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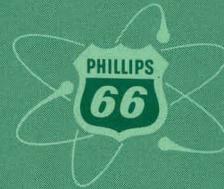
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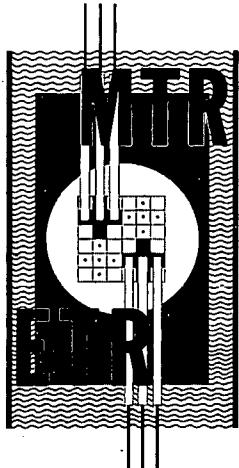
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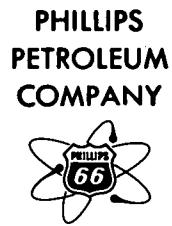


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Vertical traverses for each position monitored are shown.

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\* October 2 to October 24, 1960.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The fast neutron fluxes in various positions of the MTR were measured for Cycle 146. The measurements were part of a complete flux measurement program described in reference 1 for Cycle 146. These measurements were made at the beginning of the cycle (0 MWD), during the cycle (394 MWD), and at the completion of the cycle (564 MWD).

The thermal flux measurements for this cycle are found in reference 1. The gamma heat generation measurements for Cycle 146 are found in reference 2.

## II. EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

Pure nickel wires (20 mil dia.) were irradiated as the fast flux monitor in these measurements. The induced  $\text{Co}^{58}$  gamma-ray activity from the fast neutron threshold reaction,  $\text{Ni}^{58}(\text{n},\text{p})\text{Co}^{58}$ , was counted on a gross count ionization chamber. A more complete explanation of experimental procedures and techniques can be found in references 3 and 4.

## III. EXPERIMENTAL DATA

The fast neutron fluxes reported here are for neutrons greater than 1 Mev in energy. An effective cross section ( $\bar{\sigma}$ ) of 92 mb averaged over a fission neutron spectrum was used for the threshold reaction  $\text{Ni}^{58}(\text{n},\text{p})\text{Co}^{58}$ .

A correction for the burnup of the  $\text{Co}^{58}$  isomers by thermal neutrons has been applied to the data. This correction was based on (1) the measured thermal neutron fluxes, (2) the 1650 barn cross section of the 71.3-day isomer, and (3) the 170,000 barn cross section of the 9.1-hr isomer.

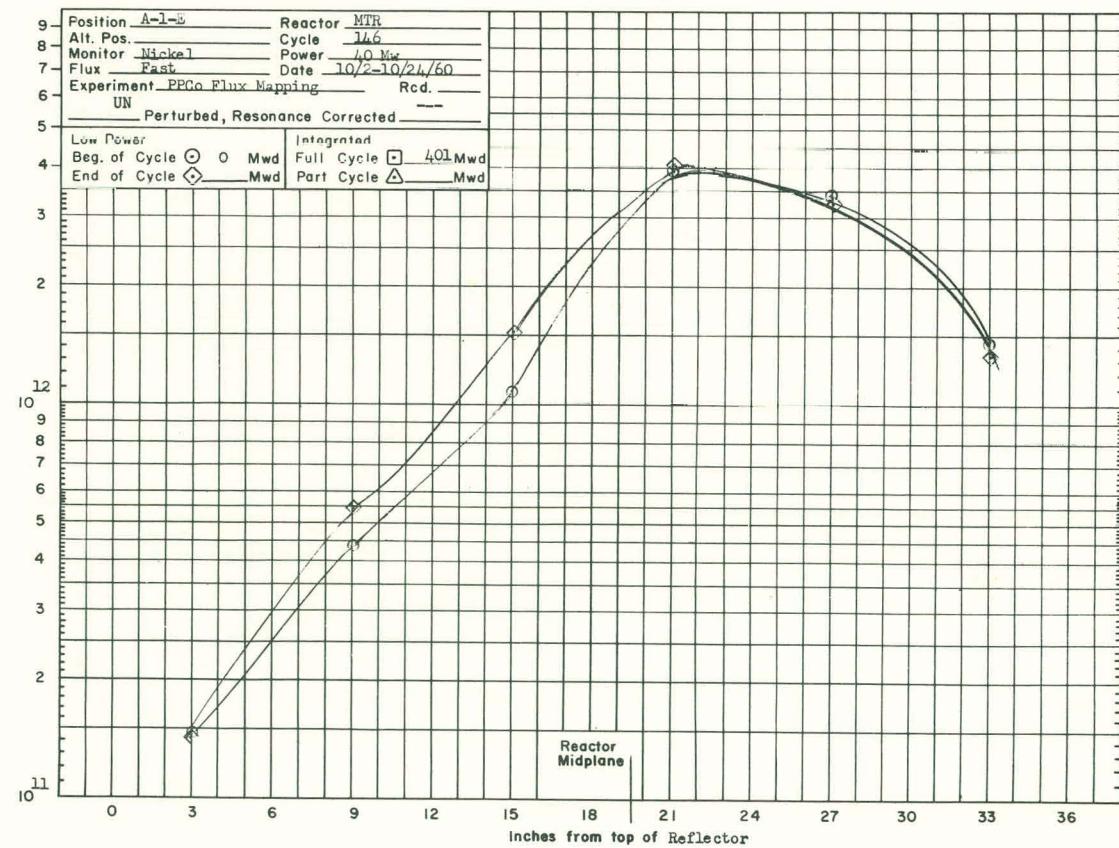
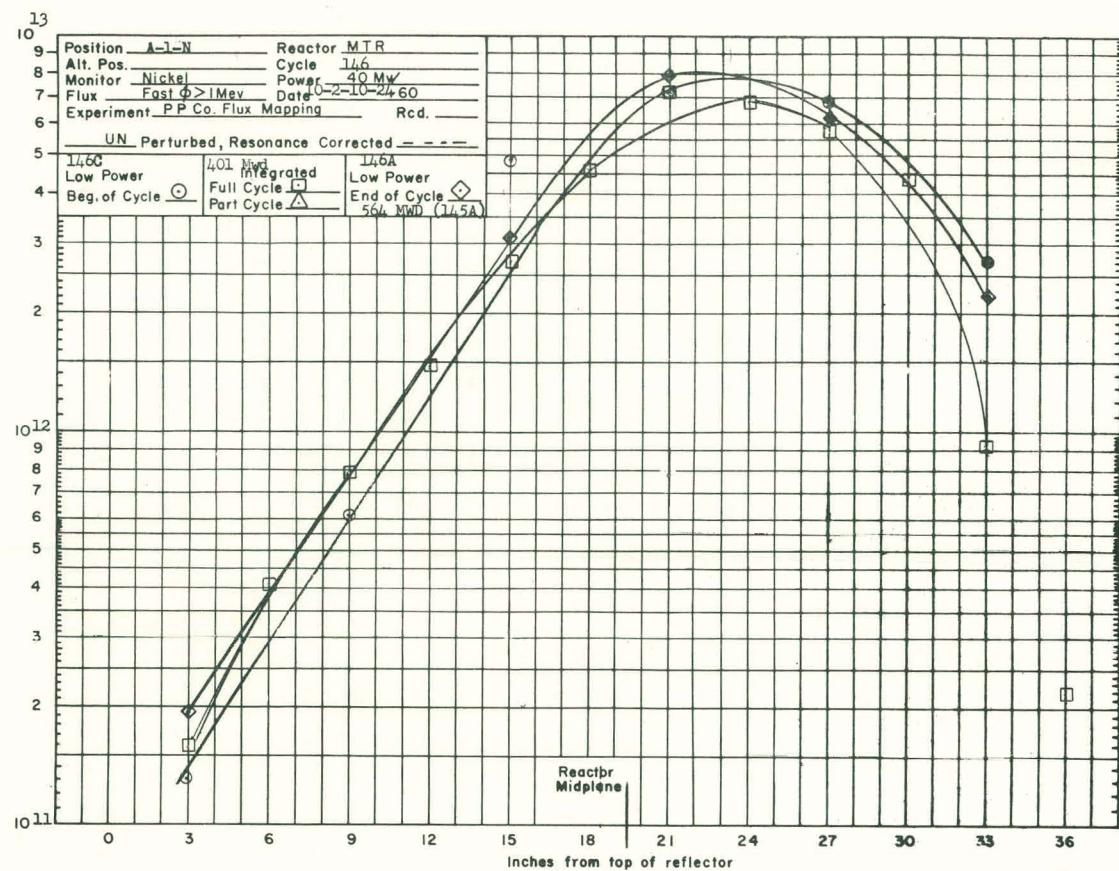
Reference 4 describes the measurement of the cross sections for the  $\text{Co}^{58}$  isomers and lists corrections for burnout of the isomers in various thermal fluxes and for various irradiation times.

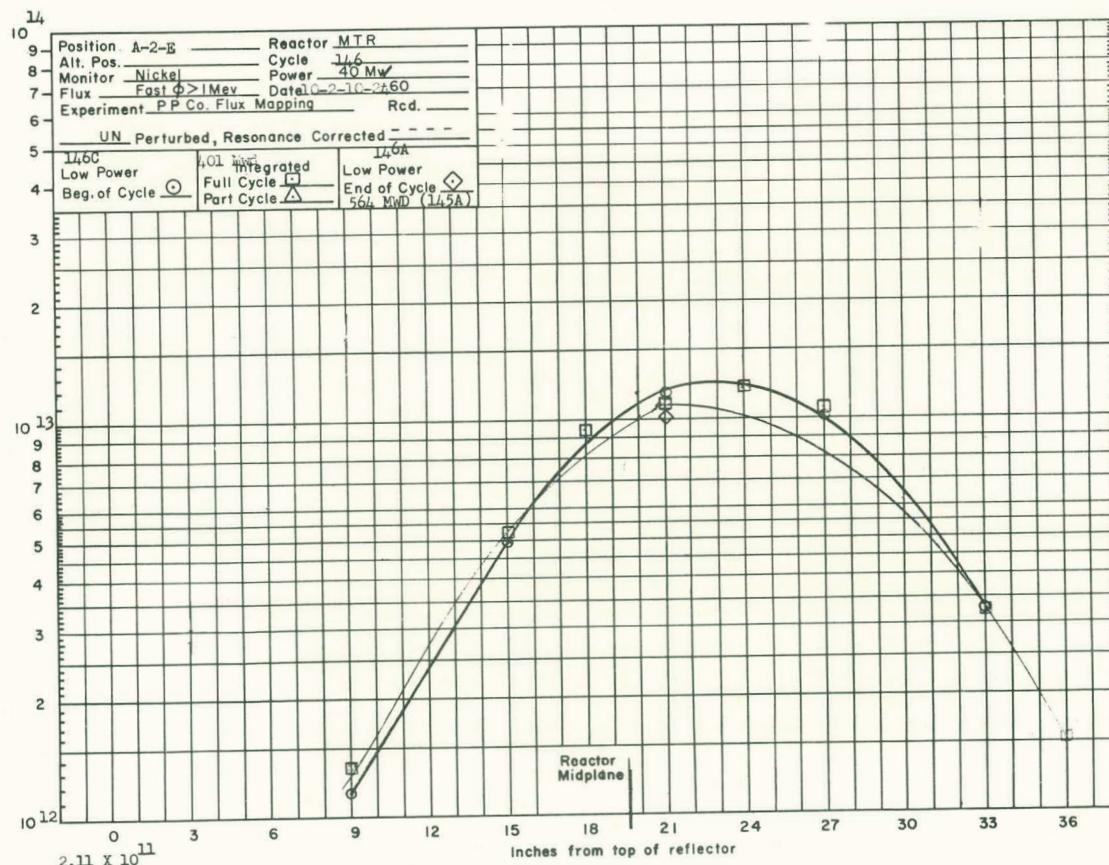
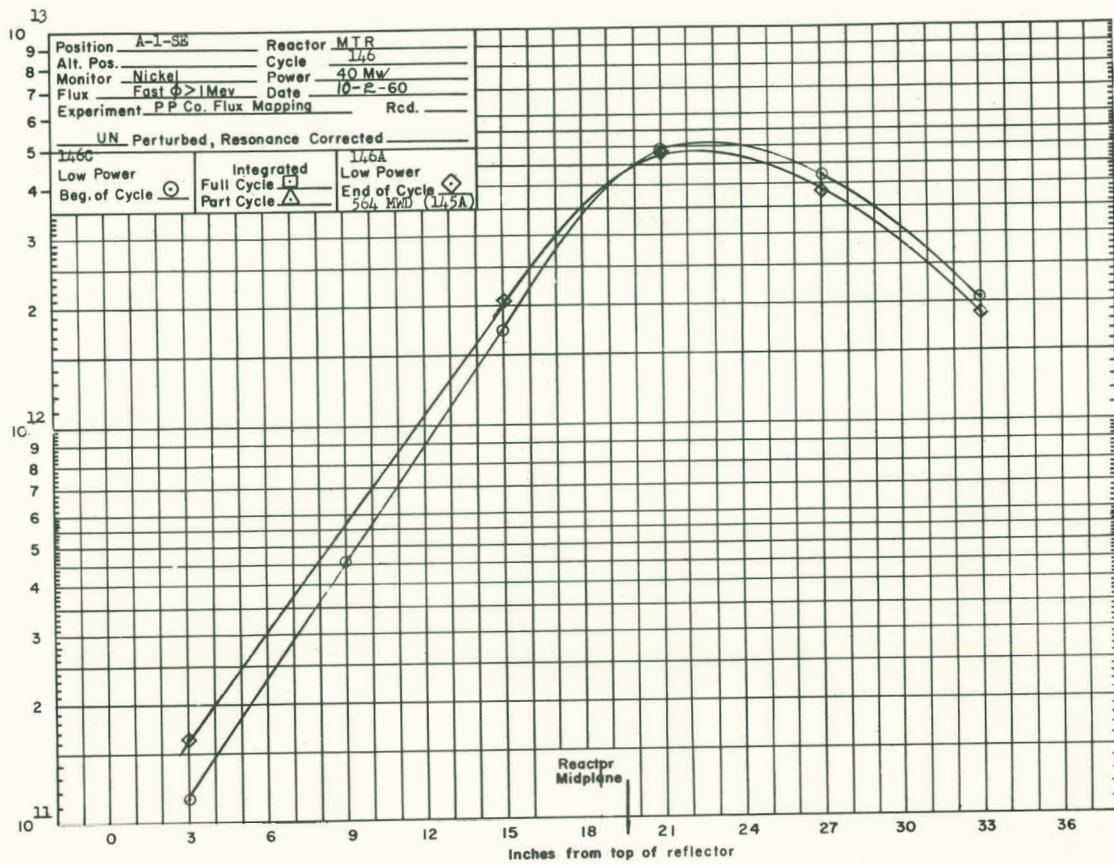
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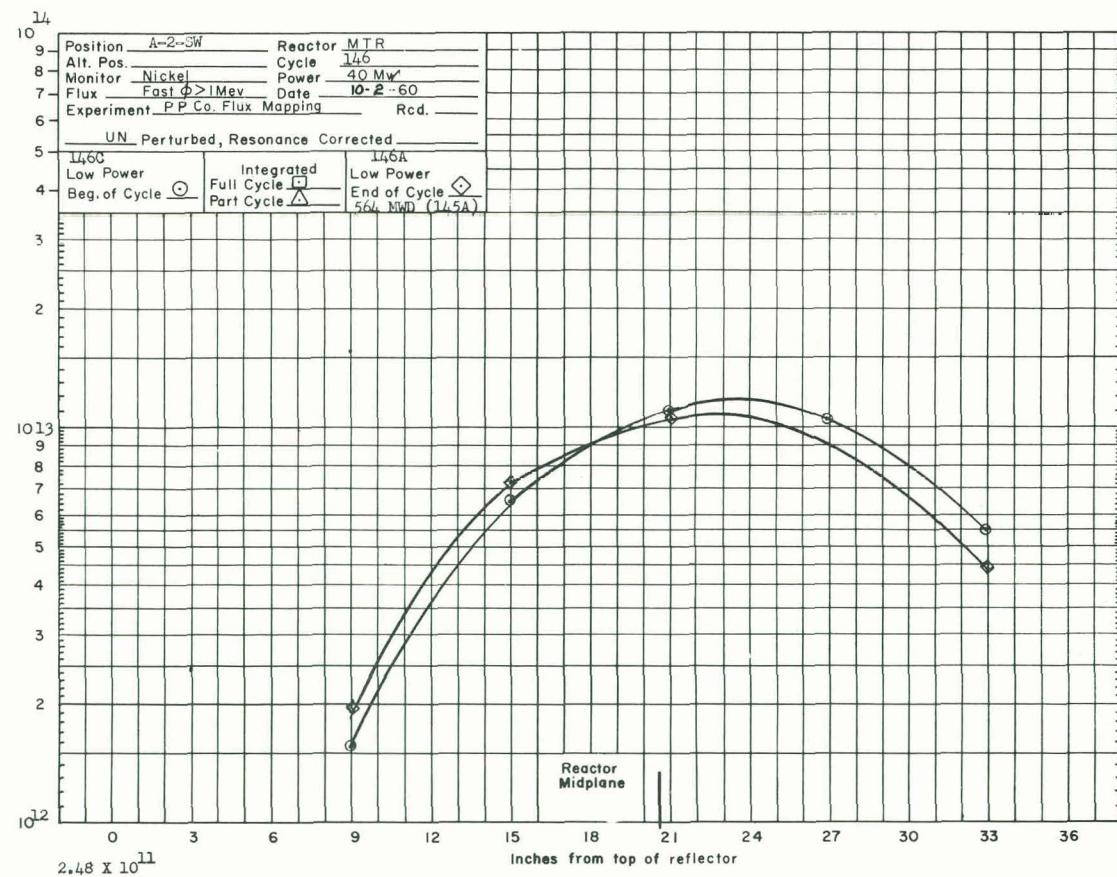
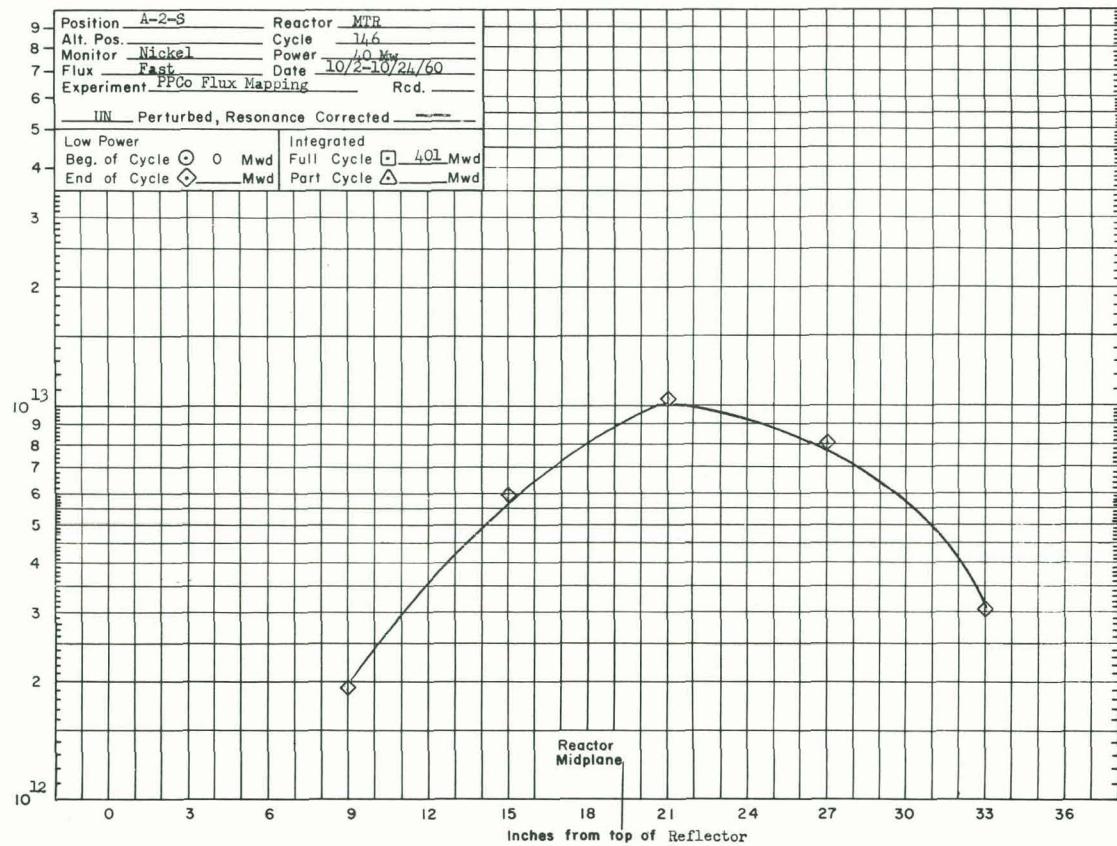
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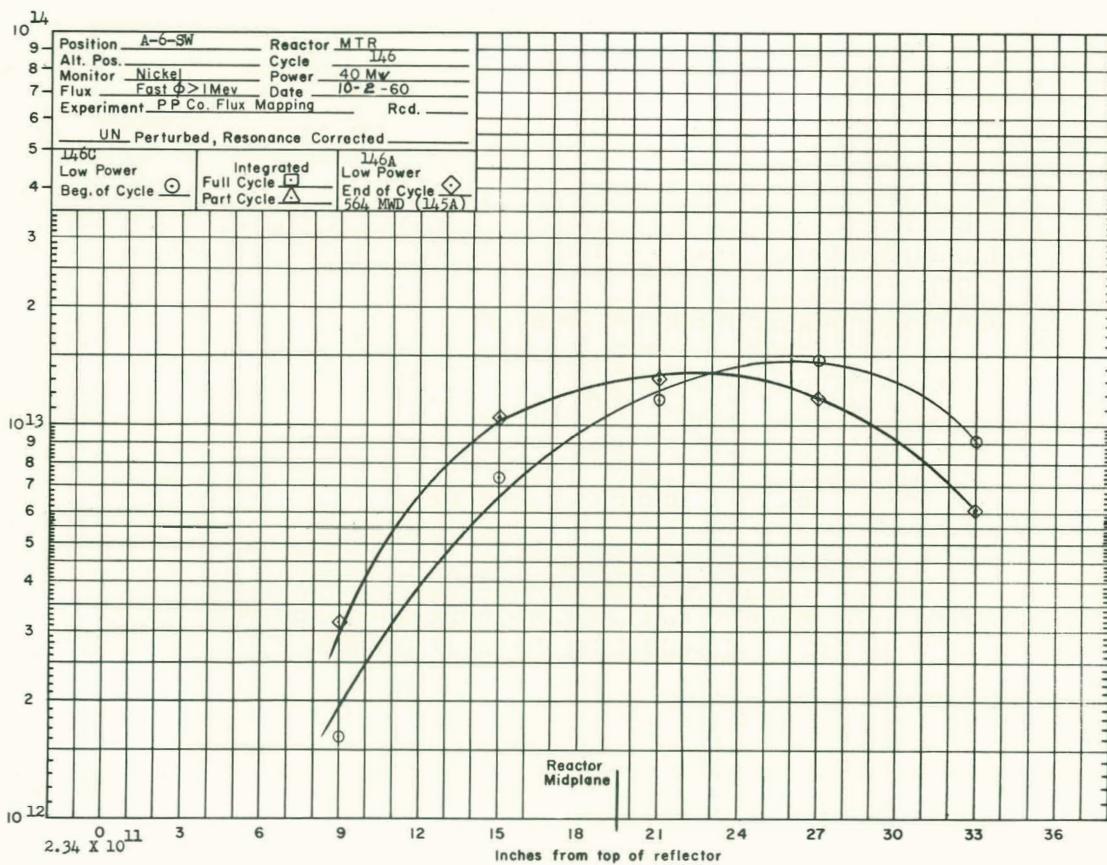
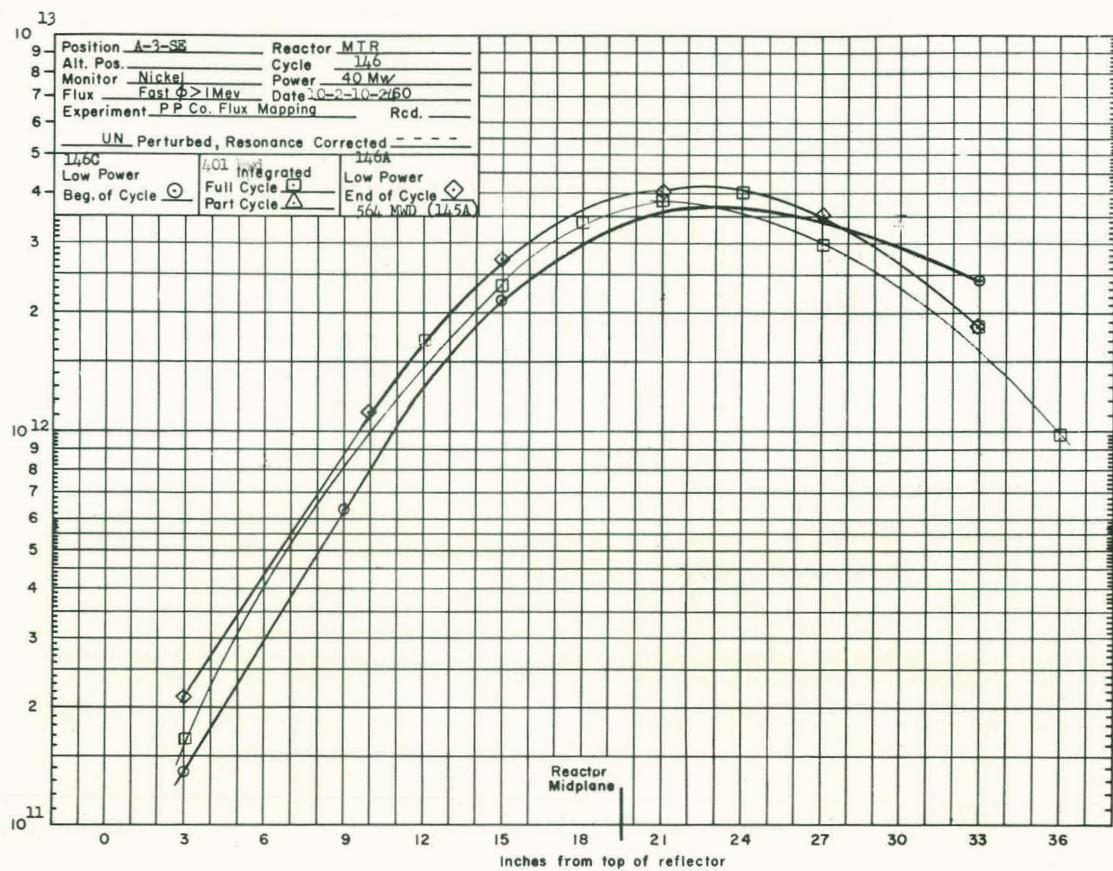
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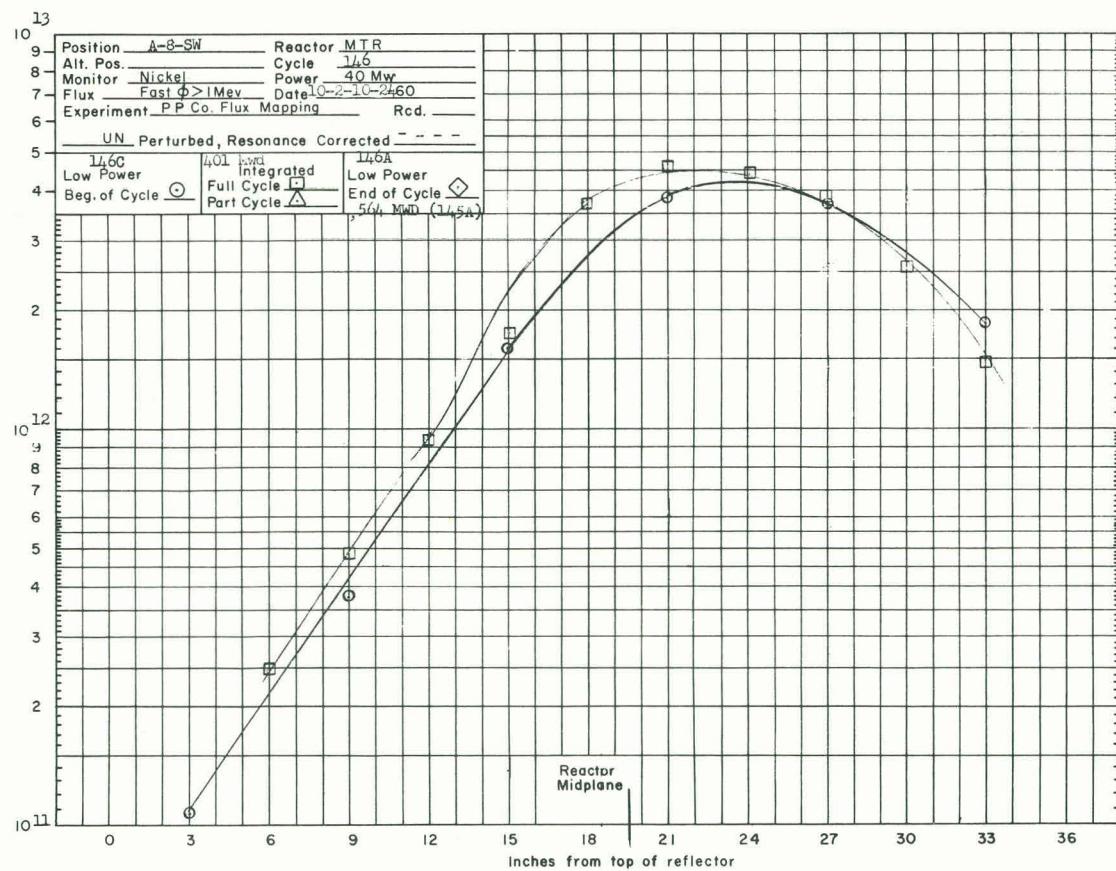
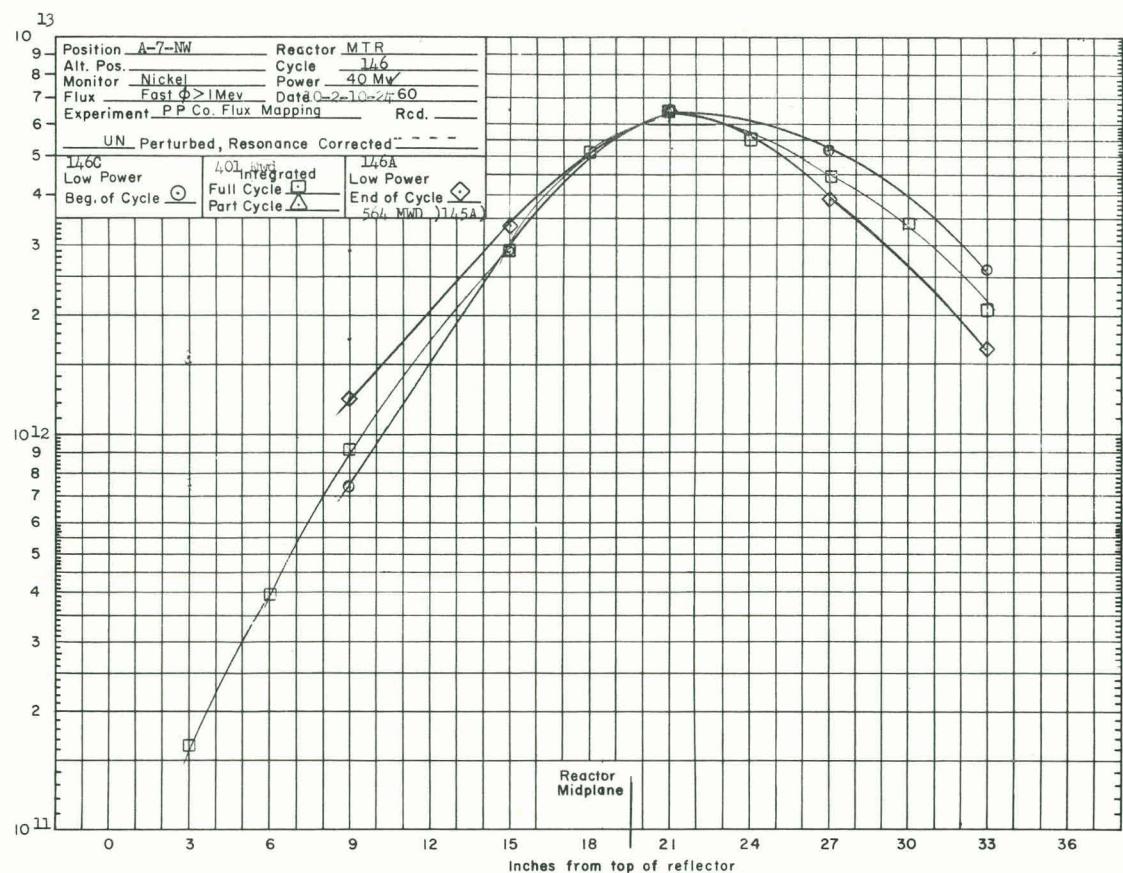
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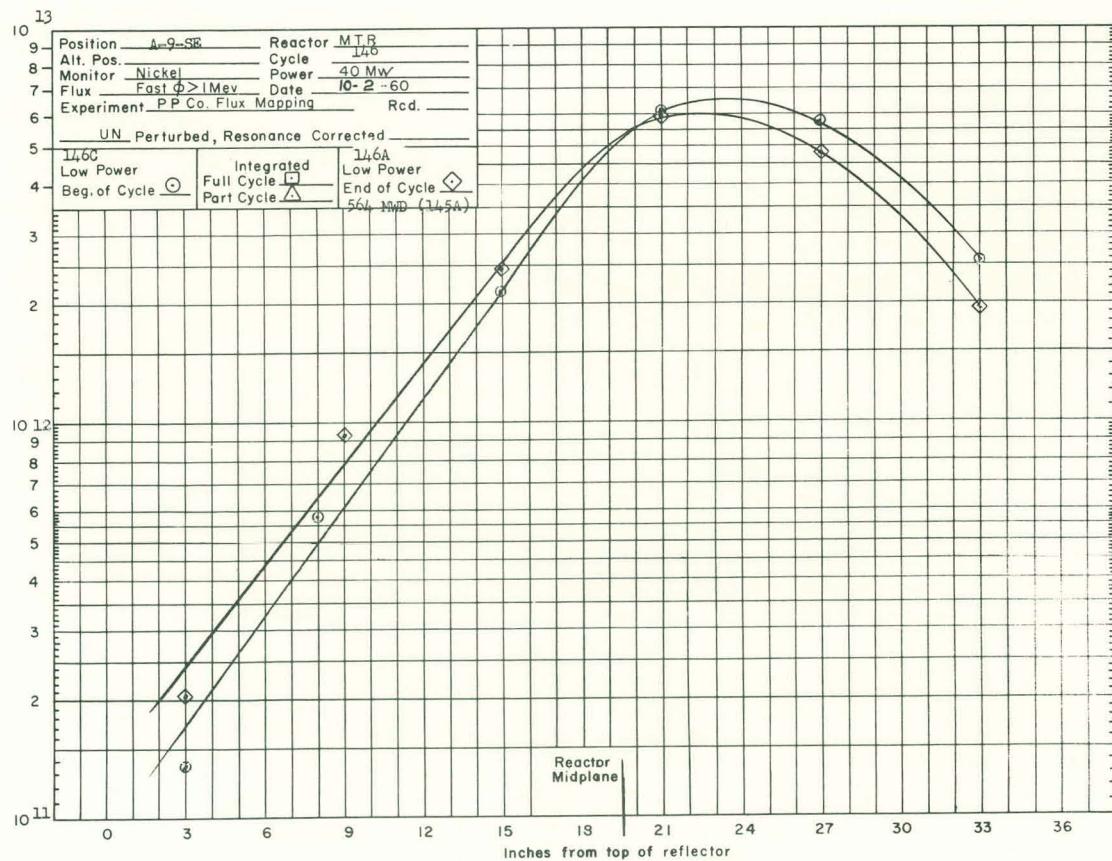
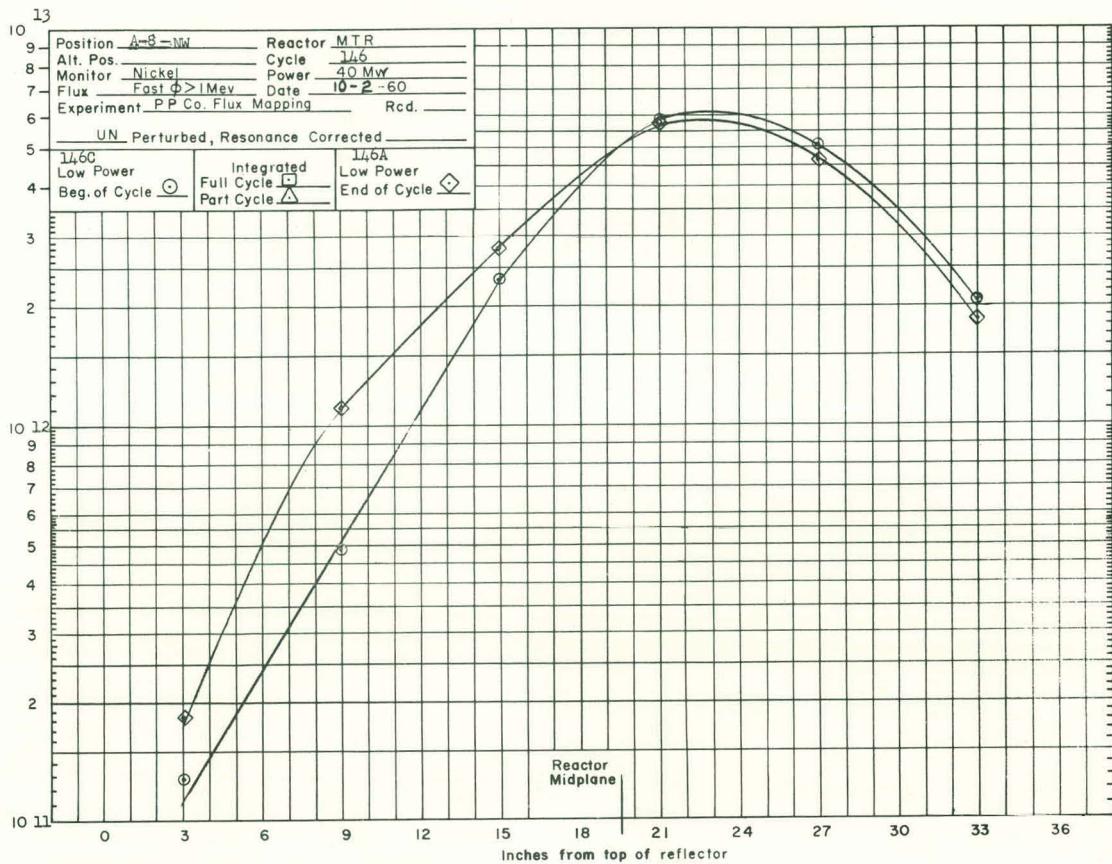


