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**ABSTRACT.** This report presents contoured objective analyses made between 1975 and 1980 (inclusive) of sea surface temperature measurements taken in the Pacific from the western coastline of the Americas to  $150^{\circ}\text{E}$ , and from  $25^{\circ}\text{N}$  to  $30^{\circ}\text{S}$ . The analyses represent two-week-averaged SST fields contoured according to surface isotherms and include the time period of both the relatively weak El Niño of 1976 and the post-El Niño period, as well as the spatial domain of other climatically interesting regions of the western and central Pacific. While providing SST fields useful to study of the El Niño in terms of sea surface temperature variation, this report also draws attention to the nonseasonal SST (NSST) variation. At the onset of the 1976 El Niño, the equatorial NSST was  $4\sigma$  (standard deviation) below its normal temperature for 1977-1980, while the mean NSST along  $30^{\circ}$  was  $3\sigma$  above normal.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Because of the relative positioning of the Earth and Sun, the Earth receives and absorbs more solar energy in the tropics than in the polar regions. This nonuniform heating and temperature distribution drives the atmosphere--the weather machine--and changes the weather and climate on both short and long time scales. The climate, the long-time average of the weather, however, is believed to be more nearly controlled by the slowly varying oceans, because of the thermal inertia of seawater. To understand climatic variations, we have to understand how the oceans vary in time and space.

Under the auspices of the Equatorial Pacific Ocean Climate Study (EPOCS) program, we have constructed semimonthly sea surface temperature (SST) fields for the tropical Pacific Ocean from January 1975 through December 1980. The method of constructing the SST field is basically Cressman's (1959) objective analysis, with some modifications to include *a priori* knowledge of the anisotropy in the spatial variation of SST fields. The SST data used in the analysis are from ships' weather reports, ships' expendable bathythermographs (XBT), aircraft XBT (AXBT), and drifter buoy reports. Most of these SST data were available in the form of radio messages and had been either transmitted to shore stations or relayed through Integrated Global Ocean Station System (IGOSS) to data distribution centers. Because these data are potentially available to users on a real-time basis, similar SST analysis may be performed in the future for studying the evolution of major oceanic variations such as forthcoming El Niño events.

## 2. DATA DESCRIPTION

The ideal data for construction of semimonthly SST fields should satisfy the following criteria:

- 1) Quality--no bias and small RMS error.
- 2) Quantity--extensive spatial coverage in each half-month period.
- 3) Availability--accessibility to user on a "real-time" basis (i.e., within 24 hours).

In actuality, there is no observed SST data set that can meet all of these criteria, since the first two are mutually exclusive when cost is considered. Therefore, several types of surface-observed SST data, most of them simply "available," are blended to construct the SST field. These data are from ship reports, which give wide spatial coverage but somewhat lower accuracy, and from the drifting buoy, XBT, and bathythermograph (BATHY) data, which give higher accuracy but limited spatial coverage.

A correction ( $0.2^{\circ}\text{C}$  according to Tabata, 1978;  $0.7^{\circ}\text{C}$  according to Saur, 1963) for the bias of ship data was not attempted, because the bias is not uniform among all ships, nor is it independent of ships' location or constant in time. The "intrinsic error" is approximately  $\pm 1.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  for ship injection temperatures (as compared to bucket temperatures, which have errors less than  $0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), and is about  $\pm 0.2^{\circ}\text{C}$  for buoy and XBT observations. Since all data used for deriving the semimonthly mean SST field are observations of the instantaneous SST field, rather than the mean SST field, the RMS error, defined as "apparent error" of SST data with respect to the mean SST field, is affected by both the RMS fluctuations of SST field at the locality of each SST observation and the "intrinsic error" of that SST observation. Besides these errors in SST observations, there are other sources of errors, including errors in time and location data, and errors that occur during data transmission, etc. Therefore, the apparent error of SST data is statistically considerably larger than their intrinsic accuracy.

It is likely that the apparent error of buoy, XBT, and BT data is far larger than their "intrinsic error," which is about  $\pm 0.2^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The degradation of data accuracy, caused by unobserved fluctuations in the temperature field, reaches an extreme in regions where the temporal or spatial variations of SST are high, such as near SST frontal areas.

Data available for this analysis include the following:

- 1) SPOT data\*: These are ship weather reports received at a teletype terminal, plus some SST reports from FGGE (First GARP Global Experiment) drifting buoys in the southern hemisphere.
- 2) BATHY reports\*: Included are declassified XBT and AXBT data from Fleet Numerical Oceanography Center (FNOC).
- 3) XBT data (mostly between Dec. 1977 and Dec. 1979)\*: The majority of XBT data for the period between Jan. 1975 and Feb. 1977 are from National Oceanographic Data Center (NODC).

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\* Data provided courtesy of Dr. D. McLain of NOAA/NMF

- 4) EPOCS drifter buoy data\*\*: These data cover the two-year period, 1979-1980, and were located mostly in the equatorial Pacific Ocean or near the Peru coast.

### 3. METHOD OF ANALYSIS

A spatially interpolated and averaged field of SST can be derived either subjectively or objectively from a set of randomly located observations. In a subjective SST analysis, the rules of analysis are set subjectively by the analyst, and these rules may be modified from time to time and from one portion of the SST field to another, in order to accommodate the analyst's intuitive information on the "true" SST field. In an objective analysis, while the rules of analysis are also subjectively preset by the analyst, rules are not modified during the course of the analysis. Thus, the outcome of an SST analysis depends not only on the data fed into the analysis, but also on the method of analysis as well. Therefore, tests of data validity are an essential part of the analysis.

#### 3.1 Data Validity Tests

Before data are blended into the SST analysis, they are subjected to validity tests for the following categories:

1. Location. Only those data in the region of 30°S-30°N, 150°E-70°W of the Pacific Ocean are accepted.
2. Temperature. Only those data giving SST's in the range from 10°C to 35°C are accepted.
3. Climatology. Fields of allowable deviation of SST data from the mean monthly SST fields (Robinson, 1976; Alexander and Mobley, 1976) are assigned for every month. Any SST datum deviating from the mean SST field by more than its allowance will be rejected. This allowable SST deviation is an approximation of the total RMS error caused by the instrument errors combined with the natural temporal fluctuations of the SST fields. As an example, the allowable SST deviations in November are 7.6°C off the coast of Peru where coastal upwelling dominates SST fluctuations, 3.9°C near the Galápagos Islands, and less than 3.5°C in most of the central and western tropical Pacific ocean.
4. Ship speed. Ship speeds are computed on the basis of the location and time of two consecutive reports from each ship and buoy. In the case of SPOT data, one or both of two consecutive reports will be rejected if the ship speed is over  $14 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . In the case of XBT or BATHY data, a manual inspection was attempted in order to "correct" the data (e.g., a sudden change from 161°E to 162°W, then to 163°E), wherever the error was obvious. In the case of AXBT reports, the maximum allowable aircraft speed is  $200 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

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5. Air-Sea temperature. SST data will be accepted if they differ from air temperature by 5°C or less and are not exactly the same as the temperature of the overlying air.
6. Redundancy. Redundant data (about 5%) are removed.

### 3.2 Methodology

The method of objective analysis used for deriving SST fields from various and randomly distributed surface SST data is an iterative relaxation procedure. This procedure iteratively modifies an estimated SST field according to the rules preset for each iteration, so as to relax (reduce) the difference between the estimated SST field and the observed SST.

The climatological monthly mean SST field  $T^{(1)}$  is taken as the first of the estimated SST fields,  $T^{(n)}$ , which are defined on a  $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$  grid over the region of  $150^\circ\text{E} - 70^\circ\text{W}$  and  $30^\circ\text{S} - 25^\circ\text{N}$ . At a grid point  $(i,j)$ , where  $i,j$  are the longitudinal and latitudinal coordinates, a correction field  $C_{ij}^{(n)}$  (Levitus and Oort, 1977) is first computed from the weighted differences between the SST field and the observed SST in the nearby region. Then a spatially smoothed SST field  $M_{ij}^{(n)}$  is computed from the current estimate  $T_{ij}^{(n)}$ . For a bi-weekly mean SST field, the data-corrected SST field  $T_{ij}^{(n)} + C_{ij}^{(n)}$  is assumed to be as accurate as the smoothed SST field  $M_{ij}^{(n)}$ . Then, the optimal choice of the new field  $F_{ij}^{(n+1)}$  may be shown to be

$$F_{ij}^{(n+1)} = (T_{ij}^{(n)} + C_{ij}^{(n)} + M_{ij}^{(n)}) / 2. \quad (1)$$

If there is no datum existent in the vicinity of  $(i,j)$ , then  $F_{ij}^{(n+1)}$  is replaced by  $M_{ij}^{(n)}$ . This substitution is designed to allow the information on the SST field to propagate into these data-void regions in such a way that the final SST field,  $T^{(8)}$ , in these regions has least dependence on the initial guess, the climatological mean SST field  $T^{(1)}$ . After  $F_{ij}^{(n+1)}$  over all grid points are computed,  $F_{ij}^{(n+1)}$  is filtered through a curvature-preserving operator to arrive at a new estimate of SST field at  $(i,j)$ :



$$T_{ij}^{(n+1)} = \frac{1}{4} [F_{i,j+1}^{(n+1)} + F_{i,j-1}^{(n+1)} + F_{i+1,j}^{(n+1)} + F_{i-1,j}^{(n+1)}] - \Delta T_{ij}^{(1)} \quad (2)$$

where  $\Delta T_{ij}^{(1)}$  represents the curvature of  $T^{(1)}$  at grid point  $(i,j)$

$$\Delta T_{ij}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{4} [T_{i,j+1}^{(1)} + T_{i,j-1}^{(1)} + T_{i+1,j}^{(1)} + T_{i-1,j}^{(1)}] - T_{ij}^{(1)} \quad (3)$$

With increasing  $n$ , the SST field  $T^{(1)}$  are iteratively corrected through Eq. (1)-(3) to give  $T^{(2)}$ ,  $T^{(3)}$ , ... etc. At the end of the 7th iteration ( $n = 7$ ),  $T^{(8)}$  is derived from Eq. (2) and then smoothed with the Laplacian smoother, i.e., replacing  $T_{ij}^{(8)}$  by the average of  $T^{(8)}$  on the neighboring four grid points.

### 3.3 Computation of Correction field, $C_{ij}^{(n)}$ , and smoothed SST field, $M_{ij}^{(n)}$

A region of influence is assigned to every grid point  $(i,j)$ . Any observed SST located within this region exerts "influence" on the correction of SST field at this grid point,  $T_{ij}^{(n)}$ . The correction field is taken as:

$$C_{ij}^{(n)} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N W_k (D_k - T_k^{(n)})}{\sum_{k=1}^N W_k} \quad (4)$$

where  $T_k$  is the interpolated SST field at the location of  $D_k$ , and  $D_k$  is the  $k^{\text{th}}$  observed SST in the region of influence. If  $|D_k - T_k^{(n)}|$  is larger than a preset critical value ( $2.5^\circ\text{C}$  for  $n = 7$ ), then  $D_k$  will not be used for correcting the SST field. For  $W_k$ , the weighting function, Levitus and Oort (1977) assumed a uniform radius of influence  $R$ , and whereby any observed SST located within a distance  $r = (x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  from  $(i,j)$  had an influence on  $T_{ij}^{(n)}$  that was weighted by

$$W_k = \begin{cases} e^{-4r^2/R^2} & \text{if } r \leq R \\ 0 & \text{if } r > R \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

We have modified the functional form for  $W_k$  in order to utilize *a priori* information on data accuracy, the climatological mean SST field, and the north-south and east-west gradients of that field. We take as an overall weighting function the product of three terms, that is:

$$W_k = f_a \cdot f_c \cdot f_d \quad (6)$$

The effects of each factor are listed in Table 1; following are definitions of these factors. The factor  $f_a$  accounts for the quality of data and has a larger weight for more accurate and more spread-out data, that is,

$f_a = 1$  for SPOT data;  
 $f_a = 2$  for EPOCS buoy data, accurate, but with some redundancy;  
 $f_a = 4$  for BATHY data;  
 $f_a = 8$  for XBT data, which are determined more accurately than the others.

The weight  $f_c$  gives greater emphasis to those data that deviate less from the climatological mean temperature,  $T_c$ . We take as a functional form,

$$f_c = 4/(2 + |D_k - T_c|)$$

Generally,  $2 \geq f_c \geq 0.5$ .

The term  $f_d$  gives larger weight to those data that are closer to the grid point  $(i, j)$ , as measured by a Gaussian distribution having bidirectional radii of influence  $(R_x, R_y)$ . In order to account for the local directional SST gradient, the circular field of influence (Cressman, 1959) is modified into an elliptical shape that has  $R_x$  and  $R_y$  as major and minor axes. We take

$$f_d = \begin{cases} e^{-4x^2/R_x^2 - 4y^2/R_y^2} & \text{if } x^2/R_x^2 + y^2/R_y^2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

where  $R_x(i, j) = R/(0.5 + 2 |T_x(i, j)|)$ , and  $R_y(i, j) = R/(0.5 + 2 |T_y(i, j)|)$ . Here  $R$  is an assigned scale factor for  $R_x$  and  $R_y$ , and  $T_x(i, j)/T_y(i, j)$  is the maximal longitudinal/latitudinal gradient of the climatological SST field within a distance of  $3^\circ$  longitude/latitude from  $(i, j)$ , with a value limited to  $1^\circ\text{C}$  per degree of longitude/latitude. We limit  $2R \geq (R_x, R_y) \geq 0.4R$  under all conditions.  $R$  is chosen to be of four grid-lengths for the first four iterations and to be of three grid-lengths for the next (also final) three iterations.  $R_x, R_y$  have the range 120 km to 660 km depending on the local SST gradient.

The mean temperature  $M_{ij}^{(n)}$  is the arithmetic average of the four SST field values at the corners of a rectangle bounded by  $x = \pm R_x$  and  $y = \pm R_y$ . This rectangle does not extend outside of the region under study.

As required by all objective analyses, a group of subjective rules must be established before the analyses. The parameterization of  $f_a, f_b, f_c$  and the relaxation procedures are thus the subjective rules of this analysis. Although arbitrarily chosen, they mostly fall within a range of two and are not critical factors in determining the large-scale features of the SST fields, e.g., the warming and cooling stages of an El Niño event. The estimated effects of these weighting factors are summarized in Table 1. In test cases, the adoption of bidirectional radii of influence  $R_x, R_y$  is found to have more impact on the analyzed SST field than the other two modifications on  $f_a$  and  $f_c$  in the weighting factor  $W_k$ .

#### 4. RESULTS AND COMMENTS

For the six-year period 1975-1980, there are 144 semimonthly SST fields derived from ship, buoy, XBT, and AXBT observations of SST. The analyzed SST fields are contoured into surface isotherms and are presented in the 144 figures of this report. Associated with each contoured SST field is a station plot of all SST data accepted and incorporated into the SST field. These station plots are intended as zero-order estimates of the reliability of the analyzed SST fields. The reliability is low where the SST field near the border of a map is extrapolated from a remotely located observation of SST. The reliability is high where the SST field is an average of nearby buoy, XBT, or AXBT data.

Figure 1 is a summary plot that shows all the SST data actually used for deriving the subset of 72 SST fields for February to July 1975-1980. In this figure one can easily observe general characteristics of every data set: unevenly scattered ship stations, meandering buoy tracks, and straight XBT and AXBT sections. The most important information revealed by this figure is the distribution of ship data, namely its sparseness and nonuniformity.

These 144 SST-fields are not totally independent of each other. For the month of December, there are 12 biweekly SST fields in 6 years. All these 12 fields are iteratively corrected from the same climatological mean SST, and therefore they may have slight positive correlation with the initial SST fields. To assure that the correlation is small, we have re-derived an SST field for the second half of December 1980 using a severely distorted climatological mean SST as a first guess of SST field, that is:  $2^{\circ}\text{C}$  warmer than the climatic mean SST to the east of  $140^{\circ}\text{W}$ , and  $2^{\circ}\text{C}$  colder than the climatic mean SST to the west of  $140^{\circ}\text{W}$ . As shown in Figure 2, the resulting difference is less than  $0.4^{\circ}\text{C}$ , except in a few localities where ship data are inconsistent with each other, and the differences in the final SST fields are much smaller than the differences inserted into the initial SST field. Therefore, the analyzed SST fields are nearly independent from the first-guess field.

Because of the way the SST fields were prepared, oceanic temperature fluctuations with time scales greater than one month or with space scales greater than 250 km will be well resolved by the scales. Therefore, the year-long, basinwide oceanic events such as El Niño are readily observable in the analyzed fields. On the other hand, these fields are not suitable for studying localized oceanic events like coastal upwelling, equatorial upwelling, or sharp SST fronts.

Although El Niño is the major climatic event in the tropical Pacific Ocean and has been studied by scientists of many disciplines, it is still neither fully understood nor predictable. El Niño is a complex of events, accompanied by abnormally warm water off the Peruvian coast and along the eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean, with torrential rains along the Peruvian coast and with a shift of the intertropical convergence zone and a shift of the spatial distribution of clouds and precipitation.

There are many descriptive and theoretical papers on El Niño events occurring before 1973. Most of the authors used SST's from island stations along the Equator and coastal stations of South America. Here, we would like to demonstrate the temporal evolution and the spatial extent of the 1976 El Niño using SST fields derived mostly from ship data.

Figure 3 shows time series of (a) SST along  $140^{\circ}\text{W}$ , (b) SST averaged along several latitude arcs, and (c) SST averaged basinwide. The equatorial SST for 1976 behaves similarly to the three earlier major El Niño events in 1957-58, 1965, and 1972 (Weare et al., 1976; Wyrski, 1975), namely with a year-end sudden warming that was preceded by a year or more of abnormally low SST, and which was then followed by months of continuous warming. Unlike the SST anomalies at coastal stations, SST anomalies at island stations (Hickey, 1975) and our open-ocean equatorial ( $140^{\circ}\text{W}$ ) SST anomalies did not peak during the first three months, but rather later in the year. The phase and amplitude of the cooling-warming episodes vary from place to place. Similar phenomena are also observed in the composite SST sections along the Equator and Peruvian coast (Rasmusson and Carpenter, 1982).

Compared to SST in the normal years, the SST (or NSST) during an El Niño shows anomalously warm SST along the Equator in the eastern Pacific and along the South American coast. Since the statistical significance of a SST anomaly depends on the amplitudes of natural fluctuations, it is informative to scale the El Niño signal in terms of the standard deviation of SST anomalies in their normal (non-El Niño) years, in this case, assumed to be 1977-80.

(Figure 4 shows the normalized SST anomalies computed from the SST time series in Figure 3 expressed in the units of standard deviations of nonseasonal SST fluctuation during 1977 to 1980.) A few interesting points are worth mentioning. First, the pre-El Niño cooling is not confined to the Equator, but is nearly basinwide in the tropics; and the normalized amplitude and the phase of both warm episodes are quite similar to each other. Second, the onset of the warm episode of an El Niño occurs at essentially the same time along the entire Equator as does the cold phase along 30°S. Although this is best shown by comparing time series of all equatorial SST anomalies, the evidence can be found by comparing the sudden warming of the equatorial SST anomaly at 140°W with its equatorial mean. Third, SST's along the 30°S latitude arc generally behave out of phase with the SST along the Equator, in that there was a warm 1975 followed by a sudden cooling at the start of the 1976 El Niño. Fourth, between 100°W and 160°W, there is a gradual delay of the onset of the warm episode as one moves from the Equator toward 15°S.

These are a few examples of the types of information that may be obtained from the data set presented here. More comprehensive and sophisticated analyses are currently underway in an attempt to understand the large-scale behavior of upper-ocean temperatures during the El Niño cycle, and these will be reported on later.

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Table 1.--Effects of weighting factors  $f_a$ ,  $f_c$  and  $f_d$  on the objective analysis, relative to the case  $f_a = f_c = 1$  and  $R_x = R_y = R$ . N/E means little or no effects, P/I means possible improvements (see text for definition of symbols).

| Condition                                                            | $f_a$                                       | $f_c$                                                                                               | $f_d$                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| region of no data                                                    | N/E                                         | N/E                                                                                                 | N/E                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| region of sparse data                                                | N/E                                         | N/E                                                                                                 | P/I, isotherms tend to be parallel to the isotherms of the climatological mean SST                                                                                                                                      |
| region of conflicting data                                           | P/I, high quality data dominate over others | P/I, "wild" data are given less weight                                                              | P/I, larger tolerance on data in high SST gradient region                                                                                                                                                               |
| region where all SST data are higher (or lower) than the climatology | P/I, as above                               | the analyzed SST field differs less from the climatology                                            | P/I, as above                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| overall SST-field                                                    | better accuracy                             | less "wild" spots of questionable SST anomaly, and more resistant to deviation from the climatology | the pattern of isotherms conforms better with the climatology; no effect on the oceanwide mean SST; more permissible to the formation of SST front parallel to the mean isotherms, but less to the formation of eddies. |

## GLOSSARY

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| AXBT      | Airborne Expendable Bathythermograph                                                            |
| BATHY, BT | BATHY/TESAC data, temperature/salinity data transmitted through Global Telecommunication System |
| EPOCS     | Equatorial Pacific Ocean Climate Study                                                          |
| FGGE      | First GARP Global Experiment                                                                    |
| FNOC      | Fleet Numerical Oceanography Center                                                             |
| GARP      | Global Atmospheric Research Program                                                             |
| SPOT      | Ship and buoy data from FNOC                                                                    |
| SST       | Sea Surface Temperature                                                                         |
| XBT       | Expendable Bathythermograph                                                                     |



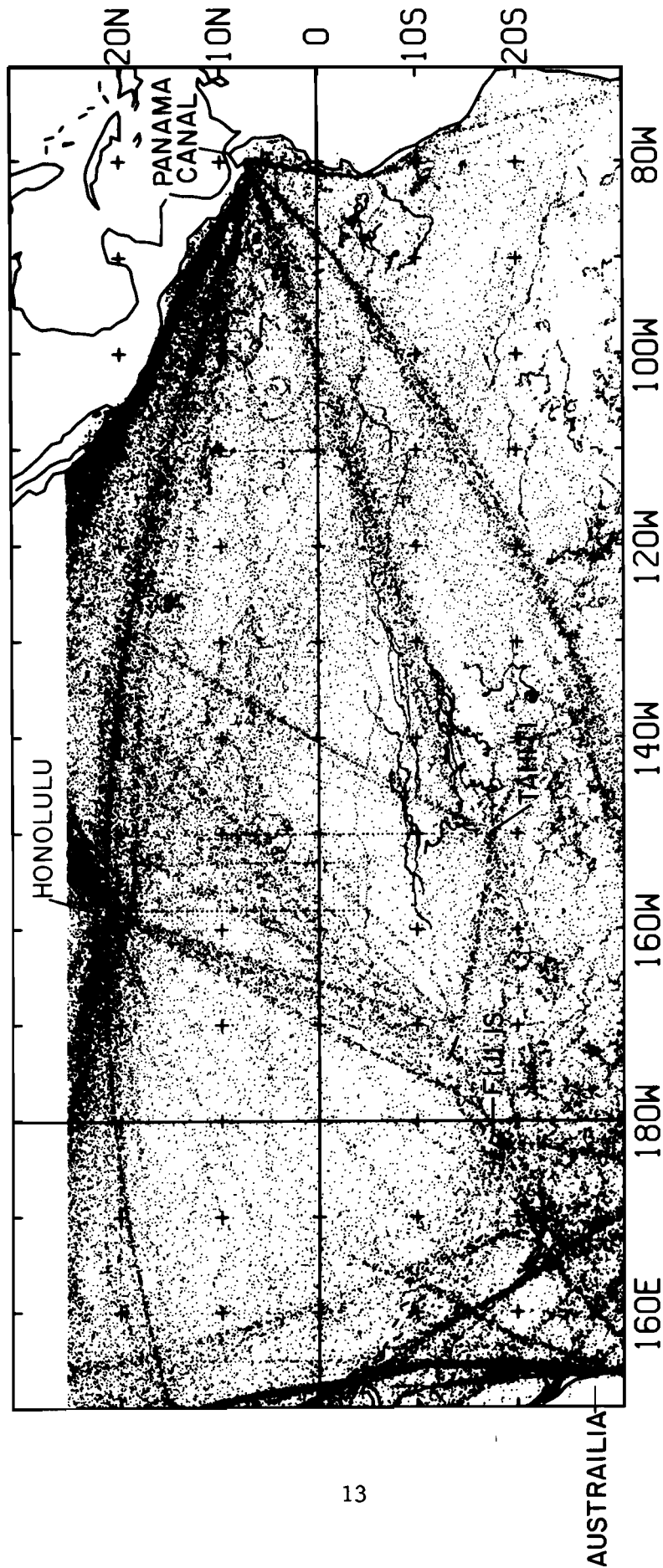


Figure 1. Composite of station data used for the analysis of semimonthly SST's in the period of February-July, 1975-1980. Small dots indicate the location of ship reports, with shipping lanes defined by thousands of these small dots. Curvy, dotted lines are buoy tracks. Lines of larger dots indicate XBT and AXBT sections, e.g., Hawaii-to-Tahiti Shuttle cruises. (Copyright, J. Geophysical Research (Green), Seasat II, 1982).

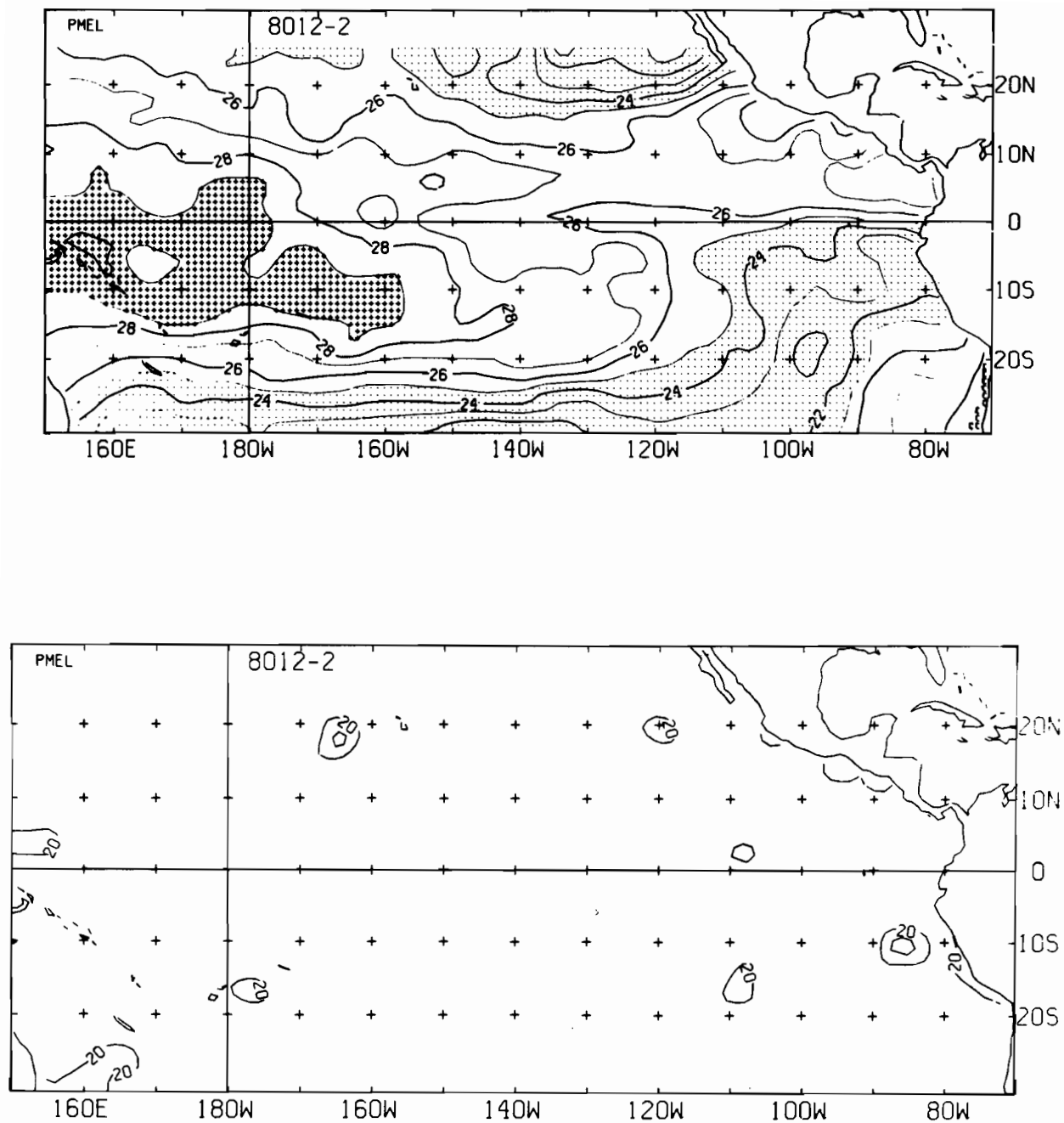


Figure 2. Top: The final SST field for the second half of December 1980, as derived from a modified initial field that is 2°C warmer than the climatic mean SST to the east of 140°W, and 2°C colder to the west of 140°W. Bottom: Residuals (in percentage) in the analyzed SST field due to 2°C distortion on the initial SST field. A 20% residual amounts to 0.4°C change in the analyzed SST field.

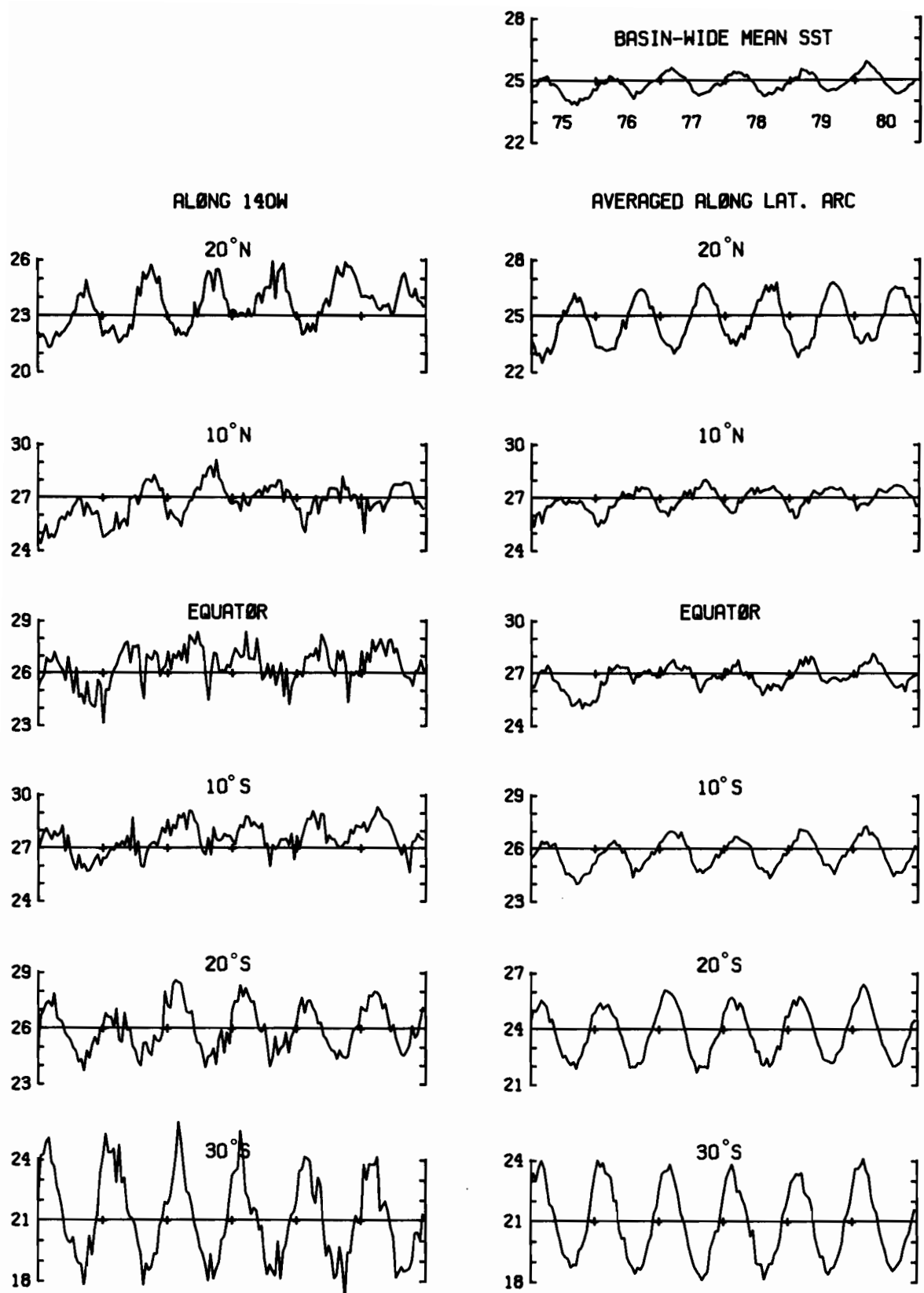


Figure 3. Left: A time series of SST along 140°W. Right: SST field averaged along several latitude arcs. Upper right: SST averaged basinwide (30°S-25°N, 150°E-70°W), all for the period 1975-1980.

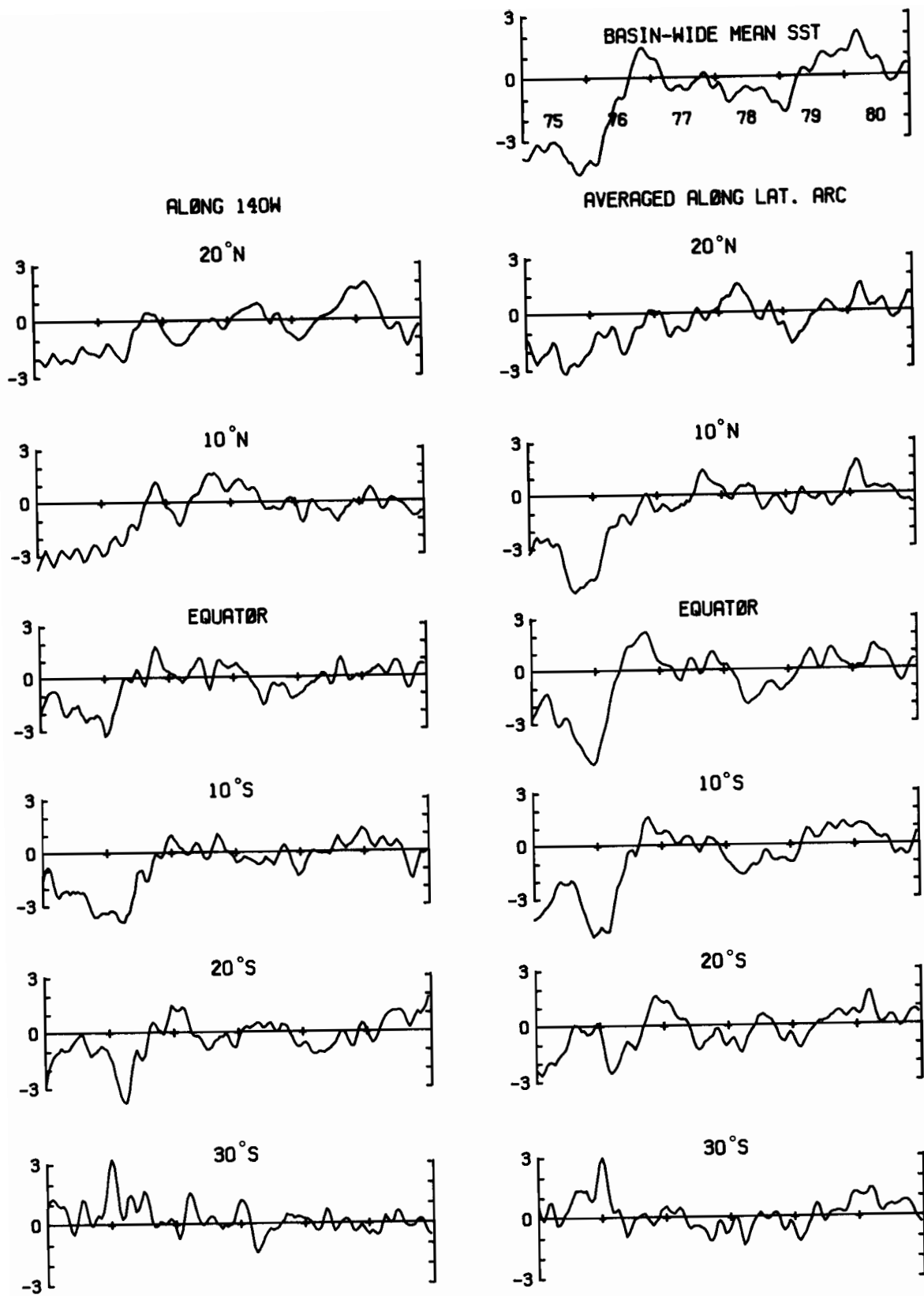
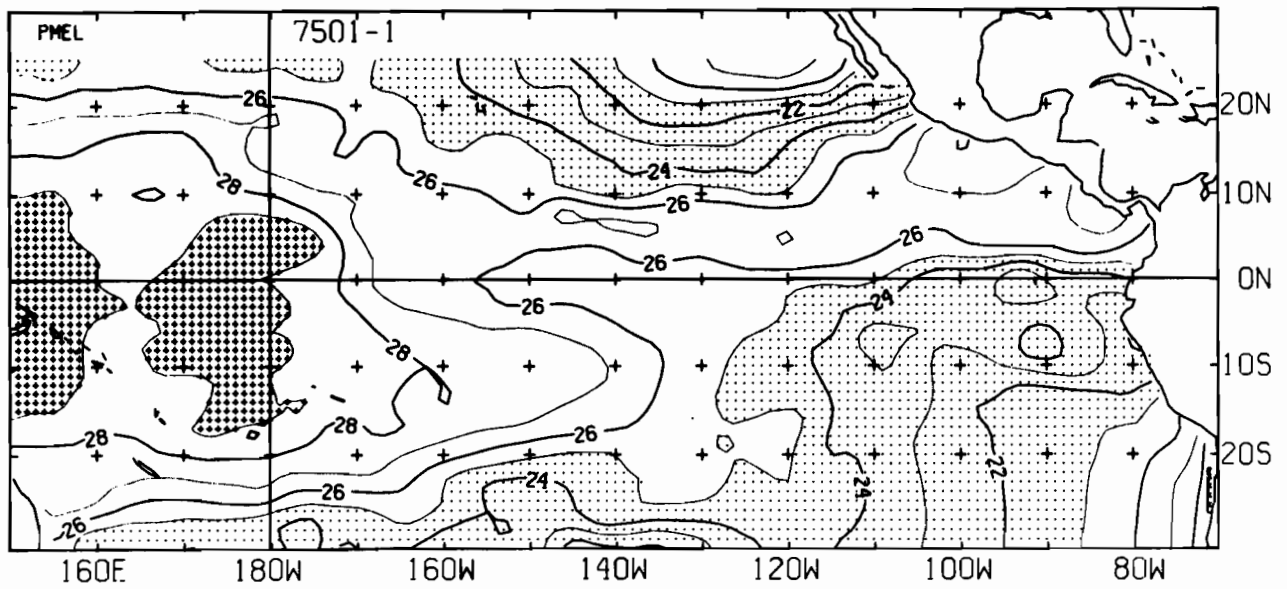
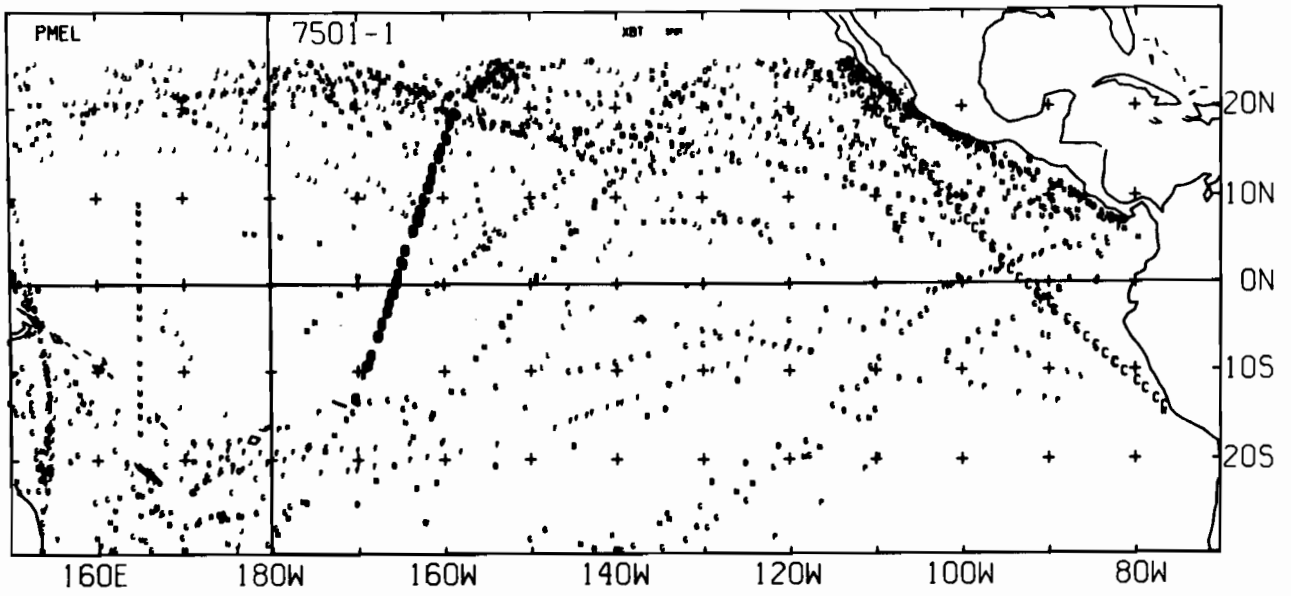


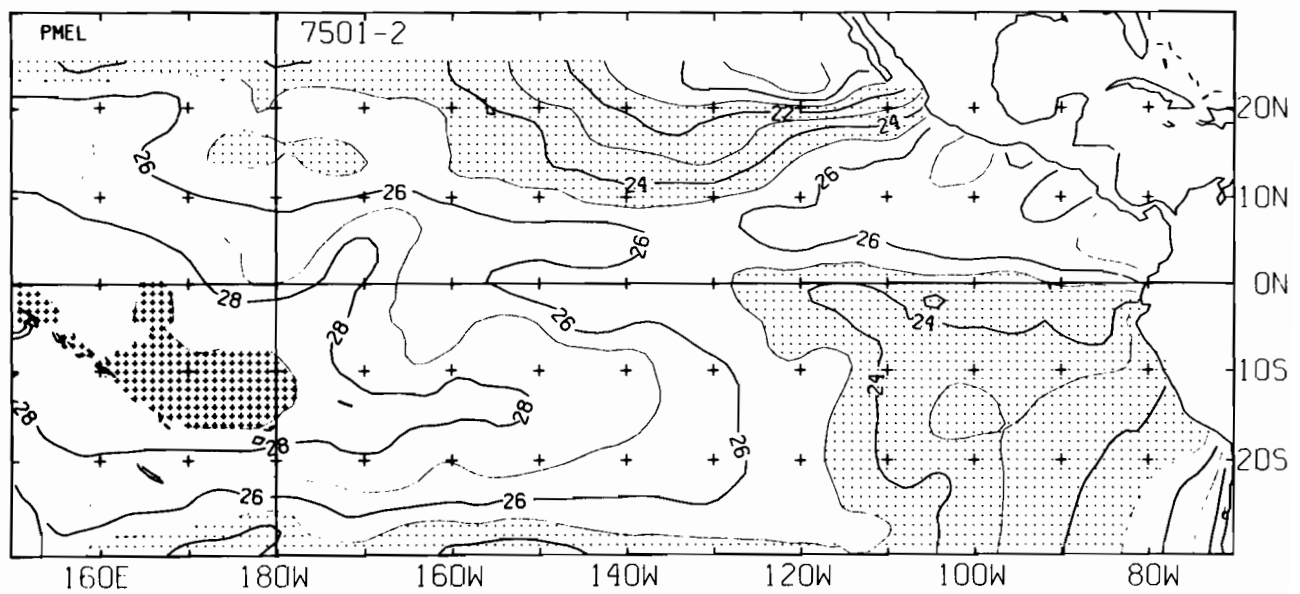
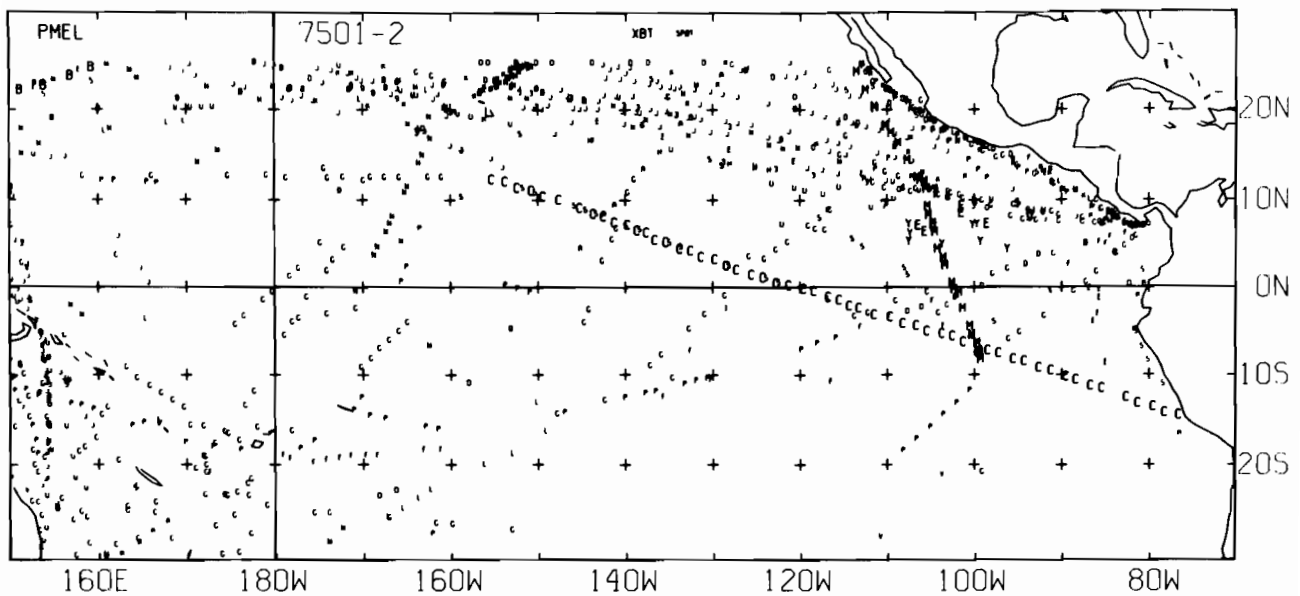
Figure 4. Similar to Figure 3, except for the nonseasonal SST, which are normalized by their standard deviations in the post-El Niño years, 1977-1980.

## Figures 5-148.

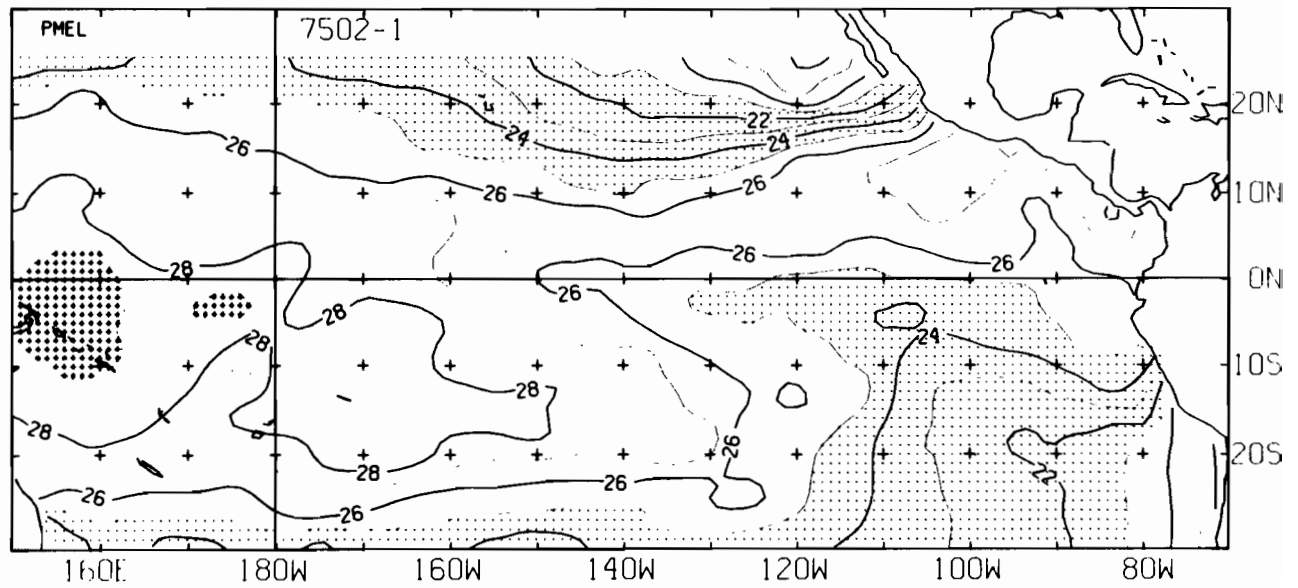
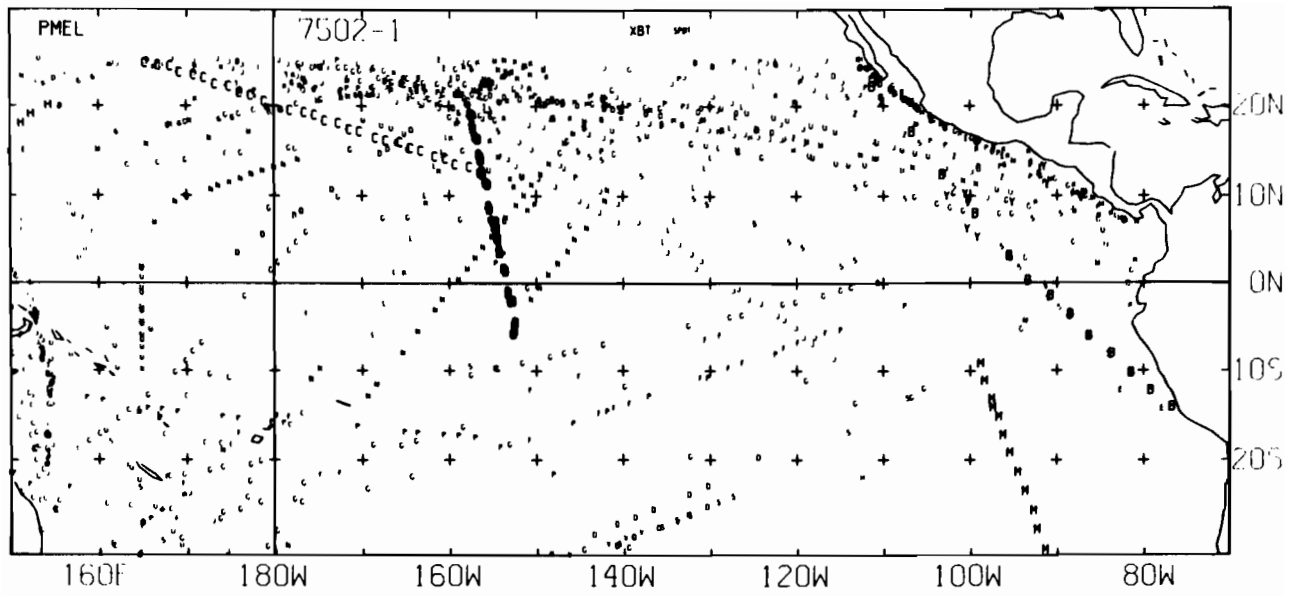
Figures 5 through 148 are station locations and analyzed fields for 1975-1980. The 144 semimonthly SST analyses are indexed by their dates, e.g., the SST analysis for the 2nd half of January 1975 is indexed as 7501-2. As described in the figure caption, this particular field is derived from 1568 SPOT (ship of FGGE buoy) data and 102 XBT data. No BT (BATHY/TESAC) or E-BUOY (EPOCS buoy) data were available for this half month. (Because of the gaps in SPOT data, the SST-fields for 7503-1, 8008-1, and 8009-2 are linearly interpolated between the two closest SST fields. All upper panels show the location of accepted SST data. Different types of data are differentiated by the size and intensity of the letters: small ones for SPOT data, large and heavy ones for BT and XBT data, and large but faint ones for the EPOCS buoy data.



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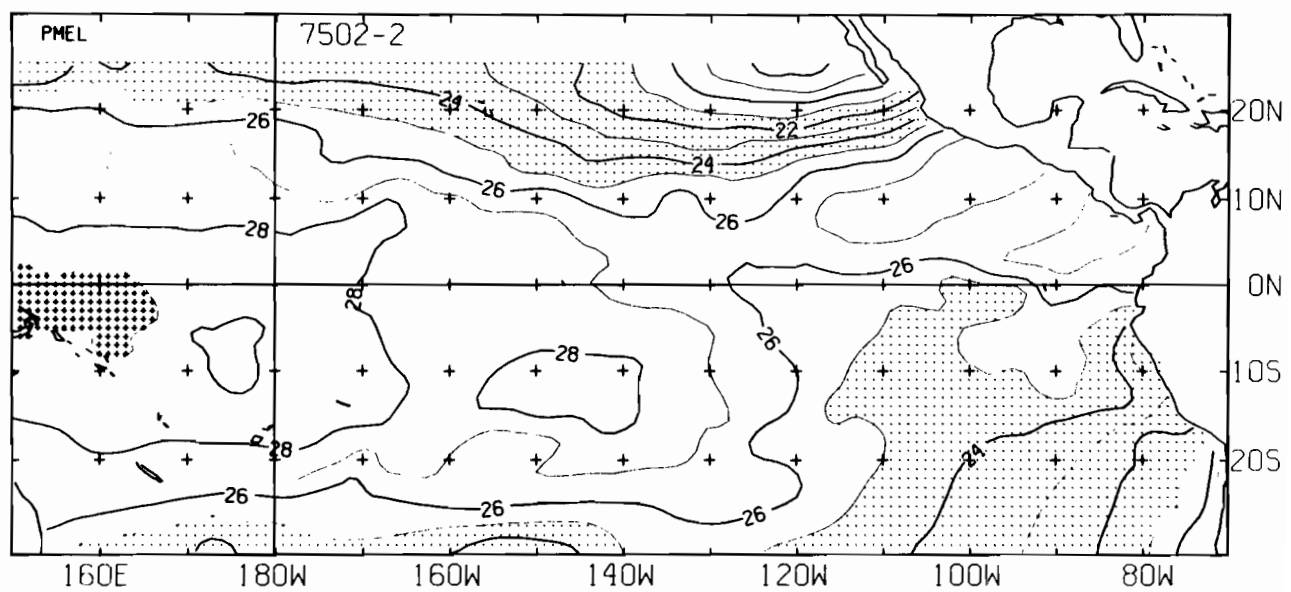
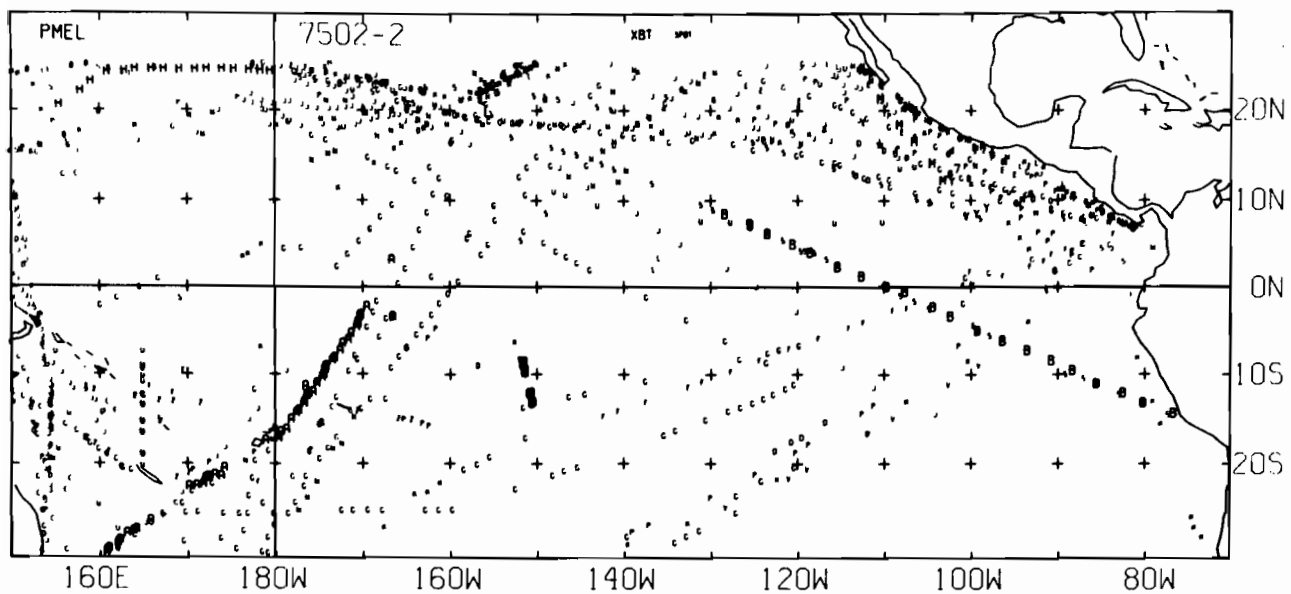


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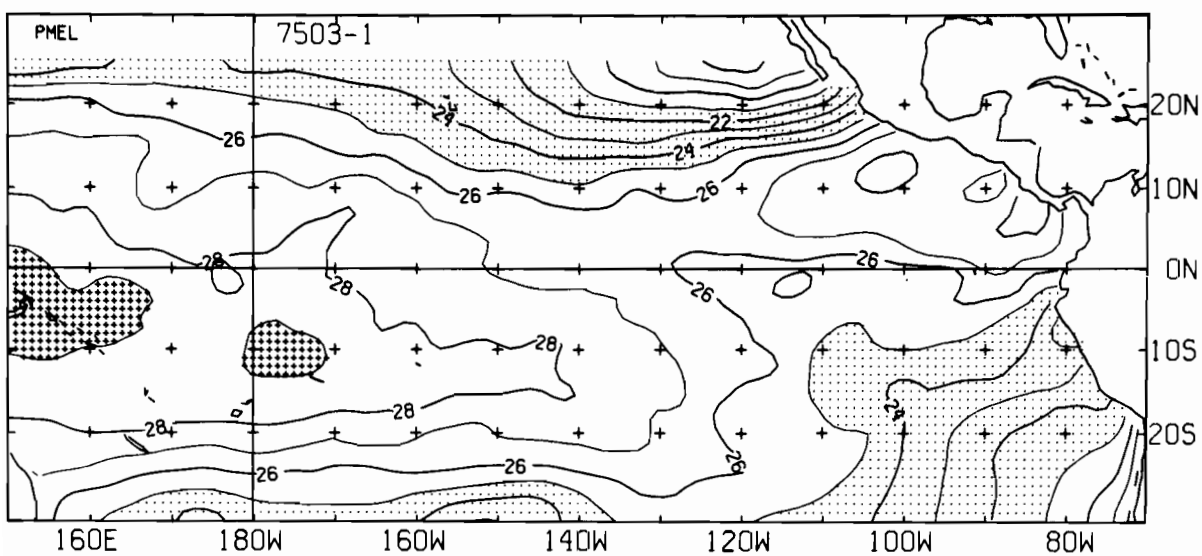
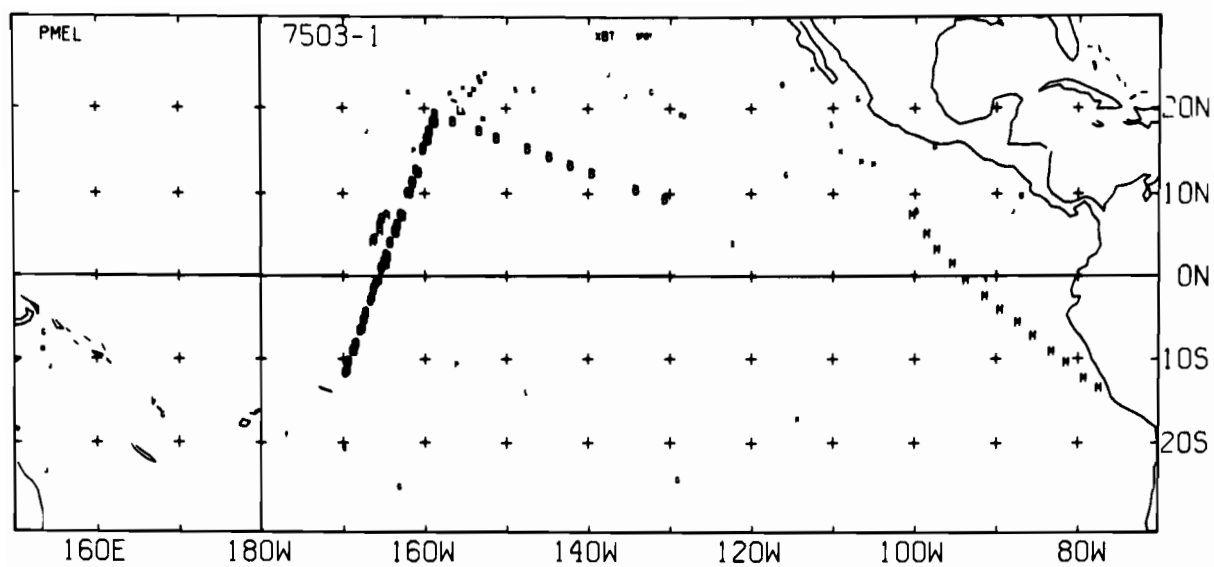


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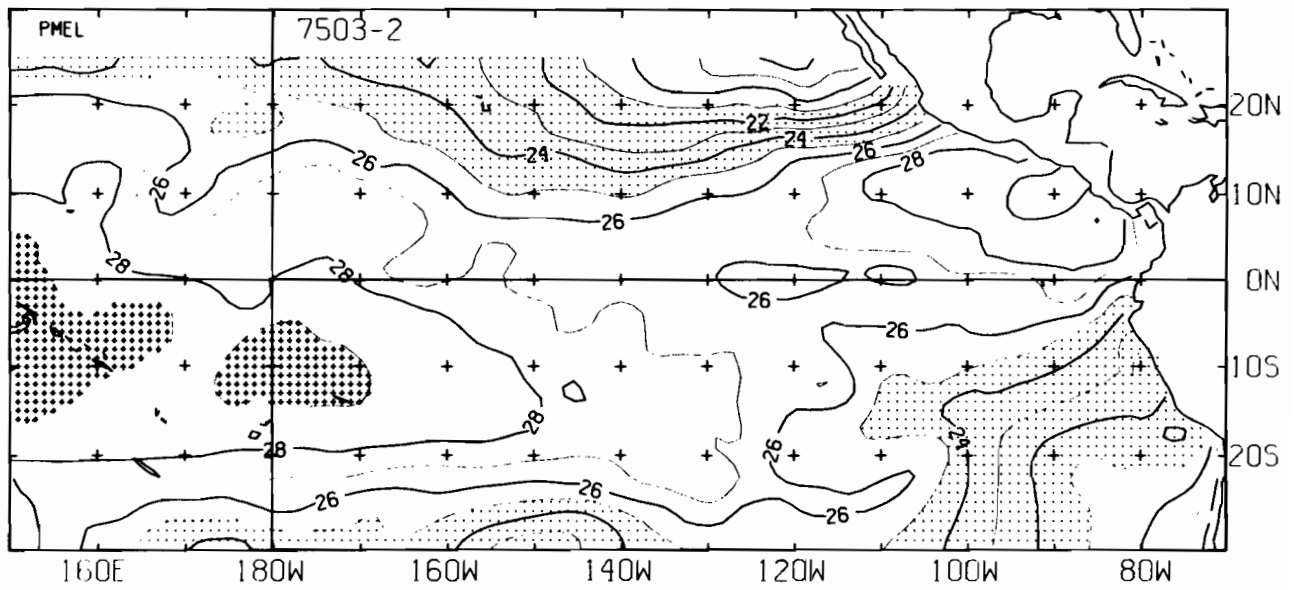
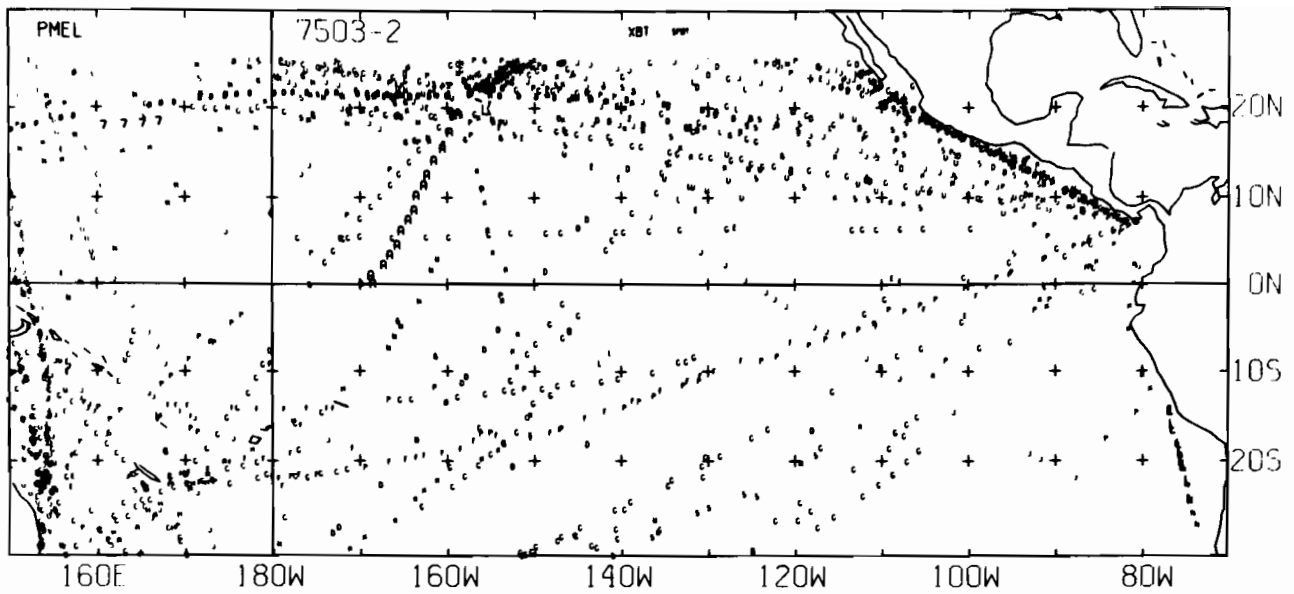




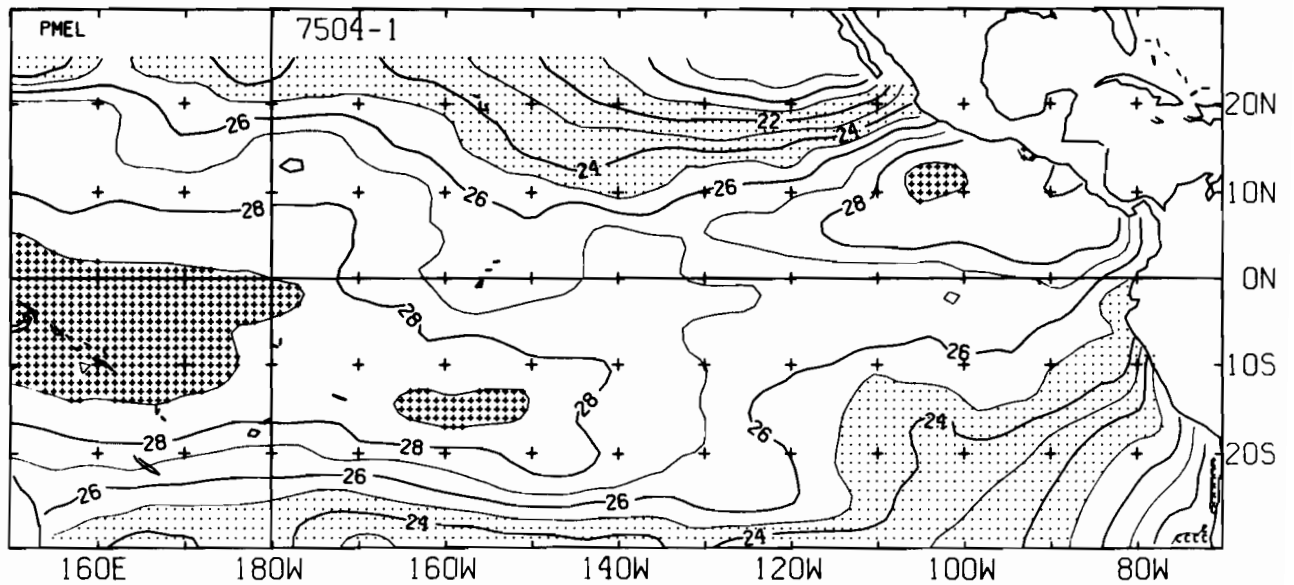
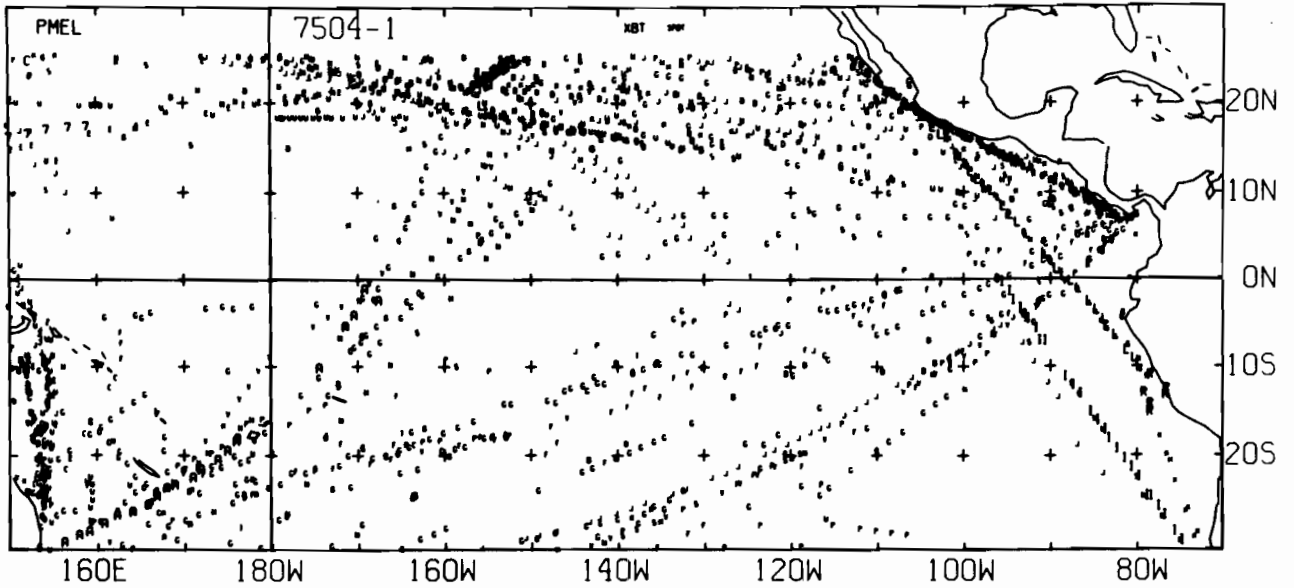
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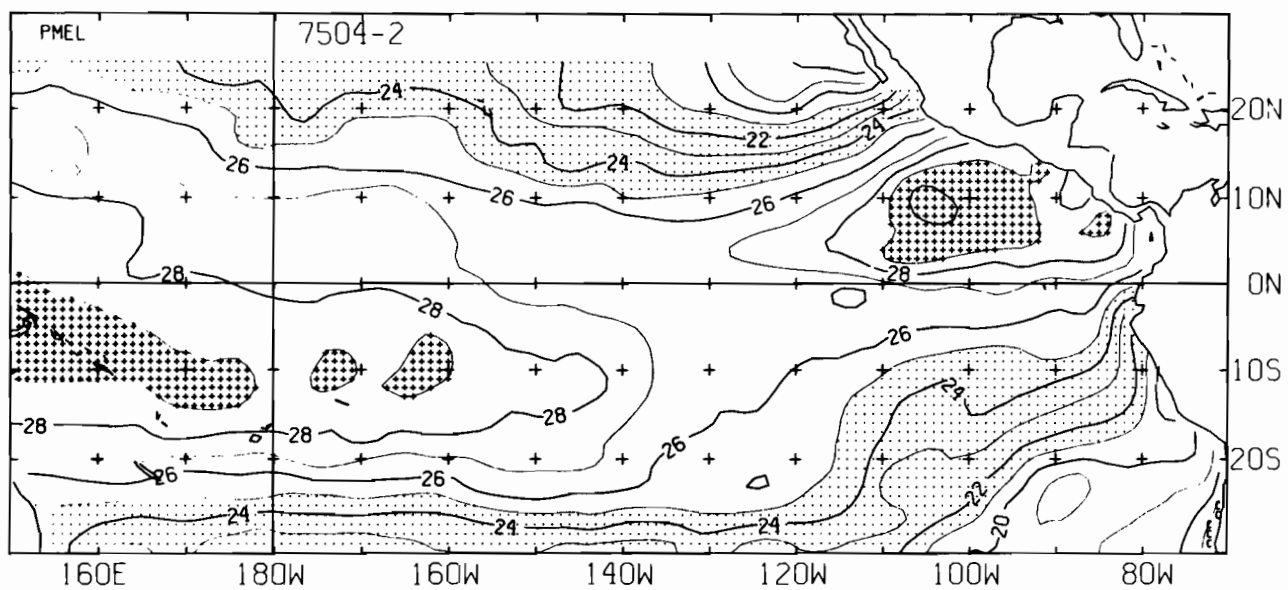
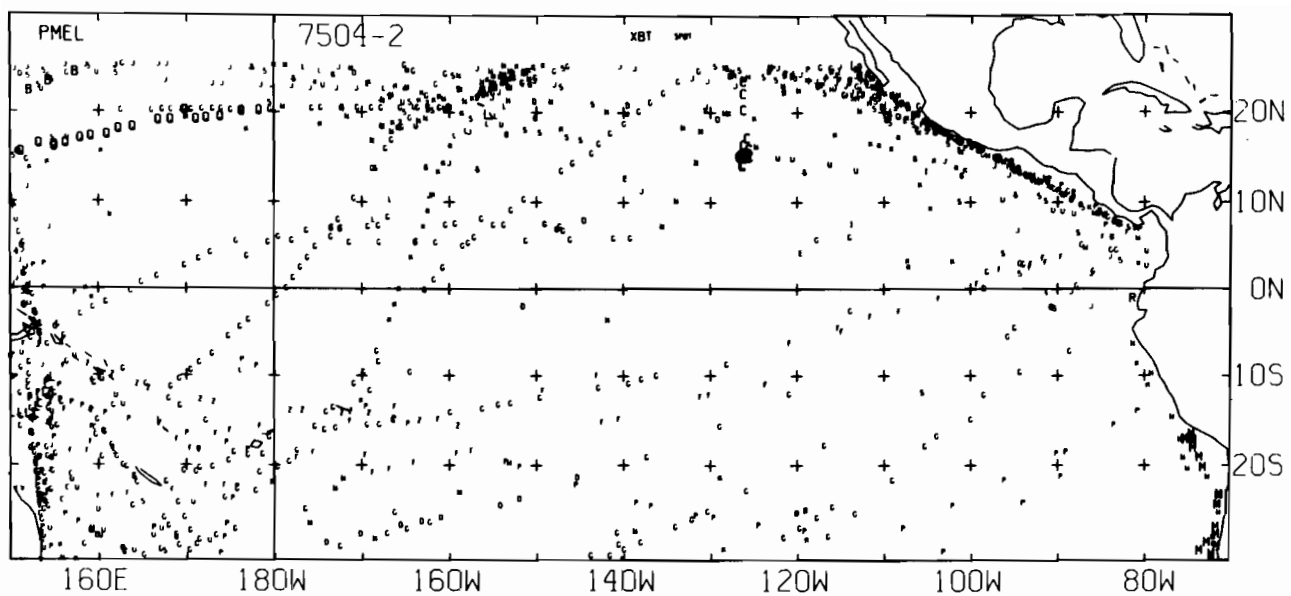
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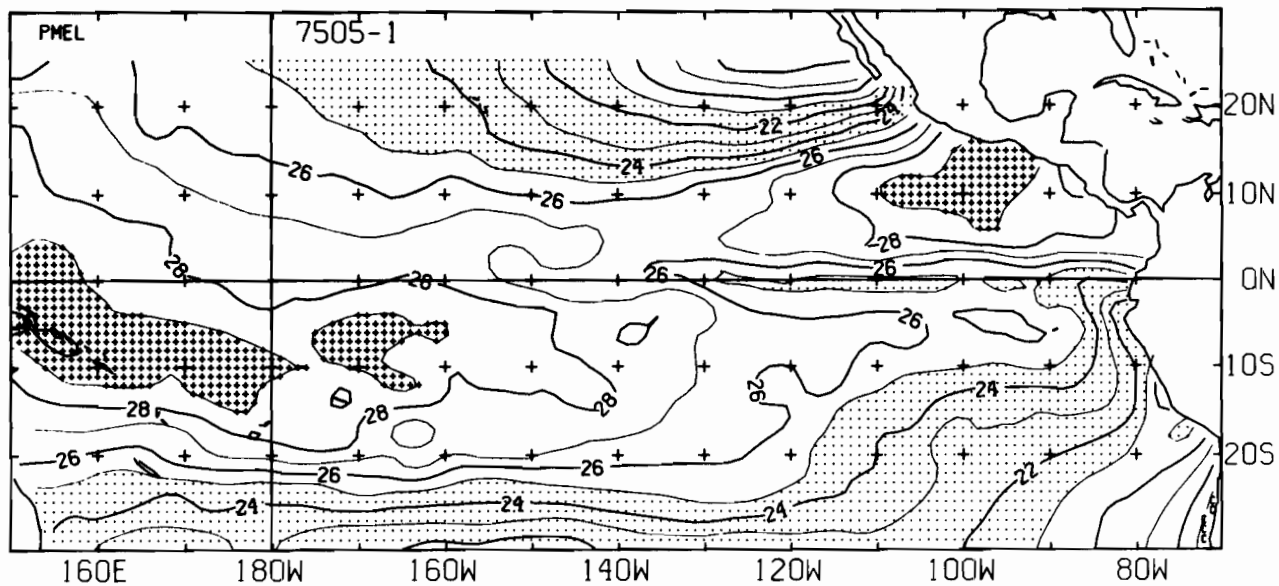
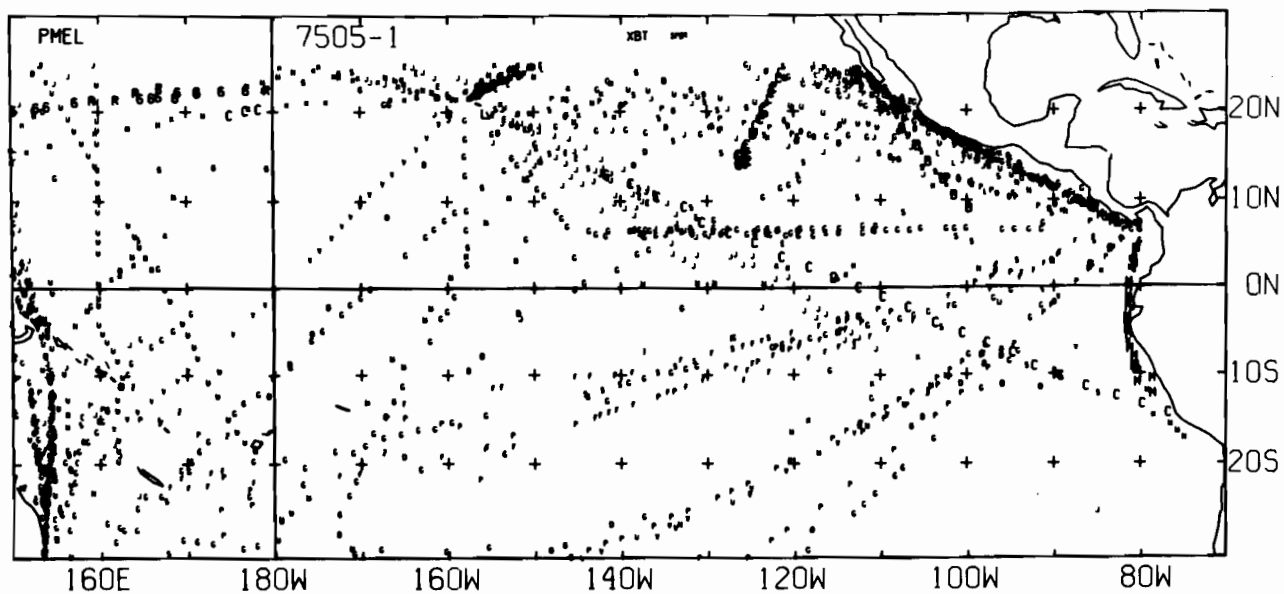
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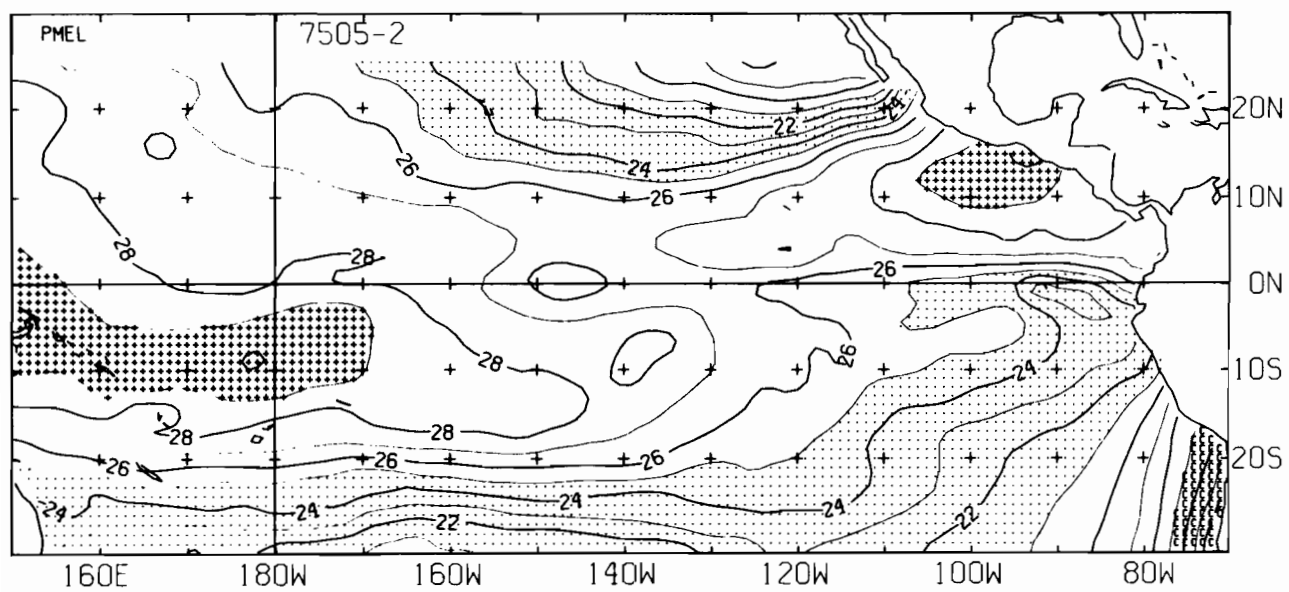
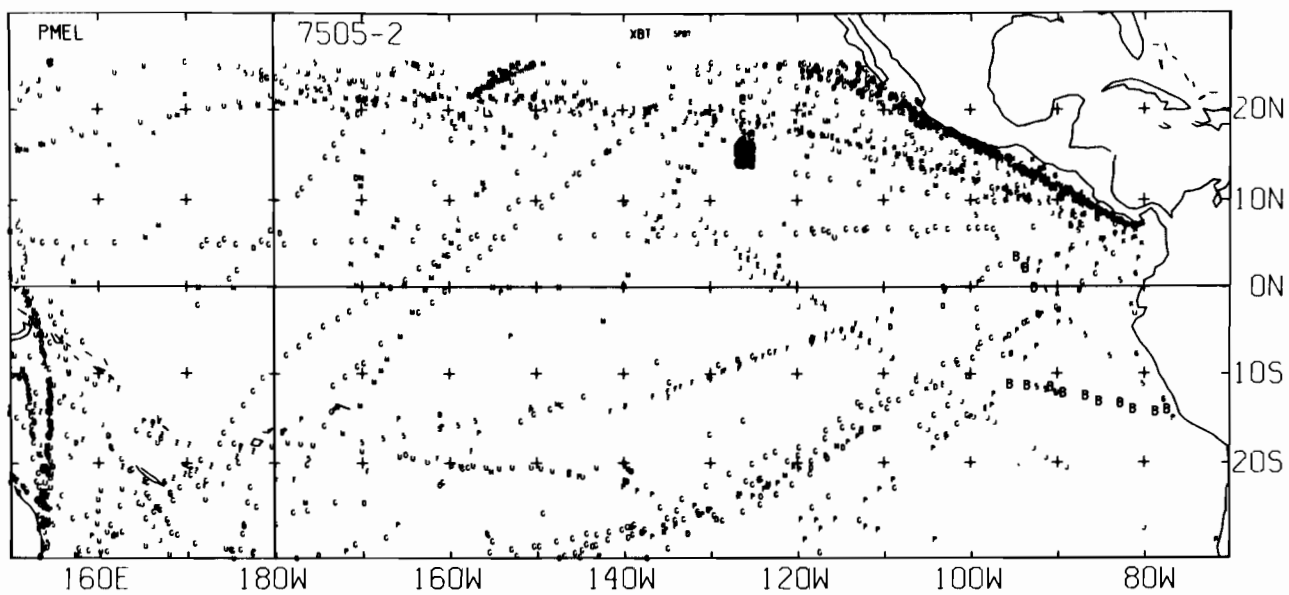
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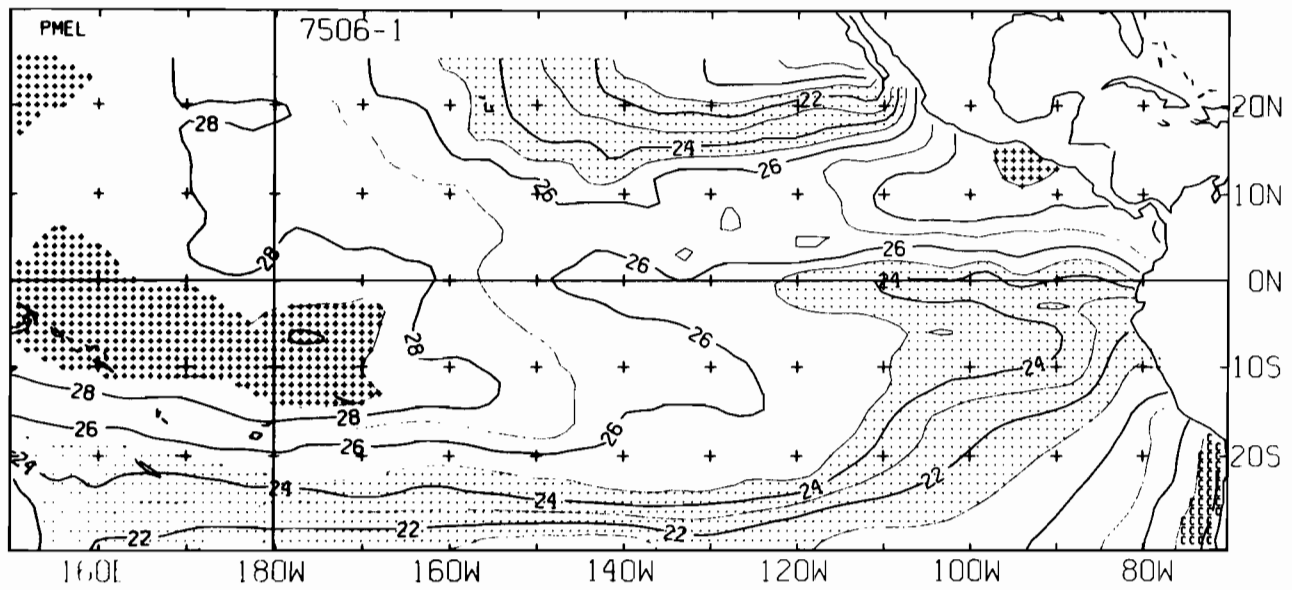
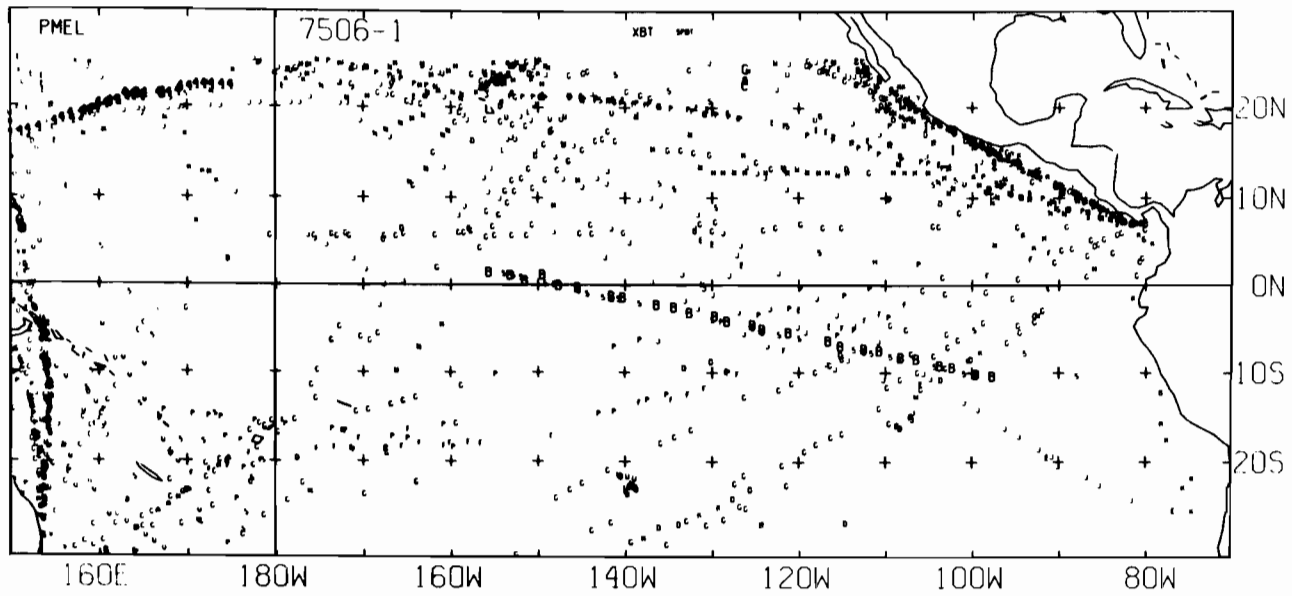
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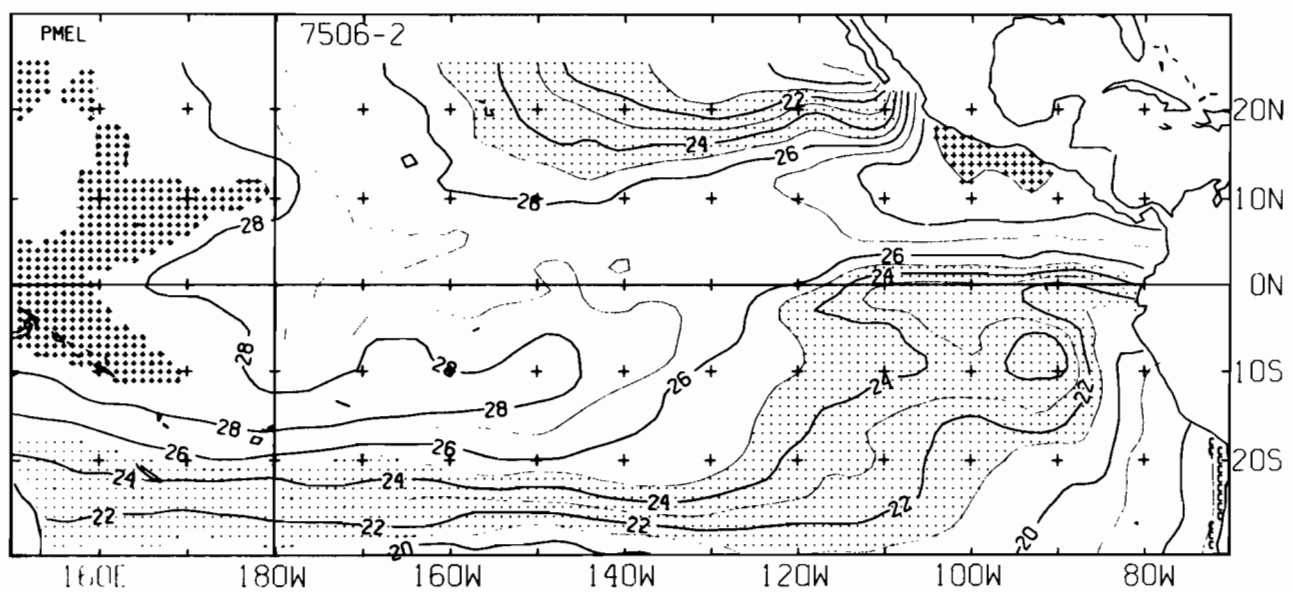
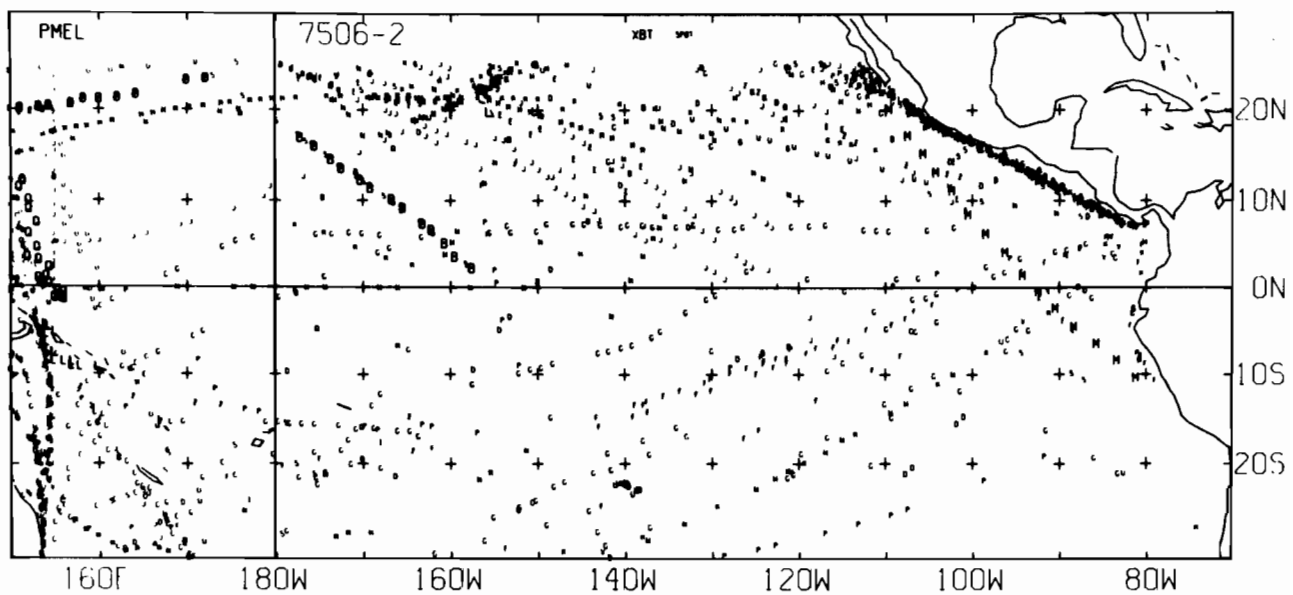


