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1. Introduction

This report is a graphical presentation of selected oceanographic data which were obtained by the German research vessel "Meteor" and the fishery protection vessel "Meerkatze 2" during the international ICES-Overflow '73 expedition in August/September 1973. Only those data were selected that could be combined into meaningful sections or time-series to elucidate the spatial scales and the time scales of the hydrographic field in the area between Iceland and the Faroes. A full account of the type and the number of observations is given in the "Overflow '73 Inventory" - ICES Oceanographic Data Lists and Inventories No. 29, 1976. The data itself can be made available by: Deutsches Ozeanographisches Datenzentrum (DOD), Bernhard-Nocht-Straße 78, 2000 Hamburg 4, or by the authors.

2. Data Reduction

2.1 CTD-Data

The instrument used on board R.V. "Meteor" was the Kieler Multisonde (KROEBEL, 1973) which measured pressure P, temperature T and conductivity C, sound velocity V and light attenuation A at a sampling rate of 1 sec. A total of 253 profiles of T, S, C and V interpolated to 5 dbar intervals are available. Light attenuation A is only available for part of the profiles due to calibration problems. Some information about the quality of the data is given in table 1. For more details see the following sections 2.1.1 and 2.1.2.

2.1.1 Measuring procedure

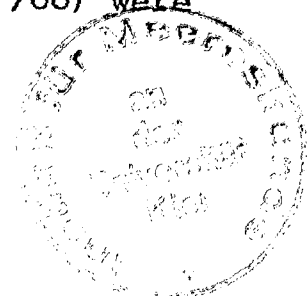
The Multisonde was lowered at a minimum speed of 1 m/s and a maximum speed of 10 m/s. All data including real time calculated salinity were digitally stored on magnetic tape and/or papertape; for a quick look on board, profiles of T and S were plotted. In order to obtain data for an in-situ calibration of the Multisonde a Nansen-bottle was put 1 1/2 m above the Multisonde on some stations during the first cruise leg. From the second leg calibration data are available from hydrocasts taken immediately after the Multisonde-profile.

2.1.2 Processing and Calibration

- i) Due to failures of the magnetic tape unit the following 19 stations are only available as plots of T and S versus pressure P: 51, 70, 86, 88, 90, 96, 97, 98, 99, 99A, 100, 101, 102, 104, 105, 110, 111, 156, 201. Those plots were digitized half-automatically with a sampling rate of about 4 dbar \pm 1 dbar and statistical errors in T and S of \pm 0.03°C and \pm 0.01‰ respectively. As a next step the data were interpolated linearly to 5 dbar intervals, errors in digitization were removed and each profile was linearly corrected to fit the one-point Nansen-bottle data.
- ii) In a first treatment of the other 234 profiles, T and C were calibrated linearly by the method explained in iii), while P, S, V and A remained unchanged. Next, spikes in P and T were recognized by hand as well as automatically (single spikes). The discrimination-intervals were 5 dbar and 0.1°C. Cycles with a T-spike were linearly interpolated and cycles with a P-spike were omitted. Since the time constant of the assumingly linear response of the temperature sensor is much larger than that of the conductivity sensor a linear correction to T was applied for the i-th cycle using a difference-scheme for Newton's law:

$$T_i \text{ corr} = T_i + (T_i - T_{i-1}) \times K / \Delta t$$

The calculation started with $i = 2$ and $T_1 \text{ corr} = T_1$ and used $\Delta t = 1$ s as the sampling-interval and $K = 150$ ms as the time-constant. In a second run, once more cycles with single spikes in P or T were removed or interpolated (discrimination-intervals now 5 dbar, 0.05°C). Then S was recalculated according to a method described by FOFONOFF et. al. (1974) and cycles with single spikes in S (discrimination-interval 0.05‰) were



omitted. In a third treatment Sigma-T was calculated optionally and a running mean over approximately twice the chosen P-interval was applied before interpolating linearly to this interval.

- iii) The method of calibrating T and C was to take pairs of "true" calibration points (P, T) and (P, C) from Nansen-bottles and to compare them with corresponding pairs (P_M , T_M) and (P_M , C_M) from the Multisonde. P was found by combining protected and unprotected reversing thermometers on the Nansen-bottle; C was recalculated from P, T and salinometer-measured S. Assuming P and P_M to be correct it turned out that for both temperature and conductivity there exist 3 point clusters with a total of 80 pairs (T , T_M) and 48 pairs (C , C_M) for calibration. They represent the homogeneous surface layer, the North Atlantic Deep Water with weak gradients in T and S and Norwegian Sea Deep Water with very weak gradients in T and S. The point clusters were reduced to 3 points by calculating means. A least square fit for these values then resulted in:

$$T_{\text{corr}} = 1.00008 T_M - 0.019^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$C_{\text{corr}} = 1.00096 C_M - 0.080 \text{ mmho/cm}$$

For calibration errors see table 1.

2.2 Hydrographic casts

Whenever hydrographic casts were carried out, non-metal reversing bottles were used (TPN-Water Sampler). Temperatures were determined by standard reversing thermometers, applying the standard corrections. Salinity was determined onboard from one sample each using a Beckmann RS 7B inductive salinometer. The measurements were referred to Copenhagen Standard Sea Water and converted by means of the UNESCO-Tables. Nutrient analysis (only "Meteor") was carried out on board by feeding the samples into an auto-analyser. Sugawara standards were used as reference. With respect to the methodology reference is given to the "New

Baltic Manual" - ICES Cooperative Research Report, Ser. A, No. 29.

2.3 Expandable Bathythermograph

Temperature soundings were obtained using the Plessey-XBT system with probes for a depth range from 0 to 750 meters. The depths of each 0.5°C-Isotherme was read from the analogue-record immediately after each drop. No corrections were applied since several comparisons with a shipmounted, calibrated thermograph did not reveal any systematic temperature deviations.

2.4 Current meters and temperature recorders

Two types of current meters were used: The Geodyne Model 102 film-recording instrument and the Bergen RCM-4 (Aanderaa) instrument. The 11-channel temperature recorders (TR 4) used in several moorings are those manufactured by Aanderaa, Bergen/Norway. All instruments were deployed from subsurface floats to avoid noise induced by sea surface motions. The data transfer onto computer-compatible magnetic tape was achieved in the following way: The Geodyne films were read by the data service of the manufacturer. The product, a listing of calibrated current speed and direction, was hand-edited and punched at the German Hydrographic Institute. A subsequent handling on the computer consisted of correcting the direction for the local magnetic anomaly, of east-west component decomposition and of linear interpolation for an exact 10.0 minute interval. The last procedure was necessary to account for the (known) deviations of the mechanical timer clock from a pre-set 10 minutes interval. The magnetic tapes from the Aanderaa-instruments were read onto punched paper tape and re-read onto computer-magnetic tape, including calibration, raw-editing and component decomposition. No interpolation for exact 10 minute intervals were necessary since all instruments were equipped with crystal clocks and the actual number of data cycles on full-length recordings did not deviate by more than ± 1 from the expected amount. Obvious errors in the recordings, like e.g. spikes within the speed range or the temperature range set for raw-editing, were removed by hand after inspection of time-series plots.

In general, the data-return from the Bergen instruments was

not too good. One reason was a batch of unsuitable magnetic tapes, that tended to stick to the head of the instrument's tape recorder. No attempt was made to evaluate those records where the tape transport was incorrect.

2.5 Acknowledgement

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2.6 References

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| Type of error | Temperatur °C | Errors in Conductivity mmho/cm | Pressure/ dbar | Salinity/ ‰ | Sigma-T |
|---|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| a) instrumental - sensor noise - digitization noise - systematic | + 0.01 ± 0.01 removed by calibration | + 0.01 ± 0.01 | + 2.5 ± 1 unknown | unknown | unknown |
| b) calibration sensor - noise - systematic | removed by mean values in clusters less ± 0.002 ⁴⁾ | less - 0.02 ²⁾ | no calibration | - 0.003 + 0.004 | |
| c) calibration - mean error - standard deviation of mean error | - 0.005 + 0.003 | - 0.005 + 0.003 | | | |
| d) error after calibration - noise - systematic | + 0.014 less ± 0.002 | + 0.014 less - 0.02 | + 2.5 unknown | ± 0.03 | ± 0.045 |
| e) final data after 9-time running mean - noise - systematic | + 0.005 less ± 0.002 | + 0.005 less - 0.02 | + 0.6 unknown | ± 0.01 | ± 0.005 |

1) 10 different thermometers were used and in most cases two of them represent one value of a total of 80 calibration points

2) 48 calibration points were obtained using one salinometer

Table 1: Quality of Multisonde-data during Overflow '73

3. Graphical presentation of data

This part consists of four sections: A series of hydrographic sections that cover the total area of investigation, a series of small scale hydrographic sections from the central crest zone of the Iceland-Faroe ridge, a number of XBT-sections and a part displaying the time series of currents and temperatures obtained from moored instruments. Each section and its subsections are preceded by a page containing the technical information pertinent to the following graphs. -

