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INTRODUCTION

This report contains satellite-tracked drifting buoy data collected in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean during the period of January 1, 1984 through May 31, 1985. Table 1 details deployment times, locations and characteristics of each buoy.

DATA ACQUISITION

The buoy data are collected by the ARGOS system. The NOAA satellites are equipped with receivers that receive and record messages transmitted by buoys located anywhere on the Earth's surface. This information is then transmitted to a ground station at Suitland (Maryland) where the data that concerns the ARGOS system are separated and sent to the ARGOS Data Processing Center, Toulouse, France. A magnetic tape with all buoy data for the previous month is received at AOML once a month where further data reduction and smoothing is done.

BUOY CONSTRUCTION AND HARDWARE

We have two different types of buoys in this report. The earlier ones were of the FGGE design, constructed by the Polar Research Laboratory, Inc., in cooperation with the NOAA Data Buoy Office. These buoys carried a variety of sensors such as sea surface temperature, wind speed, drogue tension, and a battery voltage. Details of their buoy hardware can be found in Pazos and Acero (1985).

More recently, a smaller buoy designed and constructed at AOML (Bitterman and Hansen, 1986) has been used. These buoys are identified in Table 1. Both buoy designs were released with a 10 m length subsurface drogue, centered at a depth of 15 meters. Windowshade drogues were used on the FGGE buoys and holey socks were used on the smaller buoys (Fig. 3). Some of them were constructed with no drogue (Fig. 4).

DESCRIPTION OF SENSOR

Sea Surface Temperature. Water temperature is measured with a precision thermistor near the lower end of the tube and held against the inside wall by the urethane foam. Its temperature versus resistance characteristics are known to within + .1 degrees Celsius, and the overall accuracy of the measurement is estimated at + .2 degrees Celsius, not taking into consideration any heating effects on the tube by incident sunlight.

DATA PROCESSING

After separating the buoys by hemisphere and whether drogued or undrogued, the first step was to eliminate positions that imply accelerations

greater than 0.00134 cm/sec^2 . The temperatures are edited by first discarding those that are less than 17°C and greater than 35°C , and also temperature changes greater than 3.0°C per day. The second step is to interpolate locations and temperatures at equal six-hour intervals using a method of interpolation known as Kriging.

Kriging is extensively used in application to two and three-dimensional analyses in mining, engineering, and other terrestrial applications. It is similar in philosophy to the method frequently used in analyses of meteorological and oceanic fields, and is discussed briefly by Gandin (1963), but also has some significant differences. An extensive discussion of Kriging can be found in Journel and Huijbregts (1978).

Each of our variables, latitude, longitude, and sea surface temperature is treated as an independent sequence of values in time. Values of these parameters are interpolated at uniform six-hour intervals as a linear combination of nearby observed values, i.e.,

$$x_o^* = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i, \quad (1)$$

in which x_o^* is an estimated value at a time to be interpolated for, x_i are the values observed at nearby times, and w_i are weights to be selected in such a way as to obtain the best interpolated values. "Best" can be qualified in many ways. The weights used in Kriging are determined so as to obtain estimates that have zero mean difference, and minimum mean square difference relative to the true field values. That is

$$E(x - x^*) = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$E(x - x^*)^2 = \text{minimum.} \quad (3)$$

Use of equations (1) and (2) leads to

$$\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1. \quad (4)$$

Similarly, substitution of (1) into (3) and differentiating with respect to the coefficients leads to the set of equations

$$\sum_{j=1}^n w_j \gamma_{ij} + \lambda = \gamma_{oi}, \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n), \quad (5)$$

in which λ is the Lagrange multiplier associated with minimizing (3) subject to the unbiased constraint (4), and

$$\gamma_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} E(x_i - x_j)^2. \quad (6)$$

The function γ_{ij} , expressed as a function of the time difference between points of interest is called the variogram, but is more familiar to oceanographers and meteorologists as the structure function. It is presumed to be known or to be determinable from the data to be interpolated. As a practical matter, a single structure function is taken to represent all parts of a particular data element.

A useful feature of the method is that together with the interpolated series it provides with each interpolated value a quality measure in the form of a "Kriging variance," or mean square uncertainty of the analysis,

$$\sigma_k^2 = E(x - x^*)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \gamma_{oi} - \lambda. \quad (7)$$

Software packages are commercially available to perform the matrix operations. For this work we used KRIGPAG subroutine GKRIGQ. KRIGPAK is a UNIRAS corporation product. The functional representation of the structure functions needed for this procedure were taken from Hansen and Herman (1988).

DATA DISPLAY

Table 2 shows conversion from Julian day to day, month and year. Bar charts that illustrate buoy lifetimes are shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2. Monthly displacement of buoys are shown from page 15-20. Trajectory and time series plots for each buoy are displayed from page 21 to 100. Trajectory plots are marked with a star to denote the beginning of buoy life or beginning for this period, open circles denote end of trajectory, closed circles show loss of drogue. On the time series plots some temperature records are shorter than velocity records on a particular buoy. This occurs mostly when the battery voltage becomes low, resulting in erroneous temperature data, although temperature data are still reliable. The temperature data judged to be in error were deleted.

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Table 1: Drift Buoy History

Buoy #	Deployment		Last Message Day(1)	Drogue Lost Day(1)	# Days Buoy Lasted	# Days Drogue was ON
	Day	Latitude Longitude				
2080	1887	1.79S 84.15W	1913	1913	26	26 (2) (7)
2081	1887	1.80S 84.15W	1990	1990	103	103 (2) (7)
2084	2006	0.74S 84.99W	2495	2006	489	0 (3) (6) (7)
2085	2007	0.74S 84.99W	2086	2086	79	80 (2) (7)
2086	2005	4.46S 85.05W	2476	2005	471	0 (3) (6) (7)
2087	2005	4.46S 85.05W	2494	2494	489	489 (2) (6) (7)
2088	2172	1.52S 88.98W	2236	2171	64	0 (3) (7)
2089	2172	1.35N 84.65W	2206	2172	34	0 (3) (7)
2090	2172	0.06N 85.09W	2180	2172	8	0 (3) (7)
2177	1352	12.62S 78.54W	1944	1467	592	115 (4) (5) (8)
2180	1384	13.02S 79.09W	1962	1489	578	105 (4) (5) (8)
2184	1780	1.04N 82.57W	1926	1926	146	146 (4) (5) (8)
2185	1660	10.50S 80.94W	2229	1910	569	250 (4) (5) (8)
2186	1663	4.96S 83.01W	1944	1764	281	101 (4) (5) (8)
2189	1888	1.85S 84.09W	1957	1957	69	69 (4) (8)
2192	1423	10.48S 82.21W	1920	1480	497	57 (4) (5) (8)
2193	1887	1.79S 84.15W	1945	1887	58	0 (3) (7)
4400	1414	3.77S 82.81W	2115	1557	701	143 (4) (5) (8)
4403	1768	2.75S 82.53W	2096	1836	328	68 (4) (5) (8)
4404	1408	0.01S 92.55W	1955	1778	547	370 (4) (5) (8)
4405	1413	0.09N 85.00W	1871	1629	458	216 (4) (5) (8)
4406	1636	15.03S 78.50W	2096	1750	460	114 (4) (5) (8)
4408	1556	10.51S 82.47W	1857	1686	301	130 (4) (5) (8)
4414	1552	5.12S 82.52W	2048	1732	496	180 (4) (5) (8)
4415	1603	1.95N 84.98W	2048	1948	445	348 (4) (5) (8)
4416	1544	4.50N 85.28W	2126	1844	582	300 (4) (5) (8)
4418	2172	1.20N 84.73W	2214	2172	42	0 (3) (8)
4419	2172	0.08N 85.09W	2179	2172	7	0 (3) (8)
4421	2172	1.04S 85.29W	2335	2172	163	0 (3) (8)

- (1) Base date for all buoys is January 1,1979. Table 2 shows conversion from Julian day to: day, month and year.
- (2) These buoys had drogue tethers attached, but no drogue sensor.
- (3) These buoys had no drogue tethers attached.
- (4) These buoys had drogue tethers 10 meters long.
- (5) These buoys were discussed in NOAA Data Report ERL AOML-7, therefore, we only cover here the period of buoy life not included then.
- (6) Buoy cut off at day 2343 for the purpose of this report, but they were still transmitting.
- (7) These are "mini" buoys built at AOML.
- (8) These are FGGE design buoys, constructed by PRL.

Table 2. Julian Day Conversion

1827	1	JAN 84	1883	26	FEB 84	1939	22	APR 84
1828	2	JAN 84	1884	27	FEB 84	1940	23	APR 84
1829	3	JAN 84	1885	28	FEB 84	1941	24	APR 84
1830	4	JAN 84	1886	29	FEB 84	1942	25	APR 84
1831	5	JAN 84	1887	1	MAR 84	1943	26	APR 84
1832	6	JAN 84	1888	2	MAR 84	1944	27	APR 84
1833	7	JAN 84	1889	3	MAR 84	1945	28	APR 84
1834	8	JAN 84	1890	4	MAR 84	1946	29	APR 84
1835	9	JAN 84	1891	5	MAR 84	1947	30	APR 84
1836	10	JAN 84	1892	6	MAR 84	1948	1	MAY 84
1837	11	JAN 84	1893	7	MAR 84	1949	2	MAY 84
1838	12	JAN 84	1894	8	MAR 84	1950	3	MAY 84
1839	13	JAN 84	1895	9	MAR 84	1951	4	MAY 84
1840	14	JAN 84	1896	10	MAR 84	1952	5	MAY 84
1841	15	JAN 84	1897	11	MAR 84	1953	6	MAY 84
1842	16	JAN 84	1898	12	MAR 84	1954	7	MAY 84
1843	17	JAN 84	1899	13	MAR 84	1955	8	MAY 84
1844	18	JAN 84	1900	14	MAR 84	1956	9	MAY 84
1845	19	JAN 84	1901	15	MAR 84	1957	10	MAY 84
1846	20	JAN 84	1902	16	MAR 84	1958	11	MAY 84
1847	21	JAN 84	1903	17	MAR 84	1959	12	MAY 84
1848	22	JAN 84	1904	18	MAR 84	1960	13	MAY 84
1849	23	JAN 84	1905	19	MAR 84	1961	14	MAY 84
1850	24	JAN 84	1906	20	MAR 84	1962	15	MAY 84
1851	25	JAN 84	1907	21	MAR 84	1963	16	MAY 84
1852	26	JAN 84	1908	22	MAR 84	1964	17	MAY 84
1853	27	JAN 84	1909	23	MAR 84	1965	18	MAY 84
1854	28	JAN 84	1910	24	MAR 84	1966	19	MAY 84
1855	29	JAN 84	1911	25	MAR 84	1967	20	MAY 84
1856	30	JAN 84	1912	26	MAR 84	1968	21	MAY 84
1857	31	JAN 84	1913	27	MAR 84	1969	22	MAY 84
1858	1	FEB 84	1914	28	MAR 84	1970	23	MAY 84
1859	2	FEB 84	1915	29	MAR 84	1971	24	MAY 84
1860	3	FEB 84	1916	30	MAR 84	1972	25	MAY 84
1861	4	FEB 84	1917	31	MAR 84	1973	26	MAY 84
1862	5	FEB 84	1918	1	APR 84	1974	27	MAY 84
1863	6	FEB 84	1919	2	APR 84	1975	28	MAY 84
1864	7	FEB 84	1920	3	APR 84	1976	29	MAY 84
1865	8	FEB 84	1921	4	APR 84	1977	30	MAY 84
1866	9	FEB 84	1922	5	APR 84	1978	31	MAY 84
1867	10	FEB 84	1923	6	APR 84	1979	1	JUN 84
1868	11	FEB 84	1924	7	APR 84	1980	2	JUN 84
1869	12	FEB 84	1925	8	APR 84	1981	3	JUN 84
1870	13	FEB 84	1926	9	APR 84	1982	4	JUN 84
1871	14	FEB 84	1927	10	APR 84	1983	5	JUN 84
1872	15	FEB 84	1928	11	APR 84	1984	6	JUN 84
1873	16	FEB 84	1929	12	APR 84	1985	7	JUN 84
1874	17	FEB 84	1930	13	APR 84	1986	8	JUN 84
1875	18	FEB 84	1931	14	APR 84	1987	9	JUN 84
1876	19	FEB 84	1932	15	APR 84	1988	10	JUN 84
1877	20	FEB 84	1933	16	APR 84	1989	11	JUN 84
1878	21	FEB 84	1934	17	APR 84	1990	12	JUN 84
1879	22	FEB 84	1935	18	APR 84	1991	13	JUN 84
1880	23	FEB 84	1936	19	APR 84	1992	14	JUN 84
1881	24	FEB 84	1937	20	APR 84	1993	15	JUN 84
1882	25	FEB 84	1938	21	APR 84	1994	16	JUN 84

Table 2. (continued)

1995	17	JUN	84	2051	12	AUG	84	2107	7	OCT	84
1996	18	JUN	84	2052	13	AUG	84	2108	8	OCT	84
1997	19	JUN	84	2053	14	AUG	84	2109	9	OCT	84
1998	20	JUN	84	2054	15	AUG	84	2110	10	OCT	84
1999	21	JUN	84	2055	16	AUG	84	2111	11	OCT	84
2000	22	JUN	84	2056	17	AUG	84	2112	12	OCT	84
2001	23	JUN	84	2057	18	AUG	84	2113	13	OCT	84
2002	24	JUN	84	2058	19	AUG	84	2114	14	OCT	84
2003	25	JUN	84	2059	20	AUG	84	2115	15	OCT	84
2004	26	JUN	84	2060	21	AUG	84	2116	16	OCT	84
2005	27	JUN	84	2061	22	AUG	84	2117	17	OCT	84
2006	28	JUN	84	2062	23	AUG	84	2118	18	OCT	84
2007	29	JUN	84	2063	24	AUG	84	2119	19	OCT	84
2008	30	JUN	84	2064	25	AUG	84	2120	20	OCT	84
2009	1	JUL	84	2065	26	AUG	84	2121	21	OCT	84
2010	2	JUL	84	2066	27	AUG	84	2122	22	OCT	84
2011	3	JUL	84	2067	28	AUG	84	2123	23	OCT	84
2012	4	JUL	84	2068	29	AUG	84	2124	24	OCT	84
2013	5	JUL	84	2069	30	AUG	84	2125	25	OCT	84
2014	6	JUL	84	2070	31	AUG	84	2126	26	OCT	84
2015	7	JUL	84	2071	1	SEP	84	2127	27	OCT	84
2016	8	JUL	84	2072	2	SEP	84	2128	28	OCT	84
2017	9	JUL	84	2073	3	SEP	84	2129	29	OCT	84
2018	10	JUL	84	2074	4	SEP	84	2130	30	OCT	84
2019	11	JUL	84	2075	5	SEP	84	2131	31	OCT	84
2020	12	JUL	84	2076	6	SEP	84	2132	1	NOV	84
2021	13	JUL	84	2077	7	SEP	84	2133	2	NOV	84
2022	14	JUL	84	2078	8	SEP	84	2134	3	NOV	84
2023	15	JUL	84	2079	9	SEP	84	2135	4	NOV	84
2024	16	JUL	84	2080	10	SEP	84	2136	5	NOV	84
2025	17	JUL	84	2081	11	SEP	84	2137	6	NOV	84
2026	18	JUL	84	2082	12	SEP	84	2138	7	NOV	84
2027	19	JUL	84	2083	13	SEP	84	2139	8	NOV	84
2028	20	JUL	84	2084	14	SEP	84	2140	9	NOV	84
2029	21	JUL	84	2085	15	SEP	84	2141	10	NOV	84
2030	22	JUL	84	2086	16	SEP	84	2142	11	NOV	84
2031	23	JUL	84	2087	17	SEP	84	2143	12	NOV	84
2032	24	JUL	84	2088	18	SEP	84	2144	13	NOV	84
2033	25	JUL	84	2089	19	SEP	84	2145	14	NOV	84
2034	26	JUL	84	2090	20	SEP	84	2146	15	NOV	84
2035	27	JUL	84	2091	21	SEP	84	2147	16	NOV	84
2036	28	JUL	84	2092	22	SEP	84	2148	17	NOV	84
2037	29	JUL	84	2093	23	SEP	84	2149	18	NOV	84
2038	30	JUL	84	2094	24	SEP	84	2150	19	NOV	84
2039	31	JUL	84	2095	25	SEP	84	2151	20	NOV	84
2040	1	AUG	84	2096	26	SEP	84	2152	21	NOV	84
2041	2	AUG	84	2097	27	SEP	84	2153	22	NOV	84
2042	3	AUG	84	2098	28	SEP	84	2154	23	NOV	84
2043	4	AUG	84	2099	29	SEP	84	2155	24	NOV	84
2044	5	AUG	84	2100	30	SEP	84	2156	25	NOV	84
2045	6	AUG	84	2101	1	OCT	84	2157	26	NOV	84
2046	7	AUG	84	2102	2	OCT	84	2158	27	NOV	84
2047	8	AUG	84	2103	3	OCT	84	2159	28	NOV	84
2048	9	AUG	84	2104	4	OCT	84	2160	29	NOV	84
2049	10	AUG	84	2105	5	OCT	84	2161	30	NOV	84
2050	11	AUG	84	2106	6	OCT	84	2162	1	DEC	84

Table 2. (continued)

2163	2 DEC 84	2219	27 JAN 85	2275	24 MAR 85
2164	3 DEC 84	2220	28 JAN 85	2276	25 MAR 85
2165	4 DEC 84	2221	29 JAN 85	2277	26 MAR 85
2166	5 DEC 84	2222	30 JAN 85	2278	27 MAR 85
2167	6 DEC 84	2223	31 JAN 85	2279	28 MAR 85
2168	7 DEC 84	2224	1 FEB 85	2280	29 MAR 85
2169	8 DEC 84	2225	2 FEB 85	2281	30 MAR 85
2170	9 DEC 84	2226	3 FEB 85	2282	31 MAR 85
2171	10 DEC 84	2227	4 FEB 85	2283	1 APR 85
2172	11 DEC 84	2228	5 FEB 85	2284	2 APR 85
2173	12 DEC 84	2229	6 FEB 85	2285	3 APR 85
2174	13 DEC 84	2230	7 FEB 85	2286	4 APR 85
2175	14 DEC 84	2231	8 FEB 85	2287	5 APR 85
2176	15 DEC 84	2232	9 FEB 85	2288	6 APR 85
2177	16 DEC 84	2233	10 FEB 85	2289	7 APR 85
2178	17 DEC 84	2234	11 FEB 85	2290	8 APR 85
2179	18 DEC 84	2235	12 FEB 85	2291	9 APR 85
2180	19 DEC 84	2236	13 FEB 85	2292	10 APR 85
2181	20 DEC 84	2237	14 FEB 85	2293	11 APR 85
2182	21 DEC 84	2238	15 FEB 85	2294	12 APR 85
2183	22 DEC 84	2239	16 FEB 85	2295	13 APR 85
2184	23 DEC 84	2240	17 FEB 85	2296	14 APR 85
2185	24 DEC 84	2241	18 FEB 85	2297	15 APR 85
2186	25 DEC 84	2242	19 FEB 85	2298	16 APR 85
2187	26 DEC 84	2243	20 FEB 85	2299	17 APR 85
2188	27 DEC 84	2244	21 FEB 85	2300	18 APR 85
2189	28 DEC 84	2245	22 FEB 85	2301	19 APR 85
2190	29 DEC 84	2246	23 FEB 85	2302	20 APR 85
2191	30 DEC 84	2247	24 FEB 85	2303	21 APR 85
2192	31 DEC 84	2248	25 FEB 85	2304	22 APR 85
2193	1 JAN 85	2249	26 FEB 85	2305	23 APR 85
2194	2 JAN 85	2250	27 FEB 85	2306	24 APR 85
2195	3 JAN 85	2251	28 FEB 85	2307	25 APR 85
2196	4 JAN 85	2252	1 MAR 85	2308	26 APR 85
2197	5 JAN 85	2253	2 MAR 85	2309	27 APR 85
2198	6 JAN 85	2254	3 MAR 85	2310	28 APR 85
2199	7 JAN 85	2255	4 MAR 85	2311	29 APR 85
2200	8 JAN 85	2256	5 MAR 85	2312	30 APR 85
2201	9 JAN 85	2257	6 MAR 85	2313	1 MAY 85
2202	10 JAN 85	2258	7 MAR 85	2314	2 MAY 85
2203	11 JAN 85	2259	8 MAR 85	2315	3 MAY 85
2204	12 JAN 85	2260	9 MAR 85	2316	4 MAY 85
2205	13 JAN 85	2261	10 MAR 85	2317	5 MAY 85
2206	14 JAN 85	2262	11 MAR 85	2318	6 MAY 85
2207	15 JAN 85	2263	12 MAR 85	2319	7 MAY 85
2208	16 JAN 85	2264	13 MAR 85	2320	8 MAY 85
2209	17 JAN 85	2265	14 MAR 85	2321	9 MAY 85
2210	18 JAN 85	2266	15 MAR 85	2322	10 MAY 85
2211	19 JAN 85	2267	16 MAR 85	2323	11 MAY 85
2212	20 JAN 85	2268	17 MAR 85	2324	12 MAY 85
2213	21 JAN 85	2269	18 MAR 85	2325	13 MAY 85
2214	22 JAN 85	2270	19 MAR 85	2326	14 MAY 85
2215	23 JAN 85	2271	20 MAR 85	2327	15 MAY 85
2216	24 JAN 85	2272	21 MAR 85	2328	16 MAY 85
2217	25 JAN 85	2273	22 MAR 85	2329	17 MAY 85
2218	26 JAN 85	2274	23 MAR 85	2330	18 MAY 85

Table 2. (continued)

2331	19	MAY	85	2387	14	JUL	85	2443	8	SEP	85
2332	20	MAY	85	2388	15	JUL	85	2444	9	SEP	85
2333	21	MAY	85	2389	16	JUL	85	2445	10	SEP	85
2334	22	MAY	85	2390	17	JUL	85	2446	11	SEP	85
2335	23	MAY	85	2391	18	JUL	85	2447	12	SEP	85
2336	24	MAY	85	2392	19	JUL	85	2448	13	SEP	85
2337	25	MAY	85	2393	20	JUL	85	2449	14	SEP	85
2338	26	MAY	85	2394	21	JUL	85	2450	15	SEP	85
2339	27	MAY	85	2395	22	JUL	85	2451	16	SEP	85
2340	28	MAY	85	2396	23	JUL	85	2452	17	SEP	85
2341	29	MAY	85	2397	24	JUL	85	2453	18	SEP	85
2342	30	MAY	85	2398	25	JUL	85	2454	19	SEP	85
2343	31	MAY	85	2399	26	JUL	85	2455	20	SEP	85
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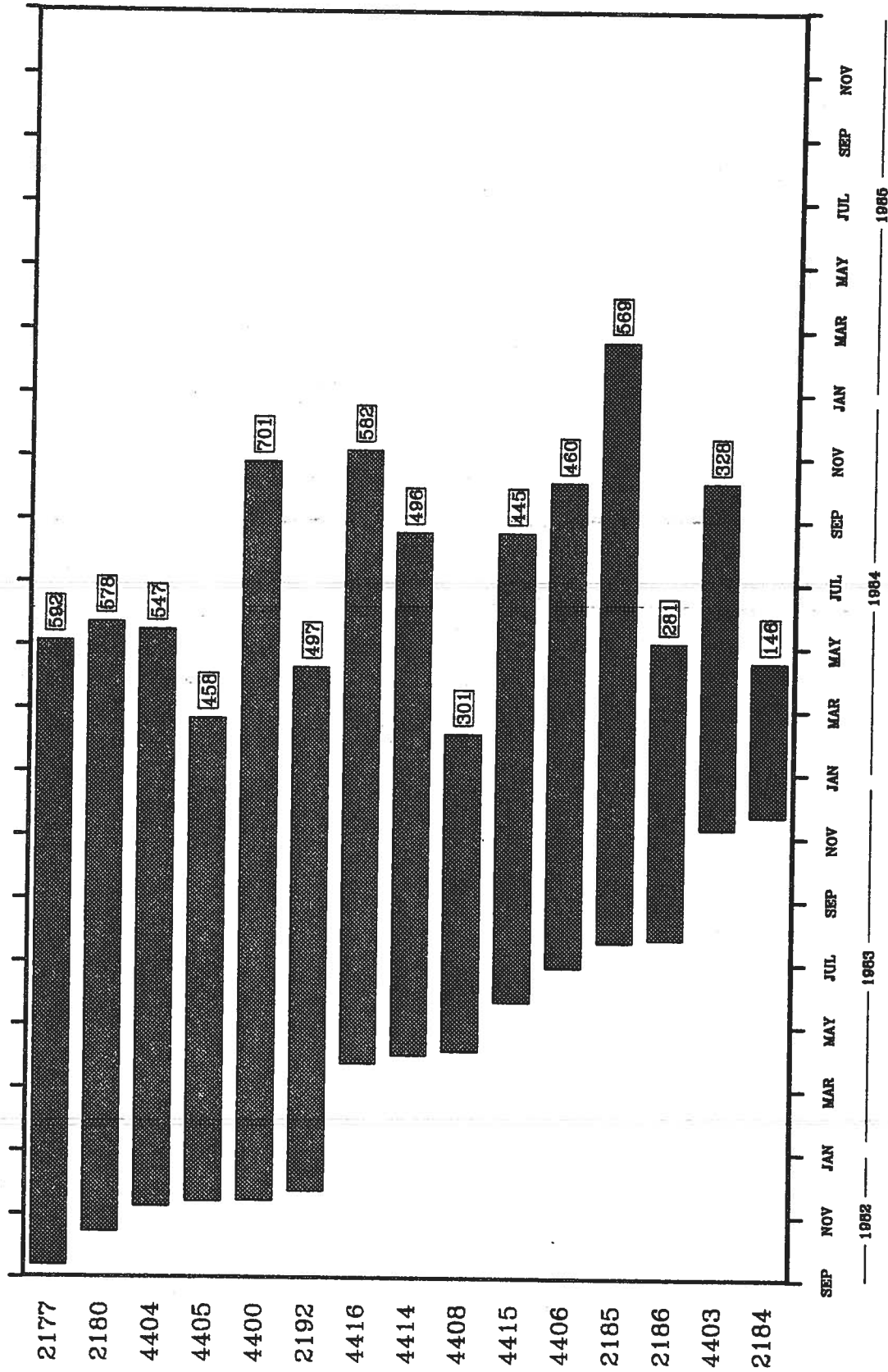


Figure 1. Time span of data from drifting buoys included in this report.

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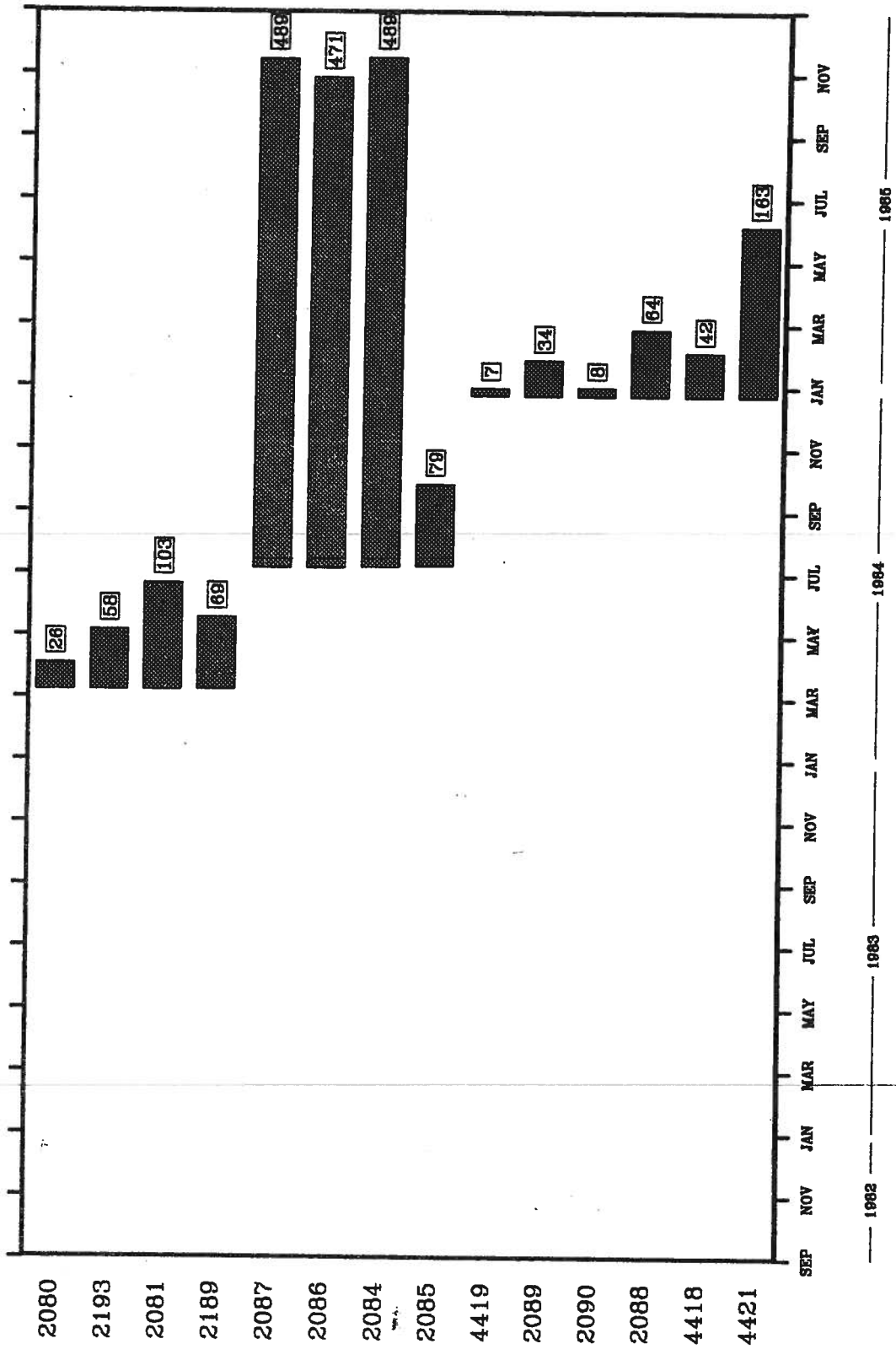


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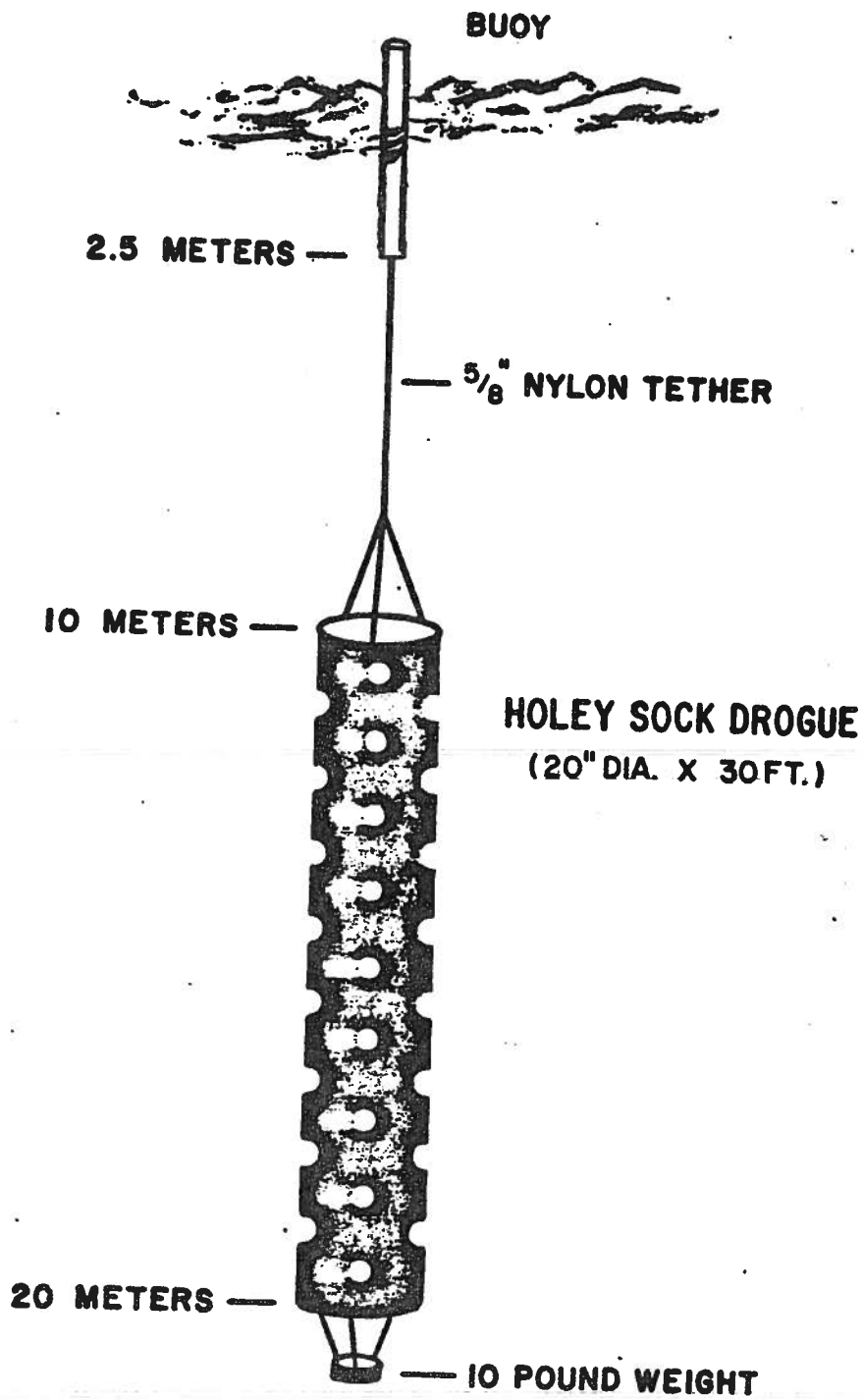


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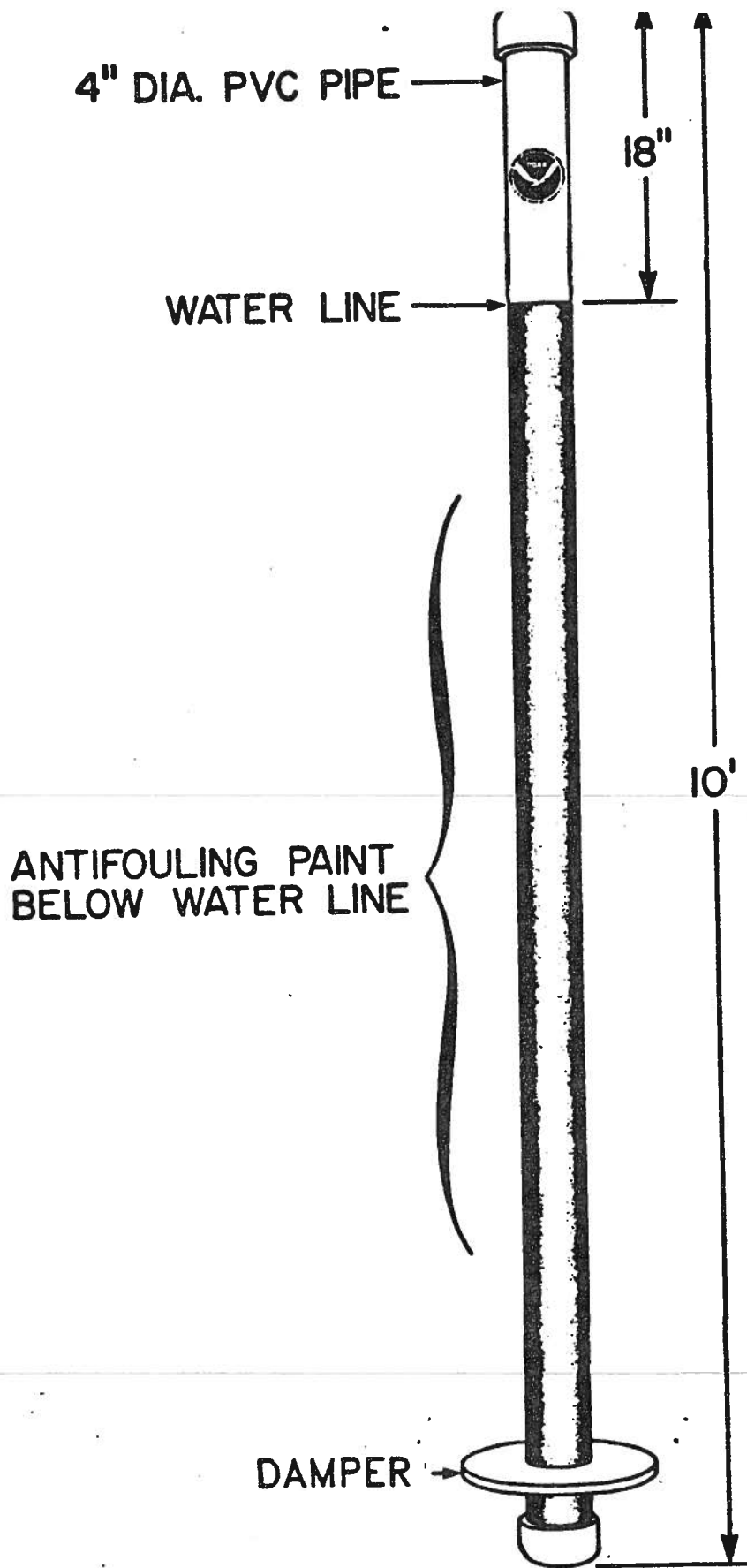
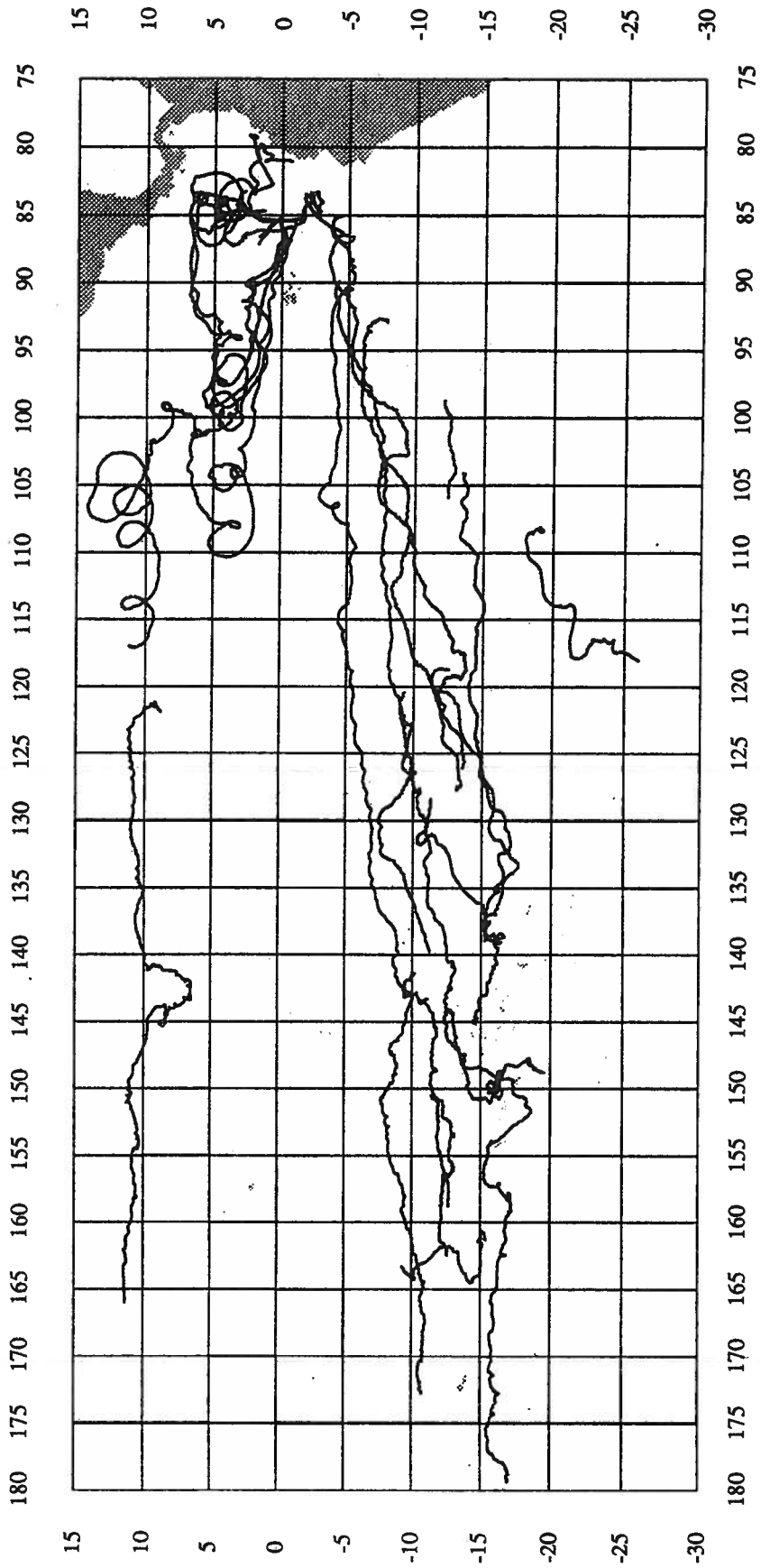
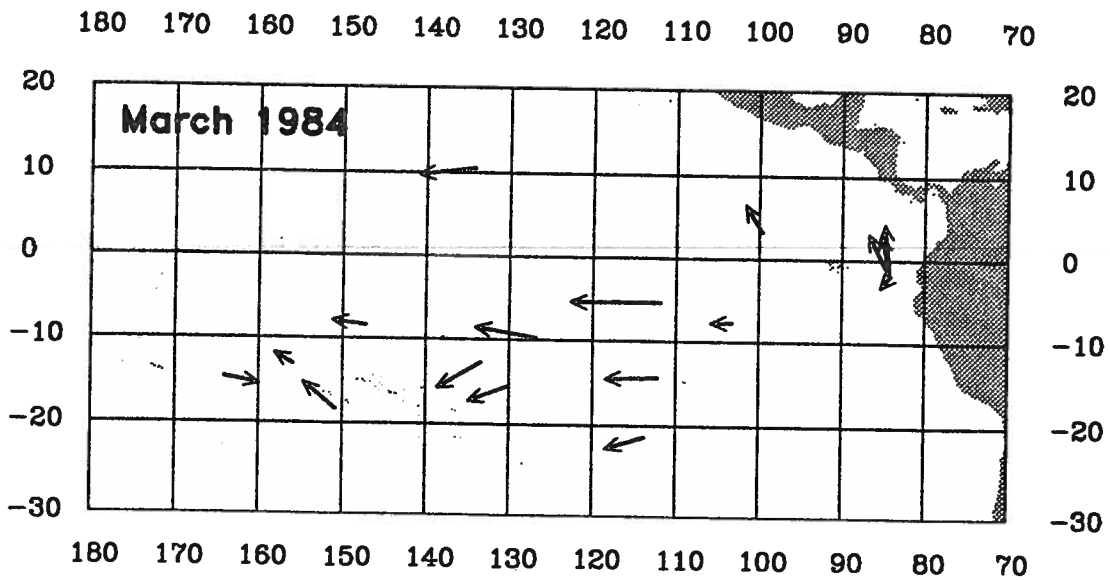
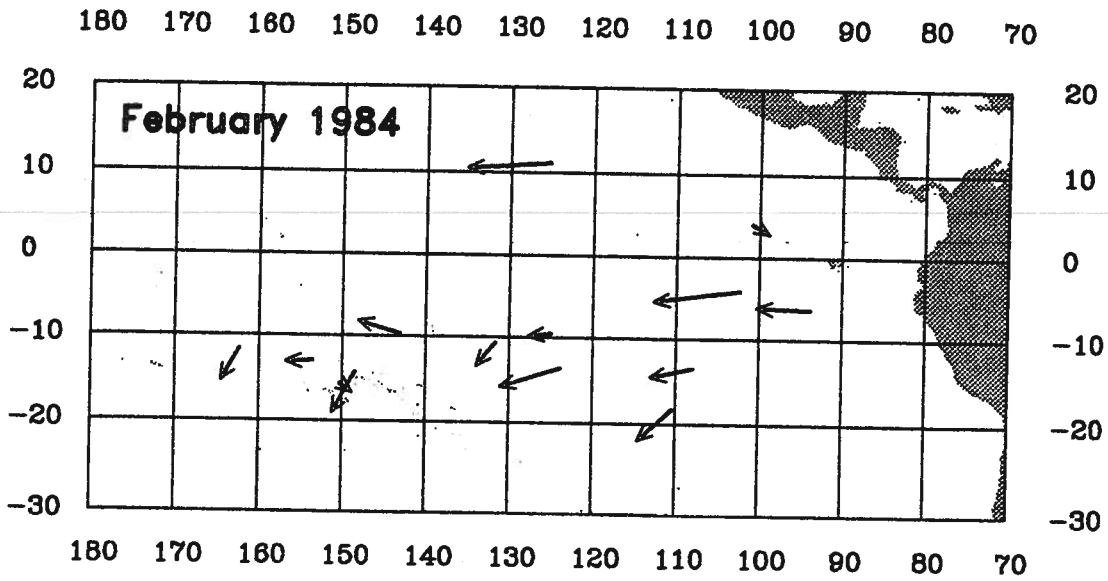
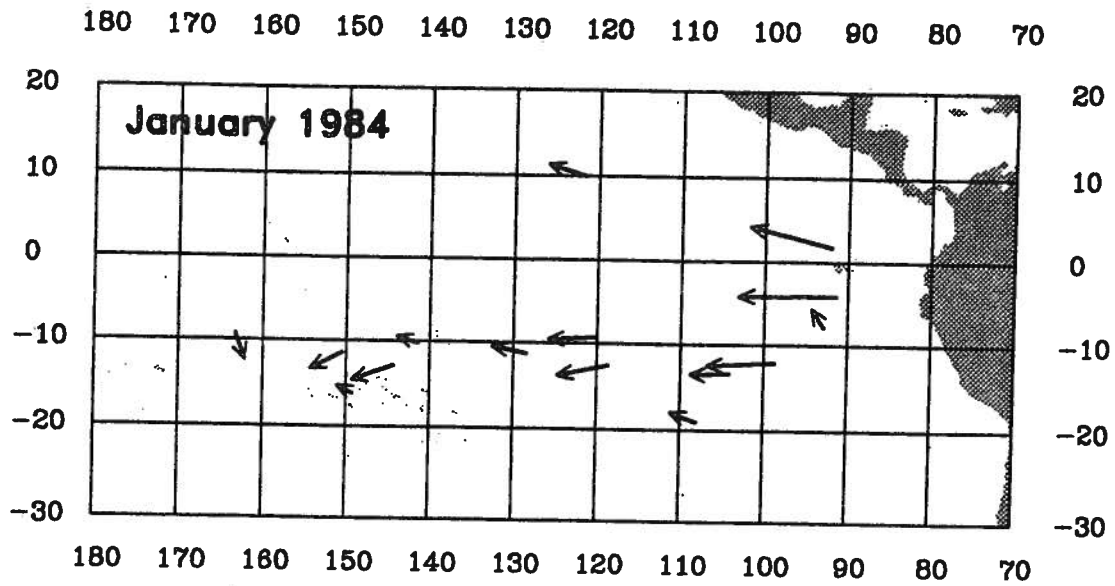


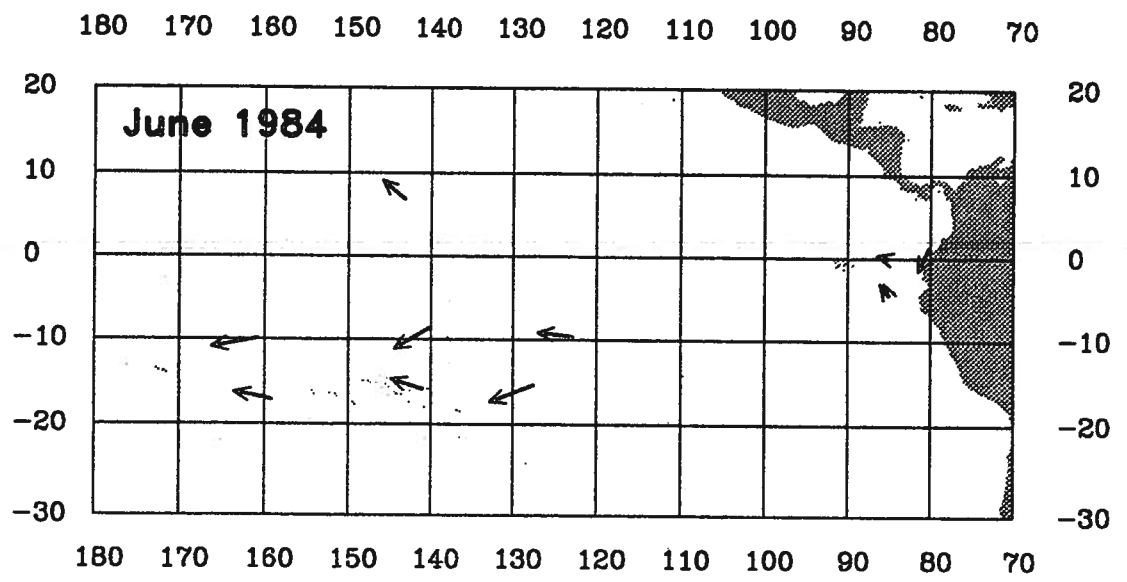
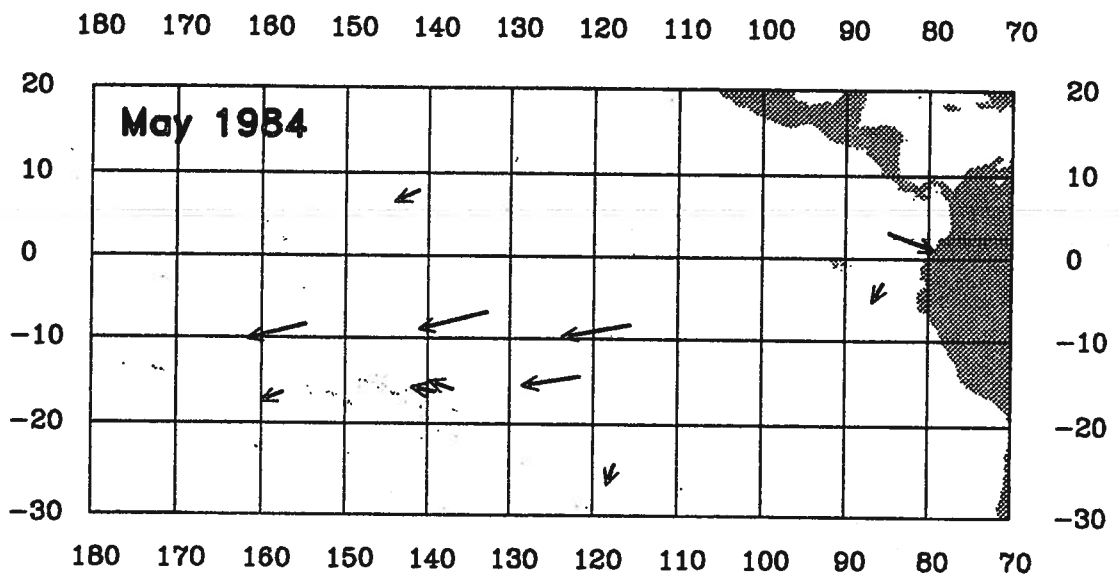
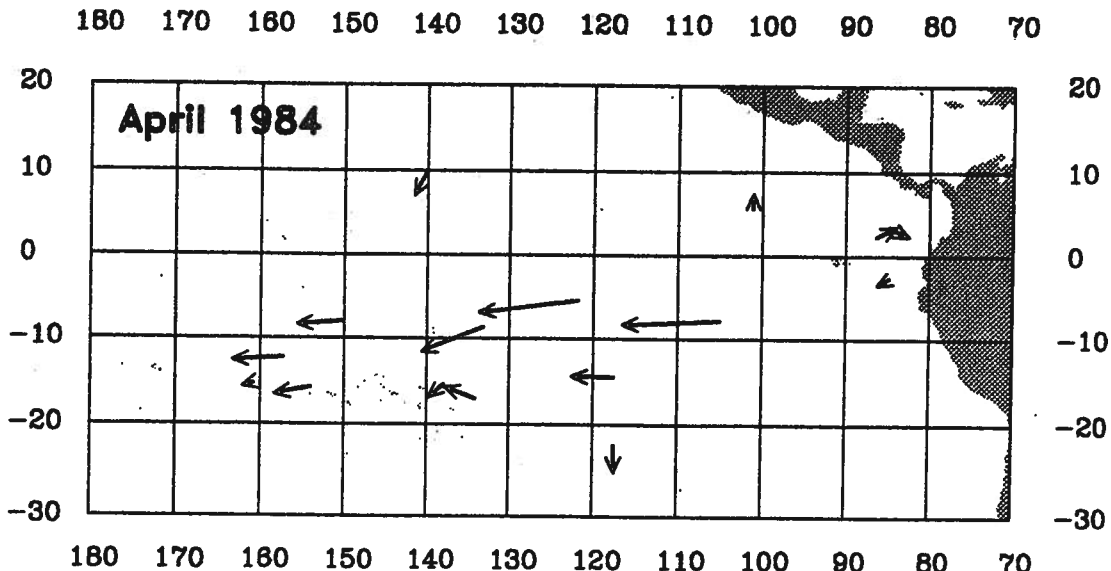
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Composite plot of all trajectories from January 1, 1984 thru May 31, 1985

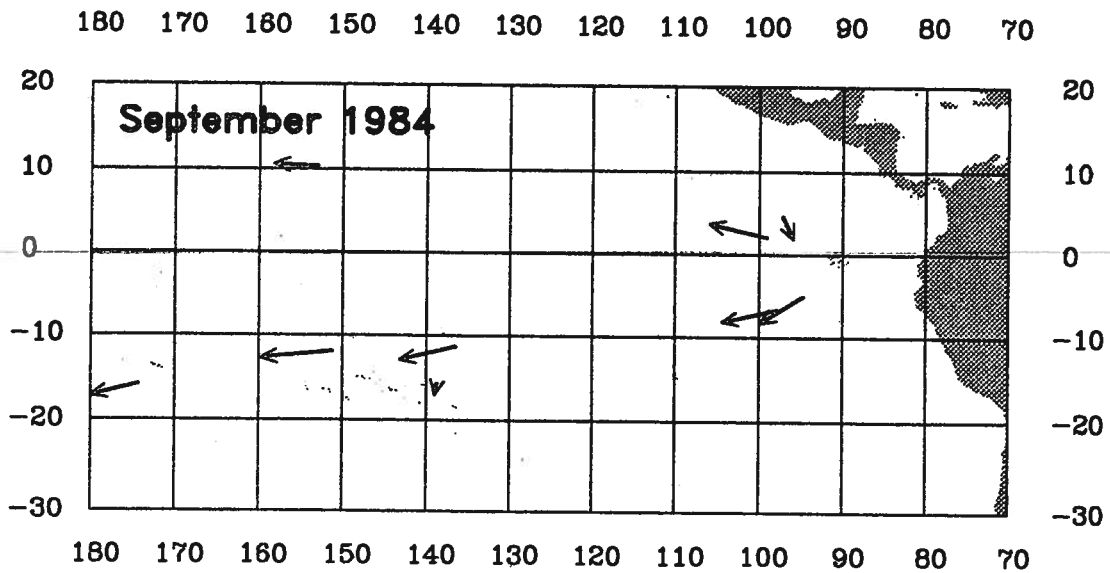
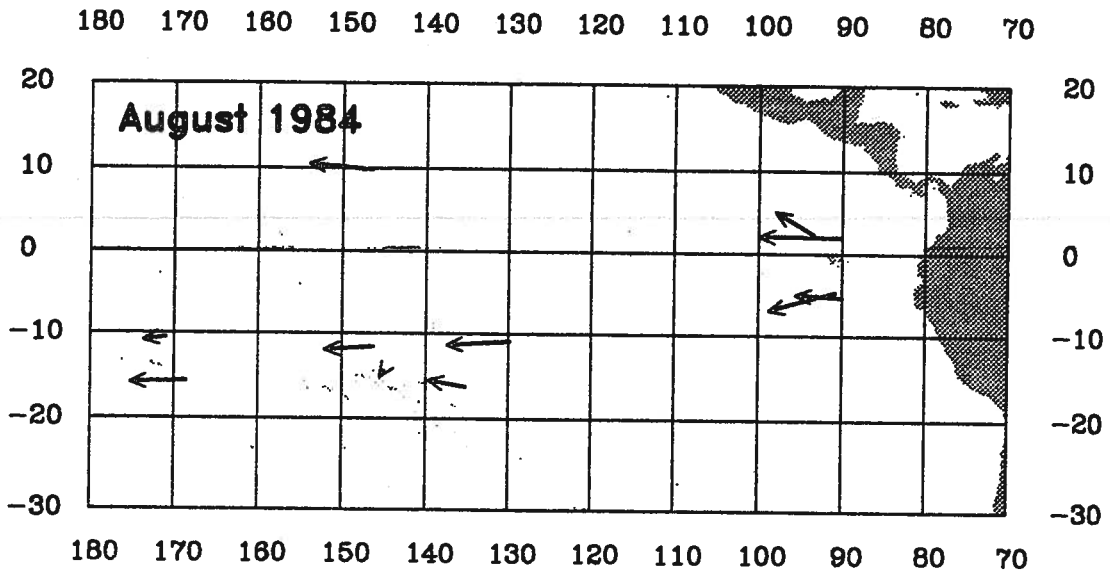
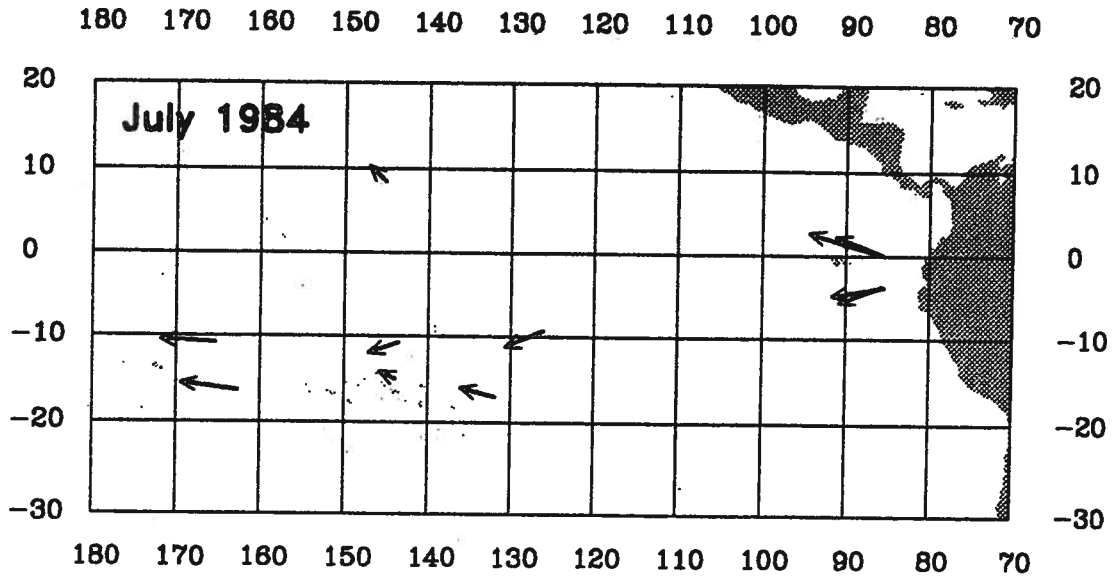




