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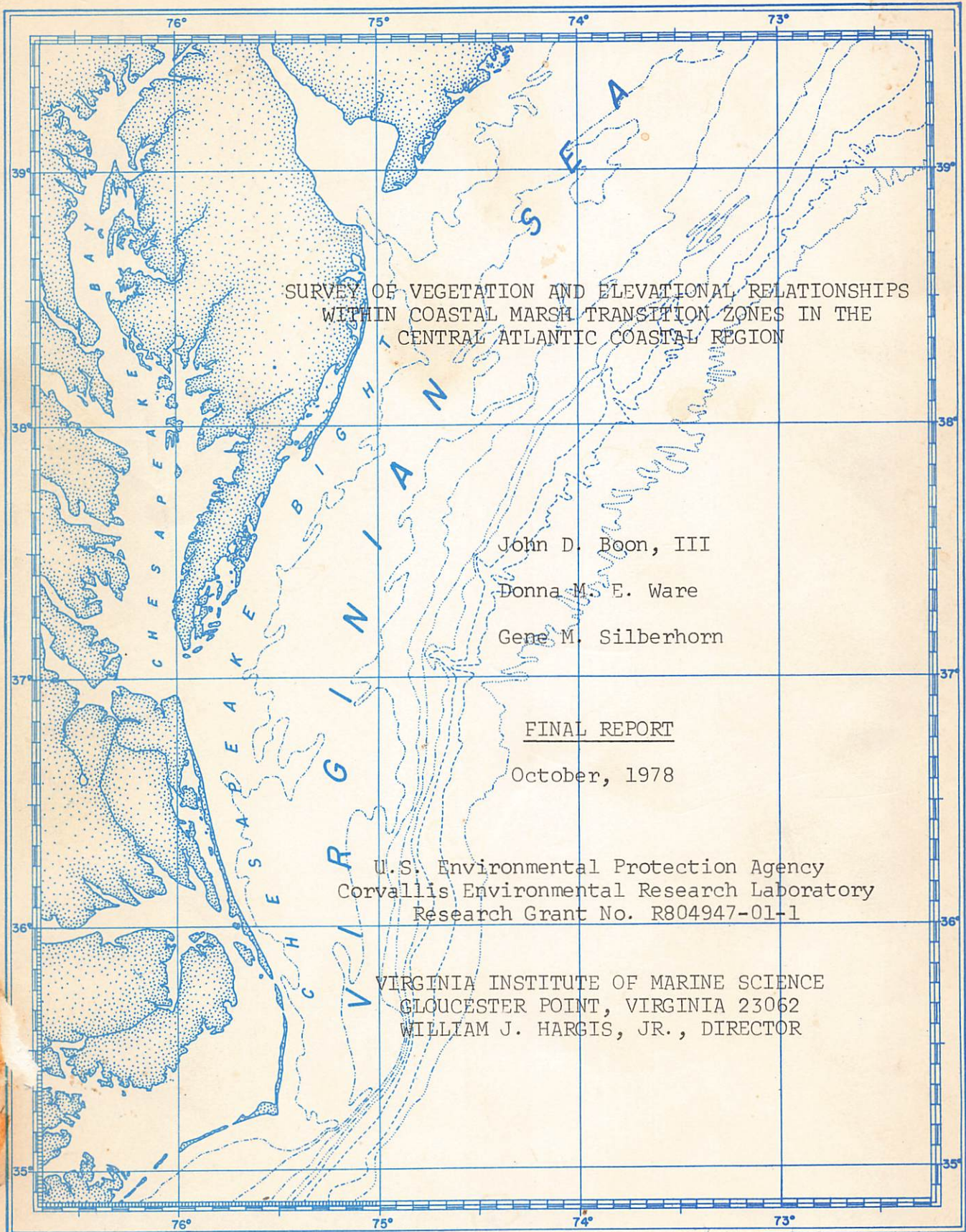


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INTRODUCTION

This report contains the findings of a one-year botanical field study of the marsh to uplands vegetational transition zone at selected sites within the Central Atlantic Coastal Region of the United States. The latter region is herein defined to include the coasts of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. To obtain results representative of the various coastal environments and associated wetlands types found within this region, five primary sites and one to four secondary sites in the vicinity of each primary site were chosen for detailed investigations. These sites are described in a later section. Figure 1 shows the locations of the five primary sites.

Our investigations have concentrated upon nonwooded wetlands, or marshes, including both saline and brackish types. We encountered these marshes in three major types of coastal environments:

1.) Tidally influenced marsh-lagoon systems behind barrier islands.

These systems are commonly found along the seaward side of the Delmarva Peninsula extending from Cape Henlopen, Delaware, to Smith Island, Virginia. A variable percentage of the oceanic tide range is admitted to the inner embayments in the northern sector through a series of comparatively stable barrier inlets found along this coast. South of Assateague Island in Virginia, the major inlets tend to be deeper than those to the north. The southern inlets open into extensive monospecific marshes (mainly Spartina alterniflora) and tidal flat embayments several miles in width. While protected from ocean waves and currents, the interior marshes here are nevertheless exposed to a maximum amount of tidal flooding due to both astronomical and weather-induced tides that pass freely through the deep inlets. Tidal

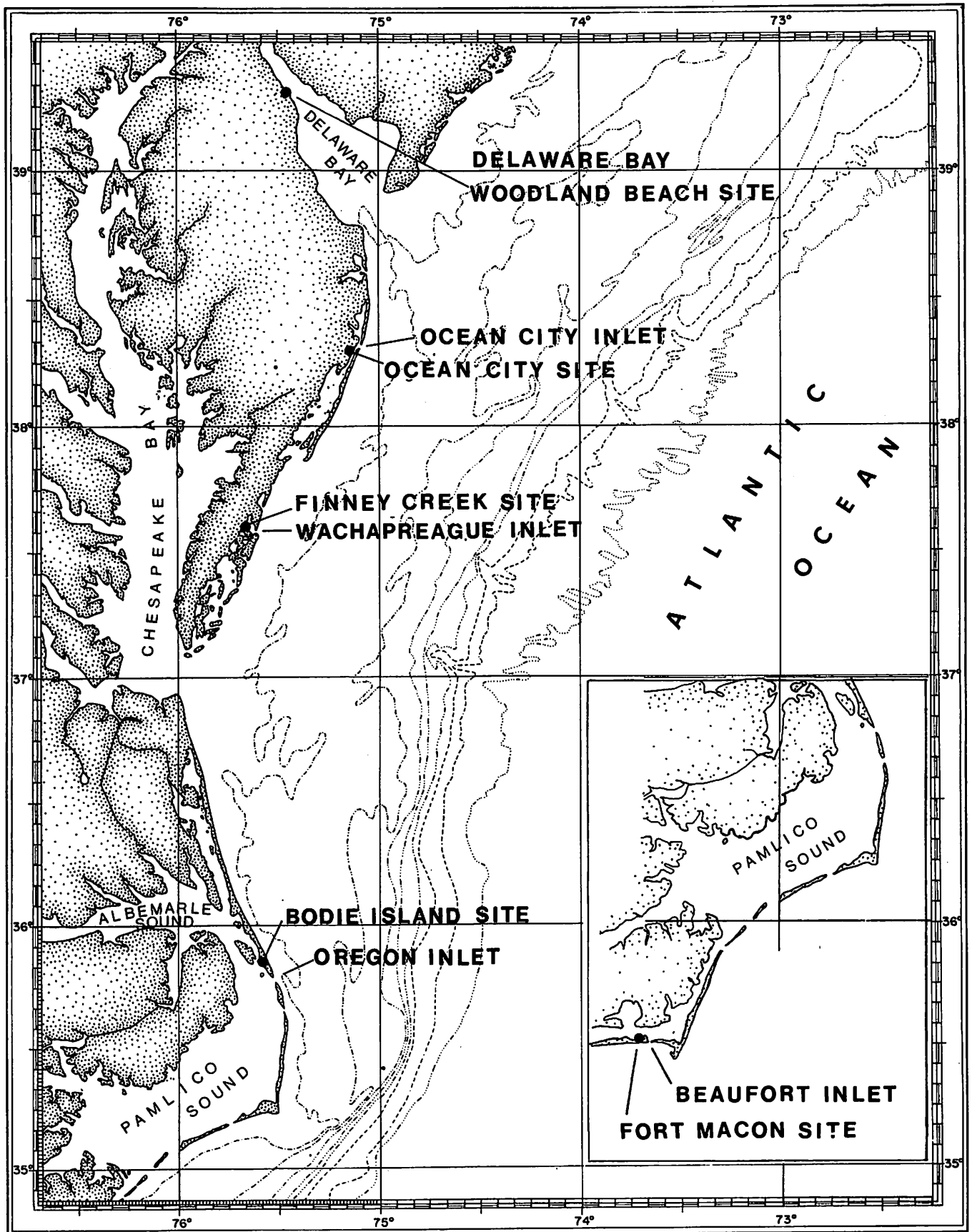


Figure 1. Location map showing the five primary survey sites.

measurements reveal, in fact, that astronomical tide ranges are slightly greater within the inner embayments as compared to the open ocean due largely to inertial flow effects. There are no major rivers or streams entering any of the coastal marshes and water salinity is normally high.

2.) Tidally restricted coastal sounds behind barrier beaches.

Examples of these systems include Currituck, Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds in North Carolina. These broad and extensive shallow sounds have tidal communication with the ocean through a small number of comparatively unstable and shallow inlets, most having a history of opening and closing in response to storms and an active littoral sand transport regime. Except in the vicinity of the inlets, mean astronomical tide ranges are normally less than 0.5 feet (15 cm) in the coastal sounds. Flooding of the interior marshes occurs mainly in response to wind stress acting upon the considerable surface area of the sounds. Fringing marsh occurs sporadically directly behind the barrier beaches, having formed in most instances on flood tidal levees associated with past or present inlets. A number of rivers empty into the sounds so that extensive brackish water marshes (mainly Juncus roemerianus) are found along the inner shoreline and interior islands.

3.) Bay-estuary systems, principally the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays and their tributaries. Marshes in the estuarine environment exhibit both species change and greater species diversity proceeding landward from mesohaline toward brackish and finally freshwater conditions near the head of tide. A detailed study

of marsh boundaries within the lower Chesapeake Bay and tributaries was reported earlier (Boon, Boule and Silberhorn, 1977) and a site situated along the south shore of Delaware Bay has been included in the present study.

Objectives and Definitions

The main purpose of the study was to obtain a representative sample of the vegetation present in the transition zone between marshes and wooded uplands in each type of coastal environment discussed above and to quantify plant community distributions along transects running perpendicular to the marsh boundary. In addition, limits of the transition zone were determined along each transect, defined as follows:

Upper Limit of Transition Zone (ULTZ) - The point along the transect proceeding from marsh to upland at which the amount of ground coverage by marsh plants is less than 5 percent and coverage by upland plants is at least 5 percent and is contiguous with the upland proper.

Lower Limit of Transition Zone (LLTZ) - The point along the transect proceeding from upland to marsh at which the amount of ground coverage by upland plants is less than 5 percent and coverage by marsh plants is at least 5 percent and is contiguous with the marsh proper.

The above definitions were used at each marsh site visited to determine transition zone limits along the transects. The only exceptions occurred along a few transects having bare ground between the upland and the marsh. Here no transition zone was defined and hence no limits were determined.

Transition zones between marshes and uplands usually occur on sloping ground, hence the distinction between upper and lower limits. We surveyed the ground elevation along each transect in order that plant distribution patterns might be compared with varying topographic relief. Where available,

the tidal datum of mean high water¹ was selected as the vertical reference in order to compare transition zone elevations at different sites using a commonly defined datum. Mean high water along the U.S. East coast, moreover, can be used as the base elevation in a linear relationship between ground elevation and frequency of storm flooding, the latter being a primary factor controlling zonation in marsh-to-upland plant communities in coastal areas (Boon, Boule, and Silberhorn, 1977). The use of other tidal datums such as mean low water or mean tide level as the base elevation unnecessarily introduces another variable into the above relationship, that of the mean astronomical tide range, which varies with the locality and is independent of the factors governing weather-induced tides (Boon, Boule, and Silberhorn, 1977, pp. 35-37).

In other areas of the United States where the type of tide is mixed or intermediate between diurnal and semidiurnal, mean higher high water would be the preferred reference datum because of its elevational equivalence to mean high water for predominately diurnal or predominately semidiurnal tide regimes. A similar relationship holds between the tidal datums of mean low water and mean lower low water as demonstrated by Hicks (1977).

¹Mean high water is defined as the arithmetic mean of all high water heights occurring at a location during the current NOS tidal epoch, 1941-1959. At locations where the full 19-year series has not been measured, the equivalent of the 19-year datum may be obtained from a shorter series of observations using the method of simultaneous comparisons. Ref: NOS Tide and Current Glossary, Revised 1975 Ed.

FIELD METHODS

Sample Transects

At each study site transects were begun at points well within the upland (at least six meters inland from the apparent upper limit of the transition zone) and extended downslope at right angles across the transition zone into the marsh. At each of the five primary sites, eight or nine short transects were run which terminated a short distance beyond the apparent lower limit of the transition zone; in addition to the above, two long transects were run at each primary site which extended well out into the open marsh or until reaching marsh drainage channels when possible to do so. The purpose of the long transects was to provide a sample of the elevational profile of the marsh adjacent to the transition zone. This was accomplished in most instances using transects not more than 50 m in total length. At secondary sites, only the two long transects were run.

The spacing between transects at primary sites was nominally set at 20 m. However, when taping or pacing that distance between transects, a potential location would be skipped if a disturbed transition zone or steep scarps and/or depressions precluding a normal transition sequence were encountered. At secondary sites the two transects were set 30 to 50 m apart.

All transect measurements were taken in relation to a 50 m fiberglass tape graduated in meters, decimeters and centimeters which was ^{finished} stretched over the ground starting at the upland end of the transect (Figure 2). The zero point of the tape was attached to a head stake driven into the ground to mark the beginning of the transect. Line stakes were placed at intervals along the tape to allow later recovery of the established transect.

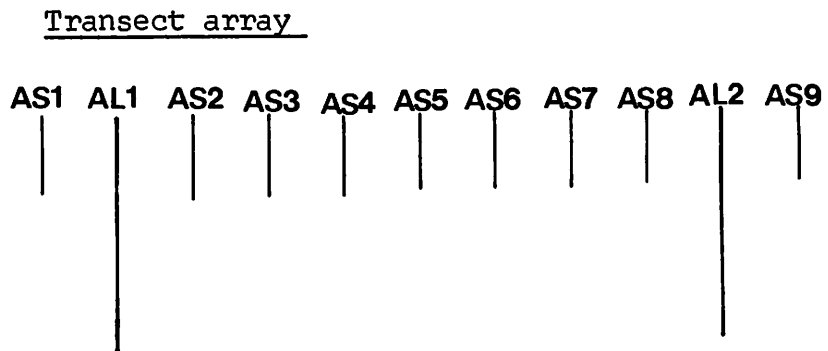
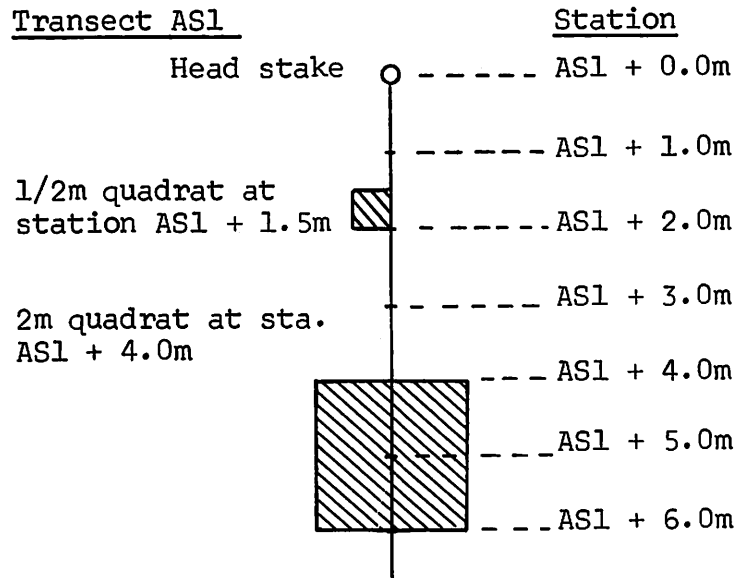
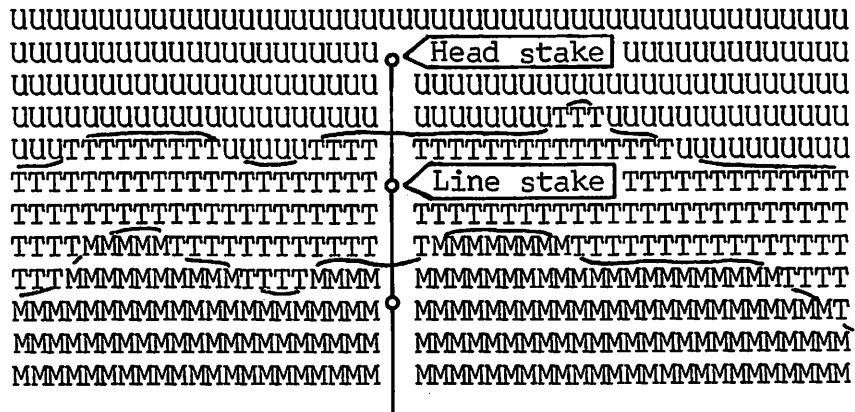


Figure 2. Transect Sampling Design used at Marsh Survey Sites

Two vegetational parameters were sampled along each transect: 1) cover-
age of herbaceous plants, trailing vines, seedlings and saplings of woody
plants, and 2) basal area of trees, shrubs and vines with a stem diameter of
more than 5 mm. Coverage was estimated within a 50 X 50 cm quadrat formed
by placing a three-sided plastic frame against the left side of the tape
(facing the upland) to complete the square as shown in Figure 2. The quad-
rats were measured continuously at 50 cm intervals within the transition
zone except in instances where the zone was unusually wide or broken due to
irregular topographic relief. Elsewhere quadrat spacing was frequently in-
creased to 150 cm or 300 cm intervals as dictated by the complexity of the
plant community observed. Basal area measurements were made within a 2 X 2
m quadrat centered on the tape.

Field Classification Systems

Coverage, a measure of plant dominance, was determined using an eleven-
class system illustrated in Figure 3. Using this system, the botanist recorded
the midpoint value of the class interval estimate representing the percentage
of ground covered by the leaves and stems of each individual species found in
the quadrat. These estimates were based on all herbaceous vegetation present,
including plants rooted outside but extending into the quadrat. Midpoint
values of the central class were recorded as 50+ or 50- to indicate percent-
ages belonging to the upper or lower end of the class range. The latter
procedure permits any of our 11-class estimates (Fig. 3) to be converted to
an equivalent value in the 6-class system of Daubenmire (1959).

At a certain number of sites, intermixed grasses such as those of the
Spartina patens-Distichlis spicata community were given a combined estimate
denoted as "combo" in addition to their individual estimates. The combined
estimate was frequently used late in the growth season when many of the

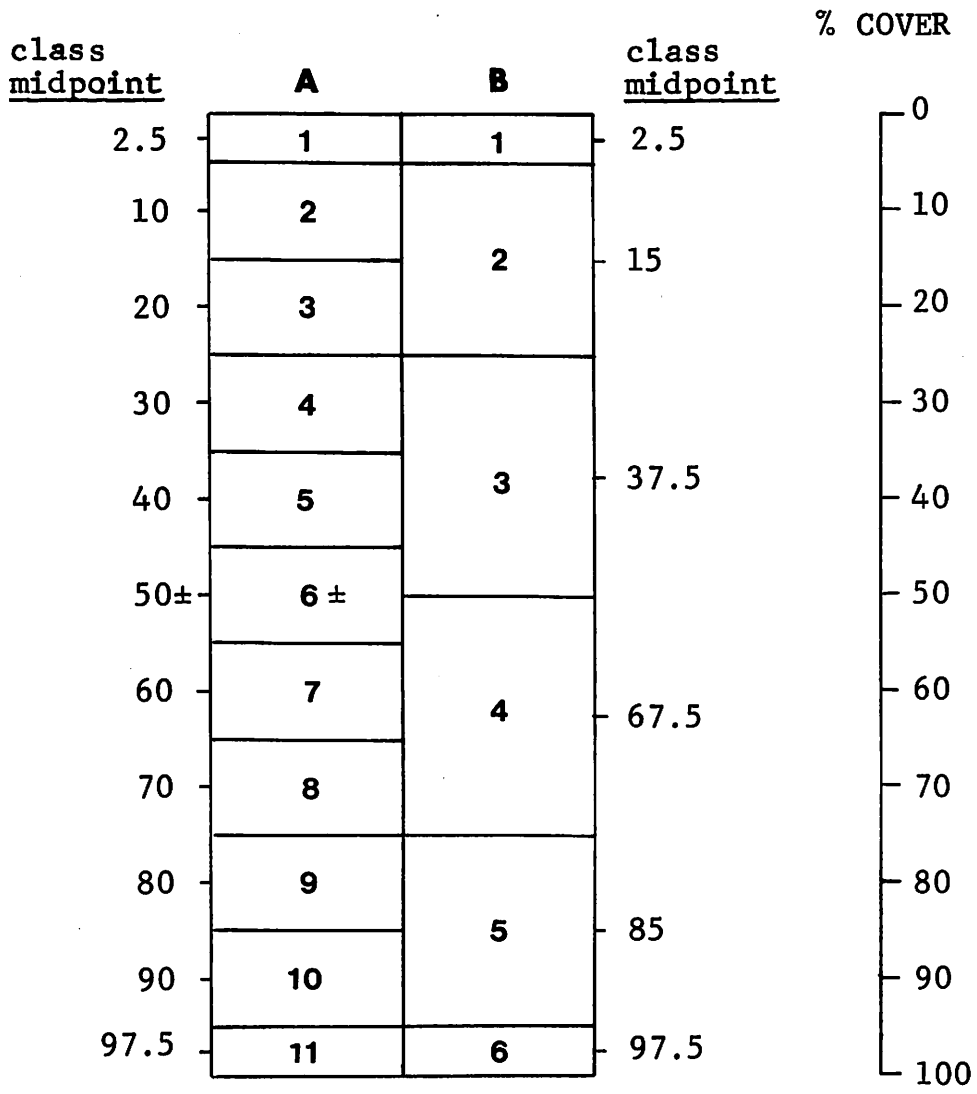


Figure 3 . Comparison of Percent Coverage Classification used in this study (A) and Classification used by Daubenmire (B).

grasses in mixed communities had lost chlorophyll to the point where leaves and stems of the individual species were difficult to distinguish from one another and from dead material of a previous year.

Following completion of the coverage estimates, basal area measurements were made of all trees, shrubs and vines actually within or touching the sides of each 2 m quadrat. Trees were defined as any woody plant with a trunk diameter of more than 10 cm, shrubs as woody plants with basal stem diameters of between 0.5 and 10.0 cm. Seedlings and saplings having stem diameters of less than 0.5 cm were included in the herbaceous cover.

Basal area was determined for trees by measuring the trunk circumference at a point approximately 4.5 ft above the ground and converting to the area of a circle having the same circumference. Shrub and vine diameters were measured a few centimeters above the ground using a set of metric calipers before conversion to equivalent circle areas. When clumped shrubs with multiple stems (e.g., Iva frutescens) were encountered, the diameter of a representative stem for each apparent size class was measured and its equivalent area multiplied by the number stems in that class to obtain the total area.

Voucher specimens were collected at all sites and keying of questionable species was accomplished in the laboratory. These specimens have been added to the collection of the herbarium at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Elevation Measurements

Once the botanical sampling was completed, a series of elevation measurements were taken at regular intervals along the tape beginning at the head stake. Initially these elevations were referred to a temporary datum assigned to a master stake driven into the upland at each site. This datum was made

common to all transects by means of a double-run line of levels connecting a network of turning point stakes located near the transects. Each setup of the leveling instrument along a transect would then begin with a backsight to one of these turning points.

At sites located near tidal bench marks established by the National Ocean Survey, the official tidal datum of mean high water (MHW) was transferred to the master stake at the marsh site using double-run leveling. All ground elevations measured along the transects were then adjusted to refer to the datum of MHW. At three of the sites (Finney Creek, Parramore Island in Virginia; Bodie Island in North Carolina) we determined MHW elevations from a month-long series of tidal measurements using the method of simultaneous comparisons (Swanson, 1974). In computing these datums, tidal data from NOS stations at Hampton Roads, Virginia and Ocean City, Maryland were used as a reference for the comparisons.

All leveling was done with a Nikon automatic level and a Philadelphia Metagrada Survey Rod with hand level by Kueffel and Esser. All closures upon return to the initiating mark in a line of levels were required to be within ± 5 mm or the line was repeated until the proper closure was obtained. However, the absolute error associated with the final result —ground elevations above MHW— is expected to be ± 3 cm or less at most sites. An exception is the Bodie Island site where the uncertainty of MHW elevations is likely to be two or three times as great. There as elsewhere the controlling factor is the strength of the MHW elevation determined from simultaneous comparisons.

DESCRIPTION OF MARSH SURVEY SITES

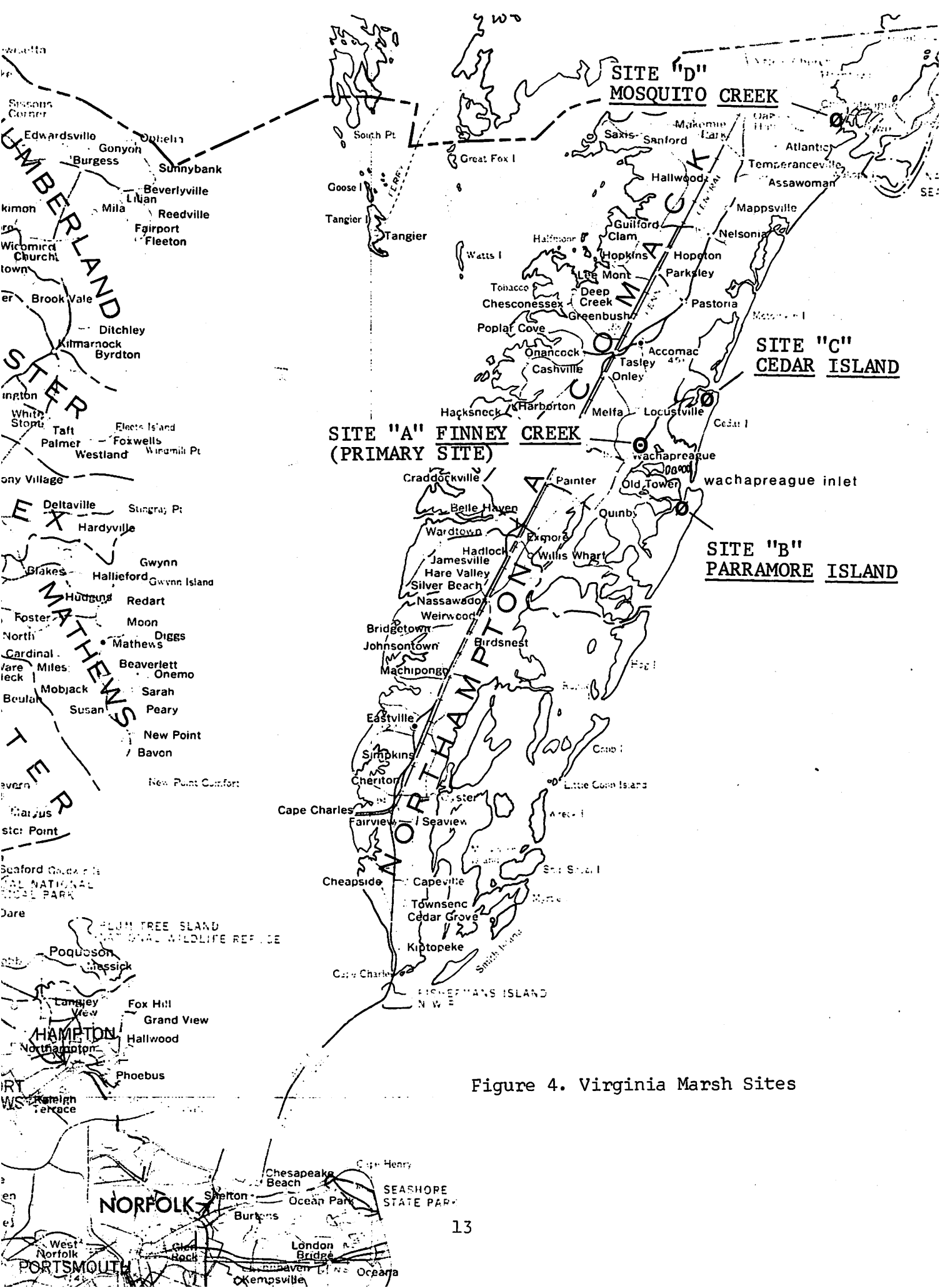


Figure 4. Virginia Marsh Sites

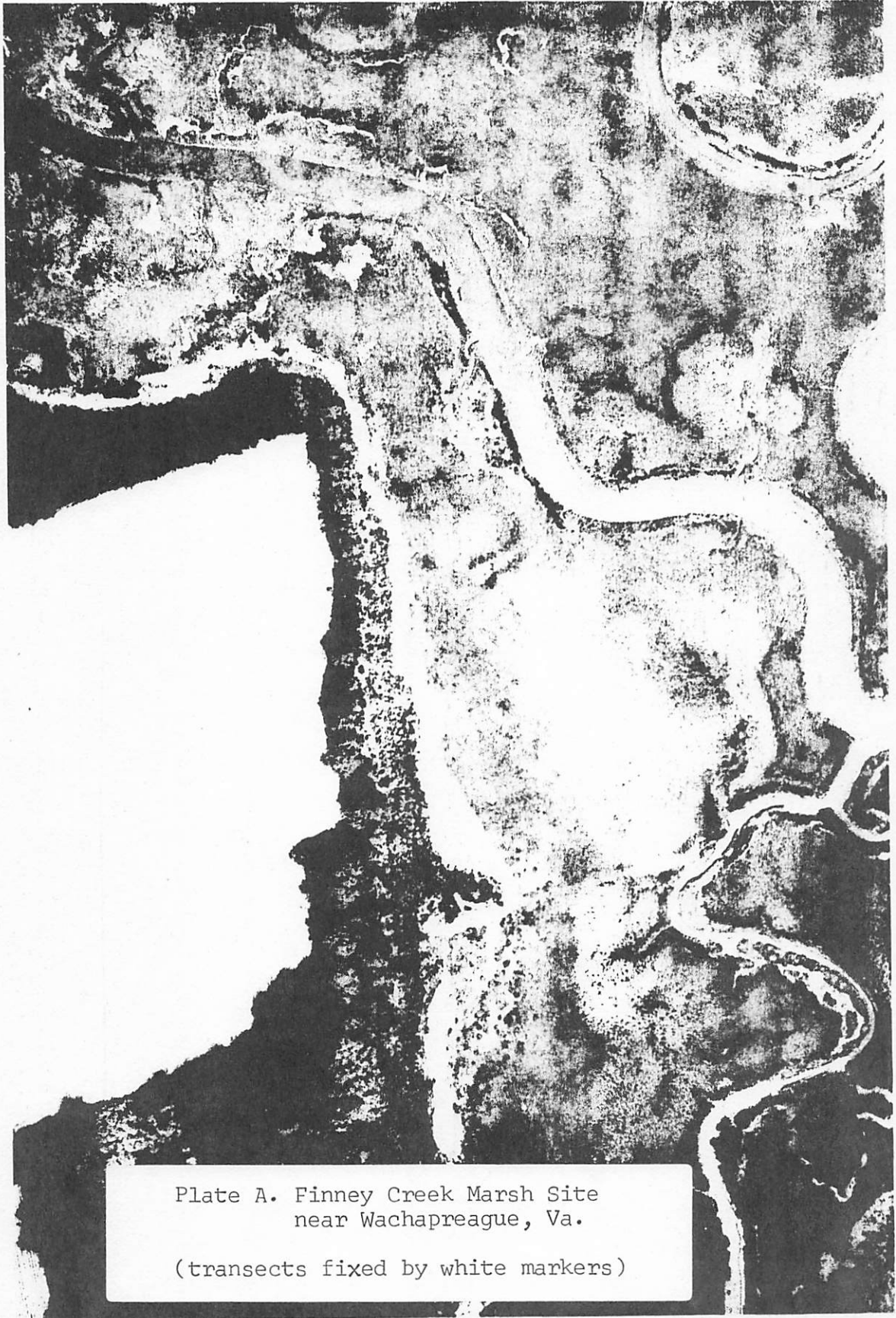


Plate A. Finney Creek Marsh Site
near Wachapreague, Va.

(transects fixed by white markers)



Plate B. Enlarged view of Finney Creek. Wachapreague town docks appear at lower left. Marsh survey site is in upper left corner.

VIRGINIA: Finney Creek (Site A)

The Finney Creek location is the primary study area for the coastal marshes of Virginia. The majority of these marshes occur as extensive monospecific stands of Spartina alterniflora growing inside the barrier islands and coastal inlets on the seaward side of Virginia's Eastern Shore Peninsula. Site A is located on the mainland approximately one mile NNE of the town of Wachapreague in Accomack County (Figure 4) near Finney Creek, one of the main tidal waterways in the area.

Tidal characteristics are well known at this site due to almost eight years of tidal record collected at the VIMS laboratory dock in nearby Wachapreague. The mean tidal range is 4.1 feet (125 cm) at Wachapreague as compared to 3.9 feet (119 cm) at the nearest coastal inlet six miles to the east. Thus there is a small amplification of the tide wave as it progresses from the inlet through the interior marsh channels and tidal flat embayments between inlet and mainland. Moreover there are brief periods during each year when weather-induced surges modify drastically the normal astronomical tide, causing very unusual highs and lows. During the winter of 1977-1978, for example, two extratropical storms occurred which together produced a maximum high and a minimum low tide with an 11.0-foot (335 cm) difference in height. Clearly the marshes in this area are subject to wide variations in tidal flooding as compared to other sites in Virginia, particularly inside Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. All of the Eastern Shore sites are typified by high salinity regimes (25.0 - 30.0 PPT).

Eleven transects were run at approximately 10 m intervals along the upland boundary of the study site. The wooded upland is locally very narrow, being a well defined strip between the marshland and cultivated cornfields. Festuca rubra is common in the dry soil along the field borders.

Loblolly pine (Pinus taeda) is the most important upland tree species present. Other important woody species include Prunus serotina, Juniperus virginiana, Myrica cerifera, and Japanese honeysuckle (Lonicera japonica). The honeysuckle is locally abundant here in contrast to its absence on the barrier islands.

Below the transition zone lies a belt of Iva frutescens beneath which grows a dense stand of Juncus gerardi, an interruptedly circumboreal marsh species reaching its southern limit (in North America) on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Because of local topography, the Iva belt varies from several meters wide at the southernmost transect to about nil at the northernmost transect. In some places along the lower edge of the Iva belt Distichlis, S. patens, and Borrichia frutescens occur and below these scattered stems of live Spartina alterniflora occur in a band of dead S. alterniflora debris covering bare areas. The bare areas grade seaward into a panne marsh community consisting of short form (dwarf) S. alterniflora, Salicornia spp., plus some Distichlis and Limonium carolinianum. Nearer the feeder channels leading to Finney Creek the S. alterniflora is taller and forms a monospecific community.

On five transects (AS1, AS4, AS5, AS6 and AS9) the ULTZ is defined, at least in part, by the upper limit of Distichlis; on three other transects (AS5, AS8 and AL2) it is defined, at least in part, by the upper limit of Juncus gerardi, and on AS7 by the upper limit of Iva frutescens. On AL2 seedlings of Iva and Baccharis reach a common upper limit with the Juncus. Baccharis and/or Iva seedlings mark the ULTZ on the two transects bordering AL2 as well (AS9 and AS10). Of the eight transects mentioned above, Spartina patens also reaches its upper limit at approximately the same elevation as the more definitive marsh species on four transects (AS1, AS5, AL2 and AS10). On AS7 and AS8 S. patens occurs well above the point set as the ULTZ.

On AS6 Spartina patens and Festuca rubra occur in abundance in the upland all the way to the edge of the cultivated field in an open stand of Eastern red cedar. These species were observed in similar upland habitats on Cedar Island and on Parramore Island. The ULTZ is set at the upper limit of Distichlis on AS6.

On ALL the ULTZ is based on the upper limit of Spartina patens, which is about 1 1/2 m in distance and about three cm higher in elevation than the upper limit of Distichlis. The upper limit of S. patens was used to set the ULTZ in this case because it appeared to be a natural tapering of coverage values from the S. patens mixed with the Distichlis. The ULTZ on AS3 is based on the upper limit of a stand of Atriplex patula.

There is no band of Baccharis along the marsh-upland border here, but scattered individuals do occur. On several transects (AS1, AL1, AS8 and AS10) a Baccharis shrub occurs at or near the upper limit of Spartina patens, Distichlis, or Juncus gerardi, but on AS4 and AS5 it grows lower in the transition zone and is absent at the ULTZ.

Many weedy species play a role in the transition zone at Finney Creek. These are species that also thrive in open, sunny, and disturbed upland habitats. The lower limits of the following species were used in setting the LLTZ: Elymus virginicus, Calystegia sepium, Lactuca scariola, L. canadensis, Lonicera japonica, Festuca rubra. Asparagus officinalis, Lepidium virginicum, and Sonchus oleraceus were observed in the transition zone in the vicinity. On AS3 the LLTZ was set at the lower limit of traces of Calystegia sepium and a small Baccharis stem. Because the Finney Creek site was studied early in the season, Calystegia had just begun to grow and the data underestimated the potential coverage this species would attain by summer. The same situation applies the LLTZ on AS6 where Festuca rubra was very hard to discern within the S. patens stand and was thought to be underestimated.

VIRGINIA: Parramore Island (Site B)

Parramore Island is one link in the chain of barrier islands that lines the coast of Virginia from its border with Maryland to Fisherman's Island at the southern tip of the Delmarva Peninsula. About eight miles in length, it is among the largest of the barrier islands in Virginia. It supports maturing stands of pine, thickets of Myrica-Persea-Juniperus-Smilax, and combinations of pine and thicket along a relic system of ridges on the northern third of the island (McCaffrey, 1976). Extensive Spartina alterniflora marshes occur on the landward side of the island, most of which are well-drained by numerous dendritic marsh channel networks leading into the larger tidal tributaries. All of Virginia's barrier islands are slowly migrating landward over the marshes to the west.

The study site is about 1 1/2 miles south of the northern end of the island some 50 m south of a jeep trail that traverses the island. The mean tidal range here is about 3.8 feet (116 cm). Two transects were run into Spartina alterniflora marsh from upland vegetation on a higher wedge of ground that is part of an old dune ridge running parallel to the major ridge of the island, Italian Ridge. The study area is separated from Italian Ridge by a large swale area occupied by poorly drained lakes and associated brackish marshes. Common upland tree species at the study site include loblolly pine (Pinus taeda), Eastern red cedar (Juniperus virginiana), wild black cherry (Prunus serotina), red bay (Persea palustris), and the shrub wax-myrtle (Myrica cerifera). Uniola laxa is the most abundant grass of the upland.

Festuca rubra and Spartina patens were two key plants used to set limits to the transition zone on Parramore. On both transects the ULTZ was set as the upper limit of 10% coverage of Spartina patens. The LLTZ

was set at the lower limit of F. rubra, which occurred within the S. patens-Distichlis stand, just above or a short distance below the upper limit of the Iva zone. Other species occurring in the transition zone here include Teucrium canadense, Myrica cerifera and Juniperus virginiana. The M. cerifera in the transition zone on transect BL1 seems to be on a hummock of higher ground. On transect BL2 there are scattered dead loblolly pines and dead Myricas within the transition zone.

The botanist's interpretation of the intermixed F. rubra-S. patens community at the upland border of this site is that it represents a marsh-uplands transition. On both transects S. patens exhibited a continuous presence amid a trend of decreasing percent coverage proceeding from a point clearly within the marsh to its upper limit.

Below the transition zone is a zone of Iva frutescens with a dense ground cover of Spartina patens. Baccharis is uncommon at this site but a few individuals are present along the marsh border. The Spartina alterniflora marsh begins immediately below the Iva zone, and there are extensive areas of saltmarsh cordgrass debris in its upper reaches, and extensive bare areas where old wrack lines have been washed away by the tide. These bare areas, in many cases, are being colonized by Salicornia europea.

VIRGINIA: Cedar Island (Site C)

Cedar Island is the next barrier island found to the north of Parramore Island. Unlike Parramore, it has only a few moderately elevated ridges at its northern end, populated by dense stands of Eastern red cedar, (Juniperus virginiana). The study area was located on a crescent-shaped ridge near the extensive marshes found on the landward side of the island. Open sandy areas occur along the midline of the ridge with sparse coverage by prickly pear cactus (Opuntia compressa), bayberry (Myrica pensylvanica), Rumex acetosella, broom sedge (Andropogon virginicus), and Spartina patens. Below this highest ground occur stands of red cedar with bayberry, poison ivy (Rhus radicans), Festuca rubra, and Spartina patens in heavy cedar litter. This vegetation type is distinctive because of the co-dominant status that bayberry and poison ivy assume together with the Eastern red cedar (McCaffrey, 1976). Scattered Myrica cerifera occur along the lower edge of the upland and occasionally within the transition zone.

Viewed from the marsh, much of the periphery of the upland is belted by Iva frutescens, and large stands of Iva occur inside coves into the upland. In some places the Iva belt is very narrow, sometimes comprised of a single rank, or absent. Baccharis occurs sporadically along the upland side of the Iva belt, sometimes forming a narrow belt along the border of the upland in the absence of Iva. Below the saltbushes is an extensive high marsh of Spartina patens and Distichlis. Drainage near the study site was poor; several large pannes containing standing water occur nearby, colonized by Salicornia europaea along their margins. Farther to the west lie Spartina alterniflora marshes which are well drained. The mean tidal range is about 3.6 feet (110 cm) near these marshes.

Two transects were run at this site. The ULTZ on CL1 is defined by the upper limit of a stand of Juncus gerardi under cedars. The Juncus gives way abruptly to trailing poison ivy and bare ground. The LLTZ is defined by the lowest cedar stem in the Juncus stand, which also coincides with the transition from pure Juncus to a mixture of Juncus with Distichlis and Spartina patens.

The ULTZ on CL2 is defined by the upper limit of Distichlis and Scirpus americanus under red cedars. Here the LLTZ is also at the lowest cedar stem.

In other types of transitions here the ULTZ is marked by the upper limit of Distichlis under Myrica shade, by Distichlis and S. patens under cedar shade, by Baccharis, or by Baccharis and Iva simultaneously. The transition zones are comparatively narrow (between three and four meters) throughout the area.

VIRGINIA: Mosquito Creek (Site D)

This site is located a few miles south of the Maryland border on the mainland behind an army reserve post near state route 175, just south of the causeway crossing Queen Sound to Chincoteague Island. Tidal communication is somewhat restricted here as is typical of the shallower channels leading into Chincoteague Bay. The mean tidal range is 1.7 feet (52 cm) at the site but is obviously subjected to transient meteorological tides of much greater range.

Like Finney Creek, Cedar Island, and Parramore Island, the Mosquito Creek site is also part of the system of extensive Spartina alterniflora marshes which has developed behind the barrier islands. Two transects were run from the upland into these stands of saltmarsh cordgrass. The upland here is a dense growth of Myrica cerifera and Rhus radicans beneath Pinus taeda, Juniperus virginiana, and Prunus serotina. Japanese honeysuckle (Lonicera japonica) is present but not abundant. In response to heavy shading, the upland is nearly barren of ground cover.

Below the transition zone there is an Iva belt varying from very narrow to several meters wide. In contrast to the Iva belt at Finney Creek, a strikingly high number of these shrubs are dead, and the stand is considerably less dense, the shrubs tending to be very low and sparsely distributed at the lower edge of the belt. Juncus gerardi forms dense local stands in the Iva, but stands of mixed Spartina patens and Distichlis are more often associated with the Iva. Spartina patens and Distichlis occur as a salt-meadow zone between the Iva and the uppermost S. alterniflora.

On DL1 the ULTZ is marked by the upper limit of Panicum virgatum, which is at a slightly higher elevation than the upper limit of Scirpus americanus, Spartina patens and Festuca rubra. The LLTZ is the lower limit of Solidago

graminifolia, Lonicera japonica, Rhus radicans, Calystegia sepium, and seedlings of Prunus serotina and Myrica cerifera. The LLTZ is also at the upper limit of Juncus gerardi here.

On DL2 the ULTZ is the upper limit of Juncus gerardi and Distichlis and the LLTZ is the lower limit of Festuca rubra. Rhus radicans, Teucrium canadense, Festuca rubra, Setaria geniculata, and Erechtites hieracifolia also occur in the transition zone.

Other types of transitions at this site include:

1. ULTZ = upper limit of Spartina patens-Distichlis meeting a dense stand of Erechtites hieracifolia at border of Myrica thicket.
LLTZ = lower limit of Festuca, Calystegia, Erechtites, and poison ivy.
Baccharis and Panicum virgatum occur in the transition zone also.
2. ULTZ = upper limit of Distichlis and Carex straminea in Festuca, Erechtites and Rubus at border of Myrica thicket.
LLTZ = lower limit of Calystegia in a dense stand of Spartina patens; just below the lower limit of Baccharis.
3. ULTZ = upper limit of Baccharis, S. patens, Solidago sempervirens, and Juncus gerardi in Solidago graminifolia, Rhus radicans, Calystegia, and Teucrium canadense at border of Myrica thicket.
LLTZ = lower limit of Calystegia and Teucrium in Spartina patens.
Distichlis, Juncus and Festuca occur between the ULTZ and LLTZ.

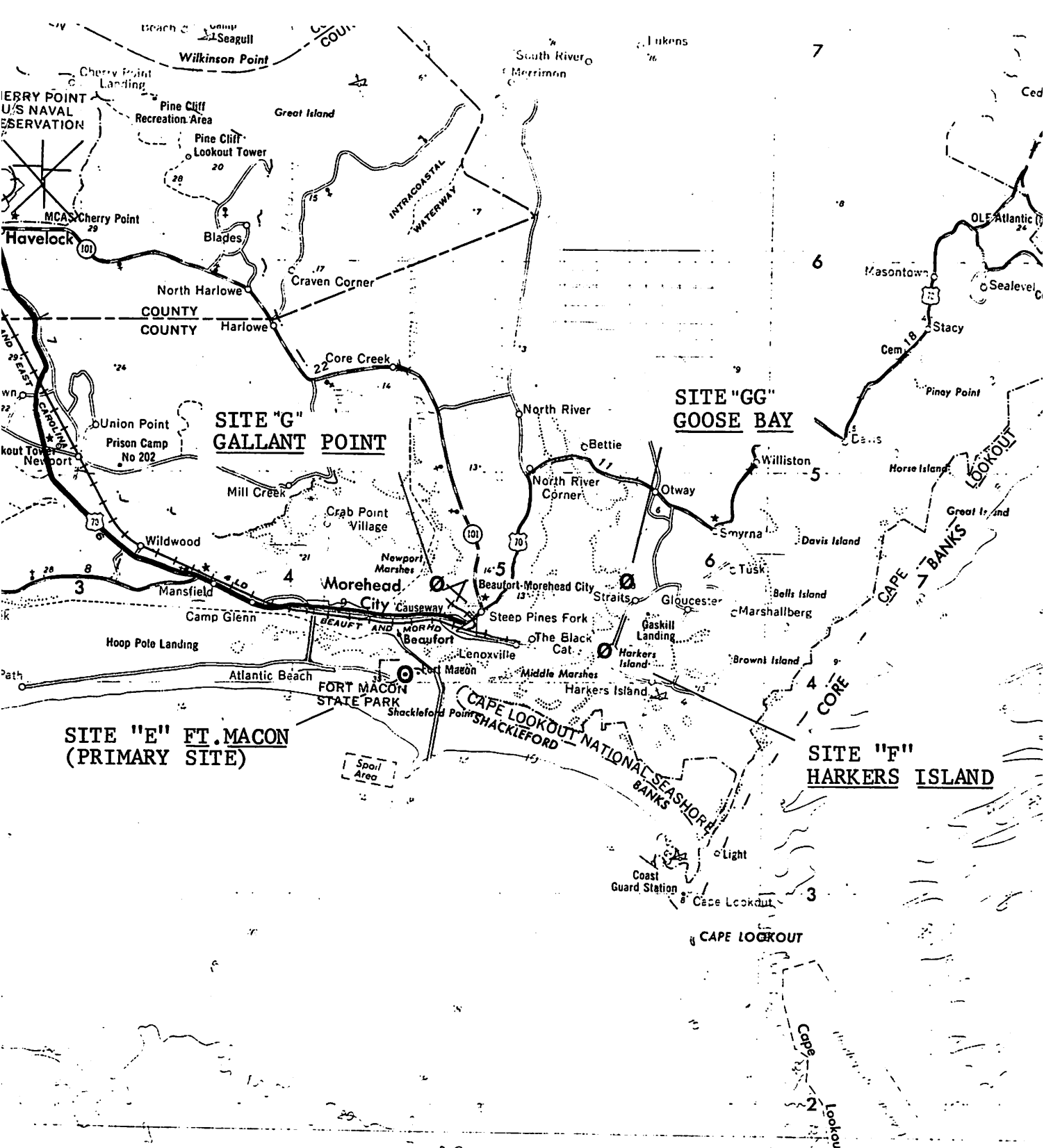


Figure 5. Marsh sites near Beaufort, N.C.

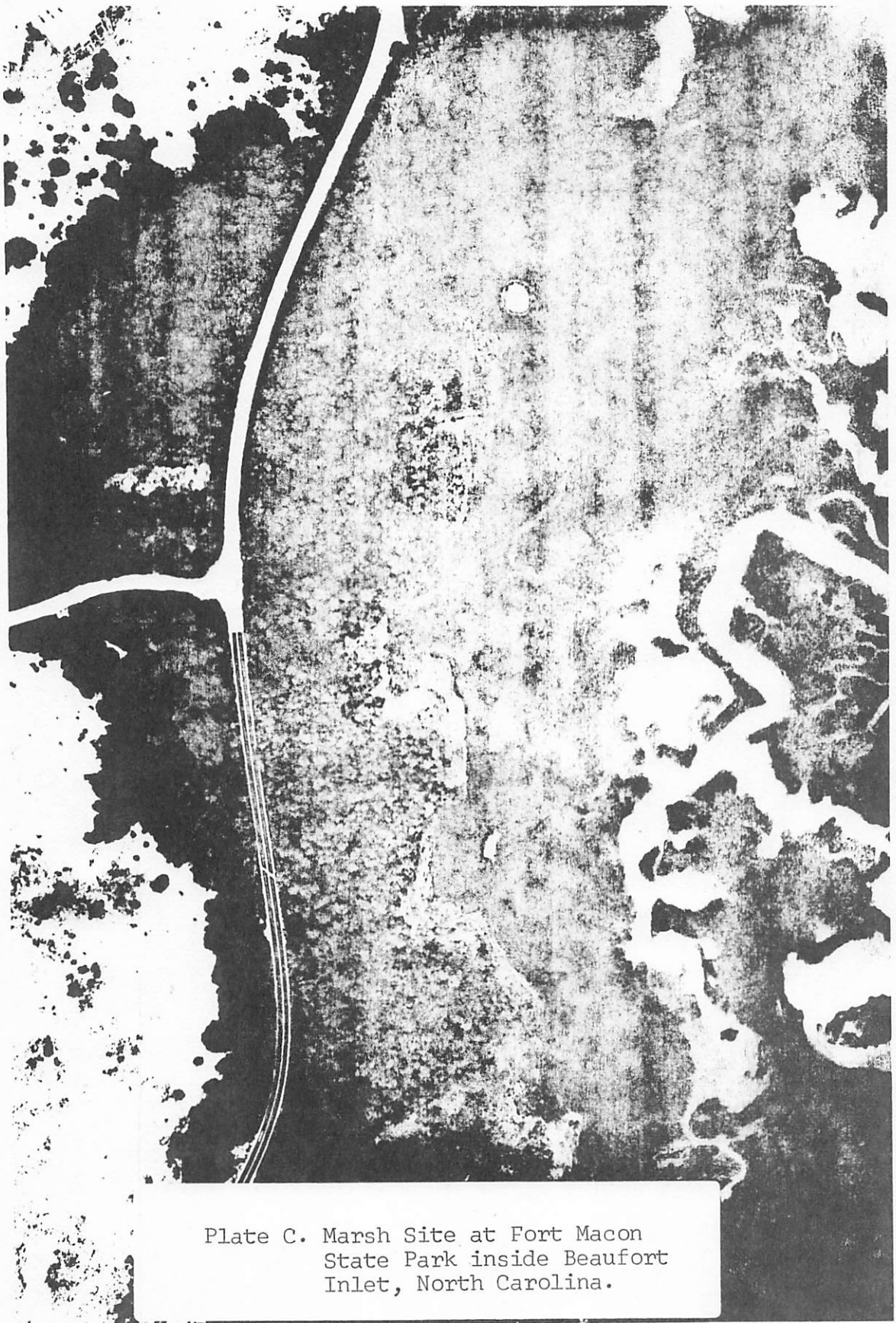


Plate C. Marsh Site at Fort Macon
State Park inside Beaufort
Inlet, North Carolina.

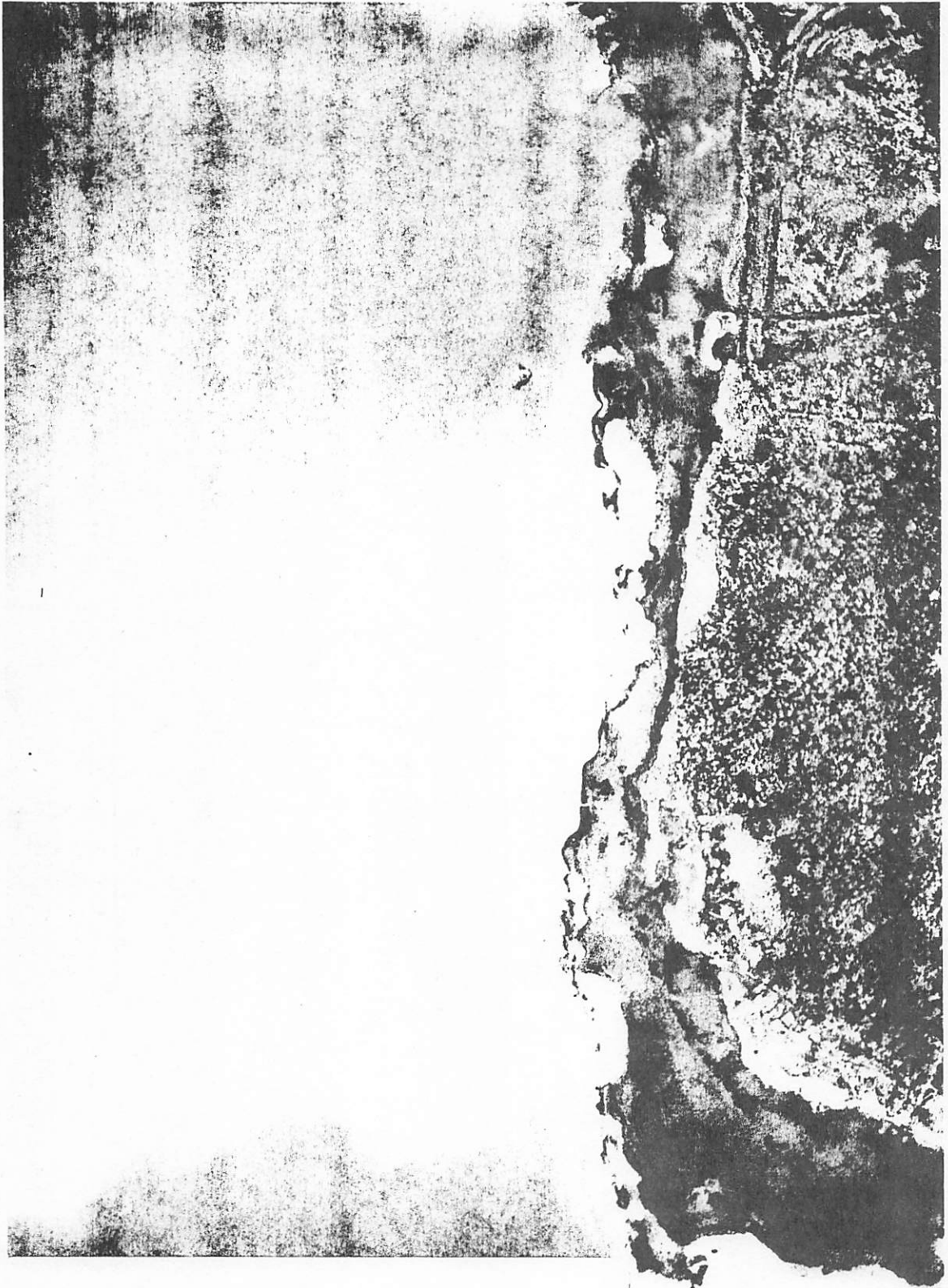


Plate D. Marsh Site at Gallant Point
near Beaufort Municipal
Airport.

NORTH CAROLINA: Ft. Macon (Site E)

Ft. Macon State Park (Carteret Co.) was chosen as one of two primary study sites for tidal saltmarshes in North Carolina. It is located on the eastern tip of Bogue Banks, the barrier island immediately west of Shackleford Banks and Cape Lookout and is separated from the mainland by Bogue Sound. In general the chain of barrier islands on the East Coast is oriented in a more or less north-south or northeast-southeast direction. Bogue Banks is an exception, with its long axis running east-west. This orientation is thought to account, at least in part, for the fact that this island is accreting rather than eroding on the seaward side.

Tidal communication is somewhat restricted inside Beaufort Inlet. The mean range of tide outside the inlet is 3.9 feet (119 cm) as compared to 3.1 feet (94 cm) just inside the inlet at the primary site. Farther inside along the coastal sound and river systems the mean range is typically 1.5 feet (46 cm) or less. The main tidal waterways do not become brackish, however, until well inland along the coastal river systems.

Extensive marshes of Spartina alterniflora are present behind vegetated dunes on the north side of Bogue Banks, and these marshes are particularly well developed in the vicinity of Ft. Macon. Most of the S. alterniflora is low to medium height but taller plants grow on the edges of the marsh channels and also at the upper limit of the marsh in several places. Narrow bands of saltmeadow (Spartina patens and Distichlis spicata) are sometimes present between saltmarsh cordgrass and the transition to upland or between saltmarsh cordgrass and stands of Juncus roemerianus. Black needlerush stands are a common feature and are particularly well developed in coves into the upland (Plate C). Scattered individuals of both Iva frutescens and Baccharis halimifolia grow near the upland border, but they do not form stands.

Several species of brackish marsh plants are frequently encountered in the uppermost reaches of the marsh. These include Triglochin striata, Samolus parviflorus, Cladium jamaicense, Pluchea purpurascens, Scirpus robustus, and Fimbristylis castanea. Their presence is attributed to ground water seepage from the upland moderating salinity.

The upland thicket is predominantly yaupon (Ilex vomitoria), wax myrtle (Myrica cerifera), Eastern red cedar (Juniperus virginiana), Southern red cedar (J. silicicola), poison ivy (Rhus radicans) and Virginia creeper (Parthenocissus quinquefolia) with frequent occurrences of supple jack (Berchemia scandens) and pepper-vine (Ampelopsis arborea). The poison ivy is common over most of the area, both as vines climbing in trees and as small erect plants on the ground. Occasional live oaks occur on higher ground, and where the zone of upland between the marsh and the road is the broadest, one can walk freely among yaupon, cedar, and live oak. For the most part, however, the thicket does not permit easy passage. Zanthoxylum clav-herculis, Celtis sp., Morus rubra, and Persea palustris also occur in the upland but are rare.

The transition zone is very narrow at this site, ranging from about one meter to about three meters wide on the transects. Uprooted, contorted Juniperus is a common feature of the upland border here, frequently occurring within the transition zone per se. The ULTZ and LLTZ were defined by the upper limits of marsh species and the lower limits of upland species, respectively, as follows:

	<u>ULTZ</u>	<u>LLTZ</u>
ES1	<u>Spartina alterniflora</u>	<u>Rhus radicans</u> ; <u>Ipomoea sagittata</u>
EL1	<u>Samolus parviflorus</u>	<u>Juniperus sp.</u> ; <u>Eupatorium serotinum</u>

	<u>ULTZ</u>	<u>LLTZ</u>
ES2	<u>Cynanchum palustre</u>	<u>Juniperus sp.</u>
ES3	<u>Baccharis saplings</u> ; <u>Triglochin striata</u>	<u>Rhus radicans</u>
ES6	<u>Triglochin striata</u>	<u>Rhus radicans</u>
ES7	<u>Triglochin striata</u> ; <u>Samolus parviflorus</u>	<u>Iresine rhizomatosa</u>
ES8	<u>Cladium jamaicense</u>	<u>Iresine rhizomatosa</u>
EL2	<u>Fimbristylis castanea</u> ; <u>Borrichia frutescens</u> ; <u>Baccharis halimifolia</u>	<u>Iresine rhizomatosa</u>
ES9	<u>Cladium jamaicense</u>	<u>Rhus radicans</u> ; <u>Iresine rhizomatosa</u>

ES6 is unusual because the transect extends from the upland into a narrow band of marsh vegetation, then crosses an island of higher ground containing a mixture of marsh species (sea ox-eye and saltmeadow hay) and upland species (cedar and yaupon), plus Baccharis halimifolia. Below this the transect enters a stand of black needlerush.

There is no transition zone in terms of interdigitating marsh and upland plants on ES4 or ES5. On these transects and at several other similar locations at this site, a zone of essentially bare soil about two meters wide occurs between the upper limit of marsh plants and an abrupt increase in slope at the lower limit of upland. Crab burrows are present in this bare zone, and the soil is sandy with a pilled texture. The soil color becomes markedly darker closer to the upland. On both ES4 and ES5 the monospecific stand of low Spartina alterniflora ends roughly six meters below the upper limit of marsh species. Approaching the upland from the upper limit of pure S. alterniflora, Distichlis mixes in with the saltmarsh cordgrass, the number of saltmarsh cordgrass plants decreases, and those present become taller toward the upland. Distichlis drops out near the upland, leaving only a thin

stand of tall (about 1 m) Spartina alterniflora plants on the lower edge of the bare zone. On HS5 a clump of Fimbristylis and a Baccharis sapling occur in the upper part of the bare zone. It is possible that the bare zone relates to a previous deposit of debris, but there was no evidence of it. A more likely factor is the shading of this zone afforded by the upland overstory. Although transition zones were recognizable on other transects, in general these were not heavily vegetated transition zones like those encountered at other study sites.

NORTH CAROLINA: Harkers Island (Site F)

Harkers Island (Carteret Co.) is about four miles long, varies from one-half mile to one mile in width, and has its long axis oriented more or less east-west. It is located north of Cape Lookout, between the mainland and Shackleford Banks (Figure 1). Juncus roemerianus marshes have developed along the north side and on the west end of the island. The site studied is the extensive Juncus marsh on Brooks Creek at the west end. The mean tidal range at the study site is 1.6 feet (49 cm).

The transects are located in the segment of marsh just northwest of the marina north of Rush Point. There have been modifications along most of the shoreline at Brooks Creek and it appears that these have reduced normal tidal drainage into the area of the transects. One transect (FL1) was run from a stand of yaupon (Ilex vomitoria) north of the marina into the Juncus. Persea palustris, Myrica cerifera, and Sabal minor also occur in the yaupon thicket, and Rhus radicans is common as a ground cover. The ULTZ on this transect is set at the upper limit of appreciable coverage by Eleocharis rostellata that extends from the marsh into the yaupon stand for a distance of about 2 1/2 meters. In the vicinity of the transect Setaria geniculata occurs with E. rostellata in the edge of the yaupon. The LITZ is the lower limit of Festuca rubra, Ipomoea sagittata, and Rhus radicans, and is just adjacent to the transect and hanging over it. The extensive stand of black needlerush begins at the lower edge of the Panicum virgatum. There is no Iva at the marsh border here, but scattered individuals do occur in the Juncus, along with Lythrum lineare, Ipomoea sagittata, Cynanchum palustre, Iva at the marsh border here, but scattered individuals do occur in the Juncus, along with Lythrum lineare, Ipomoea sagittata, Cynanchum palustre,

Kosteletskyia virginica and E. rostellata. The Eleocharis is extremely hard to see when mixed with Juncus and probably has higher coverage values in the marsh than the data indicates. In the vicinity of the fastland, hummocks bearing Baccharis, Persea, Juniperus, Myrica, and Panicum virgatum frequently occur in the Juncus stand.

The other transect (FL2) was run from a beach ridge populated by live oak (Quercus virginiana) through the Juncus stand and ultimately into a panne of Spartina alterniflora. The ridge is bordered by marsh on three sides and by strand and small stands of S. alterniflora growing at the edge of the open water of the adjacent sound. The vegetation on the highest elevation of the ridge consists of Quercus virginiana, Pteridium aquilinum, Aristida stricta, Scleria triglomerata, and some Spartina patens. At lower elevations one finds Ilex vomitoria, saplings of Q. virginiana, Uniola laxa, and Spartina patens. In more open areas Strophostyles sp. and S. patens grow together in abundance.

The ULTZ on FL2 is set at the upper limit of Juncus roemerianus and Distichlis, which is just above the upper limit of Borrichia frutescens. The lower limits of Uniola laxa and Strophostyles-S. patens are just above the ULTZ. Spartina patens shows a bimodal distribution on this transect. It is present in the vicinity of the LLTZ and immediately above the ULTZ as an upland component (in ascending percent coverages with ascending elevation), but is absent from most of the transition zone on this transect.

The LLTZ is the lower limit of a stand of Festuca rubra in Spartina patens, Distichlis, Juncus, and Borrichia. Kosteletskyia virginica, Cynanchum palustre, Elymus virginicus, and Smilax bona-nox also occur in the transition zone in the general vicinity.

A stand of Juncus mixed with Distichlis, Borrchia, and Spartina patens occurs immediately below the transition zone. The transect ends about eighteen meters below the LLTZ in the panne of Spartina alterniflora that has developed in the center of this arm of the marsh.

NORTH CAROLINA: Gallant Point (Site G)

Gallant Point (Carteret Co.) is the tip of a triangular neck of land that juts into the Newport River just north of Beaufort. The Beaufort-Morehead City Airport and an abandoned fish meal plant cover most of this tract of land, but there is a band of woodland thicket between the airport and a fringing marsh of Spartina alterniflora that extends from northwest of the fish meal plant around Gallant Point to the cove of Gable Creek. Gallant Point is located about 2.8 miles north of the entrance to Beaufort Inlet and is situated near a major shipping channel; hence the mean tidal range of 3.0 feet (91 cm) is only slightly less than that of Ft. Macon just inside the inlet.

The two transects are located northeast of Gallant Point, and begin in a thicket of Myrica cerifera, poison ivy, Campsis radicans, and Ampelopsis arborea. Yucca aloifolia, though not common here, occurs in the upland on both transects. The habitat for this species is listed in the Manual of the Flora of the Carolinas (Radford, Ahles, and Bell, 1968) as sand dunes and edges of brackish marshes. A stand of Yucca found at the edge of the marsh on GL1 appears to be growing within the upper edge of the marsh, but a closer look reveals that the large trunks of these plants extend along the ground from points well into the upland where they are rooted, and become erect at the marsh border. The stand of Yucca on GL2 is several meters into the upland and is being shaded out by the Myrica and Prunus serotina.

Over most of the periphery of this marsh the transition to upland is abrupt due to the presence of a distinct berm. In some places Juncus roemerianus is immediately adjacent to the berm and occasionally various combinations of Spartina patens, Borrichia frutescens, Cynanchum palustre,

and Iresine rhizomatosa abut the upland vegetation at the berm. Transition zones are therefore poorly developed at this locality and the transects selected document such vegetational transitions as do exist.

On GL1 the transition zone is very narrow, covering a horizontal distance of about half a meter. The ULTZ was selected coincident with the upper limit of Iva frutescens and the uppermost coverage of Spartina patens; the LLTZ was set at the lowermost limit of trailing poison ivy within the Iva stand. This narrow band of Iva with Borrichia and S. patens beneath gives way to a local stand of Borrichia, S. patens, and Distichlis that is about ten meters wide, below which is the stand of Spartina alterniflora. Salicornia virginica and Limonium carolinianum occur in salt pannes within the S. alterniflora community. The tide enters this section of low marsh laterally because direct drainage is impeded by a long shell berm lying along the shoreline in front of the transect.

On GL2 there is a single large Quercus virginiana within a thicket of Myrica cerifera fringed by Baccharis halimifolia. The ULTZ was fixed by the upper limit of coverage by Distichlis and S. patens. Numerous dead trailing stems of poison ivy are present at the ULTZ along with traces of Festuca rubra and live oak seedlings. The LLTZ lies about 5.5 m below the ULTZ at the base of an outlying Baccharis less than a meter in distance below the lower limit of the poison ivy (the small stems of the poison ivy have numerous rhizoids but are rooted only in the upland). Scattered Iva shrubs also occur within the transition zone. Below the LLTZ a zone of Juncus and Iva mixed with Distichlis and S. patens extends for about 7 m before changing to a stand of Borrichia and Distichlis which extends an additional 5 m and ends in a pure stand of Borrichia on a low berm. Juncus resumes within the Borrichia until the stand of Spartina alterniflora is reached at the lower end of the transect.

NORTH CAROLINA: Goose Bay (Site GG)

Goose Bay is at the mouth of the North River, just north of the west end of Harkers Island (Carteret Co.). The specific site where the two transects were run is on the south side of a small embayed tributary to Goose Bay and immediately east of Crow Hill Road which crosses the tributary just above the head of the bay. Tidal flow is admitted to the embayment through a highway culvert which impedes the flow to some extent and may reduce the tidal range at the site. Otherwise, the mean tidal range is probably the same as at Harker's Island.

The upland is a stand of tall loblolly pines. The pineland is lower on GGL1 than on GGL2 and on the former a thin coverage of Juncus roemerianus occurs beneath the pines (estimated at 5% to 10% coverage overall). Ilex glabra and Myrica cerifera are in the understory on GGL1, and small amounts of Pteridium aquilinum, Aristida sp., and Vaccinium spp. are present, too. GGL2 has a steeper gradient and the more xerophytic species have high coverage values in the upland, especially Pteridium and Aristida. Immediately above the marsh in the vicinity of GGL2 is a local association of lowland woody species including Nyssa sylvatica, Clethra alnifolia, Ilex glabra, Lyonia lucida, Persea palustris, and Magnolia virginiana.

Juncus roemerianus and local patches of Limonium carolinianum dominate the marsh immediately below the transition zone here, but in the vicinity of GGL1 the Juncus is mixed with Spartina patens and Borrichia frutescens in its upper edge, and a small enclave of S. patens-Distichlis occurs in the Juncus between the locations of the two transects. The relatively rare Agalinis maritima was observed growing with S. patens and Distichlis here. Below the black needlerush stands, colonies of Spartina alterniflora form the "heart" of this embayed marsh.

On both transects the ULTZ is marked by the upper limit of high coverage by Juncus roemerianus and the lower limit of Pinus taeda stems. On GGL2 there is no Juncus above the ULTZ. The low coverage of Juncus that occurs within the pine stand on GGL1 was disregarded in placing the ULTZ. The LLTZ on GGL1 is set by the lower limit of young stems of Ilex vomitoria. Myrica cerifera, Smilax sp., and Spartina patens also occur with the Juncus in the transition zone on this transect. The LLTZ on GGL2 is about a half meter seaward of the lowest upland plant (Myrica cerifera) at the point where high coverage of Juncus begins. This position was chosen rather than the lower limit of Myrica because the occurrence of Juncus here is spotty, and none occurs in the half-meter between the Myrica and the point where high coverage of Juncus begins.

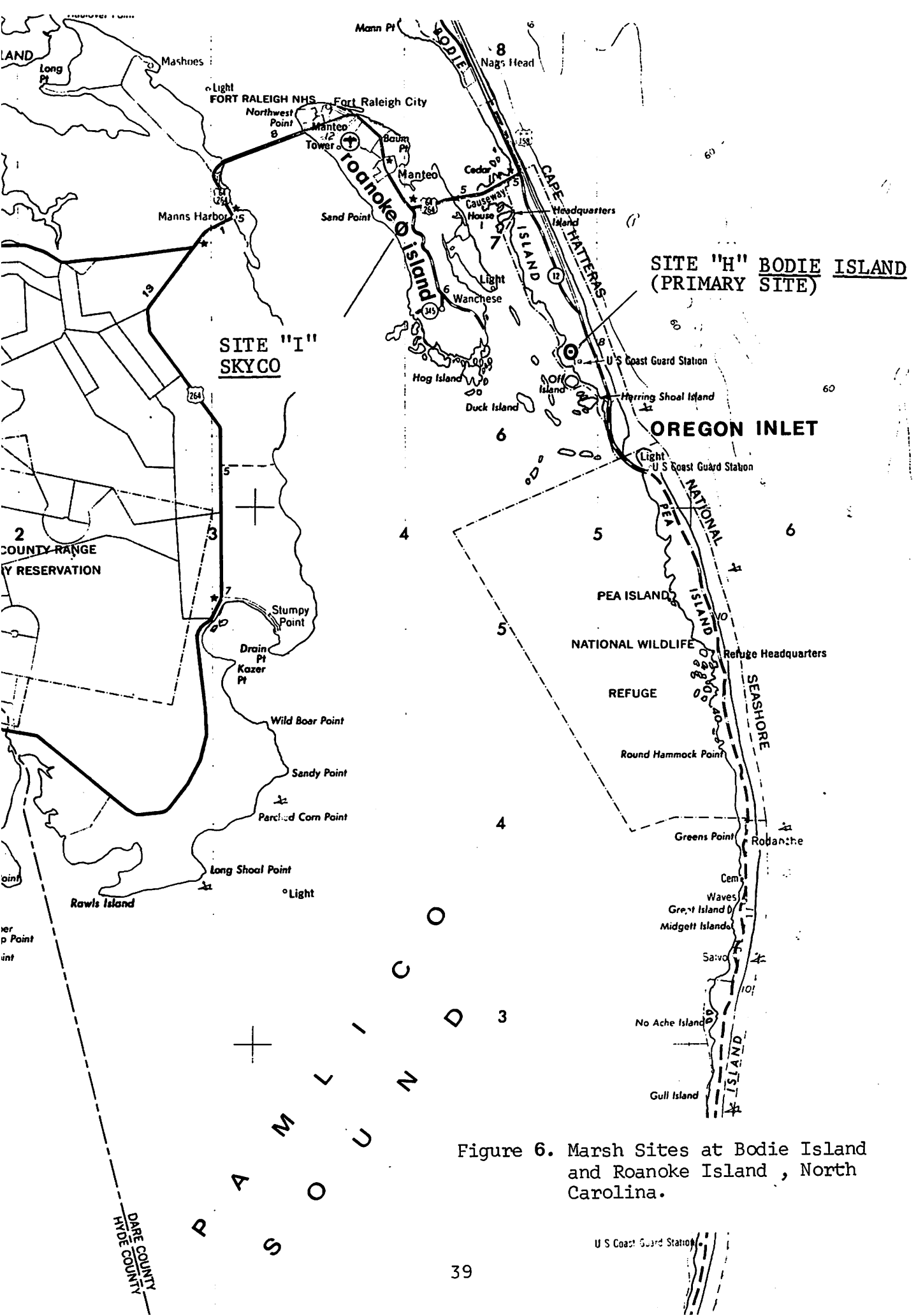


Figure 6. Marsh Sites at Bodie Island and Roanoke Island, North Carolina.



Plate E. Marsh Site at Bodie Island

NORTH CAROLINA: Bodie Island (Site H)

Bodie Island (Dare County) includes the lower portion of a long, narrow barrier peninsula extending from the Back Bay region of extreme southern coastal Virginia into northern North Carolina. The lower portion appears to have been separated from the upper portion of this peninsula by an ephemeral inlet into Albemarle Sound around the beginning of the 19th century. Bodie Island borders tidally restricted Roanoke Sound for most of its length and reaches Albemarle Sound to the north and Pamlico Sound to the south. Oregon Inlet separates it from Pea Island to the south.

The marshes occurring throughout most of the inner coastal sound environment away from the barrier islands are low salinity types, chiefly monospecific stands of Juncus roemerianus having very extensive coverage in front of the low-lying uplands. The astronomical tide range within the sounds is less than 0.5 feet (15 cm) but transient wind-induced tides appear to cause significant inundation of the marsh borders primarily during the passage of extratropical lows during winter.

Most of the marshes immediately behind the barrier islands are fairly narrow and have received a considerable amount of either wind-blown or "washover" sands from the barrier beaches which complicates interpretation of marsh origin and development. At the present time, new intertidal marsh seems to be forming only along the flood tidal deltas and channel levees lying just inside Oregon Inlet. Elsewhere, including the study site, we found the marshes on Bodie Island to be poorly drained features with little systematic change in surface elevation as one approaches the upland. It appears likely that many of them are relic marshes associated with former barrier inlets that have since closed.

The complexity of the tidal regime inside Oregon Inlet was illustrated by a two-month series of tidal measurements taken at Blossie Creek near the study site (approximately 2.5 miles northwest of Oregon Inlet). The mean daily range during November-December averaged less than one foot (30 cm) amid considerable longer period variation in response to local winds and atmospheric pressure changes. Thus determination of tidal datums by comparison with other tide stations outside the area was made much more difficult.

The primary study site selected for the area is located just north of the Bodie Island Lighthouse on a nature preserve managed by the U.S. National Park Service (Figure 6). The marsh here fronts Roanoke Sound and extends to a thicket of wax myrtle and yaupon bordering a pine-forested sand ridge. In 1963 the marsh was diked and ditched by the Park Service as part of a mosquito control program. Proposed filling of impounded areas was prevented, however, by a storm which breached the dikes shortly after their completion. Later it was reported that the marsh vegetation had not changed as a result of the modifications (Cooper and Waits, 1973) and no attempts have been made to restore the dikes.

Juncus roemerianus occupies most of the lower marsh at this site, particularly in the vicinity of the creek heads (Plate E). A stand of Spartina alterniflora occurs within a large salt pond northeast of the immediate study area. Above the creek heads continuous stands of Juncus change to patches of Juncus within a saltmeadow of Spartina patens and Distichlis. Farther inland the saltmeadow includes a mixed assemblage of brackish species such as Kosteletskya virginica, Solidago sempervirens, Lythrum lineare, Fimbristylis castanea, and Eleocharis rostellata. These species characterize the so-called "marginal" type of marsh described by Cooper and Waits (1973) in a previous study at this location. In addition, Typha angustifolia and T. domingensis

were found along with stands of Iva in the high marsh. Juncus frequently reappears in a zone at the edge of the upland thicket and is frequently present in the transition zone.

The delineation of the marsh to upland transition at the Bodie Island site posed greater difficulties than at any other site in our study. Part of the difficulty derived from strictly logistical problems encountered while attempting to penetrate the extremely dense vegetation of the thicket border comprised of Myrica cerifera, Rhus radicans, Rosa palustris, Smilax sp., and Parthenocissus quinquefolia, with scattered Baccharis halimifolia, Ilex vomitoria, Persea palustris, Amelanchier canadensis, and Prunus serotina. At the seaward edge of the thicket the central problem consisted of a random element introduced among plant distribution patterns as a result of uneven topographic relief. The latter appears to be due to erosion or in some instances, decomposition of multiple soil horizons so that adjacent marsh plants often were rooted in dissimilar layers at different elevations. There were scattered incursions of marsh vegetation, especially Juncus, Iva and Baccharis, within the upland thicket in addition to numerous hummocks containing Myrica, Baccharis, and Rhus radicans at scattered points within the marsh. Consequently the transition zone might well be described as broken over much of this area.

Because of the time involved in clearing thicket vegetation, the upland ends of the study transects were started just inside the first zone of Myrica rather than in the yaupon-Myrica zone deeper inside the thicket. For similar reasons, coverage estimates were made for some of the trees and shrubs on the last five transects in place of the usual basal area measurements.

The ULTZ is defined by the upper limit, of Juncus (HL1, HS4), Eleocharis rostellata (HS1, HS5), Spartina patens (HS6, HS7, HL2, HS8), or a combination

of these (HS2, HS3). For the most part, upland ground cover was very sparse --usually just poison ivy on otherwise bare ground under Myrica shade.

The LLTZ on all transects except HS2 is marked by the lower limit of Rhus radicans. On three transects (HS1, HL1, and HS4) the lower limit of the poison ivy occurs in the Juncus stand of the marsh border. On all the other transects the lower limit of poison ivy occurs either in marginal type marsh (HS7, HL2, HS8), in marginal type with Iva and Baccharis (HS3, HS5), or in a stand of Iva and Typha spp. (HS6). There is no Juncus zone near the thicket on HS7, but in most cases where the LLTZ is in marginal type marsh, or some variation thereof, the transect has passed through a zone of Juncus and poison ivy above the LLTZ. In the case of HS2, the LLTZ is marked by the lower limit of scattered Myrica cerifera, Baccharis and Iva growing with E. rostellata, S. sempervirens, K. virginica, S. patens and dead Andropogon virginicus. Several large patches of Andropogon occur in the marginal type marsh, but nearly all of the plants were dead. Mikania scandens, Calystegia sepium, Setaria geniculata, Boehmeria cylindrica, Rubus sp., Thelypteris palustris, Osmunda regalis and Smilax laurifolia also occur in the transition zone.

Eleocharis rostellata was not reported from this marsh in the paper by Cooper and Waits (1973). However, they did report E. tuberculosa as a component of marginal type marsh. Eleocharis tuberculosa was not found in this present study, but E. rostellata was found in abundance in the marginal type marsh and also in the transition zone.

NORTH CAROLINA: Skyco (Site I)

Two transects were run in a black needlerush marsh located just north of Skyco on the west side of Roanoke Island. Although site-specific tidal data are lacking, this is an area having a very small astronomical tide range (average less than 15 cm) but with apparently significant meteorological tides. Salinities are variable but generally brackish. Drainage into the marsh is by way of a channelized gut. The marsh covers about .06 sq. mi. (0.2 sq. km.) in a cove immediately north of the pier ruins at Ashbee Harbor. It is separated from Croatan Sound in the more northerly part by a sandy berm along the shoreline; wave action from the sound is eroding marsh peat of a Big Cordgrass stand south of the berm.

The upland is dominated by a stand of loblolly pines of several age classes. The oldest trees appear to be about 50 years old, but the majority are estimated to be between twenty and thirty years. The understory is comprised of small sweet gums and occasional red bays and sweet bays. Myrica cerifera and Nyssa sylvatica var. biflora occur more commonly on the immediate border with the marsh. The marsh appears to be vegetated solely by black needlerush at first appraisal, but in spots saltmeadow has developed to a very limited extent. It is best developed in the northeast "corner" of the cove (Transect IL1) where seaside mallow, seaside goldenrod, Typha angustifolia and T. domingensis occur with it. At the upper limit of the transect transition zone Distichlis and Spartina patens (saltmeadow) intergrade with small saplings of Rosa palustris and a stand of Solidago graminifolia. The Solidago continues upward beneath the upland cover. The second transect (IL2) passes from black needlerush (Juncus roemerianus) into sawgrass (Cladium jamaicense) with S. graminifolia into cane (Arundinaria gigantea) under upland cover. One small loblolly and one Myrica cerifera sapling occur in this transition.

Several other kinds of transitions were observed here at the Skyco marsh, proceeding from the marsh toward the upland:

1. Black needlerush directly (without sawgrass) into cane under pine-black gum cover.
2. Black needlerush directly into cane and S. graminifolia (without sawgrass) under upland cover.
3. Black needlerush into cane, S. graminifolia, Panicum virgatum under upland cover.
4. Black needlerush into sawgrass with some Smilax bona-nox, under pine-Myrica cover.
5. Black needlerush into sawgrass with Ipomoea sagittata and S. graminifolia (without cane) to upland. A common type.
6. Black needlerush into Ipomoea sagittata to upland cover.
7. Black needlerush under shade of Myrica with Panicum virgatum, Rosa palustris, Solidago sempervirens, and poison ivy.
8. Spartina patens and Distichlis into S. graminifolia and cane under upland cover.
9. Spartina patens into Smilax bona-nox, poison ivy, Rubus, and Setaria geniculata under upland cover.

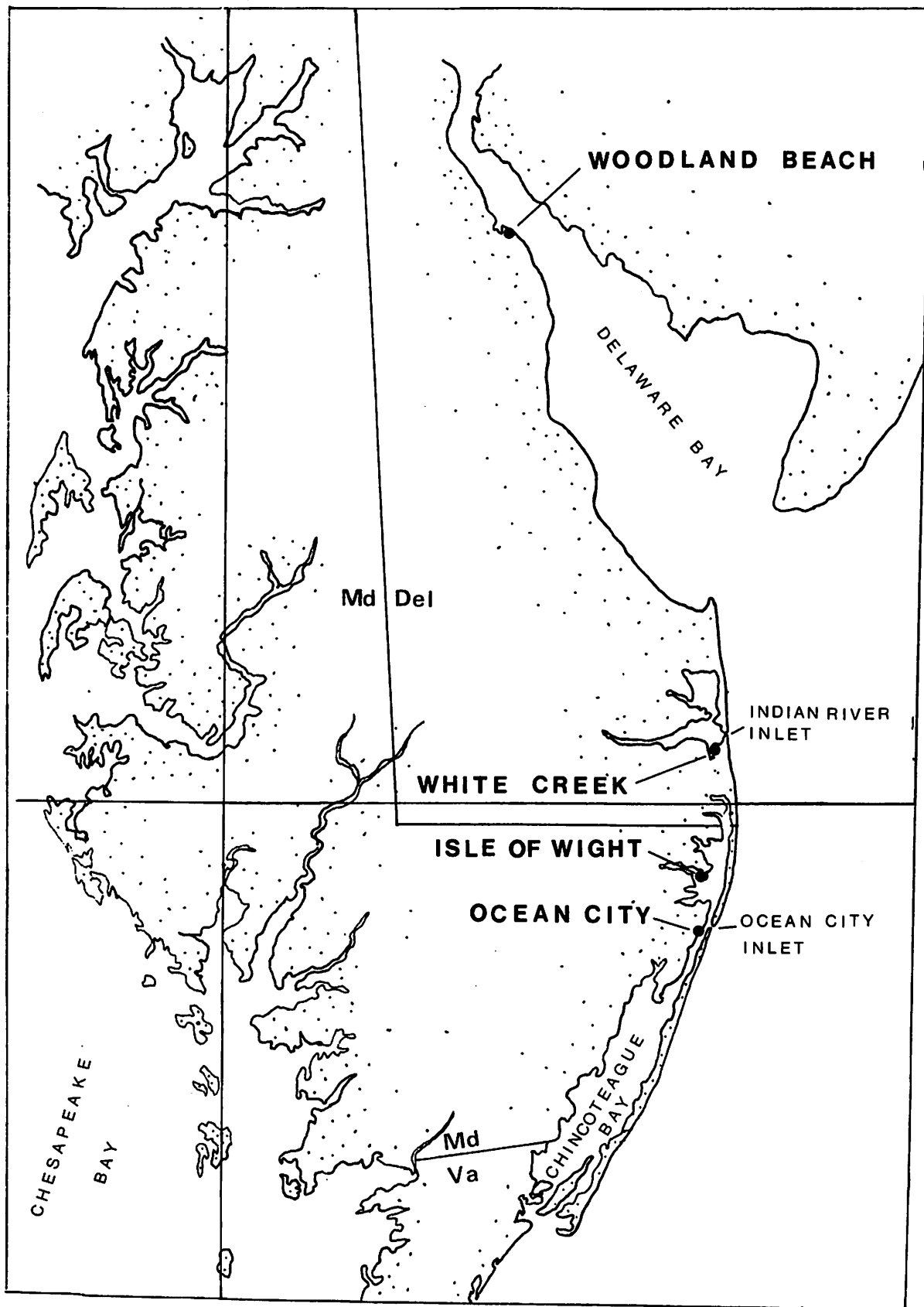


Figure 7. Maryland and Delaware Marsh Sites.

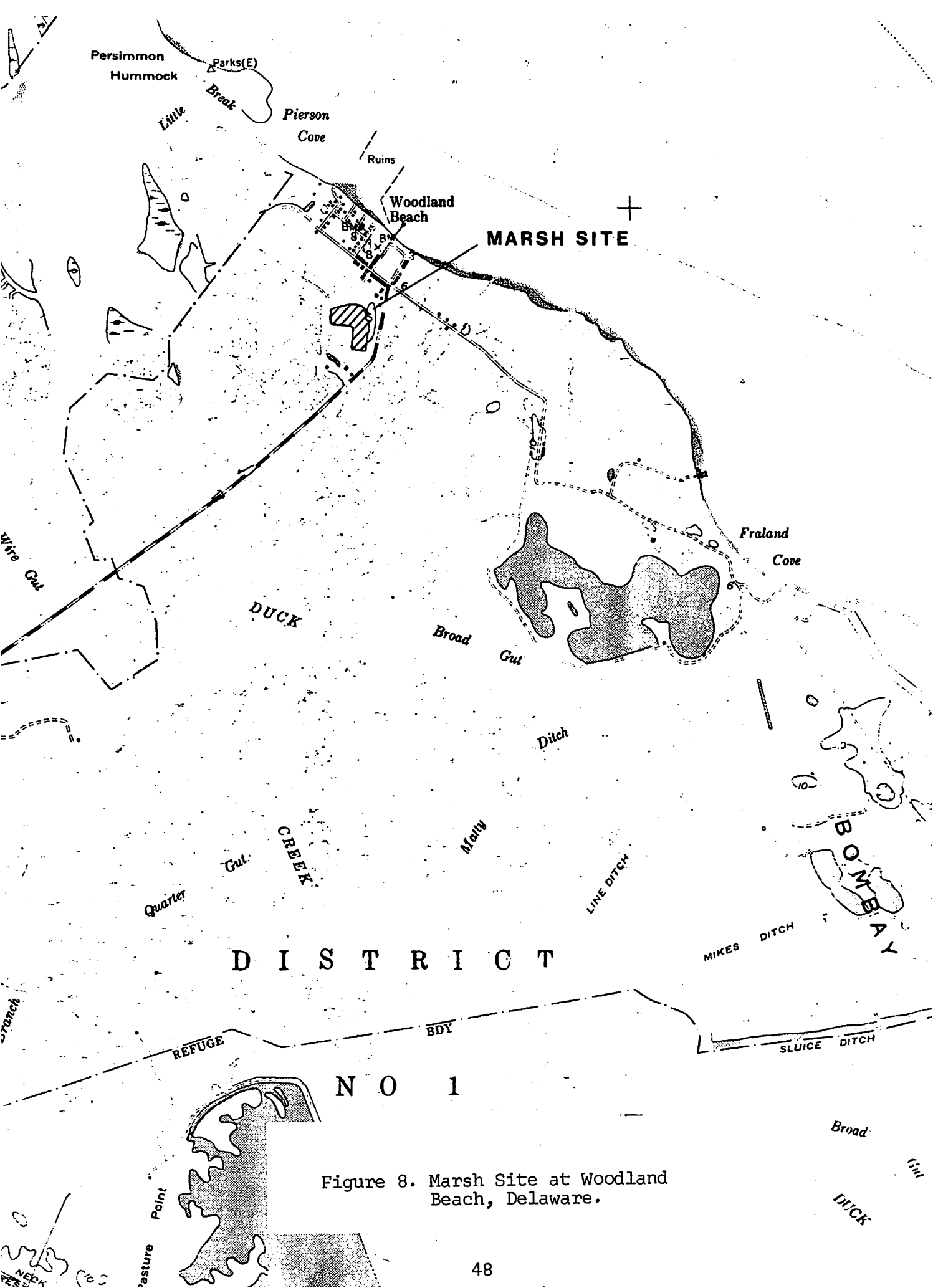


Figure 8. Marsh Site at Woodland Beach, Delaware.

DELAWARE: Woodland Beach (Site L)

Woodland Beach (Kent Co.) is the primary site for Delaware Bay. This is one of few sites observed in this region in which the border between marsh and wooded upland is not entirely dominated by Phragmites australis, a cosmopolitan grass that invades spoil mounds and marsh borders, especially on disturbed sites. The study area is on the south edge of the village of Woodland Beach a few miles north of the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge. Extensive Spartina alterniflora marshes occur throughout this region. The marsh that was studied is a small cove marsh about 150 M in diameter that is almost completely surrounded by upland. The marsh receives tidal waters by way of a drainage channel that ultimately communicates with Delaware Bay by way of two inlets known as Sluice Race and Big Break. The mean tidal range just outside these inlets is 5.9 feet (180 cm), the largest range in the vicinity of any of the sites in this study.

The stand of upland woods is very open, and some of the trees are large. The dominant trees are tulip poplar (Liriodendron tulipifera), hickory (Carya cordiformis, C. tomentosa, C. glabra), sweet gum (Liquidambar styraciflua), wild black cherry (Prunus serotina). Persimmon (Diospyros virginiana) and Northern red oak (Quercus rubra) are also present. Viburnum prunifolium is the most common understory shrub. Poison ivy is present but not abundant, but Japanese honeysuckle, on the other hand, is rampant. Colonies of ferns occur scattered through the woodland, Thelypteris hexagonoptera being commonly encountered.

Ten transects were run, spaced roughly twenty meters apart. On four transects (LL1, LS1, LS2, and LS3), scattered shrubs of Baccharis halimifolia mark the ULTZ. On two transects (LS4 and LS7) the ULTZ is marked by Atriplex patula; on two others (LS6 and LS8) by the upper limit of the Phragmites

stand; on LL2 by Solidago sempervirens; and on LS5 by S. sempervirens and A. patula. Baccharis, A. patula, S. sempervirens, and Phragmites are all capable of growth in upland habitats but are clearly part of the transition zone sequence at this site.

On all but one transect the LLTZ is set at the lower limit of trailing Japanese honeysuckle. When possible the ends of these vines were traced back to the point at which they were rooted, a distance which varied from one-half to two meters toward the upland. The exception for placement of the LLTZ was on LS5 where persimmon marks the lower limit. Much of the transition zone at this site is sparsely vegetated, with shoots of Japanese honeysuckle trailing on exposed mud.

Immediately below the transition zone one encounters small stands of Scirpus robustus, Spartina cynosuroides, Typha angustifolia, or various combinations of these three, or Phragmites, bare soil, or Spartina alterniflora directly. The center of the marsh is S. alterniflora except along channel levees where Amaranthus cannabinus, Atriplex patula, and Polygonum sp. occur. The lateness of the season made identification of the Polygonum difficult, but it is probably either P. ramosissimum var. atlanticum or P. prolificum.

DELAWARE: White Creek (Site M)

Two transects were run in an embayed marsh of Spartina alterniflora on White Creek, a tributary to Indian River Bay. Tidal connection is through Indian River Inlet, about 2 1/2 miles north. The study site is located on the west side of Cedar Neck, north of Ocean View, Delaware, at Murray Landing on property belonging to the Jacob Boyer Hocker family. Like most of coastal Delaware, White Creek is marked by numerous channels dredged into the upland, often by way of small marsh-bordered tributaries, to create boat access. There is also some minor ditching of a limited extent. The transects are near the channel dredged at Murray Landing, but it appears this site receives tidal influence directly from White Creek.

A stand of loblolly pine dominates the upland on this point of land, and the trees are estimated to be about thirty-five years old. A thicket of Smilax and poison ivy occurs beneath the pines, and a few individuals of hardwood species are scattered through the pine stand. The transition zone is about eight meters wide on ML1 and five meters wide on ML2, and the upper limit is marked by the upper limit of a stand of Baccharis halimifolia. Panicum virgatum and Phragmites occur with the Baccharis and have their highest coverage values in the portion of the Baccharis stand nearer the upland. Spartina patens enters beneath the Baccharis at a lower elevation. The lower limit of the Baccharis stand marks the lower limit of the transition zone. A small outlying Baccharis was discounted on ML1, and the large Baccharis at 14.7 M on ML2 is growing on a hummock at the base of a large loblolly pine stump. Narrow zones of Iva frutescens and saltmeadow lie between the Baccharis and the saltmarsh cordgrass.

Numerous large sawed pine stumps with robust-stemmed poison ivy growing on the hummocks at their bases occur in the transition zone. Only one live

loblolly was observed (a tree about 20 cm in diameter near ML2). A few live Juniperus virginiana were observed in the transition zone and a few dead pine and cedar stems were observed in the Iva zone. This suggests that the tidal regime may have changed here in recent years, perhaps due to dredging.

In terms of the vegetation present and the type of coastal environment to which White Creek belongs, it is very similar to the two Maryland sites described in the pages that follow. Although White Creek is physically in the state of Delaware, it bears little resemblance to the primary site for Delaware Bay at Woodland Beach.

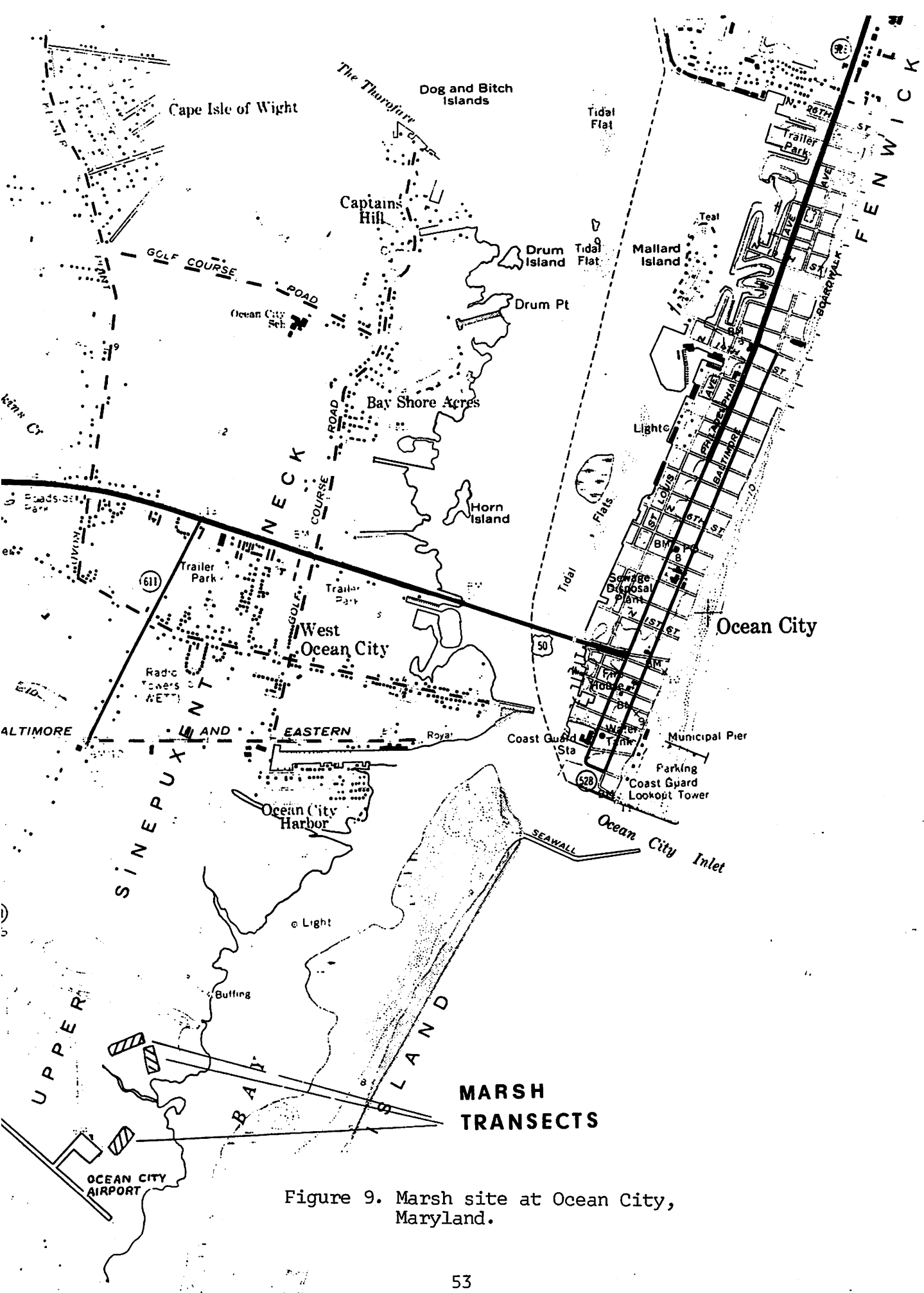


Figure 9. Marsh site at Ocean City, Maryland.

MARYLAND: Ocean City (Site N)

The primary site for Maryland is located on Upper Sinepuxent Neck (Worcester Co.) just north of the Ocean City Airport and south of the community of West Ocean City and the Ocean City Harbor. Part of this study area is on property owned by the city (NS1 and NL1), and the rest on property owned by Ronald C. Pulliam and Doyle Graybarck. The marshland here is part of a complex of embayed Spartina alterniflora marshes that have developed along the mainland across Sinepuxent Bay from Assateague Island. Like practically all coastal marshes in this region, this site has been mosquito ditched. Tidal connection is through Ocean City Inlet, about 1.5 miles to the north, between Assateague and Fenwick Islands. The mean tidal range at the site is approximately 2.2 feet (67 cm) based on the assumption of uniform tidal characteristics within Sinepuxent and Isle of Wight Bays.

Upland vegetation of NS1 and NL1 consists of a thin rim of loblolly pine, Myrica, and Prunus serotina between the marsh and a cleared area adjacent to the airport, whereas transects NS2 through NS6 begin in a relatively extensive stand of lowland hardwoods to the north. Transects NS7 through NS8 originate in a stand of tall loblolly pines on a point of land bordering the marsh. The elevational gradient from the marsh to the upland is particularly low at the locus of these last three transects.

Baccharis halimifolia forms a distinct band between the upland and the marsh over most of the border here. Iva is present below the Baccharis, either as spotty individuals or as distinct stands. Below the Iva is a saltmeadow of Spartina patens and Distichlis that varies considerably in width, the maximum width attained along the transects being about twelve meters. The saltmeadow gives way to an expanse of low Spartina alterniflora, with medium height plants bordering the mosquito ditches. Numerous decayed pine

stumps occur in the upper part of the S. alterniflora but are absent in the saltmeadow.

The limits of Baccharis halimifolia determine both the ULTZ and the LLTZ in places where it is sufficiently abundant. Baccharis is unique among the plants occurring in the transition zone because the marsh border appears to be its optimum habitat in this region. It characteristically occurs along the marsh border as a distinct belt surrounding both saline and brackish marshes. In autumn the belt is highly visible due to the eye-catching silver-white pappus which appears on the pistillate plants. This species also occurs in upland habitats --old fields, thickets, open woods, and low, mesic disturbed areas in the coastal plain and Piedmont, but generally only as sporadic individuals. In contrast, most other plants present in the transition zone find their optimum habitat, or one at least as suitable, in either the upland or the marsh depending upon their type.

The upper limit of the Baccharis zone marks the ULTZ on all but NS2, NL2, and NS8. On NS2 the ULTZ is the upper limit of Spartina patens and Distichlis spicata in the vicinity of scattered Baccharis. On NL2 and NS8 the ULTZ is set at the upper limit of the S. patens stand under shade of loblolly pine, above the upper limit of Baccharis.

With the following exceptions, the LLTZ on the transects is marked by the lower limit of Baccharis halimifolia: NS3--lower limit of Festuca rubra; NS7 and NL2--lower limit of trailing Lonicera japonica.

MARYLAND: Isle of Wight (Site 0)

Two transects were run in a fringing marsh of Spartina alterniflora on the west side of Isle of Wight. The site faces the St. Martin River, a tributary to Isle of Wight Bay. There are no specific tidal data available at this site; however, the mean range of tide in Isle of Wight Bay at a point 2.5 miles east of the site is approximately 67 cm (2.2 feet). The tidal range just outside Ocean City Inlet four miles to the south is 104 cm (3.4 feet), indicating that tidal communication is fairly unrestricted. As there is very little freshwater inflow, salinities are only slightly reduced in the embayment except within the smaller tributaries.

The upland above the transects is an open oak woodland with very little understory. A dense stand of Uniola laxa covers extensive areas of the ground. Loblolly pine, Myrica cerifera, Quercus phellos, sweet gum and black gum also occur in the upland near the marsh.

Panicum virgatum occurs commonly in the upper portion of the transition zone along with Baccharis and Phragmites, the latter being common in coves. On transect O11 the upper limit of the transition zone is defined by the upper limit of the Baccharis-Panicum stand and on O12 by the upper limit of Panicum virgatum and Spartina patens. Several young Nyssa sylvatica (averaging about 10 cm diam. at the base) occur sporadically in the transition zone but are not thriving; in every case it was noted that the tops of these trees are dead. On both transects the lower limit of the transition zone is the lower limit of the Baccharis stand. Some Iva is present below the Baccharis and a saltmeadow zone about 15 m wide lies between it and the Spartina alterniflora marsh. Remnants of old tree stumps are visible in the Iva zone in the vicinity.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Transition Zone Widths

The average transition zone width at the five primary sites ranges from about 1.5 m at Fort Macon to about 17 m at Bodie Island, North Carolina, with intermediate values of 3 m at Finney Creek, Virginia, 4.5 m at Ocean City, Maryland, and 3.5 m at Woodland Beach, Delaware. The exceptionally wide transition zones at Bodie Island are related to the topographic irregularities present at this site, the latter stemming from its probable existence as a relic marsh (site description, p. 41). Excluding Bodie Island, the average transition zone width for the remaining primary sites is approximately 3 m, increasing to 3.5 m for primary and secondary sites combined.

Flora of the Transition Zone

The flora of the transition zone, based on data obtained at seventy transects at fourteen study sites, totals 85 species of vascular plants. However, nearly half of these species were present in the transition zone at only one of the fourteen sites and are for the most part upland or brackish marsh species.

The upland components of the flora are of two types: 1) species present both in the transition zone and the adjacent upland woods, and 2) species occurring in the transition zone but generally not present in the adjacent wooded upland. The best example of the first category is Rhus radicans which occurs both in the upland and in the transition zone at every site; its abundance in the transition zone appears to be correlated to its abundance in the upland. This kind of pattern was also observed in Lonicera japonica and Juniperus virginiana. In the second category of upland components of the transition zone flora, the species are those for which the optimum habitat is an open and sunny one. Calystegia sepium, Ipomoea sagittata, Asparagus officinalis, and Teucrium canadense are examples of the latter category.

The herbaceous marsh components of importance in the transition zone were species of the high marsh, particularly Spartina patens, Distichlis spicata, Juncus roemerianus, and J. gerardi. On occasion a few individuals of S. alterniflora were present within the transition zone, generally near the lower limit. Limonium carolinianum occurred only rarely and none of the three species of Salicornia were observed other than in the marsh proper. The woody marsh species that played a role in the transition zone were Iva frutescens and Borrchia frutescens. In the literature Iva and Baccharis are frequently lumped together as "saltbushes" of the marsh border, but in this study, based on distributional patterns relative to elevation, Iva was treated as a marsh species, in contrast to the treatment of Baccharis as a transition zone species. Iva sometimes marked the ULTZ, but the Iva belt generally reached its upper limit in the lower part of the transition zone and its lower limit in the marsh proper, and sometimes was entirely below the transition zone.

Six species occurred in the transition zone at all five subregions: Rhus radicans, Baccharis halimifolia, Distichlis spicata, Spartina patens, Panicum virgatum, and Iva frutescens. Each of these species occurred in slightly more than half of the fourteen sites and all were frequently vegetationally significant where they occurred. Ten more species were present in the transition zone in at least three of the five subregions and were vegetationally important in at least one subregion: Elymus virginicus, Festuca rubra, Lonicera japonica, Myrica cerifera, Setaria geniculata, Eleocharis rostellata, Fimbristylis castanea, Juncus roemerianus, Scirpus americanus, and Solidago sempervirens. Table 1 contains a breakdown by subregion of the species that are vegetationally significant in the transition zone of at least one of the study sites.

Table 1. Vegetational significance¹ of species in the transition zone at the five subregions. The symbol X signifies vegetational significance at one or more sites within a subregion although absence of the symbol does not imply absence of the species.

<u>Species</u>	Del.	Md.	Va.	N.C.(N)	N.C.(S)
<i>Spartina patens</i>	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Solidago sempervirens</i>		X	X	X	
<i>Scirpus americanus</i>		X	X		
<i>Eleocharis rostellata</i>				X	X
<i>Fimbristylis castanea</i>				X	X
<i>Juncus roemerianus</i>				X	X
<i>Atriplex patula</i>	X		X		
<i>Scirpus robustus</i>	X				
<i>Phragmites communis</i>	X				
<i>Spartina cynosuroides</i>	X				
<i>Juncus gerardi</i>			X		
<i>Cladium jamaicense</i>				X	
<i>Kosteletskyia virginica</i>				X	
<i>Thelypteris palustris</i>				X	
<i>Osmunda regalis</i>				X	
<i>Borrichia frutescens</i>					X
<i>Iva frutescens</i>		X	X	X	X
<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	X	X	X	X	
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	X	X	X		
<i>Festuca rubra</i>		X	X		X
<i>Rhus radicans</i>			X	X	X
<i>Solidago graminifolia</i>			X	X	
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>			X	X	
<i>Ipomoea sagittata</i>				X	X
<i>Uniola laxa</i>		X			X
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>			X		
<i>Elymus virginicus</i>			X		
<i>Setaria geniculata</i>			X		
<i>Erechtites hieracifolia</i>			X		
<i>Teucrium canadense</i>			X		
<i>Iresine rhizomatosa</i>					X
<i>Arundinaria gigantea</i>				X	
<i>Mikania scandens</i>				X	

¹Vegetational significance for each species was based on its average coverage value per transect at each site.

Of the coastal saltmarshes studied, the transition zone flora at Finney Creek in Virginia was the most diverse (containing about 30 species) while the least diverse floras were found at Gallant Point and Goose Bay in North Carolina, and at White Creek in Delaware where fewer than 10 species occurred in the transition zone. The large number of species present at Finney Creek is primarily due to a significant contribution by upland annual weeds such as Lepidium virginicum, Bromus commutatus, Solanum americanum, Ambrosia artemisiifolia and Eupatorium capillifolium, plus the biennials Asparagus officinalis, Lactuca canadensis, and L. scariola. Less than one-fourth of the transition zone components at Finney Creek are marsh species as compared to about half at most other sites. The presence of upland weedy species at Finney Creek is probably a function of the immediate proximity of agricultural land and associated weedy field borders. At the other sites, none of which bordered cultivated land, the weedy species involved in the transition zone, with the exception of fireweed (Erechtites hieracifolia) were generally perennials, such as Teucrium canadense and Calystegia sepium. In addition to the numerous annual weeds present, perennial weeds were also a component of the transition zone flora at Finney Creek.

