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1 INTRODUCTION

This bulletin is a report of the measurements made between 1 January and 31 December 1996 at the UK geomagnetic observatories operated by the British Geological Survey (BGS) at Lerwick, Eskdalemuir and Hartland.

The three observatory sites are described, with notes of any changes made during the year and a description is given of the Automatic Remote Geomagnetic Observatory System (ARGOS), operated at each observatory since 1 January 1987 (Riddick *et al.* 1990). The method of collecting the data from each observatory, the quality control procedures and the method of reducing the data to absolute values are also outlined.

The presentation of the data in this bulletin is principally in graphical form, with complete sets of daily magnetograms derived from one-minute values, and plots of hourly and daily mean values for each observatory. The data are available in digital form on request (details are given in Section 7).

2 DESCRIPTIONS OF THE OBSERVATORIES

The locations of the UK geomagnetic observatories are shown on the front cover of the bulletin. The history of the current UK geomagnetic observatories, and of other observatories that have operated in the British Isles, is described by Robinson (1982).

Lerwick (Shetland, Scotland)

Lerwick Observatory is situated on a ridge of high ground about 2.5 km to the SW of the port of Lerwick. The surrounding countryside is moorland comprising peat bog, heather and outcropping rock. The observatory is operated by the Meteorological Office as a meteorological station carrying out routine synoptic observations and upper-air measurements. Other work includes detection of thunderstorms, measurement of solar radiation, ozone and atmospheric pollution levels, and chemical sampling. BGS uses Lerwick as a seismological station, recording data from a local three-component seismometer set and, via radio link, from the Shetland seismic array. Lerwick was established as a meteorological site in 1919 and geomagnetic measurements began in 1922. Responsibility for the magnetic observations passed from the Meteorological Office to BGS in 1968. There are no members of BGS staff stationed at Lerwick.

Figure 1 is a site diagram of Lerwick Observatory. During 1996 no major changes were made at the site. Routine maintenance work was carried out on the observatory buildings.

The observatory coordinates are:

	Geographic	Geomagnetic
Latitude	60°08'N	62°02'N
Longitude	358°49'E	89°27'E
Height above <i>msl</i>	85 m	

Geomagnetic coordinates used in this report are relative to a geomagnetic pole position of 79°19'N, 71°26'W, computed from the 7th generation International Geomagnetic Reference Field (Barton, 1997) at epoch 1996.5.

Eskdalemuir (Dumfries & Galloway, Scotland)

Eskdalemuir Observatory is situated on a rising shoulder of open moorland in the upper part of the valley of the river White Esk in the Southern Uplands of Scotland. It is surrounded by moorland and young conifer forest with hills rising to nearly 700m to the NW. The observatory is 100 km from Edinburgh and 25 km from the towns of Langholm and Lockerbie.

Eskdalemuir is a synoptic meteorological station involved in measurement of solar radiation, levels of atmospheric pollution, and in chemical sampling. The observatory operates a US standard seismograph and an International Deployment Accelerometer Program long-period sensor. BGS has a three-component seismometer set installed at the observatory and records data from four remote sites transmitted to the observatory by radio link. The observatory opened in 1908. It was built because of disruption to geomagnetic measurements at Kew Observatory (London) following the advent of electric tramcars at the beginning of the 20th century. BGS took over responsibility for magnetic observations from the Meteorological Office in 1968. There are two members of BGS staff stationed at the observatory. Mr W E Scott and Mrs M Scott were responsible for the general maintenance of the observatory during 1996.

Figure 2 is a site diagram of Eskdalemuir observatory. No major changes were made at the observatory during 1996. Routine building maintenance was carried out on the observatory buildings.

The observatory coordinates are:

	Geographic	Geomagnetic
Latitude	55°19'N	57°54'N
Longitude	356°48'E	84°05'E
Height above <i>msl</i>	245 m	

Hartland (Devon, England)

Hartland Observatory is situated on the NW boundary of Hartland village. The site is the southern half of a large meadow which slopes steeply northward into a wooded valley. The sea (Bristol Channel) is about 3 km to both the north and west of Hartland. BGS operates a three-component seismometer set and a LF microphone at the observatory, and data from seismic outstations are transmitted to the observatory by radio link.

The observatory was purpose-built for magnetic work, and continuous operations began in 1957, the International Geophysical Year (IGY). Hartland is the successor to Abinger and Greenwich observatories. The moves from Greenwich to Abinger and then to Hartland were made necessary as electrification of the railways progressed, making accurate geomagnetic measurements impossible in SE England. BGS took over control of Hartland Observatory, from the Royal Greenwich Observatory, in 1968. The observatory also houses an archive of material consisting of records of geomagnetic measurements and observatory yearbooks from all over the world. The only member of BGS staff stationed at Hartland is the caretaker, Mr C R Pringle.

Figure 3 is a site diagram of Hartland observatory. Routine maintenance was carried out on all the observatory buildings during 1996.

The observatory coordinates are:

	Geographic	Geomagnetic
Latitude	51°00'N	54°01'
Longitude	355°31'E	80°24'
Height above <i>msl</i>	95 m	

3 INSTRUMENTATION

3.1 Absolute observations

At each observatory absolute measurements are made in a single absolute hut (see the site diagrams). Since 1 January 1990 absolute values of all geomagnetic elements are referred to a single standard pillar at each of the observatories. For continuity with previous records the differences between the new and old standards are quoted in the tables of annual mean values in the sense (new standard - old standard) for all elements of the geomagnetic field. Thus annual mean values prior to 1990.5 can be referred to the new standard by adding the site difference to the old standard values. A detailed account of the change in absolute measurement reference is given by Kerridge and Clark (1991).

The instruments used at each observatory are given below.

	Fluxgate-Theodolite (Inventory Number)	Proton Vector Magnetometer (PVM)
Lerwick	ELSEC 810 (LER32)	ELSEC 8801 Proton precession magnetometer mounted in ELSEC 5920 coils
Eskdalemuir	Bartington MAG 01H (ESK43)	ELSEC 8801 Proton precession magnetometer mounted in ELSEC 5920 coils
Hartland	ELSEC 810 (HAD16)	ELSEC 8801 Proton precession magnetometer mounted in ELSEC 5920 coils

3.2 ARGOS: Variometer Measurements

The essential components of the ARGOS systems are a three-component fluxgate magnetometer (EDA FM100C), two proton magnetometers (ELSEC 820M), and a Digital Equipment Corporation PDP 11/23 processor which controls the operation of the system. A block diagram of the ARGOS system is given in Figure 4a. The fluxgate sensors are orientated to measure the north (X), east (Y) and vertical (Z) components of the geomagnetic field. The fluxgate magnetometer is operated in 'full field' mode, providing an analogue output of 5 V in a field of 50,000 nT. The fluxgate sensors are located in a temperature-controlled variometer chamber, on a large single pier, with the individual sensors separated by about 1.5 m. Each sensor is mounted inside a calibration coil which can apply a bias field to the sensor when required. The current to the calibration coil is supplied by a Time Electronics 9818 programmable current supply. The temperature of the variometer chamber is monitored continuously. The proton magnetometers are sited in non-magnetic huts. Proton magnetometer P1 is used to make measurements of total field F every ten seconds which are filtered to produce one-minute values. Proton magnetometer P2 is mounted inside a set of two orthogonal Helmholtz coils which apply bias fields to measure changes in declination and inclination for the baseline reference measurements (see Section 3.3).

A Thaler Corporation VRE 105CA precision reference supply is used to generate a reference signal of 5 V to an accuracy of 0.4 mV. In routine operation the analogue outputs from the three channels of the fluxgate magnetometer, the temperature sensor and the voltage reference are switched in turn, by a Hewlett-Packard HP3488A scanner, to the input of a Datron 1061A digital voltmeter and the five signals are measured. At the same time the PDP 11/23 processor triggers one of the proton magnetometers (P1) which measures the total field strength (F). (The second proton magnetometer (P2) is routinely inhibited.) This measurement sequence is repeated every 10 seconds, with the timing reference provided by a CMOS digital clock connected to the PDP

11/23 through a parallel interface. Communications between the PDP 11/23 processor and the other instruments and peripherals are via an IEEE instrument bus and RS232 serial ports.

A 7-point cosine filter is applied to the 10-second samples to produce one-minute values, centred on the minute, (Green, 1985). At the end of each hour the 60 one-minute values of X, Y, Z and F are written to a DC100 data cartridge together with hourly mean values, one-hour and three-hour activity indices based on the range in the X-component, the temperature of the variometer chamber, the reference voltage, and items of 'housekeeping' information. An hour's data is written, in ASCII, as two 512 byte blocks. The cartridge drive is a TU58 dual drive. The system program is loaded from tape on drive 0, and data are written to the tape mounted on drive 1. The tape capacity is sufficient to store up to ten days' data. At each observatory the data collected are displayed on a VDU, and updated every minute, to enable the status of ARGOS to be monitored locally. A printer, normally disabled, can be switched on to obtain hard-copy of the display.

A British Telecom Datel 4122 modem (operating at 1200 baud) allows remote communication with the ARGOS systems via the public switched telephone network (PSTN). ARGOS can be called up manually by an operator in Edinburgh using the Processing and Remote Interrogation System (PARIS), based on a PDP 11/23 computer. The operator in Edinburgh can examine the system status and control a number of other ARGOS functions which include resetting the system clock, repositioning the data tape, and restarting ARGOS in the event of a system failure.

A second modem connected to a Data Track Technology Tracker 2000 solid state memory transmits data to an IBM PS/2 in Edinburgh, which has been programmed to collect data automatically. Data can be retrieved every hour if necessary, but are normally collected every three hours.

Each ARGOS system is supported by a 500 VA Merlin-Gerin SX500 Uninterruptible Power Supply which has internal batteries capable of powering the full system for 30 minutes in the event of mains failure. Each observatory also has a stand-by diesel generator designed to start automatically within two minutes of loss of mains power. In the event of a sustained mains break and failure of the stand-by generators a further battery supply will maintain power to the fluxgates and the system clock for up to 7 days. This avoids deterioration in data quality due to drifts which are almost always severe when a fluxgate magnetometer is switched on after being powered down. The time from the system clock is essential to restart ARGOS automatically when power is restored.

3.3 ARGOS: Baseline Reference Measurements

A consequence of the automation of the observatories was the removal of observatory scientific staff, and therefore the loss of regular absolute observations made by experienced observers. Baseline reference measurements (BRMs) are designed to compensate for this change in observatory practice, enabling the standards achieved with manned operation to be maintained with an automated system.

The apparatus used to make BRMs is essentially a proton vector magnetometer (PVM), in which a proton precession magnetometer (PPM) sensor is mounted at the centre of a set of coils which are used to apply bias fields. Full PVM absolute observations require a sequence of measurements to be made with the coils rotated into positions which enable errors due to imperfect alignment of the magnetic axis to be eliminated. In a BRM the coils cannot be rotated, so the measurement is not error-free. If the mechanical stability of the coil system is good, and the pier on which it is mounted does not tilt, then the error is (practically) constant. Comparisons of BRM results with measurements made by the ARGOS fluxgates then show up short-term

drifts in the fluxgate magnetometers which would not be detected by comparisons made with the less frequent absolute measurements. In effect, BRMs provide a means for interpolating between absolute observations.

The PVM system used for making BRMs at each of the UK observatories consists of a PPM sensor mounted at the centre of two orthogonal sets of Helmholtz coils in a " $\delta D/\delta I$ " configuration. The coils are orientated initially so that one set provides a bias field approximately perpendicular to the geomagnetic field vector (F) in the magnetic meridian, and the other provides a bias field approximately perpendicular to F in the horizontal plane. If the resultant magnetic field is measured after applying the bias fields then vector algebra can be used to calculate the change in declination (δD) and the change in inclination (δI) relative to values of declination and inclination (D_0 and I_0) determined by the directions of the magnetic axes of the coils. The values of D_0 and I_0 can be determined by comparing the BRM measurements with absolute observations. This technique is described in full by Alldredge (1960).

In ARGOS, BRMs are made by the proton magnetometer P2 and are controlled by a microprocessor-based BRM controller driven by interrupts from the ARGOS PDP 11/23. Measurements are made every hour and are included in the data transmitted to Edinburgh.

3.4 Summary of Technical Specifications of the ARGOS Equipment

The specifications quoted here are those given by the manufacturers of the equipment.

- a) FM100C fluxgate magnetometer
 - Sensitivity: 0.1 mV/nT
 - Dynamic range: $\pm 100,000$ nT
 - Temperature coefficient: (in the range) 0.1 - 1 nT/ $^{\circ}$ C
- b) ELSEC 820M proton precession magnetometer
 - Resolution: 0.1 nT
 - Accuracy: ± 1 nT
 - Measurement range: 14,000-90,000 nT
- c) System clock
 - Accuracy: 1 second per week
- d) Datron 1061A digital voltmeter (DVM)
 - Accuracy: 1 part in 10^7
 - Temperature coefficient: $0.2 \mu\text{V}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
- e) Time Electronics 9818 programmable current supply
 - Maximum current: 1A
 - Accuracy: $1 \mu\text{A}$
- f) Thaler Corporation VRE 105CA precision reference supply
 - Reference voltage: 5V
 - Accuracy: ± 0.4 mV
 - Temperature coefficient: $0.6 \text{ ppm}/^{\circ}\text{C}$

3.5 Back-up Systems

At each observatory an EDA FM 100B three-axis fluxgate magnetometer, completely independent of ARGOS, is maintained to provide back-up data in the event of a total ARGOS failure. The three fluxgate sensors are aligned with one along magnetic north to measure changes in the horizontal component (H), one along magnetic east to measure changes in declination (D) and one vertically to measure changes in the Z component. The analogue outputs of the magnetometer are input to a 12-bit A/D converter and sampled every 10 seconds. A 7-point cosine filter is used to convert the 10-second samples to one-minute values, which are then recorded on a 3.5" DOS diskette by a GCAT embedded PC. The disk is changed every 14 days and sent by post to BGS, Edinburgh, for archiving. The dynamic range of the magnetometers at Lerwick is ± 2000 nT, at Eskdalemuir and Hartland it is ± 1000 nT. A block diagram of the back-up system is shown in Figure 4b. A facility is also included in the back-up system to transmit data to Edinburgh via the METEOSAT geostationary satellite. This link can be used to retrieve back-up data quickly in the event of the loss of ARGOS data.

3.6 Calibration of geomagnetic measurements

The physical measurements made by ARGOS are of the analogue DC voltage output from the fluxgate sensors and the precession frequency radiated by the polarised sample in the PPM.

Provided drift in the voltage reference used by the DVM is less than that of the fluxgate magnetometer, long term changes in the measurement of the magnetic field are only due to drift in the magnetometer. The DVM is calibrated every three months by comparing it with a second DVM which is calibrated annually to comply with National Physical Laboratory (NPL) standards. Its accuracy is quoted as 1 part in 10^7 . Checks are also made every three months using standard cells which are maintained at each observatory. A check of the fluxgate sensitivity is also carried out by applying a bias field to the sensor. This is done by passing a known current through Helmholtz coils with an accurately known coil constant. The current is supplied by a constant current power supply which is calibrated by measuring the voltage across a standard resistor using a DVM calibrated against NPL standards. The change in the applied magnetic field can then be related to the change in voltage output from the sensor.

The PPM measures the frequency of emitted radiation from a sample of proton rich fluid, which is related to the ambient magnetic field by the proton gyromagnetic ratio. The conversion from frequency to magnetic field value carried out by the PPM is checked by irradiating the sensor with a signal of known frequency from an oscillator. The frequency of this calibration signal is checked by comparing it with an accurate frequency standard transmitted from Rugby. This check on the PPM is carried out every three months at each observatory.

4 DATA PROCESSING

Data are retrieved to Edinburgh from the observatories by a dedicated IBM PS/2 which has been programmed to call the observatories automatically every three hours. The data are then transferred over a local area network to a Sun Workstation for processing.

Data-processing is carried out automatically on the Sun Workstation each day shortly after midnight. The data files are first sorted into Universal Time (UT) day files. Subsequent data processing is carried out on these day files by a single FORTRAN program which uses subroutines to generate various data products and derivatives. The data in each day file are first passed through a quality control routine which checks for a range of possible errors. The data products then generated each day are:

- a A magnetogram;
- b A formatted list of one-minute values of all the geomagnetic elements;
- c Hourly mean values and range indices;
- d A forecast of geomagnetic activity for the next 27 days;
- e Hourly and daily ranges in each geomagnetic element;
- f A comparison of F computed from X, Y and Z against F measured by P1;
- g A list of missing data;
- h K indices;
- i An analysis of BRMs;
- j An analysis of ARGOS reference voltage and variometer chamber temperature;
- k A plot of absolute F measured by P1 at all three observatories.

The final check on the quality of the data is still the responsibility of the operator in Edinburgh who examines the magnetograms each day for erroneous values which may not have been detected by the automatic quality control procedures.

The prompt retrieval of data from the three UK observatories, made possible by ARGOS, immediately generated scientific and commercial demand for rapid access to the data. The BGS local area network is connected to the Internet which enables transfer to academic and commercial users world-wide by electronic mail. The Geomagnetism Information and Forecasting Service (GIFS) was created to provide "user-friendly" access to the data sets, and is available on the world-wide web (http://ub.nmh.ac.uk/gifs/on_line_gifs.html). The data sets on GIFS derived from UK observatory data are updated daily.

At the end of each month any gaps in the ARGOS data are filled using data from the back-up magnetometers. The resulting complete day files are archived on magnetic tape and also on optical disk. A monthly bulletin is issued for each observatory which includes magnetograms (with gaps filled), lists of K indices, the results of absolute observations, BRMs made during the month, tables of hourly mean values of H, D and Z, and a list of events associated with solar activity. The *aa* magnetic activity indices and a forecast of solar and geomagnetic activity are also given in the monthly bulletin. A diary giving details of any changes made during the month at the observatory is included at the end of the bulletin.

There were no periods in 1996 at any of the three UK observatories in which both the ARGOS and back-up variometers failed simultaneously. Consequently the time-series of one-minute values are complete throughout the year at all three observatories.

5 CORRECTION OF FLUXGATE VARIOMETER DATA TO ABSOLUTE VALUES

Where variometer records are made photographically a physical mark, a baseline, is made on the photographic paper. Absolute observations are used to allocate a value to the baseline using the sensitivity of the magnetometer (the scale value, usually expressed in nT/mm), to relate the offset of the trace at the time of an absolute observation (the ordinate) to the baseline. For a fluxgate magnetometer a baseline value may be taken to be the value of the geomagnetic field at an arbitrary output voltage of the magnetometer. An alternative view is that the fluxgate magnetometer sensitivity (usually expressed in mV/nT) is used to, in effect, deduce the magnetometer output in zero magnetic field. The absolute observations enable corrections to be made for any such zero-field offset, (which is likely to vary with time), and the site difference between the location of the fluxgate sensor and the appropriate absolute pier.

The zero-field offset corrections allocated for each observatory for 1996 are shown in Figures 5-7. (The results for each observatory are discussed in detail below.) The zero-field offset correction is derived by comparing the fluxgate measurements with absolute measurements taken simultaneously. In each of the figures the top two panels show the comparison between the absolute measurements and the fluxgate measurements for H (plotted in the sense absolute - fluxgate) and the BRMs and the fluxgate measurements for H (plotted as daily average BRM - fluxgate value). The next two panels show the same for D, in which East is represented by positive values, and the next two panels show the same for Z. The bottom panel shows the daily mean temperature in the fluxgate chamber. In the panels showing the absolute - fluxgate comparison, the symbols represent the observed values and the full line shows the adopted correction. The adopted correction is derived from piecewise polynomial fits to the observed values computed using the method of least squares. In deriving the polynomials the points immediately before the beginning and after the end of the year were used, but are not shown in the plots. This ensures that unrealistic discontinuities are not introduced at the year boundaries. The plots of the polynomial fits are stepped because the values computed from the polynomials have been rounded to the nearest nT or 0.1 min.

Lerwick (Figure 5)

Absolute measurements were made by BGS staff during service visits to the observatory in February, April, June, August and December. These show on the plots as clusters of measurements made within a few days. The measurements between service visits were made by Meteorological Office staff.

The ranges of the allocated zero-field offset corrections during the year were 5 nT for H, 0.7 minutes of arc for D and 13 nT for Z. The main deviation in the Z corrections appears to be an annual effect and is probably related to an increase in the temperature of the variometer chamber during the summer. The temperature variation in the variometer chamber was kept to within $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ over the year.

Between the absolute measurements made on the 10th January and 13th February, a change was observed in the difference between the value of F calculated from the fluxgate data and F measured by the observatory PPM in the absolute hut. This was also observed in the difference between measurements of F made by the ARGOS PPM and the observatory PPM, while no corresponding change was seen between the fluxgate derived F and the ARGOS PPM. This implies that there was some form of step change in the magnetic field in the absolute hut. There is no record of any significant building work being carried out on the site during this time which may have given rise to this step change. The size of the step was estimated by examining the variometer baselines and adjusting them so that the difference between F calculated from the fluxgate measurements and F measured by the ARGOS PPM was approximately constant. It transpired that no step was observed in the D or H components, but a step of 6 nT in F, 8 nT in

Z and 0.5 minute of arc in I was necessary to match the 1995 baselines. This was confirmed independently by examining the difference between the observatory PPM and the ARGOS PPM, which was found to be 6 nT.

When compared with the fluxgate measurements, drifting is observed in the D and H BRMs, particularly during the summer months. It is likely that this drift is related to changes in the outside air temperature causing mechanical deformation of the coils. The steps in the BRMs at the beginning of July and August were caused by adjustments during service visits. Despite these drifts, the BRMs are still useful at times for allowing greater confidence in interpolating zero-field offsets between absolute observations. This is important because there are relatively fewer absolute observations at Lerwick than at the other UK observatories.

The table below lists the root mean squared (*rms*) differences of the observed zero-field corrections from the allocated values. The *rms* differences for 1993-95 are also listed. The number of observations of each element in each year is given in brackets.

Year	H(nT)	D(min)	Z(nT)
1993	1.69 (31)	0.36 (33)	0.93 (30)
1994	0.87 (21)	0.25 (21)	0.66 (21)
1995	0.97 (21)	0.35 (24)	0.85 (23)
1996	1.20 (49)	0.32 (48)	1.03 (47)

Eskdalemuir (Figure 6)

Absolute measurements were made weekly by staff of the Meteorological Office at Eskdalemuir, supplemented by occasional measurements made by BGS staff.

The ranges in the allocated zero-field offset corrections over the year were 8 nT for H, 1 minute of arc for D and 8 nT for Z. The temperature variation in the variometer chamber was kept to within $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ over the year. As in previous years the baselines have shown some irregular drift throughout the year, but the BRMs are stable enough to provide additional information when allocating baseline values.

The table below lists the *rms* differences of the observed zero-field corrections from the allocated values. The *rms* differences for 1992-94 are also listed. The number of observations of each element in each year is given in brackets.

Year	H(nT)	D(min)	Z(nT)
1993	1.44 (40)	0.41 (42)	0.85 (41)
1994	1.56 (28)	0.45 (29)	0.92 (28)
1995	1.31 (44)	0.29 (42)	0.97 (45)
1996	1.05 (59)	0.38 (65)	0.98 (59)

Hartland (Figure 7)

Absolute measurements were made weekly by the caretaker at Hartland Observatory and by Edinburgh staff during service visits.

The ranges of the zero-field offset corrections over the year were 5 nT for H, 0.4 minutes of arc for D and 10 nT for Z. The drift in the Z fluxgate, which appears to be similar to that observed at Lerwick, is probably related to the increase in temperature during the summer. The temperature variation in the variometer chamber was kept to within $\pm 1.25^{\circ}\text{C}$ over the year.

The BRMs have exhibited large drifts in 1996 which seemed to be related to the increase in daily mean air temperature during the summer.

The table below lists the *rms* differences of the observed zero-field corrections from the allocated values. The *rms* differences for 1992-94 are also listed. The number of observations of each element in each year is given in brackets.

Year	H(nT)	D(min)	Z(nT)
1993	1.16 (43)	0.28 (51)	1.36 (44)
1994	1.20 (56)	0.25 (56)	0.70 (56)
1995	1.05 (44)	0.21 (46)	1.24 (43)
1996	1.06 (53)	0.20 (51)	0.80 (51)

6 PRESENTATION OF RESULTS

The data are organised by observatory in the order Lerwick, Eskdalemuir and Hartland. The results presented for each observatory are:

- a Daily magnetograms of H, D and Z;
- b Plots of hourly mean values of H, D and Z;
- c Plots of daily mean values of H, D and Z;
- d Plots of the daily maximum and minimum values of H, D and Z;
- e Tables of monthly and annual mean values of all geomagnetic elements;
- f Tables of K indices;
- g A list of rapid variations noted during the year;
- h Tables of annual mean values of geomagnetic elements;
- i Plots of annual mean values and secular variation for H, D, Z and F.

The daily magnetograms of H, D and Z are plotted 16 to a page, the data for days 1 to 16 of each month on one page, and the data for the remaining days of the month on the facing page. The D trace is plotted positive (east) upwards. The absolute level in each plot is indicated by the value shown to the left of the plots, in degrees for D and in nanoteslas for H and Z. The magnetogram scale values, shown to the right of the plots, are varied (by multiples of two) where necessary, and when changes are made this is indicated at the top of the magnetogram. This accounts for the occasional discontinuities in the traces at day boundaries.

The hourly mean data are plotted at a constant scale in 27-day batches, according to the Bartels rotation number. These plots show a number of features of geomagnetic field variations including diurnal variation, and seasonal changes in its magnitude, and periods of geomagnetic disturbance. By plotting the data in 27-day batches recurrent disturbances caused by active regions on the Sun which persist for more than one solar rotation are highlighted. Changes due to secular variation at the UK observatories over the course of a year are small compared to diurnal variations and disturbances. However, the gradual drift eastwards in D is discernible in the plots.

In the plots of daily mean values secular variation is quite clear in H, D and Z, as shorter period variations are attenuated by the averaging. The reference values shown on the left sides of the daily mean plots are the annual mean values. The black shading indicates when the daily mean was less than the annual mean, the white part indicates when the daily mean was greater. The plots of daily maximum and minimum values are also plotted relative to the annual means.

The ARGOS one-minute values of H, D and Z are centred on the minute. Hourly mean values, centred on the UT half-hour, are computed from minute values, daily mean values from hourly means, and monthly mean values from daily means. (Hourly means are not computed if there are more than six one-minute values missing; daily means are not computed if there are more than two hourly means missing.) Annual mean values are calculated from the monthly mean values weighted according to the number of days in the month. At each stage of processing the mean values of the remaining geomagnetic elements are calculated from the corresponding mean values of H, D and Z. The monthly mean and annual mean values for all the geomagnetic elements are tabulated. Declination and inclination are expressed in degrees and decimal minutes of arc, the units of all the other elements are nanoteslas. The monthly and annual mean values are also calculated using only the five international quiet days and the five international disturbed days in each month.

The K index summarises geomagnetic activity at an observatory by assigning a code, an integer from 0 to 9, to each 3-hour UT interval. The index values are determined from the ranges in H and D (scaled into nT), with allowance made for the regular diurnal variation. The method for computing K indices is described by Clark (1992). The K index has a Local Time and seasonal dependence associated with the geographic and geomagnetic coordinates of the observatory. The complete set of K indices for each of the UK observatories are tabulated throughout the year. A summary of the occurrence of each K index in 1996 is given below (there were no intervals of missing data at any of the three observatories).

	K Index									
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
LER	693	1047	738	317	107	20	4	2	0	0
ESK	433	934	846	537	152	24	2	0	0	0
HAD	86	989	1007	592	202	48	4	0	0	0

A number of 3-hour geomagnetic indices are computed by combining K indices from networks of observatories to characterise global activity levels and to eliminate Local Time and seasonal effects. K indices from each of the three UK observatories are used in deriving the planetary geomagnetic activity indices K_p, K_n and K_m, sanctioned by the International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy (IAGA). The K indices from Hartland and Canberra (approximately antipodal to Hartland) are used to produce the aa index, a further planetary activity index. (Definitive values of the indices recognised by IAGA are published by the International Service for Geomagnetic Indices, Paris.) Daily, monthly and annual mean values of the aa index are listed following the tables of K indices for Hartland. The derivation of the geomagnetic activity indices mentioned here is described in great detail by Mayaud (1980).

The scaling of rapid variations is performed according to the guidelines given in the Provisional Atlas of Rapid Variations (IAGA, 1961). Occurrences of Solar Flare Effects (SFE), Sudden Impulses (SI) and Storm Sudden Commencements (SSC) are given along with the time, amplitude and quality of the event.

The annual mean values at each observatory since operations began are tabulated. Declination and inclination are expressed in degrees and decimal minutes of arc, the units of all the other elements are nanoteslas. Plots of the annual mean values of H, D, Z and F, and of first differences of the annual means, representing secular variation at the observatories are presented. In the case of Hartland, annual mean values from Abinger observatory for 1925.5-56.5 have been included in the table. The plots for Hartland also include values from Abinger, taking into account the site differences between the two observatories determined during 1957 when both observatories operated simultaneously for a period of time.

7 DATA AVAILABILITY

One-minute mean values of geomagnetic elements at each of the UK observatories from 1983 onwards are available in digital form. Hourly mean values are available in digital form for Lerwick (1926-96), Eskdalemuir (1911-96), Abinger (1926-56) and Hartland (1957-96). K indices from the UK observatories are available in digital form from 1954 onwards. In its role as the World Data Centre C1 for Geomagnetism, the Geomagnetism Group also holds a selection of hourly mean values and annual mean values from observatories worldwide. Digital data can be transferred directly by electronic mail or *ftp* over the Internet. For more information contact:

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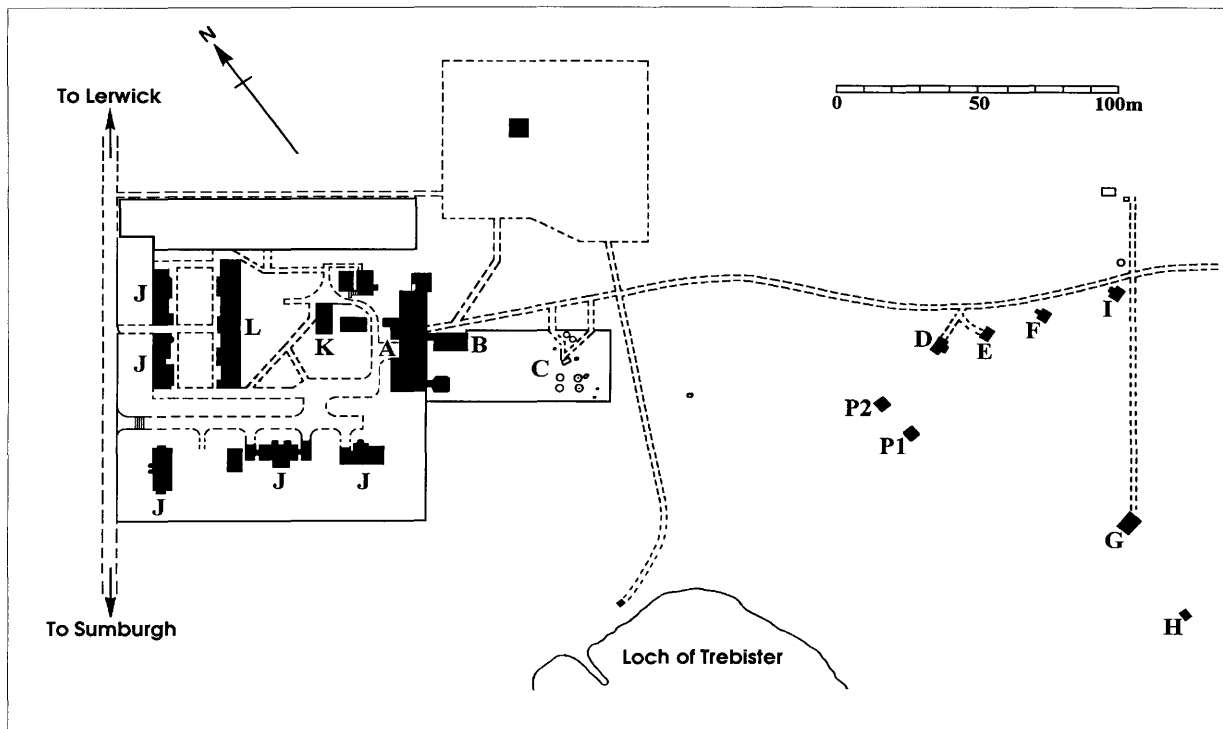
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Lerwick Observatory



Observatory Layout

- A Main observatory building
- B BGS office, seismic recorders
- C Meteorological instrument enclosure
- D Absolute Hut
- E Instrument Hut
- F Variometer House
- G West Hut
- H Azimuth mark
- I Back-up fluxgate data-logger
- J Staff houses
- K Standby generator
- L Staff hostel
- P1 ARGOS Proton magnetometer 1
- P2 ARGOS Proton magnetometer 2 & $\delta D/\delta I$ coils

Instrument Hut

- PVM electronics
- ARGOS electronics
- ARGOS uninterruptible power supply (UPS)

Variometer House

- ARGOS fluxgate sensors (X,Y,Z)
- Back-up fluxgate sensors (H,D,Z)

The Variometer House is constructed from non-magnetic concrete and has internal dimensions of 4.9 by 3 metres. The roof is semi-circular in cross section. The temperature of the house is controlled to a diurnal range of $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$. The meridian at the time of construction is defined on the north and south walls.

Instrument Deployment

Absolute Hut

- PVM (used for H/Z/F measurements)
- D/I Fluxgate Theodolite

The fixed mark (azimuth $8^\circ 38' 02''$ E of S) is viewed through a sliding panel in the hut door.

West Hut

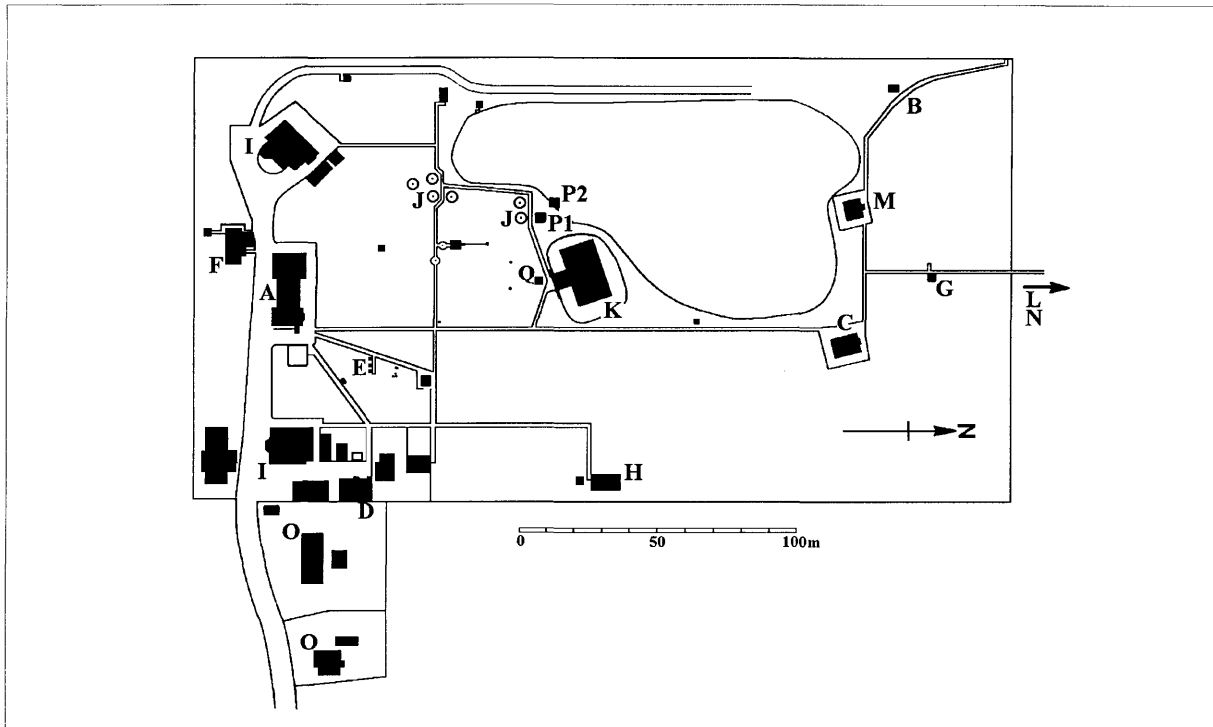
- Remote Fluxgate magnetometer
- transmitting via METEOSAT

Previous descriptions

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Figure 1. Lerwick observatory site diagram

Eskdalemuir Observatory



Observatory Layout

- A Main observatory building
- B Atmospheric pollution sampling
- C East Absolute Hut
- D Garage and standby generator
- E Meteorological instruments
- F Seismic laboratory, seismic recorders, offices, electronics laboratory
- G Hut G
- H Non-magnetic laboratory
- I Staff accommodation
- J Rain gauges
- K Underground variometer chamber, instrument room containing data loggers
- L Seismic vault containing remote fluxgate (280 metres from boundary wall)
- M West Absolute Hut
- N Chemical sampling by Warren Spring Laboratory (75 metres from boundary wall)
- O Private houses - formerly staff housing
- P1 Experimental $\delta D/\delta I$ coils
- P2 ARGOS Proton magnetometer 2 & $\delta D/\delta I$ coils
- Q METEOSAT transmitter

Instrument Deployment

Hut G contains the PVM electronics, the digital clock and the printer used to record values during absolute observations.

East Absolute Hut

PVM (used for H/Z/F measurements)

D/I Fluxgate Theodolite

The fixed mark (azimuth $8^{\circ} 12' 35''$ W of S) is viewed through a shutter on the south wall.

Underground Variometer Chamber

ARGOS fluxgate sensors (X,Y,Z)

Back-up sensors (H,D,Z) transmitting to METEOSAT

The variometer chamber comprises two separate rooms inside a domed chamber covered with a thick layer of earth to form a mound. The instruments and the greater part of the rooms are thus below the level of the surrounding ground. The temperature of the chamber is controlled to a diurnal range of $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$. The instrument room has been created by extending the former porch back into the stairwell and entrance, leaving a compartment under the floor for standby batteries. The entrance to the room is protected by an external porch.

West Absolute Hut

The hut contains three instrument piers. The fixed mark is viewed from the central pillar at a bearing of $4^{\circ} 36' 08''$ W of S through a shutter in the south wall.

The Non-Magnetic Laboratory

The laboratory is used for instrument development and testing. It contains a sensor room with three piers and a larger instrument room with a single pier.

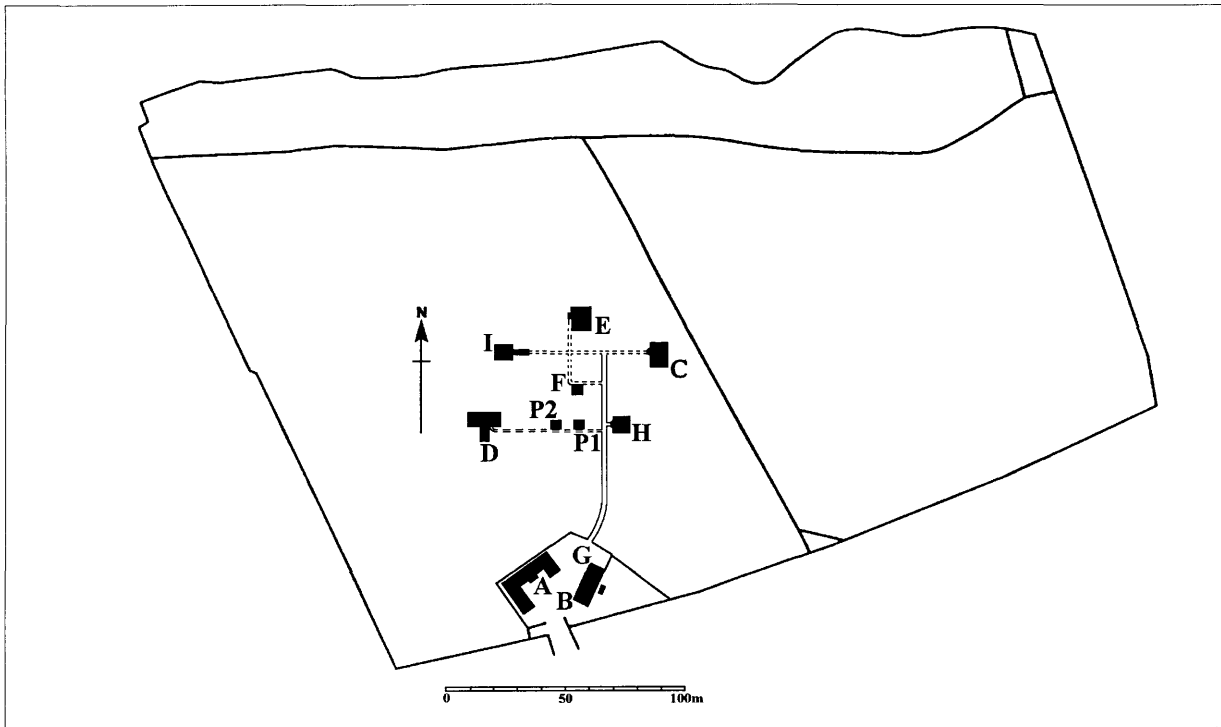
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Hartland Observatory



Observatory Layout

- A Main observatory building
- B Caretakers house
- C Absolute Hut
- D Non-Magnetic laboratory, Back-up Fluxgate, METEOSAT transmitter
- E Variometer House
- F Instrument Hut
- G Garage
- H Test Hut 2
- I Test Hut 1
- P1 ARGOS Proton magnetometer 1
- P2 ARGOS Proton magnetometer 2 & $\delta D/\delta I$ coils

The Variometer House comprises an entrance porch and a main room, which contains two separate internal rooms, each divided into three compartments. The temperature of the house is controlled to a diurnal range of $\pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$. Two cable ducts connect the Variometer House to the Instrument Hut.

Instrument Hut

PVM electronics
 ARGOS electronics
 Standby batteries and ARGOS
 uninterruptible power supply (UPS)

Instrument Deployment

Absolute Hut

PVM (used for H/Z/F measurements)
 D/I Fluxgate Theodolite
 The fixed mark (azimuth $11^\circ 27' 54''$ E of N) is viewed through a window in the north wall.

Non-Magnetic Laboratory

The laboratory was built in 1972 to provide accommodation for a rubidium-vapour magnetometer digital recording system. It comprises an instrument room and a sensor room with five instrument piers where the backup system and sensors are located. This is connected to a data collection platform transmitting to the METEOSAT satellite. A second fluxgate system transmits data to the GOES satellite

Variometer House

ARGOS fluxgate sensors (X,Y,Z)

Test Hut 1

The hut contains an orthogonal coil system and its power supplied. The inner coil, a vertical-axis square coil, was previously used for BMZ calibration. Two additional 2 metre square coils, for creating horizontal fields parallel and normal to the meridian, were added in 1983 to create a near zero field facility for investigating the magnetic signature of the AMPTE satellite.

Test Hut 2

Auxiliary measurement position. The fixed mark (azimuth $12^\circ 52' 08''$ E of N) is viewed through a window in the north wall from the northeast theodolite position.

Previous descriptions

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Figure 3. Hartland observatory site diagram

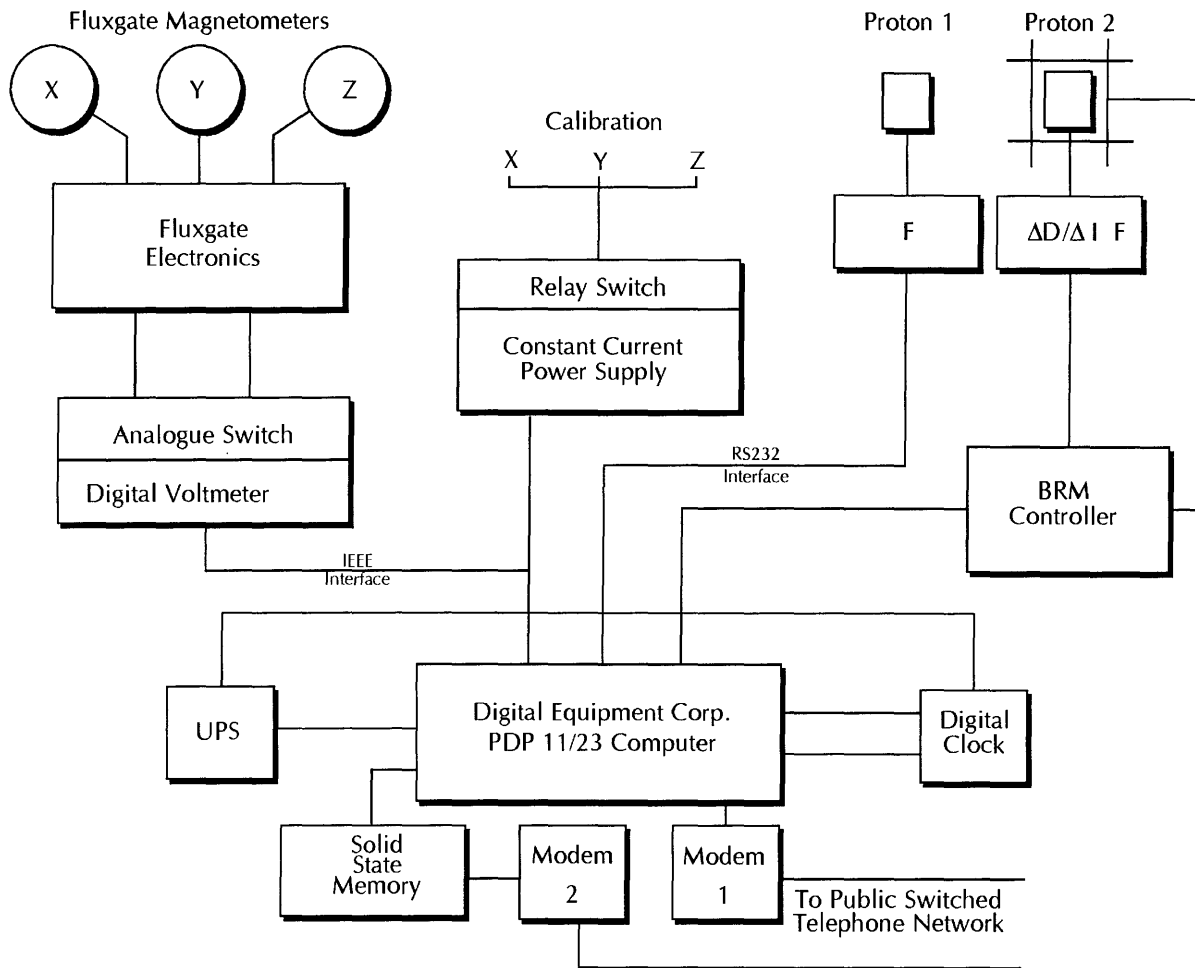


Figure 4a. Block diagram of ARGOS

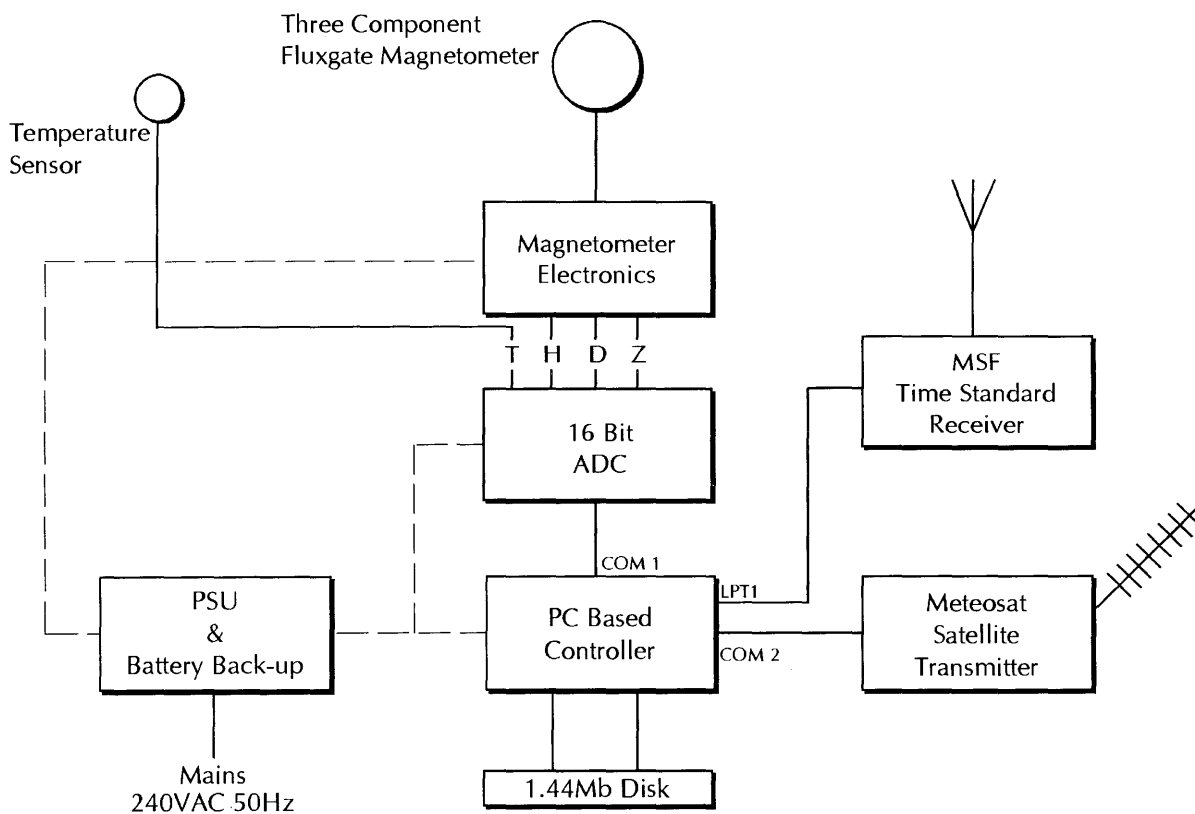


Figure 4b. Block diagram of back-up system

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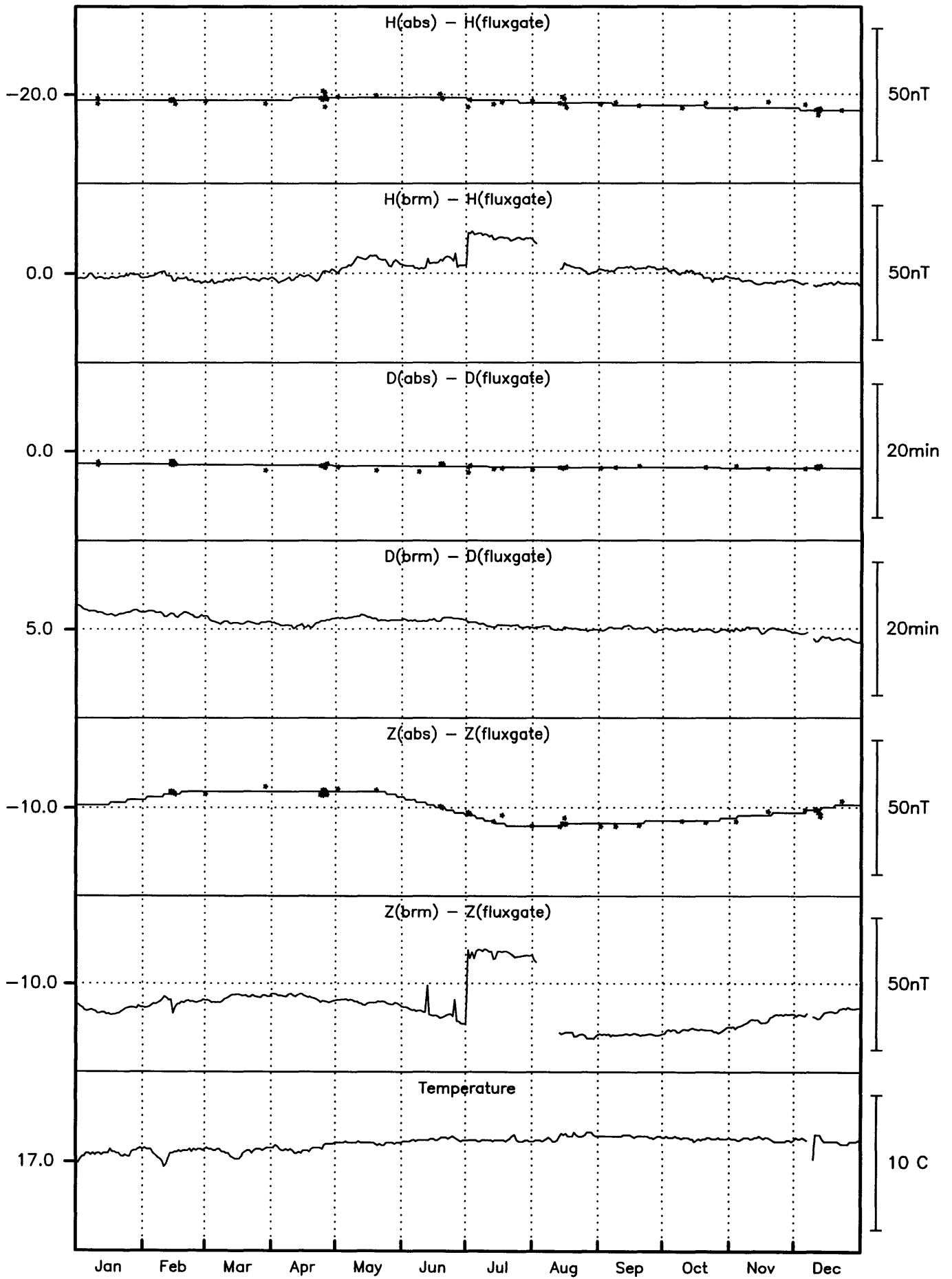


Figure 5. Zero-field corrections and BRMs, Lerwick 1996

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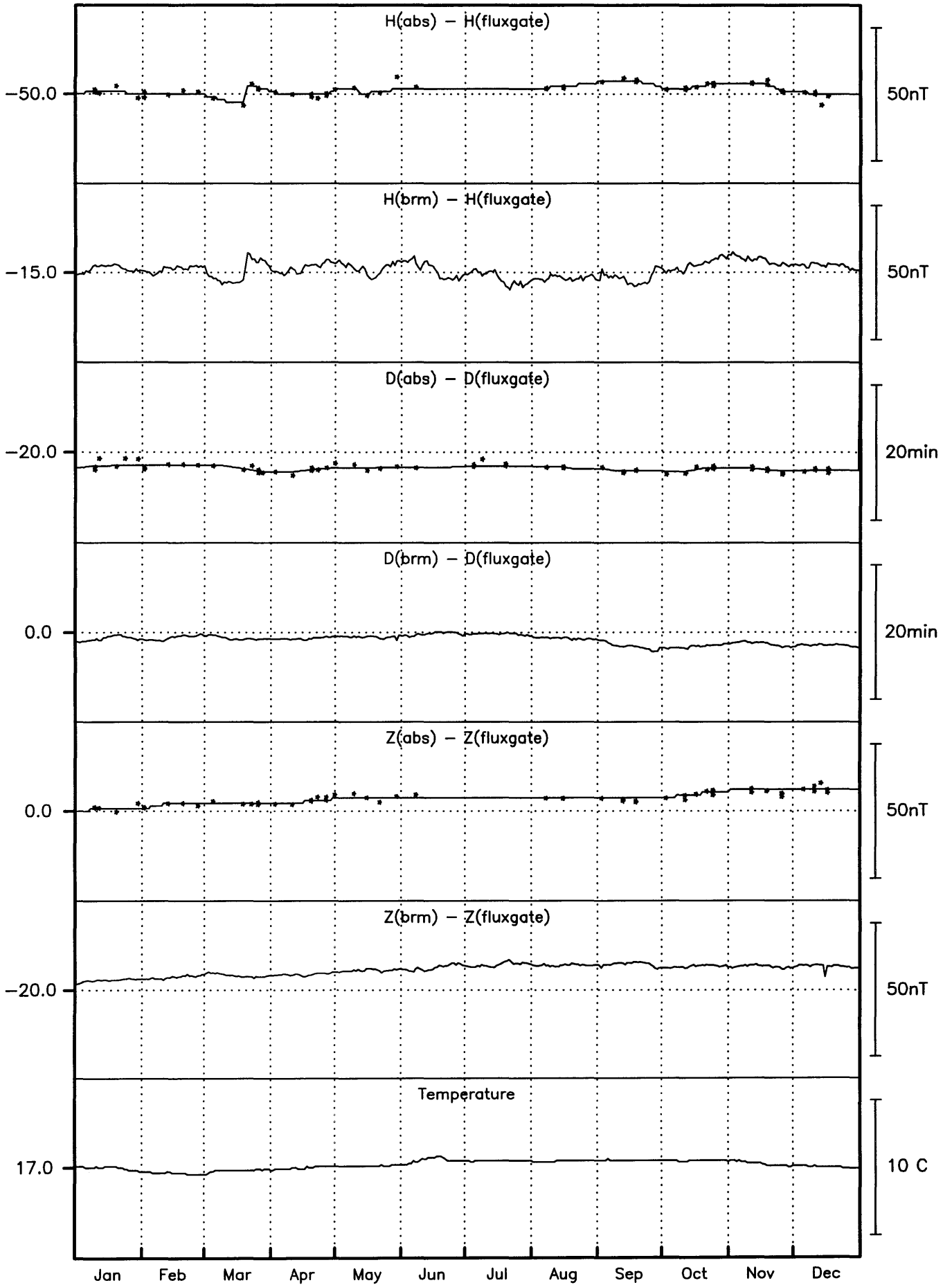