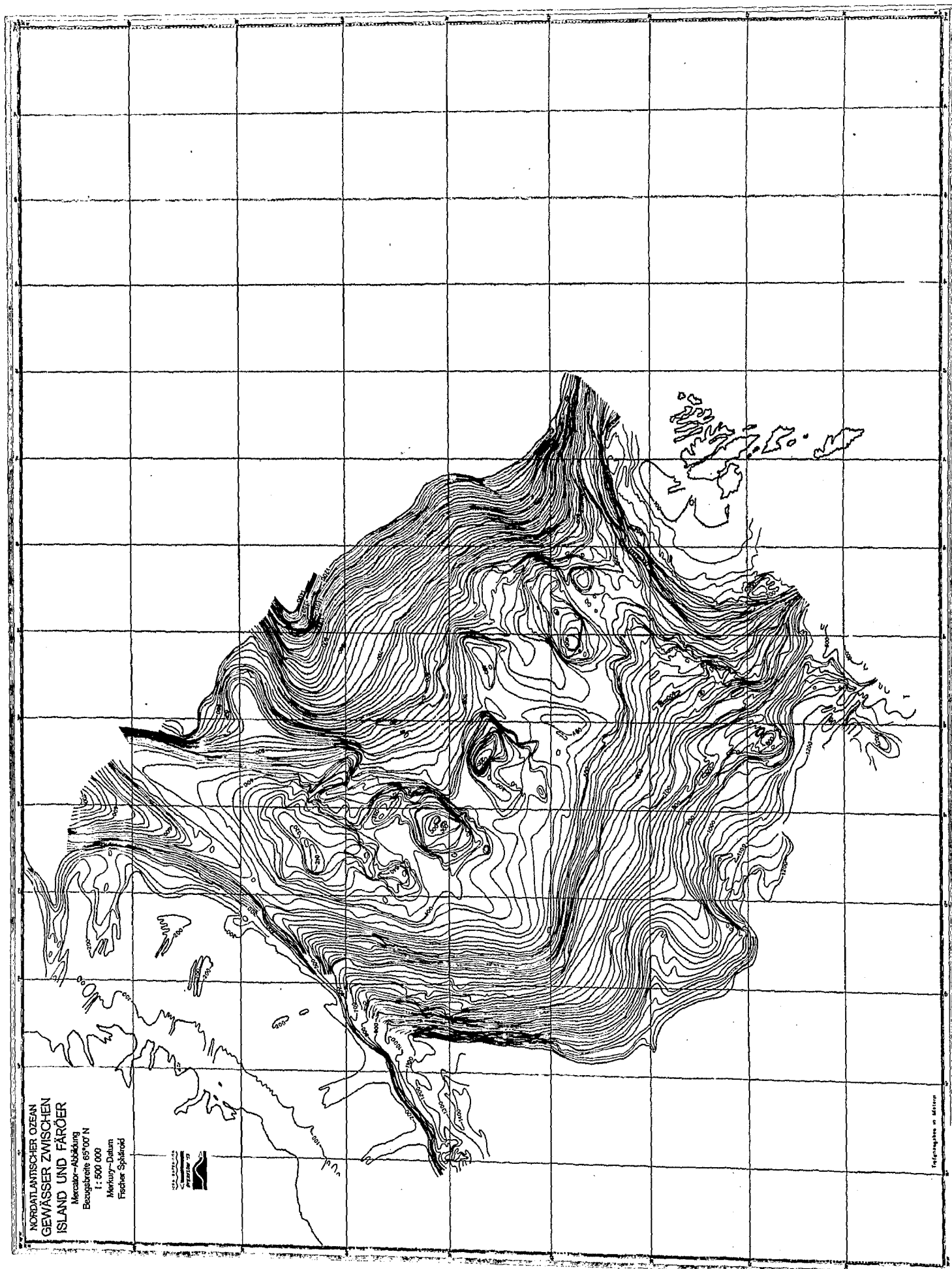


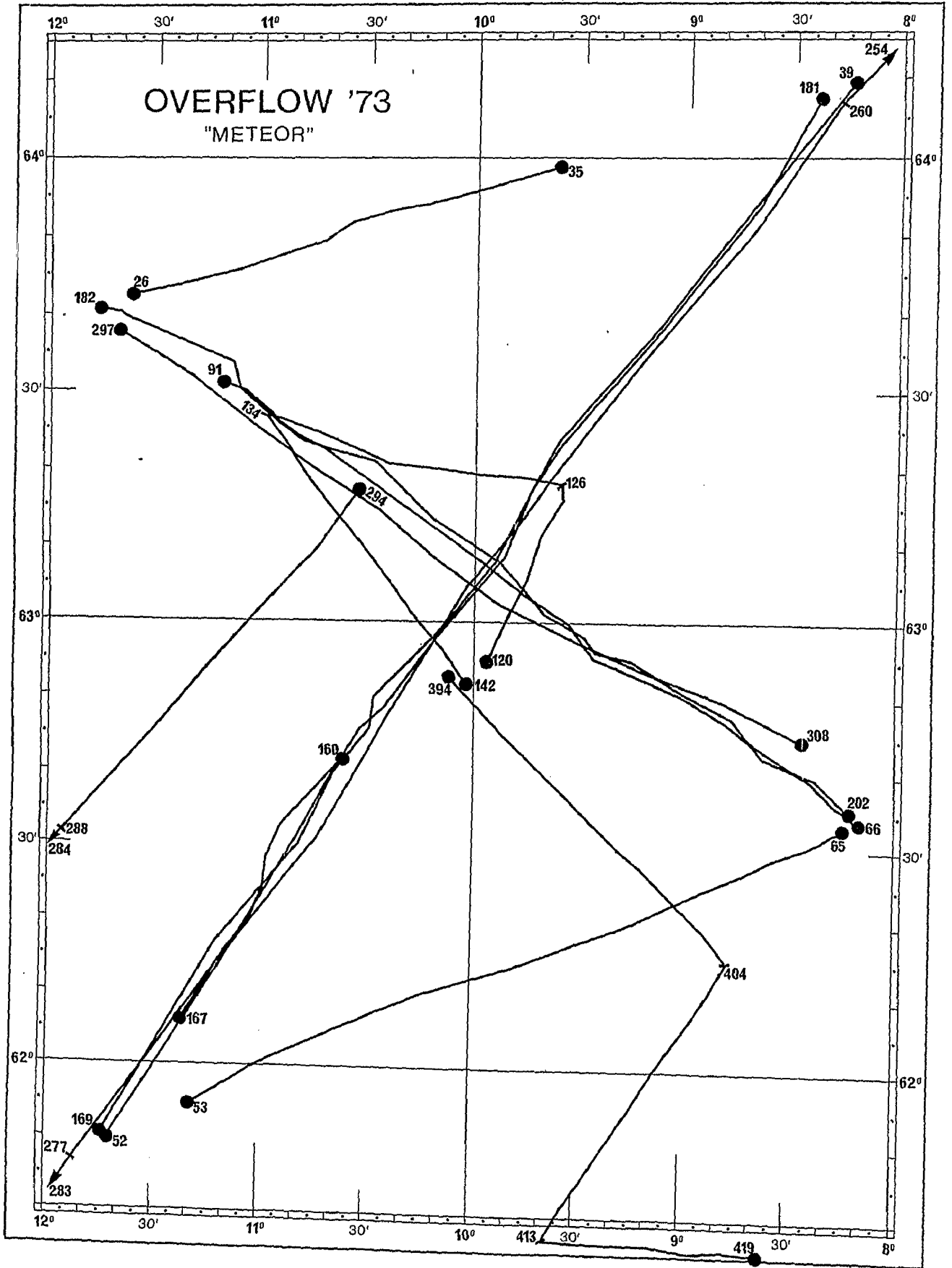
3.1 Hydrographic Sections (large scale)

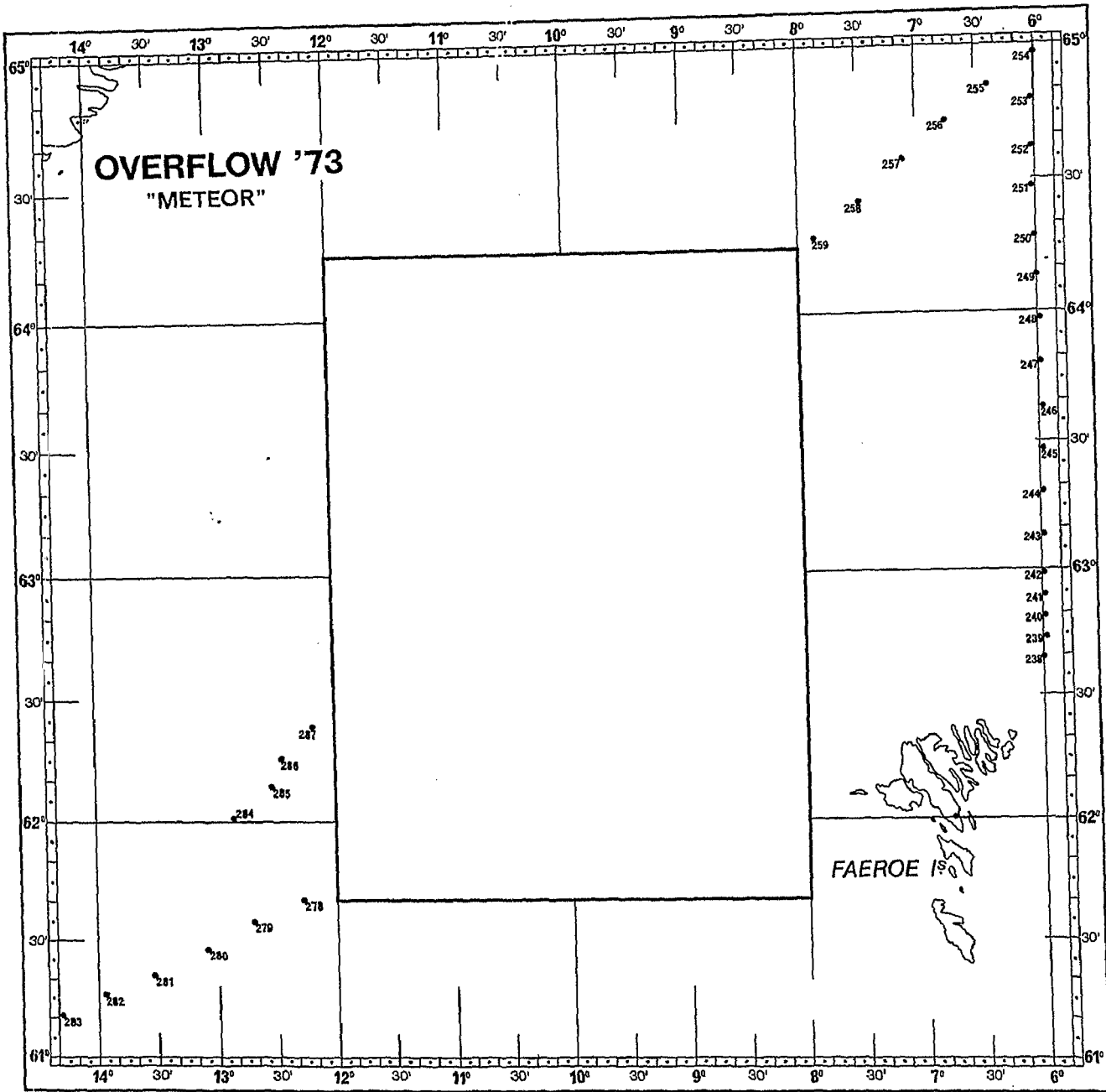
The sections are preceded by three maps giving information on the depth distribution and on the orientation of the sections. The order of the sections is geographical and chronological. The sections were obtained by R.V. "Meteor" using the Multisonde-data to construct the distributions of physical parameters and using hydrocast data for the sections of chemical parameters.

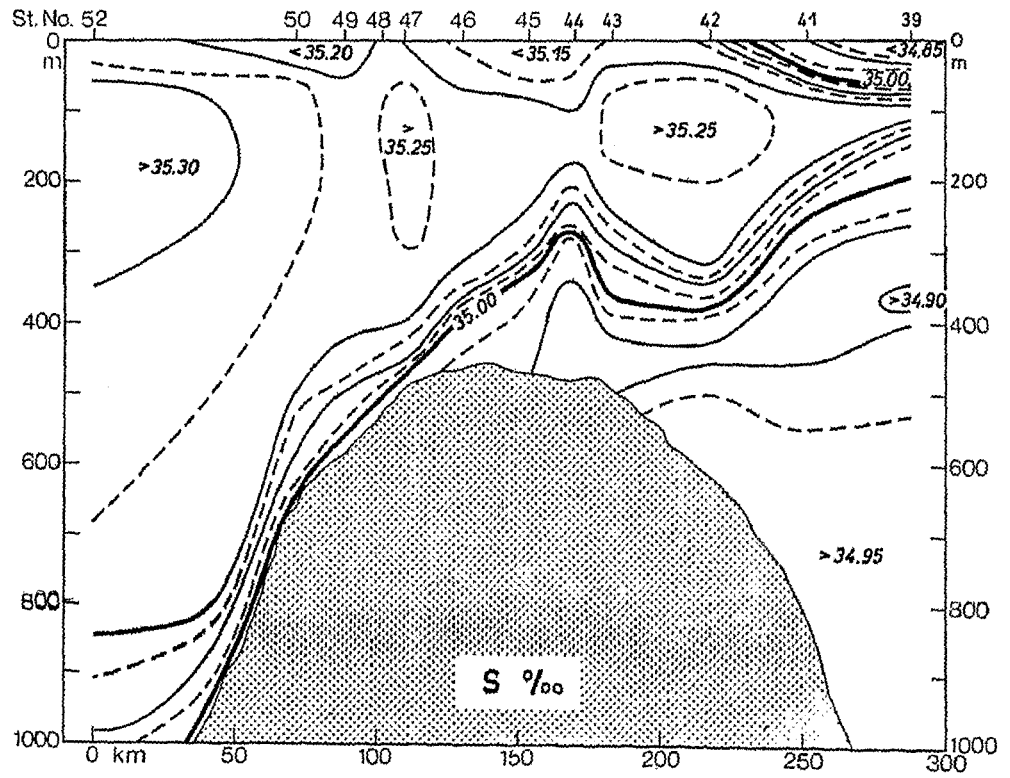
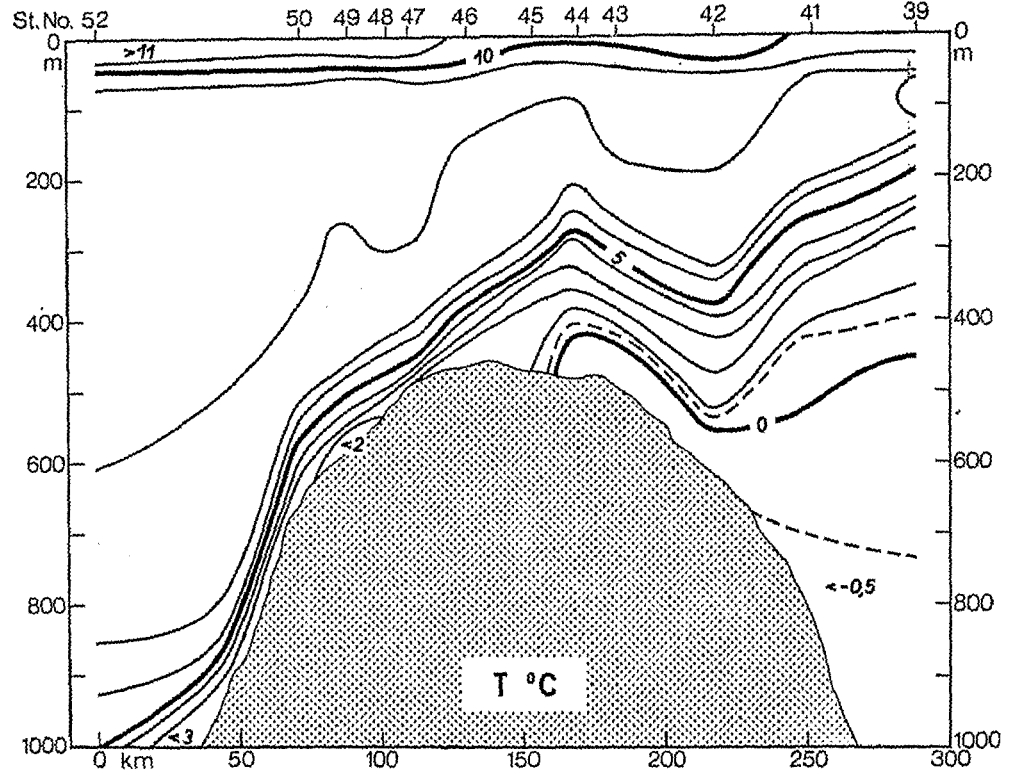
Key to symbols

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| $T^{\circ}\text{C}$ | = | Temperature |
| S°/oo | = | Salinity |
| σ_t | = | Density |
| NI/AI % | = | Fraction of water representing a mixture of North Icelandic Winter Water and Arctic Intermediate Water. Definition: $T \geq 2.5^{\circ}\text{C}$, $S \leq 34.88^{\circ}/\text{oo}$ |
| NS % | = | Fraction of water representing the Norwegian Sea Deep Water. Definition: $T \leq -0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$, $S = 34.92^{\circ}/\text{oo}$ |
| NA % | = | Fraction of water representing the North Atlantic Water. Definition: $T \geq 8.5^{\circ}\text{C}$, $S \geq 35.25^{\circ}/\text{oo}$ |
| A % | = | Light attenuation (0.67μ) per meter |
| O_2Sat | = | Oxygen saturation values (UNESCO-Tables) |
| Si $\mu\text{gat}/\text{l}$ | = | Silicate |
| NO_2 | = | Nitrite |
| NO_3 | = | Nitrate |
| PO_4 | = | Phosphate |
| NH_3 | = | Ammonia |