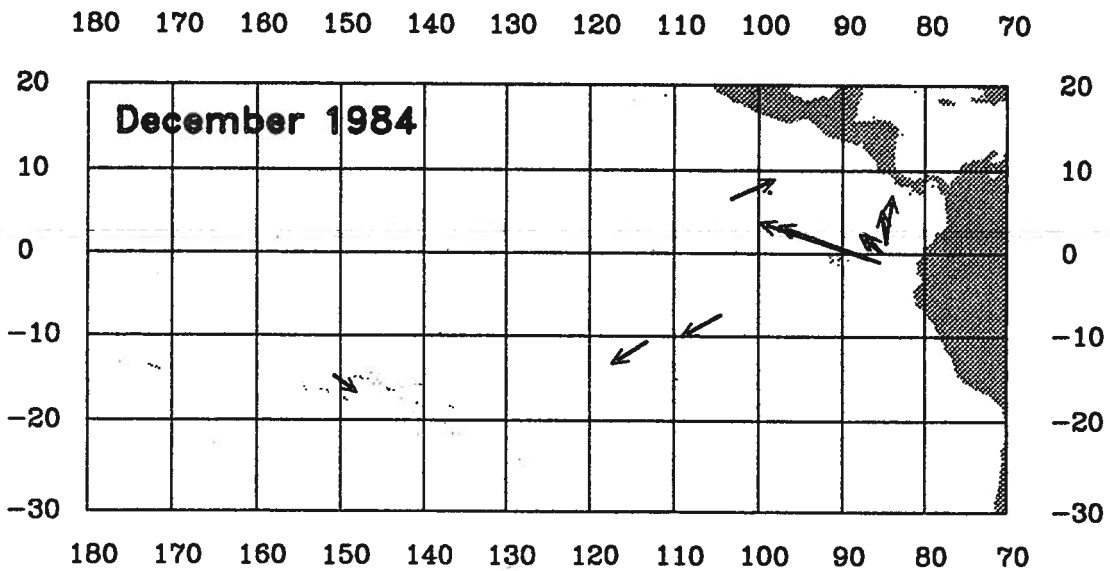
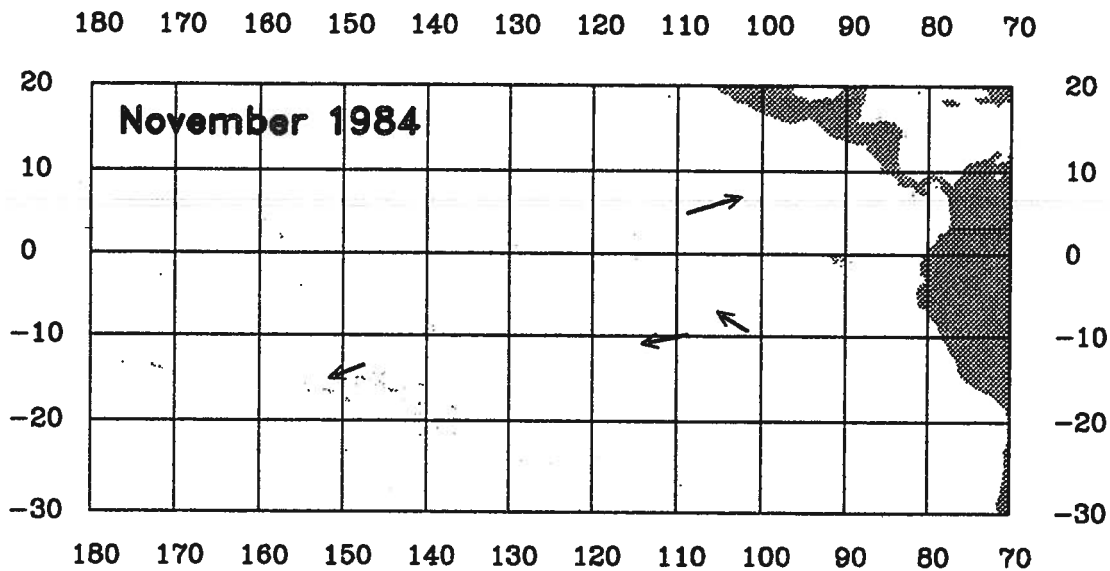
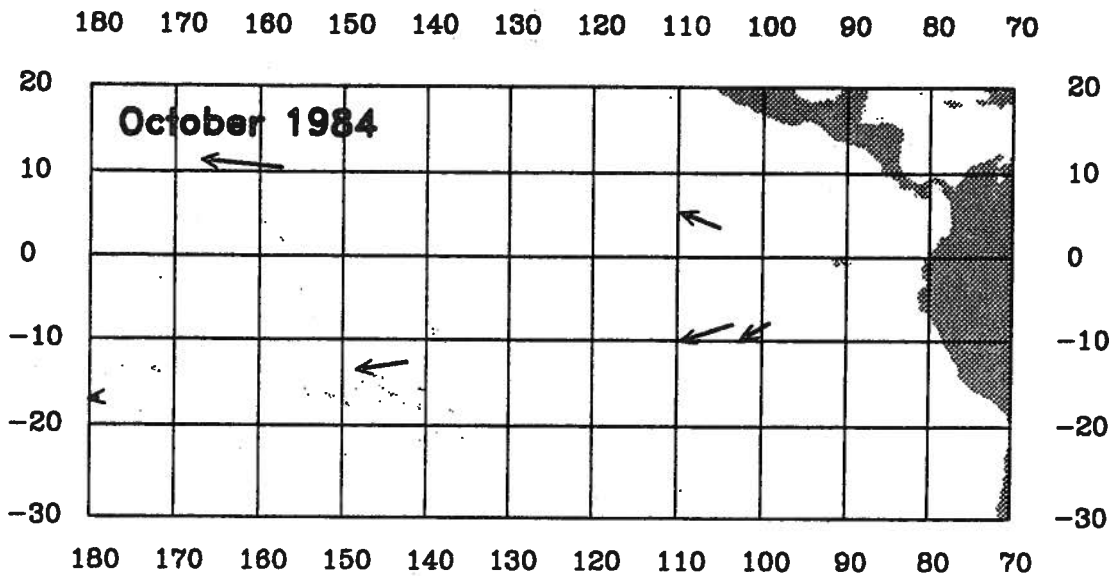
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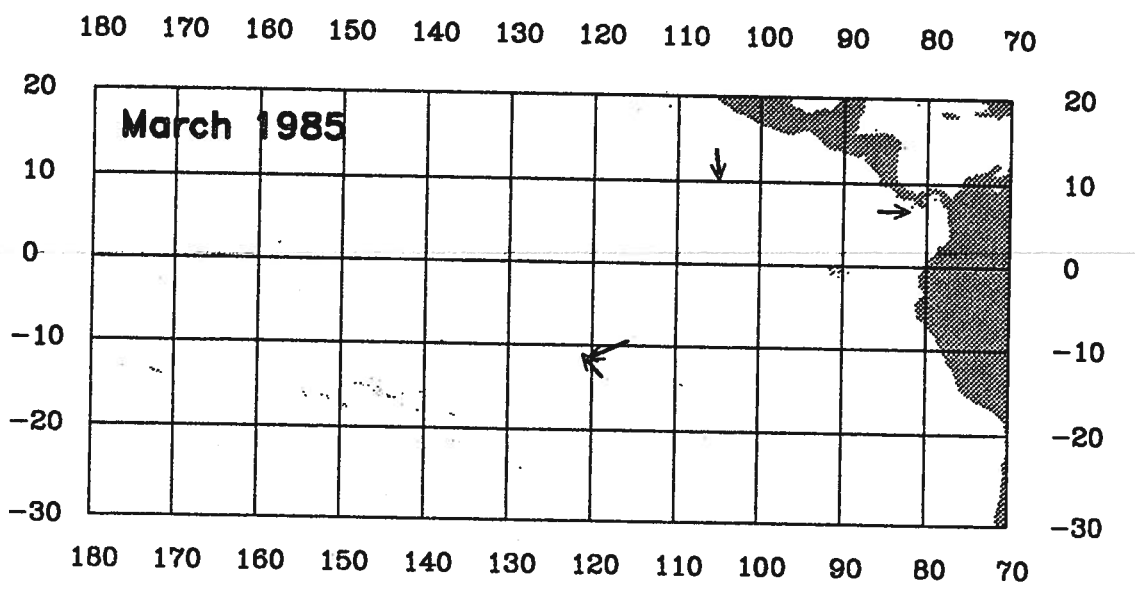
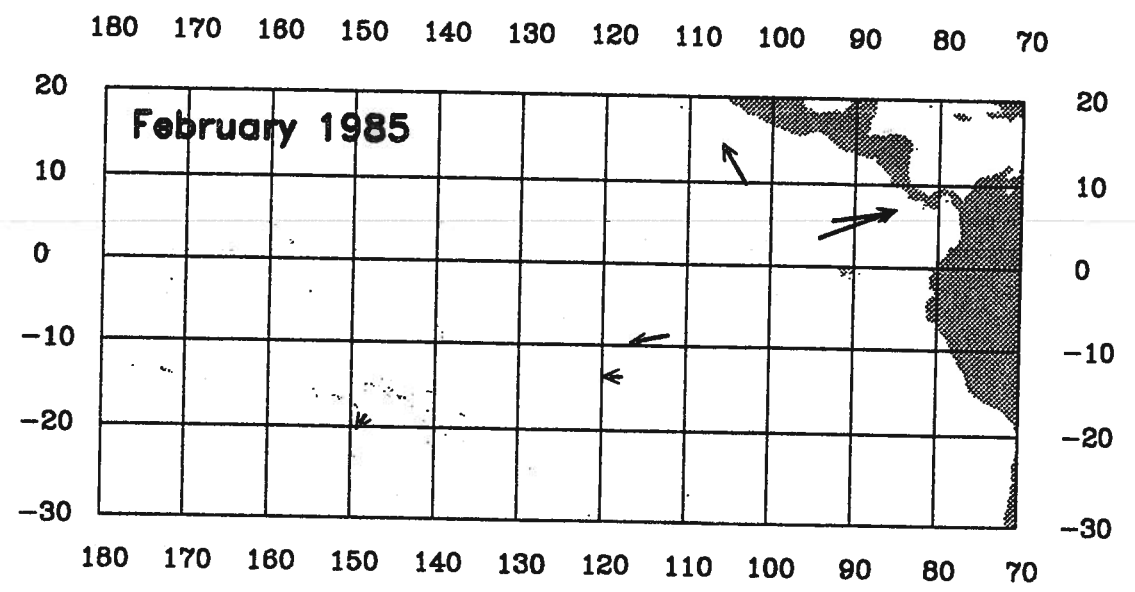
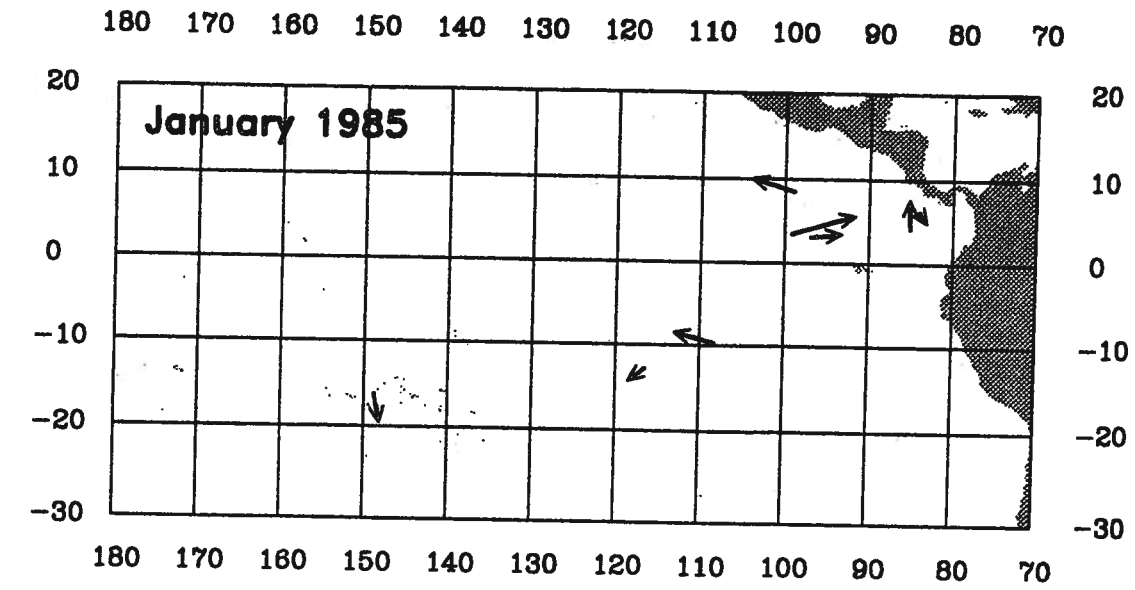
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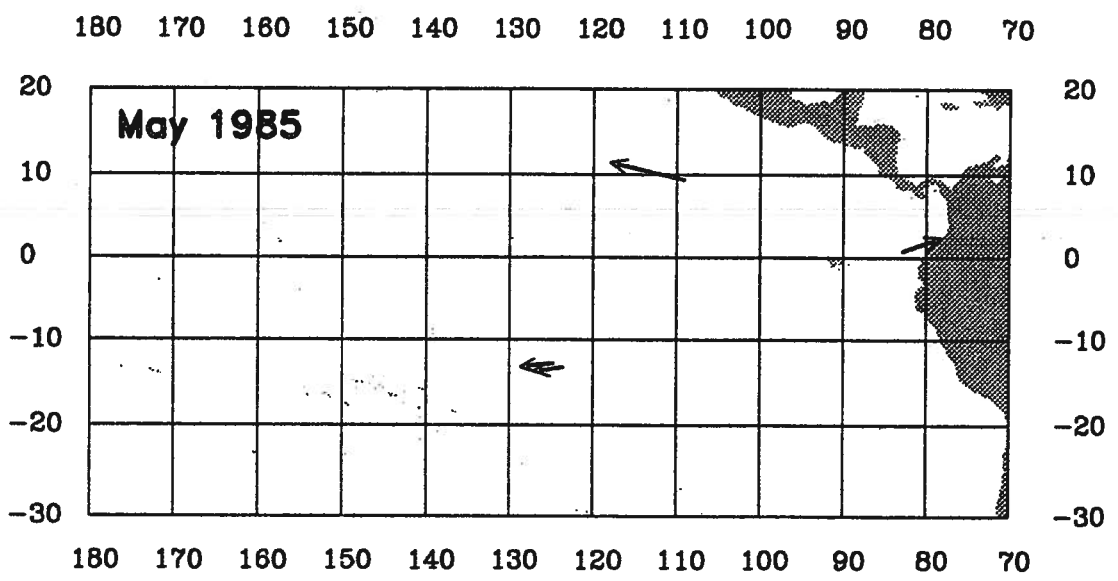
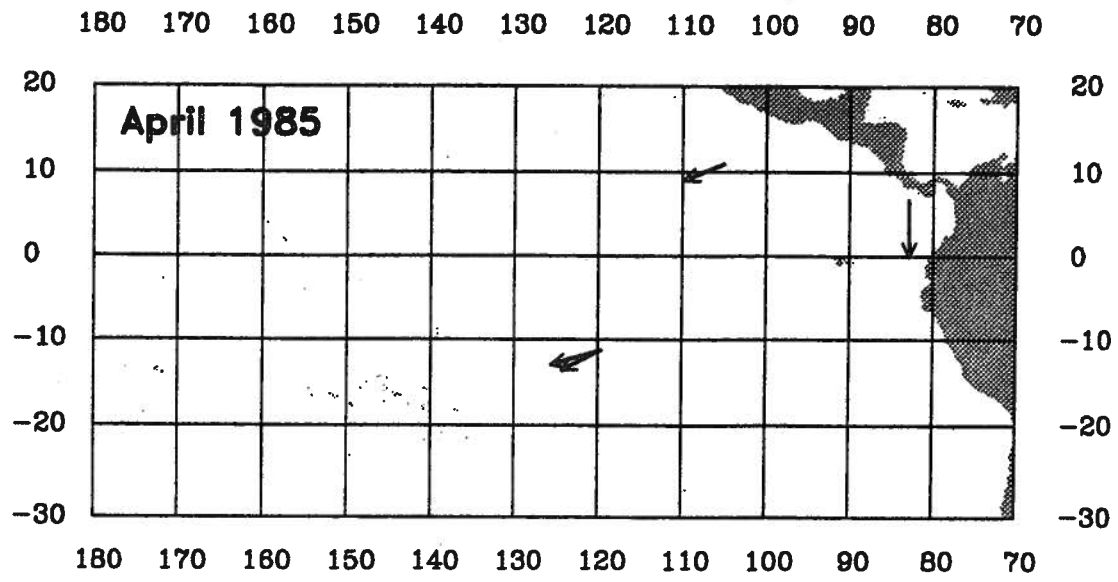
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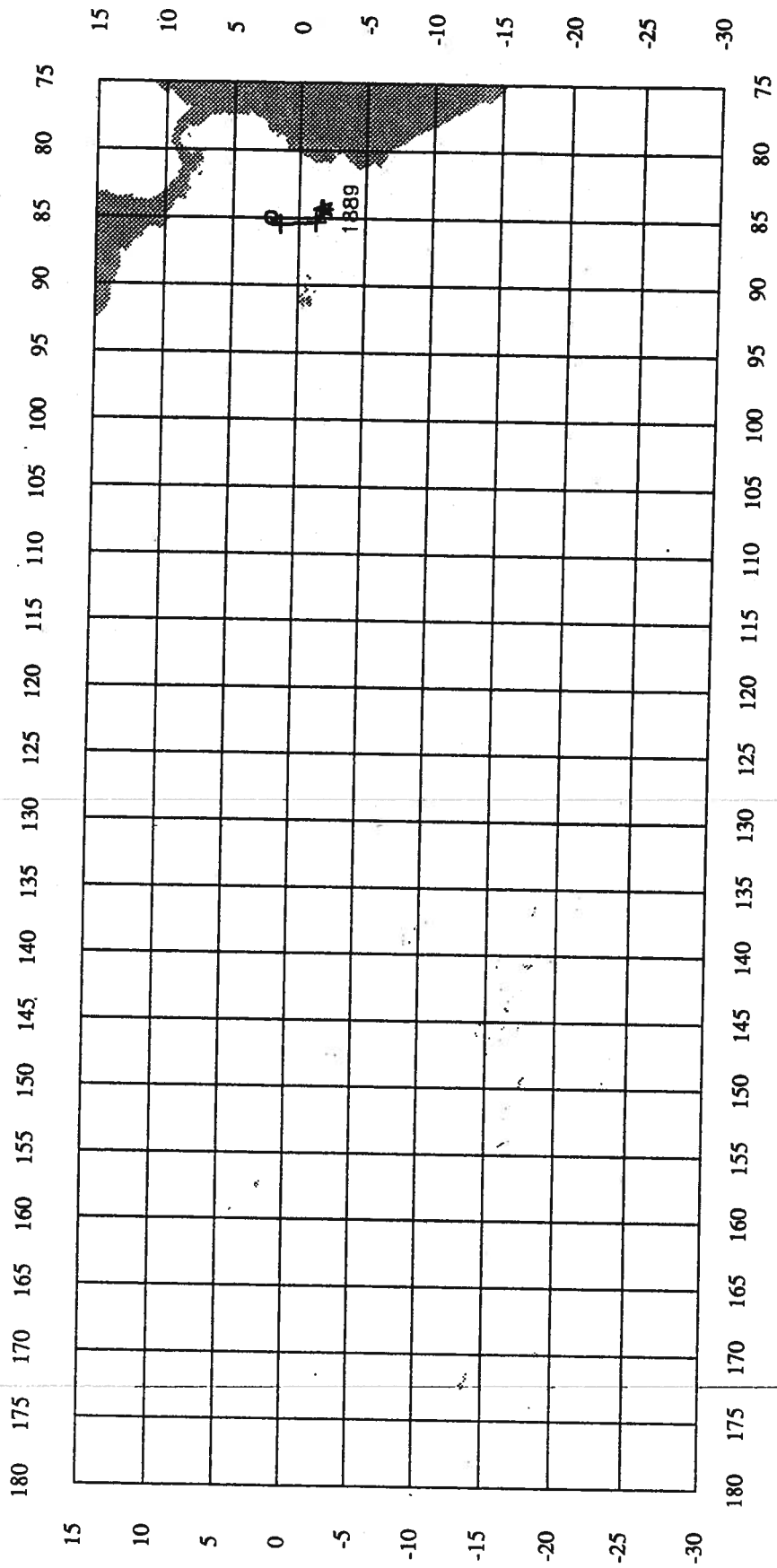


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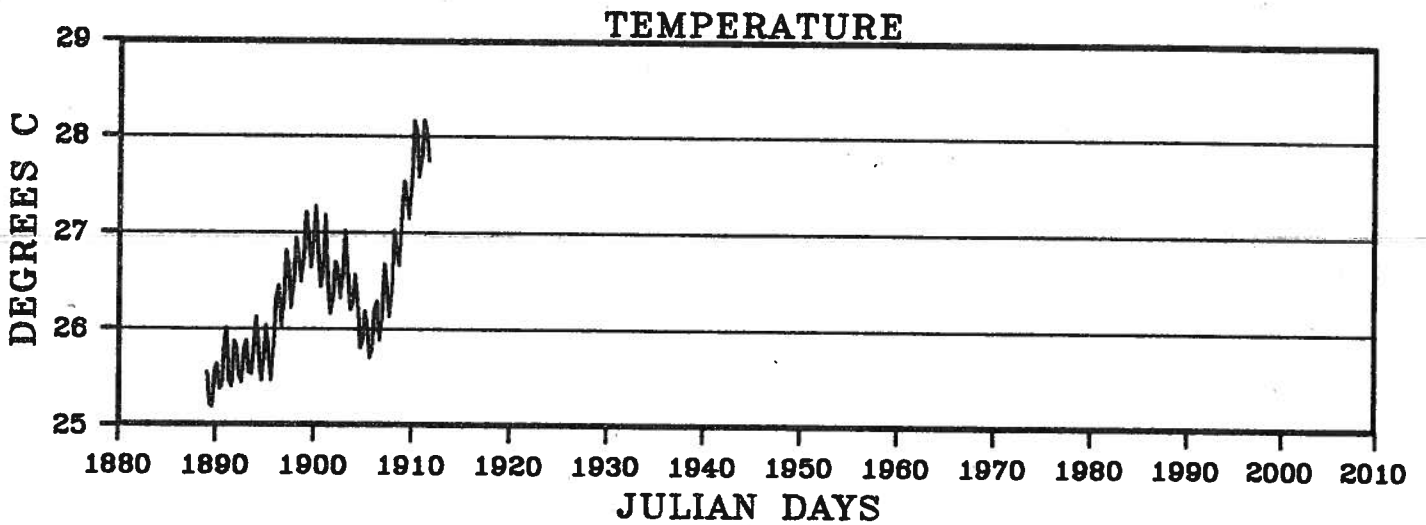
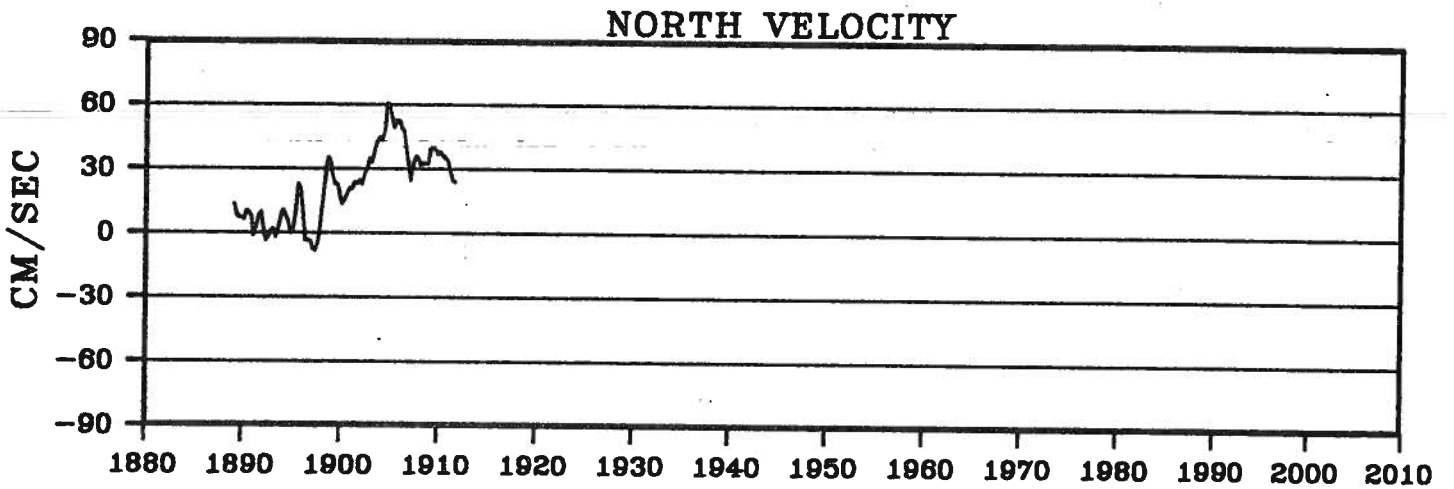
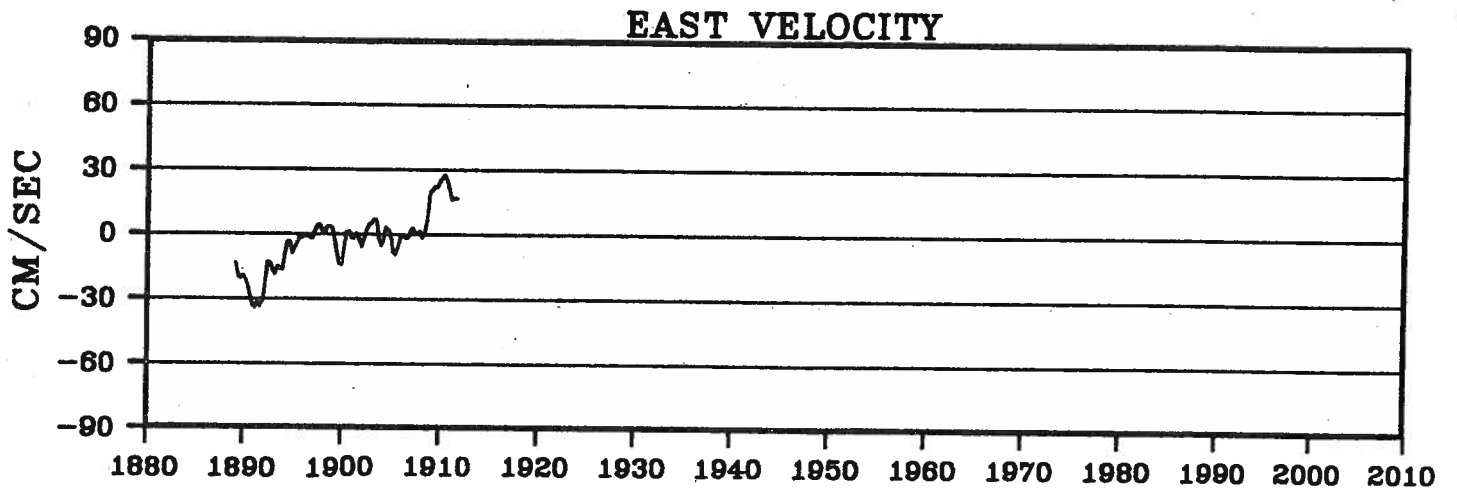


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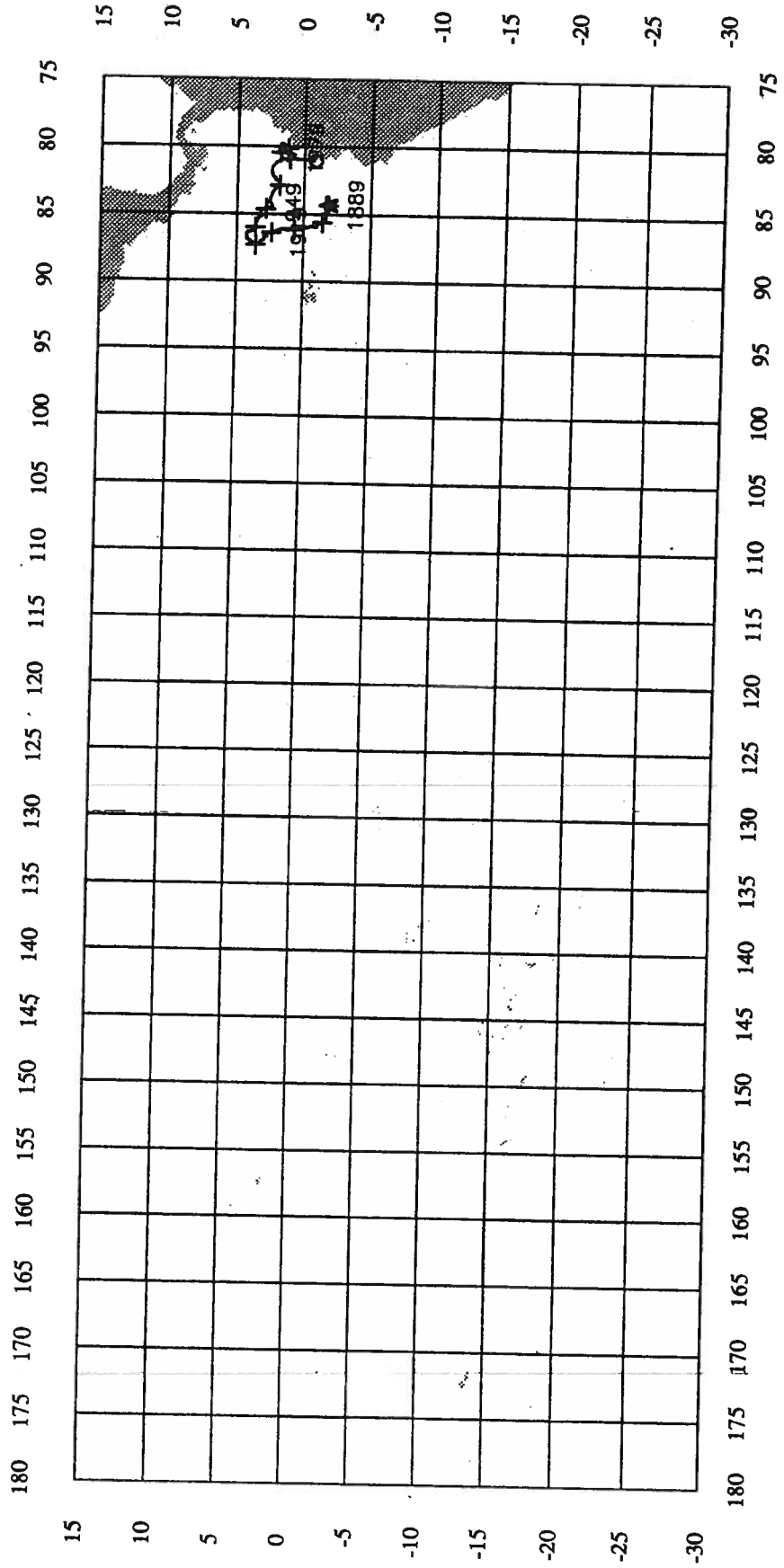
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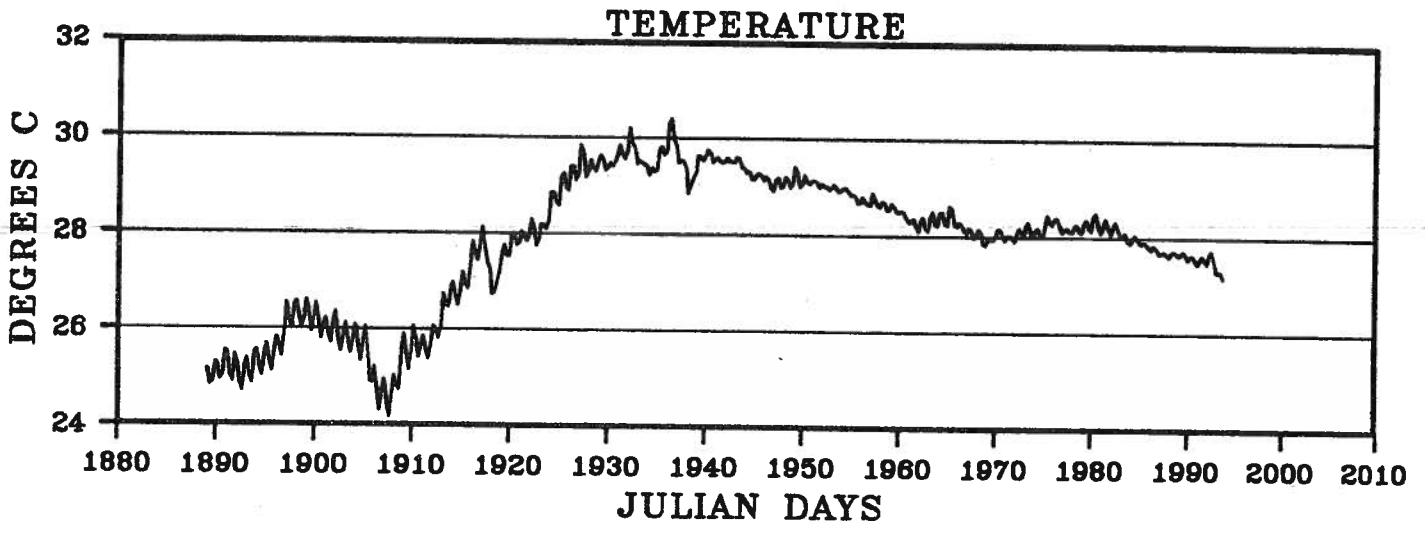
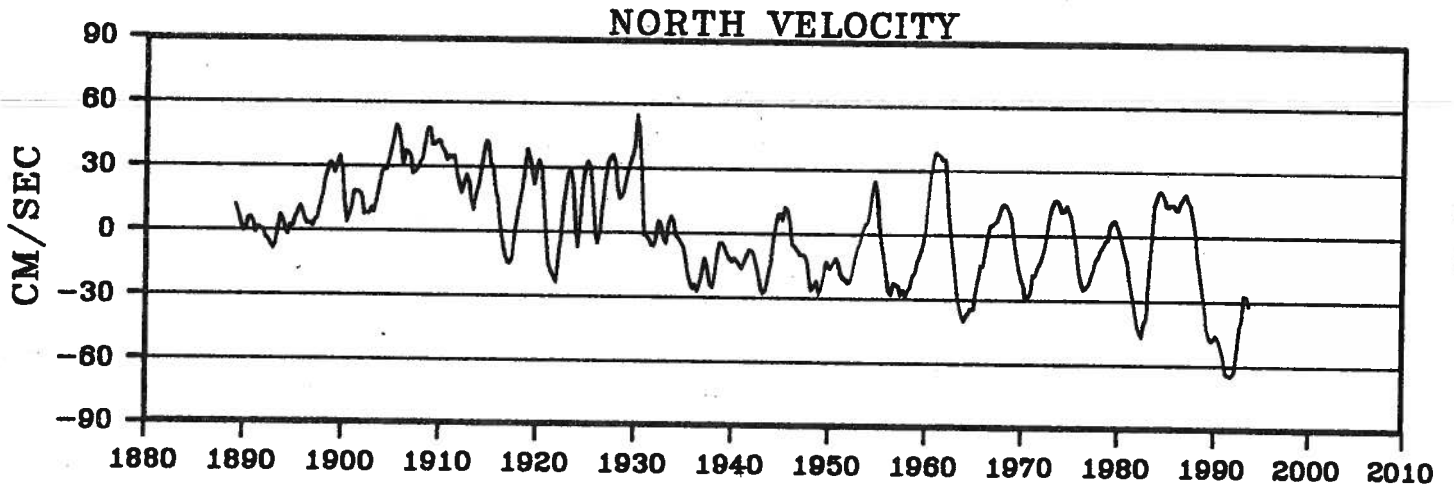
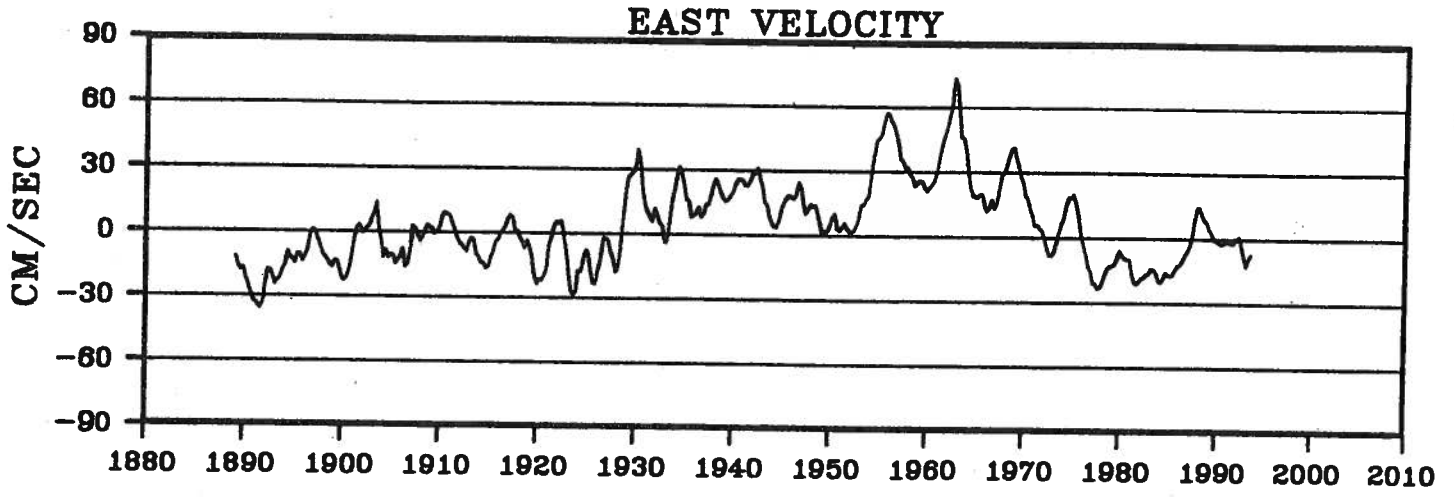
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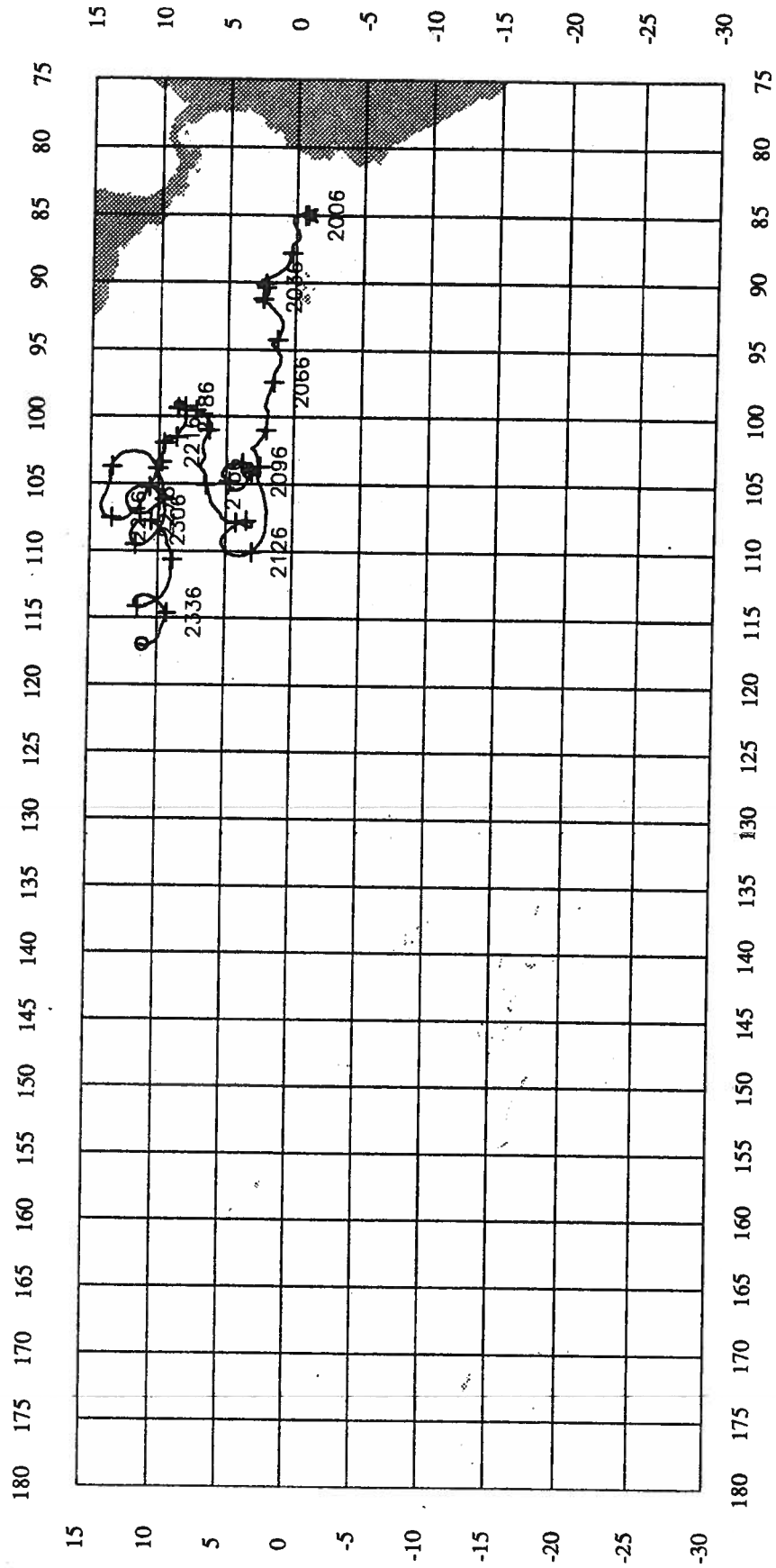
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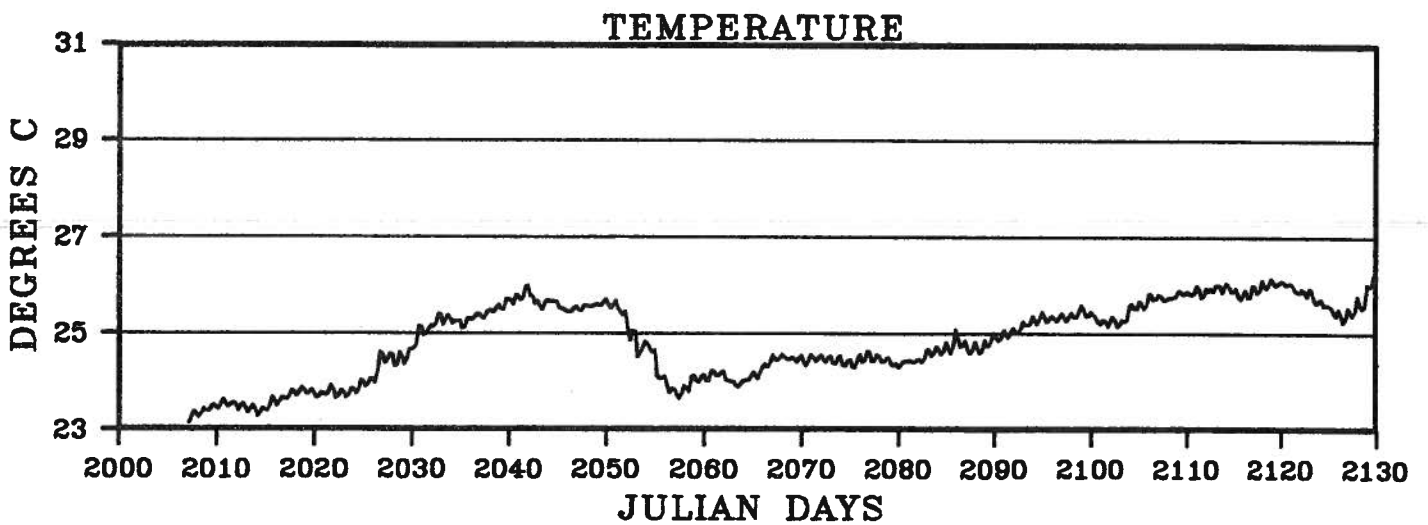
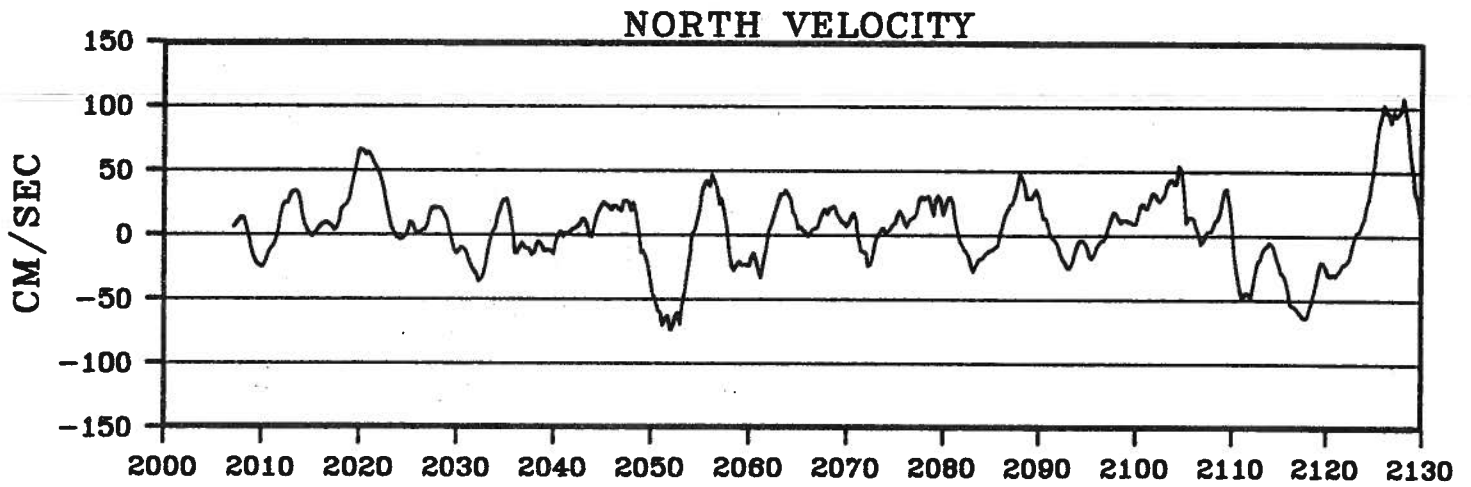
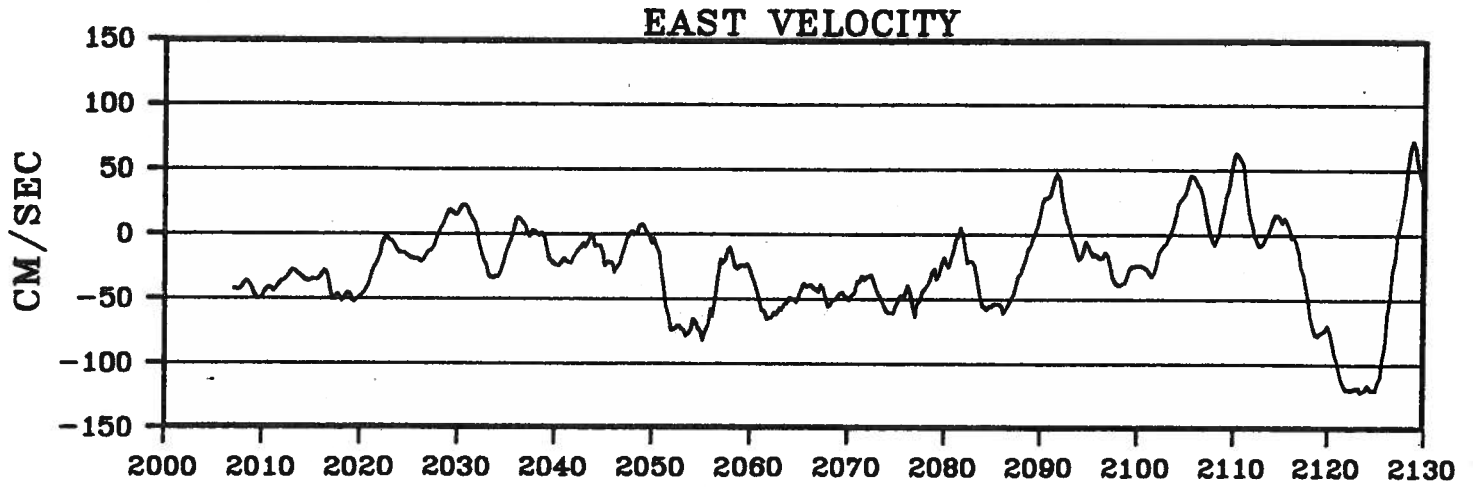
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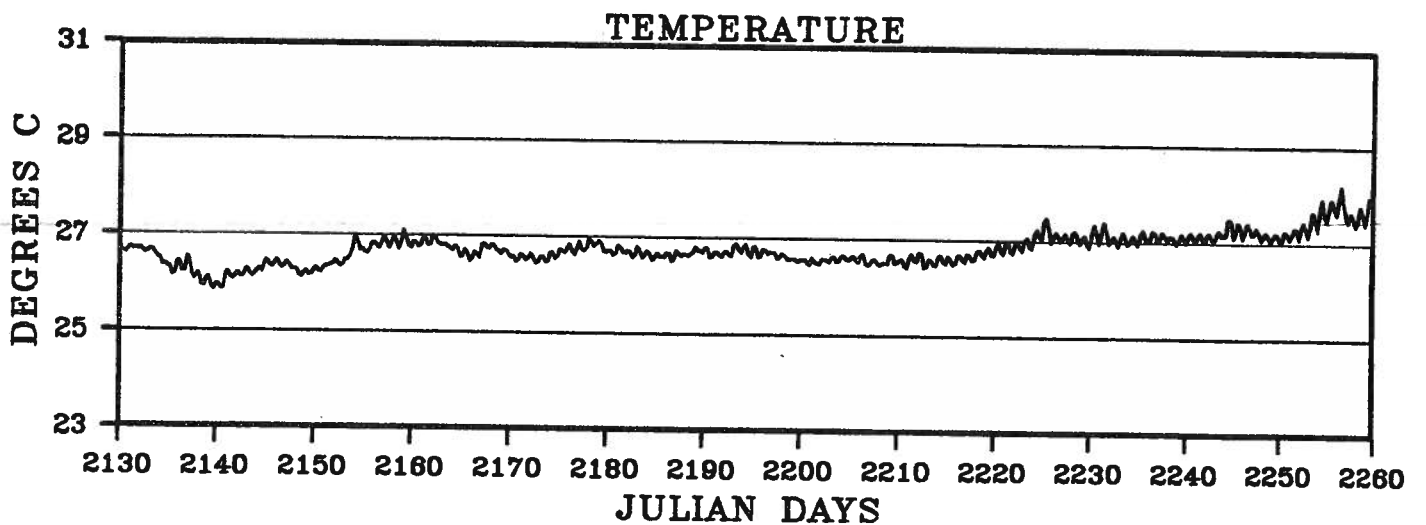
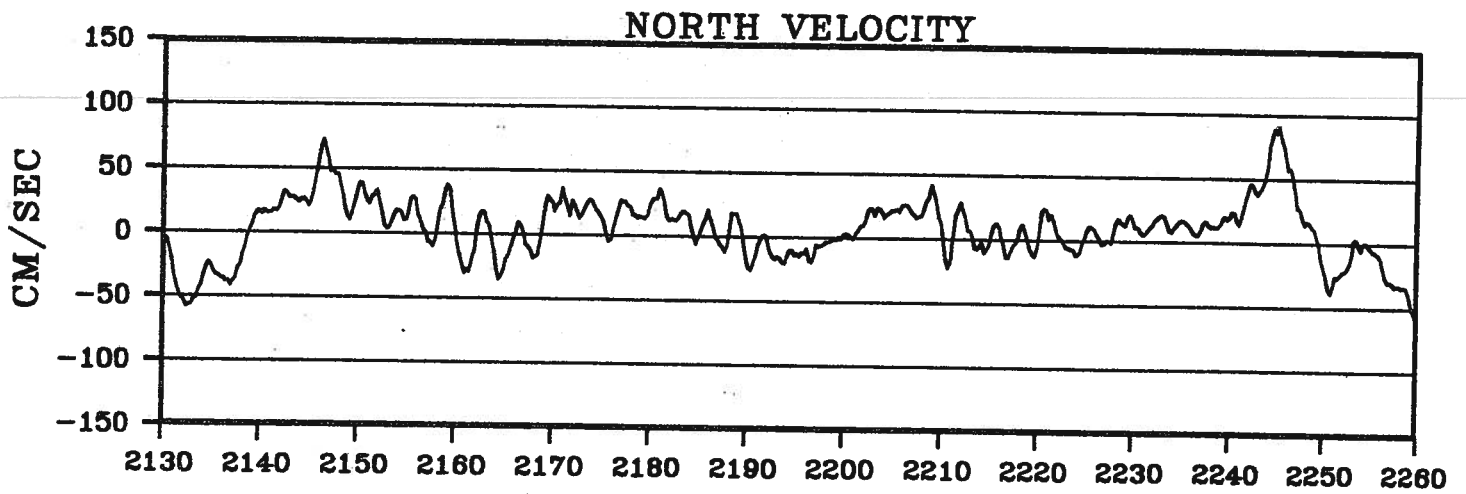
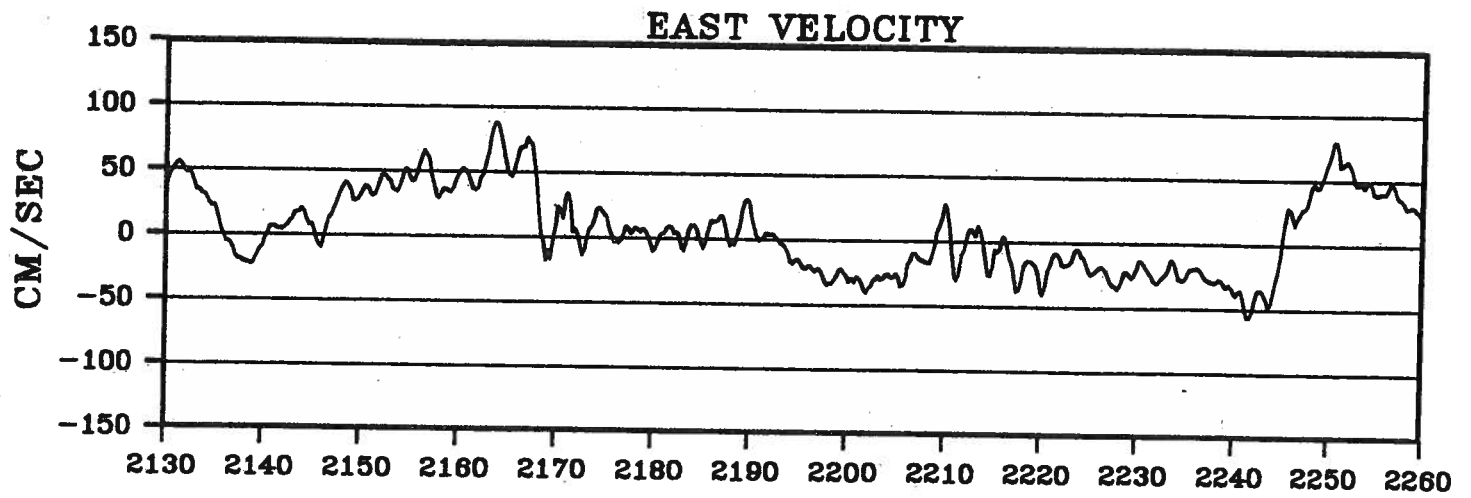
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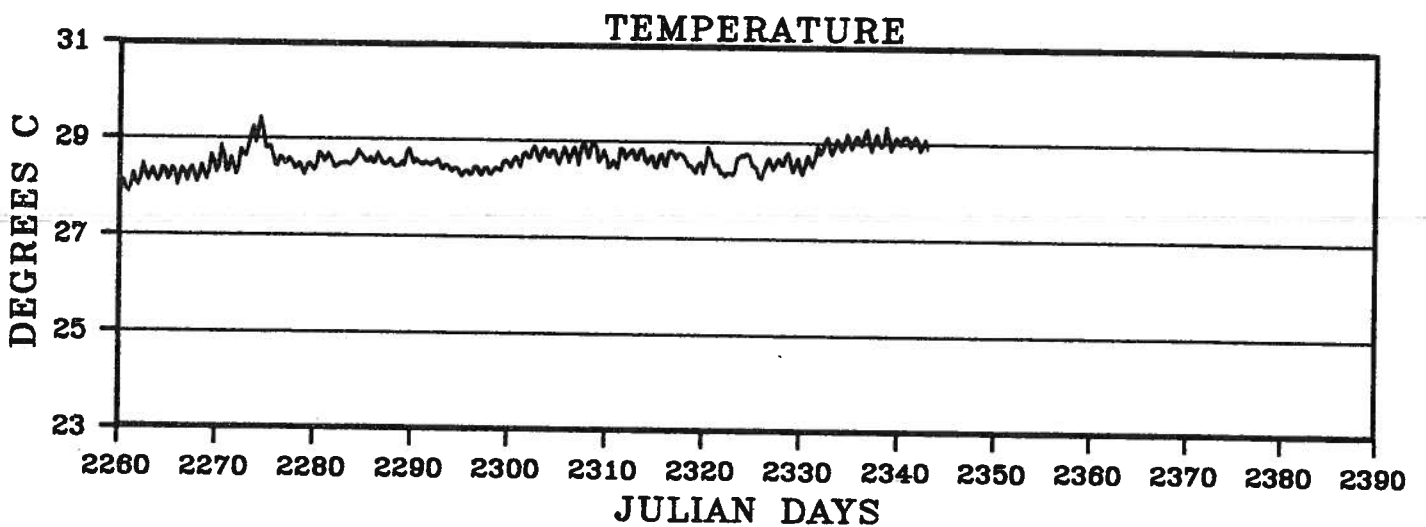
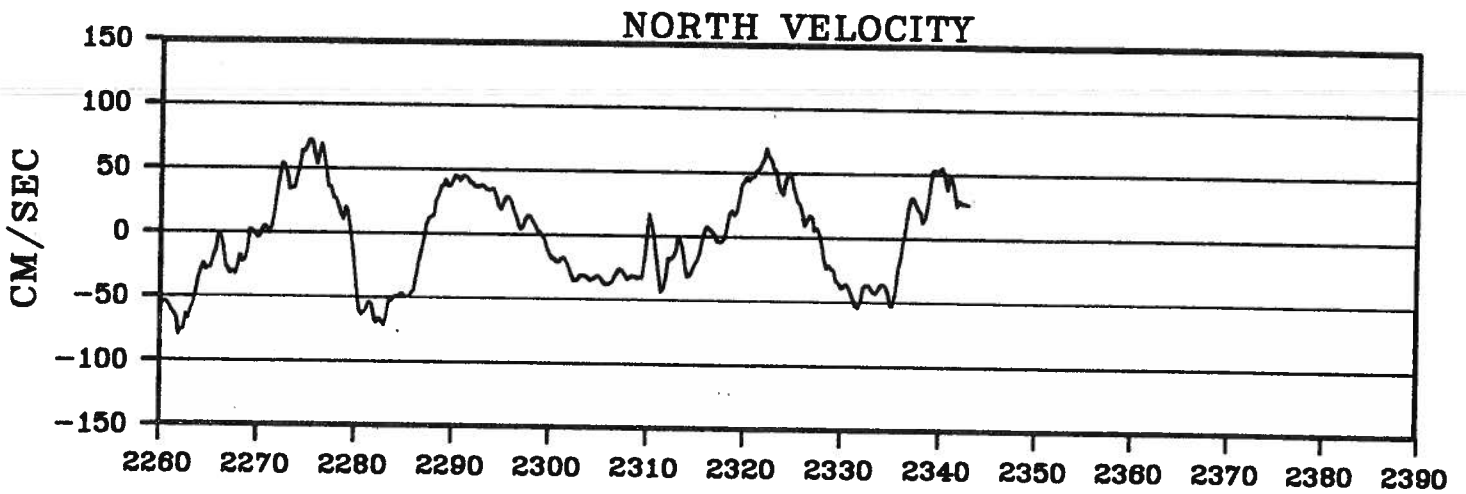
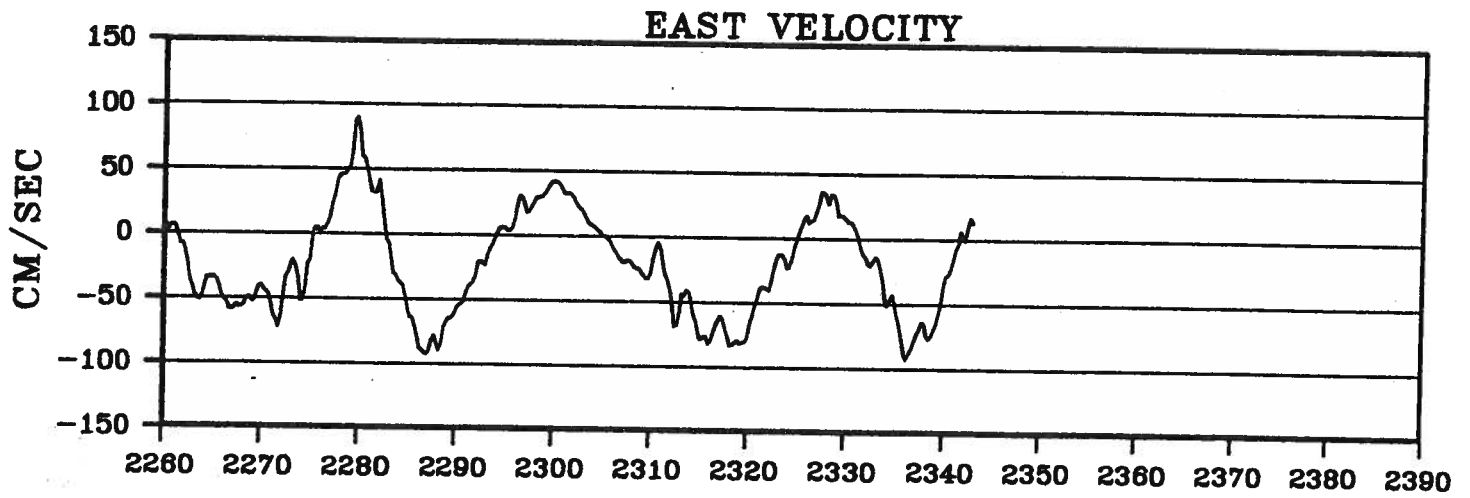
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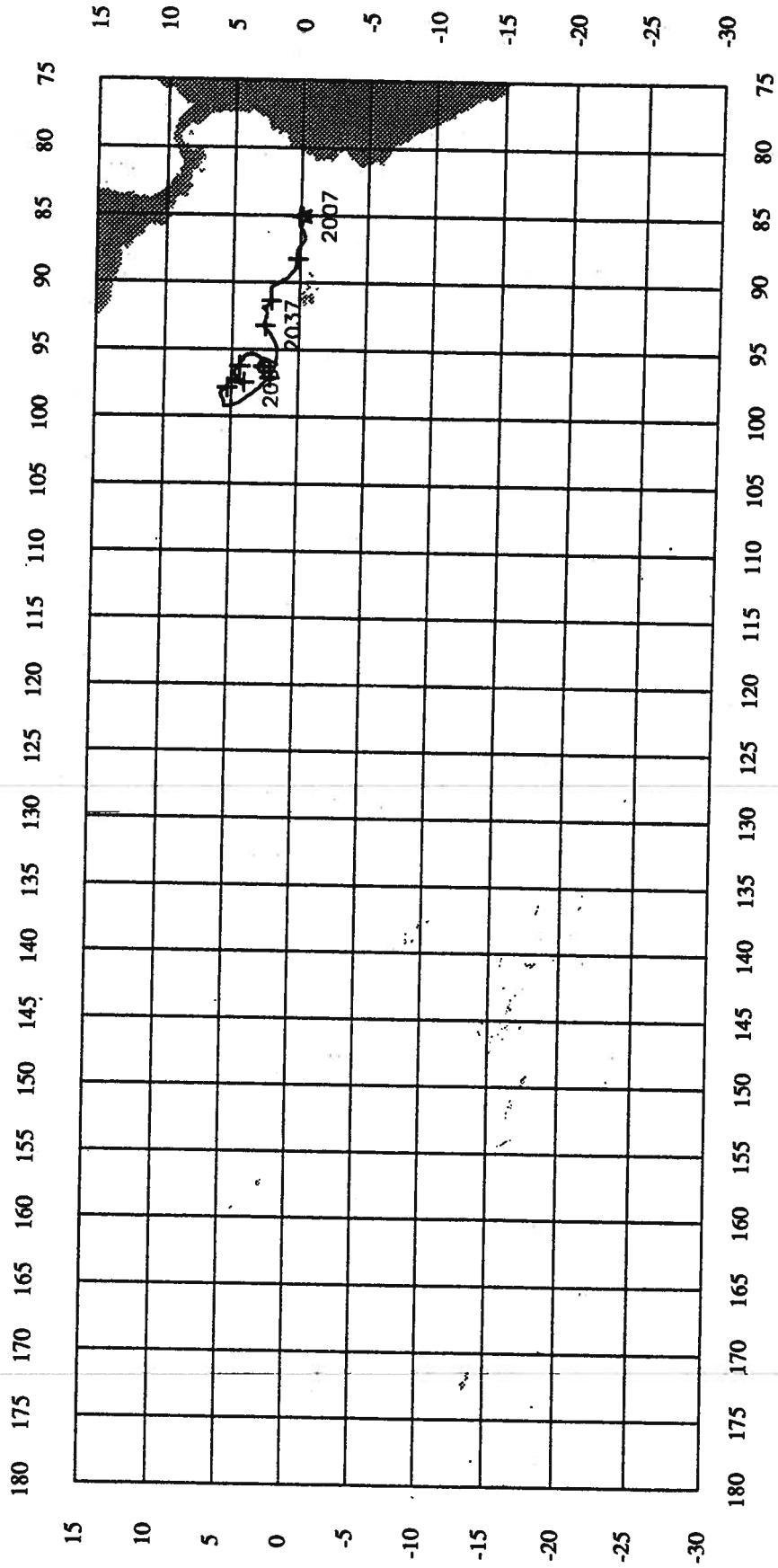
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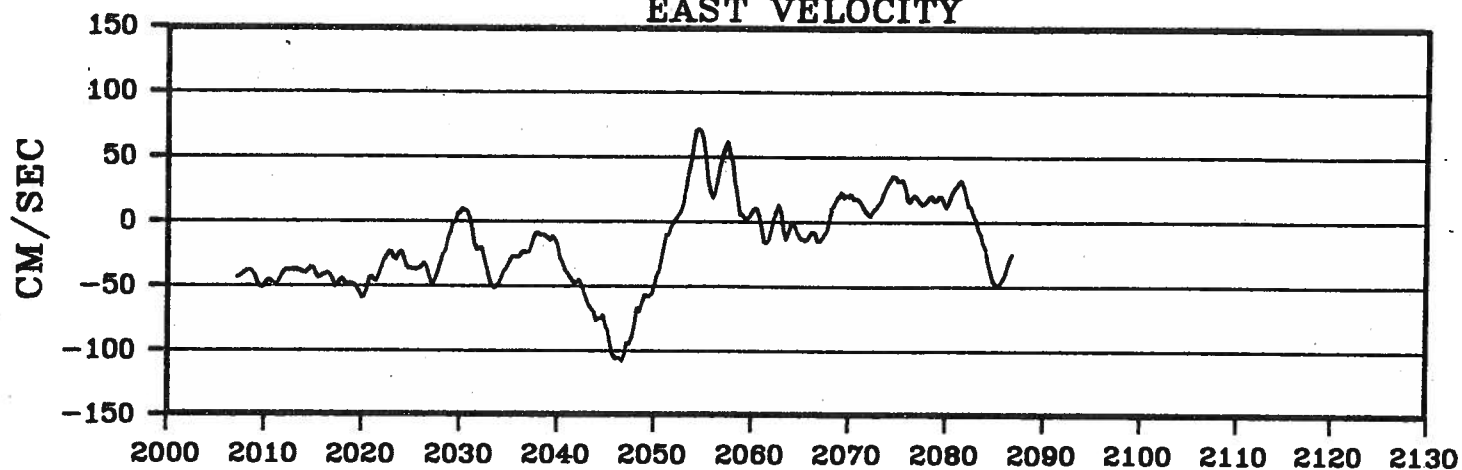


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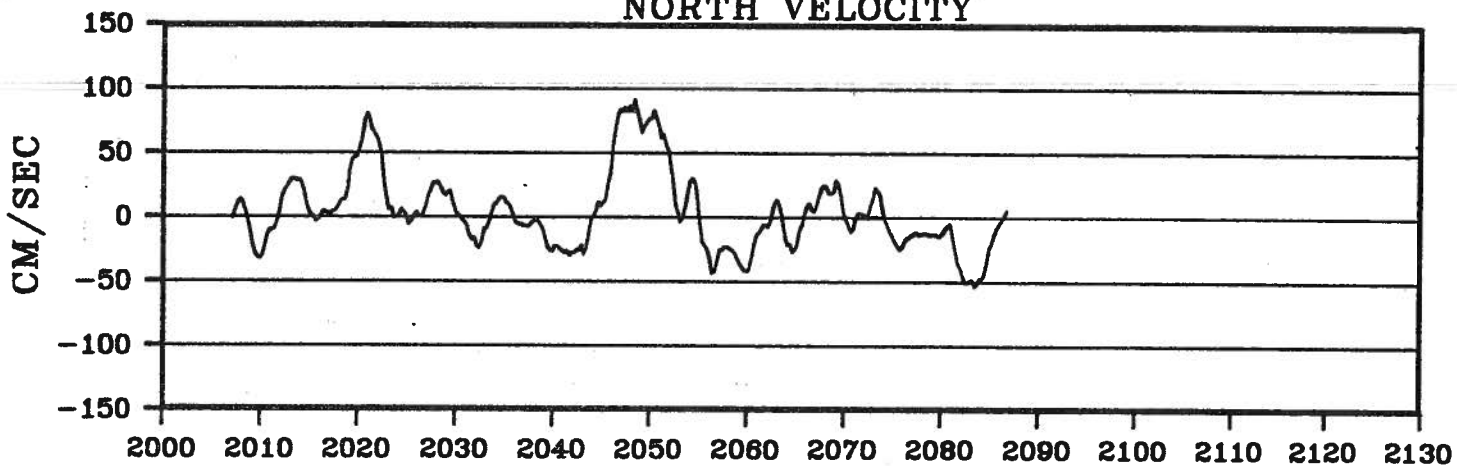