Figure 6. Zero-field corrections and BRMs, Eskdalemuir 1996

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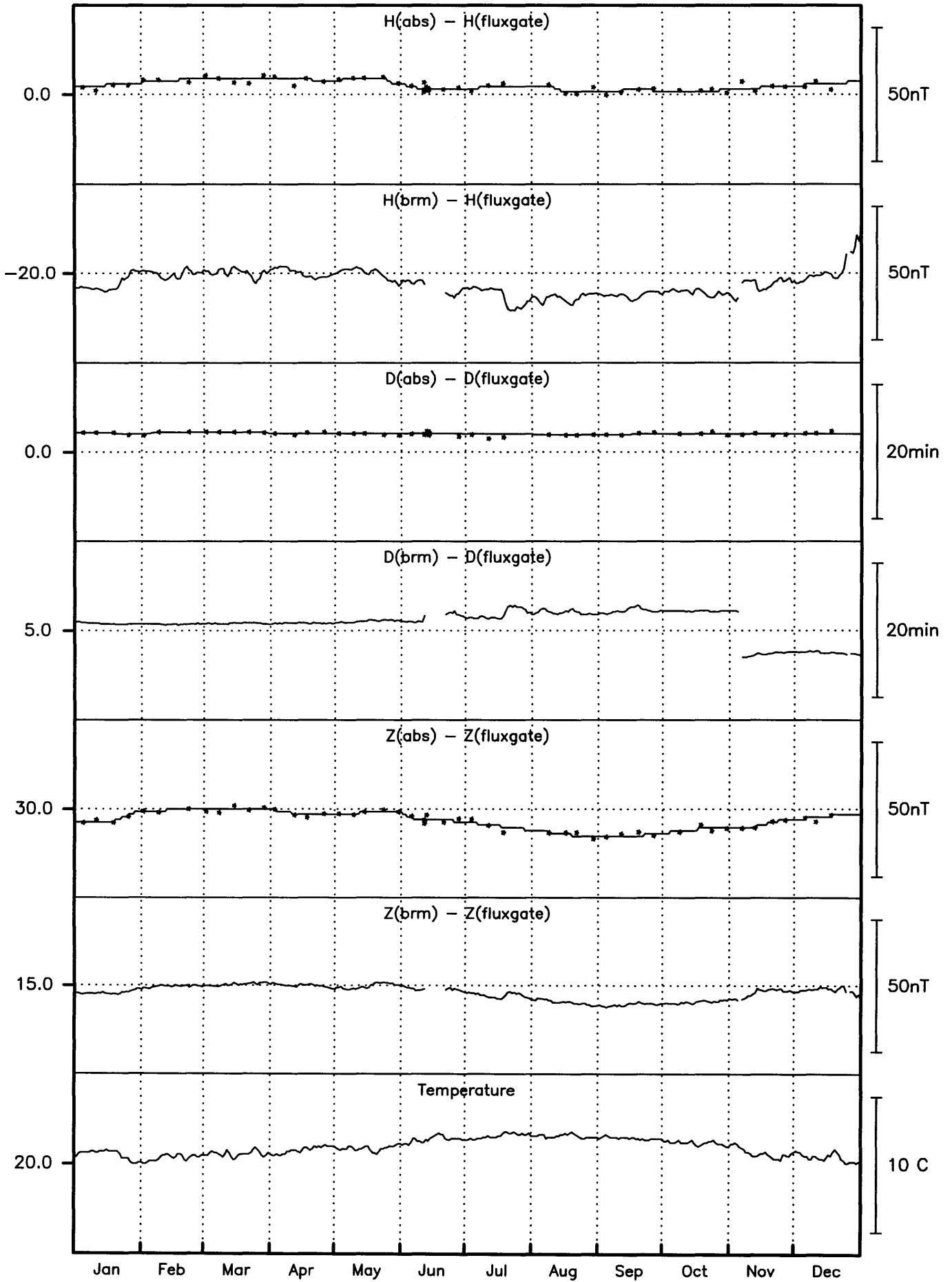
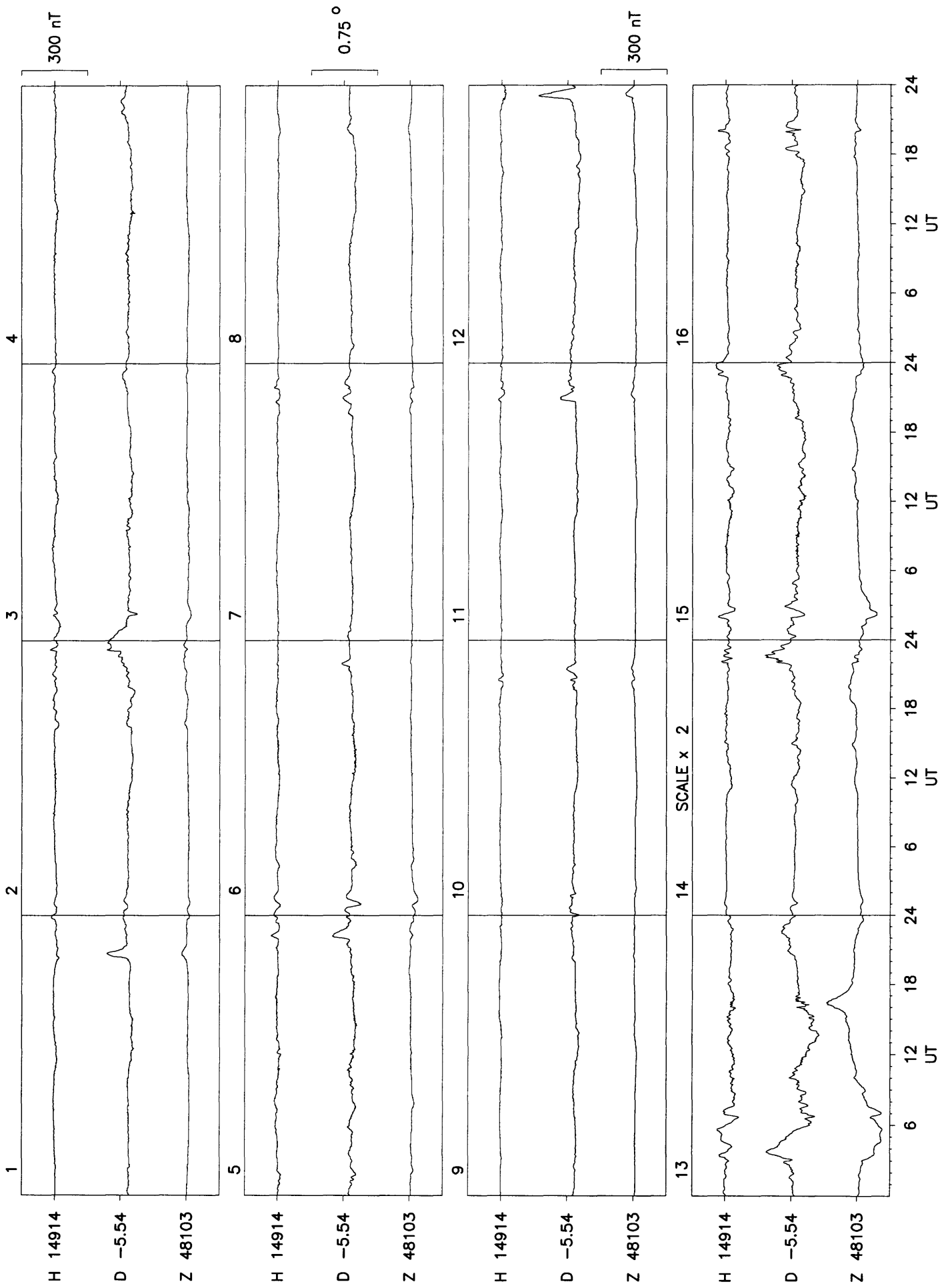
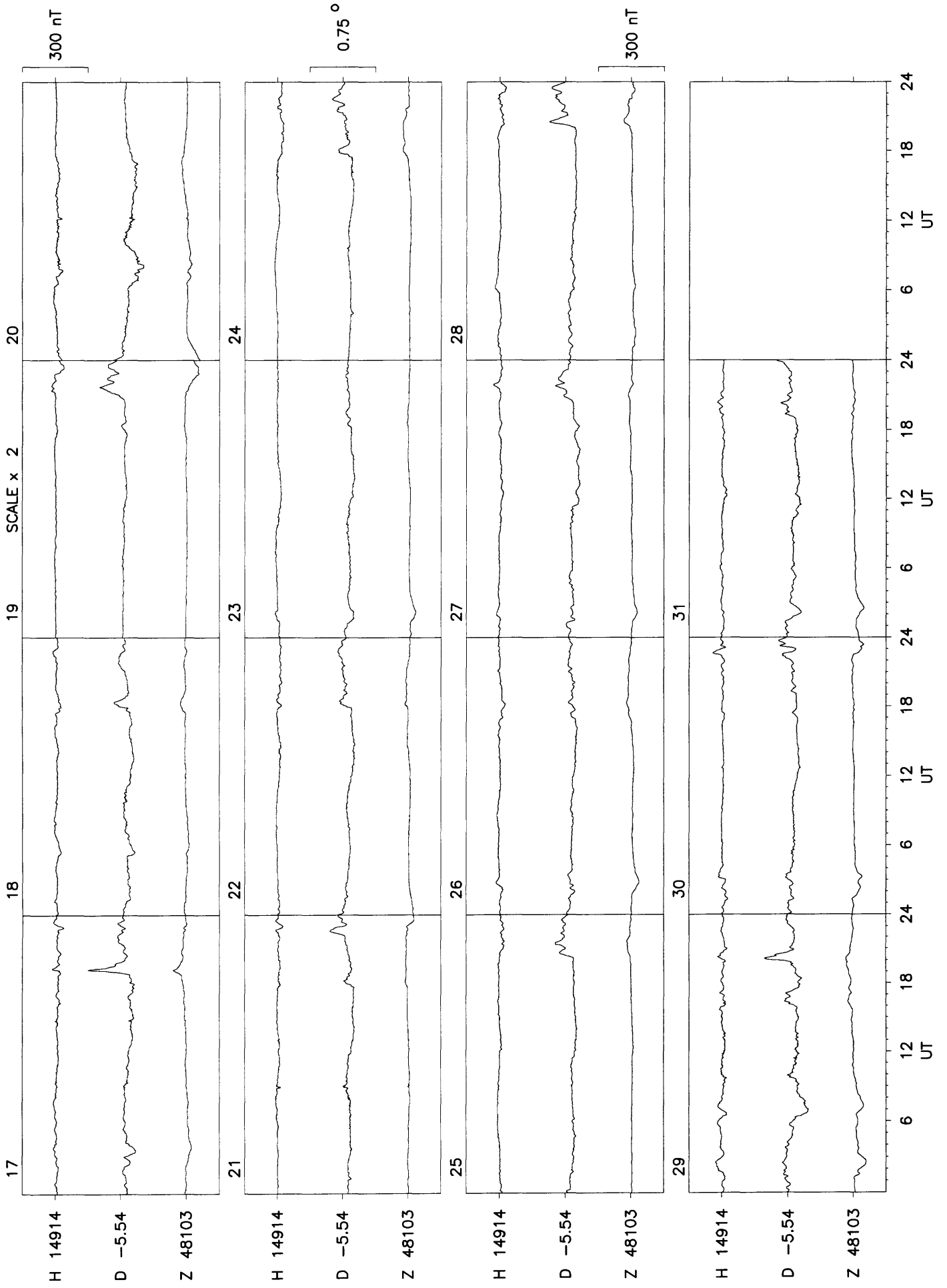
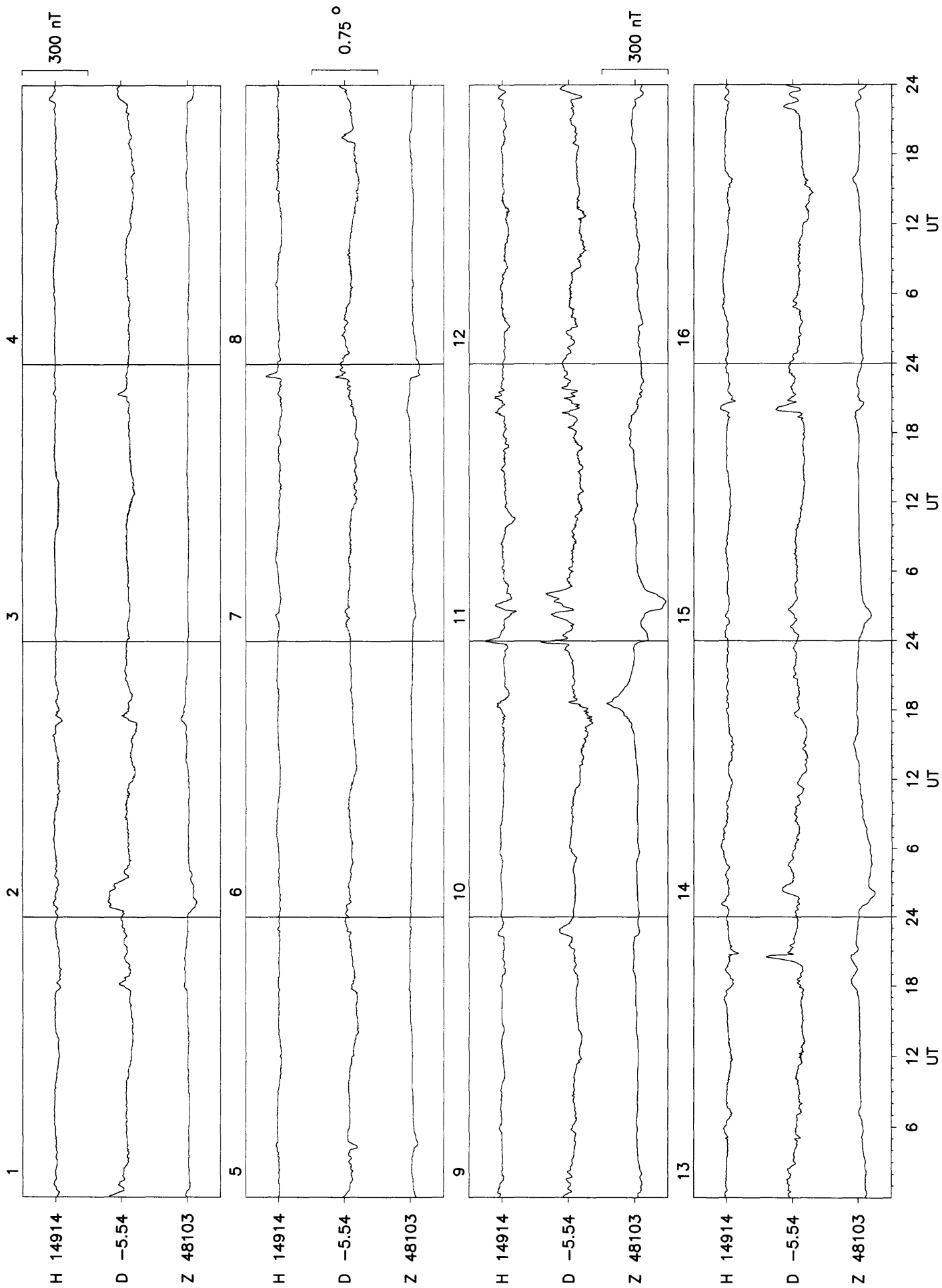


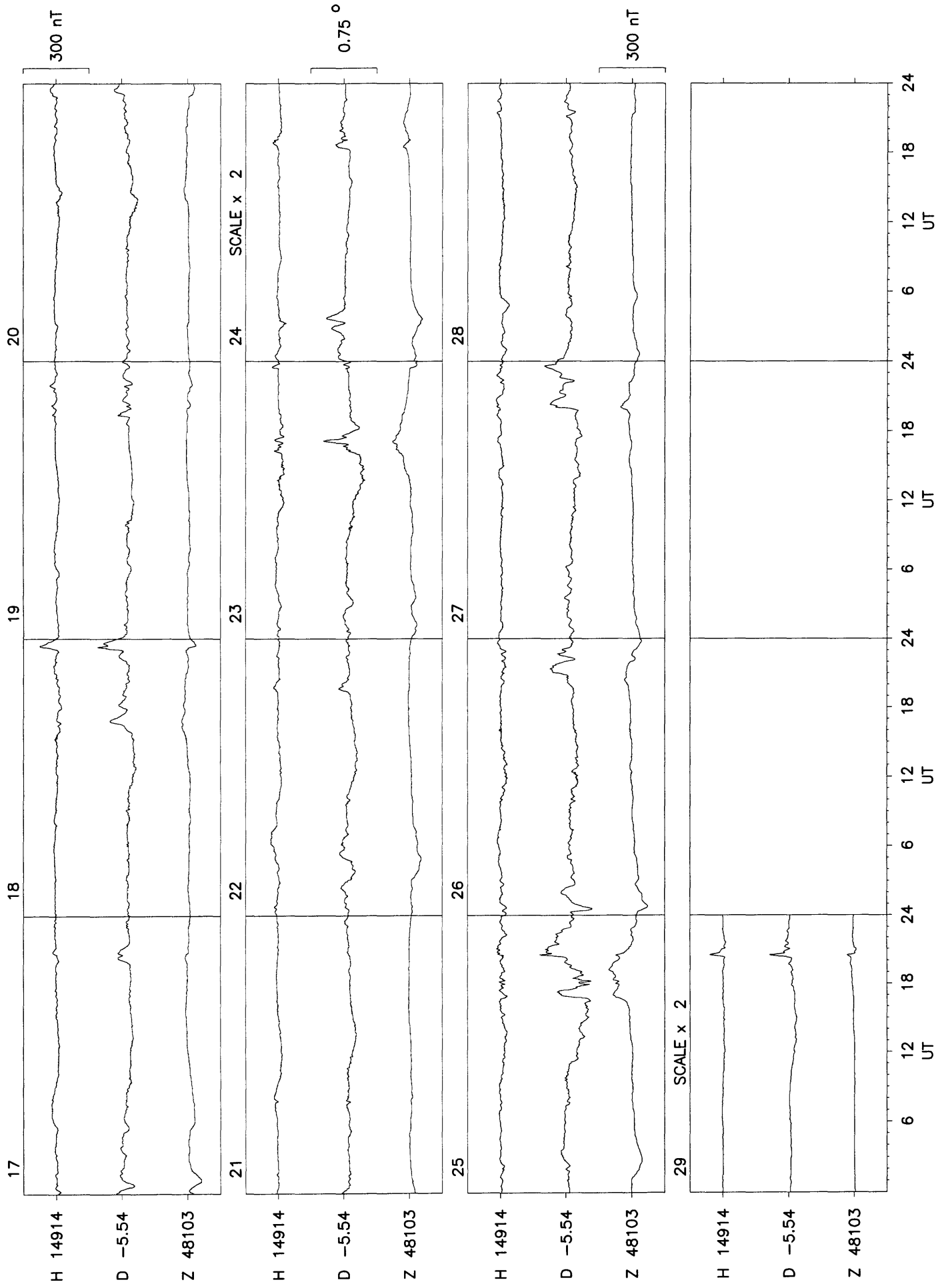
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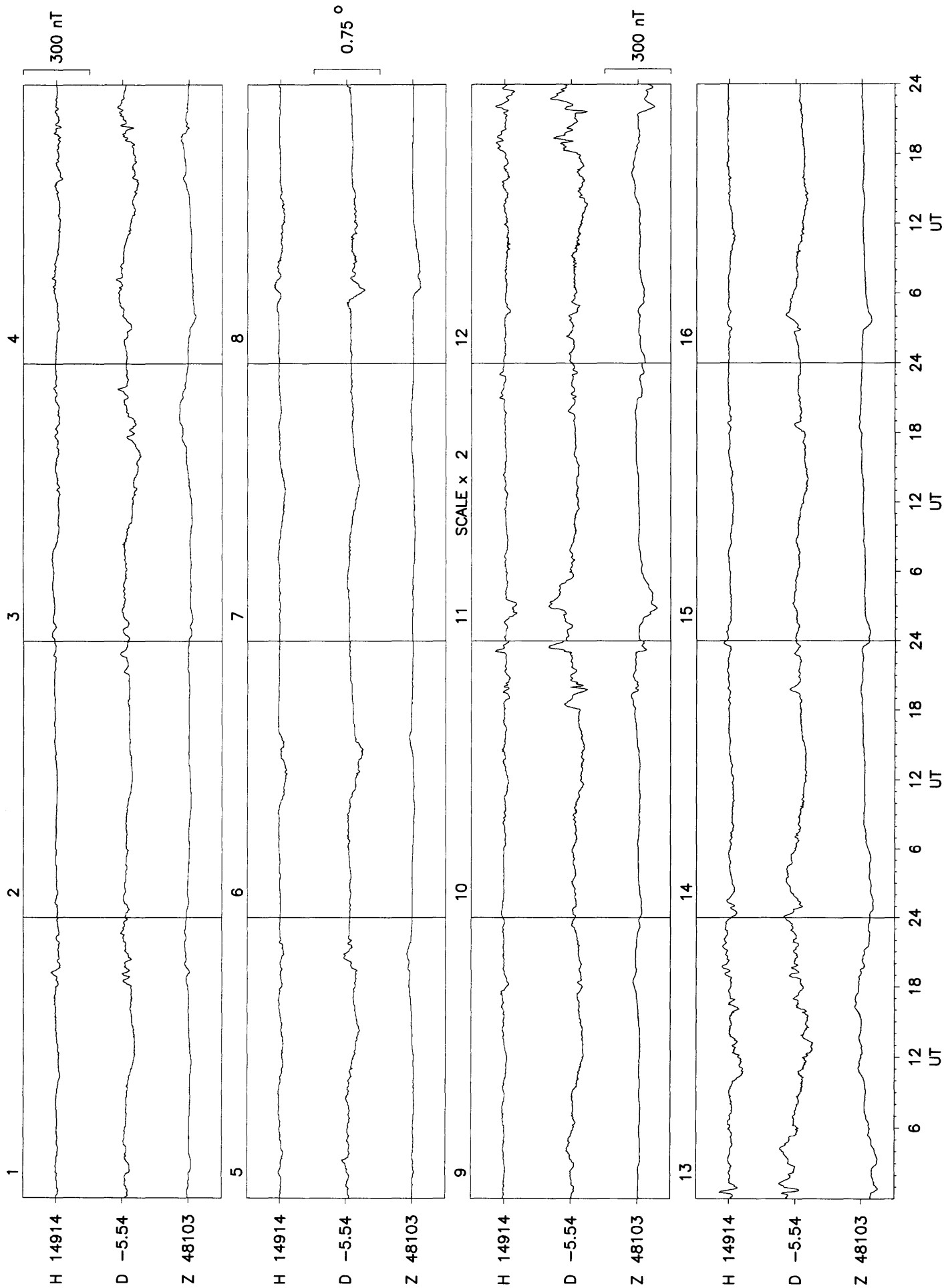
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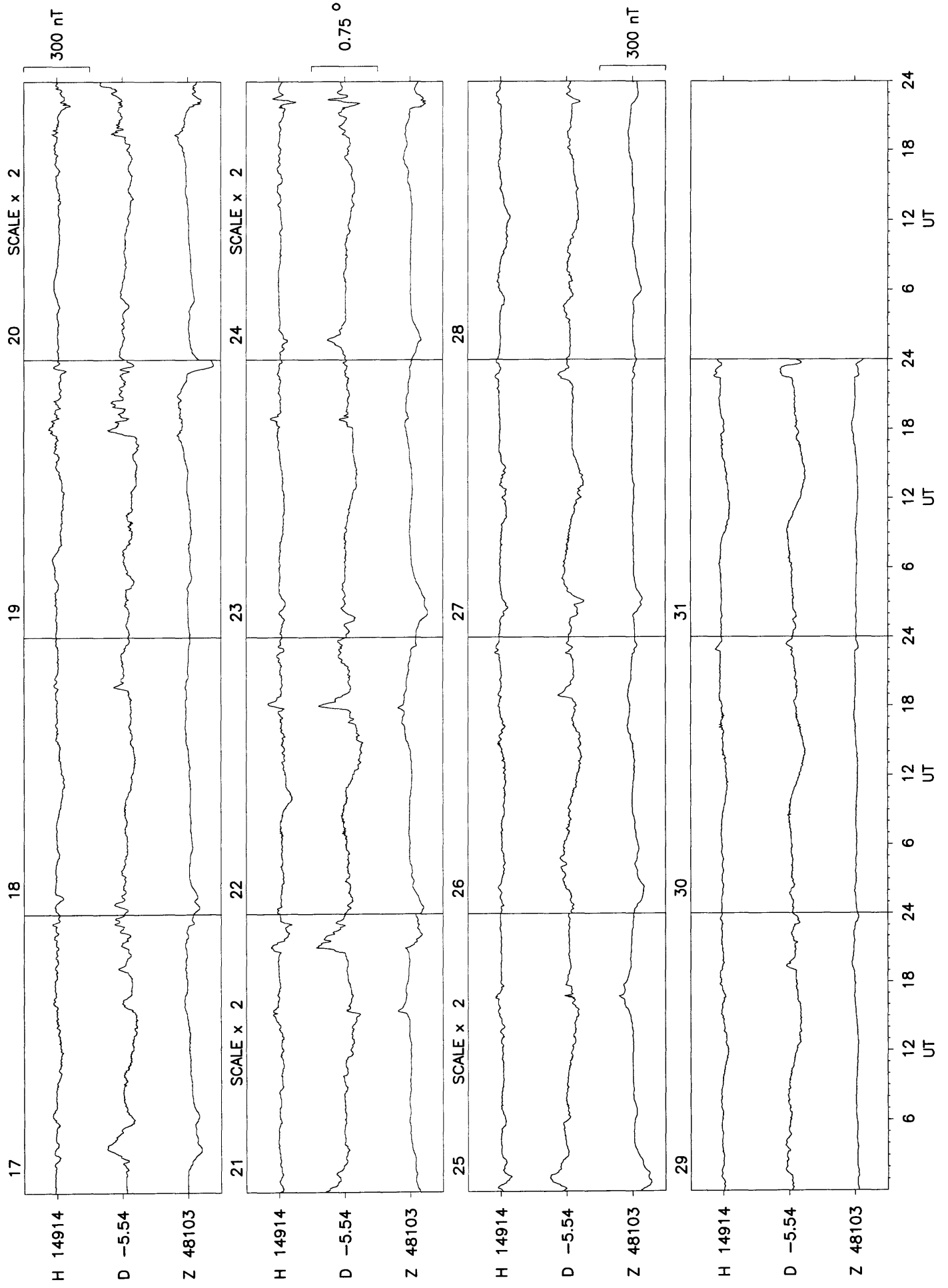