Species Important in Determining Transition Zone Limits

Three species were found to have broad geographical significance as markers of the upper limit of the transition zone (ULTZ): Distichlis spicata, Spartina patens, and Baccharis halimifolia; Juncus roemerianus frequently marked the ULTZ in both northern and southern North Carolina. Twelve other species were utilized in setting the ULTZ: Atriplex patula, Borrichia frutescens, Cladium jamaicense, Cynanchum palustre, Eleocharis rostellata, Fimbristylis castanea, Iva frutescens, Phragmites australis, Panicum virgatum, Solidago sempervirens, Samolus parviflorus, and Triglochin striata.

The lower limit of the transition zone (LLTZ) was most frequently marked by the lower limit of Festuca rubra, Lonicera japonica, Rhus radicans, and/or Baccharis halimifolia. Fourteen additional species were used in locating the LLTZ: Arundinaria gigantea, Calystegia sepium, Elymus virginicus, Eupatorium serotinum, Ilex vomitoria, Ipomoea sagittata, Iresine rhizomatosa, Juniperus spp., Lactuca spp., Myrica cerifera, Rosa palustris, Smilax bonanox, Solidago graminifolia, and Setaria geniculata.

General Phytogeography of Species of Vegetational Significance in the Transition Zone

Nearly half of the species listed in Table 1 have a broad range of distribution² from the maritime provinces of Canada along the east coast of the United States to at least as far south as Florida. Some of these species are limited to a predominately coastal occurrence (denoted by "C"), while the remainder range significantly into inland states (denoted by "I") in addition to their coastal range. Some of the species range further south than Florida into subtropical or tropical America (denoted by "T").

The species of broad distribution are as follows:

<i>Spartina patens</i>	(C)
<i>Iva frutescens</i>	(C)
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	(C,T)
<i>Solidago sempervirens</i>	(C,T)
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	(I)
<i>Eleocharis rostellata</i>	(I)
<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	(I)
<i>Erechtites hieracifolia</i>	(I)
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	(I)
<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	(I)
<i>Scirpus americanus</i>	(I)
<i>Teucrium canadense</i>	(I)
<i>Thelypteris palustris</i>	(I)
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	(I,T)
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	(I,T)
<i>Rhus radicans</i>	(I,T)
<i>Scirpus robustus</i>	(I,T)

² Ranges are based on Fernald, 1950; Hitchcock, 1950; Gleason and Cronquist, 1963; Radford, Ahles, and Bell, 1968; Duncan, 1974; and Harvill, et al., 1977.

Another type of distributional pattern is exhibited by the following list of species which have a predominately southern distribution ranging north from the tropics, subtropics, or Florida to reach their respective northern limits in various regions along the East Coast. The northern limits are cited by state with further delimitation by county or region within the state in those cases in which that information was available.

<i>Ipomoea sagittata</i>	(C)	North Carolina (Dare County)
<i>Borrichia frutescens</i>	(C)	Virginia; DC.
<i>Arundinaria gigantea</i>	(I)	Virginia
<i>Cladium jamaicense</i>	(C,T)	Virginia (City of Virginia Beach)
<i>Iresine rhizomatosa</i>	(I)	Maryland
<i>Juncus roemerianus</i>	(C)	Maryland
<i>Fimbristylis castanea</i>	(C,T)	New York (Long Island)
<i>Kosteletzkya virginica</i>	(C,T)	New York (Long Island)
<i>Uniola laxa</i>	(I)	New York (Long Island)
<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	(I,T)	Massachusetts
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	(I)	Massachusetts
<i>Setaria geniculata</i>	(I,T)	Massachusetts
<i>Spartina cynosuroides</i>	(C)	Massachusetts

The four remaining species on the list have a primarily northern distribution ranging south from eastern Canada and reaching their southern limits along the east coast north of Florida, as follows:

<i>Juncus gerardi</i>	(C)	Virginia (City of Chesapeake)
<i>Solidago graminifolia</i>	(I)	North Carolina (Dare County)
<i>Atriplex patula</i>	(I)	South Carolina
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	(I)	North Carolina

Juncus gerardi is an interruptedly circumboreal species, *Atriplex patula* also occurs in Eurasia, and *Festuca rubra* in n. Europe and Greenland where it is a plant of the high marsh. *Phragmites australis* is cosmopolitan, an aggressive plant that is rapidly spreading in this country to the exclusion of more valuable marsh species.

Vegetational Patterns of the Transition Zone

Two kinds of abundance patterns are distinguishable as the upper limit of the transition zone is approached. In one, the coverage values for the marsh species defining the ULTZ very gradually taper off. In the other more

common pattern, there is a relatively abrupt decrease in the percent coverage of the definitive species over a horizontal distance of roughly one-half to one meter from the ULTZ. Because of this the ULTZ was often found to be a reasonably discrete point rather than the last vestige of very gradually diminishing coverage values of marsh plants across the transition zone. This sharp change may occur in response to an abruptly changing environmental factor such as shading, ground slope, or frequency of inundation, or perhaps the attainment of some other discrete tolerance limit relating to soil factors or competition, or a combination of these factors.

In terms of physiognomy, three major types of vegetational patterns dominate the transition zone. The most typical involves herbaceous species (generally associated with woody vines and scattered Baccharis), with the ULTZ occurring just before upland trees and shrubs begin. The transition at Finney Creek typifies this pattern. Another less common pattern involves herbaceous components (with or without woody vines and scattered Baccharis) which continue for a short distance among the upland trees and shrubs. The latter pattern was found locally on Cedar Island, Harkers Island, and at Fort Macon. The third pattern features Baccharis occurring in a well-defined zone at the marsh border where it serves to delineate one or both of the transition zone limits. This pattern is particularly well developed at Ocean City and at White Creek. Spartina patens, often in conjunction with Distichlis spicata, frequently occurs beneath the Baccharis, and generally reaches its upper limit at or somewhat below the uppermost stems of Baccharis. The woody upland vine Lonicera japonica (Japanese honeysuckle) is also commonly present as a component of the ground cover beneath the Baccharis.

Baccharis apparently has a high light requirement and a tolerance for occasional inundation with saline water. Thus its habitat of best development is the transition zone between the upland and the marsh where the light

requirement is met but where upland trees and shrubs are at a competitive disadvantage in terms of coping with the environmental factors associated with occasional inundation. Where Baccharis occurs in the upland it is generally in successional habitats, such as old fields and field borders, where analysis of associated species indicates that it will ultimately be shaded out. On the other hand, its occurrence as a band along the border between the marsh and wooded upland in undisturbed situations is a continuing characteristic of the marsh border.

Elevations of Transition Zone Limits

The elevations of the transition zone limits at primary and secondary sites are summarized in Tables 2-6. At each of the five primary sites and at certain secondary sites having tidal bench marks nearby, the reference datum is mean high water. The elevations obtained at the remaining secondary sites are shown in parentheses in the tables and refer to an arbitrary datum made common to both transects at each site. In accordance with experimental design, the five primary sites feature between ten and eleven transect measurements at each site and thus contain the lead information for comparisons between subregions of the U.S. central Atlantic coast. The secondary site measurements were taken as a check on the consistency of plant distributions and limit elevations on transects at other locations in the subregion.

The results for the primary sites show that the elevations above MHW of the upper limit of the transition zone are generally more consistent than those corresponding to the lower limit. Sample standard deviations for the former average approximately ± 3 cm as opposed to an average of about ± 5 cm for the latter. Although this is a rather small difference, greater at some sites as opposed to others, it may reflect the irregular distribution of certain upland plants which are rooted at the border with the marsh but have a tendency to extend coverage in the direction of the marsh (e.g., Lonicera japonica).

One of the central aims of this investigation has been to determine if the upper limit of any marsh within a given coastal environment bears a constant elevational relationship to the tidal datum of mean high water. The results of our study do not conflict with that hypothesis. Taking the elevational means of the ULTZ as the most concise indicator of the marsh upper limit, we note that an elevation of approximately 40 cm MHW is typical of the tidally-restricted coastal sound environment as exemplified by the Bodie Island and Fort Macon sites whereas 60-70 cm MHW characterizes the tidally-open marsh and lagoon environments of Finney Creek and Ocean City. Finally, the results from the bay-estuarine environment at Woodland Beach (ULTZ = 34 cm MHW) are consistent with the previous findings of Boon, Boule, and Silberhorn (1977) in which the average upper limit of marshes in lower Chesapeake Bay was located at 29 cm MHW. In the latter study the ULM was determined at the median point of the transition zone, a point which is found slightly seaward of and lower than the ULTZ.

The chief factor differentiating marshes in the above coastal environments is, in our view, the degree of exposure to storm-induced tidal surge. Low atmospheric pressure and high wind stress accompanying tropical and extratropical storms are the principal contributors to locally high surge levels in bays, sounds, and the open ocean. However, the greatest concentration of these effects normally occurs in the ocean with the resultant surge waves then propagating through inlets and bay mouths into the interior waterways (Overland and Myers, 1976). Under these conditions, the impedance caused by a shallow inlet is certain to reduce the magnitude of the interior high water levels that would otherwise result from oceanic storms. Where the inlets are deep as on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, one should expect a higher frequency of inundation to result along the marsh borders inside these inlets as compared to those that are more restrictive.

Table 2. TRANSITION ZONE ELEVATION SUMMARY

FORT MACON SUBREGION - ELEVATIONS IN CM.

1. Fort Macon, N.C.	(1) ULTZ	(2) LLTZ	(1)-(2)	datum
EL1	33.6	37.2	- 3.6	MHW
EL2	44.0	29.5	14.5	MHW
ES1	37.0	32.2	4.8	MHW
ES2	42.6	39.1	3.5	MHW
ES3	37.2	30.4	6.8	MHW
ES4	36.5	17.8	18.7	MHW
ES5	36.1	25.5	10.6	MHW
ES6	32.4	30.8	1.6	MHW
ES7	31.9	30.7	1.2	MHW
ES8	41.6	28.4	13.2	MHW
ES9	44.4	31.0	13.4	MHW
Mean	37.94	30.23	7.70	MHW
Standard deviation	4.54	5.60	6.87	---
2. Gallant Point, N.C.	(1) ULTZ	(2) LLTZ	(1)-(2)	datum
GL1	44.9	37.0	7.9	MHW
GL2	46.6	39.0	7.6	MHW
Mean	45.8	38.0	7.8	MHW
3. Harker's Island, N.C.	(1) ULTZ	(2) LLTZ	(1)-(2)	datum
FL1	41.0	25.4	15.6	MHW
FL2	44.8	29.5	15.3	MHW
Mean	42.9	27.4	15.5	MHW
4. Goose Bay, N.C.	(1) ULTZ	(2) LLTZ	(1)-(2)	datum
GGL1	(44.0)	(35.5)	8.5	TBM @ GGL2
GGL2	(52.2)	(30.6)	21.6	TBM @ GGL2
Mean	(48.1)	(33.0)	15.1	TBM @ GGL2

Table 3. TRANSITION ZONE ELEVATION SUMMARY

BODIE ISLAND SUBREGION - ELEVATIONS IN CM.

1. Bodie Island, N.C.	(1) ULTZ	(2) LLTZ	(1)-(2)	datum
HL1	40.0	31.6	8.4	MHW
HL2	41.1	33.4	7.7	MHW
HS1	39.9	32.9	7.0	MHW
HS2	40.1	31.8	8.3	MHW
HS3	38.3	29.7	8.6	MHW
HS4	41.6	38.0	3.6	MHW
HS5	37.0	34.3	2.7	MHW
HS6	42.1	32.3	9.8	MHW
HS7	44.5	34.9	9.6	MHW
HS8	38.0	33.0	5.0	MHW
Mean	40.26	33.19	7.07	MHW
Standard deviation	2.20	2.23	2.48	---
2. Skyco, N.C.	(1) ULTZ	(2) LLTZ	(1)-(2)	datum
IL1	(63.1)	(61.8)	1.3	TBM @ IL2
IL2	(76.6)	(57.8)	18.8	TBM @ IL2
Mean	(69.8)	(59.8)	10.0	TBM @ IL2

Table 4. TRANSITION ZONE ELEVATION SUMMARY

WACHAPREAGUE SUBREGION - ELEVATIONS IN CM.

1. Finney Creek, Va.	(1) ULTZ	(2) LLTZ	(1)-(2)	datum
AL1	70.0	47.8	22.2	MHW
AL2	66.8	49.0	17.8	MHW
AS1	70.3	49.1	21.2	MHW
AS3	69.5	55.8	13.7	MHW
AS4	68.4	49.2	19.2	MHW
AS5	66.3	50.1	16.2	MHW
AS6	70.7	51.8	18.9	MHW
AS7	63.6	54.6	9.0	MHW
AS8	63.4	50.8	12.6	MHW
AS9	73.4	59.2	14.2	MHW
AS10	68.7	52.0	16.7	MHW
Mean	68.28	51.76	16.52	MHW
Standard deviation	3.04	3.47	3.92	---
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2. Parramore Island, Va.	(1) ULTZ	(2) LLTZ	(1)-(2)	datum
BL1	83.8	57.5	26.3	MHW
BL2	86.0	57.4	28.6	MHW
Mean	84.9	57.4	27.5	MHW
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3. Cedar Island, Va.	(1) ULTZ	(2) LLTZ	(1)-(2)	datum
CL1	66.2	45.7	20.5	MHW
CL2	62.4	46.4	16.0	MHW
Mean	64.3	46.0	18.3	MHW
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4. Mosquito Creek, Va.	(1) ULTZ	(2) LLTZ	(1)-(2)	datum
DL1	52.6	38.5	14.1	MHW
DL2	51.4	44.3	7.1	MHW
Mean	52.0	41.4	10.6	MHW

Table 5. TRANSITION ZONE ELEVATION SUMMARY
 OCEAN CITY SUBREGION - ELEVATIONS IN CM.

1. Ocean City, Md.	(1) ULTZ	(2) LLTZ	(1)-(2)	datum
NL1	60.6	34.2	26.4	MHW
NL2	71.2	57.4	13.8	MHW
NS1	60.2	40.0	20.2	MHW
NS2	62.4	52.6	9.8	MHW
NS3	61.2	52.6	8.6	MHW
NS4	61.7	53.0	8.7	MHW
NS5	59.4	46.4	13.0	MHW
NS6	64.6	55.2	9.4	MHW
NS7	63.0	56.3	6.7	MHW
NS8	63.1	53.6	9.5	MHW
Mean	62.74	50.13	12.61	MHW
Standard deviation	3.35	7.60	6.18	---
2. Isle of Wight, Md.	(1) ULTZ	(2) LLTZ	(1)-(2)	datum
OL1	(69.0)	(49.6)	19.4	TBM @ OL2
OL2	(70.0)	(51.3)	18.7	TBM @ OL2
Mean	(69.5)	(50.4)	19.1	TBM @ OL2
3. White Creek, Del.	(1) ULTZ	(2) LLTZ	(1)-(2)	datum

No Elevation Data at White Creek.

Table 6. TRANSITION ZONE ELEVATION SUMMARY

DELAWARE BAY SUBREGION - ELEVATIONS IN CM.

1. Woodland Beach, Del.	(1) ULTZ	(2) LLTZ	(1)-(2)	datum
LL1	37.9	17.4	20.5	MHW
LS1	35.6	10.4	25.2	MHW
LS2	32.4	8.0	24.4	MHW
LS3	35.5	7.8	27.7	MHW
LS4	34.4	1.8	32.6	MHW
LS5	31.0	13.4	17.6	MHW
Mean	34.47	9.80	24.67	MHW
Standard deviation	2.47	5.34	5.29	---

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A P P E N D I X A

P L A N T L I S T S

PLANT LISTS

Explanation of Plant Lists

The plant lists presented in this report contain the species encountered along the study transects at each site visited. A separate list has been compiled for each of the five primary study areas including flora at both primary and secondary sites in each of the five areas. Each list has been subdivided into groups of species occurring within the upland, the transition zone, and the marsh proper. A final subdivision is used which separates the herbaceous plants (dominance indicated by percent ground cover estimates) from trees and shrubs (dominance indicated by basal area measurements). A few low-growing woody species (e.g., Rhus radicans) are listed under herbaceous plants.

The presence of a species in the upland or marsh at each site is indicated by an X placed in the appropriate column on the right side of the page. For those species occurring in the transition zone, a pair of numbers separated by a slash mark are entered in the columns. The first number is an estimate of relative abundance on a scale of ascending abundance values from one to five; the second is a frequency index equal to the number of transects in which the plant was observed. The total number of transects at a site is indicated in parentheses below the site name at the top of the columns. Where relative abundance was not determined for woody plants within the transition zone, an X is used to indicate their presence.

The plant list also introduces a system of code names devised for each plant on the basis of the first letter and following consonants in the respective generic and specific names. Following the name code are symbols in parentheses signifying habitat affinity for each species (Table 7). The assignment of one or more habitat codes to each species encountered in this study is based on field experience obtained during this study together with

habitat data published in the Manual of the Flora of the Carolinas (Radford, Ahles, and Bell, 1968), Gray's Manual of Botany, 8th edition (Fernald, 1950), Manual of the Grasses of the United States (Hitchcock, 1950), The Flora of Delaware and the Eastern Shore (Tatnall, 1946), and Tidal Wetlands Plants of Virginia (Silberhorn, 1976). Nomenclature was based primarily on the Manual of the Flora of the Carolinas.

Among the transect data presented later in this report, certain species occasionally appear within the transition zone that are not usually regarded as typical of a transitional habitat (e.g., Uniola laxa) and hence were not given a T subscript in their habitat code. In some cases their presence may be due to local irregularities in topographic relief; in other cases further research may show that these plants merit reclassification as transition zone species.

Table 7. Plant Habitat Symbols

Symbol	
U	Upland, mesic to dry.
L	Low woods, including swamps and bottoms, shores, and swales.
M	Saltmarsh; species bearing this symbol may also occur in brackish marshes.
B	Brackish marsh; species bearing this symbol may also occur in freshwater marshes.
U _T , L _T , M _T , B _T	Any habitat symbol bearing the <u>subscript</u> T indicates a species that occurs both in the major habitat listed and in the transition zone between wooded upland and saltmarsh.
T	The transition zone as the habitat of greatest dominance of a species (<u>Baccharis halimifolia</u>).
D	Dunes (barrier islands); beaches.
F	Freshwater marshes.
H	Coastal hammocks.

PLANT LIST--BEAUFORT REGION, NORTH CAROLINA

		FT. MACON (11T)	HARKERS IS. (2T)	GALLANT PT. (2T)	GOOSE BAY (2T)
I. UPLAND					
A. Herbaceous Plants					
Arn ggn (L/U)	Arundinaria gigantea		X		X
Ars str (U)	Aristida stricta				X
Ast trt (U)	Aster tortifolius				X
Dch dch (U)	Dichanthelium dichotomum		X		
Ely vrg (L _T /U _T)	Elymus virginicus			X	
Ept alb (U)	Eupatorium album		X		
Ept srt (U _T)	Eupatorium serotinum	X			
Fst rbr (U _T)	Festuca rubra		X		
Hyp hyp (U)	Hypericum hypericoides		X		
Ipm sgt (U _T)	Ipomoea sagittata	X	X		
Irs rhz (L _T)	Iresine rhizomatosa	X			
Jnc rmr (M _T)	Juncus roemerianus				X
Mlc mtc (U)	Melica mutica			X	
Rbs sp. (U)	Rubus sp.			X	
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans	X	X	X	X
Scl trg (U)	Scleria triglomerata		X		
Spr ptn (M _T /D)	Spartina patens	X	X		
Str umb (U _T /D)	Strophostyles umbellata		X		
Unl lxa (L)	Uniola laxa		X		X

PLANT LIST--BEAUFORT REGION, NORTH CAROLINA (cont'd.)

		FT. MACON (11T)	HARKERS IS. (2T)	GALLANT FT. (2T)	GOOSE BAY (2T)
I. UPLAND (cont'd.)					
B. Woody Plants					
1. Trees					
Ilx vmt (U)	Ilex vomitoria	X	X	X	X
Jnp sp. (U _T)	Juniperus sp.	X			
Nys syl (U/L)	Nyssa sylvatica				X
Pns tda (U/L)	Pinus taeda				X
Prn srt (U)	Prunus serotina			X	
Prs pls (L)	Persea palustris	X			
Qrc vrg (U)	Quercus virginiana	X	X	X	X
2. Shrubs					
Bcc hlm (T/U _T)	Baccharis halmifolia	X		X	
Clt aln (L/U)	Clethra alnifolia				X
Ilx glb (L)	Ilex glabra				X
Lyn lcd (L)	Lyonia lucida				X
Myr crf (U _T /L _T)	Myrica cerifera	X	X	X	X
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans	X	X	X	
Sbl mnr (L)	Sabal minor		X		
Vcc sp. (U)	Vaccinium sp.				X
Ycc alf (U/D)	Yucca aloifolia			X	
3. Vines					
Amp arb (L)	Ampelopsis arborea	X			

PLANT LIST--BEAUFORT REGION, NORTH CAROLINA (cont'd.)

		FT. MACON (11T)	HARKERS IS. (2T)	GALLANT PT. (2T)	GOOSE BAY (2T)
B. Woody Plants					
3. Vines (cont'd.)					
Brc scn (L)	Berchemia scandens	X	X	X	
Cmp rdc (U/L)	Campsis radicans			X	
Lnc jpn (U _T)	Lonicera japonica			X	
Prt qnq (U _T)	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	X		X	
Sml b-n (U)	Smilax bona-nox	X	X		X
Vts rtn (L/U)	Vitis rotundifolia	X	X		

II. TRANSITION ZONE

A. Herbaceous Plants

Cld jmc (B _T)	Cladium jamaicense	3/2			
Cyn pls (M _T /H)	Cynanchum palustre	2/1	2/1		
Dst spc (M _T)	Distichlis spicata	2/3	3/1	3/2	
Elc rst (B _T)	Eleocharis rostellata		3/1		
Ely vrg (L _T /U _T)	Elymus virginicus		1/1		
Ept srt (U _T)	Eupatorium serotinum	2/1			
Fmb cst (B _T)	Fimbristylis castanea	2/1		3/1	
Fst rbr (U _T)	Festuca rubra		5/2	3/1	
Ipm sgt (U _T)	Ipomoea sagittata	1/1	4/1		1/1
Irs rhz (L _T)	Iresine rhizomatosa	3/5			
Jnc rmr (M _T)	Juncus roemerianus		5/2	2/1	4/2
Lmn crl (M)	Limonium carolinianum	1/2			

PLANT LIST--BEAUFORT REGION, NORTH CAROLINA (cont'd.)

		FT. MACON (11T)	HARKERS IS. (2T)	GALLANT PT. (2T)	GOOSE BAY (2T)
II. TRANSITION ZONE					
A. Herbaceous Plants (cont'd.)					
Pnc vrg (U _T /B _T)	Panicum virgatum		5/1		
Psp vgn (B)	Paspalum vaginatum		2/1		
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans	3/6	3/1	4/2	
Sml prv (B _T /F)	Samolus parviflorus	2/4			
Spr alt (M)	Spartina alterniflora	2/2			
Spr ptn (M _T /D)	Spartina patens	3/5	2/1	5/2	3/1
Str gnc (U _T)	Setaria geniculata		1/1		
Trg str (B _T)	Triglochin striata	2/4			
Unl lxa (L)	Uniola laxa				3/2
B. Woody Plants					
1. Trees					
Ilx vmt (U)	Ilex vomitoria	X/2	3/1		1/1
Jnp sp. (U _T)	Juniperus sp.	3/2			
2. Shrubs					
Bcc hlm (T/U _T)	Baccharis halimifolia	2/4	1/1		
Brr frt (M _T)	Borrichia frutescens (coverage)	2/3	3/1		1/1
Iva frt (M _T)	Iva frutescens		1/1	2/1	
Myr crf (U _T /L _T)	Myrica cerifera	1/2	3/1	1/1	2/2

PLANT LIST--BEAUFORT REGION, NORTH CAROLINA (cont'd.)

FT. MACON
(11T)
HARRERS IS.
(2T)
GALLANT PT.
(2T)
GOOSE BAY
(2T)

B. Woody Plants

2. Shrubs (cont'd.)

Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans	1/4	1/1	1/1	
Sbl mnr (L)	Sabal minor (coverage)		3/1		

3. Vines

Sml b-n (U)	Smilax bona-nox				1/1
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III. MARSH

A. Herbaceous Plants

Ast tnf (B)	Aster tenuifolius	X	X	X	
Cld jmc (B _T)	Cladium jamaicense	X			
Cyn pls (M _T /H)	Cynanchum palustre	X	X		
Dst spc (M _T)	Distichlis spicata	X	X	X	X
Elc alb (B)	Eleocharis albida	X			
Elc rst (B _T)	Eleocharis rostellata		X		
Fmb cst (B _T)	Fimbristylis castanea	X	X		
Ipm sgt (U _T)	Ipomoea sagittata (trace)	X	X		X
Jnc rnr (M _T)	Juncus roemerianus	X	X	X	X
Kst vrg (B _T)	Kosteletskyia virginica	X			
Lmn crl (M)	Limonium carolinianum	X			X
Lyt lnr (B)	Lythrum lineare	X			
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans (trace)		X		

PLANT LIST--BEAUFORT REGION, NORTH CAROLINA (cont'd.)

		FT. MACON (11T)	HARKERS IS. (2T)	GALLANT PT. (2T)	GOOSE BAY (2T)
III. MARSH					
A. Herbaceous Plants (cont'd.)					
Scr rbs (B _T)	Scirpus robustus	X			
Sda lnr (B)	Suaeda linearis	X			X
Slc vrg (M)	Salicornia virginica	X		X	
Sld smp (B _T /D)	Solidago sempervirens				X
Sml prv (B _T /F)	Samolus parviflorus	X			
Spr alt (M)	Spartina alterniflora	X	X	X	X
Spr ptn (M _T /D)	Spartina patens	X	X	X	X
Trg str (B _T)	Triglochin striata	X			
B. Woody Plants					
Brr frt (M _T)	Borrichia frutescens	X	X	X	X
Iva frt (M _T)	Iva frutescens	X	X	X	X

PLANT LIST--BODIE ISLAND AND ROANOKE ISLAND, NORTH CAROLINA

		BODIE IS. (10T)	ROANOKE IS. (2T)
I. UPLAND			
A. Herbaceous Plants			
Arn ggn (L/U)	Arundinaria gigantea		X
Cyp flc (B/L)	Cyperus filicinus	X	
Elc rst (B _T)	Eleocharis rostellata (trace)	X	
Ely vrg (L _T /U _T)	Elymus virginicus	X	
Fst rbr (U _T)	Festuca rubra	X	
Hyd sp. (L)	Hydrocotyle sp.	X	
Kst vrg (B _T)	Kosteletskya virginica	X	
Oen frt (U _T /L _T)	Oenothera fruticosa	X	
Osm rgl (L _T)	Osmunda regalis	X	
Ptr aql (U)	Pteridium aquilinum		X
Rbs sp. (U)	Rubus sp.	X	
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans	X	X
Scr rbs (B _T)	Scirpus robustus	X	
Sld grm (L _T)	Solidago graminifolia		X
Sld smp (B _T /D)	Solidago sempervirens	X	
Spr ptn (M _T /D)	Spartina patens (trace)	X	
Thl pls (L/F)	Thelypteris palustris	X	
B. Woody Plants			
1. Trees			
Nys syl (U/L)	Nyssa sylvatica		X
Pns tda (U/L)	Pinus taeda		X
Prn srt (U)	Prunus serotina	X	

PLANT LIST--BODIE ISLAND AND ROANOKE ISLAND, NORTH CAROLINA (cont'd.)

		BODIE IS. (10T)	ROANOKE IS. (2T)
B. Woody Plants			
1. Trees (cont'd.)			
Prs pls (L)	<i>Persea palustris</i>	X	X
2. Shrubs			
Bcc hlm (T/U _T)	<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	X	
Ilx vmt (U)	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	X	
Iva frt (M _T)	<i>Iva frutescens</i> (trace)	X	
Myr crf (U _T /L _T)	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	X	X
Rsa pls (L)	<i>Rosa palustris</i>	X	X
3. Vines			
Lnc jpn (U _T)	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>		X
Prt qnq (U _T)	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	X	
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	<i>Rhus radicans</i>	X	X
Sml sp.	<i>Smilax</i> sp.		X
Sml b-n (U)	<i>S. bona-nox</i>	X	
Sml hsp (L)	<i>S. hispida</i>		X
Sml rtn (U)	<i>S. rotundifolia</i>	X	

II. TRANSITION ZONE

A. Herbaceous Plants

And vrg (L)	<i>Andropogon virginicus</i> var. <i>abbreviatus</i>	1/1	
Arn ggn (L/U)	<i>Arundinaria gigantea</i>		3/1
Asc inc (B _T /L _T)	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	1/3	

PLANT LIST--BODIE ISLAND AND ROANOKE ISLAND, NORTH CAROLINA (cont'd.)

		BODIE IS. (10T)	ROANOKE IS. (2T)
II. TRANSITION ZONE			
A. Herbaceous Plants (cont'd.)			
Ast sbl (B)	Aster subulatus	1/1	
Bhm cyl (L _T)	Boehmeria cylindrica	1/1	
Cld jmc (B _T)	Cladium jamaicense		5/1
Cly spm (U _T /L _T)	Calystegia sepium	3/5	
Cyp flc (B/L)	Cyperus filicinus	1/1	
Dst spc (M _T)	Distichlis spicata	3/9	5/1
Elc rst (B _T)	Eleocharis rostellata	5/10	
Ern ggn (L)	Erianthus giganteus	1/1	
Fmb cst (B _T)	Fimbristylis castanea	1/1	3/2
Fst rbr (U _T)	Festuca rubra	2/1	
Hbs msc (B)	Hibiscus moscheutos	1/1	
Ipm sgt (U _T)	Ipomoea sagittata		4/2
Jnc rnr (M _T)	Juncus roemerianus	5/8	3/2
Kst vrg (B _T)	Kosteletskyia virginica	3/9	3/2
Lnc jpn (U _T)	Lonicera japonica		1/1
Lyt lnr (B)	Lythrum lineare	2/4	
Mkn scn (L _T)	Mikania scandens	3/7	3/2
Oen frt (L _T /U _T)	Oenothera fruticosa	1/1	
Osm rgl (L _T)	Osmunda regalis	3/4	
Pnc vrg (U _T /B _T)	Panicum virgatum		3/1
Rbs sp. (U)	Rubus sp.	2/2	
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans	5/10	3/2
Rsa pls (L)	Rosa palustris		3/1

PLANT LIST--BODIE ISLAND AND ROANOKE ISLAND, NORTH CAROLINA (cont'd.)

		BODIE IS. (10T)	ROANOKE IS. (2T)
II. TRANSITION ZONE			
A. Herbaceous Plants (cont'd.)			
Scr rbs (B _T)	Scirpus robustus	2/7	2/1
Sld grm (L _T)	Solidago graminifolia		5/2
Sld smp (B _T /D)	Solidago sempervirens	3/9	3/1
Spr ptn (M _T /D)	Spartina patens	5/9	5/2
Str gnc (U _T)	Setaria geniculata	1/2	
Thl pls (B/L)	Thelypteris palustris	3/4	
Typ sp.	Typha sp.		1/1
Typ ang (B/F)	Typha angustifolia	2/4	2/1
Typ dmn (B/F)	Typha domingensis	2/3	2/1
B. Woody Plants			
1. Trees			
Aml cnd (L/U)	Amelanchier canadensis	1/1	
Pns tda (U/L)	Pinus taeda		X/1
2. Shrubs			
Bcc hlm (T/U _T)	Baccharis halimifolia	2/6	
Iva frt (M _T)	Iva frutescens	2/6	
Myr crf (U _T /L _T)	Myrica cerifera	2/4	1/1
Rsa pls (L)	Rosa palustris	1/1	
3. Vines (based on coverage)			
Prt qnq (U _T)	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	1/1	
Sml b-n (U)	Smilax bona-nox	2/2	

PLANT LIST--BODIE ISLAND AND ROANOKE ISLAND, NORTH CAROLINA (cont'd.)

		BODIE IS. (10T)	ROANOKE IS. (2T)
B. Woody Plants			
3. Vines (cont'd.)			
Sml lrf (L)	Smilax laurifolia	1/1	
III. MARSH			
A. Herbaceous Plants			
Asc inc (B _T /L)	Asclepias incarnata	X	
Brr frt (M _T)	Borrichia frutescens	X	
Cld jmc (B _T)	Cladium jamaicense		X
Dst spc (M _T)	Distichlis spicata	X	X
Elc rst (B _T)	Eleocharis rostellata	X	
Fmb cst (B _T)	Fimbristylis castanea	X	X
Hbs msc (B)	Hibiscus moscheutos	X	
Jnc rnr (M _T)	Juncus roemerianus	X	X
Kst vrg (B _T)	Kosteletskya virginica	X	X
Lyt lnr (B)	Lythrum lineare	X	
Mkn scn (L _T)	Mikania scandens	X	
Scr amr (B _T)	Scirpus americanus	X	
Sld smp (B _T /D)	Solidago sempervirens	X	
Spr ptn (M _T /D)	Spartina patens	X	X
Str gnc (U _T)	Setaria geniculata (trace)	X	
Typ dmn (B/F)	Typha domingensis	X	X
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans (trace)	X	

PLANT LIST--BODIE ISLAND AND ROANOKE ISLAND, NORTH CAROLINA (cont'd.)

		BODIE IS. (10T)	ROANOKE IS. (2T)
III. MARSH (cont'd.)			
B. Woody Plants			
1. Shrubs			
Bcc hlm (T/U _T)	Baccharis halimifolia	X	
Iva frt (M _T)	Iva frutescens	X	
Myr crf (U _T /L _T)	Myrica cerifera	X	
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans (trace)	X	

PLANT LIST--MARYLAND

		OCEAN CITY (10T)	ISLE OF WIGHT (2T)
I. UPLAND			
A. Herbaceous Plants			
Crx sp.	Carex sp.	X	X
Elp crl (U)	Elephantopus carolinianus		X
Fst nbr (U _T)	Festuca rubra	X	
Jnc crc (L)	Juncus coriaceus		X
Jnc dch (U/L)	Juncus dichotomus		X
Lnc jpn (U _T)	Lonicera japonica	X	
Mtc rpn (U/L)	Mitchella repens		X
Pnc agr (B/L)	Panicum agrostoides		X
Pnc vrg (B _T /U _T)	Panicum virgatum	X	X
Rbs sp. (U)	Rubus sp.	X	X
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans	X	
Sld smp (B _T /D)	Solidago sempervirens	X	
Spr ptn (M _T /D)	Spartina patens		X
Unl lxa (L)	Uniola laxa	X	X
B. Woody Plants			
1. Trees			
Aml sp.	Amelanchier sp.	X	X
Ilx opc (U)	Ilex opaca	X	X
Lqd sty (L/U)	Liquidambar styraciflua		X
Mls ang (U/L)	Malus angustifolia	X	
Nys syl (U/L)	Nyssa sylvatica	X	
Pns tda (U/L)	Pinus taeda	X	X

PLANT LIST--MARYLAND (cont'd.)

		OCEAN CITY (10T)	ISLE OF WIGHT (2T)
B. Woody Plants			
1. Trees (cont'd.)			
Prn srt (U)	Prunus serotina	X	
Qrc flc (L)	Quercus falcata var. pagodaefolia	X	
Qrc phl (L)	Quercus phellos	X	X
Qrc ngr (L)	Quercus nigra	X	
2. Shrubs			
Bcc hlm (T/U _T)	Baccharis halimifolia	X	
Ilx glb (L/U)	Ilex glabra	X	
Myr crf (U _T /L _T)	Myrica cerifera	X	X
Myr htr (L)	M. heterophylla	X	
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans	X	
Vbr dnt (L)	Viburnum dentatum	X	
3. Vines			
Lnc jpn (U _T)	Lonicera japonica	X	
Sml sp.	Smilax sp.	X	X
Sml rtn (U)	S. rotundifolia		X
Vts sp.	Vitis sp.	X	

II. TRANSITION ZONE

A. Herbaceous Plants

Crx hmt (L _T)	Carex hormathodes(?)		2/2
Dch sp. (U)	Dichanthelium sp.	2/1	

PLANT LIST--MARYLAND (cont'd.)

		OCEAN CITY (10T)	ISLE OF WIGHT (2T)
II. TRANSITION ZONE			
A. Herbaceous Plants (cont'd.)			
Dst spc (M _T)	Distichlis spicata	5/10	3/2
Elc rst (B _T)	Eleocharis rostellata	1/1	
Fmb cst (B _T)	Fimbristylis castanea	2/1	
Fst rbr (U _T)	Festuca rubra	3/5	3/1
Hbs msc (B)	Hibiscus moscheutos		3/1
Jnc dch (U/L)	Juncus dichotomus		2/1
Jnc rnr (M _T)	Juncus roemerianus	3/1	
Lnc jpn (U _T)	Lonicera japonica	5/7	
Phr ast (M _T /L _T)	Phragmites australis	2/1	
Pnc vrg (B _T /U _T)	Panicum virgatum	3/1	5/2
Rbs sp. (U)	Rubus sp.	1/1	2/1
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans	1/1	
Scr amr (B _T)	Scirpus americanus		3/2
Sld smp (B _T /D)	Solidago sempervirens	2/2	4/2
Spr alt (M)	Spartina alterniflora	1/2	
Spr ptn (M _T /D)	Spartina patens	5/9	5/2
Unl lxa (L)	Uniola laxa	2/1	3/2
B. Woody Plants			
1. Trees			
Nys syl (U/L)	Nyssa sylvatica		3/1
Pns tda (U/L)	Pinus taeda		2/1

PLANT LIST--MARYLAND (cont'd.)

		OCEAN CITY (10T)	ISLE OF WIGHT (2T)
B. Woody Plants (cont'd.)			
2. Shrubs			
Bcc hlm (T/U _T)	Baccharis halimifolia	3/10	3/2
Iva frt (M _T)	Iva frutescens	1/6	1/1
Myr crf (U _T /L _T)	Myrica cerifera	1/4	2/2
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans	1/1	1/1
3. Vines			
Lnc jpn (U _T)	Lonicera japonica	1/1	
Sml sp.	Smilax sp.	1/1	
4. Seedlings and small saplings			
Bcc hlm (T/U _T)	Baccharis halimifolia	1/2	1/1
Iva frt (M _T)	Iva frutescens	2/2	
Myr crf (U _T /L _T)	Myrica cerifera	2/3	

III. MARSH

A. Herbaceous Plants

Atr ptl (B _T /U _T)	Atriplex patula	X	
Dst spc (M _T)	Distichlis spicata	X	X
Fst rbr (U _T)	Festuca rubra	X	
Lmn crl (M)	Limonium carolinianum	X	X
Scr amr (B _T)	Scirpus americanus		X
Slc erp (M)	Salicornia europaea	X	X
Spr alt (M)	Spartina alterniflora	X	X
Spr ptn (M _T /D)	Spartina patens	X	X

PLANT LIST--MARYLAND (cont'd.)

		OCEAN CITY (10T)	ISLE OF WIGHT (2T)
III. MARSH (cont'd.)			
B. Woody Plants			
Bcc hlm (T/U _T)	Baccharis halimifolia (seedlings/saplings)	X	X
Iva frt (M _T)	Iva frutescens	X	X
	I. frutescens seedlings	X	

PLANT LIST--DELAWARE

		WOODLAND BEACH (10T)	WHITE CREEK (2T)
I. UPLAND			
A. Herbaceous Plants			
All vnl (U)	Allium vineale	X	
Ath asp (L)	Athyrium asplenioides	X	
Ept rgs (U)	Eupatorium rugosum	X	
Lnc jpn (U _T)	Lonicera japonica	X	
Onc sns (L)	Onoclea sensibilis	X	
Pnc vrg (B _T /U _T)	Panicum virgatum		X
Rbs sp. (U)	Rubus sp.	X	
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans	X	X
Tcr cnd (L _T /D)	Teucrium canadense	X	
Thl pls (B/L)	Thelypteris palustris	X	
B. Woody Plants			
1. Trees			
Cry crd (L/U)	Carya cordiformis	X	
Dsp vrg (U)	Diospyros virginiana	X	
Lqd sty (L/U)	Liquidambar styraciflua	X	
Pns tda (U/L)	Pinus taeda		X
Prn srt (U)	Prunus serotina	X	
Qrc phl (L)	Quercus phellos		X
2. Shrubs			
Bcc hlm (T/U _T)	Baccharis halimifolia		X
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans	X	X

PLANT LIST--DELAWARE (cont'd.)

		WOODLAND BEACH (10T)	WHITE CREEK (2T)
B. Woody Plants			
2. Shrubs (cont'd.)			
Vbr dnt (L)	Viburnum dentatum	X	
Vbr prn (L)	V. prunifolium	X	
3. Vines			
Cmp rdc (U/L)	Campsis radicans	X	
Lnc jpn (U _T)	Lonicera japonica	X	
Prt qnq (U _T)	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	X	
Sml sp.	Smilax sp.		X
Sml glc (L/U)	S. glauca	X	
Sml hsp (L)	S. hispida	X	
Vts rpr (L)	Vitis riparia	X	

II. TRANSITION ZONE

A. Herbaceous Plants

All vnl (U)	Allium vineale	1/1	
Atr ptl (B _T /U _T)	Atriplex patula	3/6	
Dst spc (M _T)	Distichlis spicata		3/1
Ely vrg (L _T /U _T)	Elymus virginicus	1/1	
Lnc jpn (U _T)	Lonicera japonica	5/10	
Phr ast (M _T /L _T)	Phragmites australis	4/2	4/2
Pnc vrg (B _T /U _T)	Panicum virgatum		4/2
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans	1/1	2/1
Rmx crs (U)	Rumex crispus	1/1	

PLANT LIST--DELAWARE (cont'd.)

WOODLAND
BEACH
(10T)

WHITE
CREEK
(2T)

II. TRANSITION ZONE

A. Herbaceous Plants (cont'd.)

Rbs sp. (U)	Rubus sp.	2/1	
Scr rbs (B _T)	Scirpus robustus	3/3	
Sld smp (B _T /D)	Solidago sempervirens	2/3	
Spr alt (M)	Spartina alterniflora	2/2	
Spr cyn (B _T)	Spartina cynosuroides	5/5	
Spr ptn (M _T /D)	Spartina patens		5/2
Tcr cnd (L _T /D)	Teucrium canadense	2/2	
Typ ang (B/F)	Typha angustifolia	2/2	

B. Woody Plants

1. Trees

Dsp vrg (U)	Diospyros virginiana	3/1	
Lqd sty (L/U)	Liquidambar styraciflua	2/1	
Nys syl (U/L)	Nyssa sylvatica	2/1	

2. Shrubs

Bcc hlm (T/U _T)	Baccharis halimifolia	2/5	4/2
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans	1/1	1/1

3. Vines

Cmp rdc (U/L)	Campsis radicans	1/1	
Lnc jpn (U _T)	Lonicera japonica	1/5	

PLANT LIST--DELAWARE (cont'd.)

		WOODLAND BEACH (10T)	WHITE CREEK (2T)
II. TRANSITION ZONE (cont'd.)			
4. Seedlings			
Bcc hlm (T/U _T)	Baccharis halimifolia		1/1
Iva frt (M _T)	Iva frutescens		1/1
III. MARSH			
A. Herbaceous Plants			
Amr cnn (B)	Amaranthus cannabinus	X	
Ast sbl (B)	Aster subulatus	X	
Atr ptl (B _T /U _T)	Atriplex patula	X	X
Dst spc (M _T)	Distichlis spicata		X
Phr ast (M _T /L _T)	Phragmites australis	X	
Ply sp. (M/D)	Polygonum sp.	X	
Pnc vrg (B _T /U _T)	Panicum virgatum	X	
Scr rbs (B _T)	Scirpus robustus	X	
Sld smp (B _T /D)	Solidago sempervirens	X	
Spr alt (M)	Spartina alterniflora	X	X
Spr cyn (B _T)	Spartina cynosuroides	X	
Spr ptn (M _T /D)	Spartina patens		X
Typ ang (B/F)	Typha angustifolia	X	
B. Woody Plants			
Bcc hlm (T/U _T)	Baccharis halimifolia		X
Iva frt (M _T)	Iva frutescens		X

PLANT LIST--EASTERN SHORE, VIRGINIA

		FINNEY CR. (11T)	PARRAMORE IS. (2T)	CEDAR IS. (2T)	MOSQUITO CR. (2T)
I. UPLAND					
A. Herbaceous Plants					
All vnl (U)	Allium vineale	X			
Amb art (U)	Ambrosia artemisiifolia	X			
Apc cnn (U)	Apocynum cannabinum				X
Asp off (U _T)	Asparagus officinalis	X			
Atr ptl (B _T /U _T)	Atriplex patula	X			
Brm cmm (U)	Bromus commutatus	X			
Cly spm (U _T /L _T)	Calystegia sepium	X		X	
Crx sp. (L)	Carex sp.	X		X	X
Cyn dct (U/L)	Cynodon dactylon	X			
Cyp sp. (L)	Cyperus sp.			X	
Dst spc (M _T)	Distichlis spicata (trace)	X			
Ely vrg (L _T /U _T)	Elymus virginicus	X			X
Erc hrc (U _T)	Erechtites hieracifolia	X			X
Fst rbr (U _T)	Festuca rubra	X	X	X	X
Gnp obt (U)	Gnaphalium obtusifolium			X	
Jnc dch (U/L)	Juncus dichotomus				X
Lct cnd (U)	Lactuca canadensis	X			
Lct scr (U)	Lactuca scariola	X			
Lgs snn (U)	Ligustrum sinense	X			
Lnc jpn (U _T)	Lonicera japonica	X			X

PLANT LIST--EASTERN SHORE, VIRGINIA (cont'd.)

		FINNEY CR. (11T)	PARRAMORE IS. (2T)	CEDAR IS. (2T)	MOSQUITO CR. (2T)
I. UPLAND					
A. Herbaceous Plants (cont'd.)					
Opn cmp (U)	Opuntia compressa			X	
Phy amr (U)	Phytolacca americana	X			X
Poa prt (U)	Poa pratensis	X	X		
Rbs cnf (U)	Rubus cuneifolius	X			
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans	X	X	X	X
Rmx act (U)	Rumex acetosella			X	
Rmx crs (U)	Rumex crispus	X			
Sld alt (U)	Solidago altissima	X			
Sld grm (L _T)	Solidago graminifolia	X			X
Sld smp (B _T /D)	Solidago sempervirens	X			X
Sln amr (U)	Solanum americanum	X			
Smb cnd (L)	Sambucus canadensis				X
Spr ptn (M _T /D)	Spartina patens	X		X	
Tcr cnd (L _T /D)	Teucrium canadense	X			
Unl lxa (L)	Uniola laxa			X	
Vca ang (U)	Vicia angustifolia	X			
B. Woody Plants					
1. Trees					
Acr rbr (L/U)	Acer rubrum				X
Ilx opc (U)	Ilex opaca		X		

PLANT LIST--EASTERN SHORE, VIRGINIA (cont'd.)

		FINNEY CR. (11T)	PARRAMORE IS. (2T)	CEDAR IS. (2T)	MOSQUITO CR. (2T)
B. Woody Plants					
1. Trees (cont'd.)					
Jnp vrg (U _T)	Juniperus virginiana	X	X	X	X
Mls pml (U)	Malus pumila	X			
Pns tda (U/L)	Pinus taeda	X	X		
Prn srt (U)	Prunus serotina	X	X	X	X
Prs pls (L)	Persea palustris		X		
Qrc phl (L)	Quercus phellos	X			
Sss alb (U)	Sassafras albidum				X
2. Shrubs					
Bcc hlm (T/U _T)	Baccharis halimifolia (seedlings)	X		X	
Myr crf (U _T /L _T)	Myrica cerifera	X	X	X	X
Myr pns (L/D)	Myrica pensylvanica			X	
3. Vines					
Cmp rdc (U/L)	Campsis radicans	X			
Lnc jpn (U _T)	Lonicera japonica	X			X
Prt qnq (U _T)	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	X	X	X	X
Sml b-n (U)	Smilax bona-nox		X		
Vts rtn (L/U)	Vitis rotundifolia				X

PLANT LIST--EASTERN SHORE, VIRGINIA (cont'd.)

		FINNEY CR.	PARRAMORE IS.	CEDAR IS.	MOSQUITO CR.
		(11T)	(2T)	(2T)	(2T)
II. TRANSITION ZONE					
A. Herbaceous Plants					
Amb art (U)	Ambrosia artemisiifolia	1/3			
Asp off (U _T)	Asparagus officinalis	2/2			1/1
Atr ptl (B _T /U _T)	Atriplex patula	3/7			
Chn amb (U _T)	Chenopodium ambrosioides	2/1			
Cly spm (U _T /L _T)	Calystegia sepium	2/2		1/1	3/1
Cyp rtr (U)	Cyperus retrorsus	1/1			
Dst spc (M _T)	Distichlis spicata	4/6	3/1	4/1	4/1
Ely vrg (L _T /U _T)	Elymus virginicus	3/8			3/1
Ept cpl (U)	Eupatorium capillifolium	1/1			
Erc hrc (U _T)	Erechtites hieracifolia				2/1
Fst rbr (U _T)	Festuca rubra	3/5	5/2	4/2	4/2
Gnp obt (U)	Gnaphalium obtusifolium	1/1		1/2	
Jnc grr (M _T)	Juncus gerardi	4/9		5/1	5/2
Lct cnd (U)	Lactuca canadensis	2/3			
Lct scr (U)	Lactuca scariola	2/3			
Lnc jpn (U _T)	Lonicera japonica	3/3			3/2
Lpd vrg (U)	Lepidium virginicum	1/1			
Phy amr (U)	Phytolacca americana	2/3			
Pnc vrg (B _T /U _T)	Panicum virgatum				4/1
Rbs arg (U)	Rubus argutus				1/1

PLANT LIST--EASTERN SHORE, VIRGINIA (cont'd.)

		FINNEY CR.	PARRAMORE IS.	CEDAR IS.	MOSQUITO CR.
		(11T)	(2T)	(2T)	(2T)
II. TRANSITION ZONE					
A. Herbaceous Plants (cont'd.)					
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans	1/3	1/2	3/2	5/2
Rmx crs (U)	Rumex crispus	2/2			1/1
Scr amr (B _T)	Scirpus americanus			3/1	3/1
Sld grm (L _T)	Solidago graminifolia	1/1			4/1
Sld smp (B _T /D)	Solidago sempervirens	1/1			3/2
Smb cnd (L)	Sambucus canadensis				1/1
Spr ptn (M _T /D)	Spartina patens	5/11	5/2	4/2	3/2
Str gnc (U _T)	Setaria geniculata				3/2
Str sp. (U _T /D)	Strophostyles sp.				1/1
Tcr cnd (L _T /D)	Teucrium canadense	2/4	3/1		3/1
B. Woody Plants					
1. Trees					
Jnp vrg (U _T)	Juniperus virginiana	1/1		4/1	
Pns tda (U/L)	Pinus taeda (one tree)	2/1			
2. Shrubs					
Bcc hlm (T/U _T)	Baccharis halimifolia	3/7	1/1		3/1
Brr frt (M _T)	Borrichia frutescens	1/1			
Iva frt (M _T)	Iva frutescens	1/2	2/1		
Myr crf (U _T /L _T)	Myrica cerifera		3/1	1/1	3/1

PLANT LIST--EASTERN SHORE, VIRGINIA (cont'd.)

		FINNEY CR. (11T)	PARRAMORE IS. (2T)	CEDAR IS. (2T)	MOSQUITO CR. (2T)
B. Woody Plants (cont'd.)					
3. Vines					
Cmp rdc (U/L)	Campsis radicans	1/1			
Prt qnq (U _T)	Parthenocissus quinquefolia		1/1	1/1	2/2
Sml b-n (U)	Smilax bona-nox		1/1		
4. Seedlings and small saplings					
Bcc hlm (T/U _T)	Baccharis halimifolia	2/5		3/2	2/2
Iva frt (M _T)	Iva frutescens	2/5	2/1	3/2	X/1
Jnp vrg (U _T)	Juniperus virginiana	1/1		1/2	1/2
Myr sp.	Myrica sp.			2/2	3/2
Pns tda (U/L)	Pinus taeda	1/2			
Prn srt (U)	Prunus serotina	2/4	1/1		1/1

III. MARSH

A. Herbaceous Plants

Atr ptl (B _T /U _T)	Atriplex patula	X		X	X
Dst spc (M _T)	Distichlis spicata	X	X	X	X
Fst rbr (U _T)	Festuca rubra	X		X	
Hbs msc (B)	Hibiscus moscheutos		X		
Jnc grr (M _T)	Juncus gerardi	X		X	X
Kst vrg (B)	Kosteletskya virginica		X		
Lmn crl (M)	Limonium carolinianum	X			X

PLANT LIST--EASTERN SHORE, VIRGINIA (cont'd.)

FINNEY CR. (11T) PARRAMORE IS. (2T) CEDAR IS. (2T) MOSQUITO CR. (2T)

III. MARSH

A. Herbaceous Plants (cont'd.)

Scr amr (B _T)	Scirpus americanus				X
Scr oln (M)	Scirpus olneyi				X
Scr rbs (B _T)	Scirpus robustus		X		
Slc sp. (M)	Salicornia sp.	X			X
Slc erp (M)	S. europaea	X		X	
Slc vrg (M)	S. virginica	X	X		
Spr alt (M)	Spartina alterniflora	X	X	X	X
Spr ptn (M _T /D)	Spartina patens	X	X	X	X

B. Shrubs

Brr frt (M _T)	Borrichia frutescens	X			
Iva frt (M _T)	Iva frutescens	X	X	X	X

C. Woody seedlings and/or small saplings

1. Trees

Jnp vrg (U _T)	Juniperus virginiana	X	X		X
Pns tda (U/L)	Pinus taeda				X
Prn srt (U)	Prunus serotina		X		

2. Shrubs

Bcc hlm (T/U _T)	Baccharis halimifolia	X	X	X	X
Iva frt (M _T)	Iva frutescens	X	X	X	X

PLANT LIST--EASTERN SHORE, VIRGINIA (cont'd.)

		FINNEY CR. (11T)	PARRAMORE IS. (2T)	CEDAR IS. (2T)	MOSQUITO CR. (2T)
C. Woody seedlings and/or small saplings					
2. Shrubs (cont'd.)					
Myr sp.	Myrica sp.		X		X
Prn srt (U)	Prunus serotina		X		
Rhs rdc (U _T /L _T)	Rhus radicans		X		

APPENDIX B

PROFILE MEASUREMENTS ON
MARSH SURVEY TRANSECTS

EXPLANATION OF PROFILE DATA

Ground Elevation Profiles

The large upper box in each of the graphs in this appendix contains the ground elevation profile measured along each transect. Ordinate values are heights above mean high water in centimeters wherever the letters MHW appear at the zero position of the vertical scale; otherwise the elevational datum is arbitrary. A scale of 0 to 50 meters is shown at the bottom of each page with distance increasing toward the marsh. Vertical exaggeration in height-distance scaling is 8:1. The site name and transect number are shown in the upper right corner of the box.

Percent Coverage/Basal Area Histograms

Each box below the elevation profile contains either a percent coverage or a basal area histogram representing a given plant species and based on field data tabulations (see Field Methods Section, p. 6). Ordinate values are 0 to 100% for herbaceous plant coverage estimates within each 50 x 50 cm quadrat and 0 to 50 cm² for basal area of trees and shrubs measured within each 2 x 2 m quadrat. The basal area histograms have a distance interval width of 2 meters and are shaded. Basal areas of less than 1 cm² are indicated by a plus symbol (+) as are coverage estimates of less than 2.5%.

Abbreviated names of plants and their habitat symbols are shown on the right of each of the smaller boxes. A key to the abbreviation of plant names is contained in the plant lists of Appendix A; habitat symbols are explained in Table 7 of Appendix A.

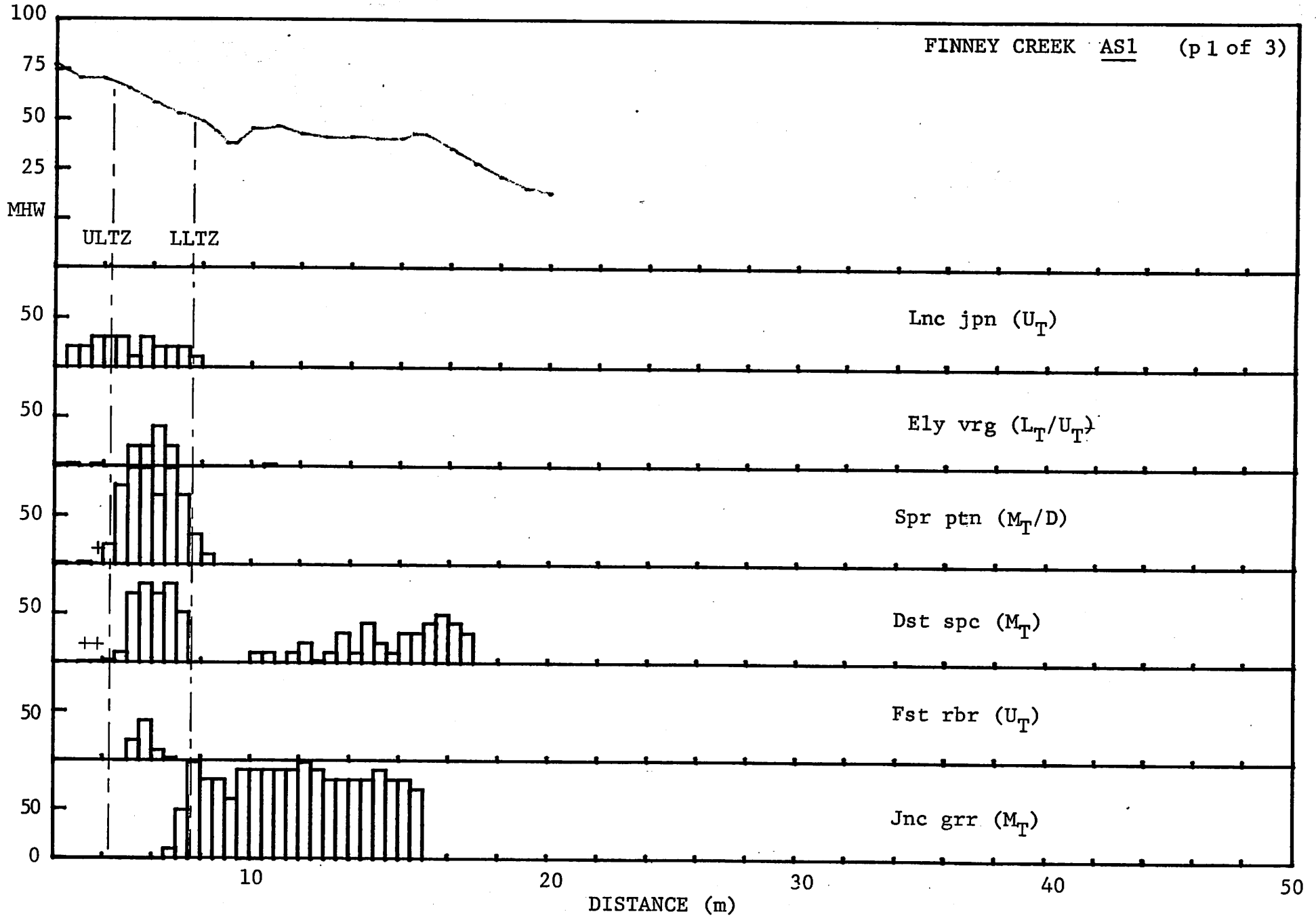
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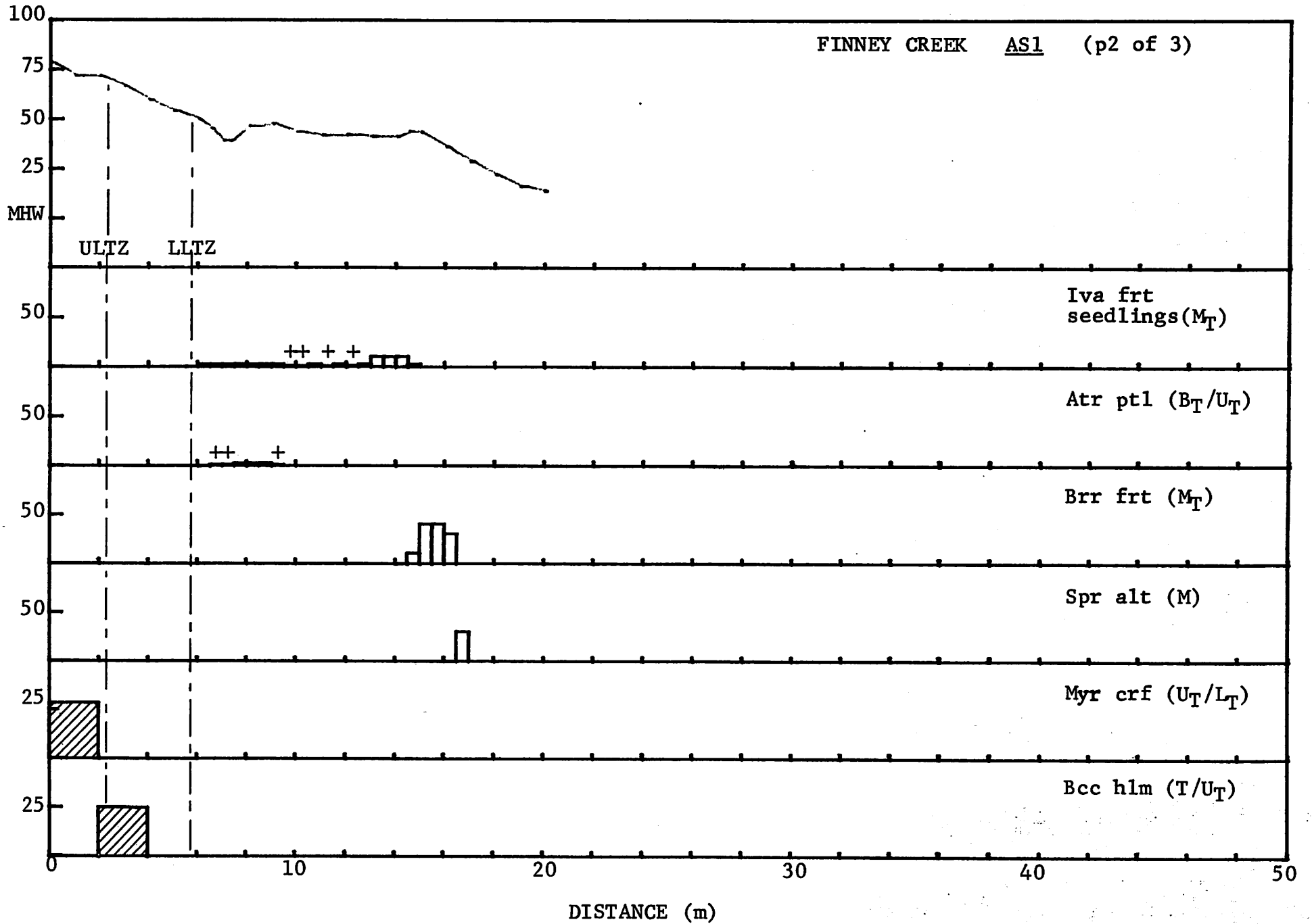
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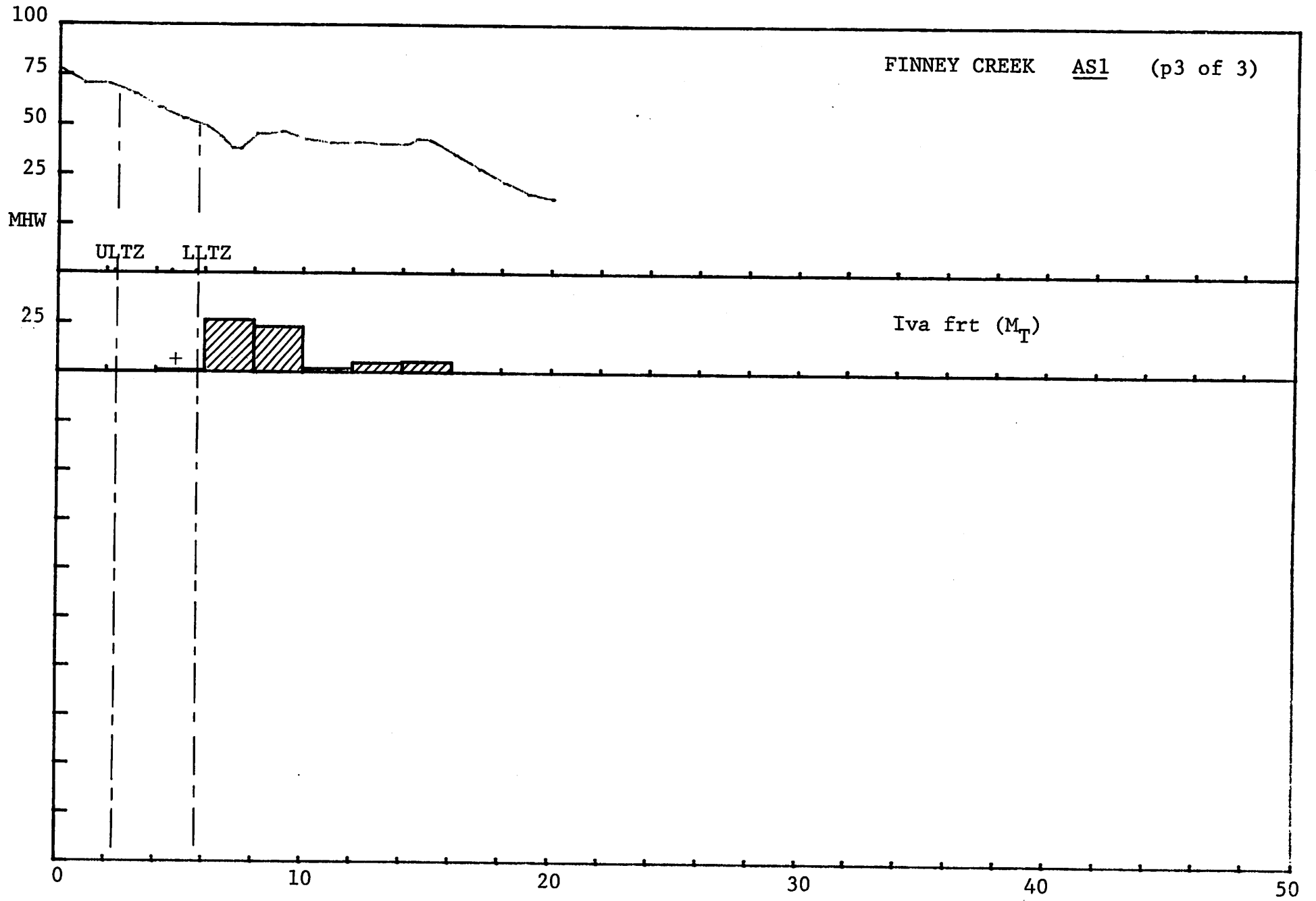
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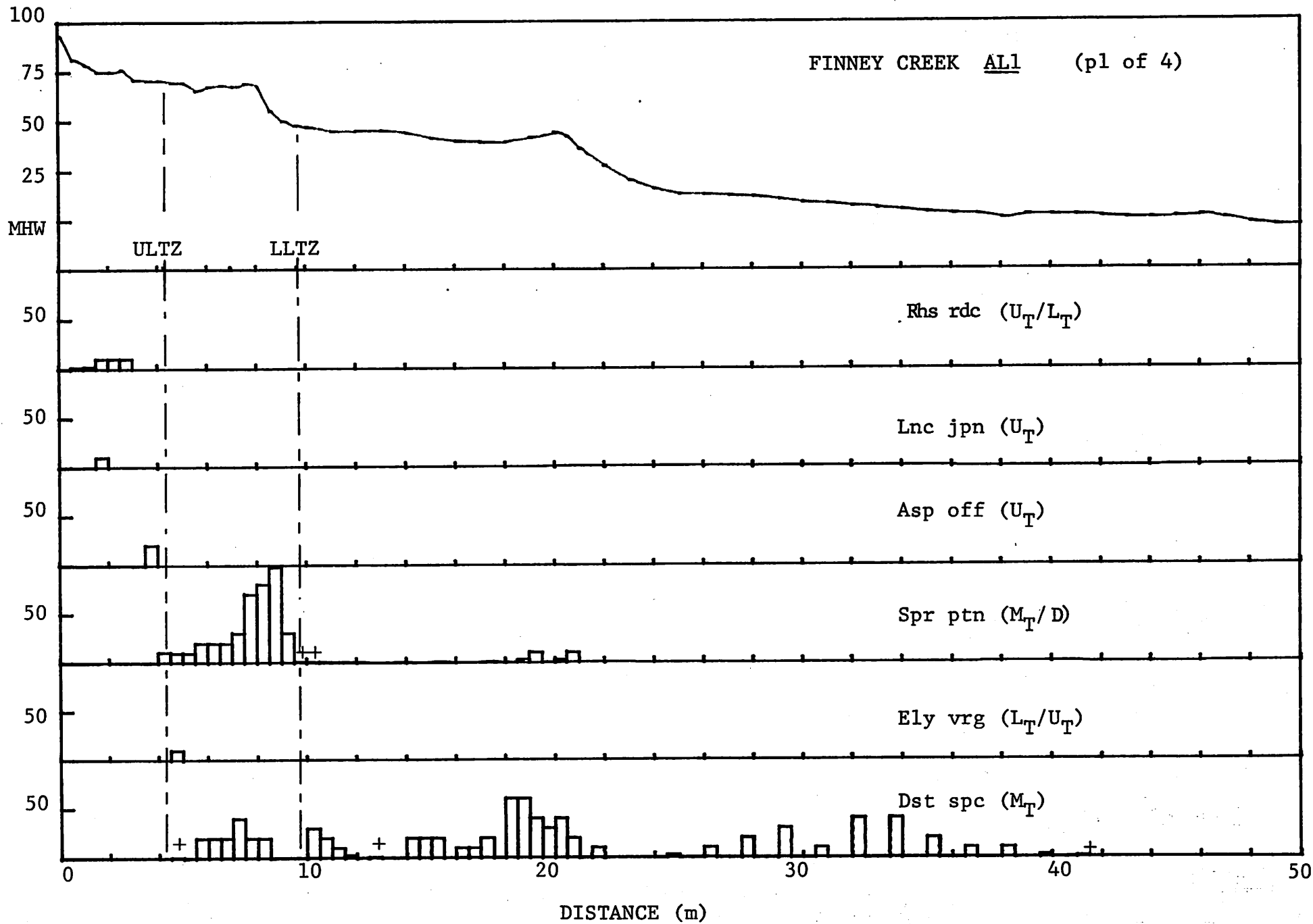
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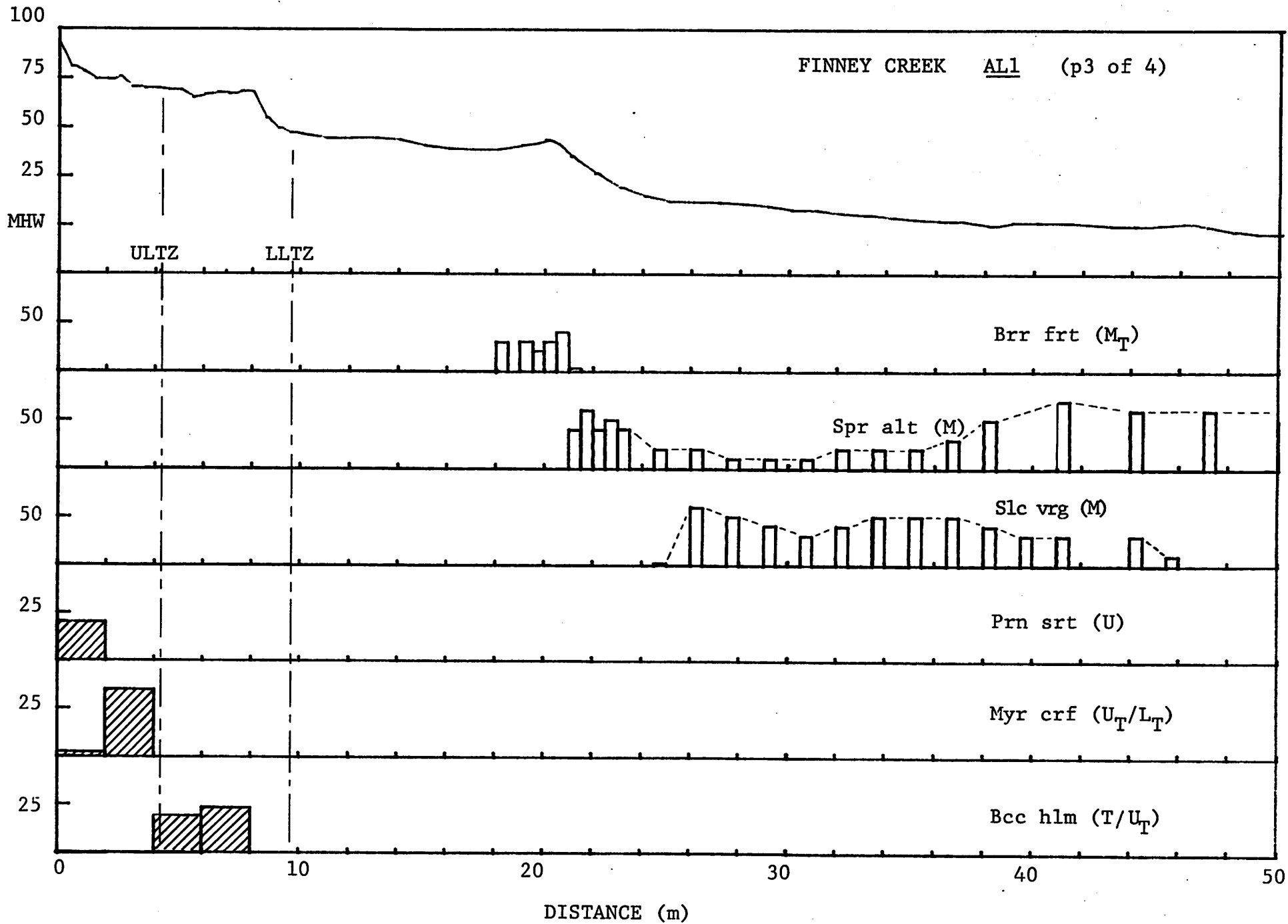
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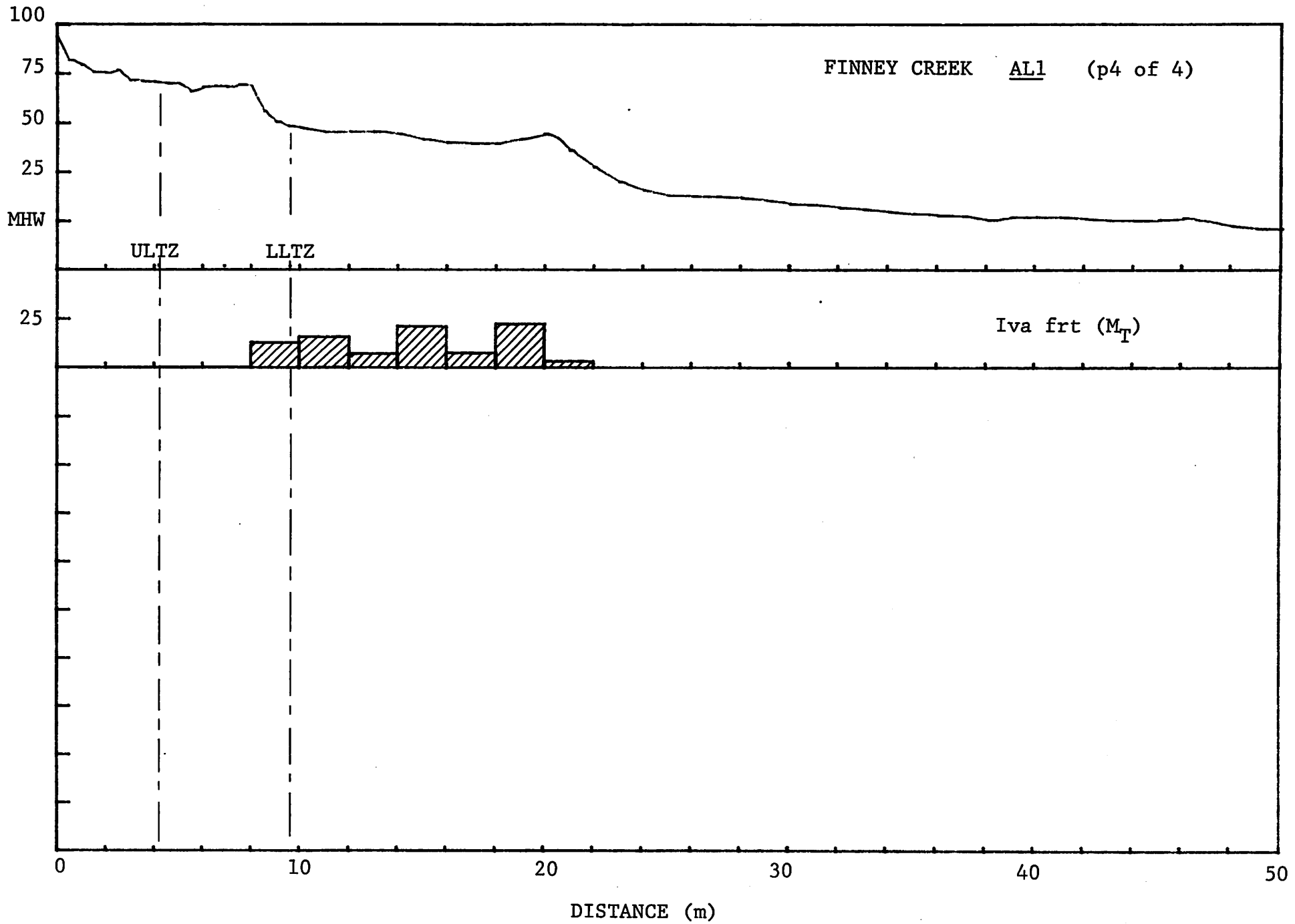