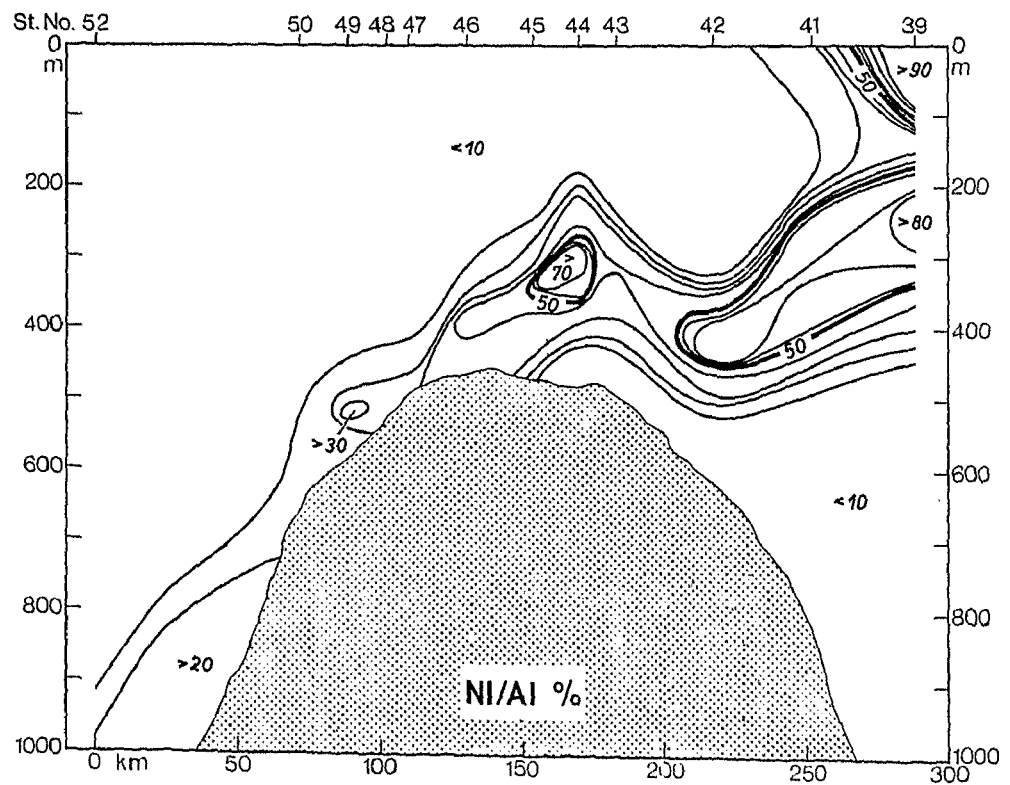
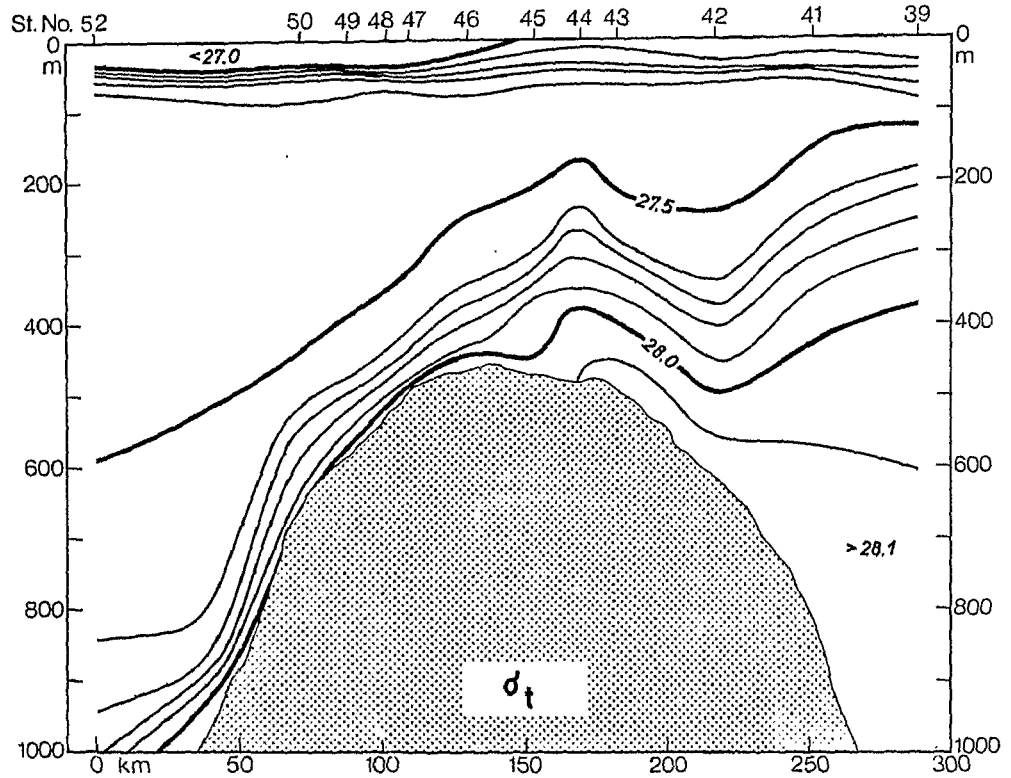




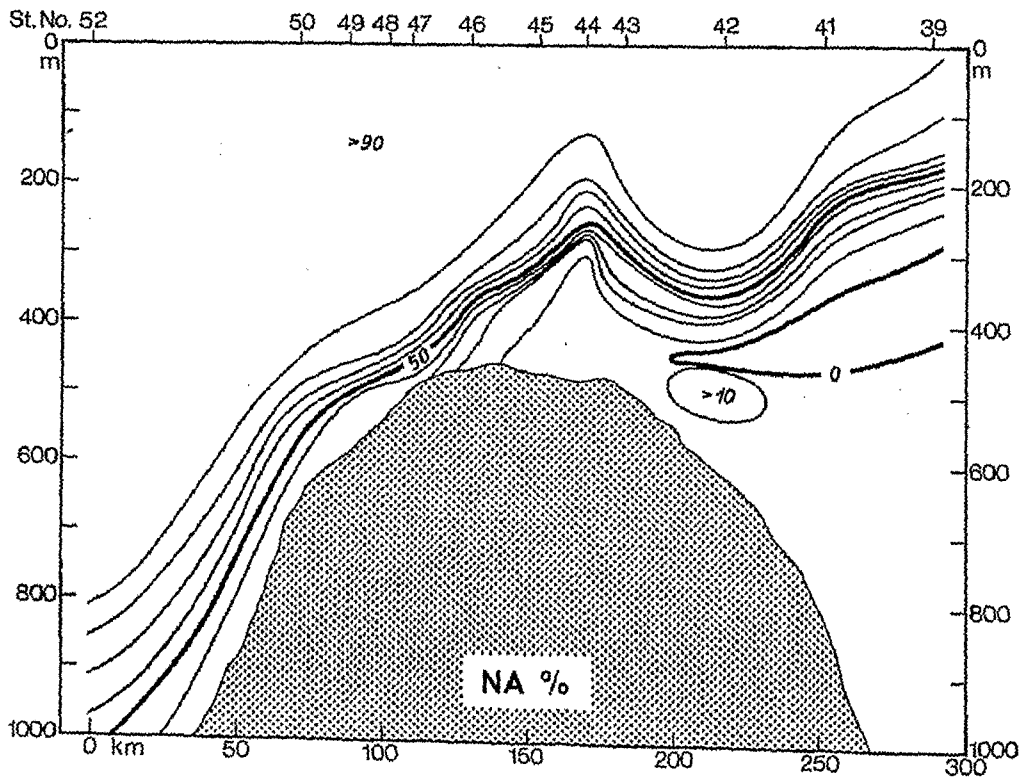
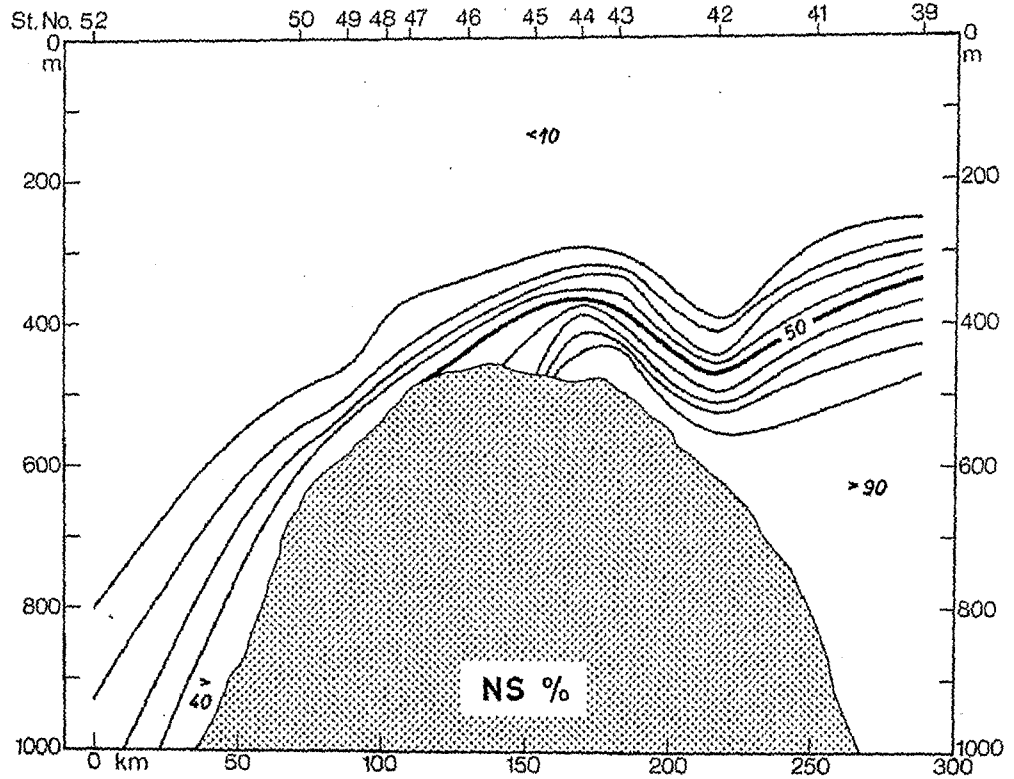


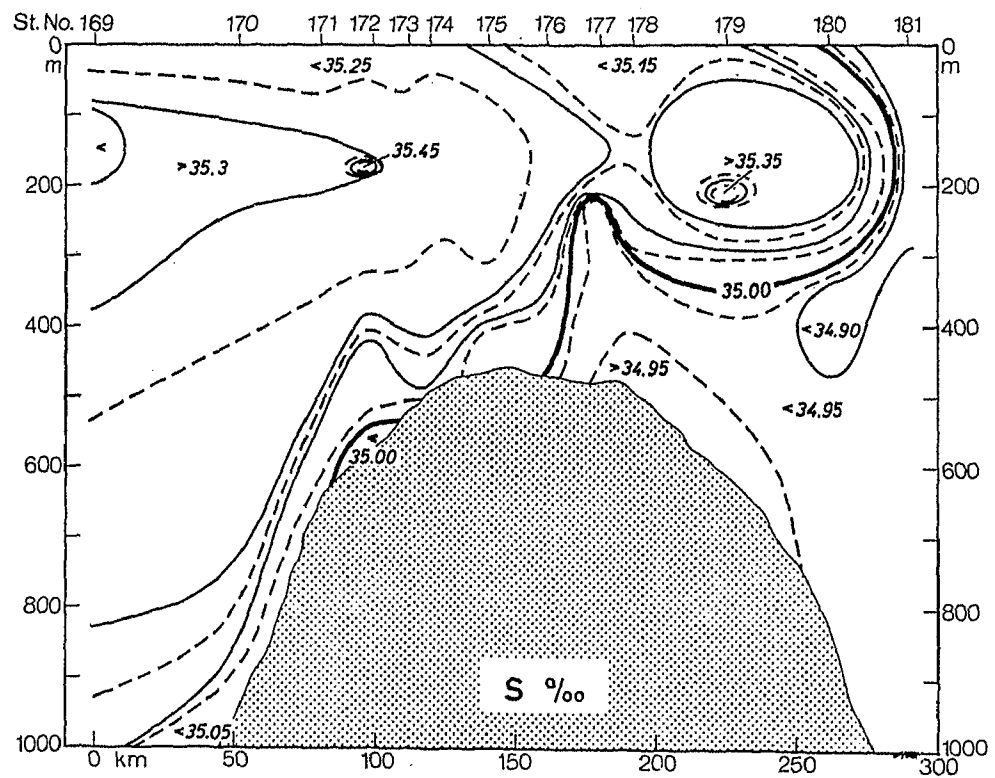
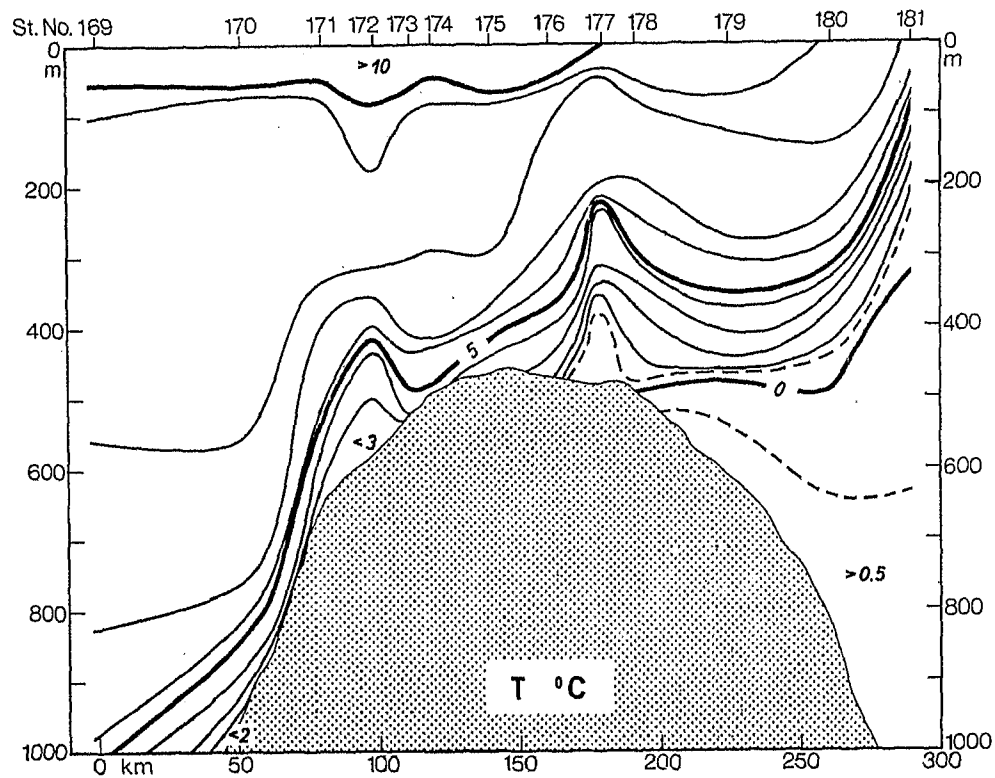


