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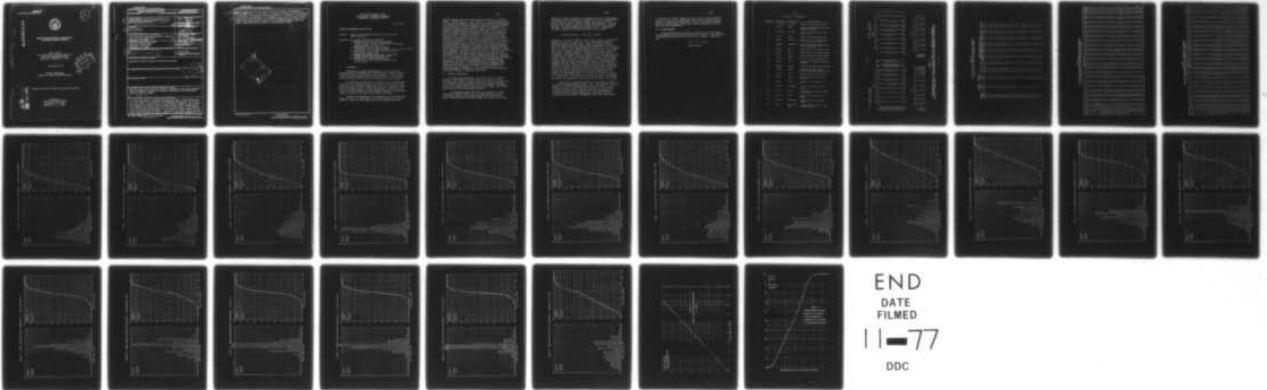
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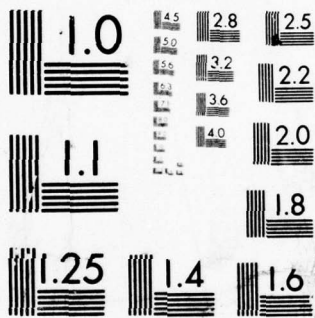
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Infrared radiation over the spectral range of interest. This technical memorandum provides, in the forms of histograms and graphs, percent frequencies of occurrence and cumulative percent frequencies of occurrence, respectively, of the various concentrations of atmospheric water vapor for each of twenty-one maritime sites throughout the northern hemisphere over the entire year. Similar data representing a composite over all ~~twenty-one~~²¹ sites are also given. These data serve as inputs to the mathematical model.

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- References:
- (a) AIRTASK A360360C/001B/3F32343604
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"Mathematical Model of FLIR Performance" of 19 Oct 1972 -- 1045 247
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Meteorological Observations
 - (e) Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, 37th Edition,
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"Predictions of FLIR Performance Against Ships"
of 12 Dec 1972

I. BACKGROUND

Reference (a) assigned NAVAIRDEVCCEN the task of performing operational and system analyses and state-of-the-art technology surveys and projections as a first effort in the development of FLIR (forward looking infrared) equipments which would be affordable in large quantities and optimized for the missions of single-place attack aircraft.

One phase of this task is the calculation of the FLIR performance characteristics (resolution, sensitivity, field of view and frame rate) necessary to meet operational range requirements as a function of atmospheric conditions, aircraft altitude and target size, orientation, and effective thermal contrast. In these calculations, one of the crucial factors is the attenuation by the intervening atmosphere of the infrared radiation emitted by the target and received by the sensor.

Although the composition of the atmosphere is quite constant with regard to most of its constituents, it is quite variable over time and place with respect to water vapor, which is a principal absorber of

infrared radiation over the spectral range of interest (3 to 14 micrometers). Numerous studies of the transmission of infrared radiation as a function of the quantity of water vapor in the path have been reported in the literature and several methods of computation have been published which enable one to calculate atmospheric spectral transmission as a function of absolute humidity and path length. Unfortunately, there is a dearth of statistical data providing probabilities of occurrence of values of absolute humidity within given increments, and probabilities that given values of absolute humidity will not be exceeded in given times and places. Reference (b) provides a collection of 228 graphs representing the cumulative frequencies of occurrence of concentrations of atmospheric water vapor for 19 marine locations for each of the 12 months of the year. These northern hemisphere sites were selected as being representative of the types of climate in which future naval operations might be expected to take place. This technical memorandum extends the earlier treatment by providing absolute humidity statistics on an annual basis in the form of absolute humidity histograms and cumulative frequency of occurrence curves for all of the sites both individually and collectively. The latter composite data will be taken as being representative of the marine absolute humidity environment of the world and will be used as an input to the FLIR mathematical model of reference (c). In the present study two additional sites, Atlantic City, New Jersey, and Key West, Florida, have been included to permit interpolating/extrapolating the results of NAVAIRDEVCEEN FLIR evaluations in these areas to the other sites. The principal purpose of generating these statistics is to enable one to determine the absolute humidity for which a FLIR must be designed if it is not to be prevented, to any preselected degree of probability, from achieving its operational range requirements because of atmospheric water vapor.

II. METHOD OF CALCULATION

Reference (d) provides monthly and annual statistical weather data for a large number of maritime areas throughout the northern hemisphere based largely on reports from ships. Typical reporting areas are rectangular in shape and cover latitude and longitude intervals of the order of two to four degrees. Each area is given a descriptive name which is usually that of an adjacent city or island. The 21 sites covered in this study are described in table I.

A representative page from Volume 2 of reference (d), which gives annual data for Atlantic City, is reproduced here as table II. Of particular interest on that page is "table 13" which gives the percent frequency that the relative humidity fell within each of eight

intervals of relative humidity while simultaneously the air temperature fell within each of 18 intervals of temperature over the recording period. If one takes the values of relative humidity and temperature at the center of each respective interval as being representative of the whole interval, one can then compute an "average" value of absolute humidity for each of the 144 two-dimensional relative humidity - temperature intervals. Reference (c) provides the basis for the formula

$$\text{Absolute Humidity} = 288.9 \frac{P}{T_A} H_r \text{ gm/m}^3$$

in which P is the vapor pressure of water in mm of Hg, T_A is the absolute temperature of the air in $^{\circ}\text{K}$, and H_r is the dimensionless relative humidity expressed in decimal form. Values of the vapor pressure of water over liquid water from reference (e) corresponding to values of T_A at the center of each temperature interval and values of H_r corresponding to the center of each relative humidity interval were used to compute the matrix of "average" values of absolute humidity given in table III. These values of absolute humidity, in conjunction with the percent frequencies of occurrence given in reference (d) for each site, were used to determine the values of frequency density for each 1.0-gm/m^3 absolute humidity interval and values of the cumulative frequency of occurrence given in tables IV and V for each of the 21 sites. In addition, these frequency data were summed and normalized to provide the composite distributions over the 21 sites also given in tables IV and V. A Hewlett-Packard HP-35 Pocket Calculator was used in performing the computations. The data of tables IV and V were subsequently hand plotted in figures 1 through 22, which are arranged in order of decreasing site latitude. Because reference (d) gives percent frequencies rounded off to the nearest 0.1%, the maximum values of the cumulative frequencies usually do not equal 100%. There may be some bias in the original data because of a preference of the reporting ships to avoid extremes of bad weather and because of a preference to work during the day rather than at night.

Figure 23 is a graph that enables one conveniently to convert the values of absolute humidity (gm/m^3) used in this technical memorandum to those (cm of precipitable water/nmi) used in reference (c). The composite data for the 21 selected sites in figure 22 were replotted in figure 24 with the absolute humidity expressed in centimeters of precipitable water vapor per nautical mile. This graph enables one to interpret the FLIR range predictions of reference (f) in probabilistic terms with respect to atmospheric water vapor concentration.

In reference (f), "high," "medium" and "low" values of absolute humidity of 5.5, 2.6 and 1.0 cm of precipitable water per nmi, respectively, were assumed in performing the calculations. Figure 24 shows that, averaged over the 21 selected sites, these values are not exceeded 99.5%, 44% and 10% of the time, respectively.

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TABLE I
SITE LOCATIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS

SITE NO.	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	SITE DESCRIPTION
1	56 N-Coast	151-157 W	Kodiak, Alaska (NE Pacific Ocean)
2	45-47 N	53-56 W	Argentia, Newfoundland (Atlantic Ocean SE of Newfoundland)
3	42 N-Coast	66 W-Coast	Boston, Mass. (Atlantic Ocean E of central Mass.)
4	39.7 N	129.4 E	Wonsan, North Korea (Sea of Japan)
5	38-40 N	72 W-Coast	Atlantic City, N.J. (Atlantic Ocean E of S N.J., Del. and N Md.)
6	36-38 N	Coast-126 W	San Francisco, Calif. (Pacific Ocean S and W of central Calif.)
7	37.9 N	25.1 E	South Aegean Sea (E of Athens, Greece)
8	36.0 N	3.4 W	Malaga, Spain (W end of Mediterranean)
9	36.0 N	133.2 E	Matsue, Japan (S end of Sea of Japan)
10	32.2 N	33.3 E	Port Said, Egypt (SE Mediterranean)
11	27.2 N	50.2 E	NW Persian Gulf (between Saudi Arabia and Iran)
12	25.0 N	57.8 E	N Gulf of Oman (between Iran and Oman)
13	23-25 N	79-83 W	Key West, Fla. (Gulf of Mexico & Atlantic Ocean between Florida & Cuba)
14	29.9 N	67.8 E	Karachi, Pakistan (N Arabian Sea)
15	20.4 N	158.3 W	Hawaiian Leeward (Pacific Ocean S of Oahu)
16	18-20 N	74-76 W	Guantanamo, Cuba (Caribbean S of E Cuba)
17	17-22 N	110 E-Coast	S China Sea Area VII (E of North Vietnam)
18	17.9 N	85.2 E	Vishakhapatnam, India (Bay of Bengal E of S India)
19	14.2 N	73.0 E	Panjim, Goa (Arabian Sea W of S India)
20	11-14 N	111 E-Coast	S China Sea Area I (E of South Vietnam)
21	7-11 N	102 & 103 E-Coast	S. China Sea Area VI (Gulf of Siam adjoining Malaysia)

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TABLE 13

PERCENT FREQUENCY OF RELATIVE HUMIDITY BY TEMP

TEMP F	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-100	TOTAL OBS	PCT FREQ
95/99	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	1	.1
90/94	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	21	.4
85/89	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	146	2.5
80/84	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	877	9.2
75/79	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	3197	13.5
70/74	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	4725	10.2
65/69	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	3575	10.9
60/64	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	3817	10.9
55/59	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	3714	10.6
50/54	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	4163	11.9
45/49	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	4076	11.7
40/44	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	3432	9.8
35/39	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	1858	5.4
30/34	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	858	2.5
25/29	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	301	.9
20/24	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	82	.2
15/19	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	6	.0
10/14	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	2	.0
TOTAL	79	149	670	2166	5030	7281	9750	9766	34891	100.0
PCT.	.2	.4	1.9	6.2	14.4	20.9	27.9	28.0		

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TABLE 14

PERCENT FREQUENCY OF WIND DIRECTION BY TEMP

TEMP F	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	VAR	CALM
95/99	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
90/94	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
85/89	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
80/84	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
75/79	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
70/74	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
65/69	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
60/64	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
55/59	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
50/54	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
45/49	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
40/44	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
35/39	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
30/34	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
25/29	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
20/24	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
15/19	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
10/14	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
TOTAL	4199	3588	2646	2520	5920	5499	4633	4982	24	233
PCT.	12.0	10.3	7.6	7.2	17.0	15.8	13.3	14.3	.1	2.5

TABLE 15

MEANS, EXTREMES AND PERCENTILES OF TEMP (DEG F) BY HOUR

HOUR (GMT)	MAX	99%	95%	50%	5%	1%	MIN	MEAN	TOTAL OBS
0000	93	83	79	59	36	28	14	58.0	11086
0600	88	80	77	57	34	25	12	56.1	18575
1200	92	81	77	57	35	26	12	56.9	10522
1800	93	85	82	60	35	26	14	59.0	13774
TOT	93	82	77	57	34	25	12	57.4	54057

TABLE 16

PERCENT FREQUENCY OF RELATIVE HUMIDITY BY HOUR

HOUR (GMT)	0-29	30-39	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-100	MEAN	TOTAL OBS
0000	.0	1.8	3.2	4.8	6.9	6.7	8.0	313
0600	.0	2.0	3.8	5.9	8.9	10.1	8.1	107
1200	.0	1.6	3.1	4.5	6.3	6.8	8.1	78
1800	.0	3.1	4.3	5.7	5.8	4.4	7.6	51
TOT	80	2998	5049	7314	9790	9821	80	313

TABLE II

REPRESENTATIVE PAGE OF ANNUAL DATA FOR ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY, REPRODUCED FROM NAVAL WEATHER SERVICE COMMAND SUMMARY OF SYNOPTIC METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

TABLE V
ANNUAL CUMULATIVE FREQUENCIES OF OCCURRENCE OF GIVEN VALUES
OF ABSOLUTE HUMIDITY FOR SELECTED MARINE SITES (PERCENT)

Absolute Humidity (gm/m ³)	Site Number																					AVG
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
0.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1.5	1.0	0.2	0.9	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2.5	4.3	3.5	5.8	5.8	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3.5	11.8	12.5	14.6	17.3	5.5	0.1	0.6	0.0	9.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.5	25.1	31.0	26.0	29.6	12.7	0.3	2.5	0.2	16.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5.5	41.4	47.4	38.4	38.7	26.7	1.4	5.6	1.8	24.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
6.5	59.2	57.7	46.7	46.0	28.7	5.9	11.0	4.8	30.2	1.1	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
7.5	62.4	62.6	53.2	52.6	35.9	14.8	20.4	10.6	37.0	4.9	1.7	1.1	0.4	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8.5	79.8	74.3	65.4	60.3	45.0	34.9	29.6	21.8	43.5	9.0	1.9	1.7	0.7	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
9.5	90.2	81.2	73.4	60.3	45.7	44.6	35.8	25.2	48.1	14.9	4.9	2.7	1.7	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10.5	95.8	85.8	79.3	65.2	57.1	68.7	51.7	43.8	56.3	31.8	10.3	6.5	4.1	7.7	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
11.5	98.5	92.6	84.4	66.7	56.6	81.5	53.8	45.8	58.3	32.6	10.8	6.9	4.1	8.0	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
12.5	99.1	94.7	88.5	72.5	64.6	92.6	63.3	61.8	65.6	47.1	19.2	14.4	9.7	14.6	5.4	1.3	0.9	4.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
13.5	99.6	98.2	92.2	75.0	65.7	97.4	69.7	64.7	68.5	49.4	20.9	14.7	9.8	14.7	5.5	1.4	1.2	4.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
14.5	99.7	98.5	94.7	81.6	75.7	98.7	83.0	77.5	74.2	62.6	32.1	24.9	18.6	22.9	20.4	6.2	4.3	11.7	3.2	0.8	1.4	48.7
15.5	99.8	99.1	97.4	85.8	79.5	99.3	83.8	80.8	77.8	63.5	35.1	25.2	19.4	23.6	20.7	6.3	5.0	11.8	3.2	0.8	1.4	48.7
16.5	99.8	99.1	97.8	89.1	83.0	99.4	86.6	85.2	81.1	66.4	39.5	29.1	23.1	27.2	26.5	7.9	7.0	12.5	3.2	1.2	1.4	50.9
17.5	99.8	99.1	98.1	91.0	85.3	99.4	94.7	90.4	83.5	80.4	47.3	38.8	39.0	35.6	64.2	28.5	13.5	24.4	14.5	7.3	7.5	54.3
18.5	99.8	99.1	98.8	93.9	90.7	99.4	95.5	93.9	87.3	82.0	50.6	40.5	41.6	37.7	67.2	28.2	15.8	24.8	14.6	8.0	7.8	61.1
19.5	99.8	99.1	98.9	96.7	93.7	99.4	96.5	96.7	90.1	87.3	55.7	45.4	51.6	44.5	80.6	38.6	24.1	29.8	18.9	17.1	11.7	65.7
20.5	99.8	99.1	98.9	97.2	94.5	99.4	98.9	97.9	91.3	93.8	62.4	53.4	70.1	54.2	90.3	66.0	37.7	39.1	45.6	38.0	42.8	75.0
21.5	99.8	99.1	98.9	98.3	97.8	99.4	99.2	99.2	94.8	95.9	64.2	55.4	74.4	58.1	95.1	69.1	45.0	41.8	50.0	44.9	46.5	77.7
22.5	99.8	99.1	98.9	99.4	96.7	99.4	99.3	99.5	98.0	97.8	68.5	62.6	87.7	82.4	97.6	86.4	67.0	66.1	77.6	77.2	77.4	87.9
23.5	99.8	99.1	98.9	99.4	98.9	99.4	99.7	99.6	98.2	99.0	77.7	73.0	94.9	85.3	98.2	93.8	82.0	74.5	87.0	86.2	92.1	92.5
24.5	99.8	99.1	98.9	99.4	98.9	99.4	99.7	99.6	98.2	99.0	77.7	73.0	94.9	85.3	98.2	93.8	82.0	74.5	87.0	86.2	92.1	92.5
25.5	99.8	99.1	98.9	99.6	98.3	99.4	99.9	99.6	99.6	99.3	80.1	75.3	97.5	93.2	99.5	97.3	88.2	83.2	94.4	93.7	96.0	95.2
26.5	99.8	99.1	98.9	99.7	99.4	99.4	99.9	99.6	100.0	99.7	91.2	92.4	99.2	98.9	100.0	99.5	97.4	97.6	98.0	98.7	99.8	98.8
27.5	99.8	99.1	98.9	99.7	99.4	99.4	99.9	99.6	100.0	99.7	91.2	92.4	99.2	98.9	100.0	99.5	97.4	97.6	98.0	98.7	99.8	98.8
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33.5	99.8	99.1	98.9	99.7	99.4	99.4	99.9	99.6	100.0	99.7	98.4	98.9	99.7	99.8	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.8	98.9	100.0	100.3	99.9
34.5	99.8	99.1	98.9	99.7	99.4	99.4	99.9	99.6	100.0	99.7	99.5	99.5	99.7	99.8	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.9	98.9	100.1	100.3	100.0
35.5	99.8	99.1	98.9	99.7	99.4	99.4	99.9	99.6	100.0	99.7	100.0	99.6	99.7	99.8	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.9	98.9	100.1	100.3	100.0
36.5	99.8	99.1	98.9	99.7	99.4	99.4	99.9	99.6	100.0	99.7	100.0	99.6	99.7	99.8	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.9	98.9	100.1	100.3	100.0

