camp  | 31.2   | 20.0       | 24.8       | 8.5               | -5.5       | 0.4        |
| Area 15 EPA Farm   | 29.7   | 19.9       | 24.9       | 12.5              | -7.2       | 1.7        |
| Area 5 Gate 200    | 29.8   | 19.6       | 25.3       | 8.8               | -9.1       | 0.4        |
| Area 25 EMAD       | 30.2   | 20.2       | 25.3       | 14.0              | -5.7       | 1.8        |
| Area 15 Gate 700   | 31.4   | 19.1       | 25.6       | 9.4               | -4.3       | 2.2        |
| Area 20 Dispensary | 24.6   | 20.8       | 22.5       | 5.1               | 0.0        | 2.7        |

from the wells to the points of consumption. While the air surveillance network consisted of forty-seven stations measuring general atmospheric radioactivity, results from the water stations would only correspond where there was direct "communication" of fluid. This was the critical pathway for the ingestion of waterborne radionuclides, so the system was routinely sampled and evaluated. All drinking water was collected weekly to provide a constant check of the end use activity and to allow frequent comparisons to the radioactivity of the water in the wells. This also created a large data base to evaluate long-term trends or intermittent changes in activity. The supply wells and open reservoirs were collected on a monthly schedule. The identification of any radionuclides above natural background in this system initiated a closer review of the drinking water.

The other water systems monitored onsite were the natural springs, contaminated ponds, and effluent ponds. The springs were collected monthly. The contaminated and effluent ponds were collected on nonroutine schedules because of limitations in the amount of water at each location.

#### 1. Supply Wells

Water from twelve supply wells was used for a variety of sanitary and industrial purposes. The criteria for collection was primarily based on potential for human consumption. The yearly gross beta averages are shown at their respective locations in Figure 6. Appendix C consists of the plots of each station for measured gross beta activity with  $2\sigma$  error bars. An averaging plot is included which shows the trend of the mean of the

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SUPPLY WELL SAMPLING STATIONS**  
(GROSS BETA YEARLY AVERAGES  $\times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci}/\text{ml}$ )

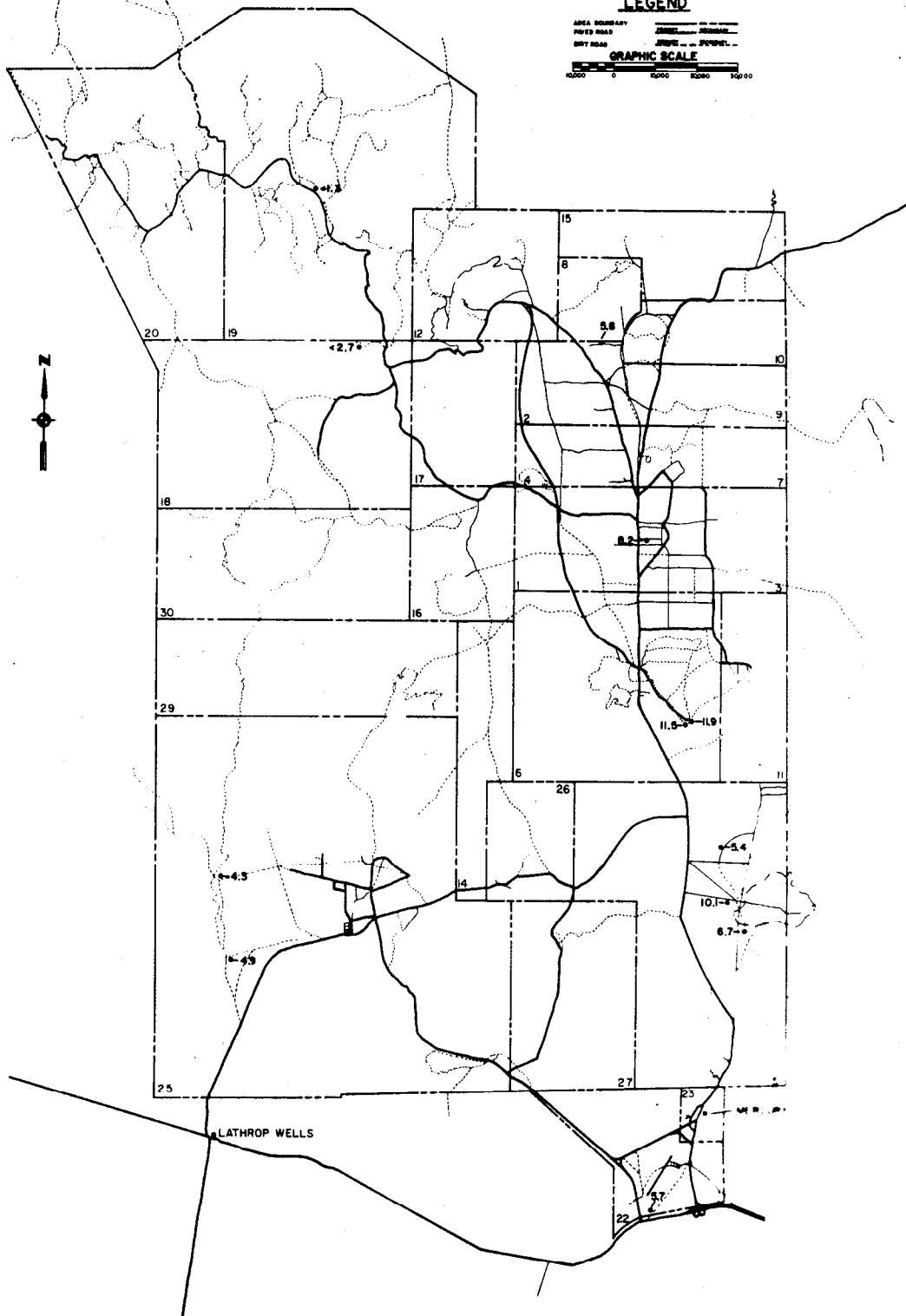


FIGURE 6

network throughout the reporting period. The range at each point is also given. Table 8 lists the 1983 averages for each location. The highest average recorded was  $11.9 \times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  at Well C. This was 4.0 percent of the concentration guide (assuming  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  is the beta emitter present). The lowest average gross beta activity for the onsite supply wells was  $<1.3 \times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  at Well U19c.

The activities of each well and the entire network average appeared consistent over this report period. No trends in the plots were discernible, verifying that no movement of radionuclides occurred in this NTS water system. The average of the entire network, as compared to previous years was:

| <u>Year</u>        | <u>Mean (<math>\times 10^{-9}</math> <math>\mu\text{Ci/ml}</math>)</u> |
|--------------------|--|
| CY-1983            | 6.6  |
| CY-1982            | 7.0  |
| CY-1981            | 8.3  |
| CY-1980            | 8.8  |
| CY-1979            | 9.4  |
| CY-1978            | 9.1  |
| July-December 1977 | 10.9   |
| FY-1977            | 10.4   |
| FY-1976            | 9.1  |



TABLE 8  
 AVERAGES OF SUPPLY WELL DATA FOR GROSS BETA

| Station              | Gross Beta<br>Yearly Average<br>(X 10 <sup>-9</sup> μCi/ml) |
|----------------------|---|
| Area 2 Well 2        | 5.8   |
| Area 3 Well A        | 8.2   |
| Area 5 Well 5B       | 10.2  |
| Area 5 Well 5C       | 6.7   |
| Area 5 Well Ue5c     | 5.4   |
| Area 6 Well C        | 11.9  |
| Area 6 Well C1       | 11.6  |
| Area 18 Well 8       | <2.7  |
| Area 19 Well U19c    | <1.3  |
| Area 22 Army Well #1 | 5.7   |
| Area 25 Well J12     | 4.9   |
| Area 25 Well J13     | 4.3   |

As in previous years the beta emitting isotope of potassium,  $^{40}\text{K}$ , having a natural abundance of 0.012 percent, was shown to be the primary source of radioactivity in the NTS supply wells. Figure 7 graphically displays the relationship for the primary waters onsite. A linear regression from the supply well data obtained the following equation: Gross Beta =  $[-1.33 + 0.93 (\text{potassium in mg/liter})] \times 10^{-9} \mu\text{Ci/ml}$ . The correlation coefficient was 0.97. Therefore, the variation of gross beta results in NTS water was principally dependent upon the beta emitter  $^{40}\text{K}$ .

Calculations of the specific activity associated with the amount of  $^{40}\text{K}$  in this water was determined using Reference 10. The results of these calculations were the basis for the solid line shown in Figure 7.

$$A = \lambda N \quad \text{where: } N = \text{Number of radioactive atoms per unit mass (1mg)}$$

$$\lambda = \text{Decay constant}$$

$$A = \text{Activity}$$

$$N = \frac{(0.001 \text{ g})(N_0)(a)}{(\text{Atomic Mass})} \quad \text{where: } N_0 = \text{Avogadro's number}$$

$$a = ^{40}\text{K abundance}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\text{Ln } 2}{(1.26 \times 10^9)(365.25)(1440)}$$

$$\text{Thus, } A(\text{dpm/mg}) = \frac{(0.001)(N_0)(a)(\text{Ln}2)}{(\text{Atomic Mass})(1.26 \times 10^9)(365.25)(1440)}$$

$$A(\mu\text{Ci/mg}) = \frac{(0.001)(6.022 \times 10^{23})(1.18 \times 10^{-4})(0.693)}{(39.1)(1.26 \times 10^9)(365.25)(1440)(2.22 \times 10^6)}$$

$$A = 8.56 \times 10^{-7} \mu\text{Ci/mg}(\text{potassium})$$

or

$$A = 8.56 \times 10^{-10} \mu\text{Ci/ml per mg/liter}$$

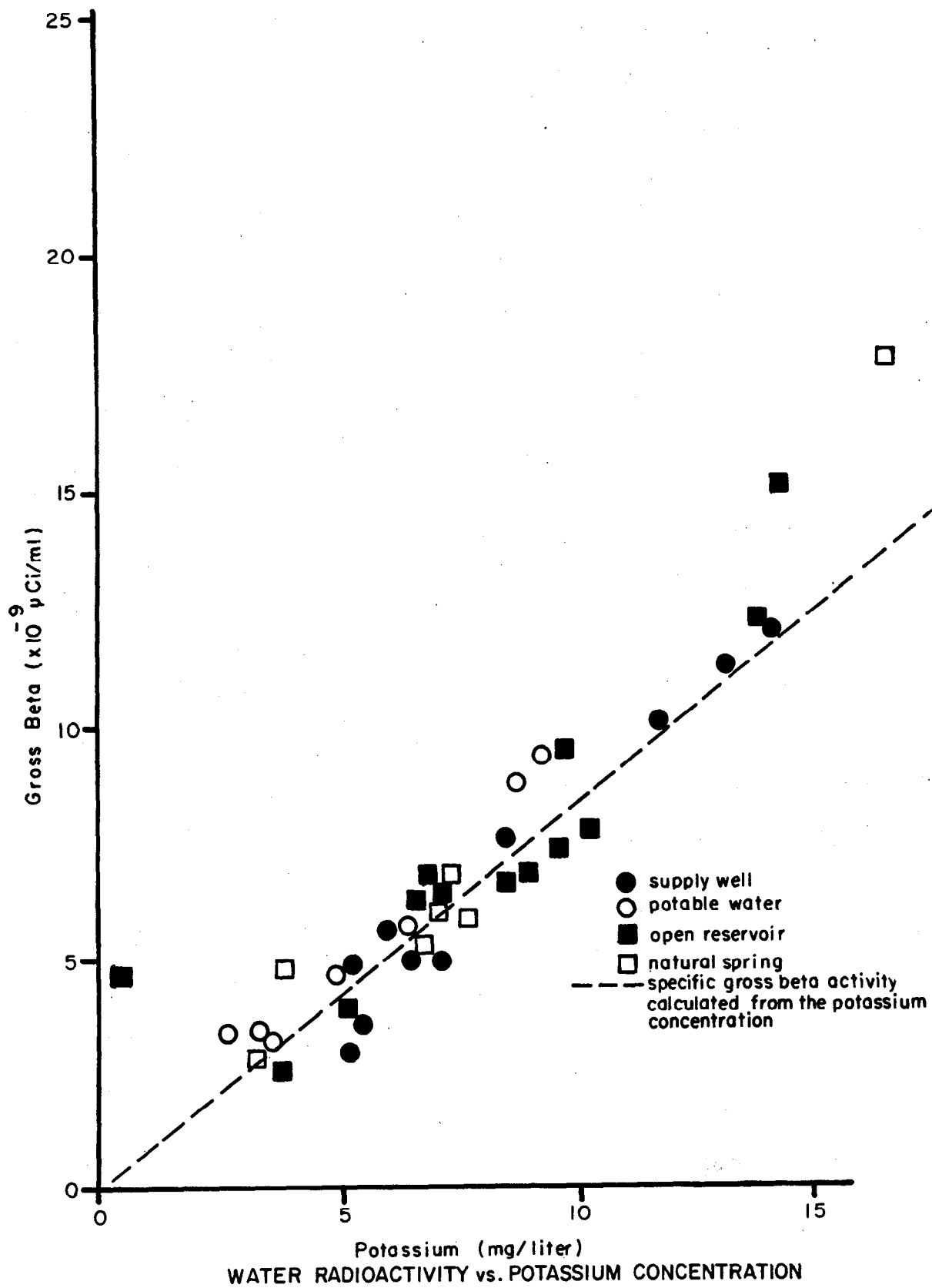


Figure 7

The calculated activity of  $8.56 \times 10^{-10}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  per mg/liter correlated reasonably well with  $9.3 \times 10^{-10}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  per mg/liter from the linear regression analysis of the supply well data. This demonstrated conclusively that naturally-occurring potassium was the determining factor of the radioactivity in the NTS water. No other radionuclides could give rise to more than ten percent of the measured gross beta activity.

Appendix C includes plots of the network monthly averages for tritium and plutonium. Due to the change in sample size the lower limit of detection decreased slightly. The positive tritium results are given in Table 9. The highest value was  $2.1 \times 10^{-5}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  from Well A. This is 0.7 percent of the concentration guide for tritium in drinking water. The majority of the positive measurements are near the detection limits of the system. The positive values with a high percentage error are assumed to be caused by a fluctuation of the counter. There were no positive plutonium results for the supply wells for CY-1983.

## 2. Potable Water

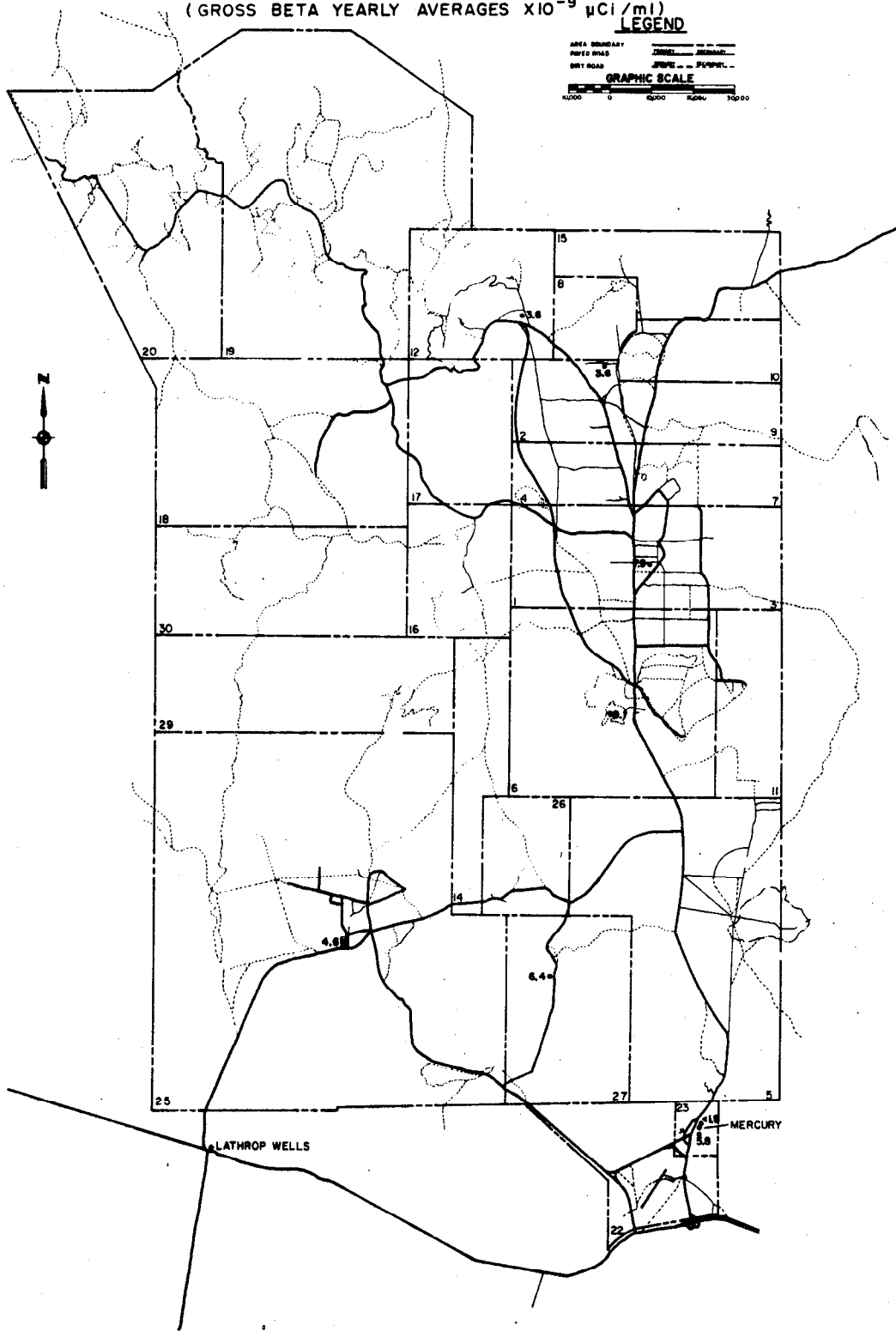
As a check of any effect the water distribution system might have on end use activity, eight consumption points were sampled during the reporting period. The locations of all stations are shown in Figure 8 with their gross beta yearly averages.

TABLE 9

TRITIUM VALUES ABOVE DETECTION LIMITS  
FROM NONCONTAMINATED WATERS

| <u>WATER TYPE</u> | <u>STATION</u>             | <u>DATE</u> | <u>μCi/ml</u>   |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Potable Water     | Area 23 Cafe               | 09/20/83    | 1.6E-06 ± 26.9% |
| Potable Water     | Area 23 Cascade Water      | 10/03/83    | 1.0E-06 ± 34.5% |
| Potable Water     | Area 6 Cafe                | 02/01/83    | 2.8E-06 ± 23.7% |
|                   | Area 6 Cafe                | 05/31/83    | 3.0E-05 ± 3.0%  |
| Natural Spring    | Captain Jack Springs       | 04/29/83    | 1.4E-06 ± 31.7% |
| Natural Spring    | Topopah Springs            | 12/08/83    | 1.7E-06 ± 14.7% |
| Open Reservoir    | Area 5 Reservoir           | 01/10/83    | 1.8E-06 ± 24.3% |
|                   |                            | 02/07/83    | 2.0E-06 ± 21.9% |
|                   |                            | 03/02/83    | 1.5E-06 ± 27.5% |
|                   |                            | 04/06/83    | 1.7E-05 ± 4.3%  |
|                   |                            | 05/11/83    | 1.1E-06 ± 39.0% |
|                   |                            | 06/08/83    | 2.2E-06 ± 21.3% |
| Open Reservoir    | Area 23 Swimming Pool      | 11/10/83    | 7.1E-07 ± 34.0% |
| Open Reservoir    | Area 3 Mud Plant Reservoir | 05/19/83    | 5.5E-05 ± 5.3%  |
|                   |                            | 12/01/83    | 1.1E-06 ± 22.3% |
| Open Reservoir    | Well J-11 Reservoir        | 04/06/83    | 1.2E-06 ± 36.6% |
| Supply Well       | Well 2                     | 01/09/83    | 3.2E-06 ± 14.5% |
| Supply Well       | Well C1                    | 02/08/83    | 1.4E-06 ± 31.3% |
|                   |                            | 11/09/83    | 8.7E-06 ± 4.5%  |
| Supply Well       | Well A                     | 11/08/83    | 2.1E-05 ± 2.6%  |

**NTS ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE  
 POTABLE WATER SAMPLING STATIONS  
 (GROSS BETA YEARLY AVERAGES  $\times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci}/\text{ml}$ )**



**FIGURE 8**

Appendix D contains the computer plots of the measured gross beta activity with the  $2\sigma$  error bars included. An average plot is provided which shows the network mean trend throughout the reporting period along with the range at each point. Table 10 contains a list of the average gross beta activity measured at each sample location for CY-1983. The highest average recorded was  $9.1 \times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  at the Area 6 Cafeteria. This was 3.0 percent of the concentration guide for drinking water (assuming  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  is the beta emitter present). The lowest average gross beta activity, excluding Cascade brand bottled water, was  $3.5 \times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  at the Area 2 Rest Room. The Cascade water was demineralized water brought in from offsite and was used as a check of the laboratory system. It was included in the results listing because the bottles were stored onsite and the water was consumed by NTS personnel.

Gross beta measurements at these potable water stations demonstrated that no release or movement of radionuclides occurred in the NTS water system throughout CY-1983. No discernible trends were seen on the plotted data.

The average of the entire network, as compared to averages reported in previous environmental reports, was:

| <u>Year</u>        | <u>Mean (<math>\times 10^{-9}</math> <math>\mu\text{Ci/ml}</math>)</u> |
|--------------------|--|
| CY-1983            | 5.3  |
| CY-1982            | 5.8  |
| CY-1981            | 7.9  |
| CY-1980            | 5.8  |
| CY-1979            | 6.5  |
| CY-1978            | 6.7  |
| July-December 1977 | 7.8  |
| FY-1977            | 7.3  |
| FY-1976            | 7.4  |

TABLE 10

## AVERAGES OF POTABLE WATER DATA FOR GROSS BETA

| <u>Station</u>          | <u>Gross Beta<br/>Yearly Average<br/>(X 10<sup>-9</sup> <math>\mu</math>Ci/ml)</u> |
|-------------------------|--|
| Area 2 Rest Room        | 3.5  |
| Area 3 Cafeteria        | 7.9  |
| Area 6 Cafeteria        | 9.1  |
| Area 12 Cafeteria       | 3.6  |
| Area 23 Cafeteria       | 5.8  |
| Area 23 Cascade Water   | <1.5   |
| Area 25 Service Station | 4.6  |
| Area 27 Cafeteria       | 6.4  |



All potable water, except Cascade bottled water, was obtained from the supply wells. A comparison of these waters and their suppliers is shown in Table 11. As shown in the previous section, the majority of radioactivity in supply well water and, therefore, in potable water was from the naturally occurring potassium. Figure 7 showed this graphically.

The potable water results lie close to the line calculated from the specific activity of the associated potassium results. The linear regression of the potable water data was: Gross Beta =  $[-0.34 + 0.99$  (potassium in mg/liter)]  $\times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$ . The correlation coefficient was 0.99.

Appendix D also includes the plots of the network averages for tritium and plutonium. The positive tritium results were given in Table 9. The highest value was  $3.0 \times 10^{-5}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  for Area 6 Cafe. This is 1.0 percent of the concentration guide for tritium in drinking water. The majority of the fourteen positive measurements are near the detection limit of the system and are believed to be caused by fluctuations in the counting system. There were no positive plutonium results for the CY-1983.

### 3. Open Reservoirs

Open reservoirs have been established at various locations on the NTS for industrial purposes. Fifteen of these impoundments were sampled during the report period. The locations are shown in Figure 9 along with their gross beta yearly averages.

TABLE 11  
 COMPARISON OF END USE AND SUPPLY WATER  
 FOR GROSS BETA AVERAGES  
 (X 10<sup>-9</sup>  $\mu$ Ci/ml)

| <u>Station (end use/supply)</u>                                | <u>CY-1983</u>         |
|--|------------------------|
| Area 2 Rest Room<br>Area 18 Well 8                             | 3.5<br><2.7            |
| Area 3 Cafeteria<br>Area 3 Well A                              | 7.9<br>8.2             |
| Area 6 Cafeteria<br>Area 6 Well C/C1                           | 9.1<br>11.9/11.6       |
| Area 12 Cafeteria<br>Area 18 Well 8                            | 3.6<br><2.7            |
| Area 23 Cafeteria<br>Area 5 Well 5B/5C<br>Area 22 Army Well #1 | 5.8<br>10.2/6.7<br>5.7 |
| Area 23 Cascade Water<br>(Demineralized Bottled Water)         | <1.5<br>—              |
| Area 27 Cafeteria<br>Area 5 Well 5B/5C<br>Area 22 Army Well #1 | 6.4<br>10.2/6.7<br>5.7 |

**NTS ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE  
OPEN RESERVOIR SAMPLING STATIONS  
(GROSS BETA YEARLY AVERAGES X 10<sup>-9</sup>  $\mu$ Ci/m1)**

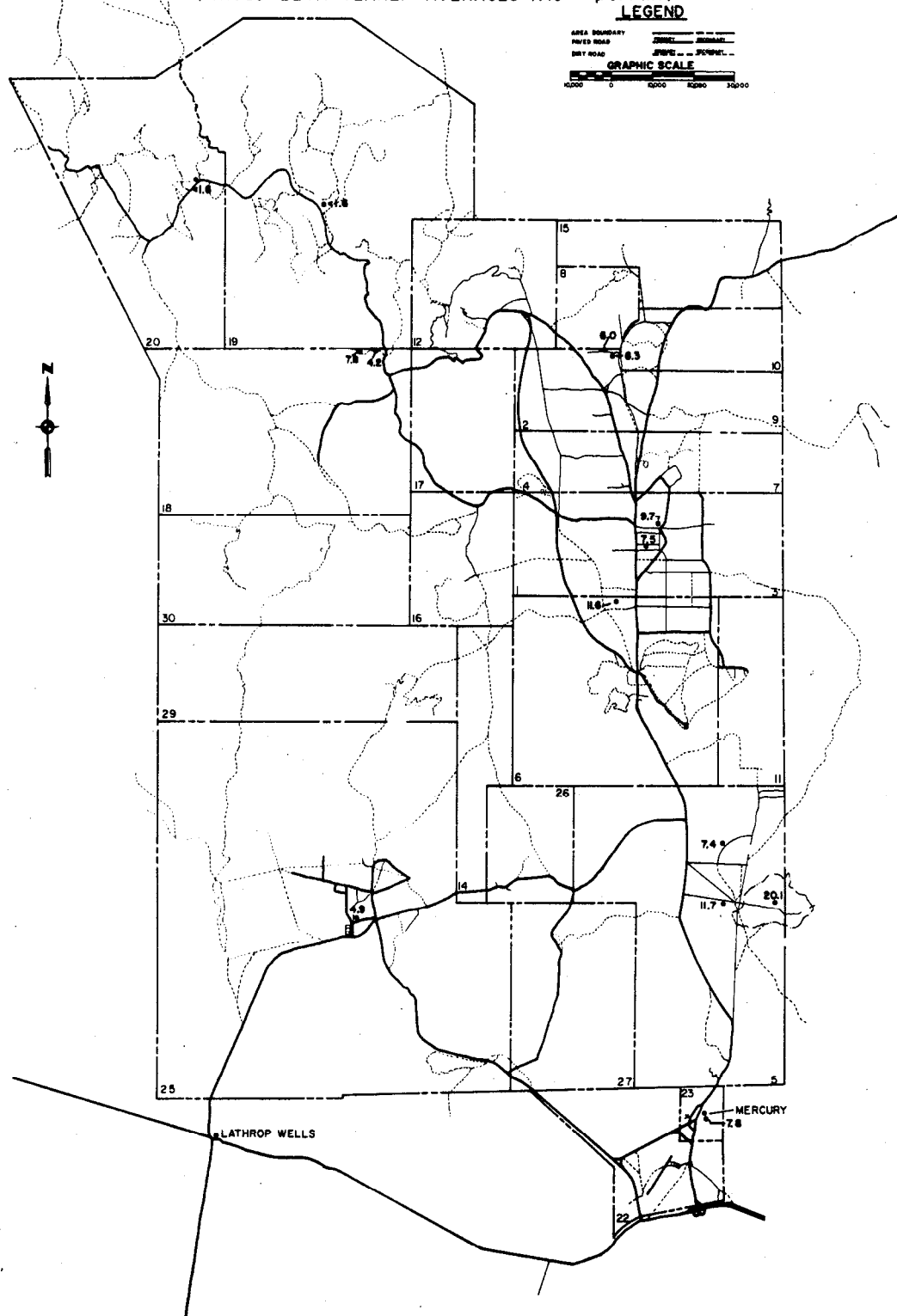


FIGURE 9

Appendix E consists of the plots of each station of the measured gross beta activity with  $2\sigma$  error bars. An averaging plot is included which shows the entire network mean trend throughout the reporting period. The range at each point is also given. These plots demonstrate consistent concentrations of gross beta activity at all locations throughout CY-1983.

Flat trends were seen for the network, although the data were more variable than the supply well data. The large variation could have been caused by real activity fluctuations or, simply, more variable sampling procedures since some of the open reservoirs are difficult to sample. The average of the entire network, as compared to previous years was:

| <u>Year</u>        | <u>Mean (<math>\times 10^{-9}</math> <math>\mu\text{Ci/ml}</math>)</u> |
|--------------------|--|
| CY-1983            | 8.1  |
| CY-1982            | 9.7  |
| CY-1981            | 13.6   |
| CY-1980            | 8.1  |
| CY-1979            | 10.9   |
| CY-1978            | 13.1   |
| July-December 1977 | 19.4   |
| FY-1977            | 19.6   |
| FY-1976            | 22.0   |

Table 12 includes a list of the CY-1983 gross beta averages at each location. The highest average beta concentration was  $20.1 \times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  at Area 5 Reservoir. This result was 0.2 percent of the concentration guide (assuming  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  is the beta emitter present). The lowest gross beta average was  $<1.6 \times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  at Well U19c and Well 20a Reservoir.

Table 13 shows the gross beta activities of the open reservoirs that were supplied by wells, along with the activities of the associated wells. The values for the reservoirs were similar to those of the suppliers.

As shown in the supply well section, the majority of the radioactivity in the water of the supply wells and, therefore, in the open reservoirs was from the naturally occurring potassium. The results from the reservoirs lie above the calculated potassium line, as shown in Figure 7, in most instances. These cases may be caused by runoff from surface contamination in the surrounding areas.

Appendix E also includes the plots of the network averages for tritium and plutonium. There were ten positive tritium values, the highest was  $5.5 \times 10^{-5}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  at Area 2 Mud Plant Reservoir. This is 0.05 percent of the tritium concentration guide. There were three positive plutonium results. The highest plutonium concentration was  $3.8 \times 10^{-10}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  and occurred at A-5 Reservoir. This is 0.0004 percent of the concentration guide. The positive tritium and plutonium results can be seen in Tables 9 and 14.

TABLE 12

## AVERAGES OF OPEN RESERVOIR DATA FOR GROSS BETA

| Station                     | Gross Beta<br>Yearly Average<br>(X 10 <sup>-9</sup> $\mu$ Ci/ml) |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Area 2 Well 2 Reservoir     | 6.0  |
| Area 2 Mud Plant Reservoir  | 6.3  |
| Area 3 Well A Reservoir     | 7.5  |
| Area 3 Mud Plant Reservoir  | 9.7  |
| Area 5 Well 5B Reservoir    | 11.7   |
| Area 5 Well Ue5c Reservoir  | 7.4  |
| Area 5 Reservoir            | 20.1   |
| Area 6 Well 3 Reservoir     | 11.6   |
| Area 6 Well C1 Reservoir    | 12.8   |
| Area 18 Camp 17 Reservoir   | 4.2  |
| Area 18 Well 8 Reservoir    | 7.7  |
| Area 19 Well 19c Reservoir  | <1.6   |
| Area 20 Well 20A Reservoir  | <1.6   |
| Area 23 Swimming Pool       | 7.8  |
| Area 25 Well J-11 Reservoir | 4.9  |

TABLE 13

## COMPARISON OF OPEN RESERVOIRS AND SUPPLY WATER FOR GROSS BETA AVERAGES

 $(\times 10^{-9} \mu\text{Ci/ml})$ 

| <u>Station (Reservoir/Supply)</u> | <u>CY-1983</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Area 2 Well 2 Reservoir           | 6.0            |
| Area 2 Well 2                     | 5.8            |
| Area 3 Well A Reservoir           | 7.5            |
| Area 3 Well A                     | 8.2            |
| Area 5 Well 5B Reservoir          | 11.7           |
| Area 5 Well 5B                    | 10.2           |
| Area 5 Well Ue5c Reservoir        | 7.4            |
| Area 5 Well Ue5c                  | 5.4            |
| Area 6 Well C1 Reservoir          | 12.8           |
| Area 6 Well C1                    | 11.6           |
| Area 19 Well U19c Reservoir       | <1.6           |
| Area 19 Well U19c                 | <1.3           |

TABLE 14

PLUTONIUM VALUES ABOVE DETECTION LIMITS  
FROM NONCONTAMINATED WATERS

| <u>WATER TYPE</u> | <u>STATION</u>   | <u>DATE</u> | <u>μCi/ml</u>   |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Natural Spring    | Reitmann Seep    | 09/01/83    | 1.4E-10 ± 36.5% |
| Open Reservoir    | Area 5 Reservoir | 09/09/83    | 3.8E-10 ± 20.1% |
|                   |                  | 12/02/83    | 2.5E-10 ± 23.9% |
| Open Reservoir    | A-2 Mud Plant    | 03/04/83    | 2.5E-10 ± 30.8% |



#### 4. Natural Springs

The term "natural springs" was a label given to the spring supplied pools located within the NTS. There was no known human consumption from these springs. Nine such locations were sampled on a monthly basis or when accessible, and are shown in Figure 10 along with their gross beta yearly averages.

Appendix F consists of the plots of all stations of the measured gross beta activity with  $2\sigma$  error bars. An averaging plot is included which shows the trend of the network mean throughout the reporting period.

The range at each point is also given. Table 15 includes a list of the averages at each location. The highest average recorded was  $14.0 \times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  at Reitmann Seep. This was 0.14 percent of the CG (assuming  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  is the beta emitter present). The lowest beta concentration was  $3.4 \times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  at Tippipah Spring.

Gold Meadows Spring's gross beta activity was in excess of that calculated from its potassium concentration as shown in Figure 7. Even though this station showed an excess of gross beta activity, it was still within the applicable concentration guide (assuming  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  is the beta emitter present).

**NTS ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE  
NATURAL SPRING SAMPLING STATIONS  
(GROSS BETA YEARLY AVERAGES X10<sup>-9</sup> µCi/m1)**

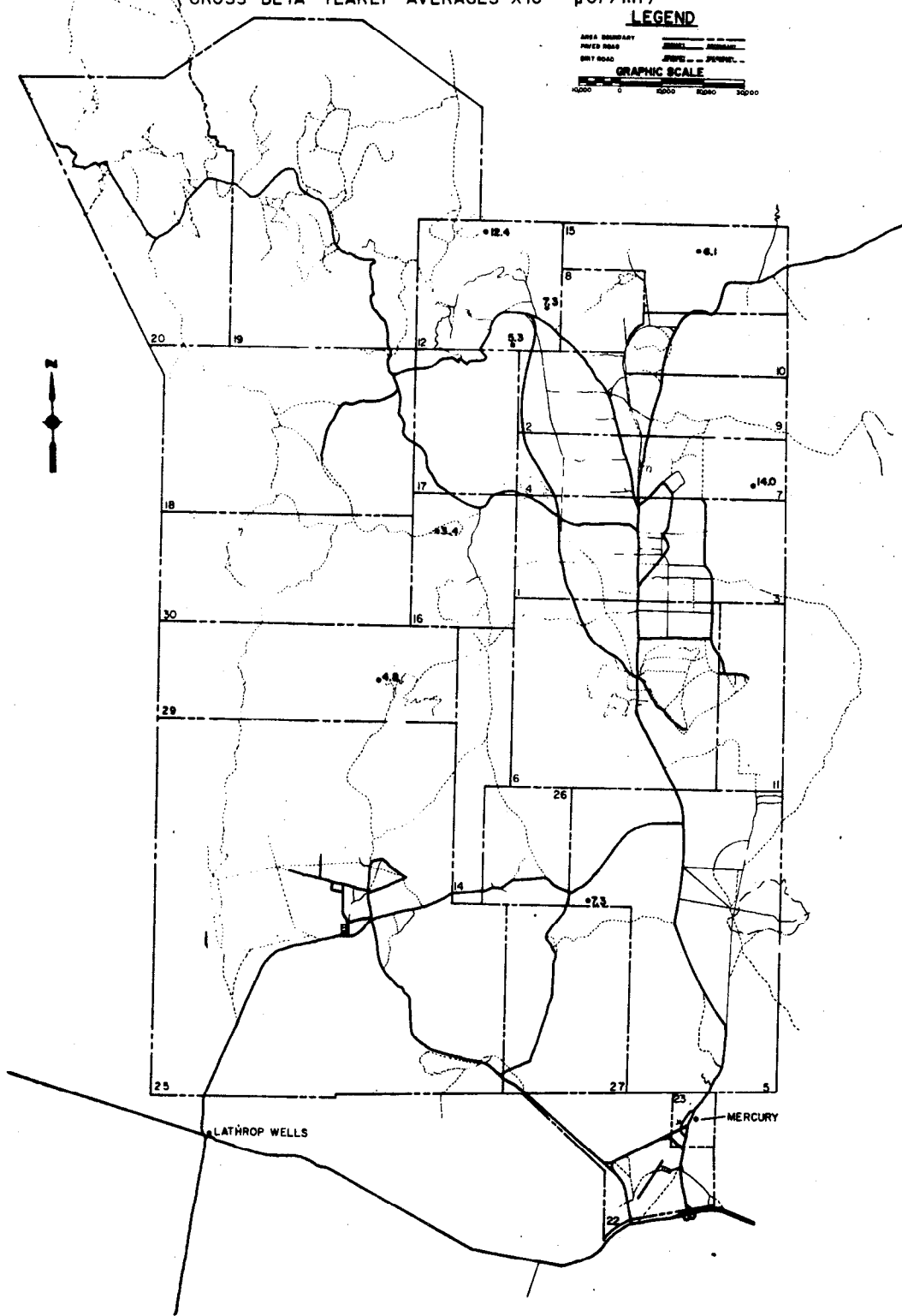


FIGURE 10

TABLE 15  
 AVERAGES OF NATURAL SPRINGS DATA FOR GROSS BETA

| Station                     | Gross Beta<br>Yearly Average<br>(X 10 <sup>-9</sup> μCi/ml) |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Area 5 Cane Spring          | 7.3   |
| Area 7 Reitmann Seep        | 14.0  |
| Area 12 White Rock Spring   | 7.3   |
| Area 12 Captain Jack Spring | 5.3   |
| Area 12 Gold Meadows Pond   | 12.4  |
| Area 15 Tub Spring          | 6.1   |
| Area 16 Tippipah Spring     | 3.4   |
| Area 29 Topopah Spring      | 4.8   |

The network average, as compared to those presented in previous reports, was:

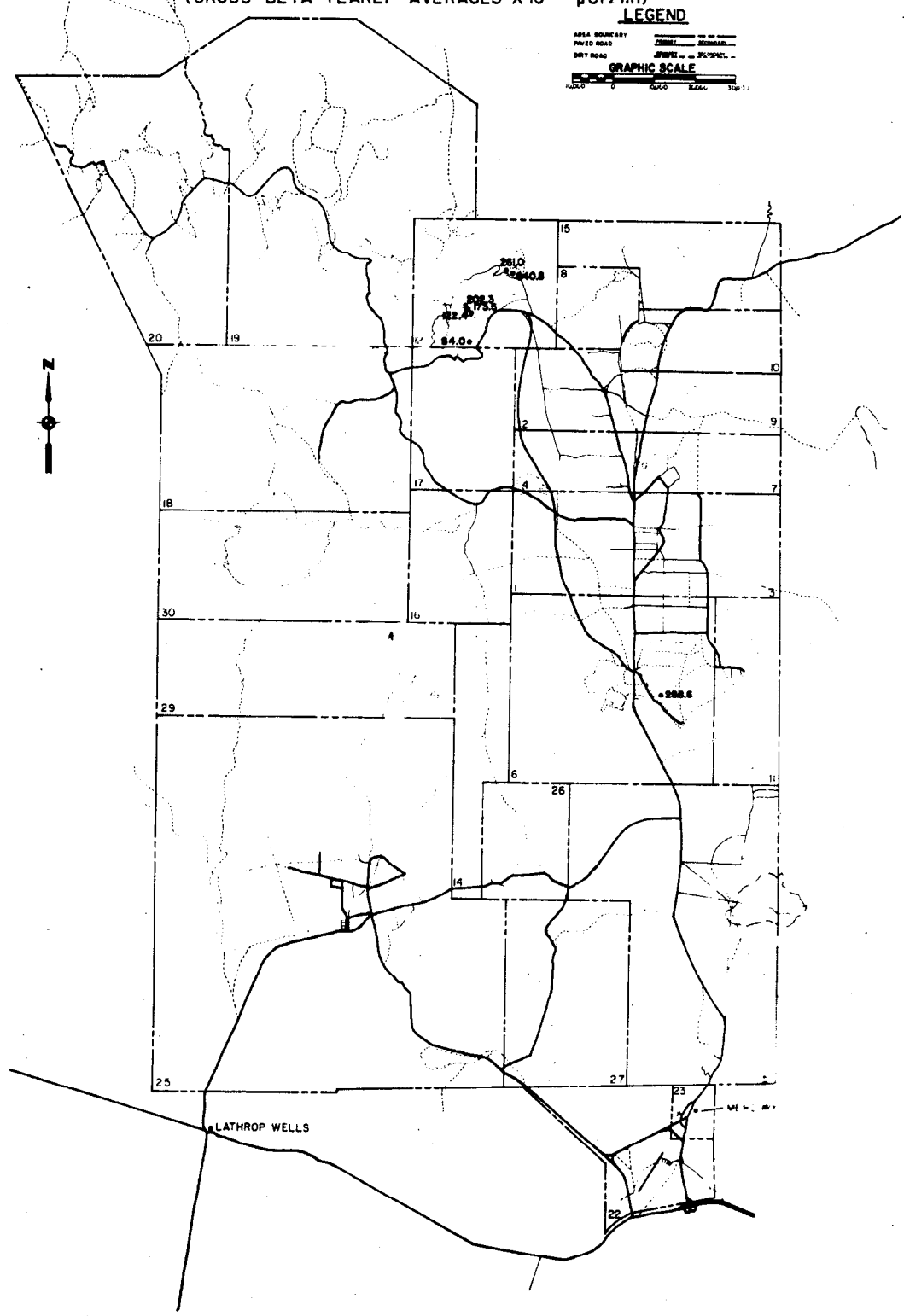
| <u>Year</u>        | <u>Mean (<math>\times 10^{-9}</math> <math>\mu\text{Ci/ml}</math>)</u> |
|--------------------|--|
| CY-1983            | 7.6  |
| CY-1982            | 9.0  |
| CY-1981            | 10.5   |
| CY-1980            | 16.7   |
| CY-1979            | 22.1   |
| CY-1978            | 23.7   |
| July-December 1977 | 24.4   |
| FY-1977            | 15.2   |
| FY-1976            | 14.6   |

Appendix F includes plots of the network averages for tritium and plutonium. The highest value for tritium was  $1.7 \times 10^{-6}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  at Topopah Springs. This represents 0.002 percent of the concentration guide for tritium. The only positive plutonium value was  $1.4 \times 10^{-10}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  at Tub Springs. This is 0.0001 percent of the concentration guide for plutonium. The positive results for tritium and plutonium are listed in Tables 9 and 14.

##### 5. Contaminated Ponds

Seven contaminated ponds were sampled on a special study basis. The locations are shown in Figure 11. These ponds were impound waters from tunnel test areas and a contaminated laundry release point. They are monitored in accordance with DOE Order 5484.1, Chapter IV, to provide a data base for calculations of any offsite releases. These calculations for tritium are reported to DOE Headquarters on an annual basis.

**NTS ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE  
CONTAMINATED POND SAMPLING STATIONS  
(GROSS BETA YEARLY AVERAGES  $\times 10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Ci}/\text{ml}$ )**



**FIGURE 11**

Table 16 is a list of the gross beta, tritium, and  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  averages at the seven active stations. The first two pages of Appendix G contain the contaminated pond network averages and the remaining plots show the gross beta,  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ , and tritium concentrations at each station. The differences between CY-1982 and CY-1983 can be attributed to the decrease or increase in use of the ponds.

#### 6. Effluent Ponds

Samples from seven effluent pond locations were collected during CY-1983. These ponds are closed systems which contain both sanitary and radioactive waste for evaporative treatment. Contact with the working population was minimal. The highest average tritium value was  $9.5 \times 10^{-7}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  and  $5.6 \times 10^{-11}$   $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$  for plutonium. All results are within the applicable concentration guides.

#### F. AMBIENT GAMMA MONITORING

A program to measure the ambient gamma exposure rates on the NTS was established in 1977 with 21 stations. In CY-1978, the program was expanded to 86 locations, 139 stations in CY-1979, 152 stations in CY-1980, and 163 stations since CY-1981. Normally, the TLD's are changed on a quarterly basis. During CY-1983 the TLD's were changed on a semi-annual basis because of equipment problems and difficulty in obtaining replacement TLD's. Table 17 lists the maximum, minimum, and average dose rates, along with the adjusted annual dose for each monitoring station.

TABLE 16  
CONTAMINATED POND YEARLY CONCENTRATION AVERAGES

| Station                  | Tritium<br>Yearly Average<br>(X 10 <sup>-6</sup> $\mu$ Ci/ml) | Gross Beta<br>Yearly Average<br>(X 10 <sup>-9</sup> $\mu$ Ci/ml) | <sup>239</sup> Pu<br>Yearly Average<br>(X 10 <sup>-11</sup> $\mu$ Ci/ml) |
|--------------------------|---|--|--|
| Area 6 Yucca Waste Pond  | 6.6   | 288.6  | <68.0  |
| Area 12 N Upper          | 2,077.0   | 202.3  | <8.7   |
| Area 12 N Middle         | 1,164.0   | 173.5  | <8.7   |
| Area 12 N Lower          | 1,628.0   | 122.4  | <6.4   |
| Area 12 G Waste          | 12,300.0  | 84.0   | <3.8   |
| Area 12 Upper Mint Lake  | 255.2   | 261.0  | <14.0  |
| Area 12 Middle Mint Lake | 360.0   | 640.8  | <5.9   |

TABLE 17  
GAMMA MONITORING RESULTS - SUMMARY OF 1983

| STATION (AREA)                   | MEASUREMENT PERIOD  | DOSE RATE (mrem/d) |        |      | 1982 ADJUSTED ANNUAL DOSE (mrem/y) | 1983 ADJUSTED ANNUAL DOSE (mrem/y) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------|------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                  |                     | MAX.               | MIN.** | AVG. |                                    |                                    |
| A-90 Road (18)                   | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.42               | 0.30   | 0.42 | 160                                | 155                                |
| A-100 Road (18)                  | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.42               | 0.28   | 0.42 | 155                                | 155                                |
| A-108 Road (18)                  | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.43               | 0.33   | 0.43 | 160                                | 155                                |
| A-116 Road (20)                  | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.49               | 0.33   | 0.49 | 175                                | 180                                |
| A-130 Road (20)                  | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.41               | 0.30   | 0.41 | 155                                | 150                                |
| A-132 Road (20)                  | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.54               | 0.45   | 0.45 | 155                                | 165                                |
| A-136 Road (20)                  | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.54               | 0.45   | 0.45 | 155                                | 165                                |
| Angle Road (3)                   | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 1.49               | 1.46   | 1.46 | 625                                | 535                                |
| Bldg. 190 (23)                   | 01/19/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.32               | 0.22   | 0.22 | 80                                 | 80                                 |
| Bldg. 610 Fence (23)             | 01/19/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.29*              | 0.18   | 0.18 | 75                                 | 65                                 |
| Bldg. 610 X-Ray Area (23)        | 01/19/83 - 01/04/84 | 9.69               | 1.43   | 9.69 | 2480                               | 3540                               |
| Bldg. 650 Dosimetry Room (23)    | 01/19/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.21               | 0.21   | 0.21 | 70                                 | 75                                 |
| Bldg. 650 Roof (23)              | 01/19/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.18               | 0.14   | 0.18 | 60                                 | 65                                 |
| Bldg. 650 Sample Storage (23)    | 01/19/83 - 01/04/84 | 2.02               | 0.84   | 2.02 | 205                                | 740                                |
| B.J.Y. (1)                       | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.35               | 0.28   | 0.35 | 135                                | 130                                |
| C-16 Road (19)                   | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.45               | 0.40   | 0.40 | 175                                | 145                                |
| C-25 Road (19)                   | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.59               | 0.40   | 0.40 | 165                                | 145                                |
| C-27 Road (19)                   | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.64               | 0.44   | 0.44 | 180                                | 160                                |
| C-31 Road (19)                   | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.61               | 0.43   | 0.43 | 175                                | 155                                |
| Cable Yard (2)                   | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.54*              | 0.39   | 0.39 | 160                                | 140                                |
| Cafeteria (27)                   | 01/19/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.39               | 0.23*  | 0.39 | 135                                | 140                                |
| Campsite (20)                    | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.42               | 0.40   | 0.40 | 155                                | 145                                |
| Circle & L Road (10)             | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.59*              | 0.39   | 0.39 | 155                                | 140                                |
| Complex (3)                      | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.53               | 0.37   | 0.37 | 140                                | 135                                |
| Complex (12)                     | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.39               | 0.36   | 0.39 | 155                                | 140                                |
| CP Complex (6)                   | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.25               | 0.18   | 0.25 | 75                                 | 90                                 |
| CP-50 Calibration Bench (6)      | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.56               | 0.41   | 0.41 | 155                                | 150                                |
| CP-50 Instrument Calib. Door (6) | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.77               | 0.56   | 0.56 | 175                                | 205                                |
| CA-14 (10)                       | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.62               | 0.46   | 0.46 | 215                                | 170                                |
| Decon Pad Front Office (6)       | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.27               | 0.27   | 0.27 | 135                                | 100                                |
| Decon Pad Back Office (6)        | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.63               | 0.63   | 0.63 | 130                                | 230                                |
| Desert Rock Weather Stn. (22)    | 01/19/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.28*              | 0.19   | 0.19 | 75                                 | 70                                 |
| E-MAD East (25)                  | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.56*              | 0.34   | 0.34 | 130                                | 125                                |
| E-MAD North (25)                 | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.98               | 0.73   | 0.73 | 255                                | 265                                |
| E-MAD Tile Bed (25)              | 01/19/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.46               | 0.33   | 0.33 | 120                                | 120                                |
| E-MAD West (25)                  | 01/19/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.58*              | 0.35   | 0.35 | 125                                | 130                                |
| EPA Farm (15)                    | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.31               | 0.25   | 0.31 | 130                                | 115                                |
| F-2 Road (20)                    | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.57               | 0.47   | 0.47 | 170                                | 170                                |

\*This result is suspect due to a reader malfunction during the readout of the TLD's.

\*\*Due to a reader malfunction, the results from the second half of CY-1983 are being reported, but only the results from the first half of the year are being used in obtaining the average dose rate or the adjusted annual dose.



Table 17 (Continued)

| STATION (AREA)                  | MEASUREMENT PERIOD  | DOSE RATE (mrem/d) |        |      | 1982 ADJUSTED ANNUAL DOSE (mrem/y) | 1983 ADJUSTED ANNUAL DOSE (mrem/y) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------|------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                 |                     | MAX.               | MIN.** | AVG. |                                    |                                    |
| F-8 Road (20)                   | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.53               | 0.52   | 0.52 | 170                                | 190                                |
| F-12 Road (20)                  | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.46               | 0.45   | 0.46 | 155                                | 170                                |
| Gate 100 (23)                   | 01/19/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.32*              | 0.18   | 0.18 | 65                                 | 65                                 |
| Gate 700 (15)                   | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.32               | 0.27   | 0.32 | 120                                | 115                                |
| Gravel Pit (1)                  | 01/25/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.33               | 0.28   | 0.33 | 130                                | 120                                |
| Groom Pass L43.5 (15)           | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.36               | 0.27   | 0.36 | 145                                | 130                                |
| Henre Site (25)                 | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.36               | 0.25   | 0.36 | 135                                | 130                                |
| J-6 Road (20)                   | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.57               | 0.49   | 0.49 | 170                                | 180                                |
| J-16 Road (20)                  | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.59               | 0.47   | 0.47 | 165                                | 170                                |
| J-24 Road (20)                  | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.47               | 0.39   | 0.47 | 165                                | 170                                |
| J-31 Road (20)                  | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 1.79               | 1.33   | 1.79 | 635                                | 655                                |
| L-40 (15)                       | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.63*              | 0.42   | 0.42 | 180                                | 155                                |
| L-49 (15)                       | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.41               | 0.32   | 0.32 | 125                                | 115                                |
| Lamp Shack (15)                 | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.59               | 0.39   | 0.39 | 150                                | 140                                |
| LLL Trailer (15)                | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.61*              | 0.40   | 0.40 | 135                                | 145                                |
| Logistics Desk (6)              | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.37*              | 0.20   | 0.20 | 95                                 | 75                                 |
| Lower Mint Lake (12)            | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84 | 1.29               | 0.53*  | 1.29 | 455                                | 470                                |
| NRDS Warehouse (25)             | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.36               | 0.29   | 0.36 | 140                                | 130                                |
| Office (15)                     | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.55*              | 0.29   | 0.29 | 125                                | 105                                |
| Post Office (23)                | 01/19/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.18               | 0.16   | 0.18 | 65                                 | 65                                 |
| R-3 Road (19)                   | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.46               | 0.46   | 0.46 | 190                                | 170                                |
| R-9 Road (19)                   | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.65               | 0.45   | 0.45 | 195                                | 165                                |
| R-20 Road (19)                  | 01/26/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.53               | 0.42   | 0.42 | 155                                | 155                                |
| R-27 Road (19)                  | 01/26/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.59               | 0.43   | 0.43 | 185                                | 155                                |
| R-31 Road (19)                  | 01/26/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.59               | 0.41   | 0.41 | 155                                | 150                                |
| Ramatrol (23)                   | 01/19/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.41               | 0.41   | 0.41 | 140                                | 150                                |
| RWMS East 500' (5)              | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.35               | 0.21   | 0.35 | 130                                | 130                                |
| RWMS East 1000' (5)             | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.70*              | 0.41   | 0.41 | 145                                | 150                                |
| RWMS East 1500' (5)             | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.36               | 0.31   | 0.36 | 130                                | 130                                |
| RWMS East Gate (5)              | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.50               | 0.33   | 0.50 | 155                                | 185                                |
| RWMS North 500' (5)             | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.37               | 0.32   | 0.37 | 140                                | 135                                |
| RWMS North 1000' (5)            | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.39               | 0.39   | 0.39 | 135                                | 140                                |
| RWMS North 1500' (5)            | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.34               | 0.26   | 0.34 | 130                                | 125                                |
| RWMS Northeast Corner (5)       | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.37               | 0.27   | 0.37 | 130                                | 135                                |
| RWMS Northwest Corner (5)       | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.37               | 0.29   | 0.37 | 135                                | 135                                |
| RWMS Offices (5)                | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.37               | 0.36   | 0.37 | 170                                | 135                                |
| RWMS South Gate (5)             | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.52               | 0.29   | 0.29 | 115                                | 105                                |
| RWMS South 500' (5)             | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.35               | 0.34   | 0.35 | 140                                | 130                                |
| RWMS Southwest Corner (5)       | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.34               | 0.28   | 0.34 | 125                                | 125                                |
| RWMS West 500' (5)              | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.59               | 0.43   | 0.43 | 140                                | 155                                |
| RWMS West 1000' (5)             | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.38               | 0.35   | 0.38 | 135                                | 140                                |
| RWMS West 1500' (5)             | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.54               | 0.35   | 0.35 | 140                                | 130                                |
| Security Gate 293 (11)          | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.39               | 0.25   | 0.39 | 140                                | 140                                |
| Sedan Crater Visitor's Box (10) | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.66               | 0.51   | 0.51 | 210                                | 185                                |
| Sedan Crater West Area (10)     | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 2.31               | 2.28   | 2.28 | 995                                | 835                                |

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Table 17 (Continued)

| STATION (AREA)               | MEASUREMENT PERIOD  | DOSE RATE<br>(mrem/d) |        |      | 1982 ADJUSTED           | 1983 ADJUSTED           |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                              |                     | MAX.                  | MIN.** | AVG. | ANNUAL DOSE<br>(mrem/y) | ANNUAL DOSE<br>(mrem/y) |
| Storage Shed (15)            | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.51*                 | 0.34   | 0.34 | 130                     | 125                     |
| Substation Bus (15)          | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.48*                 | 0.29   | 0.29 | 115                     | 105                     |
| TH-1 (6)                     | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.21                  | 0.18   | 0.21 | 75                      | 75                      |
| TH-9 (6)                     | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.42                  | 0.30   | 0.30 | 125                     | 110                     |
| TH-18 (1)                    | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.49*                 | 0.28   | 0.28 | 110                     | 100                     |
| TH-27 (1)                    | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.49*                 | 0.30   | 0.30 | 120                     | 110                     |
| TH-37 (1)                    | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.53                  | 0.36   | 0.36 | 145                     | 130                     |
| TH-47 (4)                    | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.62*                 | 0.41   | 0.41 | 160                     | 150                     |
| TH-57 (2)                    | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.47*                 | 0.29   | 0.29 | 115                     | 105                     |
| TH-67.5 (12)                 | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.46                  | 0.29   | 0.29 | 120                     | 105                     |
| Upper Haines Lake No. 1 (12) | 01/21/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.35                  | 0.32   | 0.35 | 115                     | 130                     |
| Upper N Tunnel Pond (12)     | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.43                  | 0.40   | 0.40 | 160                     | 145                     |
| U3ax Northeast (3)           | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 1.10                  | 1.01   | 1.01 | 400                     | 370                     |
| U3ax Northwest (3)           | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 1.21                  | 1.09   | 1.21 | 285                     | 440                     |
| U3ax South (3)               | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.69                  | 0.51   | 0.51 | 195                     | 185                     |
| U3ax Southeast (3)           | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.80                  | 0.59   | 0.59 | 225                     | 215                     |
| U3by North (3)               | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 1.00                  | 0.56   | 1.00 | 405                     | 365                     |
| U3by South (3)               | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.49                  | 0.31   | 0.49 | 195                     | 180                     |
| U3bz North (3)               | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.68                  | 0.42*  | 0.68 | 255                     | 250                     |
| U3bz South (3)               | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.45                  | 0.28   | 0.45 | 155                     | 165                     |
| U3cj North (3)               | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.47                  | 0.29   | 0.47 | 180                     | 170                     |
| U3co North (3)               | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 4.27                  | 1.81*  | 4.27 | 1690                    | 1560                    |
| U3co South (3)               | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 2.74                  | 1.22   | 2.74 | 955                     | 1000                    |
| U3du North (3)               | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.66                  | 0.50   | 0.50 | 195                     | 185                     |
| U3du South (3)               | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.64                  | 0.35   | 0.64 | 235                     | 235                     |
| U3ey South (3)               | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.44                  | 0.28   | 0.44 | 130                     | 160                     |
| Well 3 (6)                   | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.32                  | 0.30   | 0.32 | 130                     | 115                     |
| Well 5B (5)                  | 01/20/83 - 01/04/84 | 0.33                  | 0.25   | 0.33 | 120                     | 120                     |
| Well 19C Reservoir (19)      | 01/21/83 - 01/06/84 | 0.56                  | 0.41   | 0.41 | 160                     | 150                     |
| Yucca Complex (6)            | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.29                  | 0.19   | 0.29 | 105                     | 105                     |
| 2-04 Road (2)                | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 6.45                  | 3.60   | 6.45 | 2580                    | 2355                    |
| 2-07 Road (2)                | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 1.11                  | 0.64   | 1.11 | 365                     | 405                     |
| 3-03, O.B. Roads (3)         | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.30                  | 0.20   | 0.30 | 105                     | 110                     |
| 4-04 Road (4)                | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 8.15                  | 4.10   | 8.15 | 3180                    | 2975                    |
| 6-09, O.B. Roads (6)         | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.34                  | 0.24   | 0.34 | 140                     | 125                     |
| 7-300 Bunker (7)             | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.99                  | 0.52   | 0.99 | 420                     | 360                     |
| 8K 25 (8)                    | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.28                  | 0.26   | 0.26 | 125                     | 95                      |
| 9-300 Bunker (9)             | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.53                  | 0.37   | 0.37 | 140                     | 135                     |
| 10 A-24 (10)                 | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.93                  | 0.85   | 0.85 | 255                     | 310                     |
| 18-1C Gate (18)              | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.45                  | 0.41   | 0.41 | 235                     | 150                     |
| 18P 35 (18)                  | 01/21/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.40                  | 0.31   | 0.40 | 170                     | 145                     |
| 18P 39 (18)                  | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.40                  | 0.30   | 0.40 | 155                     | 145                     |
| 19P 41 (19)                  | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.46                  | 0.34   | 0.46 | 175                     | 170                     |
| 19P 46 (19)                  | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.40                  | 0.25   | 0.40 | 155                     | 145                     |
| 19P 54 (19)                  | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84 | 0.38                  | 0.27   | 0.38 | 150                     | 140                     |

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Table 17 (Continued)

| STATION (AREA)       | MEASUREMENT<br>PERIOD | DOSE RATE<br>(mrem/d) |        |      | 1982 ADJUSTED<br>ANNUAL DOSE<br>(mrem/y) | 1983 ADJUSTED<br>ANNUAL DOSE<br>(mrem/y) |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|------|--|--|
|                      |                       | MAX.                  | MIN.** | AVG. |  |  |
| 19P 59 (19)          | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84   | 0.45                  | 0.35   | 0.45 | 185                                      | 165                                      |
| 19P 66 (19)          | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84   | 0.45                  | 0.27   | 0.45 | 185                                      | 165                                      |
| 19P 71 (19)          | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84   | 0.43                  | 0.23   | 0.43 | 175                                      | 155                                      |
| 19P 77 (19)          | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84   | 0.47                  | 0.31   | 0.47 | 185                                      | 170                                      |
| 19P 87 (19)          | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84   | 0.46                  | 0.36   | 0.46 | 210                                      | 170                                      |
| 19P 88 (19)          | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84   | 0.49                  | 0.35   | 0.49 | 200                                      | 180                                      |
| 19P 91 (19)          | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84   | 0.45                  | 0.33   | 0.45 | 190                                      | 165                                      |
| 20-4C Gate (20)      | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84   | 0.45                  | 0.44   | 0.45 | 170                                      | 165                                      |
| 25-4P Gate (25)      | 01/19/83 - 01/04/84   | 0.55*                 | 0.36   | 0.36 | 145                                      | 130                                      |
| 25-7P Gate (25)      | 01/19/83 - 01/04/84   | 0.48                  | 0.48   | 0.48 | 135                                      | 175                                      |
| 30-1C Gate (30)      | 01/25/83 - 01/05/84   | 0.59                  | 0.50   | 0.50 | 140                                      | 185                                      |
| 130 M (4)            | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84   | 0.57*                 | 0.37   | 0.37 | 130                                      | 135                                      |
| 140 M (2)            | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84   | 0.61*                 | 0.39   | 0.39 | 140                                      | 140                                      |
| 150 M (2)            | 01/20/83 - 01/05/84   | 0.39                  | 0.34   | 0.39 | 140                                      | 140                                      |
| 168 M (12)           | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84   | 0.53                  | 0.38   | 0.38 | 155                                      | 140                                      |
| 170 M (12)           | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84   | 0.51*                 | 0.32   | 0.32 | 130                                      | 115                                      |
| 175 M (12)           | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84   | 0.60                  | 0.41   | 0.41 | 165                                      | 150                                      |
| 185 Holmes Road (17) | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84   | 0.57                  | 0.37   | 0.37 | 150                                      | 135                                      |
| 190 M (19)           | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84   | 0.43                  | 0.31   | 0.43 | 180                                      | 155                                      |
| 196 M (19)           | 01/21/83 - 01/04/84   | 0.44                  | 0.31   | 0.44 | 165                                      | 160                                      |

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Table 17 (Continued)

| STATION (AREA)            | MEASUREMENT PERIOD  | ELEVATION (FT) | DOSE RATE (mrem/d) |        |      | 1982 ADJUSTED ANNUAL DOSE (mrem/y) | 1983 ADJUSTED ANNUAL DOSE (mrem/y) |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------|------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                           |                     |                | MAX.               | MIN.** | AVG. |                                    |                                    |
| N670,600<br>E667,300 (22) | 02/01/83 - 01/06/84 | 4000           | 0.30*              | 0.17   | 0.17 | 80                                 | 60                                 |
| N731,300<br>E638,700 (28) | 02/01/83 - 01/06/84 | 5750           | 0.32               | 0.28   | 0.28 | 105                                | 105                                |
| N754,000<br>E557,800 (31) | 02/01/83 - 01/06/84 | 4800           | 0.49               | 0.41   | 0.41 | 140                                | 150                                |
| N849,500<br>E545,000 (30) | 02/01/83 - 01/06/84 | 7100           | 0.42               | 0.38   | 0.42 | 165                                | 155                                |
| N887,000<br>E558,000 (20) | 02/01/83 - 01/06/84 | 6100           | 0.51               | 0.47   | 0.51 | 190                                | 185                                |
| N948,800<br>E527,800 (20) | 01/31/83 - 01/06/84 | 5650           | 0.51               | 0.49   | 0.51 | 185                                | 185                                |
| N944,700<br>E563,300 (19) | 01/31/83 - 01/06/84 | 6300           | 0.27               | 0.26   | 0.27 | 100                                | 100                                |
| N955,500<br>E614,200 (19) | 01/31/83 - 01/06/84 | 7200           | 0.50               | 0.43   | 0.43 | 160                                | 155                                |
| N935,500<br>E639,750 (19) | 01/31/83 - 01/06/84 | 6550           | 0.49               | 0.43   | 0.43 | 160                                | 155                                |
| N903,800<br>E635,500 (12) | 01/31/83 - 01/06/84 | 6900           | 0.32               | 0.32   | 0.32 | 125                                | 115                                |
| N907,600<br>E686,200 (8)  | 01/31/83 - 01/06/84 | 5826           | 0.59               | 0.43   | 0.43 | 165                                | 155                                |
| N874,600<br>E691,500 (10) | 01/31/83 - 01/06/84 | 5000           | 0.26               | 0.22   | 0.22 | 90                                 | 80                                 |
| N844,200<br>E704,900 (3)  | 01/31/83 - 01/06/84 | 5100           | 0.33               | 0.21   | 0.21 | 75                                 | 75                                 |
| N788,800<br>E709,500 (11) | 01/31/83 - 01/06/84 | 5200           | 0.48               | 0.39   | 0.39 | 155                                | 140                                |
| N710,800<br>E720,000 (11) | 01/31/83 - 01/06/84 | 4280           | 0.23               | 0.18   | 0.18 | 65                                 | 65                                 |

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Substantial differences between stations from previous years occurred during the last half of CY-1983. The cause was attributed to the malfunction of the reader during the processing of the TLD's. This malfunction produced unreliable data and, therefore, the average dose rate and adjusted annual dose were taken from the first half of the year. The maximum and minimum values with an asterisk by them represent values that are highly suspect as a result of the reader malfunction.