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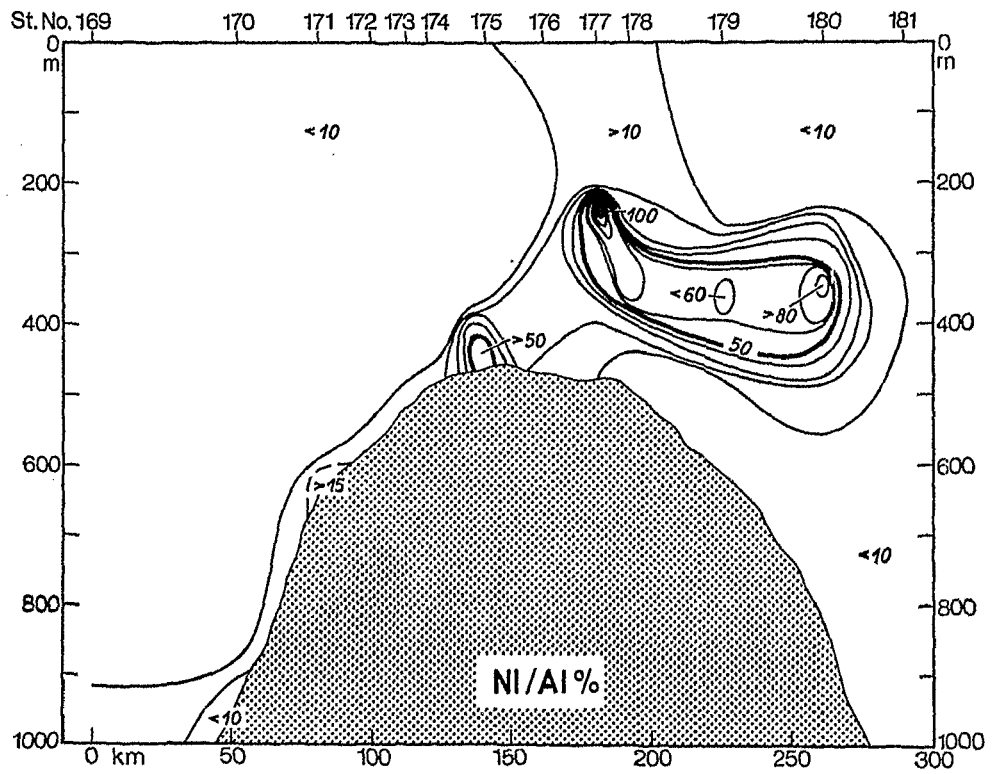
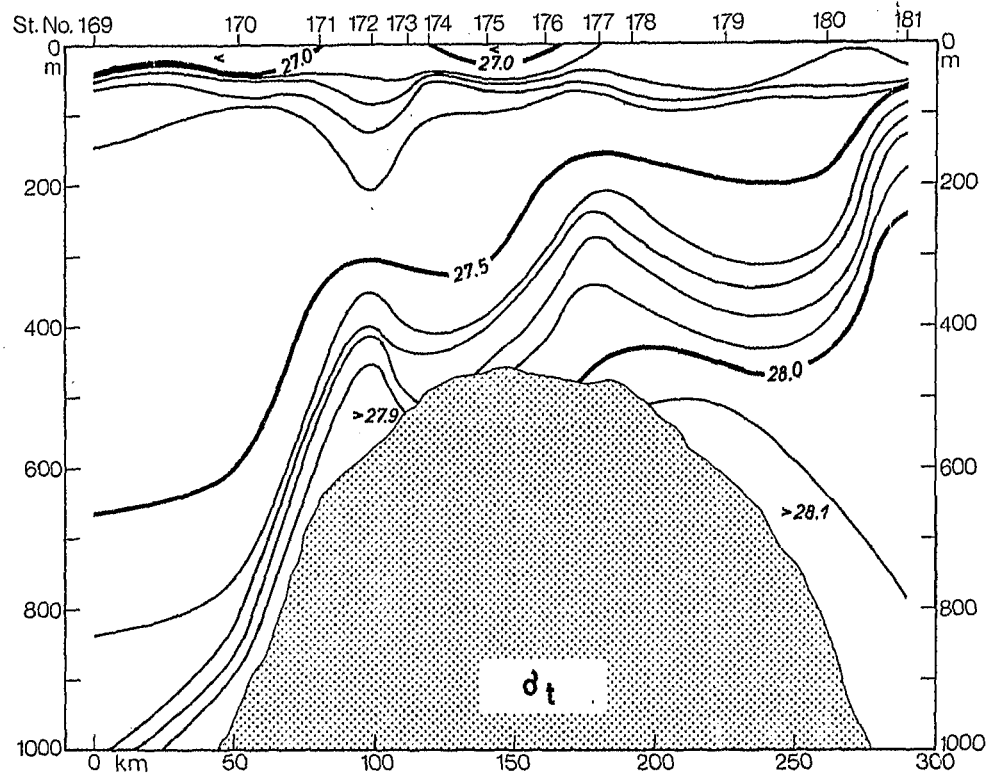


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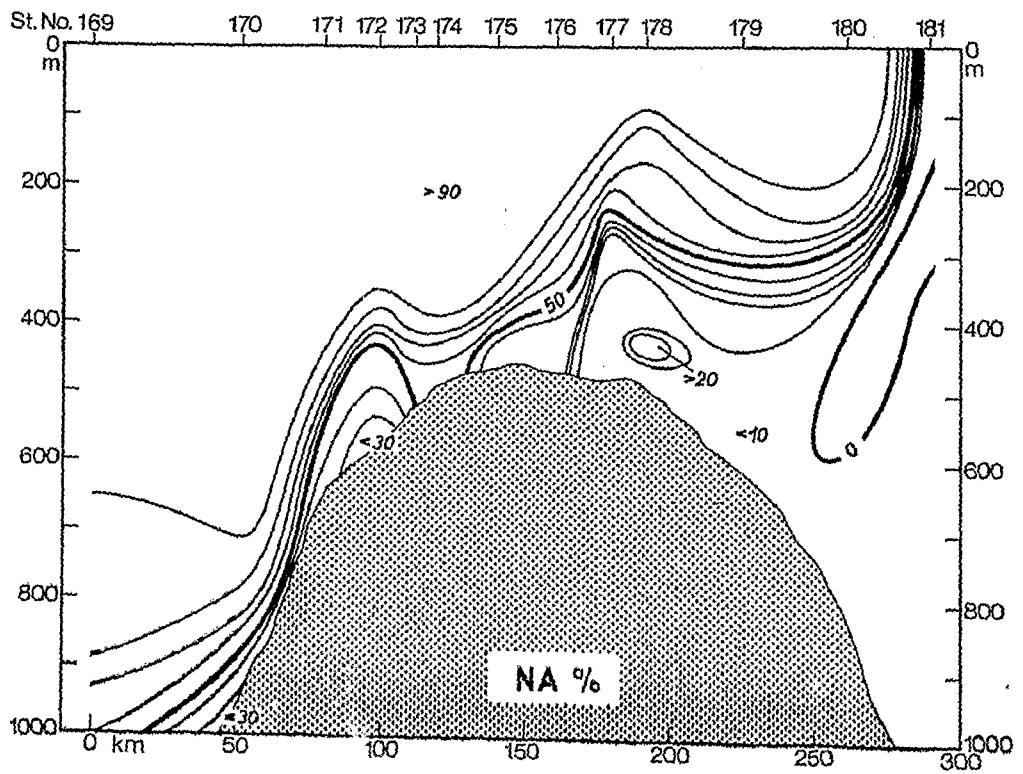
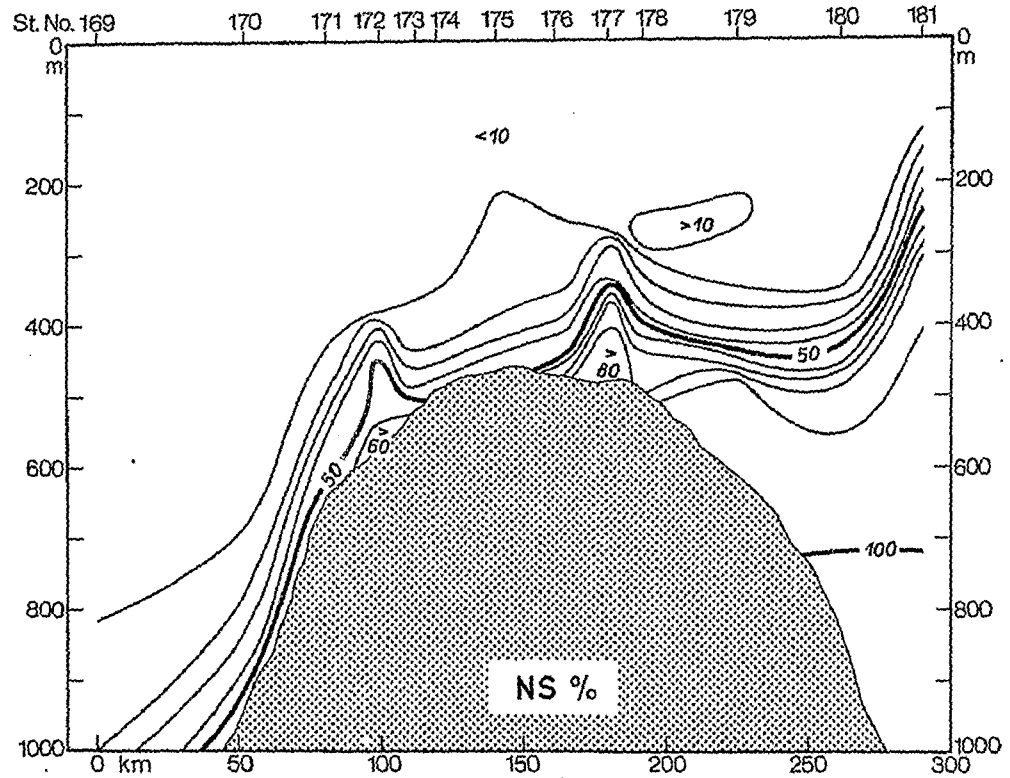