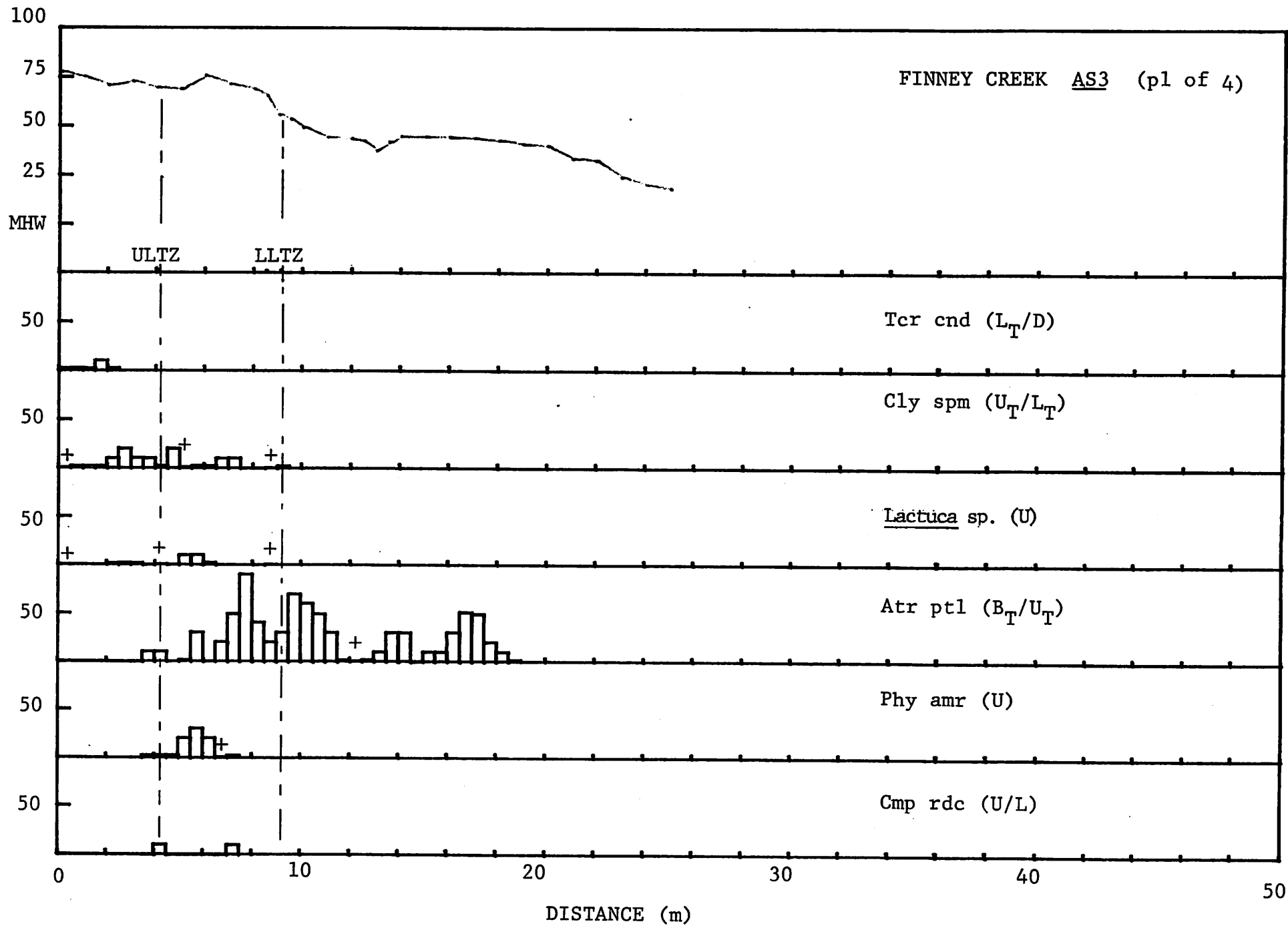


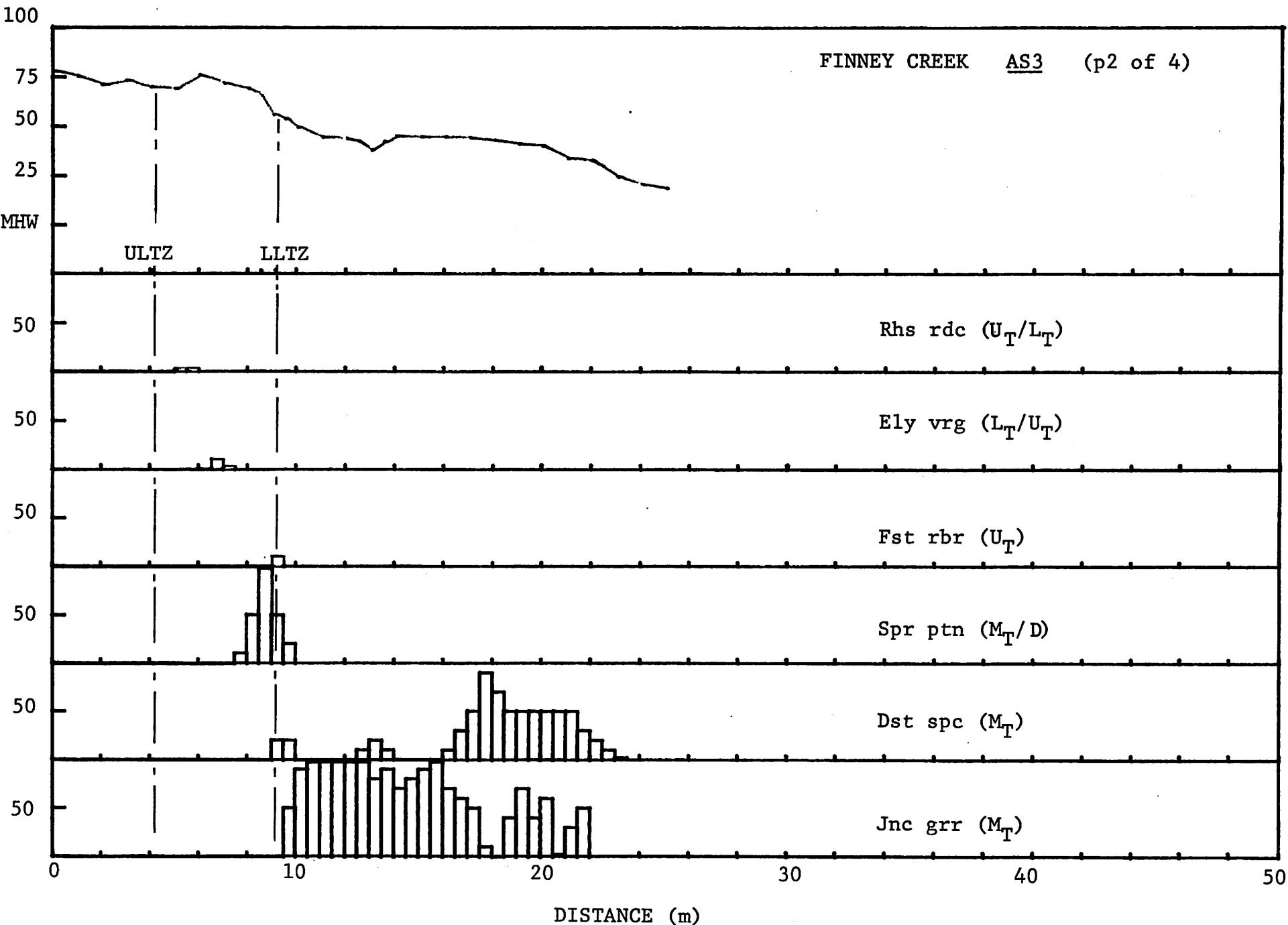


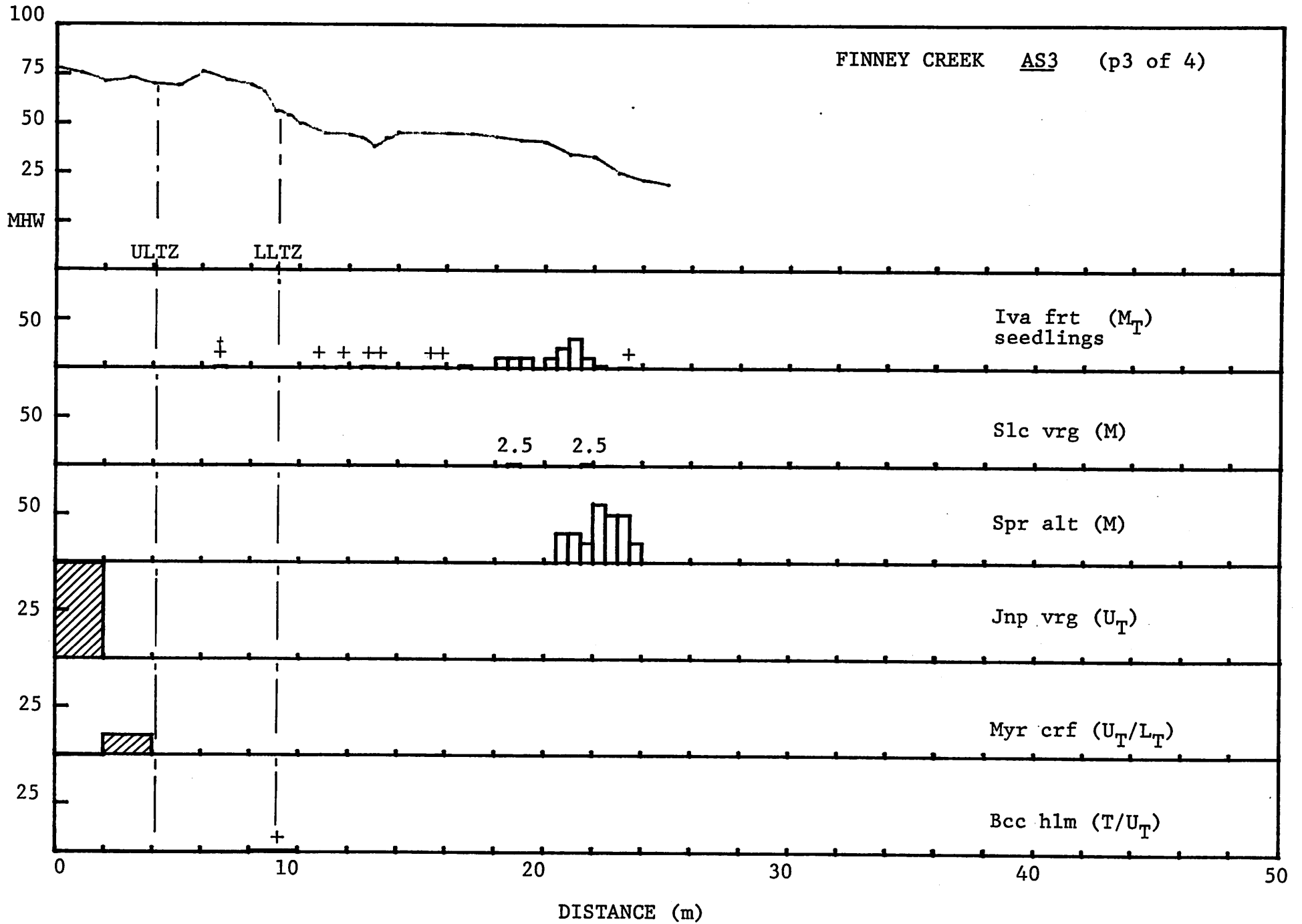


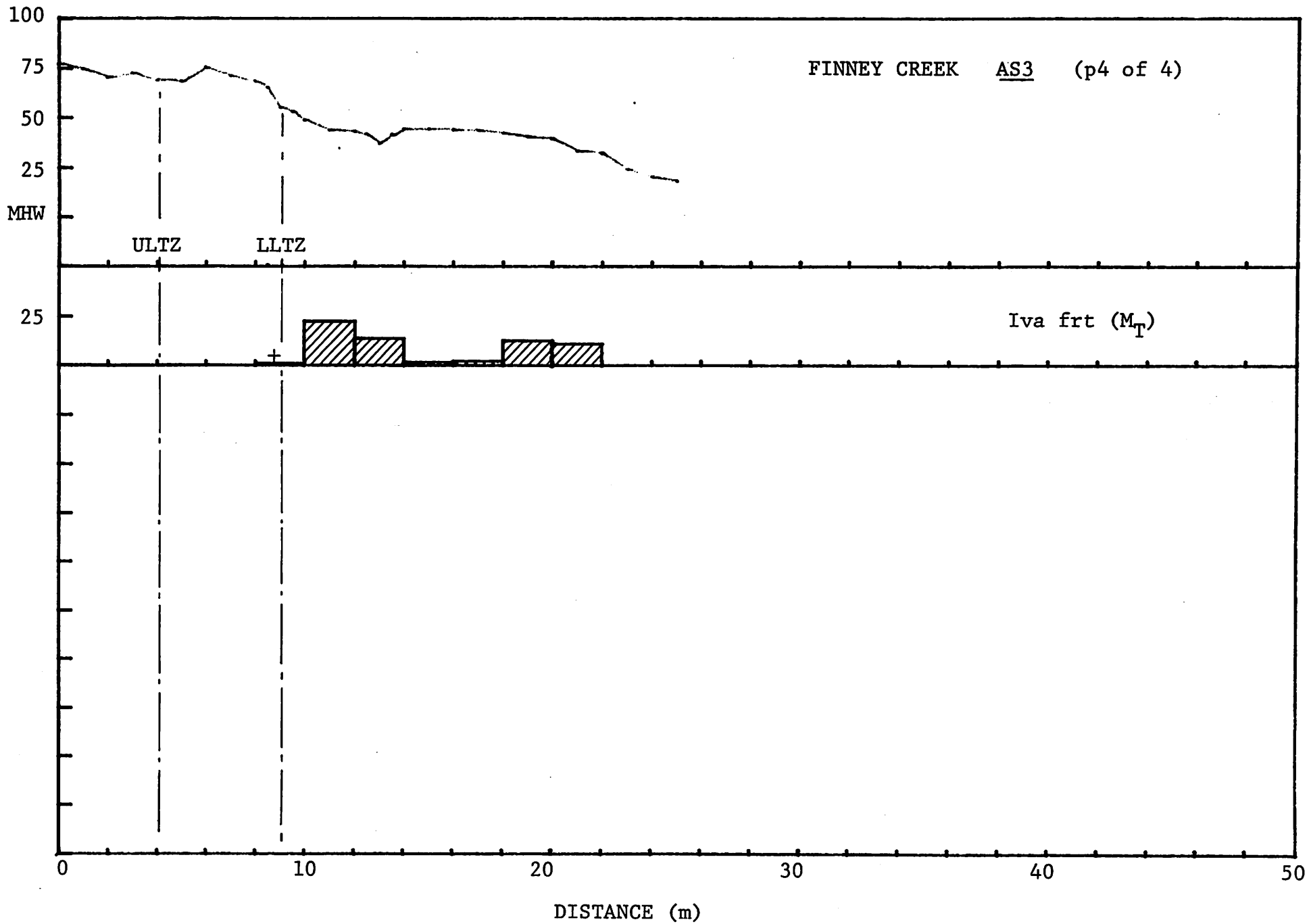


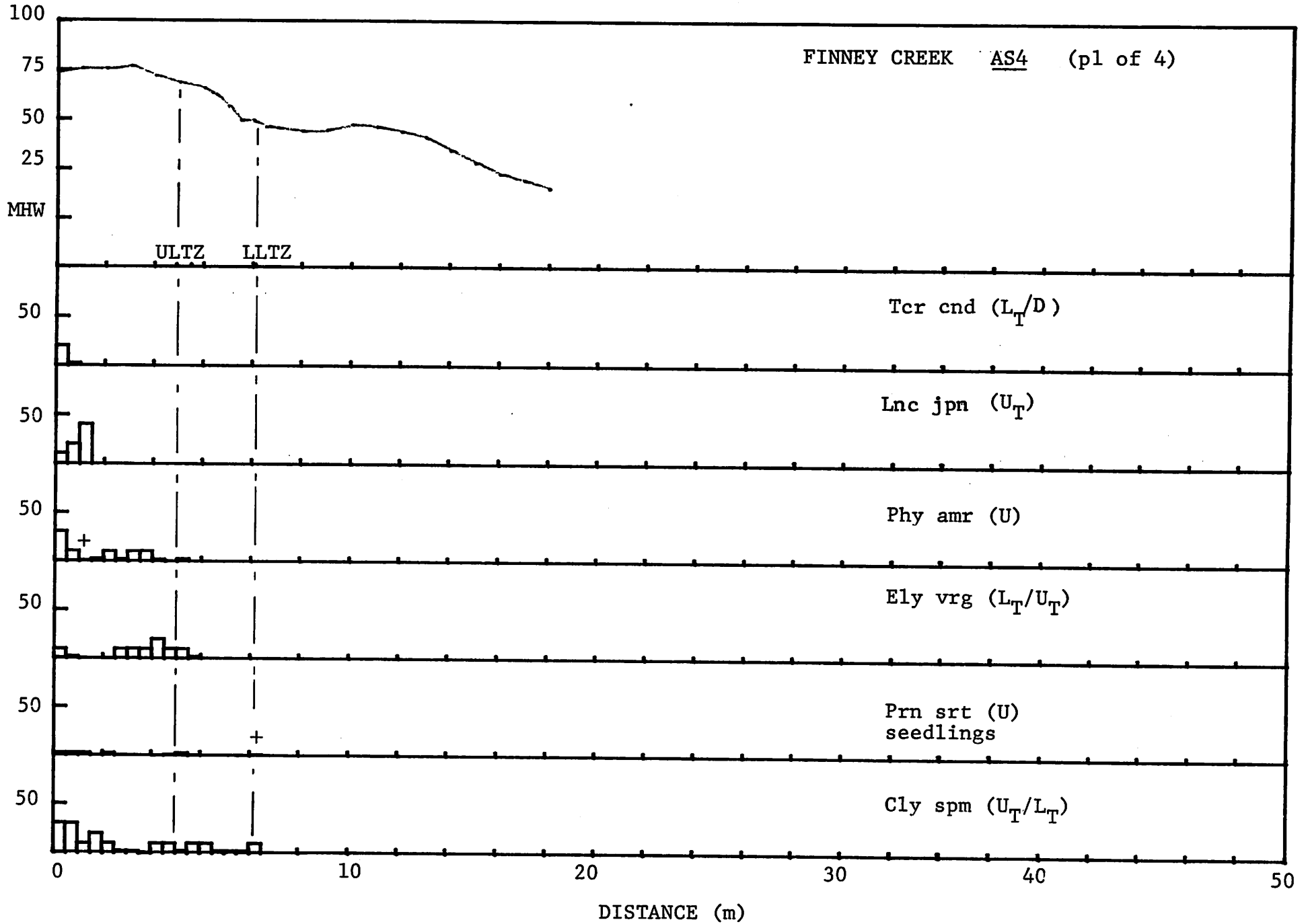


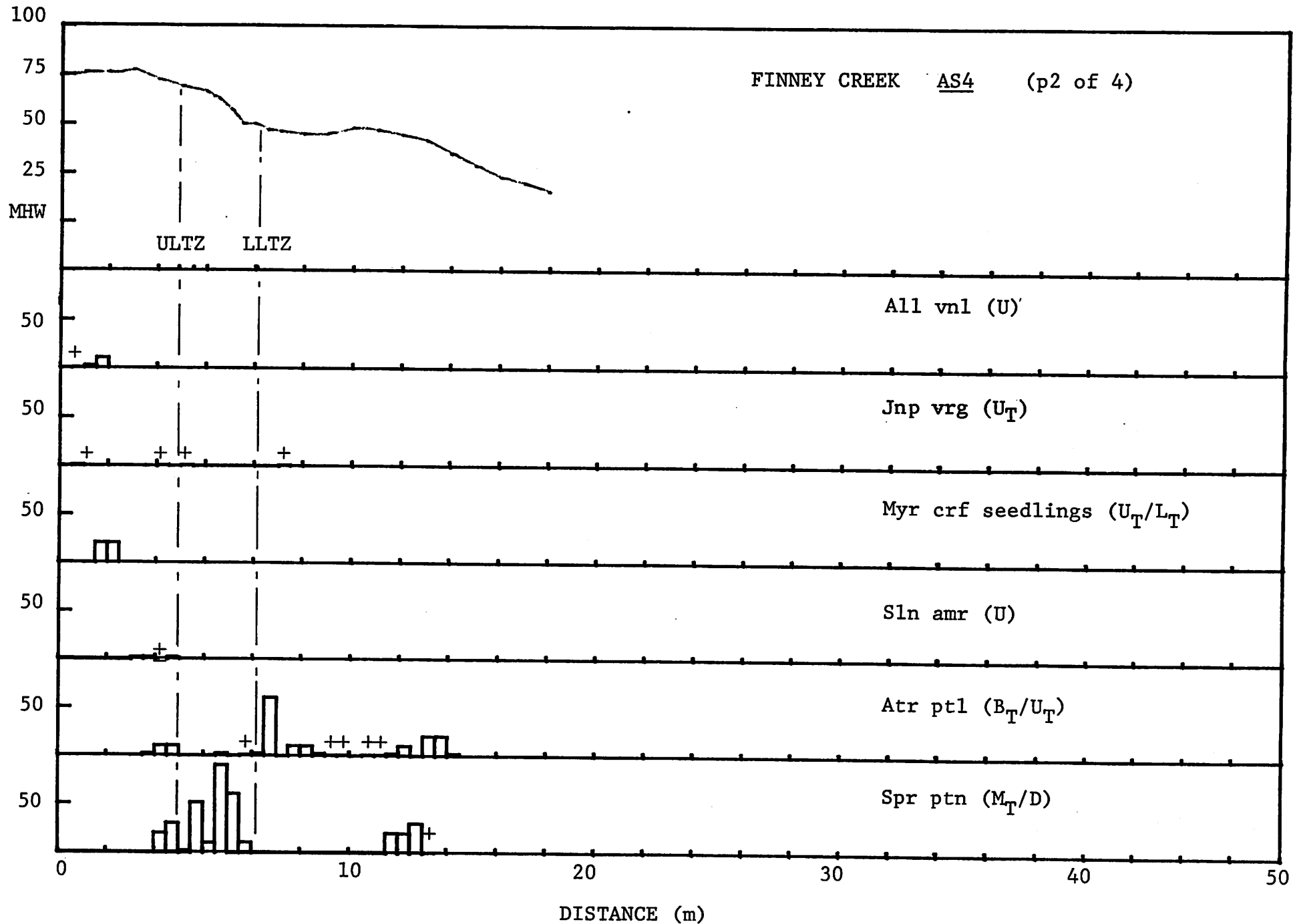


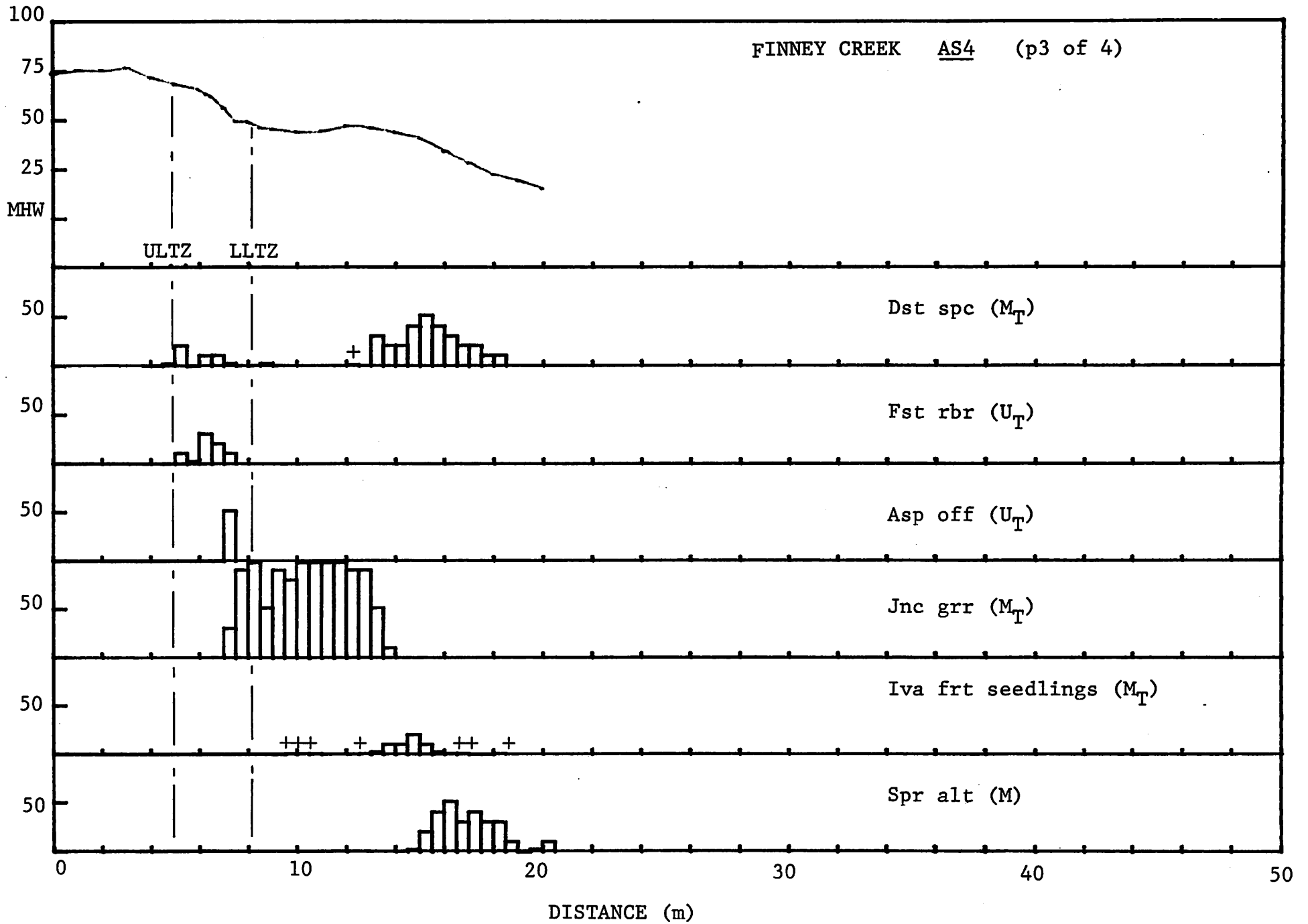


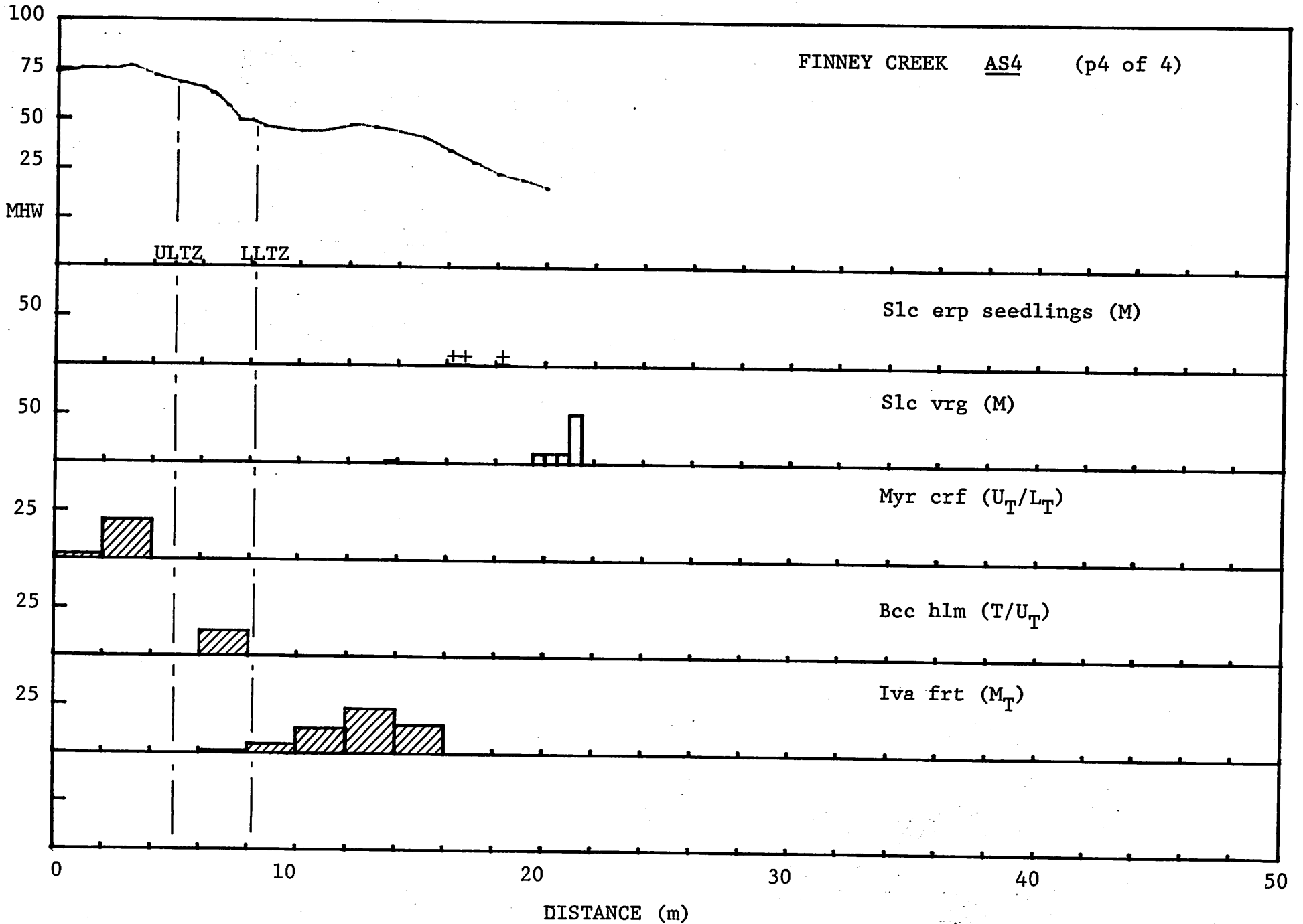


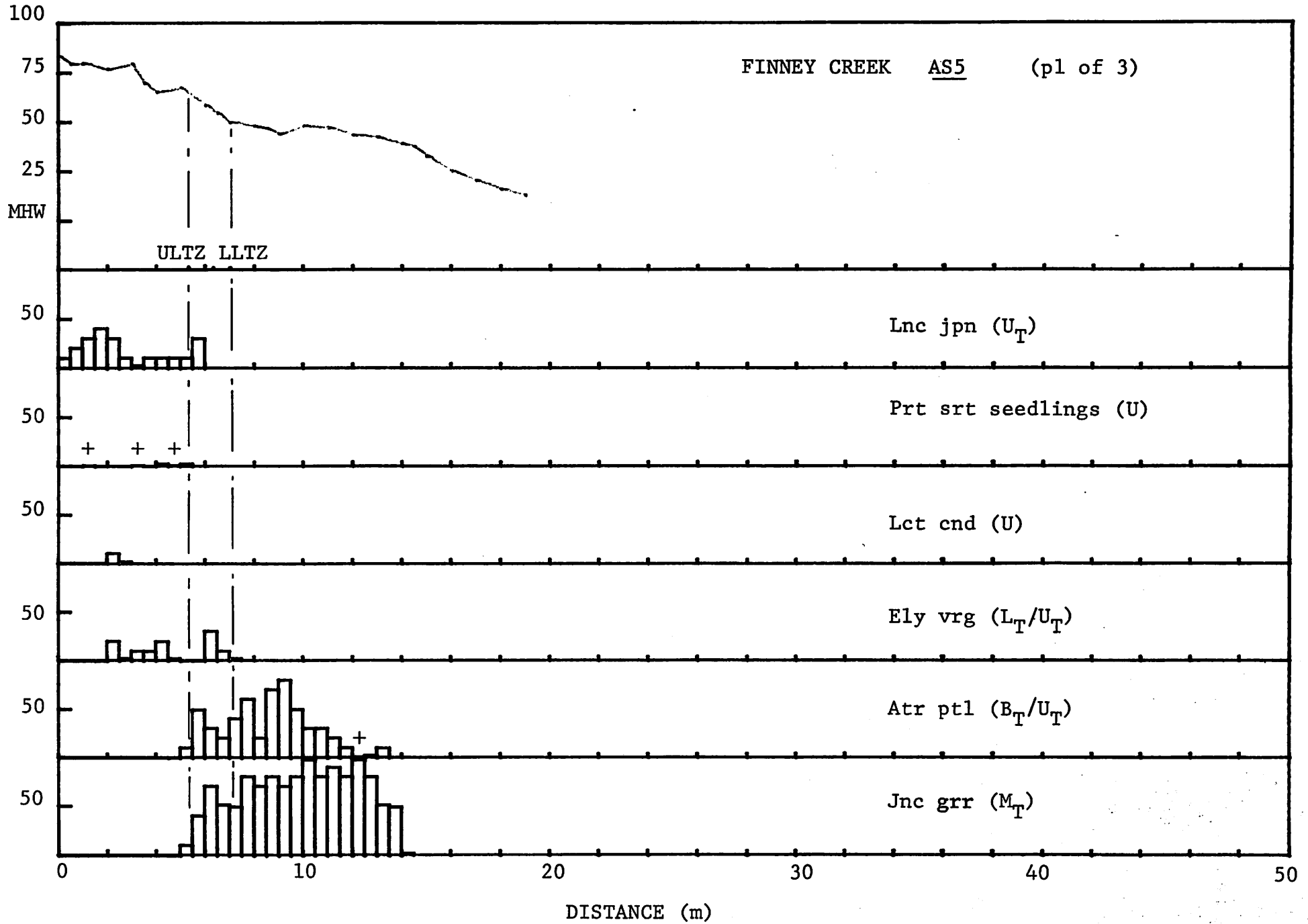


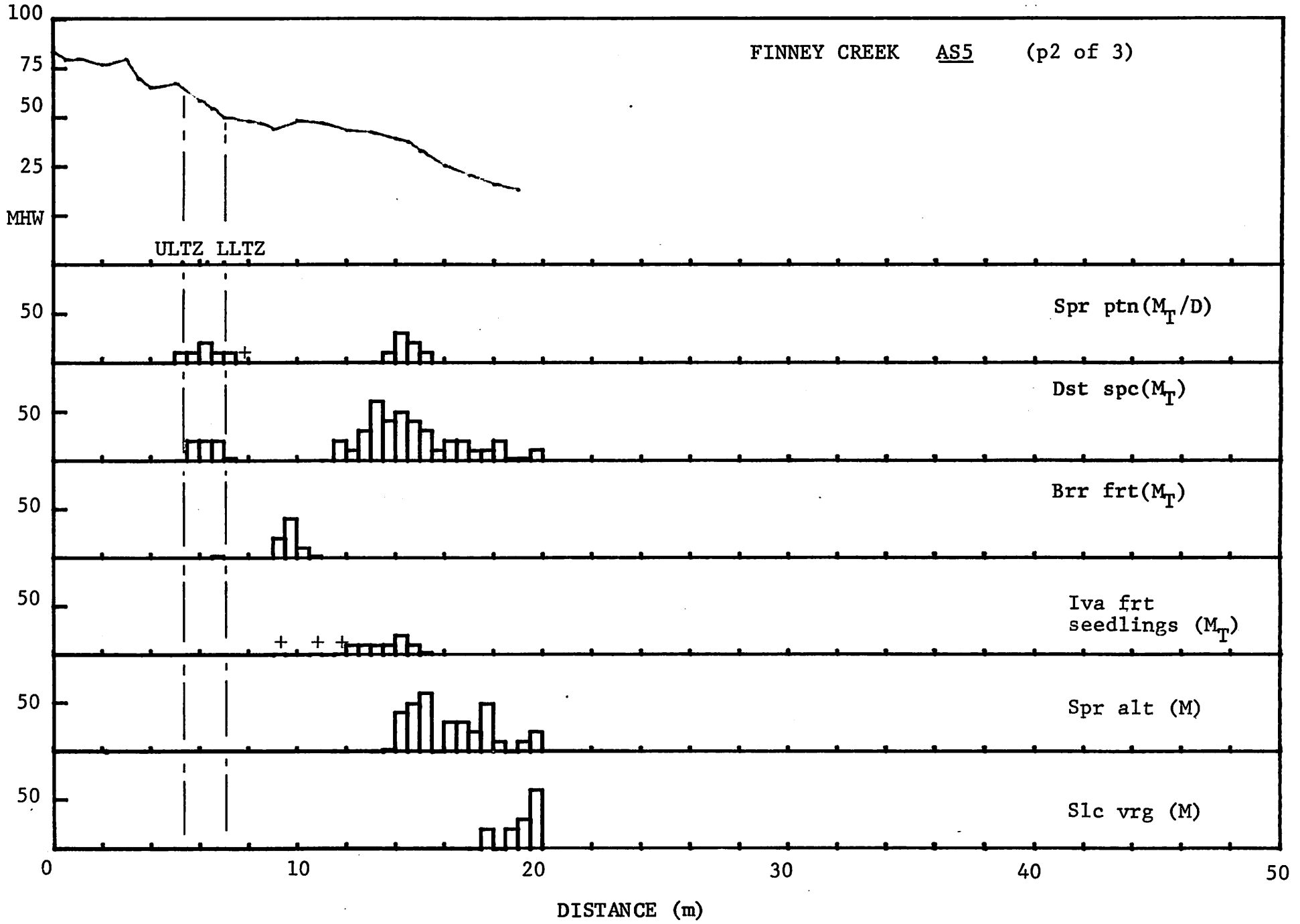


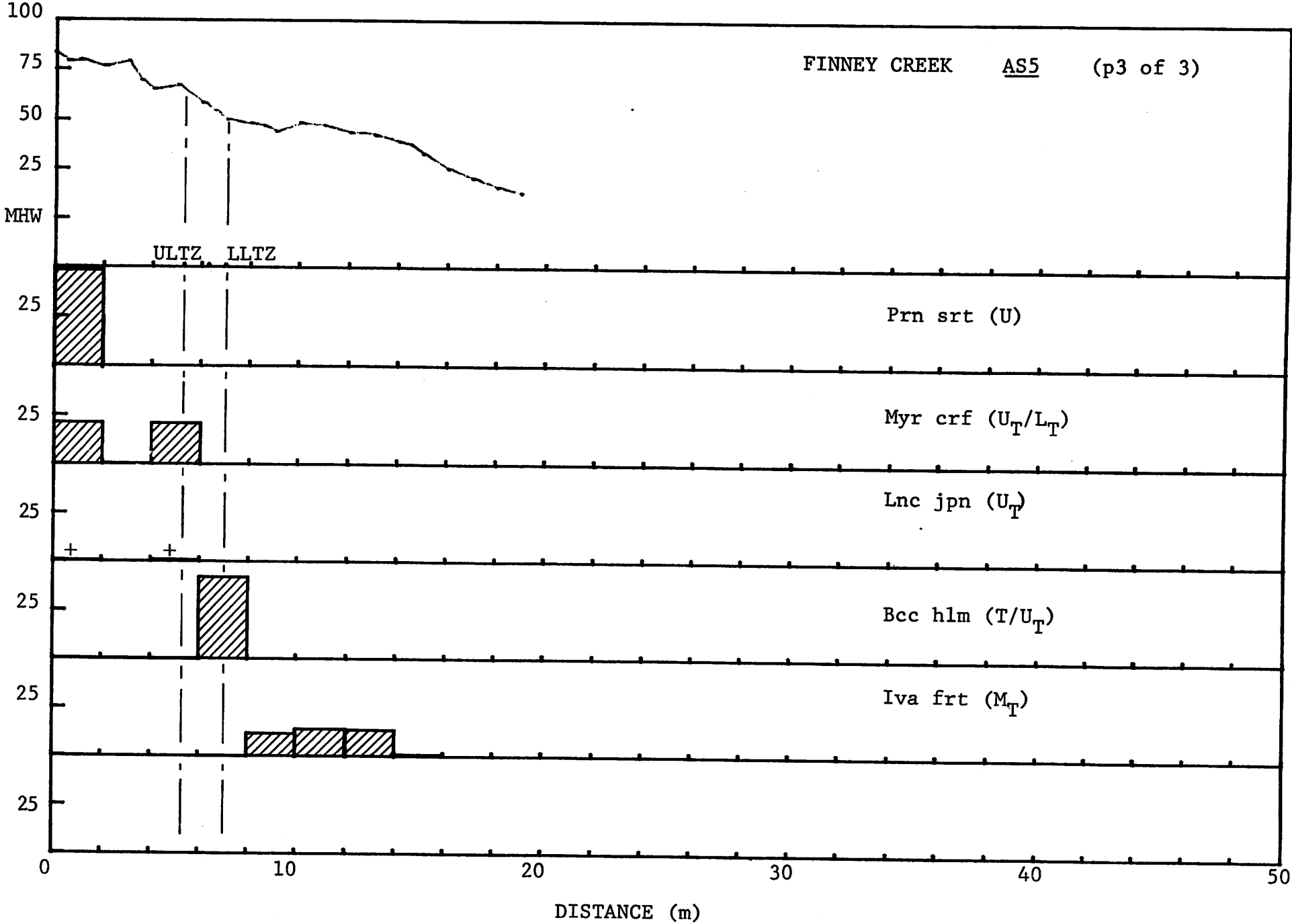


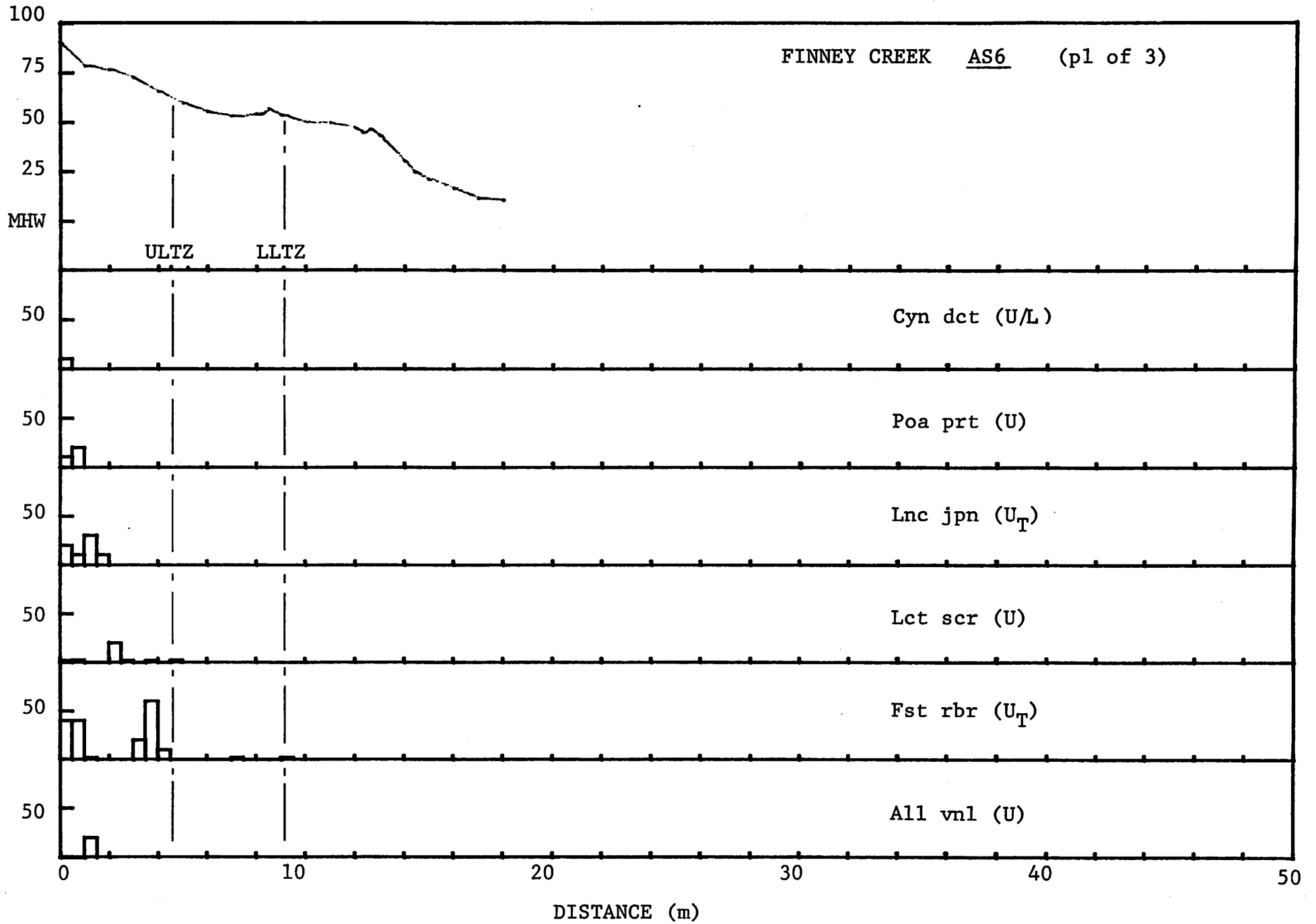


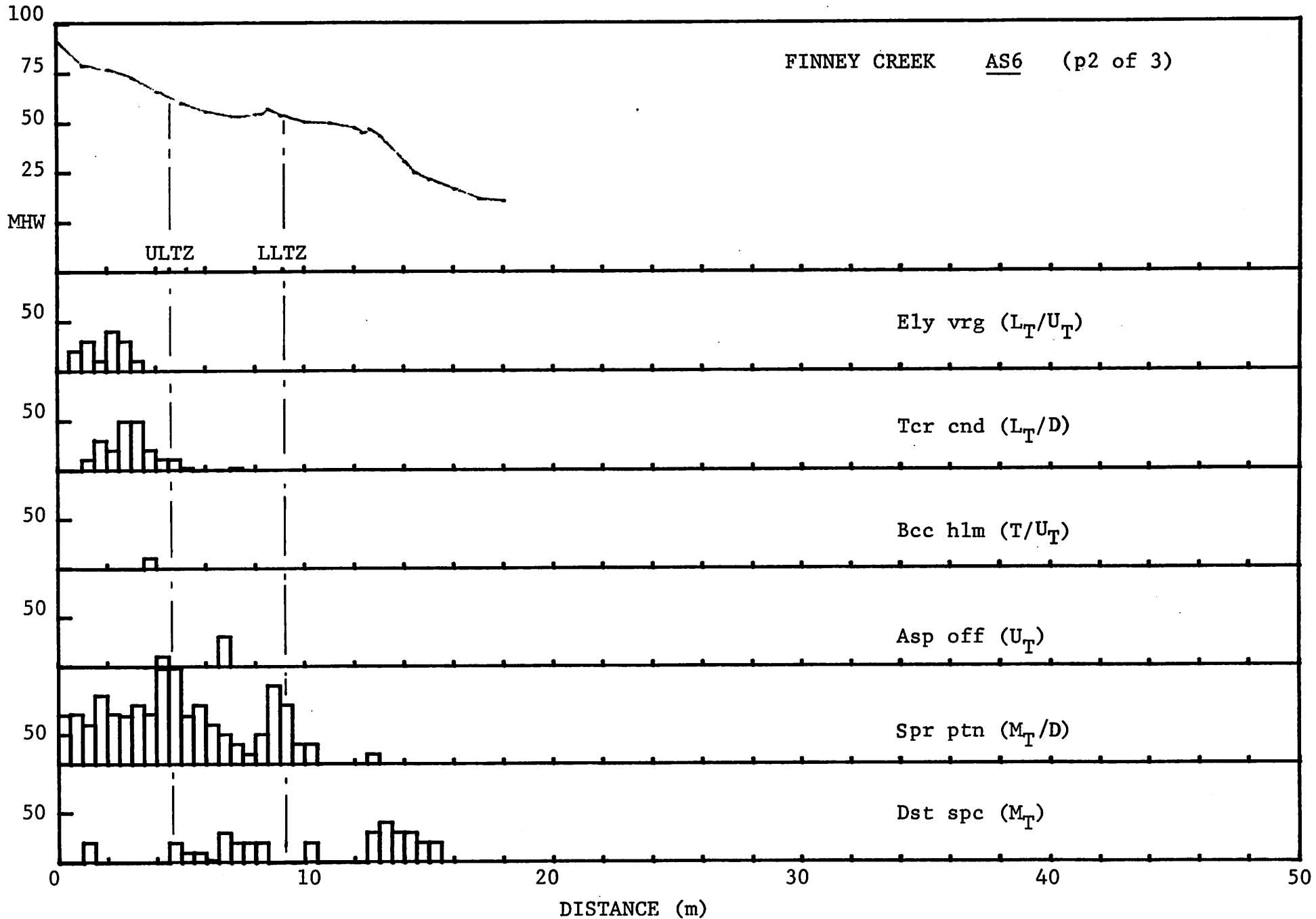


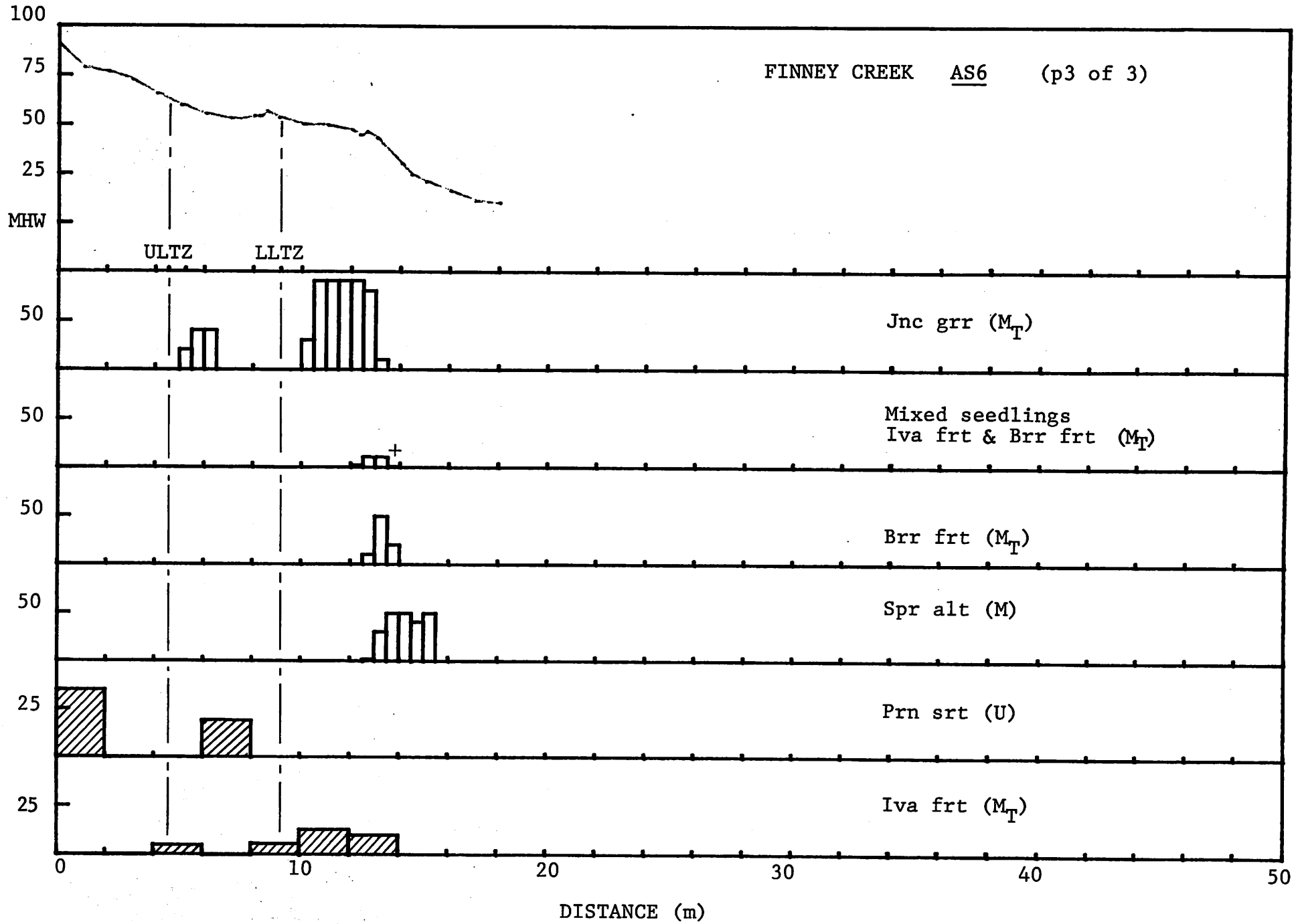


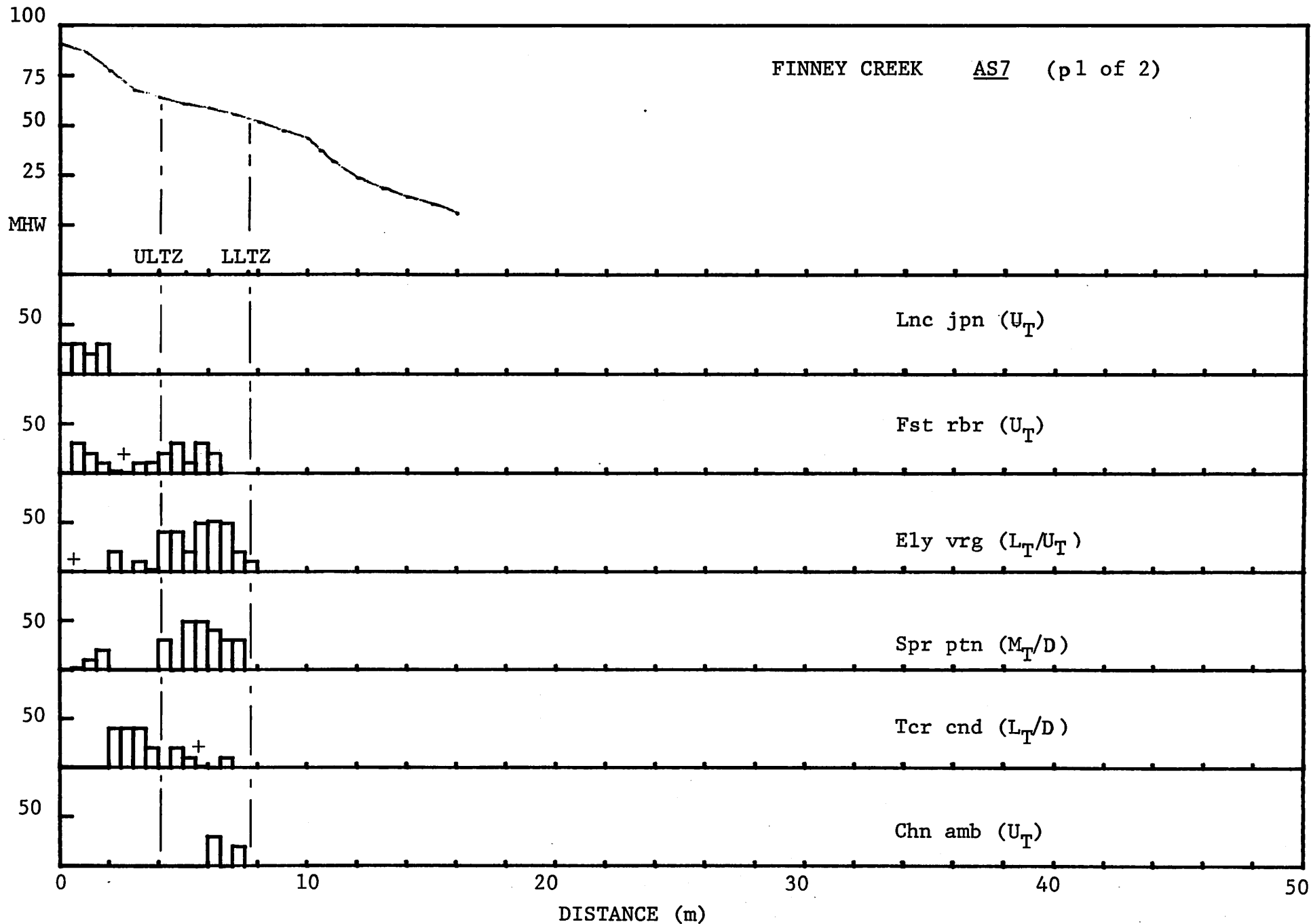


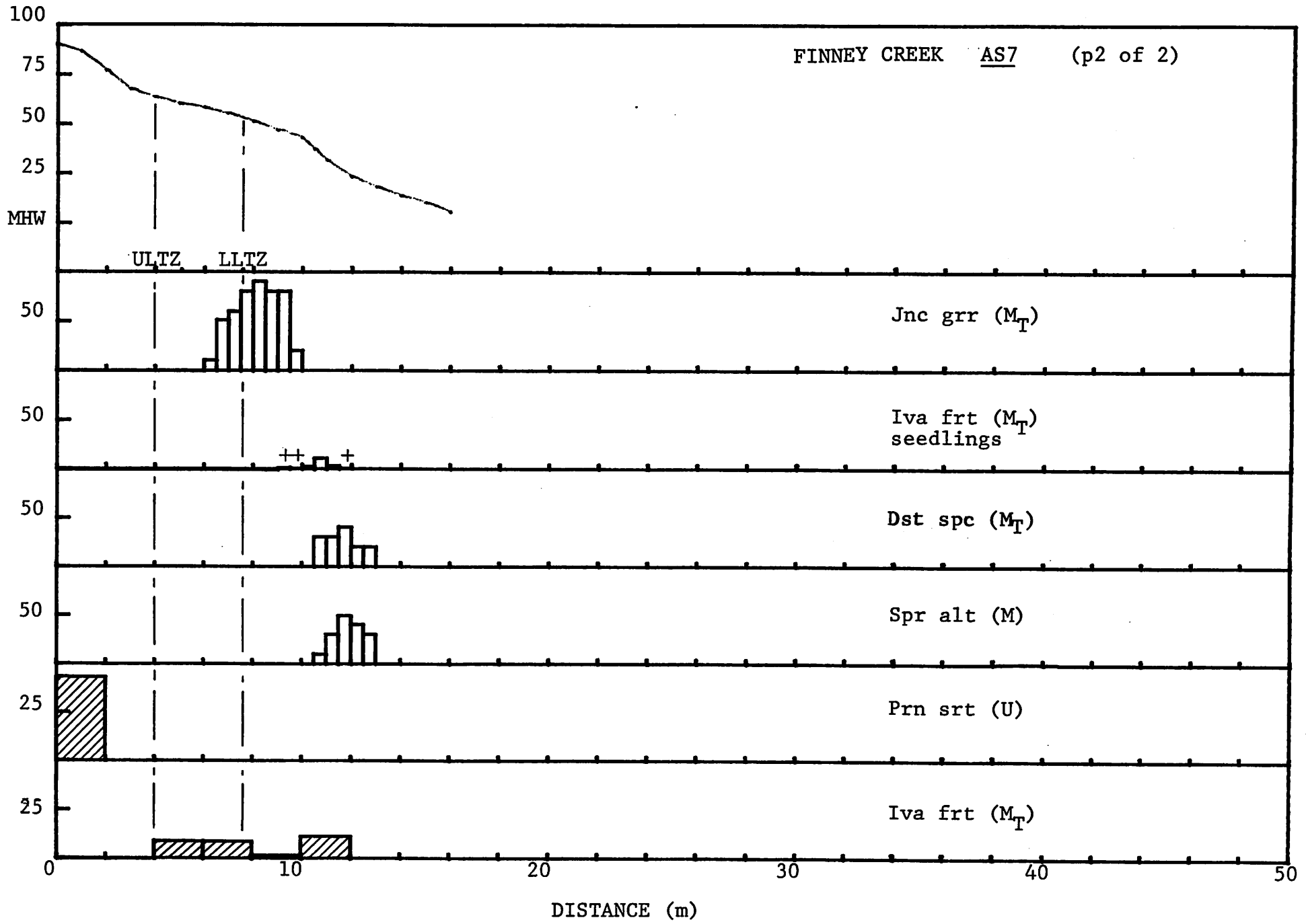


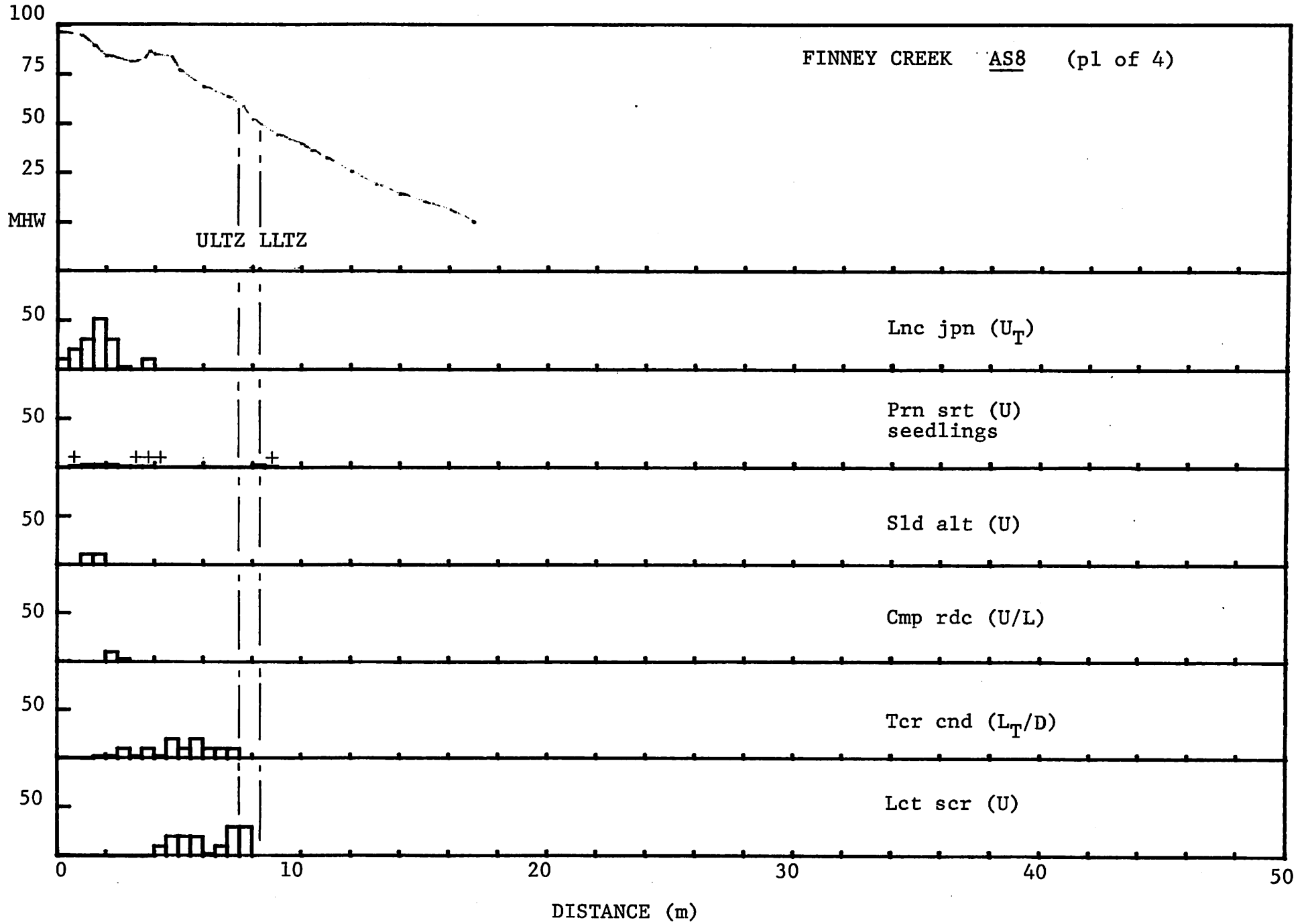


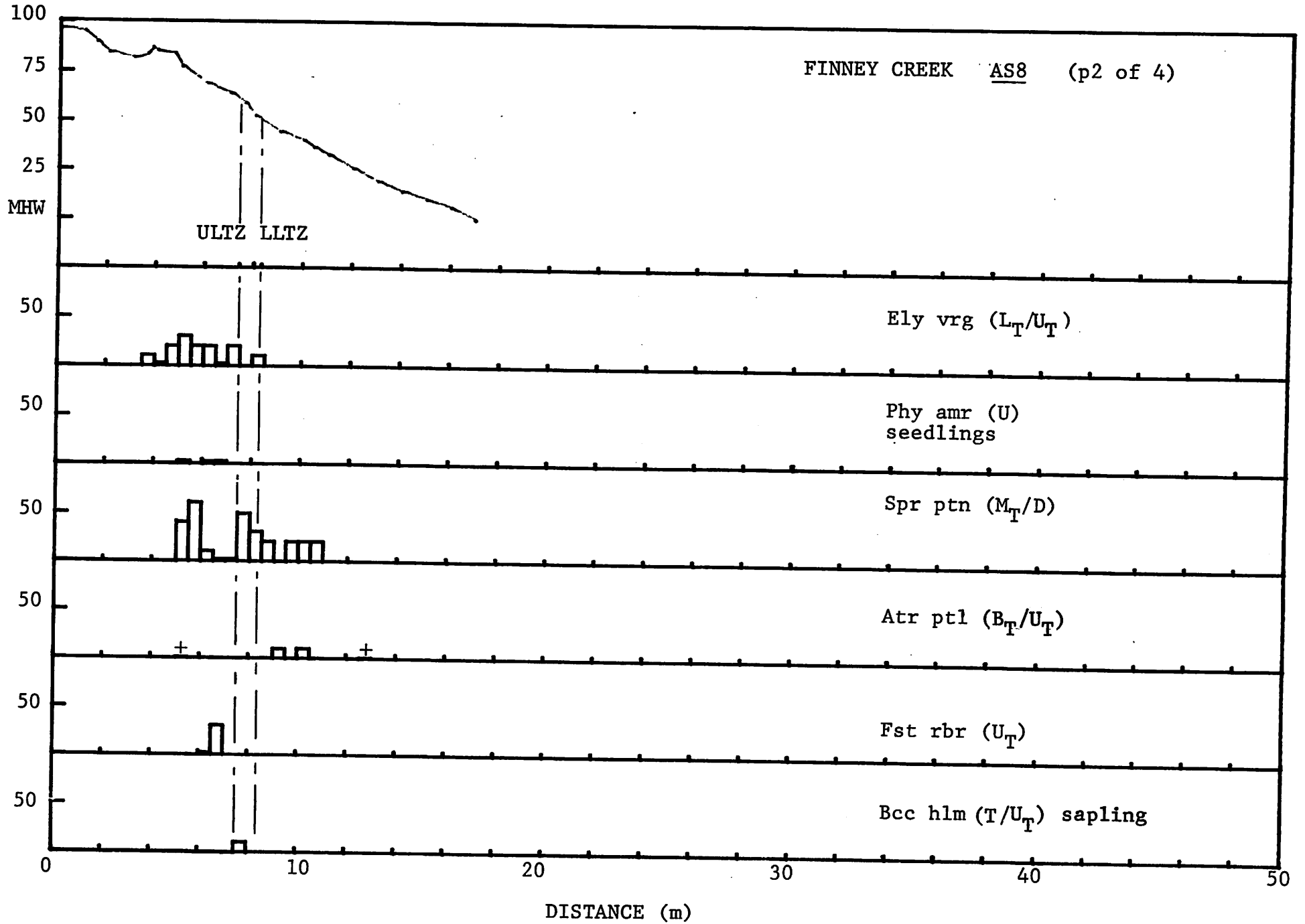


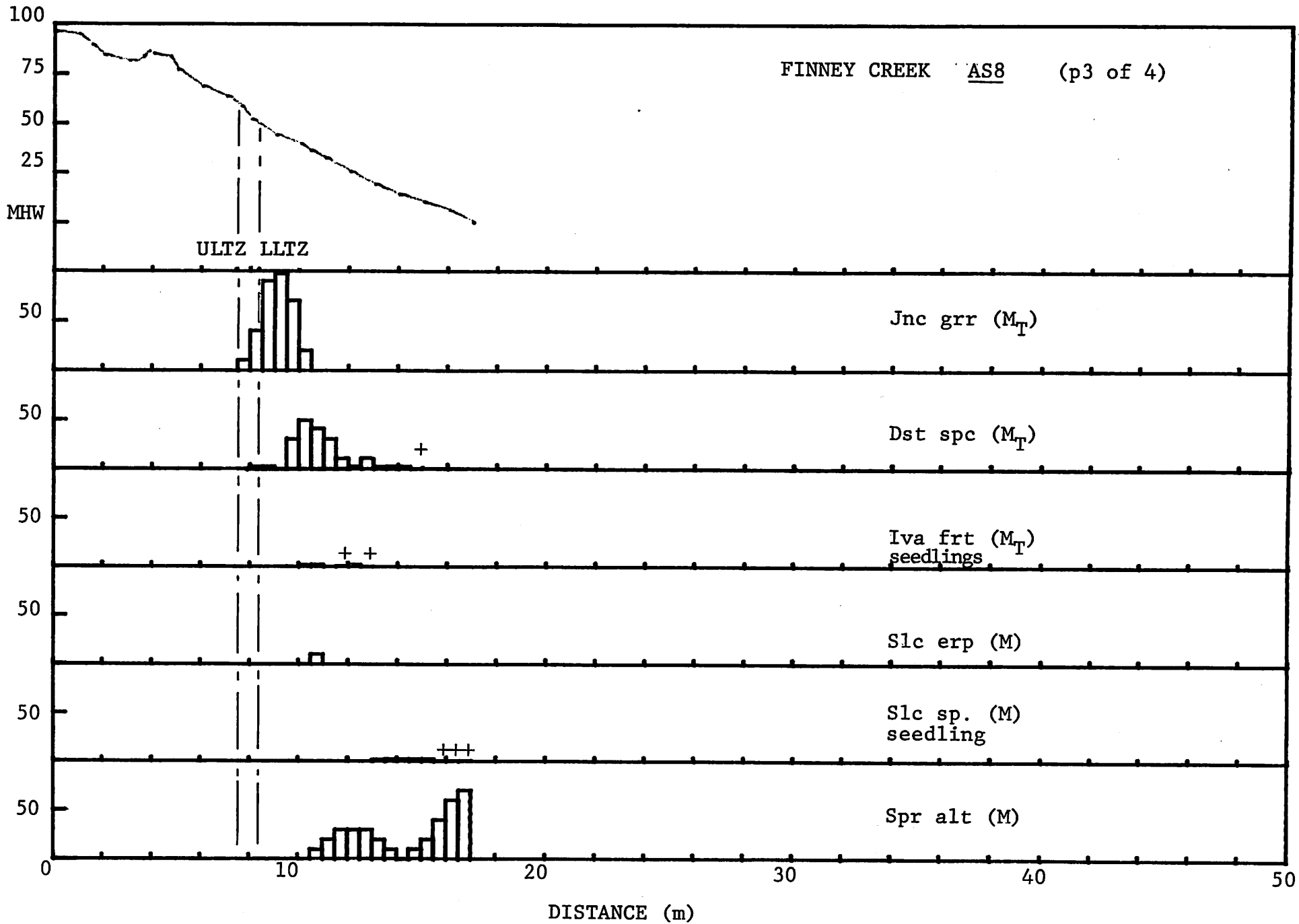


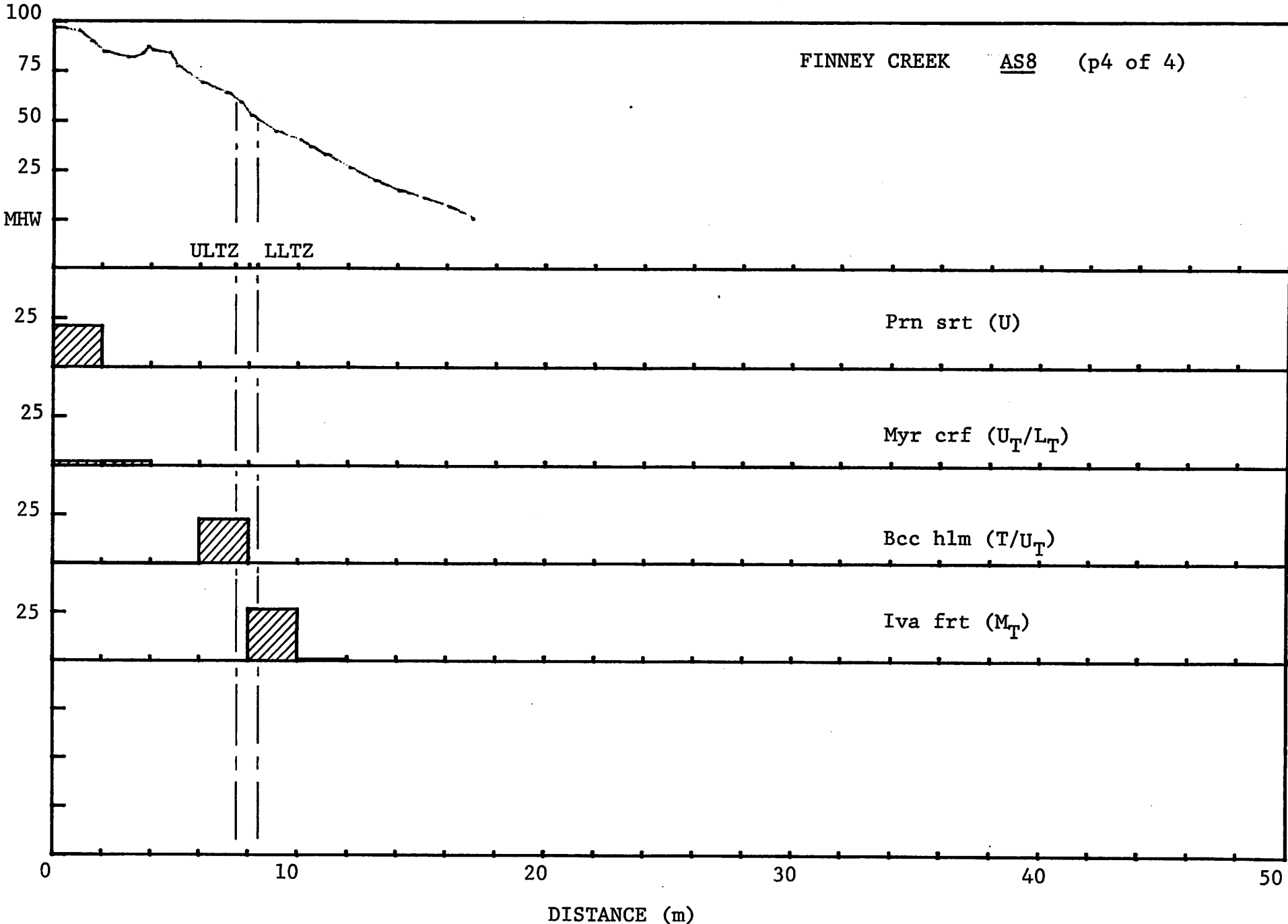


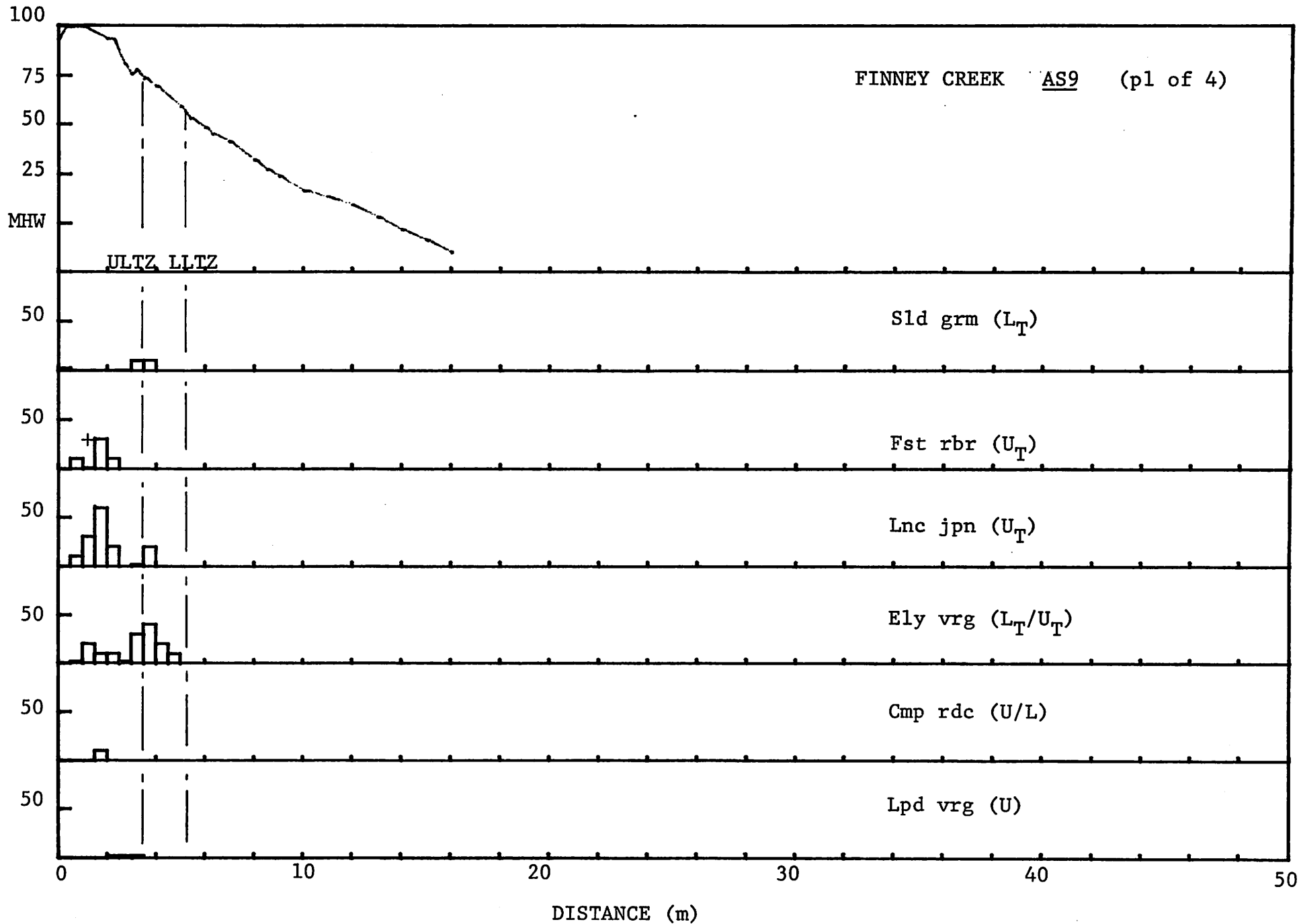


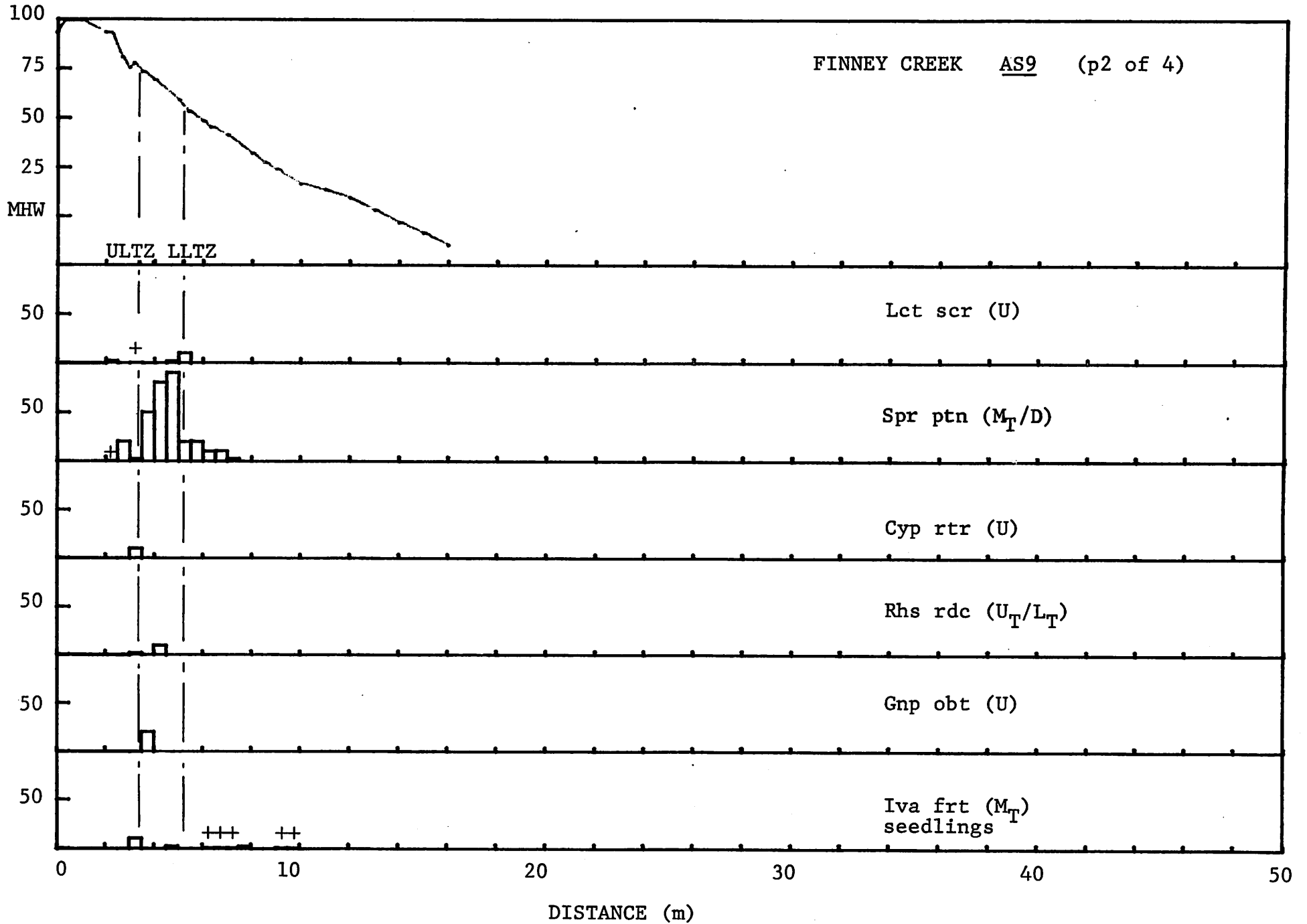


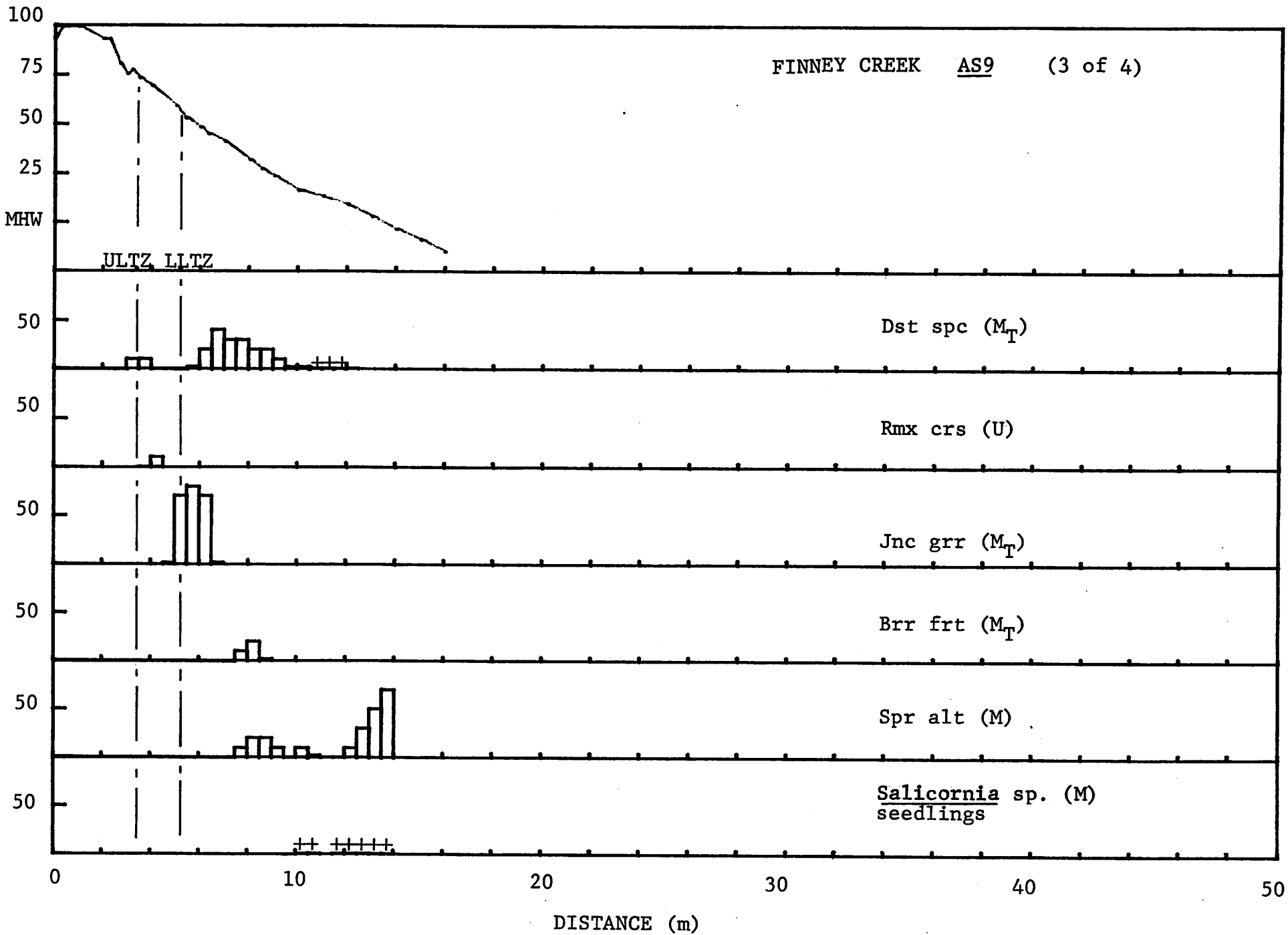


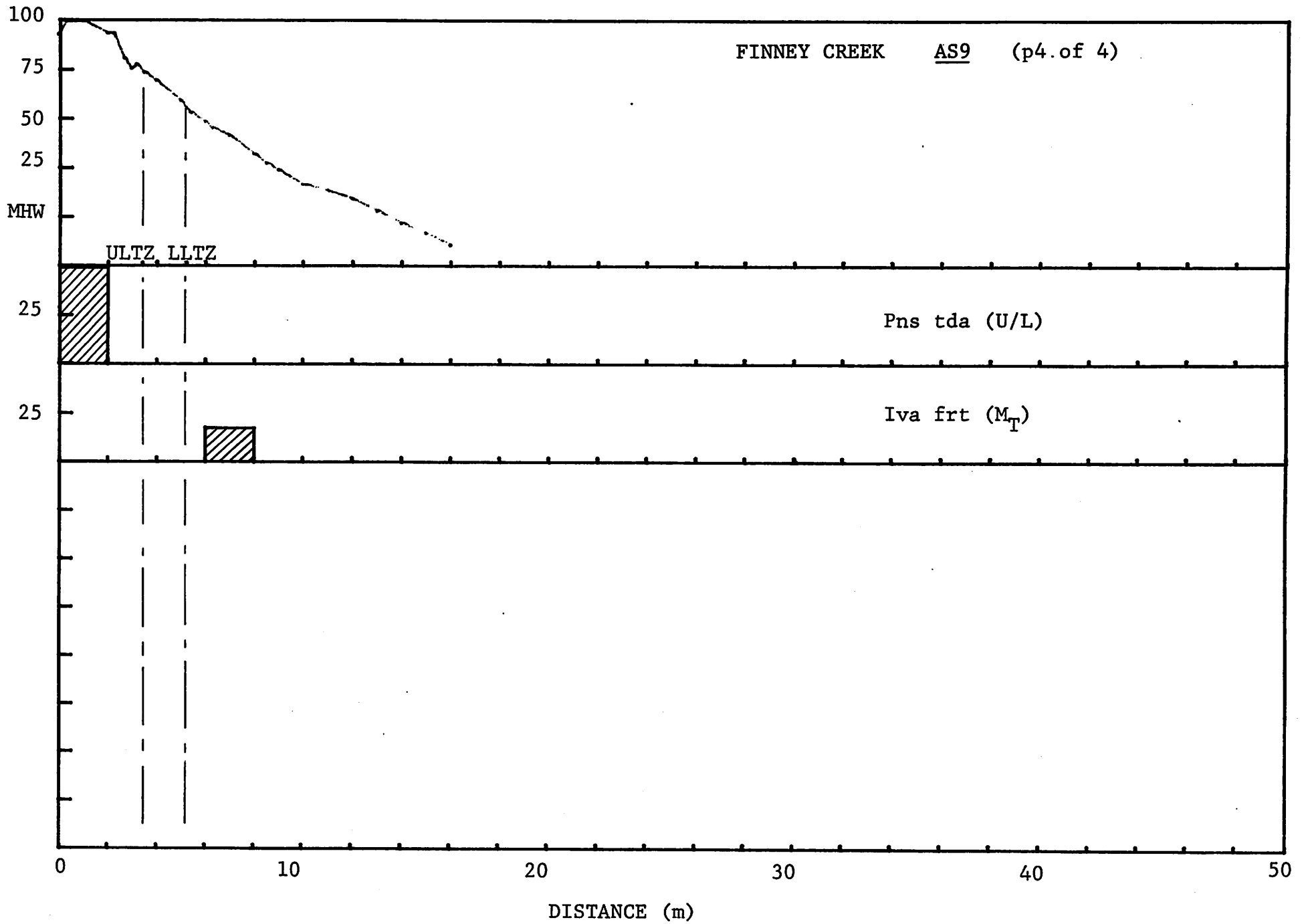


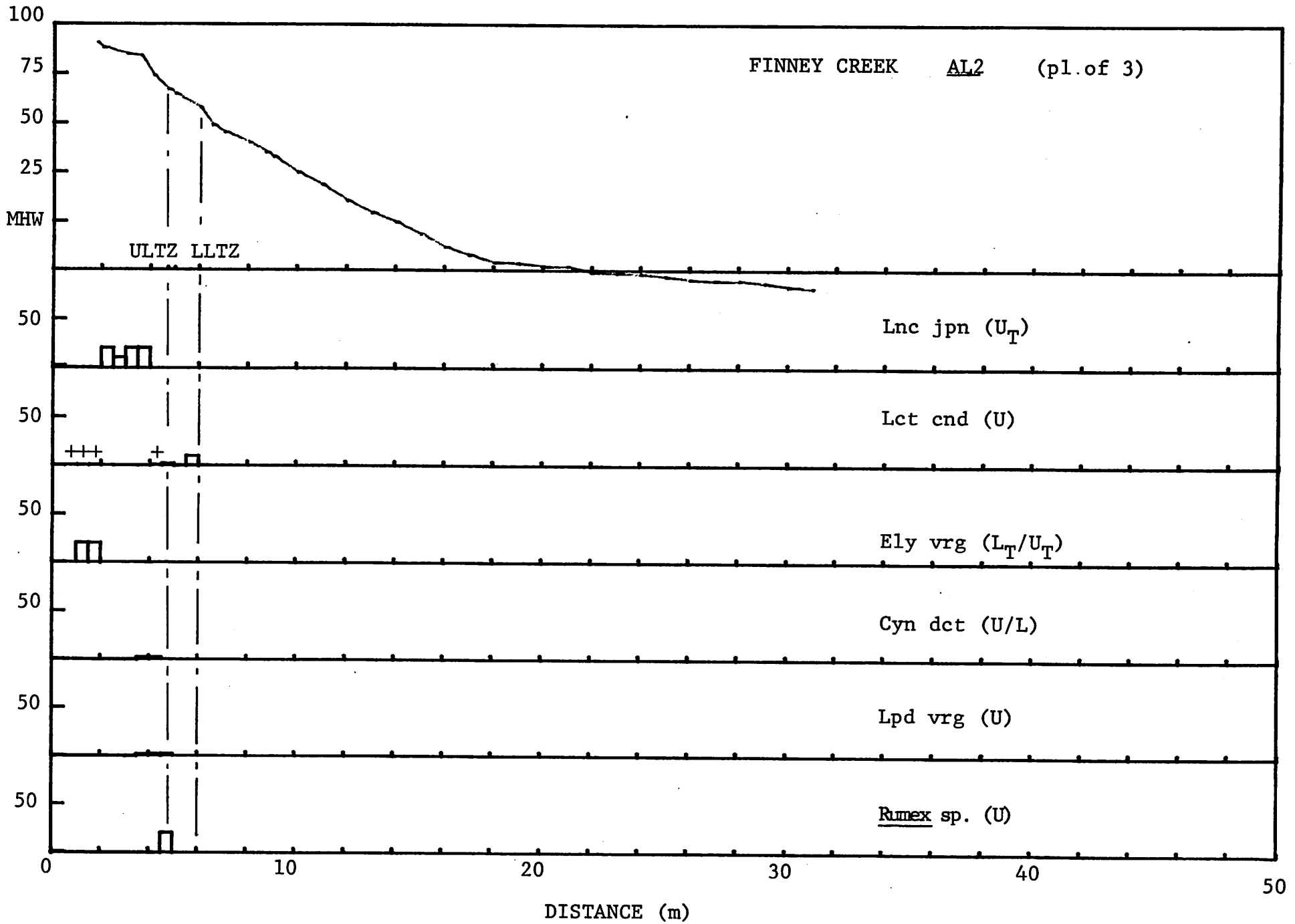


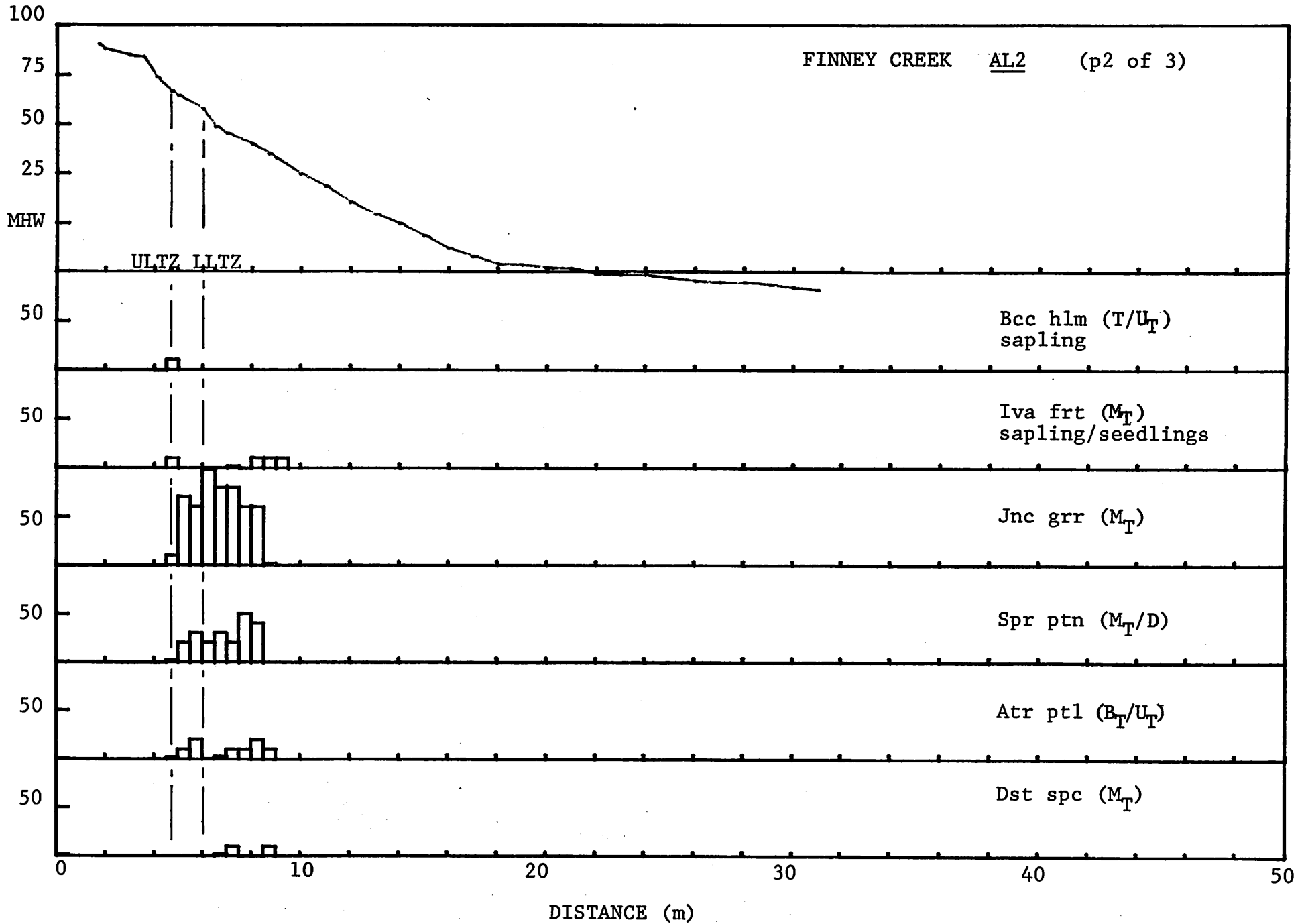


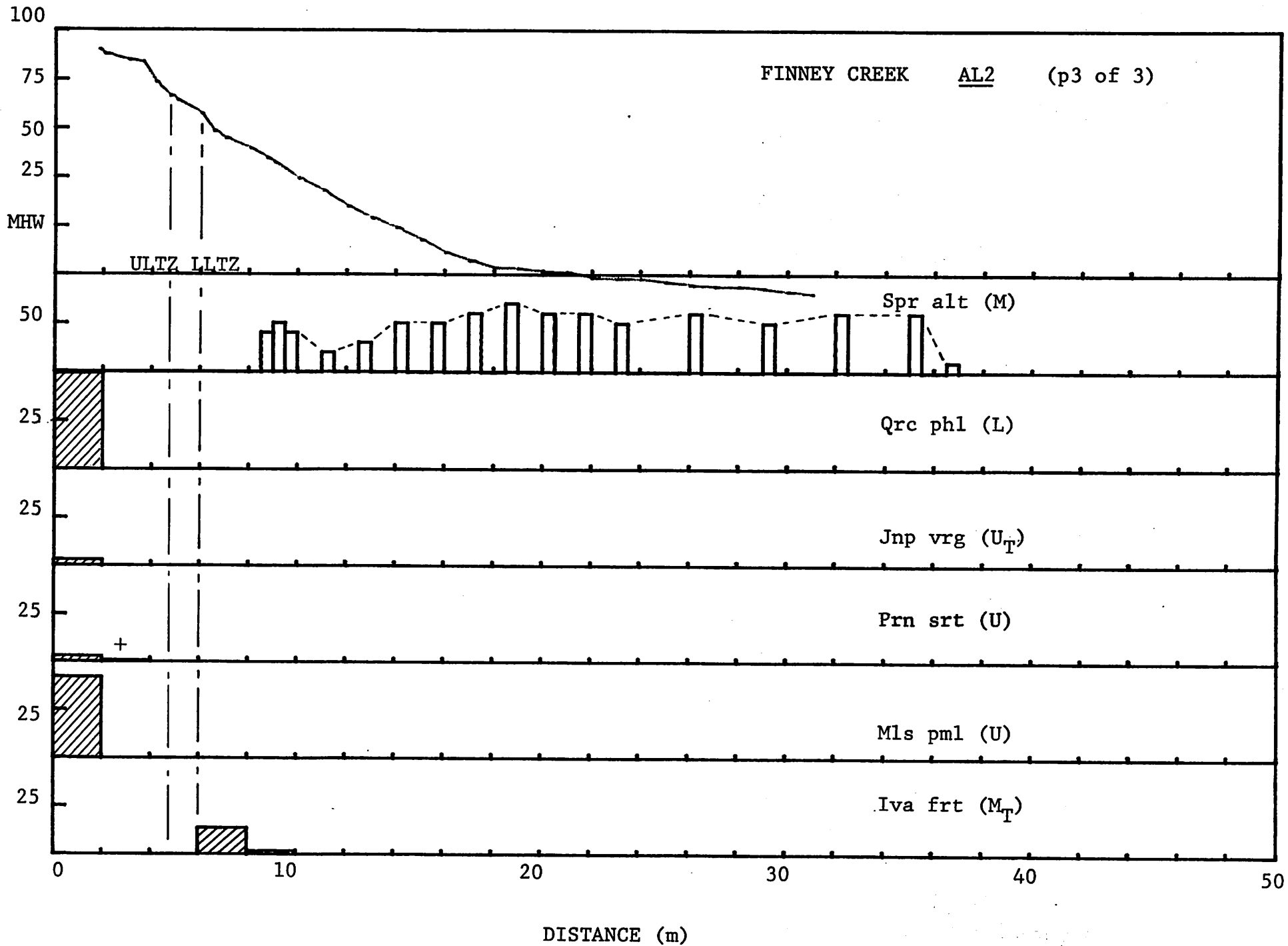


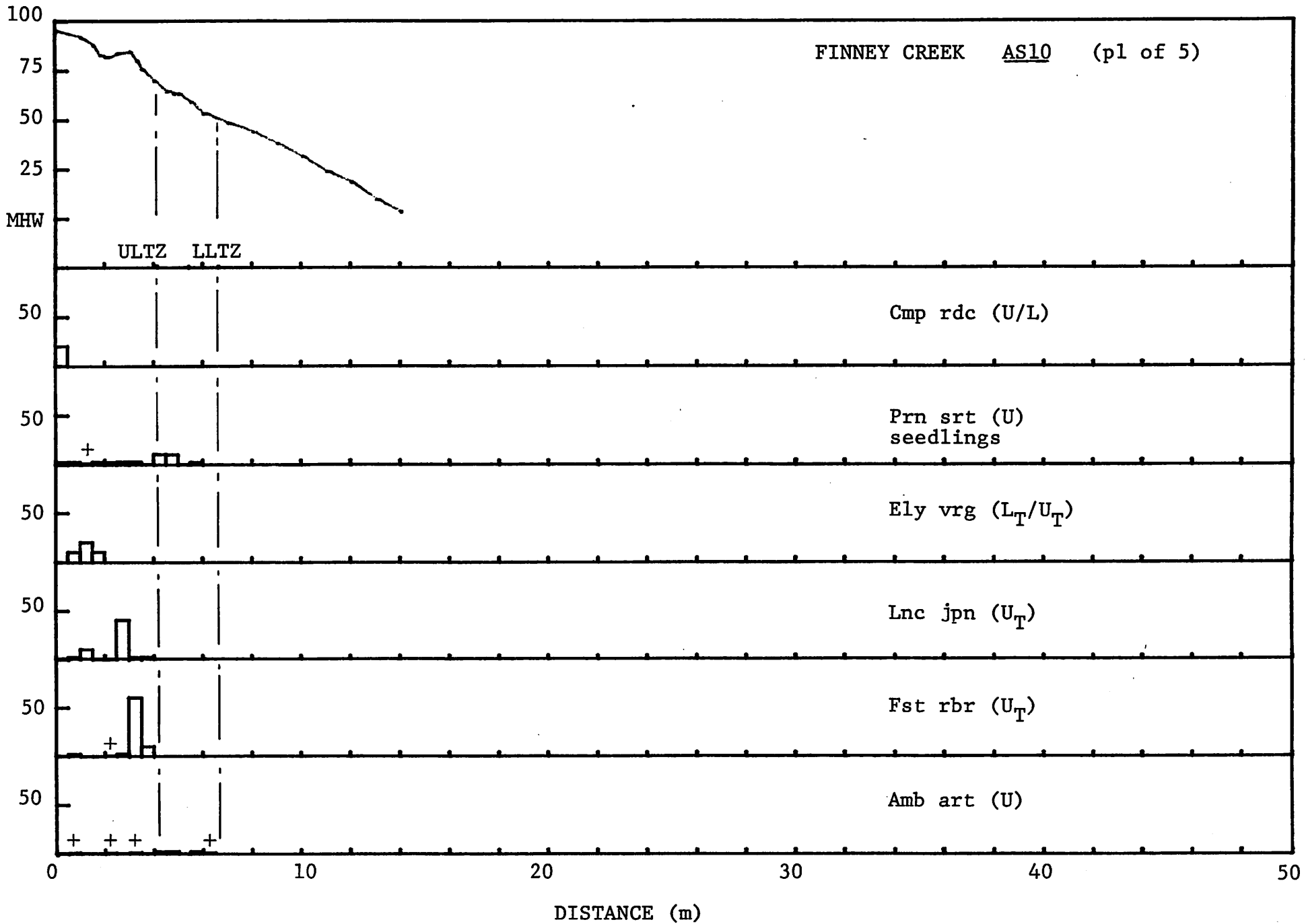


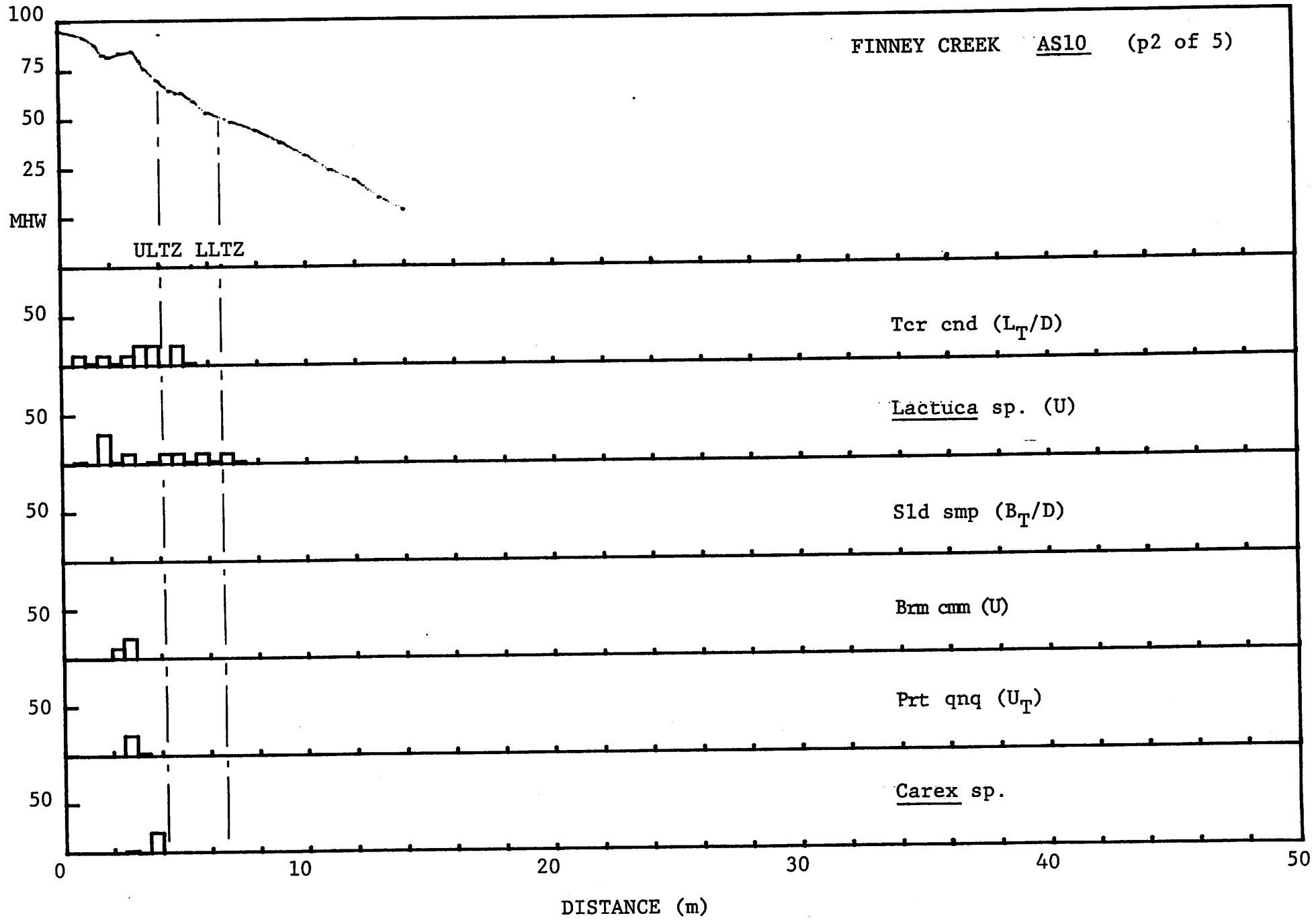


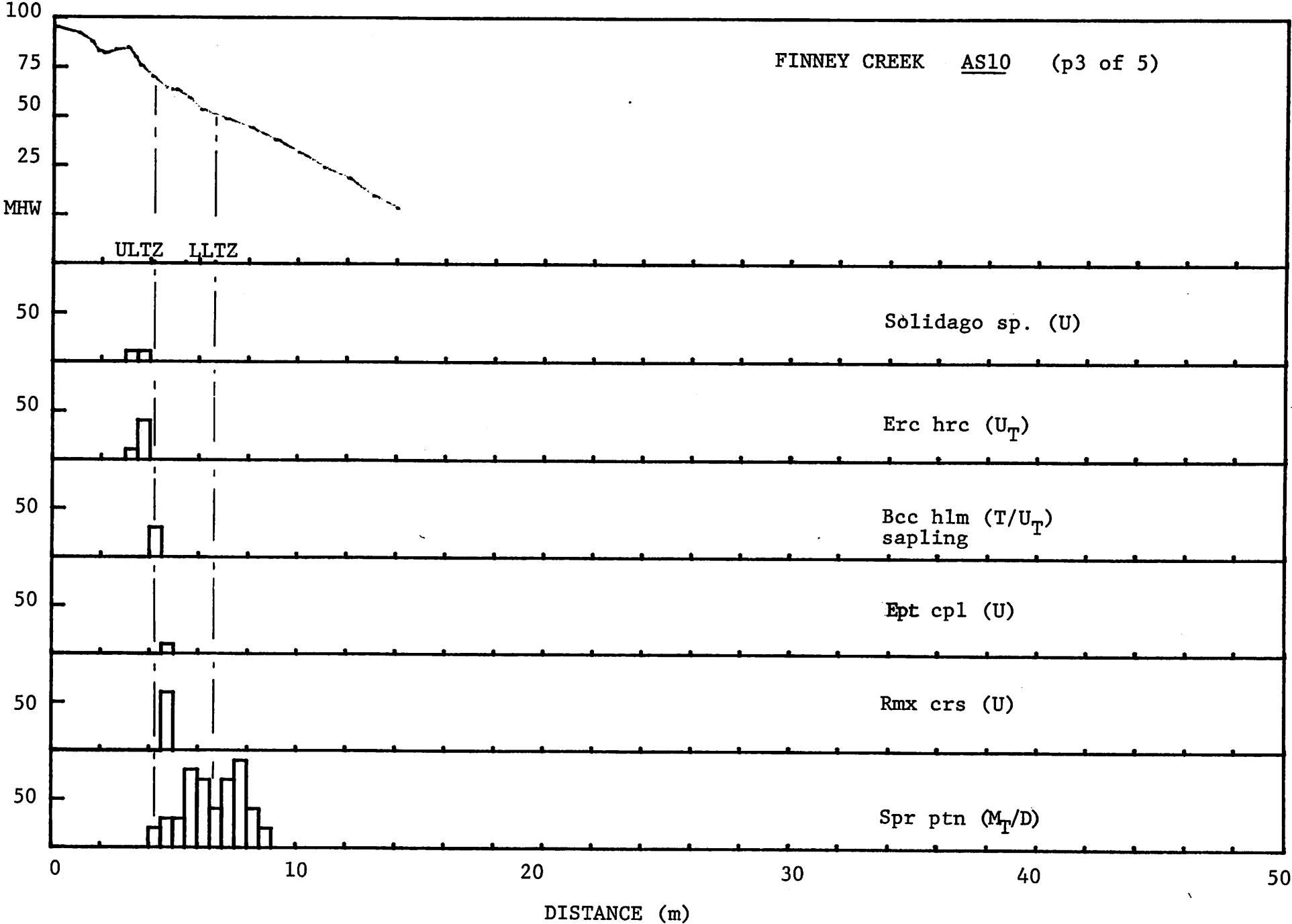