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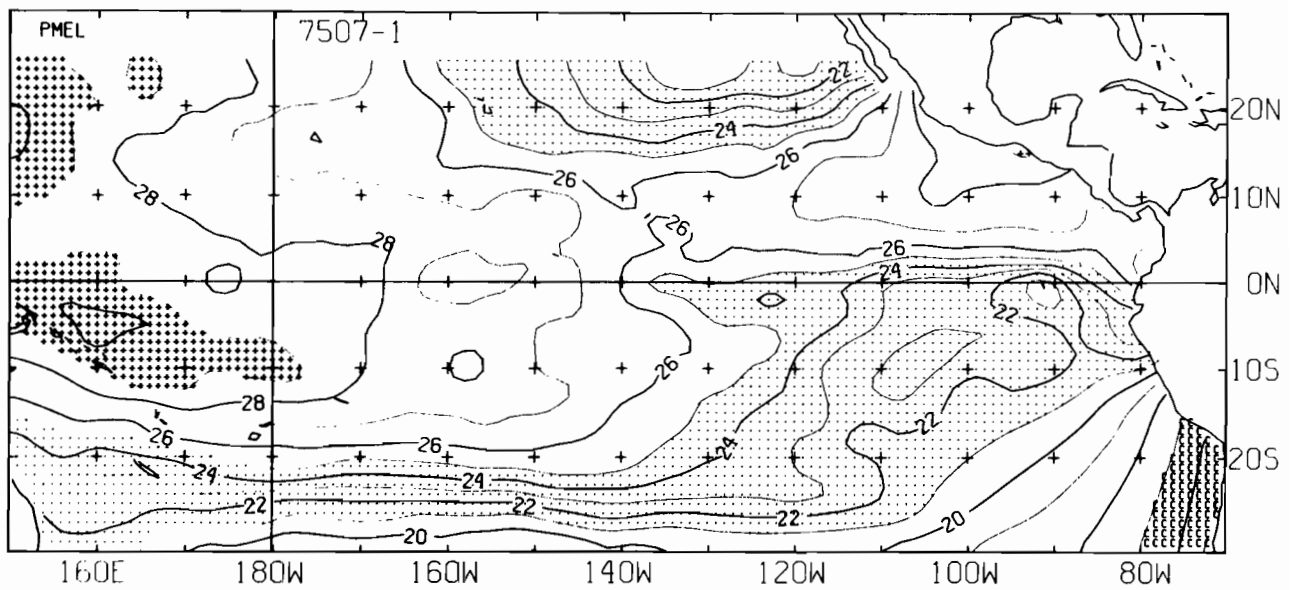
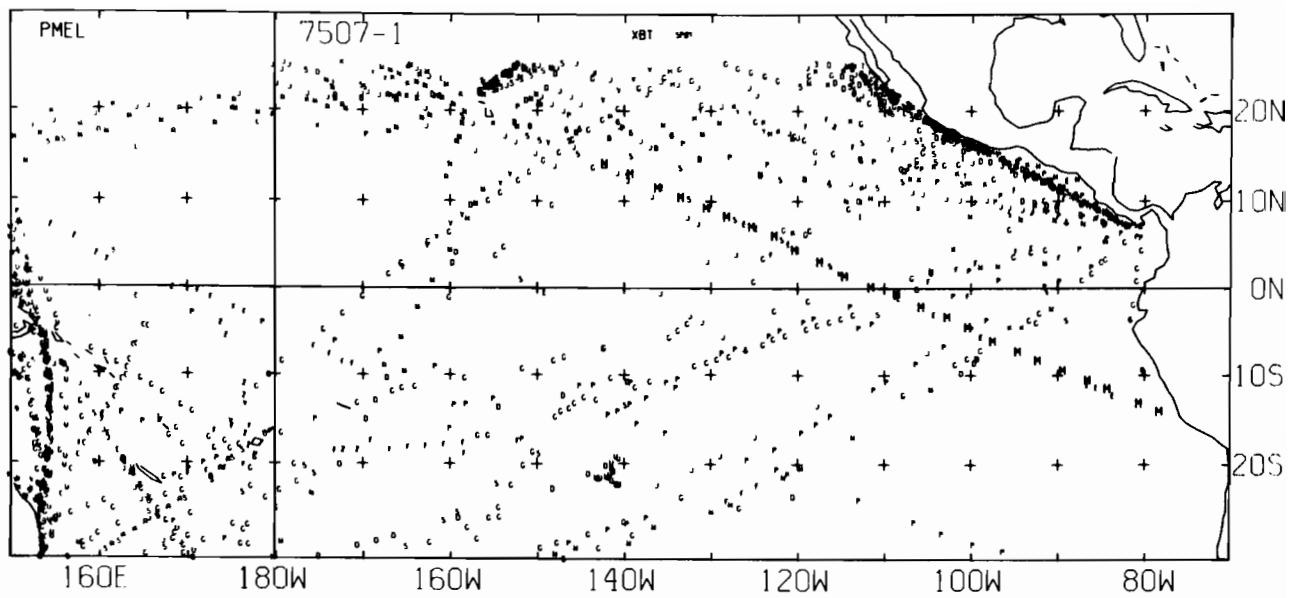


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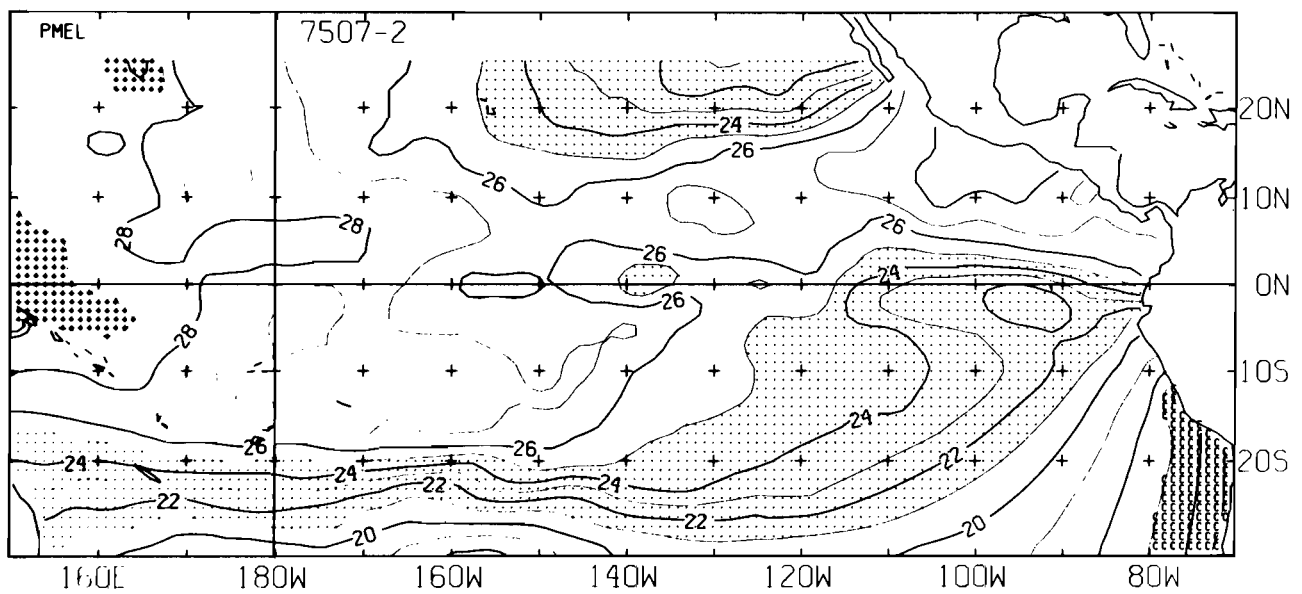
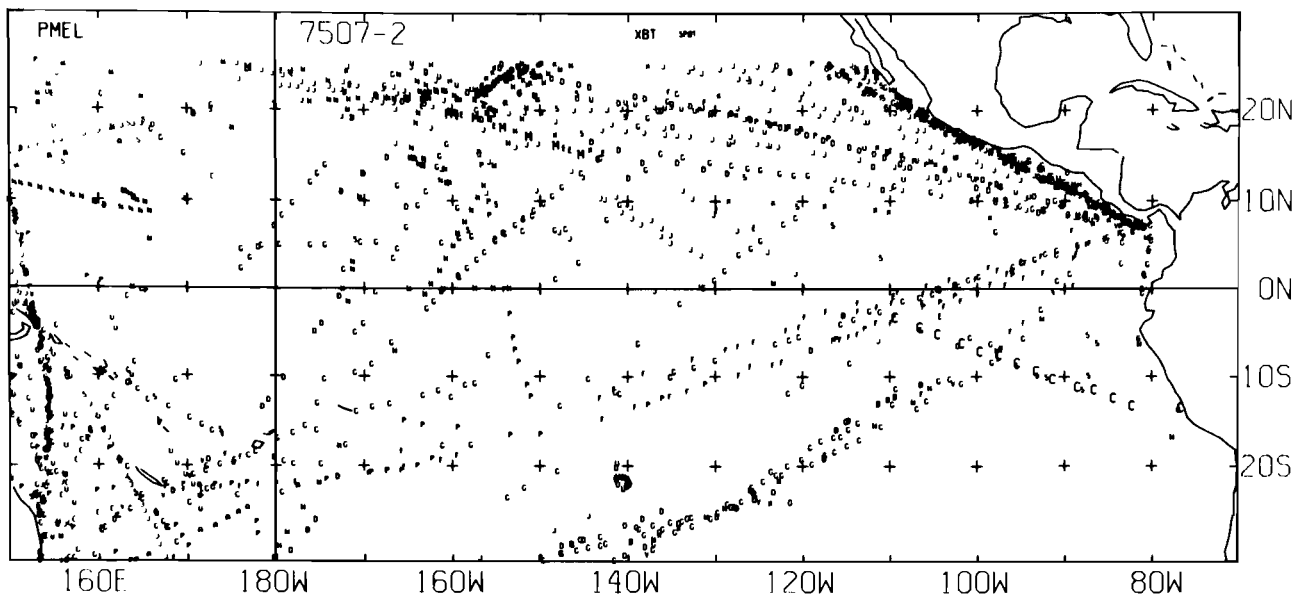




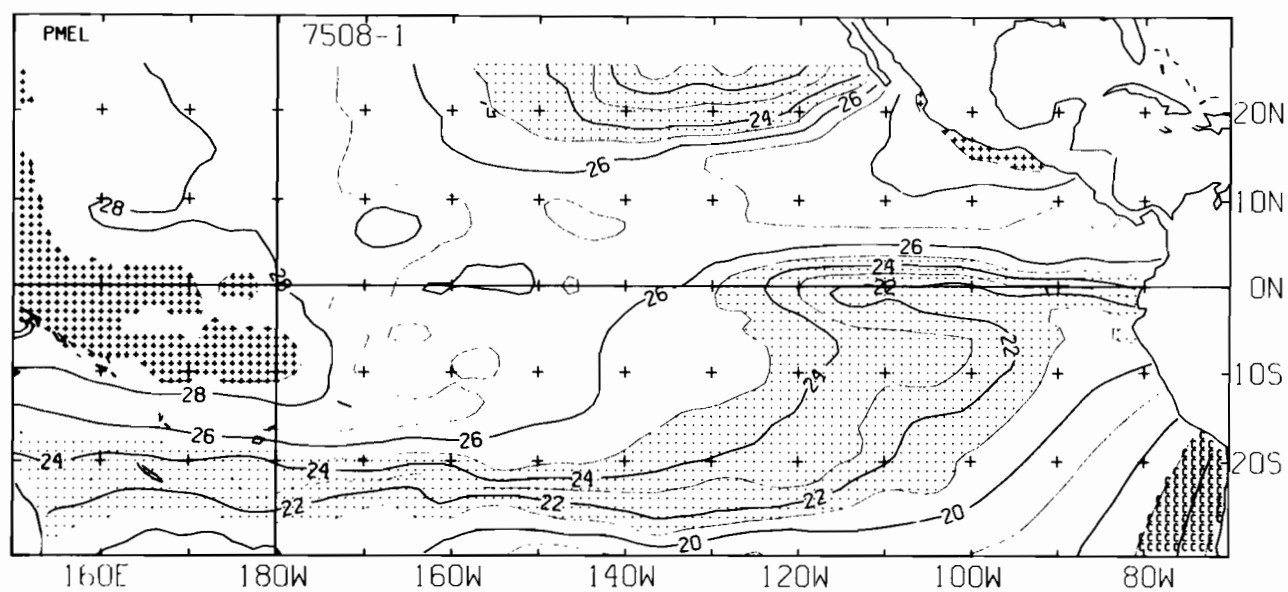
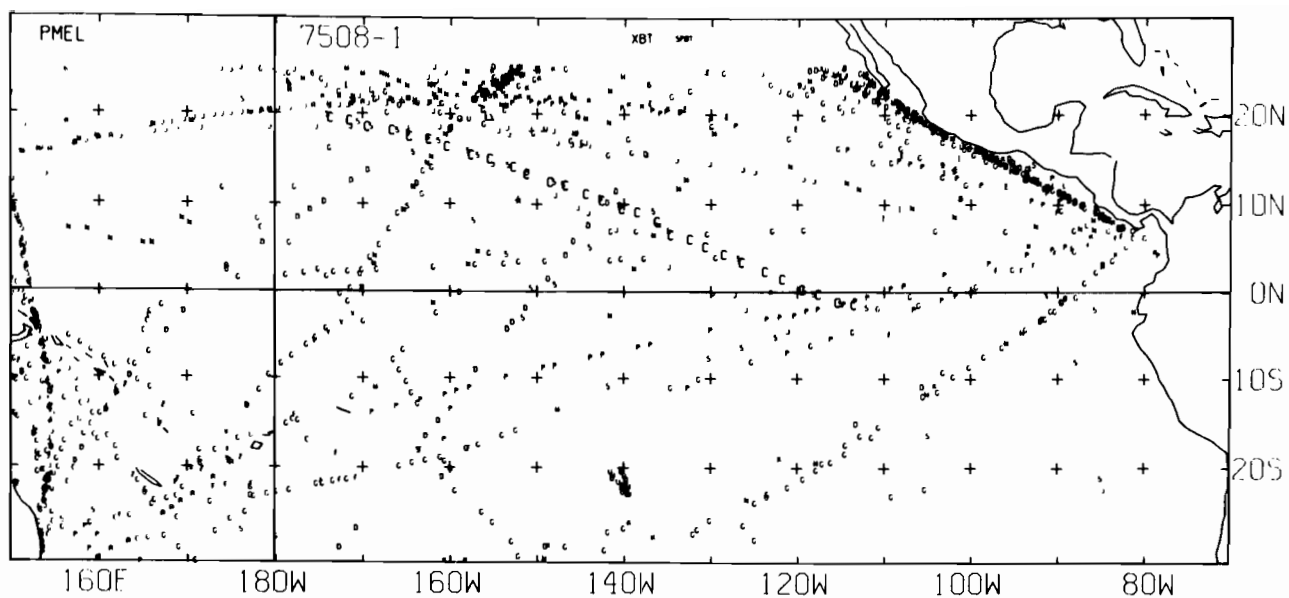
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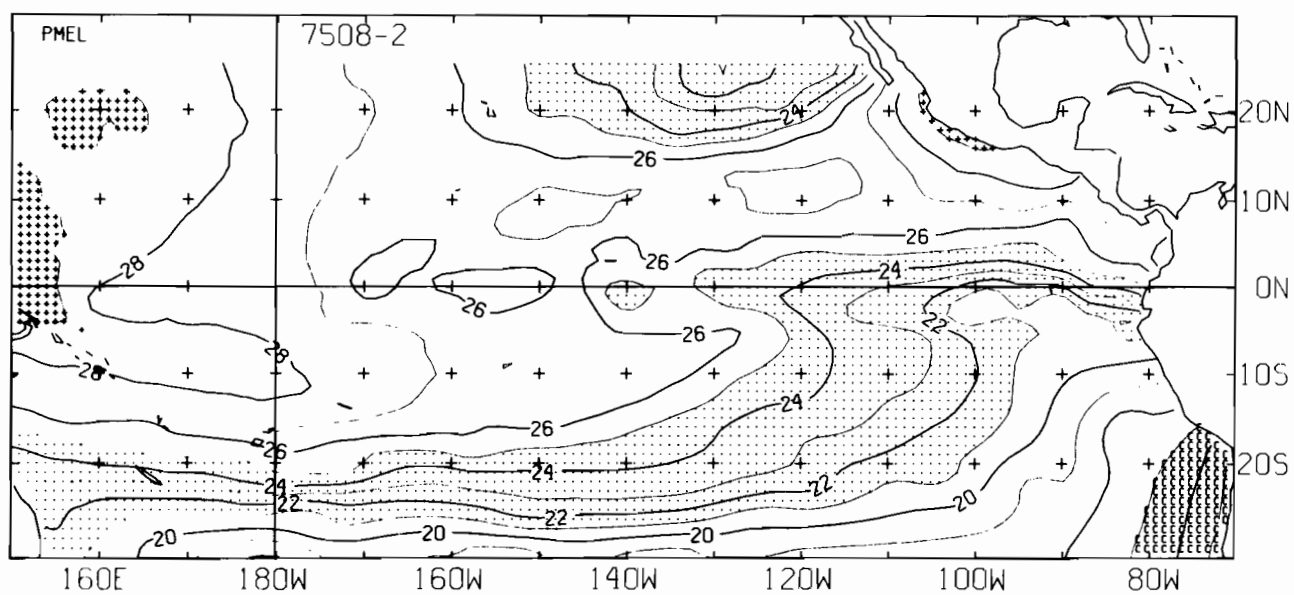
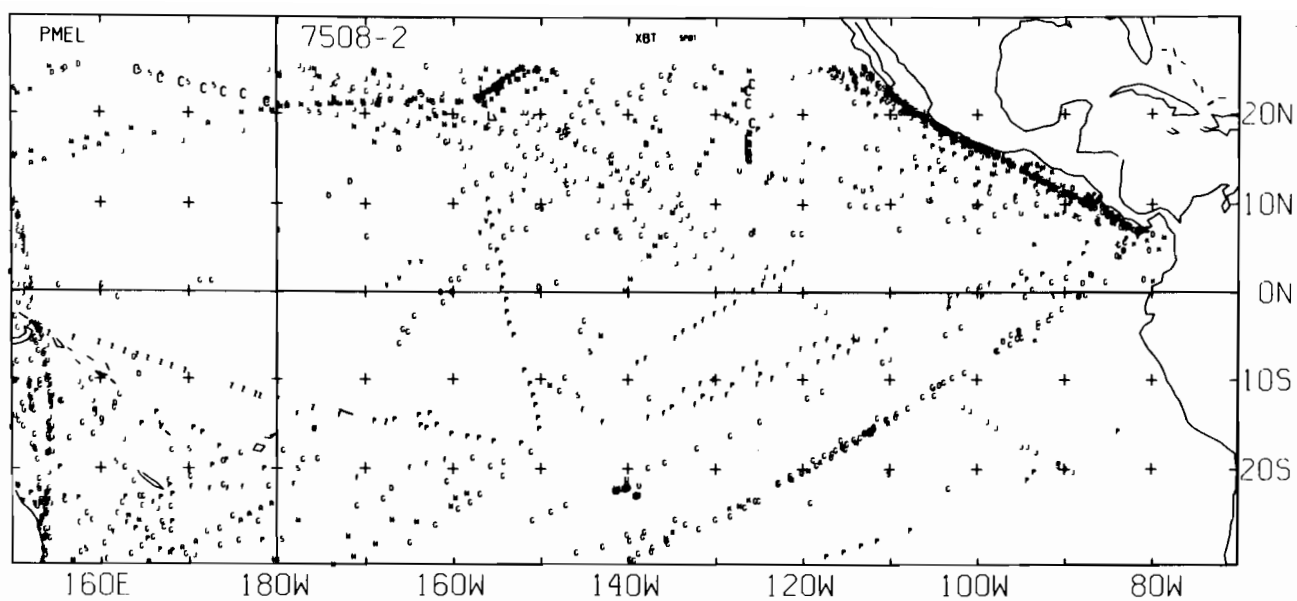
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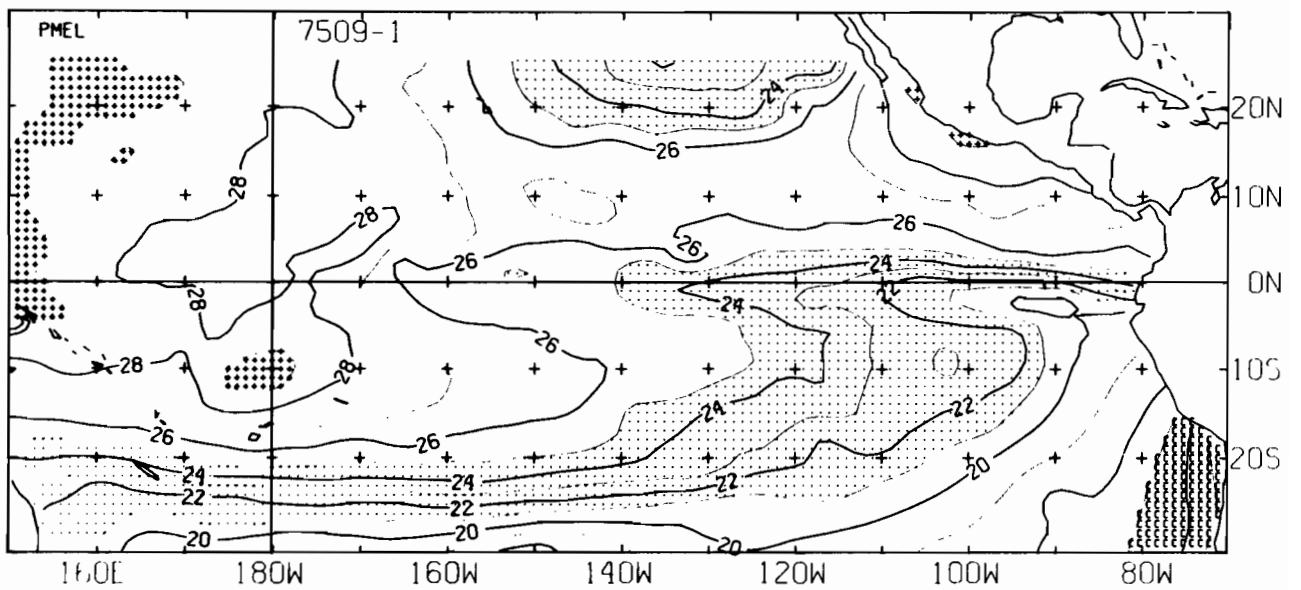
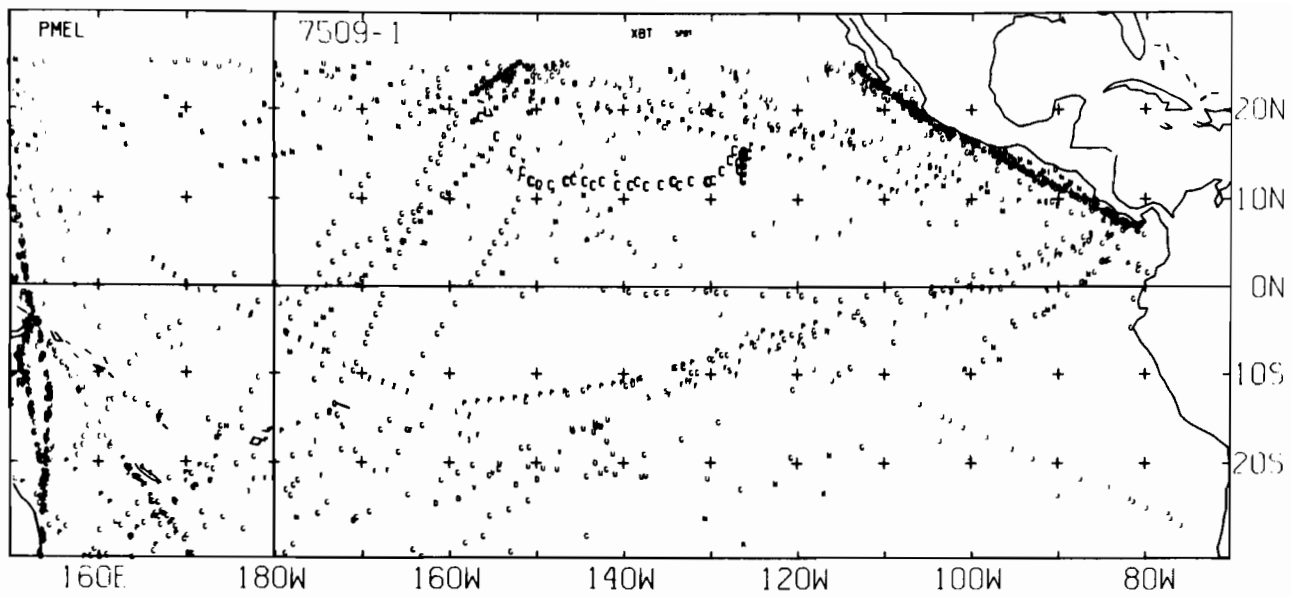
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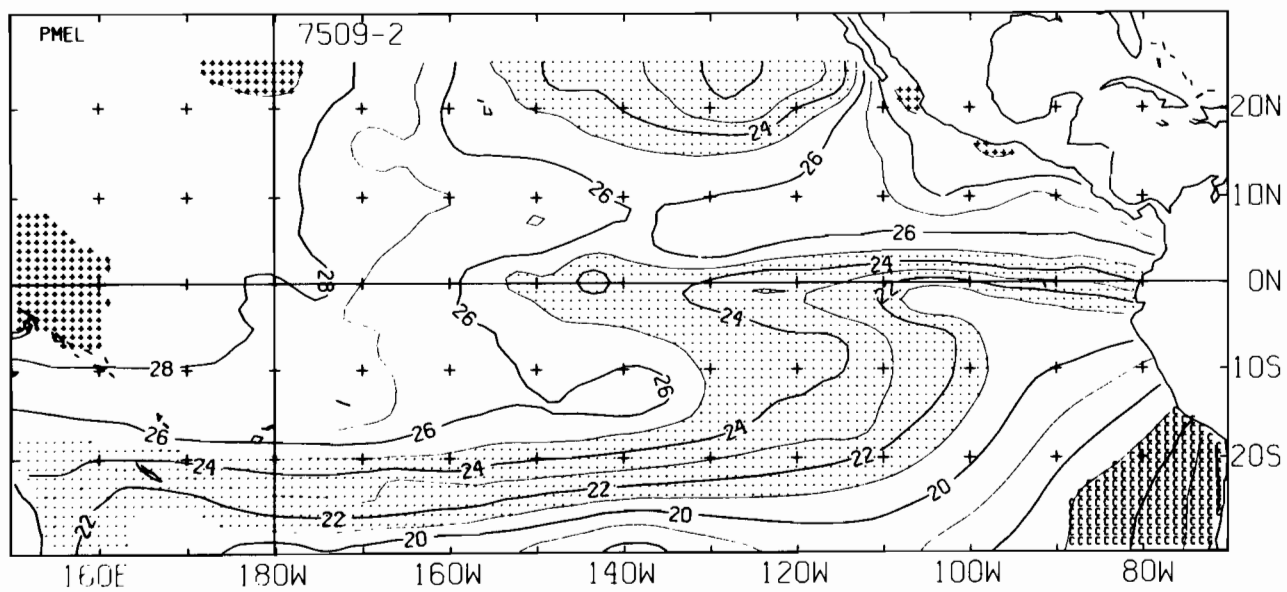
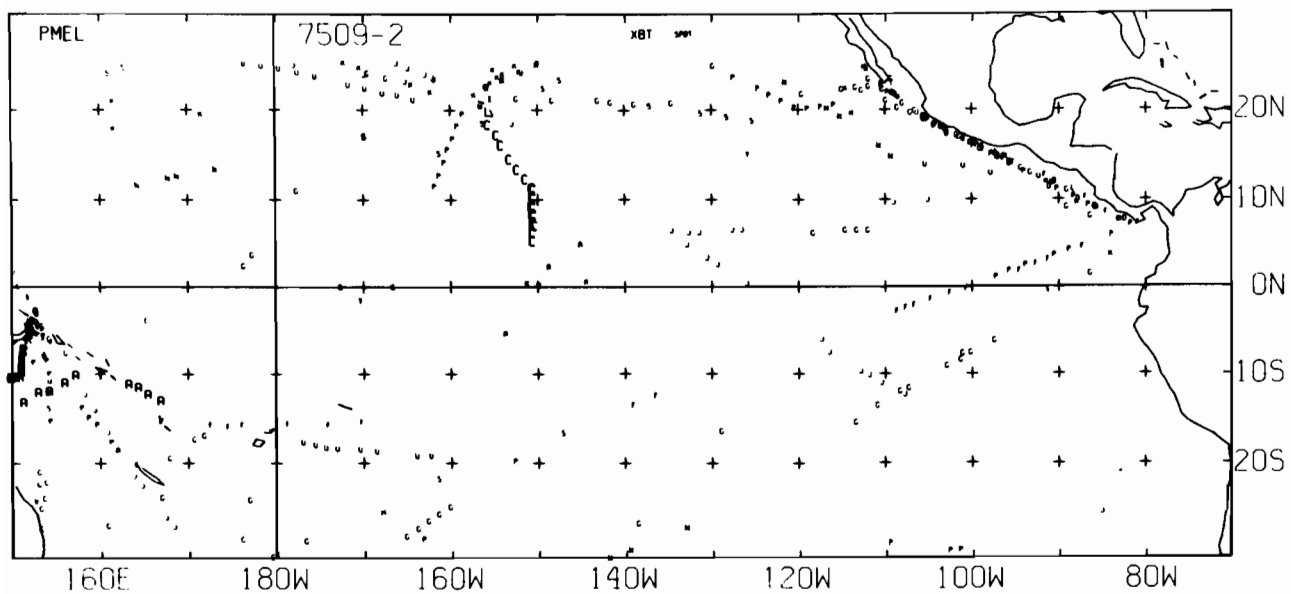
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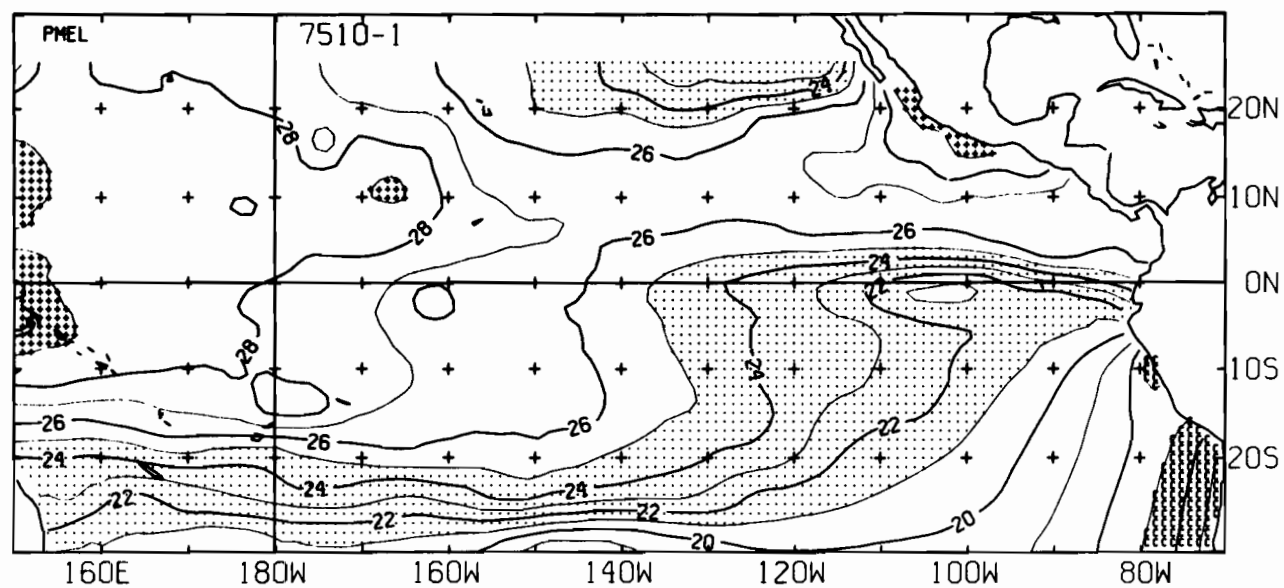
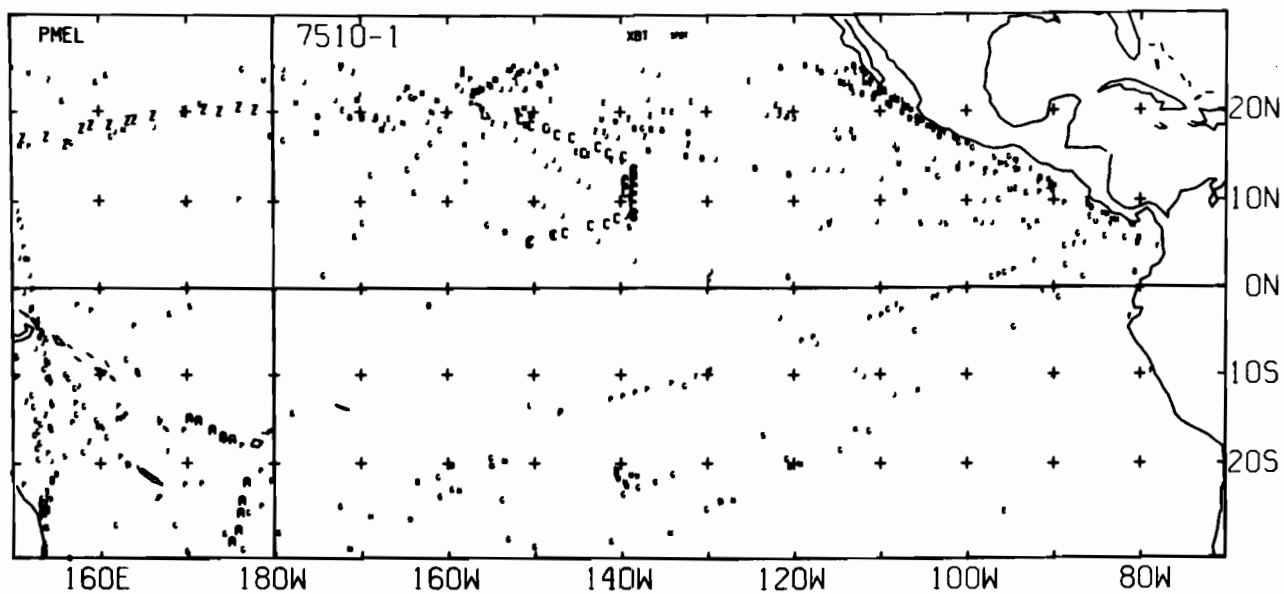
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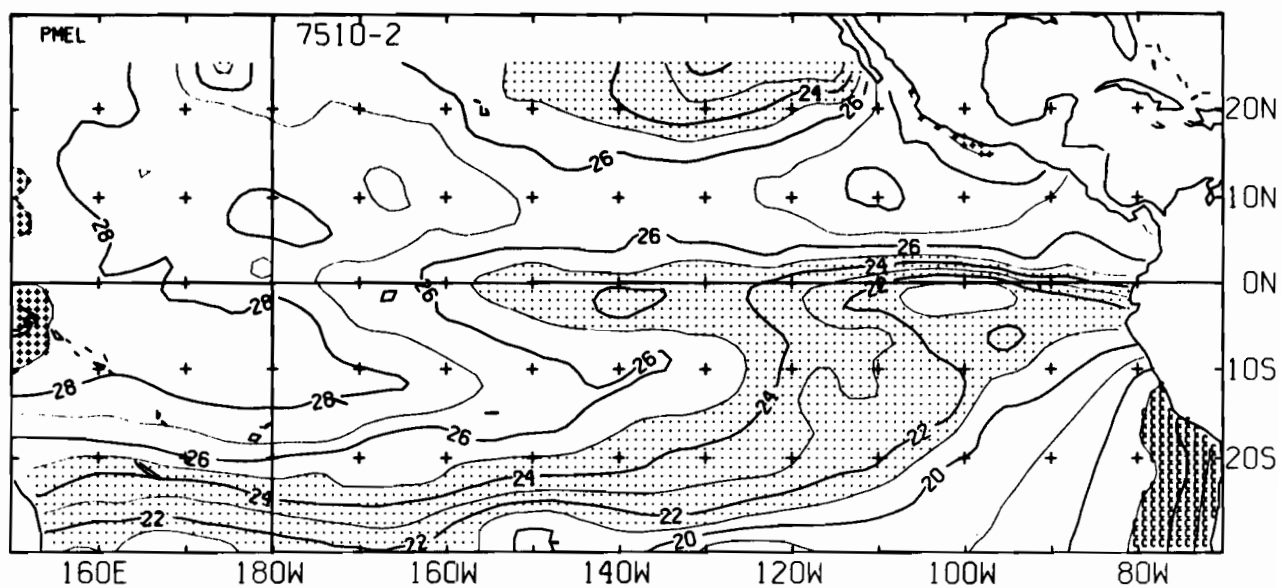
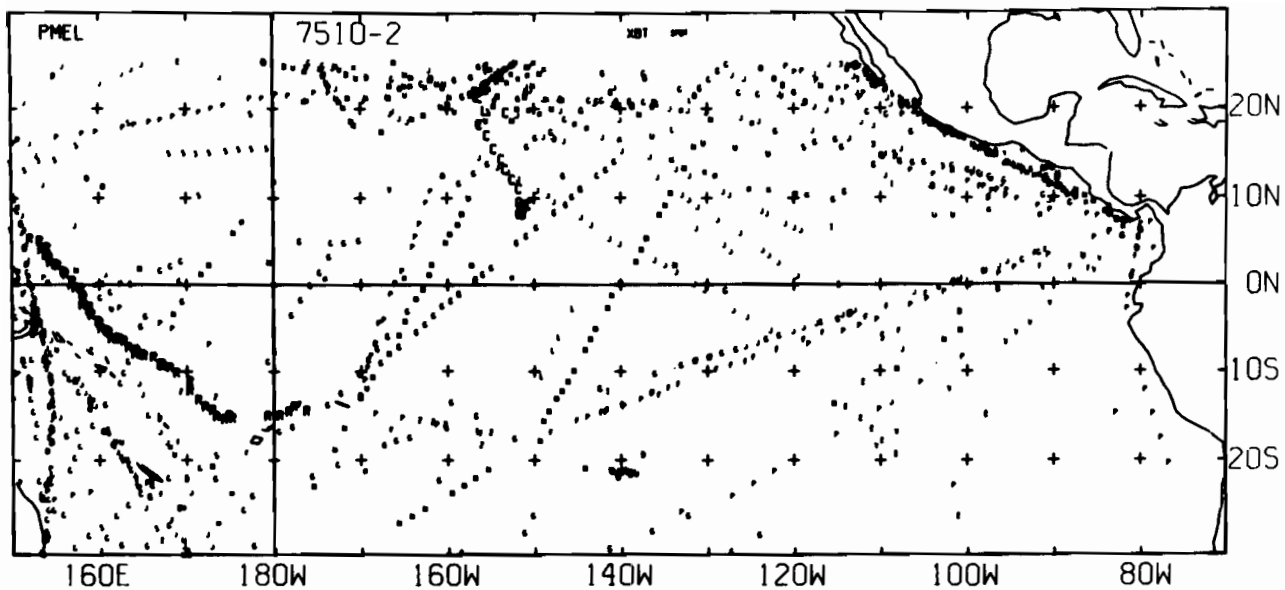


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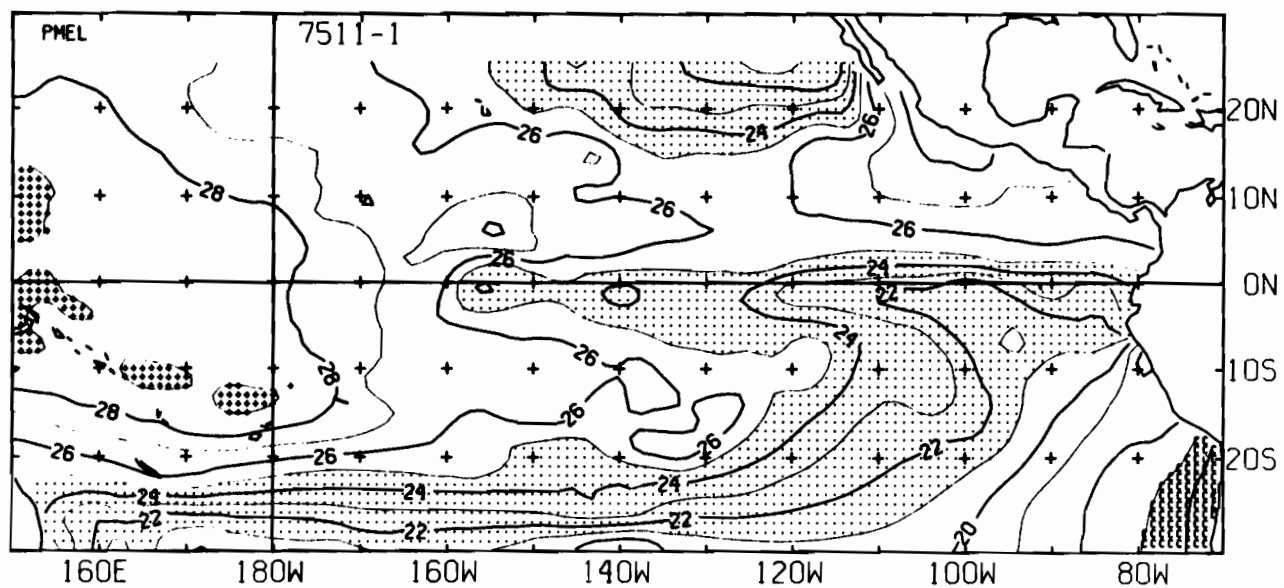
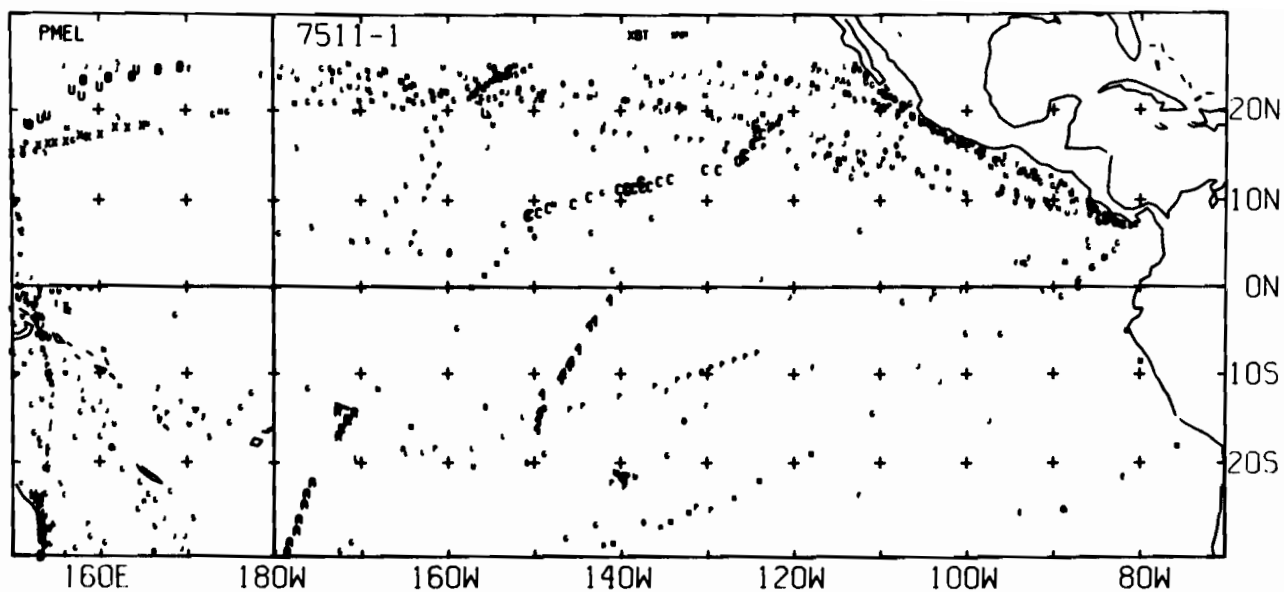


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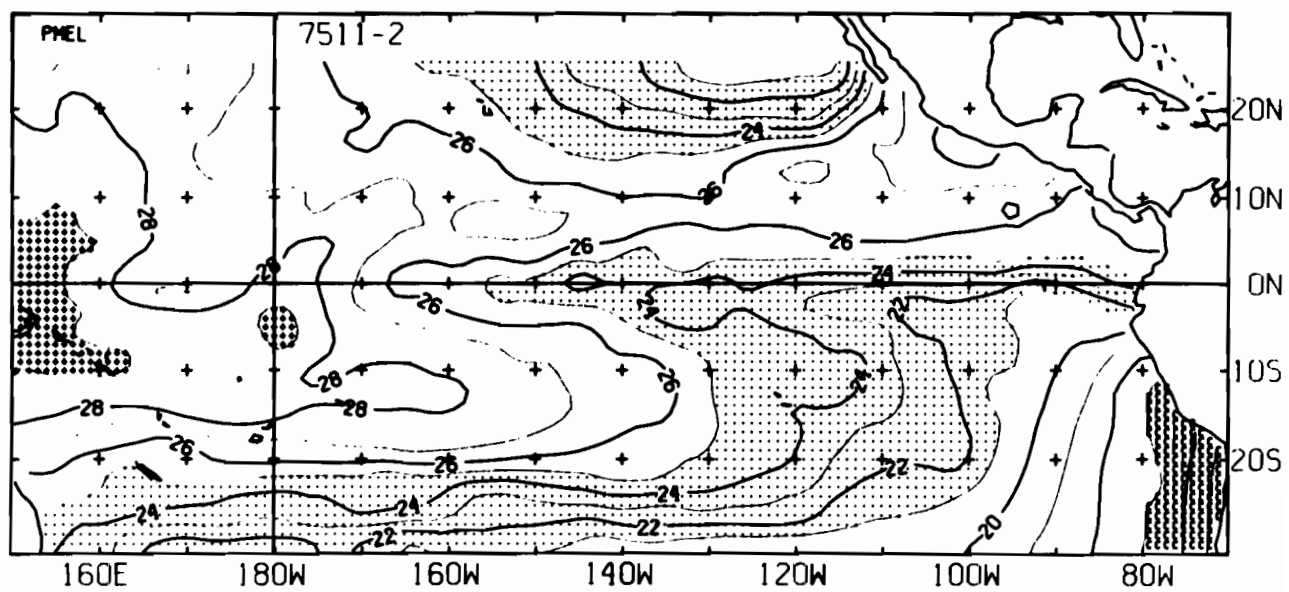
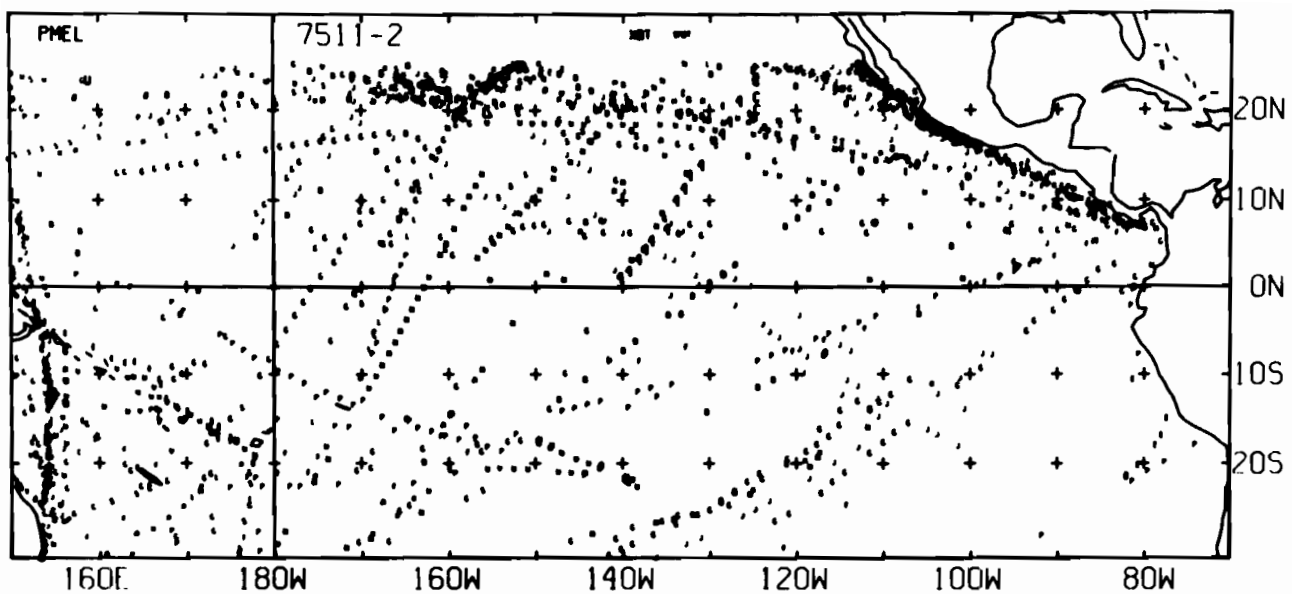




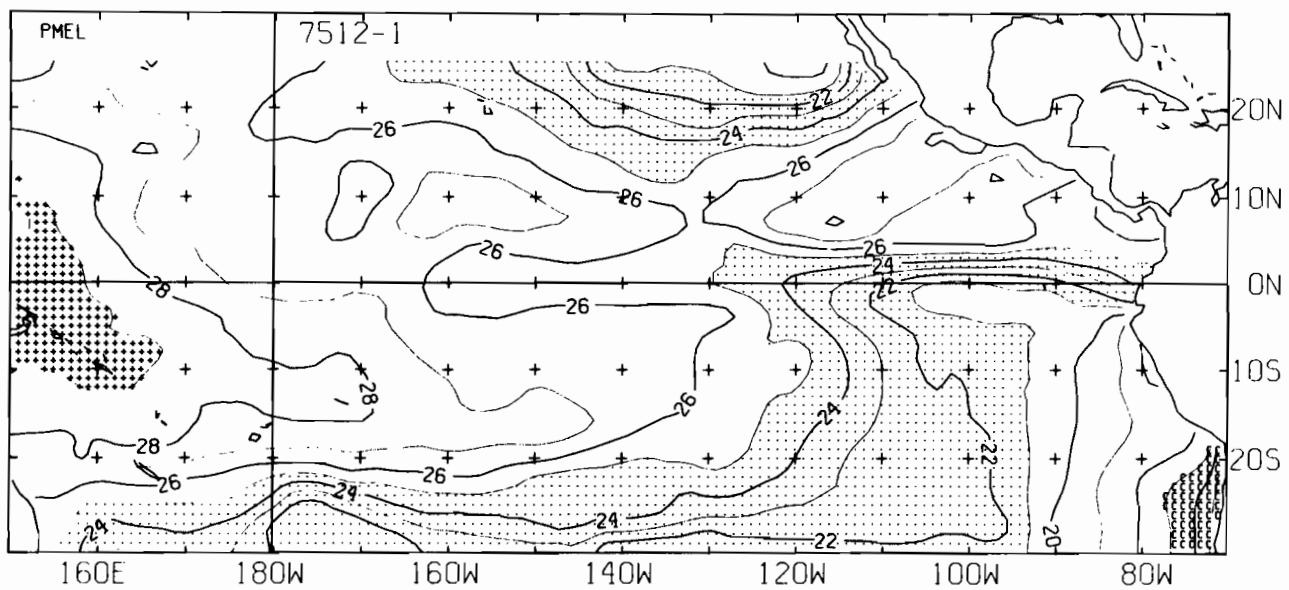
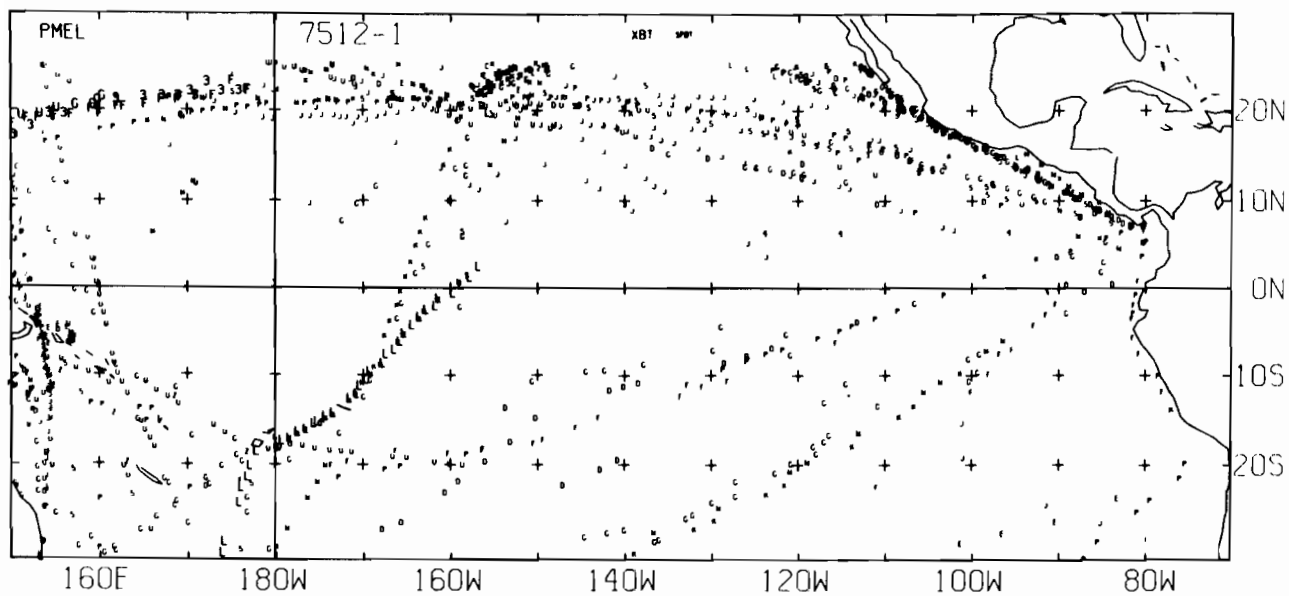
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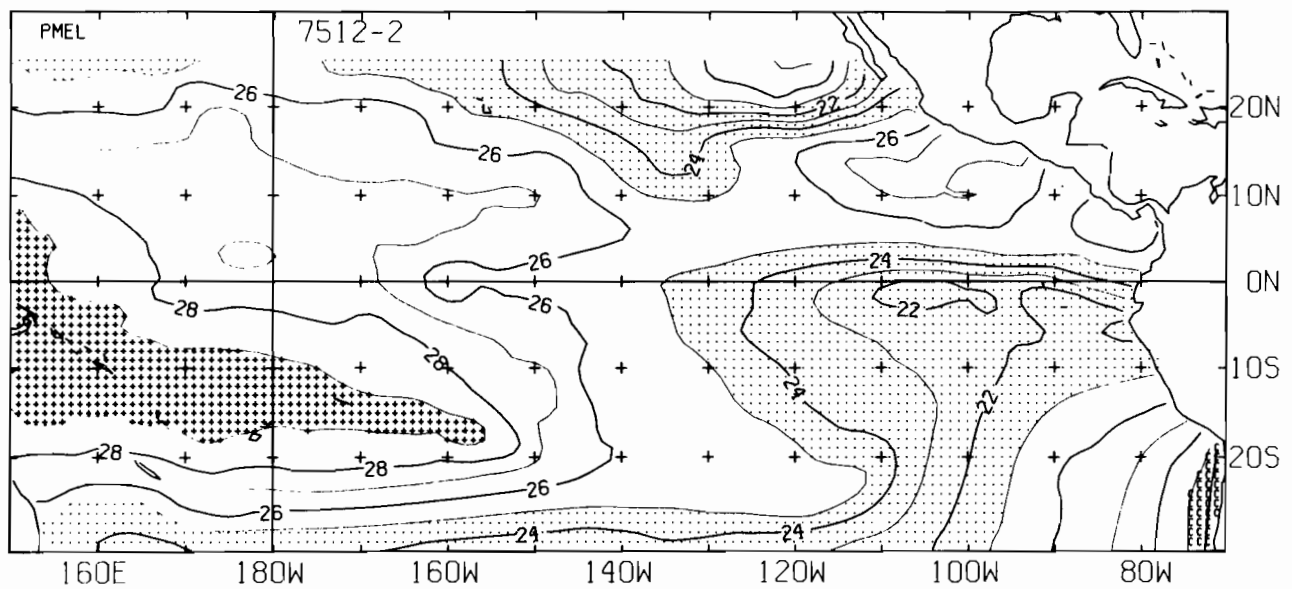
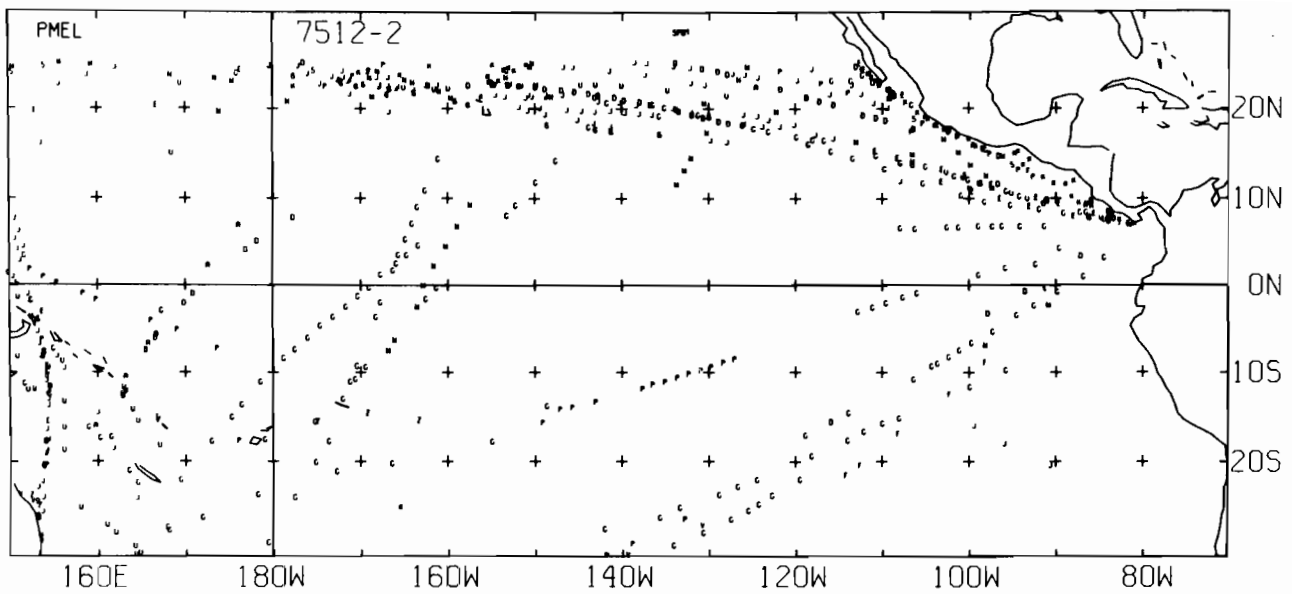
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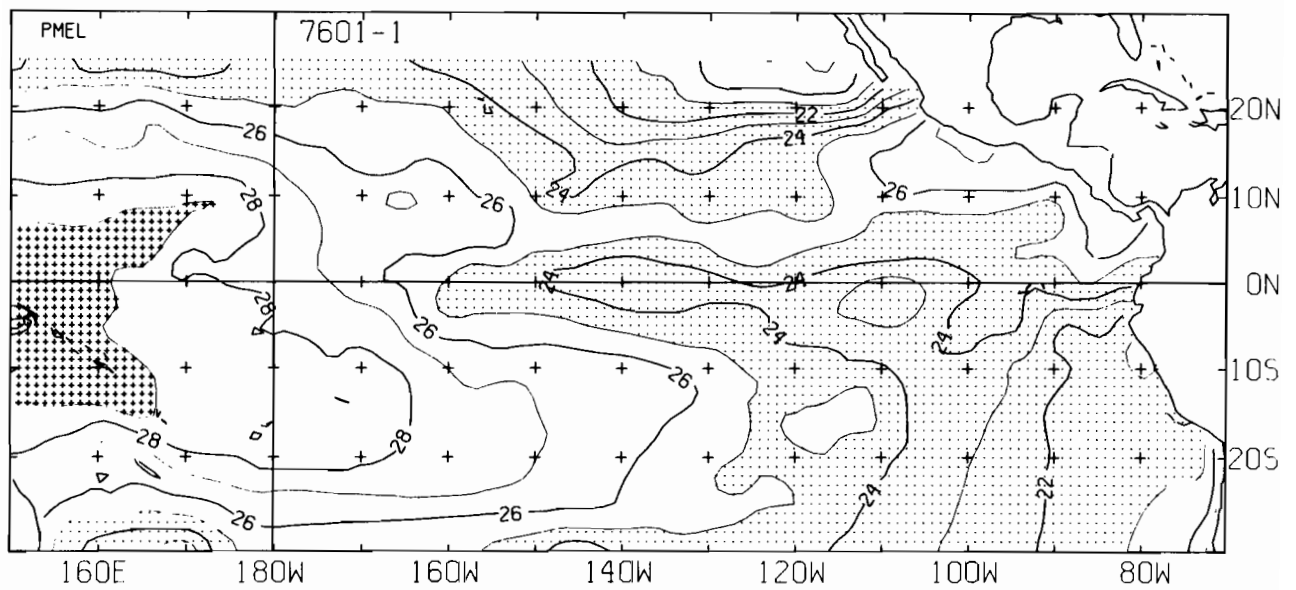
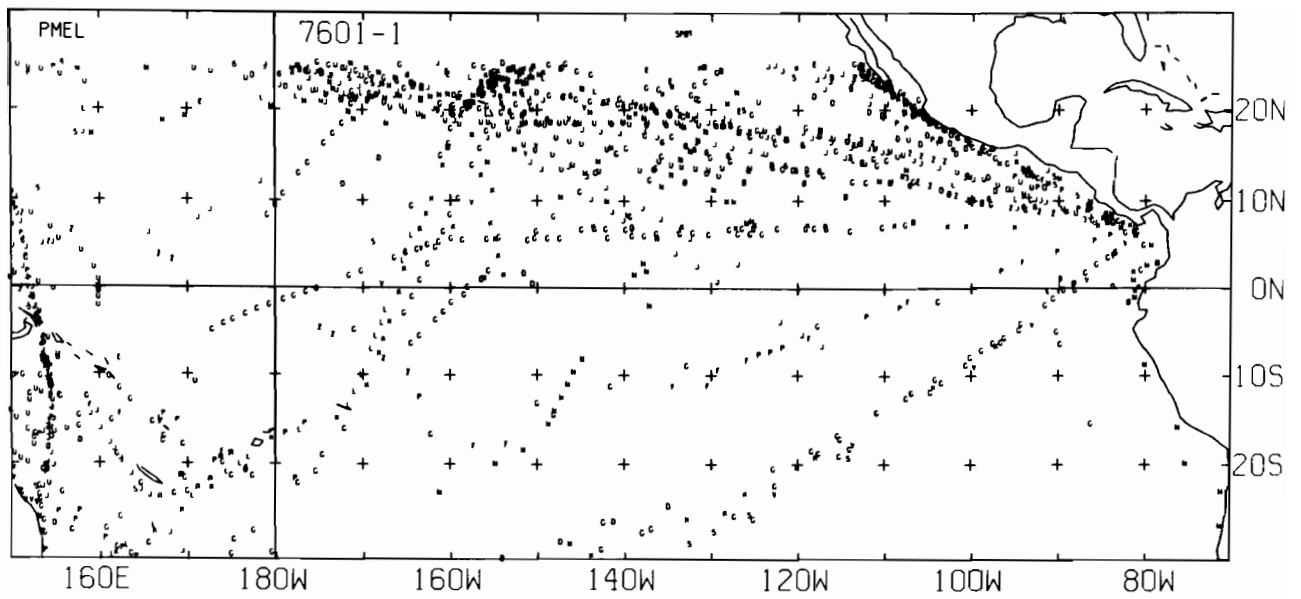
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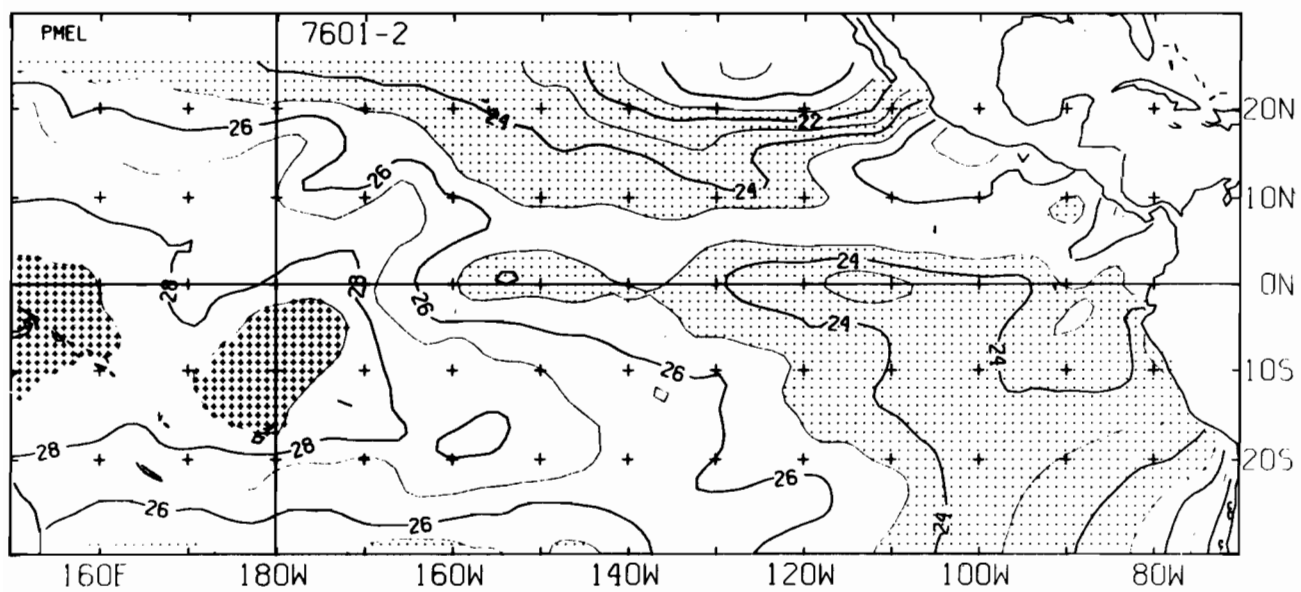
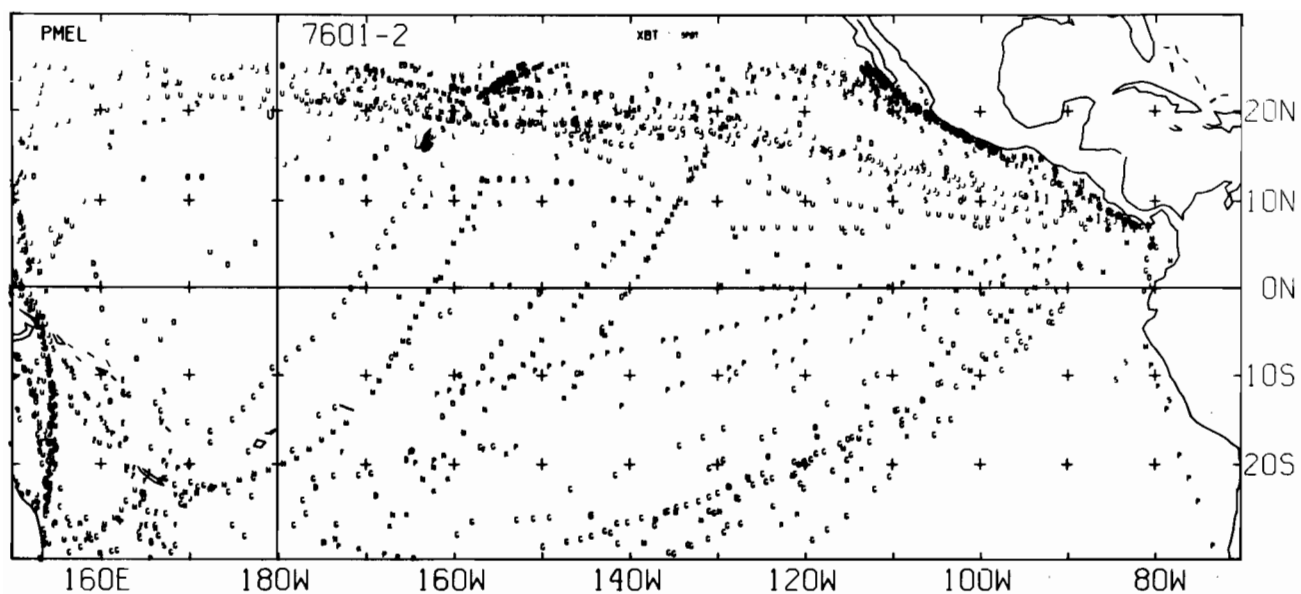
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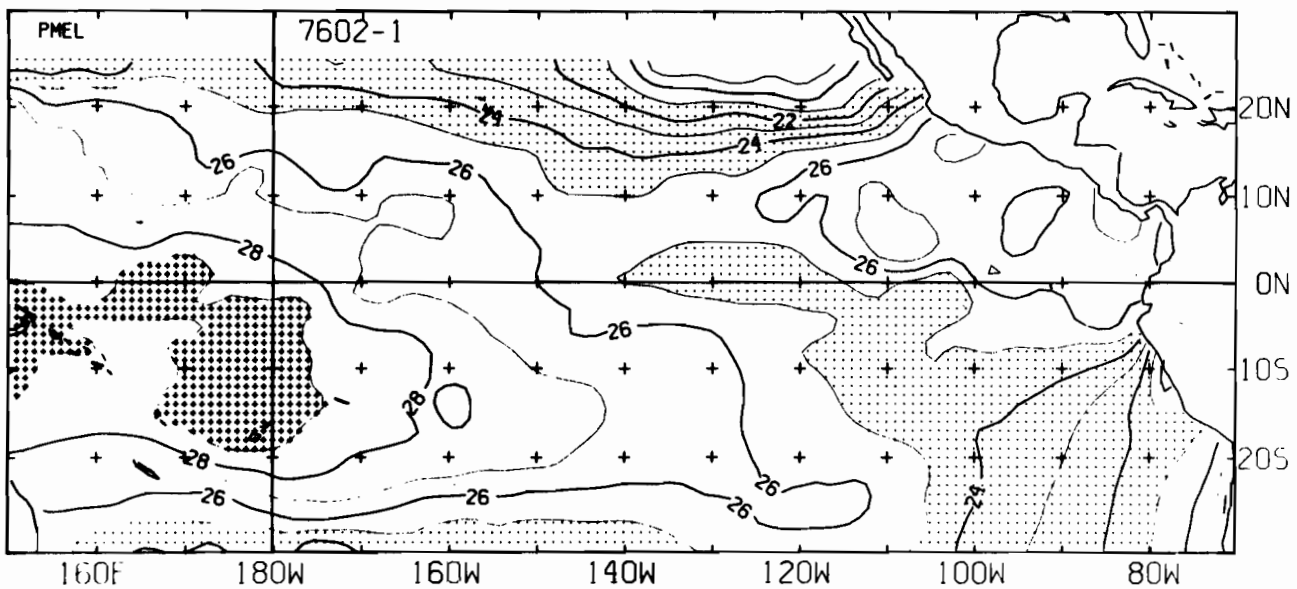
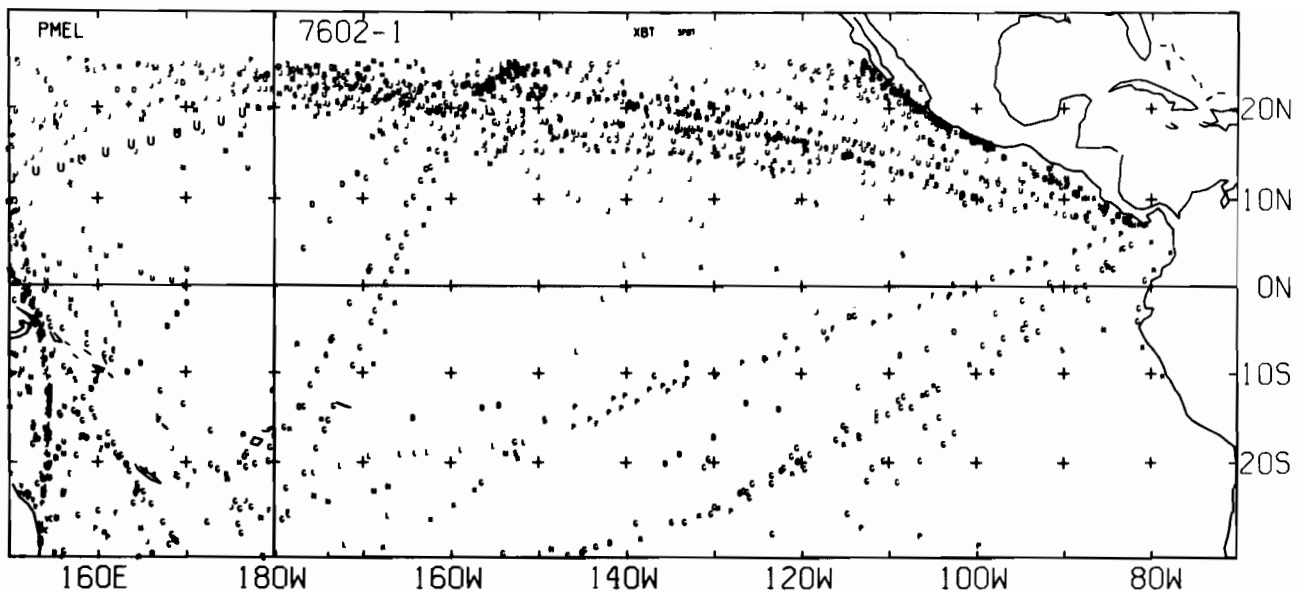
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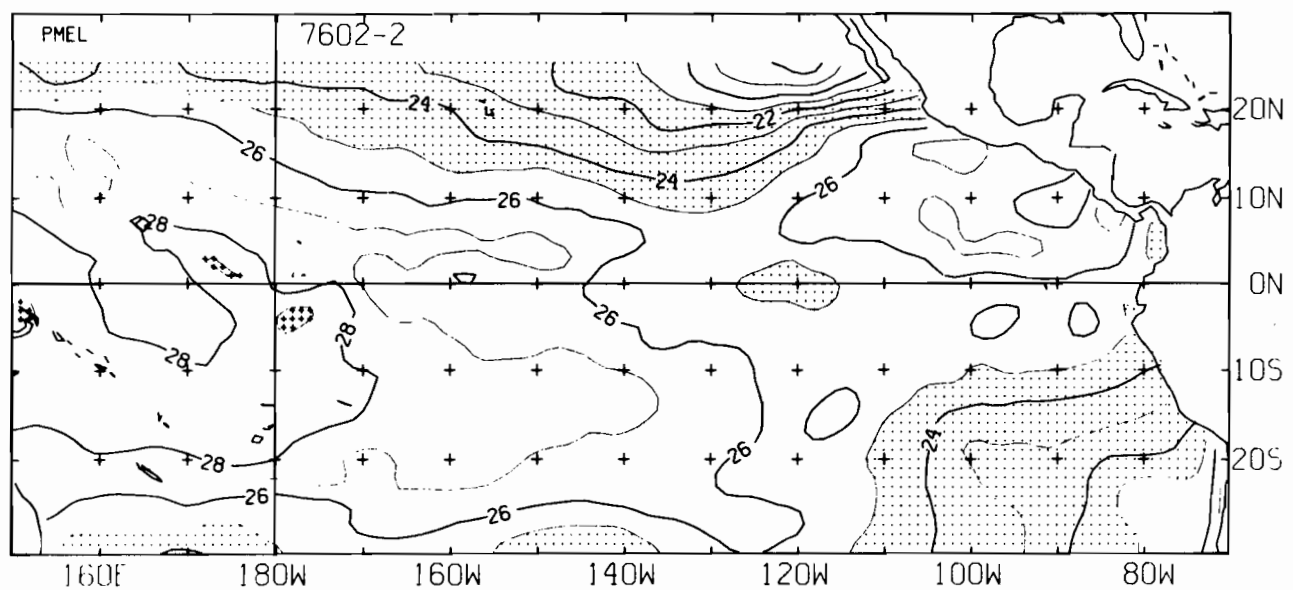
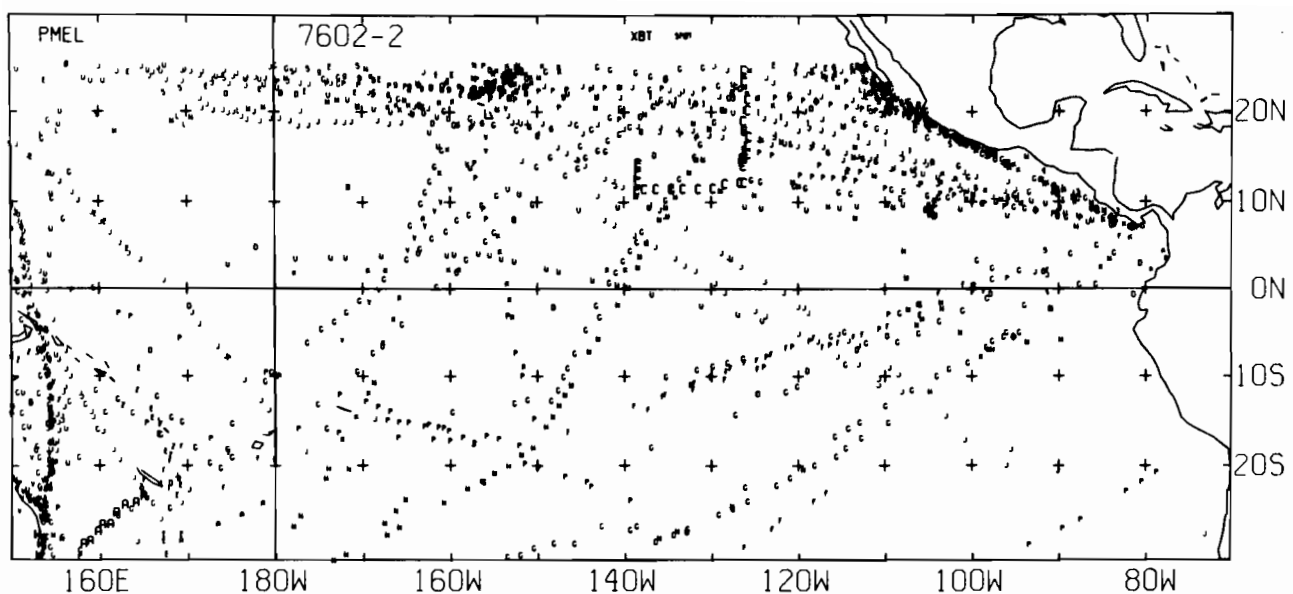


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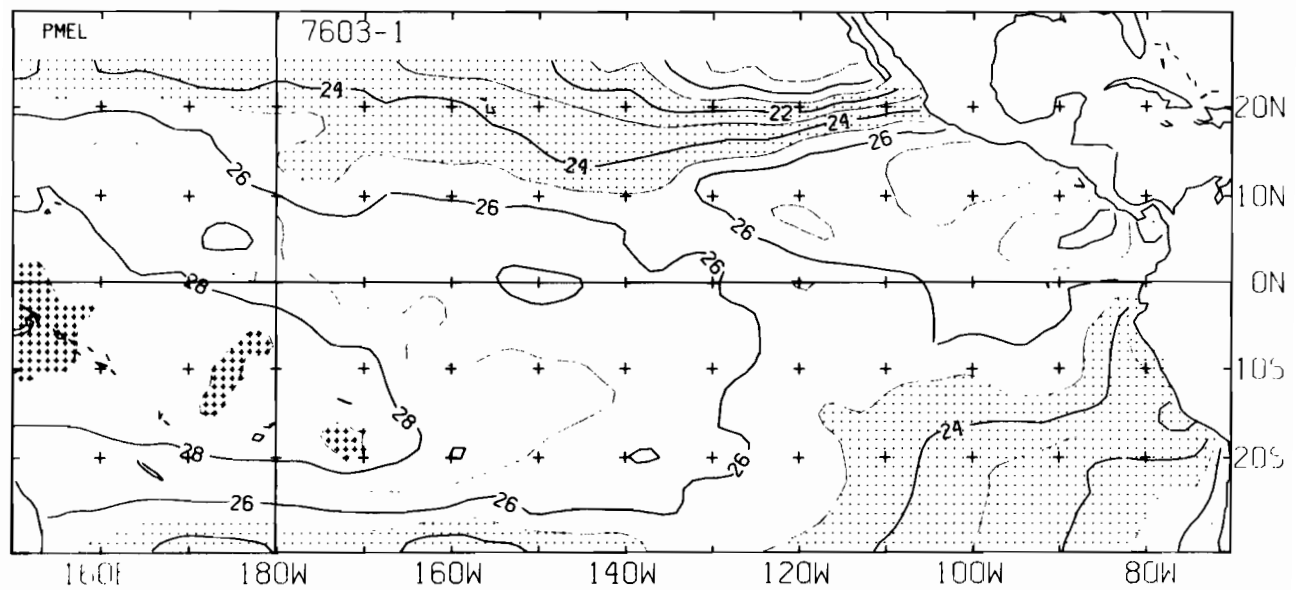
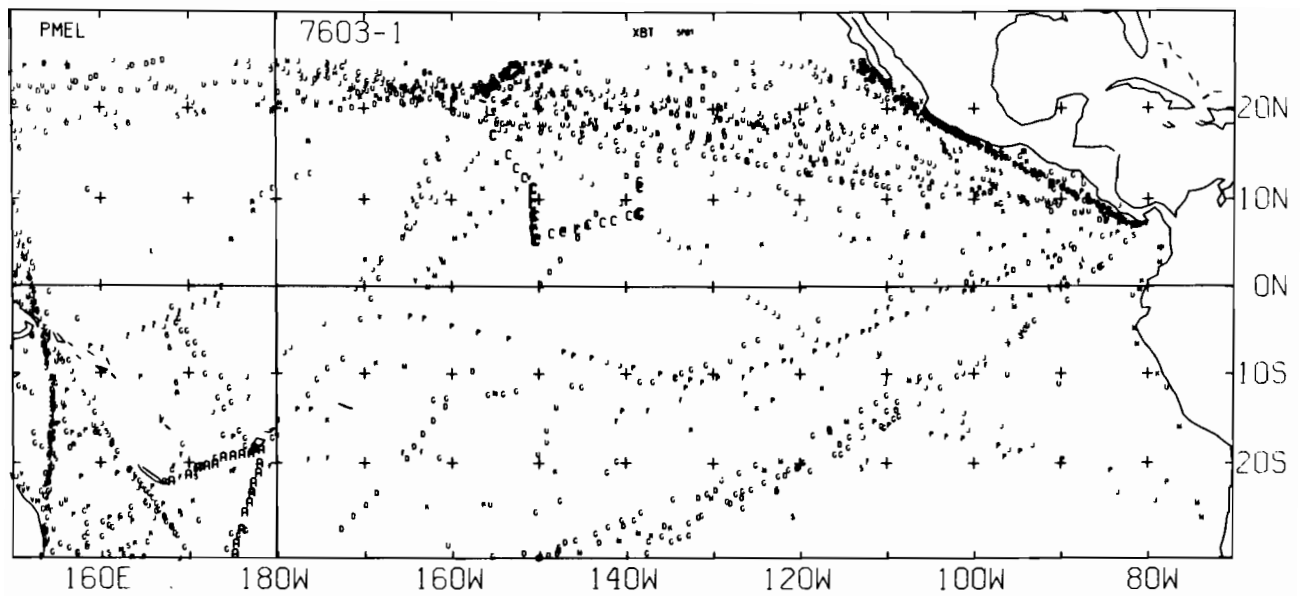


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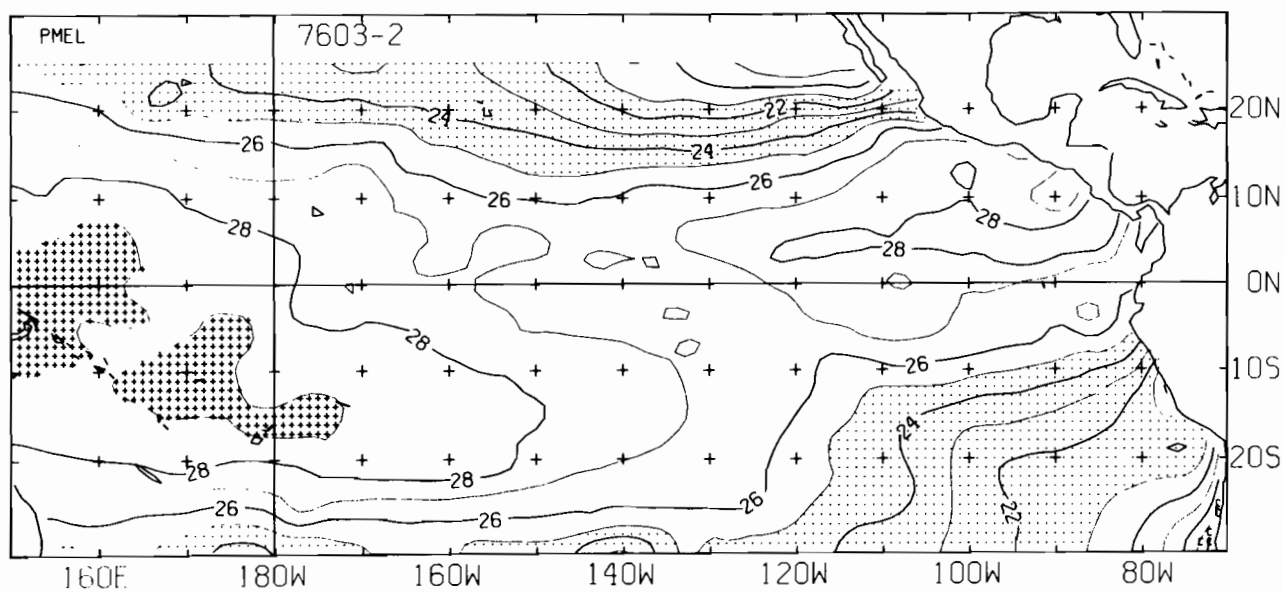
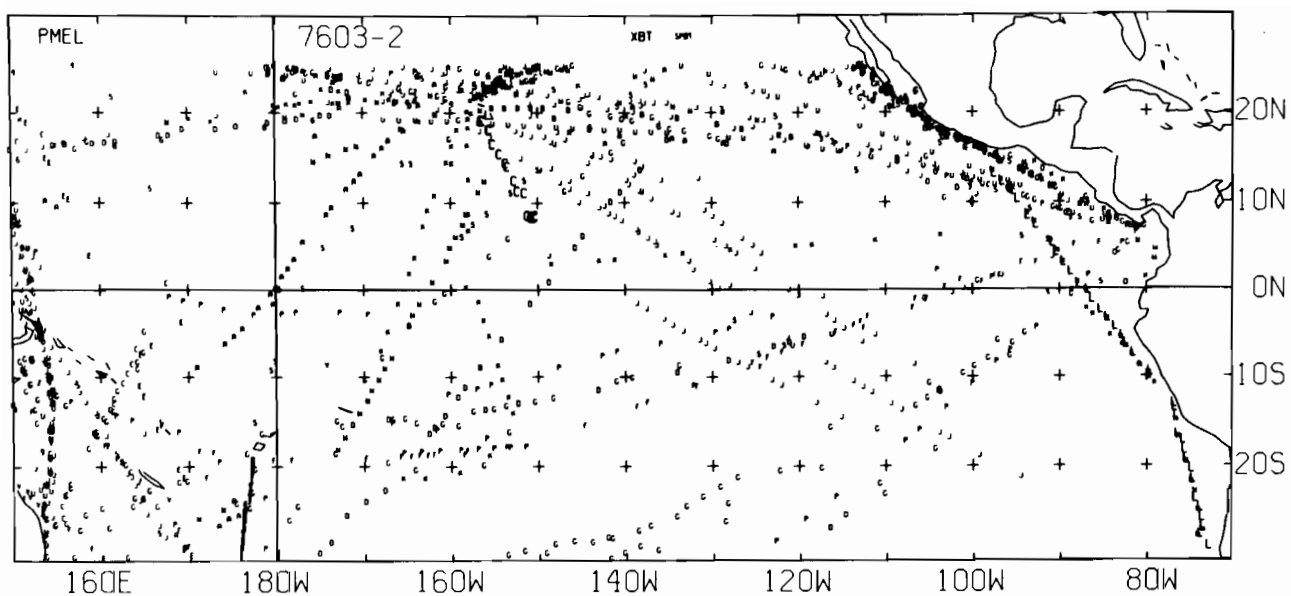