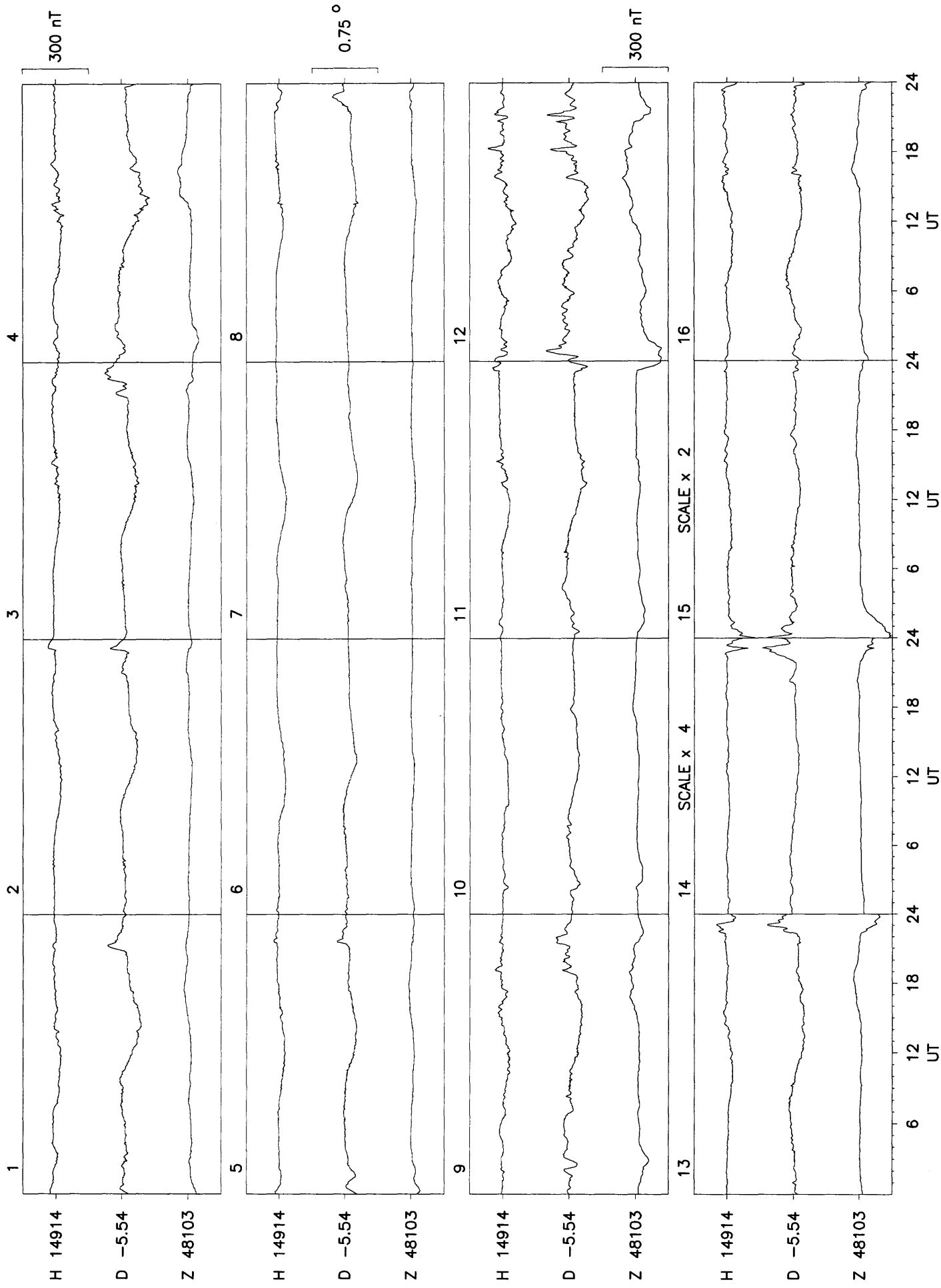


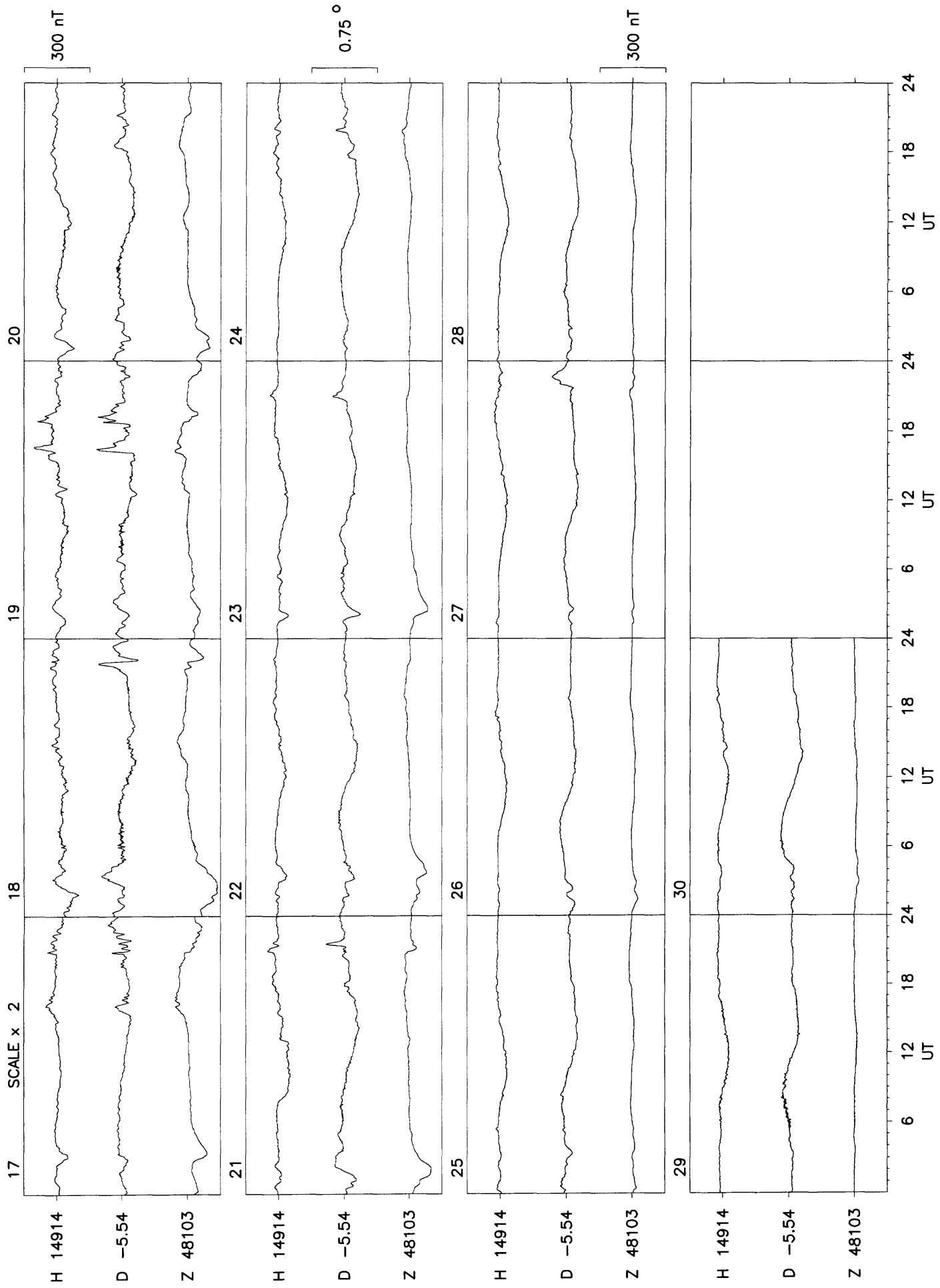


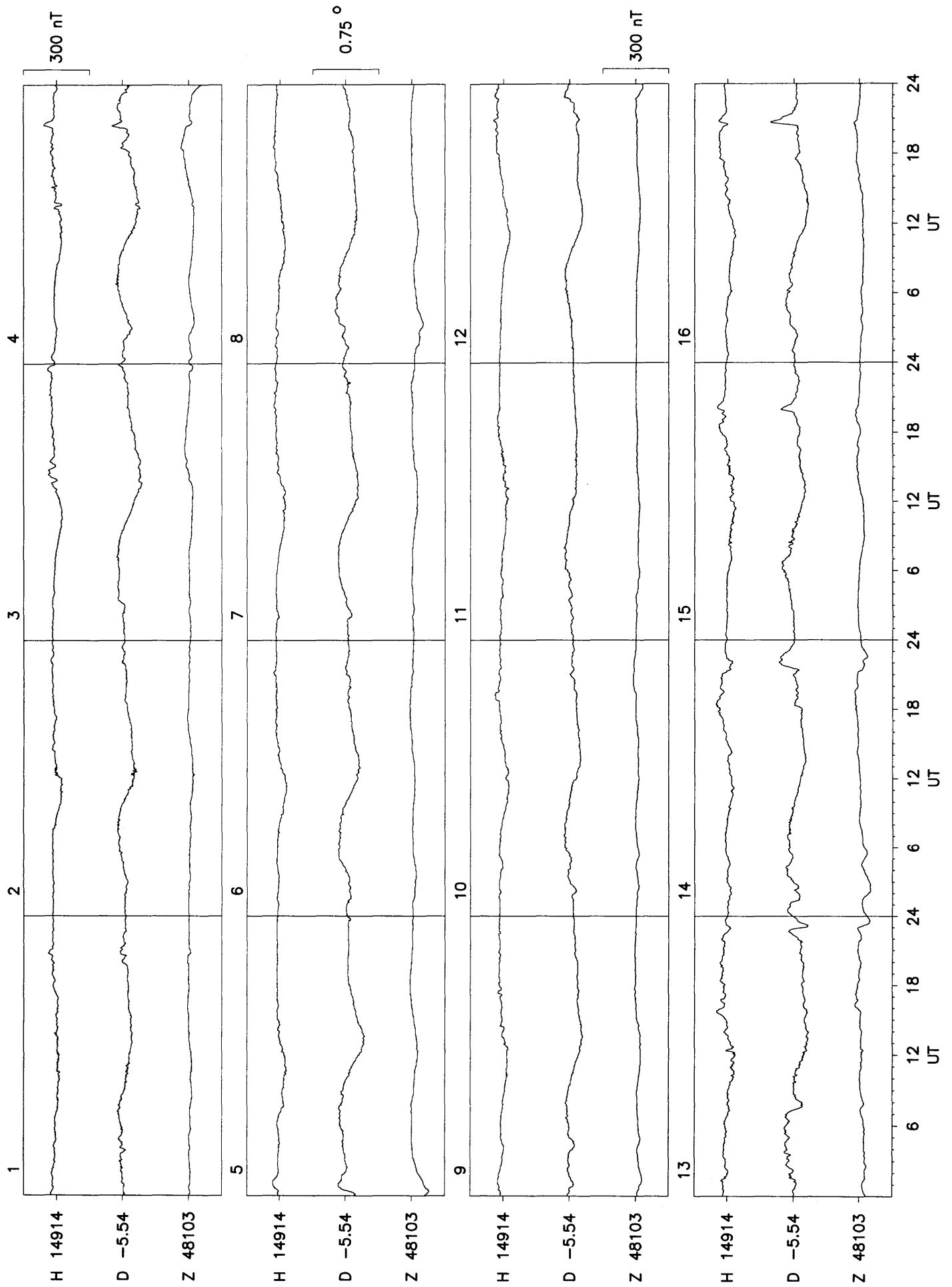


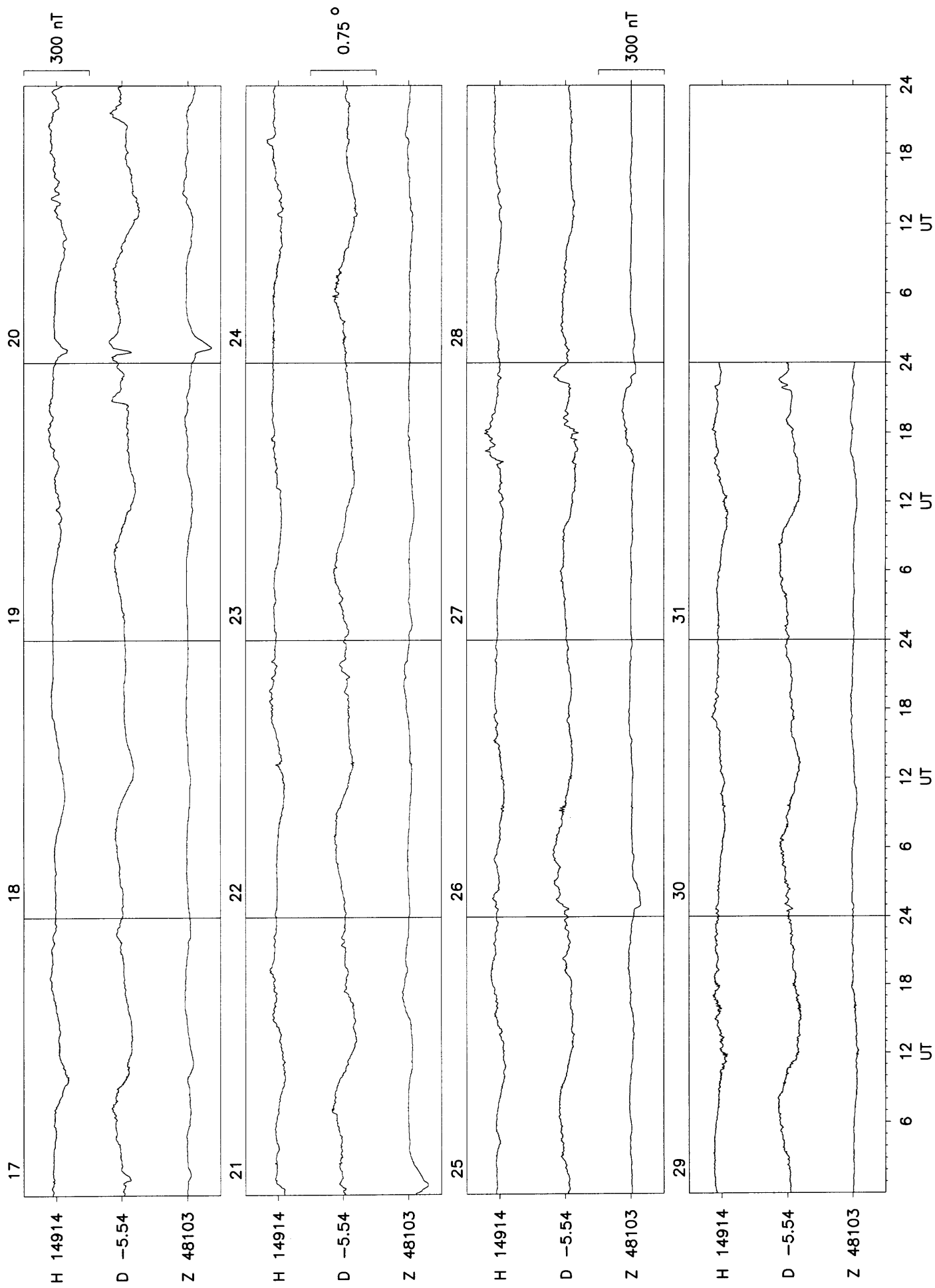


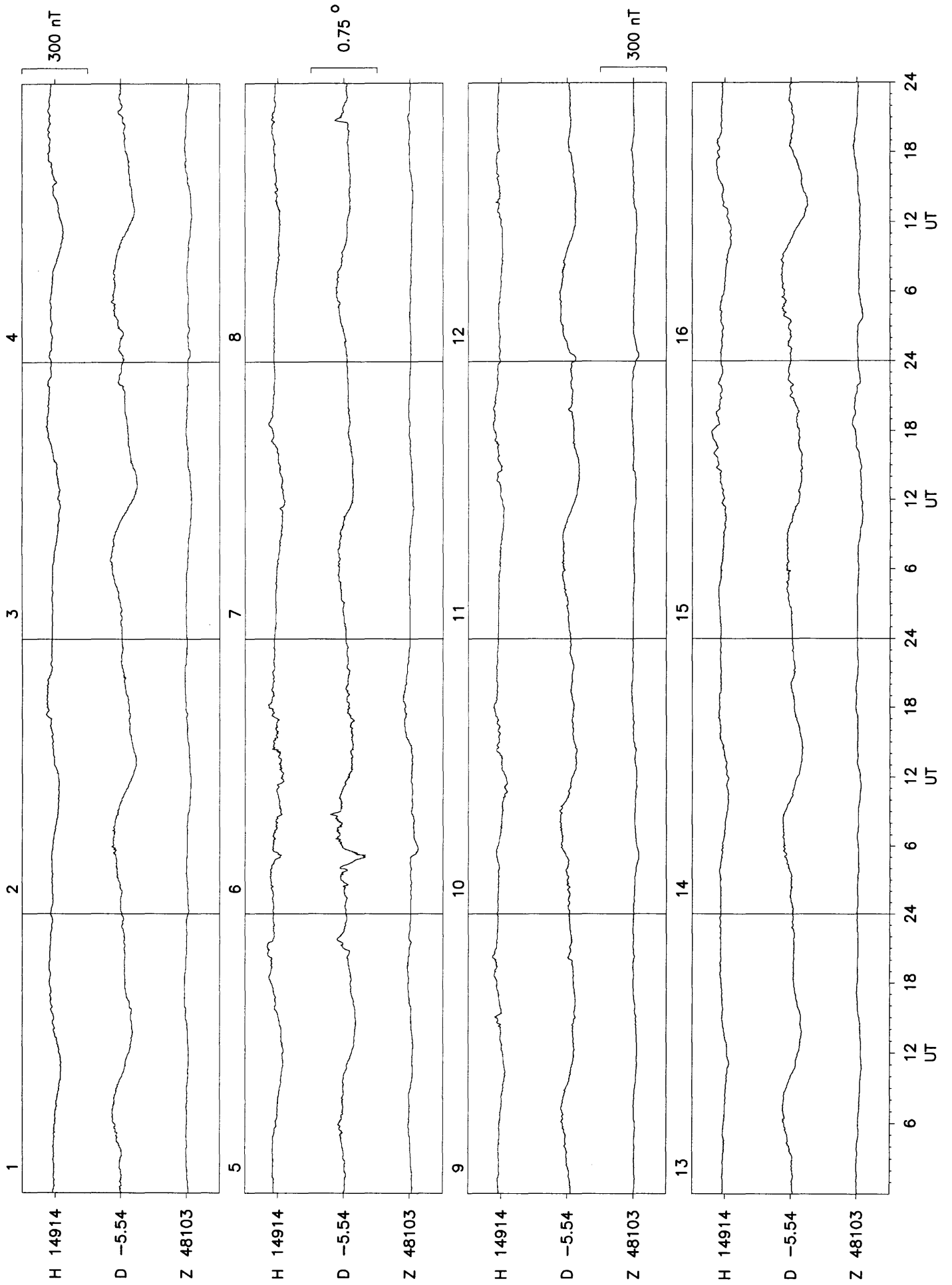


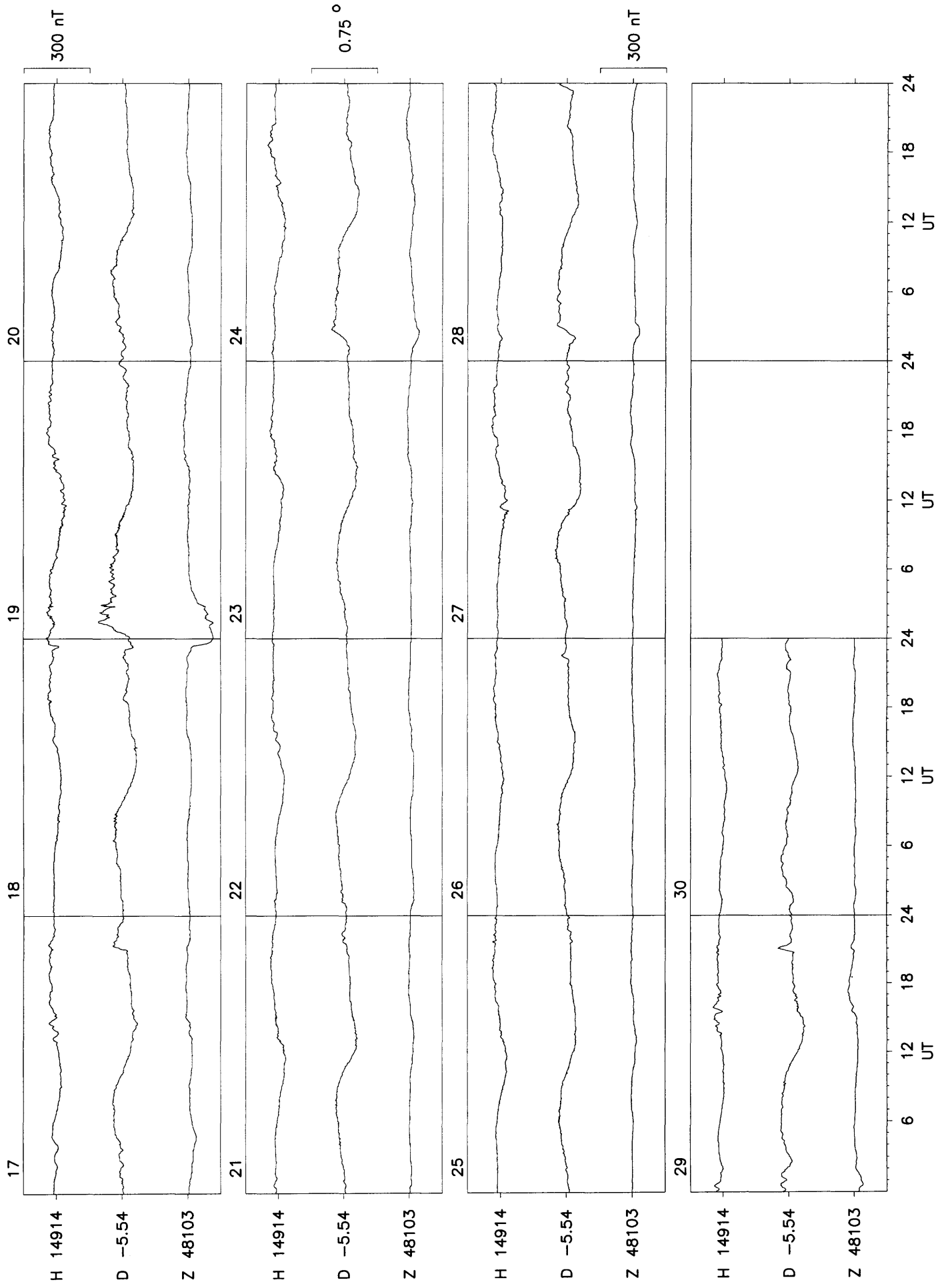


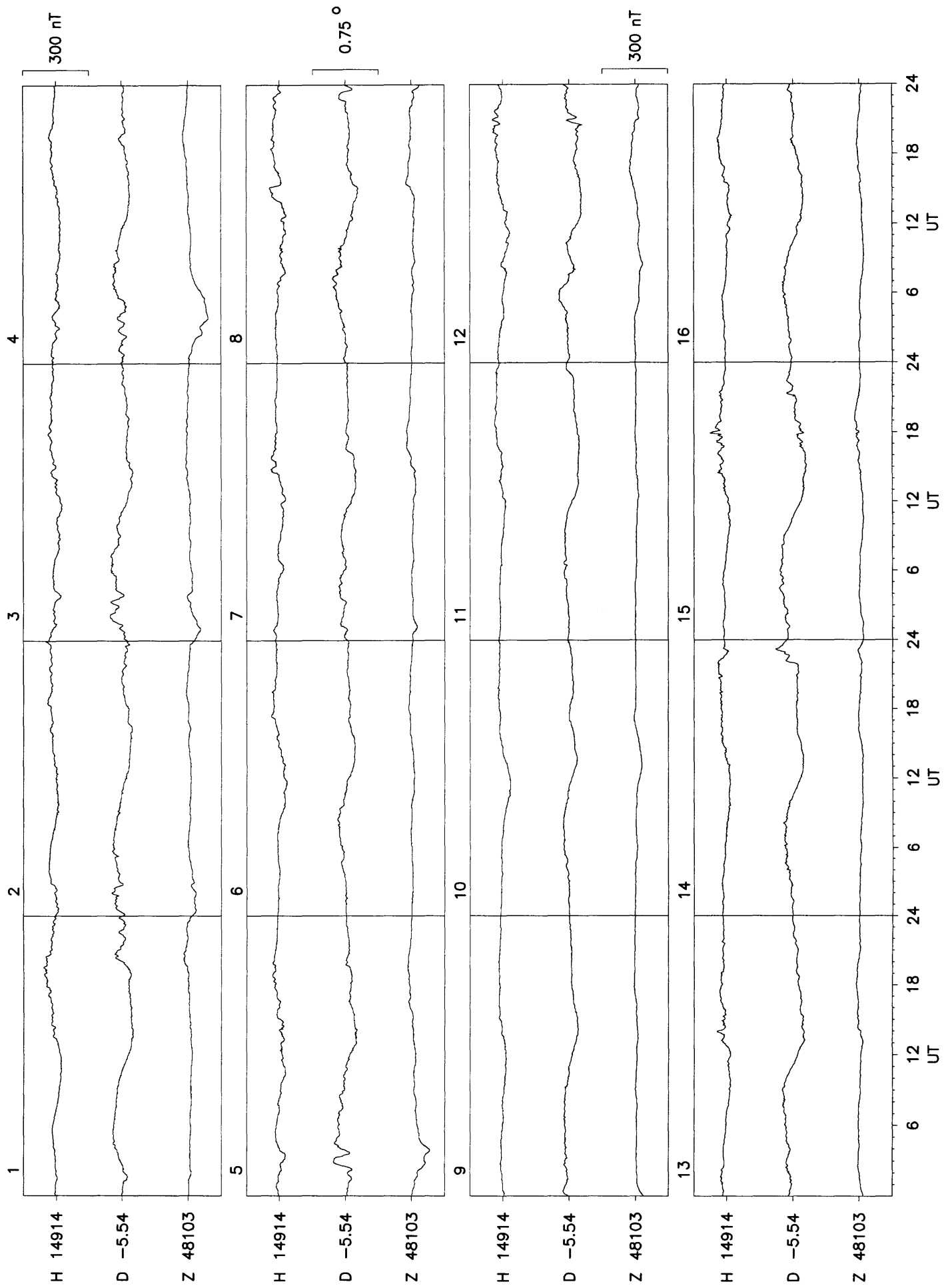


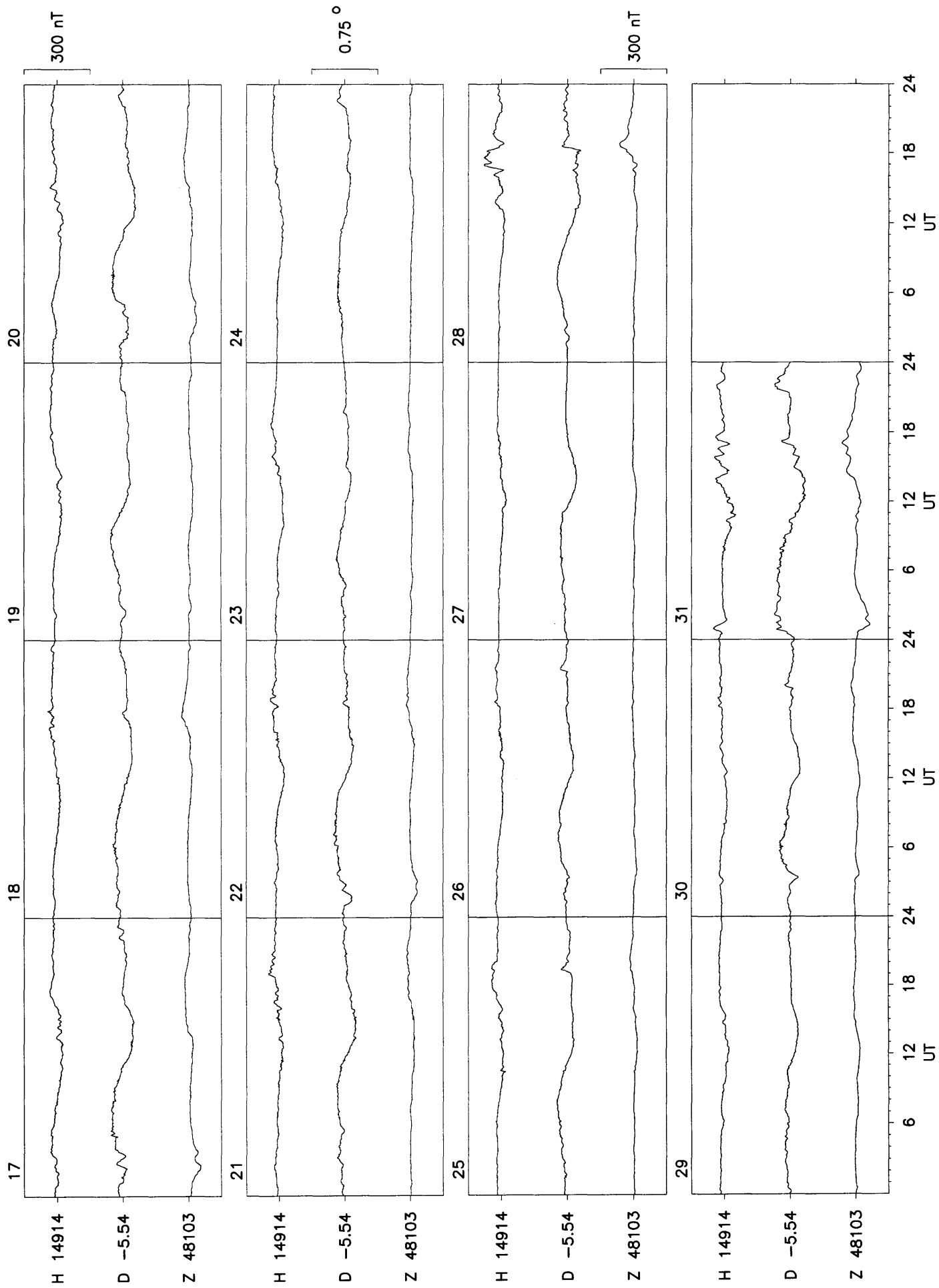


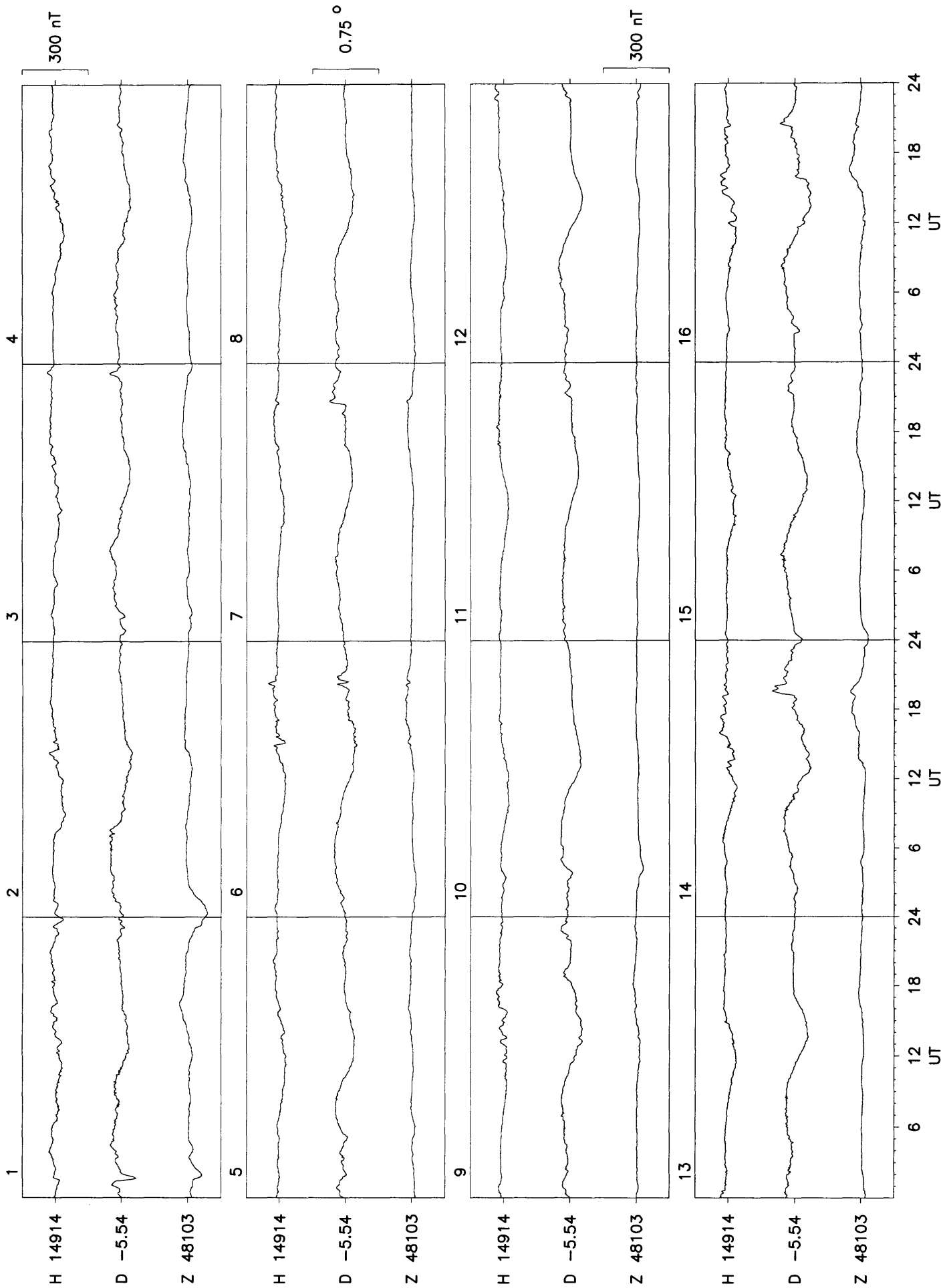


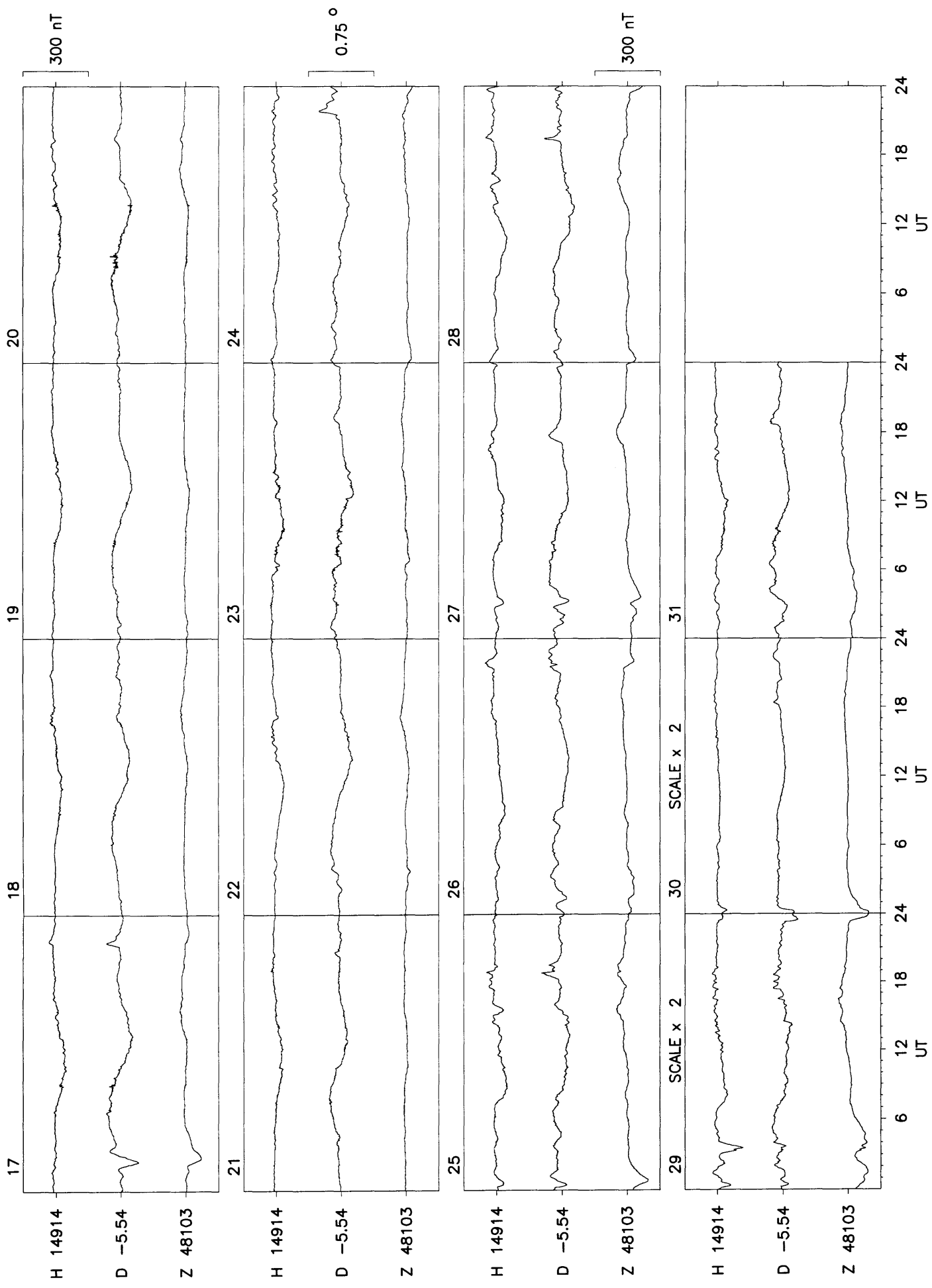


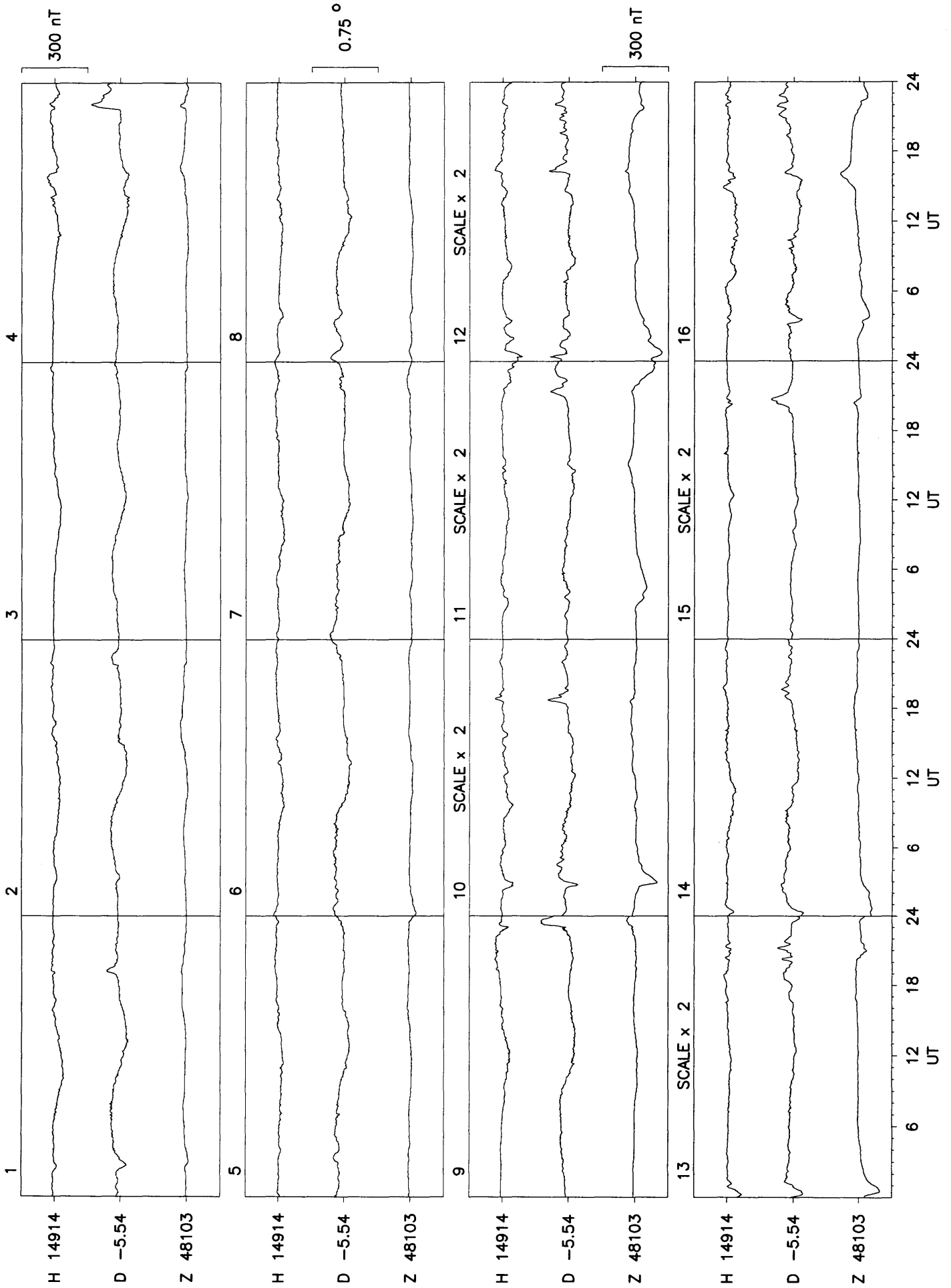


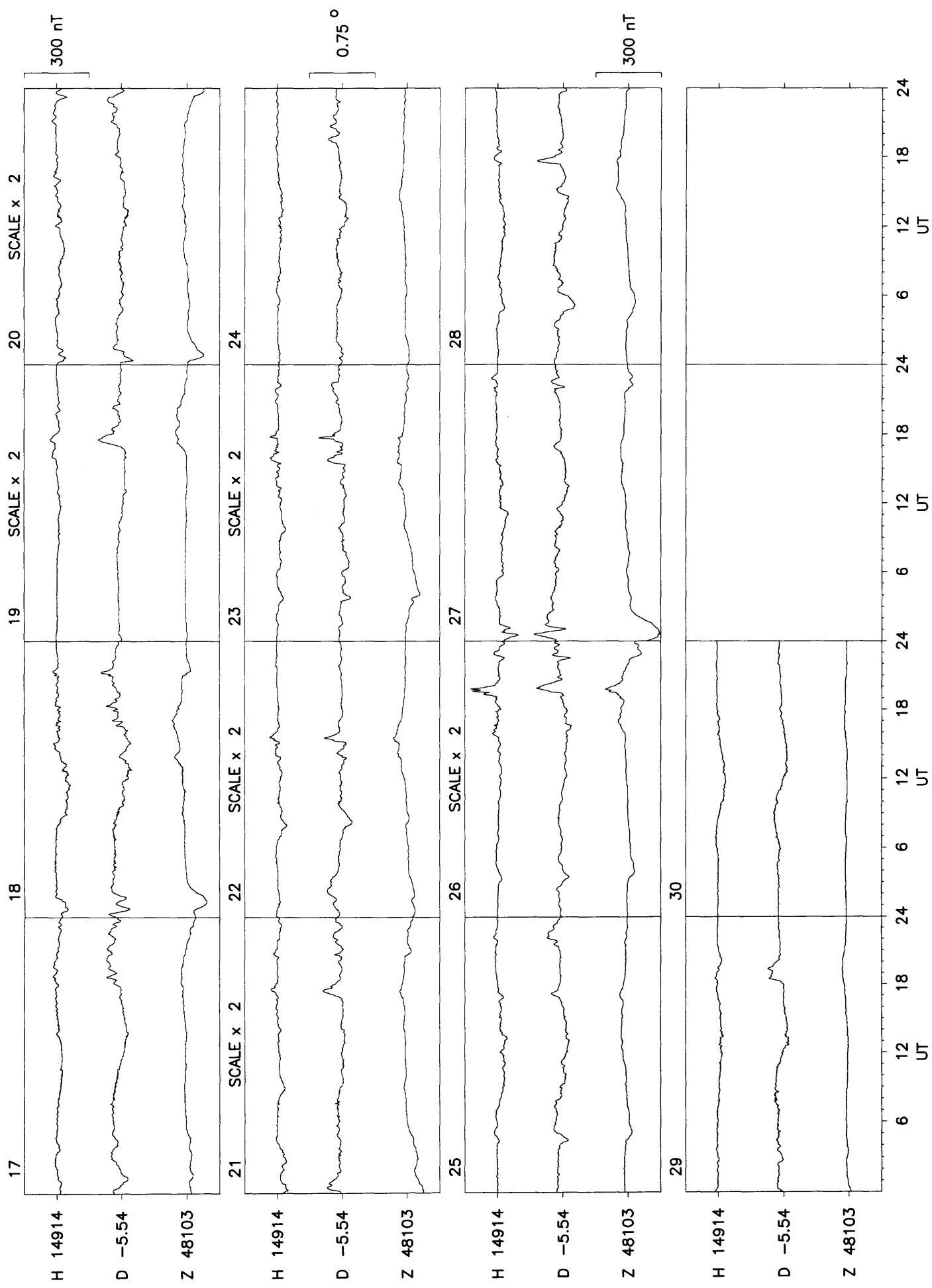


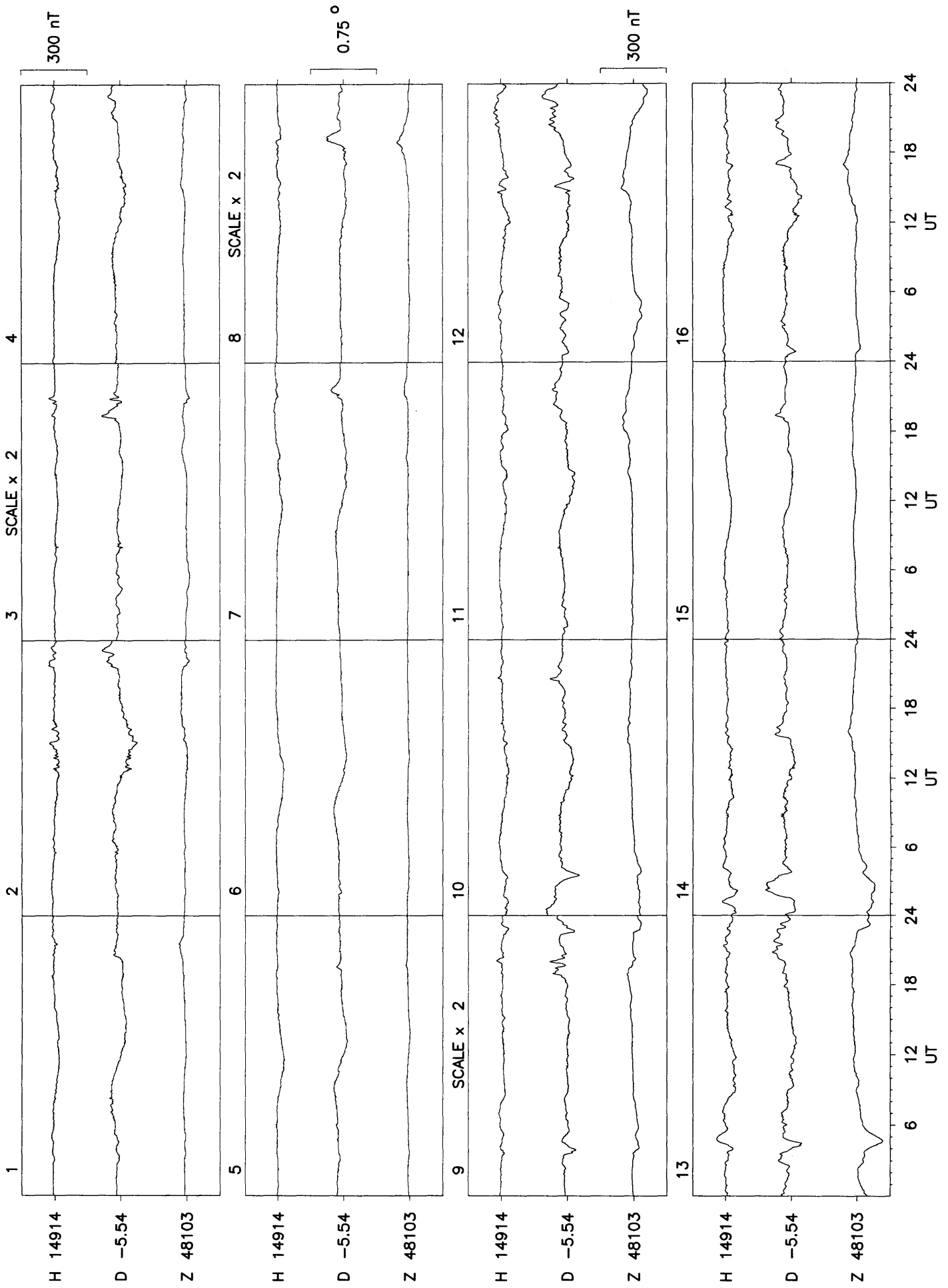


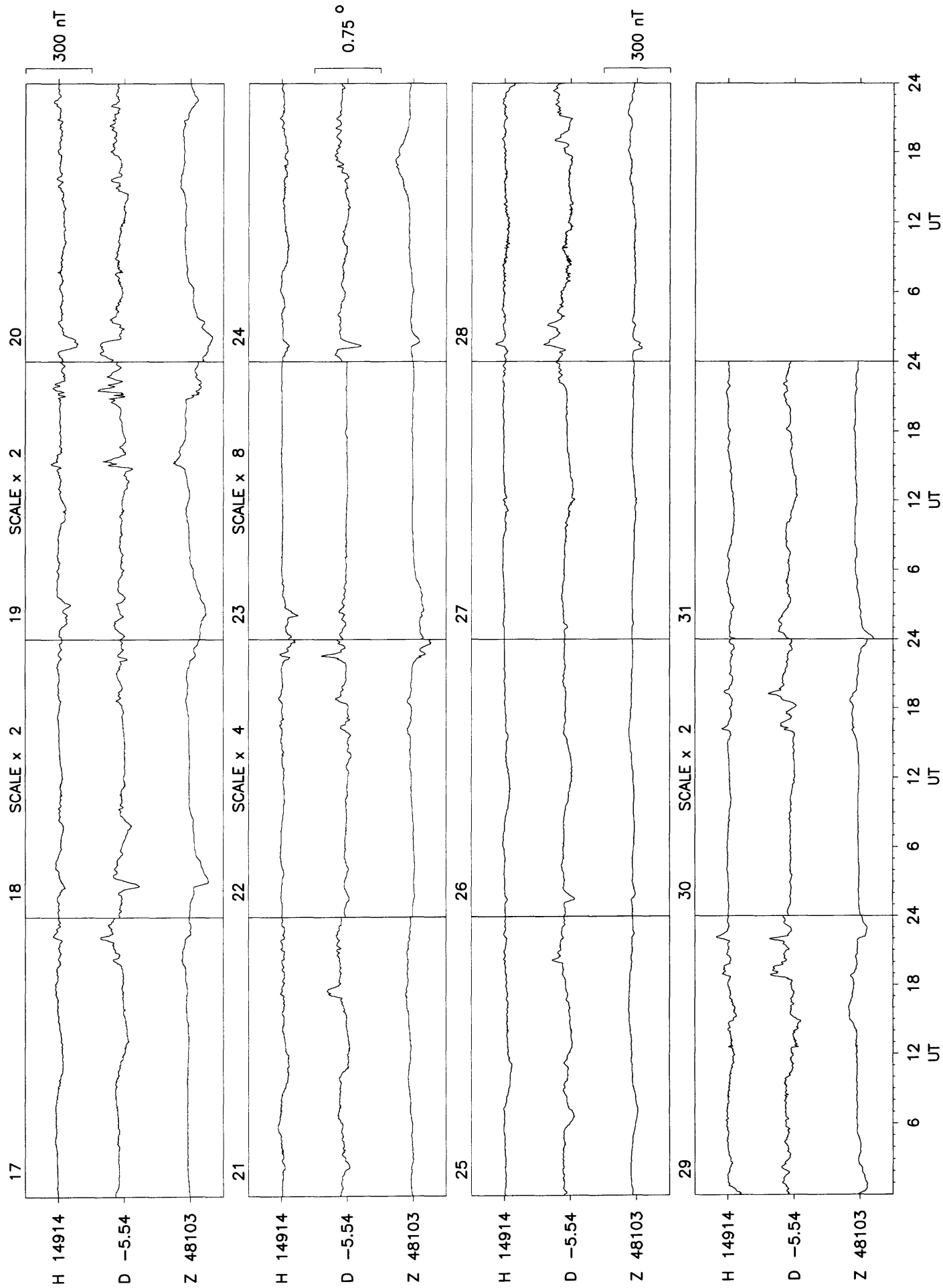


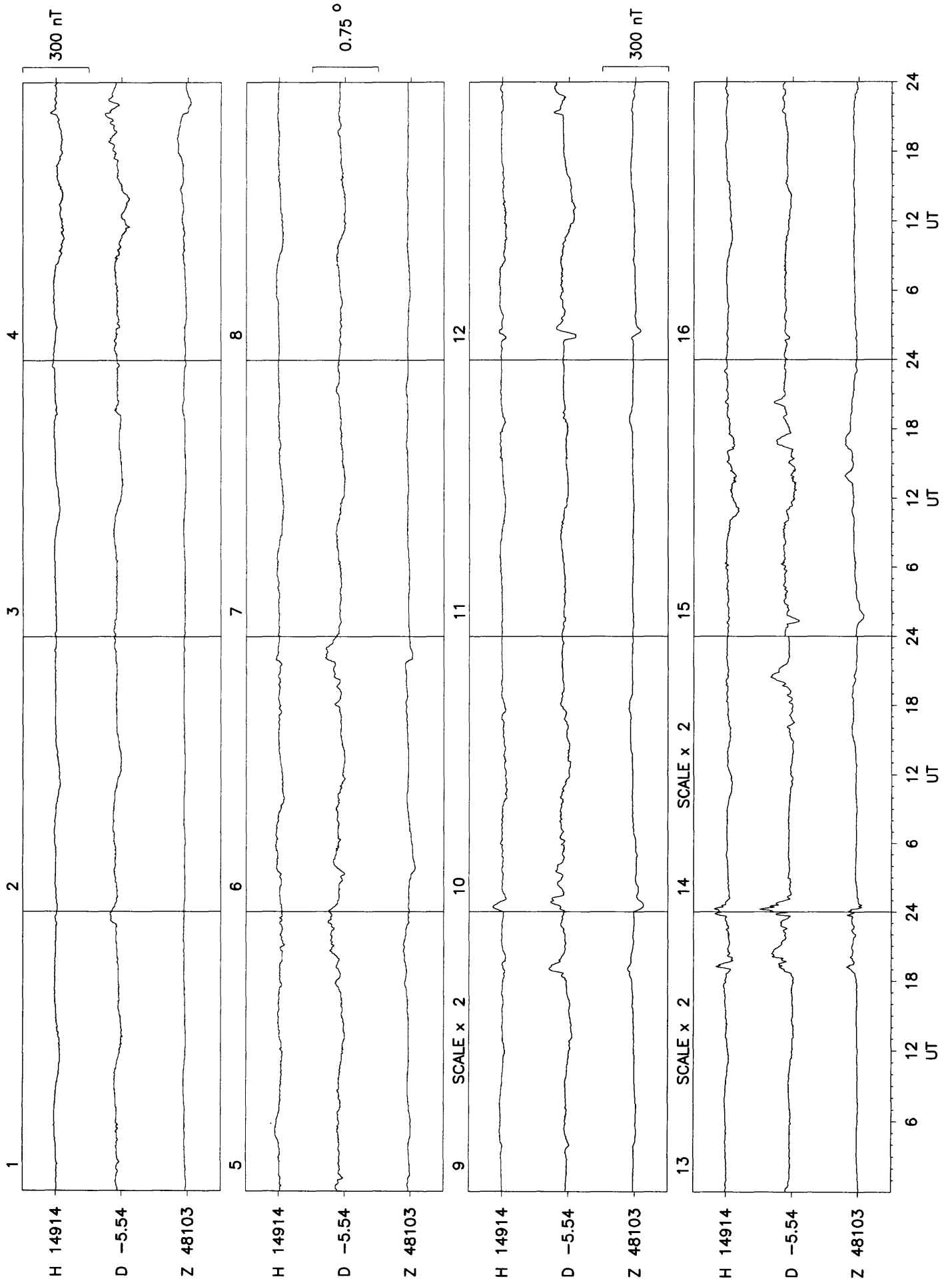


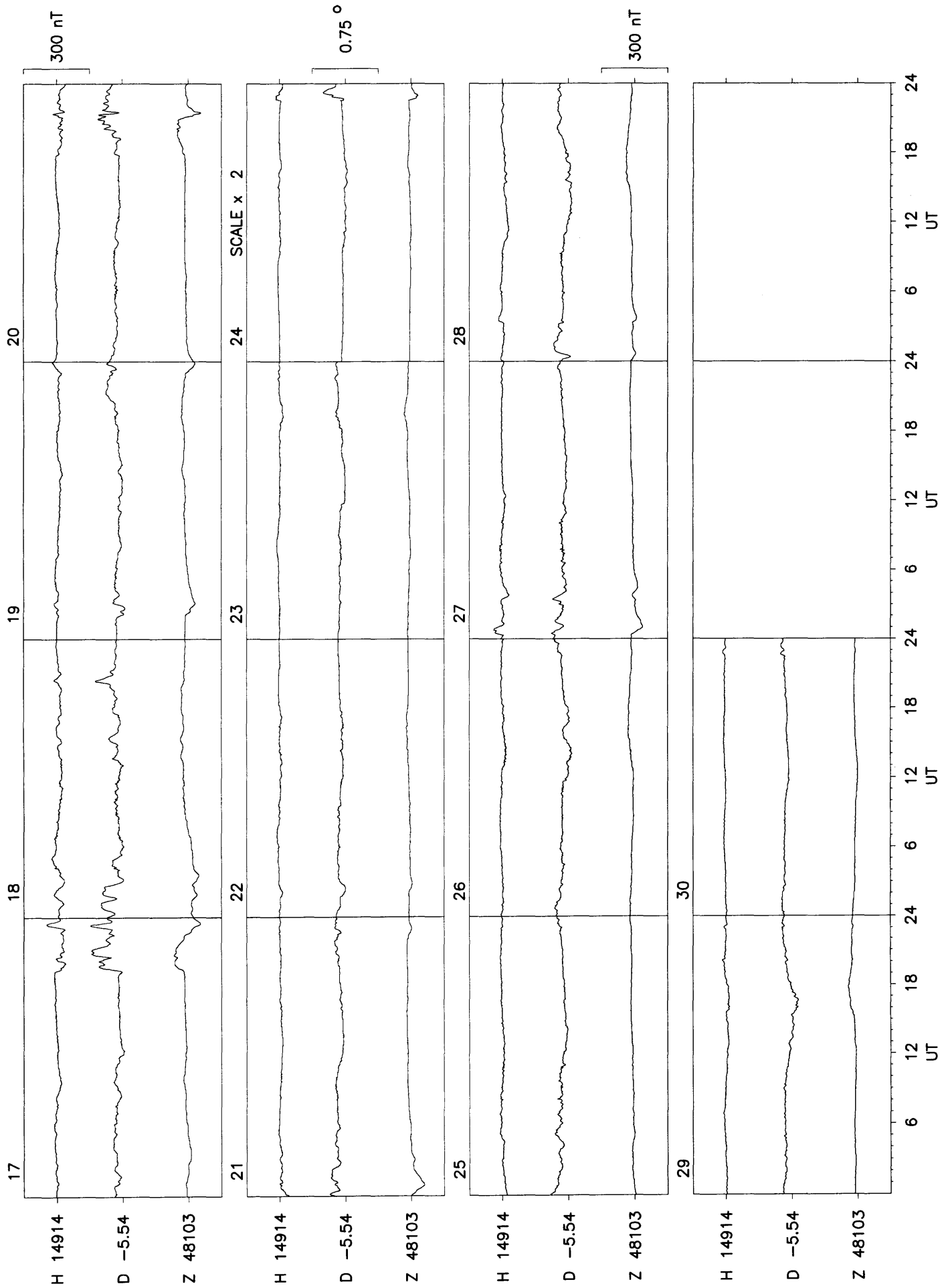


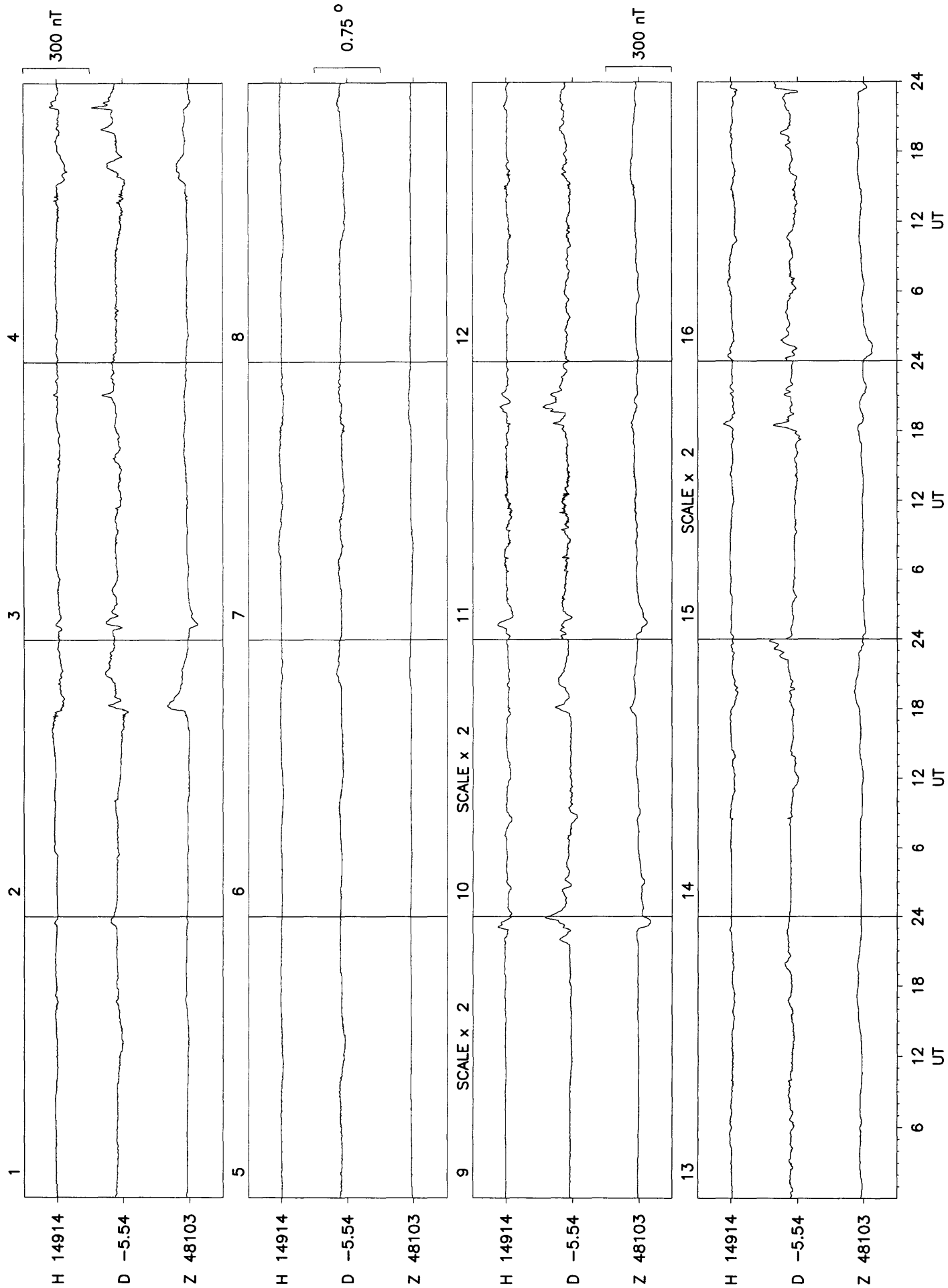


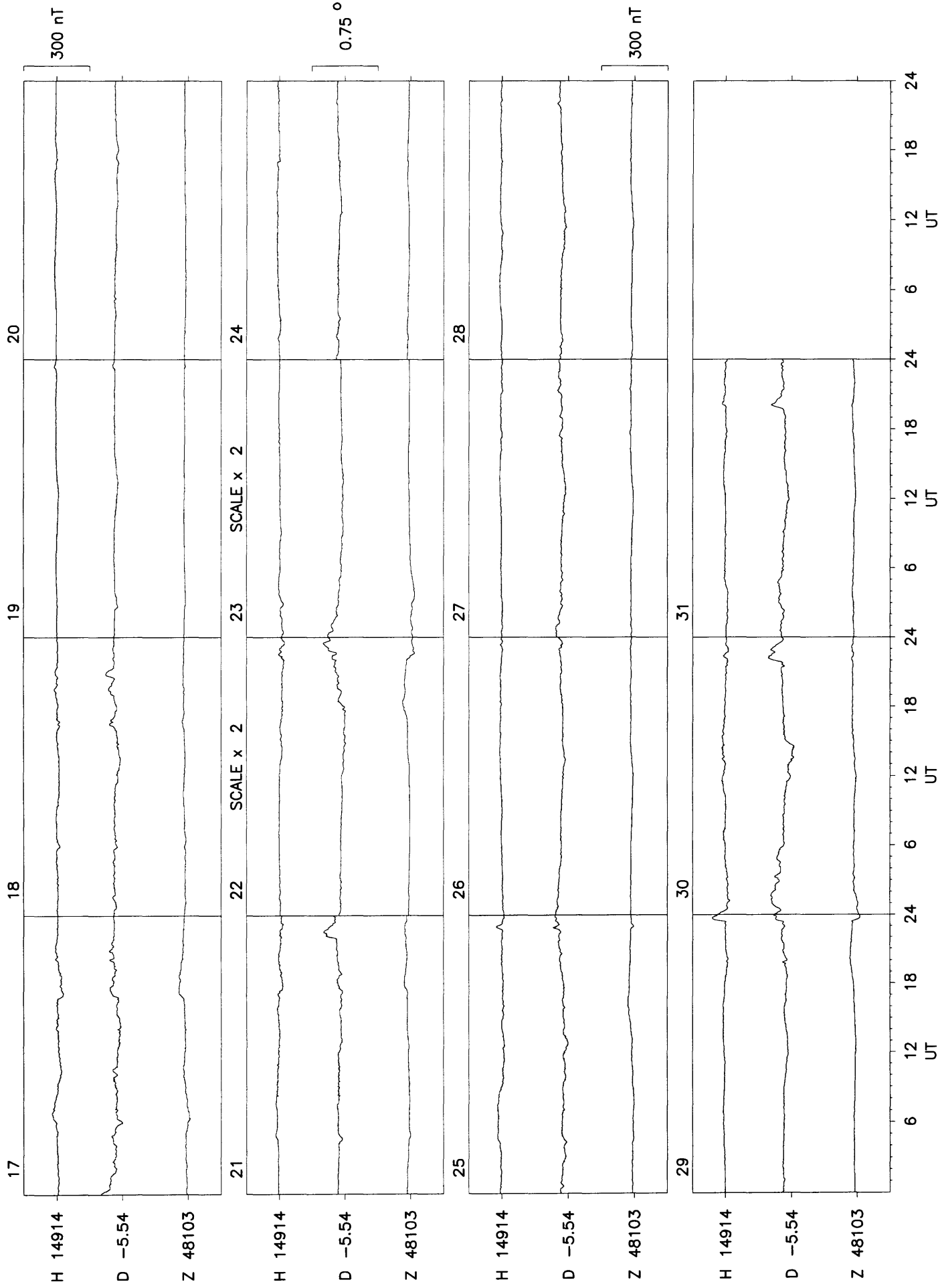




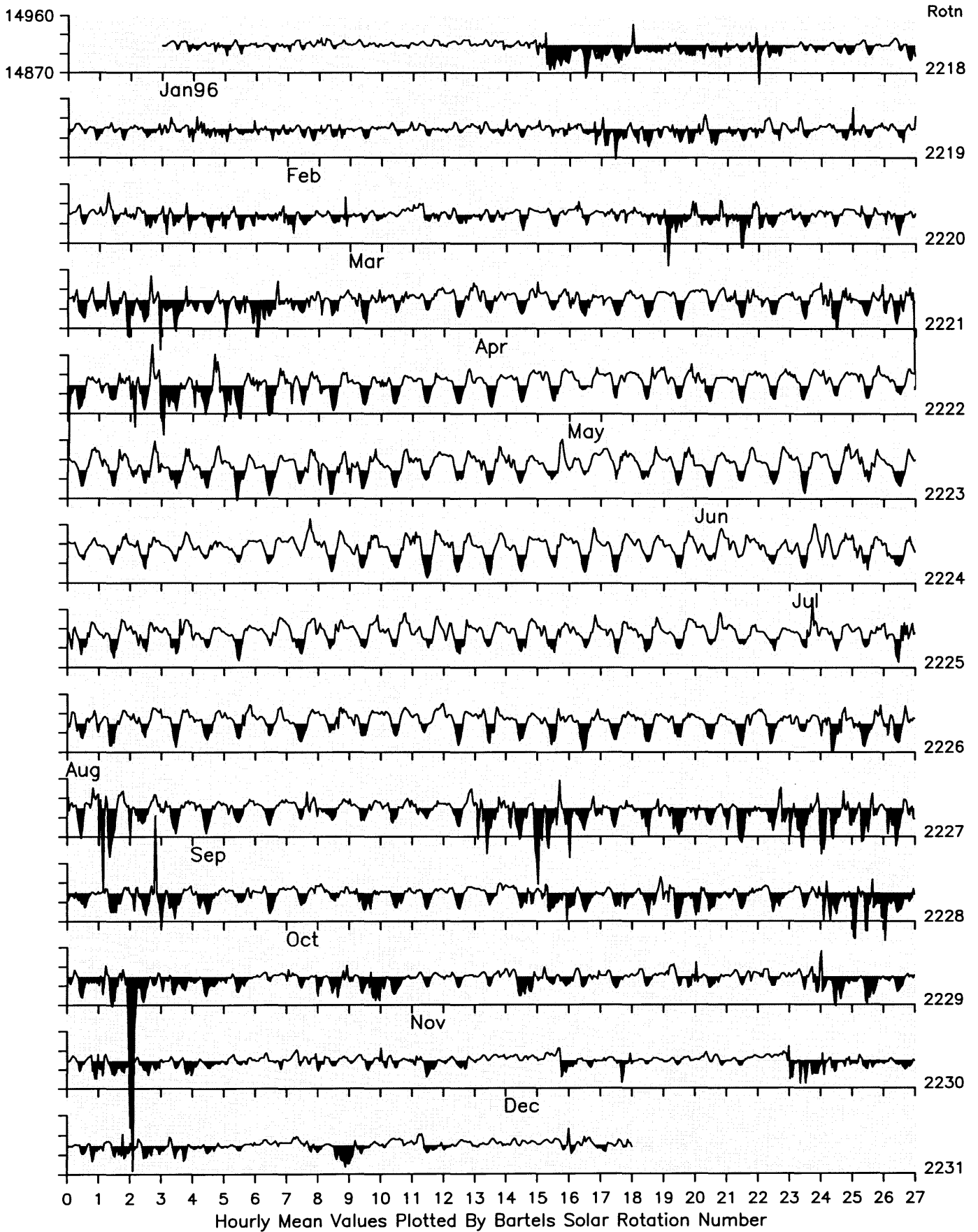




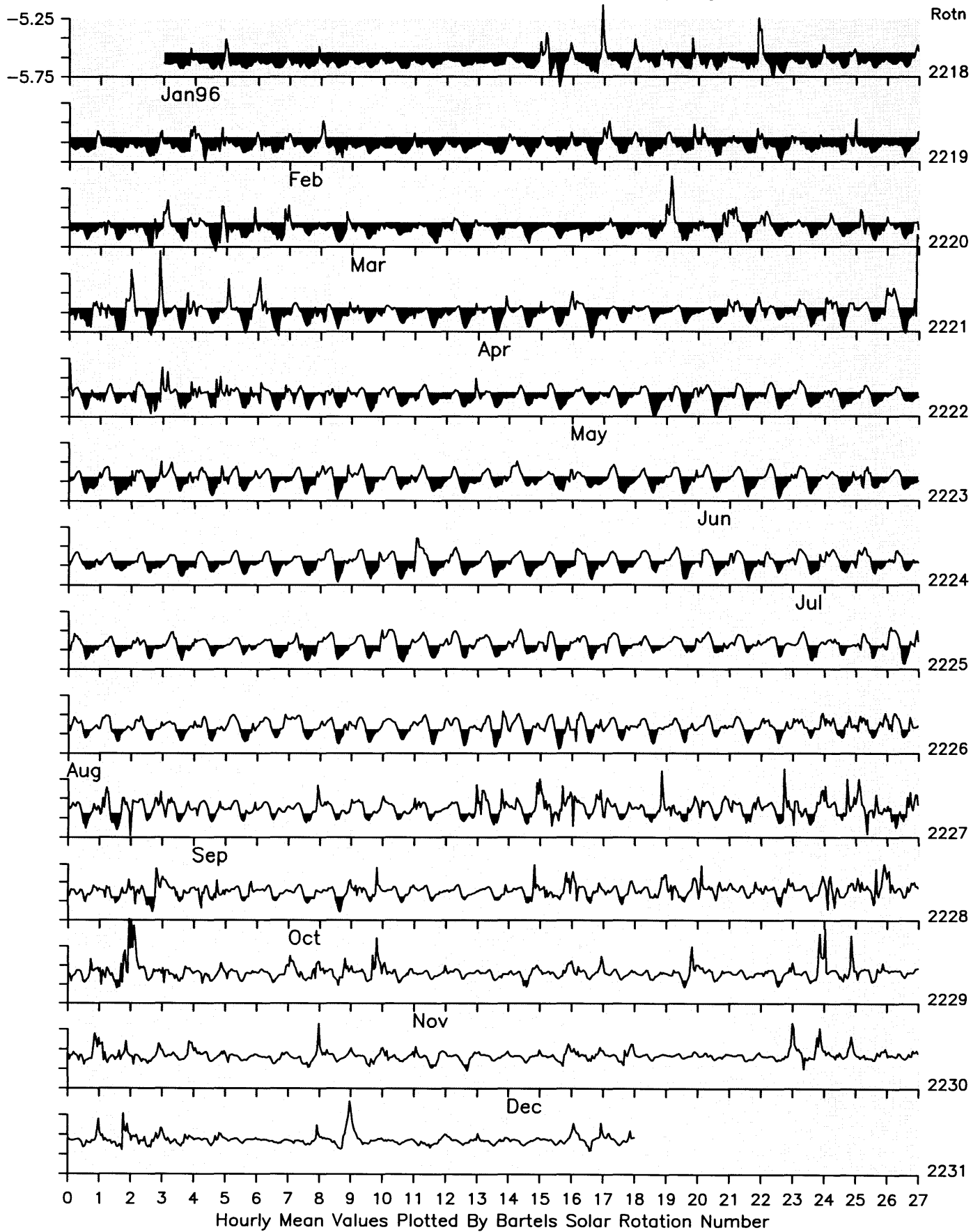




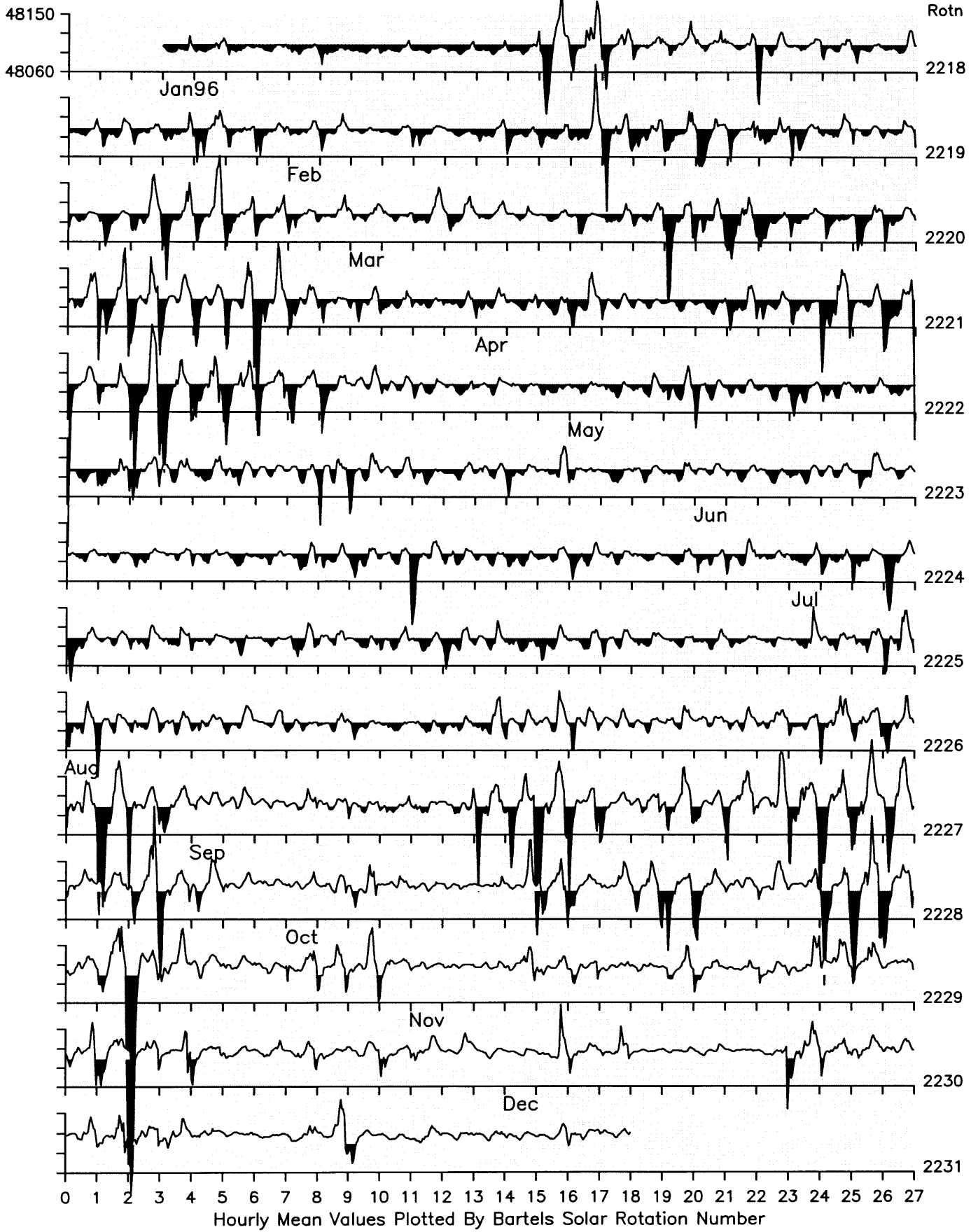
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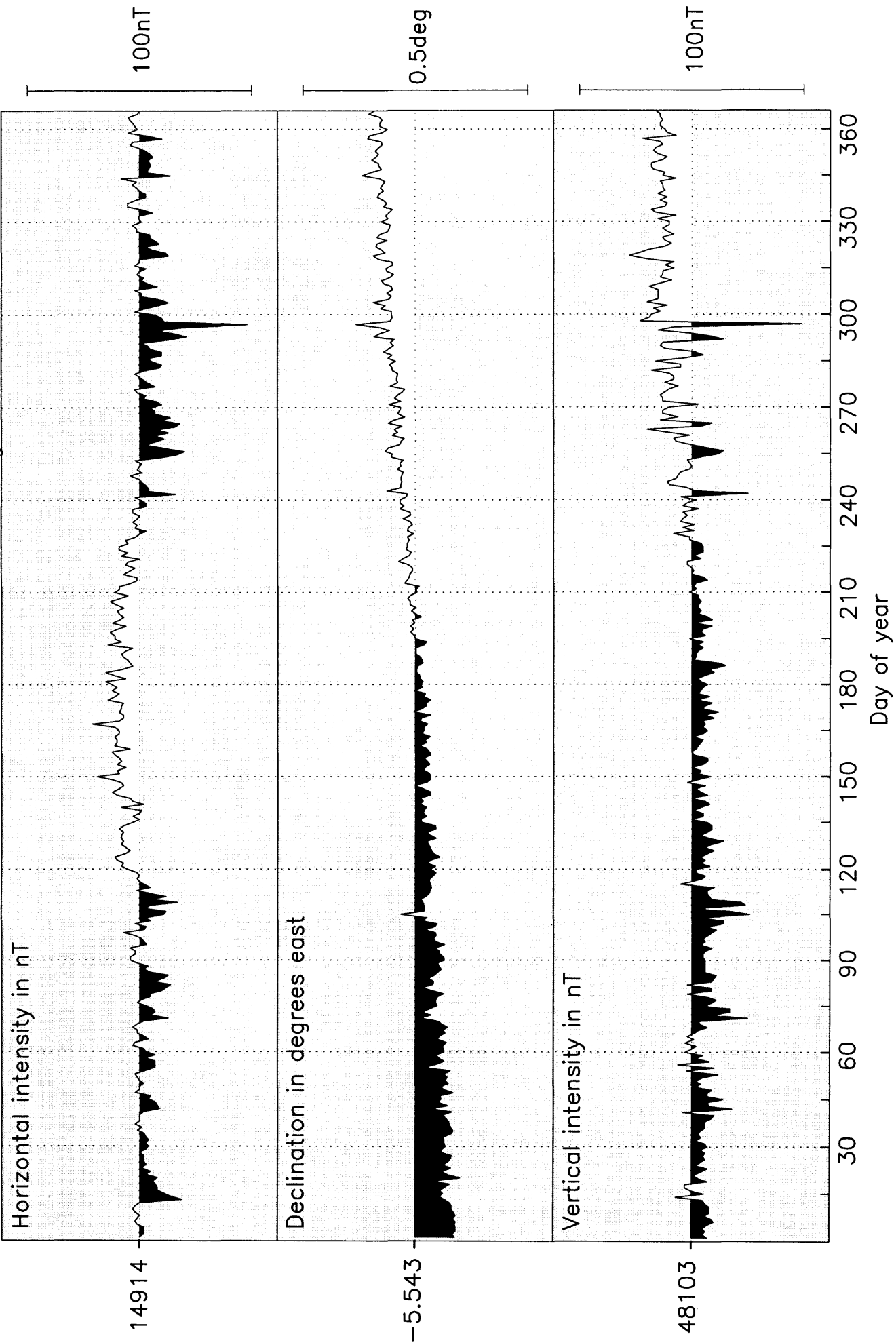
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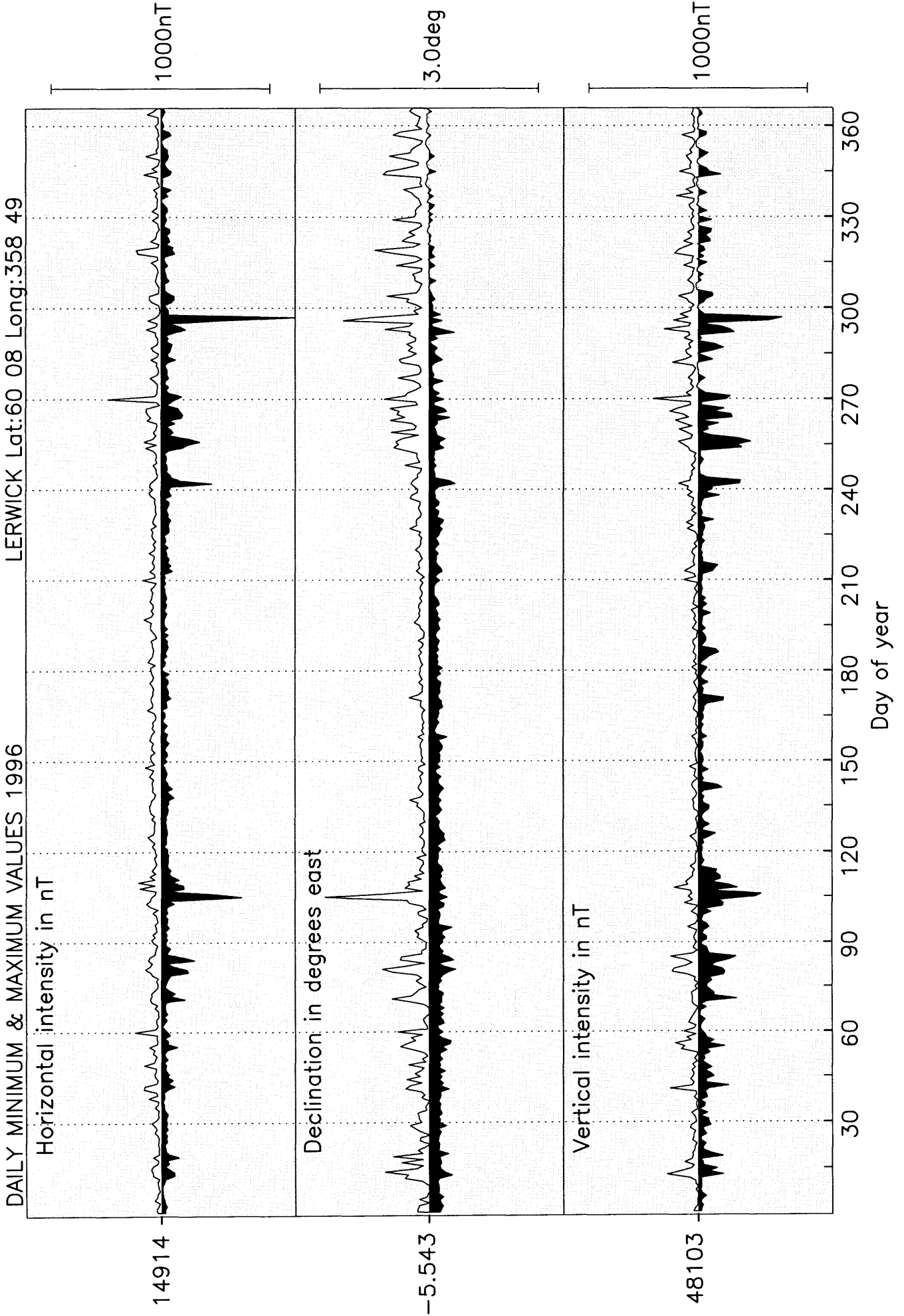


Lerwick Observatory: Vertical Intensity (nT)



DAILY MEAN VALUES 1996 LERWICK Lat:60 08 Long:358 49





Monthly Mean Values for Lerwick 1996

Month	D ° ' ,	H nT	I ° ' ,	X nT	Y nT	Z nT	F nT
Based on All Days							
Jan	-5 37.1	14911	72 46.6	14839	-1460	48098	50356
Feb	-5 36.5	14911	72 46.6	14840	-1457	48098	50356
Mar	-5 35.5	14910	72 46.6	14839	-1453	48097	50355
Apr	-5 34.6	14912	72 46.4	14841	-1449	48095	50354
May	-5 34.3	14921	72 45.9	14851	-1449	48098	50359
Jun	-5 33.9	14924	72 45.7	14854	-1447	48098	50360
Jul	-5 32.7	14923	72 45.8	14853	-1442	48099	50361
Aug	-5 31.5	14916	72 46.3	14847	-1436	48102	50362
Sep	-5 30.2	14907	72 47.0	14838	-1430	48107	50364
Oct	-5 29.1	14906	72 47.1	14838	-1425	48111	50367
Nov	-5 28.7	14912	72 46.9	14844	-1424	48117	50375
Dec	-5 27.7	14913	72 46.8	14845	-1419	48117	50375
Annual	-5 32.6	14914	72 46.5	14844	-1441	48103	50362

International quiet day means

Jan	-5 37.7	14916	72 46.2	14844	-1463	48095	50355
Feb	-5 37.3	14914	72 46.4	14842	-1461	48098	50357
Mar	-5 36.4	14915	72 46.4	14844	-1457	48101	50360
Apr	-5 35.0	14916	72 46.2	14845	-1451	48099	50359
May	-5 34.4	14921	72 45.9	14850	-1449	48098	50359
Jun	-5 33.9	14922	72 45.8	14852	-1447	48098	50360
Jul	-5 32.6	14922	72 45.9	14852	-1441	48100	50361
Aug	-5 31.7	14919	72 46.1	14850	-1437	48099	50360
Sep	-5 30.5	14913	72 46.7	14844	-1432	48112	50370
Oct	-5 29.9	14913	72 46.8	14844	-1429	48115	50373
Nov	-5 29.1	14915	72 46.7	14847	-1426	48117	50376
Dec	-5 28.2	14916	72 46.6	14848	-1422	48116	50375
Annual	-5 33.1	14917	72 46.3	14847	-1443	48104	50364

International disturbed day means

Jan	-5 36.7	14903	72 47.1	14832	-1457	48101	50357
Feb	-5 35.6	14907	72 46.8	14836	-1453	48097	50354
Mar	-5 34.0	14903	72 46.9	14833	-1446	48089	50345
Apr	-5 33.0	14905	72 46.7	14835	-1442	48084	50341
May	-5 34.3	14917	72 46.1	14847	-1448	48096	50356
Jun	-5 33.8	14924	72 45.7	14854	-1447	48097	50359
Jul	-5 32.6	14921	72 45.9	14851	-1441	48098	50359
Aug	-5 30.7	14910	72 46.6	14841	-1432	48099	50357
Sep	-5 29.7	14900	72 47.3	14832	-1427	48099	50354
Oct	-5 27.8	14892	72 47.7	14824	-1418	48091	50344
Nov	-5 27.7	14907	72 47.3	14839	-1419	48121	50377
Dec	-5 26.9	14908	72 47.1	14841	-1415	48116	50373
Annual	-5 31.9	14908	72 46.8	14839	-1437	48099	50356

Lerwick Observatory K Indices 1996

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SIs and SSCs

Day	Month	UT		Type	Quality	H(nT)	D(min)	Z(nT)
6	2	19	49	SI*	C	6	-0.7	
10	3	22	58	SSC*	B	41	5.2	-33
24	3	08	56	SSC*	B	10	3.3	-3
3	4	10	06	SSC*	B	9	0.6	2
8	4	13	34	SSC*	A	21	-3.3	2
13	4	09	08	SSC*	C	5	1.5	-3
6	6	05	10	SSC*	B	11	5.8	-6
19	6	02	44	SI*	C	-24	7.7	9
20	6	10	23	SI*	C	-10	-1.9	2
27	6	06	29	SSC*	C	-7	1.5	-2
17	8	15	25	SSC*	C	8	1.0	-3
23	8	07	19	SI*	B	16	2.7	3
15	9	15	55	SI*	B	34	3.3	-12
17	9	10	34	SSC*	B	13	-1.3	-3
18	9	12	43	SSC*	C	-8	-3.0	7
11	11	15	27	SSC*	A	9	-0.7	-5
13	11	12	59	SSC*	B	11	-1.2	-2
24	11	09	26	SSC*	C	6	-0.4	-4
1	12	11	52	SSC*	B	-6	-1.0	2
2	12	09	59	SSC*	B	3	1.1	-2
2	12	17	23	SI*	C	-23	1.6	7
4	12	13	53	SI*	B	-17	-1.9	6
14	12	08	27	SSC*	B	14	+2.9/-2.5	-4
24	12	12	38	SI*	C	-5	1.0	

Notes

A * indicates that the principal impulse was preceded by a smaller reversed impulse.