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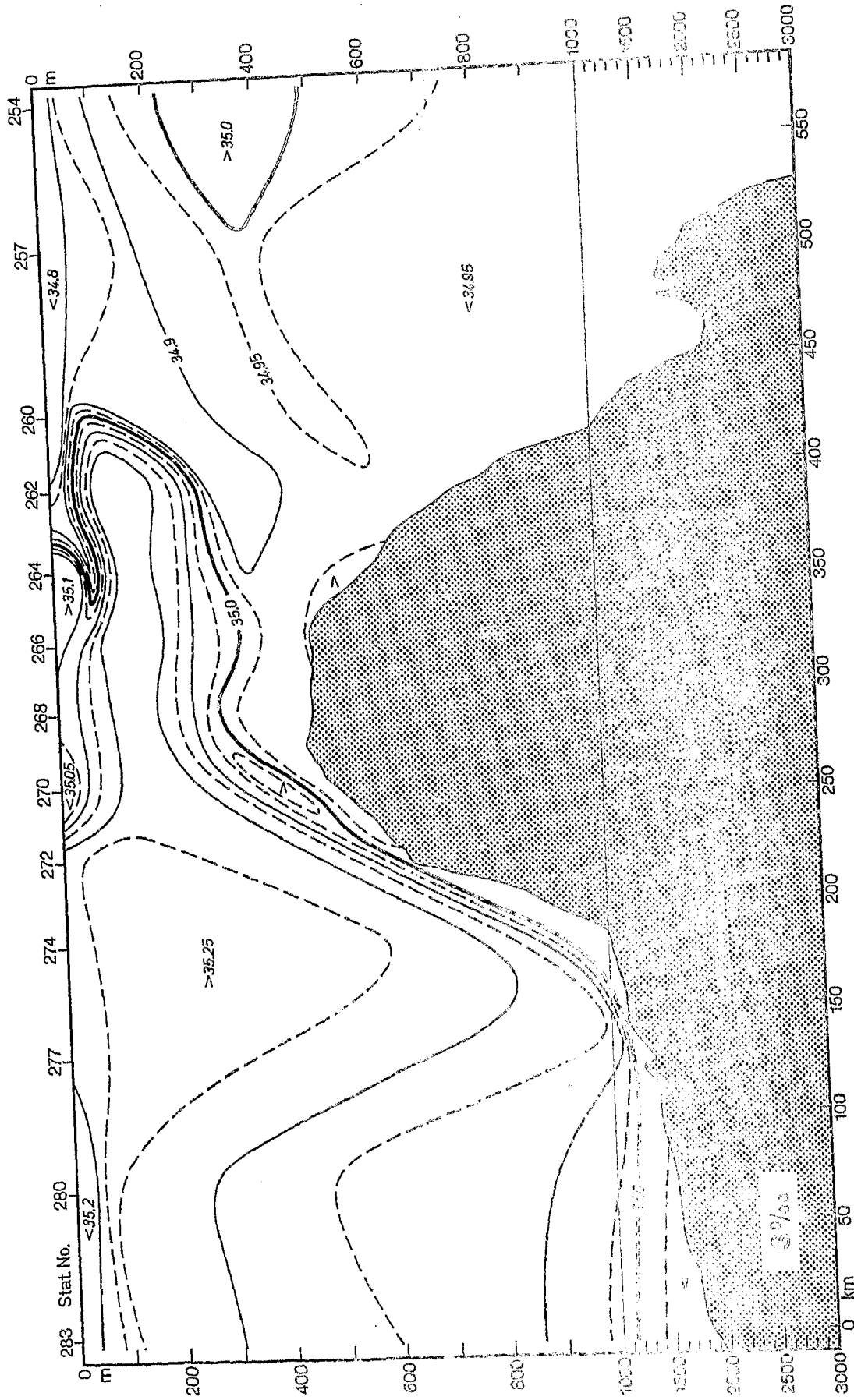
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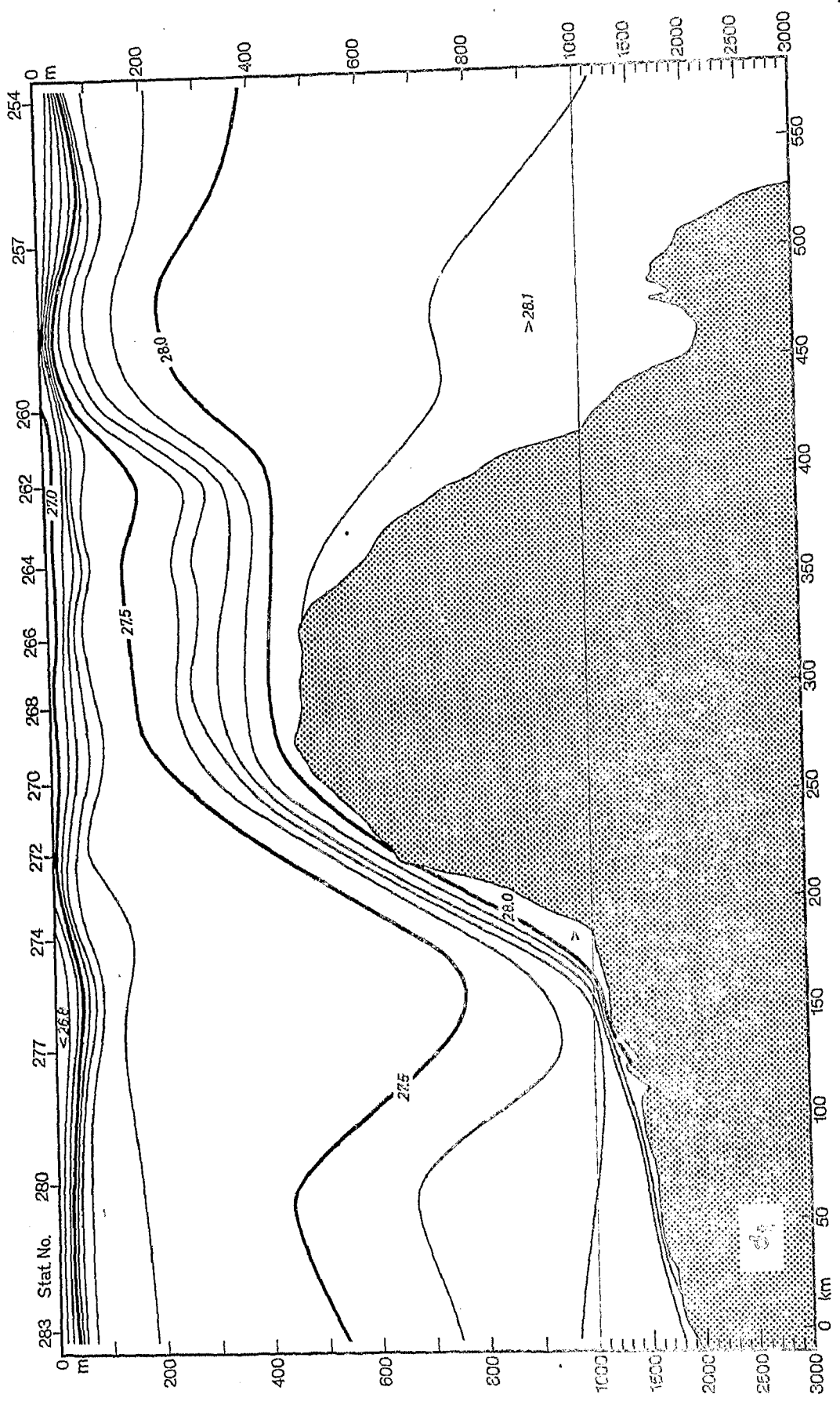
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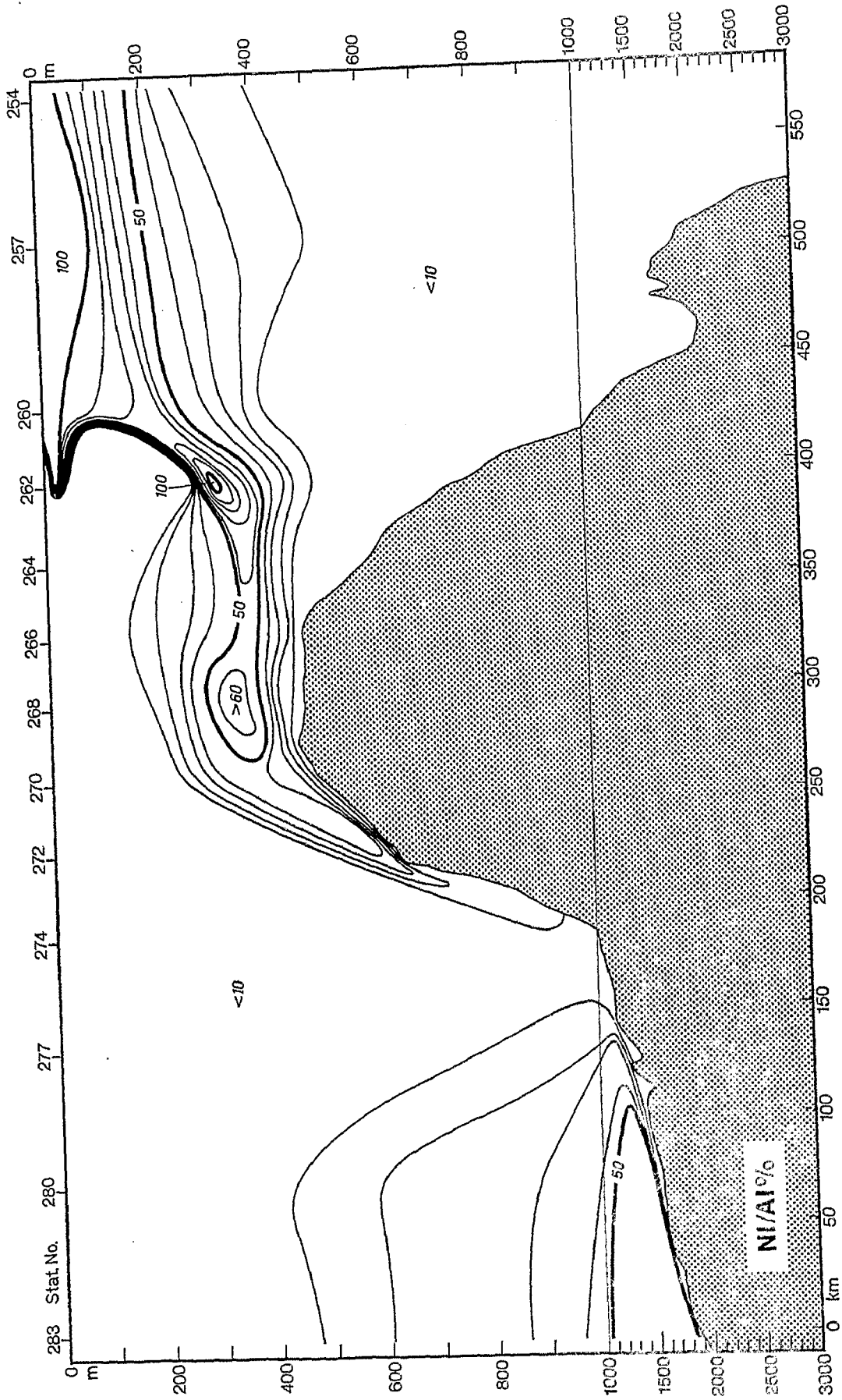
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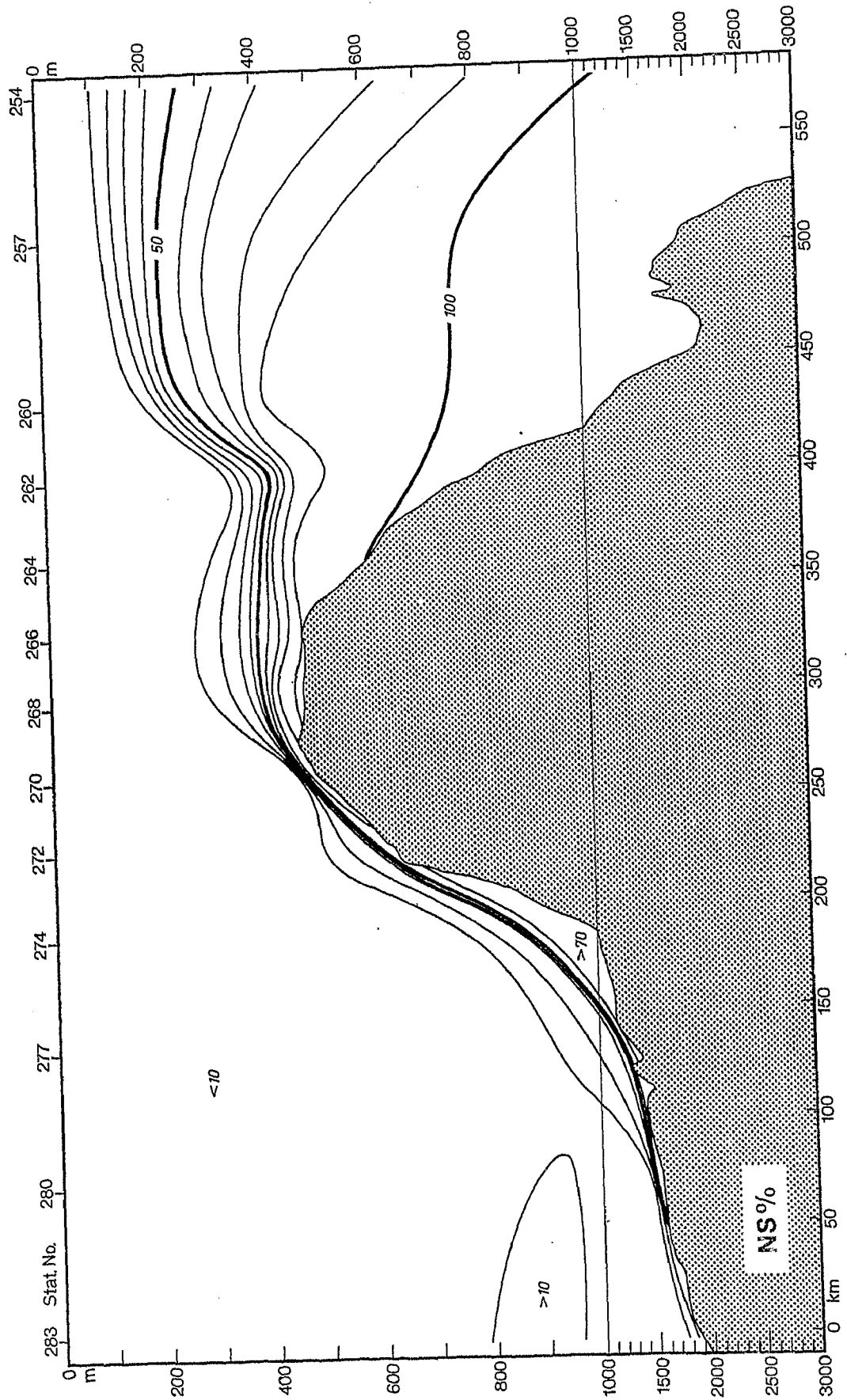
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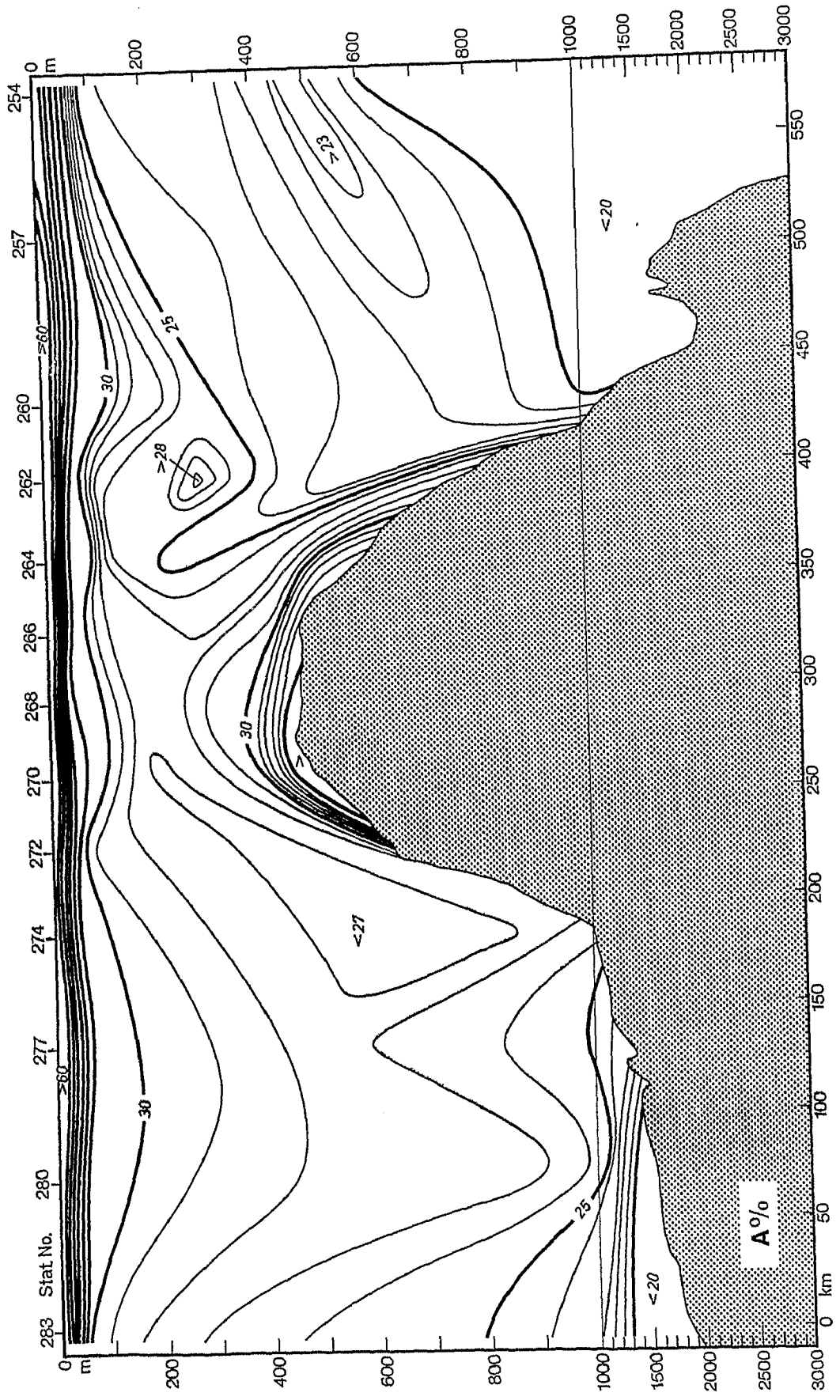
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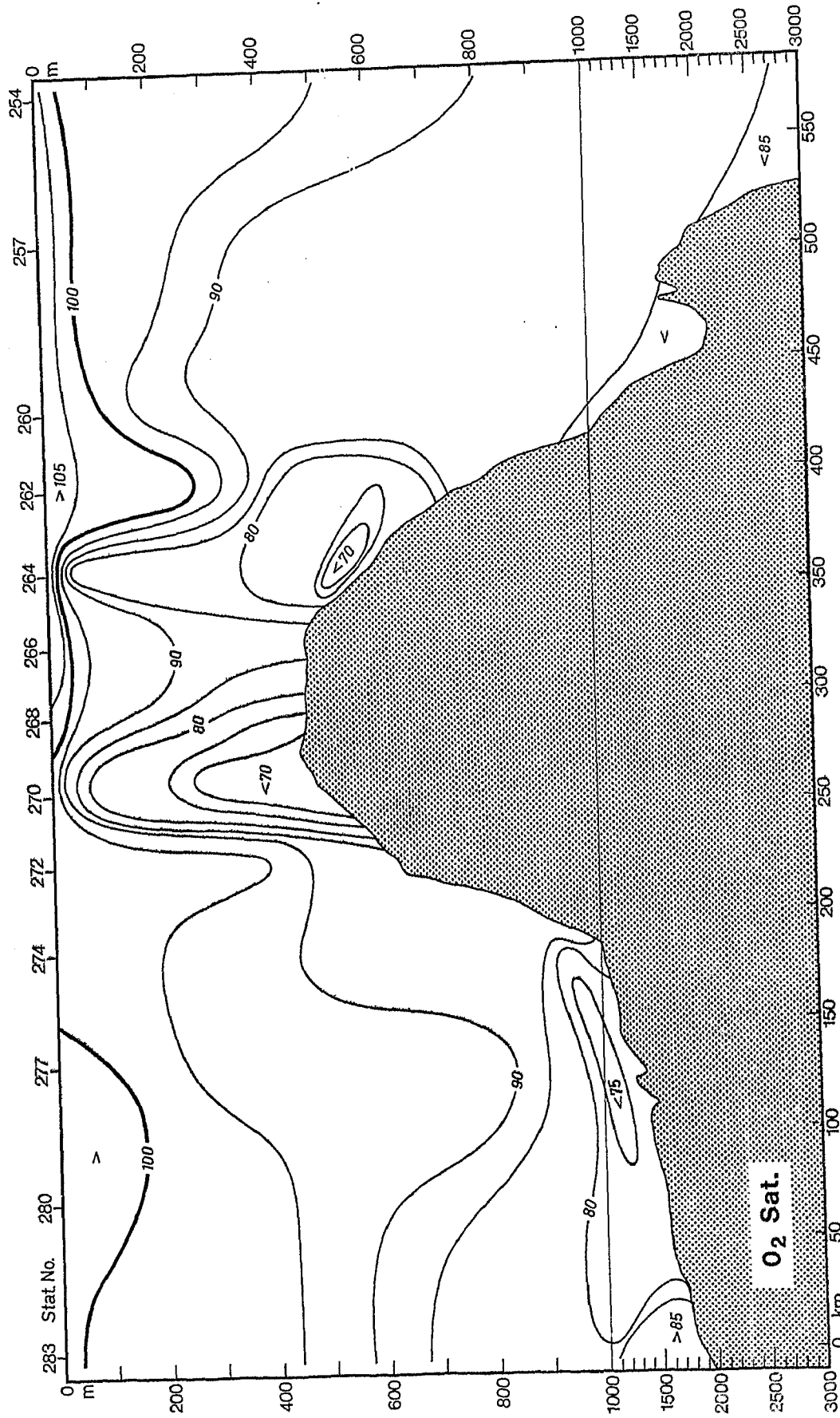
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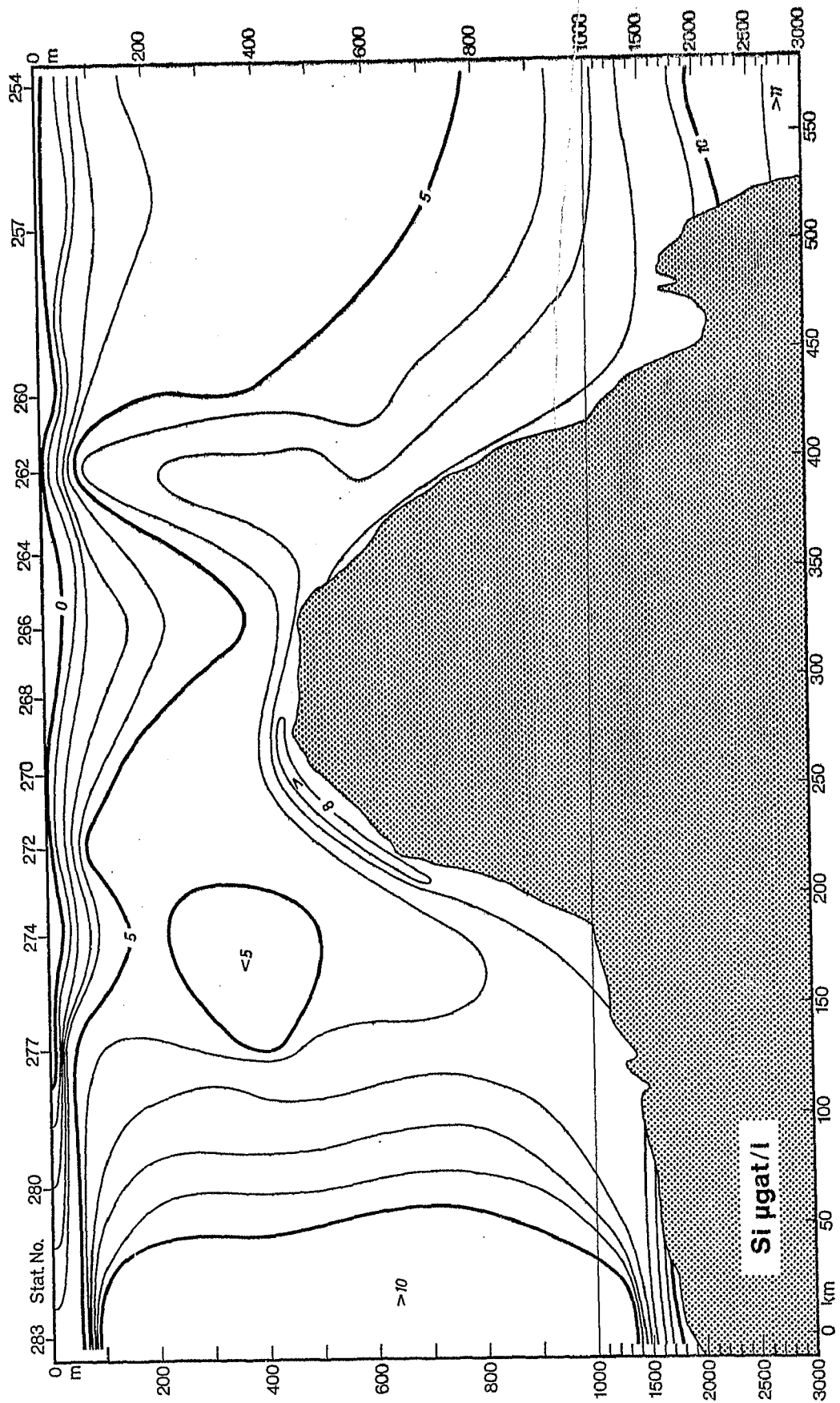
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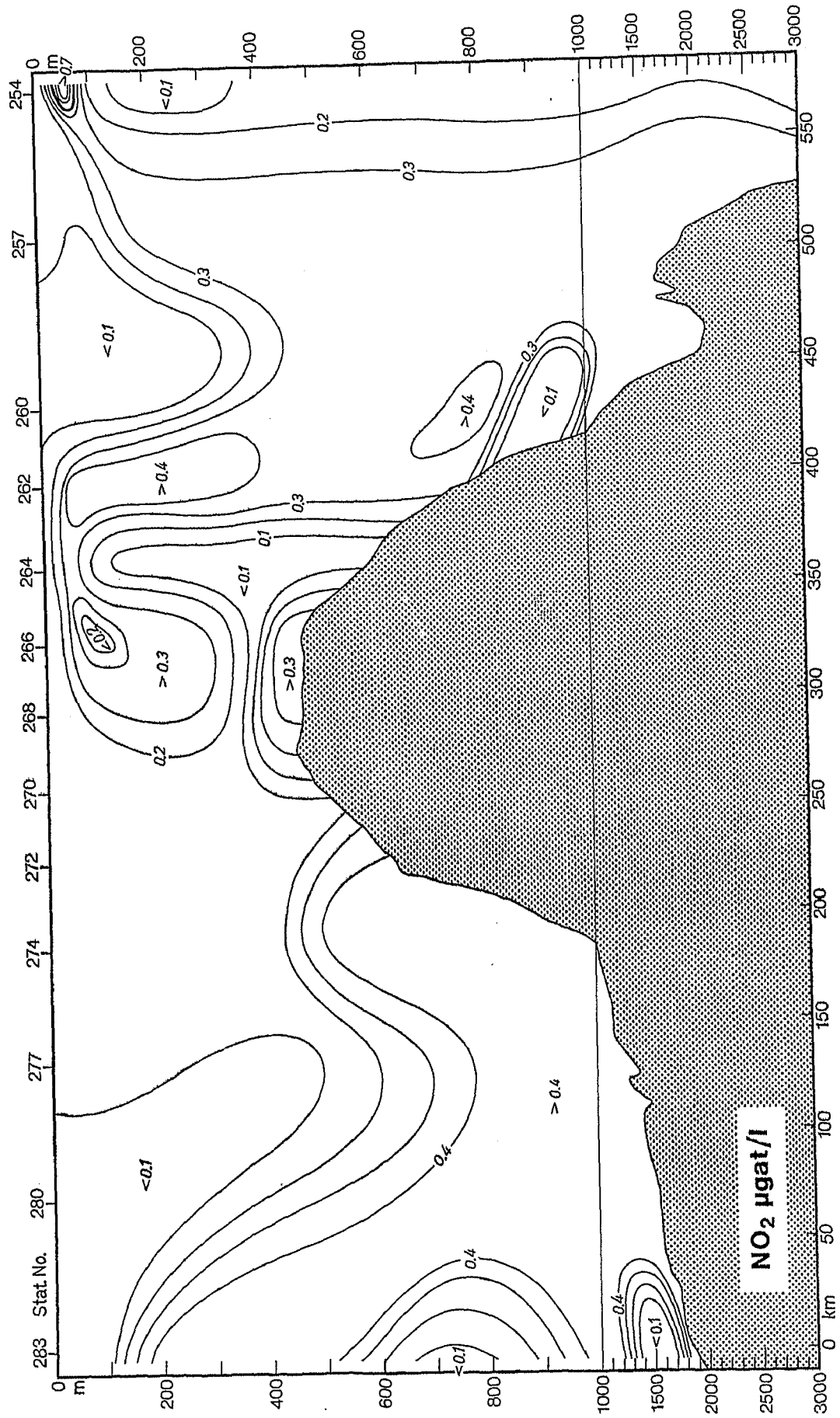