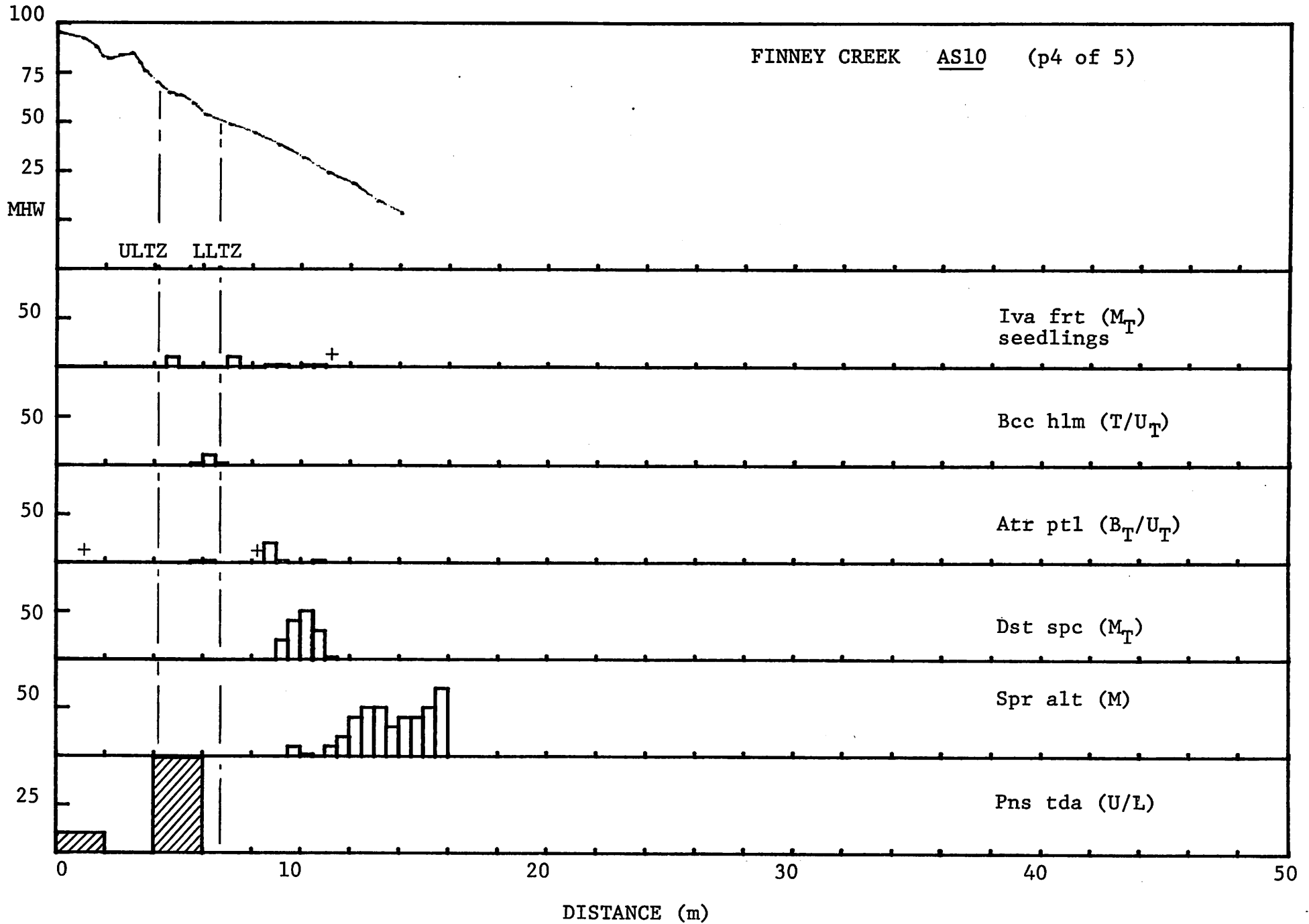


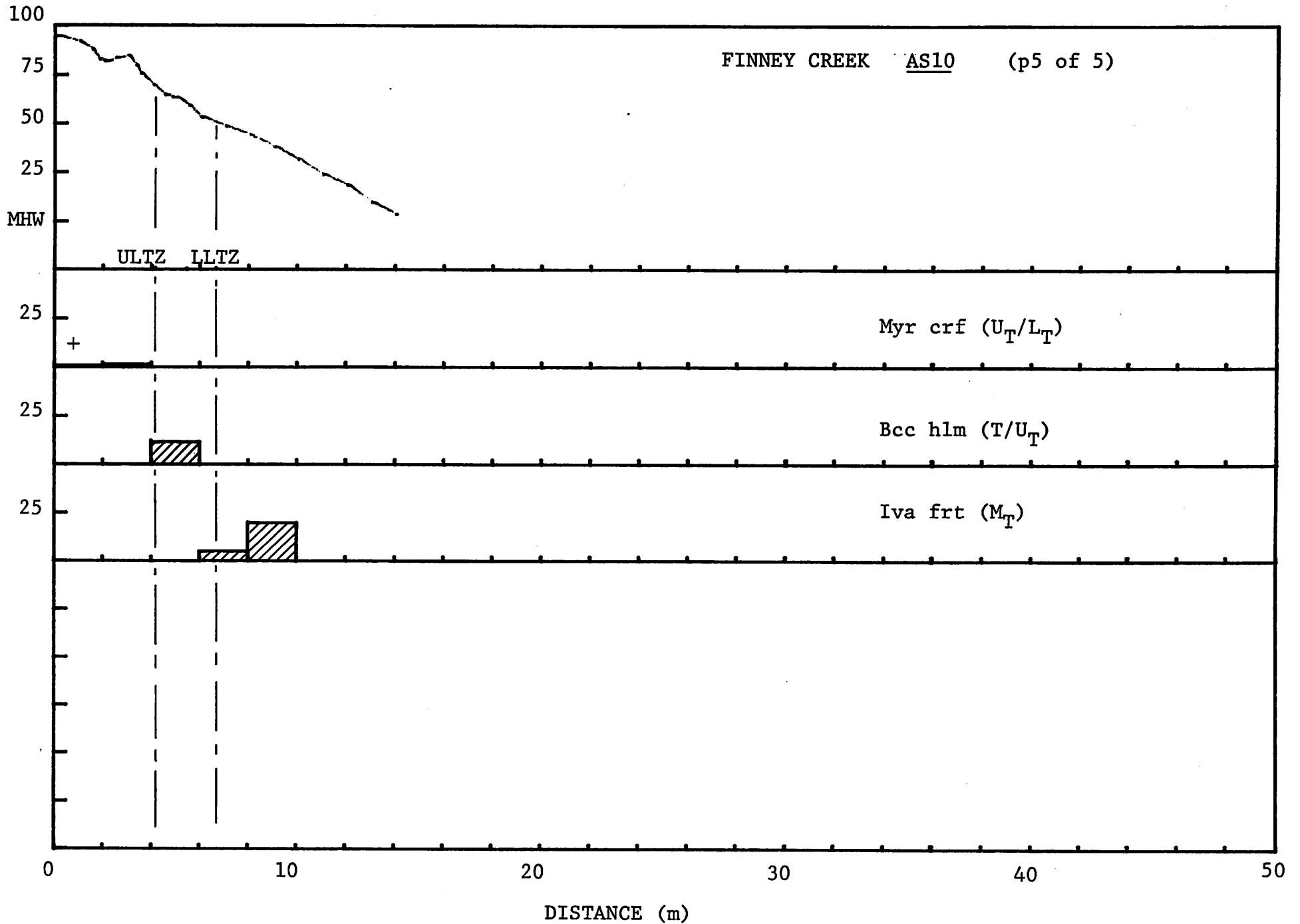


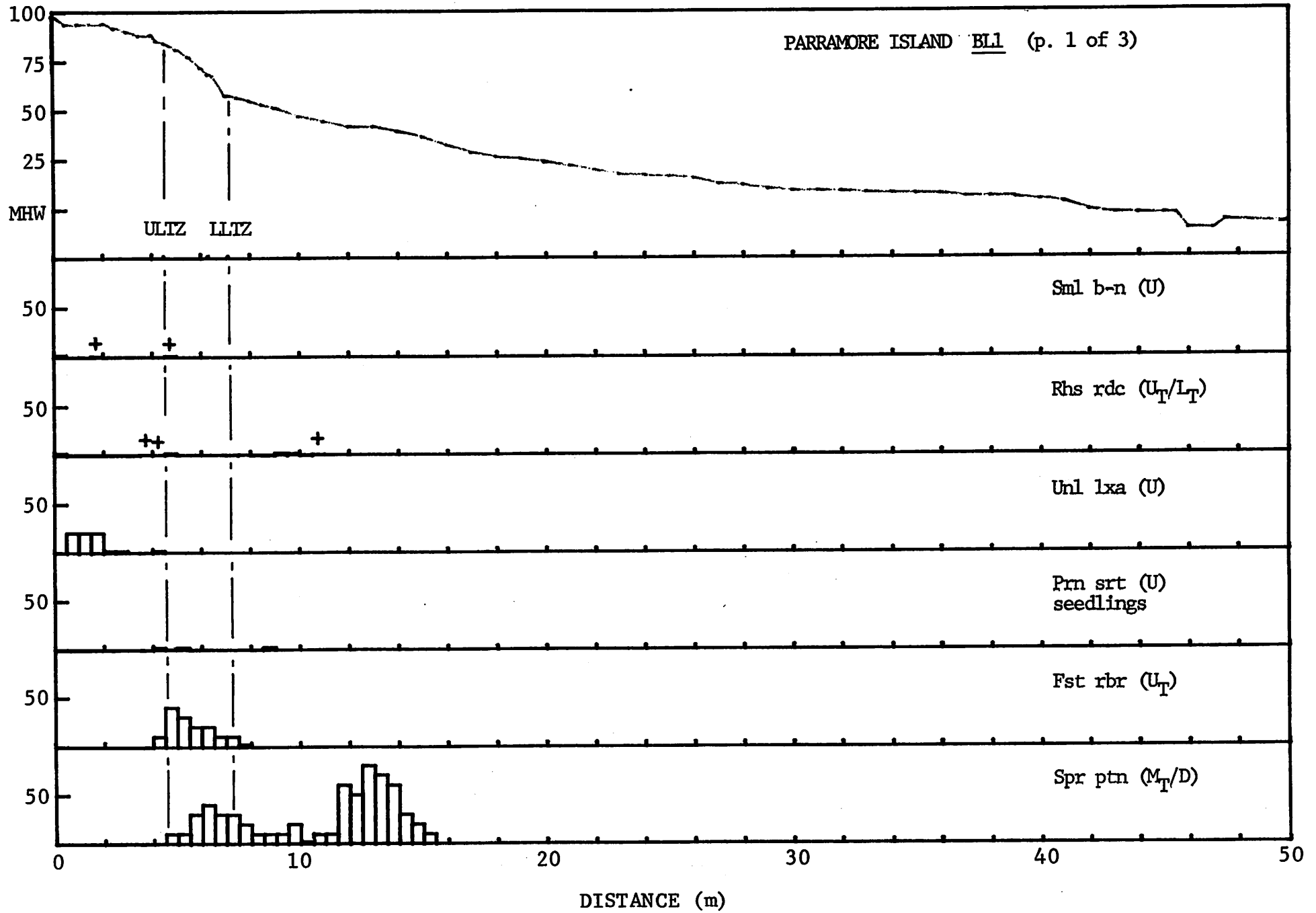


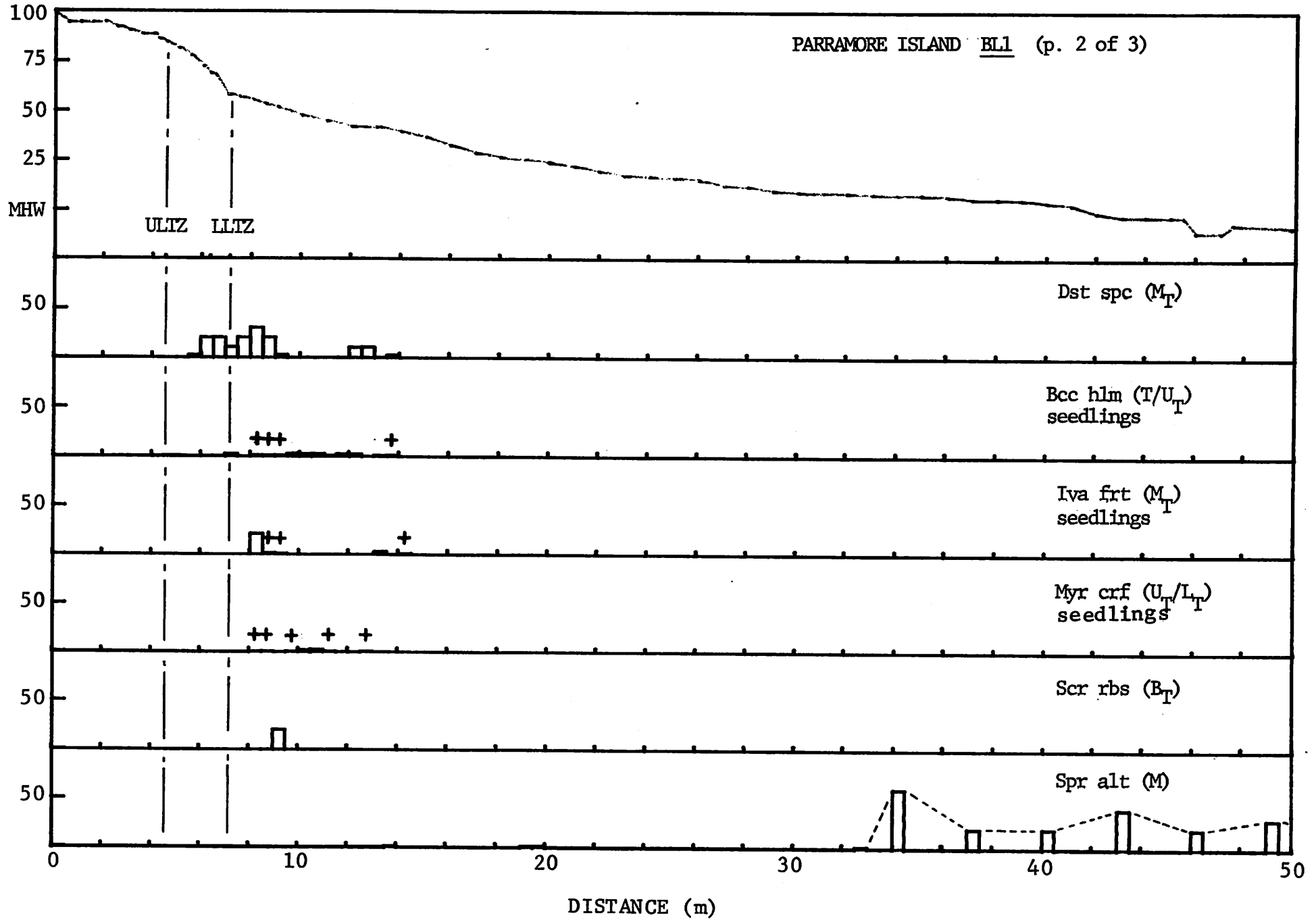


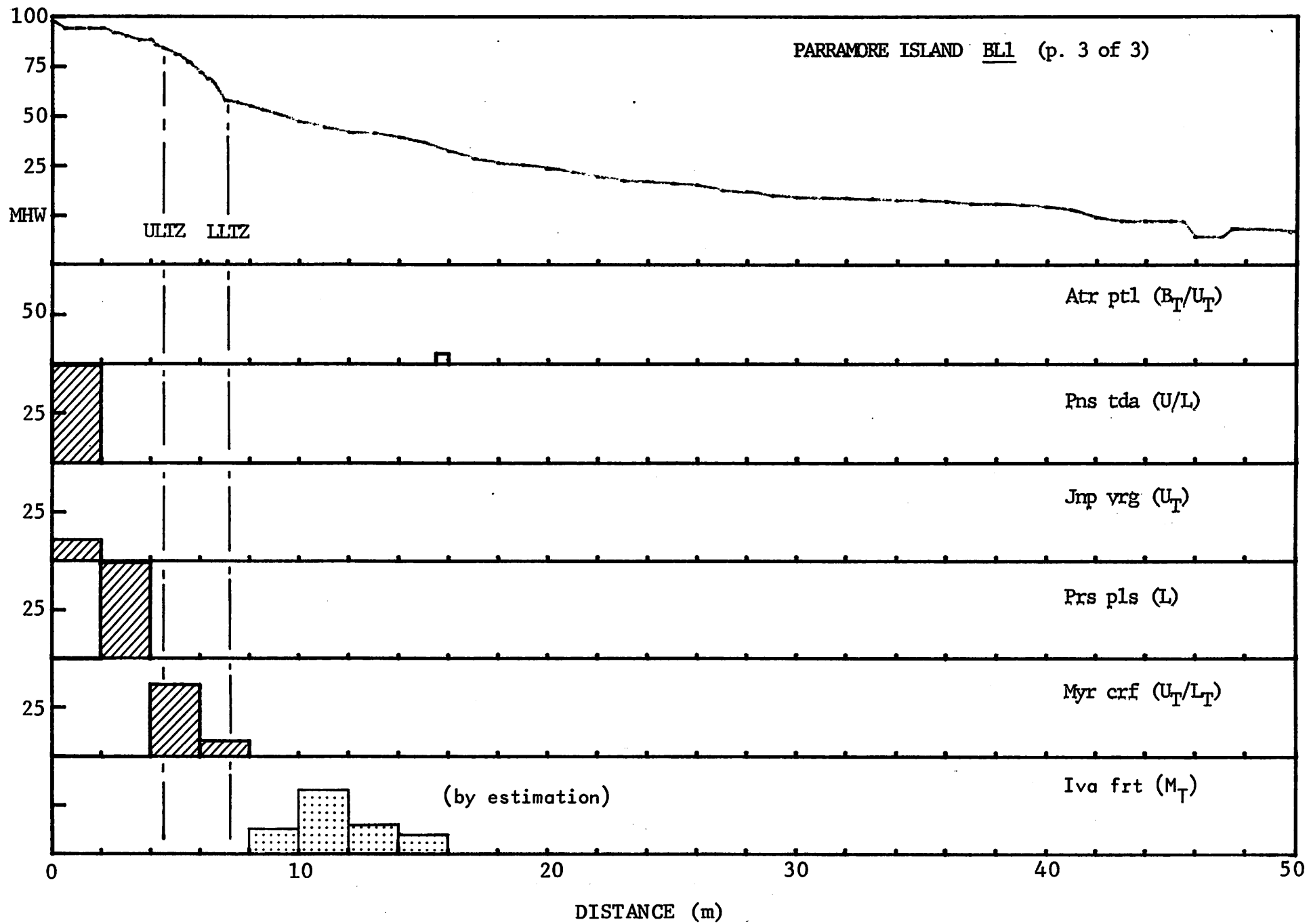


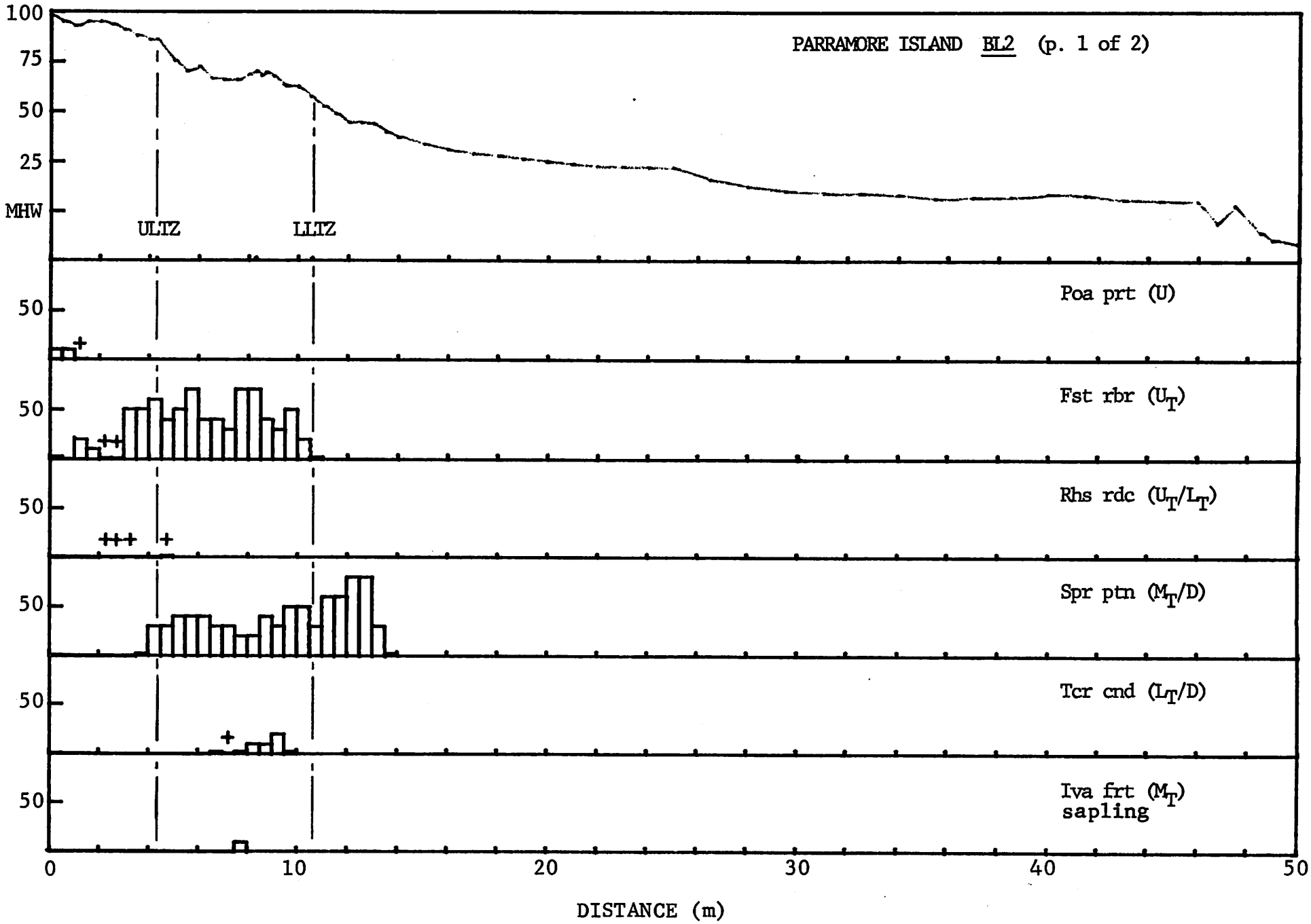


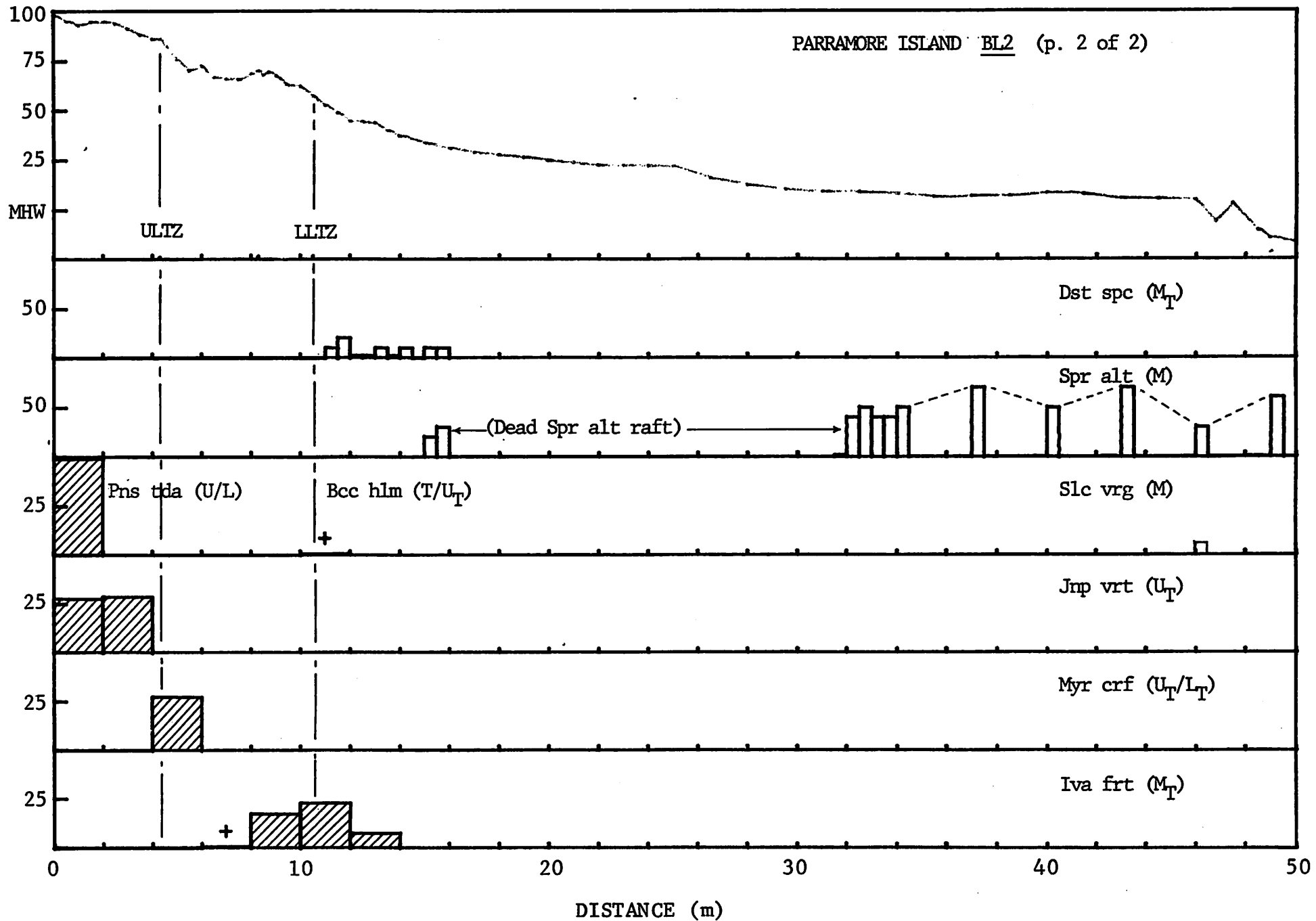


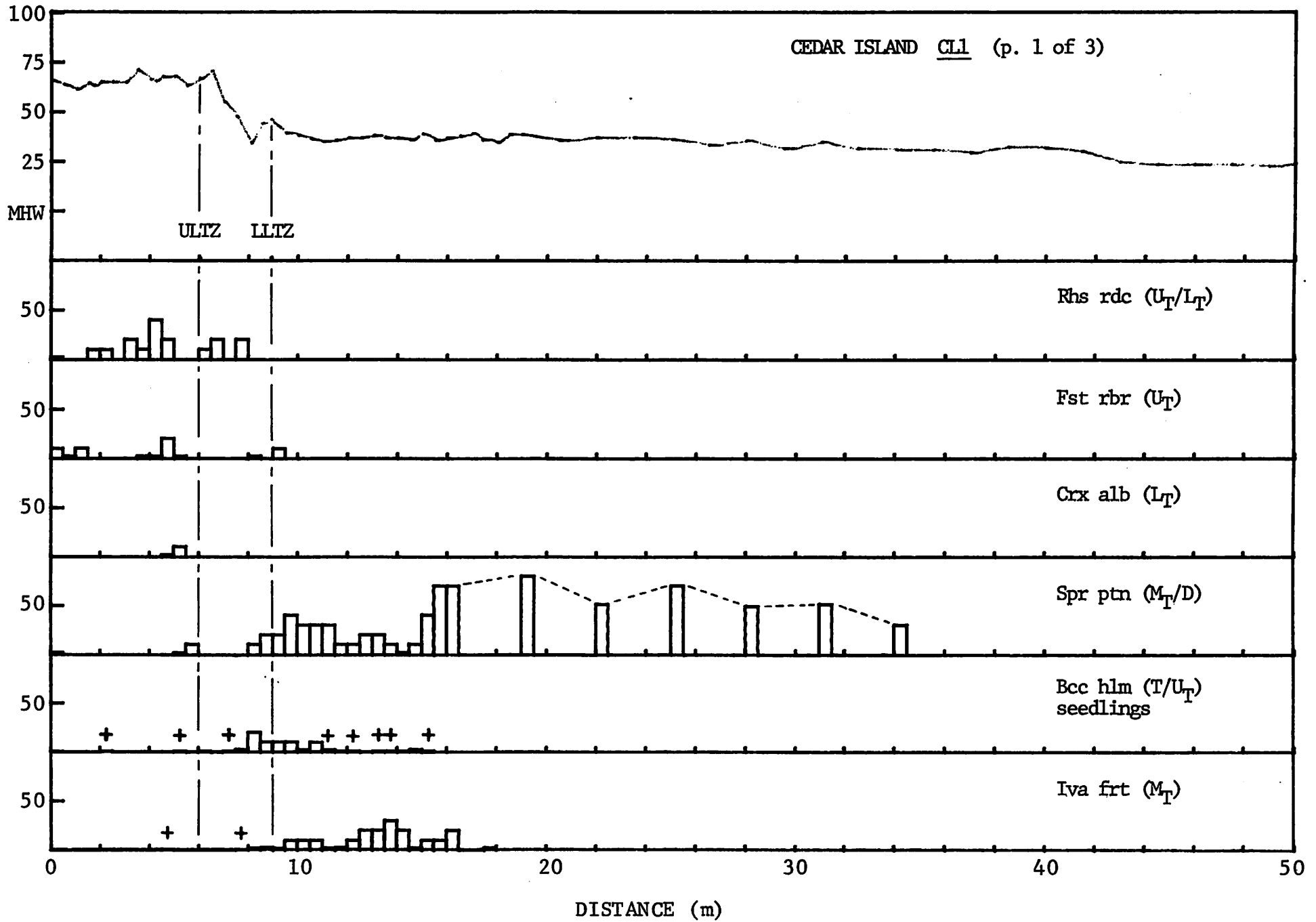


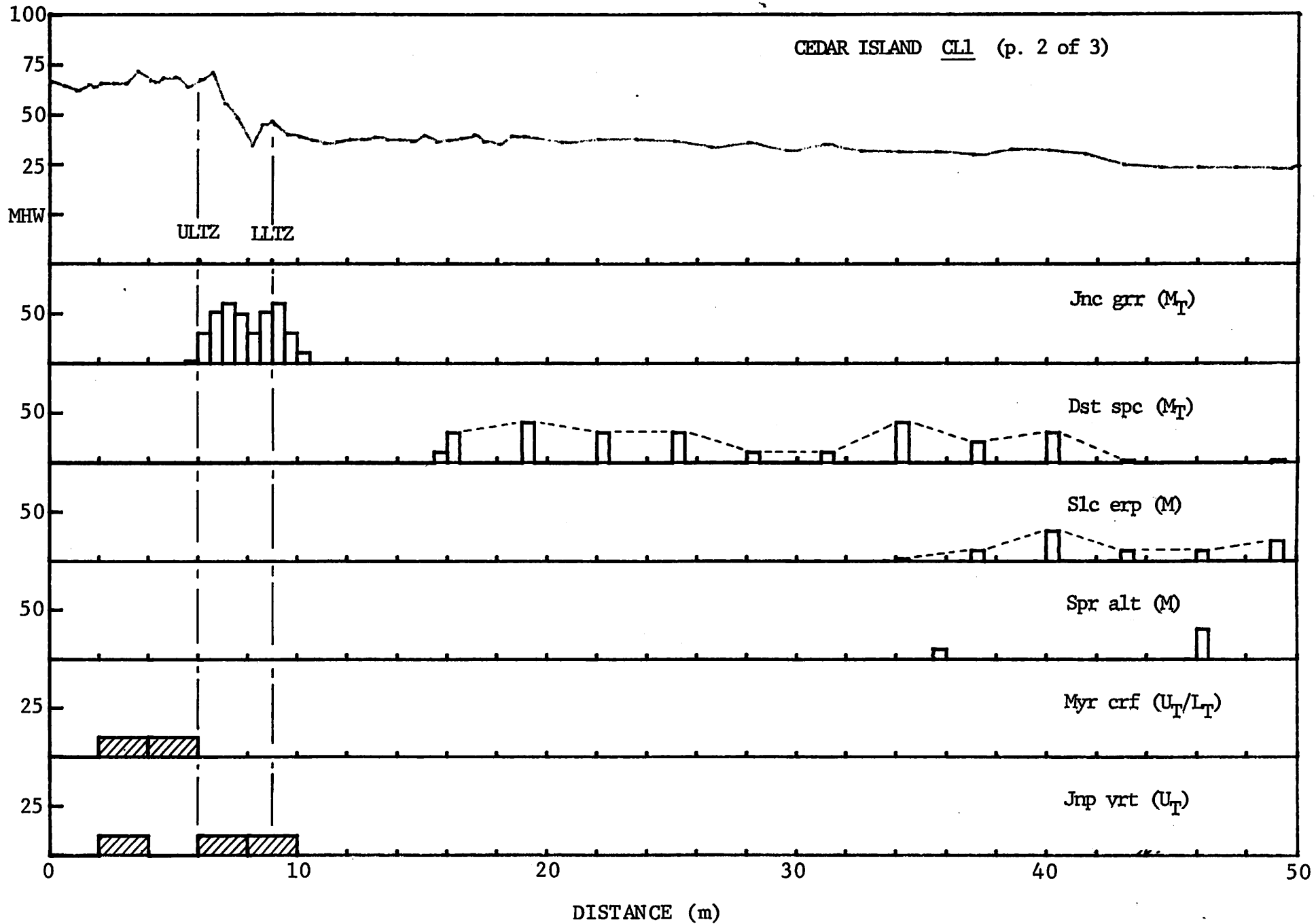


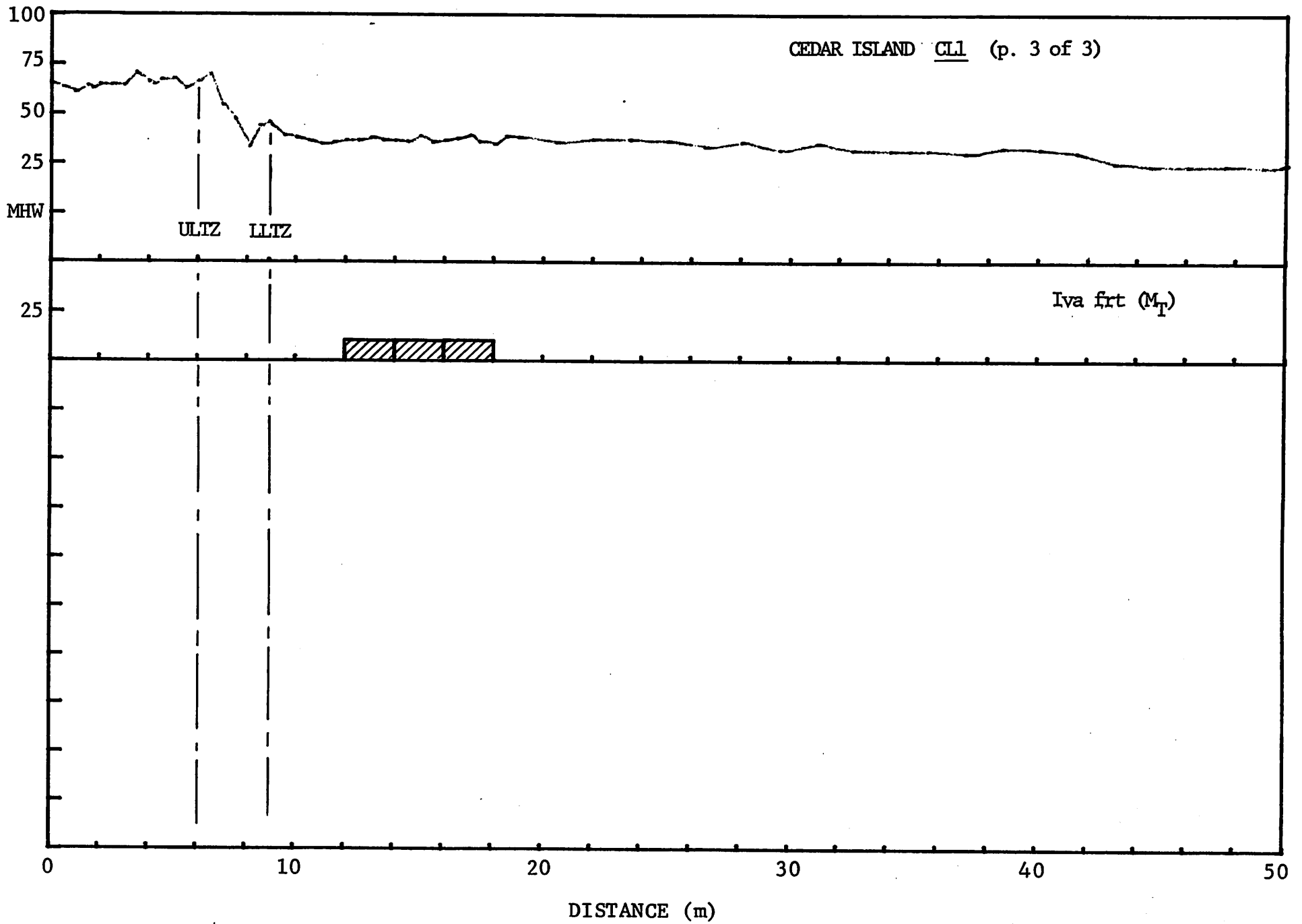


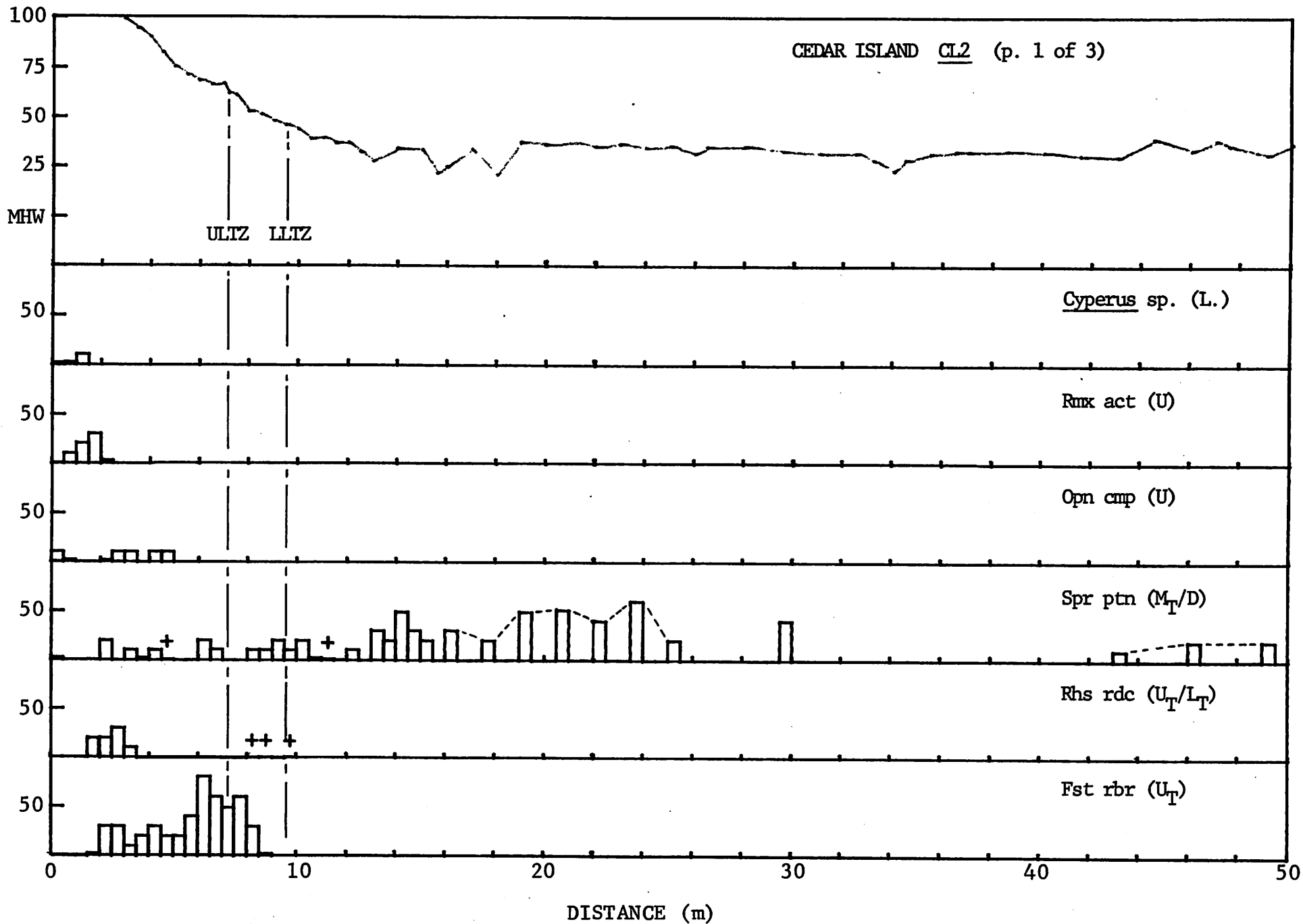


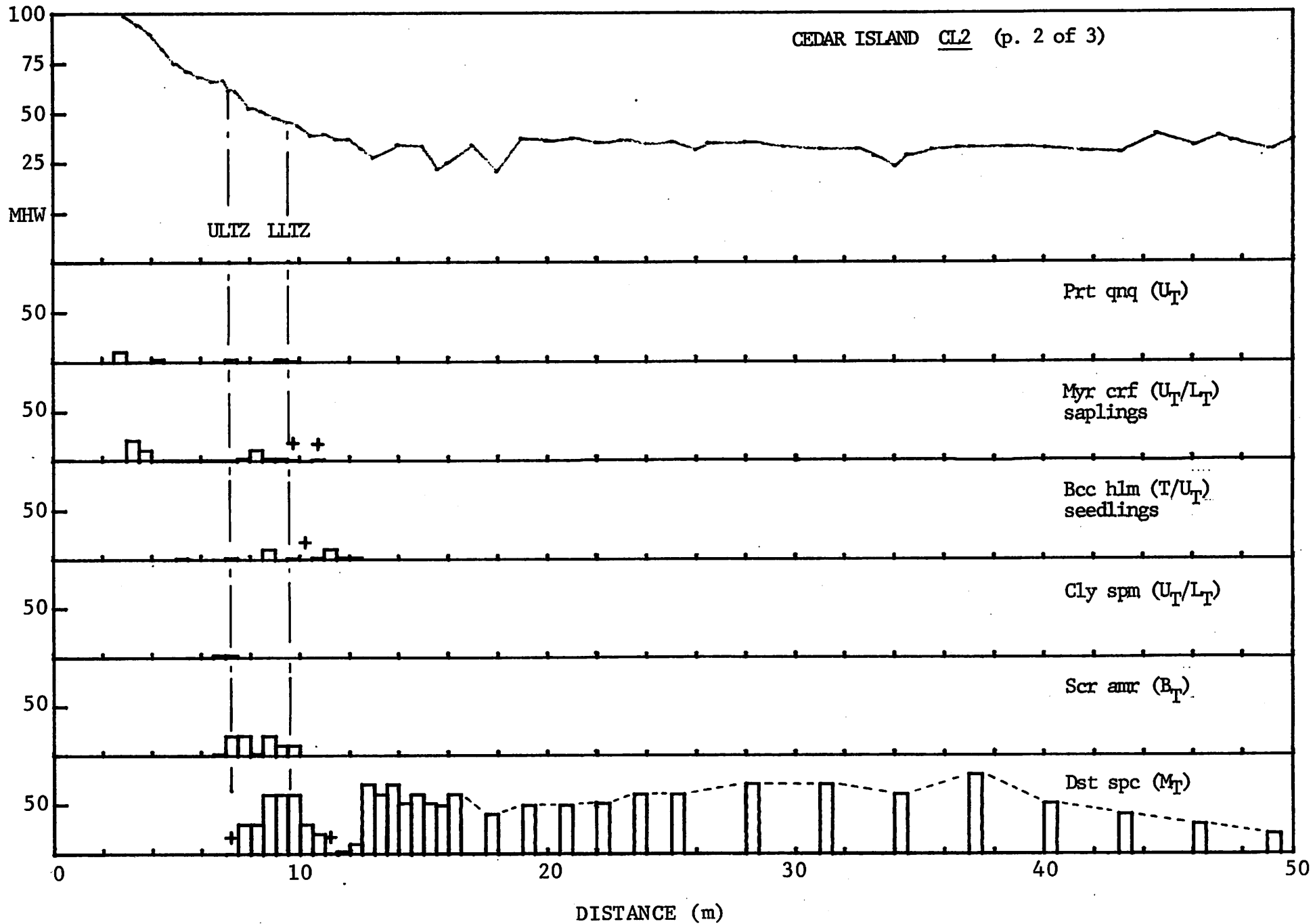


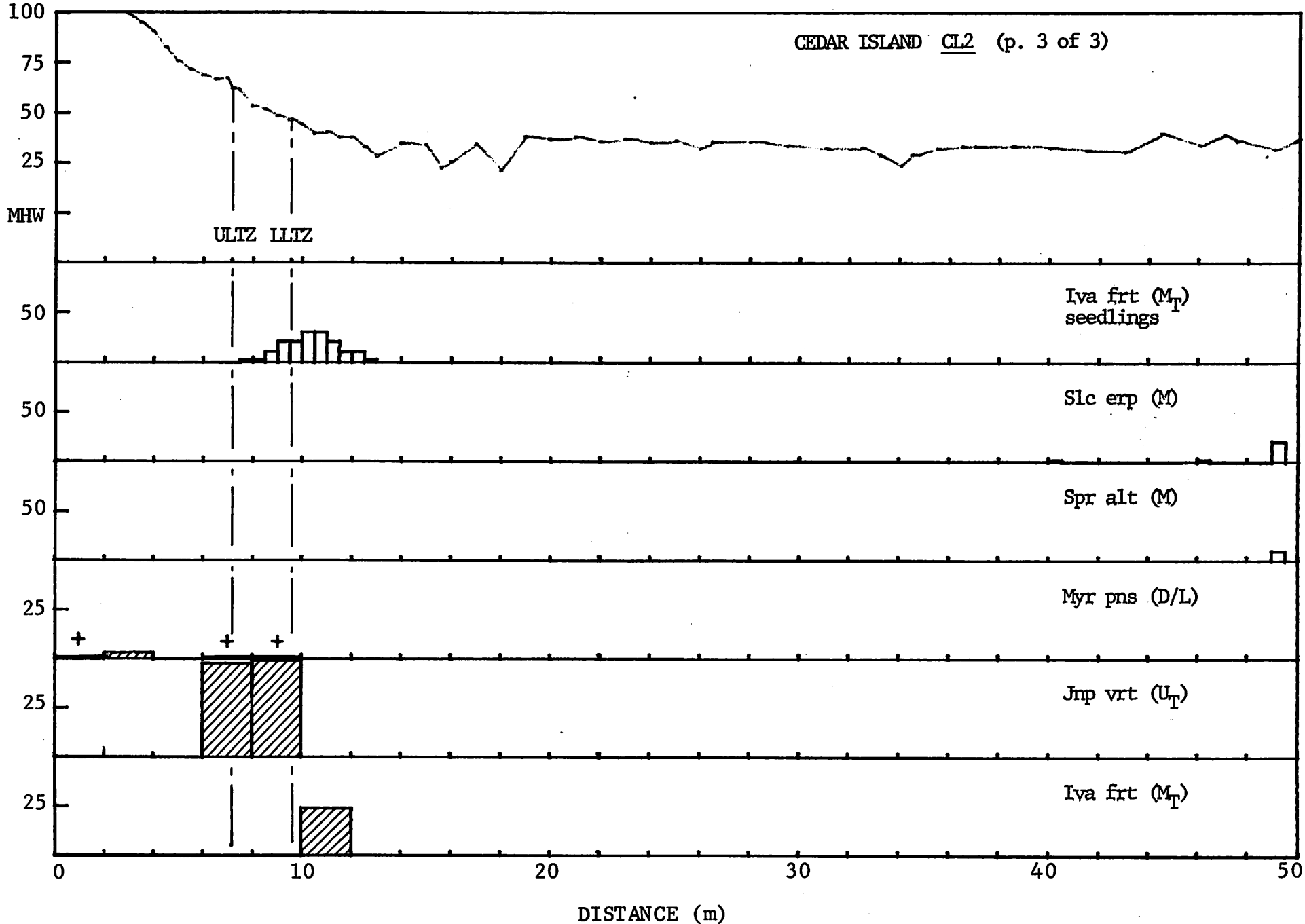


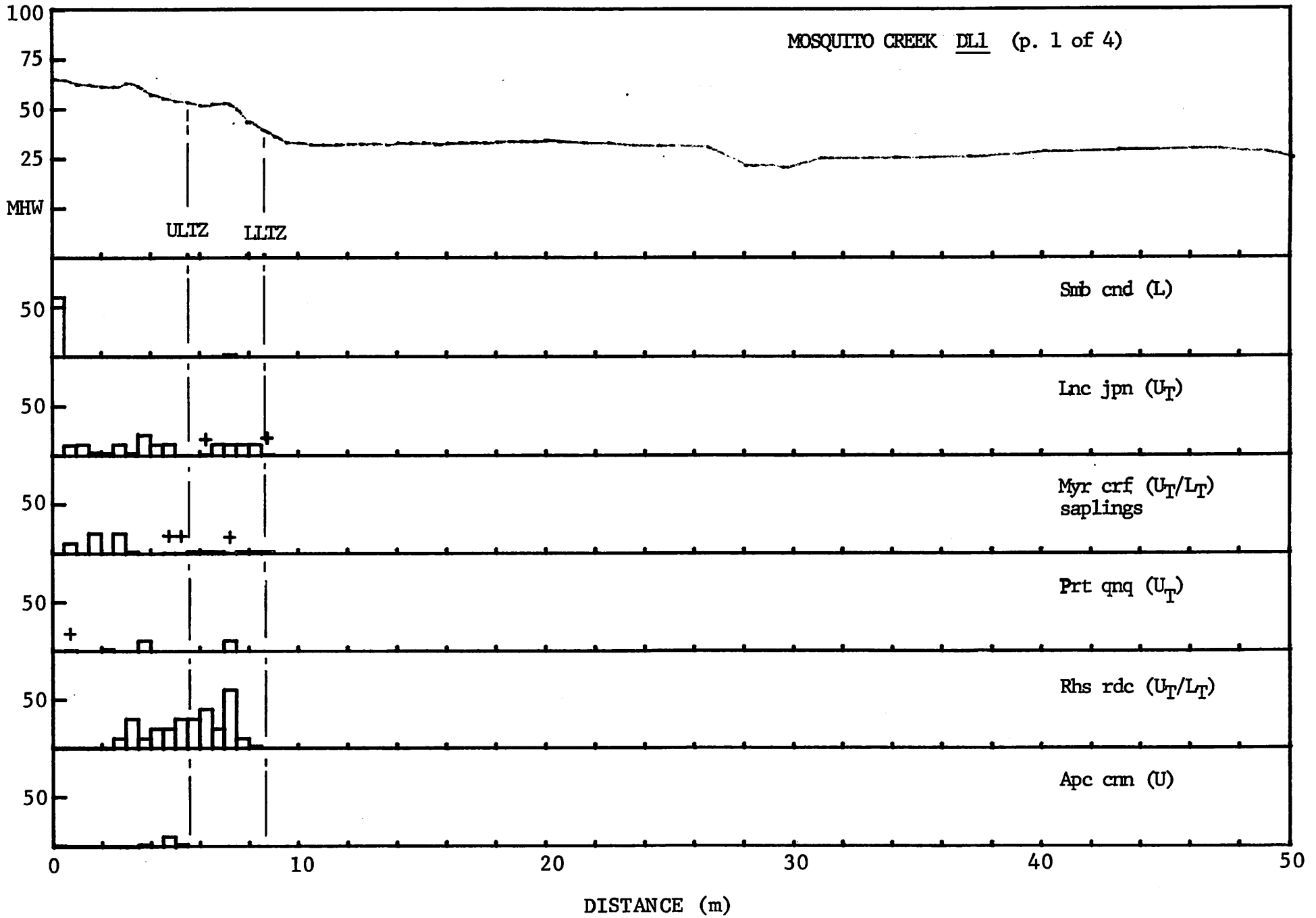


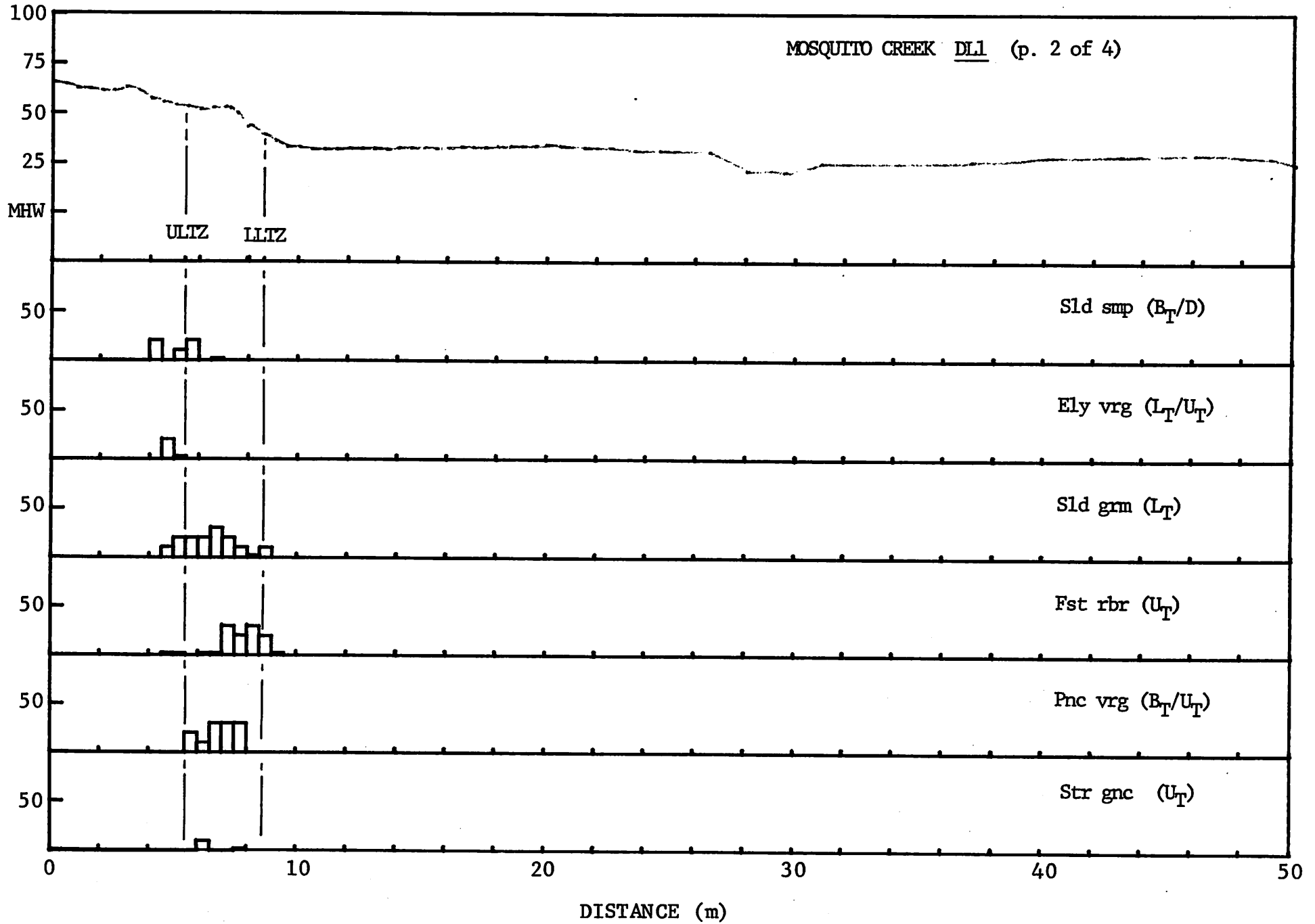


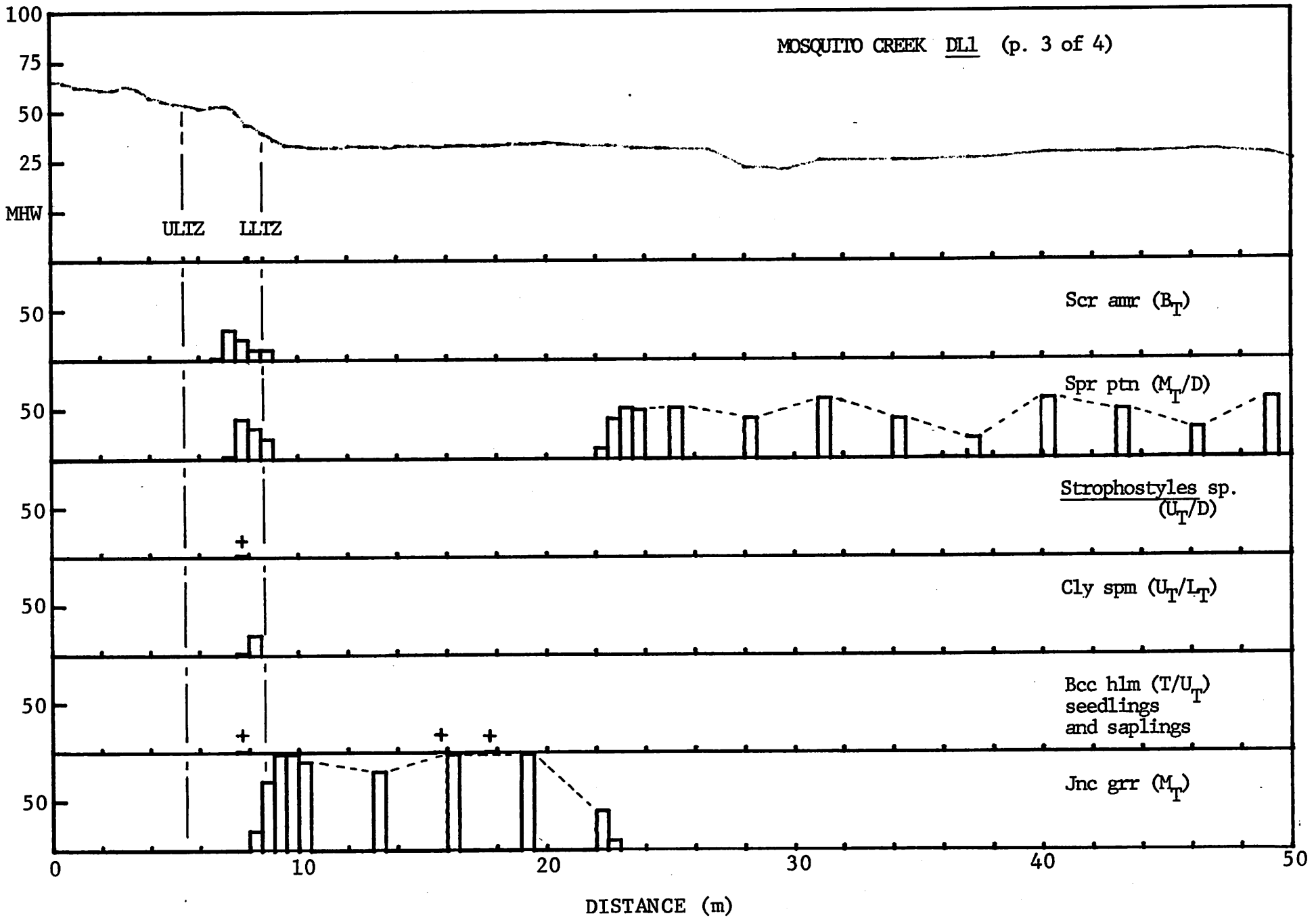


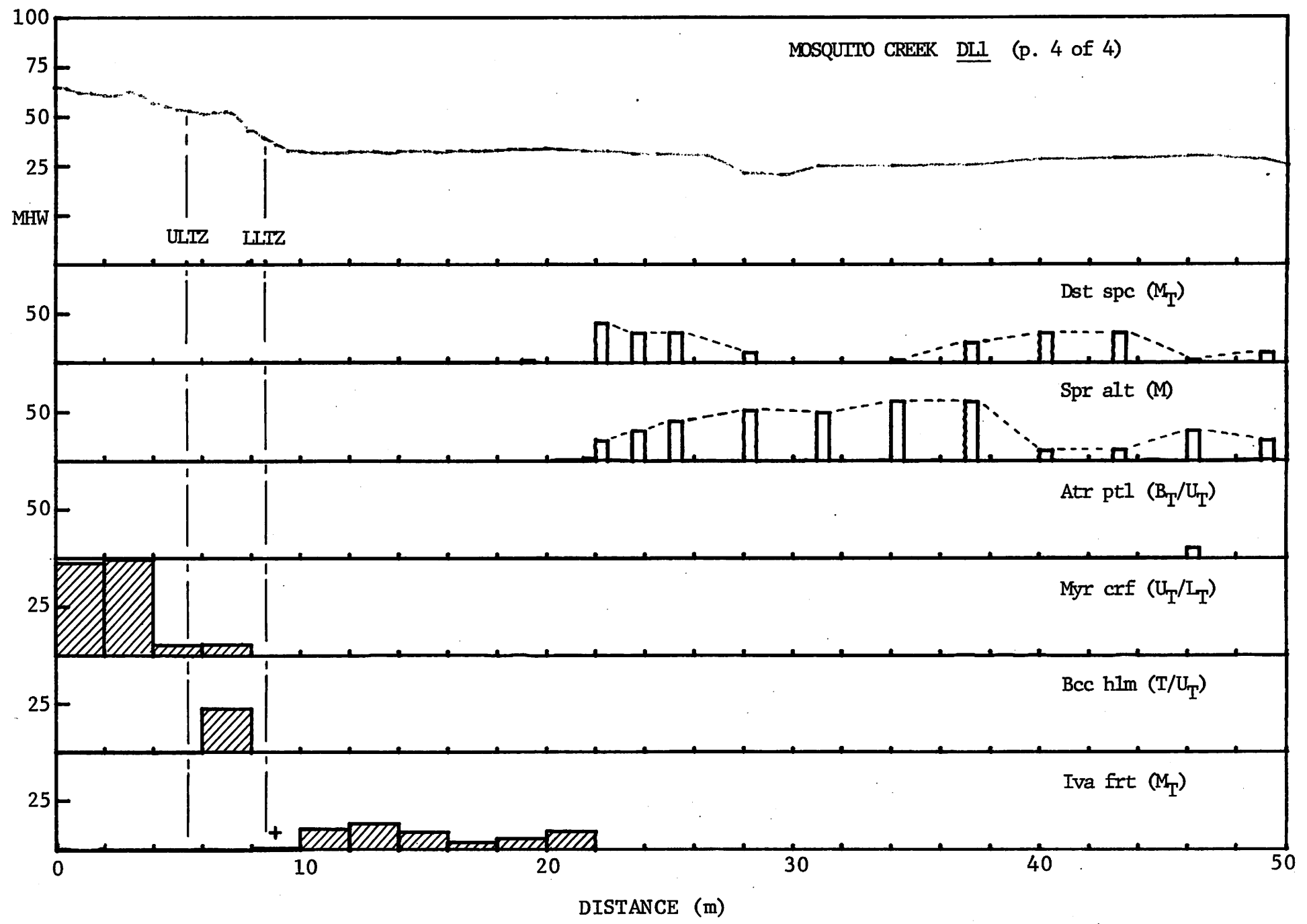


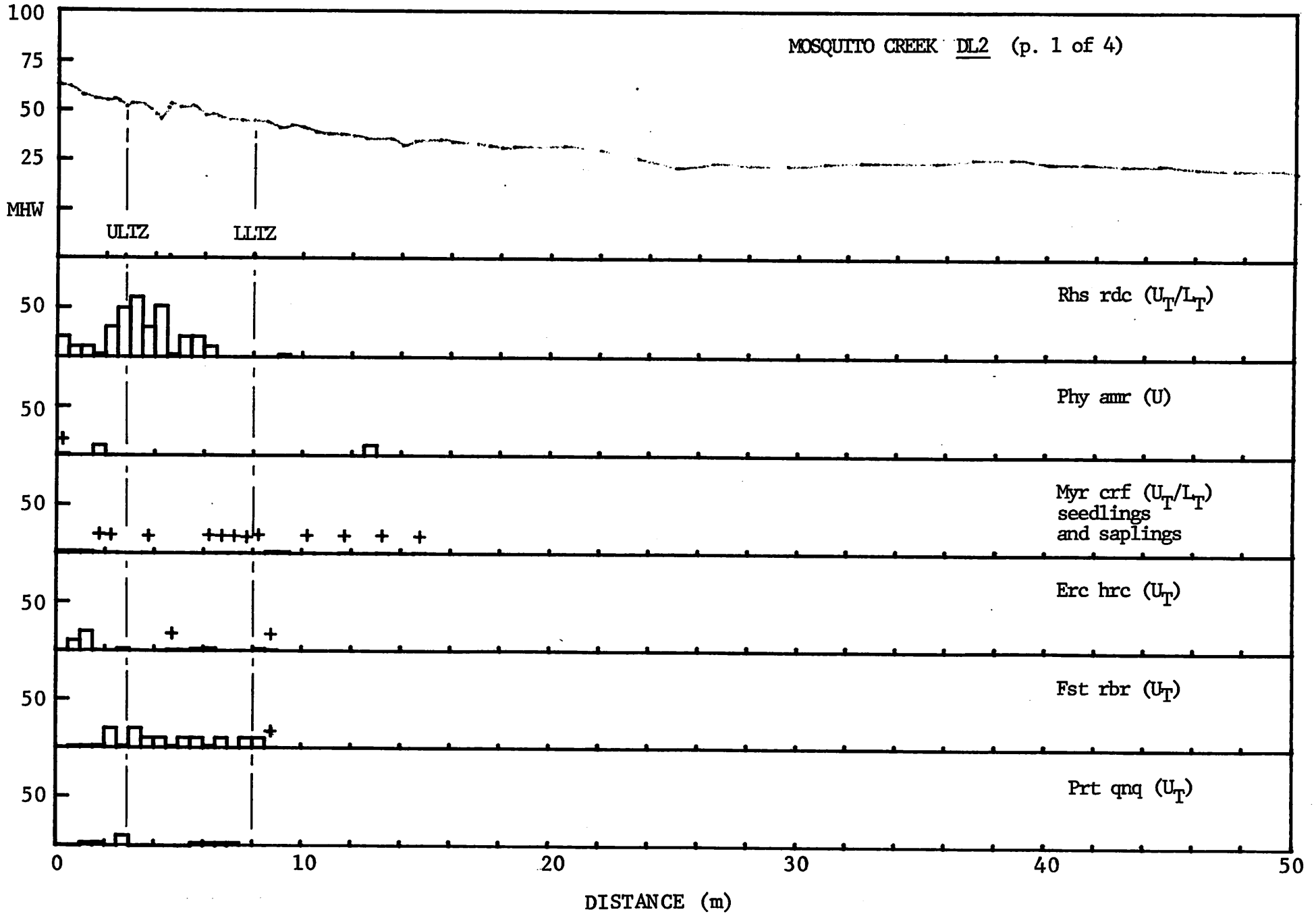


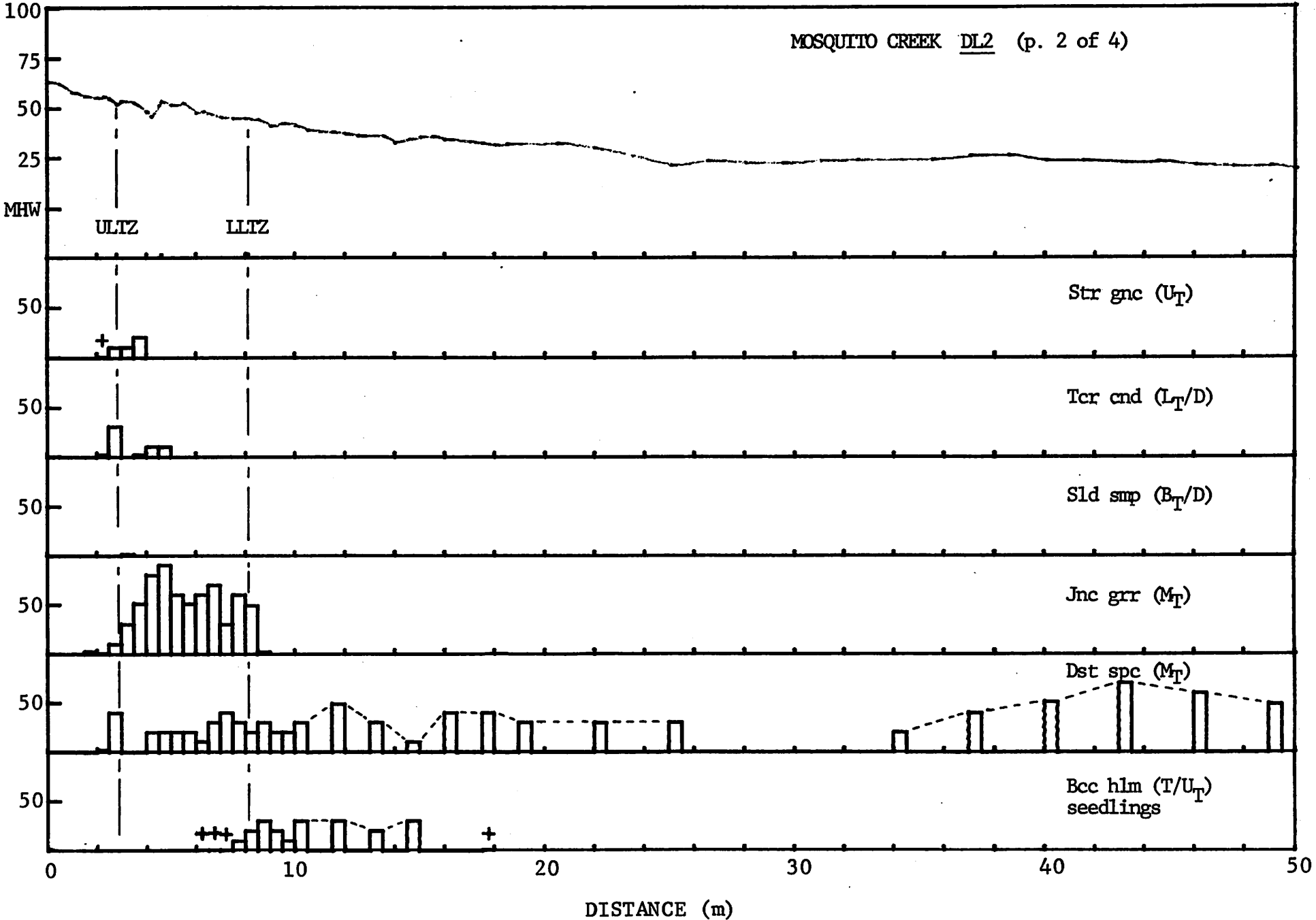


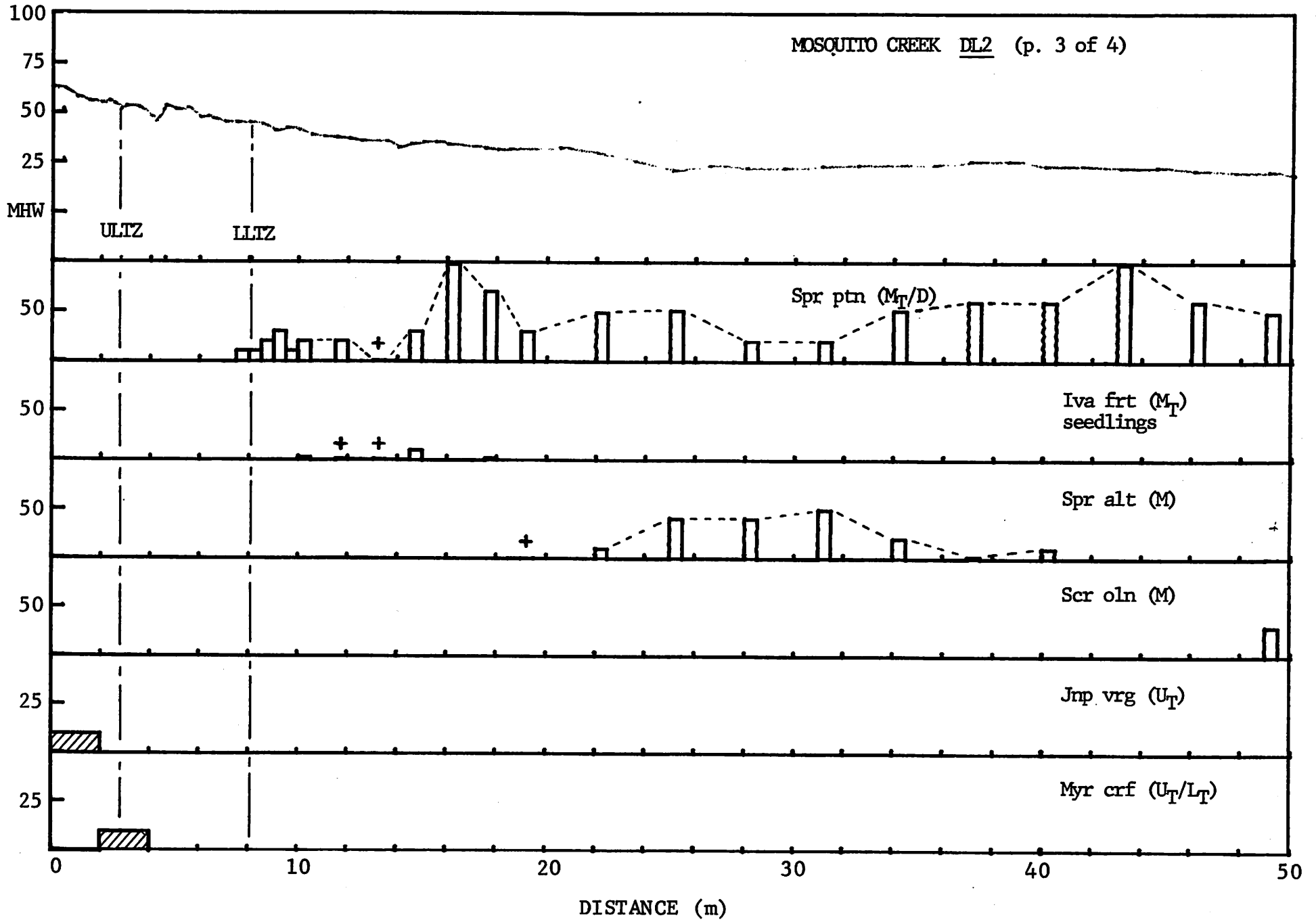


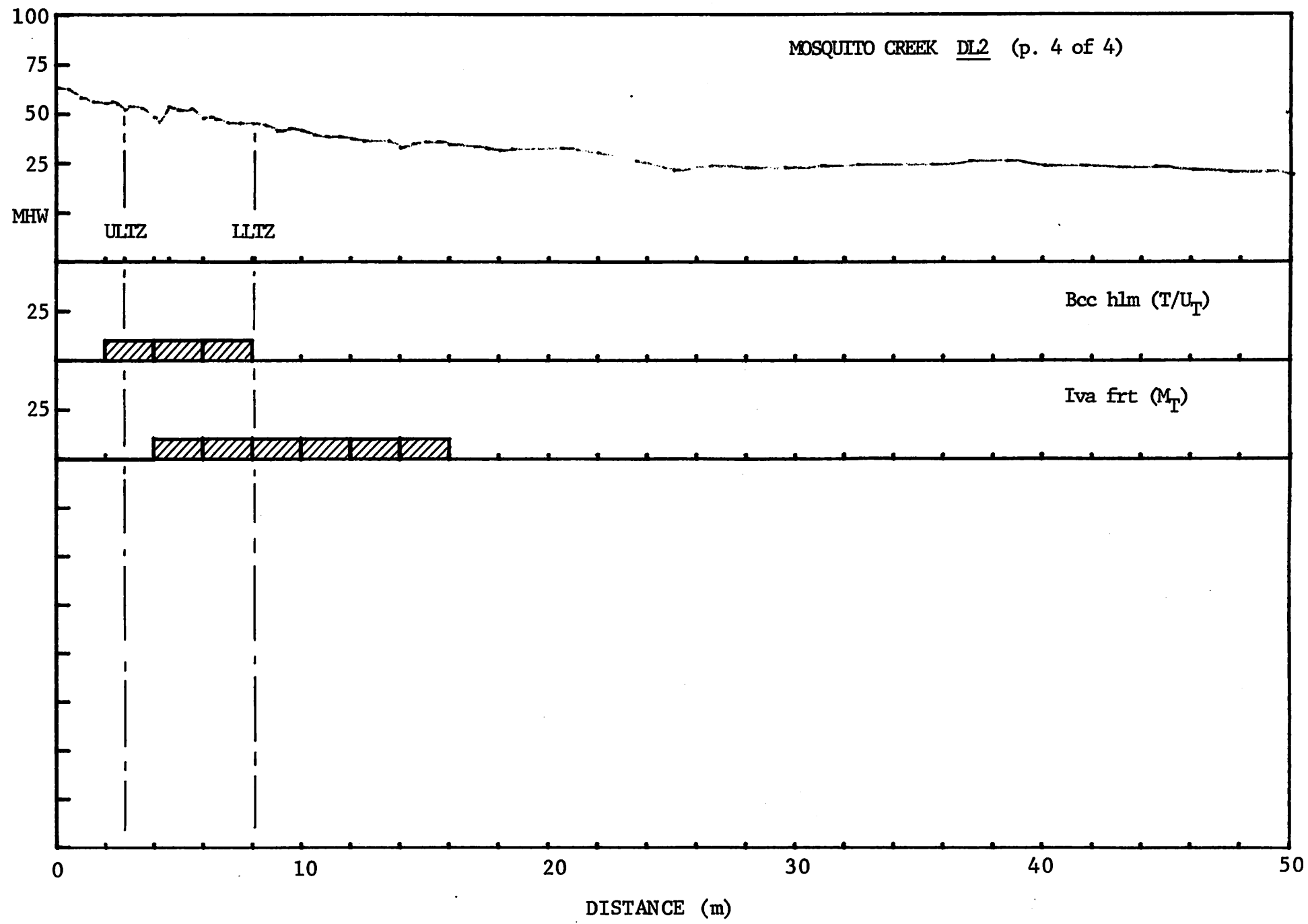






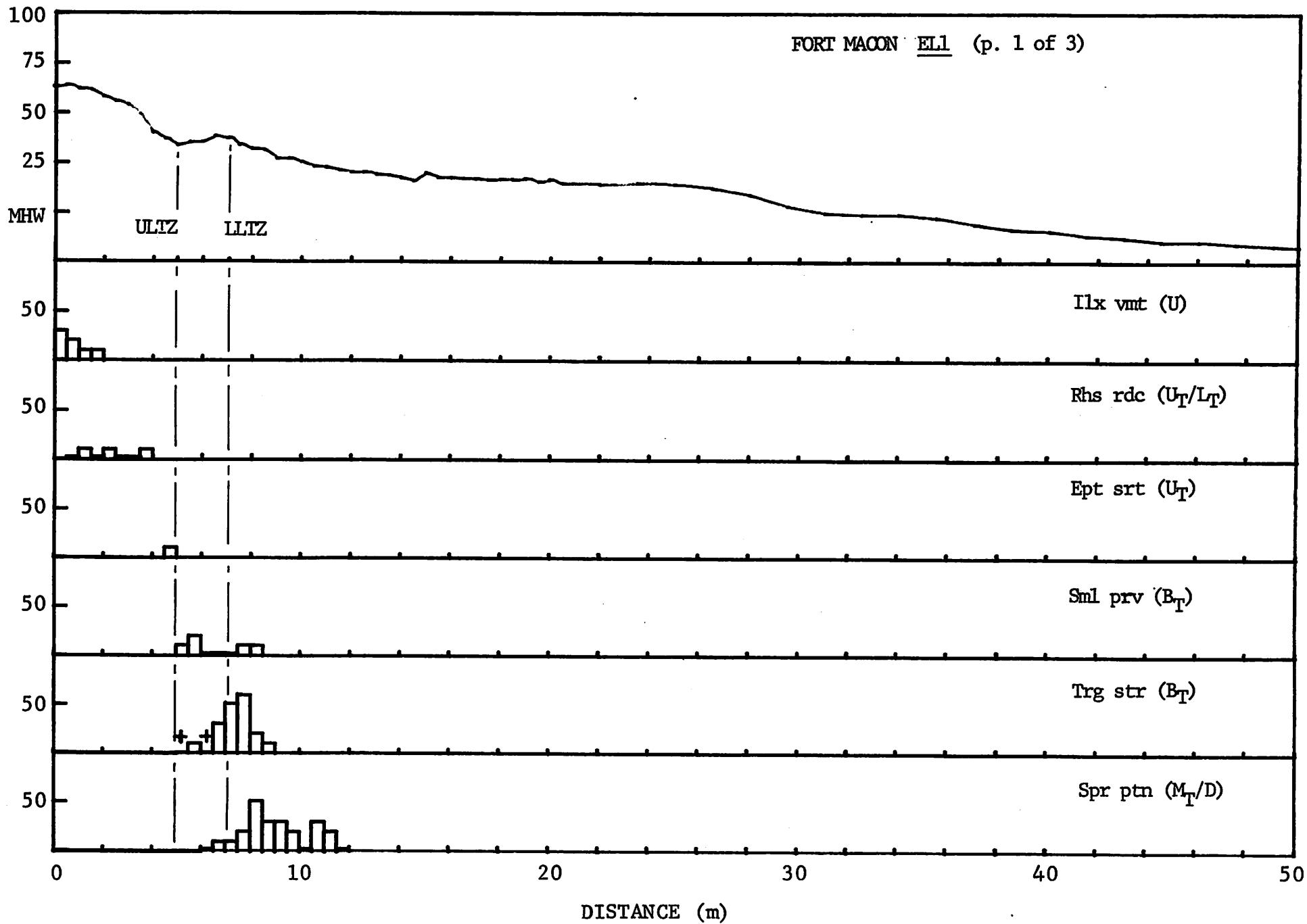


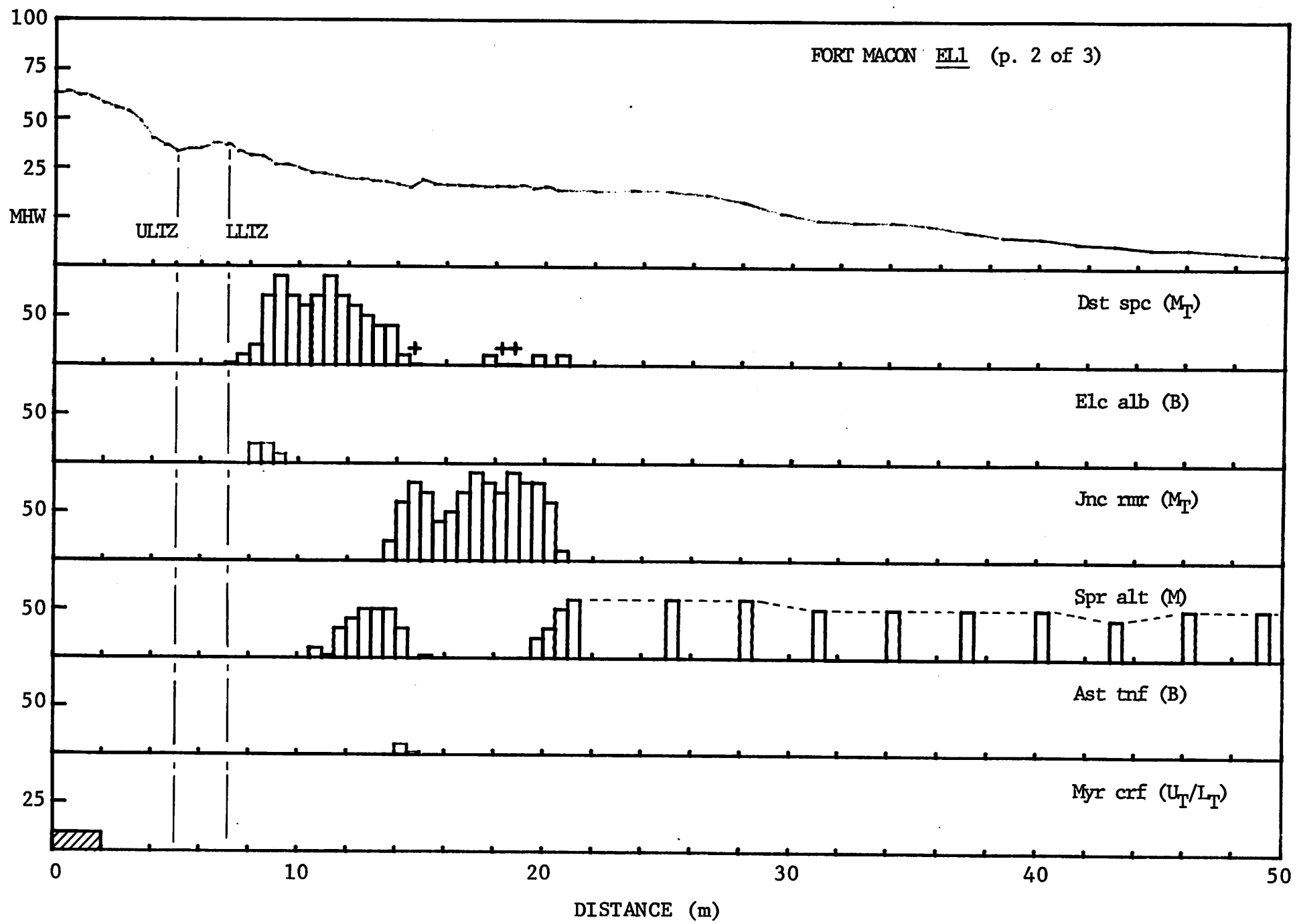


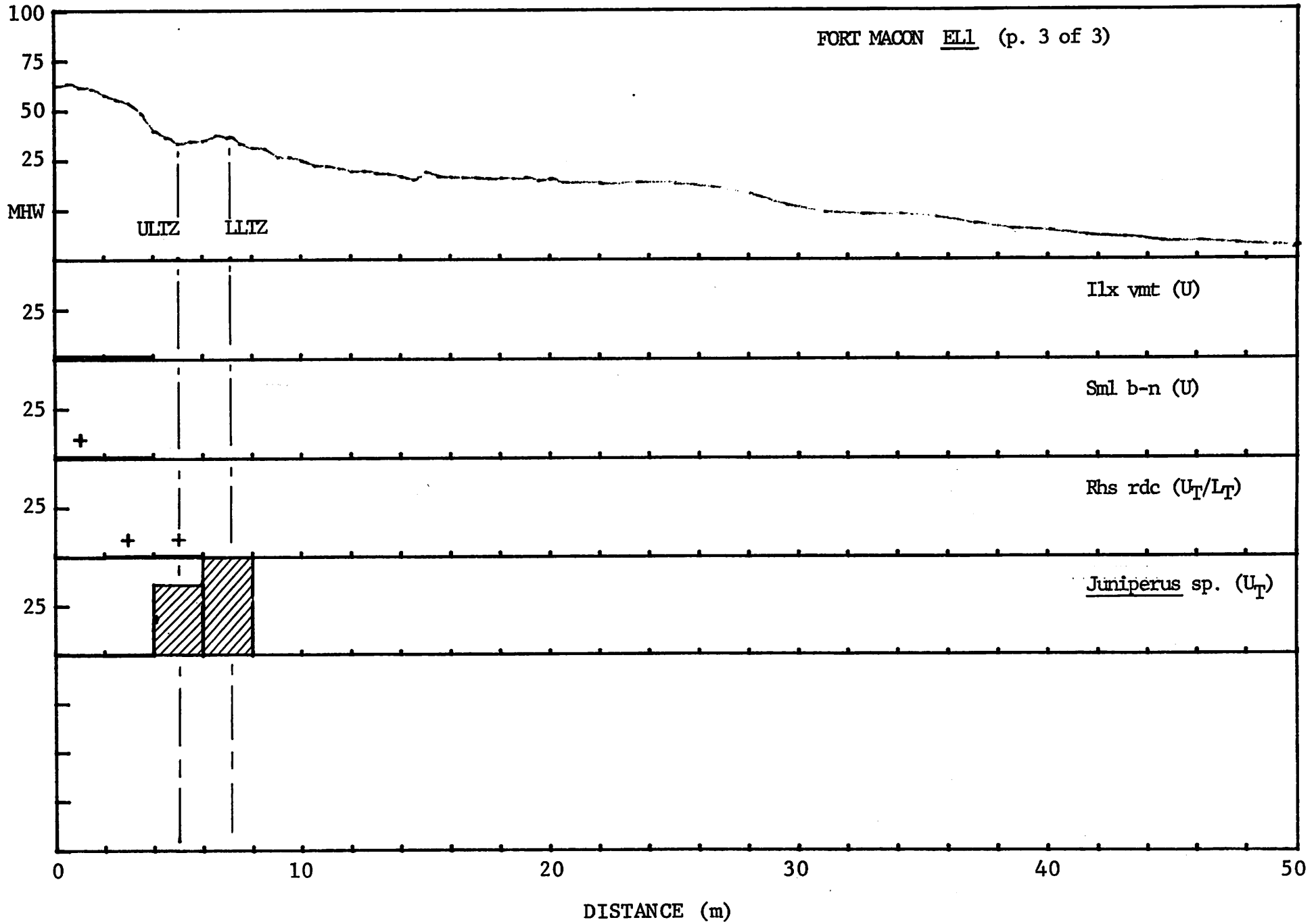


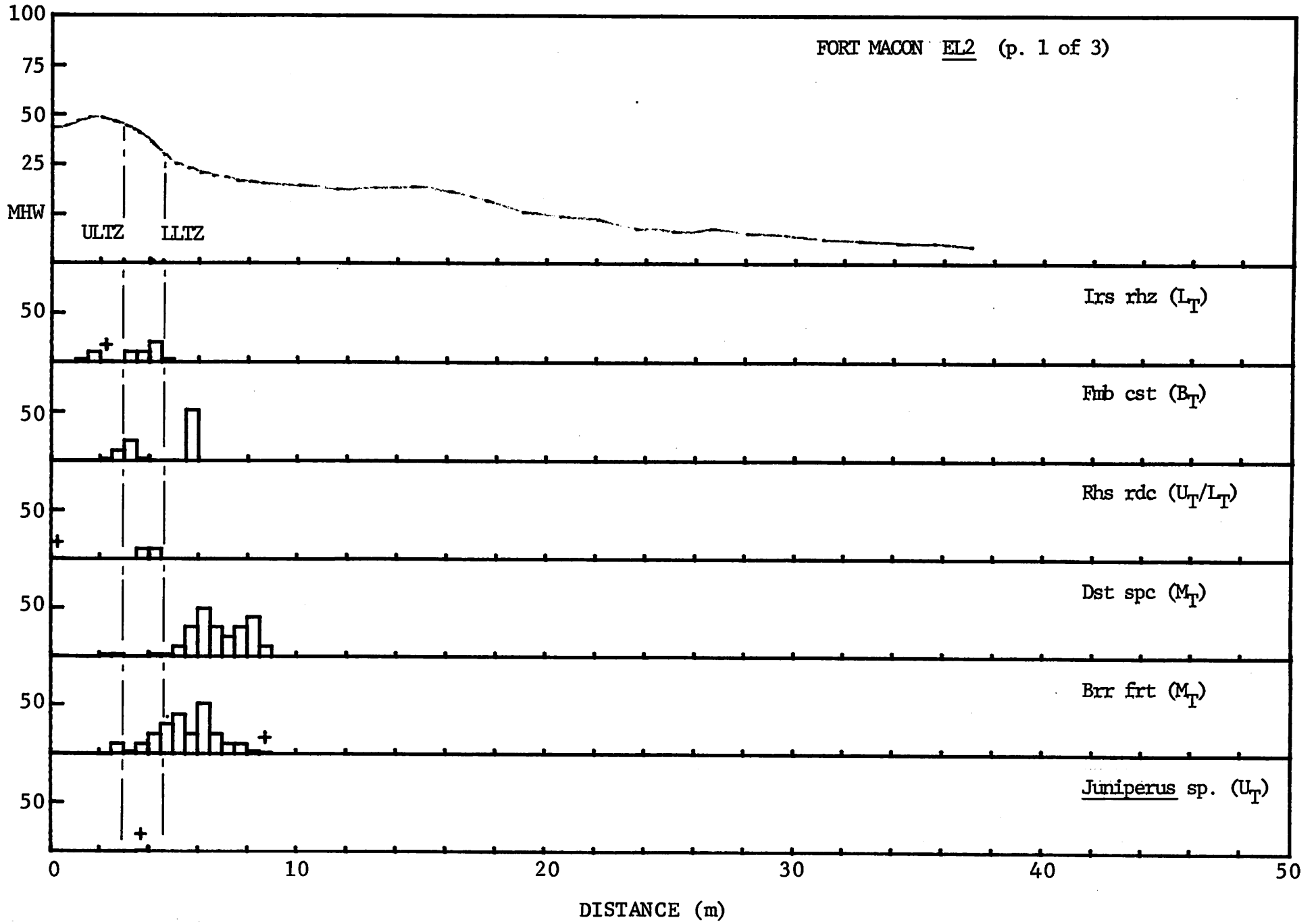
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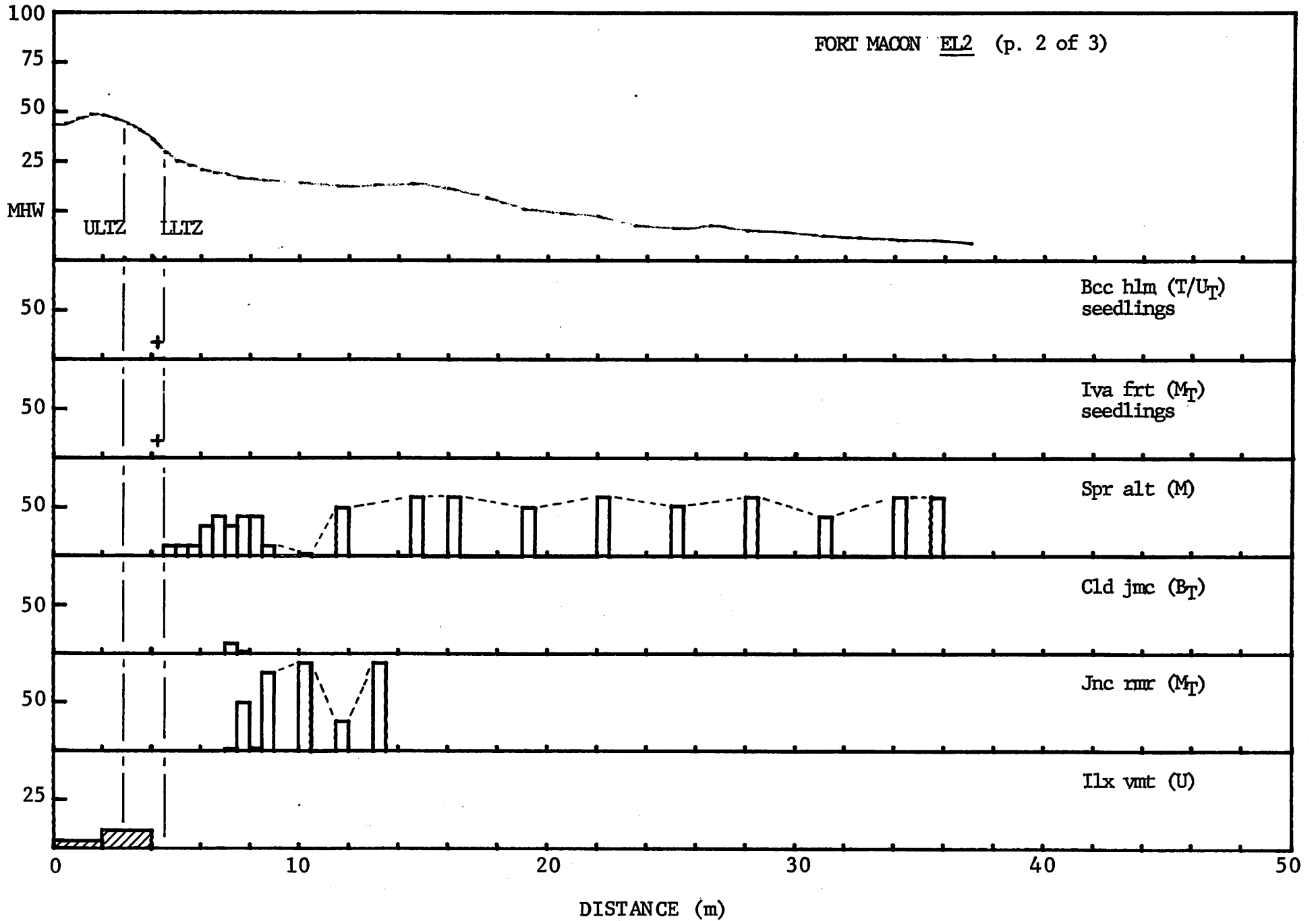
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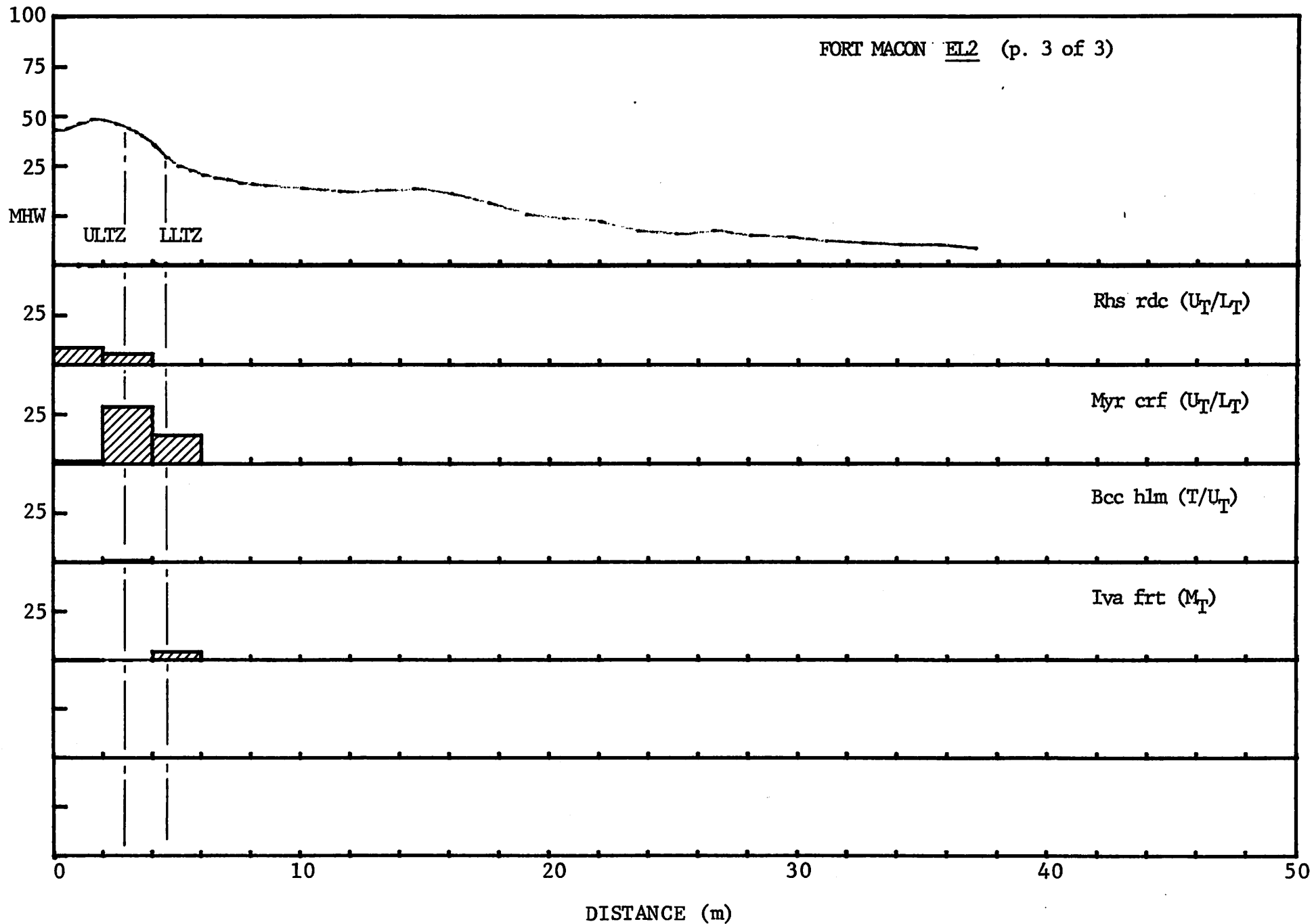