The quality of the event is classified as follows :

A = very distinct

B = fair, ordinary, but unmistakable

C = doubtful

The amplitudes given are for the first chief movement of the event.

SFEs

Day	Month	Universal Time				H(nT)	D(min)	Z(nT)	
		Start	Maximum	End					
9	7	09	09	09	12	09	16	0.8	-3

Notes

The amplitudes given are for the first chief movement of the event.

Annual Values of Geomagnetic Elements

Lerwick

	Year	D	H	I	X	Y	Z	F
	1923.5	-15 40.3	14655	72 33.7	14111	-3959	46655	48902
	1924.5	-15 26.5	14642	72 35.7	14113	-3899	46708	48950
	1925.5	-15 13.5	14621	72 37.2	14108	-3840	46713	48948
	1926.5	-14 58.6	14618	72 37.1	14121	-3778	46699	48933
	1927.5	-14 45.7	14607	72 38.1	14125	-3722	46713	48944
	1928.5	-14 32.9	14585	72 39.4	14117	-3664	46702	48926
	1929.5	-14 19.4	14556	72 40.3	14104	-3601	46651	48869
	1930.5	-14 7.0	14527	72 41.6	14088	-3543	46624	48835
	1931.5	-13 55.4	14517	72 42.3	14090	-3493	46623	48830
	1932.5	-13 41.9	14495	72 43.5	14083	-3433	46608	48809
	1933.5	-13 29.8	14477	72 44.6	14077	-3379	46605	48802
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	1935.5	-13 5.3	14445	72 49.4	14070	-3271	46730	48911
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	1943.5	-11 43.5	14378	72 57.8	14078	-2922	46919	49073
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	1982.5	-7 31.6	14940	72 40.4	14812	-1957	47890	50166
	1983.5	-7 22.6	14942	72 40.4	14818	-1918	47895	50172

	Year	D		H		I		X	Y	Z	F
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	1985.5	-7	5.5	14933	72	41.3	14819	-1844	47913	50186	
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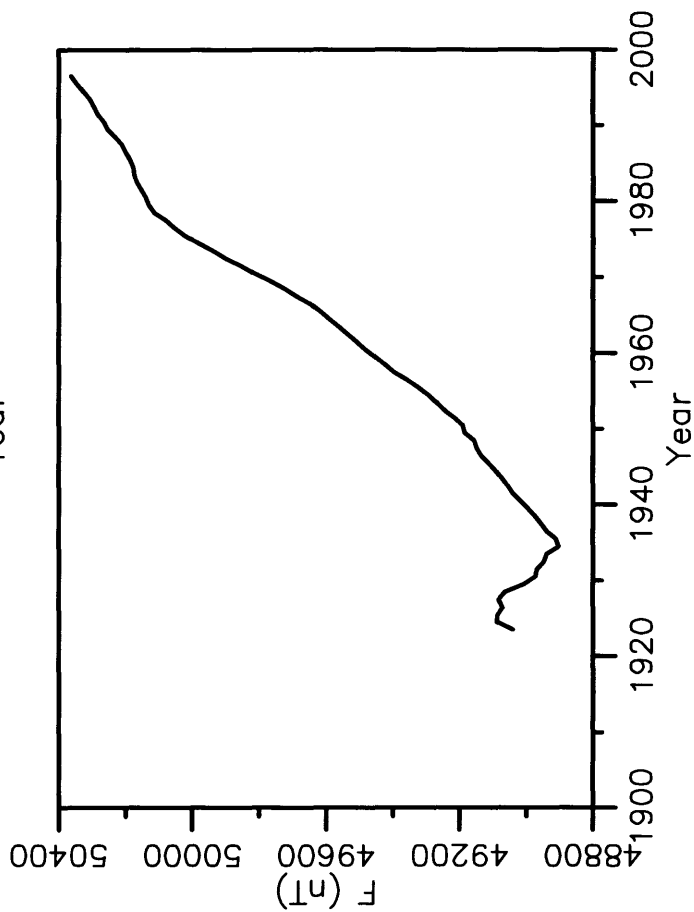
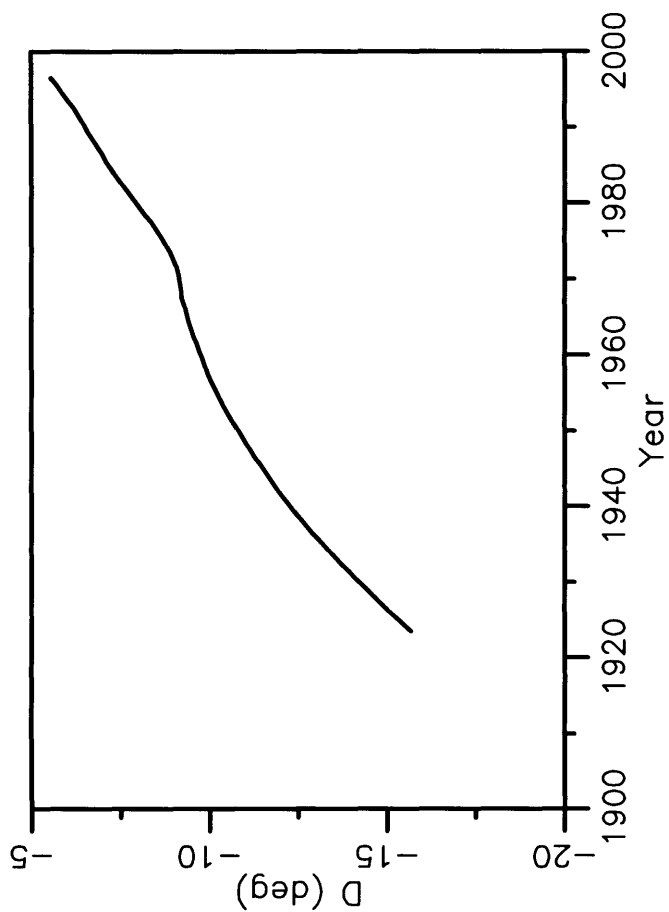
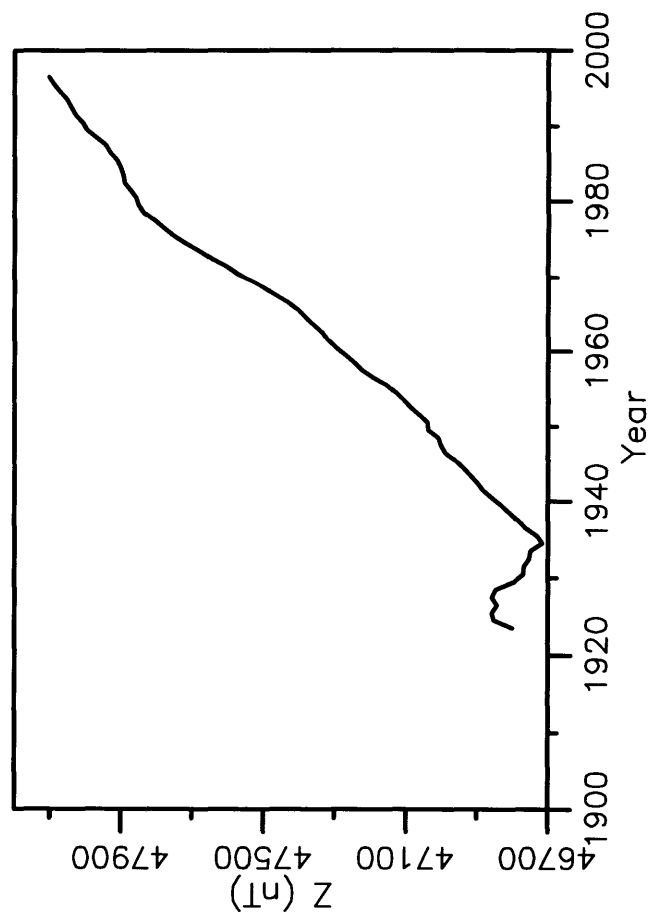
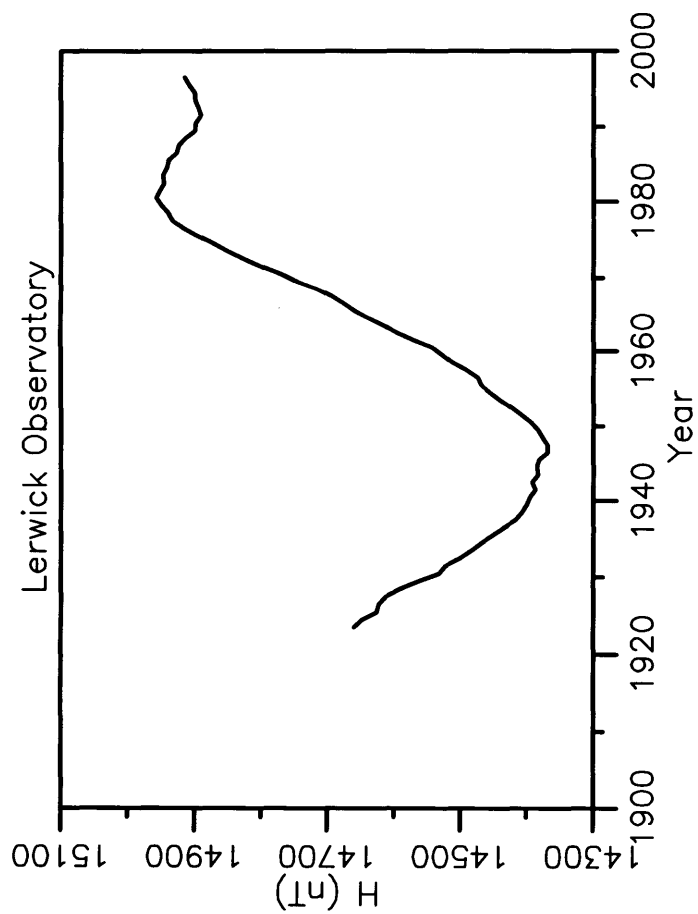
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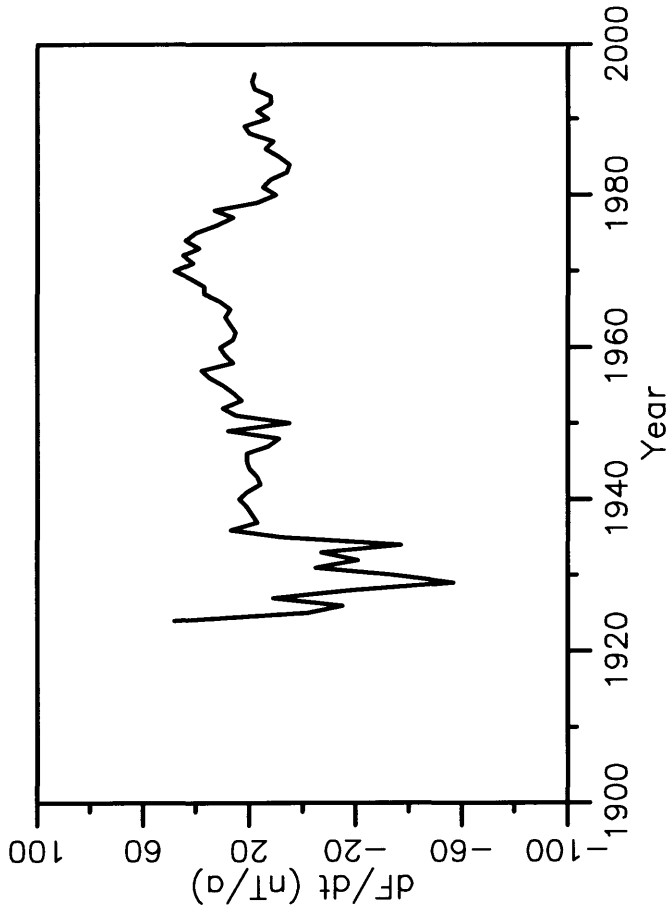
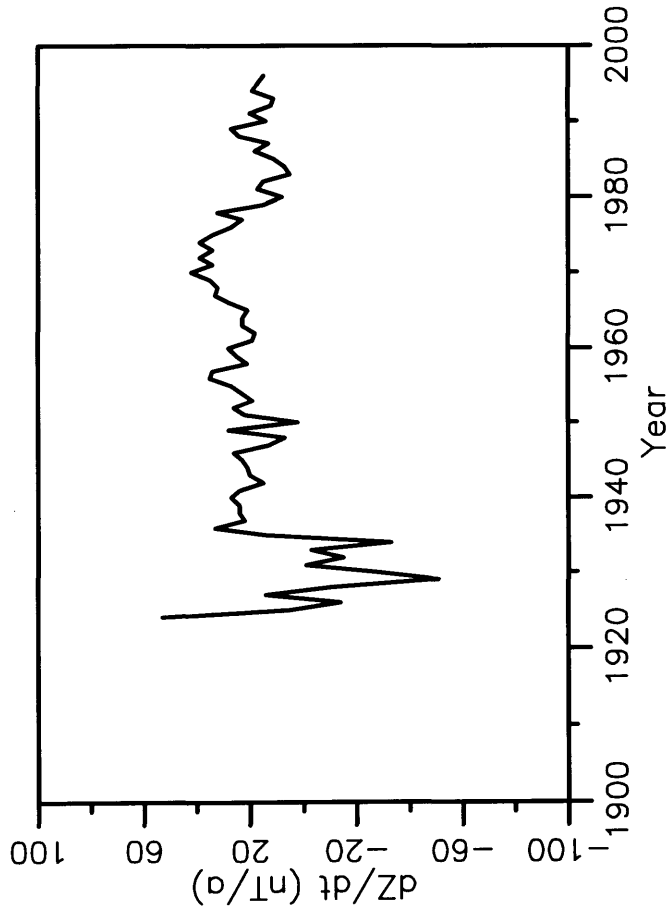
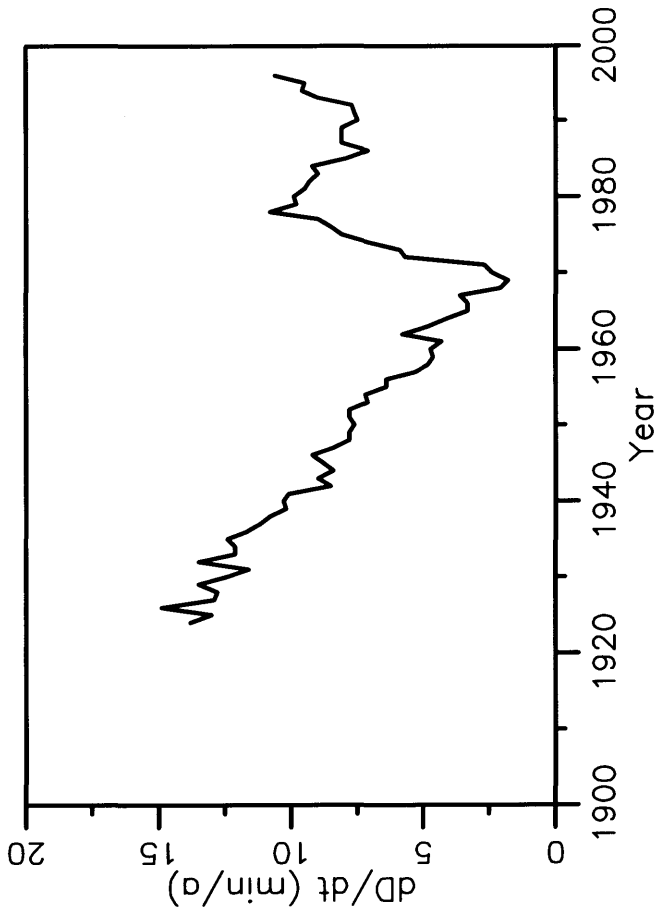
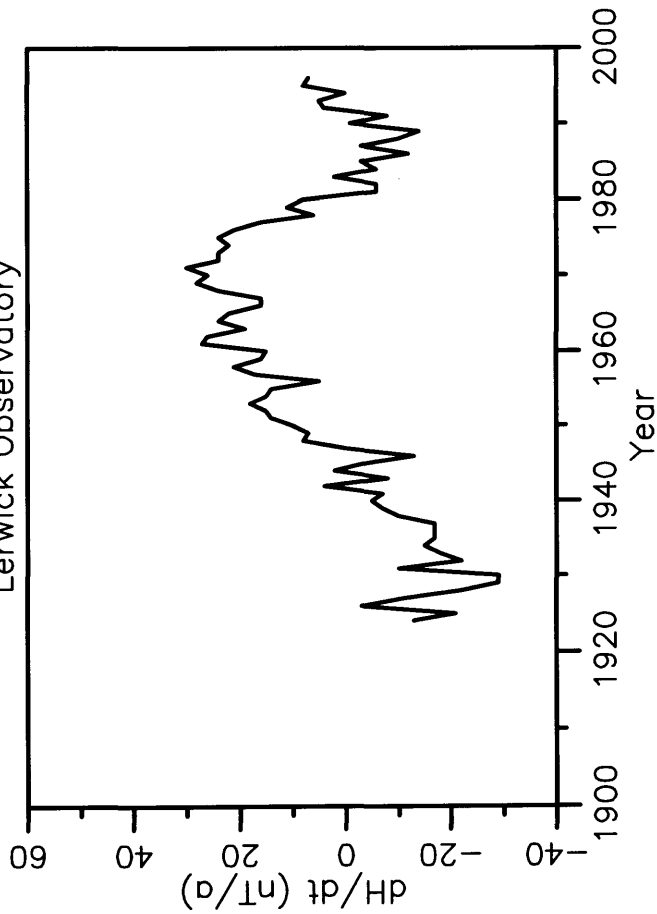
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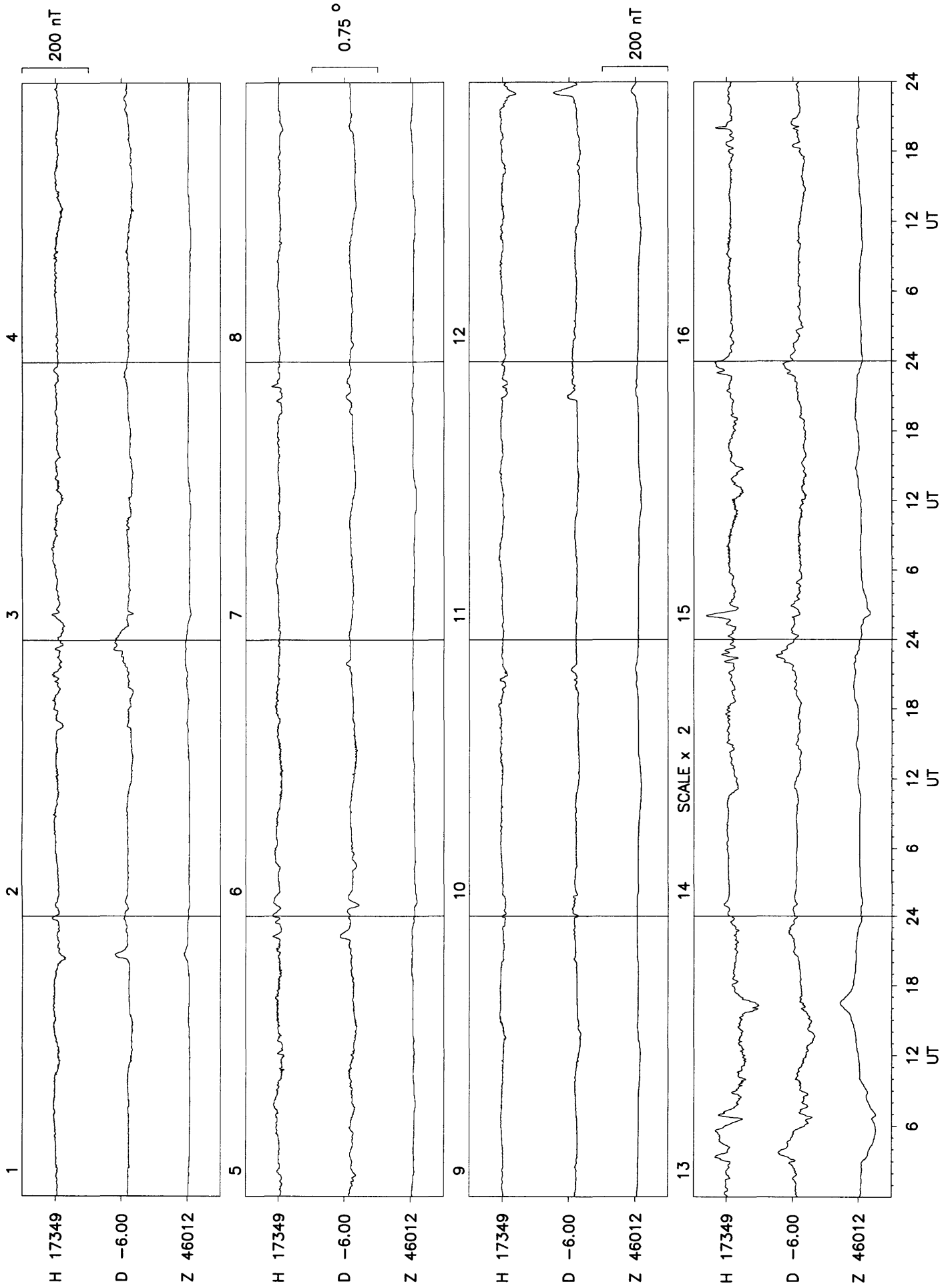
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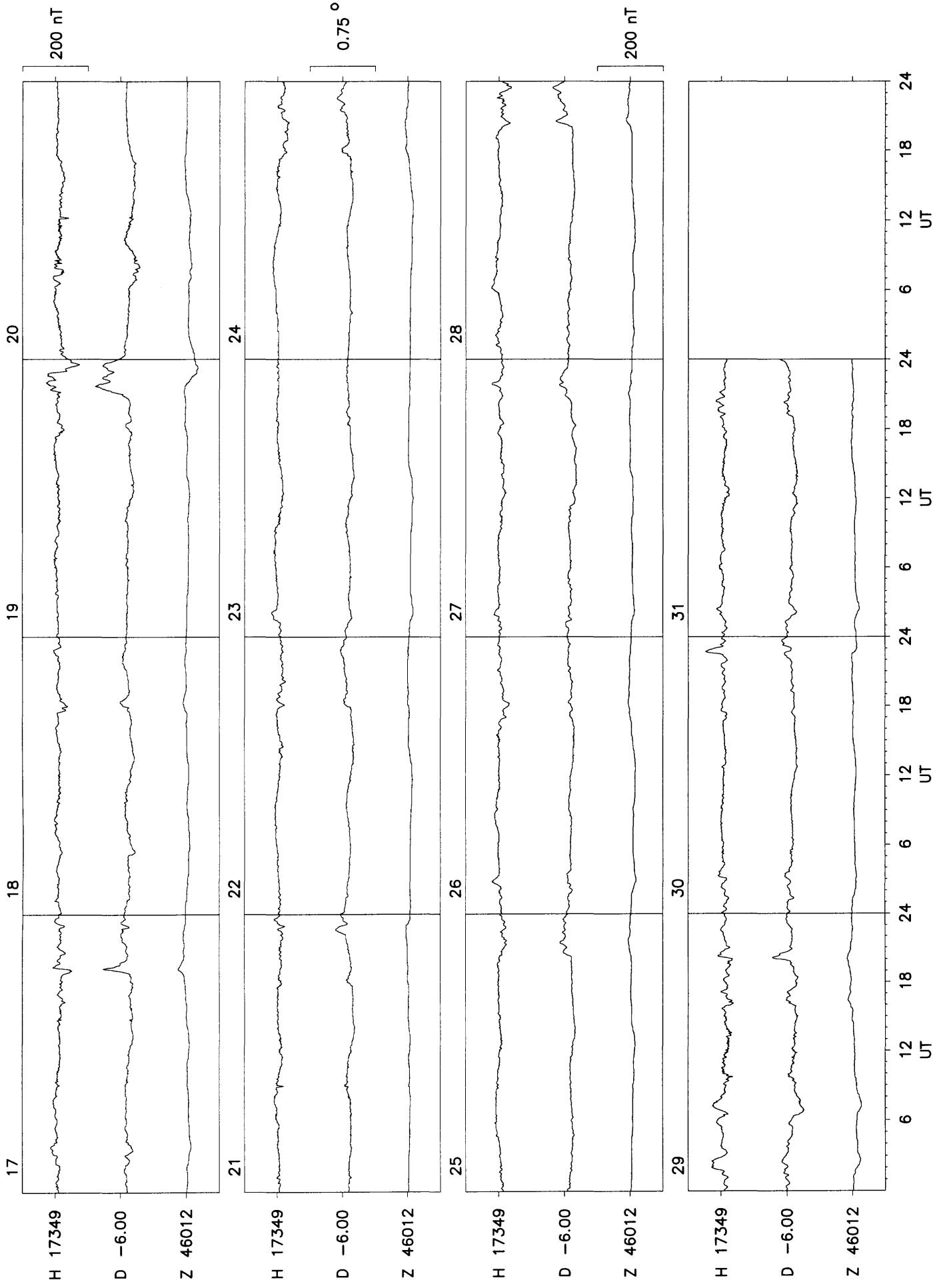
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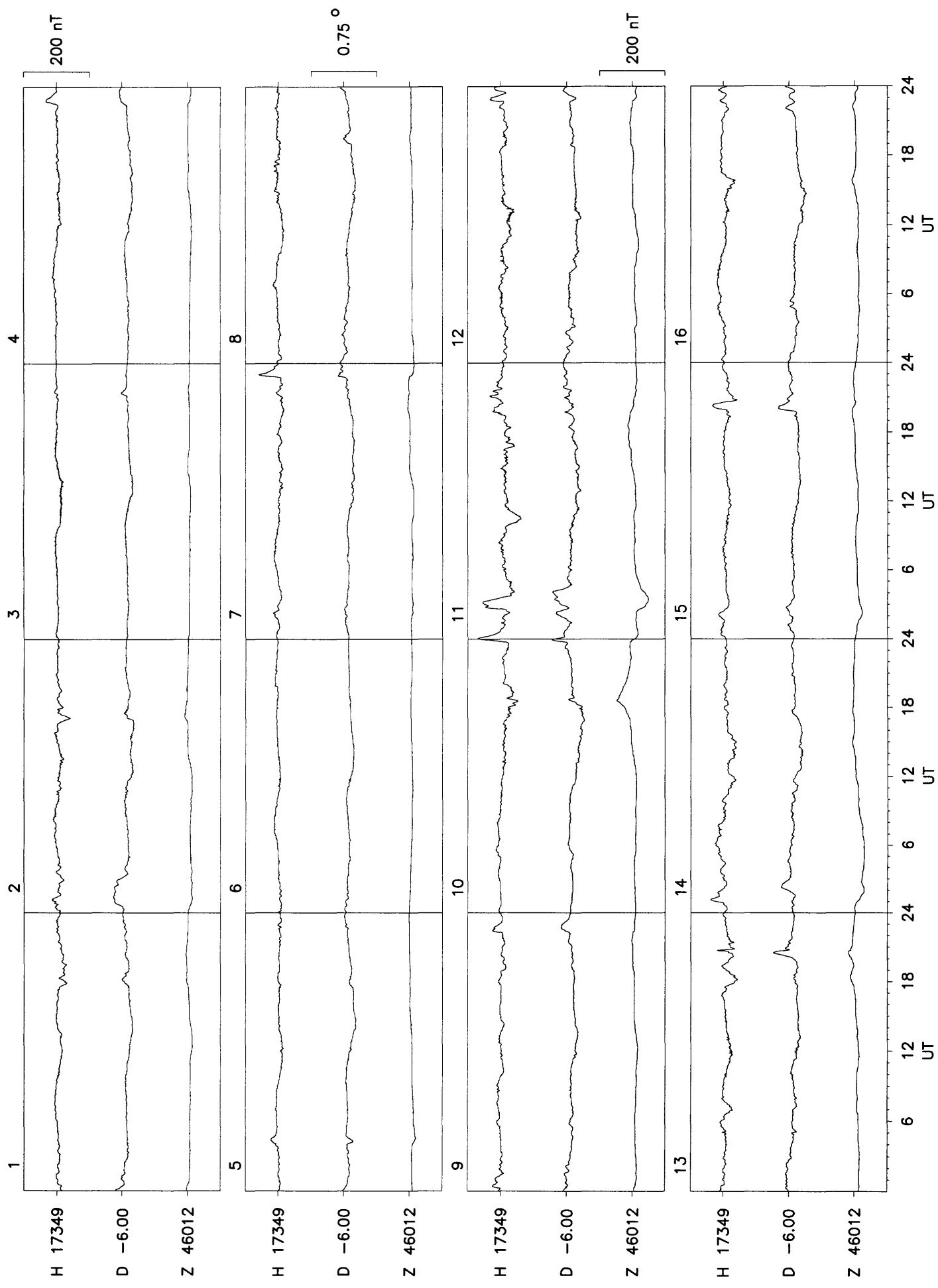


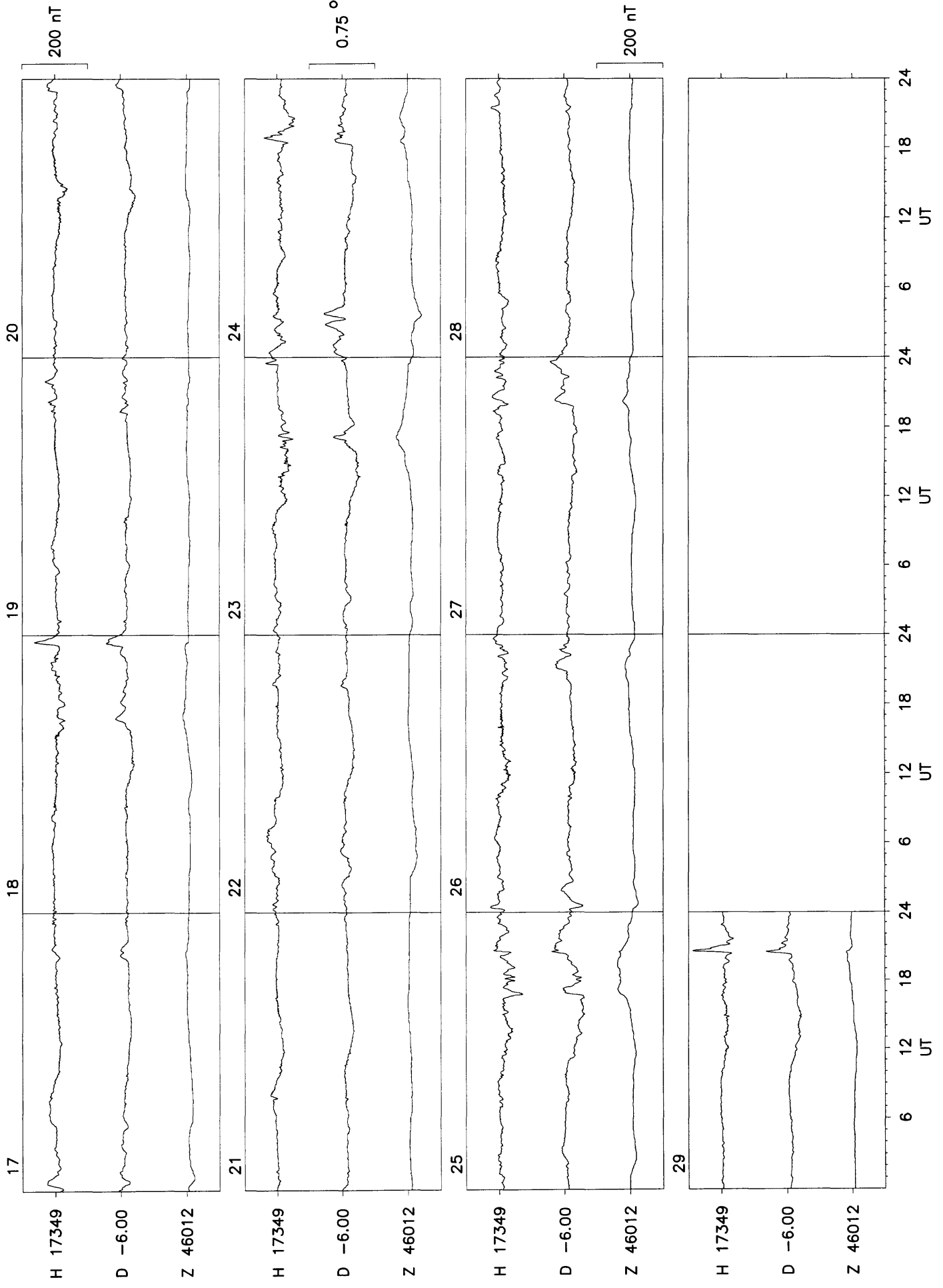
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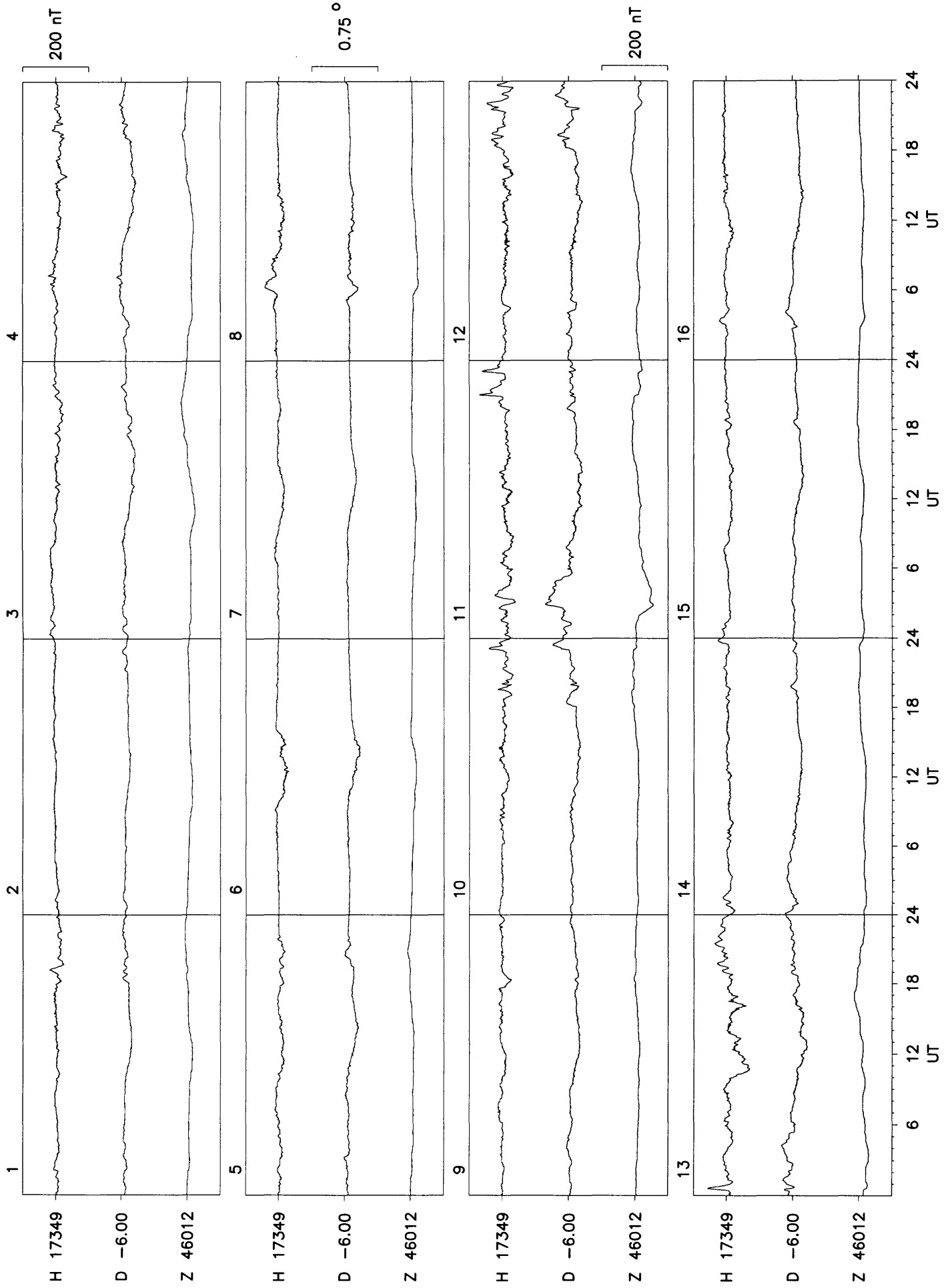


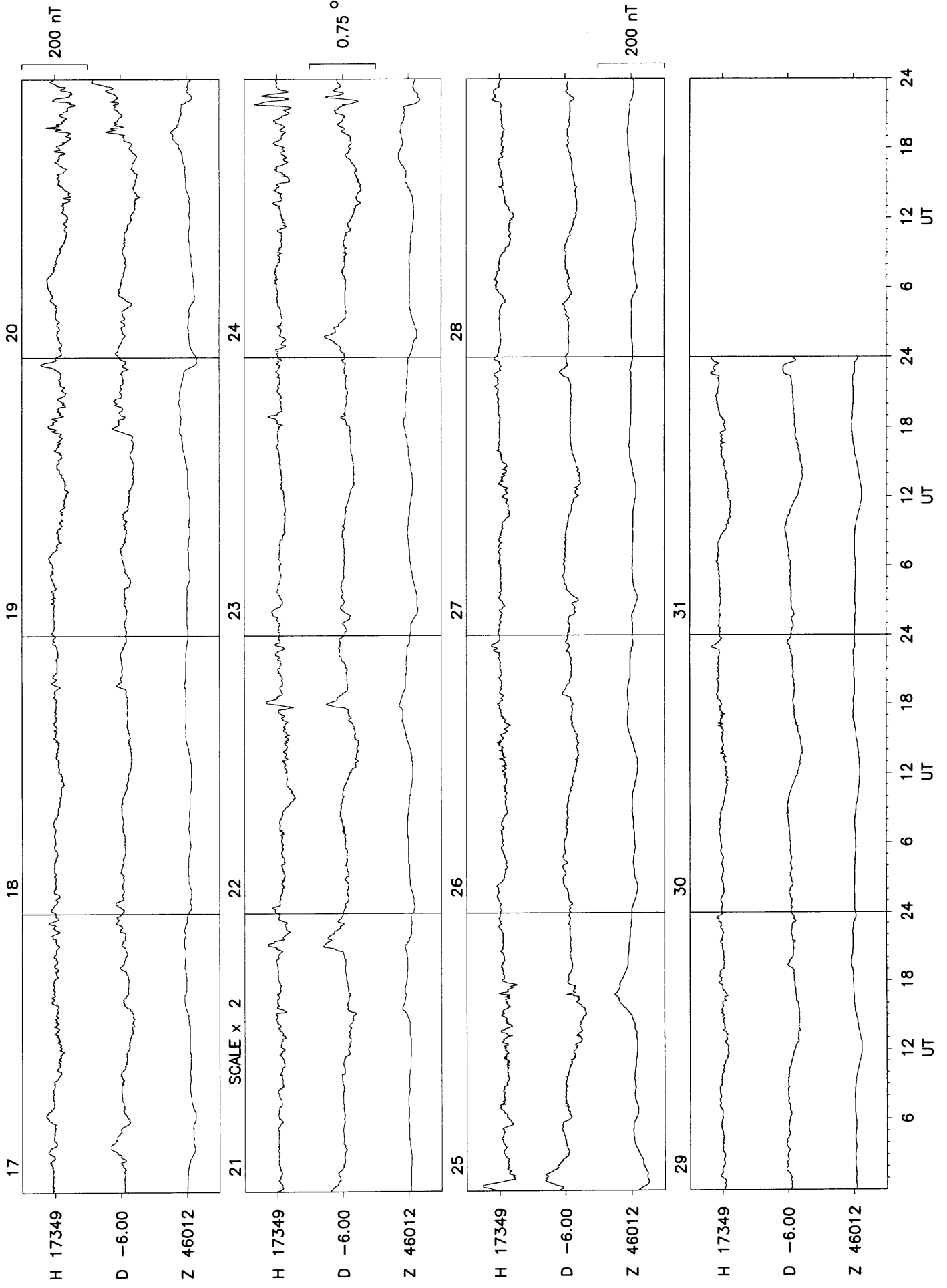


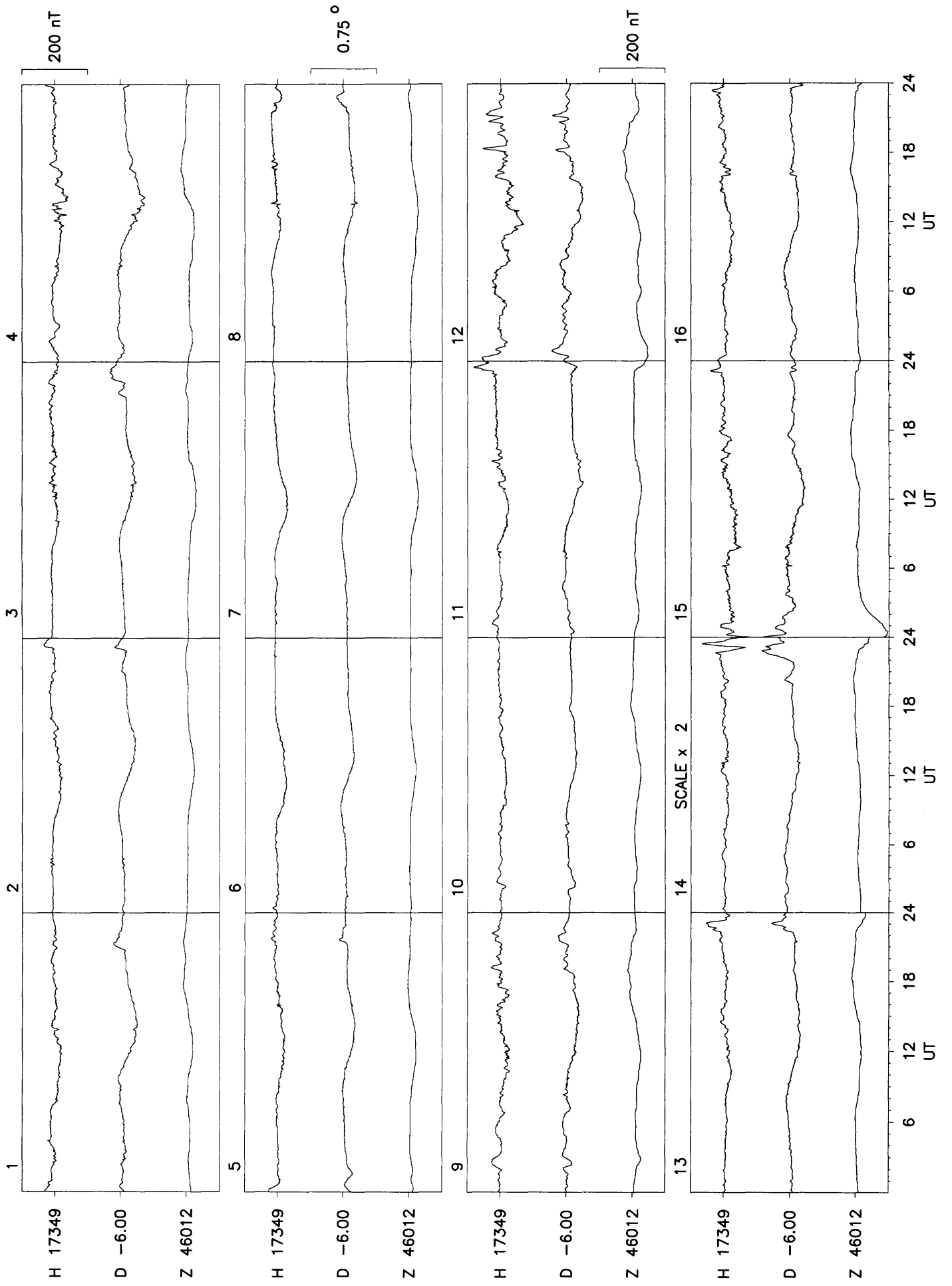


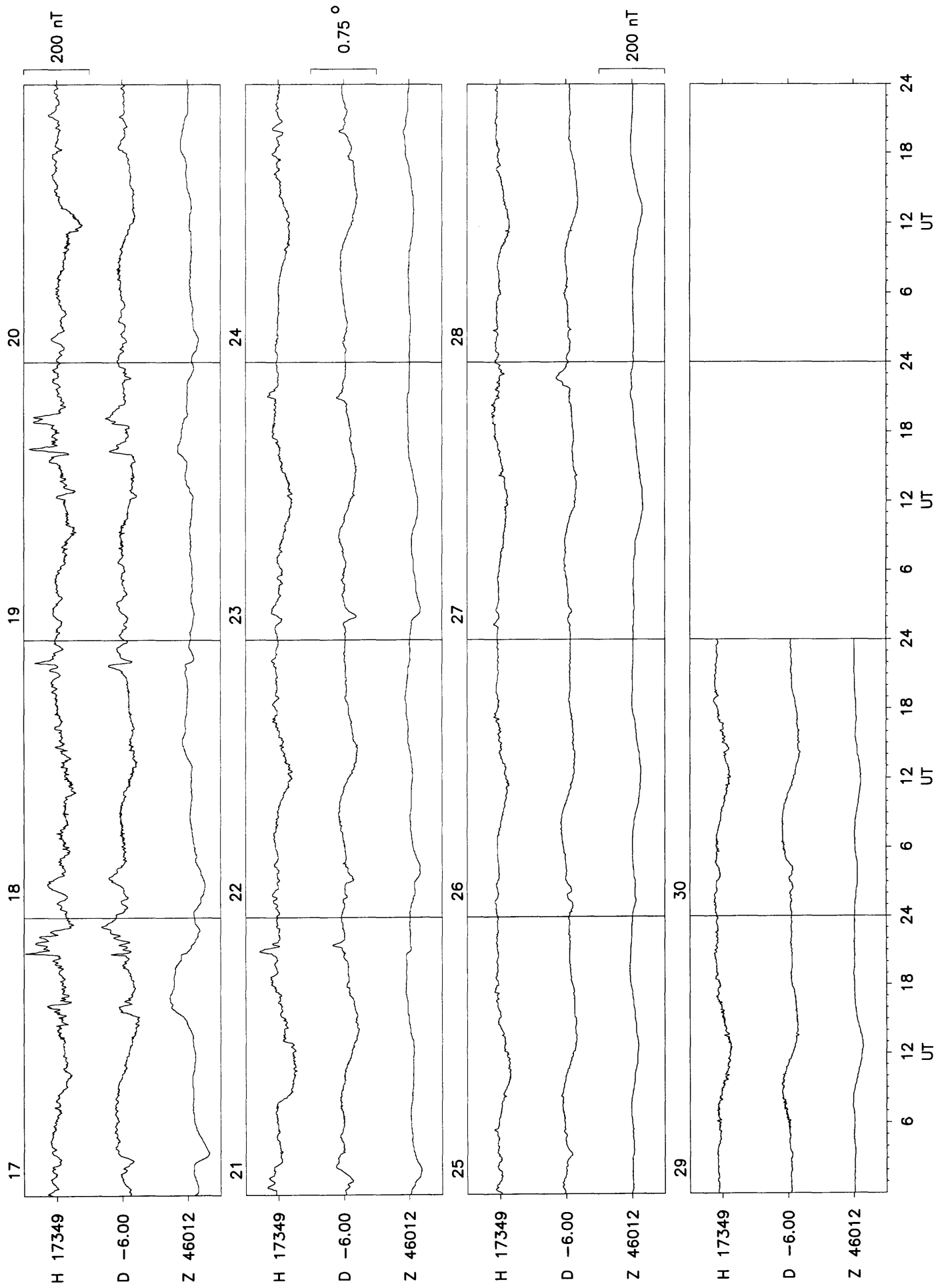


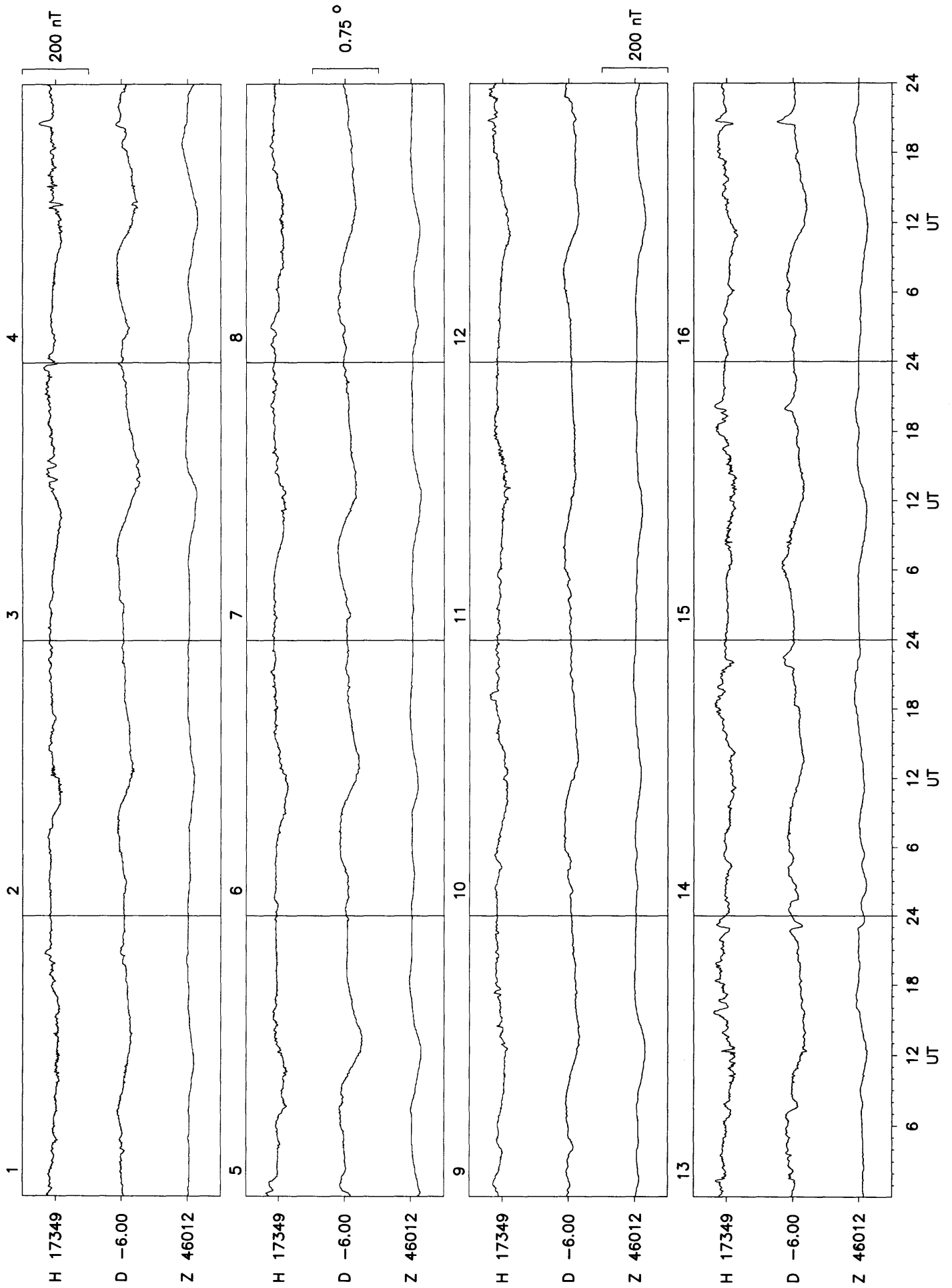
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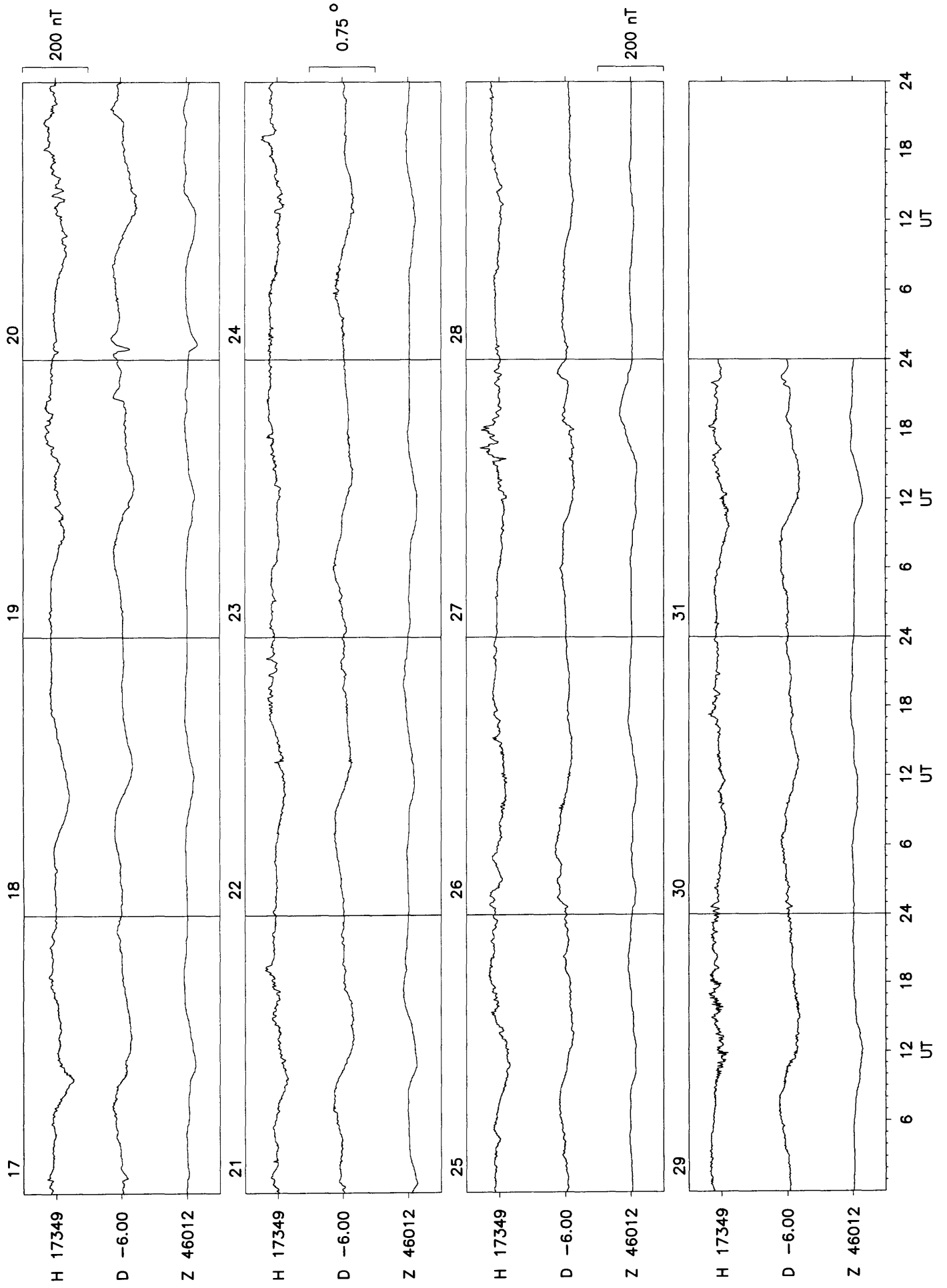