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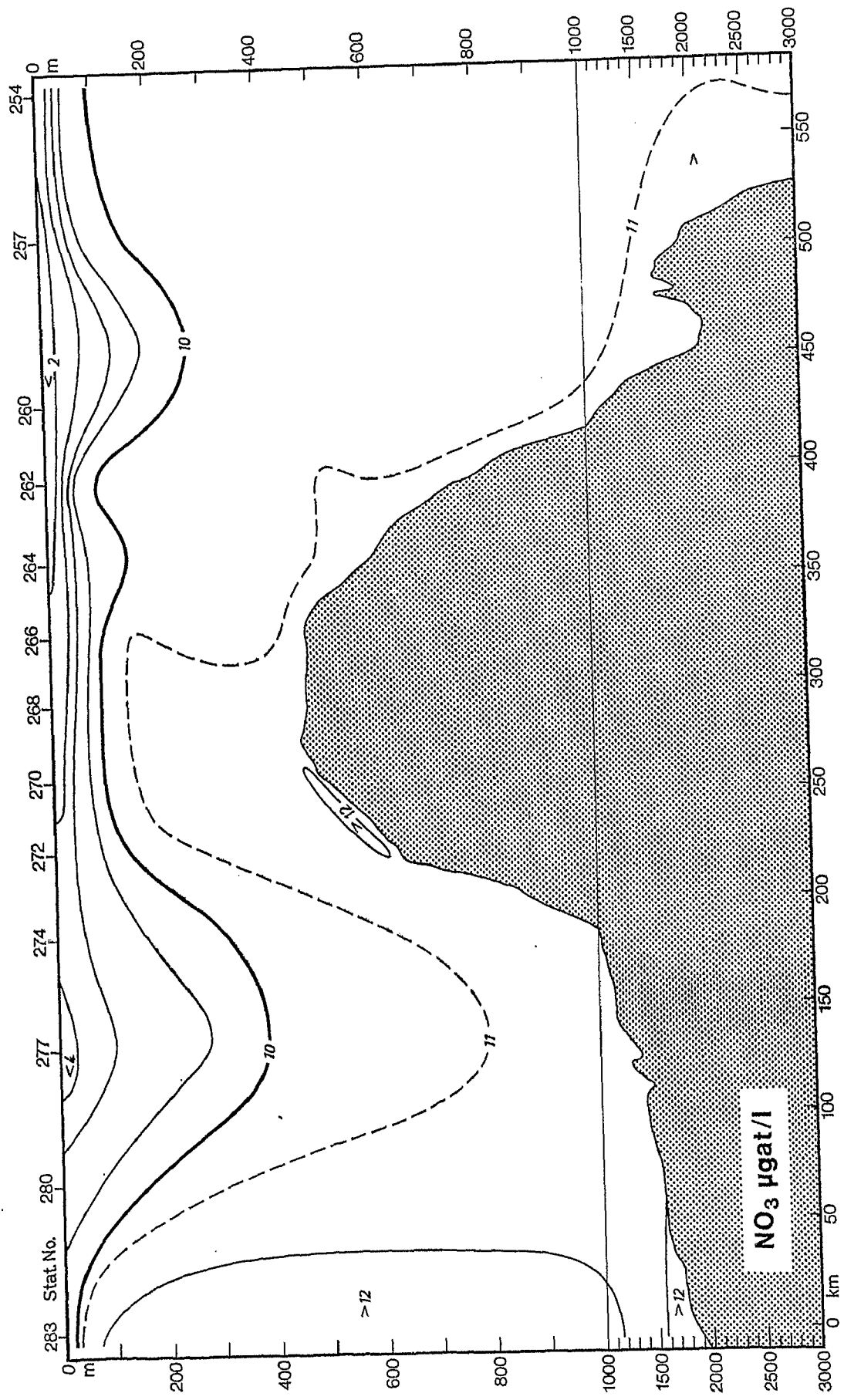