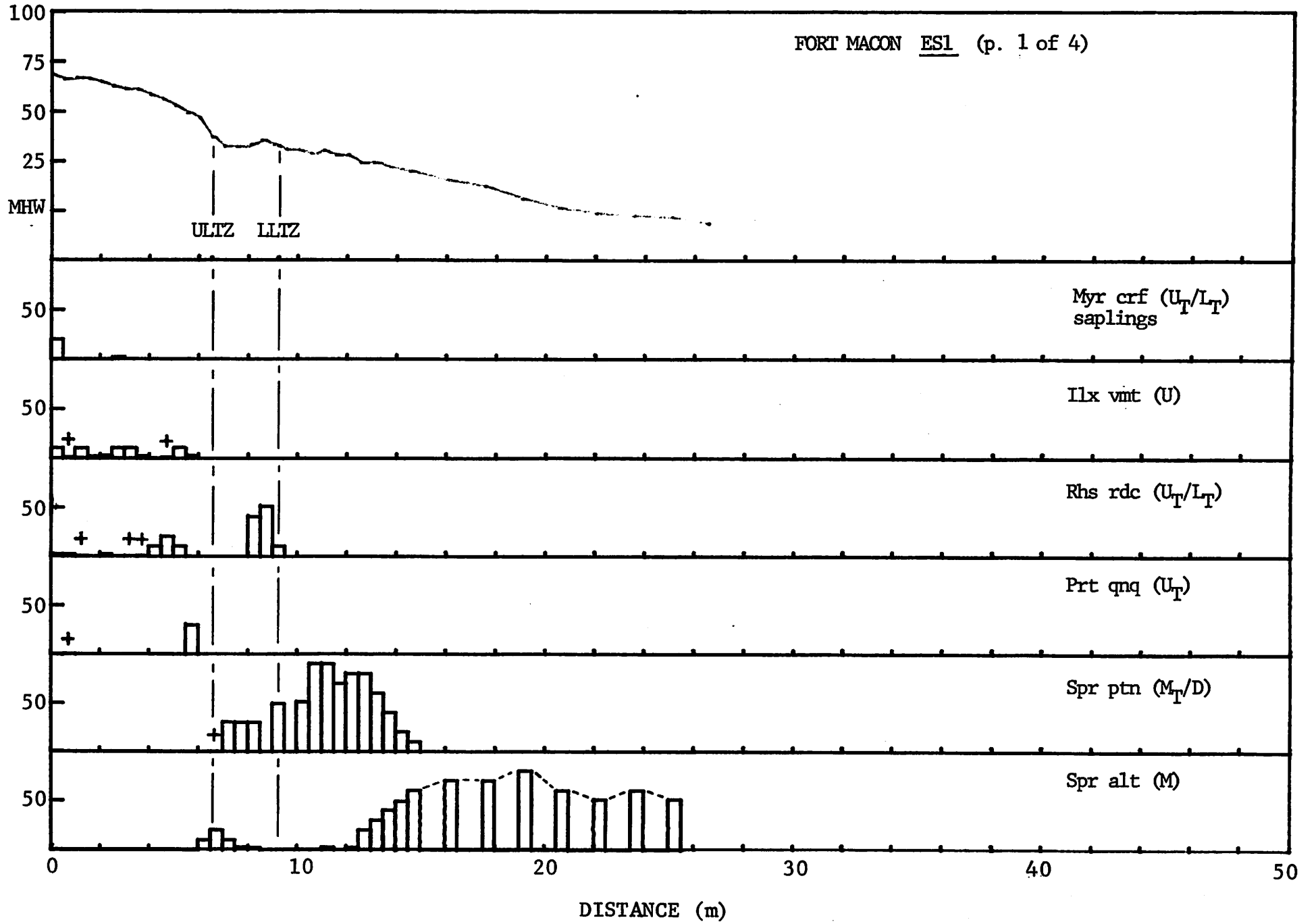


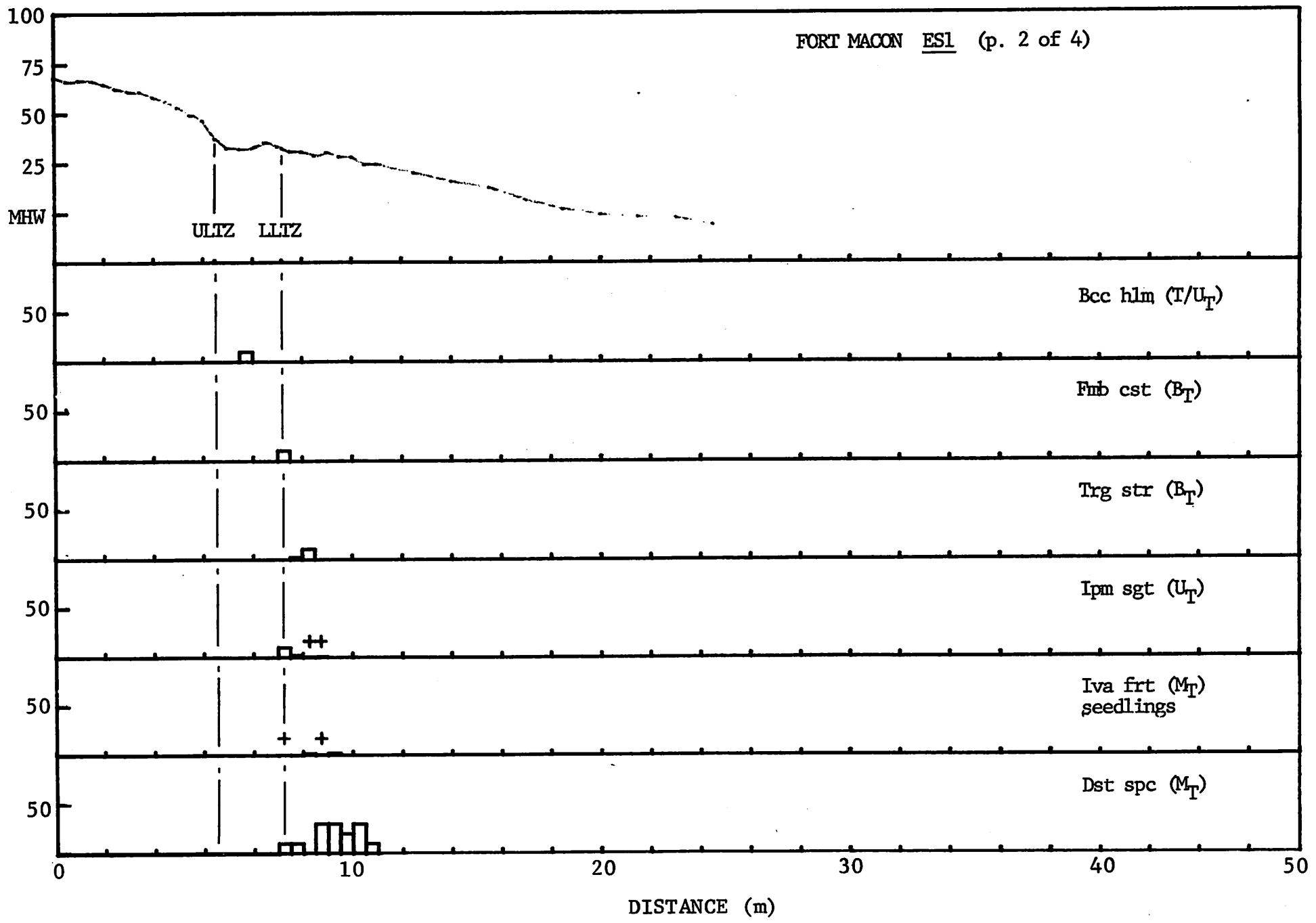


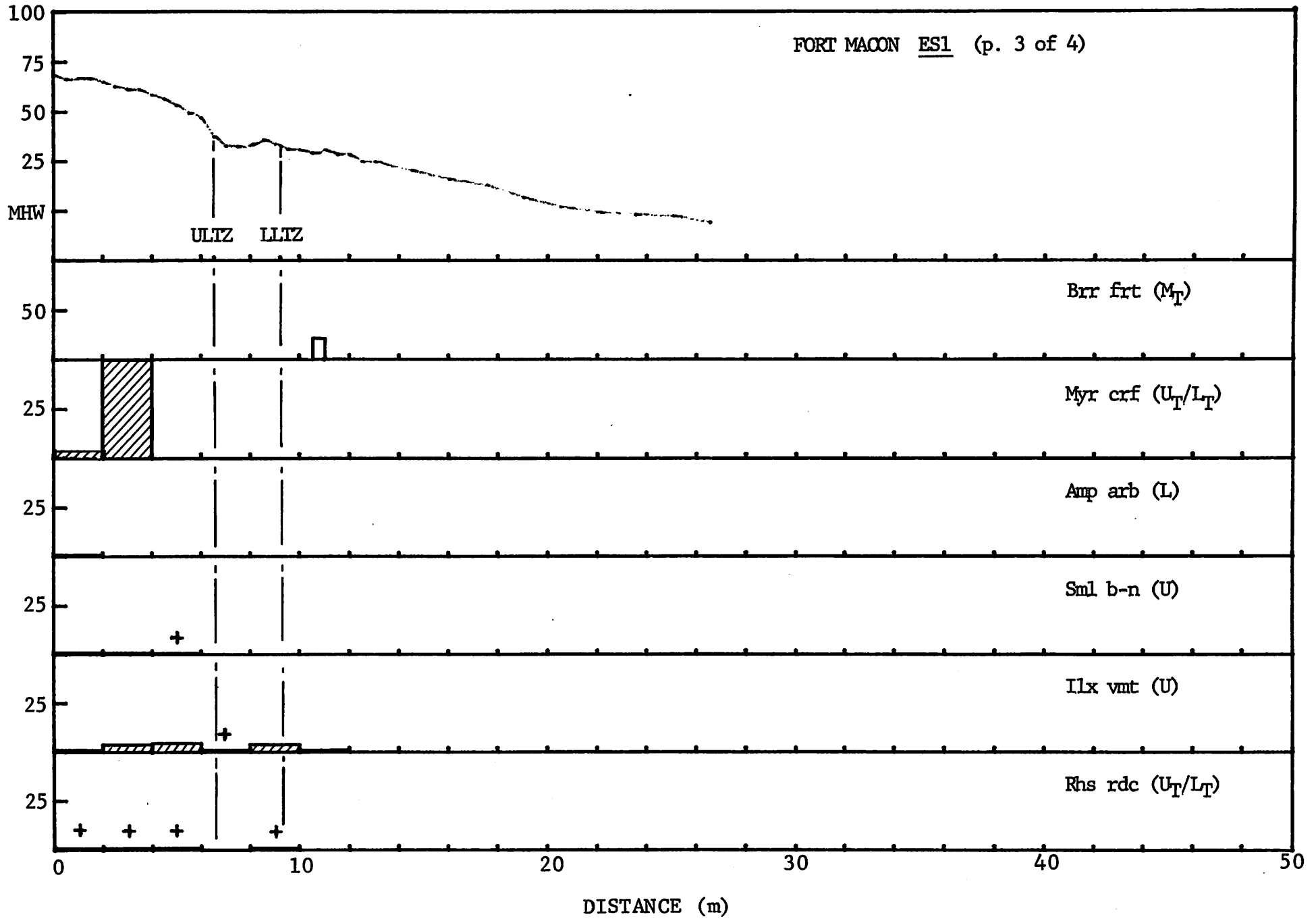


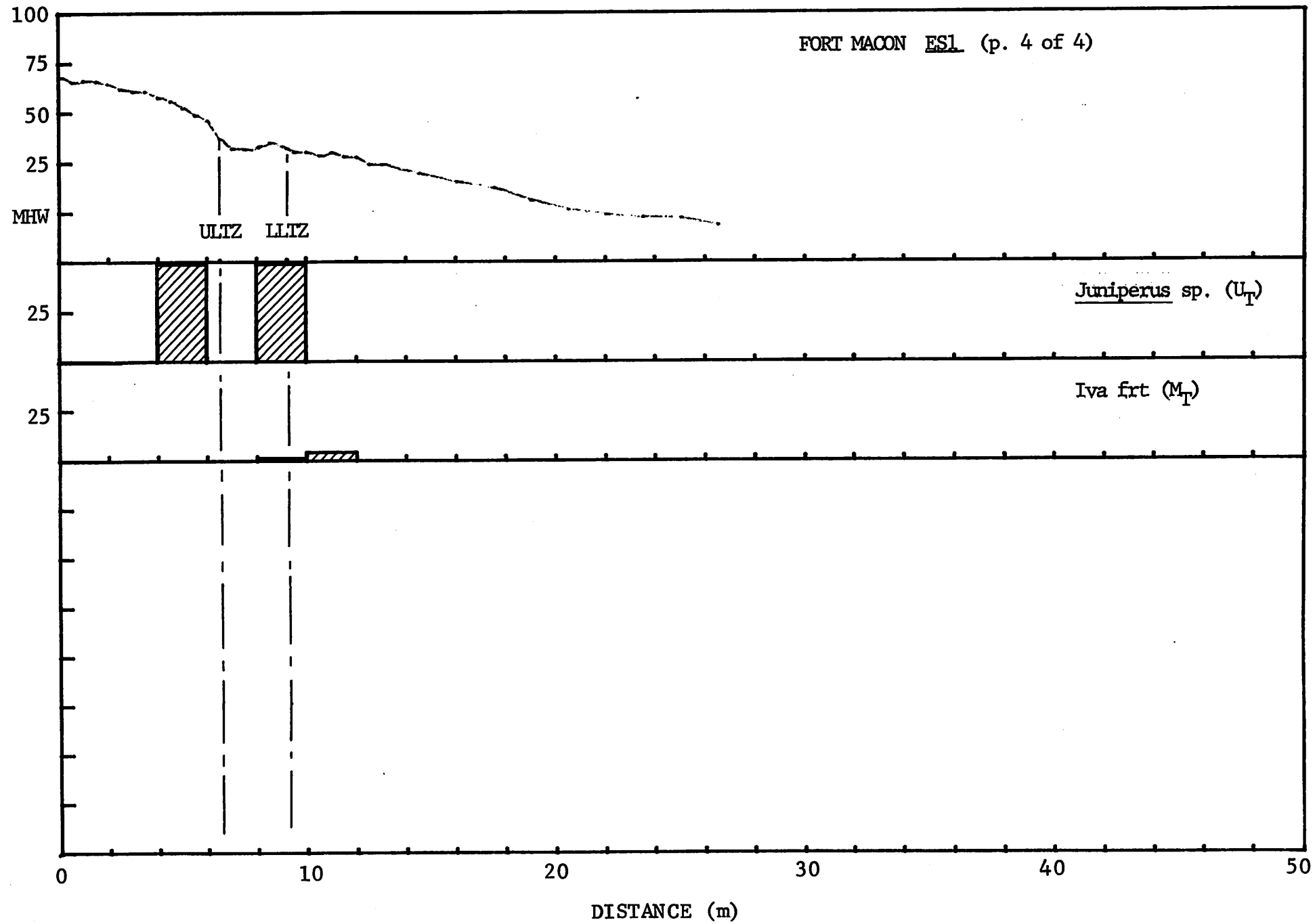


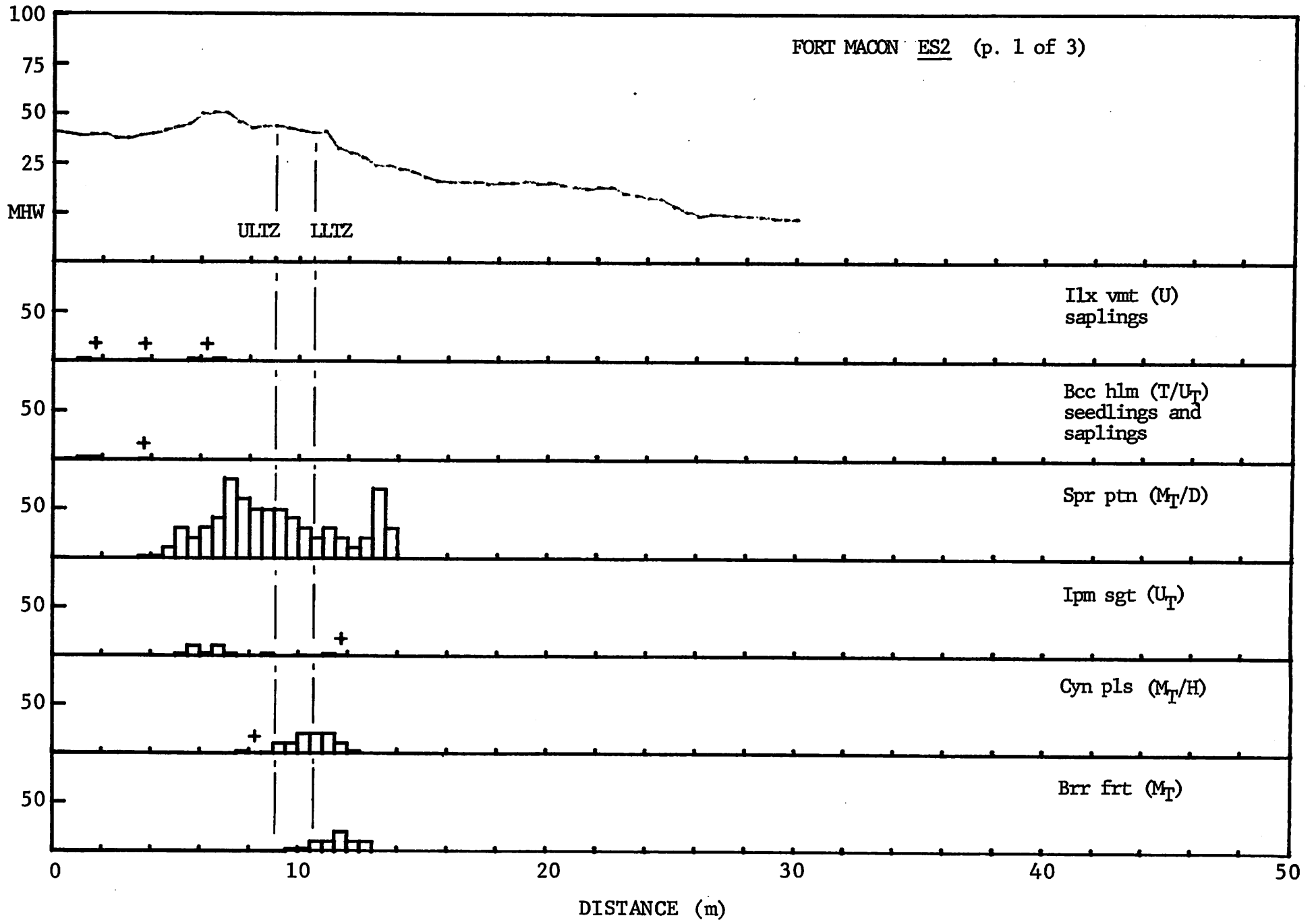


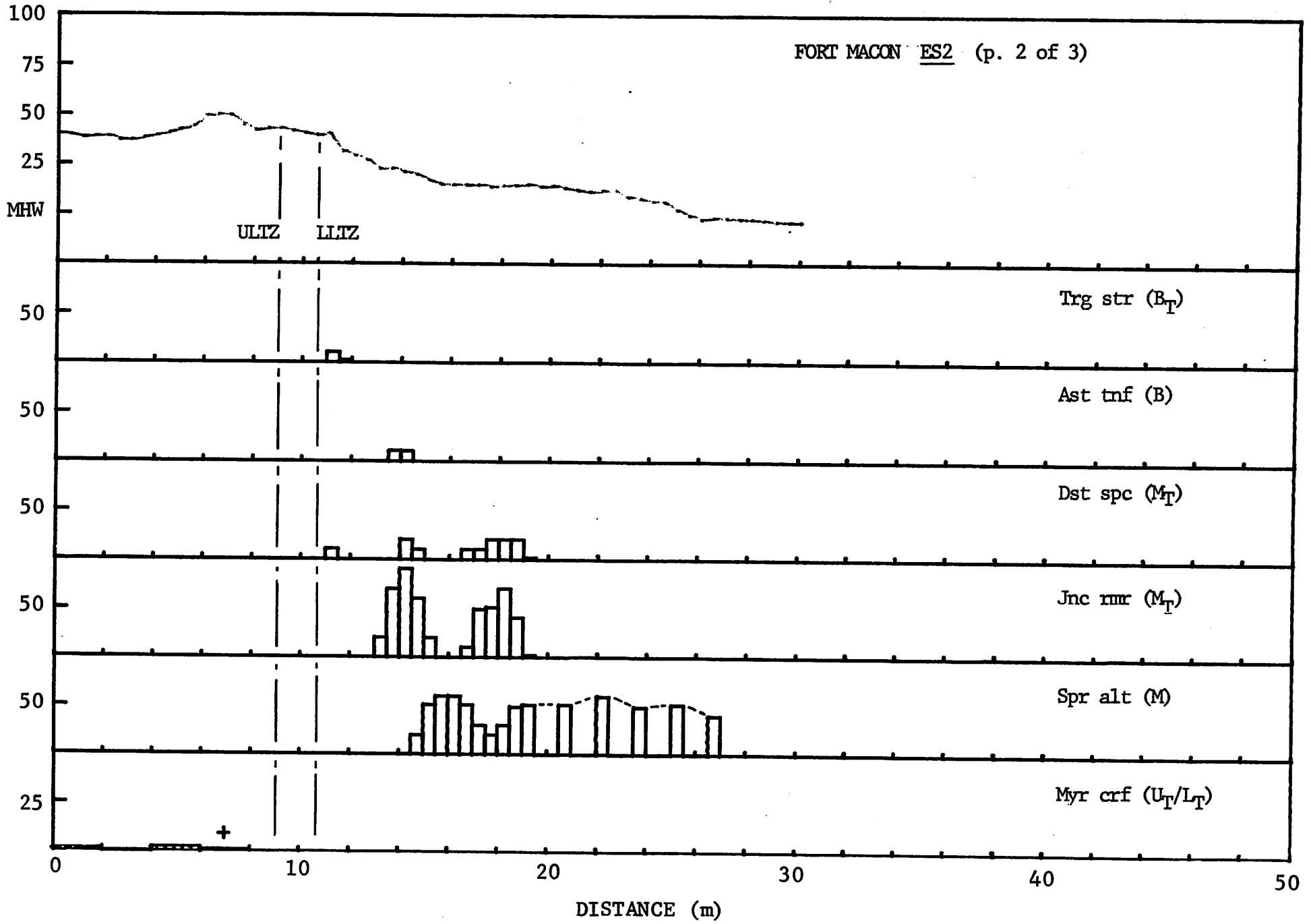


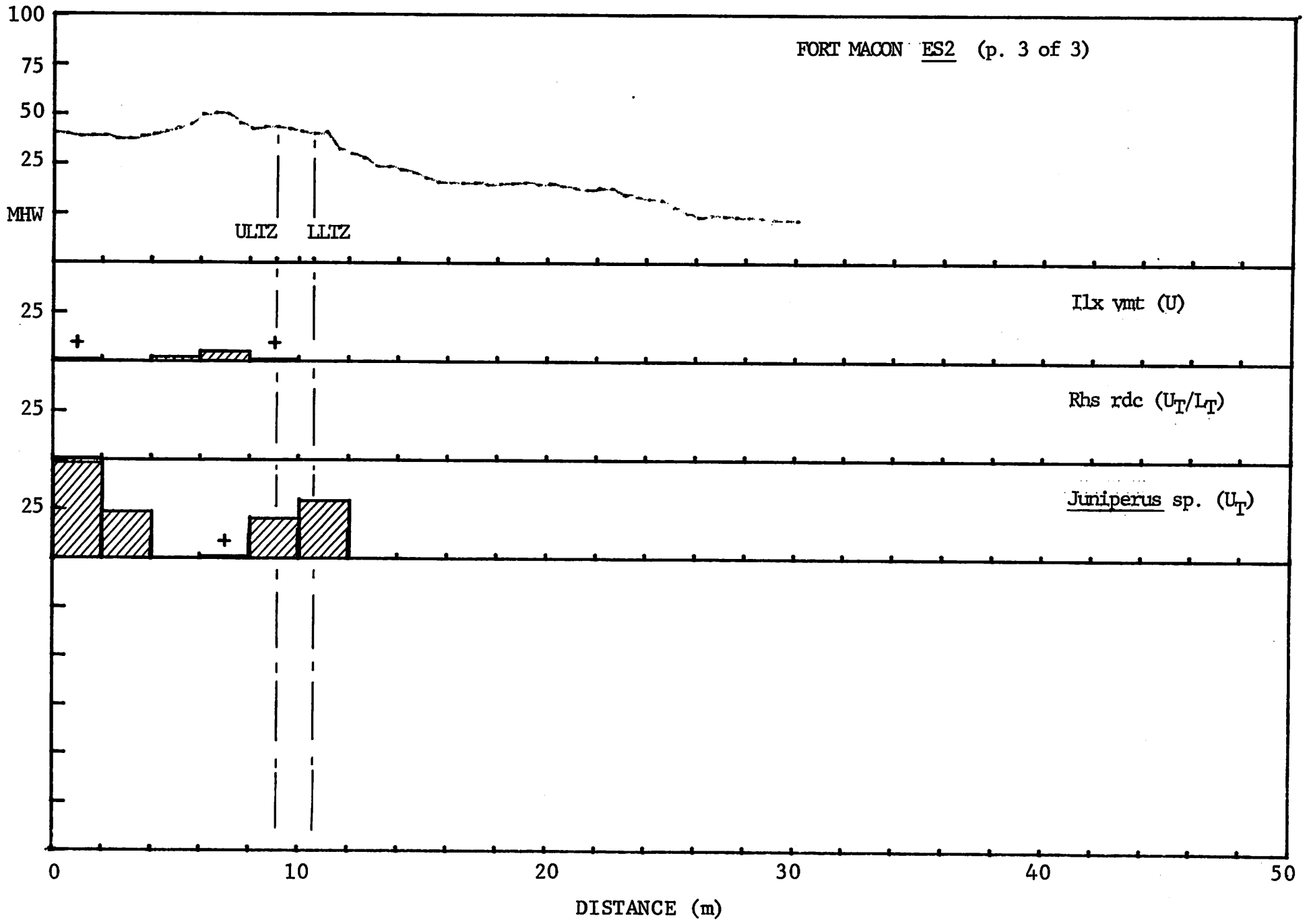


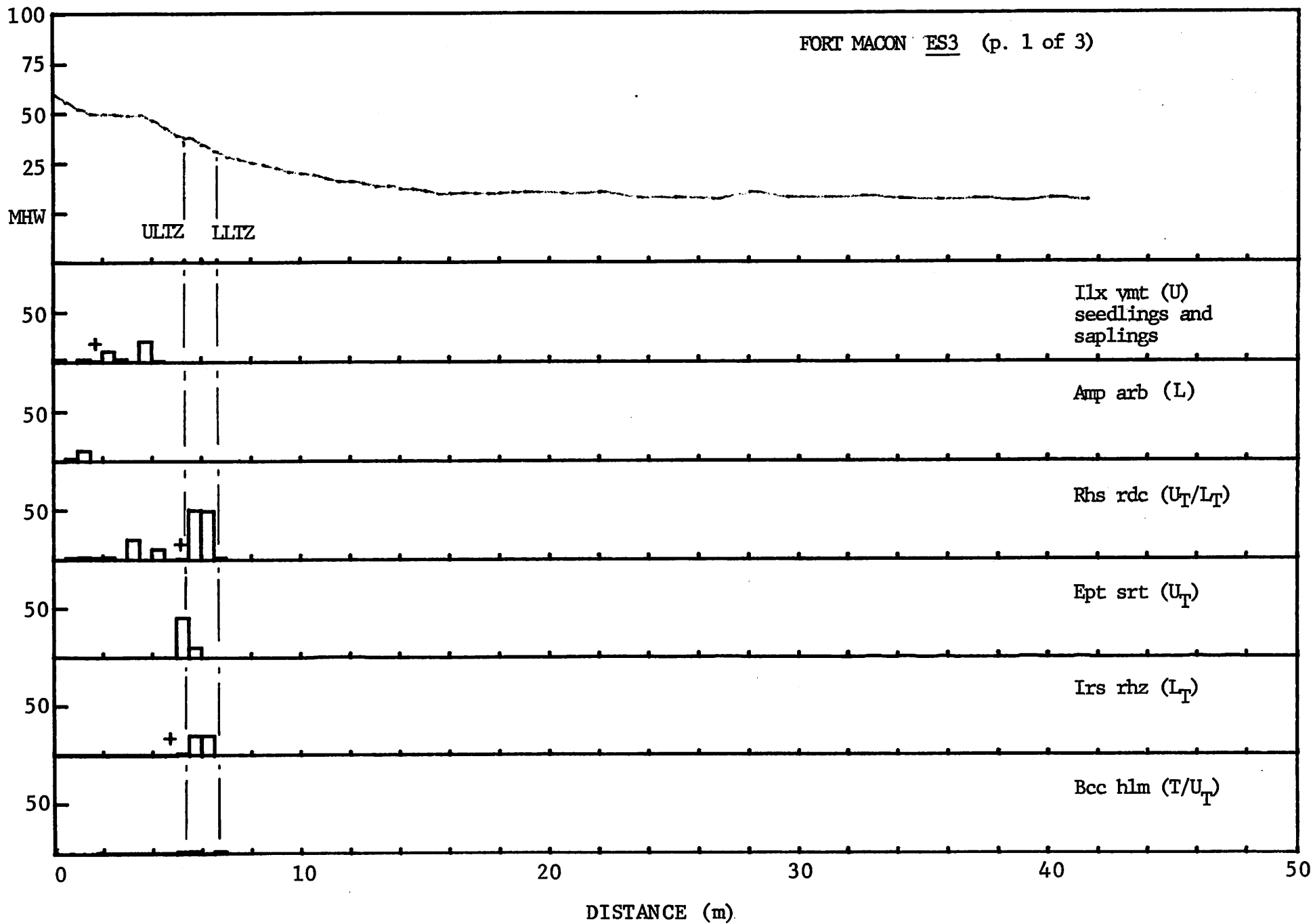


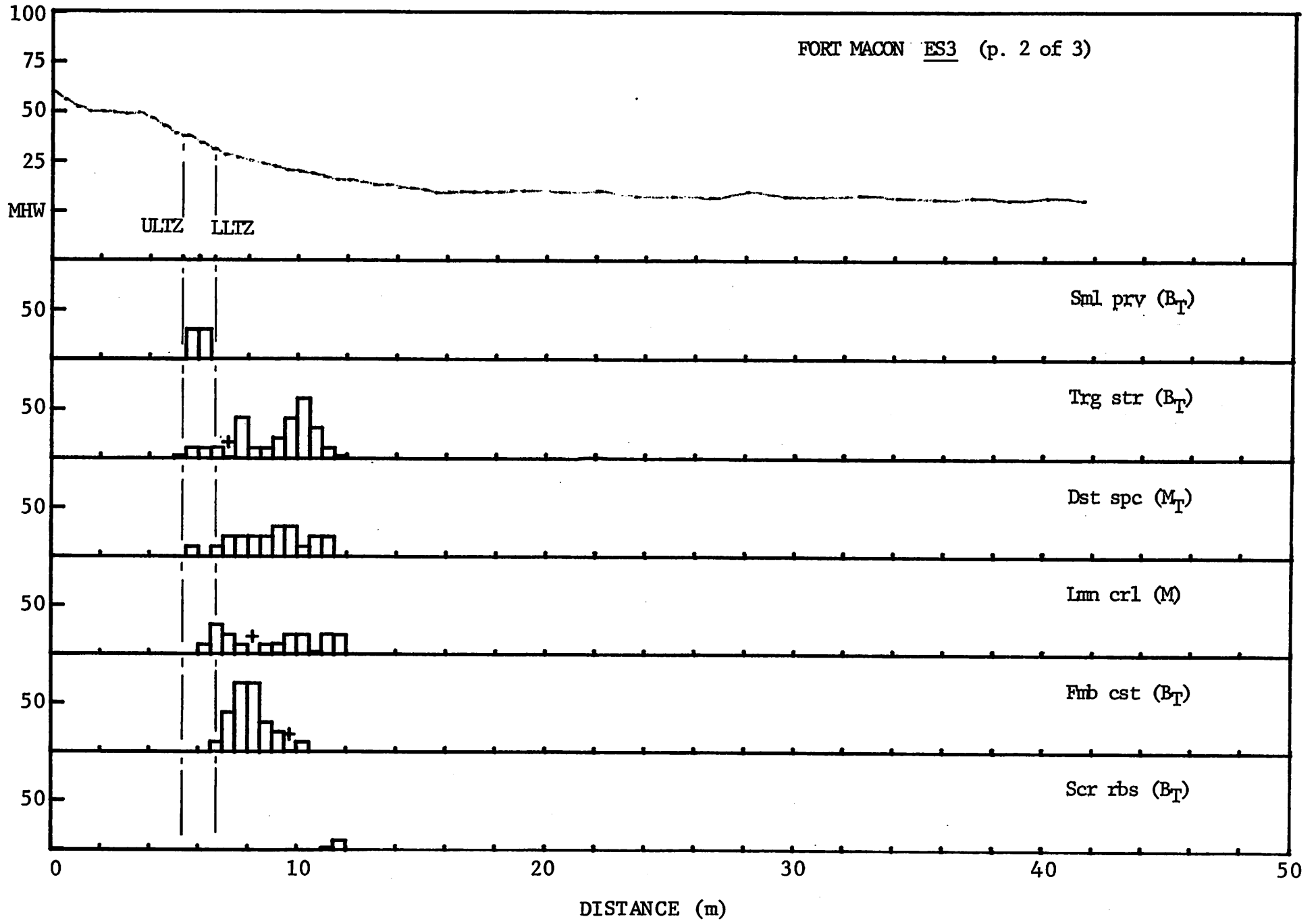


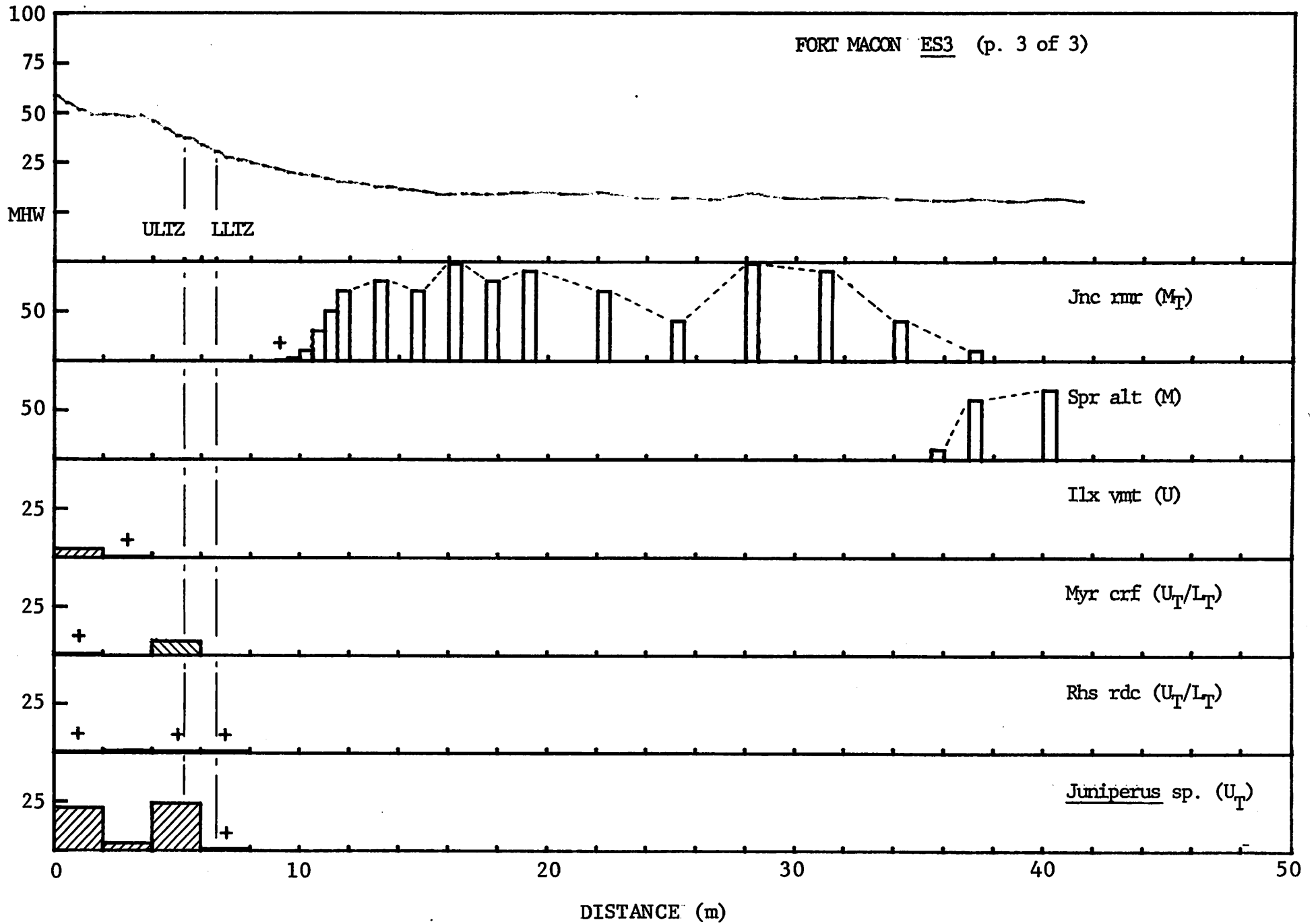


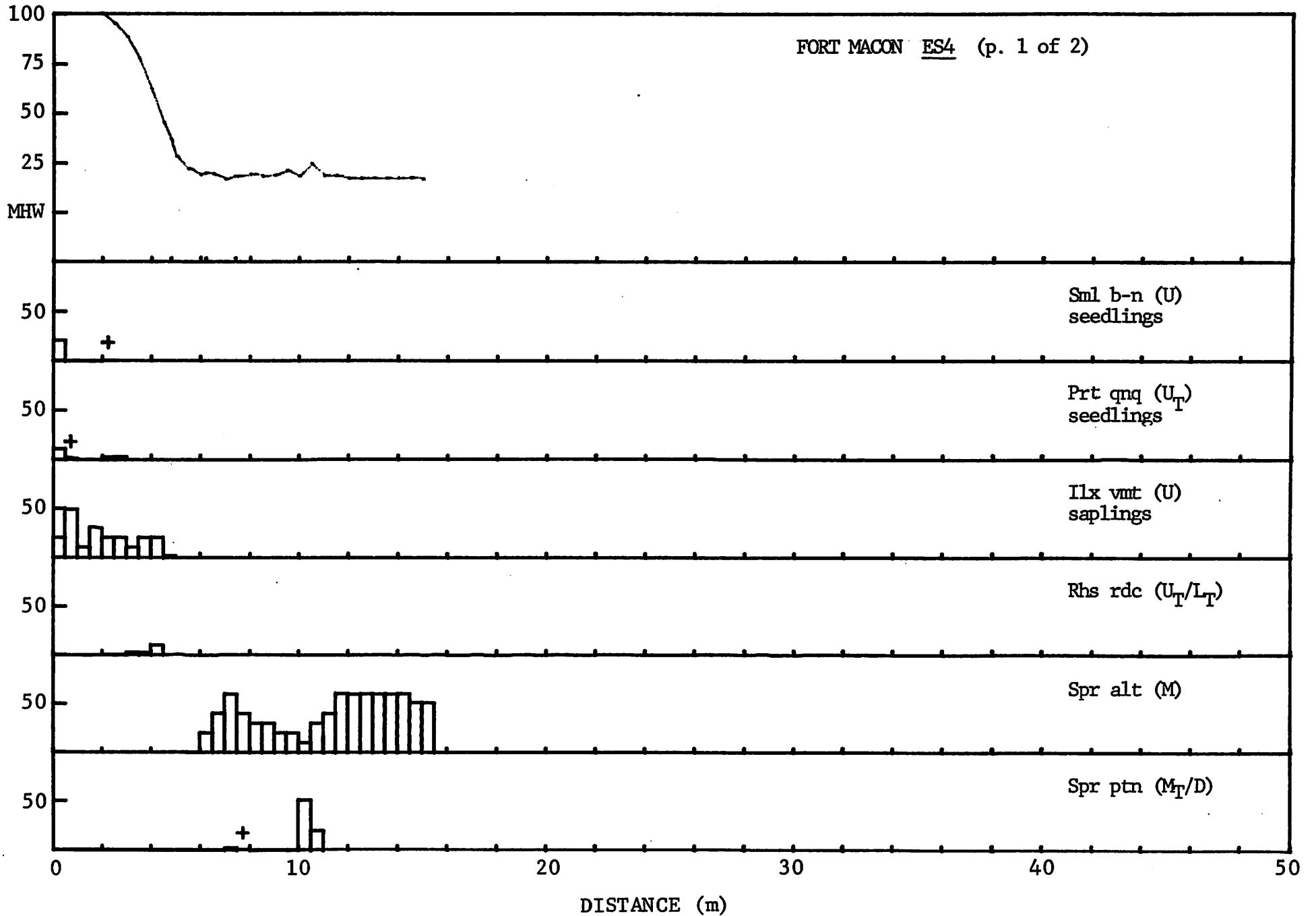


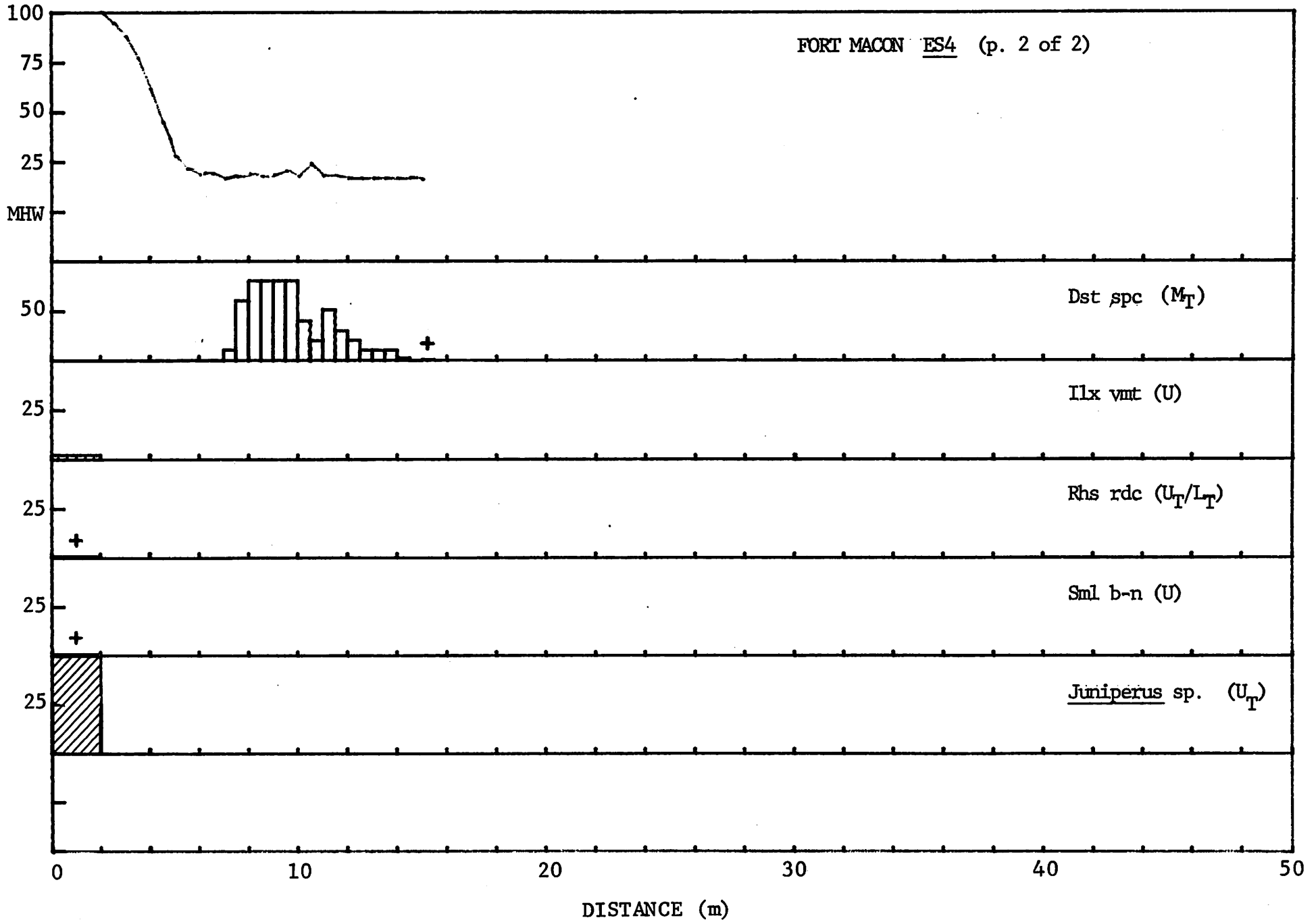


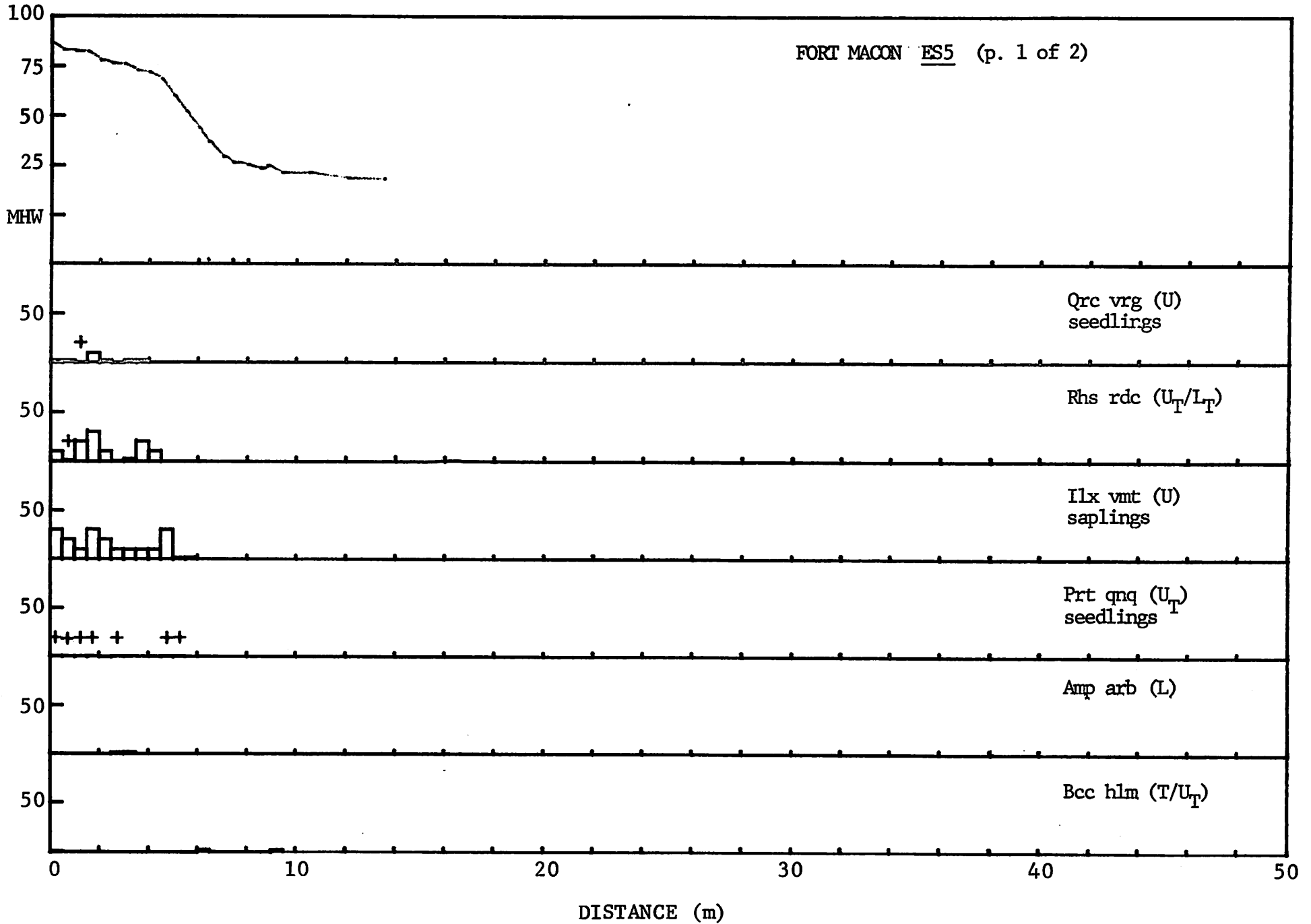


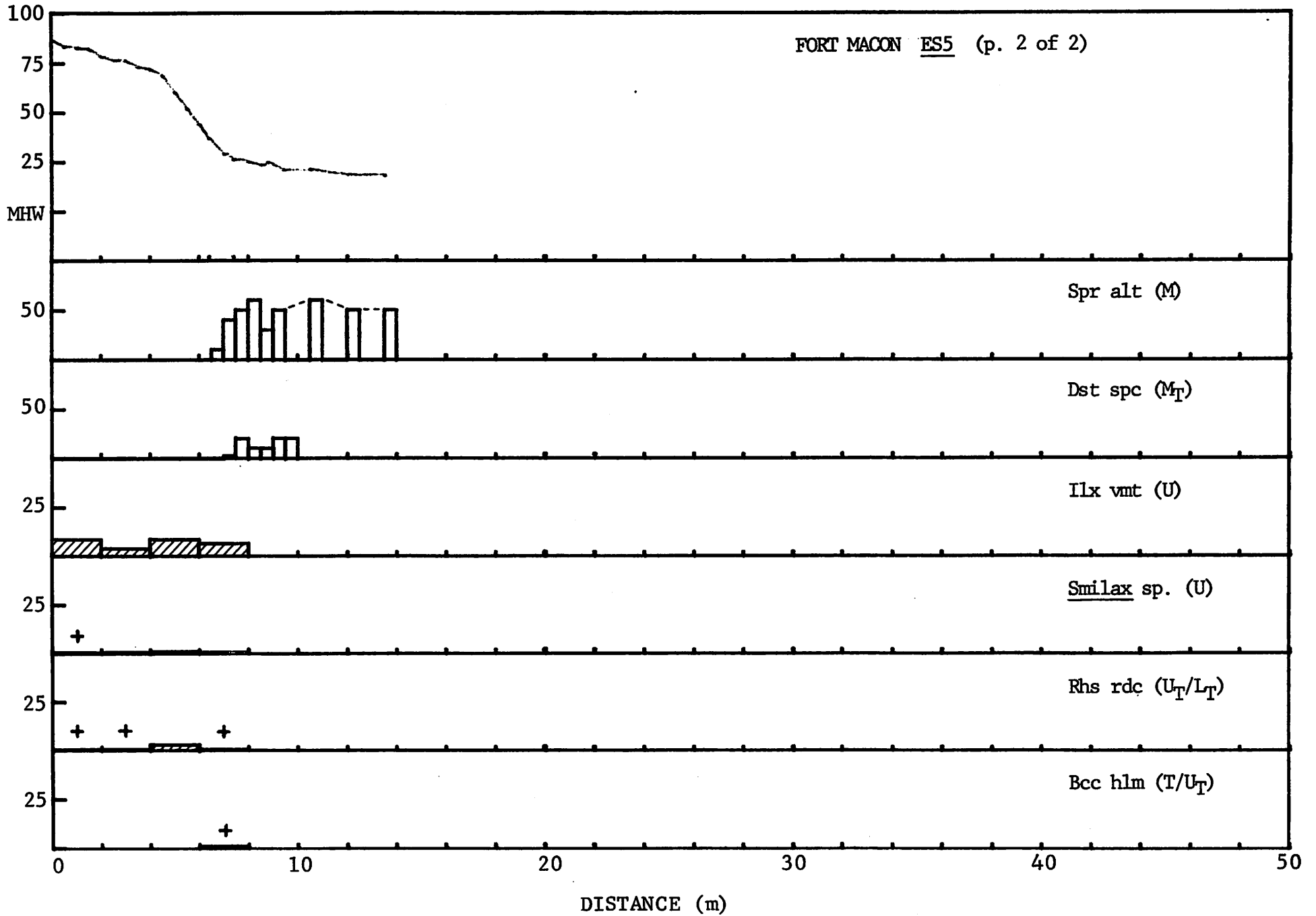


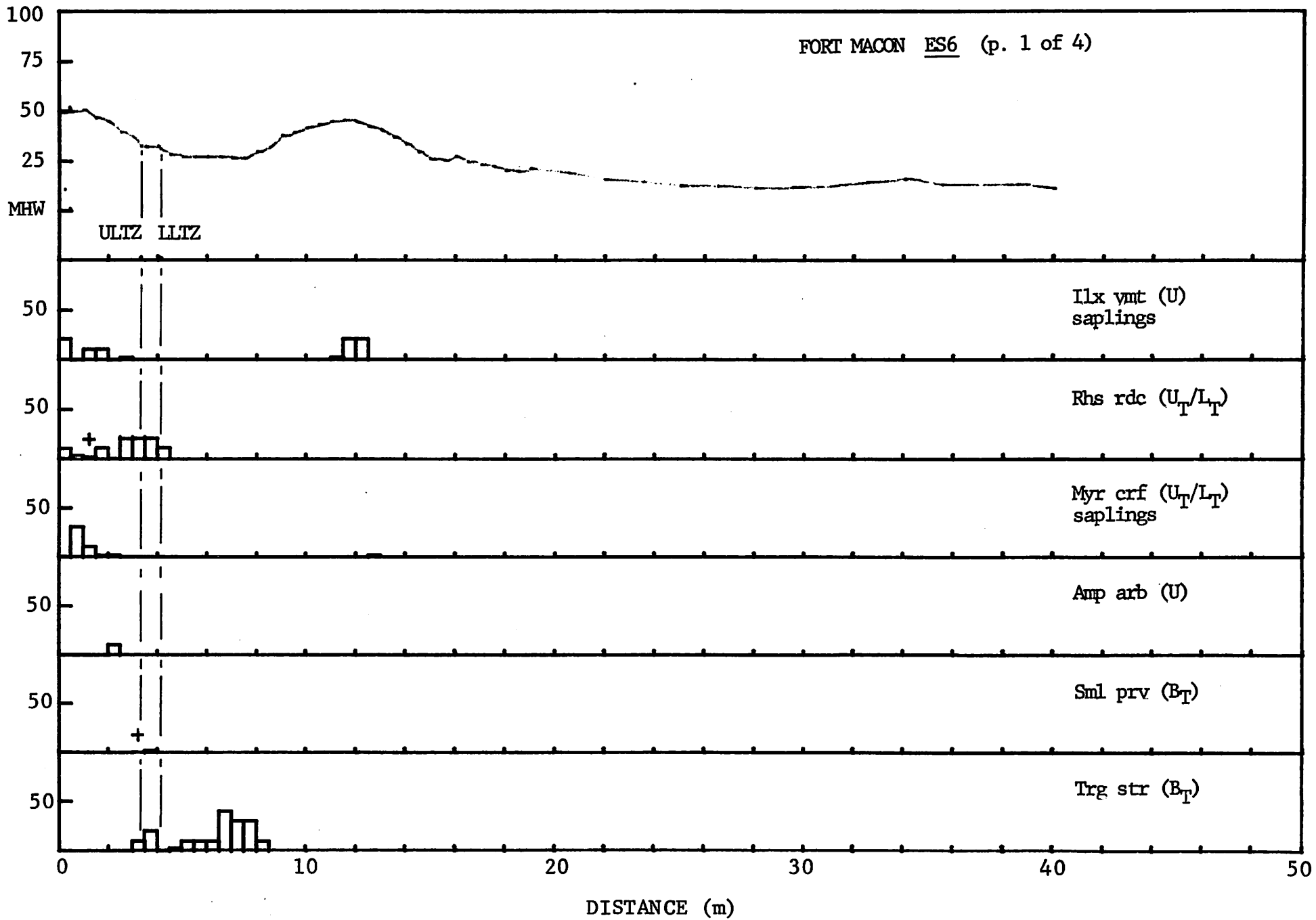


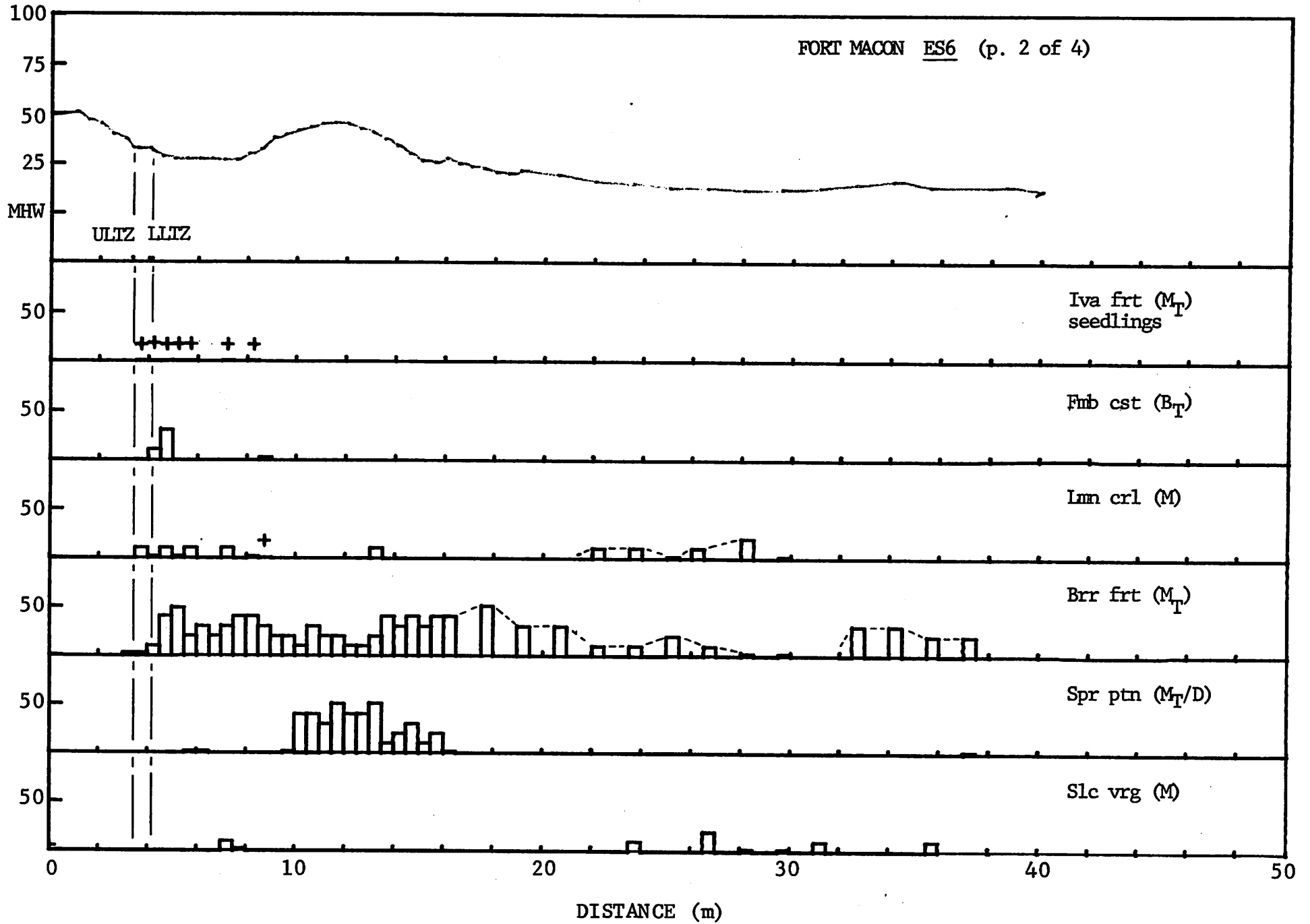


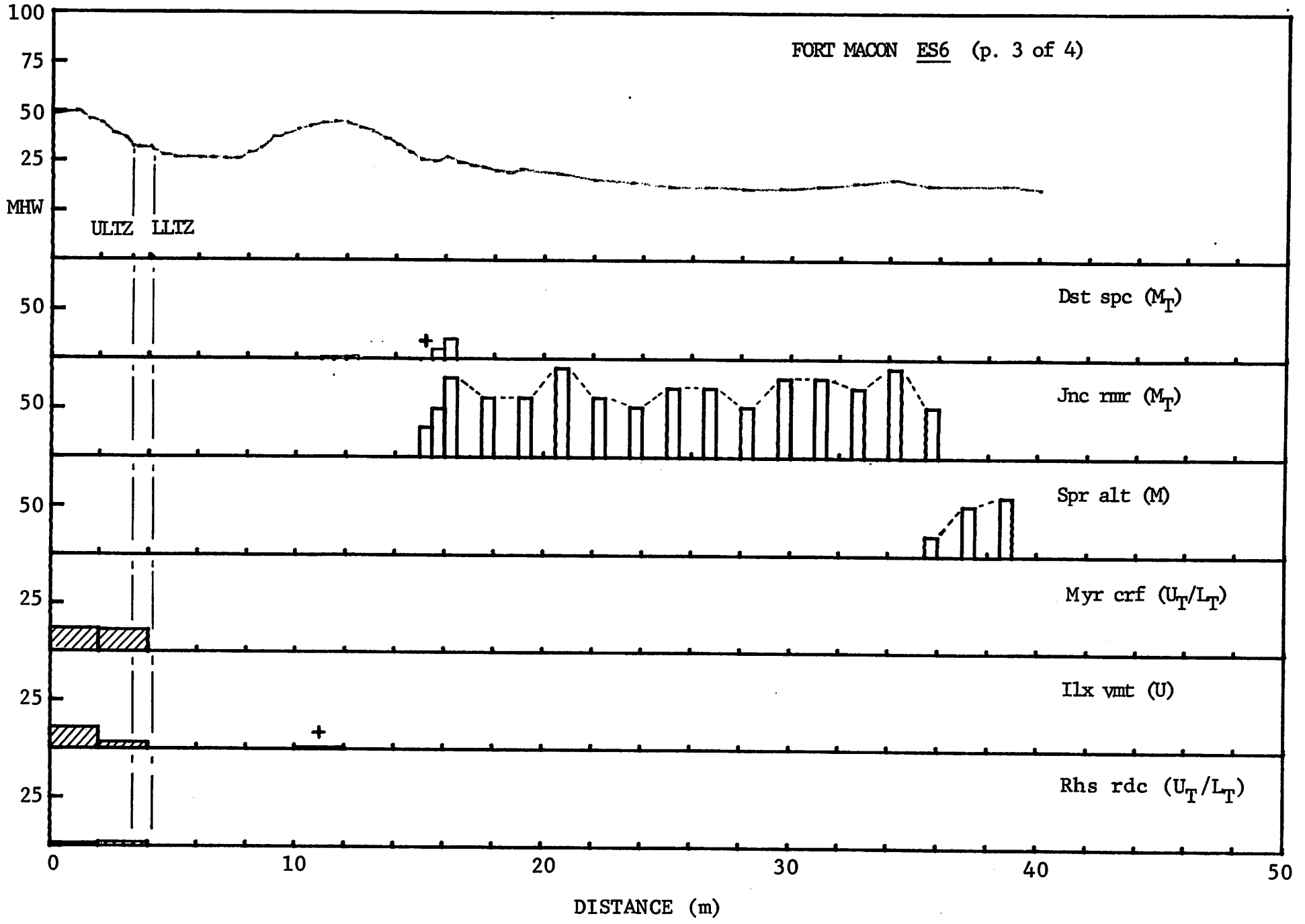


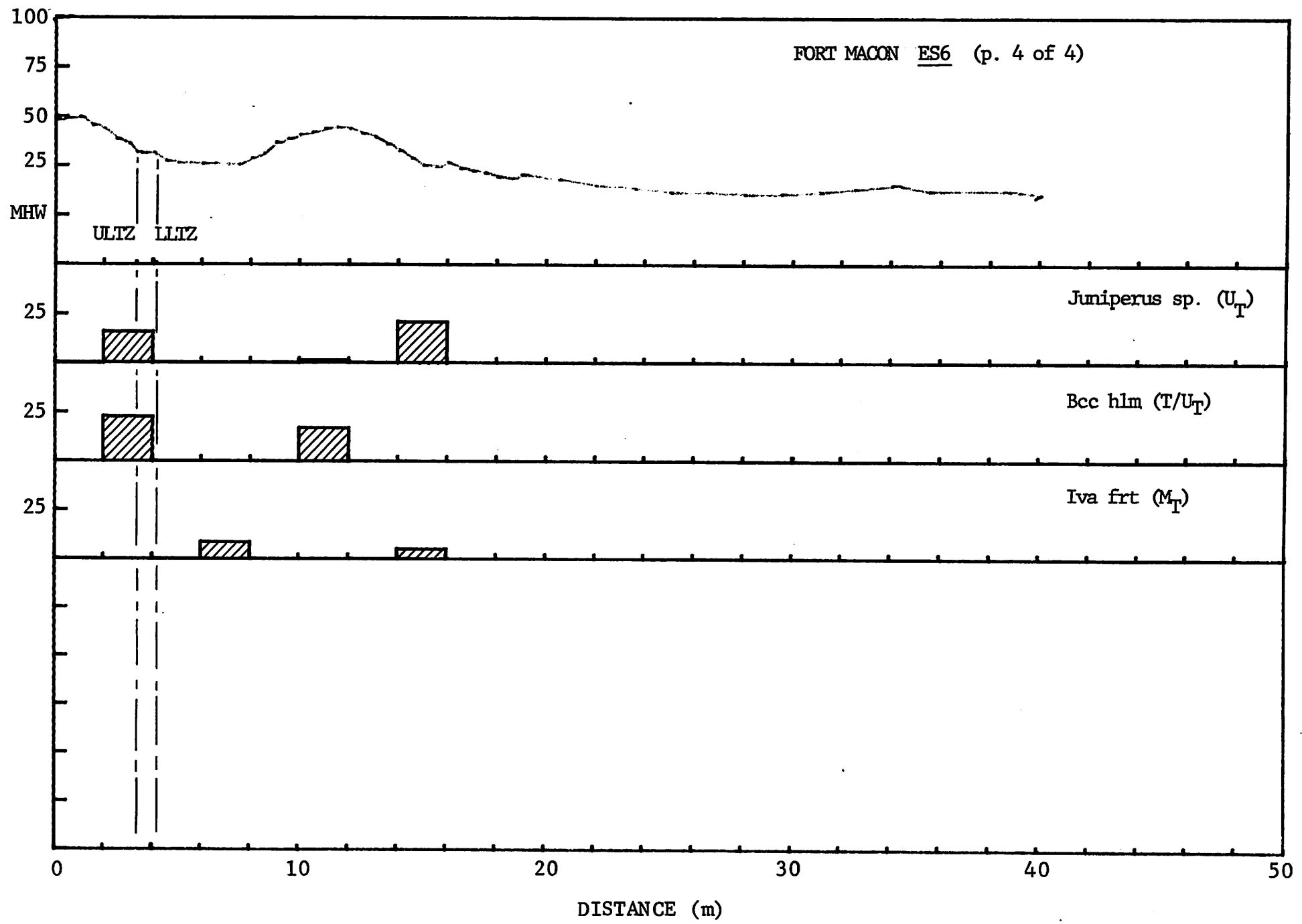


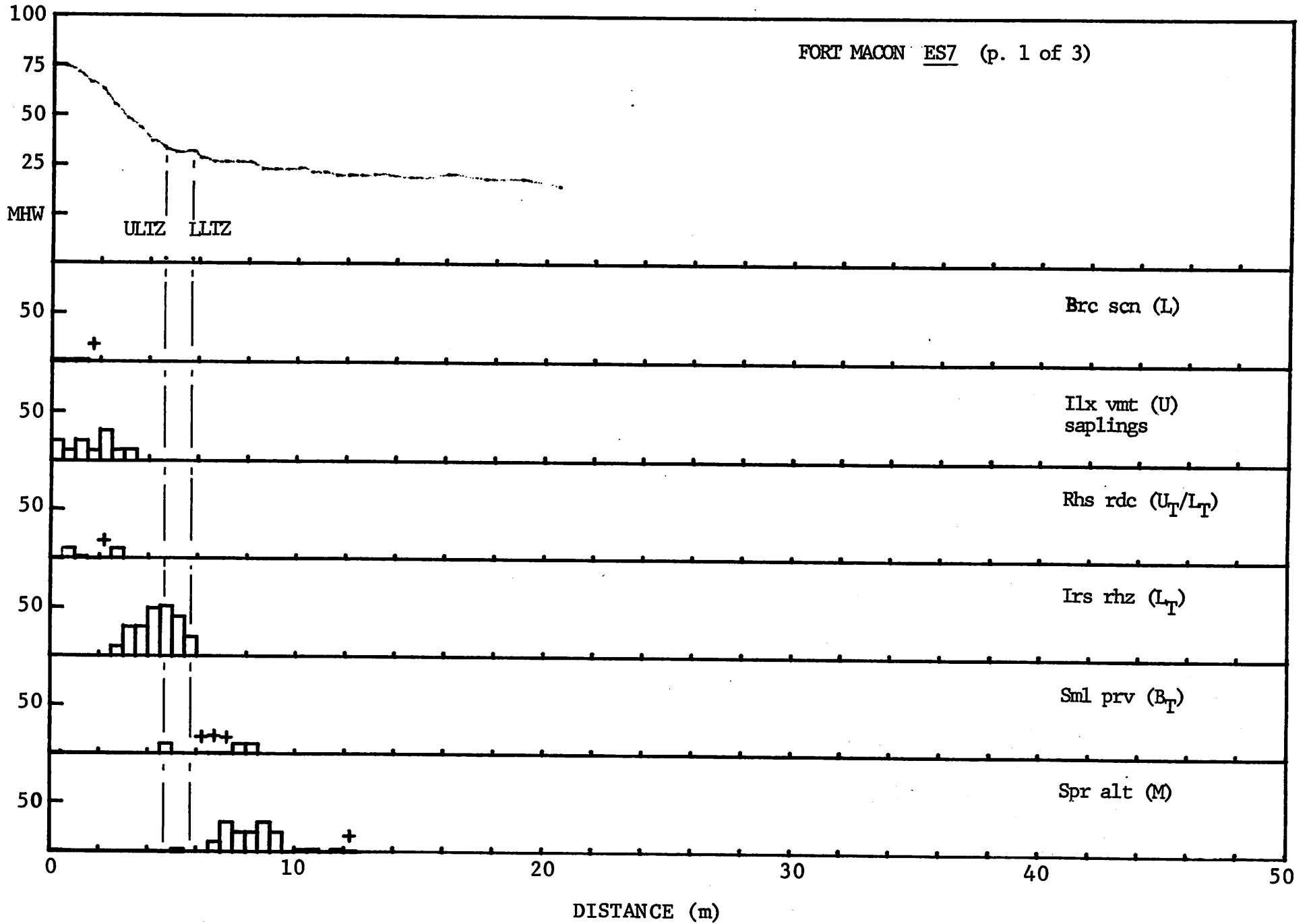


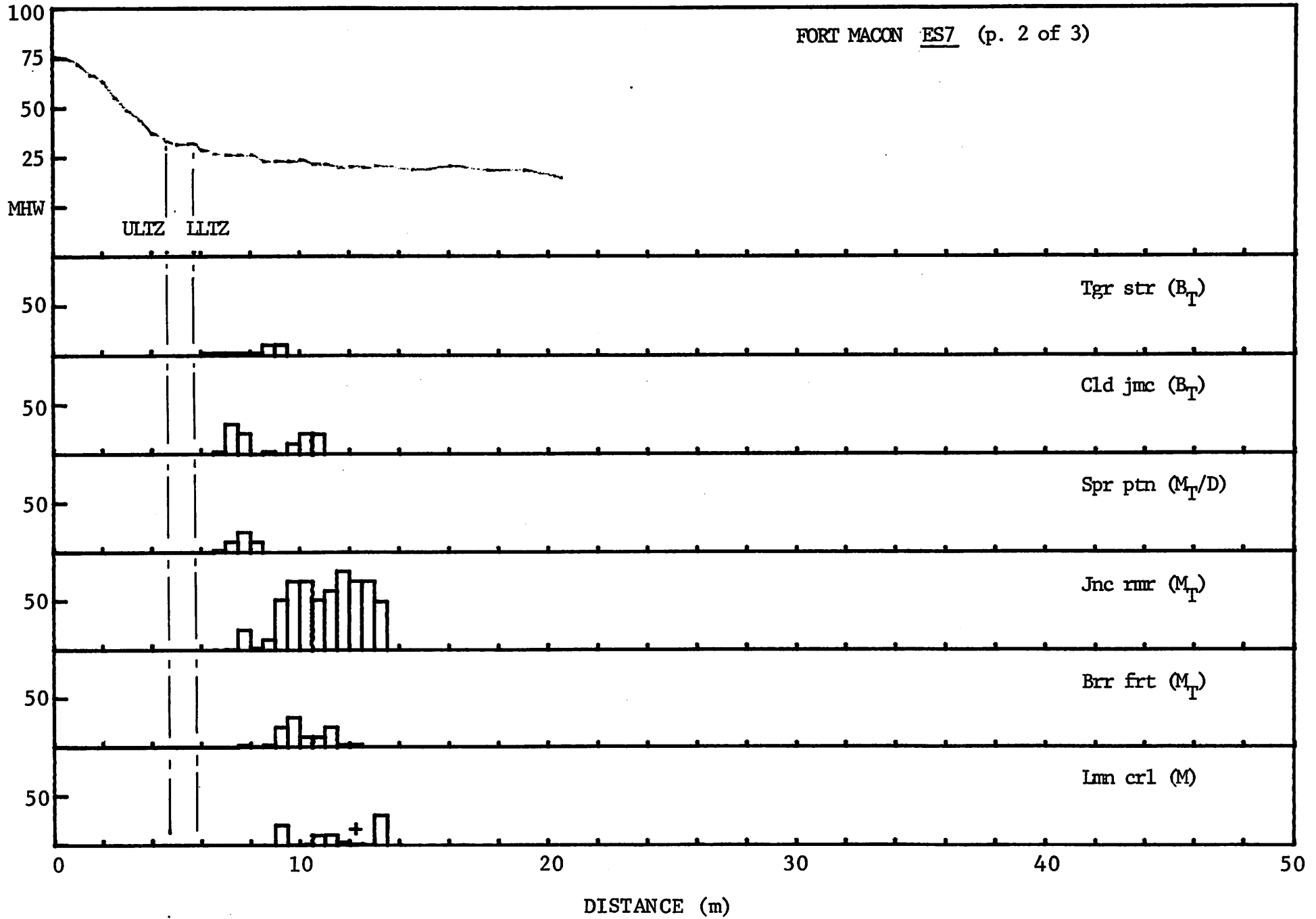


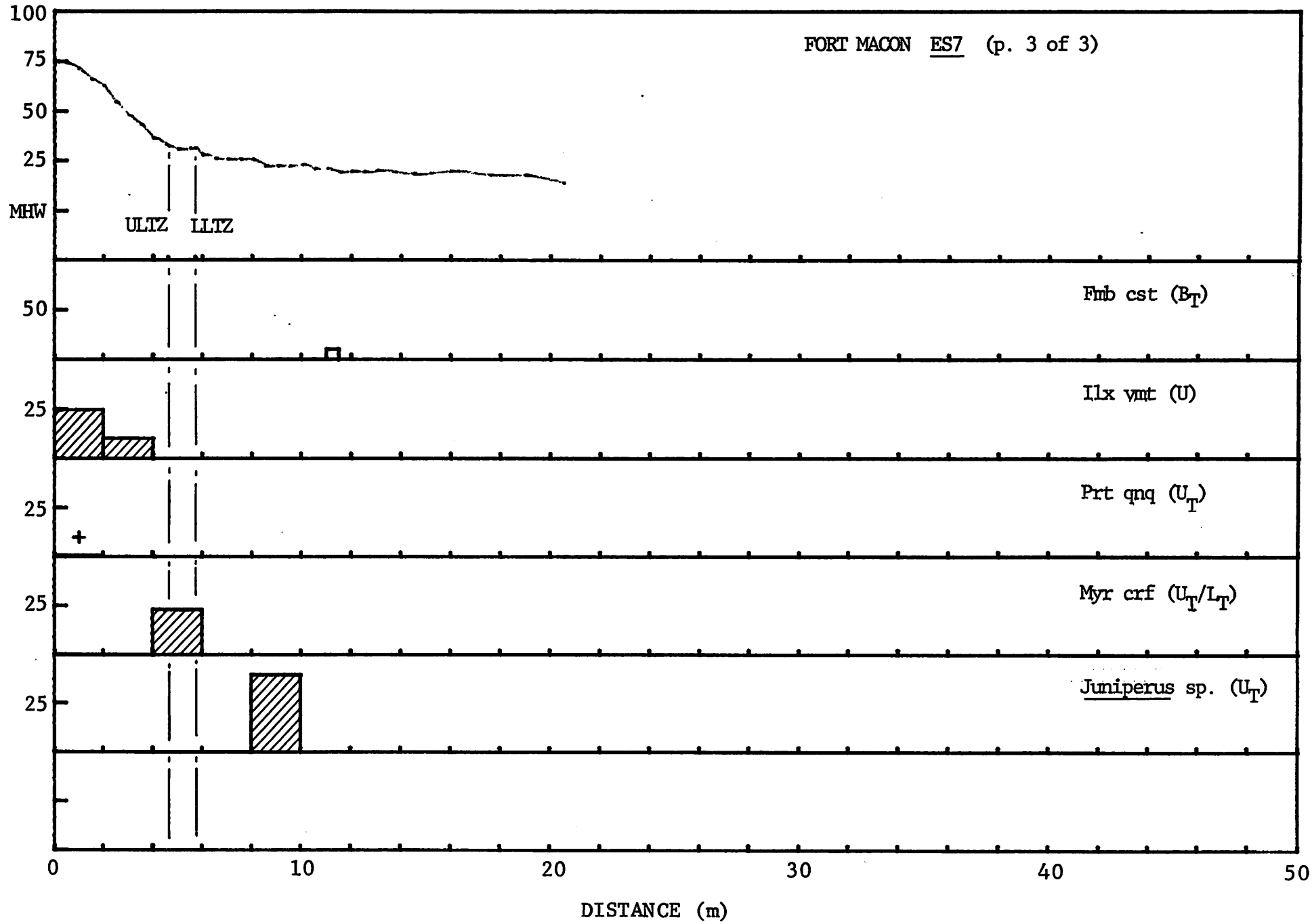


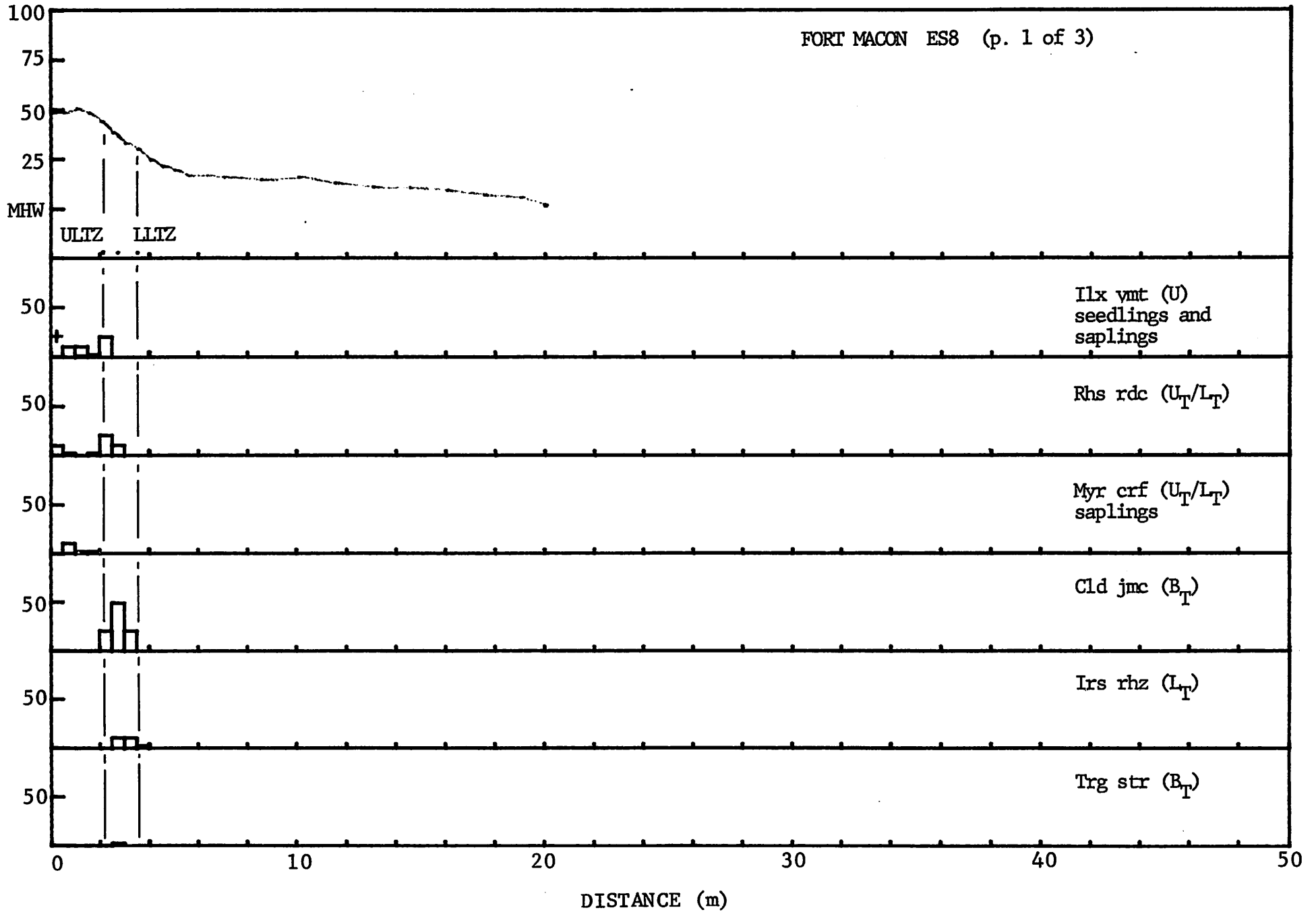


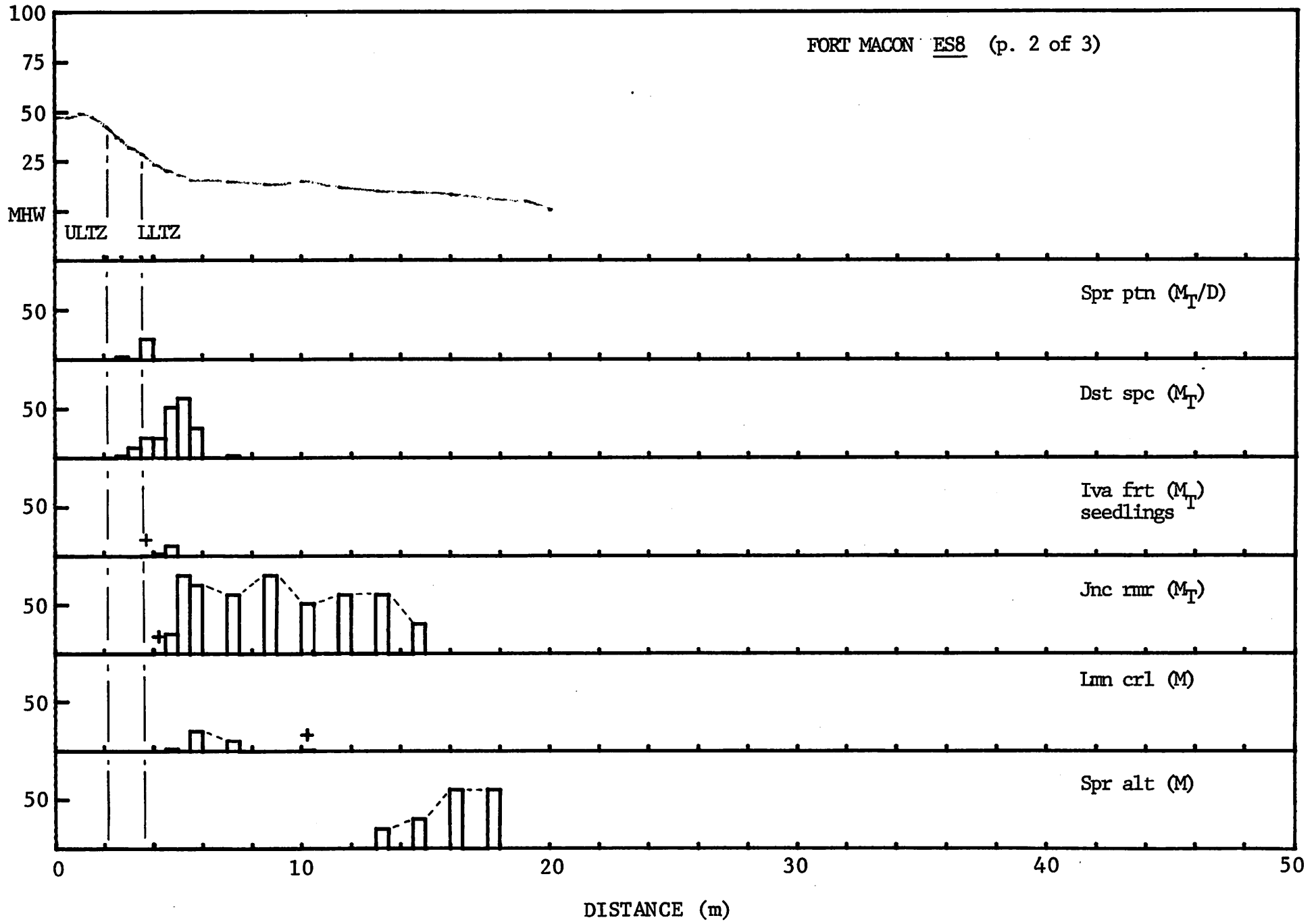


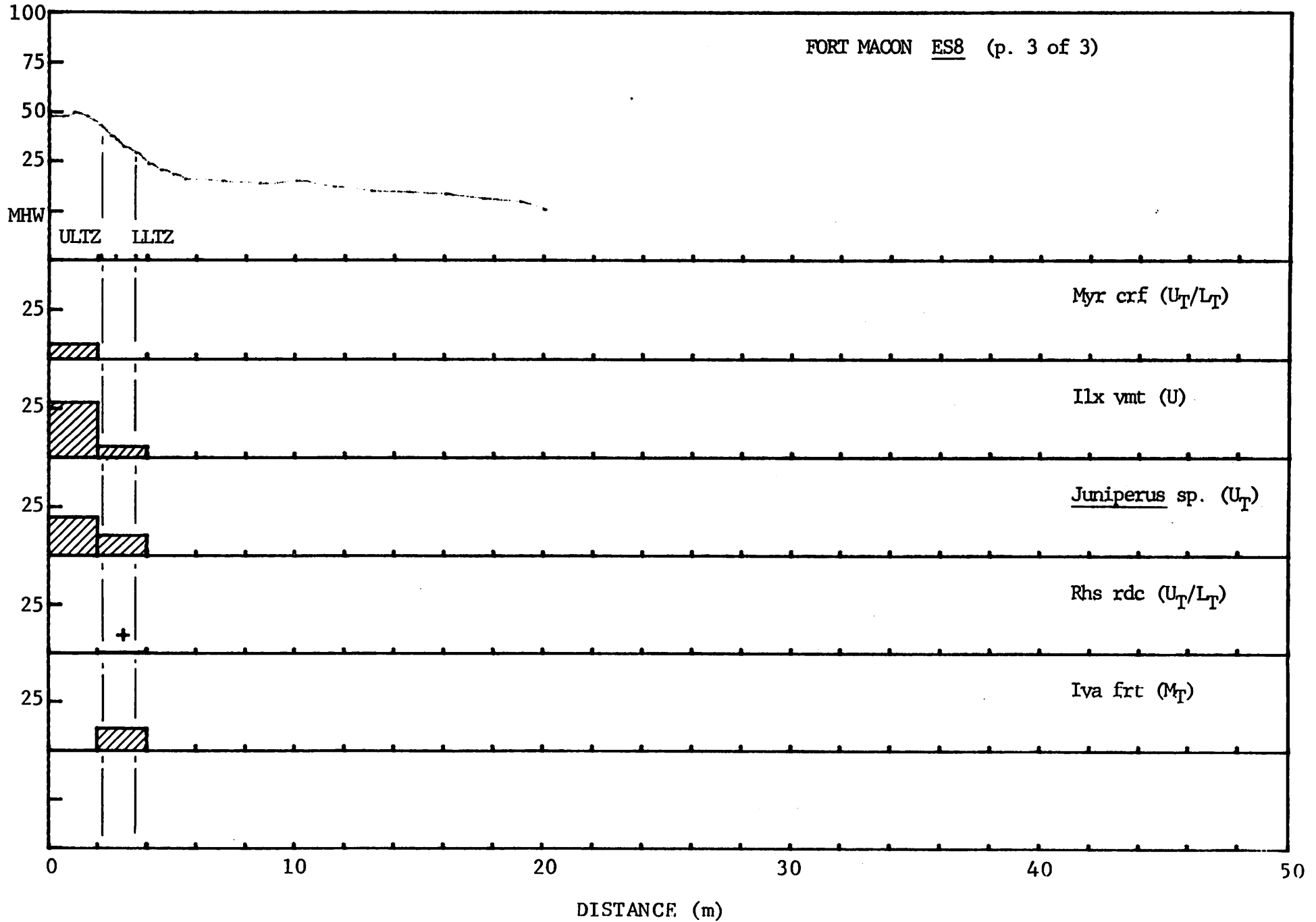


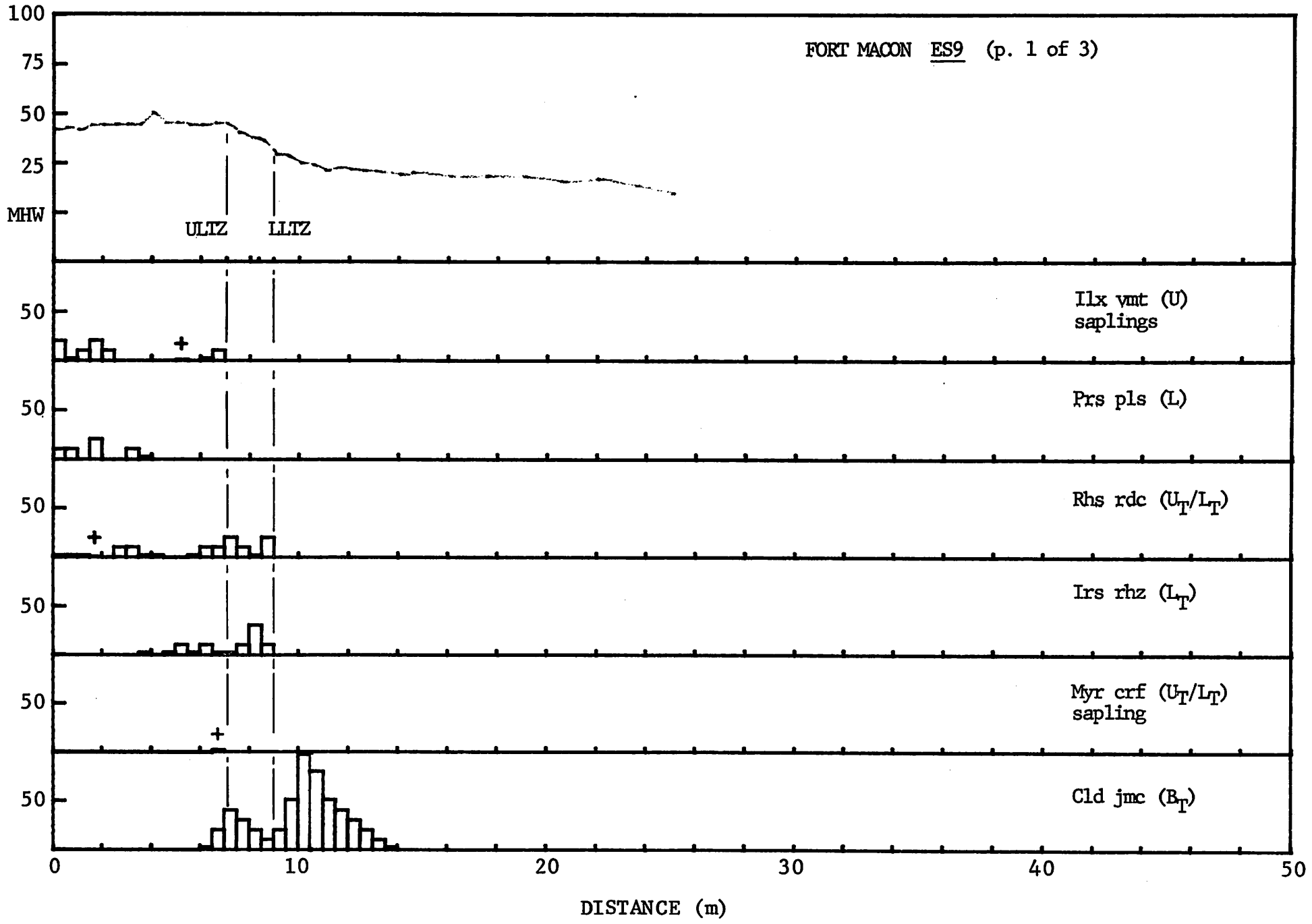


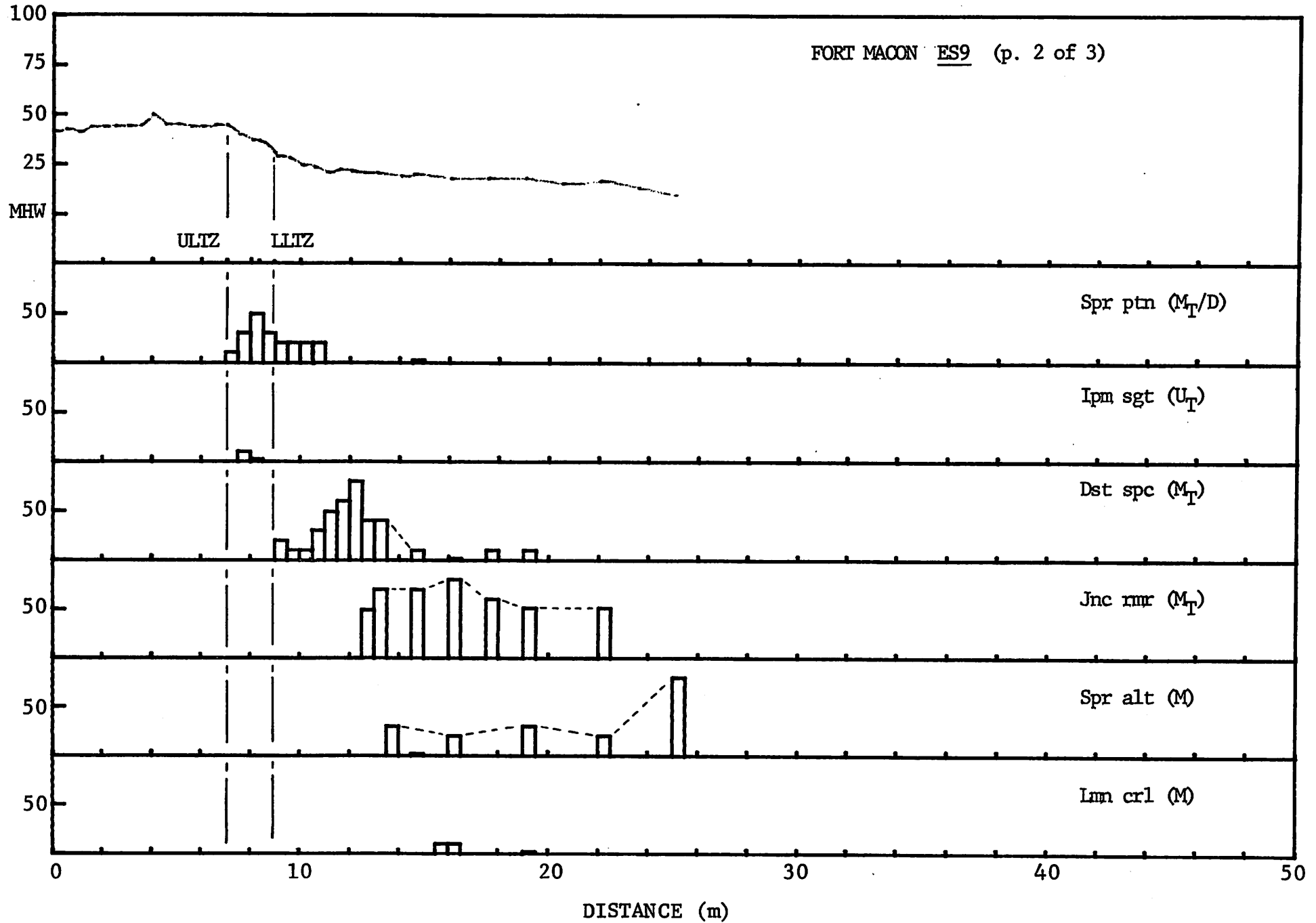