The values used in Table 18 were taken from the first half of CY-1983. The nine locations that comprised the original control network demonstrated similar dose rates as in previous years. The largest variance was 0.05 mrem/d from the previous year. The overall network range of these stations was 0.18 mrem/d to 0.39 mrem/d, with an average natural background on NTS of approximately 0.28 mrem/d (100 mrem/y). This corresponds favorably with rates measured at offsite Nevada locations by the Environmental Protection Agency (Reference 11).

The remaining 154 stations of the network yielded dose rates which ranged from 0.17 mrem/d to 9.7 mrem/d, about a factor of 50 variation. The variations were more substantial than previous years because of the reader malfunction.

#### G. PERIMETER DOSE ASSESSMENT

The maximum postulated dose from the NTS operations was calculated for an individual residing at the site boundary during the entire CY-1983. This was done by calculating the fifty year cumulative dose, except for the dose from

TABLE 18

## TLD CONTROL STATION COMPARISON

| Station                  | Dose Rate<br>(mrem/d) |             |             |             |             |             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                          | 1978                  | 1979        | 1980        | 1981        | 1982        | 1983*       |
| Bldg. 650 Dosimetry Room | 0.16                  | 0.17        | 0.18        | 0.21        | 0.19        | 0.21        |
| Bldg. 650 roof           | 0.15                  | 0.15        | 0.16        | 0.18        | 0.18        | 0.18        |
| Area 27 Cafeteria        | 0.37                  | 0.35        | 0.37        | 0.41        | 0.37        | 0.39        |
| CP Complex               | 0.22                  | 0.21        | 0.23        | 0.25        | 0.20        | 0.25        |
| Henre Site               | 0.34                  | 0.33        | 0.35        | 0.39        | 0.37        | 0.36        |
| NRDS Warehouse           | 0.35                  | 0.33        | 0.35        | 0.40        | 0.38        | 0.36        |
| Post Office              | 0.15                  | 0.15        | 0.16        | 0.20        | 0.18        | 0.18        |
| Well 5B                  | 0.32                  | 0.31        | 0.34        | 0.38        | 0.33        | 0.33        |
| Yucca Complex            | <u>0.31</u>           | <u>0.30</u> | <u>0.30</u> | <u>0.32</u> | <u>0.29</u> | <u>0.29</u> |
| Network Average          | 0.26                  | 0.26        | 0.27        | 0.30        | 0.28        | 0.28        |

\*Due to a reader malfunction, the results from the second half of CY-1983 are not being used in this table. Only the results from the first half of the year are being used.

air immersion, for the individual receiving a one year intake from measured radionuclide concentrations onsite. The dose from air immersion was calculated for a one year exposure to a semi-infinite cloud. In the calculation the air immersion dose was treated like an external exposure and, therefore, once the radioactive source was considered removed, for the purposes of this calculation the end of CY-1983, there was no further exposure. The dose conversion factors used for calculating the cumulative dose came from References 14 and 20, and are tabulated in Table 19. Basically, these reports used models and parameters equivalent to those used in ICRP Publication 2 (Reference 16). The radionuclides considered for the dose calculations were tritium,  $^{133}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ , and  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  (assuming the gross beta concentration in air consists entirely of  $^{90}\text{Sr}$ ). The critical organs considered for these radionuclides were the total body, bone, lung, and skin for  $^{133}\text{Xe}$ .

#### 1. Dose From Ingestion of Radionuclides

The dose from the ingestion pathways were calculated for an individual living at the NTS boundary during CY-1983. The only pathway considered was the ingestion of water. Ingestion of foodstuffs was not considered because of the lack of locally grown food adjacent to the site boundary. The water was assumed to be similar to the potable water sampled onsite. The radionuclides considered for the calculation were  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  and tritium. The gross beta concentration was not used in the calculation because it was shown earlier (E.2.) that the gross beta concentration was primarily due to the naturally occurring  $^{40}\text{K}$  content. The Cascade bottled water brought onsite was assumed to have natural background levels

TABLE 19  
DOSE CONVERSION FACTORS\*

| Organ      | Inhalation                  |                       |                    | Ingestion                    |                   | Air Immersion                                 |
|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---|
|            | (mrem/50 y per pCi inhaled) |                       |                    | (mrem/50 y per pCi ingested) |                   | (mrem/y <sub>3</sub> per μCi/m <sup>3</sup> ) |
|            | <sup>3</sup> H***           | <sup>239</sup> Pu**** | <sup>90</sup> Sr** | <sup>239</sup> Pu****        | <sup>3</sup> H*** | <sup>133</sup> Xe                             |
| Total Body | 9.35E-08                    | 1.55E-01              | 7.62E-04           | 3.82E-05                     | 6.18E-08          | 2.19E+02                                      |
| Bone       | 0.0                         | 6.38E+00              | 1.24E-02           | 1.57E-03                     | 0.0               | 2.19E+02                                      |
| Lung       | 9.35E-08                    | 3.44E-01              | 1.20E-03           | 0.0                          | 6.18E-08          | 2.37E+02                                      |
| Skin       | ---                         | ---                   | ---                | ---                          | ---               | 6.04E+02                                      |

\* Taken from References 14 and 20.

\*\* Gross beta activity was assumed to be <sup>90</sup>Sr.

\*\*\* The dose conversion factor was divided by 1.7 to take into account the change in Quality Factor for weak beta emitters (DOE Order 5840.1, Chapter XI).

\*\*\*\* The dose conversion factor was multiplied by two to take into account the change in Quality Factor for alpha emitters (DOE Order 5840.1, Chapter XI).



of  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  and  $^3\text{H}$ . These background concentrations were subtracted from the potable water stations having the maximum average  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  and tritium concentrations to obtain the net concentrations used in the dose calculations. These values are listed in Table 20. The assumed fluid intake for the individual was 1.6 liters per day and was derived from ICRP Publications 23 (Reference 15). The resulting ingestion doses to the total body, lung, and bone for  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  and tritium are given in Table 21.

## 2. Dose from Inhalation of Radionuclides

The doses from the inhalation of tritium, gross beta activity, and  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  were calculated for the individual living at the NTS boundary. The average tritium in air and  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  concentrations from samplers near the eastern site boundary were used for the dose calculations after background concentrations were subtracted.

The highest average gross beta concentration onsite was used in the dose calculation after the average background concentration was subtracted. All of the gross beta activity was assumed to be  $^{90}\text{Sr}$ . The concentrations used for calculating the inhalation dose are listed in Table 20. The individual was assumed to breathe 8,400 cubic meters of air in one year (Reference 15). The calculated fifty year cumulative doses to the whole body, lungs, and bone are given in Table 21.

TABLE 20

## RADIONUCLIDE CONCENTRATIONS USED FOR DOSE ASSESSMENT

|                             | Air ( $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$ ) |                            |         |                   | Potable Water ( $\mu\text{Ci/ml}$ ) |              |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
|                             | $^3\text{H}$              | Gross<br>$^{239}\text{Pu}$ | Beta    | $^{133}\text{Xe}$ | $^{239}\text{Pu}$                   | $^3\text{H}$ |
| Onsite<br>Concentration     | 2.9E-10                   | 5.5E-17                    | 1.9E-14 | 5.4E-12           | <5.1E-11                            | <9.0E-07     |
| Background<br>Concentration | 1.0E-10                   | 2.5E-17                    | 1.8E-14 | 1.5E-12           | <4.2E-11                            | <8.7E-07     |
| Net Concen-<br>tration      | 1.9E-10                   | 3.0E-17                    | 0.1E-14 | 3.9E-12           | <0.9E-11                            | <0.3E-07     |

TABLE 21  
50 YEAR CUMMULATIVE DOSES\*

| <u>Organ</u>  | <u>Inhalation (mrem)</u>       |                                     |   | <u>Ingestion (mrem)</u>             |                                | <u>Air Immer-<br/>sion (mrem)</u>   |                     |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
|               | <u><math>^3\text{H}</math></u> | <u><math>^{239}\text{Pu}</math></u> | <u><math>^{90}\text{Sr}^{**}</math></u> | <u><math>^{239}\text{Pu}</math></u> | <u><math>^3\text{H}</math></u> | <u><math>^{133}\text{Xe}</math></u> | <u>Total (mrem)</u> |
| Total<br>Body | 1.5E-01                        | 3.9E-02                             | 6.4E-03                                 | <2.0E-04                            | <1.1E-03                       | 8.5E-04                             | <2.0E-01            |
| Bone          | 0.0                            | 1.6E+00                             | 1.0E-01                                 | <8.2E-03                            | 0.0                            | 8.5E-04                             | <1.7E+00            |
| Lung          | 1.5E-01                        | 8.7E-02                             | 1.0E-02                                 | 0.0                                 | <1.1E-03                       | 9.2E-04                             | <2.5E-01            |
| Skin          | ---                            | ---                                 | ---                                     | ---                                 | ---                            | 2.4E-03                             | 2.4E-03             |

\* 50 year cummulative dose from inhalation and ingestion of radionuclides for one year. The air immersion dose rate was calculated for a one year exposure with no resulting exposure after the CY-1983 ended.

\*\* Assumed all of the gross beta activity was  $^{90}\text{Sr}$ .

### 3. Dose from Air Immersion

The air immersion dose from  $^{133}\text{Xe}$  was calculated for an individual at the NTS boundary. The  $^{85}\text{Kr}$  concentrations at all six stations were considered to be at natural background levels and, therefore, were not used in the dose calculation. The  $^{133}\text{Xe}$  concentration used in the calculation was obtained by subtracting the average of the stations that had background concentrations from the highest average concentration onsite. These values are given in Table 20. The calculated doses to the whole body, lungs, bone, and skin are listed in Table 21.

### 4. Estimated Risk to Individual

The maximum estimated dose to the total body, bone, and lung from NTS operations during CY-1983 was 0.20 mrem, 1.7 mrem, and 0.25 mrem, respectively. Table 22 lists the estimated dose to an individual living at the NTS boundary for one year from natural background radiation. The calculated doses to the individual represent increases of 0.17 percent (total body), 1.11 percent (bone), and 0.12 percent (lung) over natural background at the NTS. ICRP Publication 26 (Reference 17) estimated the risk of fatal health effects per unit dose over the individuals lifetime. Using these values the risk for the total body, bone, and lung were  $3.3 \times 10^{-8}$ ,  $3.4 \times 10^{-8}$ , and  $5.0 \times 10^{-9}$ , respectively.

TABLE 22

## ESTIMATED NATURAL BACKGROUND DOSE AT THE NTS BOUNDARY\*

| Source                       | Total Body**<br>(mrem/y) | Bone<br>(mrem/y) | Lungs<br>(mrem/y) |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Cosmic Radiation***          | 36                       | 36               | 36                |
| Cosmic Radionuclides+        | 0.7                      | 0.8              | 0.7               |
| External Terrestrial++       | 56                       | 56               | 56                |
| Inhaled Radionuclides+++     | --                       | --               | 100               |
| Radionuclides in the Body+++ | 27                       | 60               | 24                |
| Total for One Year           | <u>120</u>               | <u>153</u>       | <u>217</u>        |
| U.S. Average Total           | <u>80</u>                | <u>120</u>       | <u>180</u>        |

\* These values were derived from References 13 and 20.

\*\* The values for the total body are assumed to be the same as those for the gonads in Reference 18.

\*\*\* Assumed altitude of 1 km and a 10% reduction from structural shielding.

+ Variation throughout U.S. very minimal, usually less than 1 mrem/y.

++ Value of 10  $\mu$ rad/h assumed at the site boundary. Value reduced by 20% for shielding by housing and 20% for shielding by the body.

+++ Average values for the U.S.

Reference 17 estimates that an acceptable risk to any individual in the public is  $10^{-6}$  to  $10^{-5}$  per year. The maximum calculated risk to the individual at the NTS boundary is at least an order of magnitude below this acceptable risk. Due to the conservative assumptions used in the dose calculations and the comparison of risks, the postulated individual living at the NTS boundary during CY-1983 would have no observable ill effects from the operation of the NTS.

#### H. RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT SITE (RWMS)

The radioactive Waste Management Site is located in Area 5 of the Nevada Test Site (Figure 12). RWMS consists of approximately 37.2 hectares (92 acres) of land which is devoted to surface storage and disposal of defense low-level radioactive wastes. Waste facilities at the site include trenches, pits, and asphalt pads. The type of waste disposed of at RWMS includes tritium contaminated waste, low-level waste, and equipment that is activated or contaminated. The stored waste consists of transuranic (TRU) contaminated waste only. For a more detailed description of RWMS see Reference 12.

Surveillance of the RWMS is accomplished by using eighteen air samplers, nine for tritium and nine for fission products and plutonium, and sixteen TLD's, for gamma monitoring, placed strategically around the RWMS. Figures 13-15 show the locations of the stations and their yearly averages.

The tritium in air samplers are placed around the perimeter of RWMS. Results for the RWMS surveillance are summarized in Table 6. The highest average for

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 LOCATION OF THE RADIOACTIVE WASTE  
 MANAGEMENT SITE (RWMS)

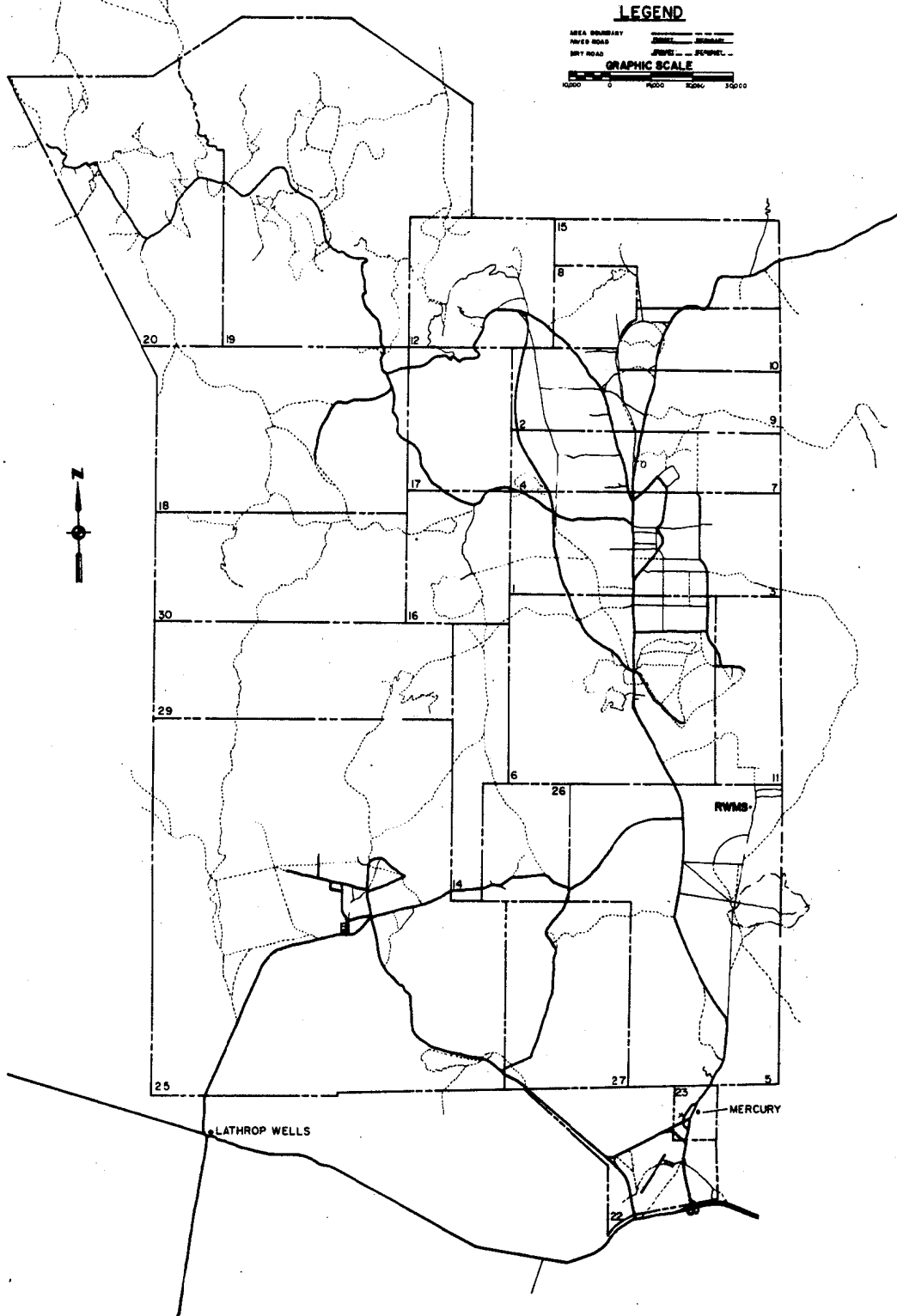


FIGURE 12

HTO was  $1.7 \times 10^{-10}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$  at RWMS-(NE-NW) Station, which is 0.003 percent of the concentration guide.

Gross beta and  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  in air results for the site are summarized in Tables 4 and 5. The average gross beta concentration was  $1.8 \times 10^{-14}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$  which was the same as the network average of  $1.8 \times 10^{-14}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$ . This concentration represents 0.002 percent of the concentration guide (assuming  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  is the beta emitter present). Results from the nine gross beta stations were grouped closely together and all were within two standard deviations from the average. The average concentration of  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  in air at RWMS was  $2.1 \times 10^{-17}$   $\mu\text{Ci/cc}$ . This is 0.001 percent of the concentration guide for  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ .

Table 17 gives a summary of the gamma monitoring results for 1983. The average annual dose was 135 mrem/y or 16  $\mu\text{rem/h}$ . This compared favorably with the natural background of Area 5 of 11-20  $\mu\text{R/h}$ . (Reference 13). Another station, two miles south (Well 5B), had an annual dose rate of 120 mrem/y or 14  $\mu\text{rem/h}$ .

In conclusion the results from this surveillance network around the RWMS indicate that there were no detectable releases of radioactive materials as a result of operations during 1983.





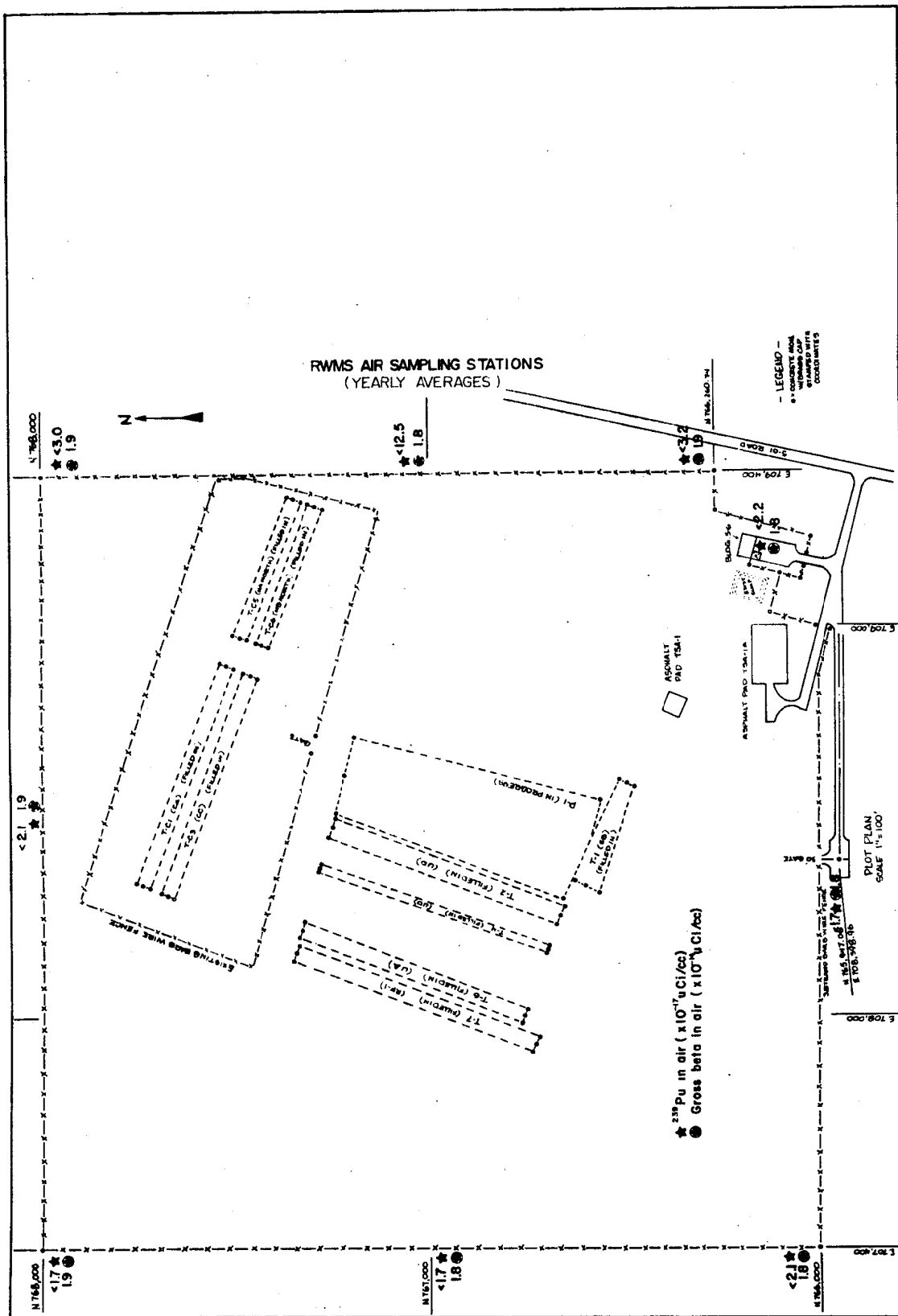


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**A P P E N D I X A**

**NTS Environmental Surveillance  
Air Sampling Locations and Plots**

Several symbols are used in Appendix A to denote the data points. In the first plot, the air network weekly averages, a square represents the arithmetic mean of all values at that point in time, and the vertical line is the range of the data.

The remaining plots of Appendix A show the gross beta and plutonium data of each station. A two-sigma error bar is also added to the data points, and, in all of the plots, a delta with the line to the bottom of the plot means below detection limit.

NTS ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE  
AIR SAMPLING LOCATIONS

| <u>Station<br/>Number</u> | <u>Location</u>        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1                         | Area 11 Gate 293       |
| 2                         | Area 6 Well 3 Complex  |
| 3                         | Area 3 Cafeteria       |
| 4                         | Area 9 9-300 Bunker    |
| 5                         | Area 10 Gate 700       |
| 6                         | Area 2 Cable Yard      |
| 7                         | Area 2 Compound        |
| 8                         | Area 12 Changehouse    |
| 9                         | Area 19 Echo Peak      |
| 10                        | Area 19 Substation     |
| 11                        | Area 16 Substation     |
| 12                        | Area 9 9-300 Bunker #2 |
| 13                        | Area 23 H&S Roof       |
| 14                        | Area 23 Building 790   |
| 15                        | Area 23 Bldg. 790 #2   |
| 16                        | Area 27 Cafeteria      |
| 17                        | Area 25 NRDS Warehouse |
| 18                        | Area 28 Henre Site     |
| 19                        | Area 5 Well 5B         |
| 20                        | Area 5 RWMS #1         |
| 21                        | Area 5 DOD Yard        |
| 22                        | Area 6 Yucca Complex   |
| 23                        | Area 6 CP Complex      |
| 25                        | Area 1 Gravel Pit      |
| 26                        | Area 3 BJY             |
| 27                        | Area 3 3-300 Bunker    |
| 28                        | Area 5 RWMS #2         |
| 29                        | Area 5 RWMS #3         |
| 30                        | Area 25 E-MAD North    |
| 31                        | Area 25 E-MAD South    |
| 32                        | Area 5 RWMS #4         |



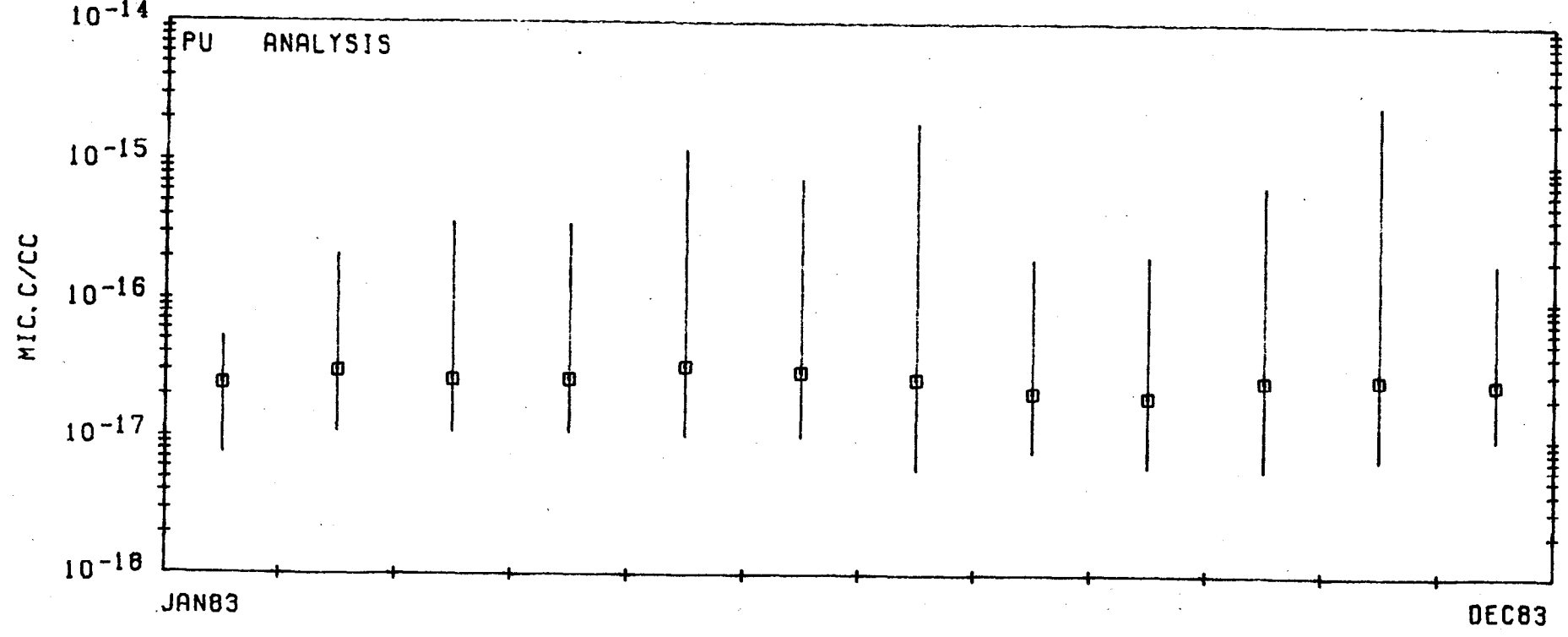
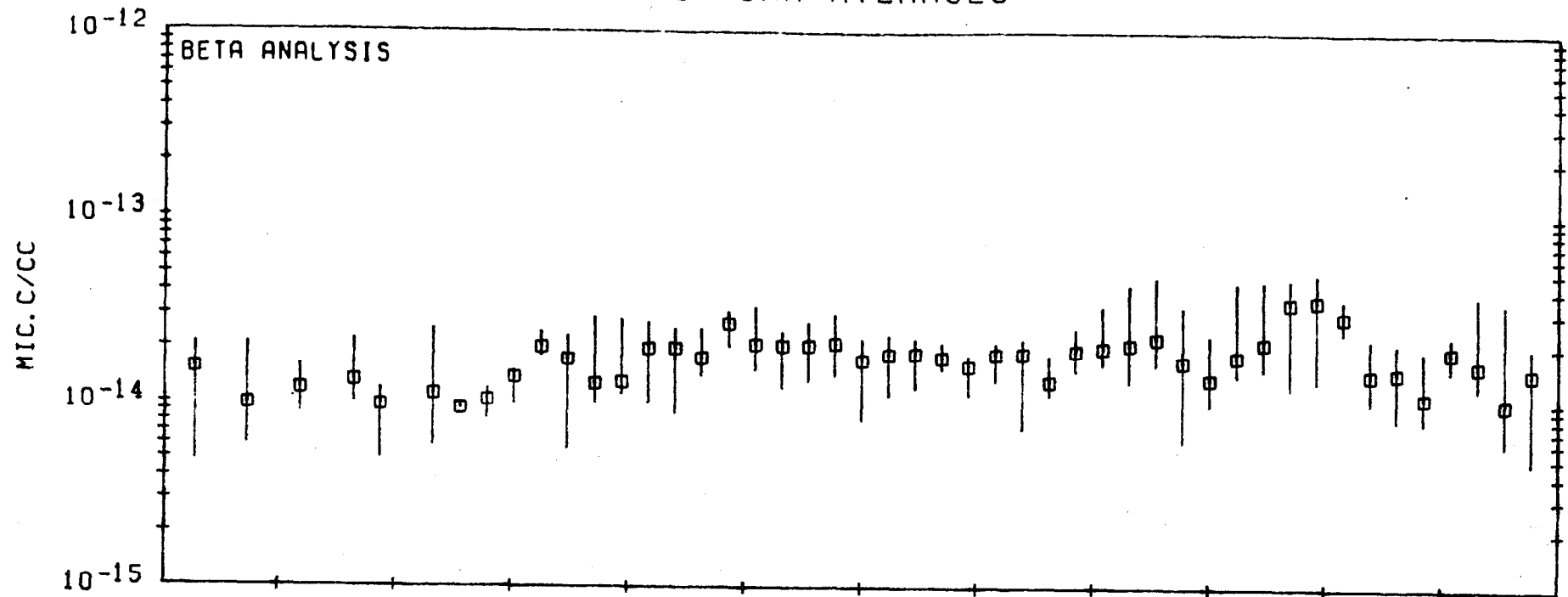
NTS ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE  
AIR SAMPLING LOCATIONS

(Continued)

| <u>Station<br/>Number</u> | <u>Location</u>         |
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| 33                        | Area 3 U3ax South       |
| 34                        | Area 3 U3ax East        |
| 35                        | Area 3 U3ax North       |
| 36                        | Area 3 U3ax West        |
| 37                        | Area 7 UE7ns            |
| 38                        | Area 15 EPA Farm        |
| 39                        | Area 5 RWMS #5          |
| 40                        | Area 5 RWMS #6          |
| 41                        | Area 5 RWMS #7          |
| 42                        | Area 5 RWMS #8          |
| 43                        | Area 5 RWMS #9          |
| 44                        | Area 15 Pile Driver     |
| *45                       | Area 19 19-3 Substation |
| 46                        | Area 20 Dispensary      |
| 47                        | Area 3 Complex #2       |
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\*Discontinued in August, 1983 because power substation was shutdown.

# HIM NETWORK AVERAGES





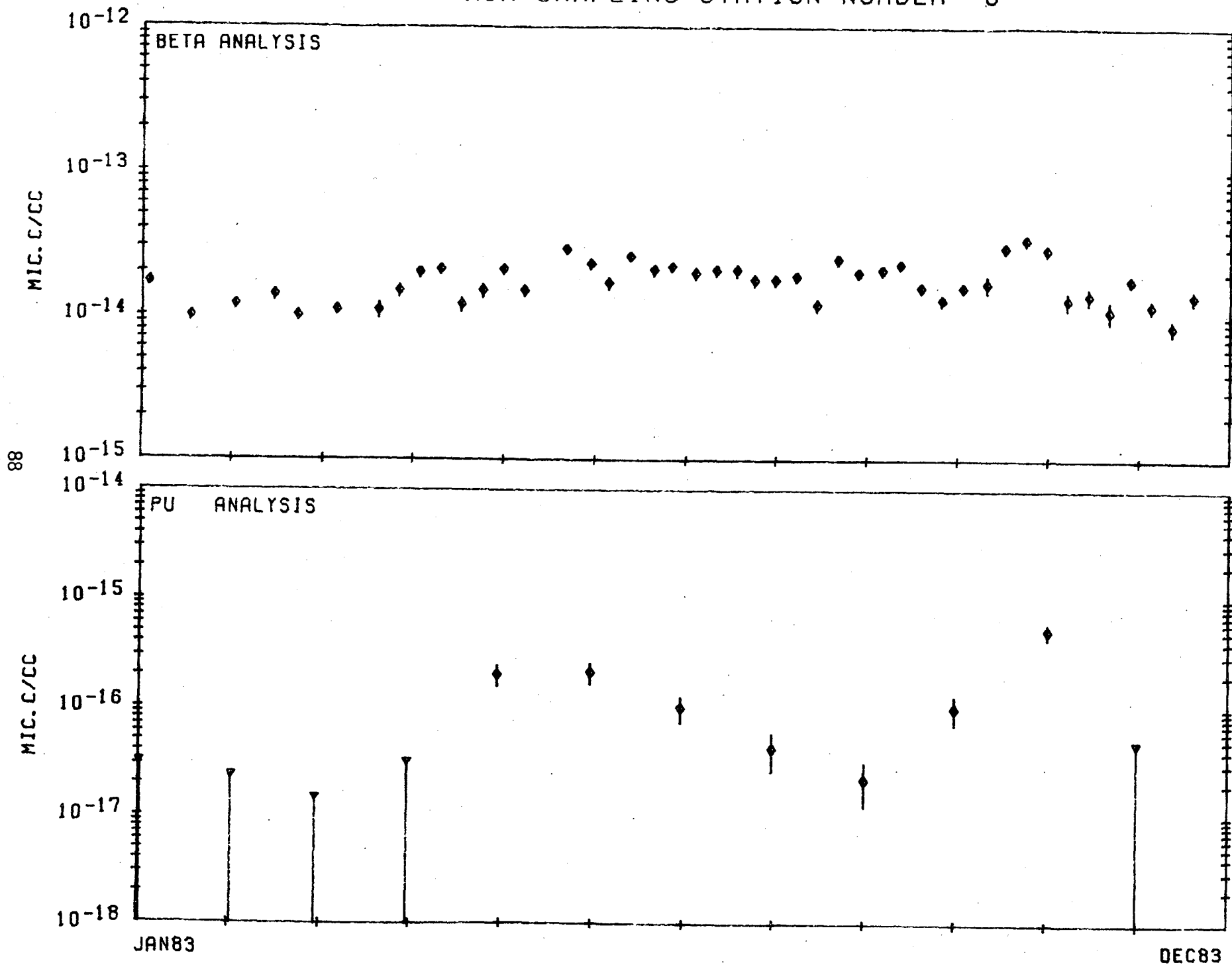






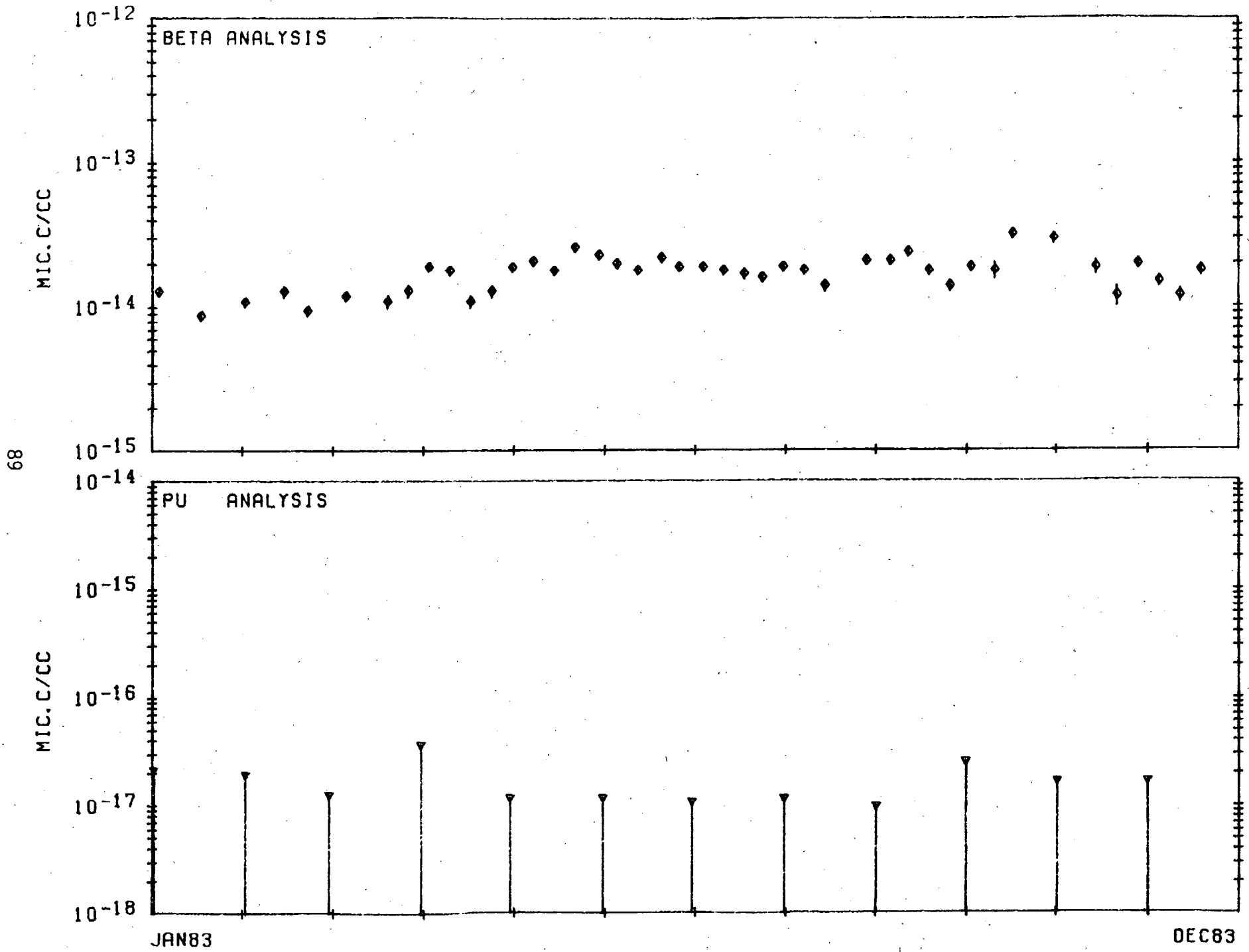


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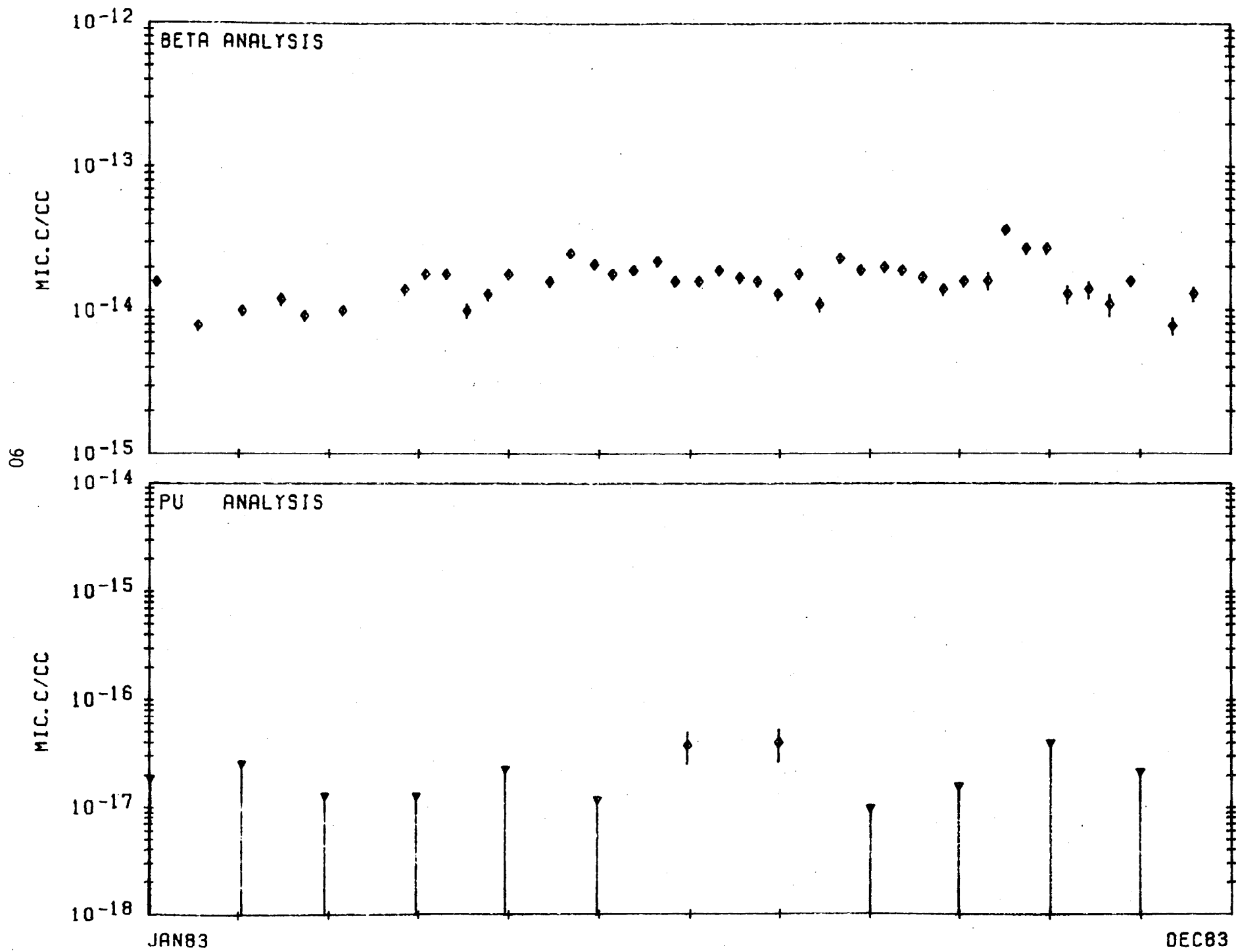




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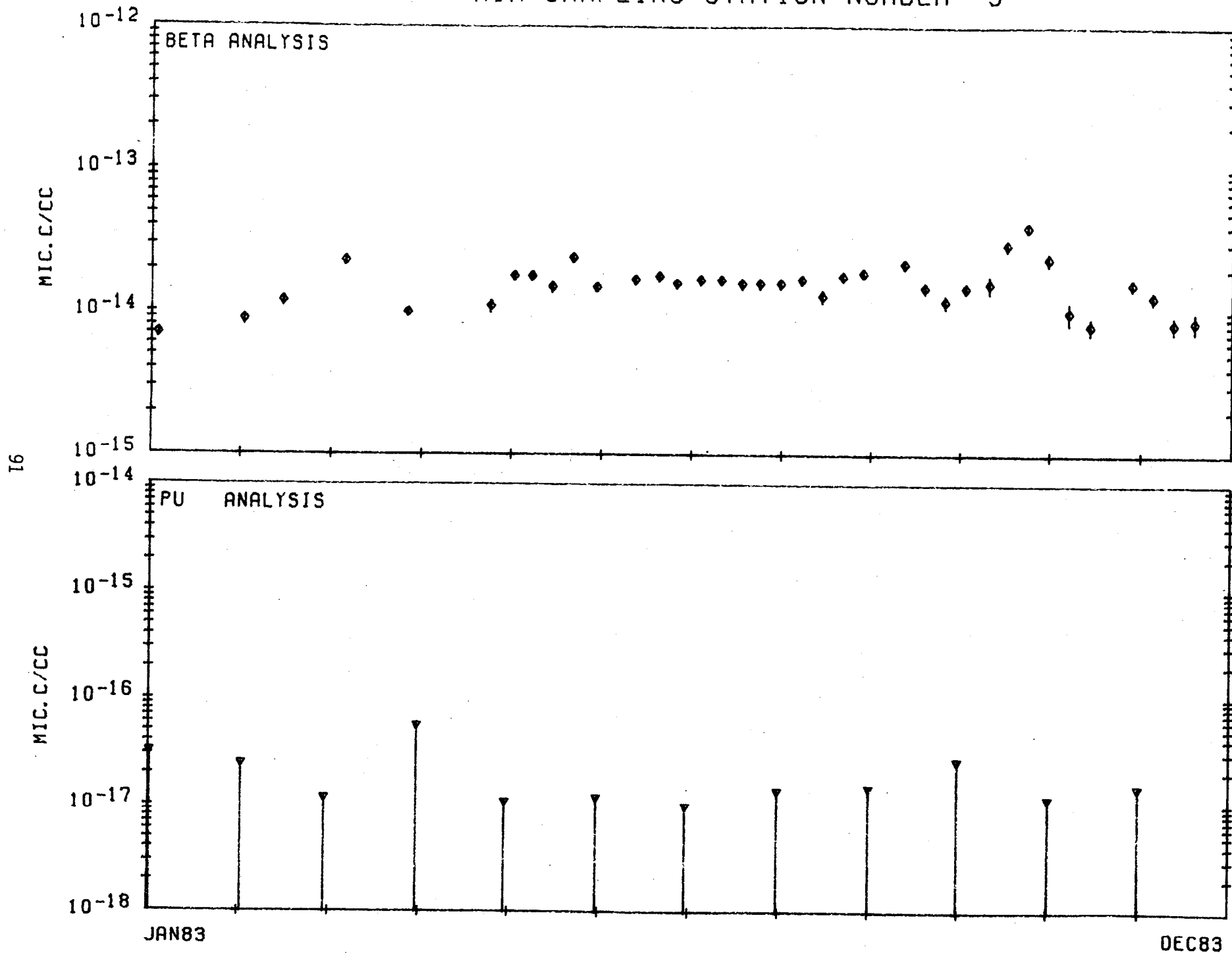