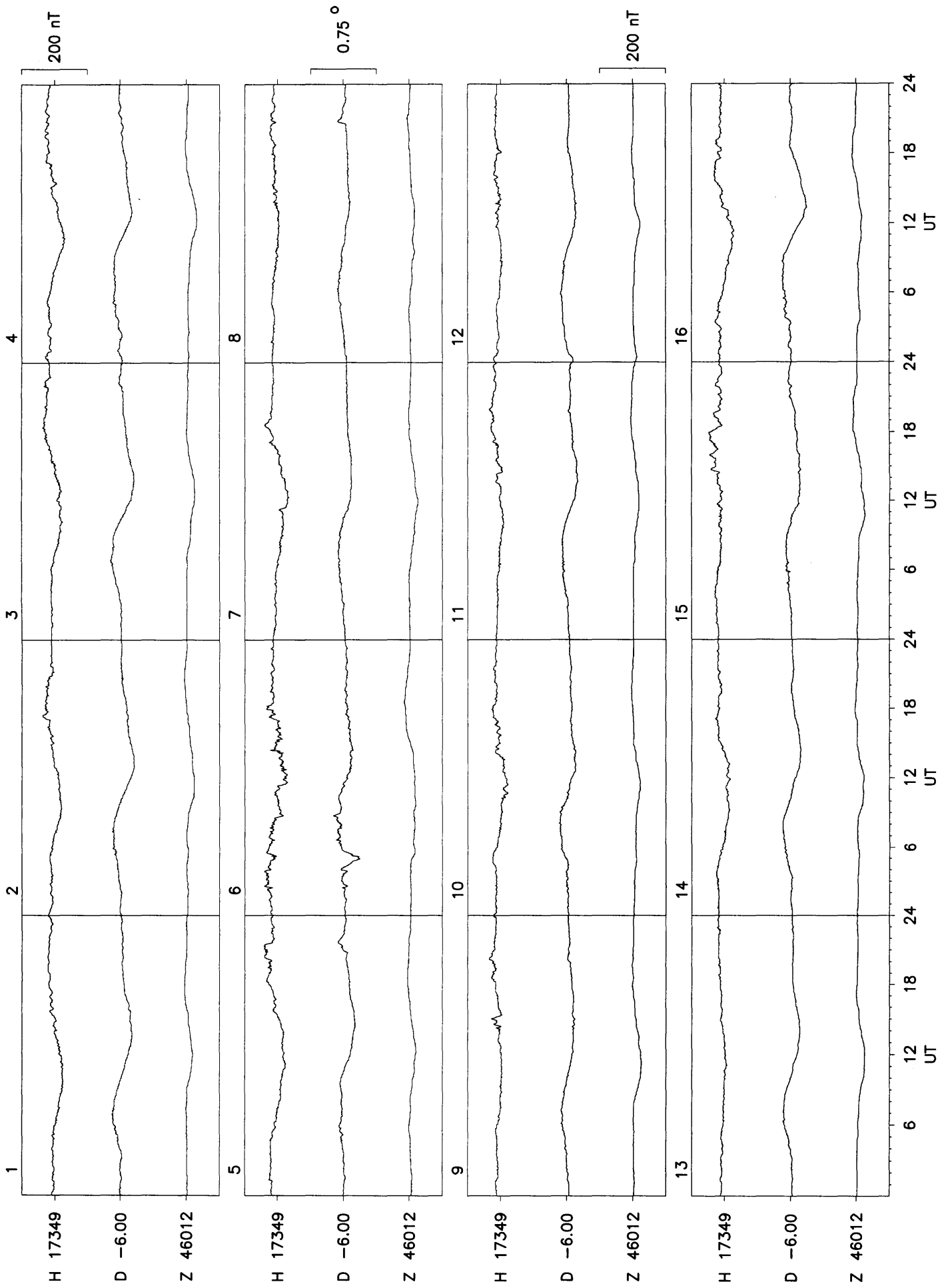


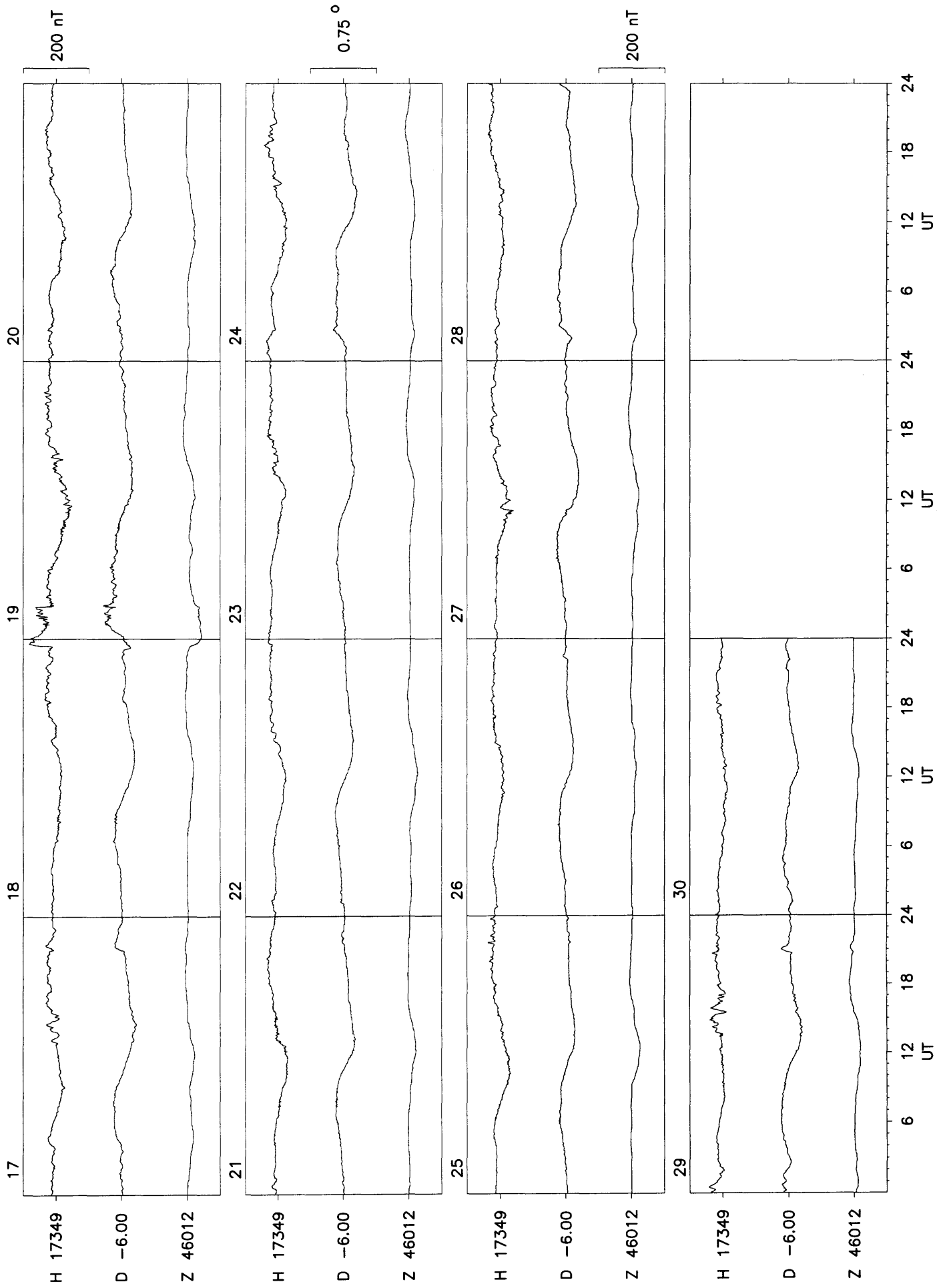


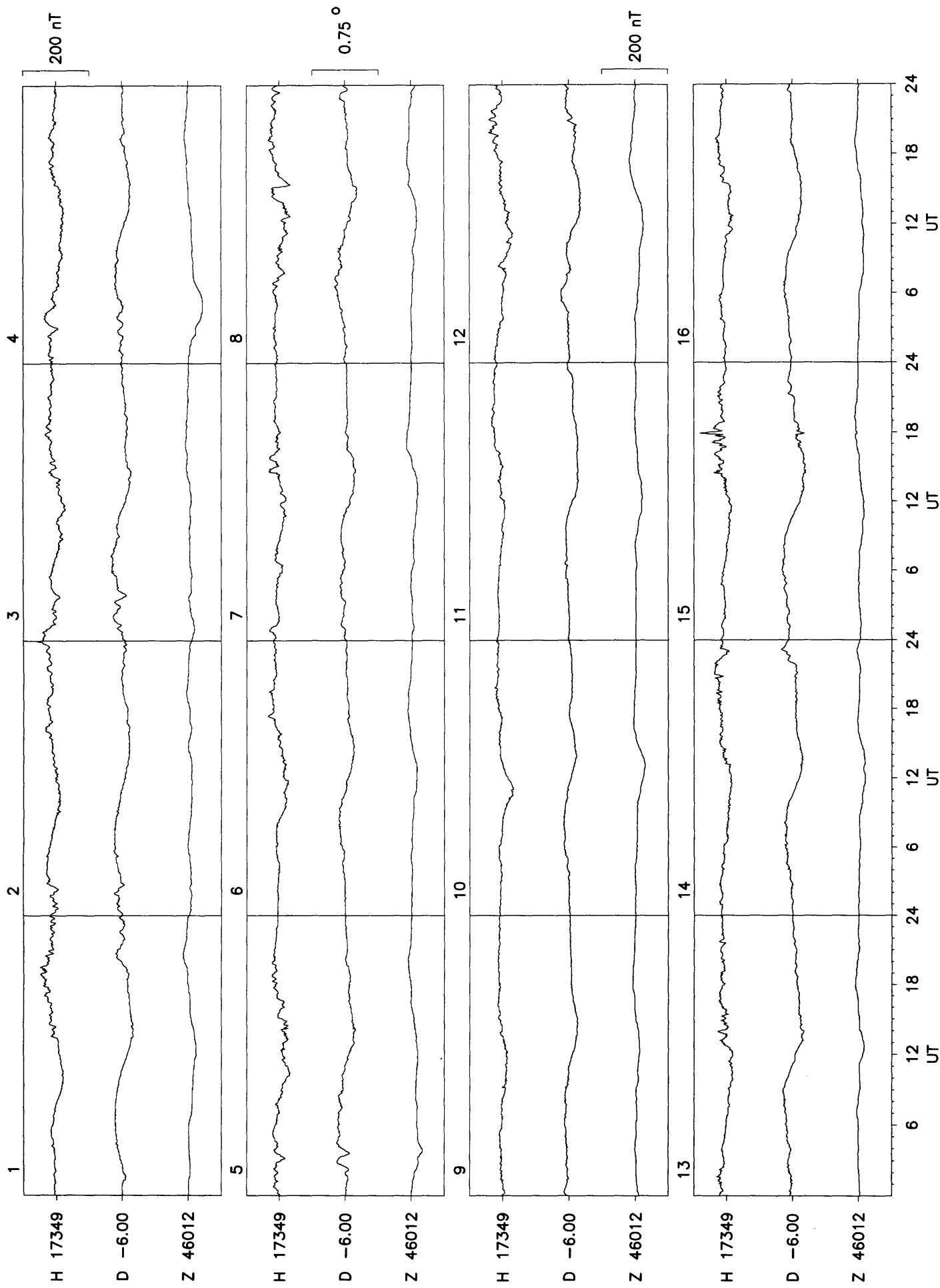


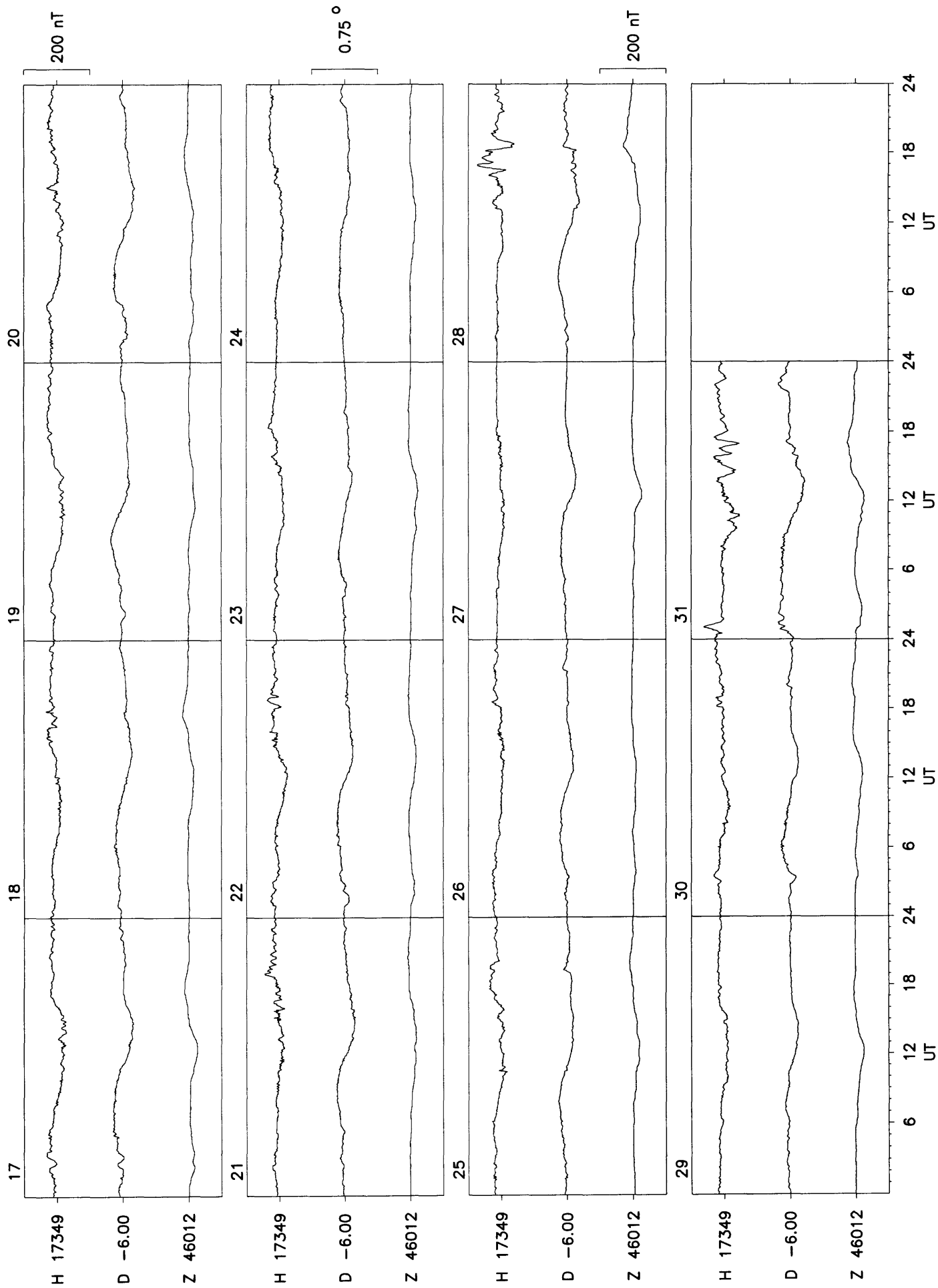


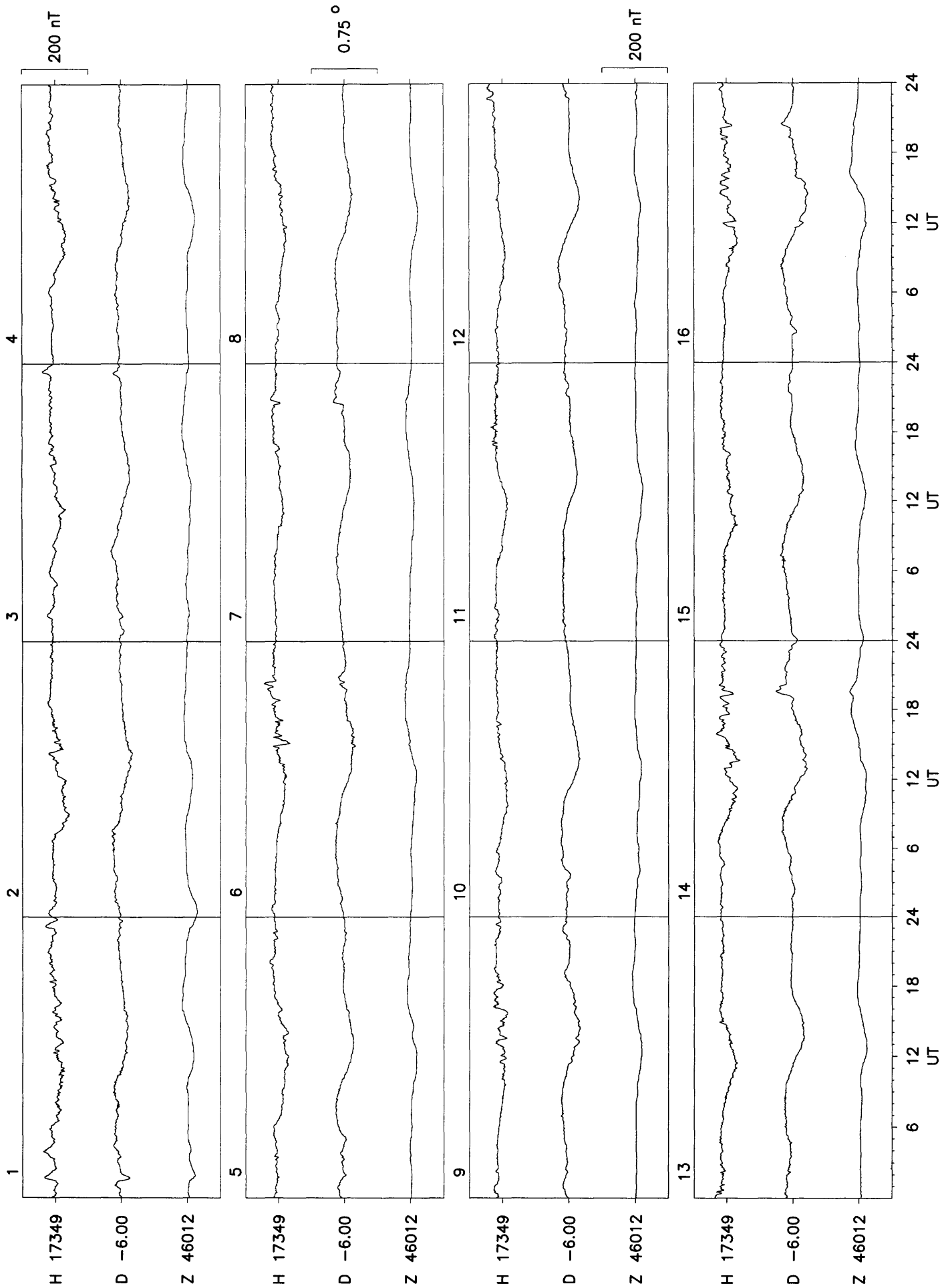


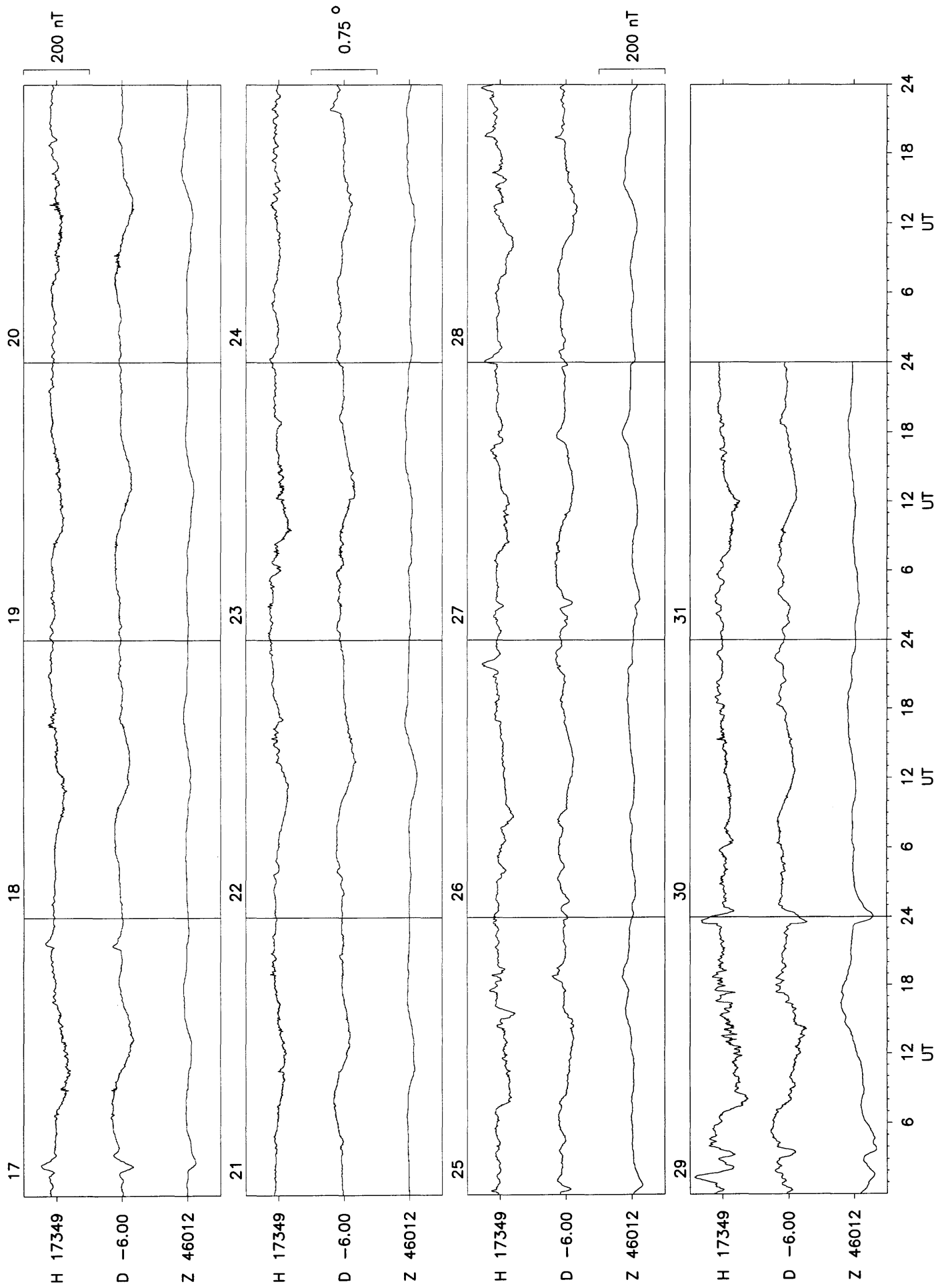


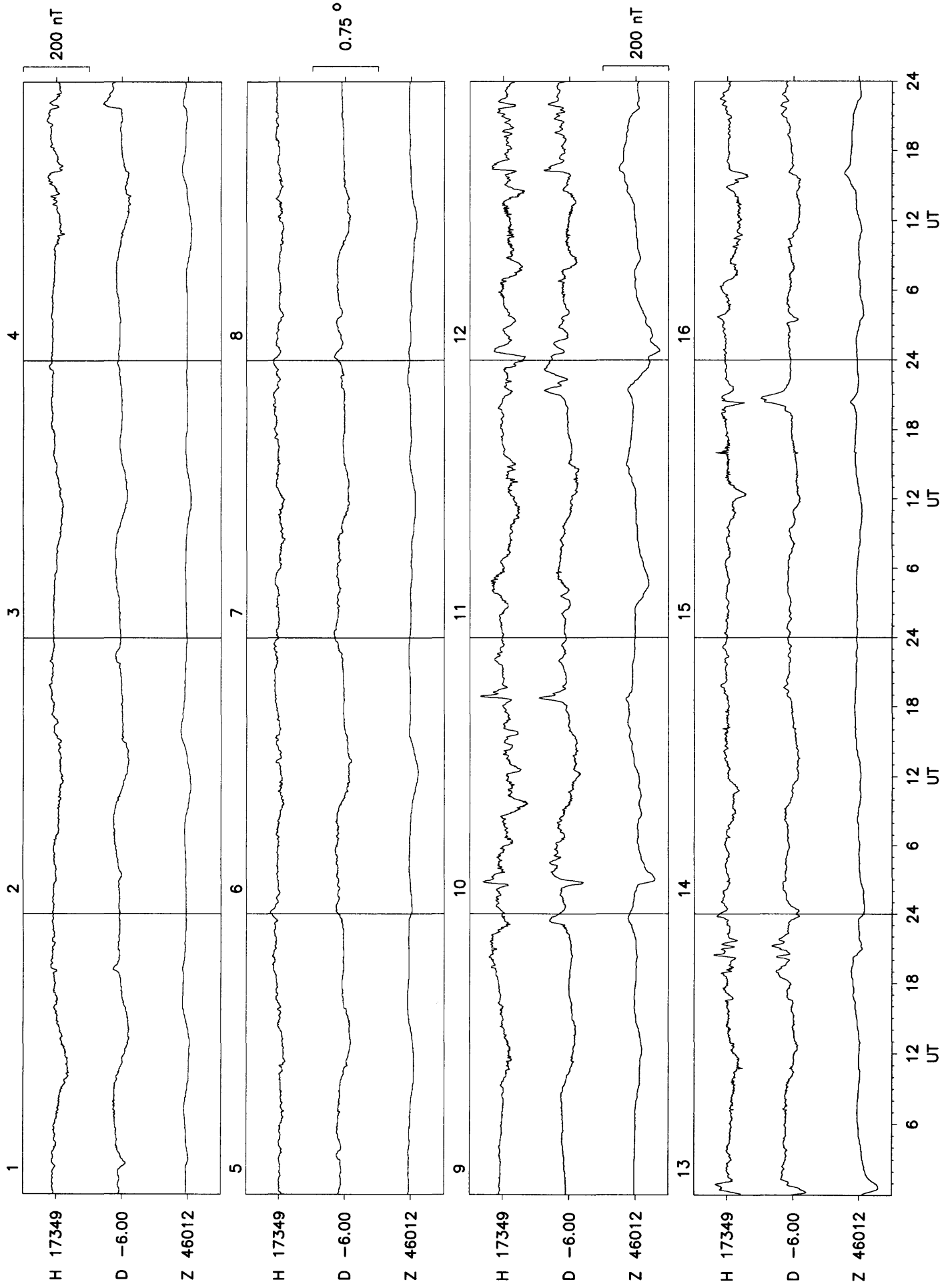


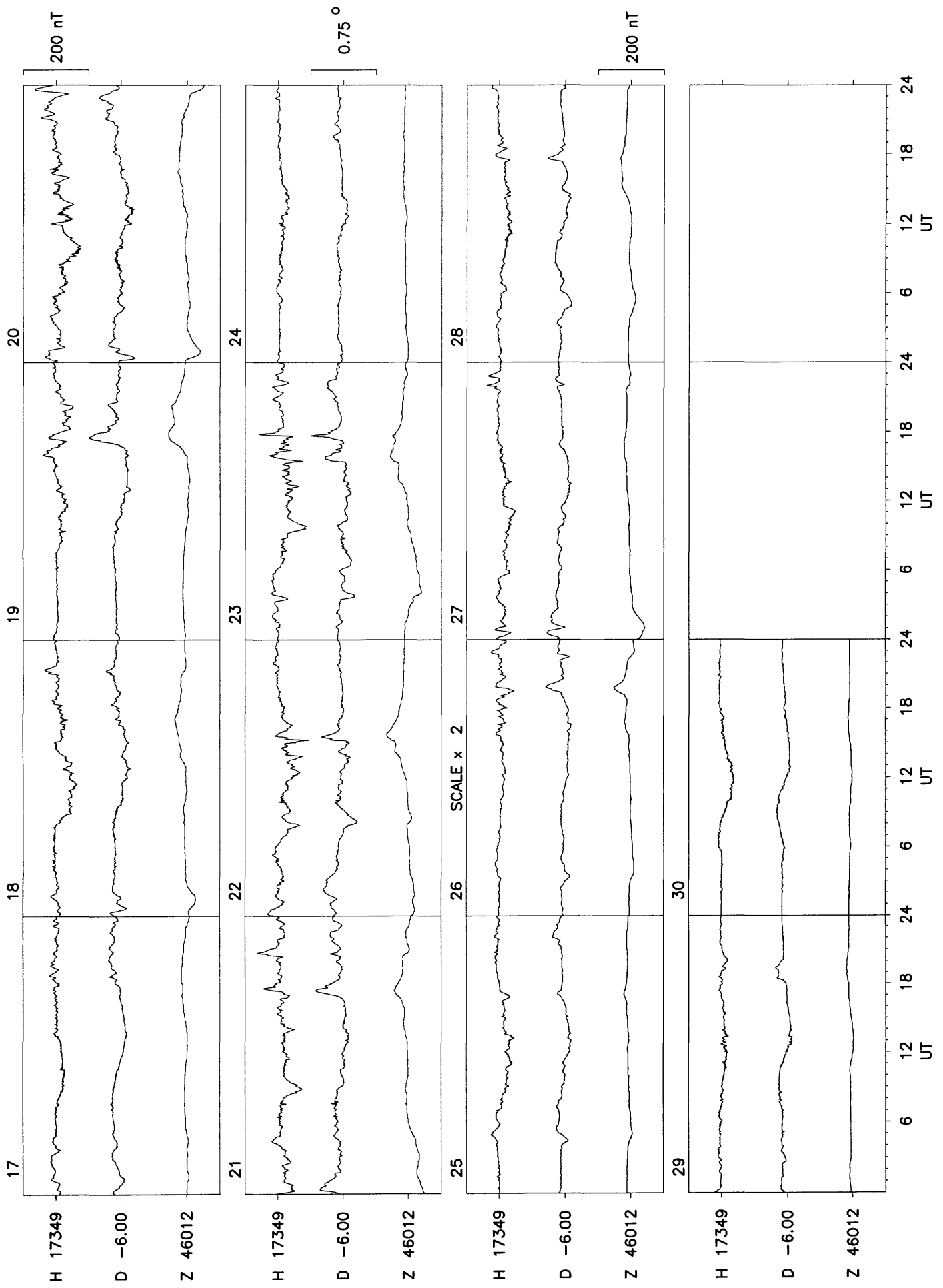


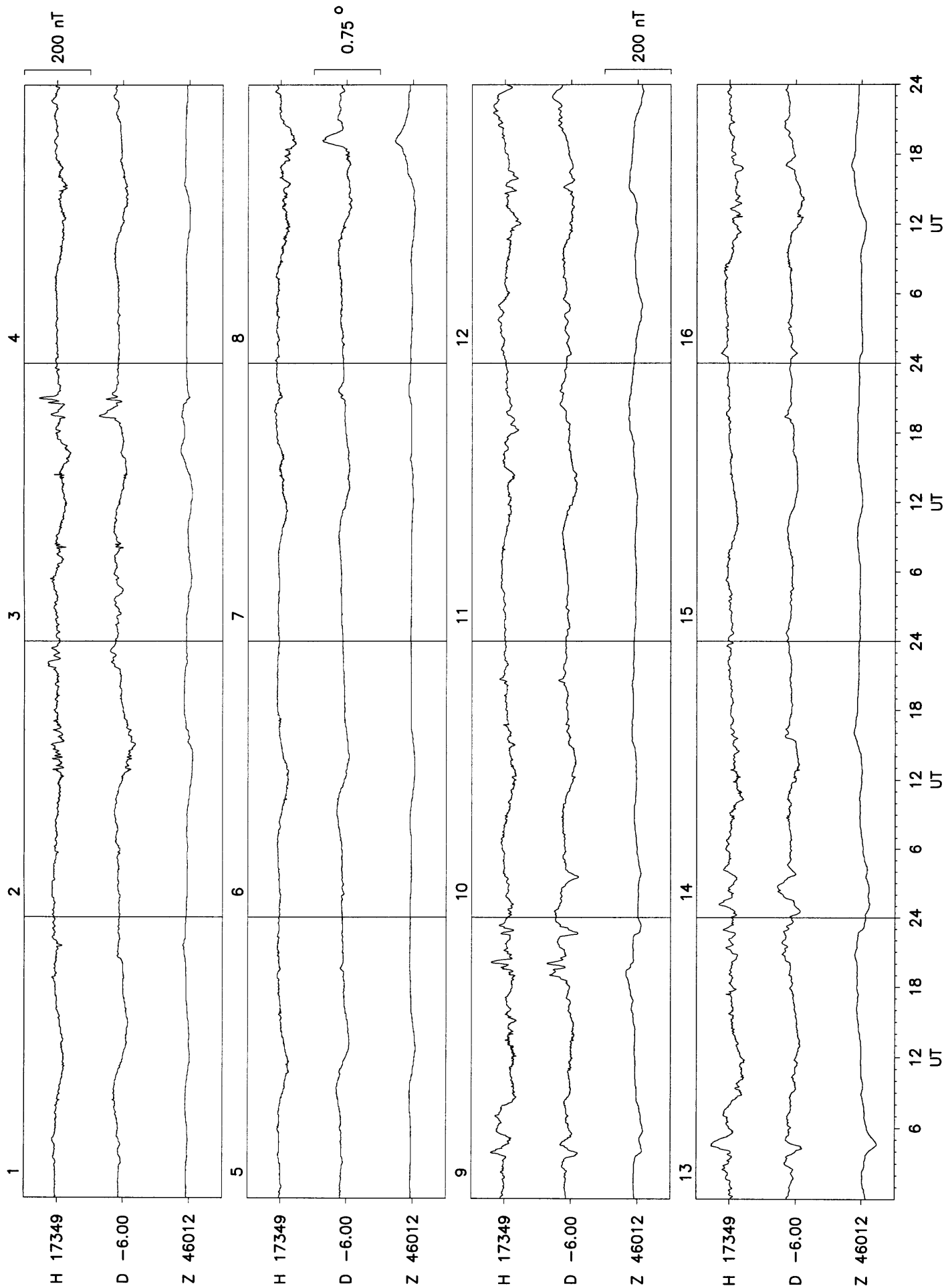


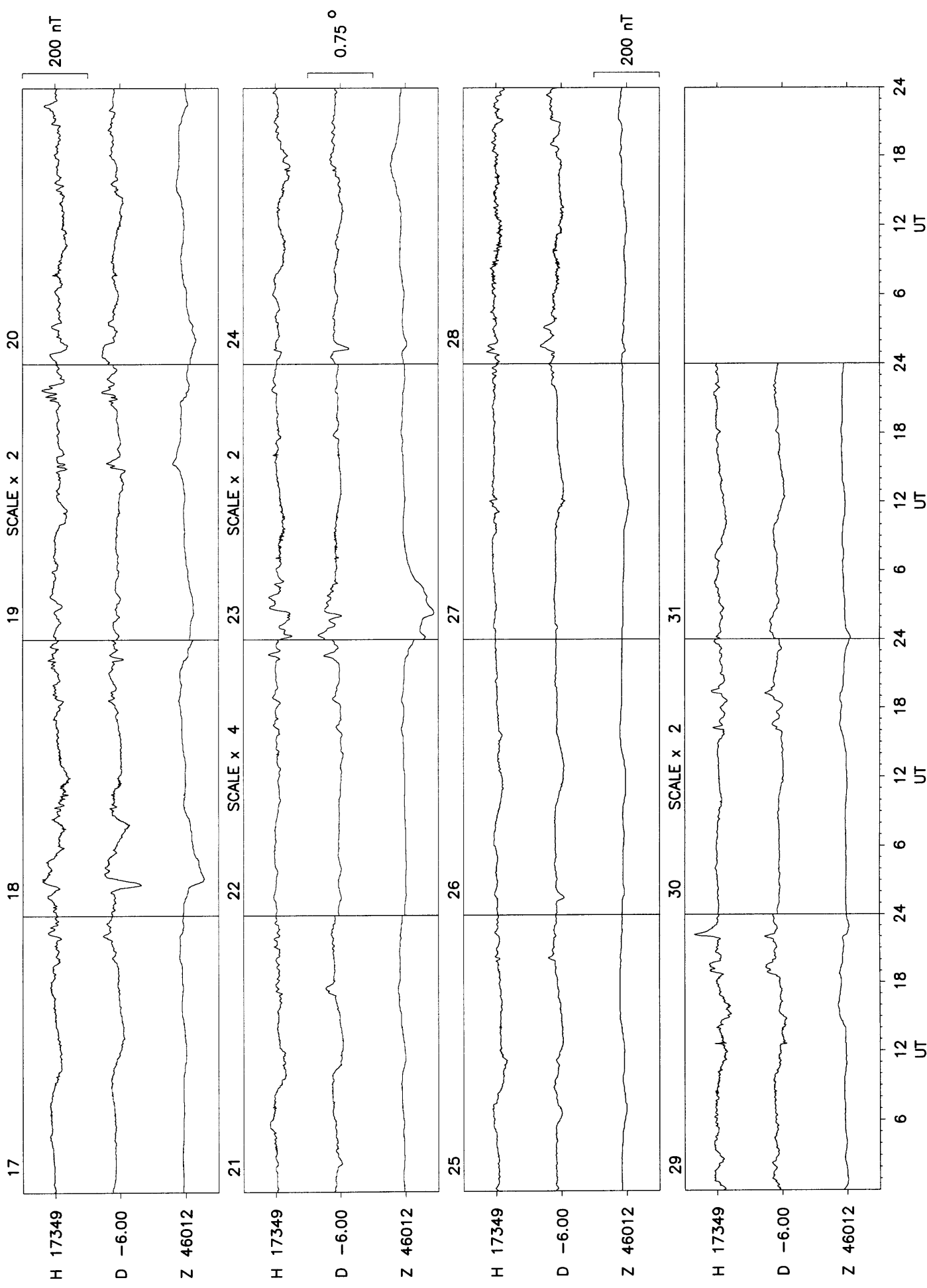


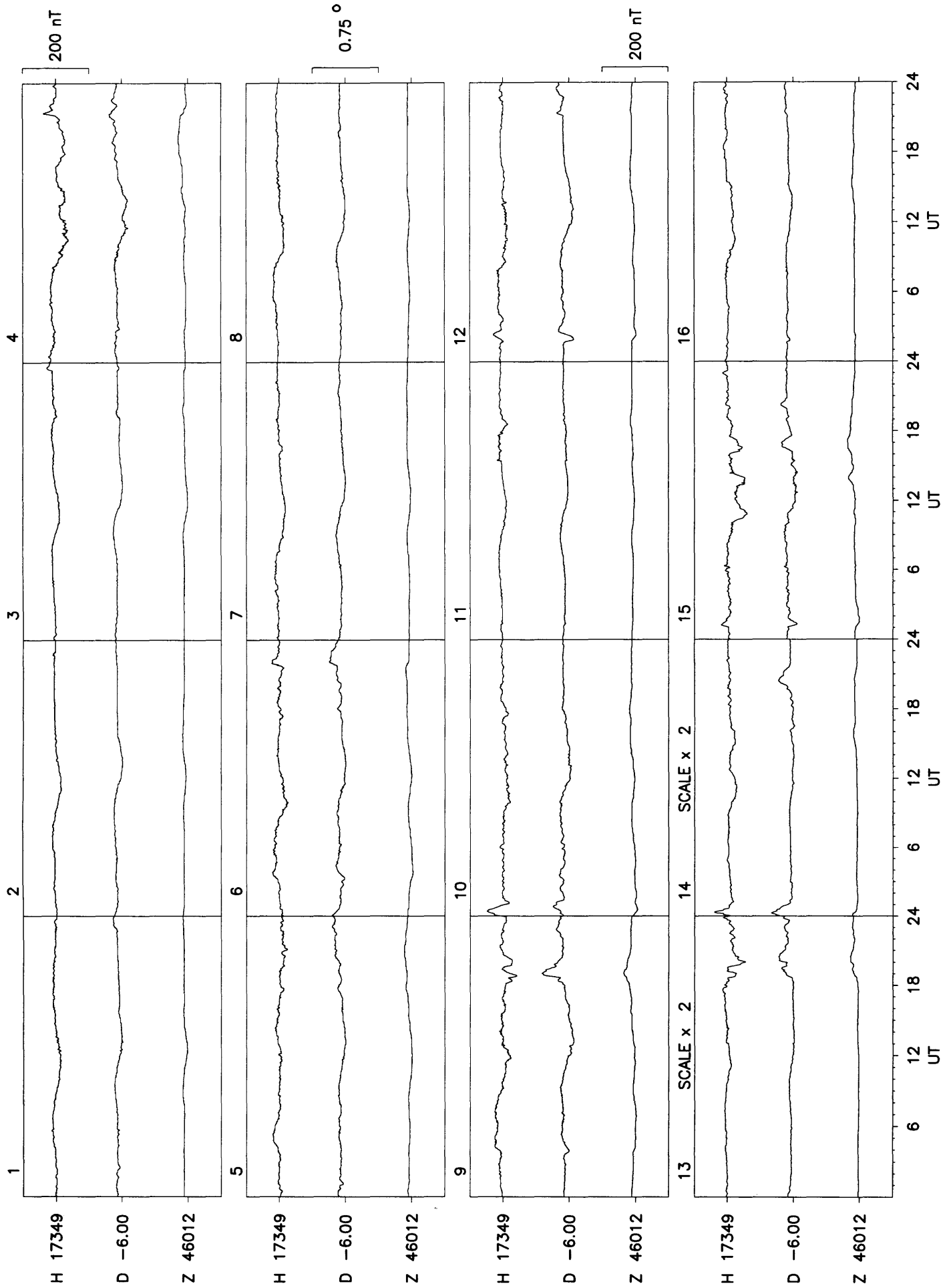


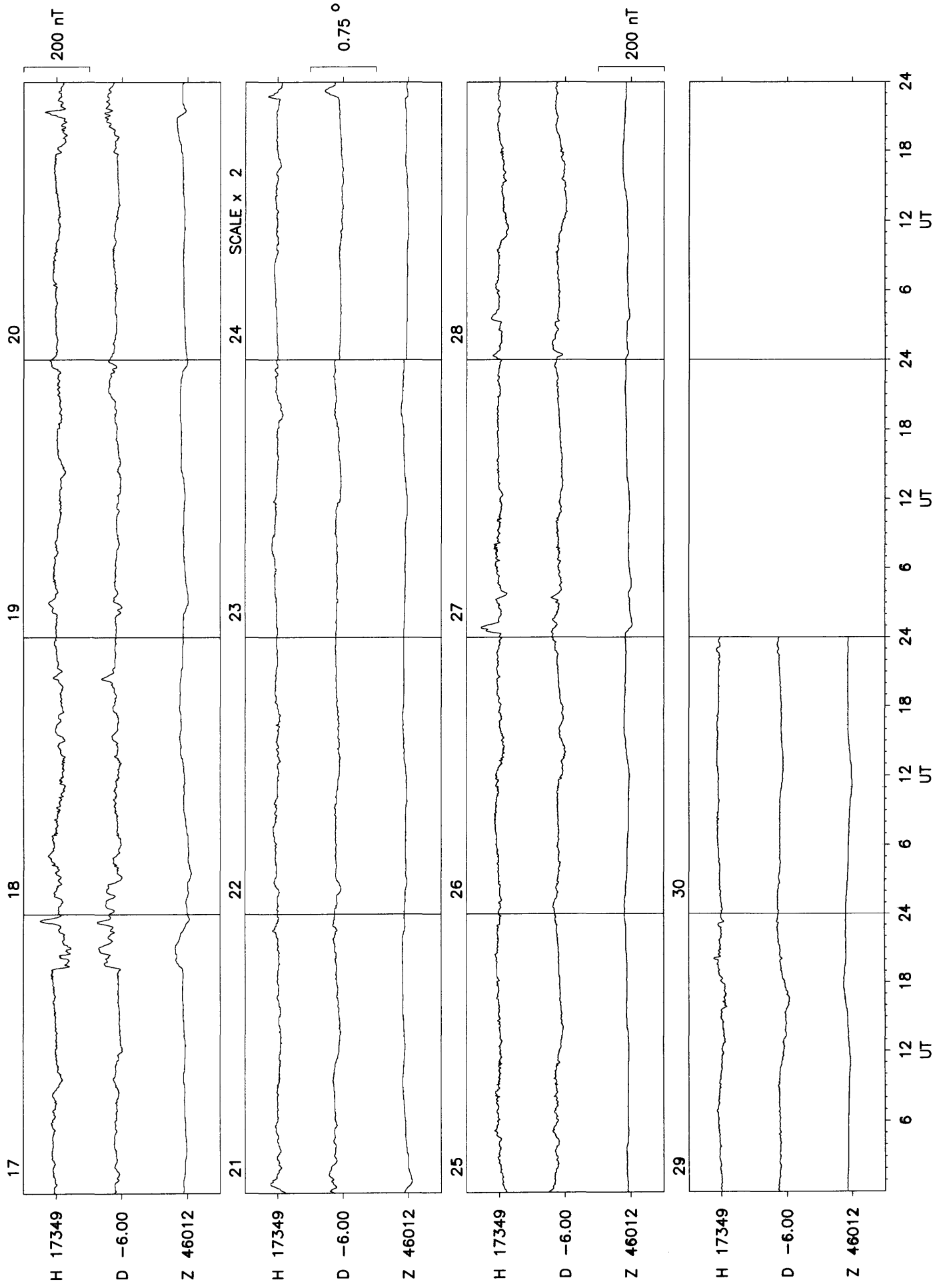


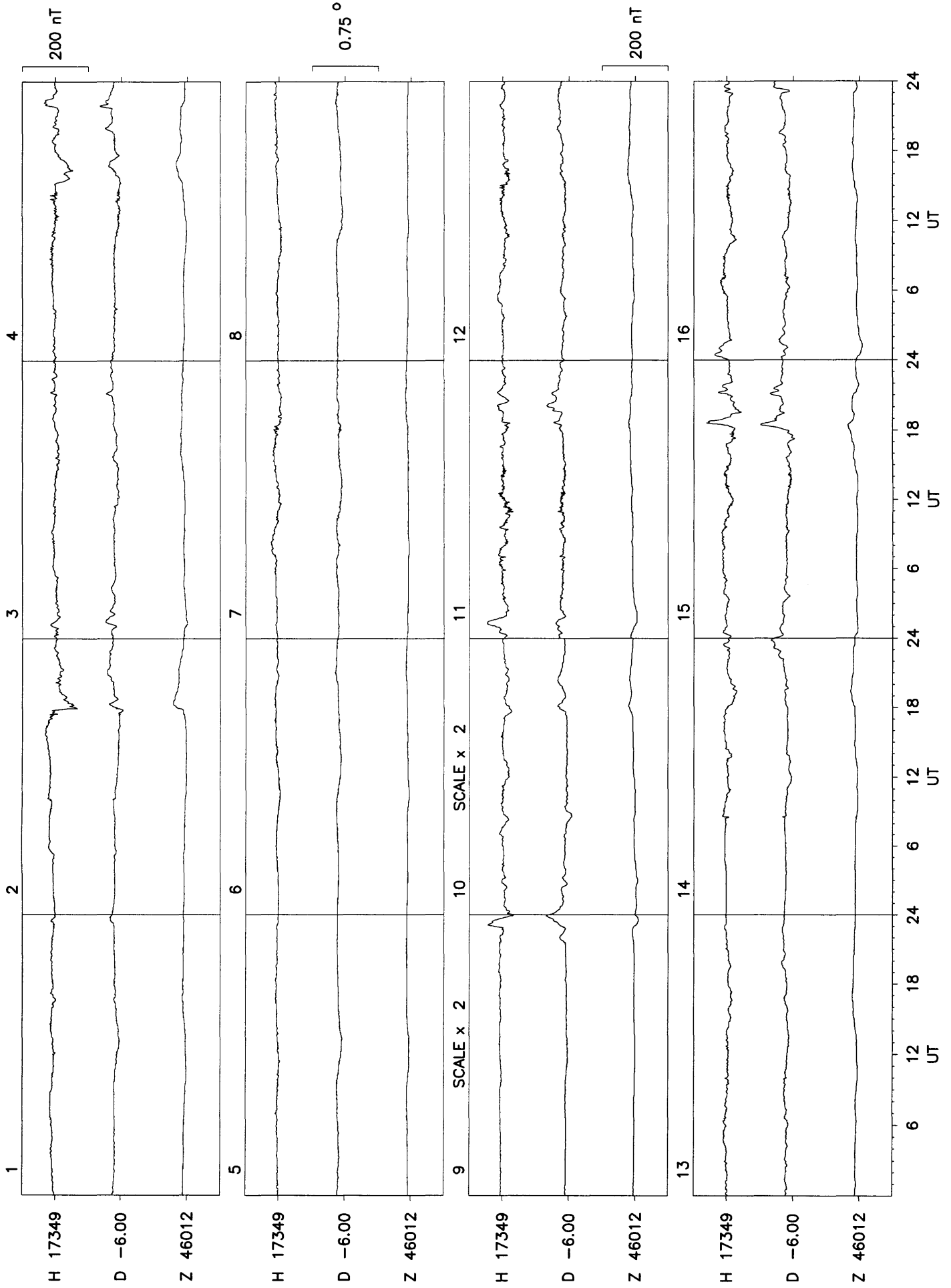


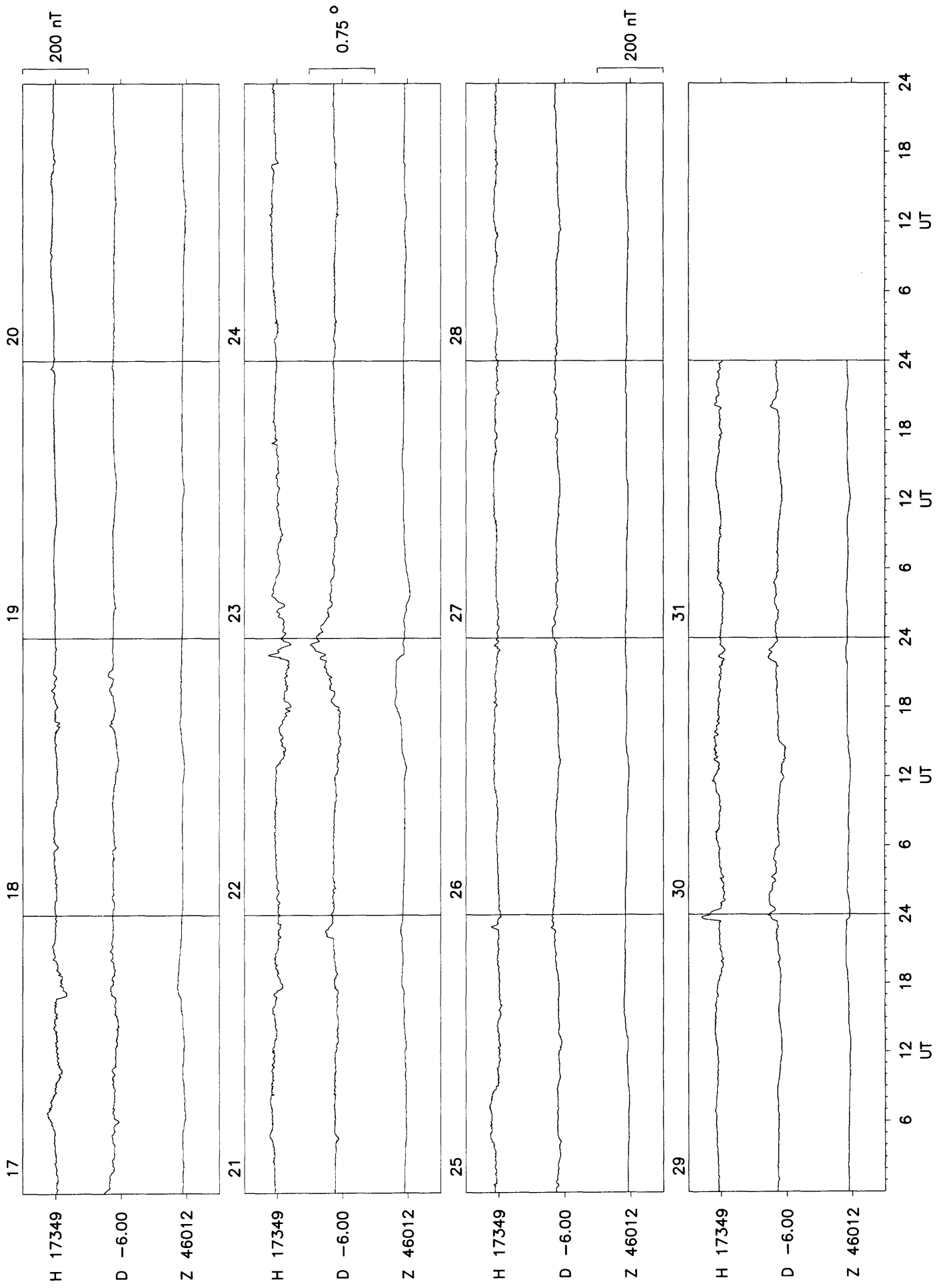




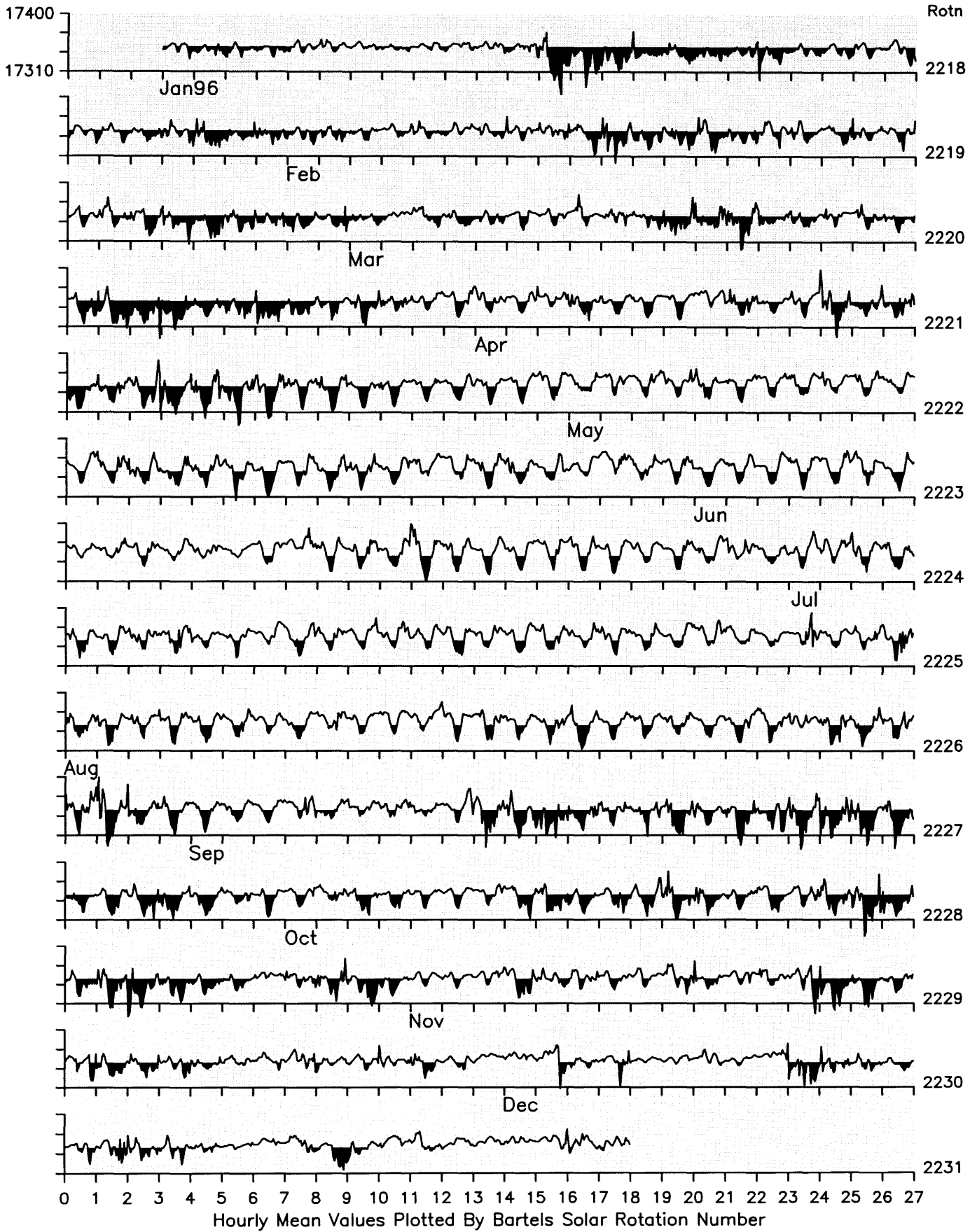




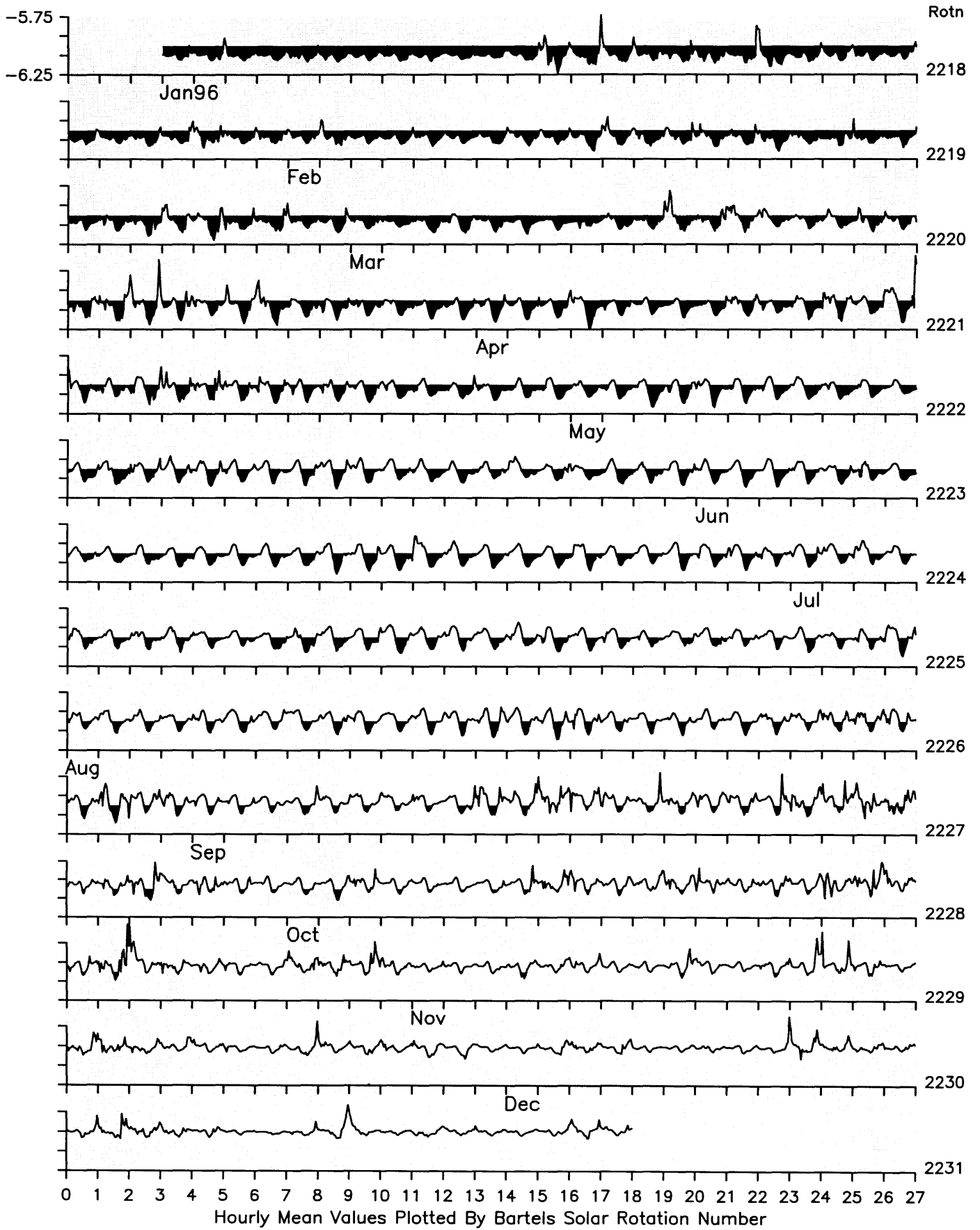




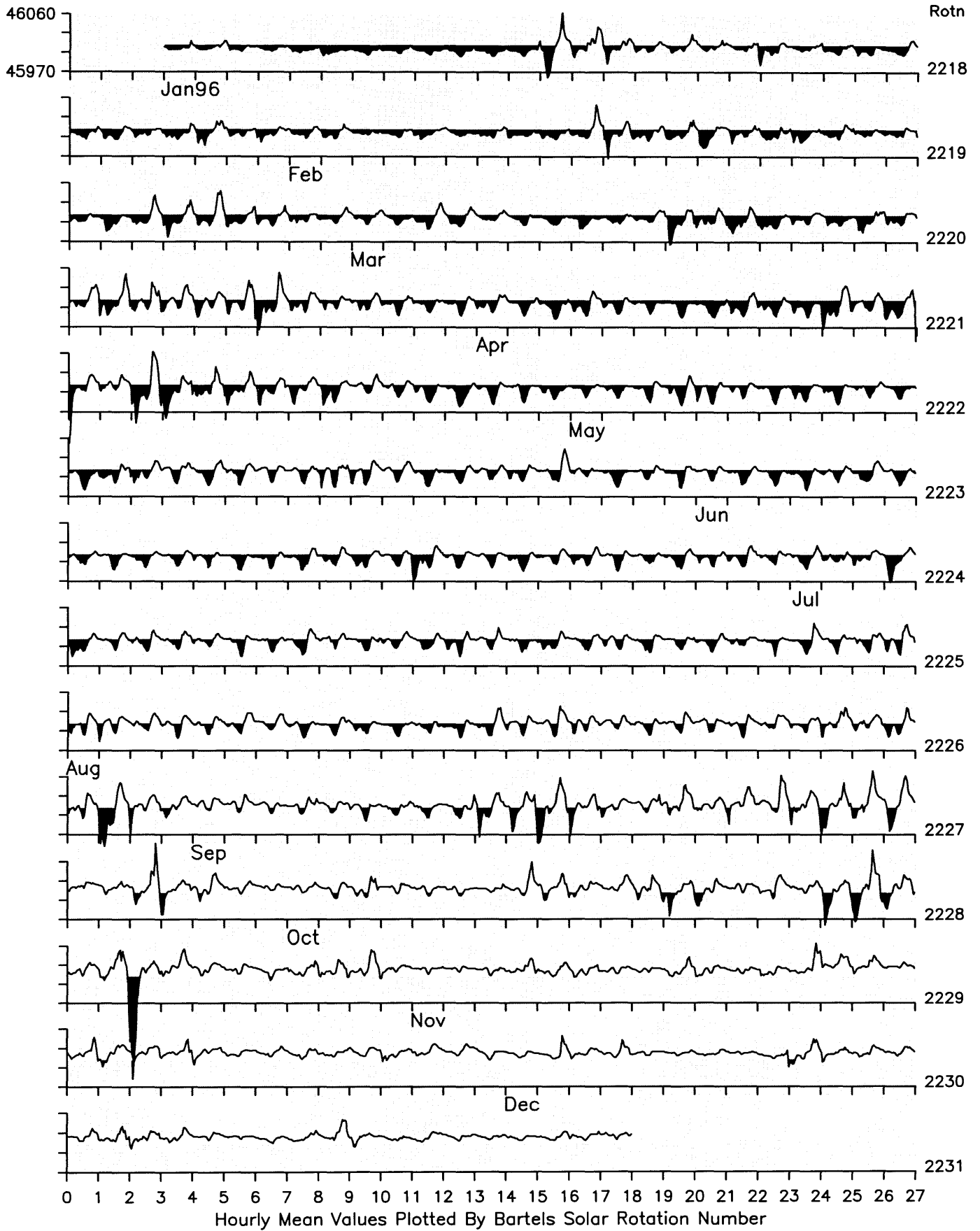
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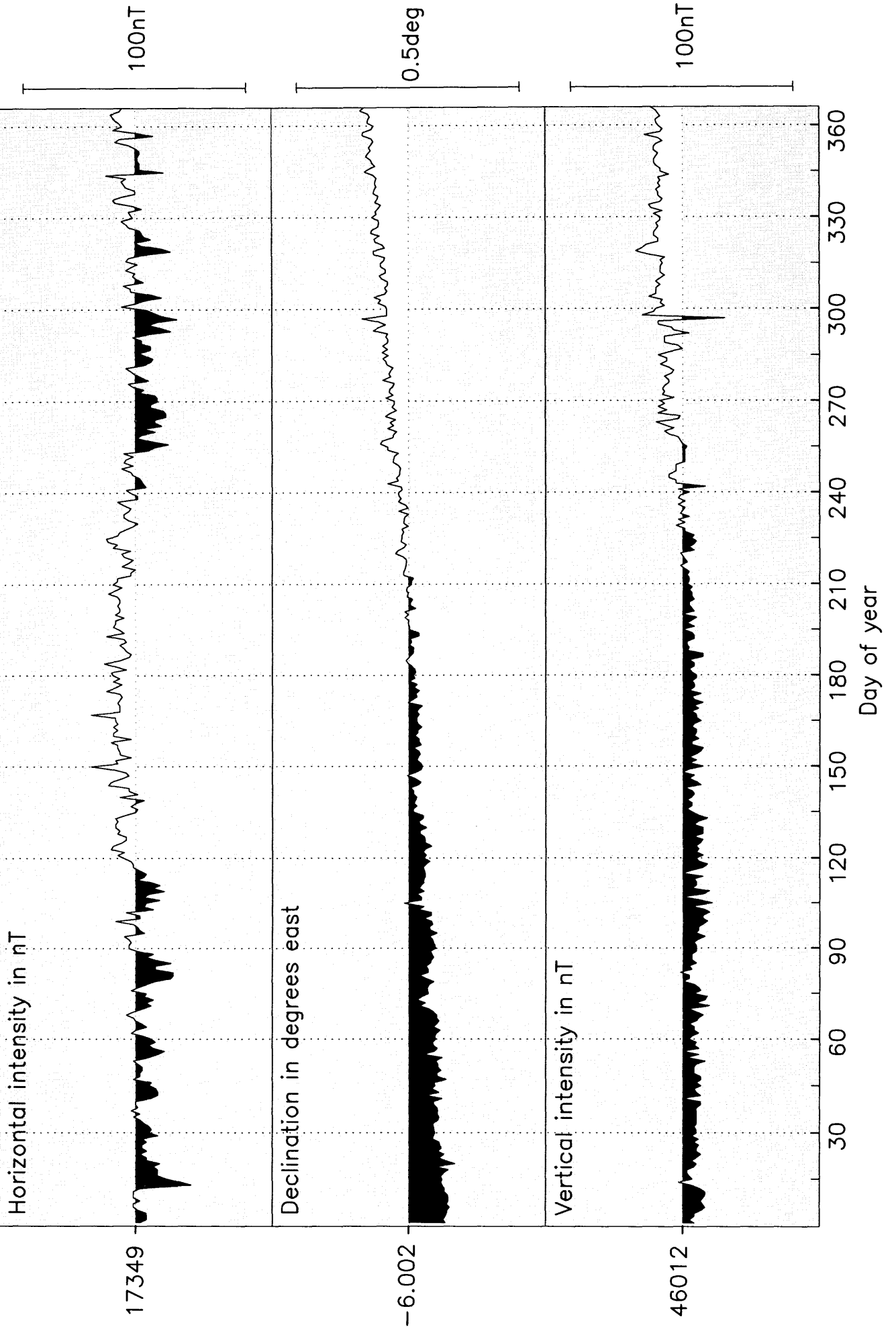
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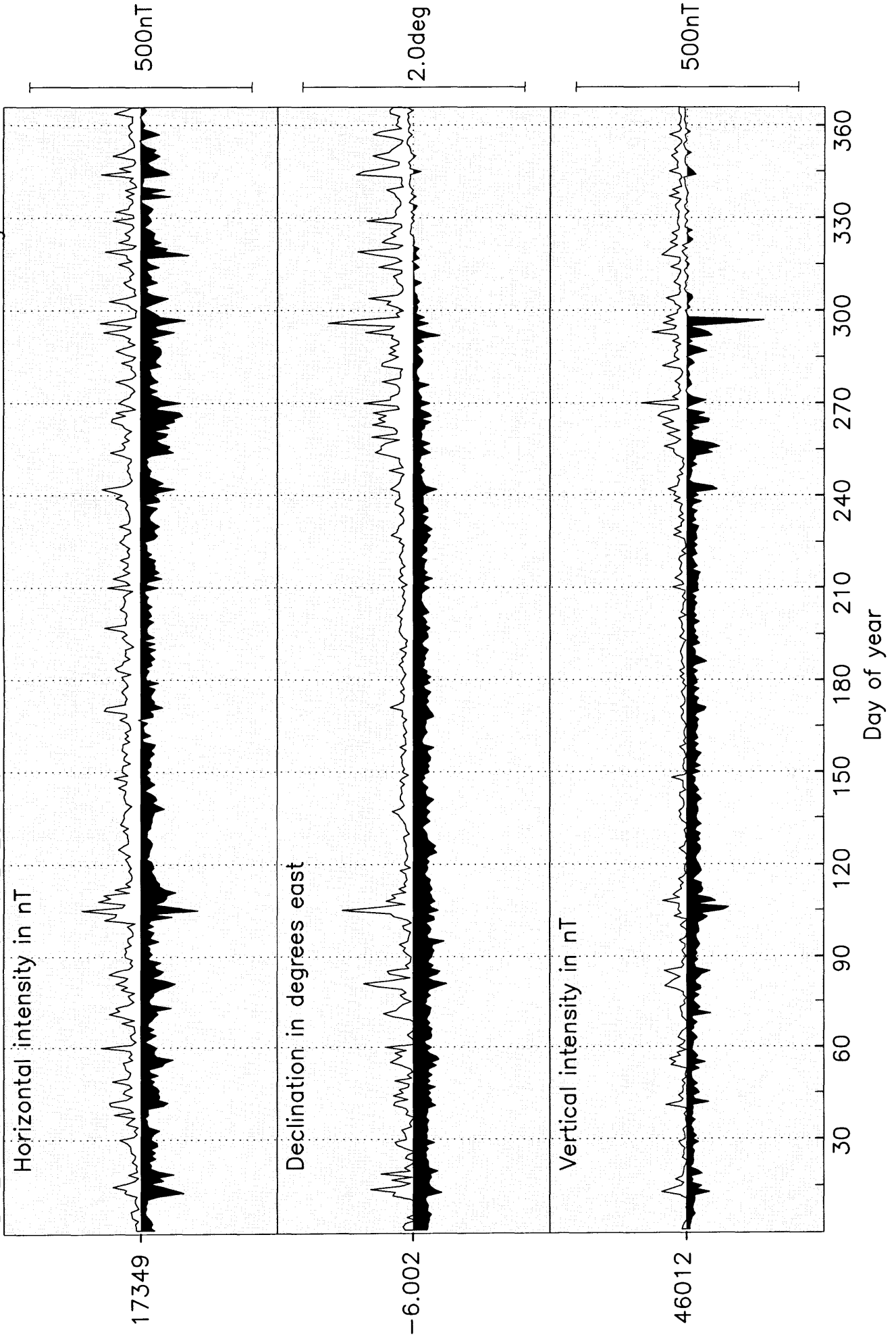
Eskdalemuir Observatory: Vertical Intensity (nT)



DAILY MEAN VALUES 1996 ESKDALEMUIR Lat:55 19 Long:356 48



DAILY MINIMUM & MAXIMUM VALUES 1996 ESKDALEMUIR Lat:55 19 Long:356 48



Monthly Mean Values for Eskdalemuir 1996

Month	D °	H nT	I °	X nT	Y nT	Z nT	F nT
Based on All Days							
Jan	-6 4.7	17343	69 20.7	17245	-1836	46006	49166
Feb	-6 3.7	17345	69 20.6	17248	-1832	46006	49167
Mar	-6 3.0	17344	69 20.7	17247	-1828	46007	49168
Apr	-6 2.3	17347	69 20.4	17251	-1825	46005	49167
May	-6 1.5	17355	69 19.9	17259	-1822	46006	49171
Jun	-6 1.2	17357	69 19.8	17261	-1820	46007	49172
Jul	-6 0.3	17356	69 19.9	17261	-1816	46008	49173
Aug	-5 59.2	17353	69 20.2	17258	-1810	46011	49175
Sep	-5 57.9	17344	69 20.9	17250	-1802	46017	49177
Oct	-5 56.9	17344	69 21.0	17251	-1797	46019	49179
Nov	-5 56.2	17349	69 20.7	17256	-1794	46024	49185
Dec	-5 55.0	17352	69 20.5	17260	-1789	46023	49185
Annual	-6 0.1	17349	69 20.5	17254	-1814	46012	49174

International quiet day means

Jan	-6 5.2	17349	69 20.2	17251	-1840	46003	49166
Feb	-6 4.0	17349	69 20.3	17252	-1834	46006	49168
Mar	-6 3.8	17349	69 20.3	17252	-1833	46006	49168
Apr	-6 2.6	17351	69 20.1	17255	-1827	46004	49167
May	-6 1.6	17355	69 19.9	17259	-1822	46007	49172
Jun	-6 1.1	17356	69 19.8	17260	-1820	46006	49171
Jul	-6 0.4	17356	69 19.9	17261	-1816	46008	49173
Aug	-5 59.3	17357	69 19.8	17262	-1811	46007	49172
Sep	-5 58.4	17349	69 20.6	17255	-1805	46017	49179
Oct	-5 57.5	17350	69 20.6	17256	-1801	46019	49181
Nov	-5 56.6	17353	69 20.5	17260	-1797	46023	49186
Dec	-5 55.6	17355	69 20.3	17262	-1792	46022	49186
Annual	-6 0.5	17352	69 20.2	17257	-1816	46011	49174

International disturbed day means

Jan	-6 4.7	17333	69 21.4	17236	-1835	46009	49166
Feb	-6 3.3	17340	69 20.9	17243	-1829	46007	49166
Mar	-6 1.8	17338	69 21.0	17242	-1821	46006	49165
Apr	-6 1.1	17341	69 20.7	17245	-1818	46002	49162
May	-6 1.4	17351	69 20.2	17255	-1821	46006	49169