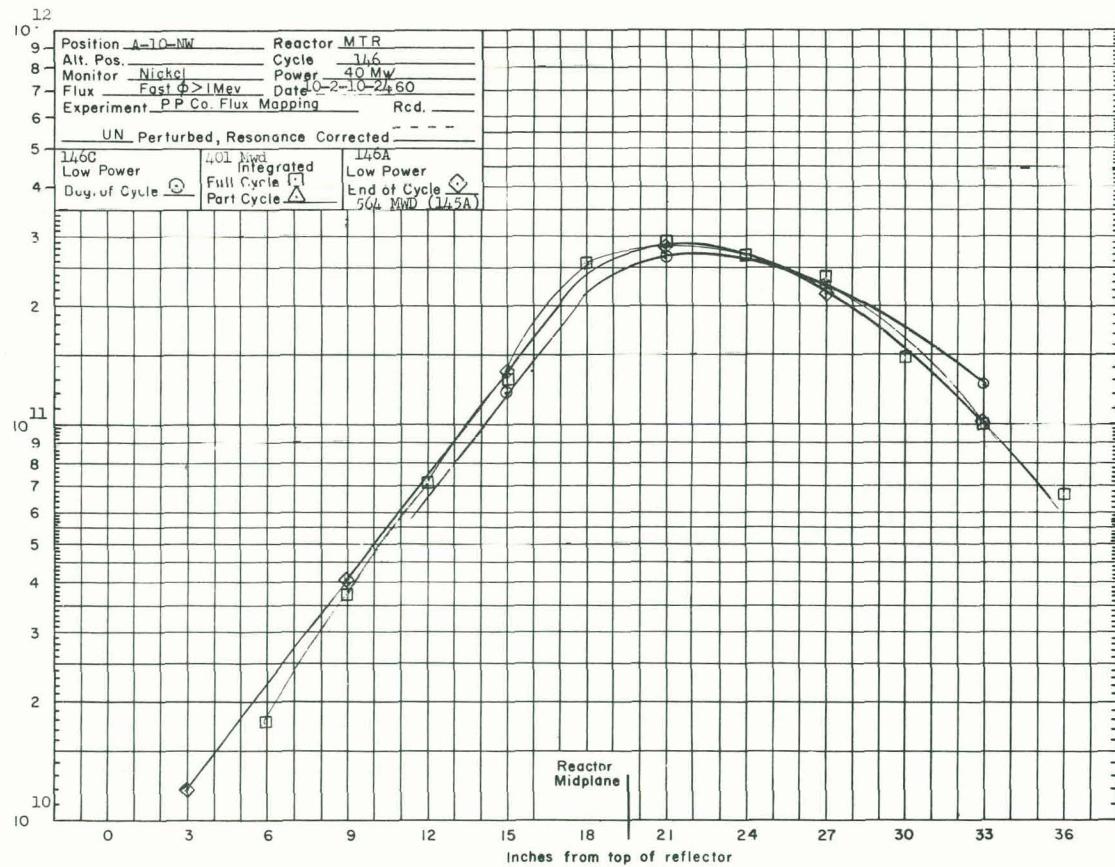
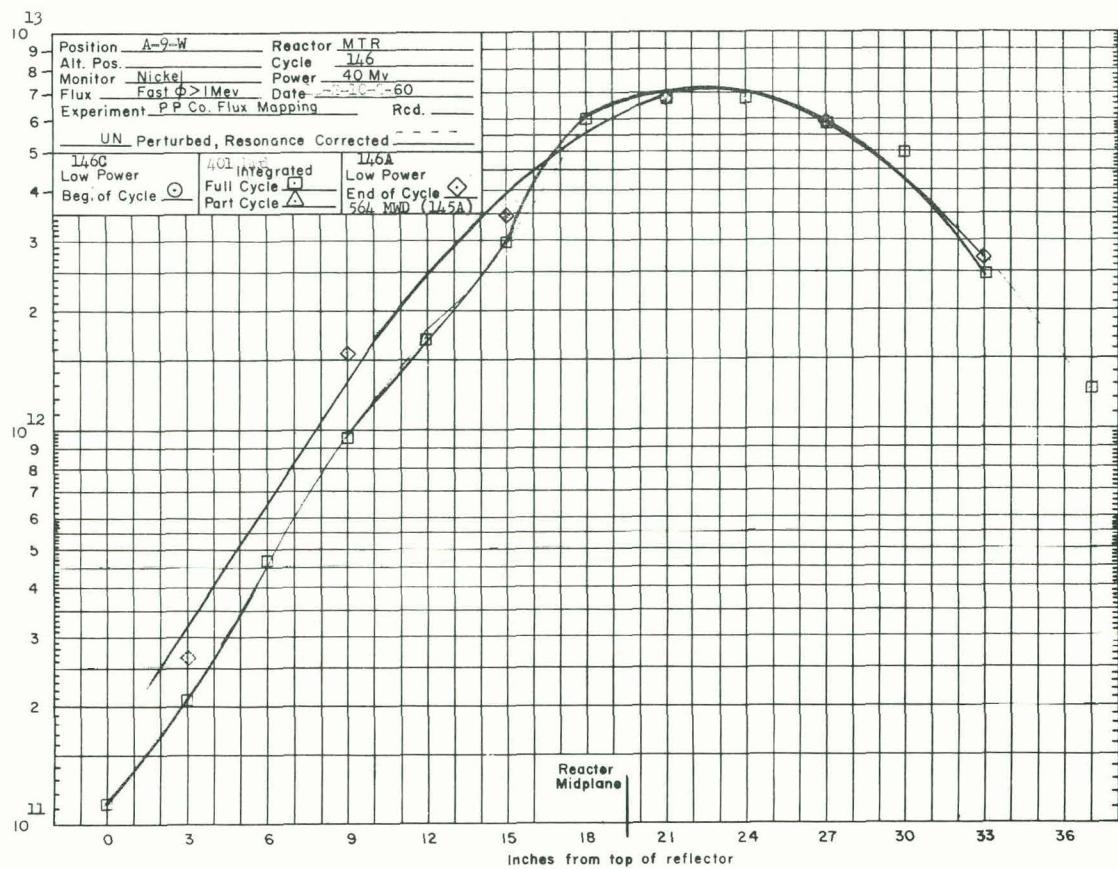


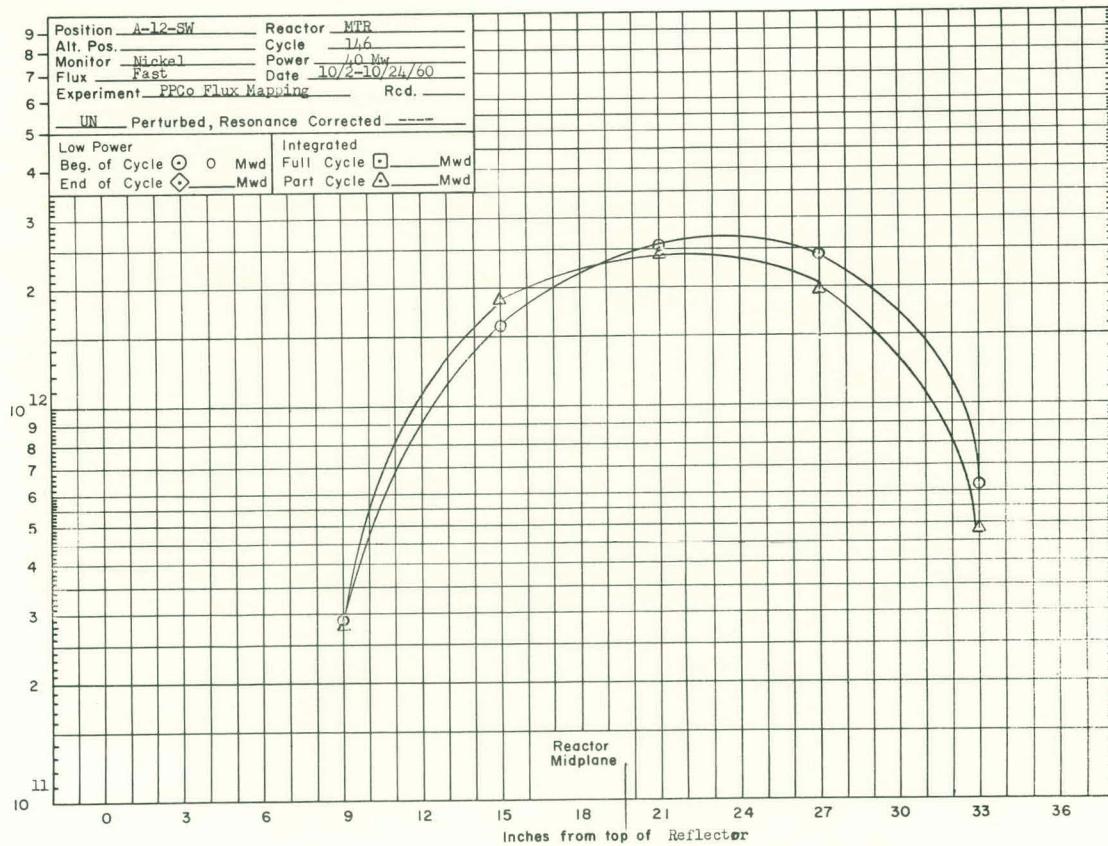
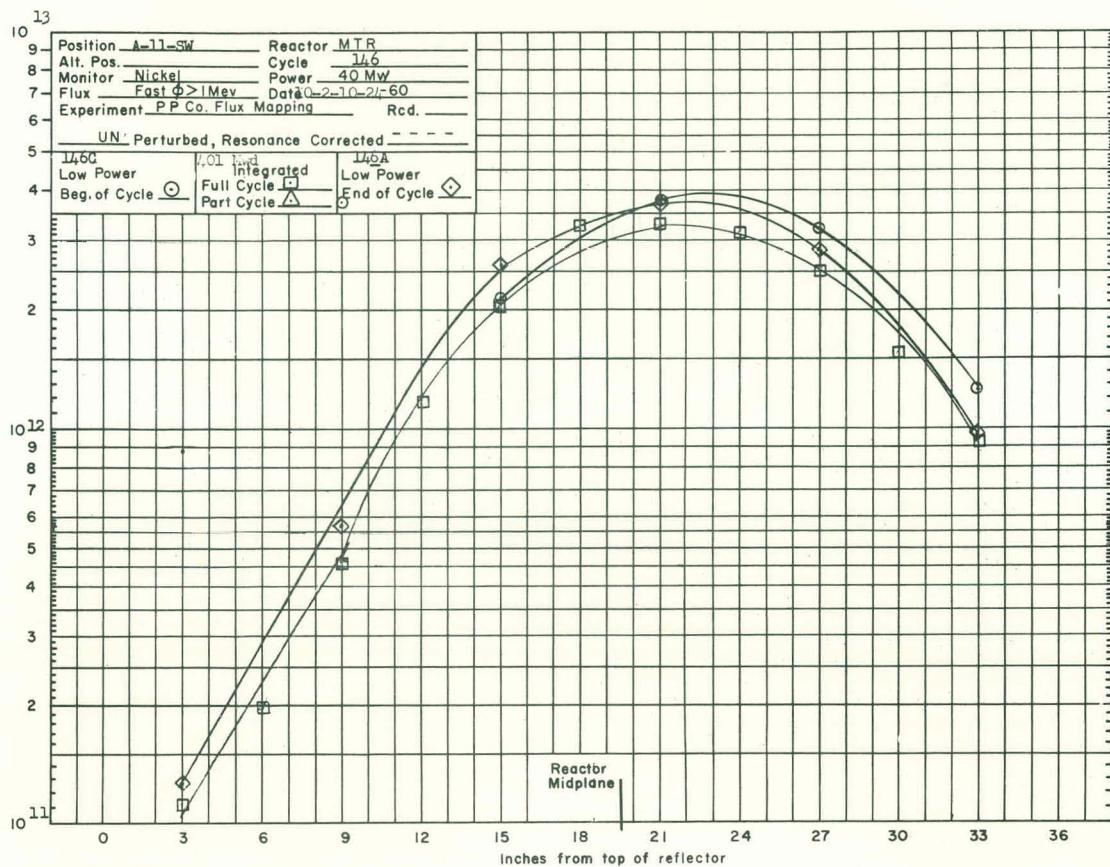


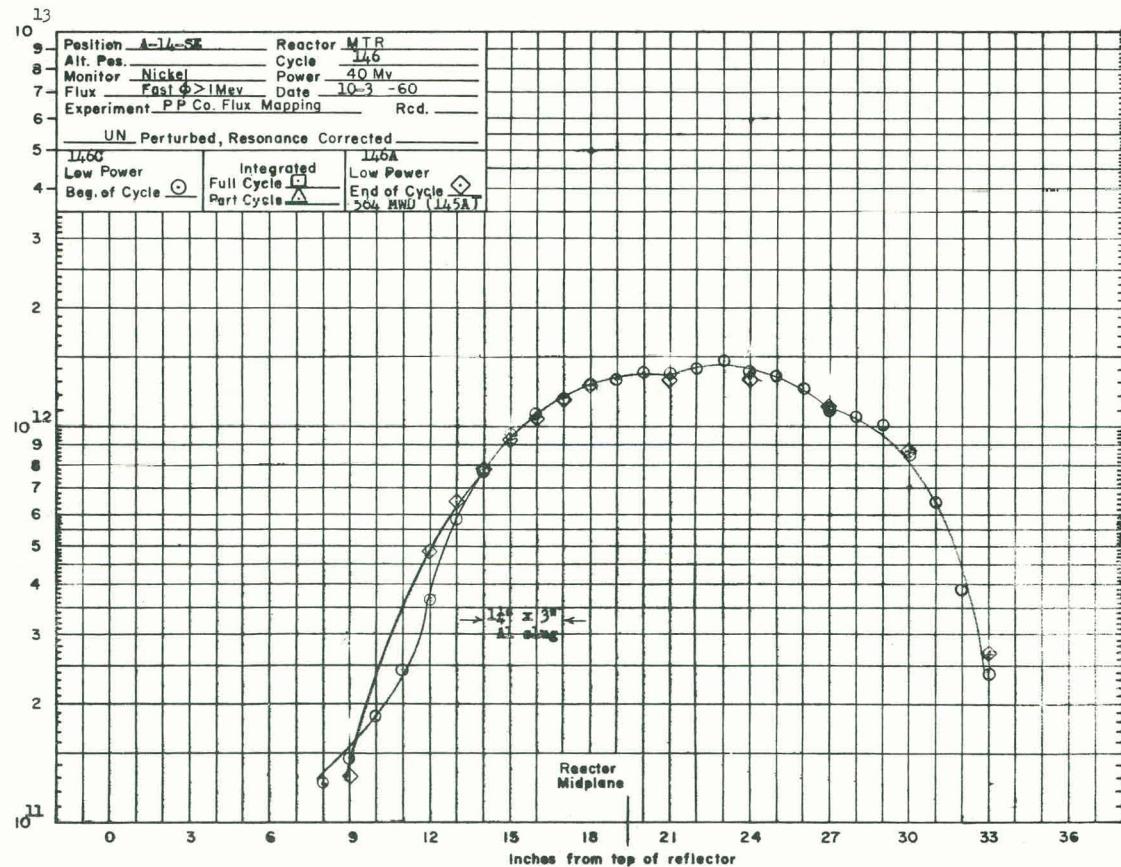
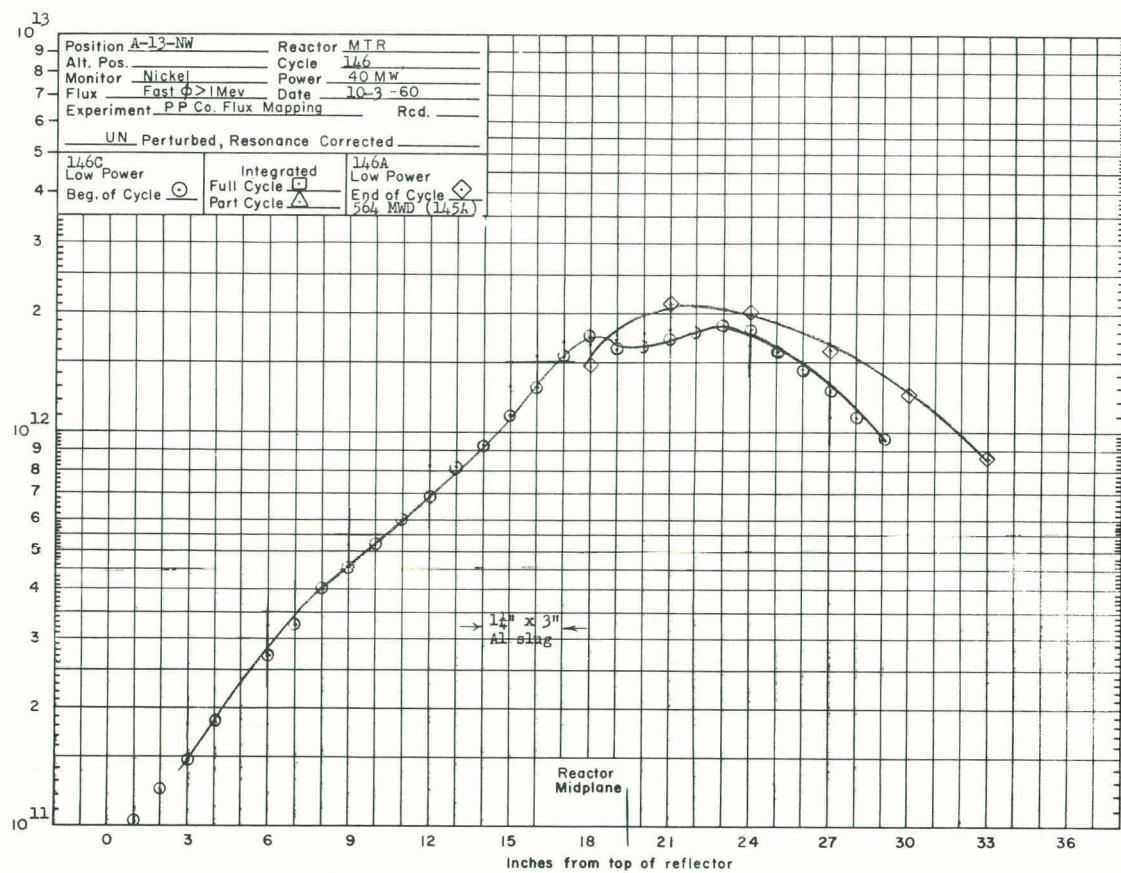


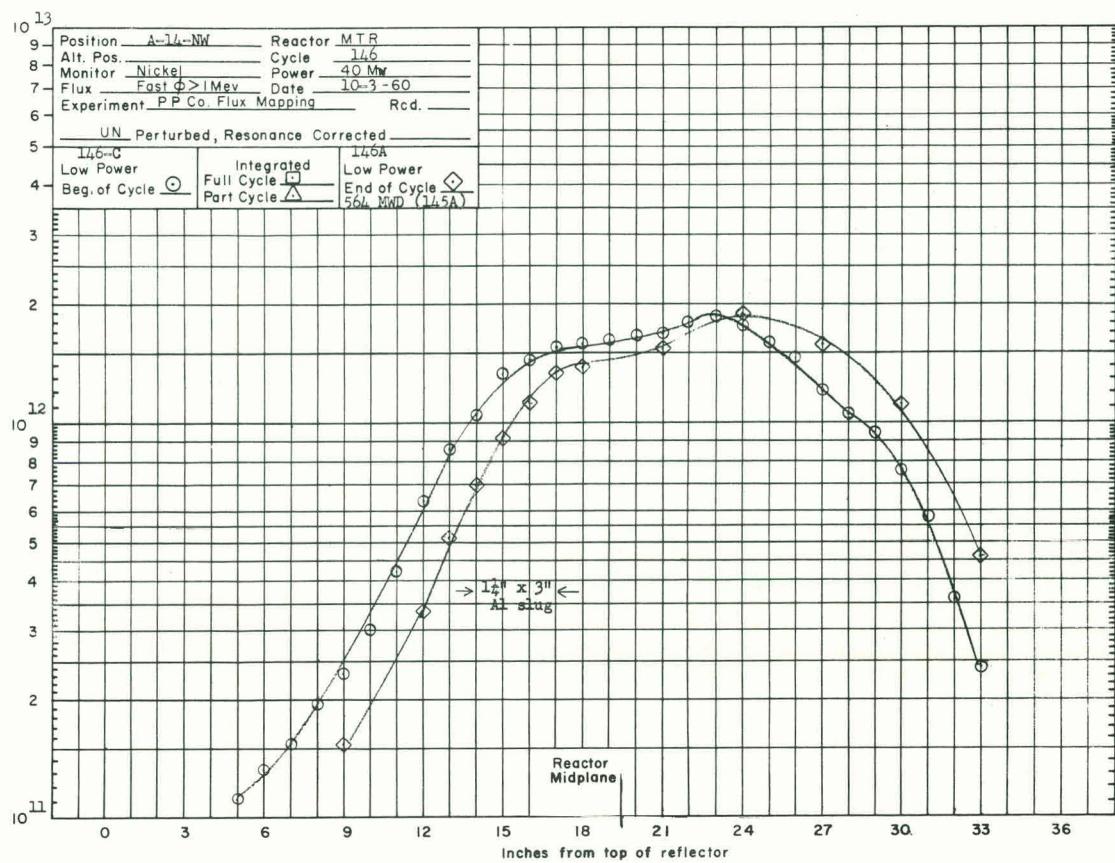


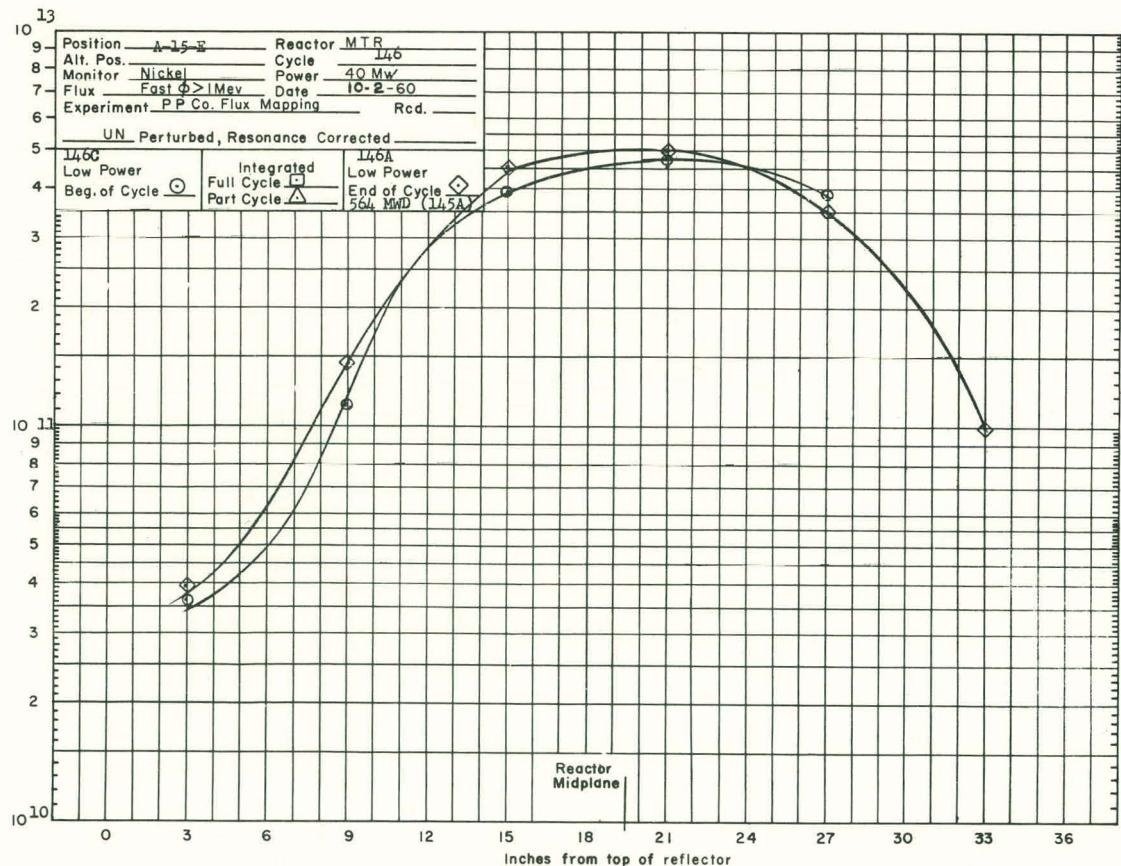
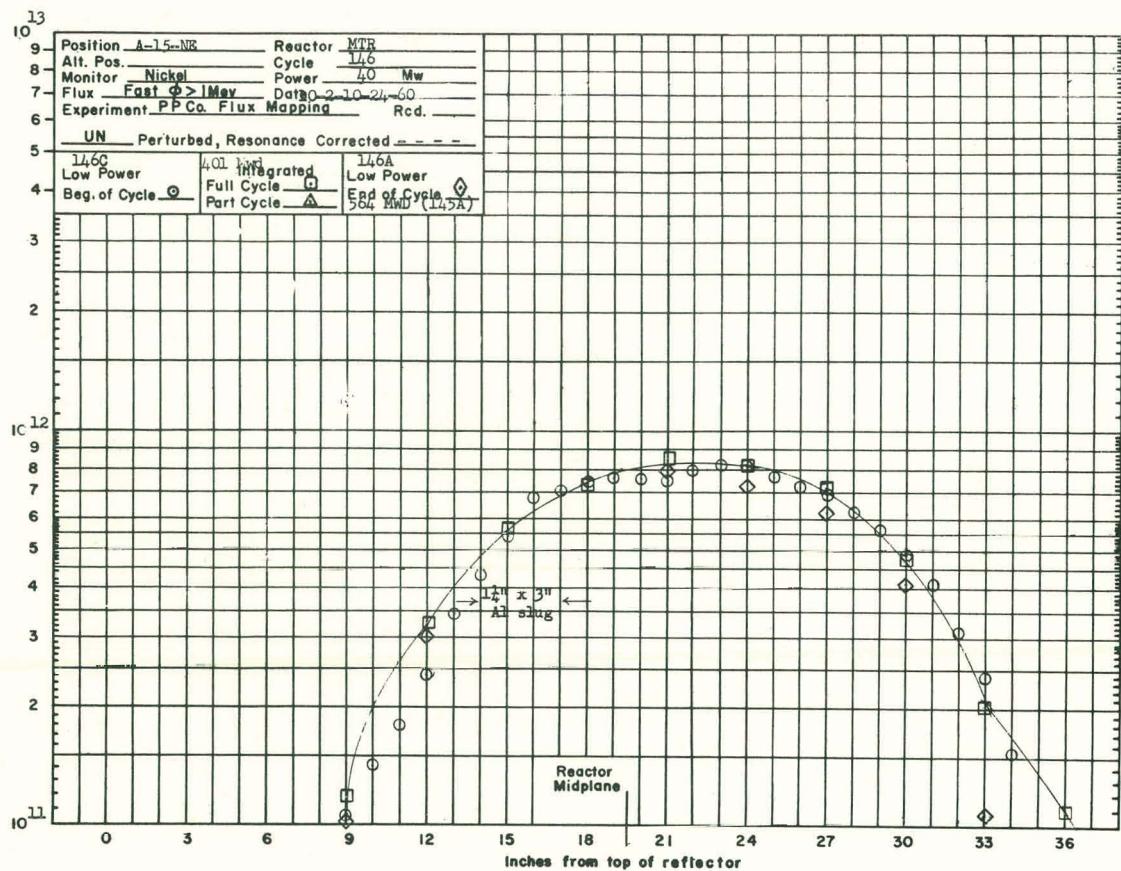