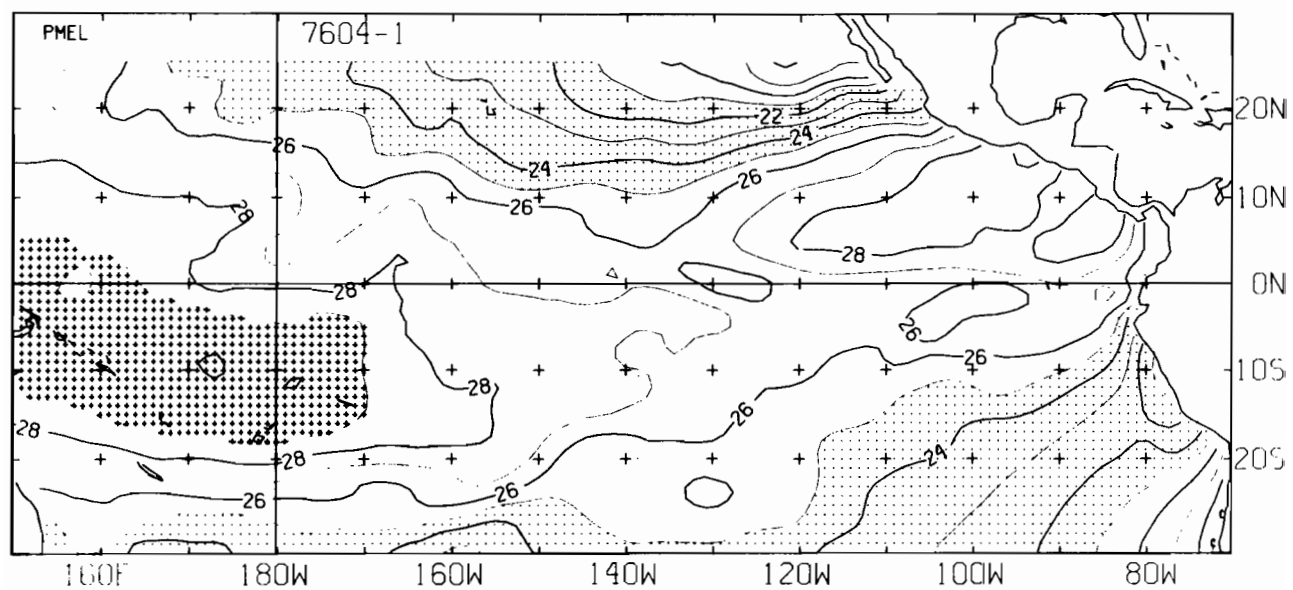
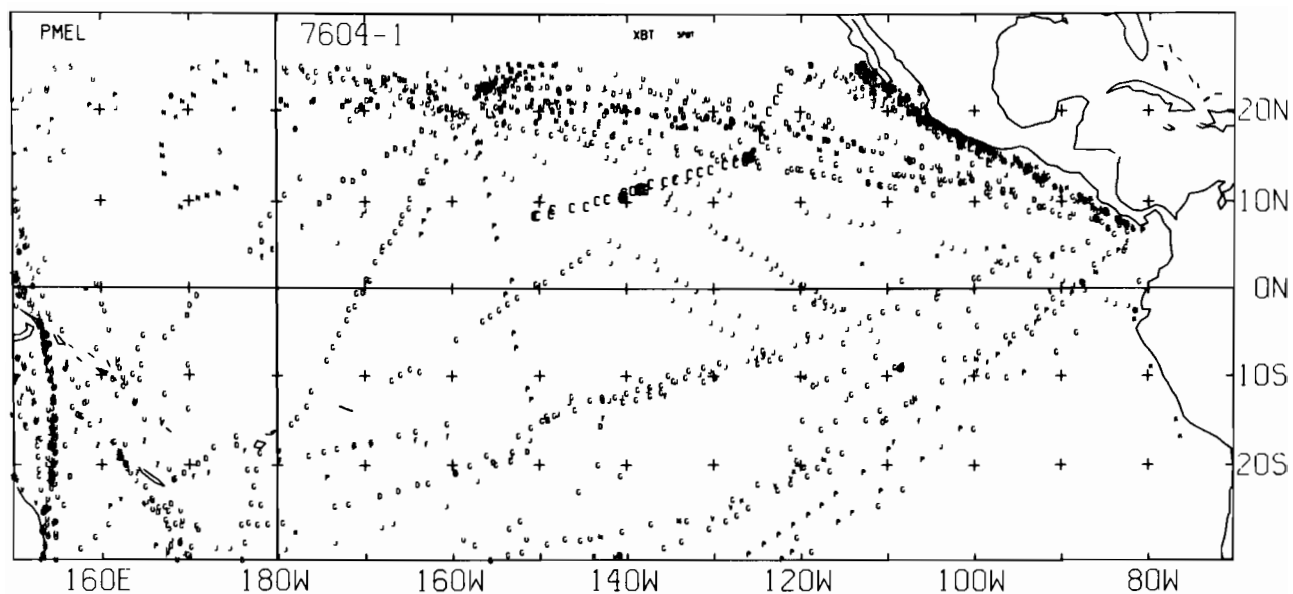
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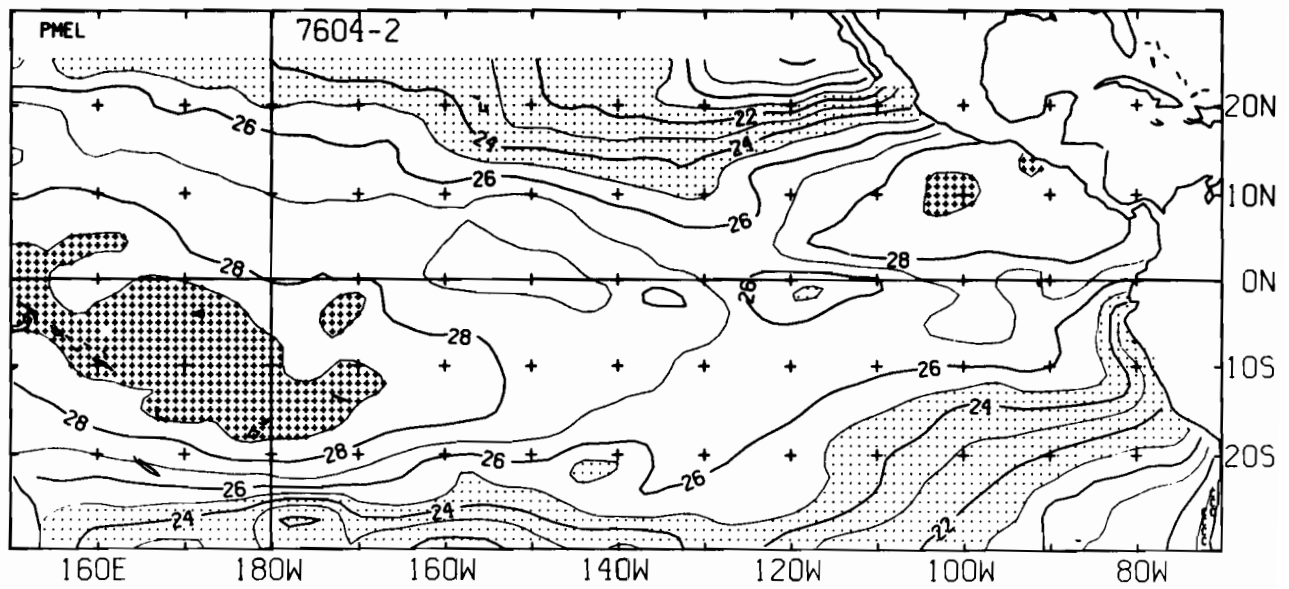
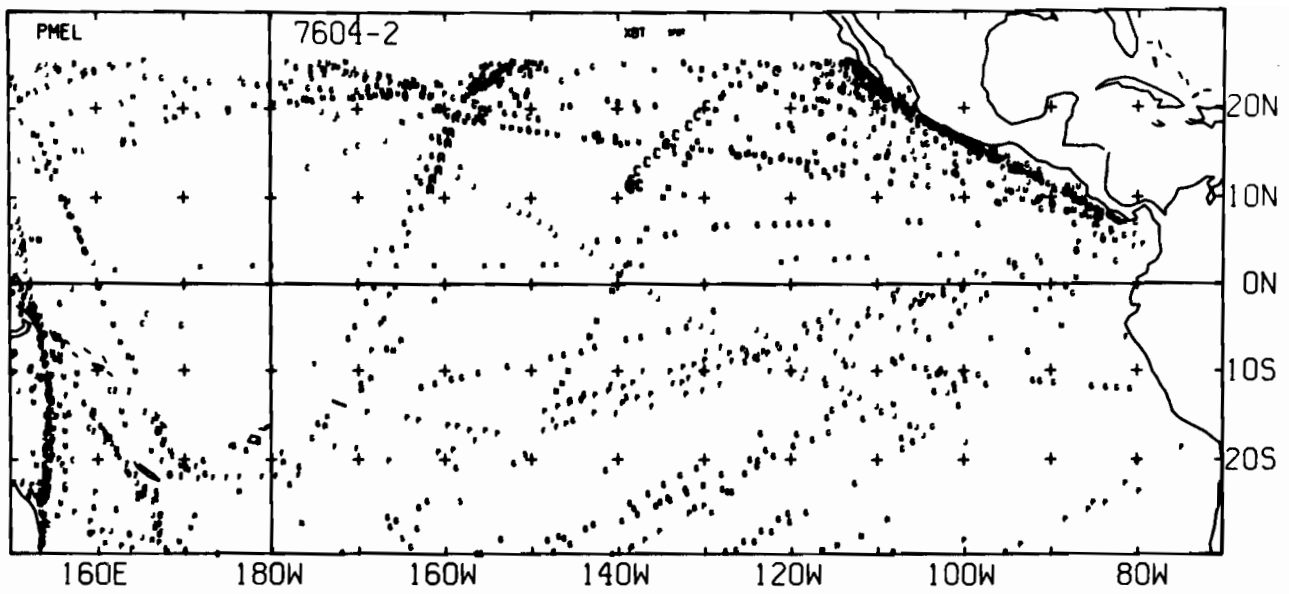
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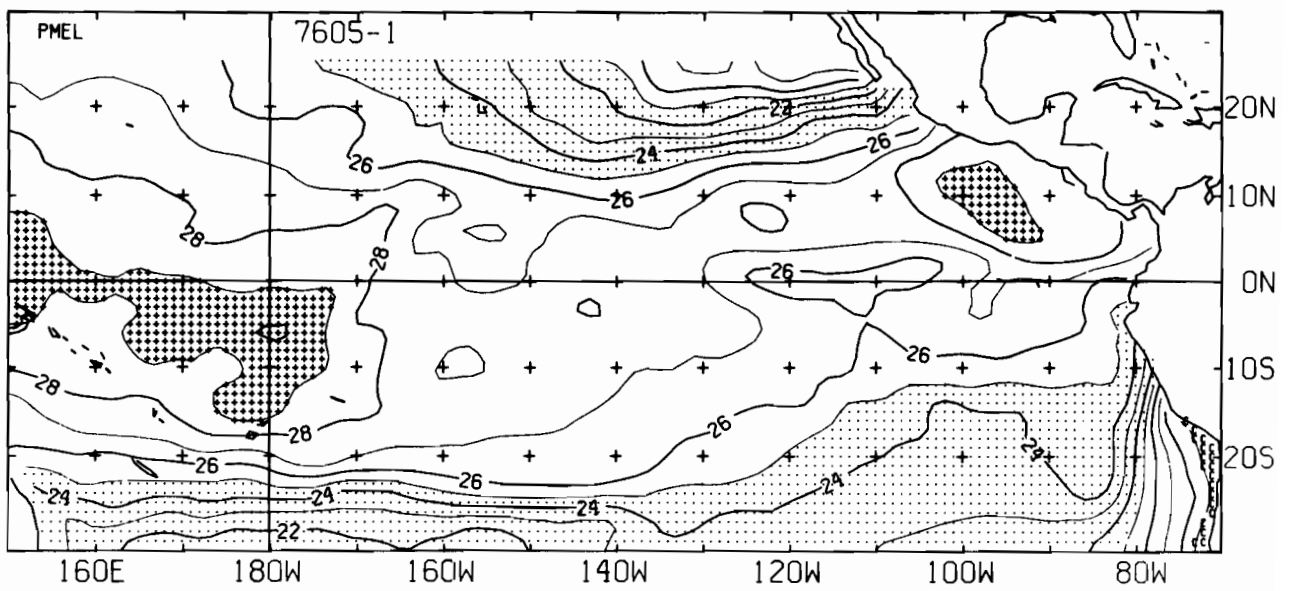
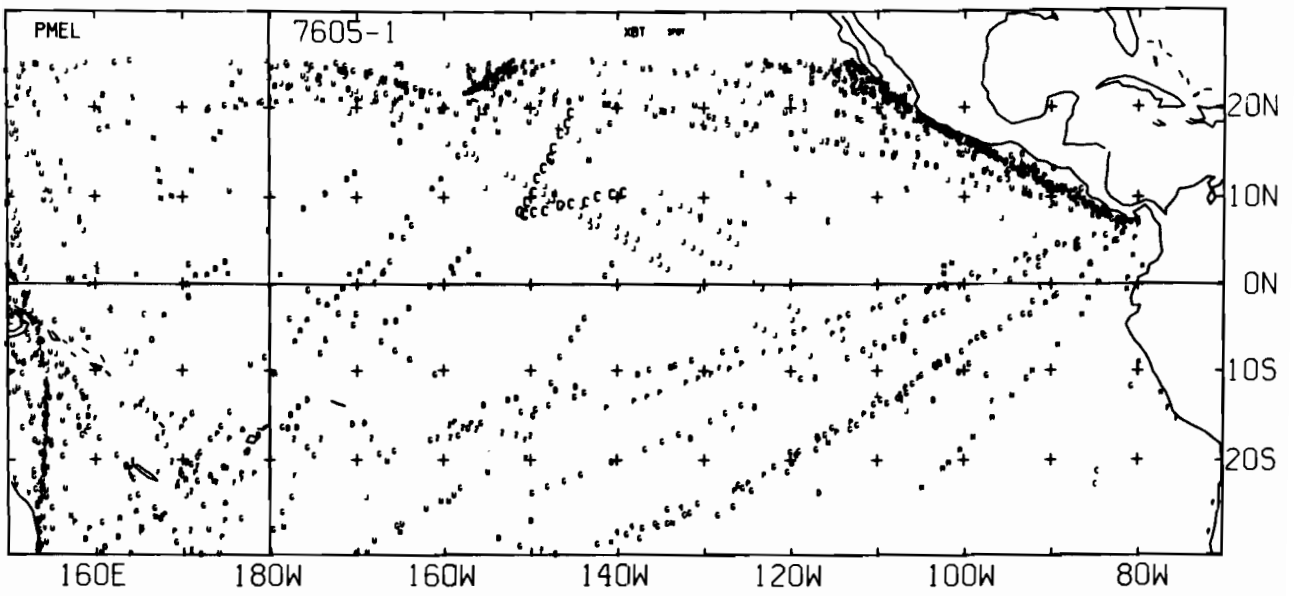
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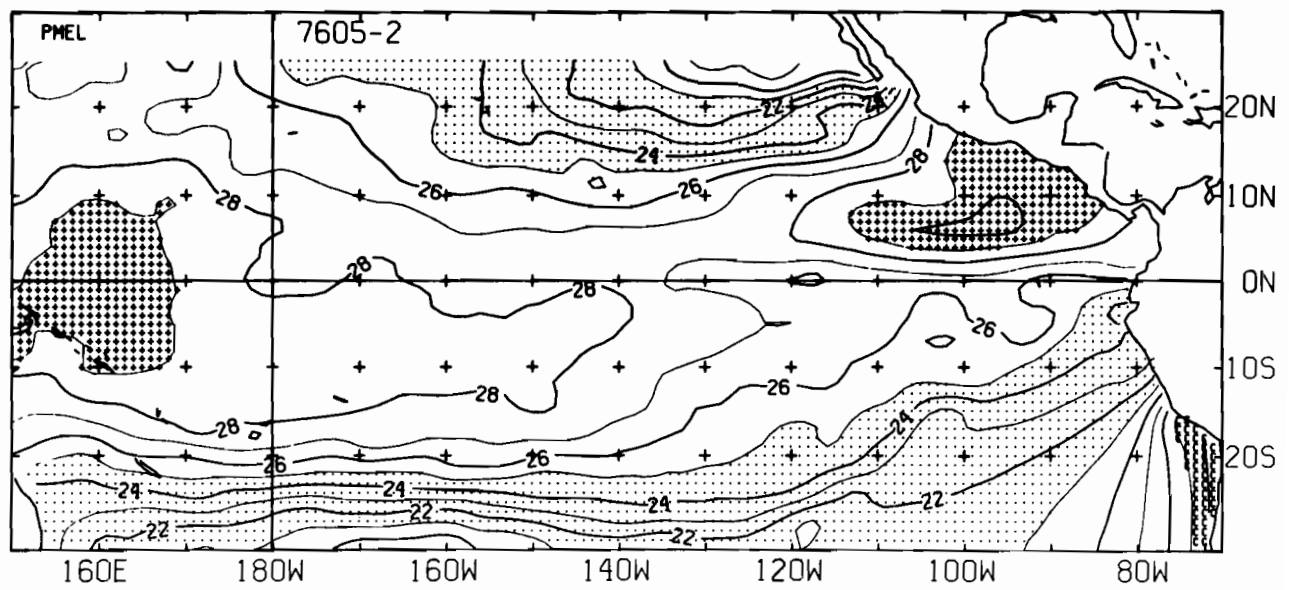
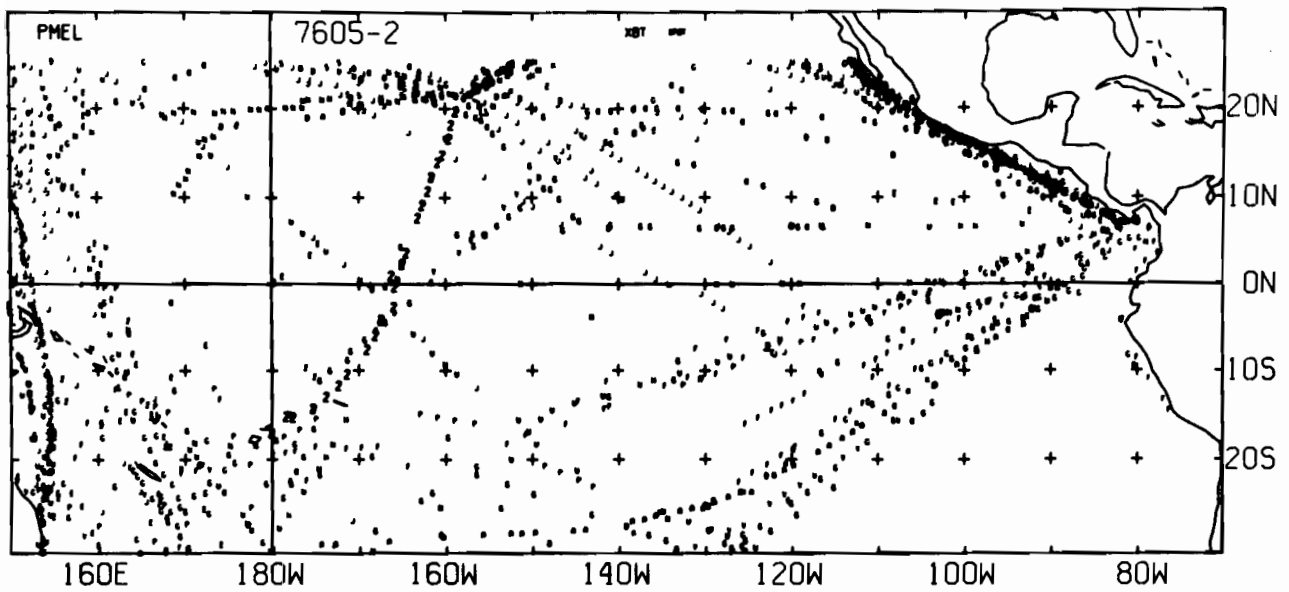
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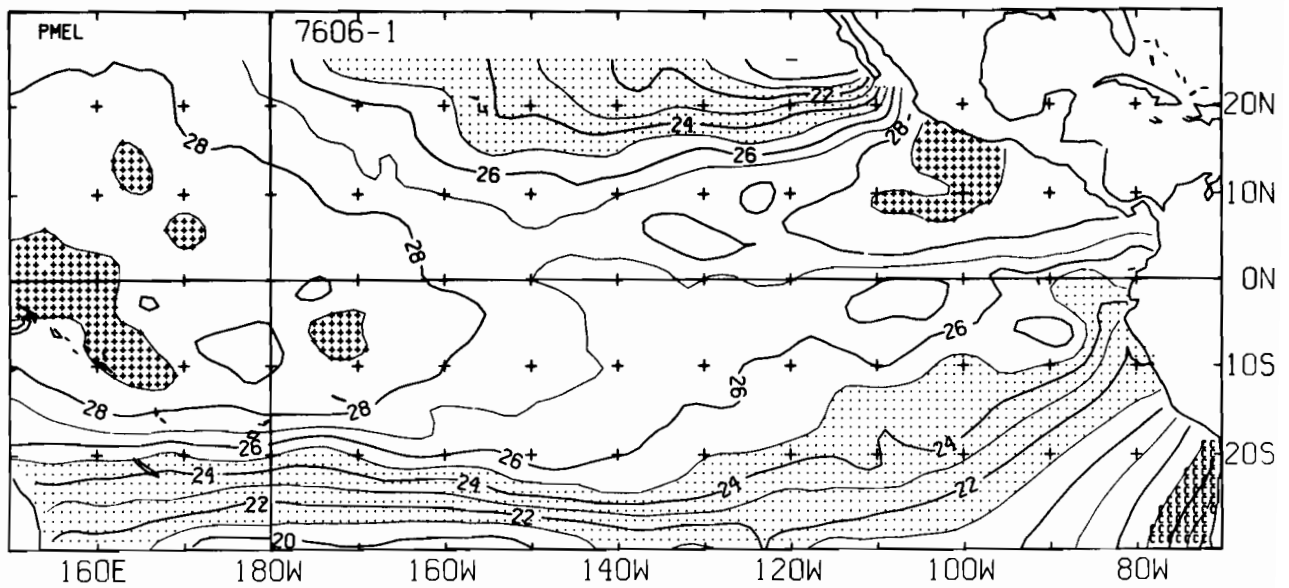
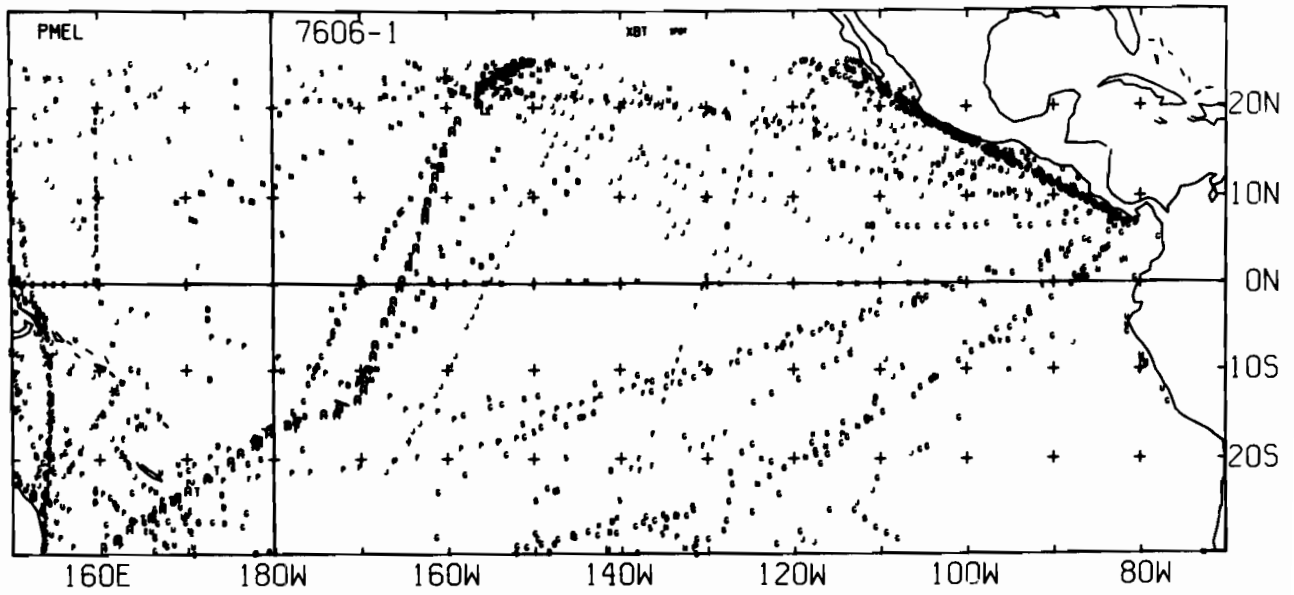
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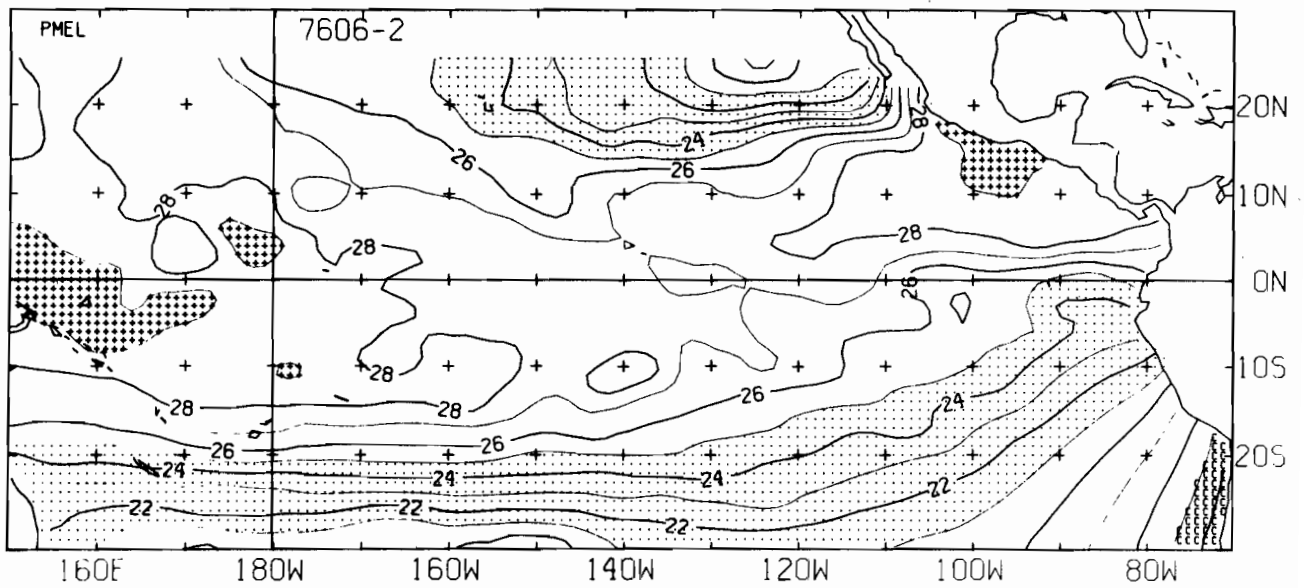
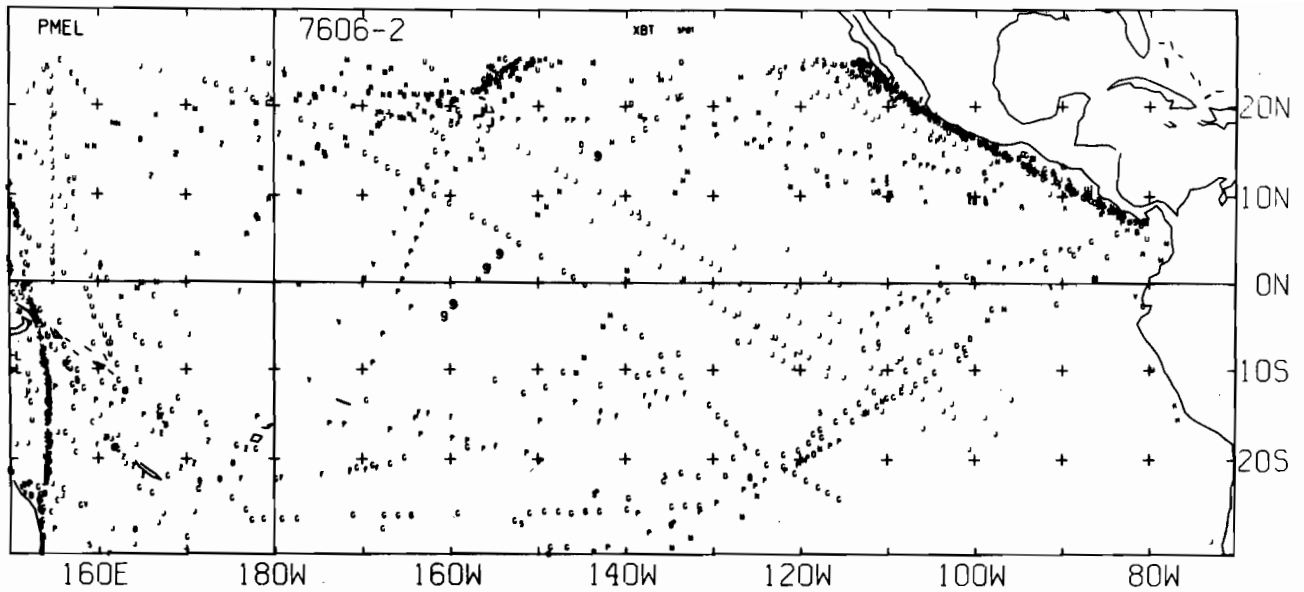


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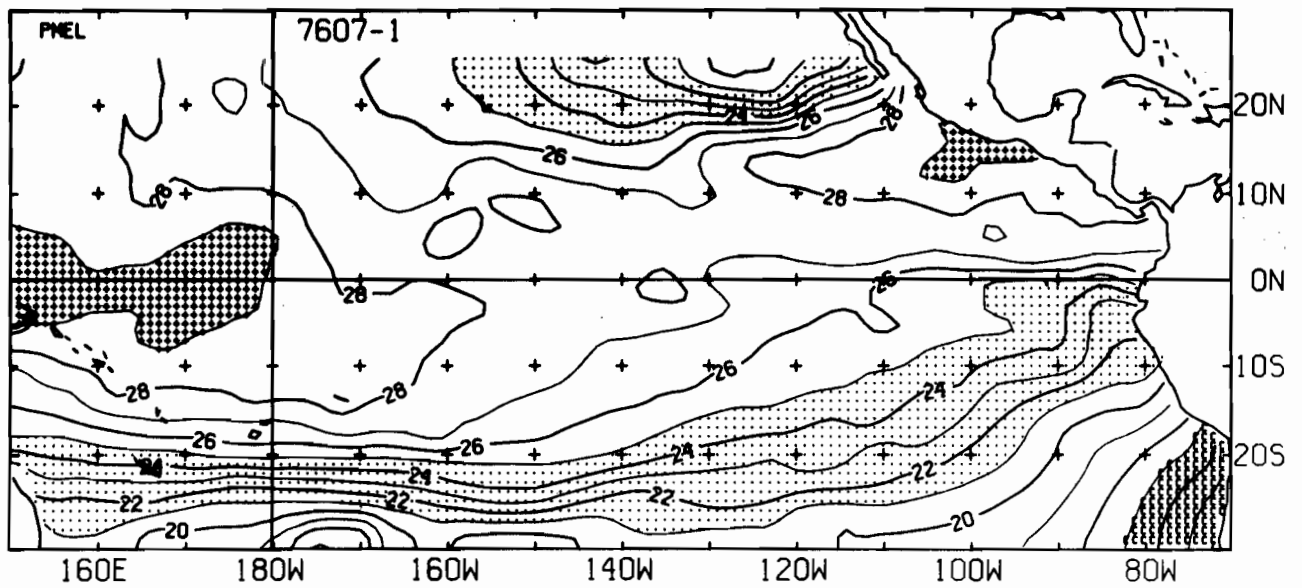
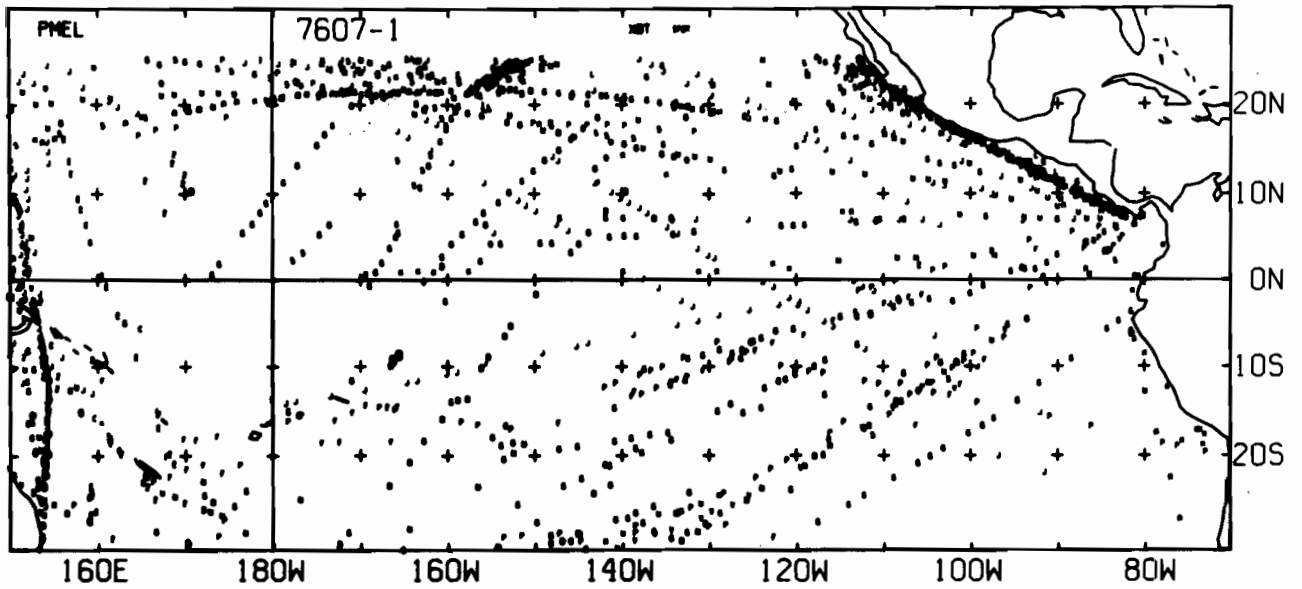


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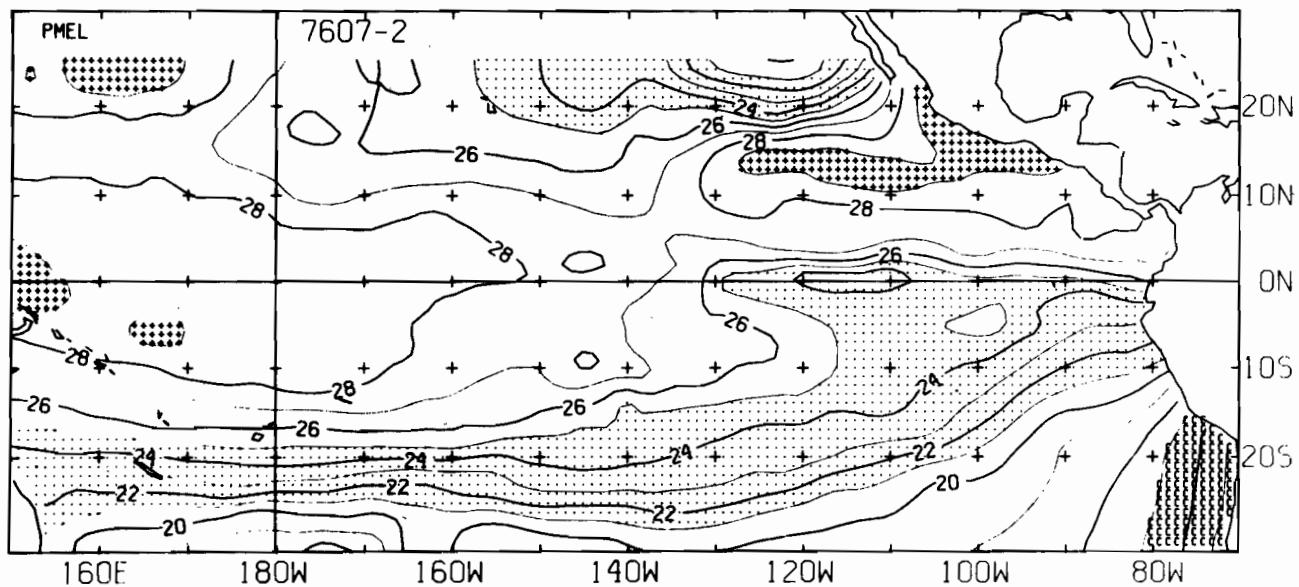
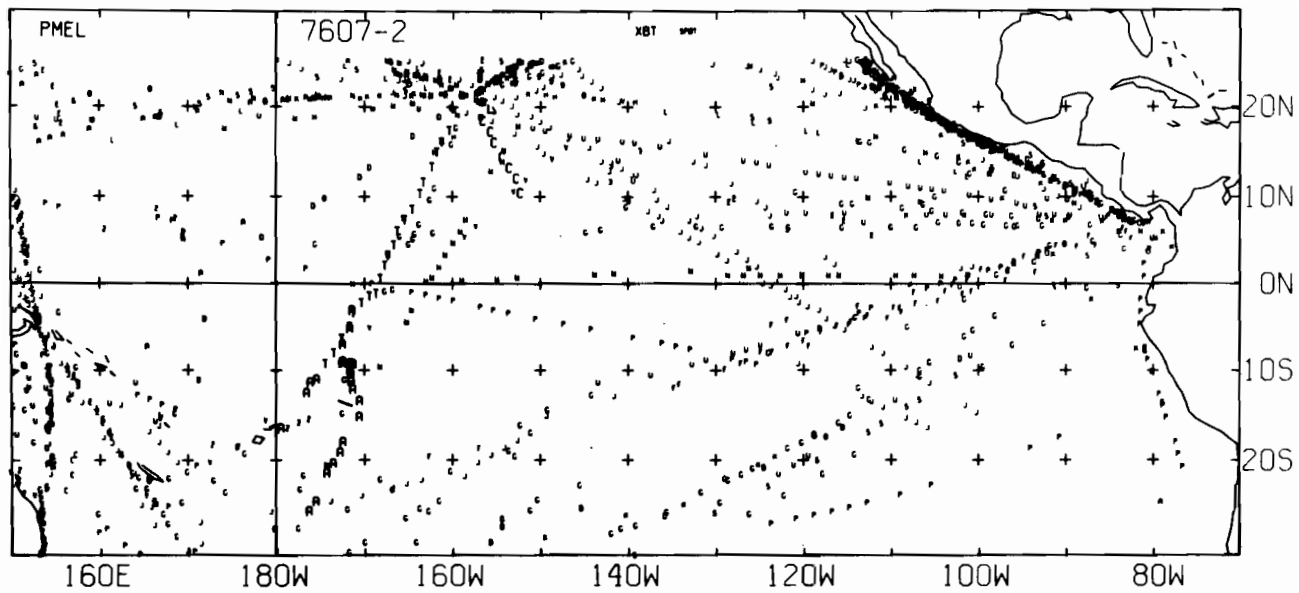




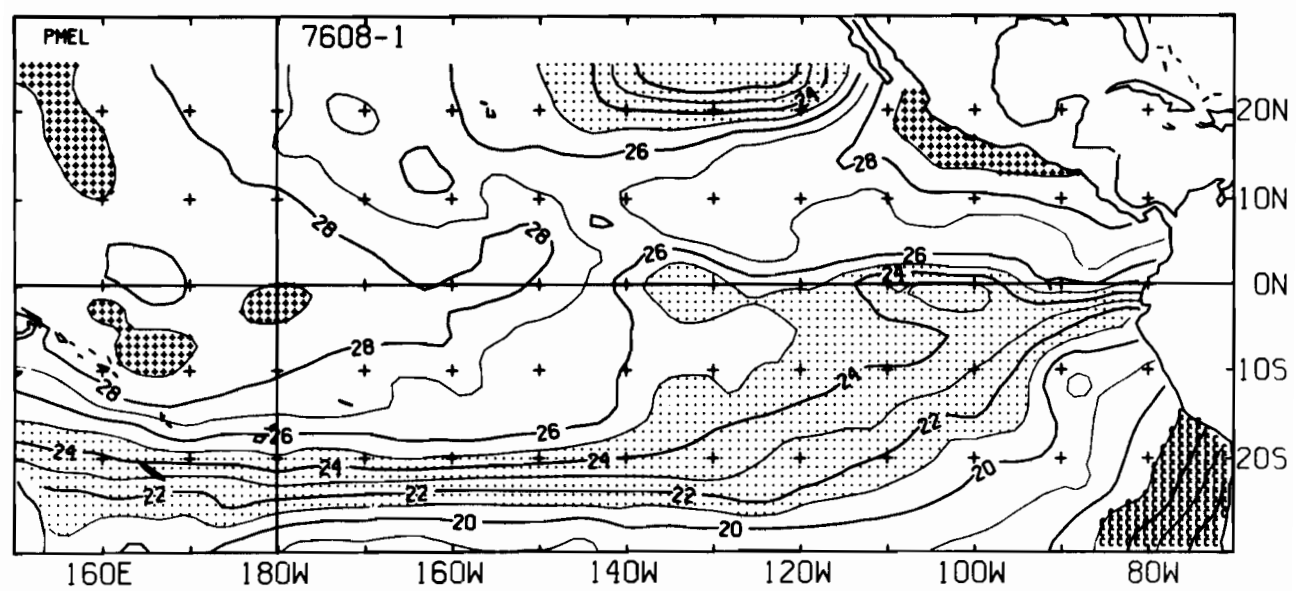
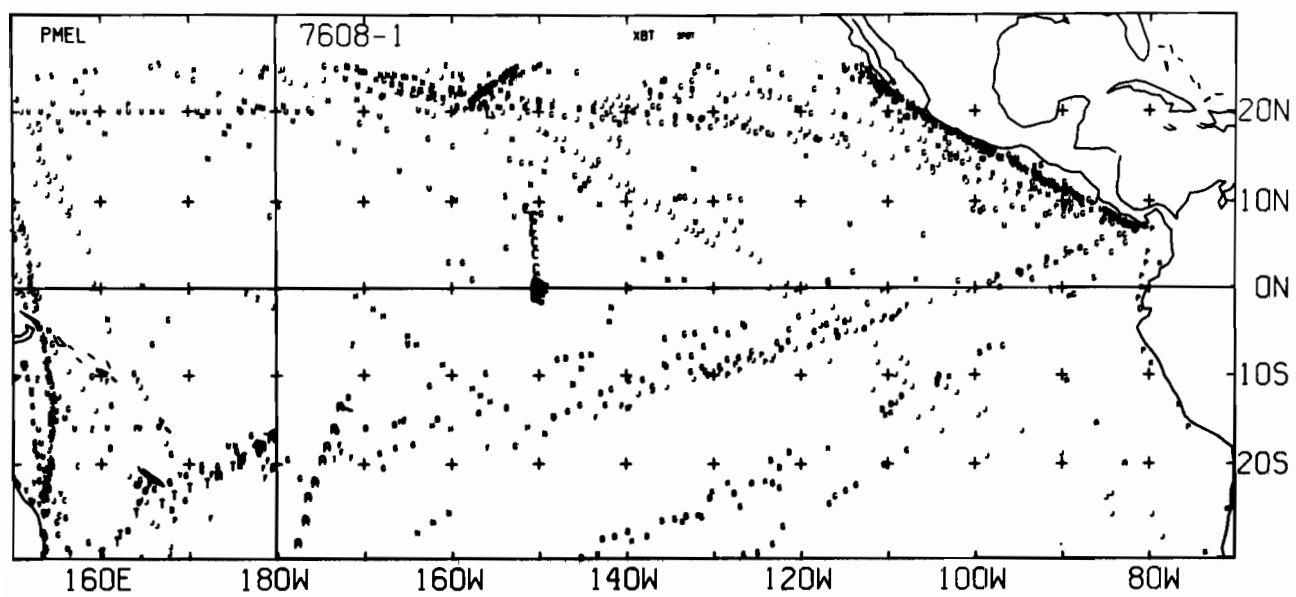
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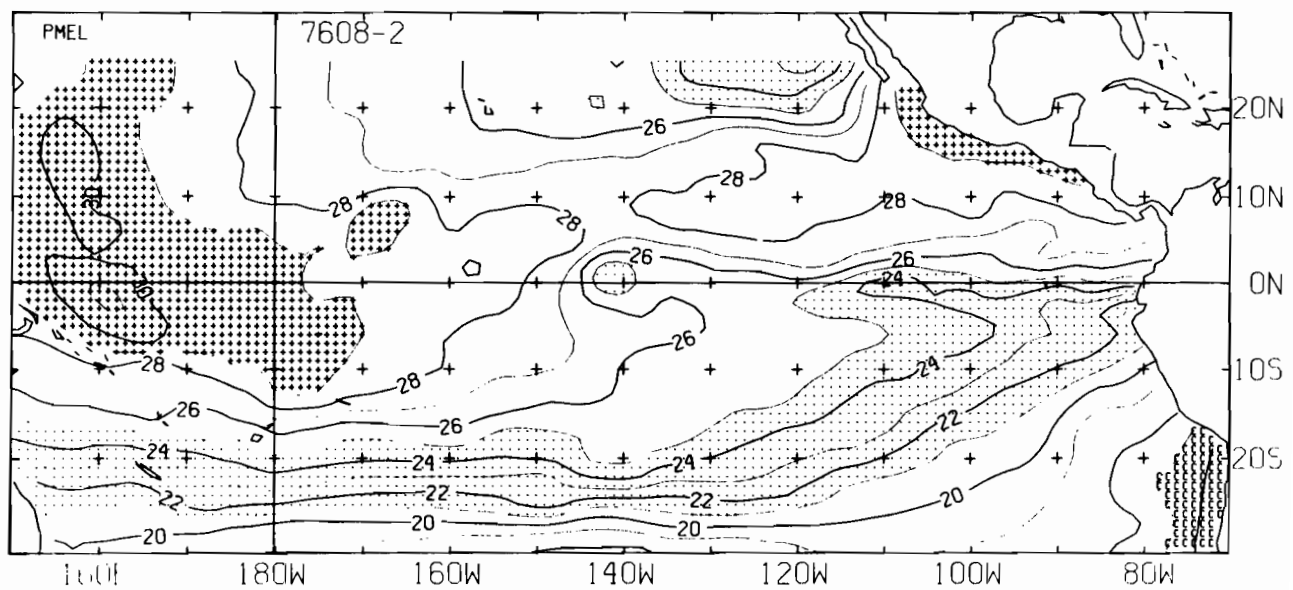
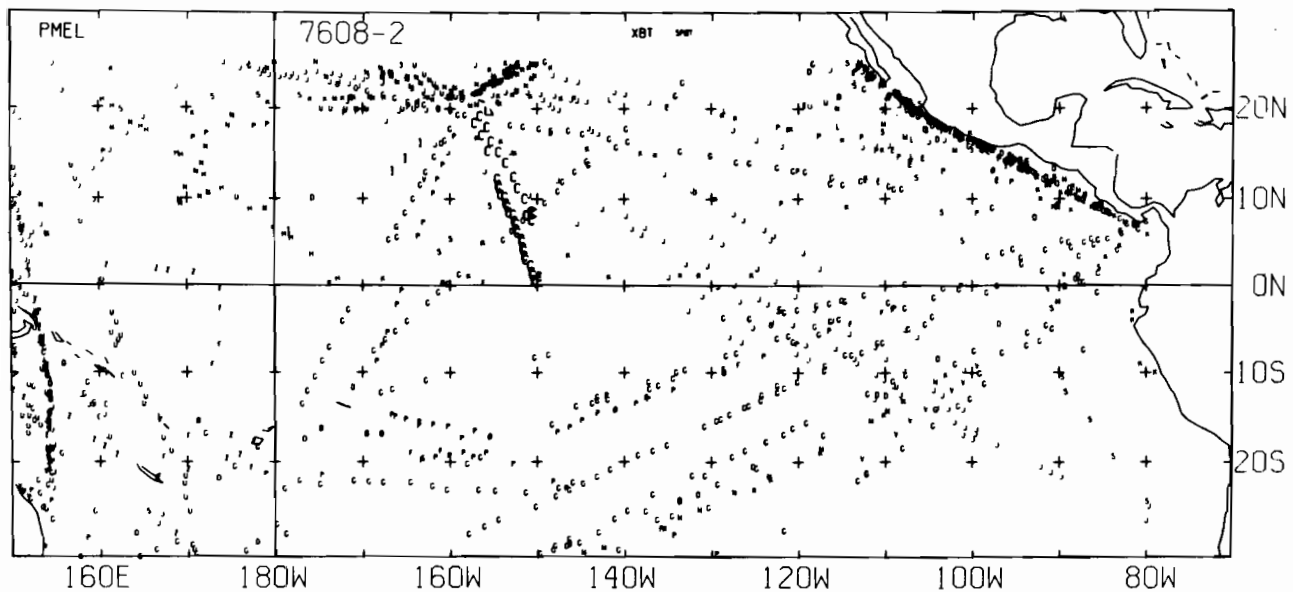
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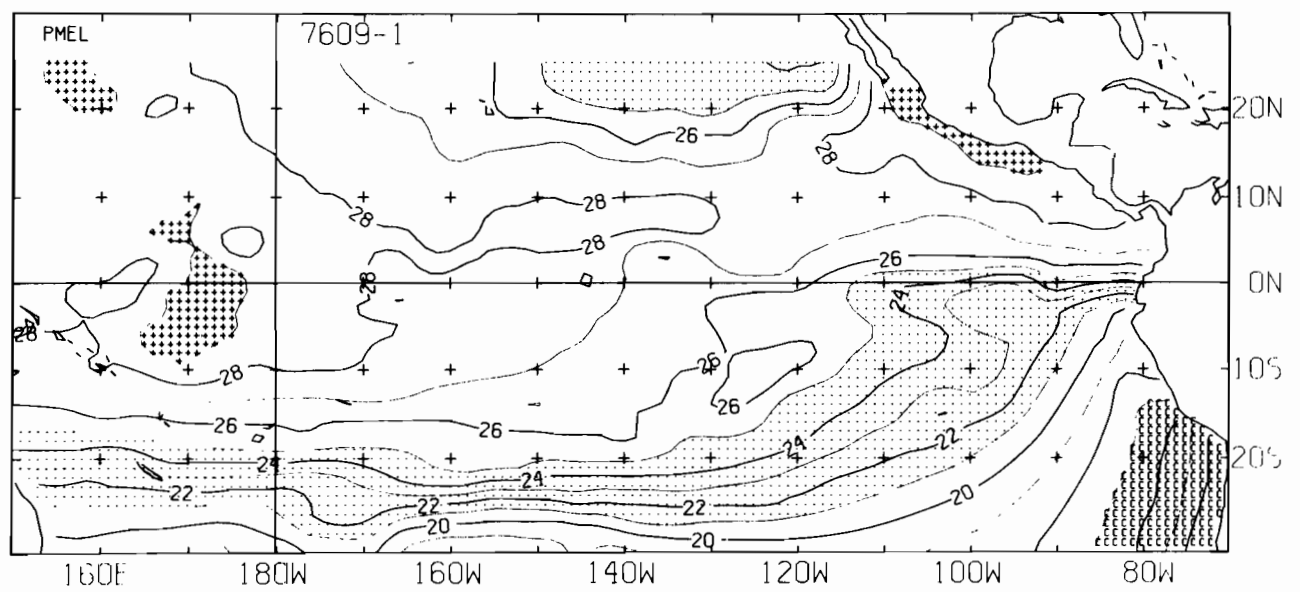
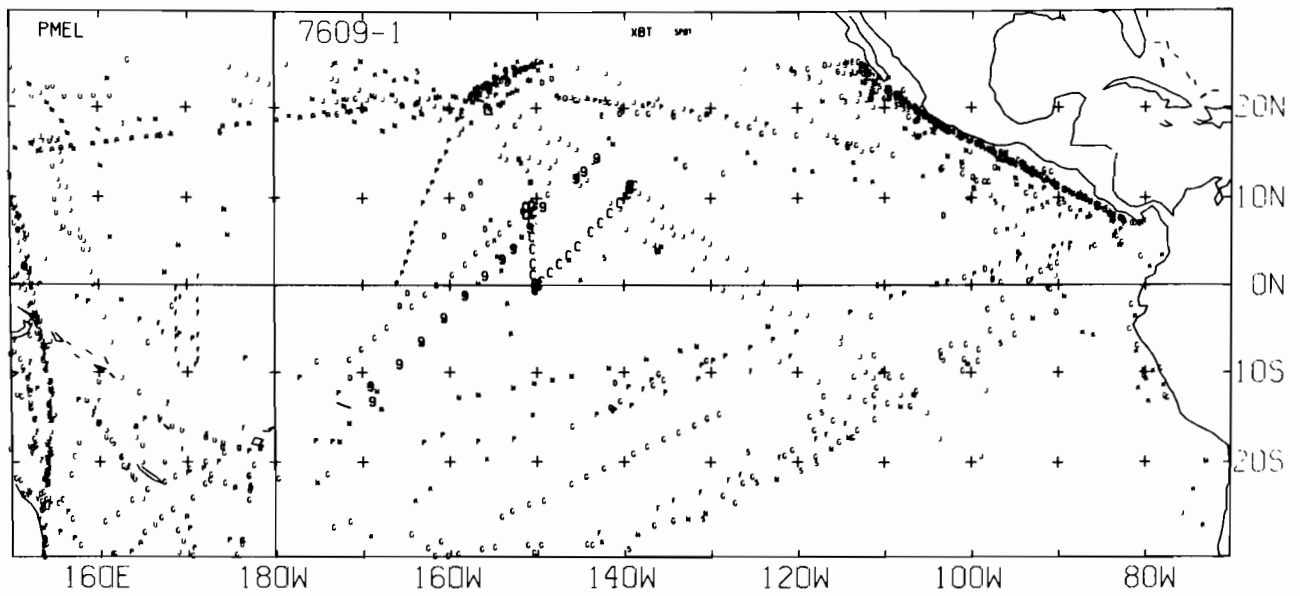
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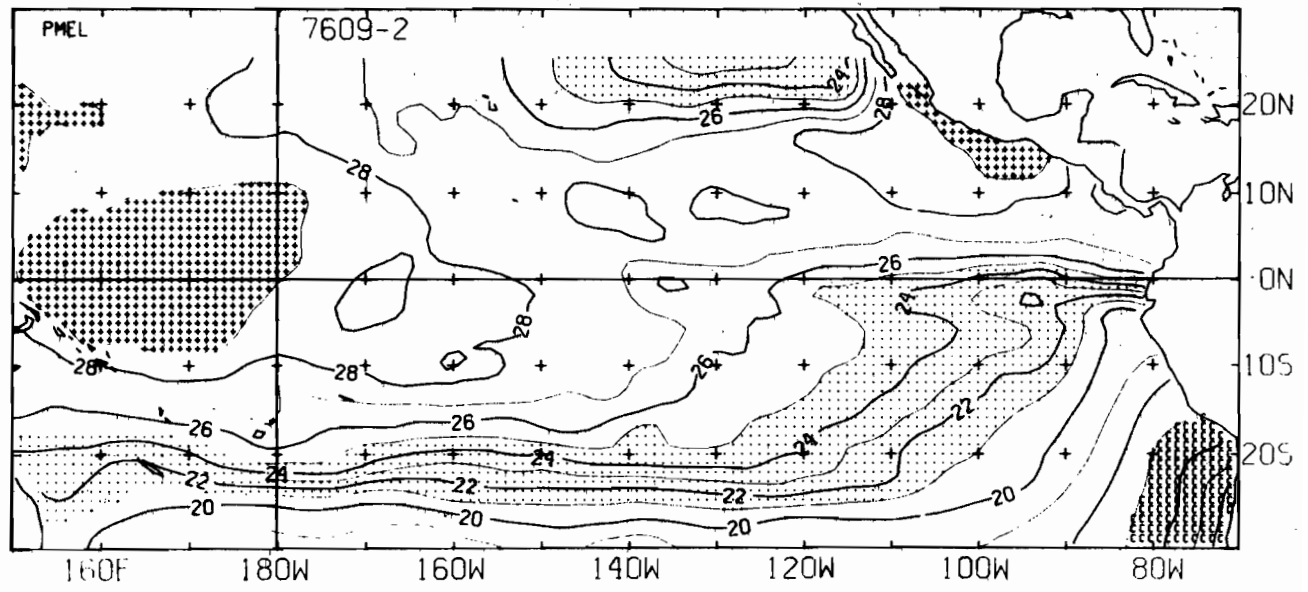
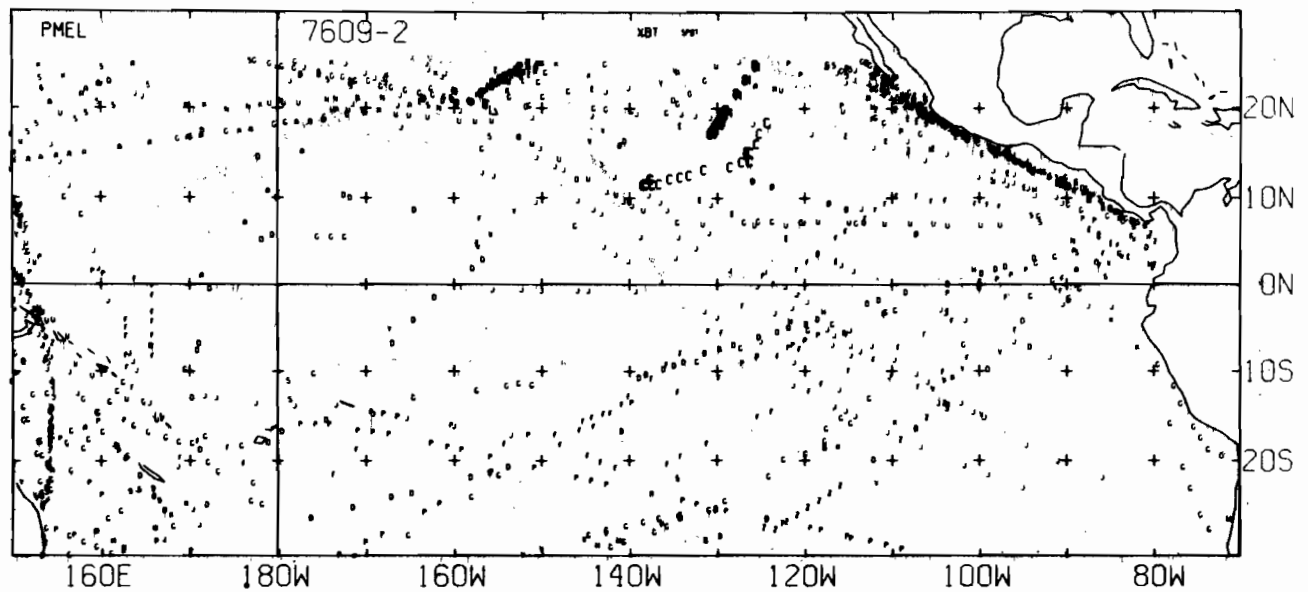
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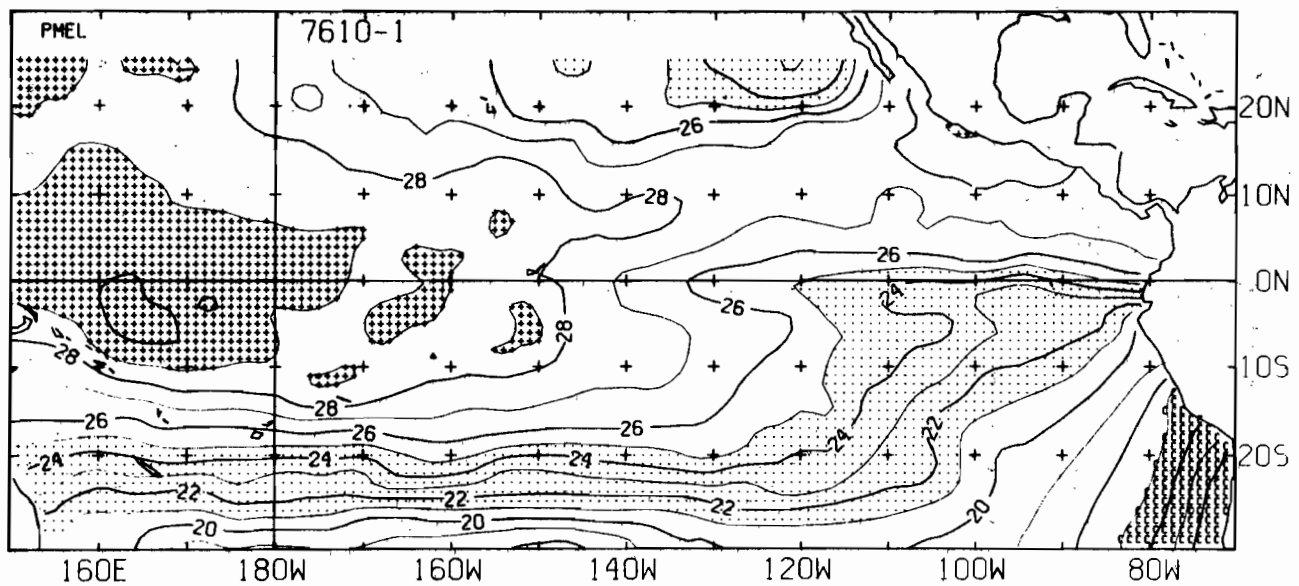
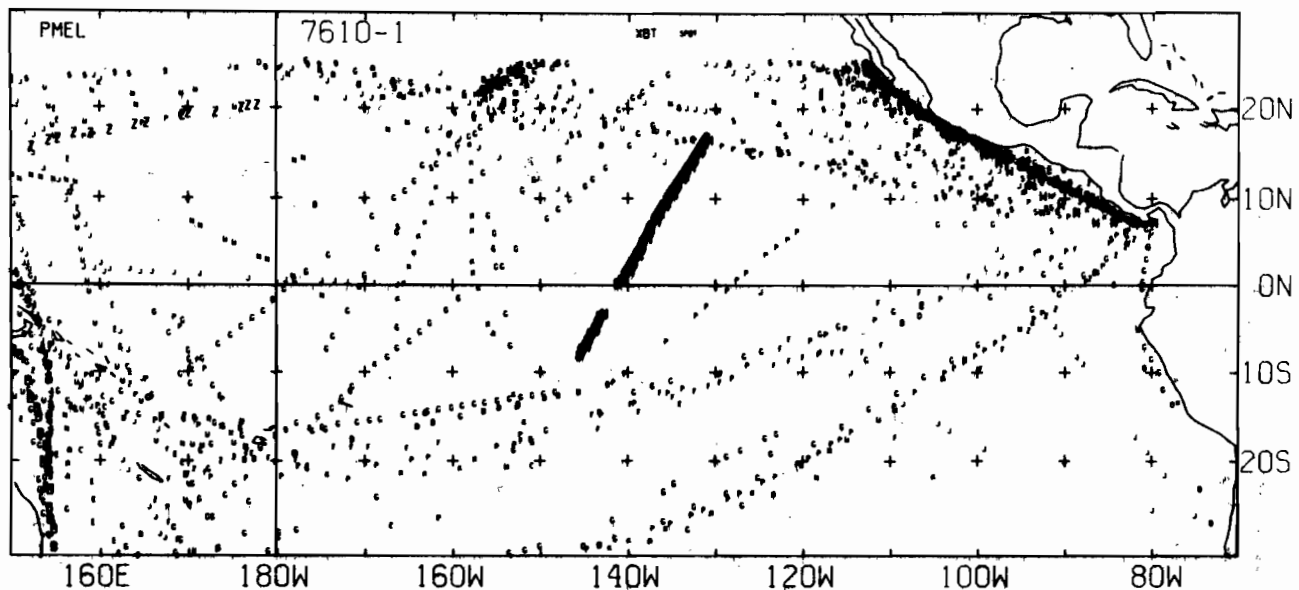
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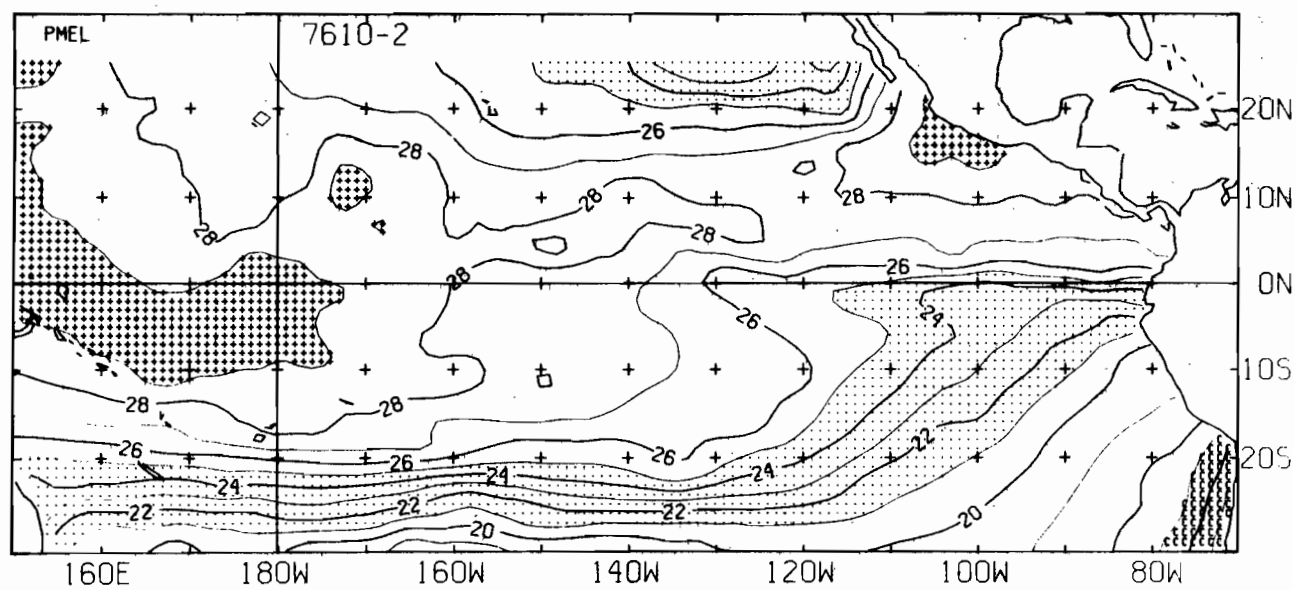
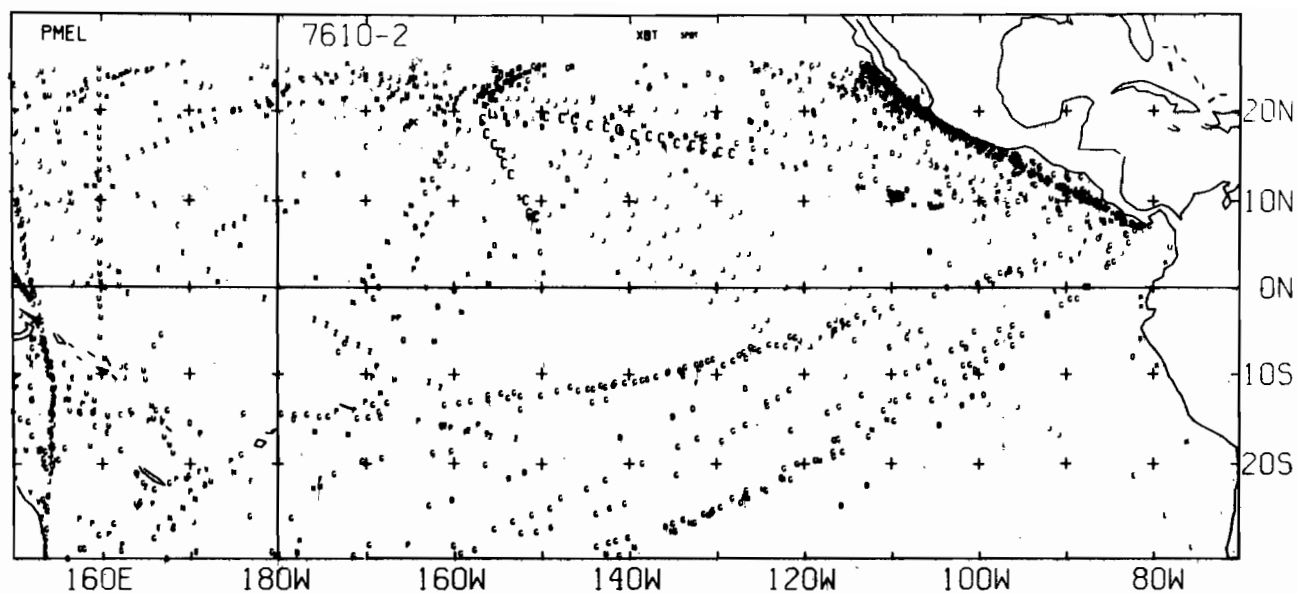


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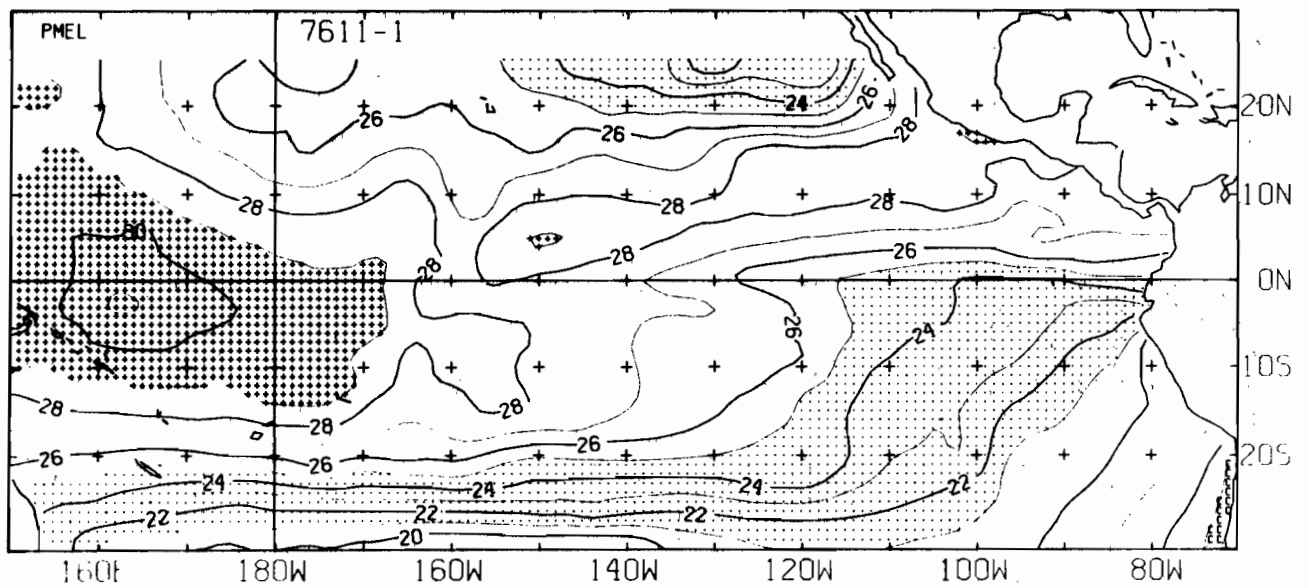
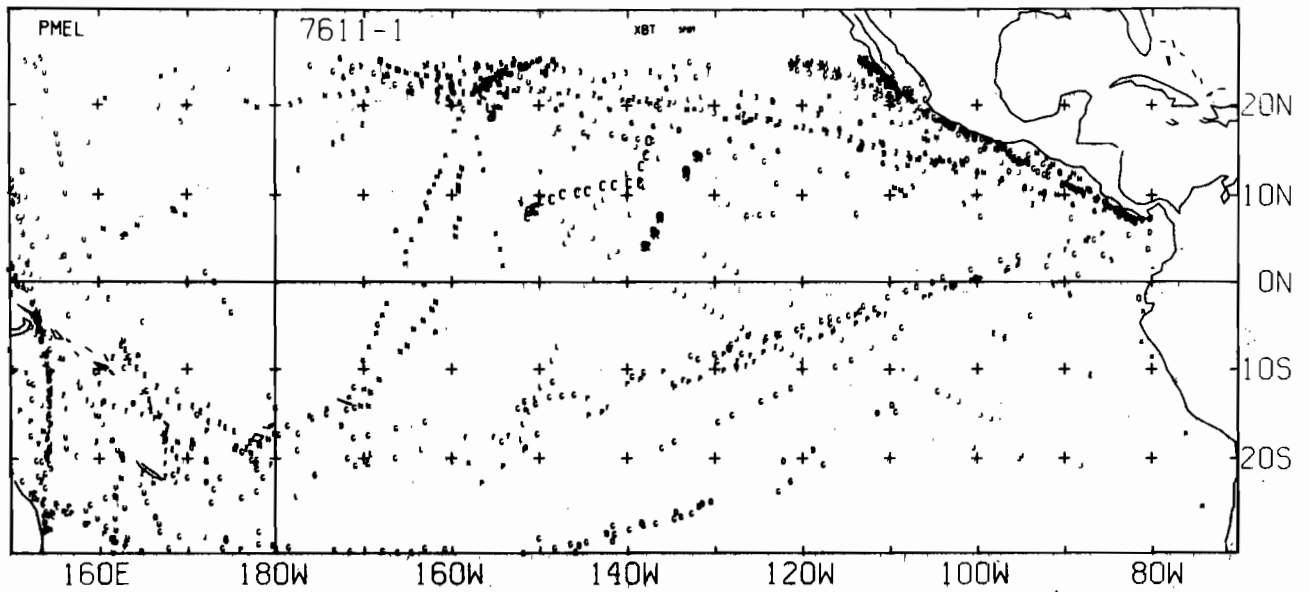


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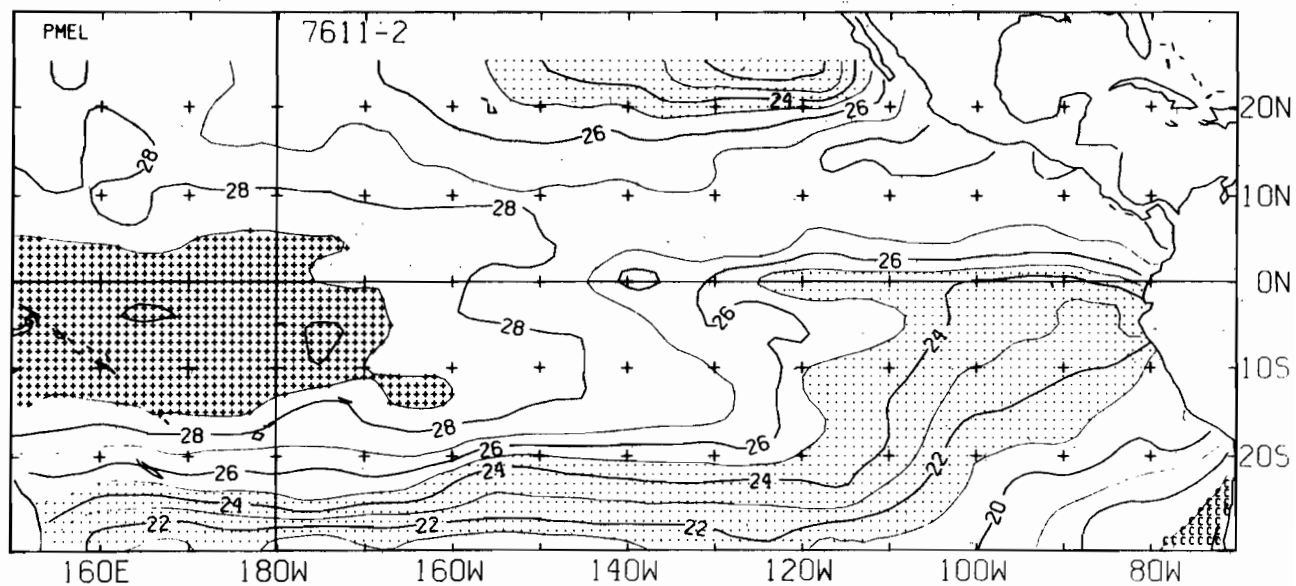
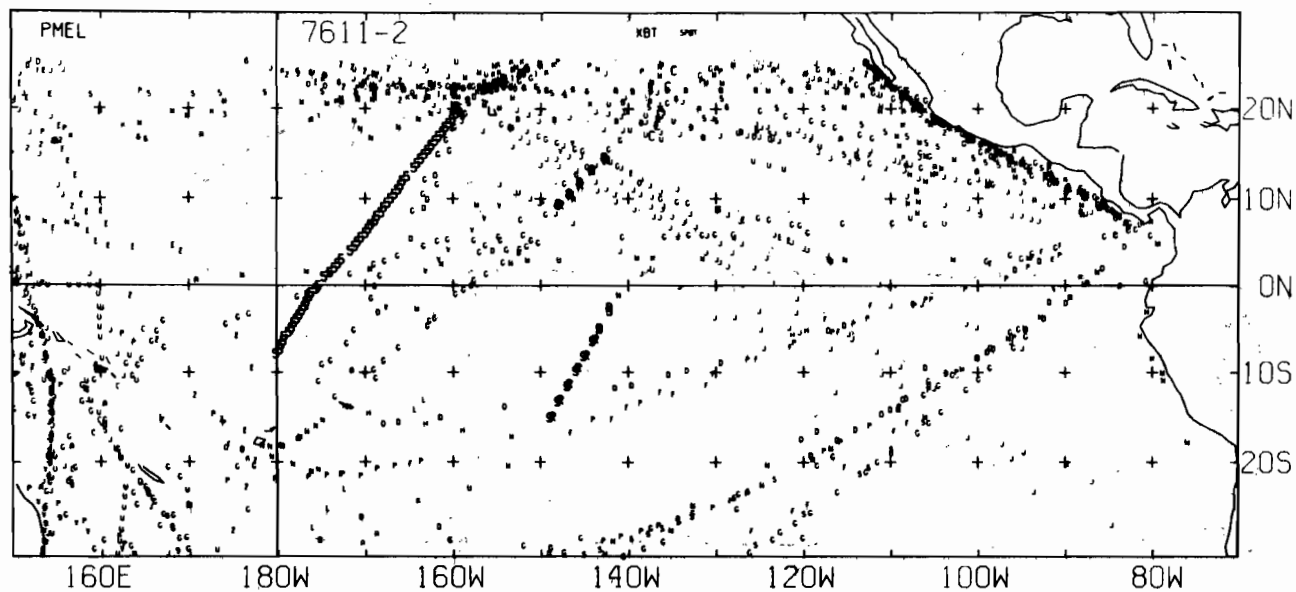




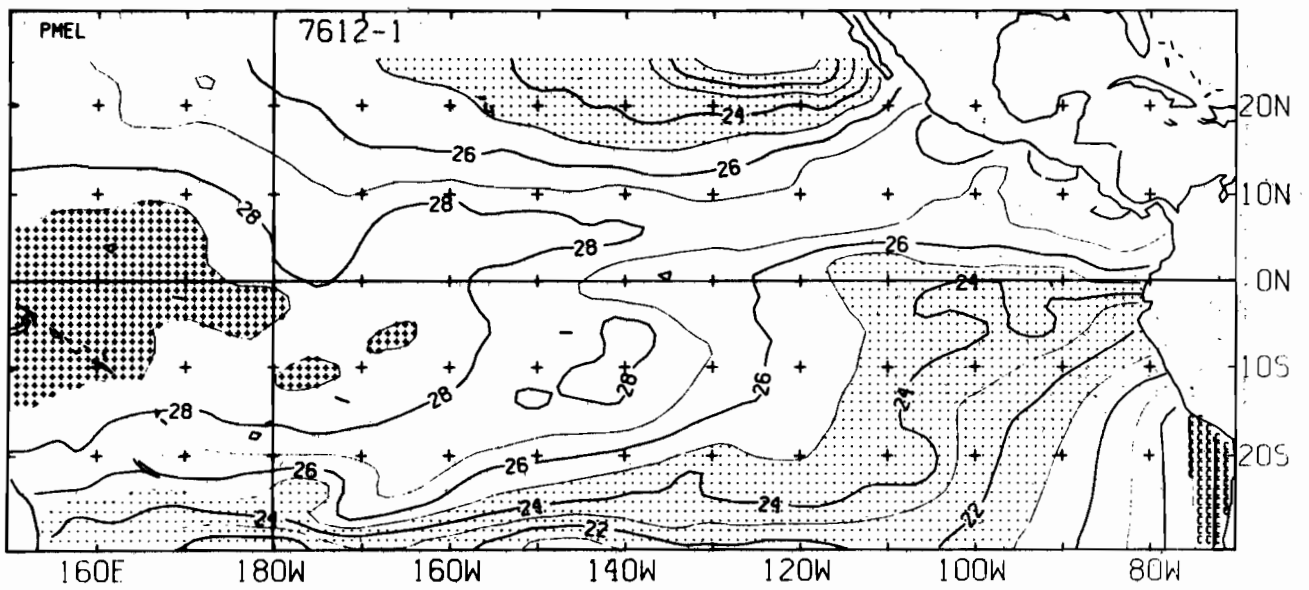
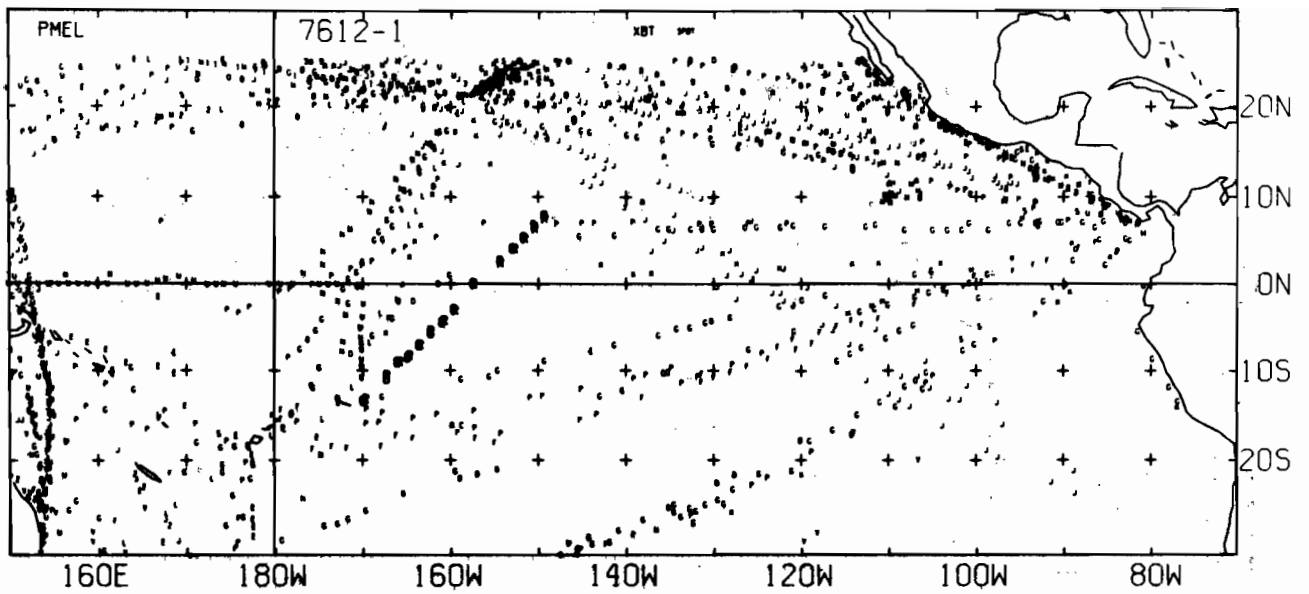
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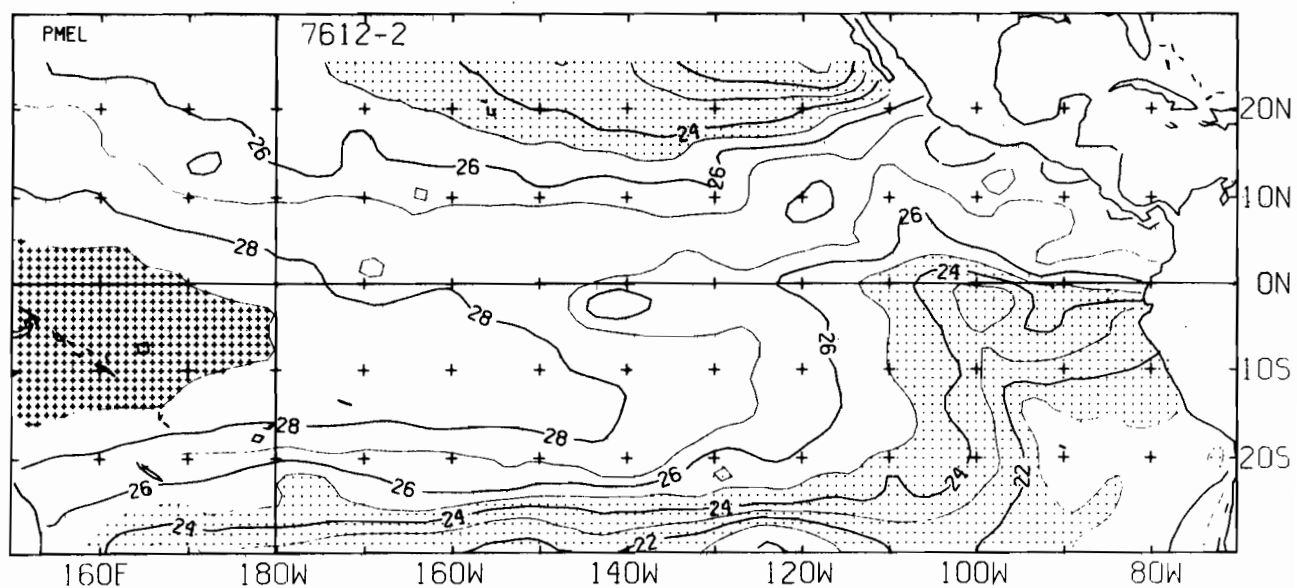
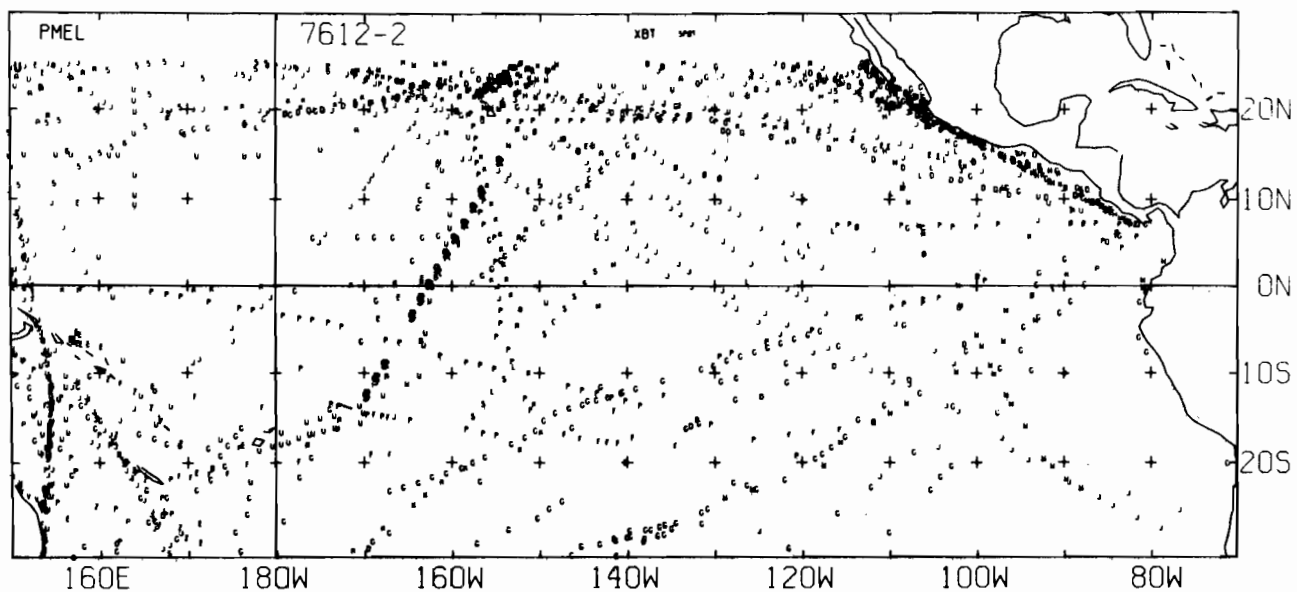
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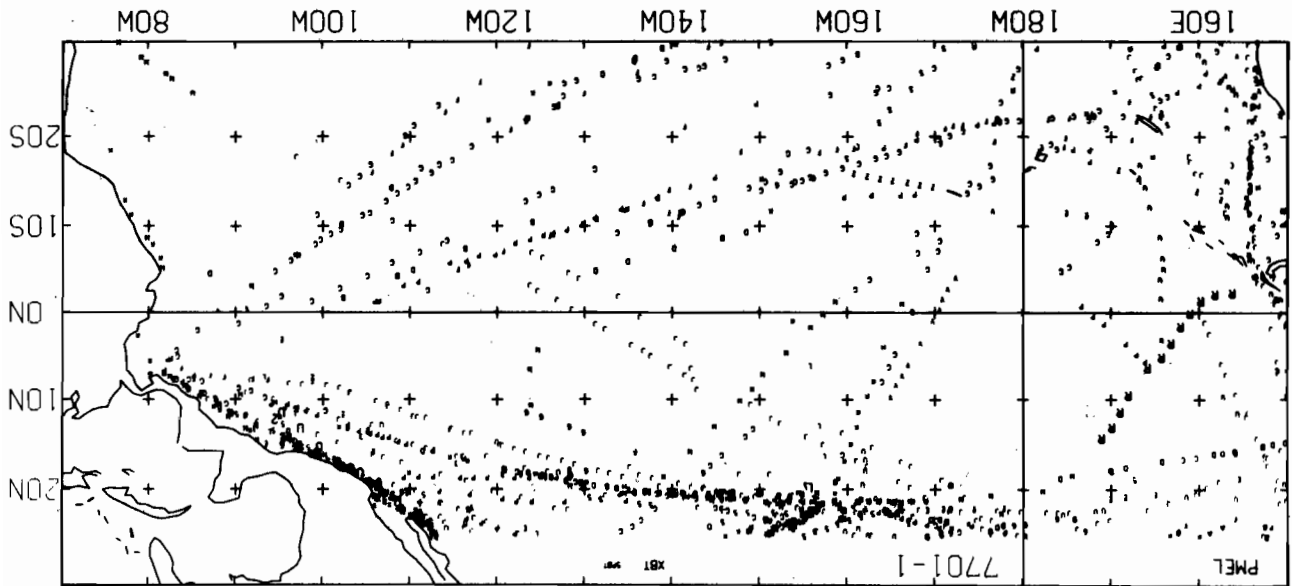
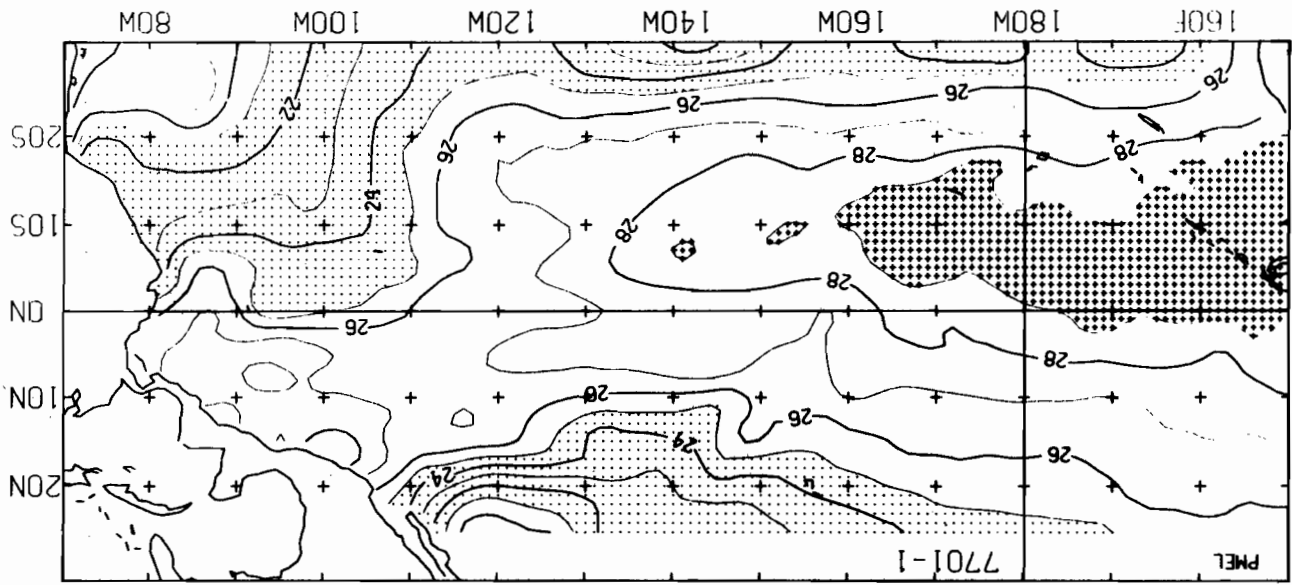