Jun	-6 1.2	17358	69 19.7	17262	-1820	46006	49172
Jul	-6 0.1	17355	69 20.0	17260	-1815	46008	49172
Aug	-5 58.7	17348	69 20.5	17254	-1807	46011	49173
Sep	-5 57.4	17338	69 21.2	17244	-1799	46014	49172
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Nov	-5 55.8	17341	69 21.3	17248	-1792	46027	49185
Dec	-5 54.7	17345	69 21.0	17253	-1786	46023	49183
Annual	-5 59.7	17344	69 20.8	17249	-1811	46011	49171

Eskdalemuir Observatory K Indices 1996

Day	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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SIs and SSCs

Day	Month	UT		Type	Quality	H(nT)	D(min)	Z(nT)
6	2	19	49	SI*	B	8	-0.4	3
10	3	22	58	SI	C	34	5.3	-5
24	3	08	57	SSC*	B	14	2.7	-2
3	4	10	07	SSC*	B	13	-1.1	-2
8	4	13	34	SSC*	A	28	-4.4	-2
13	4	09	08	SI*	C	4	1.1	
6	6	05	10	SSC*	B	+15/-15	4.4	
19	6	02	44	SI*	B	-49	7.2	5
27	6	06	29	SSC*	C	-7	1.2	
17	8	15	25	SSC*	C	8	0.9	
23	8	07	18	SI*	C	-7	2.3	
15	9	15	54	SI*	B	33	3.1	5
17	9	10	34	SSC*	B	14	-1.6	
11	11	15	27	SSC	A	13	-1.1	-2
13	11	12	59	SSC*	B	16	-1.4	-2
24	11	09	25	SSC	C	7	-0.7	
1	12	11	53	SSC*	C	-7	-0.6	
2	12	10	00	SSC	C	4	0.8	
2	12	17	23	SI*	C	-23	-0.9	2
14	12	08	28	SSC*	B	20	+1.8/-2.1	-3
24	12	12	38	SI*	C	-8	1.5	

Notes

A * indicates that the principal impulse was preceded by a smaller reversed impulse.

The quality of the event is classified as follows :

A = very distinct

B = fair, ordinary, but unmistakable

C = doubtful

The amplitudes given are for the first chief movement of the event.

SFEs

Day	Month	Universal Time						H(nT)	D(min)	Z(nT)
		Start		Maximum		End				
9	7	09	09	09	12	09	18	10	0.8	

Notes

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Annual Values of Geomagnetic Elements

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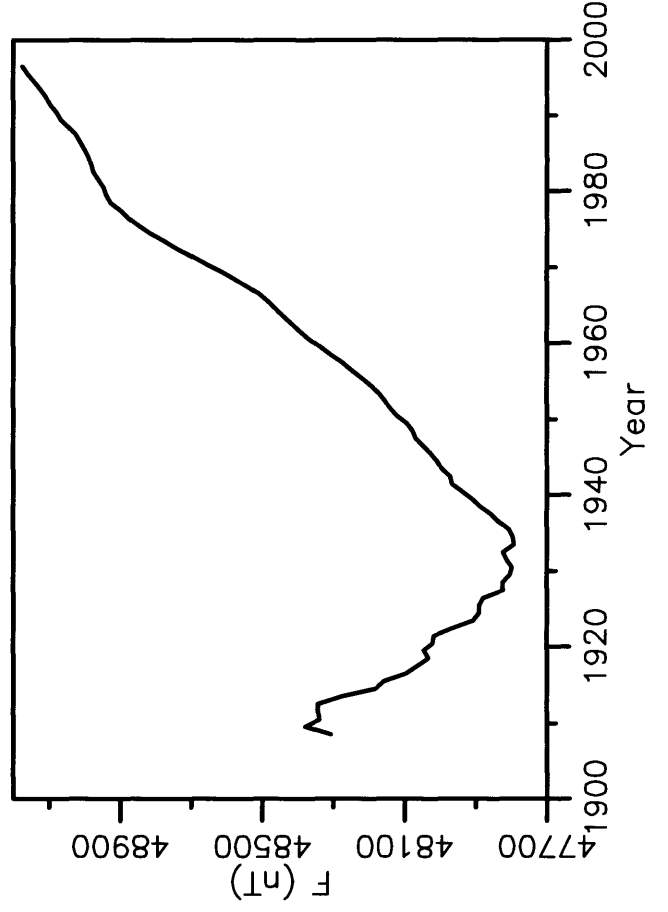
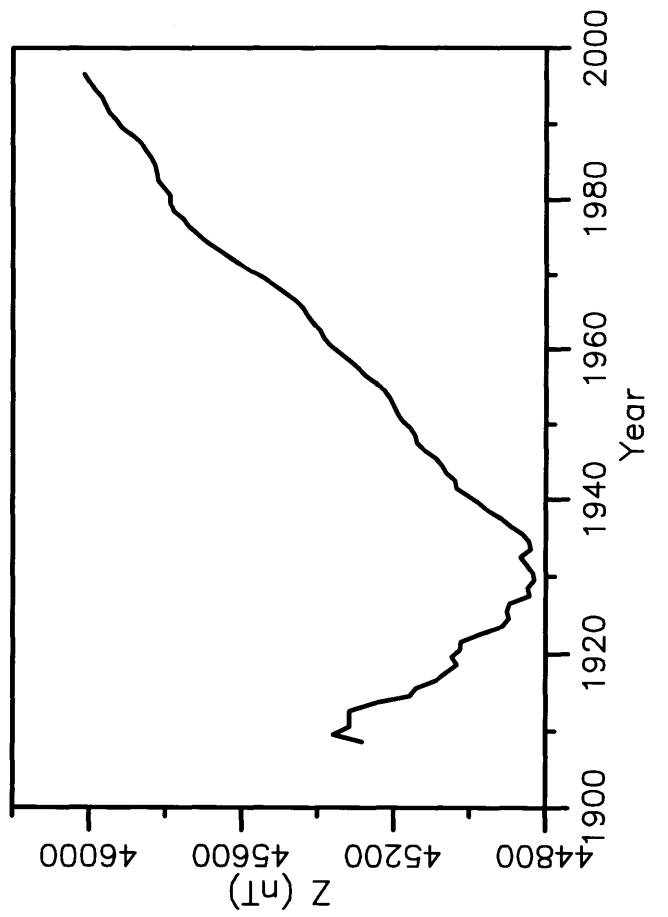
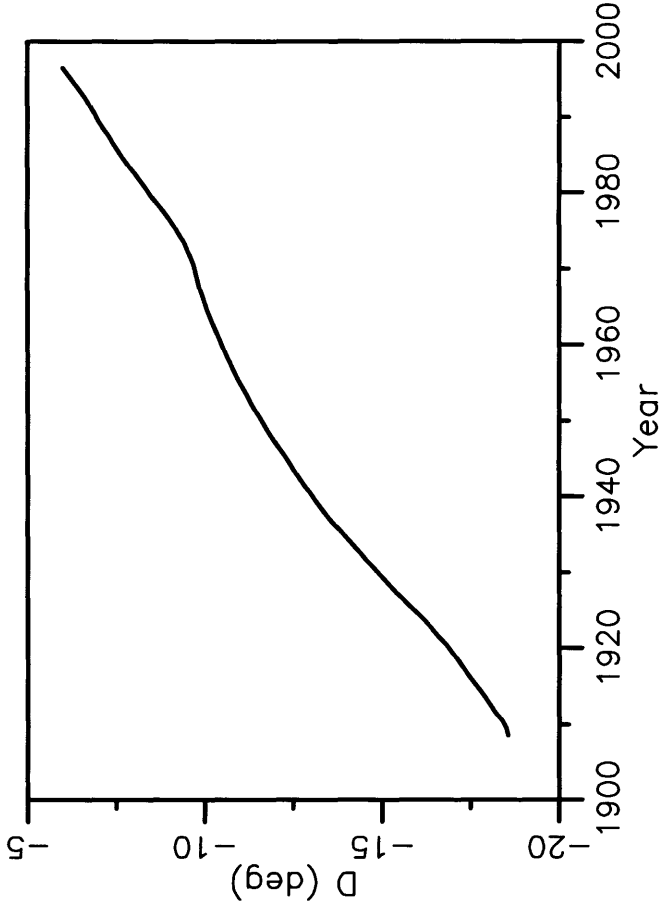
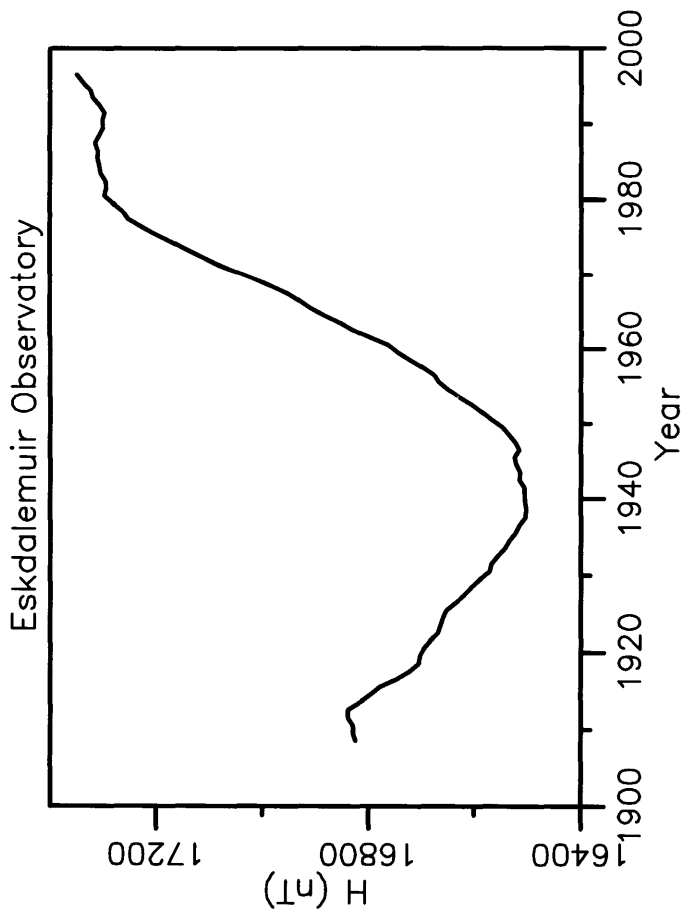
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1961.5	-10 20.9	16792	69 41.8	16519	-3016	45385	48392
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1968.5	-9 48.6	16979	69 32.5	16731	-2893	45514	48578
1969.5	-9 45.4	17013	69 31.0	16767	-2883	45542	48616

Year	D	H	I	X	Y	Z	F
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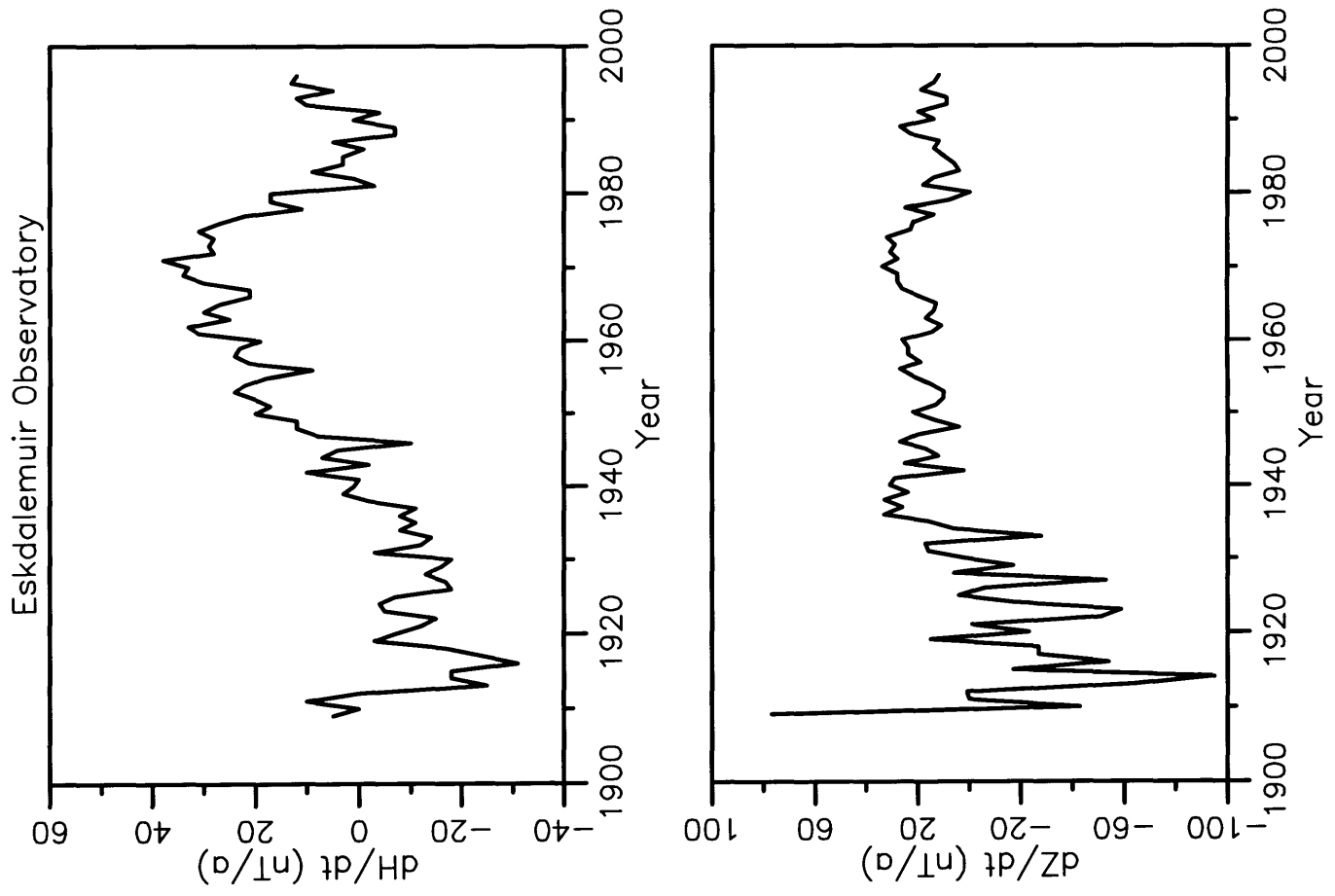
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All other elements are in nanoteslas

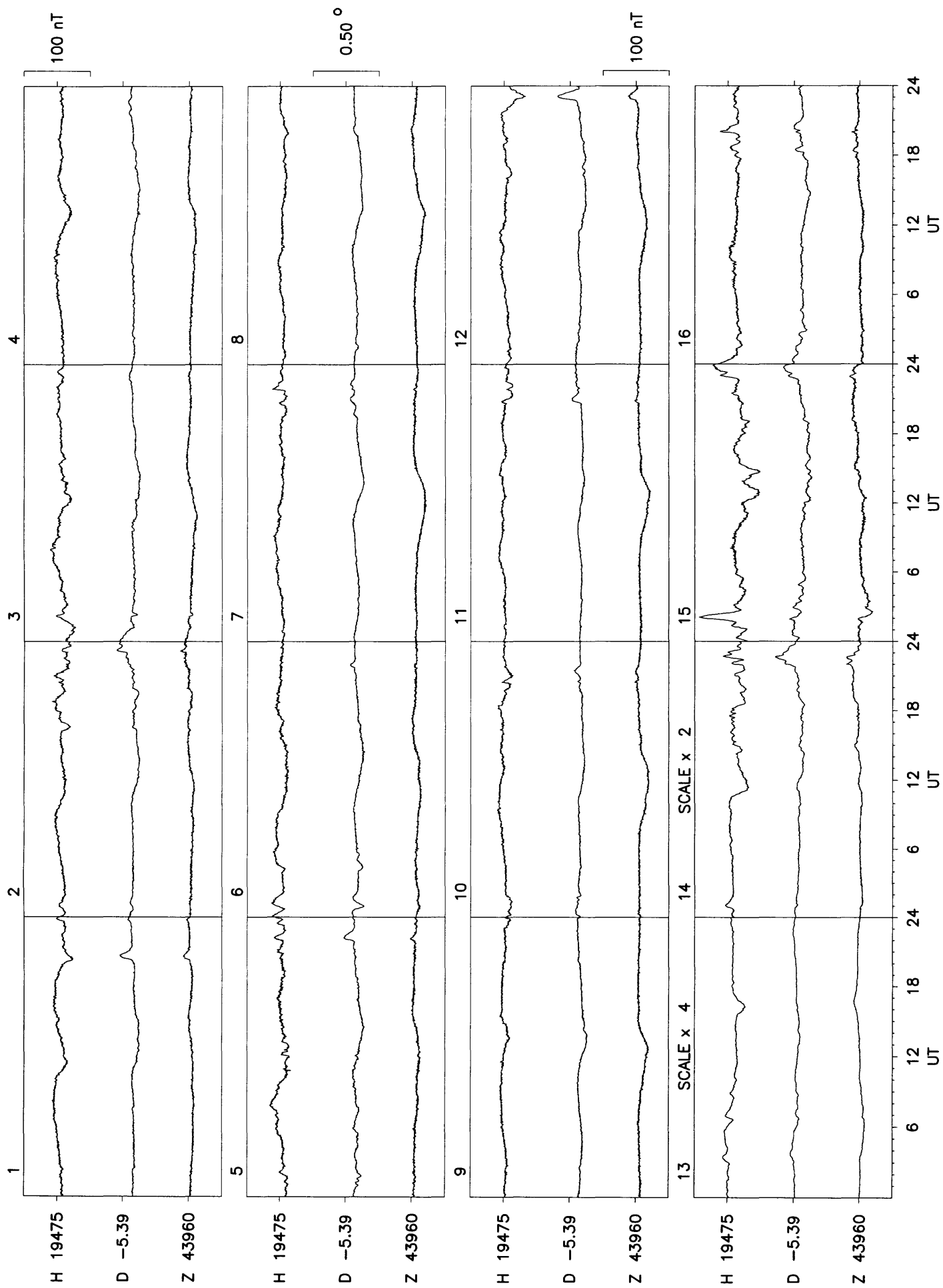


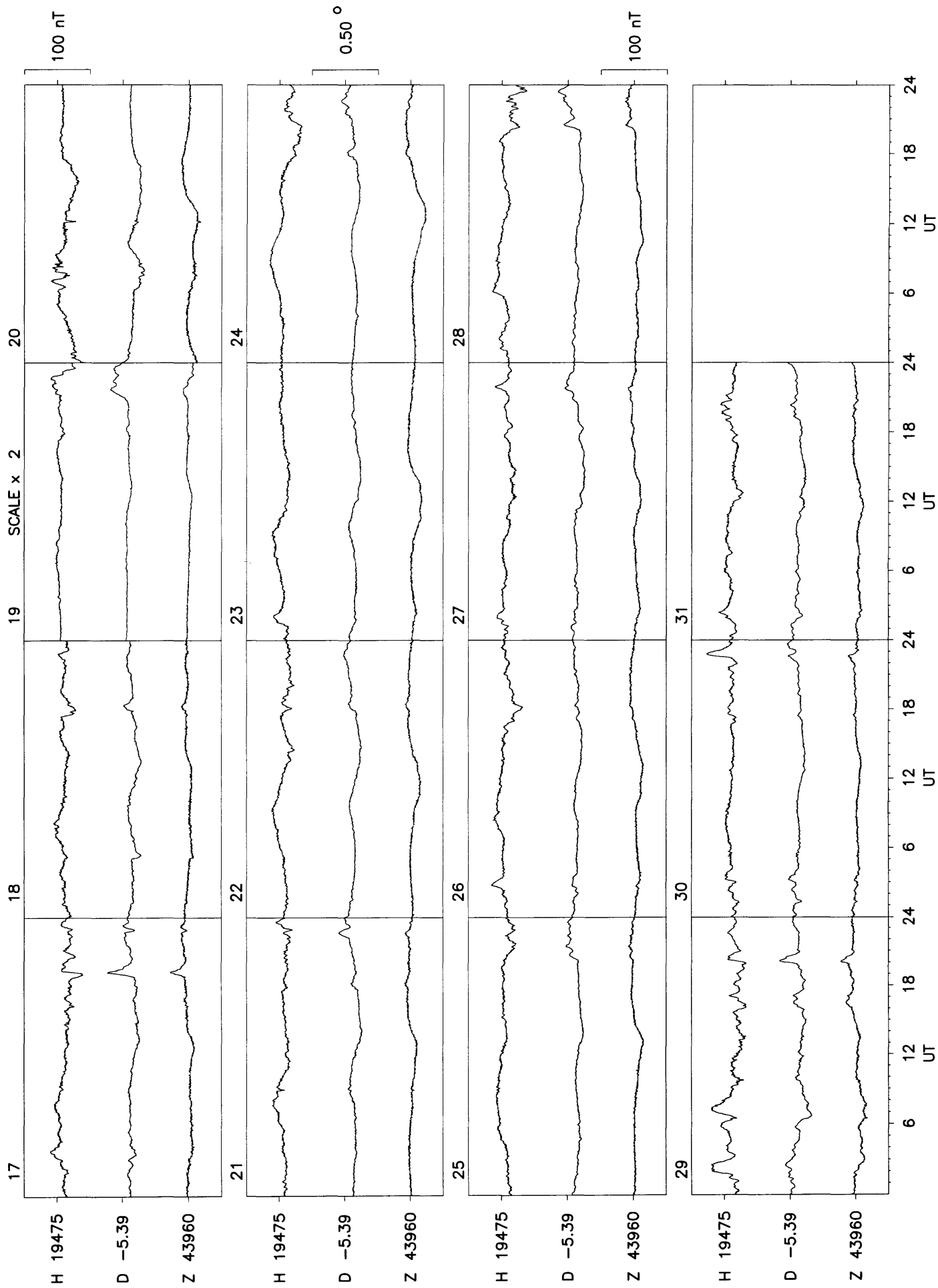
Annual mean values of H, D, Z & F at Eskdalemuir

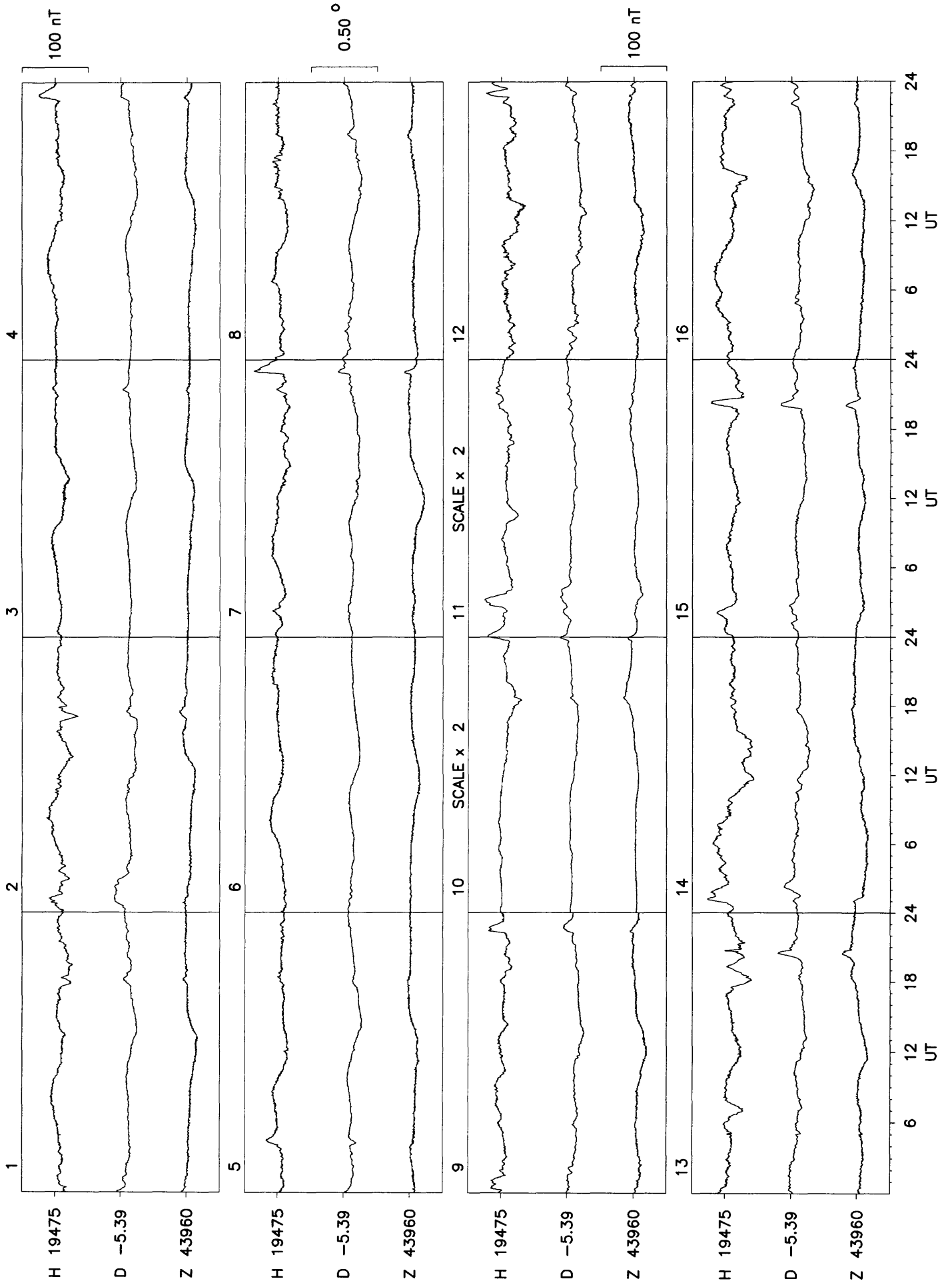


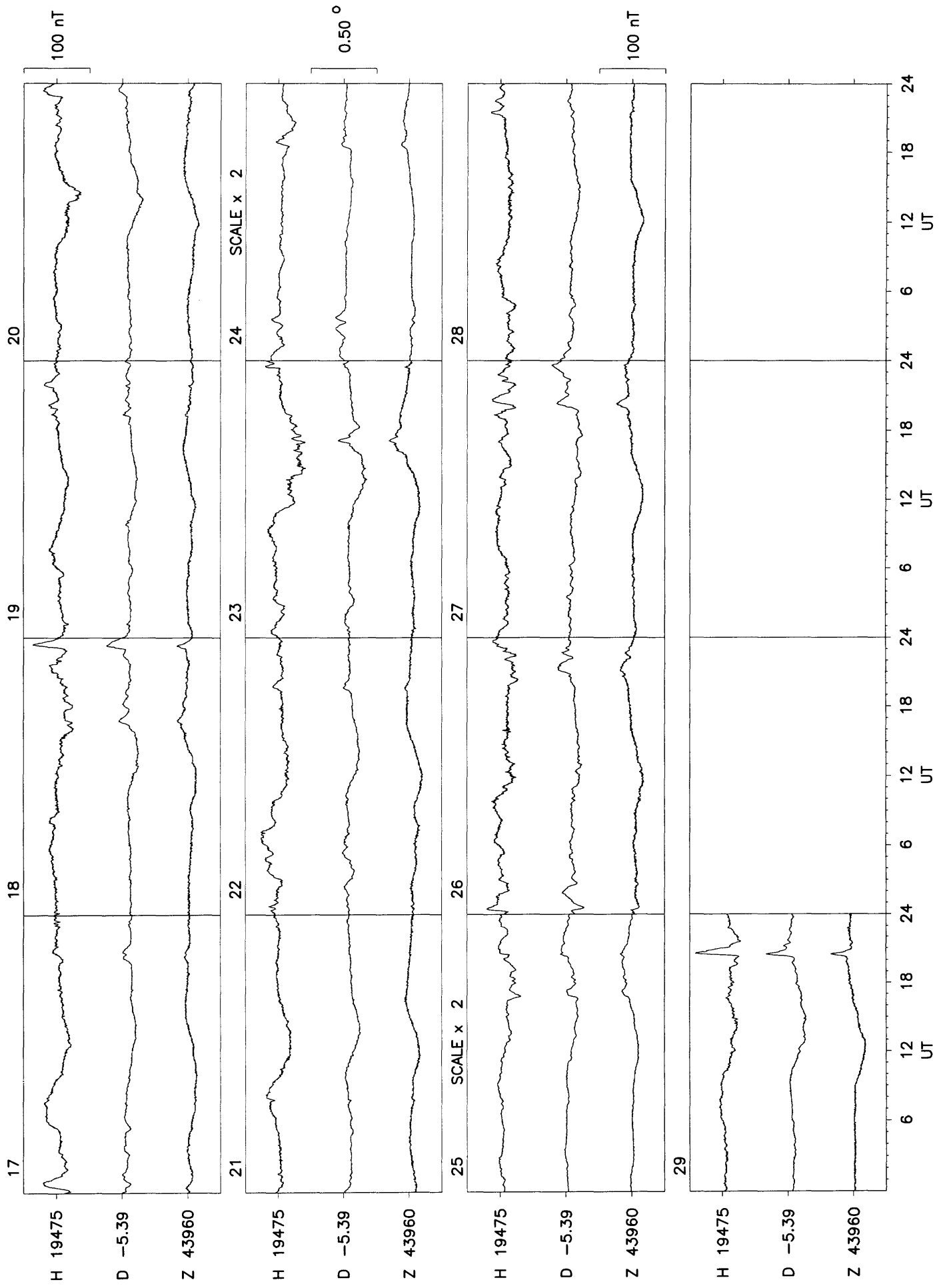
Rate of change of annual mean values for H, D, Z & F at Eskdalemuir

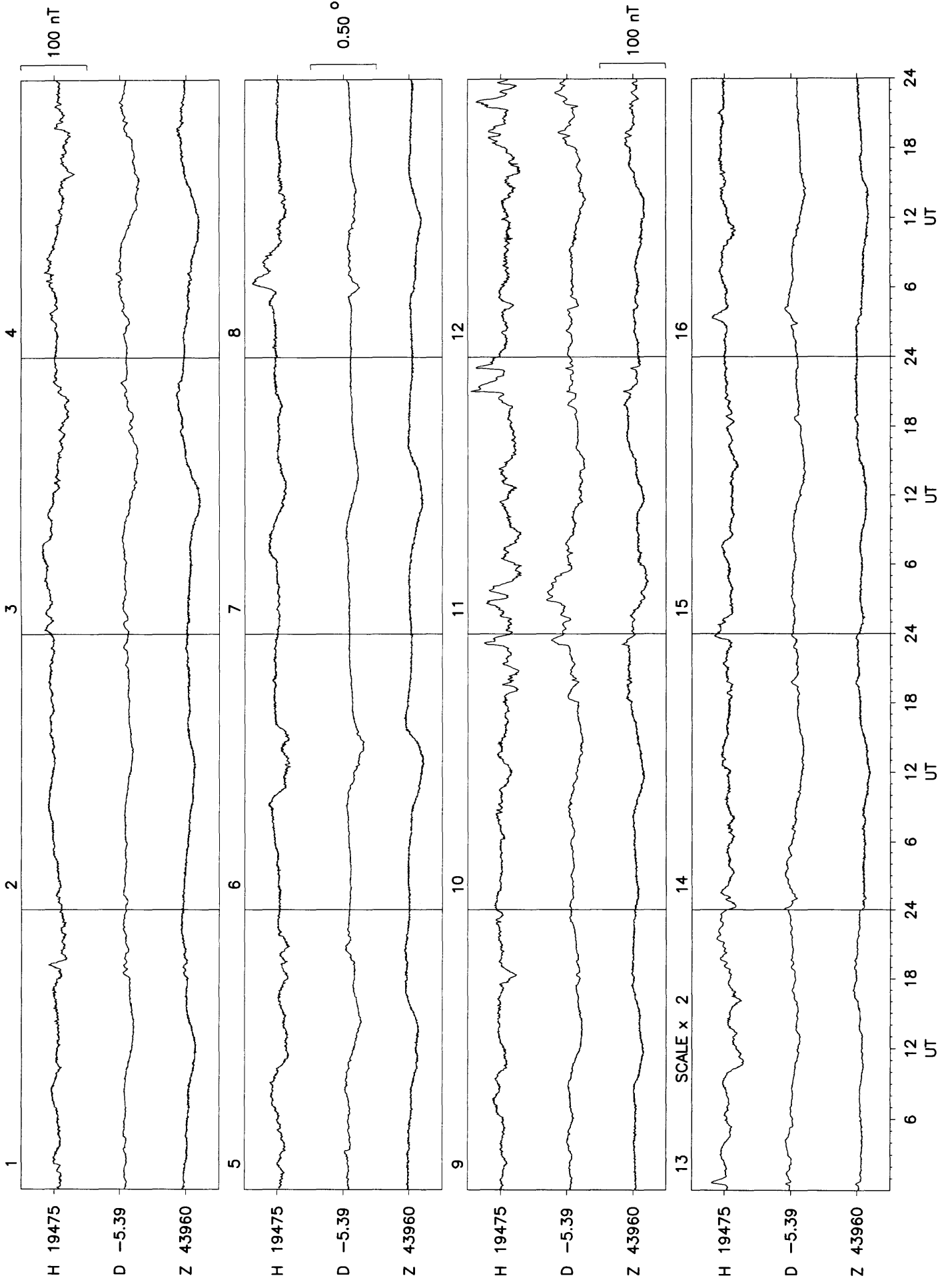
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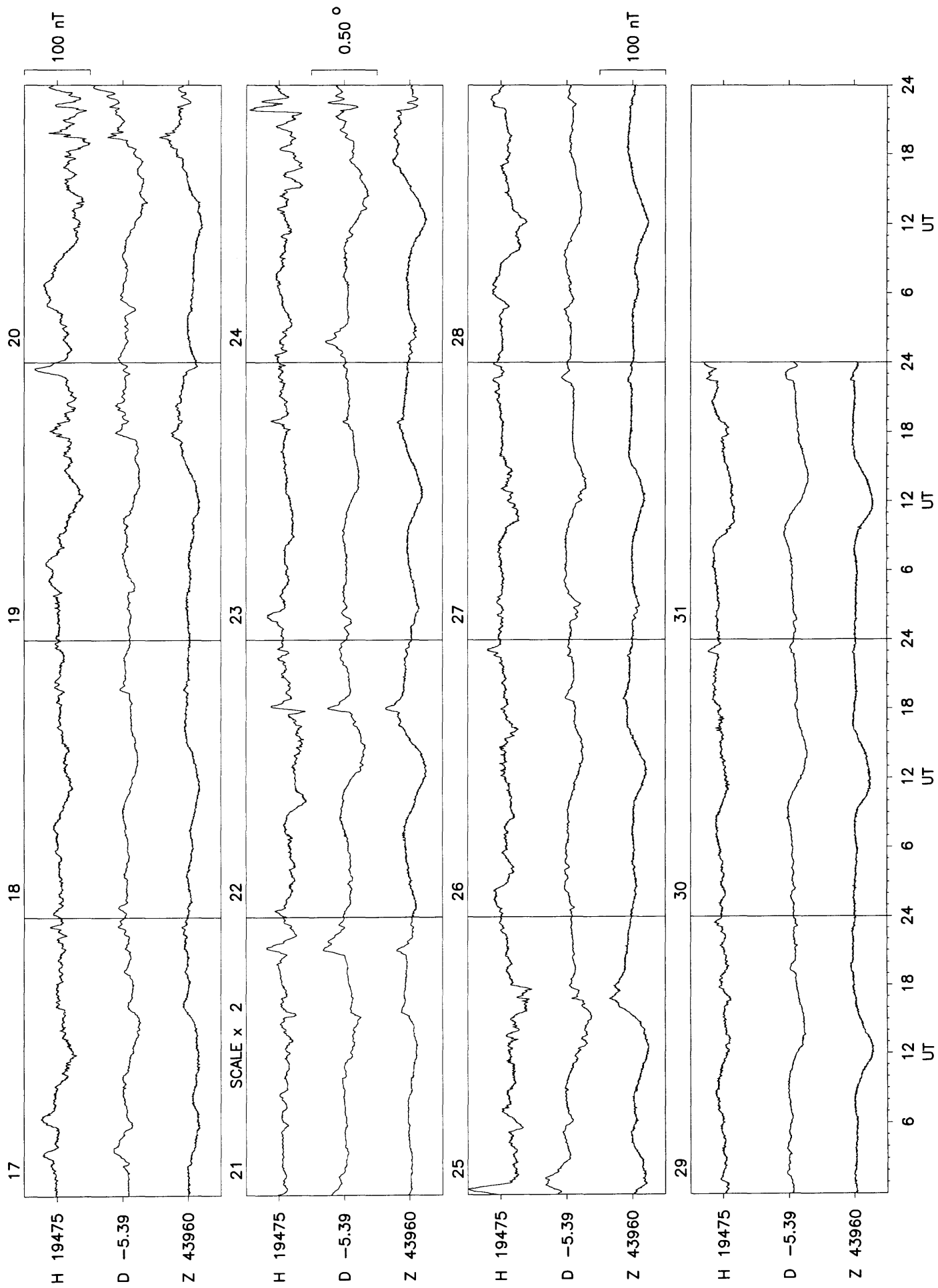