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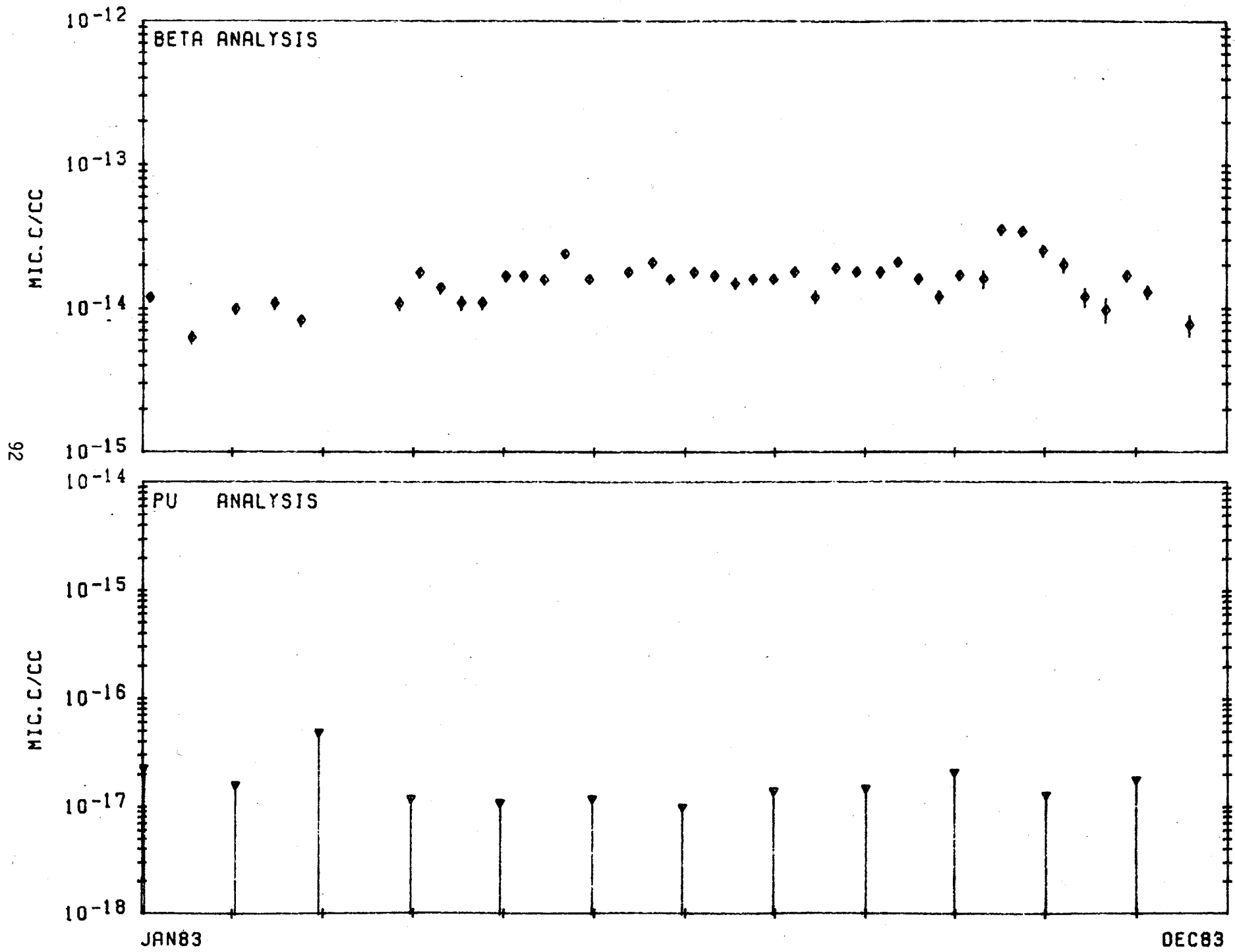
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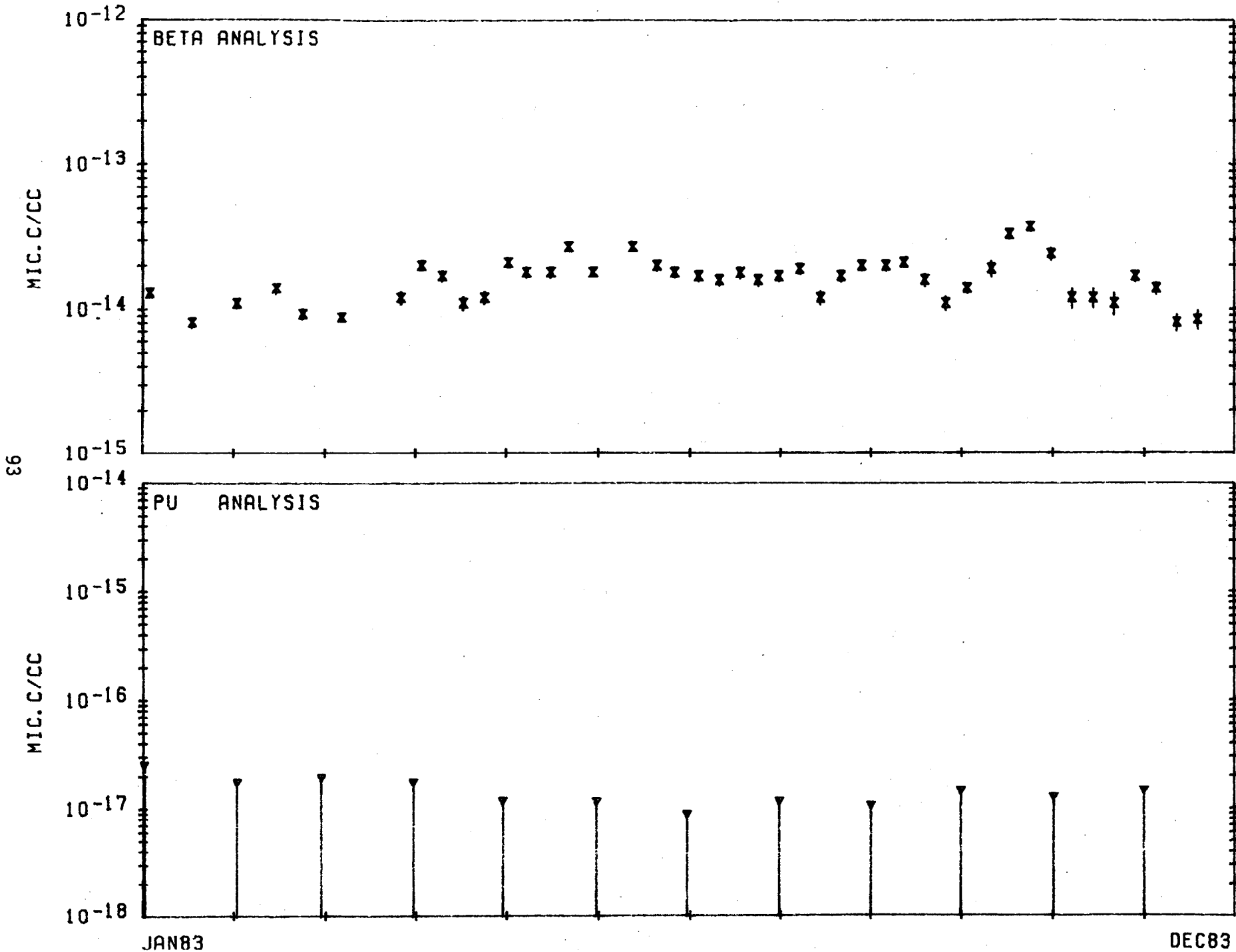
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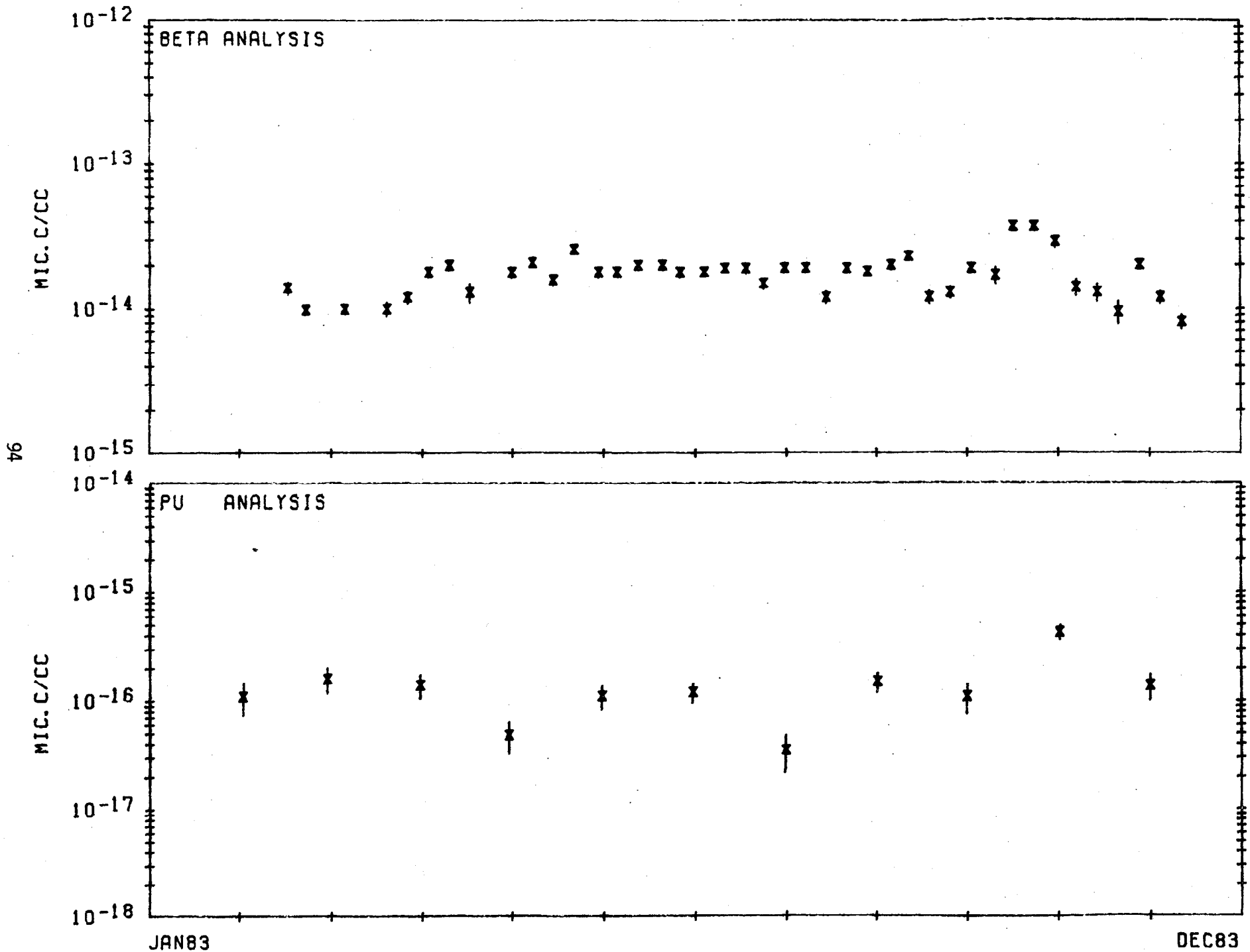
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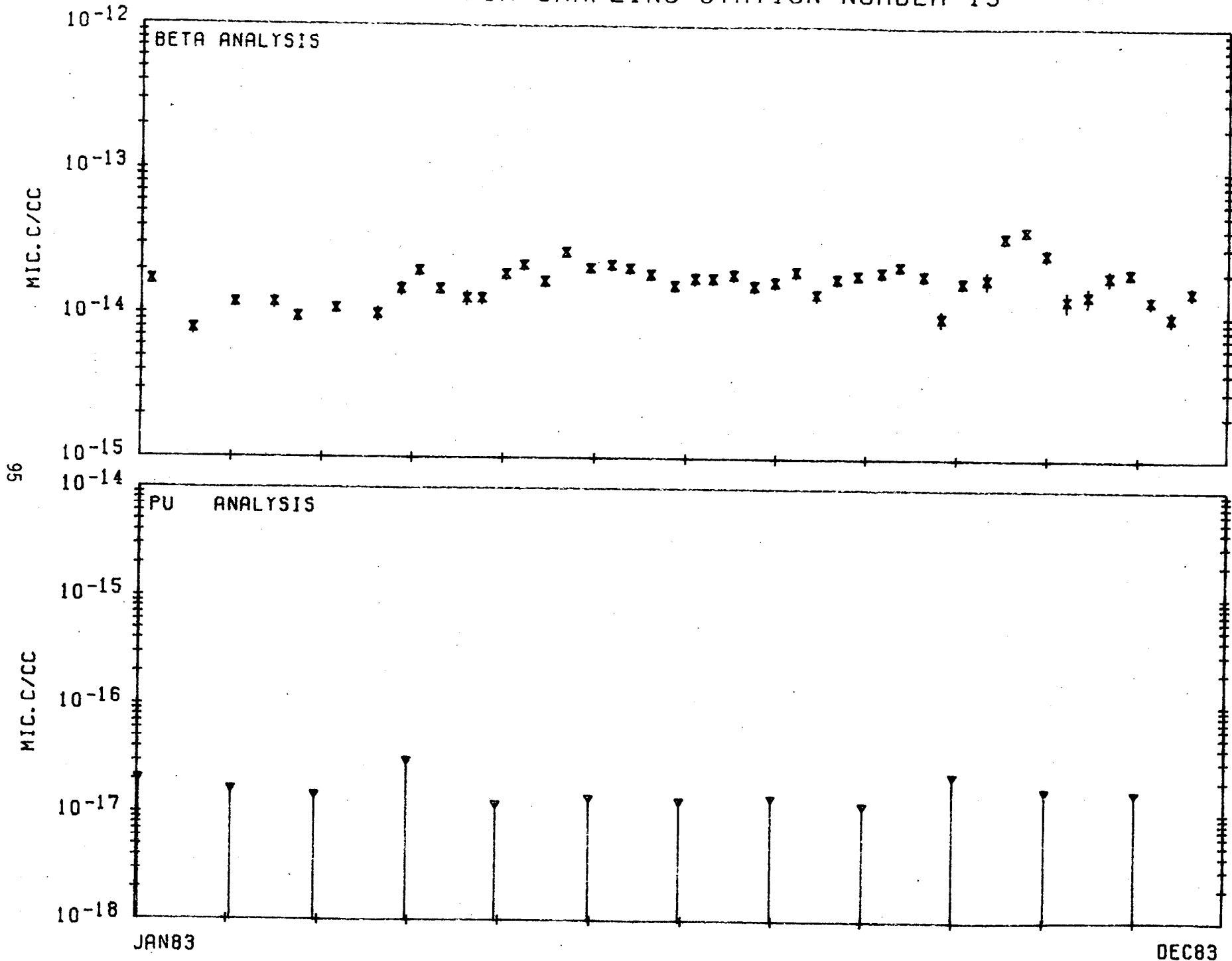
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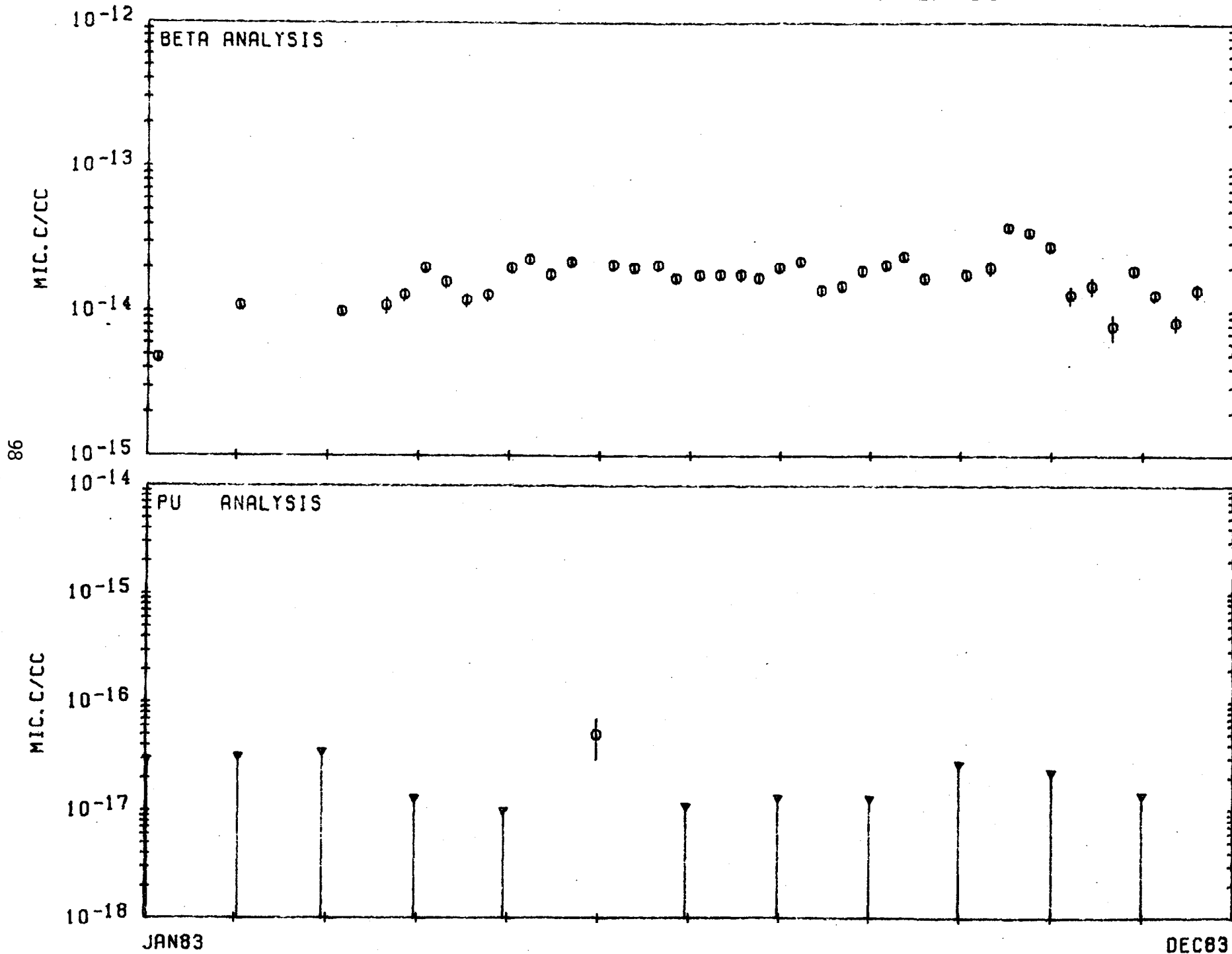






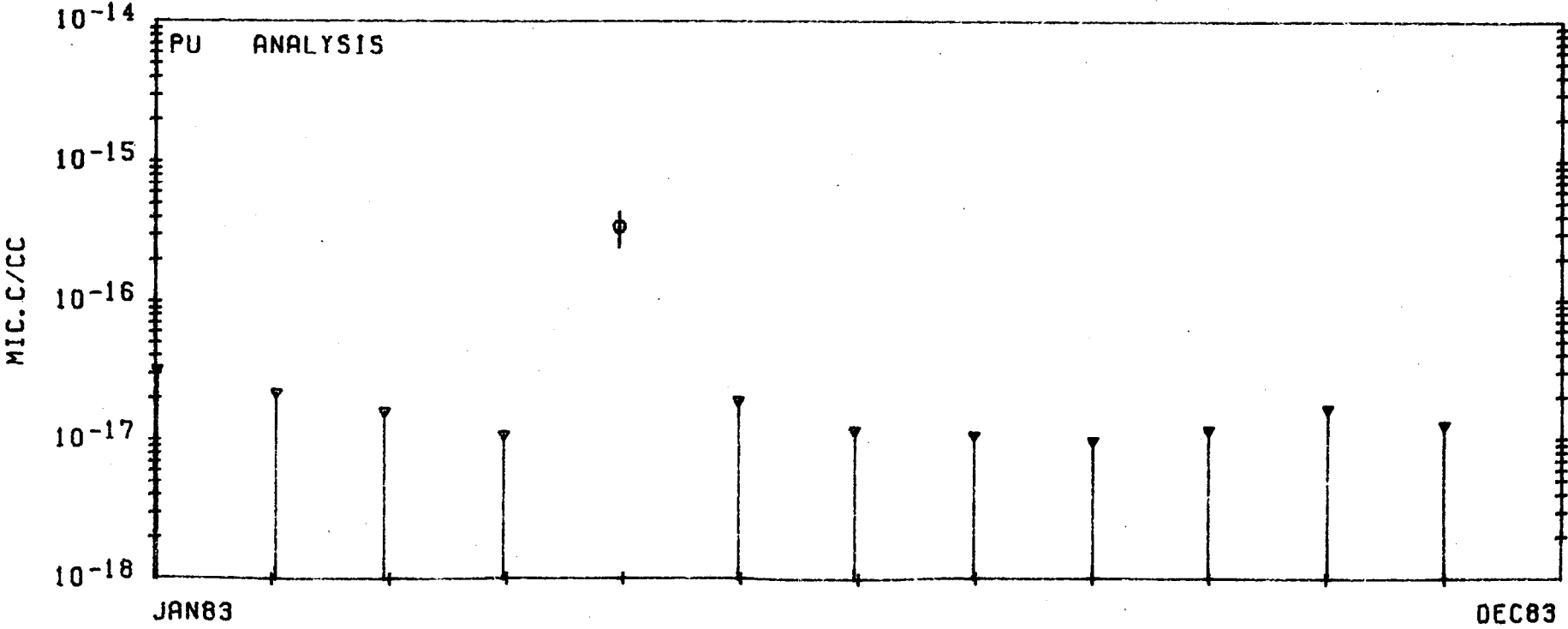
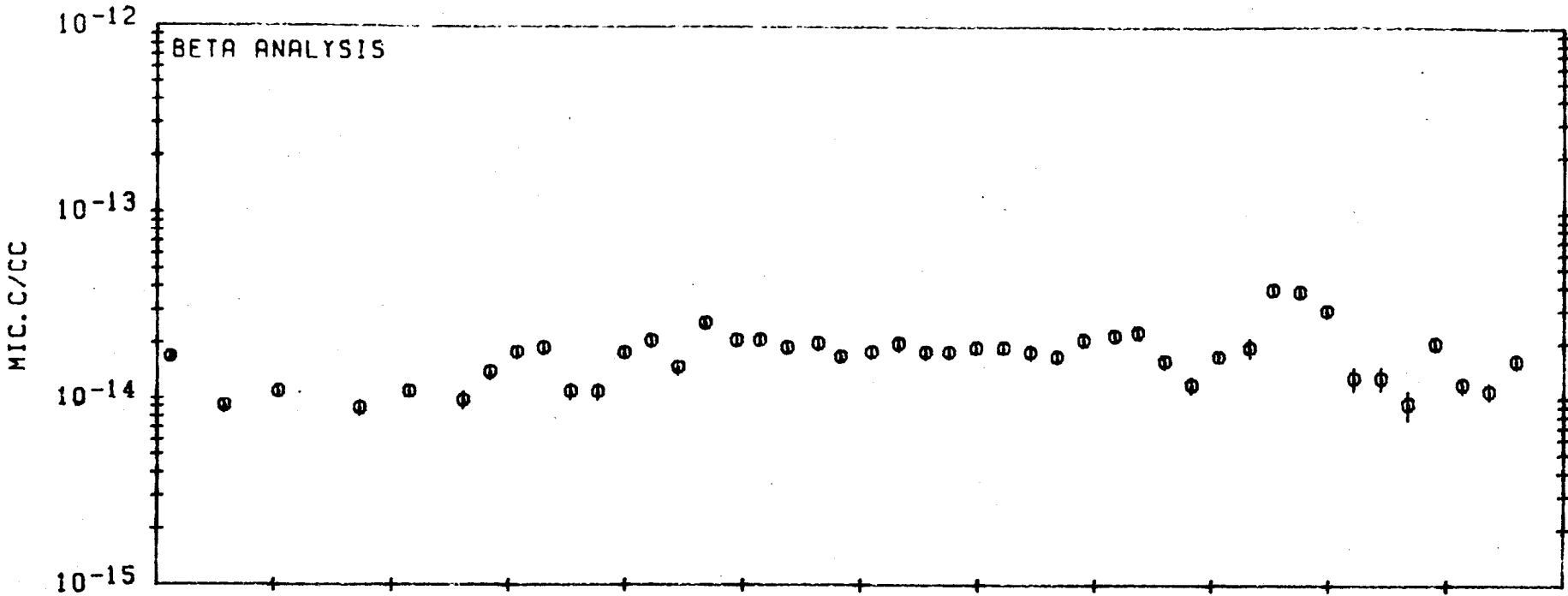


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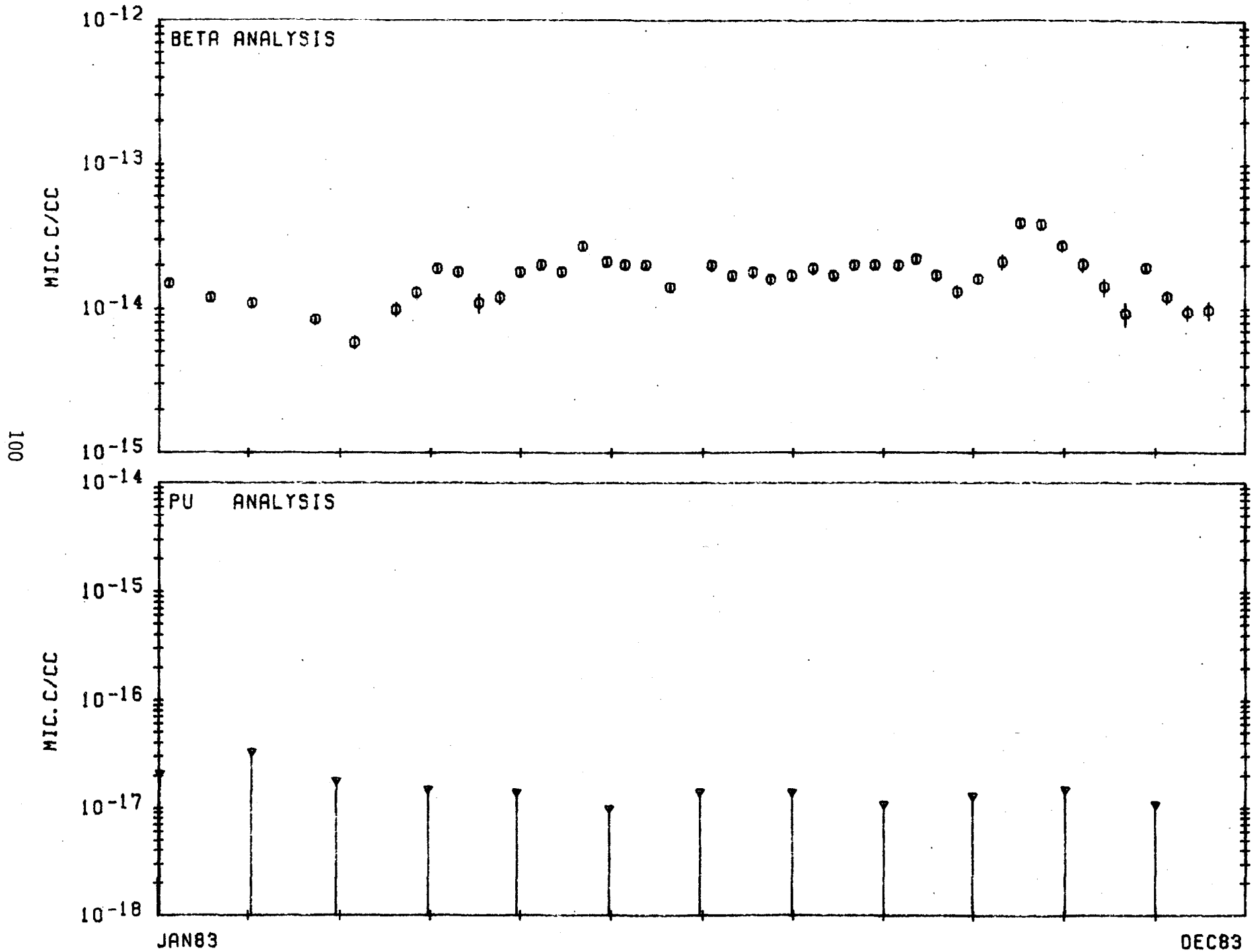
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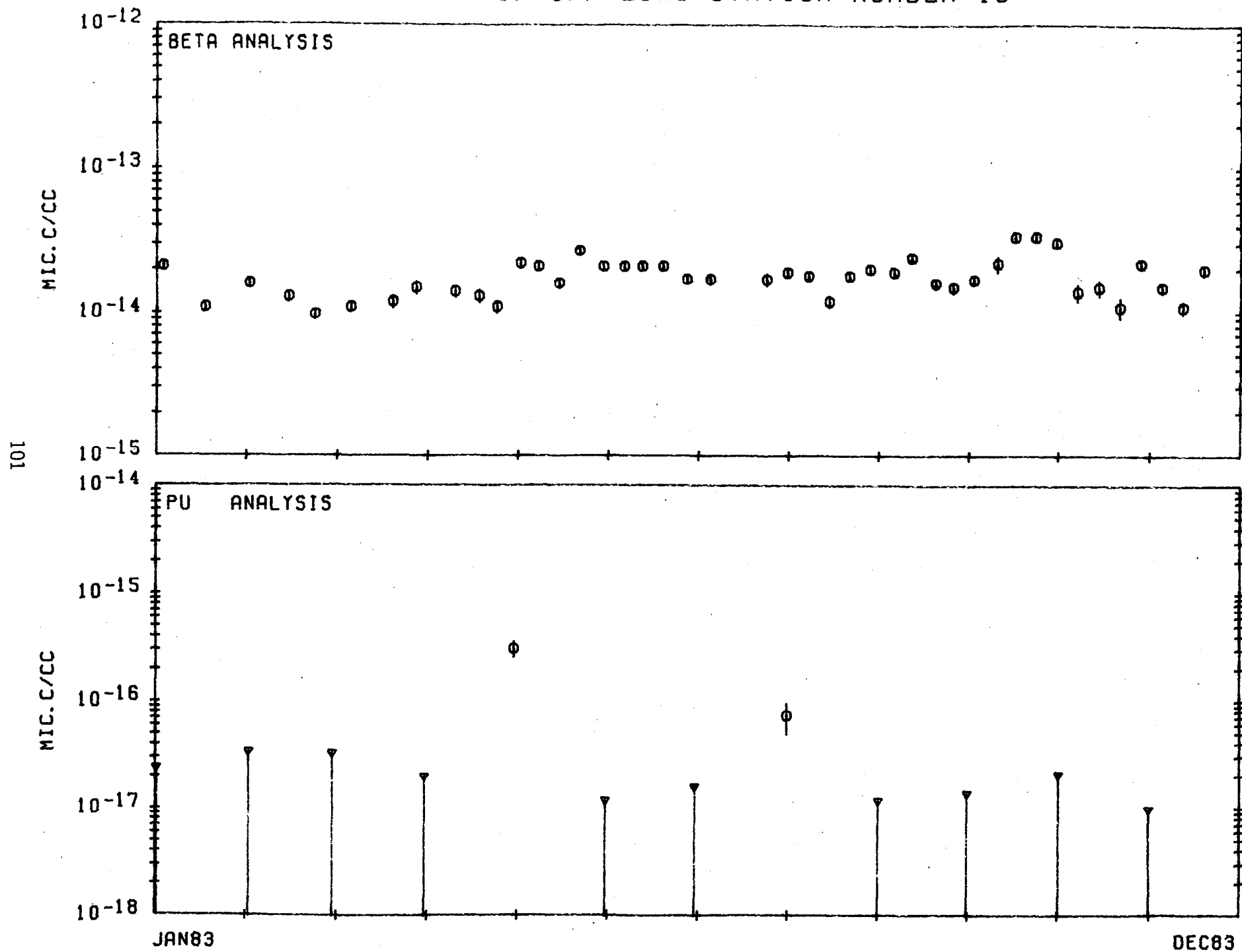
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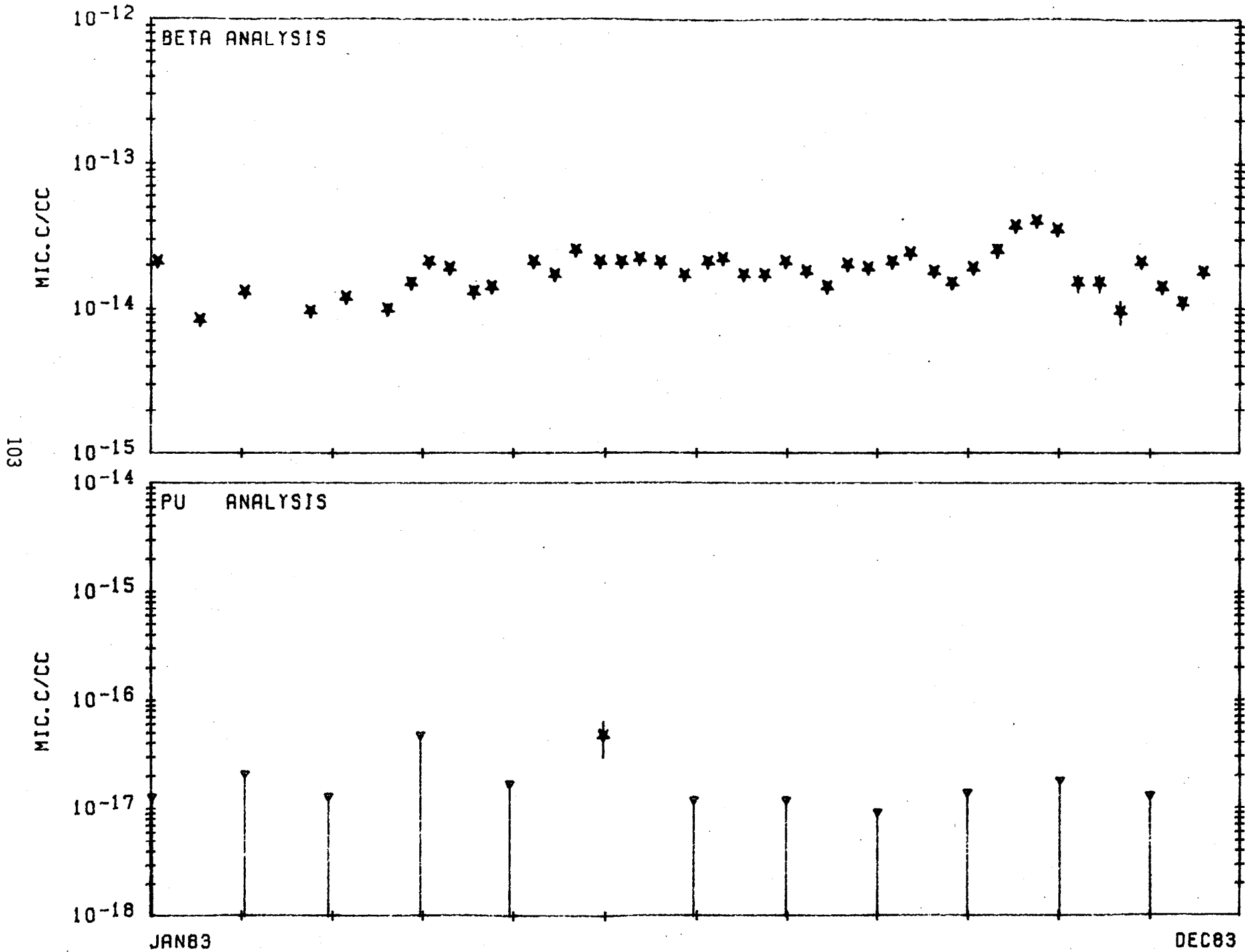


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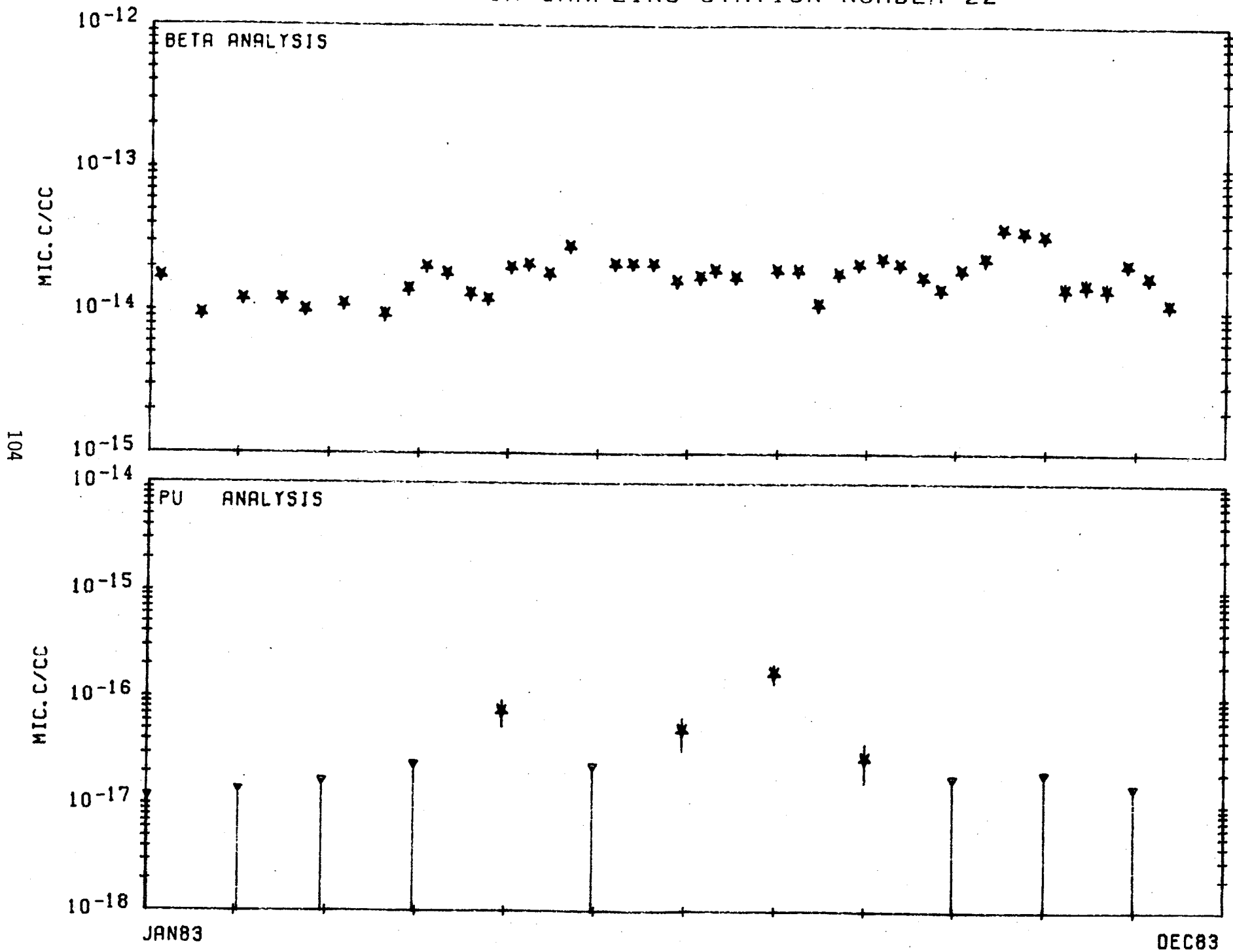




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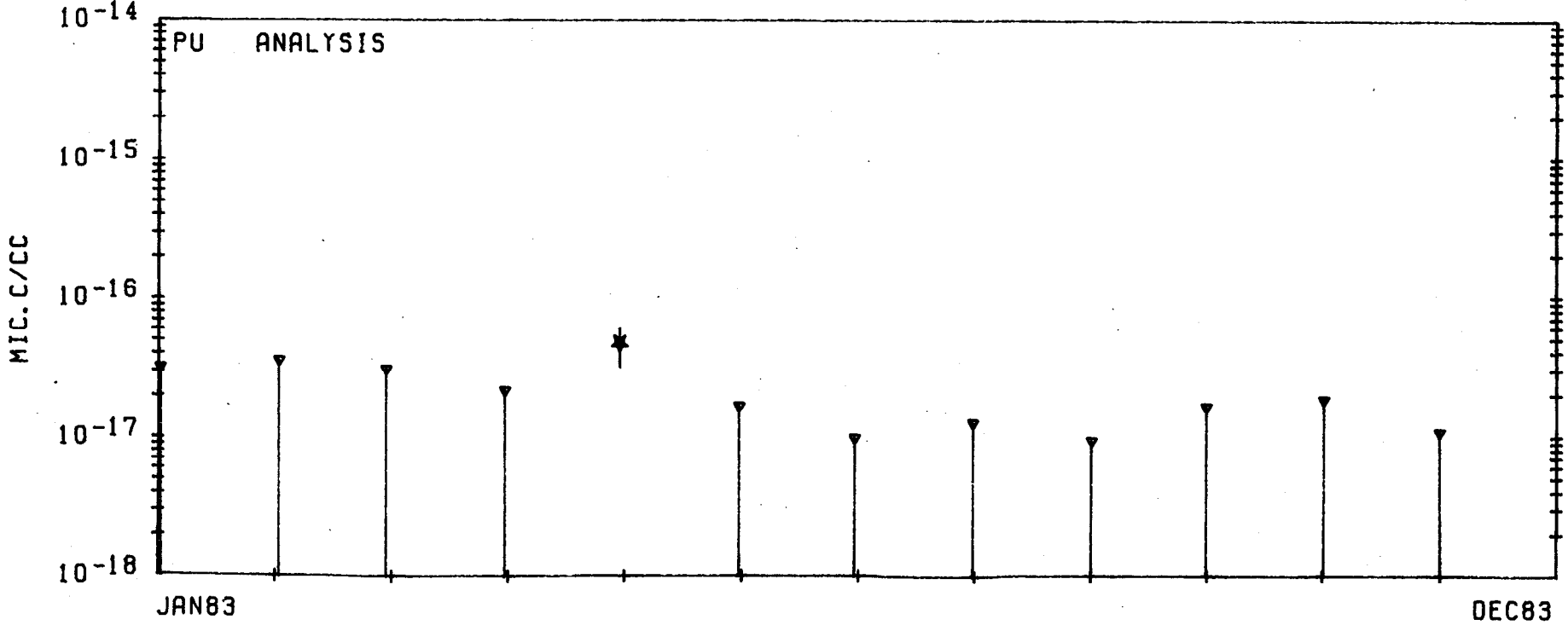
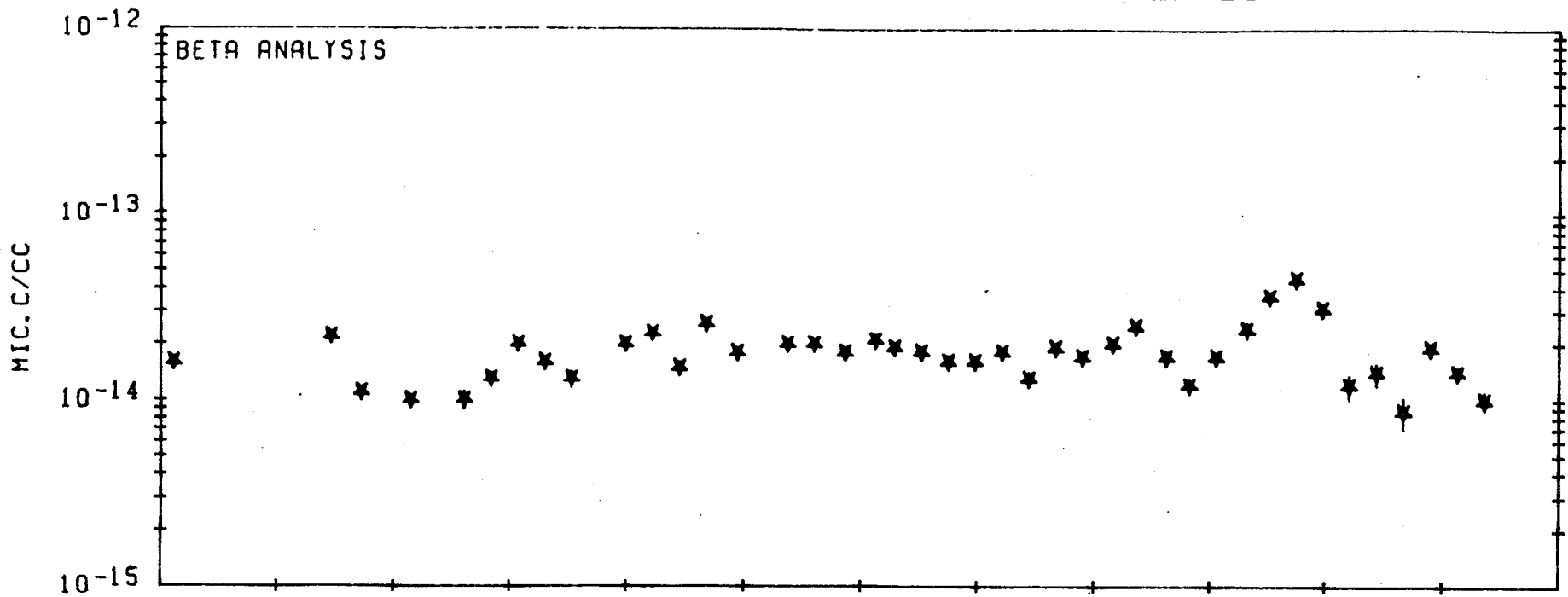
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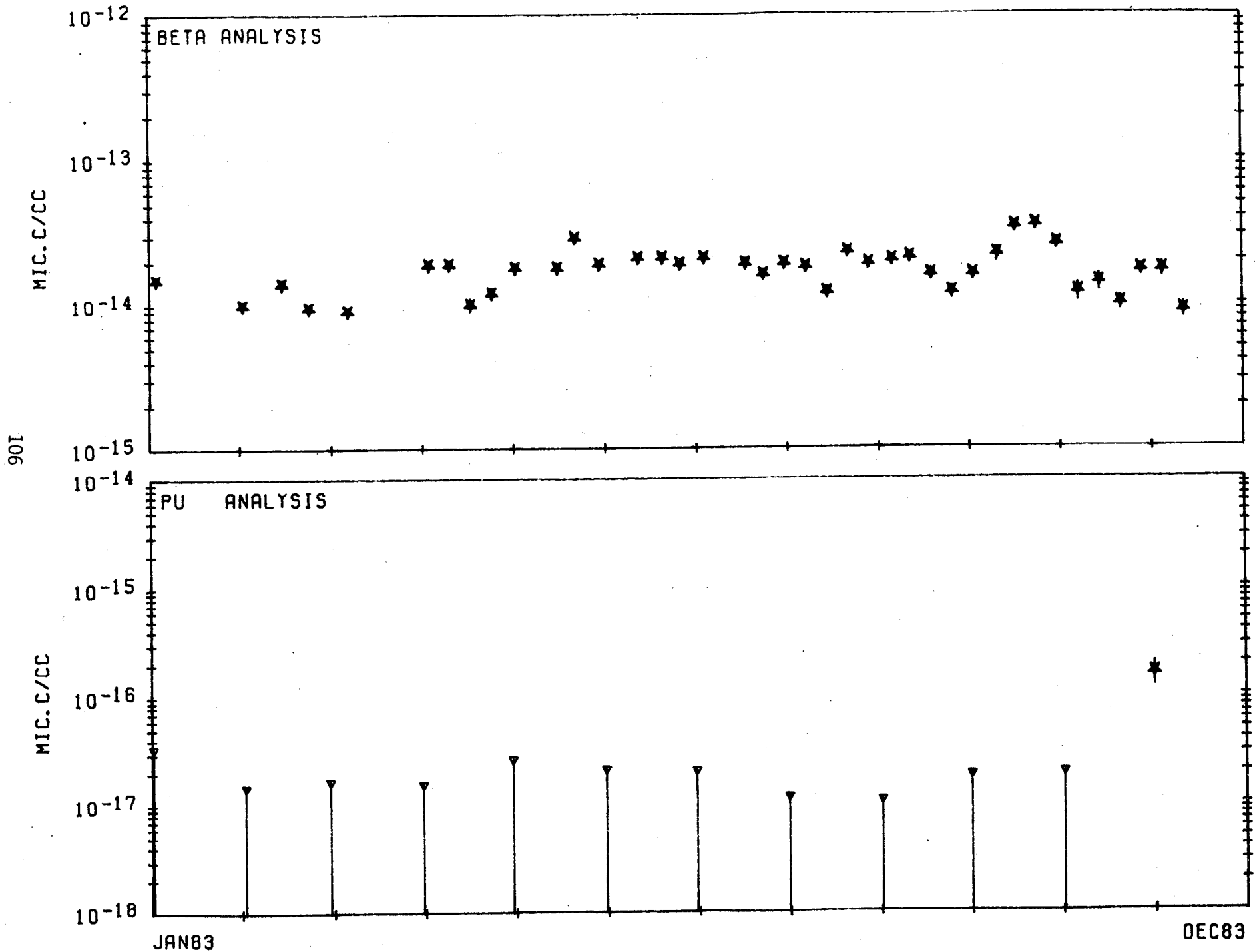


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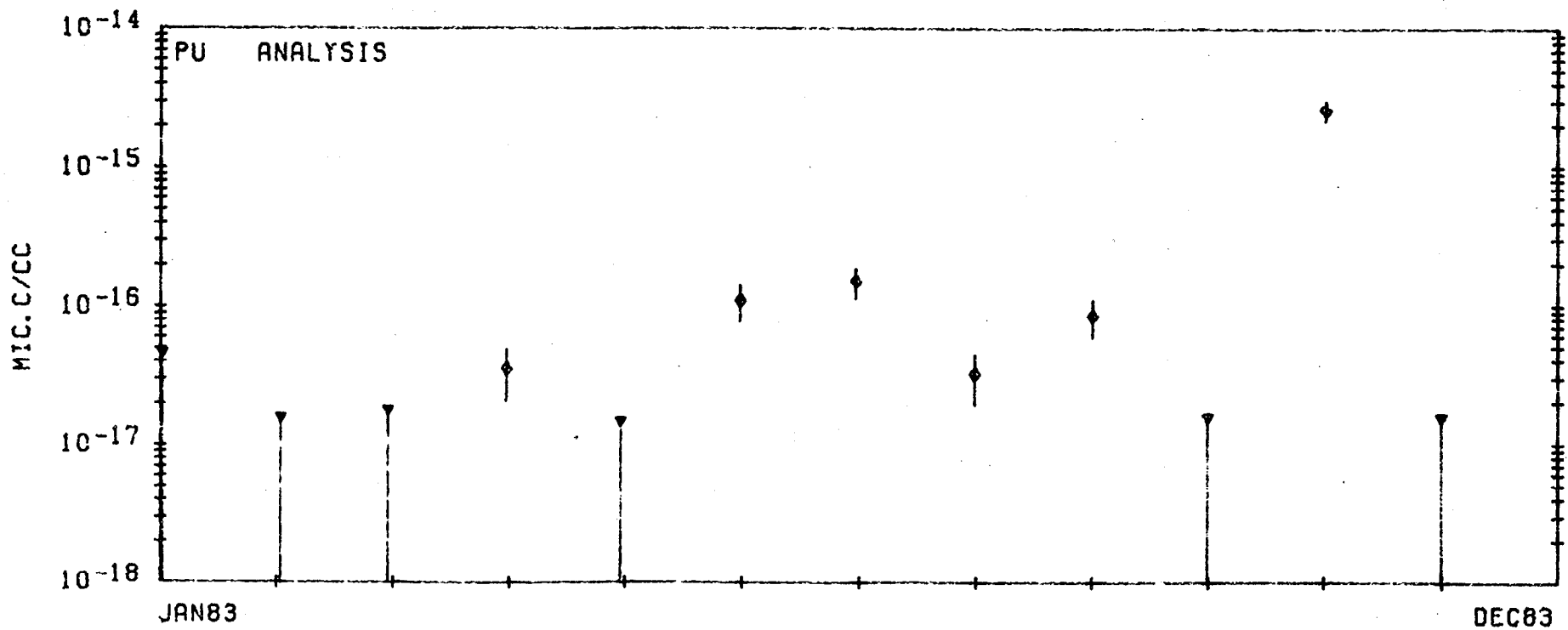
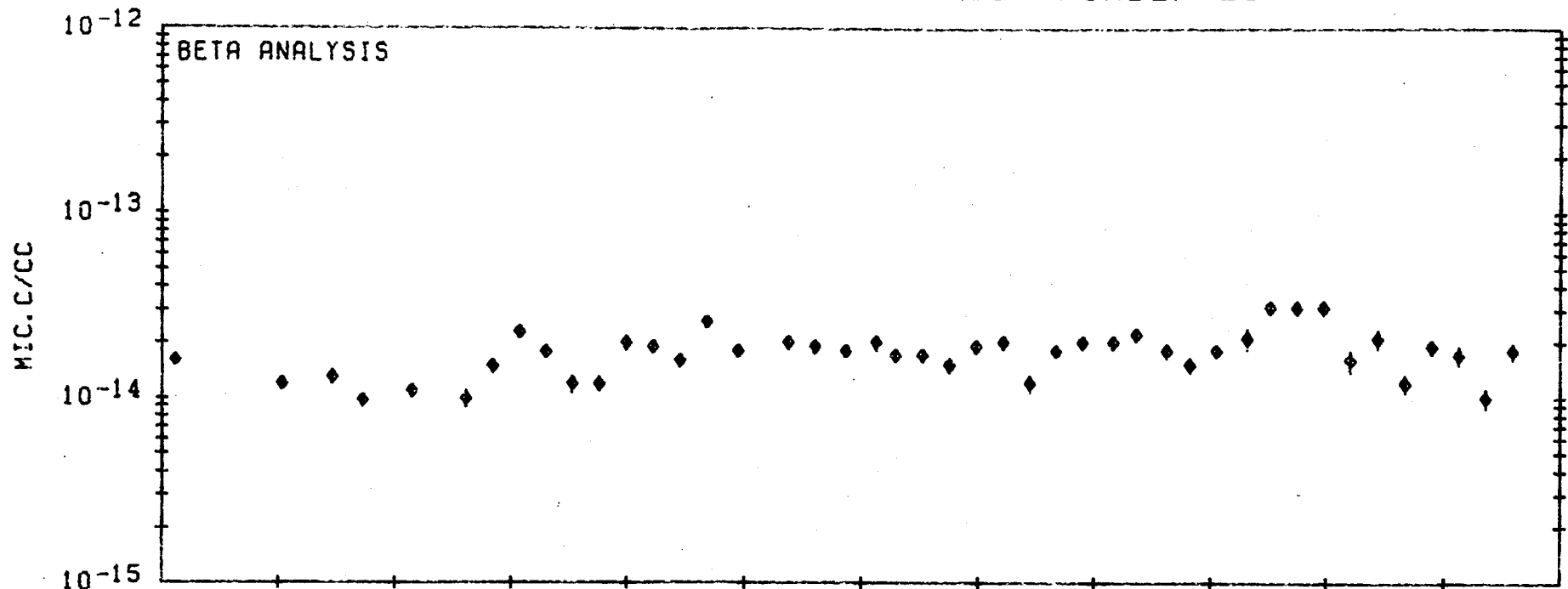


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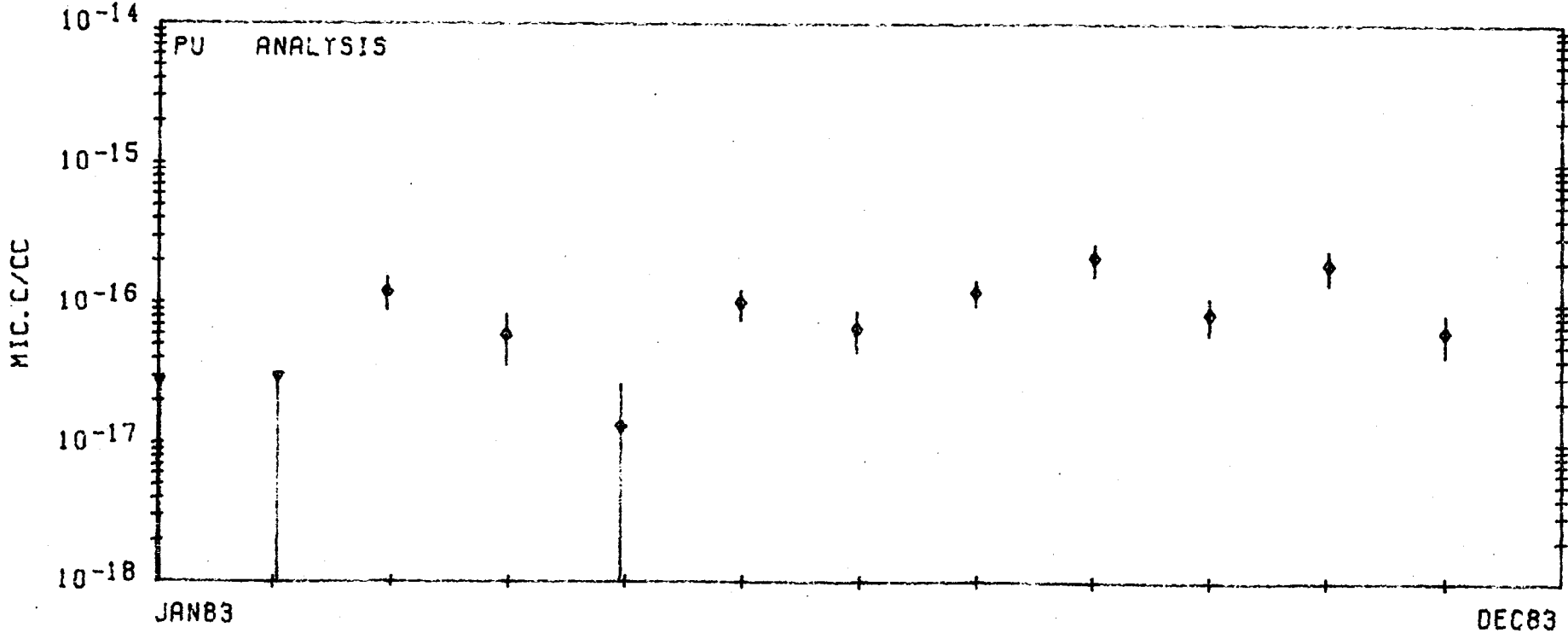
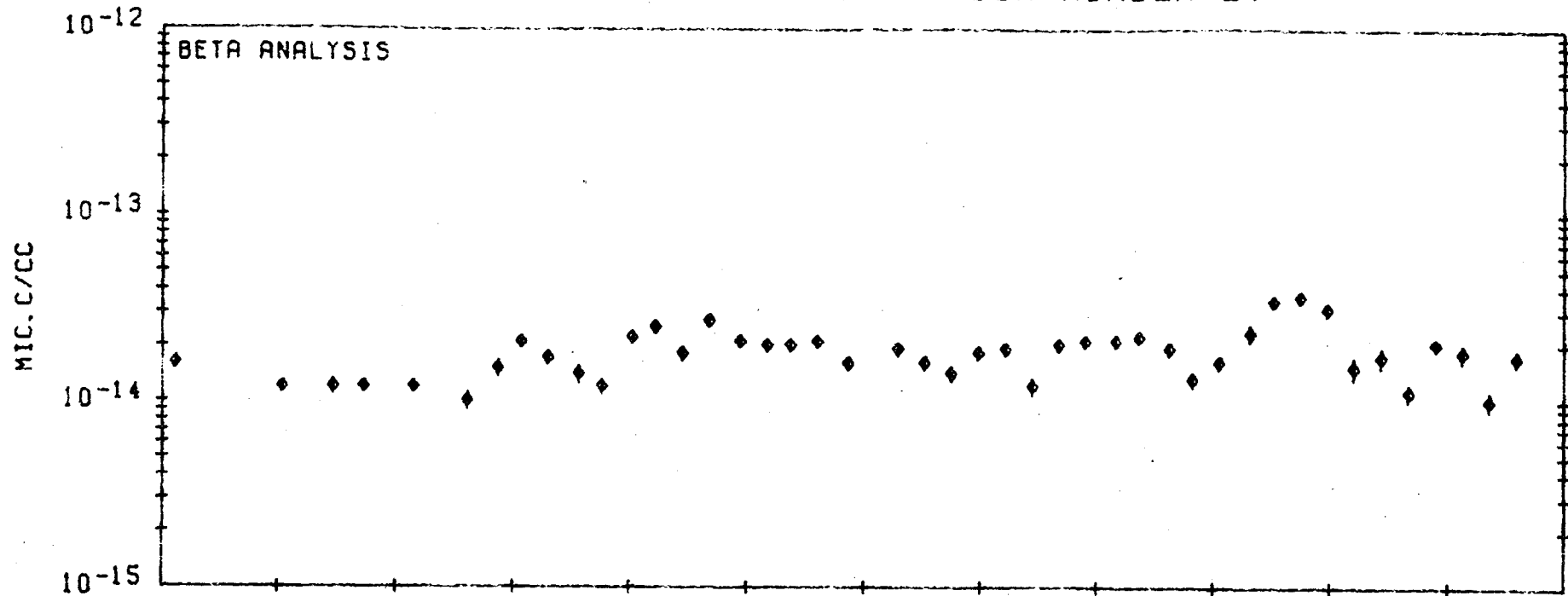
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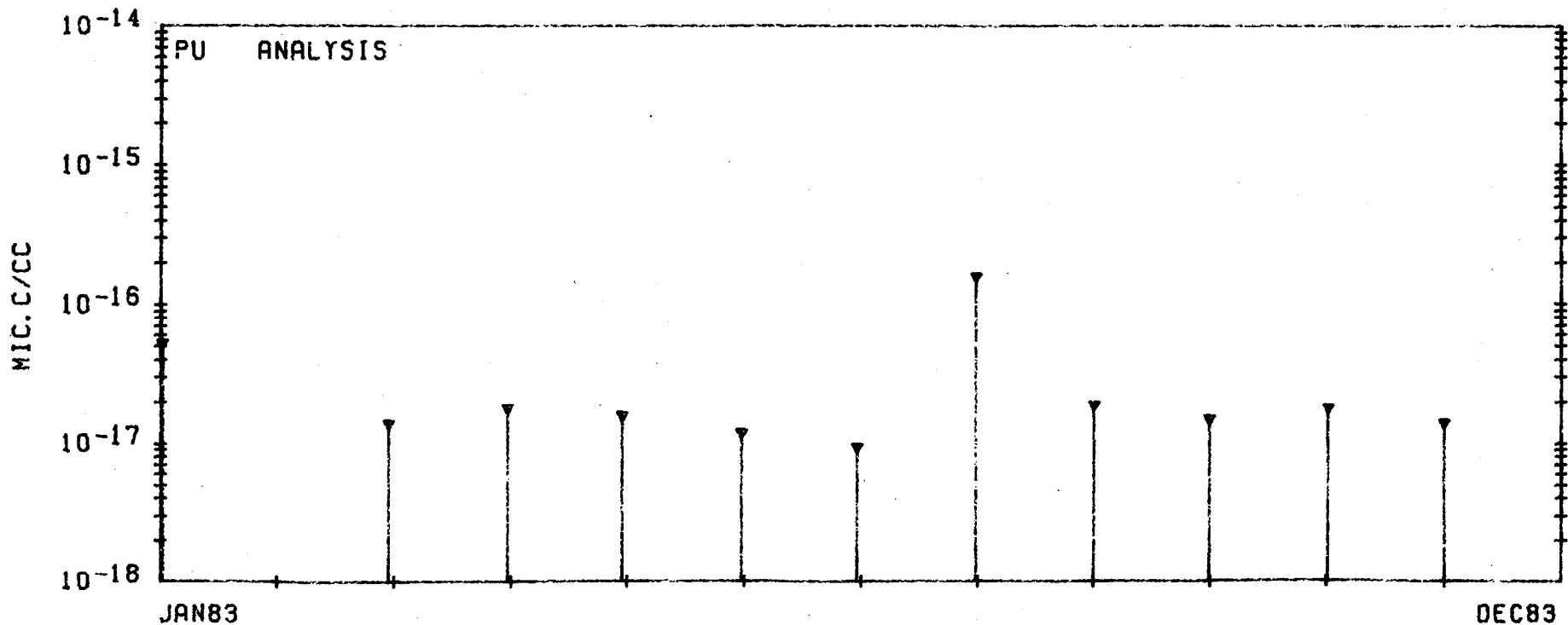
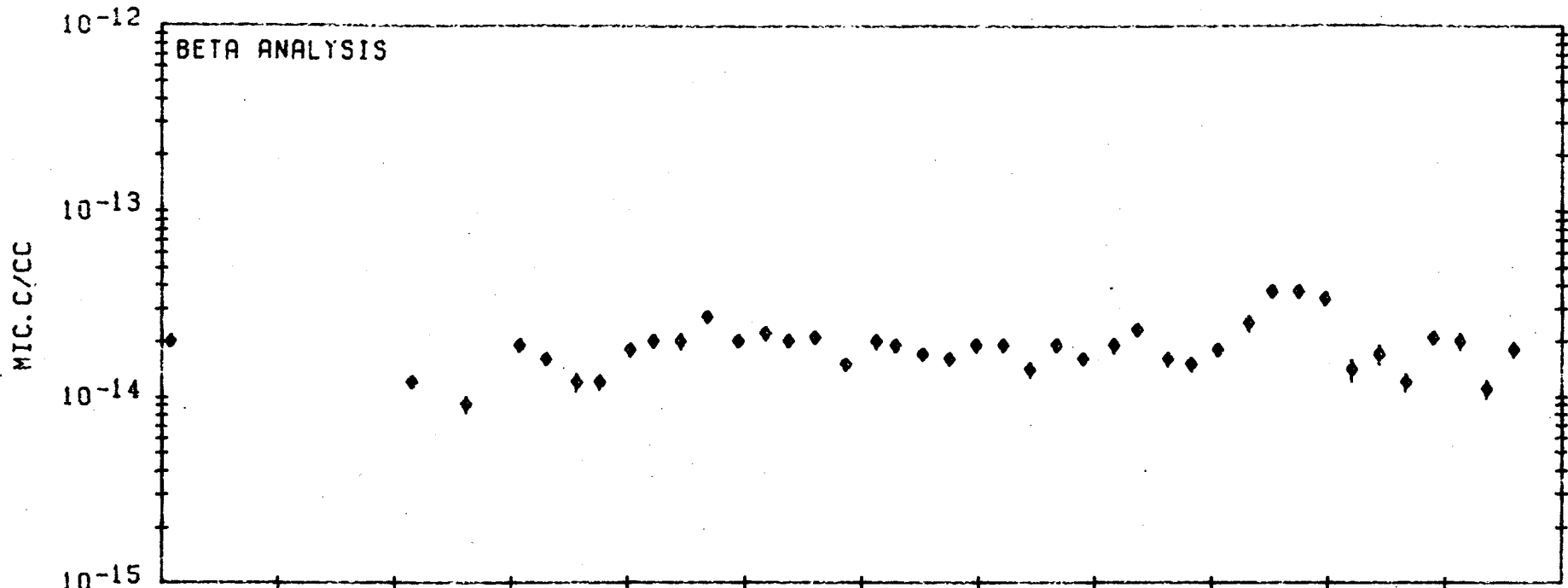