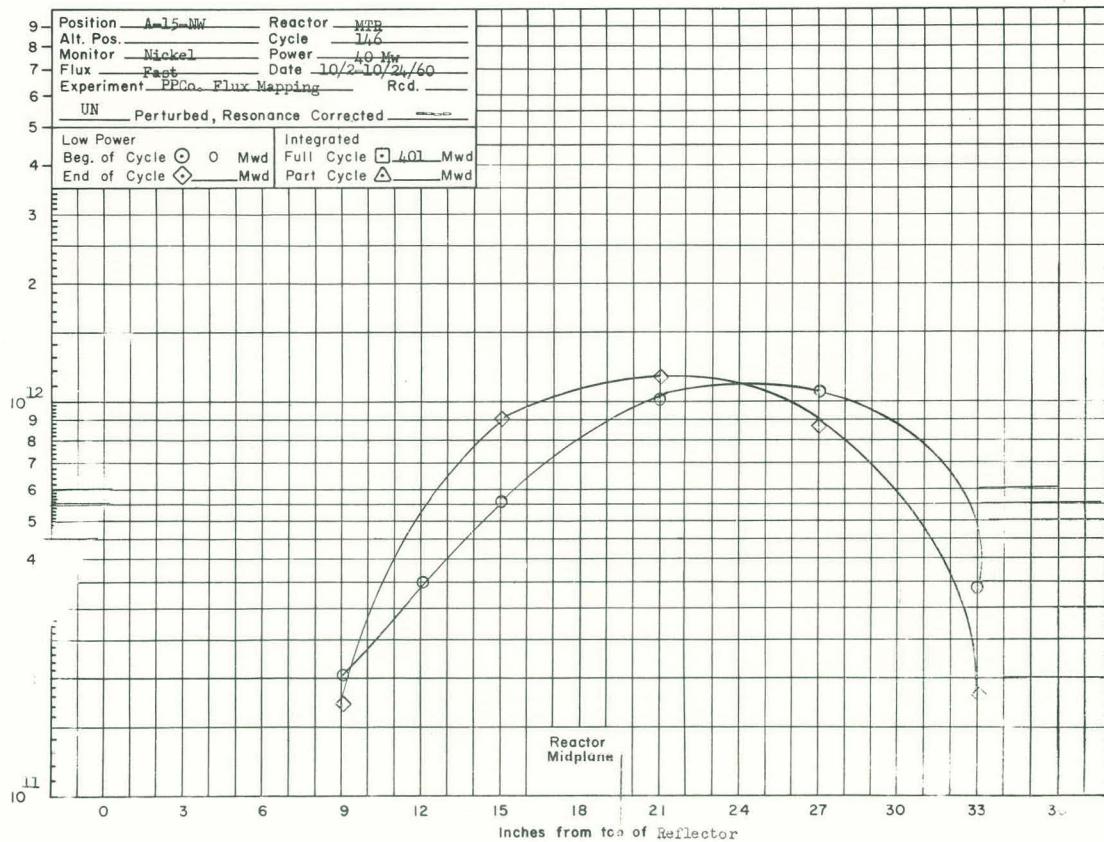
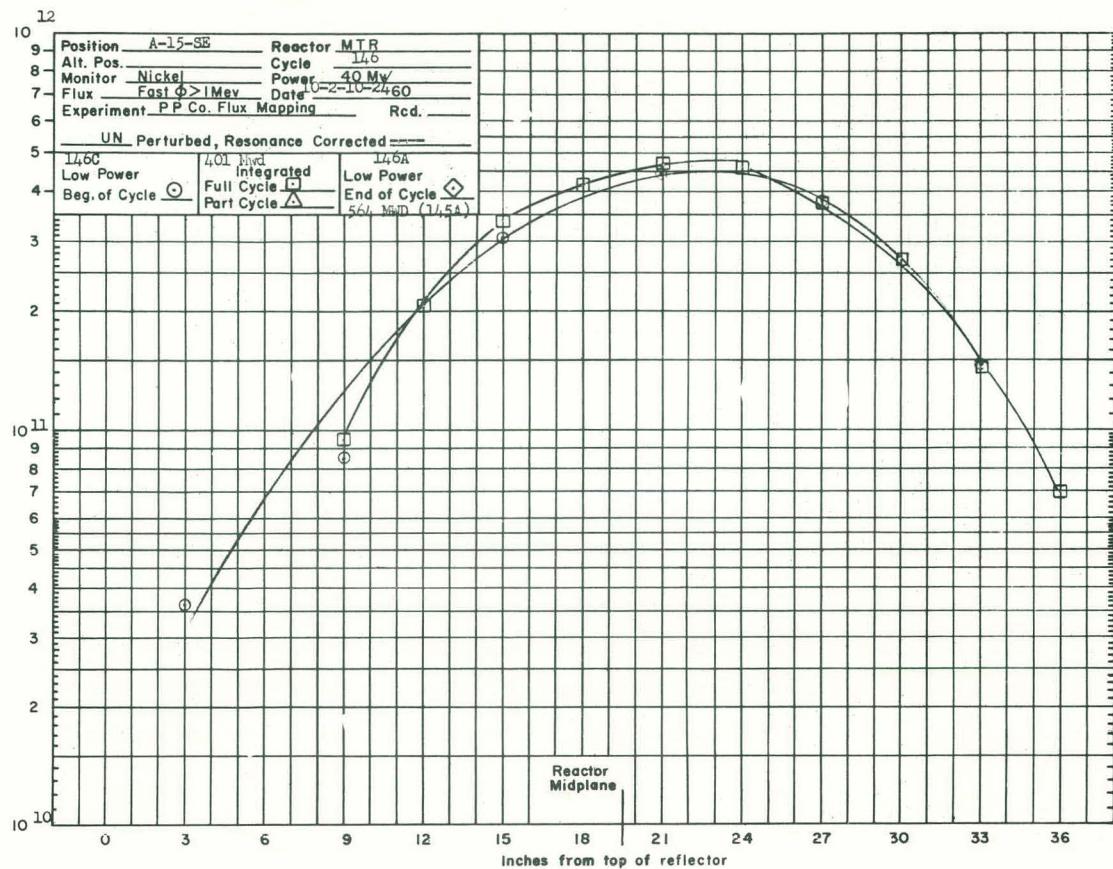


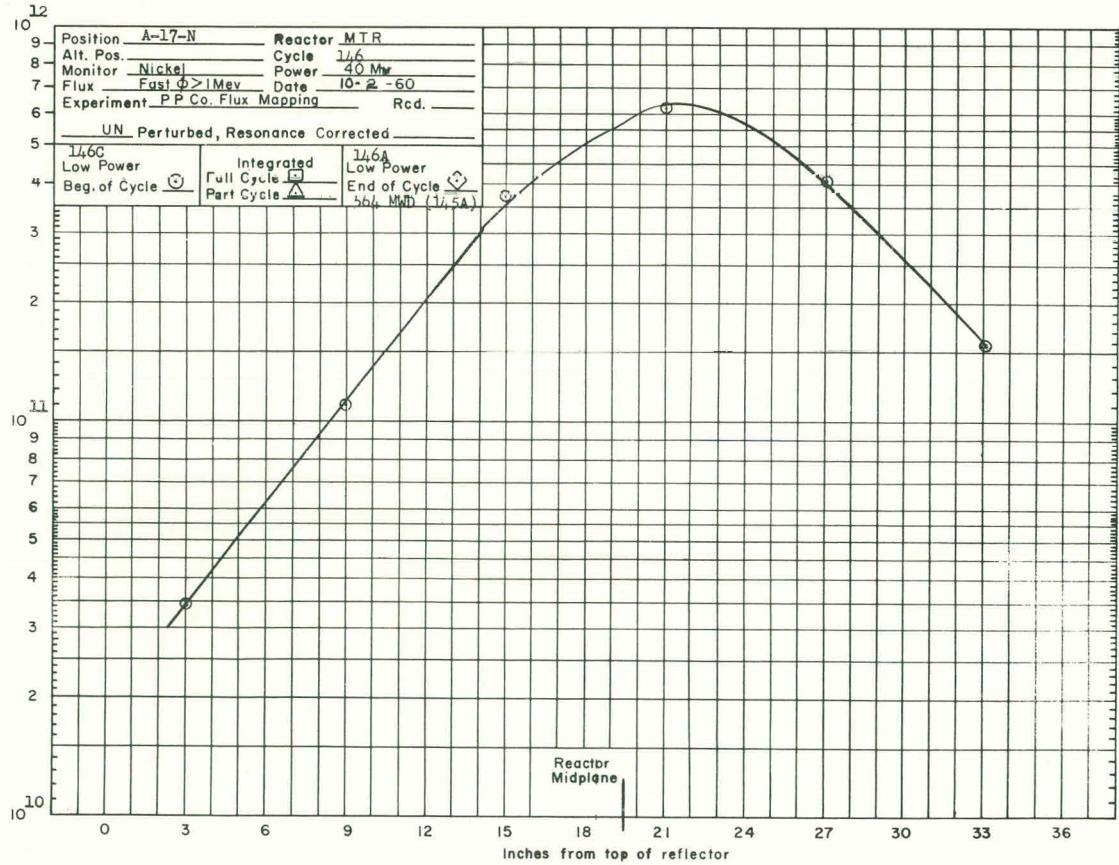
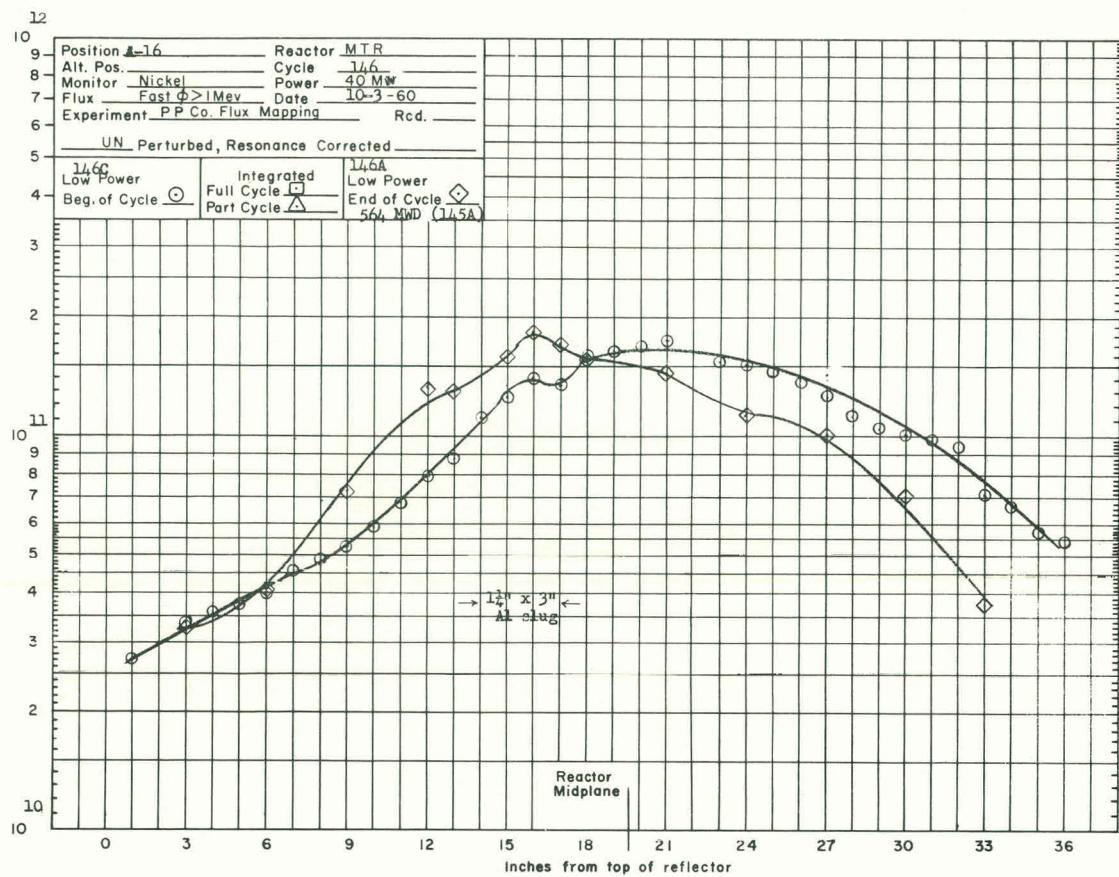


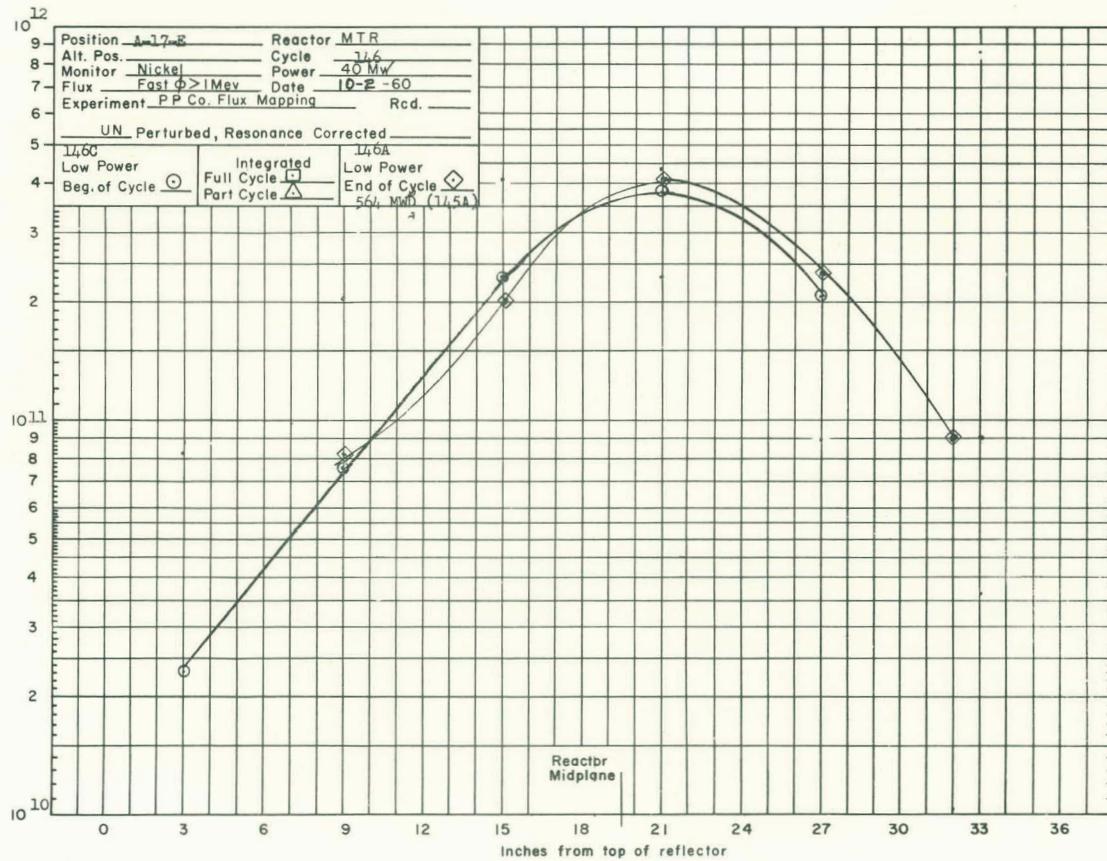
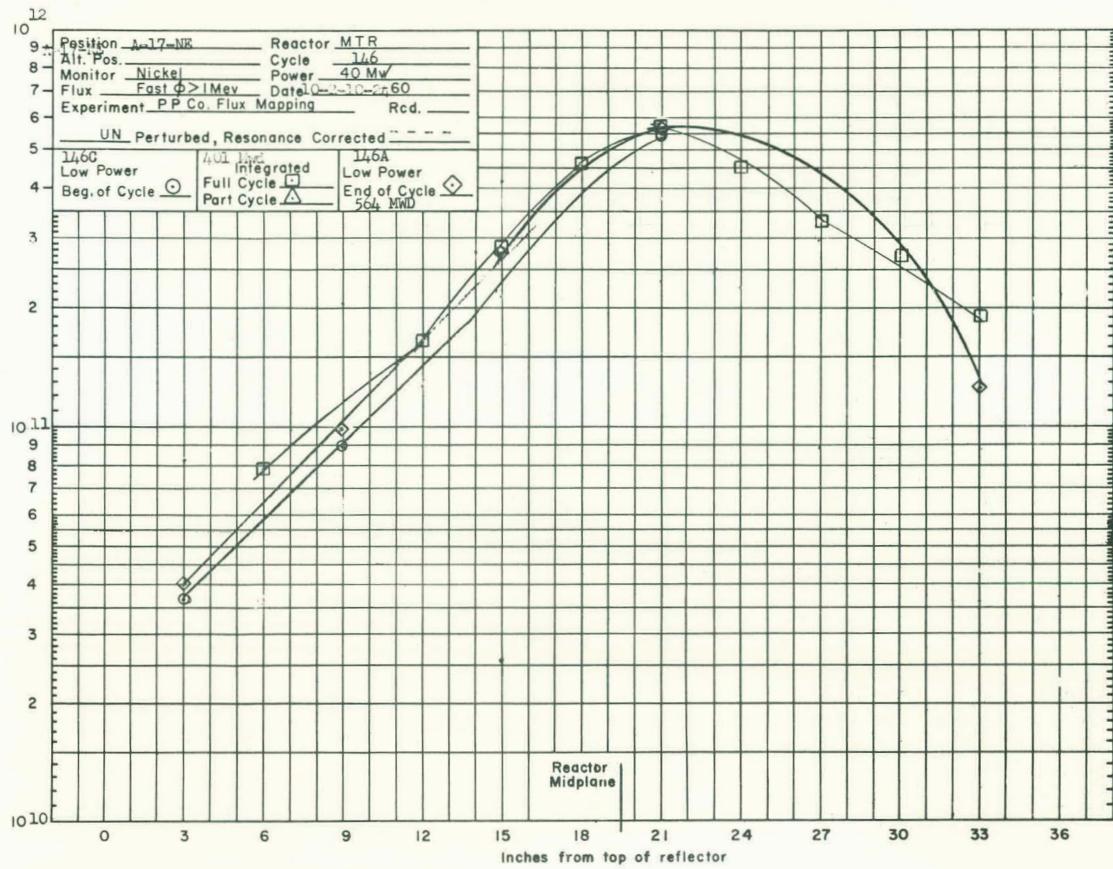










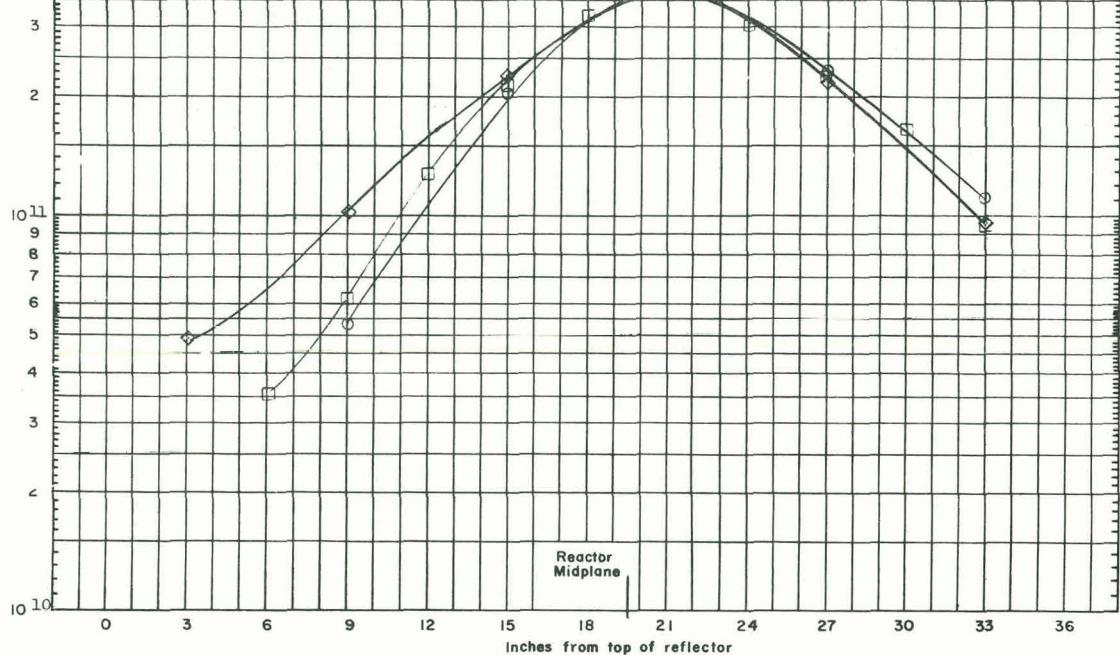


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 Monitor Nickel Power 40 Mw  
 7. Flux Fast  $\phi > 1$  Mev Date 10-2-10-460  
 Experiment PPCo. Flux Mapping Rcd.

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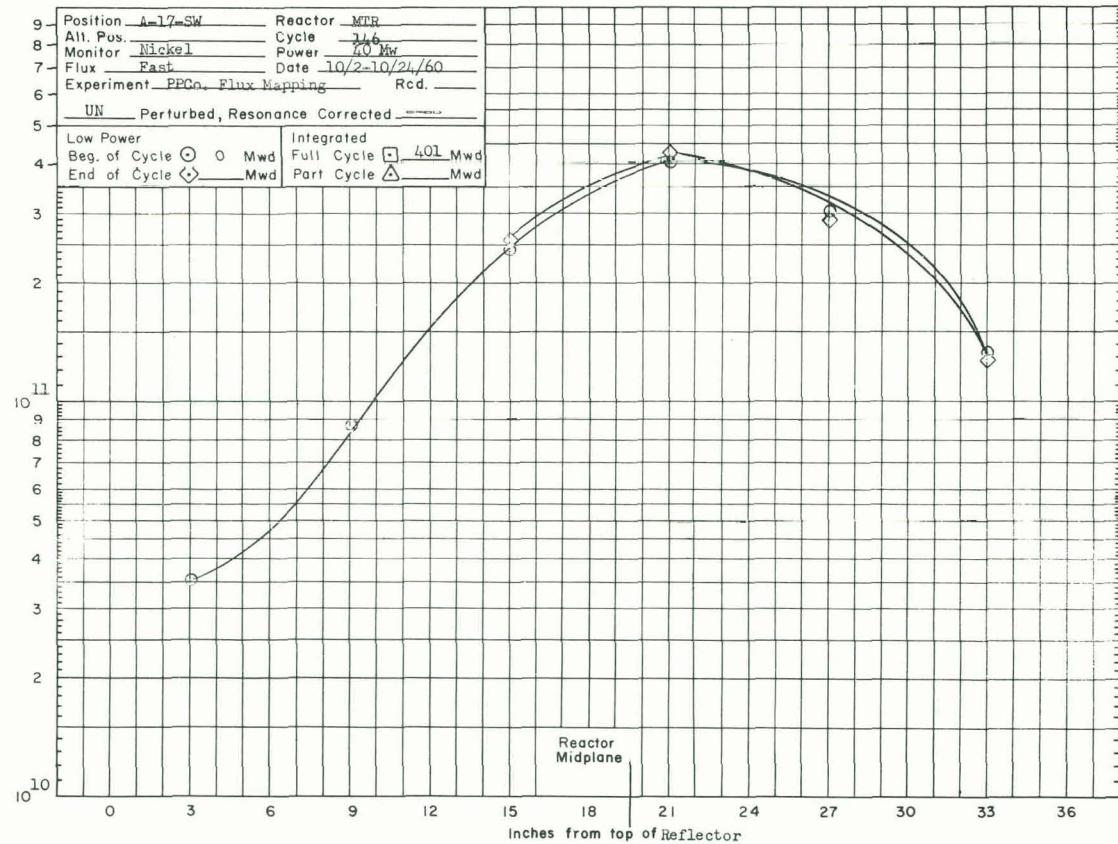
146C 401 Mwd 146A  
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 Part Cycle  $\triangle$  564 MWD (145A)

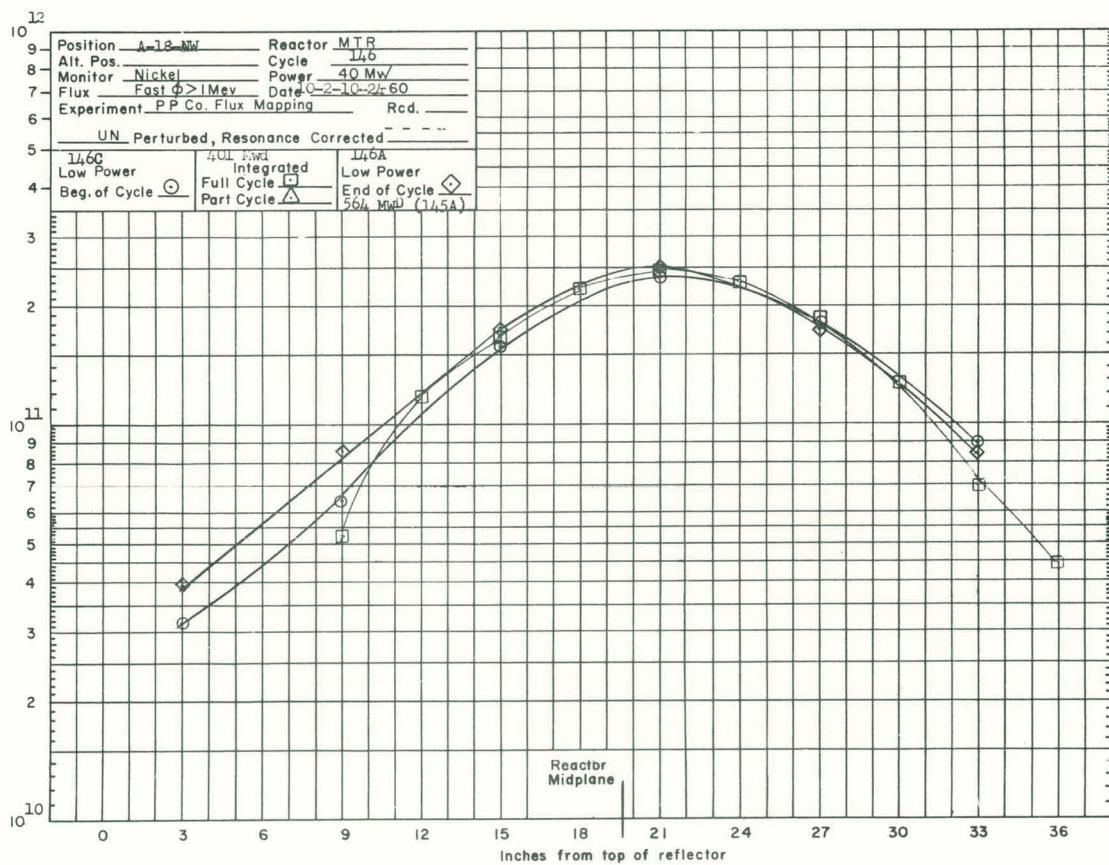
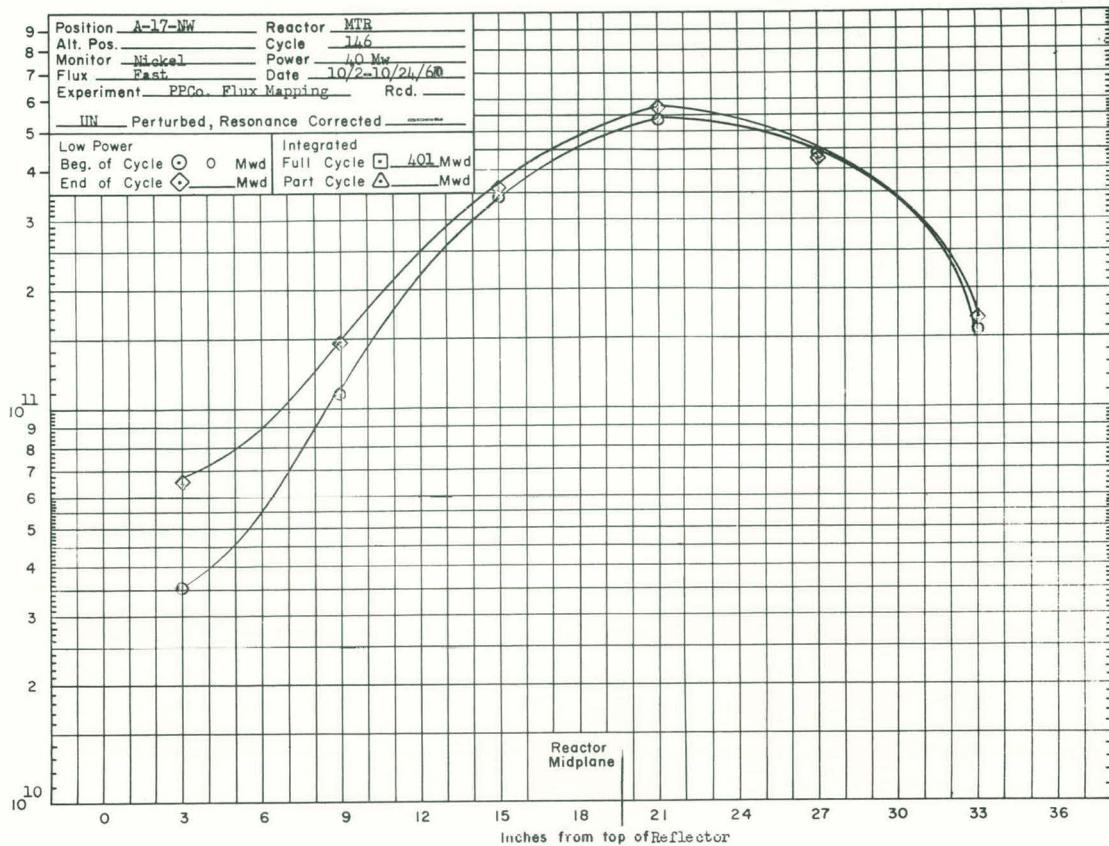