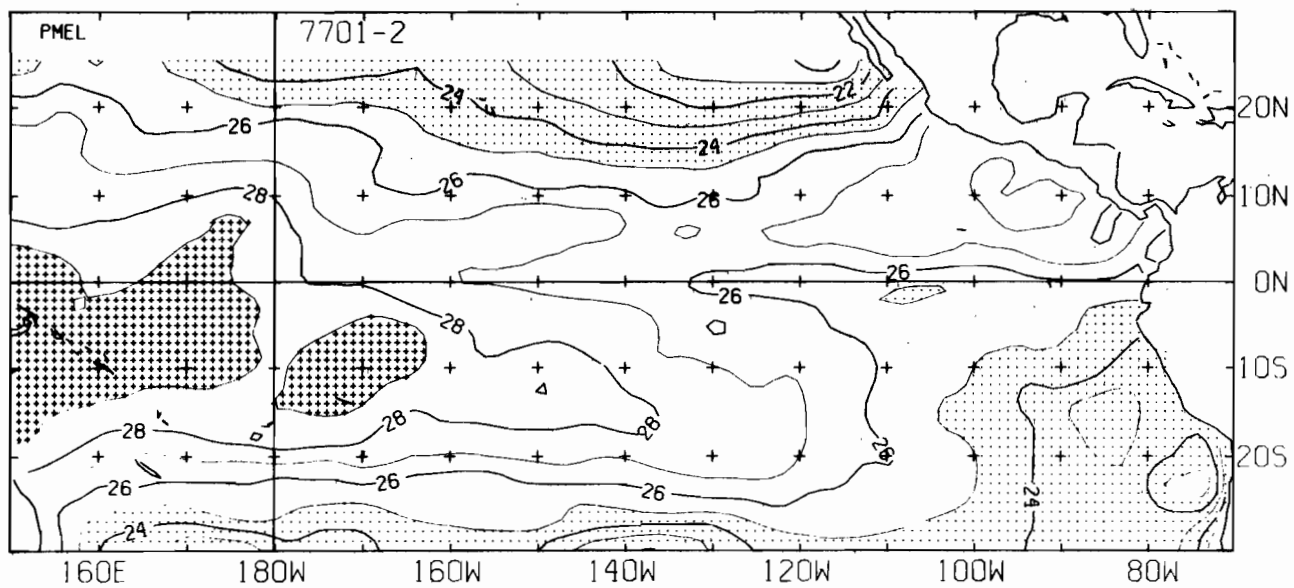
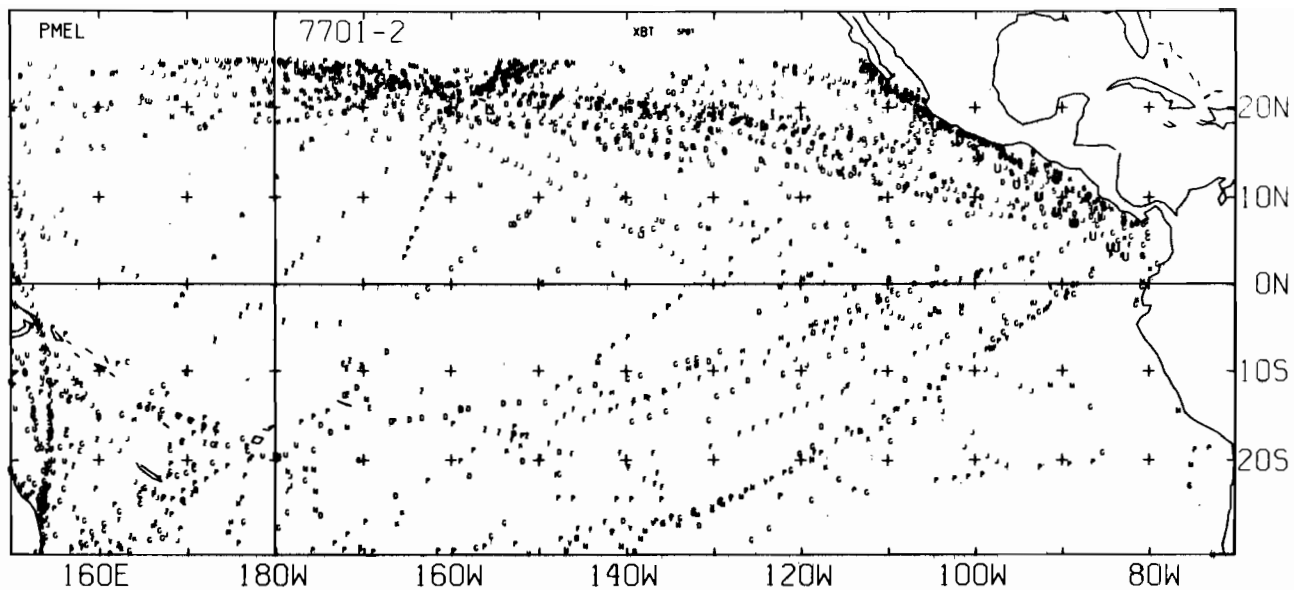
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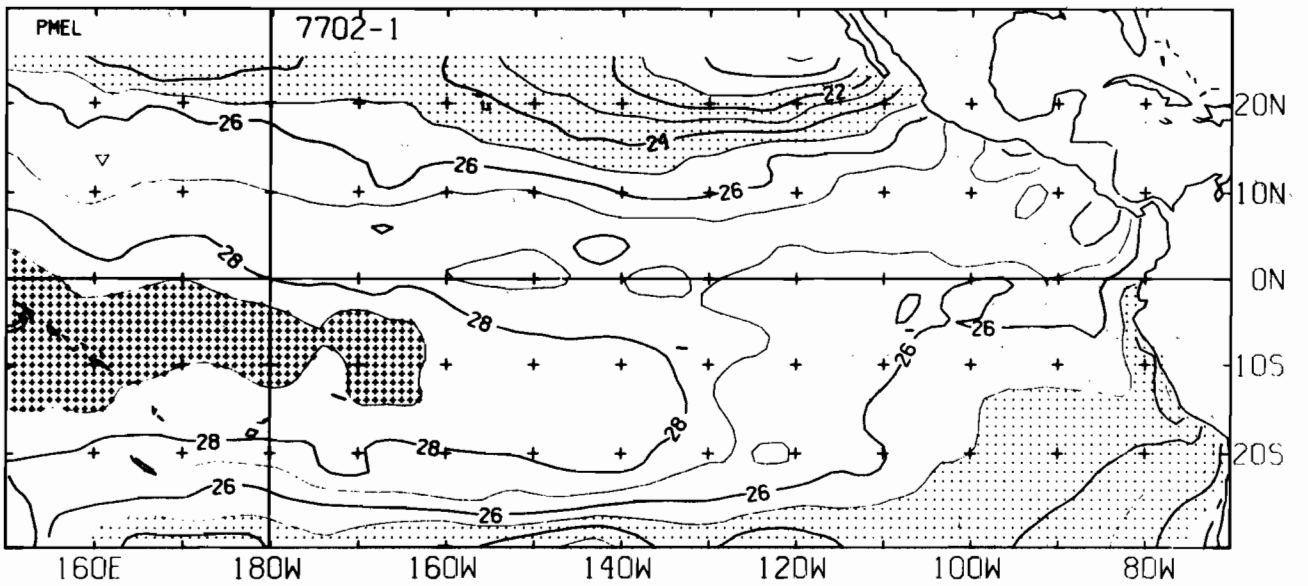
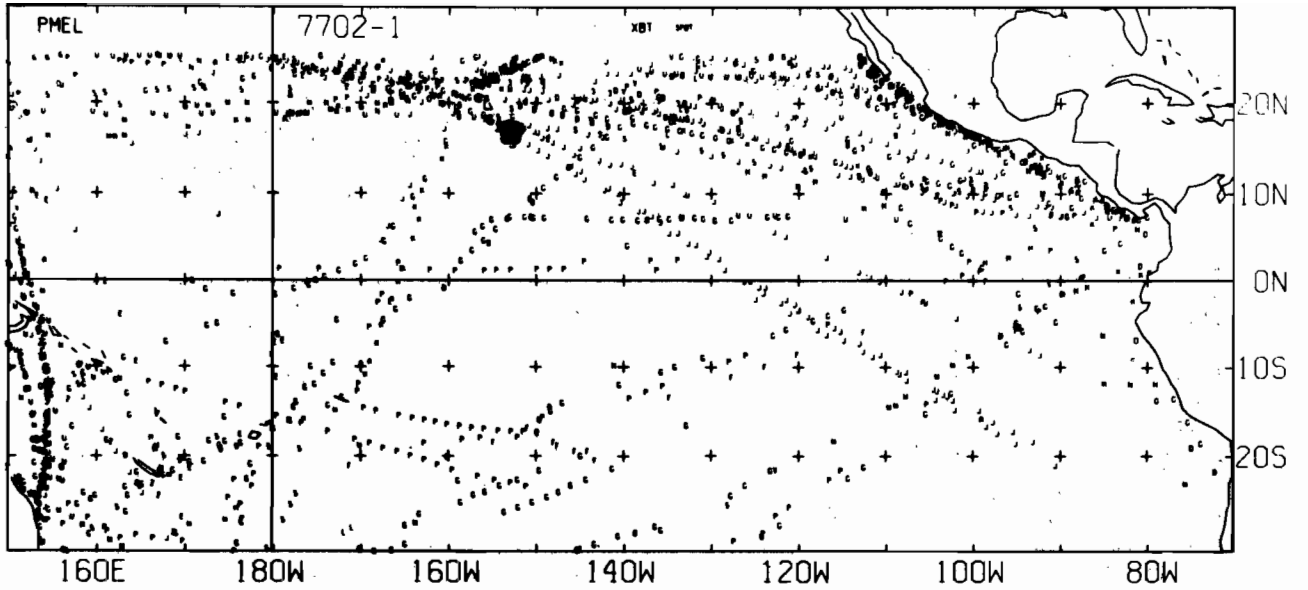
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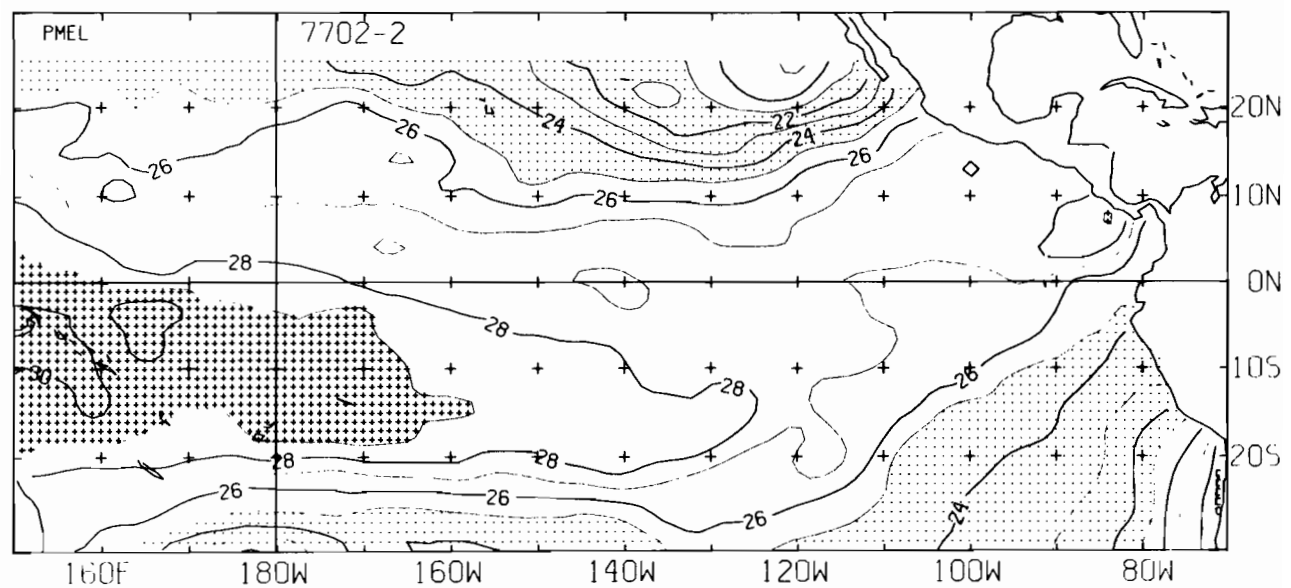
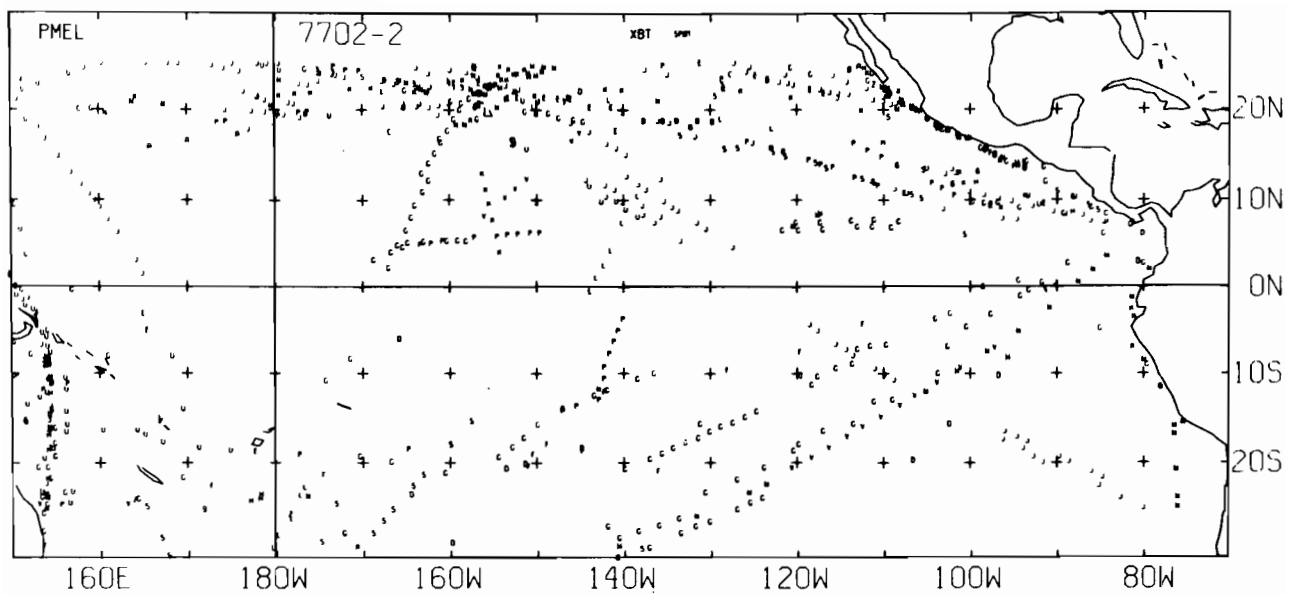


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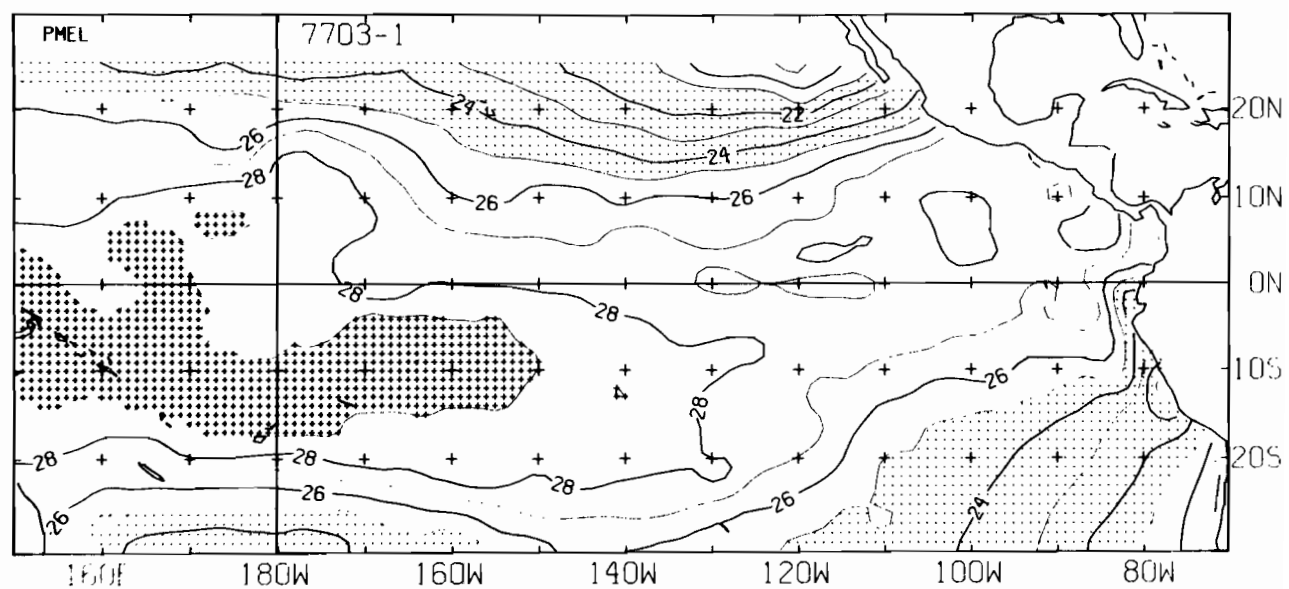
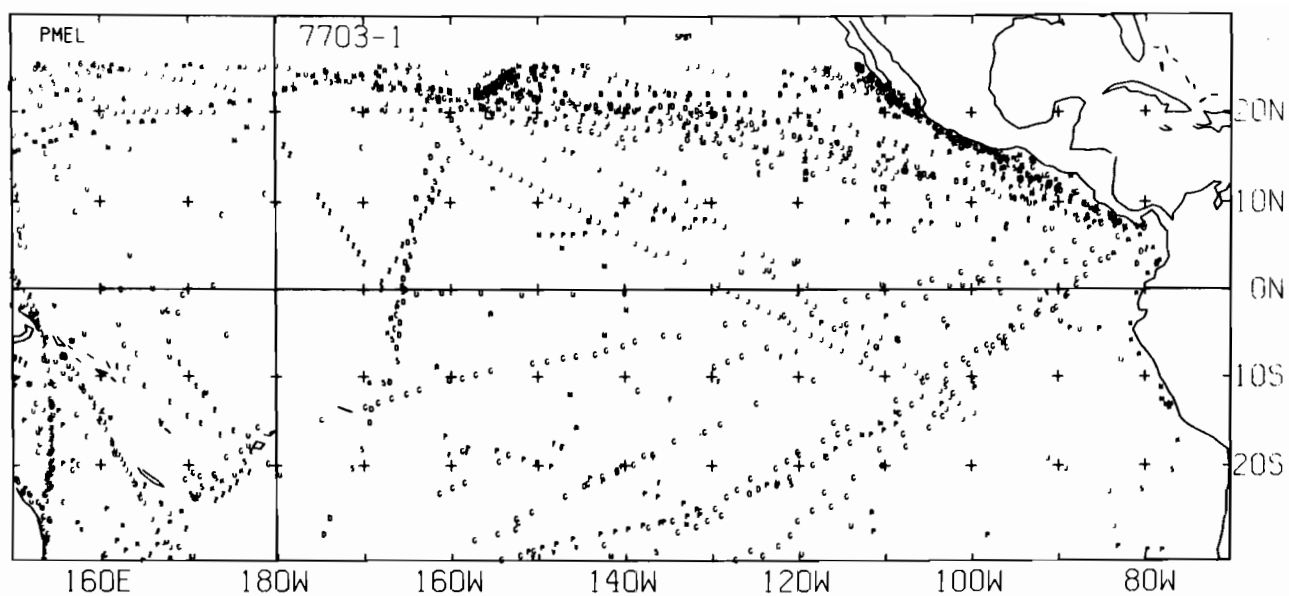


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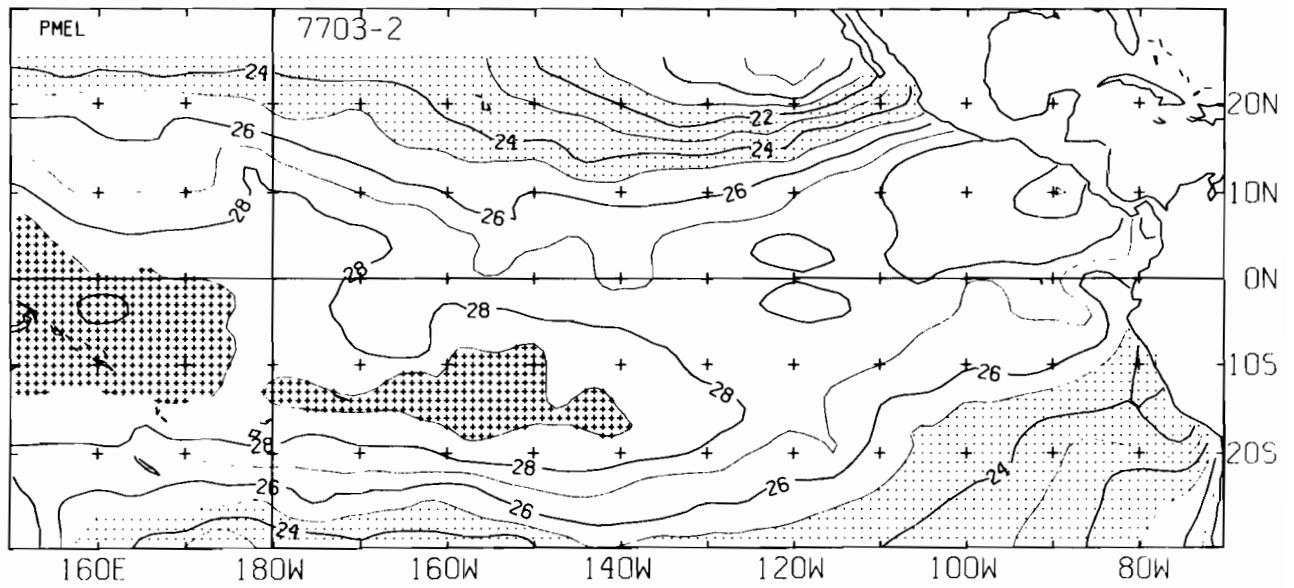
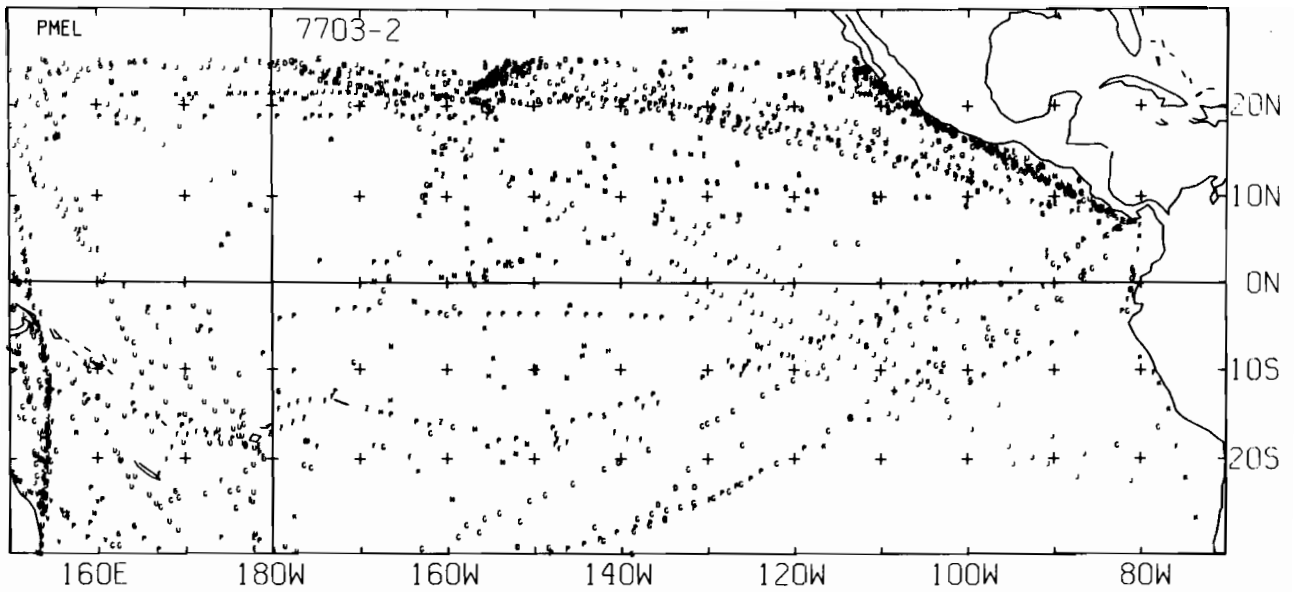




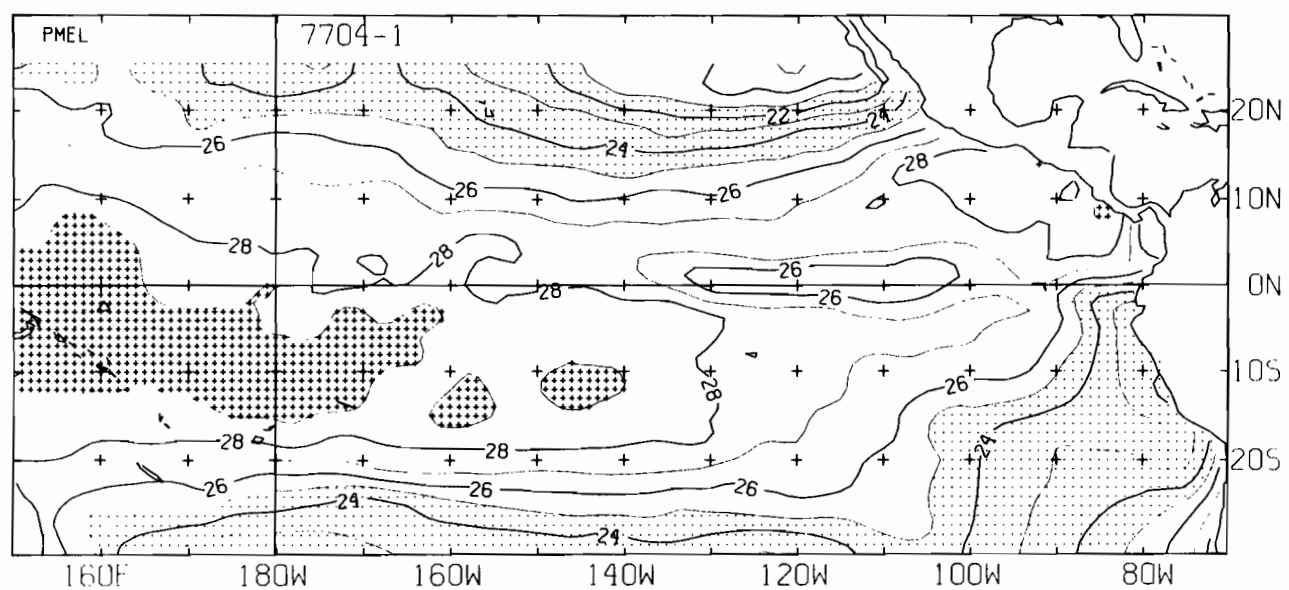
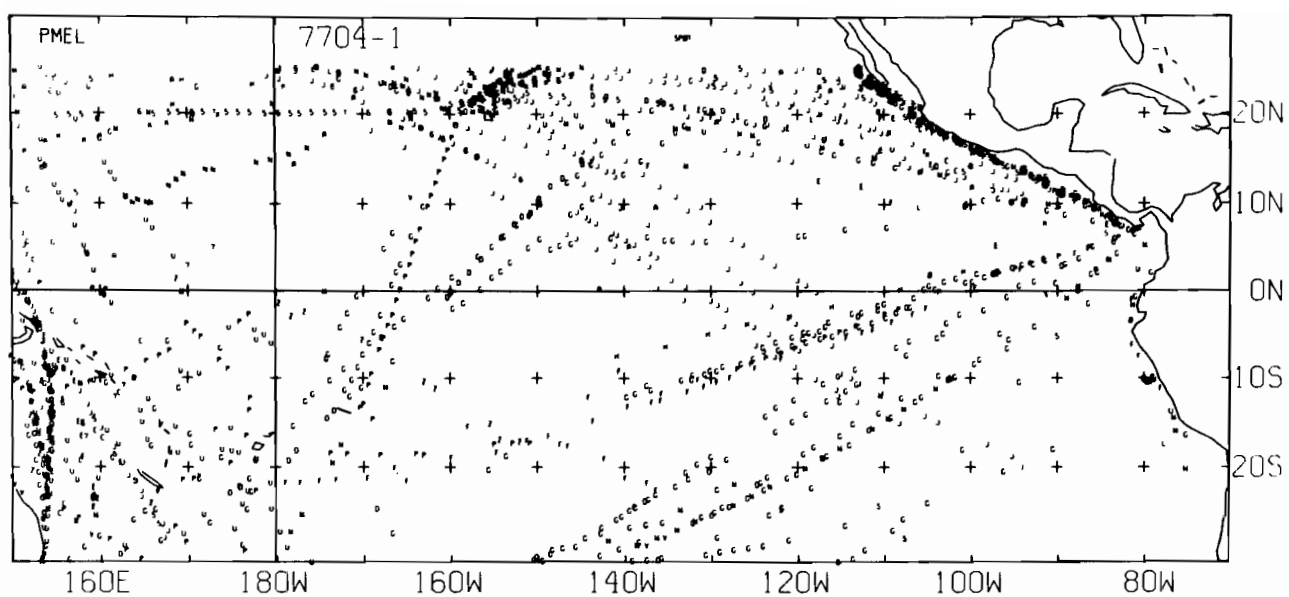
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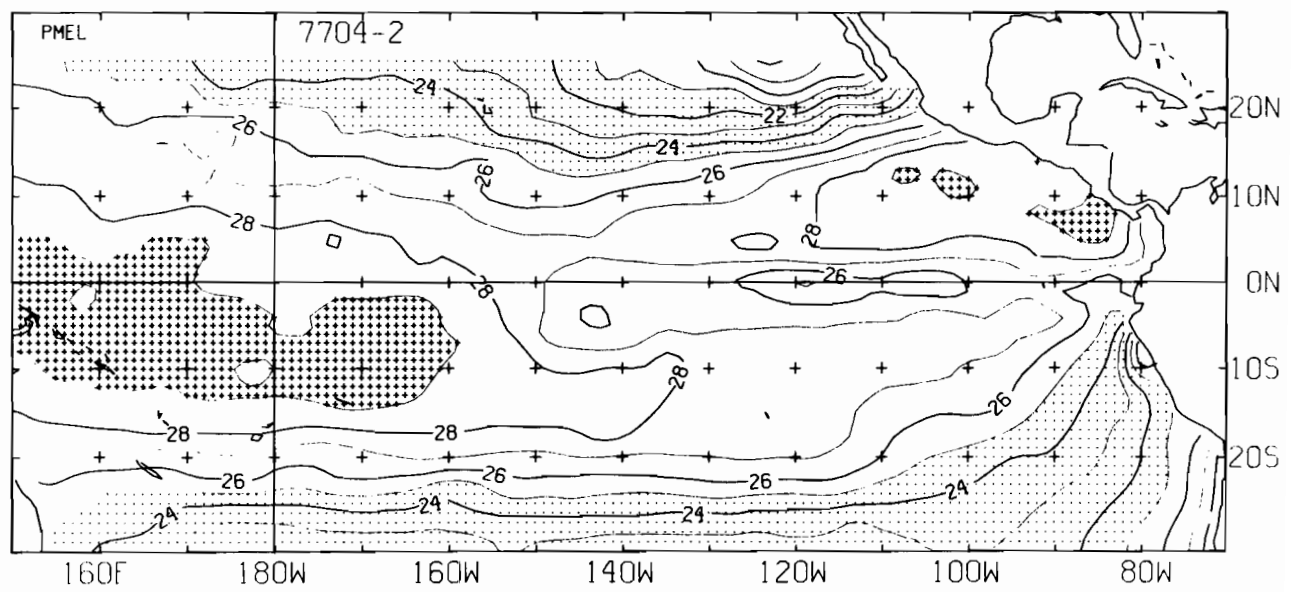
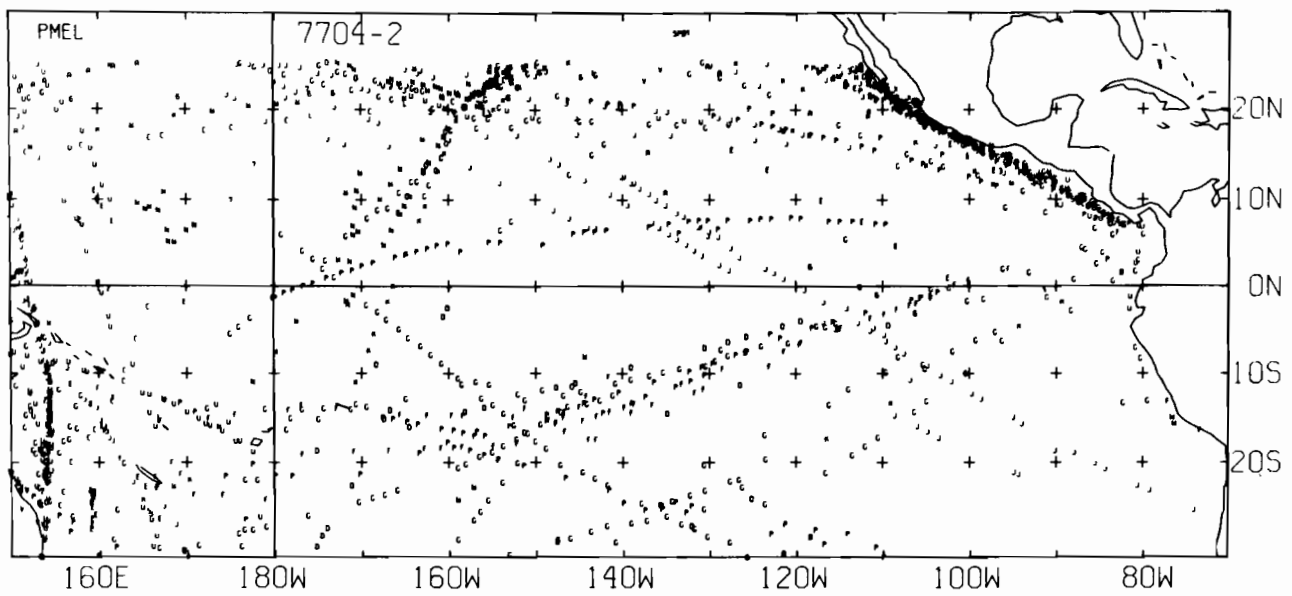
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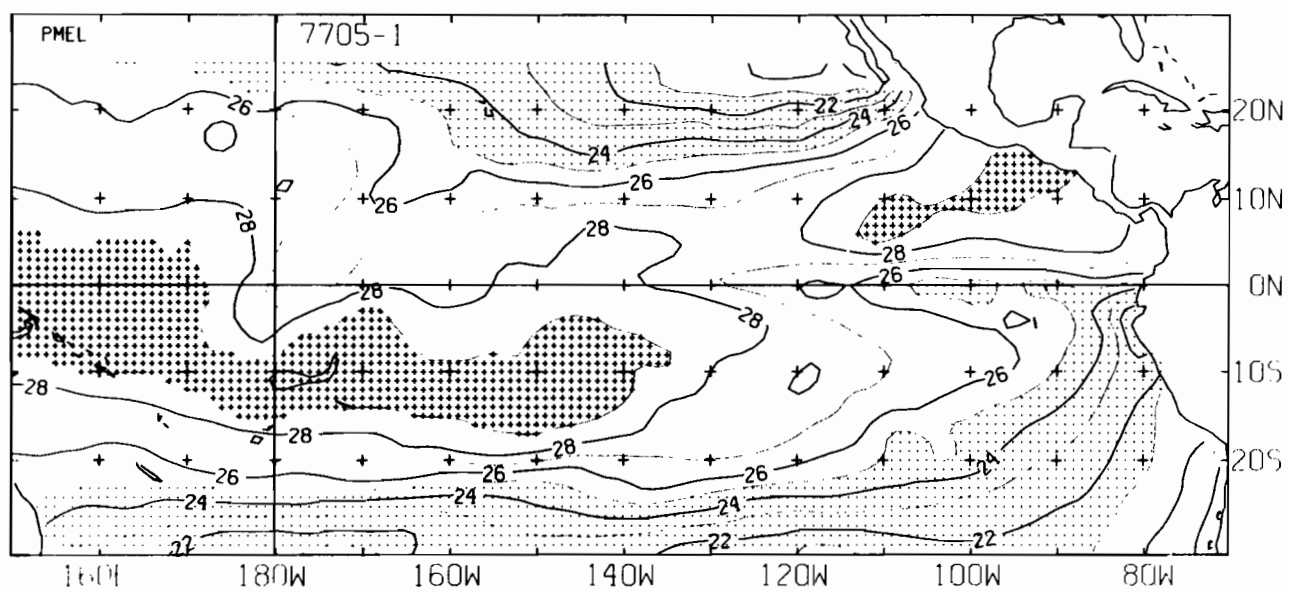
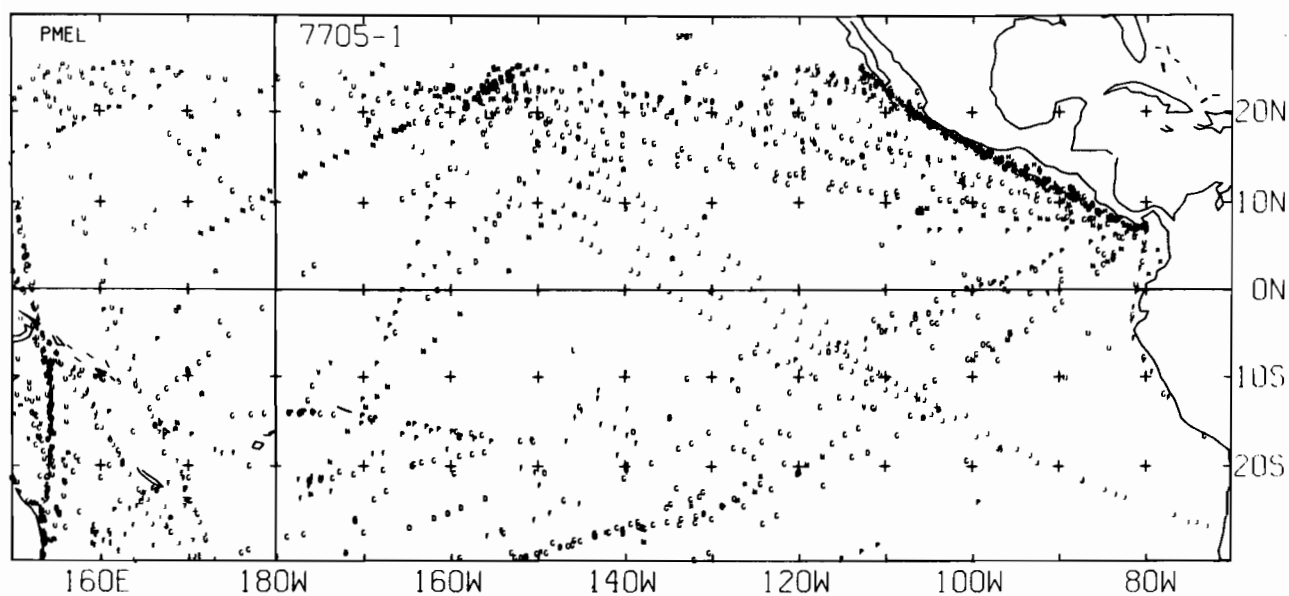
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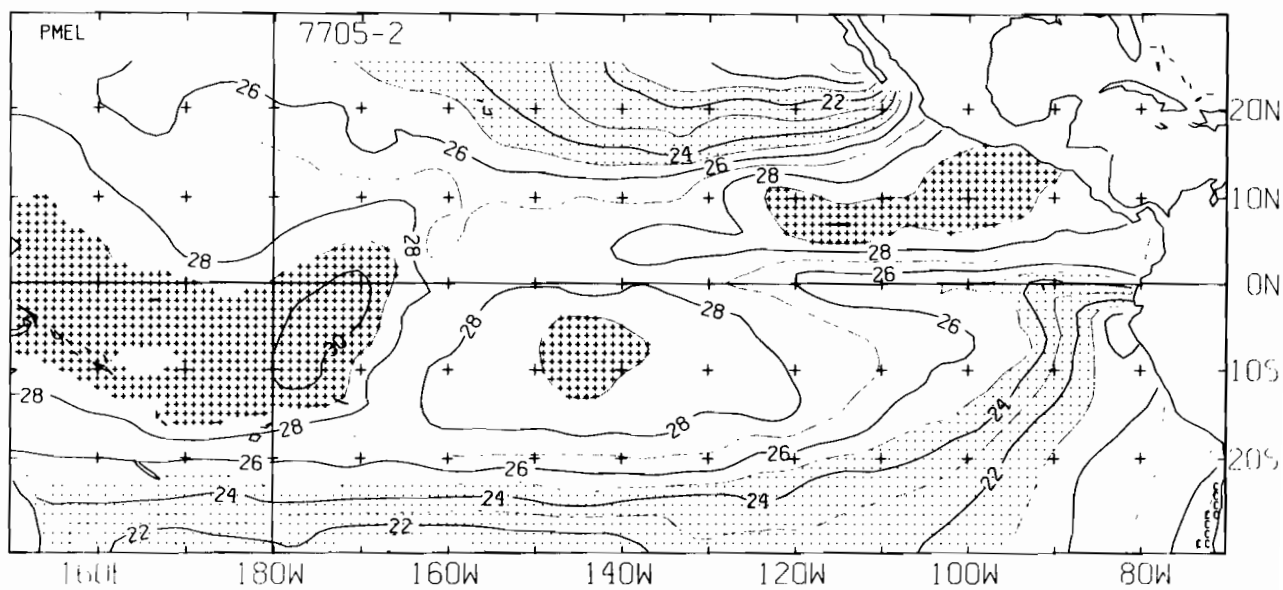
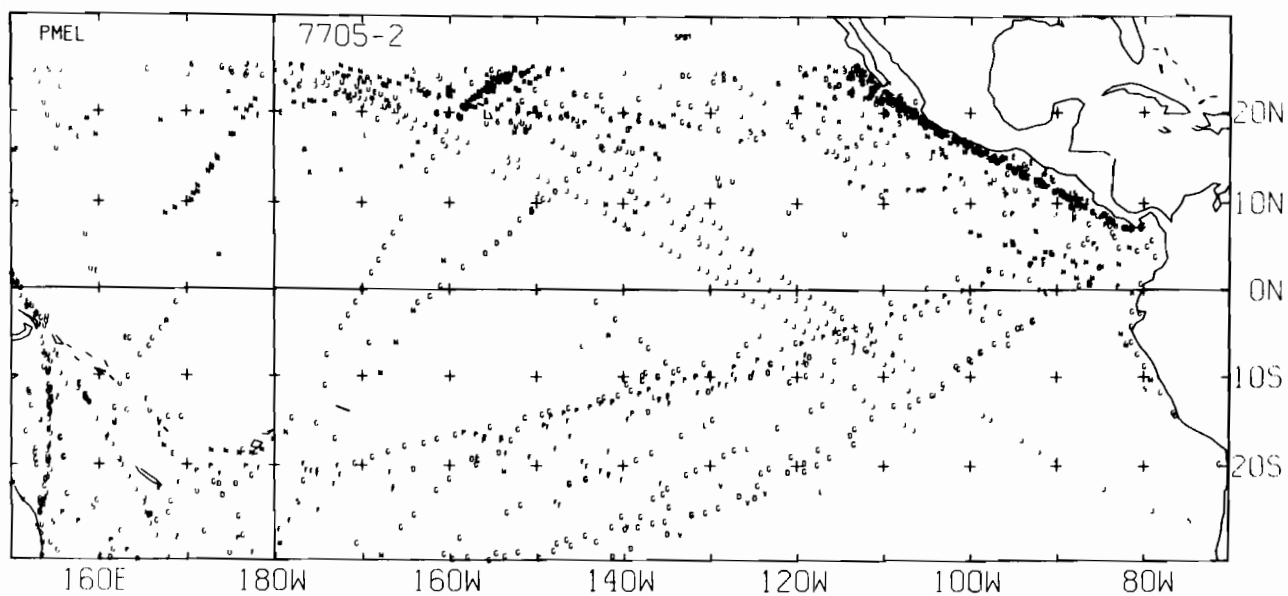
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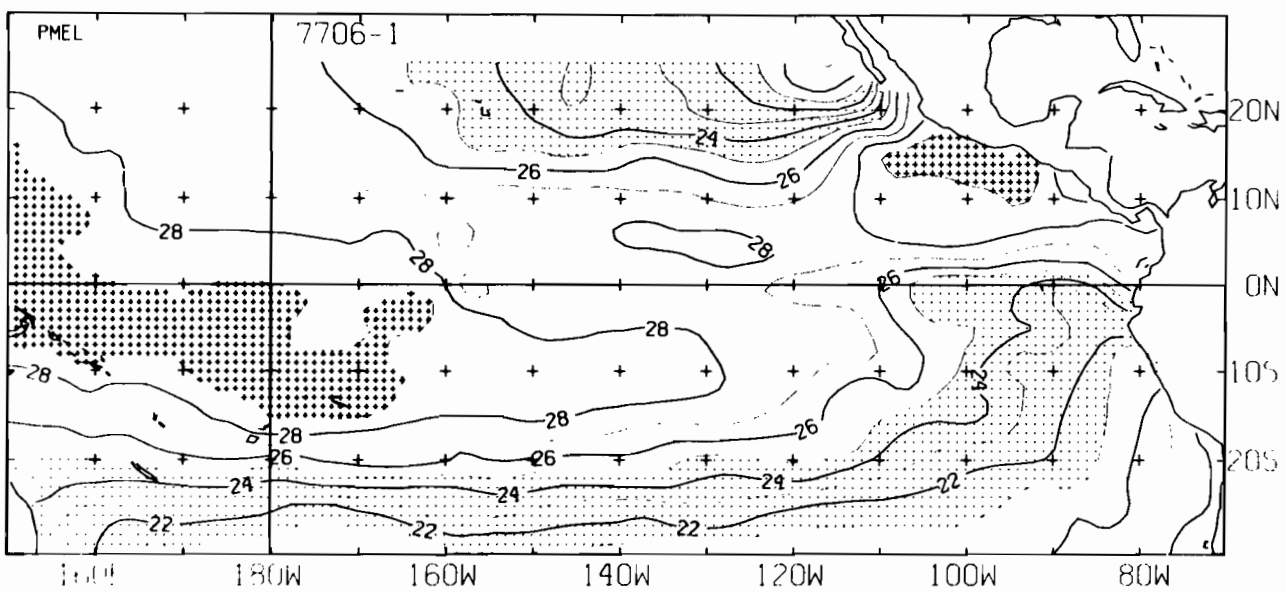
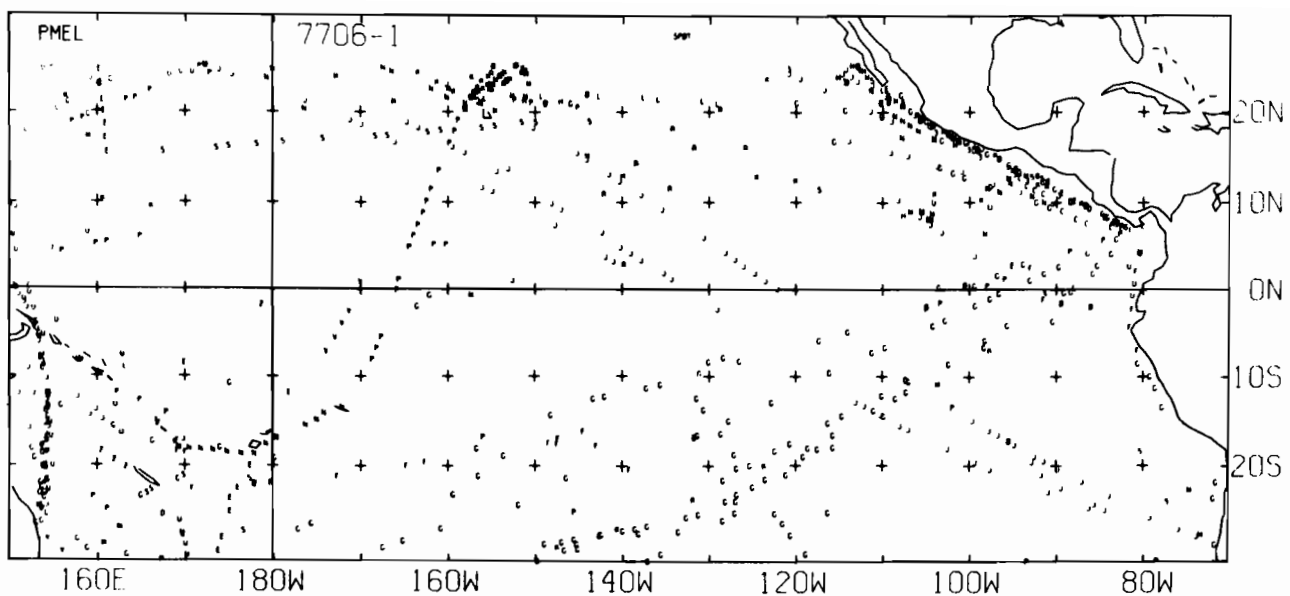
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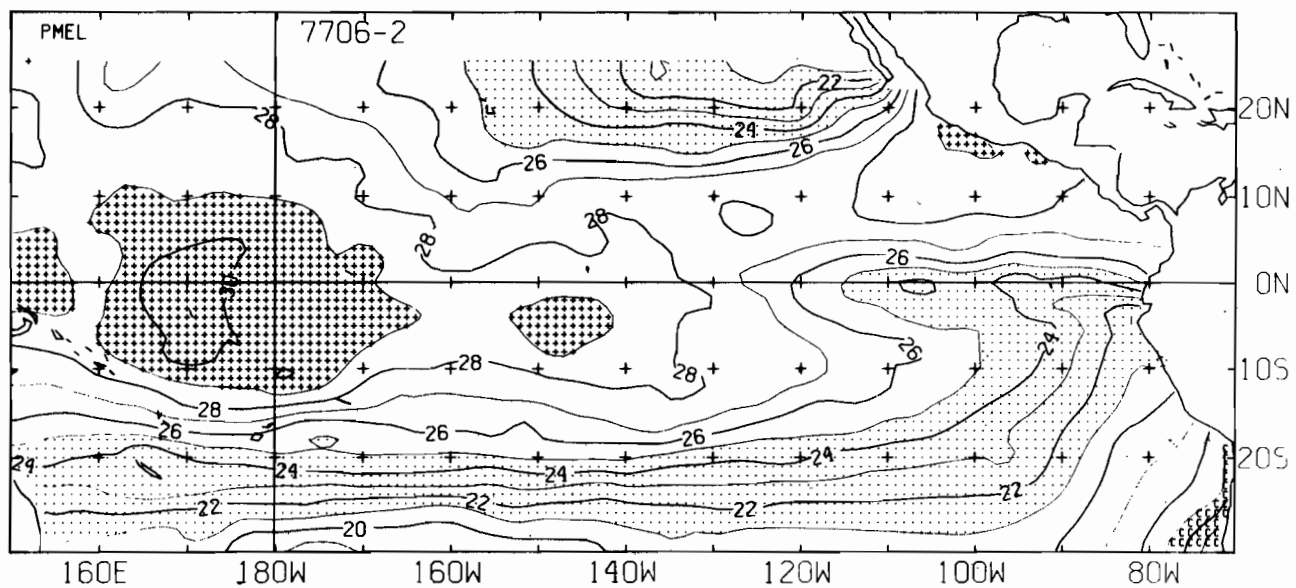
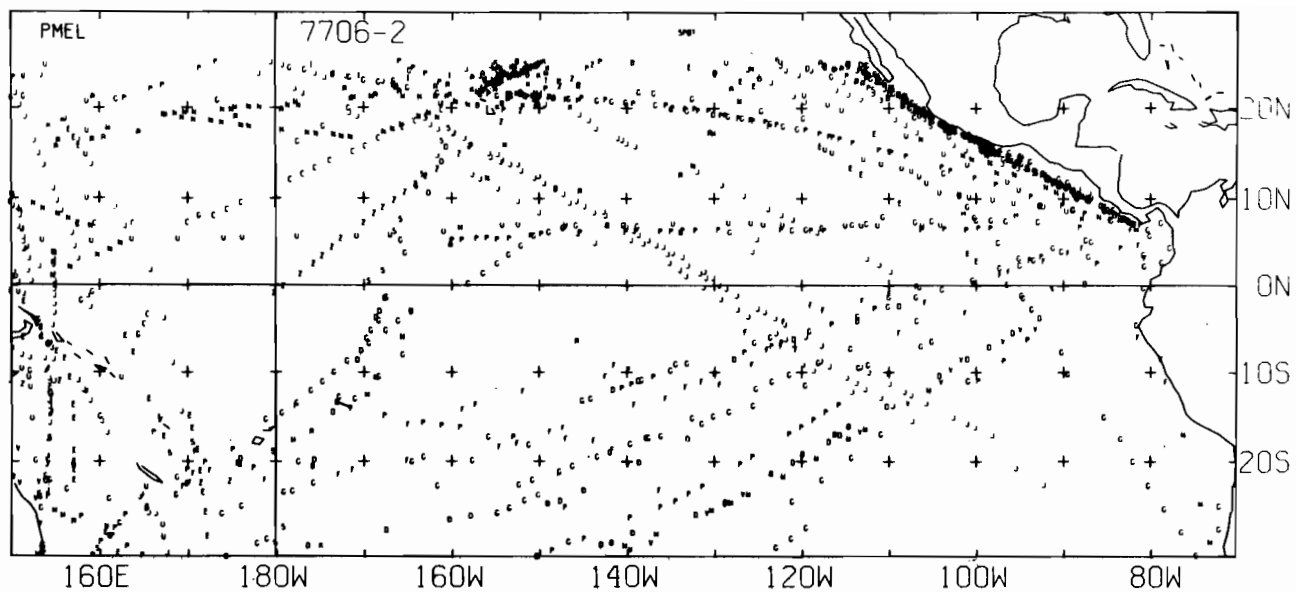


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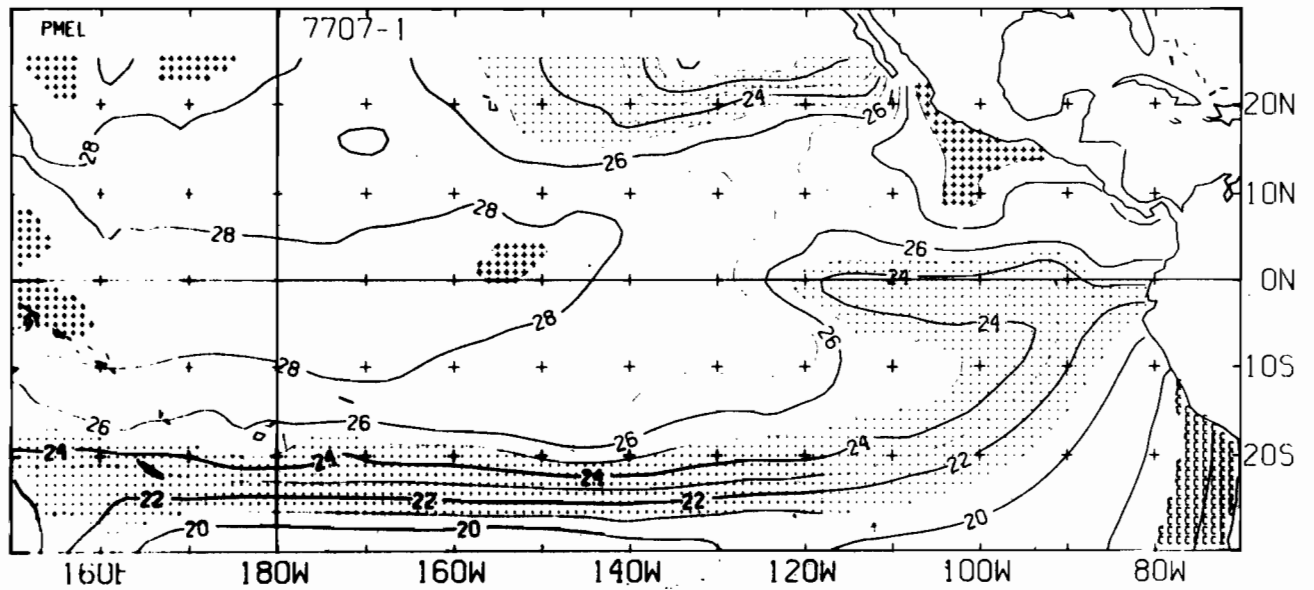
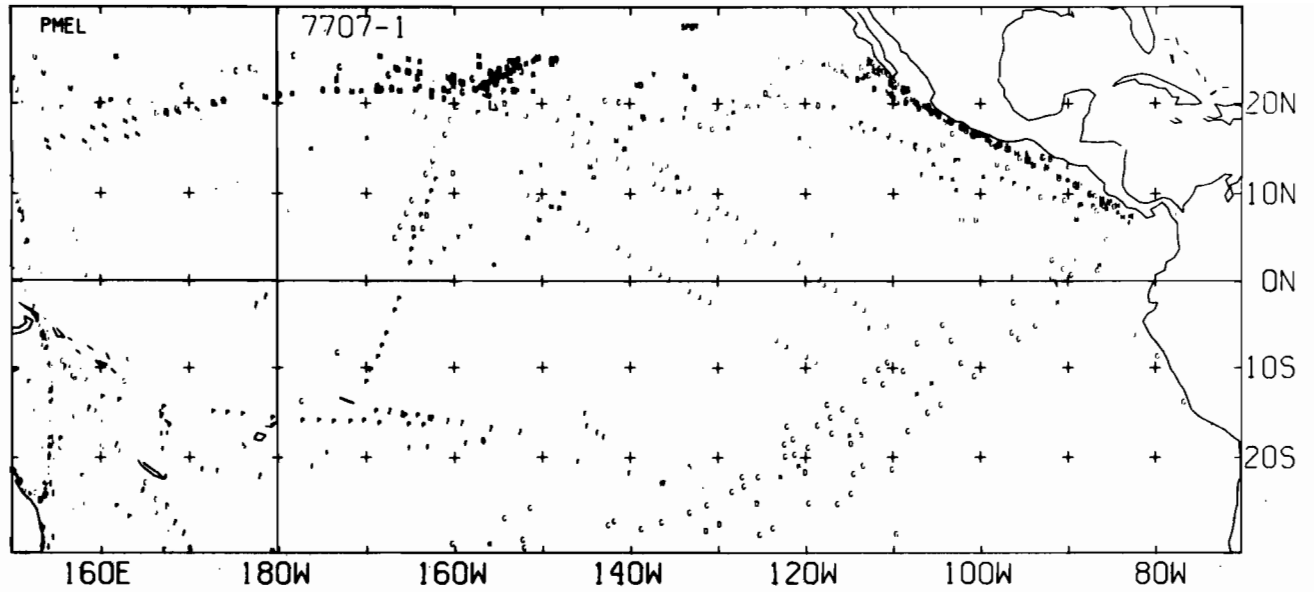


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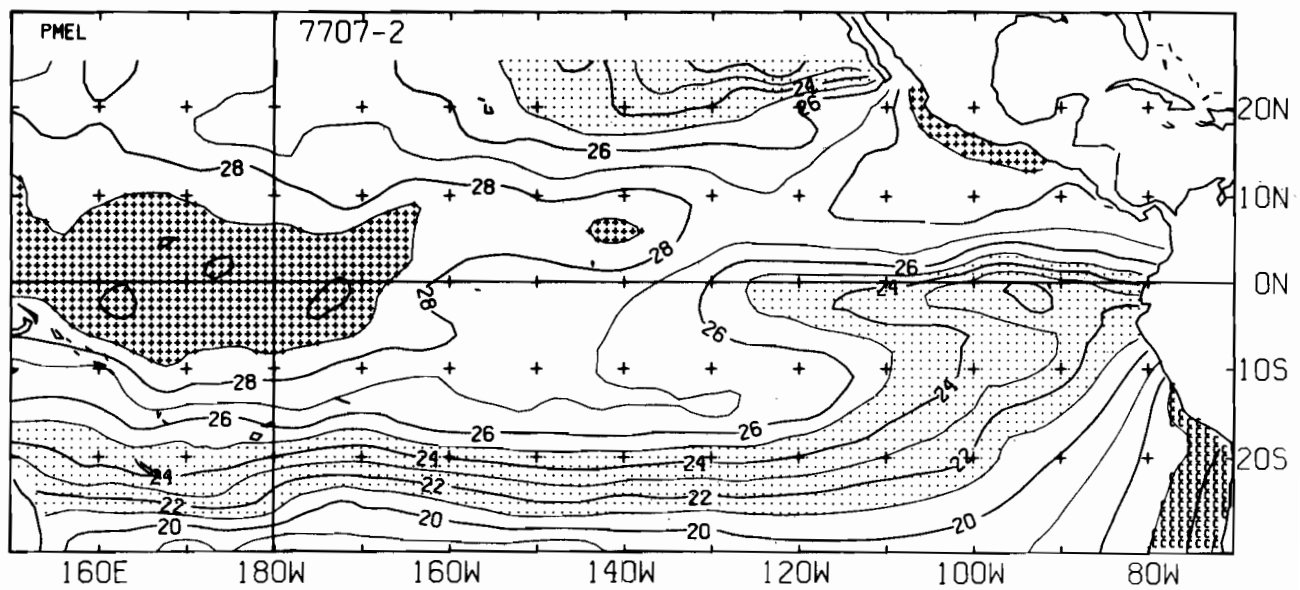
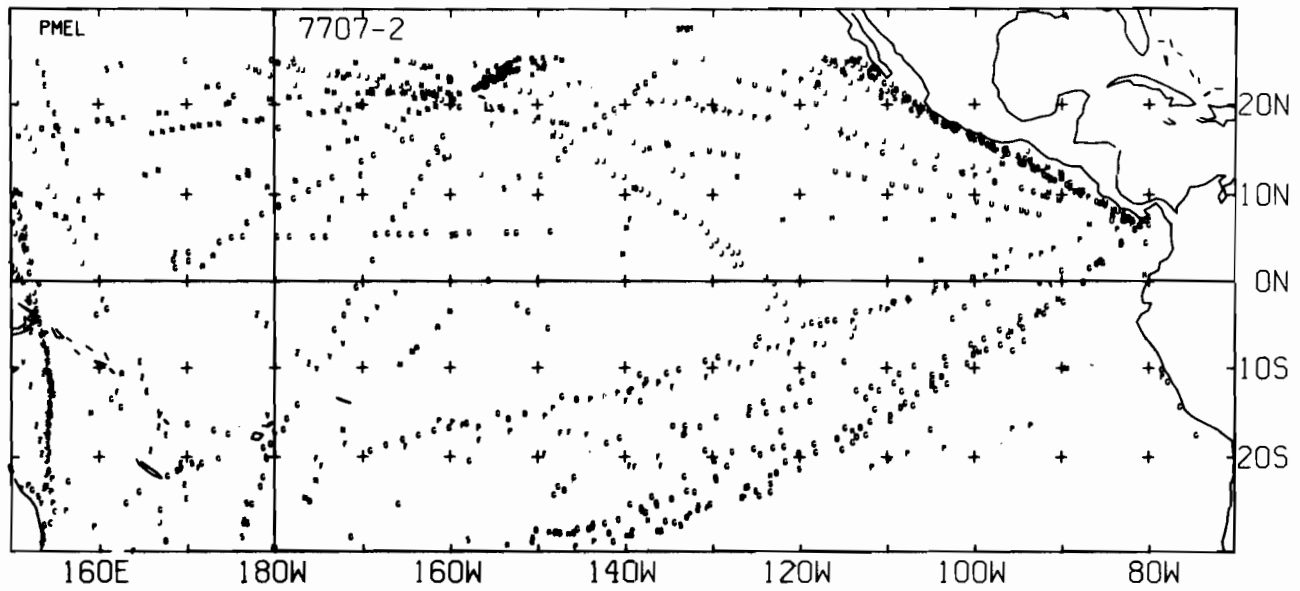




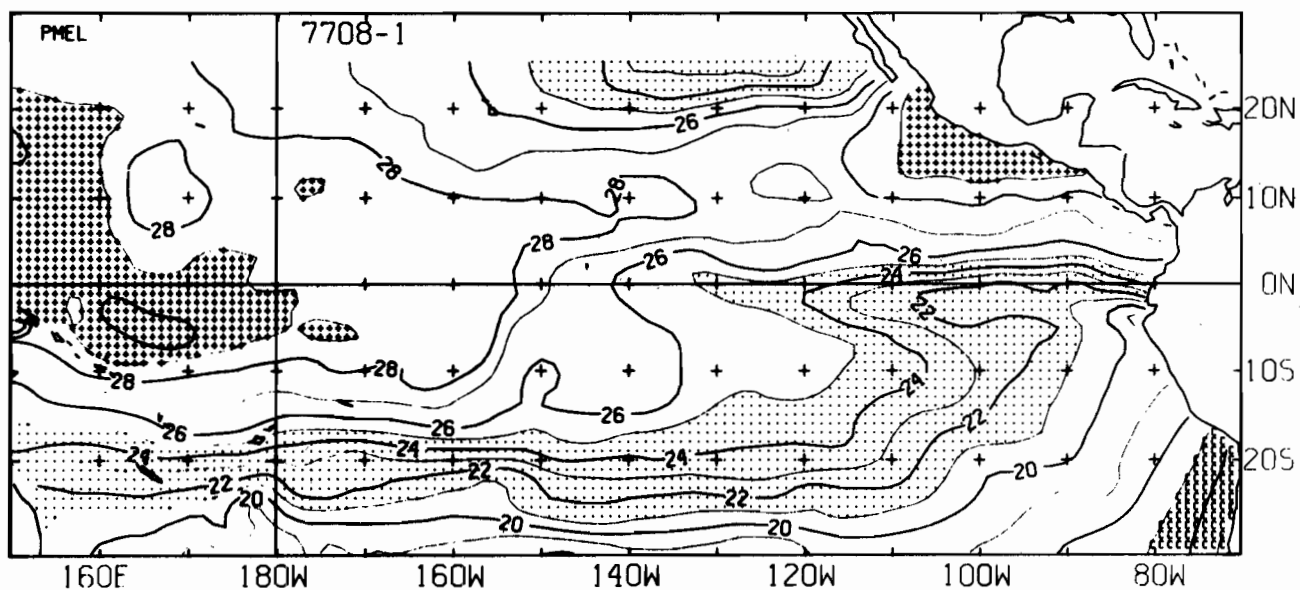
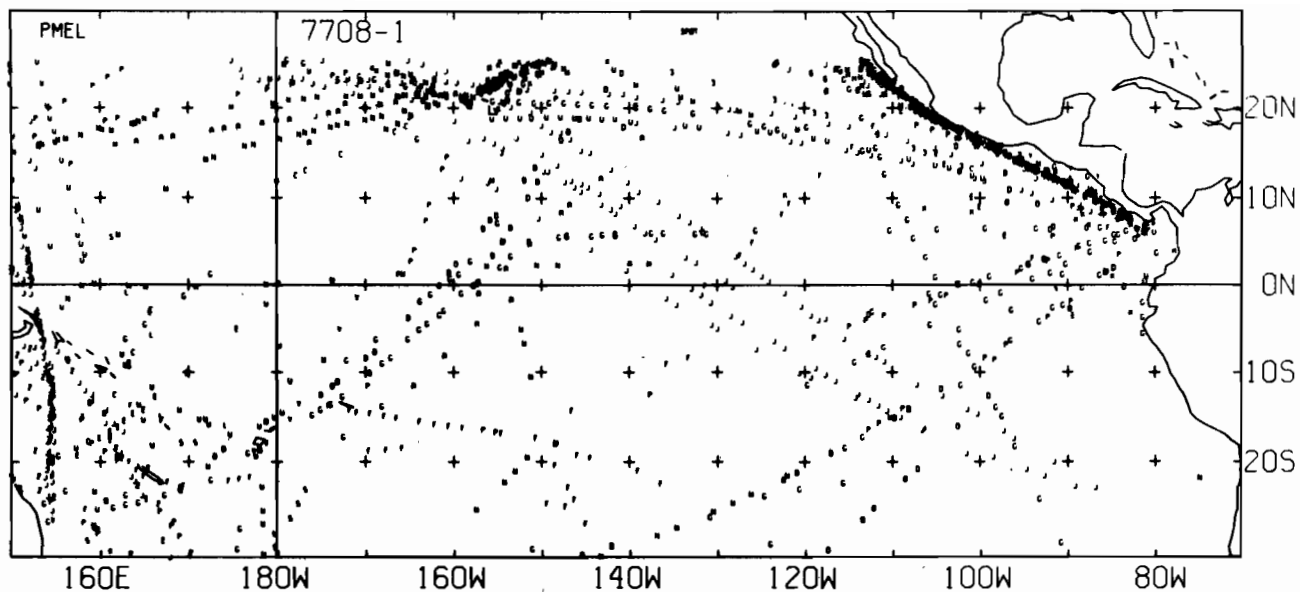
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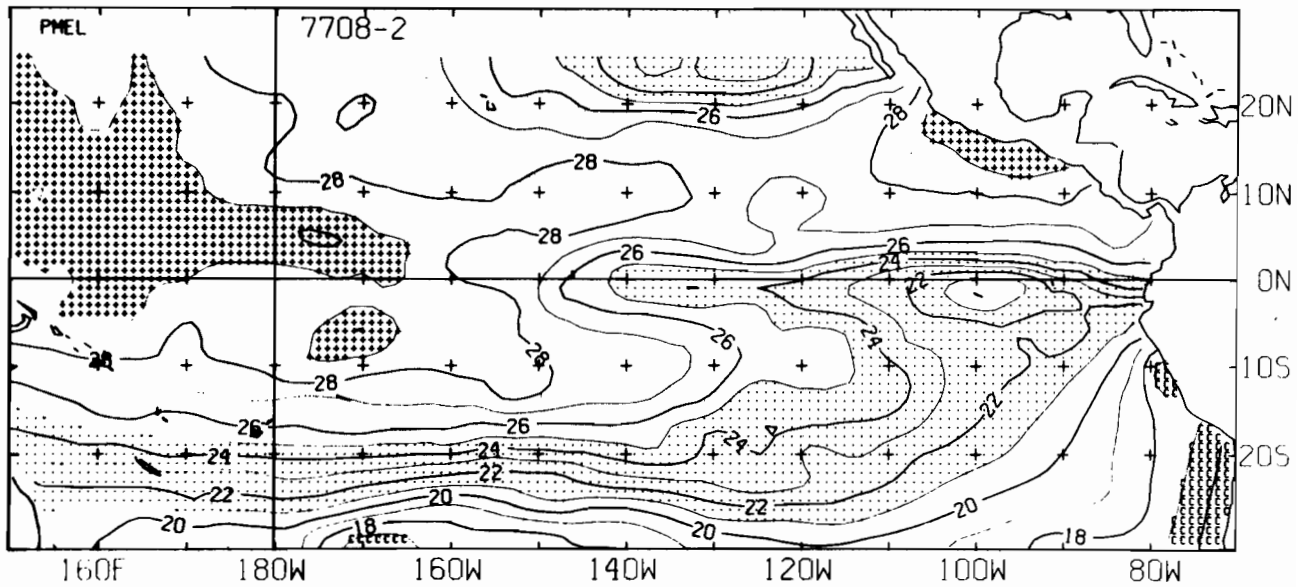
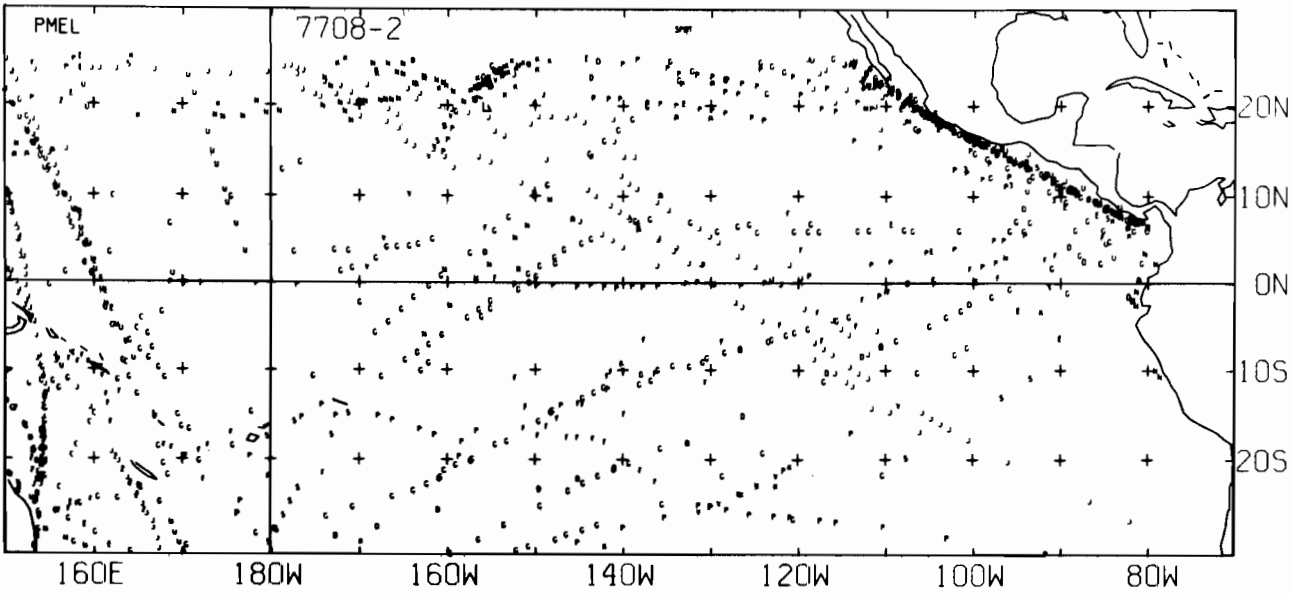
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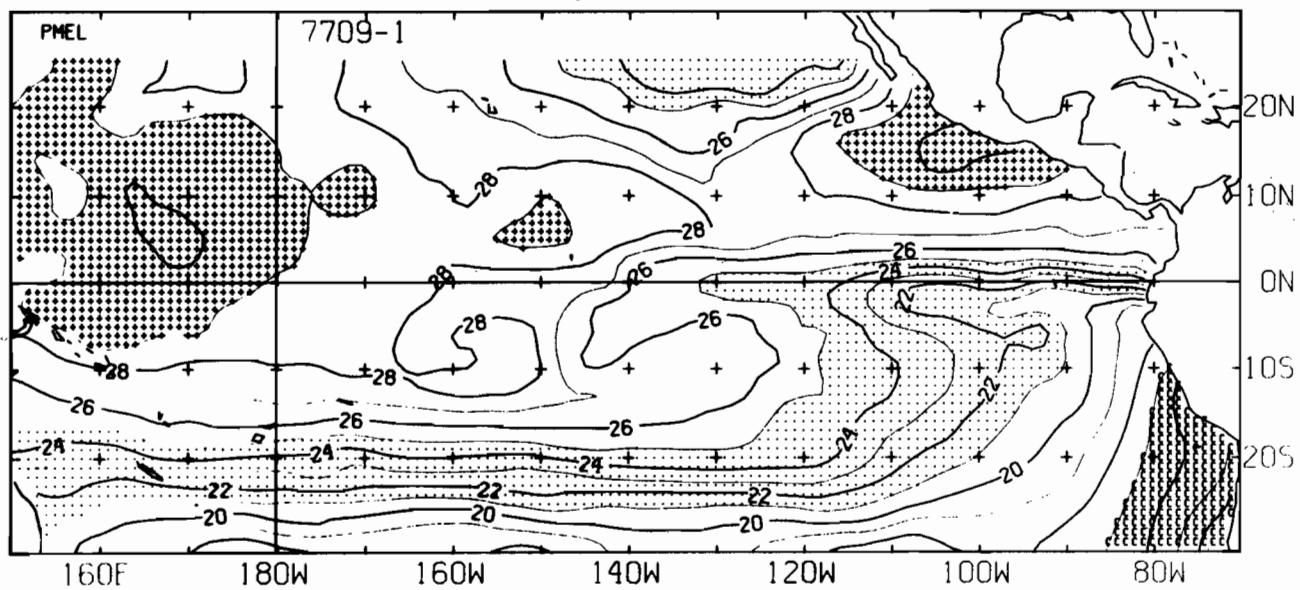
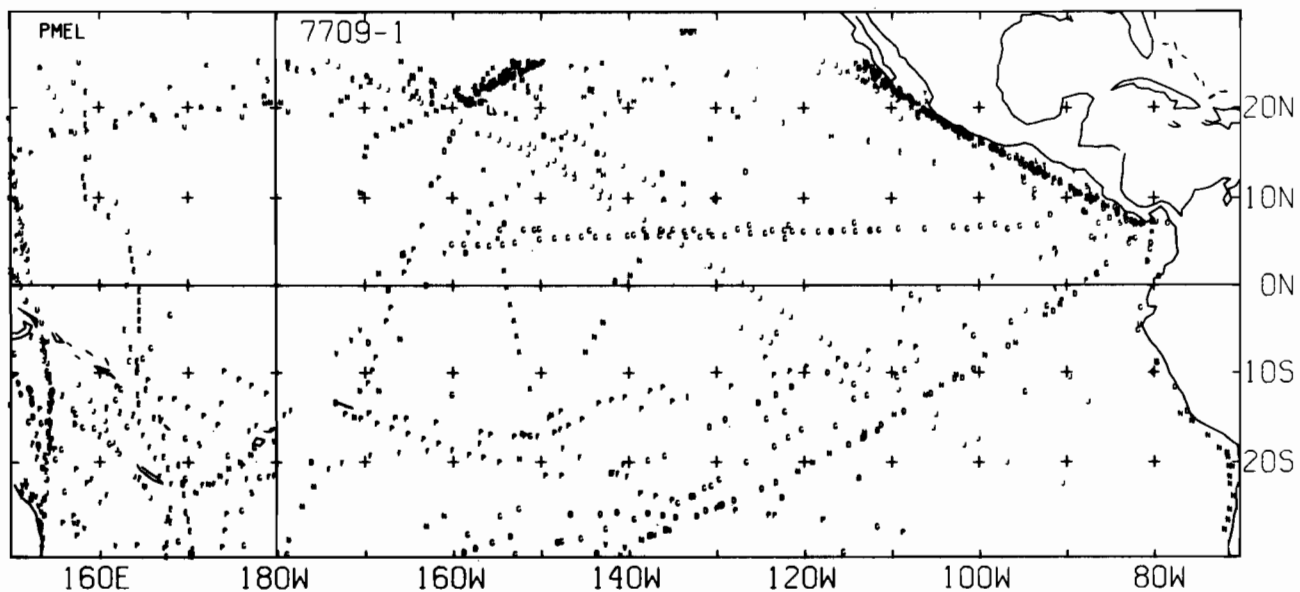
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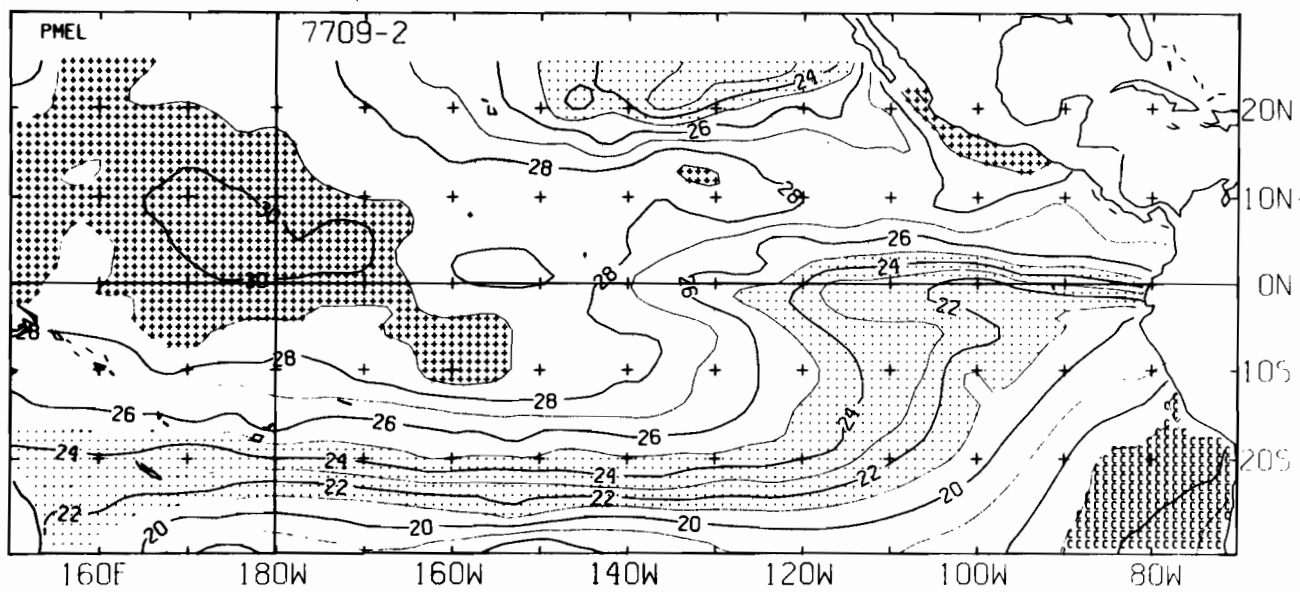
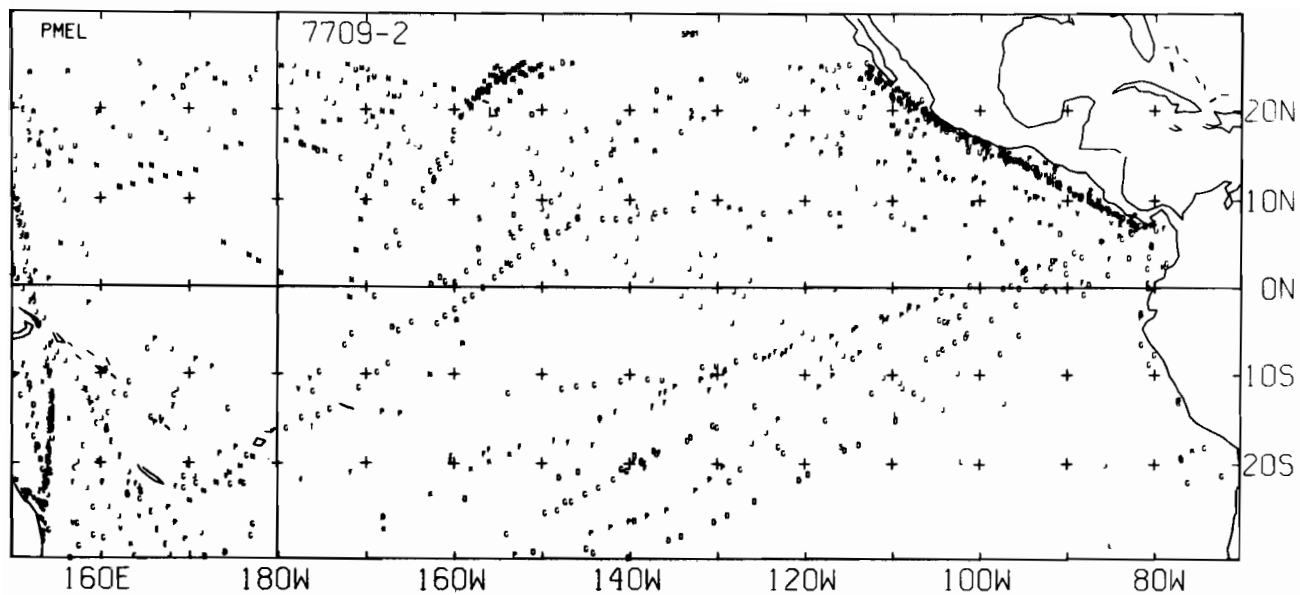
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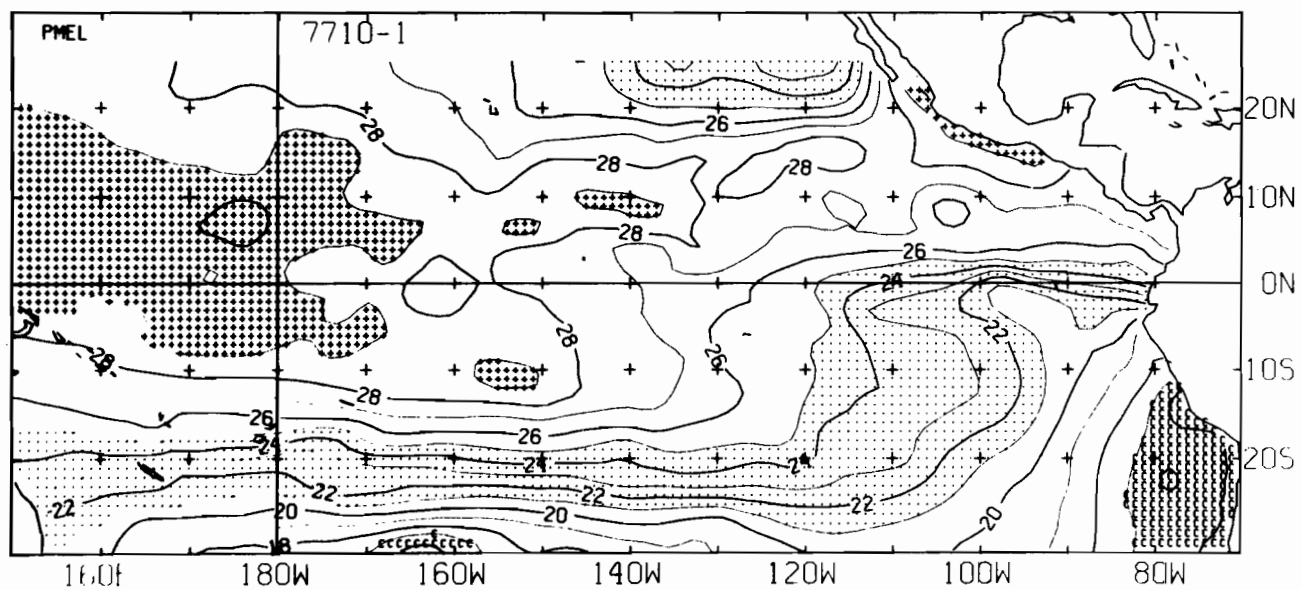
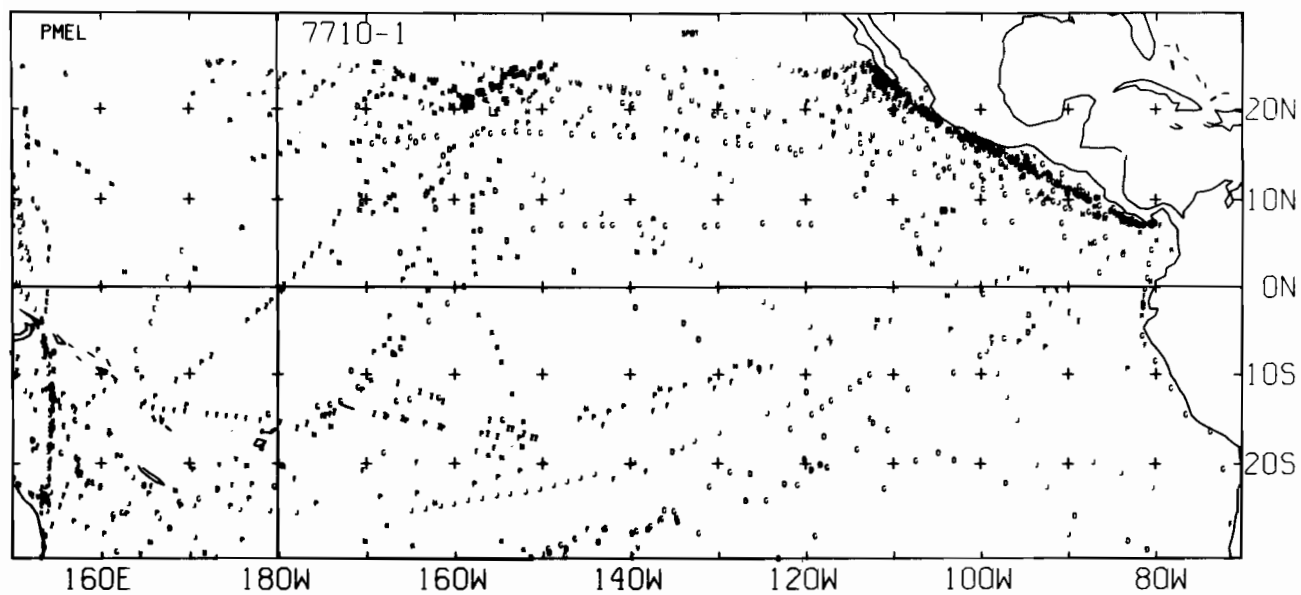
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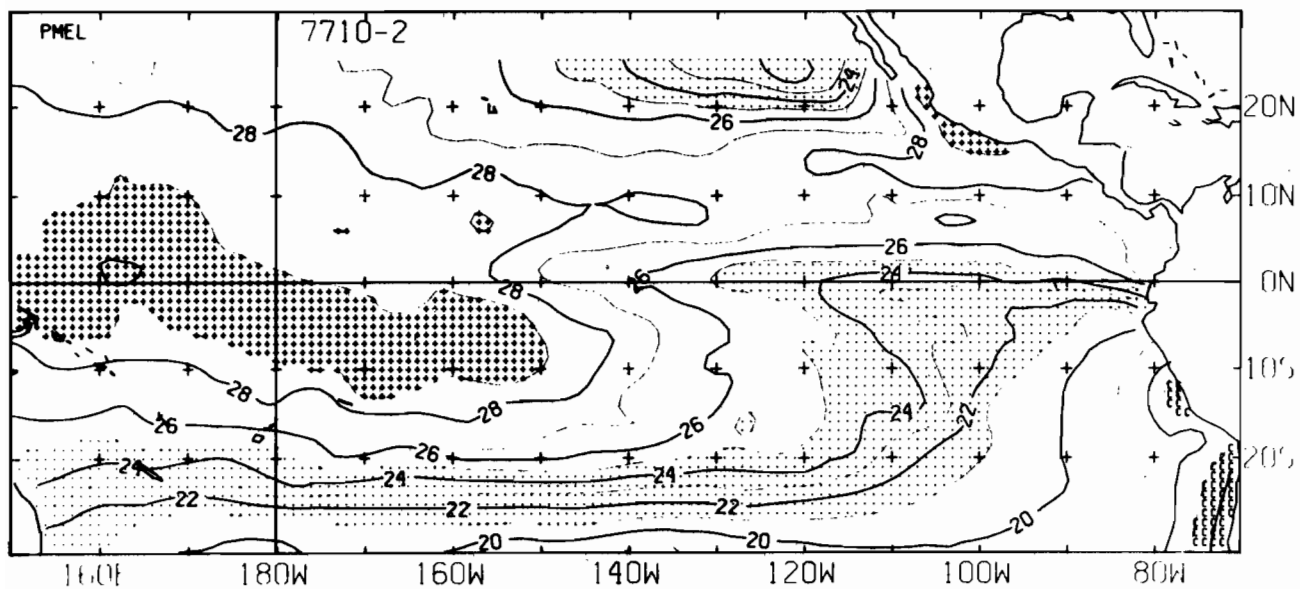
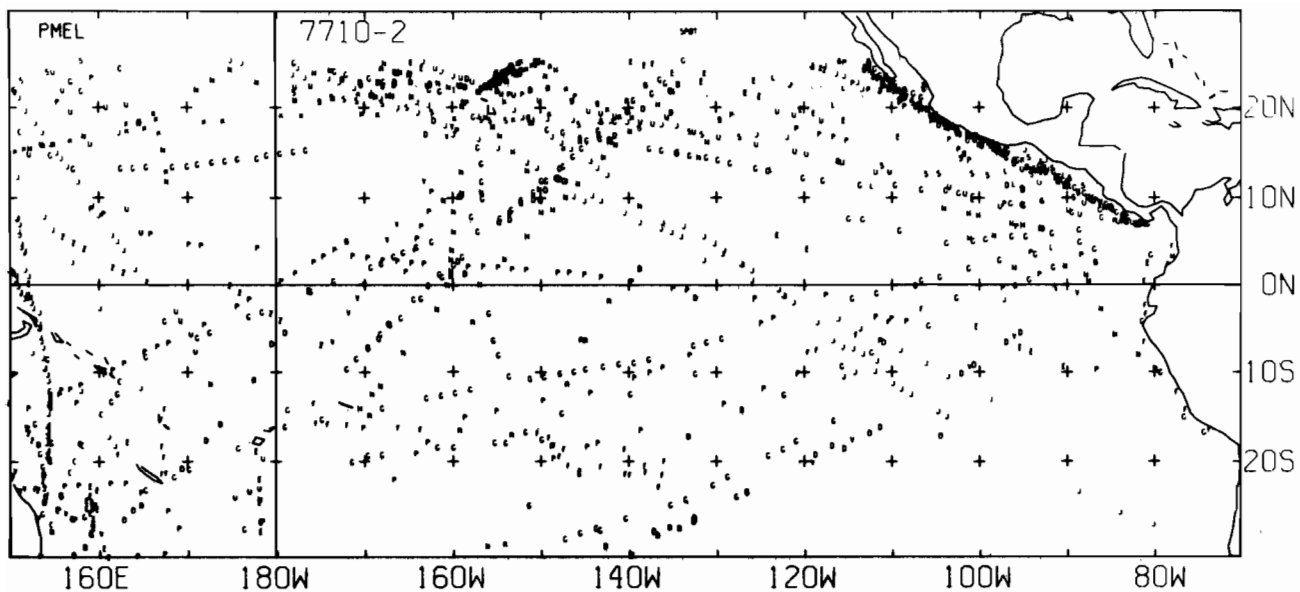