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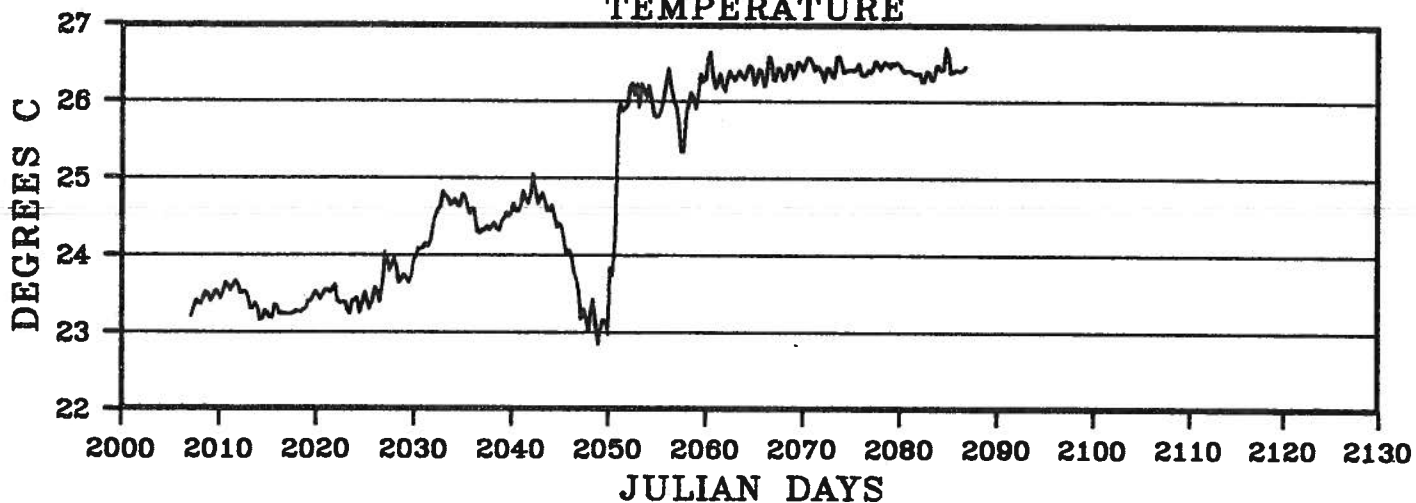
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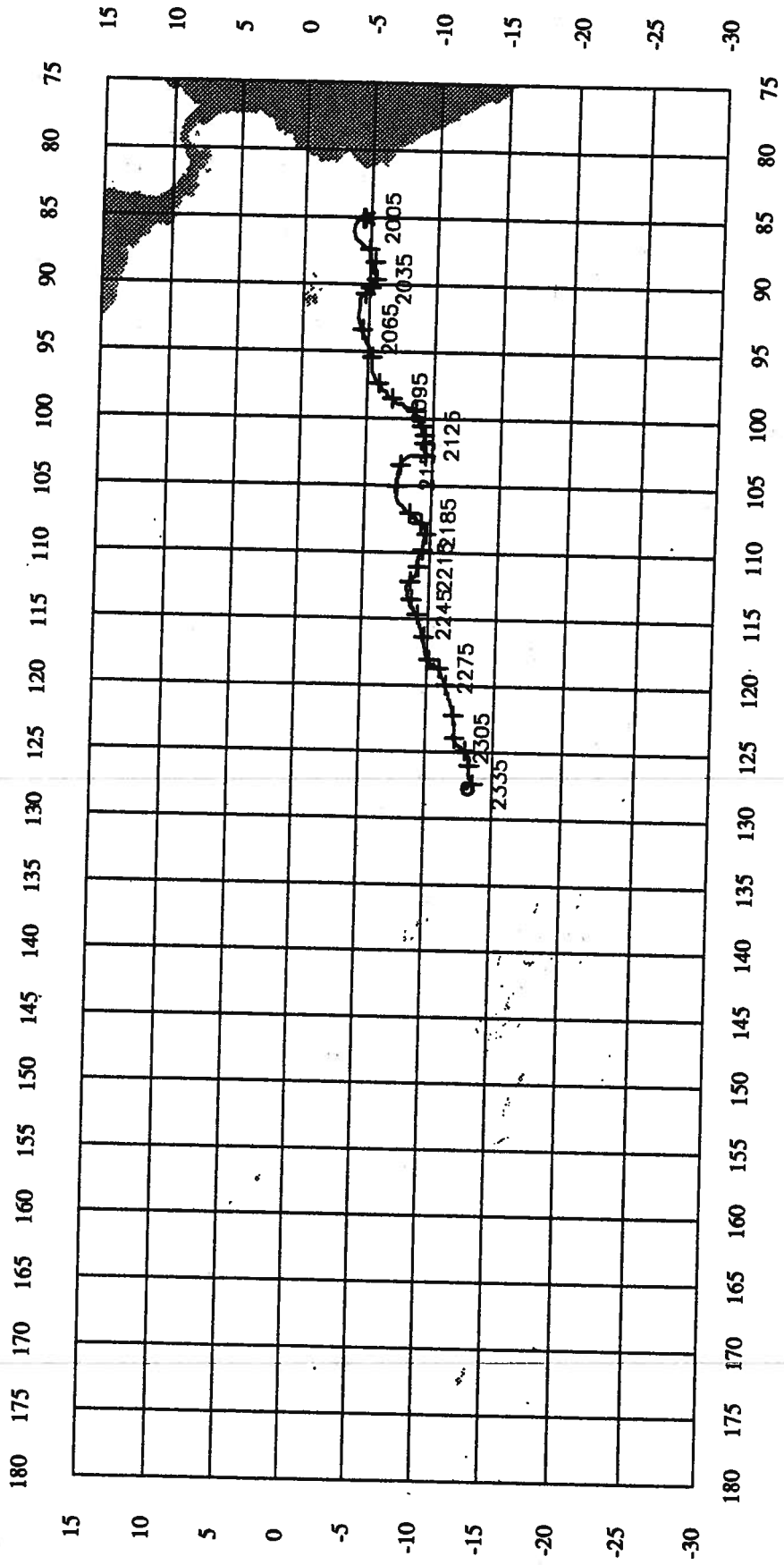
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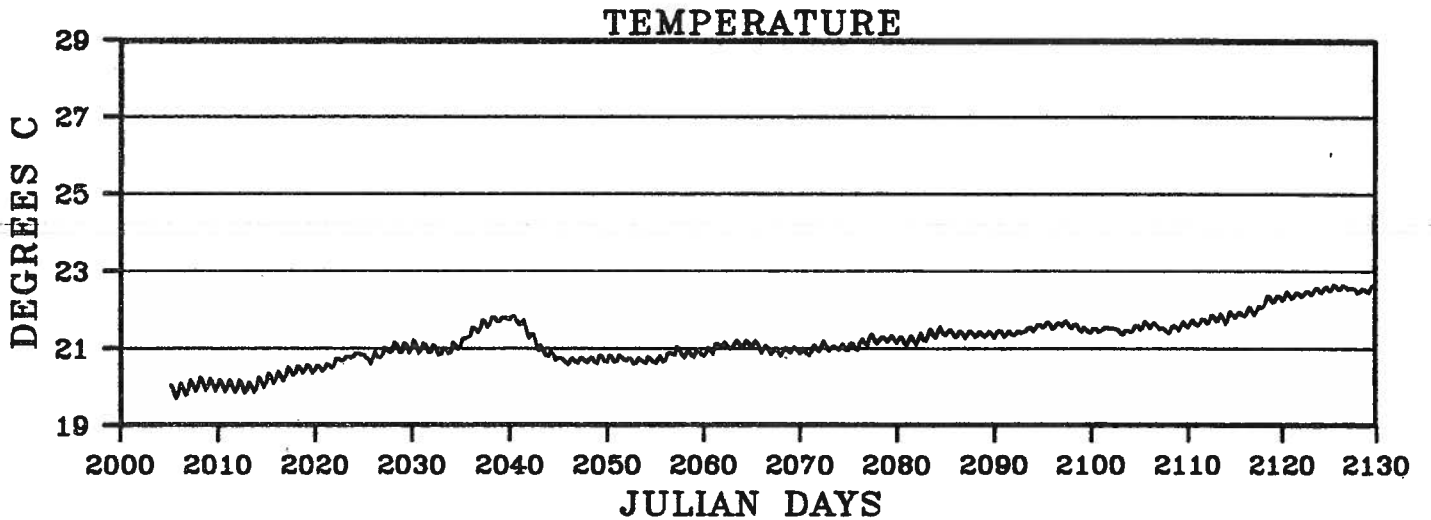
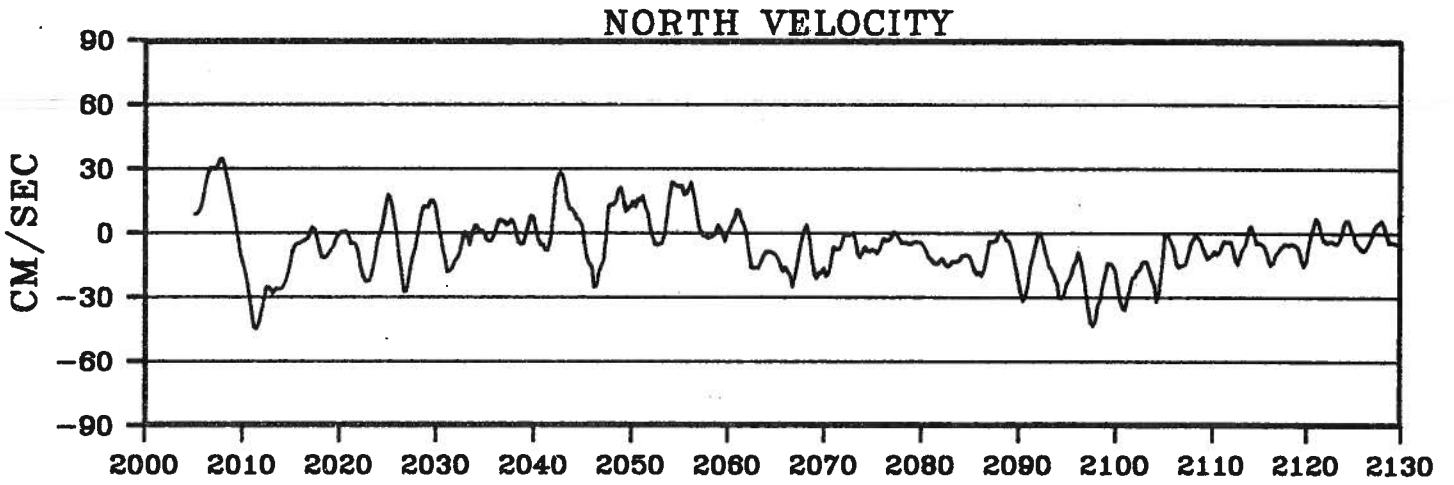
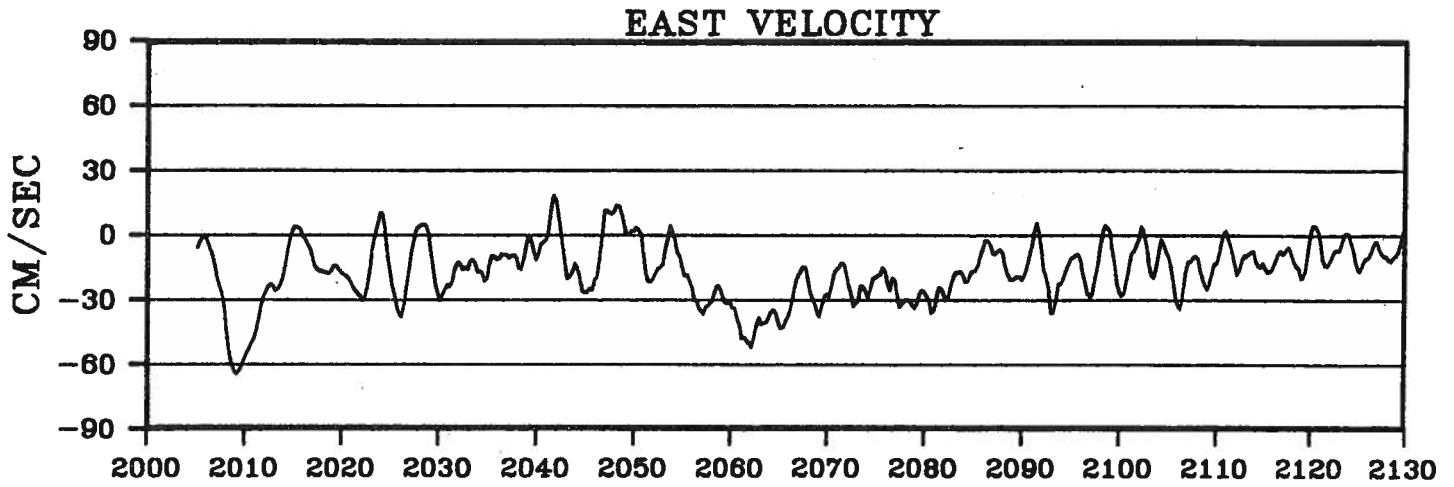
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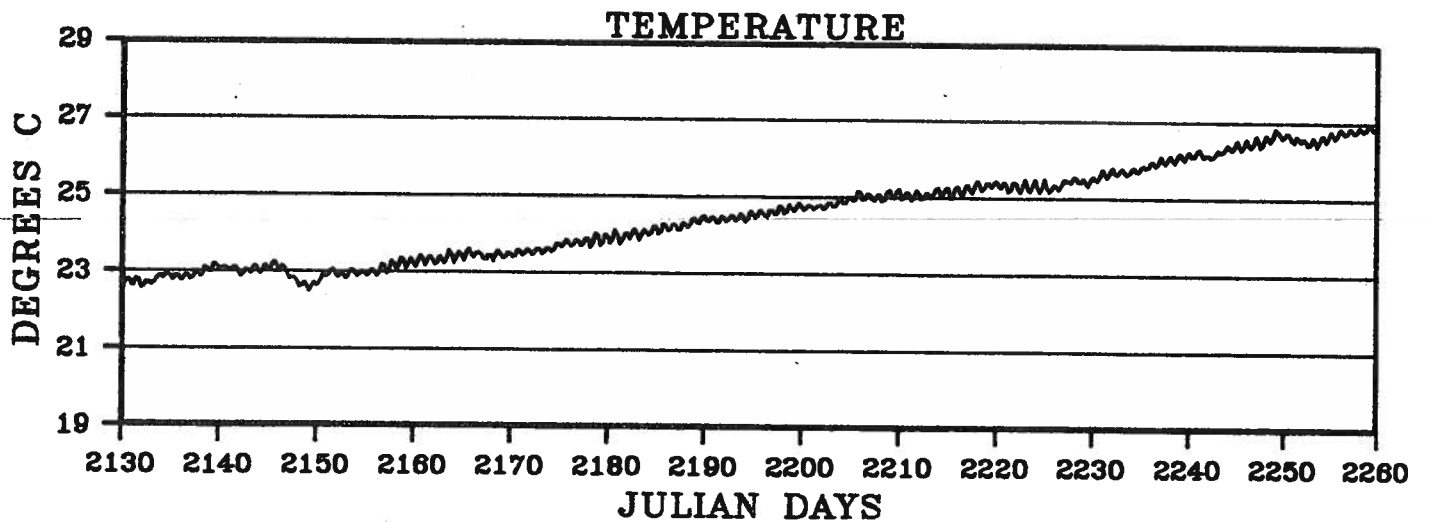
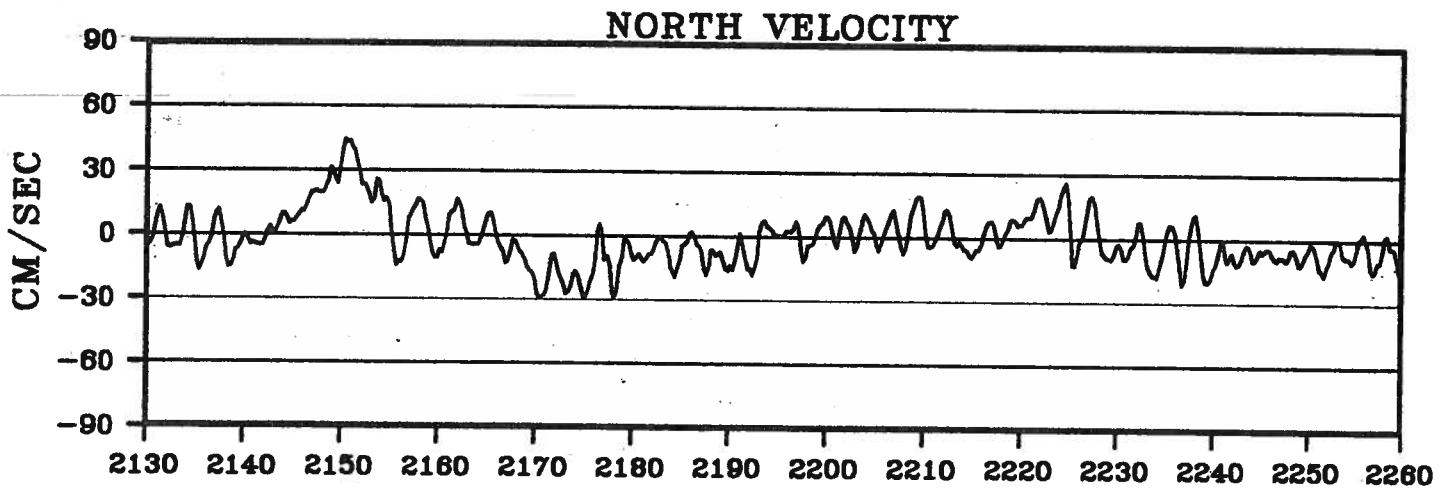
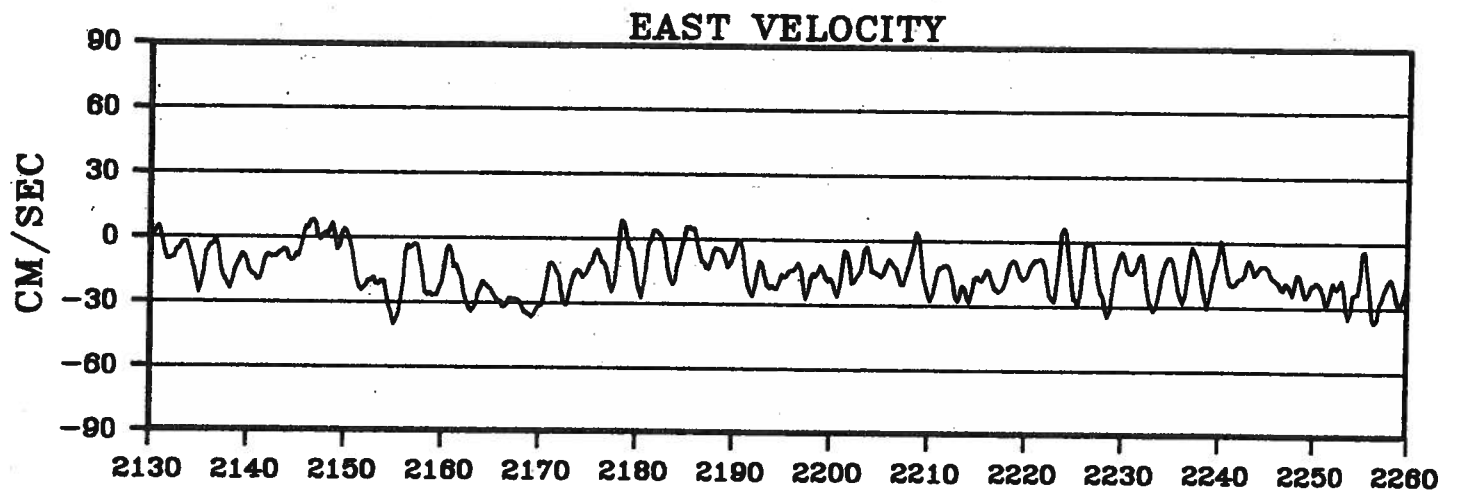
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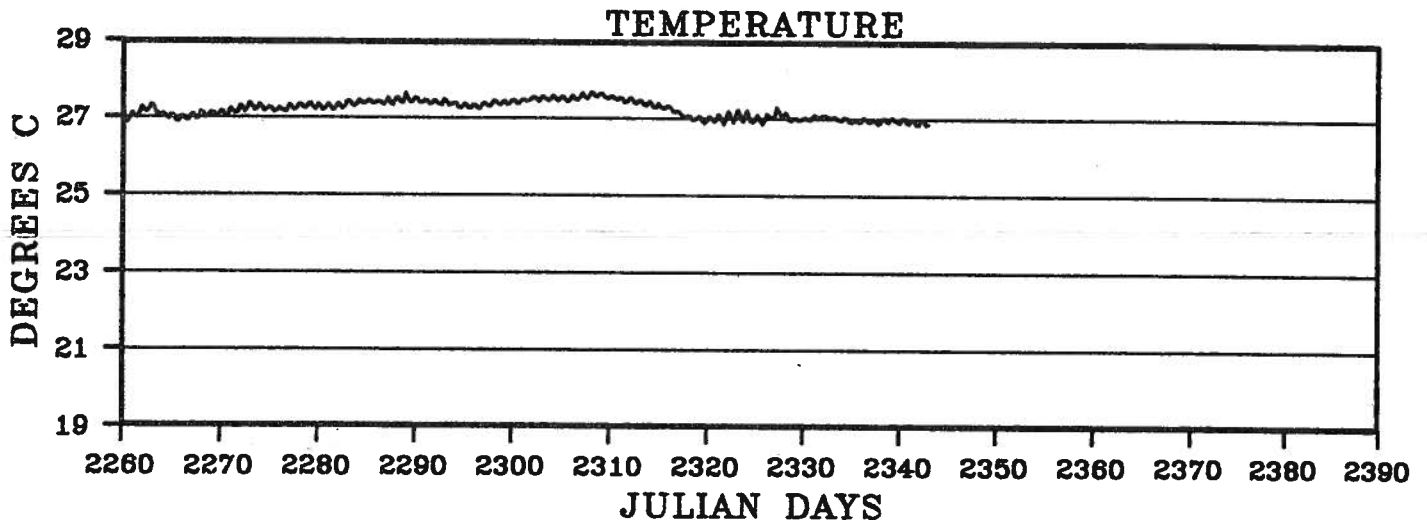
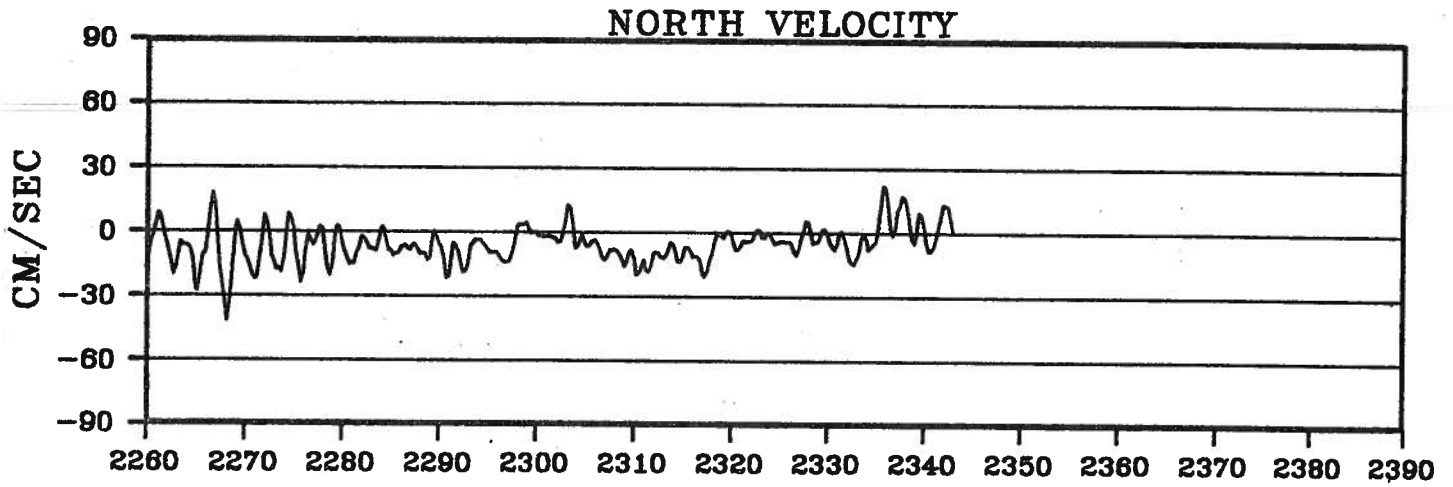
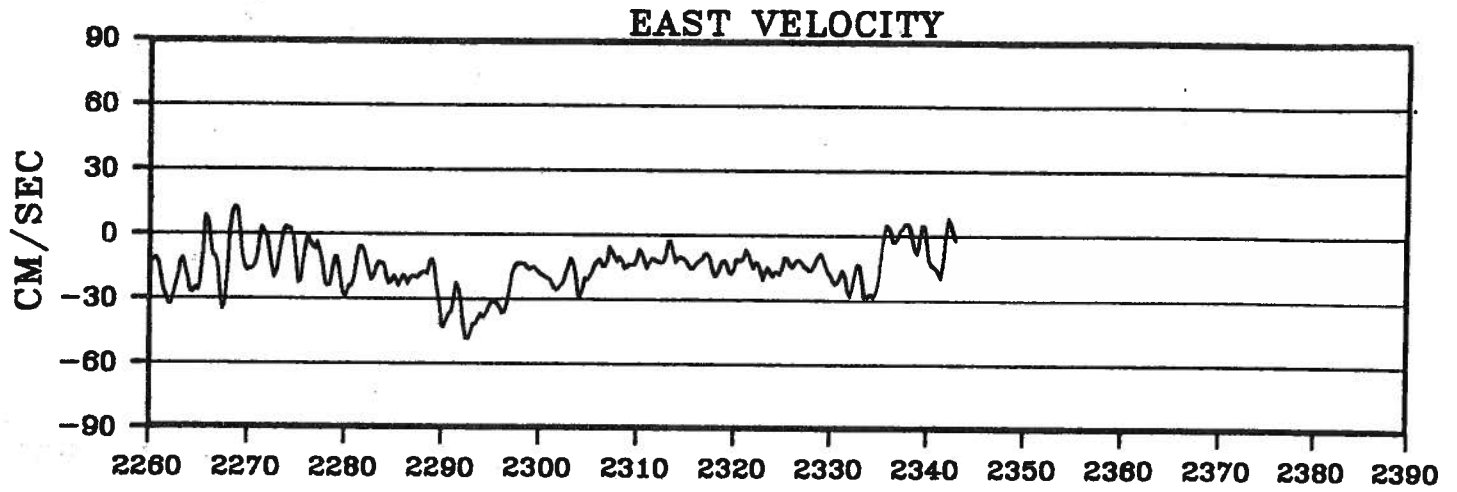
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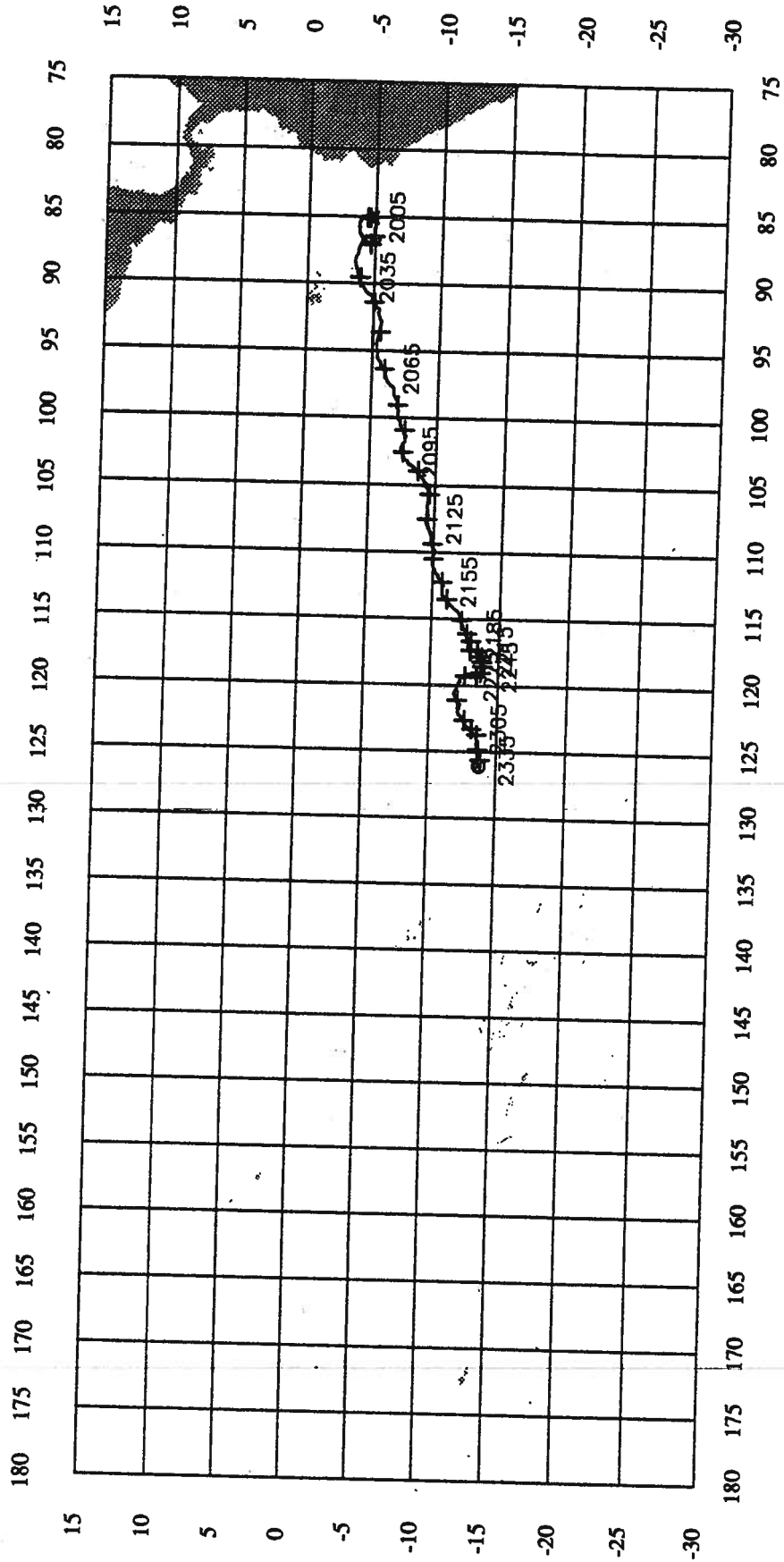
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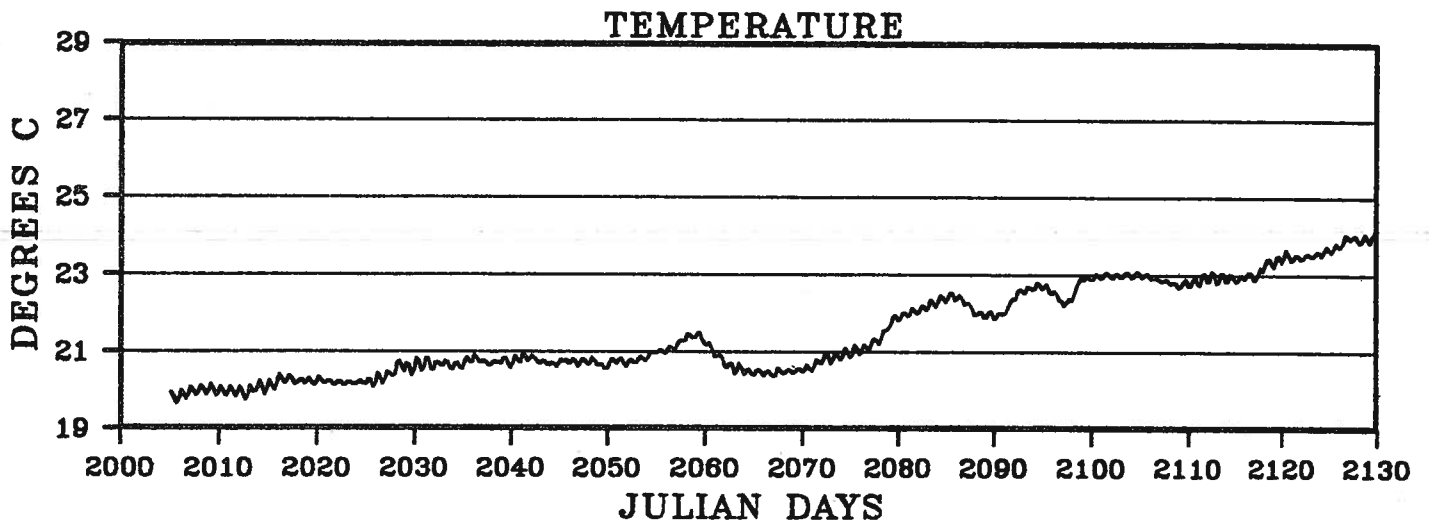
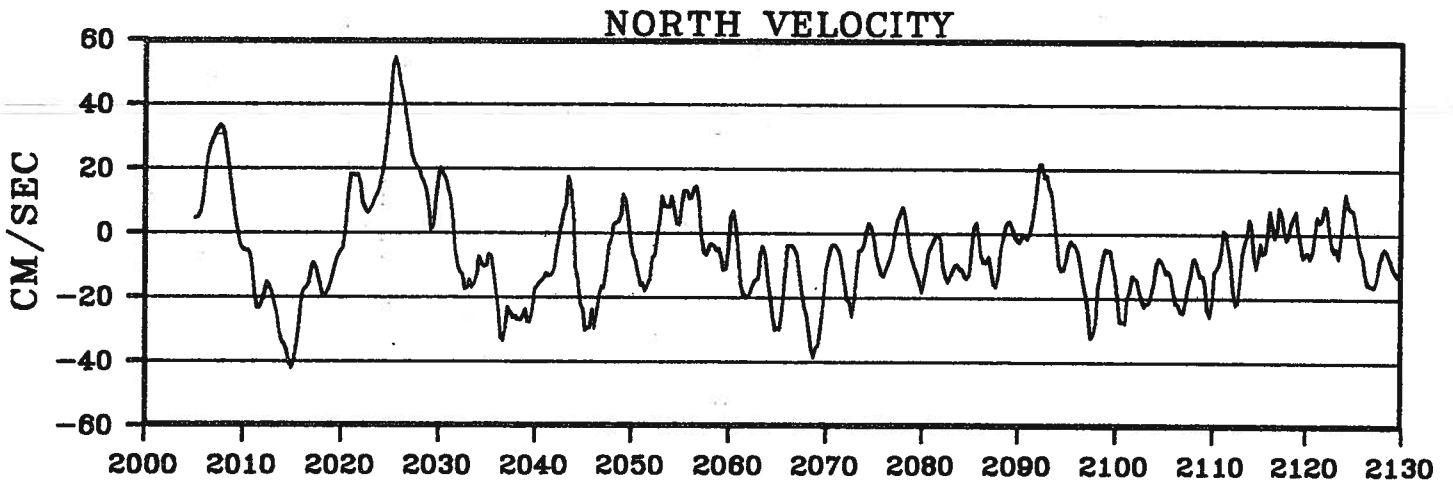
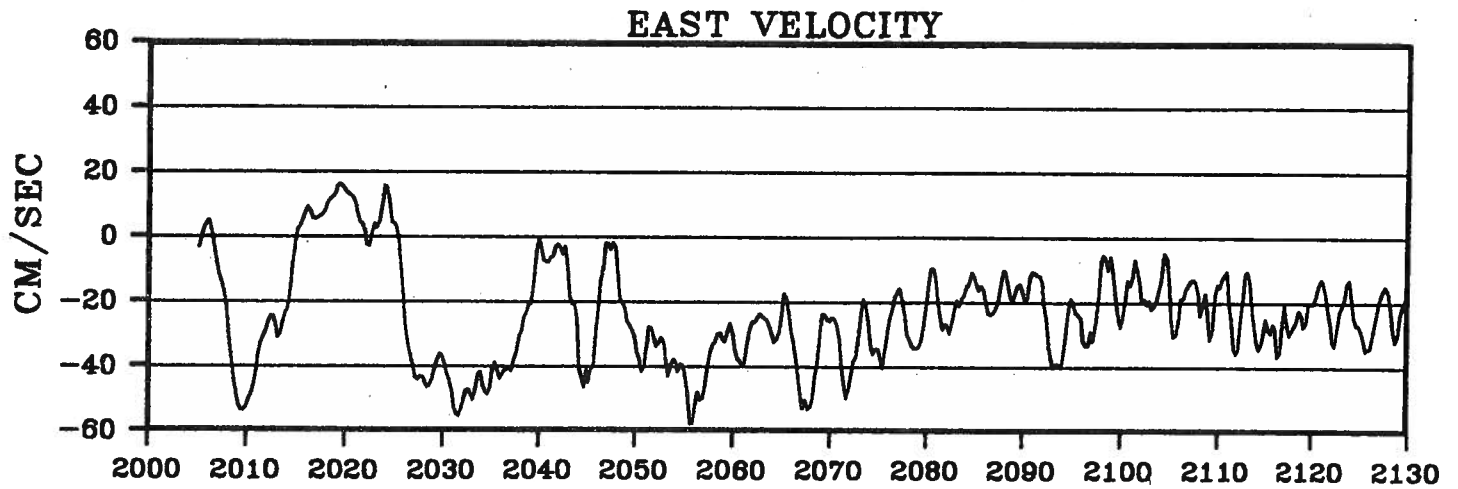
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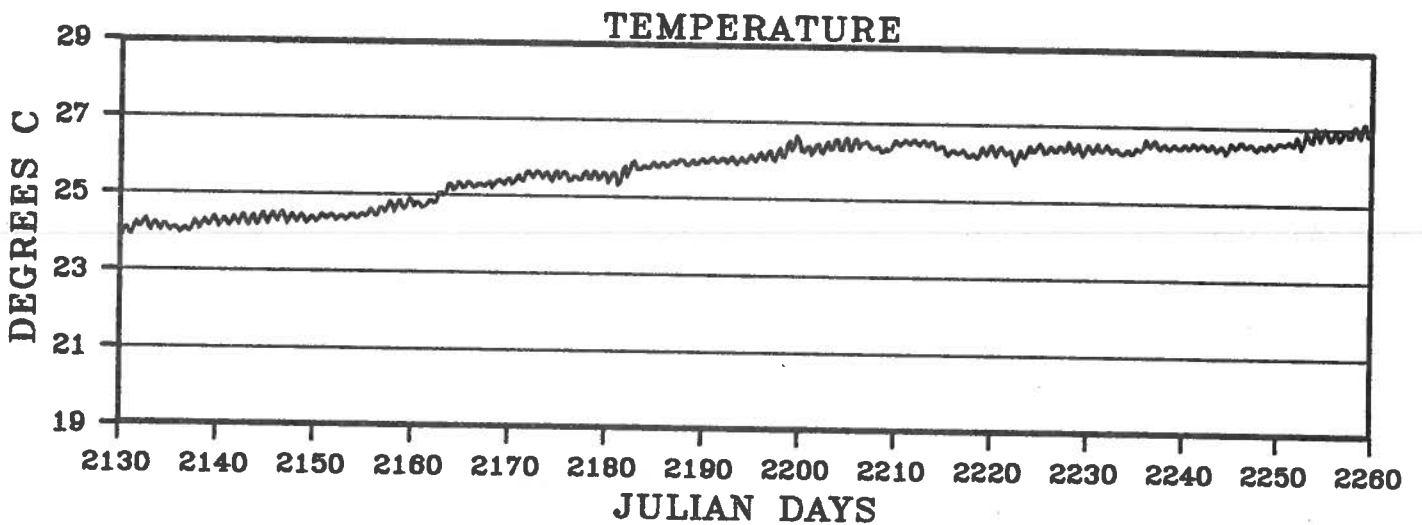
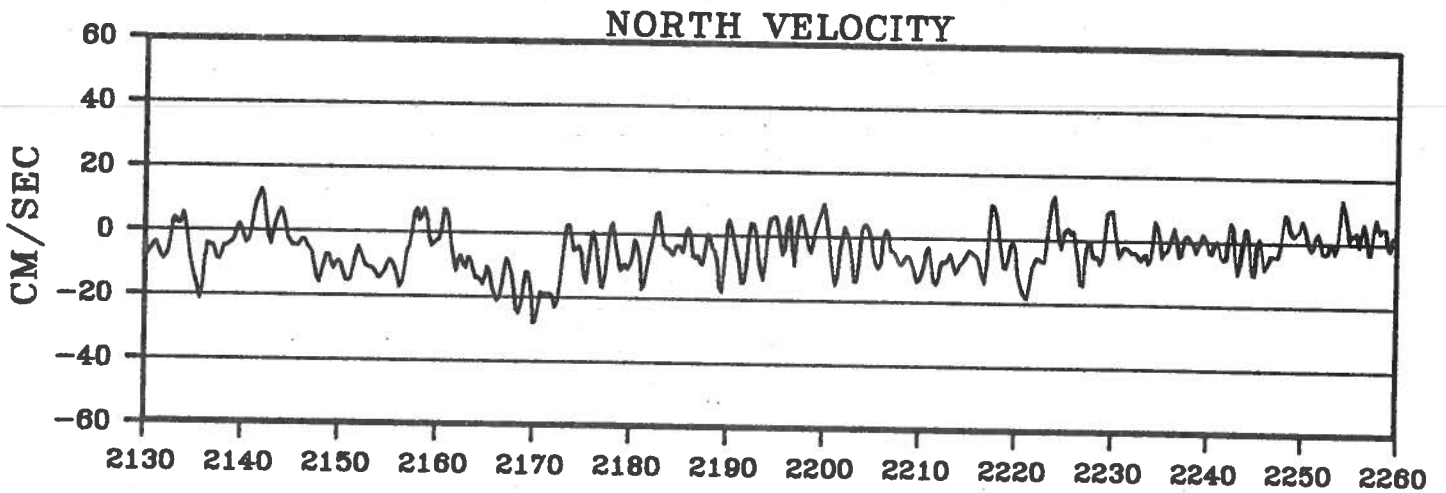
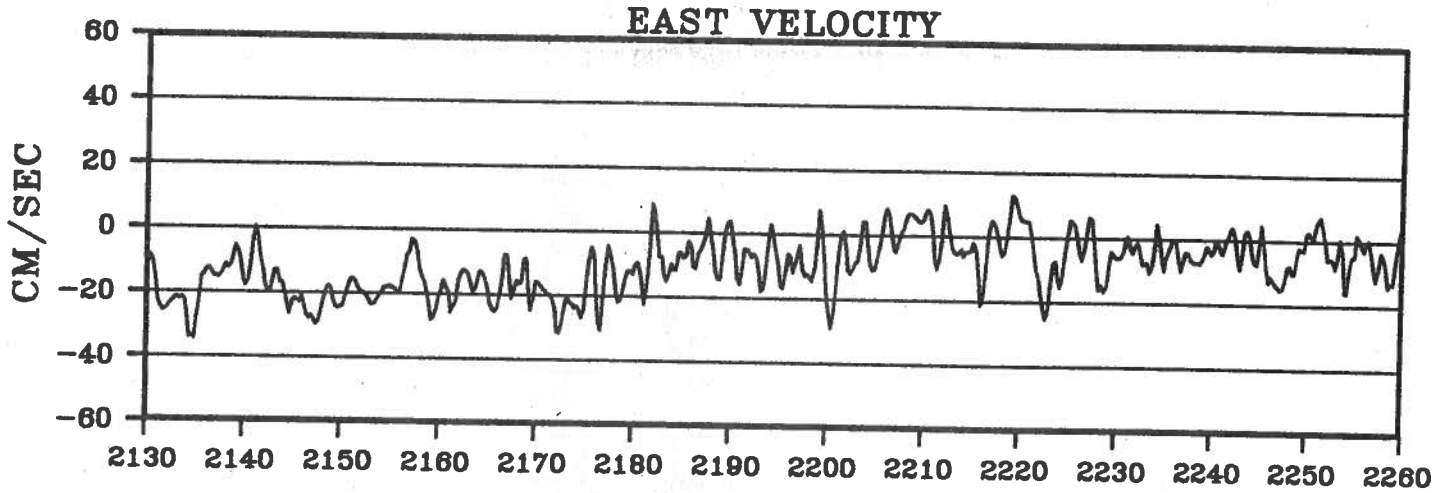
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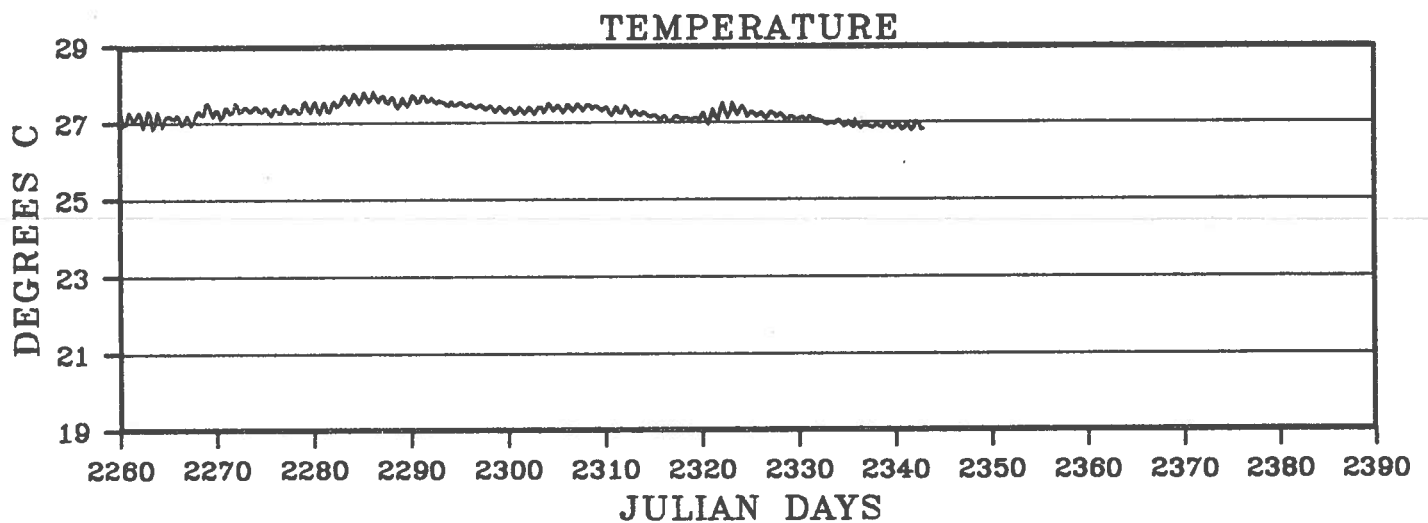
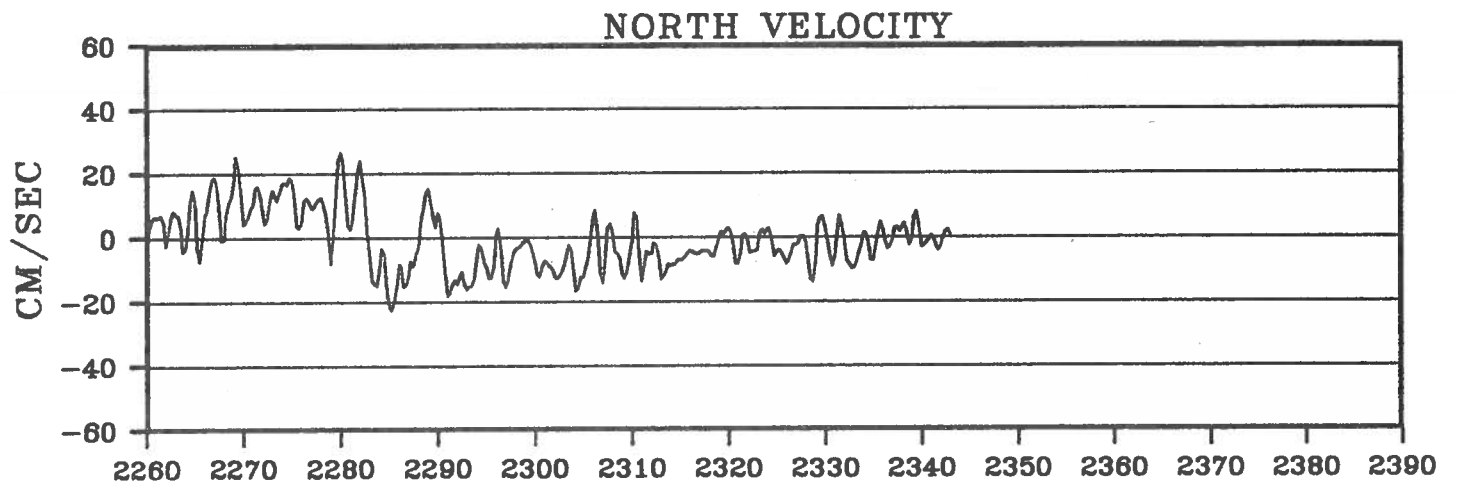
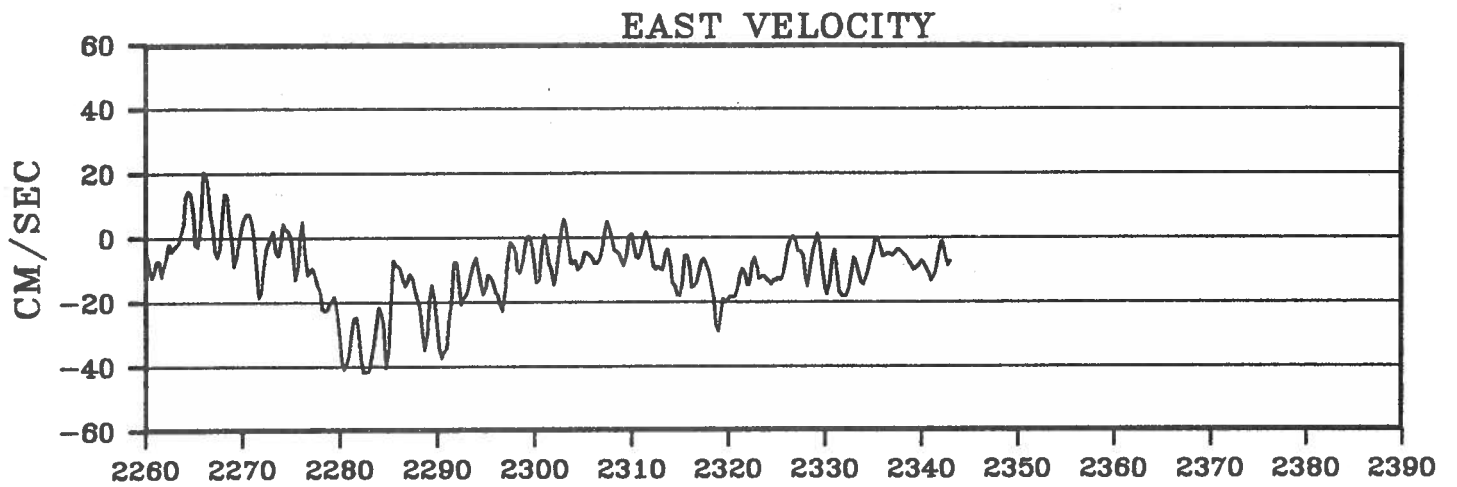
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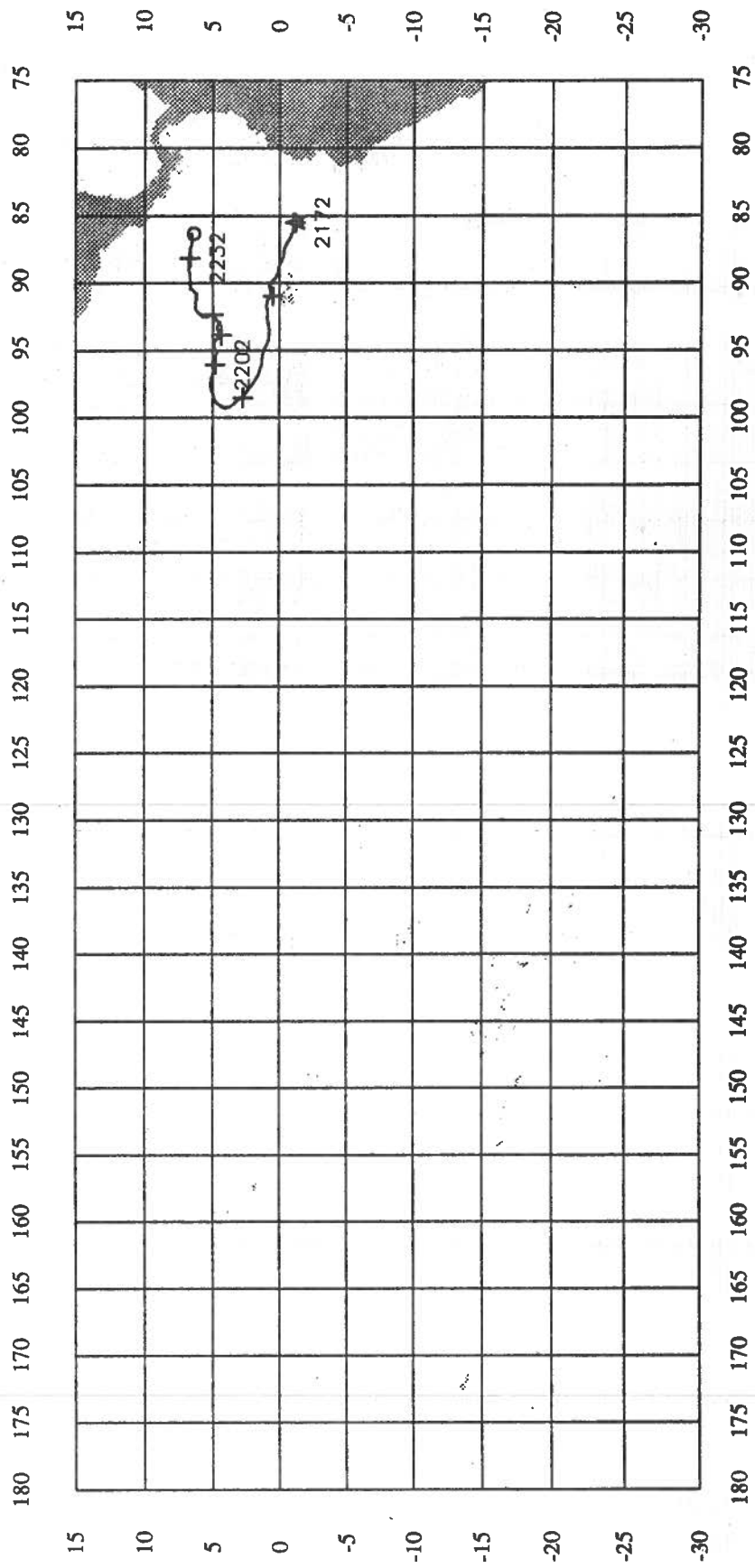
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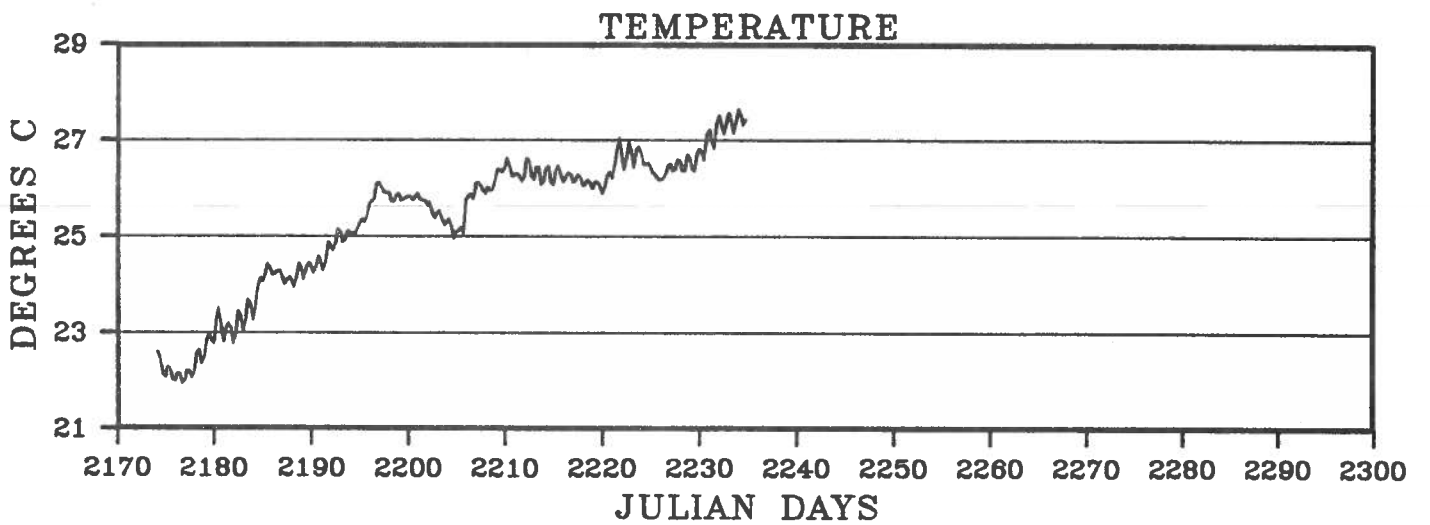
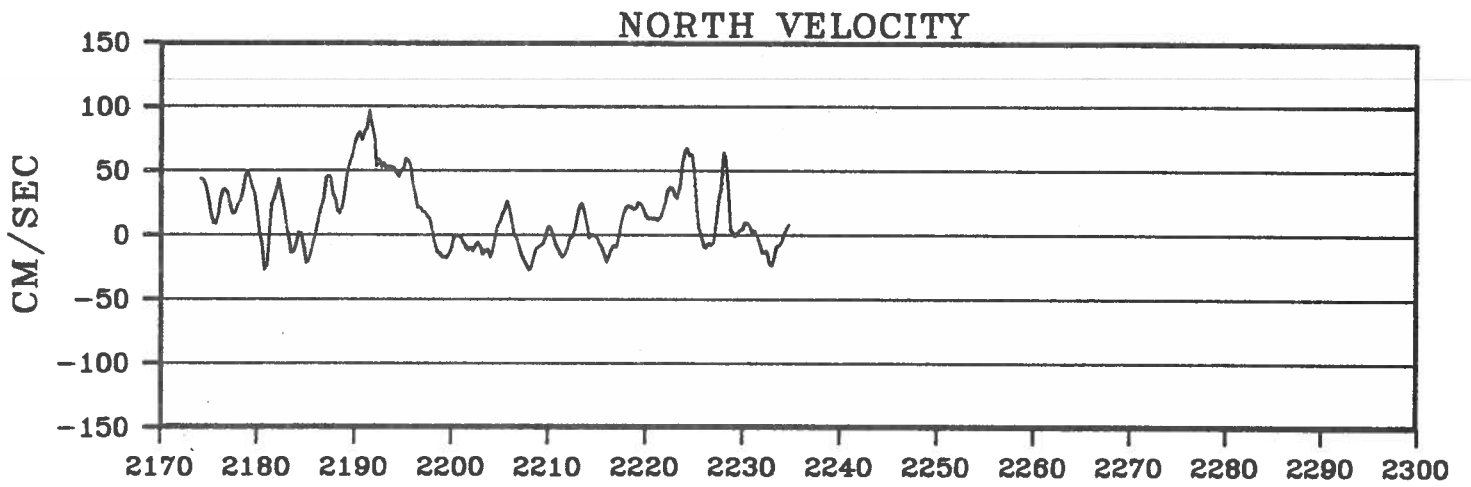
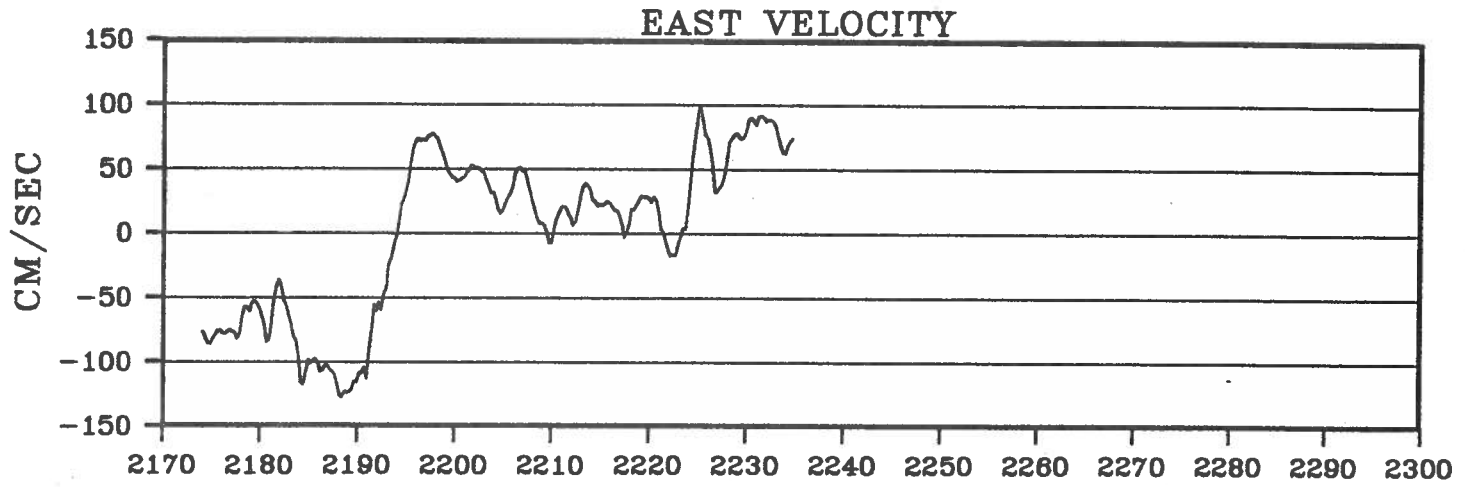
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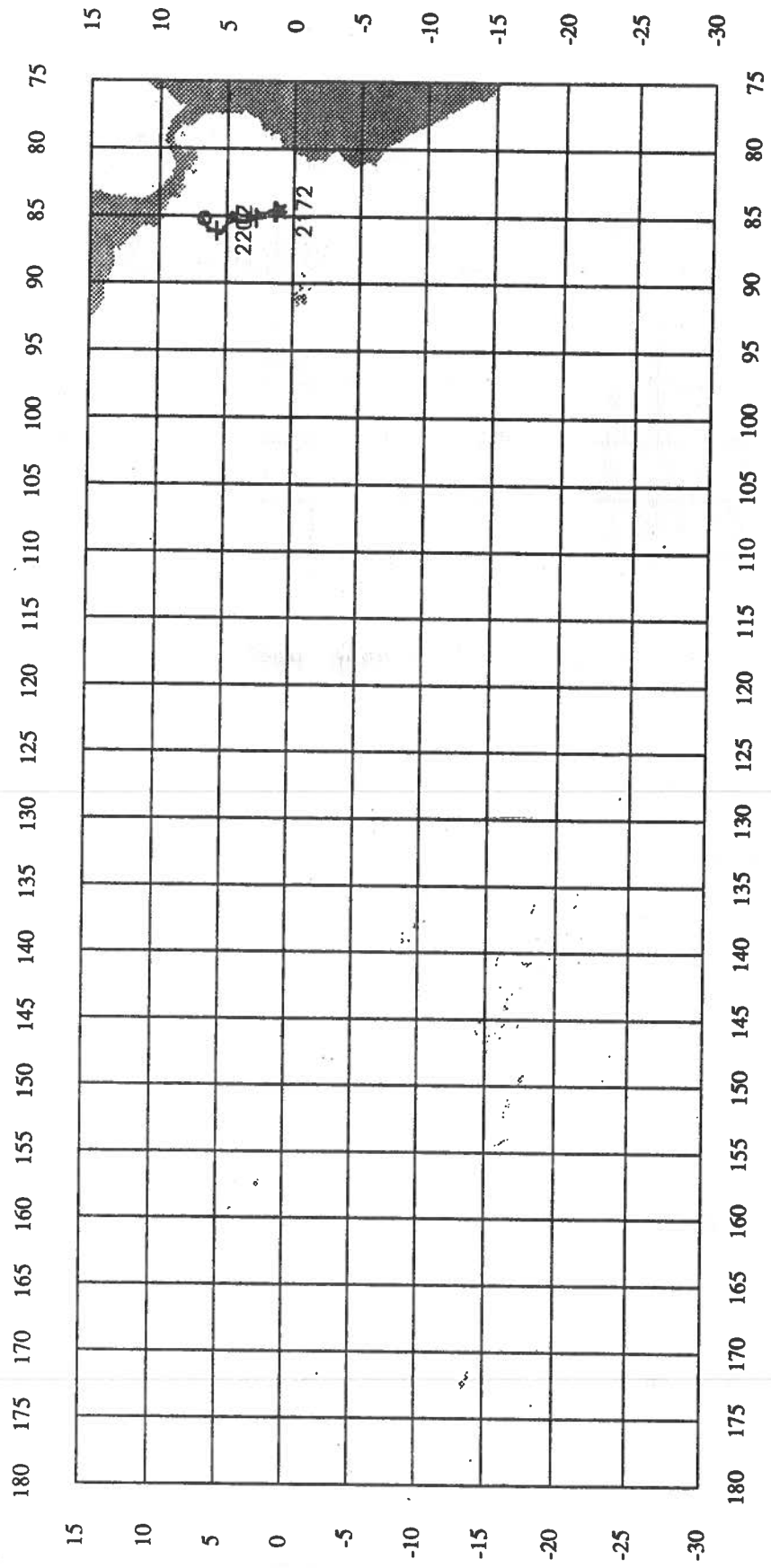
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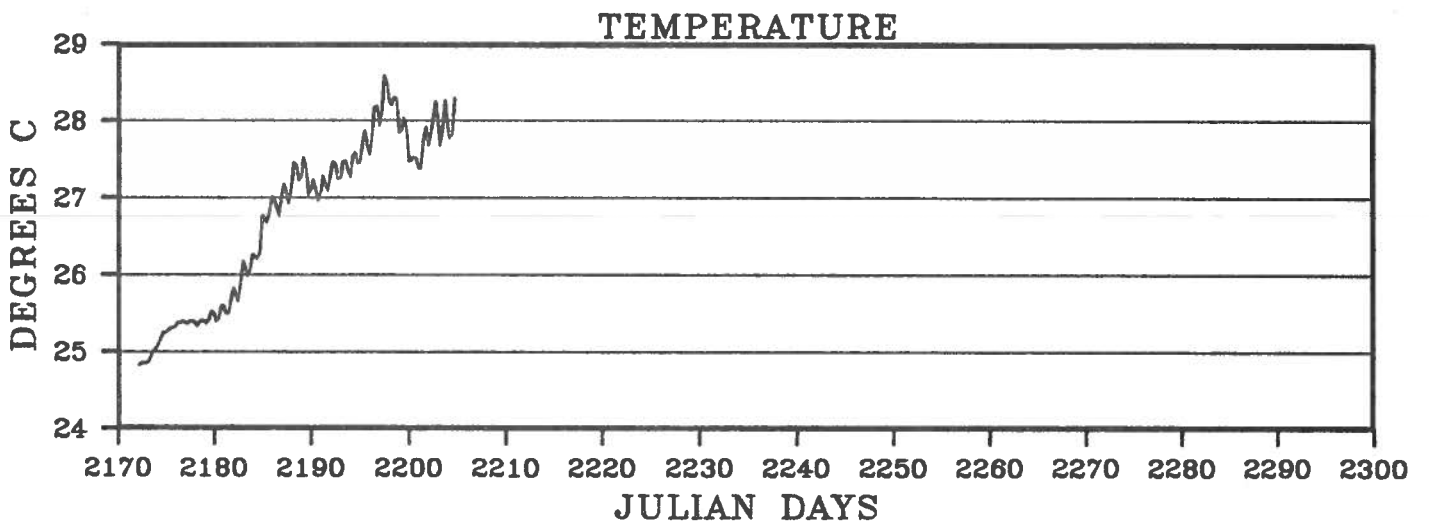
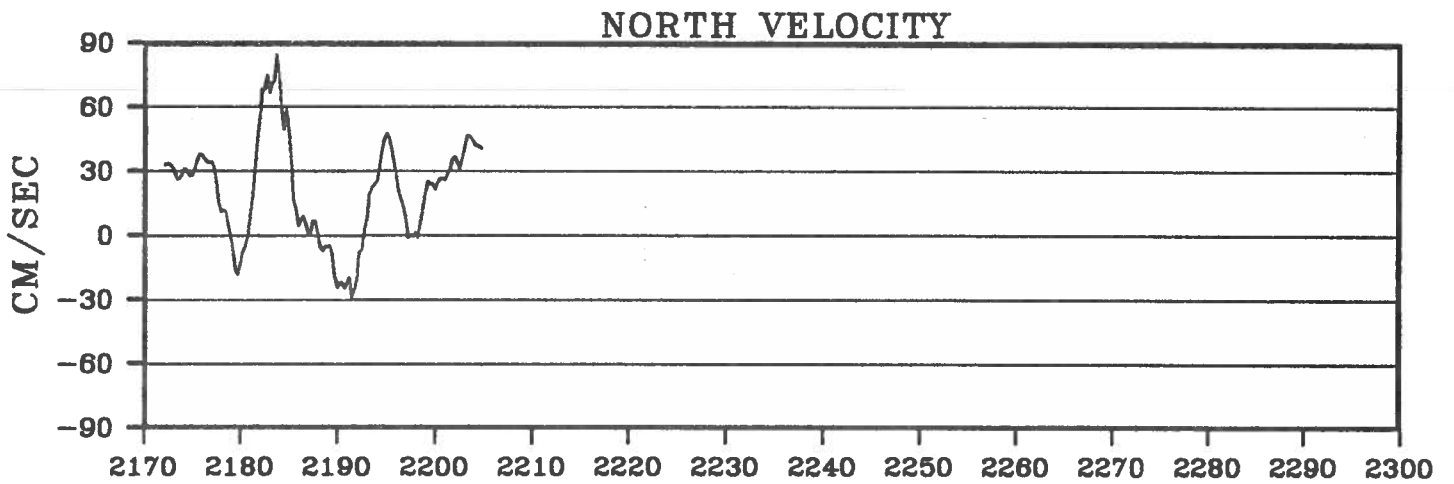
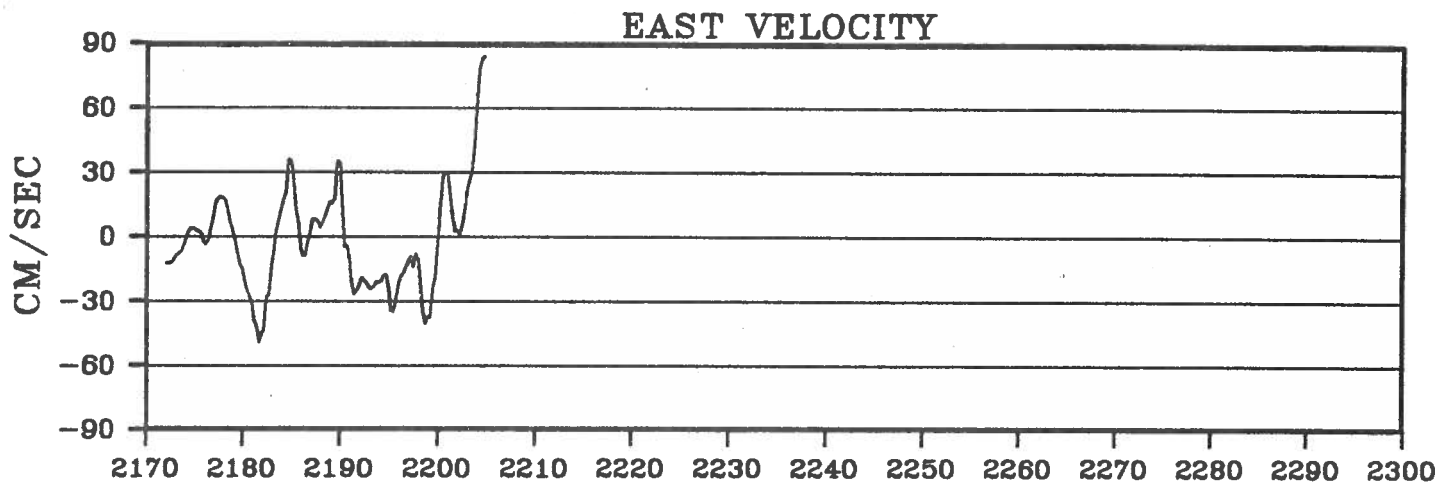
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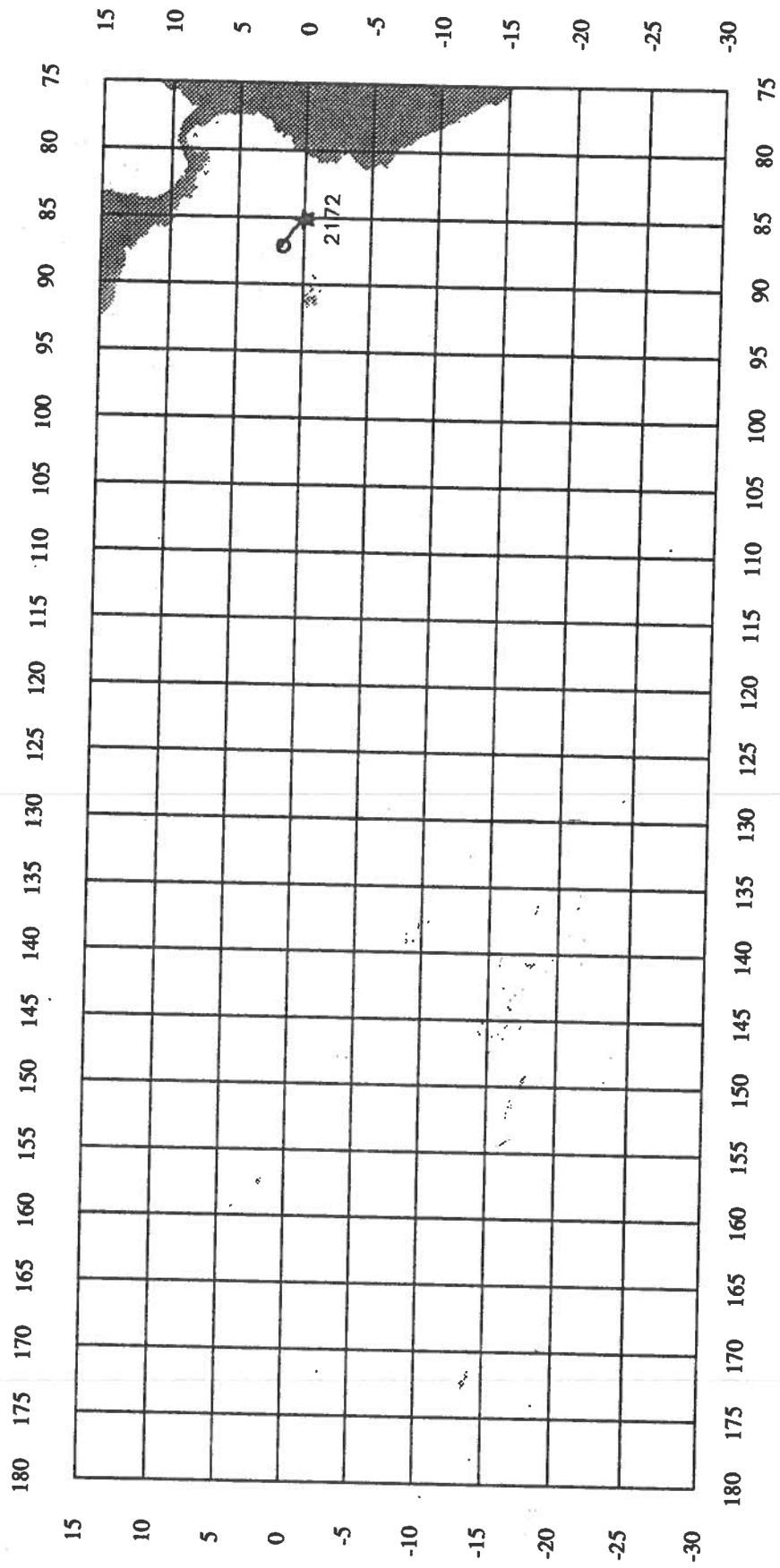
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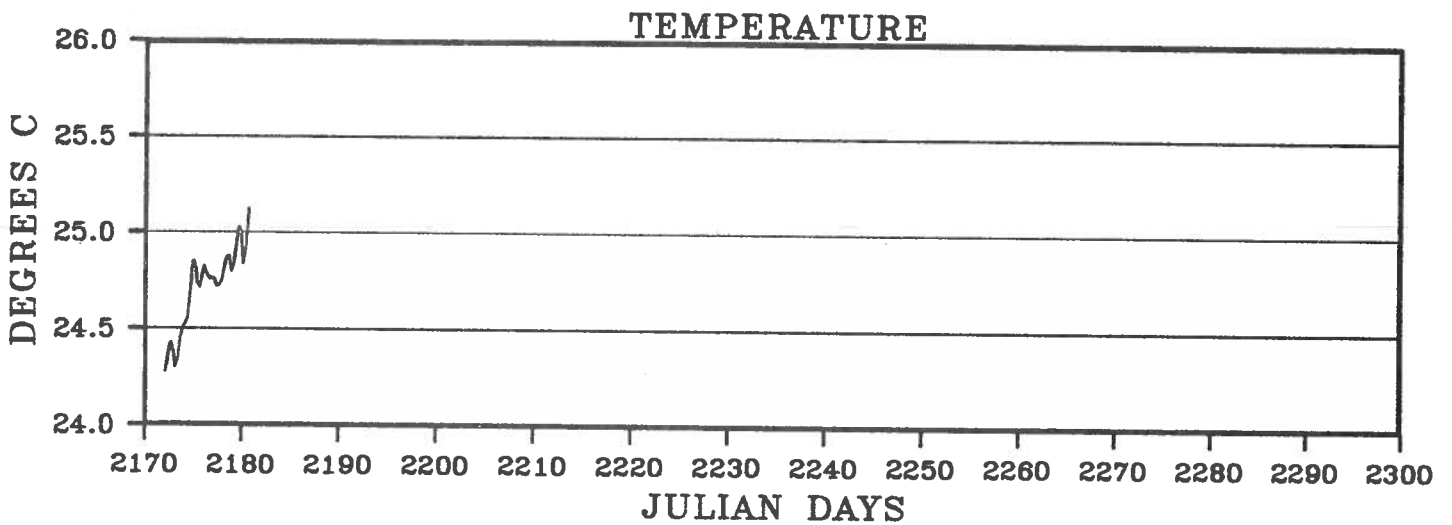
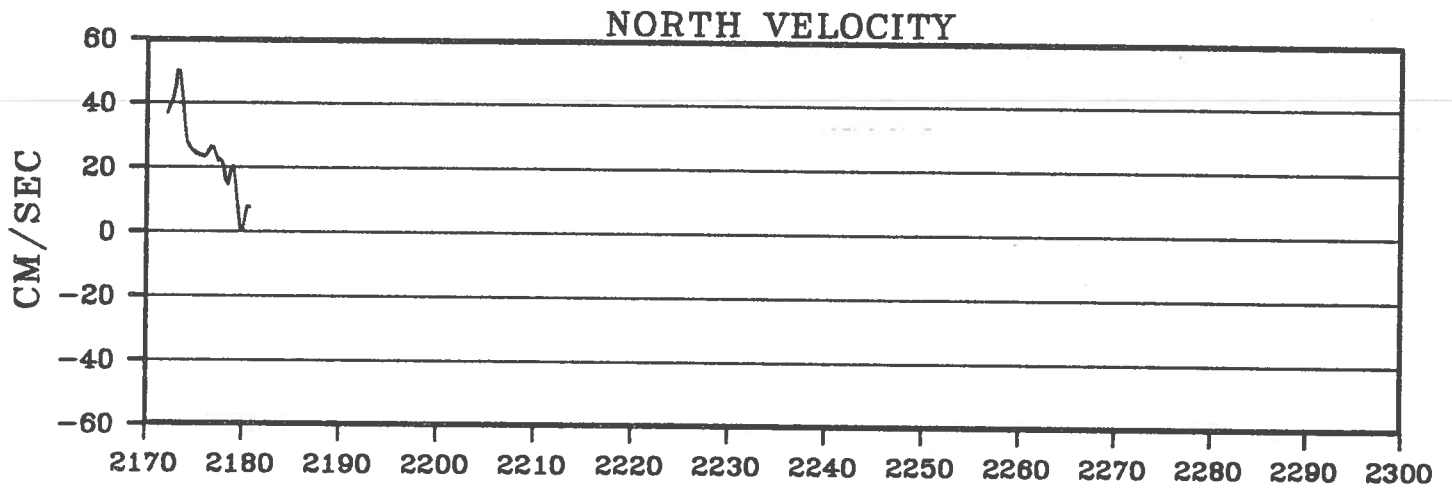
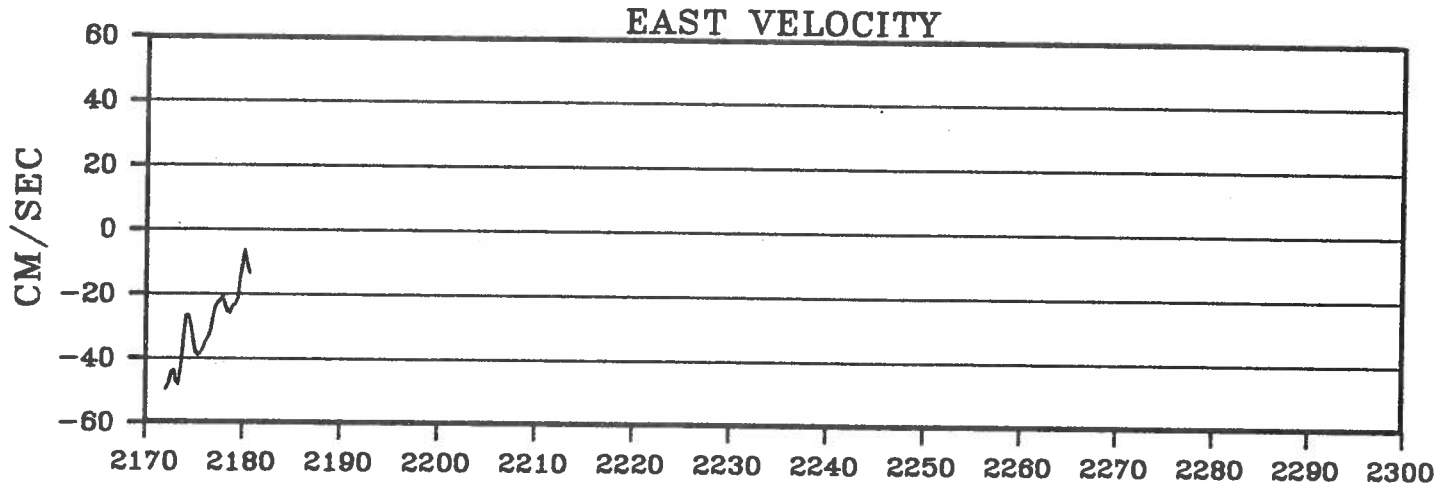
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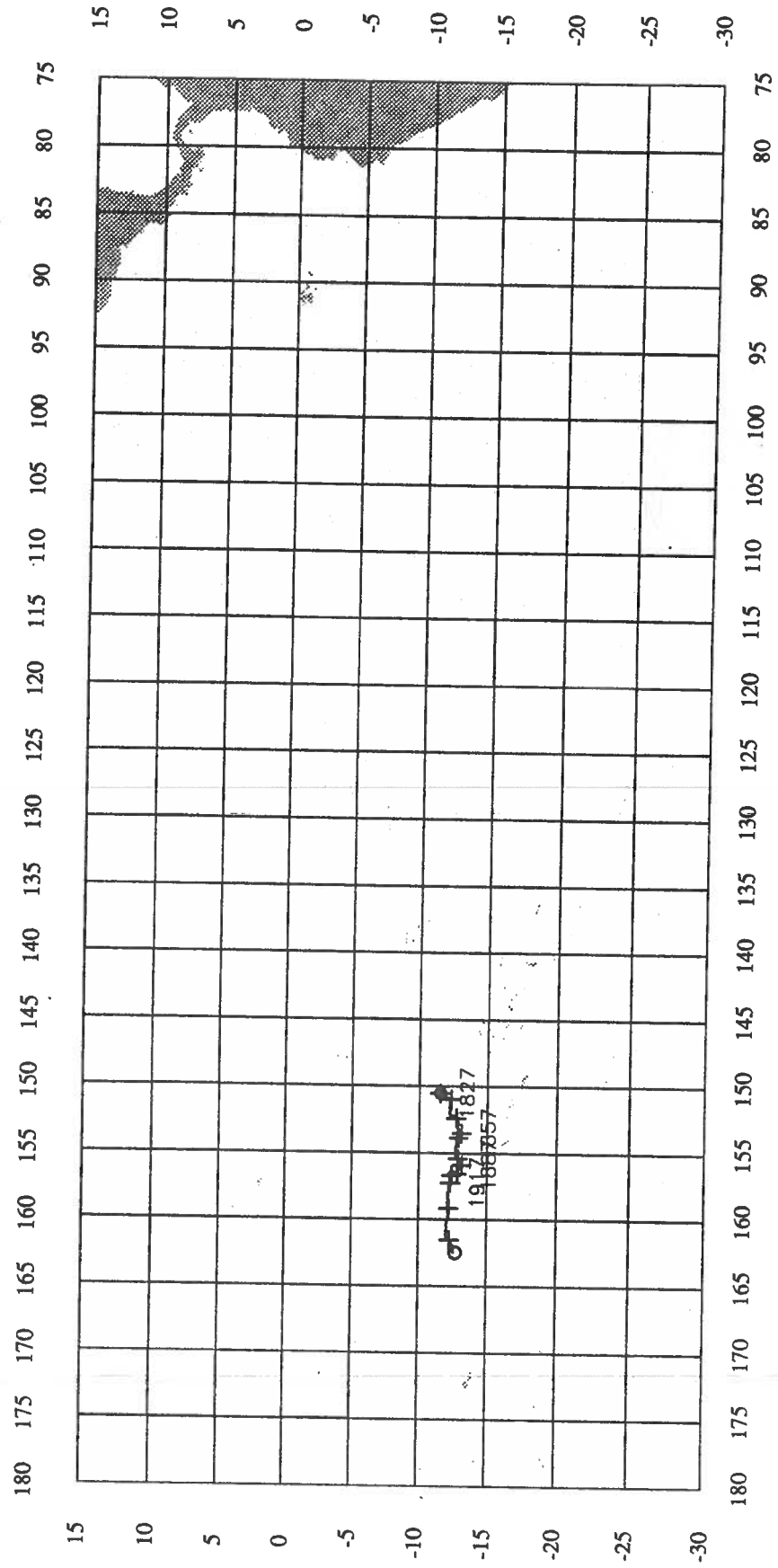
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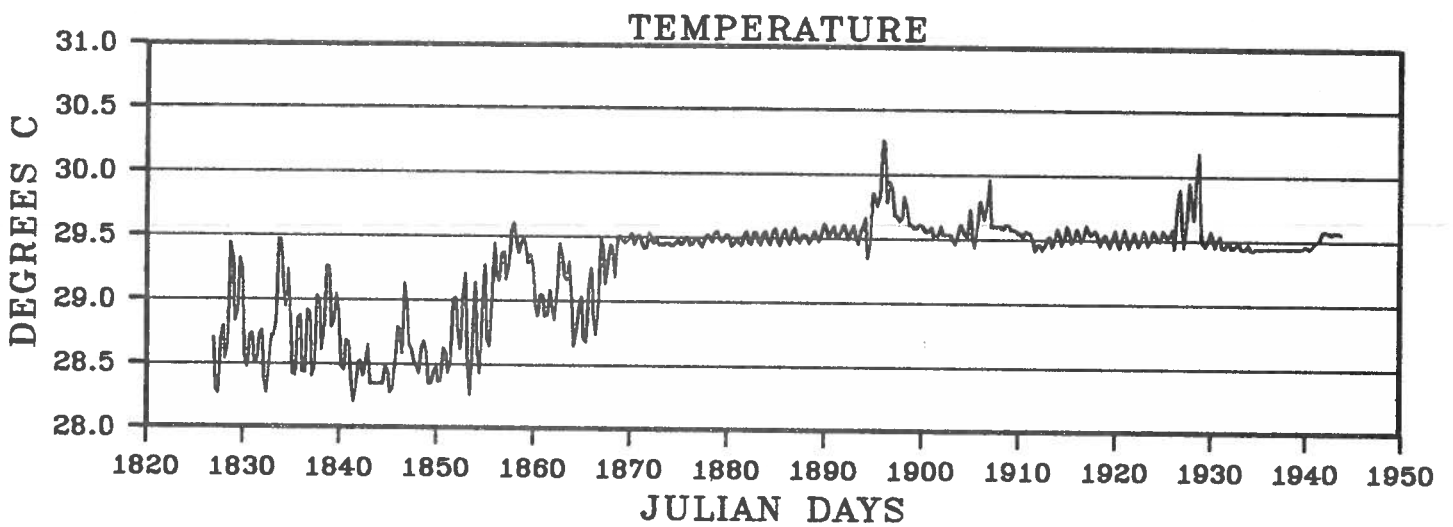
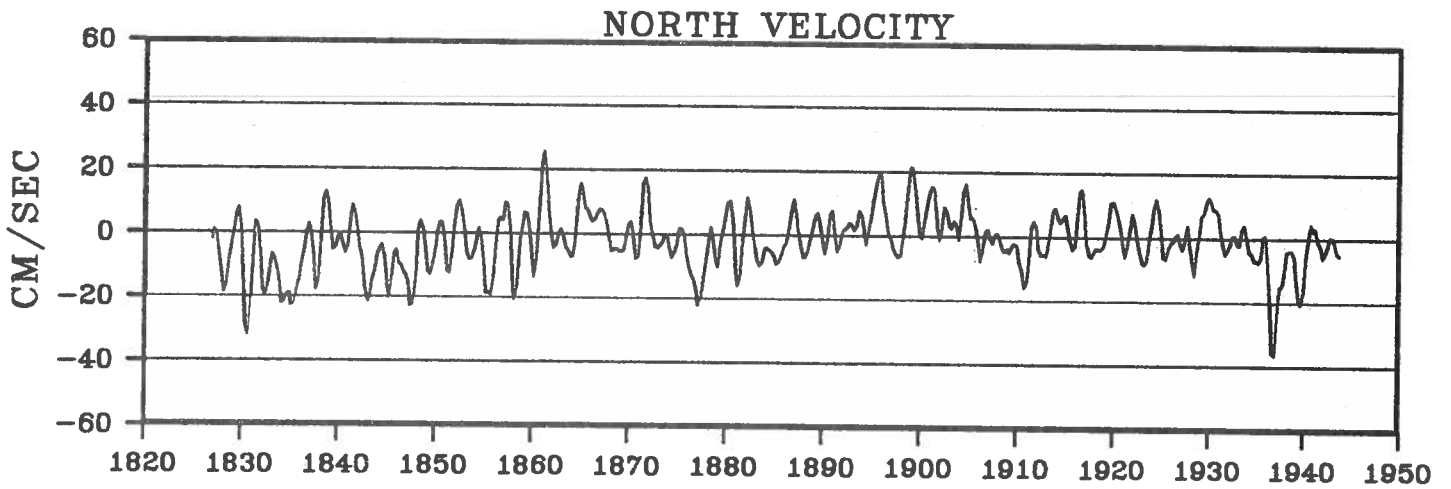
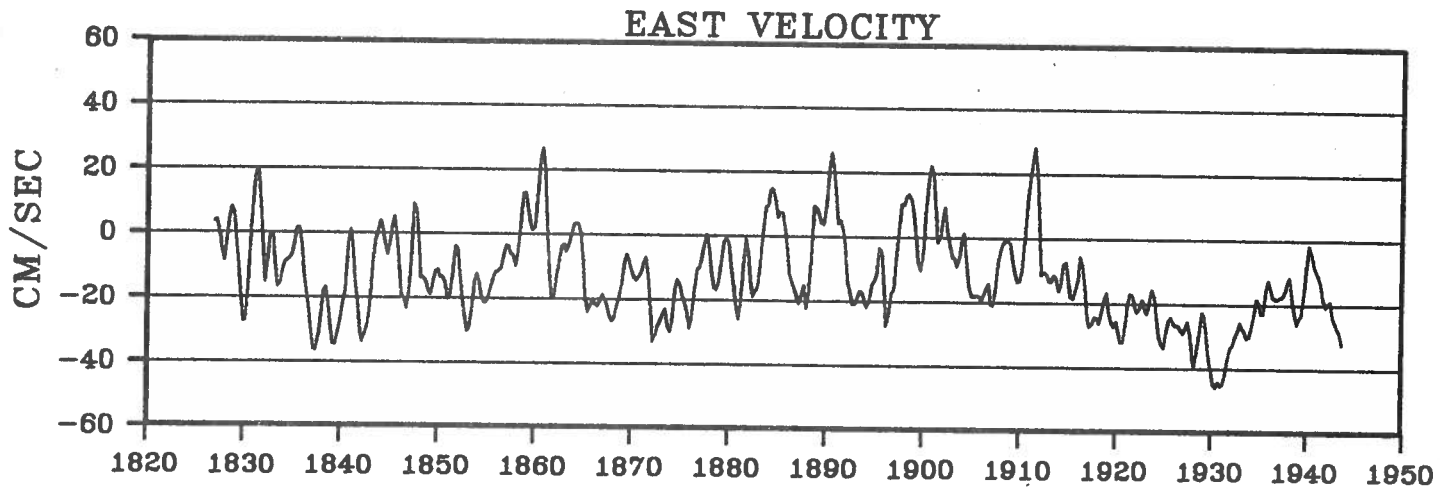
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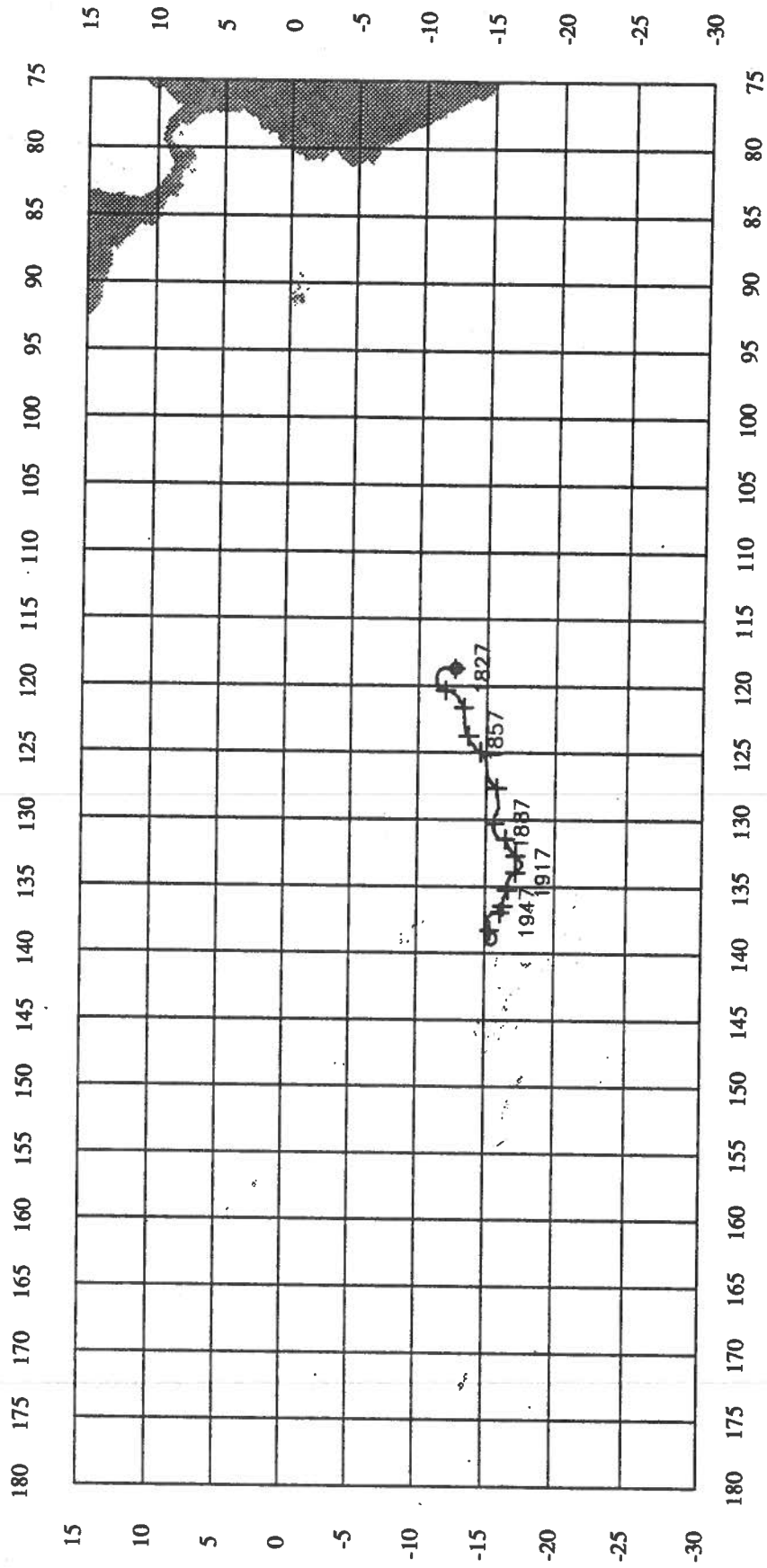
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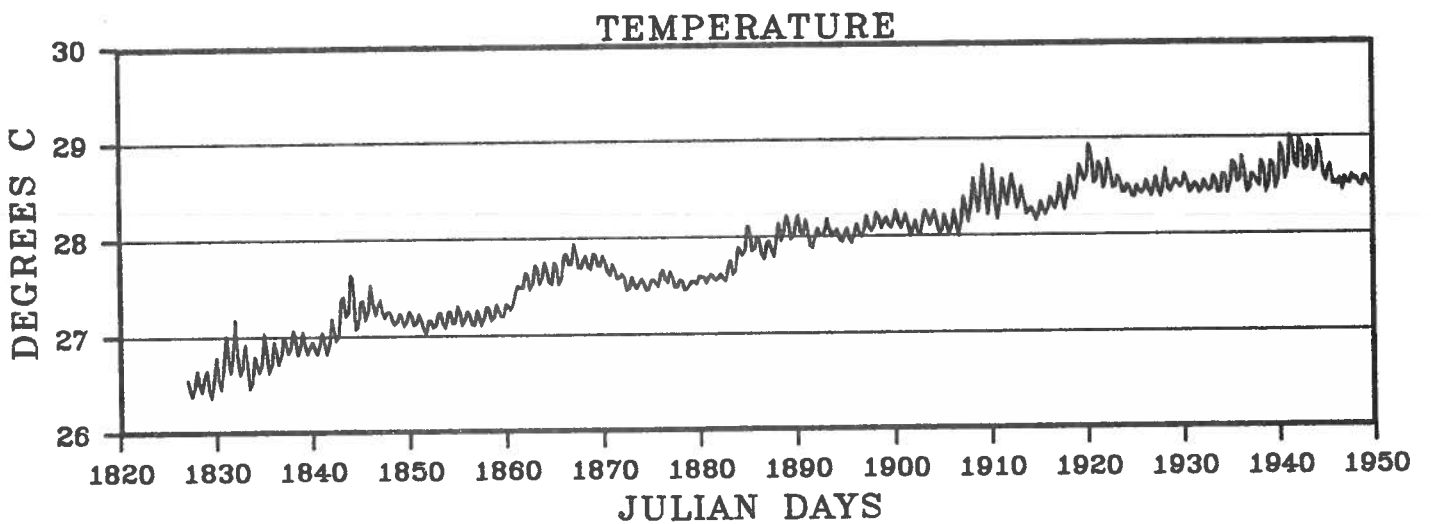
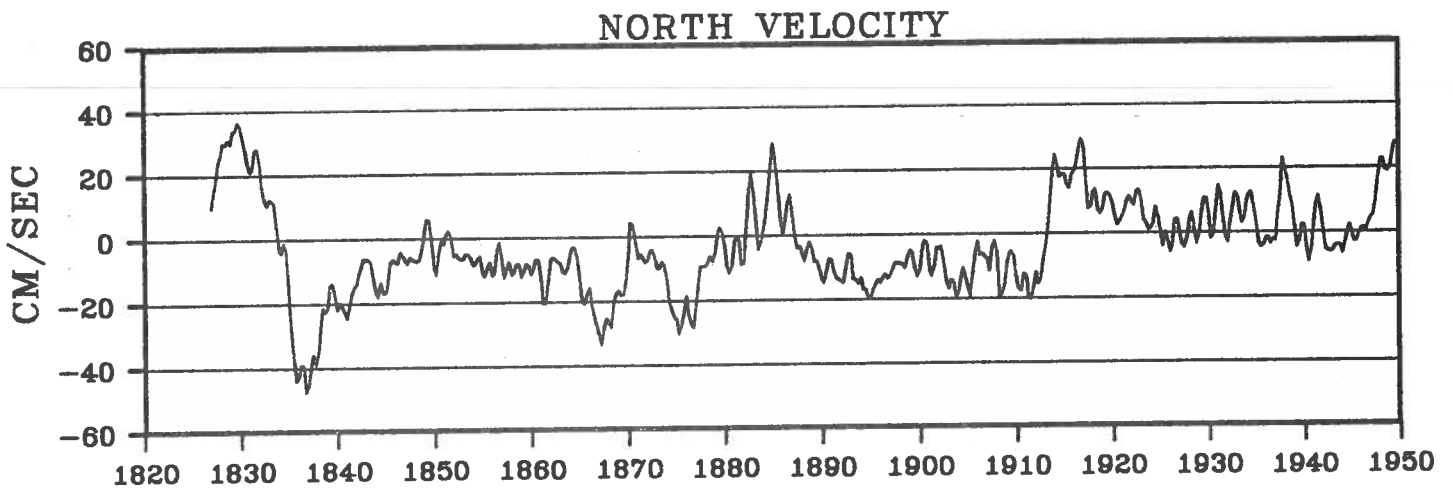
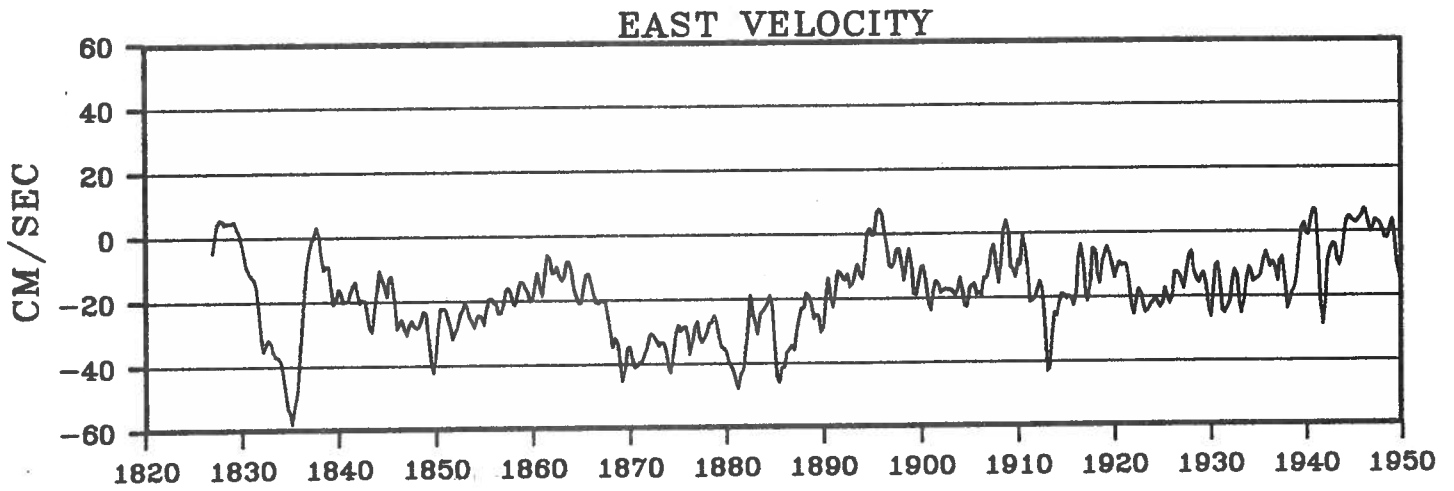
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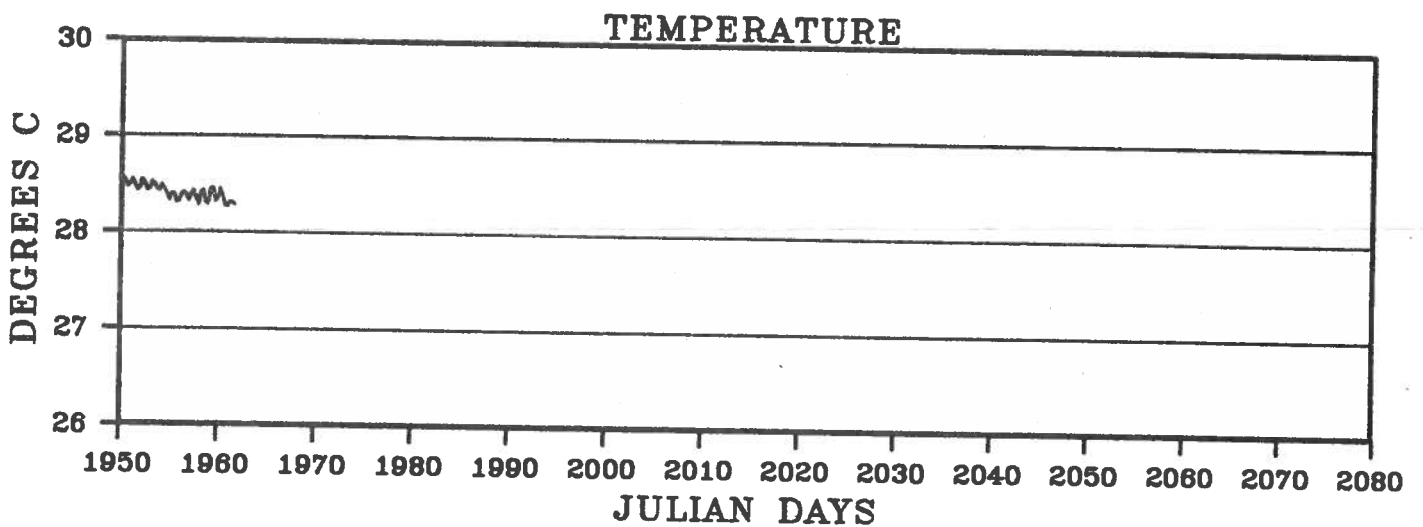
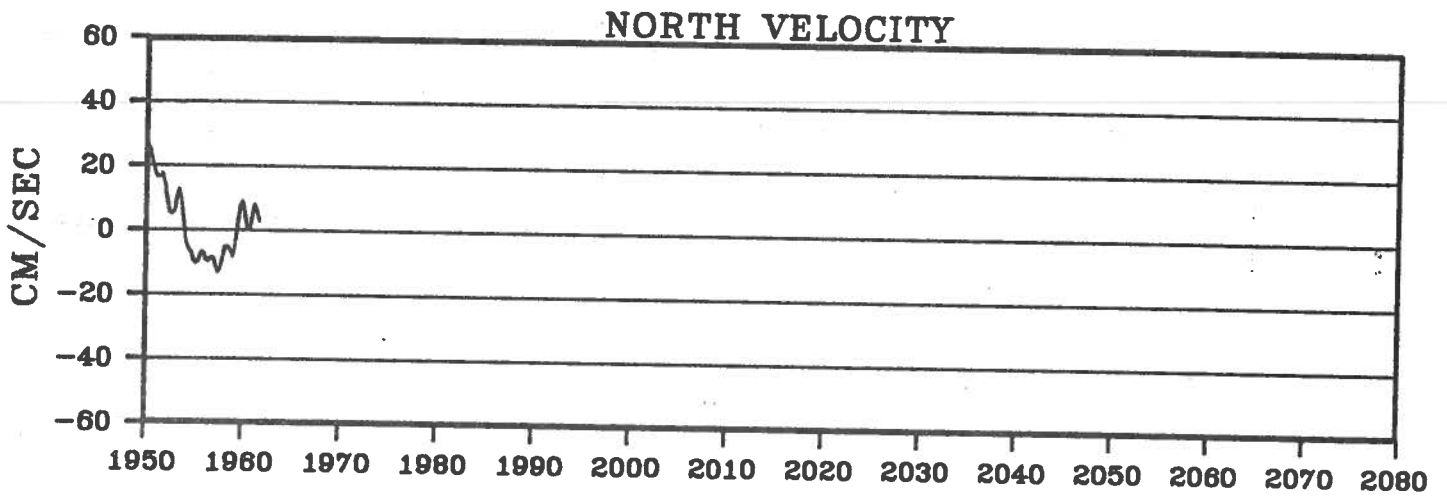
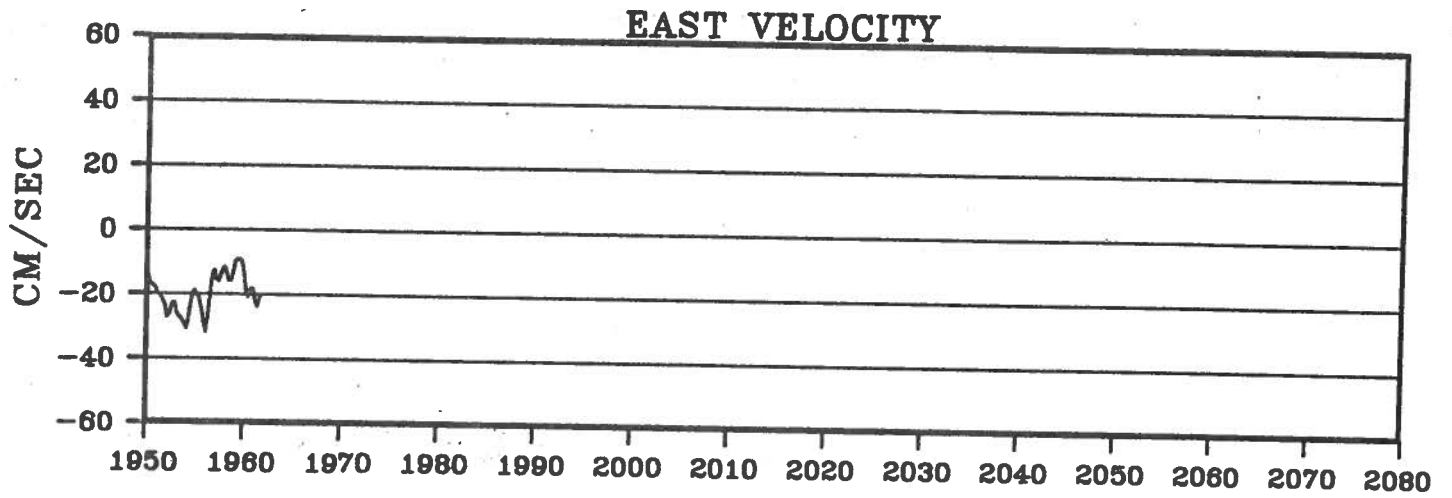
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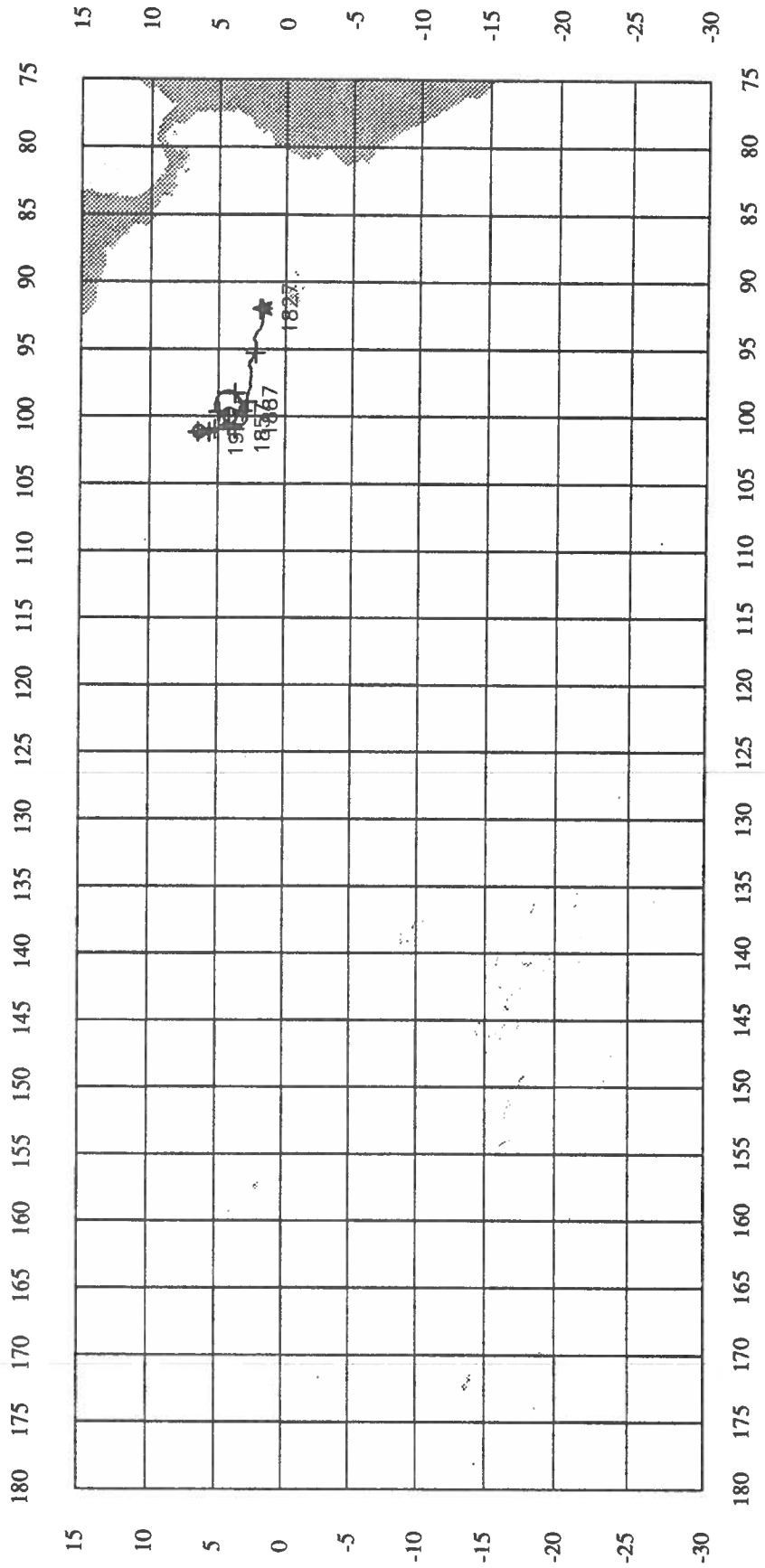
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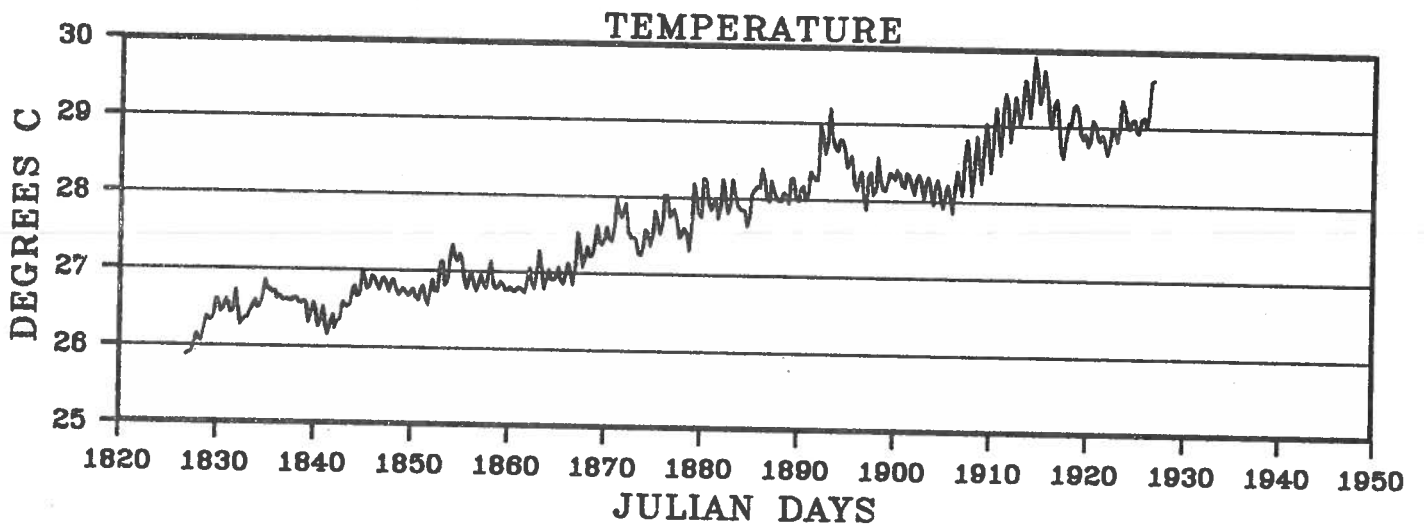
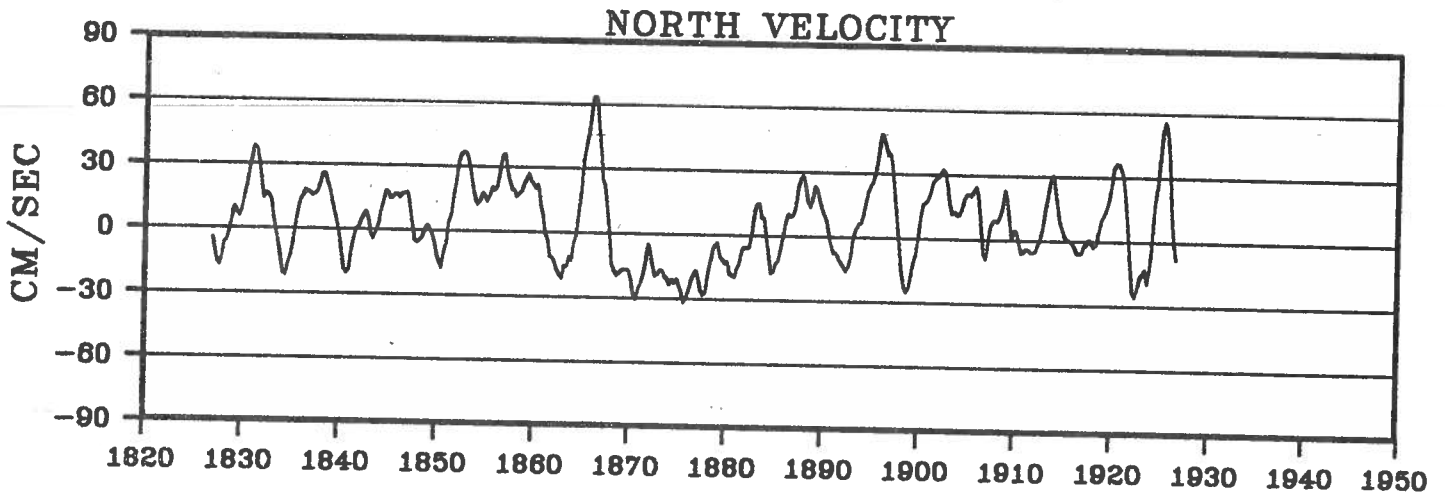
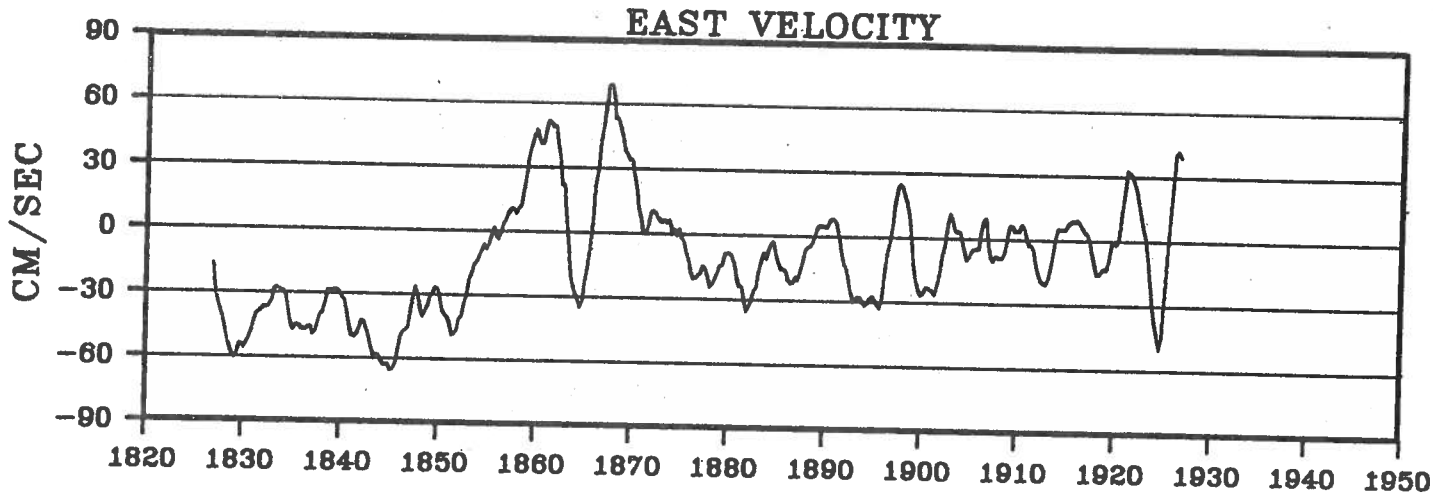
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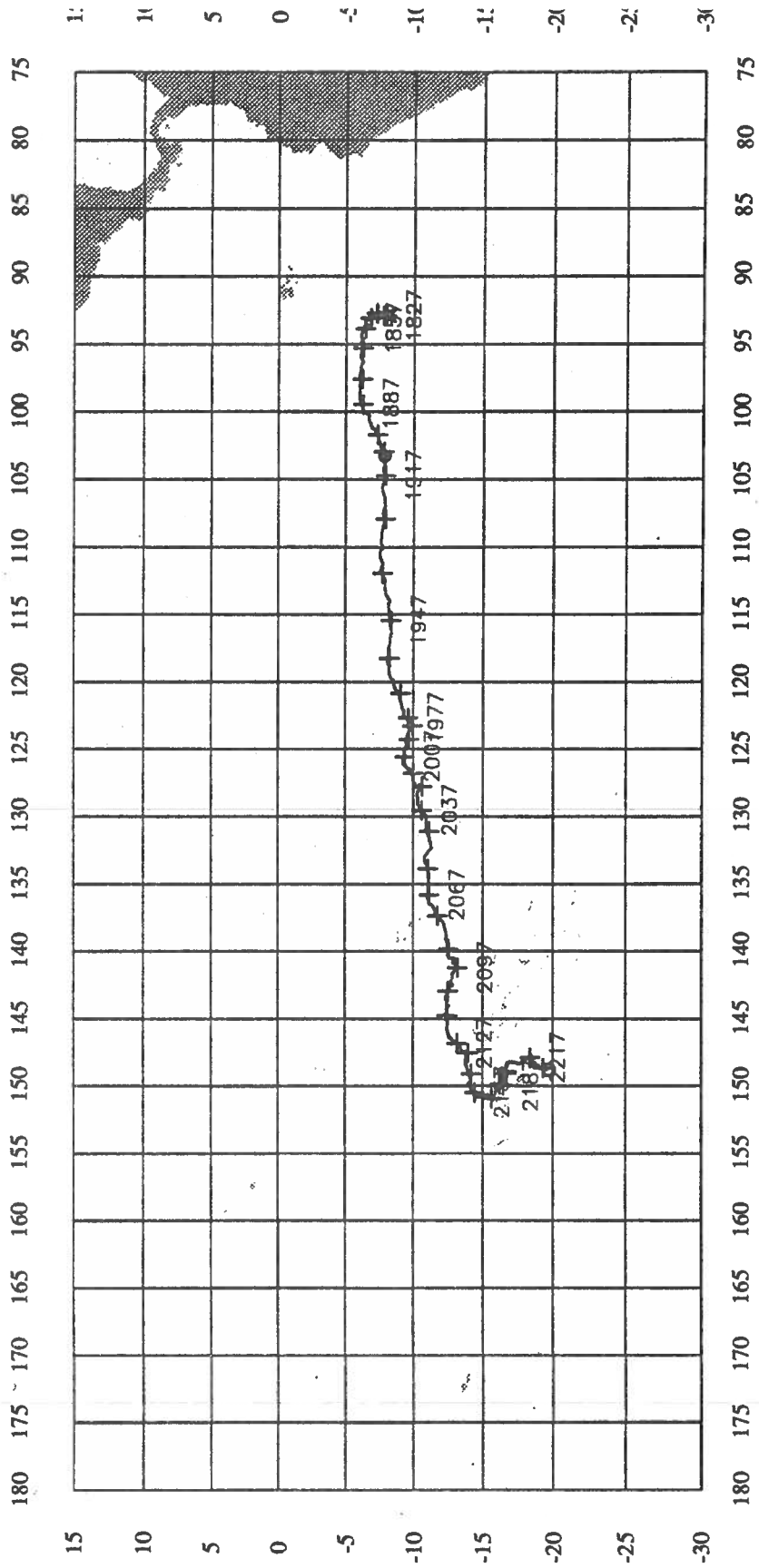
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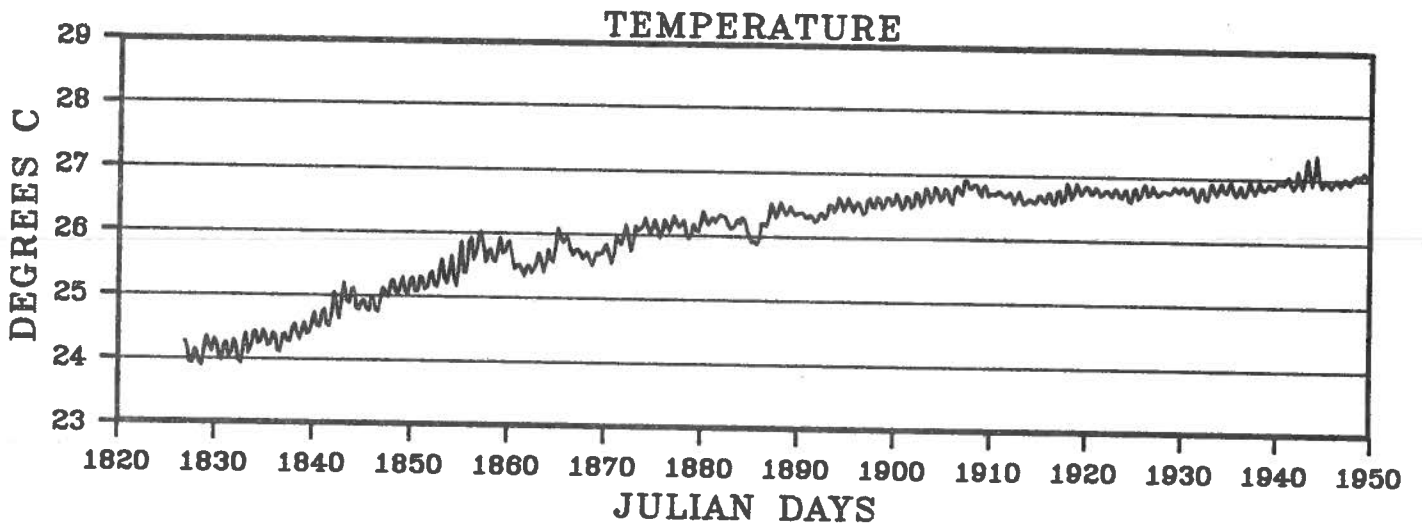
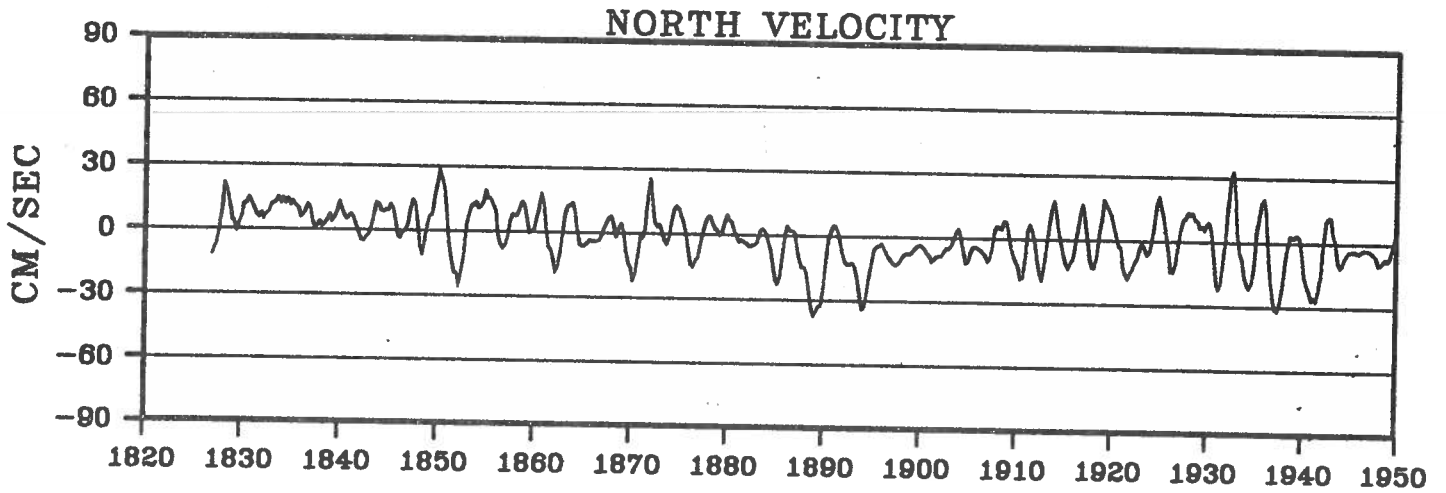
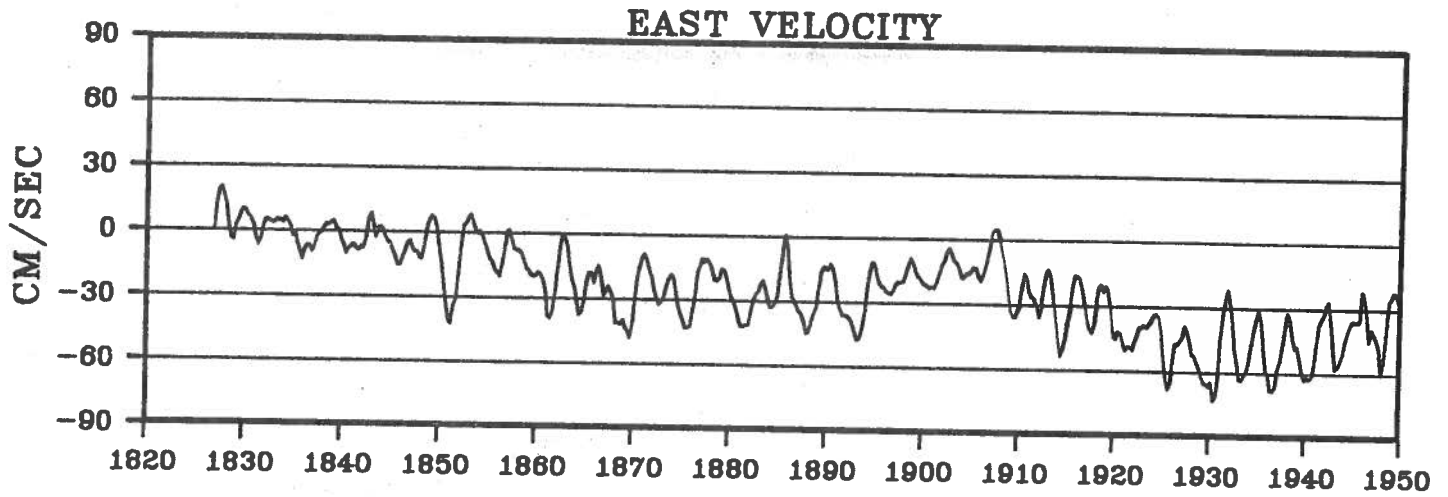
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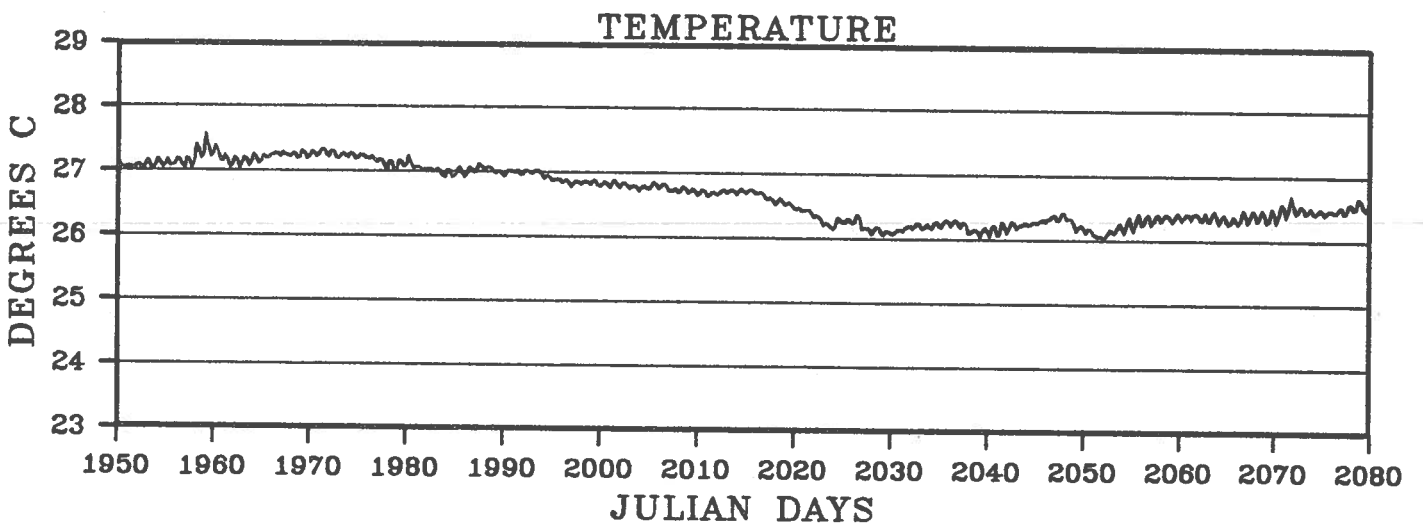
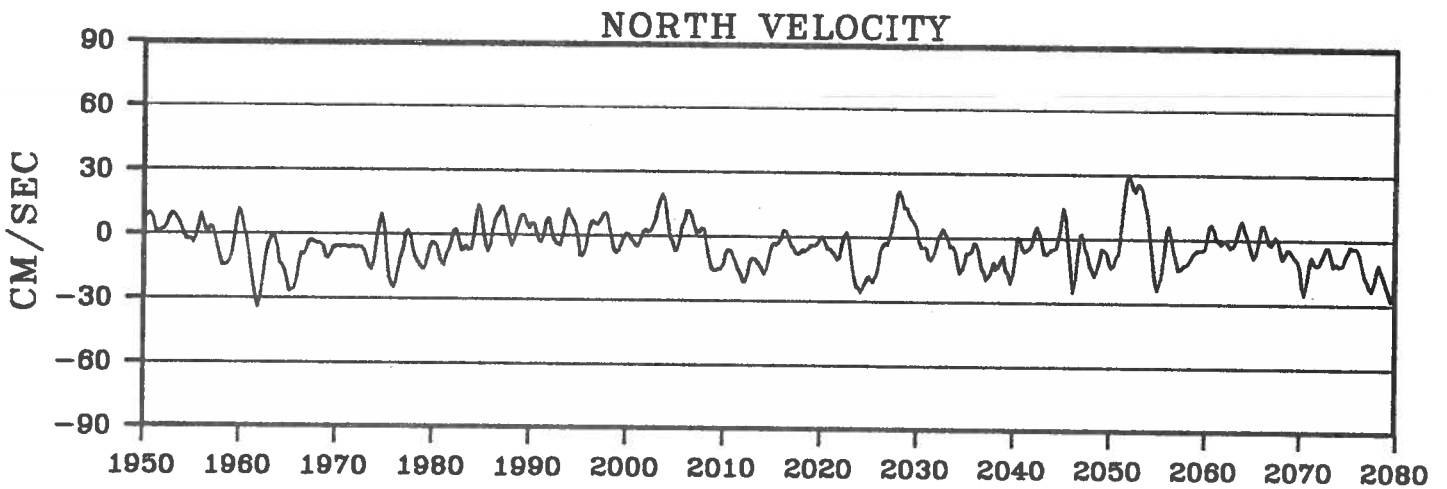
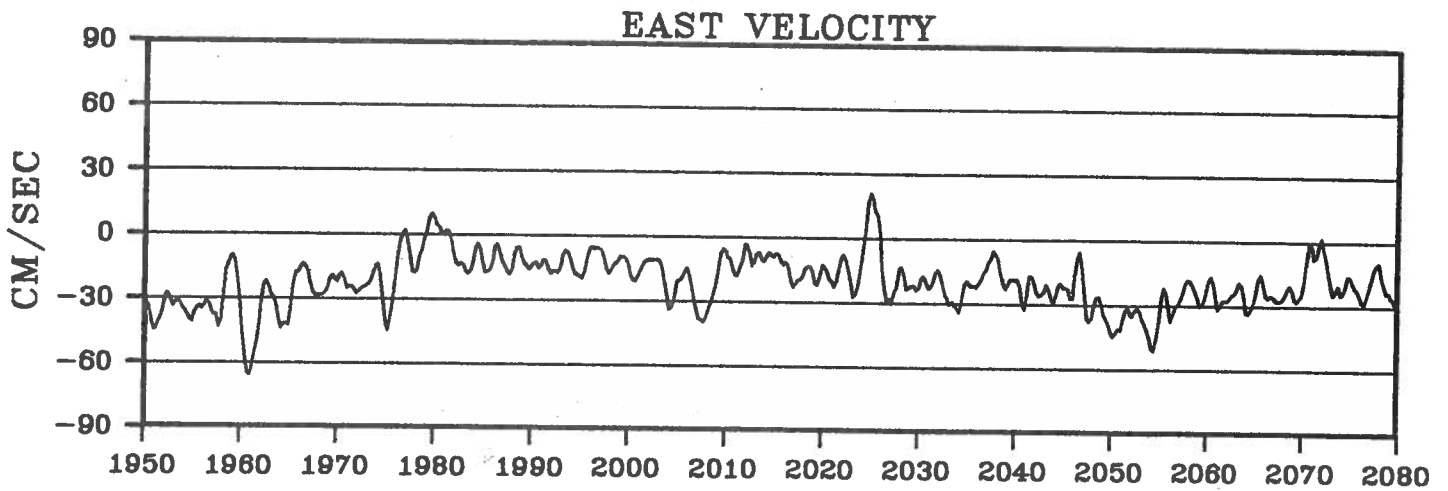
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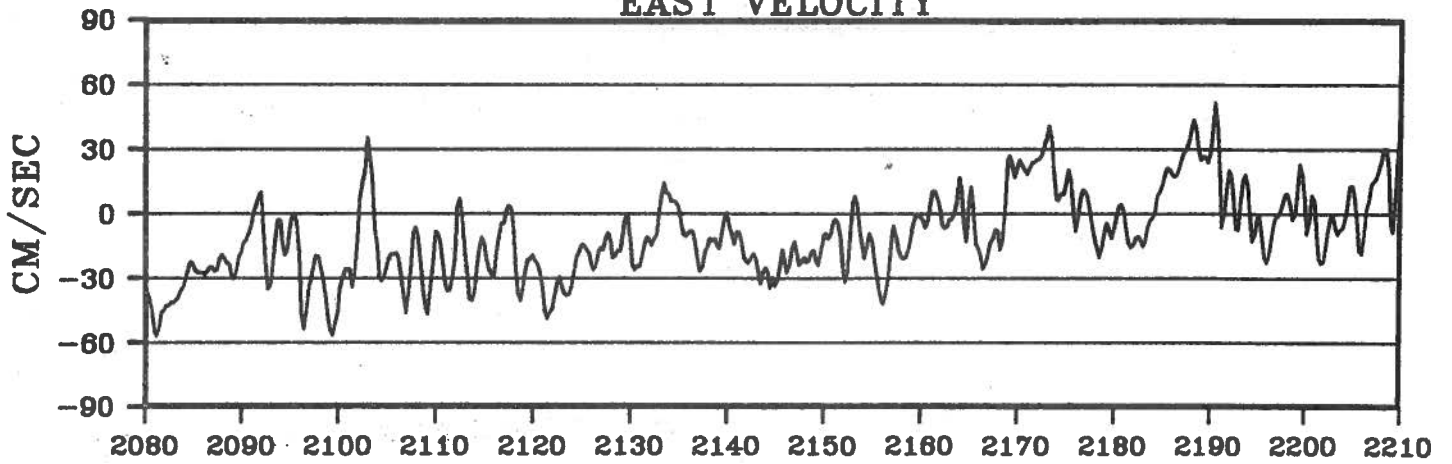