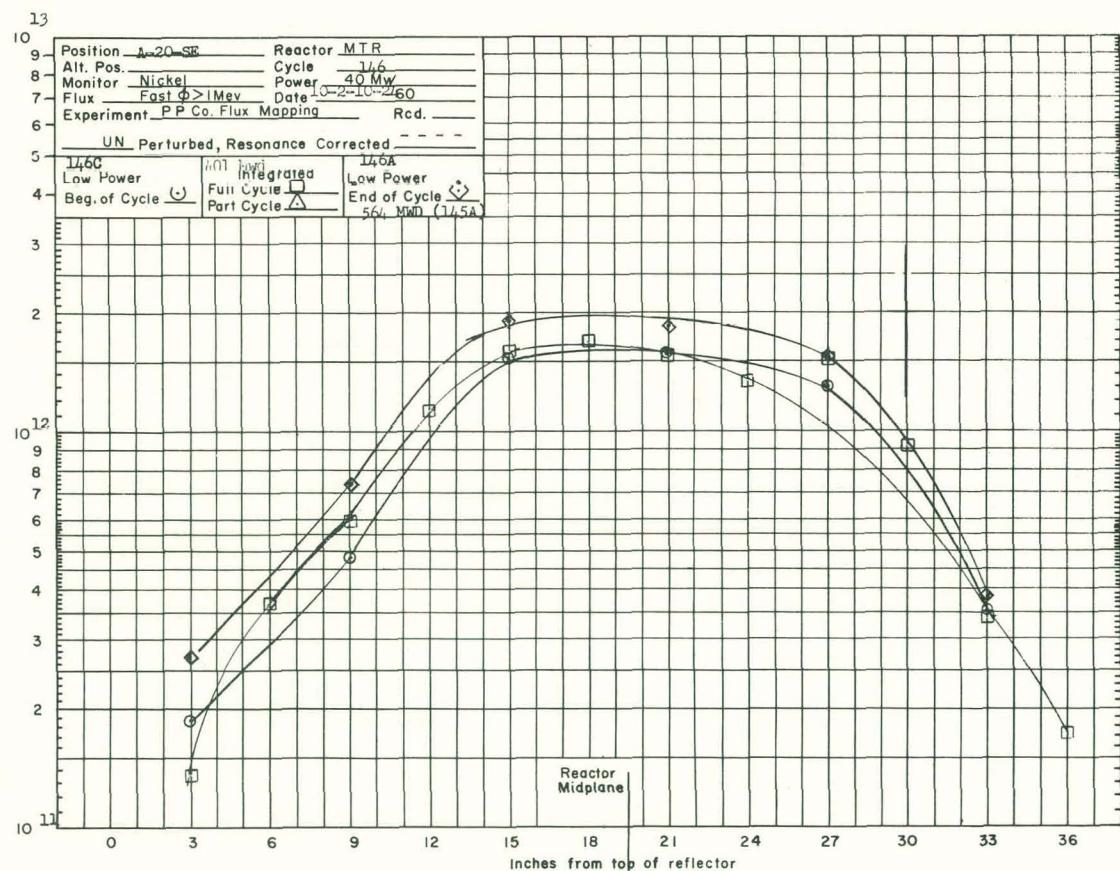
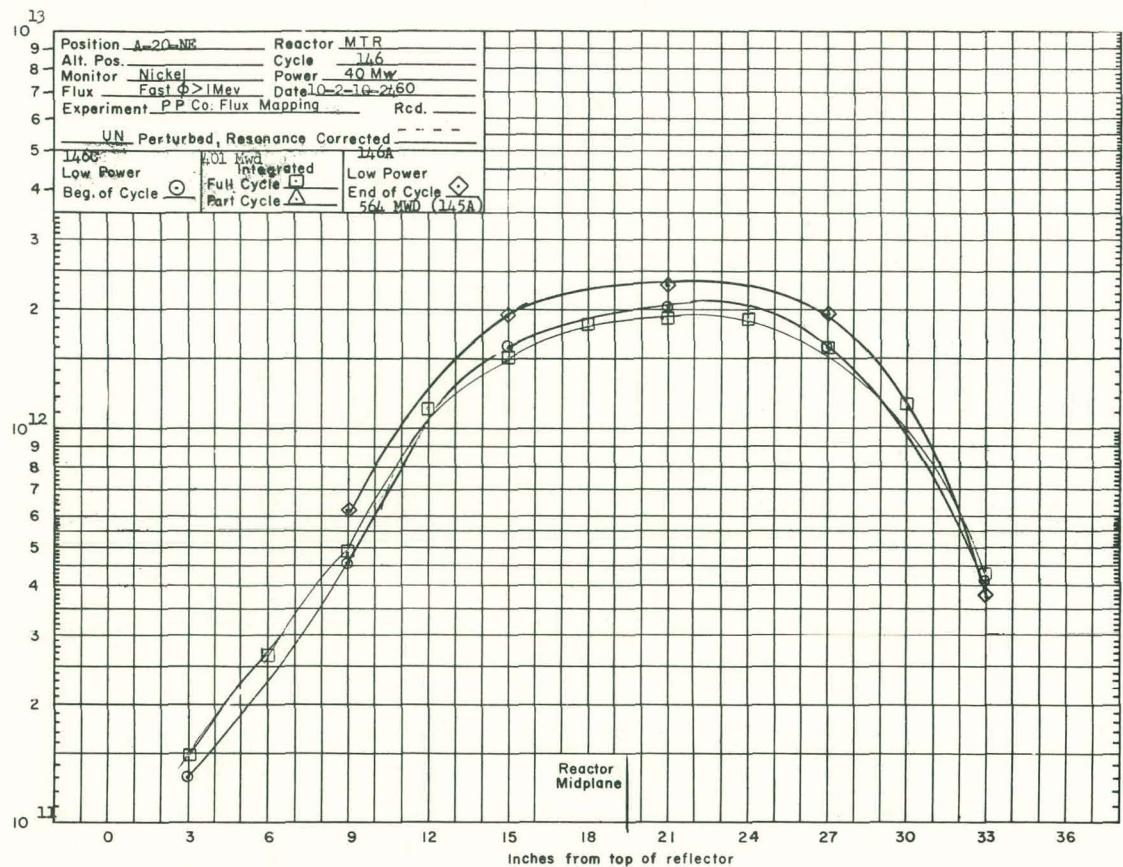
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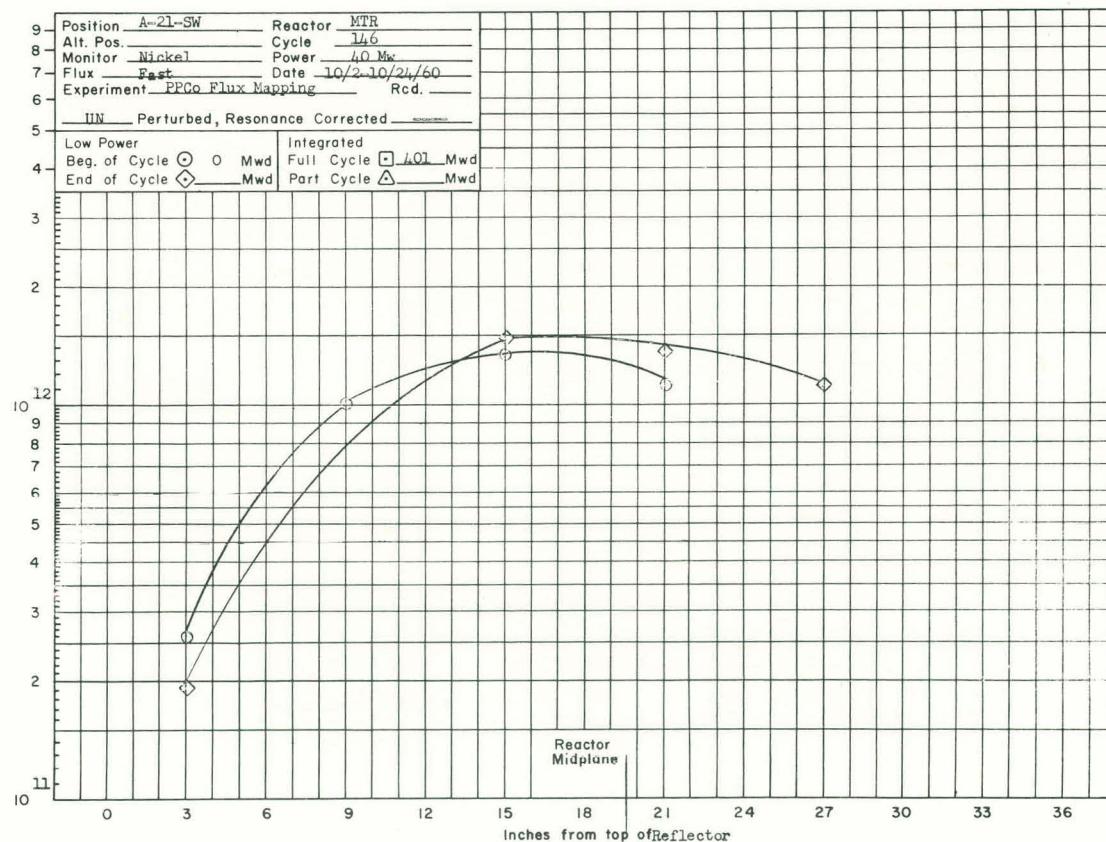
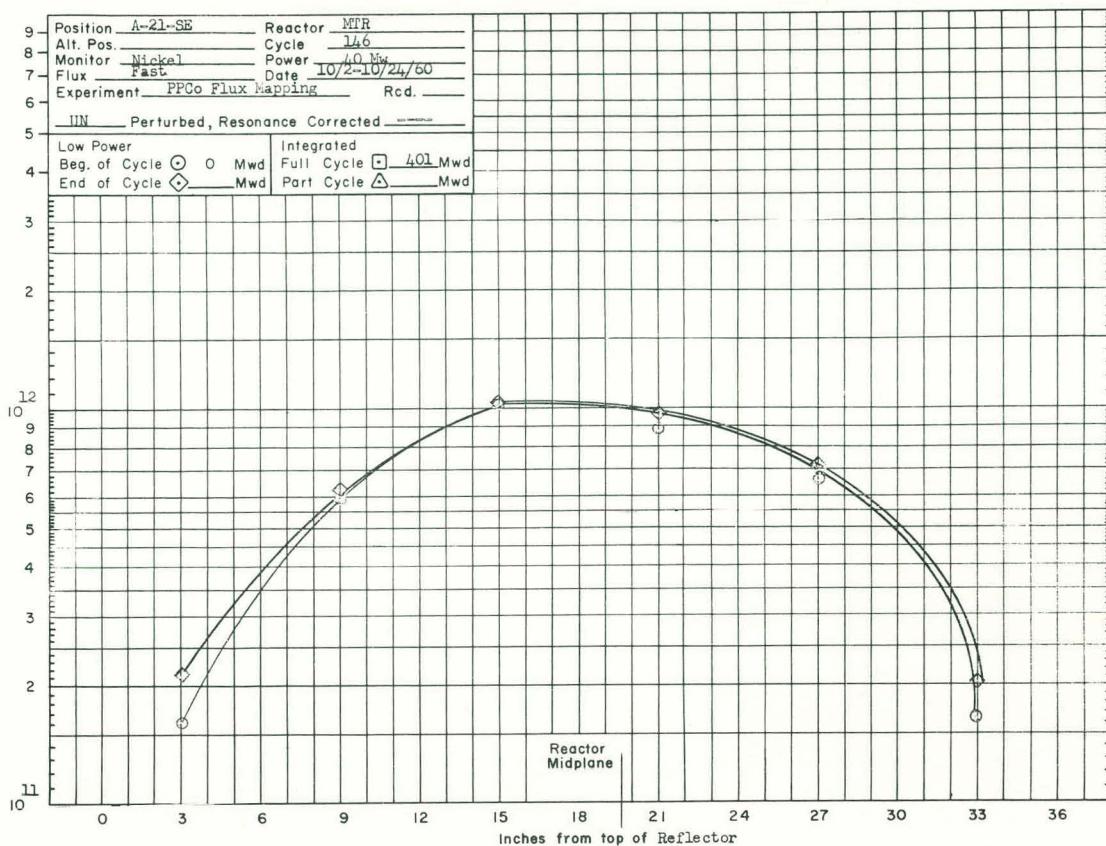
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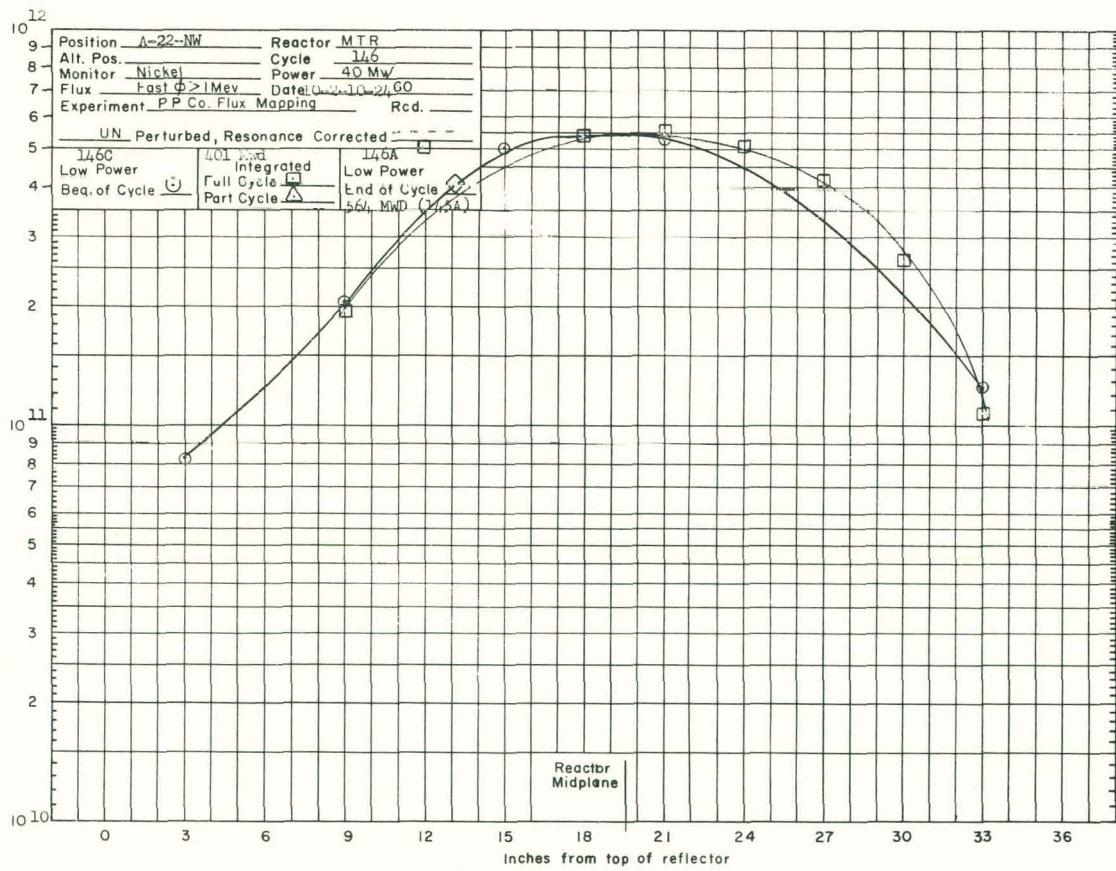
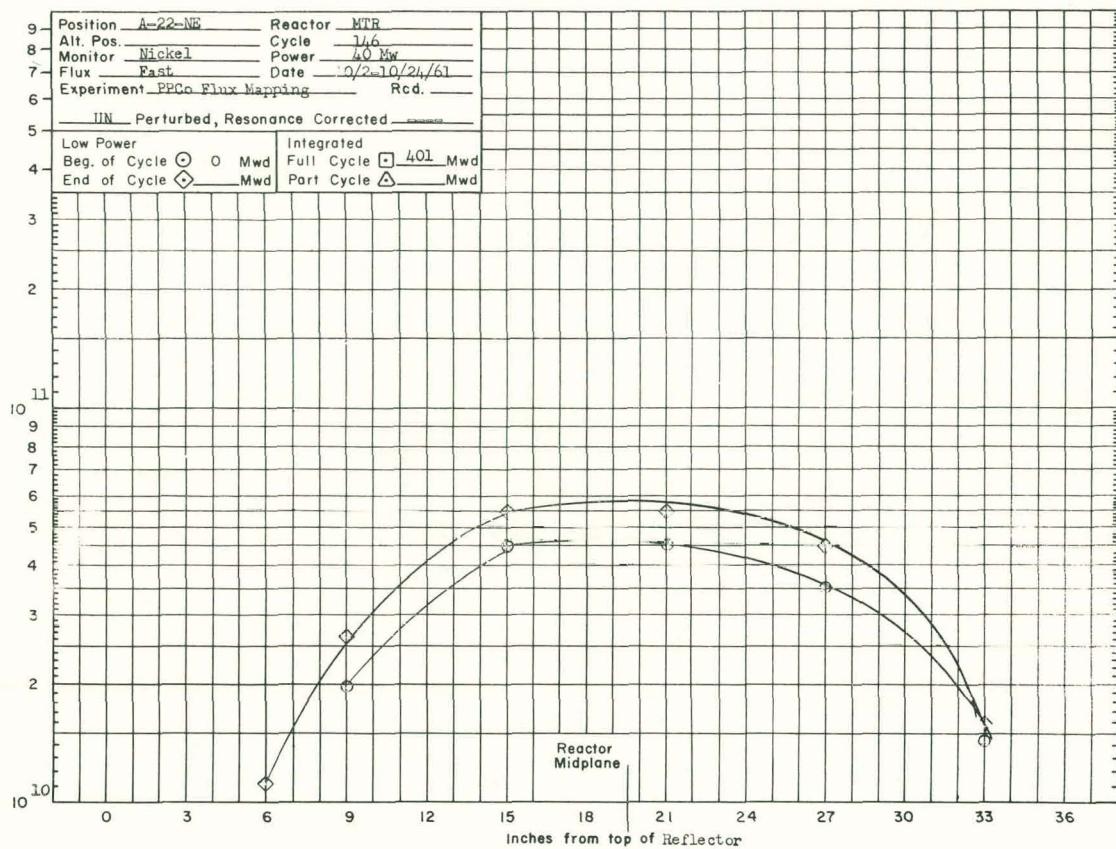
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 End of Cycle  $\diamond$  Mwd Part Cycle  $\triangle$  Mwd

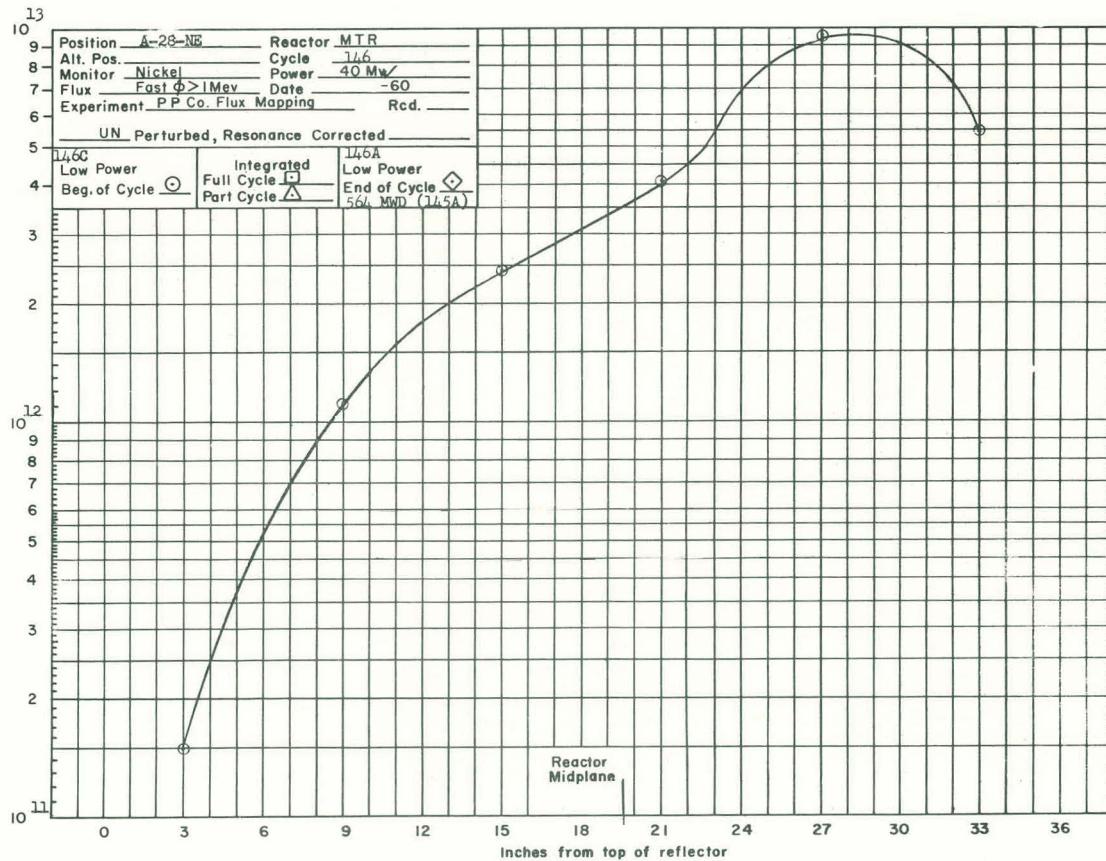
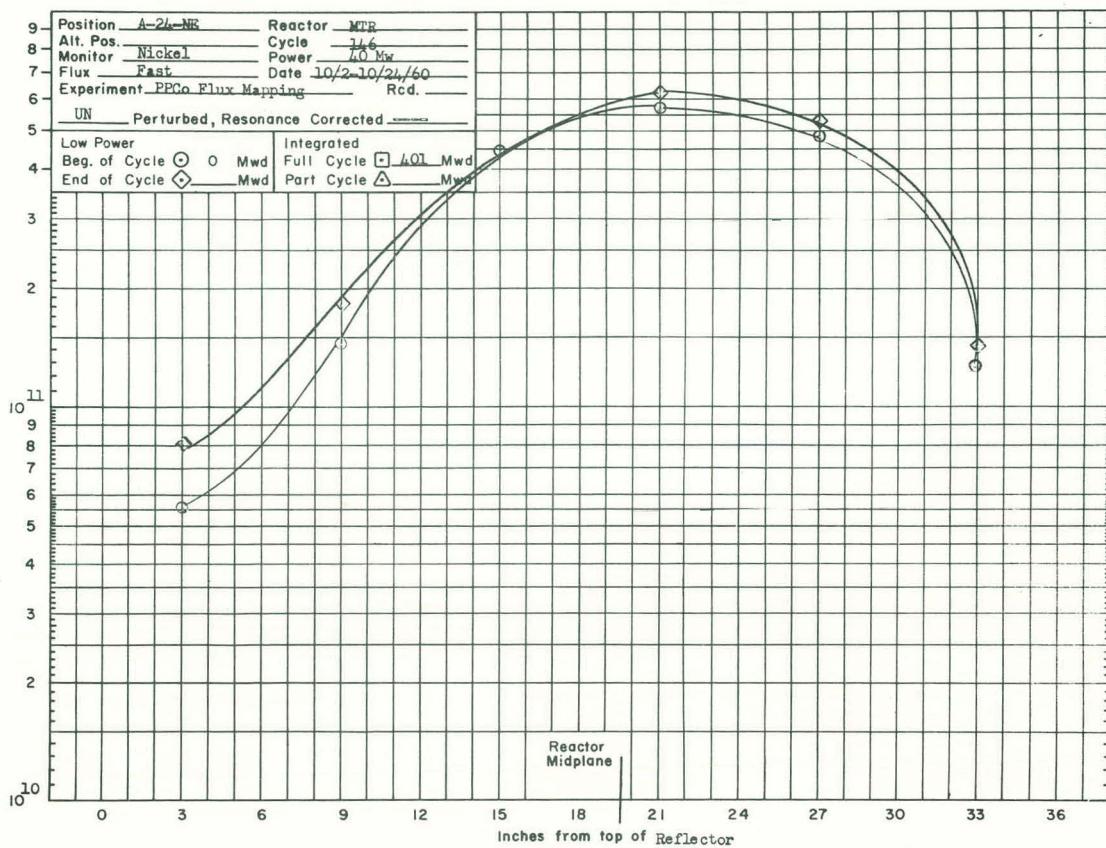


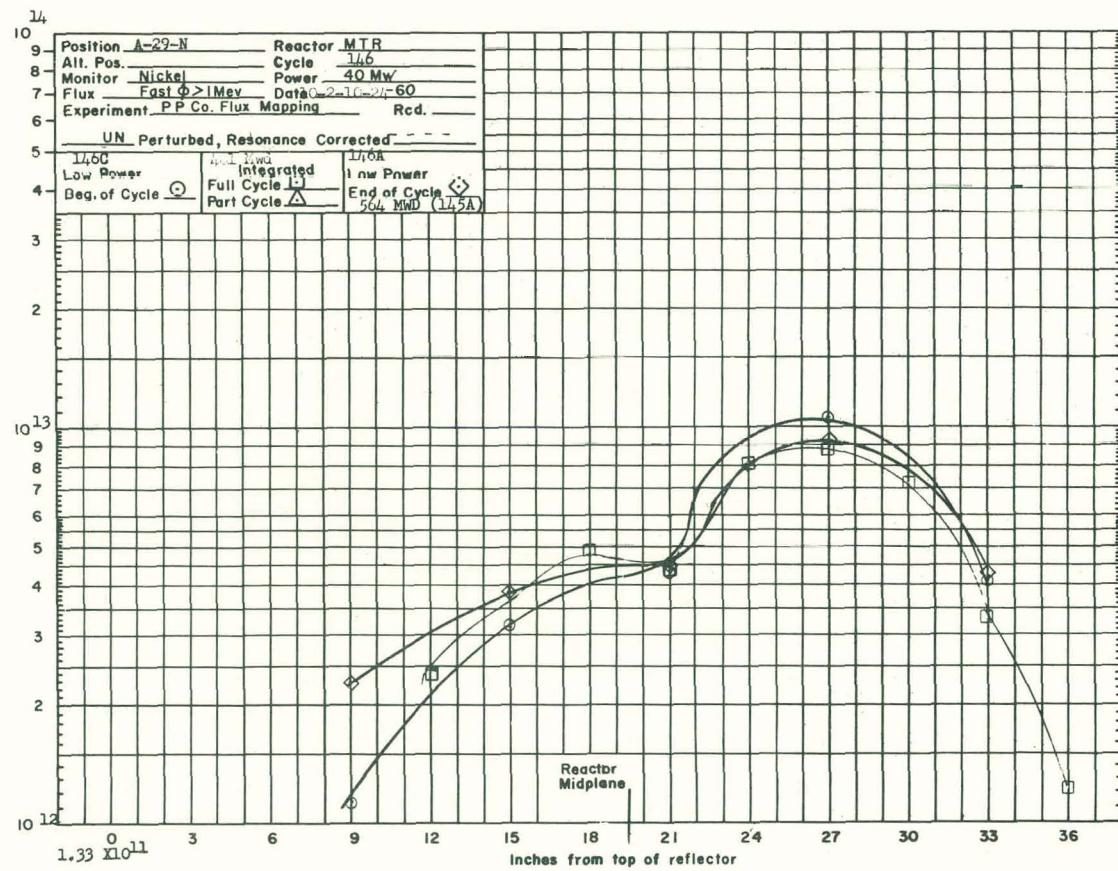
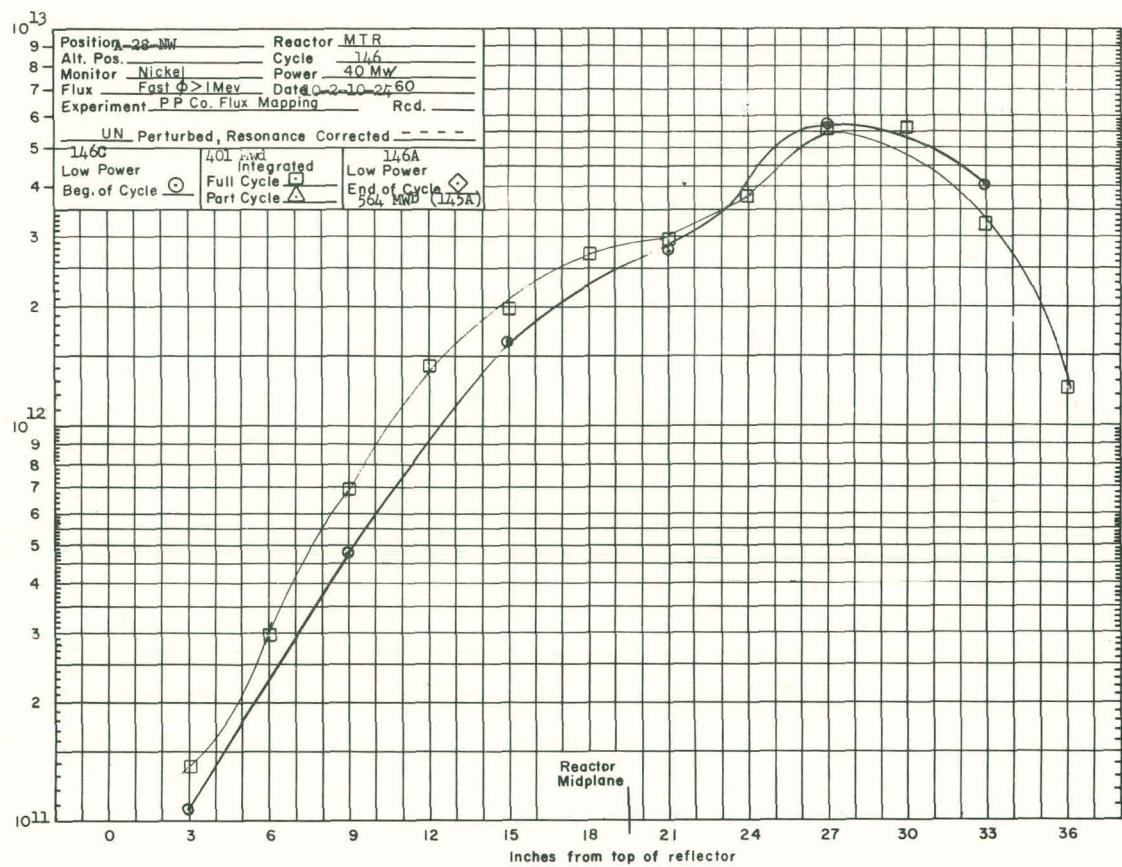