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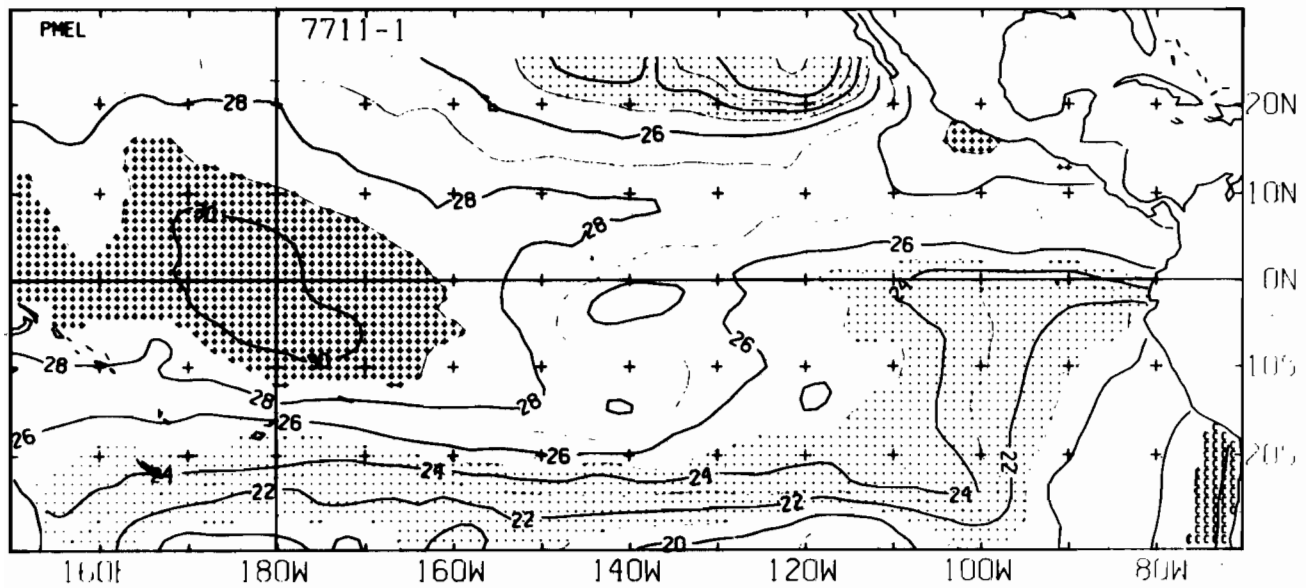
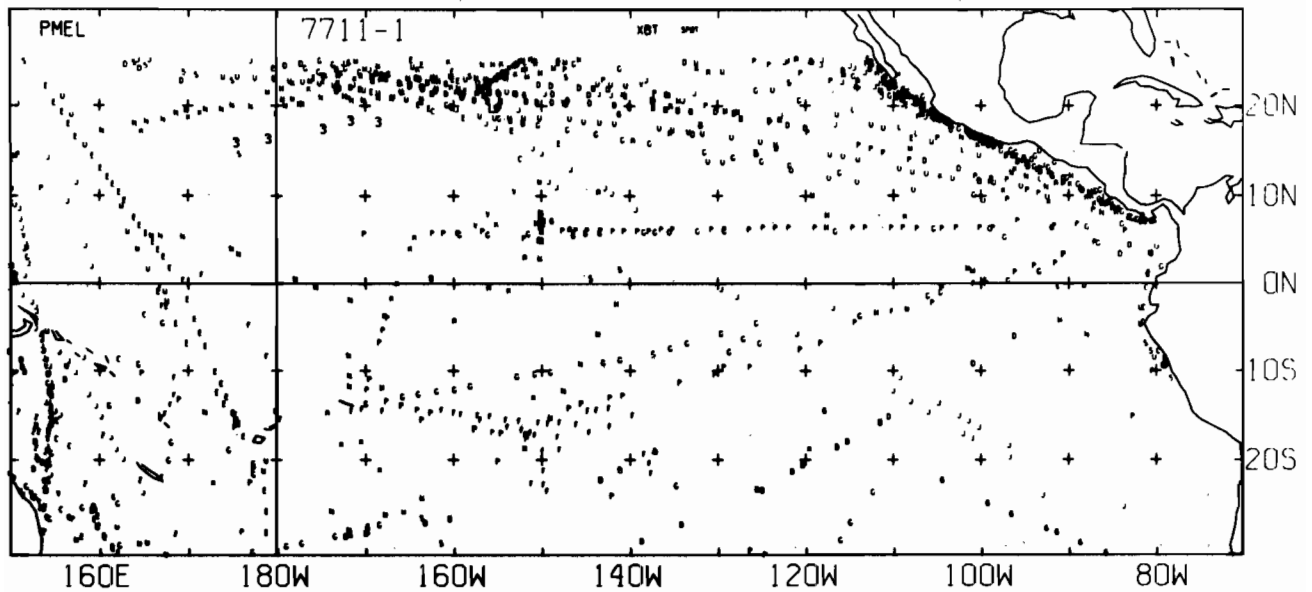


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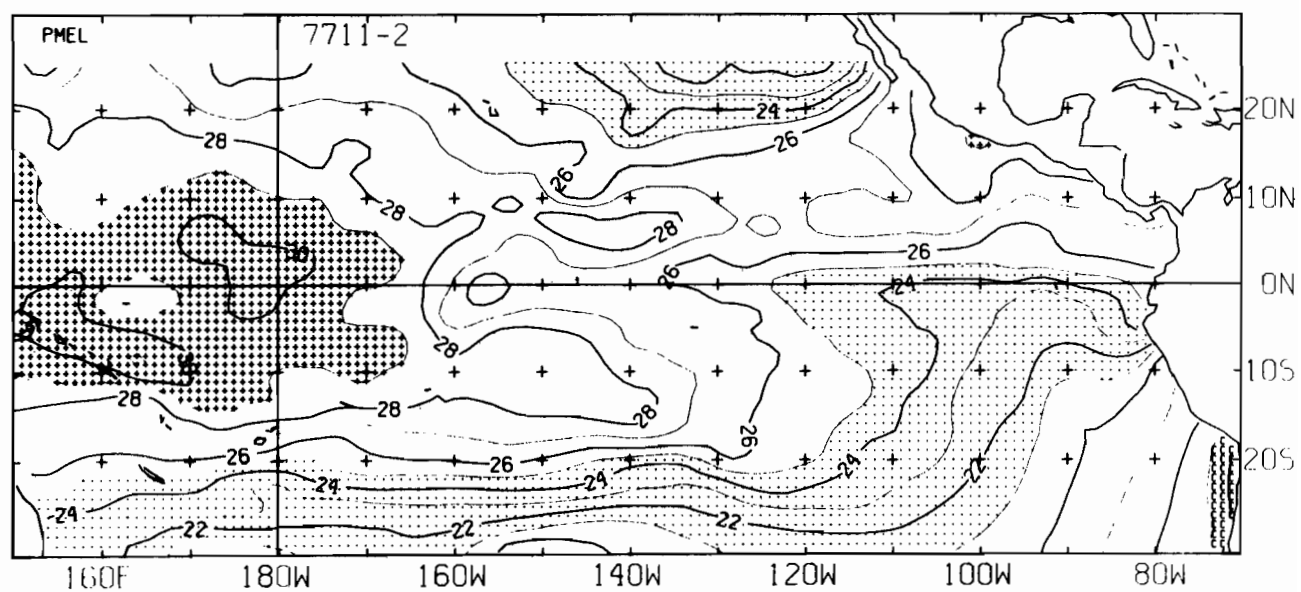
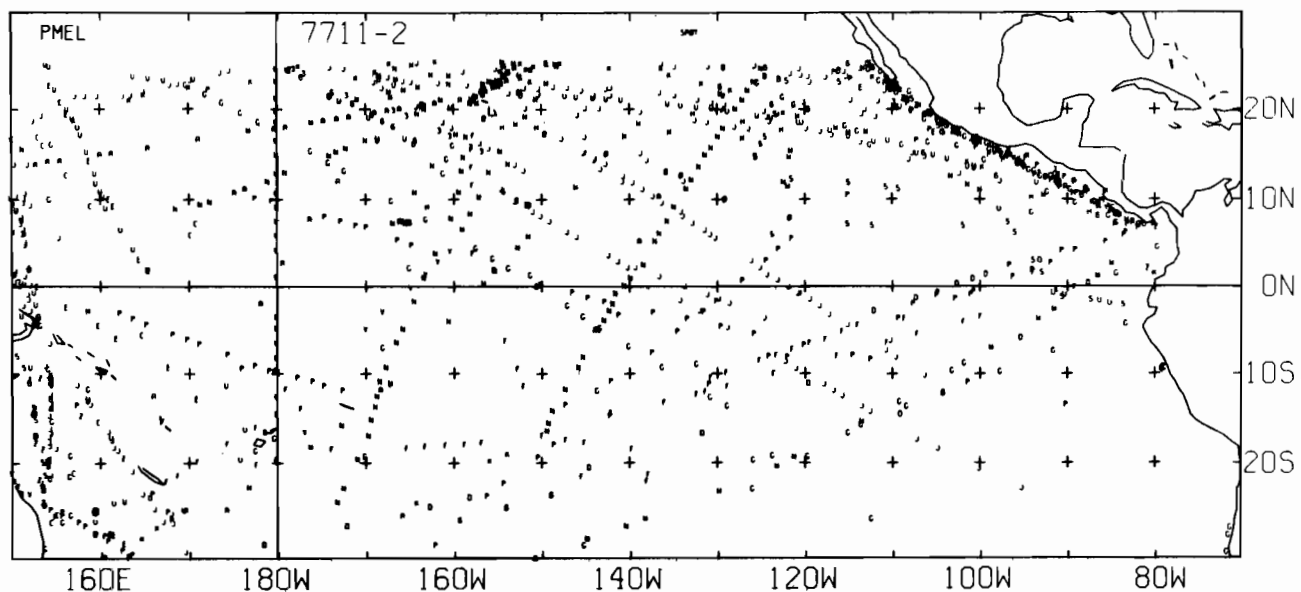




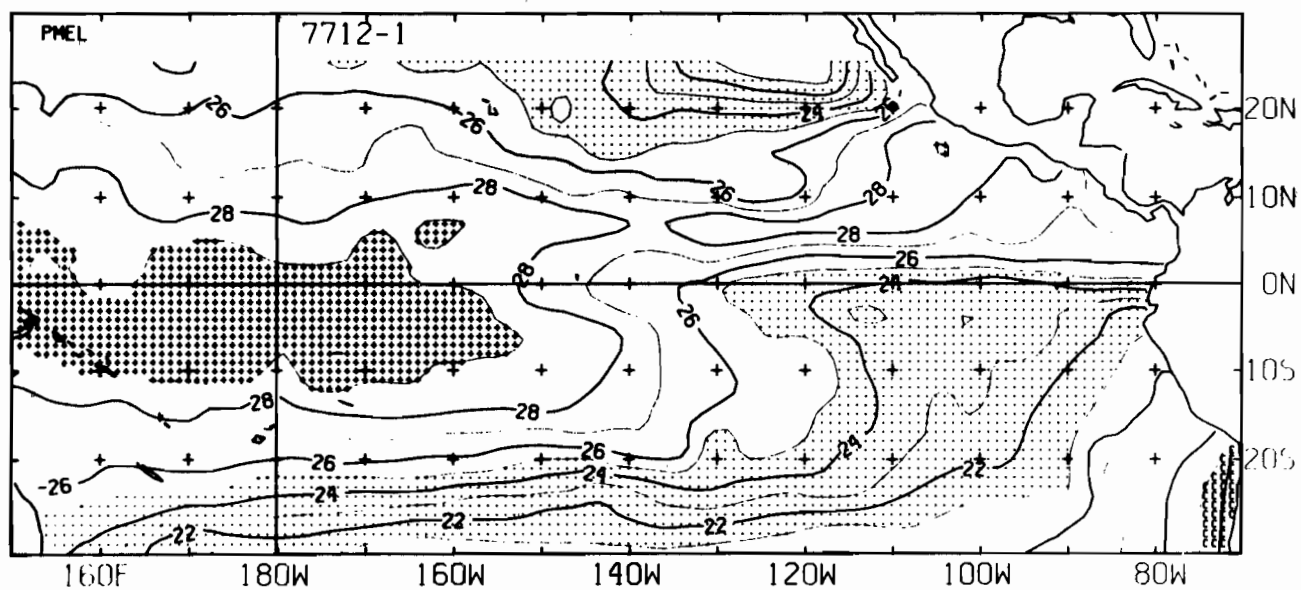
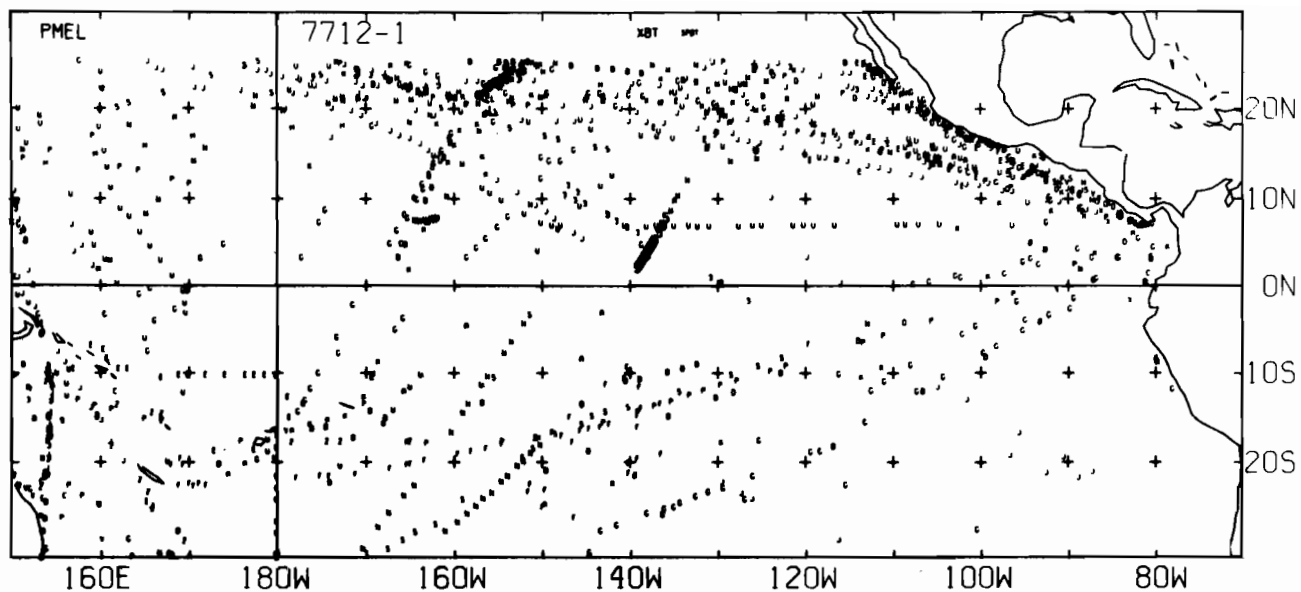
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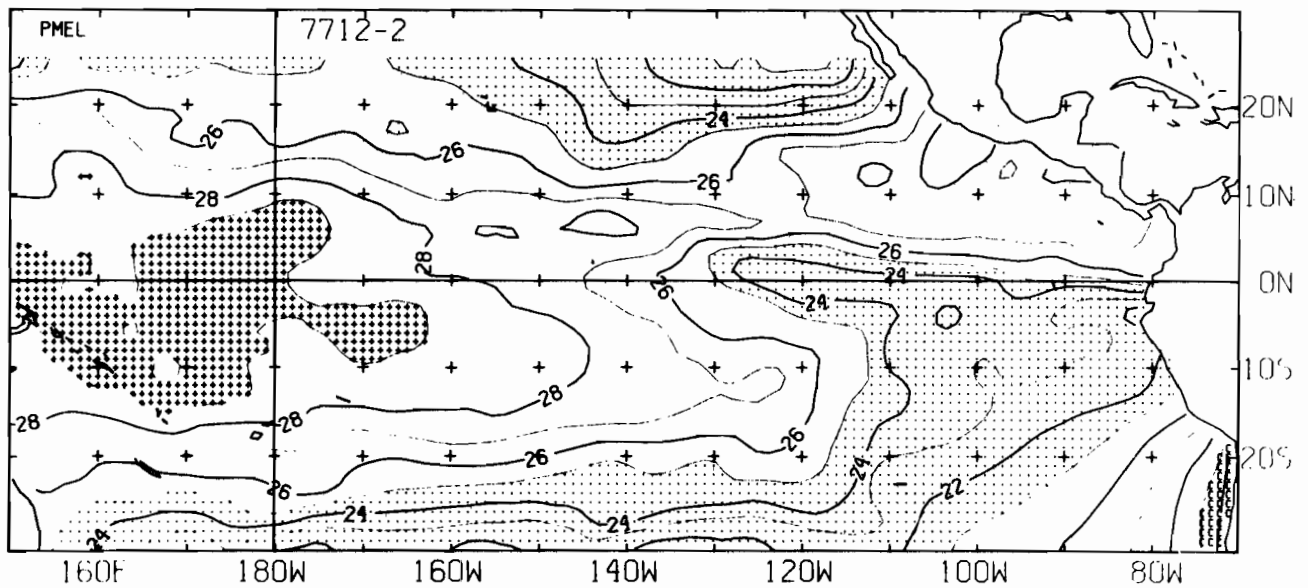
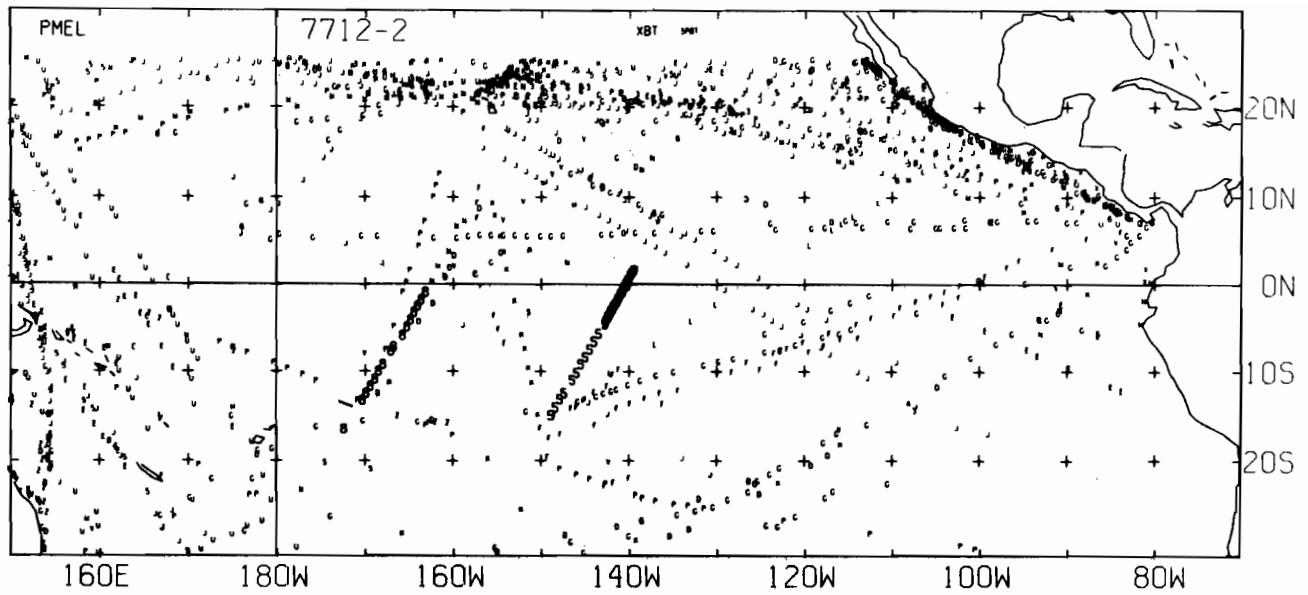
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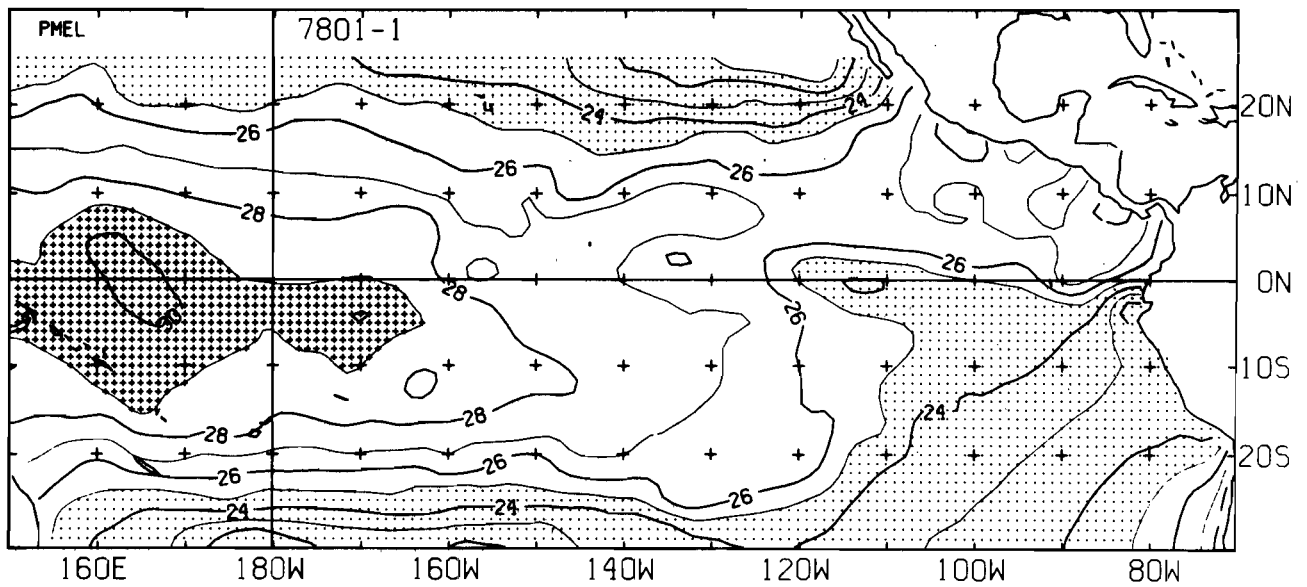
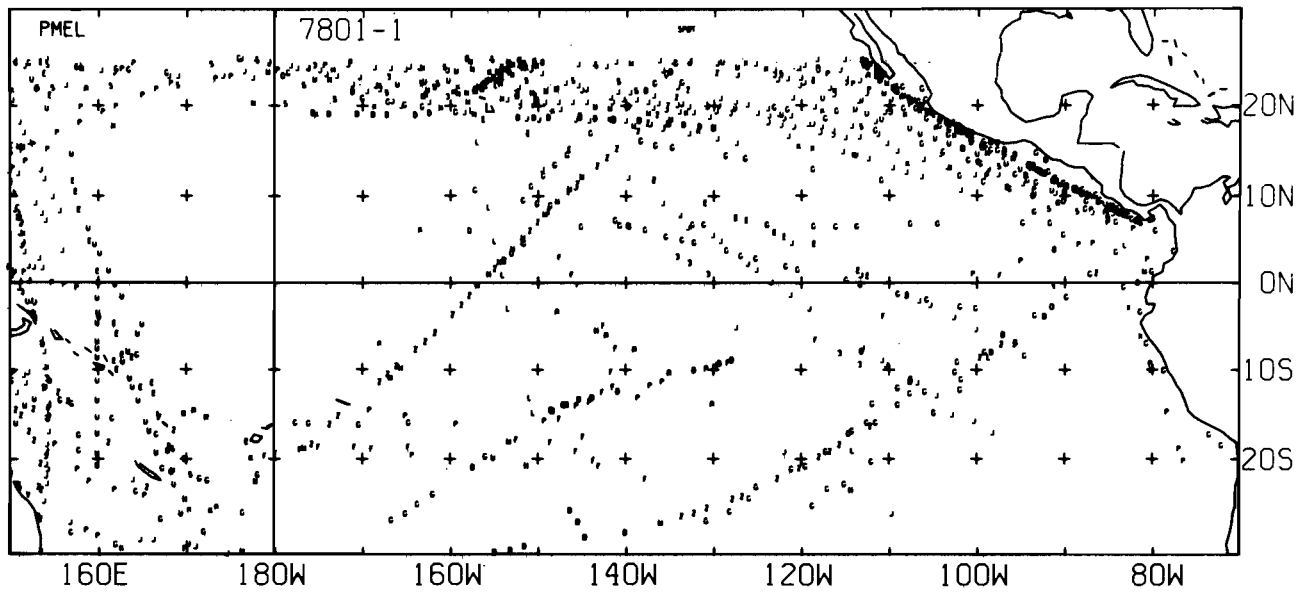
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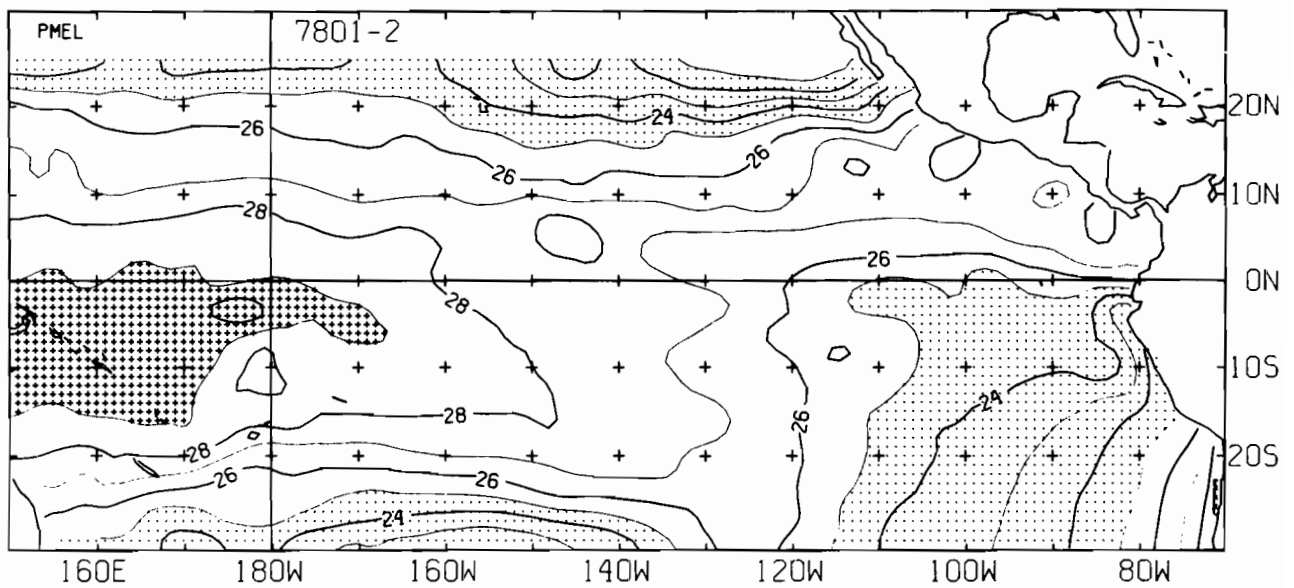
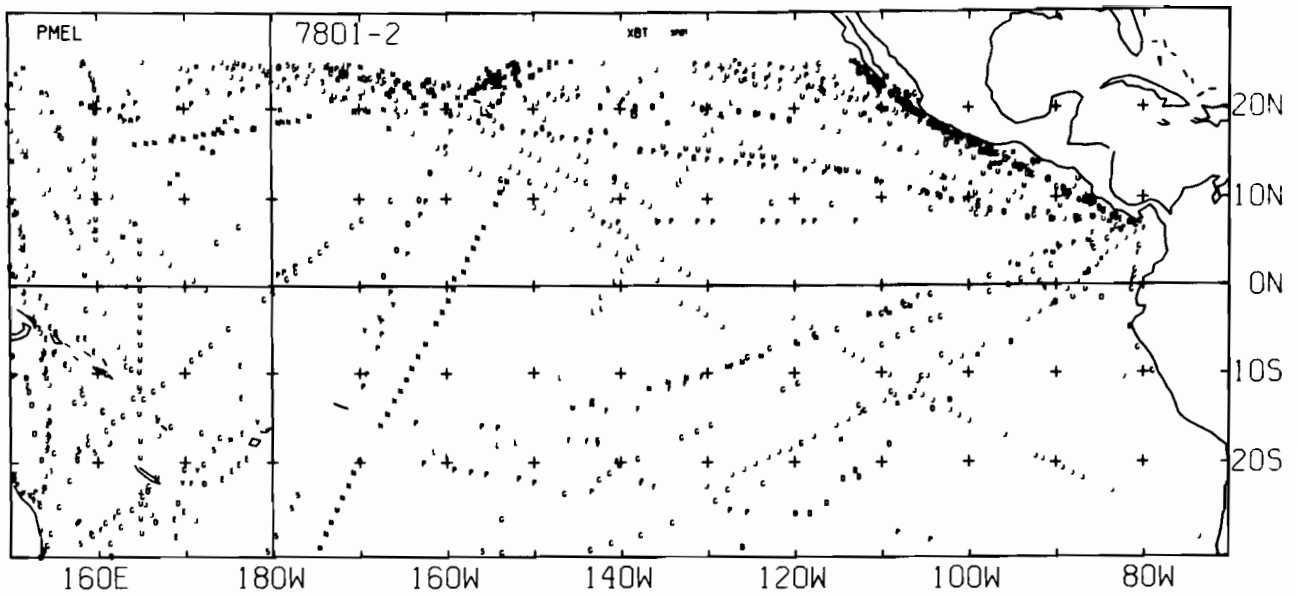
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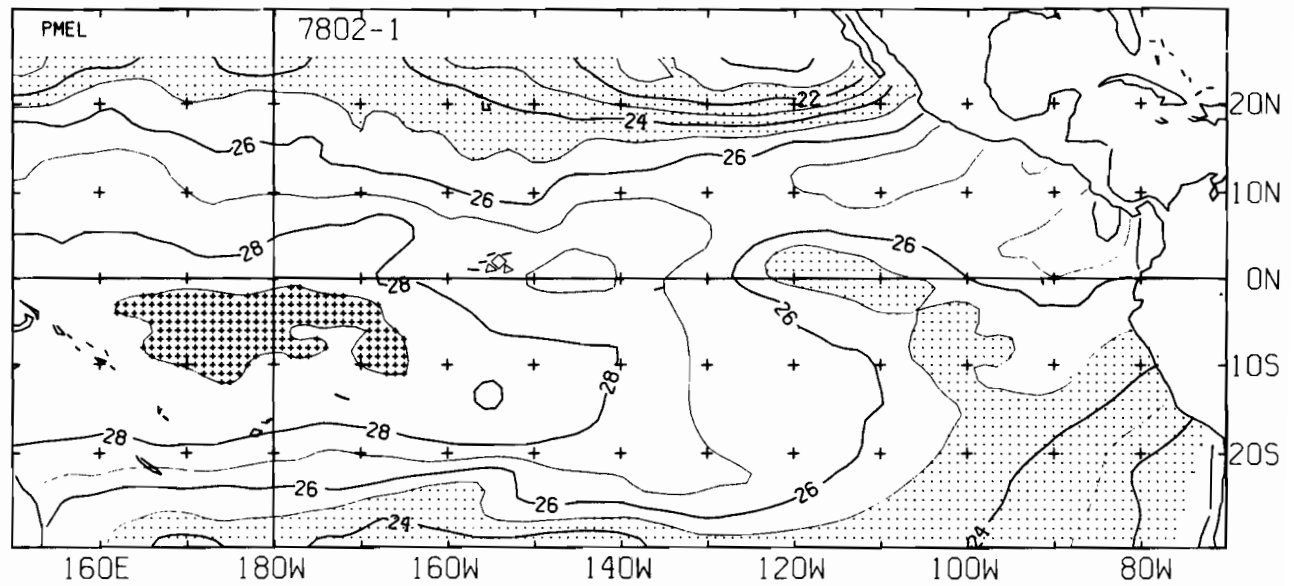
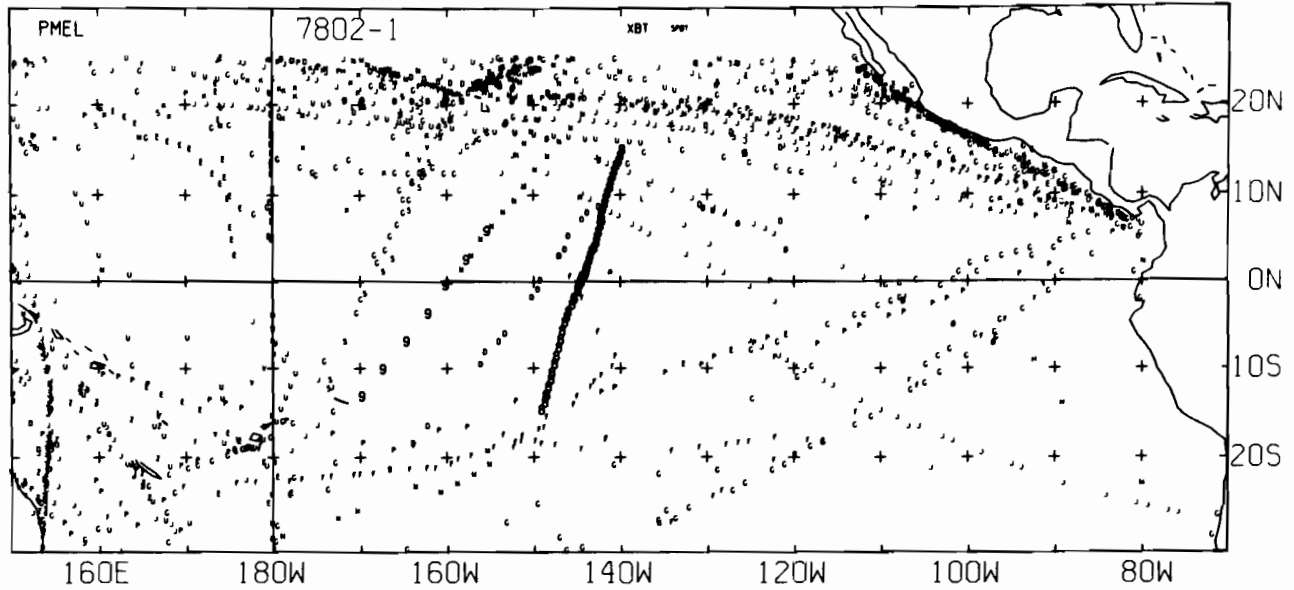
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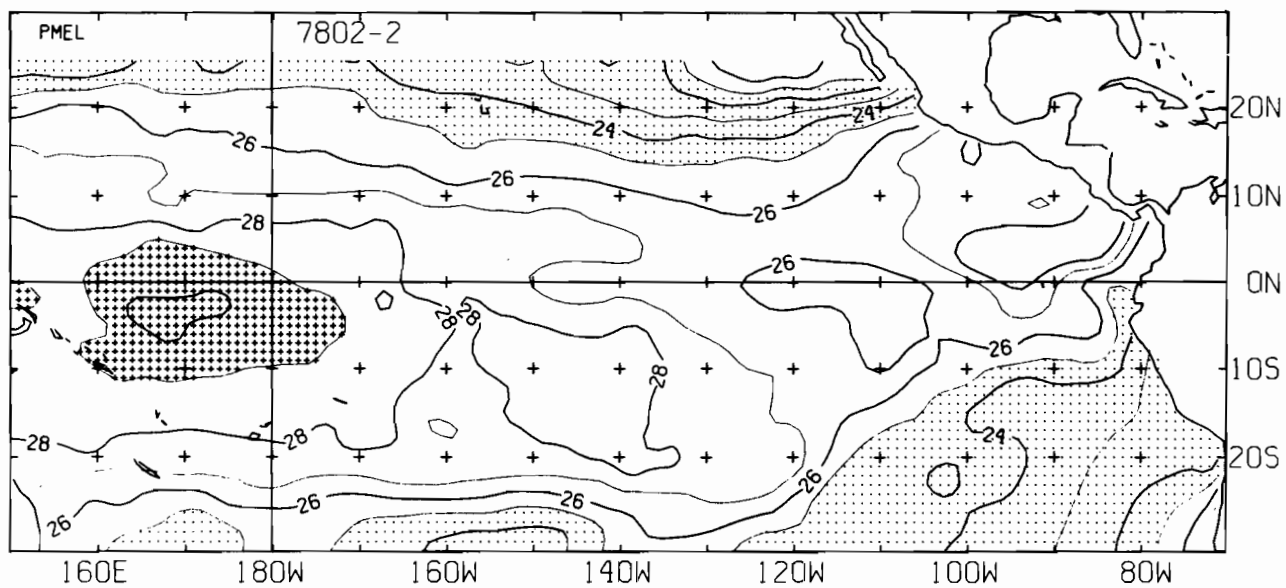
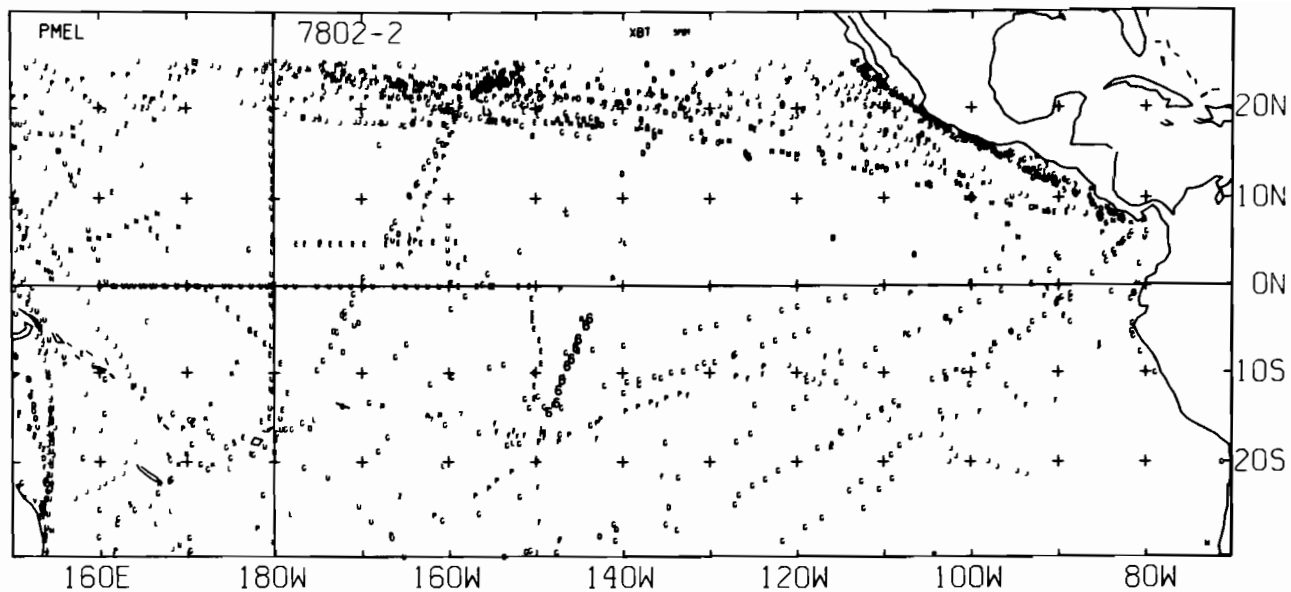


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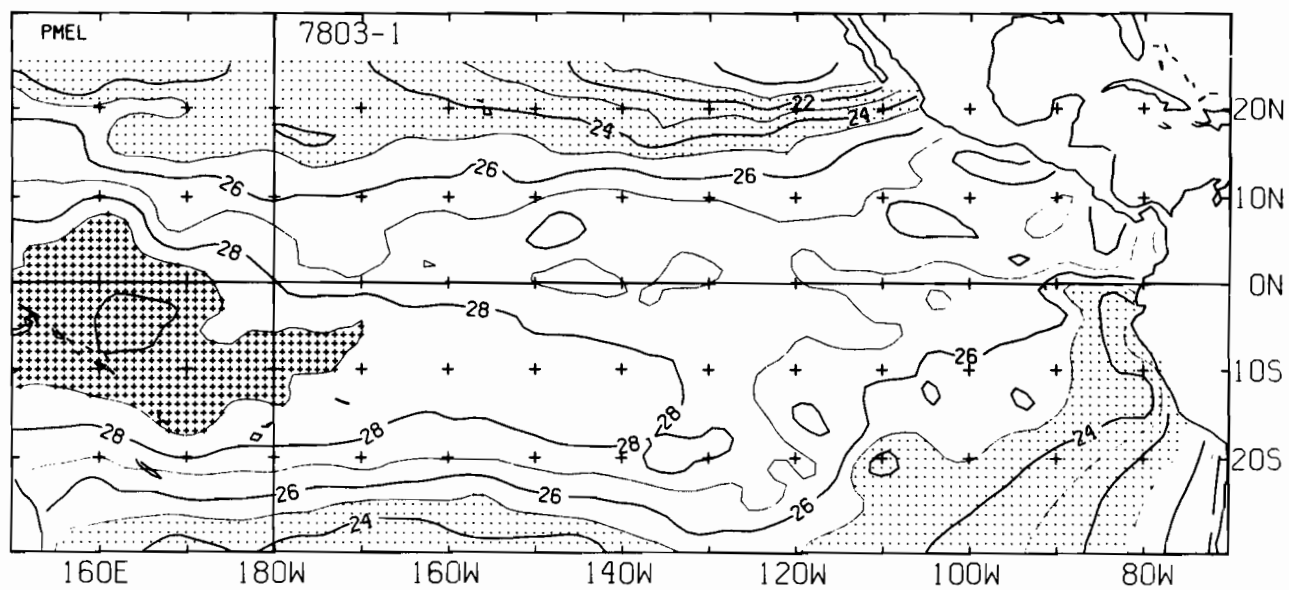
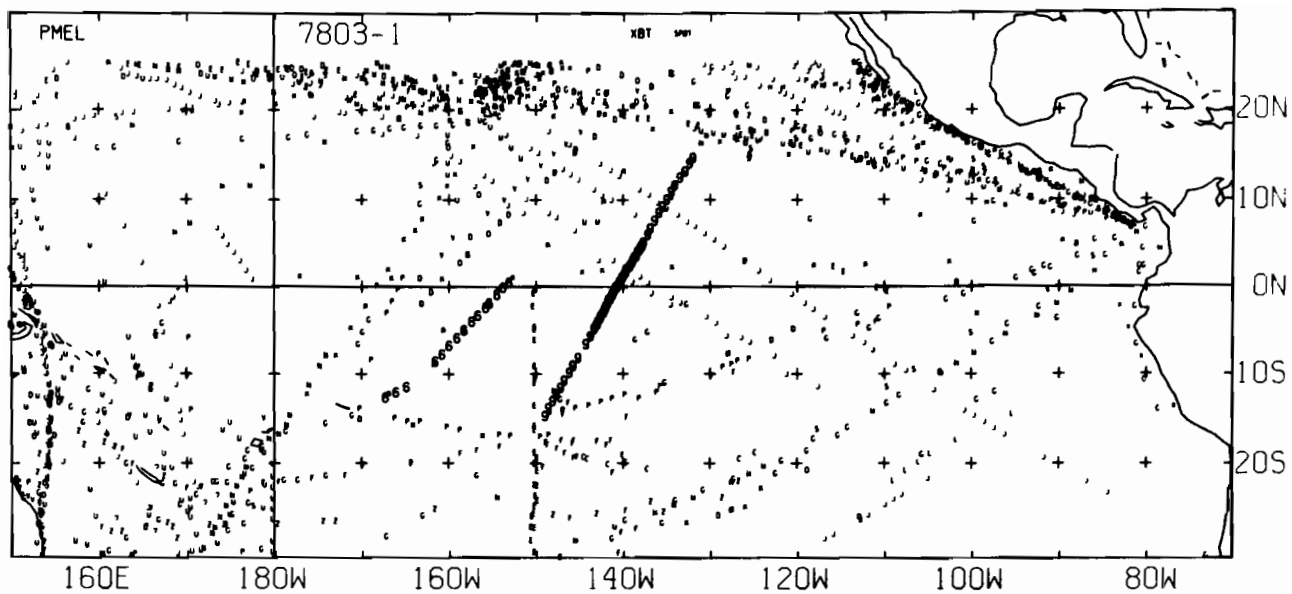


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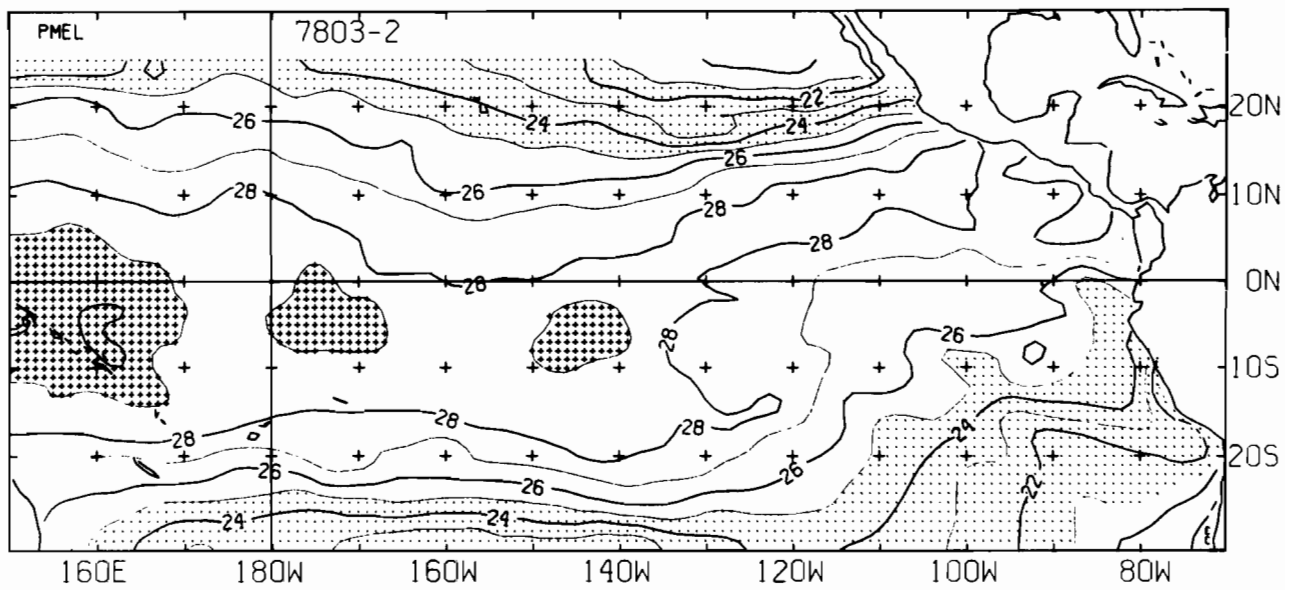
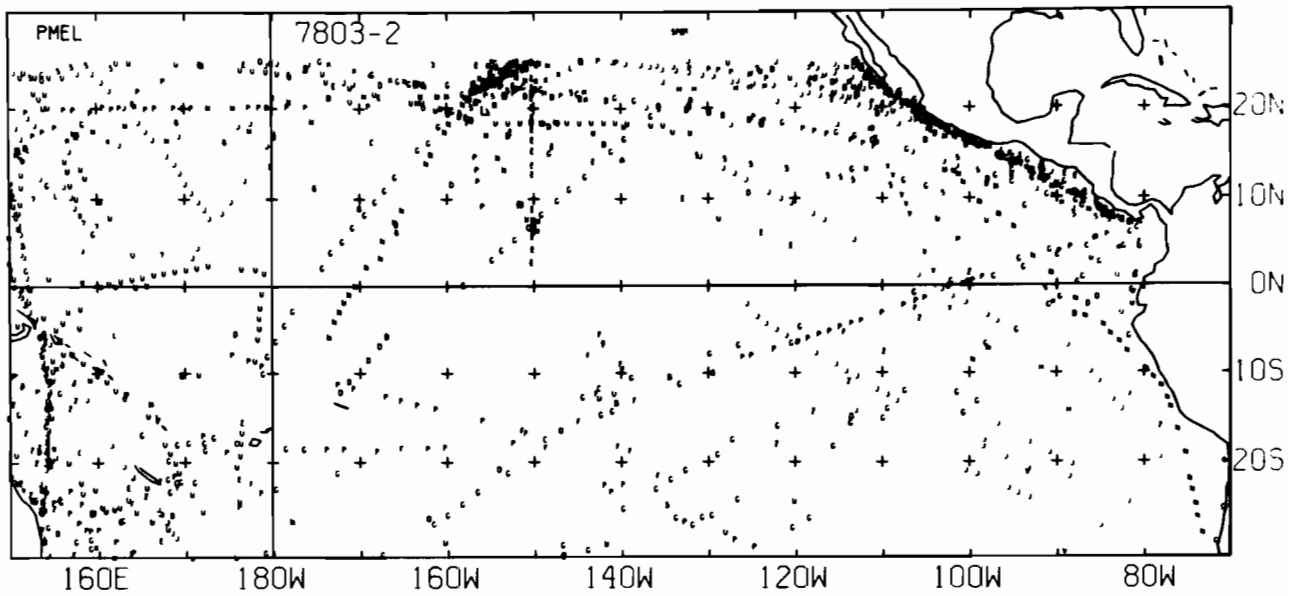




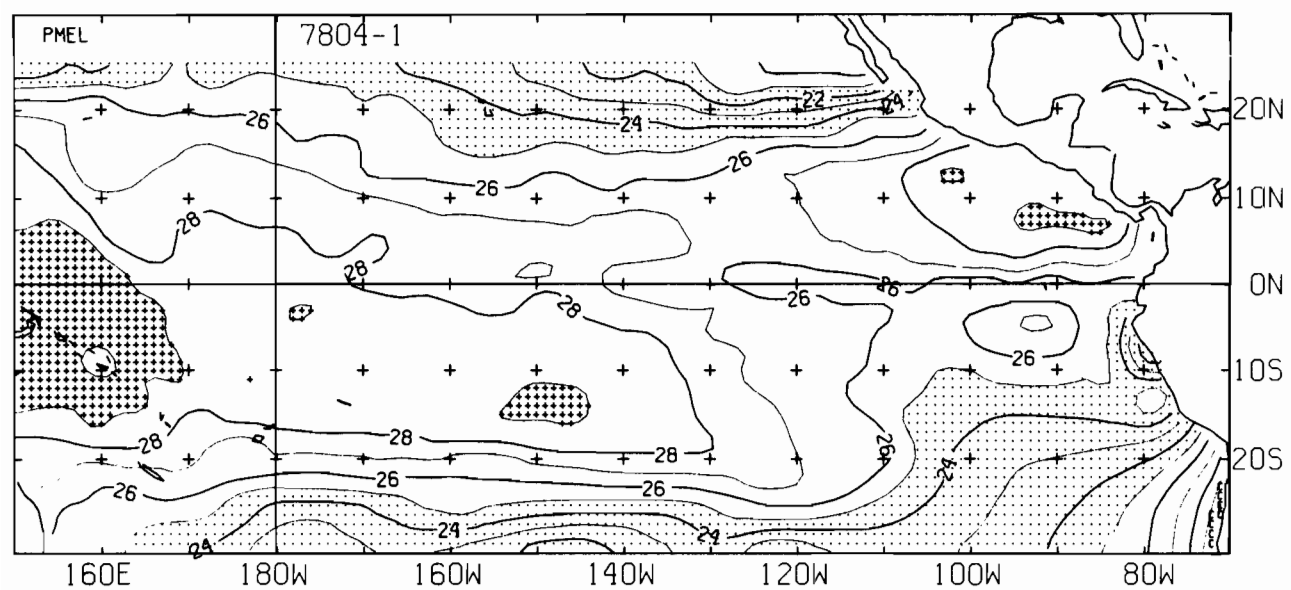
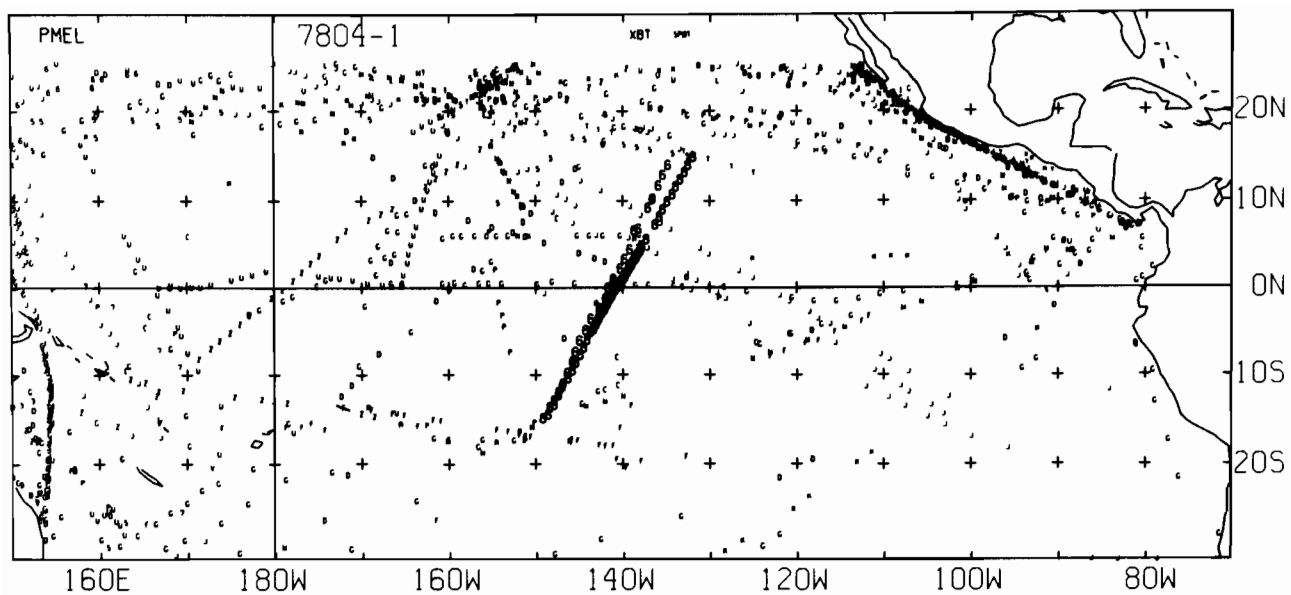
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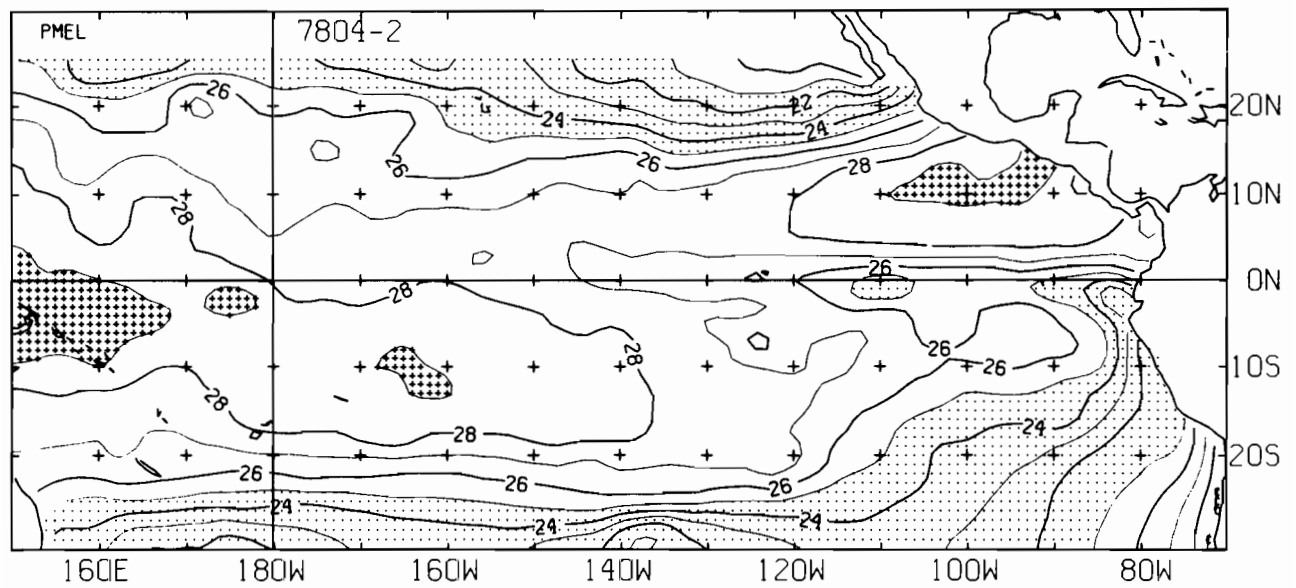
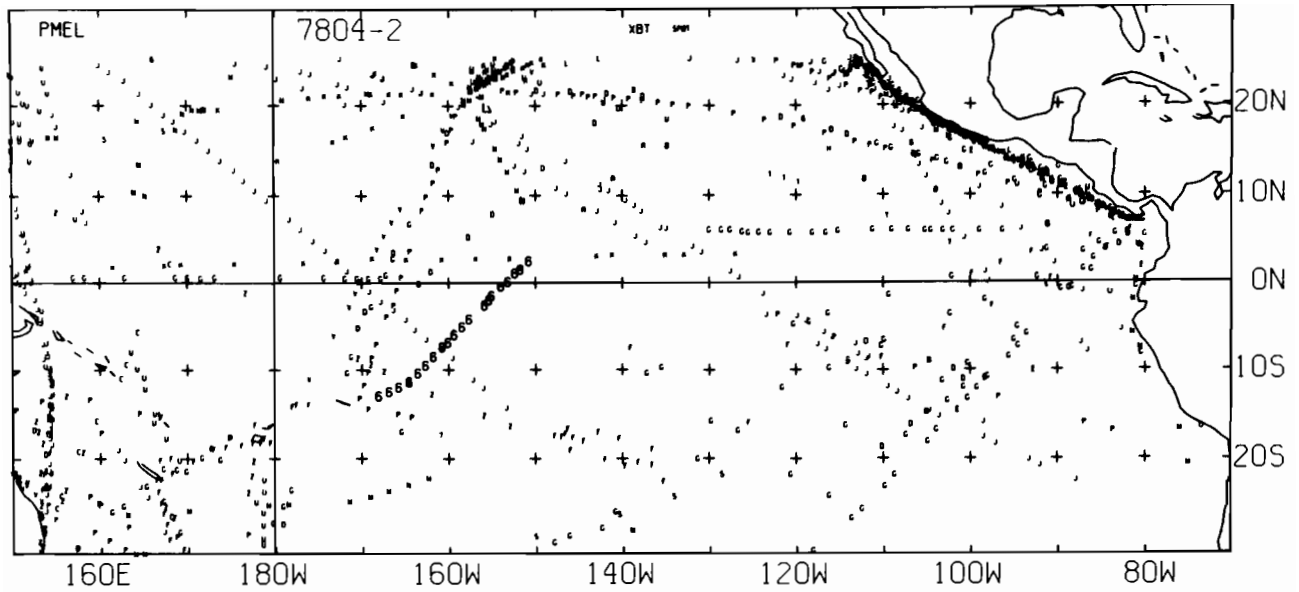
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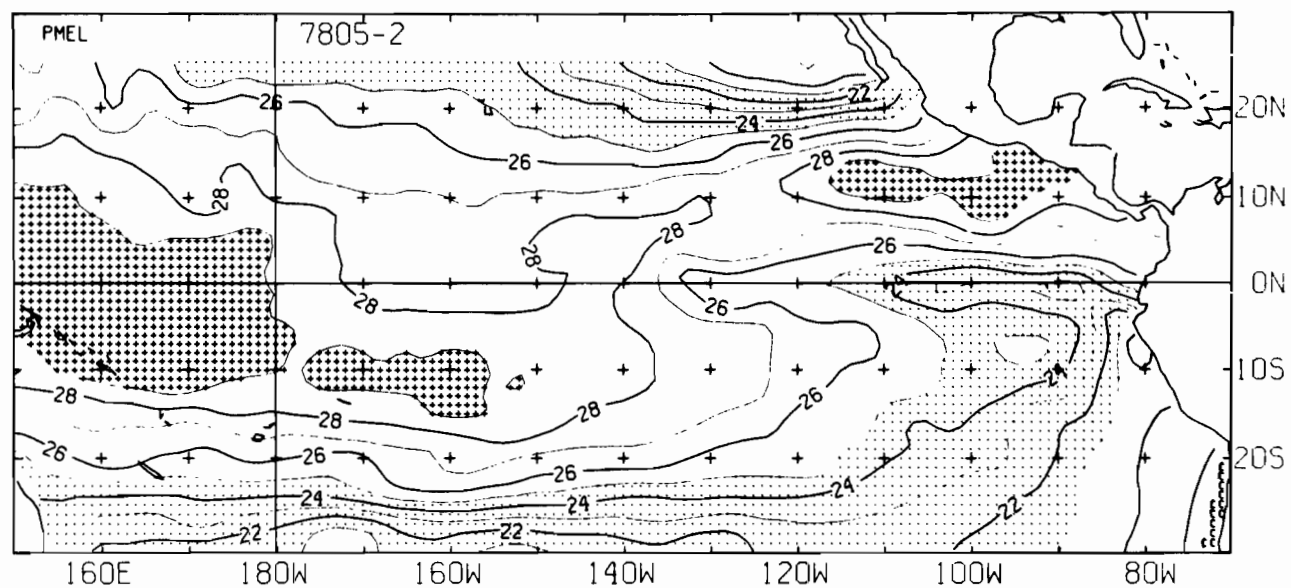
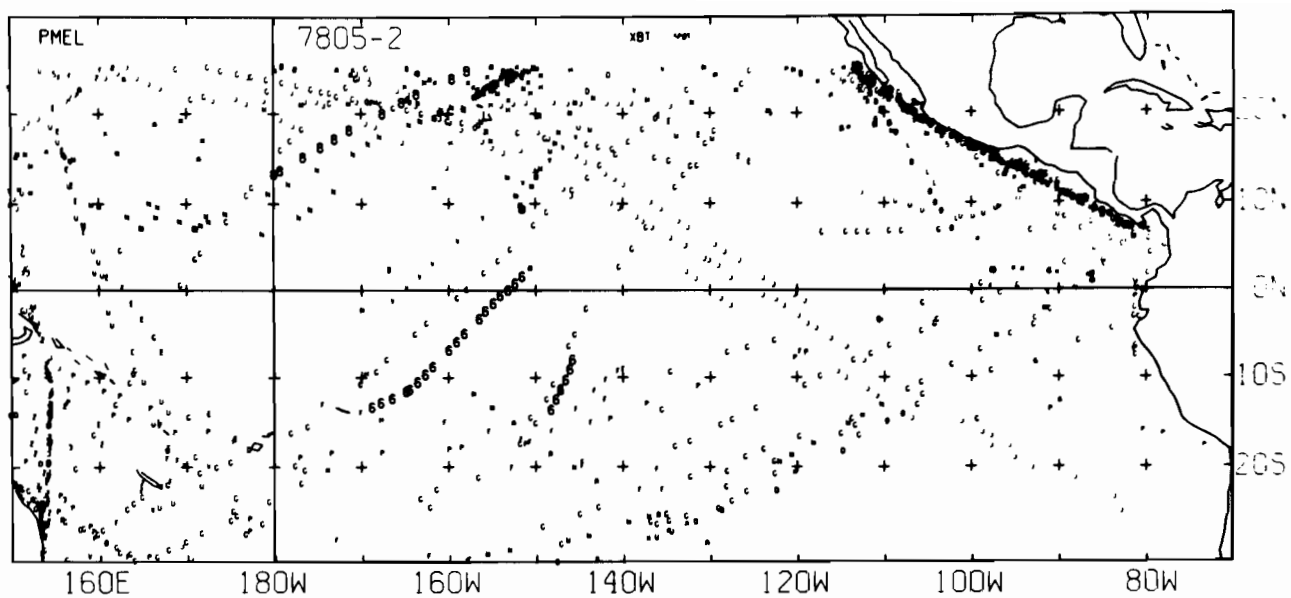
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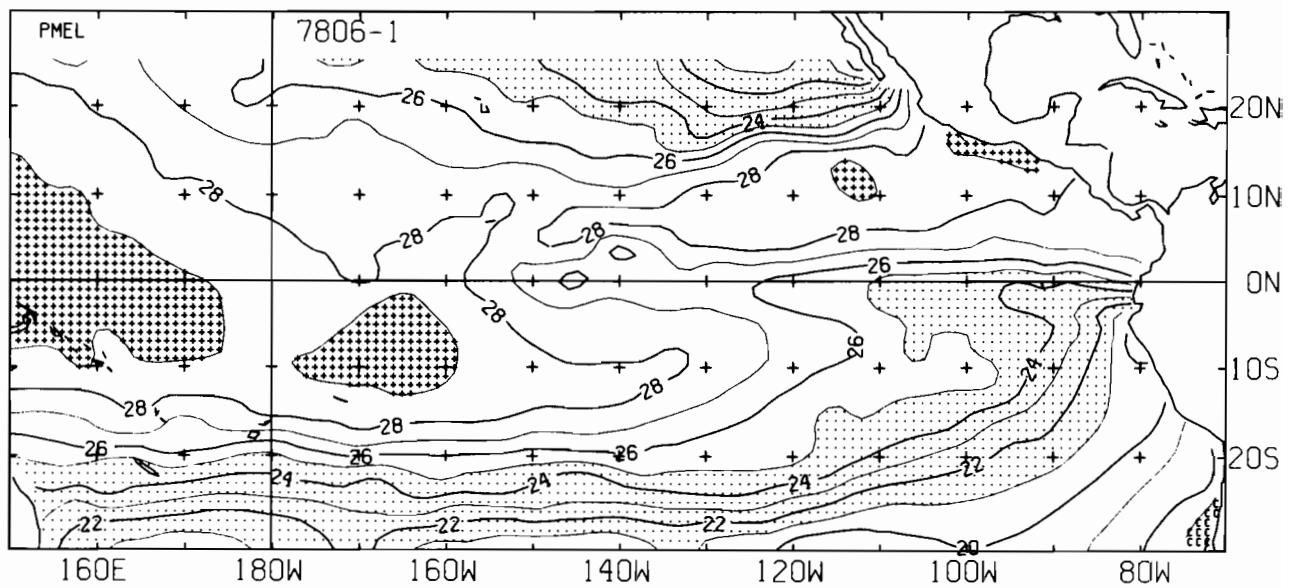
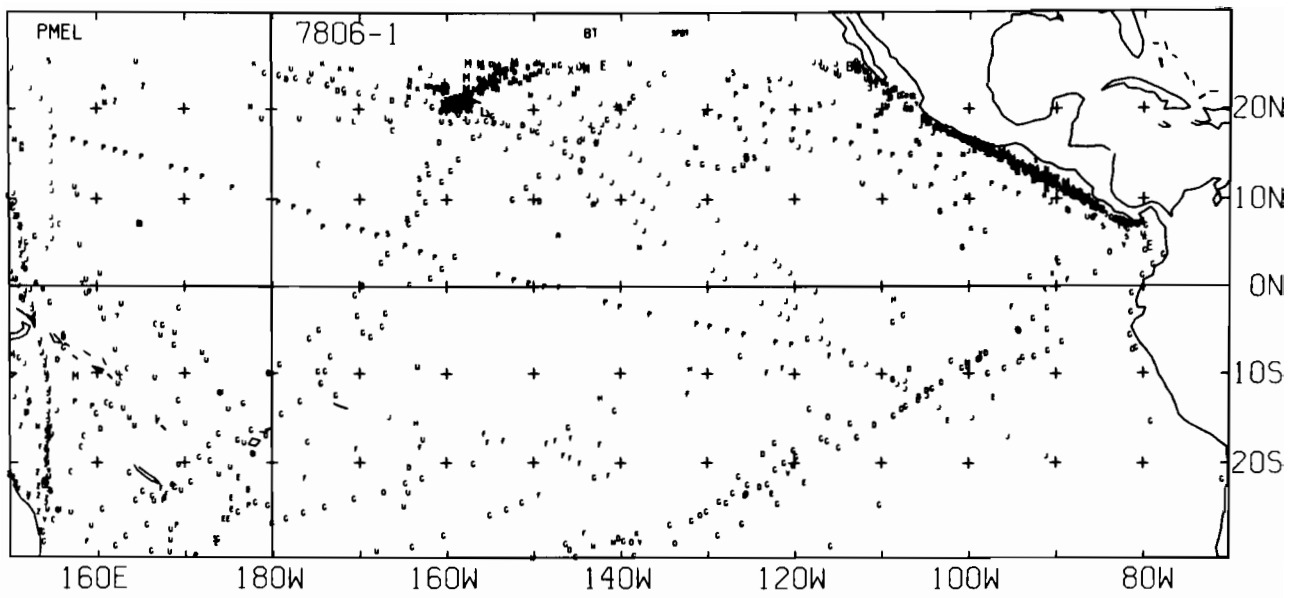
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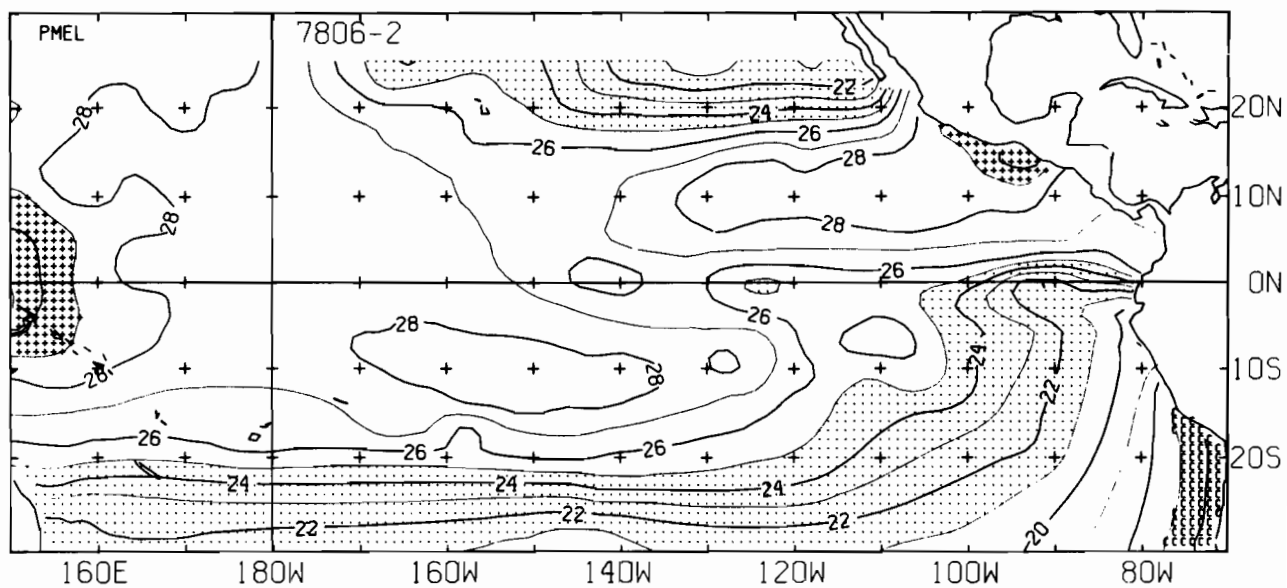
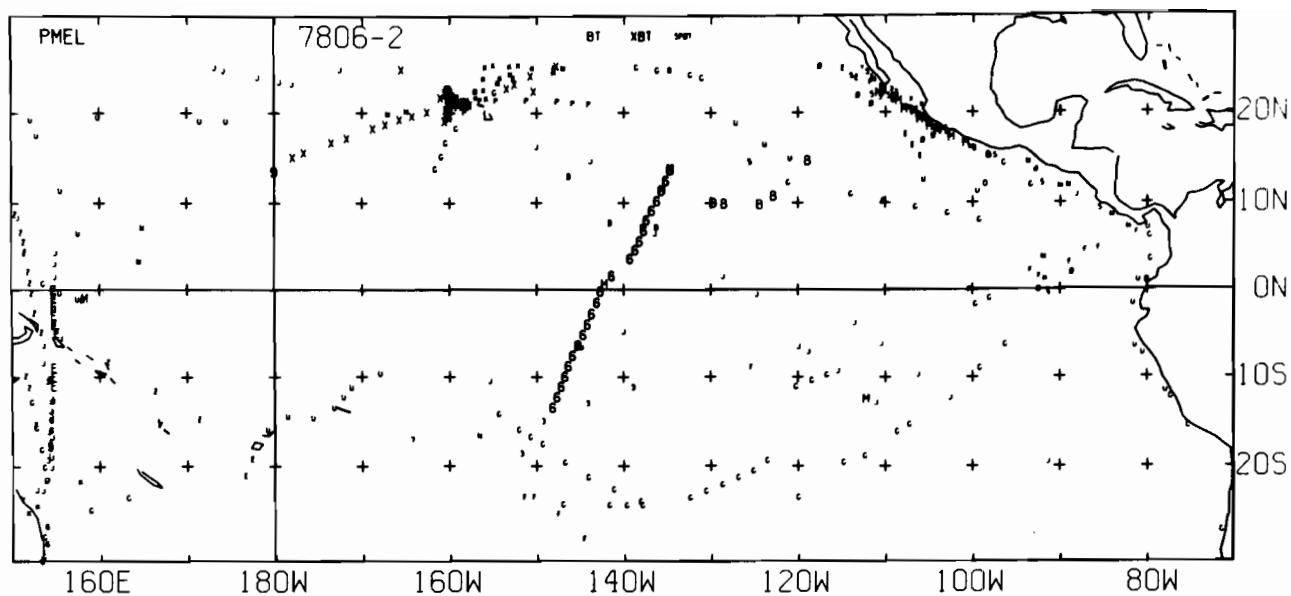
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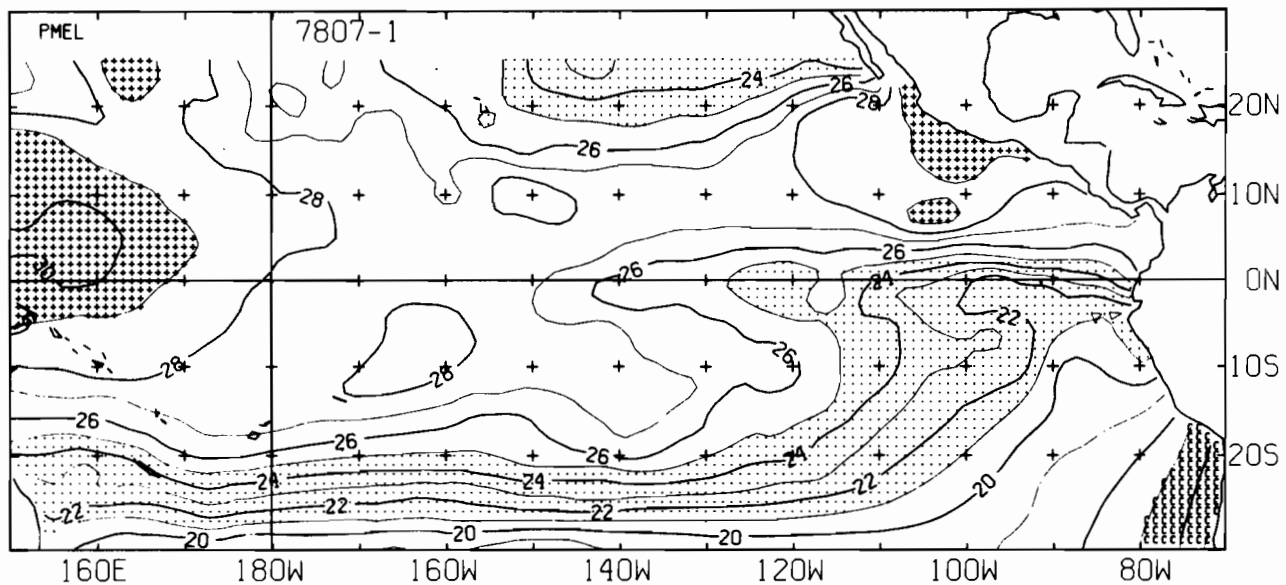
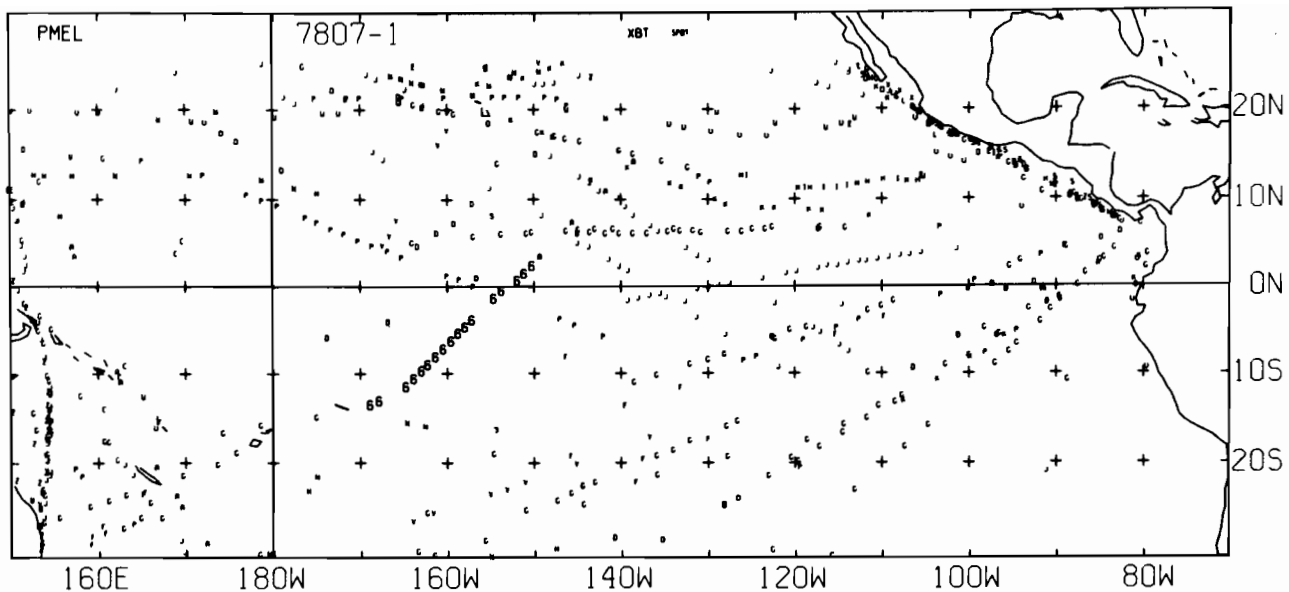


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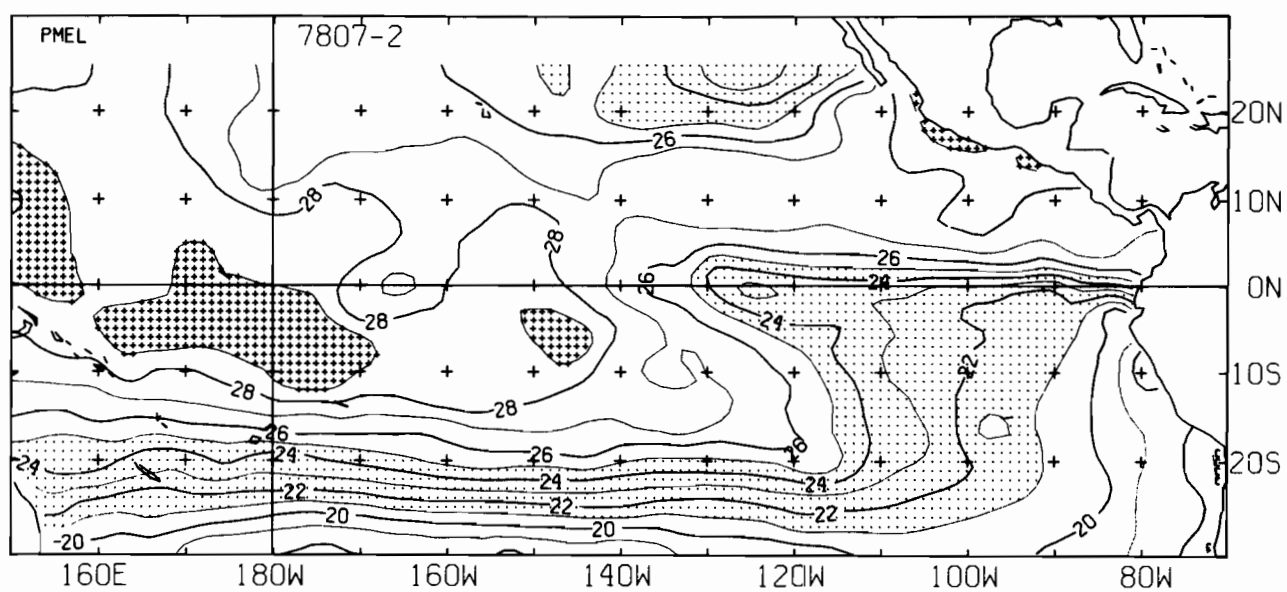
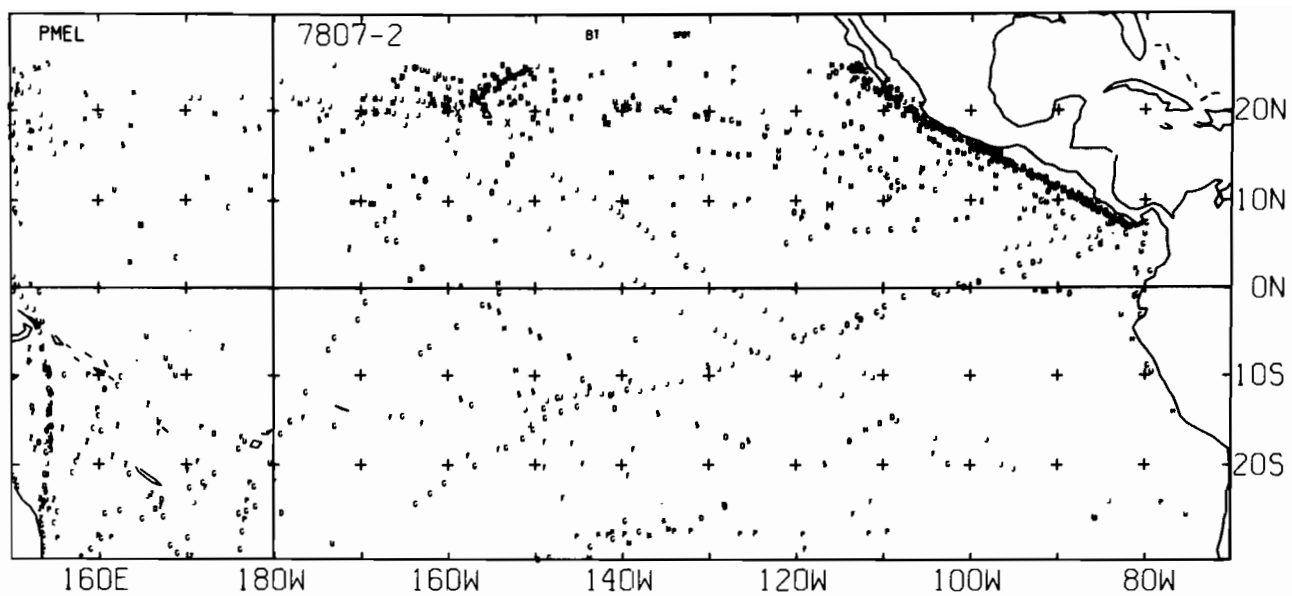


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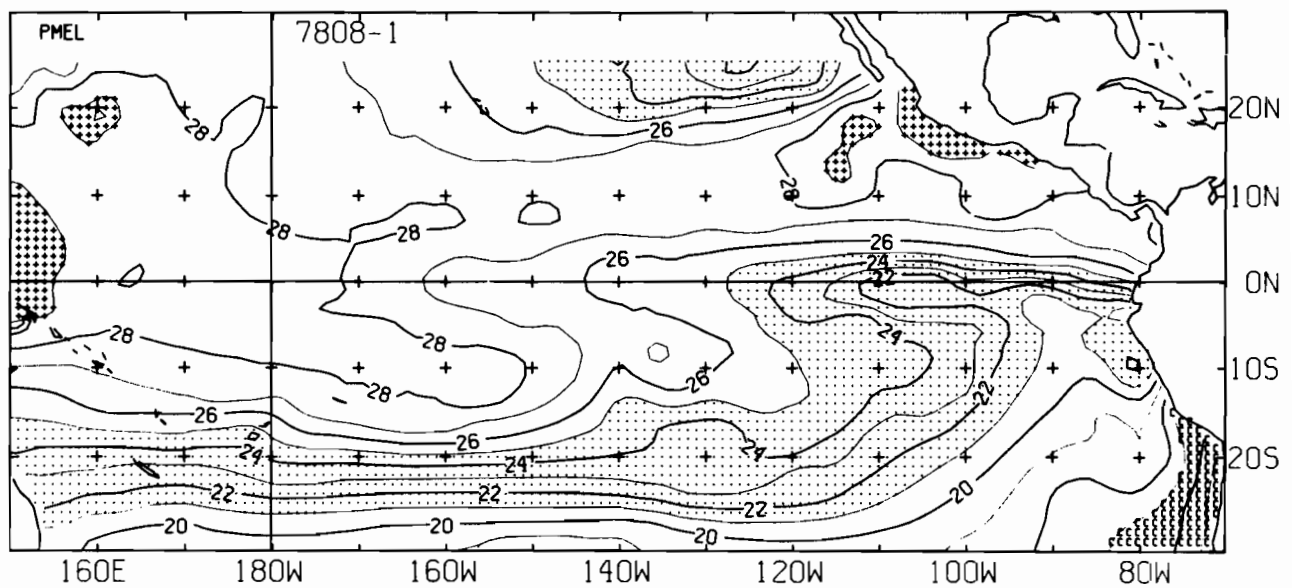
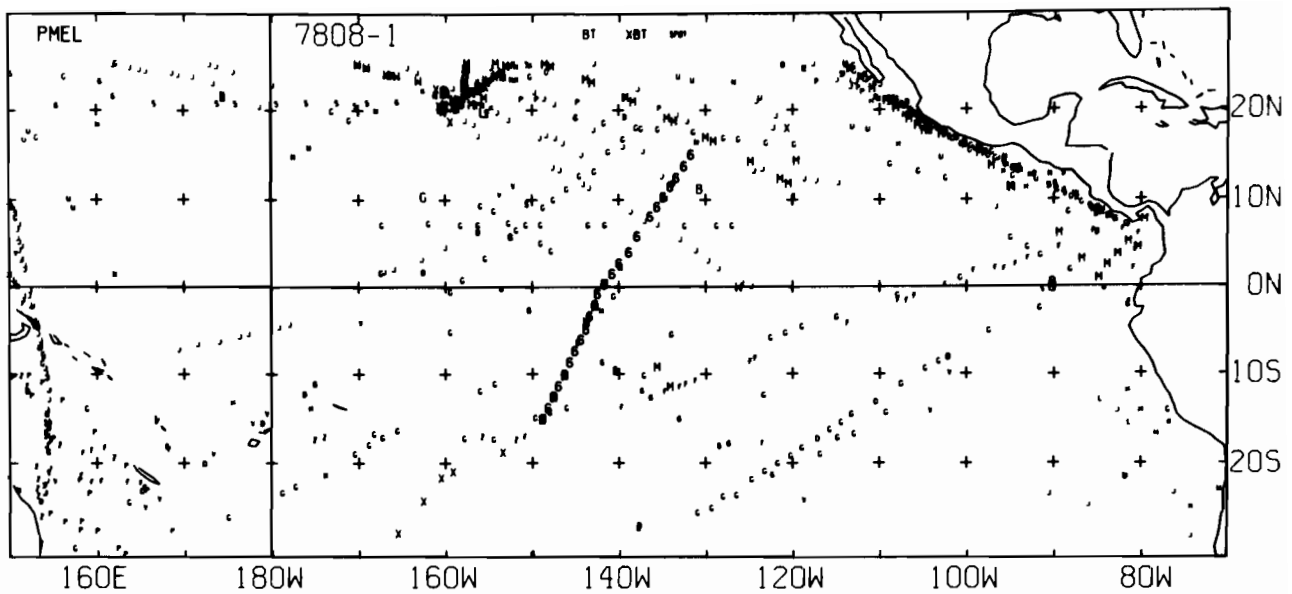