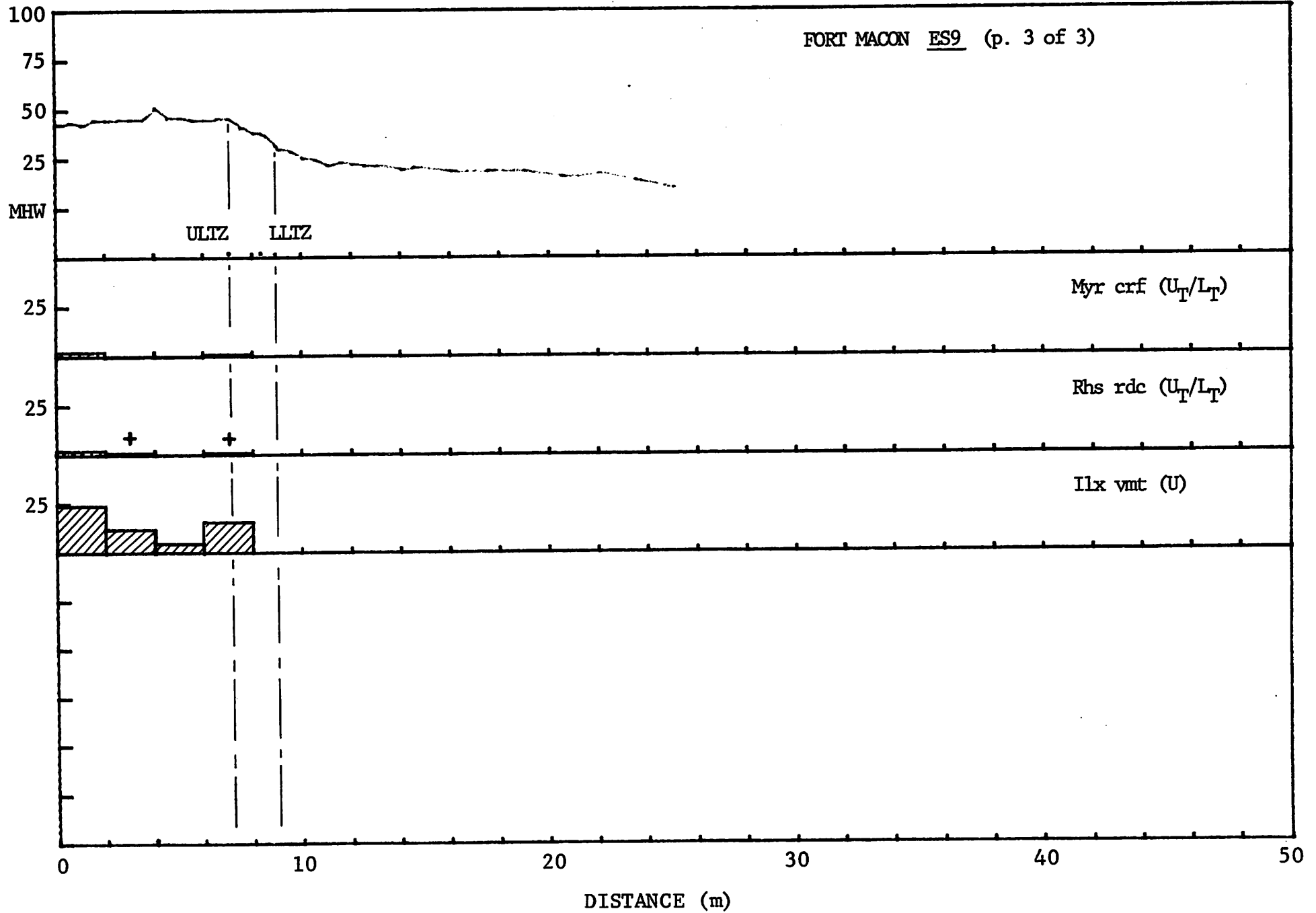


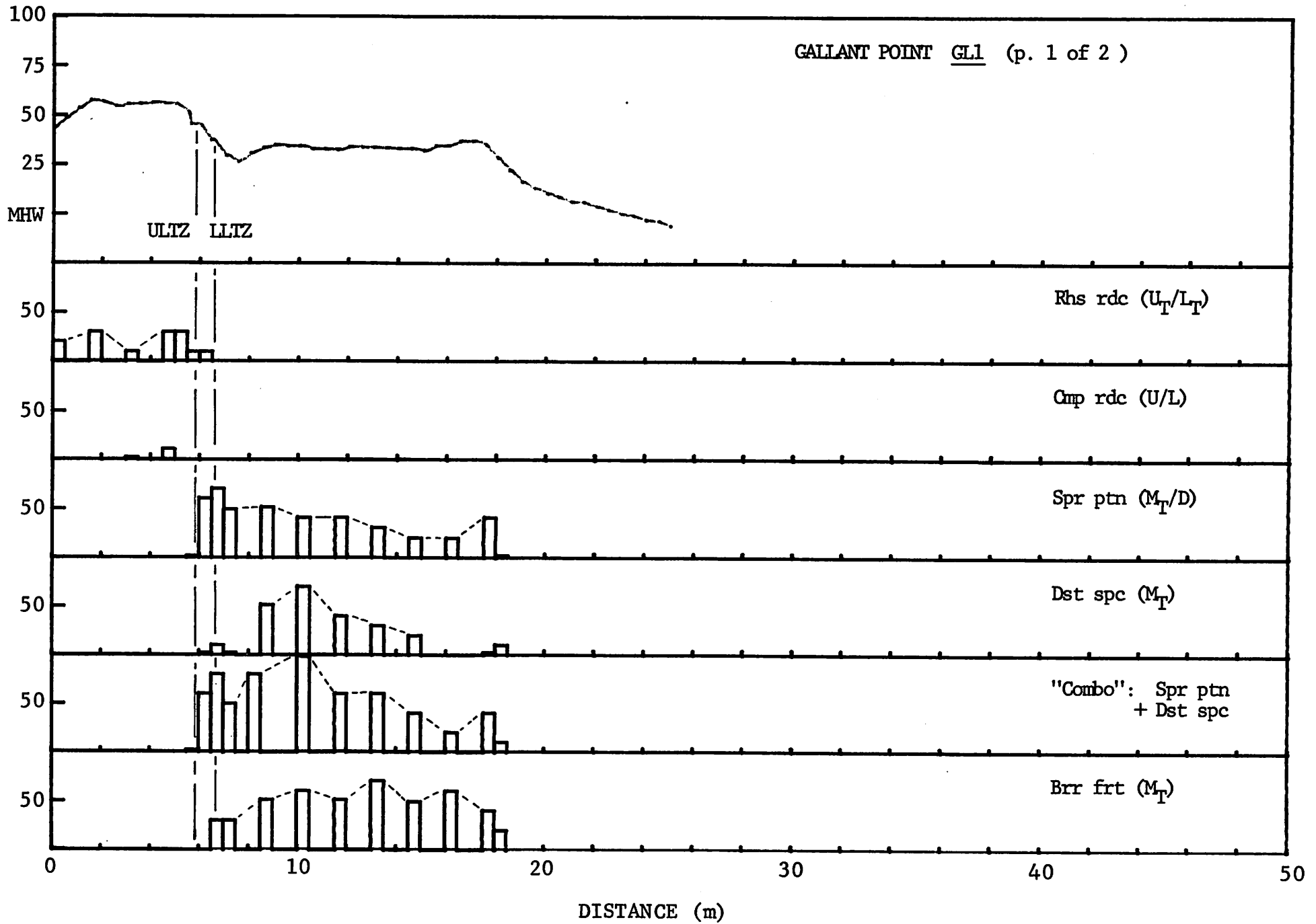


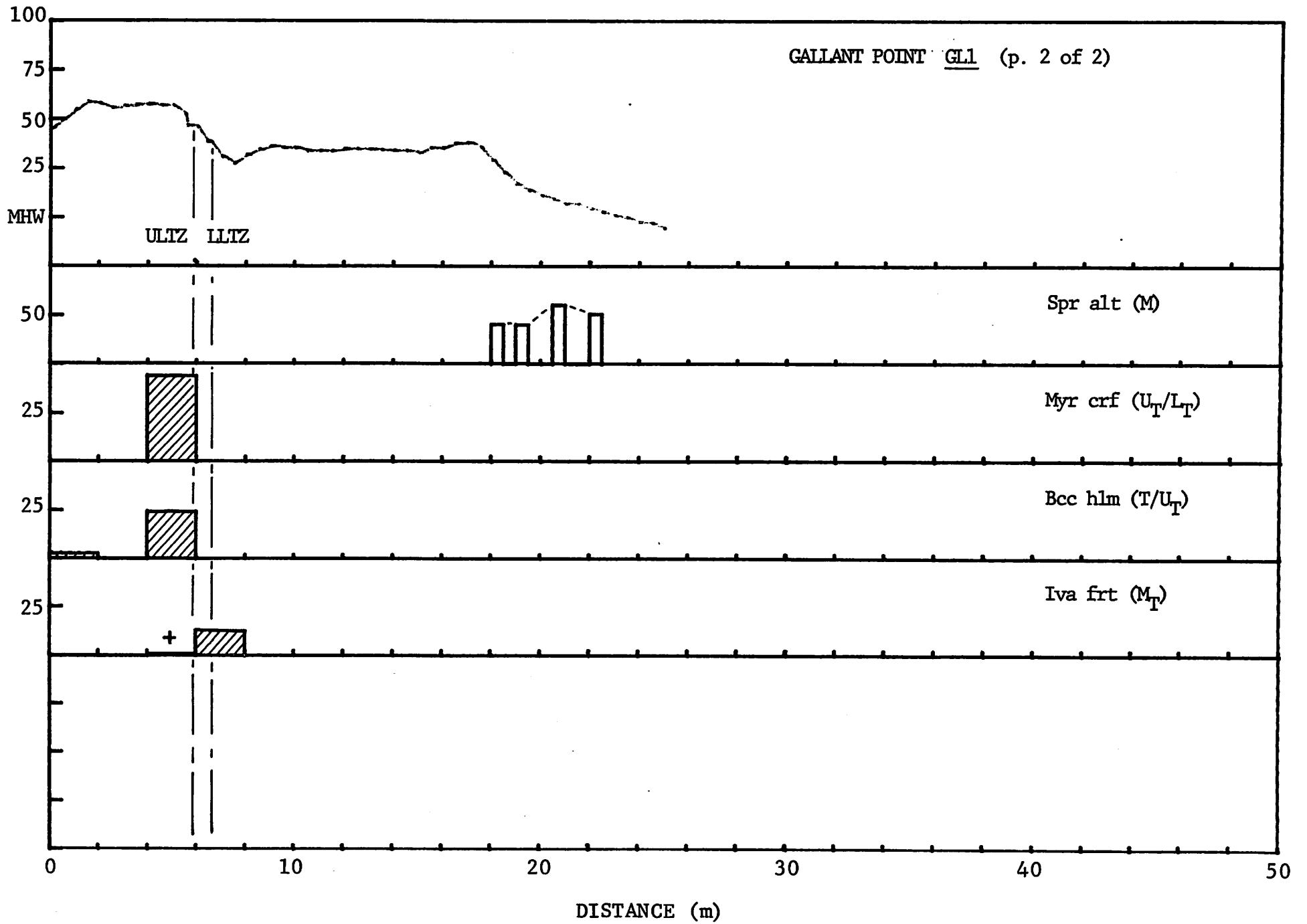


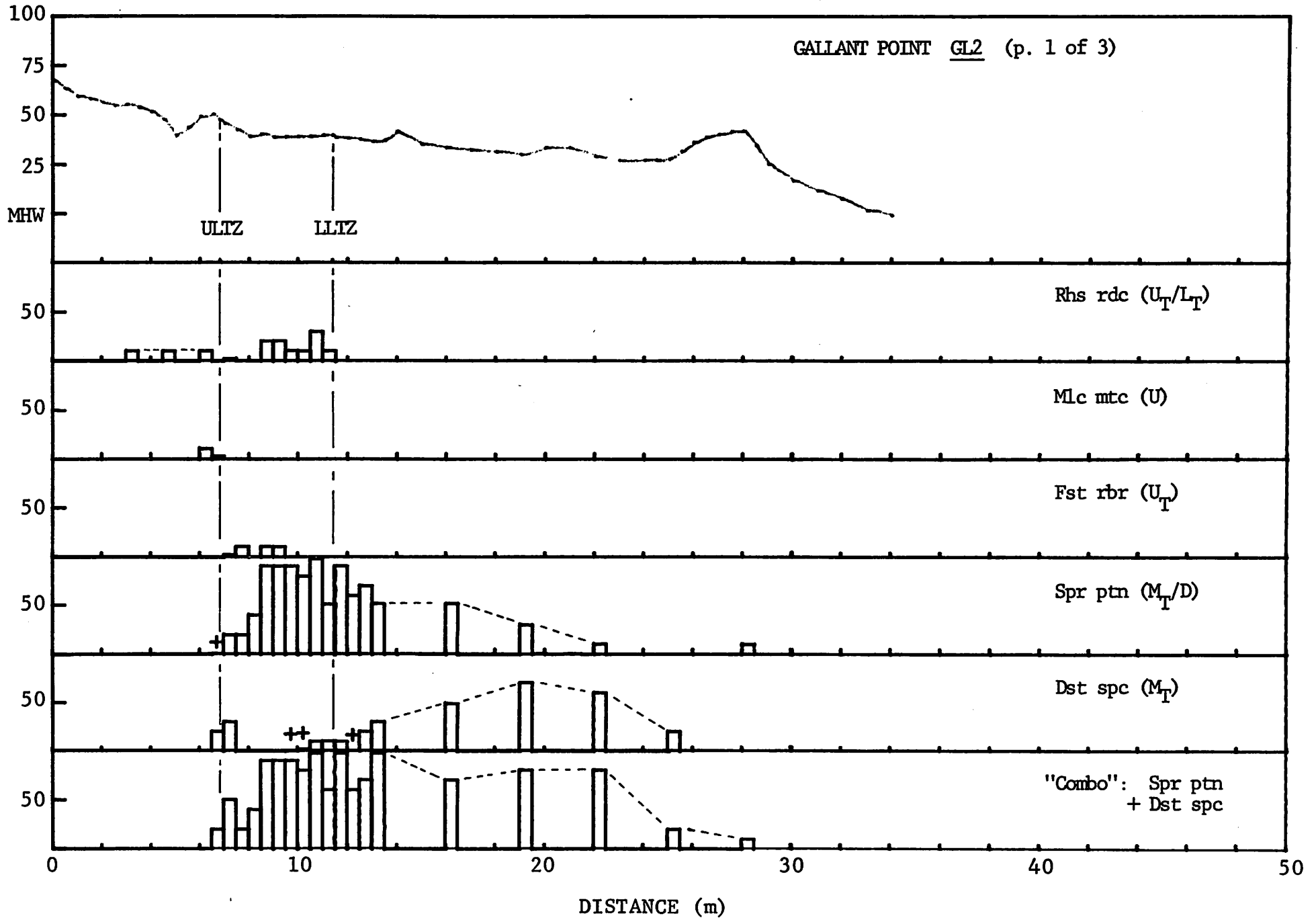


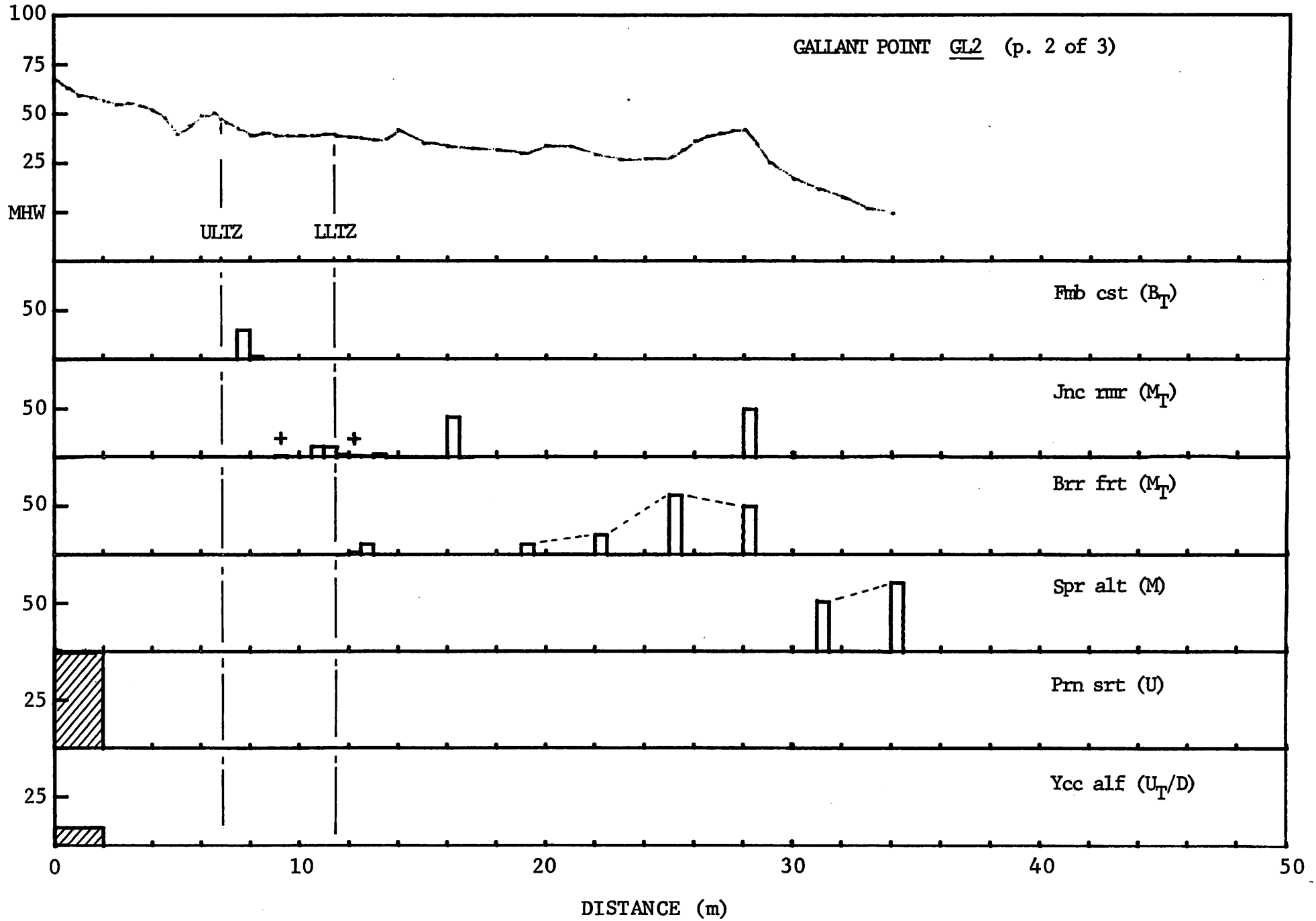


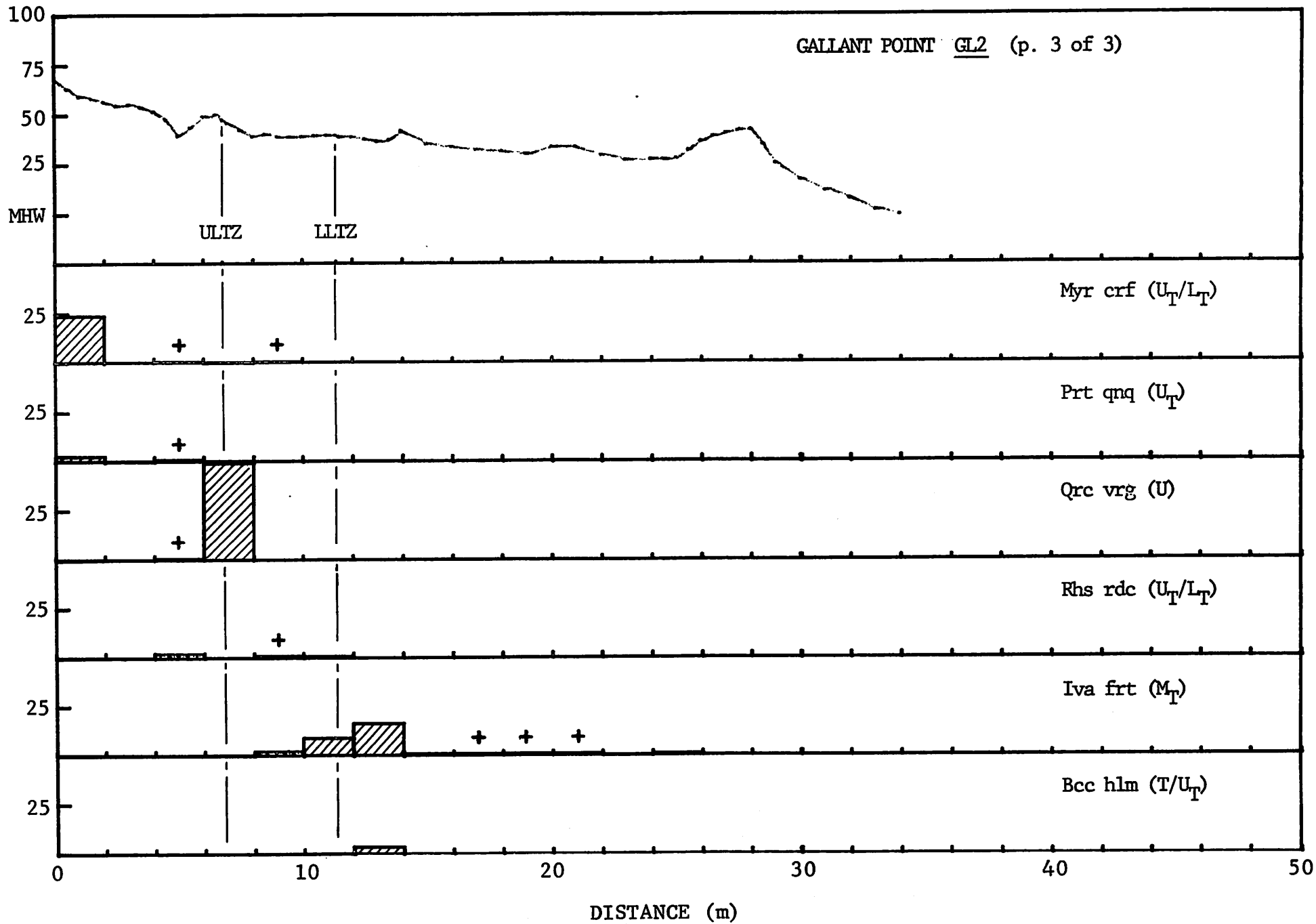


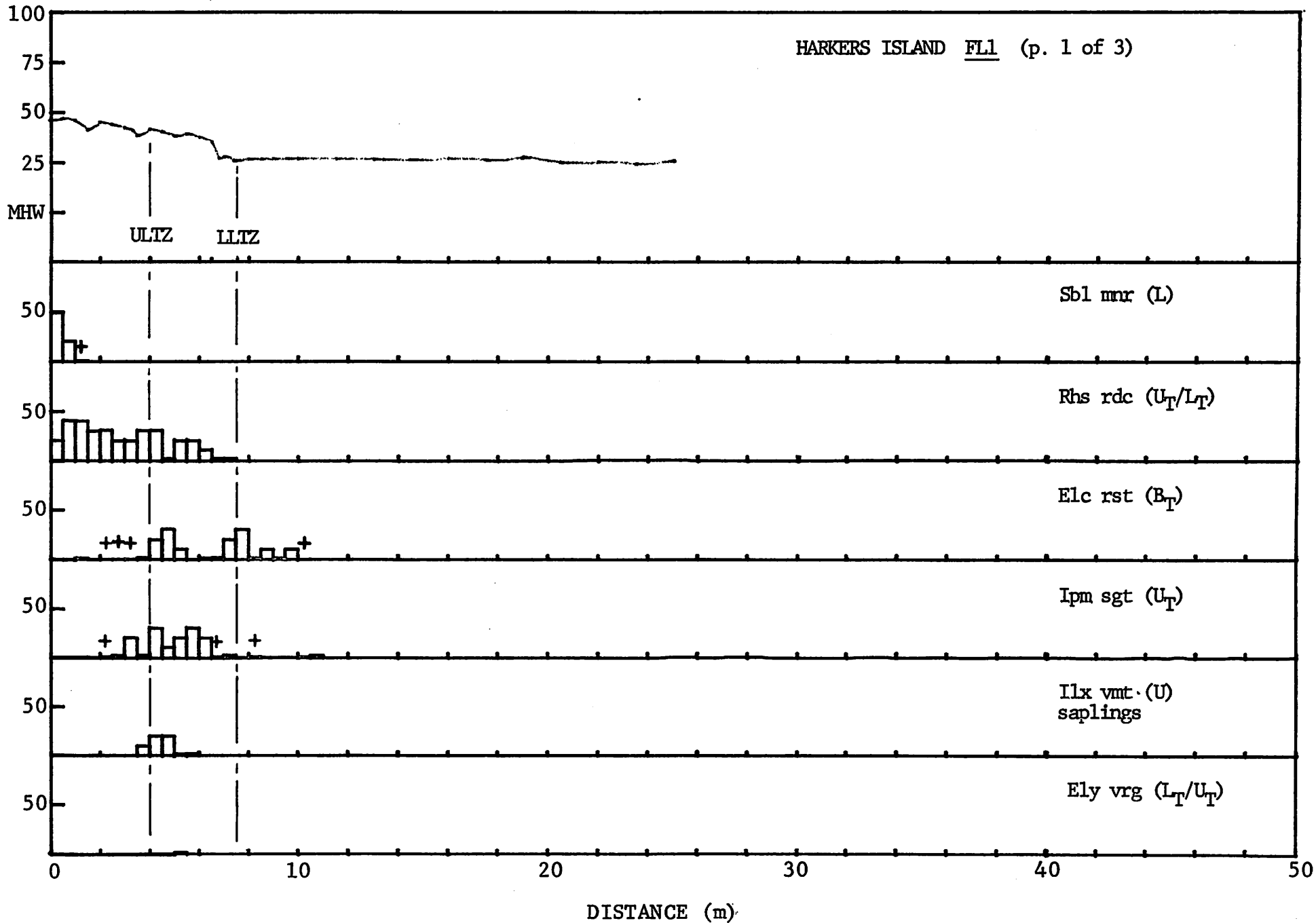


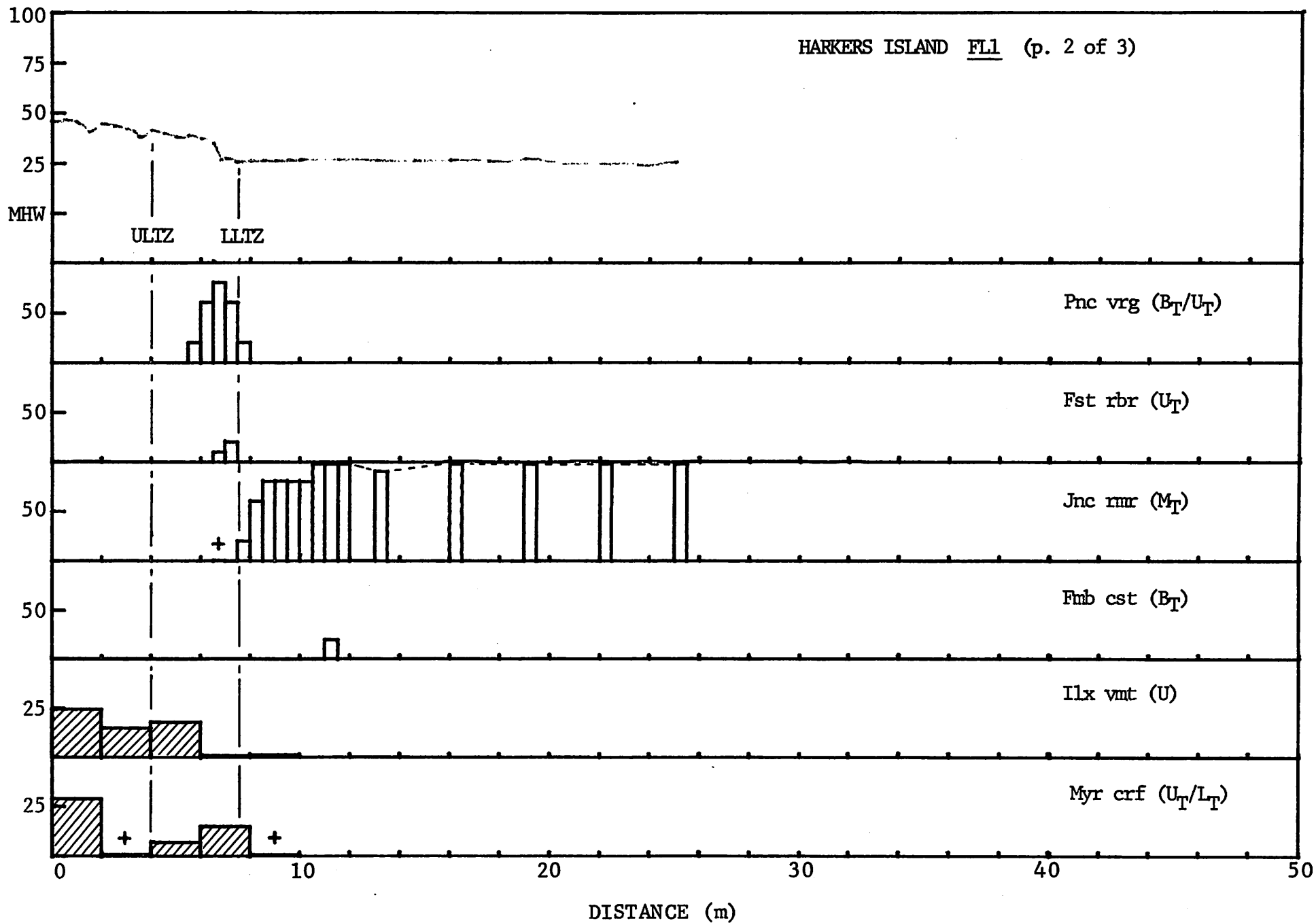


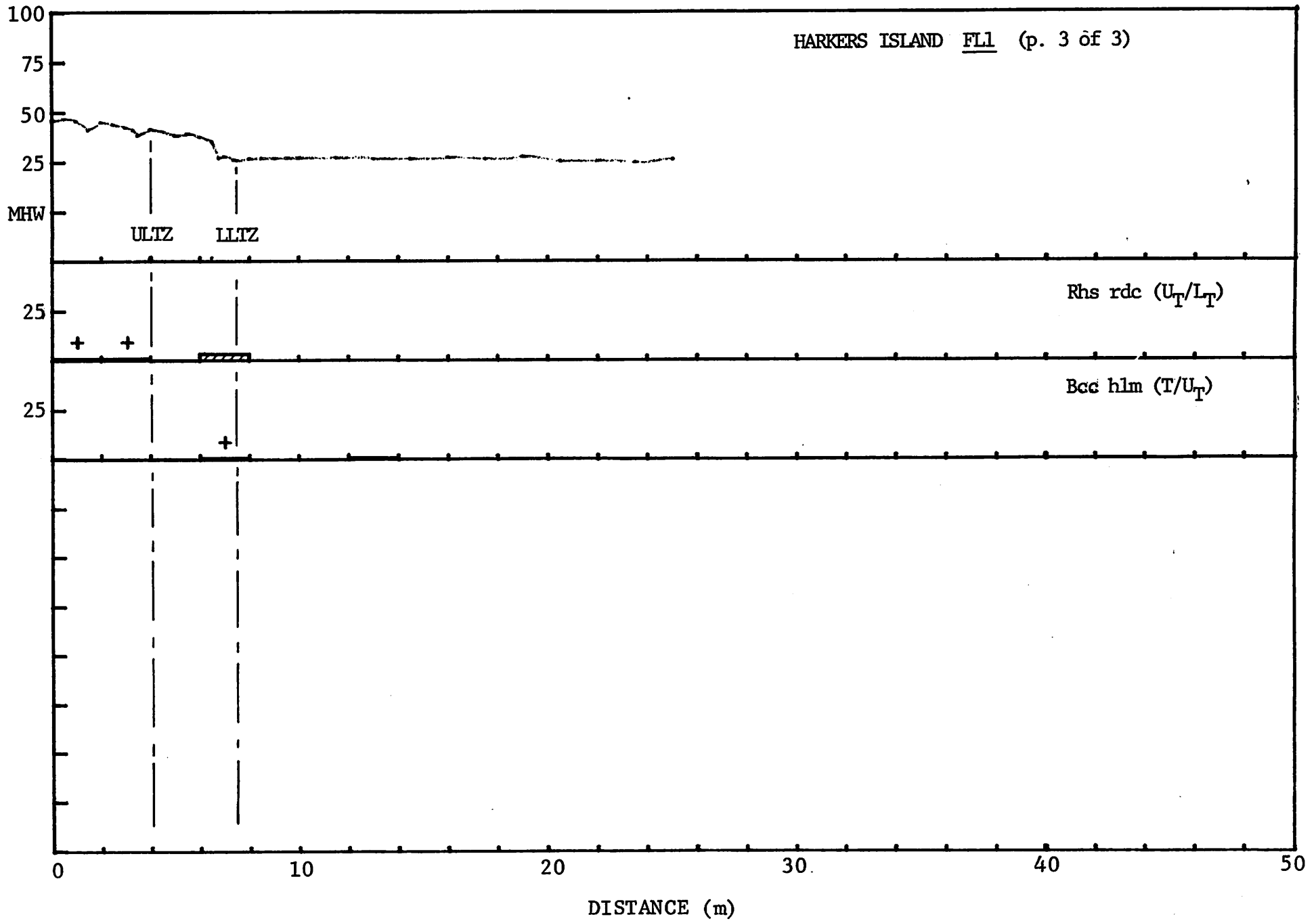


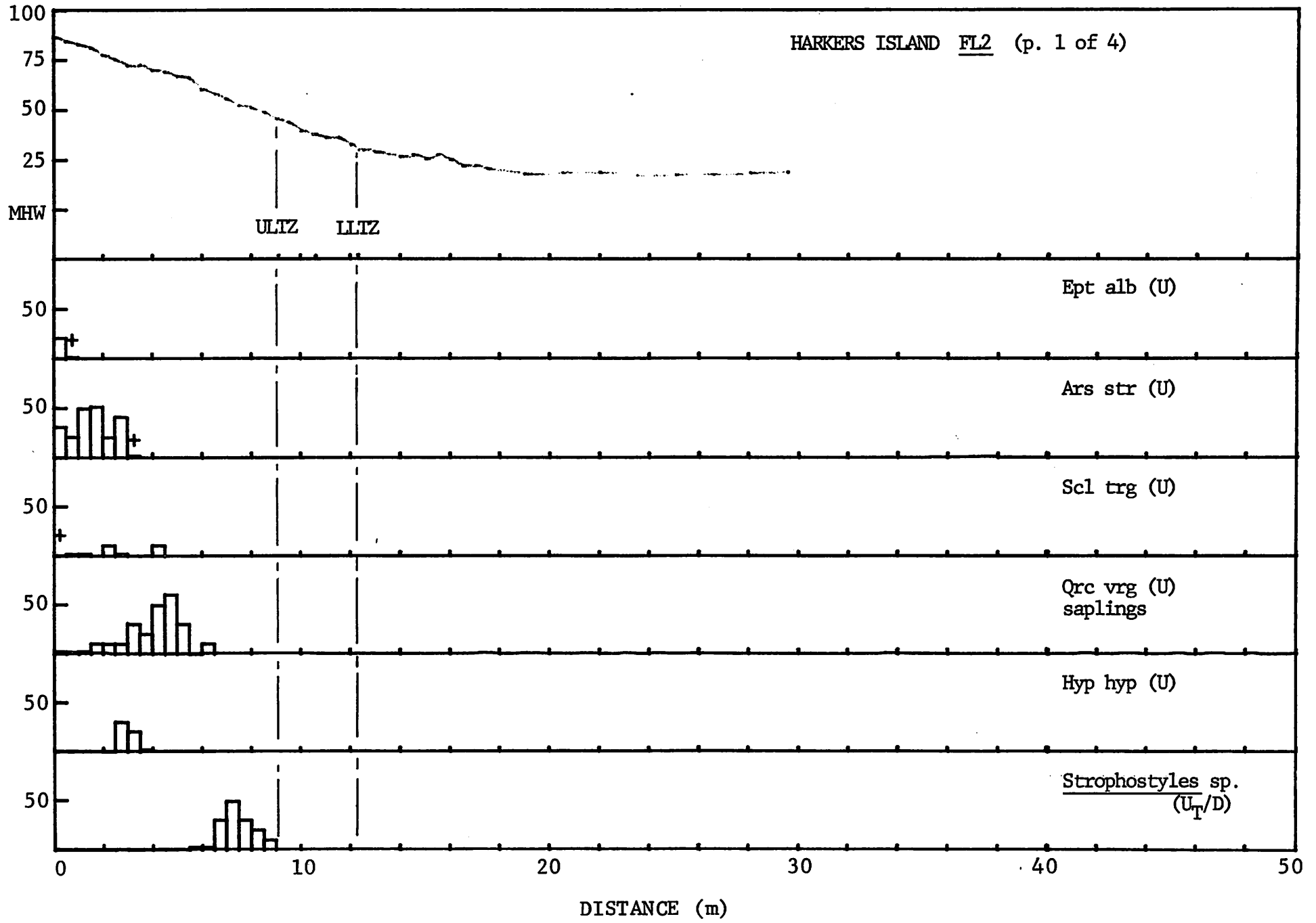


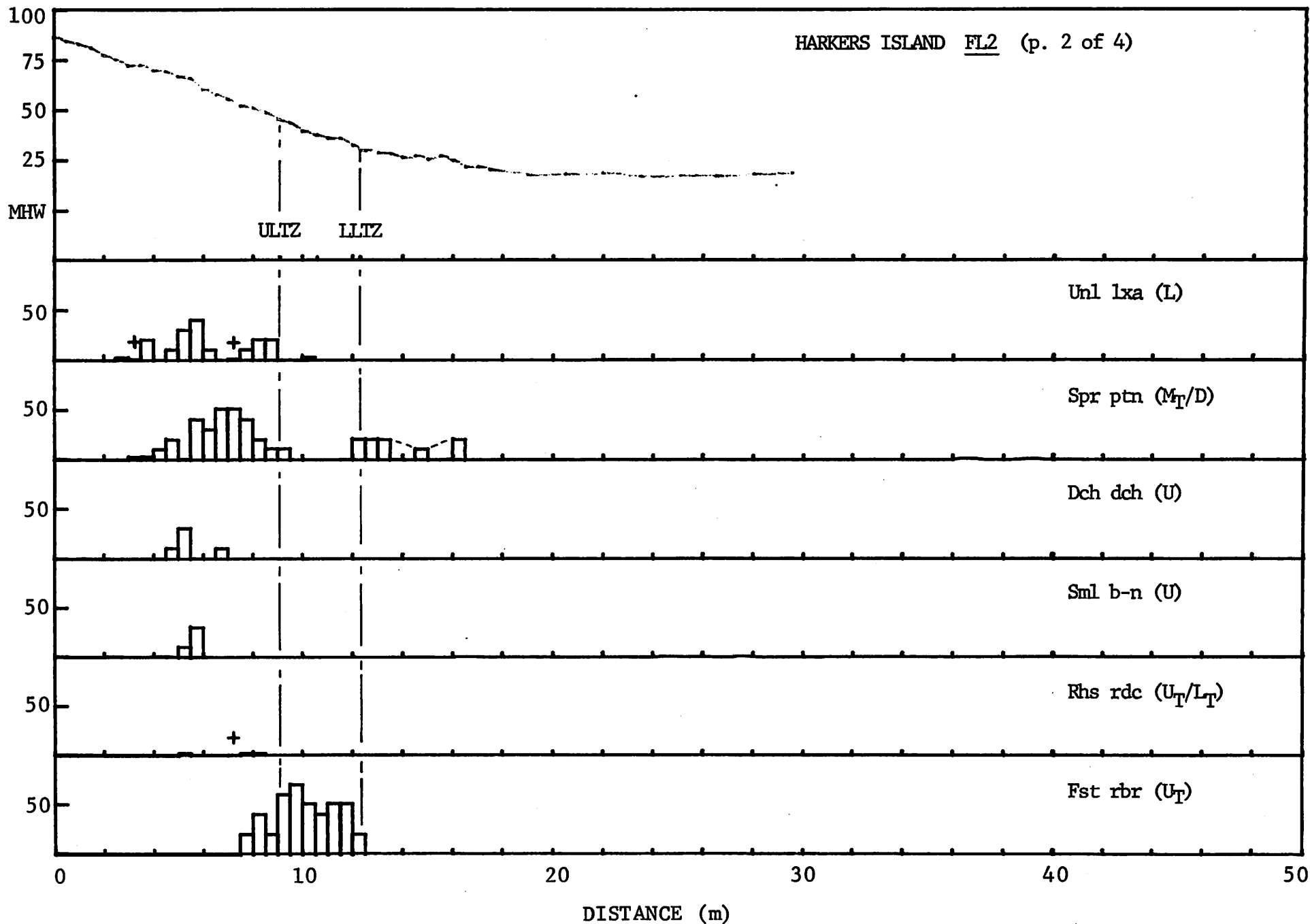


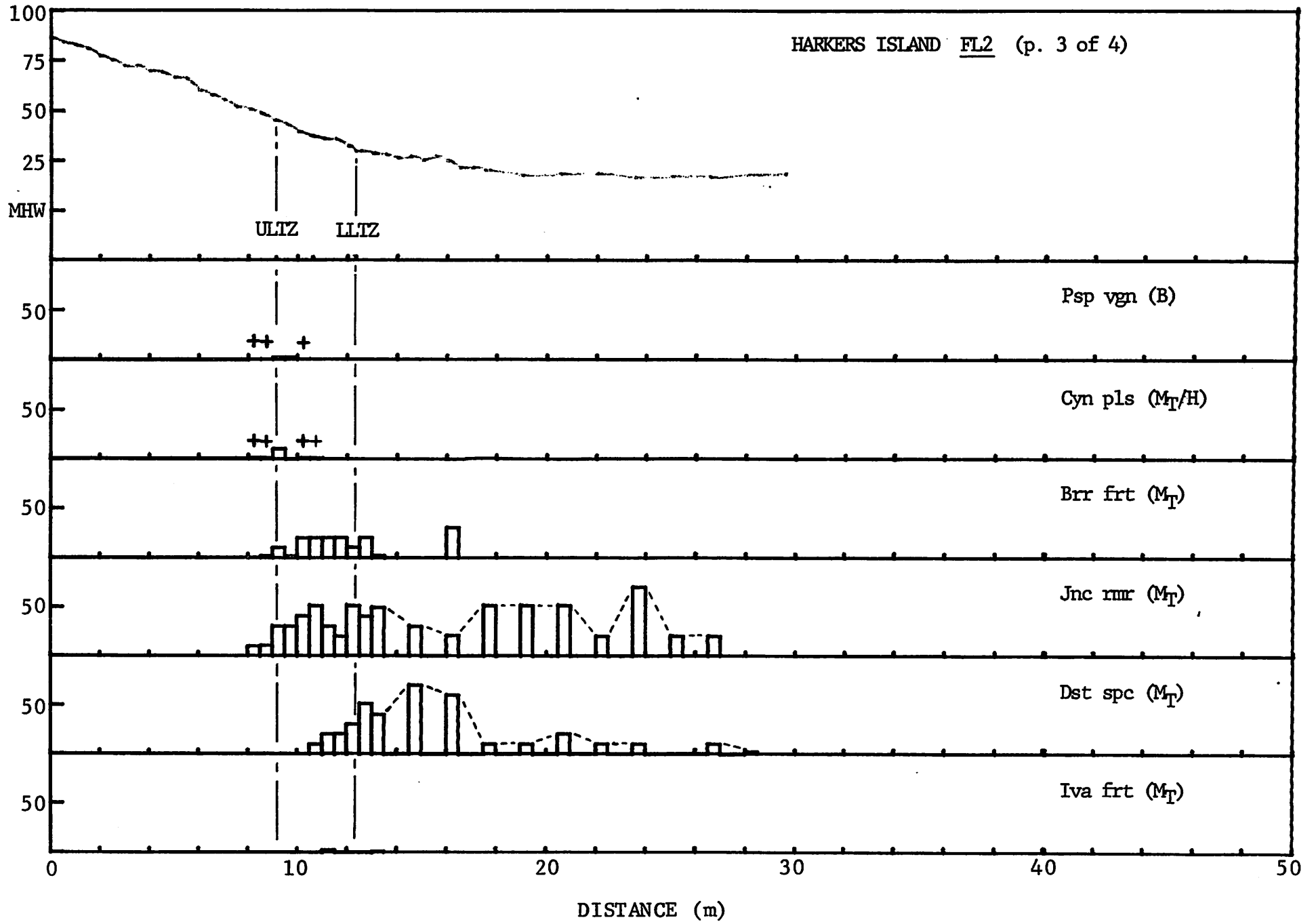


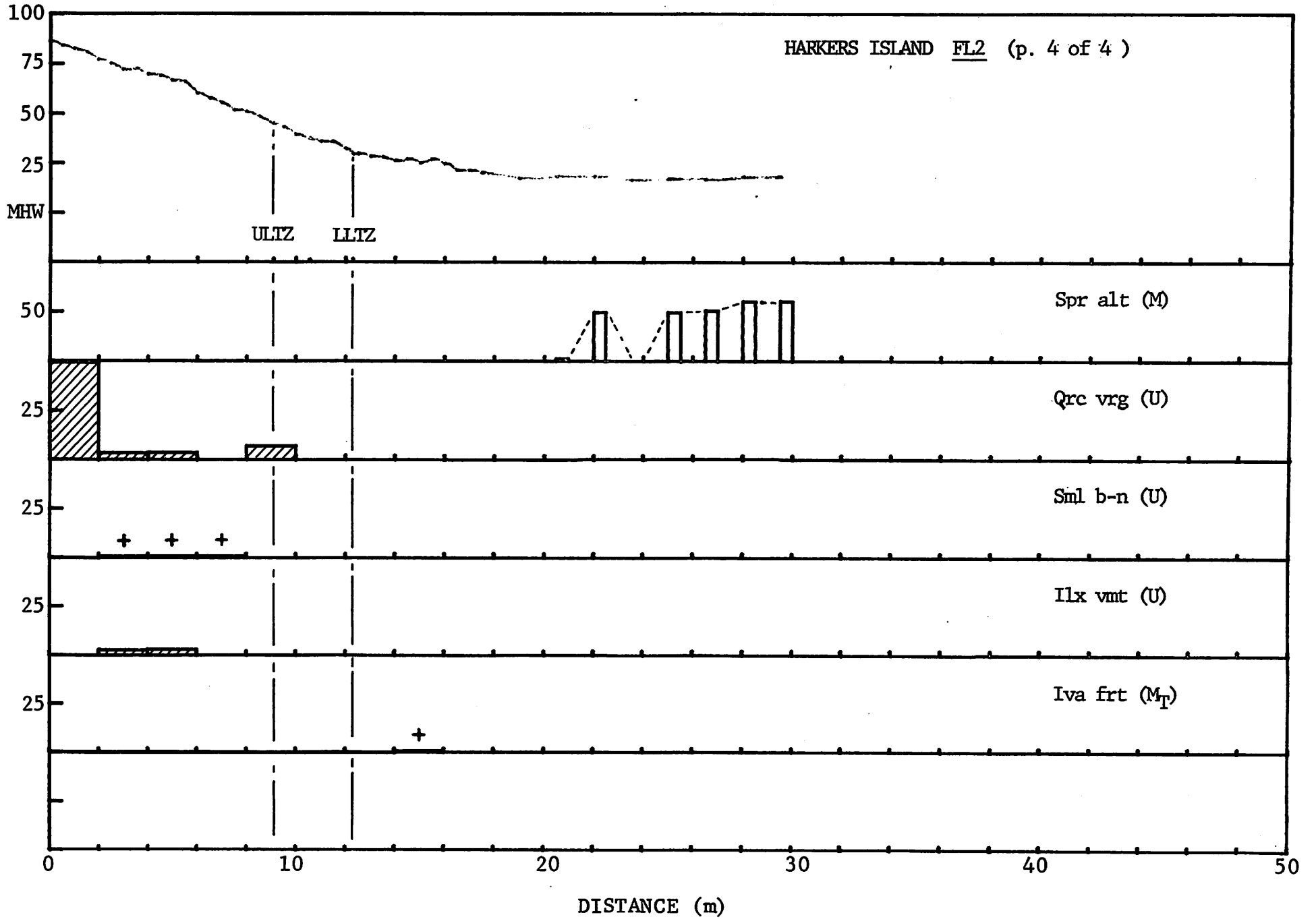


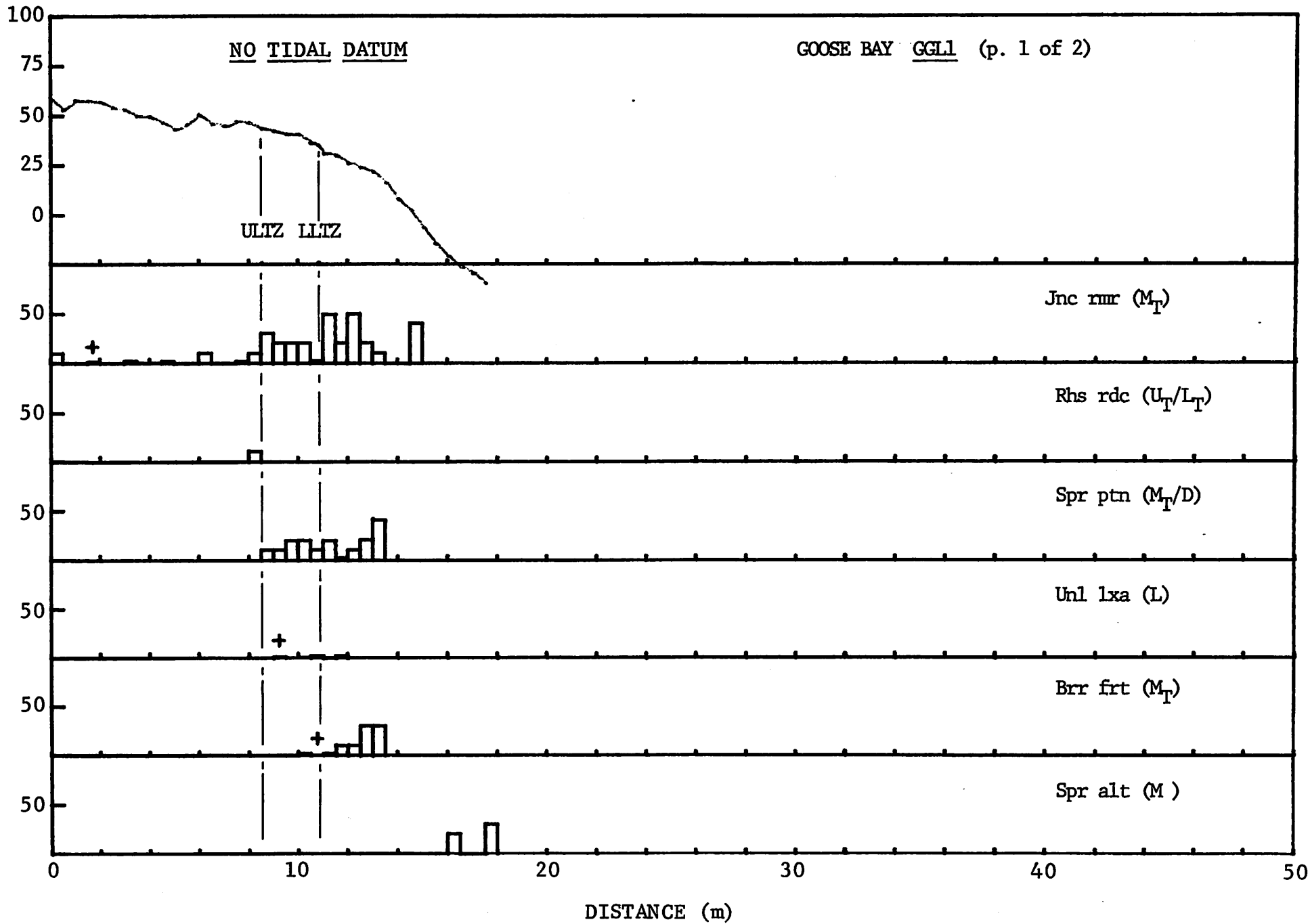


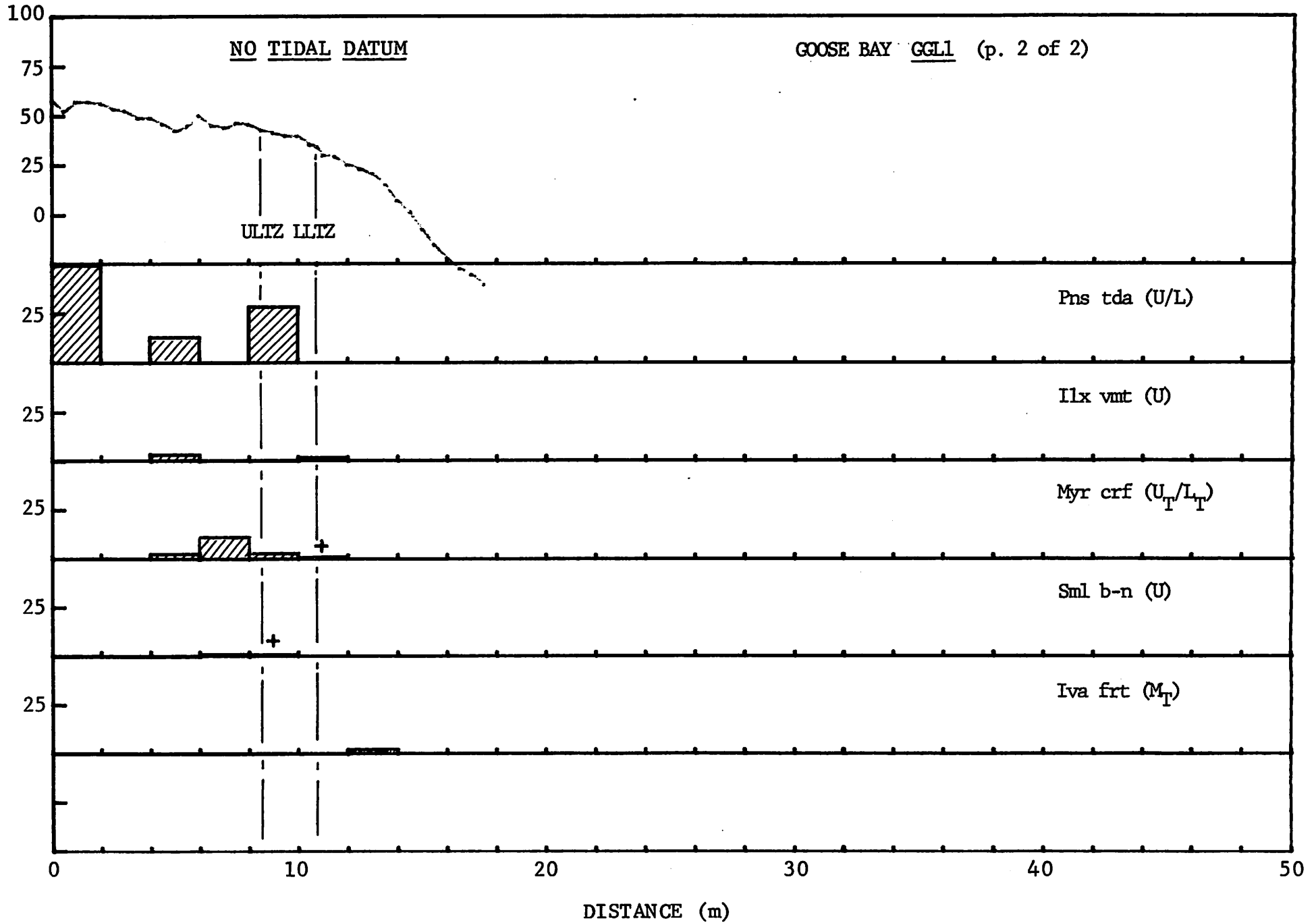


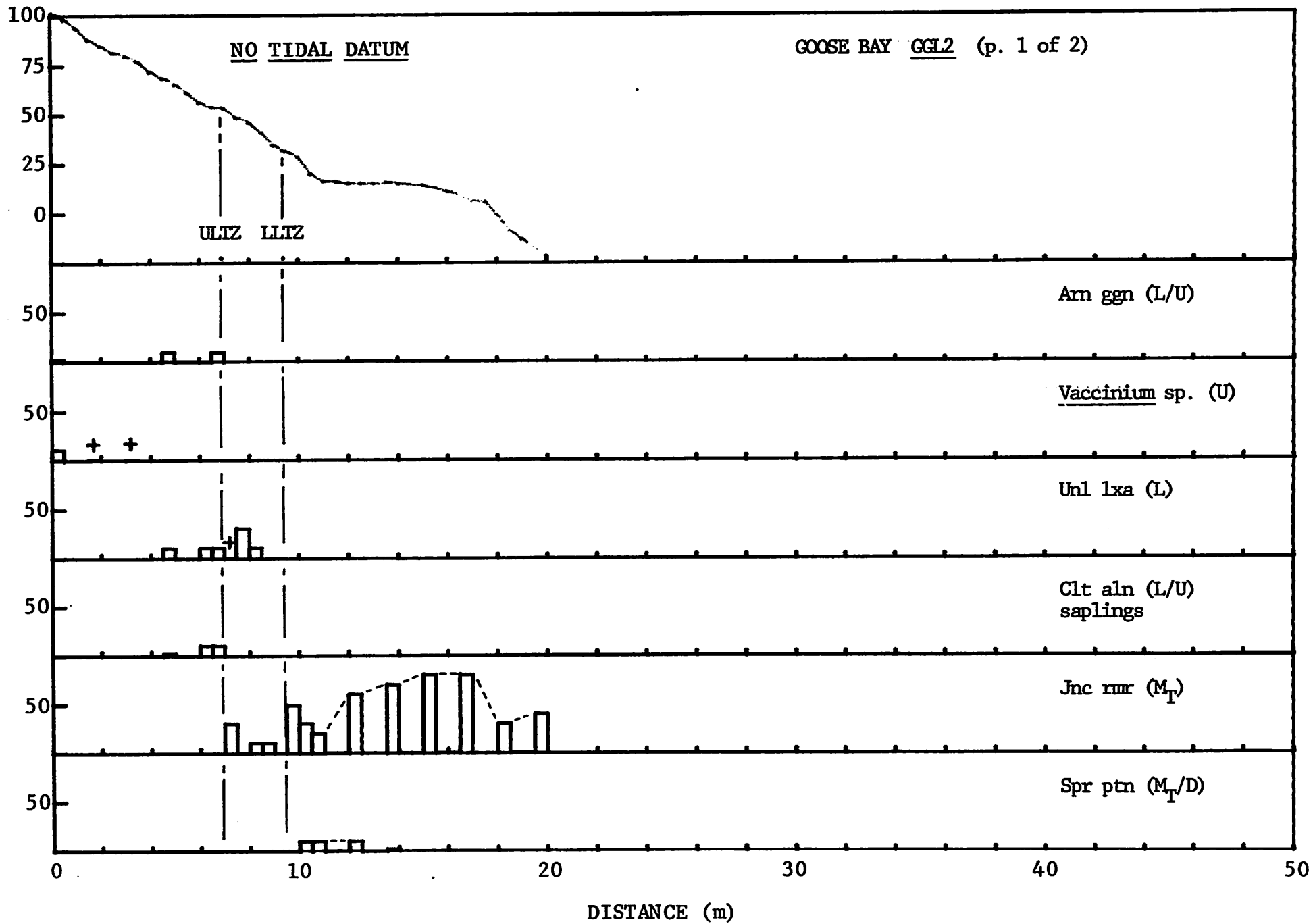


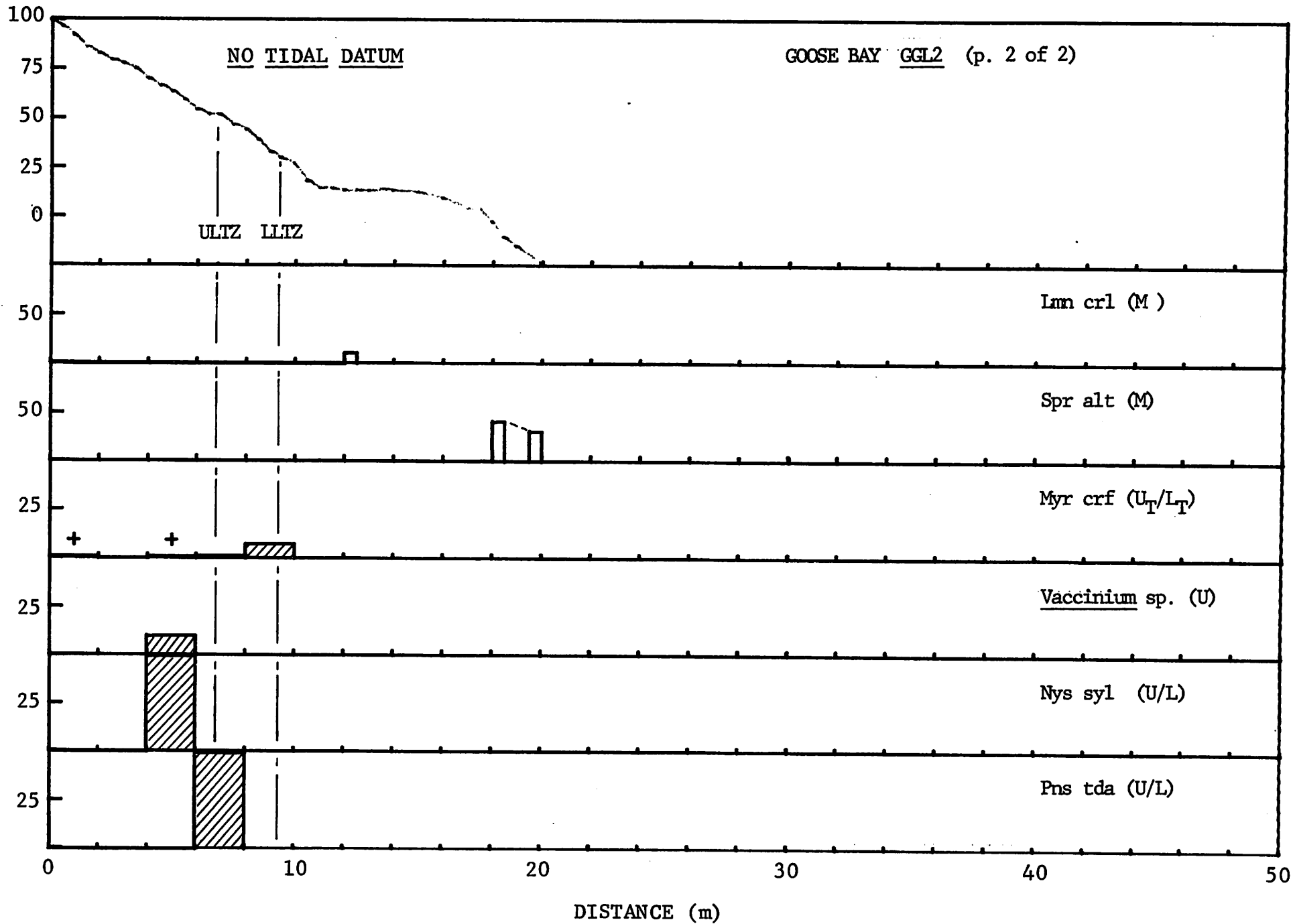






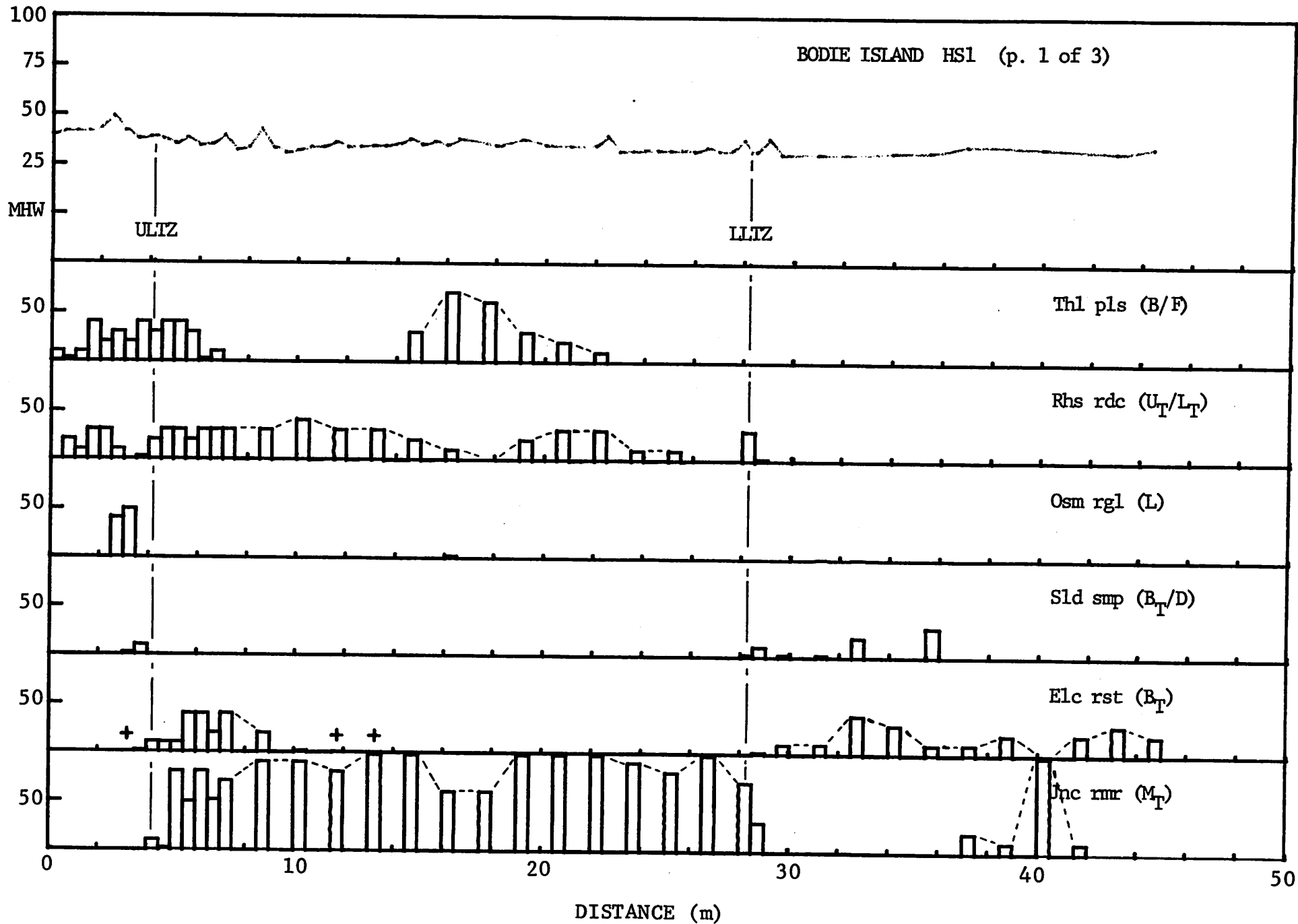


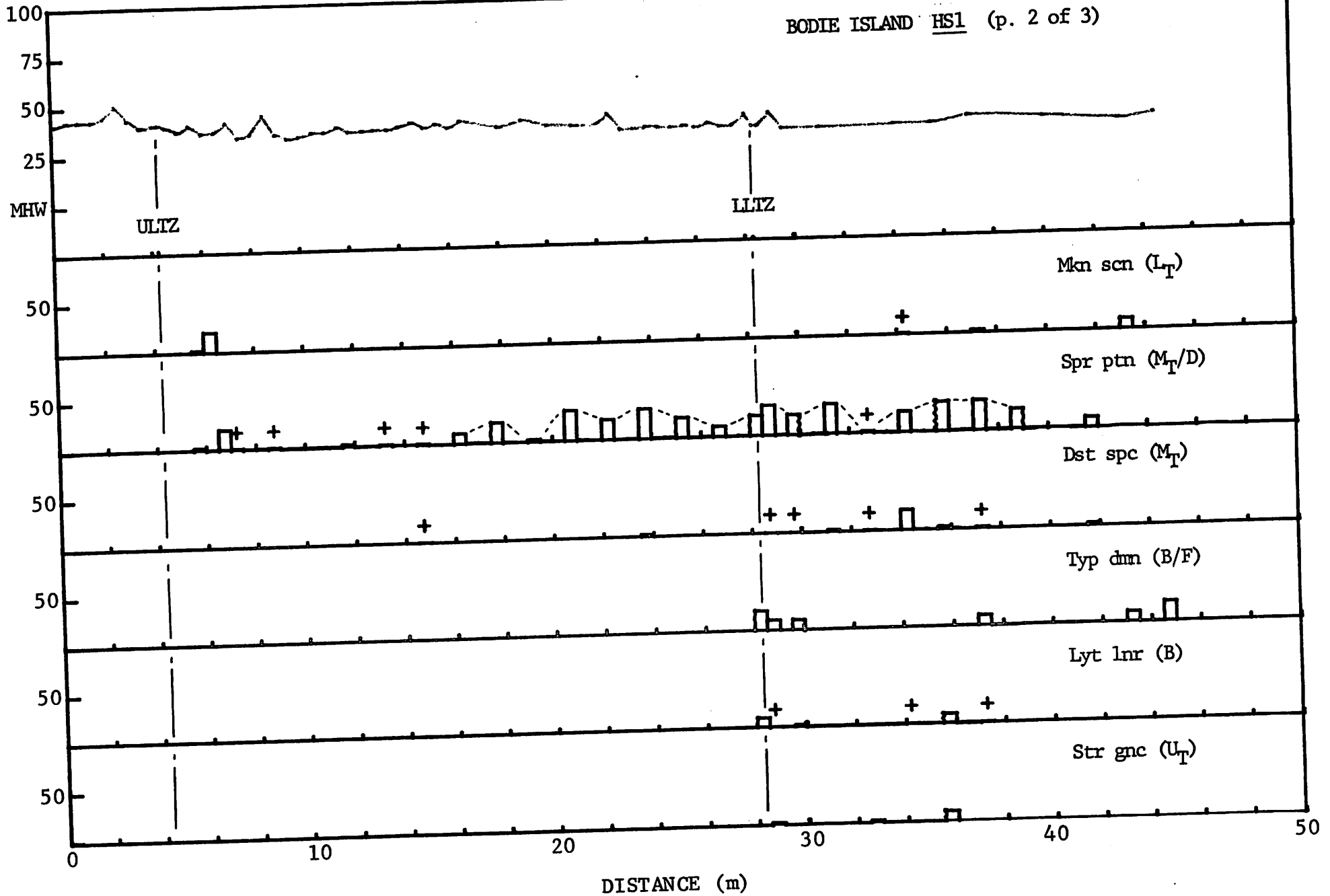


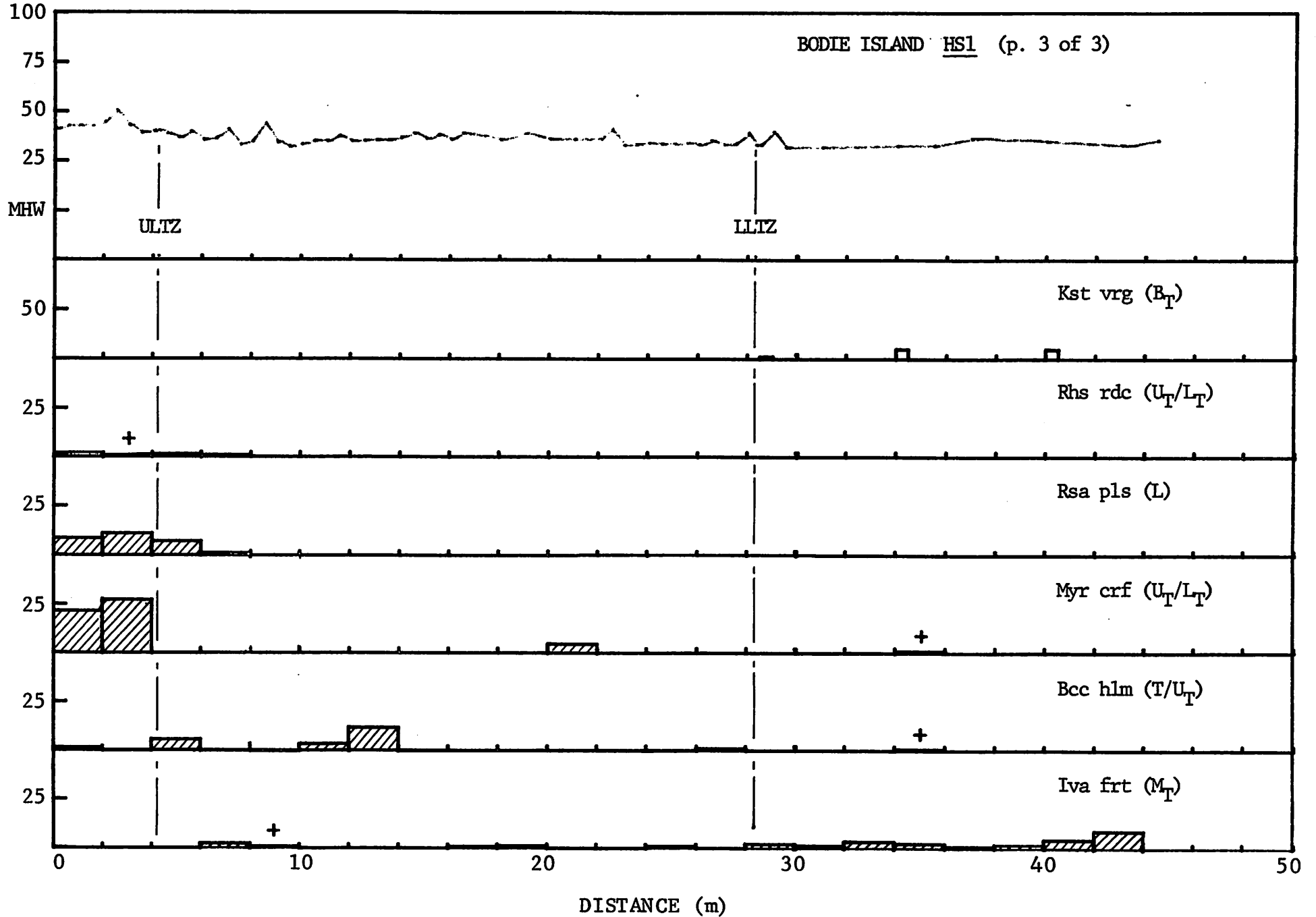


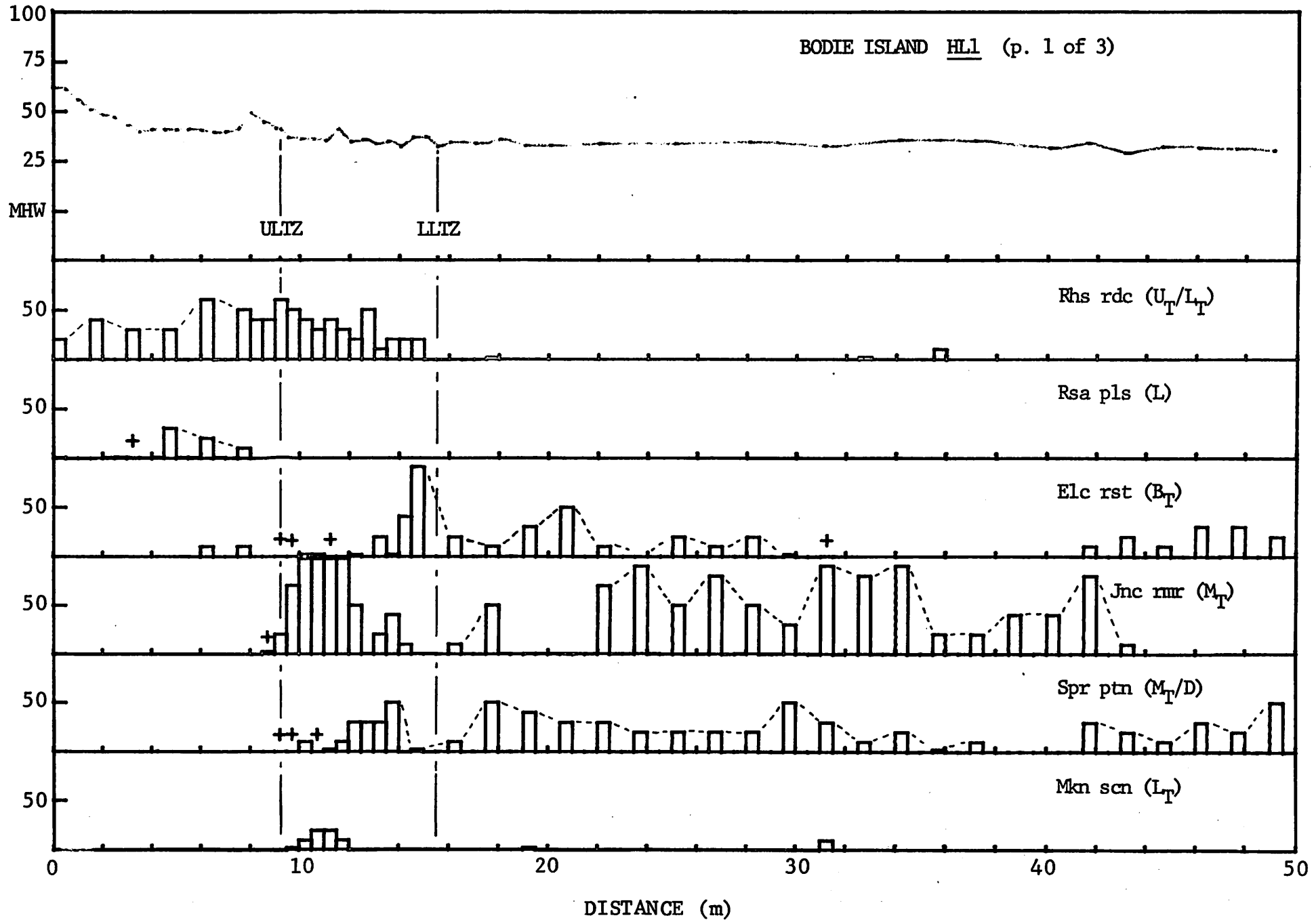
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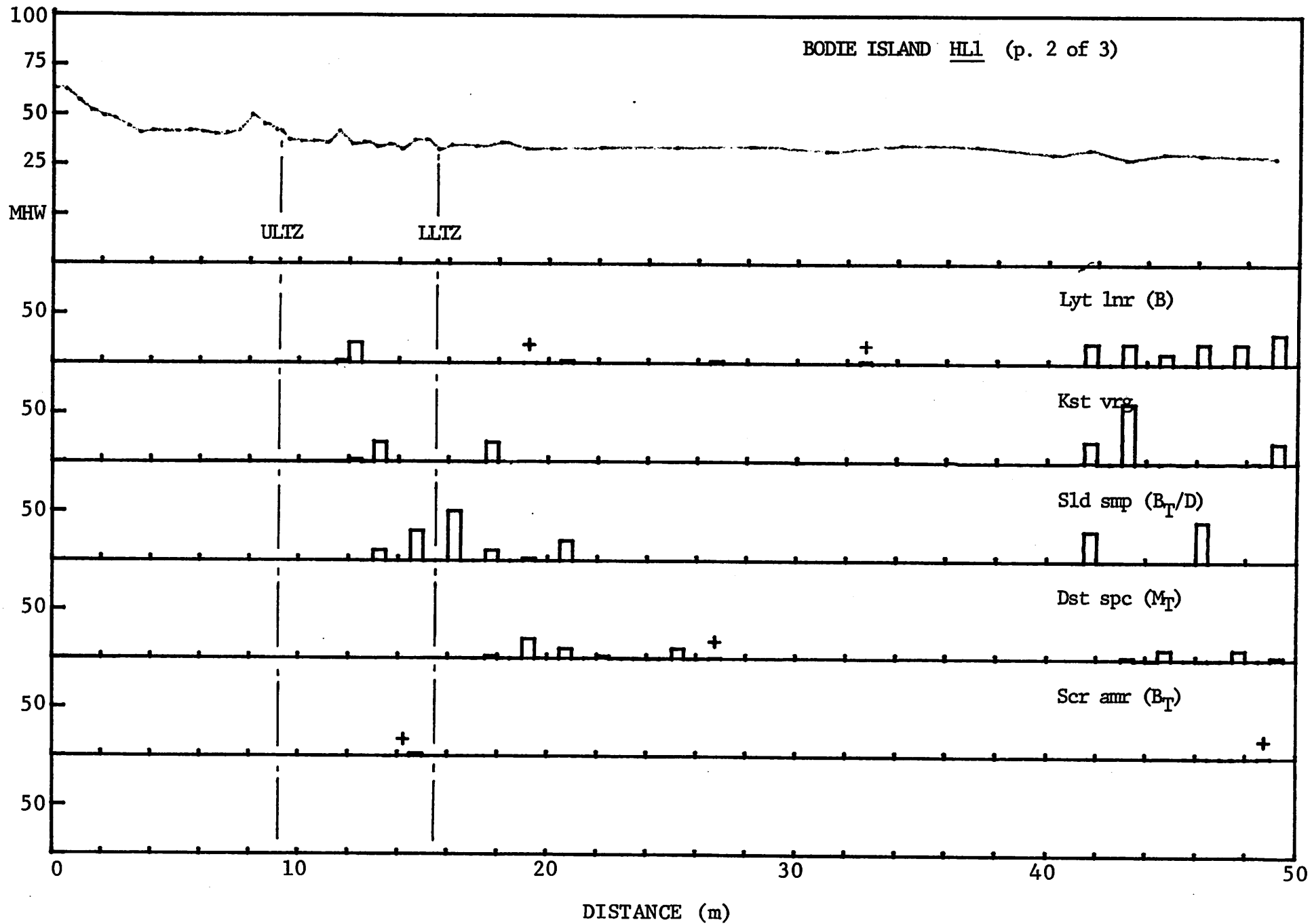
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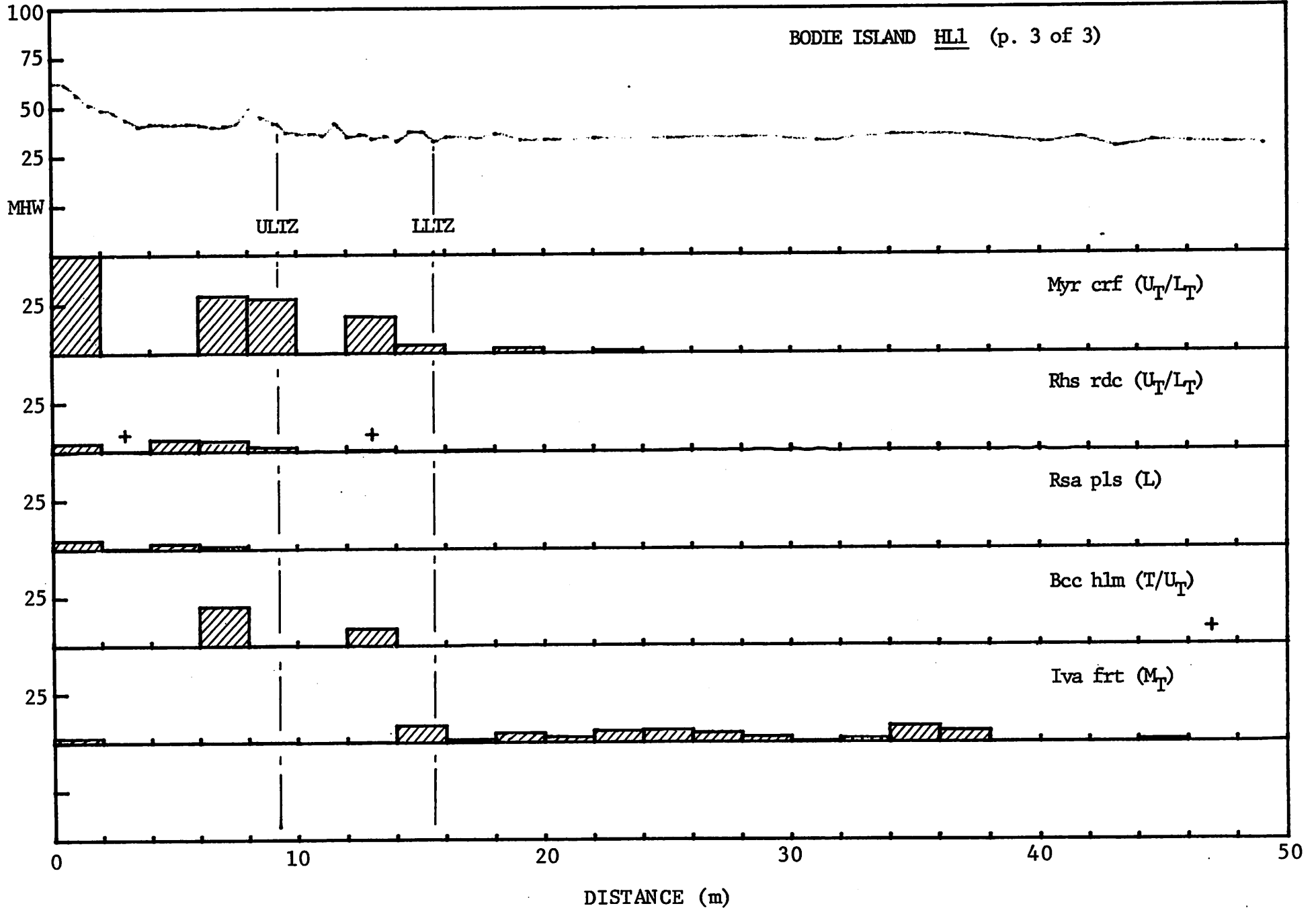