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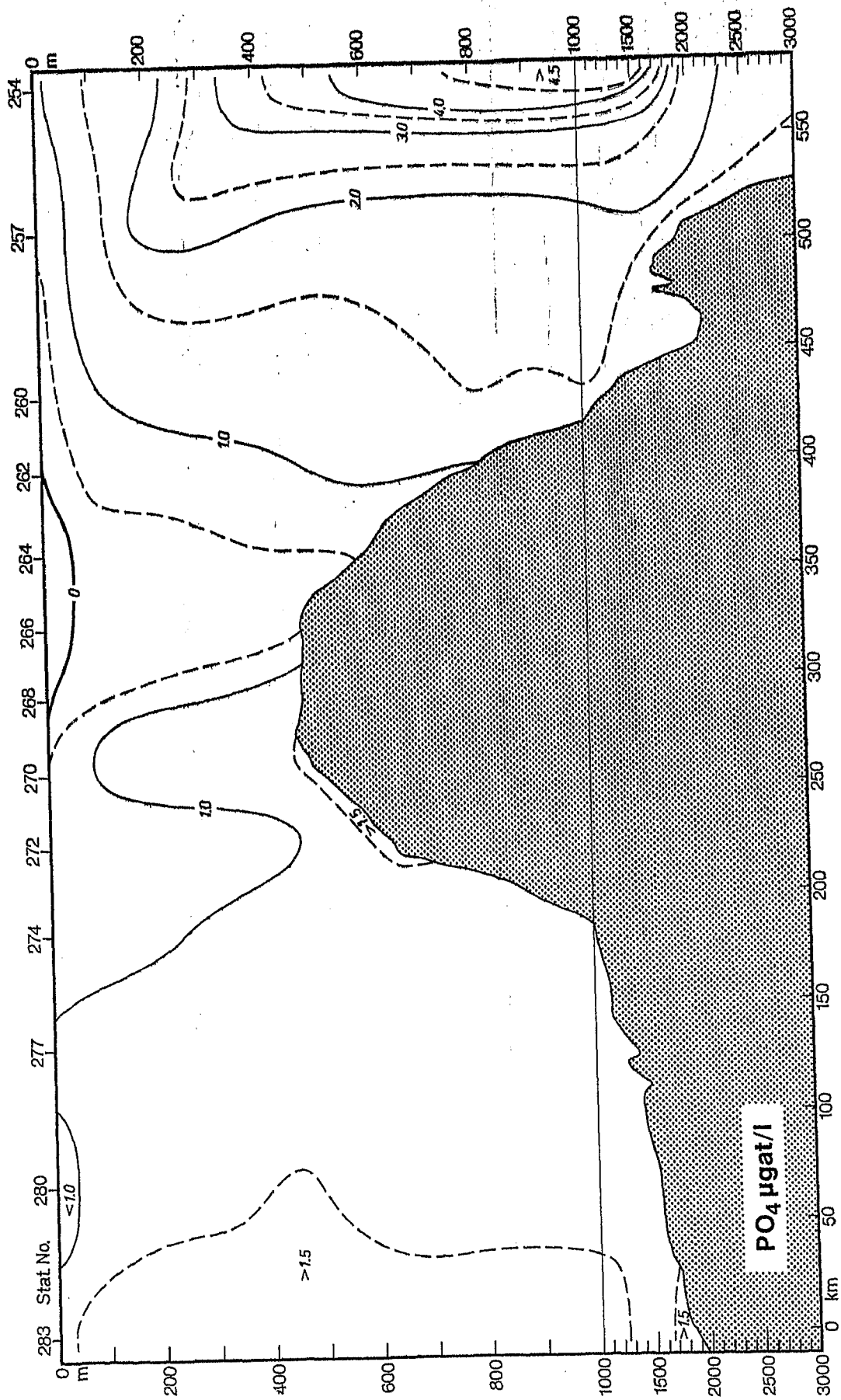