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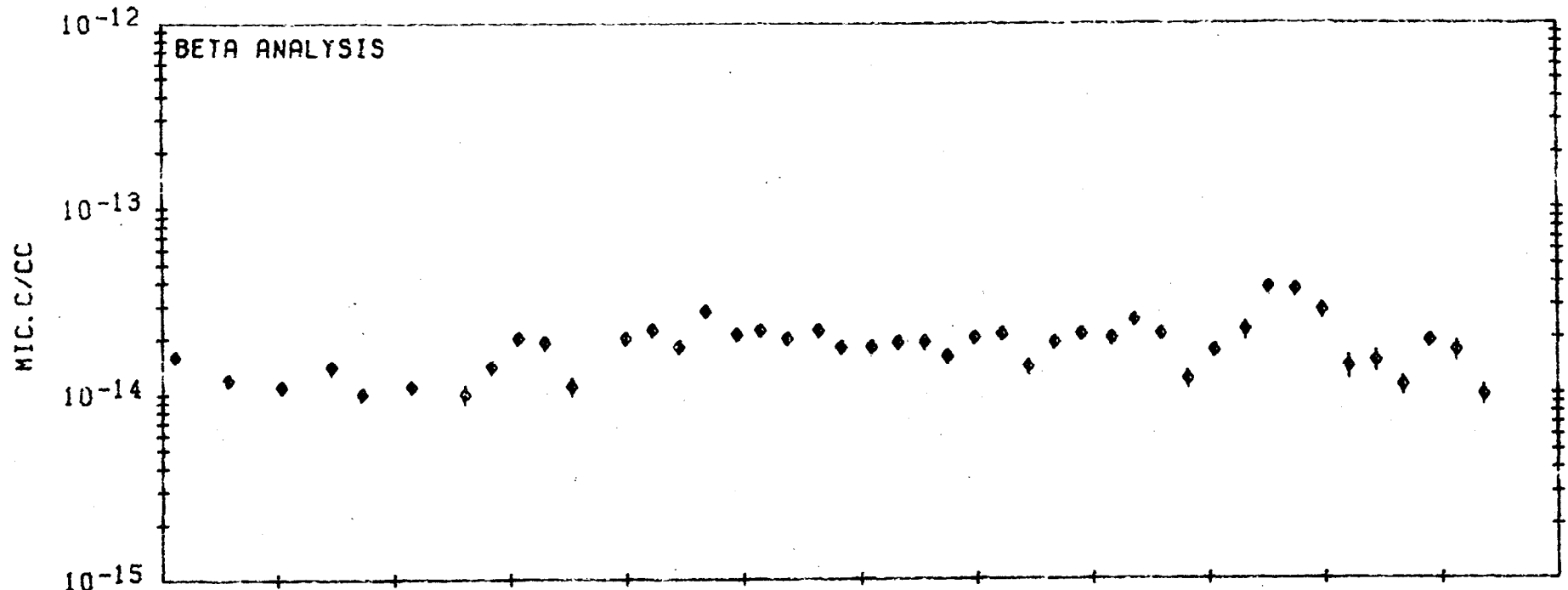
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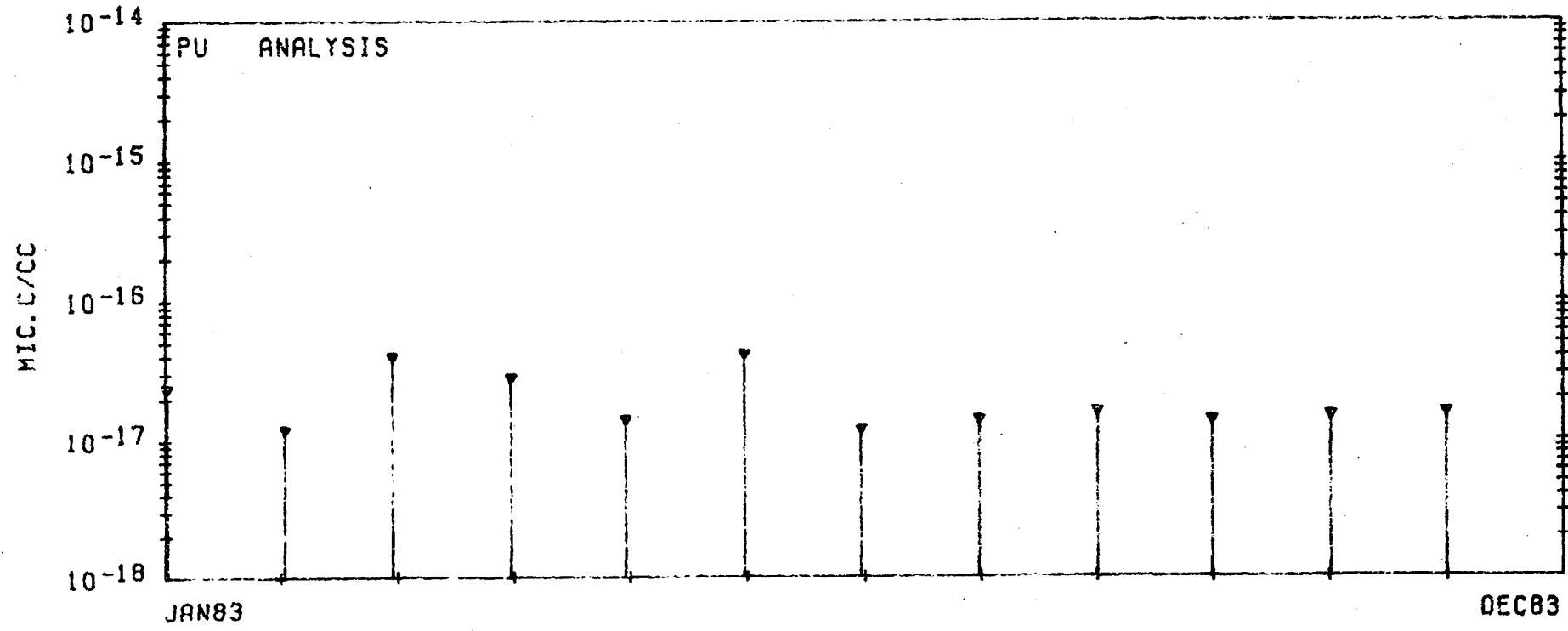




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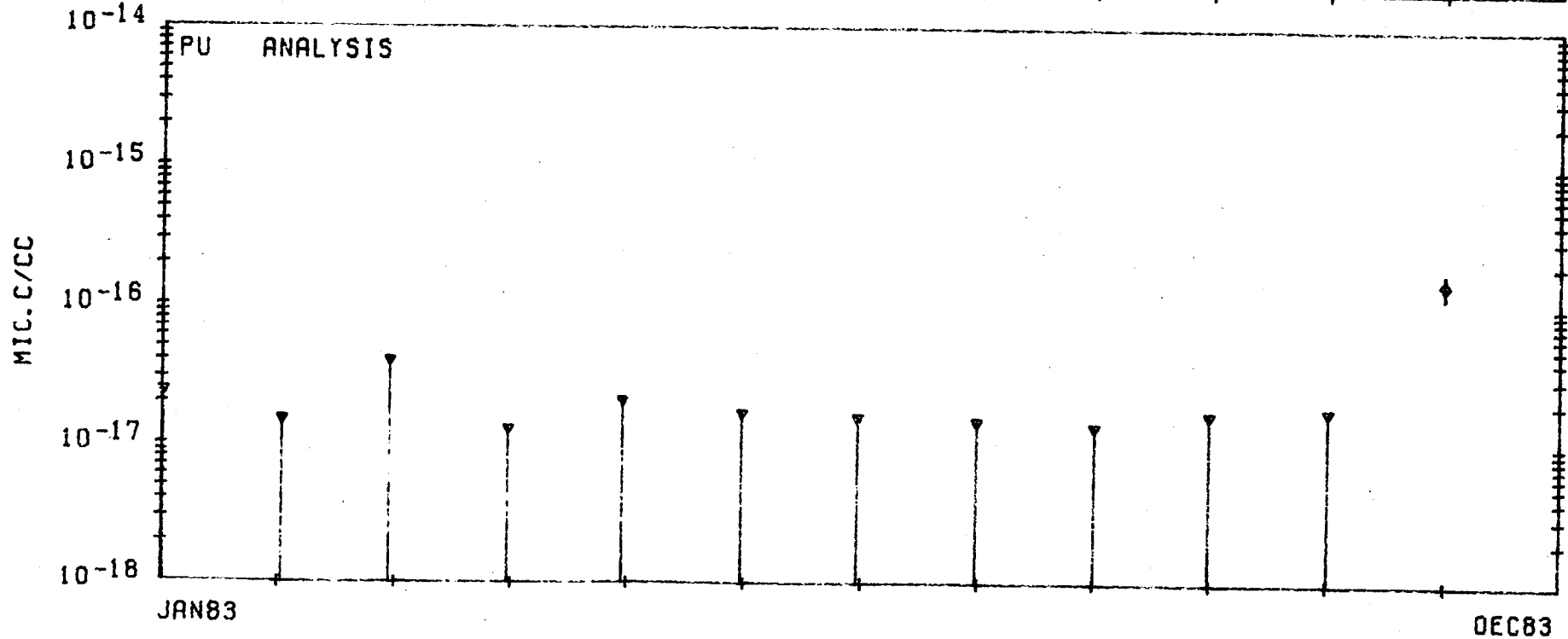
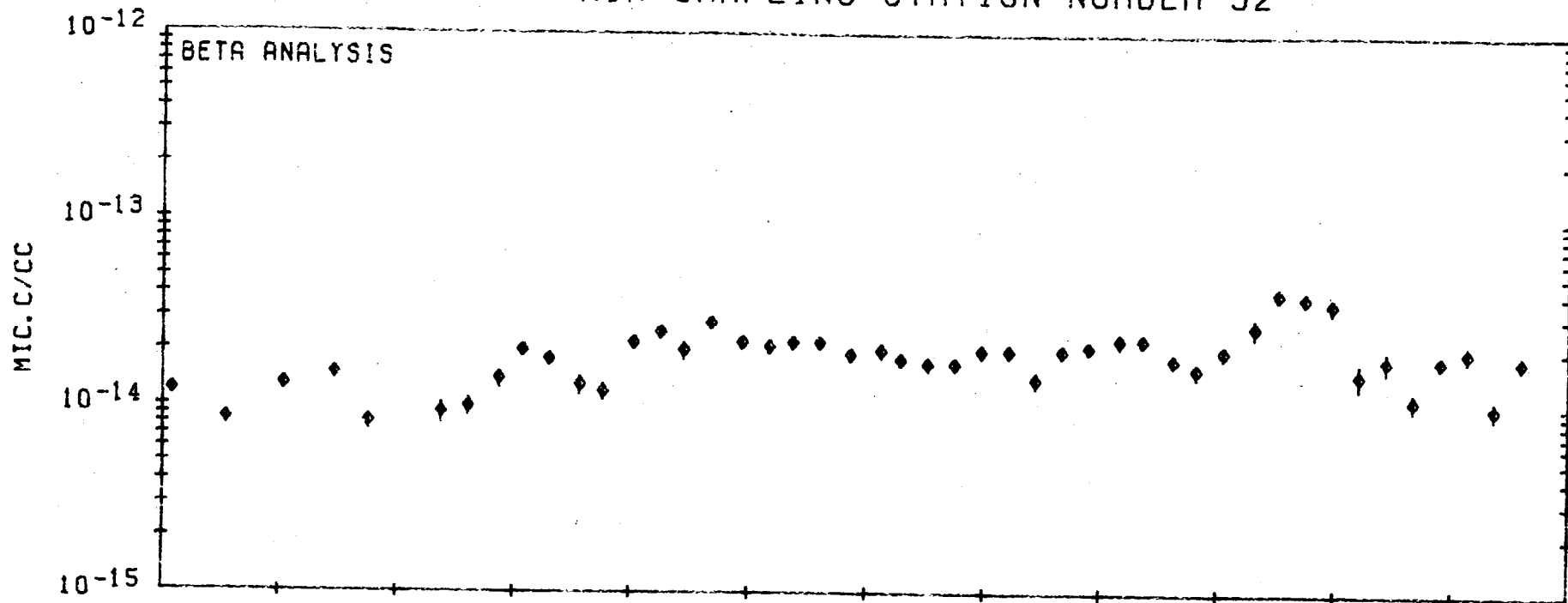
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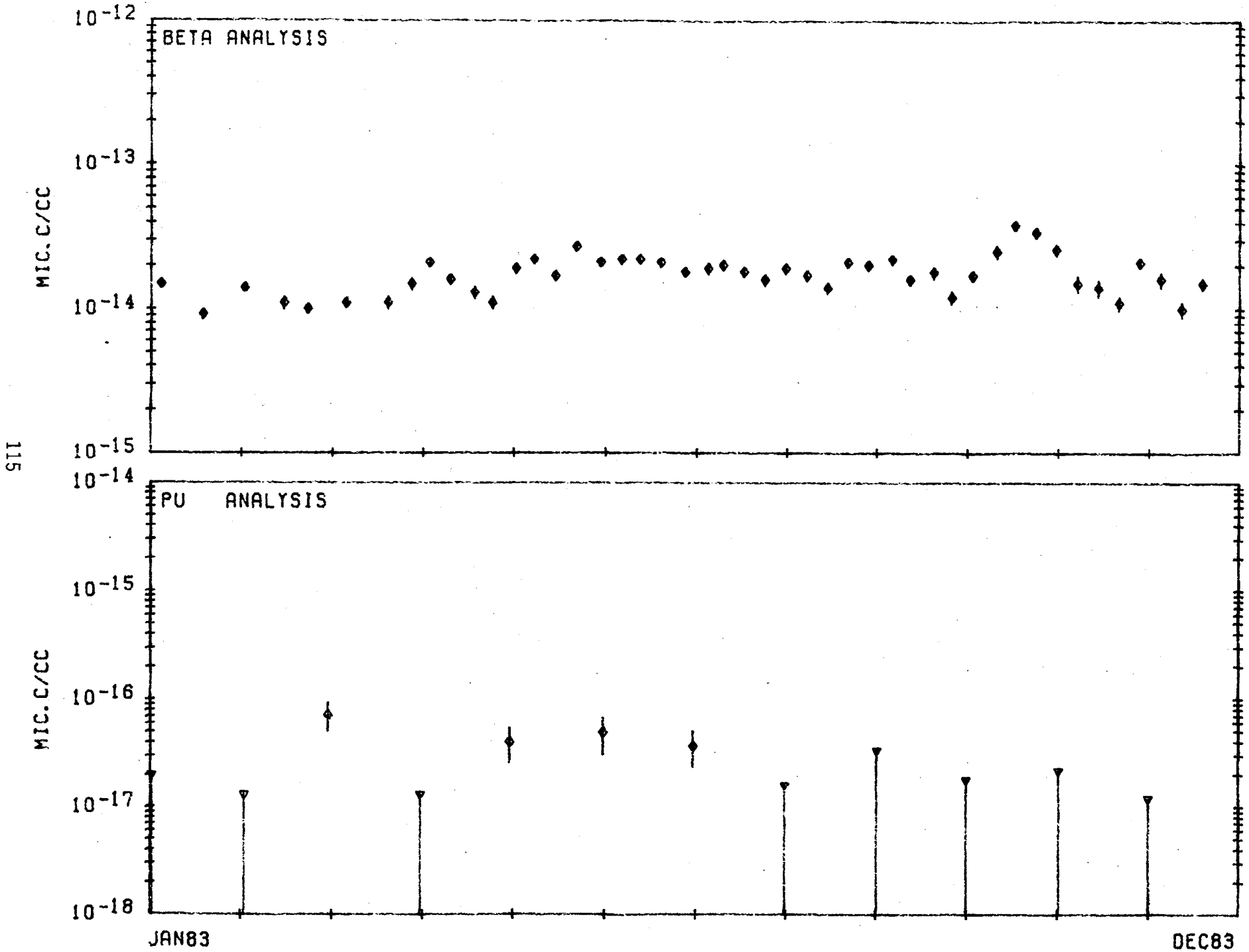
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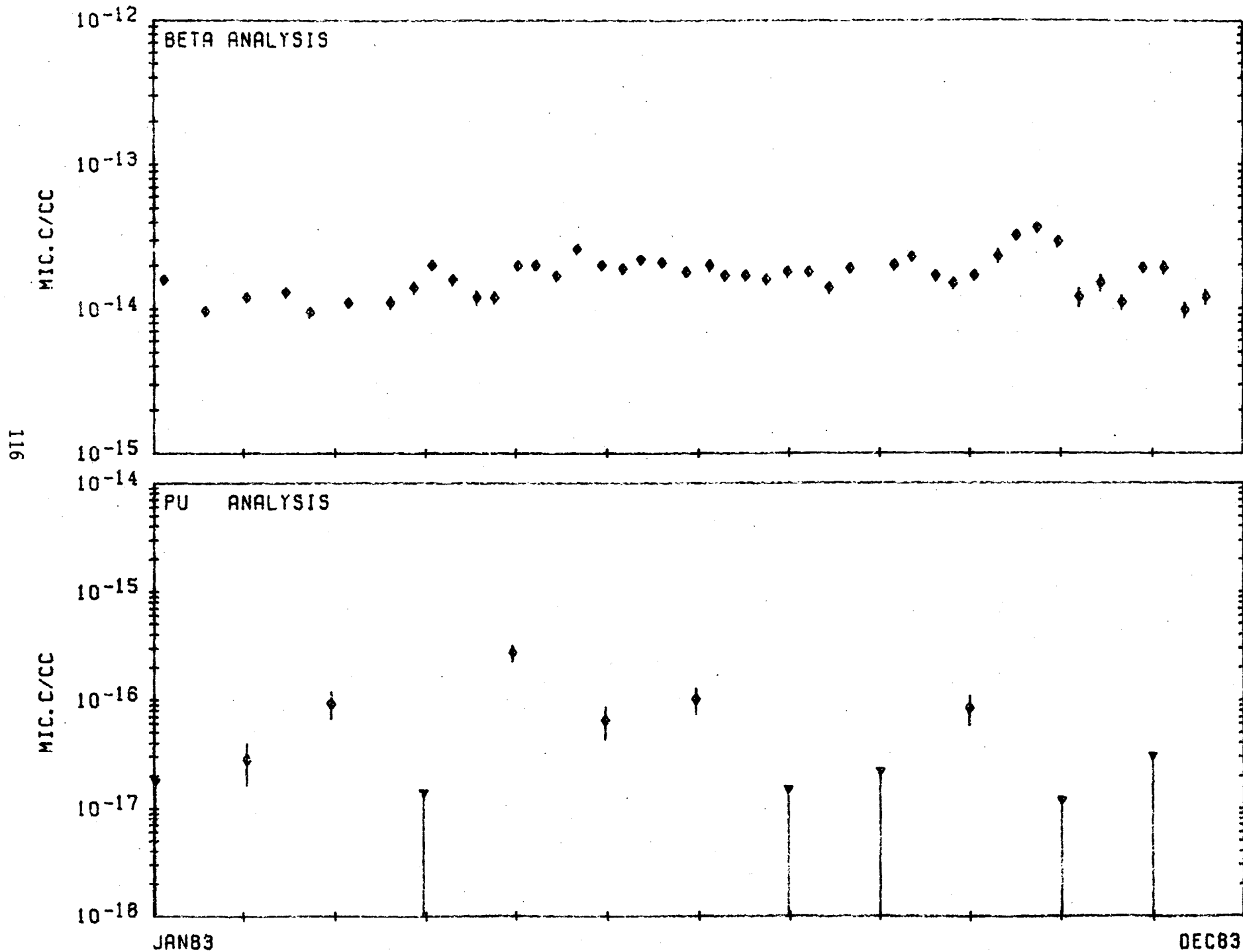




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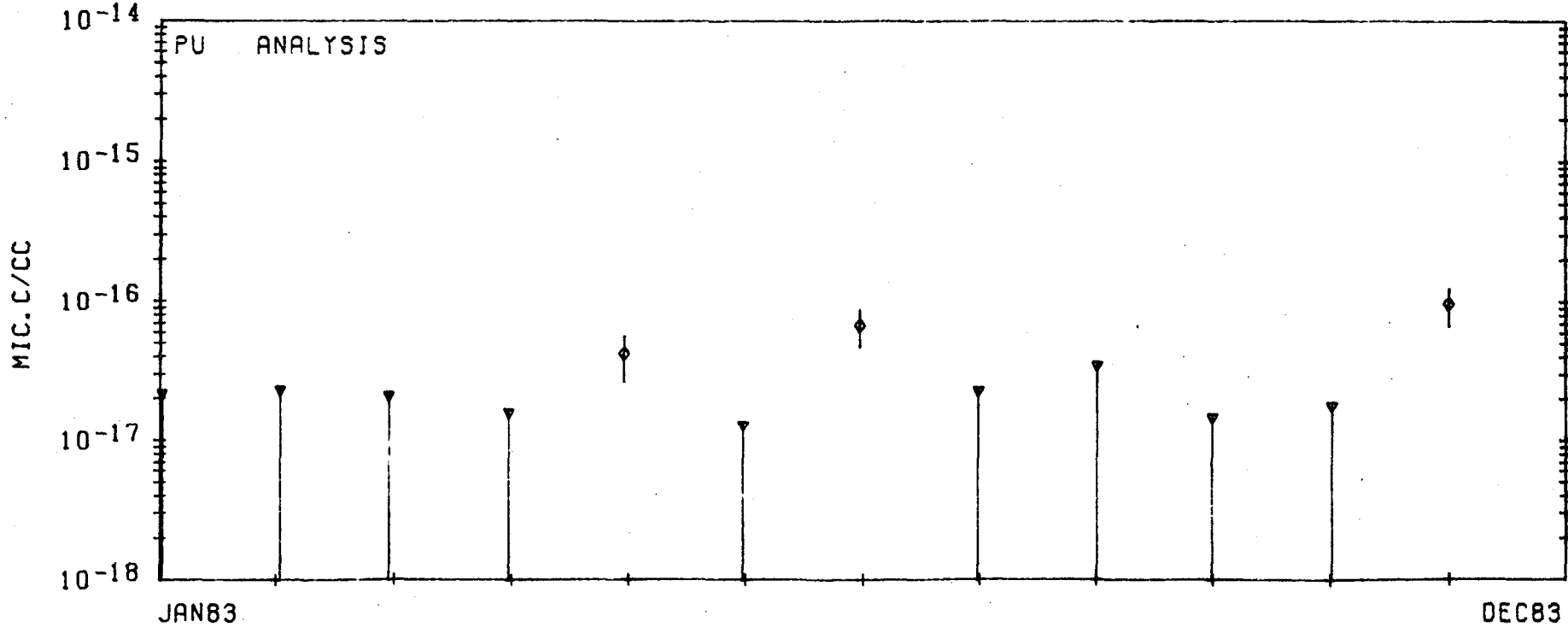
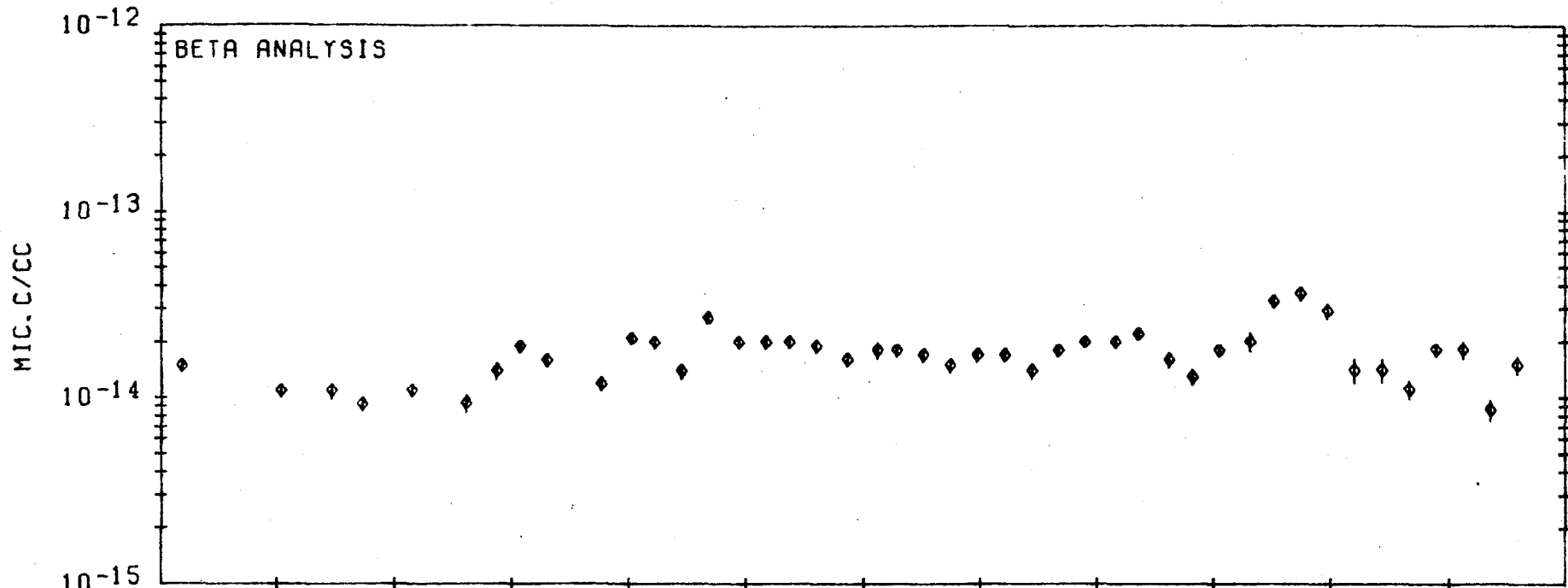
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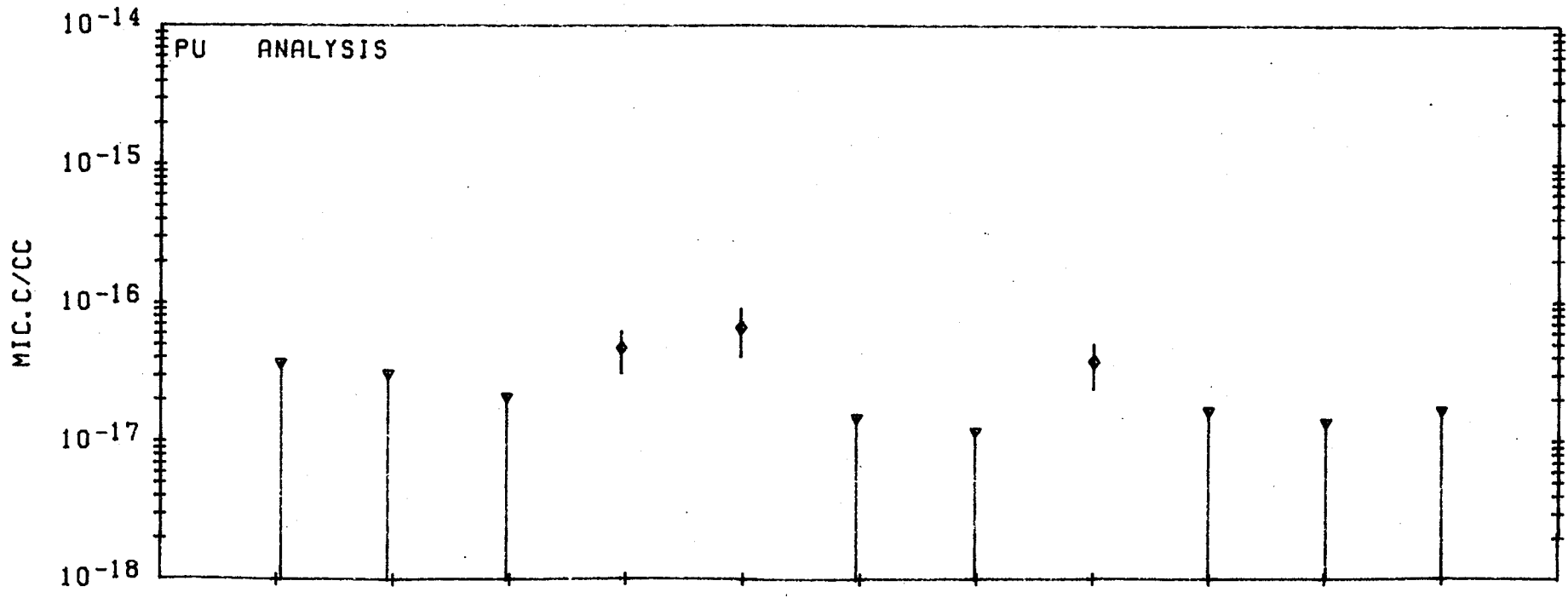
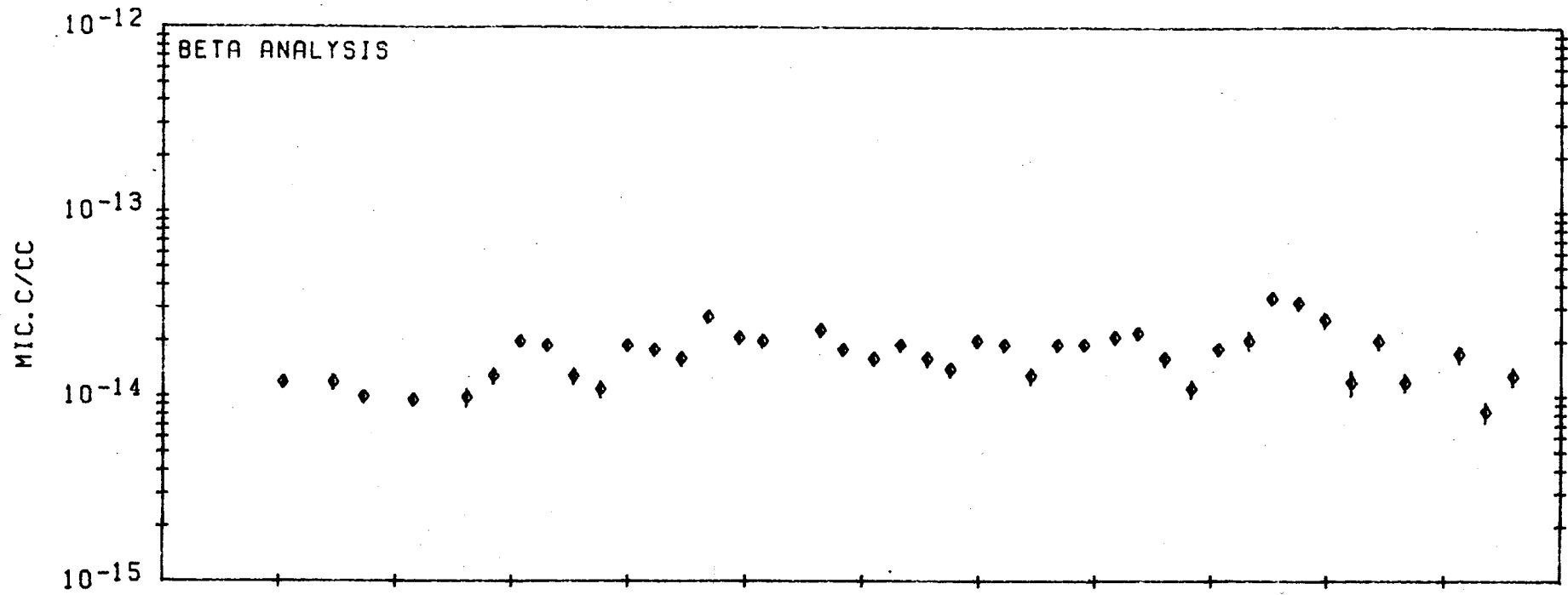
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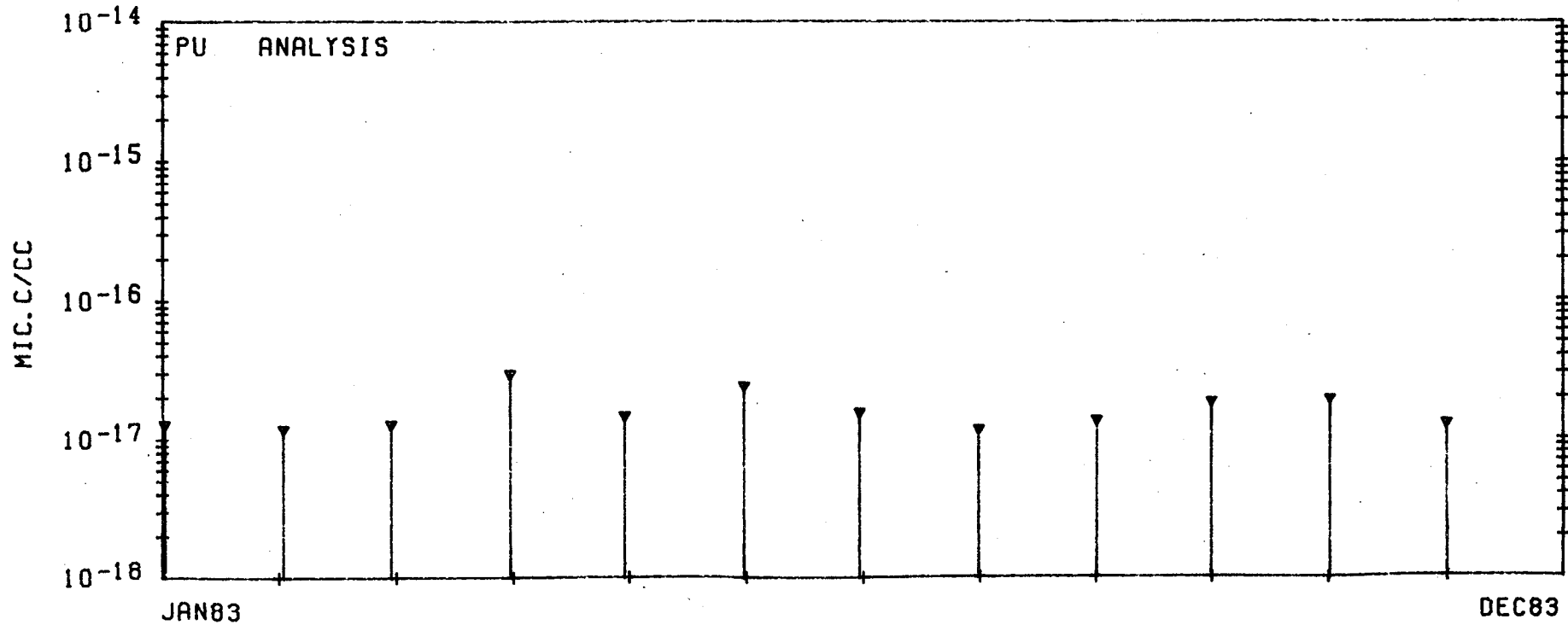
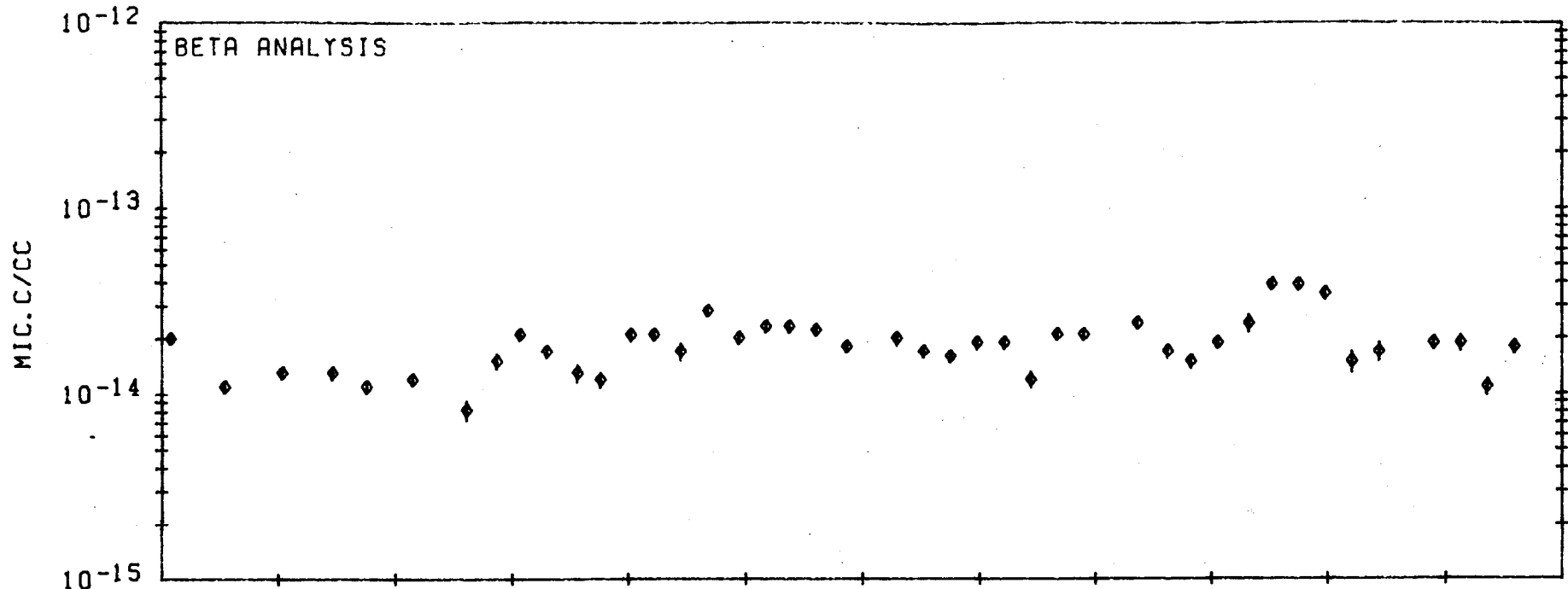
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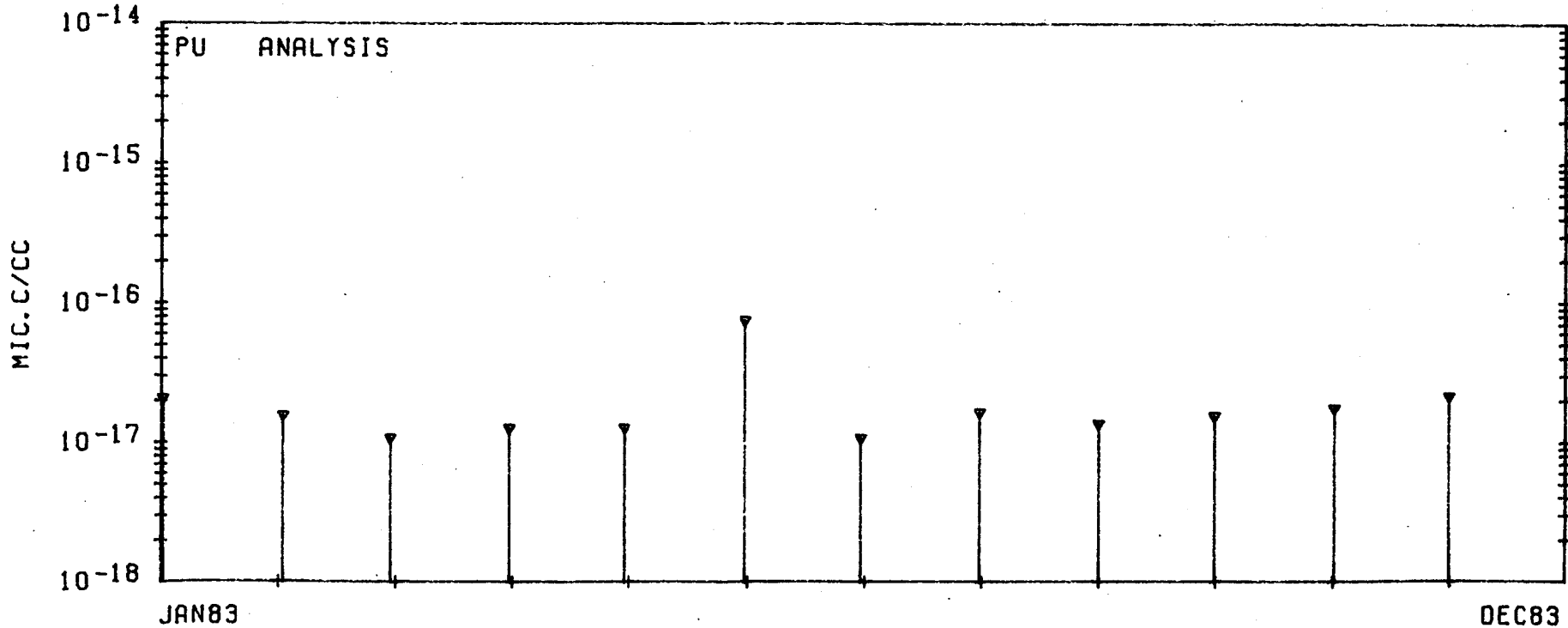
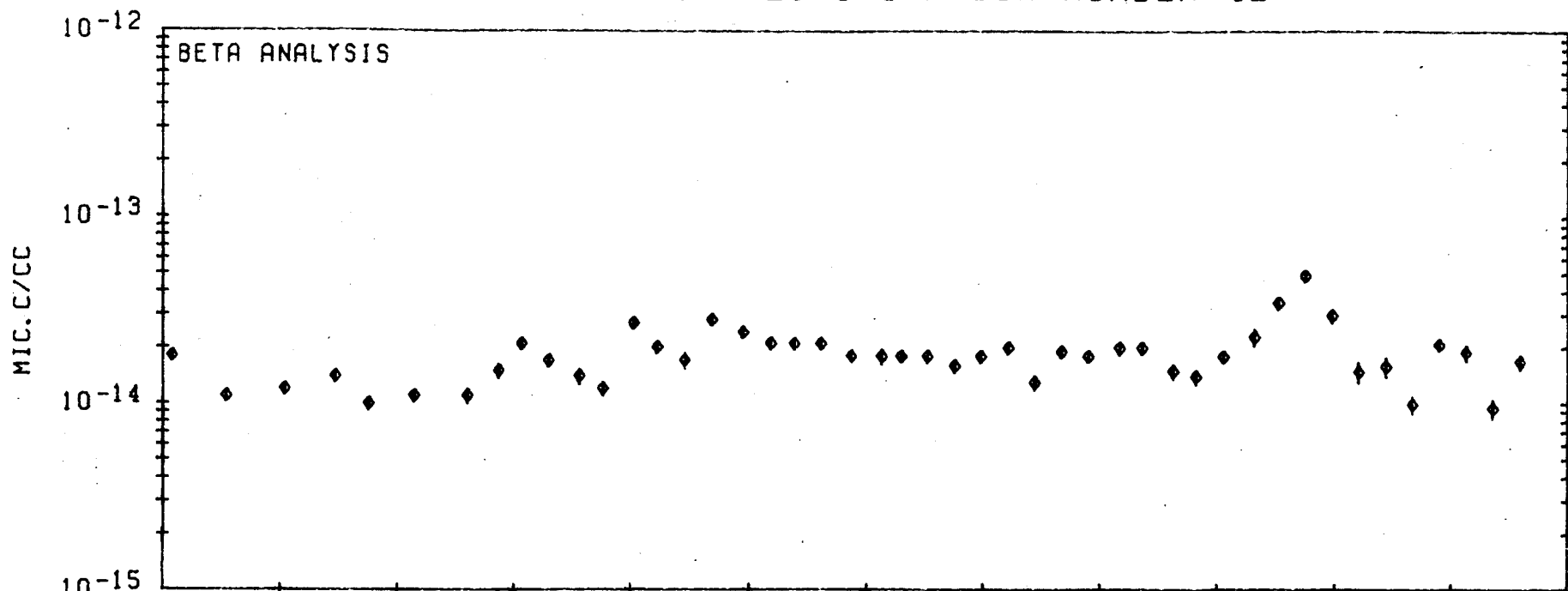
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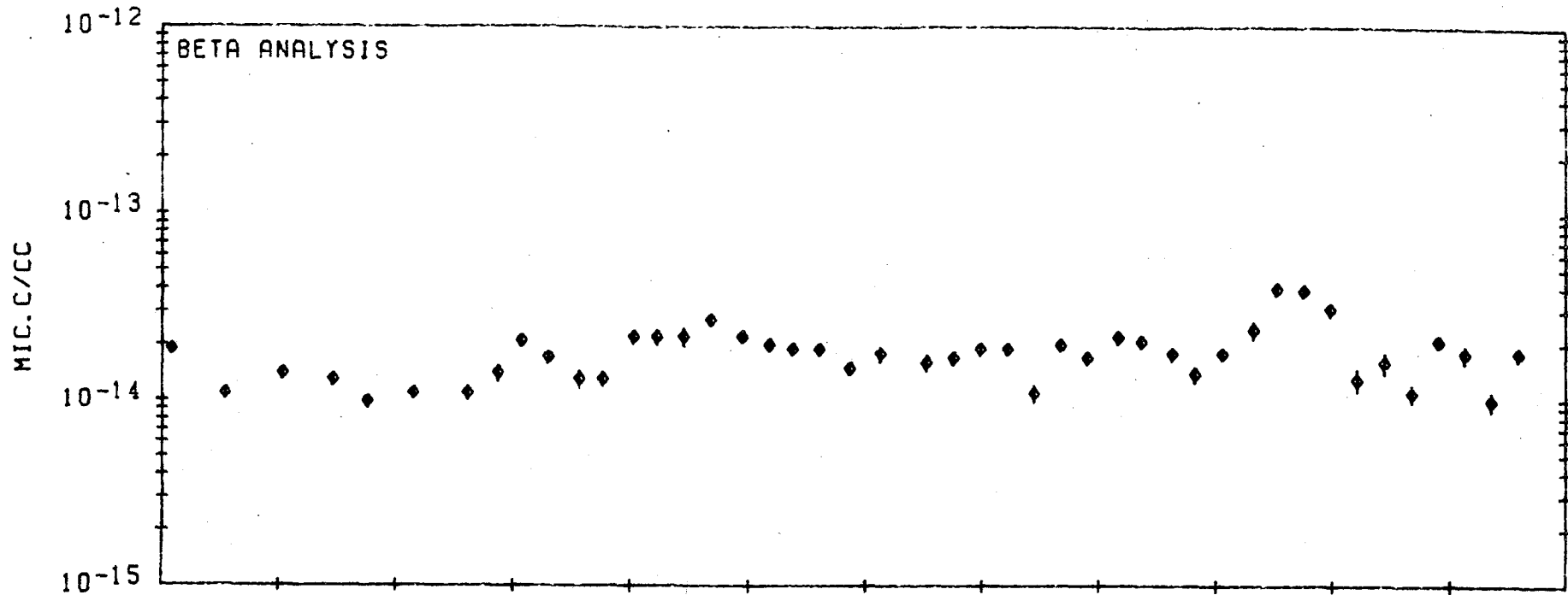


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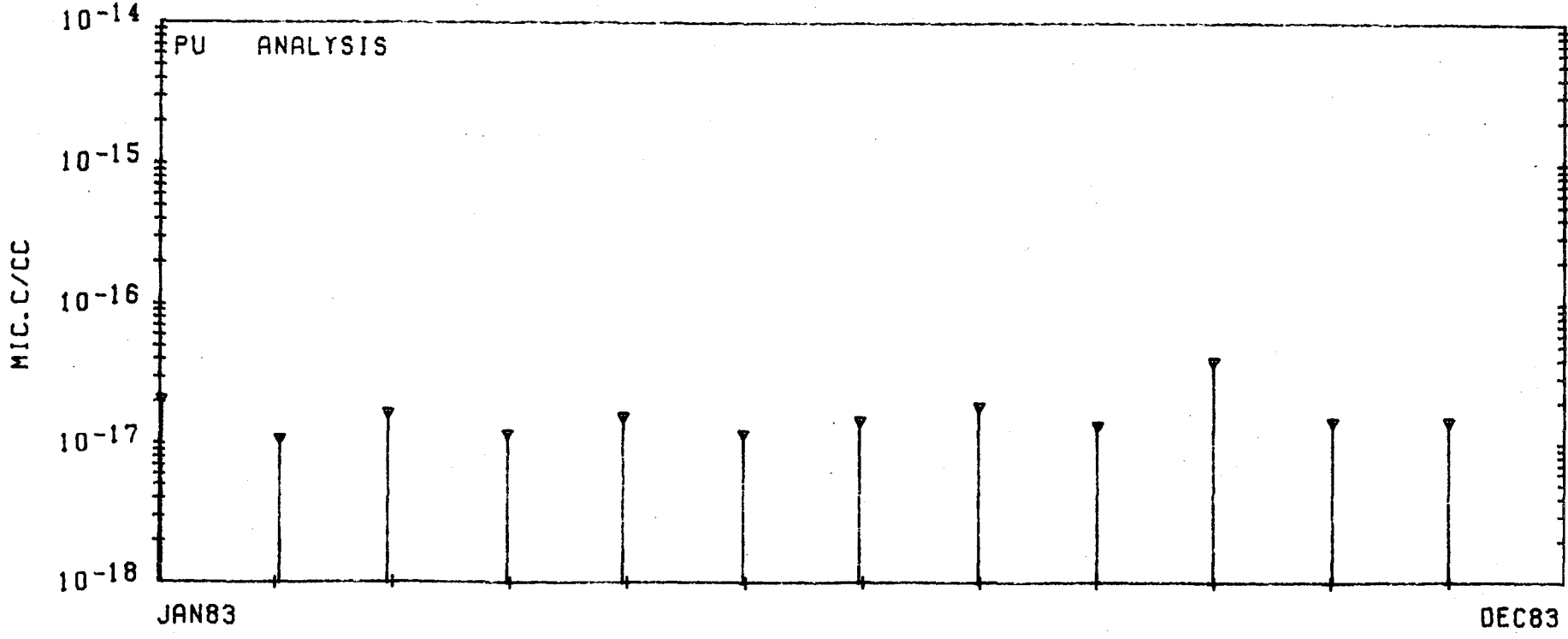


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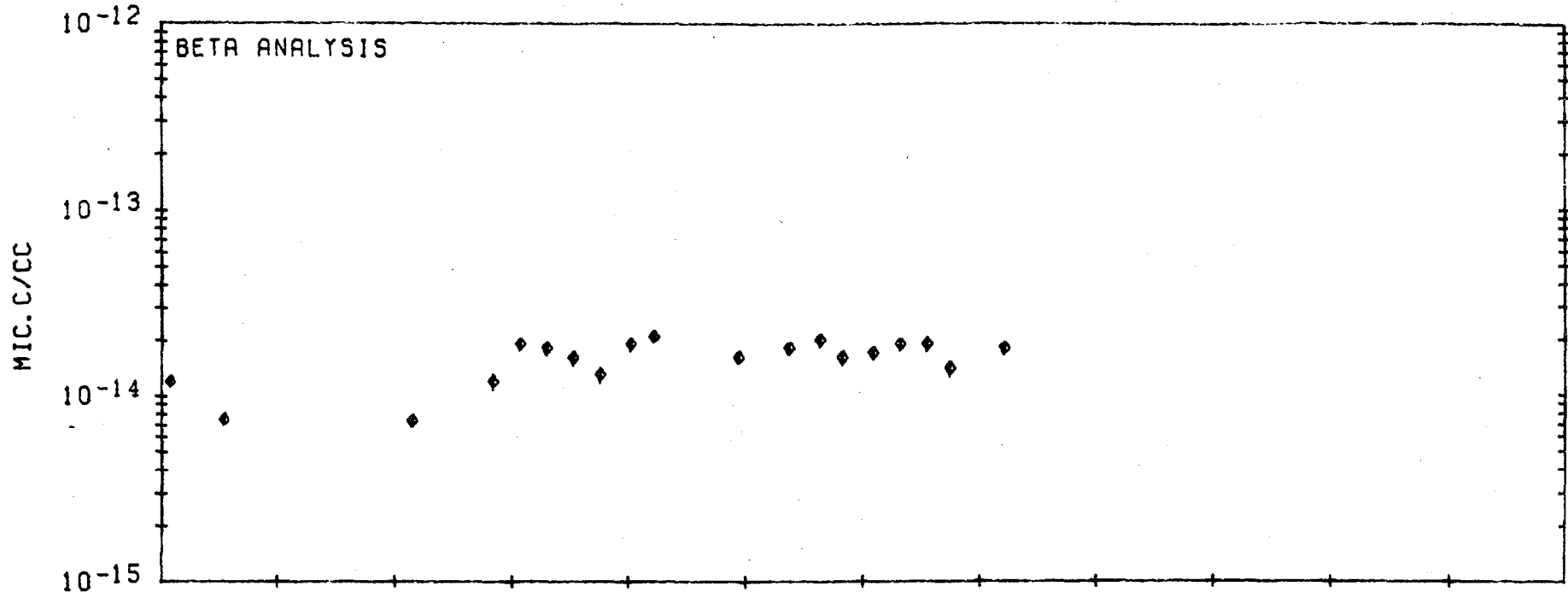


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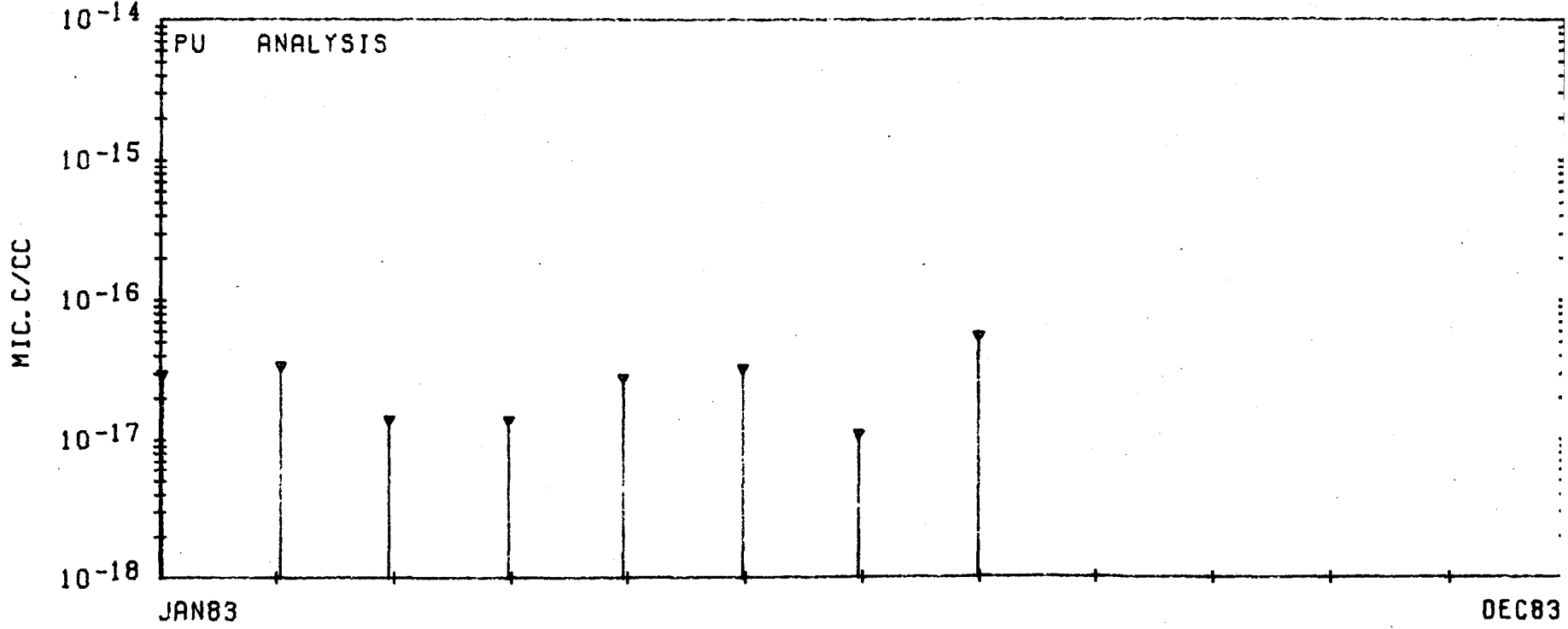




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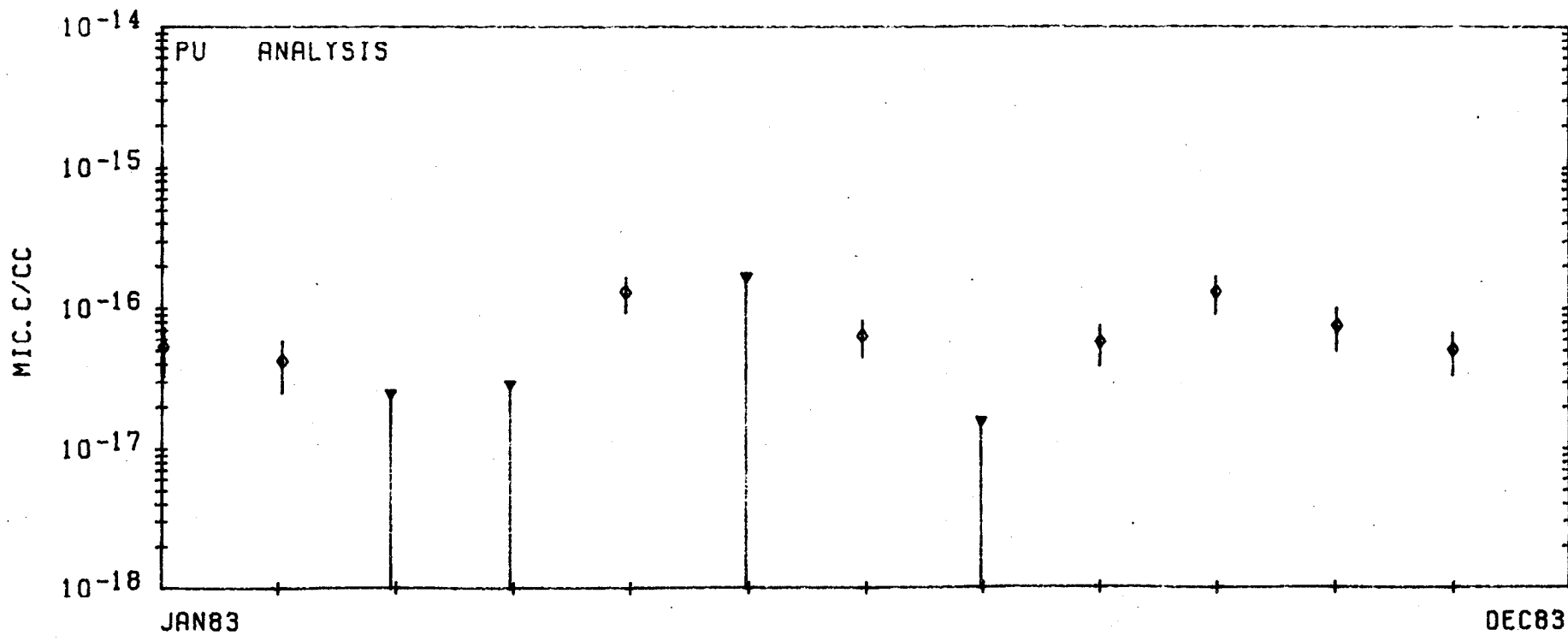
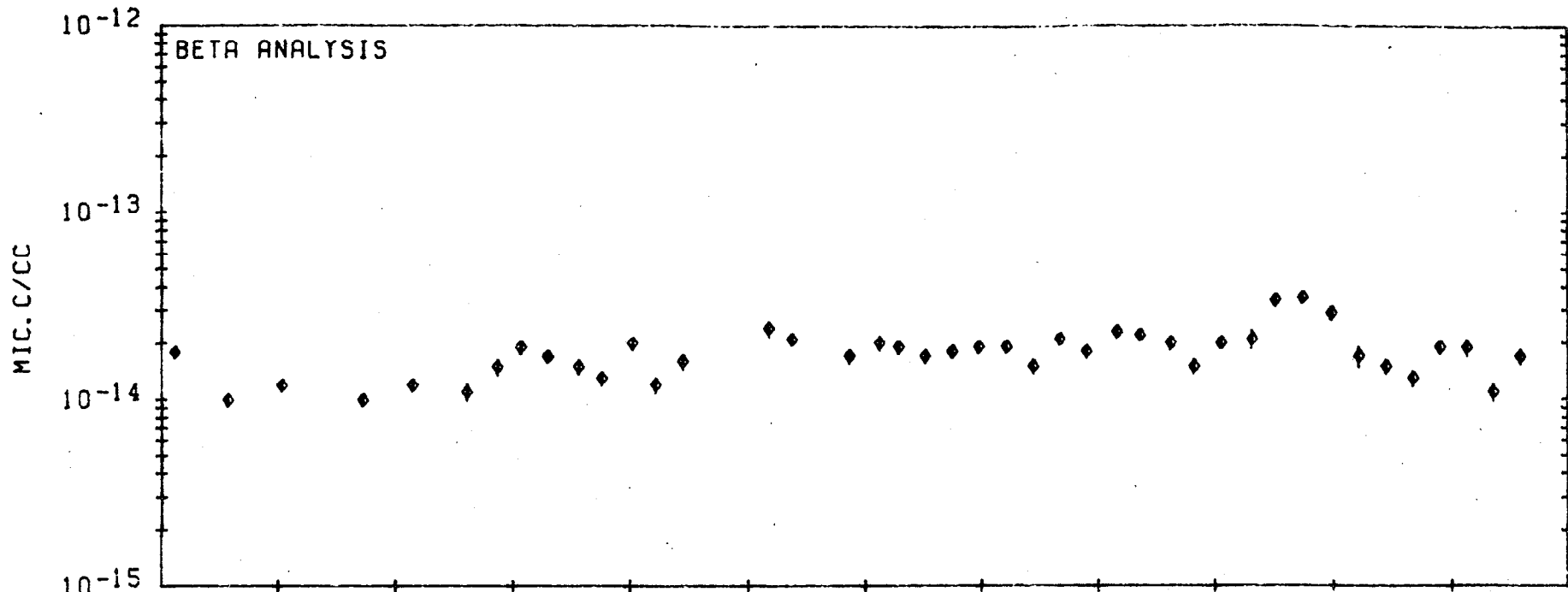