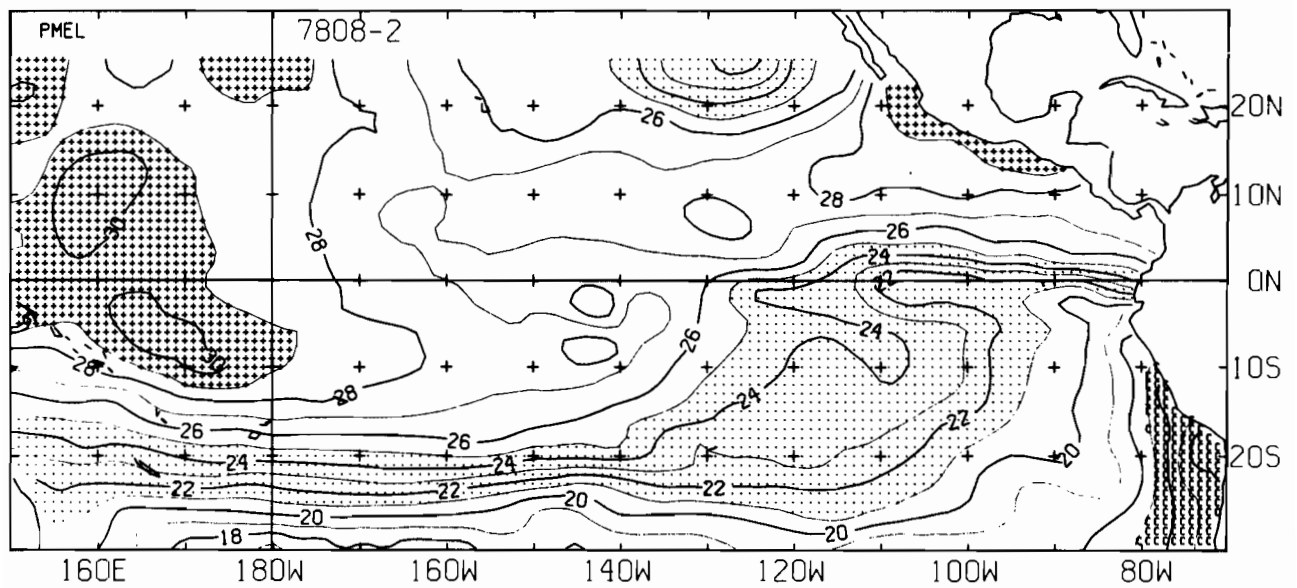
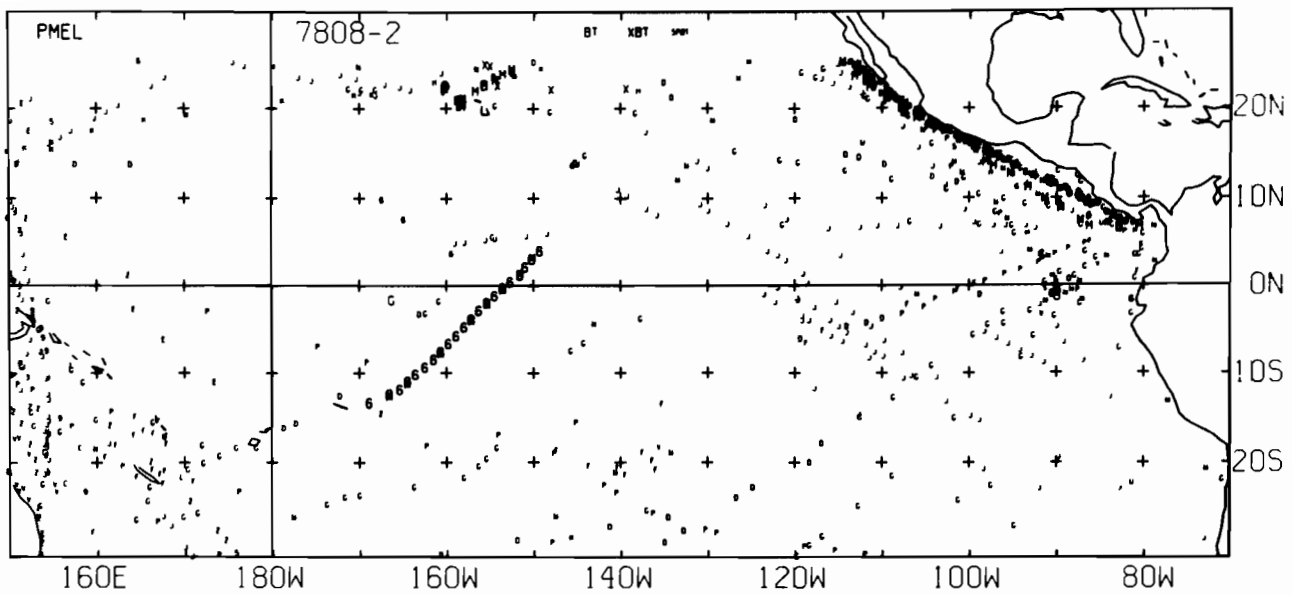
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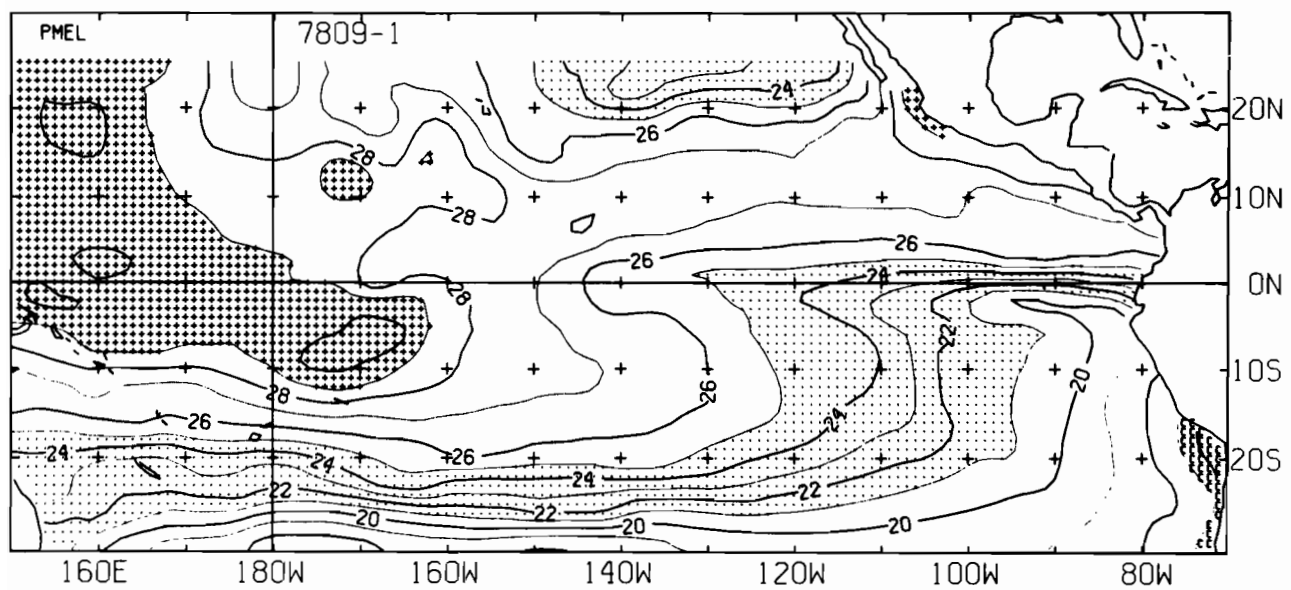
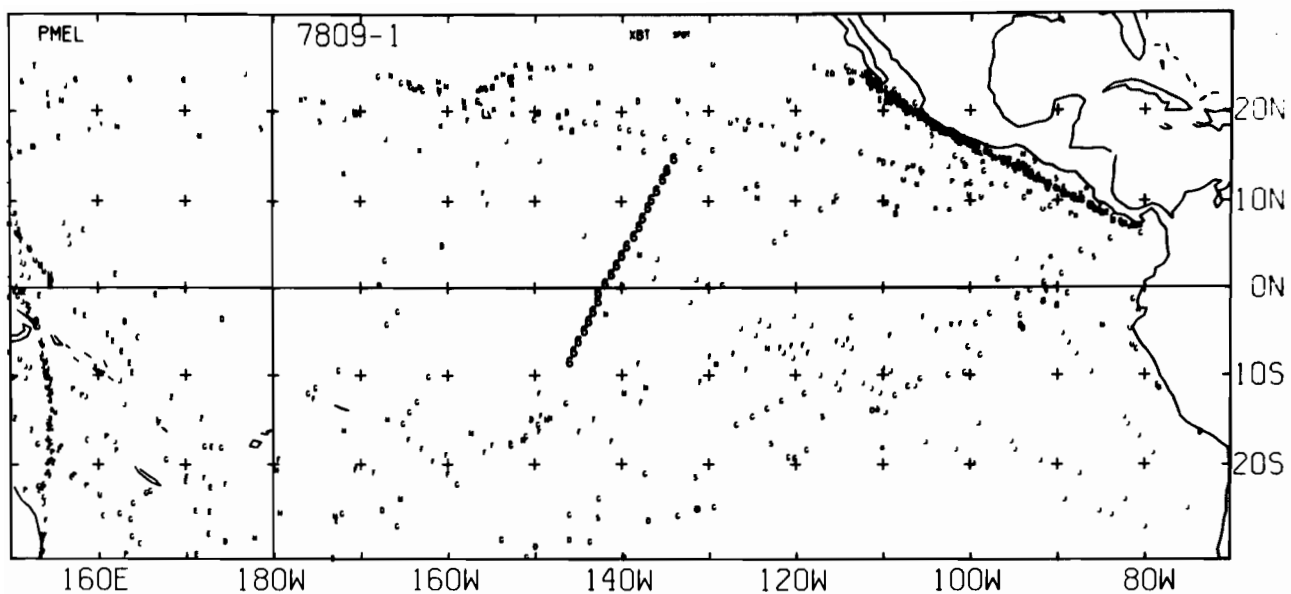
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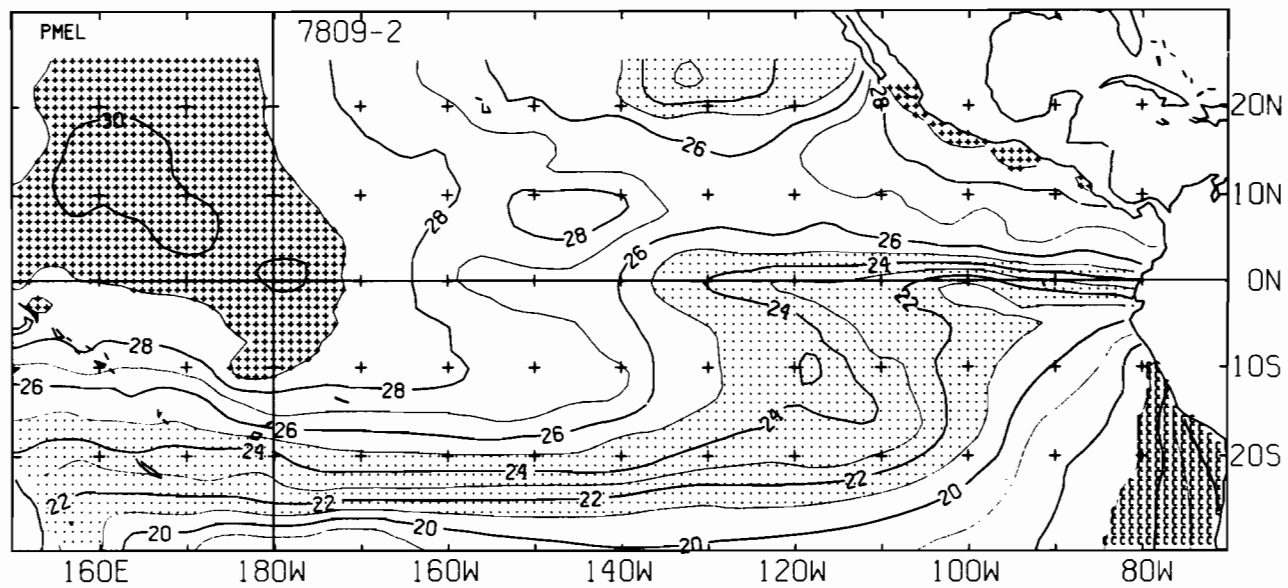
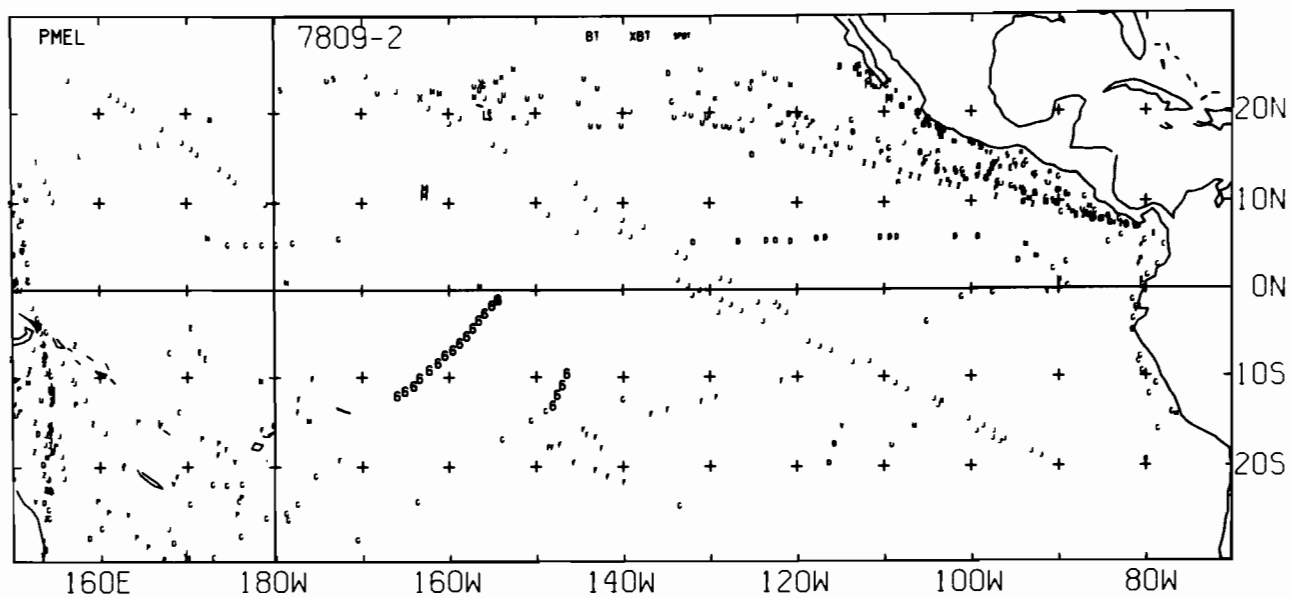
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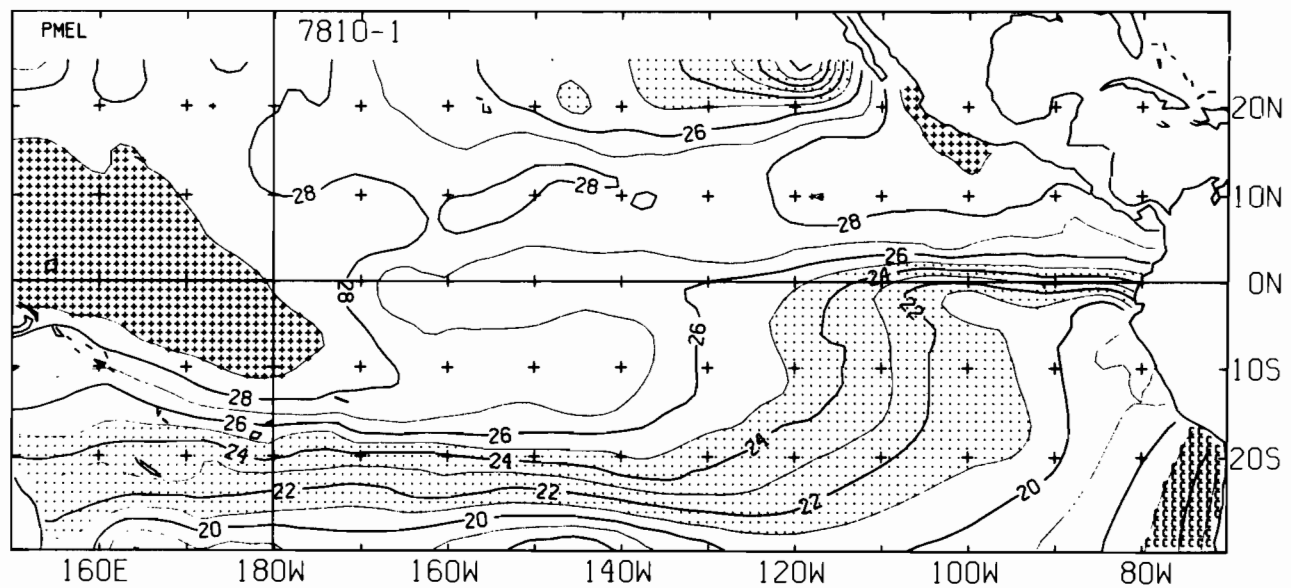
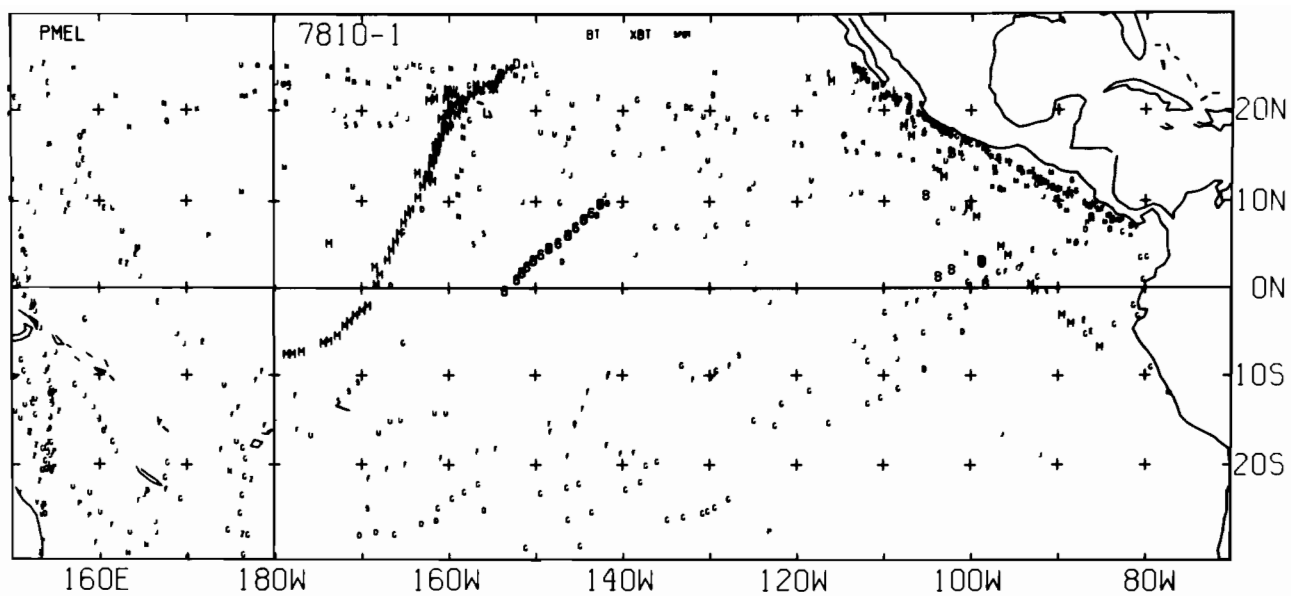
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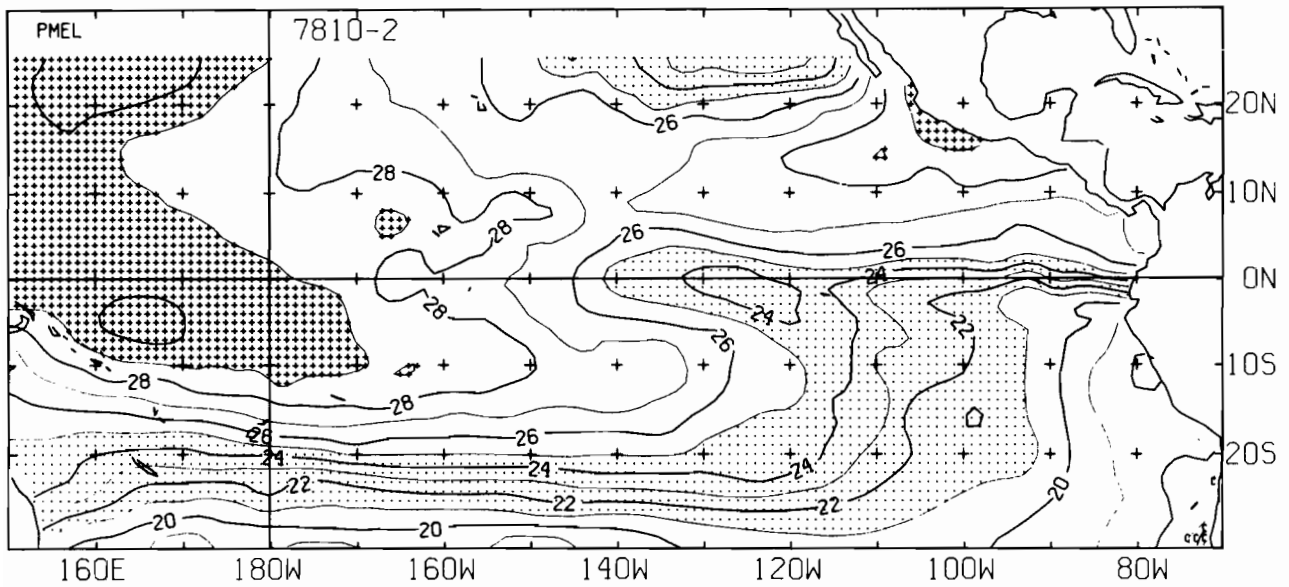
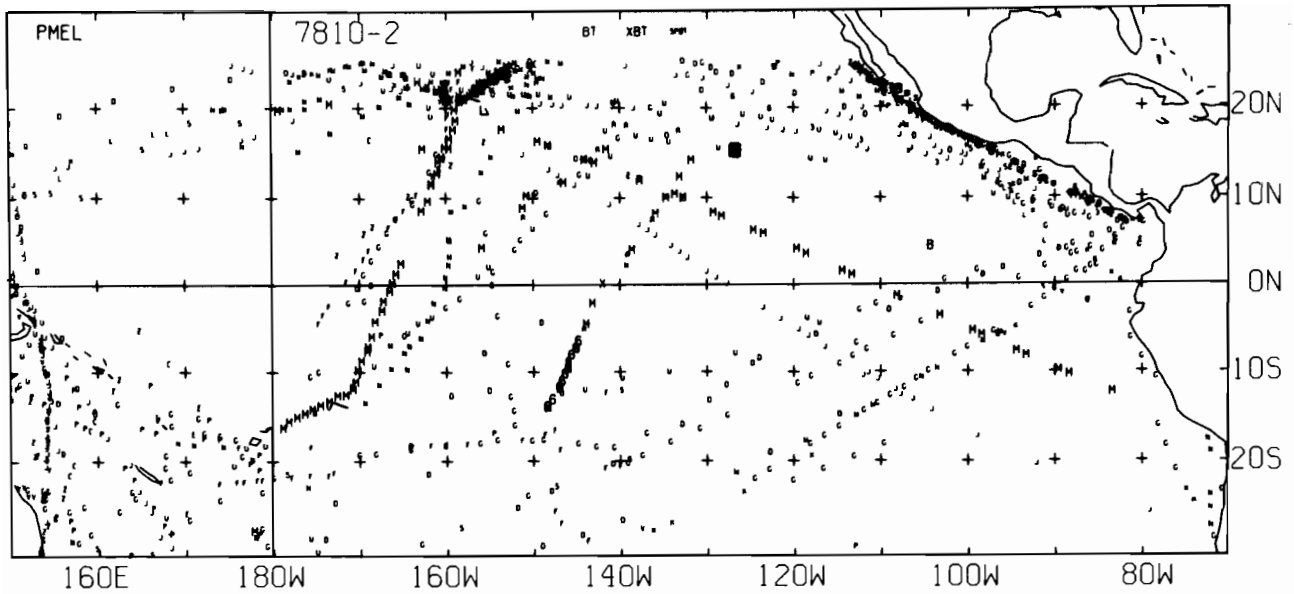
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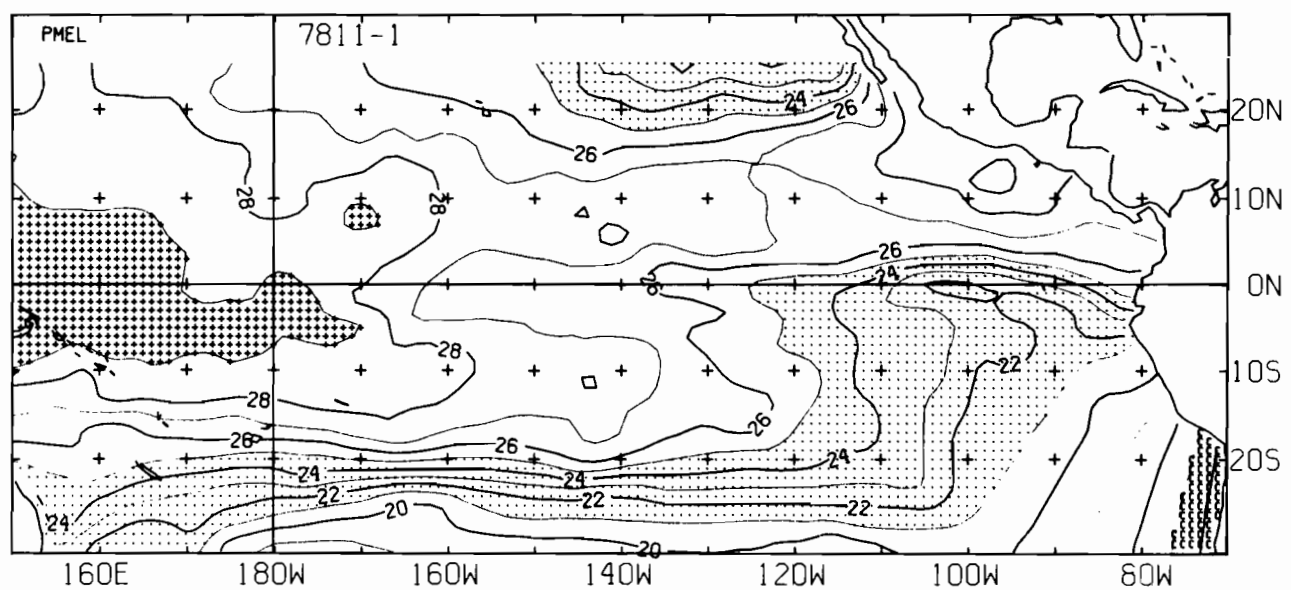
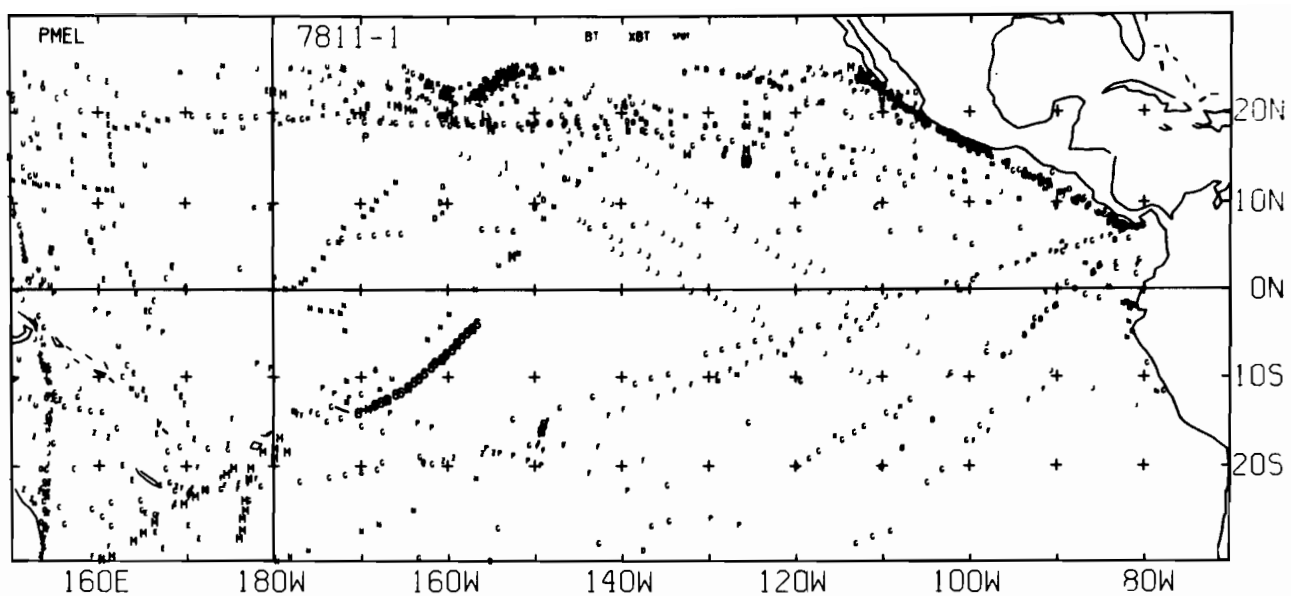


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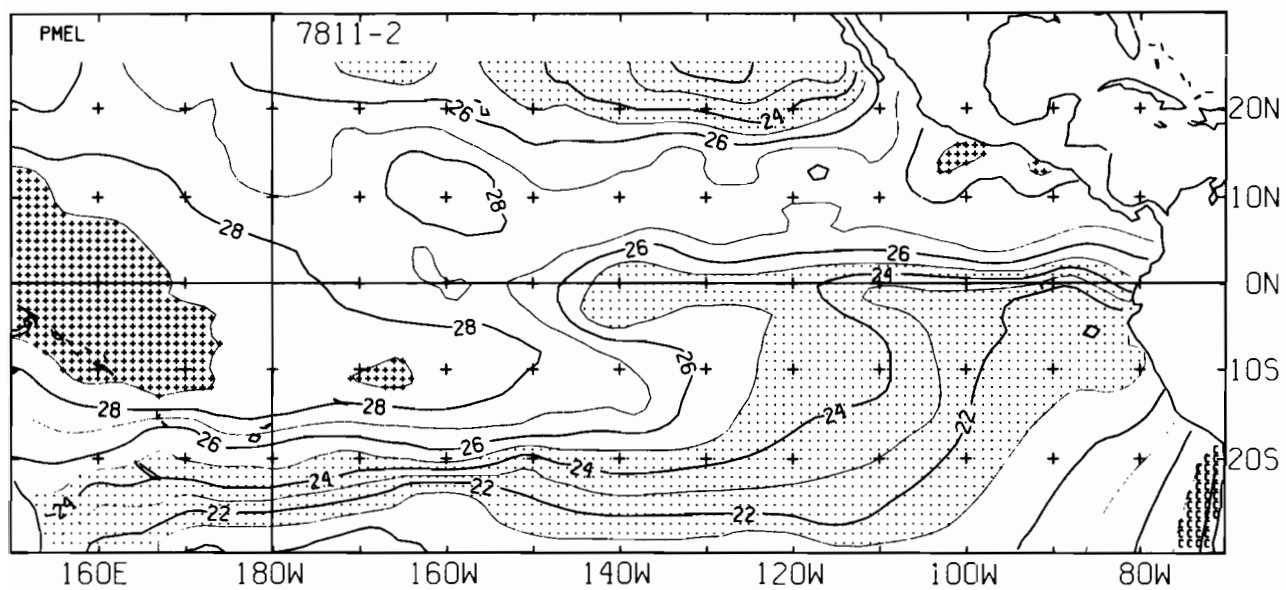
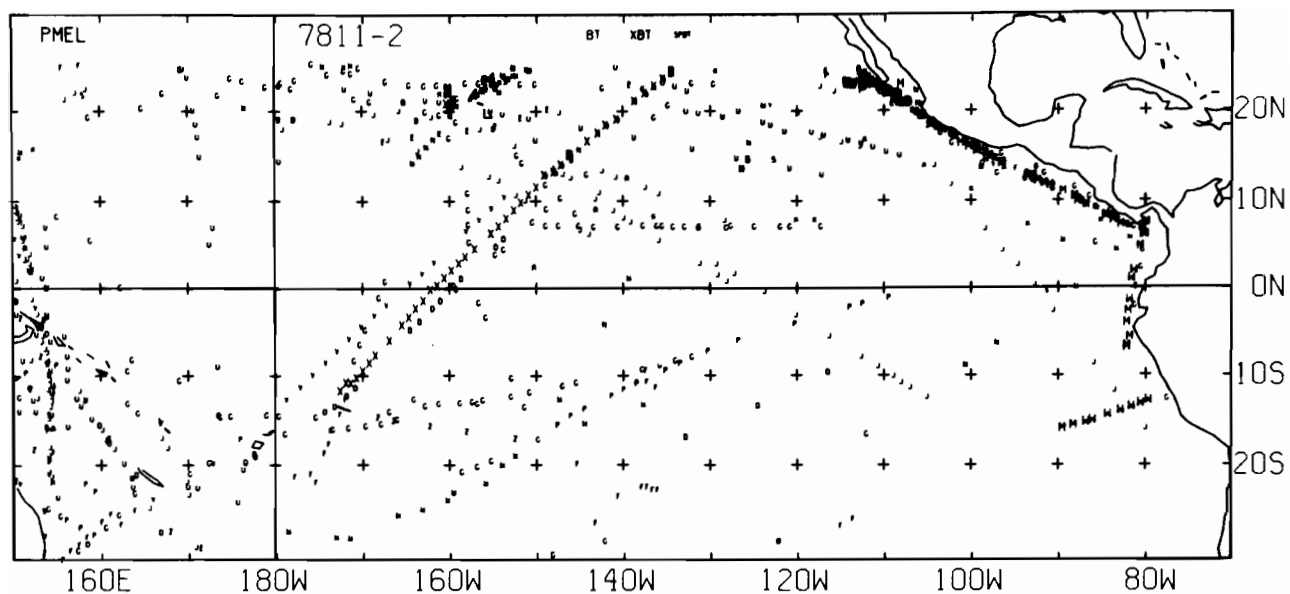


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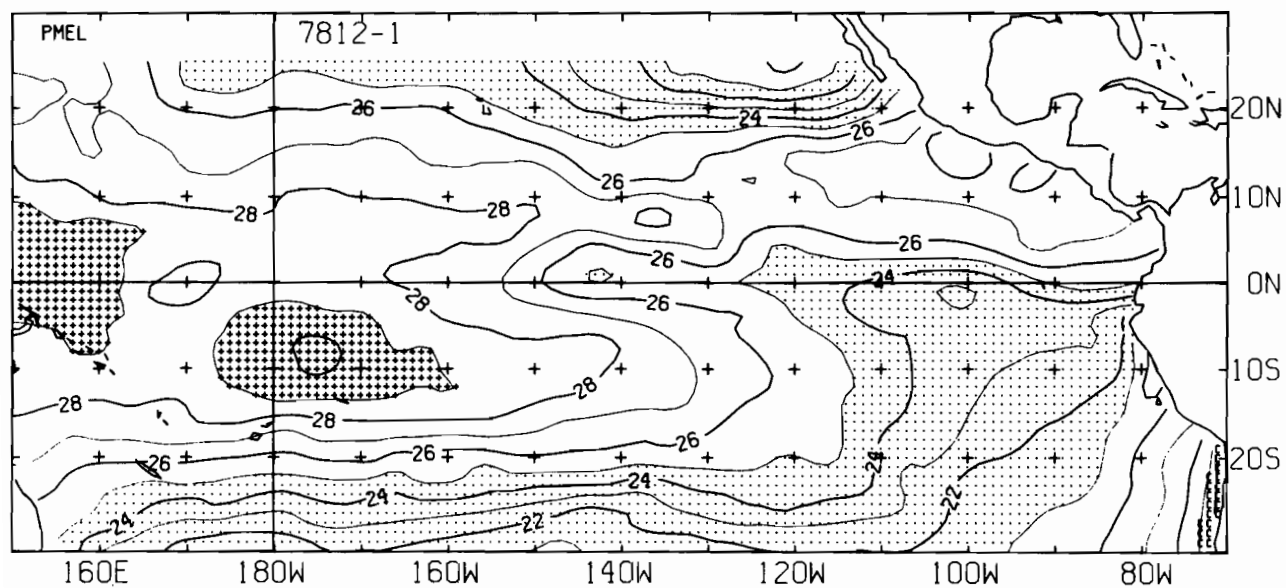
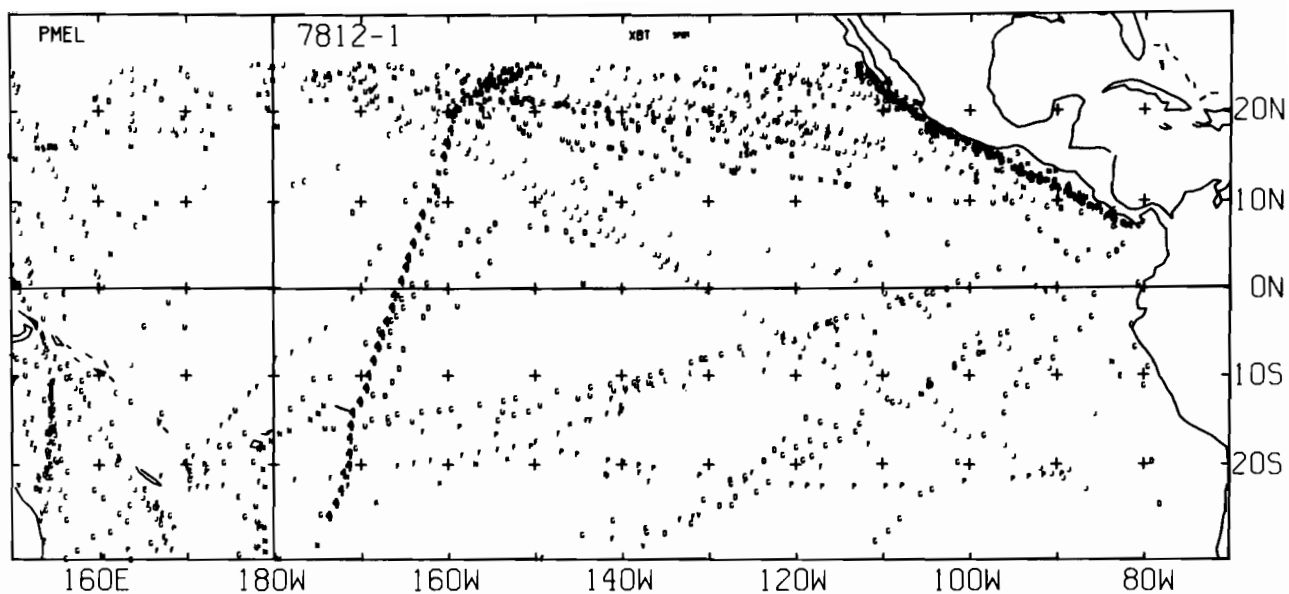




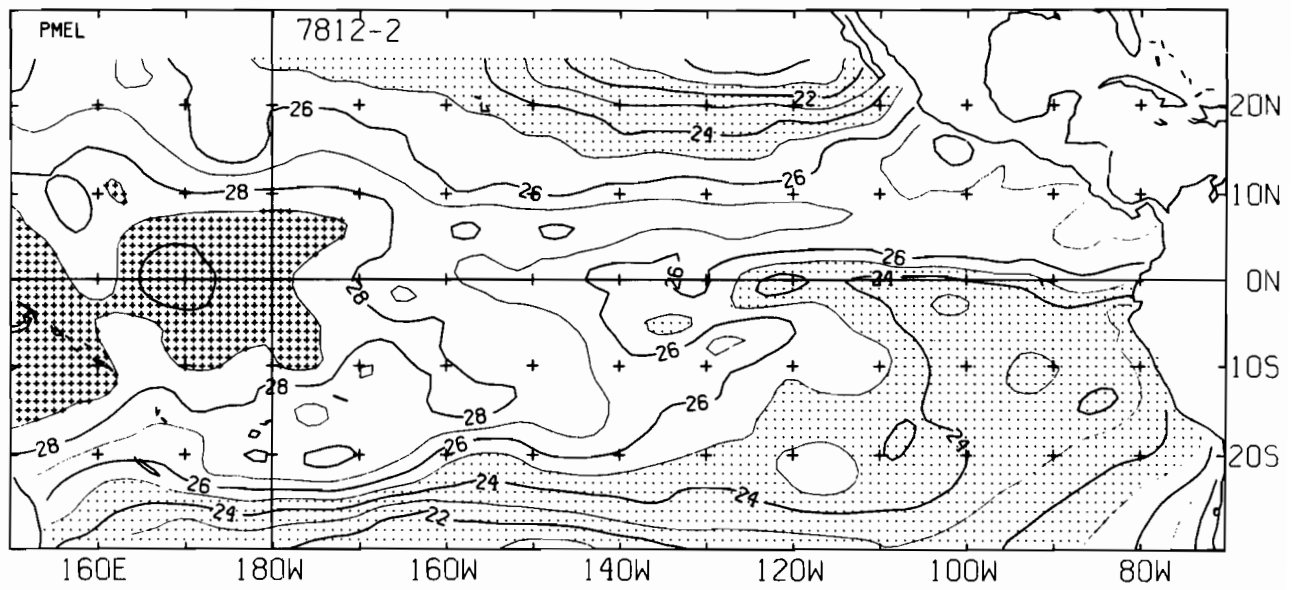
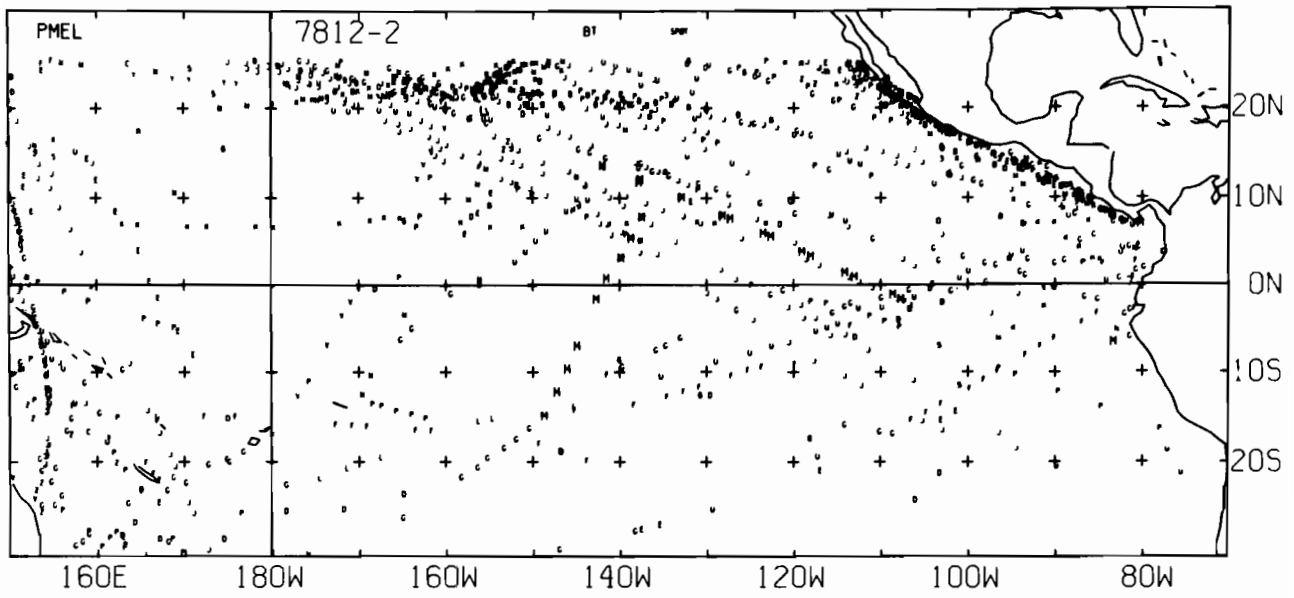
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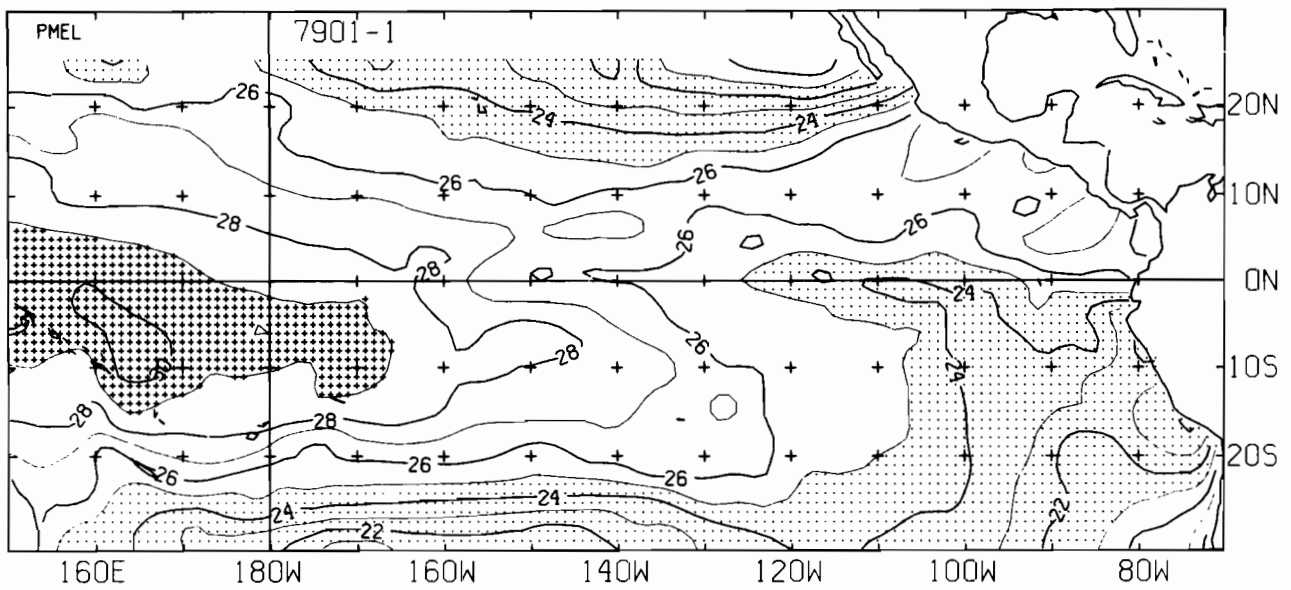
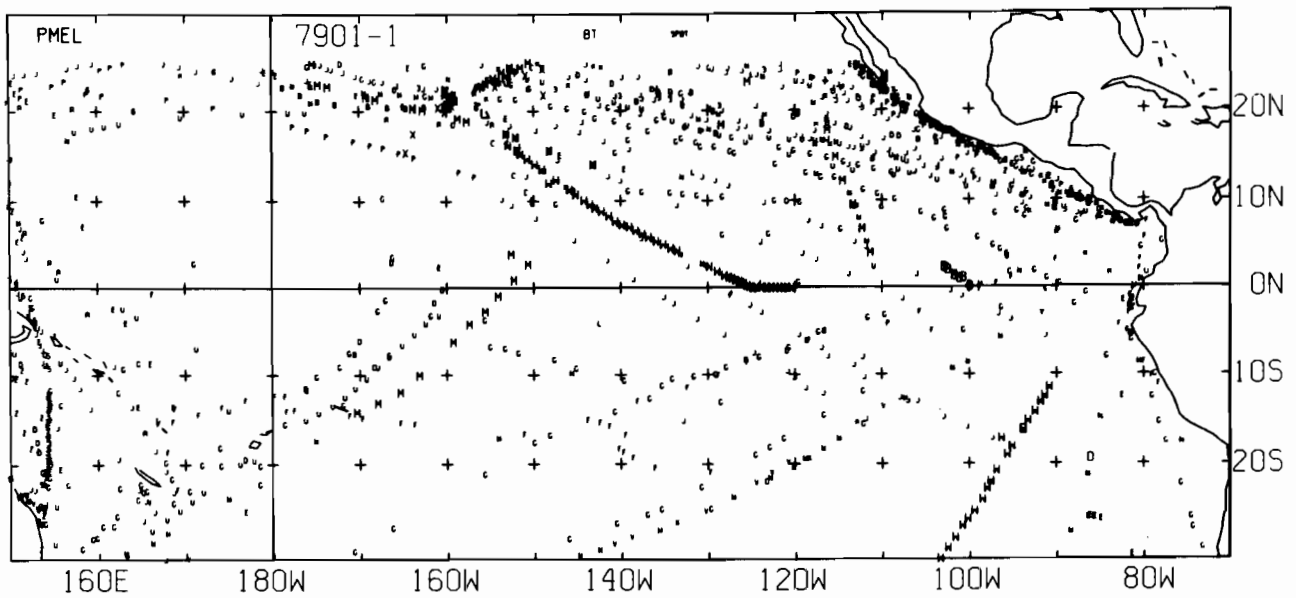
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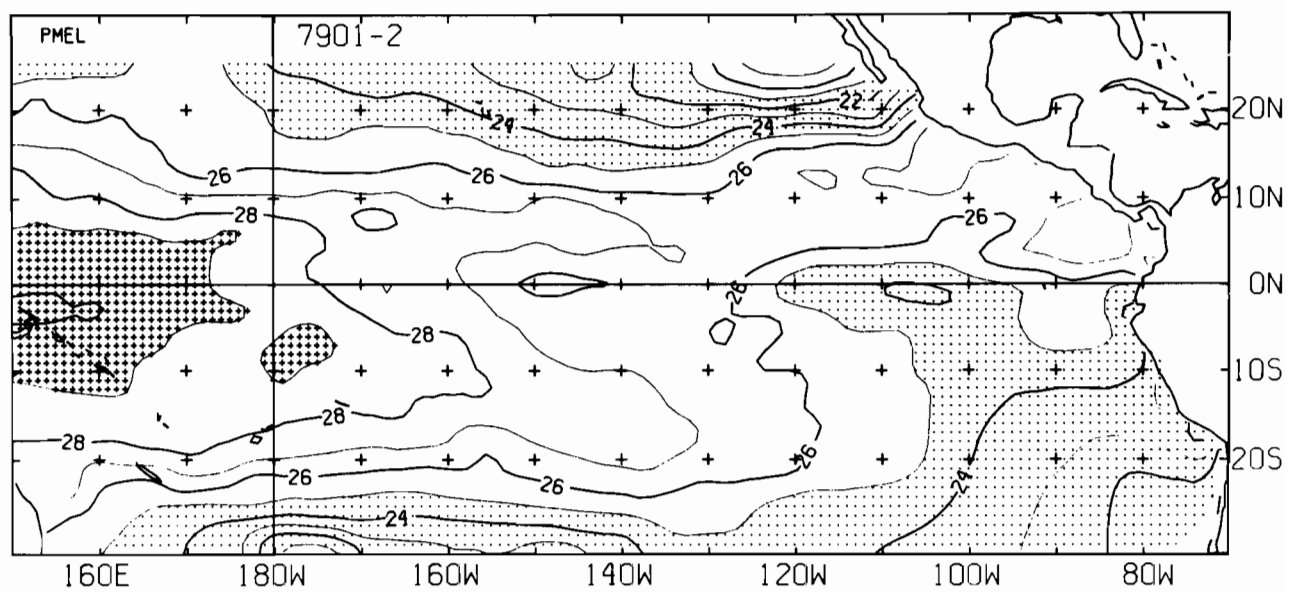
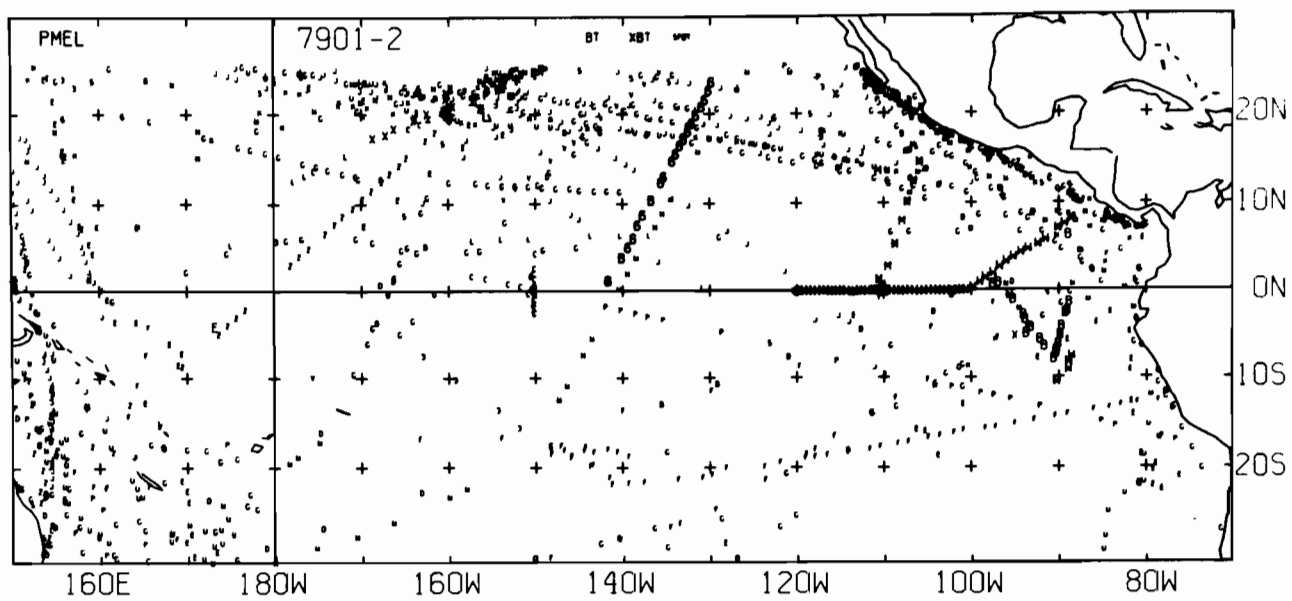
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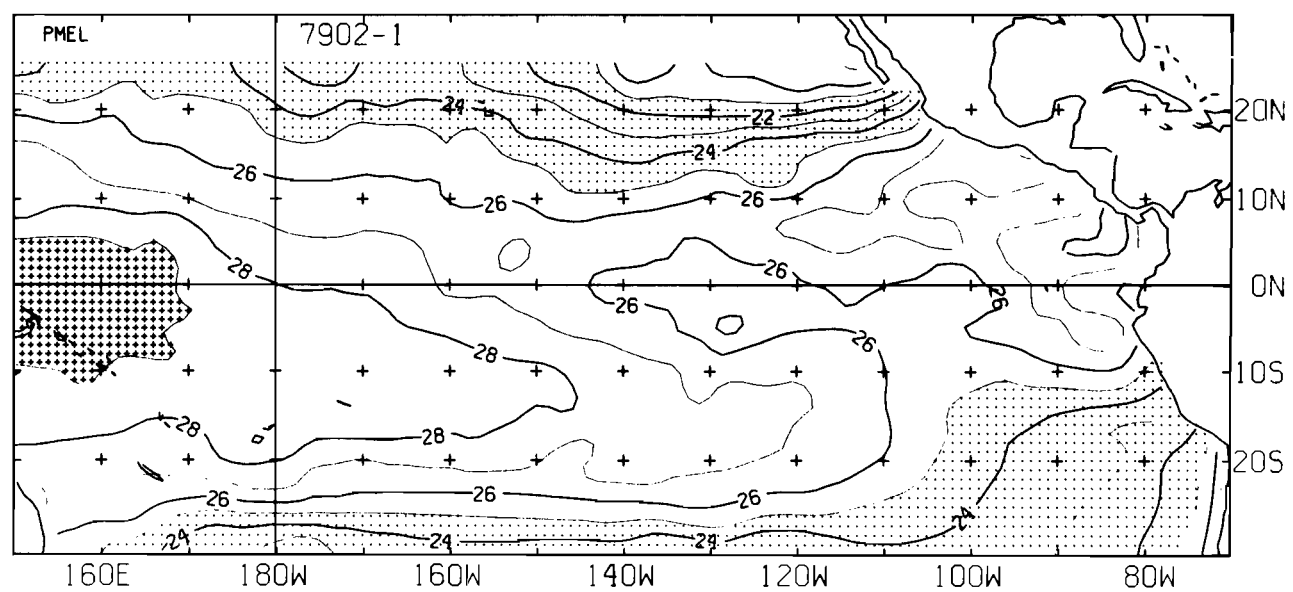
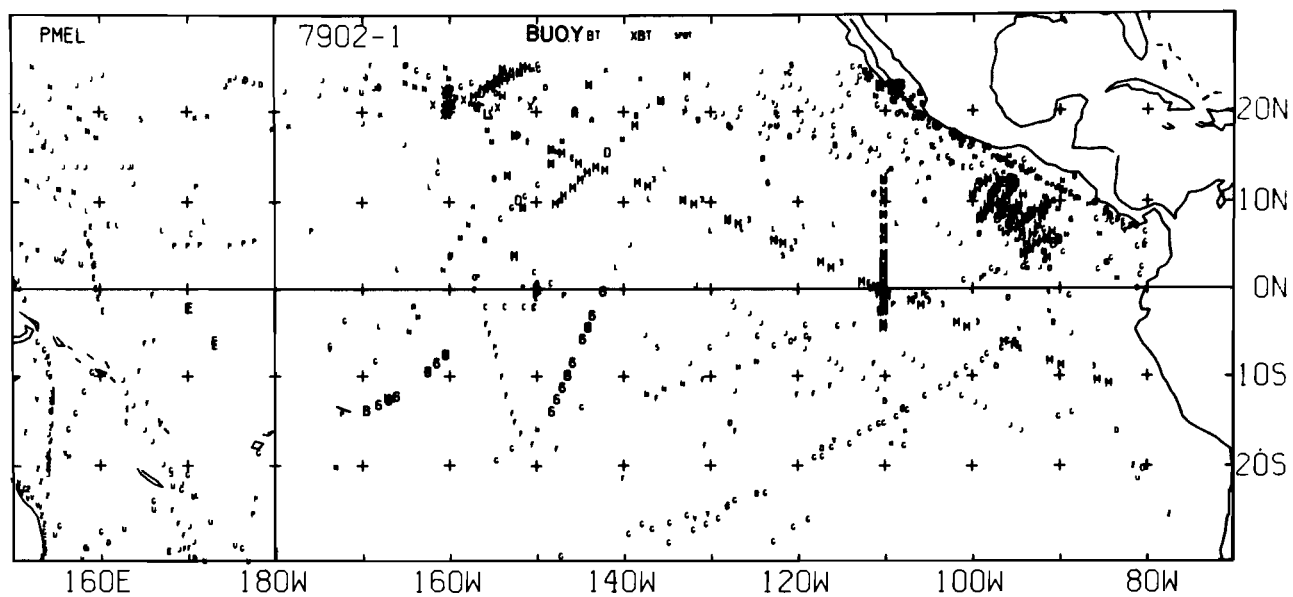
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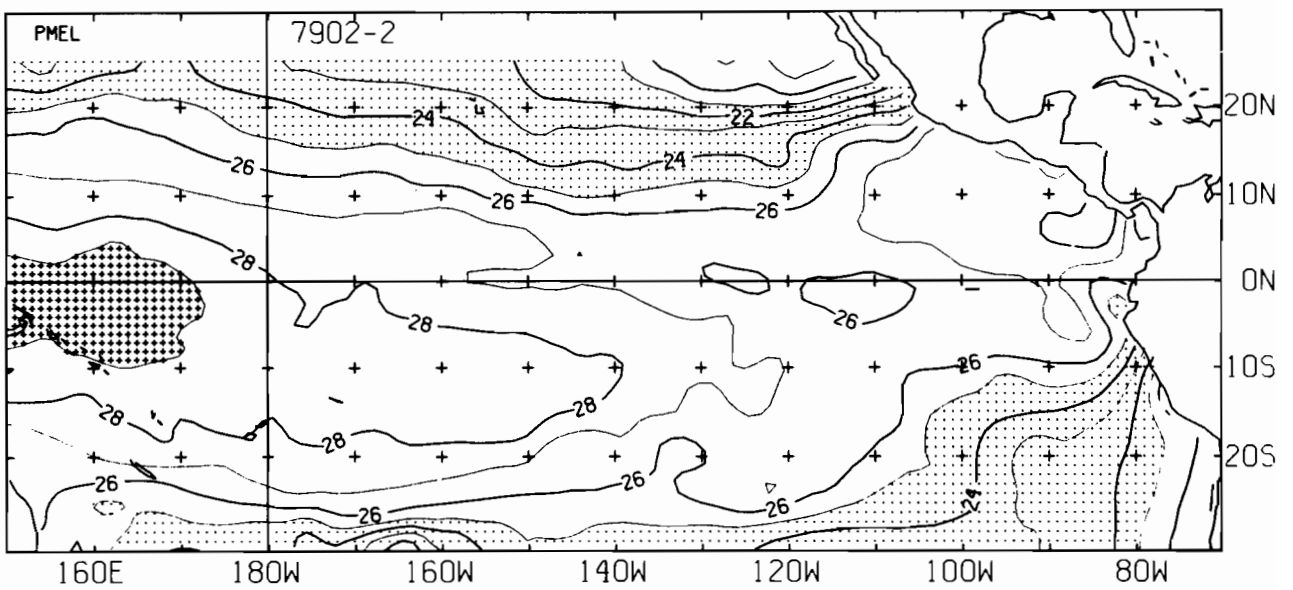
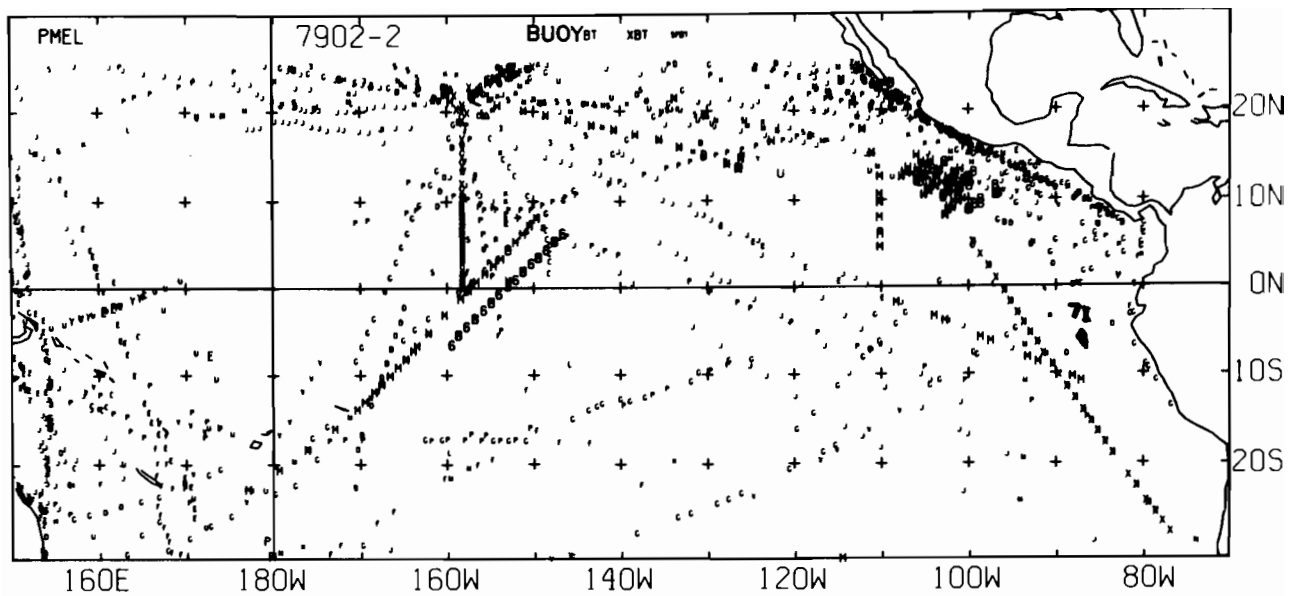
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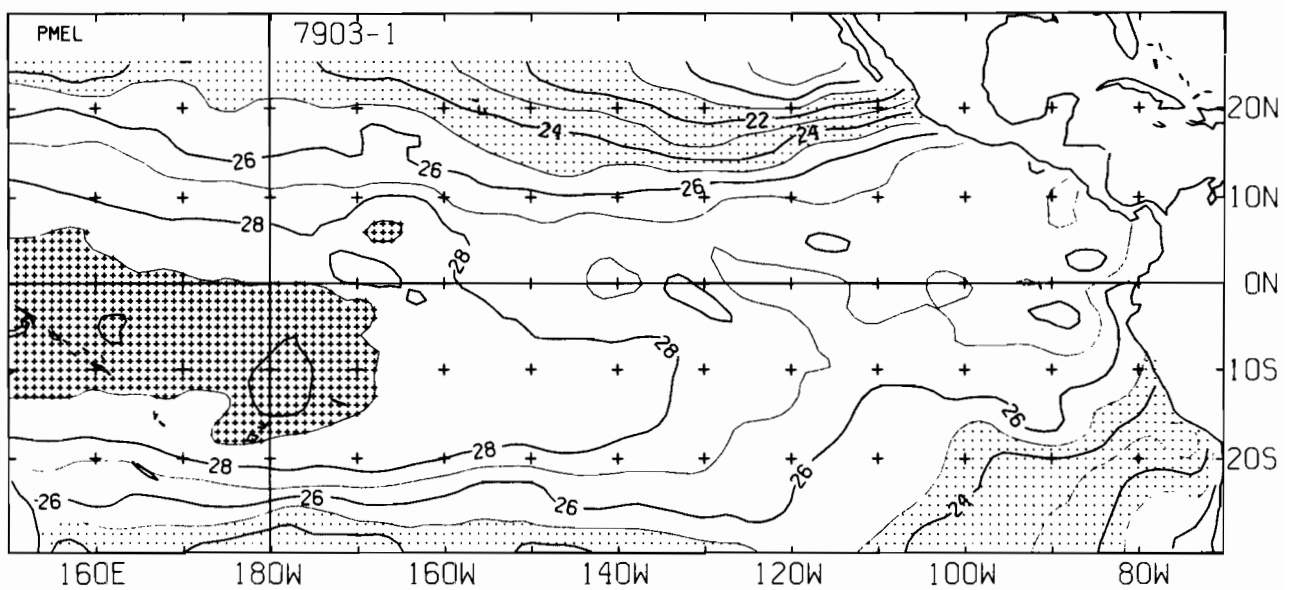
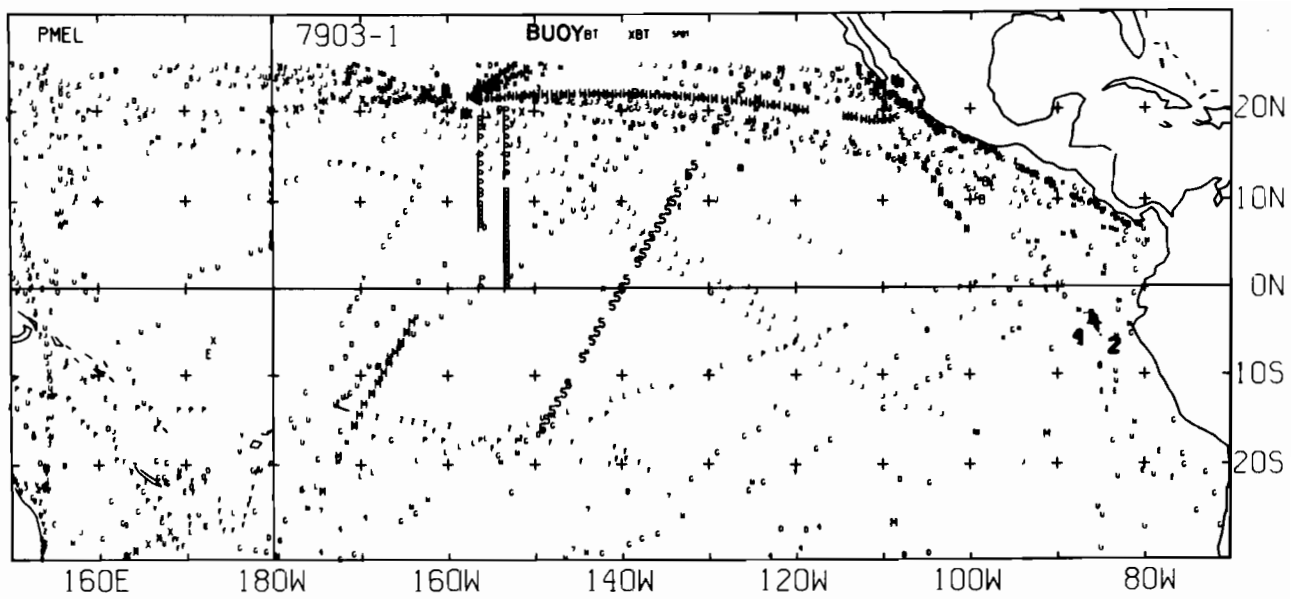


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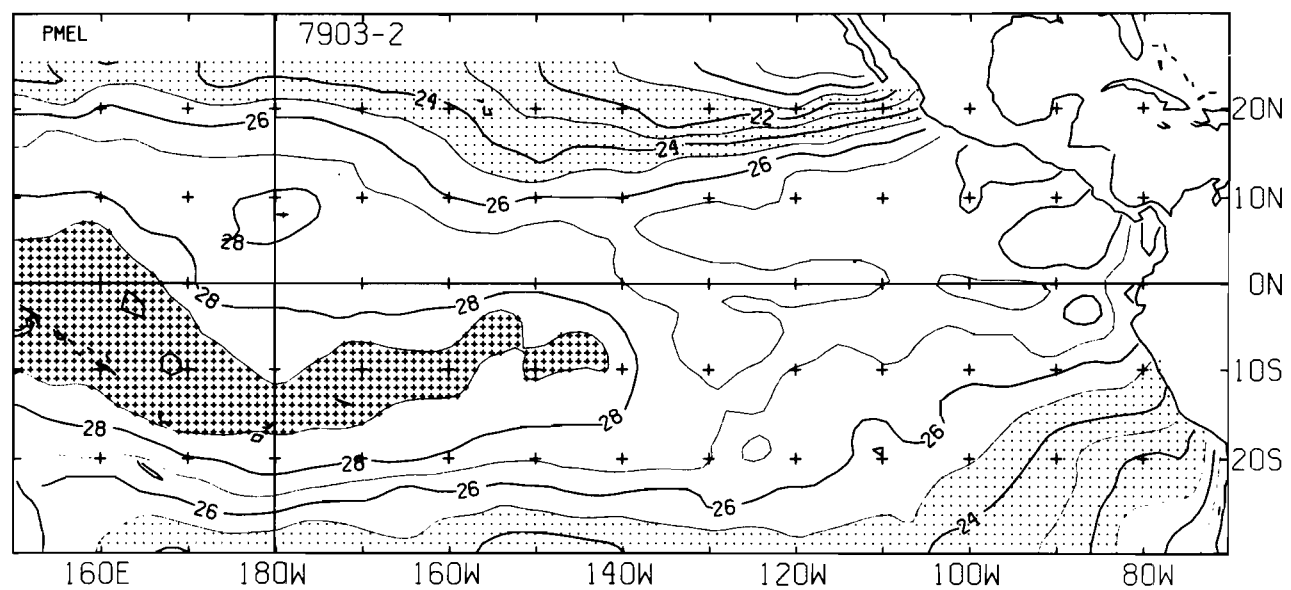
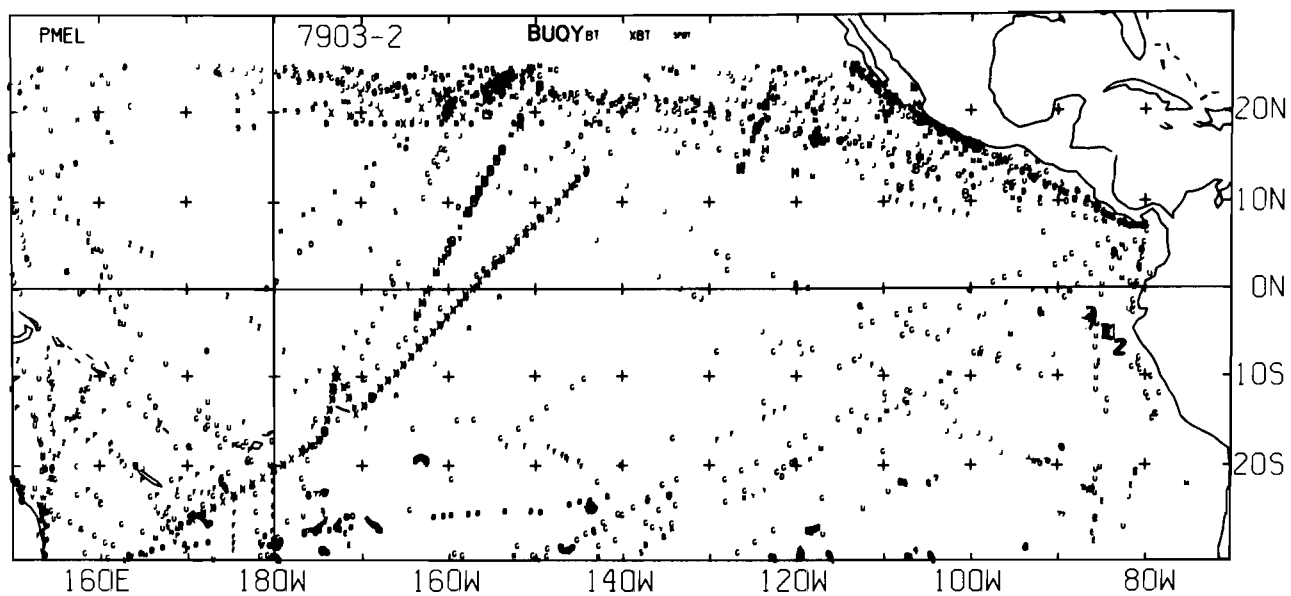


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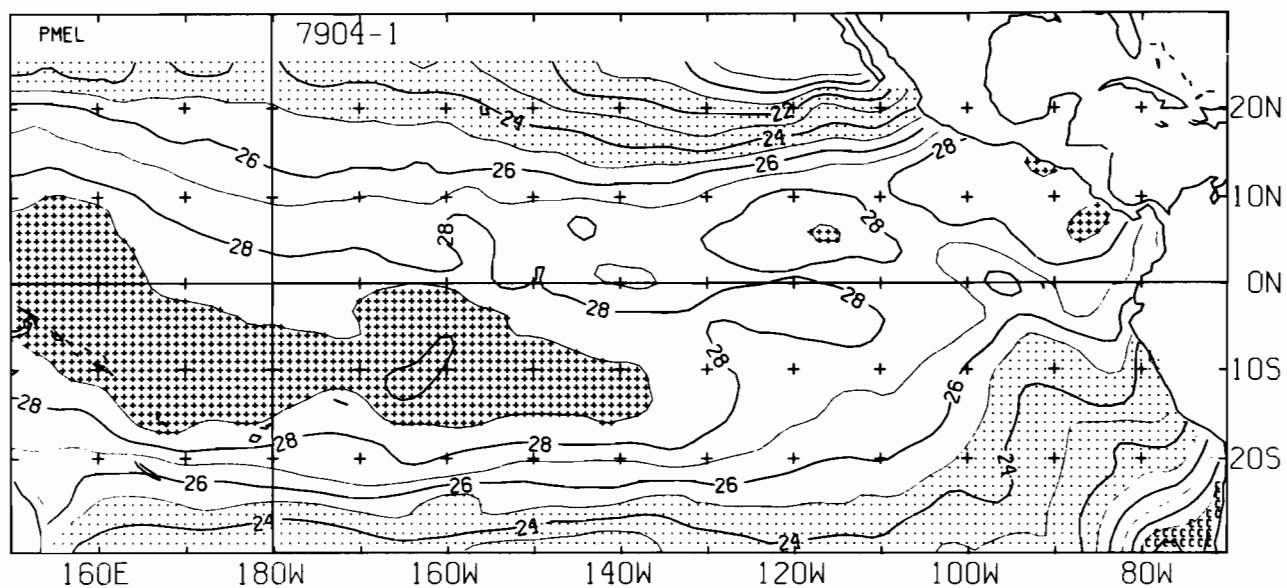
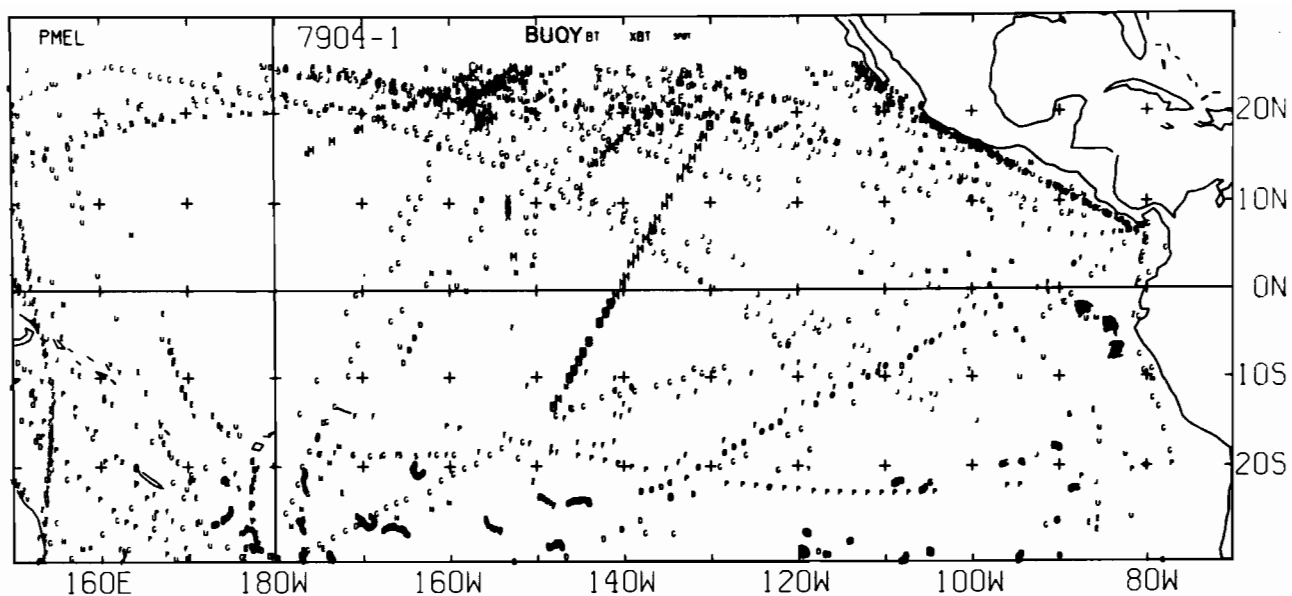




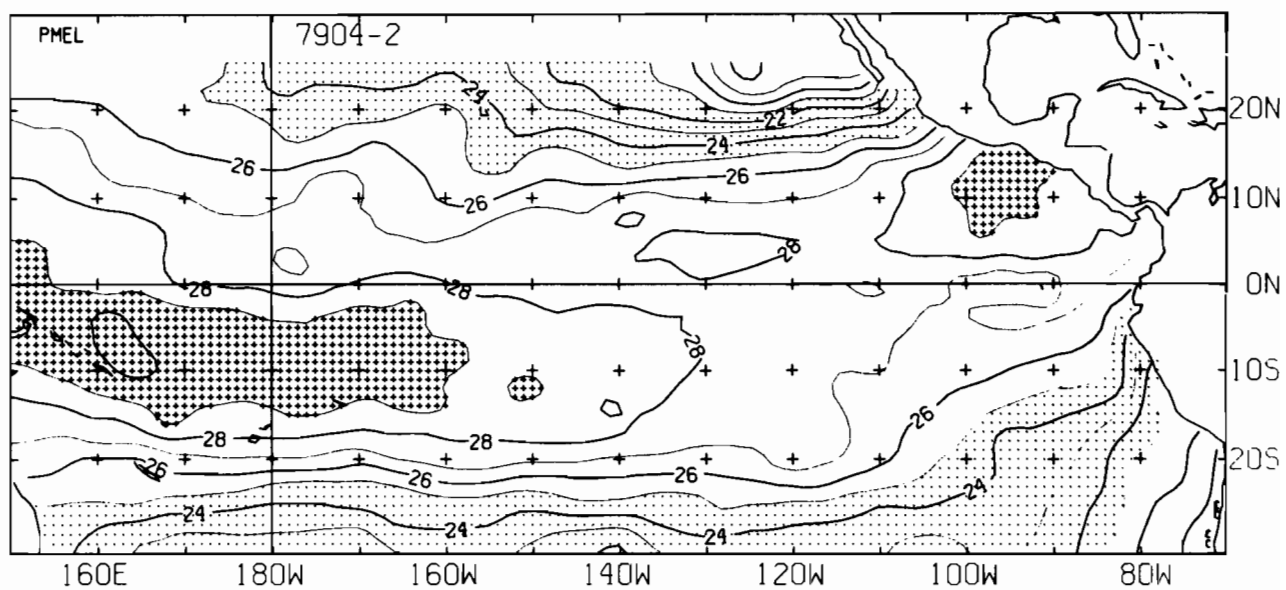
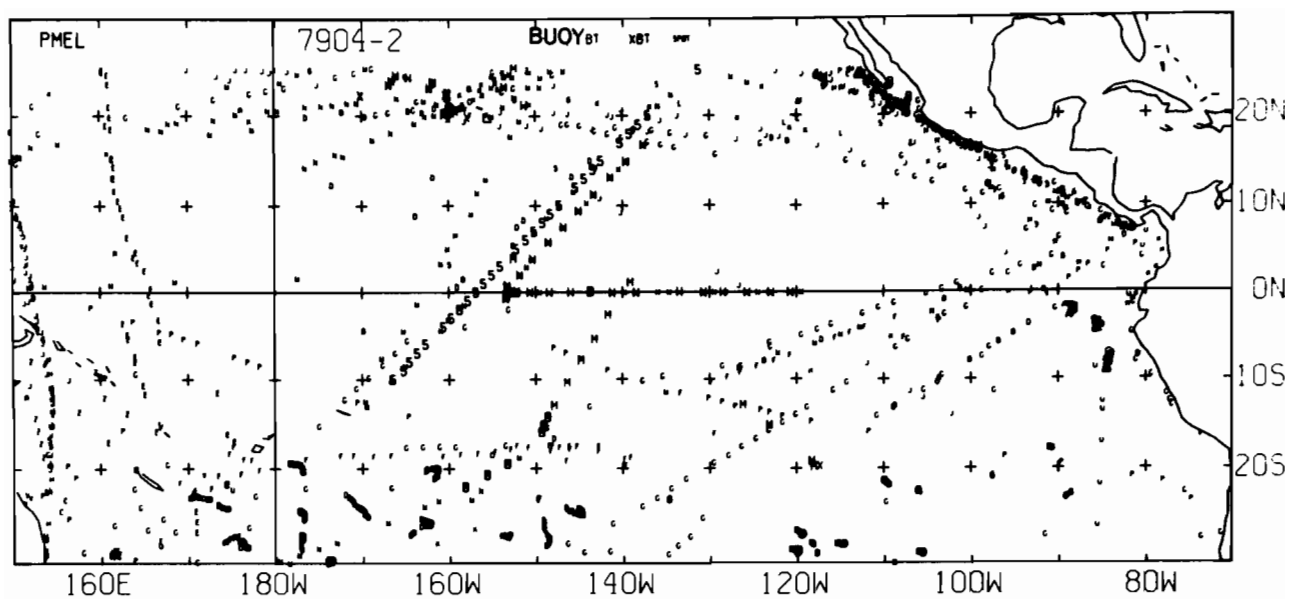
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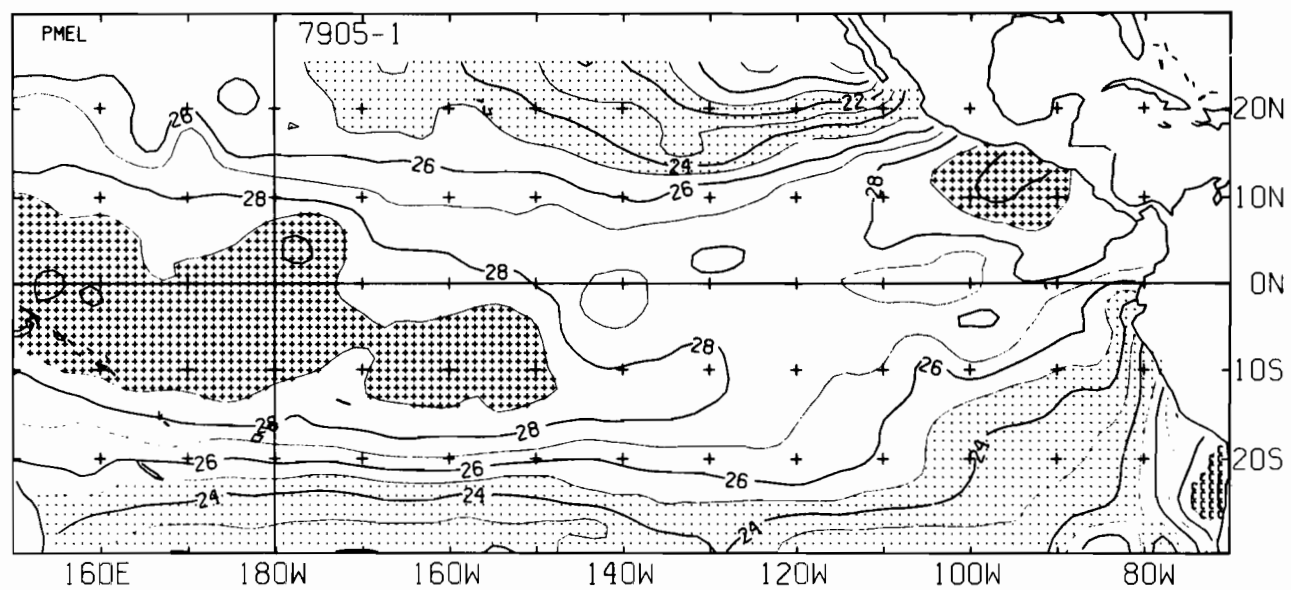
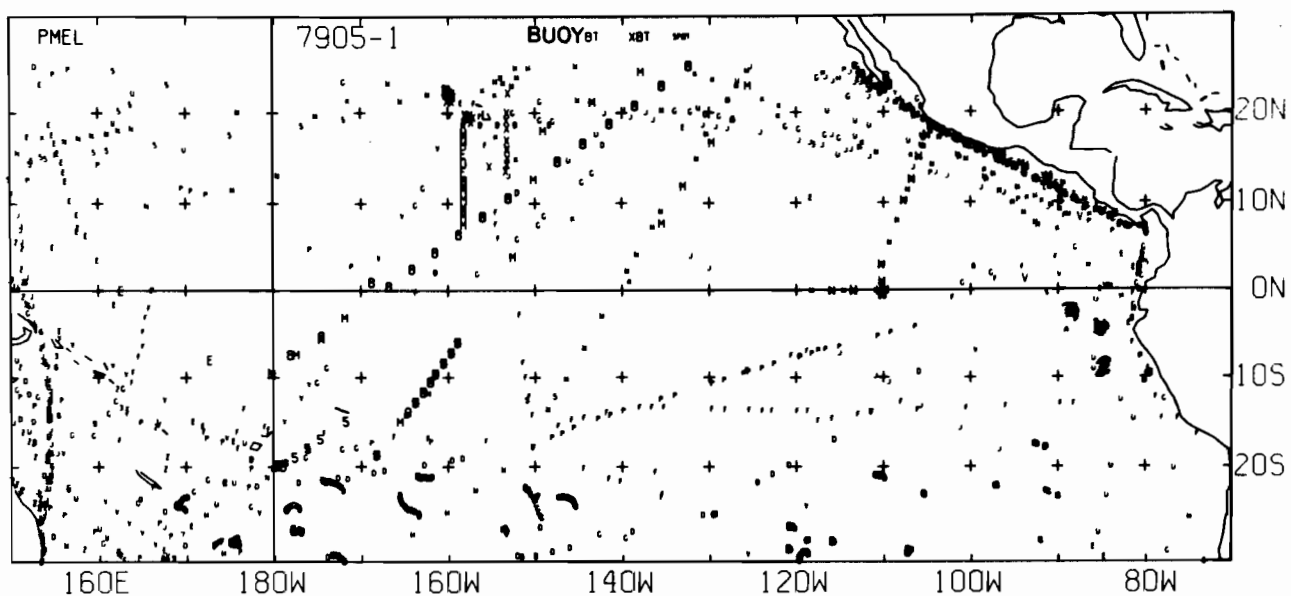
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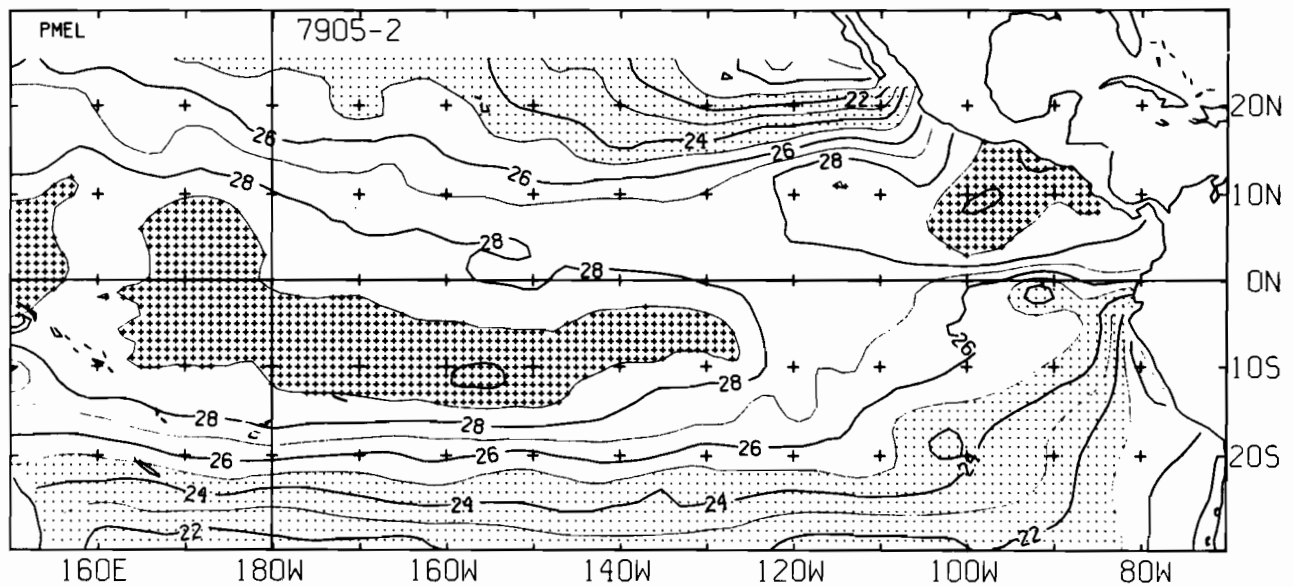
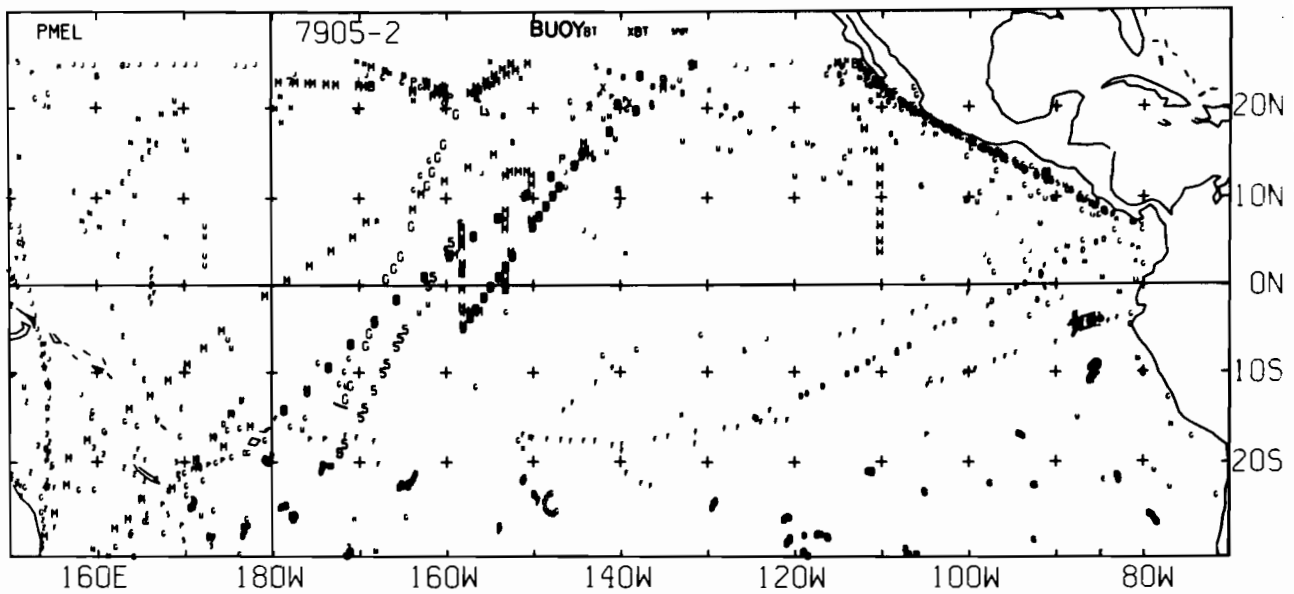
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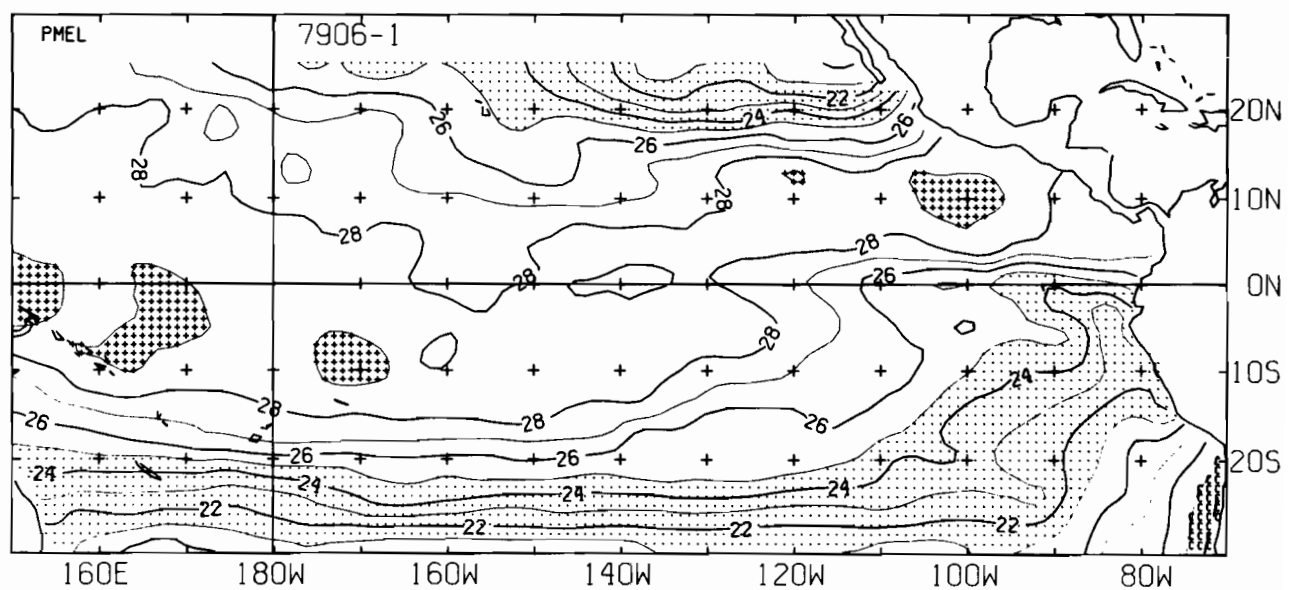
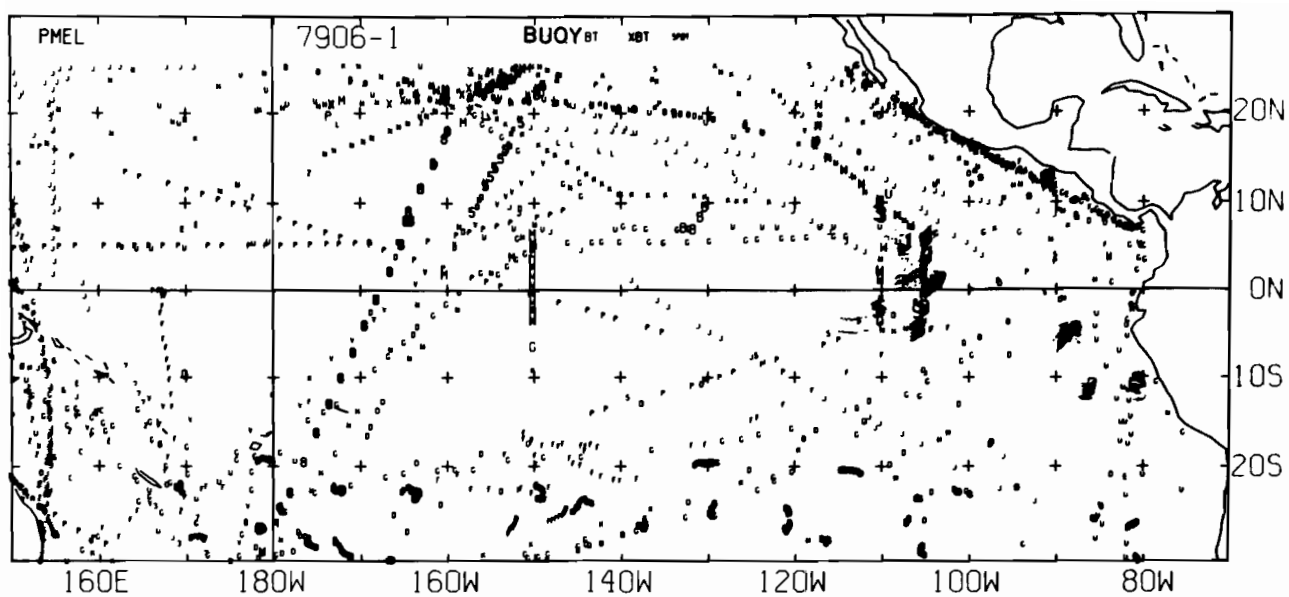
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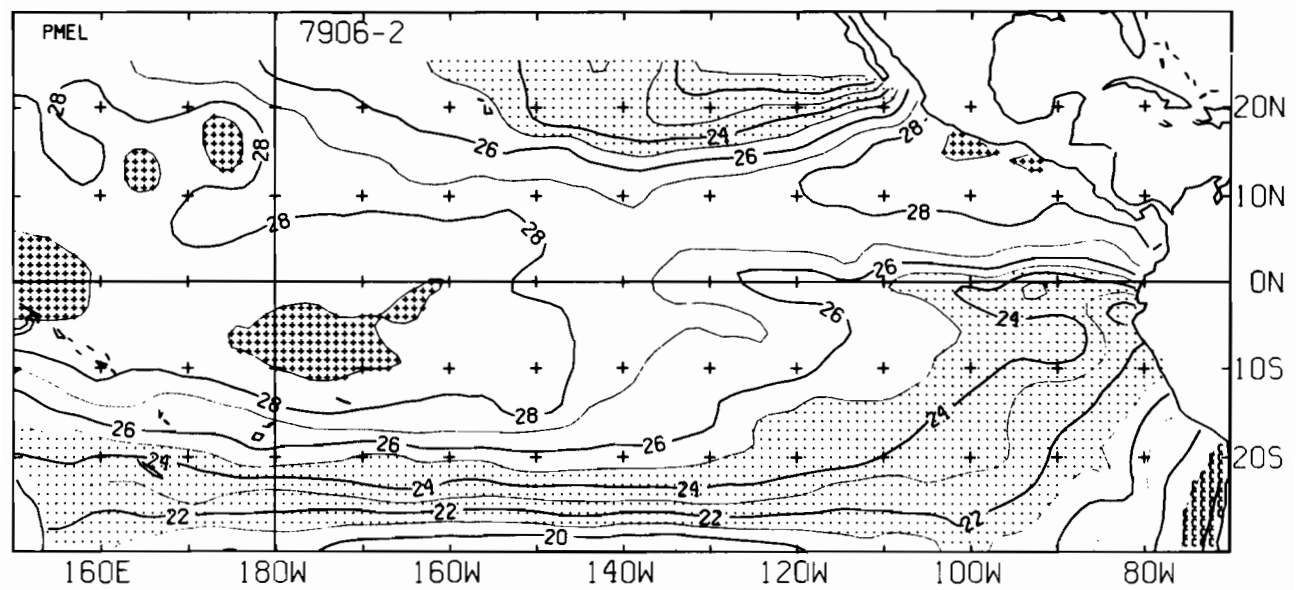
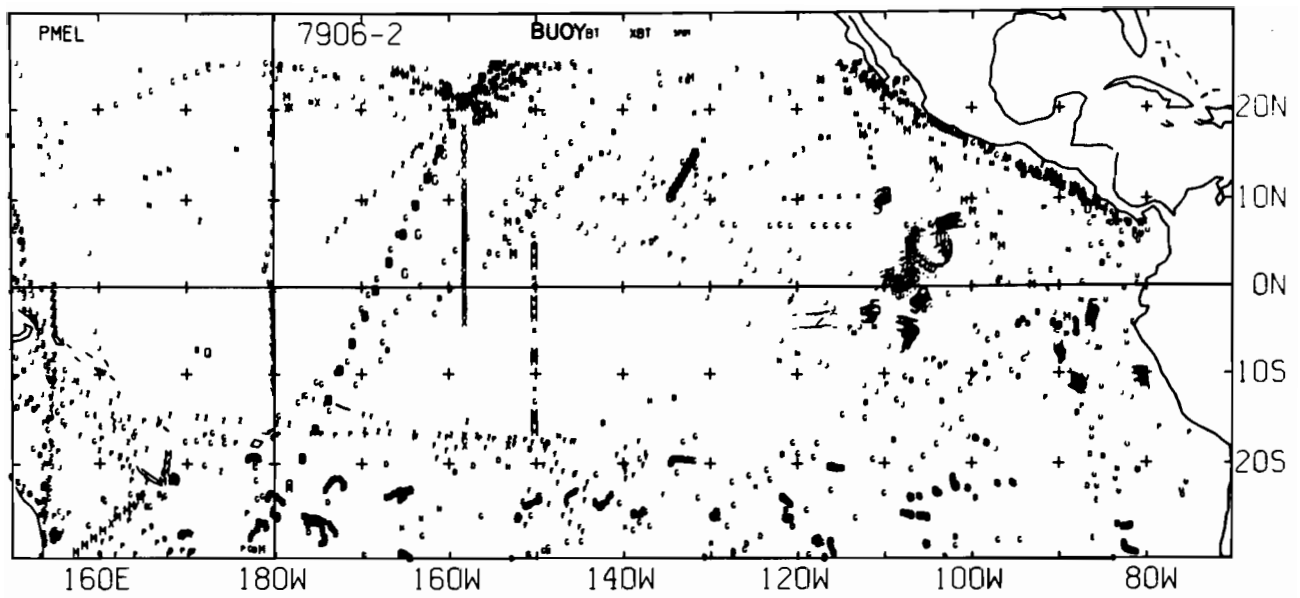
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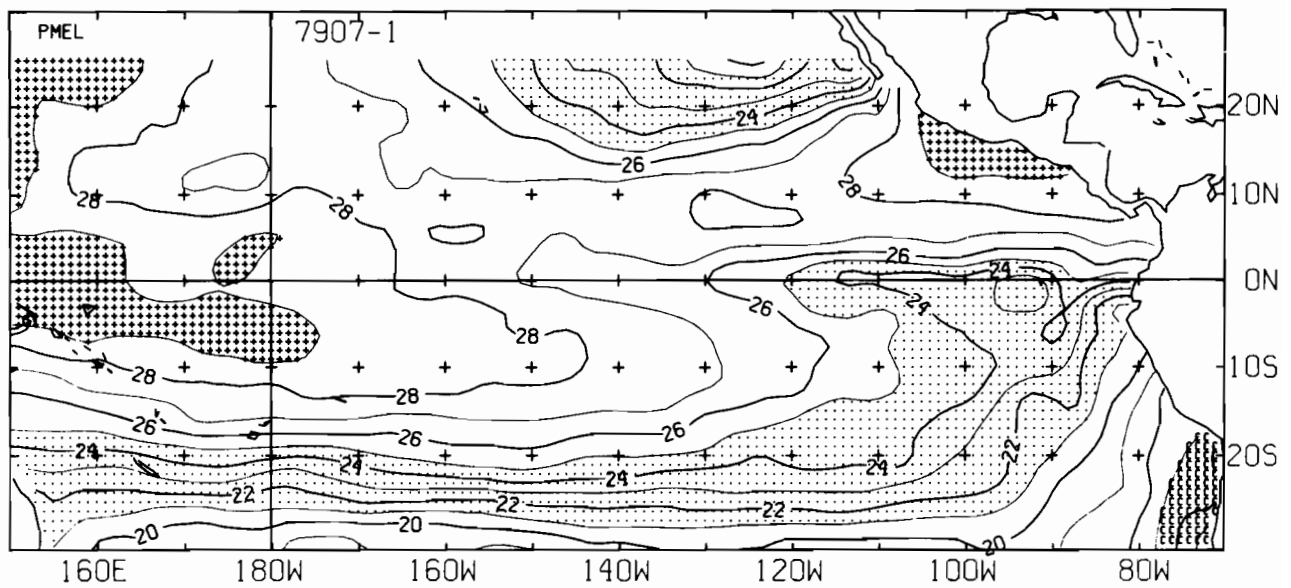
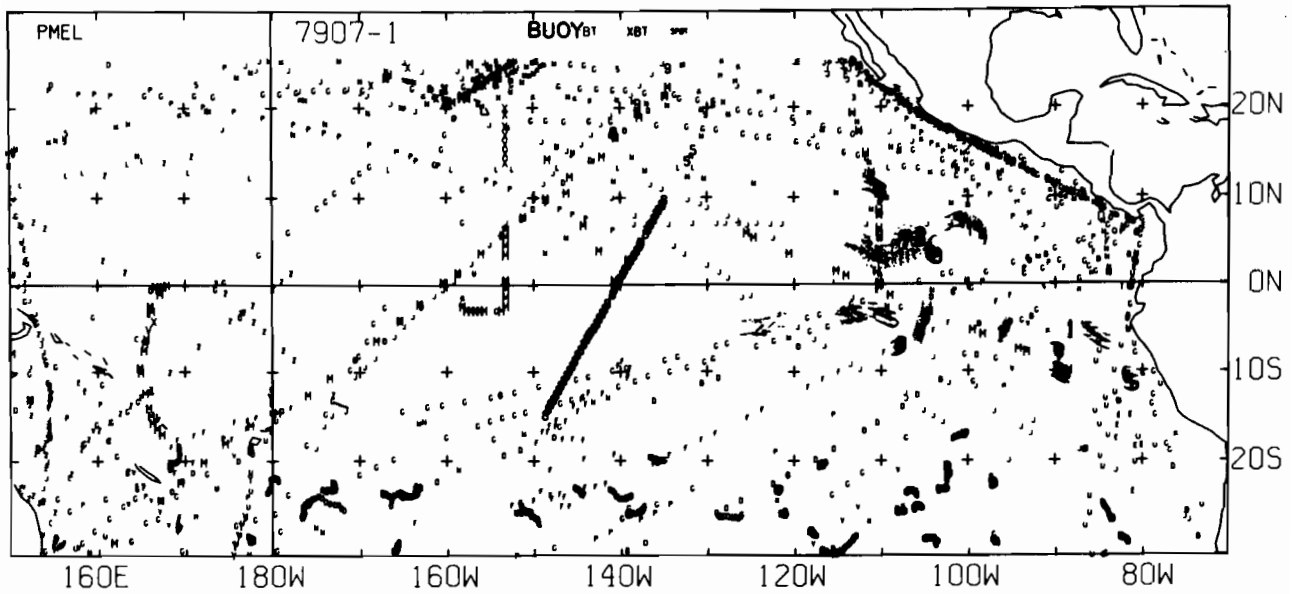