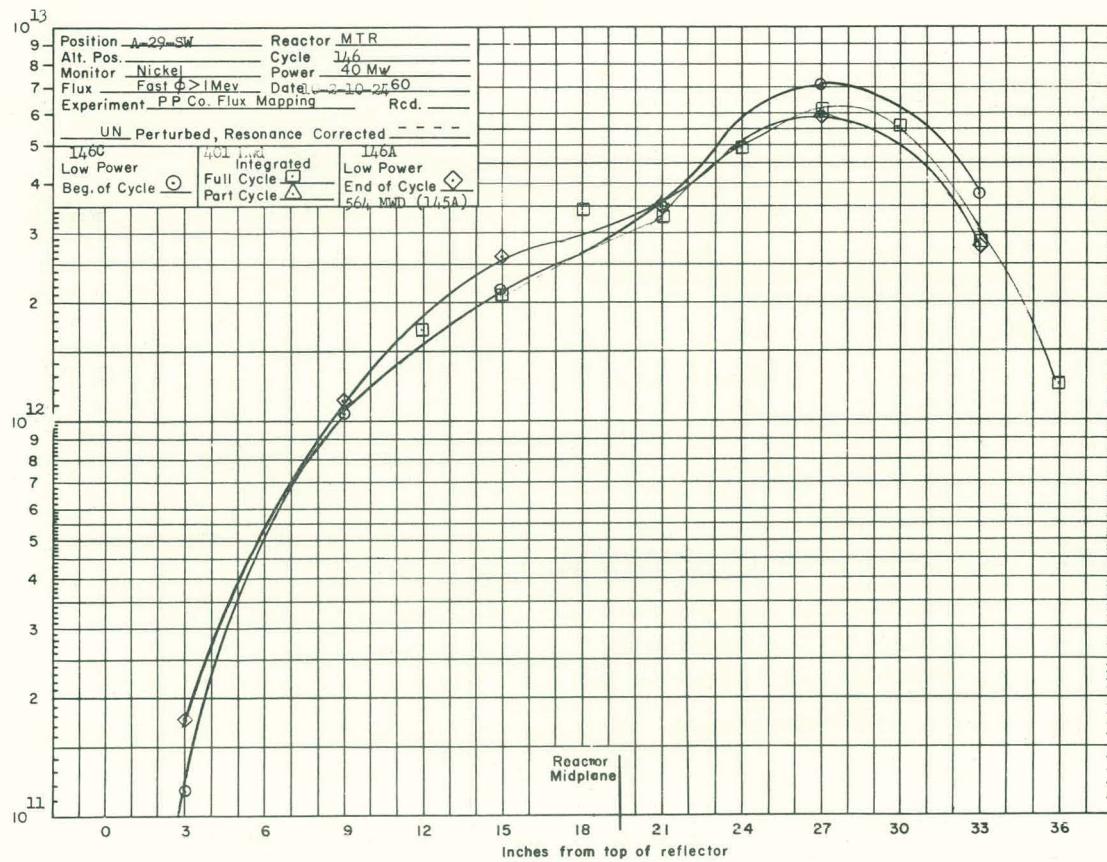
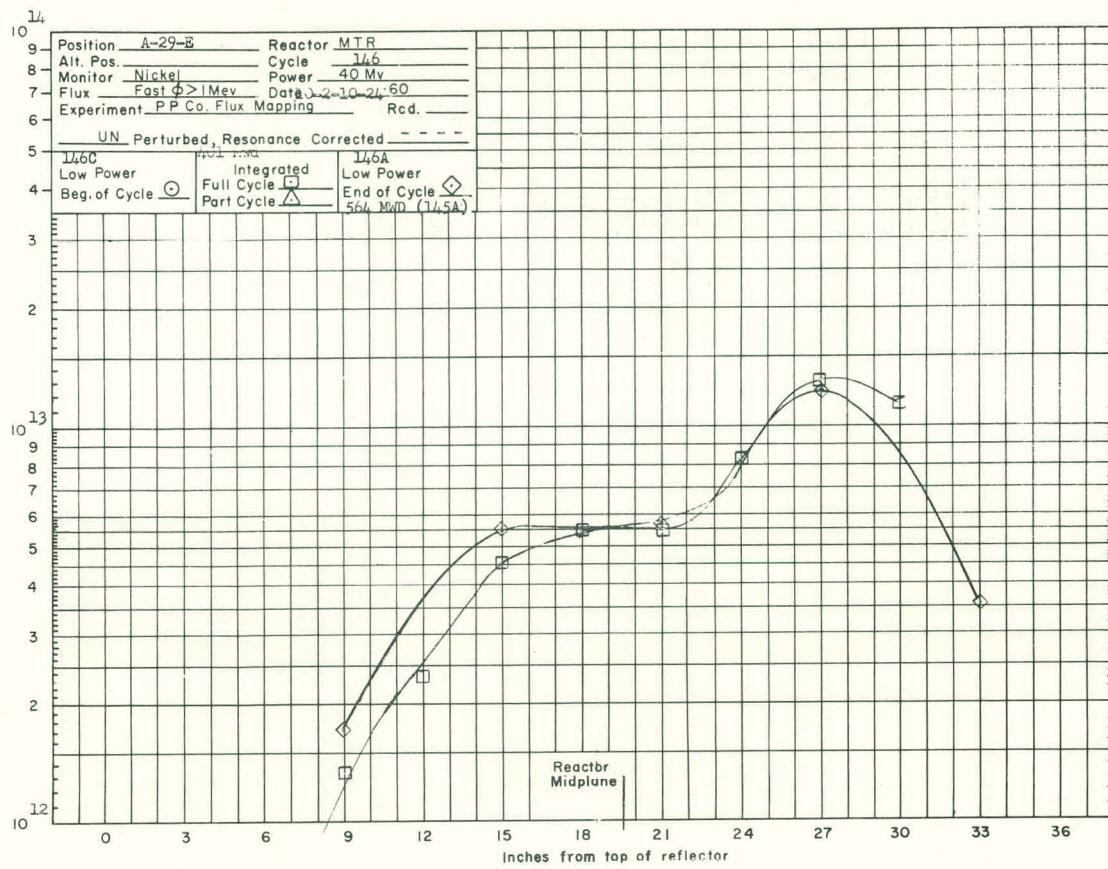


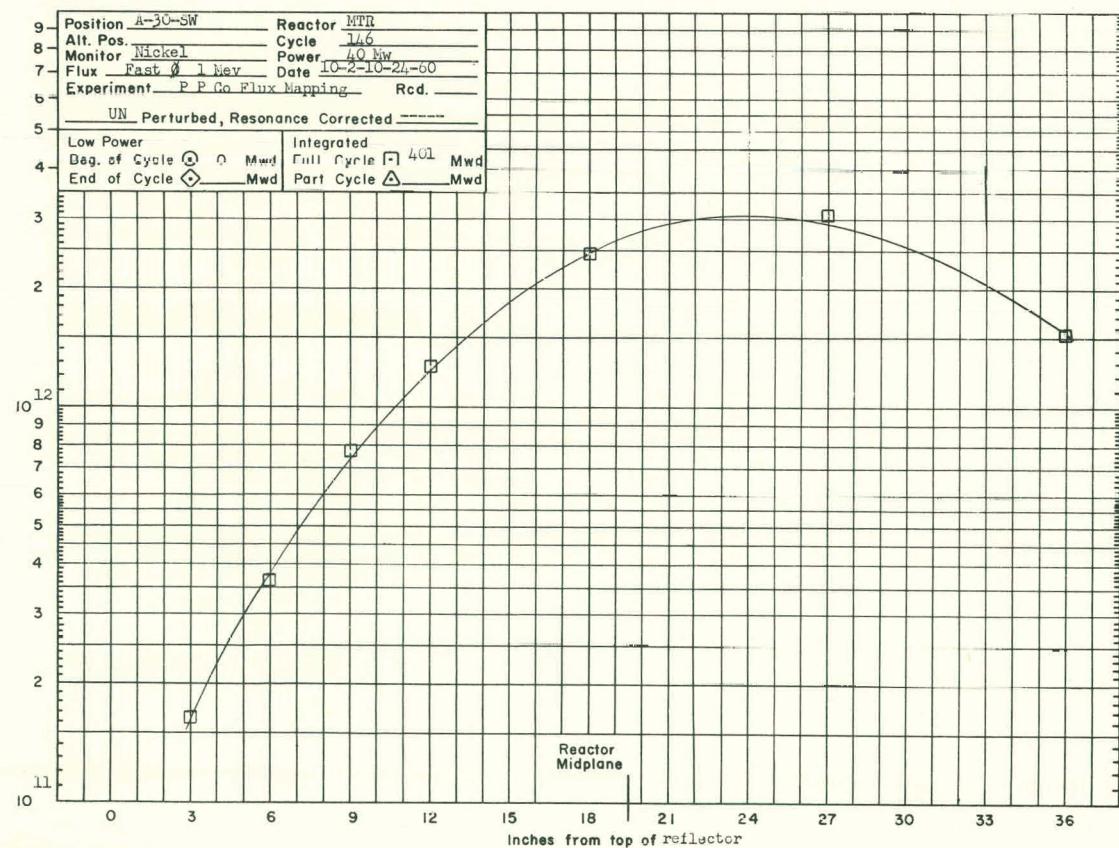
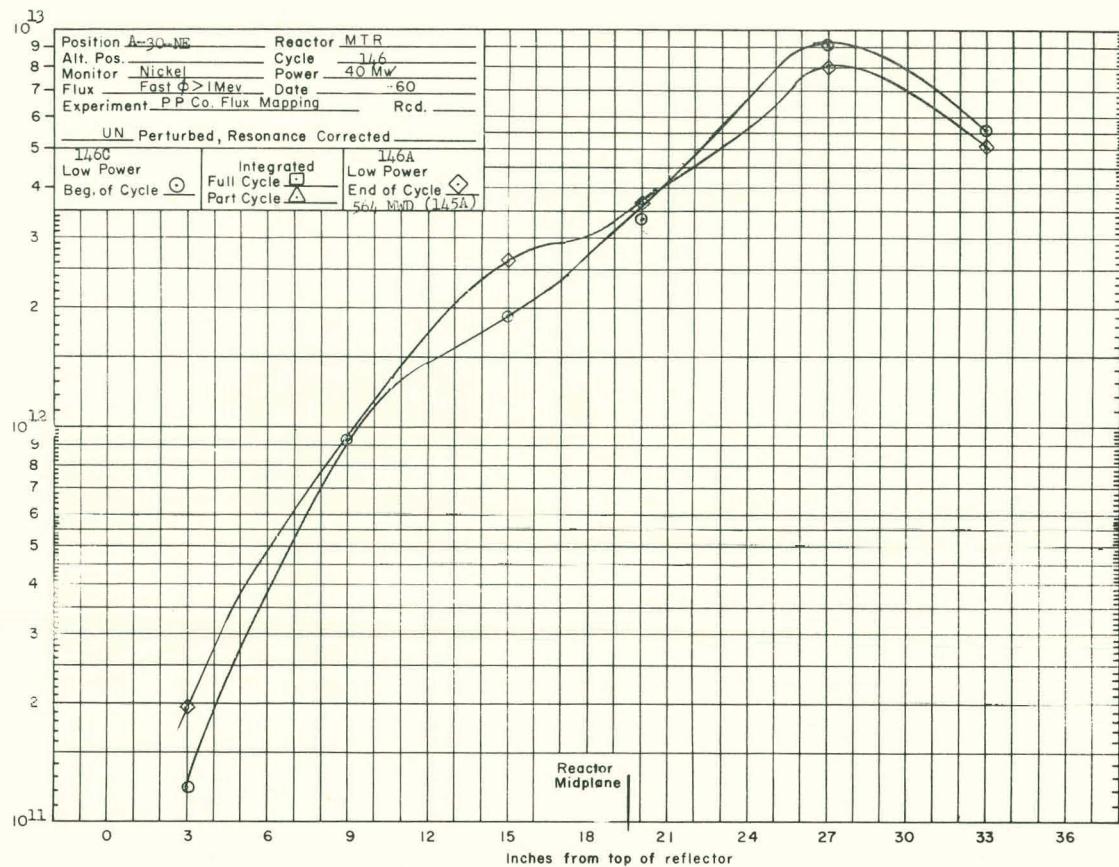


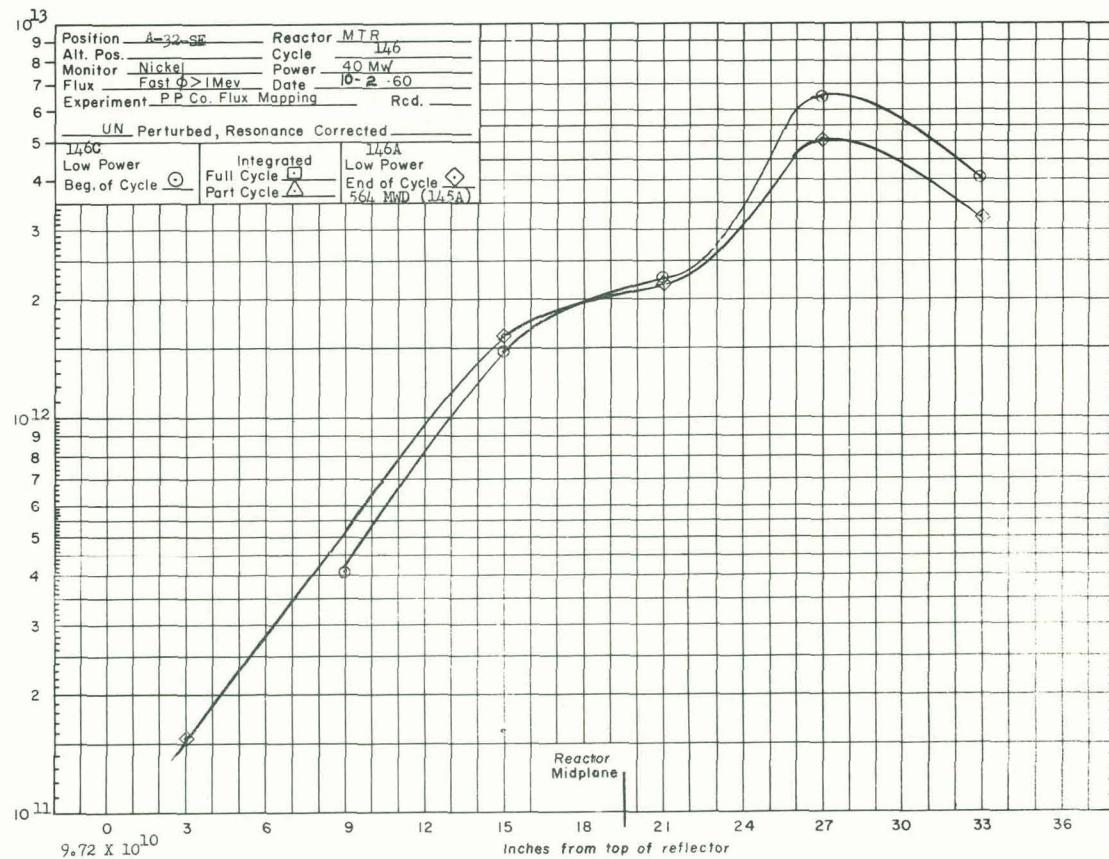
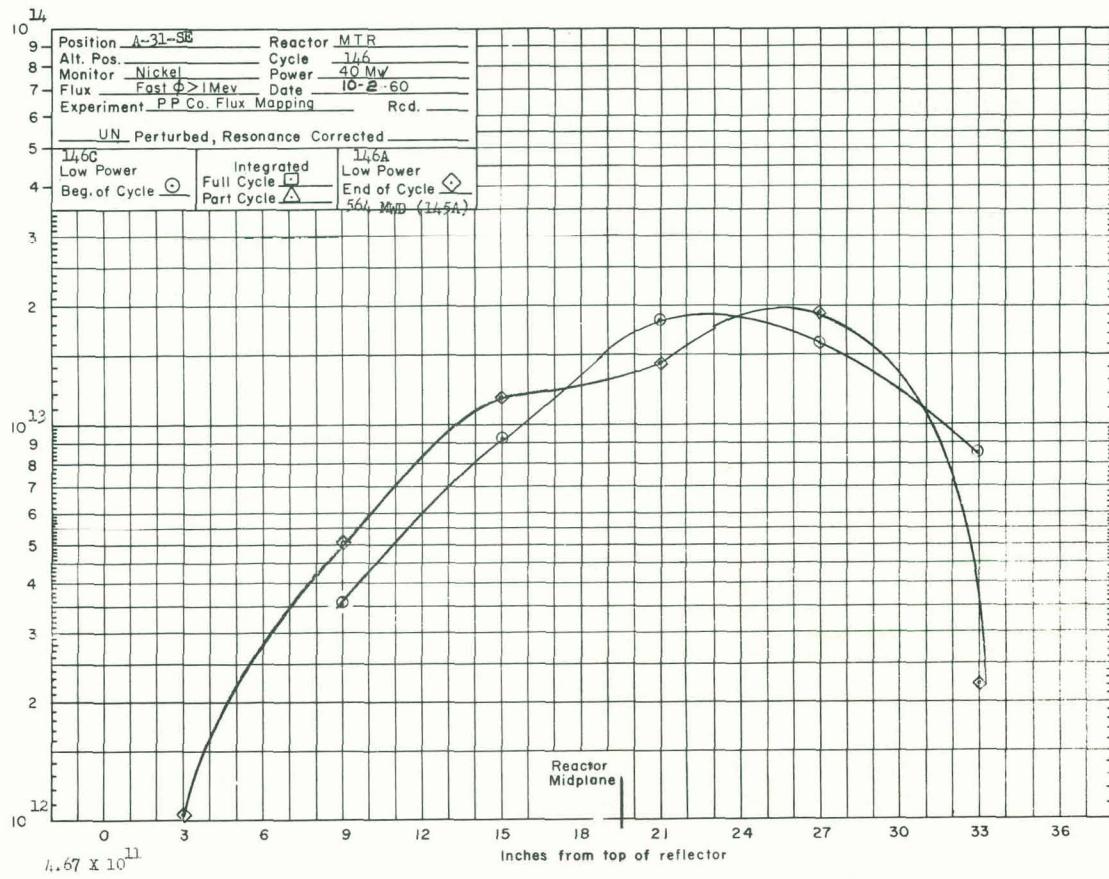










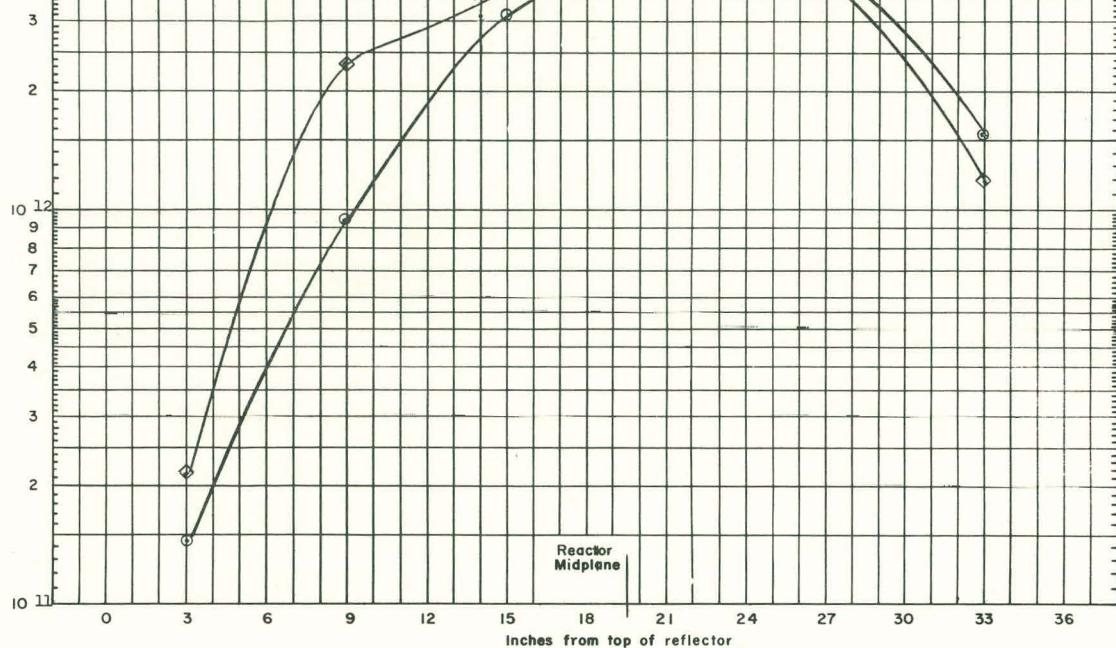


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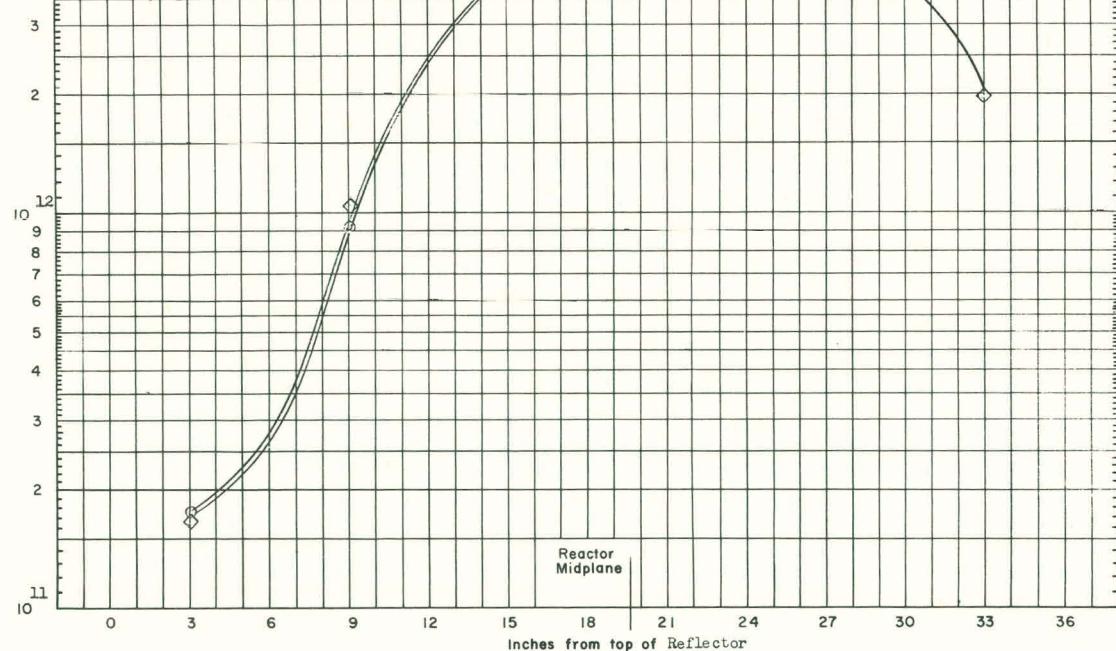
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 Low Power Beg. of Cycle (○)  
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 146A  
 Low Power End of Cycle (◇)  
 564 MWD (14.5A)

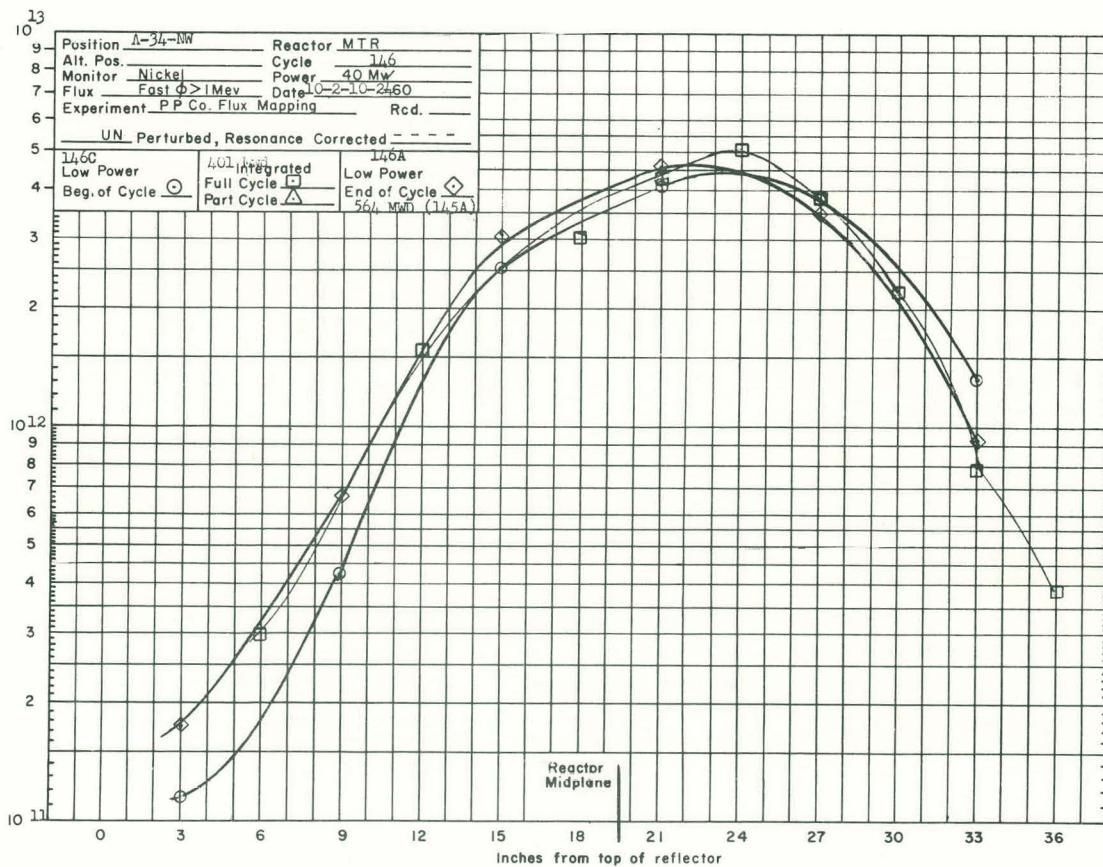
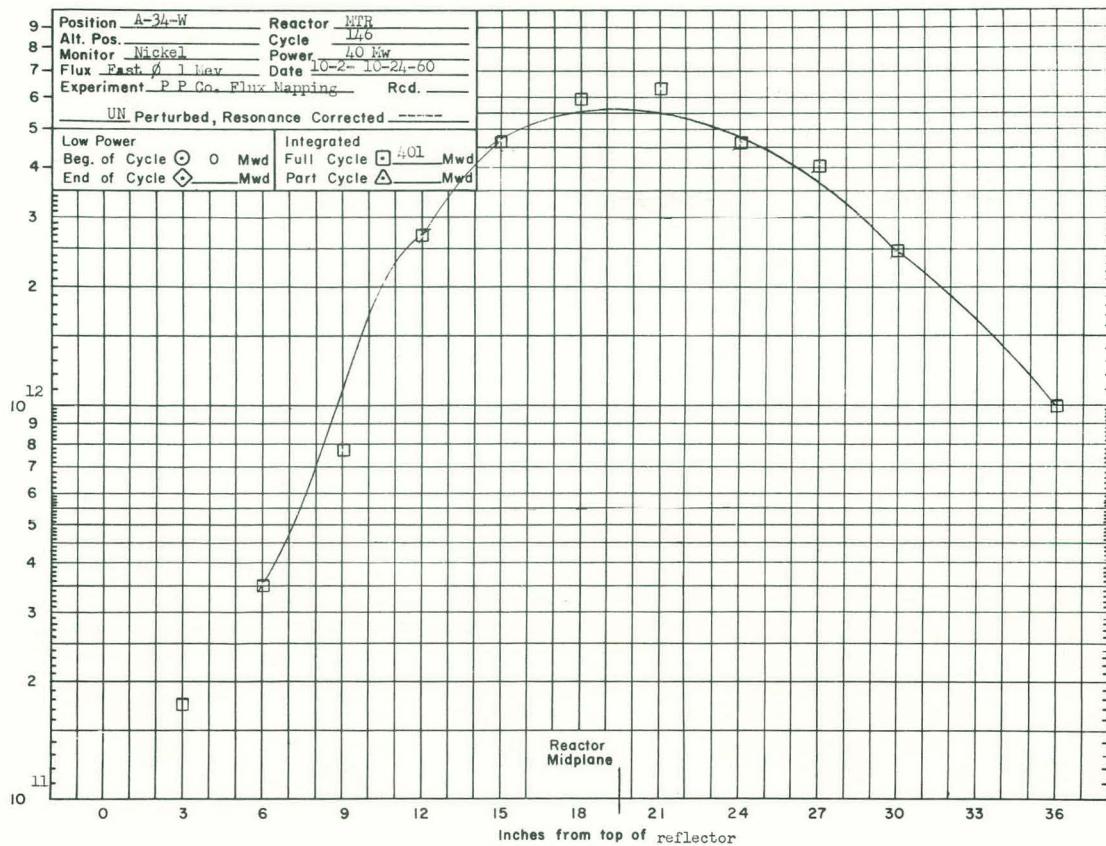