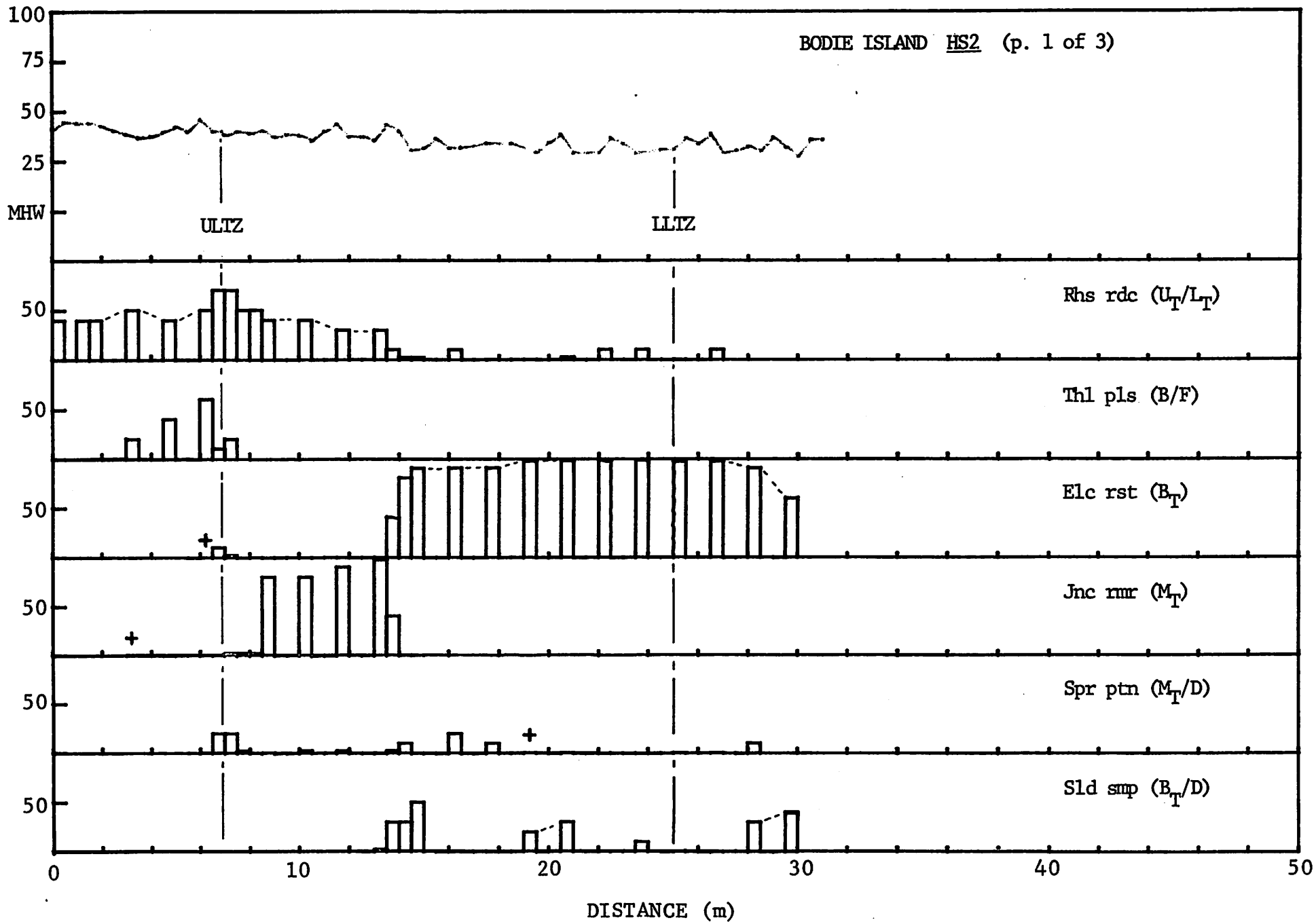


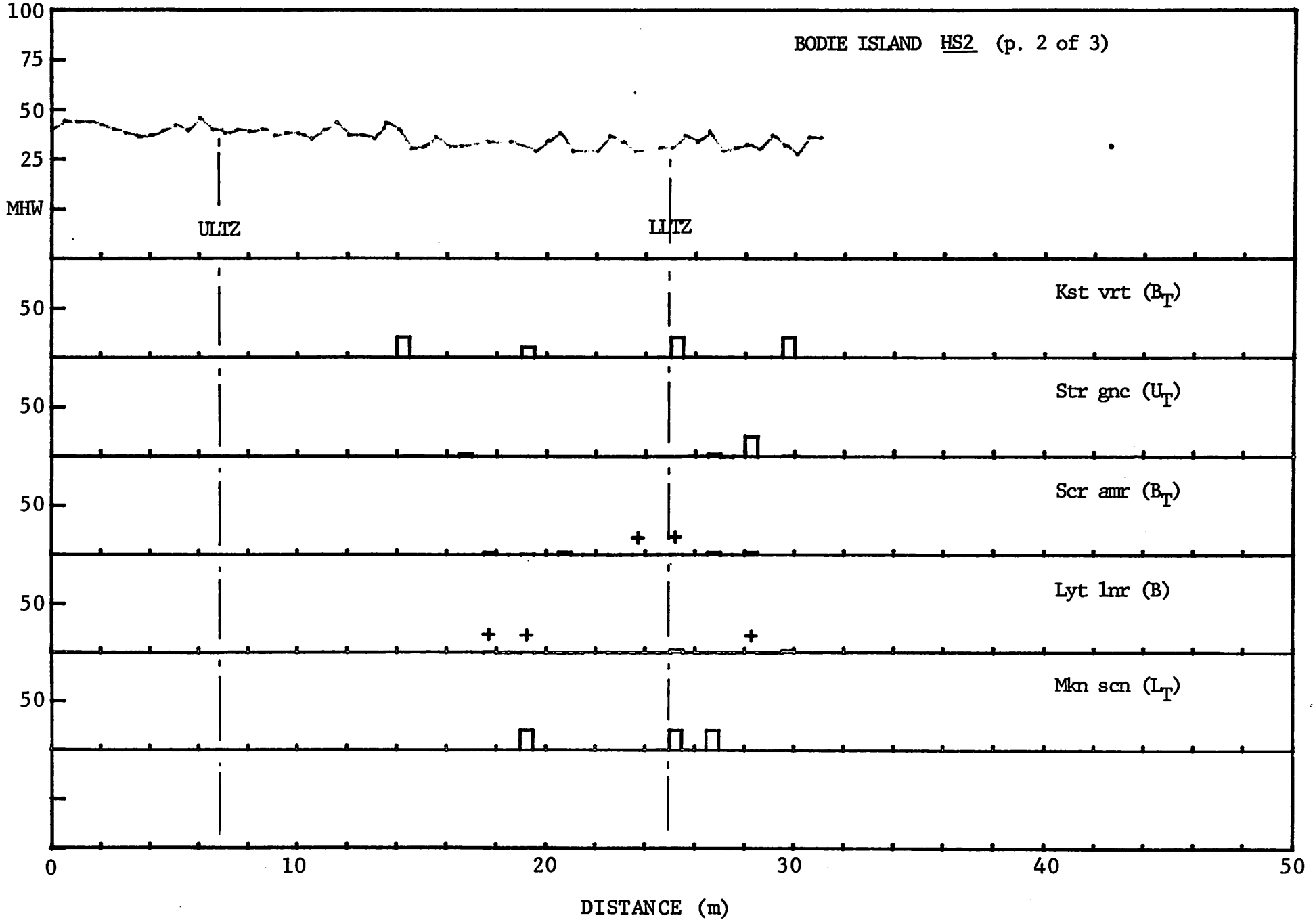


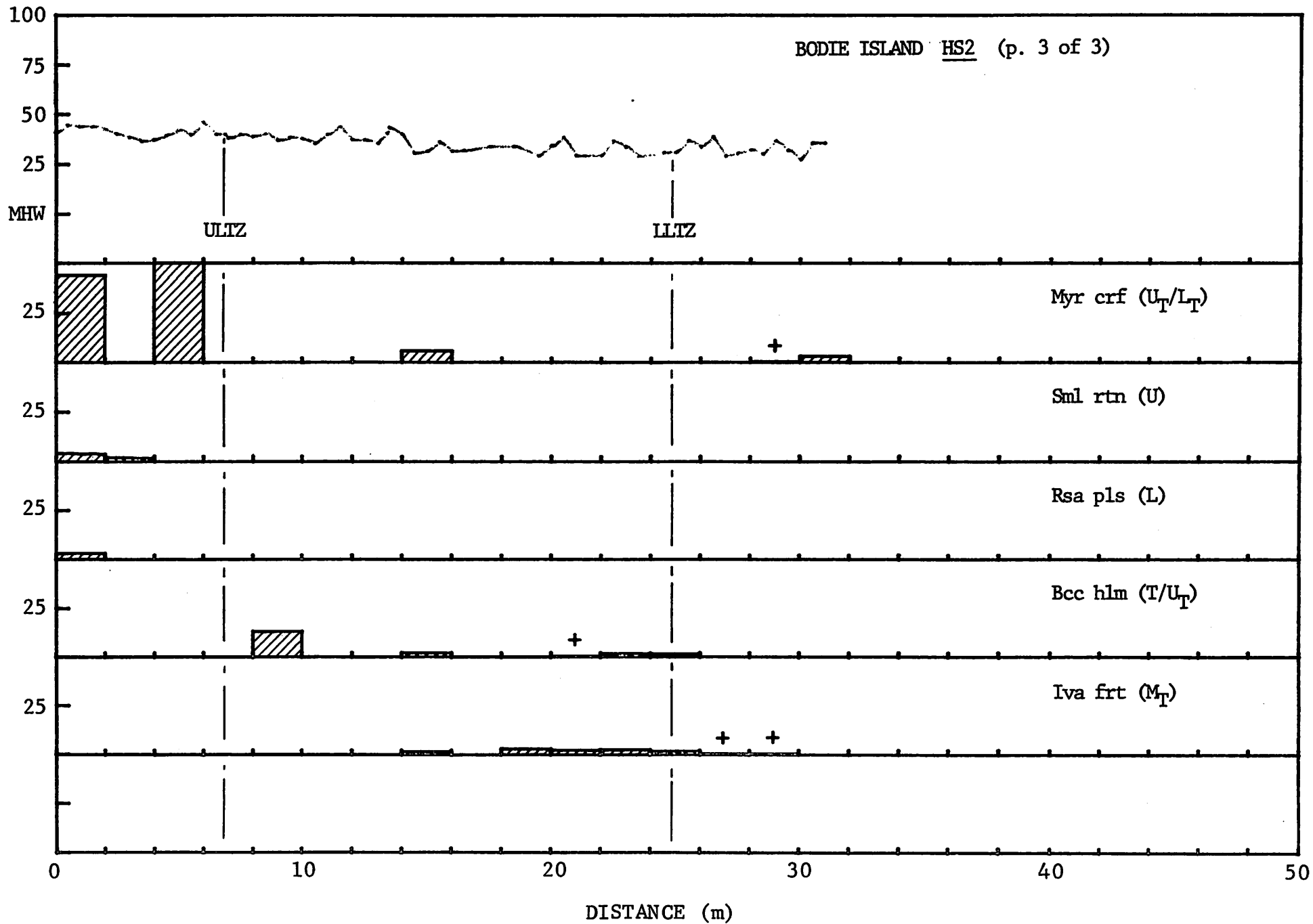


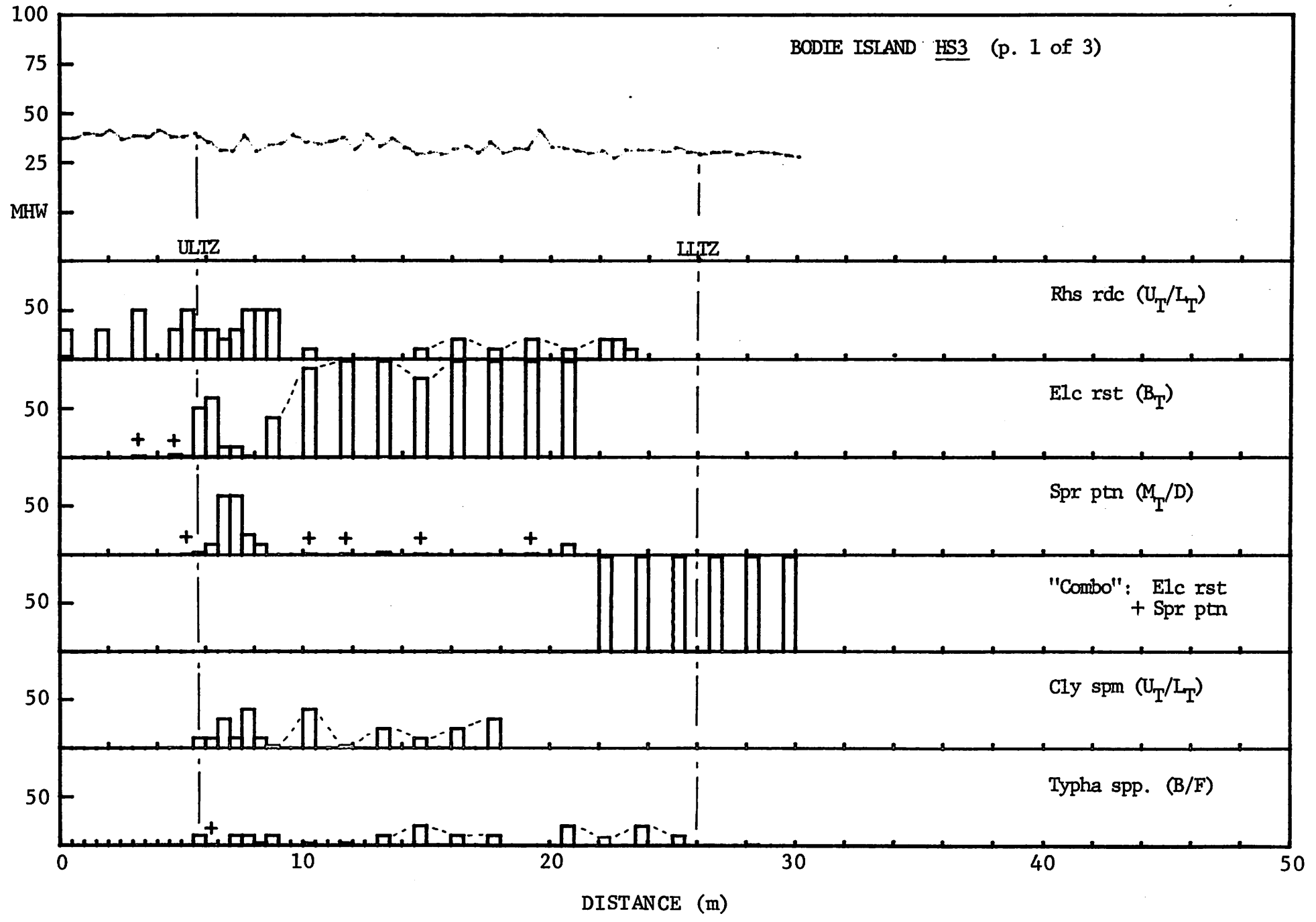


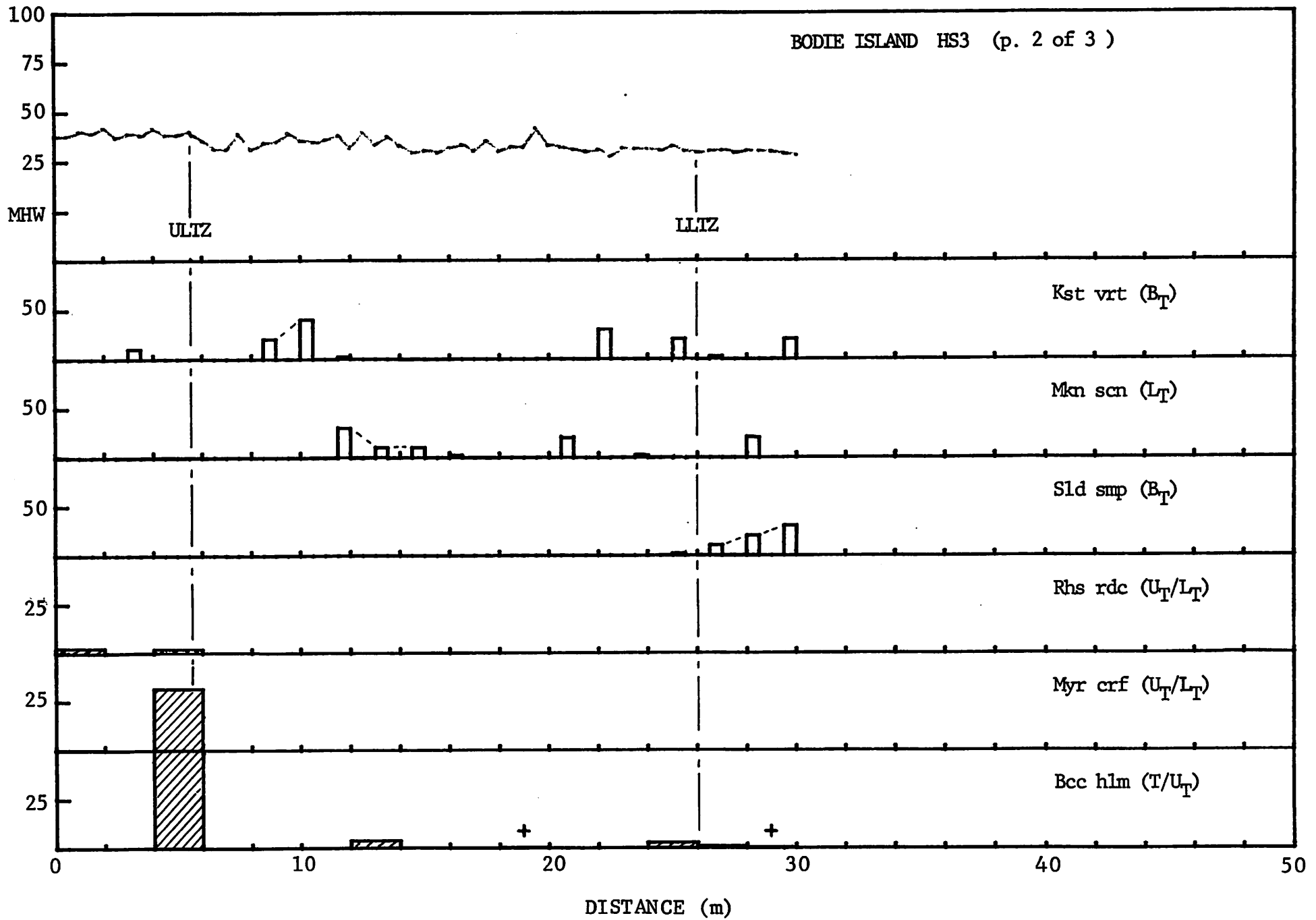


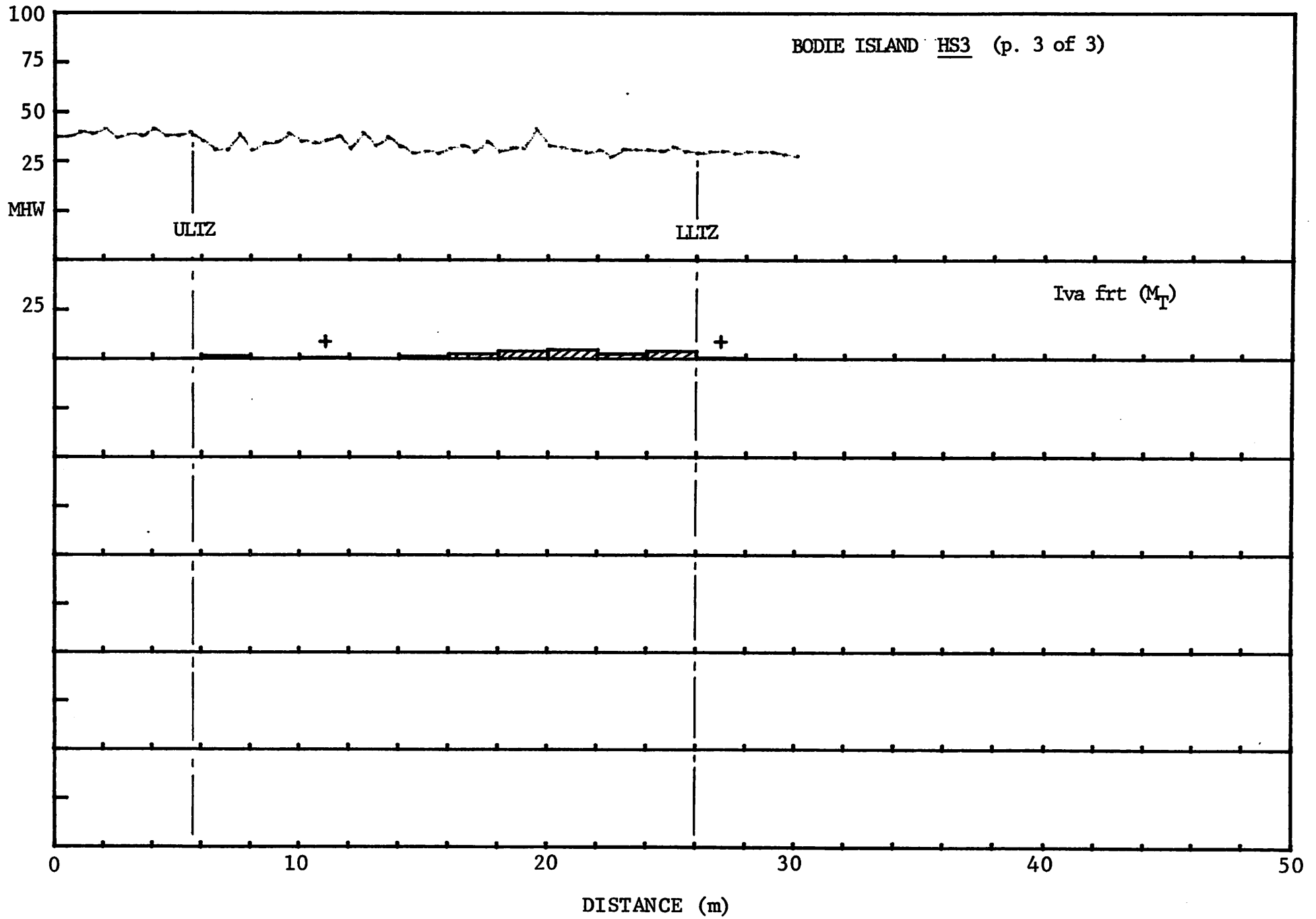


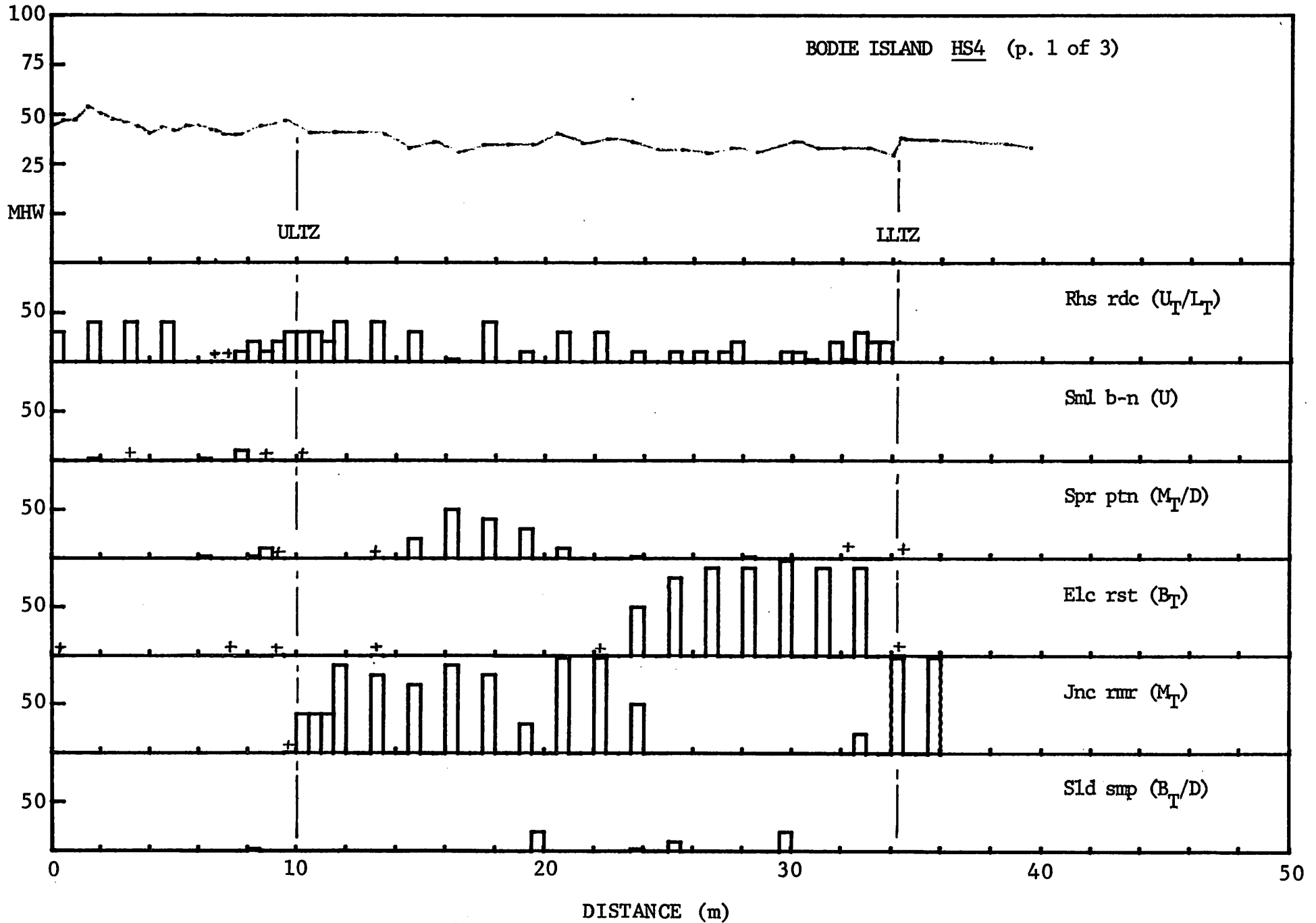


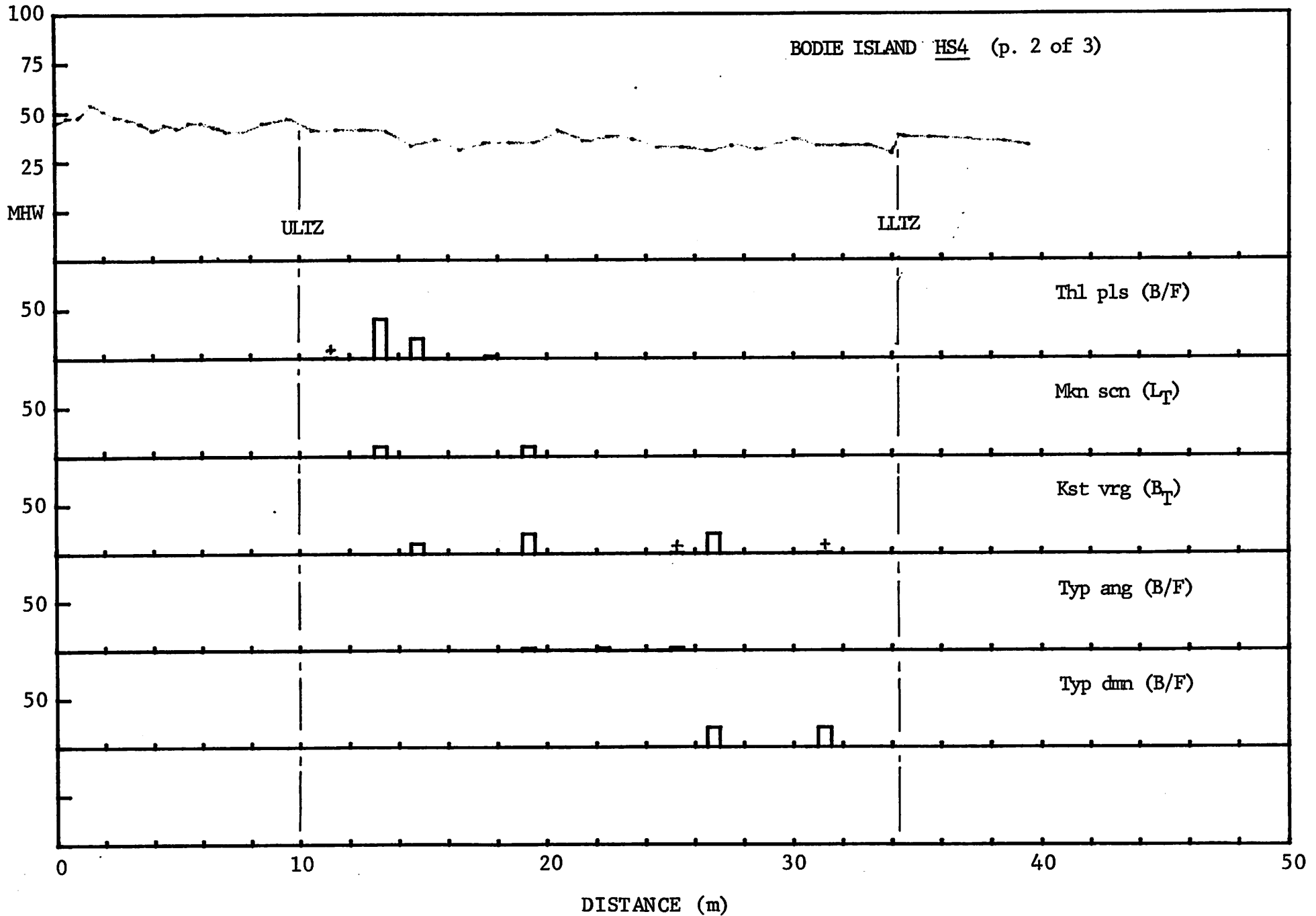


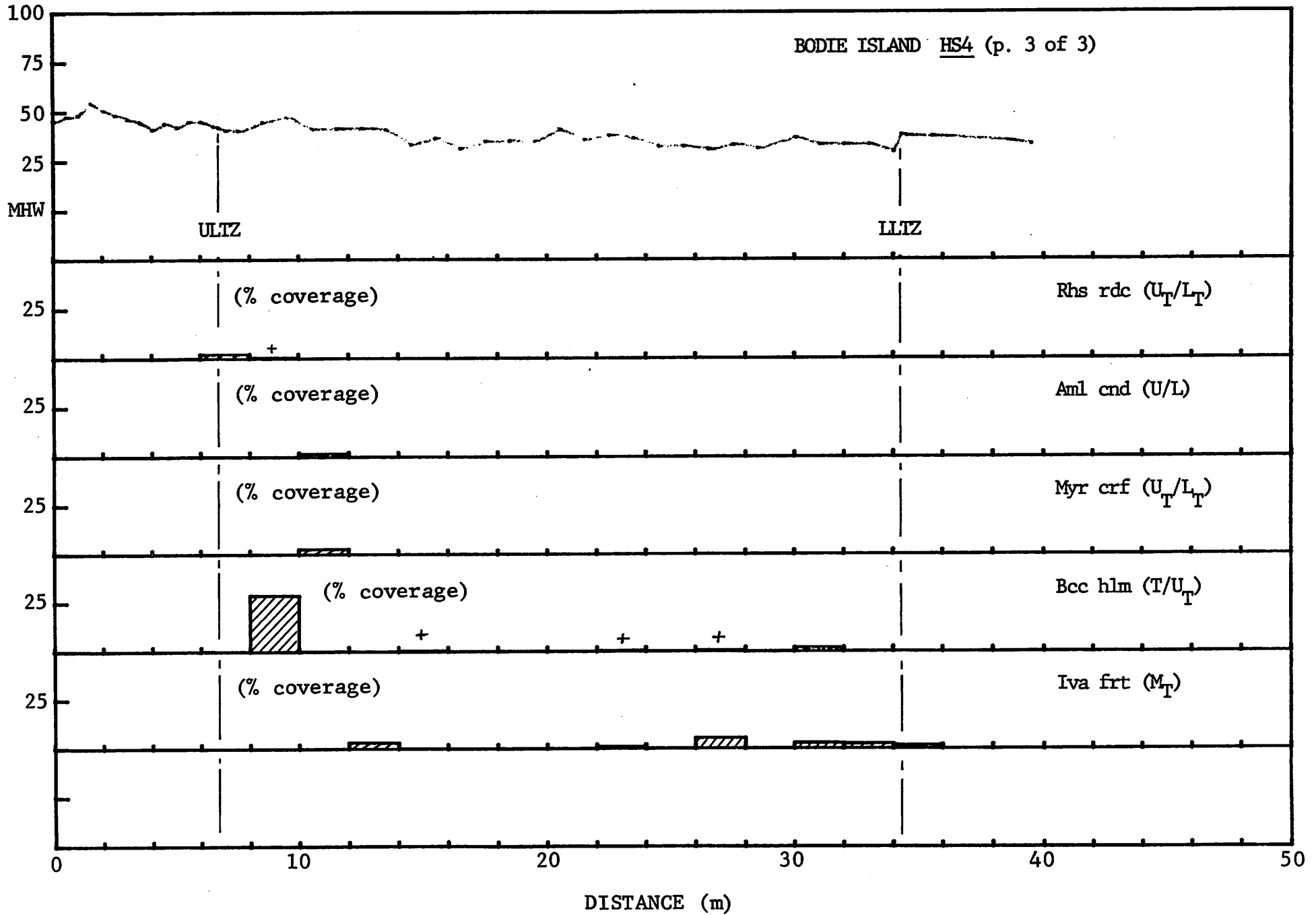


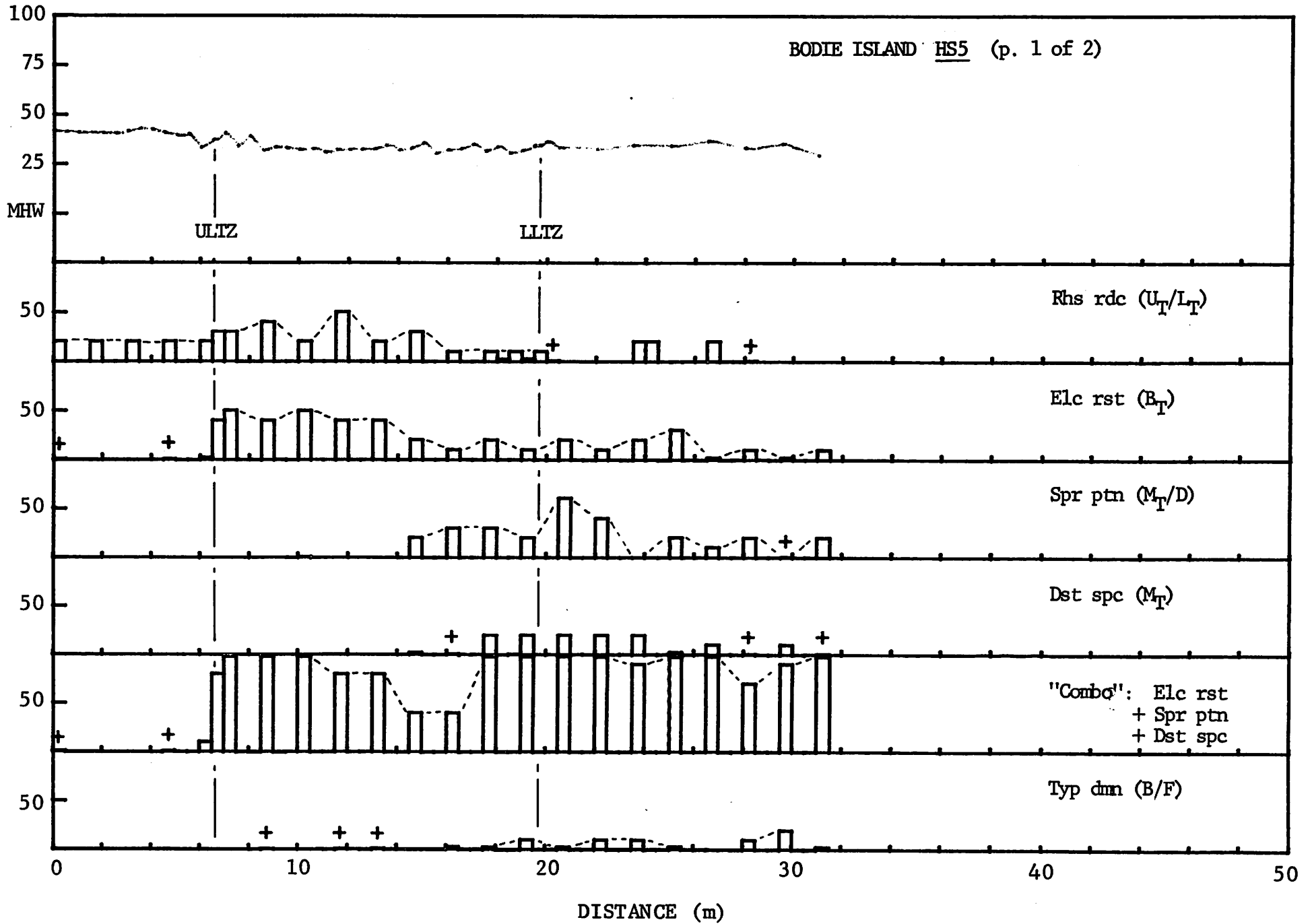


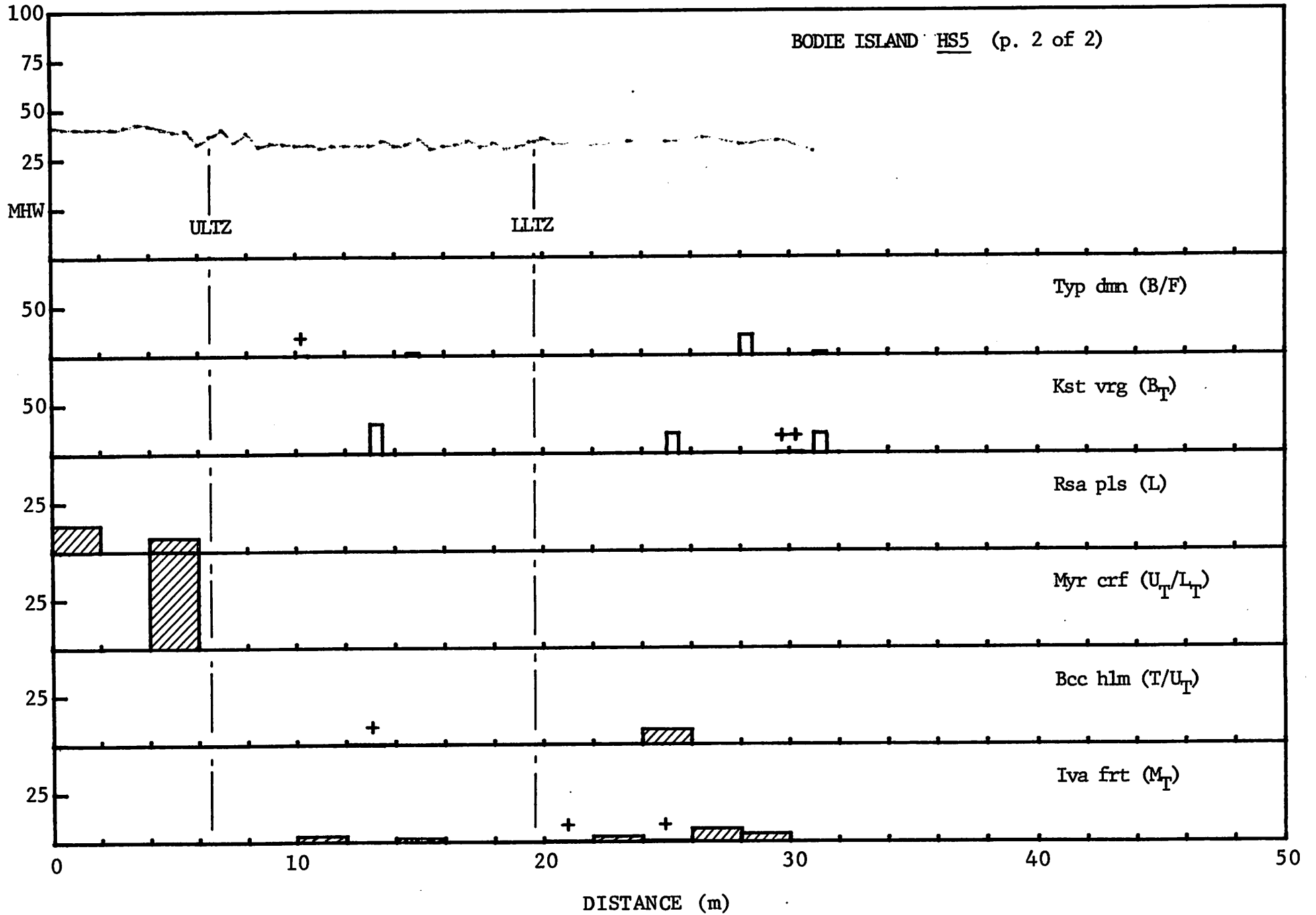


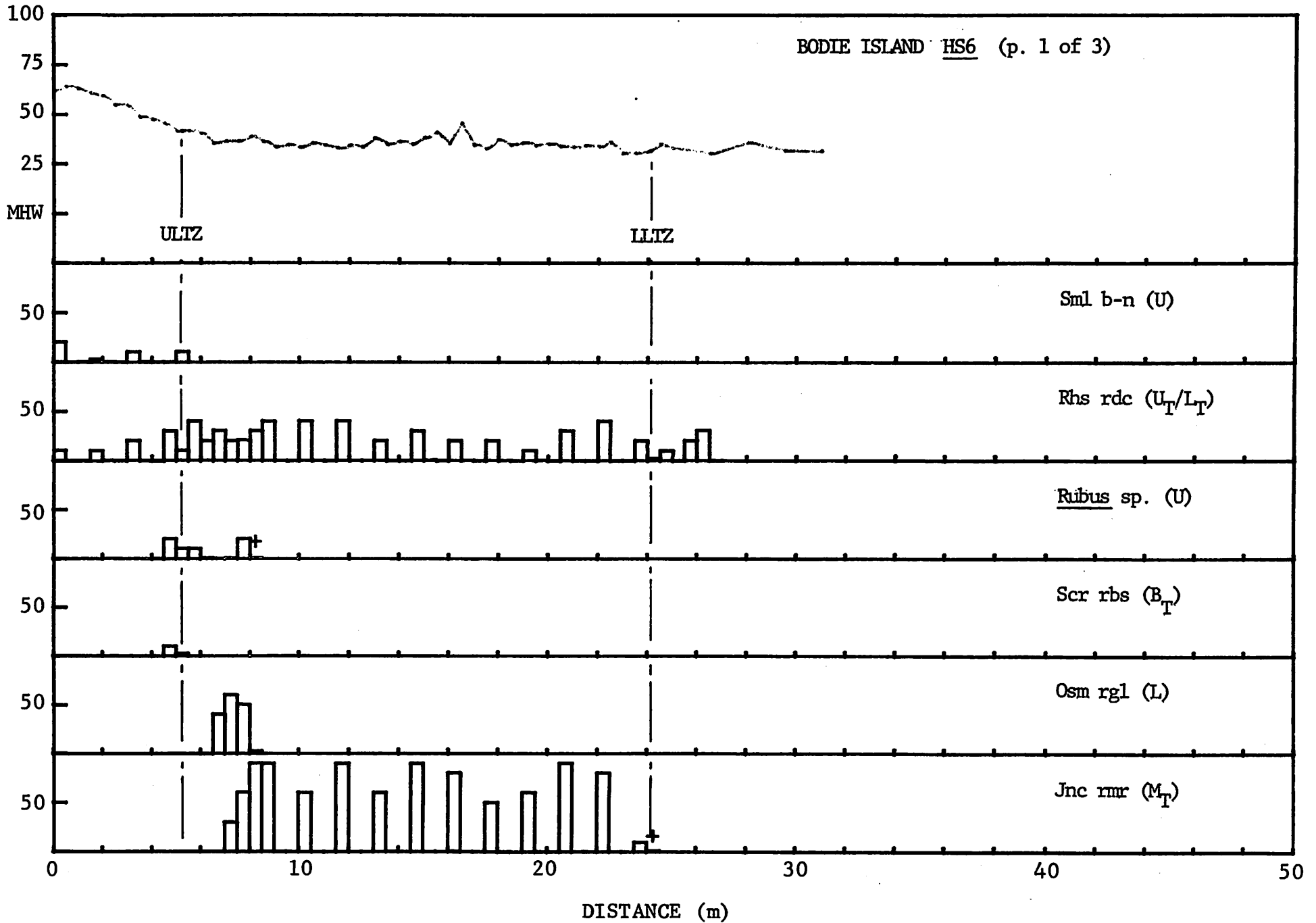


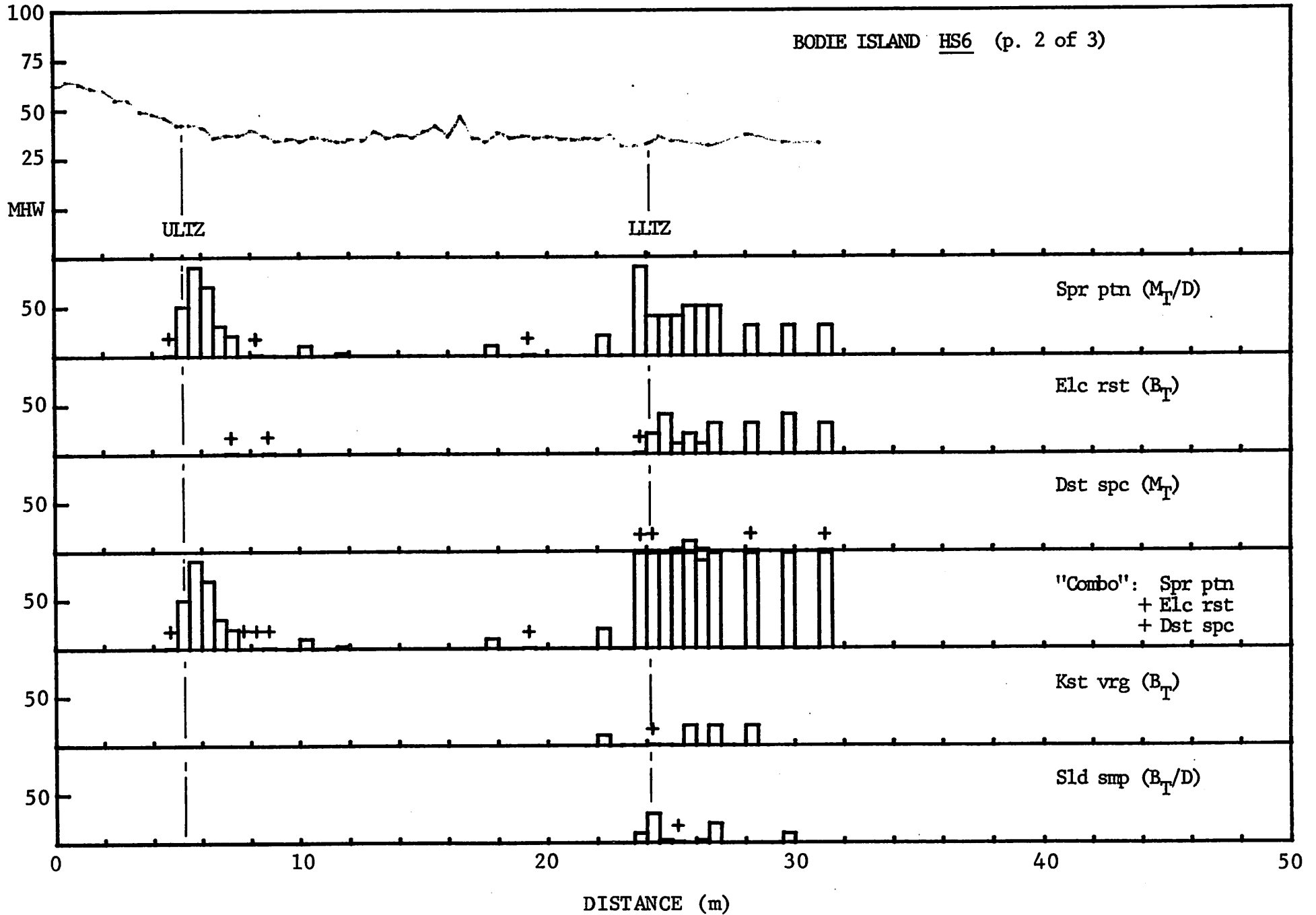


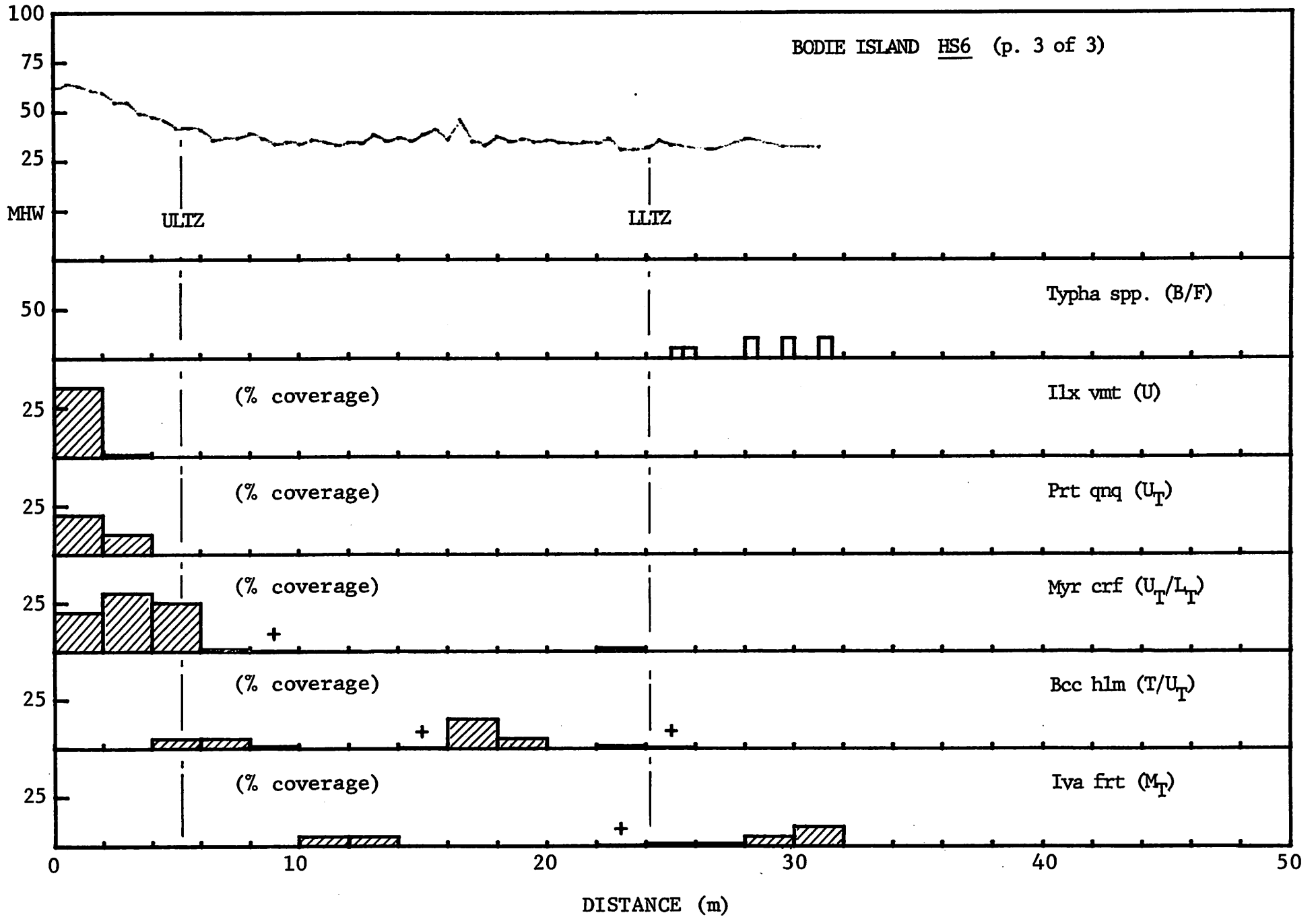


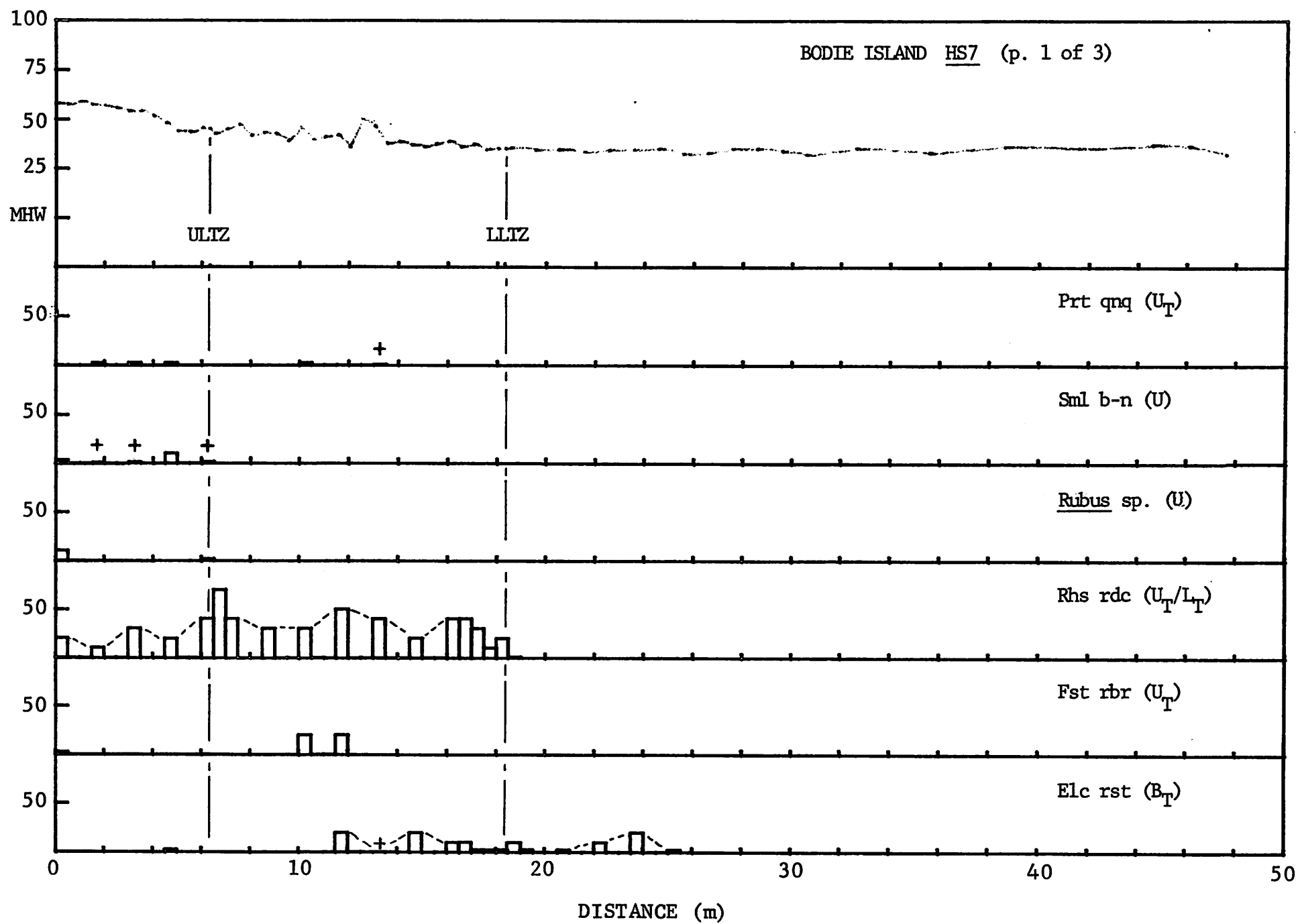


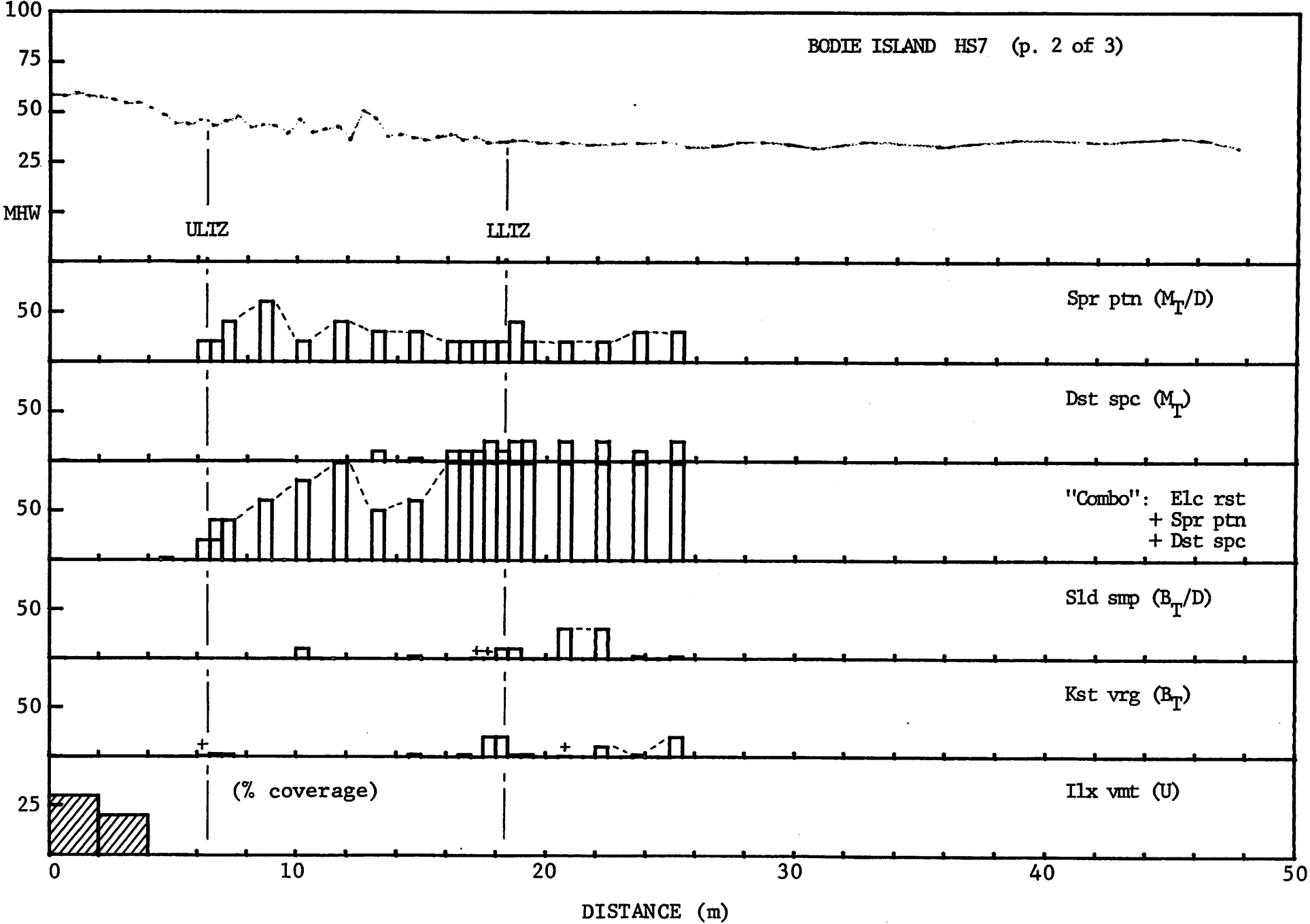


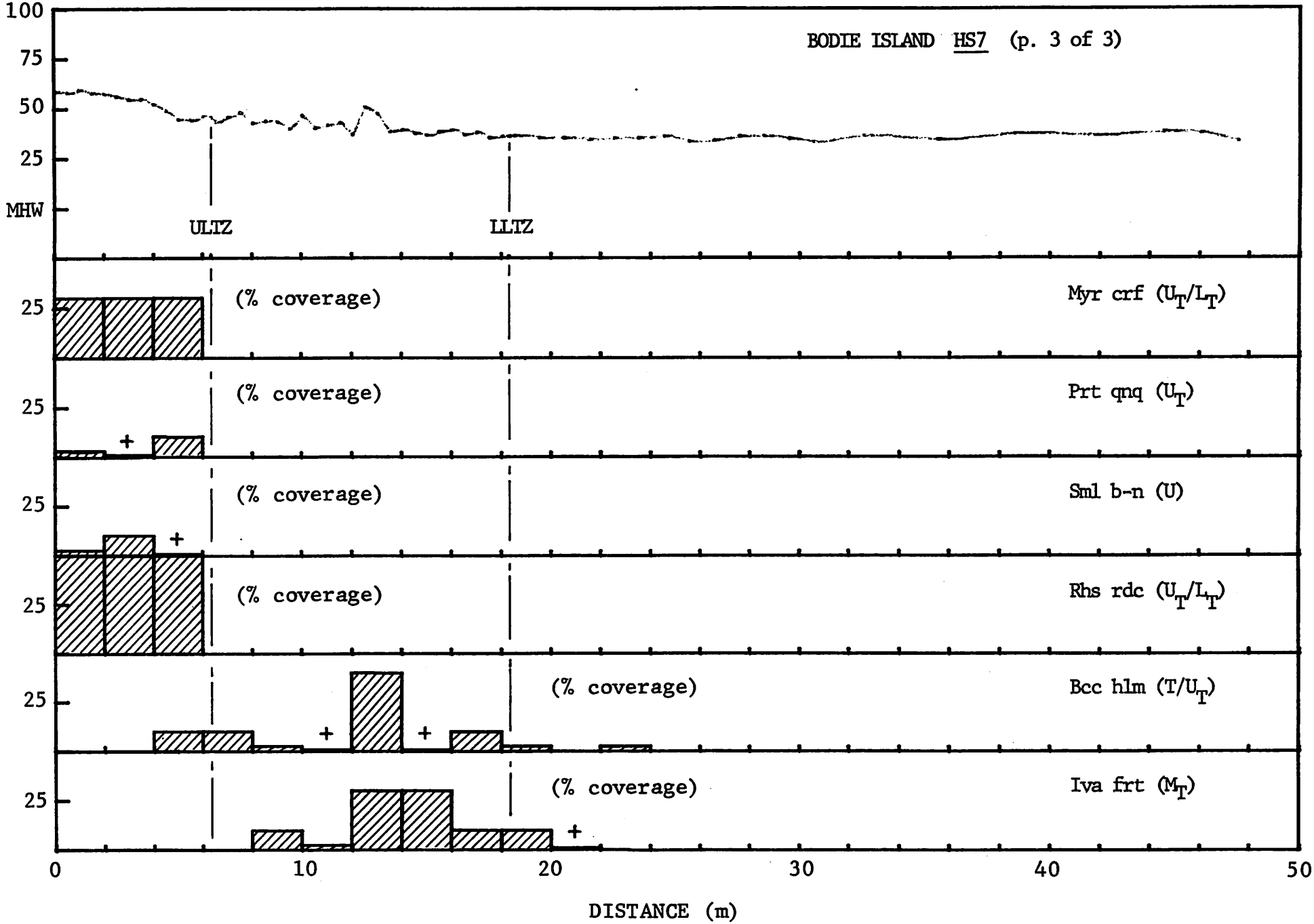


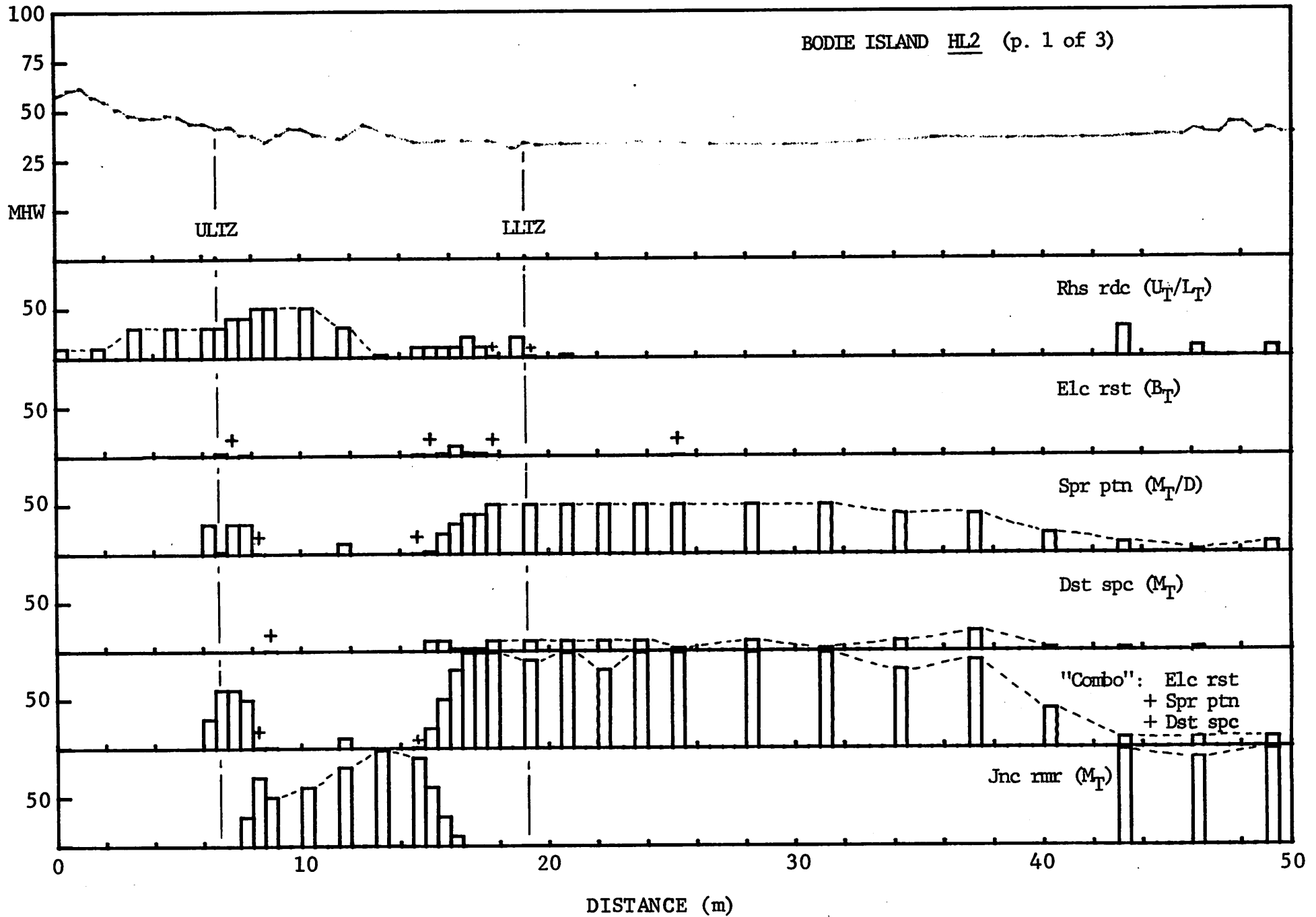


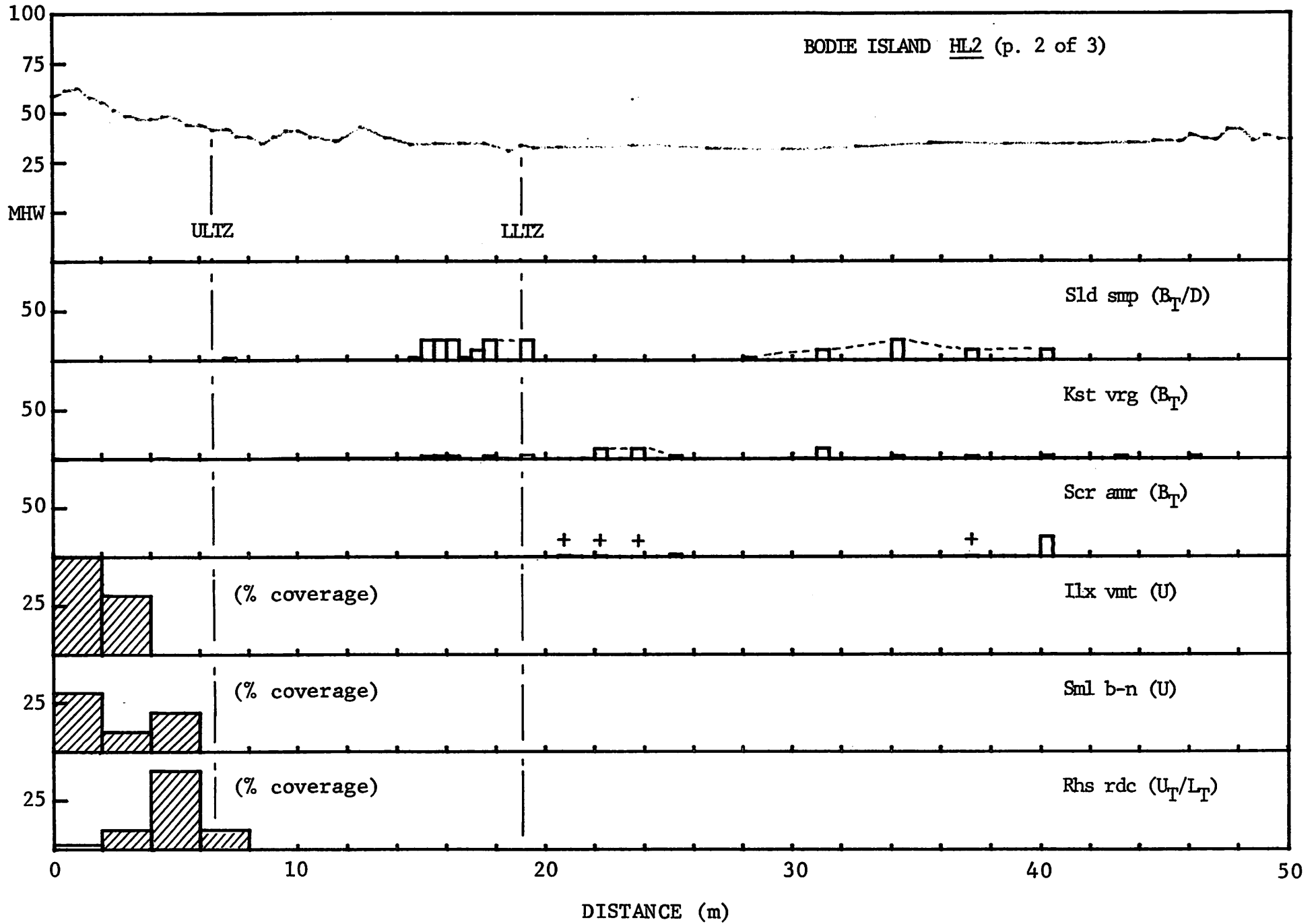


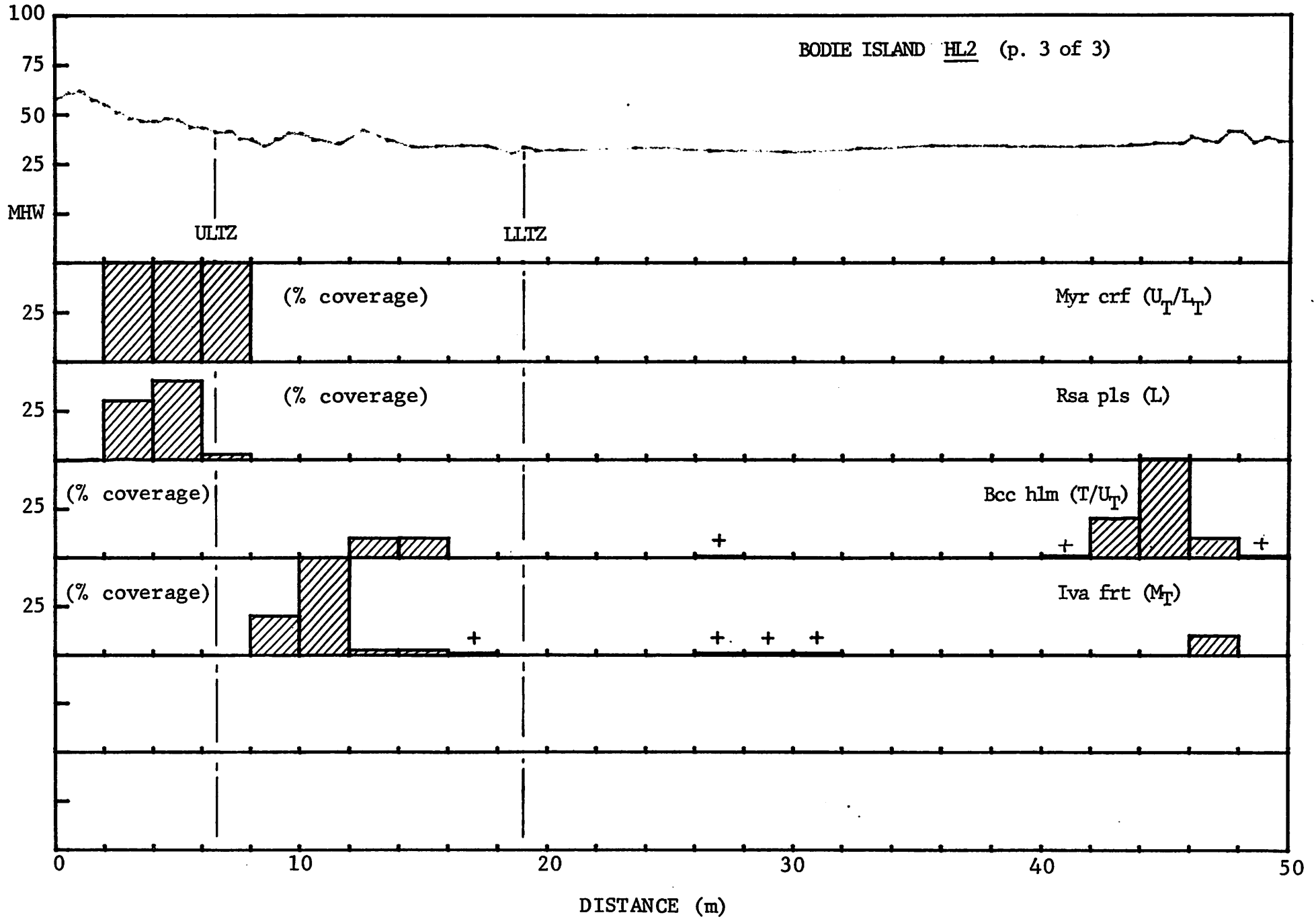


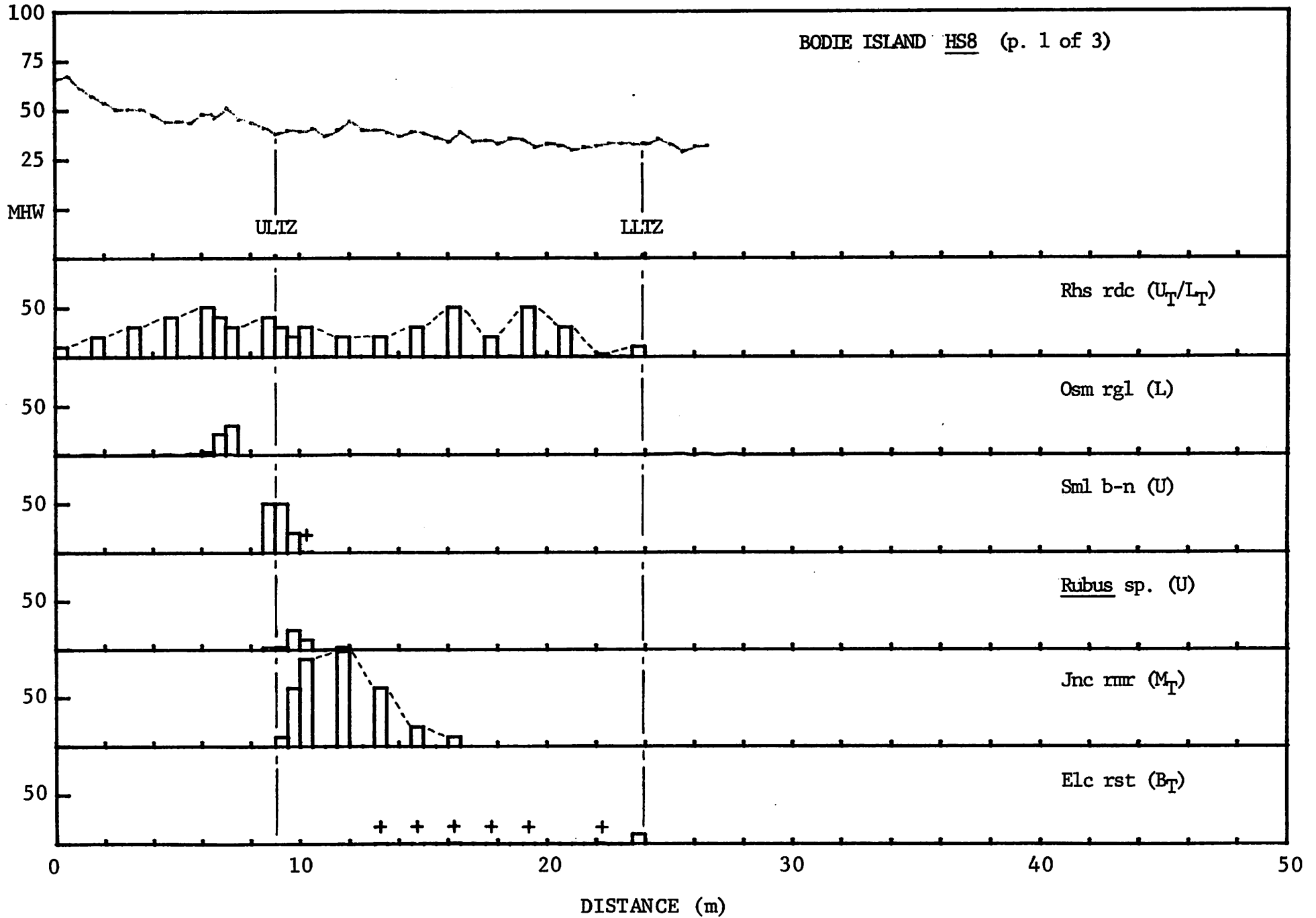


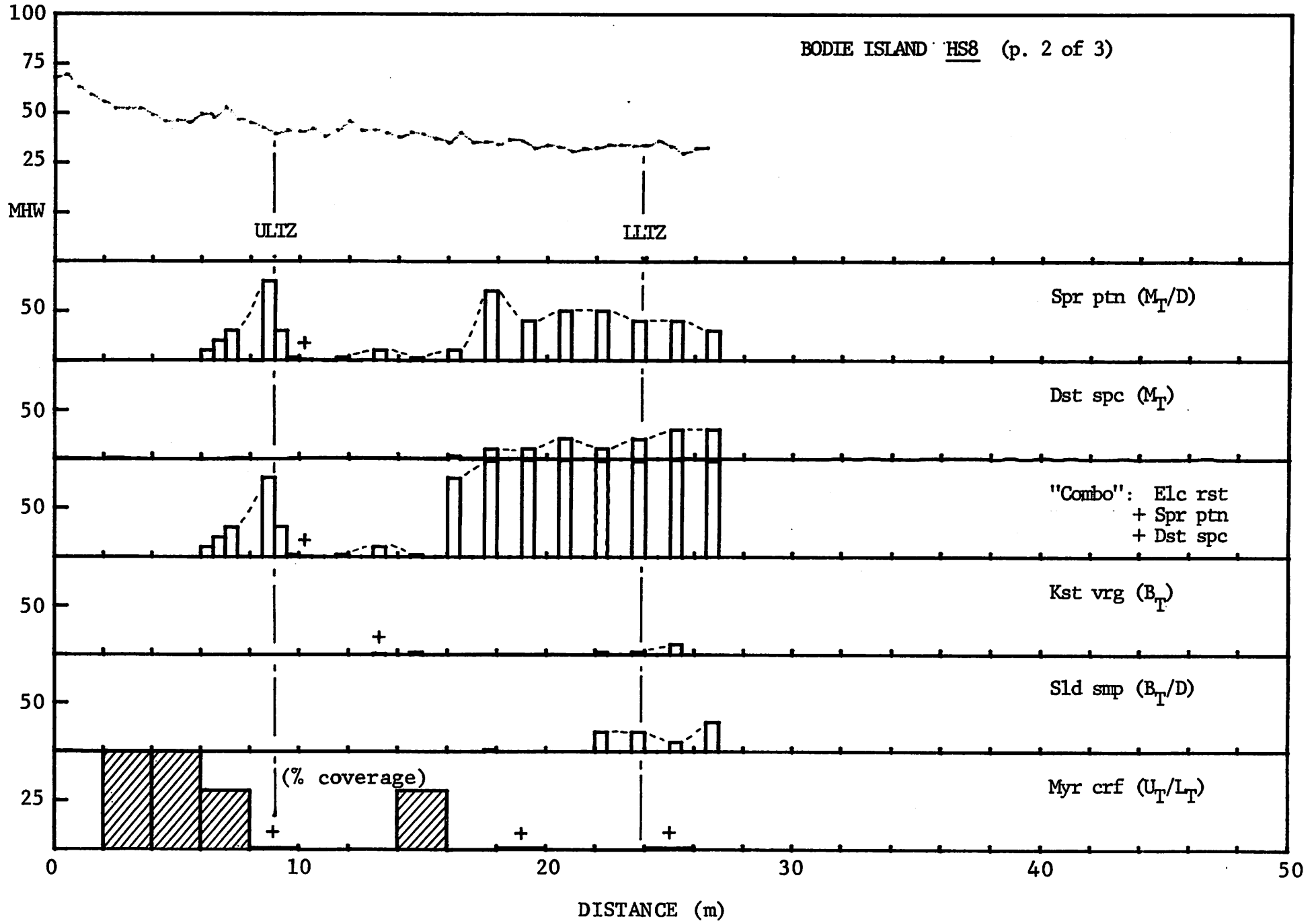


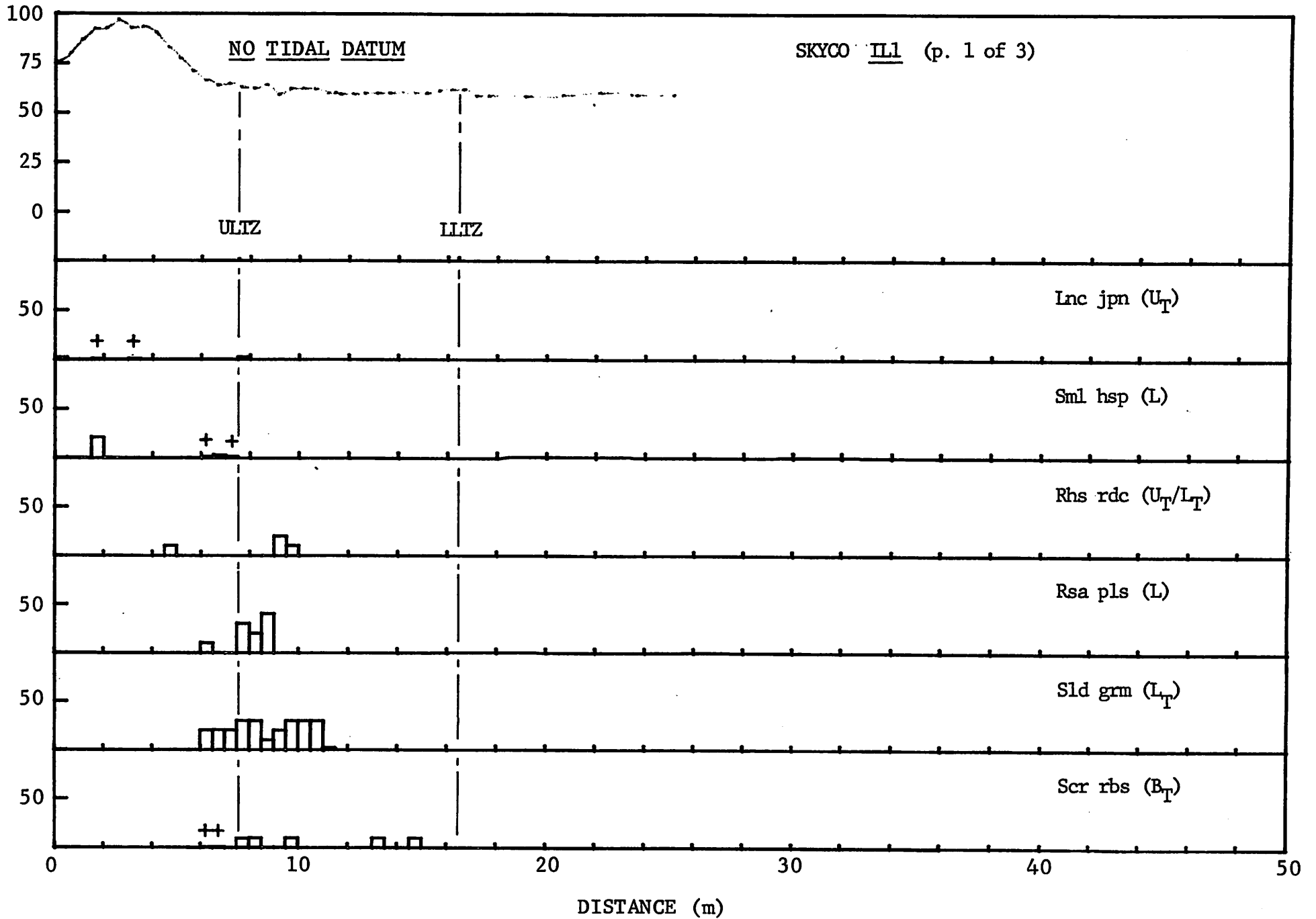


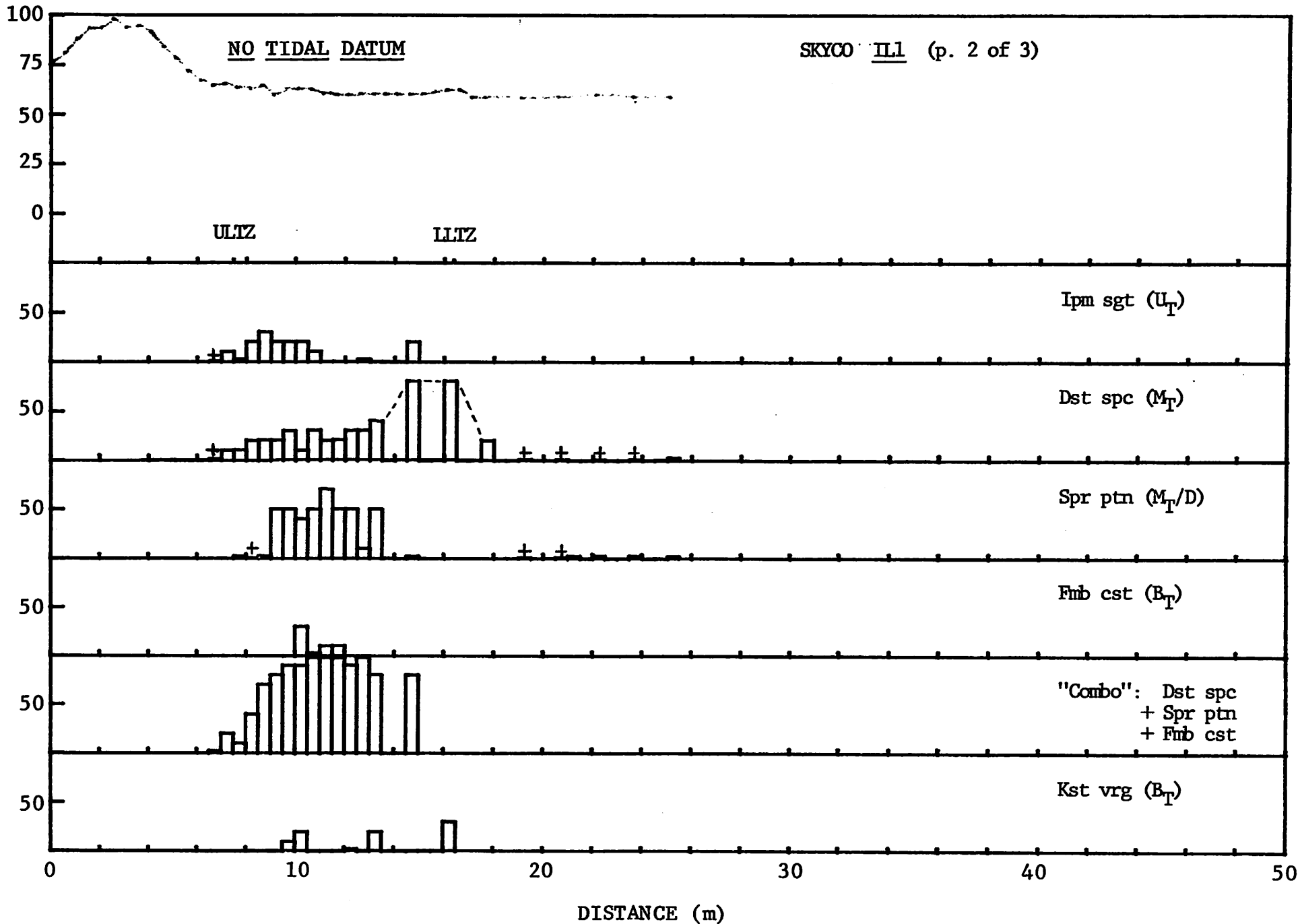


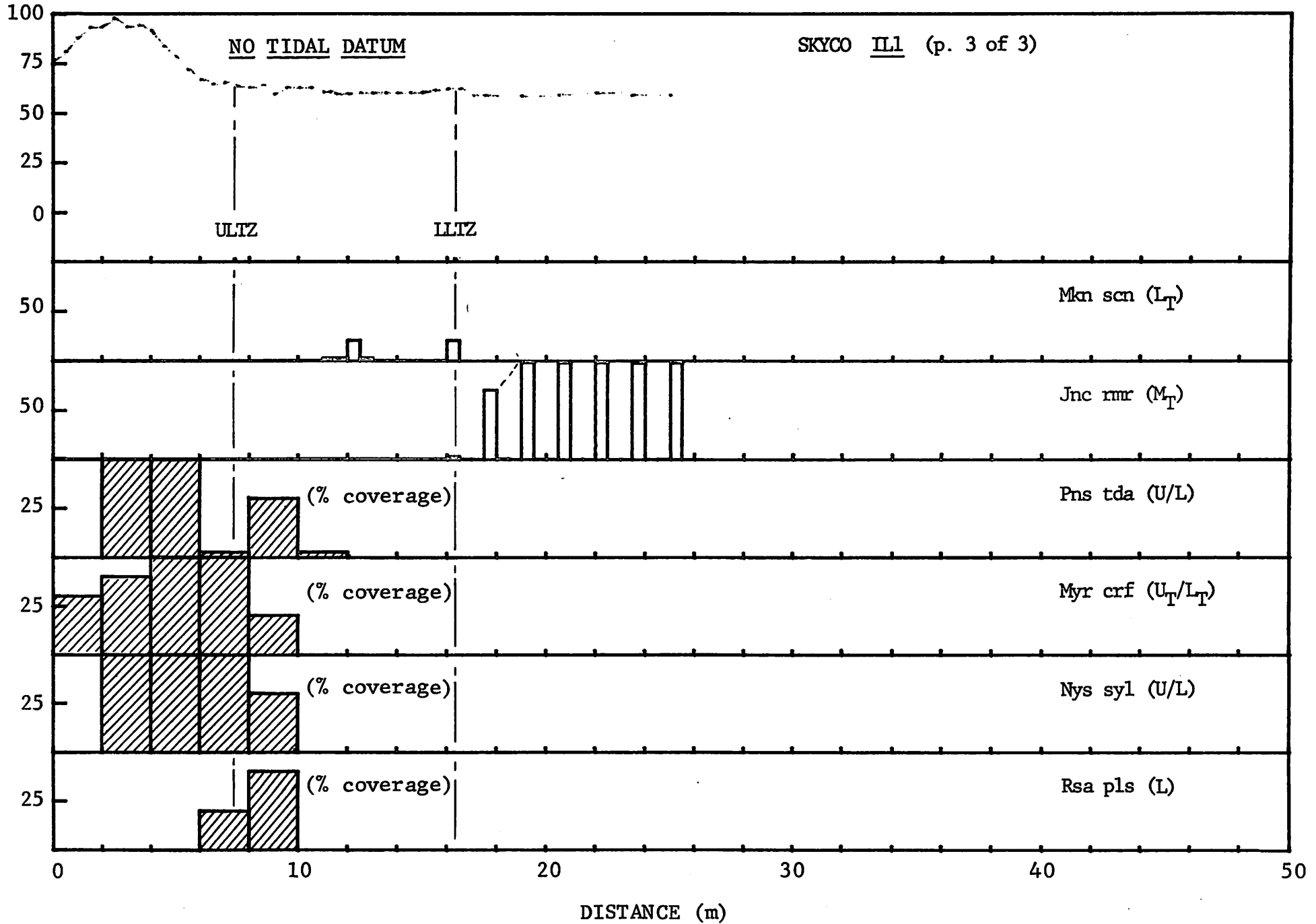


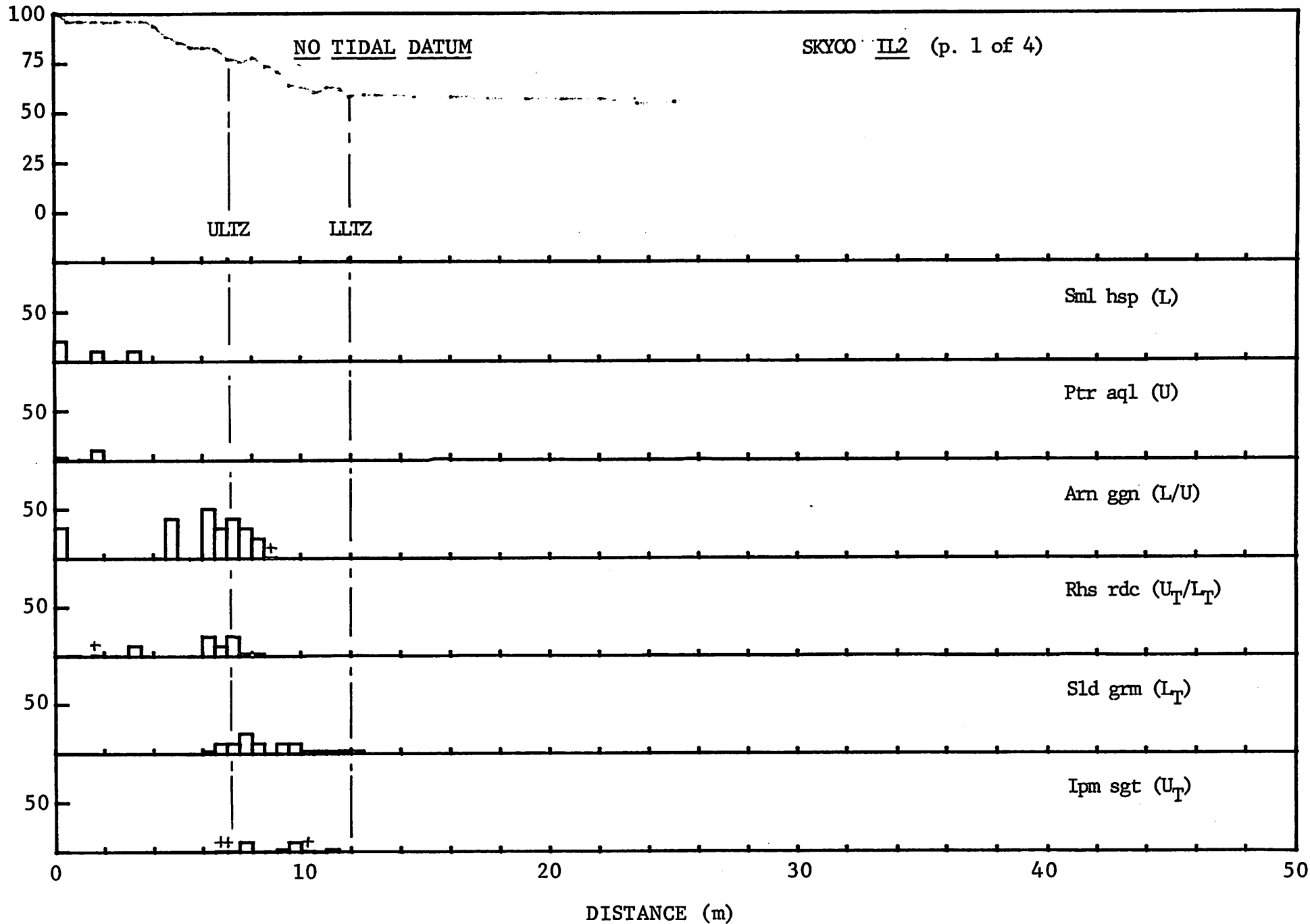


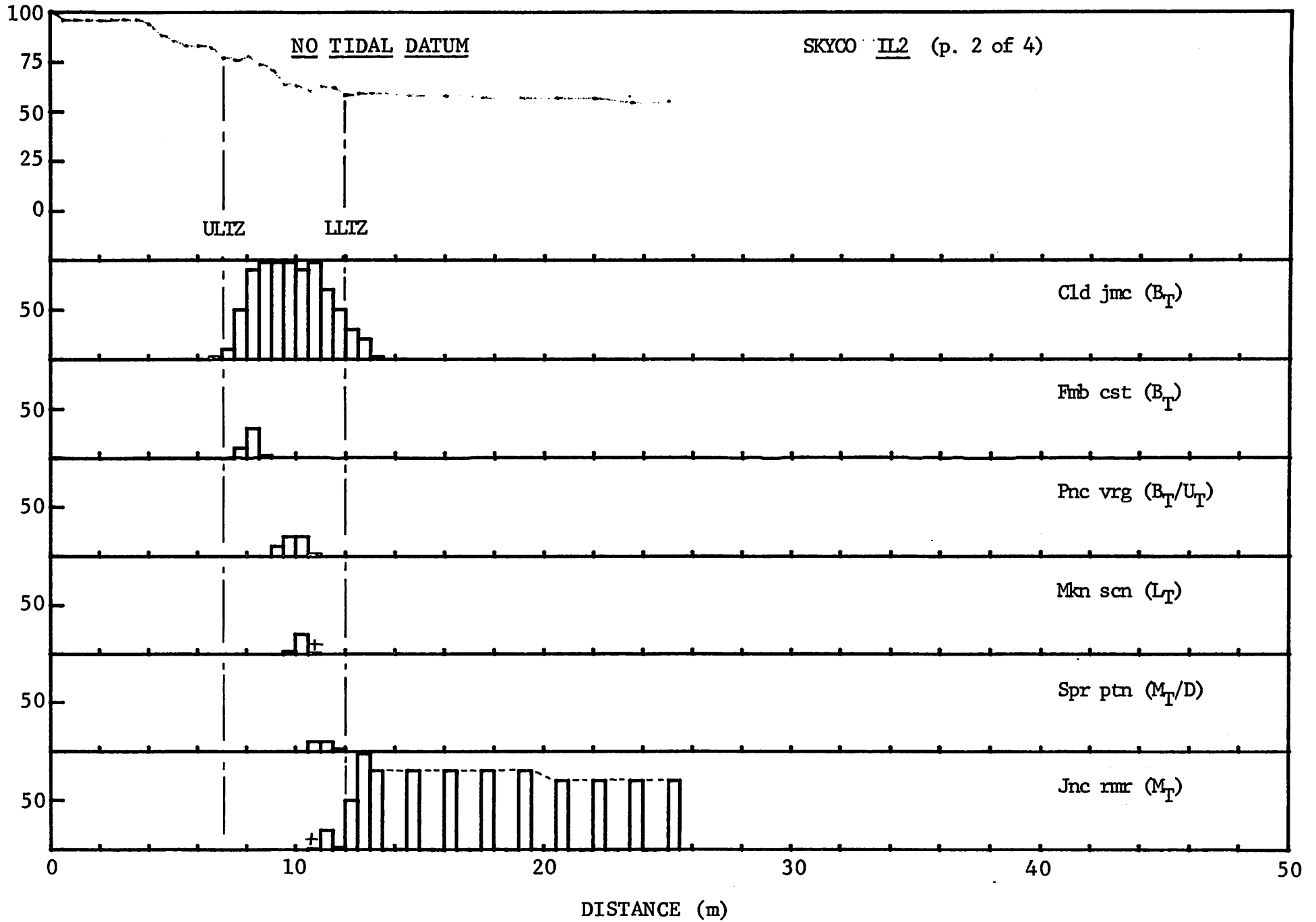


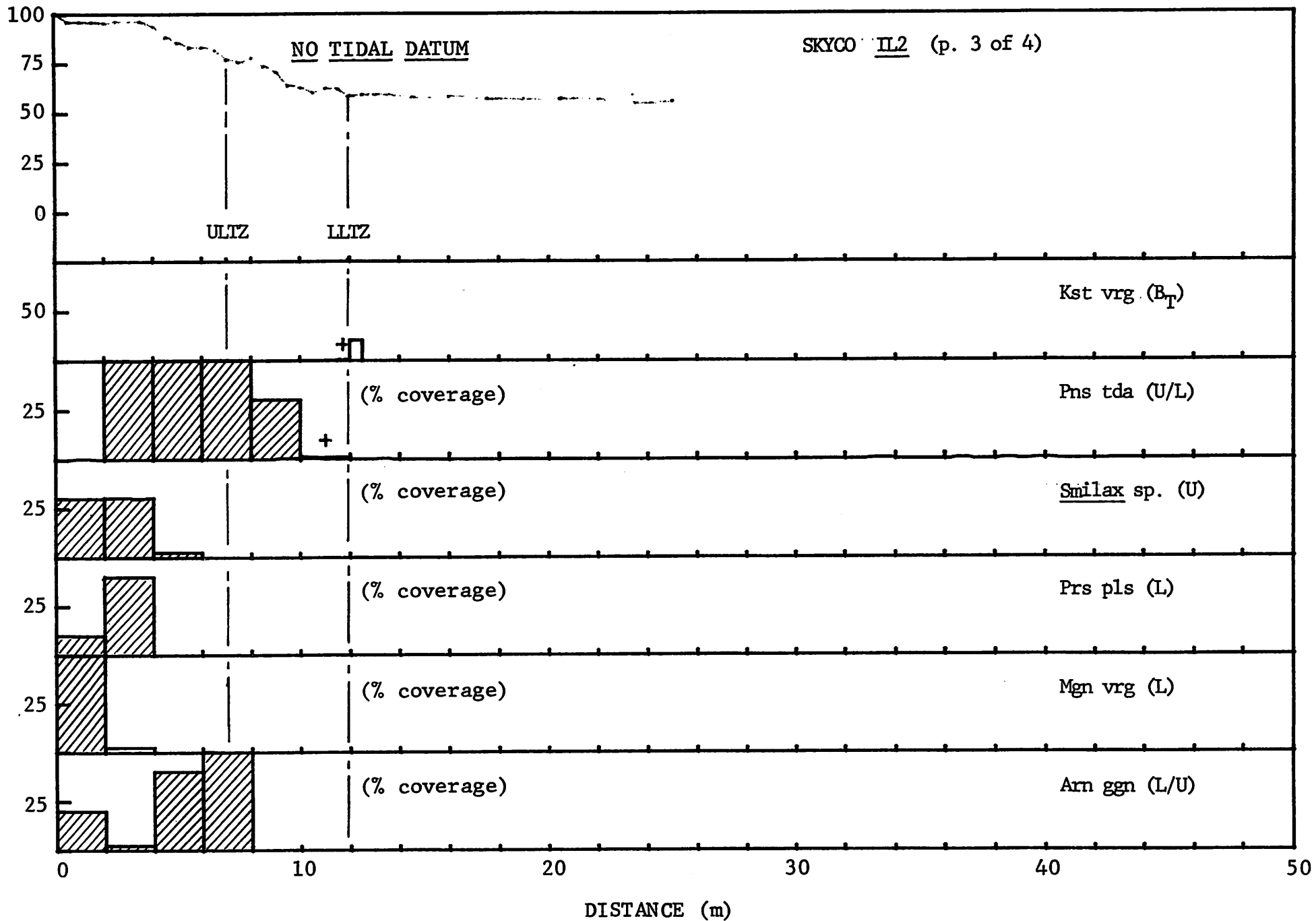


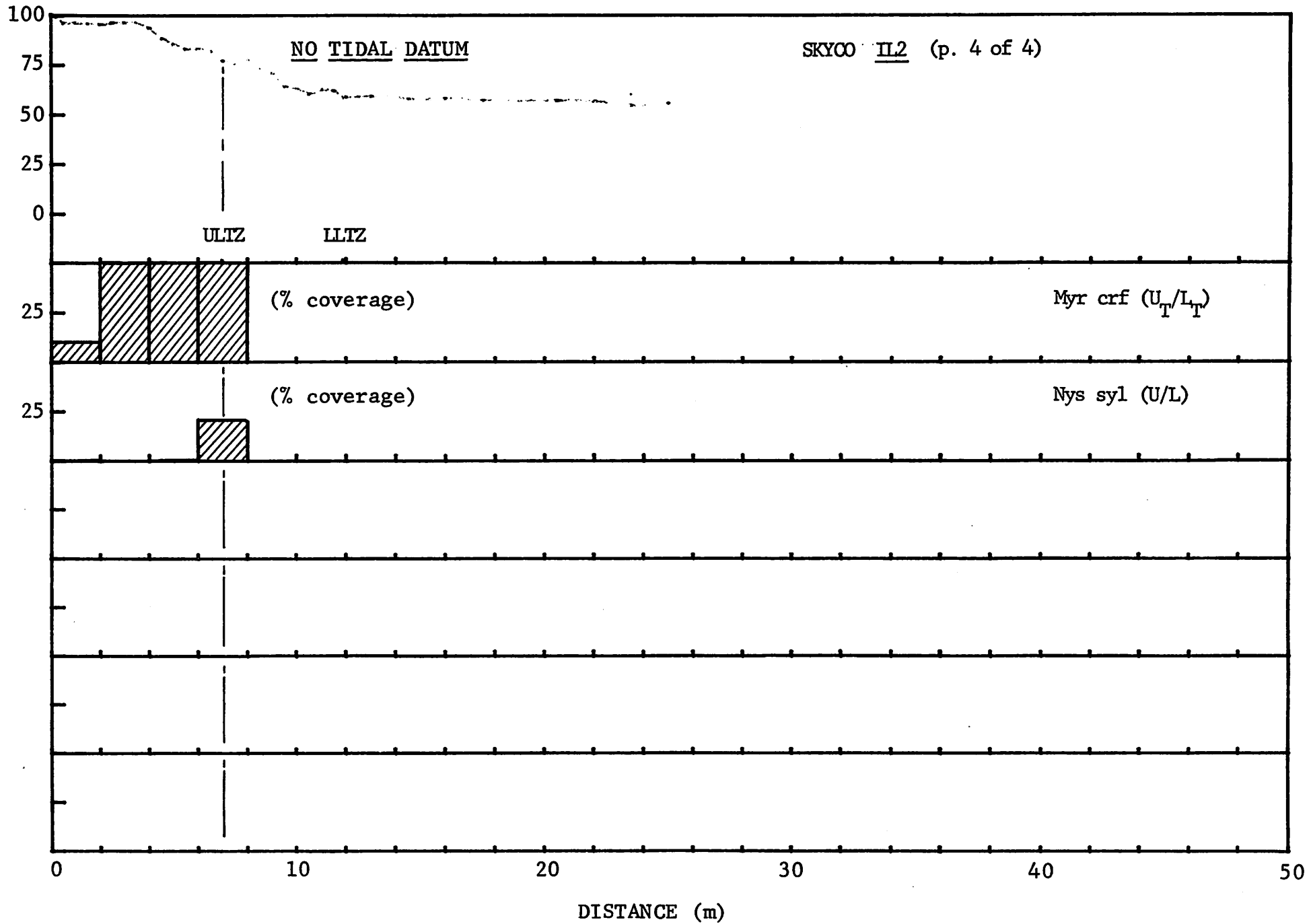






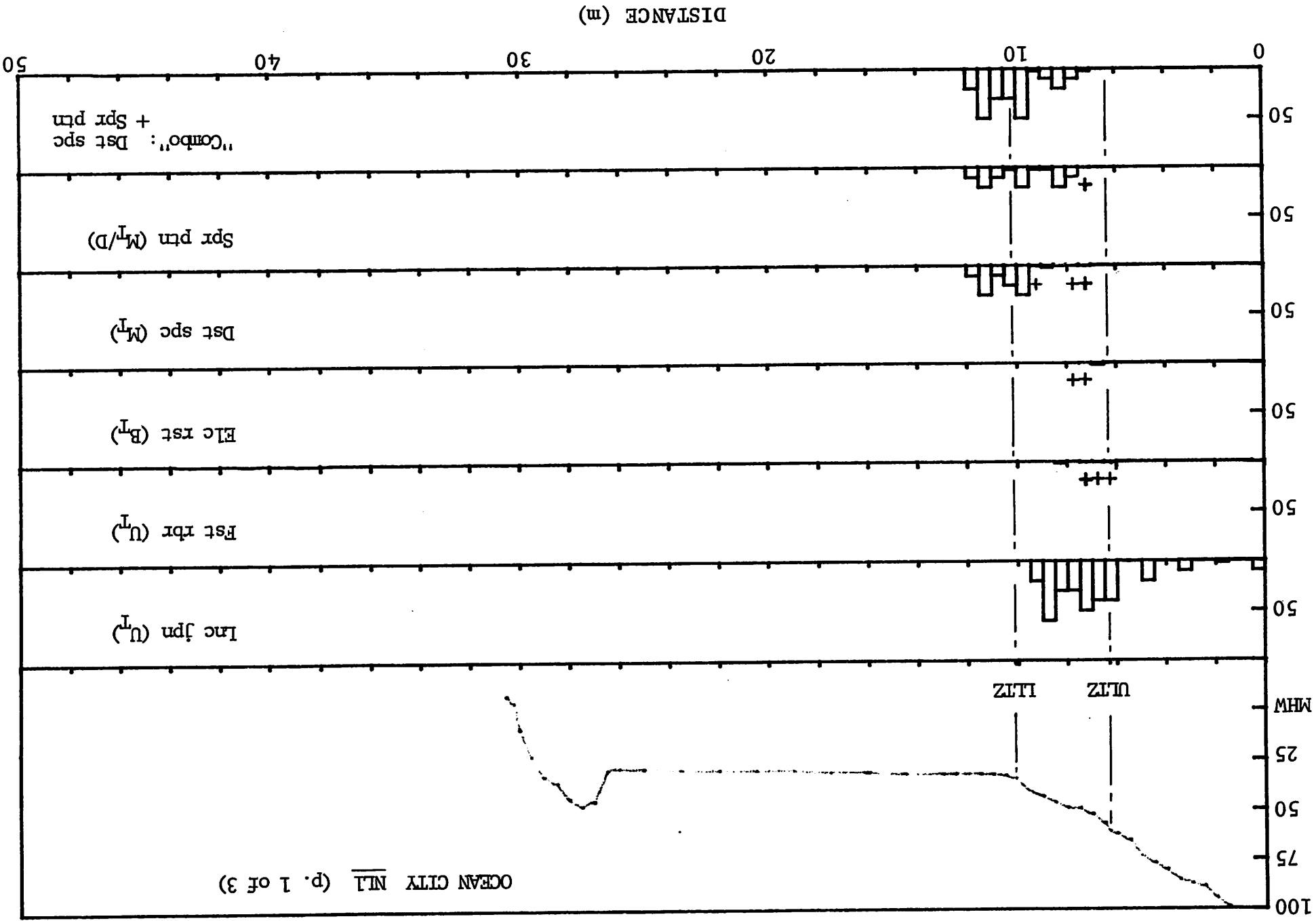






PROFILE DATA - OCEAN CITY SUBREGION(MARYLAND)

OCEAN CITY(PRIMARY)
ISLE OF WIGHT



DISTANCE (m)

MHM

25

50

75

100

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10

20

30

40

50

ULZ LTLZ

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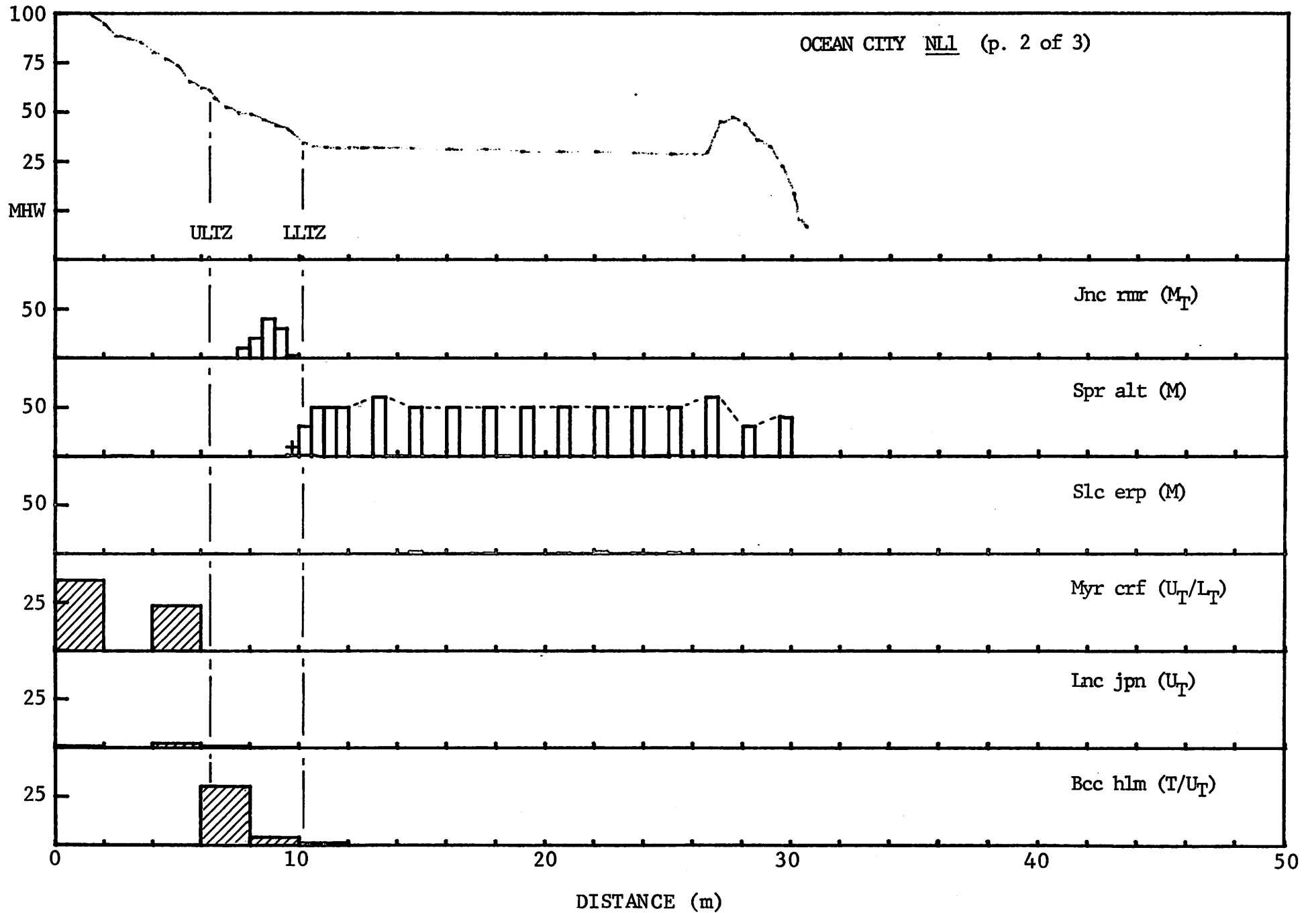
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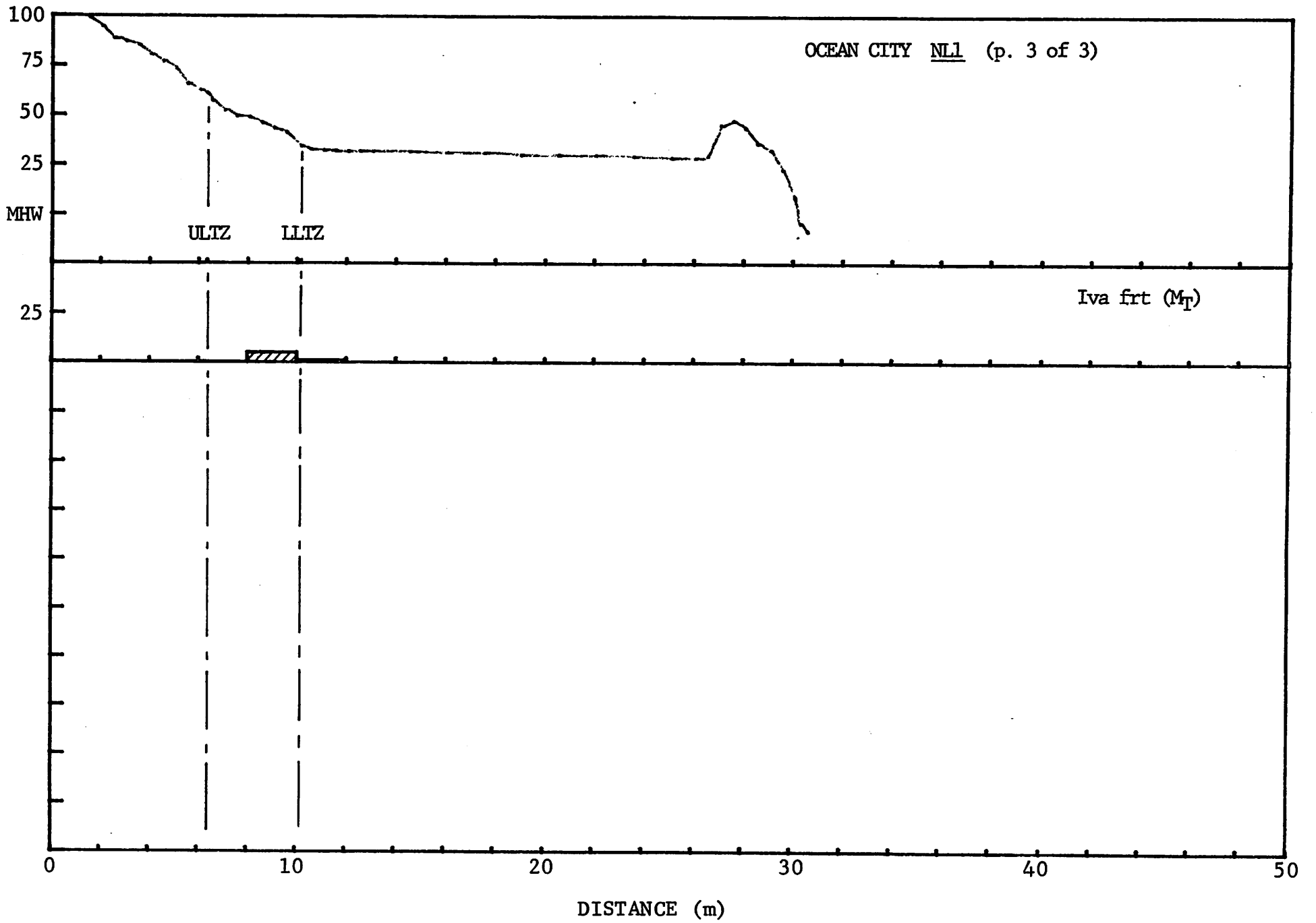
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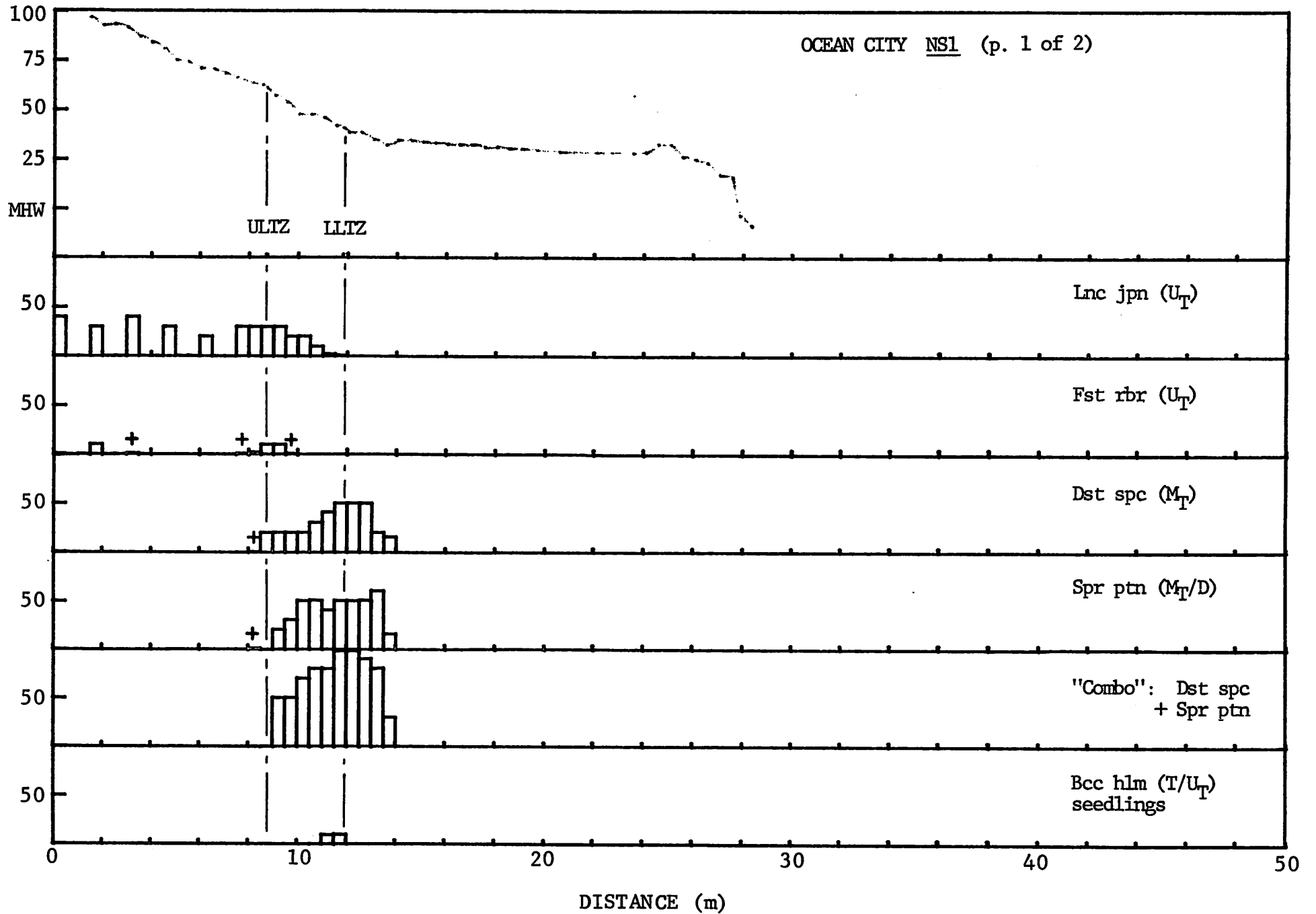
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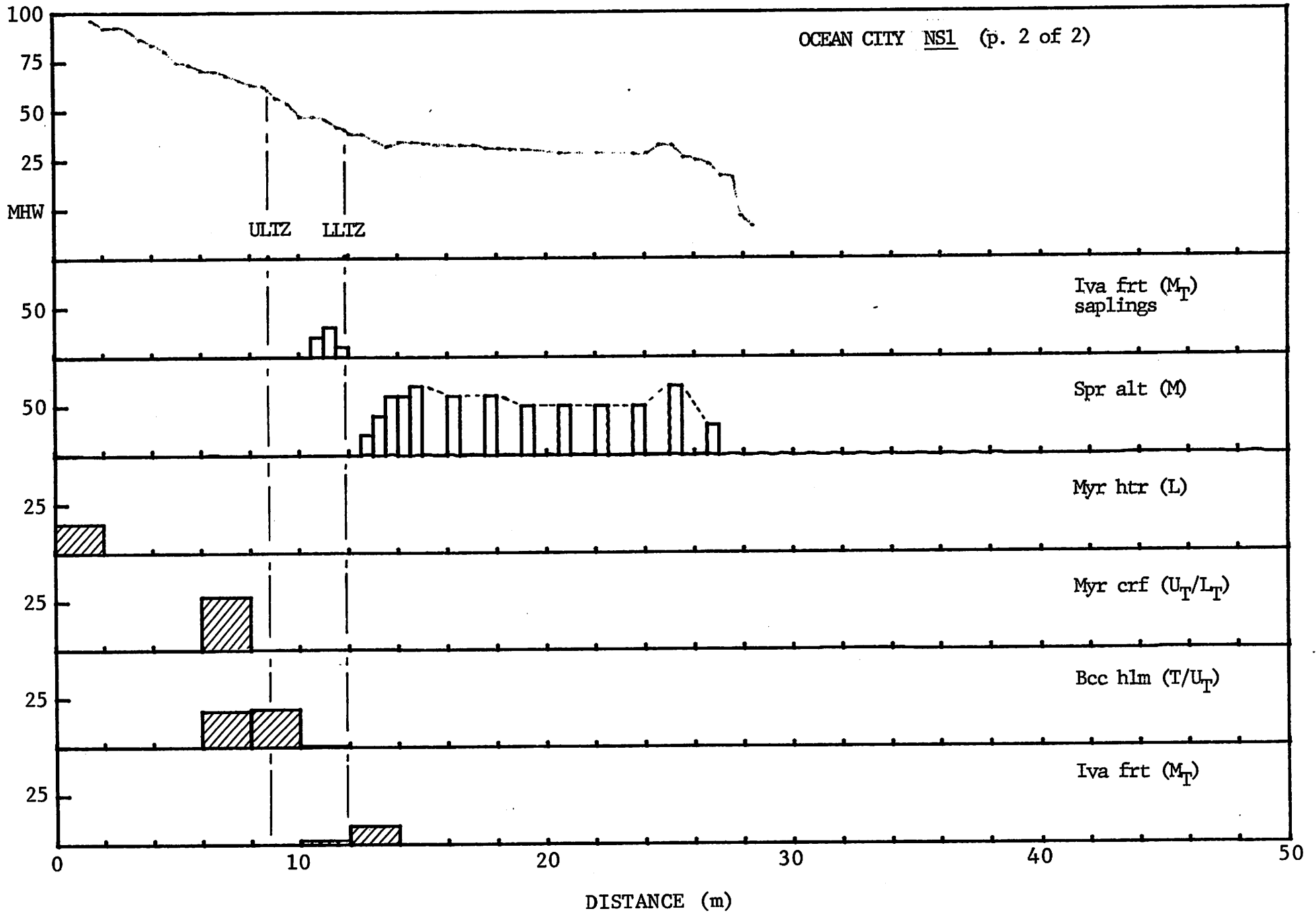
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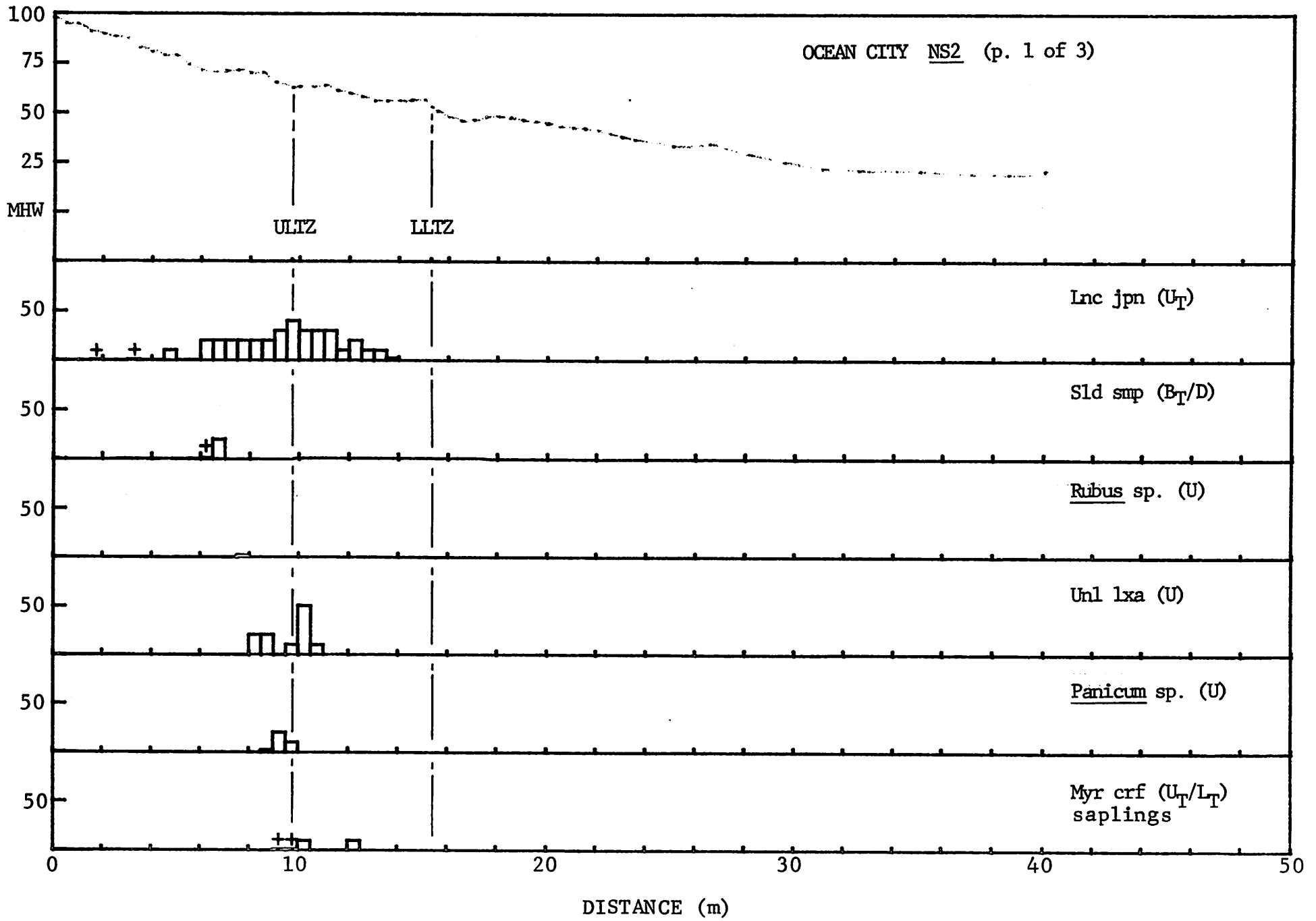
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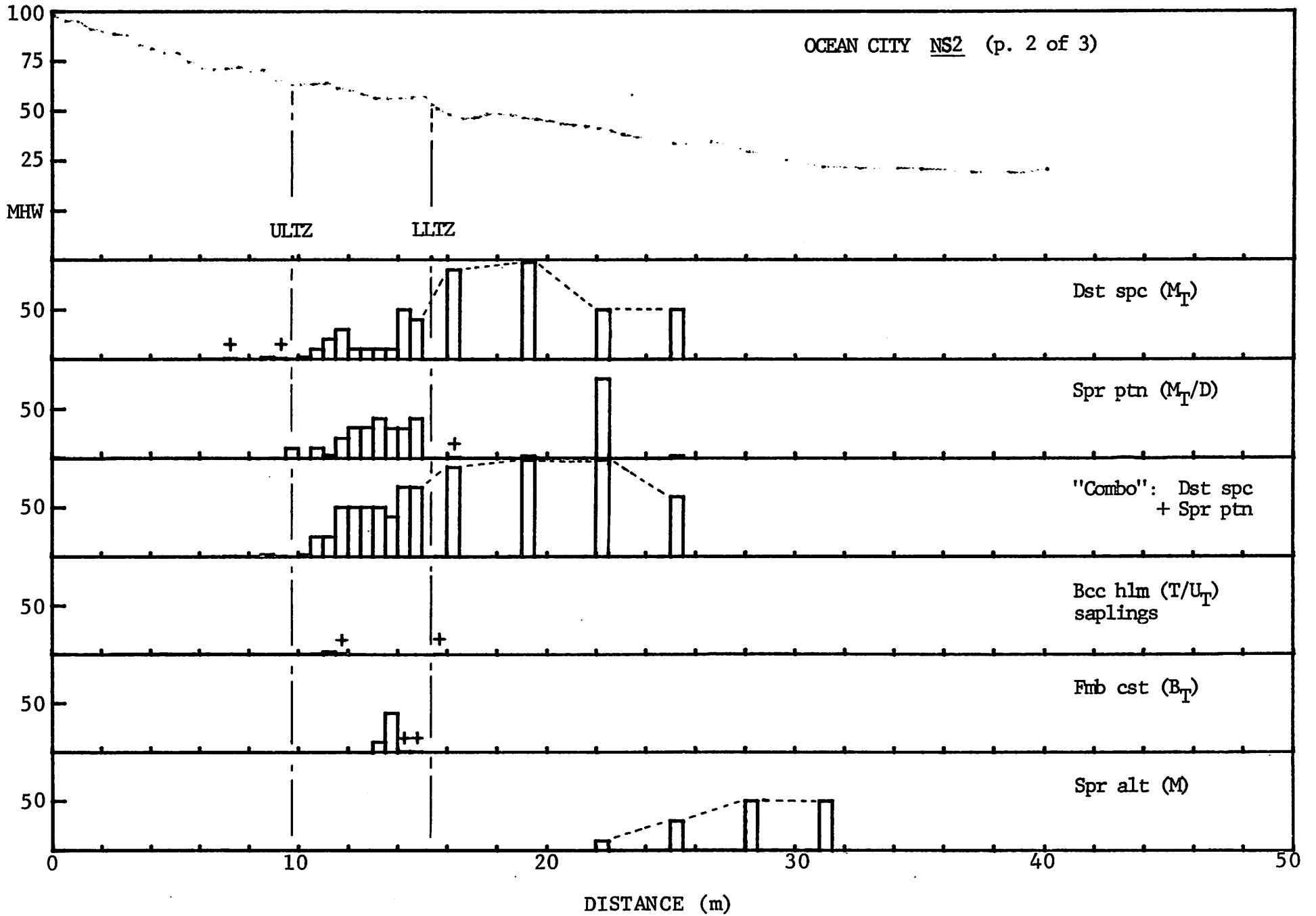