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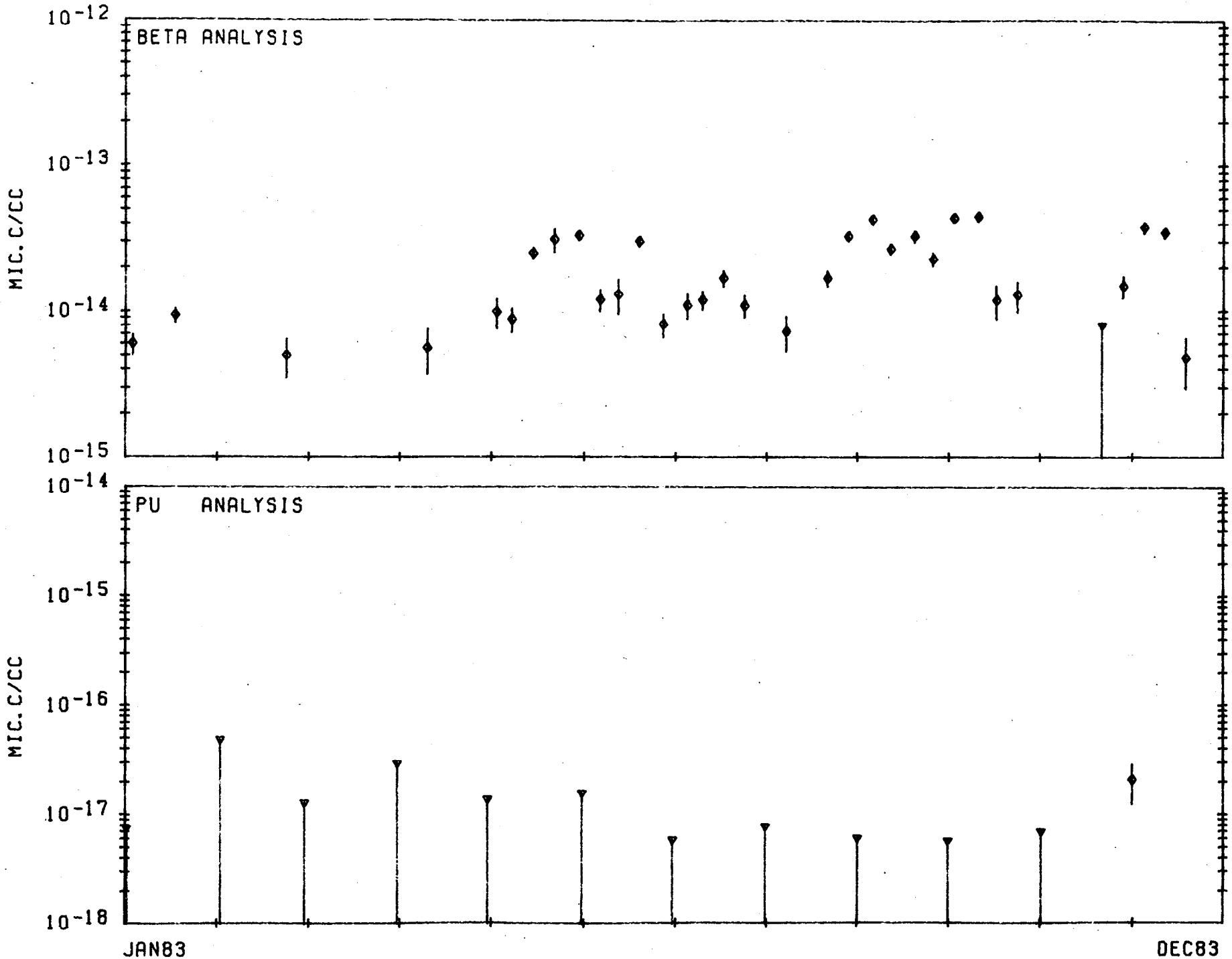
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**A P P E N D I X B**

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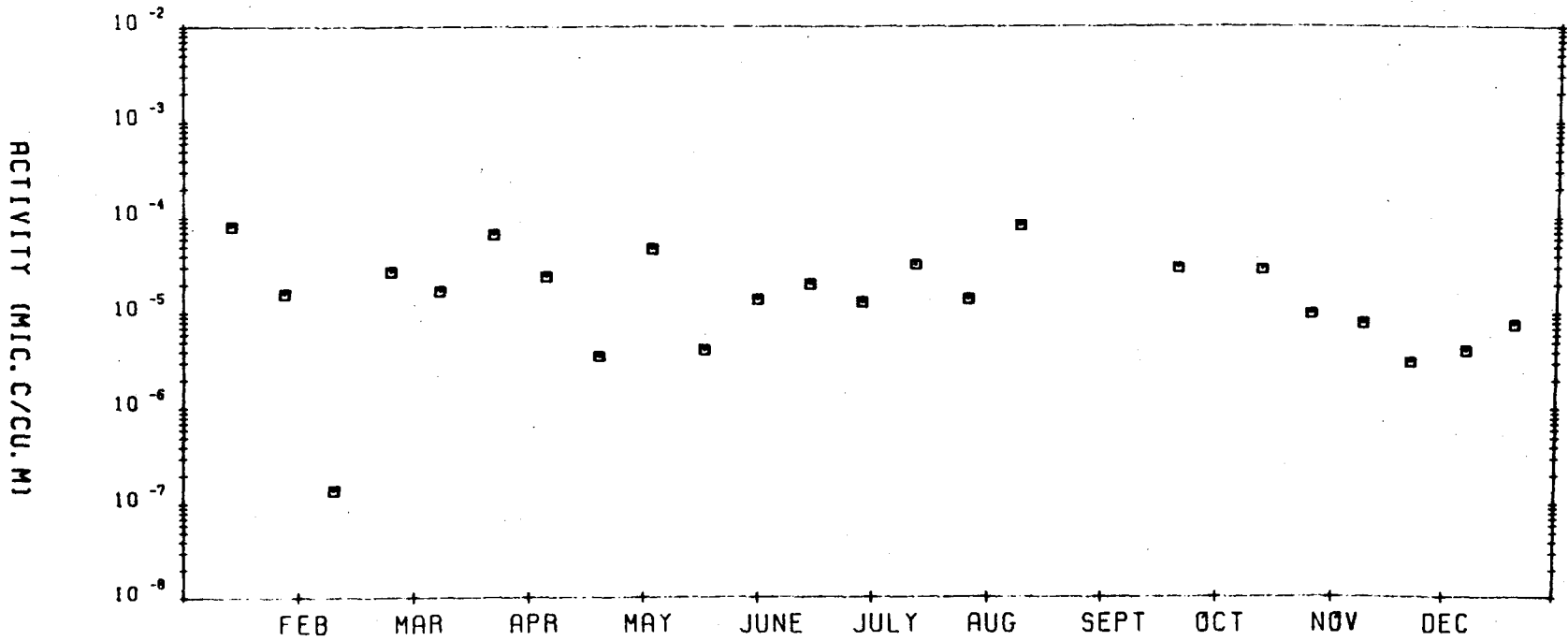
**Tritium in Air Sampling Locations and Plots**

The tritium in air data for each station is plotted in Appendix B for the entire year.

NTS ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE  
TRITIUM IN AIR SAMPLING LOCATIONS

| <u>Area</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1           | BJY             |
| 5           | RWMS - 1        |
| 5           | RWMS - SE       |
| 5           | RWMS - (SE-NE)  |
| 5           | RWMS - NE       |
| 5           | RWMS - (NE-NW)  |
| 5           | RWMS - NW       |
| 5           | RWMS - (NW-SW)  |
| 5           | RWMS - SW       |
| 5           | RWMS - (SW-SE)  |
| 12          | Base Camp       |
| 15          | EPA Farm        |
| 15          | Gate 700        |
| 23          | Bldg. 790       |
| 23          | Bldg. 650       |
| 23          | Site Boundary   |
| 25          | EMAD            |

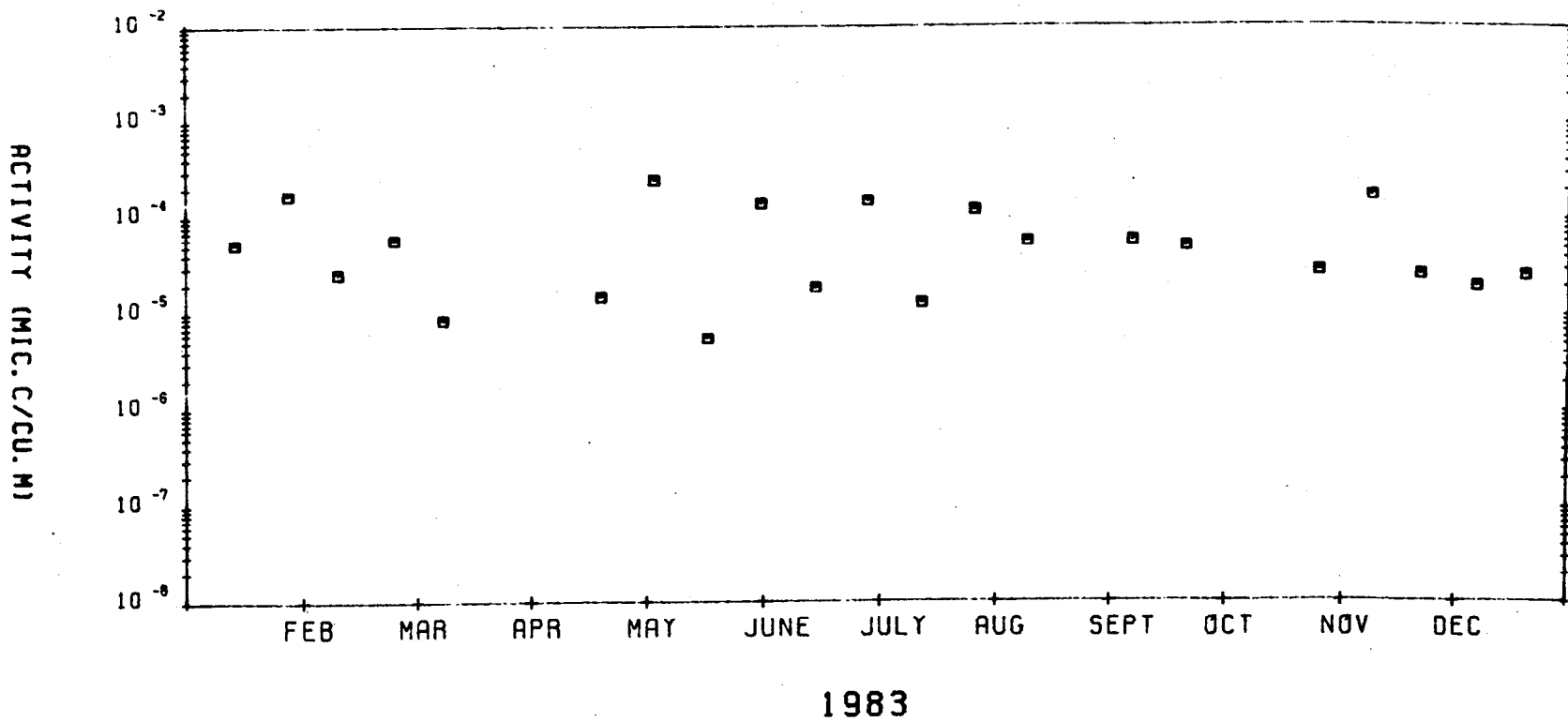
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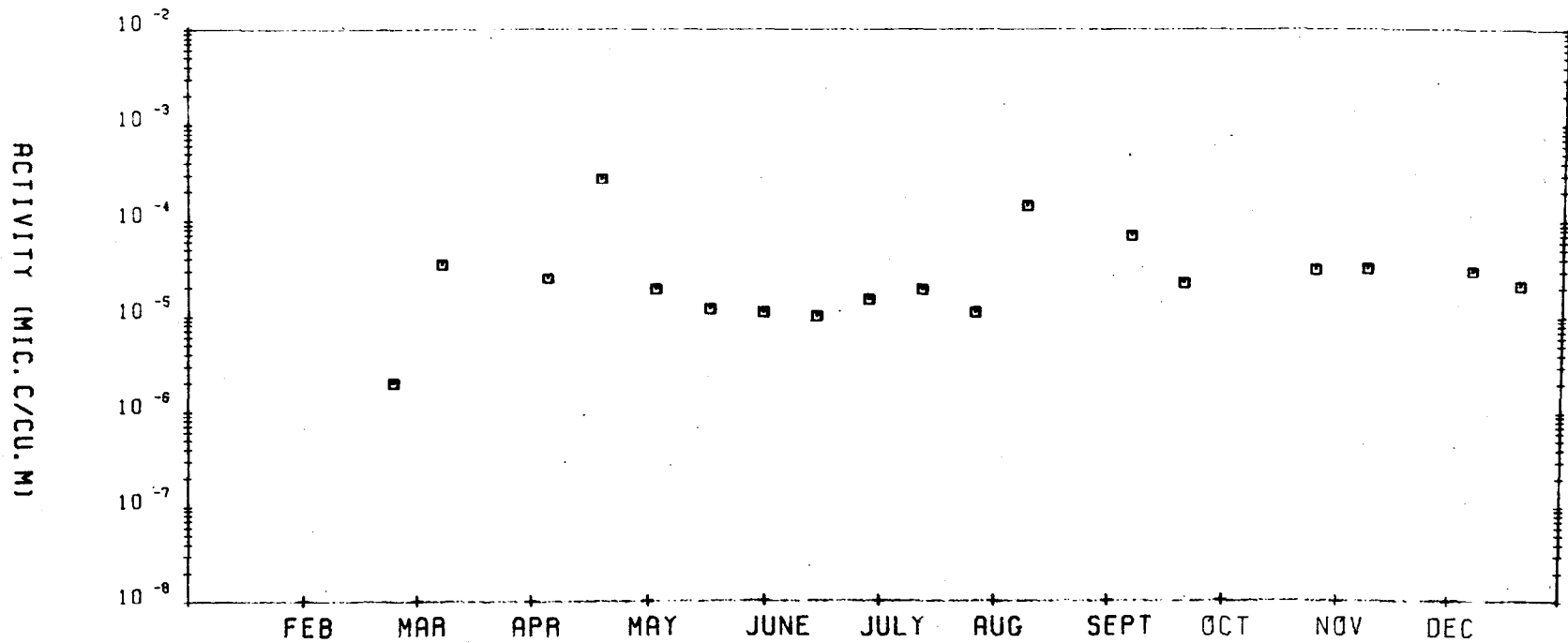
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# RWMS-1, AREA 5



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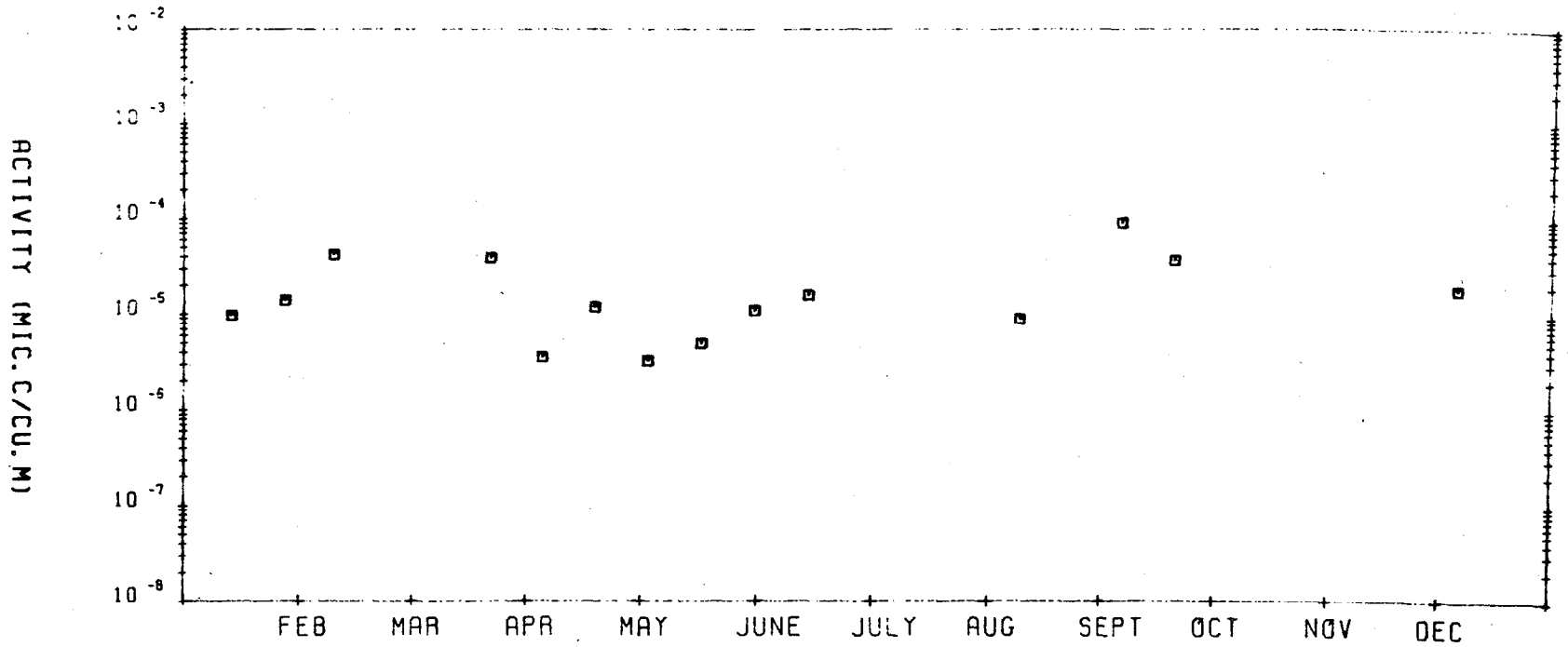
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# RWMS - (SE-NE), AREA 5



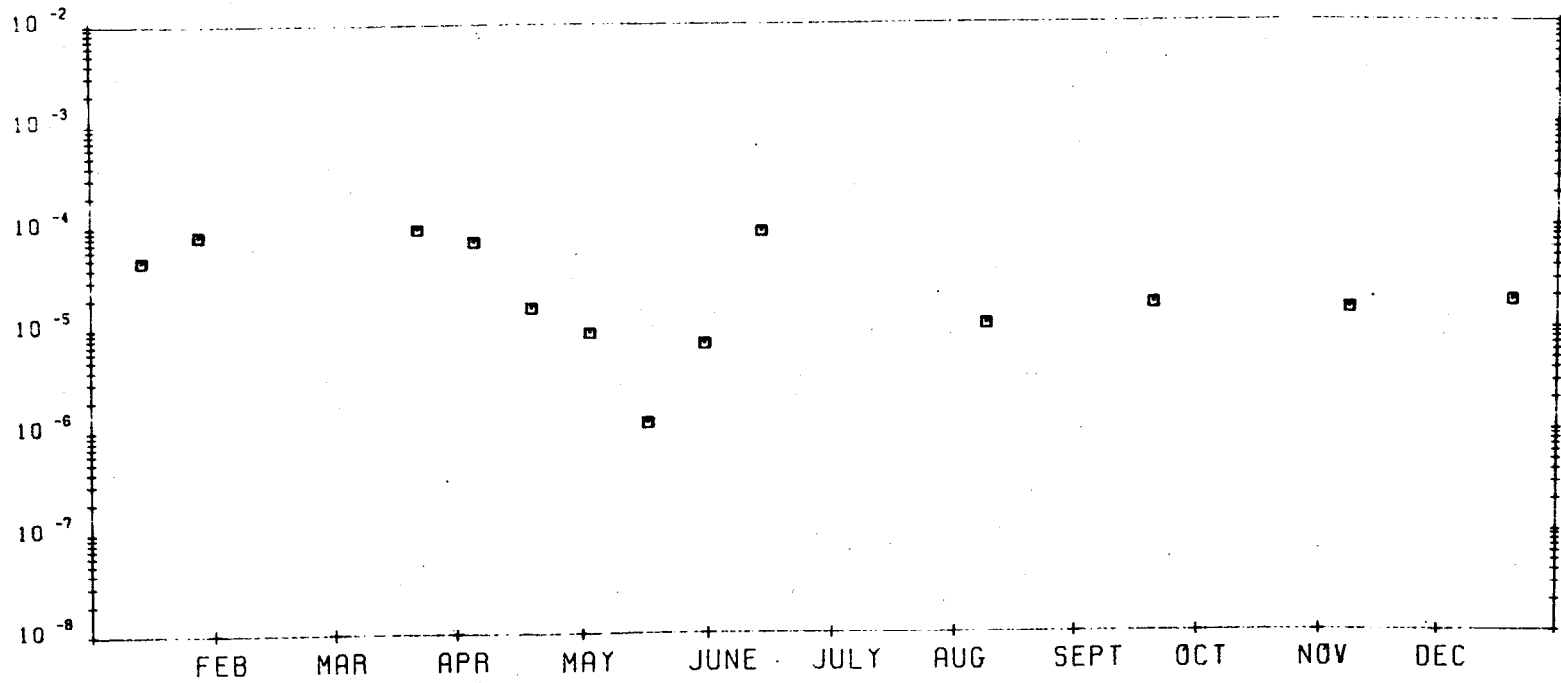
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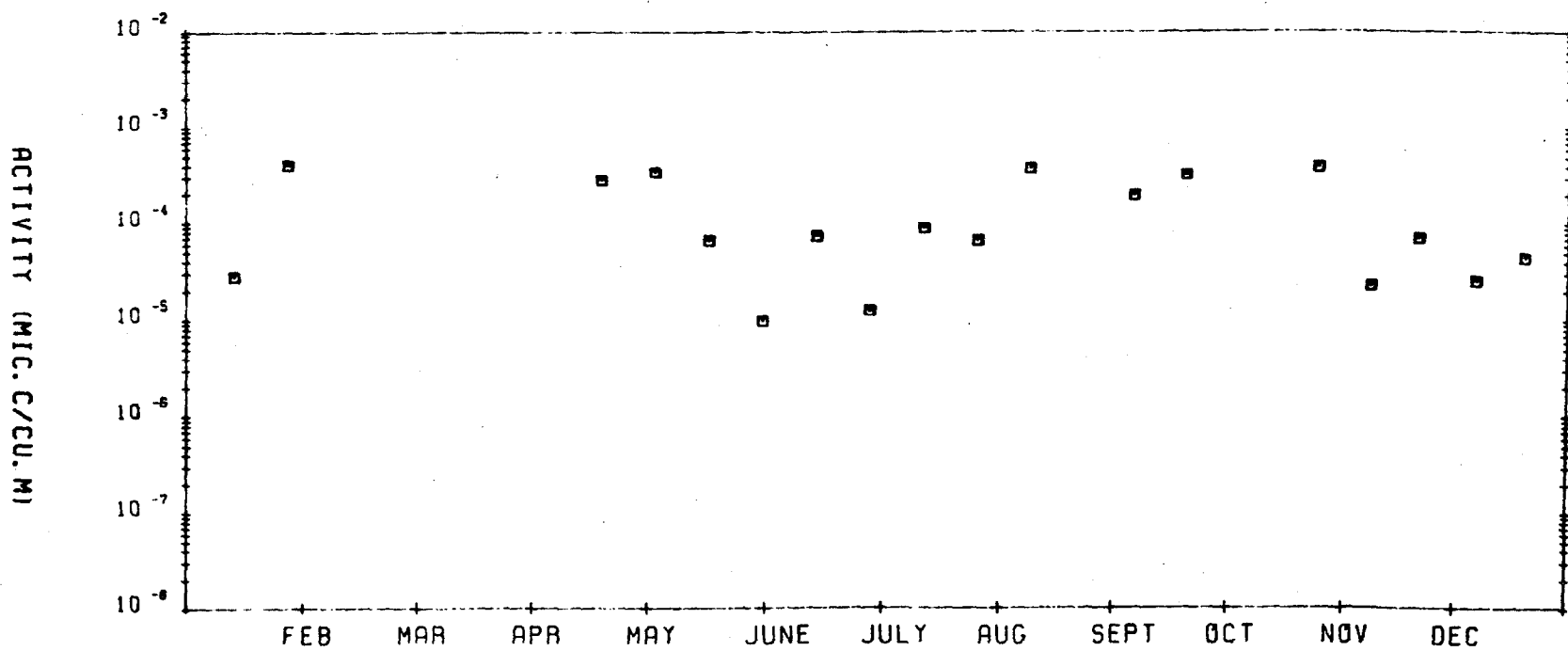
ACTIVITY (MIC. C/CU. M)



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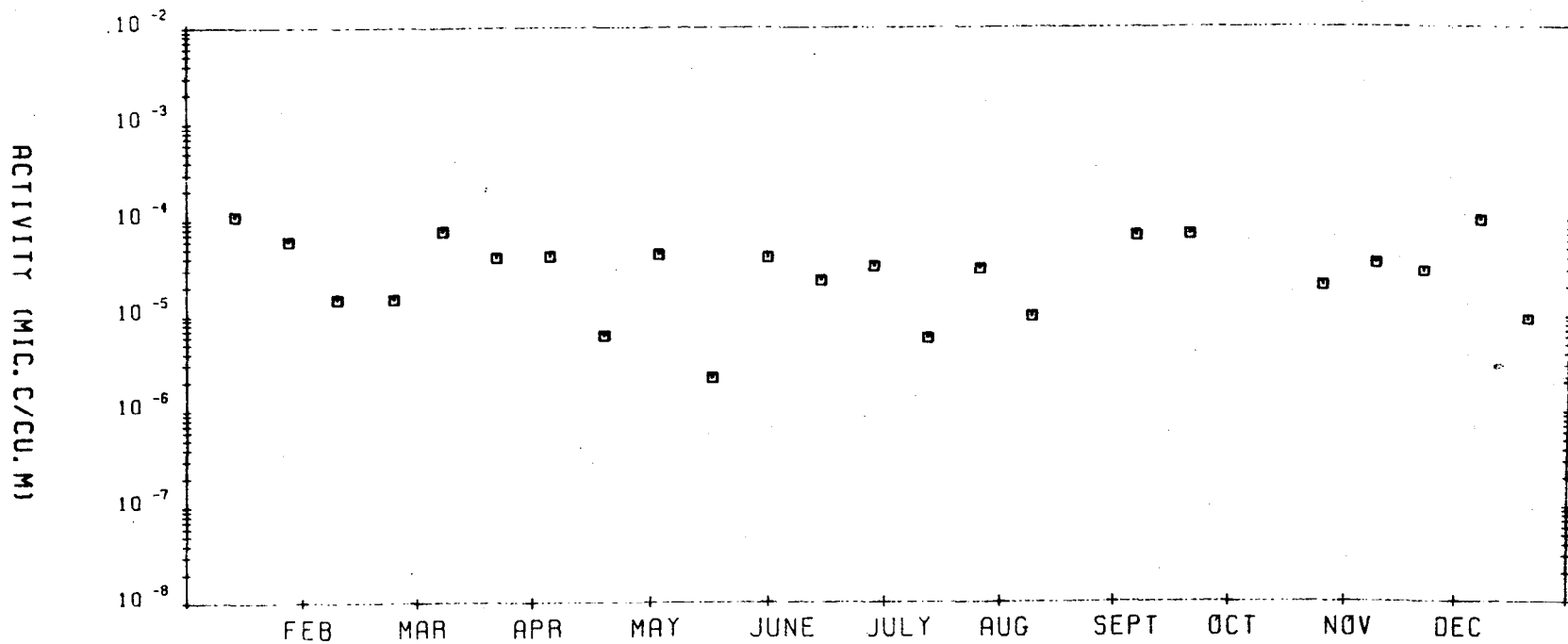


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□ - HTD SAMPLE ACTIVITY

# RWMS-NW, AREA 5

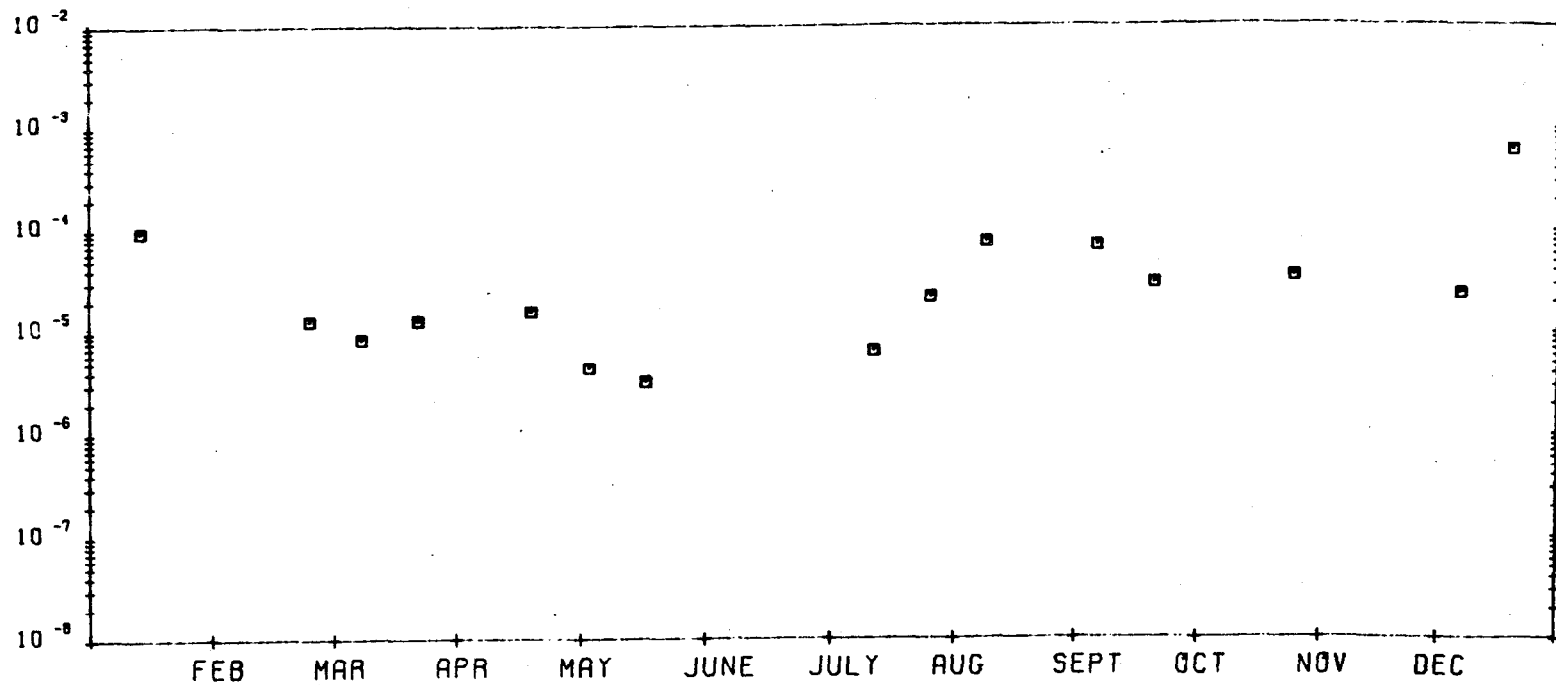


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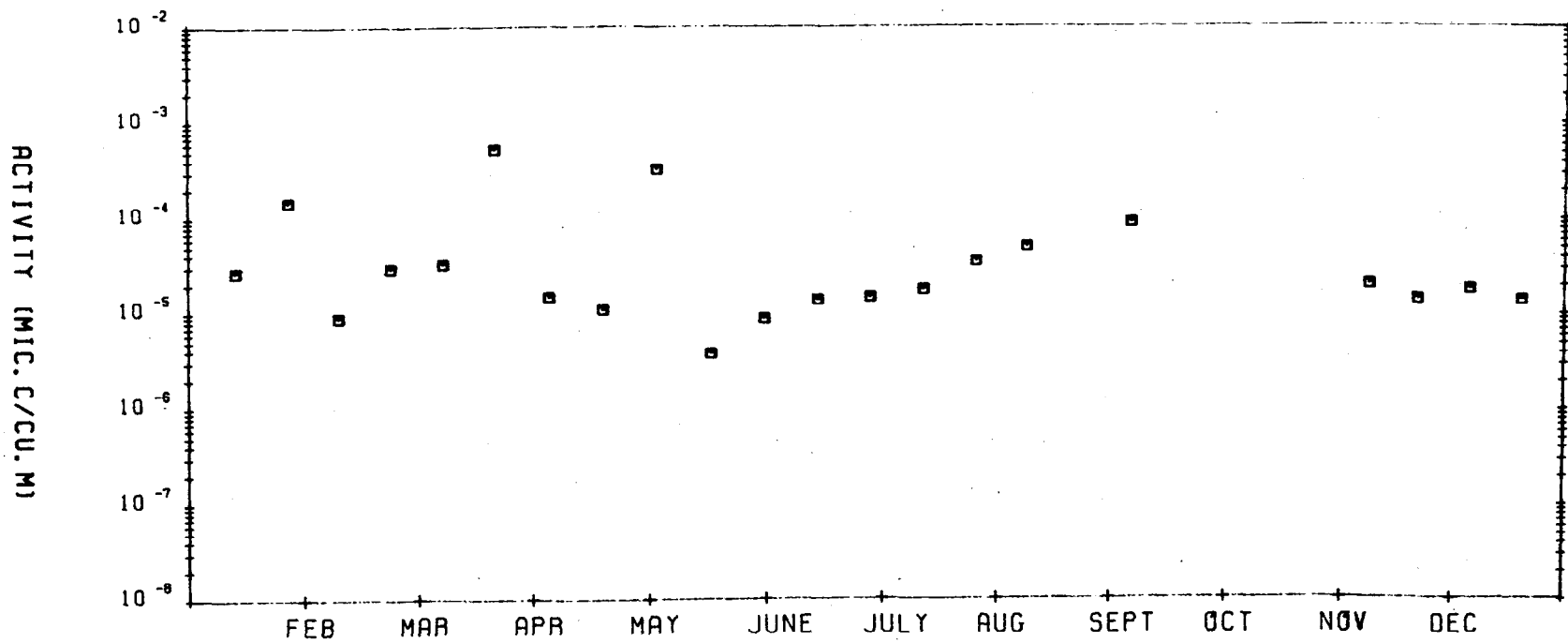


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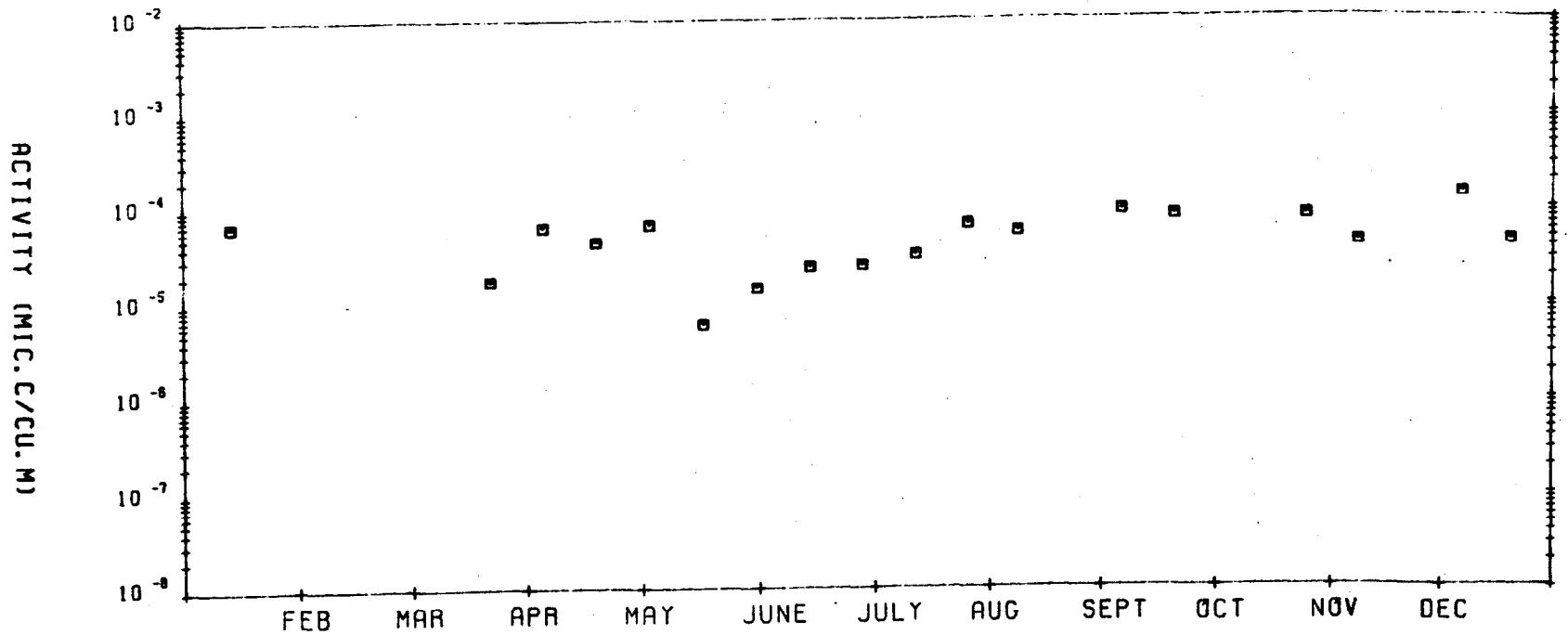
# RWMS-SW, AREA 5



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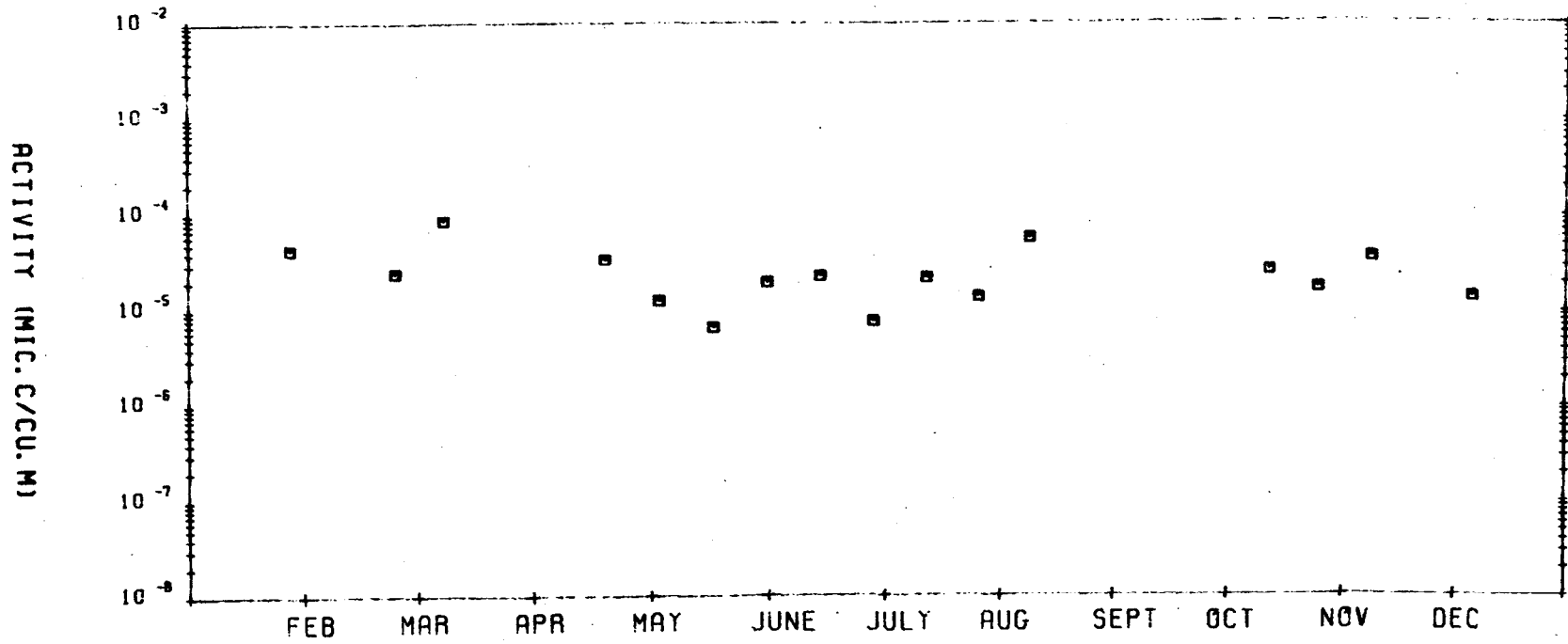
# RWMS - (SW-SE), AREA 5



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# BASE CAMP, AREA 12

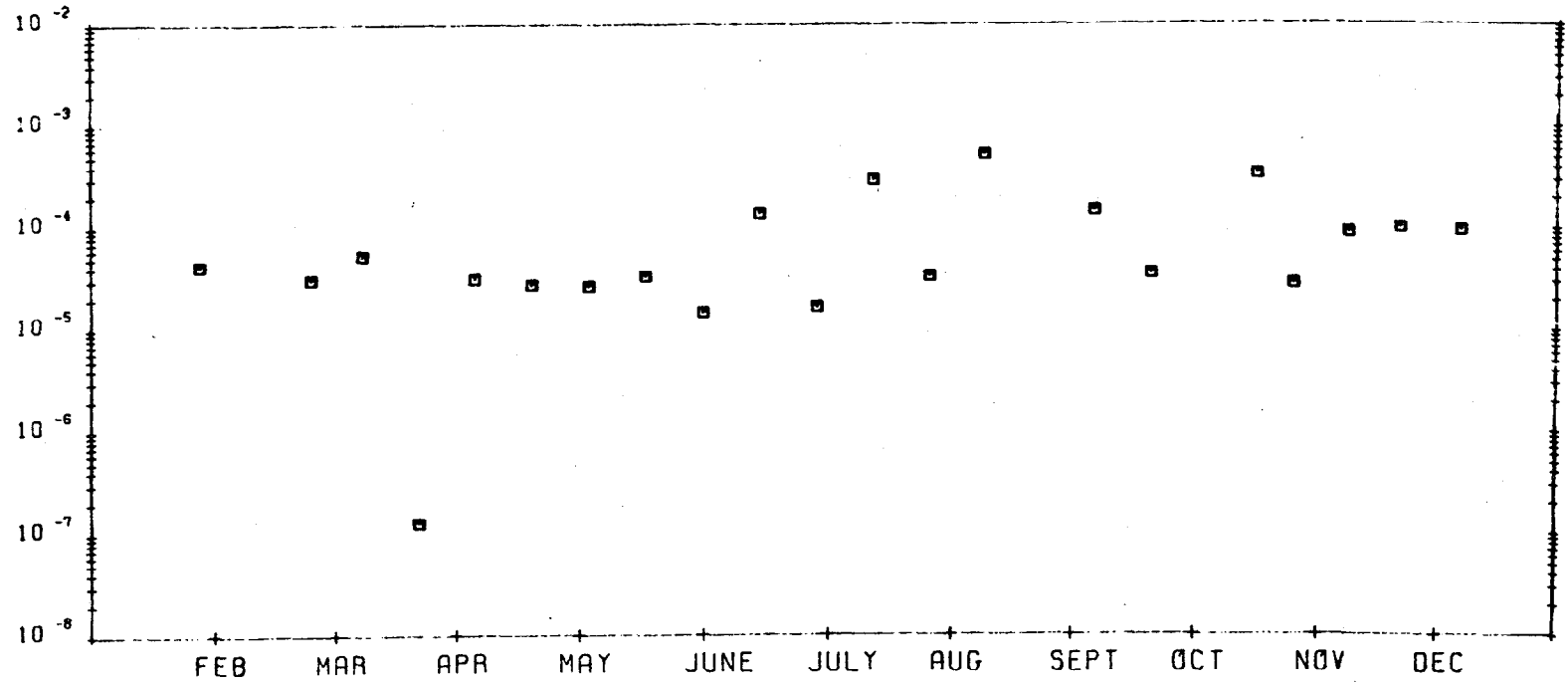


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# EPA FARM, AREA 15

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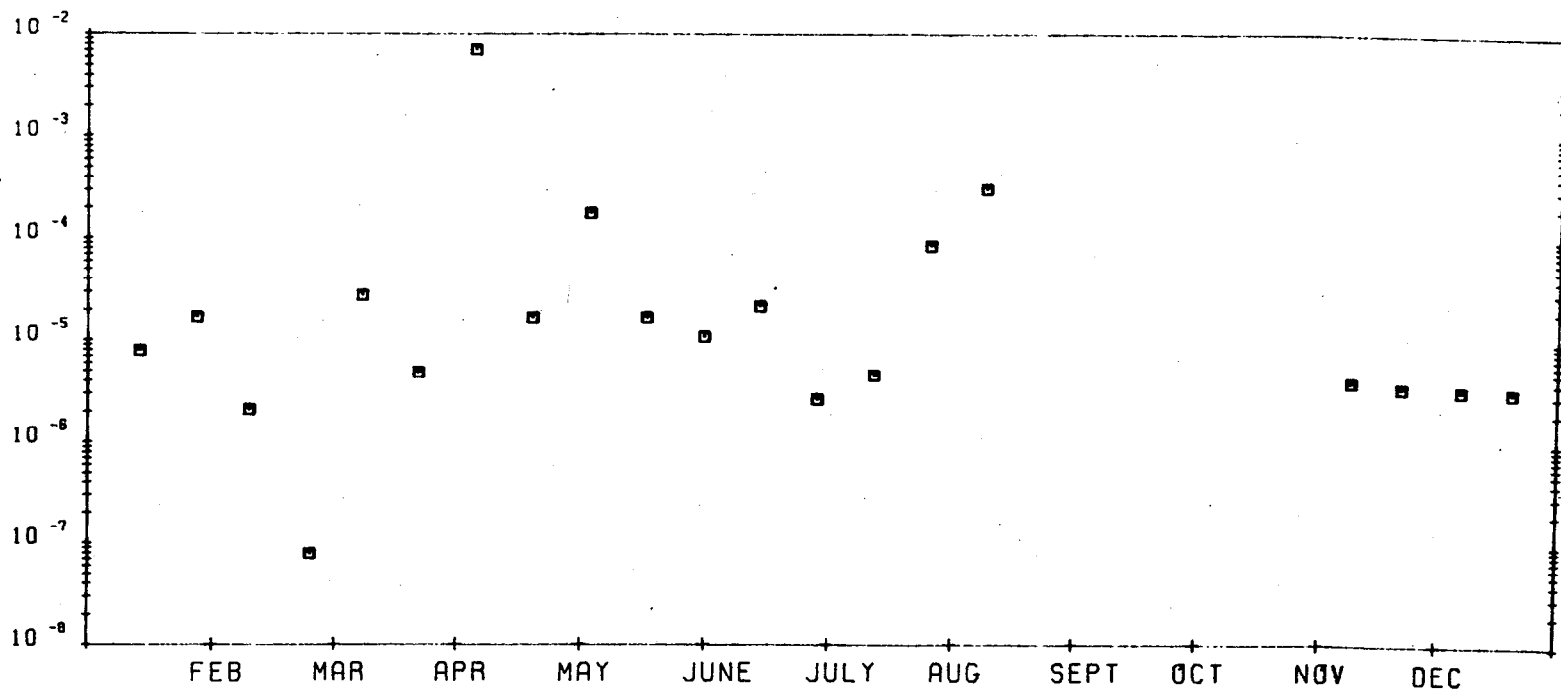
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# GATE 700

ACTIVITY (MIC. C/CU. M)

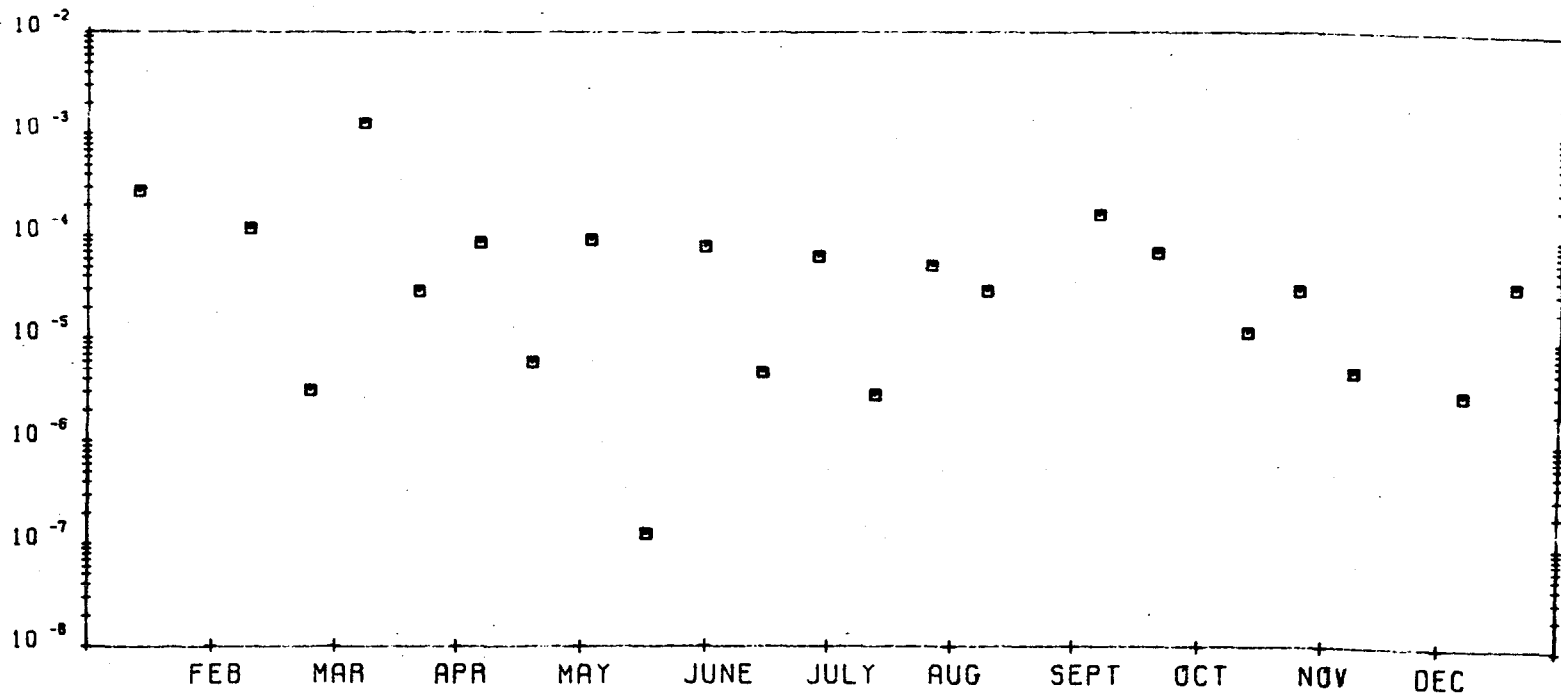


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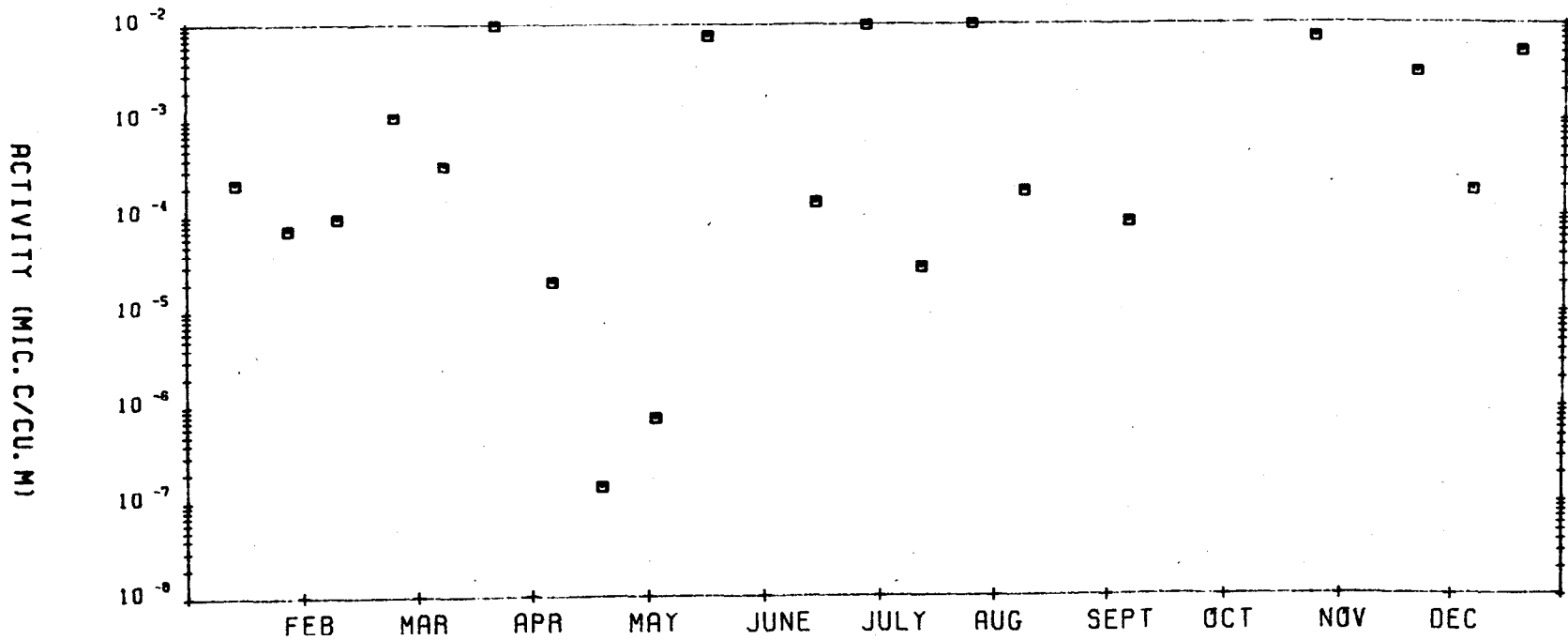
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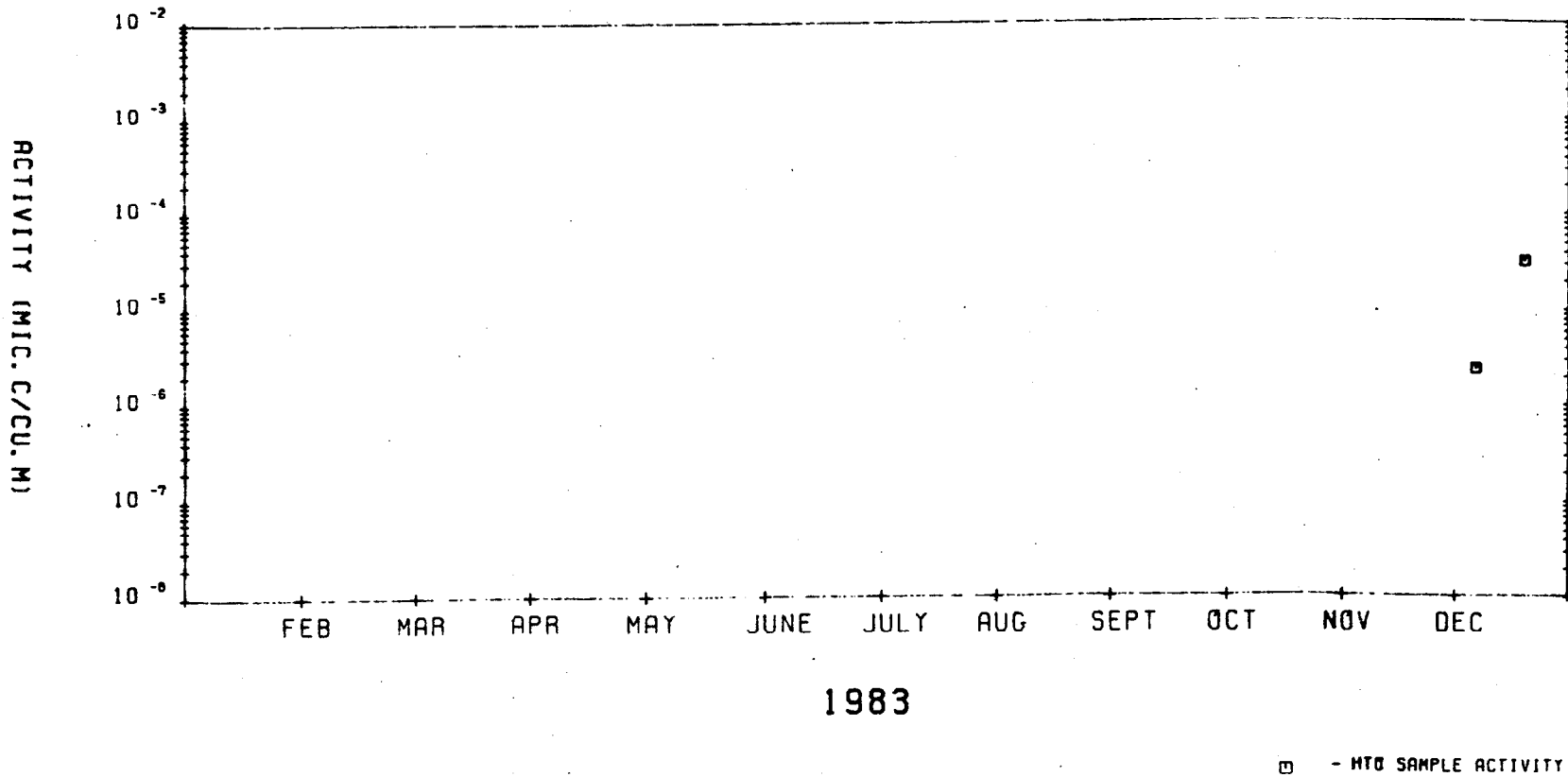


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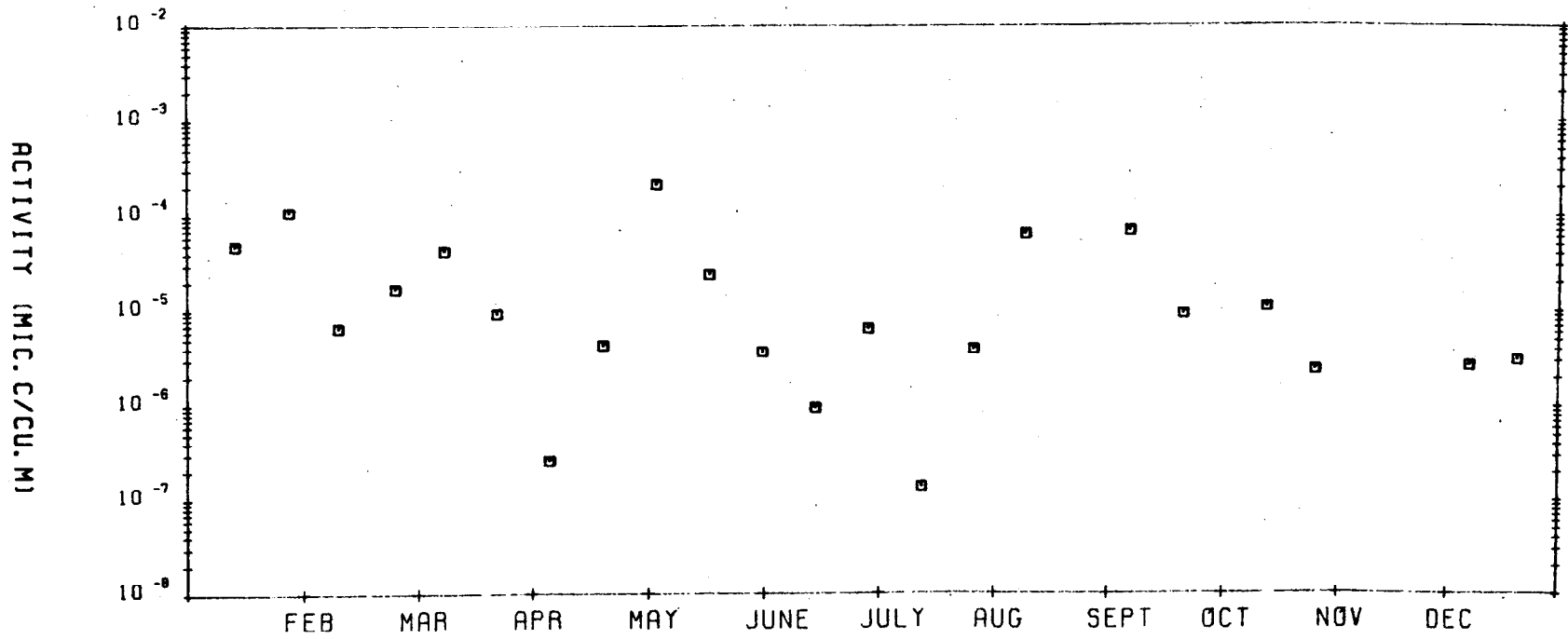
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# SITE BOUNDARY, AREA 23



# EMAD, AREA 25



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ACTIVITY (MIC. C/CU. M)

A P P E N D I X C

NTS Environmental Surveillance  
Supply Well Locations and Plots

Several symbols are used in Appendix C to denote the data points. In the first two pages of plots, the supply well network averages, a square represents the arithmetic mean of all values at that point in time, and the vertical line is the range of the data.