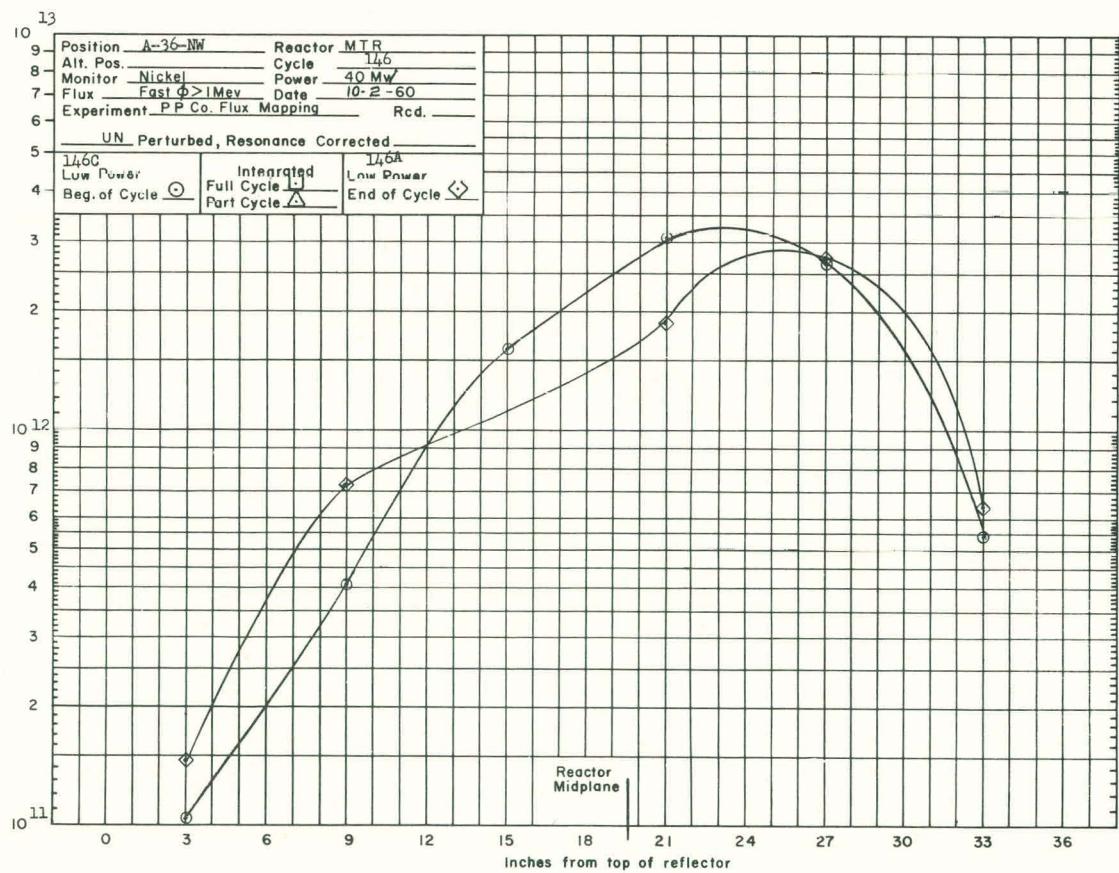
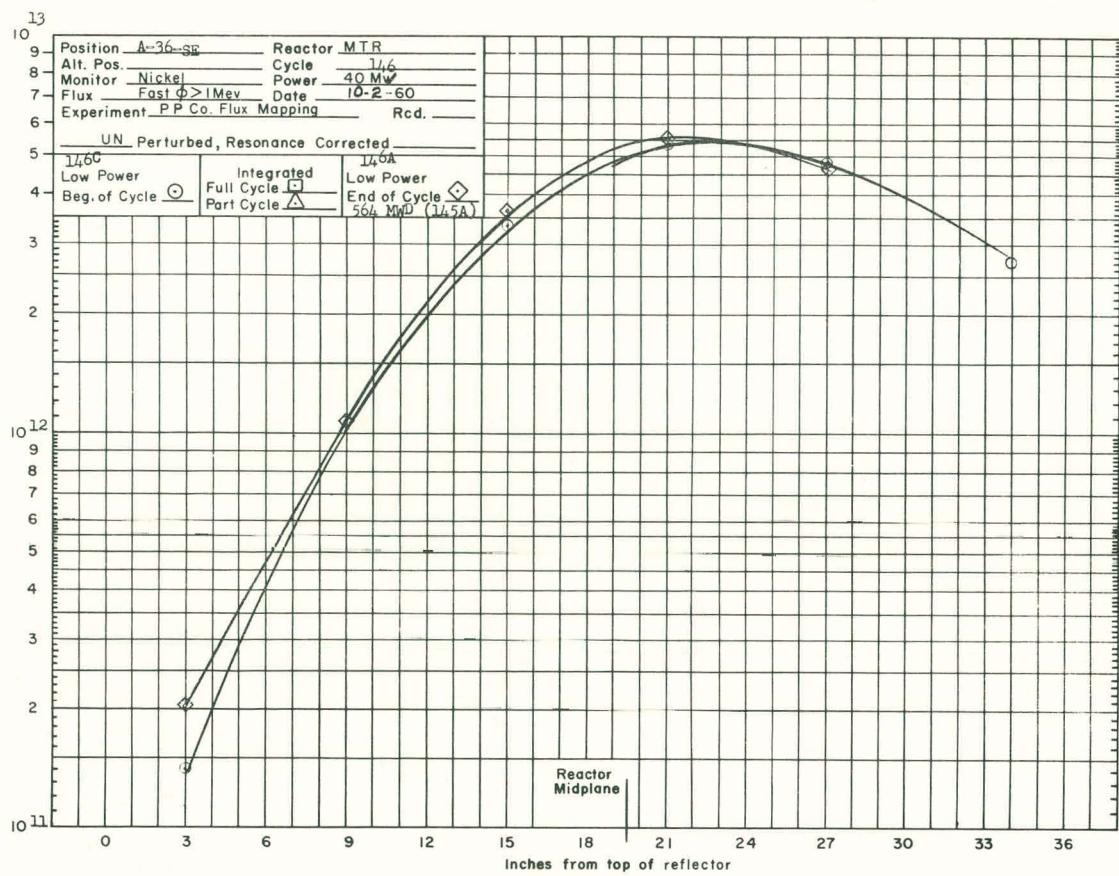
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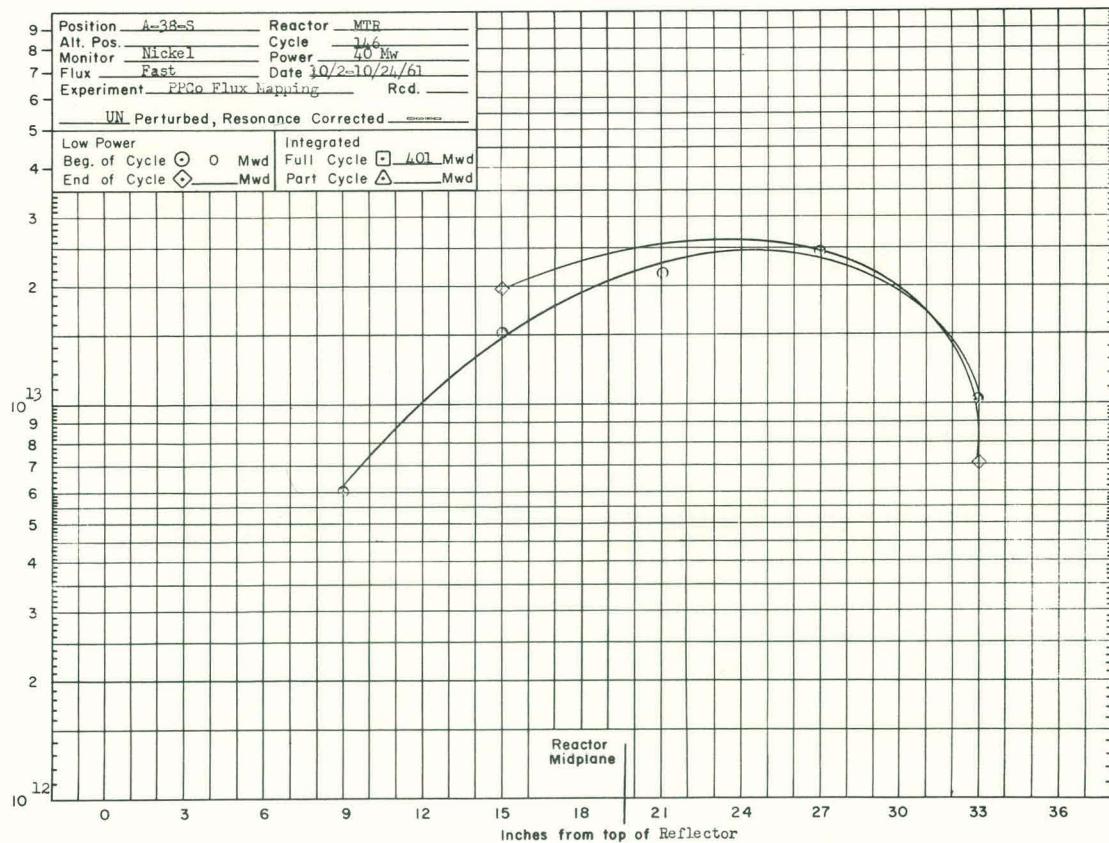
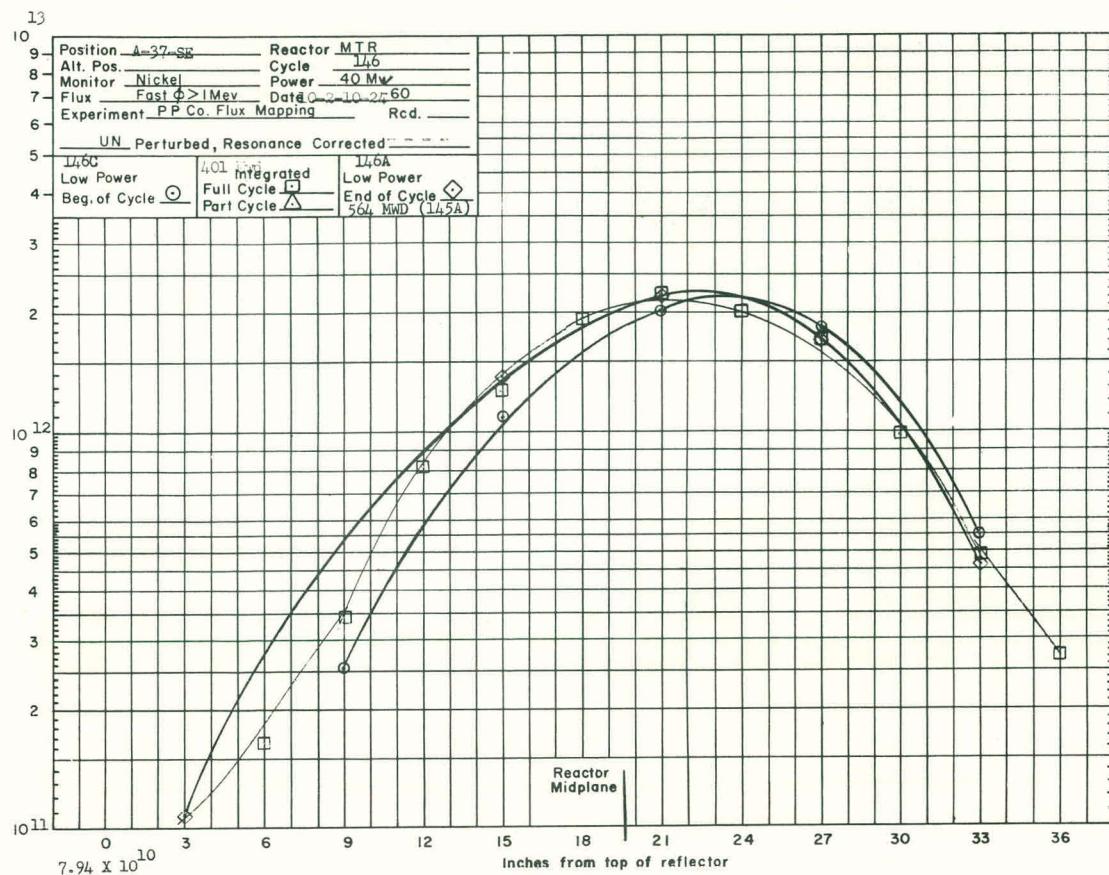
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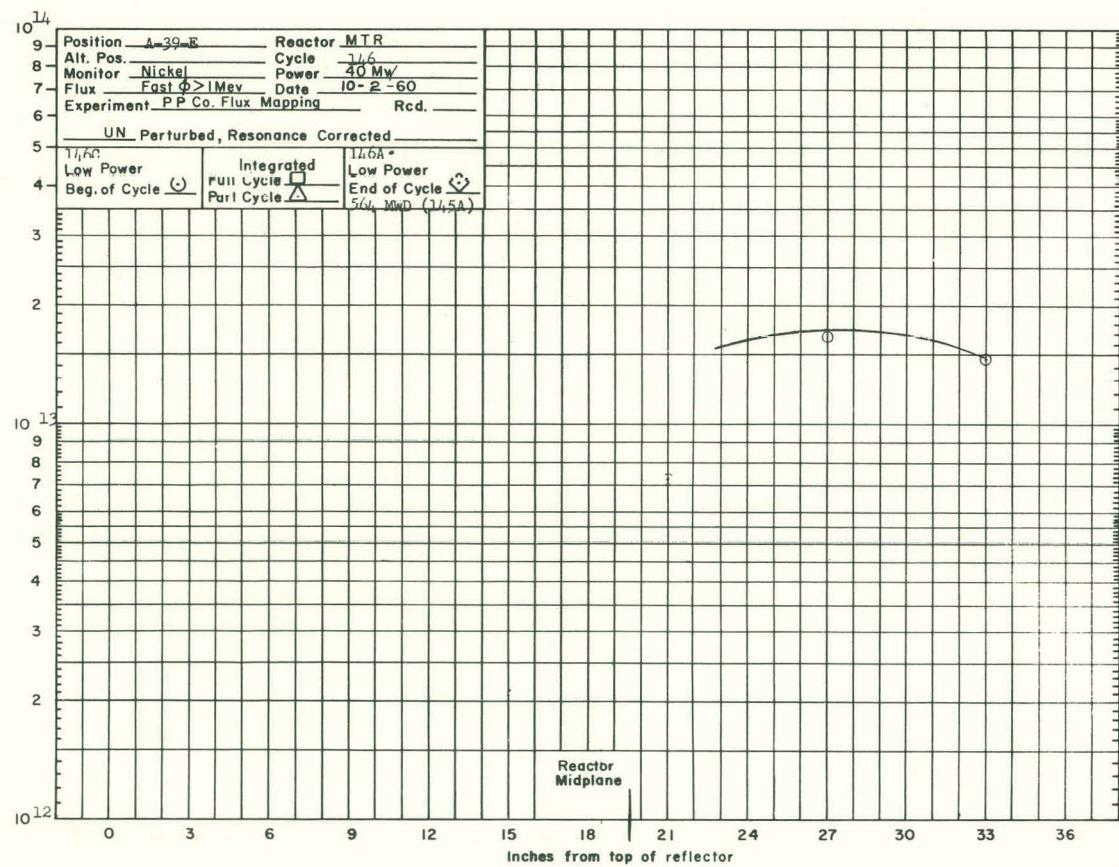
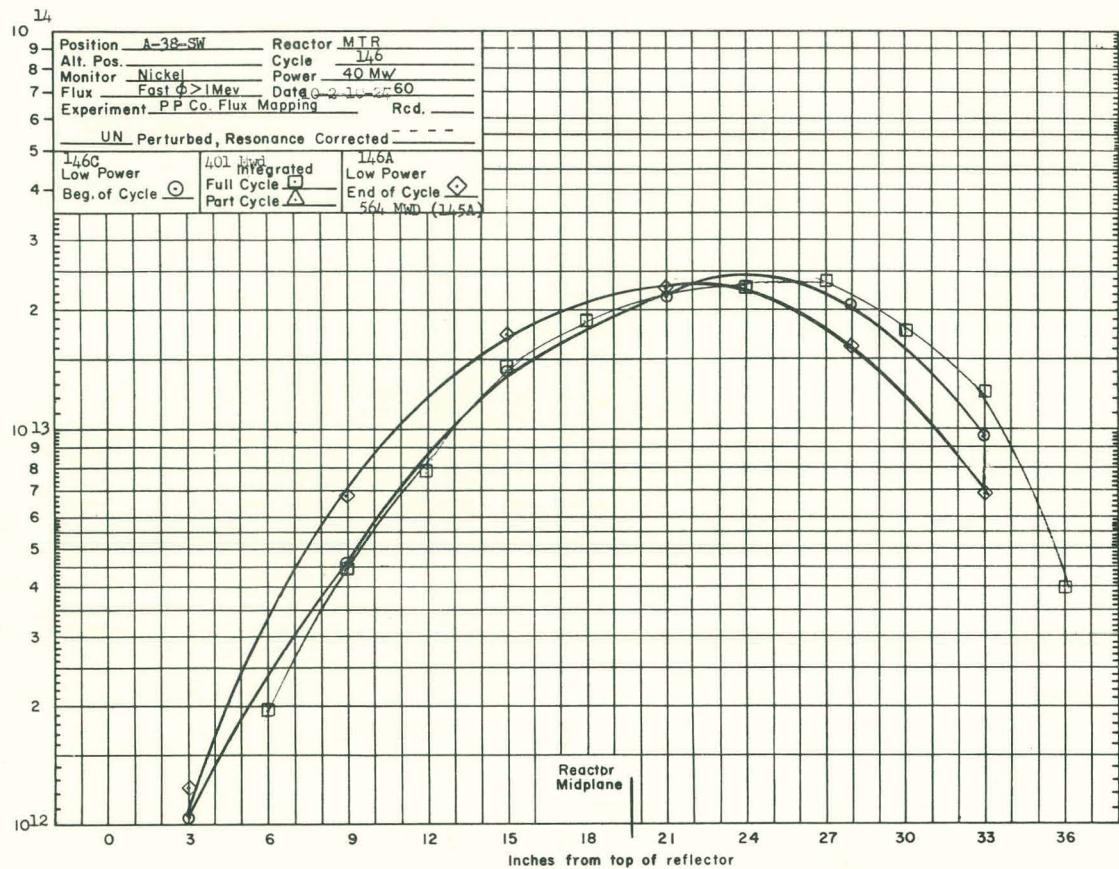
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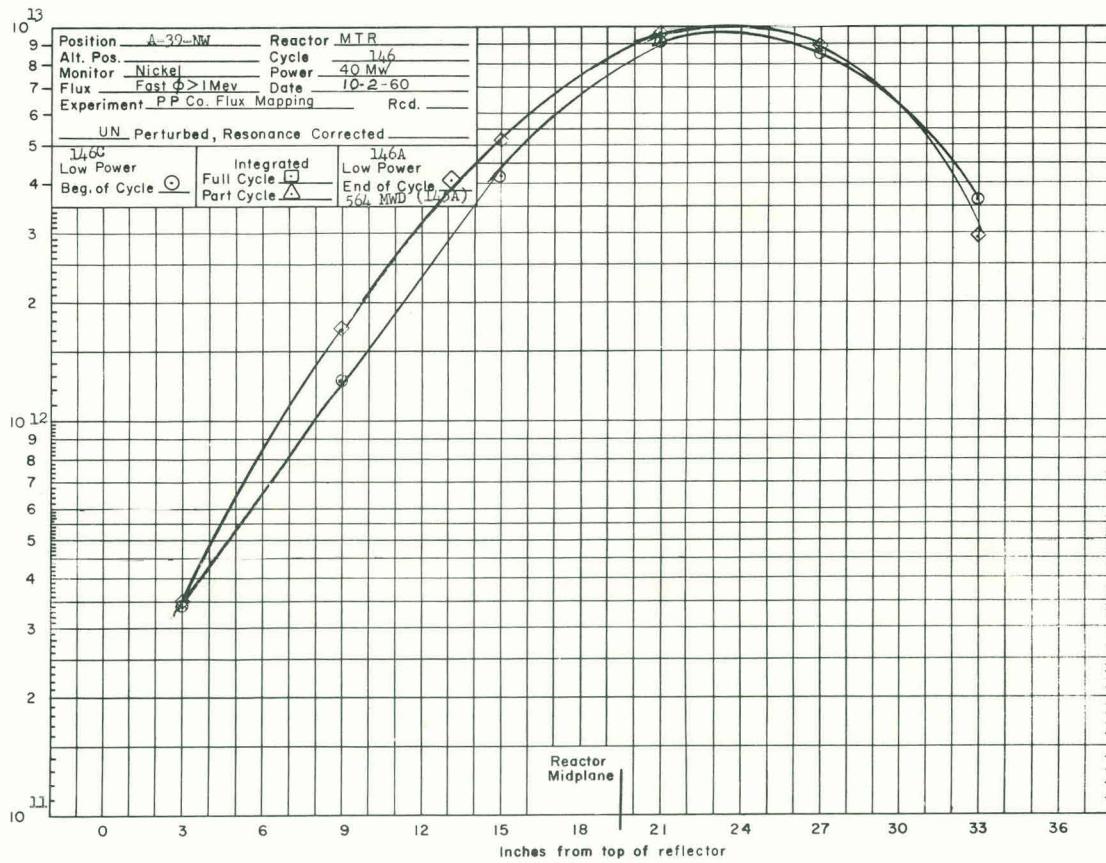
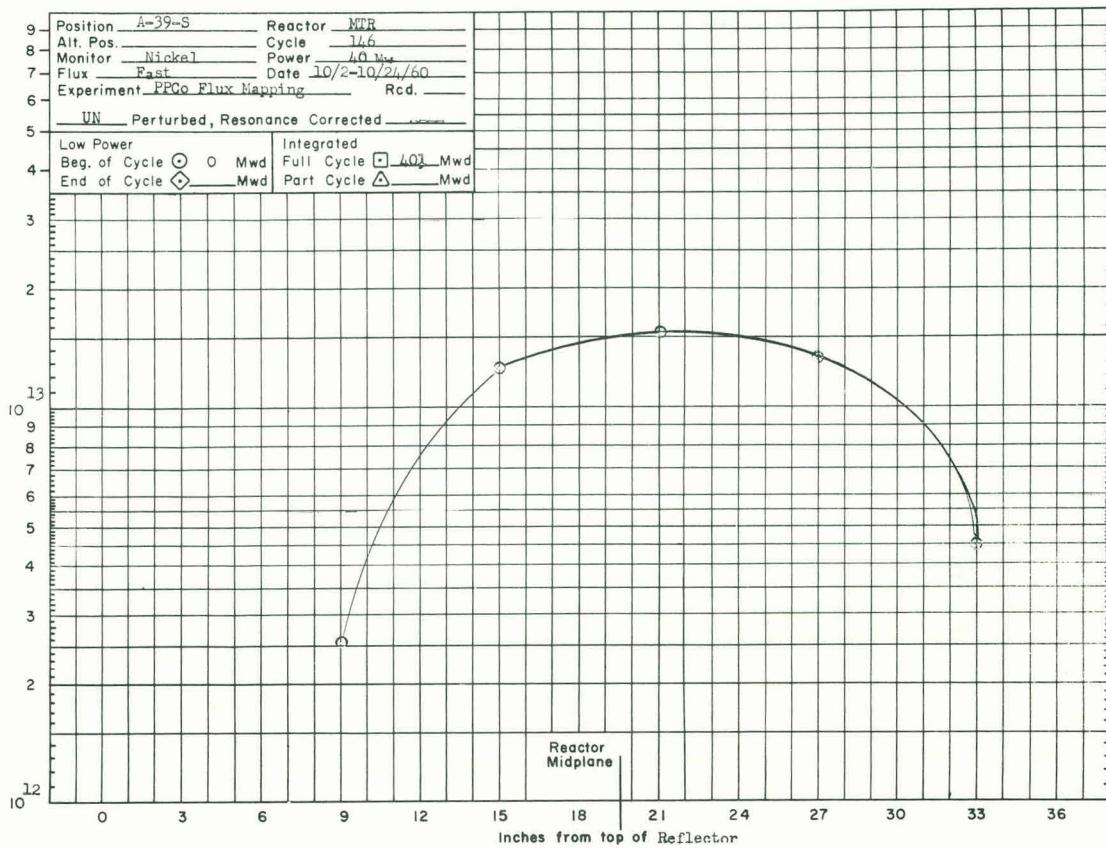


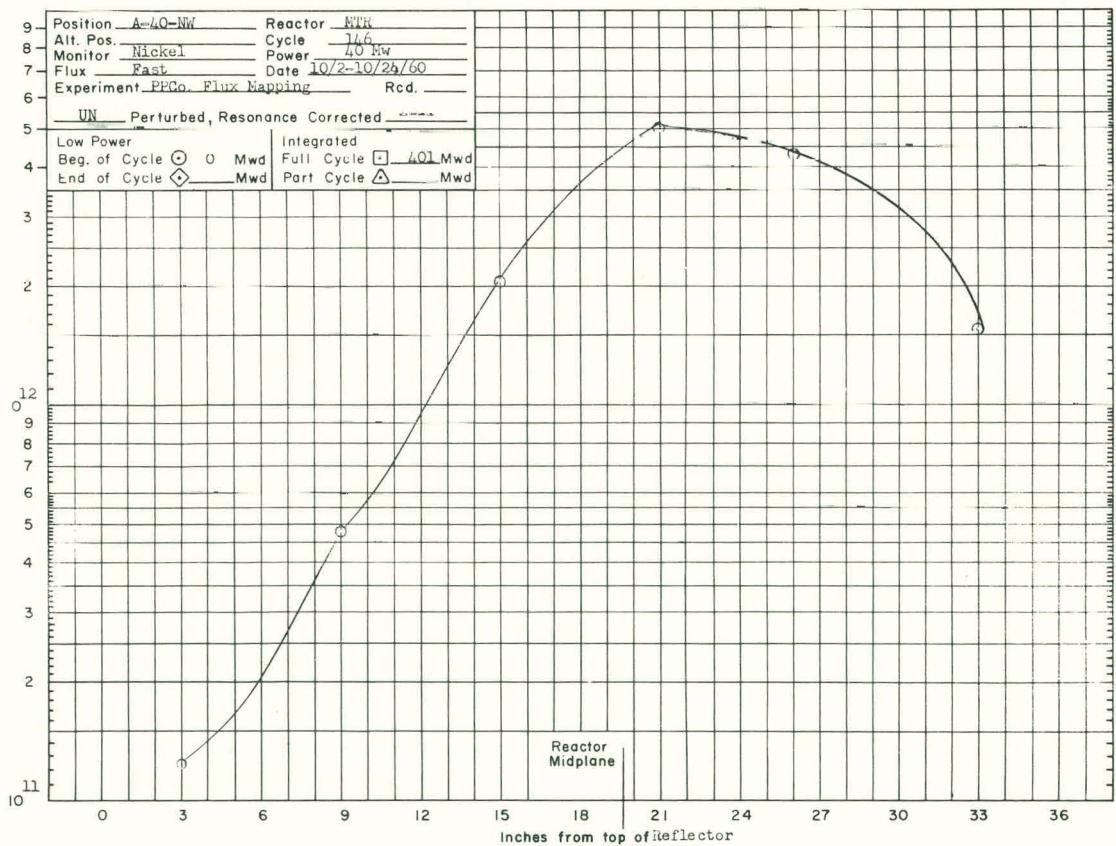
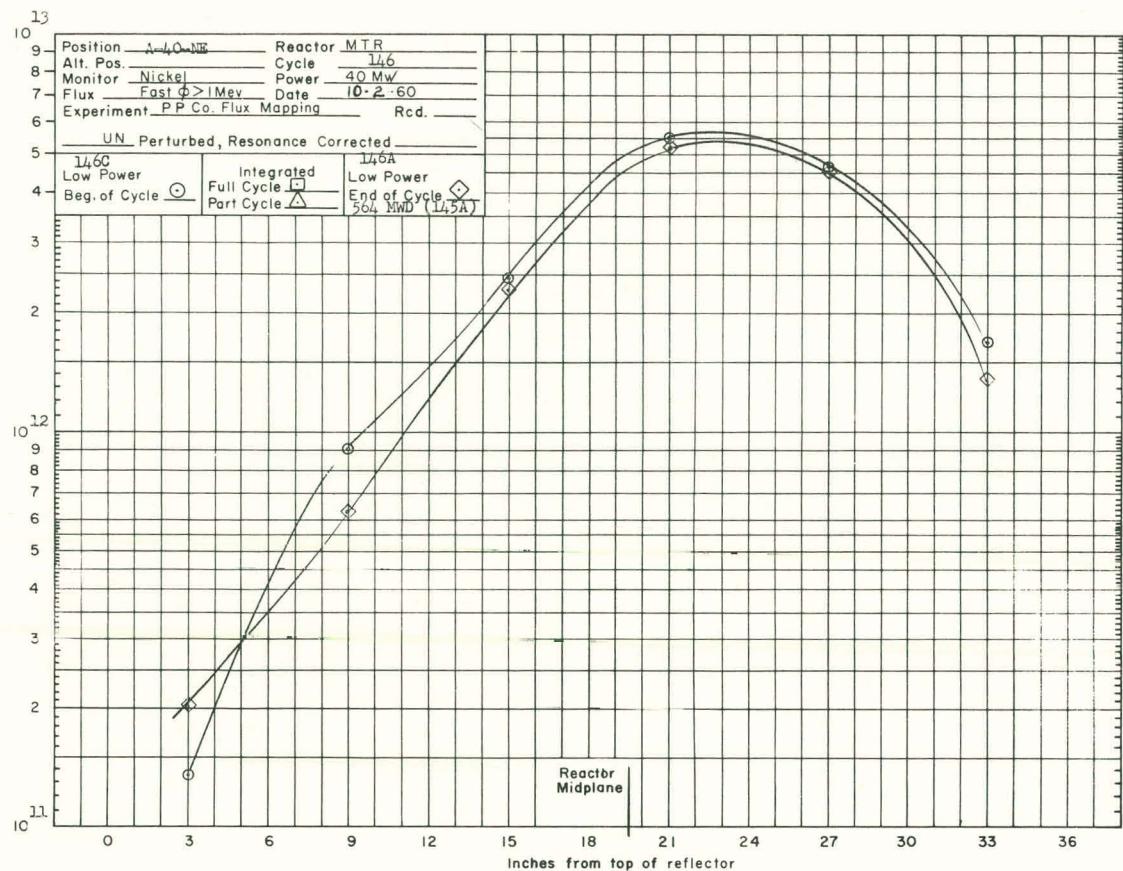


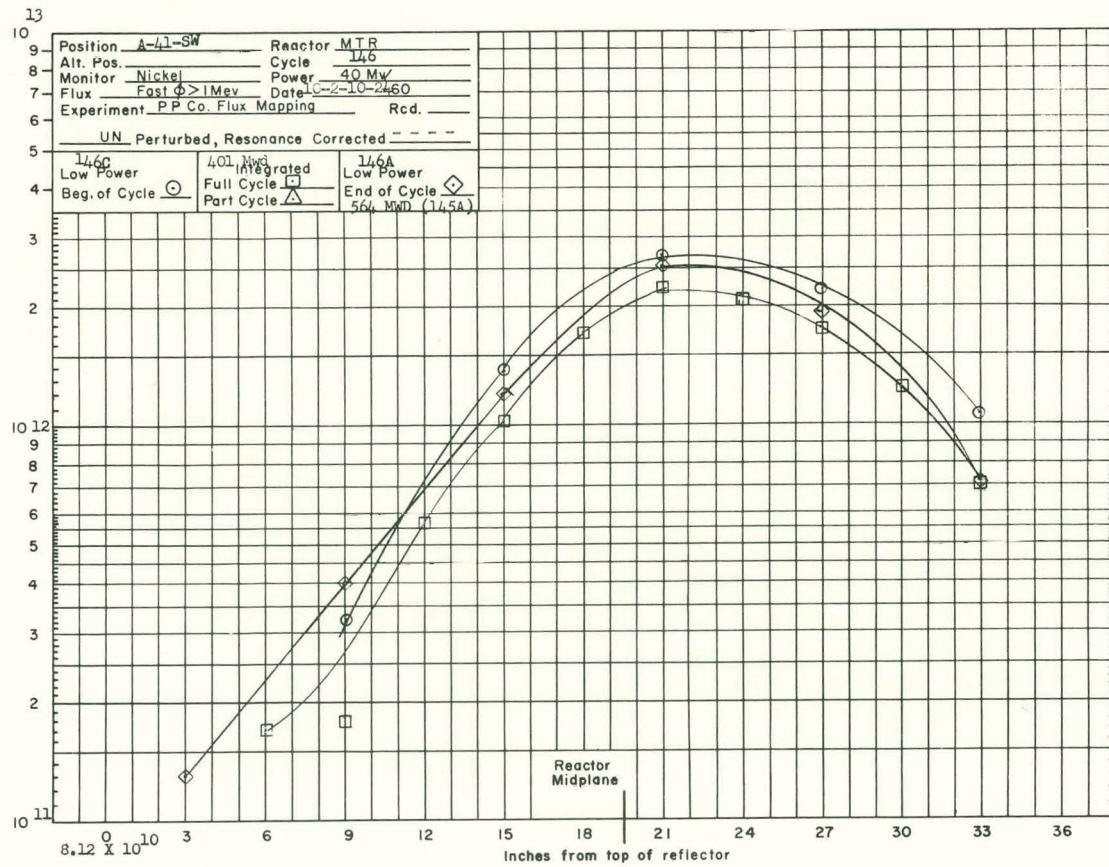
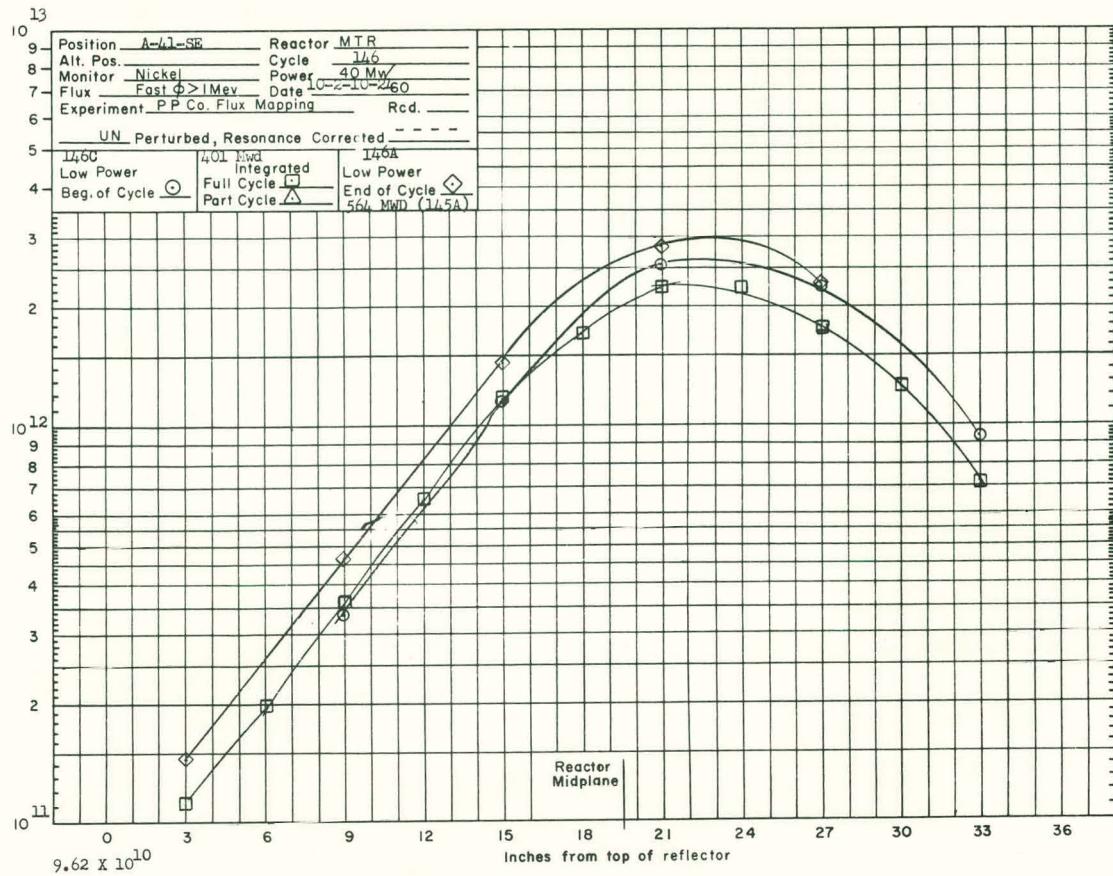