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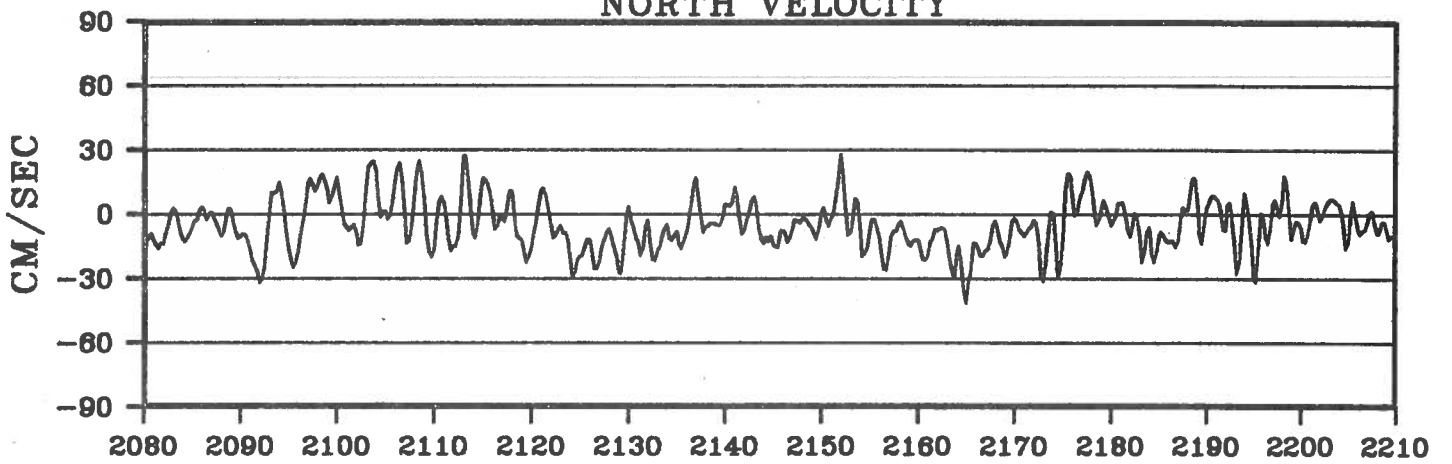