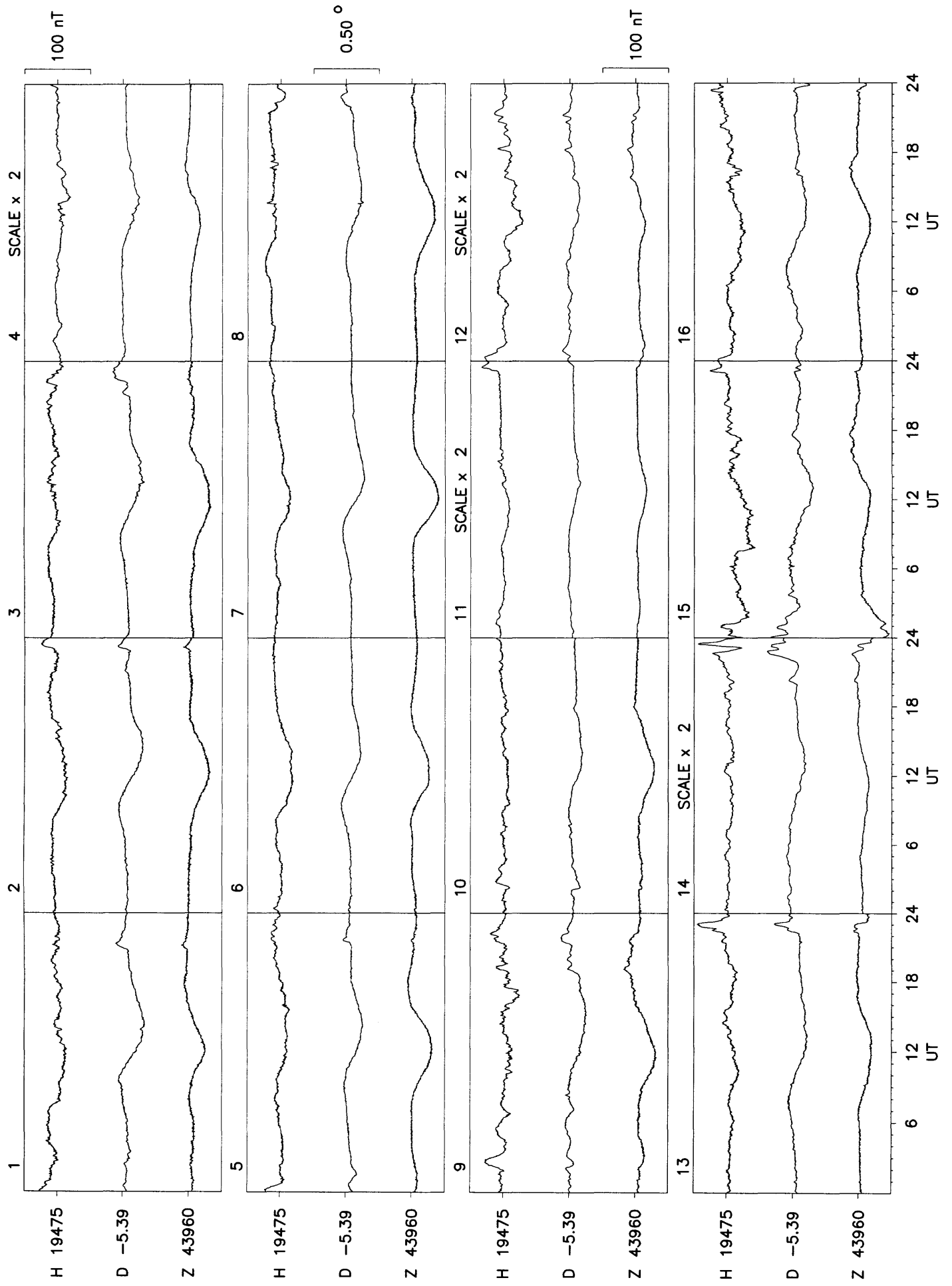


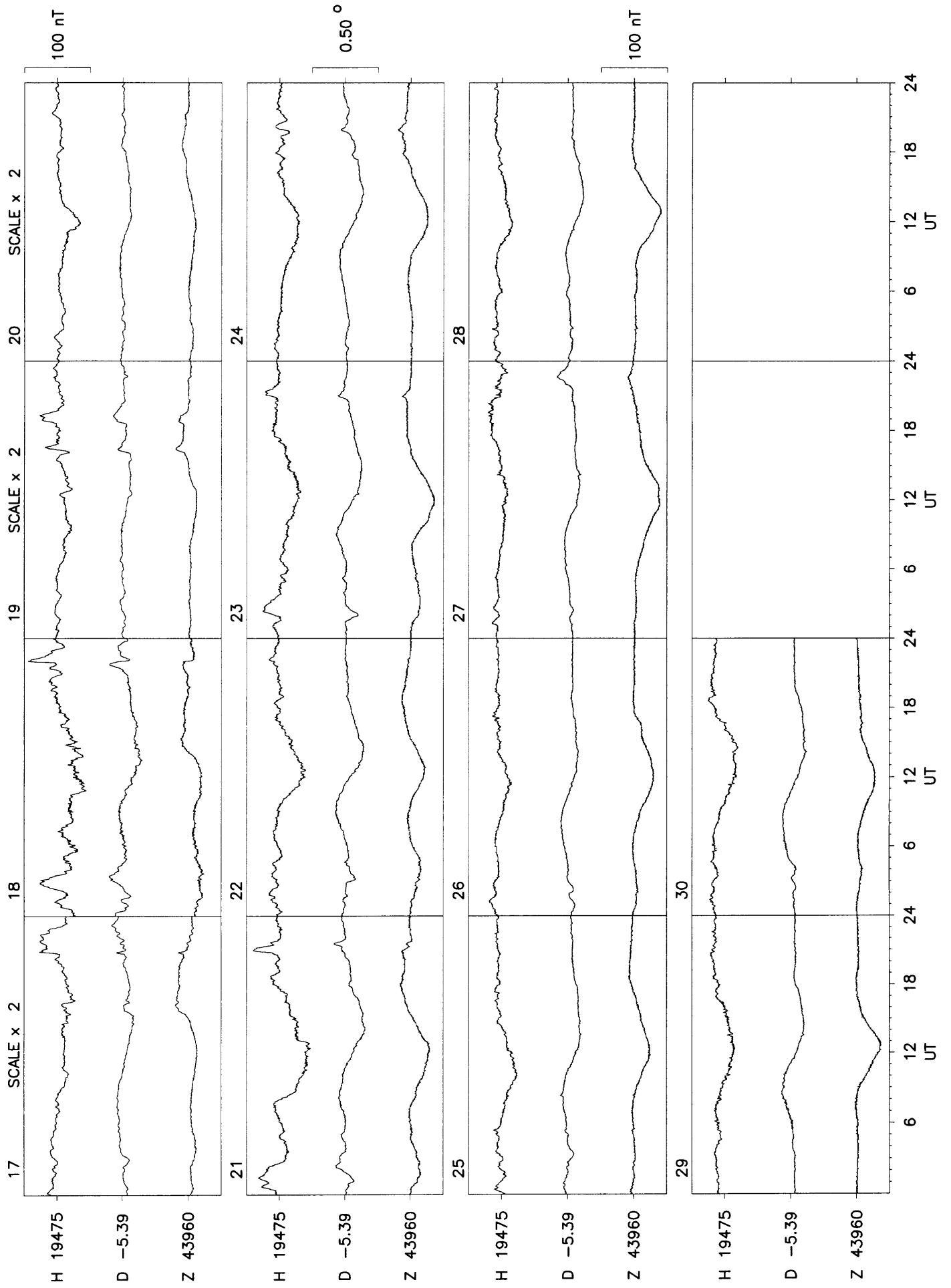


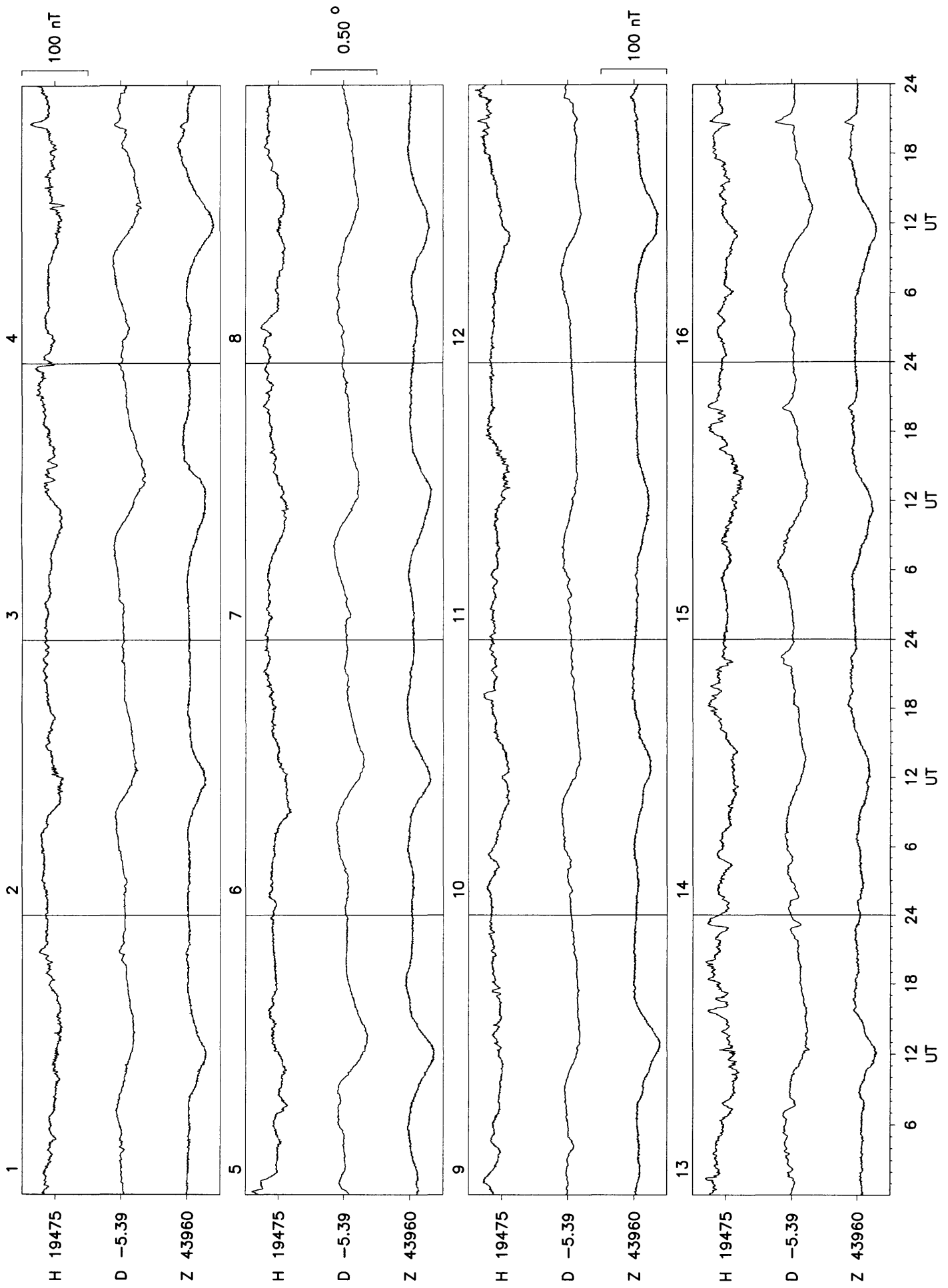


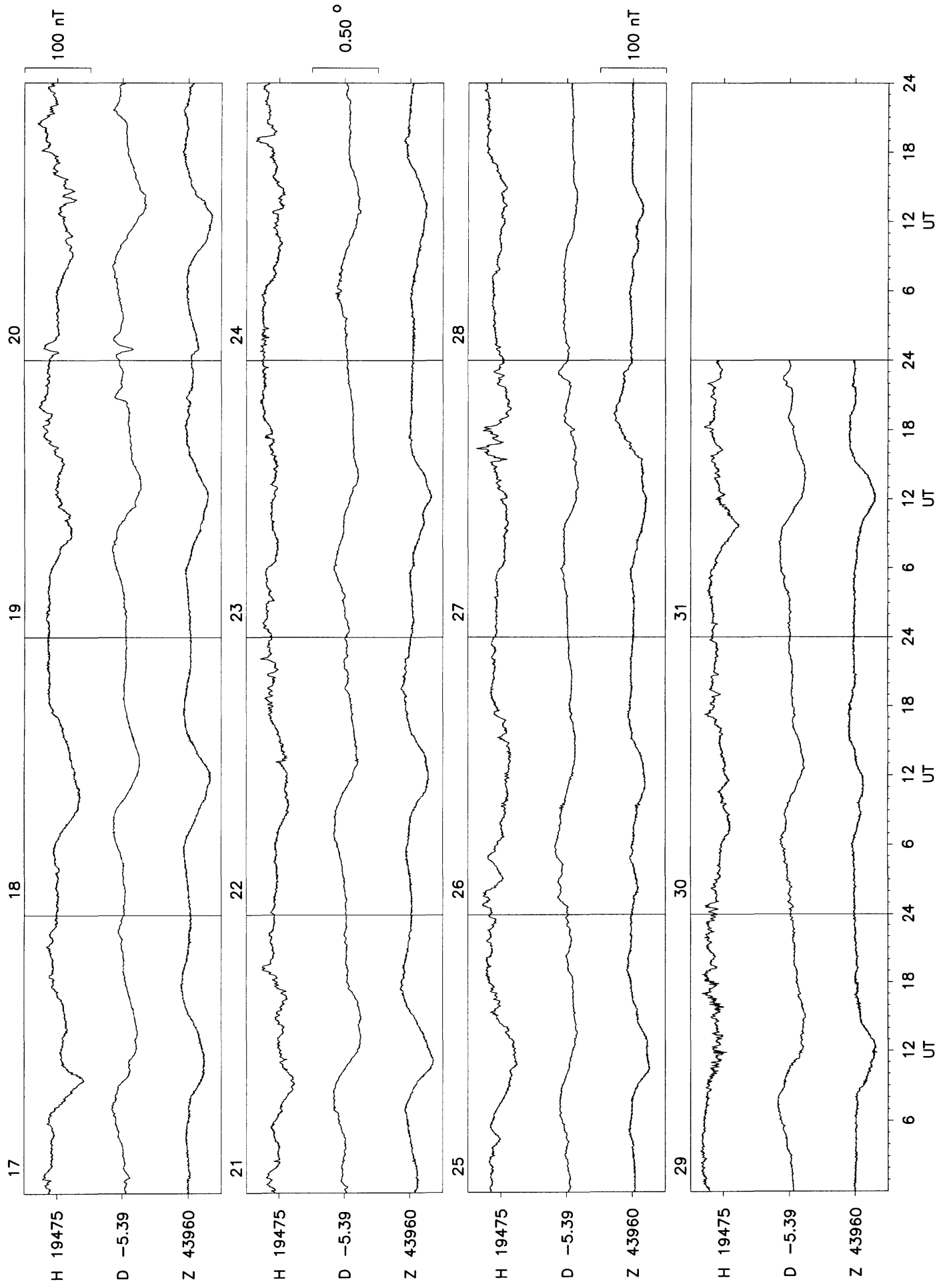


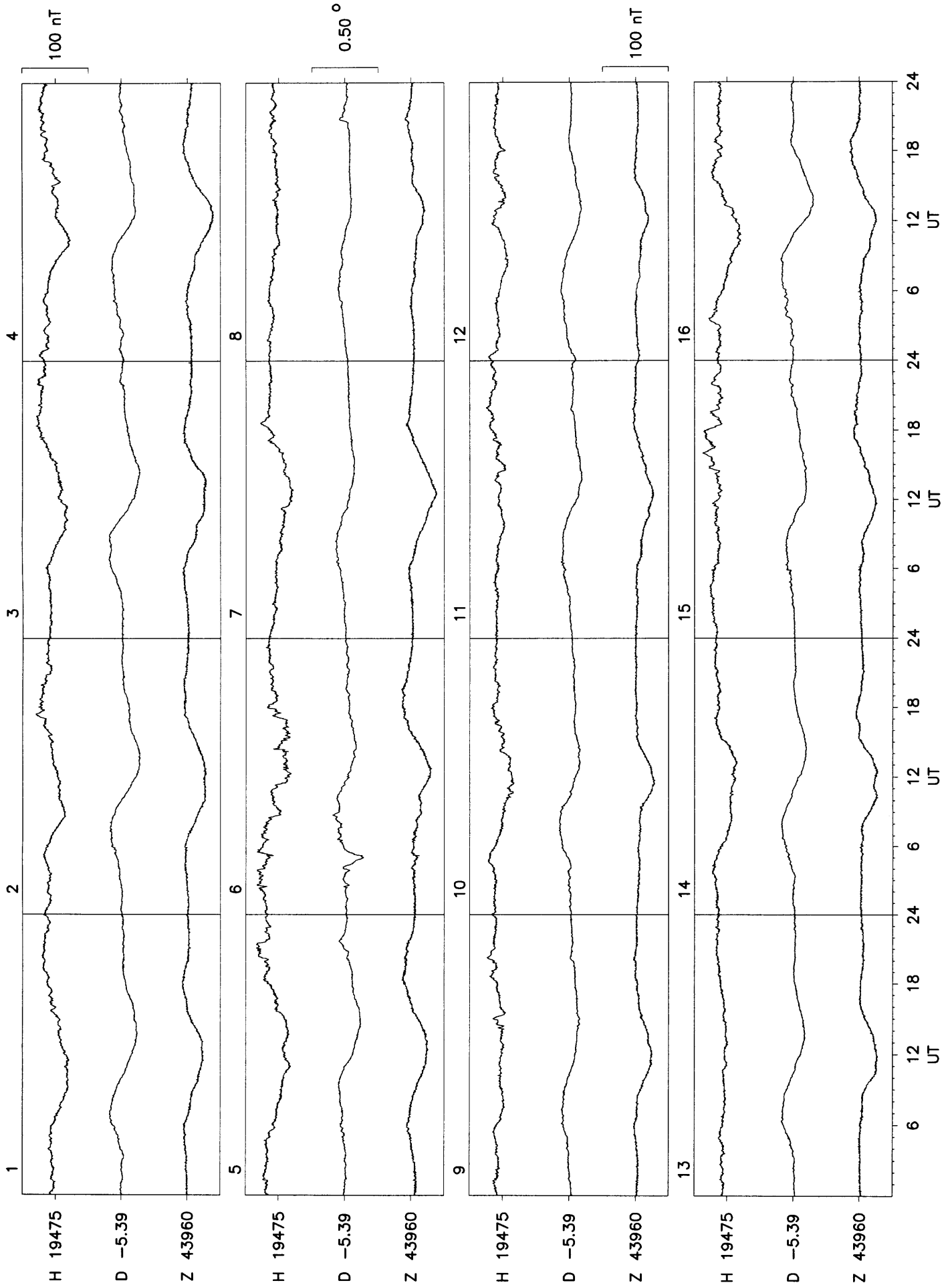


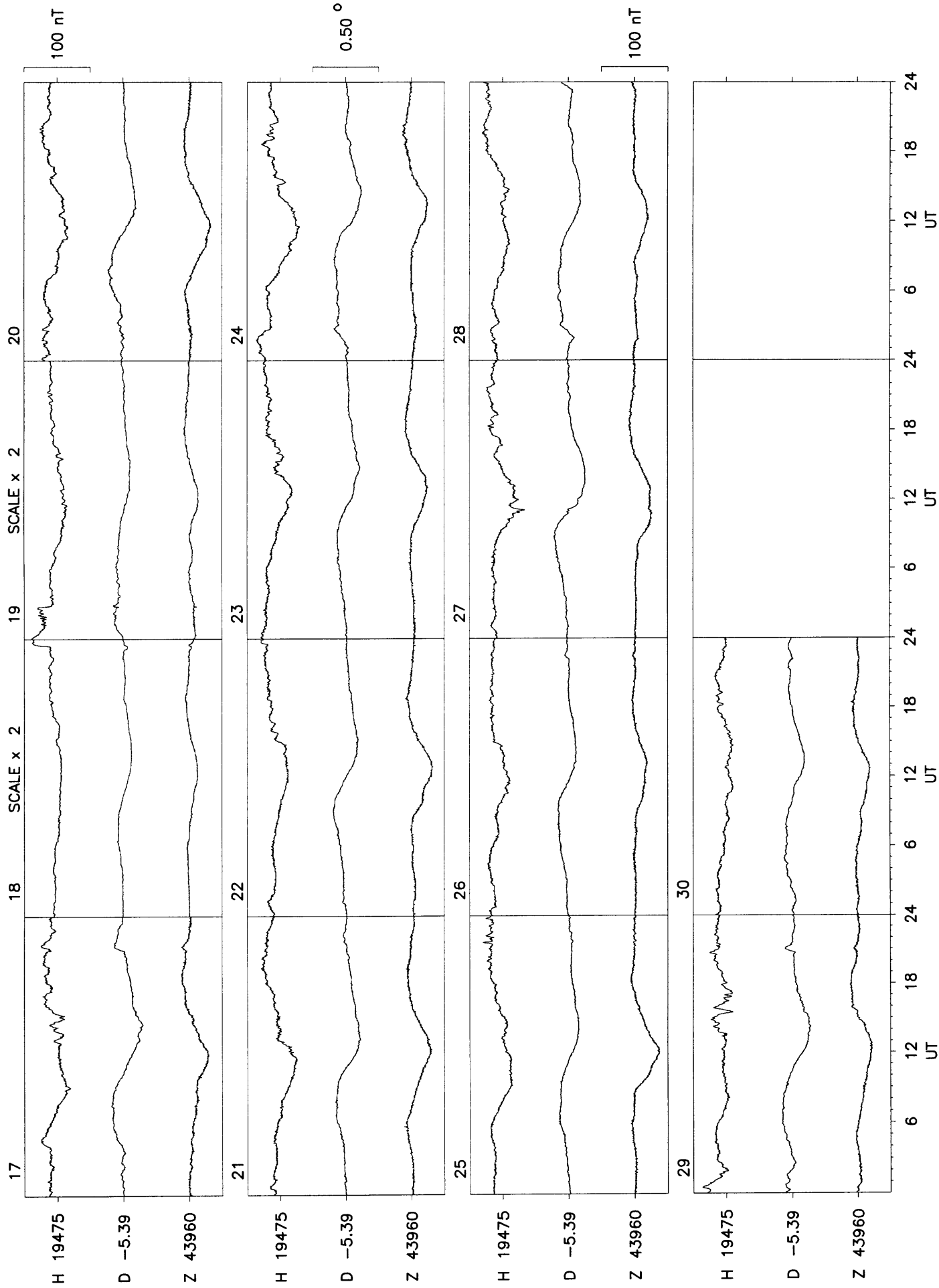


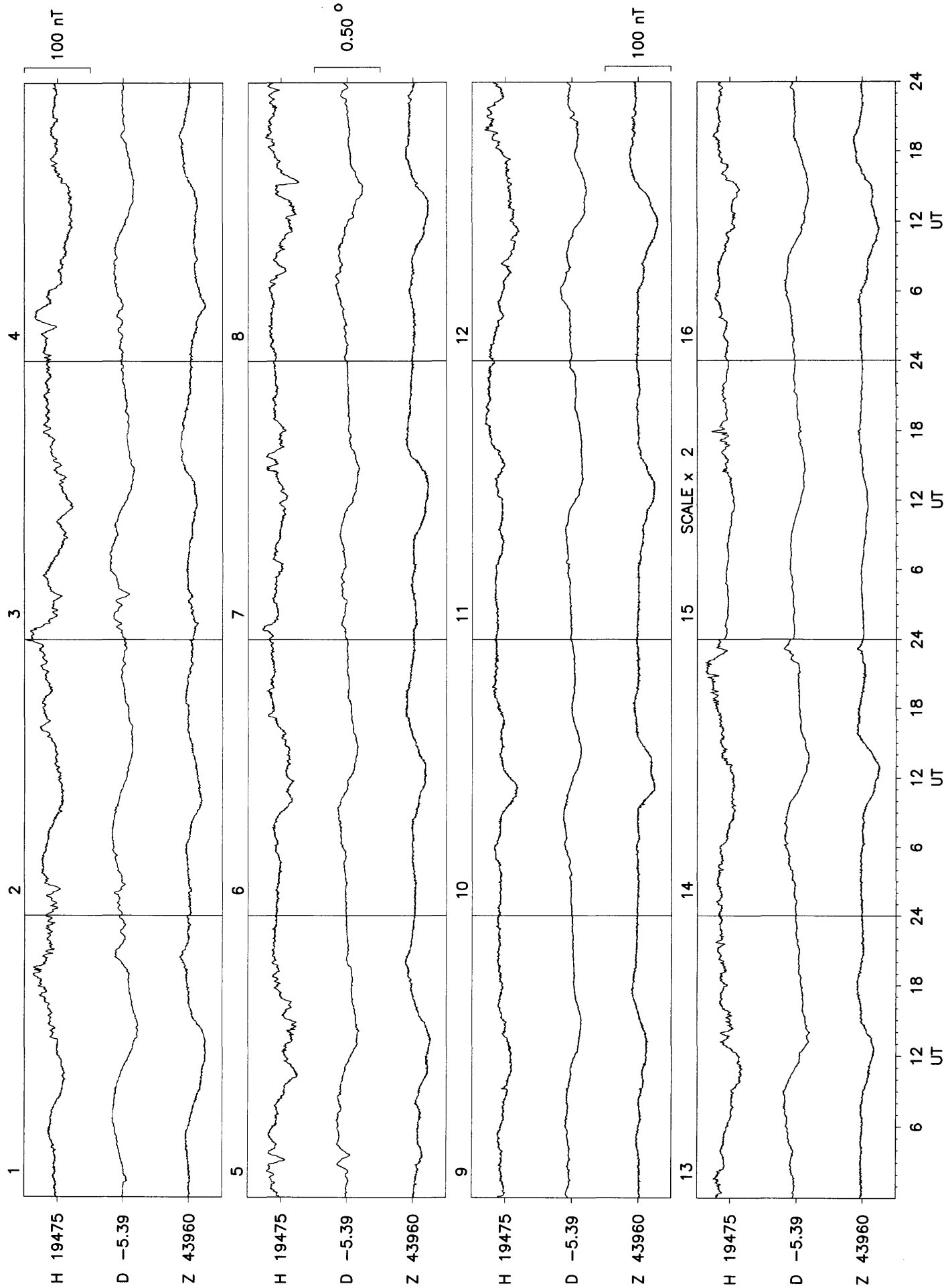


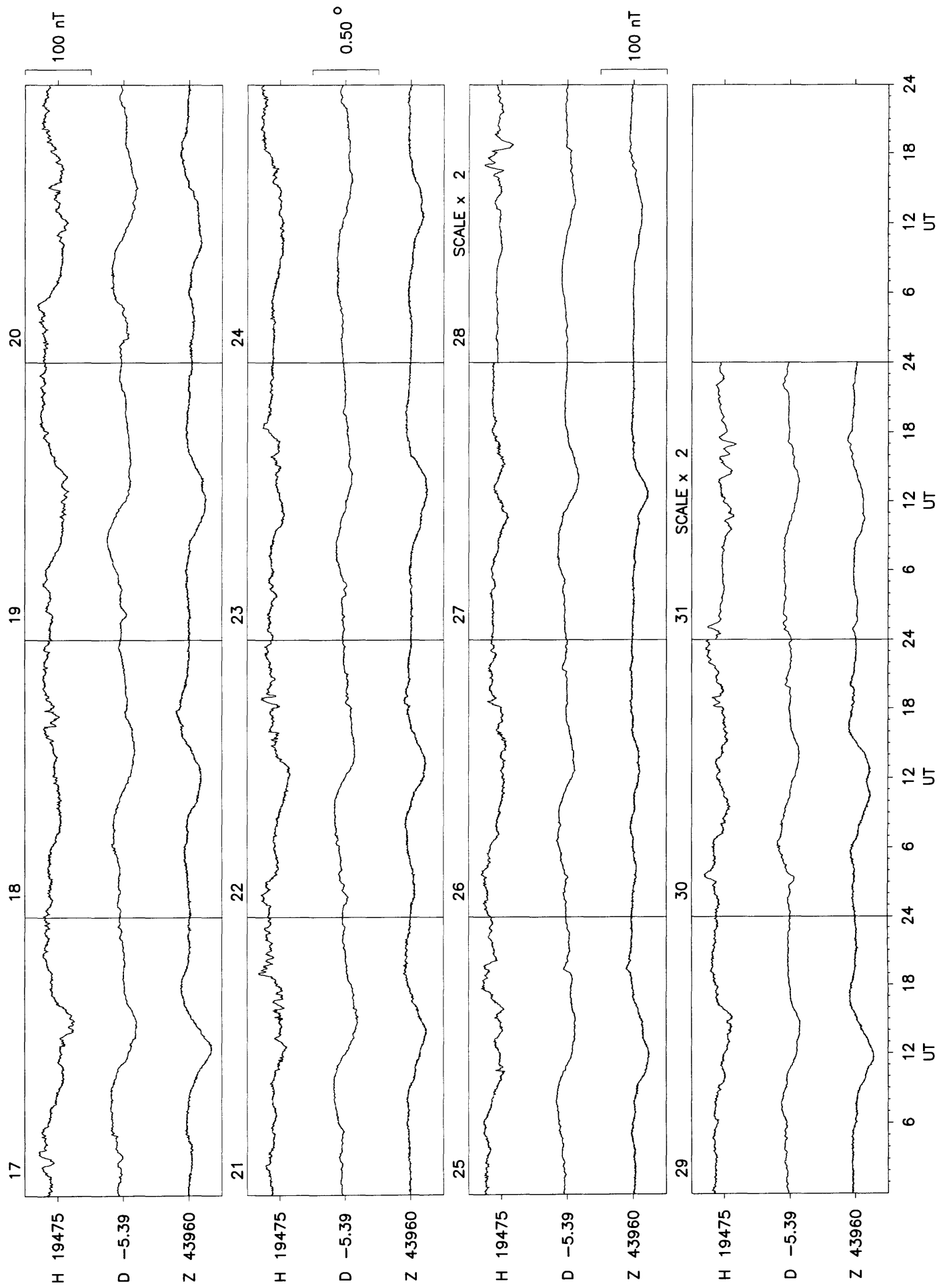


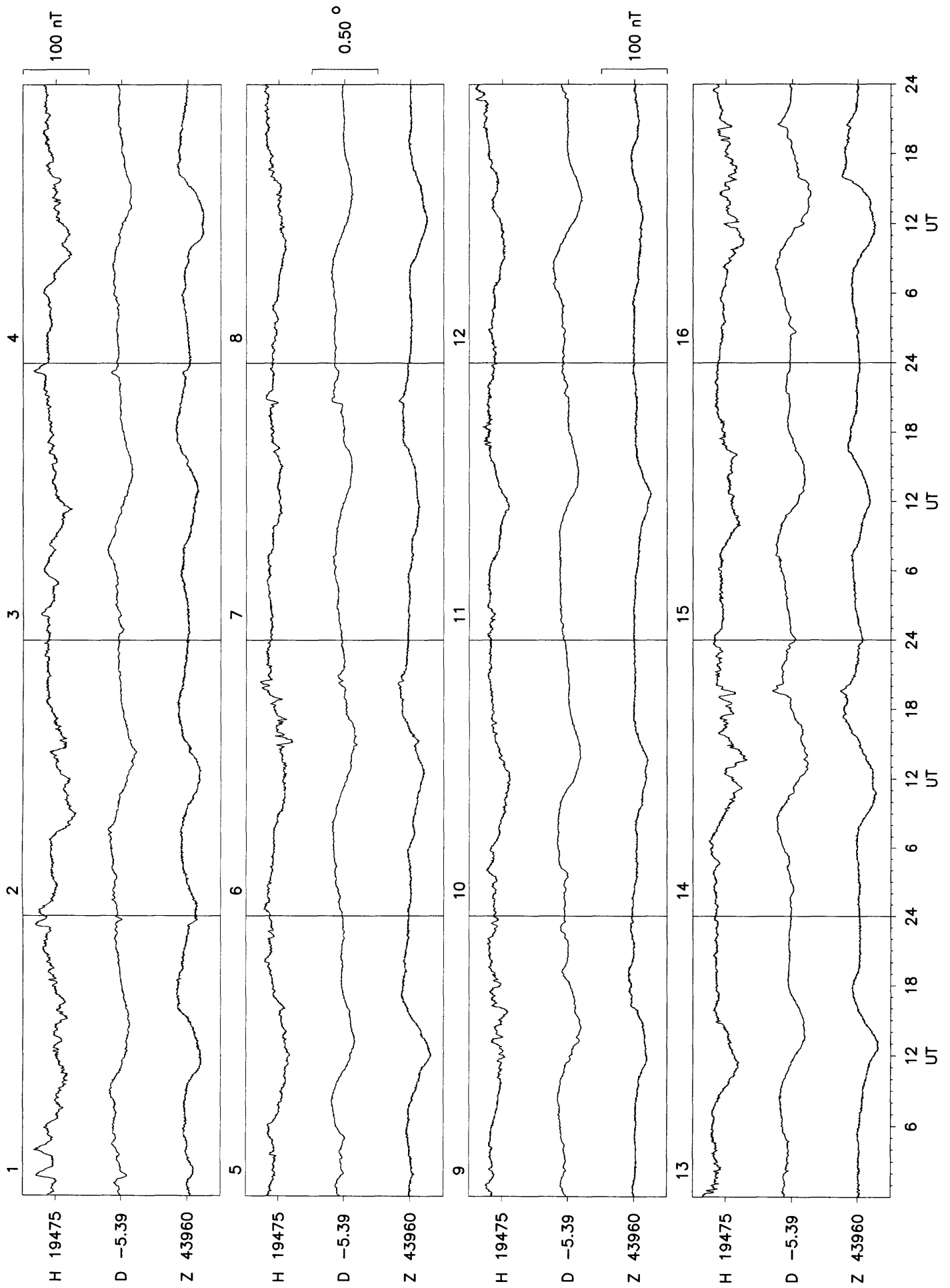


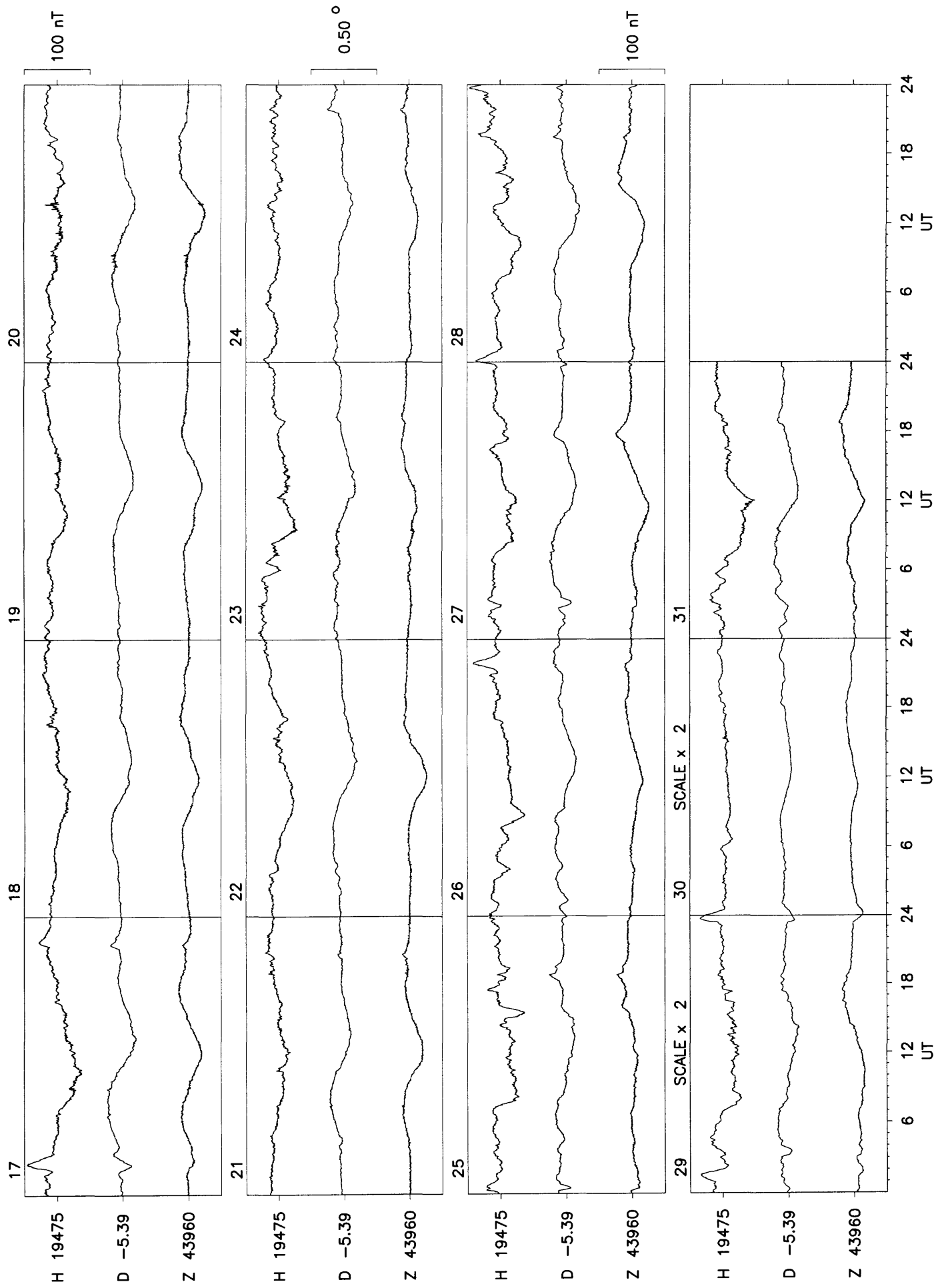


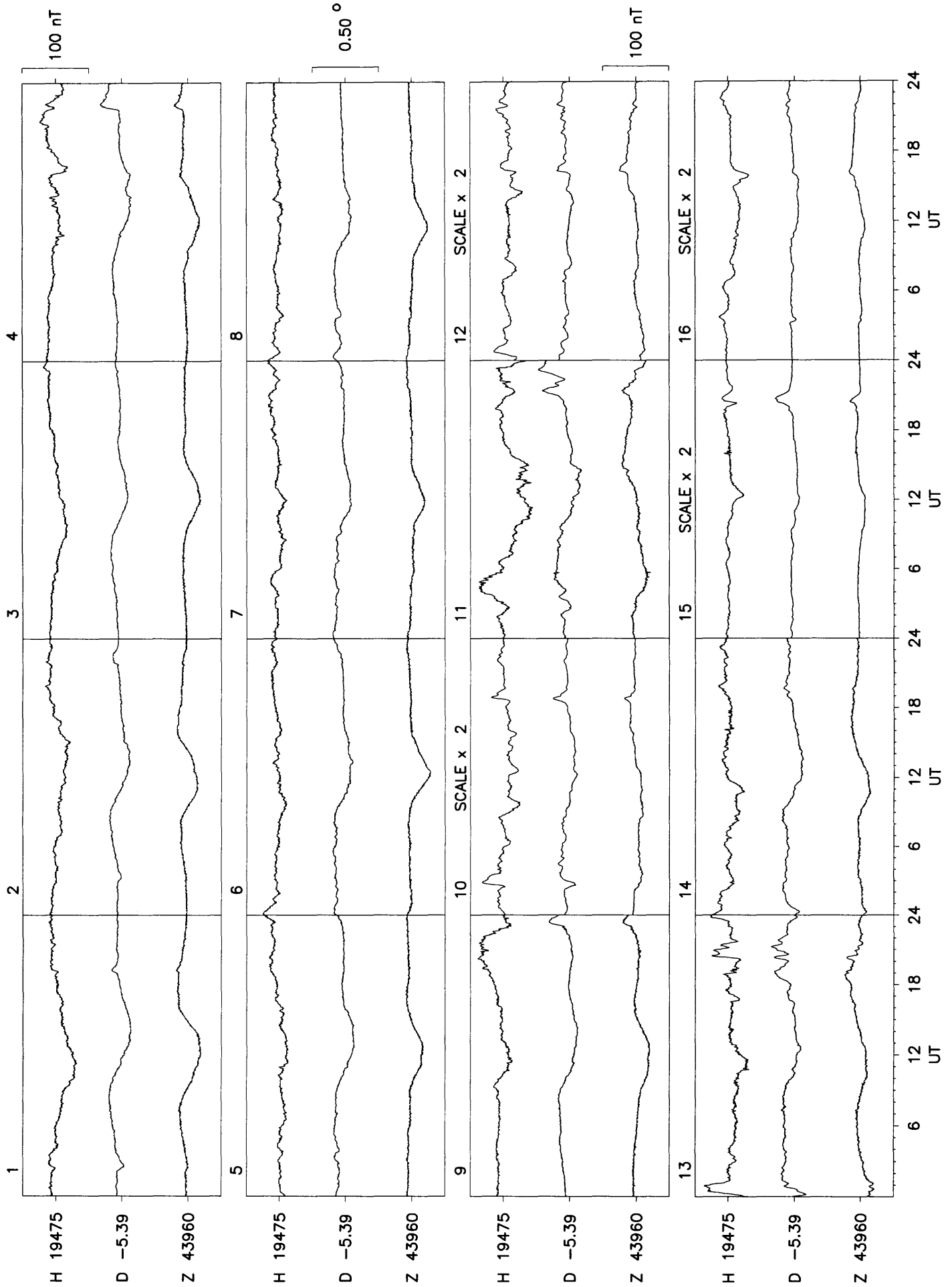


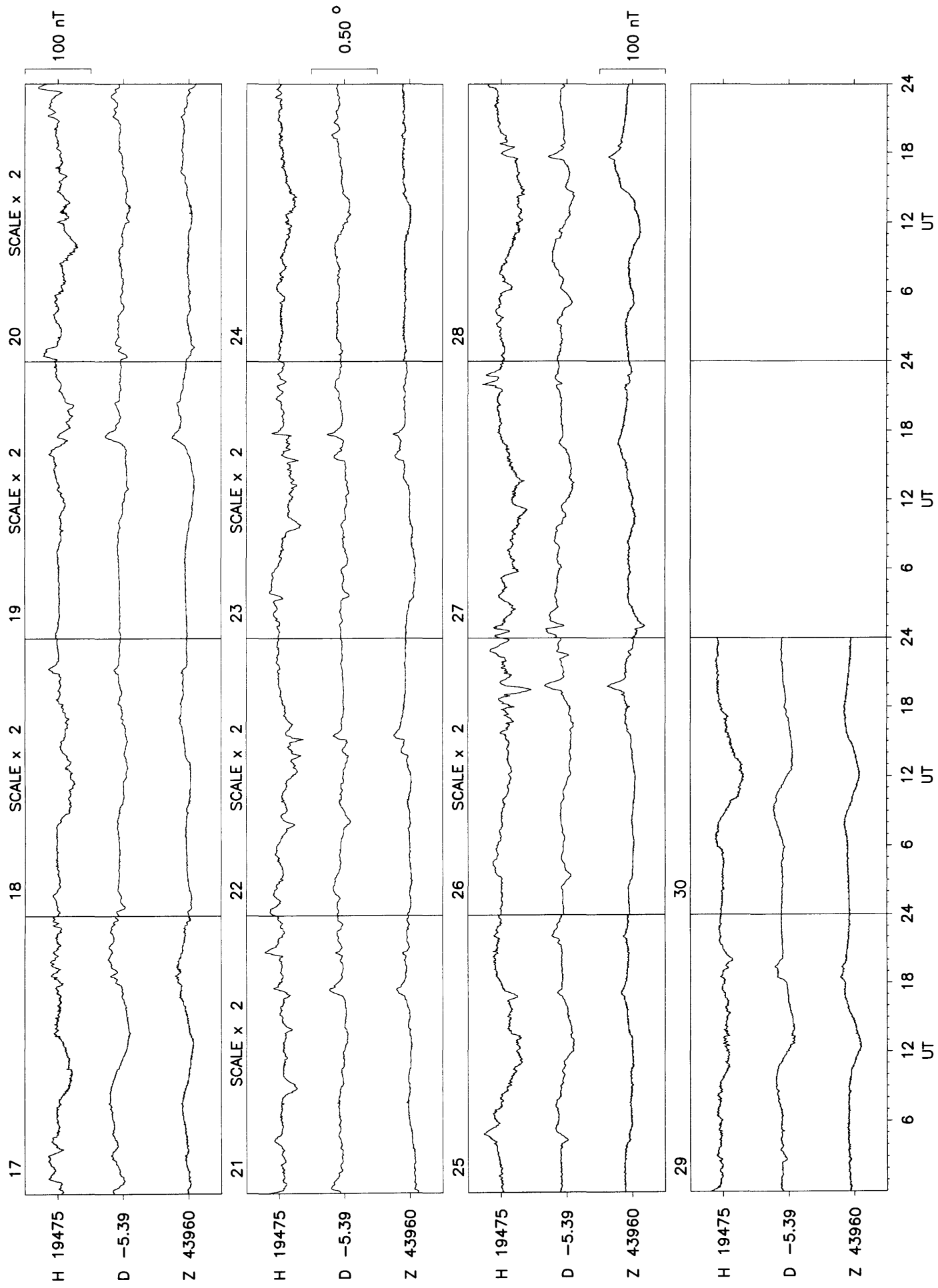


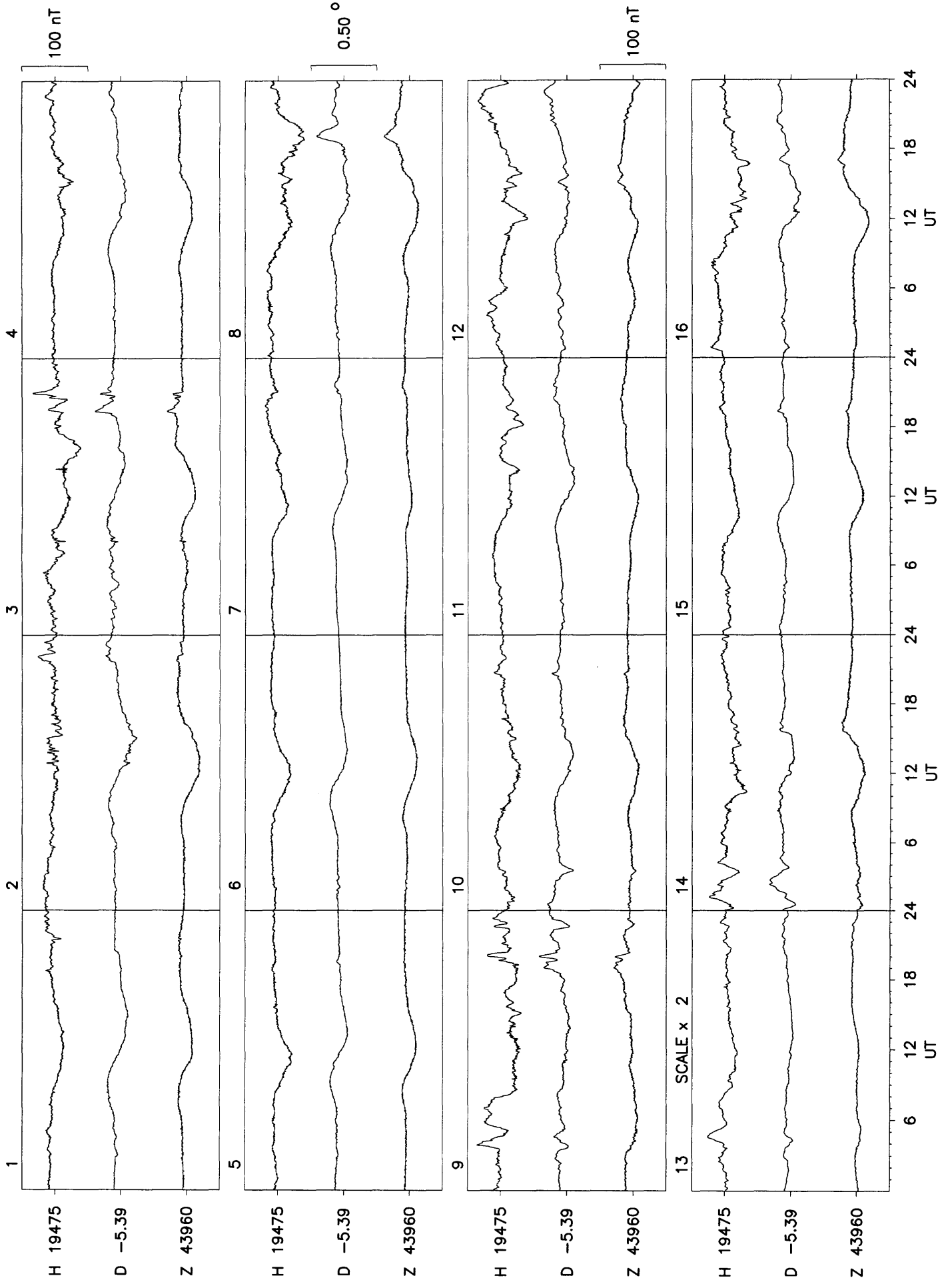


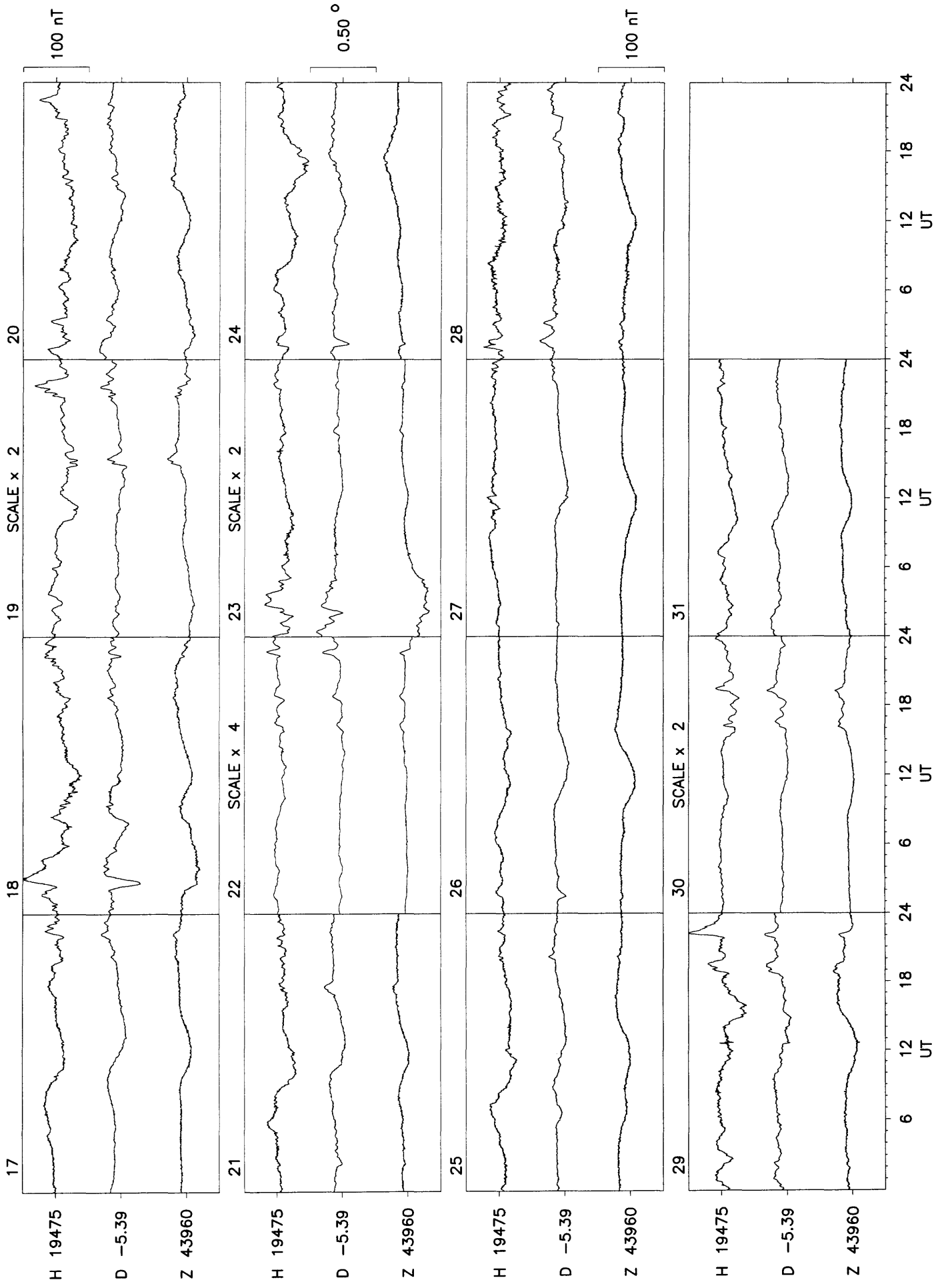


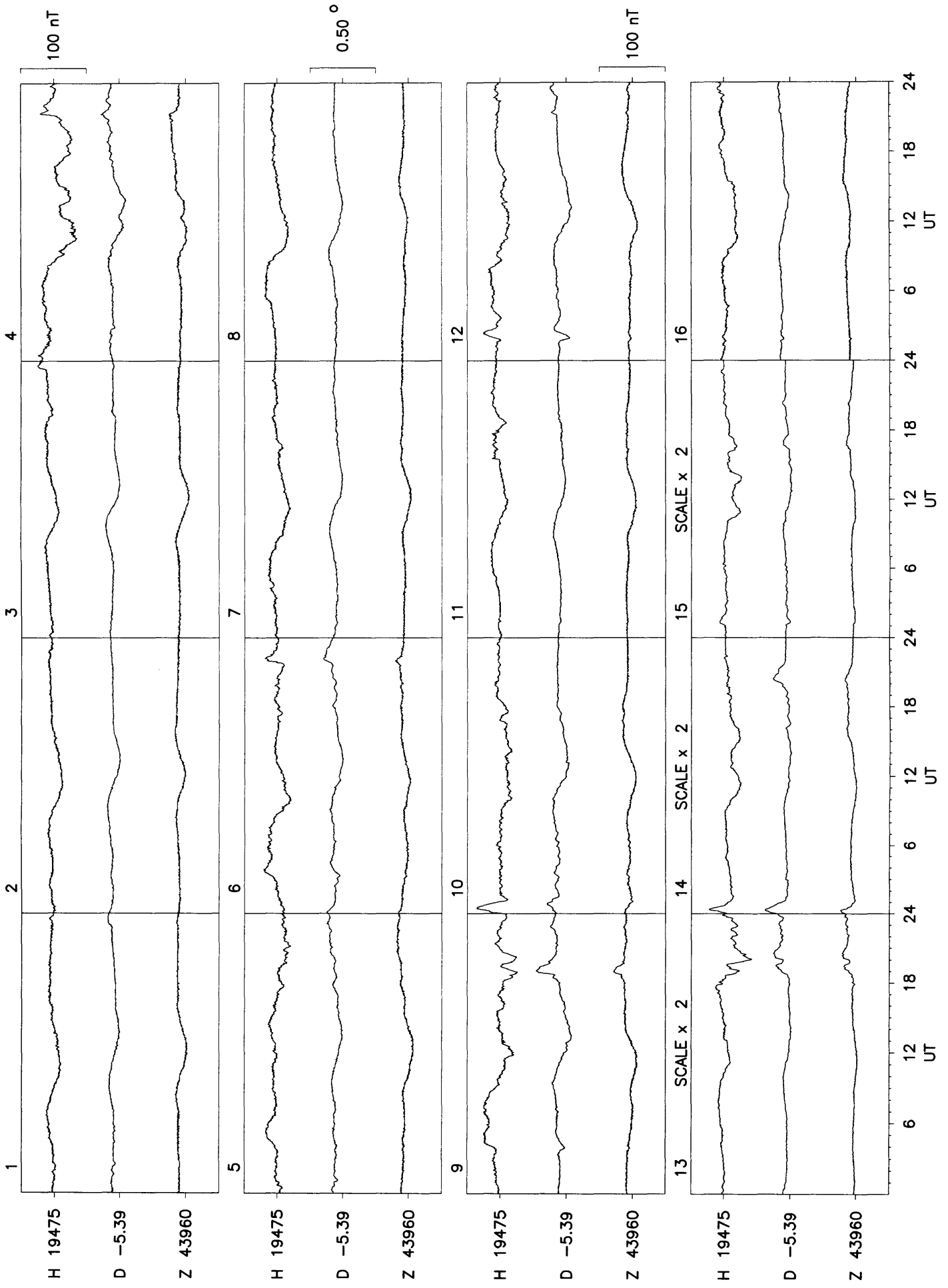


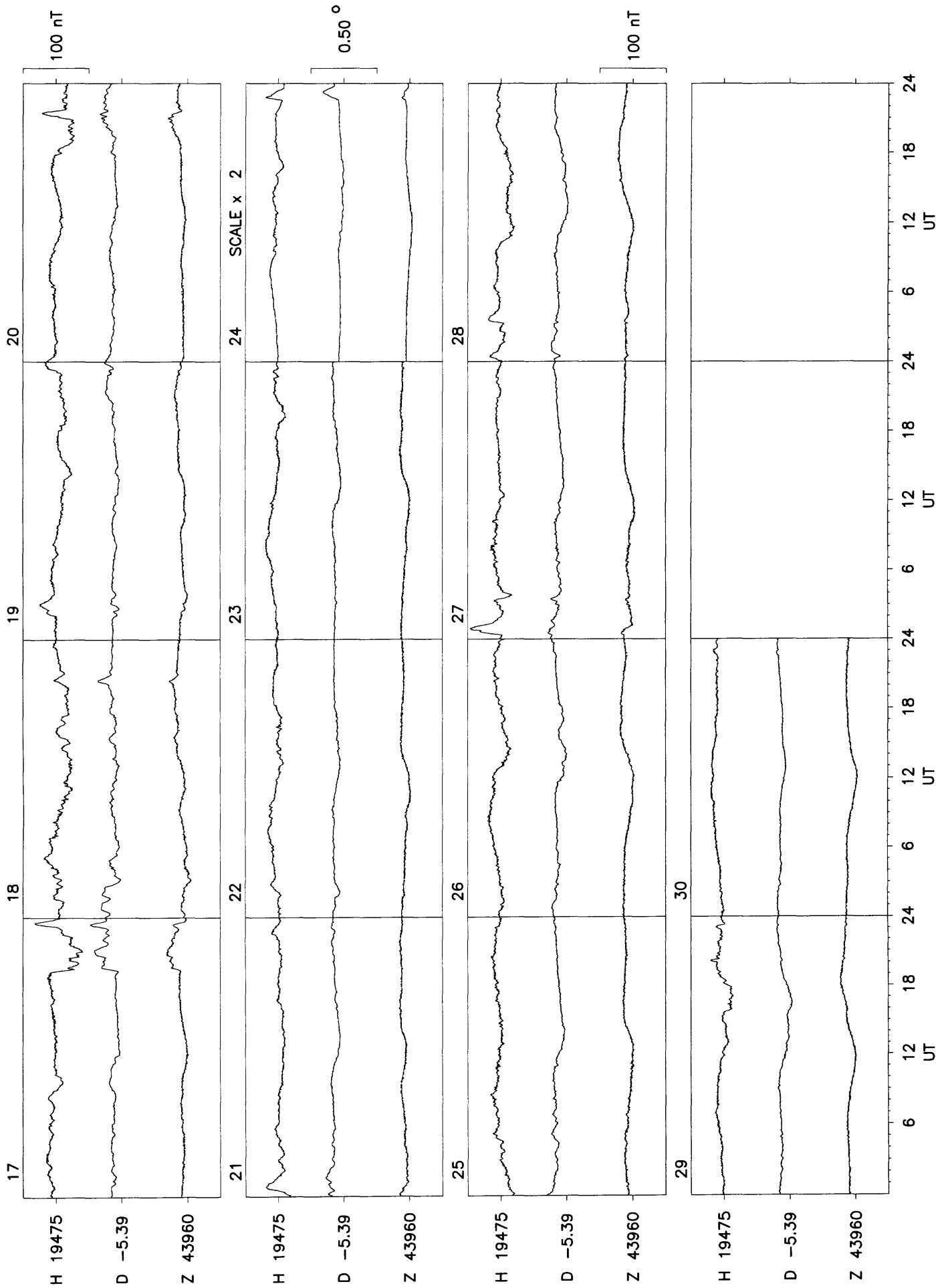


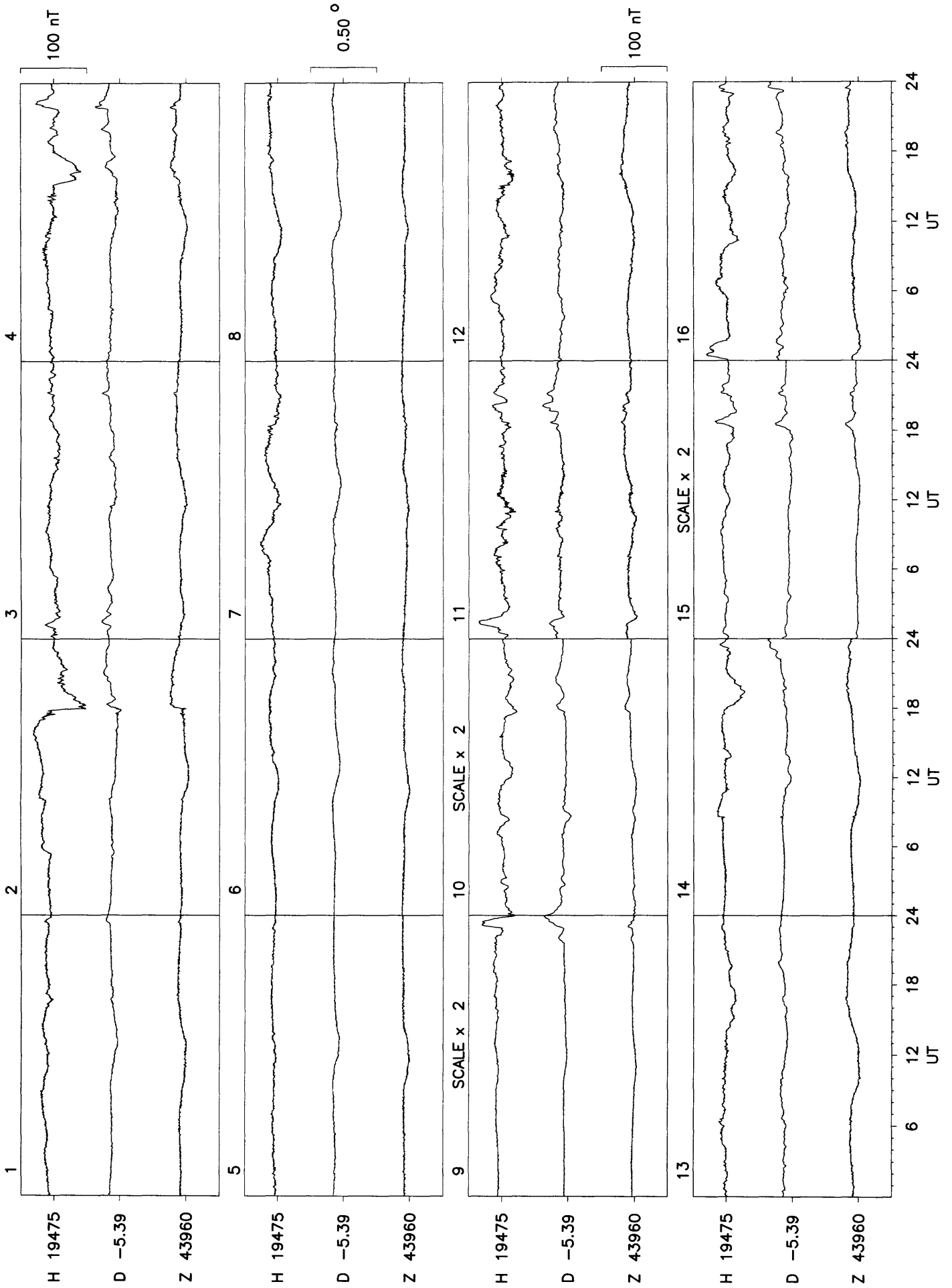


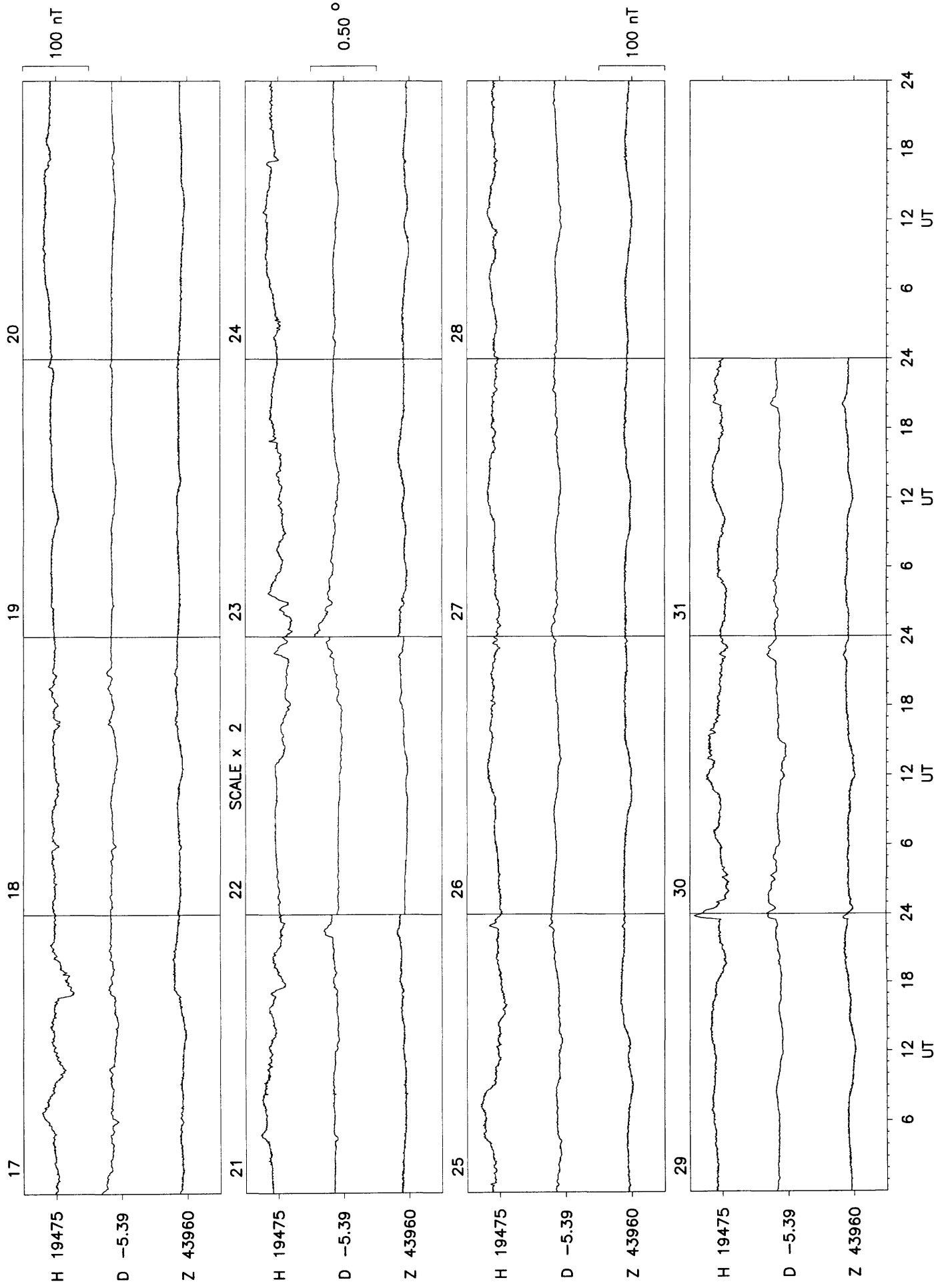




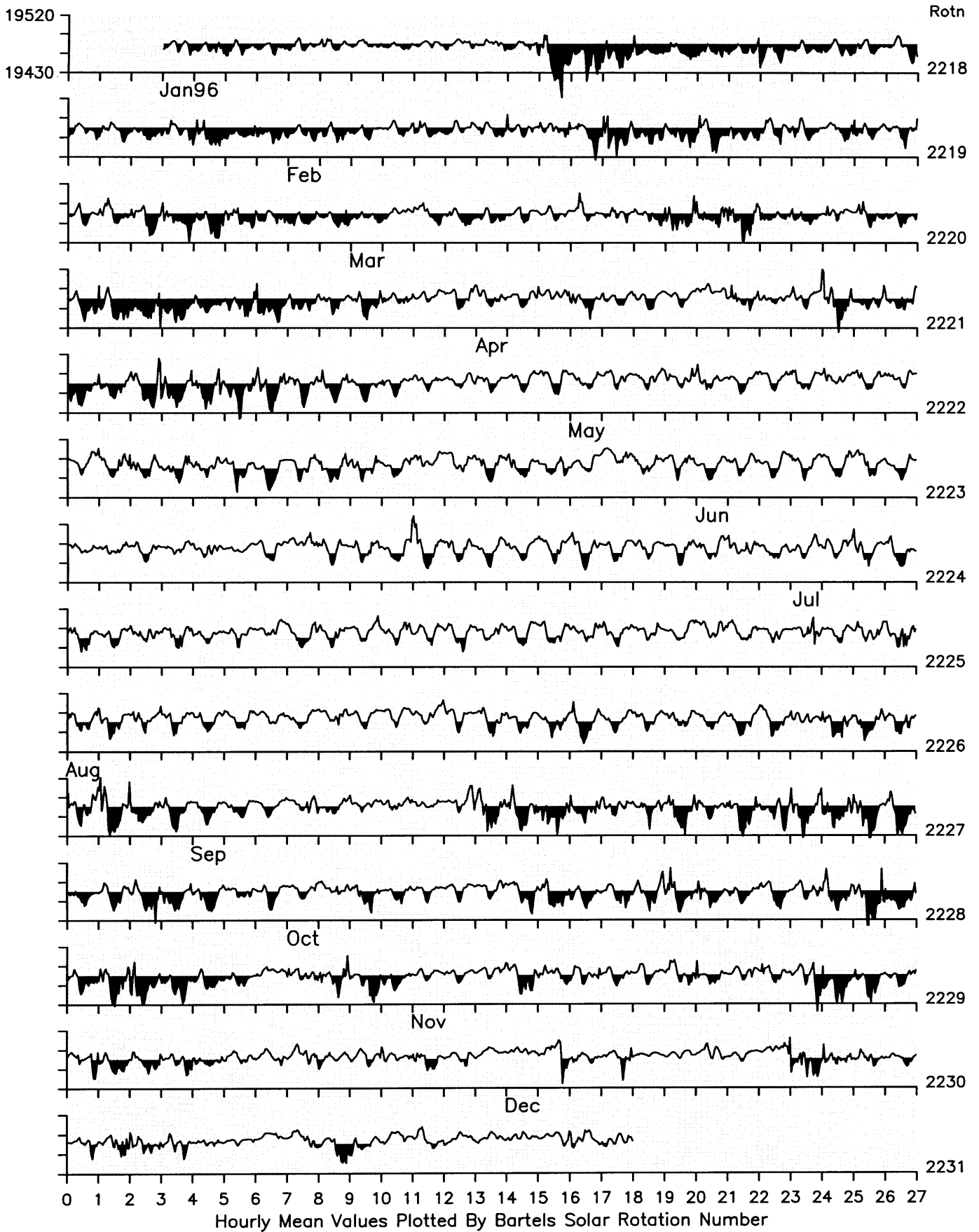




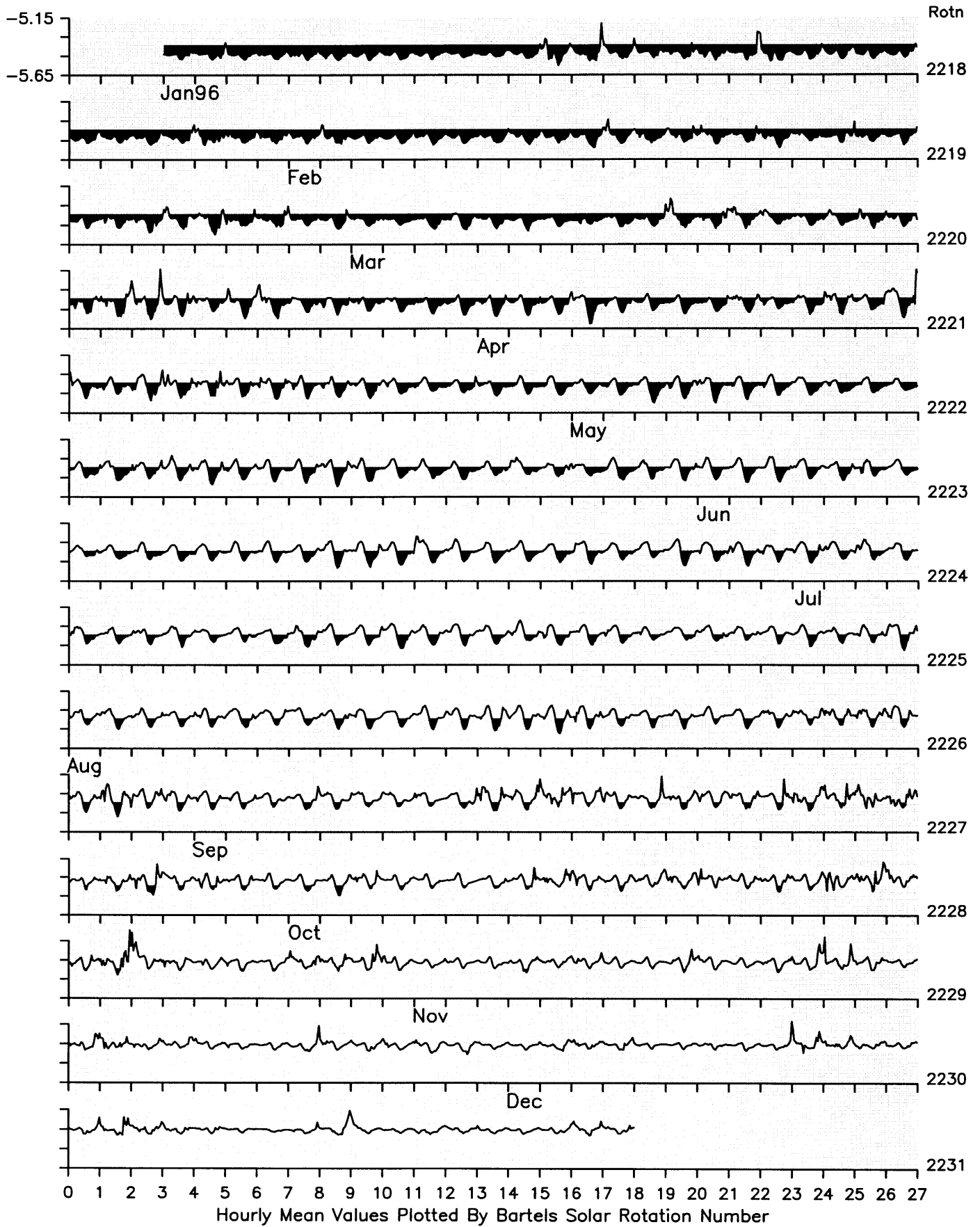




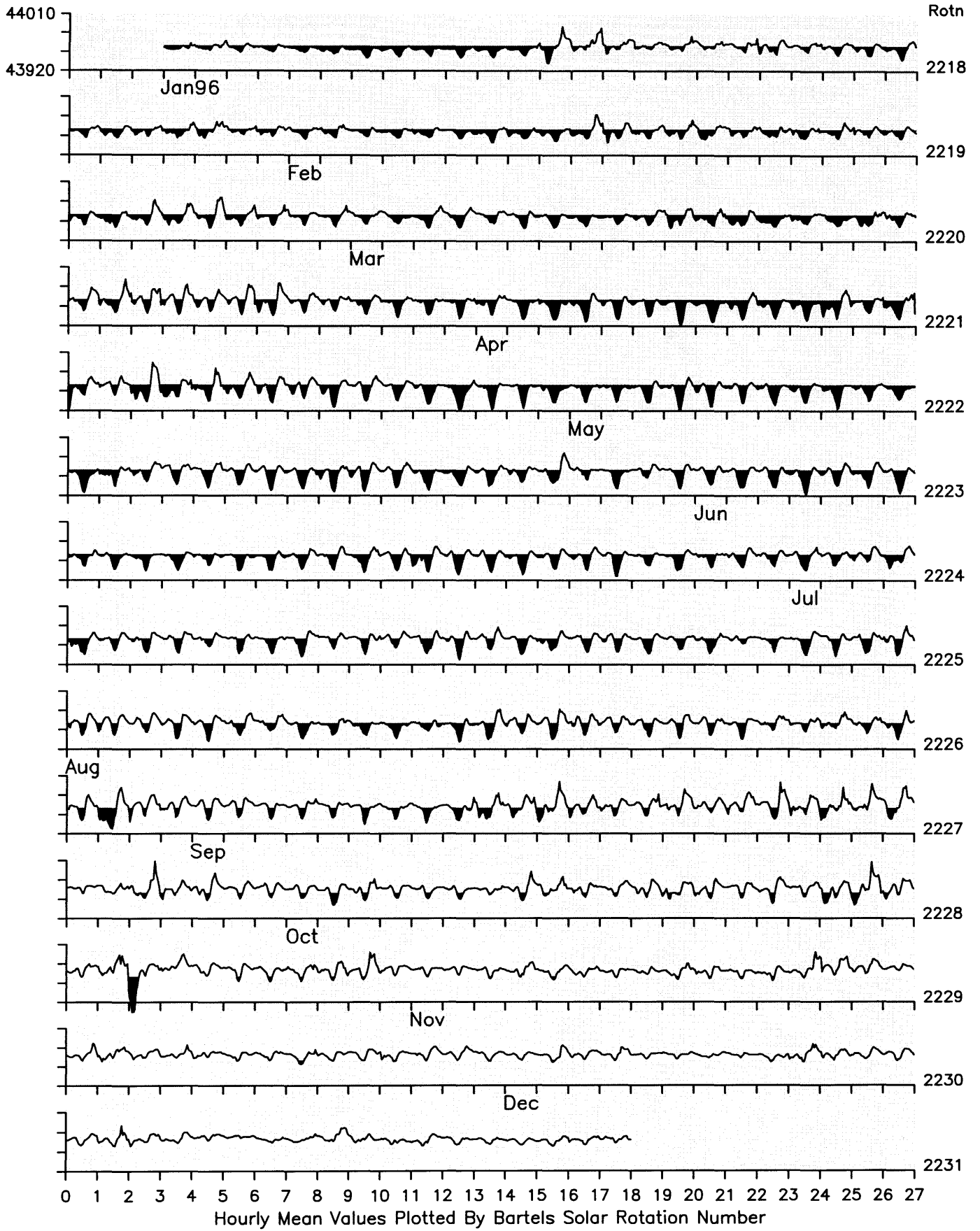
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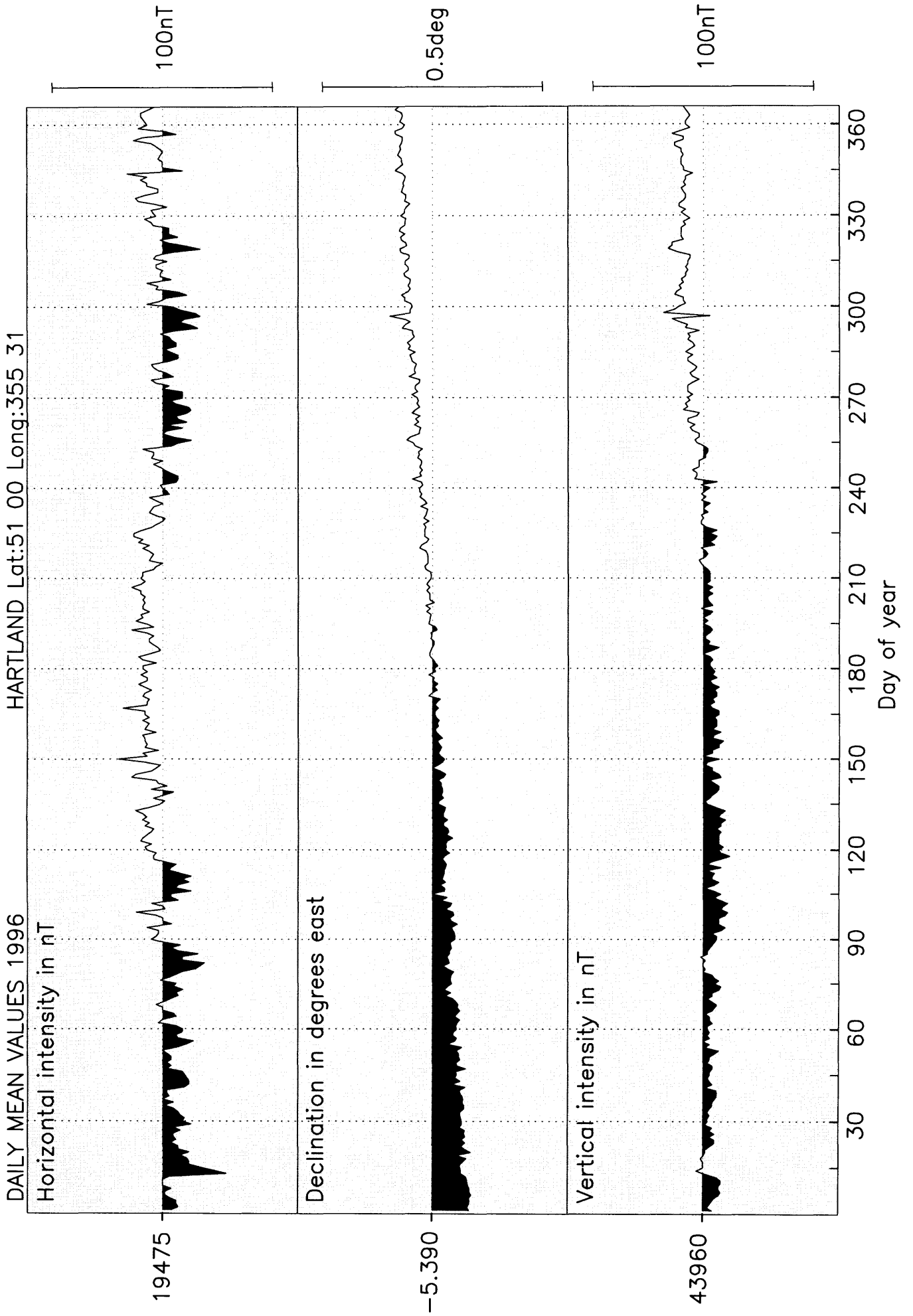


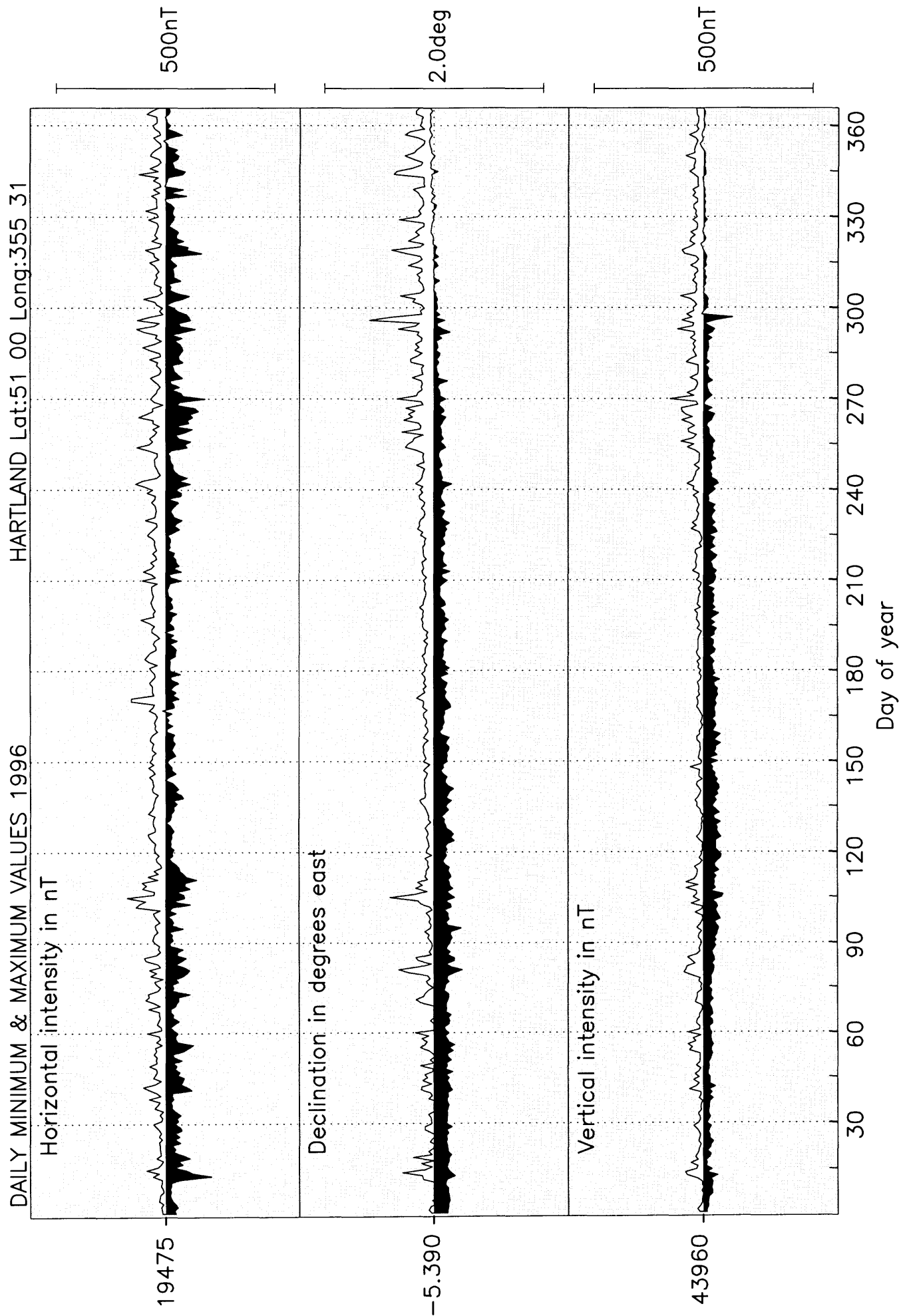
Hartland Observatory: Declination (degrees)



Hartland Observatory: Vertical Intensity (nT)







Monthly Mean Values for Hartland 1996

Month	D ° ' ,	H nT	I ° ' ,	X nT	Y nT	Z nT	F nT
Based on All Days							
Jan	-5 27.8	19467	66 6.8	19379	-1853	43957	48075
Feb	-5 27.0	19469	66 6.7	19381	-1849	43957	48076
Mar	-5 26.1	19470	66 6.6	19382	-1844	43957	48076
Apr	-5 25.4	19474	66 6.2	19387	-1841	43953	48074
May	-5 24.8	19481	66 5.8	19394	-1838	43954	48078
Jun	-5 23.9	19483	66 5.7	19397	-1833	43955	48079
Jul	-5 23.1	19483	66 5.7	19397	-1828	43957	48081
Aug	-5 22.3	19478	66 6.1	19392	-1823	43959	48081
Sep	-5 21.3	19471	66 6.7	19386	-1817	43964	48083
Oct	-5 20.3	19471	66 6.8	19387	-1812	43967	48086
Nov	-5 19.7	19475	66 6.6	19391	-1809	43969	48089
Dec	-5 19.1	19480	66 6.3	19396	-1806	43969	48091
Annual	-5 23.4	19475	66 6.4	19389	-1829	43960	48081

International quiet day means

Jan	-5 28.3	19474	66 6.2	19385	-1857	43952	48073
Feb	-5 27.5	19472	66 6.4	19384	-1852	43956	48076
Mar	-5 26.8	19475	66 6.2	19387	-1849	43956	48077
Apr	-5 25.5	19478	66 5.9	19391	-1842	43952	48075
May	-5 25.0	19481	66 5.8	19394	-1839	43954	48078
Jun	-5 23.8	19482	66 5.7	19396	-1832	43954	48078
Jul	-5 23.2	19484	66 5.7	19398	-1829	43957	48082
Aug	-5 22.4	19484	66 5.6	19398	-1825	43956	48081
Sep	-5 21.6	19475	66 6.4	19390	-1819	43963	48083
Oct	-5 20.9	19478	66 6.3	19393	-1816	43966	48087
Nov	-5 20.0	19481	66 6.2	19397	-1811	43970	48092
Dec	-5 19.4	19484	66 6.0	19400	-1808	43969	48093
Annual	-5 23.7	19479	66 6.1	19393	-1831	43959	48081

International disturbed day means

Jan	-5 27.6	19456	66 7.6	19368	-1851	43960	48073
Feb	-5 26.4	19465	66 6.9	19377	-1845	43958	48075
Mar	-5 25.2	19464	66 7.0	19377	-1838	43958	48074
Apr	-5 24.5	19467	66 6.7	19380	-1835	43954	48072
May	-5 24.8	19478	66 6.0	19391	-1838	43955	48077
Jun	-5 23.9	19483	66 5.7	19397	-1833	43955	48079
Jul	-5 23.1	19481	66 5.9	19395	-1828	43957	48080
Aug	-5 21.7	19472	66 6.5	19387	-1820	43959	48079
Sep	-5 20.9	19466	66 7.0	19381	-1814	43963	48080
Oct	-5 19.5	19464	66 7.2	19380	-1806	43966	48082
Nov	-5 19.3	19467	66 7.2	19383	-1806	43972	48088
Dec	-5 18.8	19474	66 6.7	19390	-1803	43969	48089
Annual	-5 23.0	19470	66 6.7	19384	-1827	43961	48080

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Day	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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3	4122 2212	1111 2113	2121 2222	1111 2234	1211 2213	0111 1112	4423 2222	2322 2213	0111 1111	2332 3444	1011 1122	3212 2222
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Day	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Monthly Mean Value	18.8	20.7	22.3	20.5	14.0	11.0	14.6	18.7	26.3	23.5	16.3	15.9