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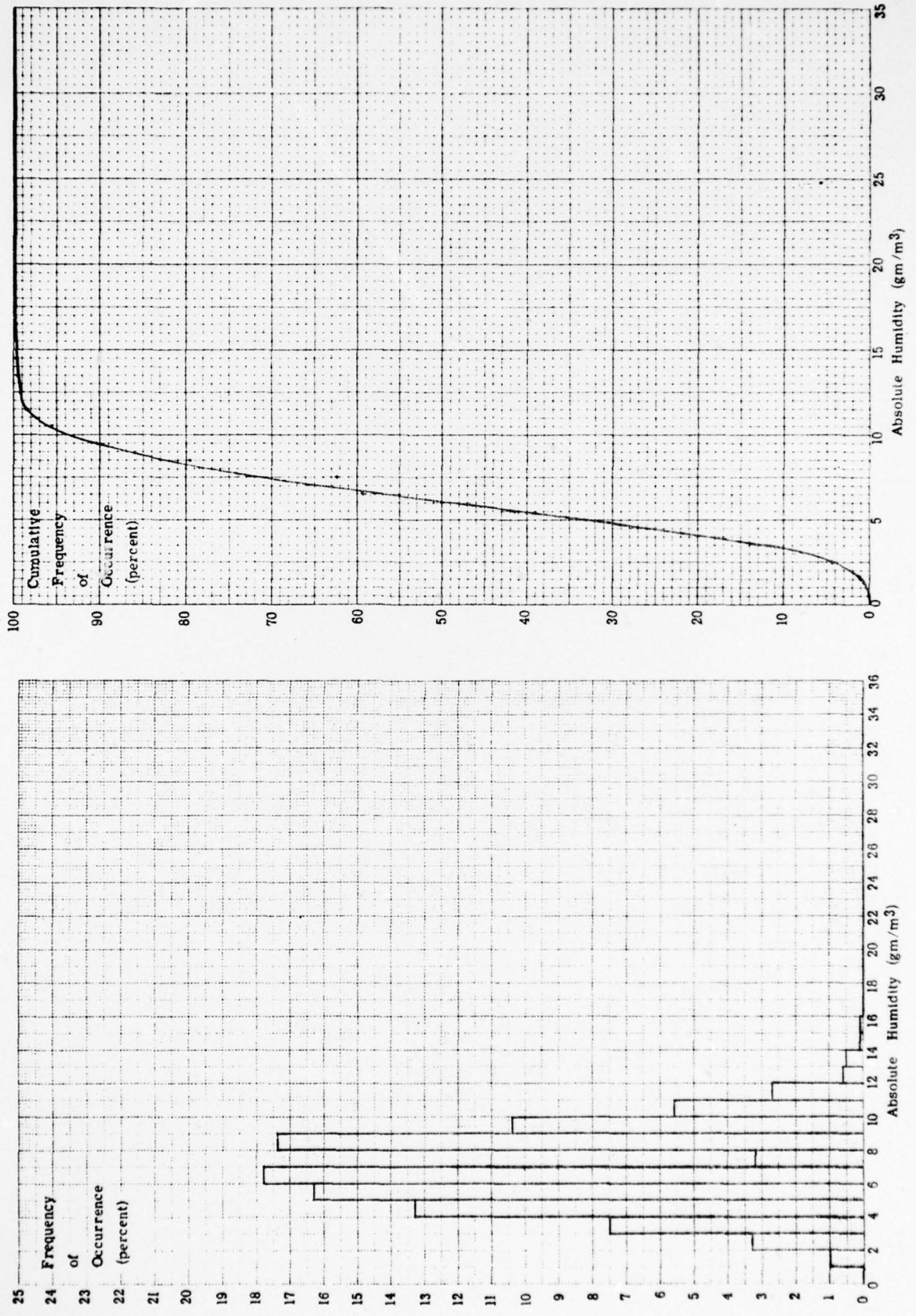


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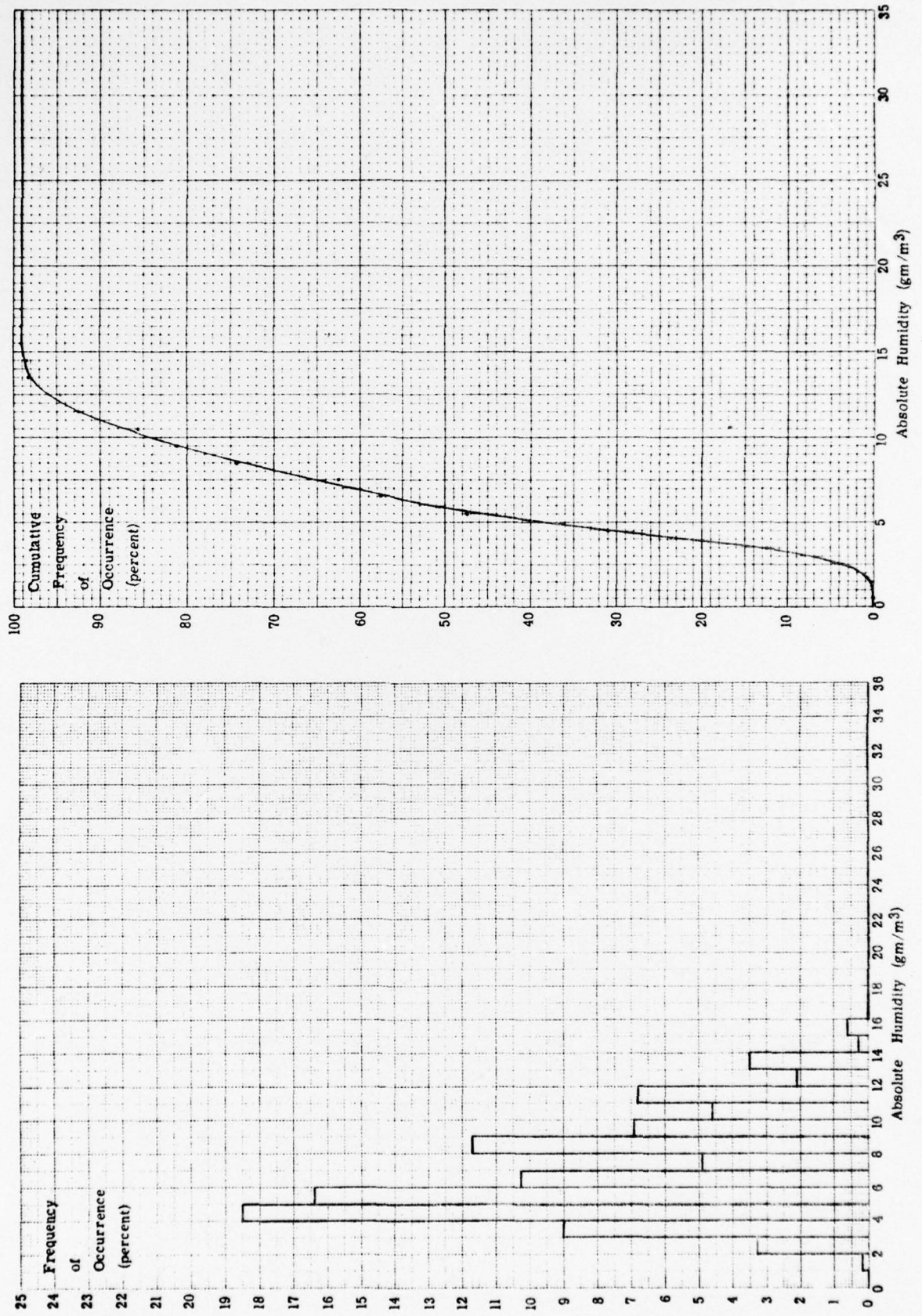


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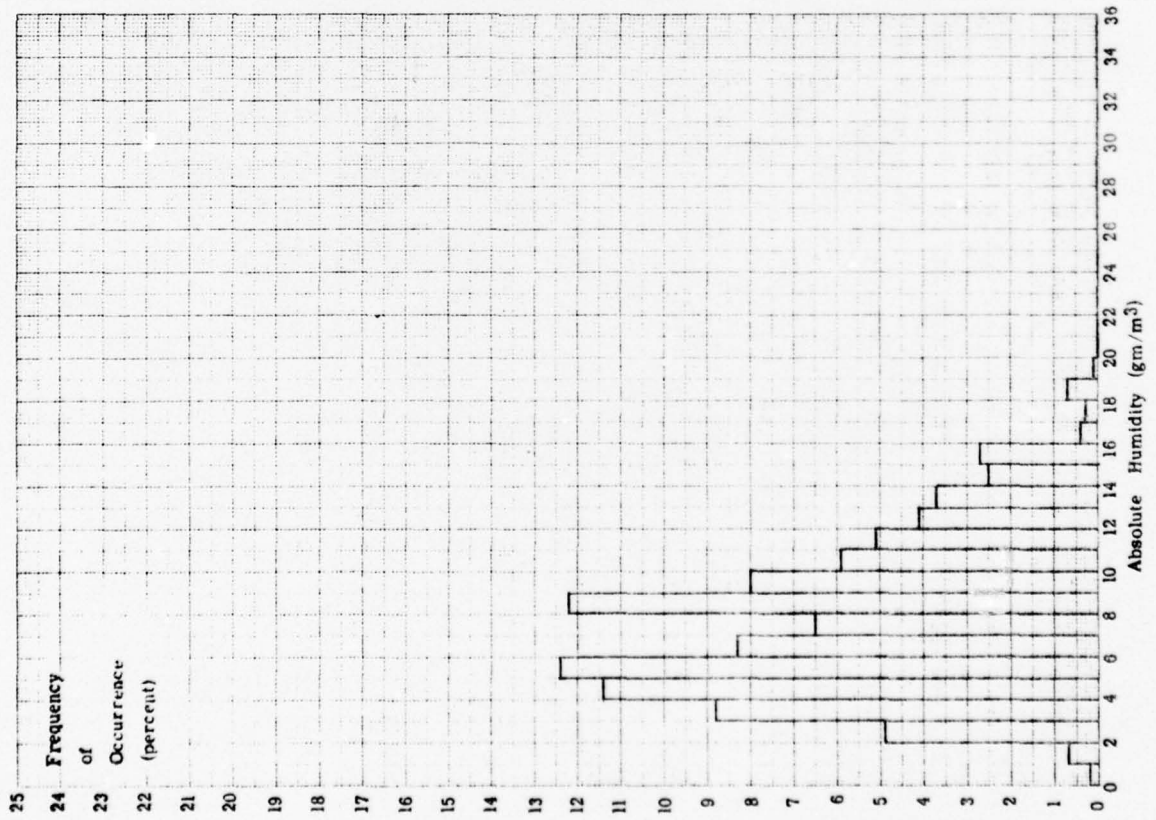
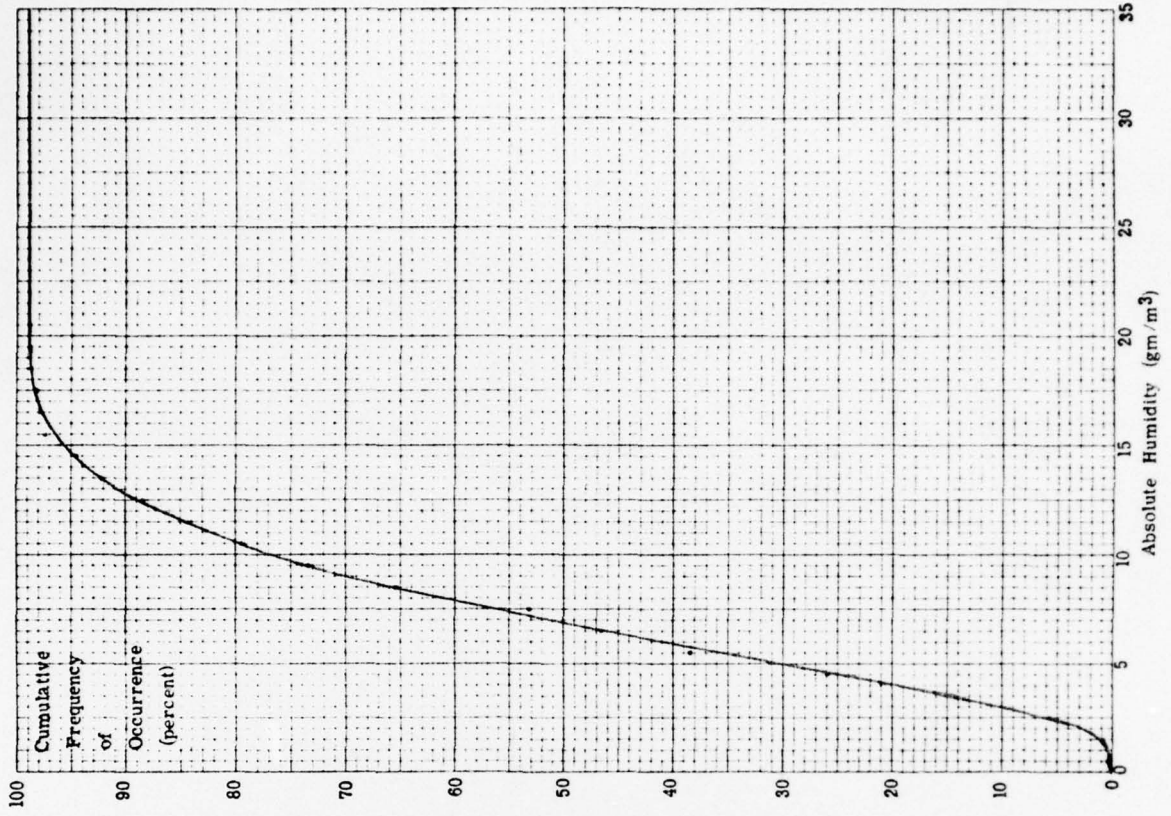