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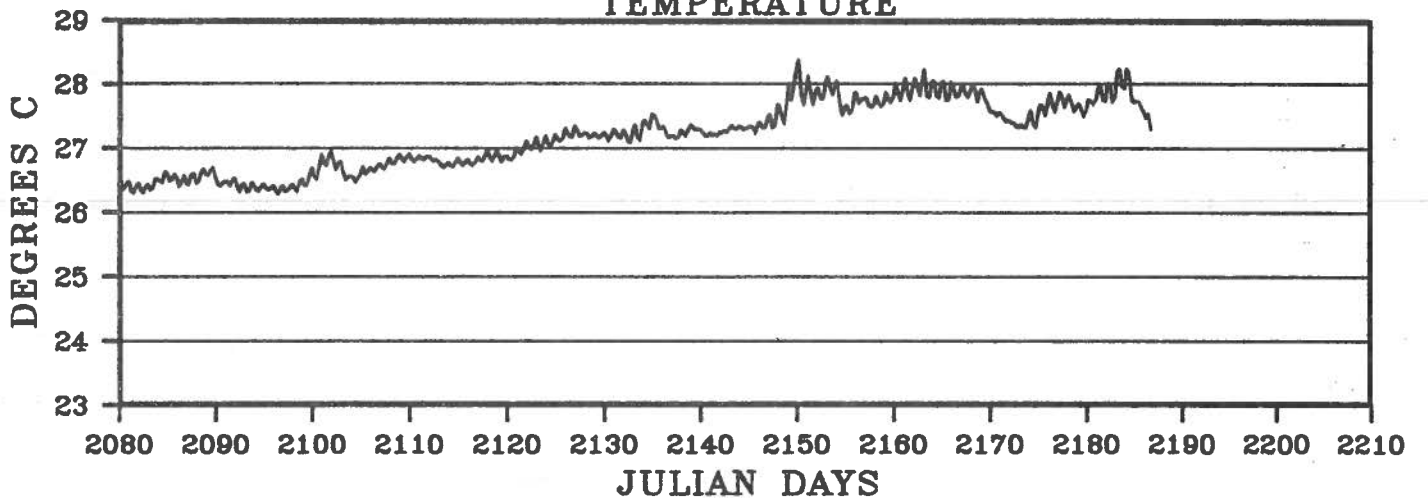
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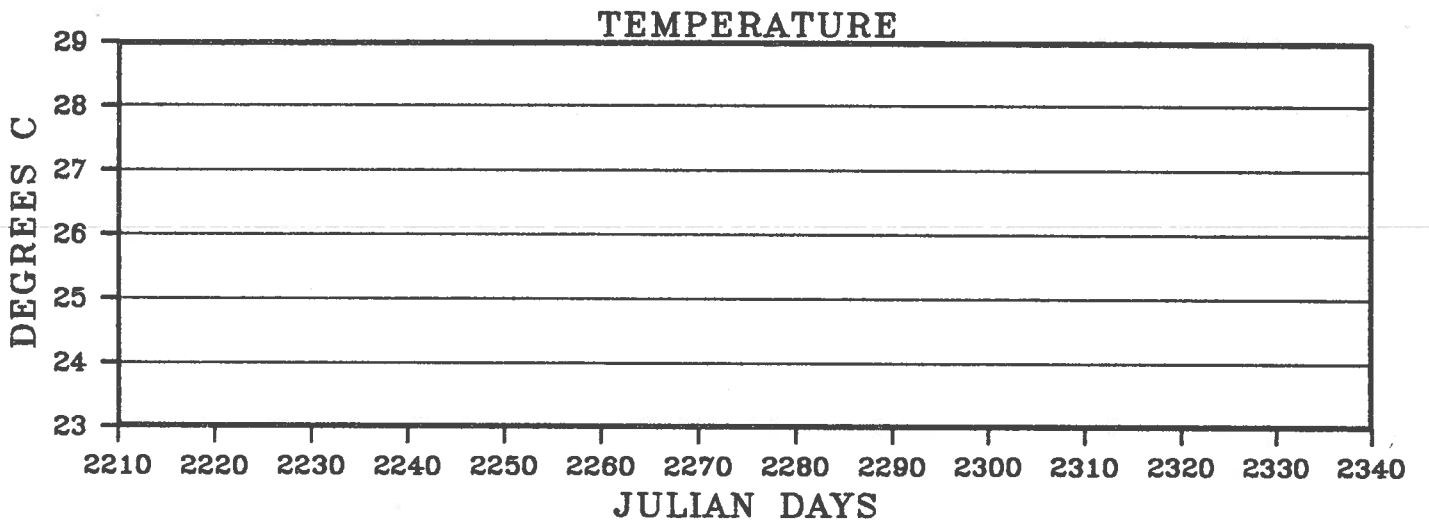
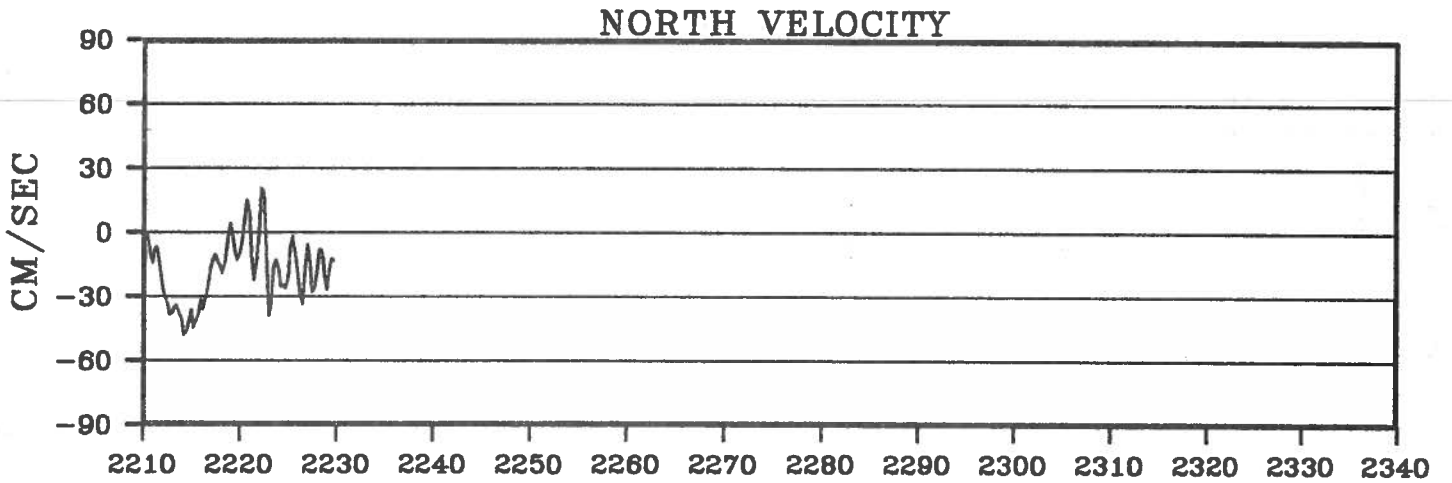
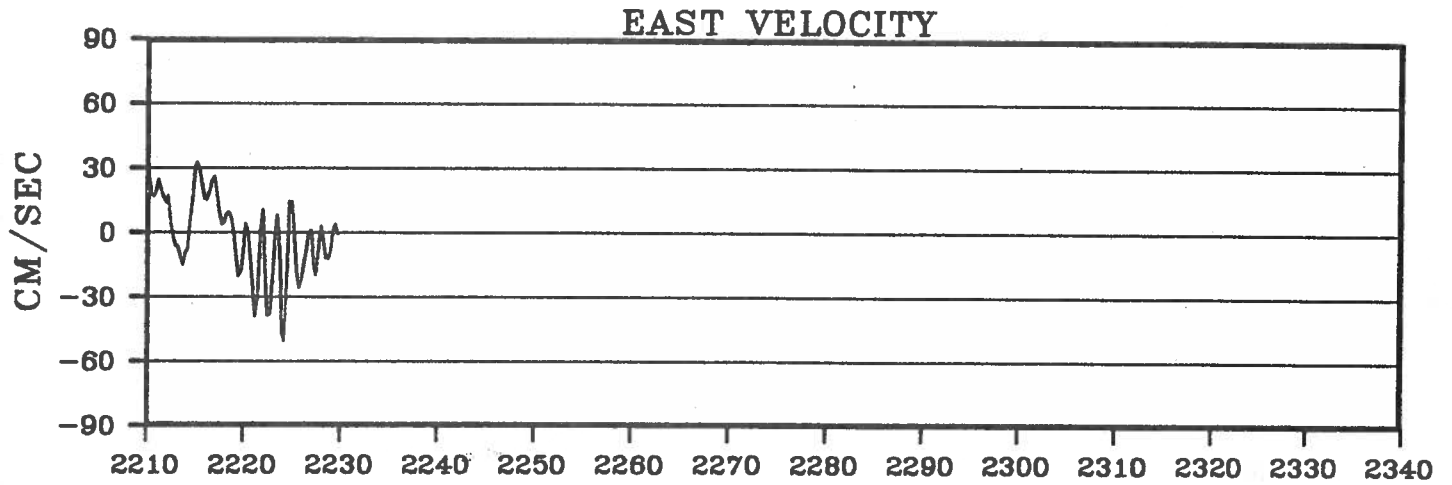
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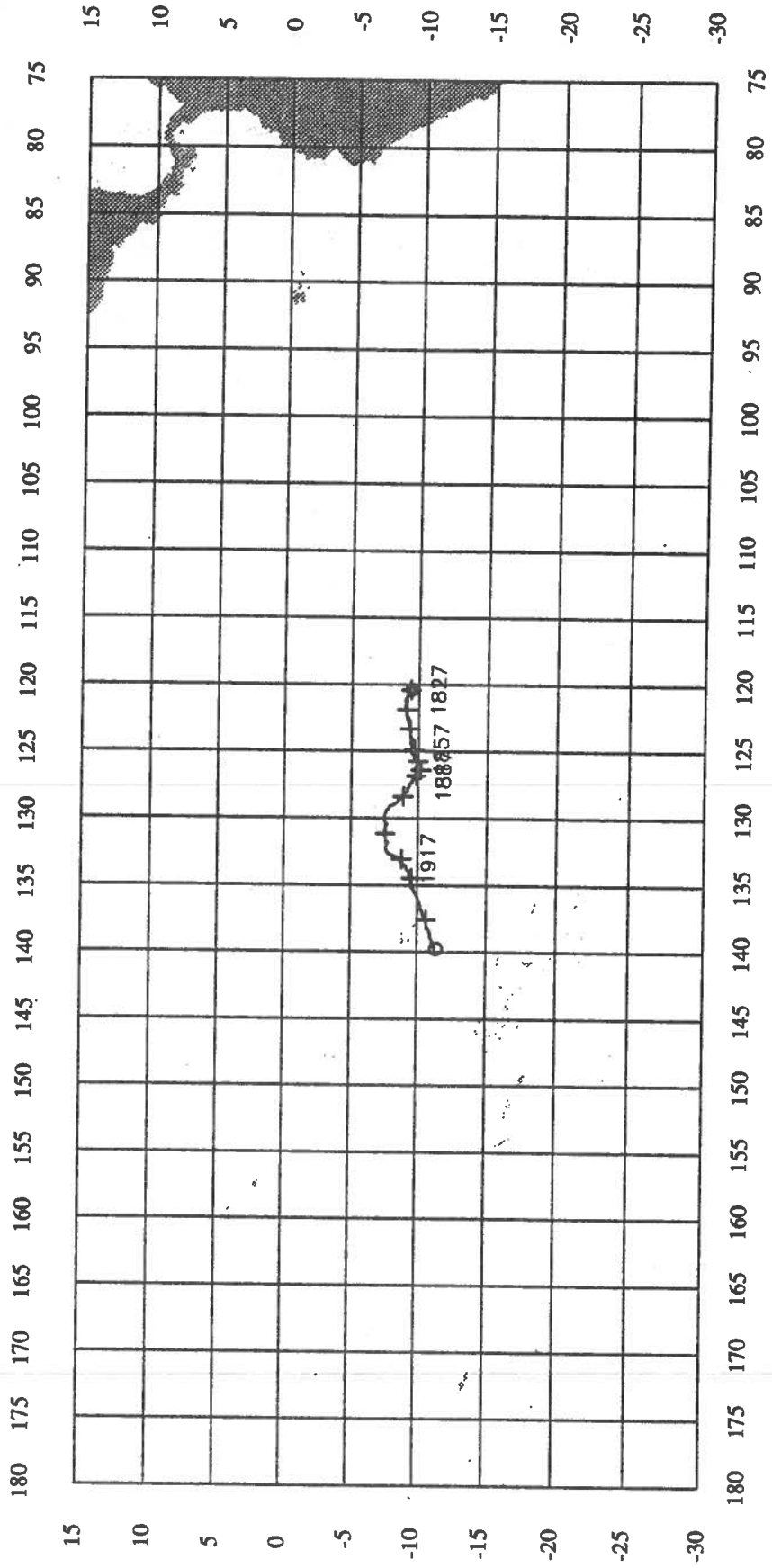
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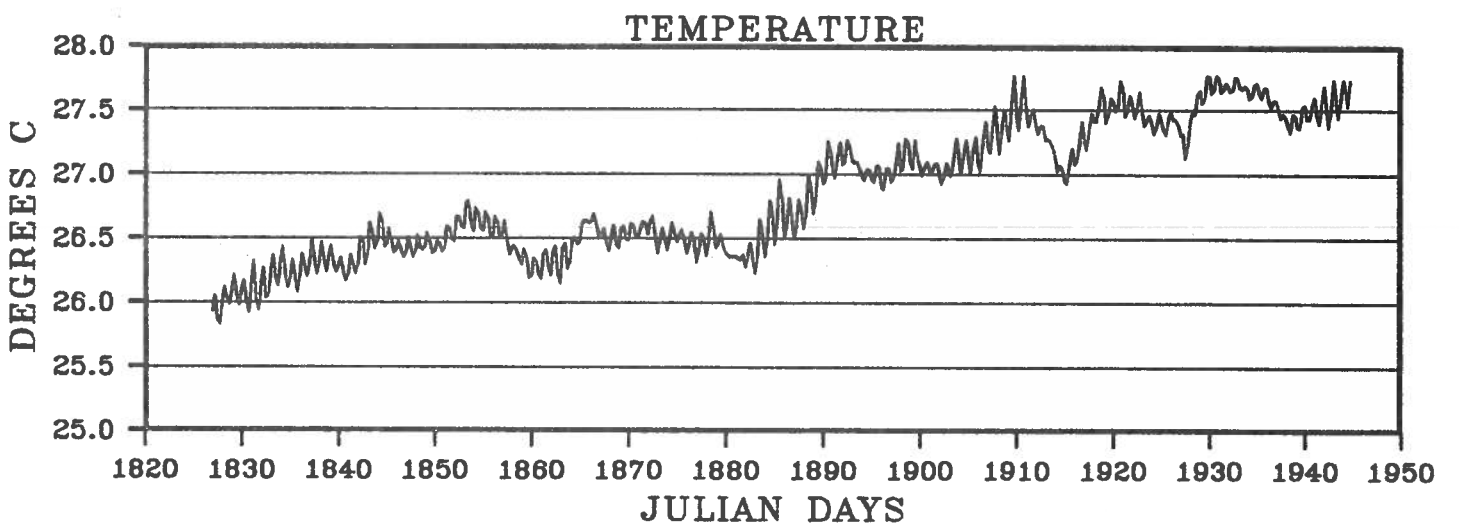
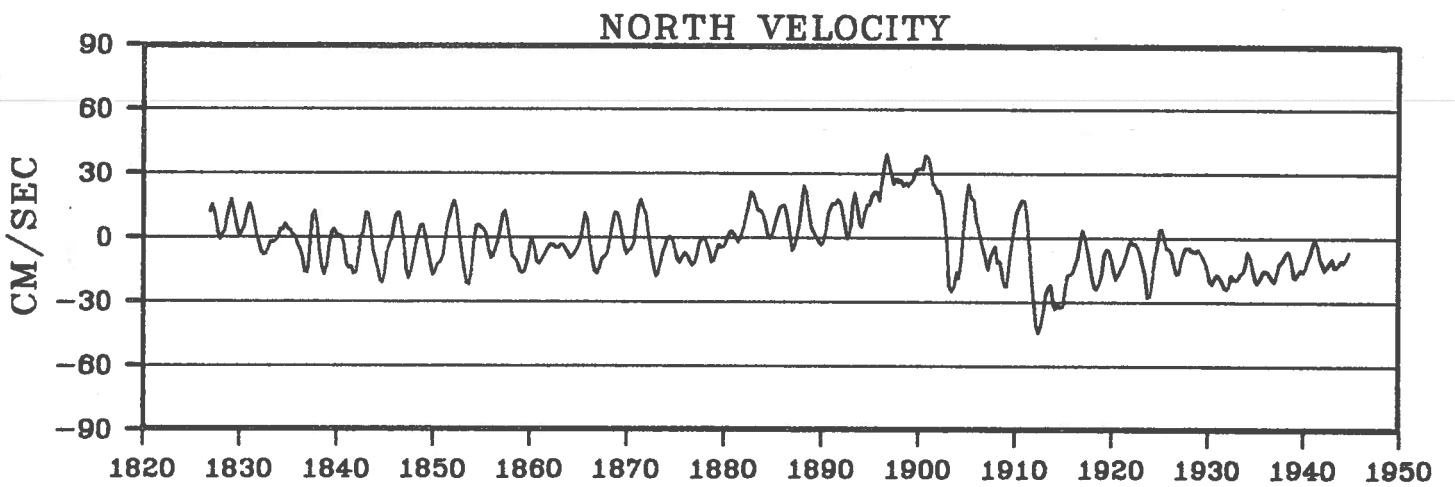
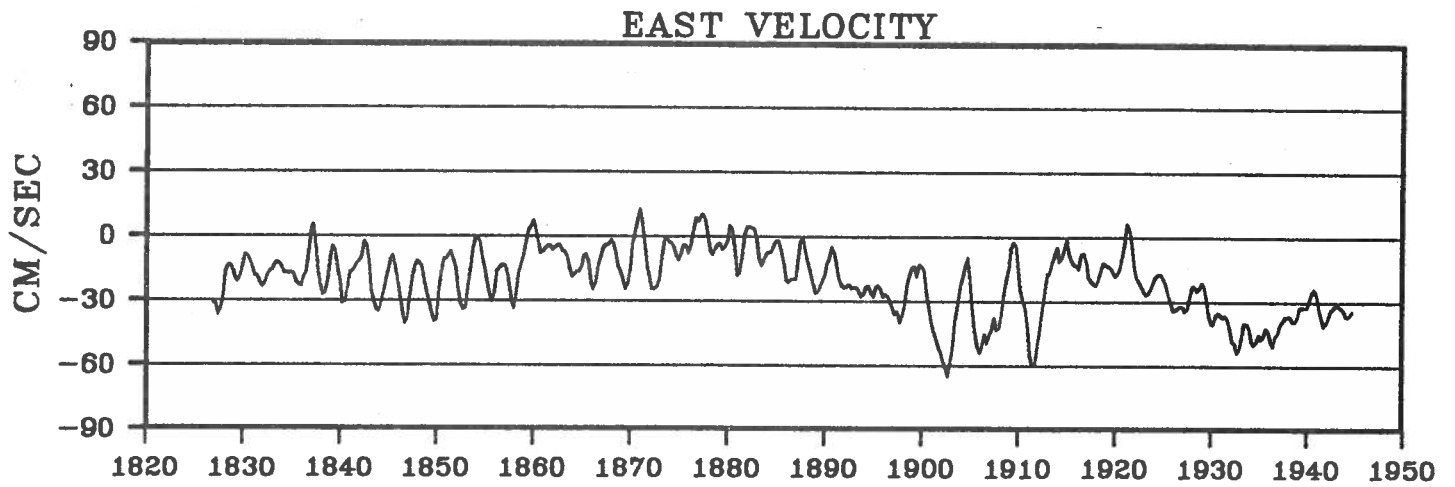
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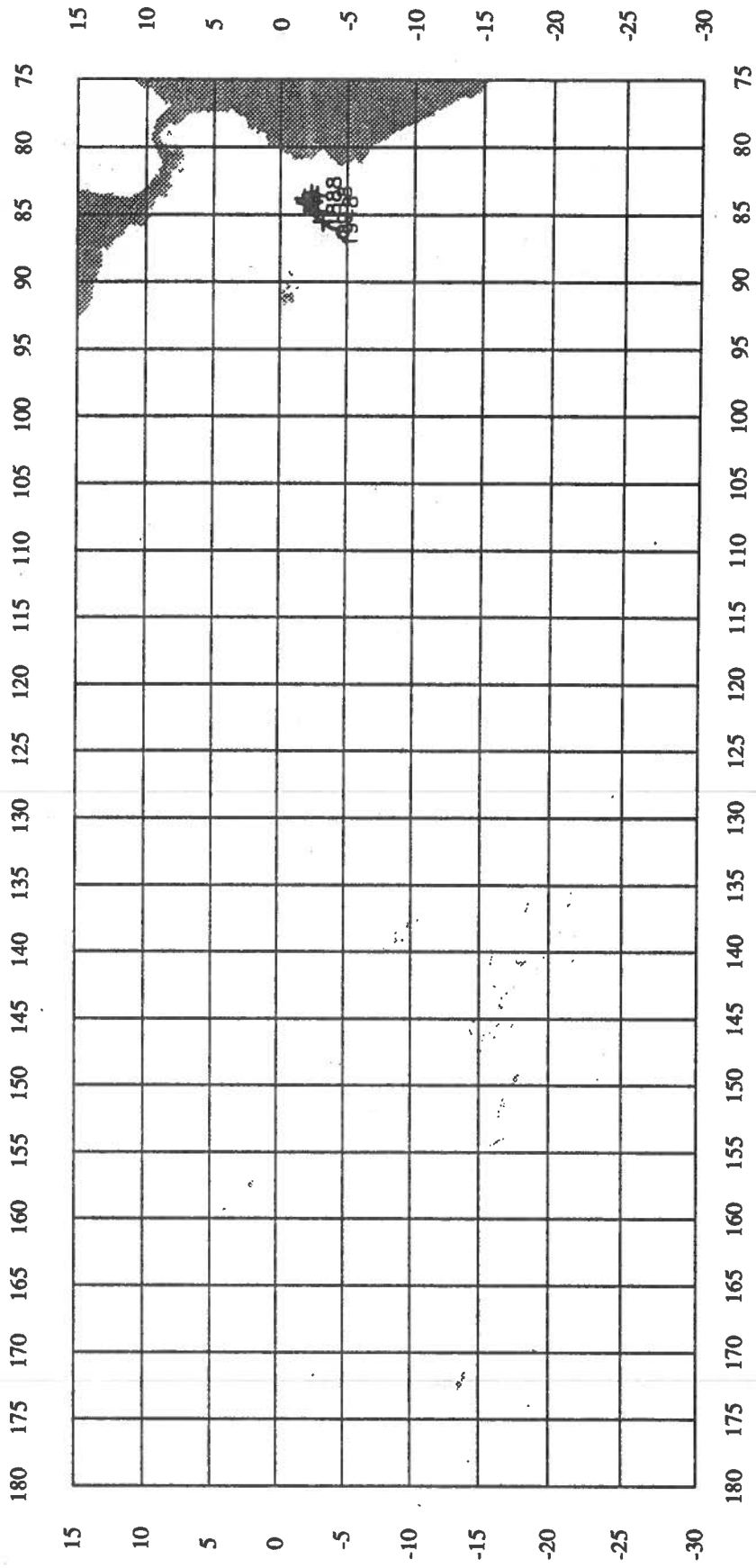
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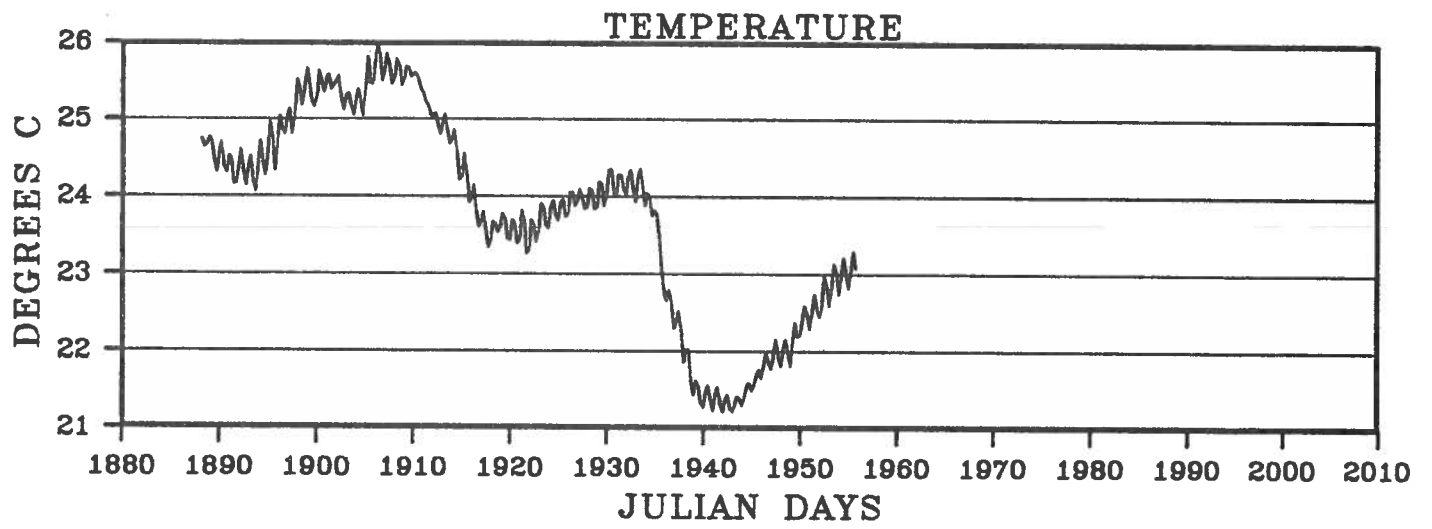
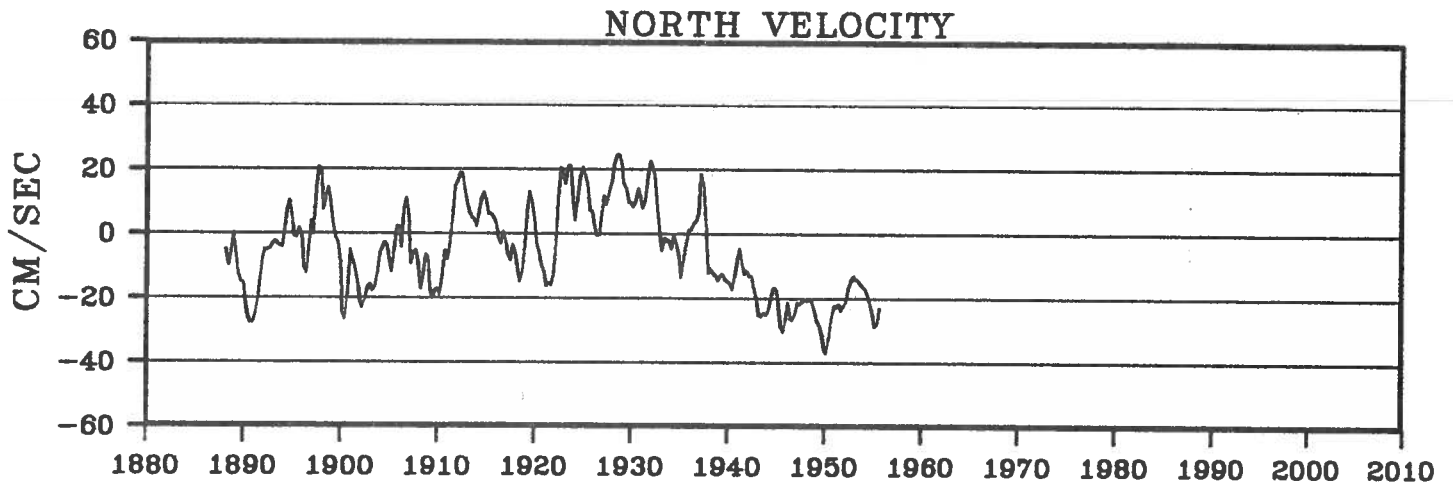
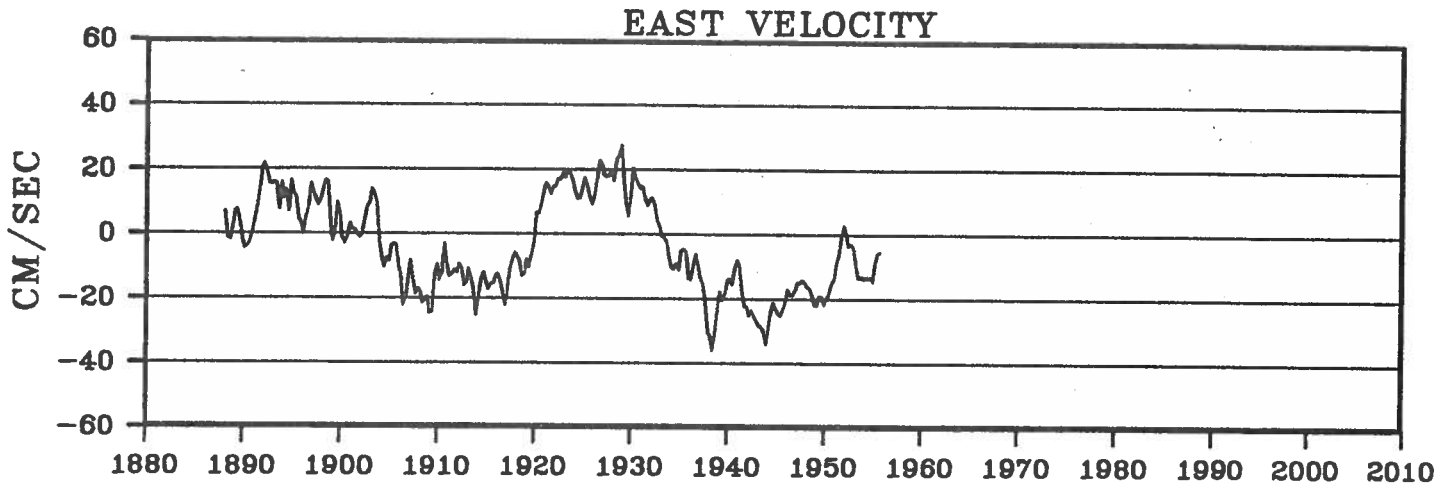
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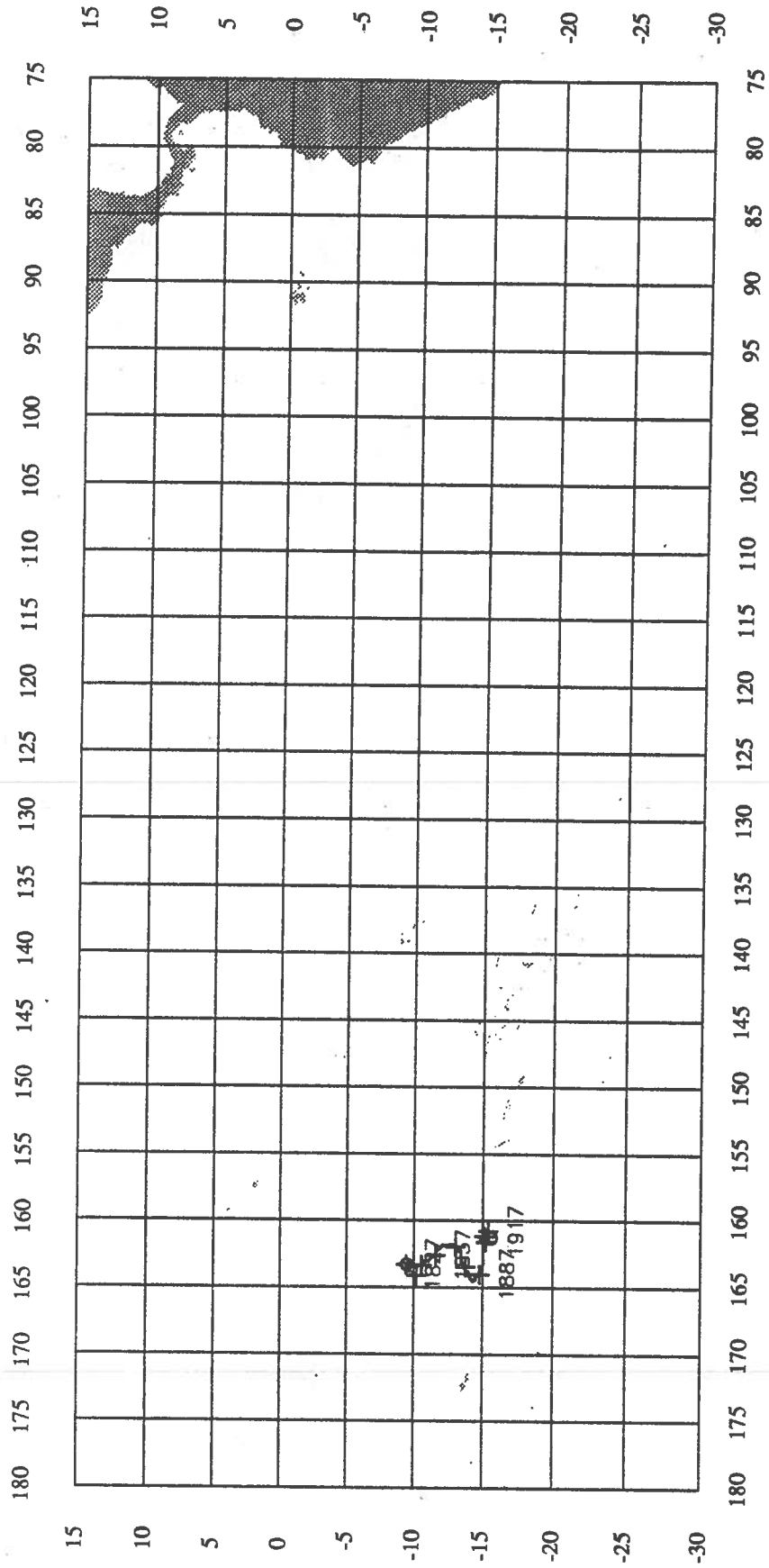
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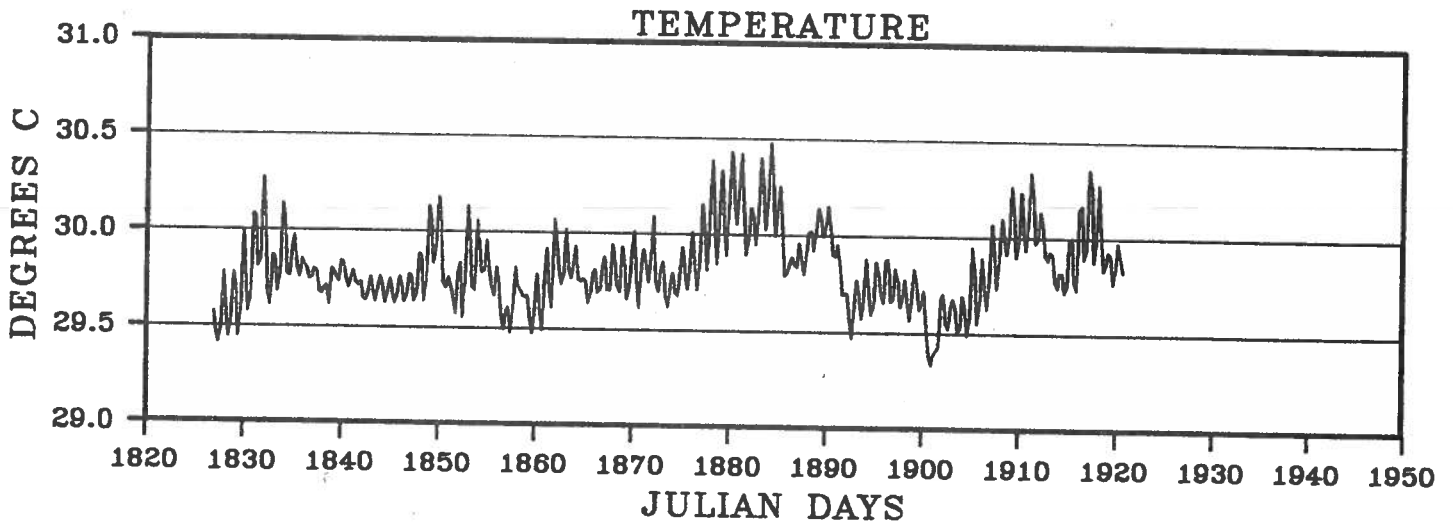
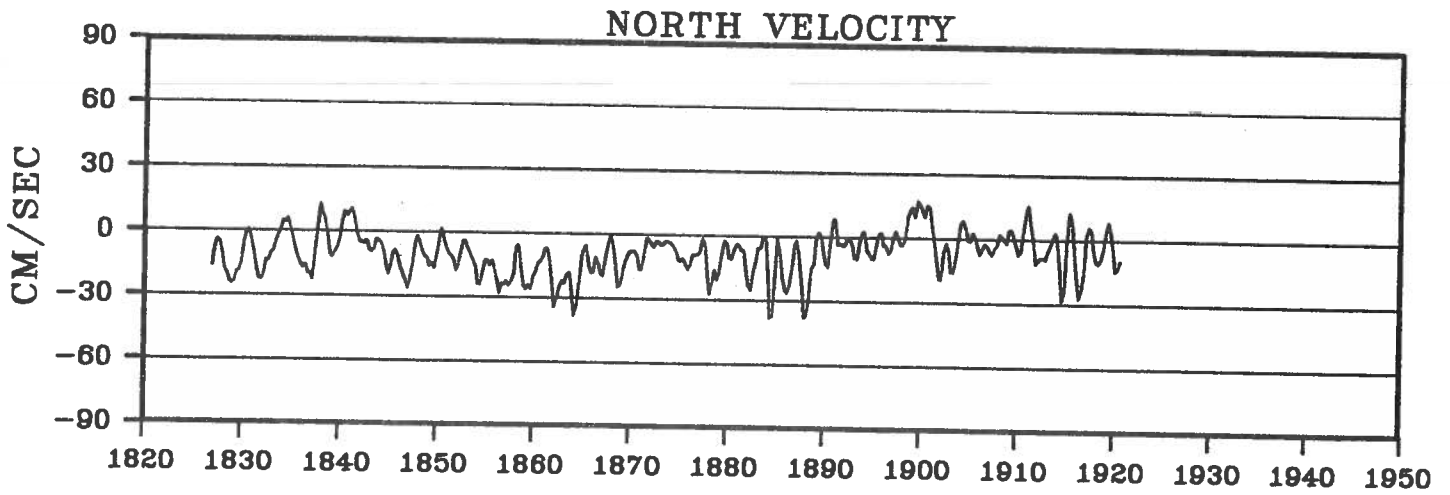
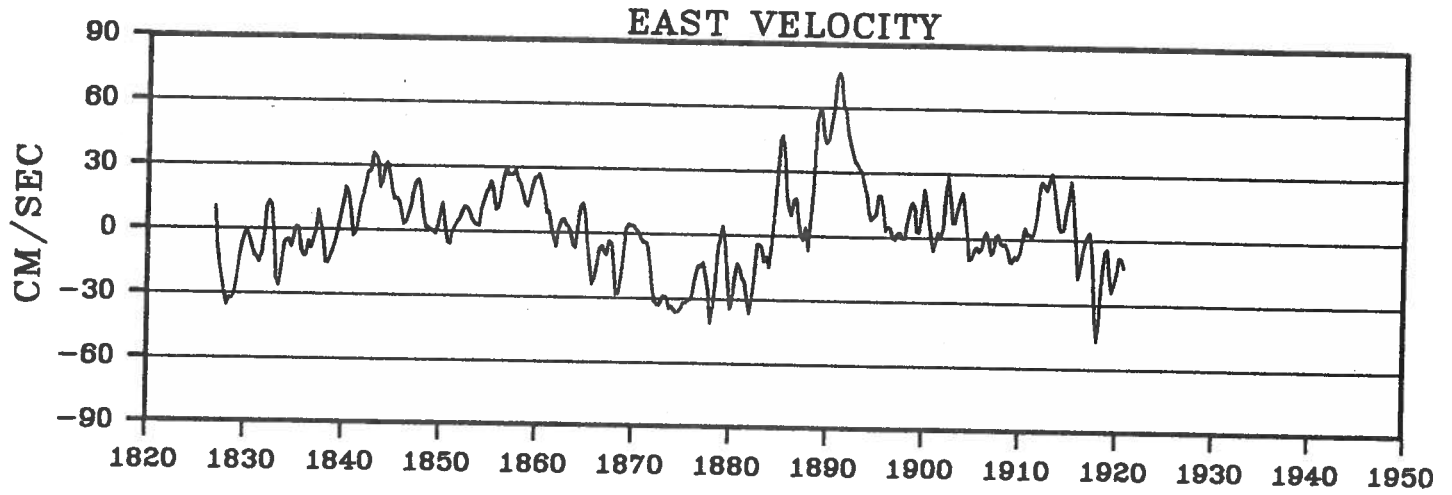
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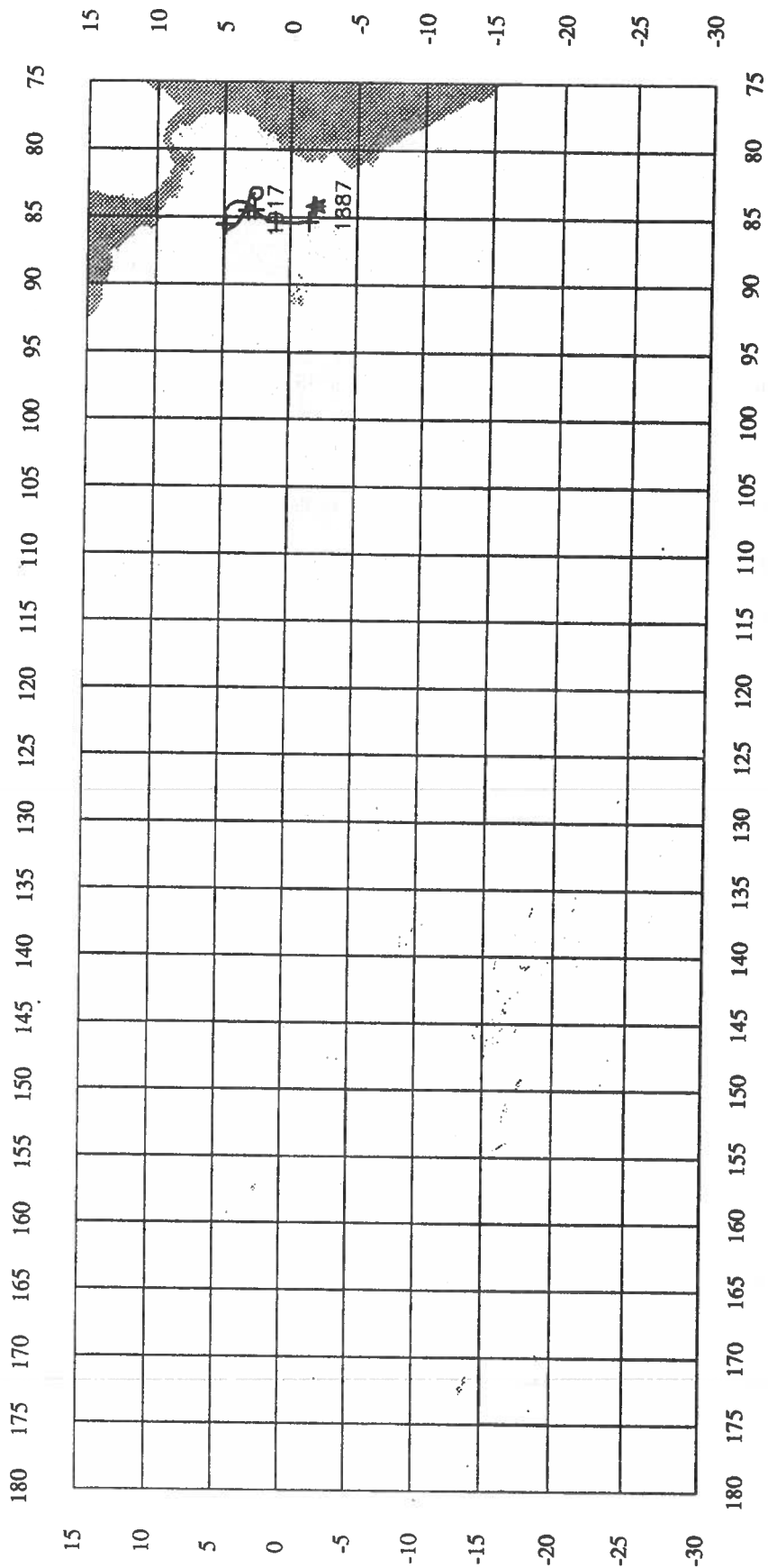
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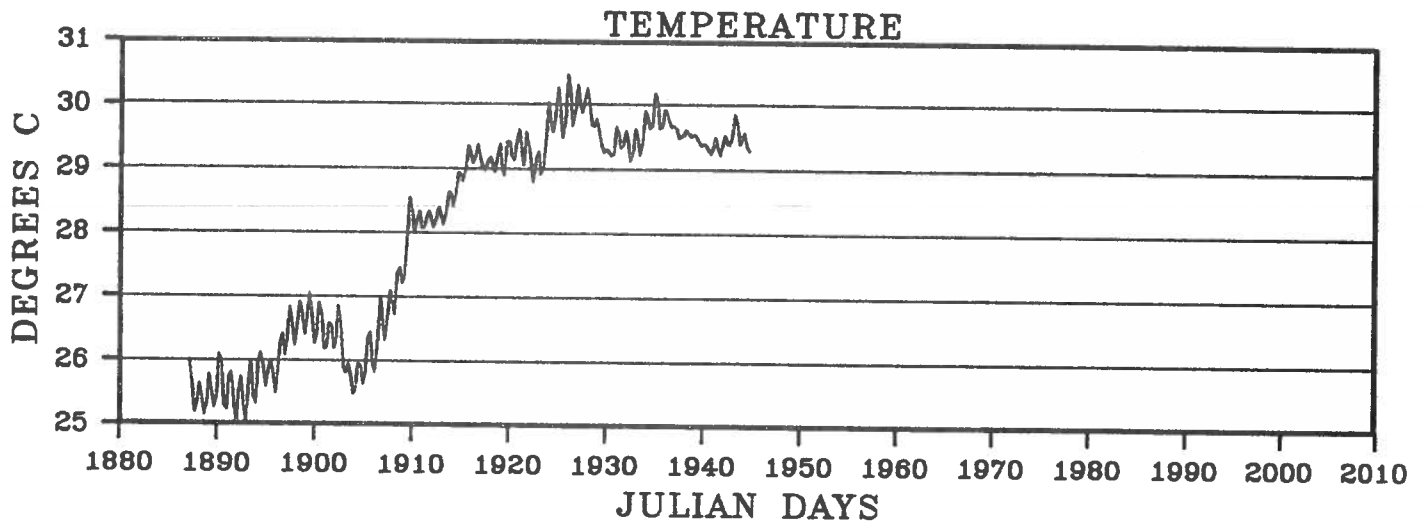
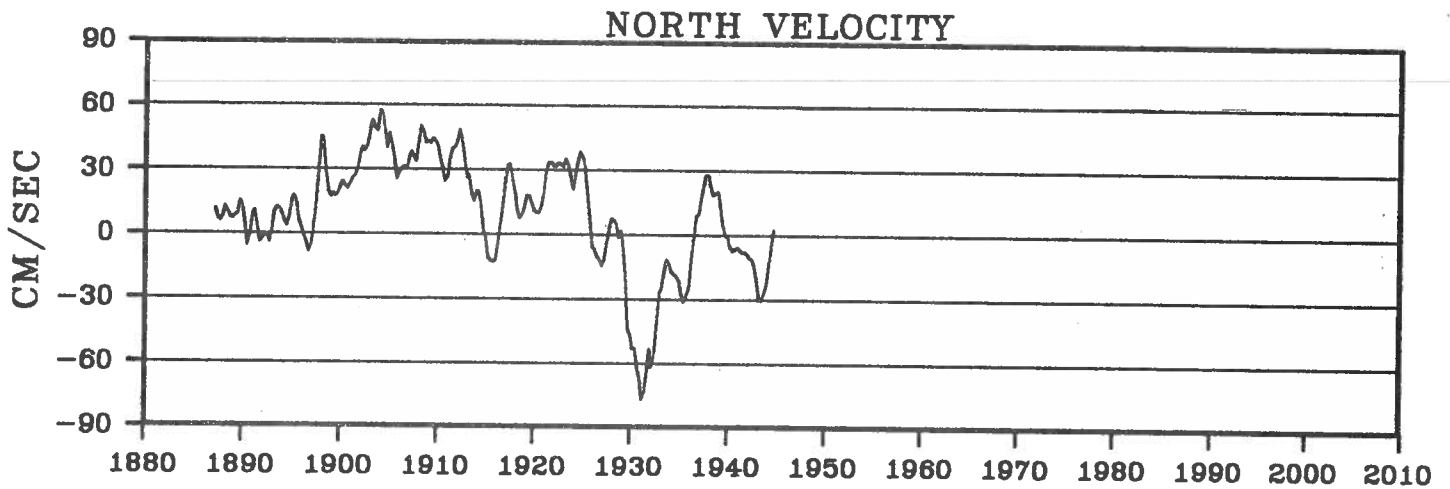
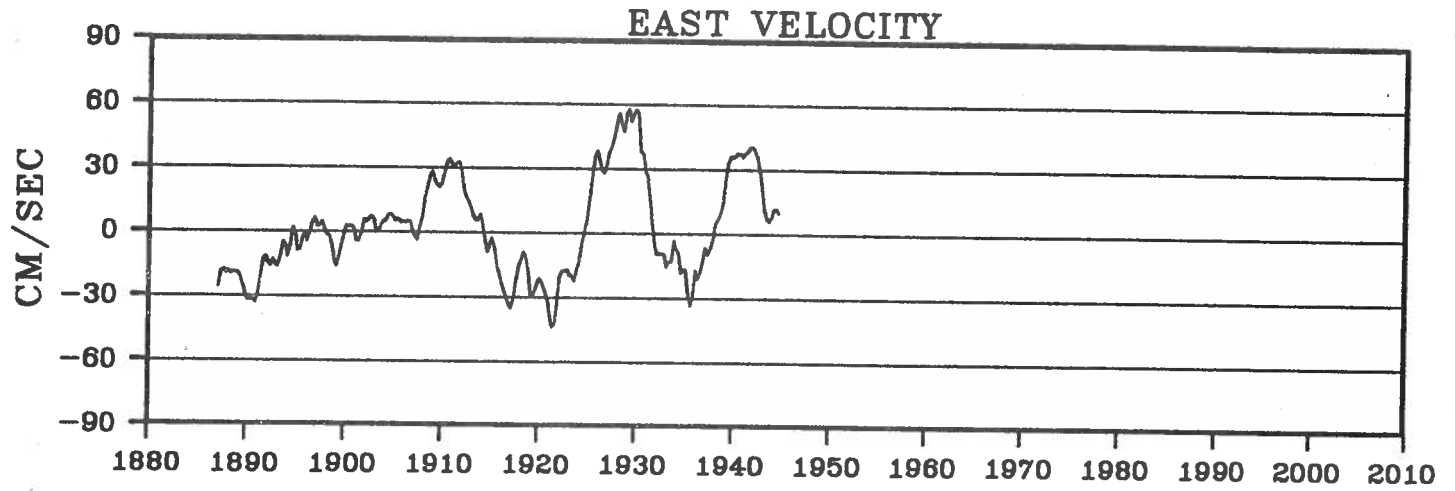
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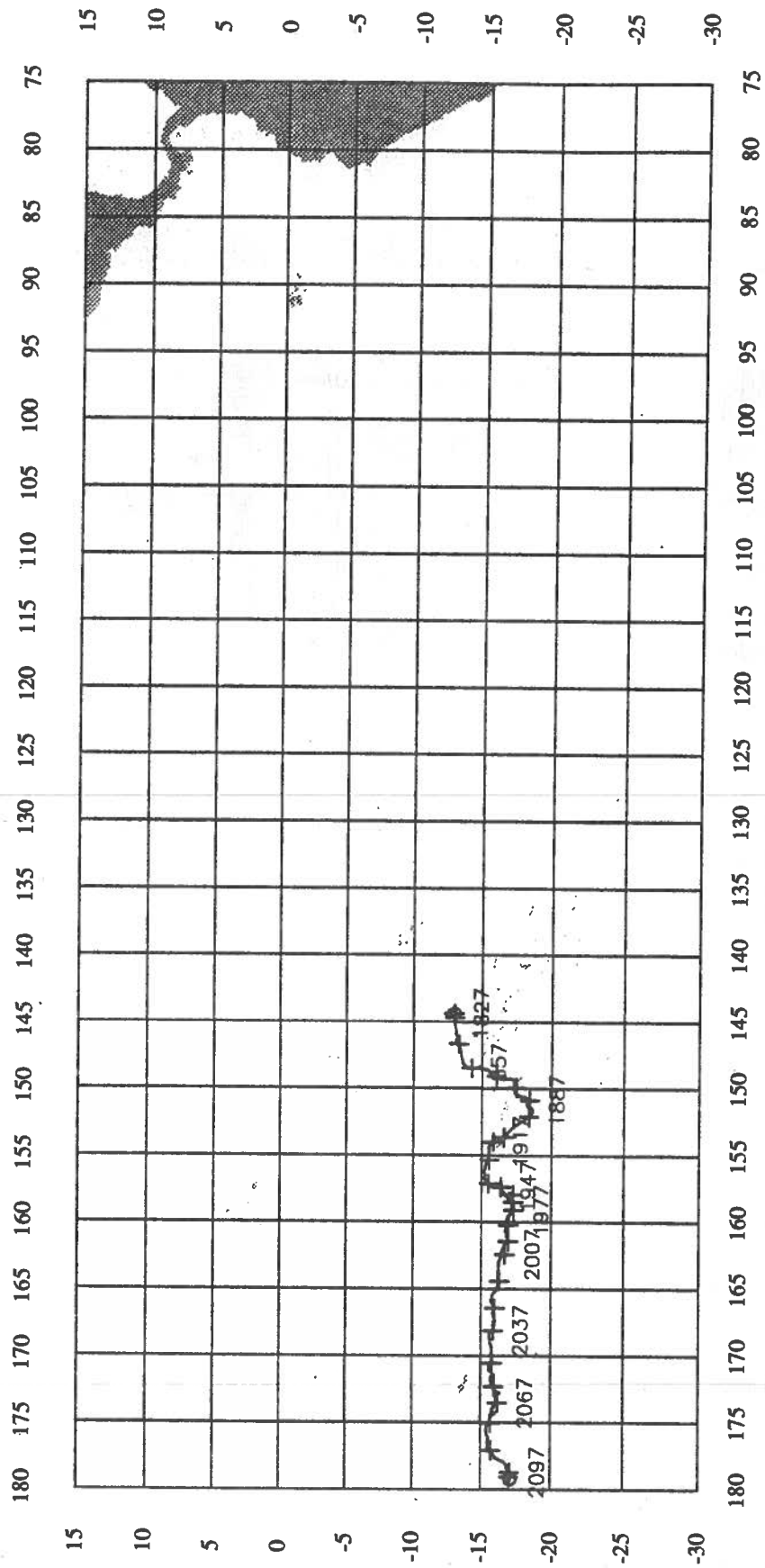
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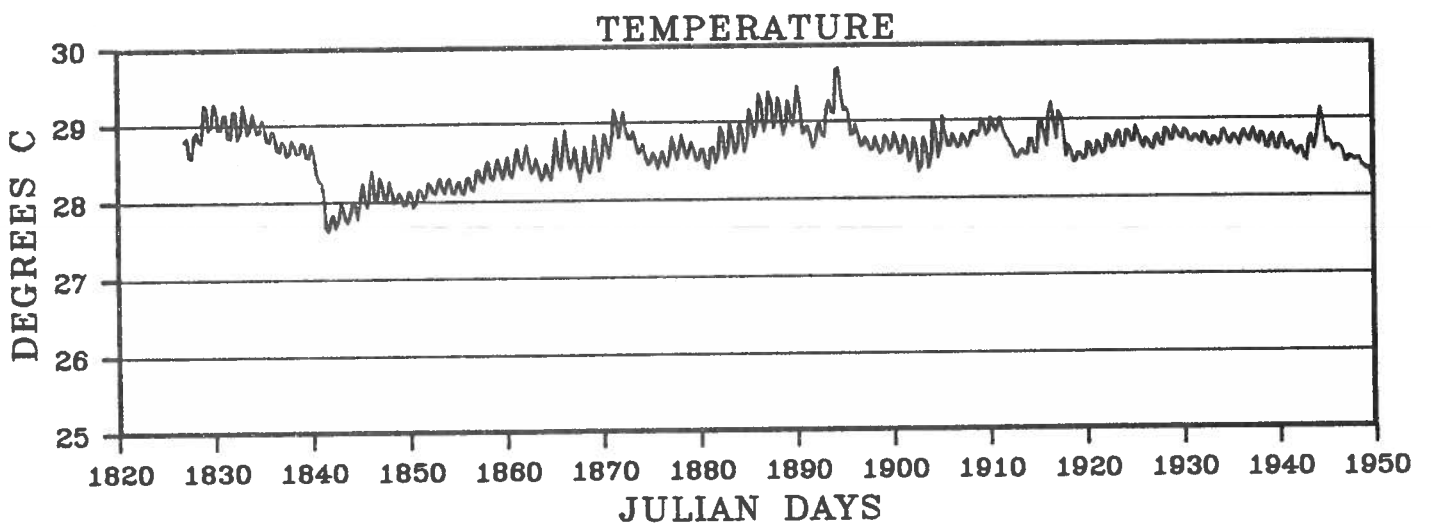
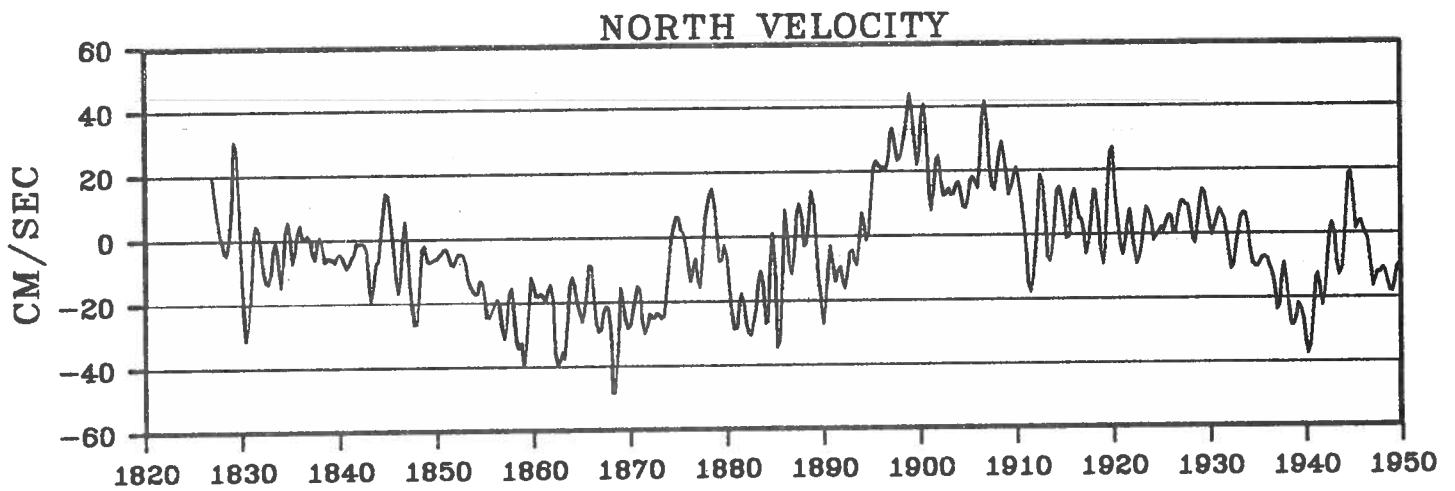
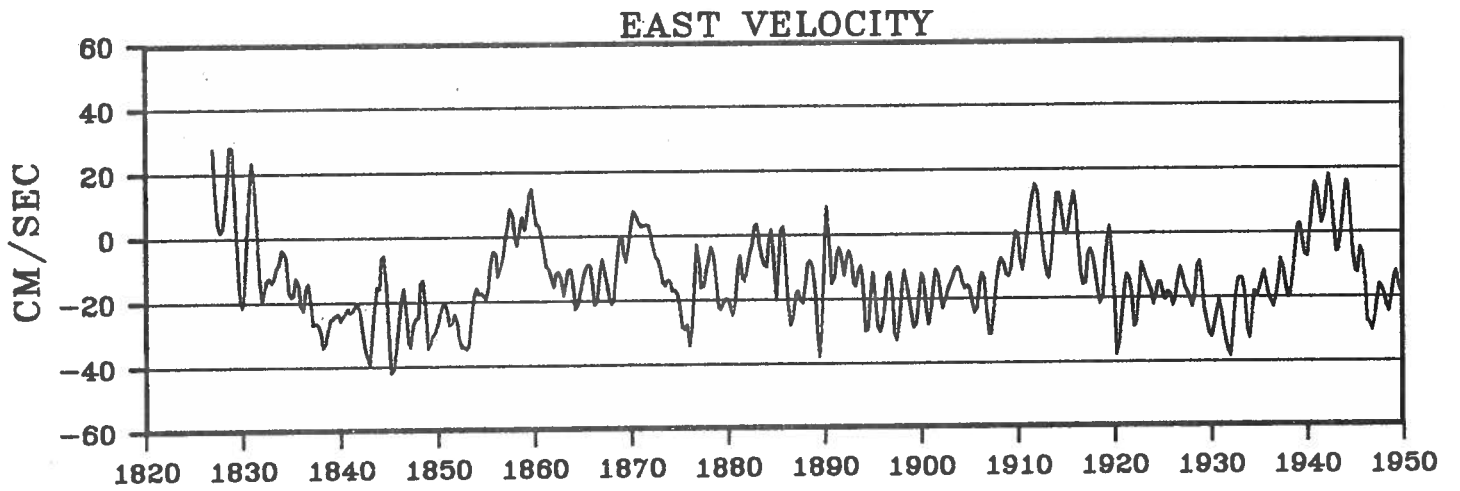
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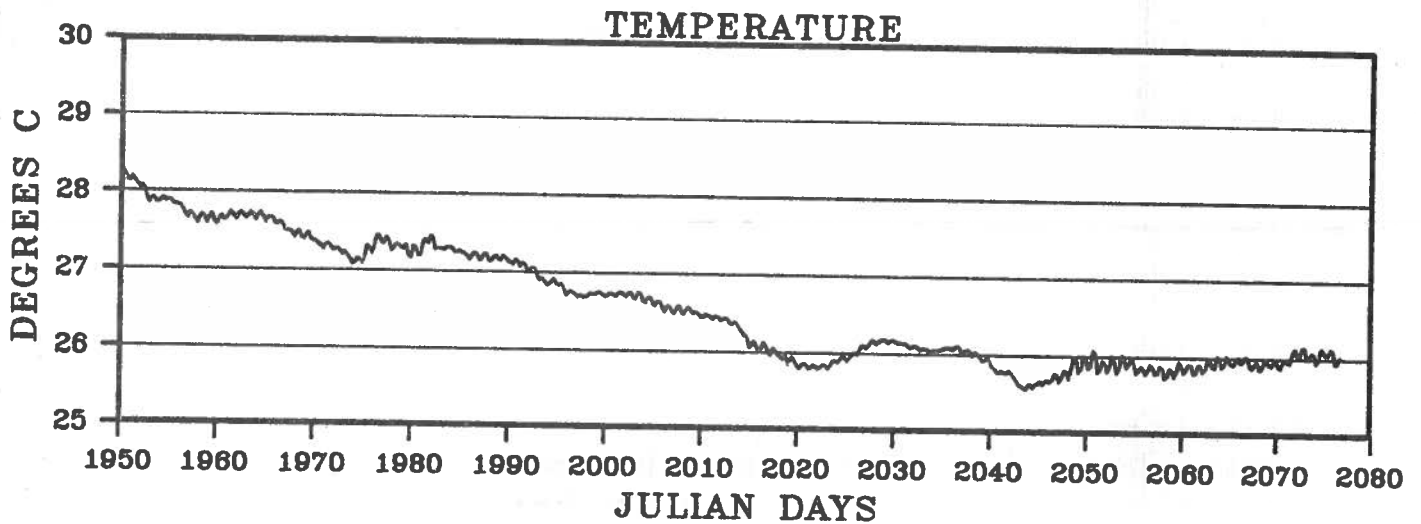
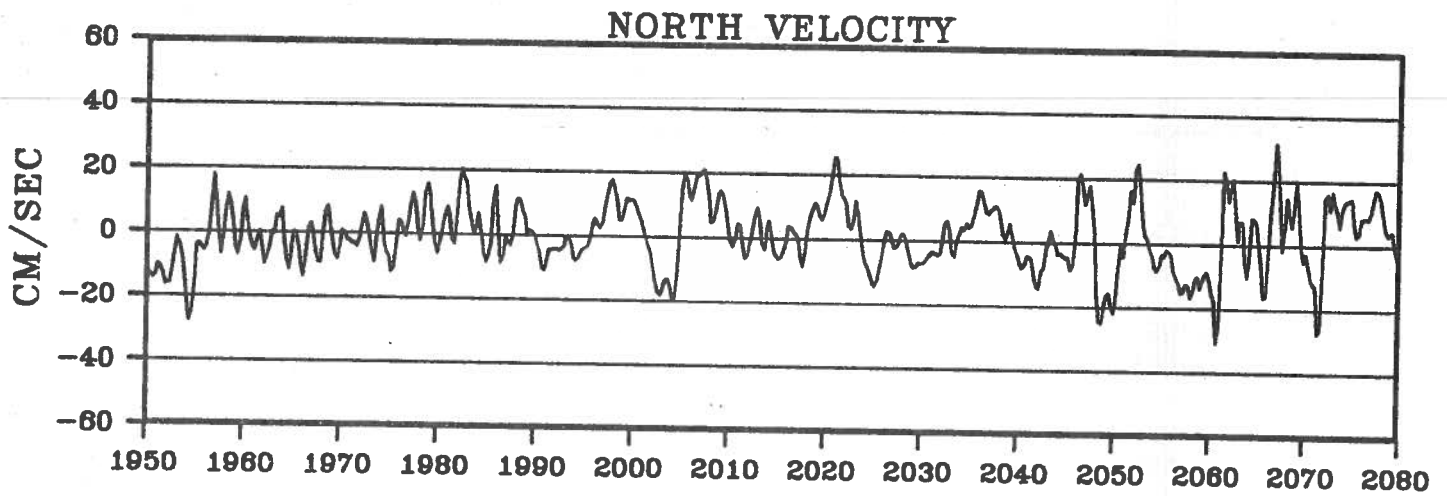
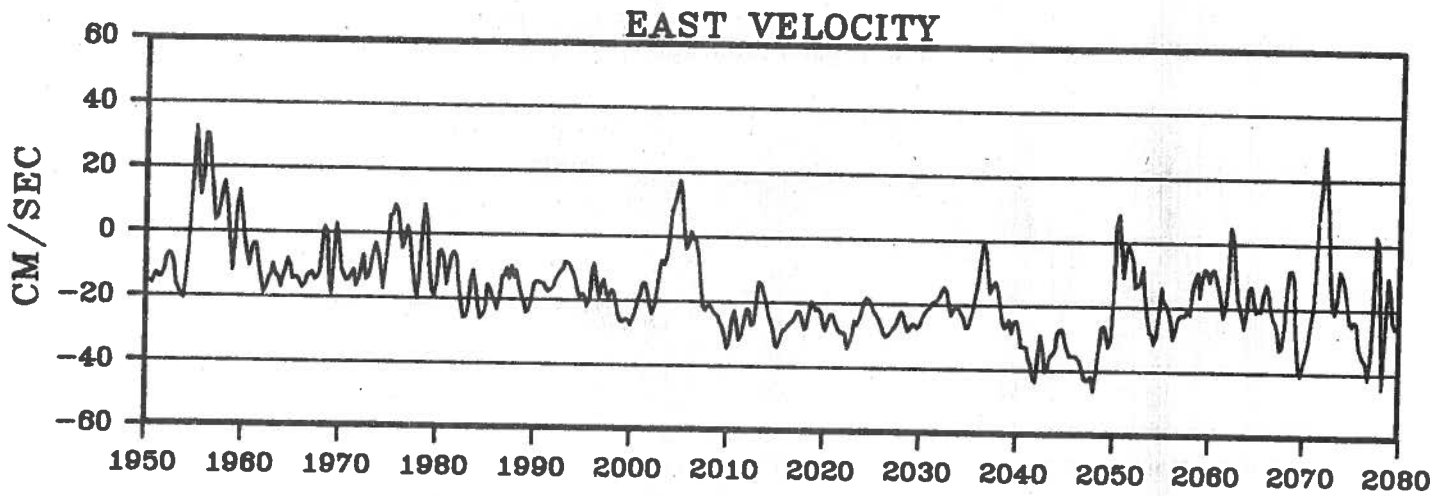
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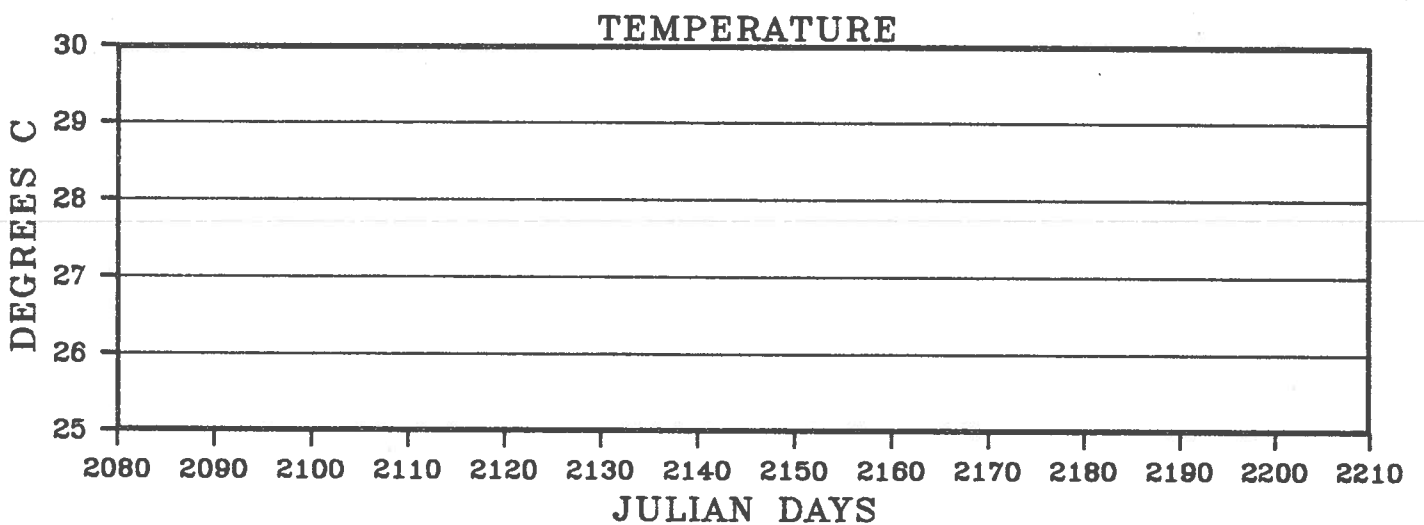
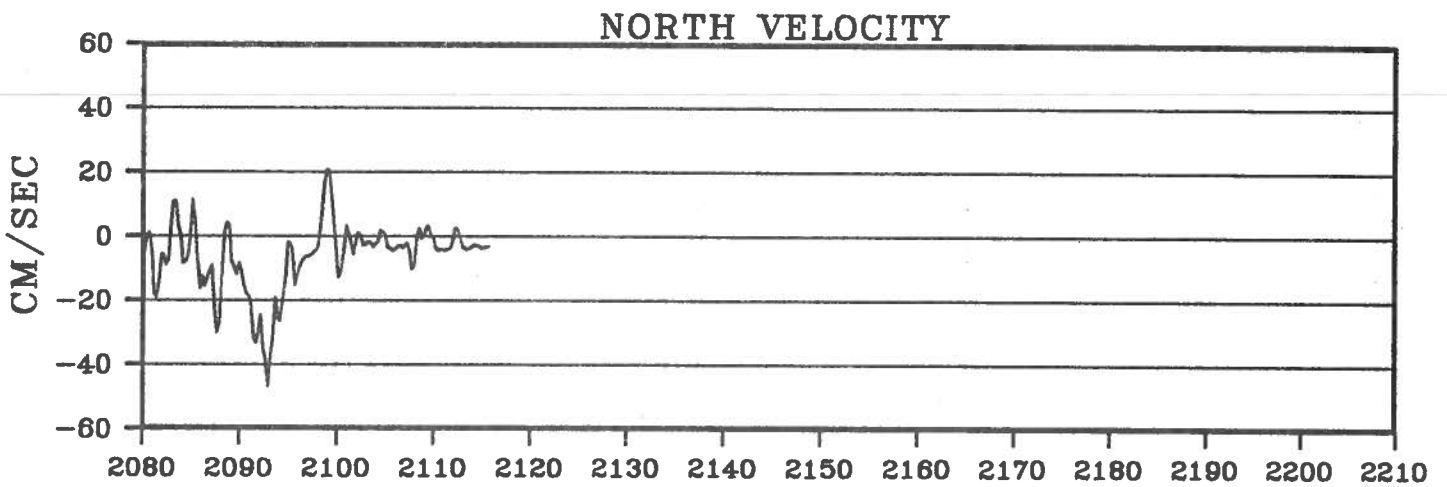
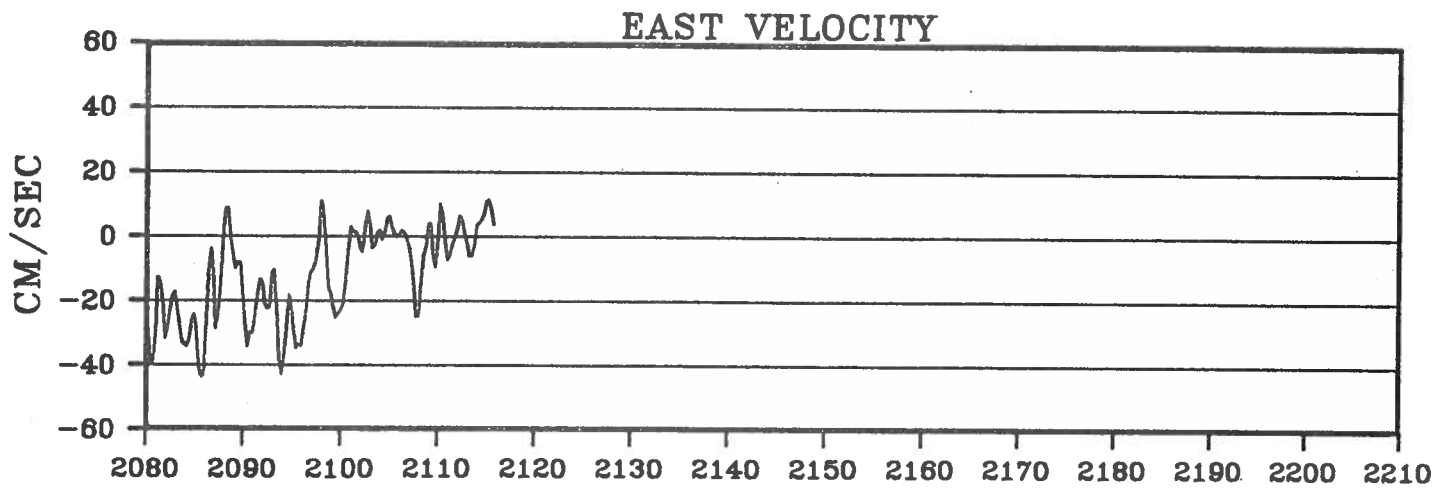
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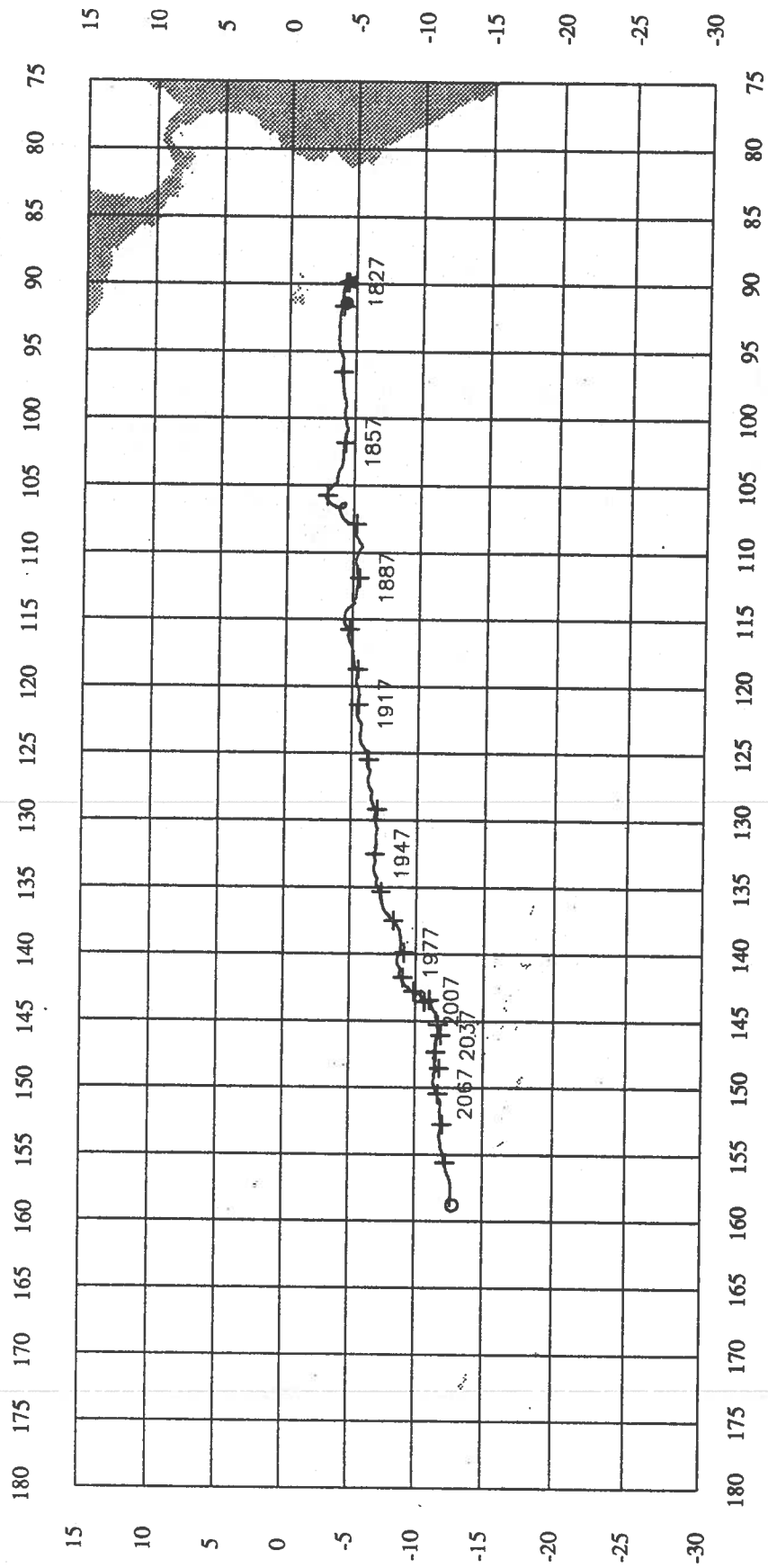
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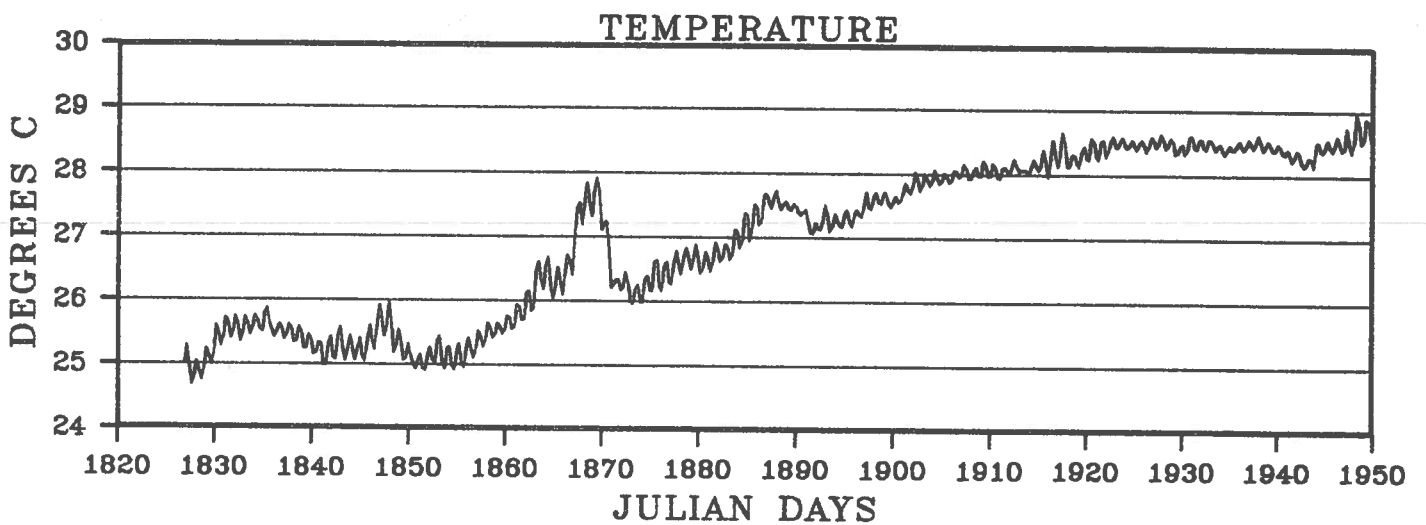
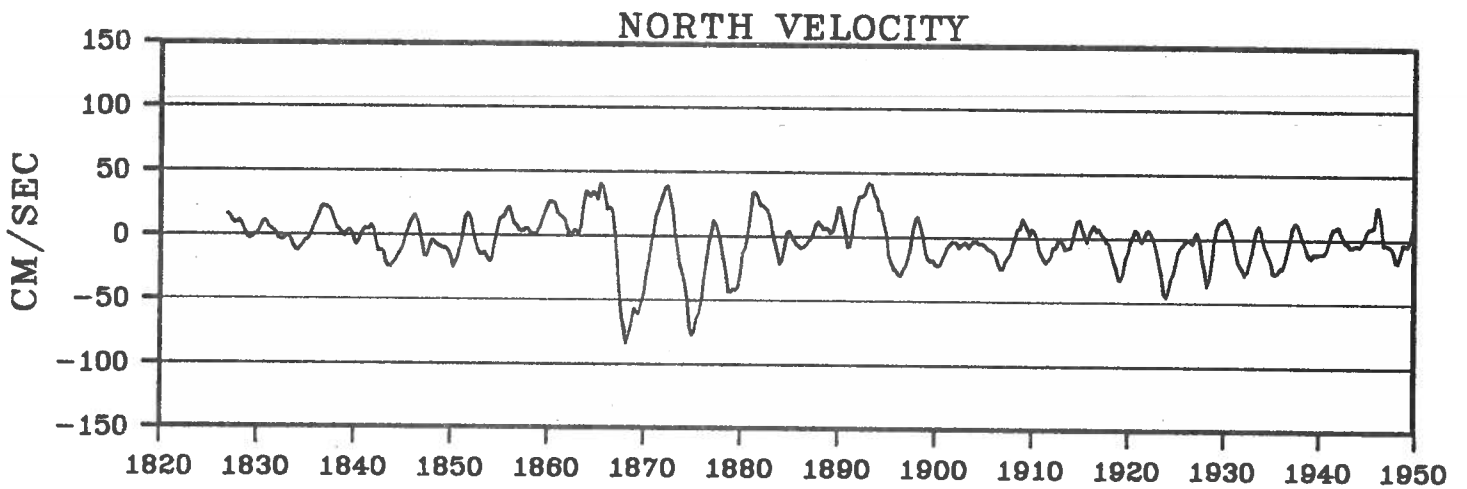
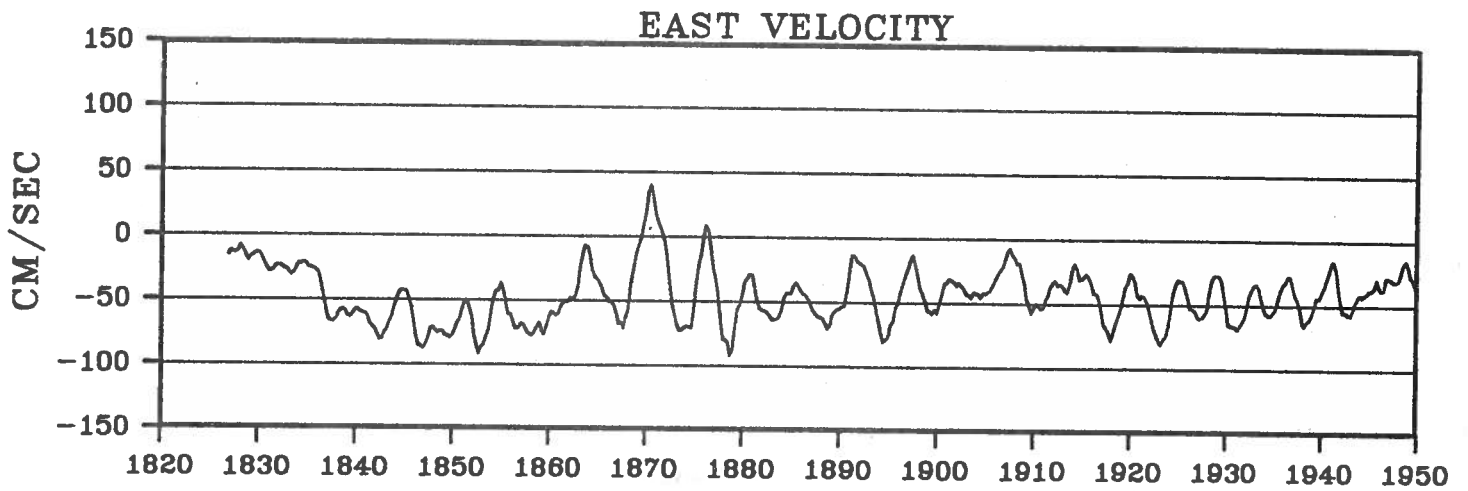
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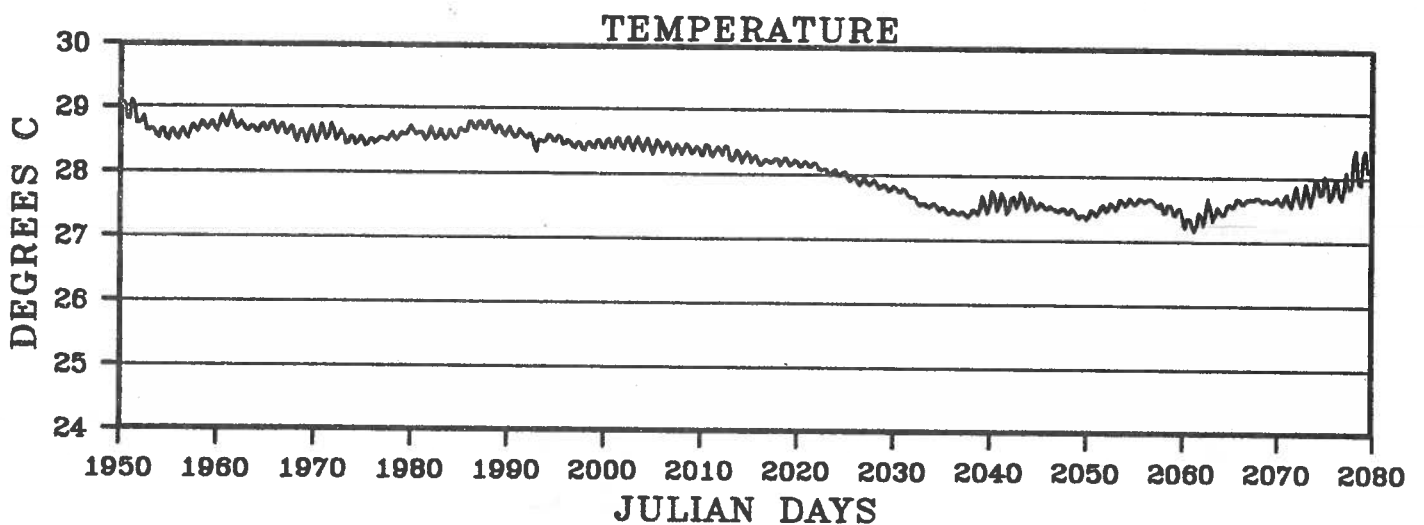
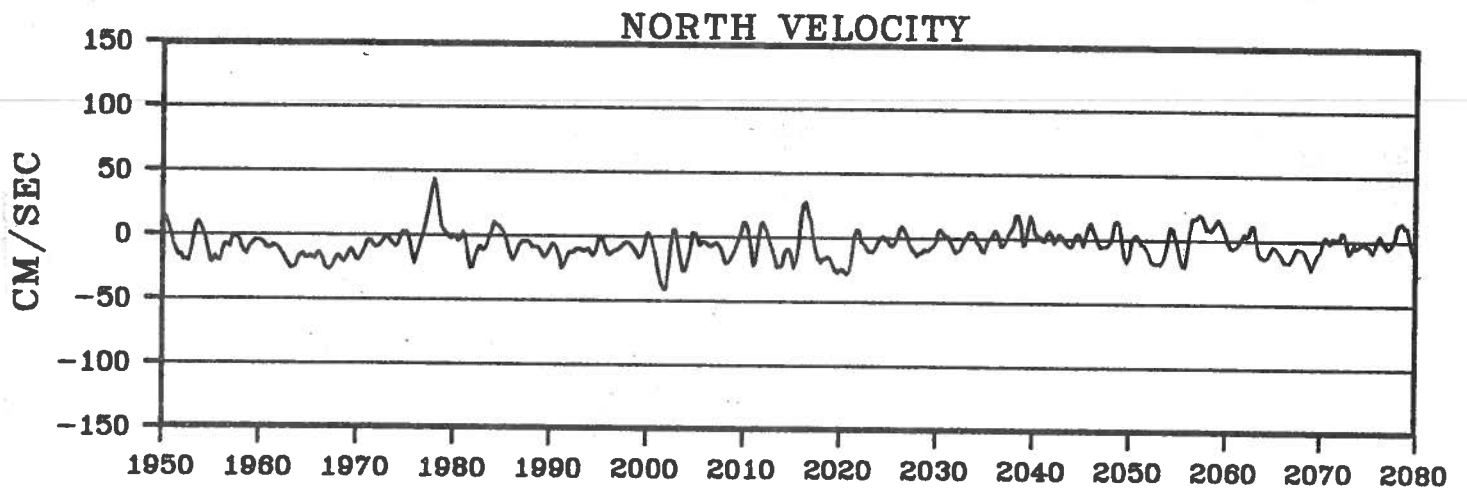
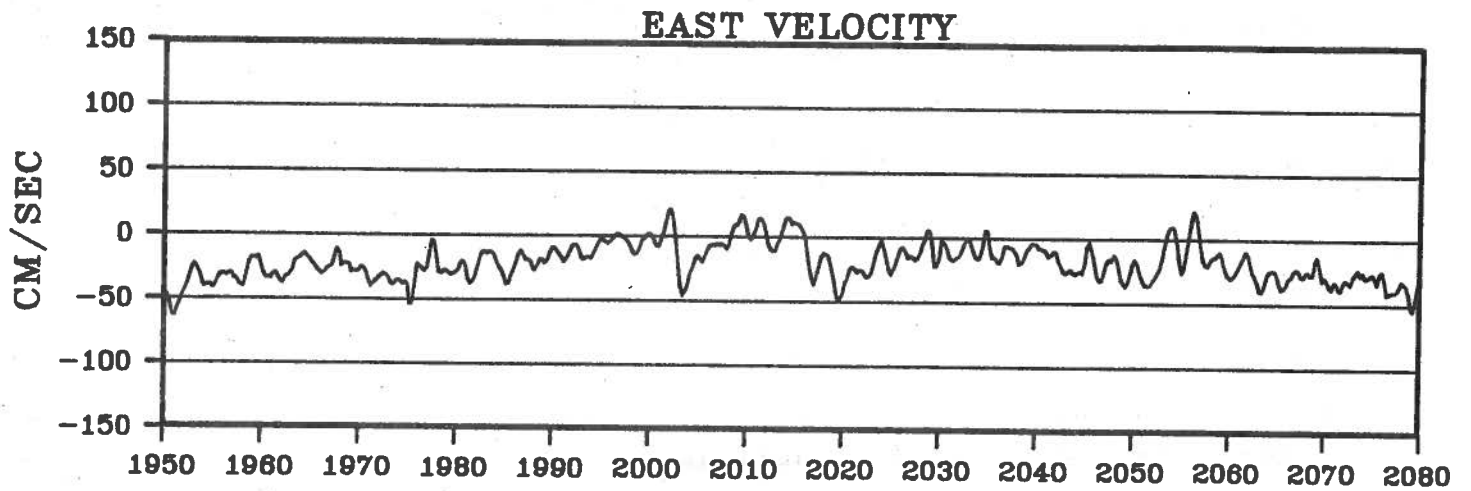
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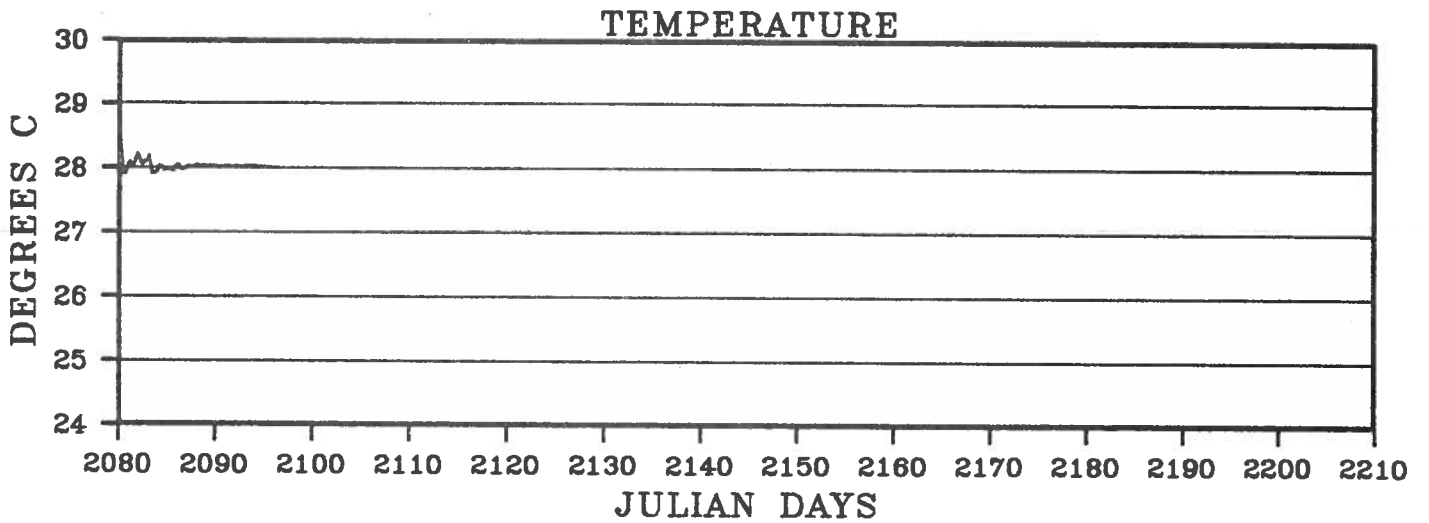
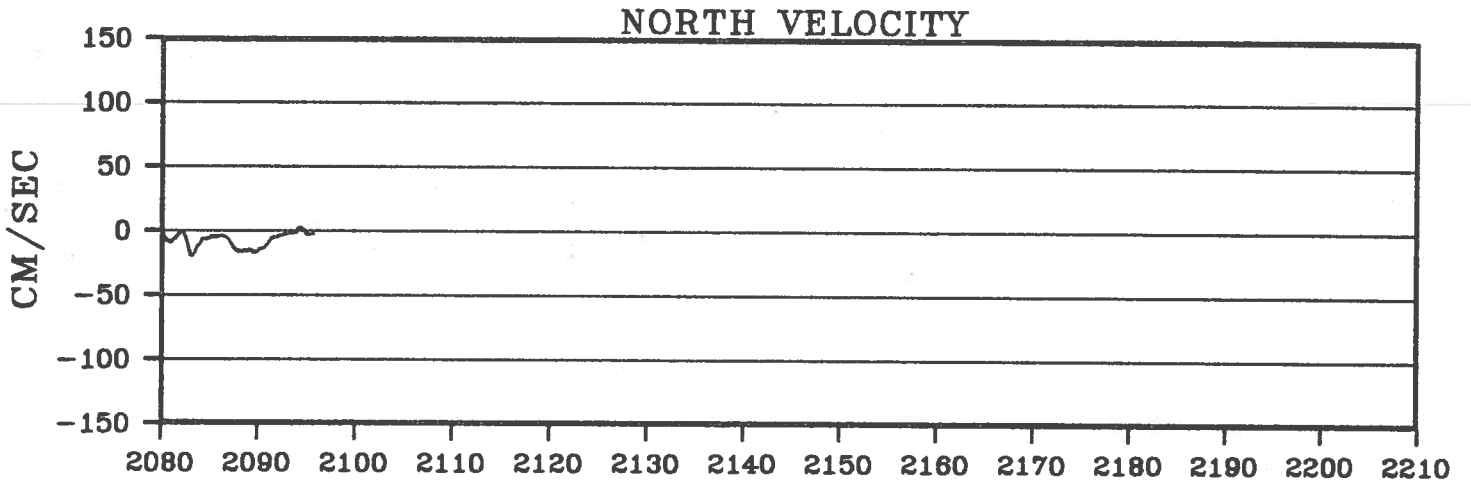
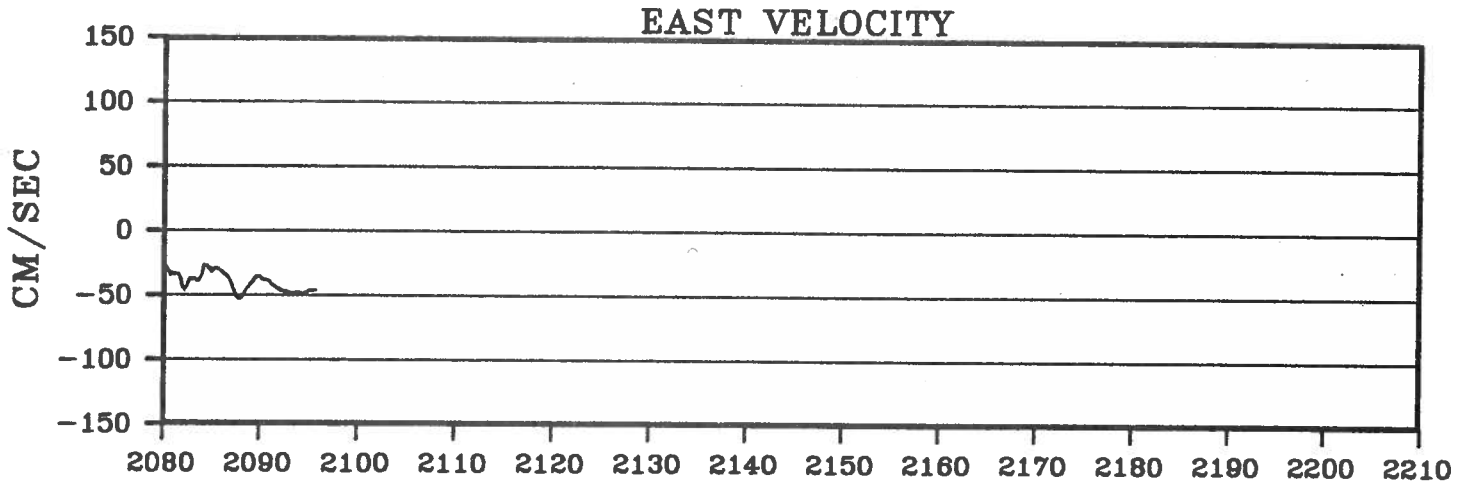
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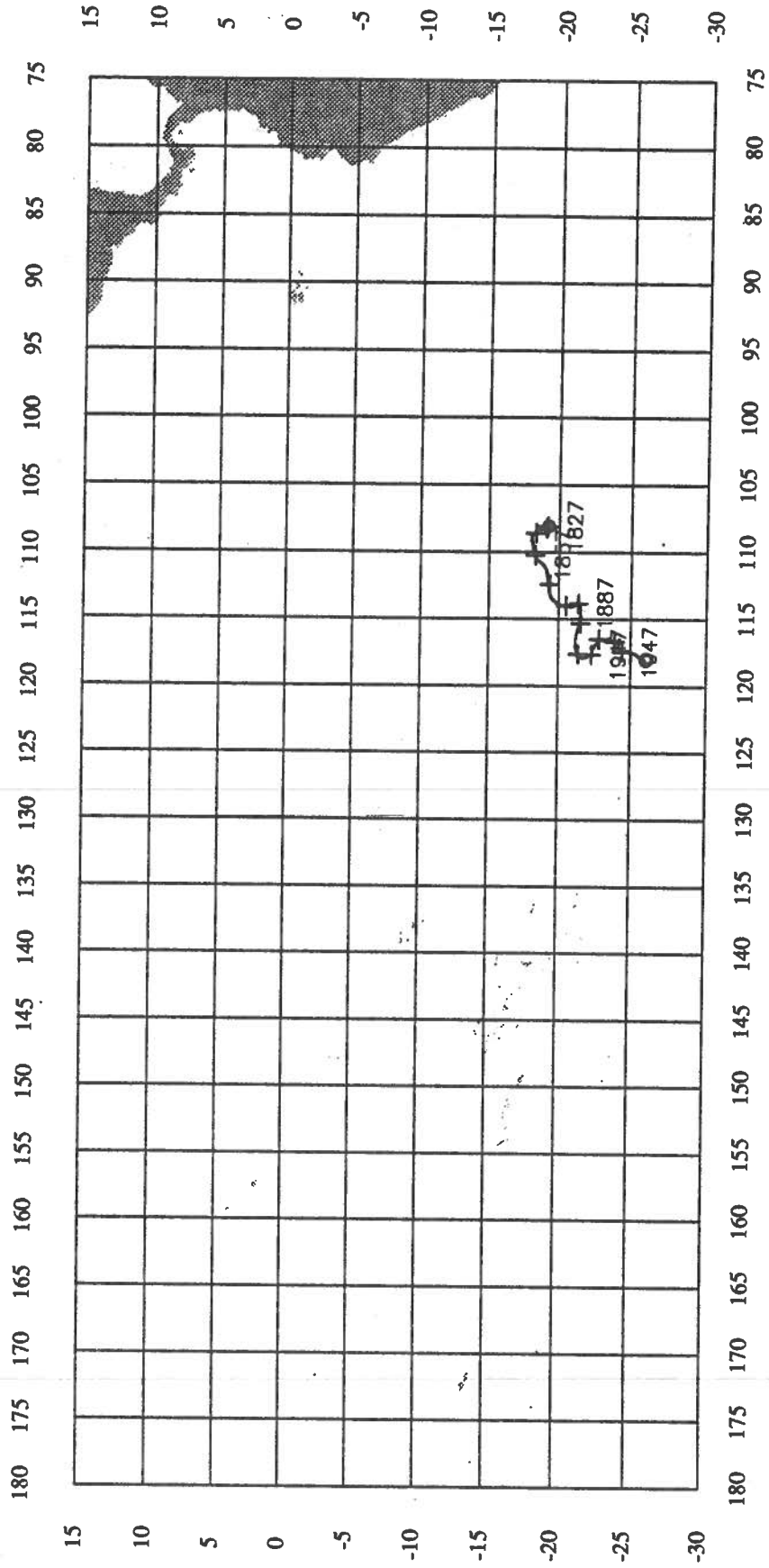
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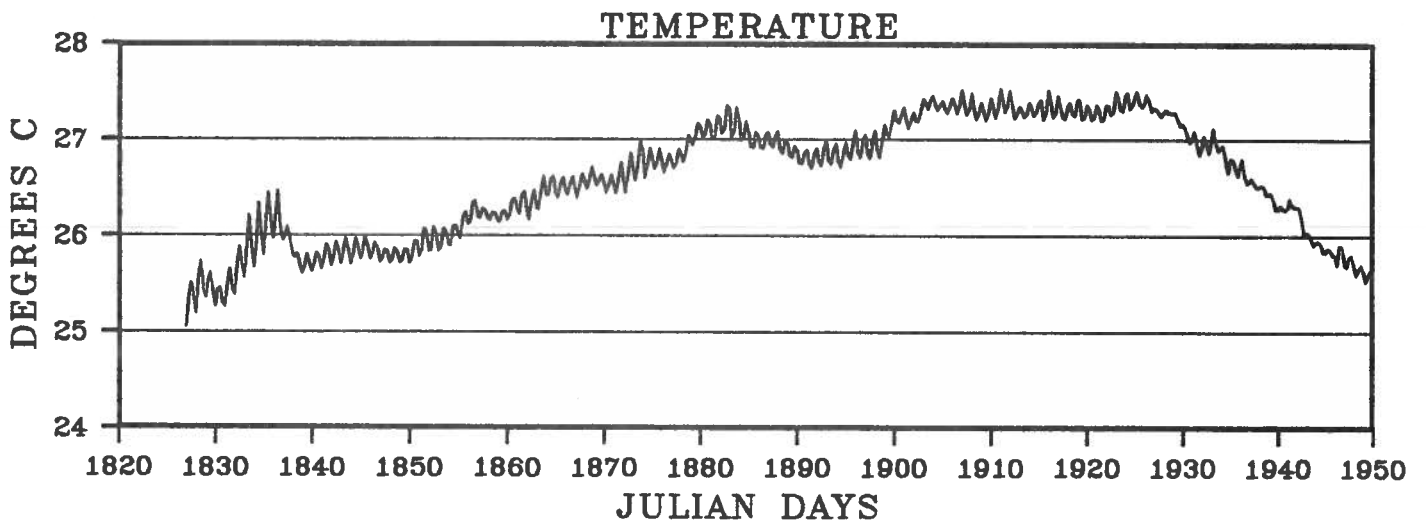
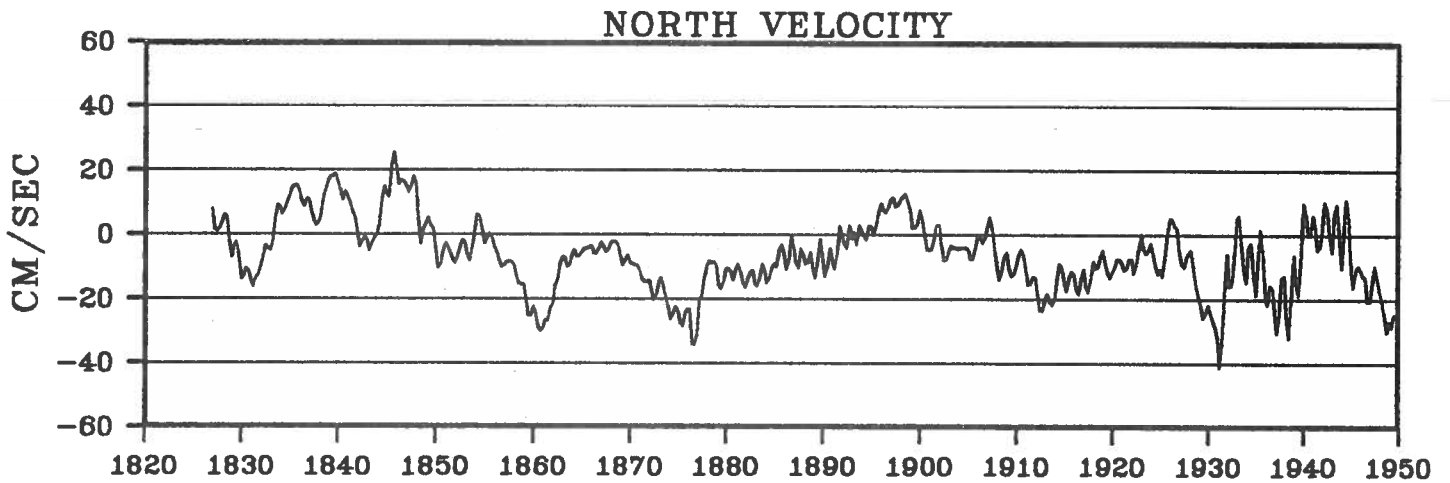