Annual mean Value for 1996 = 18.5

SIs and SSCs

Day	Month	UT		Type	Quality	H(nT)	D(min)	Z(nT)
6	2	19	49	SI*	B	6		3
10	3	22	58	SI	C	23	3.8	11
24	3	08	56	SSC*	C	7	1.6	
3	4	10	07	SSC*	C	6	-0.5	
8	4	13	34	SSC*	A	14	-2.6	-2
13	4	09	08	SI*	C	5	0.8	3
6	6	05	10	SSC*	C	11	2.3	9
19	6	02	44	SI*	B	-34	4.1	-10/+9
23	8	07	18	SI*	C	-9	1.2	5
15	9	15	55	SI*	C	-24	1.3	-6
17	9	10	24	SSC*	C	8	-0.8	
11	11	15	29	SSC	B	11	-0.7	3
13	11	12	59	SSC*	B	8	-1.3	3
24	11	09	26	SSC*	C	8	-0.6	3
1	12	11	55	SSC*	C	-5	-0.6	-3
2	12	10	02	SSC	C	4	0.4	
14	12	08	32	SSC*	B	11	+1.2/-1.2	-4

Notes

A * indicates that the principal impulse was preceded by a smaller reversed impulse.

The quality of the event is classified as follows :

A = very distinct

B = fair, ordinary, but unmistakable

C = doubtful

The amplitudes given are for the first chief movement of the event.

SFEs

Day	Month	Universal Time				H(nT)	D(min)	Z(nT)		
		Start	Maximum	End						
9	7	09	09	09	11	09	16	9	0.6	4

Notes

The amplitudes given are for the first chief movement of the event.

Annual Values of Geomagnetic Elements

Abinger

Year	D	H	I	X	Y	Z	F
1925.5	-13 22.7	18597	66 35.2	18092	-4303	42946	46800
1926.5	-13 10.4	18581	66 36.3	18092	-4234	42947	46794
1927.5	-12 58.4	18575	66 36.2	18101	-4170	42932	46778
1928.5	-12 47.0	18564	66 37.2	18104	-4108	42941	46782
1929.5	-12 35.8	18555	66 37.2	18108	-4047	42918	46758
1930.5	-12 24.6	18542	66 38.2	18109	-3985	42924	46757
1931.5	-12 13.7	18543	66 38.1	18122	-3928	42923	46757
1932.5	-12 2.6	18536	66 39.1	18128	-3868	42940	46770
1933.5	-11 51.7	18532	66 39.4	18136	-3809	42942	46770
1934.5	-11 41.1	18533	66 39.7	18149	-3754	42955	46782
1935.5	-11 30.3	18527	66 40.9	18155	-3695	42981	46805
1936.5	-11 20.0	18524	66 41.8	18163	-3640	43007	46827
1937.5	-11 10.4	18522	66 42.7	18171	-3589	43031	46848
1938.5	-11 1.4	18522	66 43.2	18180	-3542	43050	46865
1939.5	-10 51.9	18528	66 43.5	18196	-3492	43074	46890
1940.5	-10 43.0	18533	66 43.9	18210	-3446	43099	46915
1941.5	-10 33.8	18539	66 44.3	18225	-3399	43128	46944
1942.5	-10 24.8	18554	66 43.9	18248	-3354	43146	46966
1943.5	-10 16.2	18556	66 44.5	18259	-3308	43172	46991
1944.5	-10 7.8	18566	66 44.3	18277	-3265	43189	47010
1945.5	-9 59.5	18573	66 44.3	18291	-3223	43207	47030
1946.5	-9 51.1	18569	66 45.4	18295	-3177	43235	47054
1947.5	-9 43.1	18577	66 45.2	18310	-3136	43246	47067
1948.5	-9 35.4	18593	66 44.4	18333	-3098	43255	47082
1949.5	-9 27.5	18607	66 44.0	18354	-3058	43273	47104
1950.5	-9 19.7	18628	66 43.0	18382	-3019	43288	47126
1951.5	-9 12.2	18648	66 42.1	18408	-2983	43305	47149
1952.5	-9 4.7	18670	66 41.0	18436	-2946	43316	47168
1953.5	-8 57.5	18695	66 39.5	18467	-2911	43321	47183
1954.5	-8 50.9	18720	66 38.1	18497	-2879	43332	47203
1955.5	-8 43.6	18738	66 37.4	18521	-2843	43348	47225
1956.5	-8 36.8	18750	66 37.4	18539	-2808	43376	47255
1957.1	-8 32.9	18755	66 37.6	18547	-2788	43394	47274

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Note 1	-1 -46.6	-146	0 11.4	-247	-542	56	-6
1957.5	-10 17.2	18627	66 47.7	18328	-3326	43451	47275
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1959.5	-10 5.0	18681	66 45.1	18392	-3271	43484	47327
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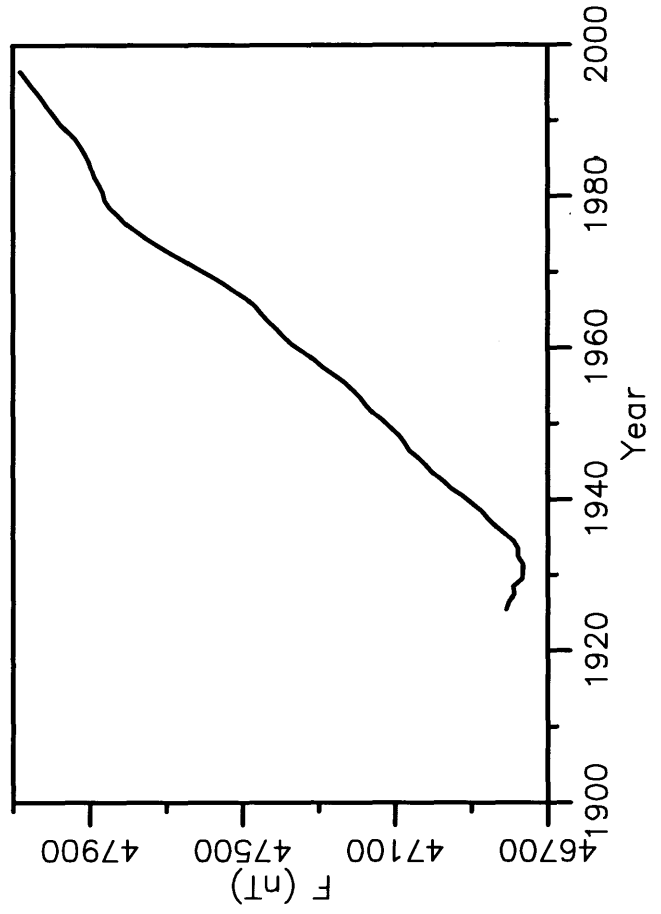
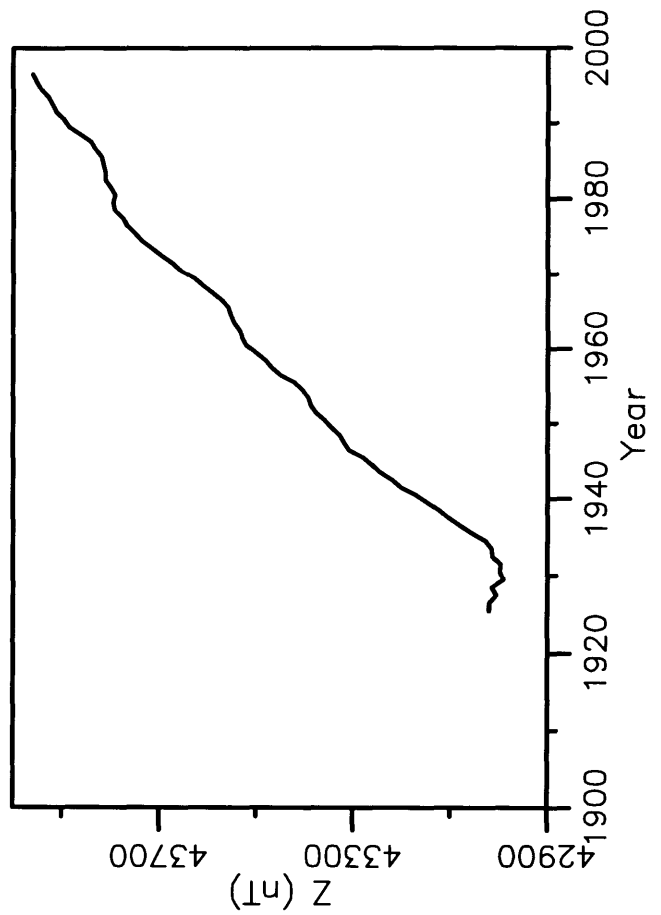
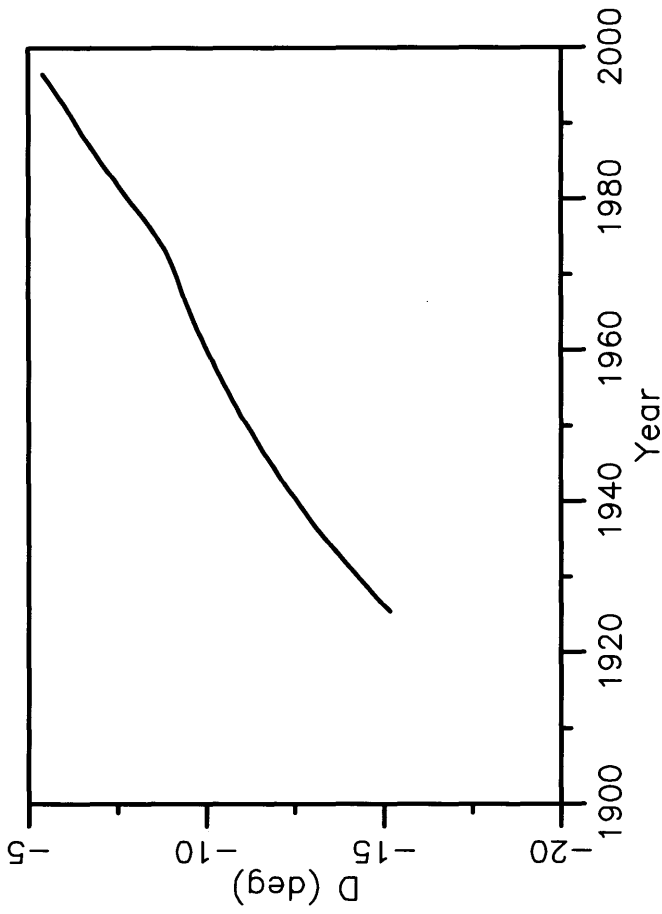
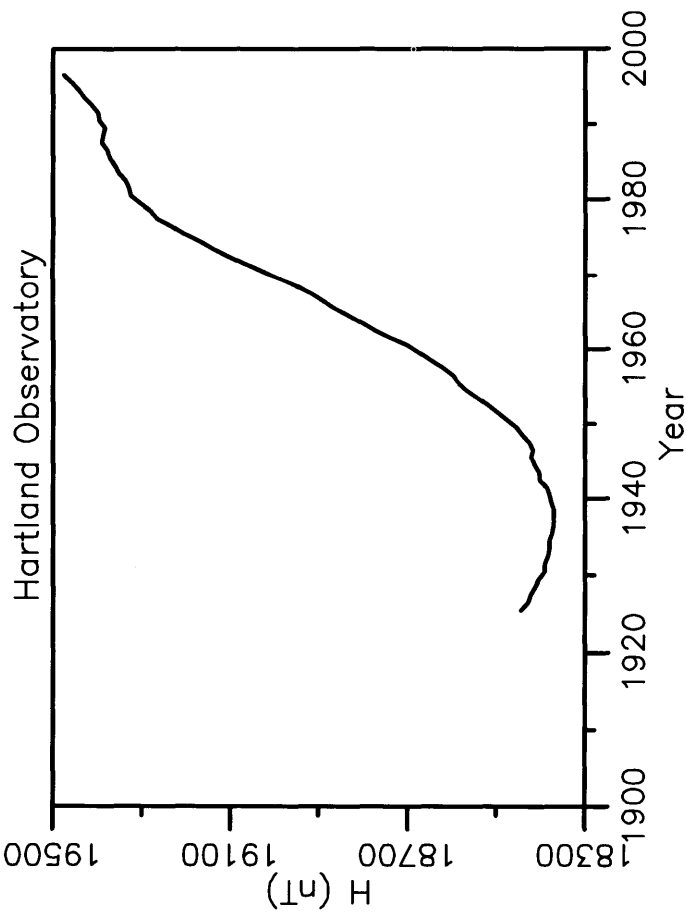
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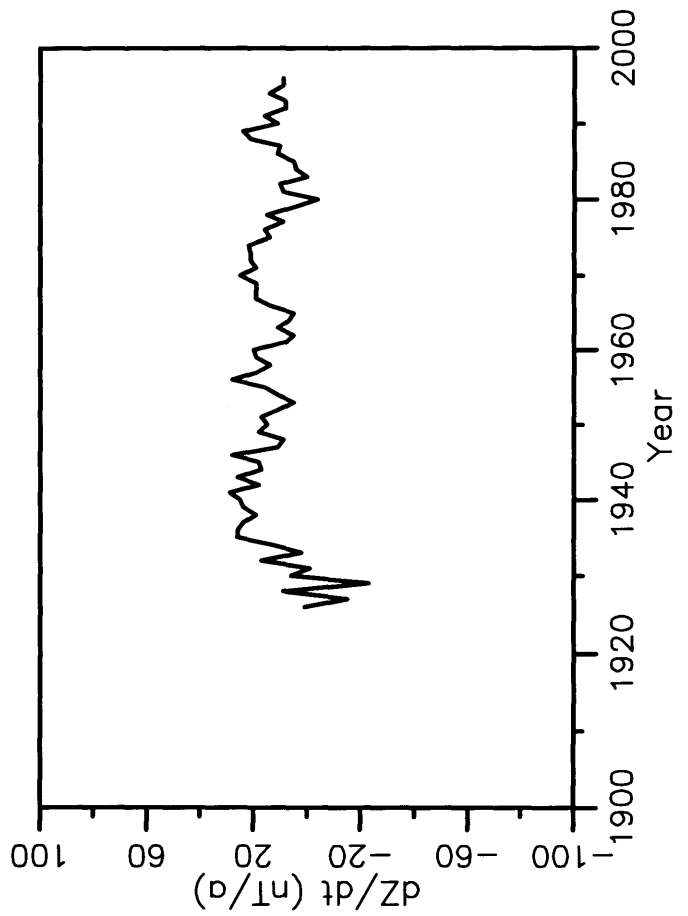
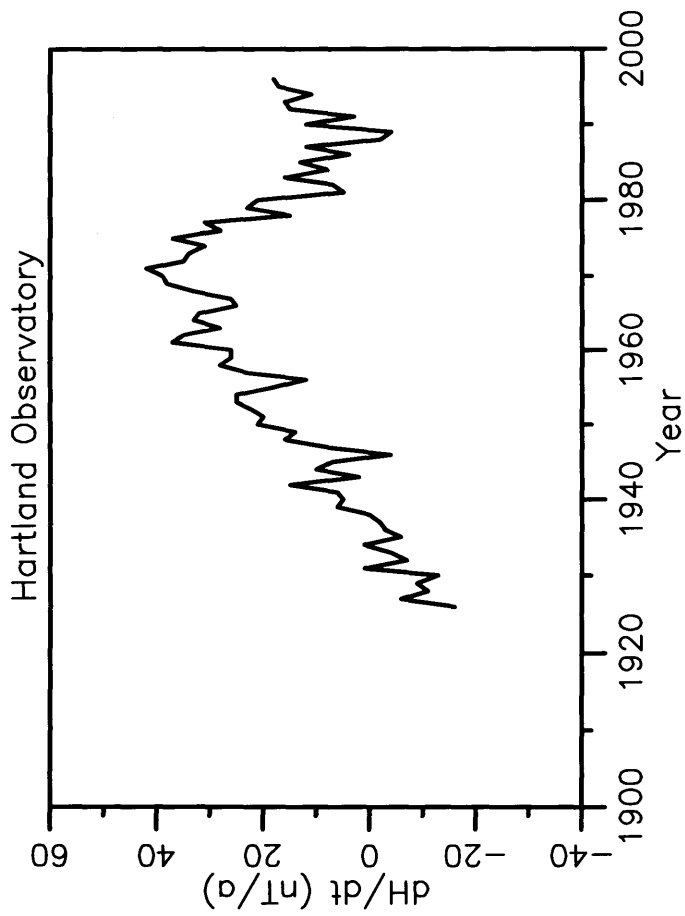
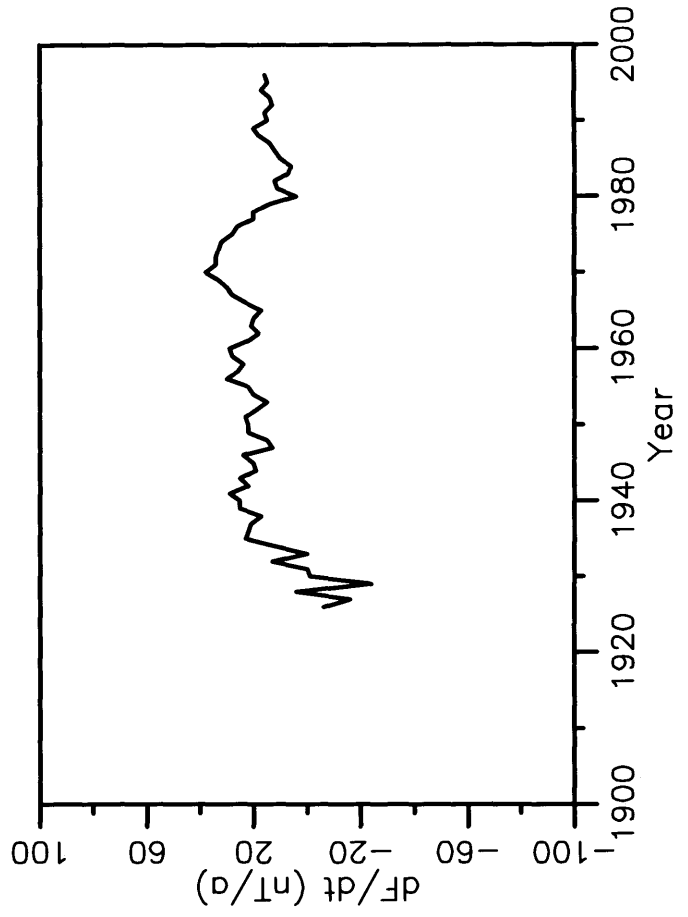
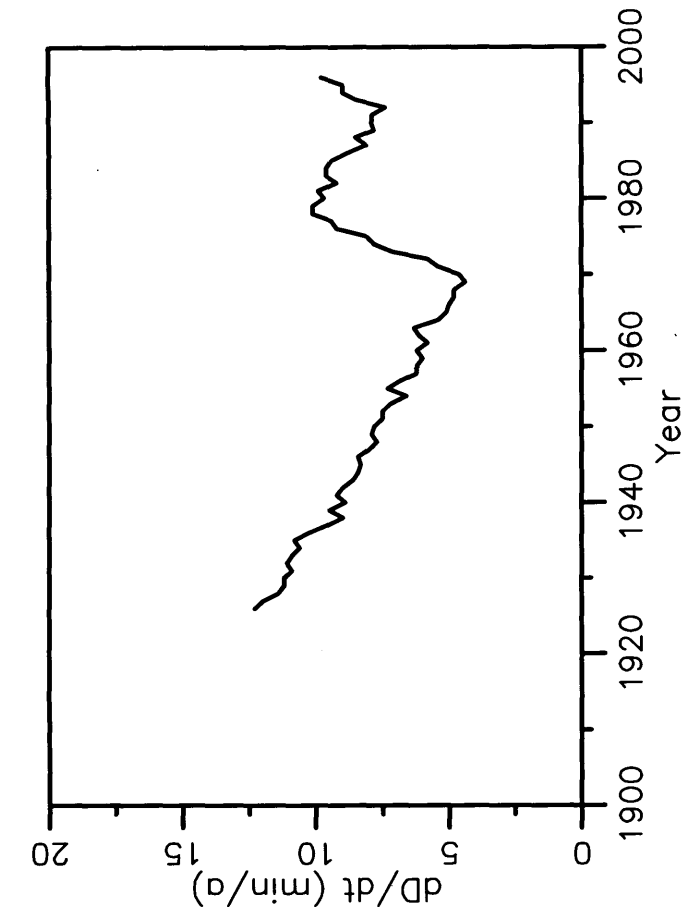
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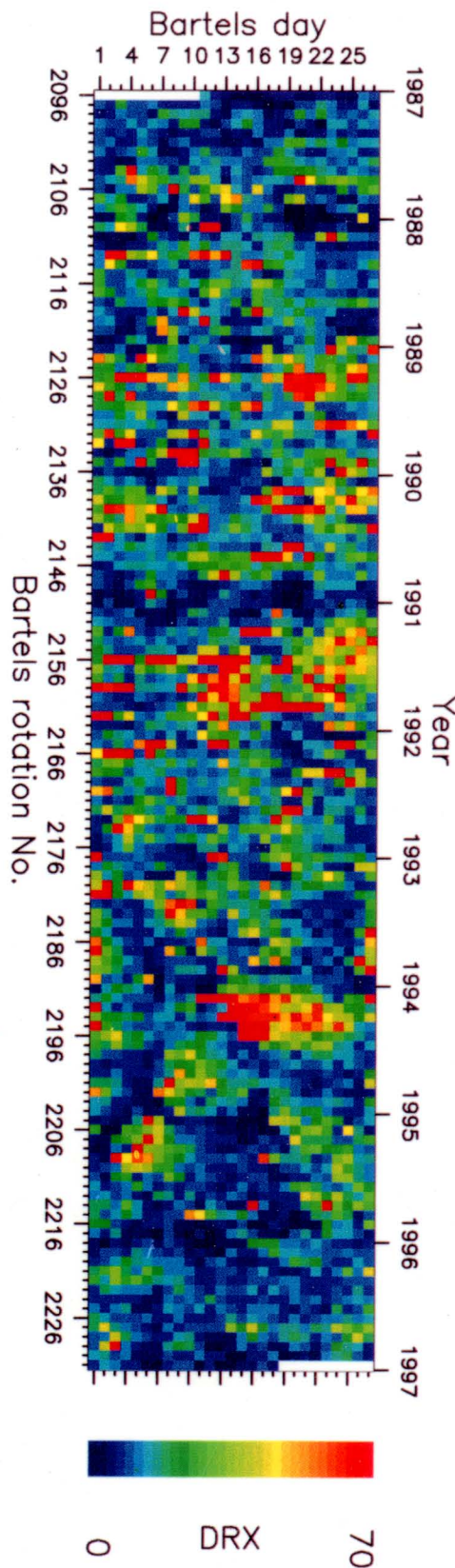
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