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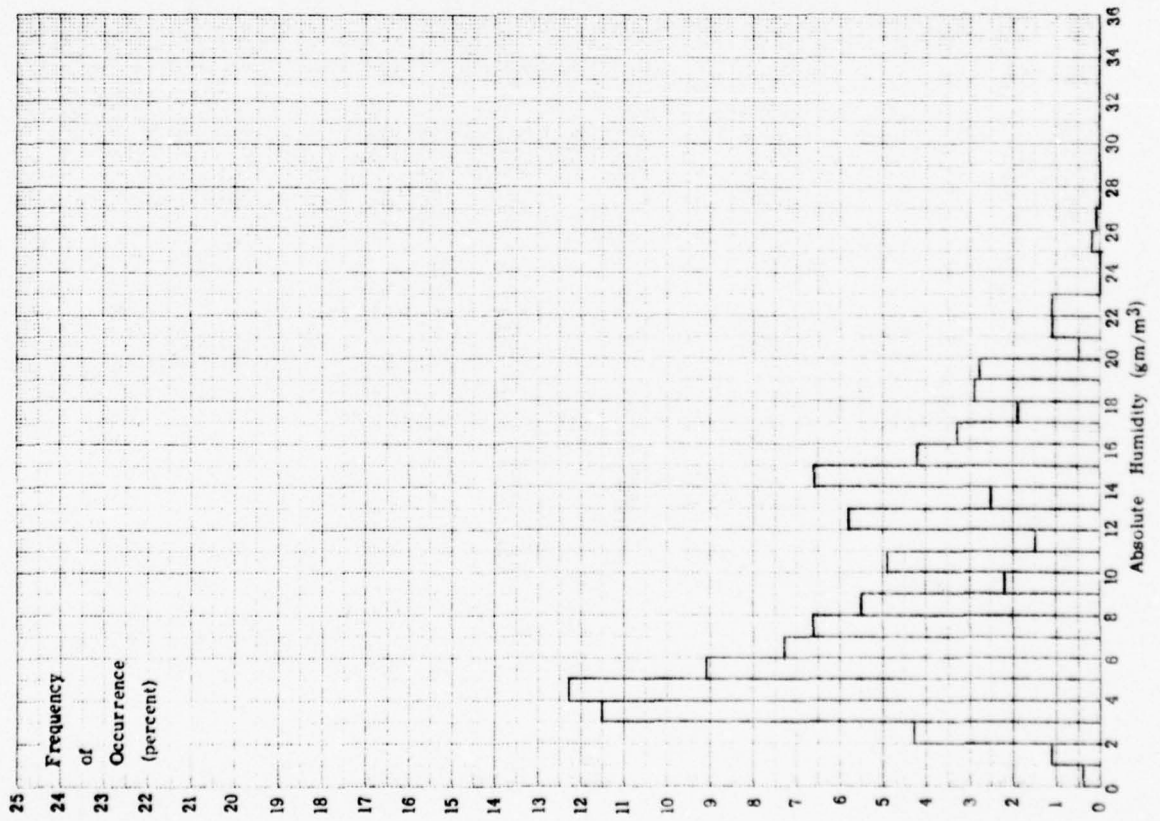
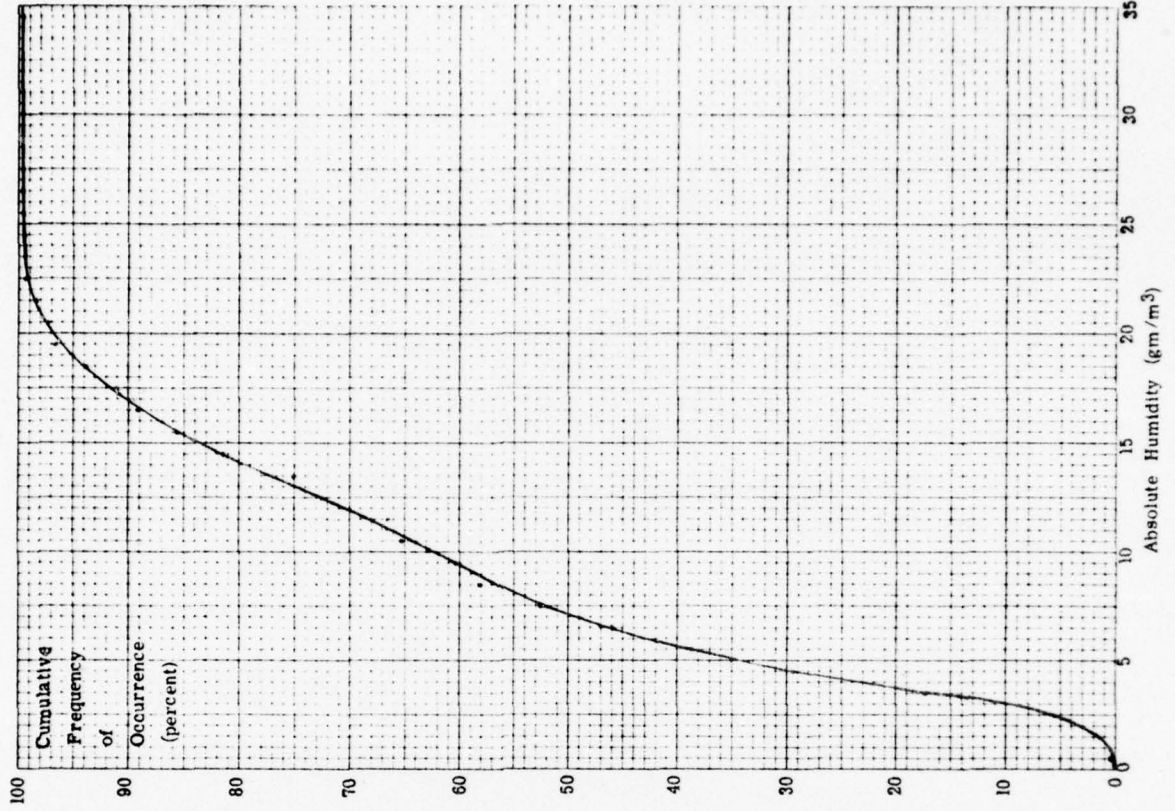


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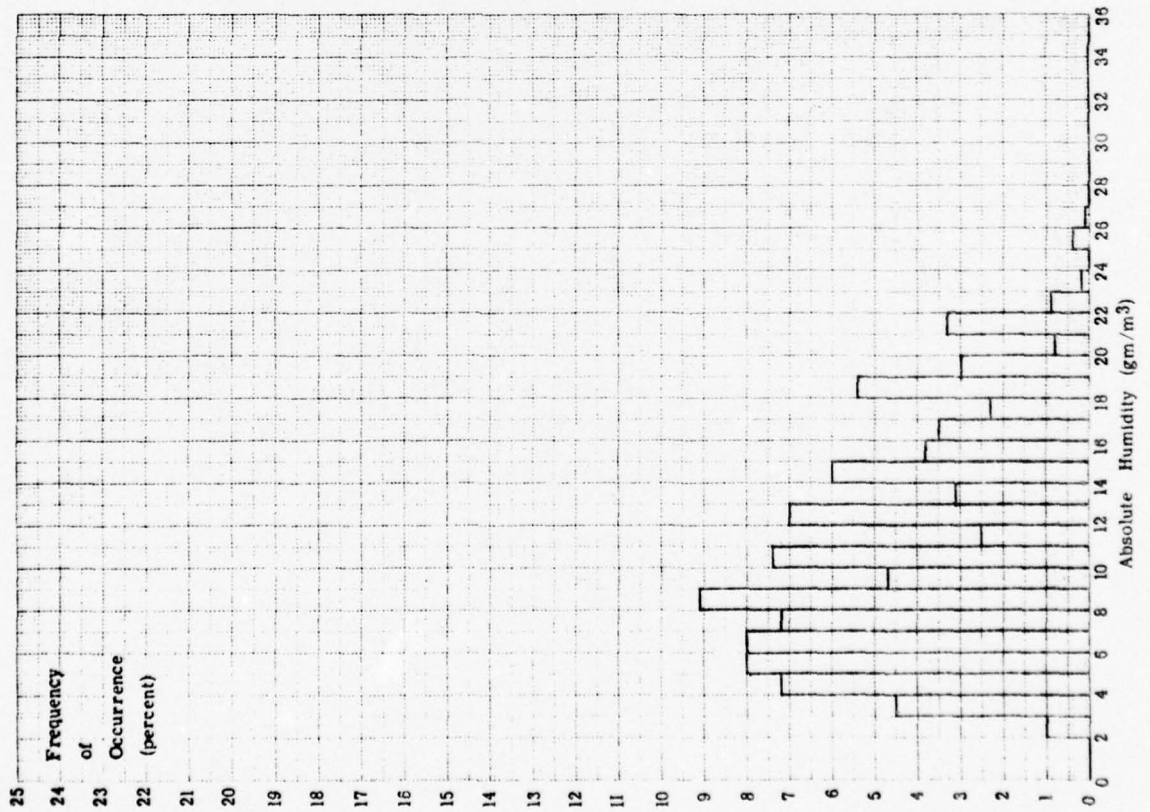
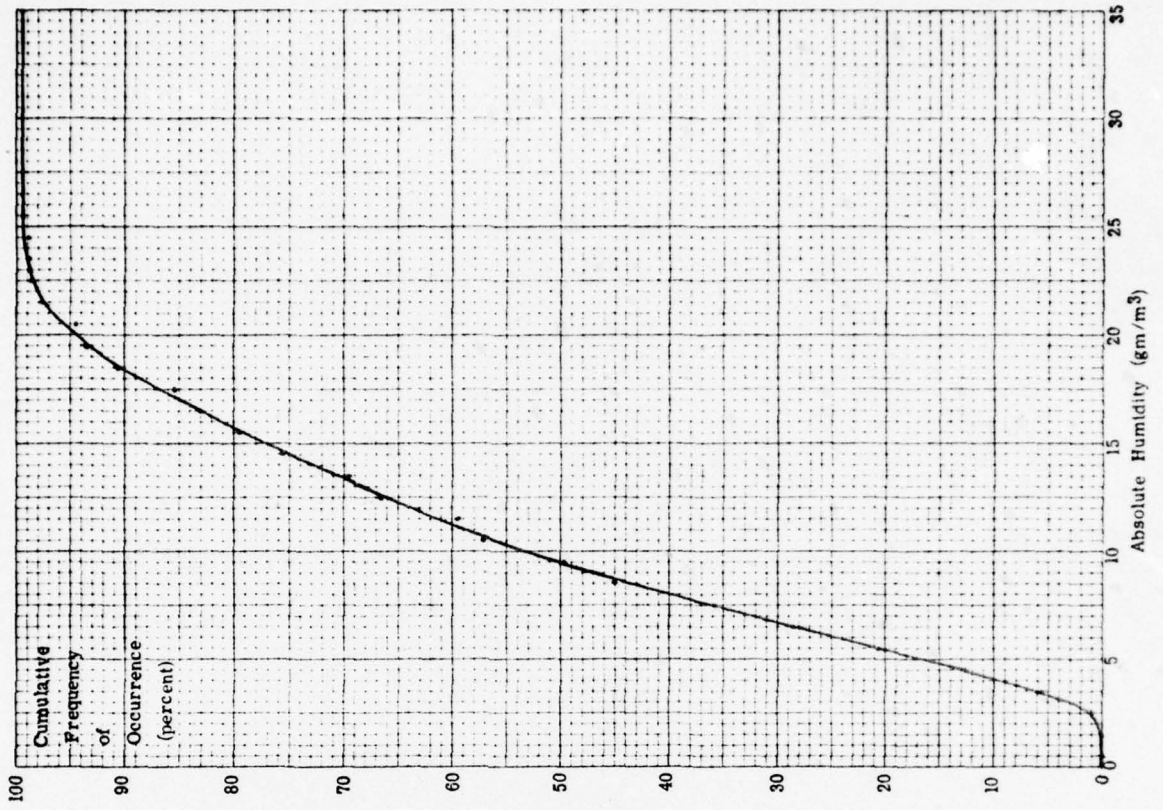


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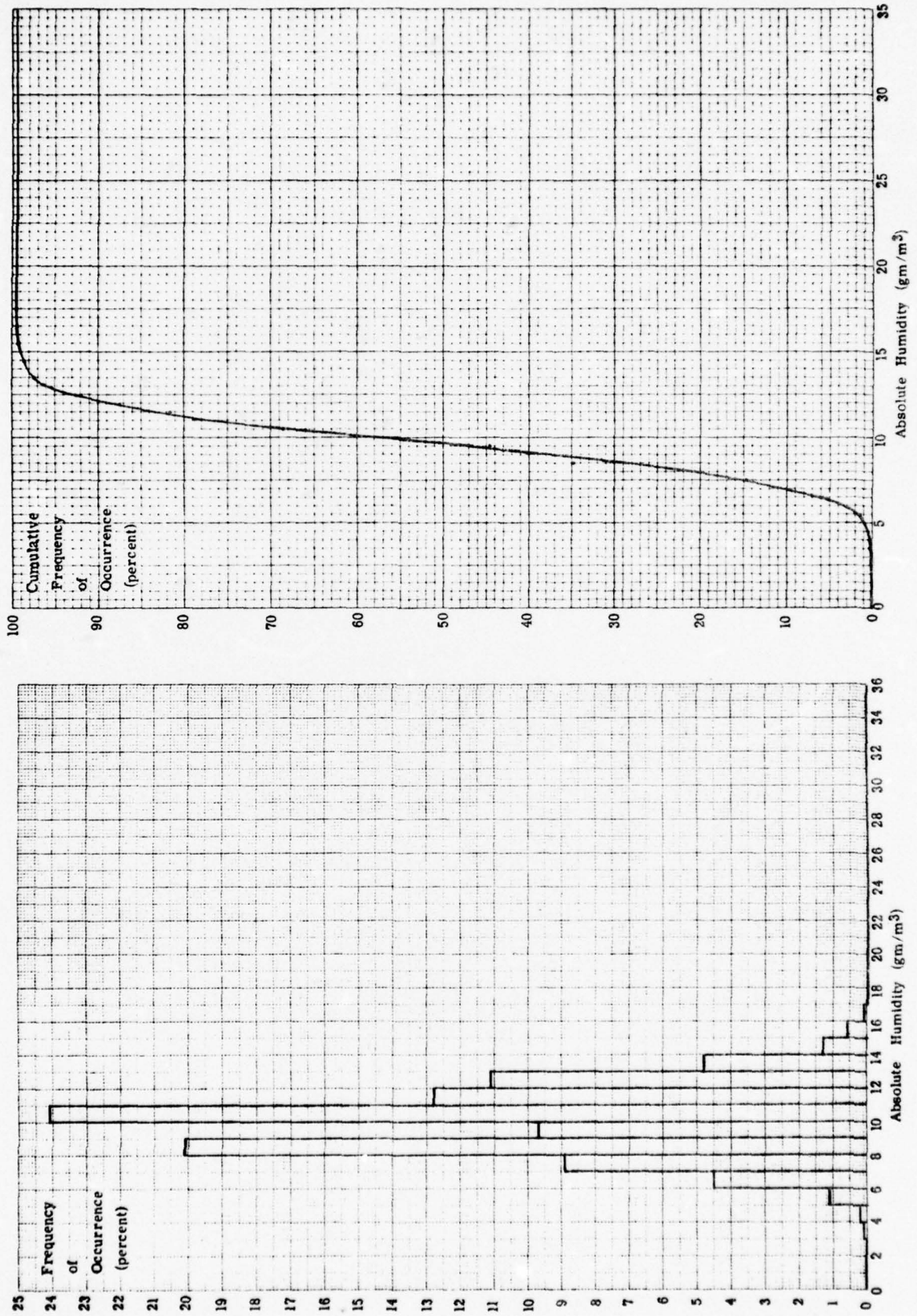


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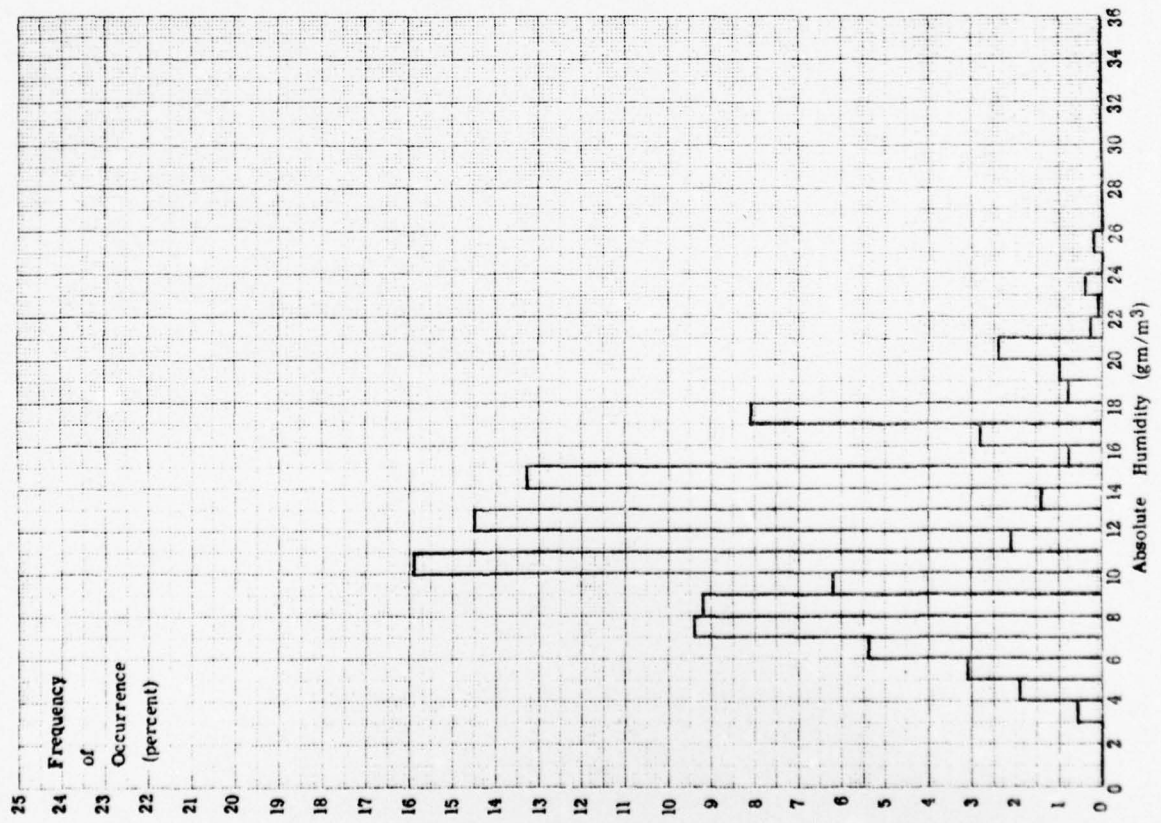
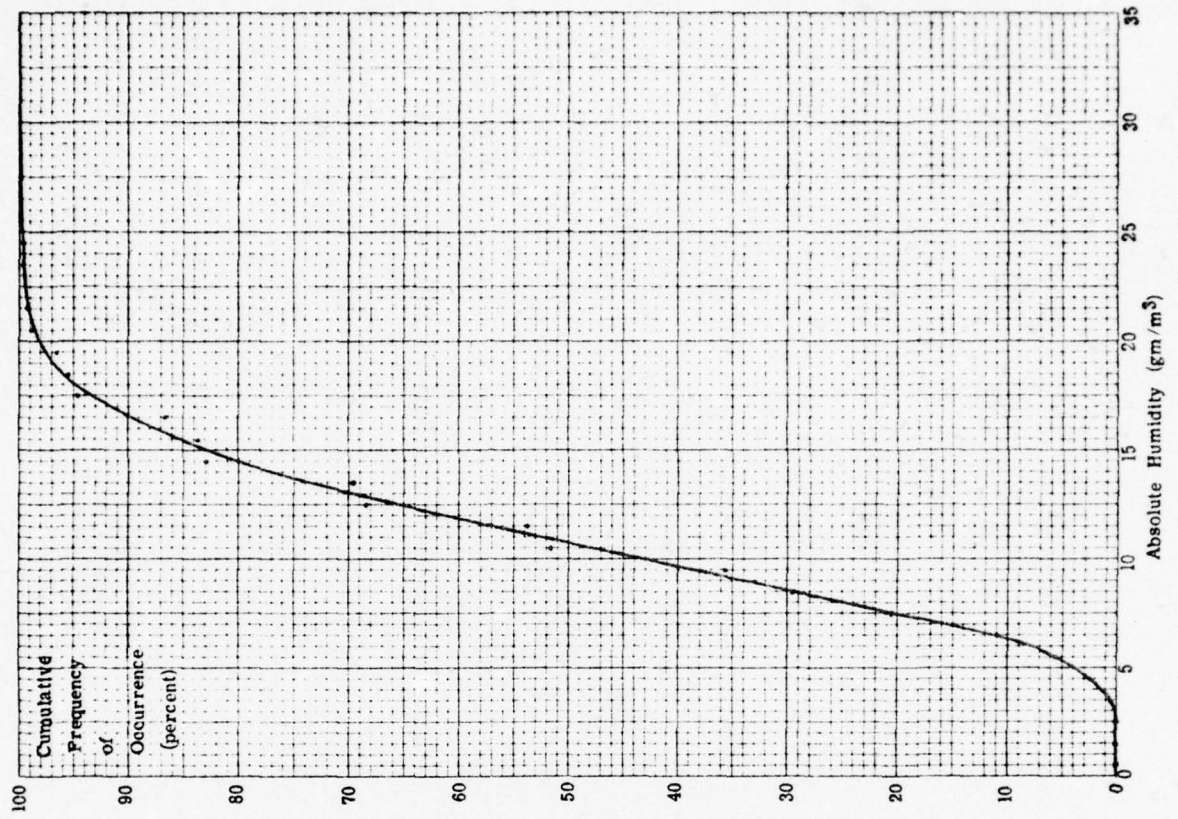