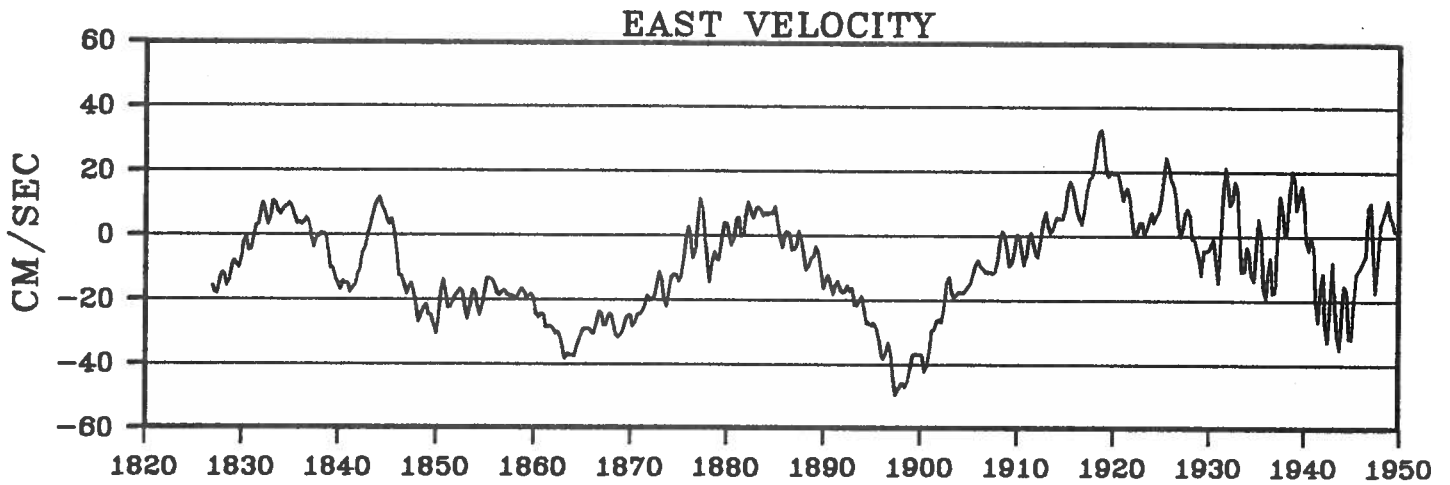
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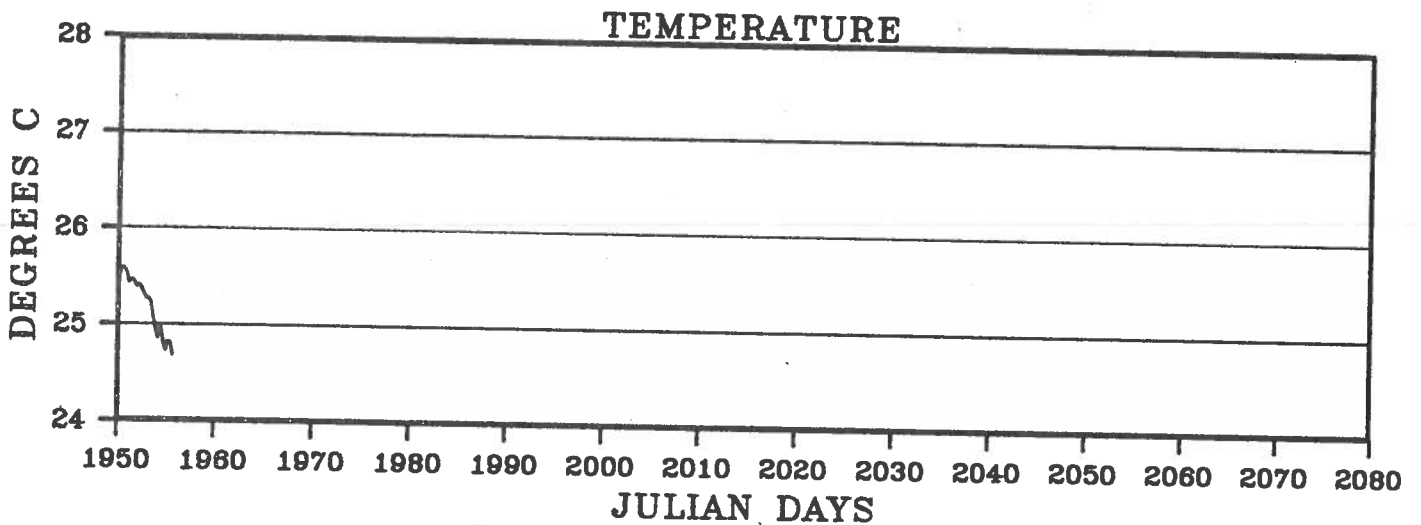
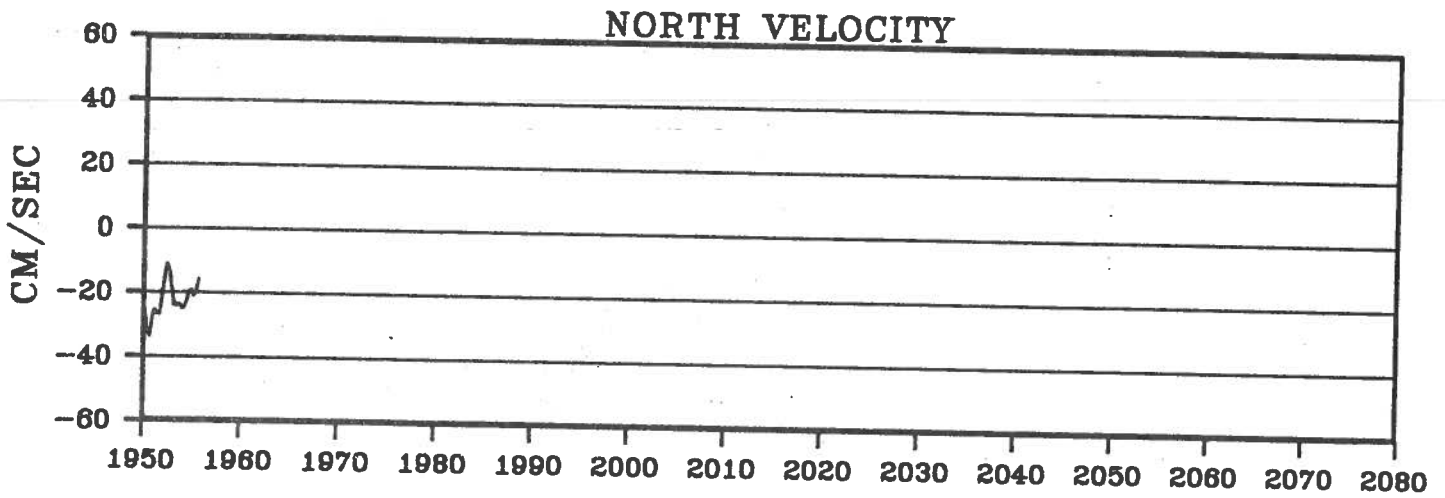
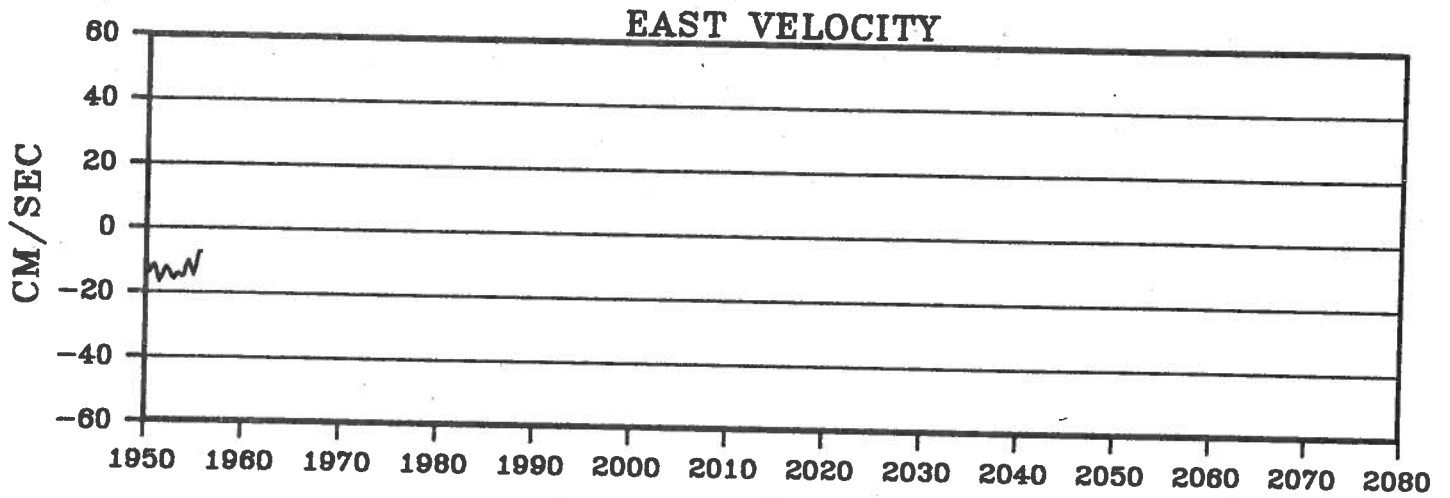
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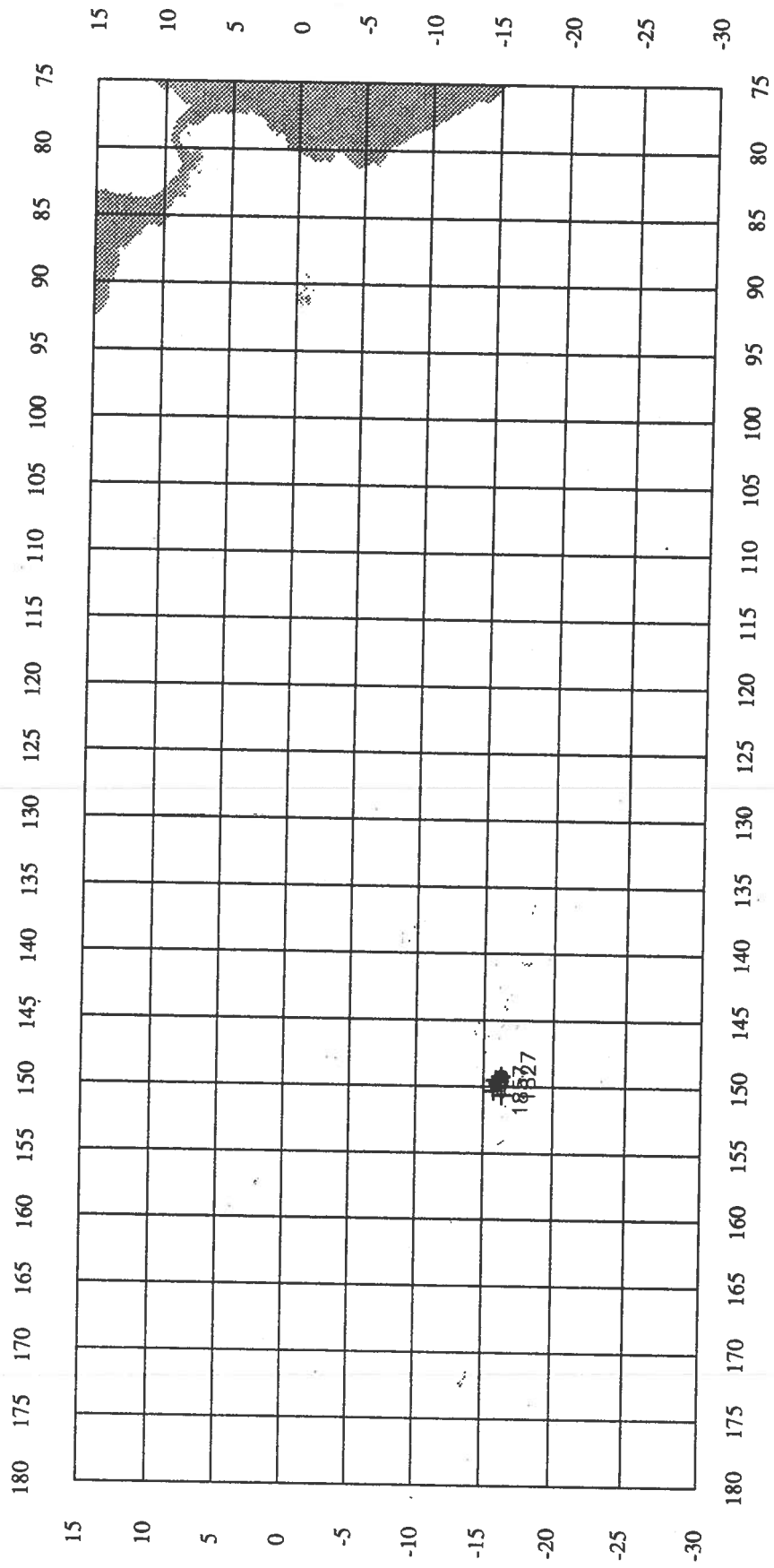
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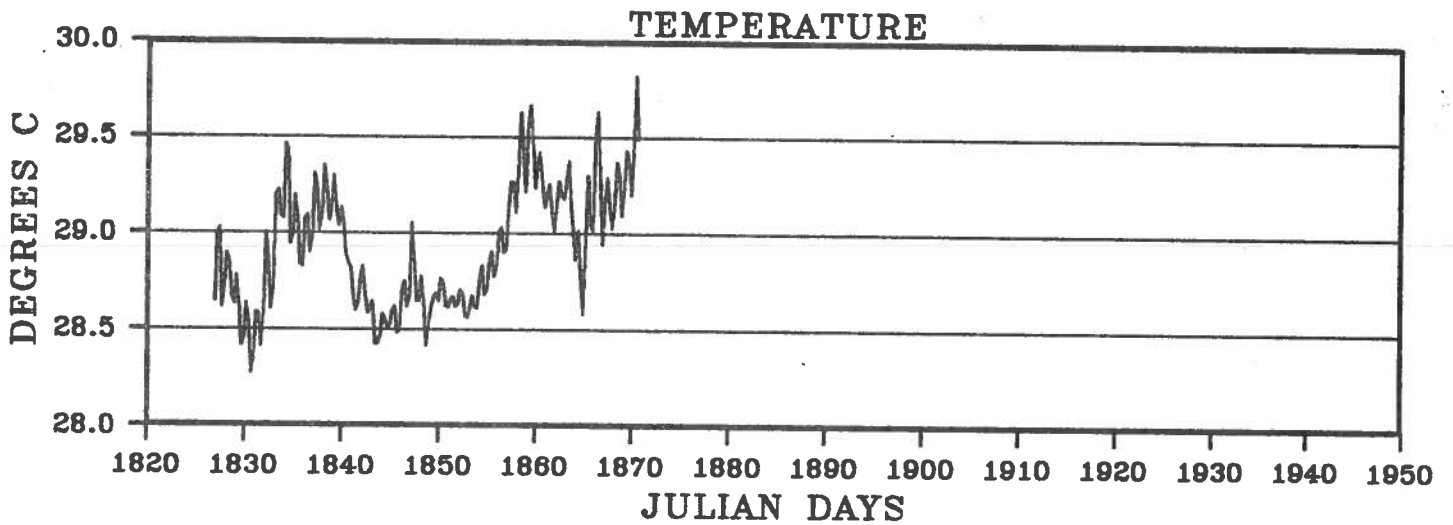
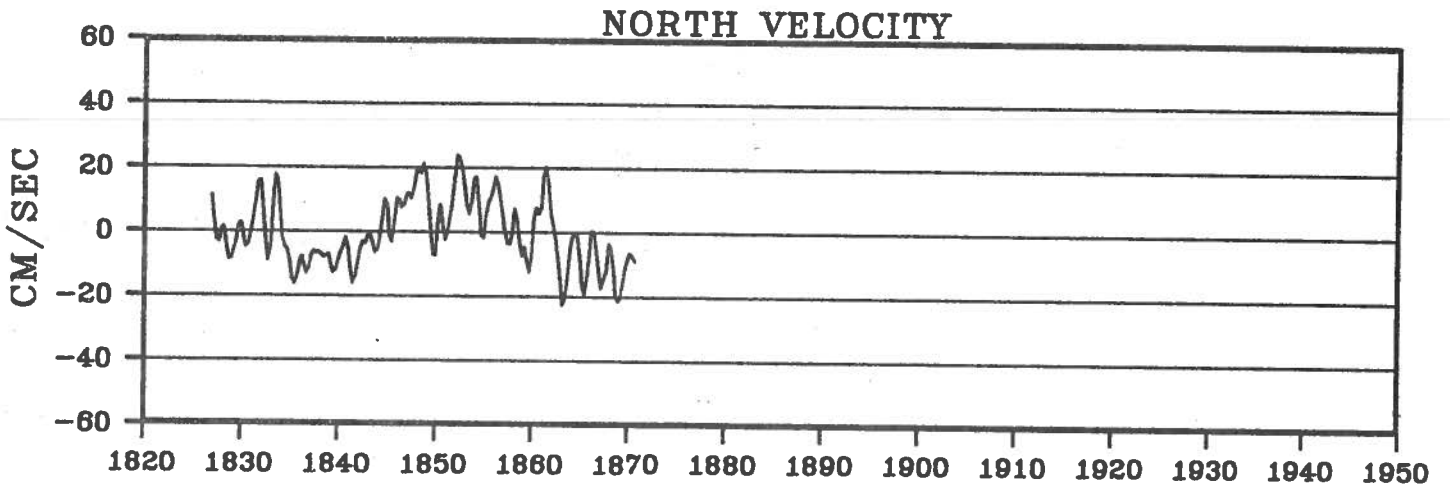
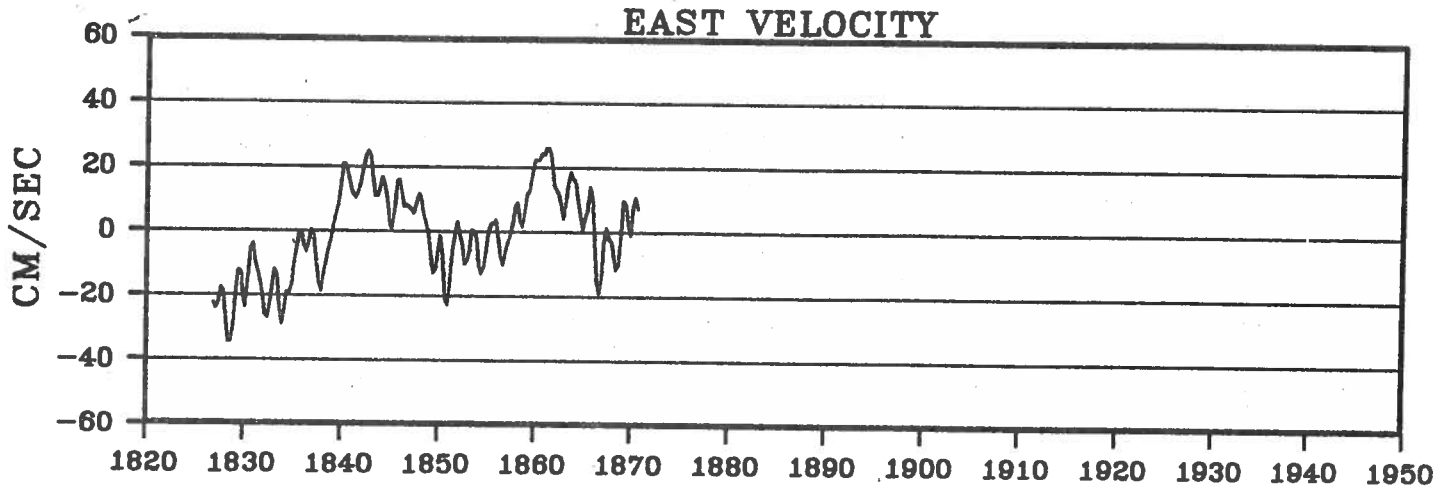
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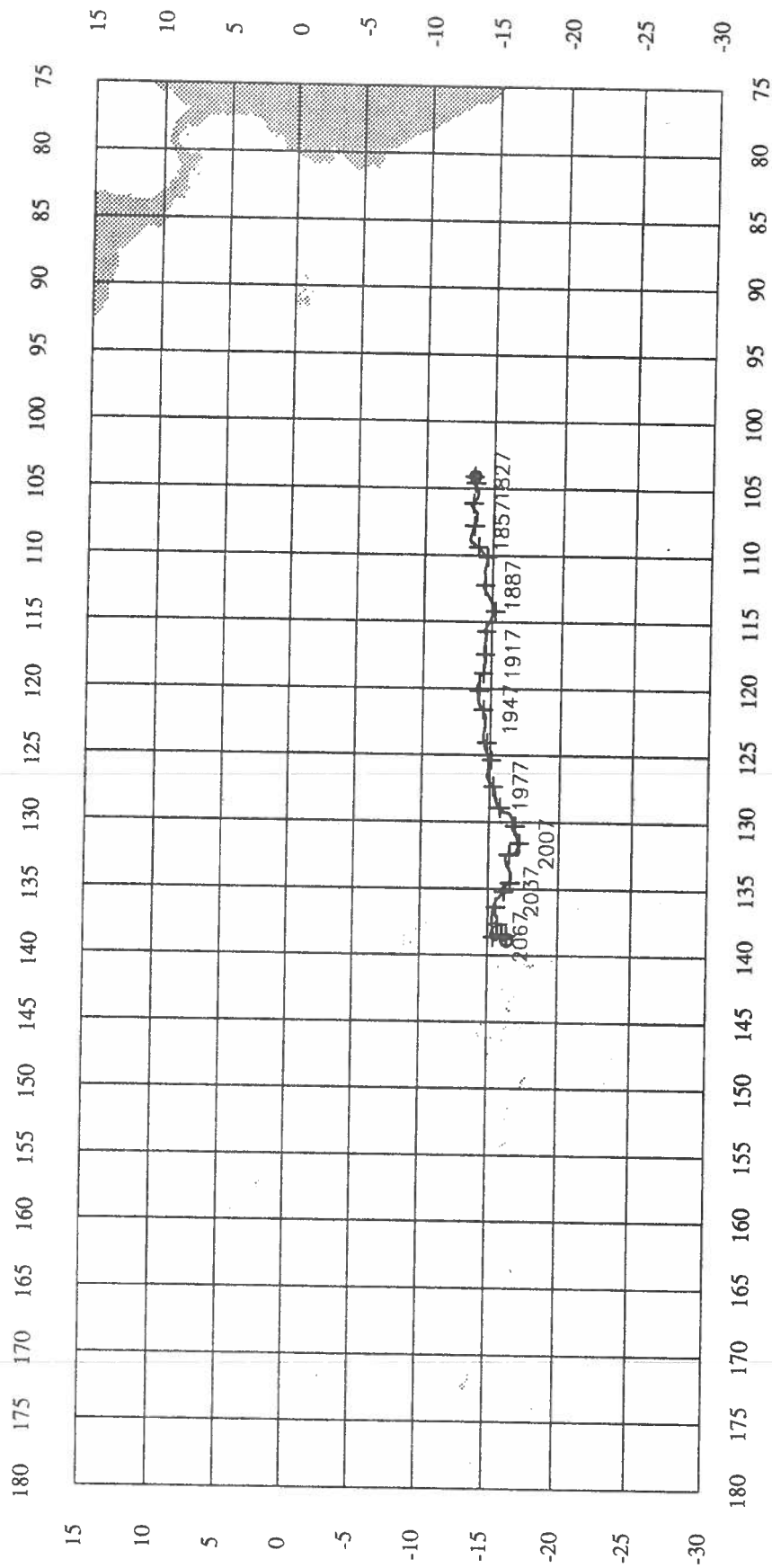
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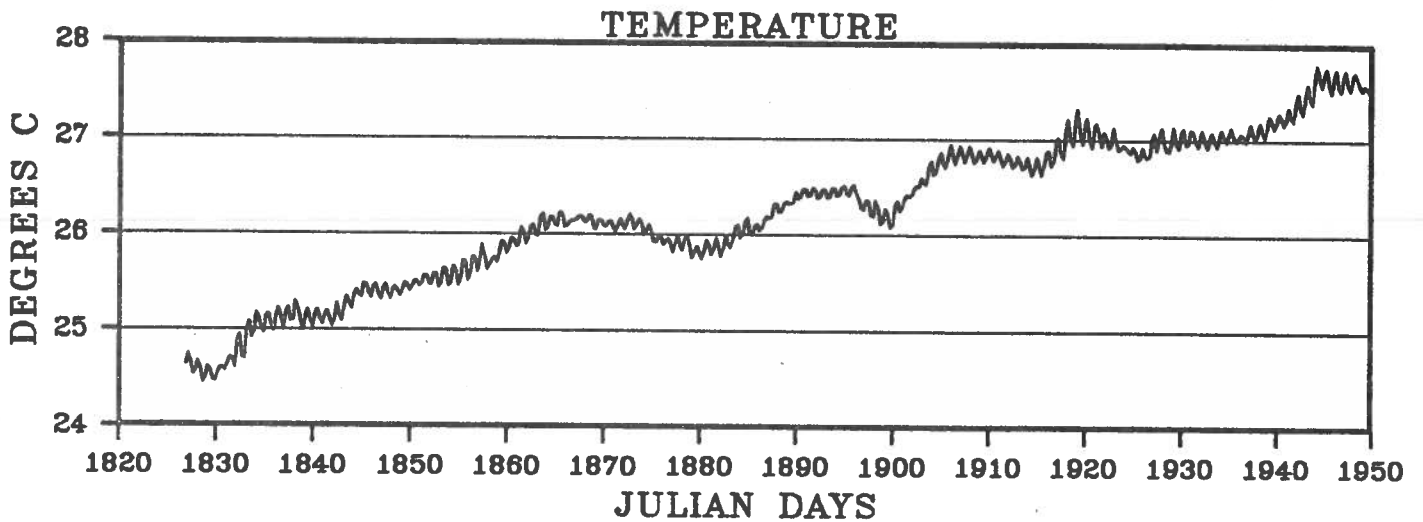
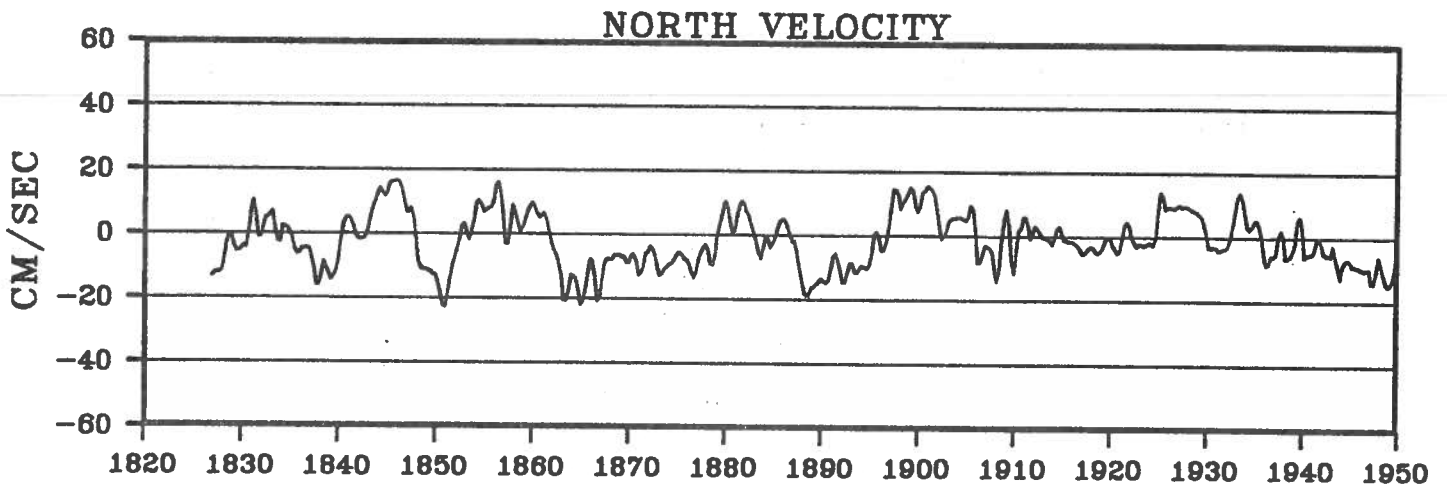
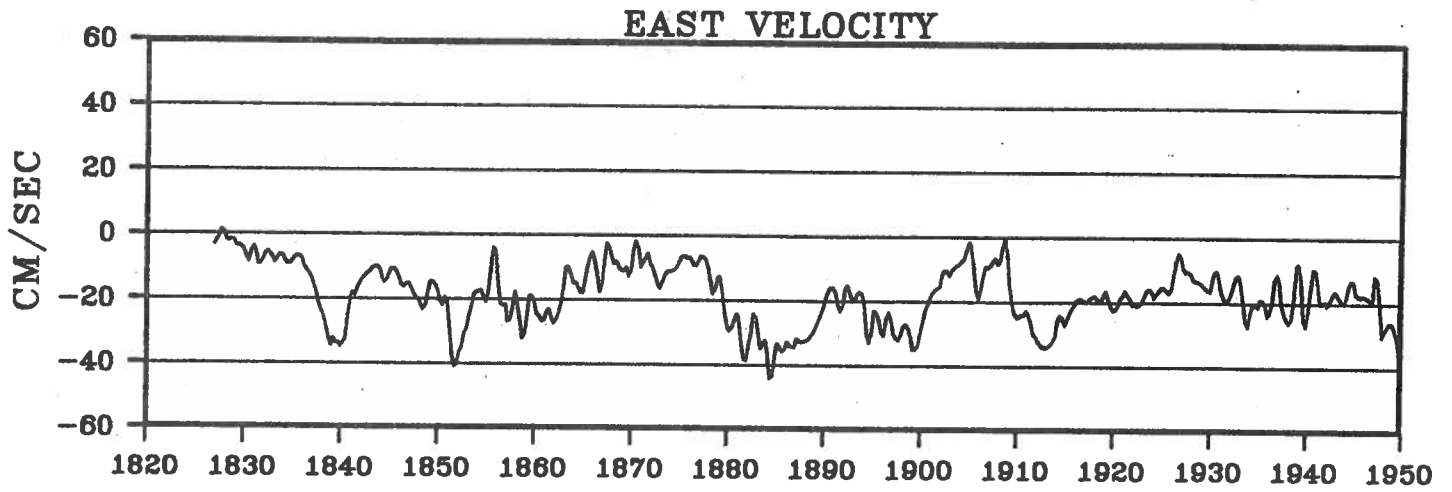
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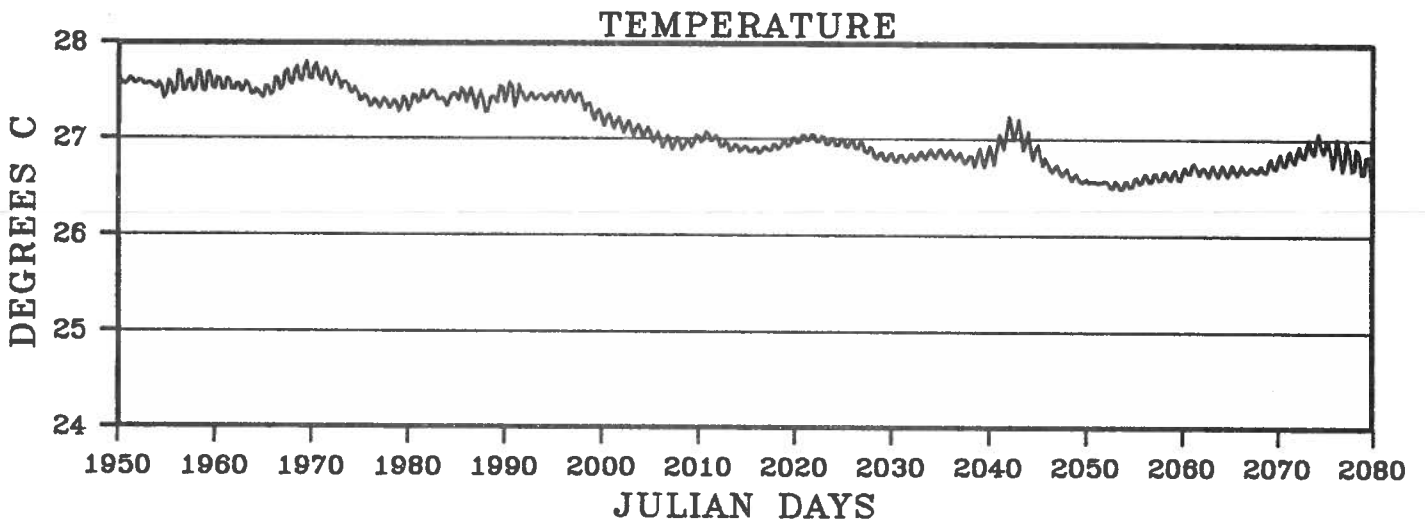
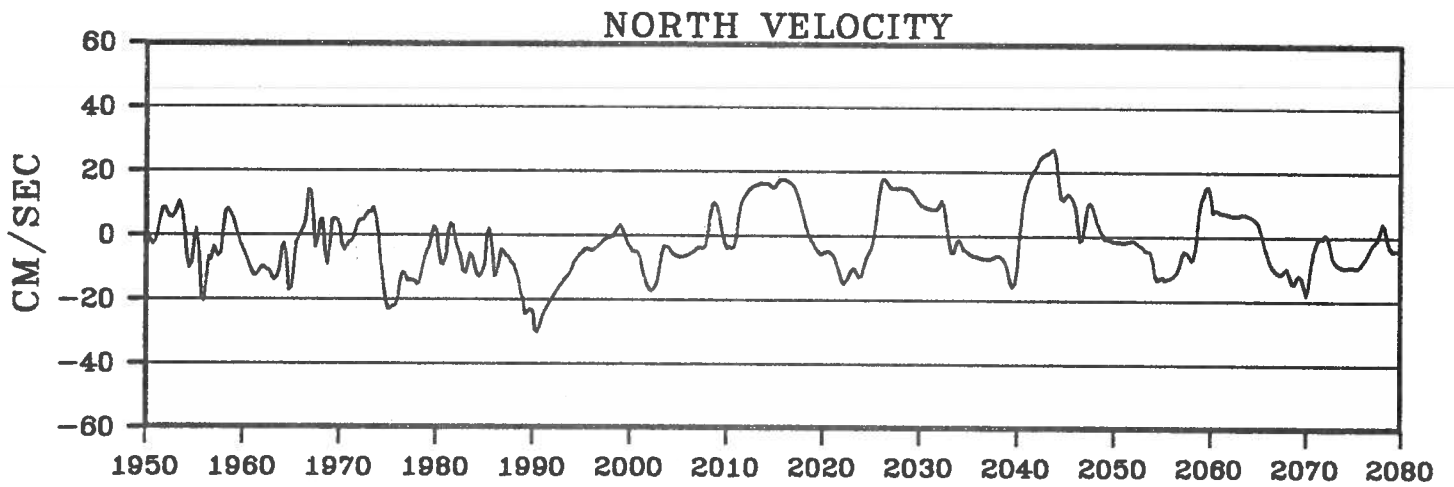
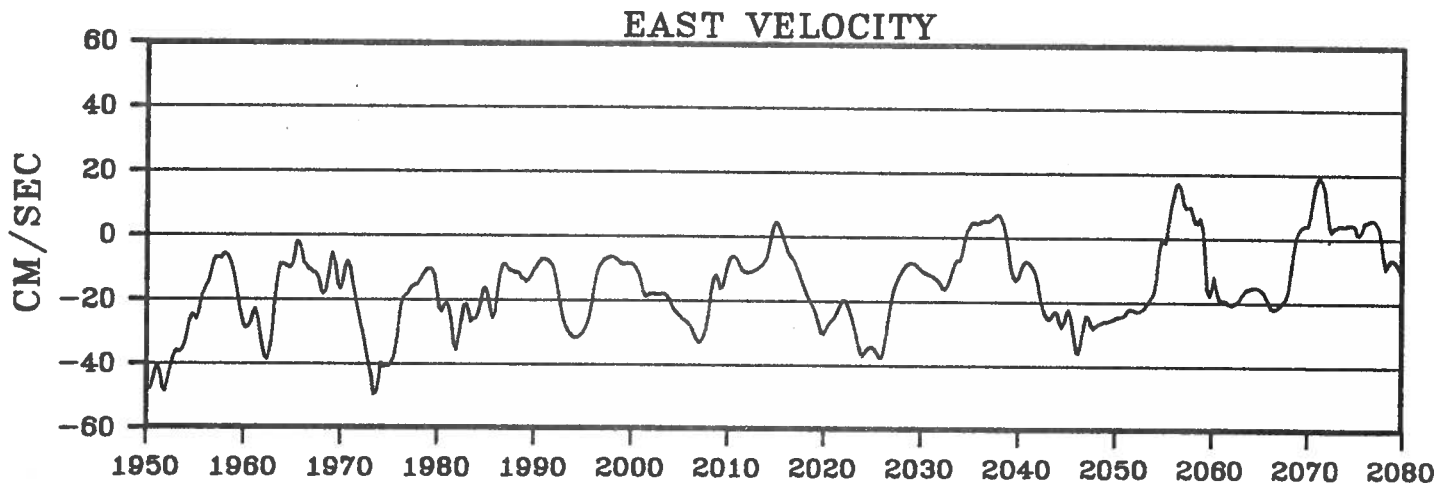
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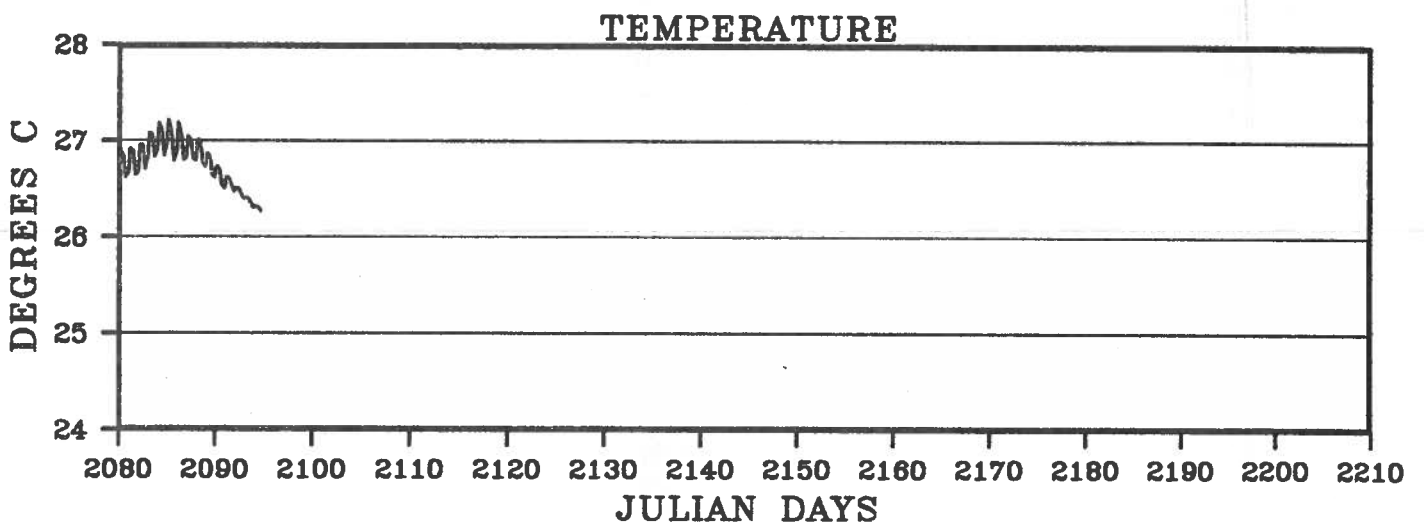
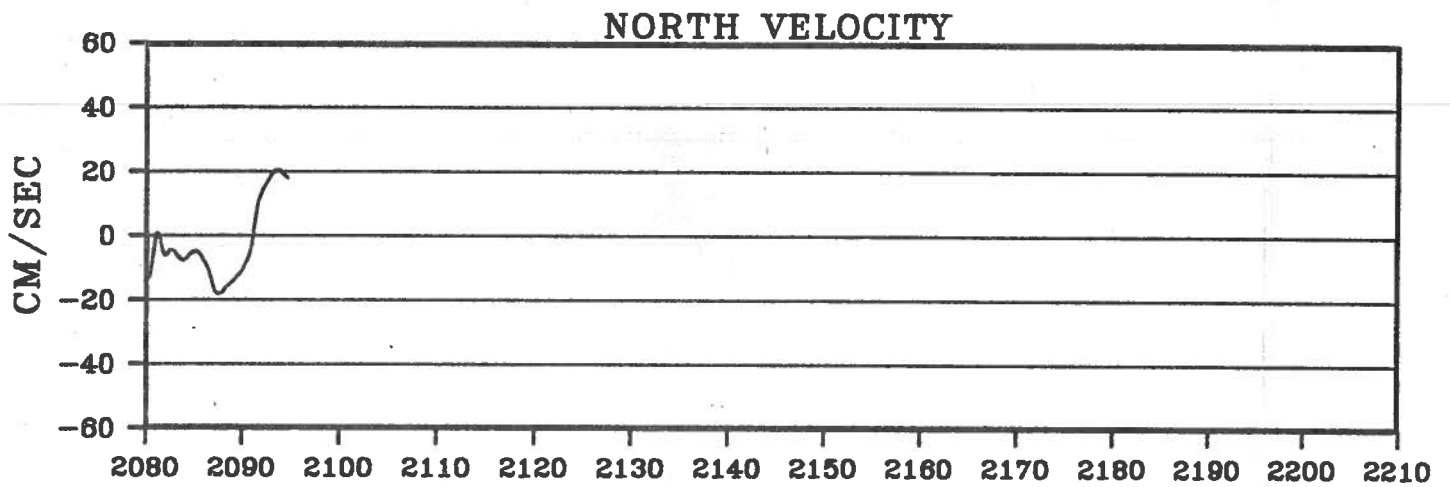
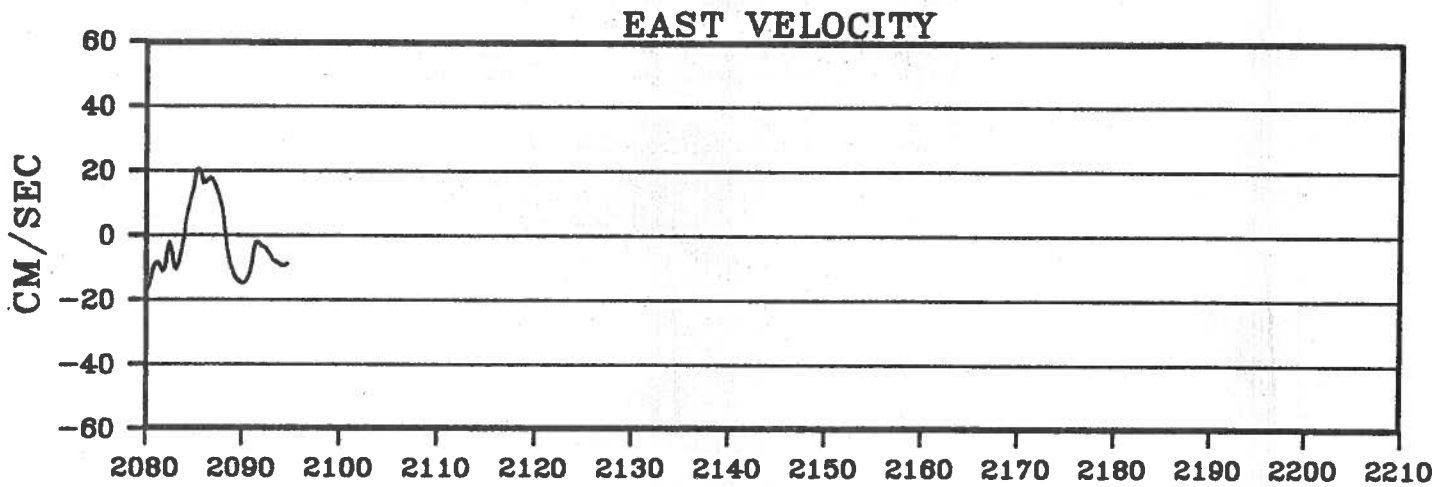
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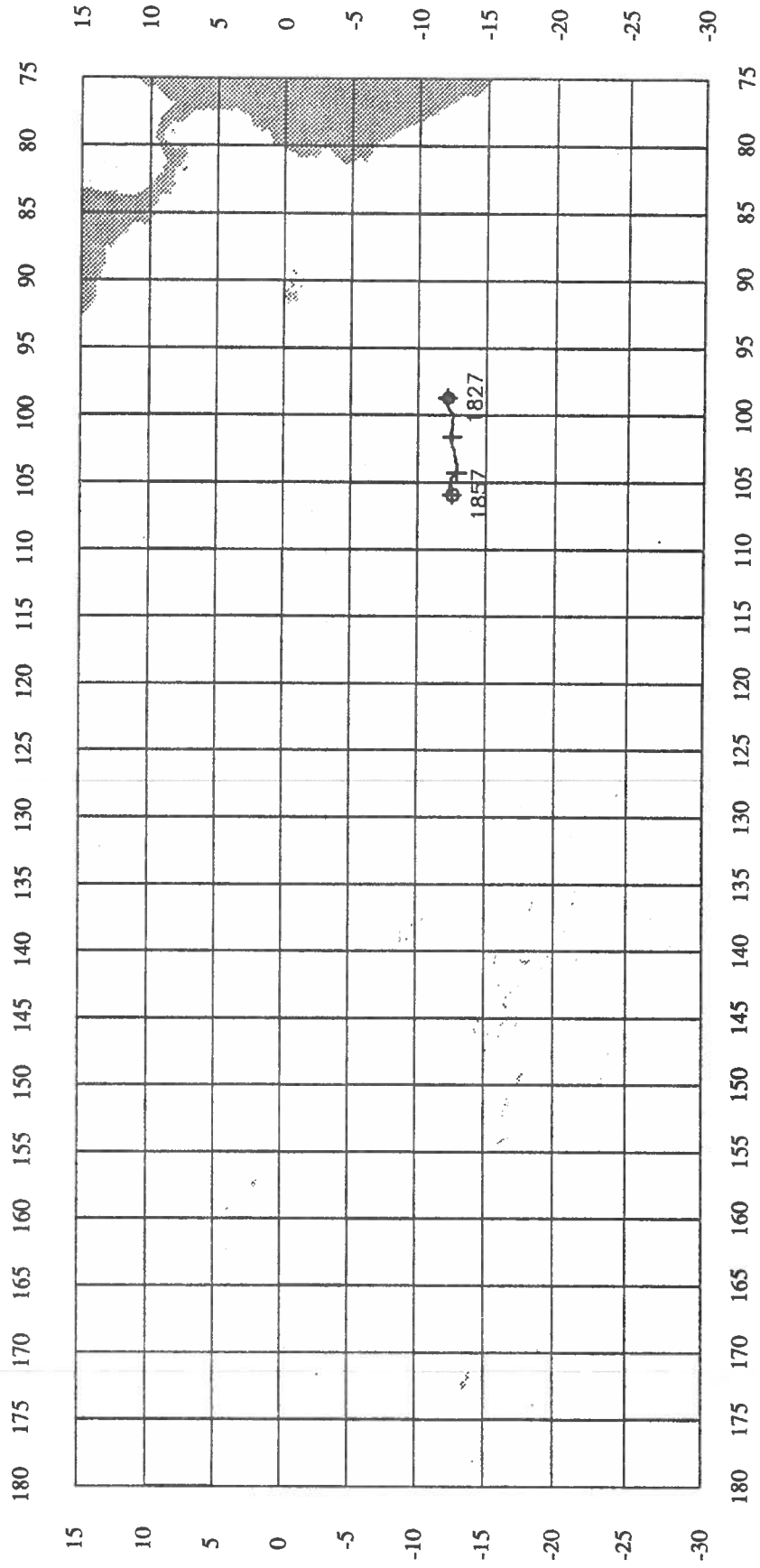
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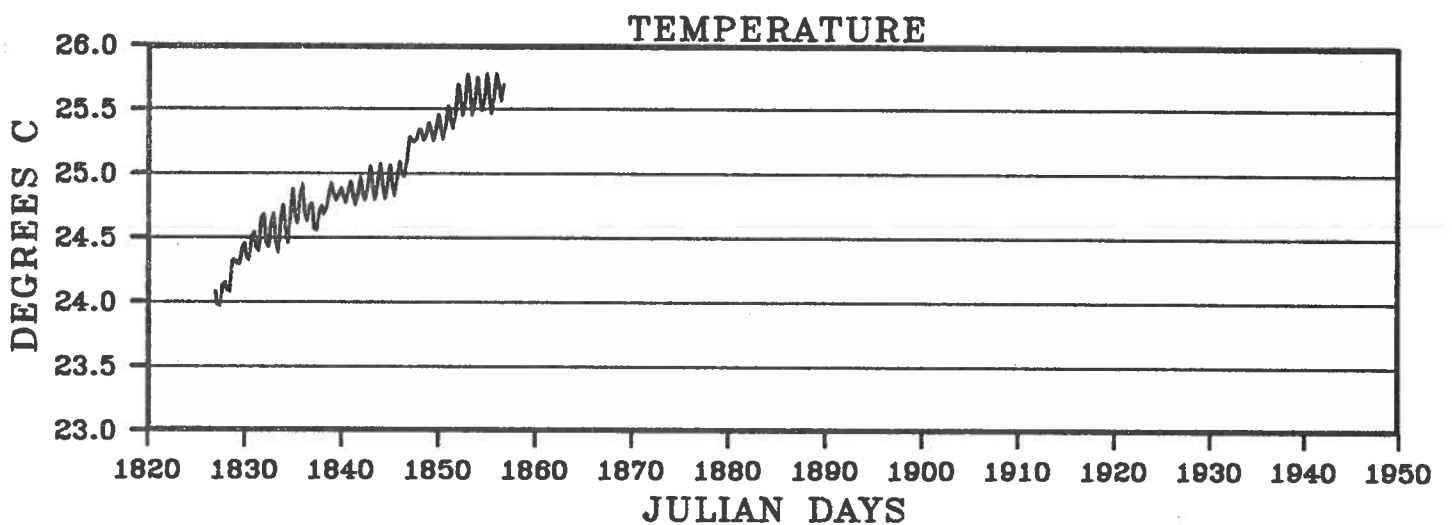
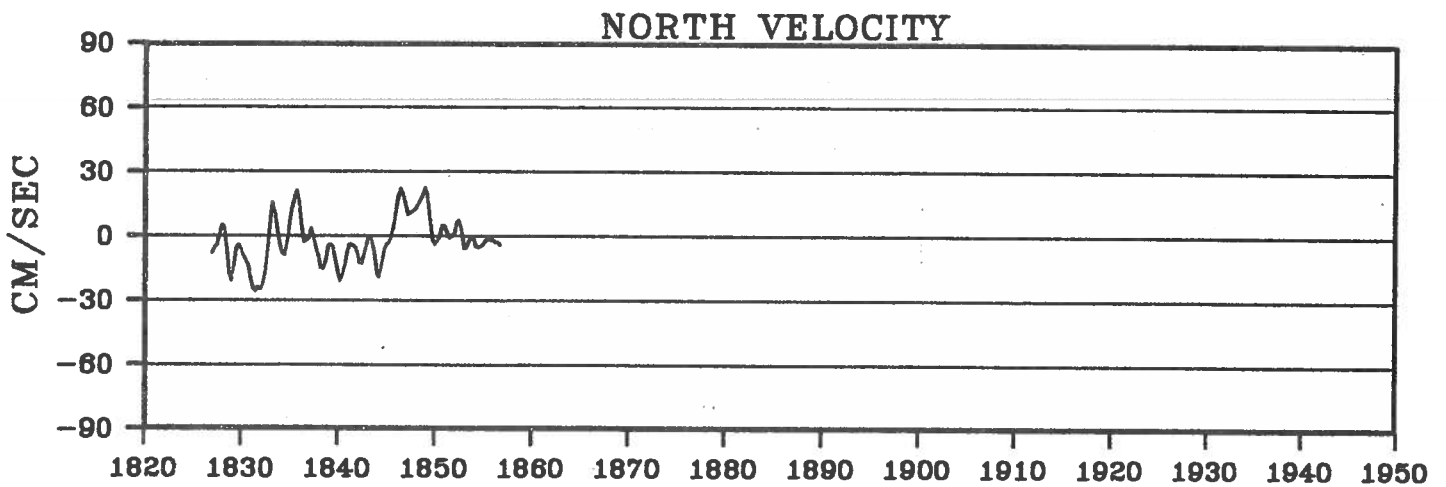
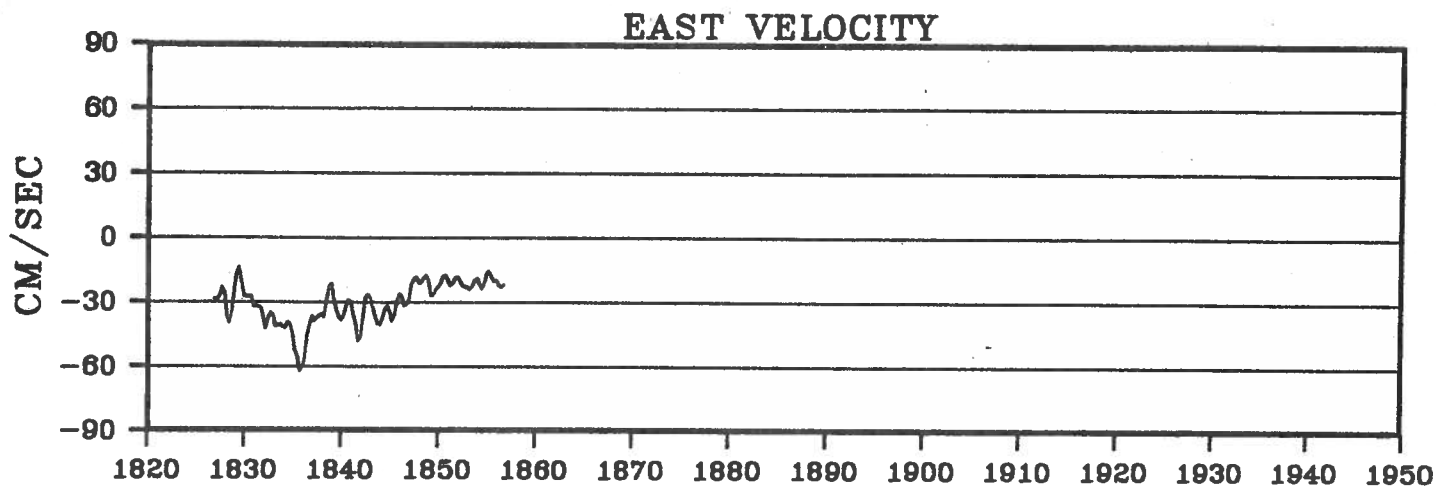
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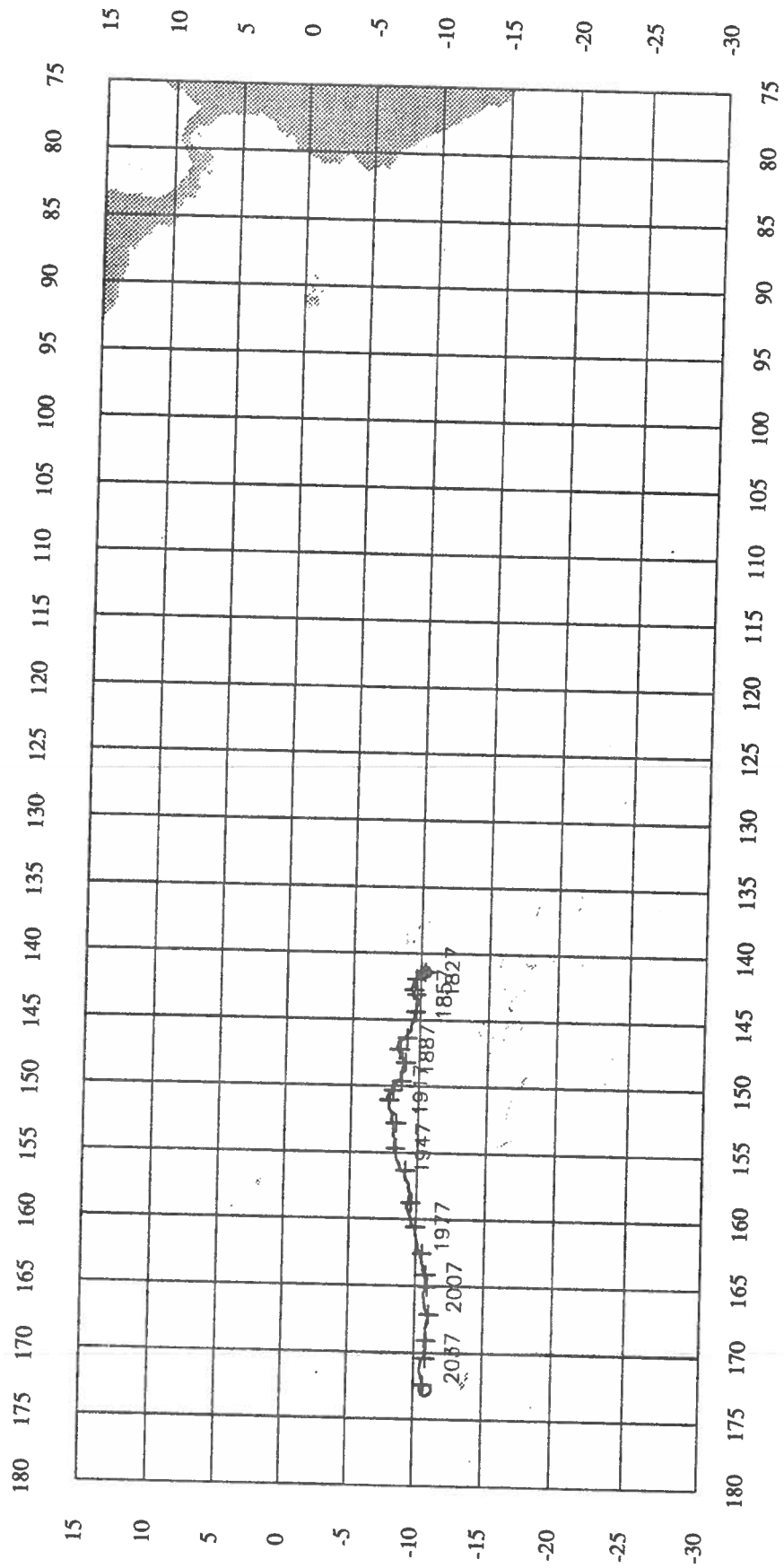
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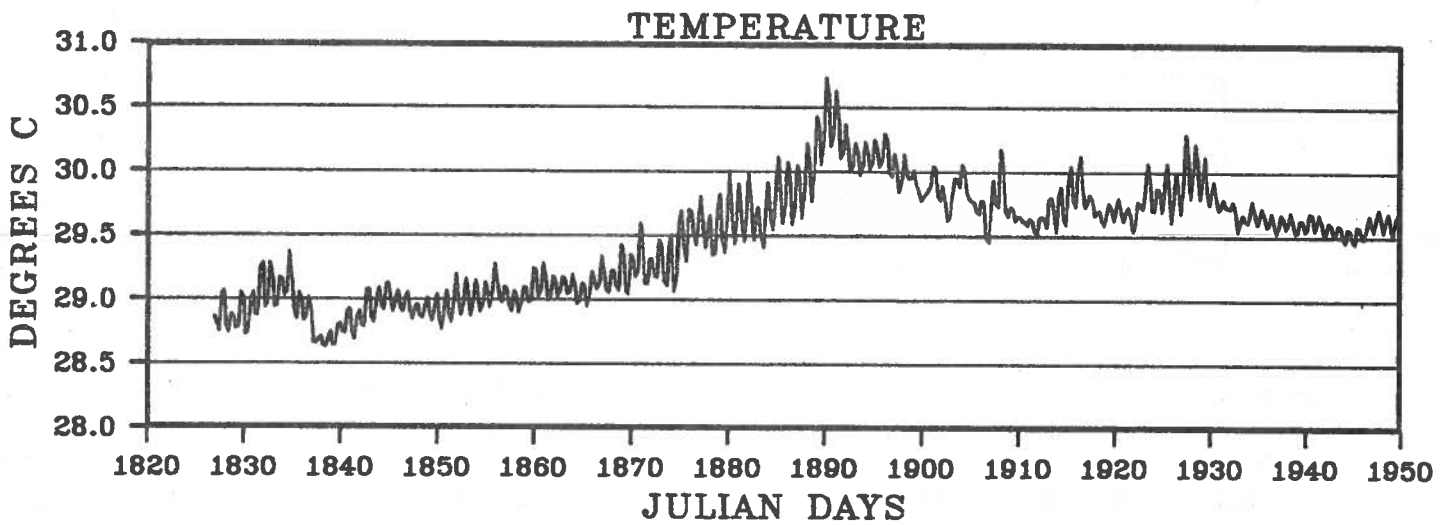
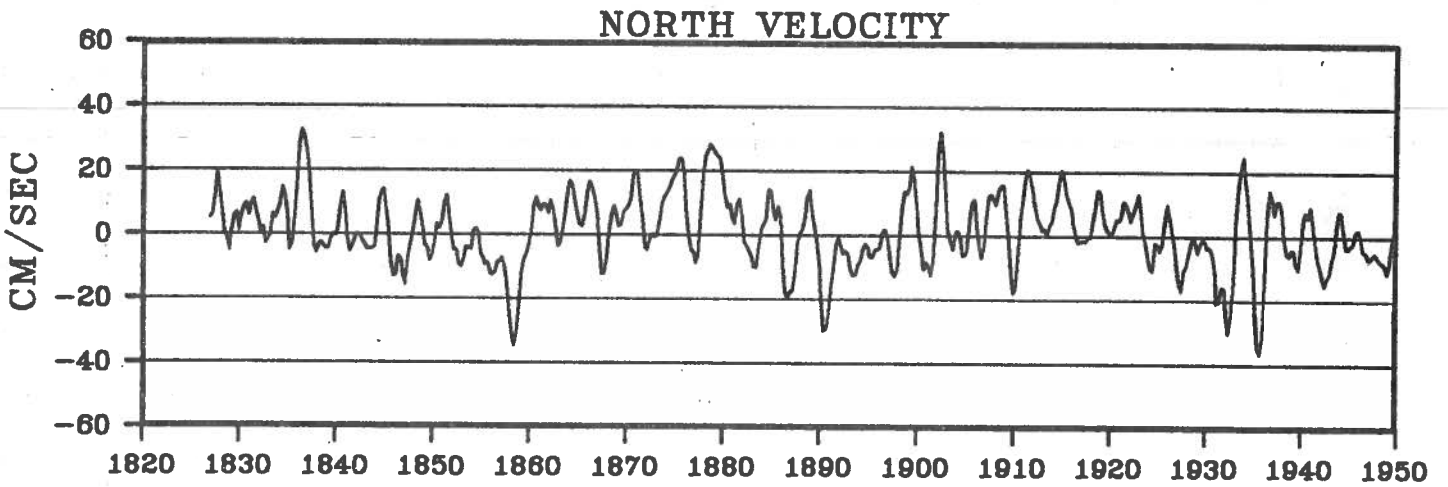
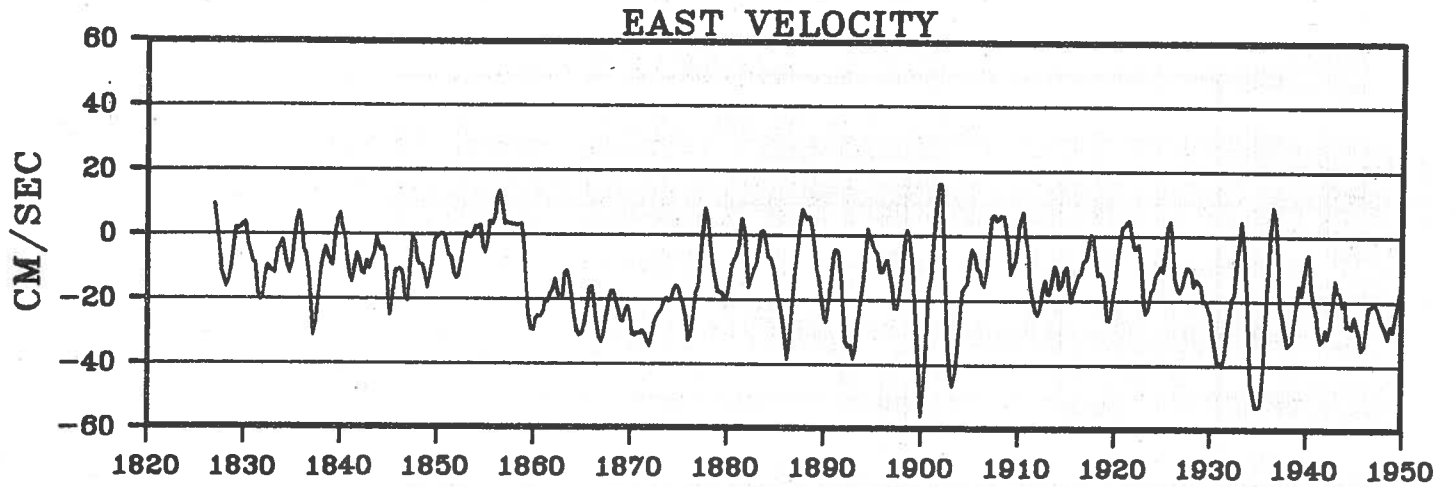
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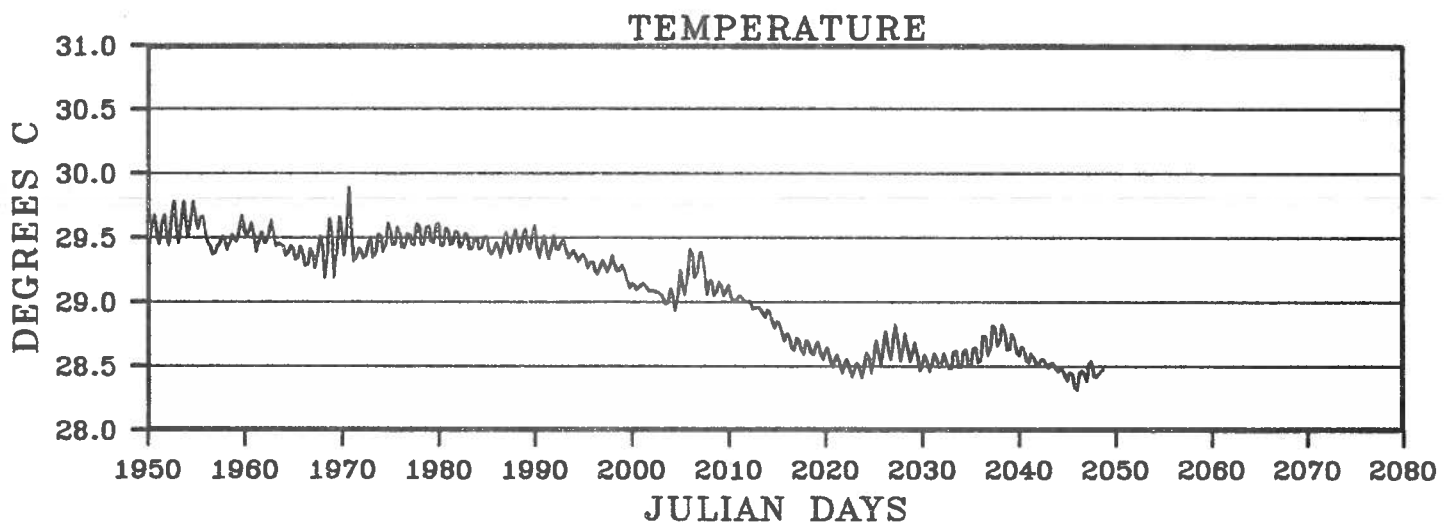
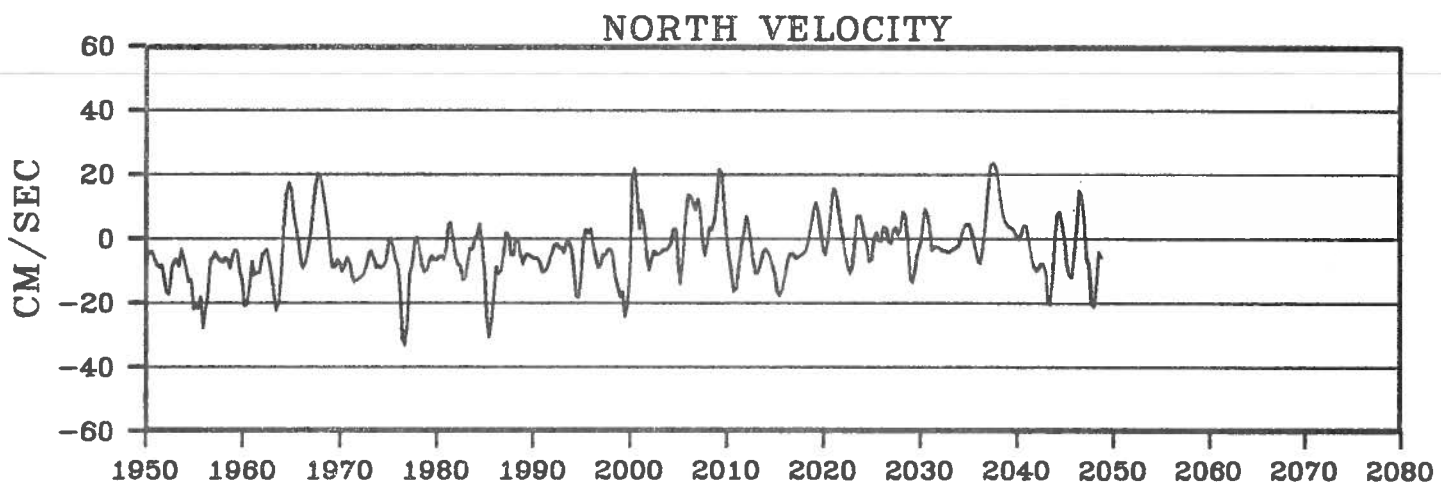
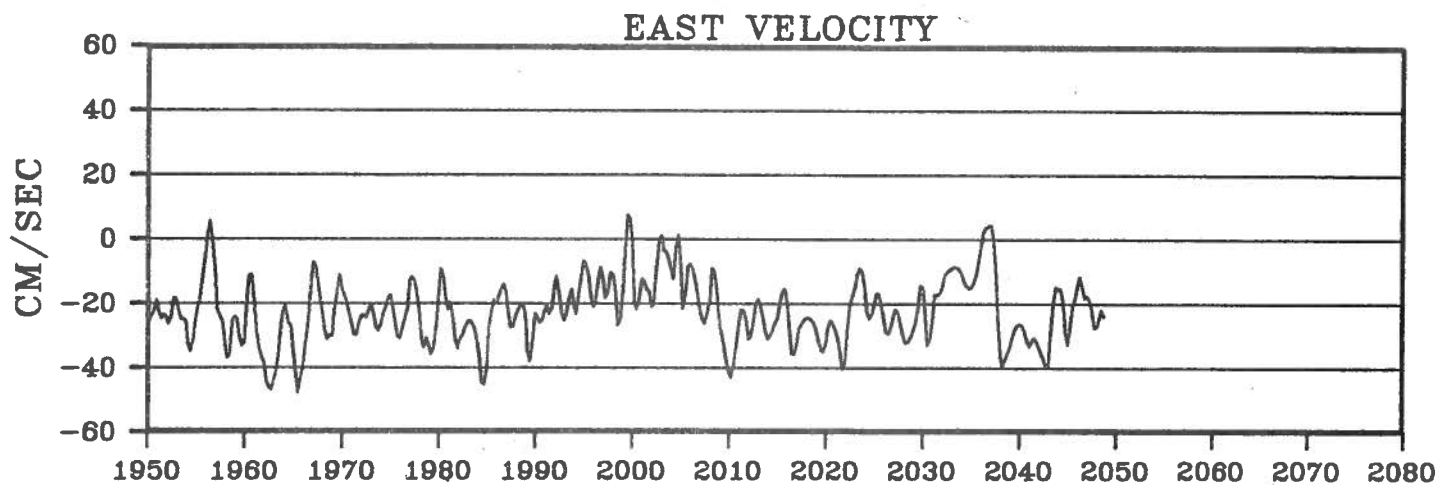
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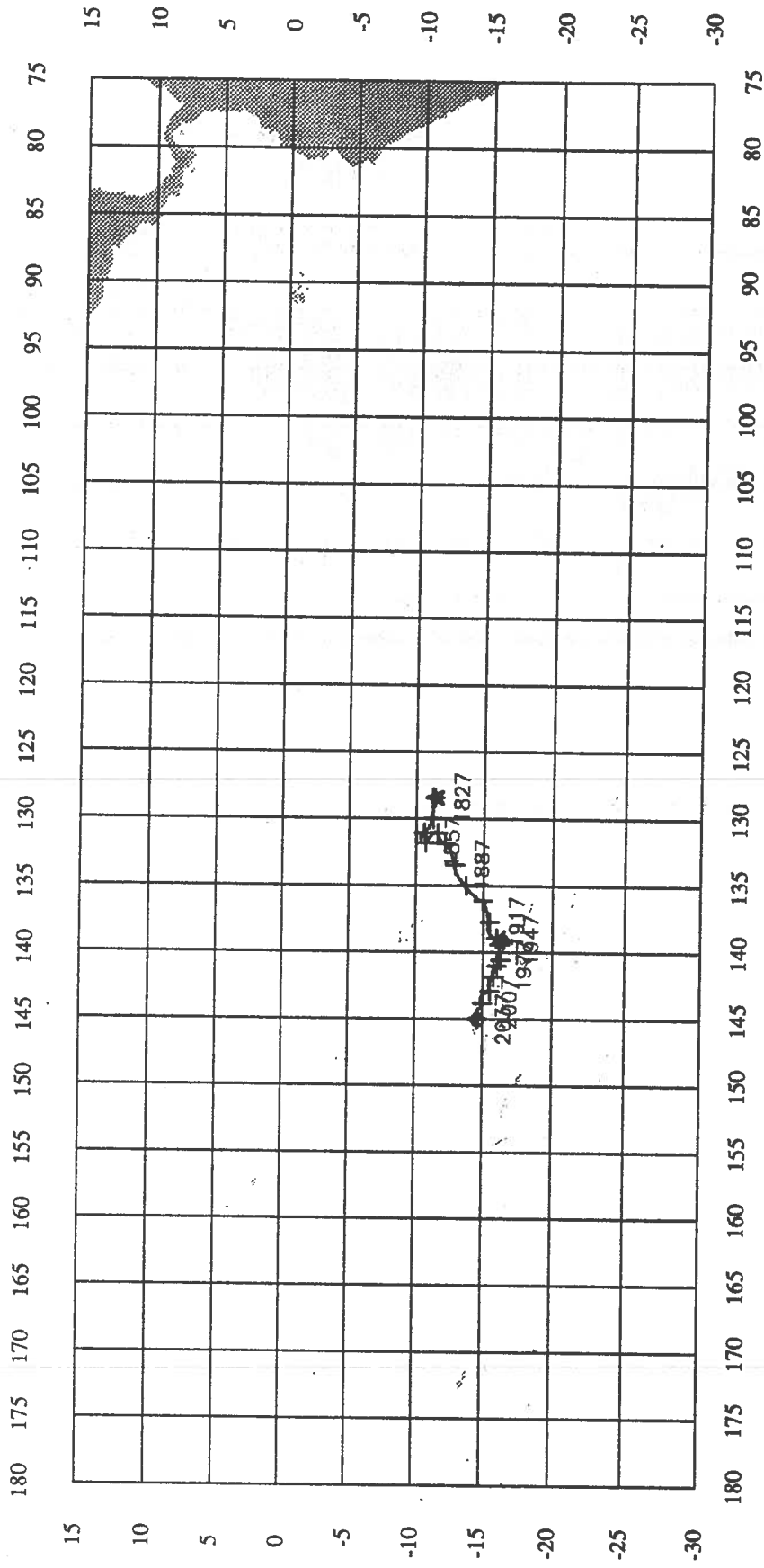
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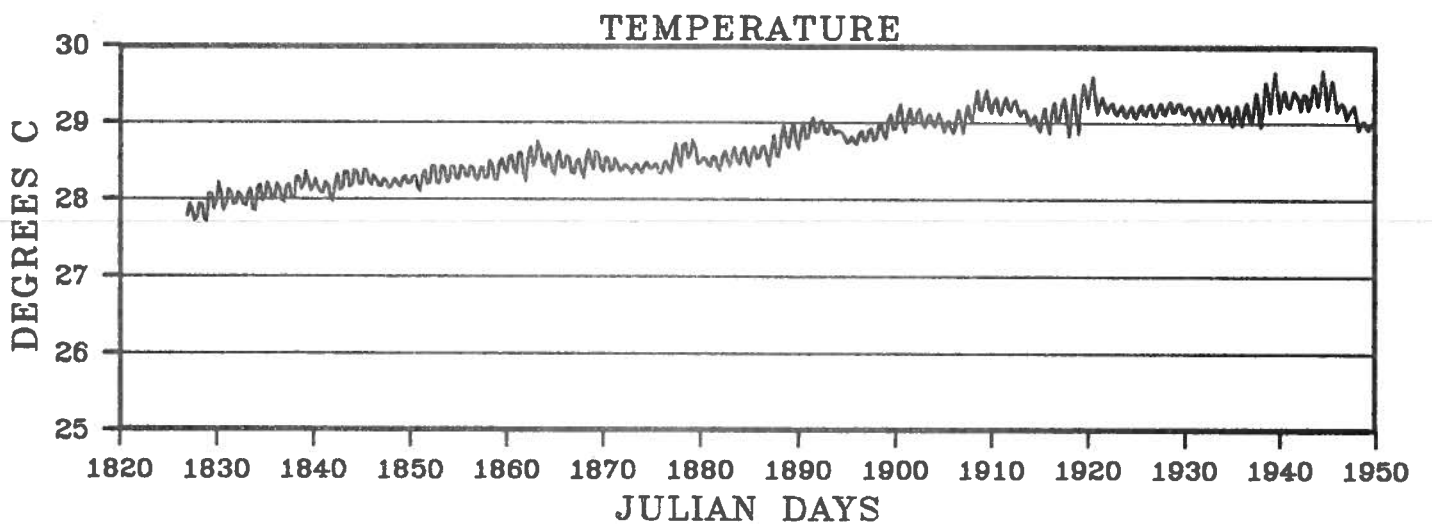
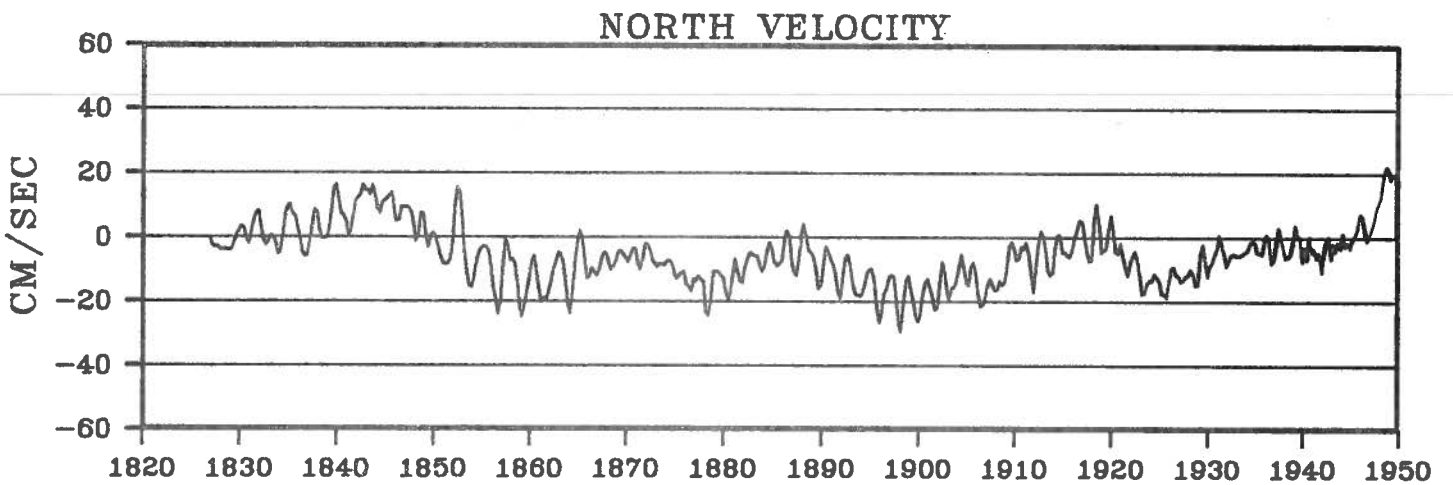
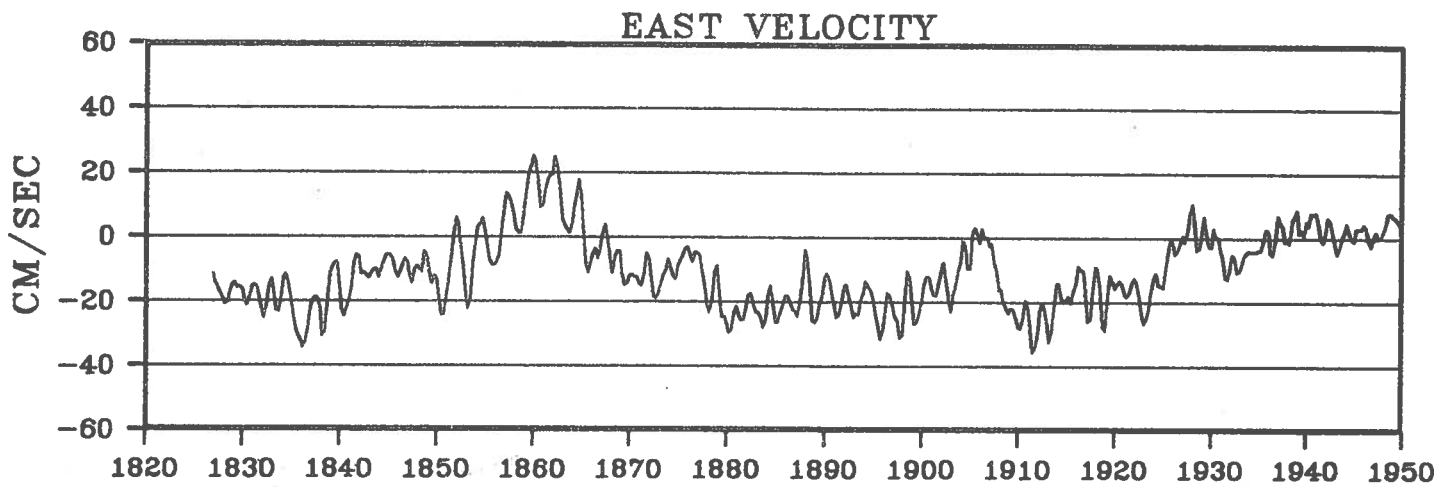
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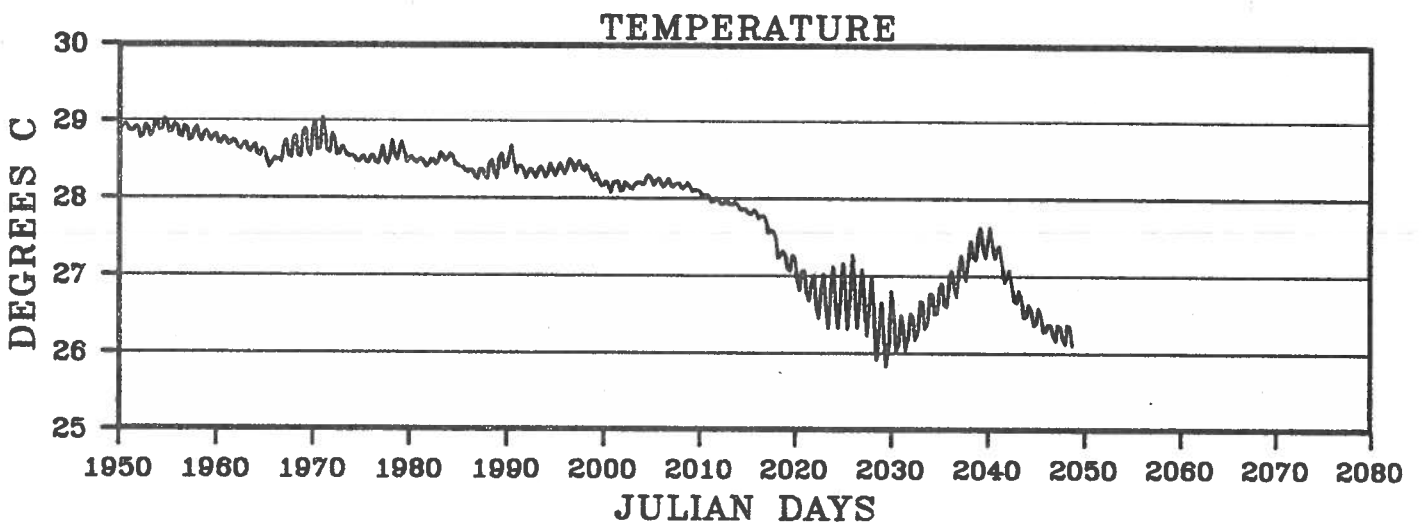
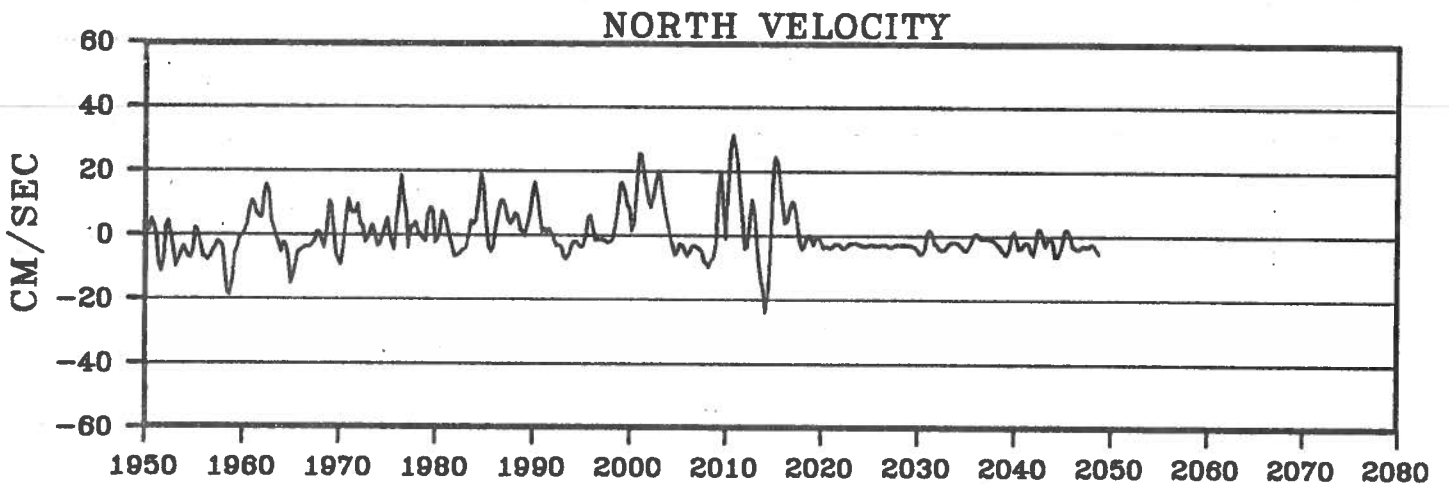
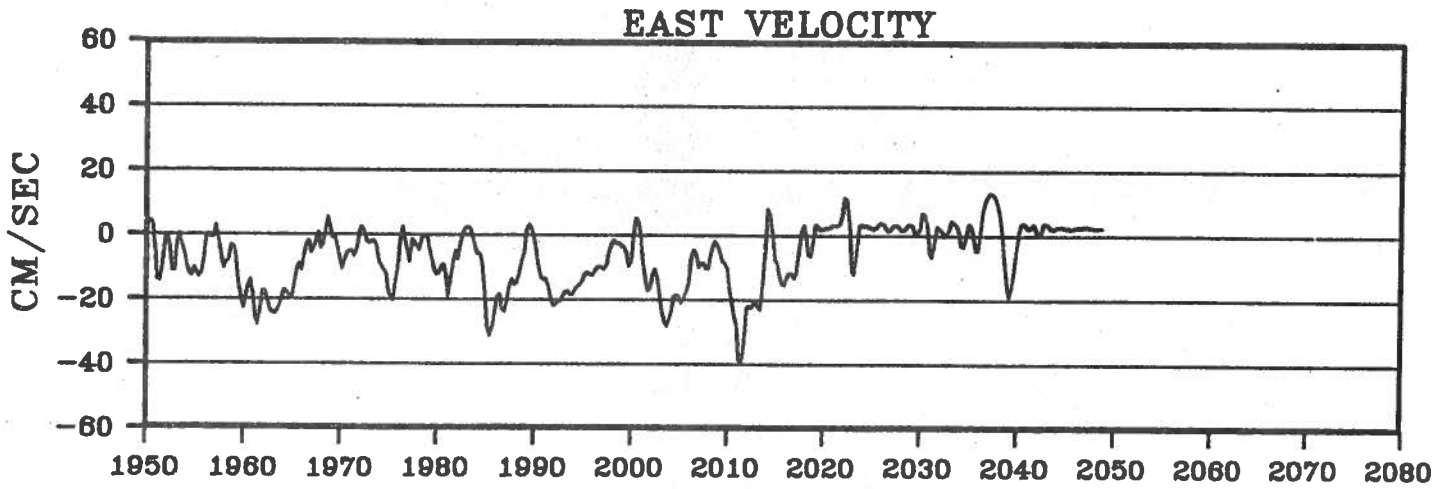
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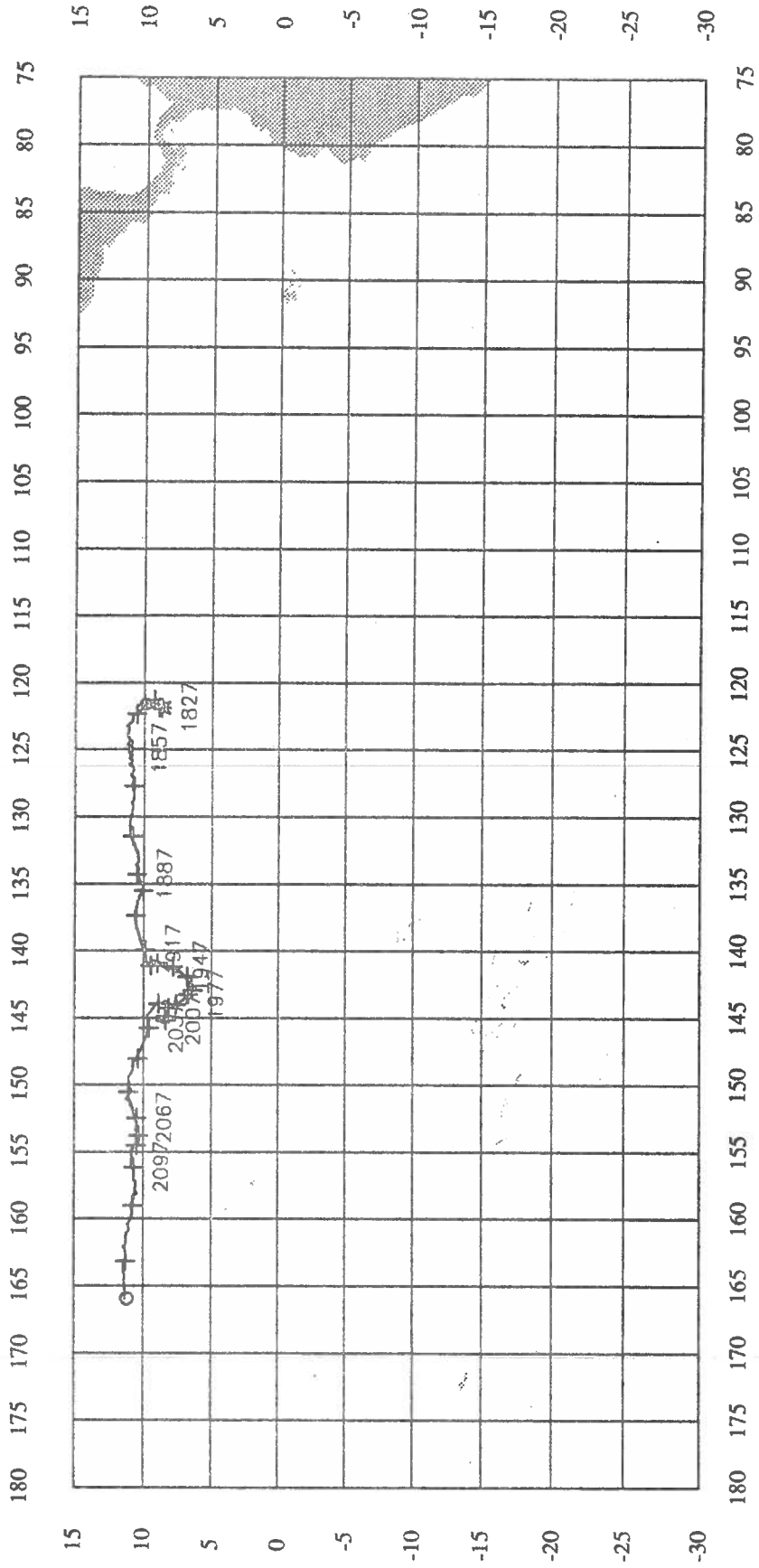
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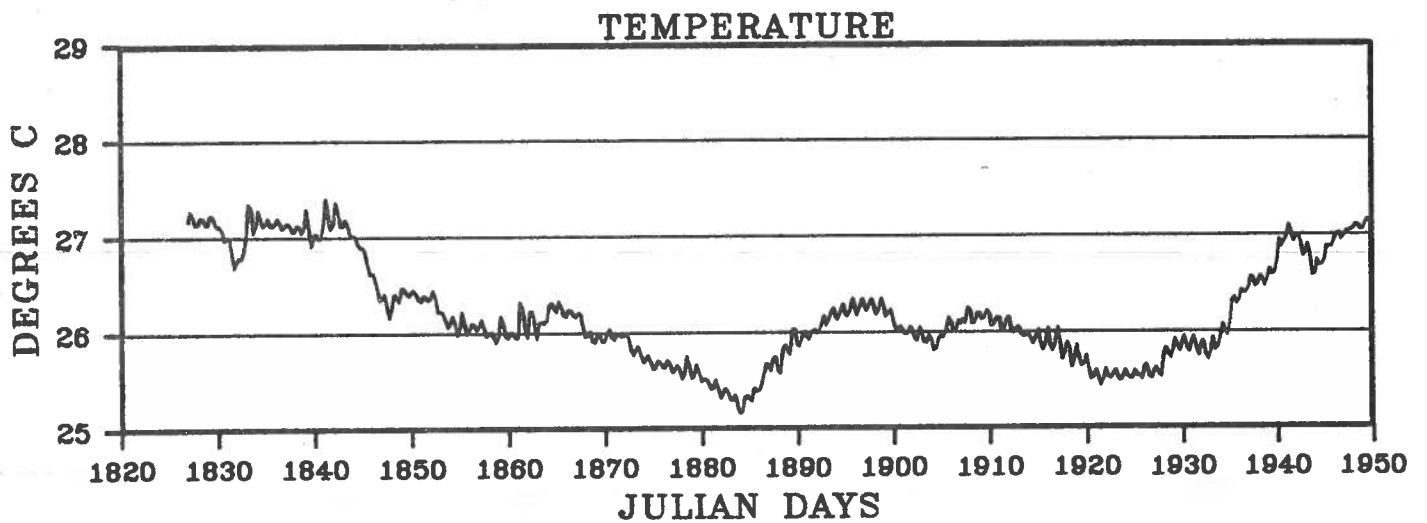
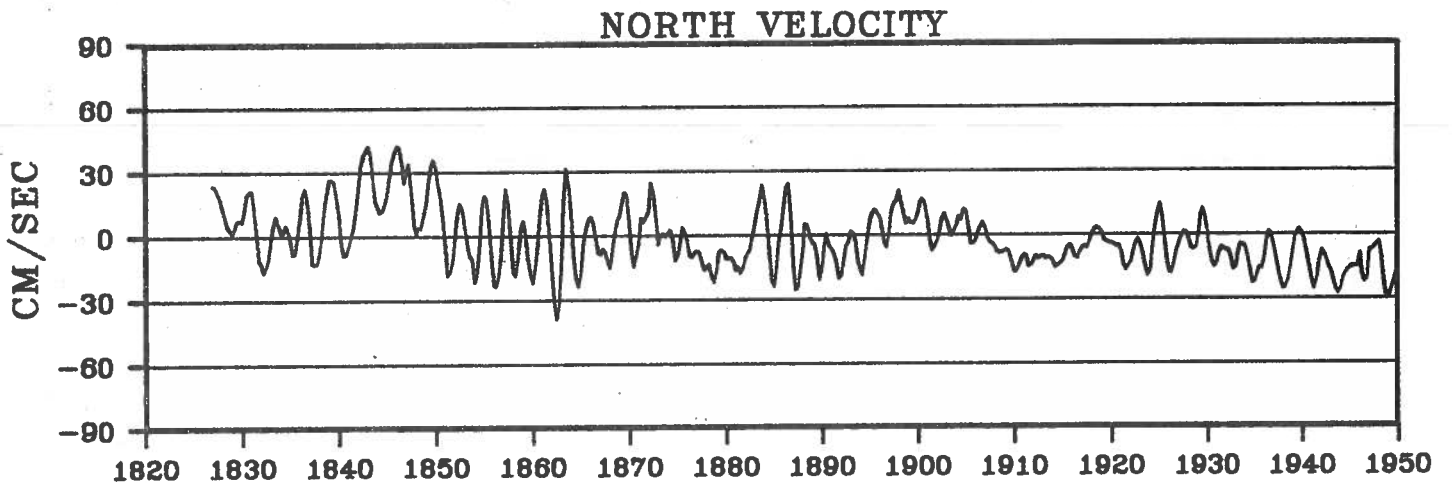
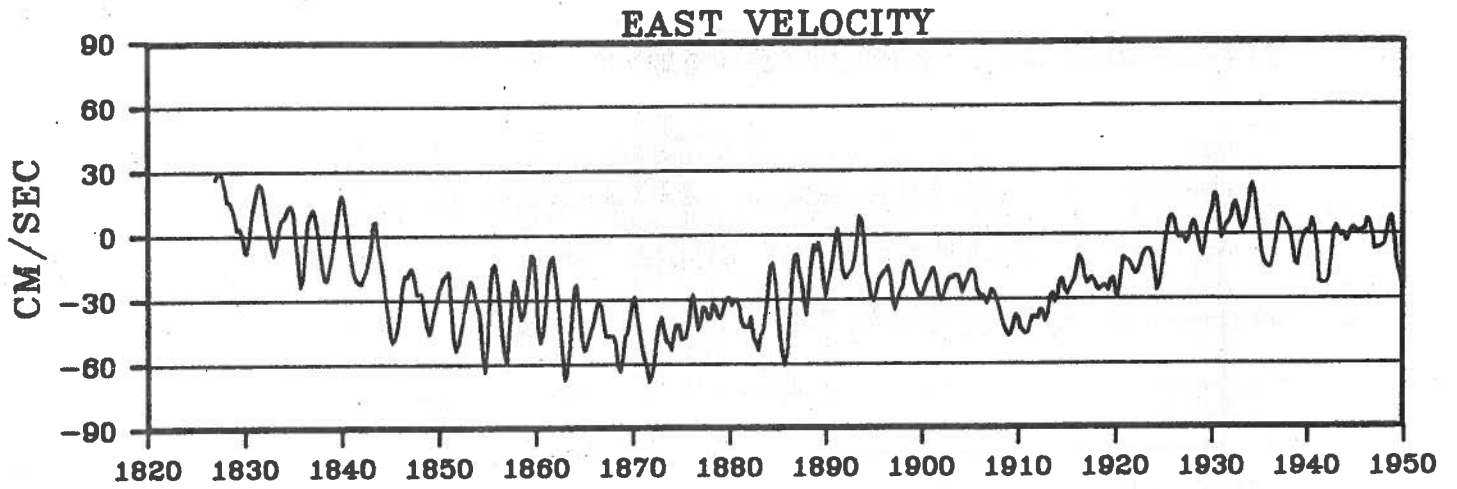
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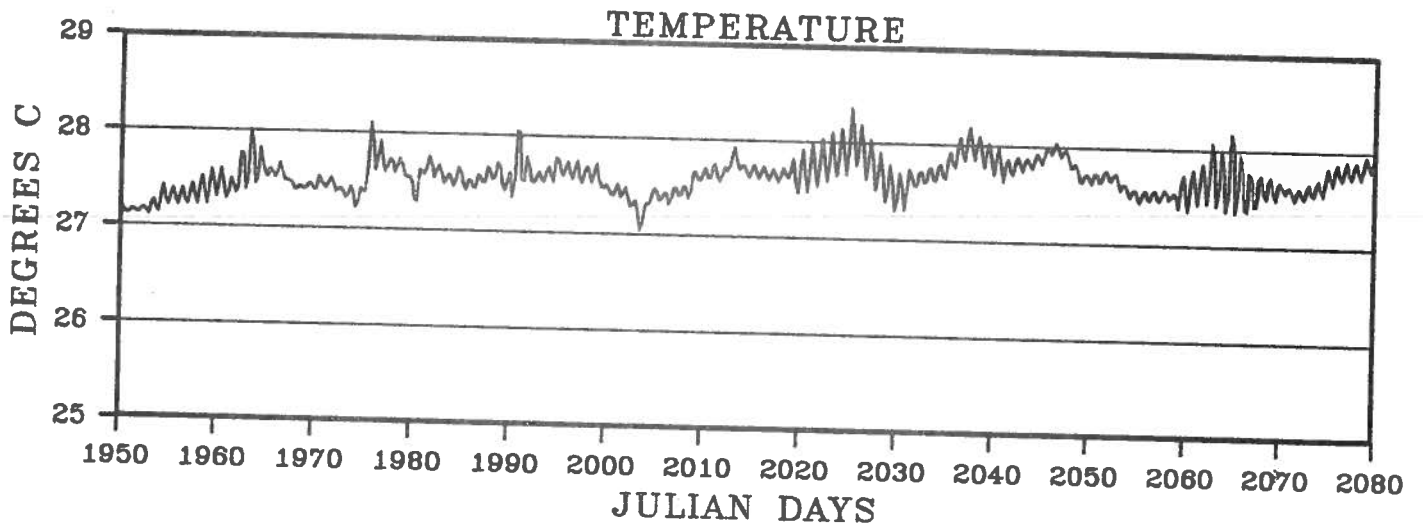
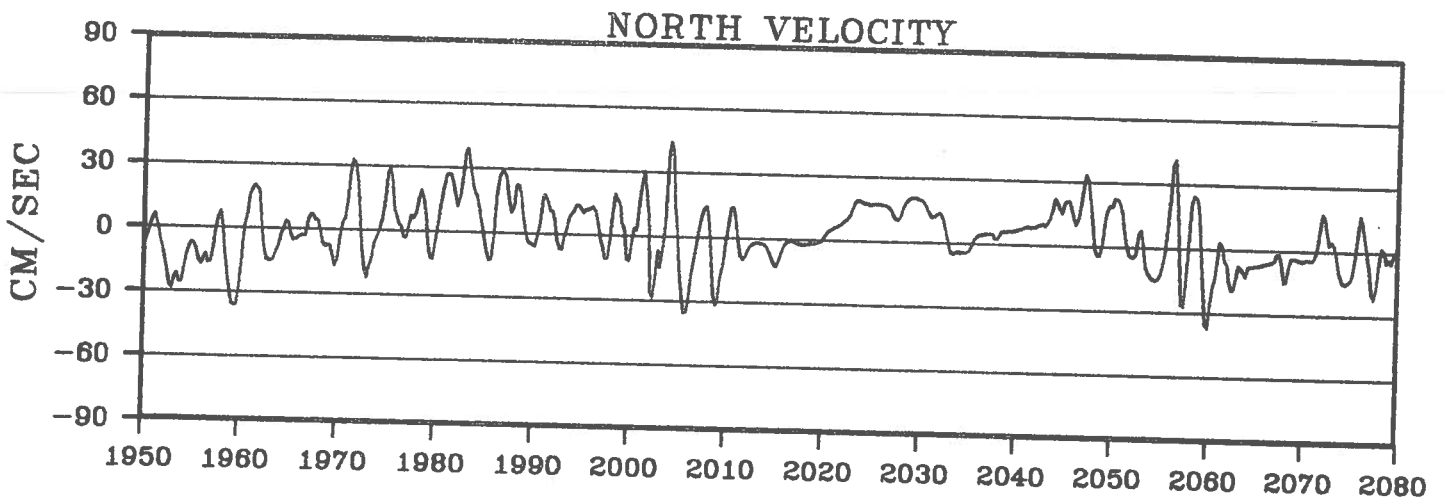
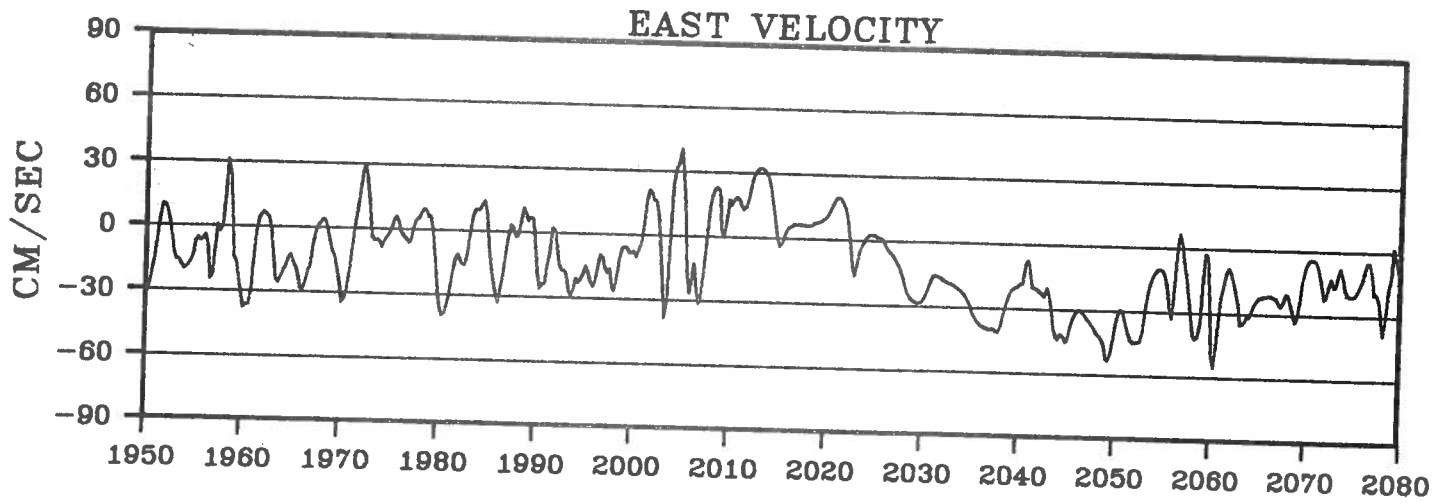
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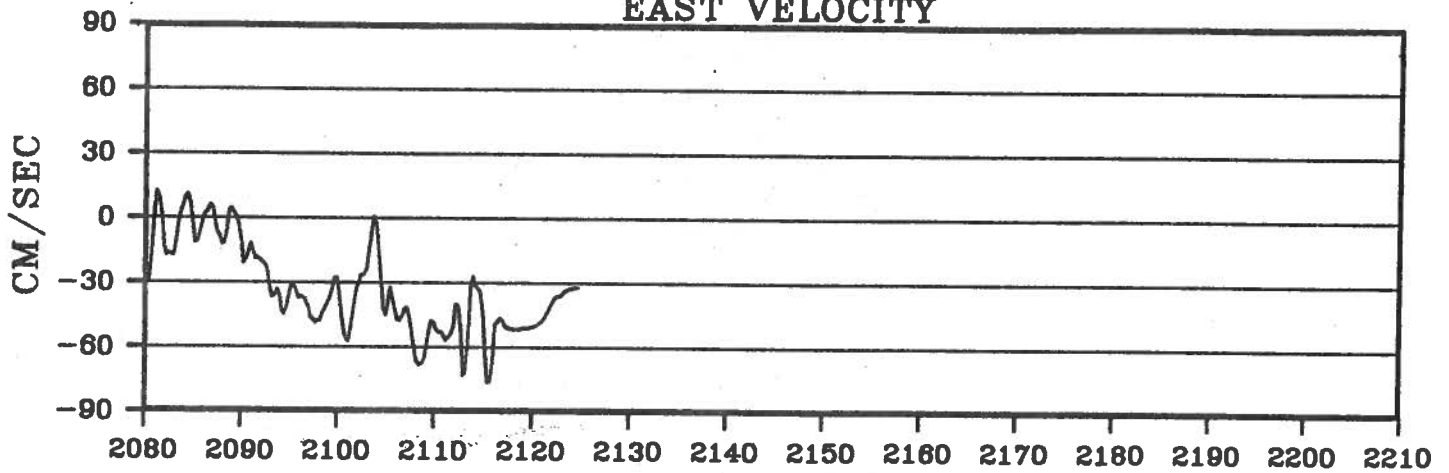