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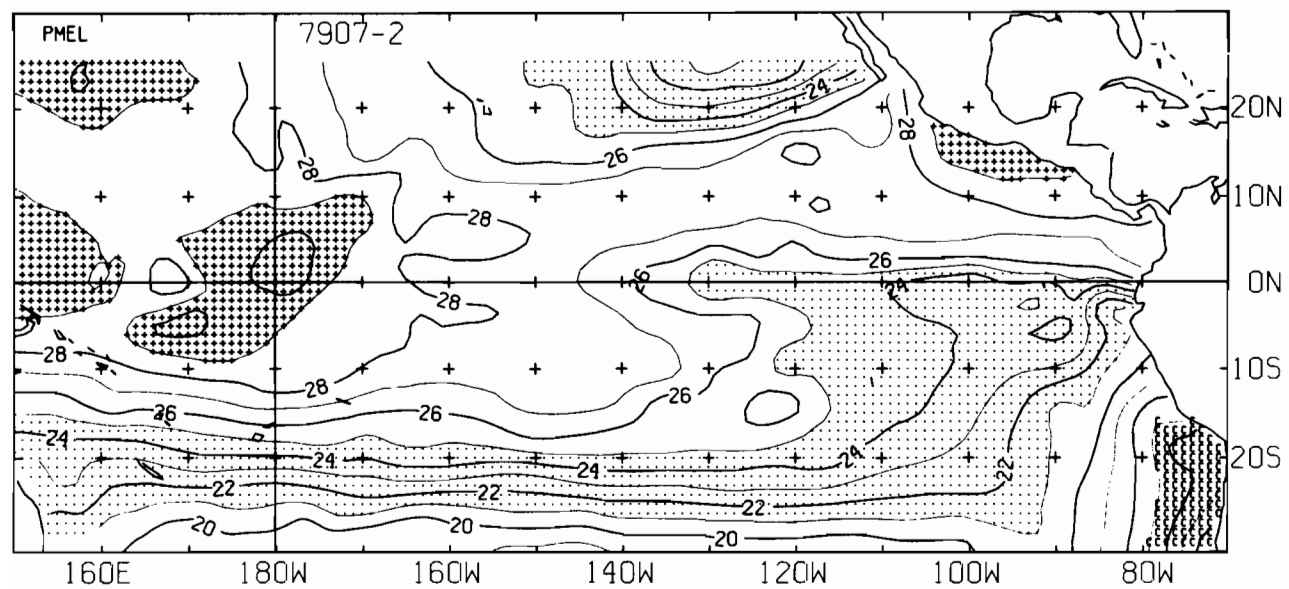
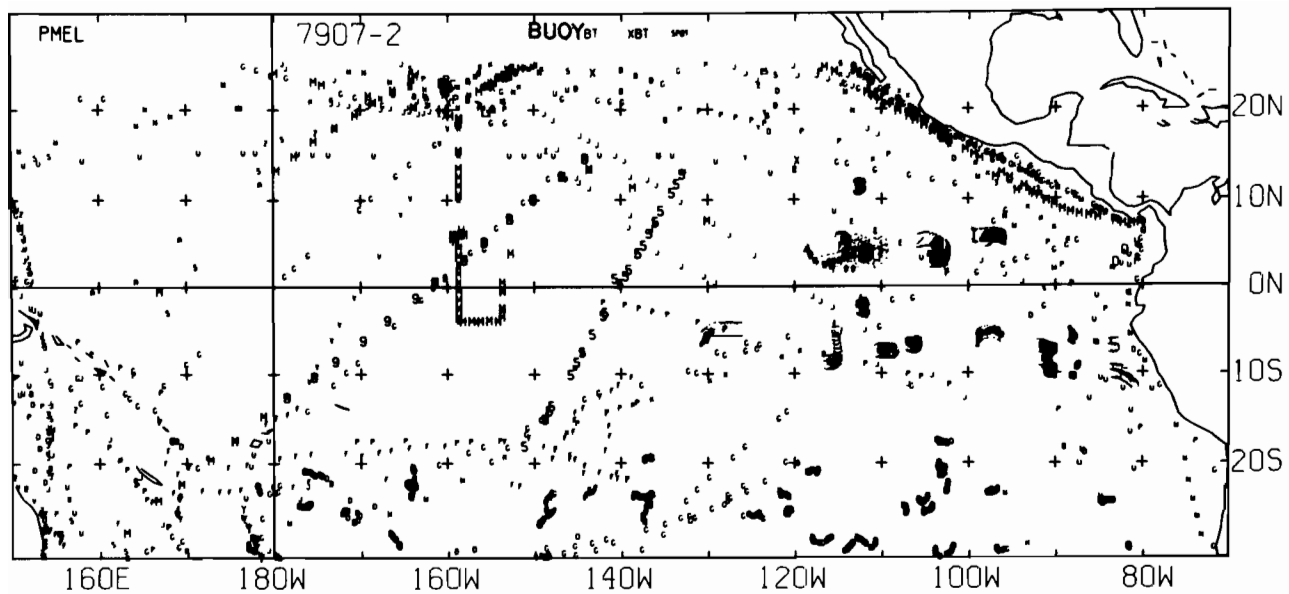


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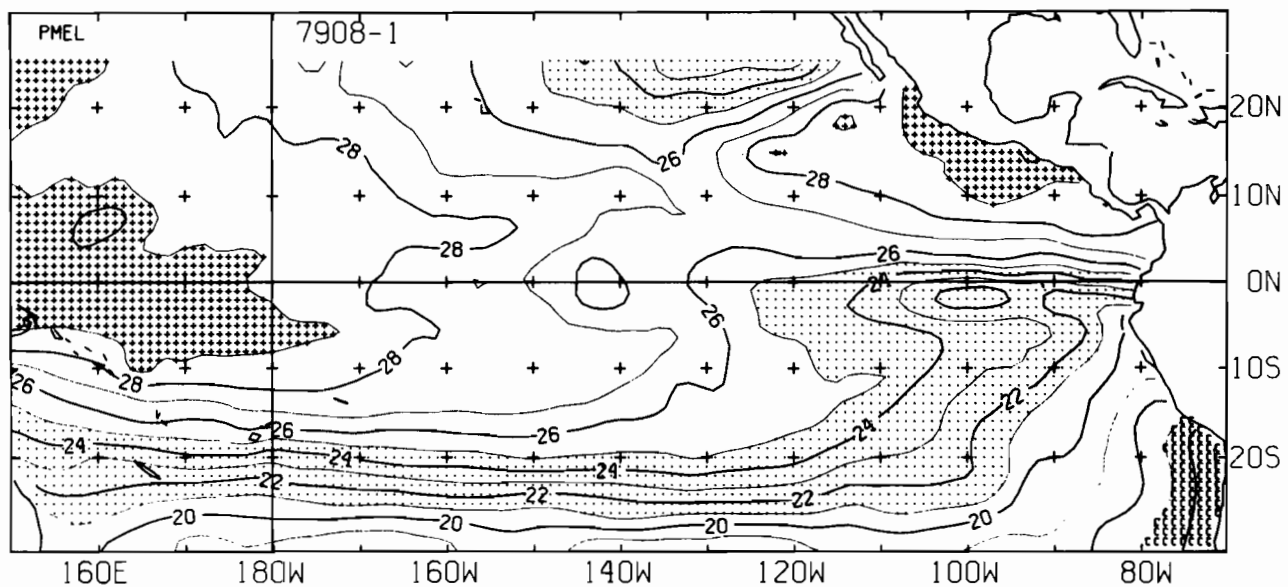
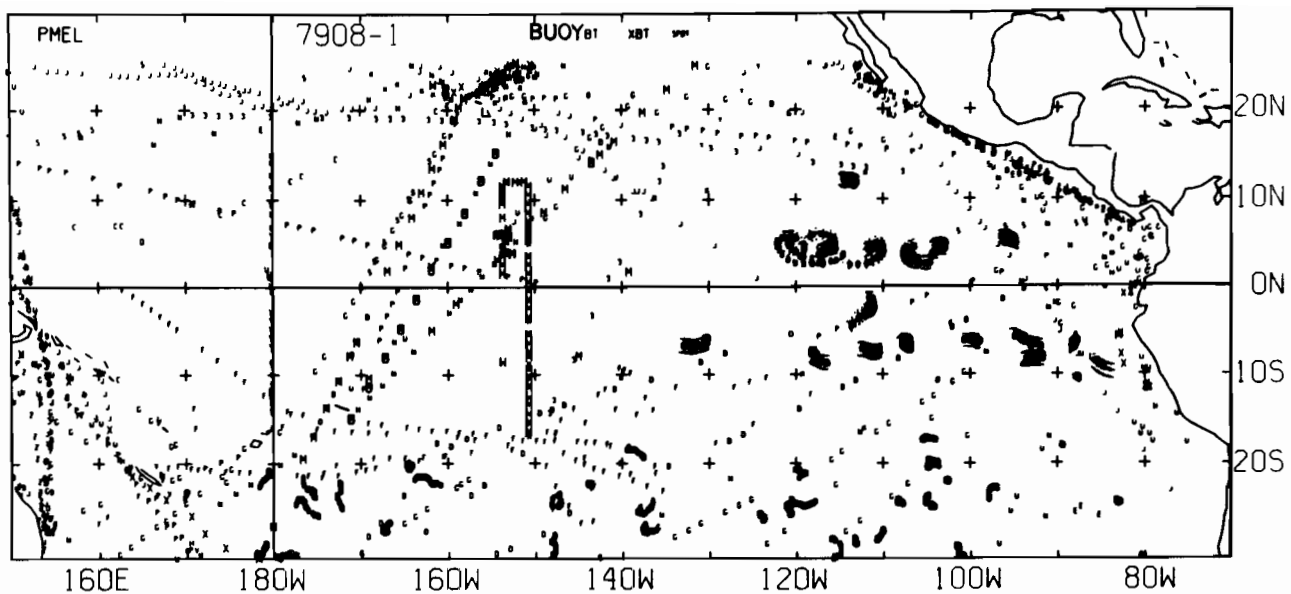




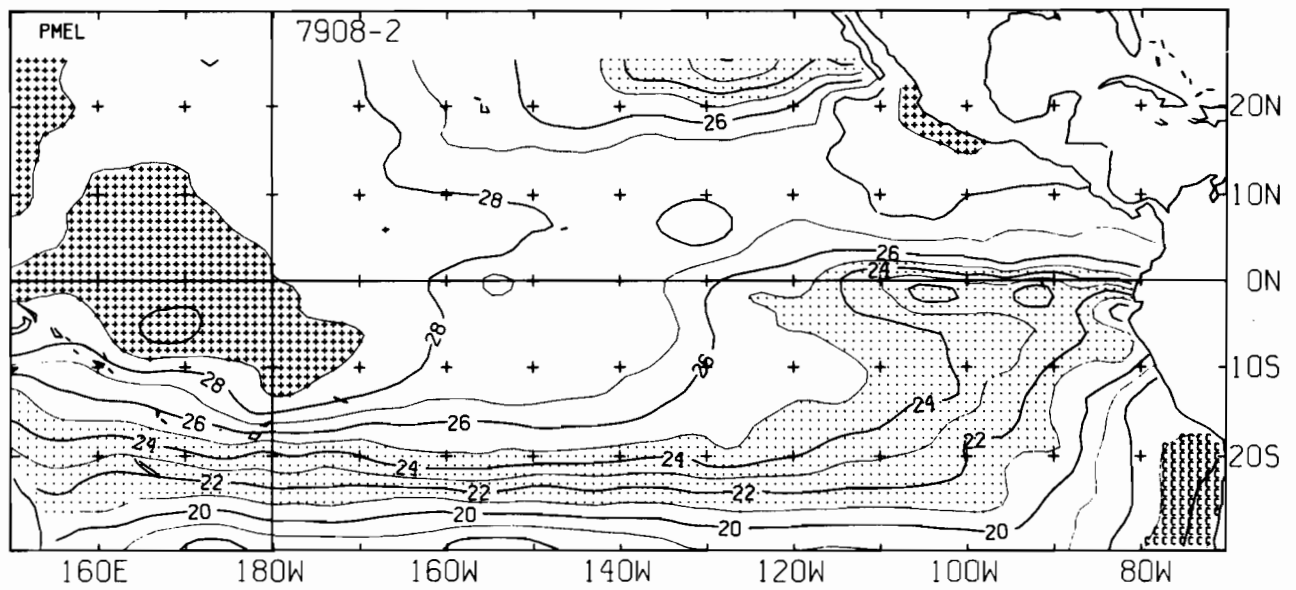
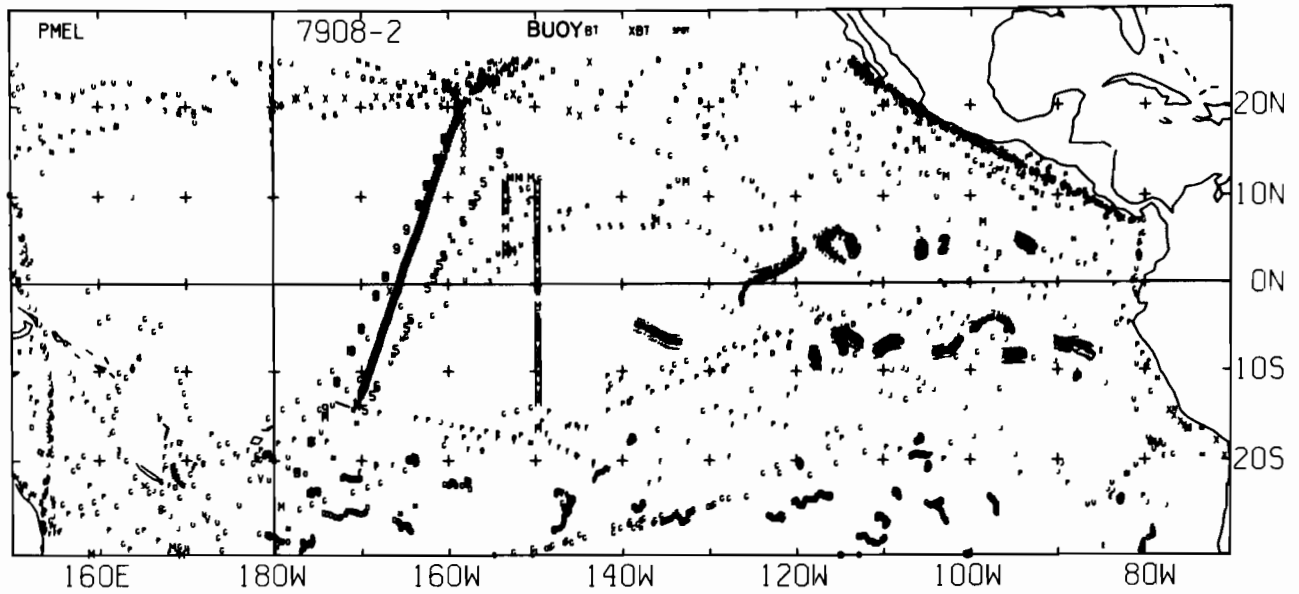
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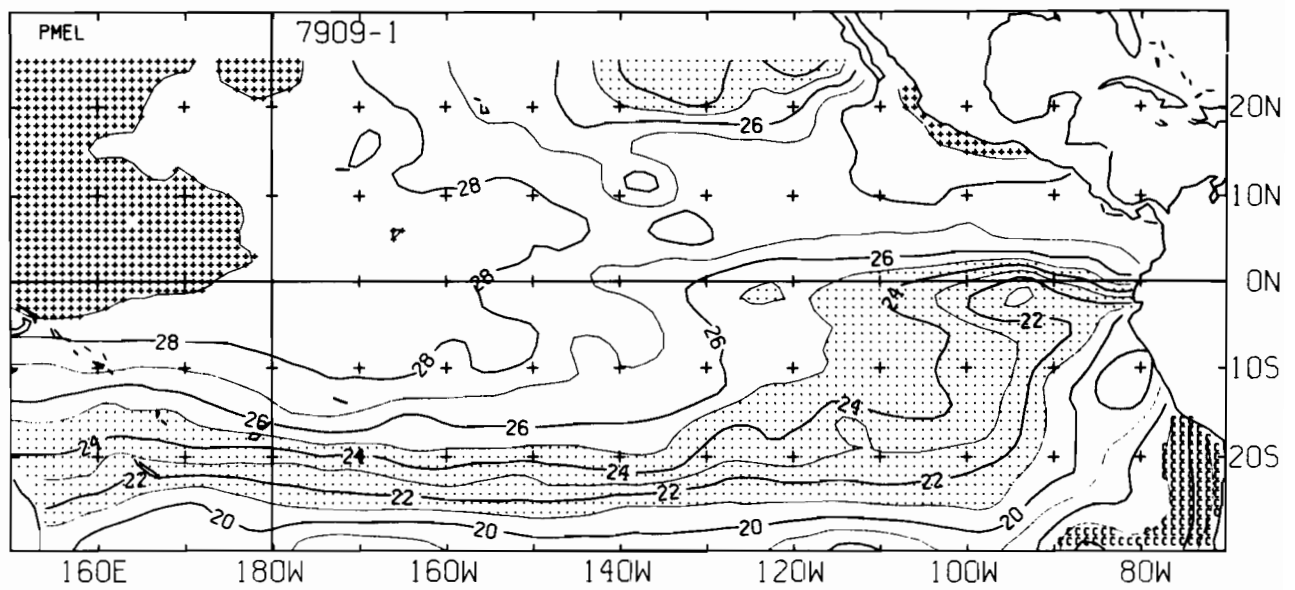
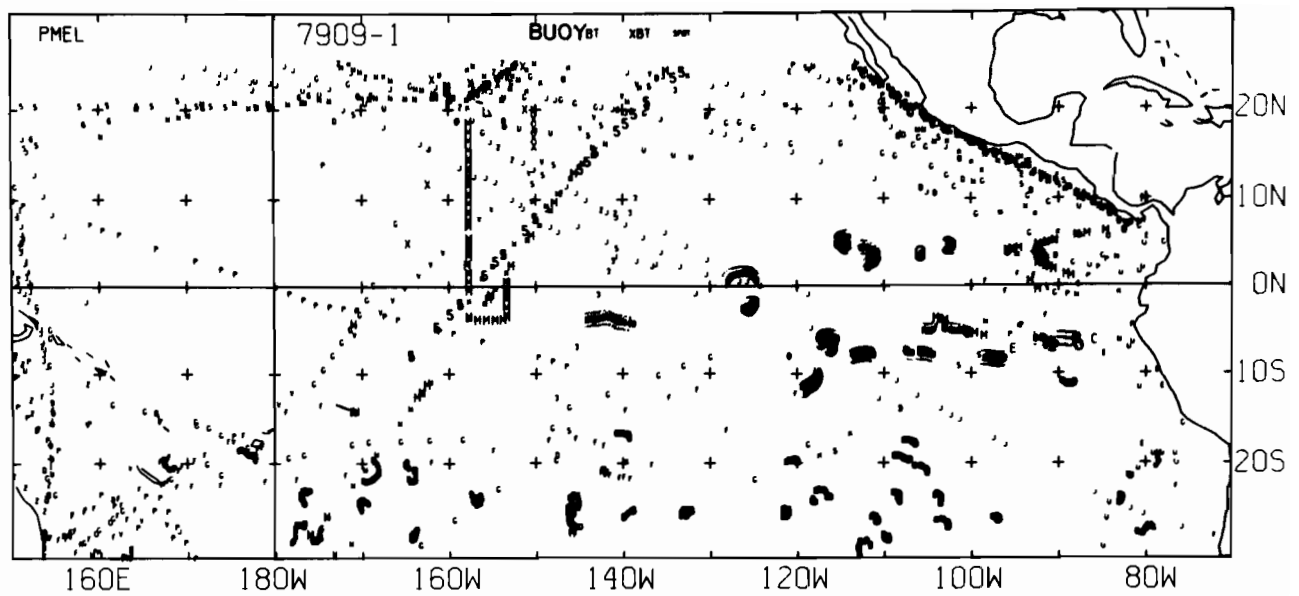
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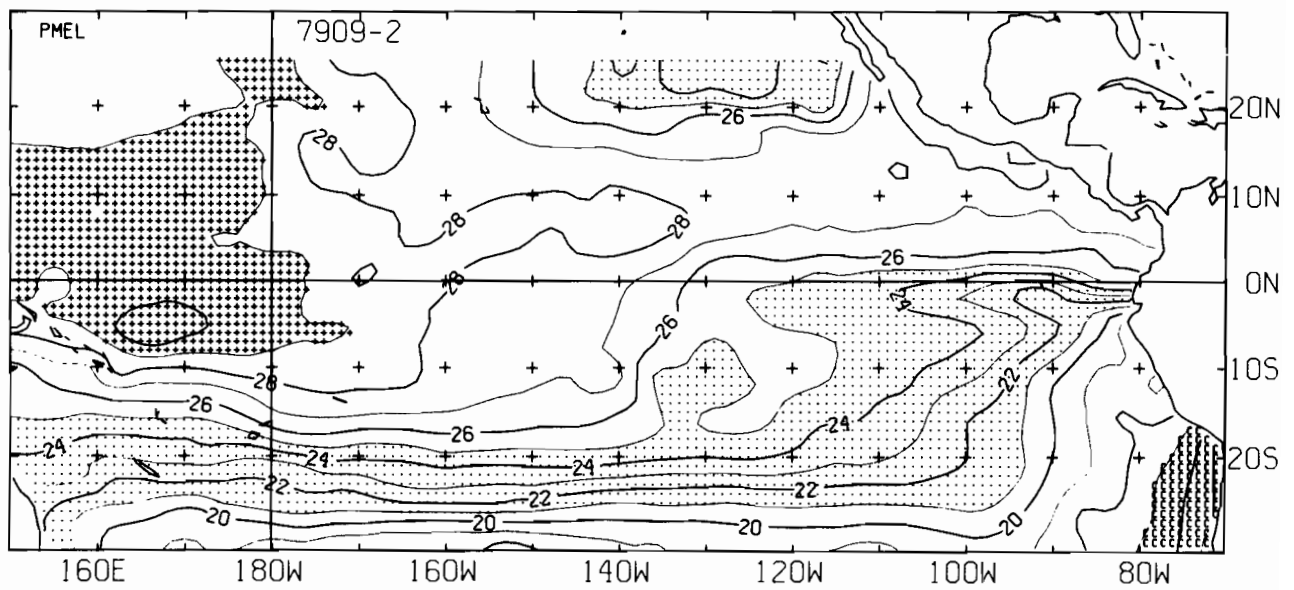
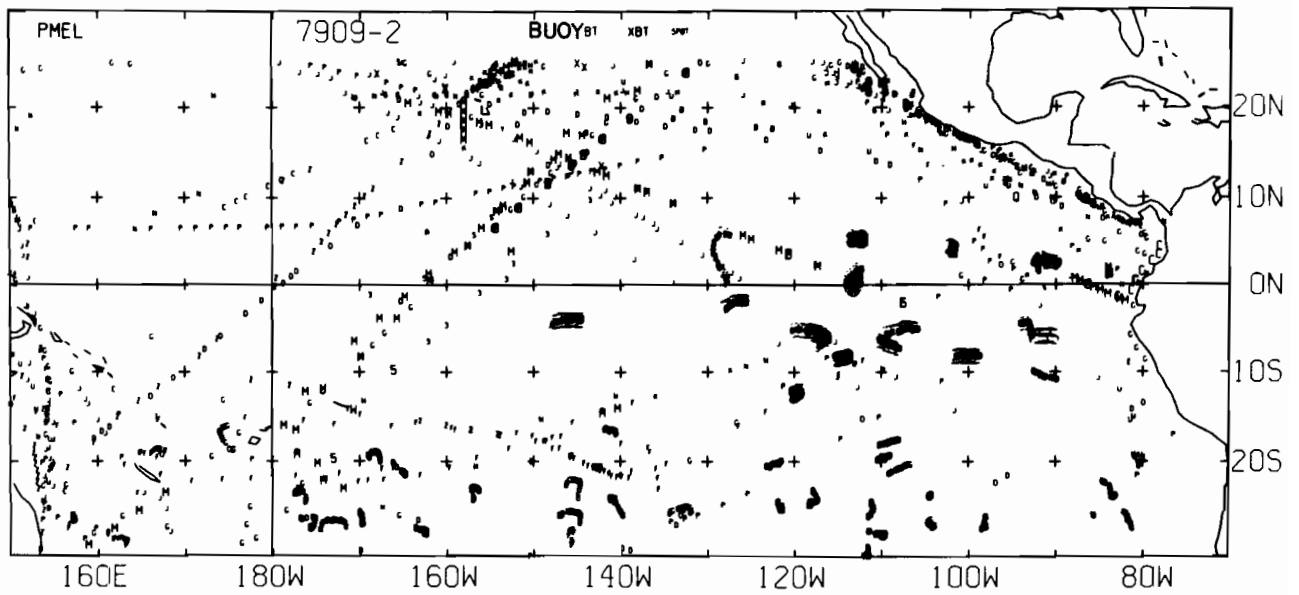
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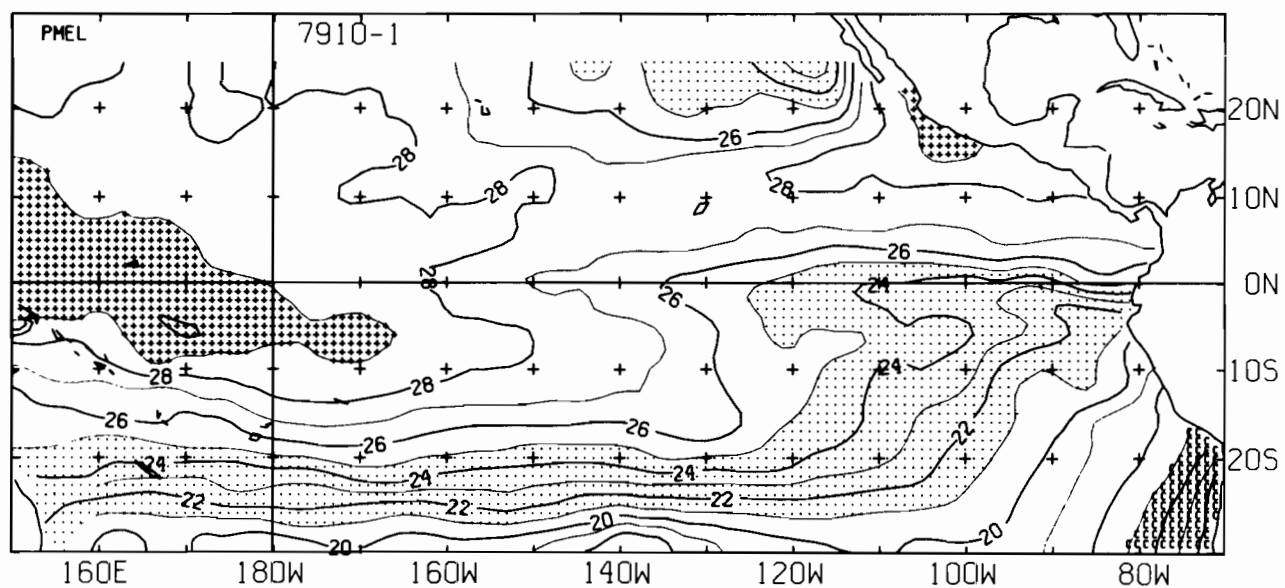
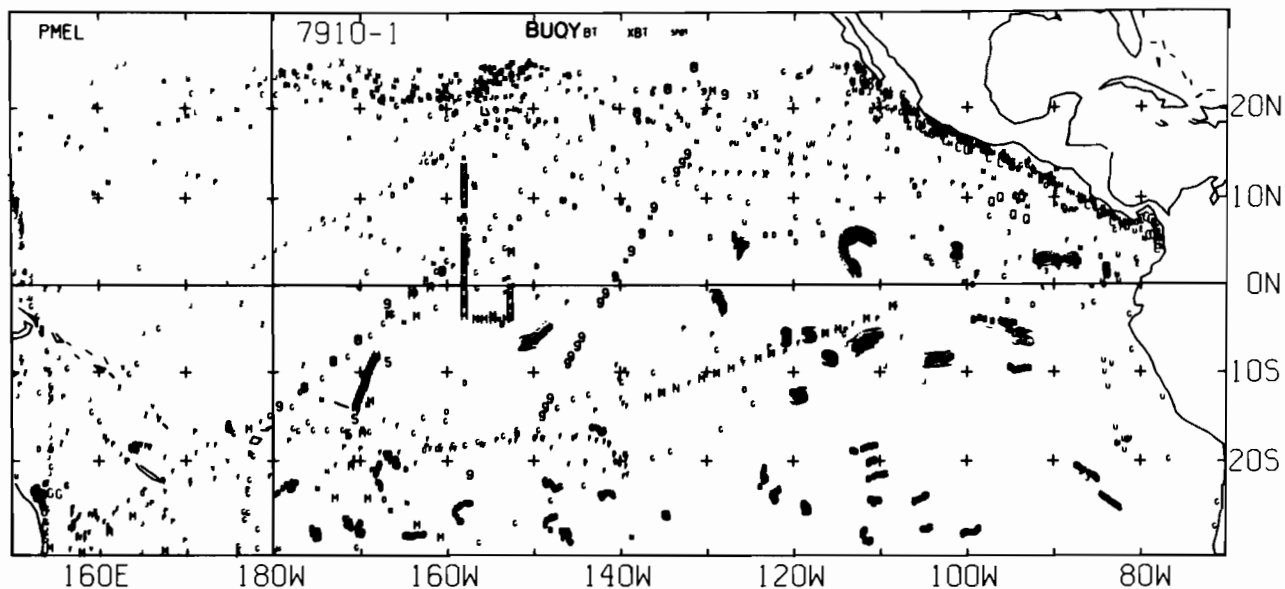
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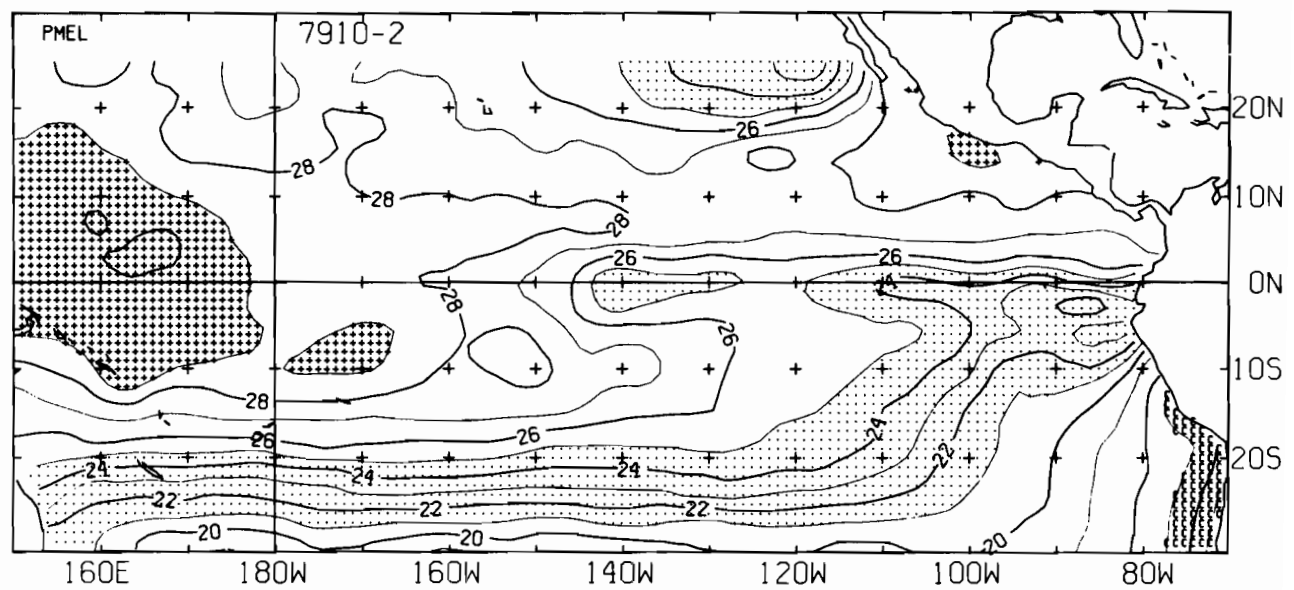
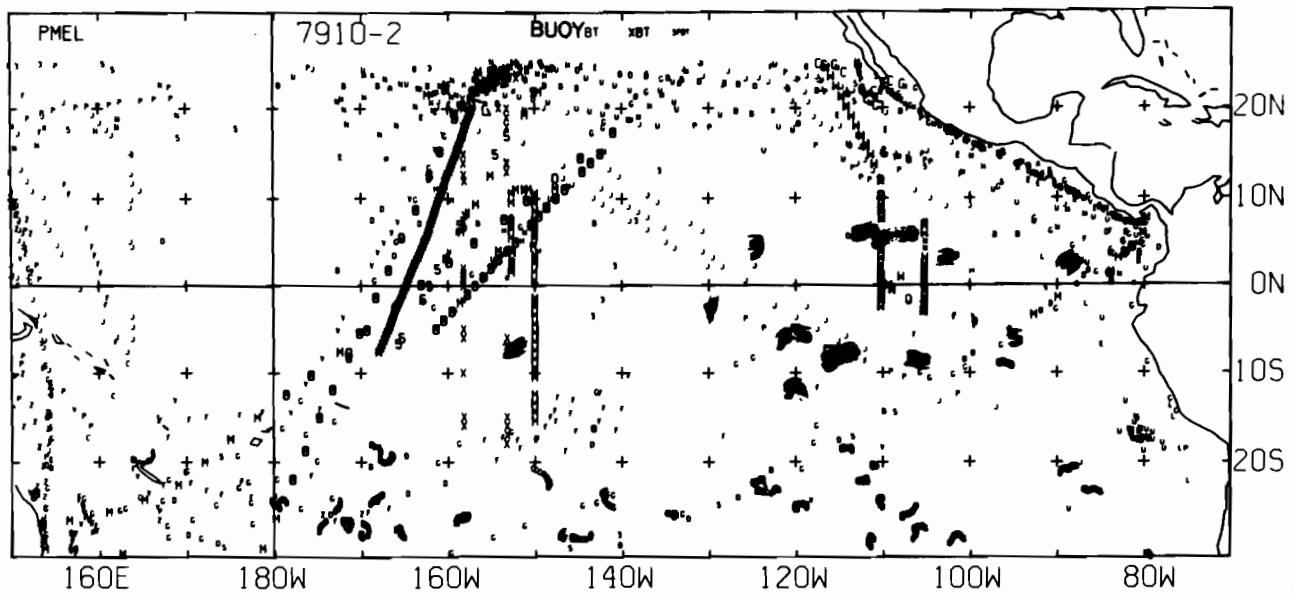
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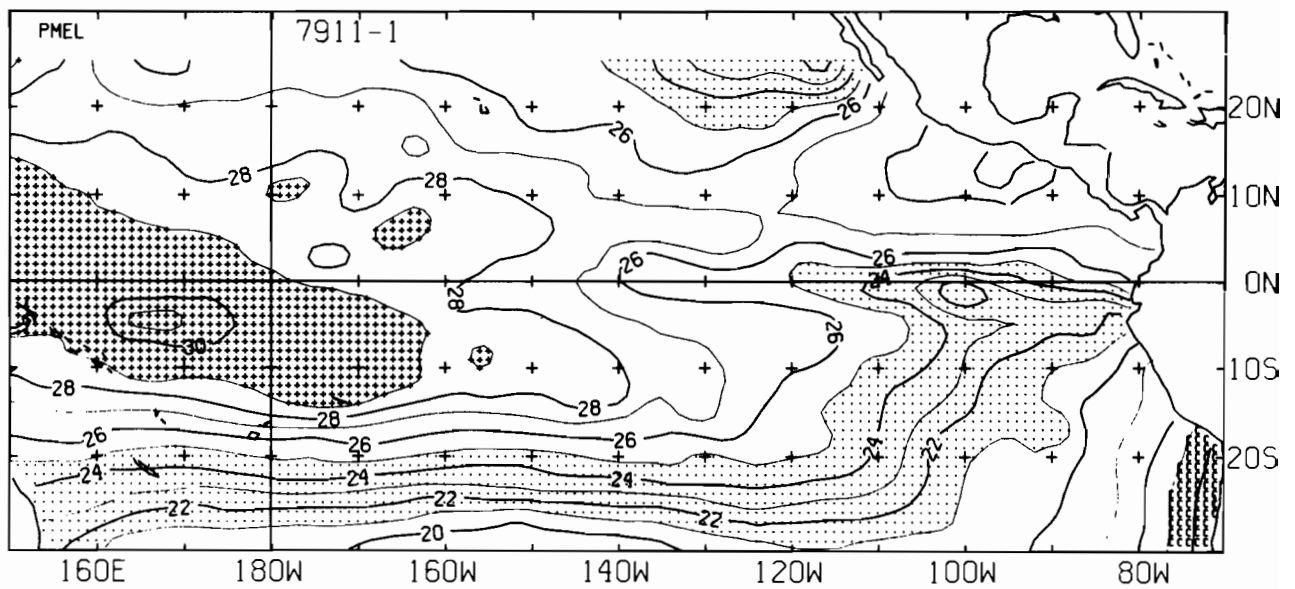
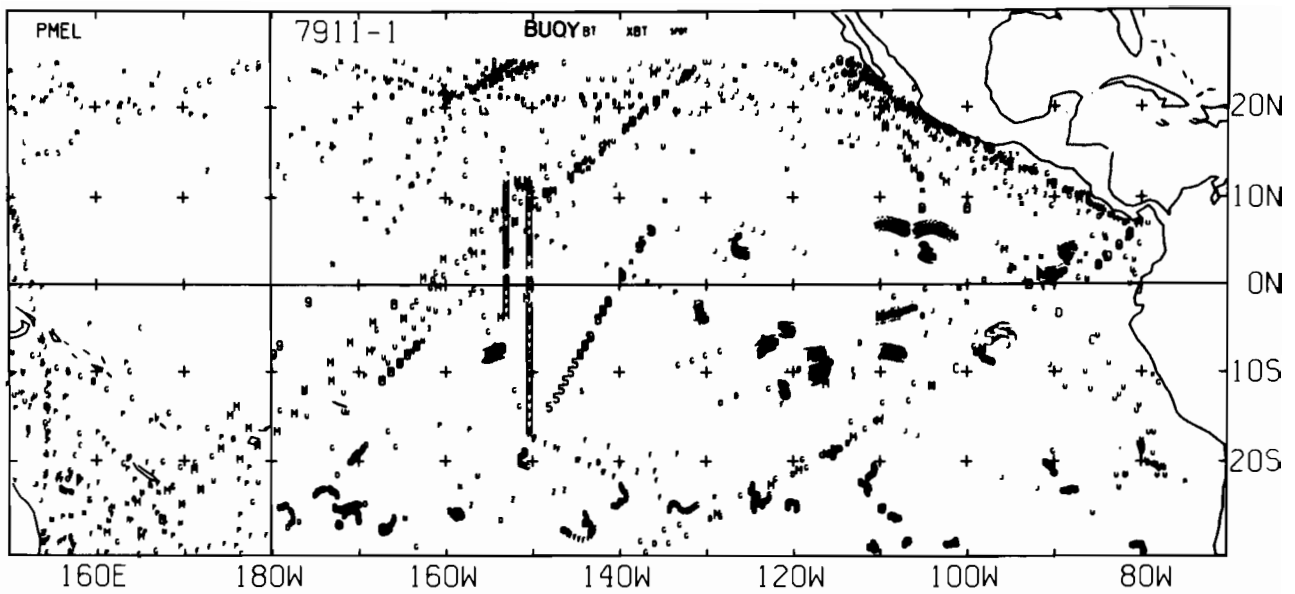


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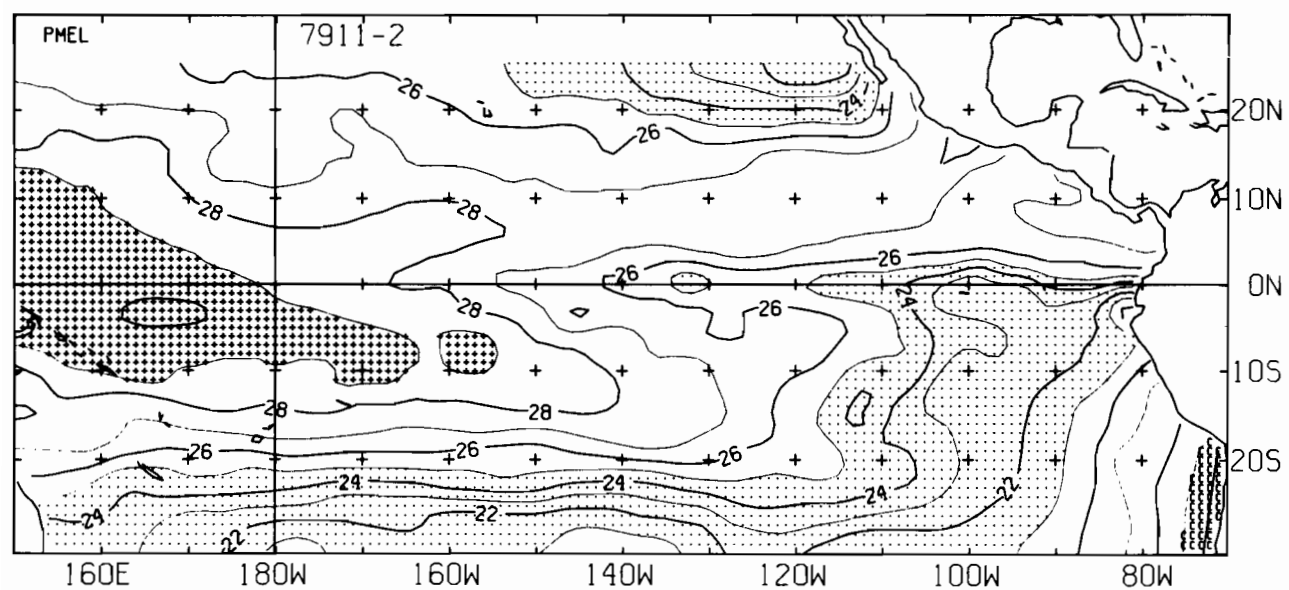
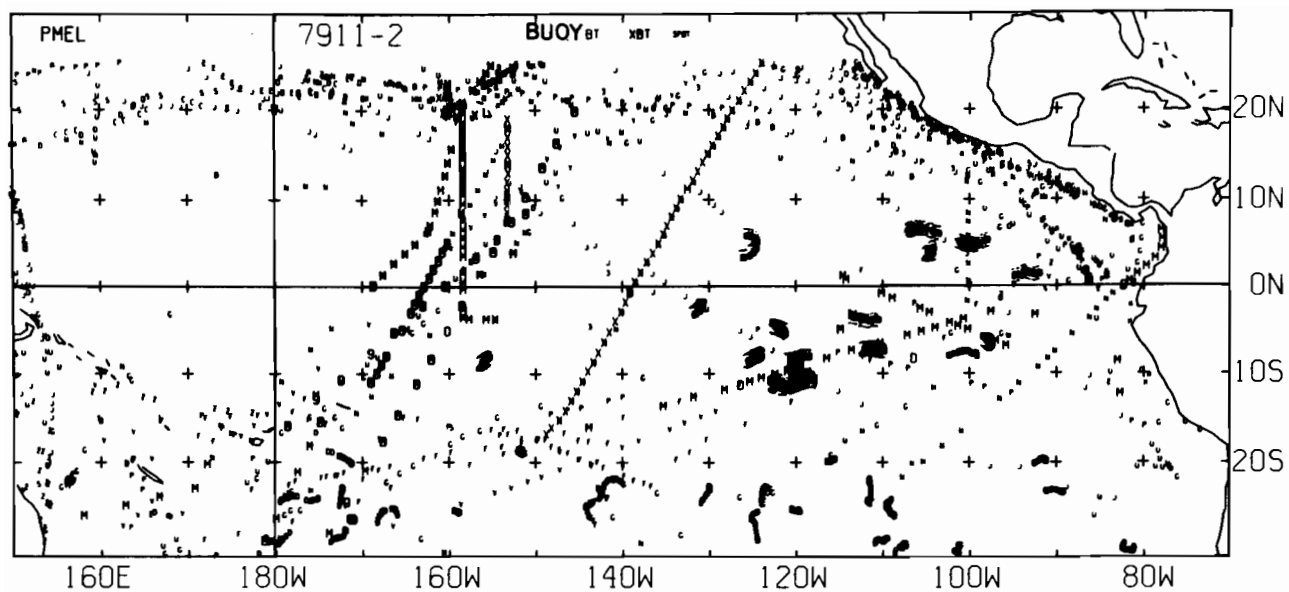


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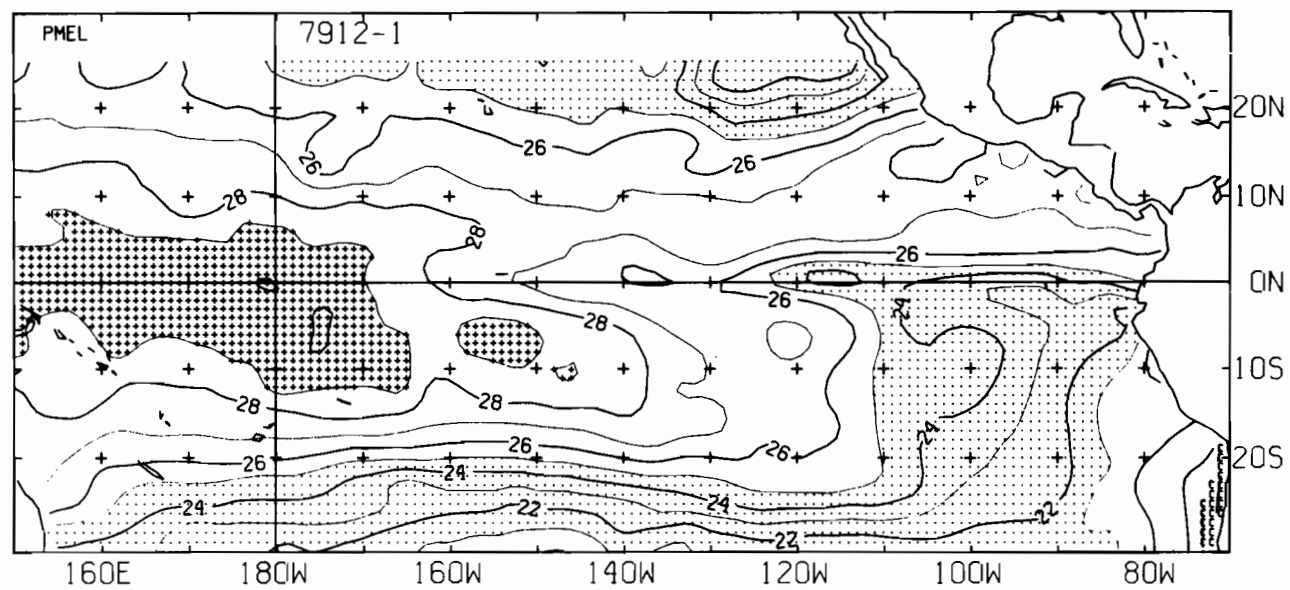
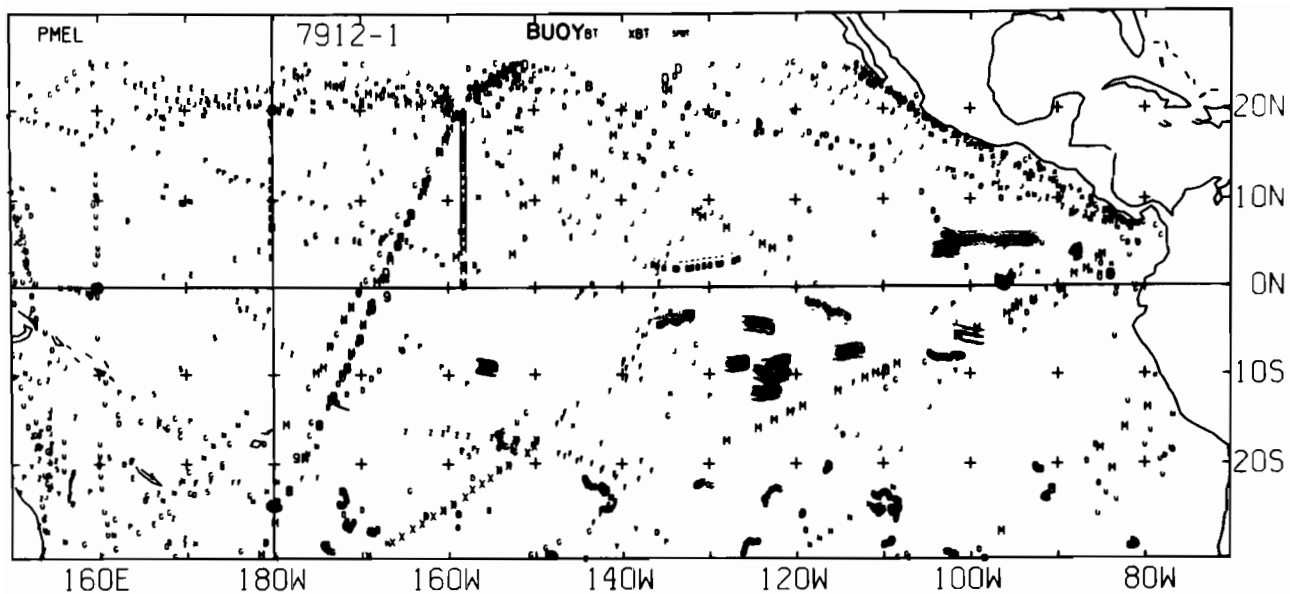




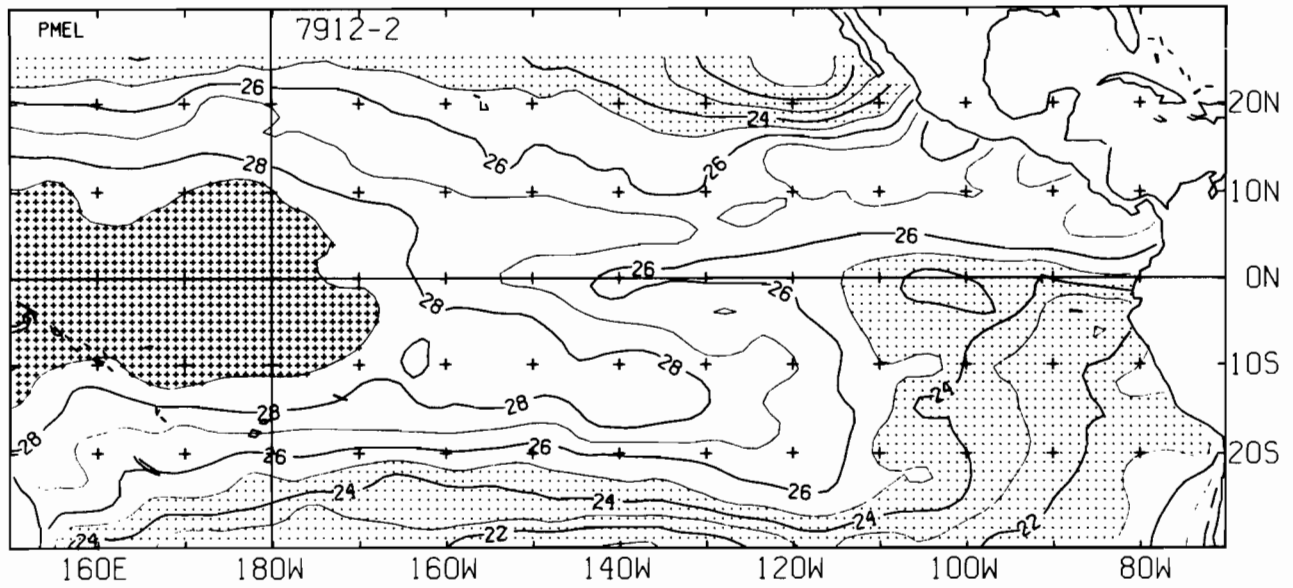
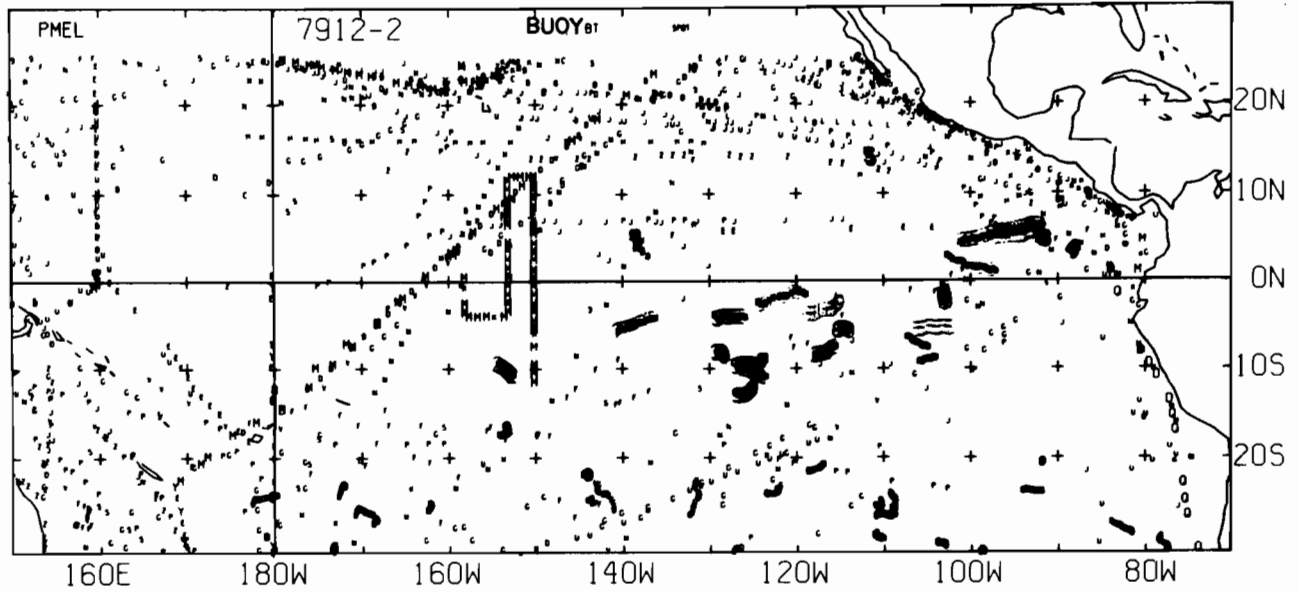
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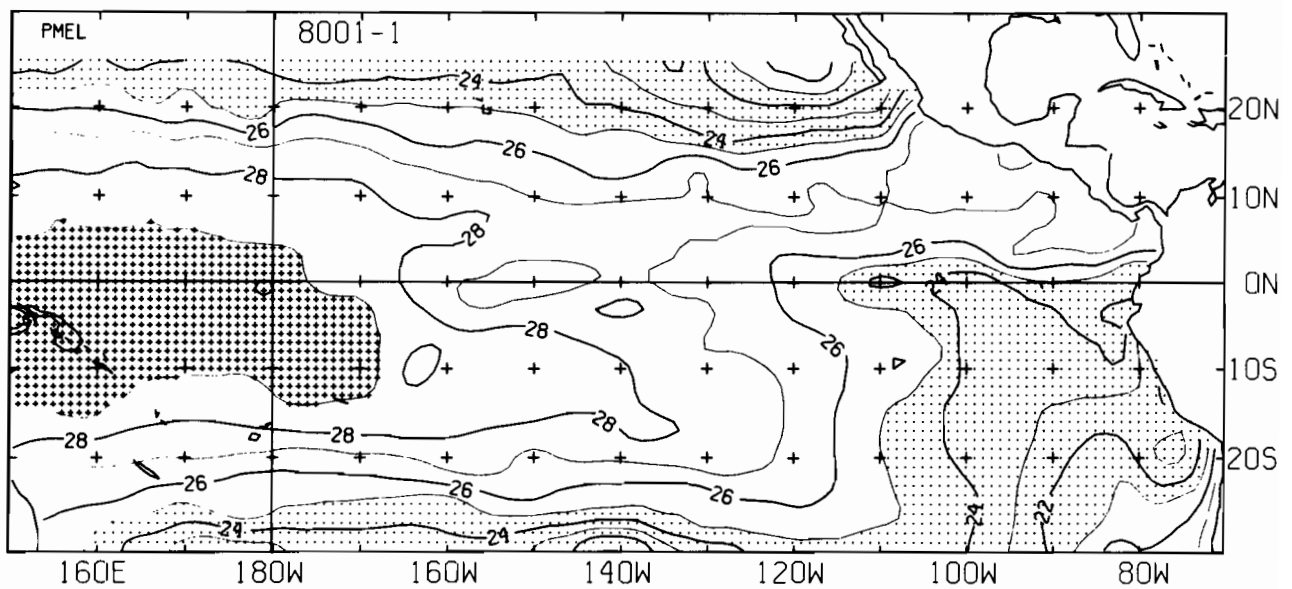
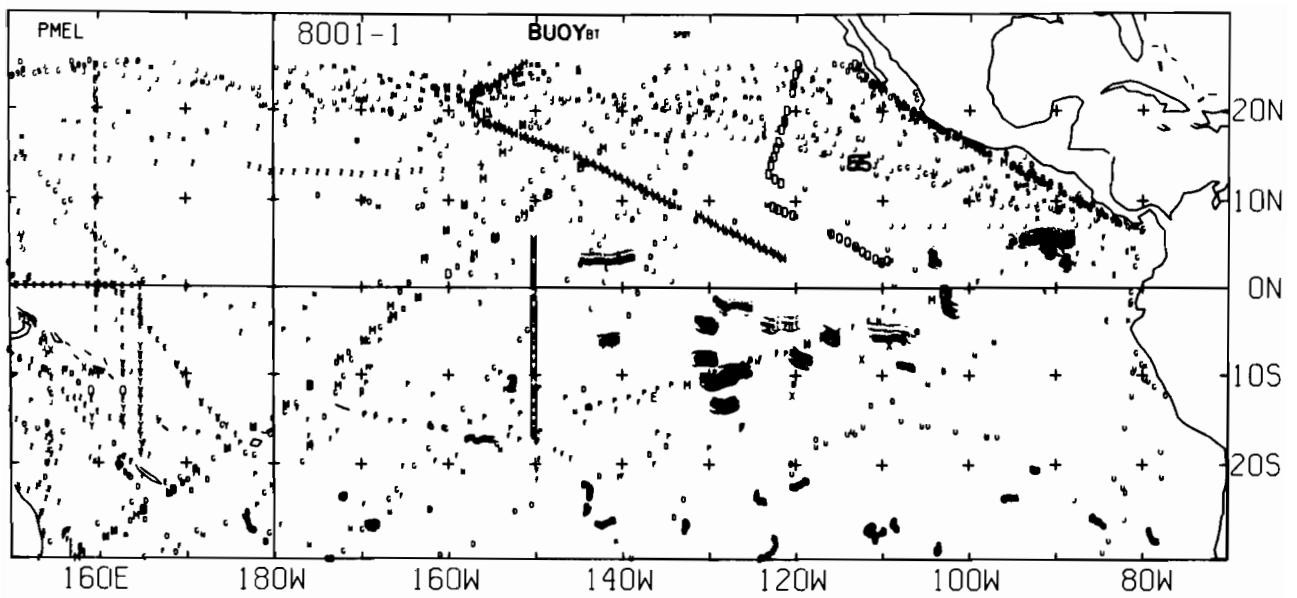
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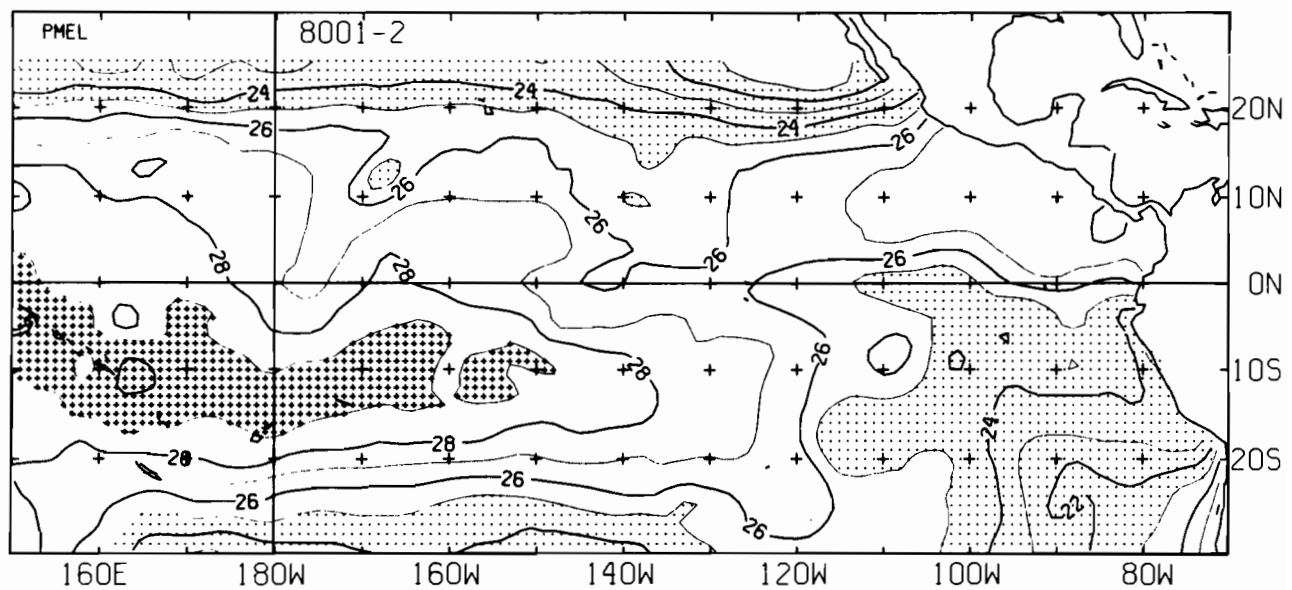
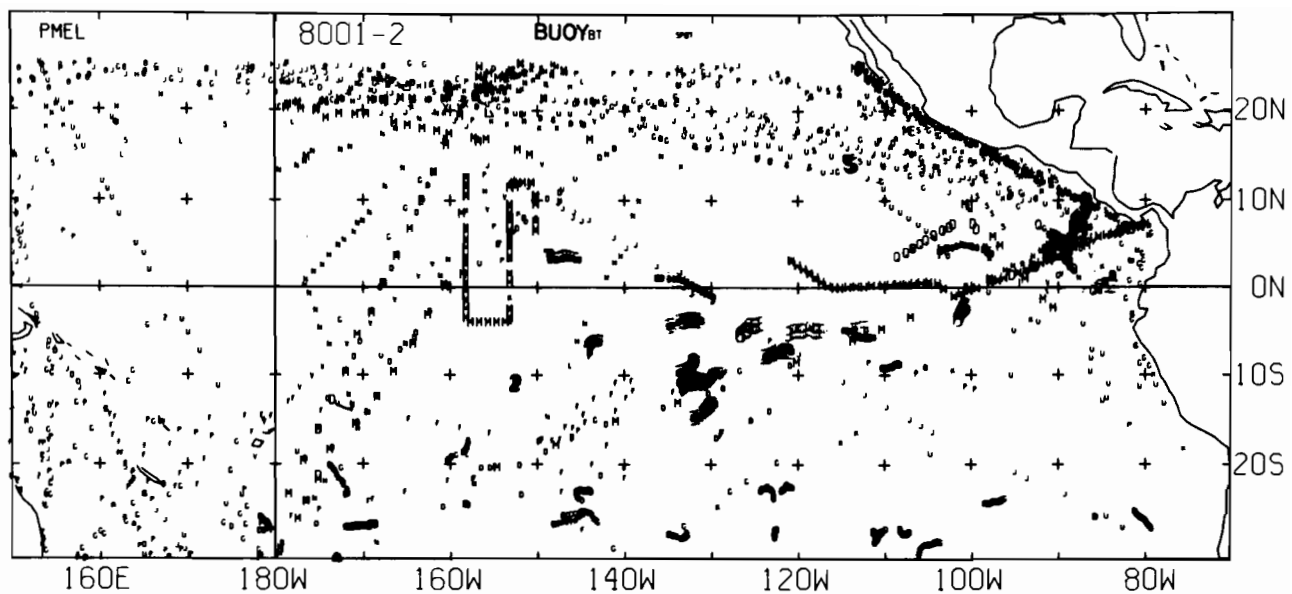
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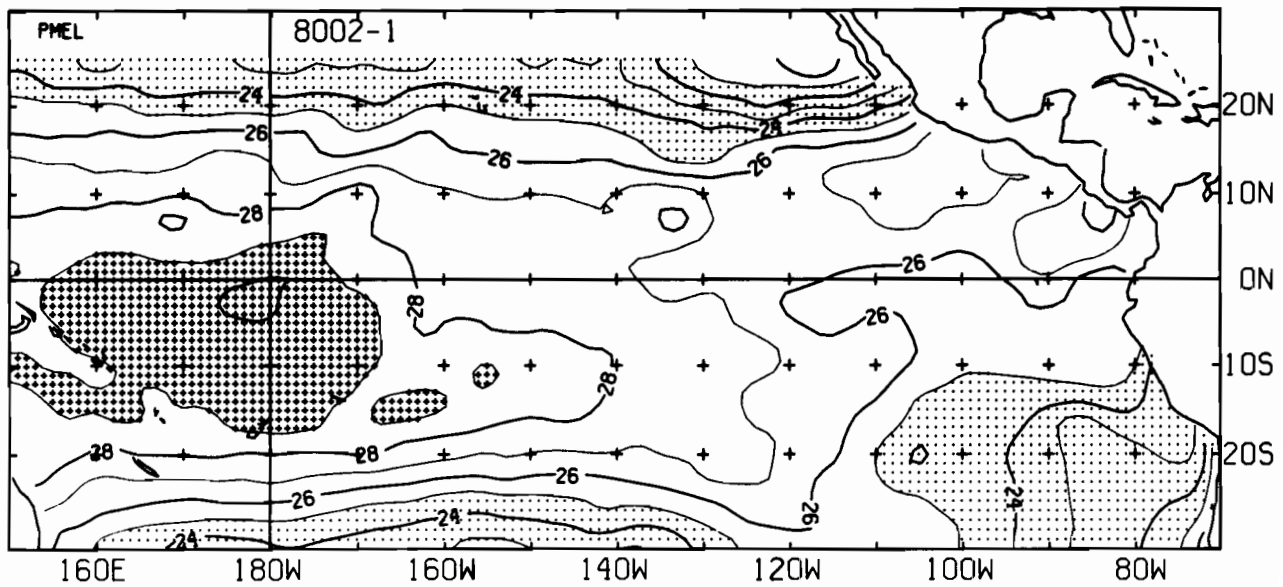
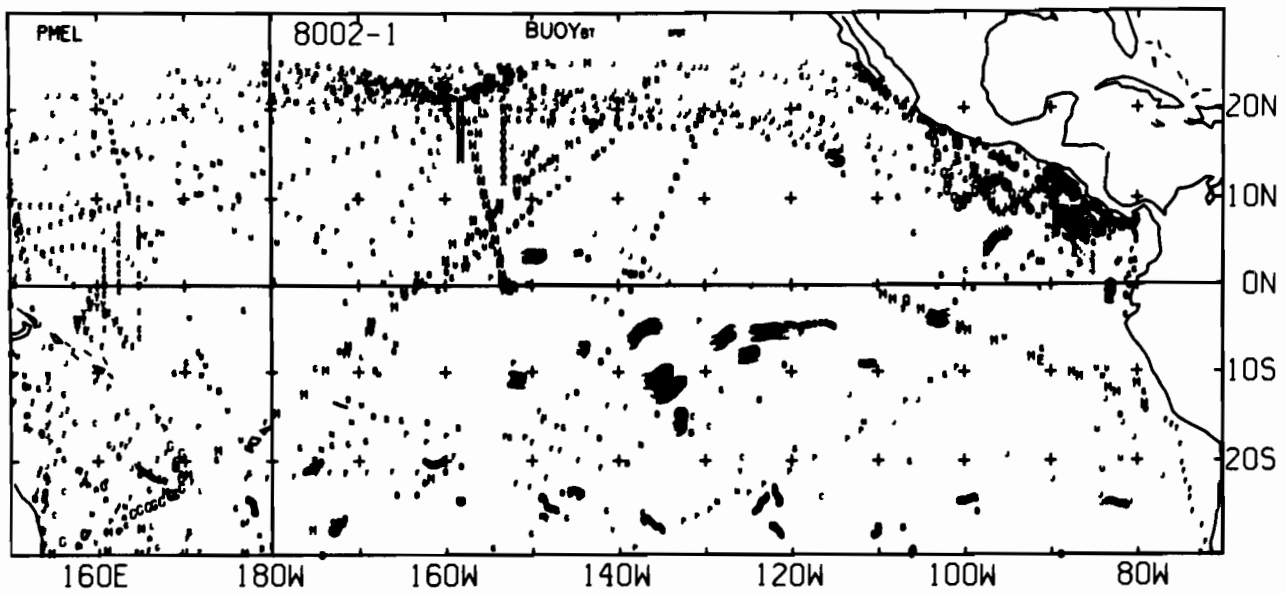
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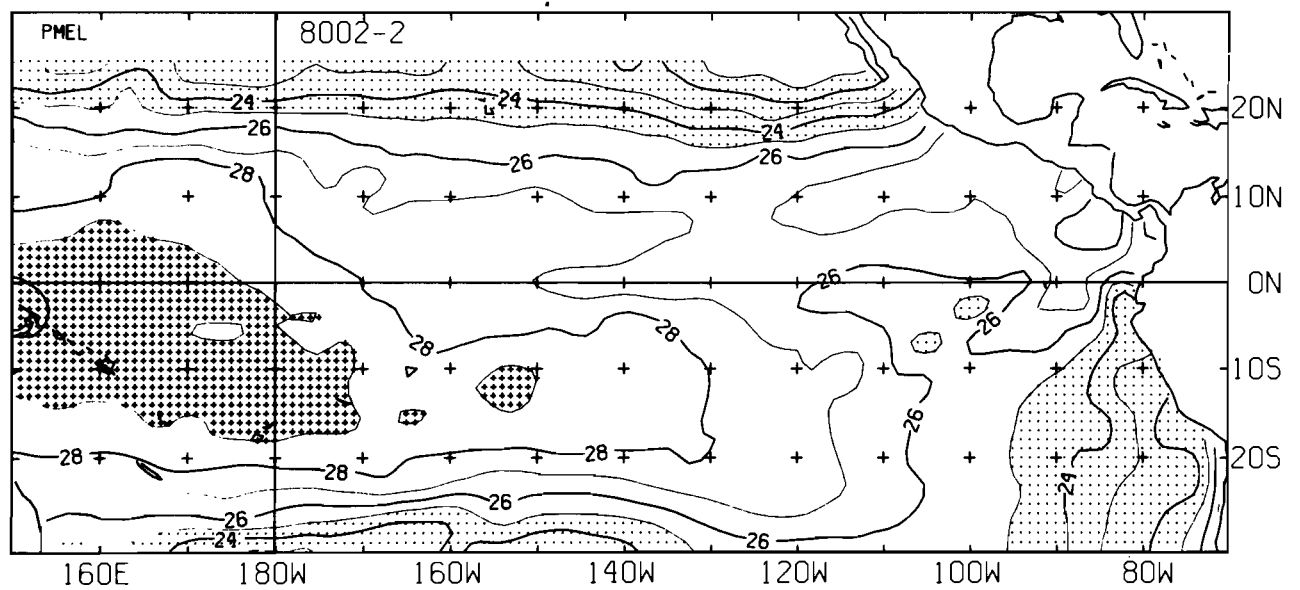
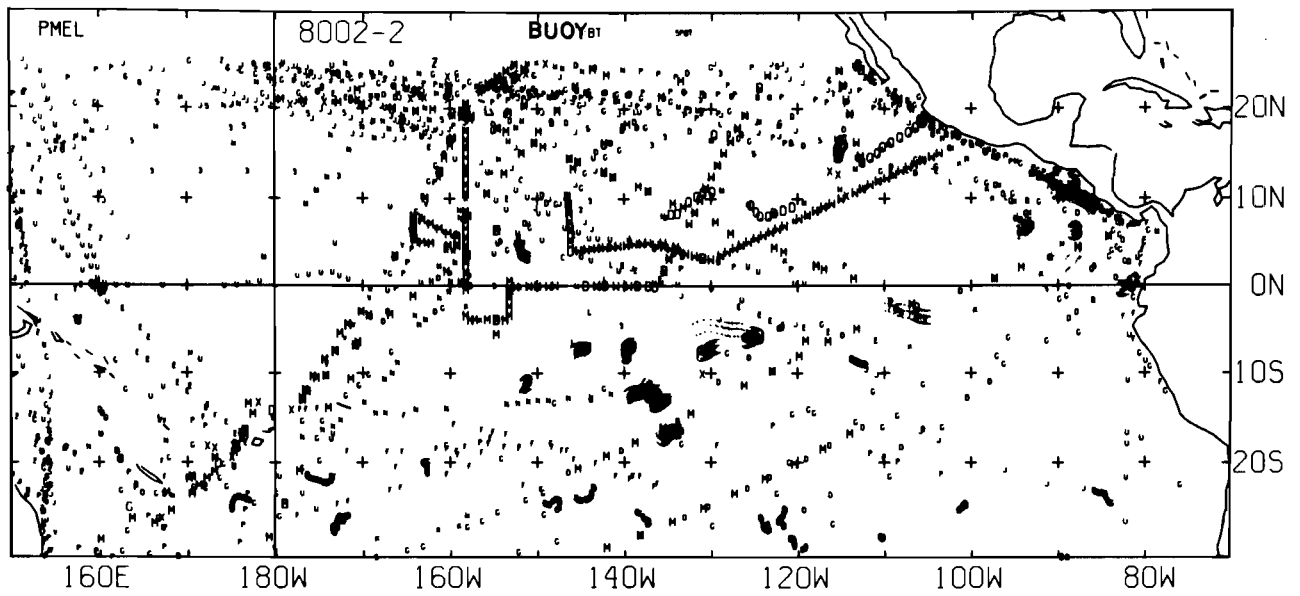
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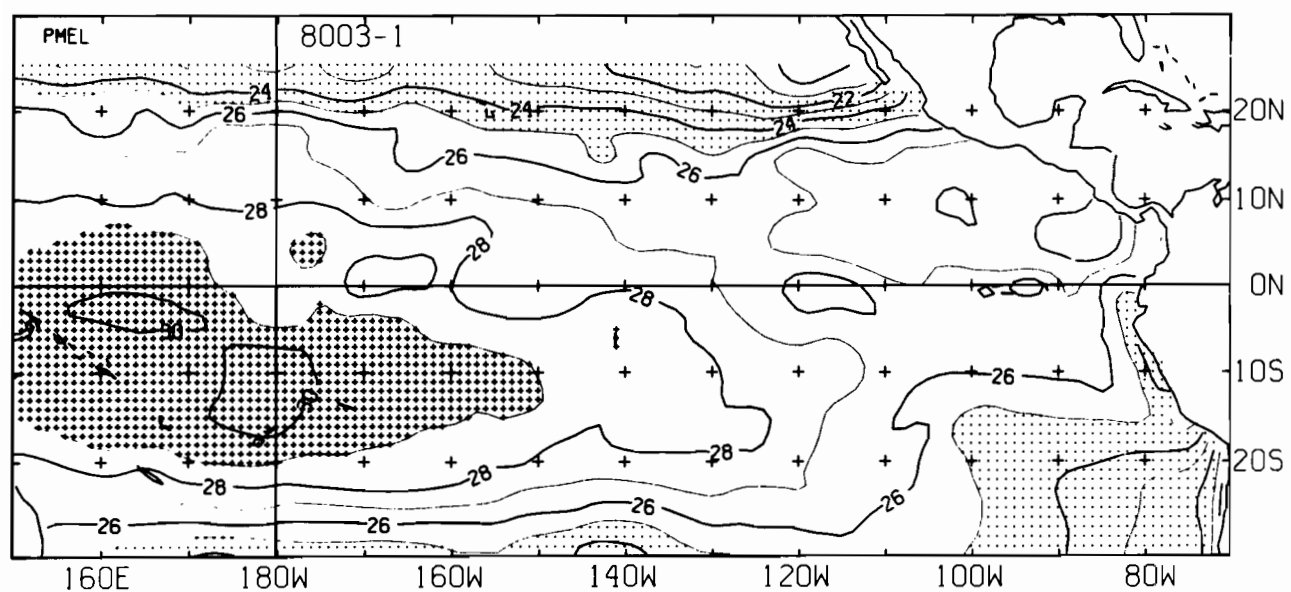
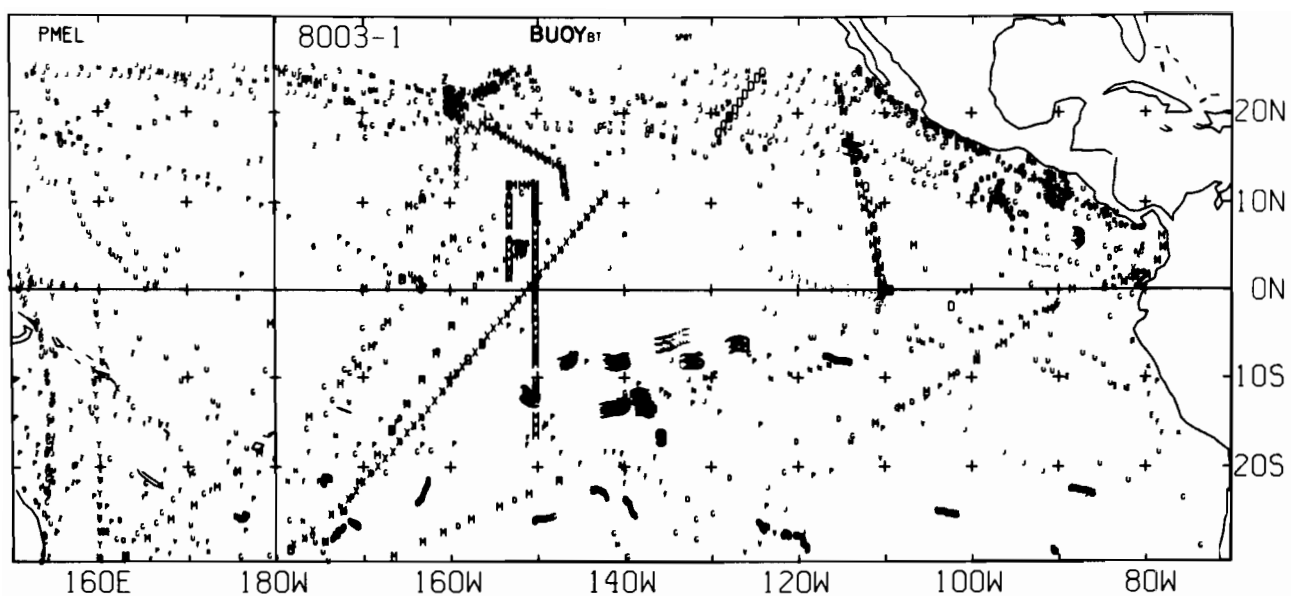