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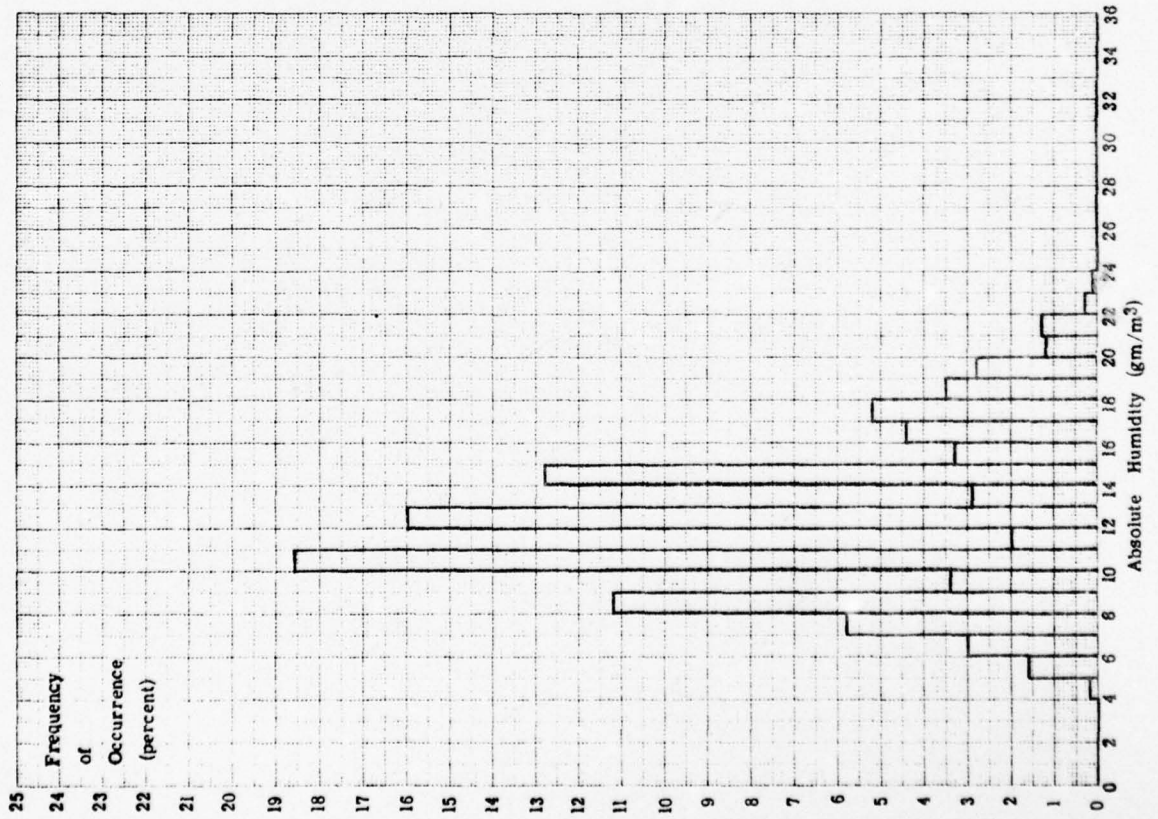
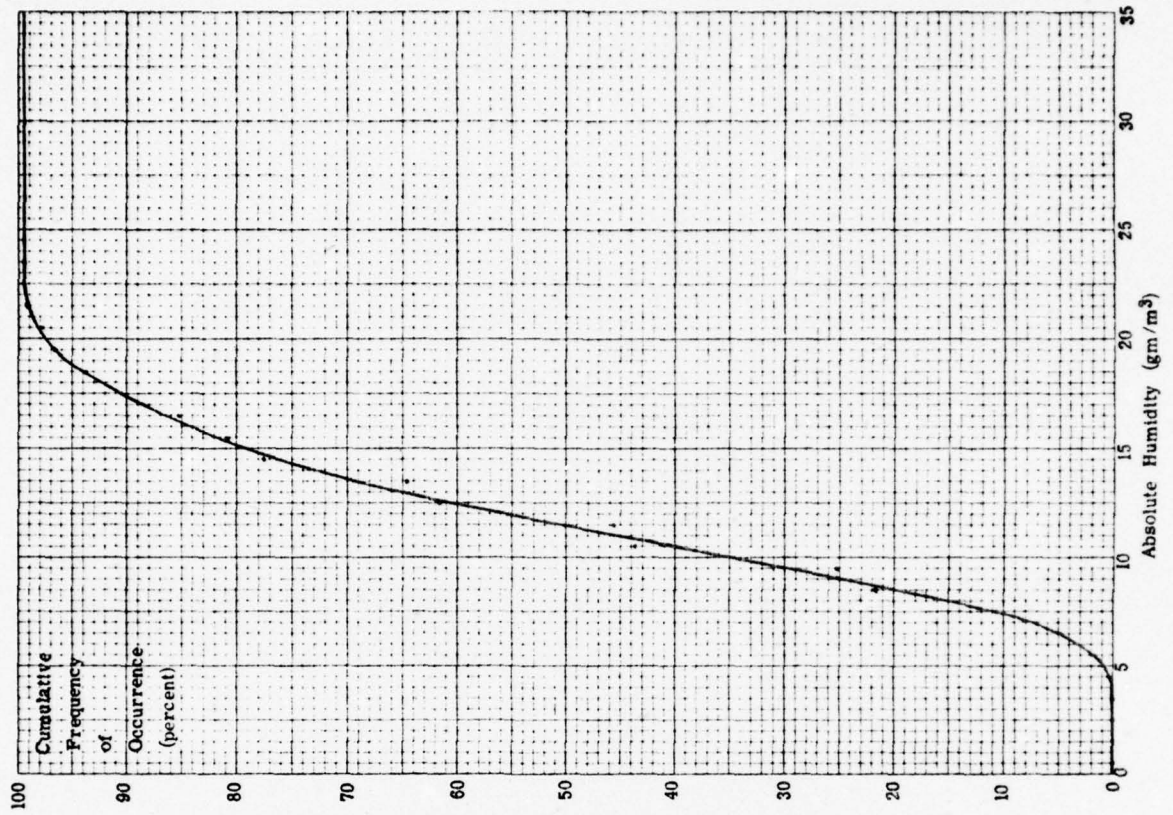


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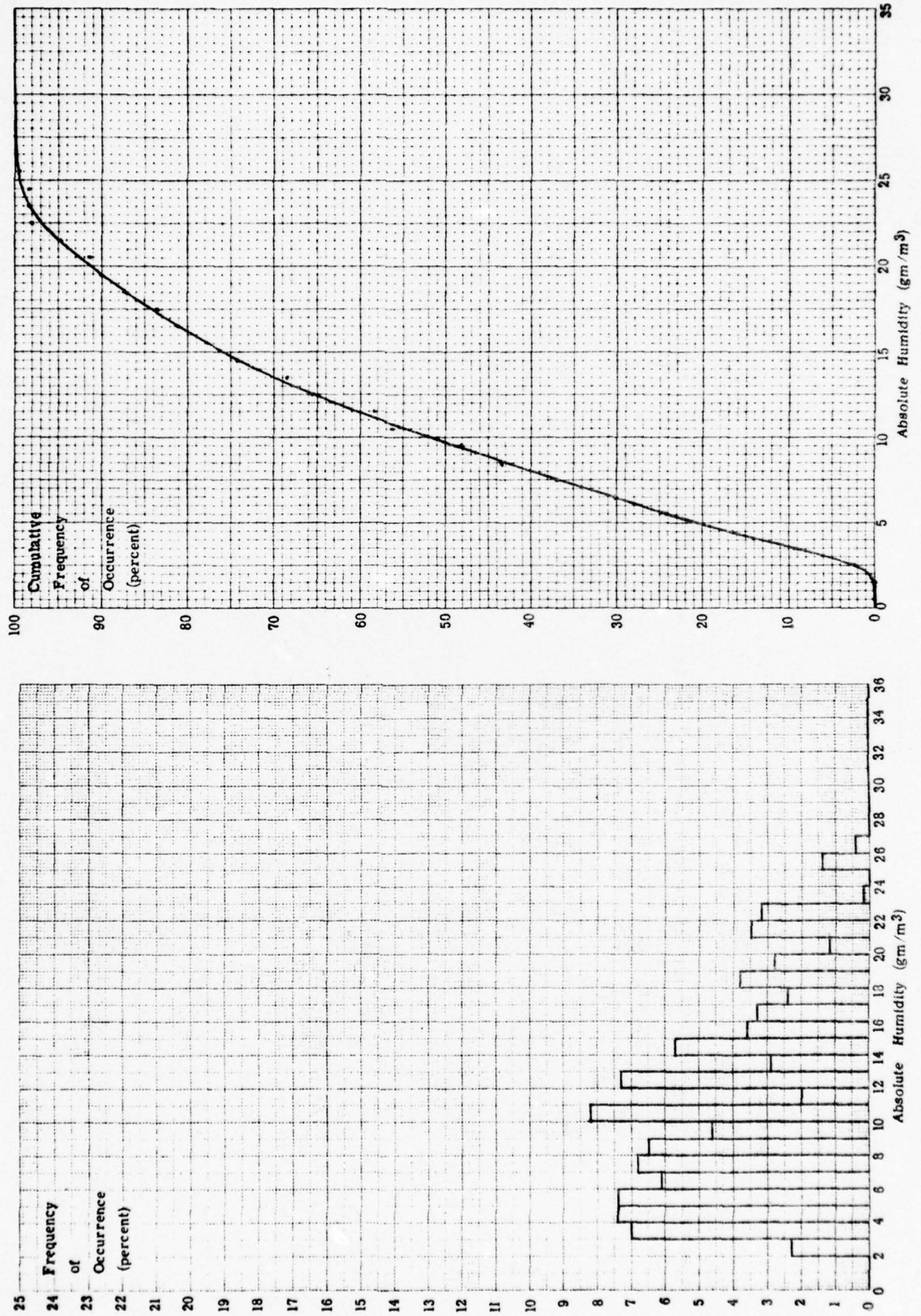


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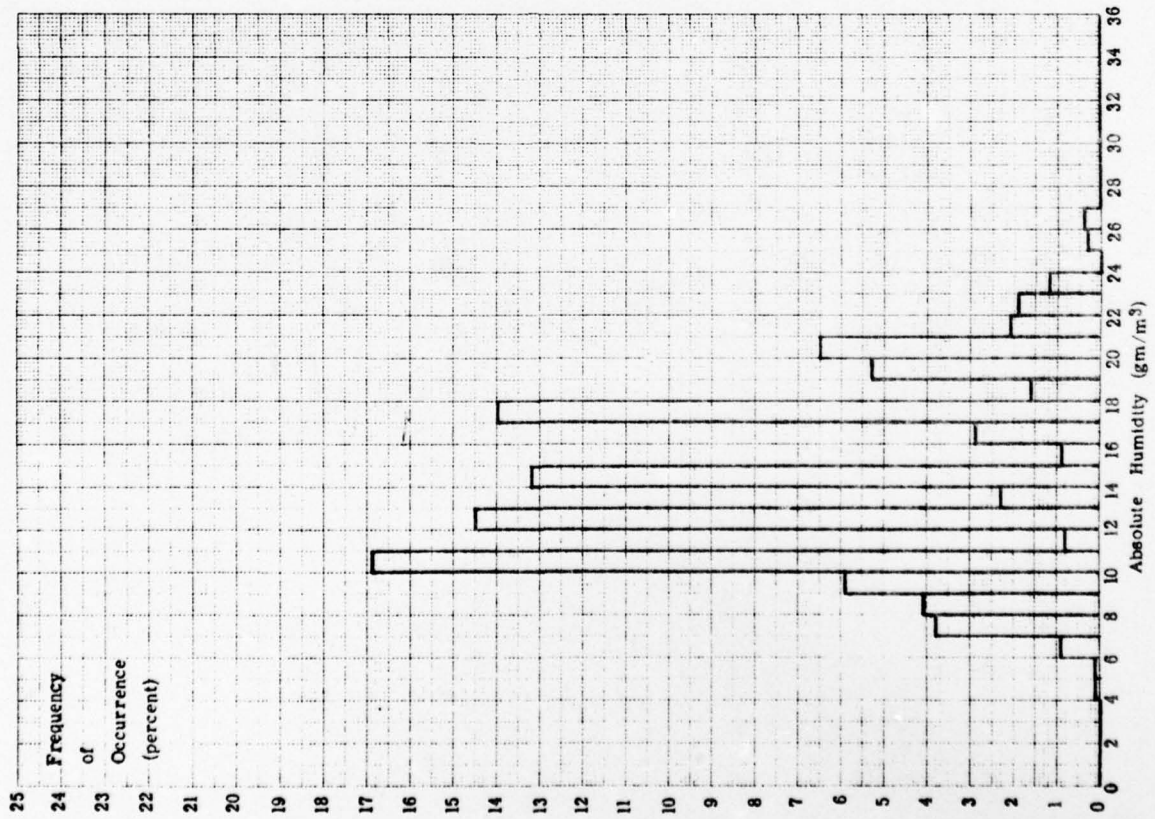
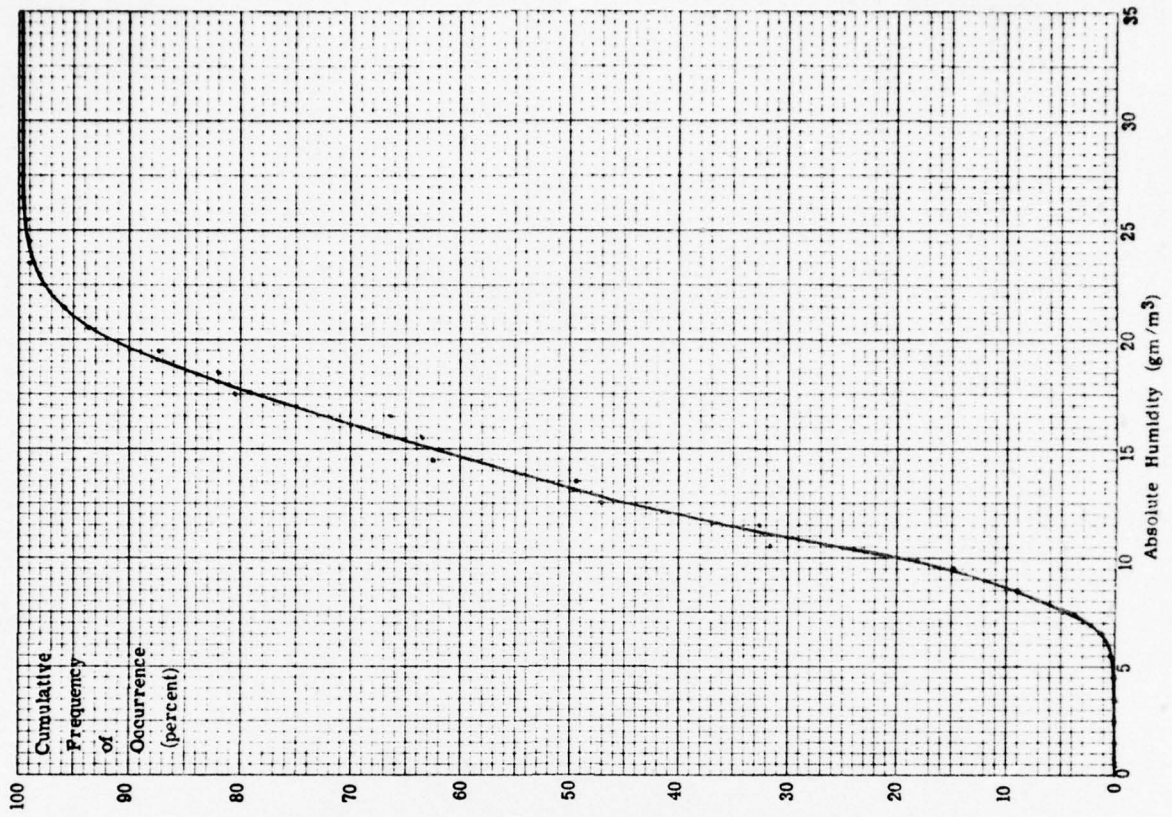