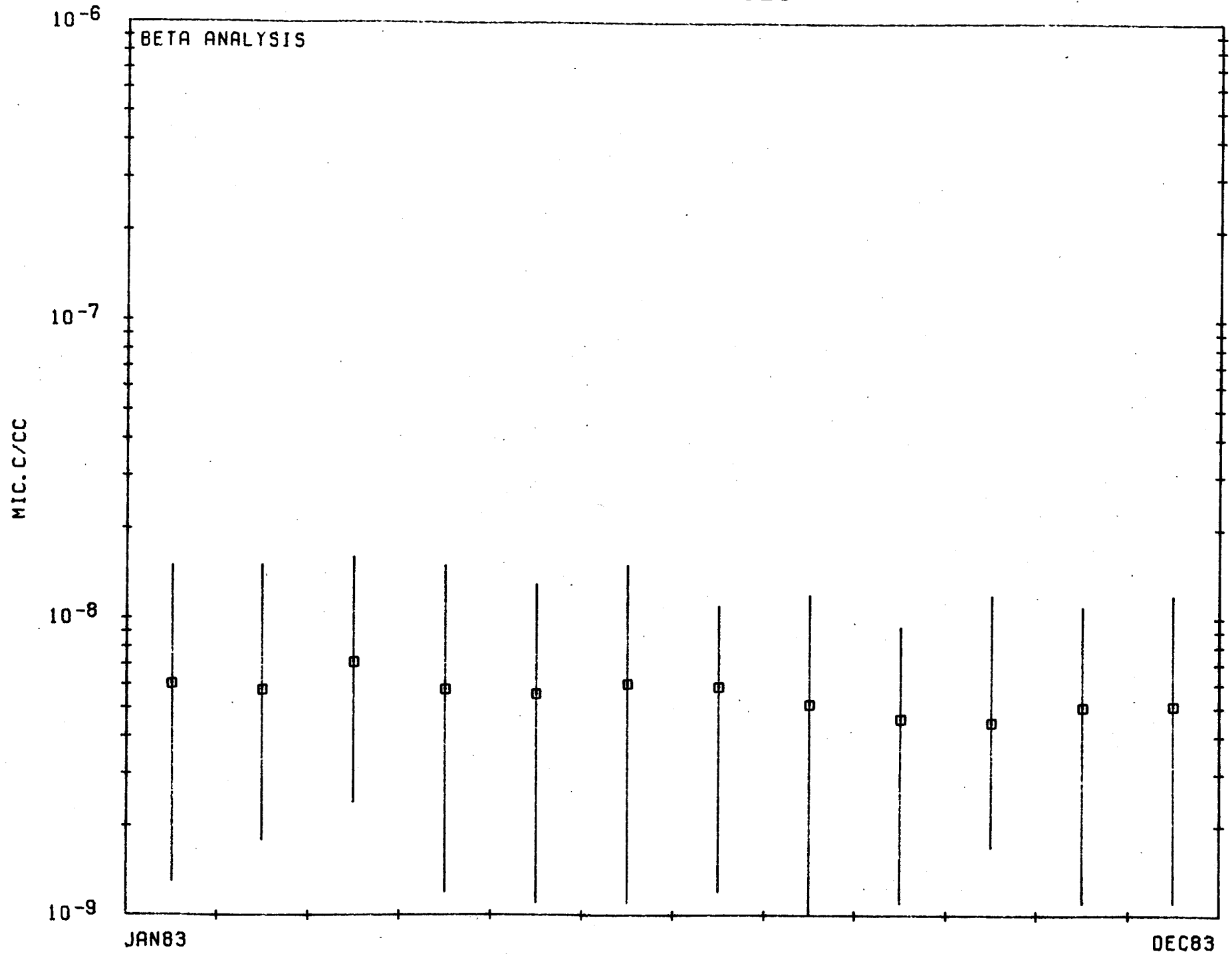
The remaining plots of Appendix B show the gross beta data of each station. A two-sigma error bar is also added to the data points, and, in all of the plots, a delta with the line to the bottom of the plot means below detection limit.

NTS ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE  
SUPPLY WELLS SAMPLING LOCATIONS

| <u>Station<br/>Number</u> | <u>Location</u>      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1                         | Area 2 Well 2        |
| 2                         | Area 3 Well A        |
| 3                         | Area 5 Well 5B       |
| 4                         | Area 5 Well 5C       |
| 5                         | Area 5 Well Ue5c     |
| 6                         | Area 6 Well C        |
| 7                         | Area 6 Well C1       |
| 9                         | Area 18 Well 8       |
| 13                        | Area 22 Army Well #1 |
| 14                        | Area 25 Well J12     |
| 15                        | Area 25 Well J13     |
| 18                        | Area 19 Well U19c    |

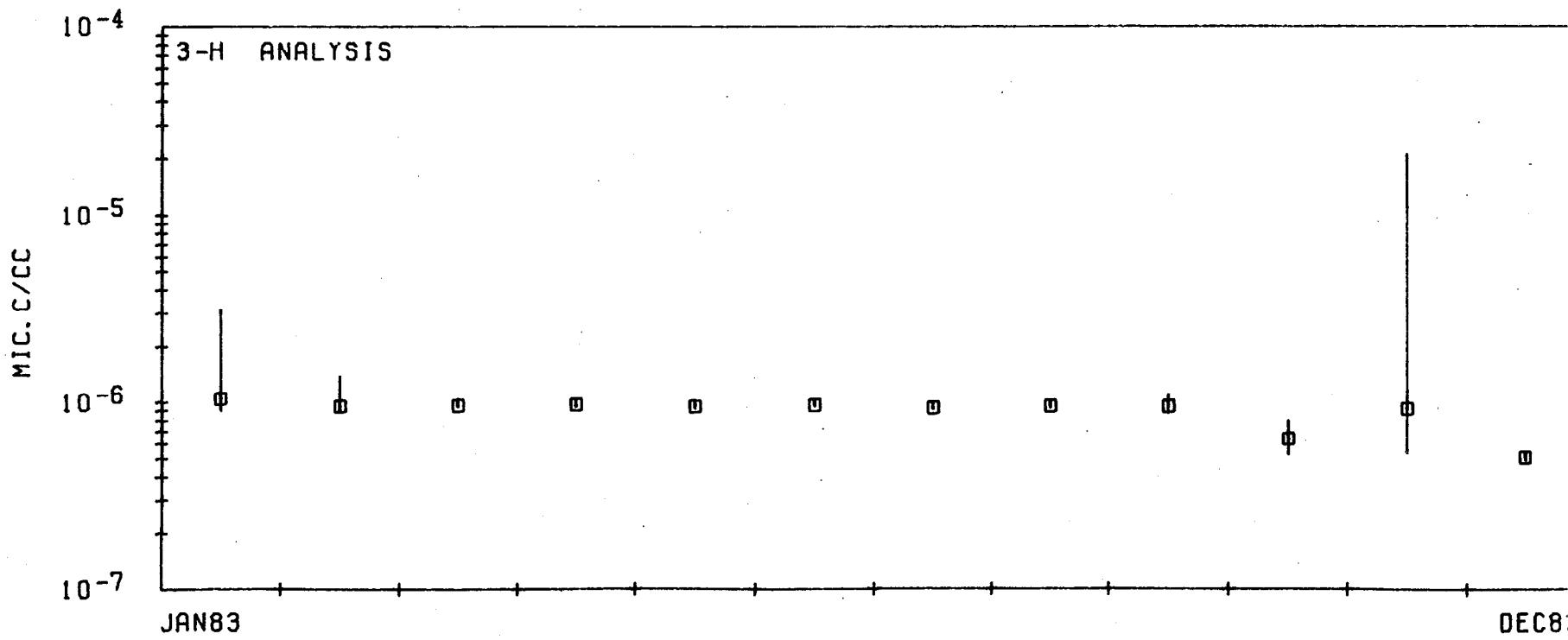
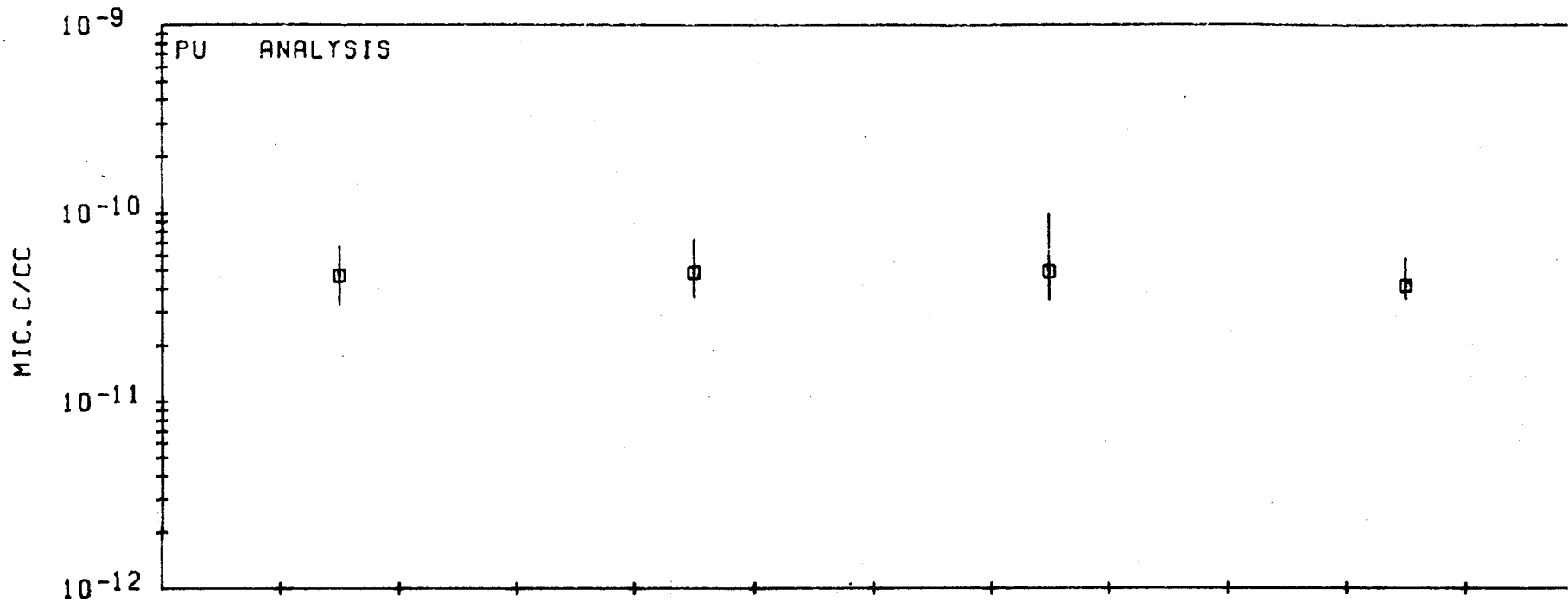


# SUPPLY WELL NETWORK AVERAGES



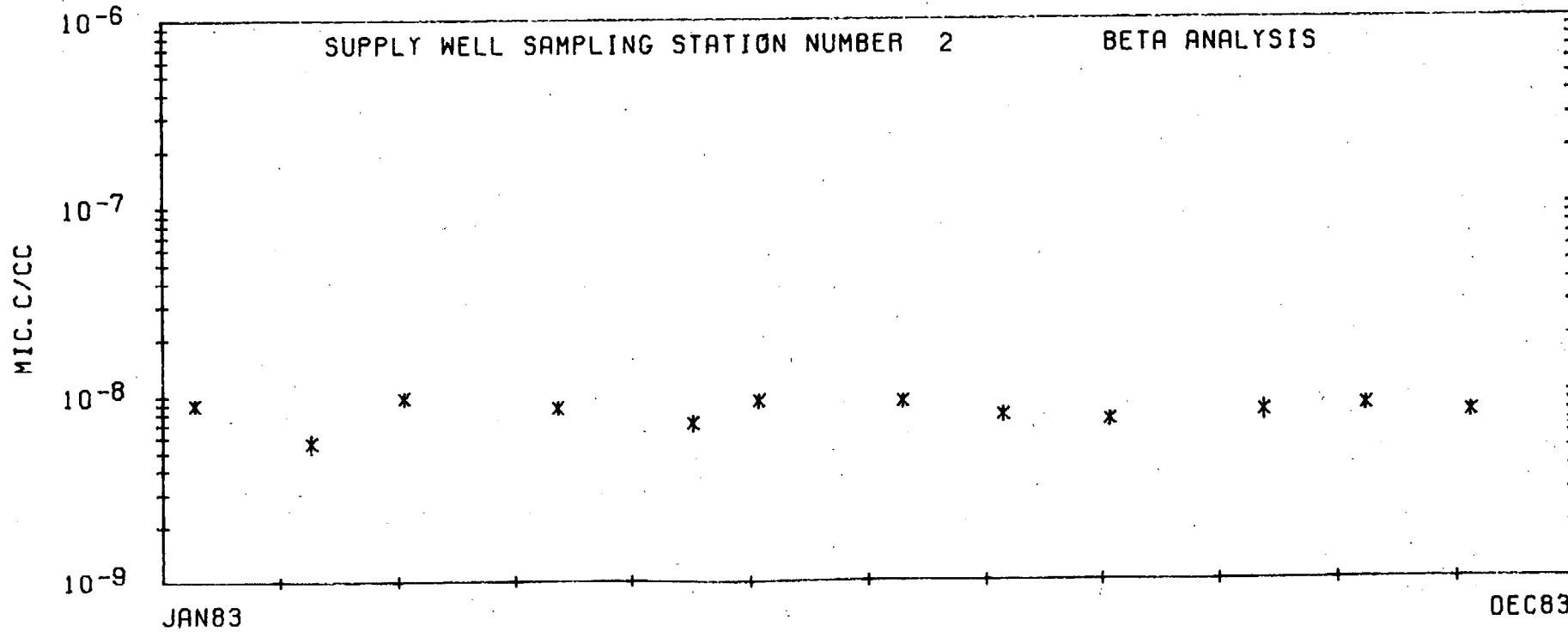
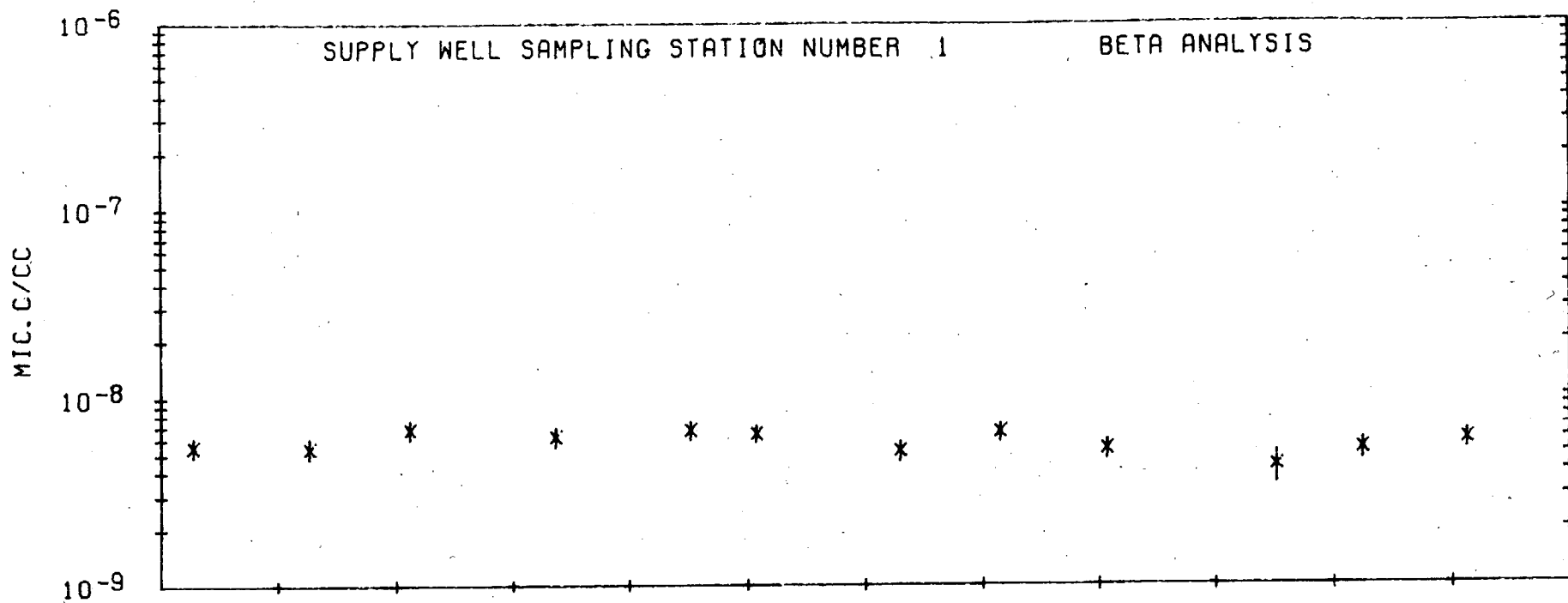
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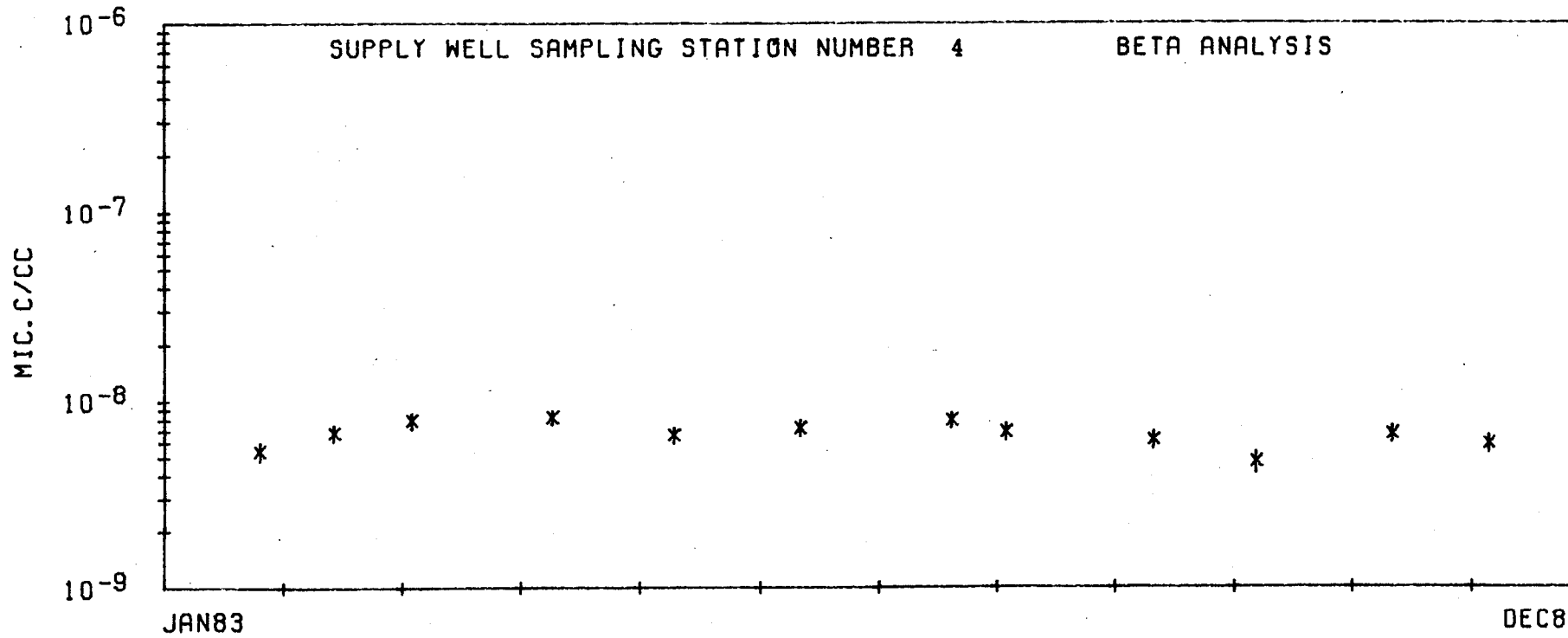
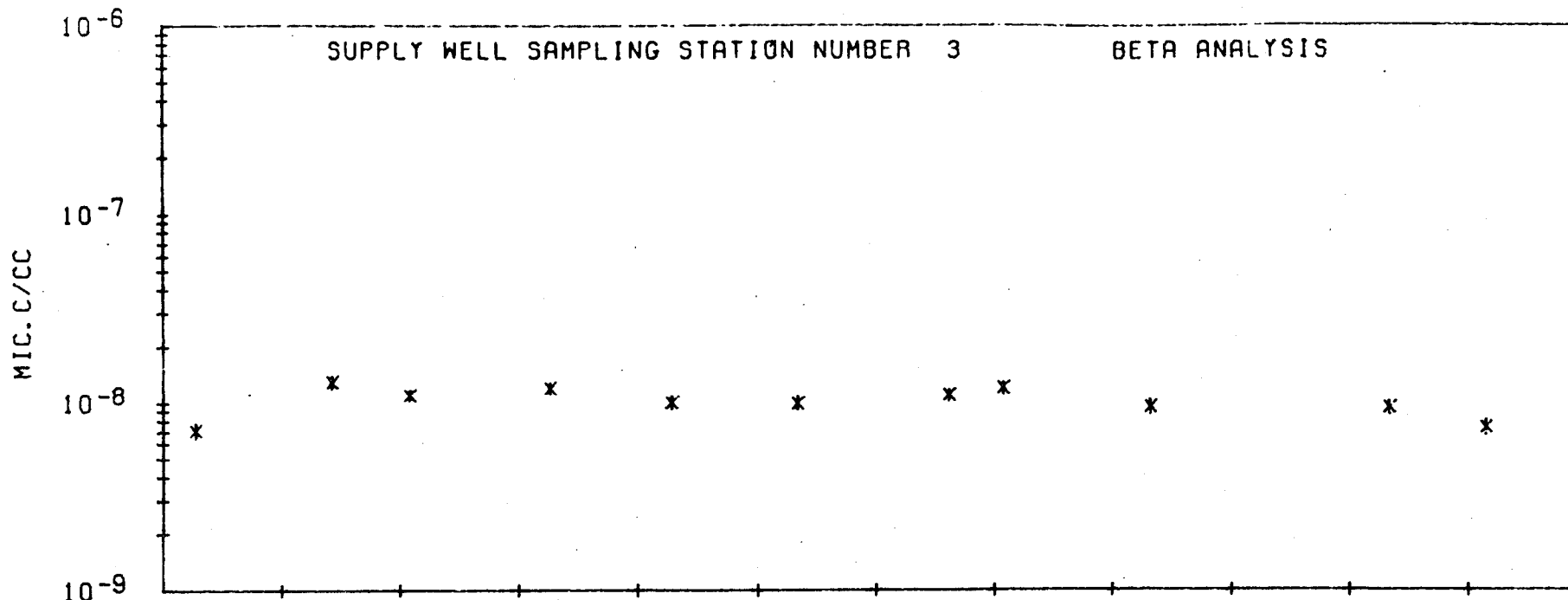
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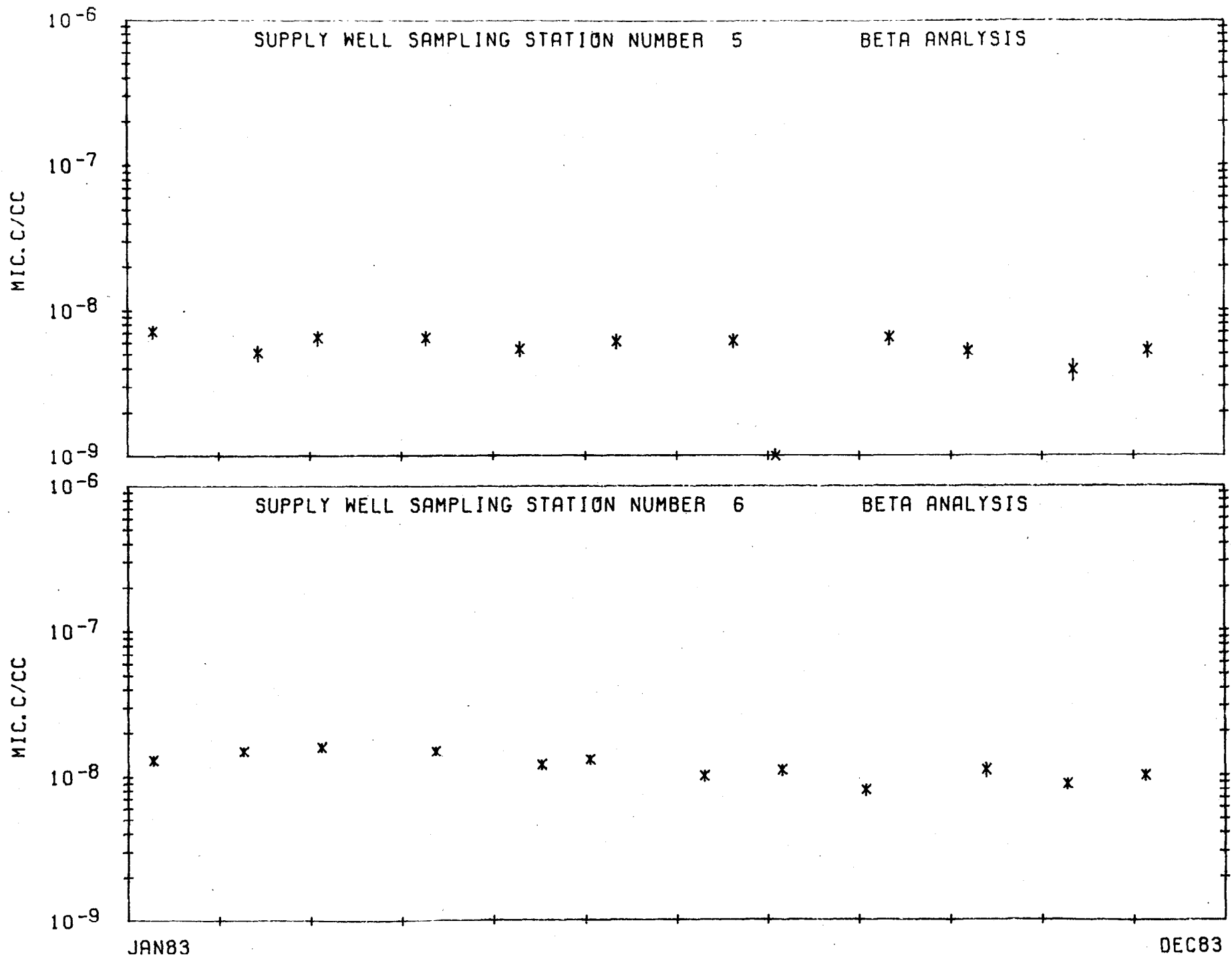
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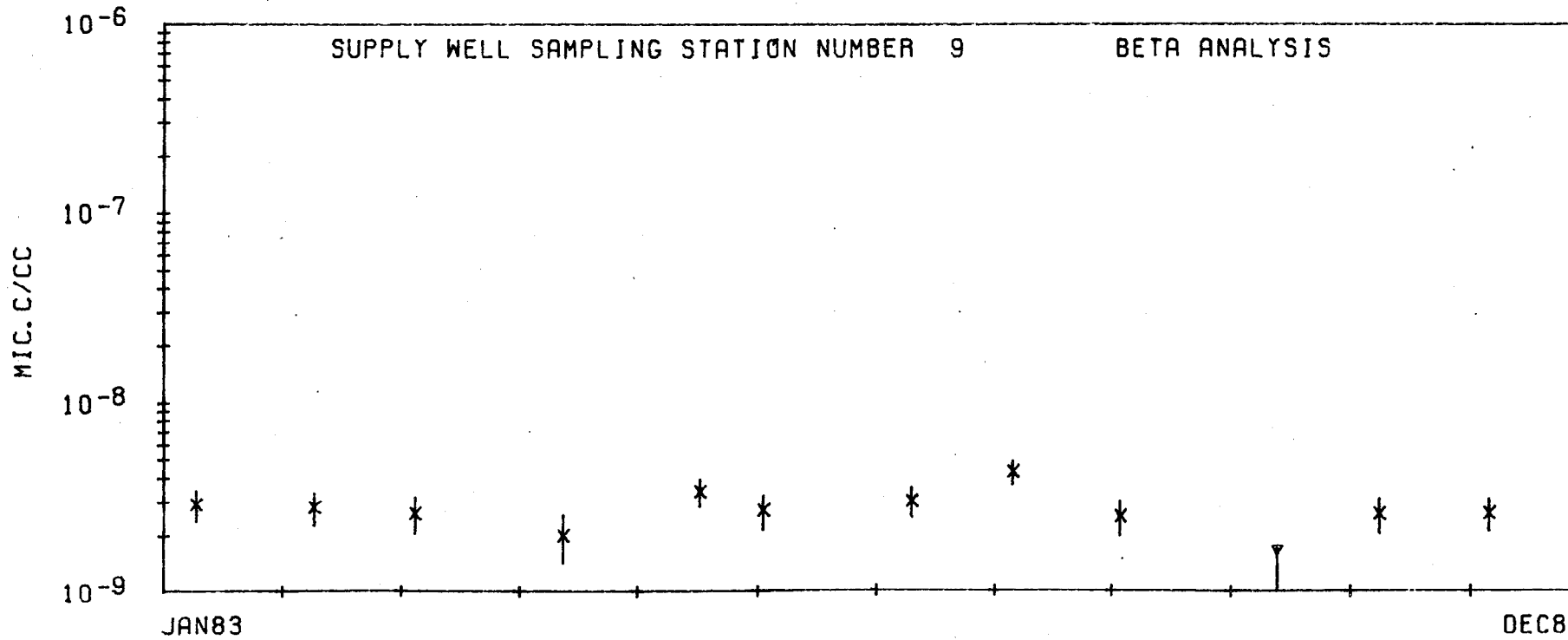
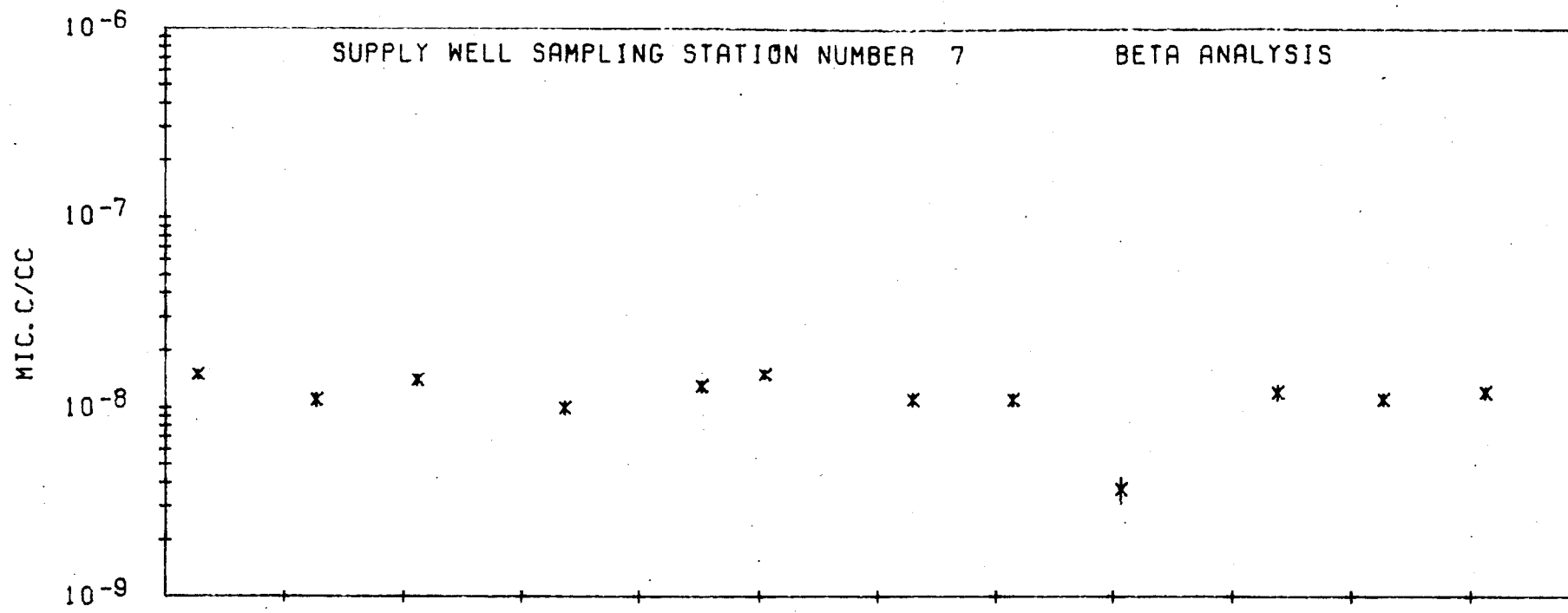


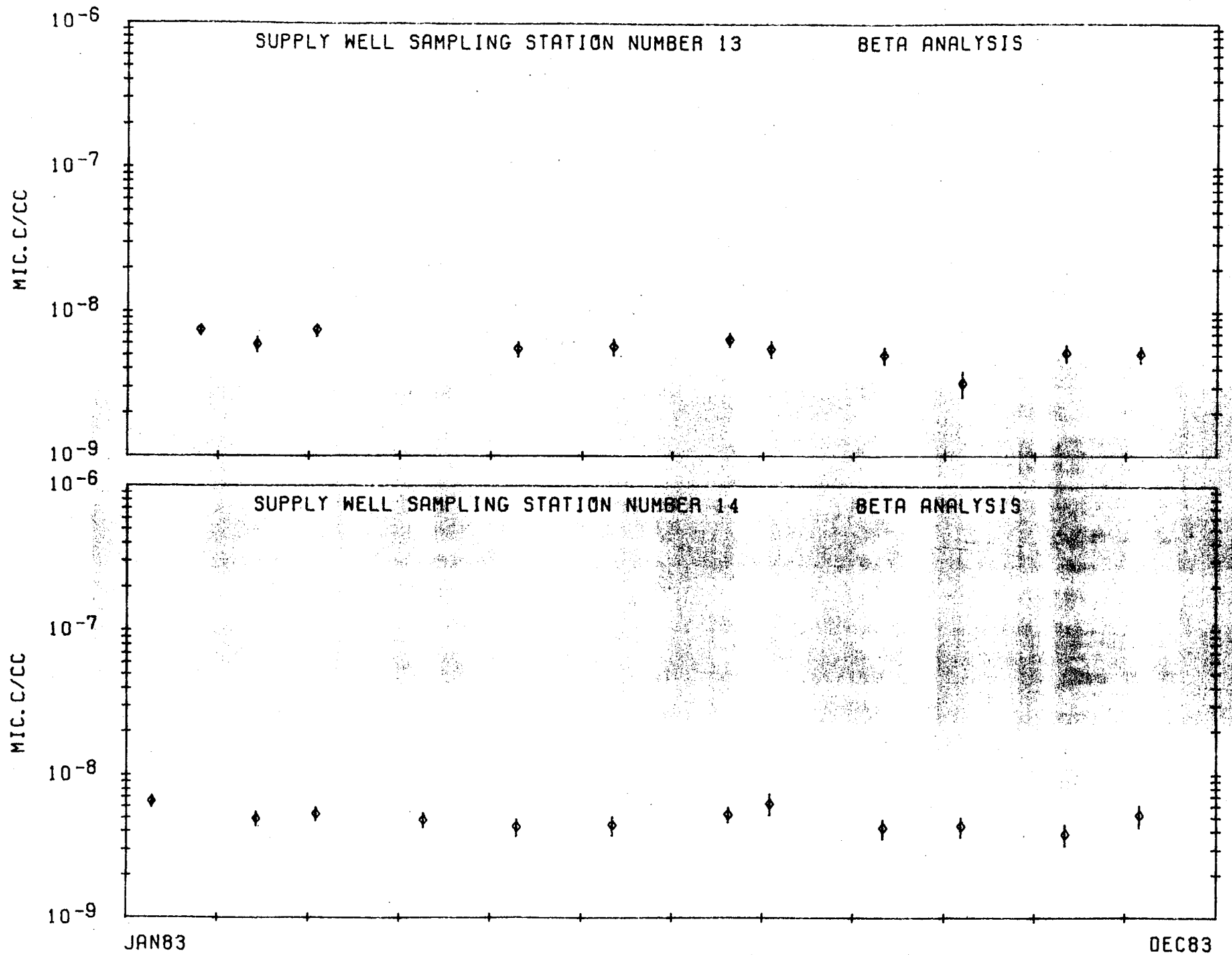


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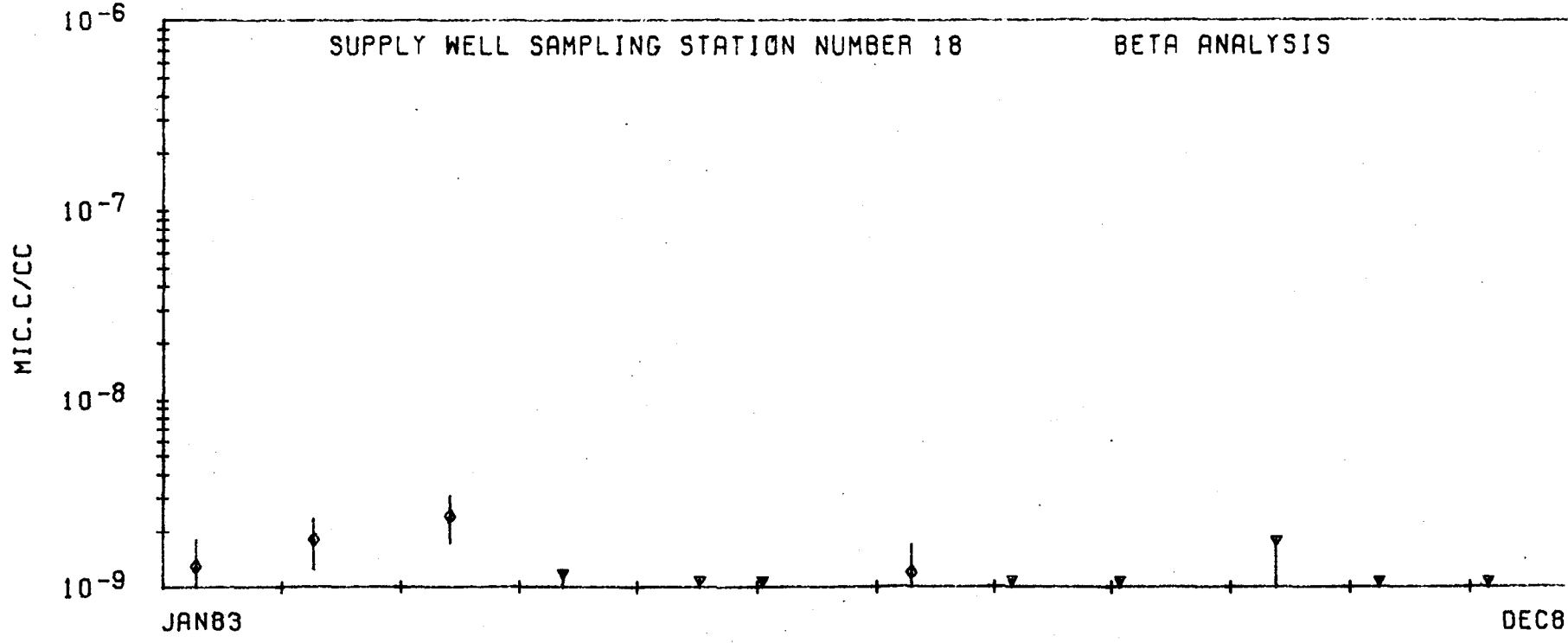
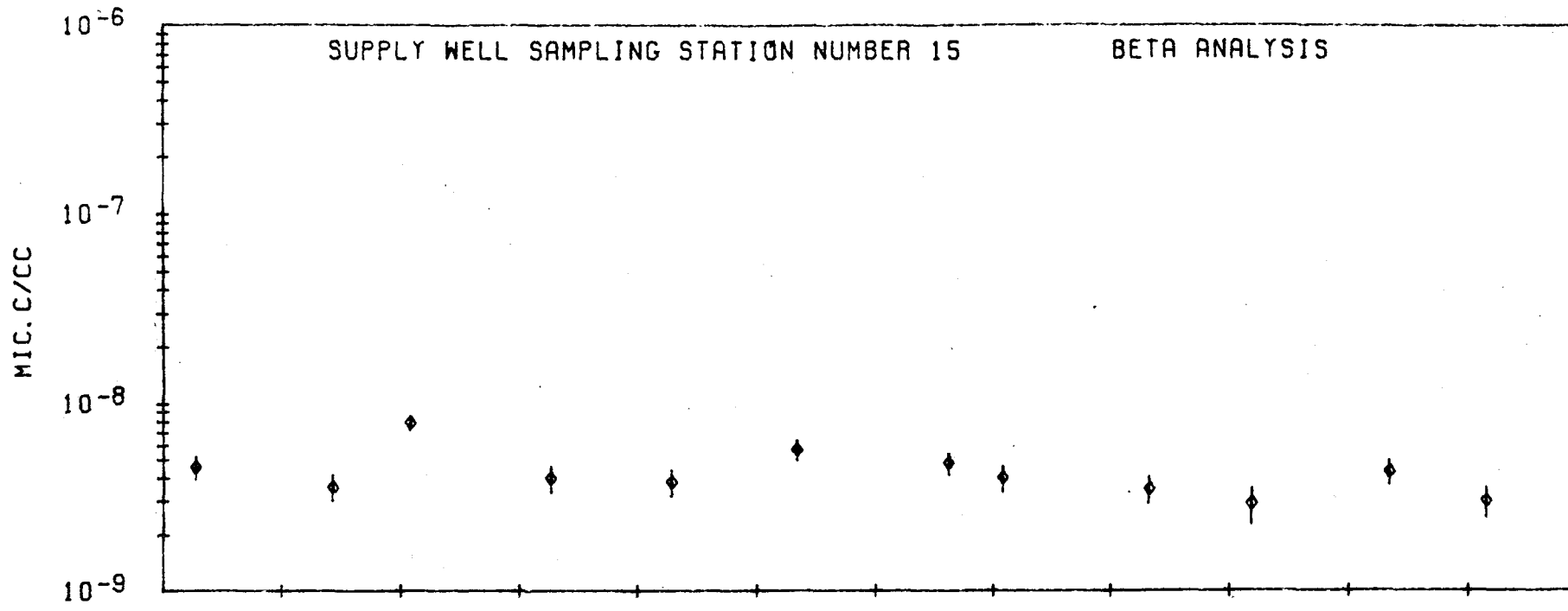
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A P P E N D I X D

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Potable Water Locations and Plots

In the first two pages of plots in Appendix D, the potable water network averages, a square is used to represent the arithmetic mean of all values at that point in time, and the vertical line is the range of the data.

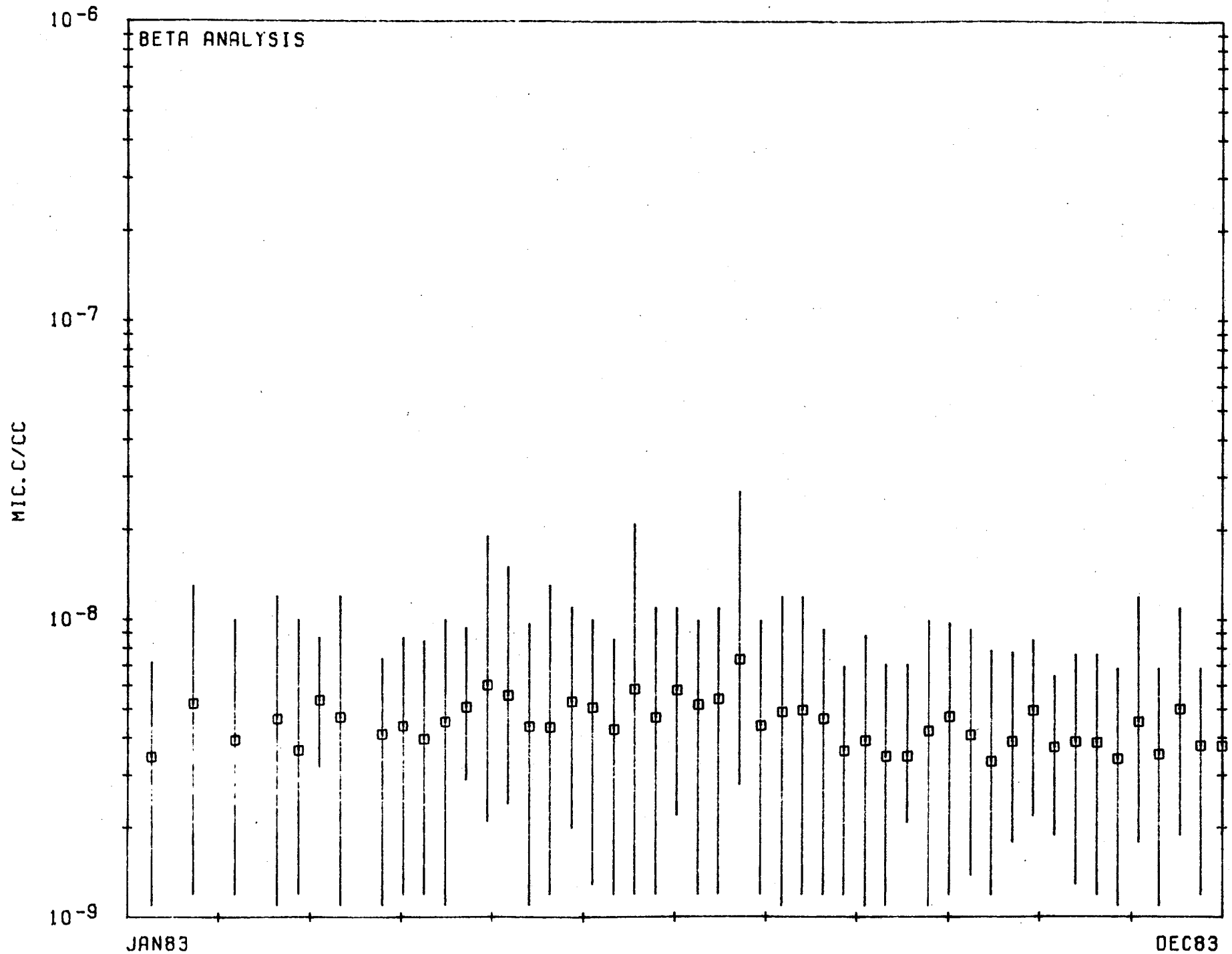
The remaining plots show the gross beta data of each station. A two-sigma error bar is also added to the data points, and, in all plots, a delta with a line to the bottom of the plot means below detection limit.

NTS ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE  
POTABLE WATER SAMPLING LOCATIONS

| <u>Station<br/>Number</u> | <u>Location</u>         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1                         | Area 3 Cafeteria        |
| 2                         | Area 2 Rest Room        |
| 3                         | Area 12 Cafeteria       |
| 4                         | Area 23 Cafeteria       |
| 5                         | Area 27 Cafeteria       |
| 6                         | Area 6 Cascade Water    |
| 7                         | Area 6 Cafeteria        |
| 10                        | Area 25 Service Station |

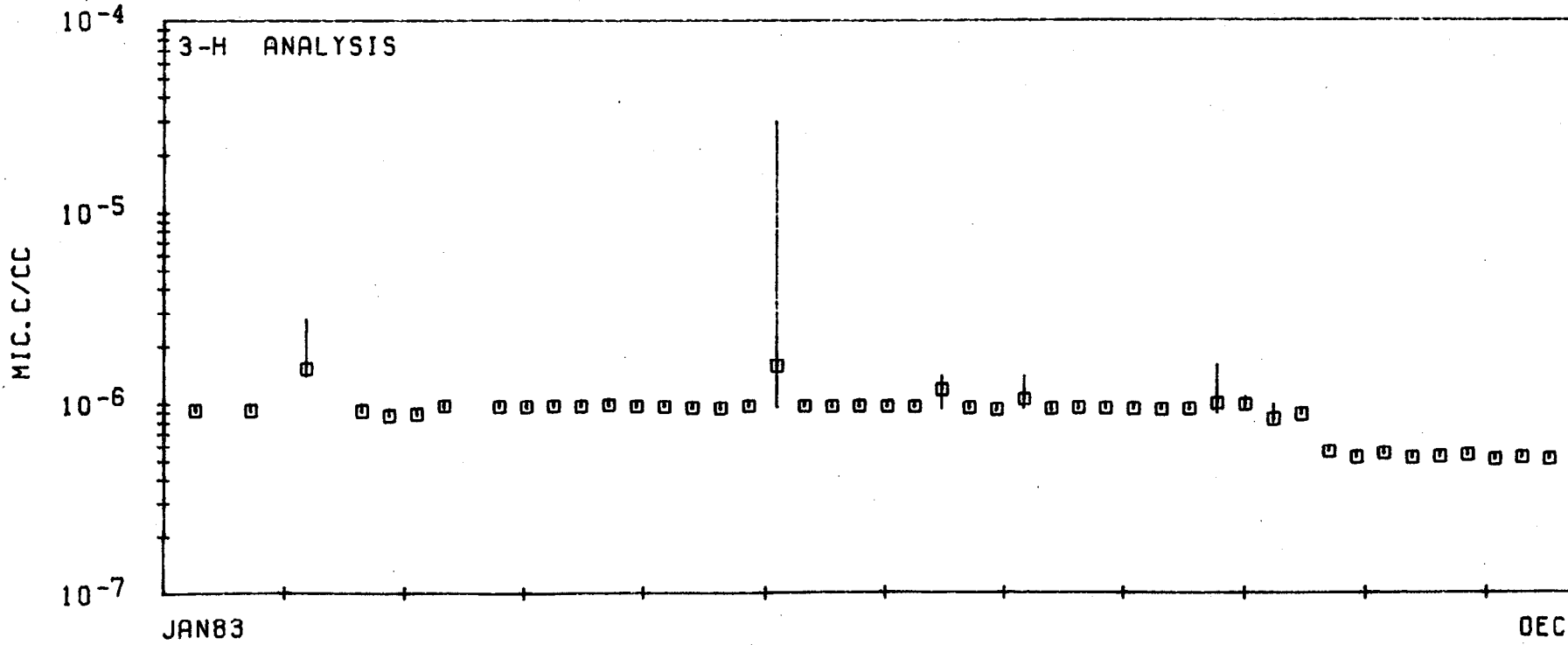
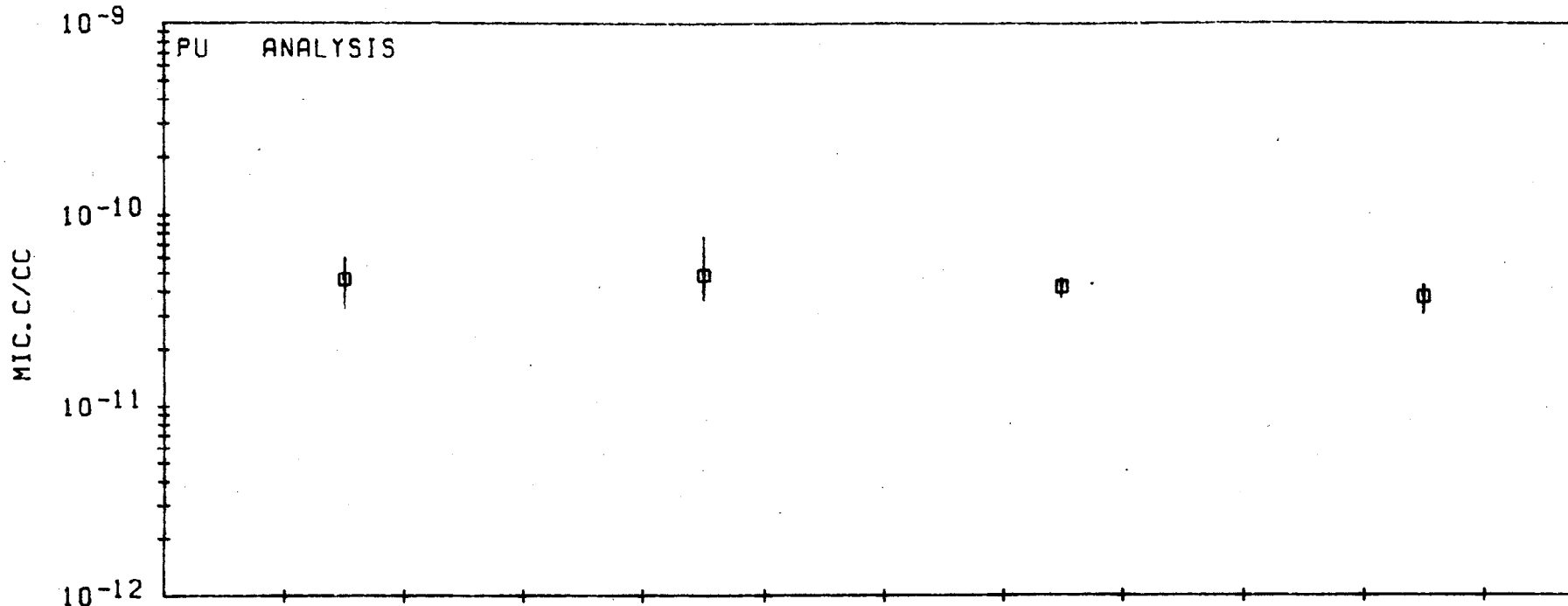
# POTABLE WATER NETWORK AVERAGES

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NTS Environmental Surveillance  
Open Reservoir Locations and Plots

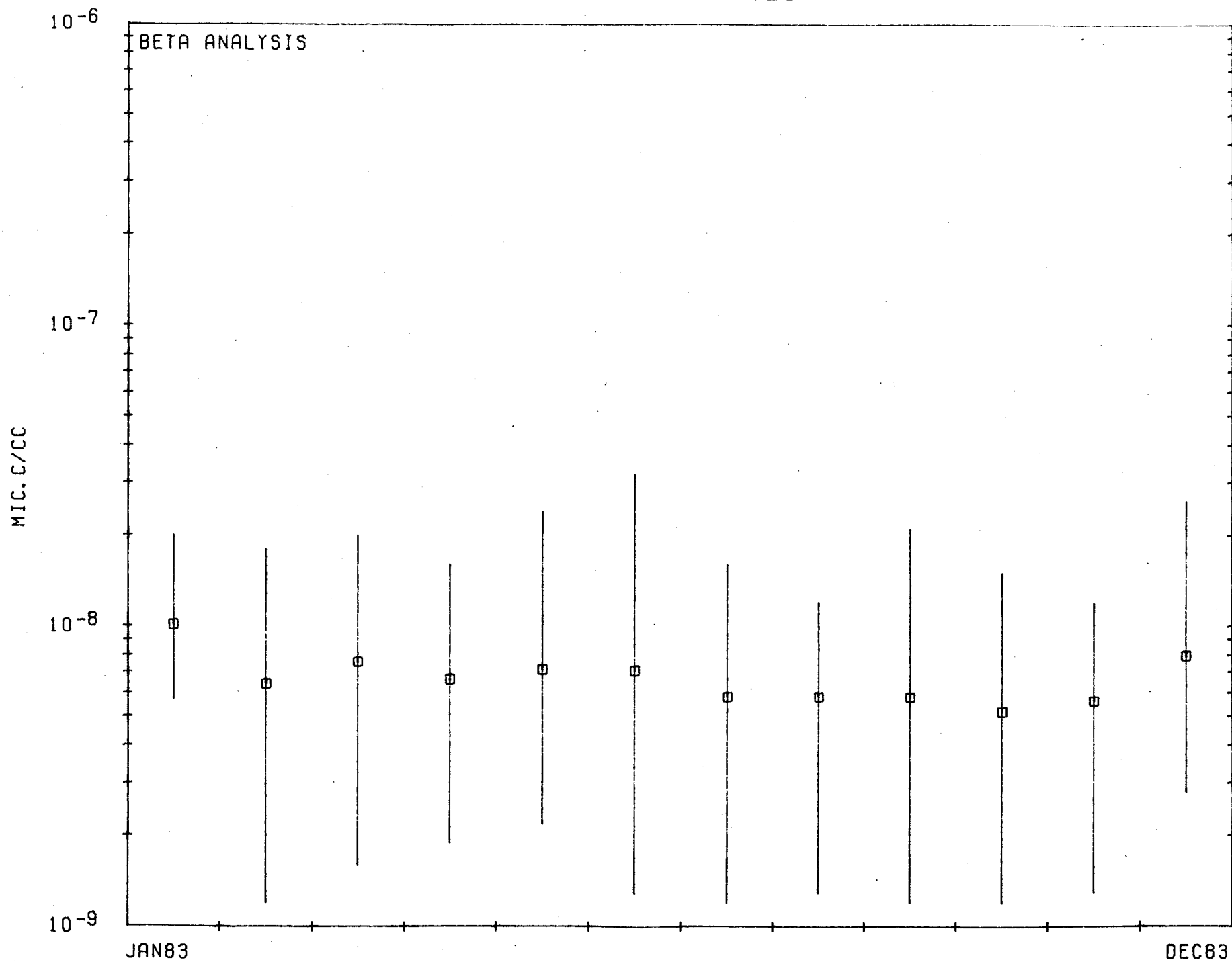
Several symbols are used in Appendix E to denote the data points. In the first two pages of plots, the open reservoir network averages, a square represents the arithmetic mean of all values at that point in time, and the vertical line is the range of the data. The remaining plots of Appendix E show the gross beta data of each station. A two-sigma error is also added to the data points, and, in all plots, a delta with the line to the bottom of the plot means below detection limit.