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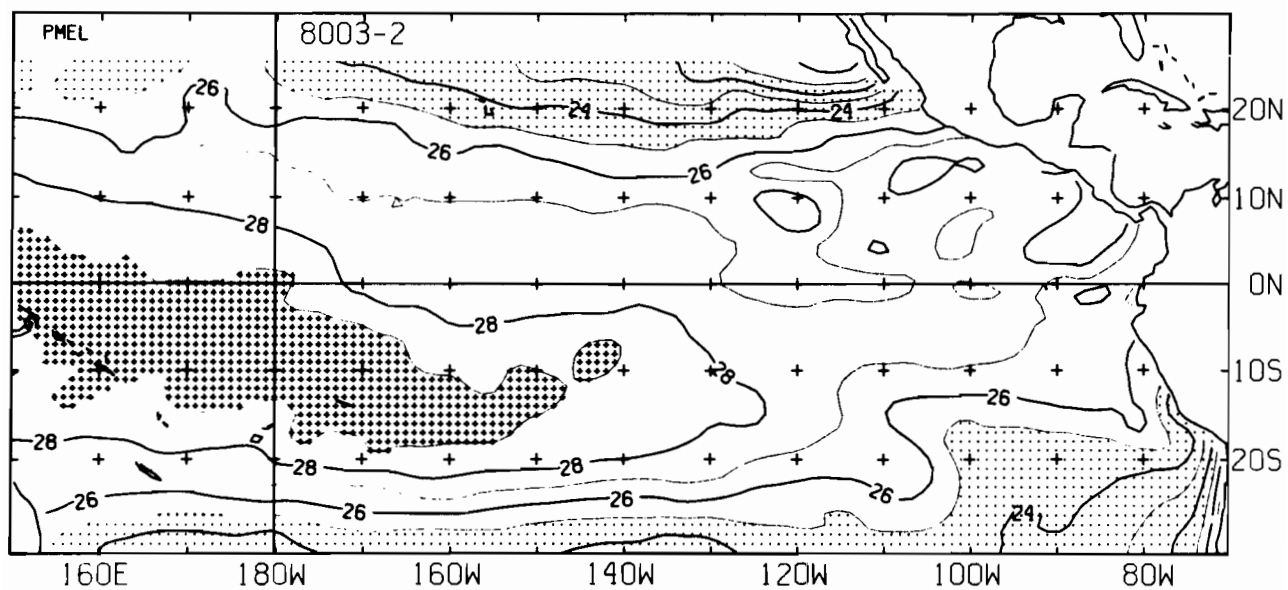
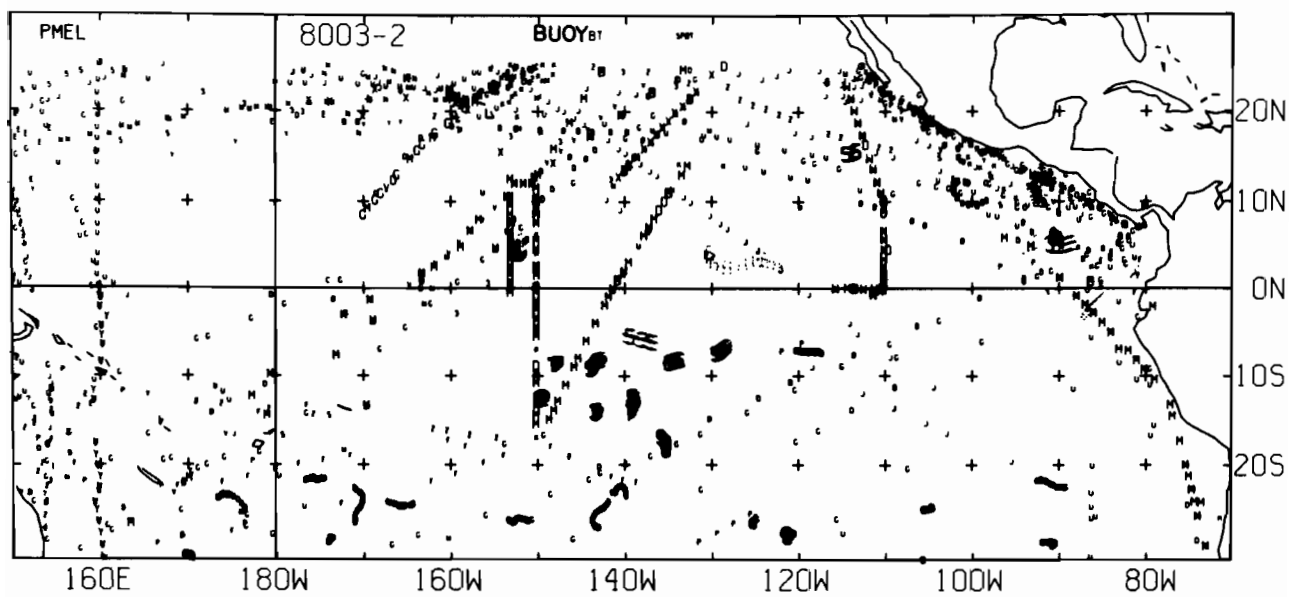


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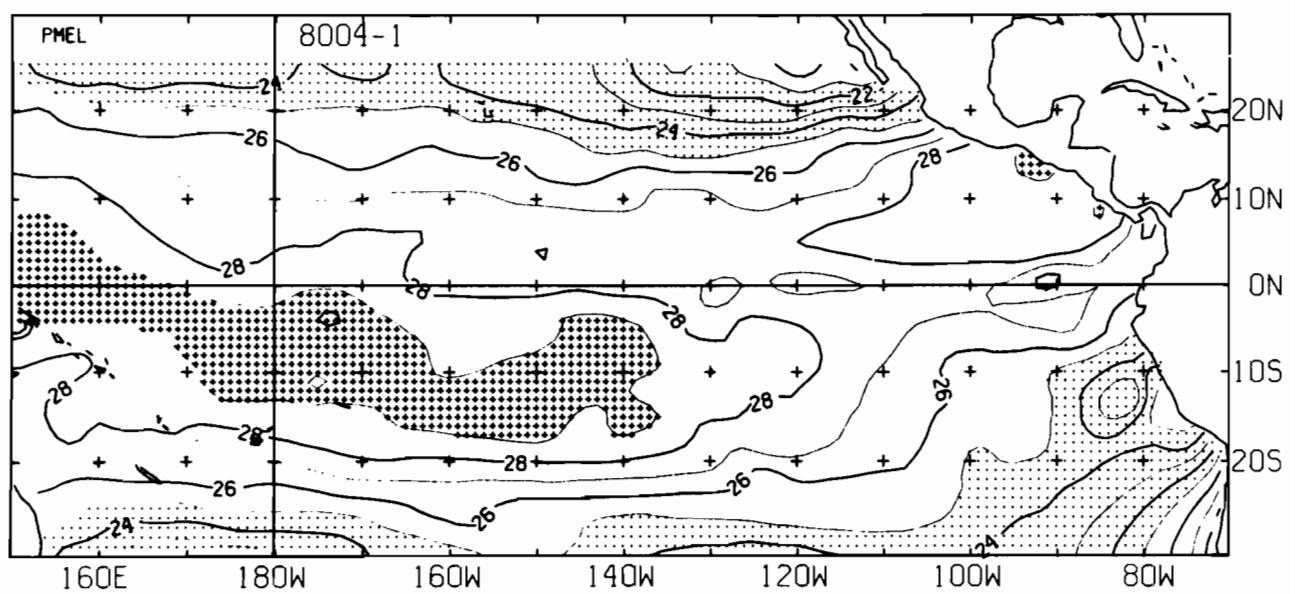
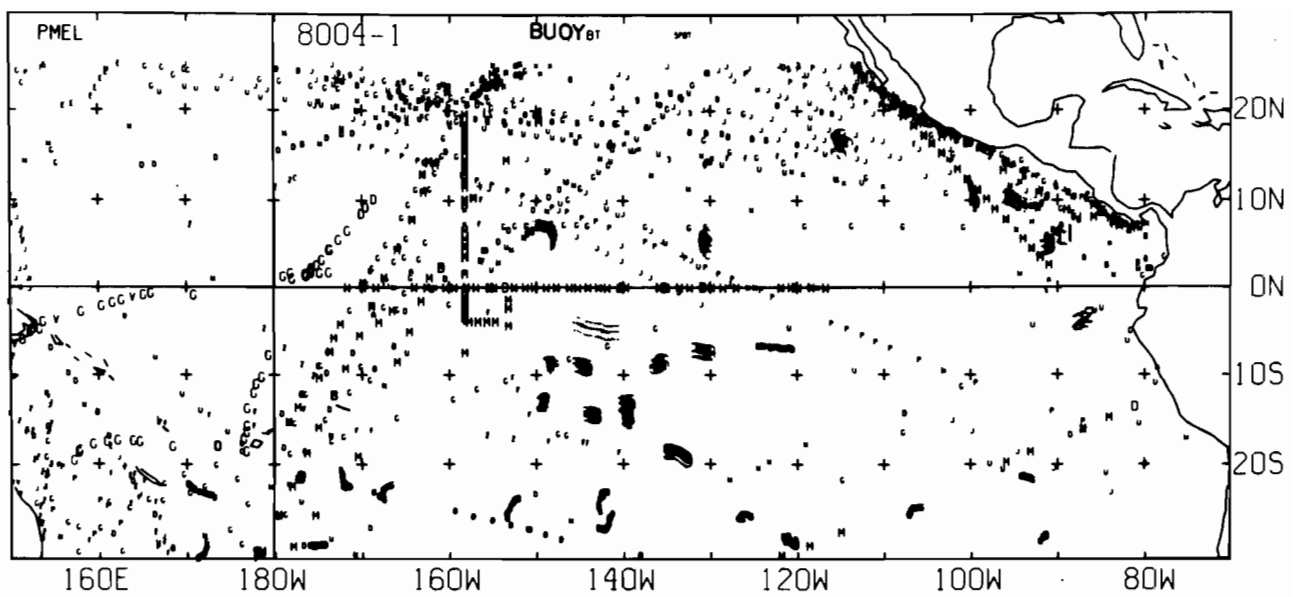




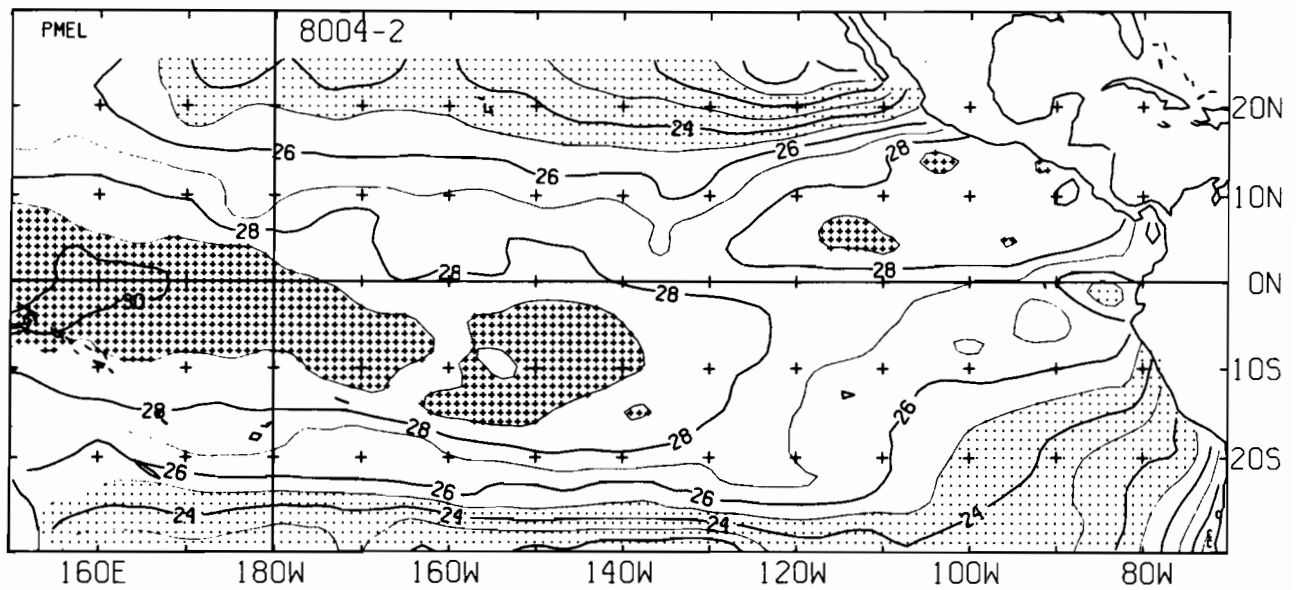
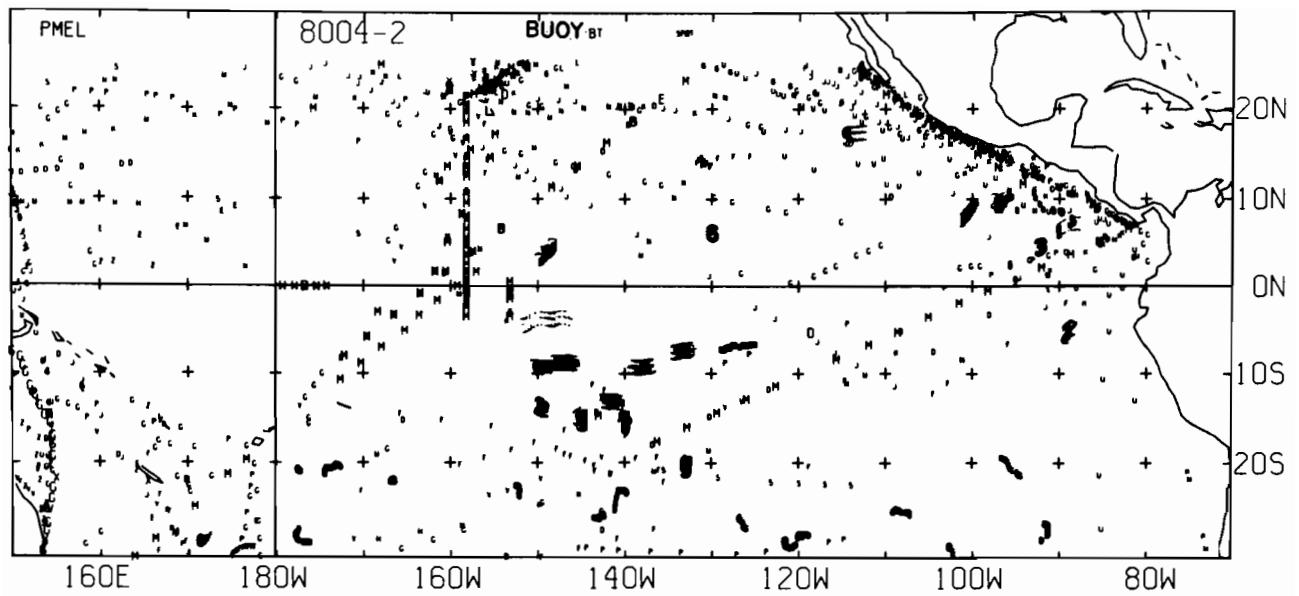
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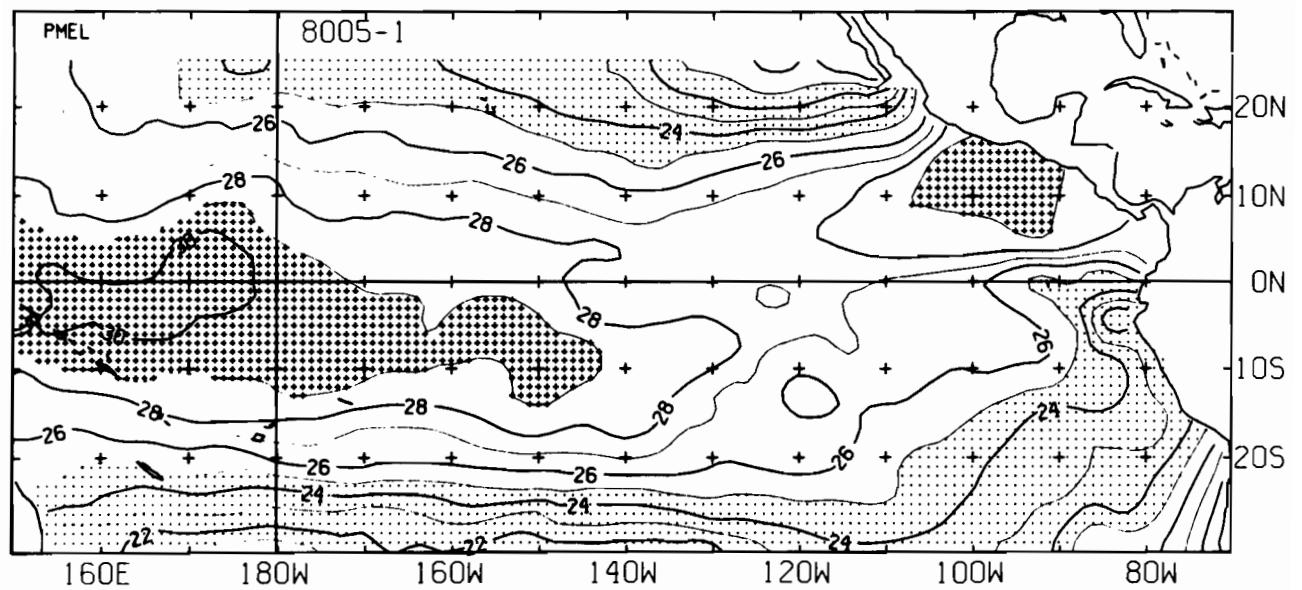
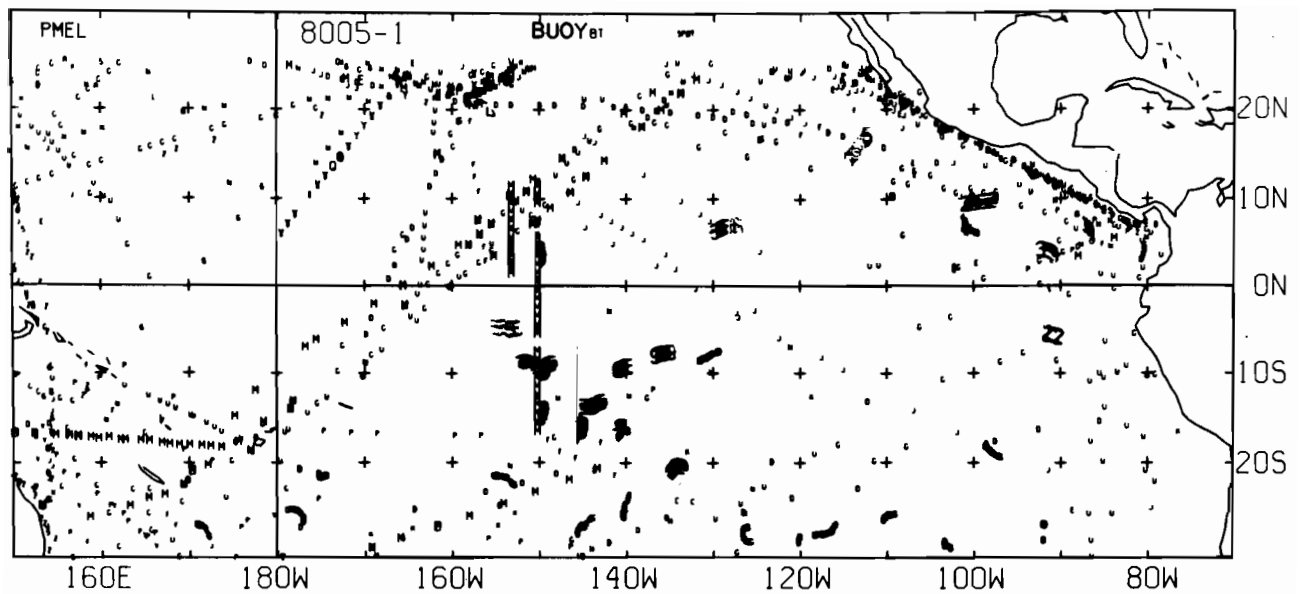
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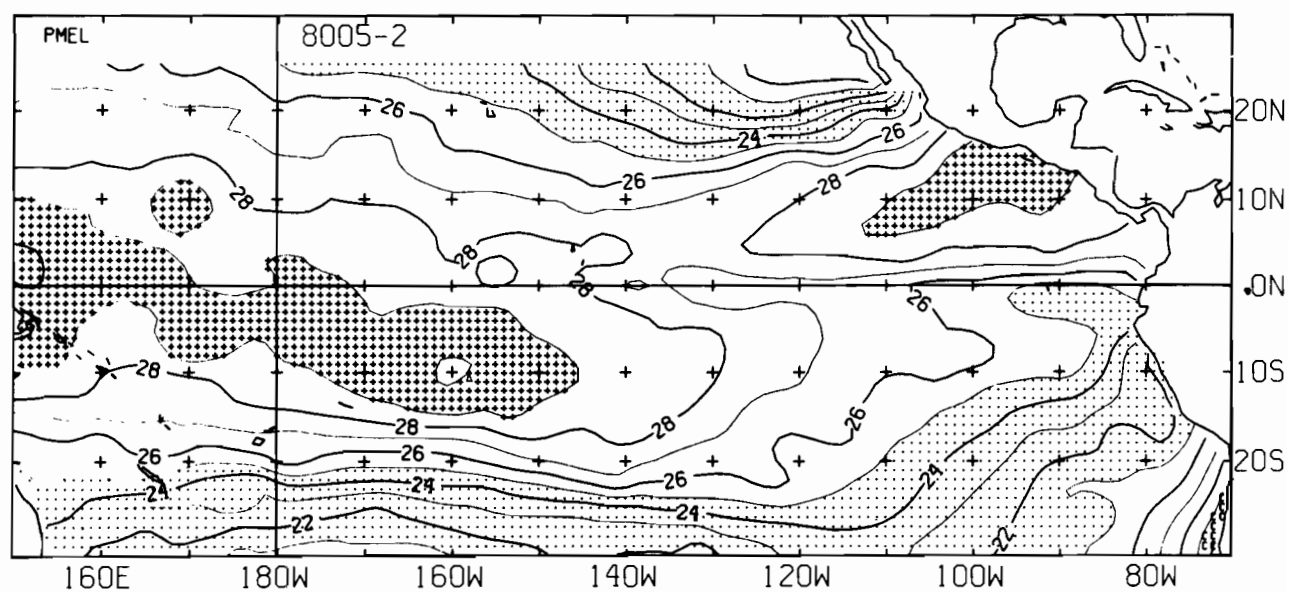
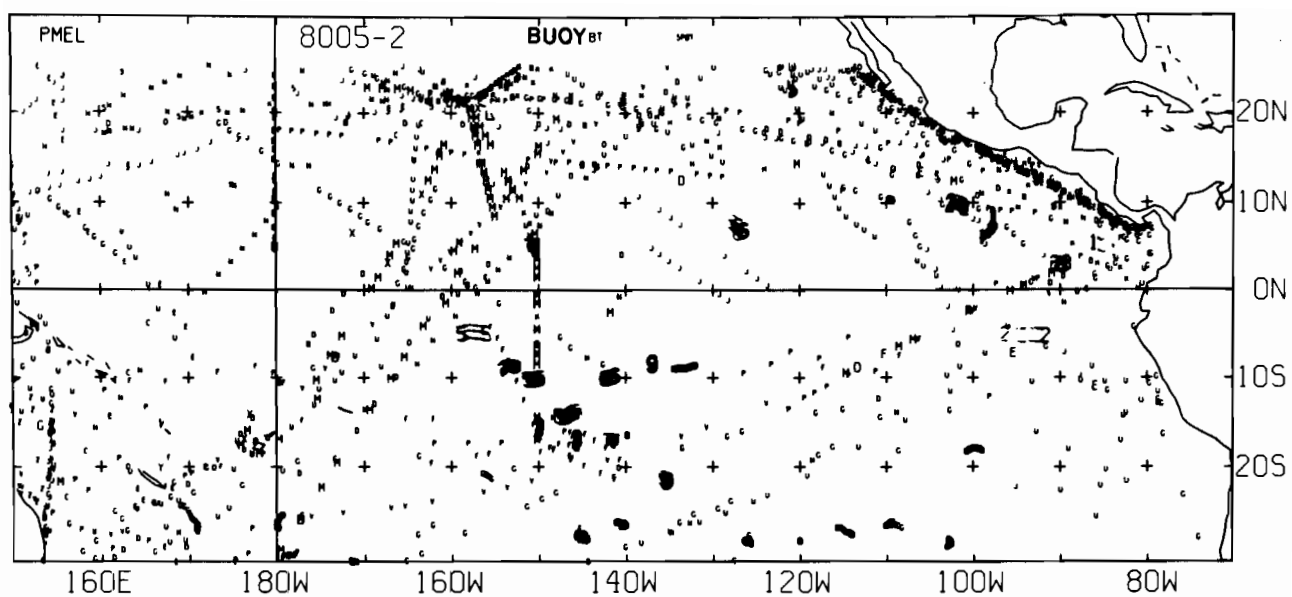
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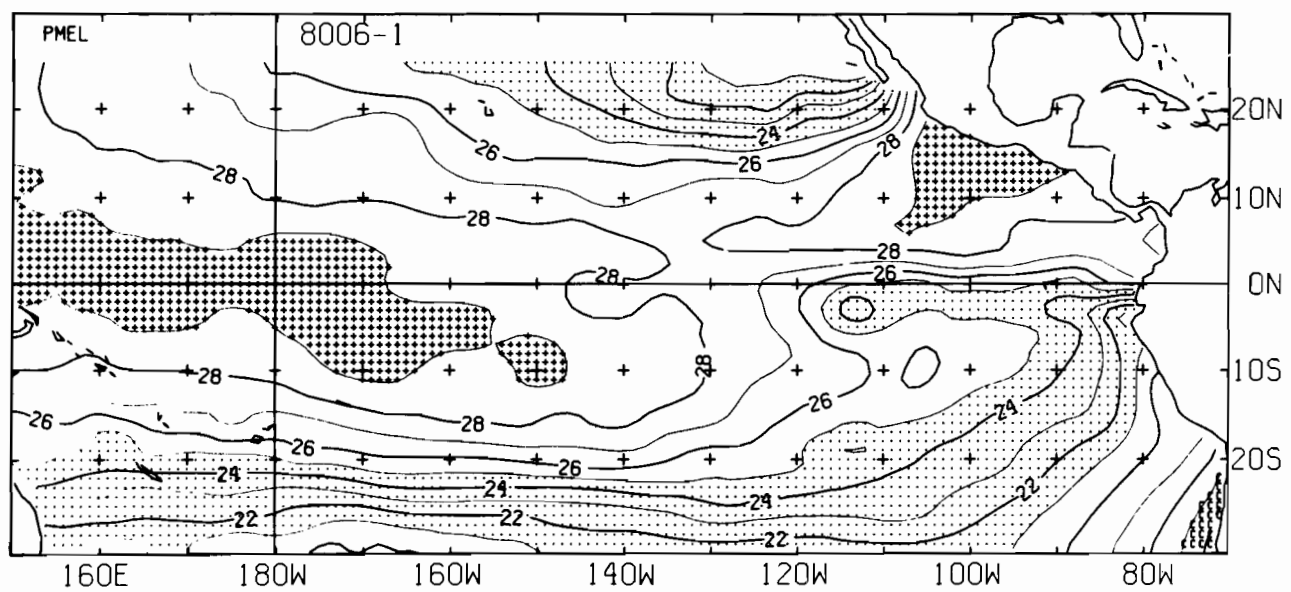
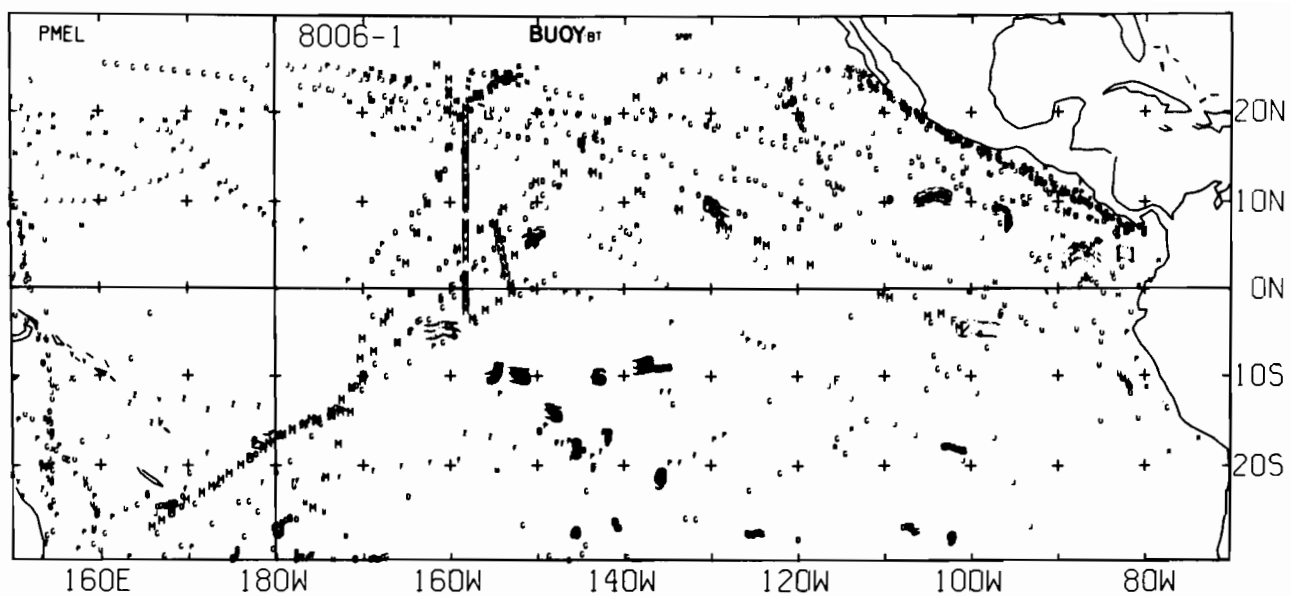
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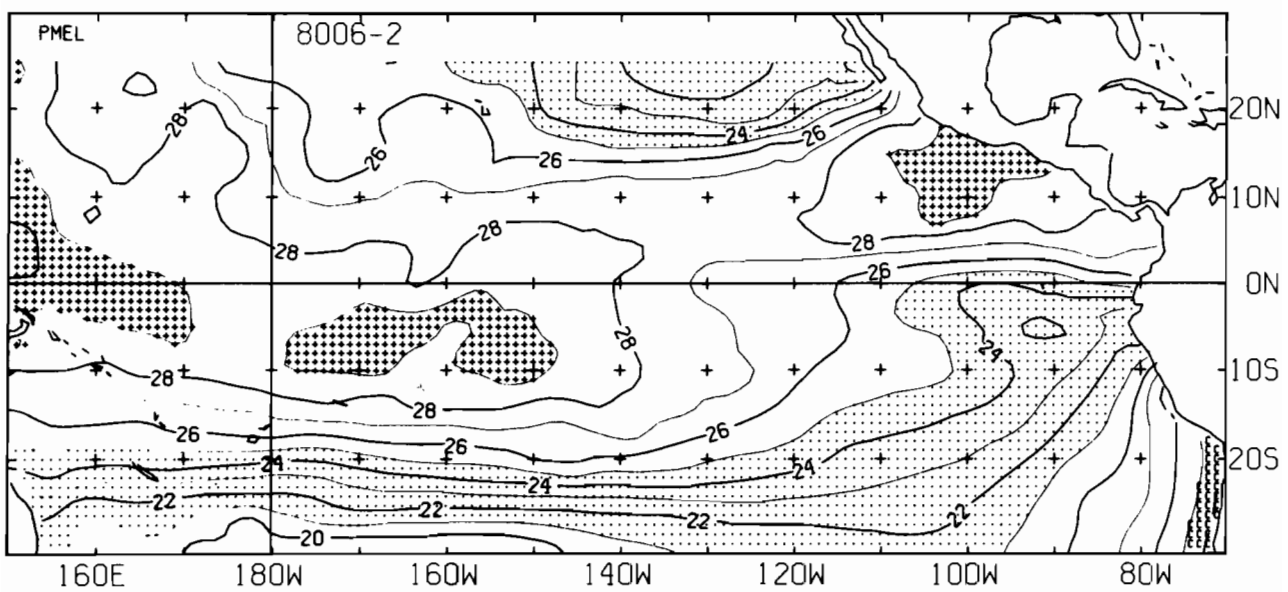
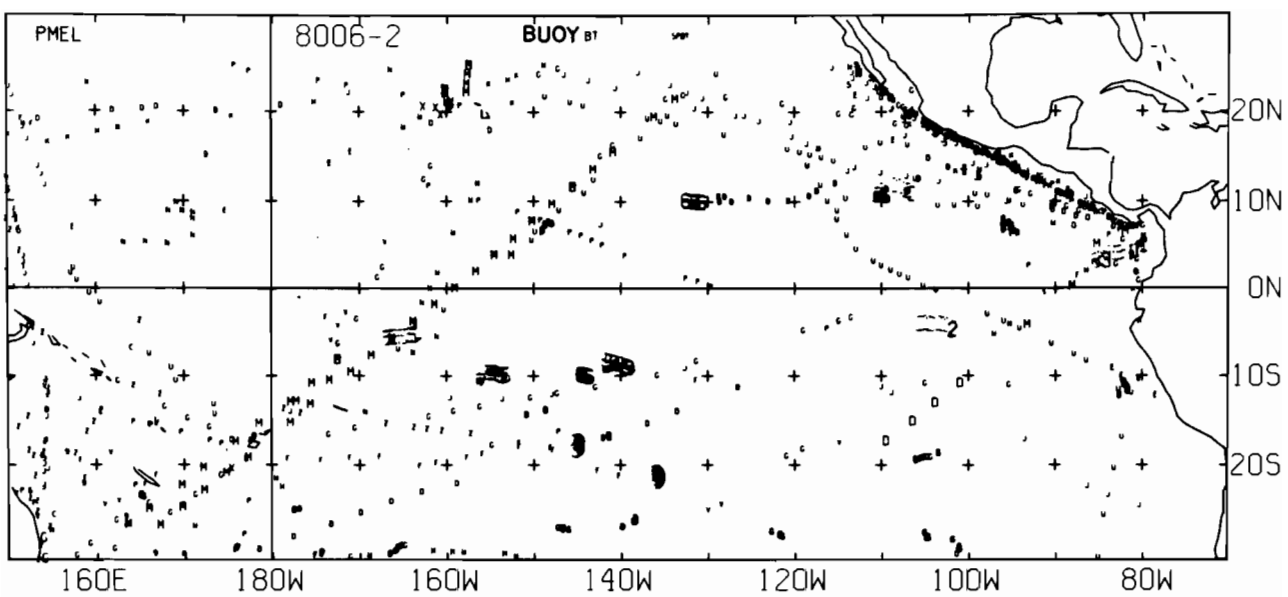
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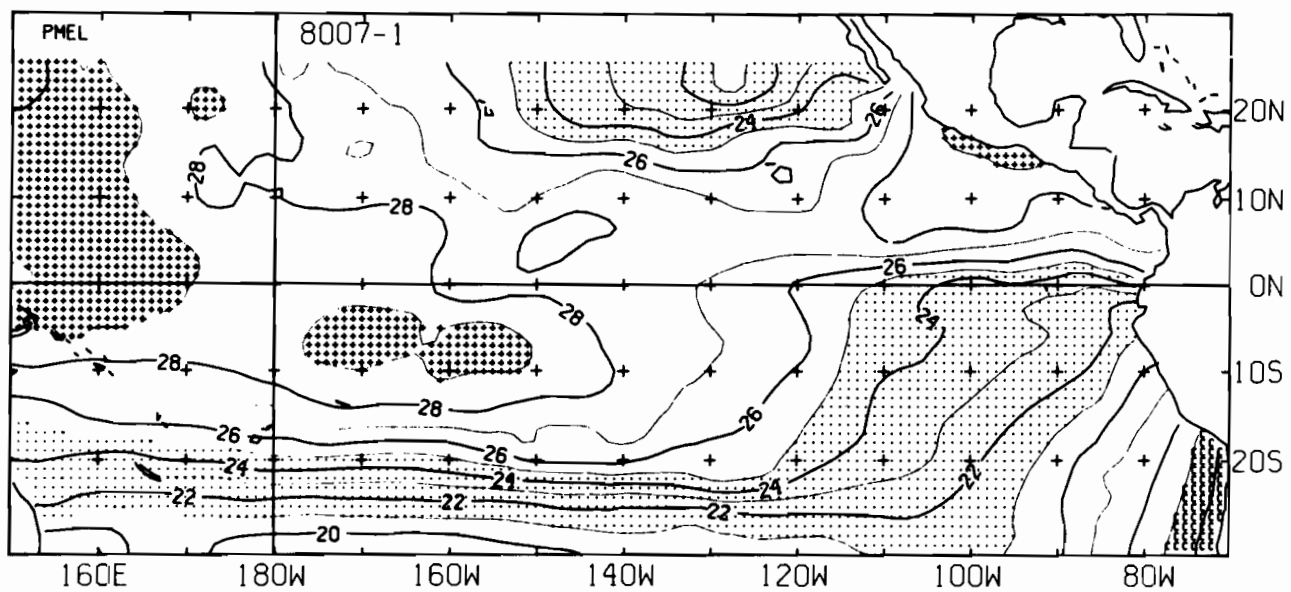
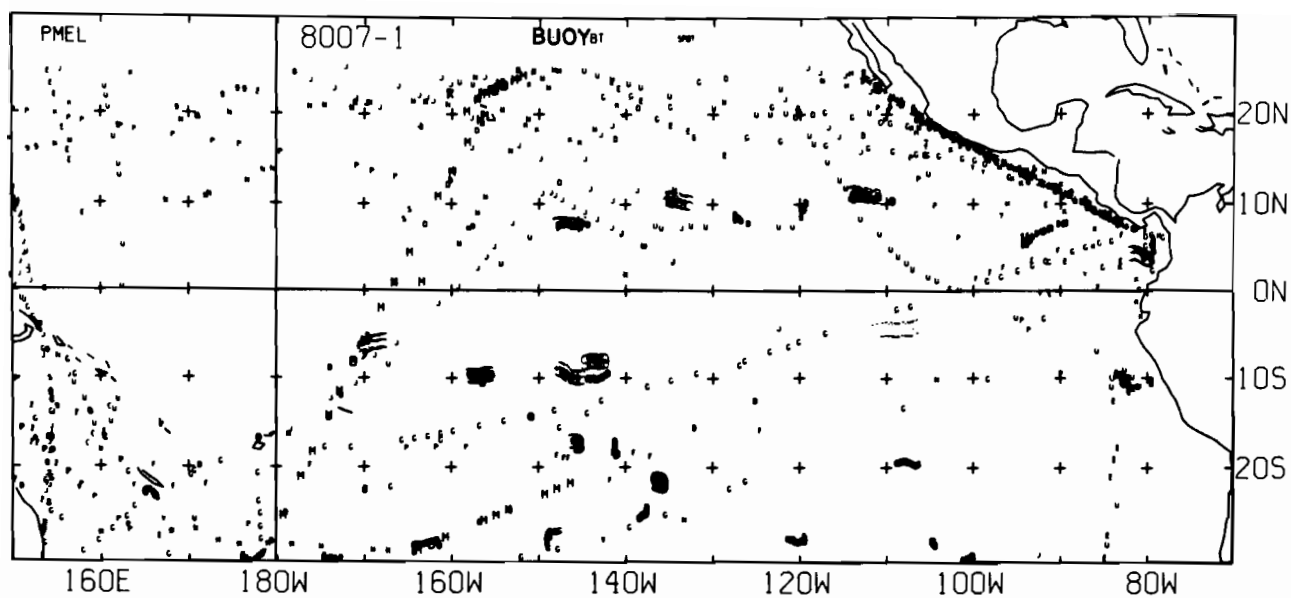


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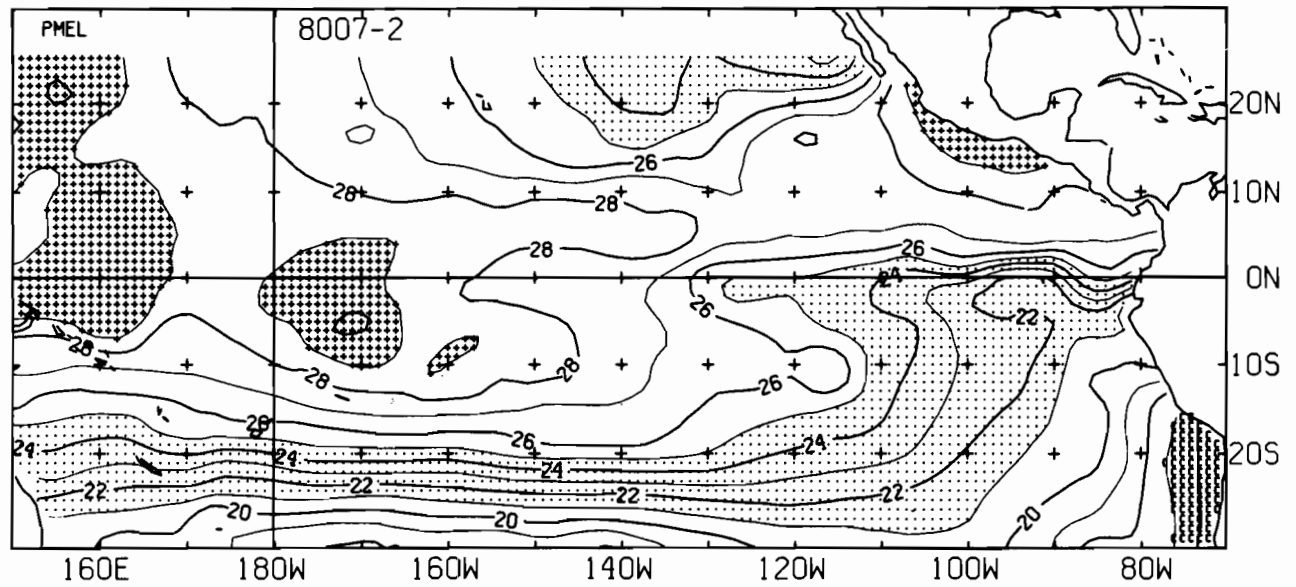
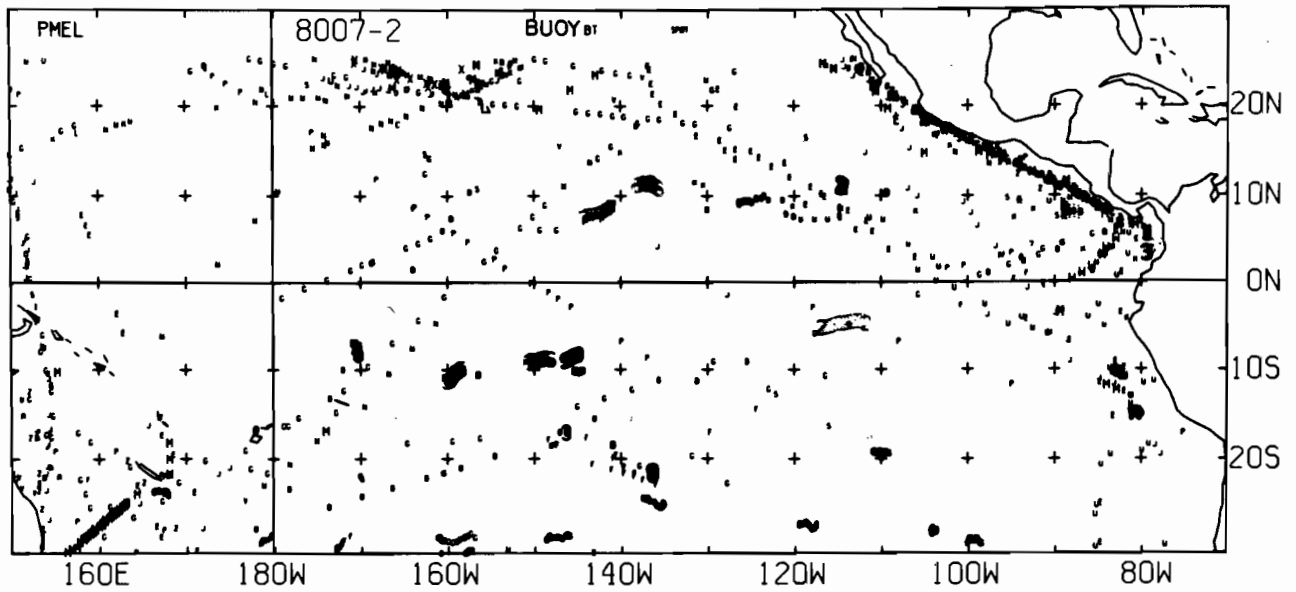


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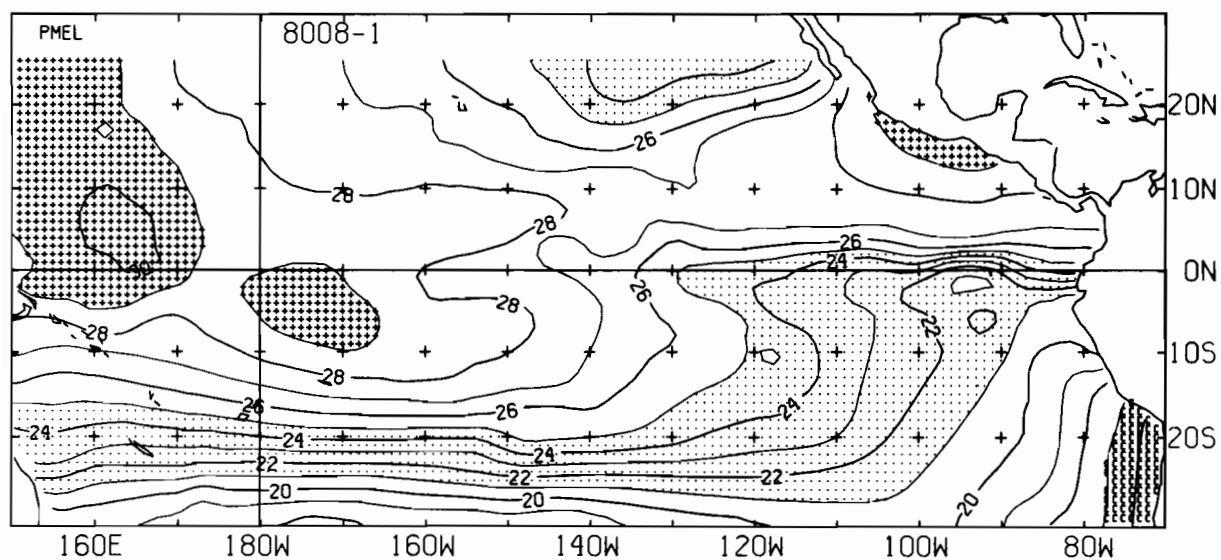
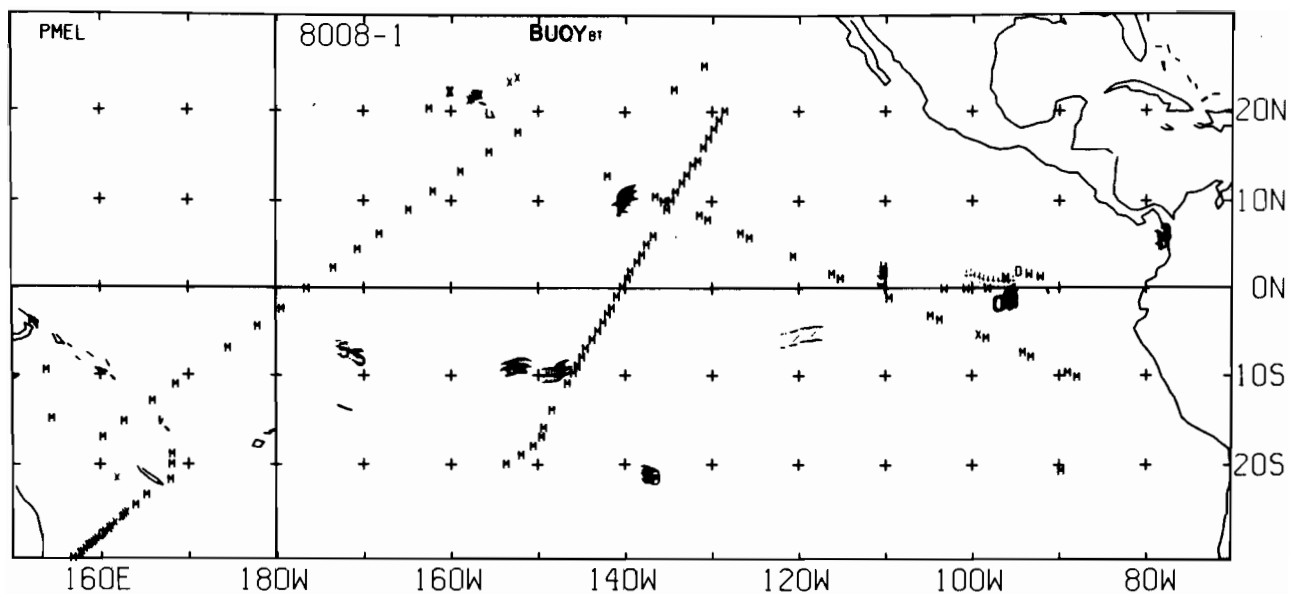




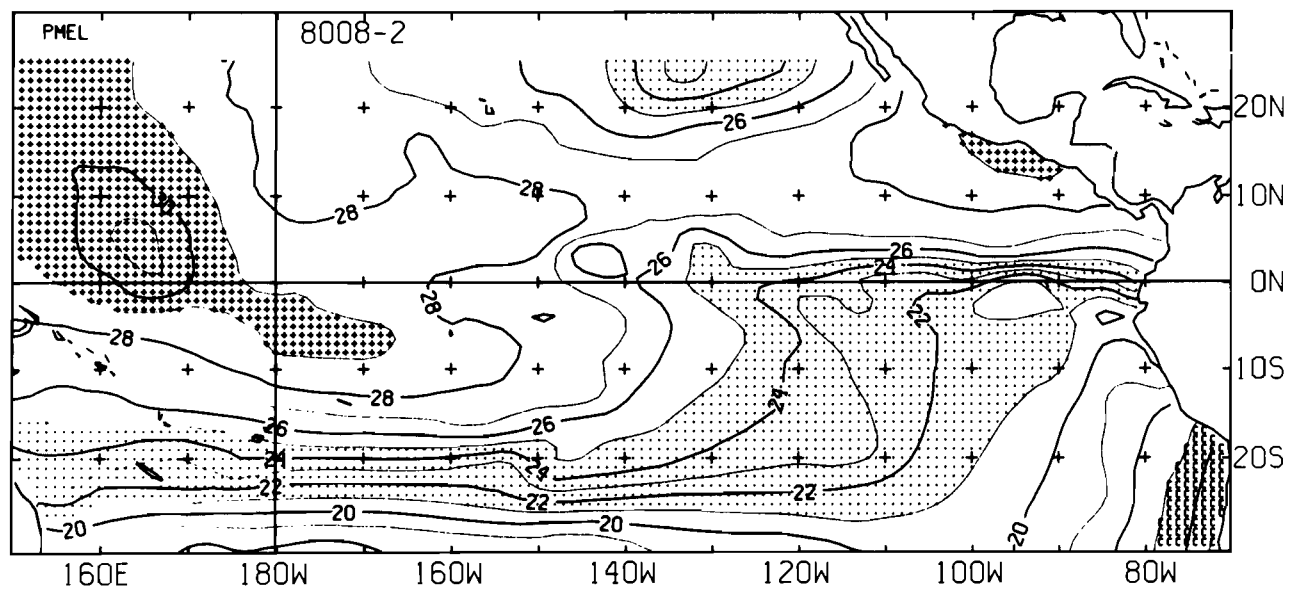
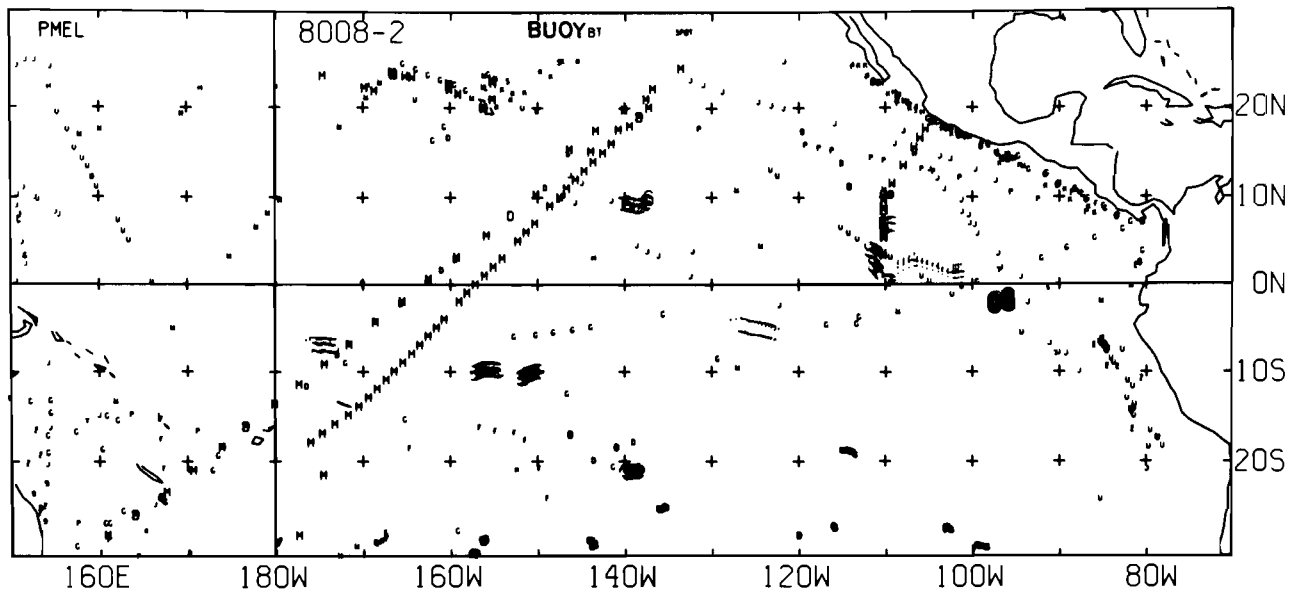
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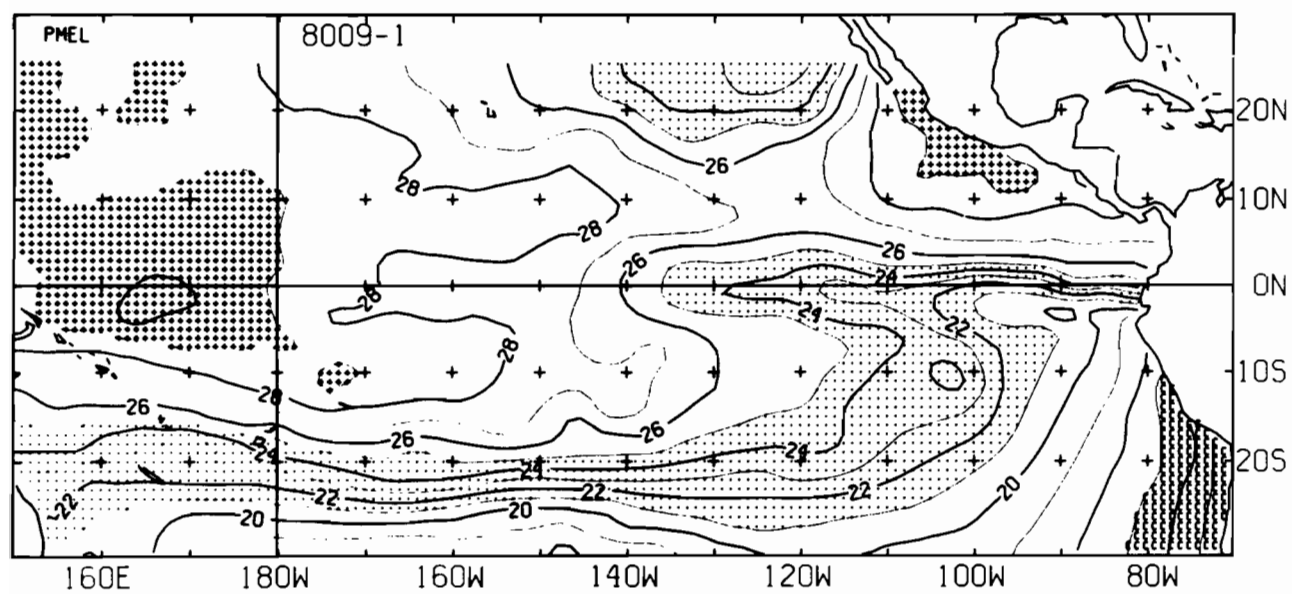
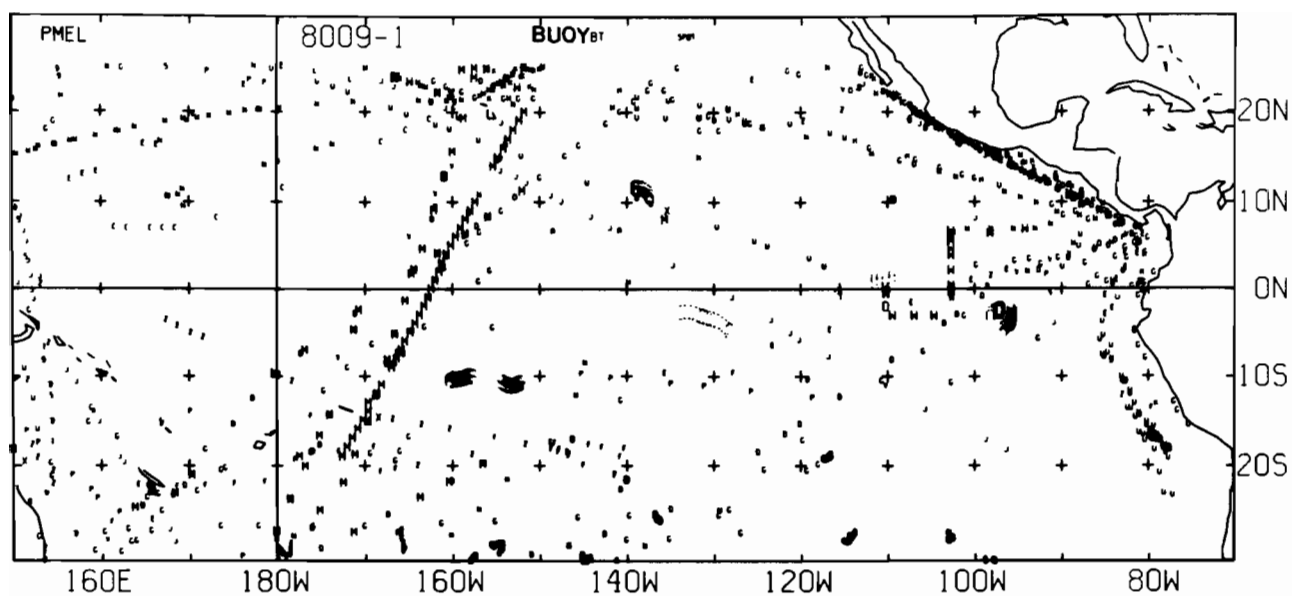
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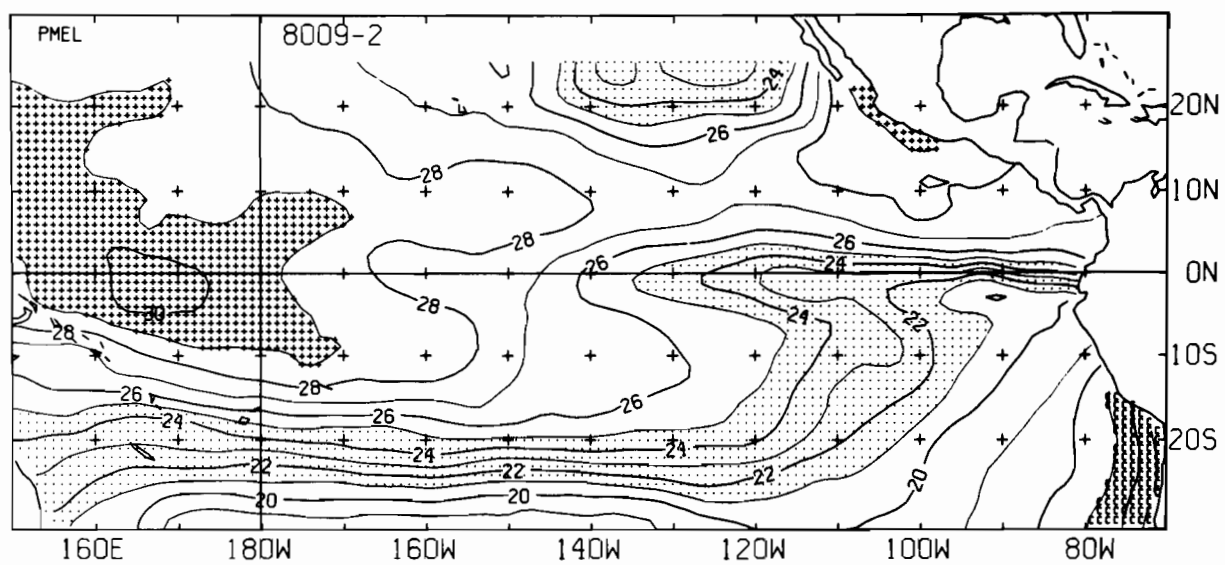
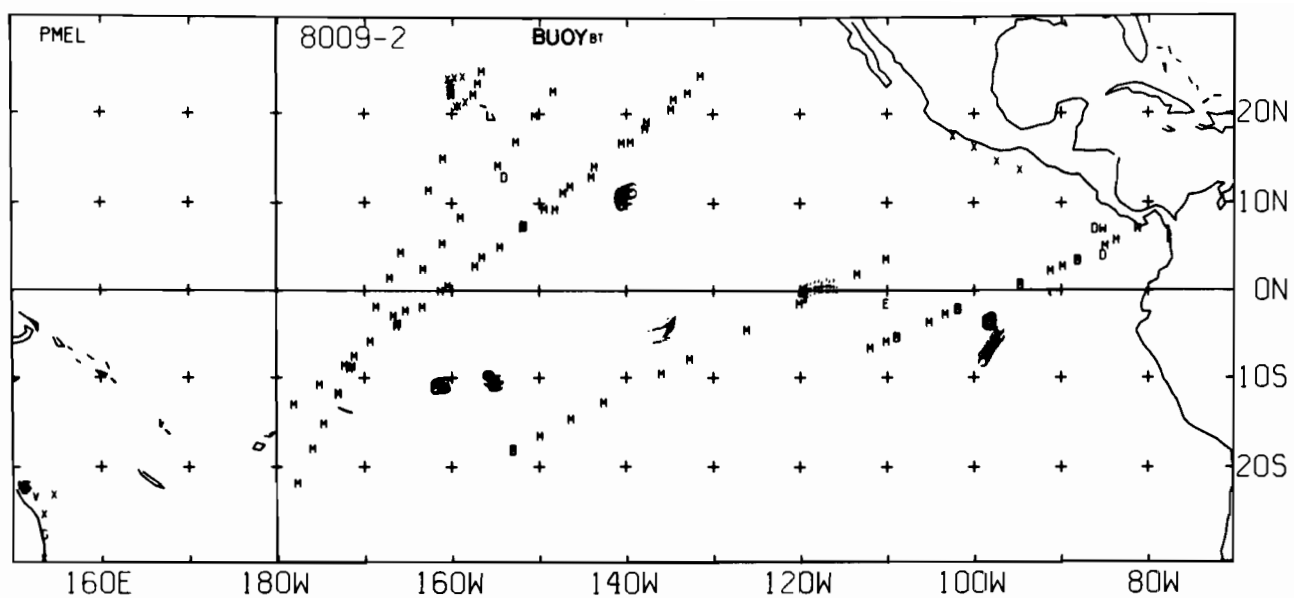
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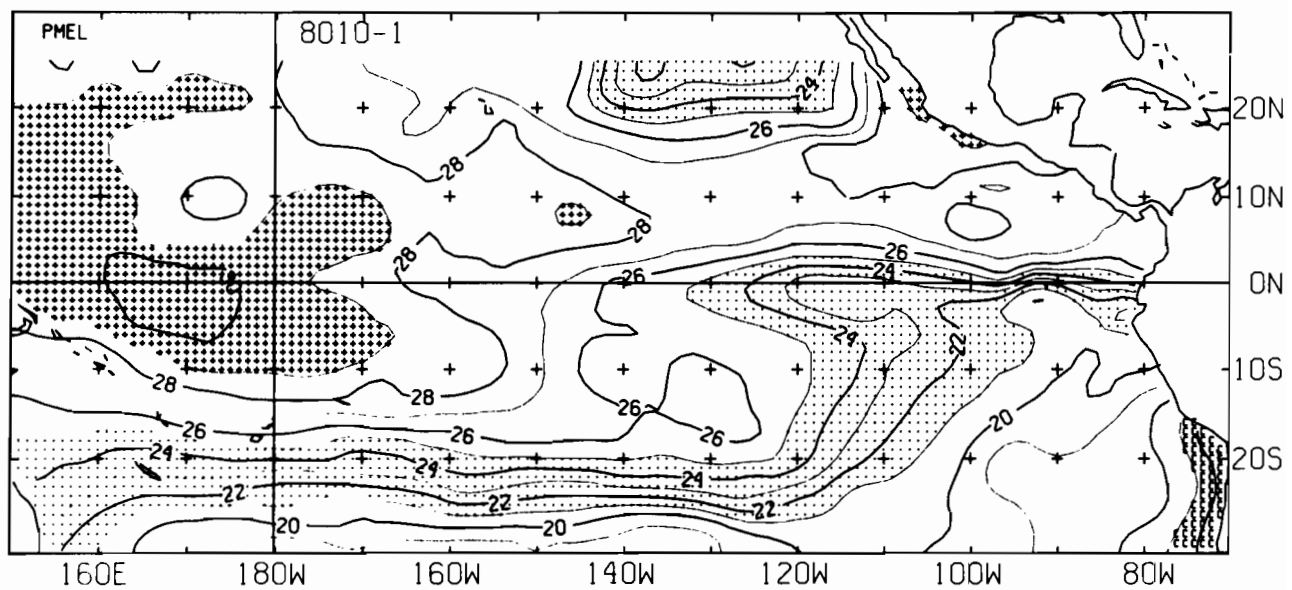
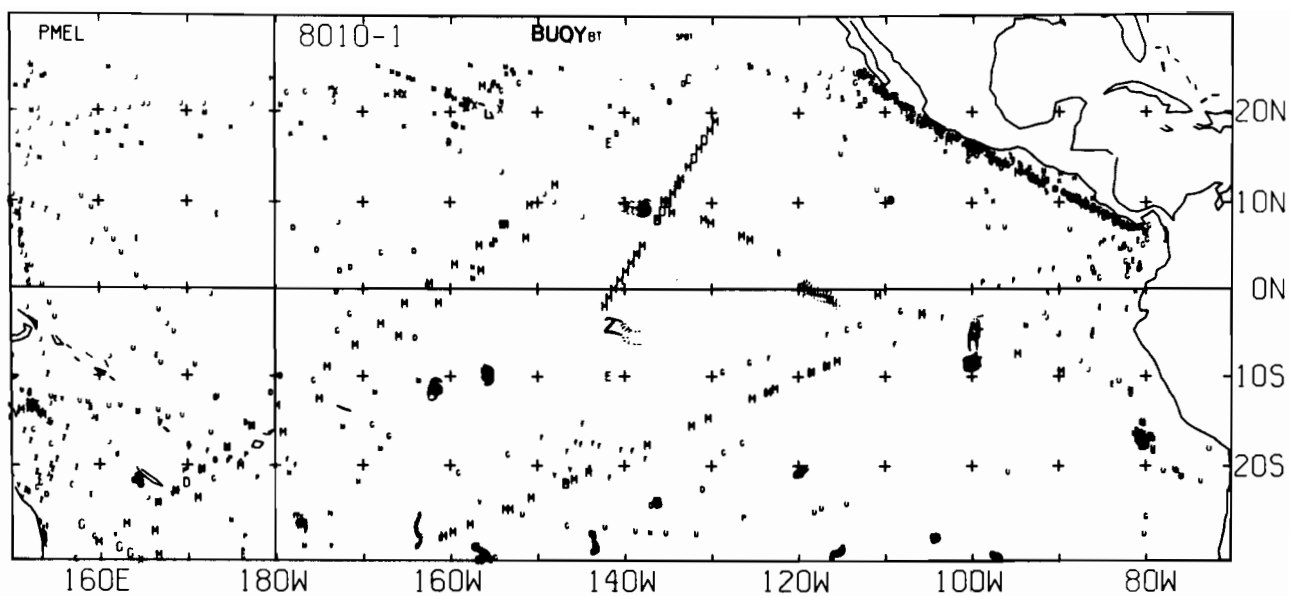
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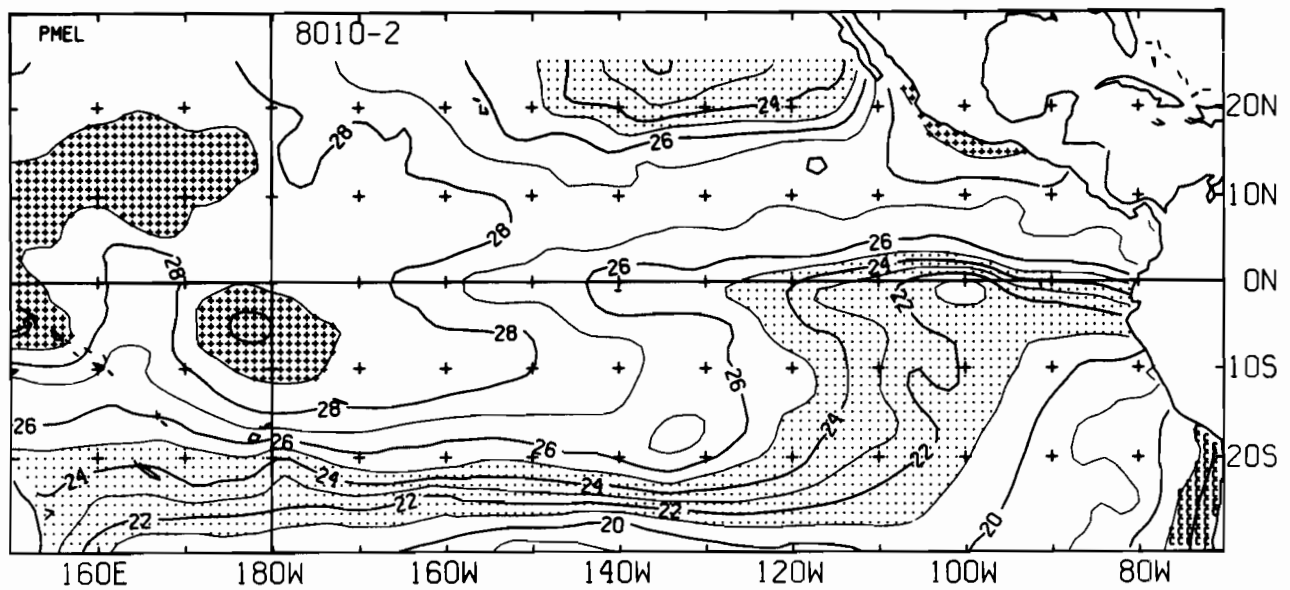
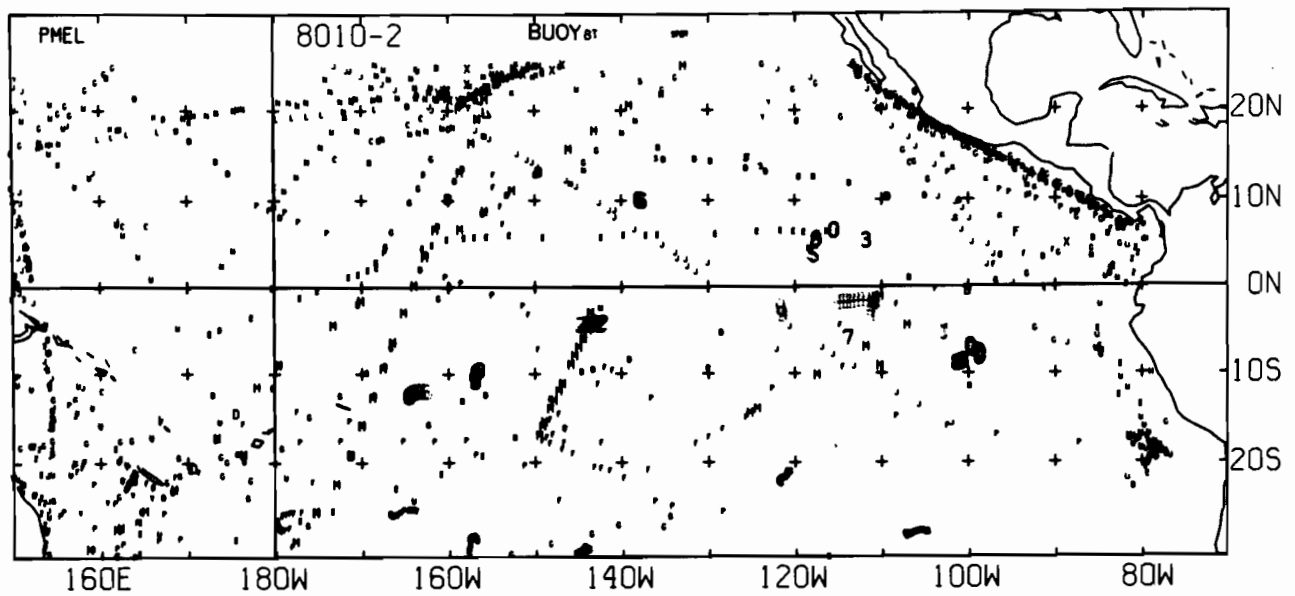
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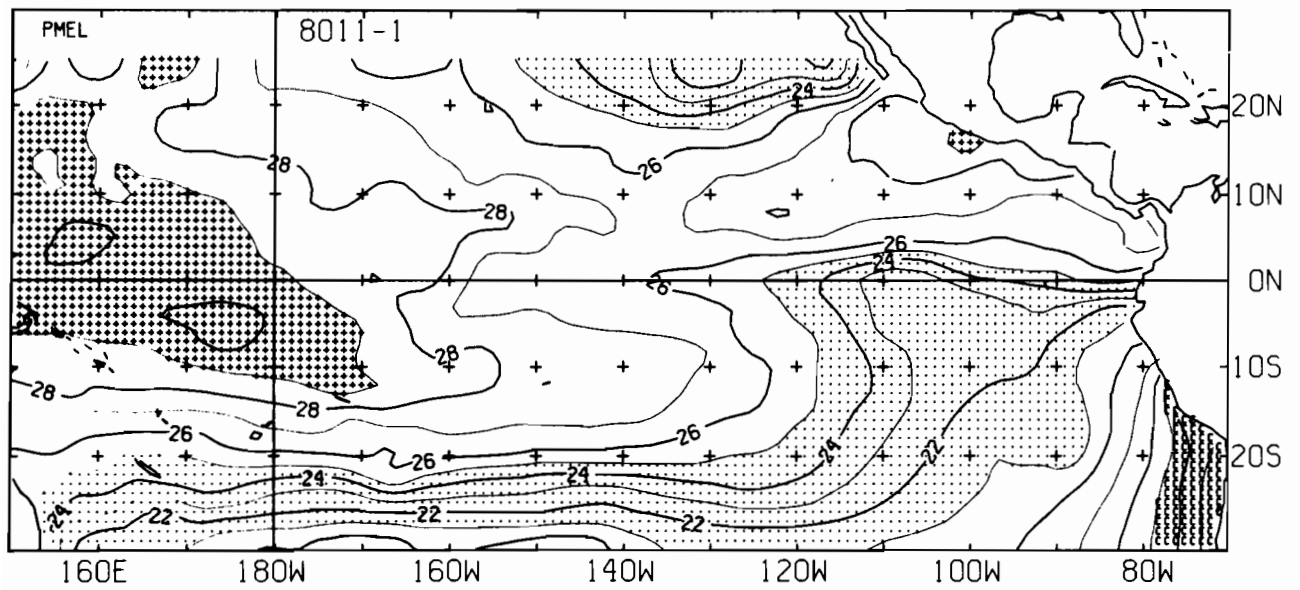
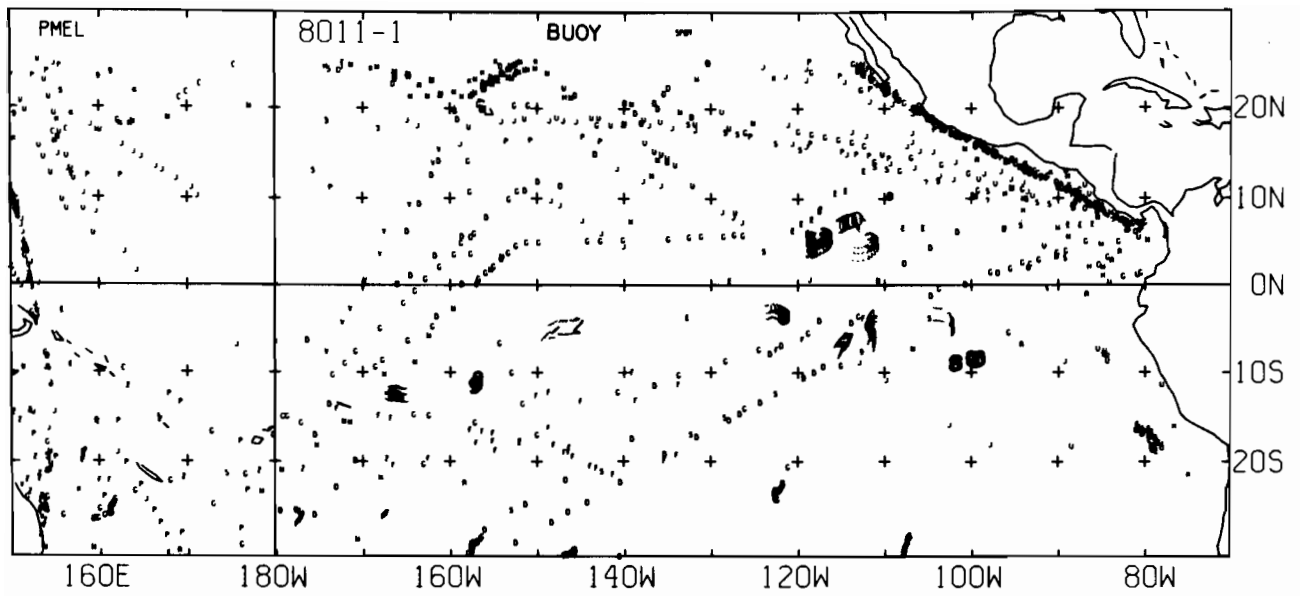


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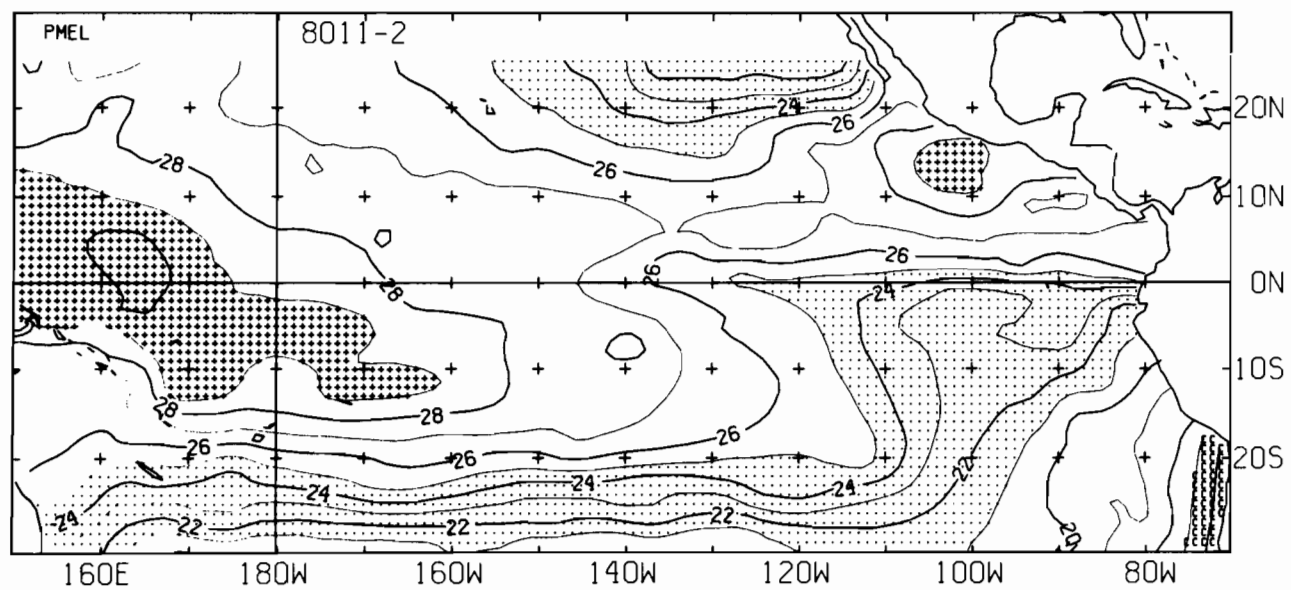
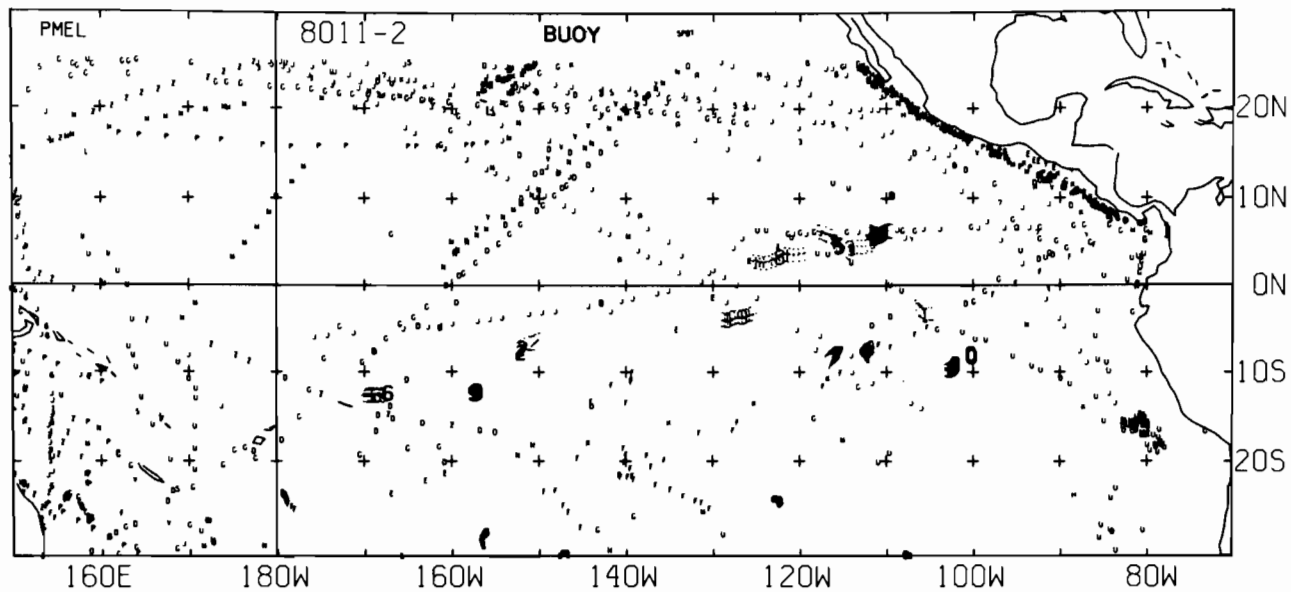


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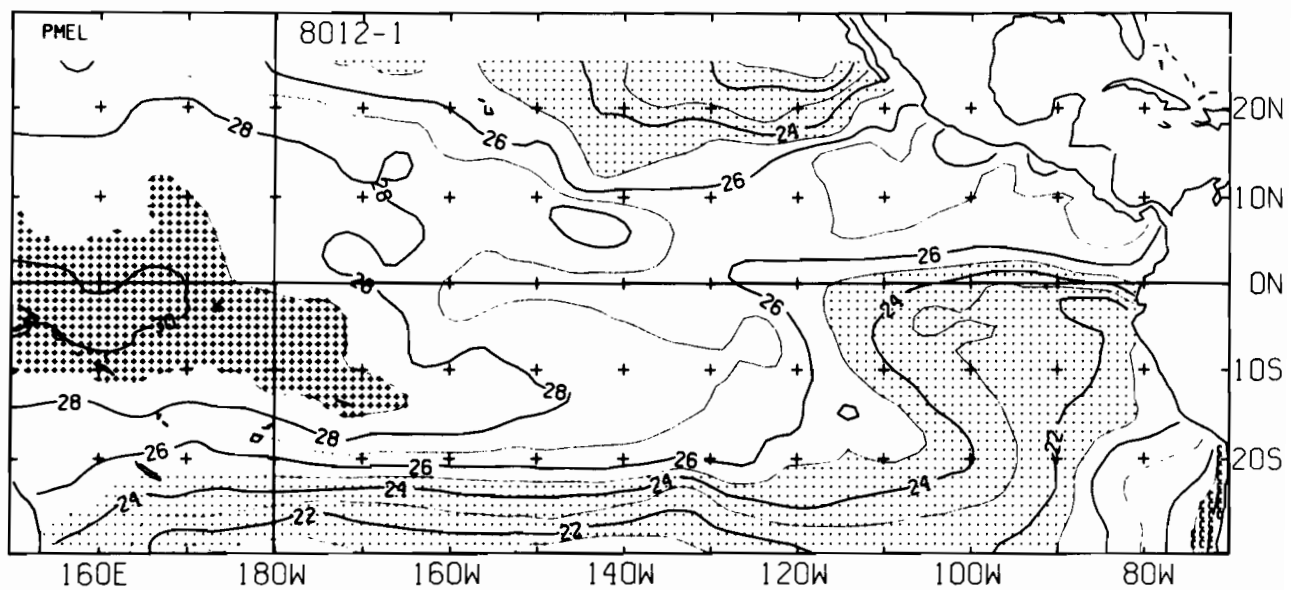
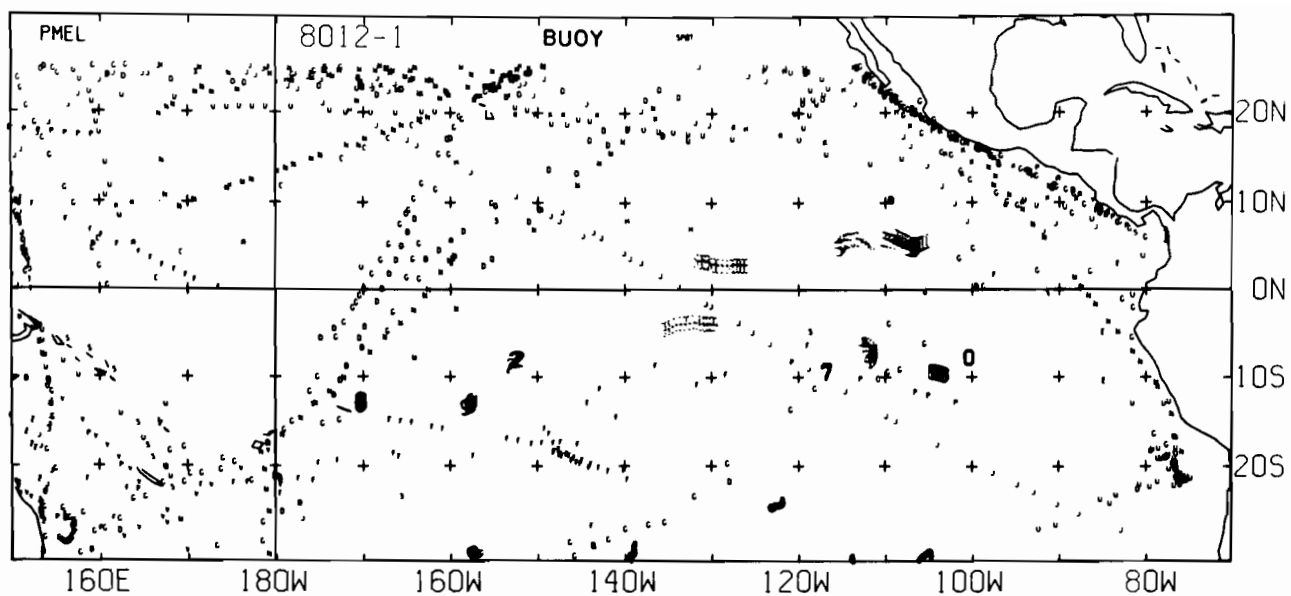




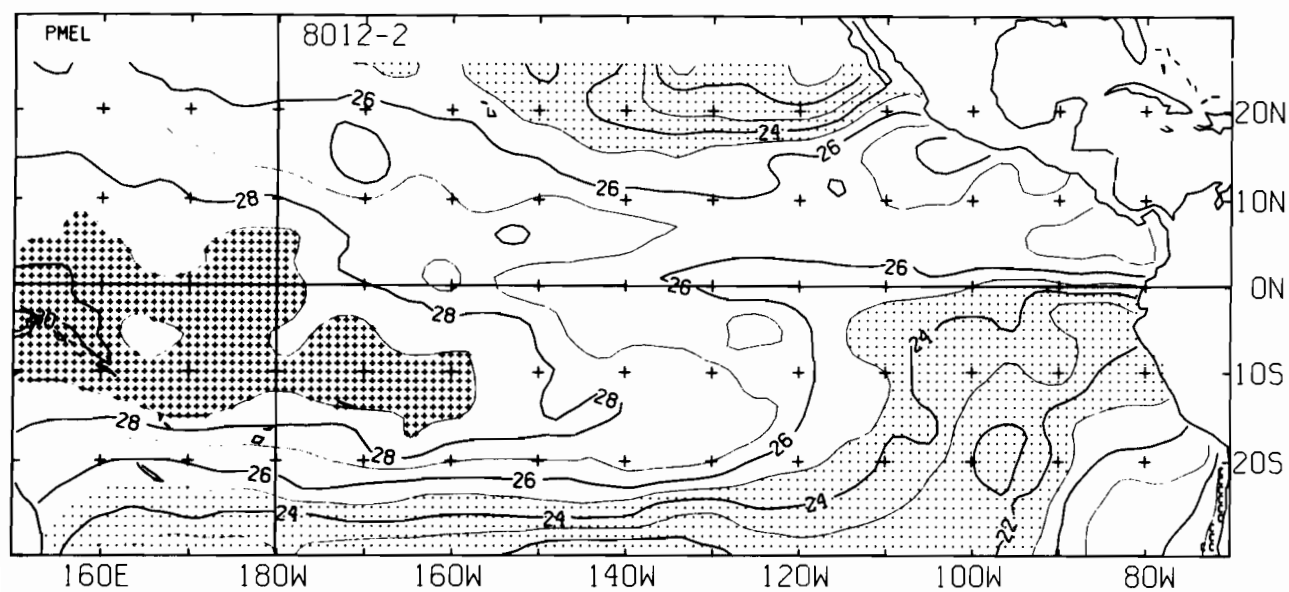
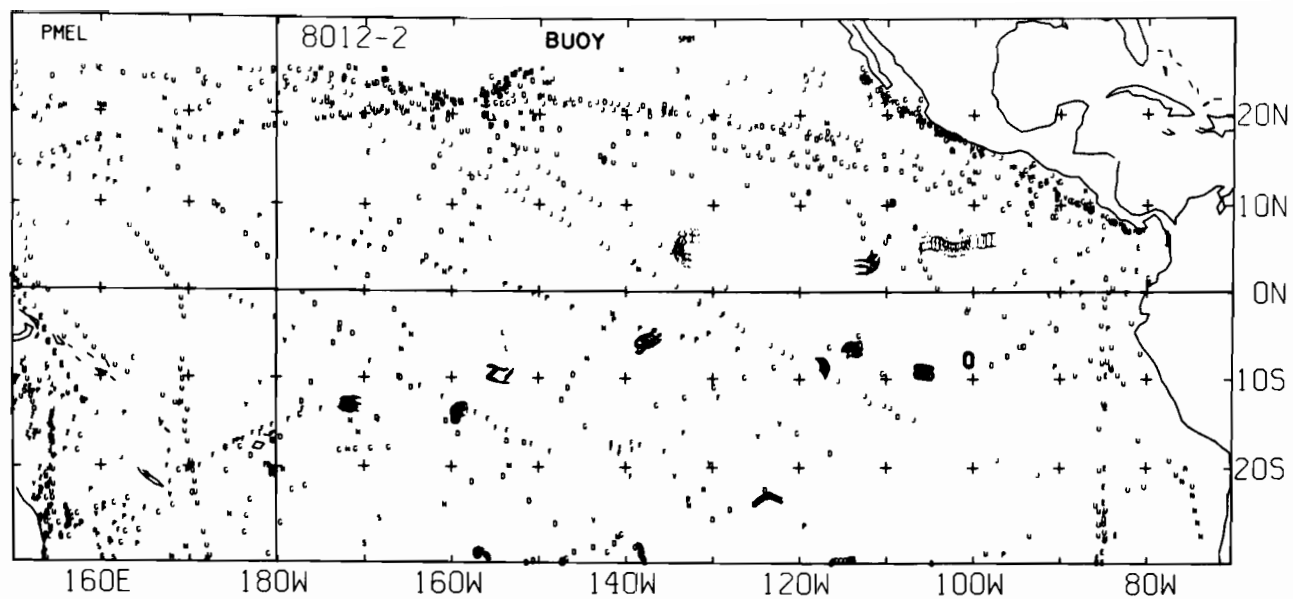
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