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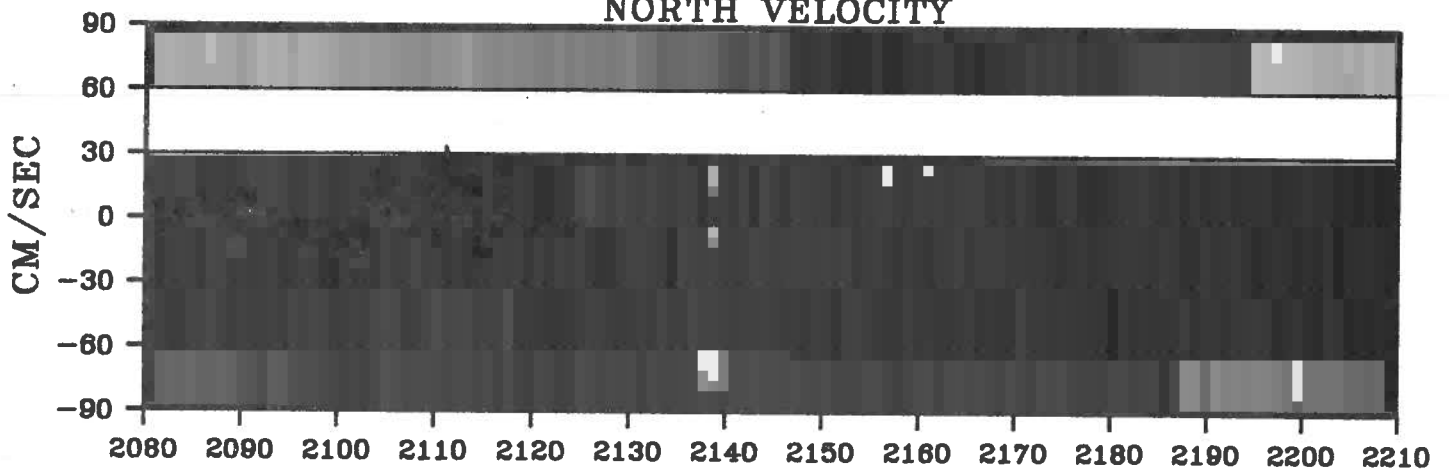