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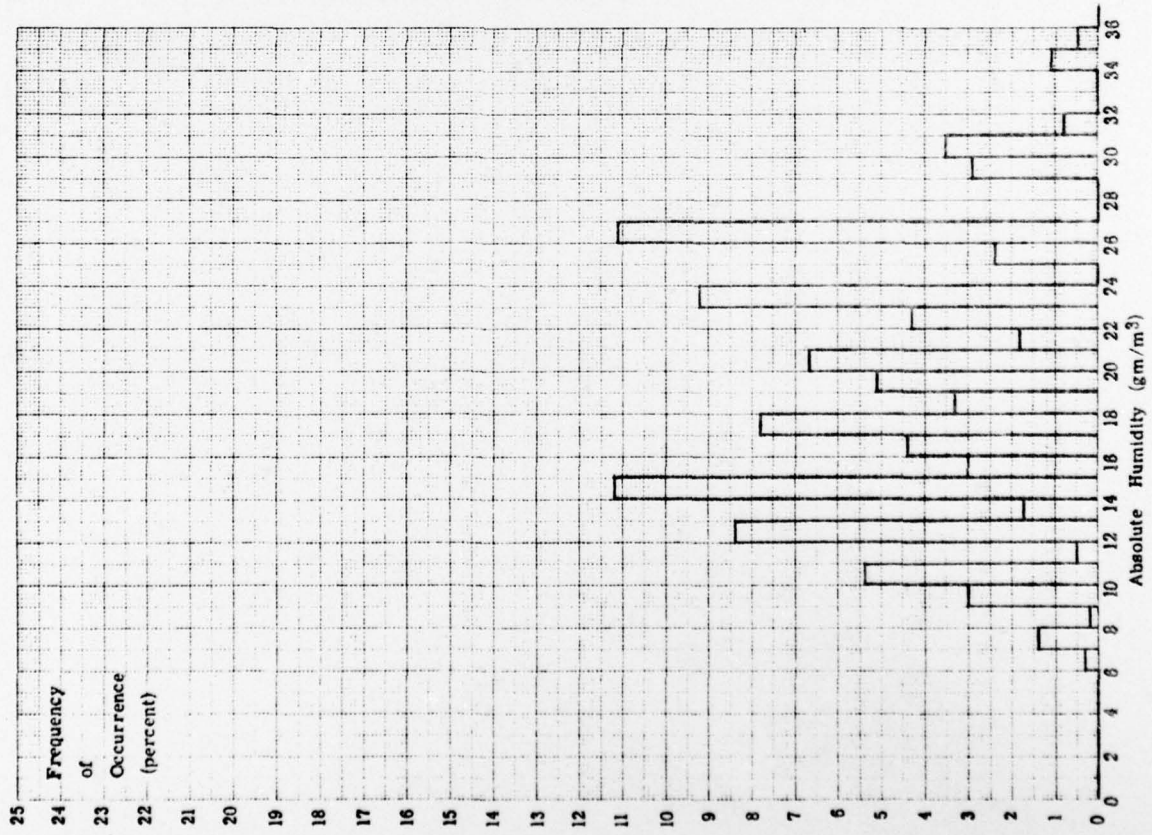
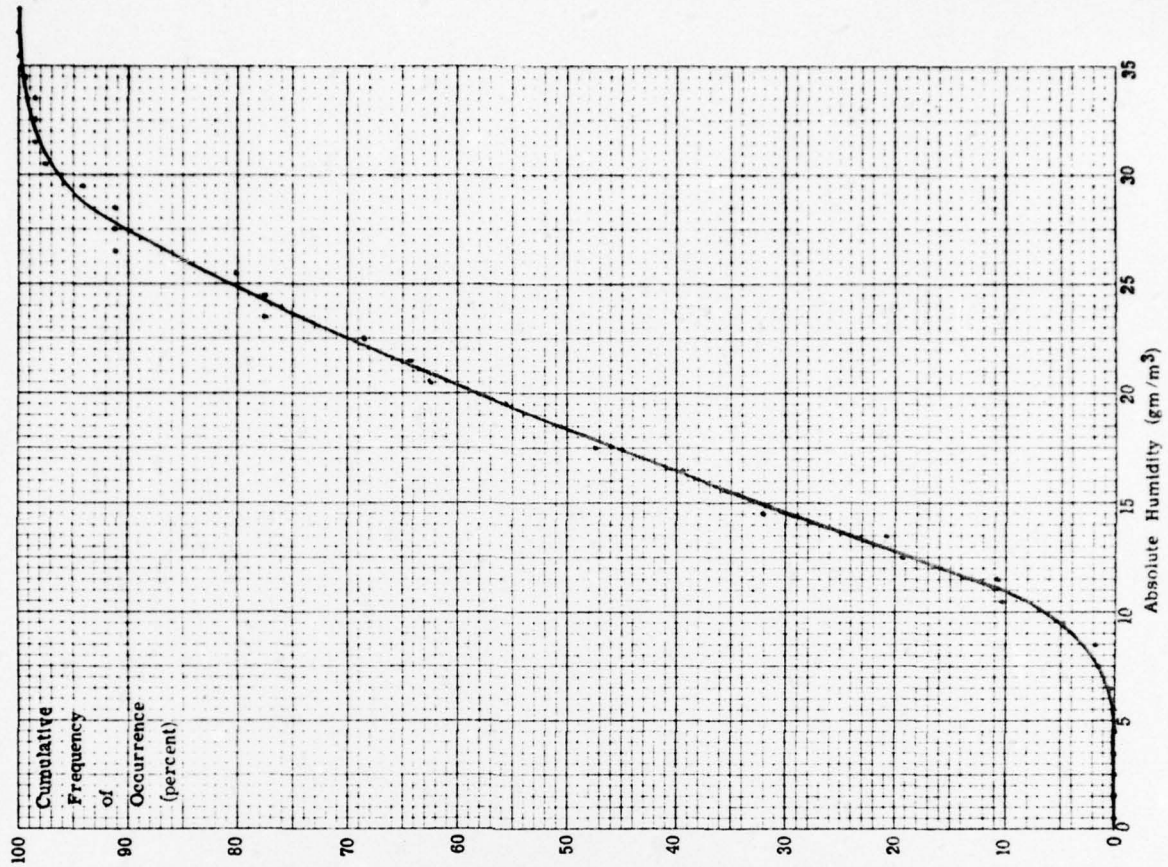


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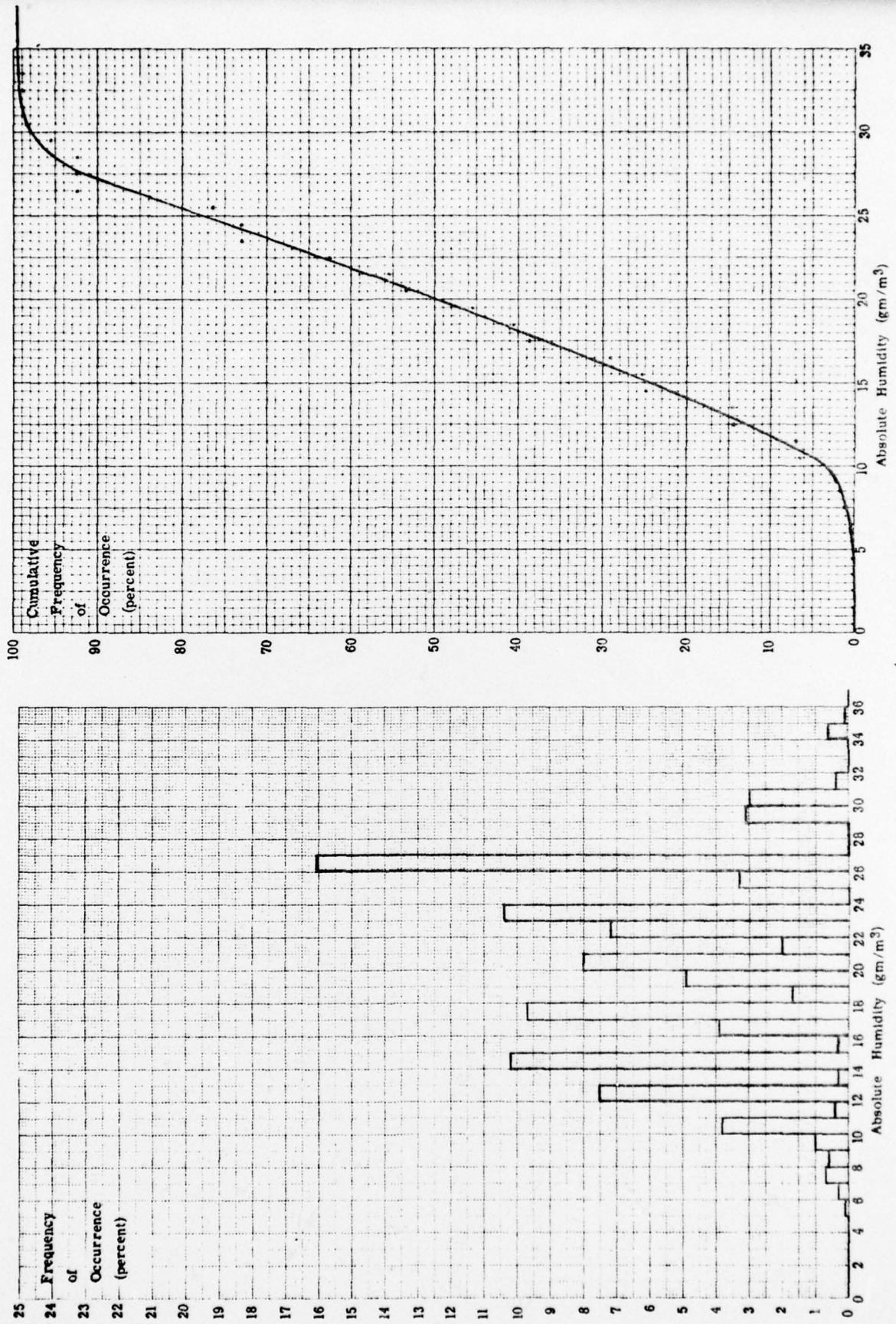


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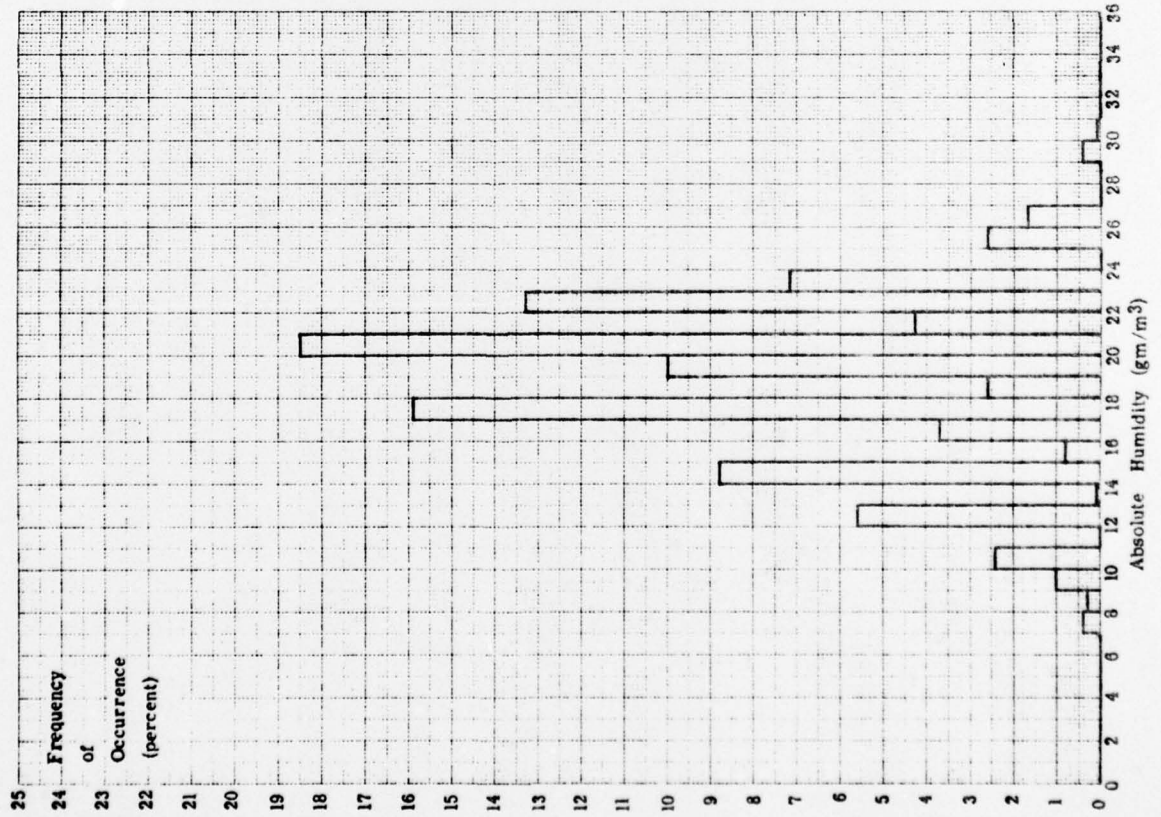
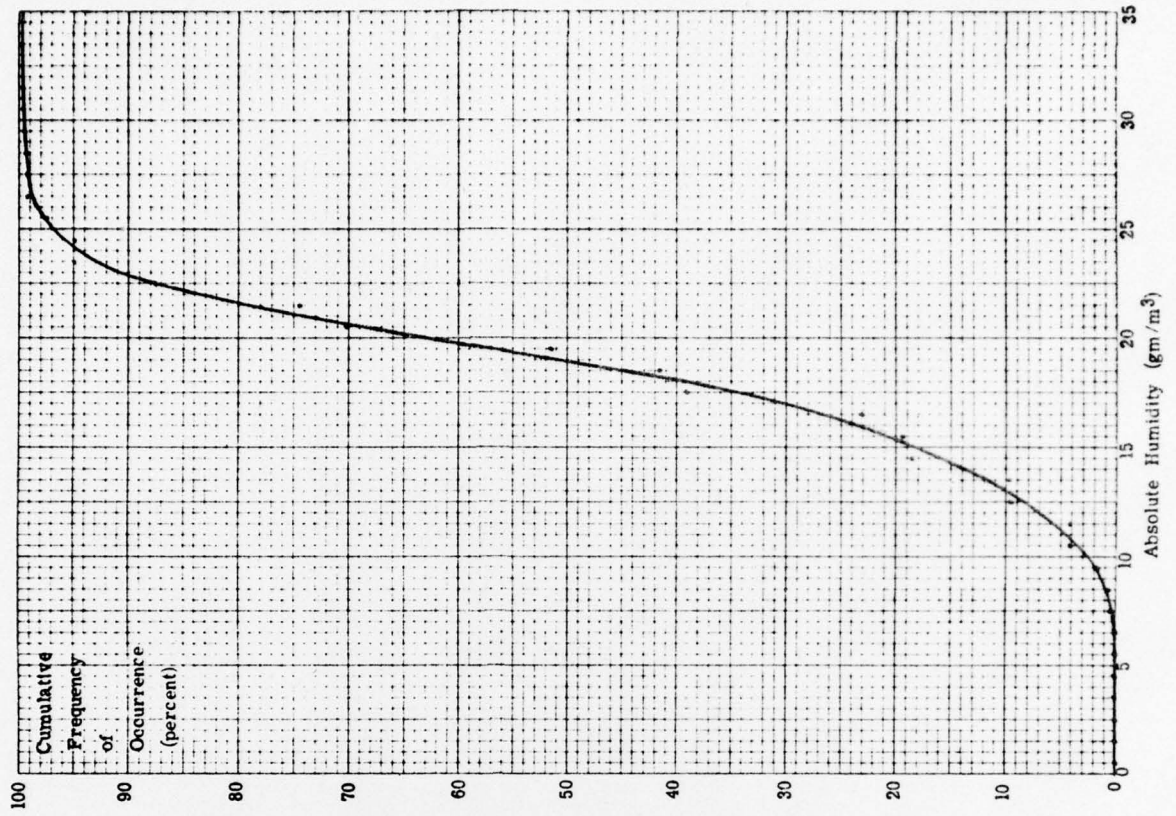