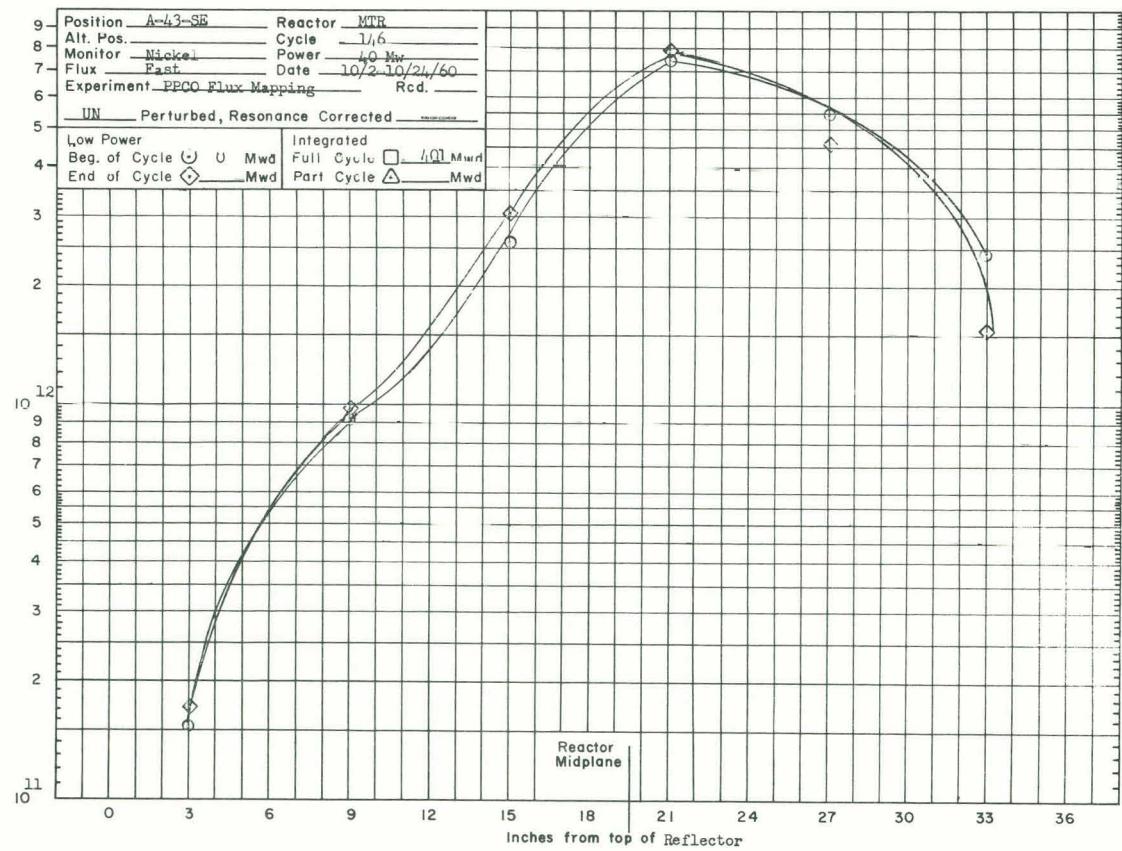
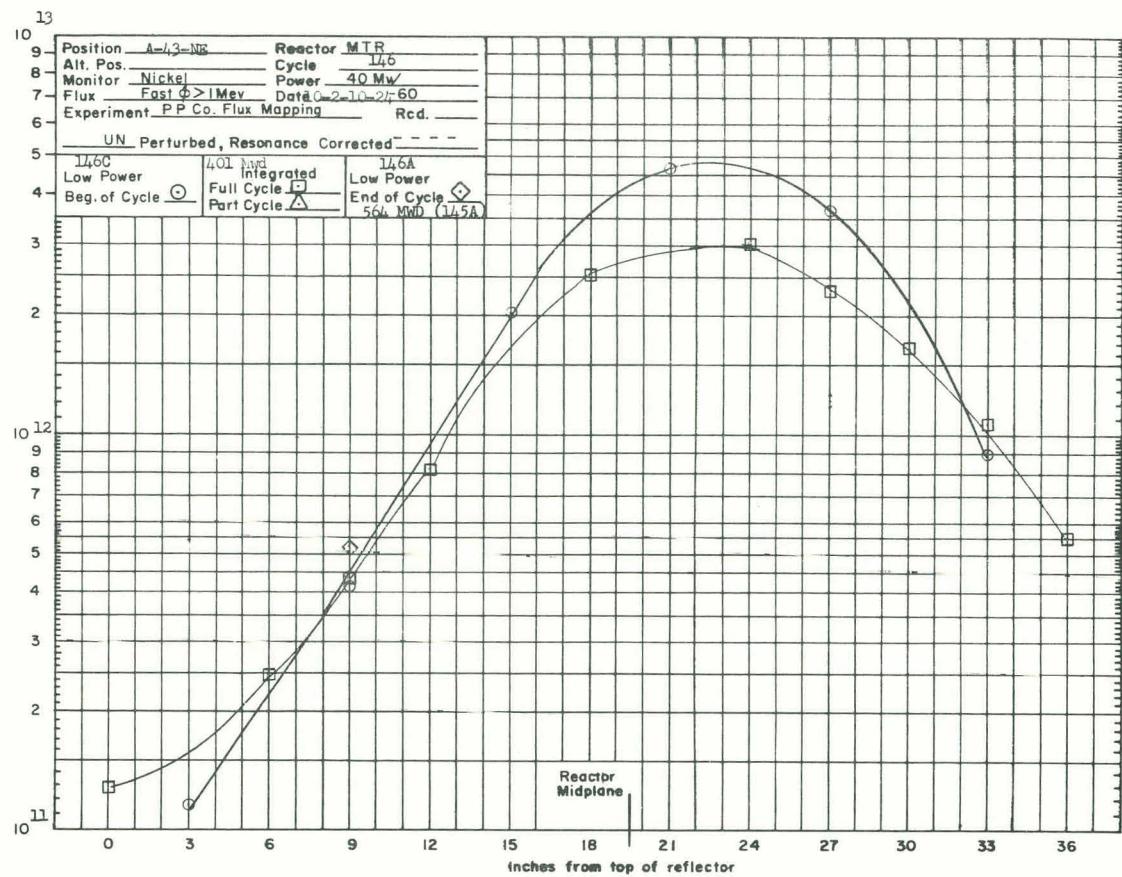


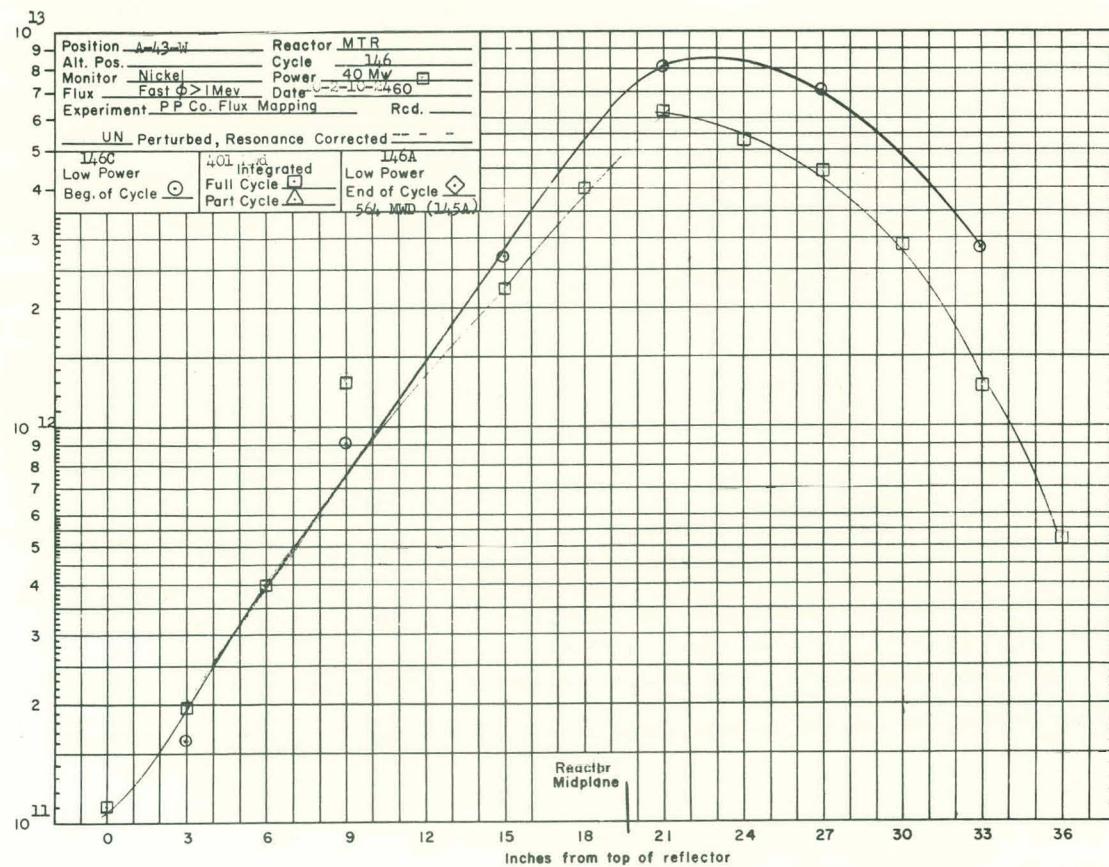
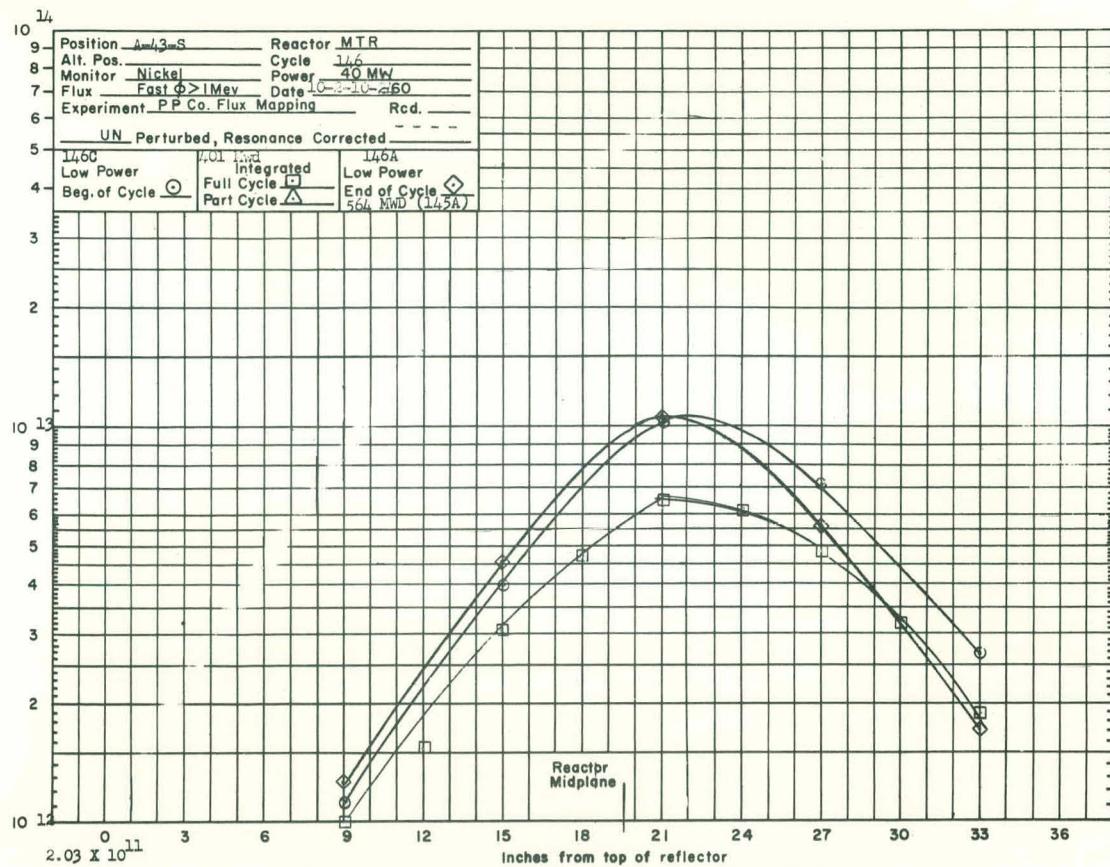


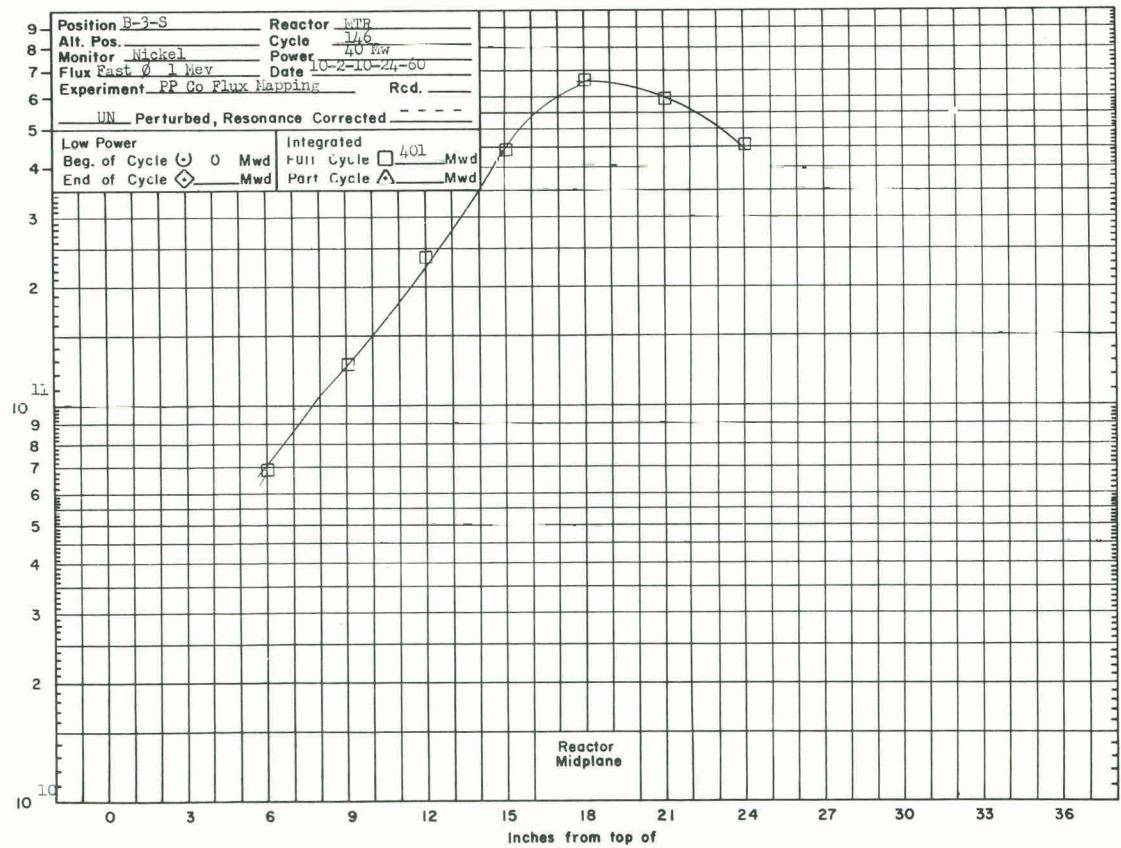
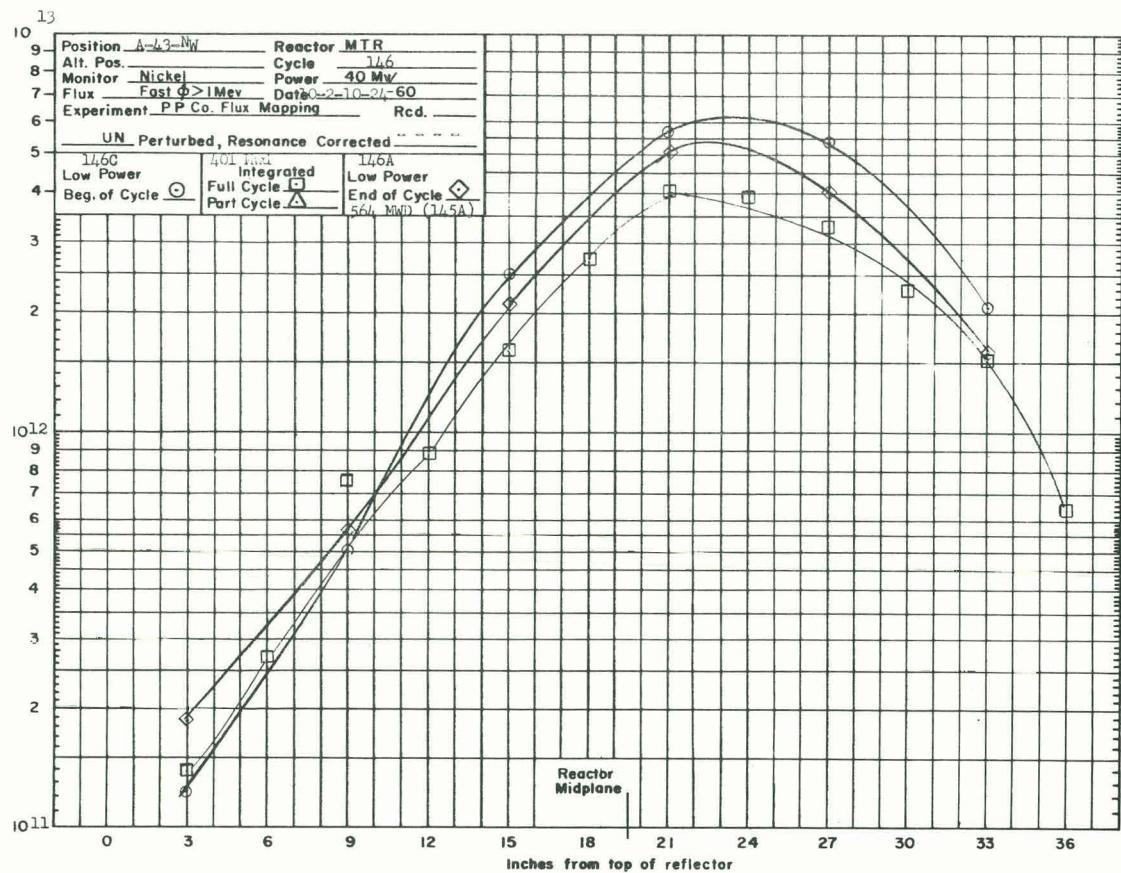


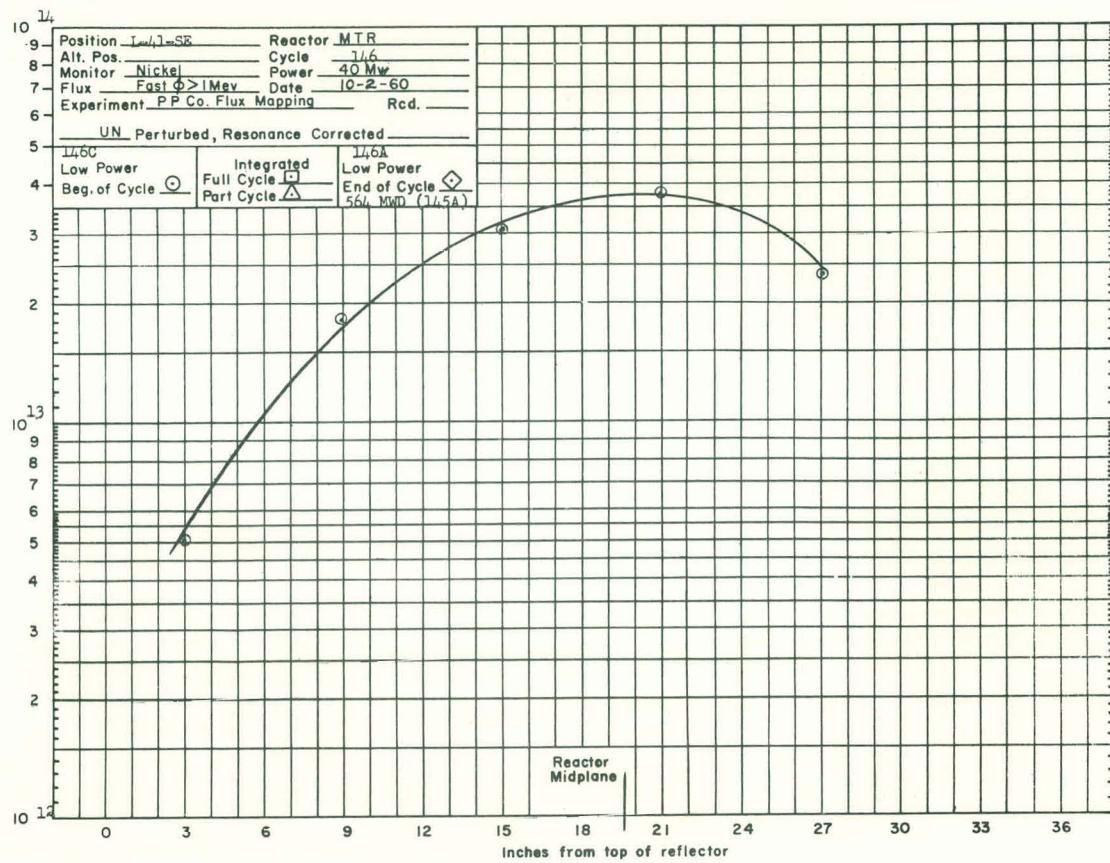


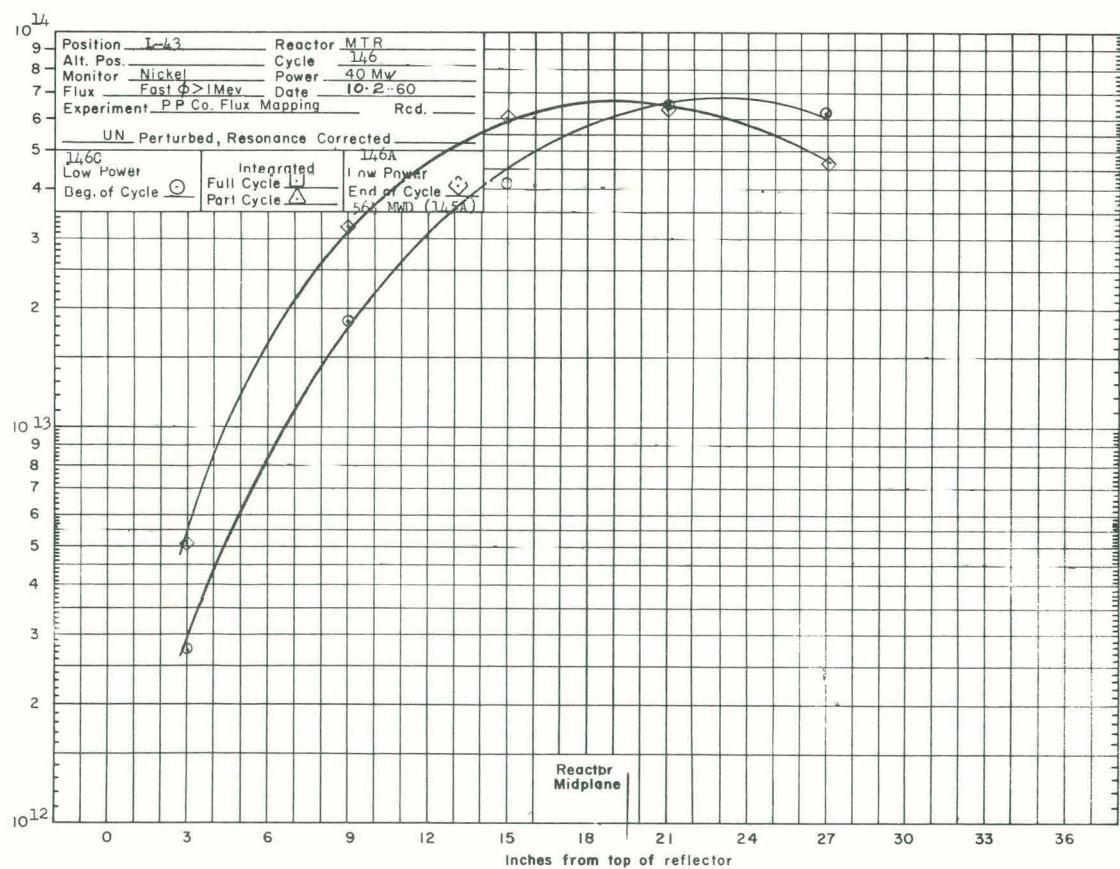
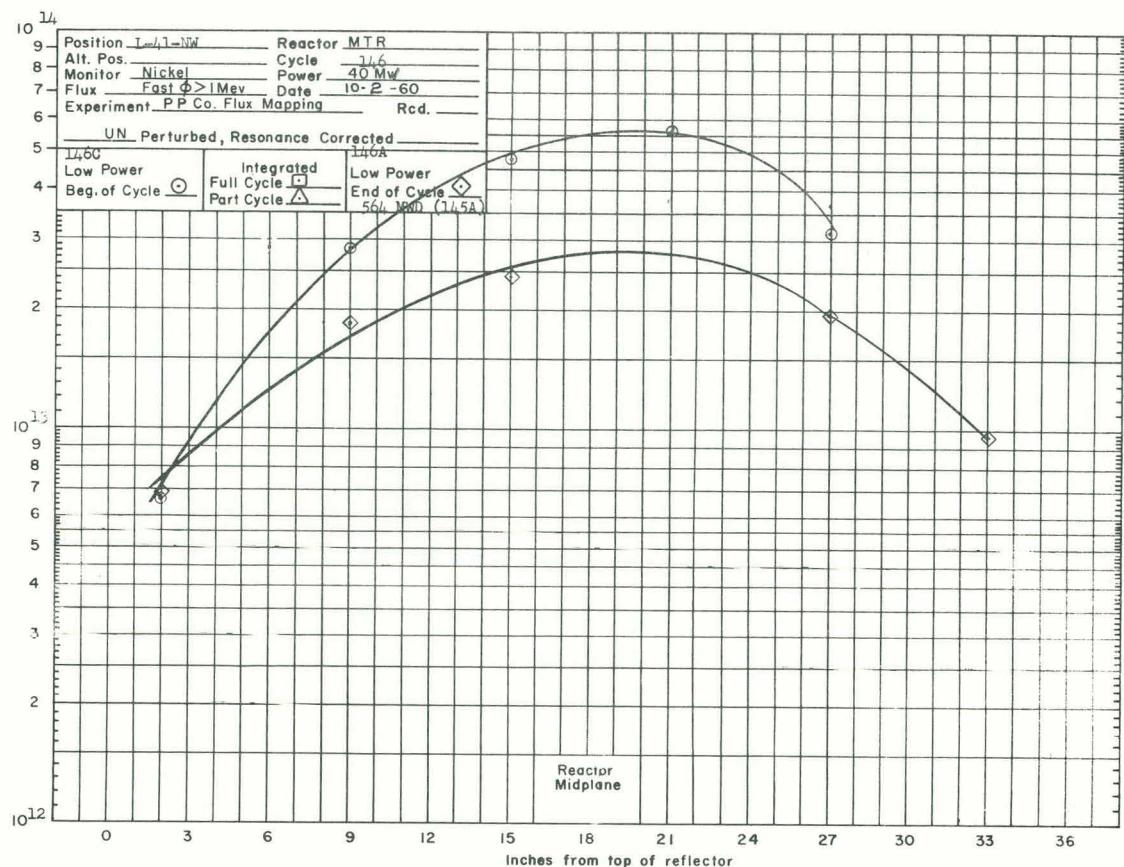


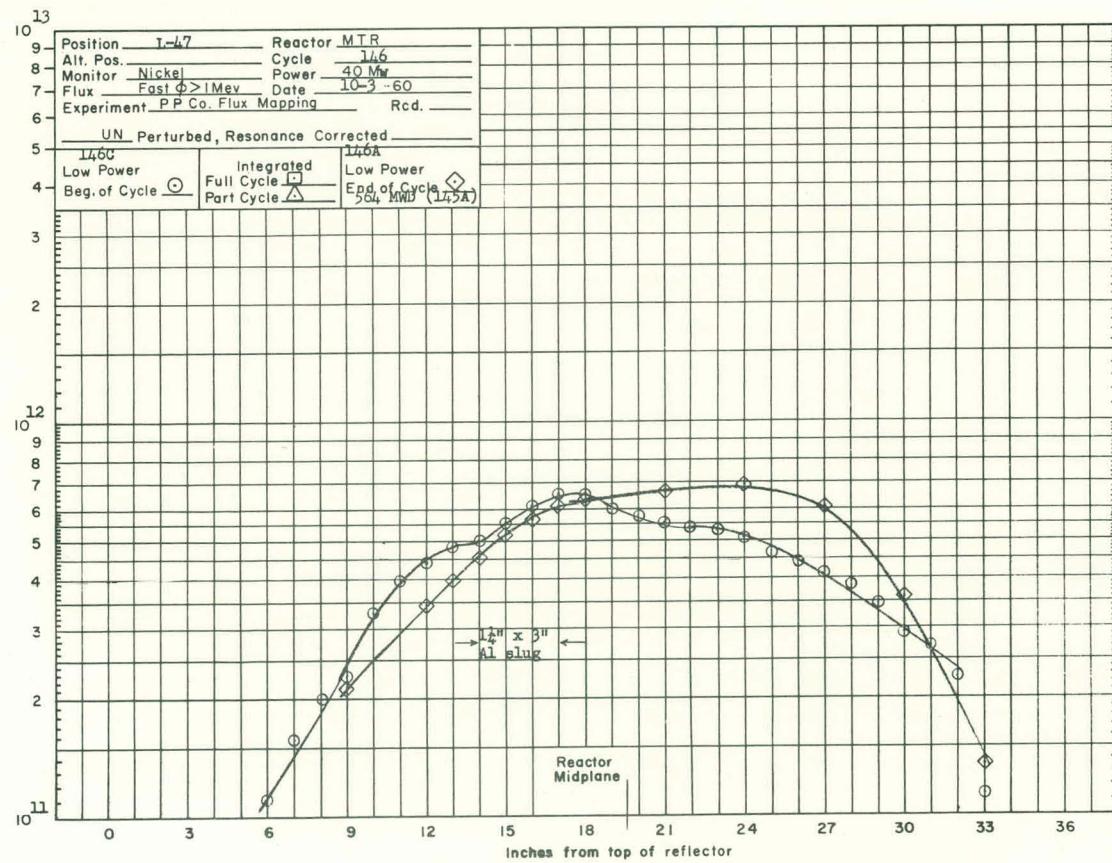
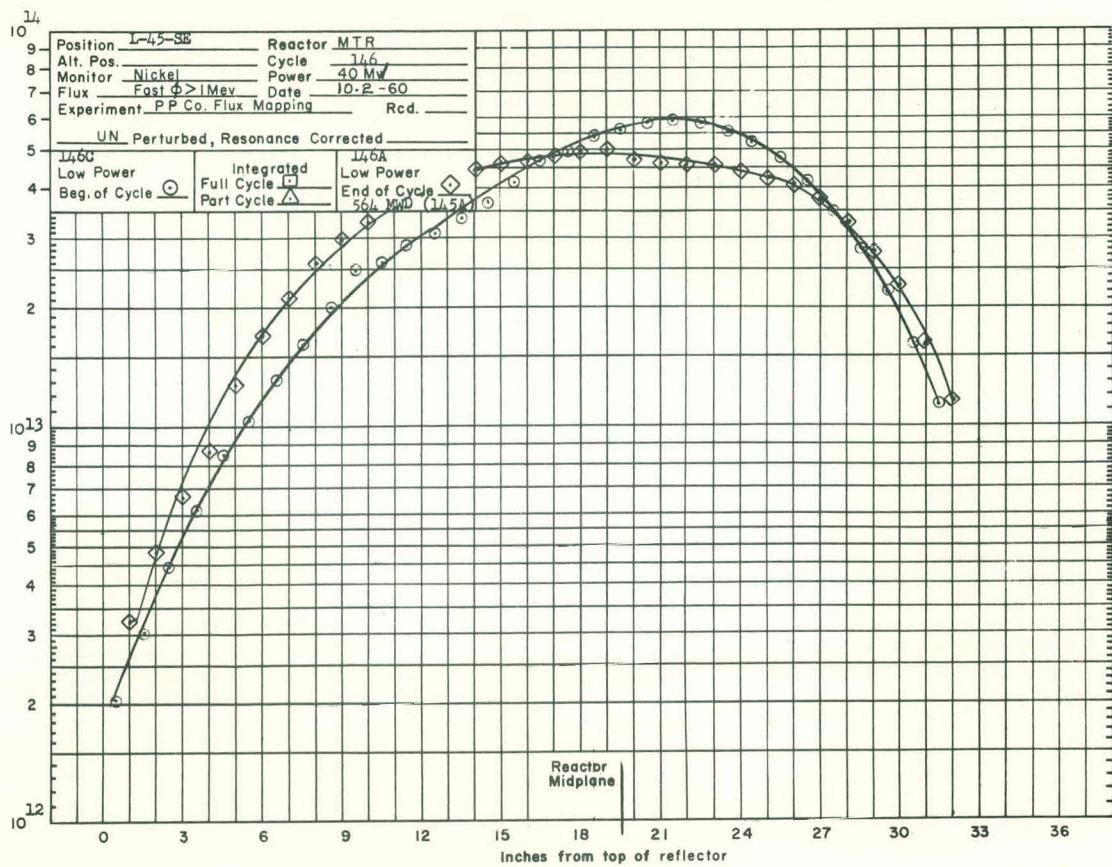