NTS ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE  
OPEN RESERVOIRS SAMPLING LOCATIONS

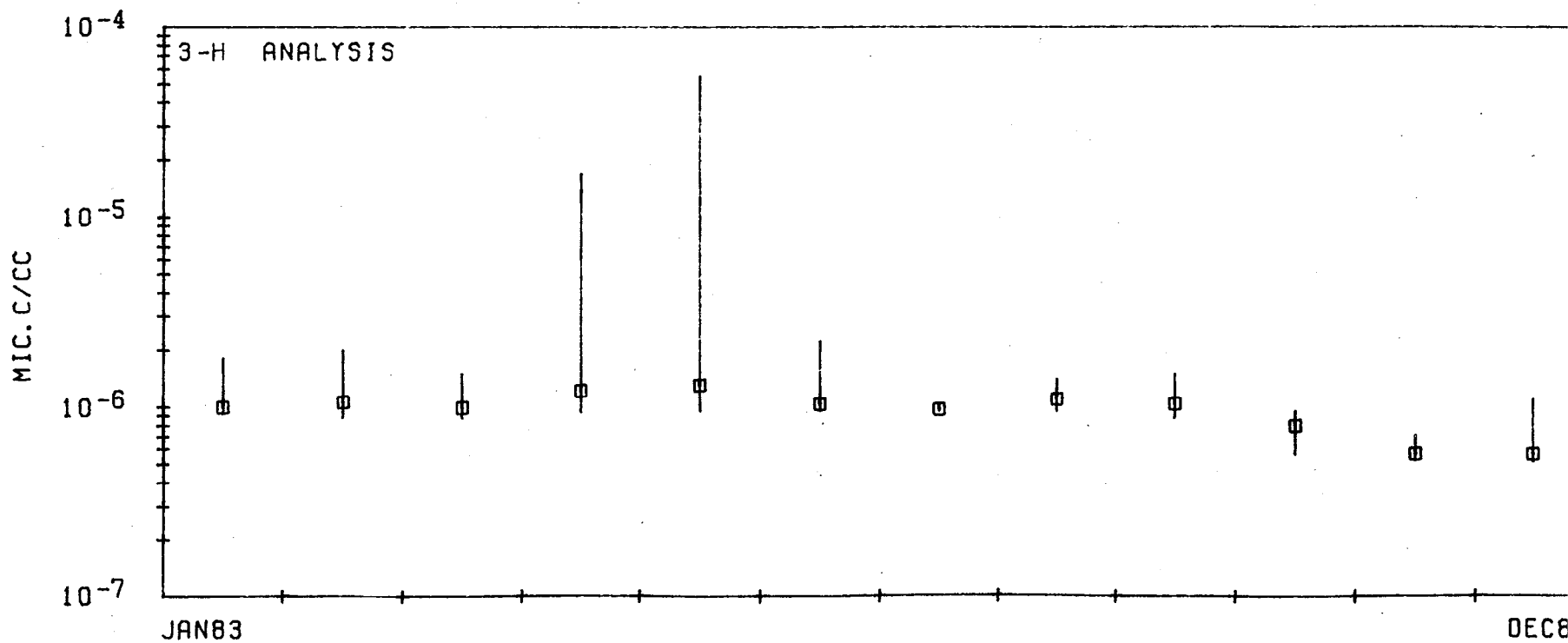
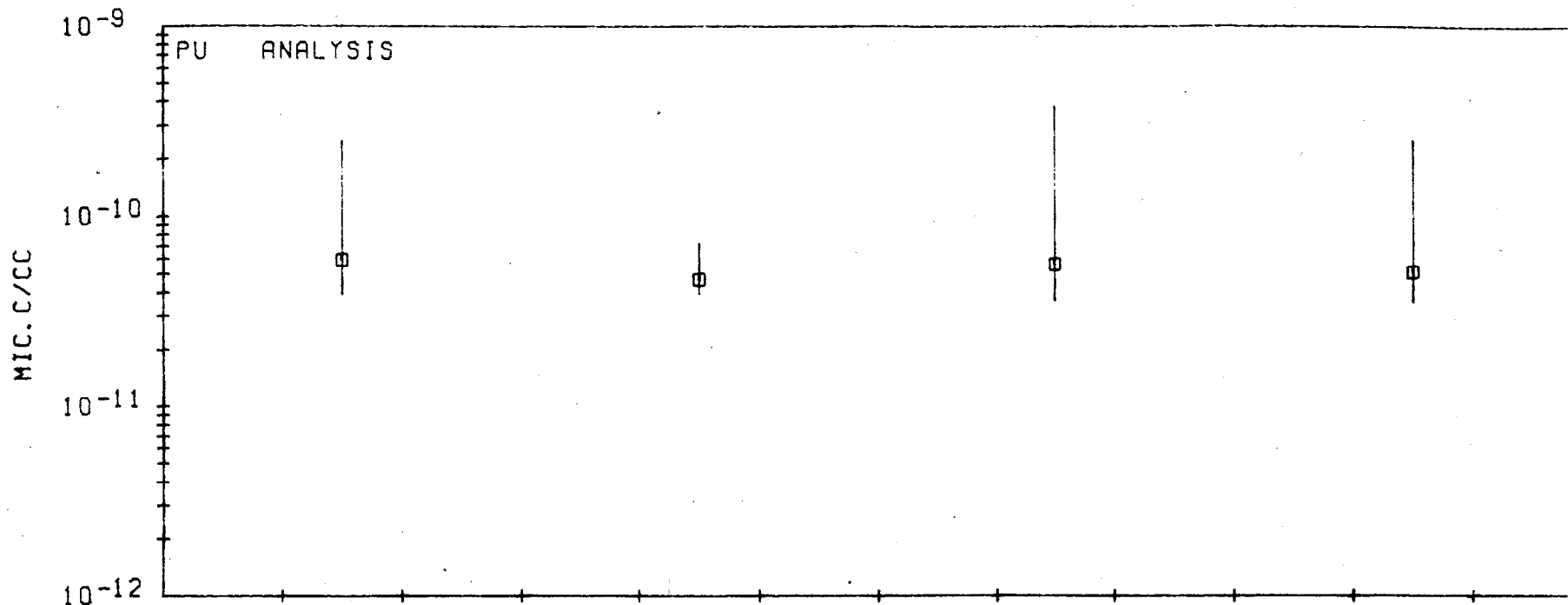
| <u>Station<br/>Number</u> | <u>Location</u>              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1                         | Area 2 Well 2 Reservoir      |
| 2                         | Area 3 Well A Reservoir      |
| 3                         | Area 5 Well 5B Reservoir     |
| 4                         | Area 5 Well Ue5c Reservoir   |
| 5                         | Area 6 Well 3 Reservoir      |
| 6                         | Area 6 Well C1 Reservoir     |
| * 7                       | Area 15 Well Ue15d Reservoir |
| 8                         | Area 18 Camp 17 Reservoir    |
| 11                        | Area 20 Well 20A Reservoir   |
| 12                        | Area 23 Swimming Pool        |
| 16                        | Area 19 Well U19c Reservoir  |
| * 17                      | Area 25 Well J-12 Reservoir  |
| 18                        | Area 3 Mud Plant Reservoir   |
| 19                        | Area 2 Mud Plant Reservoir   |
| 20                        | Area 25 Well J-11 Reservoir  |
| 21                        | Area 18 Well 8 Reservoir     |
| 22                        | Area 5 Reservoir             |

\* Reservoirs were dry.

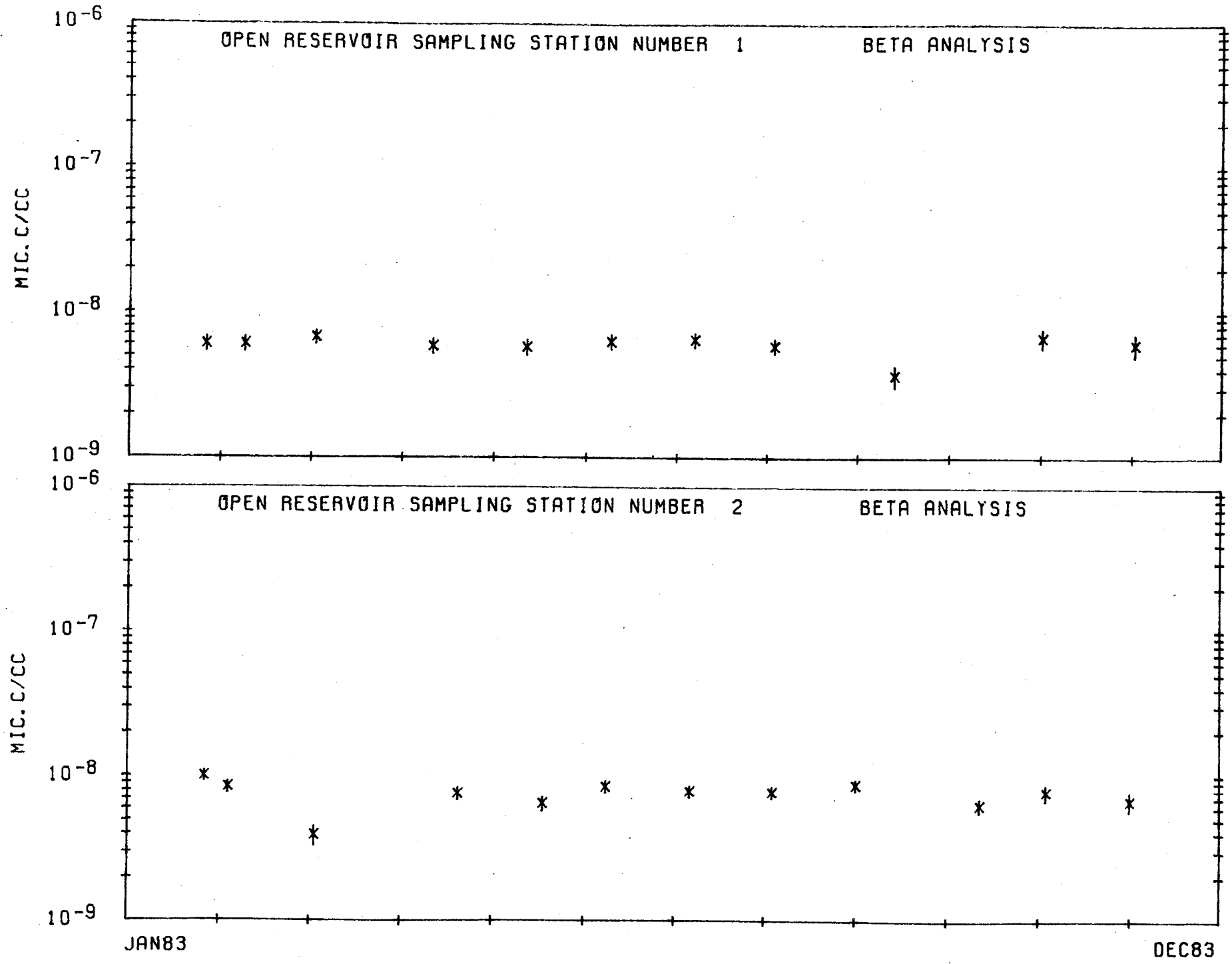
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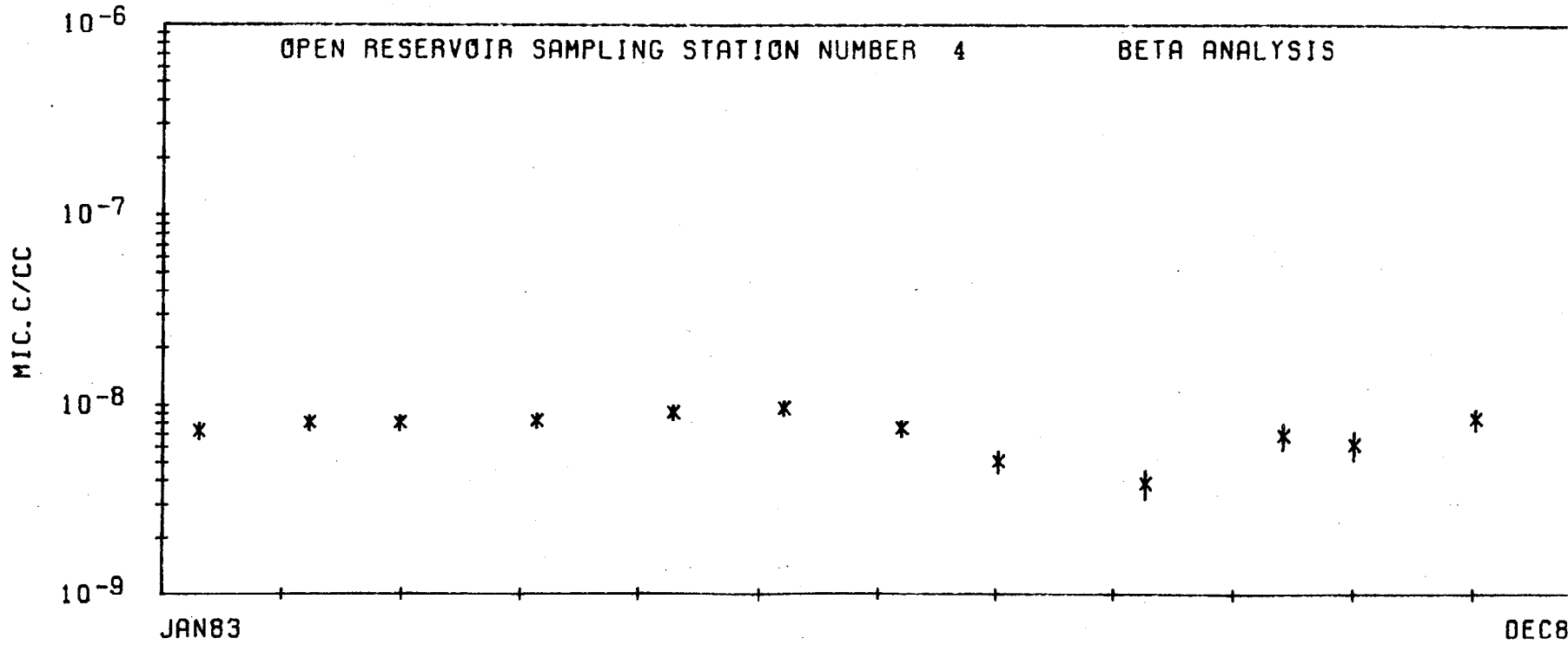
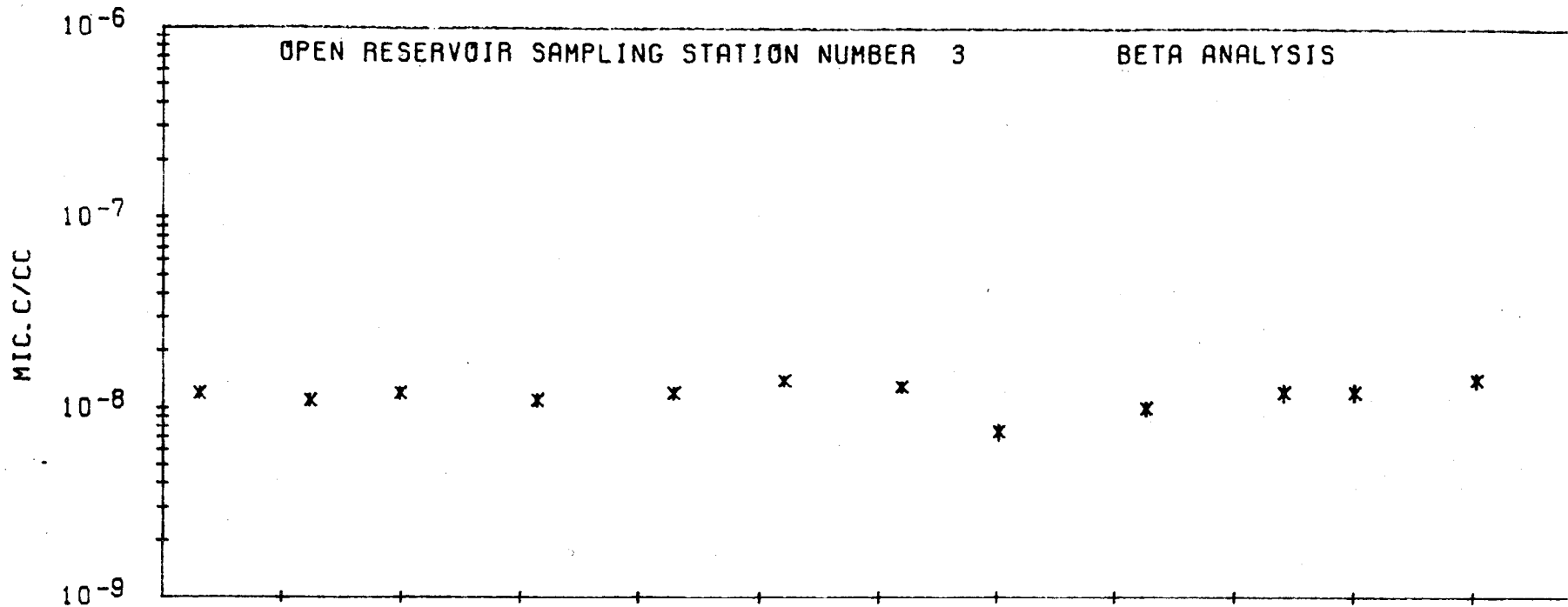


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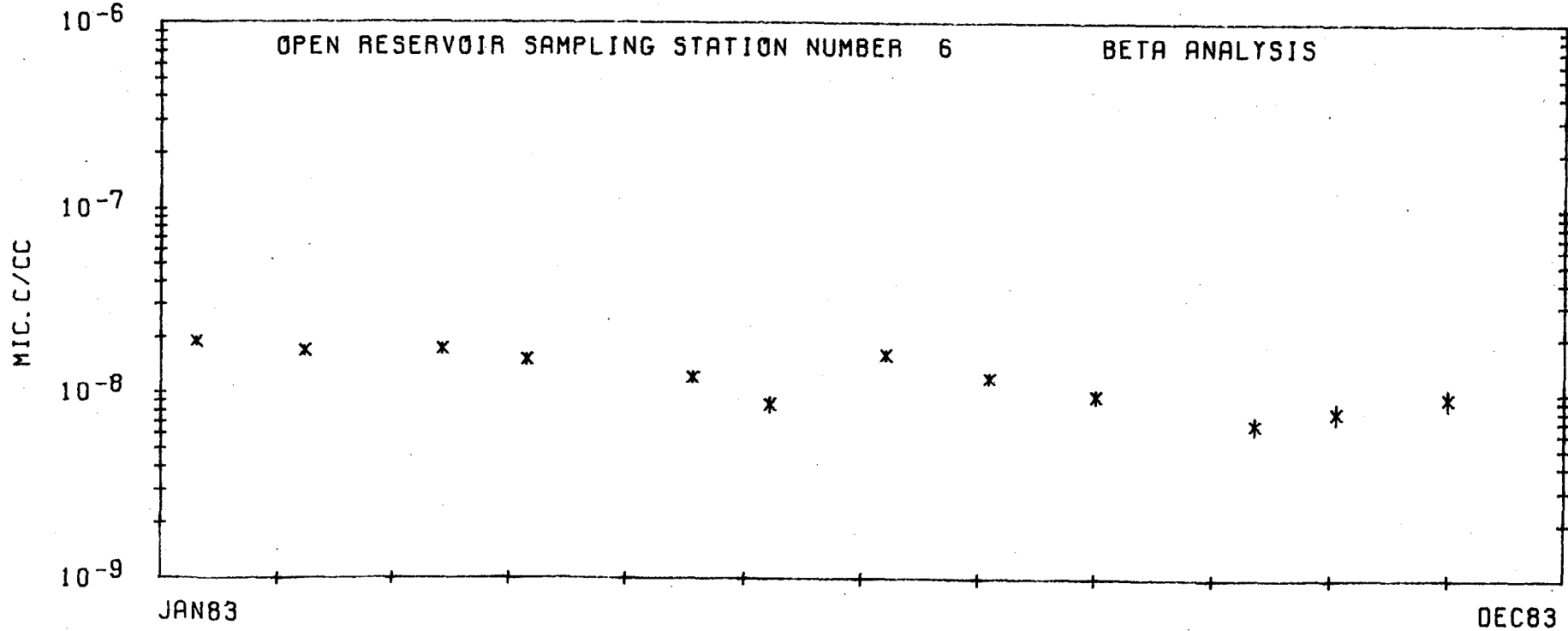
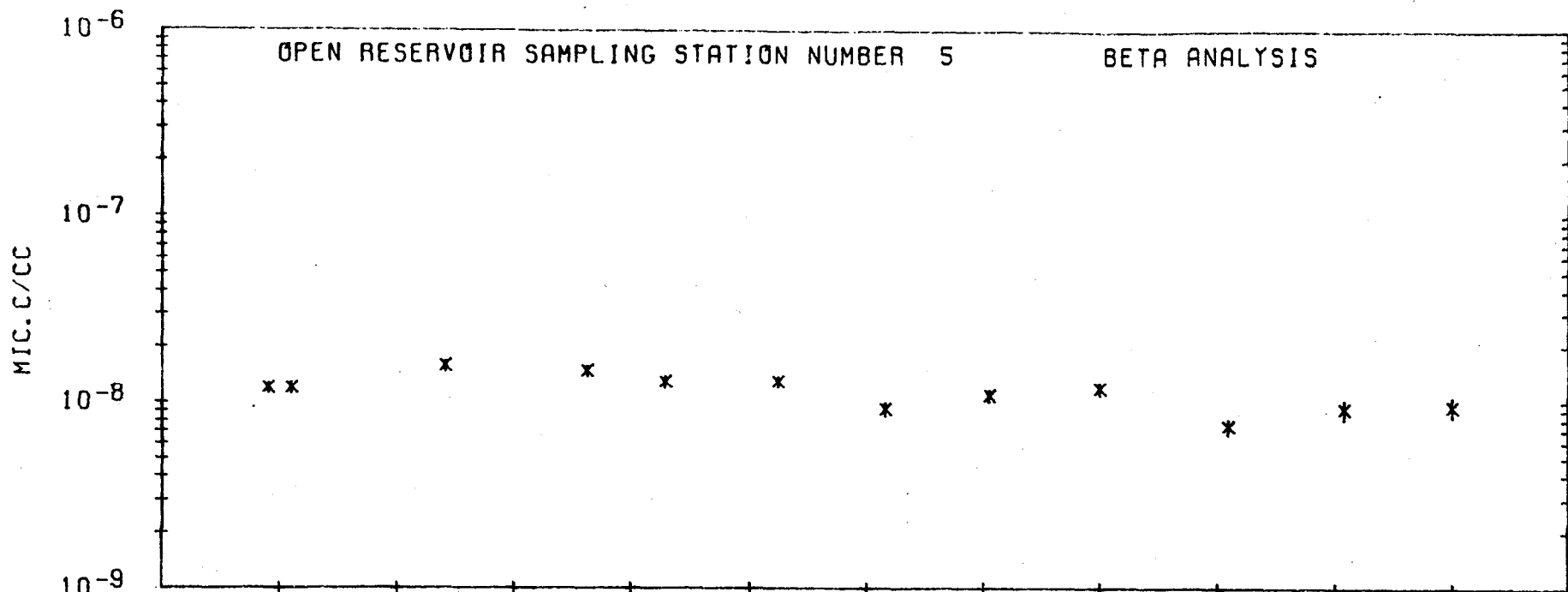




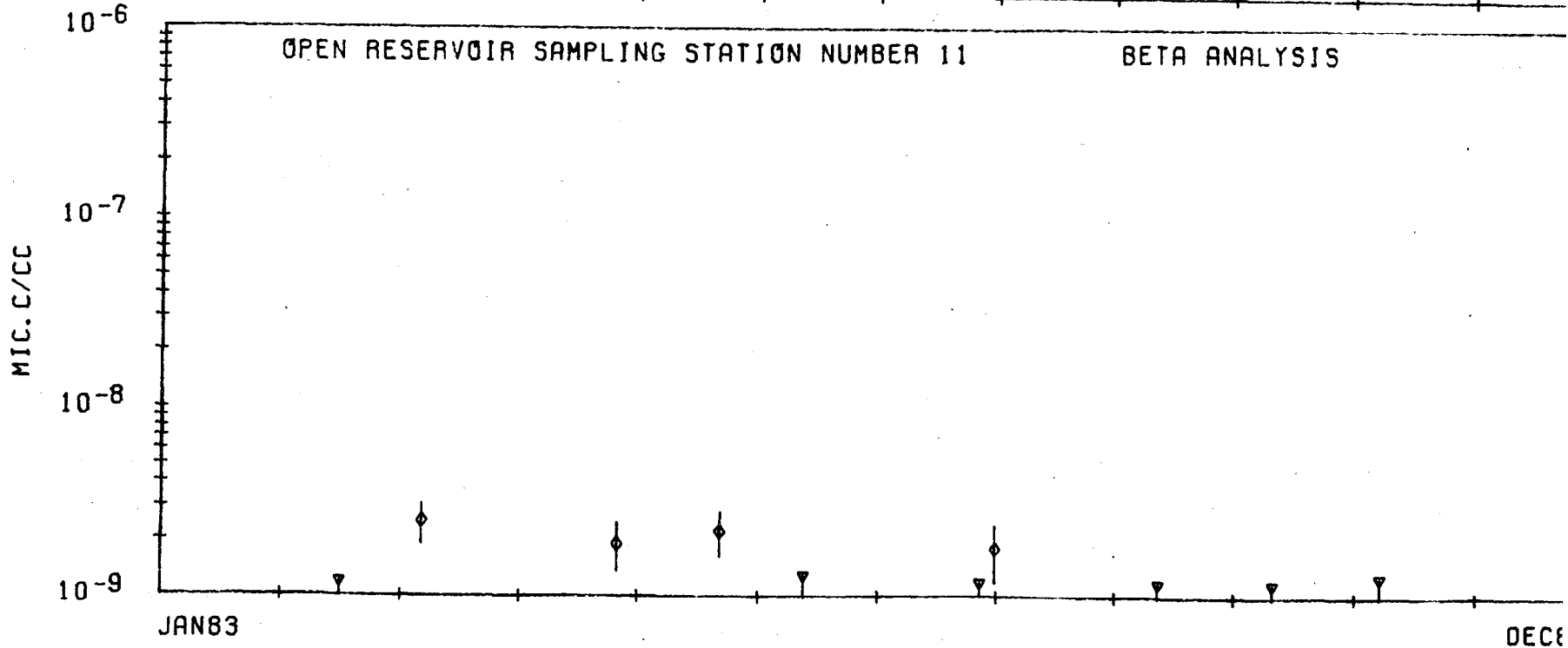
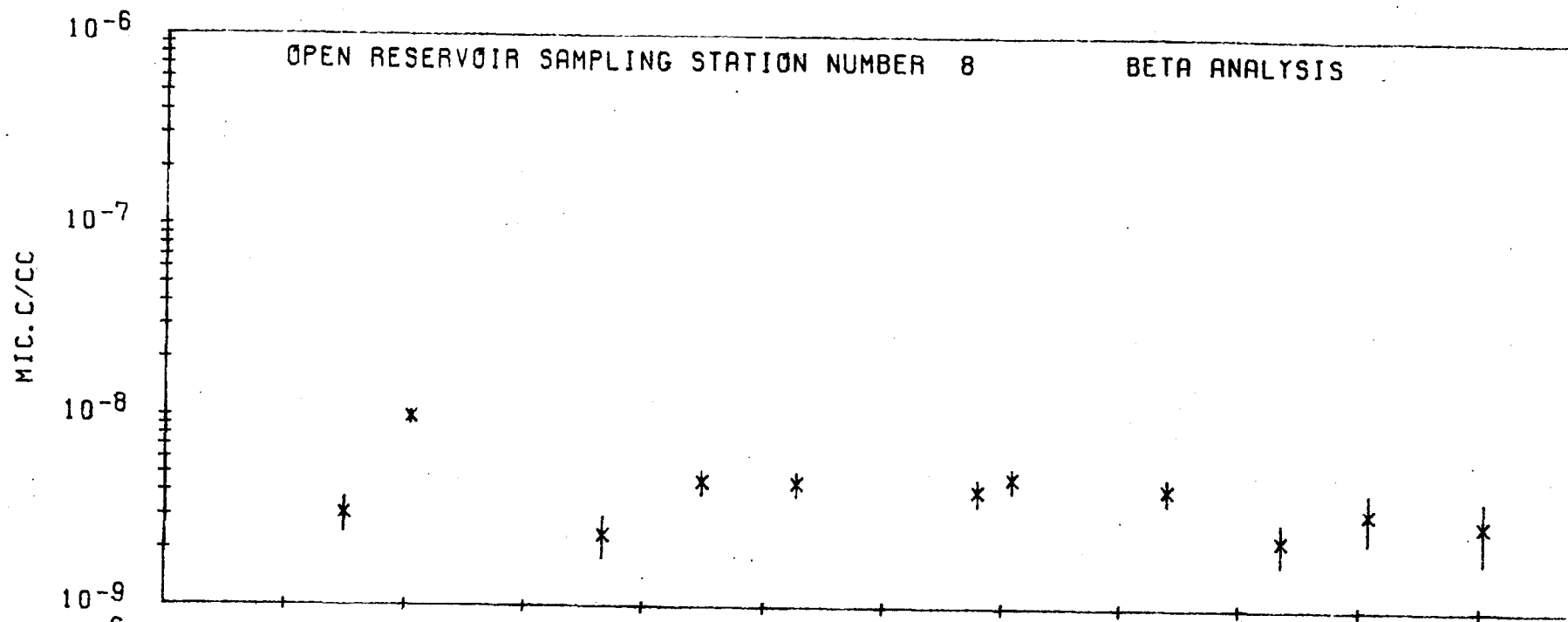
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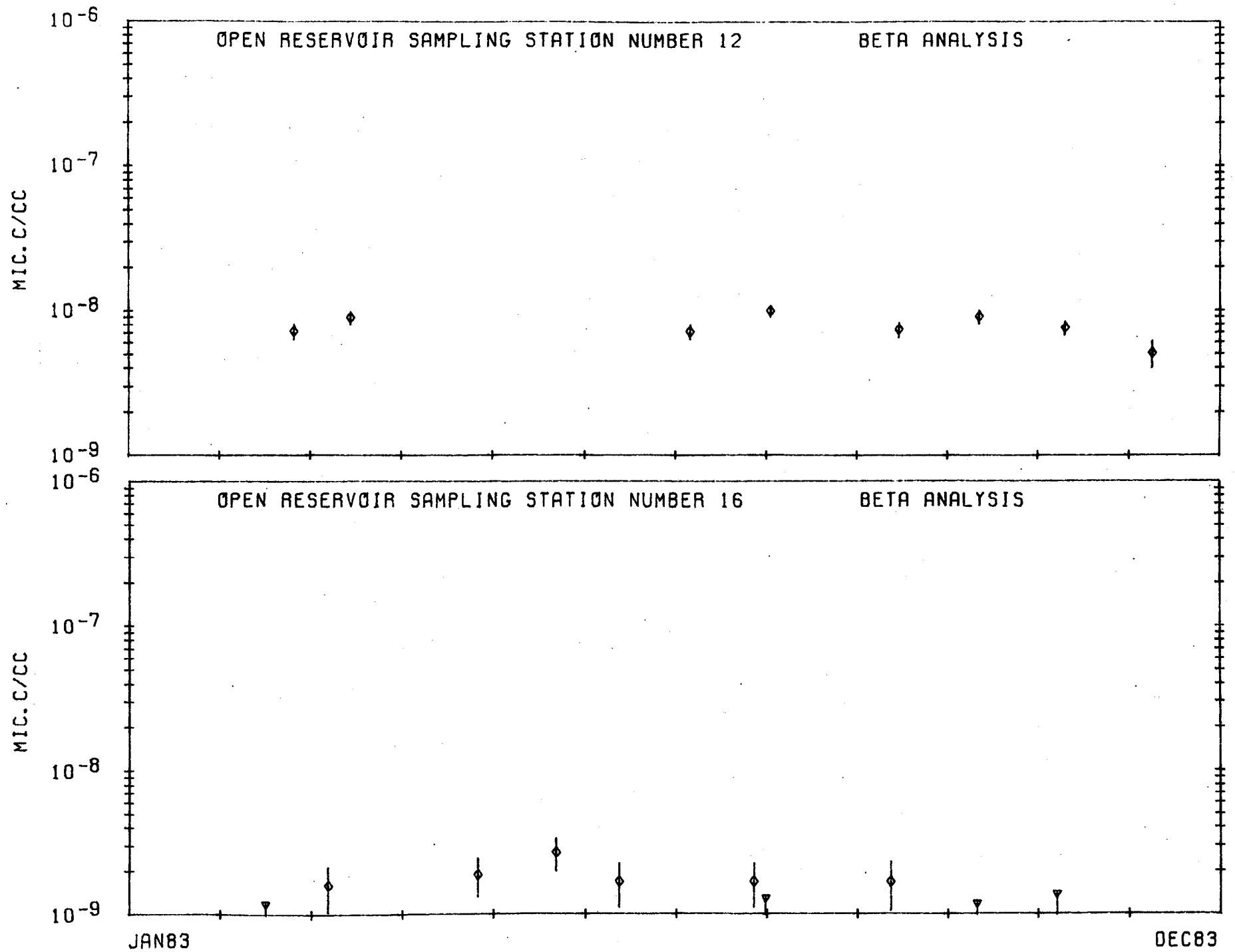
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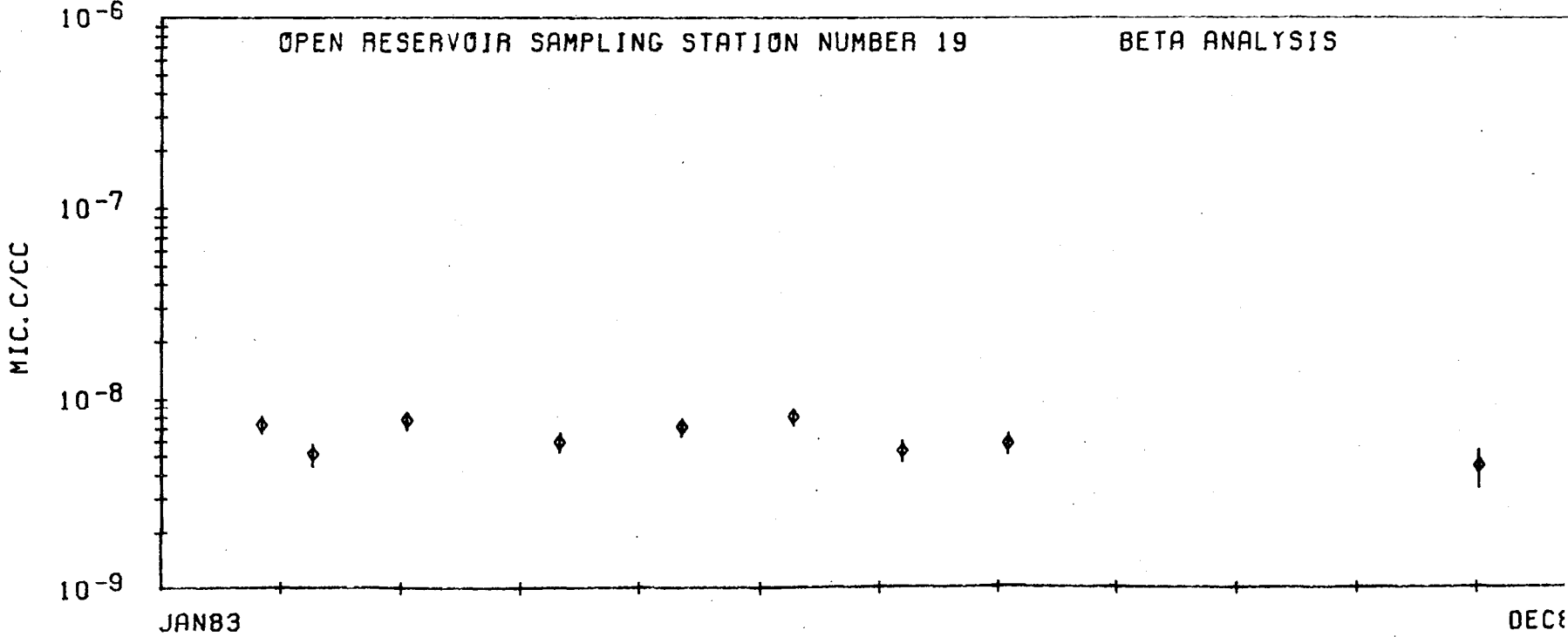
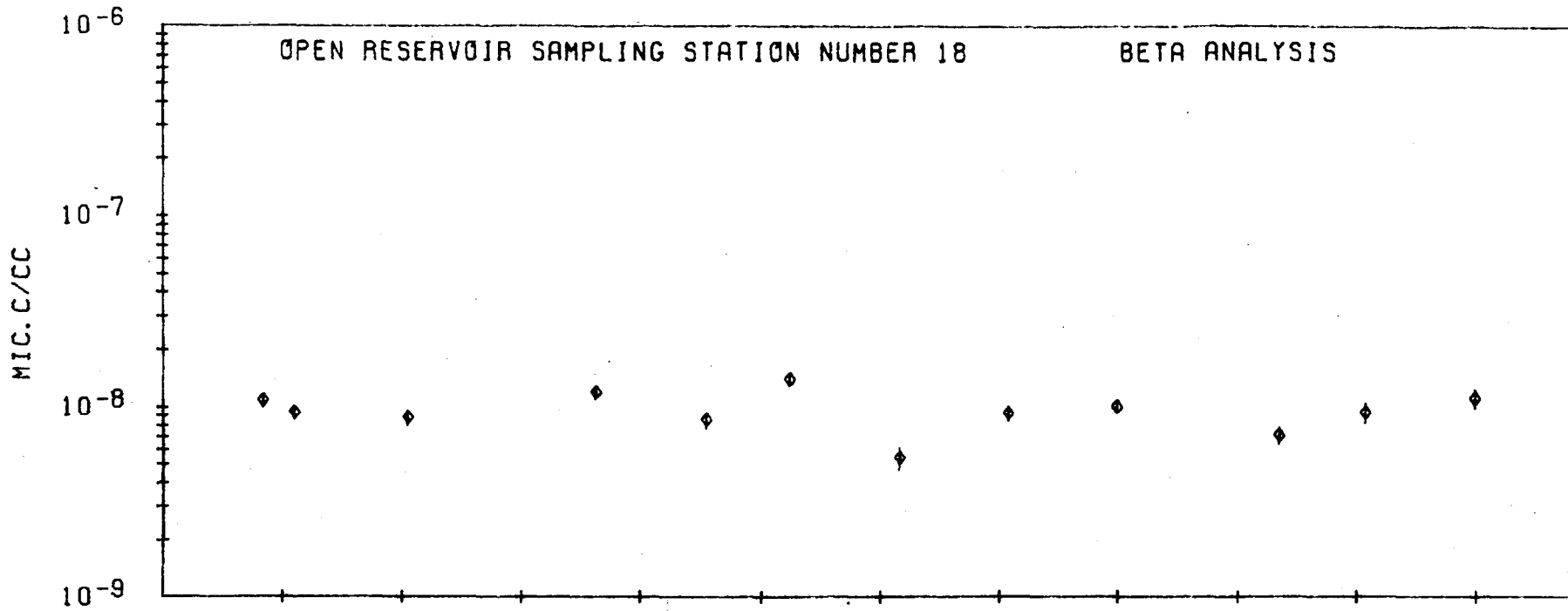


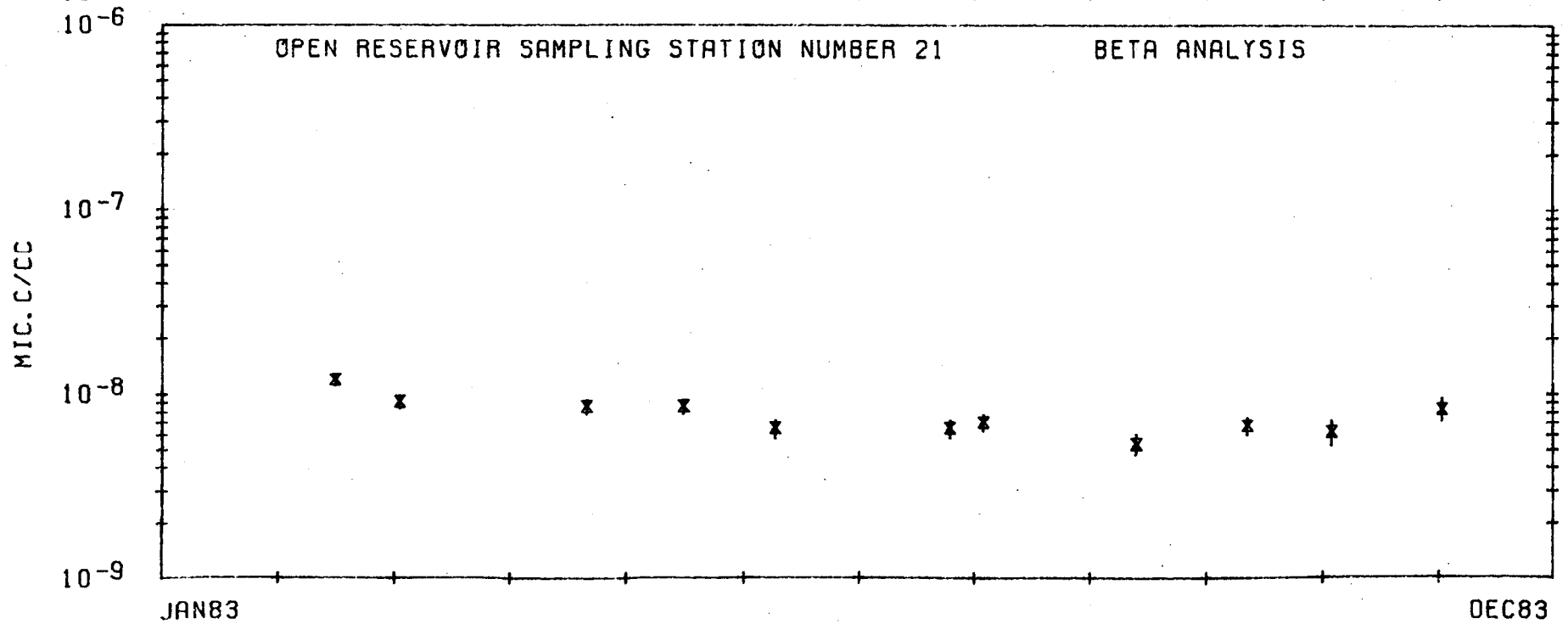
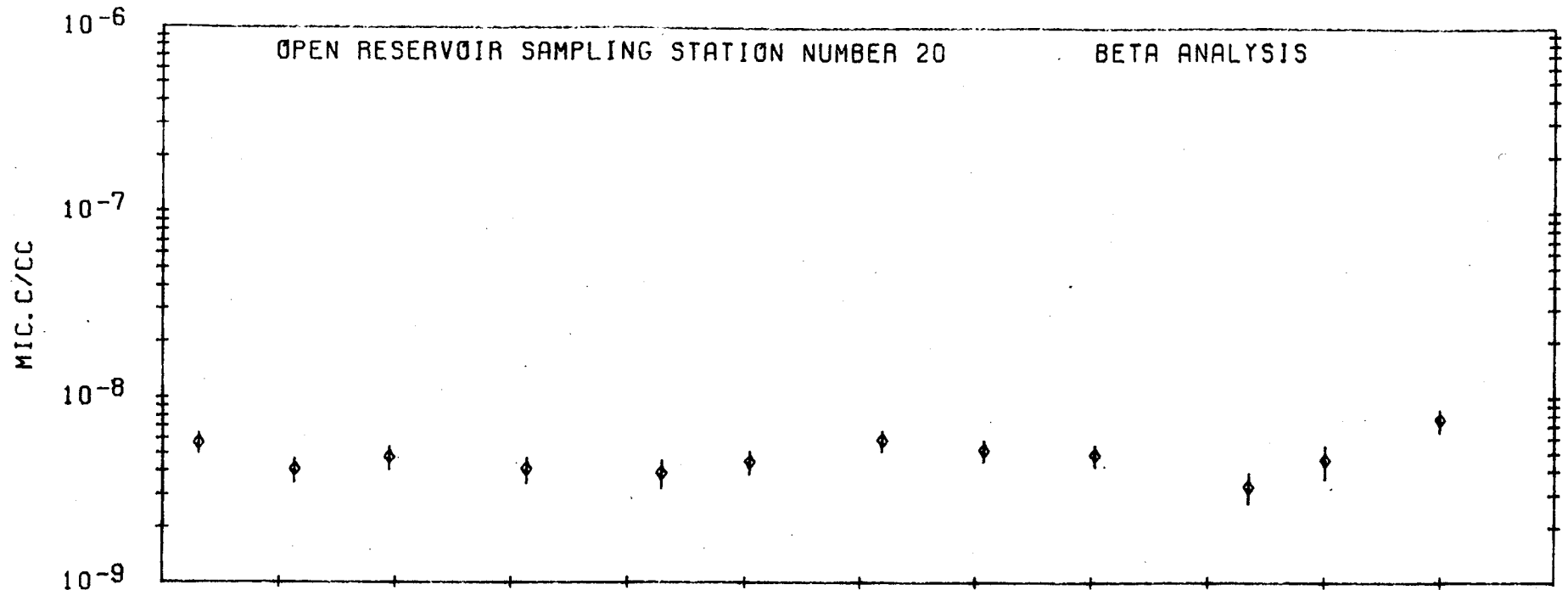
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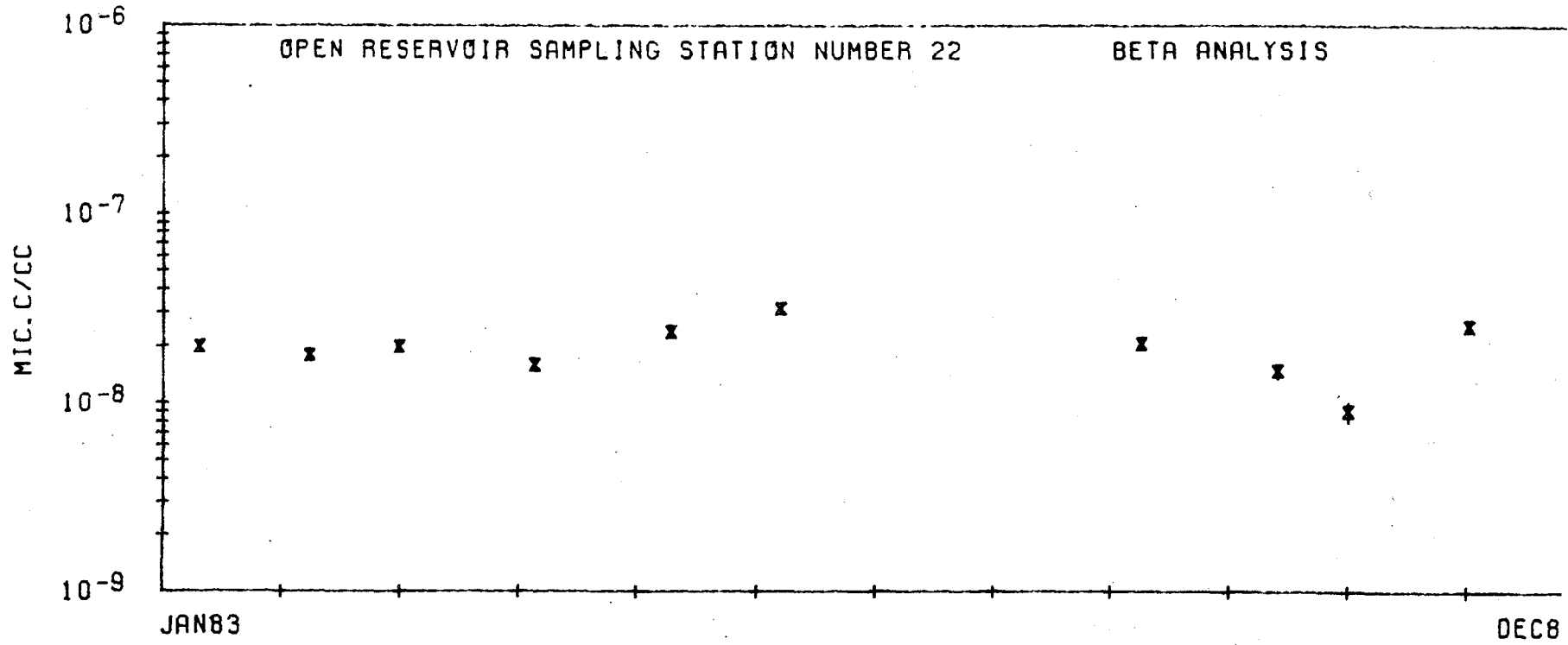


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**A P P E N D I X F**

**NTS Environmental Surveillance  
Natural Spring Locations and Plots**

In the first two pages of plots in Appendix F, the natural springs network averages, a square is used to represent the arithmetic mean of all values at that point in time, and the vertical line is the range of the data. The remaining plots show the gross beta data of each station. A two-sigma error bar is also added to the data points, and, in all plots, a delta with a line to the bottom of the plot means below detection limit.



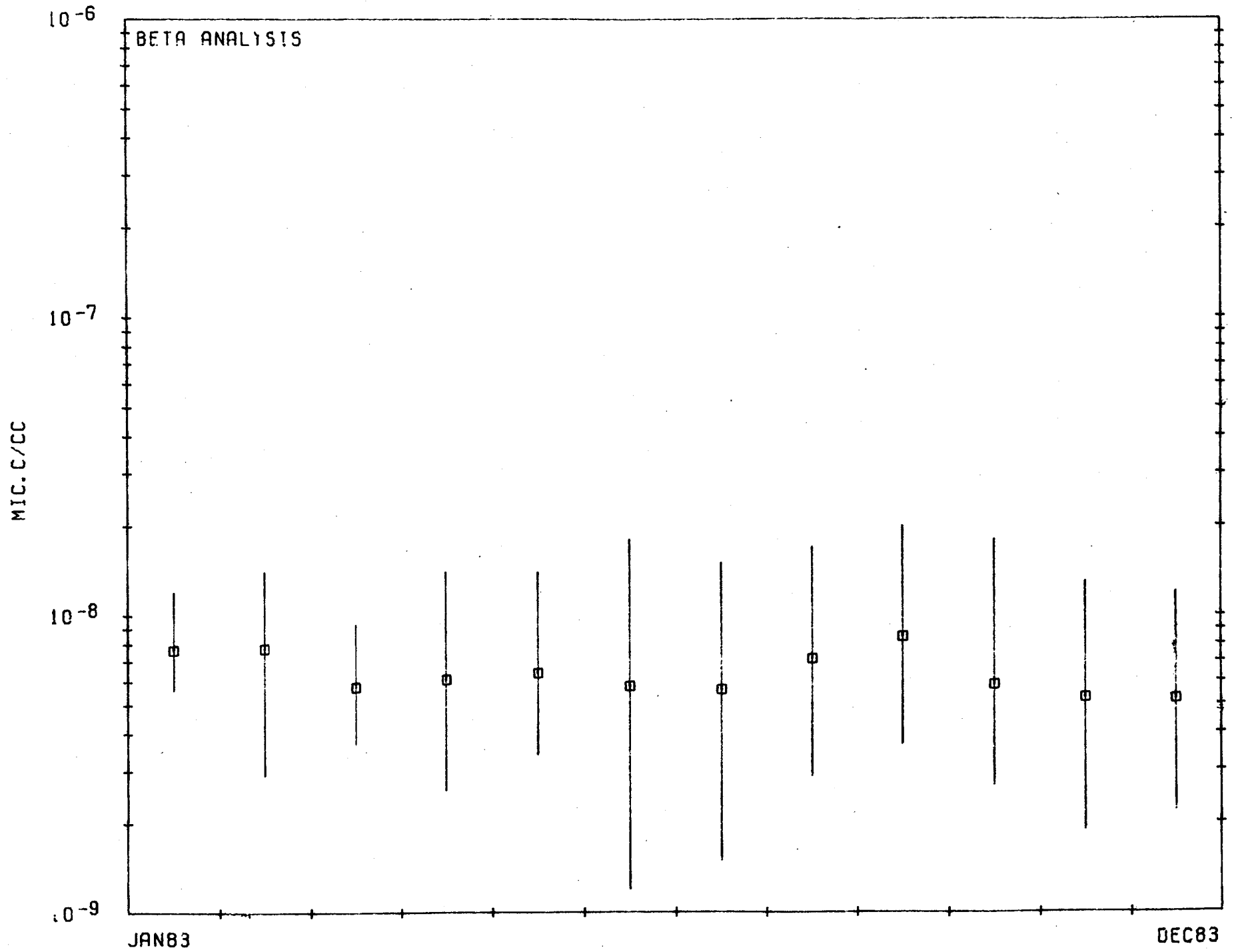
NTS ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE  
NATURAL SPRINGS SAMPLING LOCATIONS

| <u>Station<br/>Number</u> | <u>Location</u>             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1                         | Area 5 Cane Springs         |
| 2                         | Area 12 White Rock Springs  |
| 3                         | Area 12 Captain Jack Spring |
| 4                         | Area 12 Gold Meadows Pond   |
| *5                        | Area 15 Oak Butte Spring    |
| 6                         | Area 15 Tub Spring          |
| 7                         | Area 29 Topopah Spring      |
| 8                         | Area 7 Reitmann Seep        |
| 9                         | Area 16 Tippipah Spring     |