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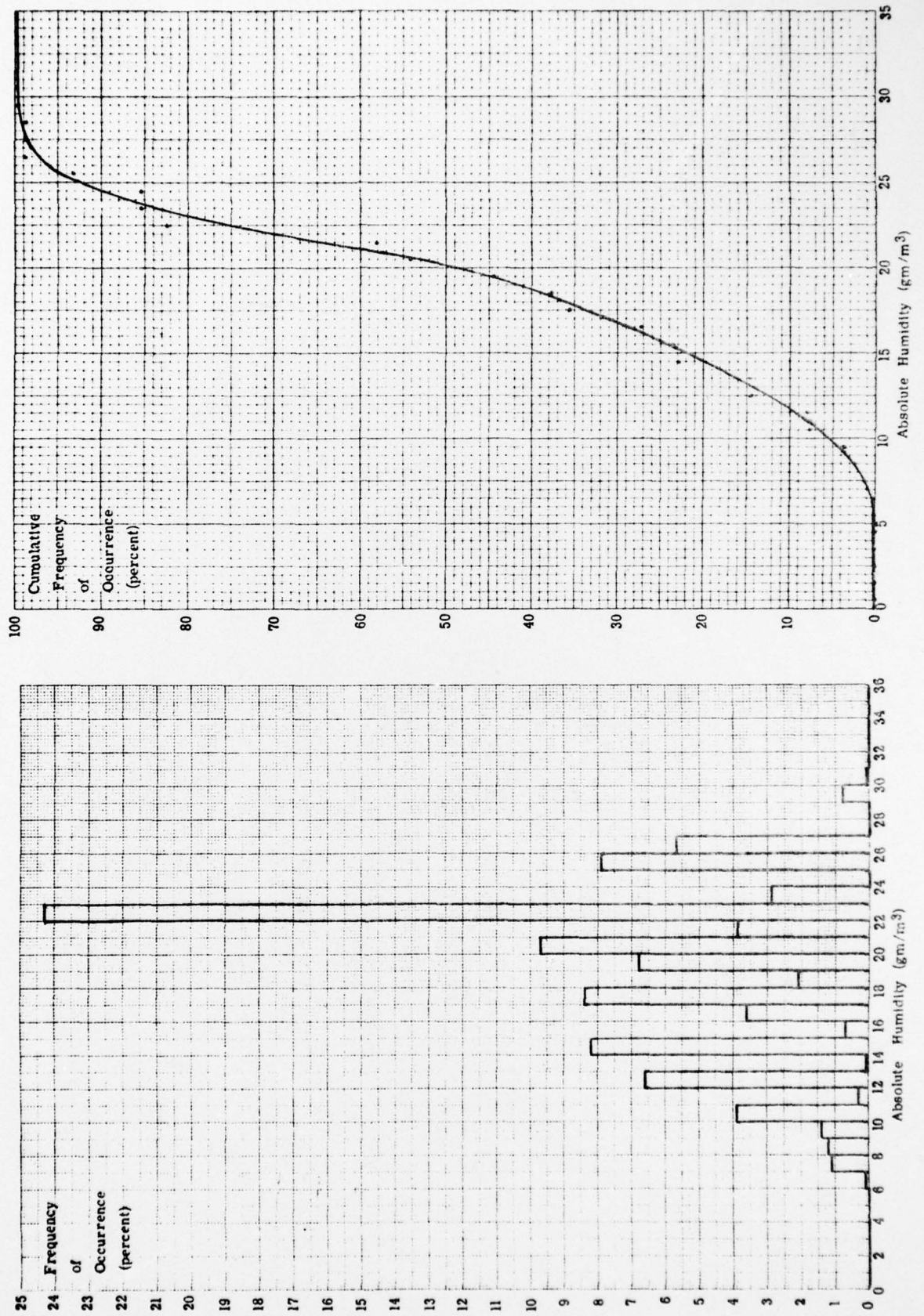


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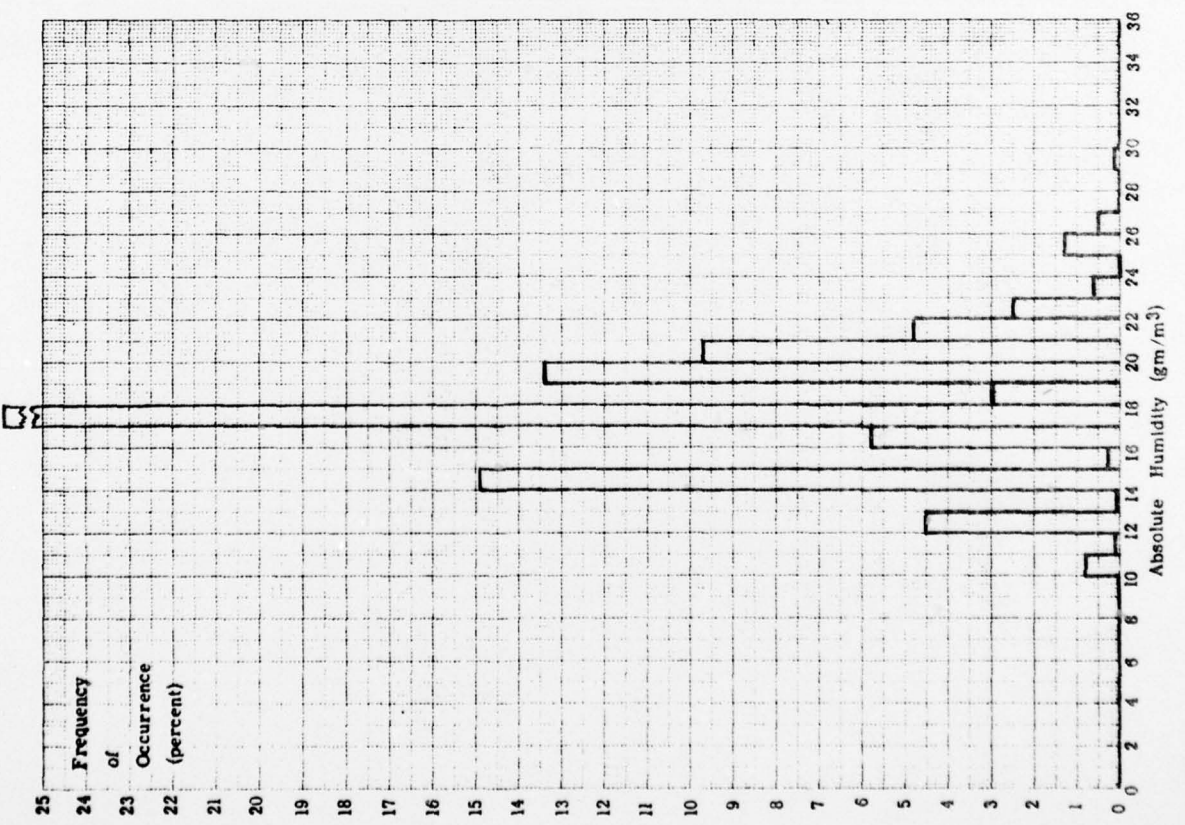
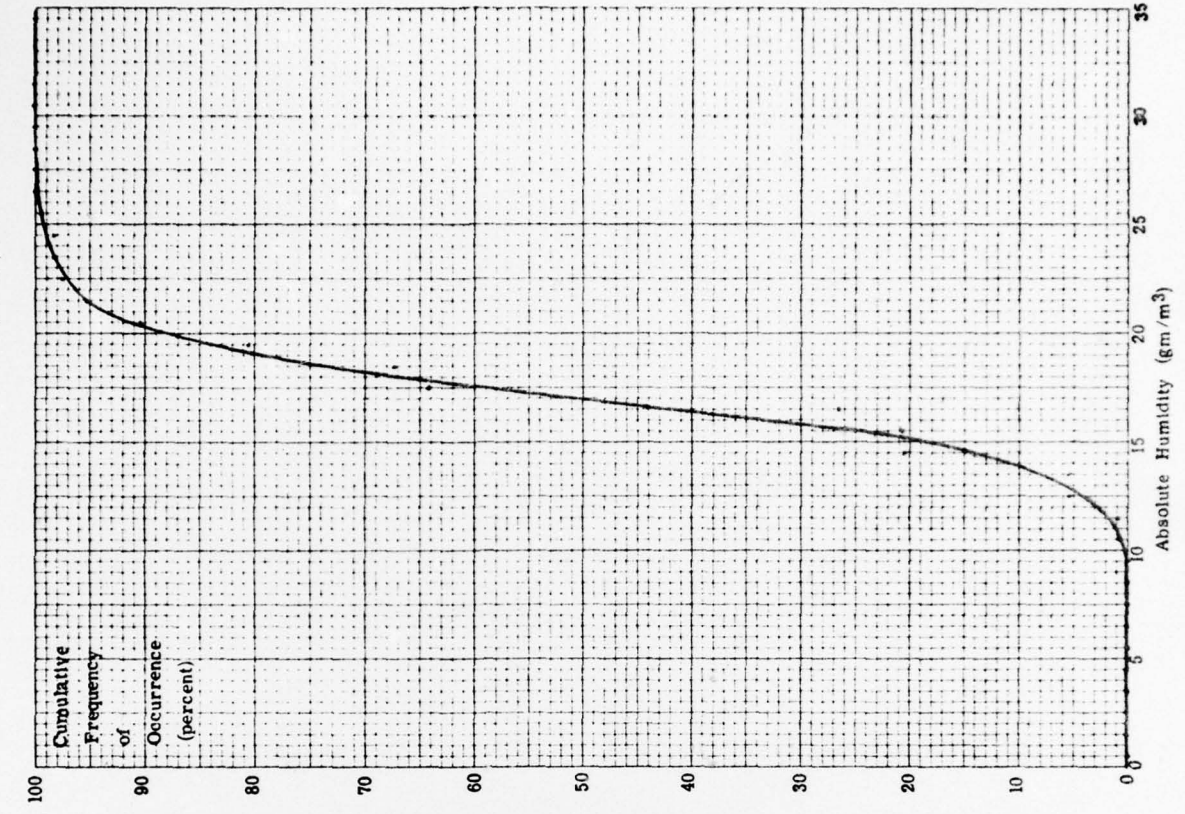


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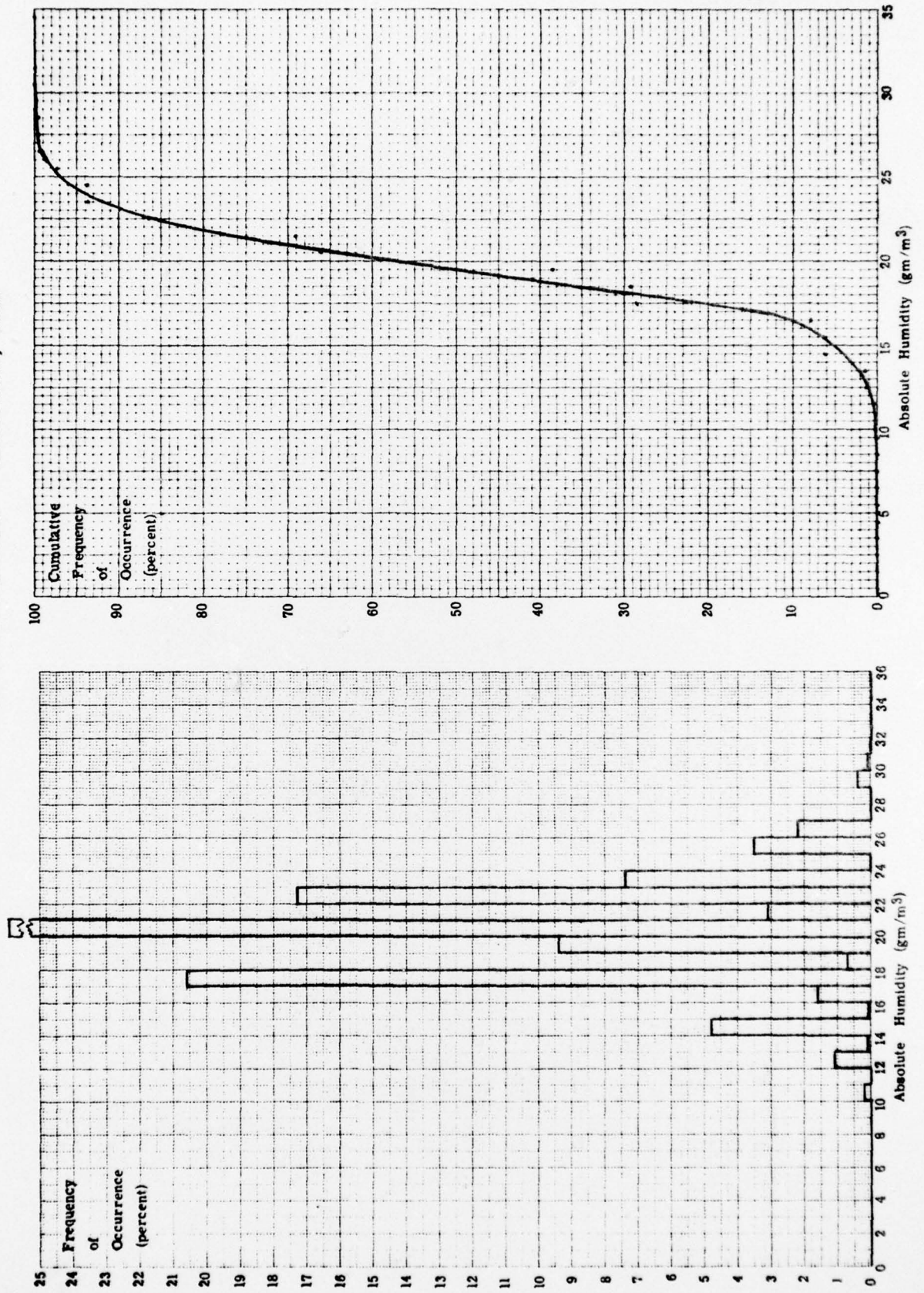


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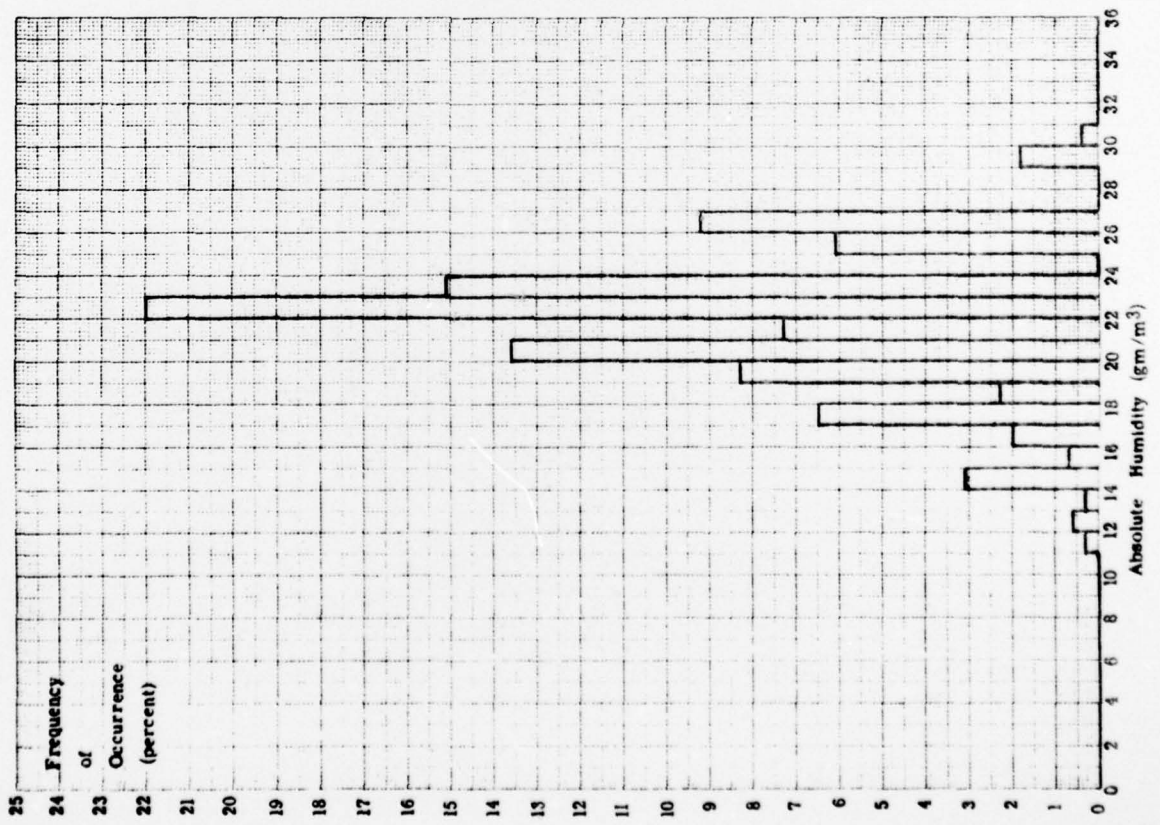
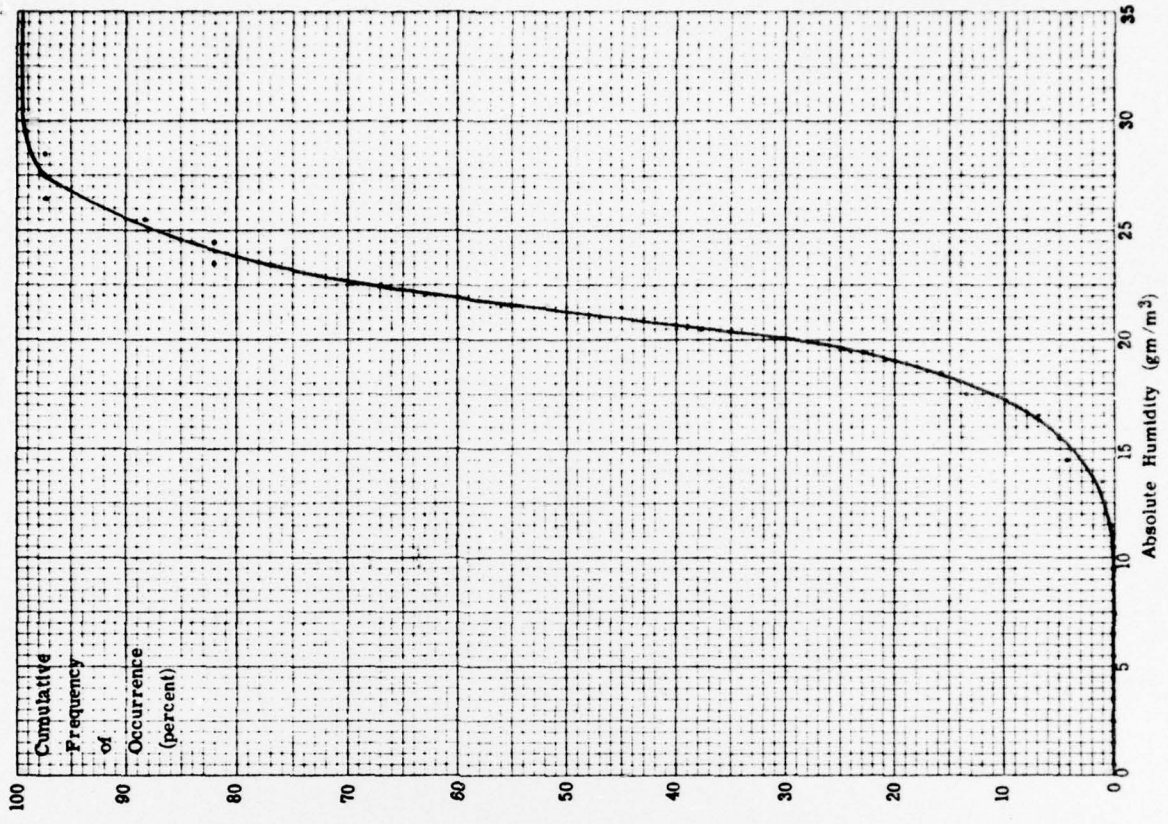