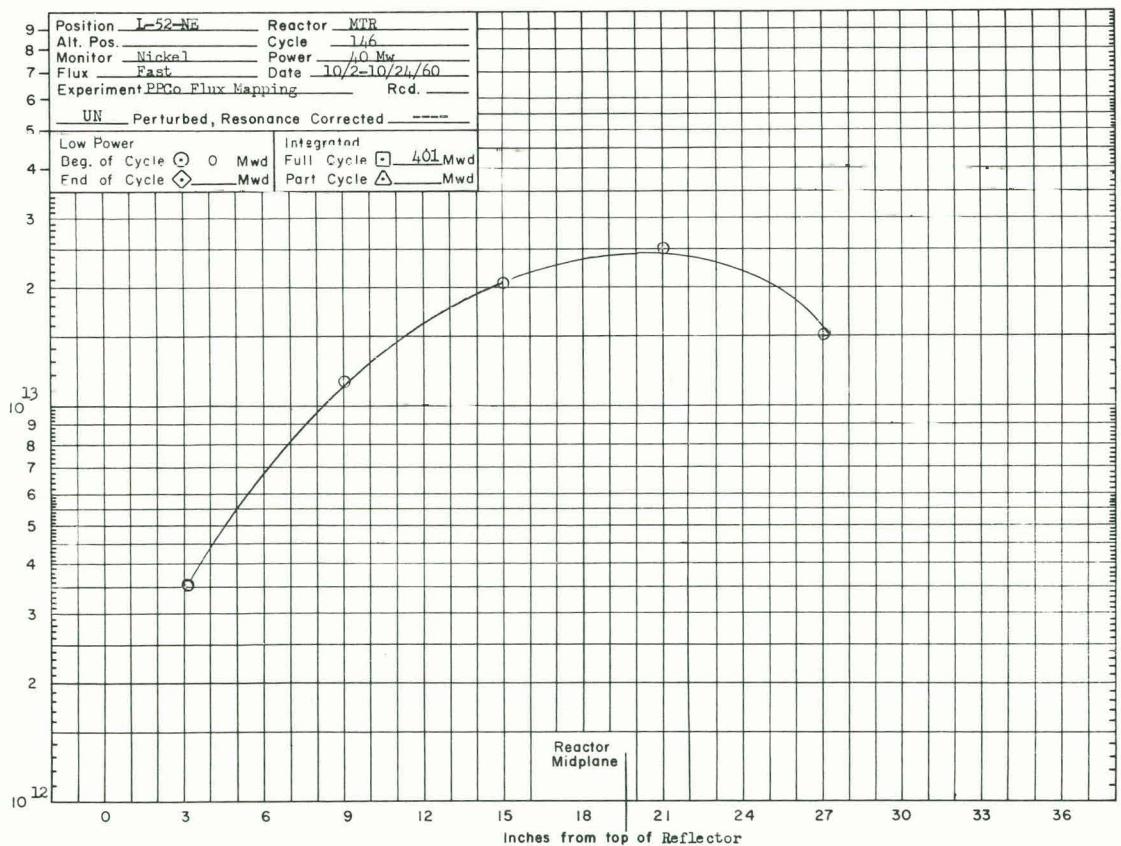
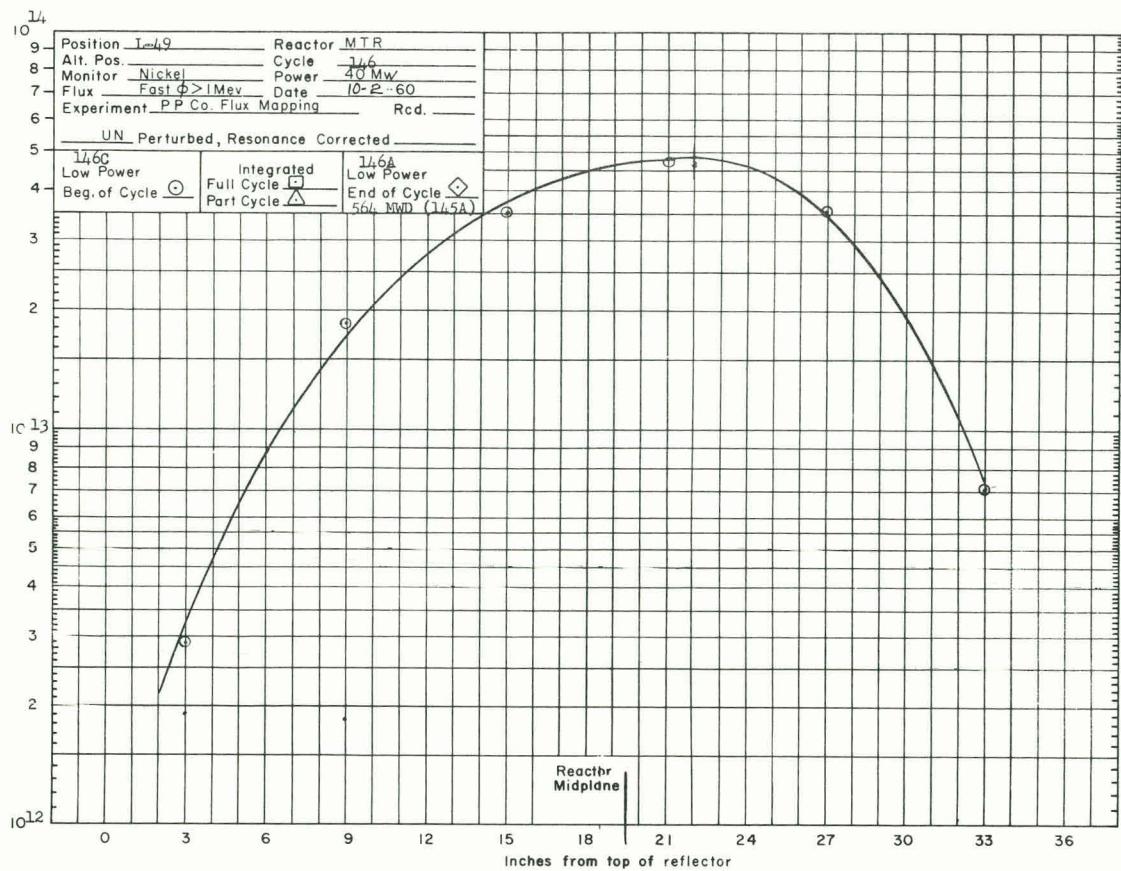


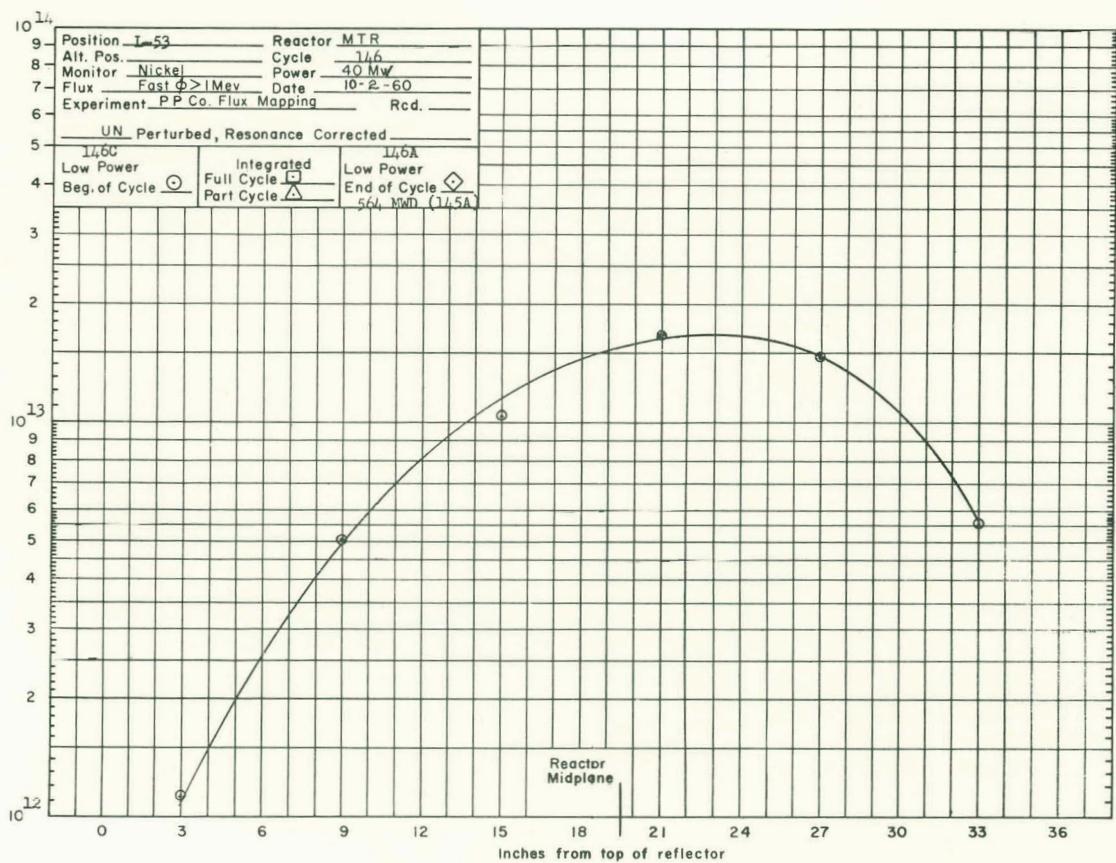
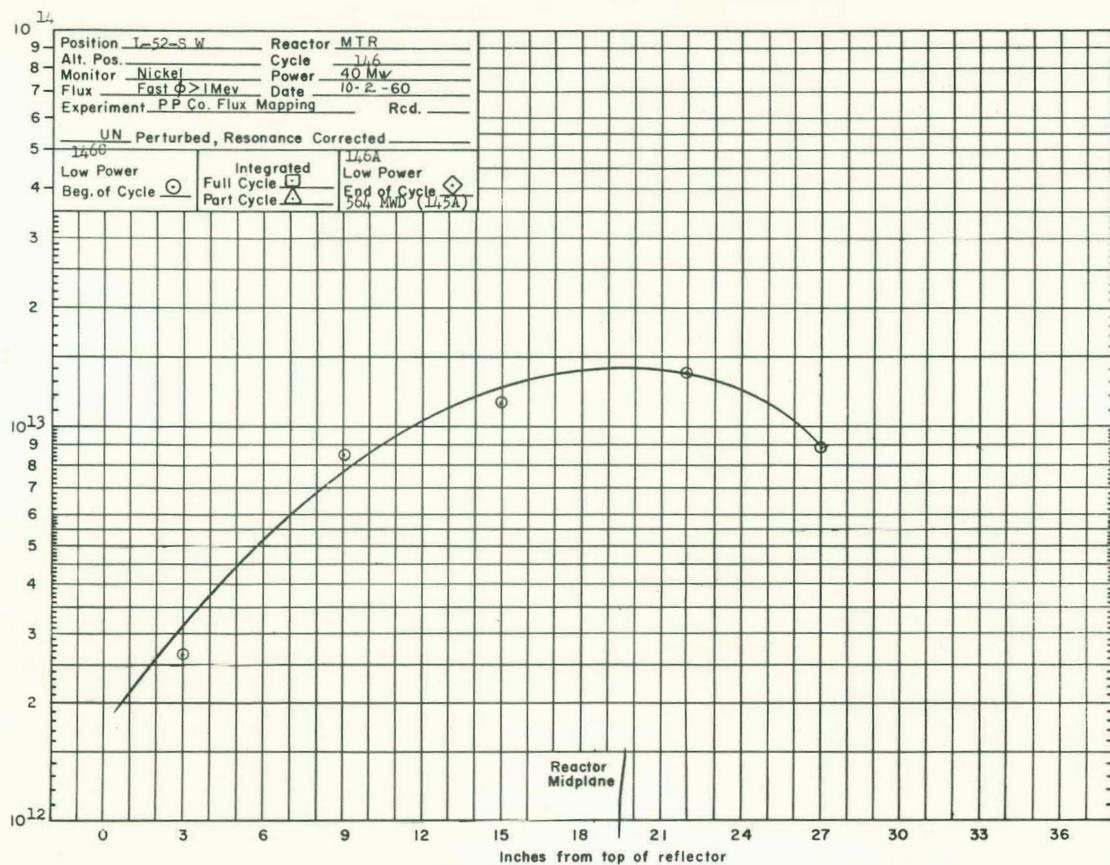


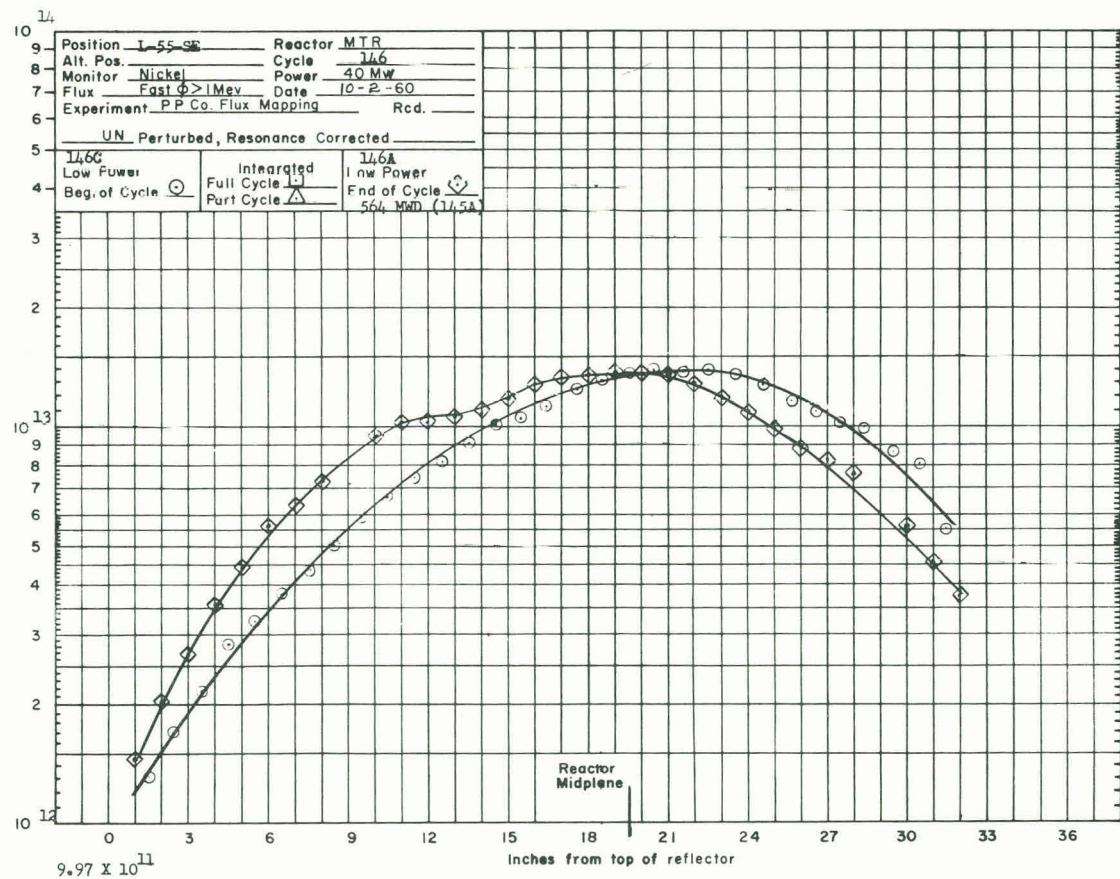
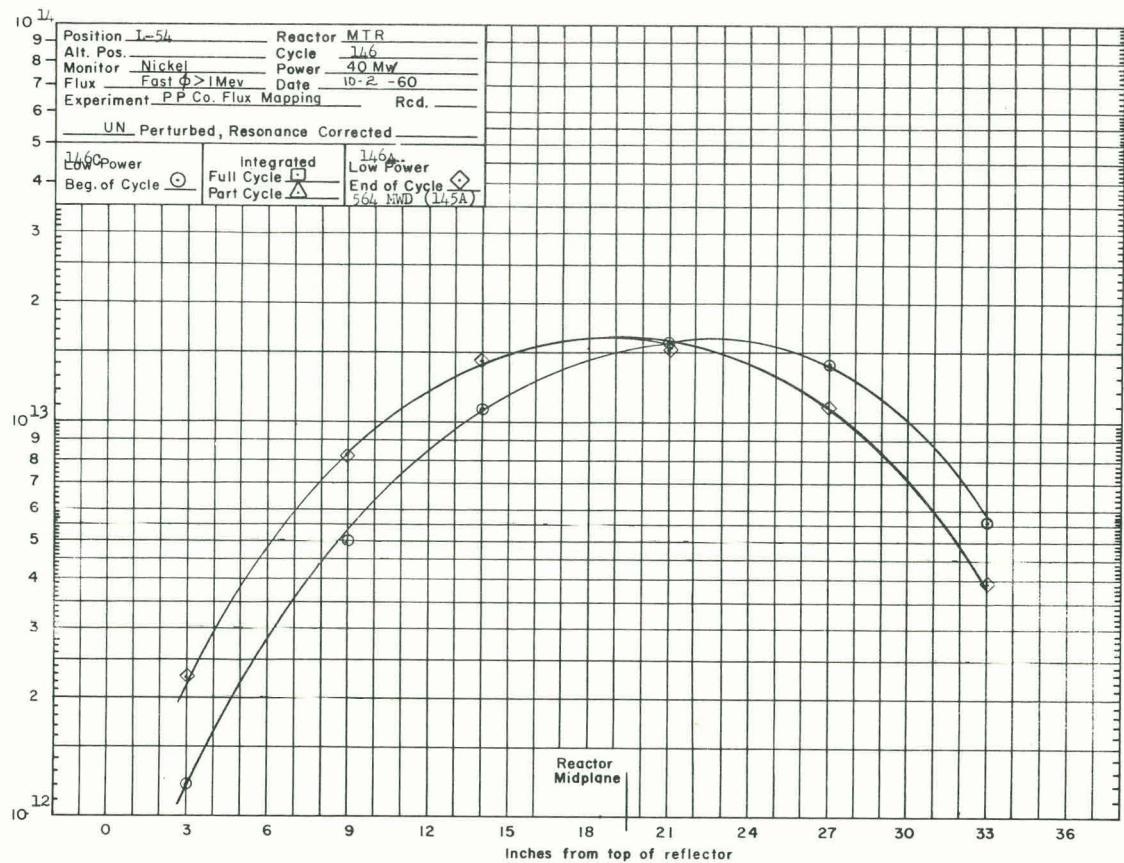


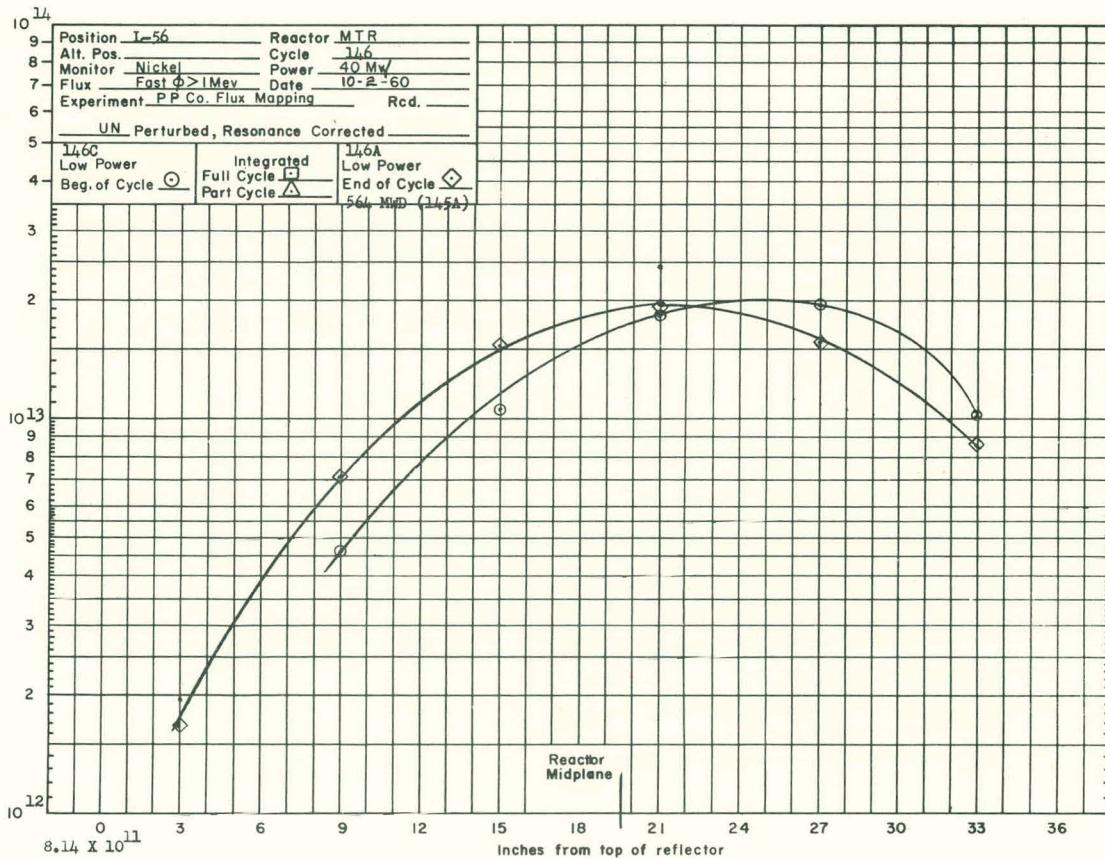
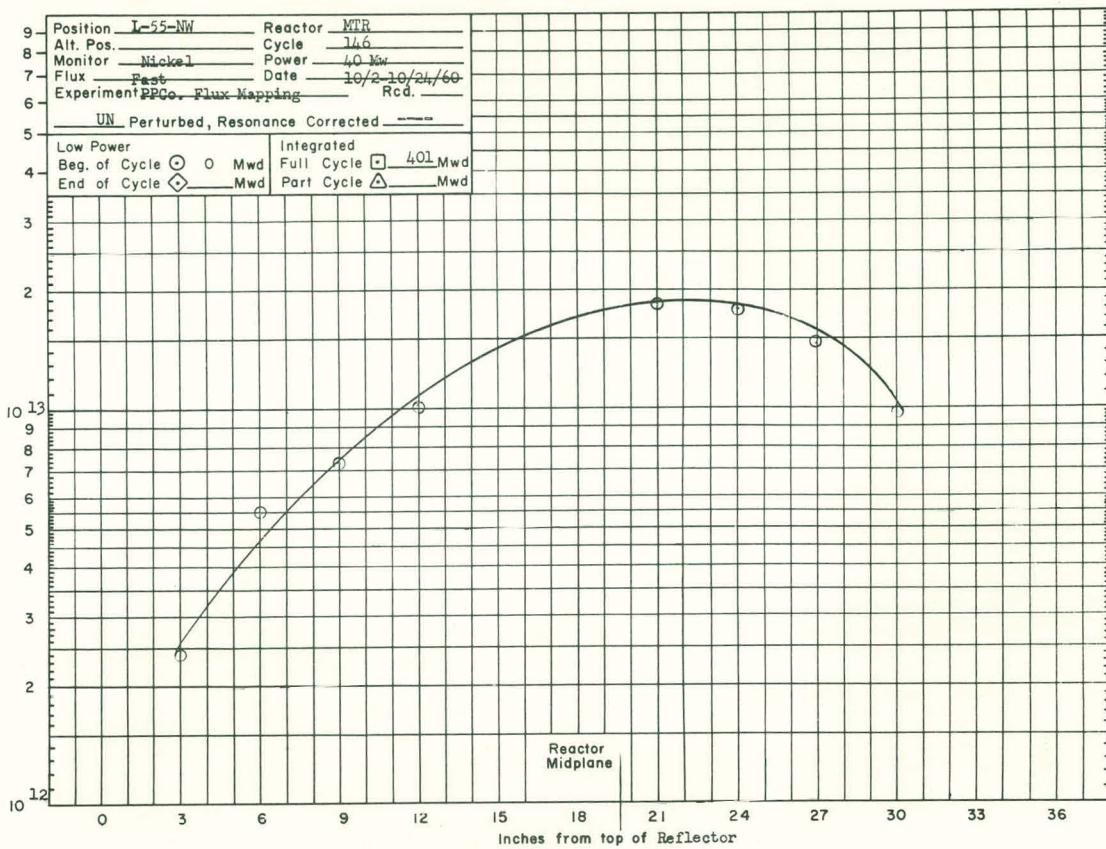


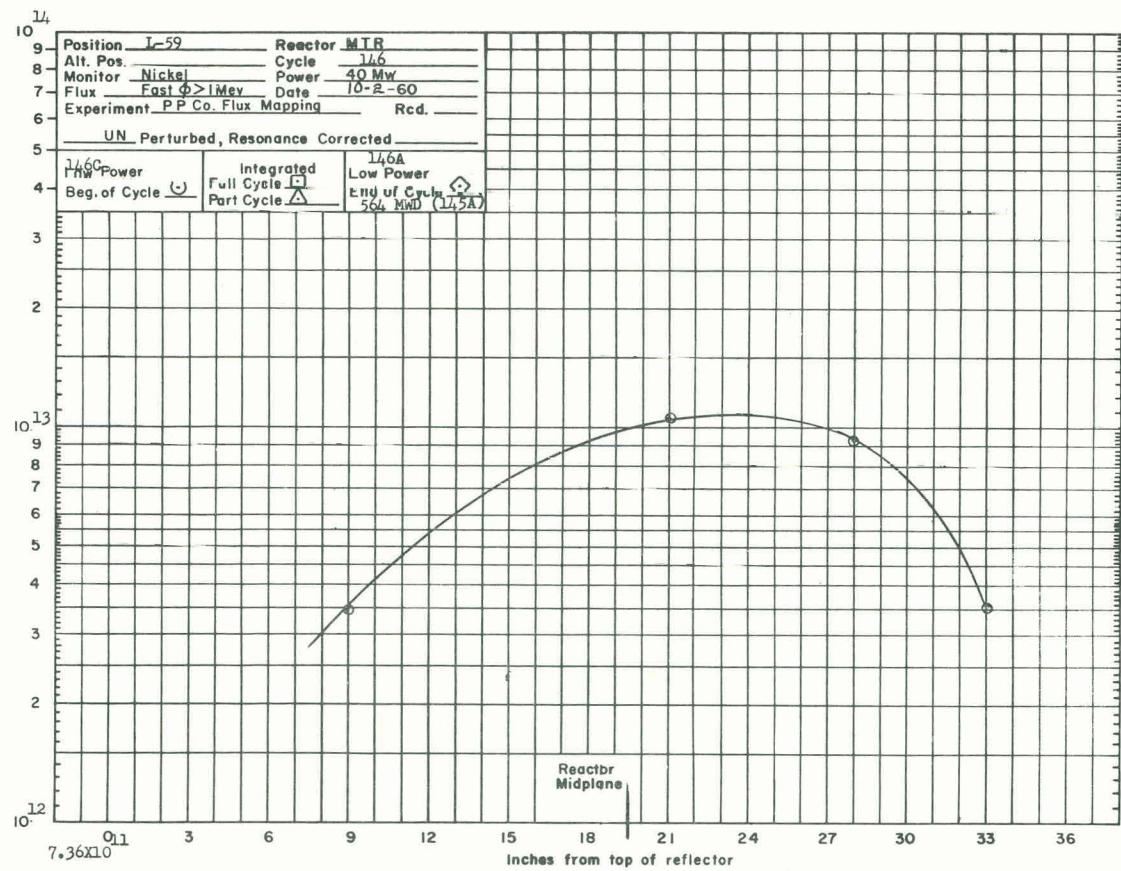
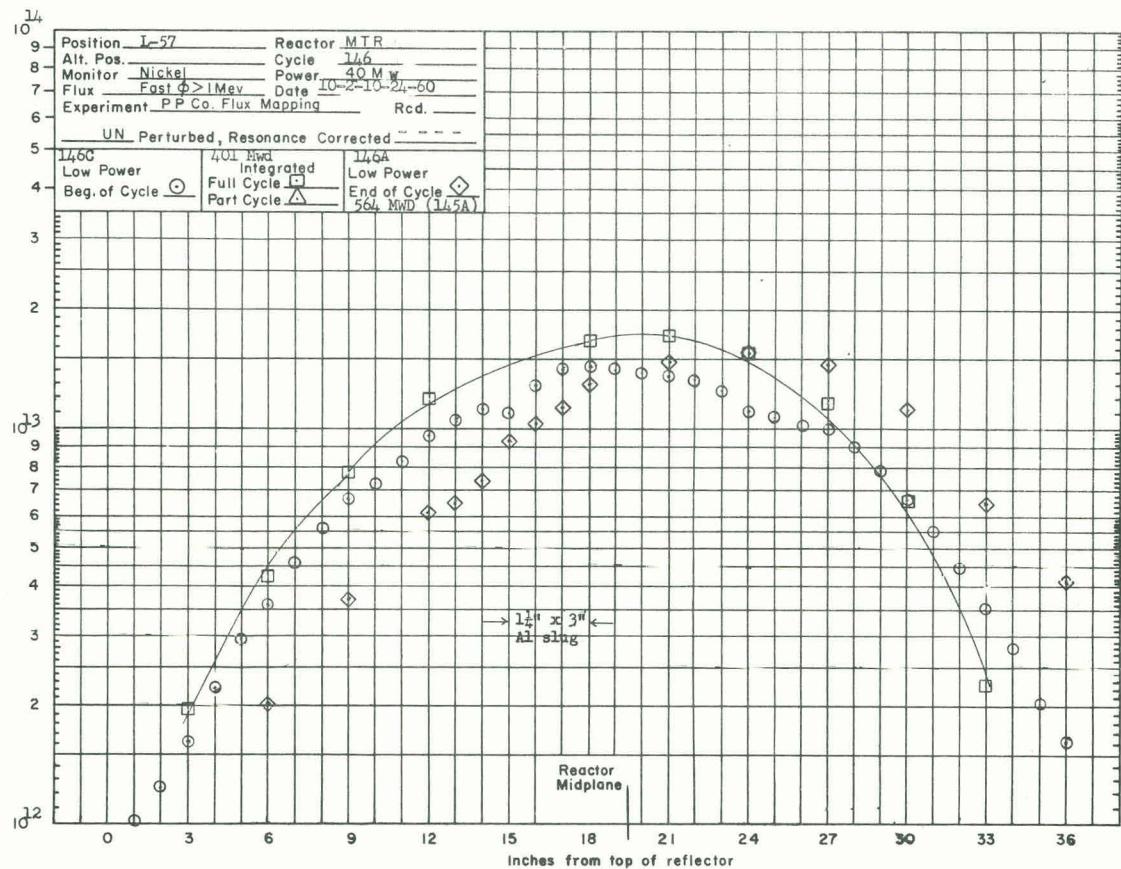












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