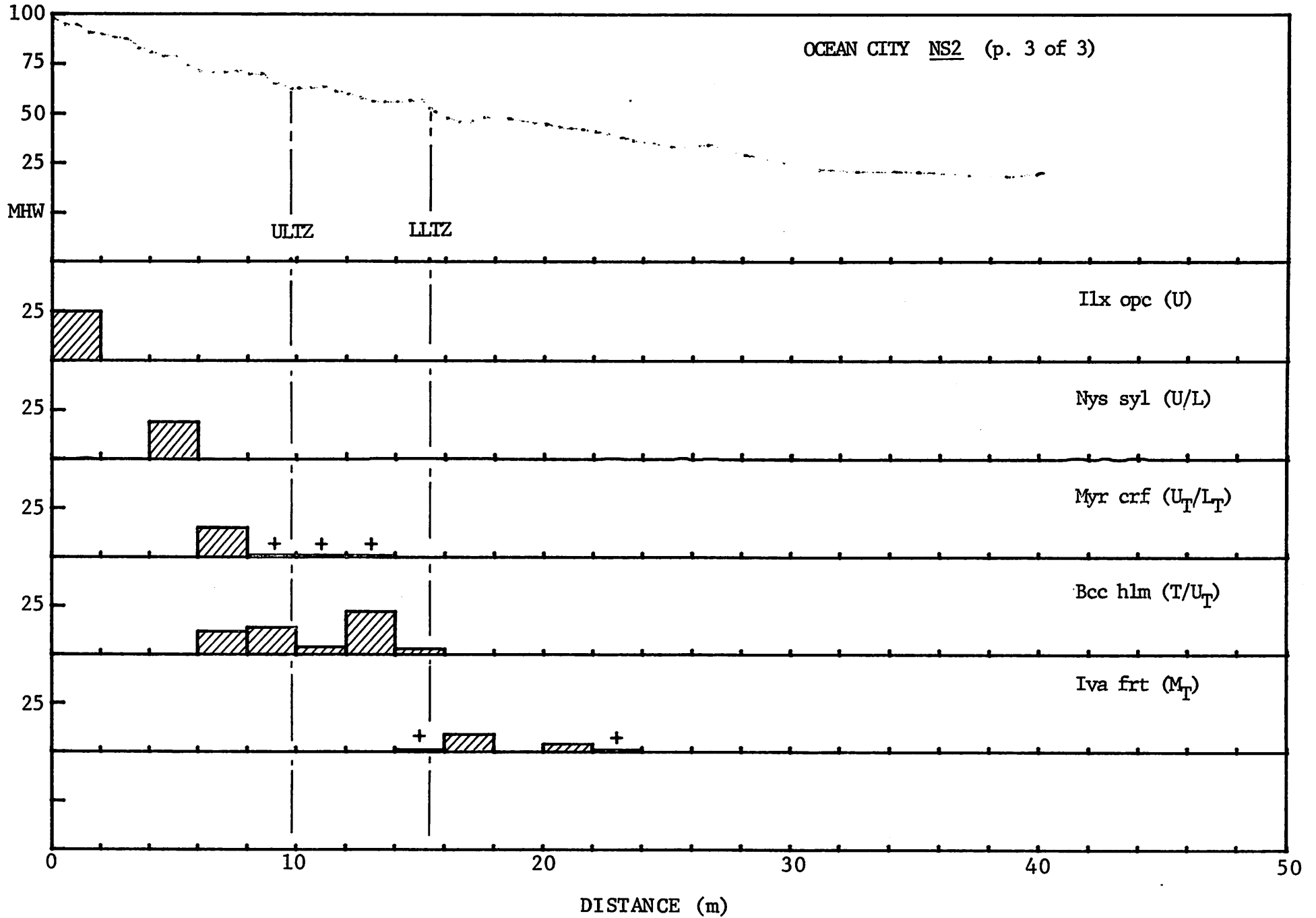


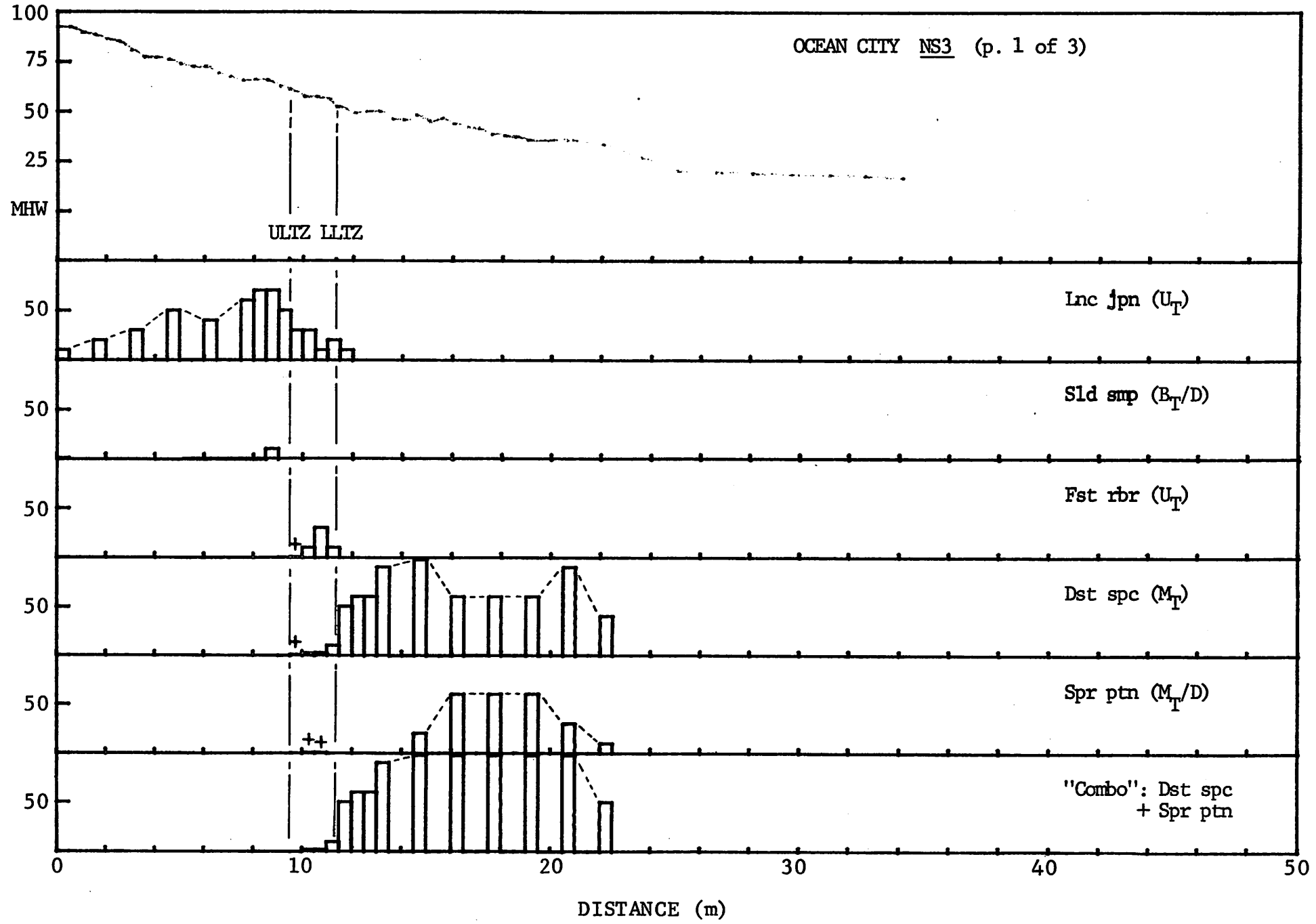


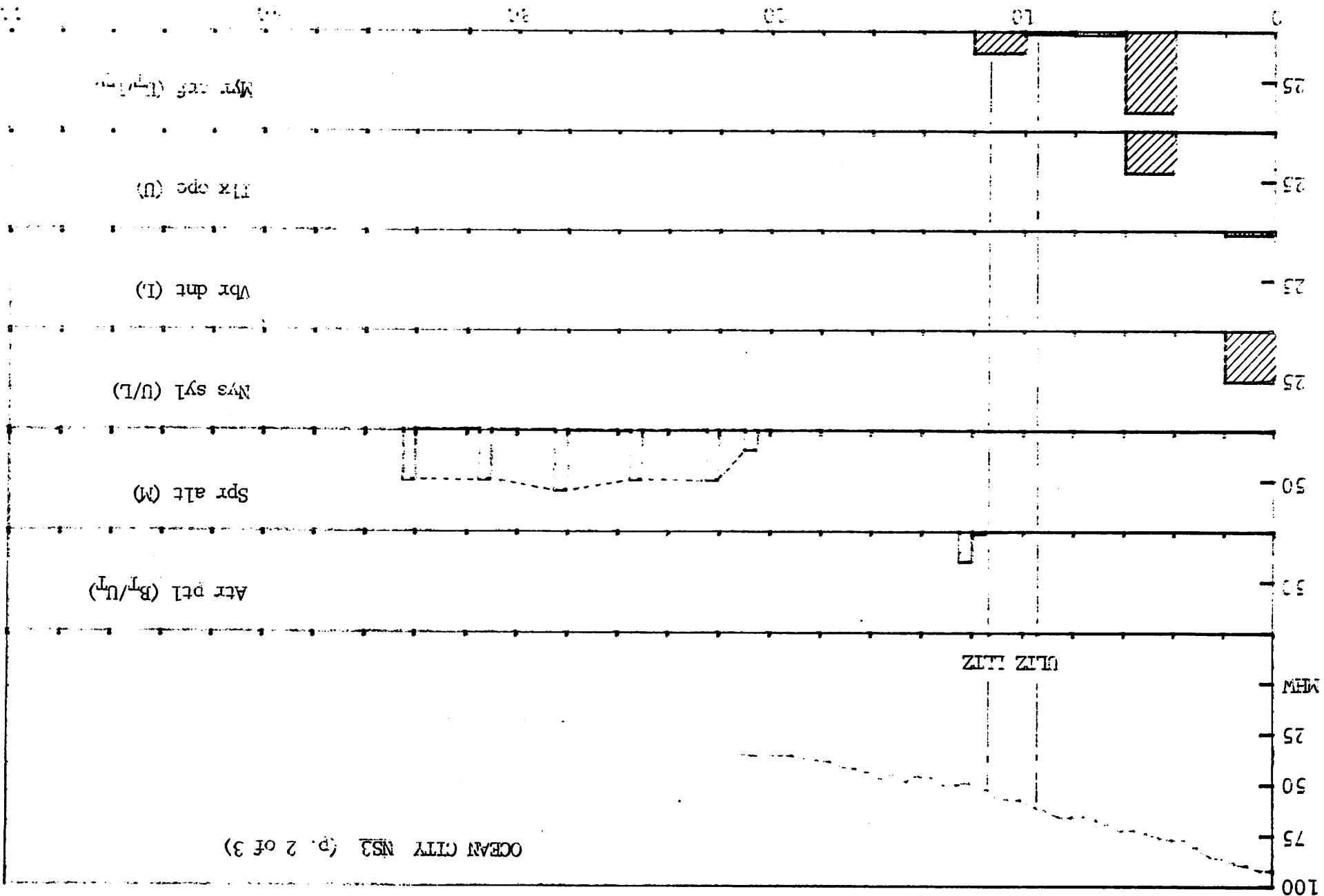


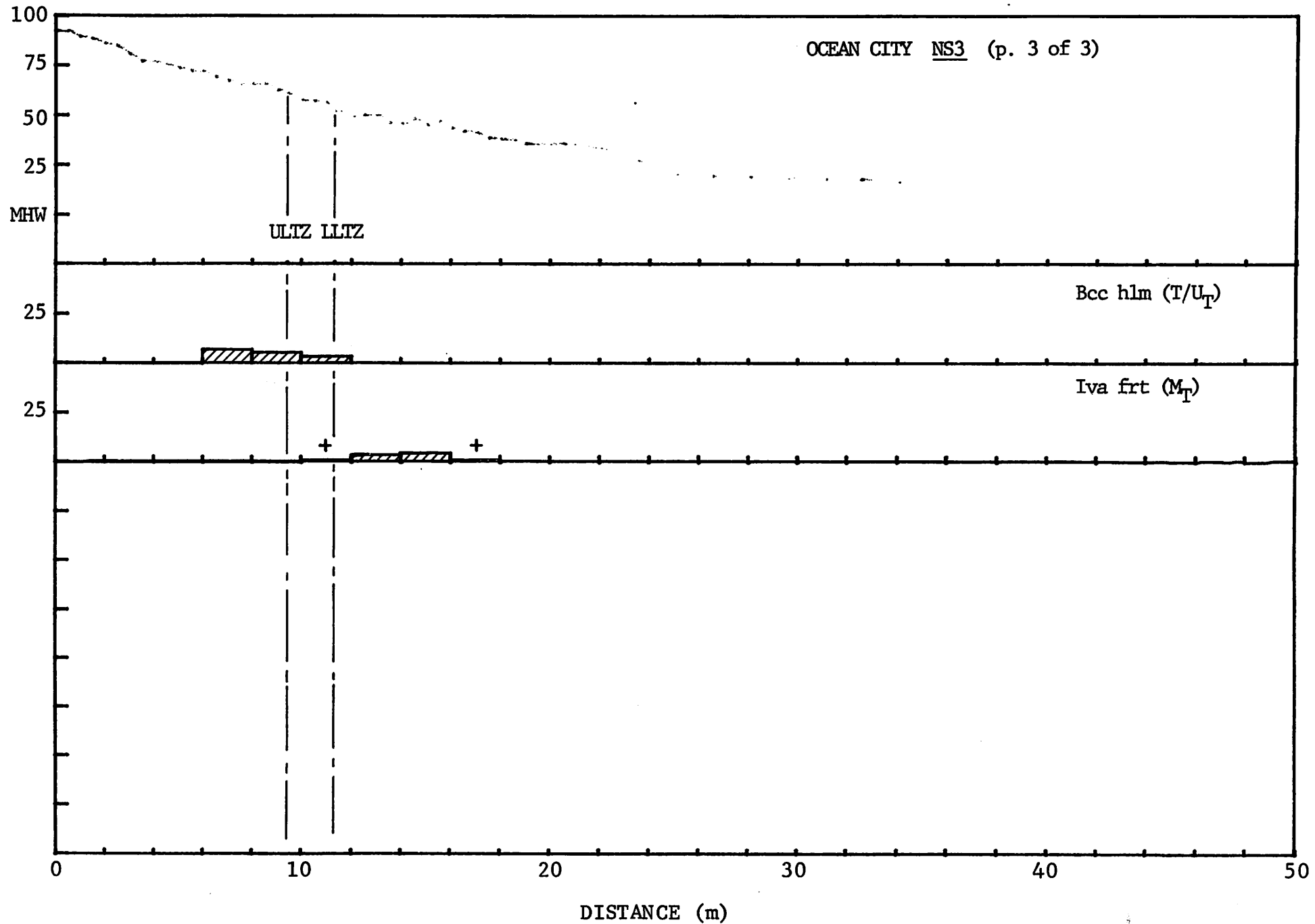


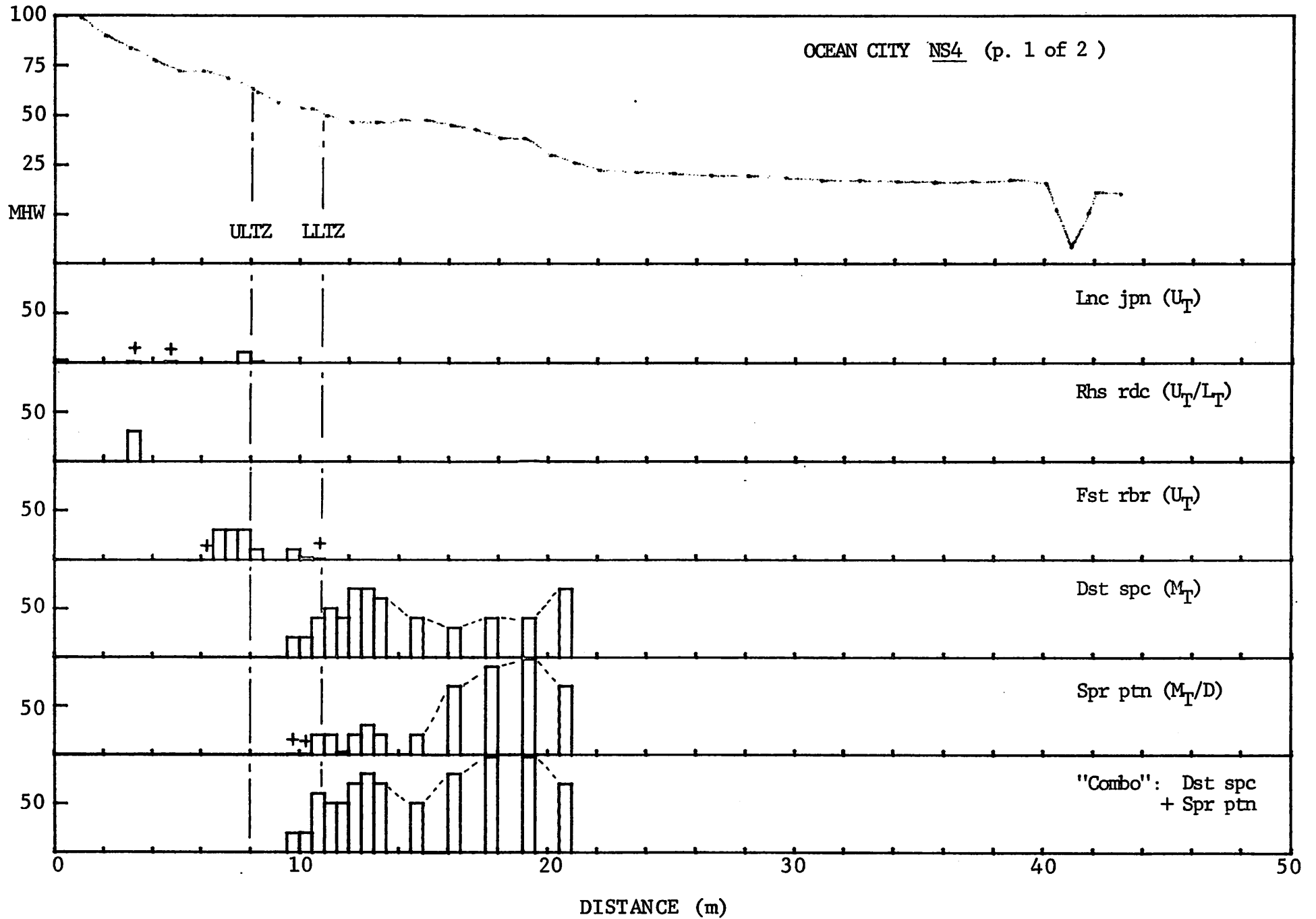


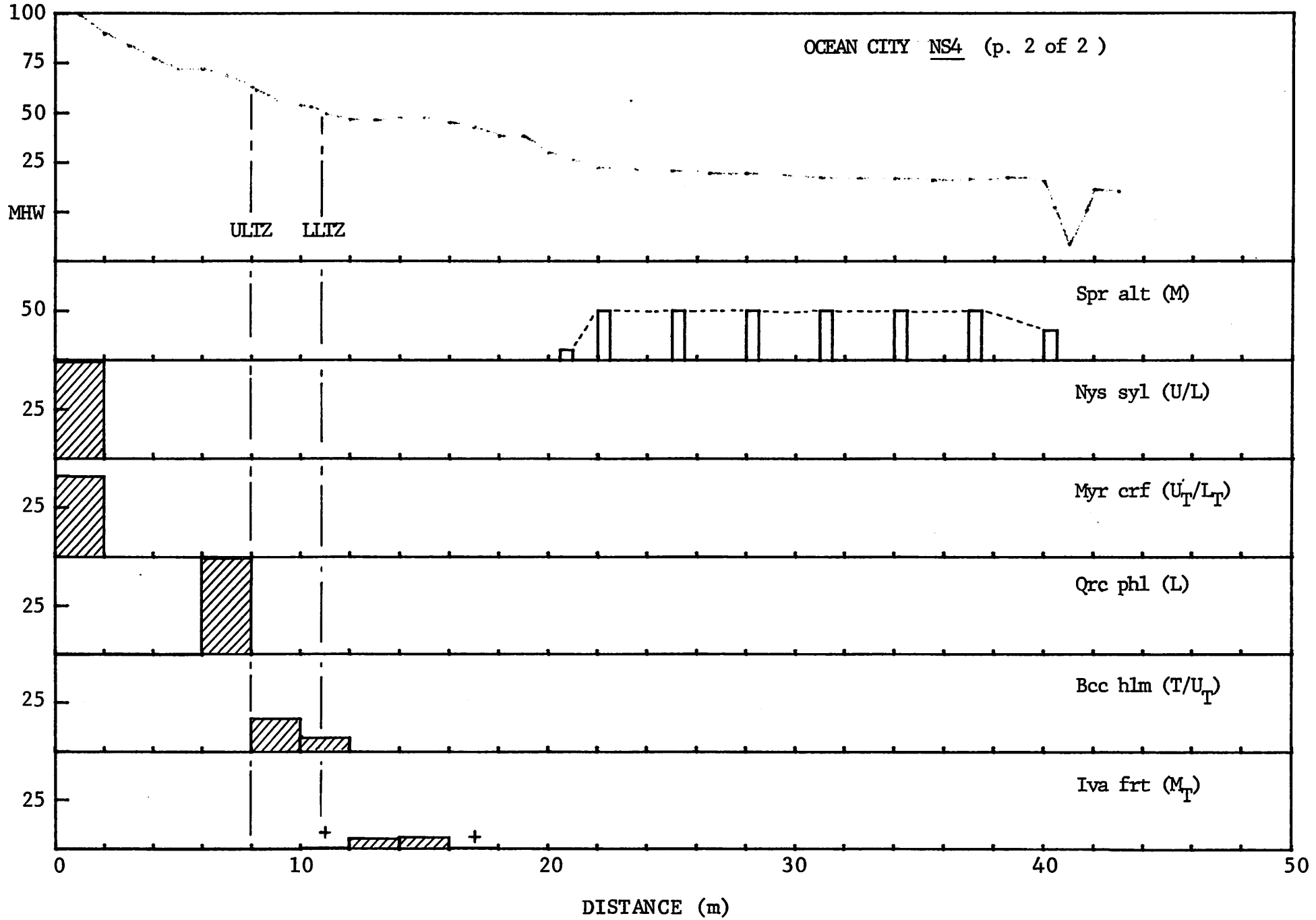


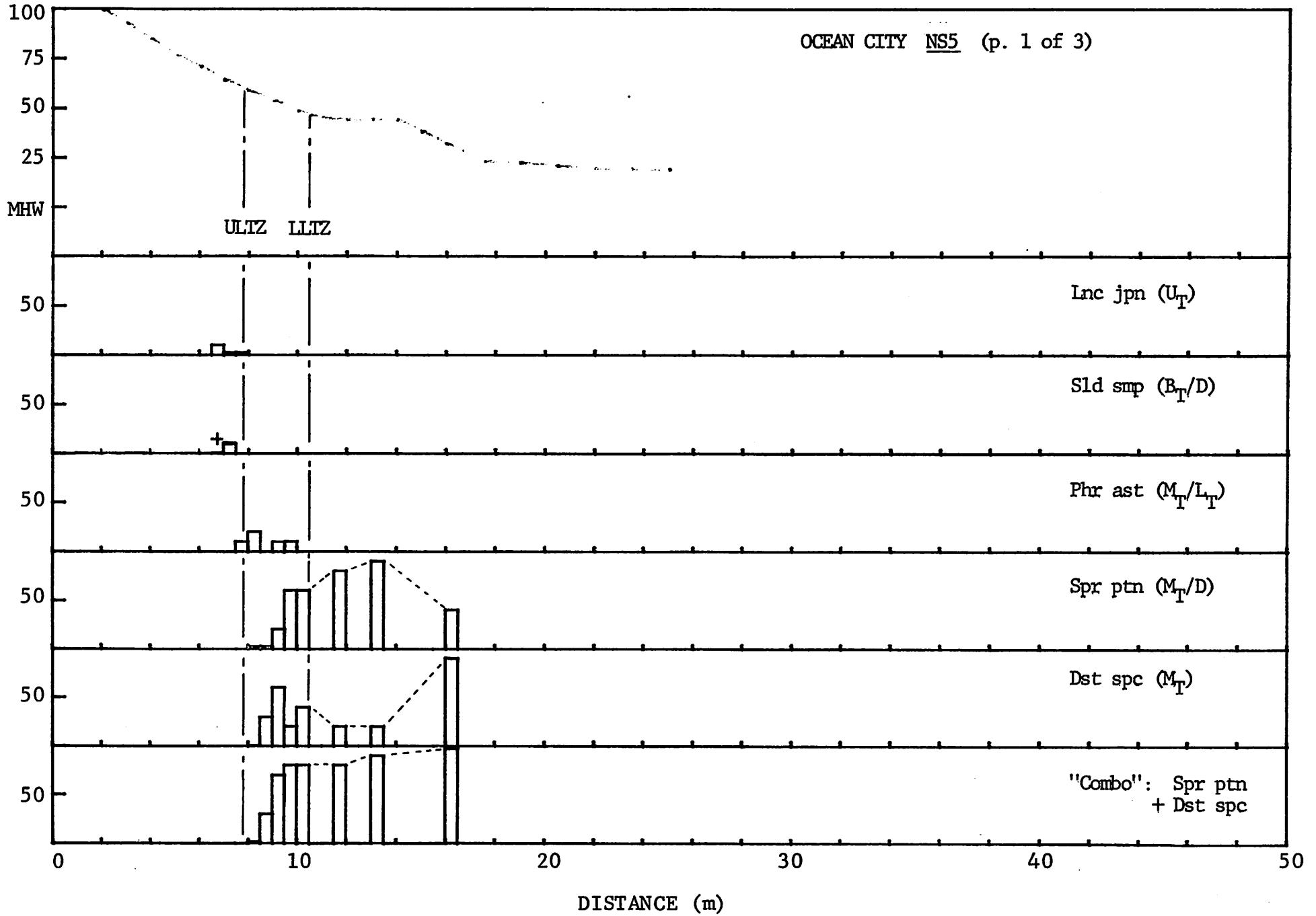


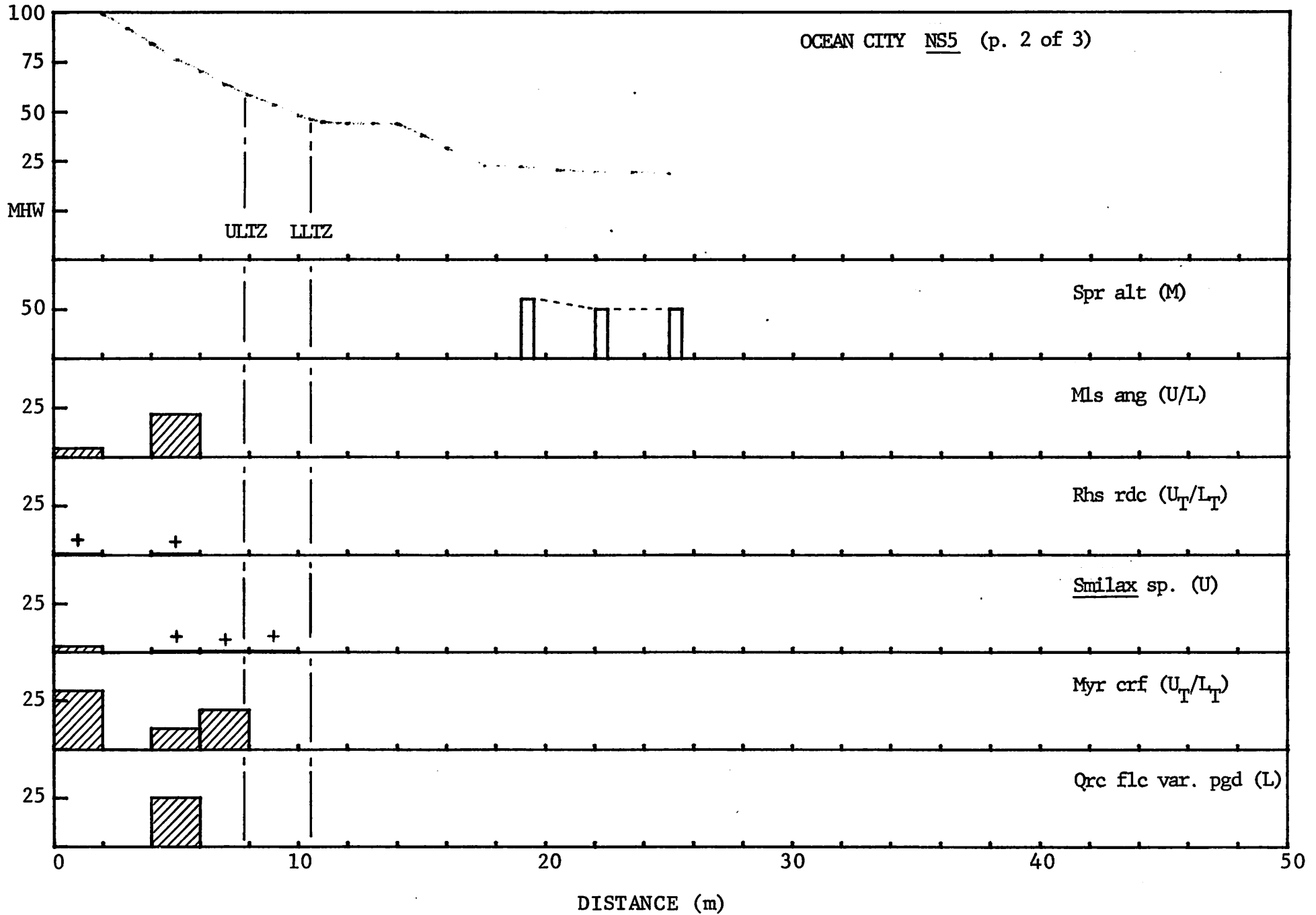


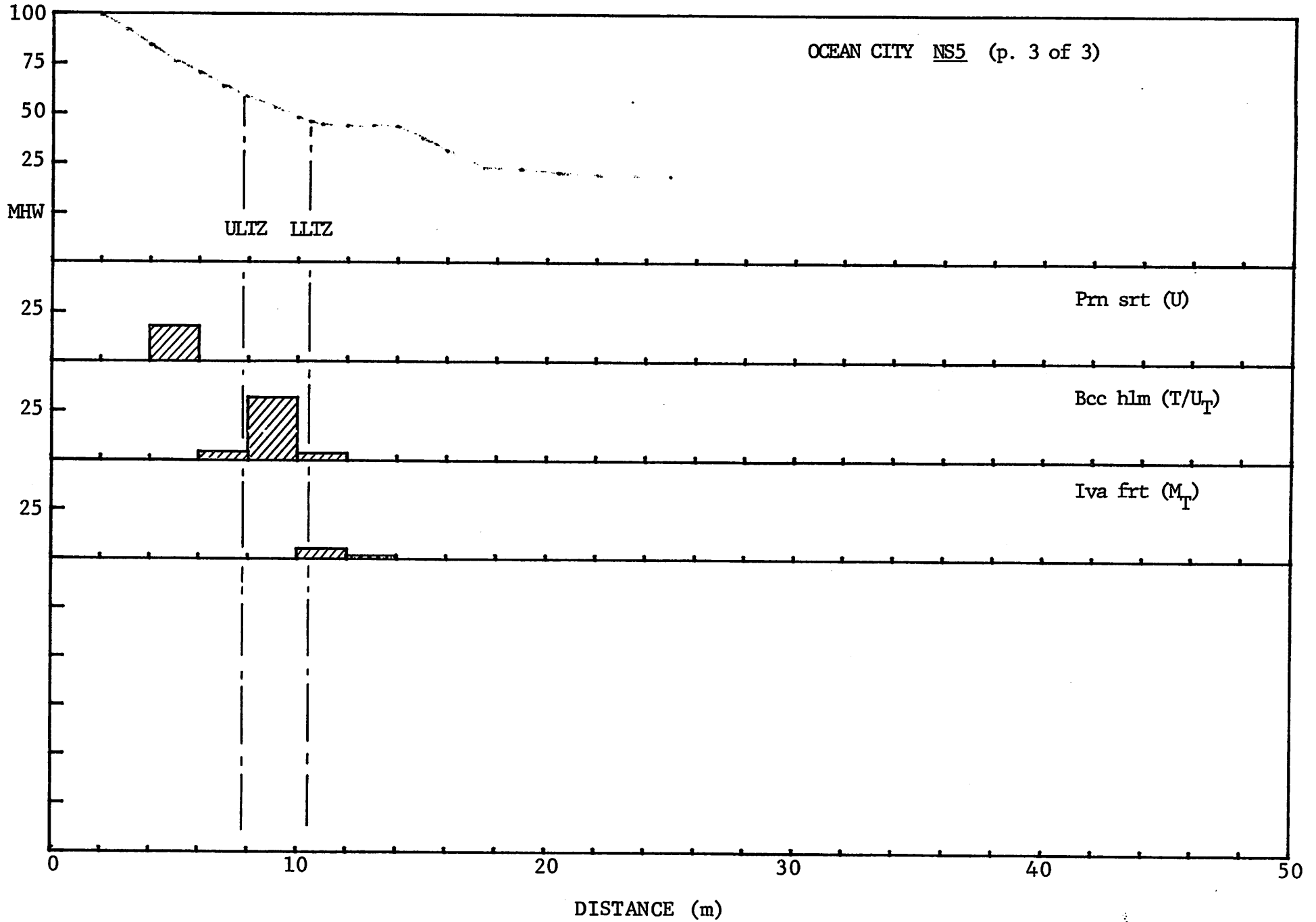


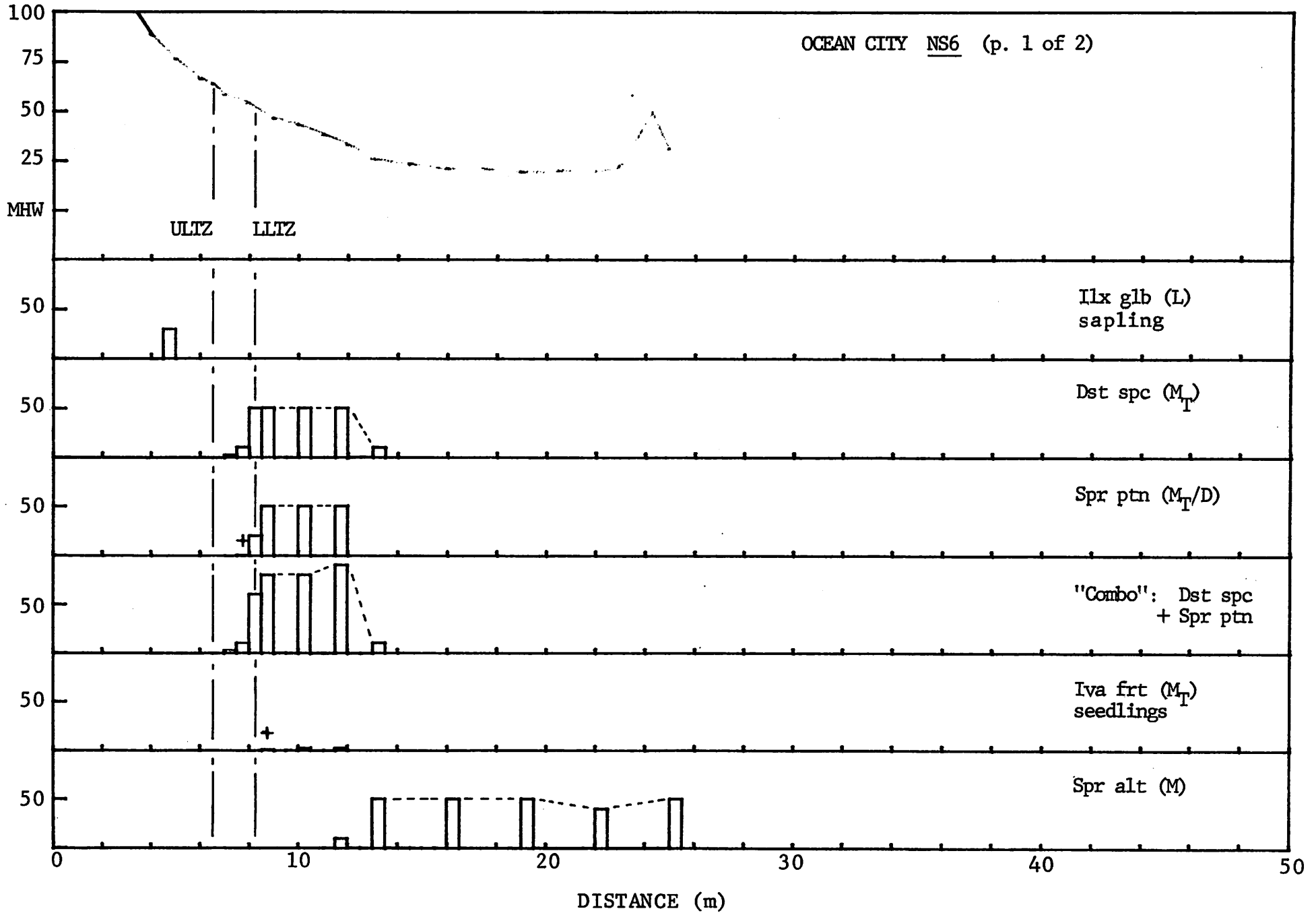


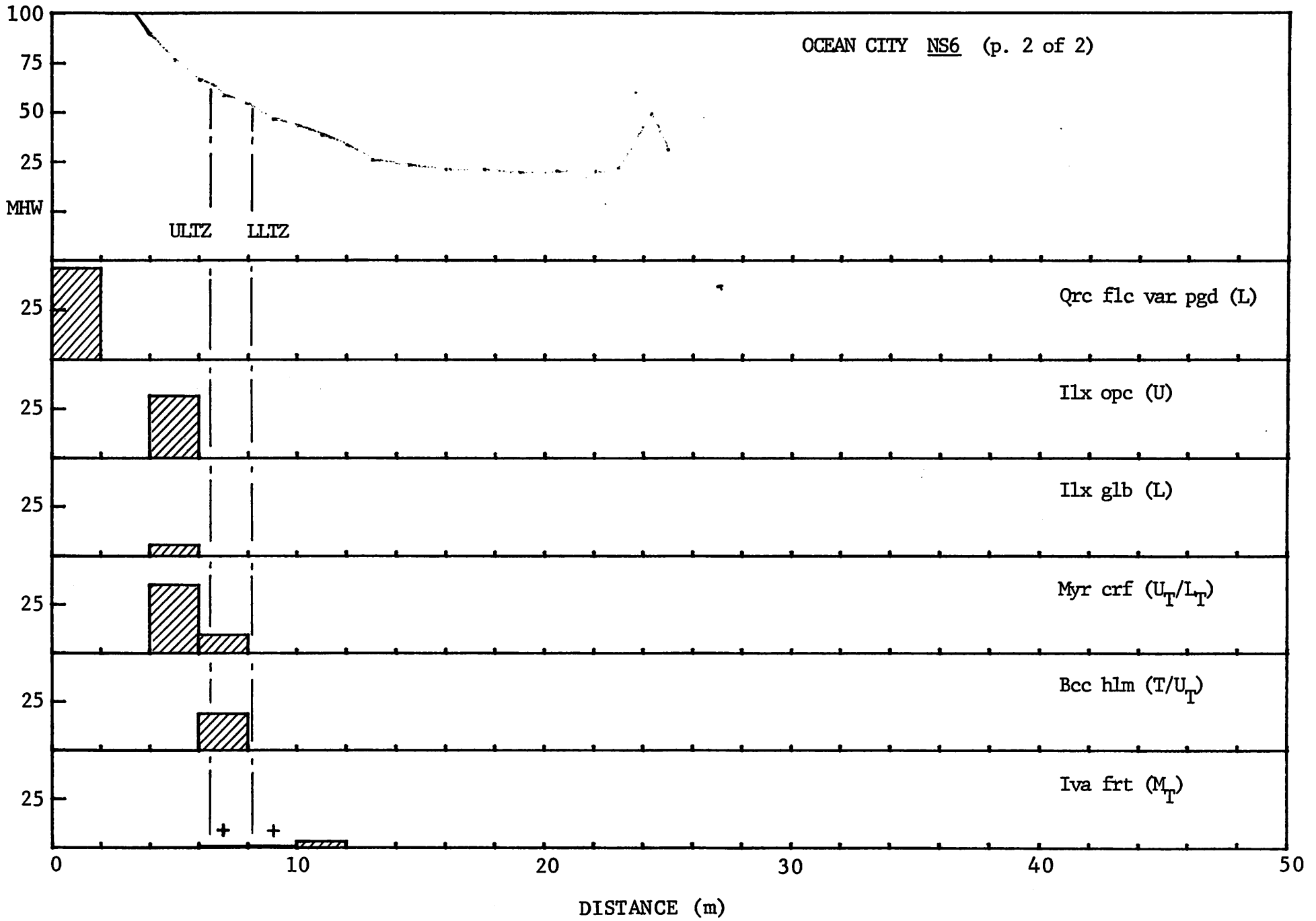


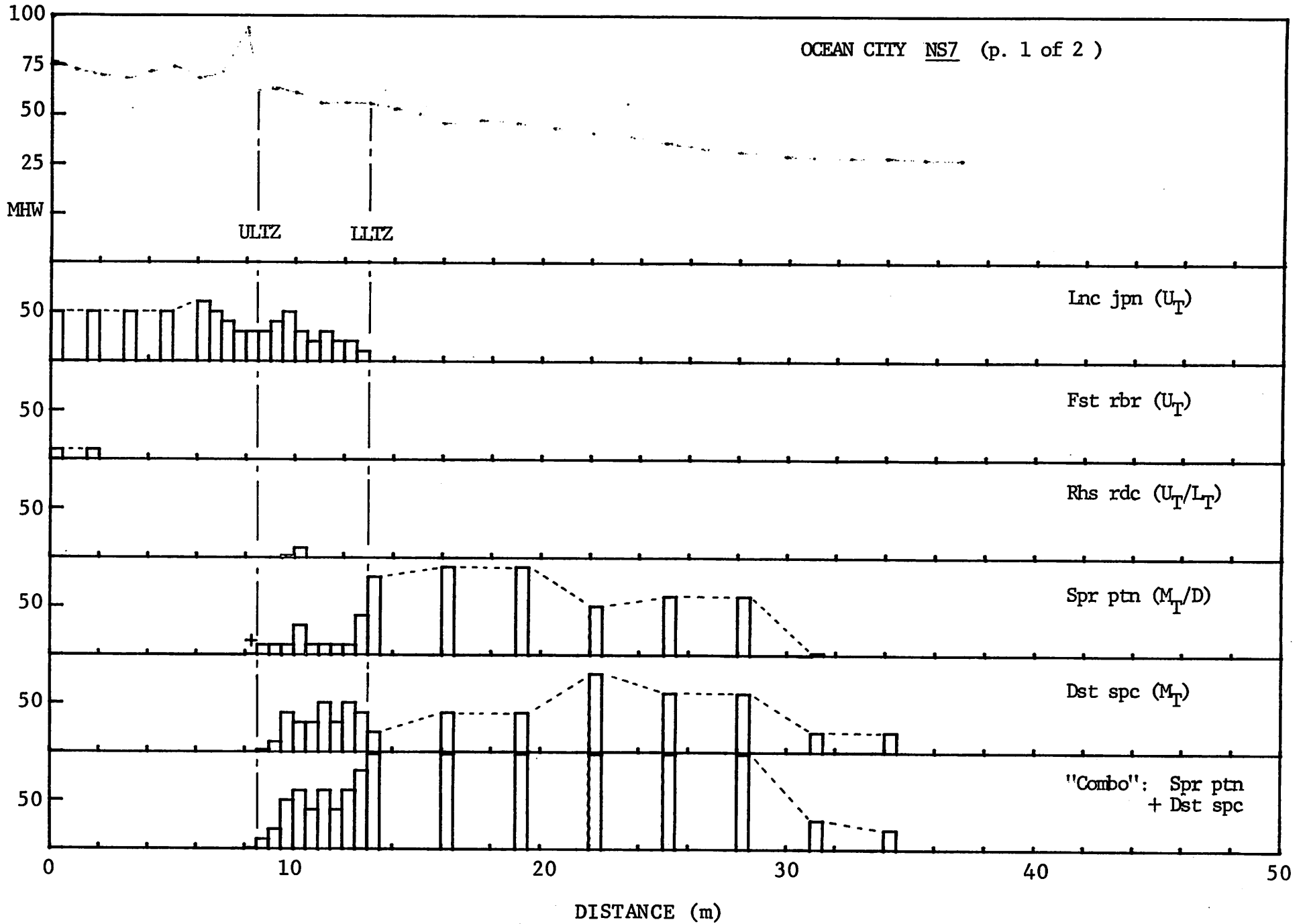


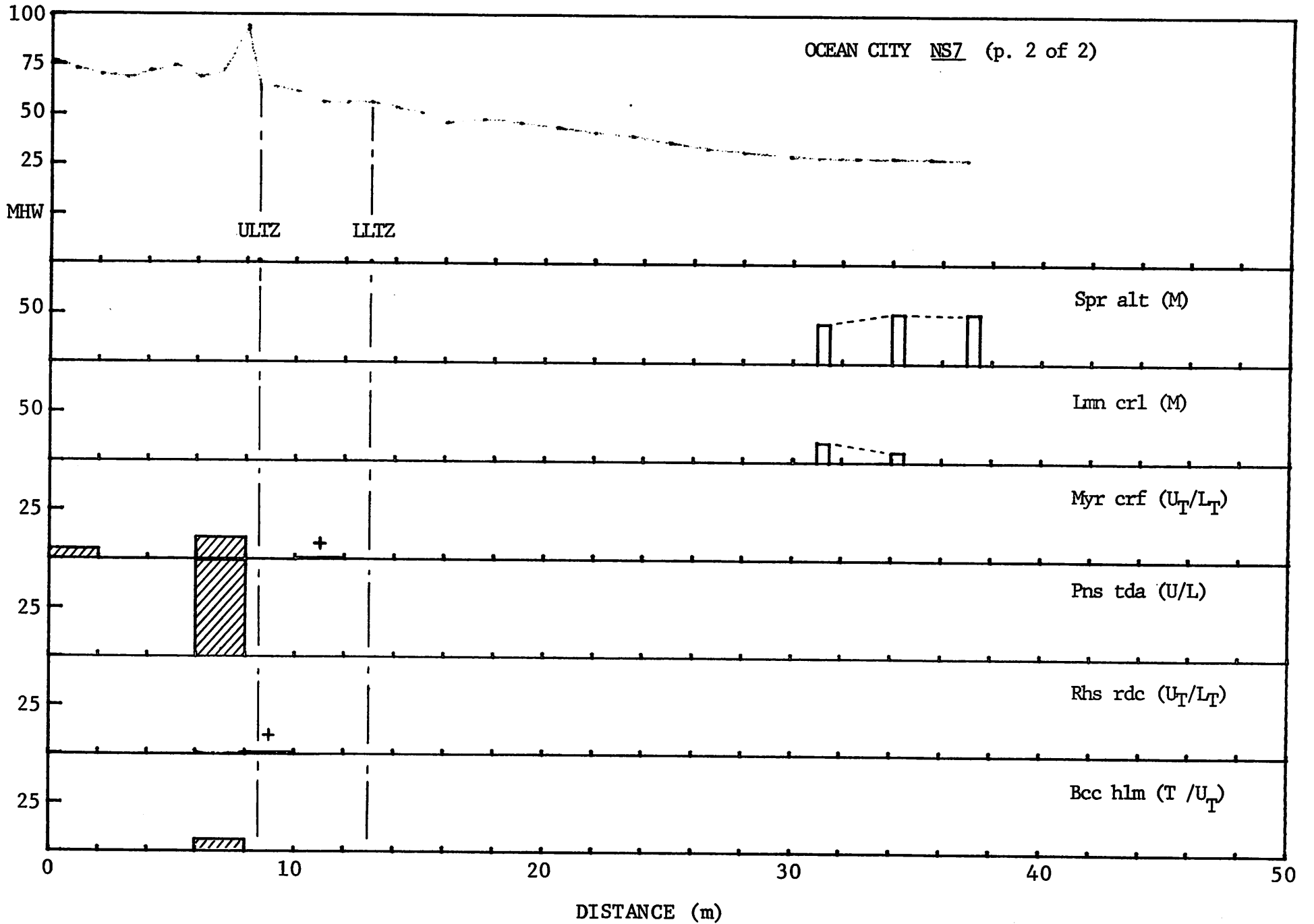


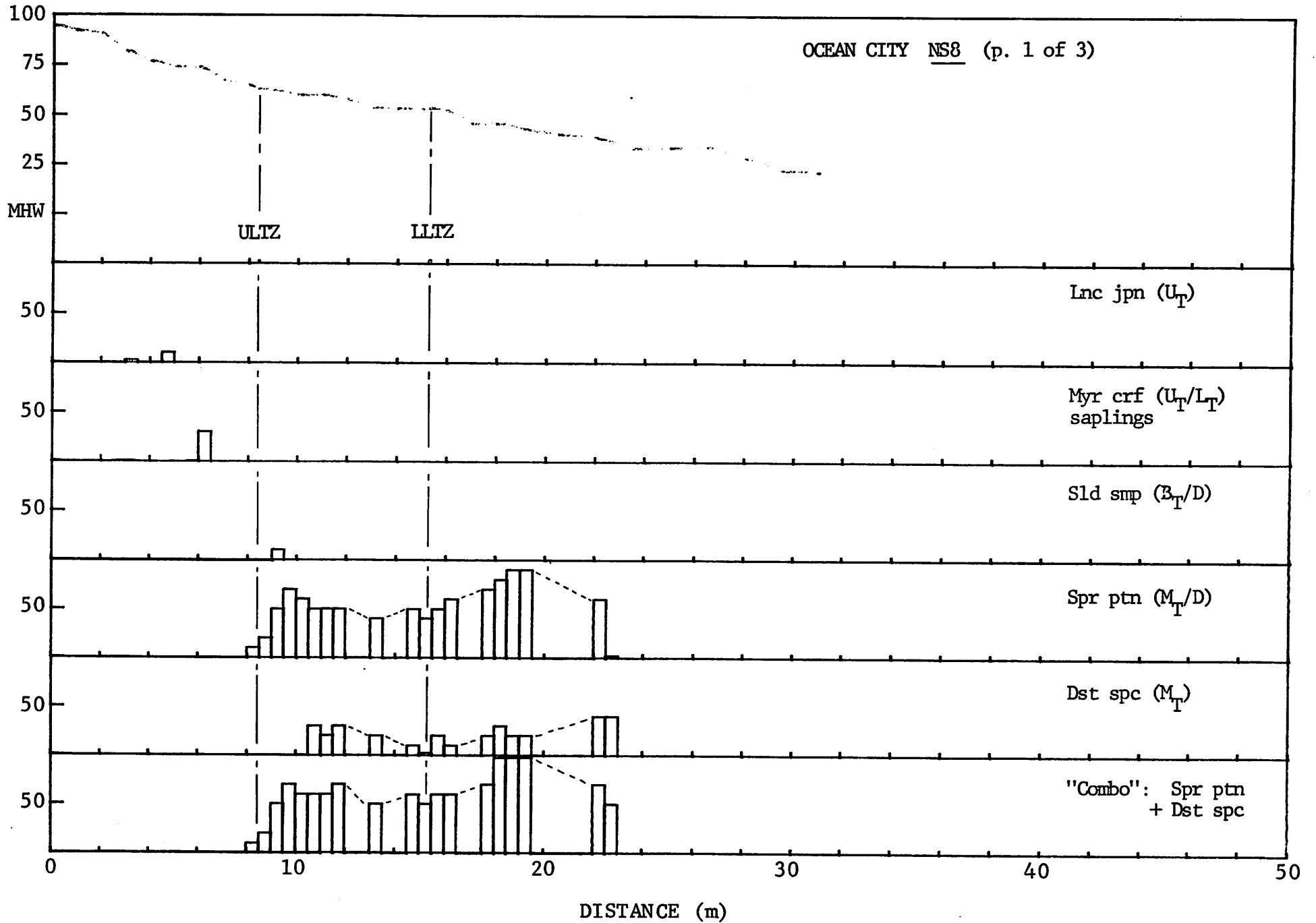


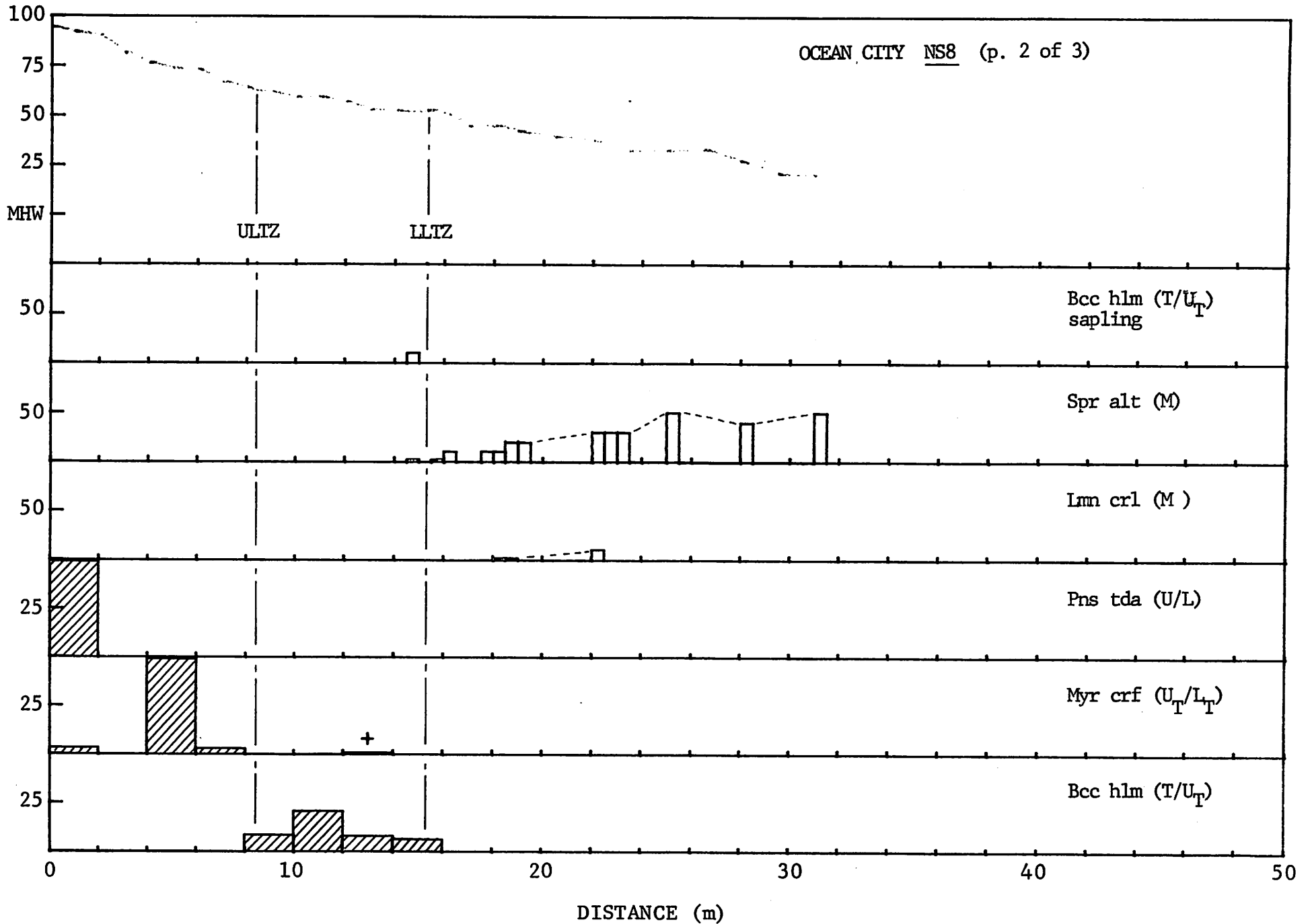


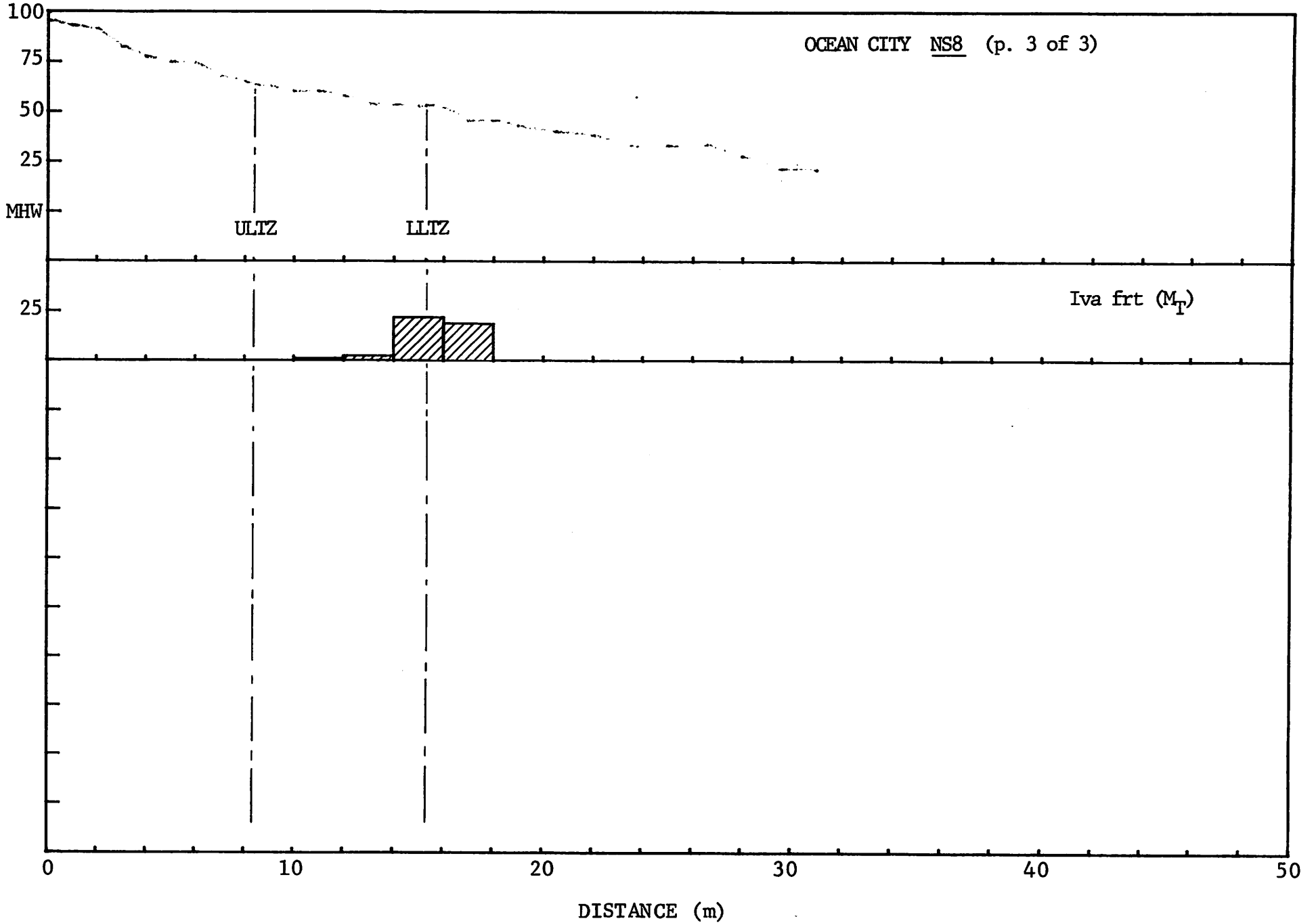


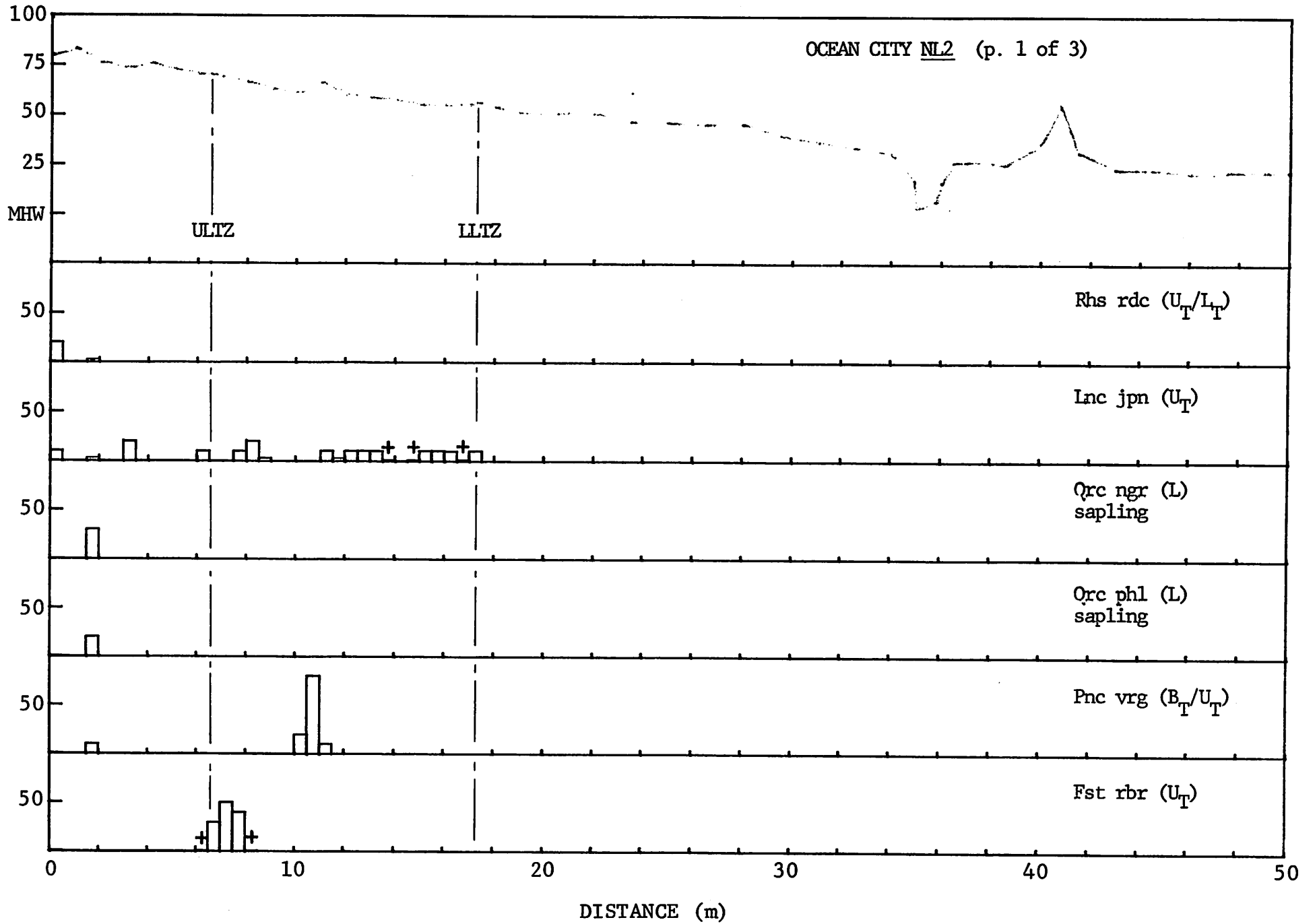


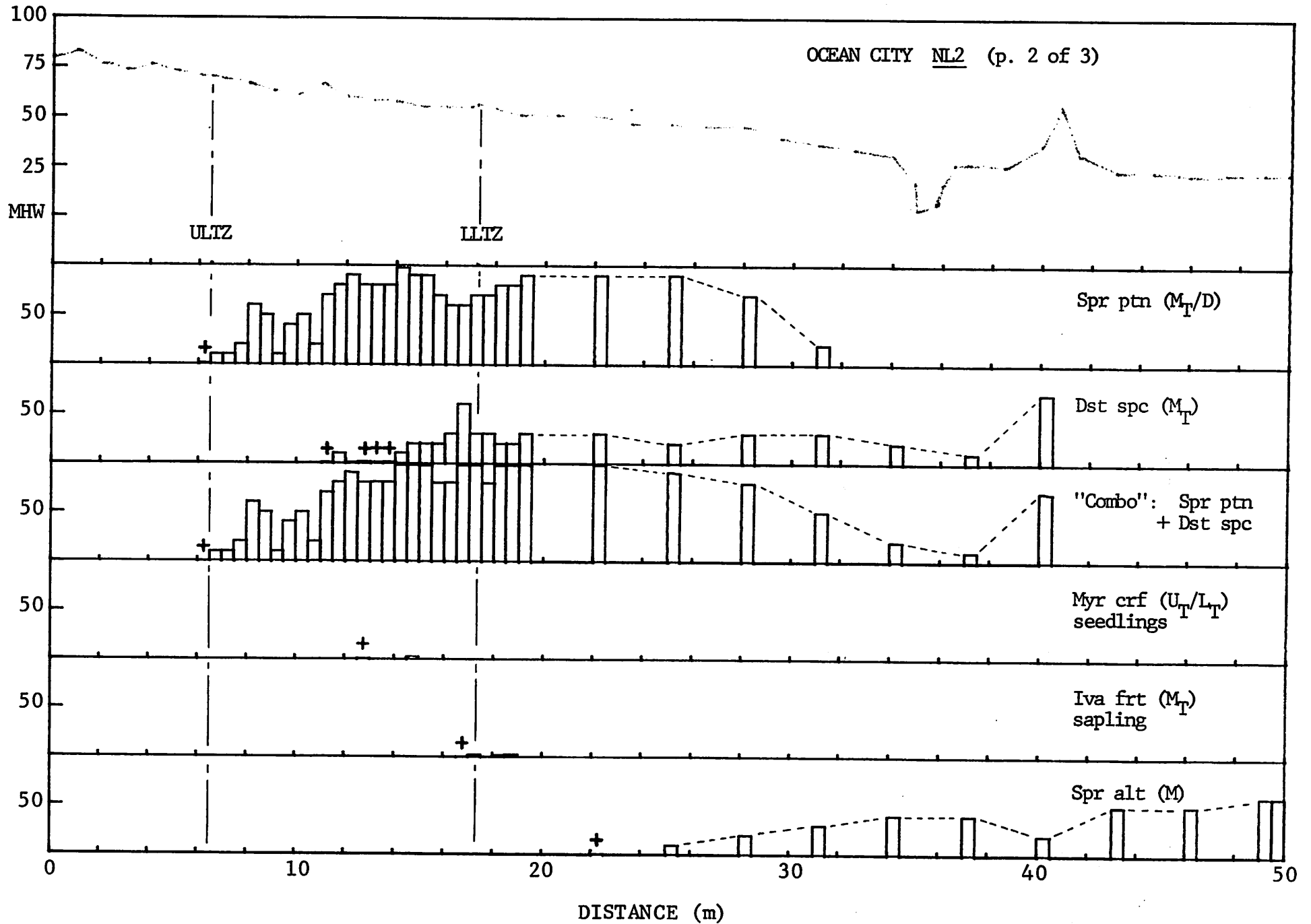


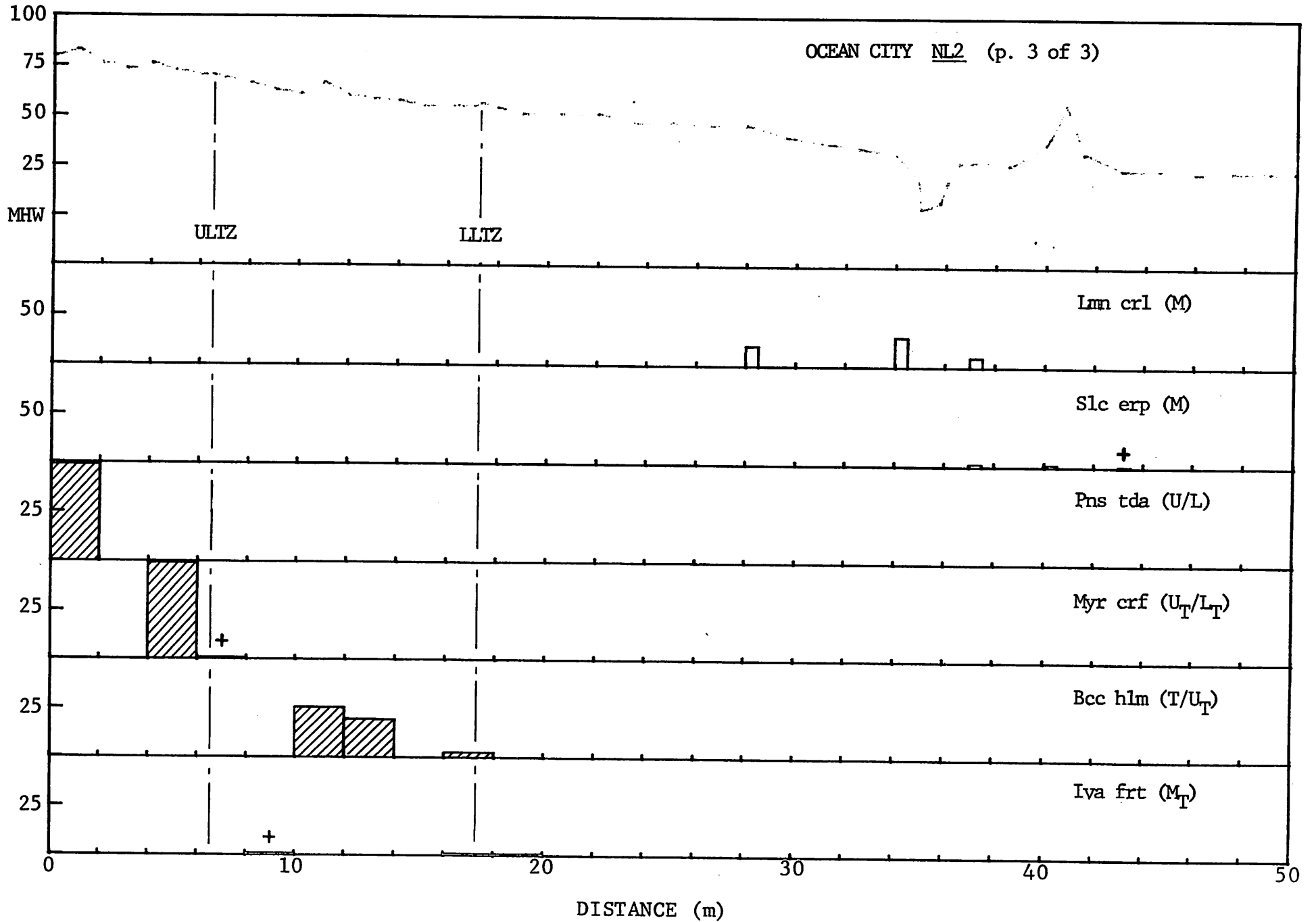


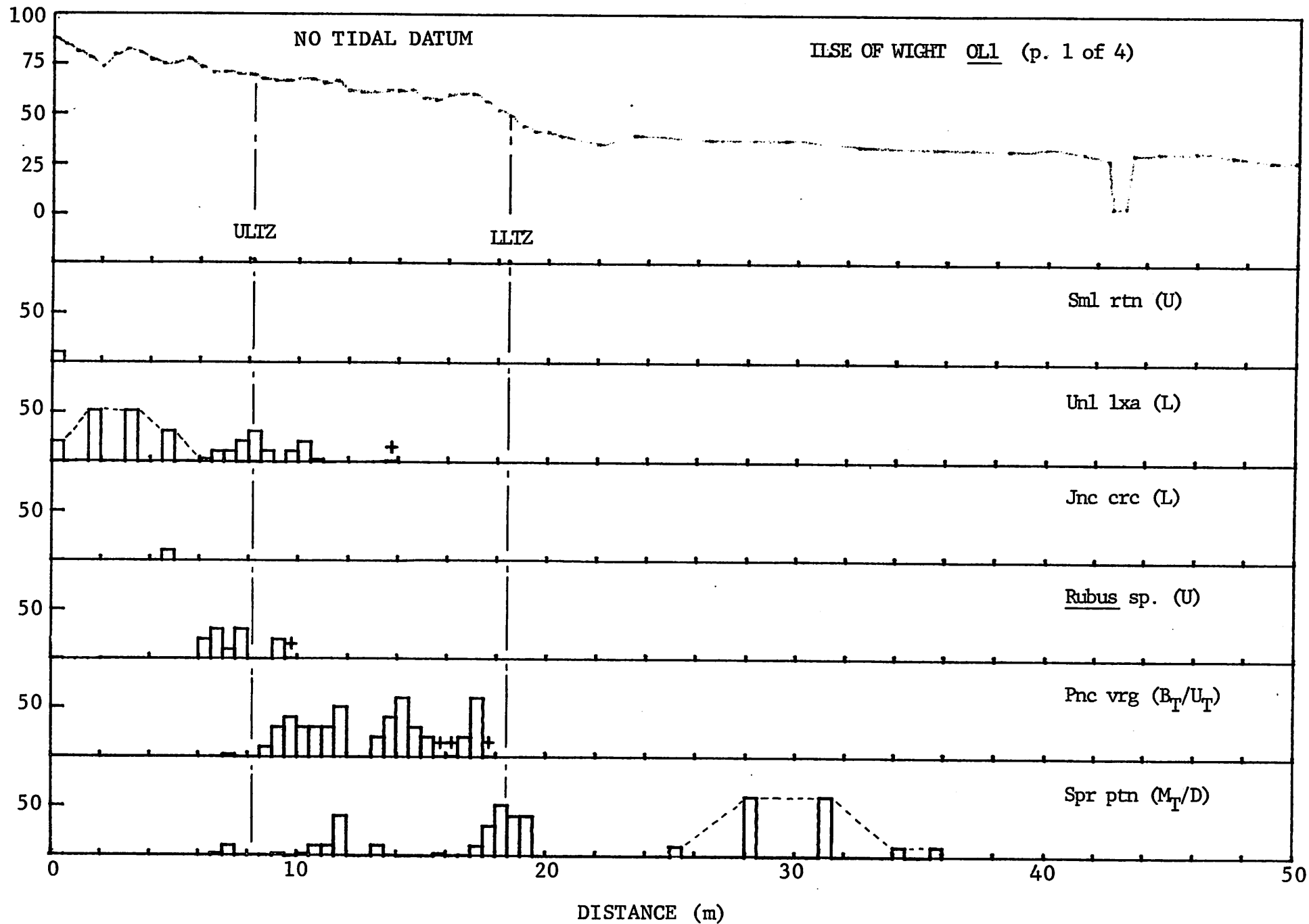


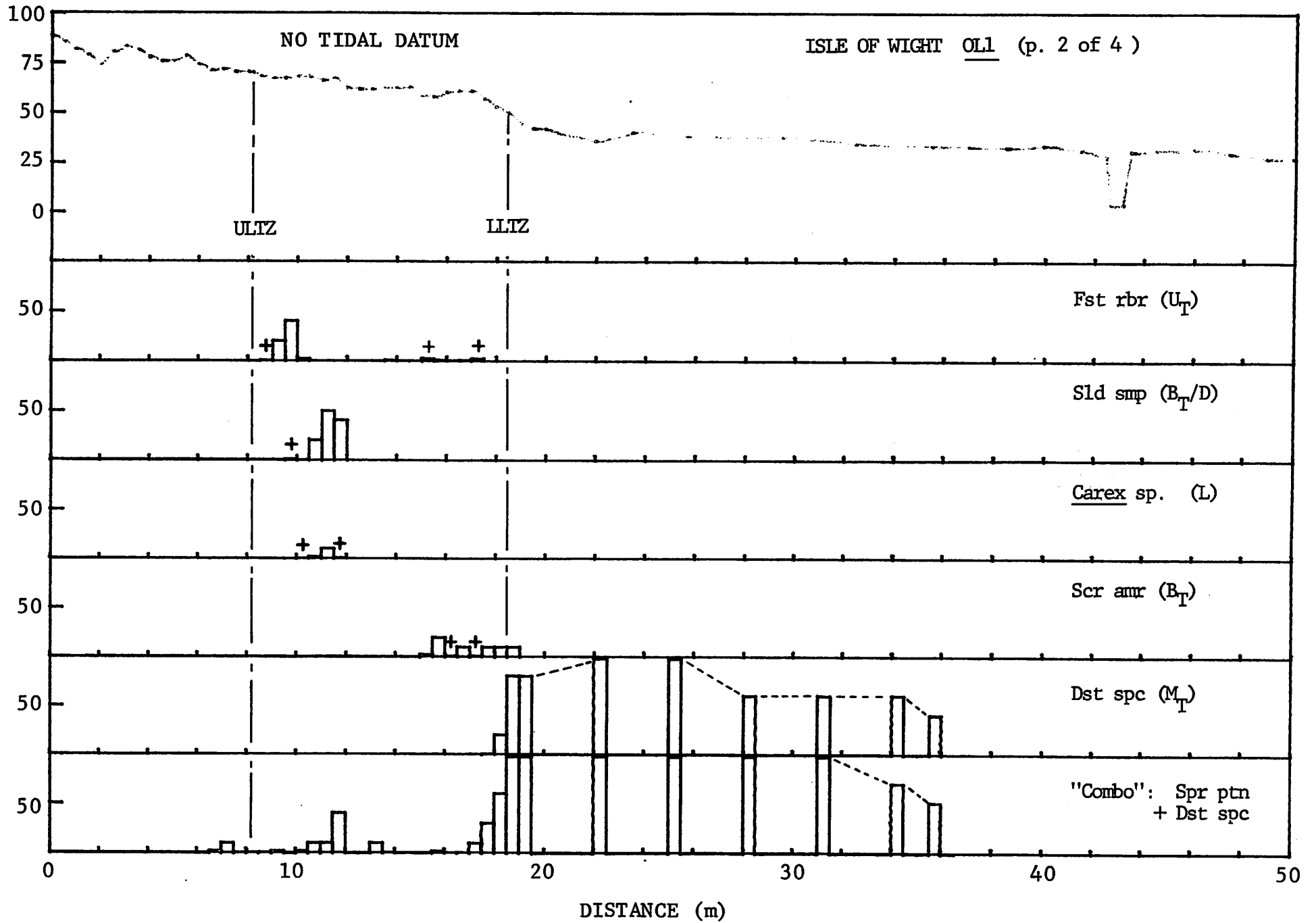


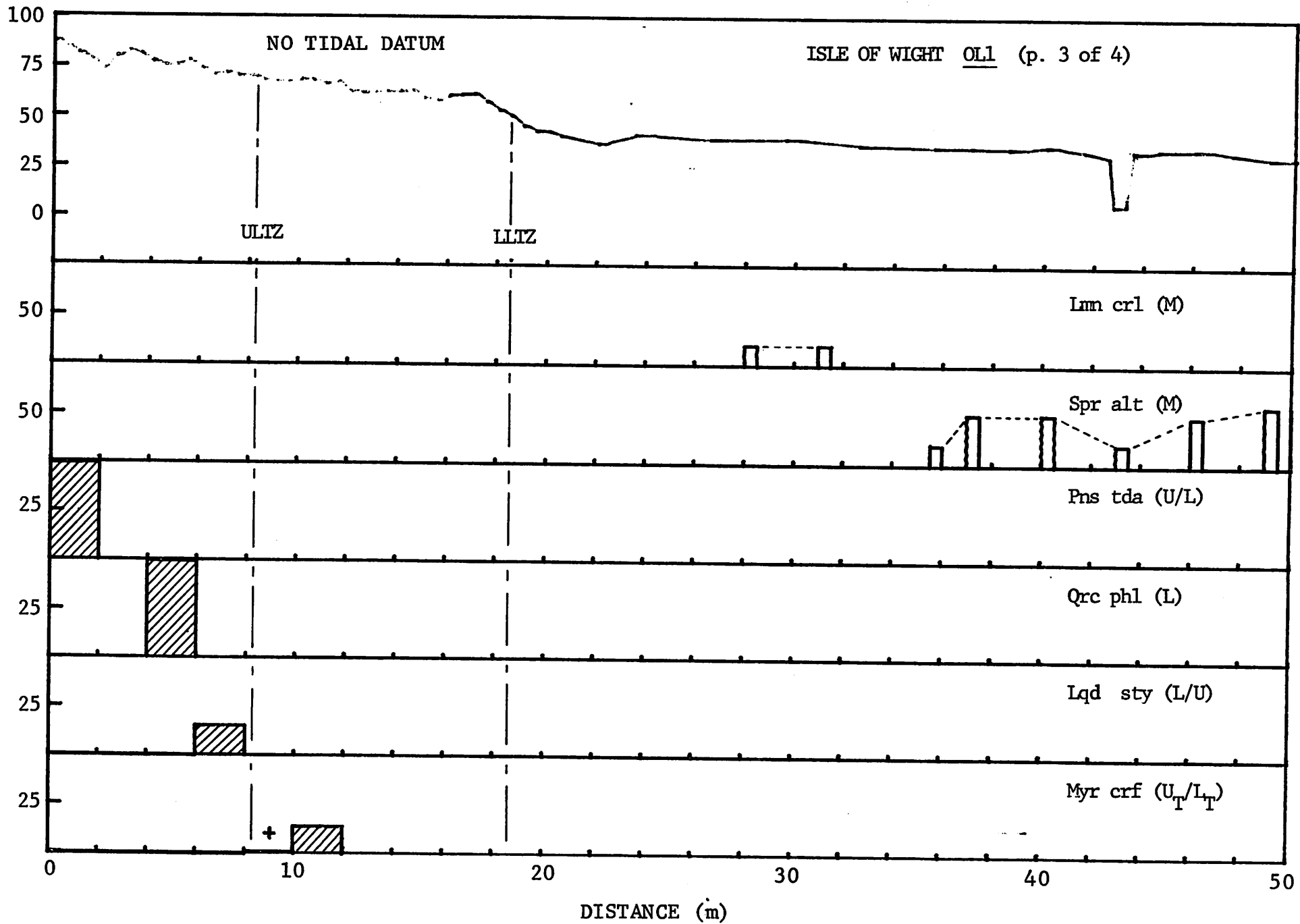


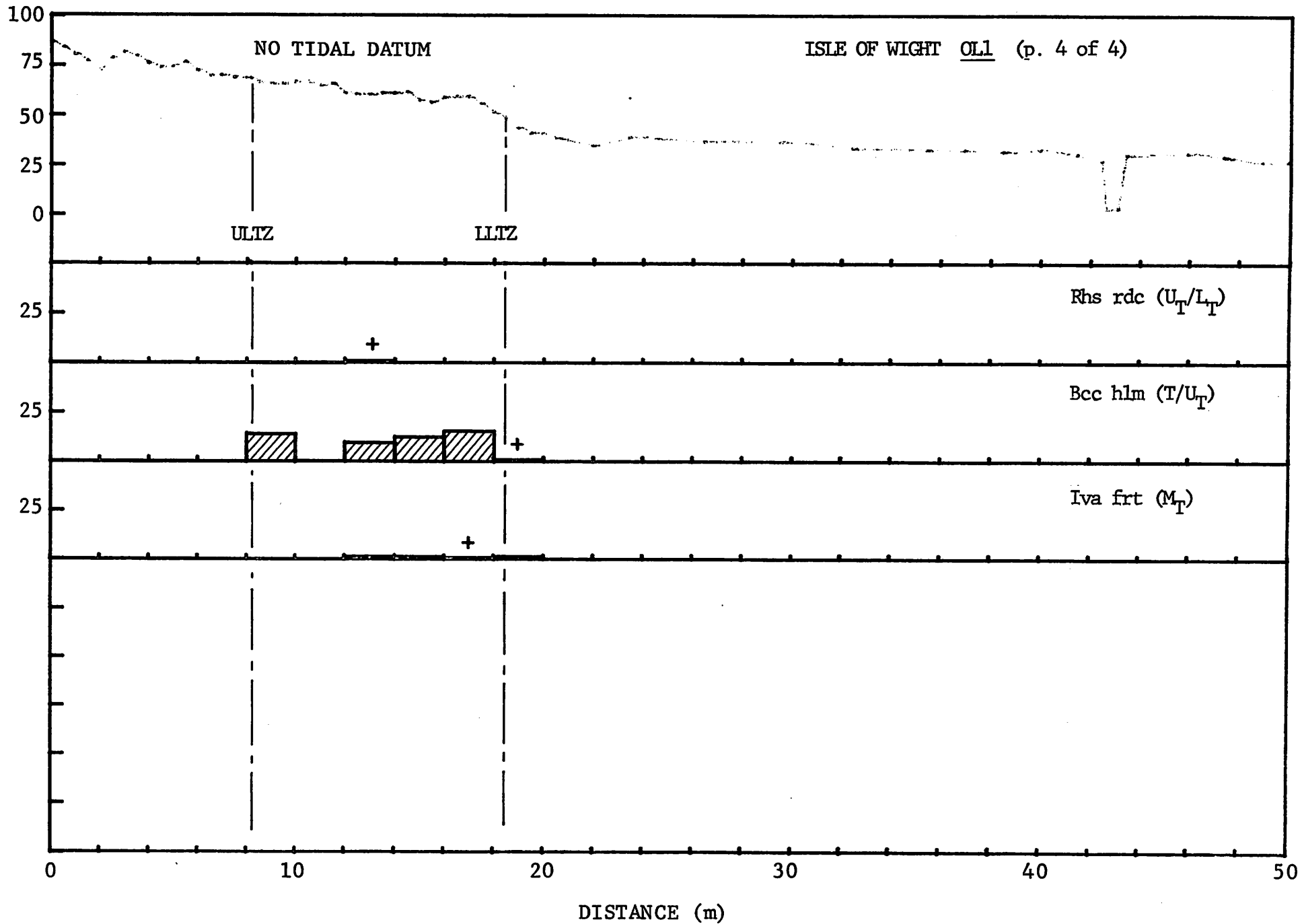


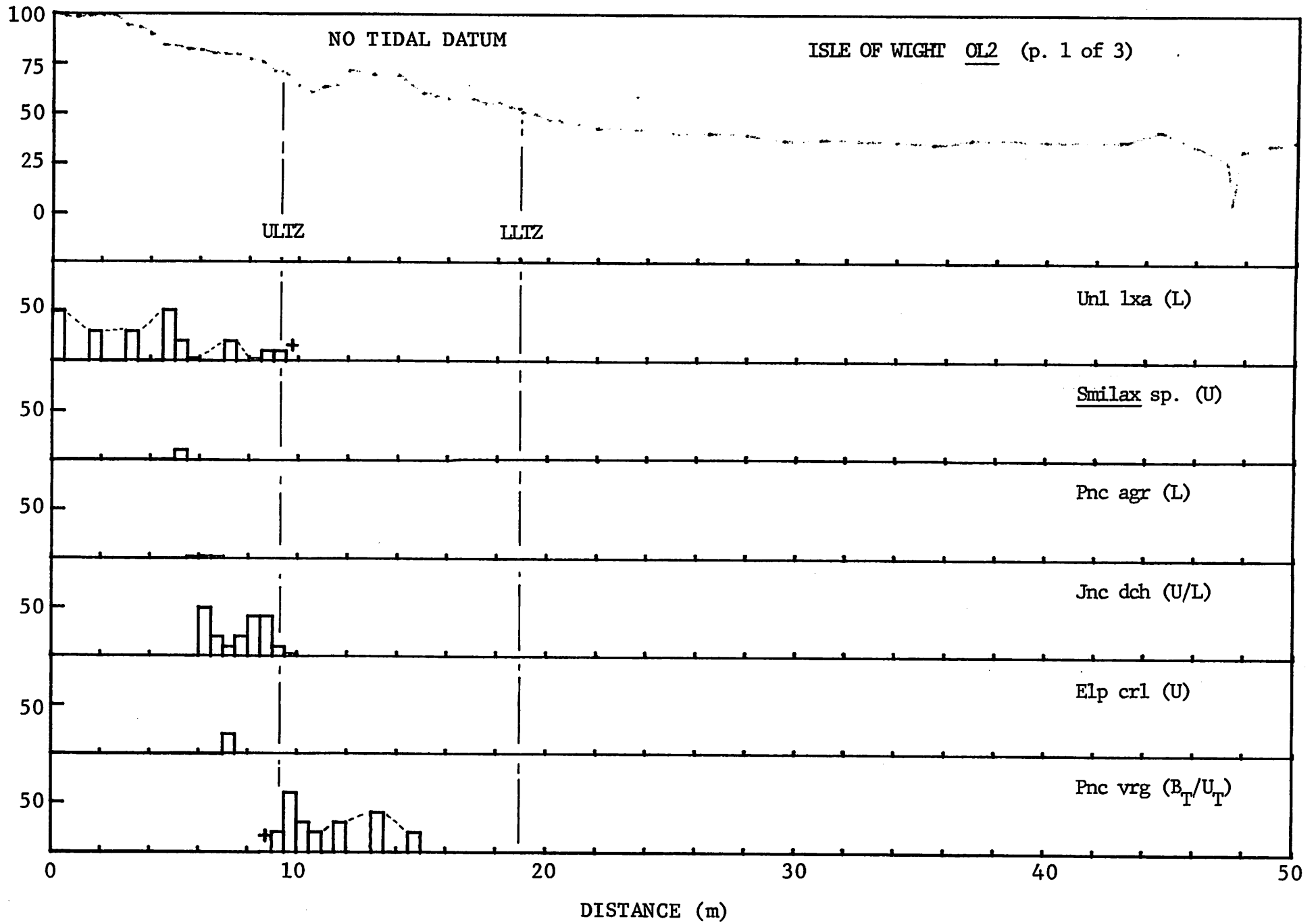


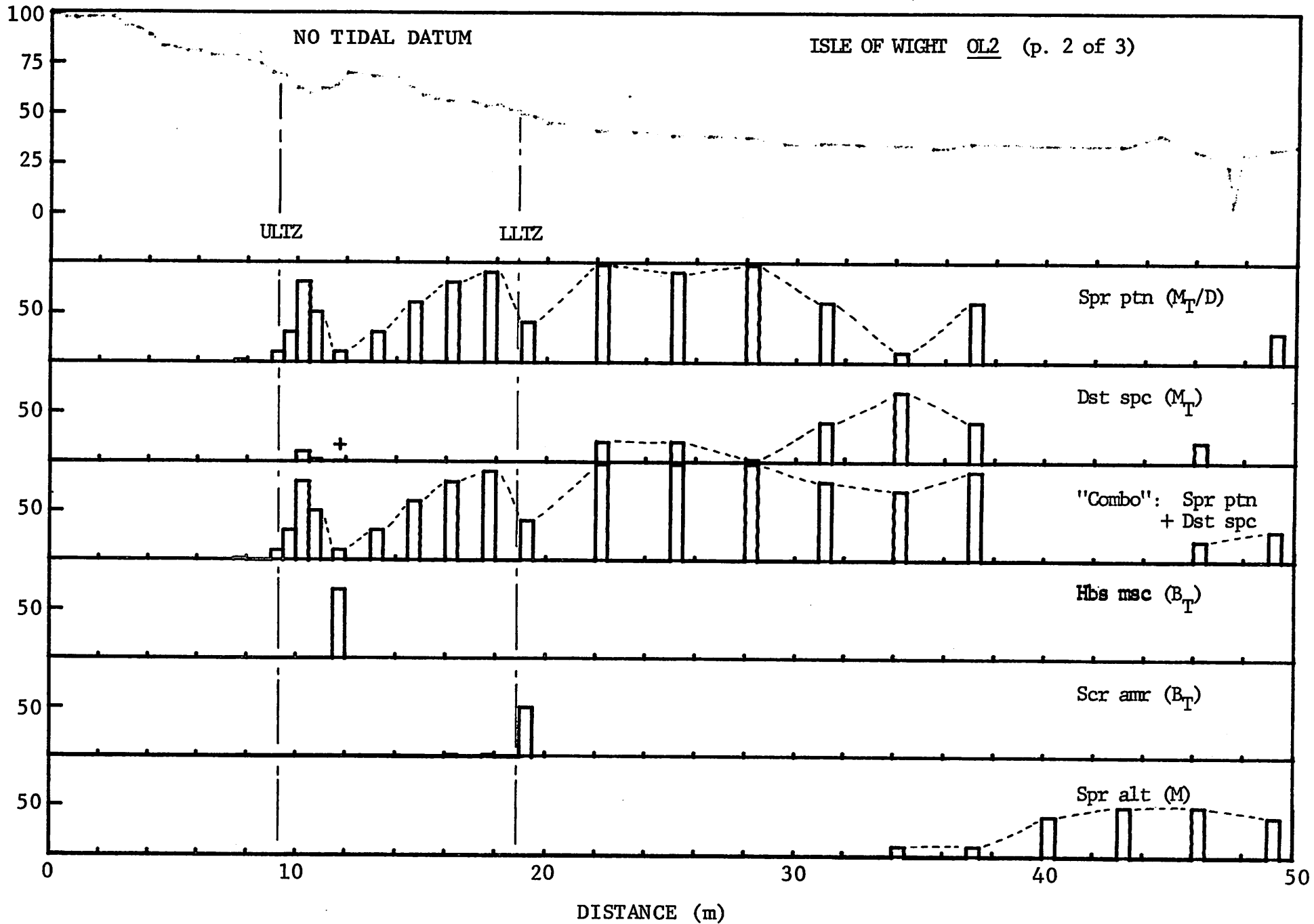






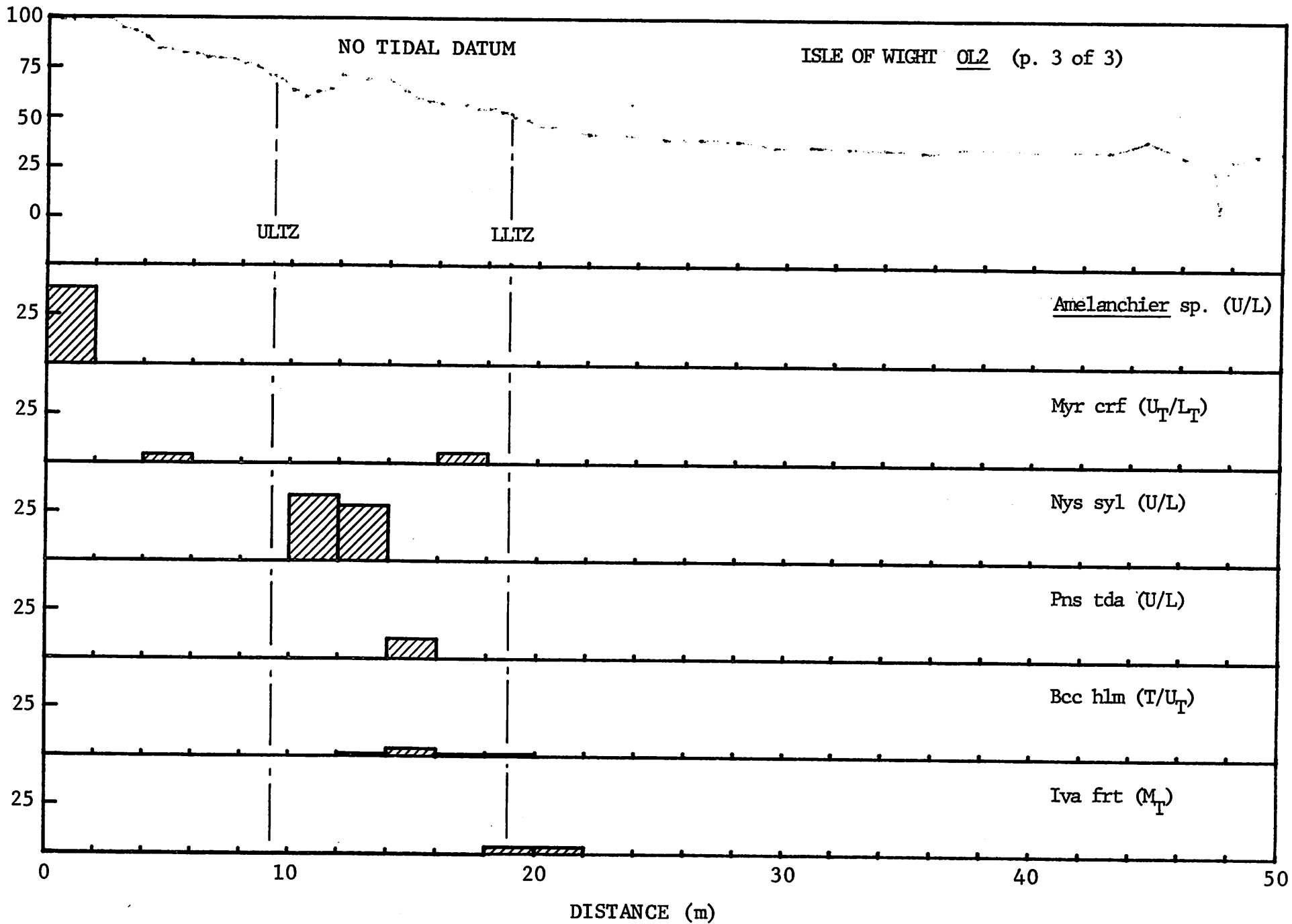






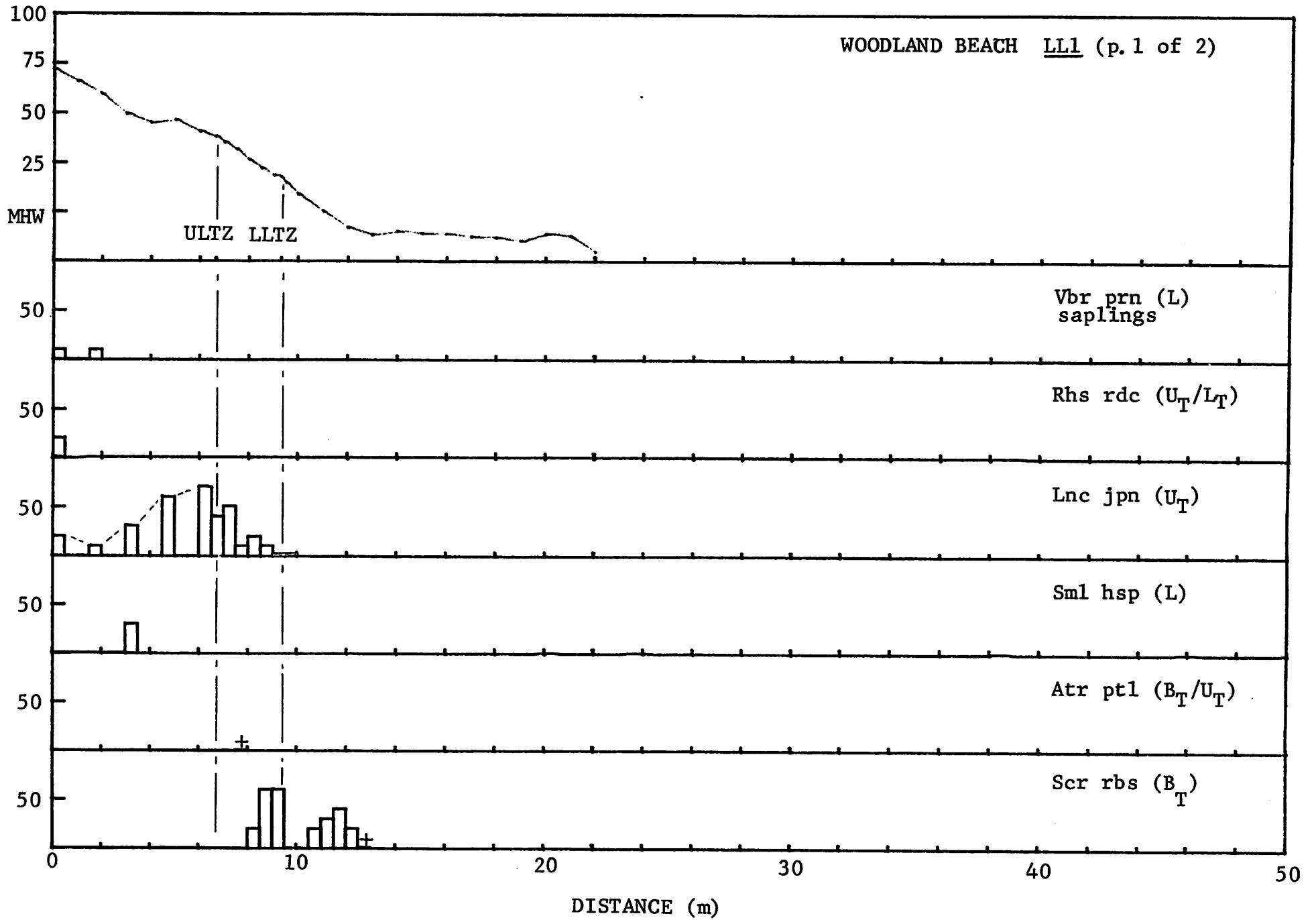
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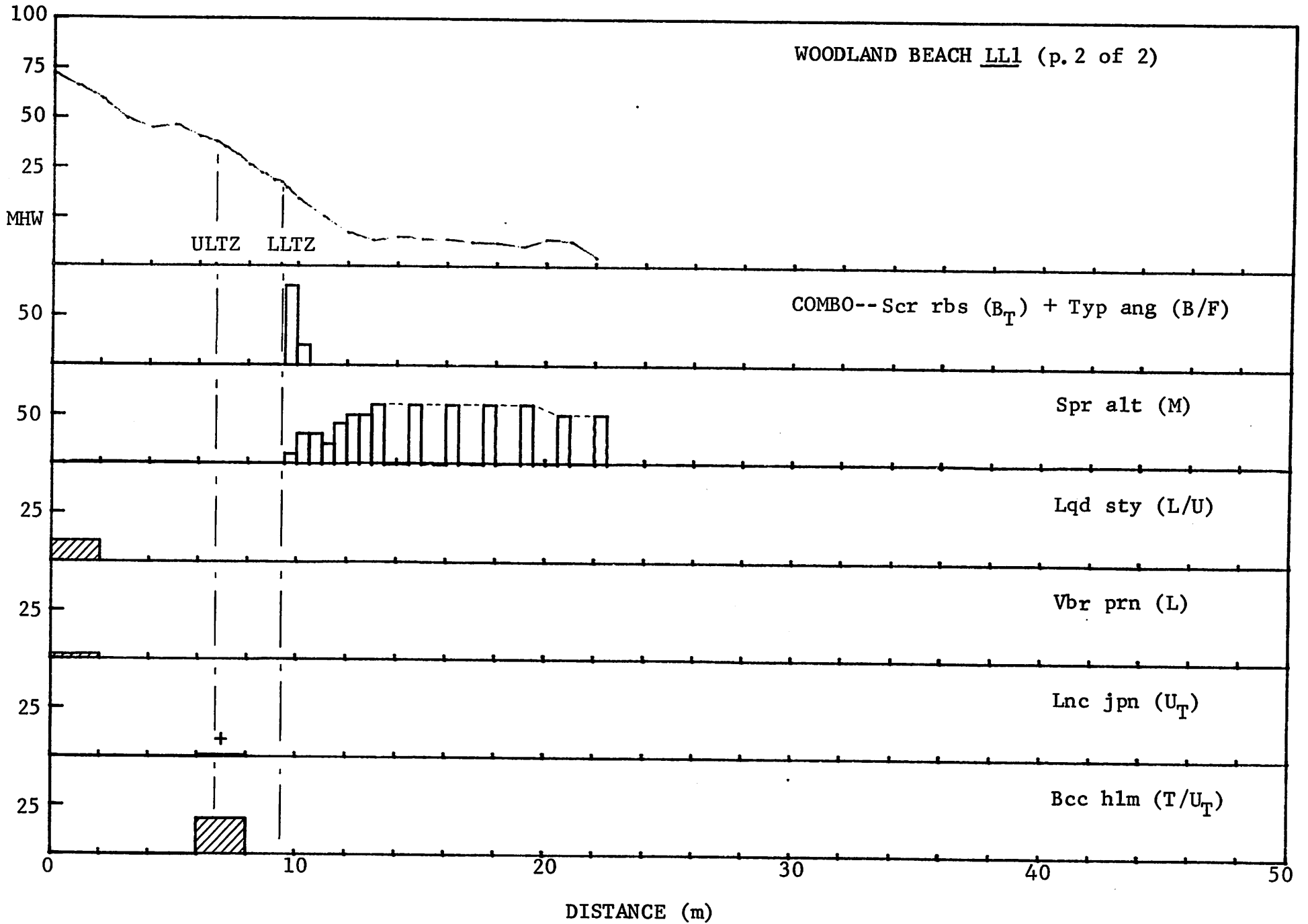


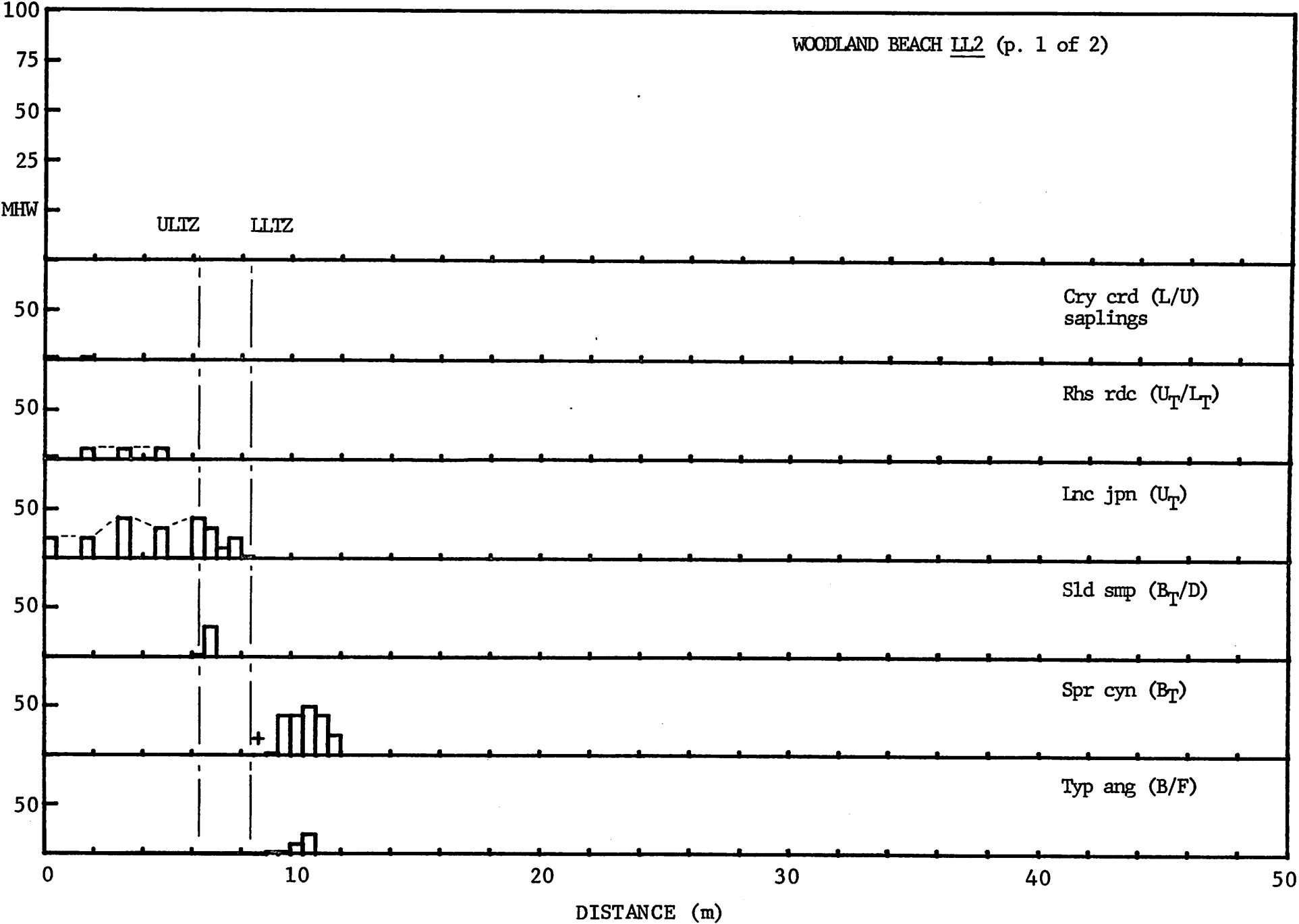
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WOODLAND BEACH(PRIMARY)
WHITE CREEK

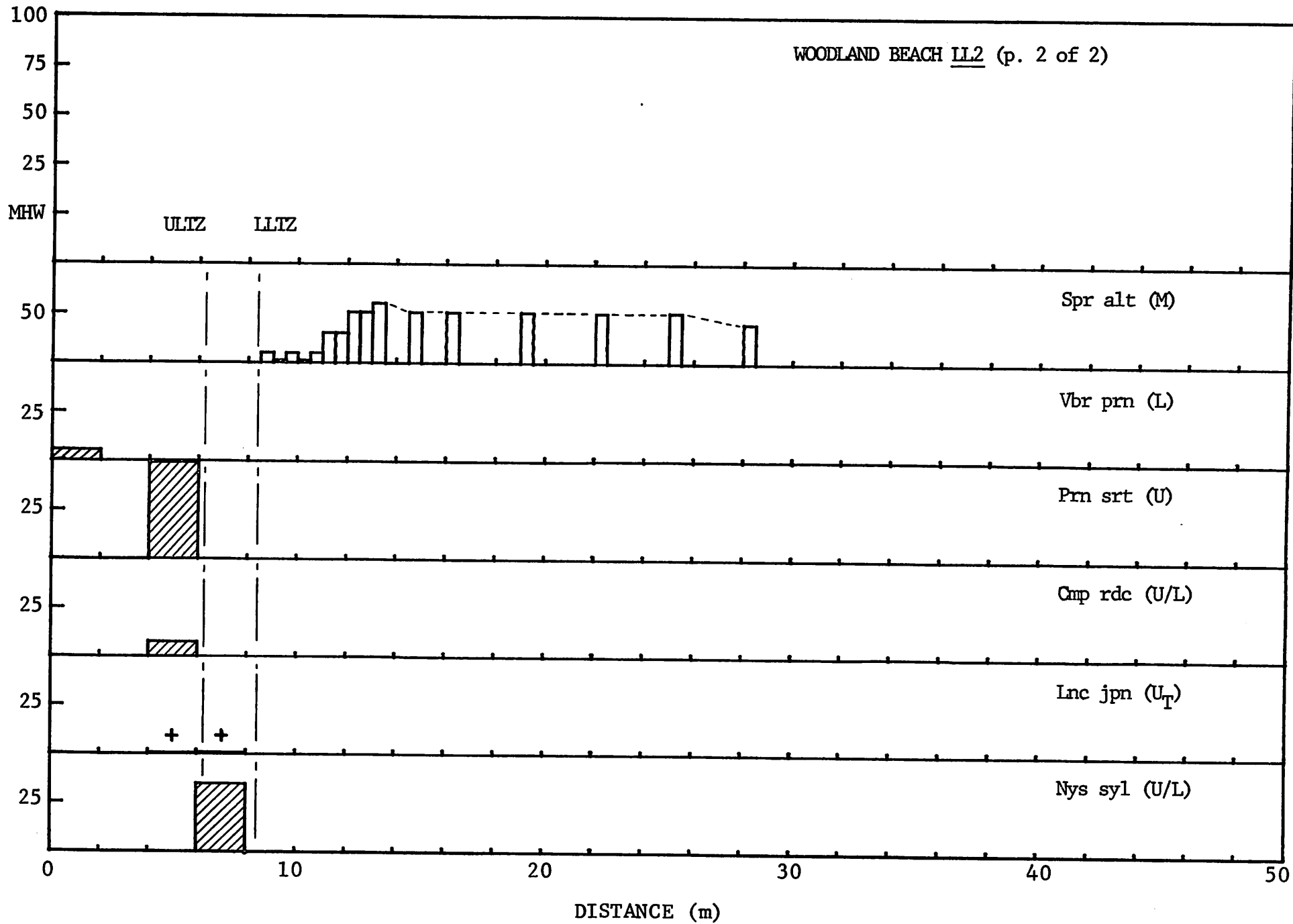


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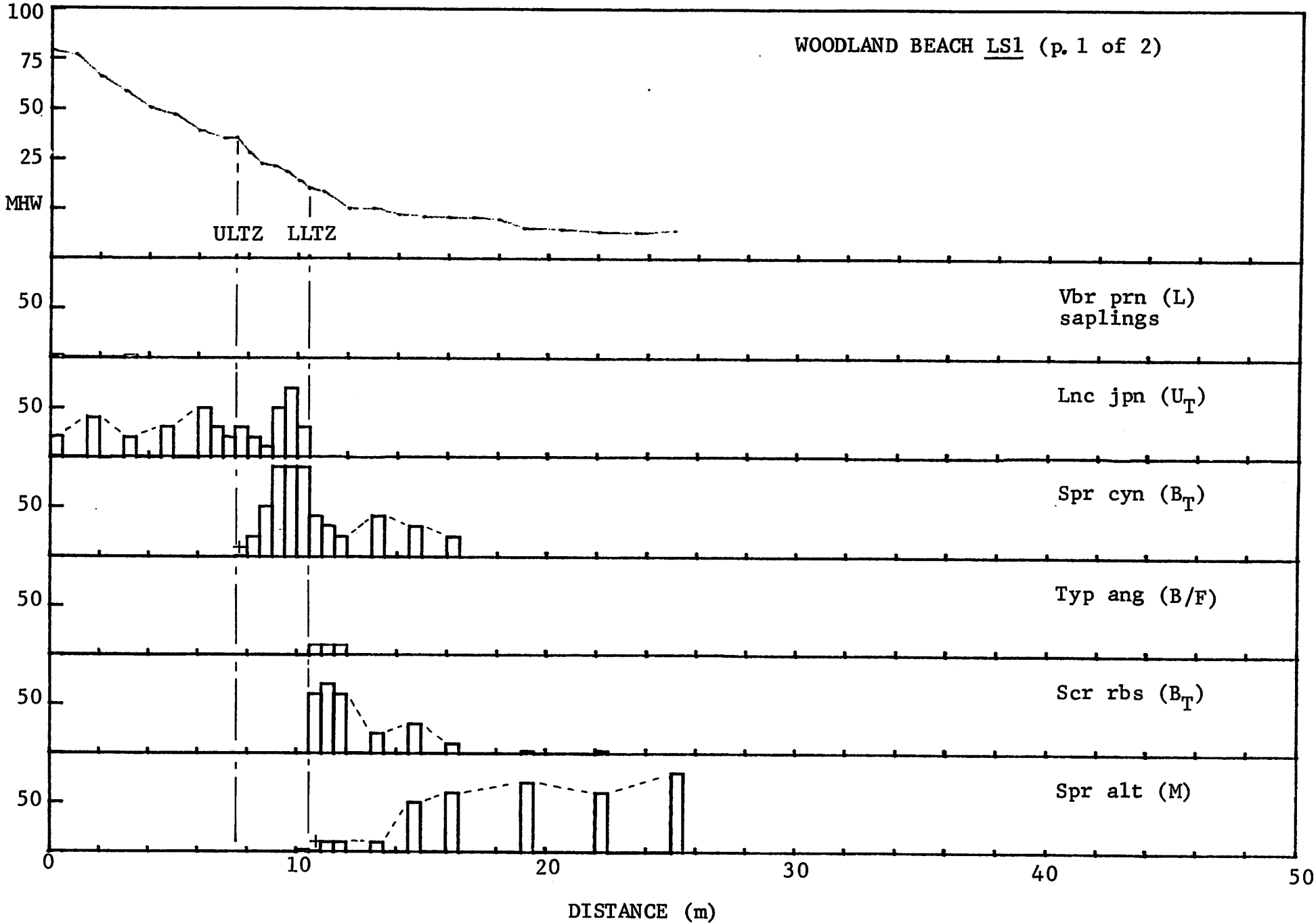




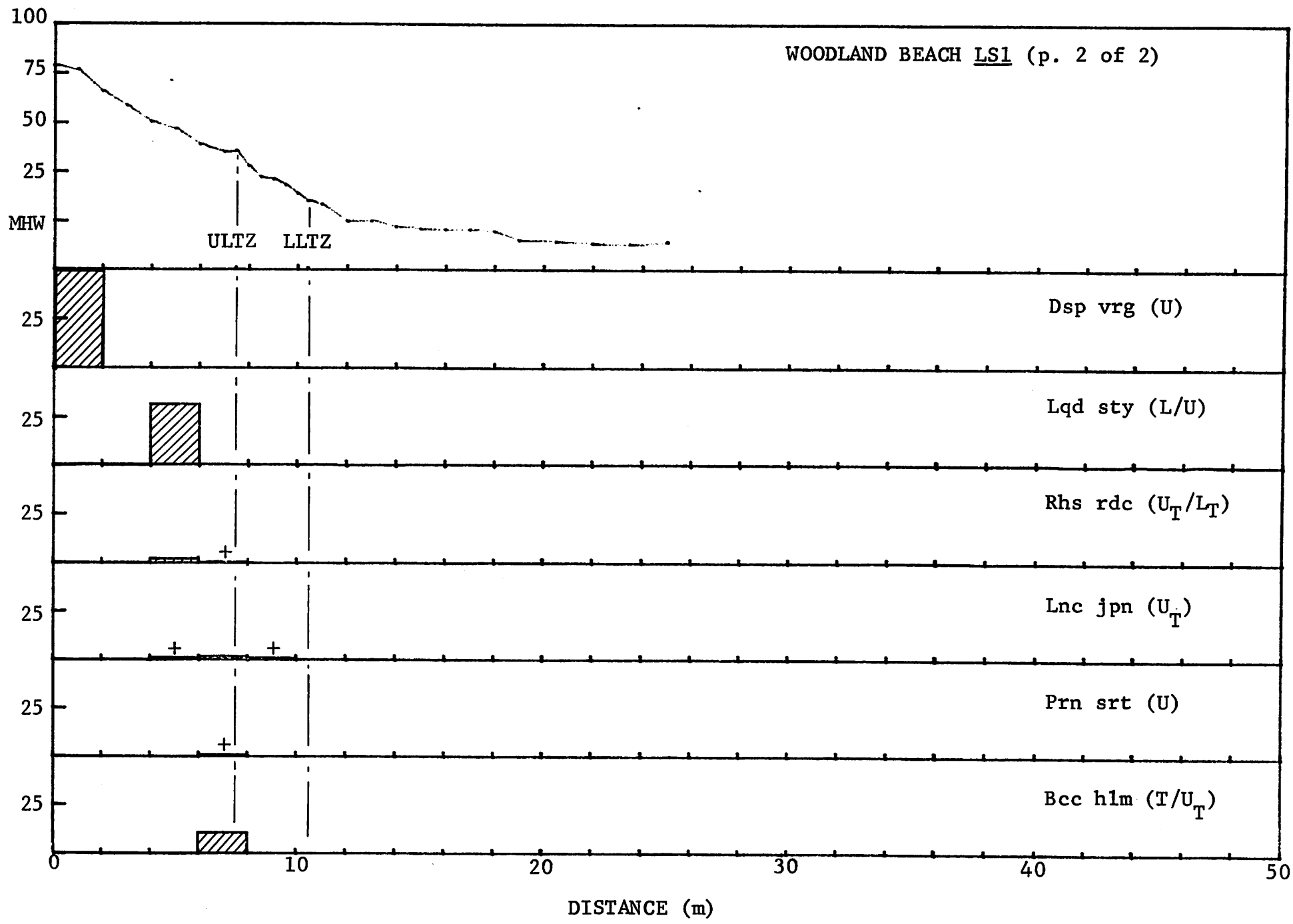
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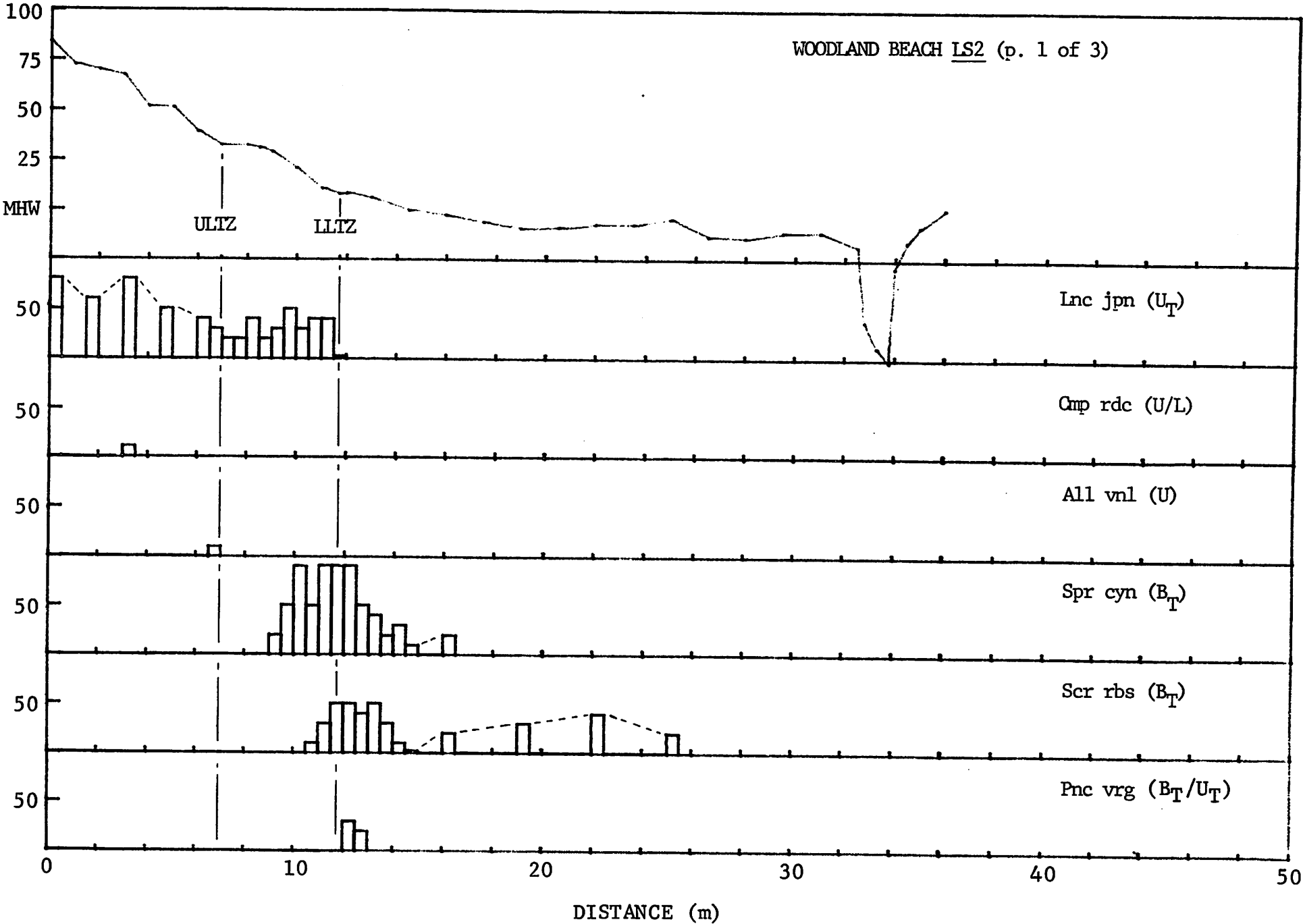


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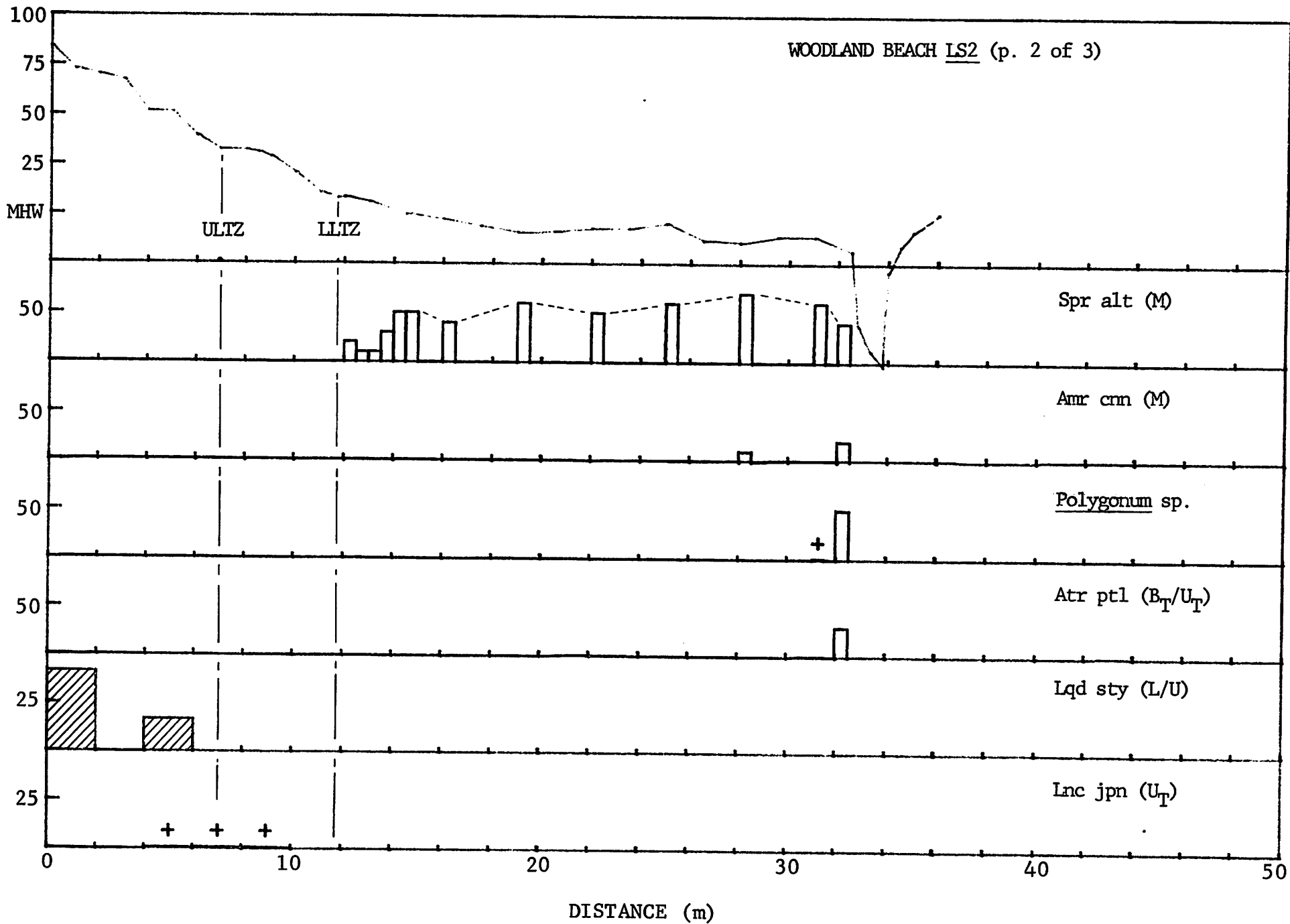


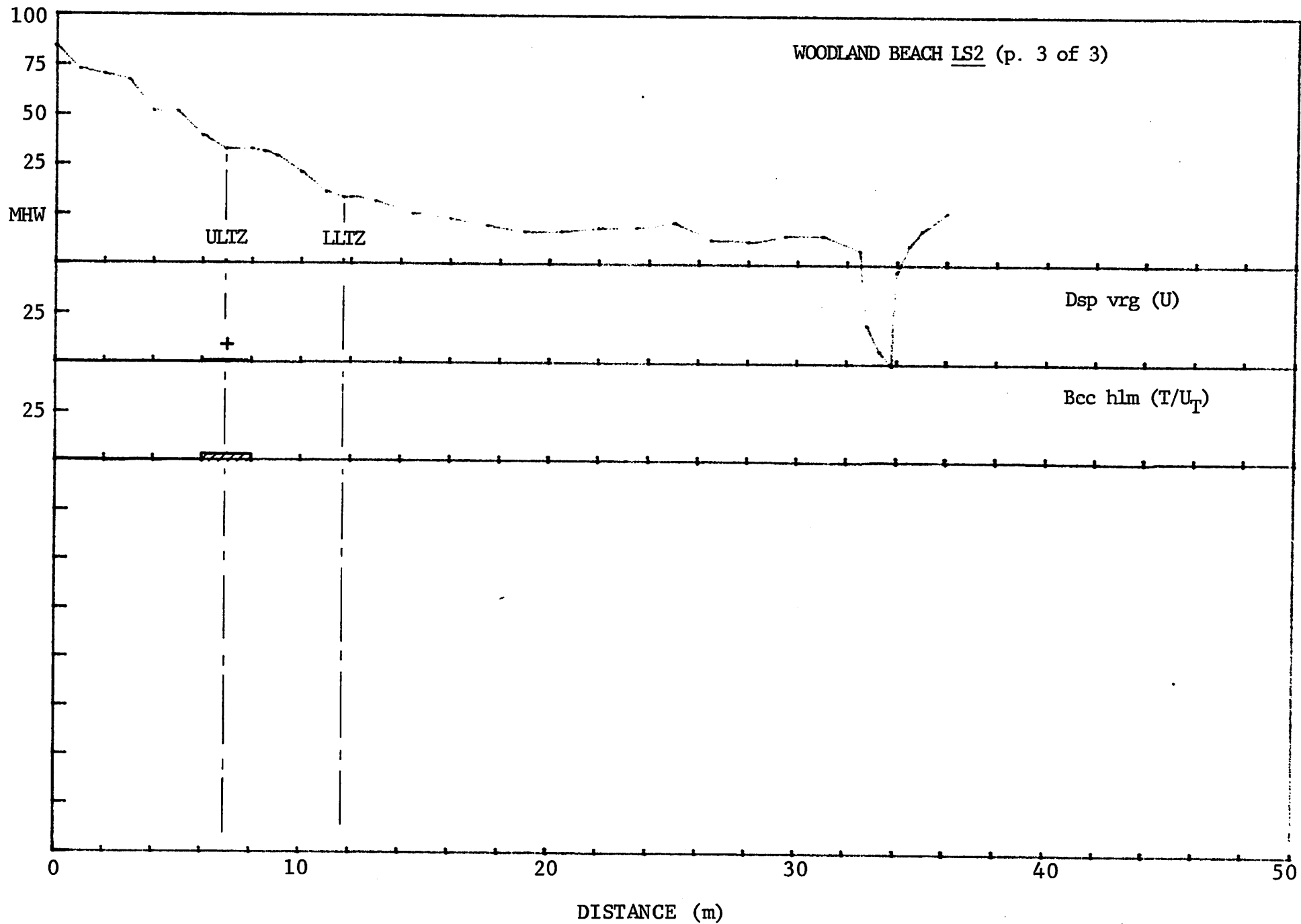
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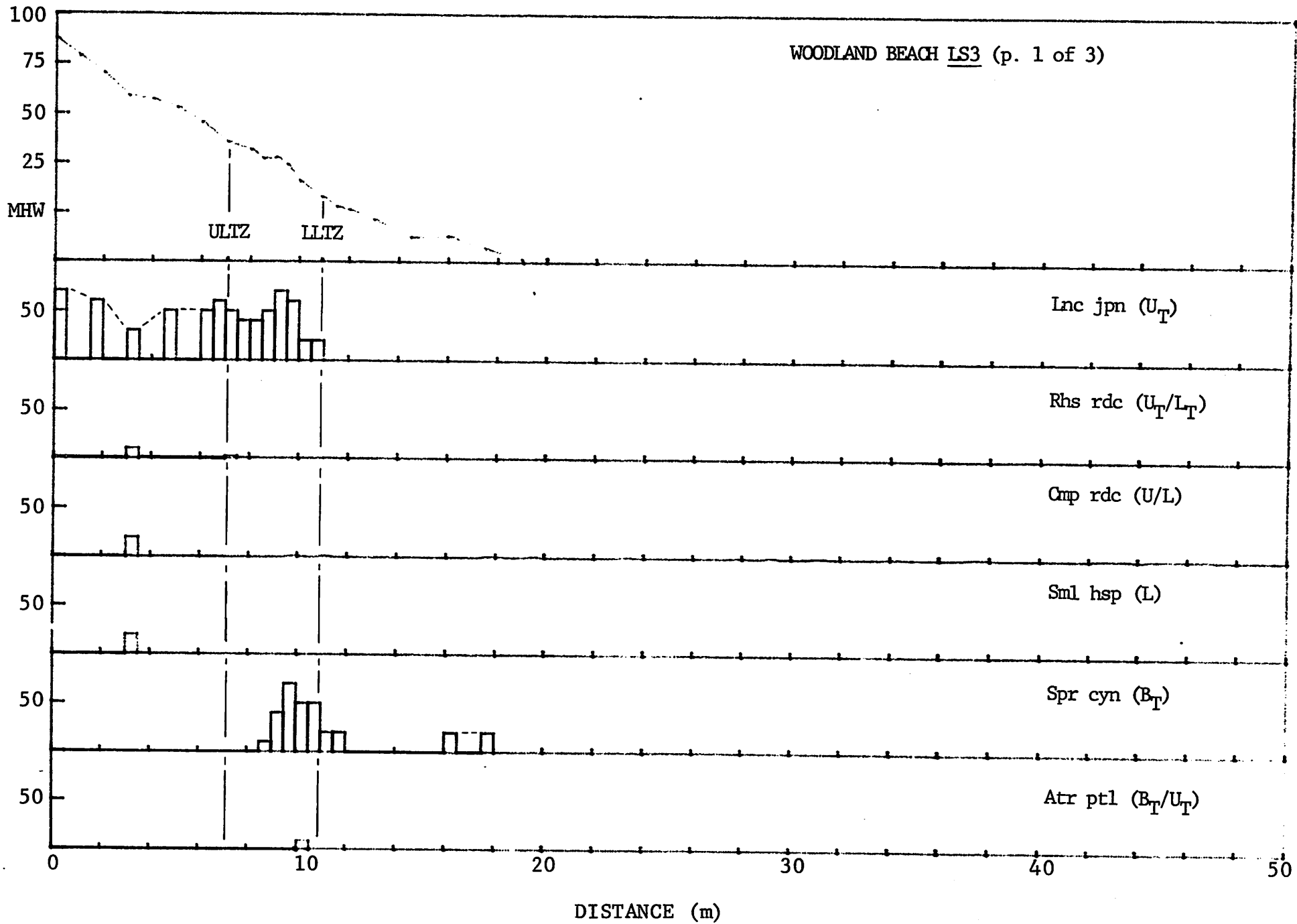


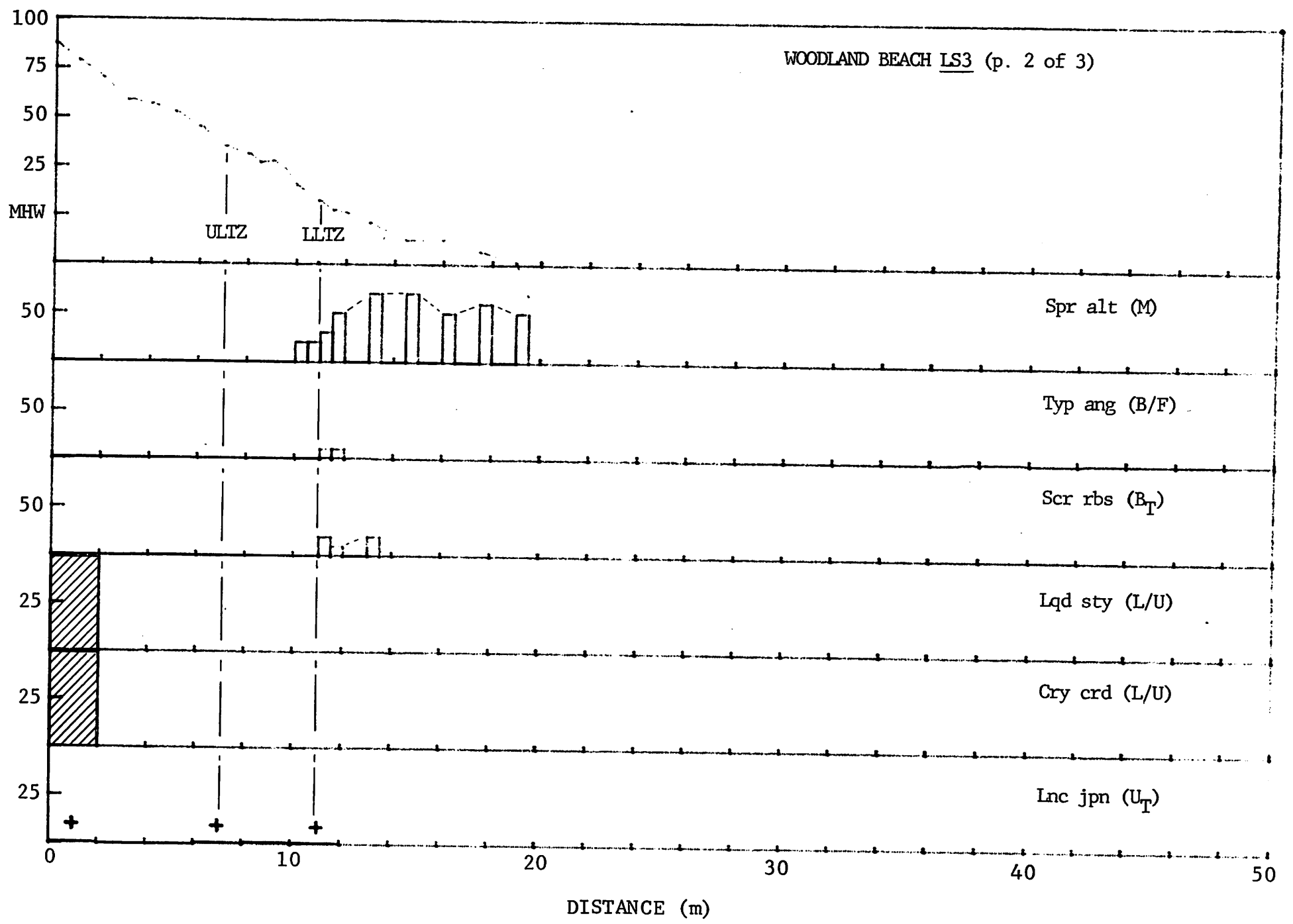
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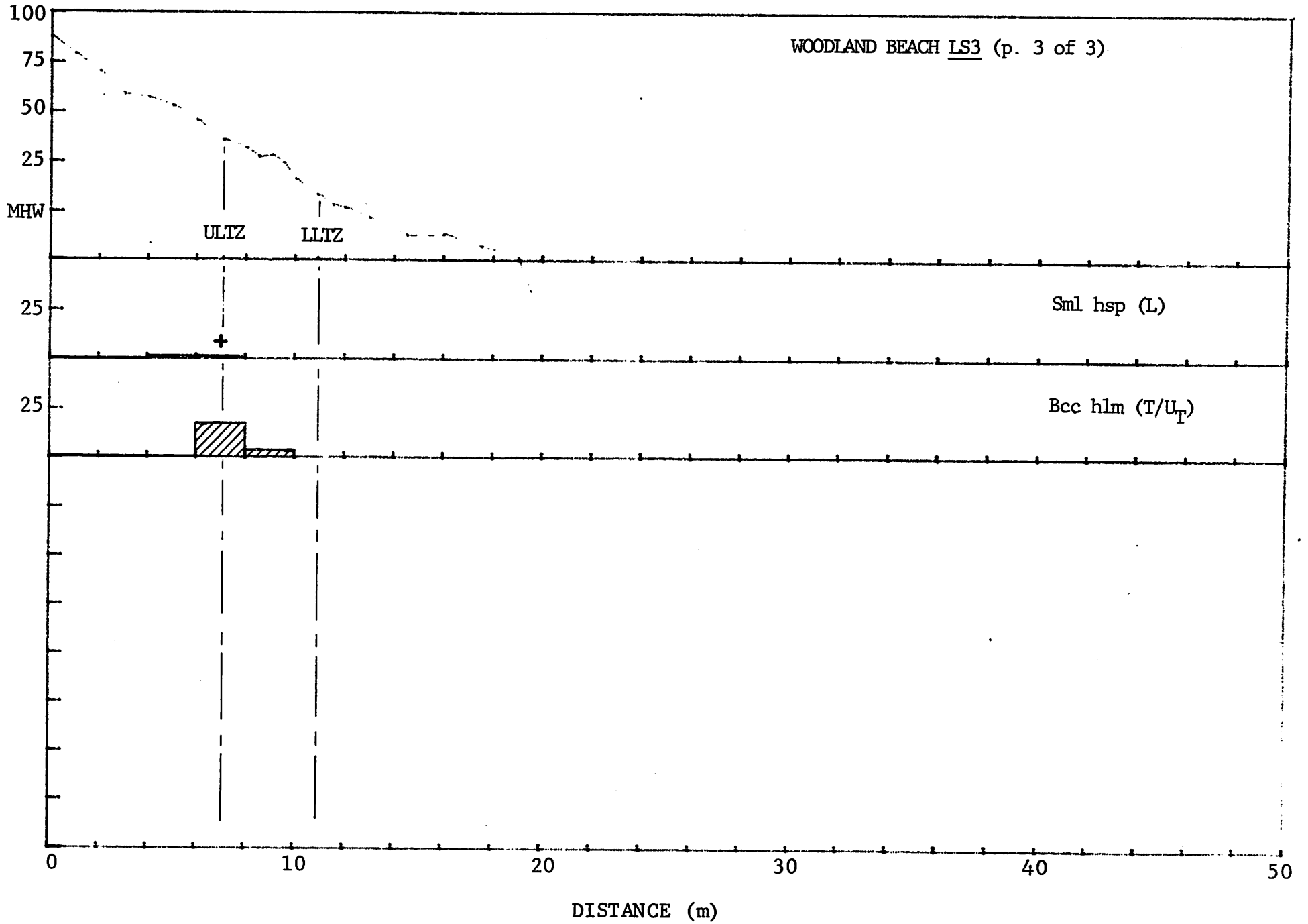


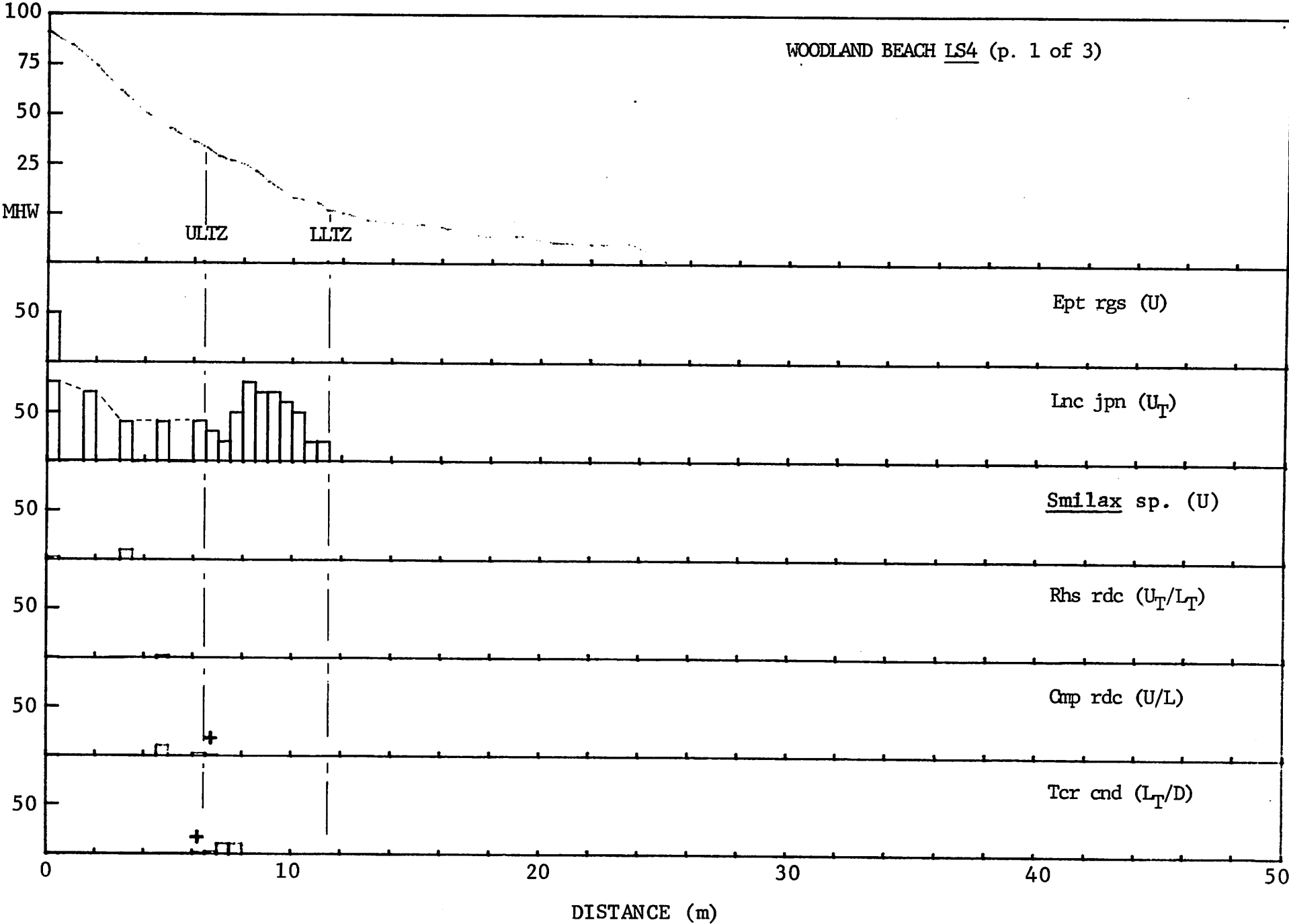


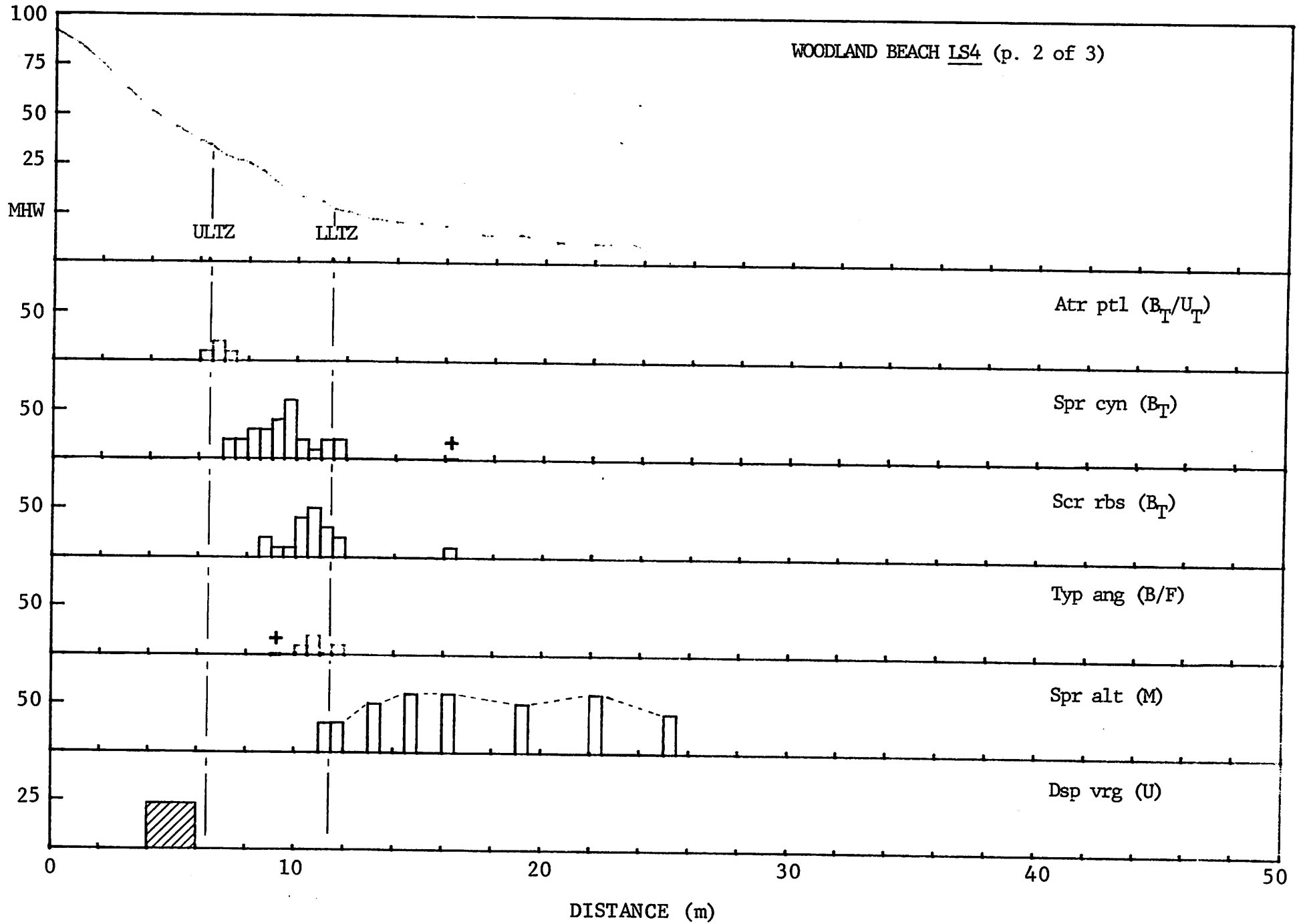
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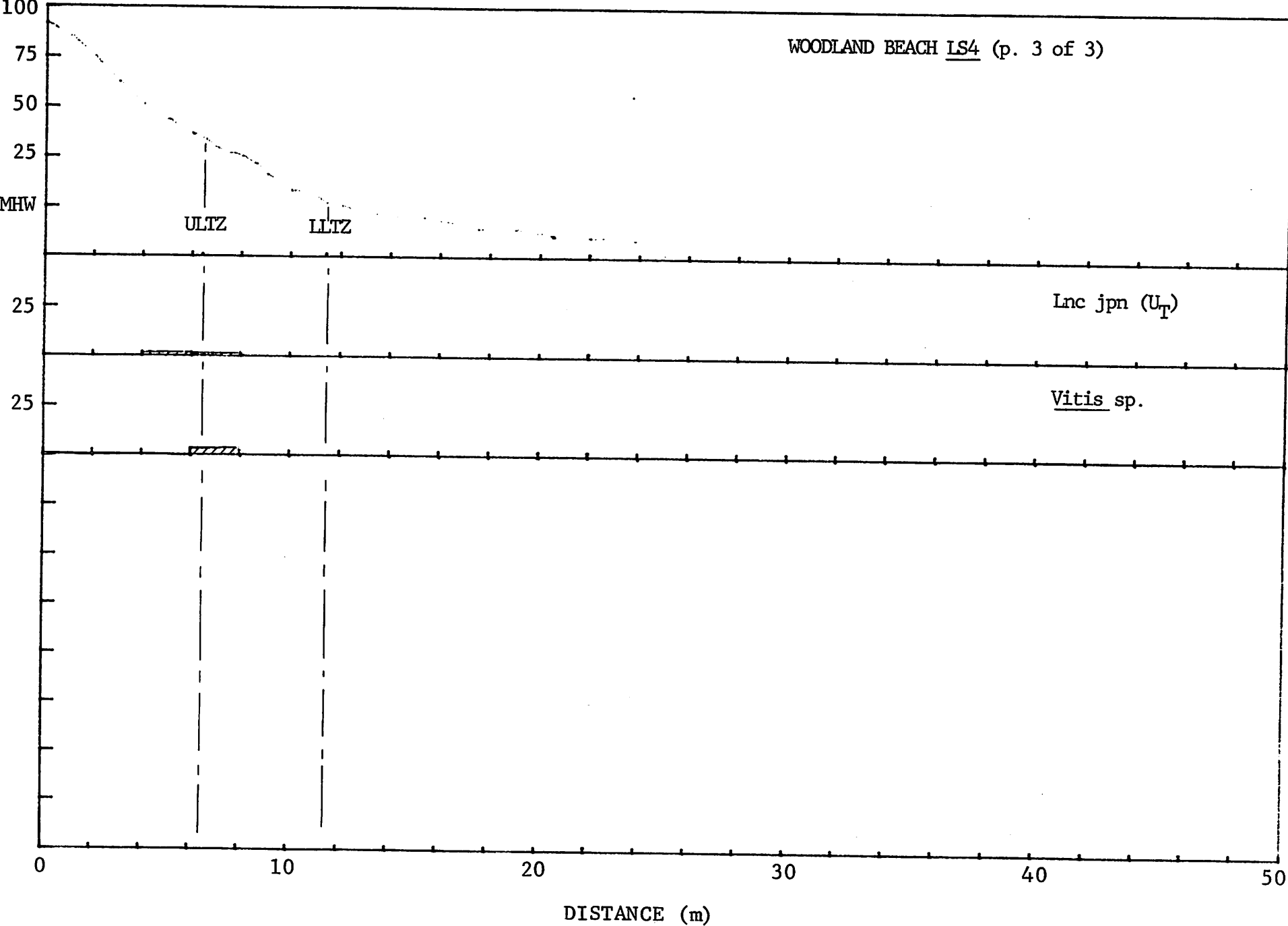




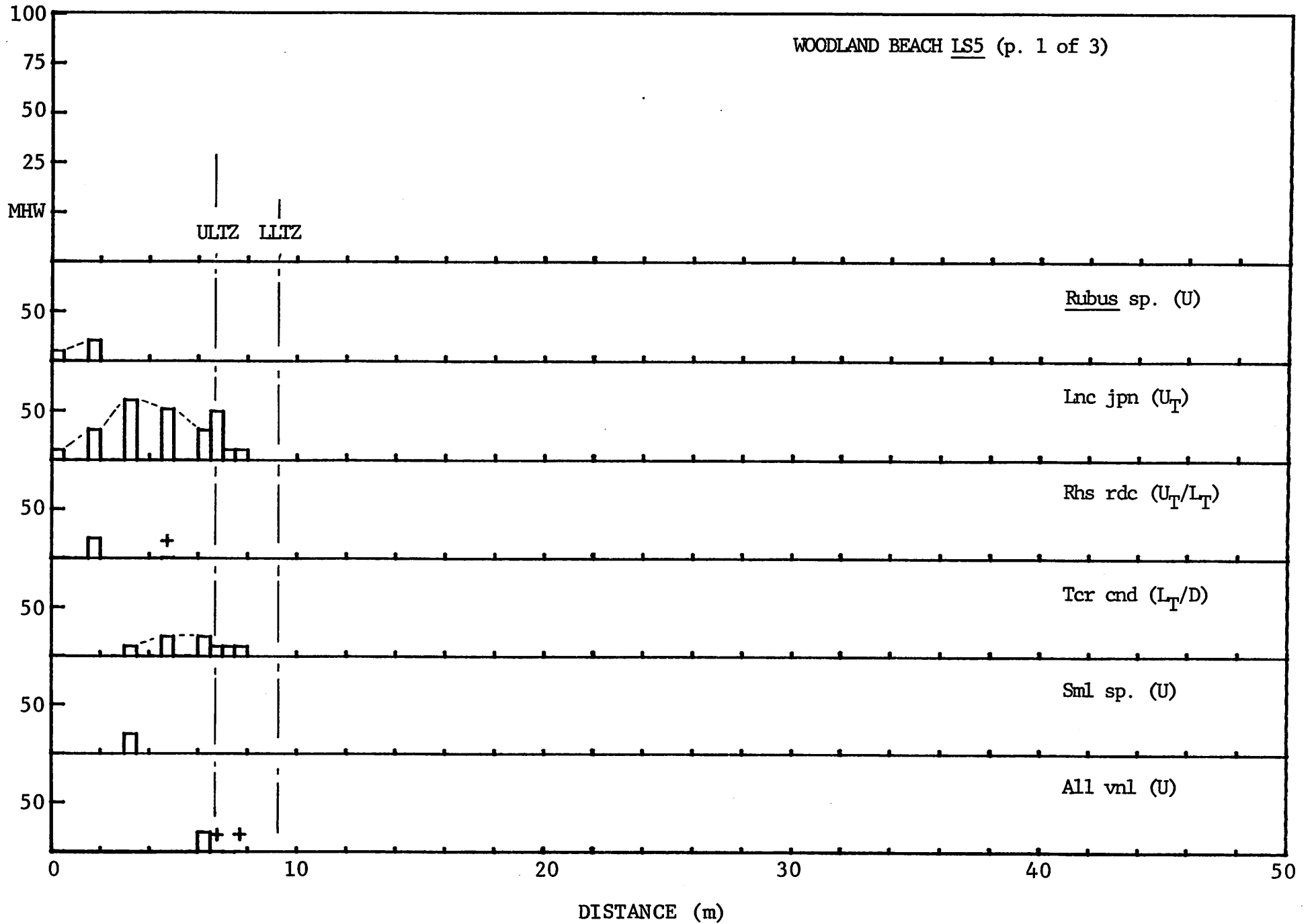




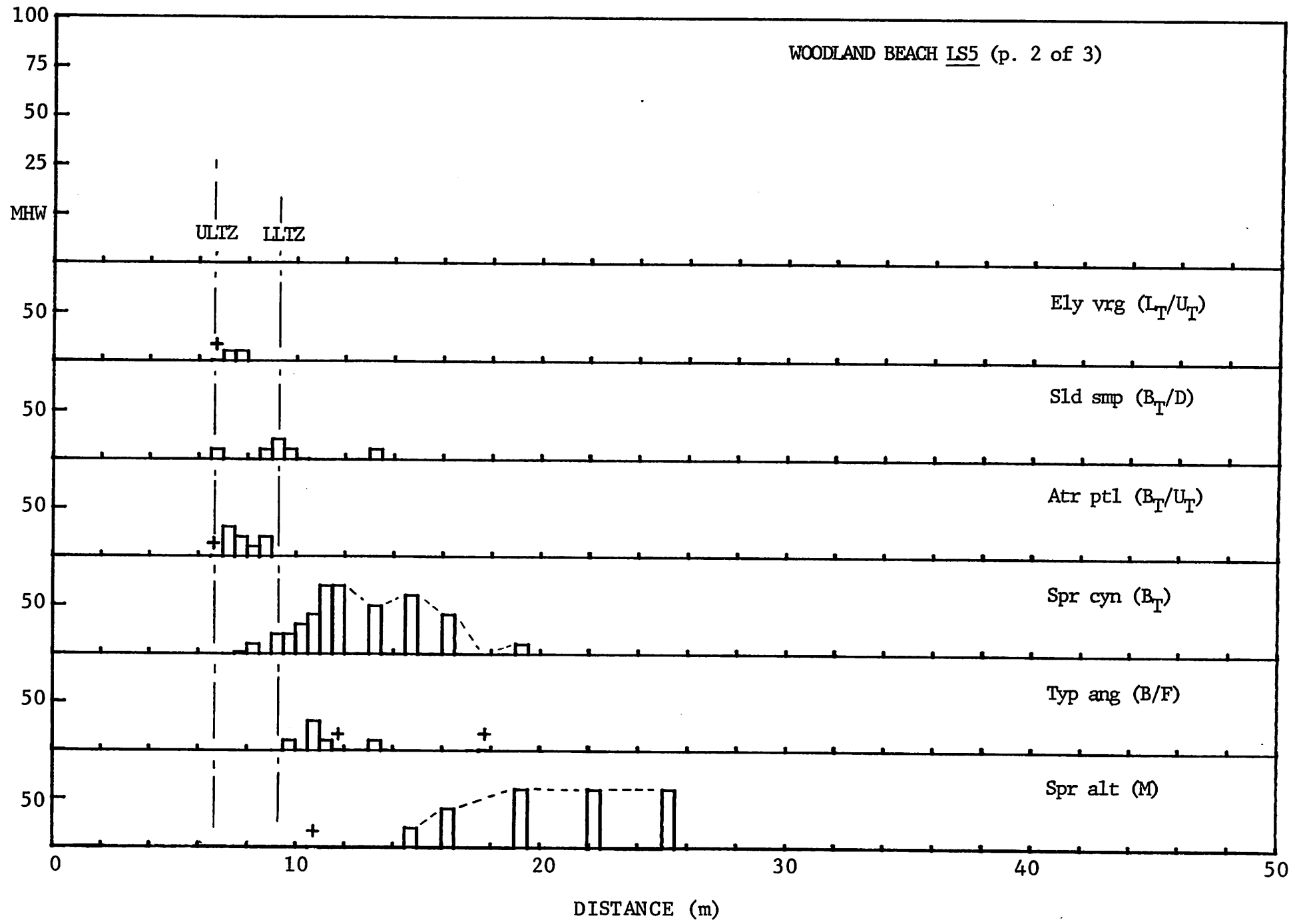


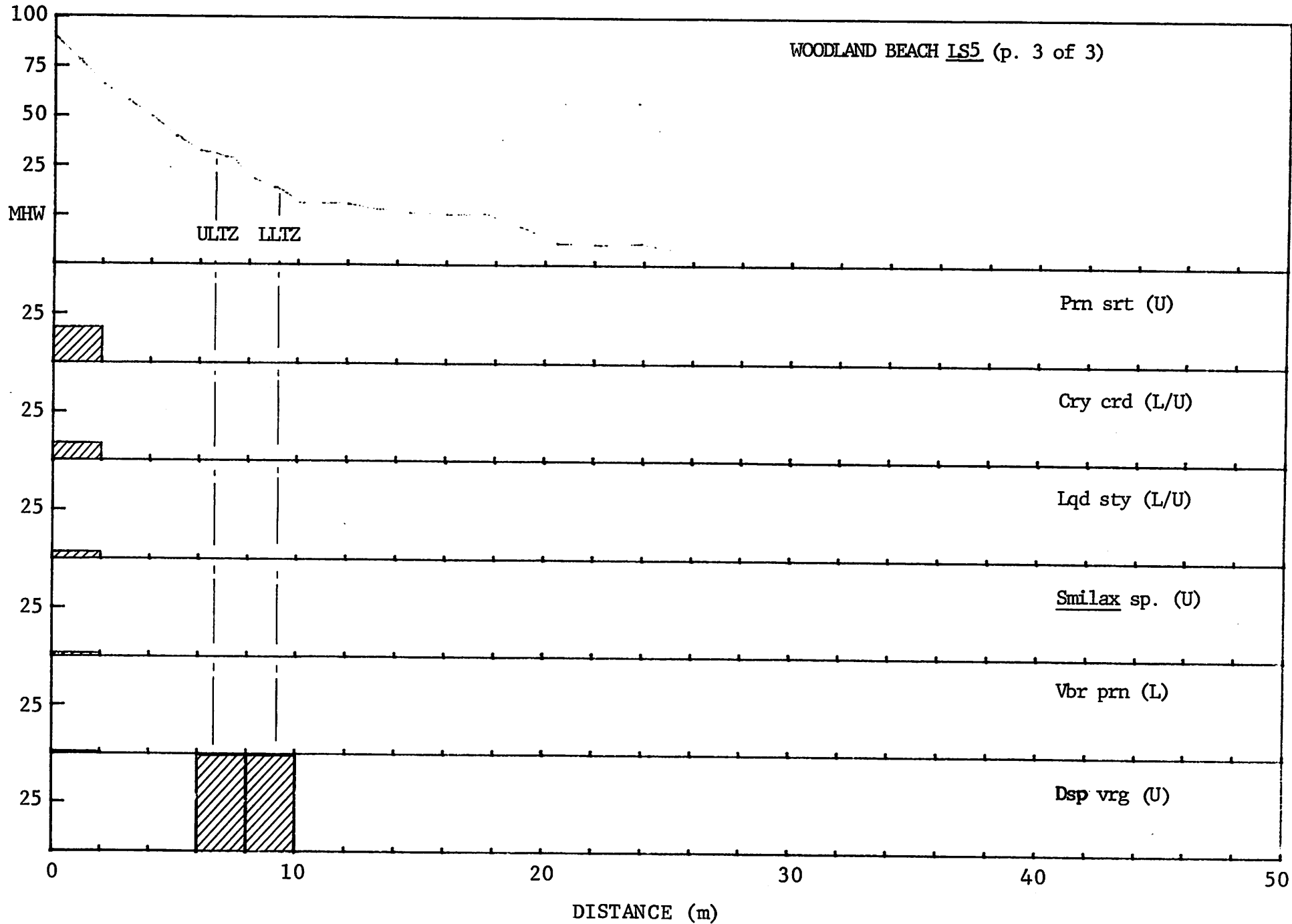


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