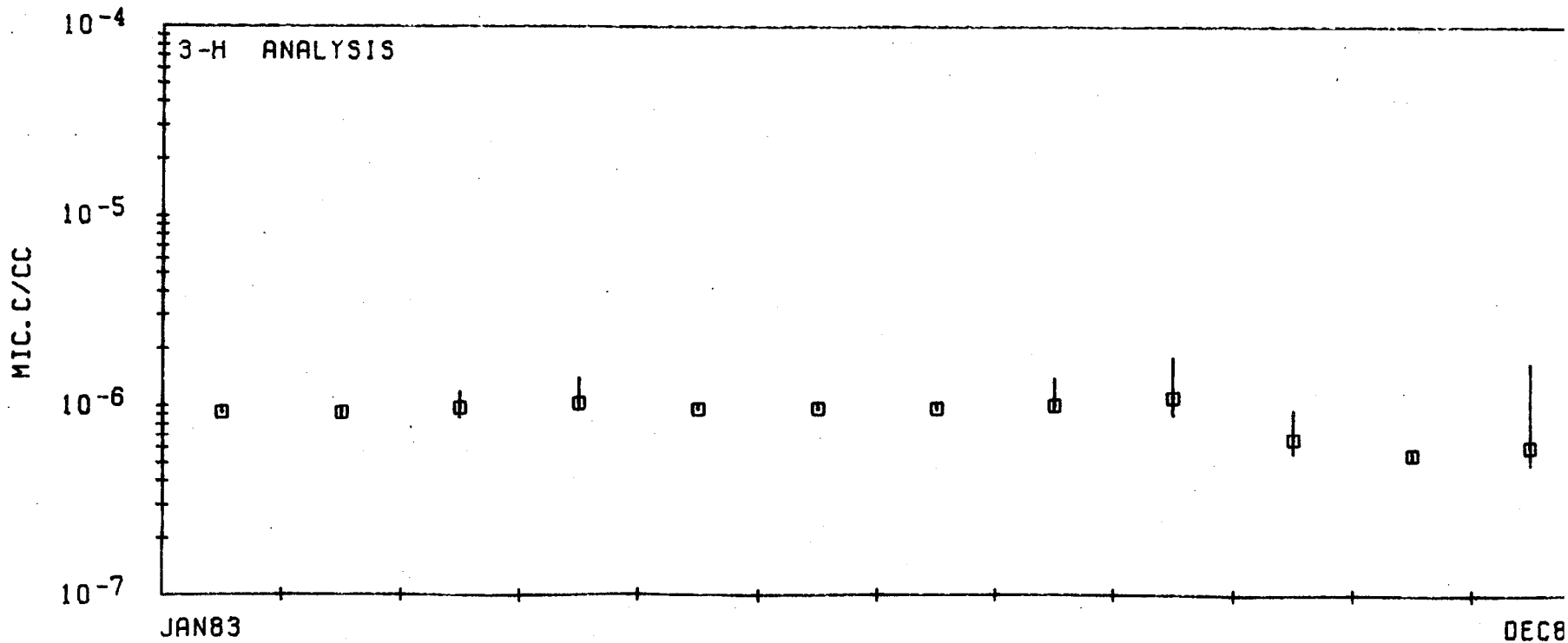
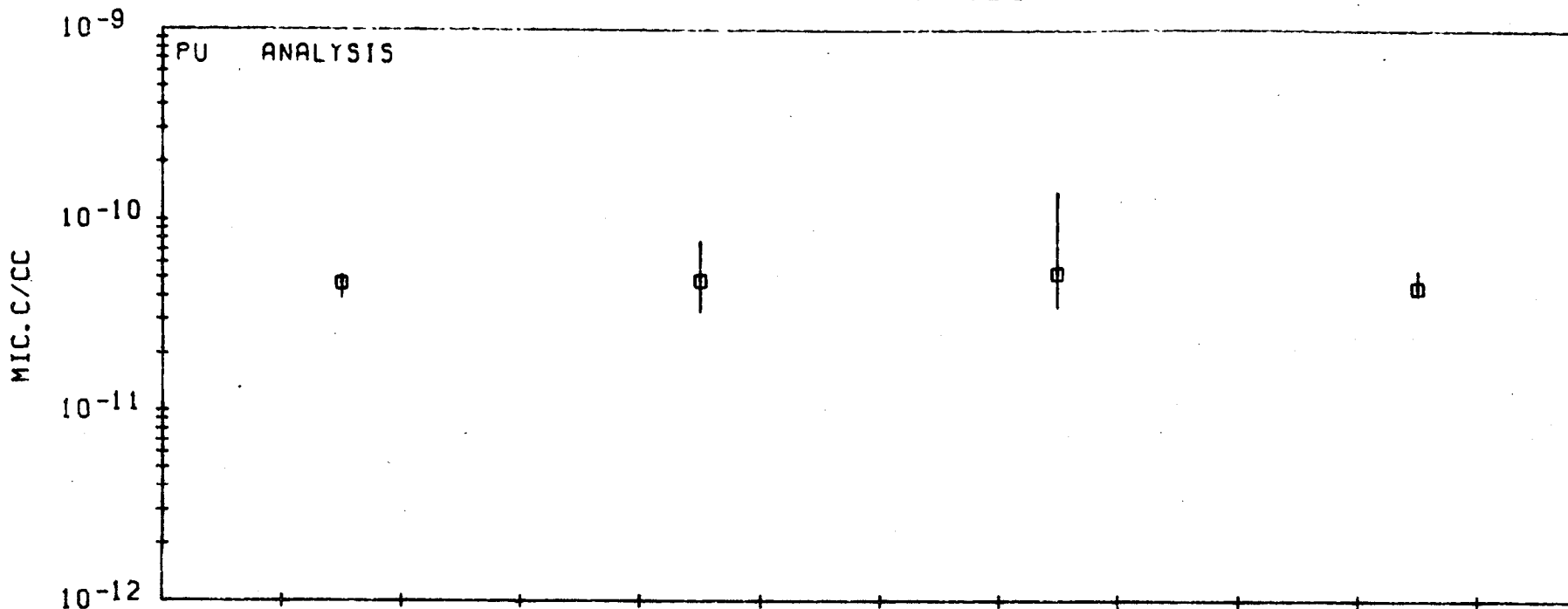
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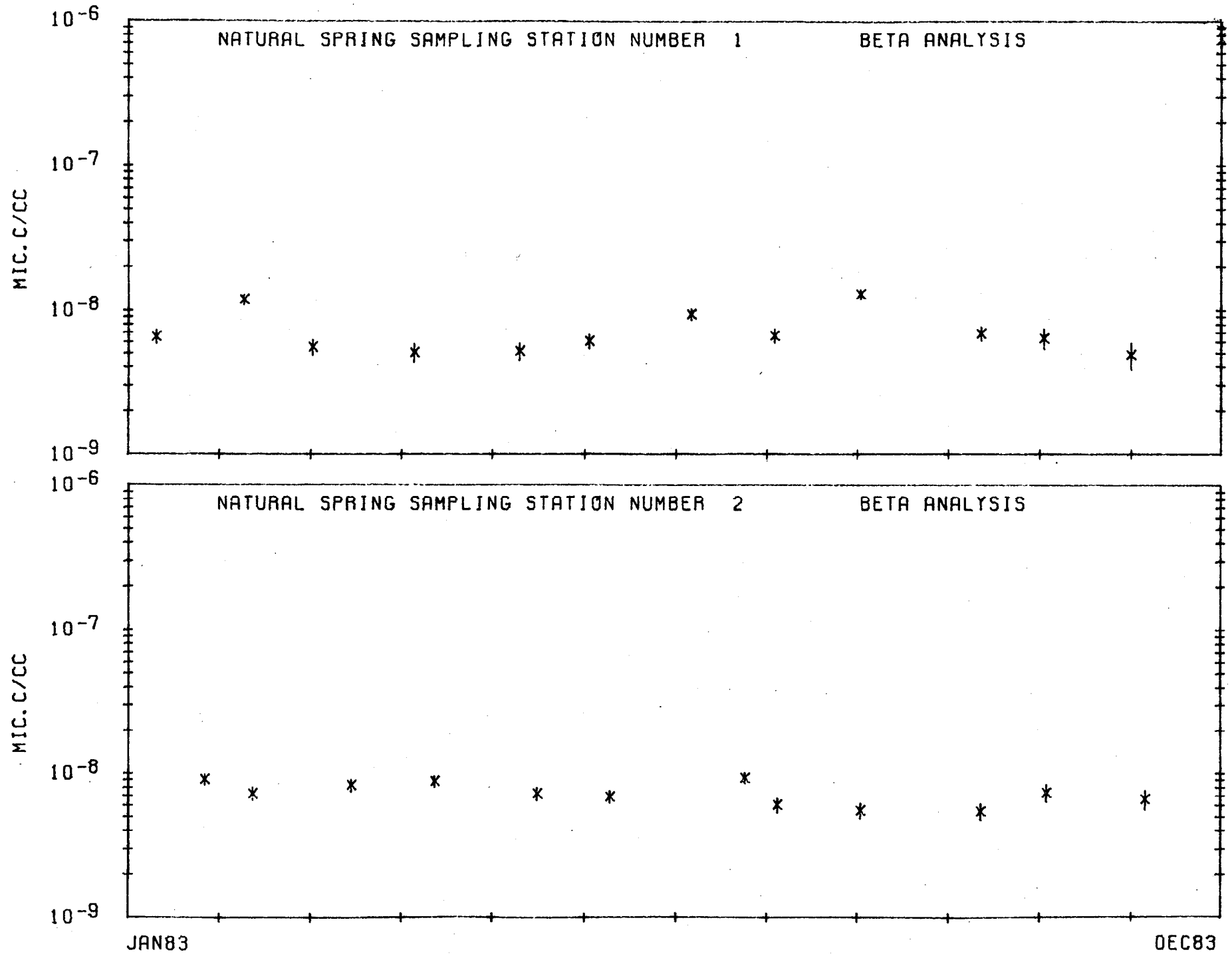
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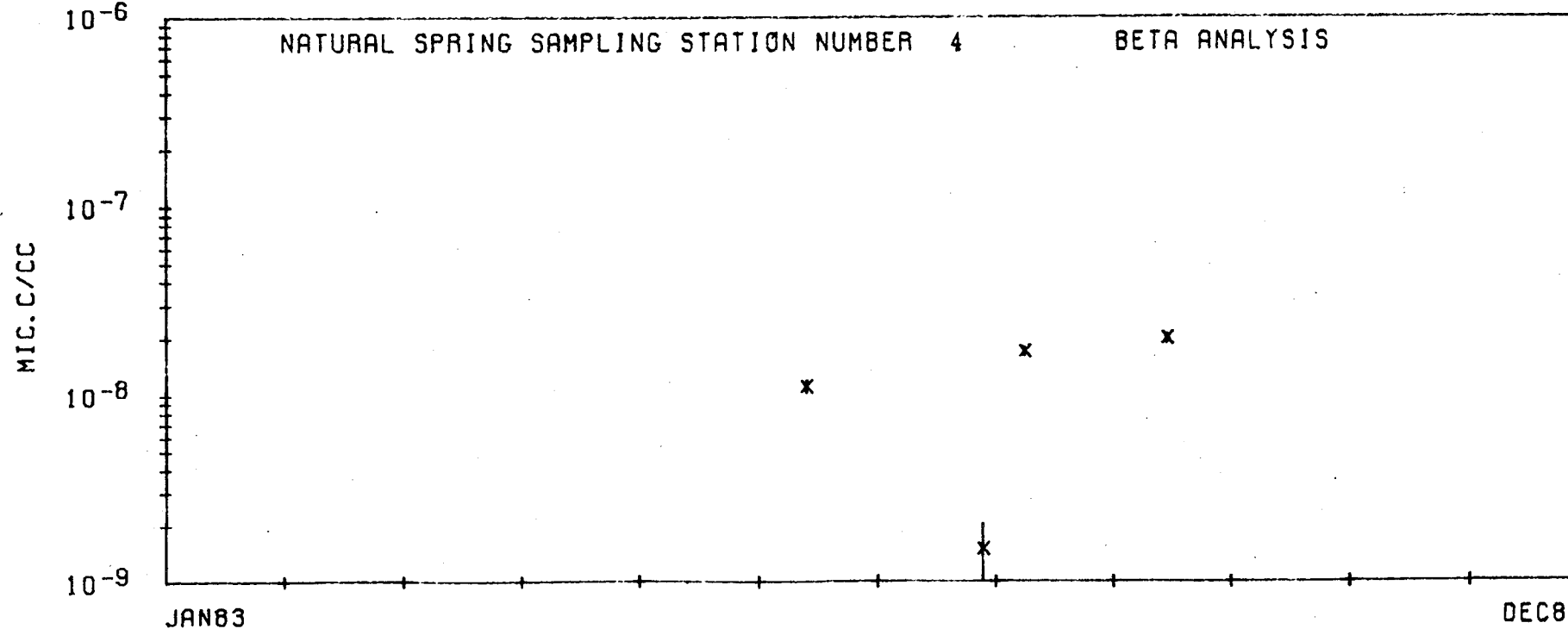
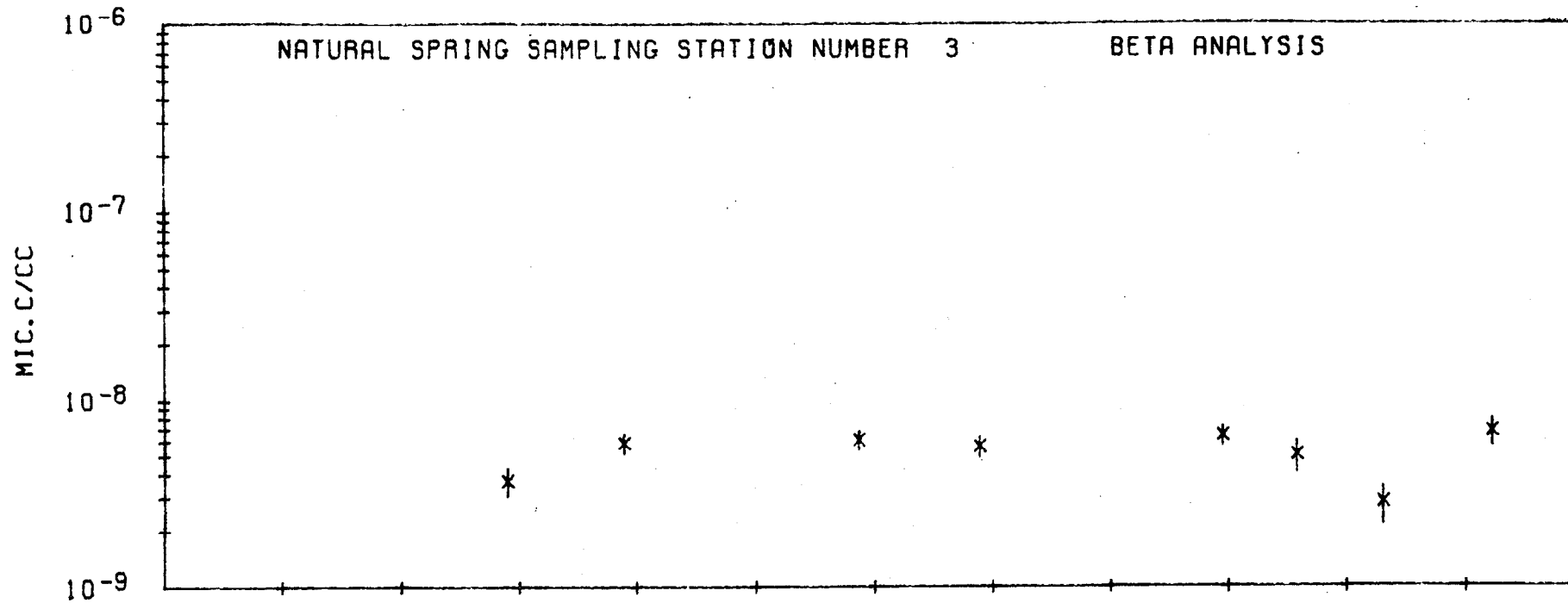


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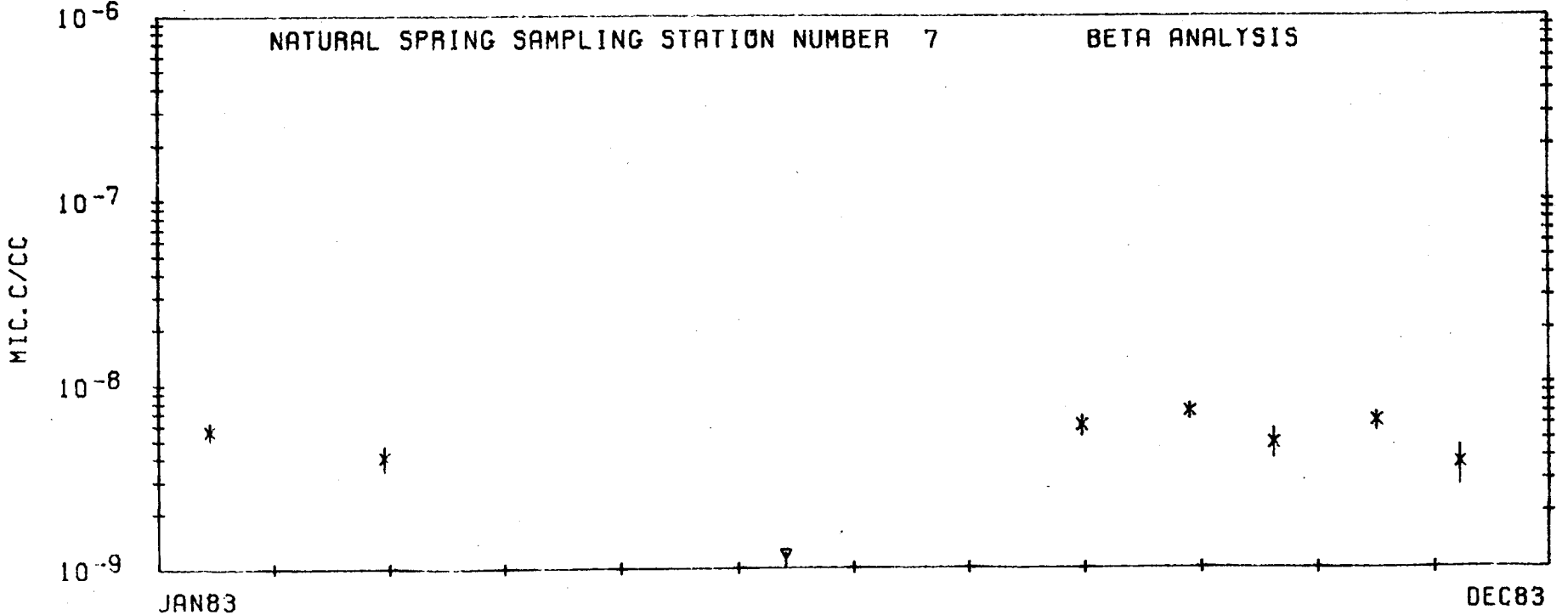
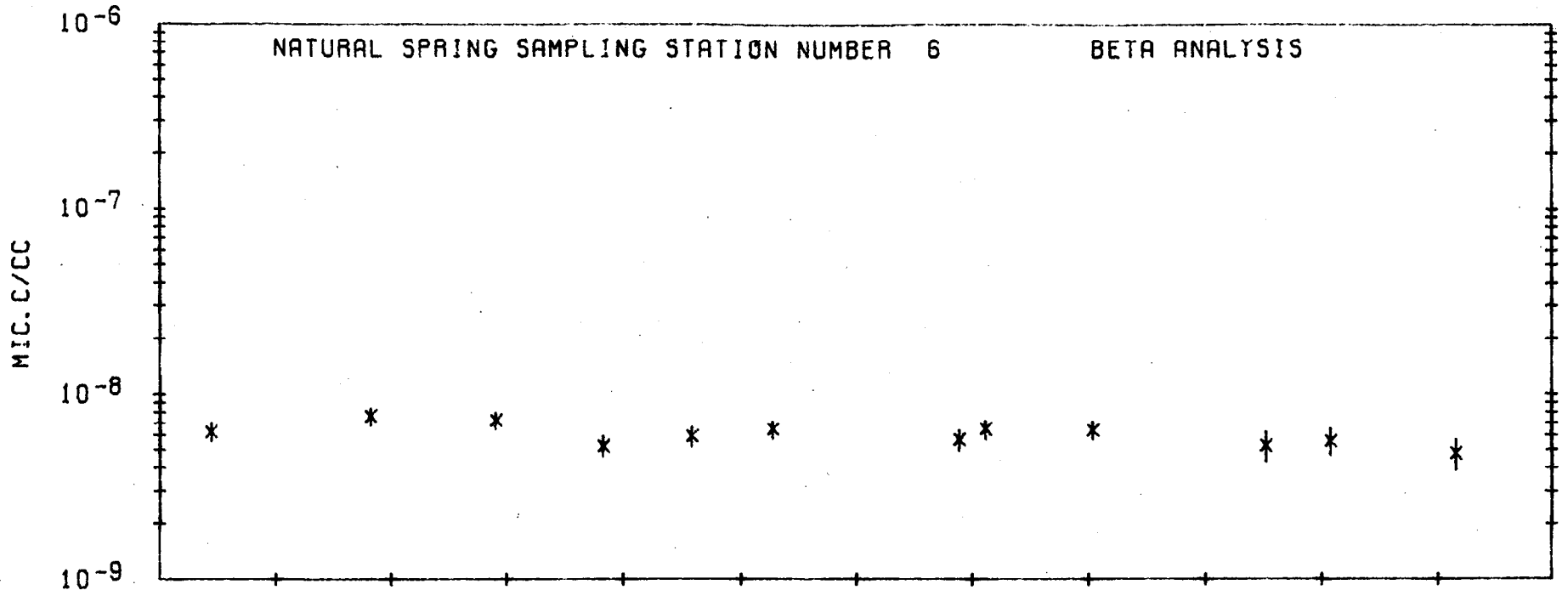


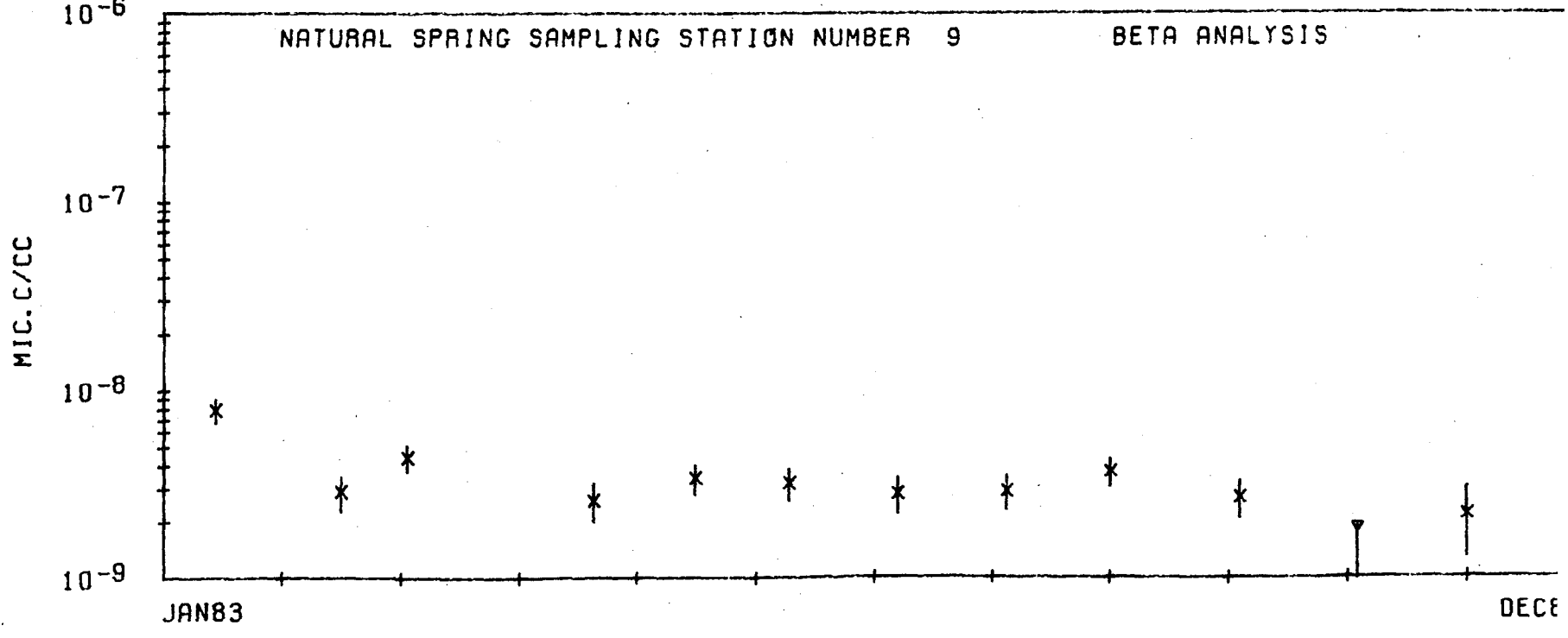
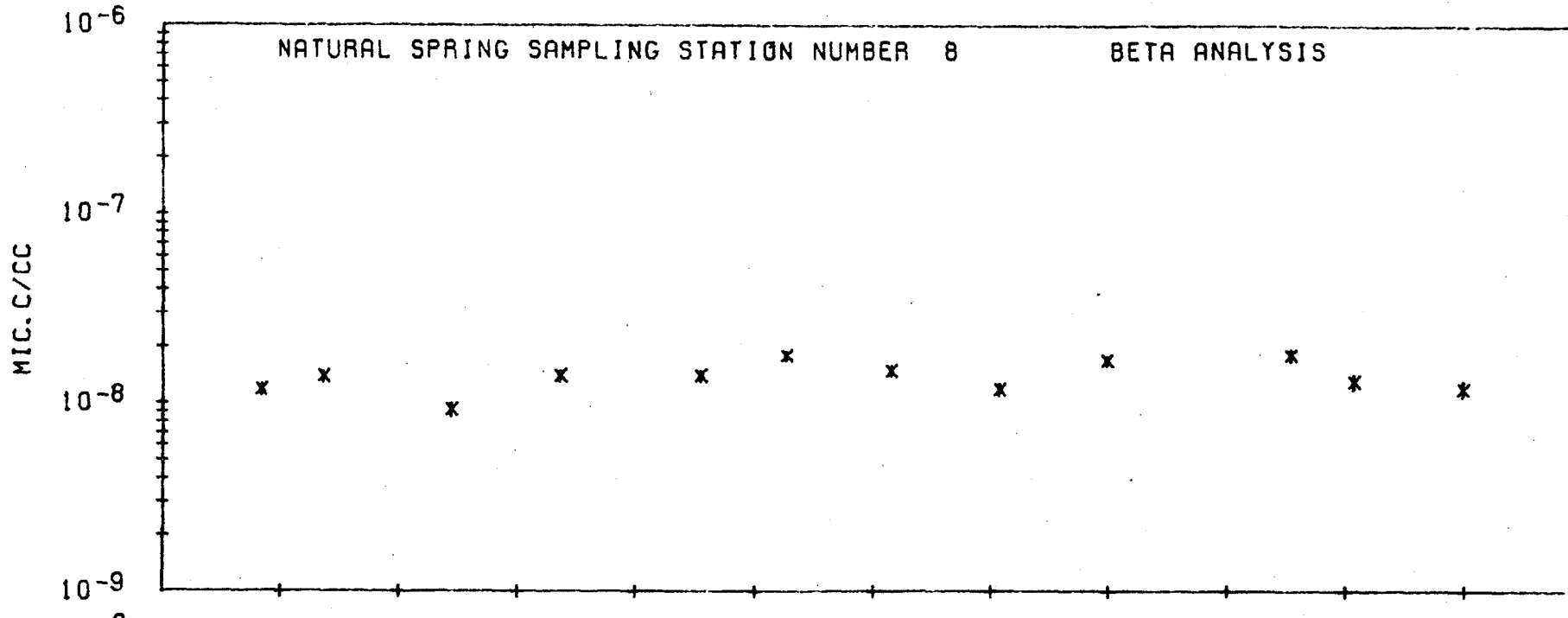
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In the first two pages of plots in Appendix G, the contaminated pond network averages, a square is used to represent the arithmetic mean of all values at that point in time, and the vertical line is the range of the data.

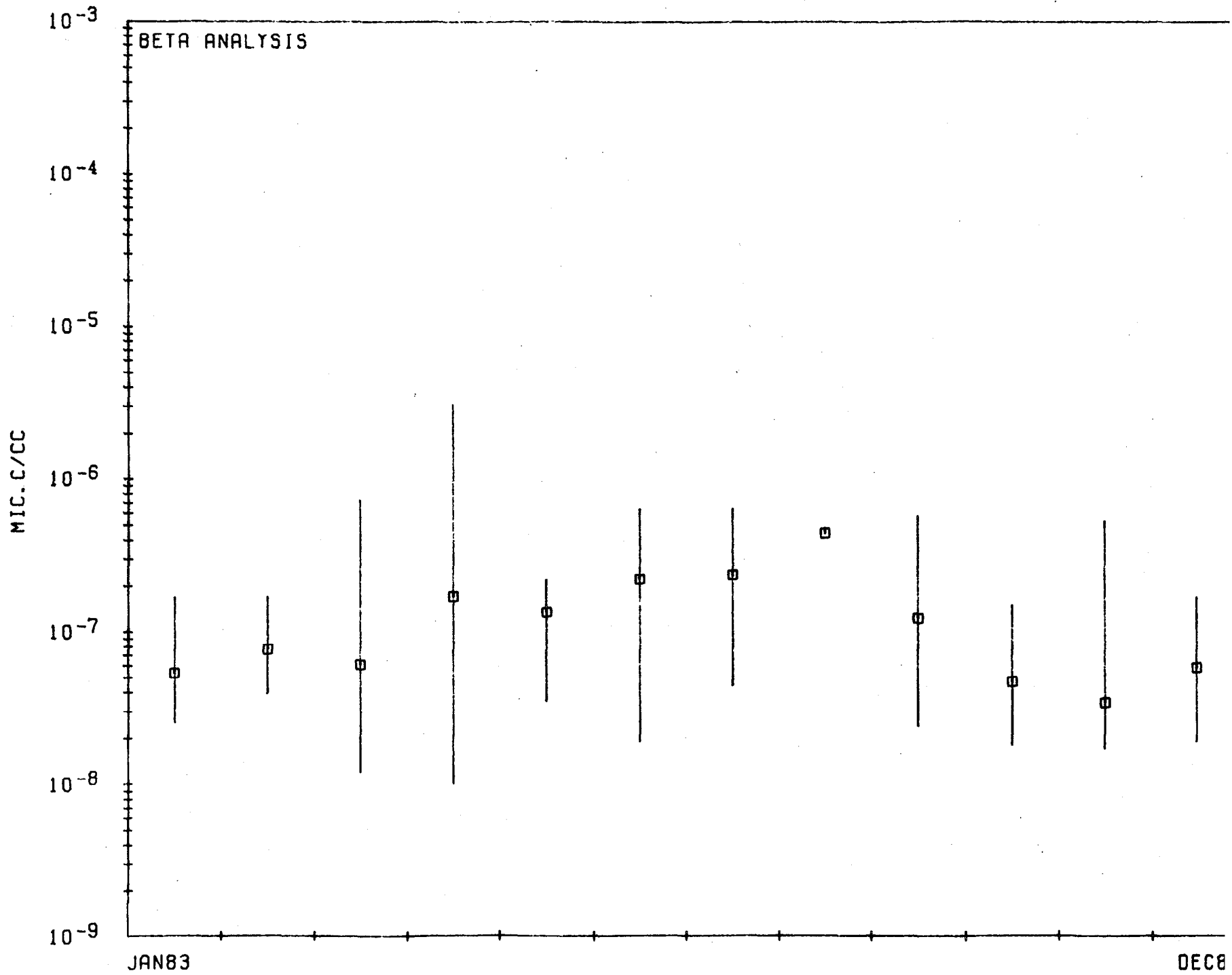
The remaining plots show the gross beta of each station. A two-sigma error bar is also added to the data points, and, in all plots, a delta with a line to the bottom of the plot means below detection limit.

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CONTAMINATED PONDS SAMPLING LOCATIONS

| <u>Station<br/>Number</u> | <u>Location</u>                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 5                         | Area 12 Upper Mint Lake           |
| 6                         | Area 12 Middle Mint Lake          |
| 8                         | Area 12 N Upper                   |
| 9                         | Area 12 N Mid                     |
| 10                        | Area 12 N Lower                   |
| 11                        | Area 12 G Tunnel                  |
| *12                       | Area 23 H&S Sump                  |
| 13                        | Area 6 Yucca Decontamination Pond |

\*Pond was dry.

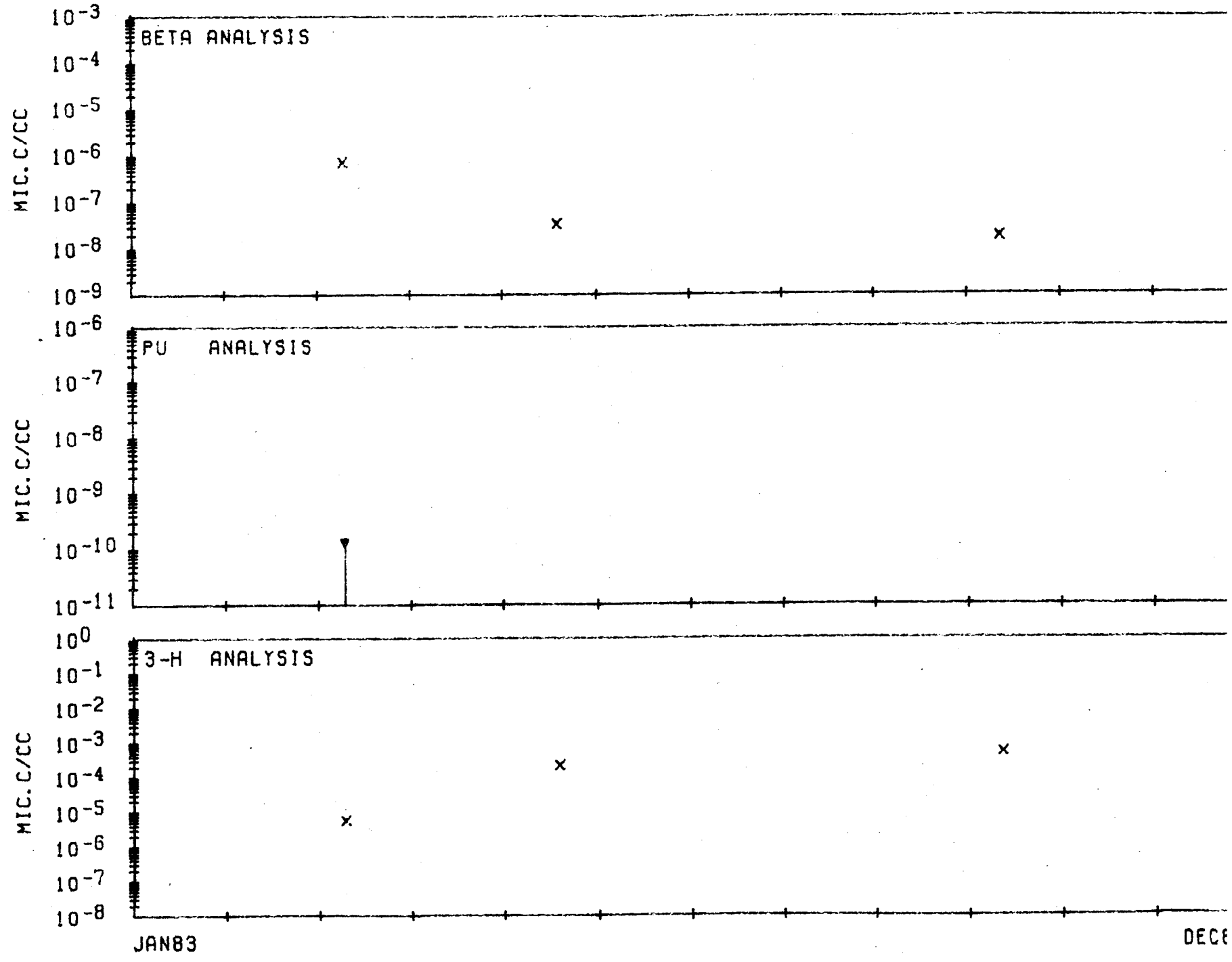
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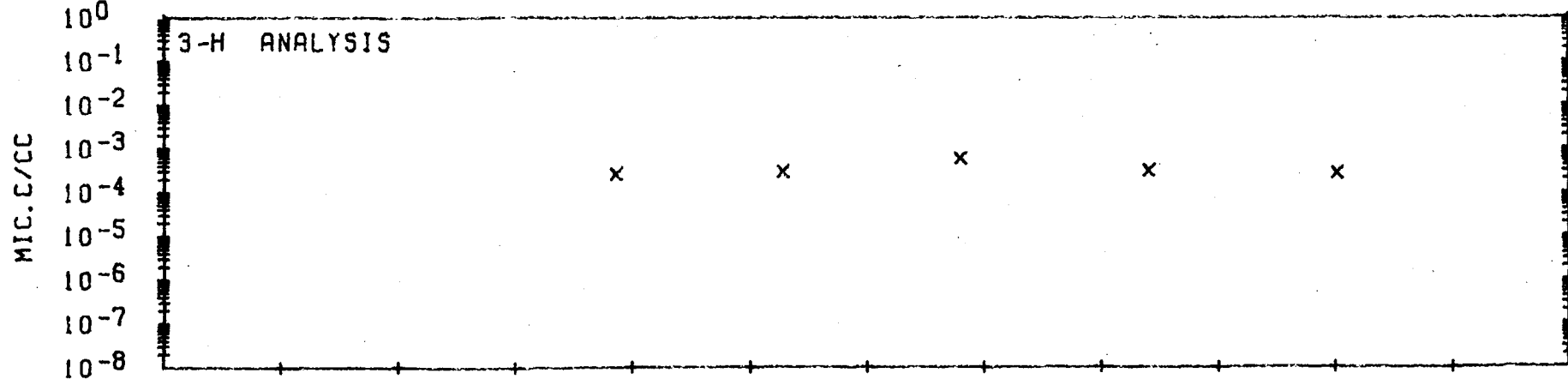
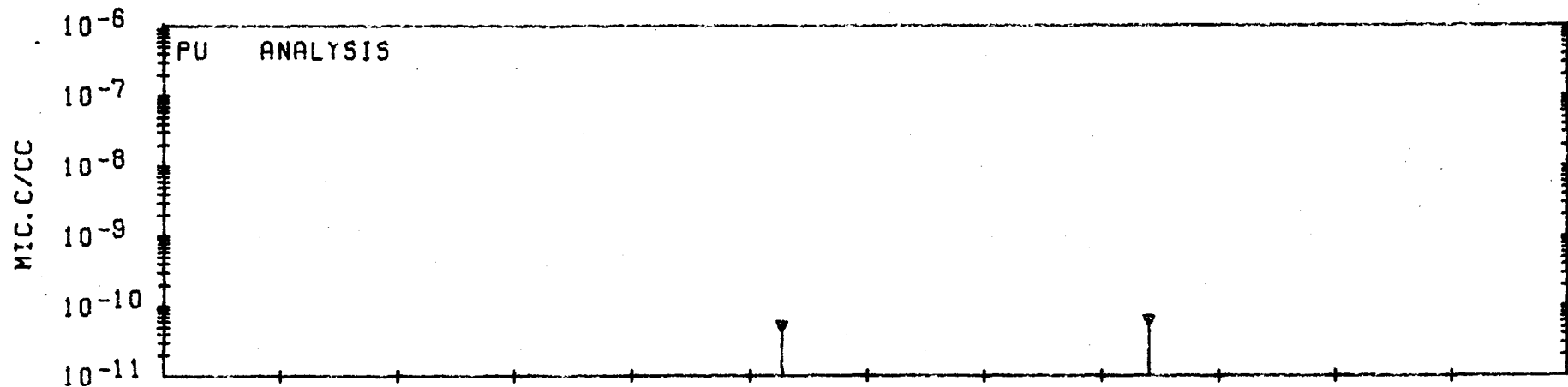
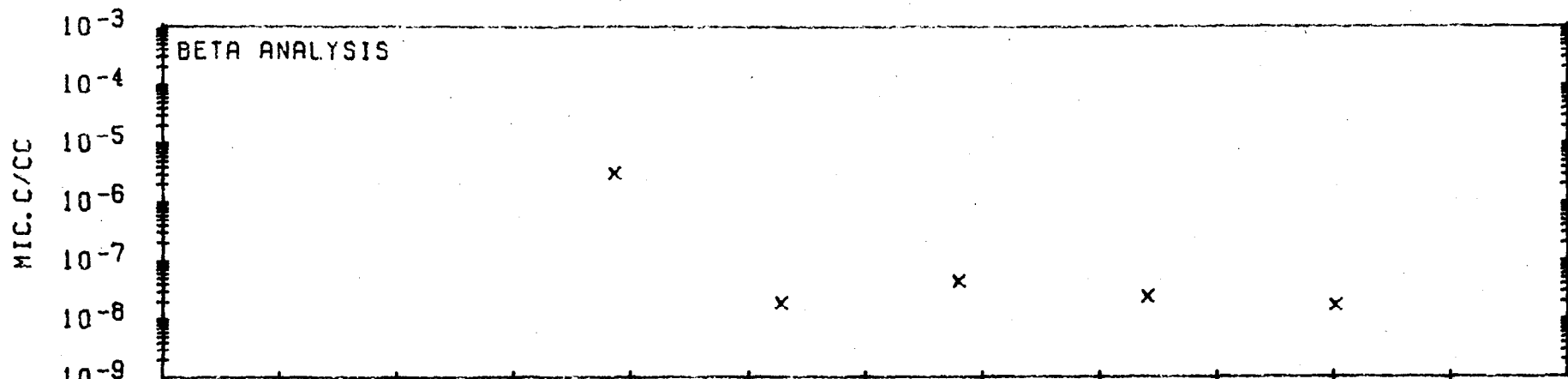
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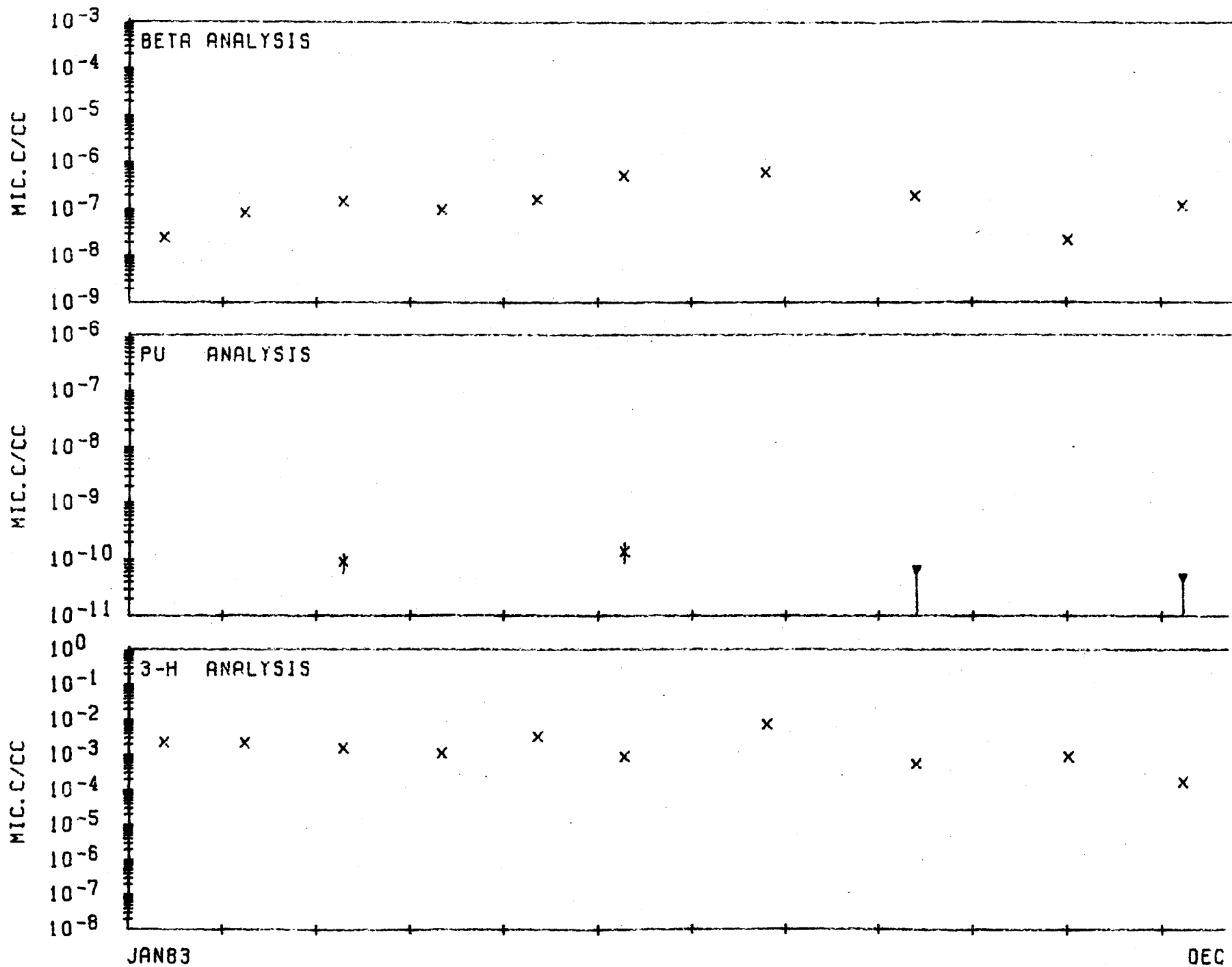


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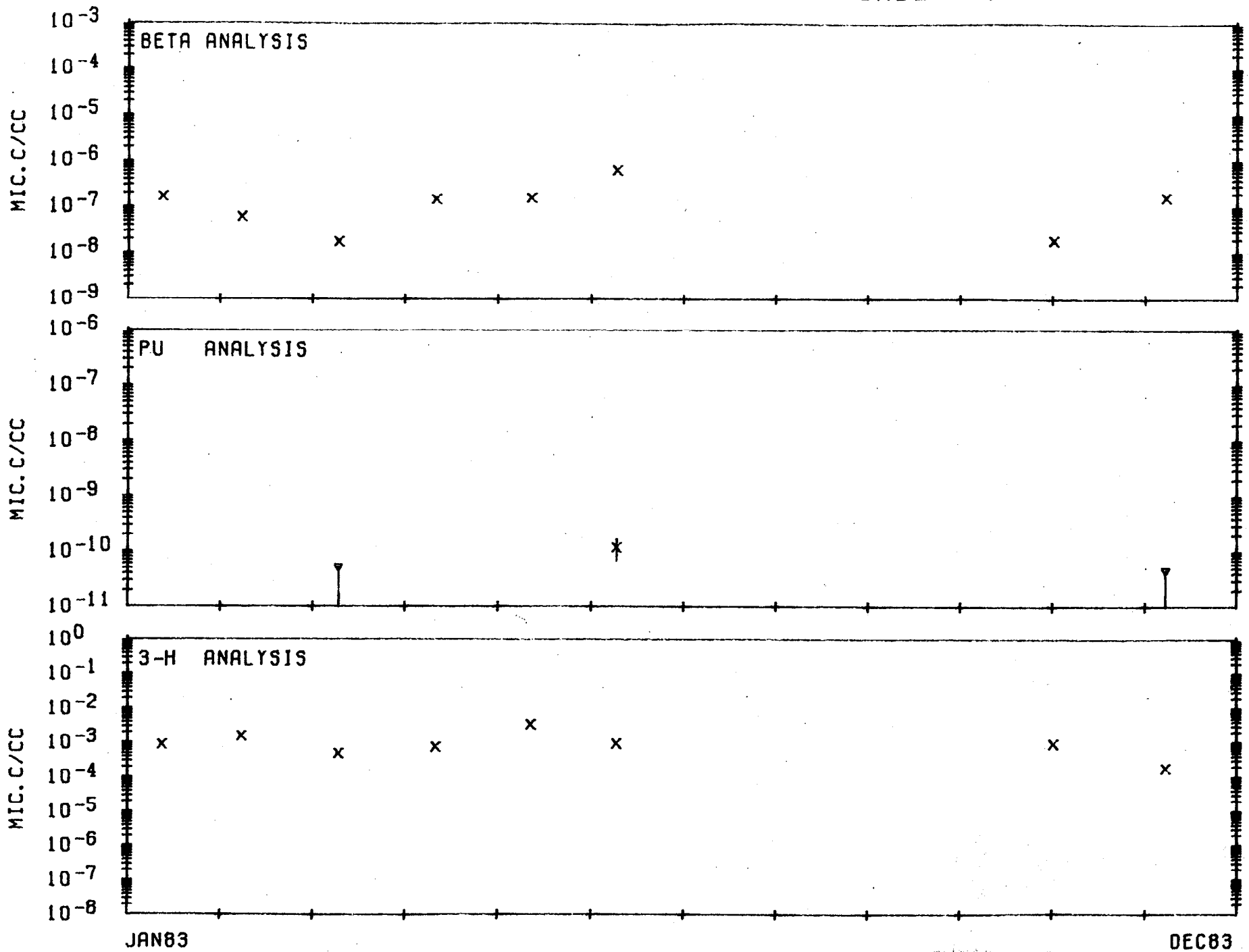
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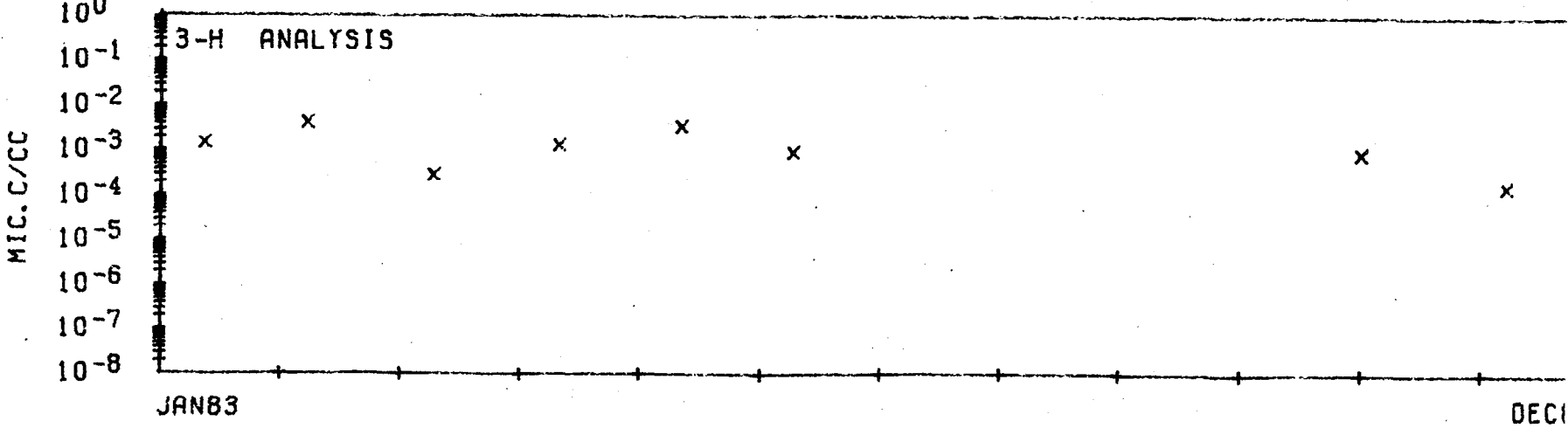
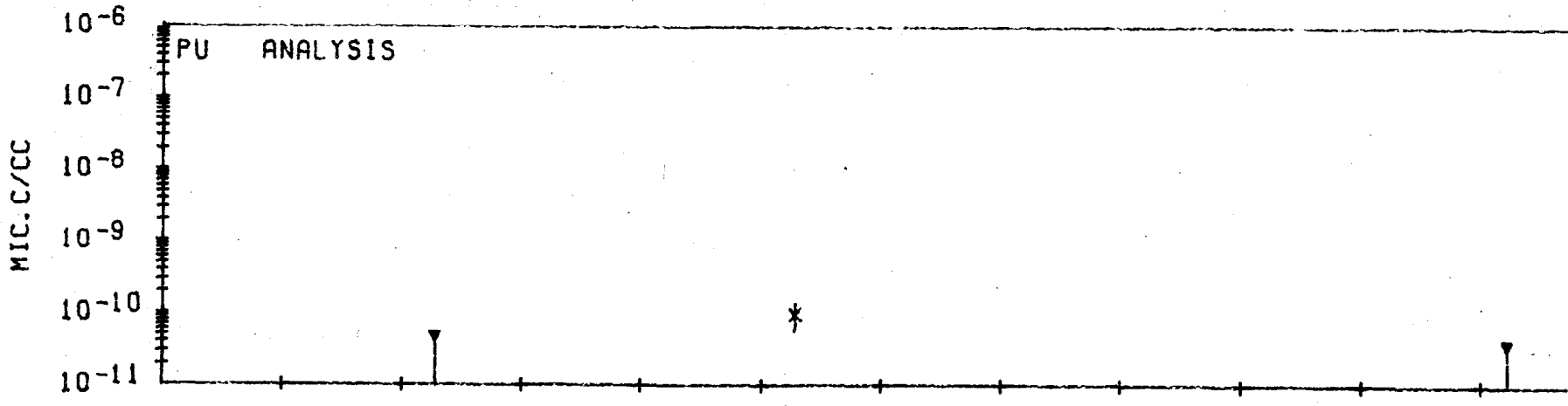
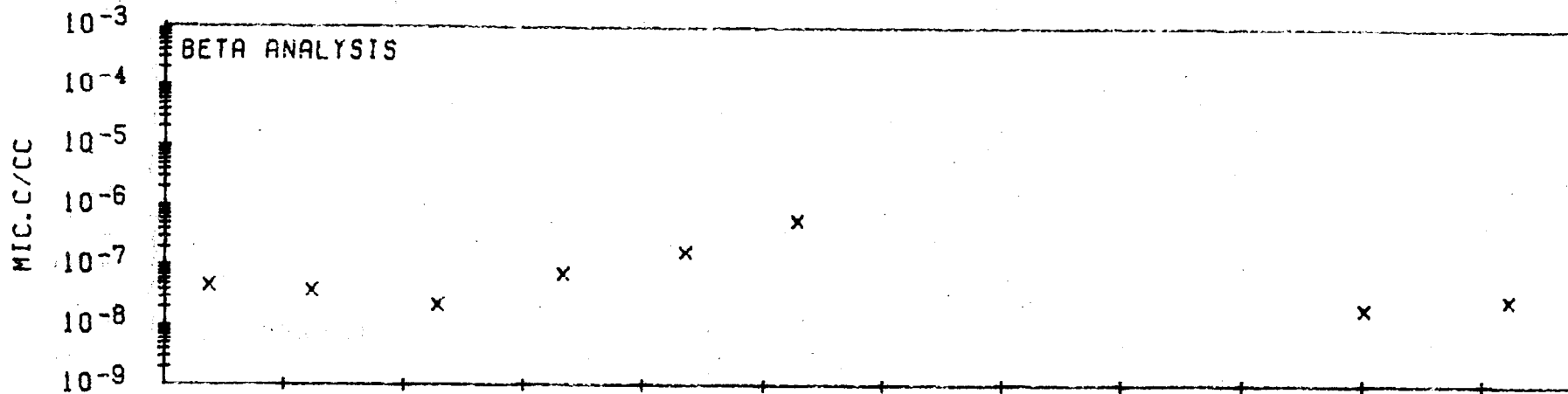
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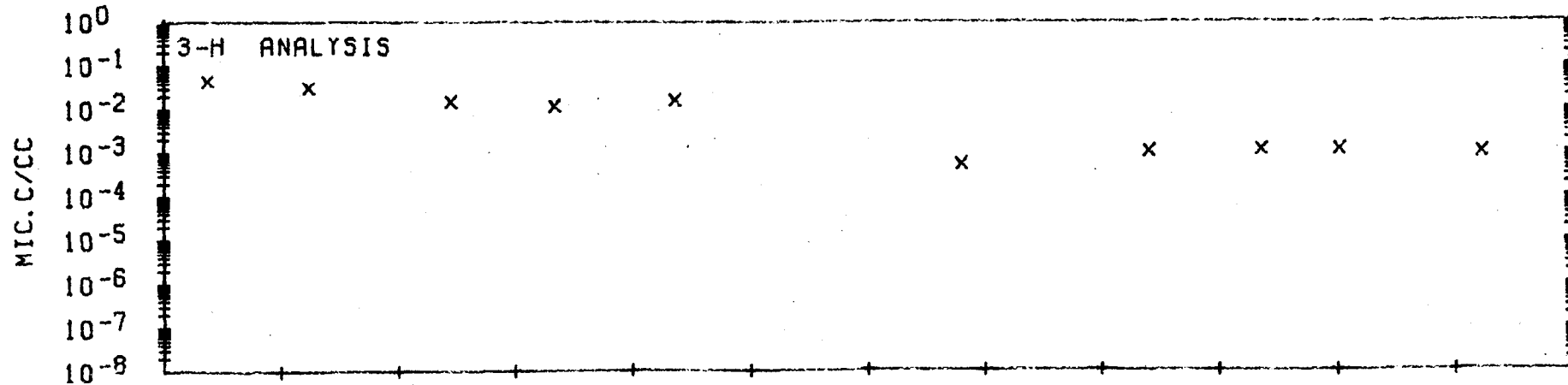
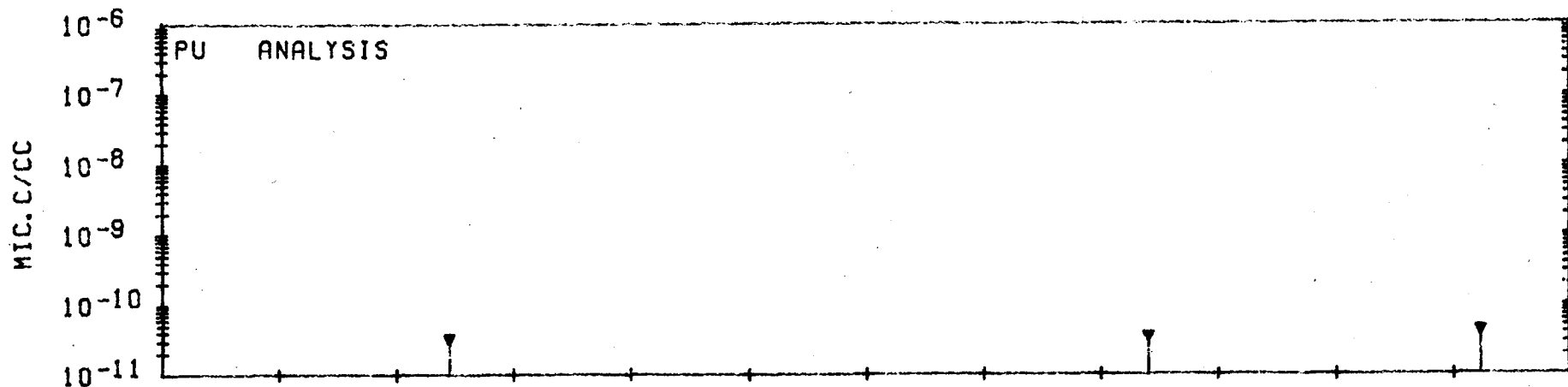
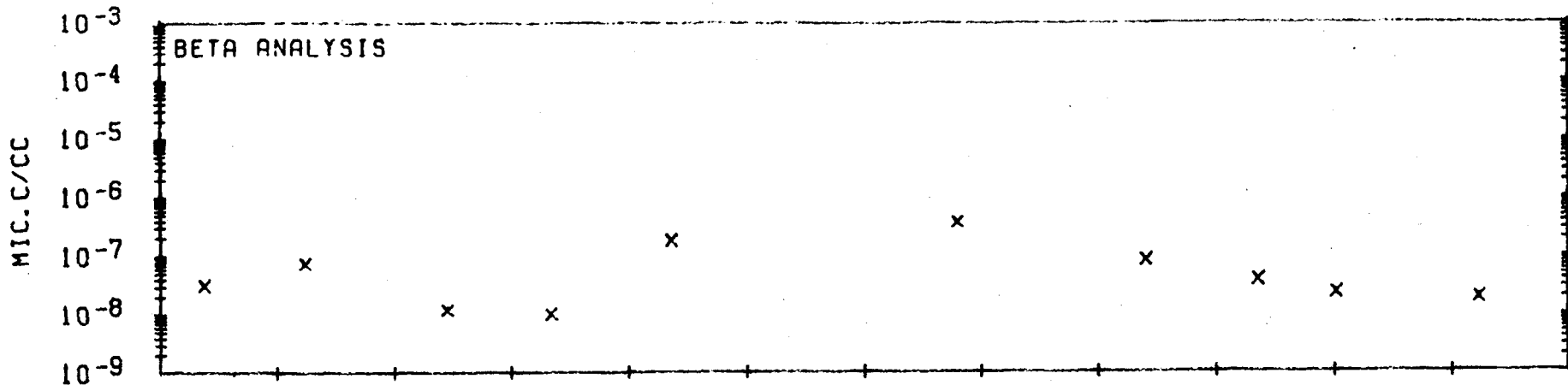


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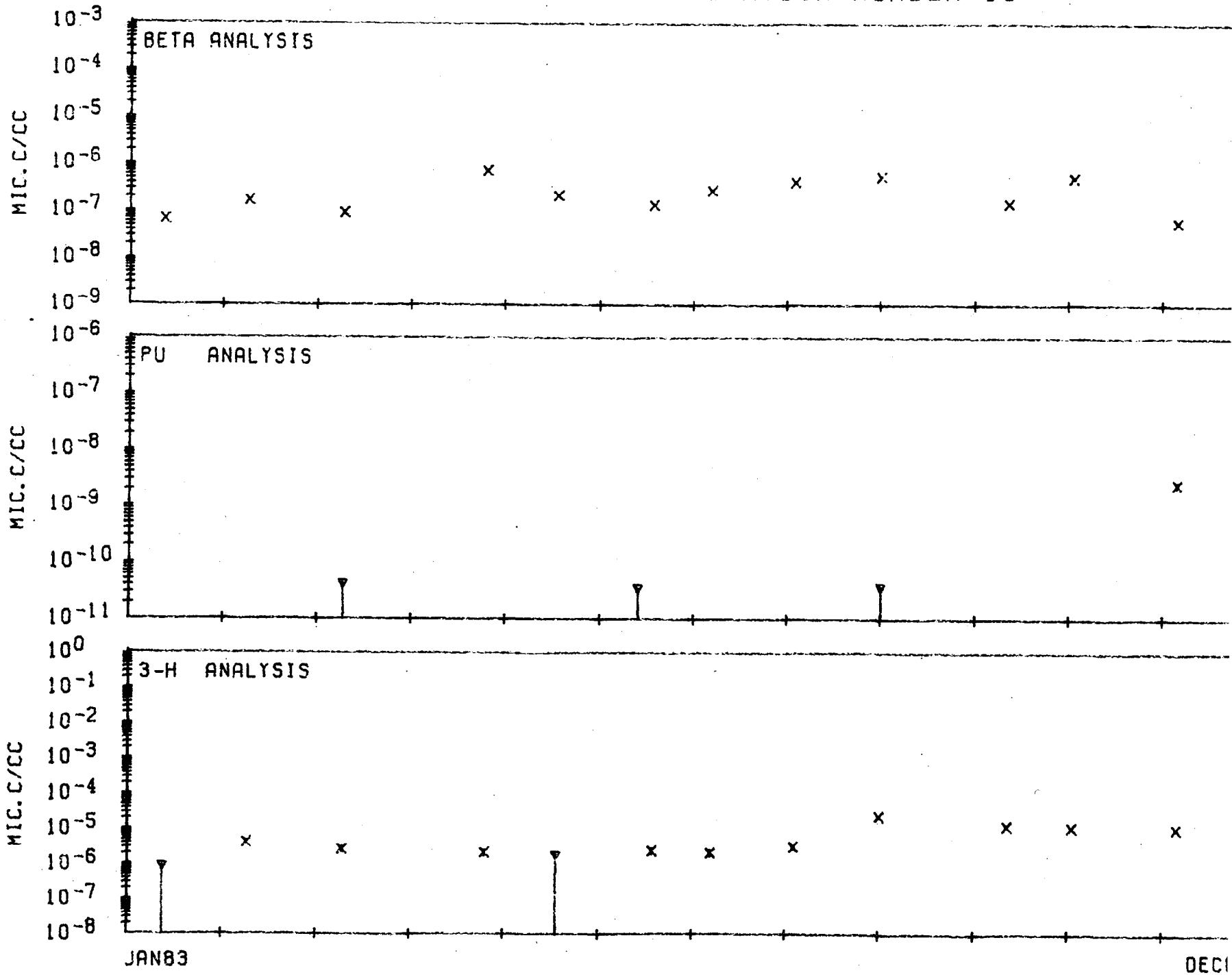
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