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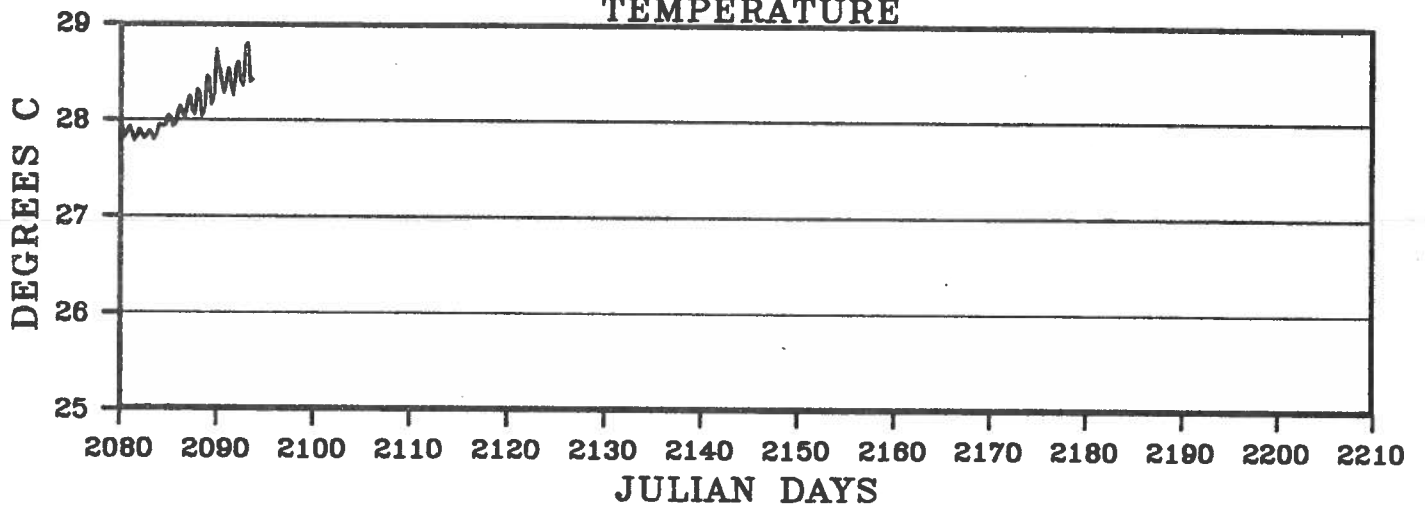
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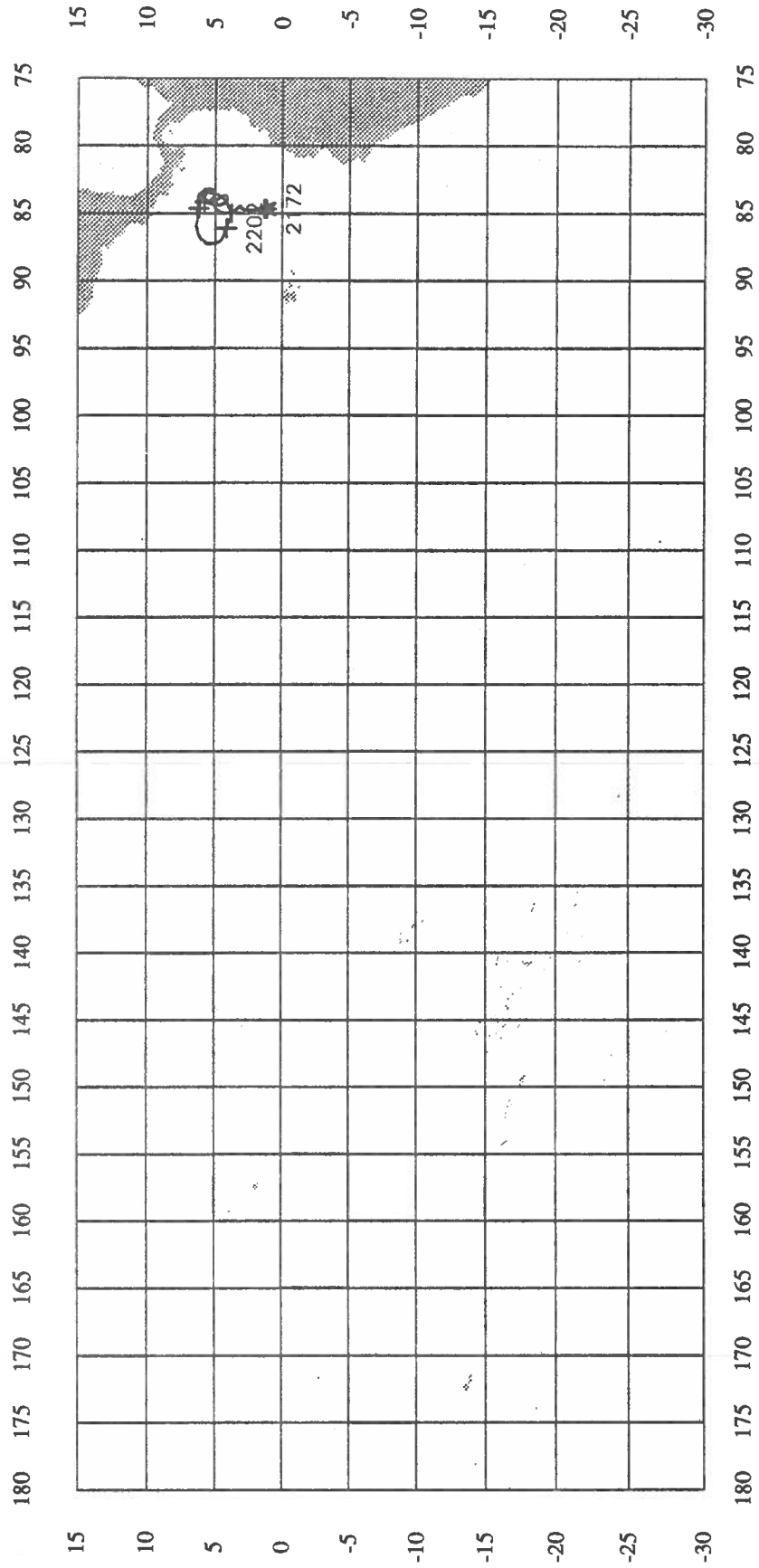
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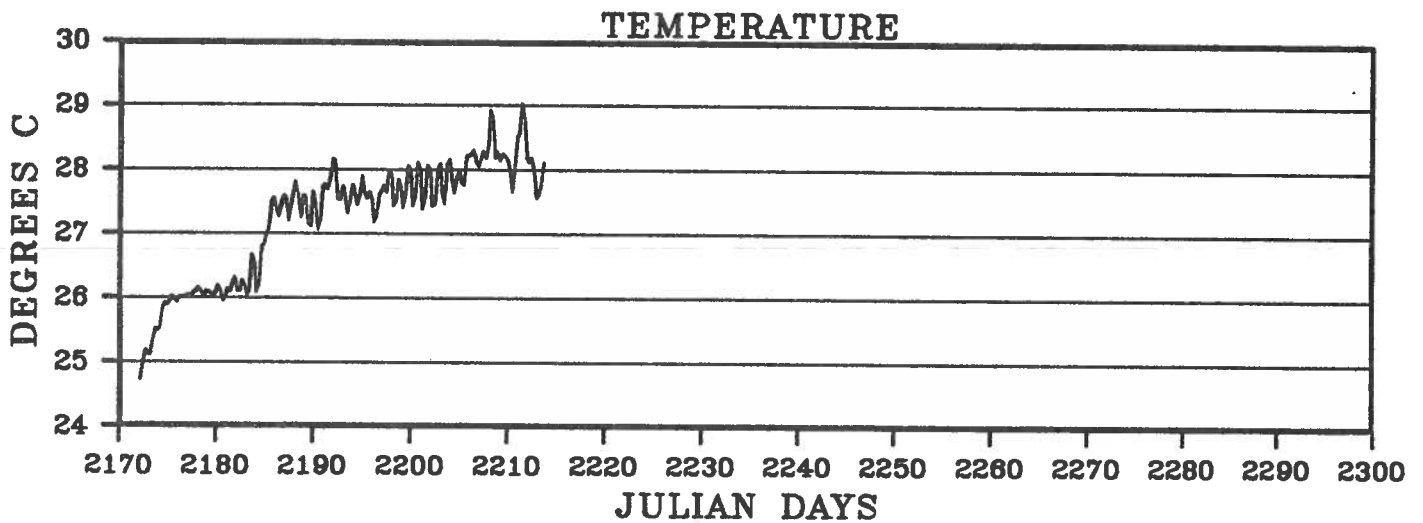
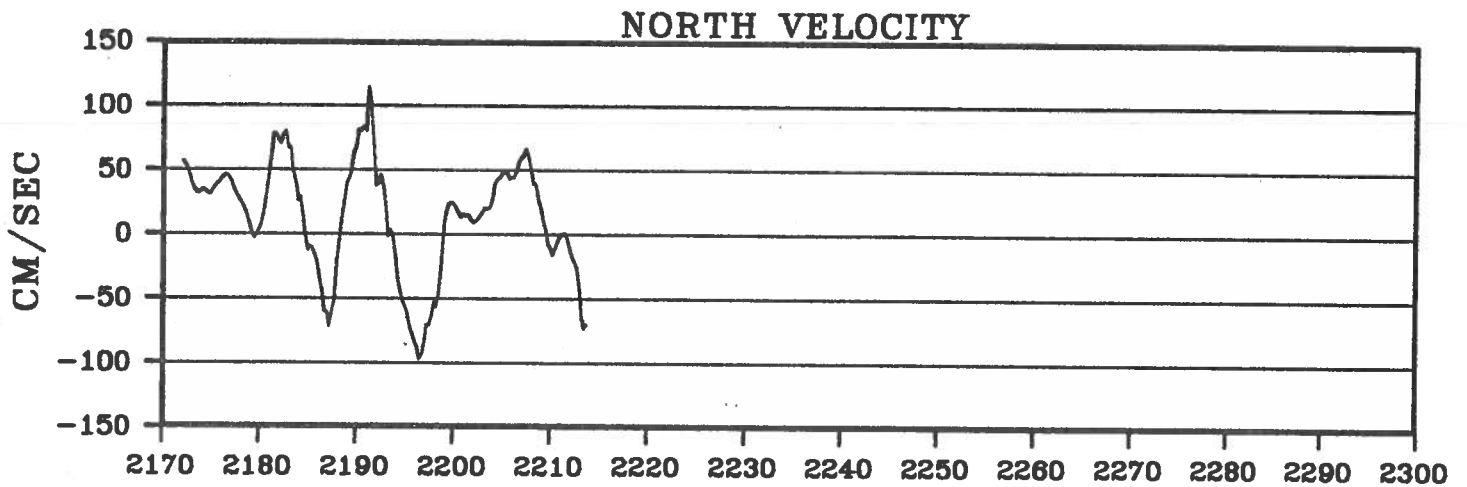
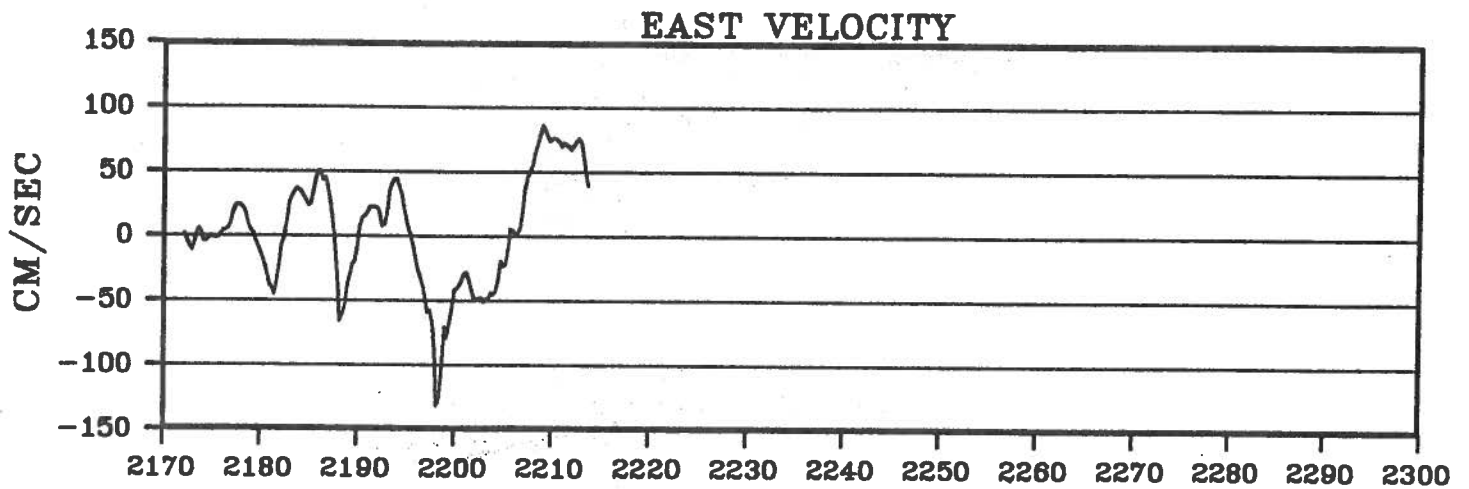
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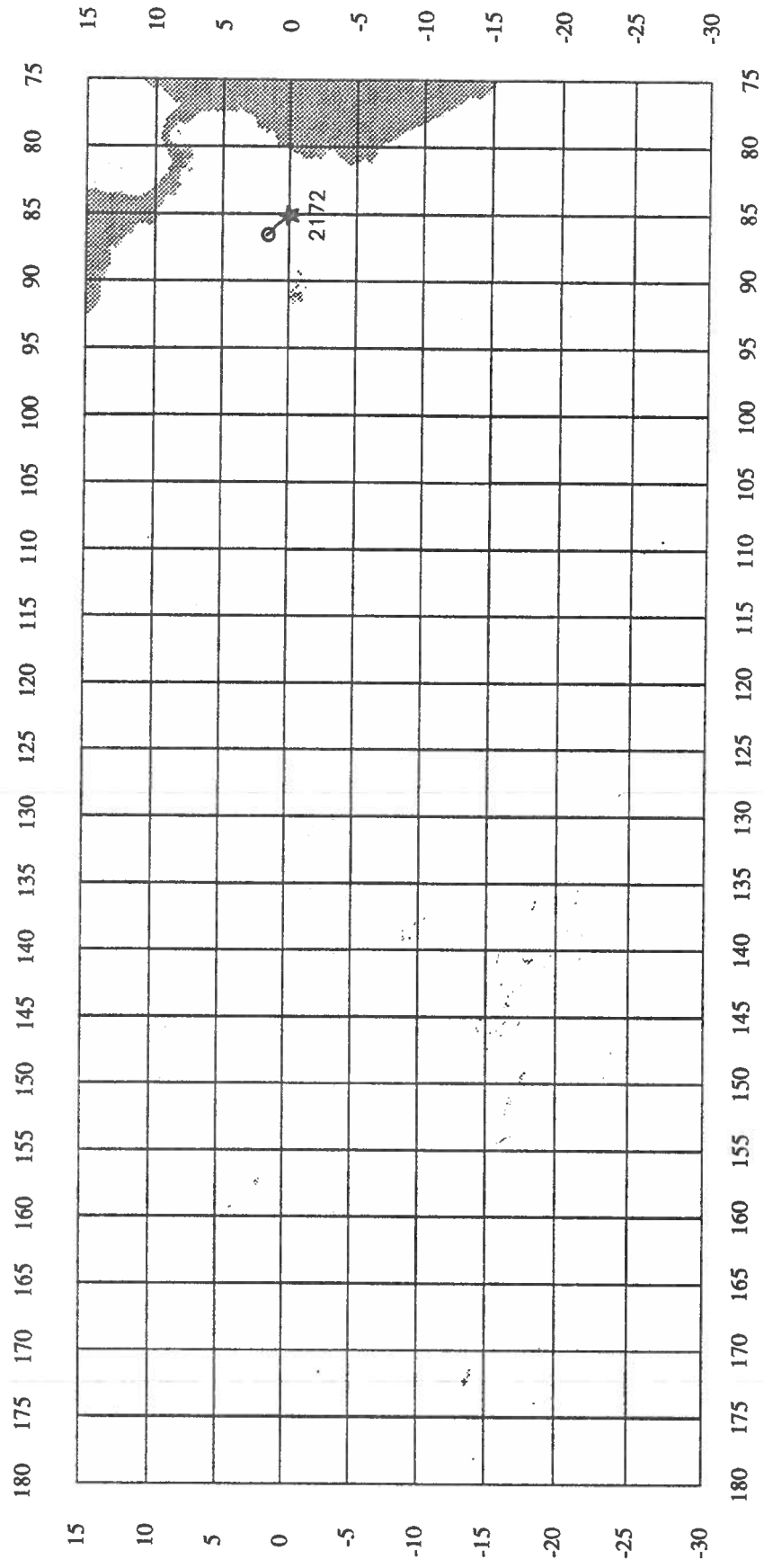
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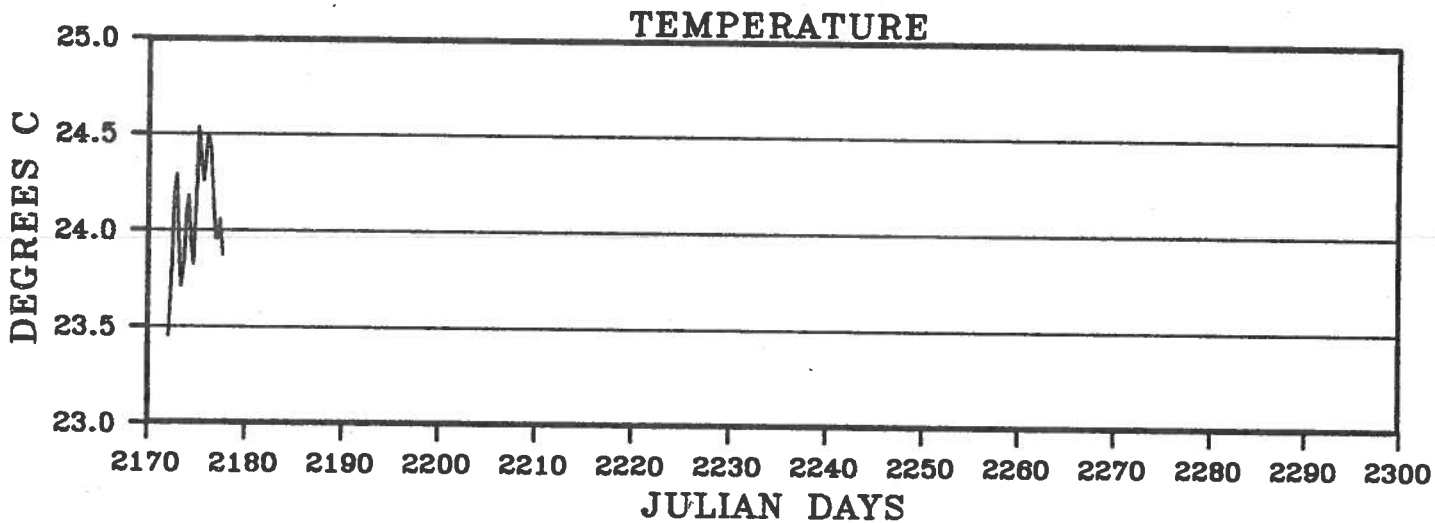
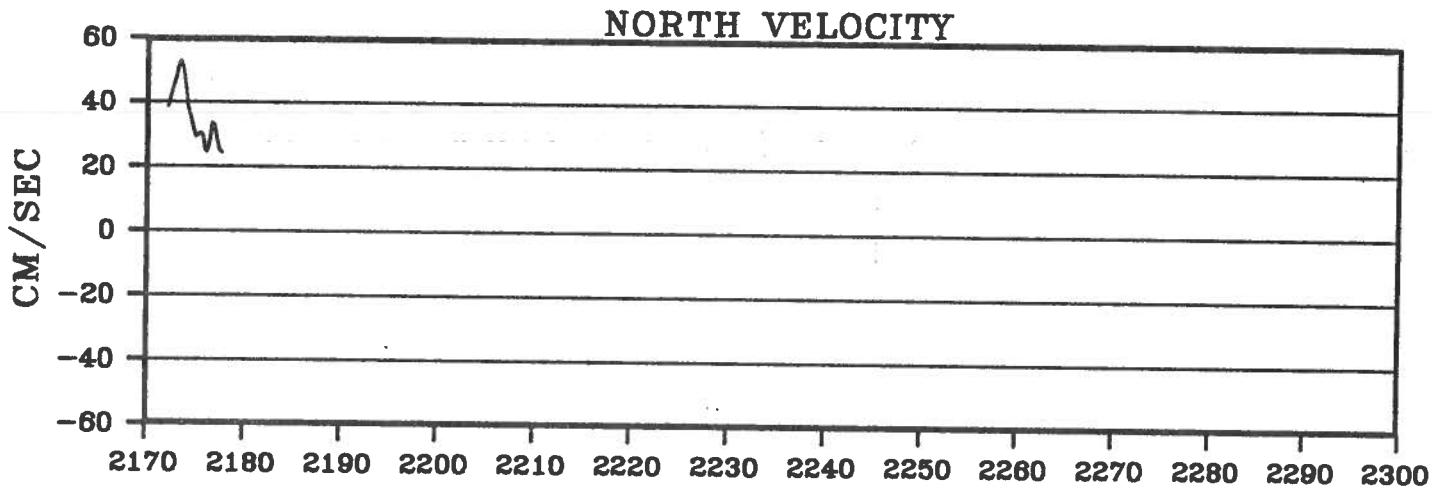
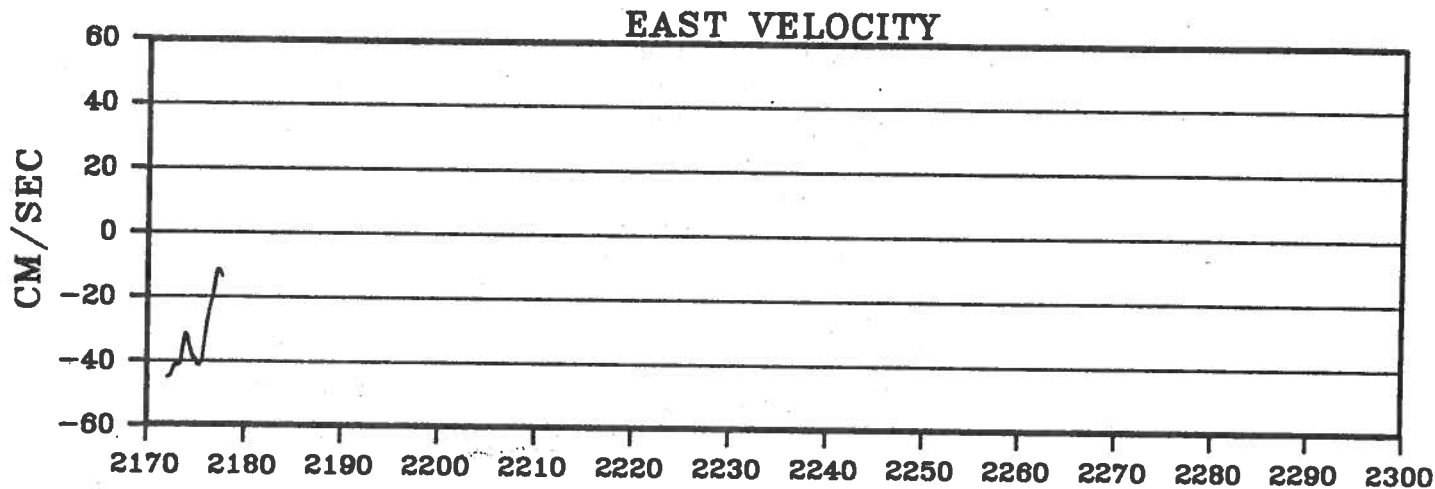
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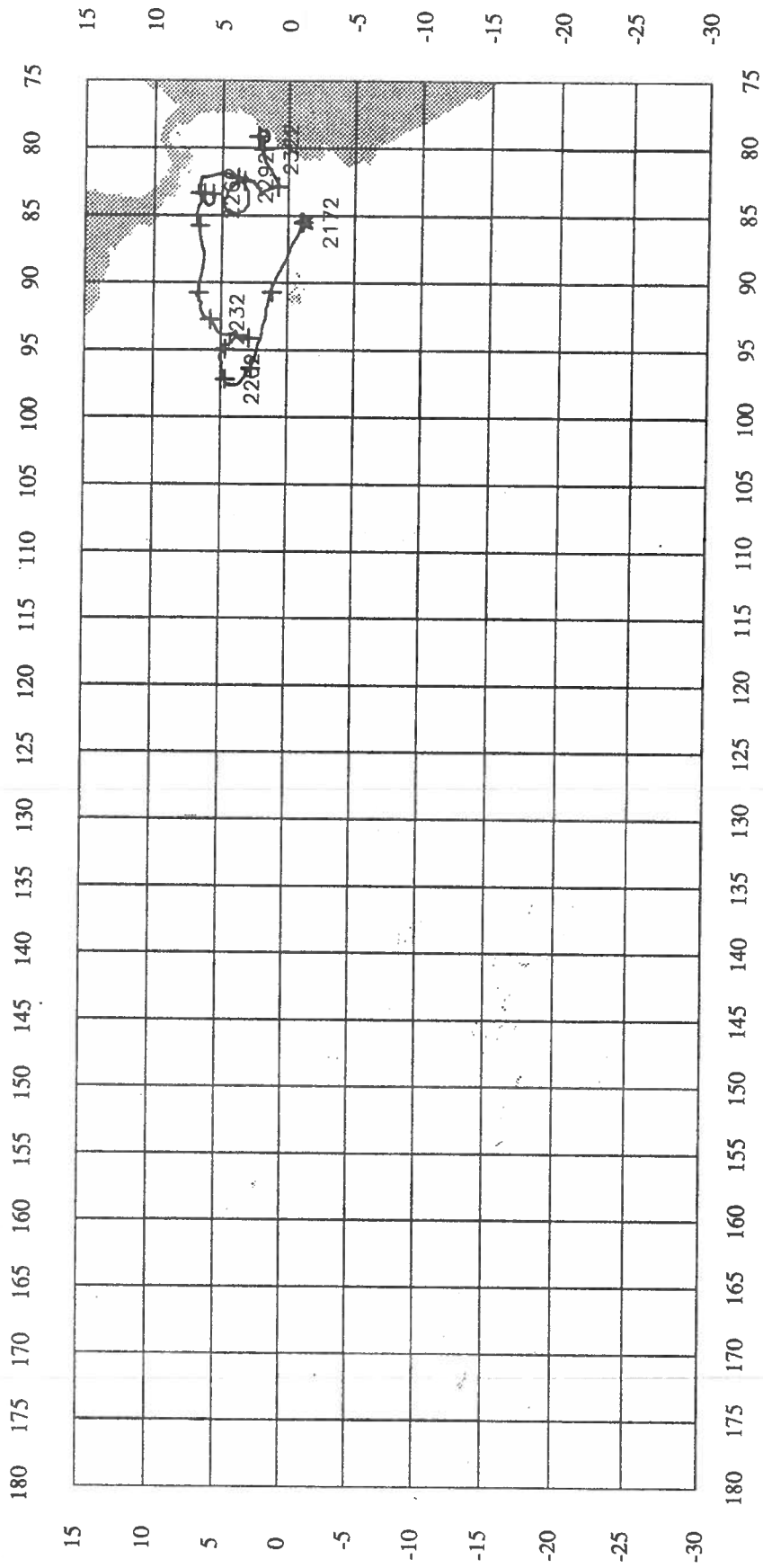
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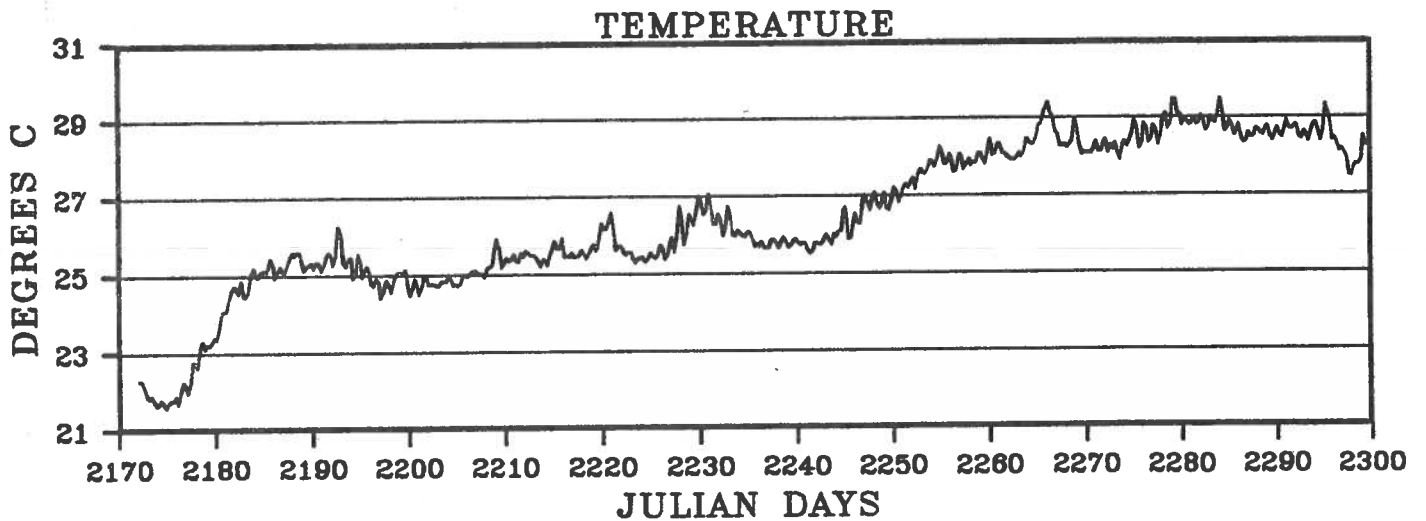
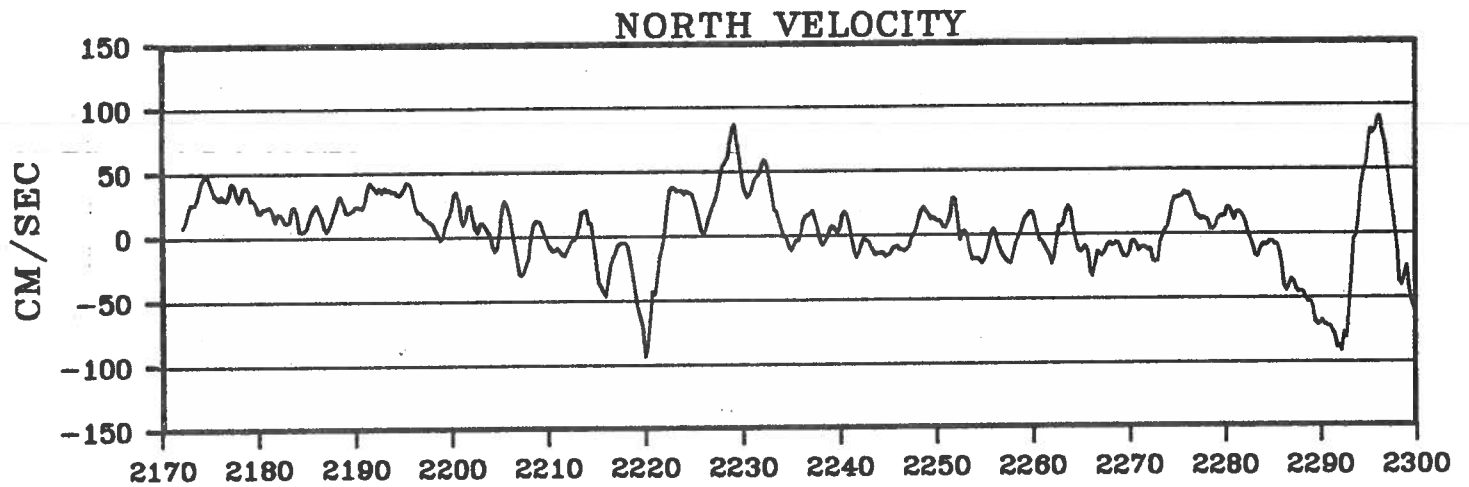
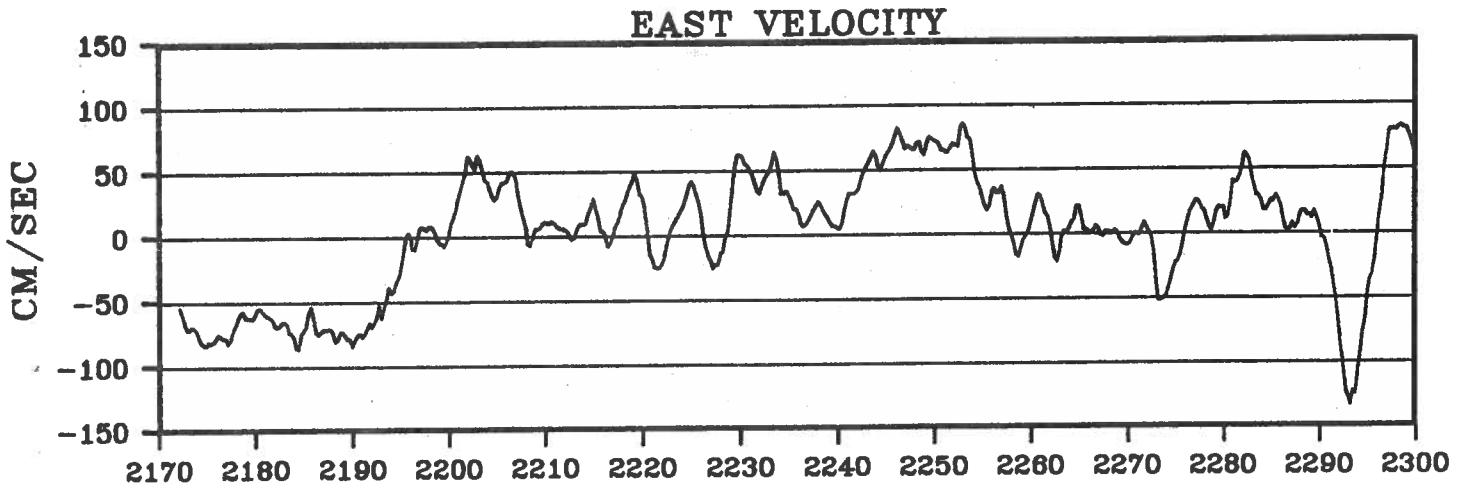
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