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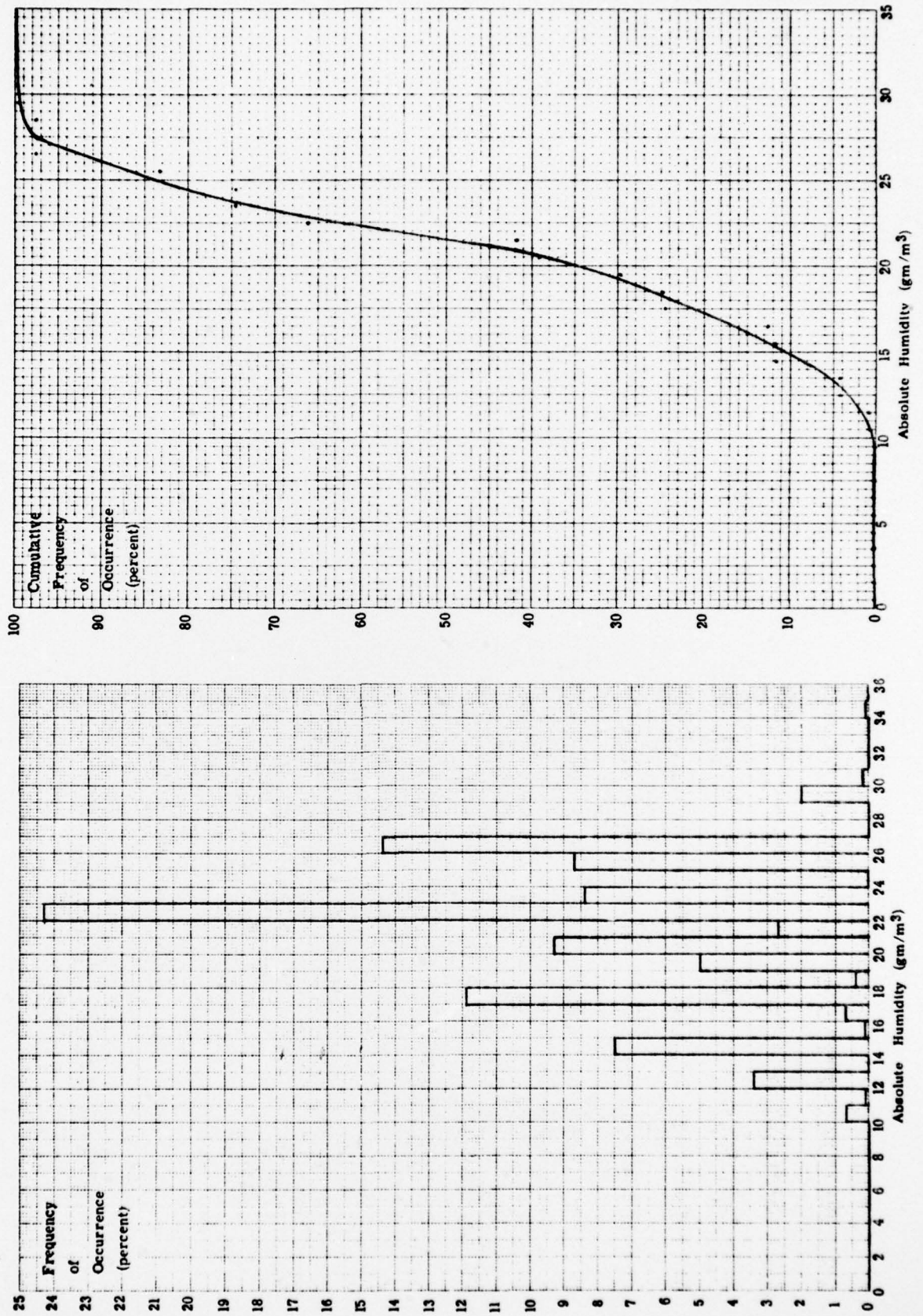


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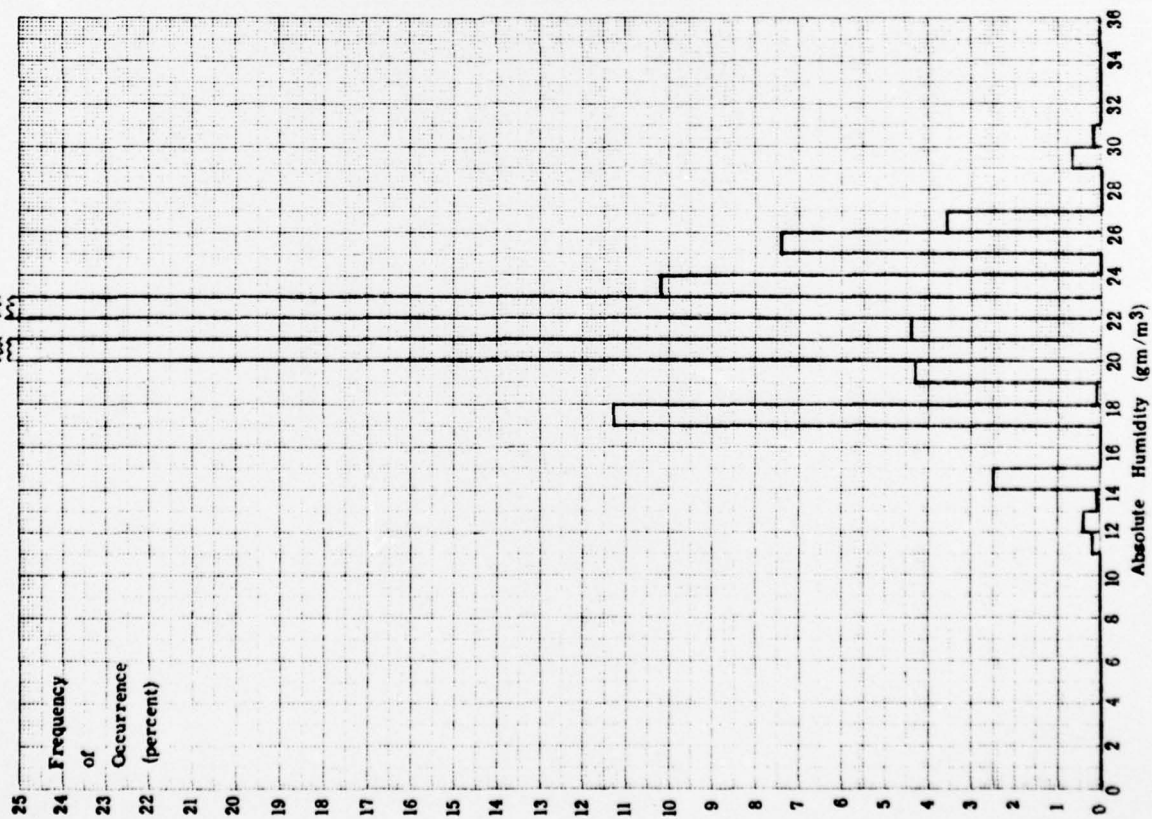
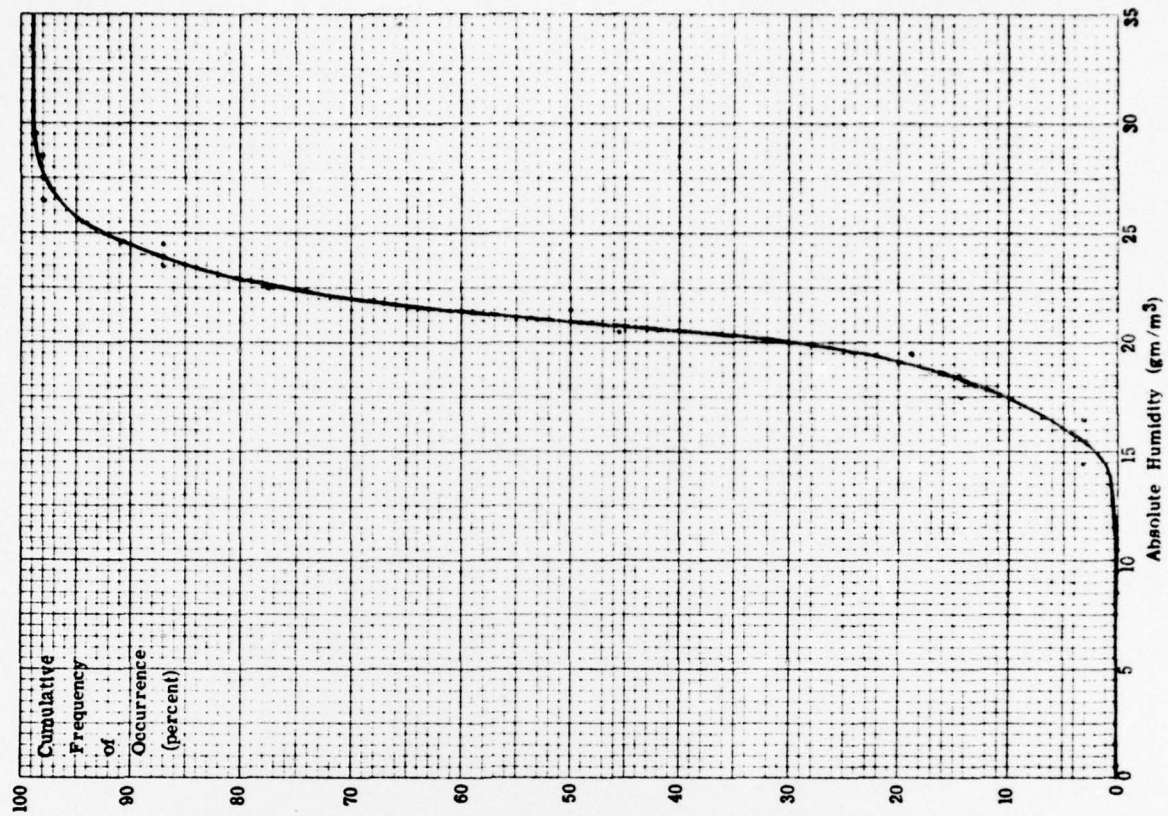


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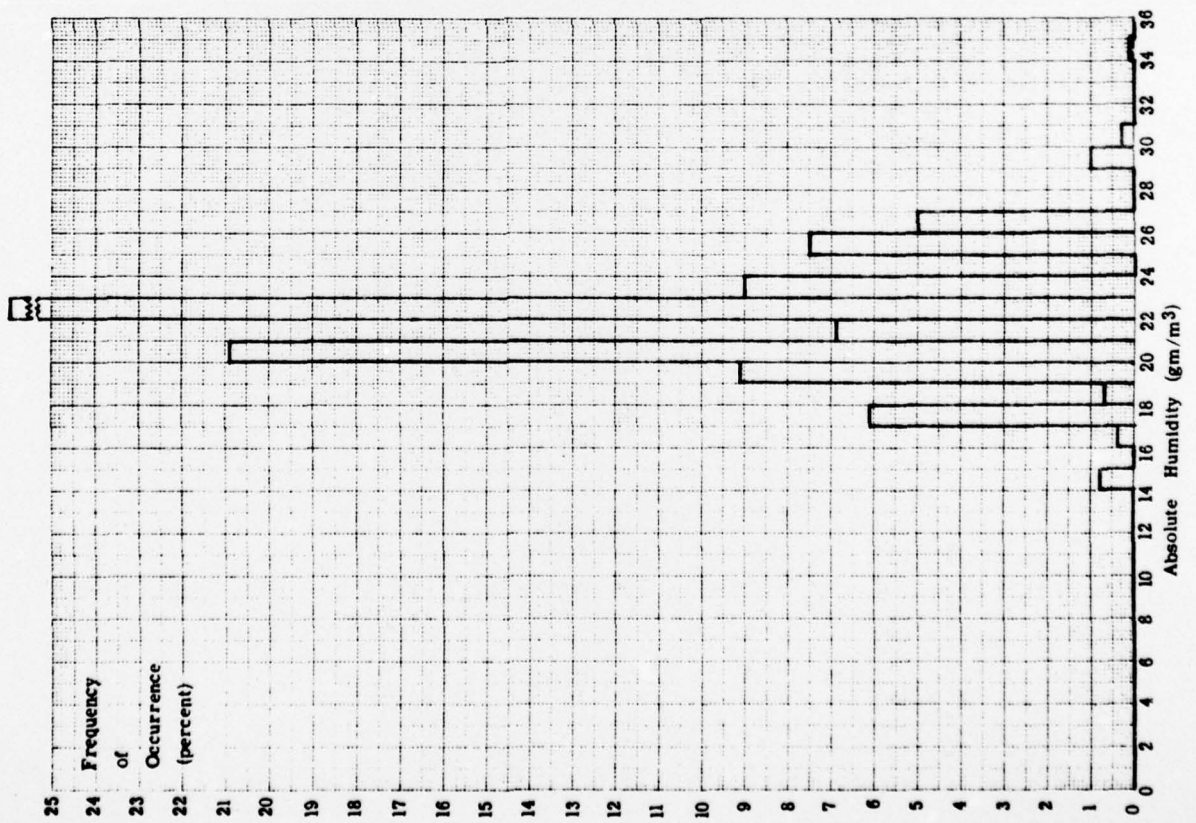
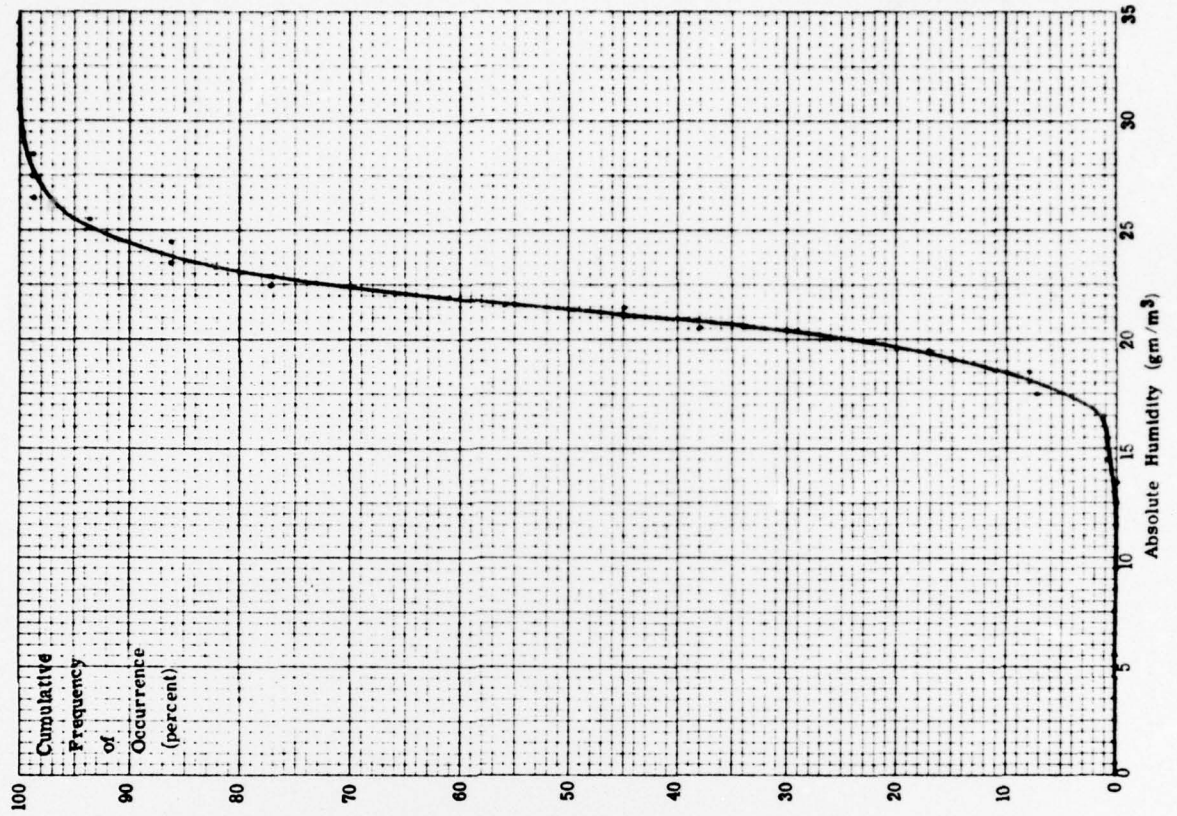


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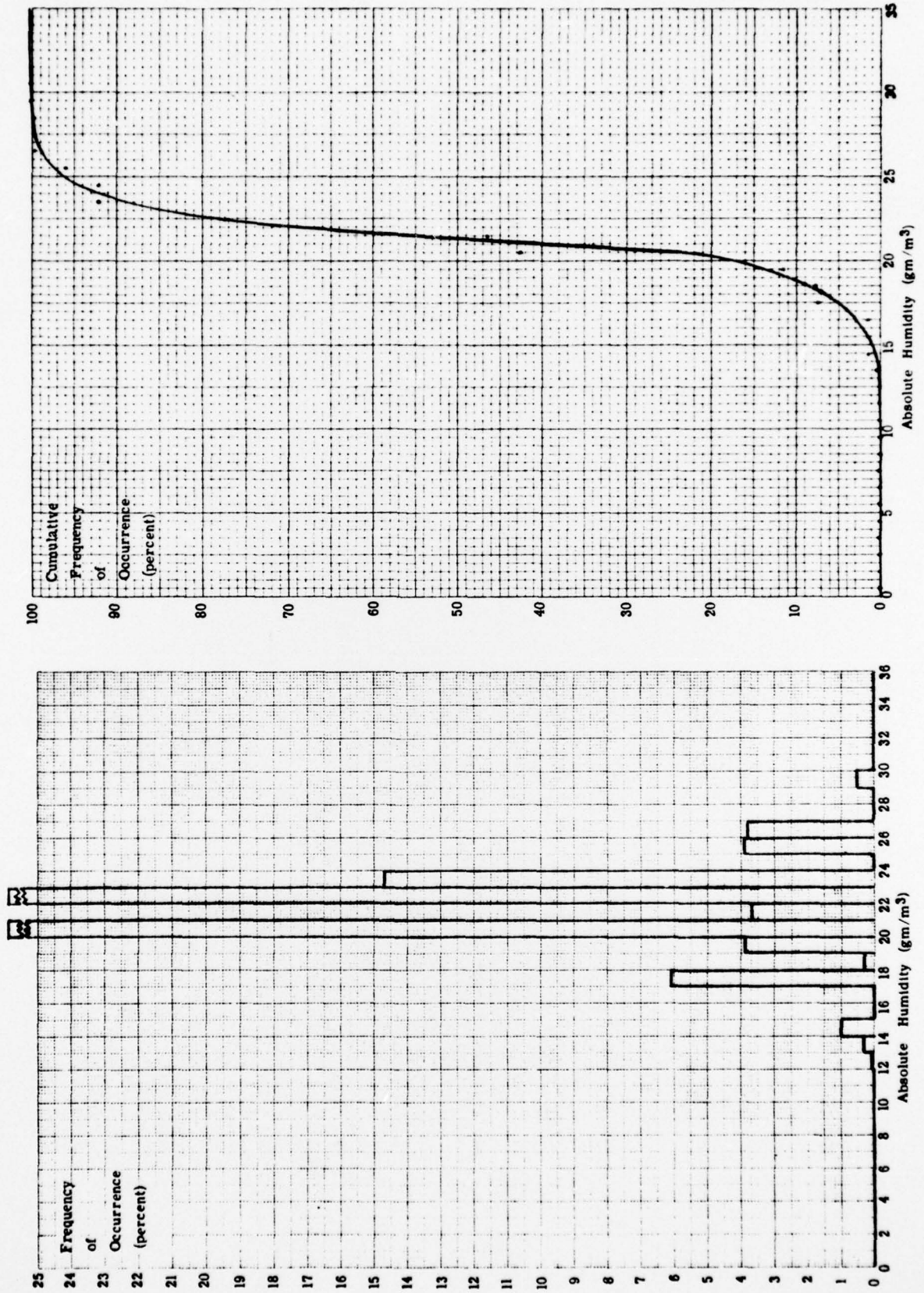
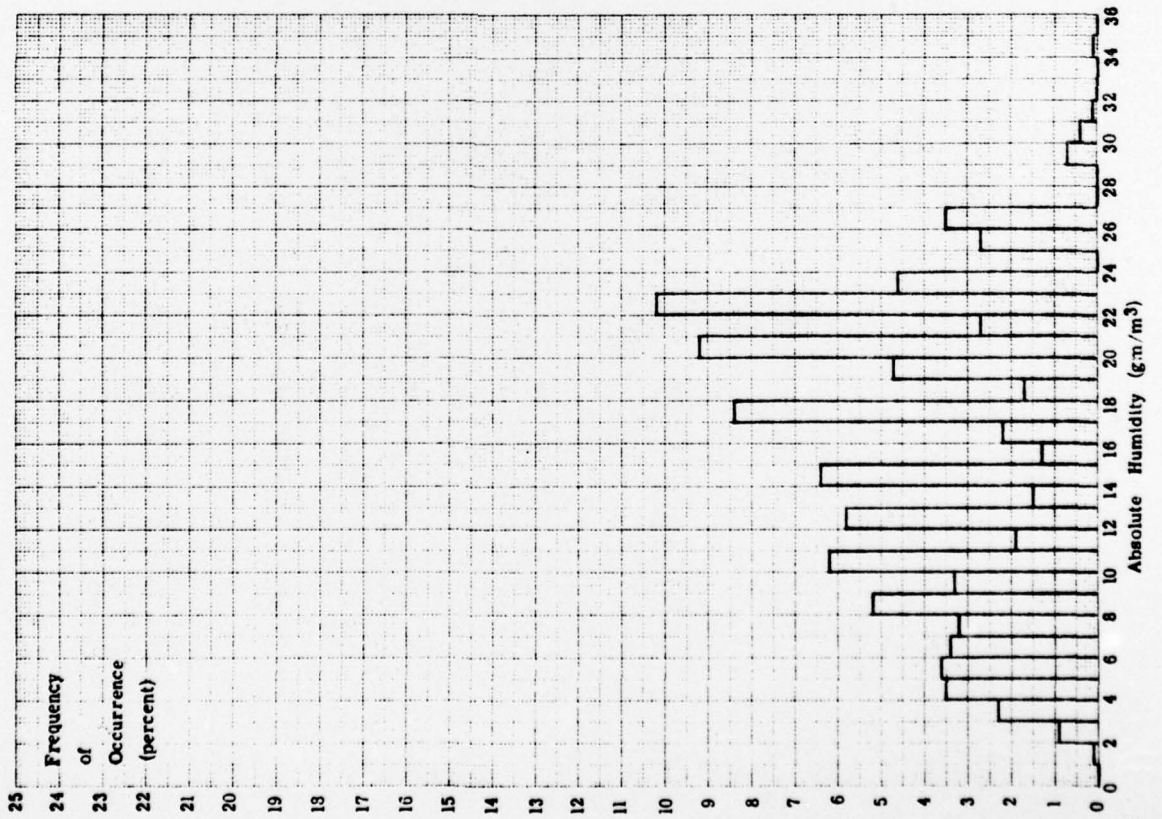
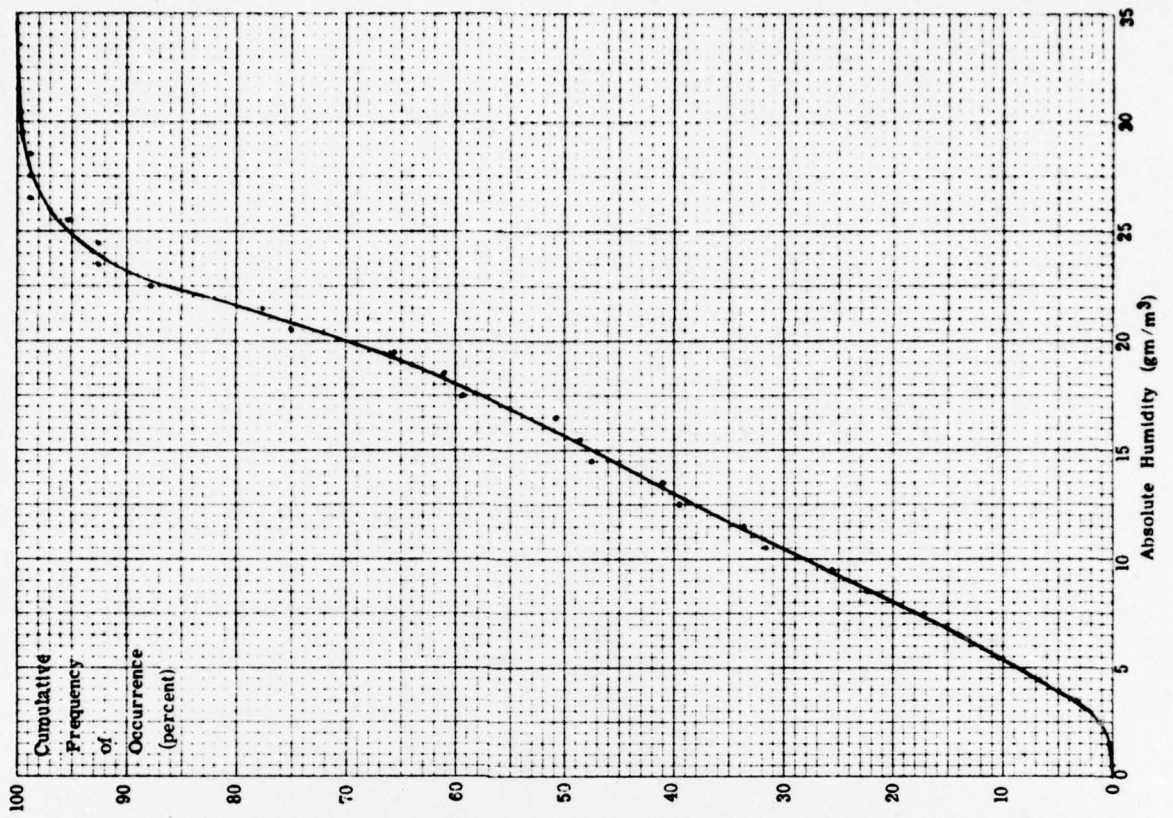


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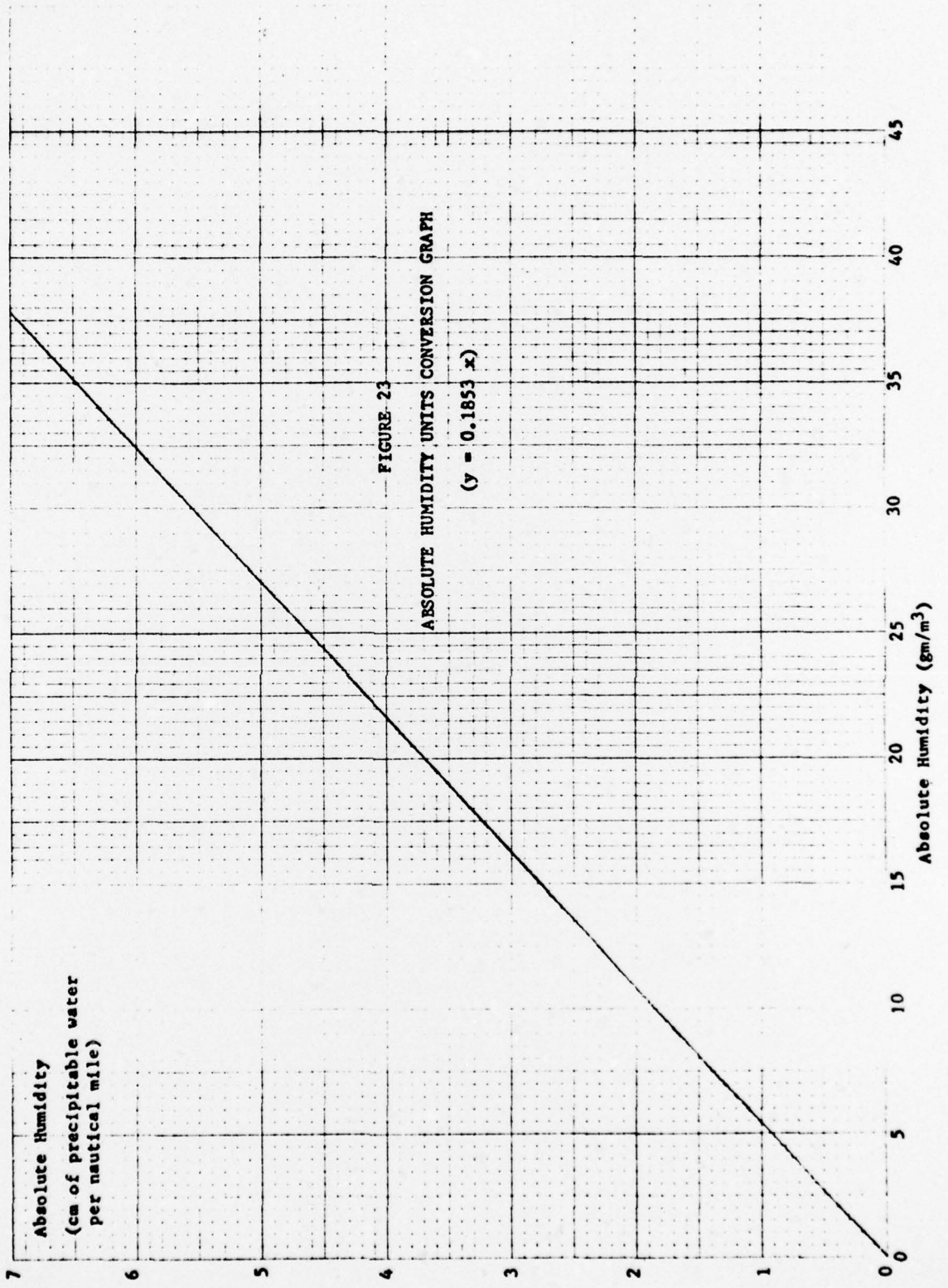


FIGURE 23

ABSOLUTE HUMIDITY UNITS CONVERSION GRAPH

$(y = 0.1853 x)$

Absolute Humidity
(cm of precipitable water
per nautical mile)

Absolute Humidity (gm/m^3)

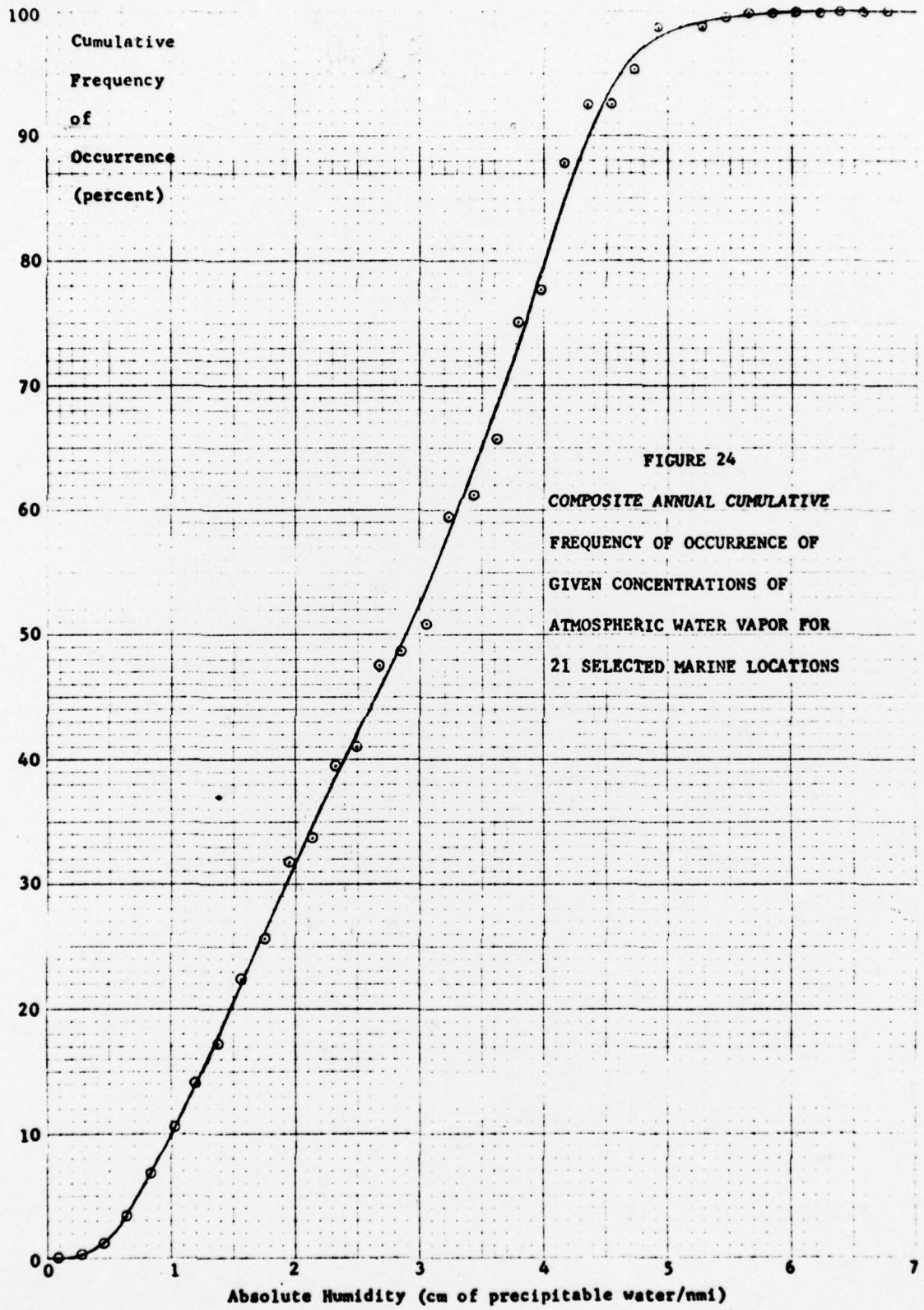


FIGURE 24
 COMPOSITE ANNUAL CUMULATIVE
 FREQUENCY OF OCCURRENCE OF
 GIVEN CONCENTRATIONS OF
 ATMOSPHERIC WATER VAPOR FOR
 21 SELECTED MARINE LOCATIONS