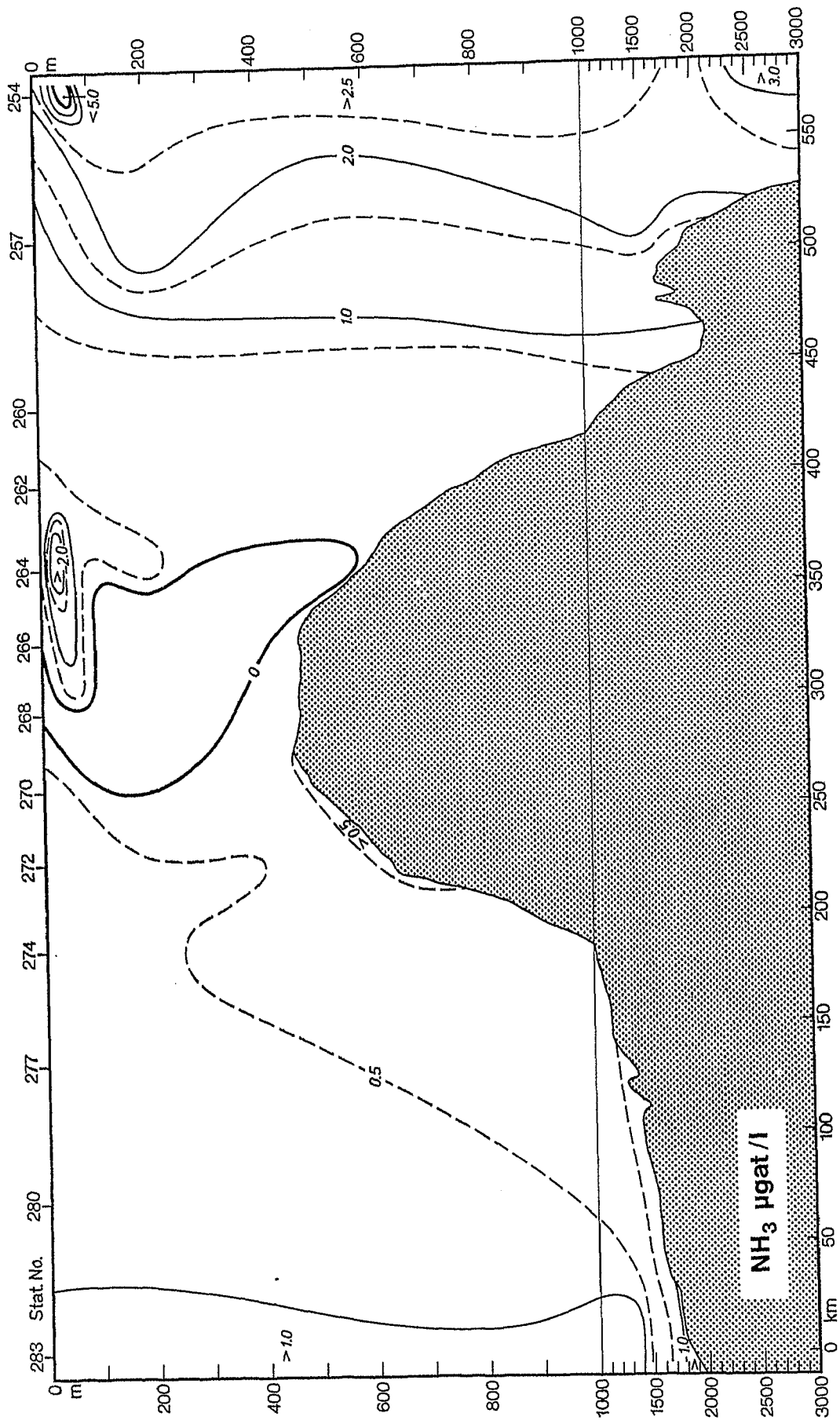


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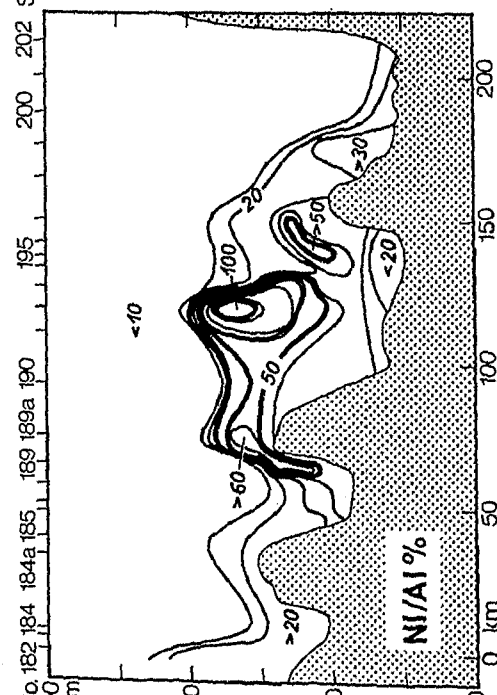
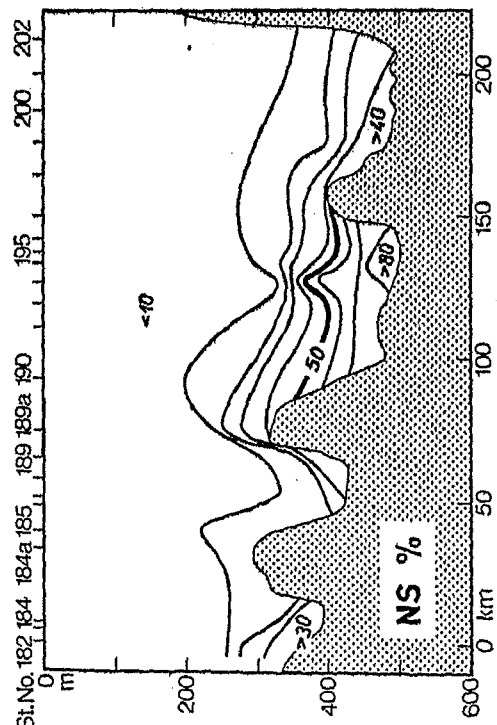
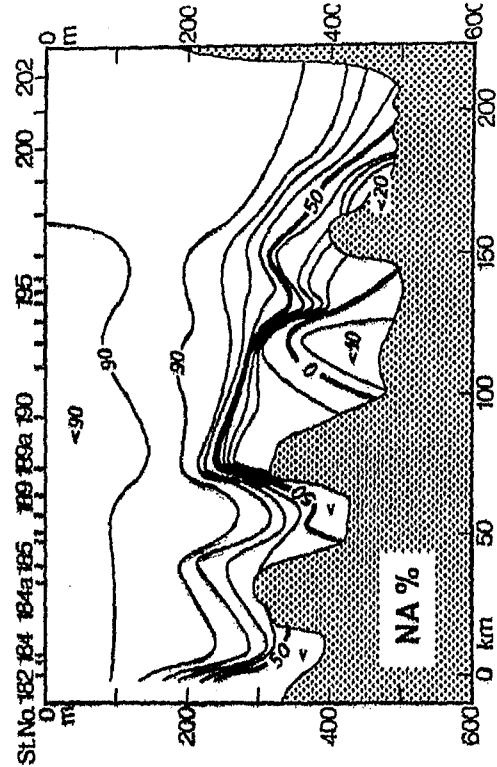
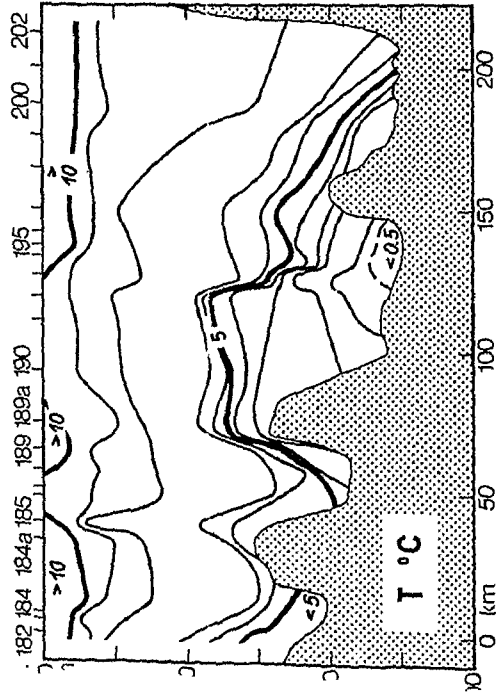
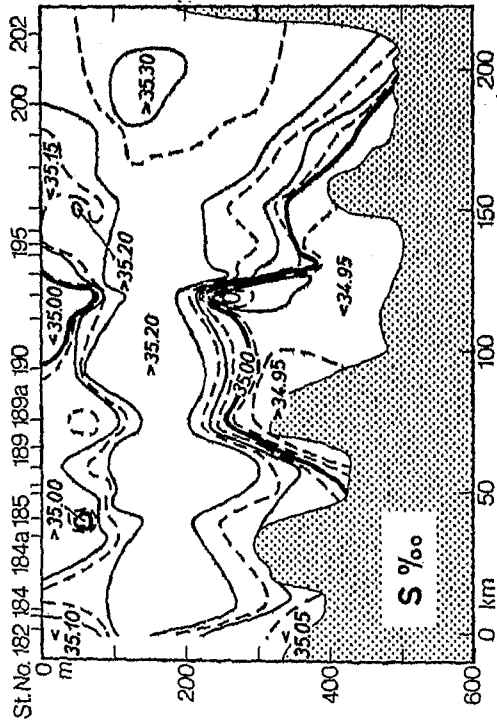
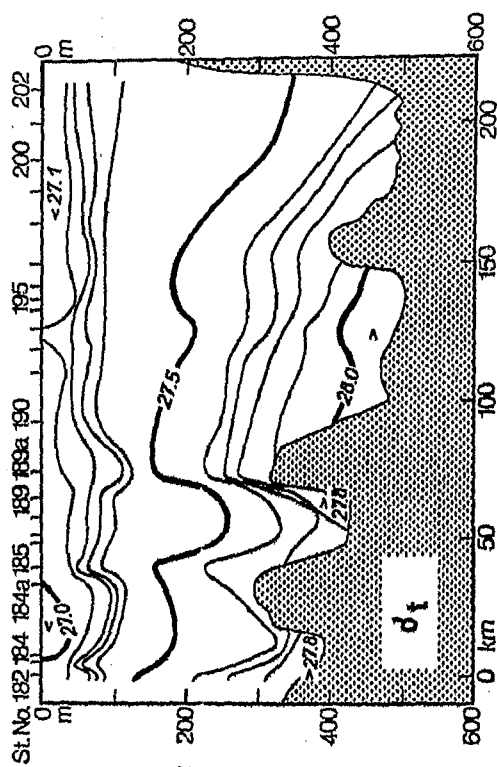


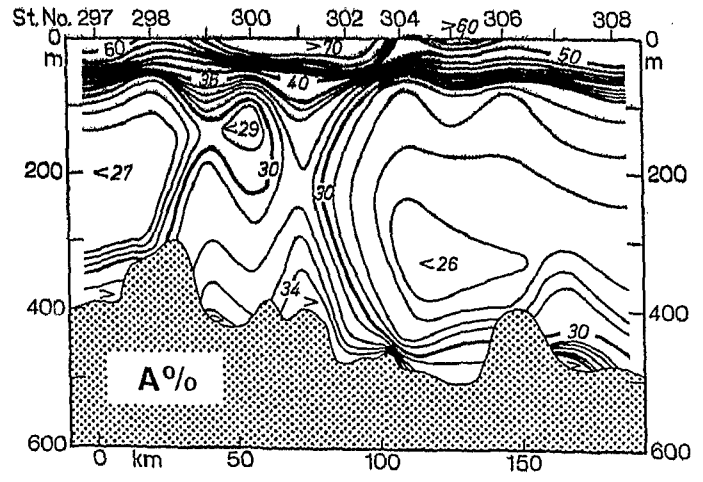
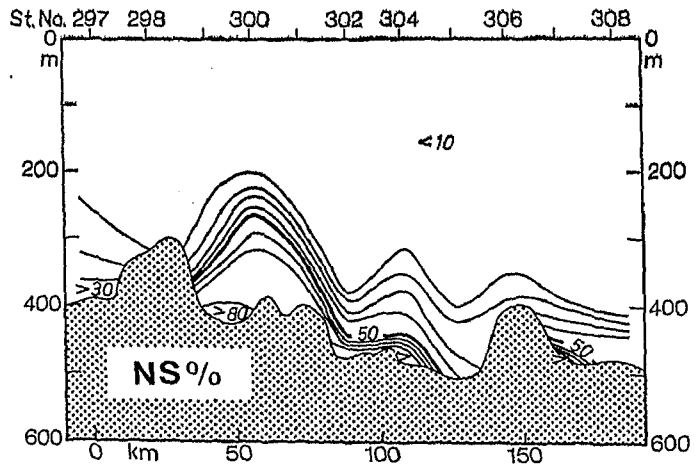
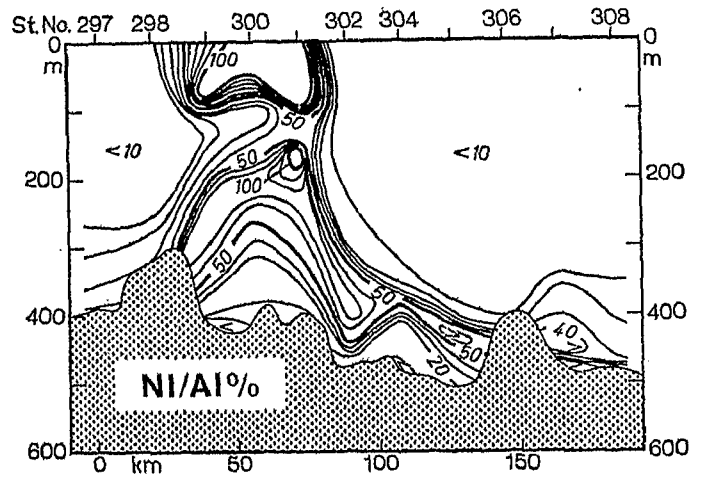
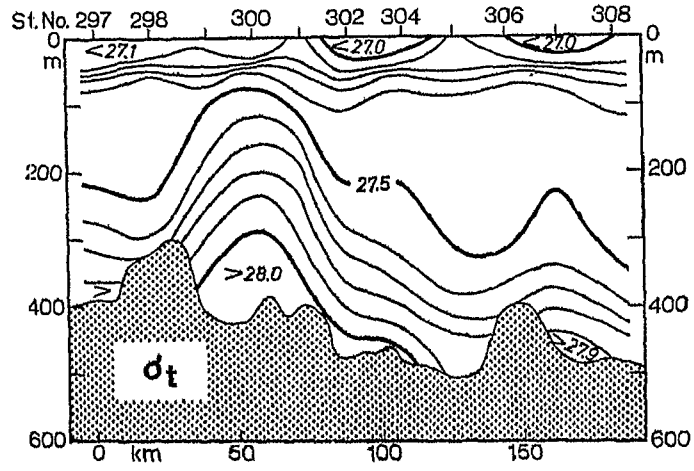
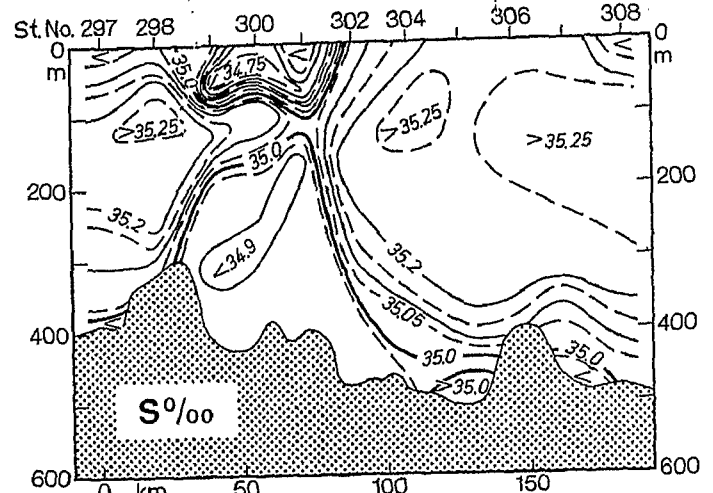
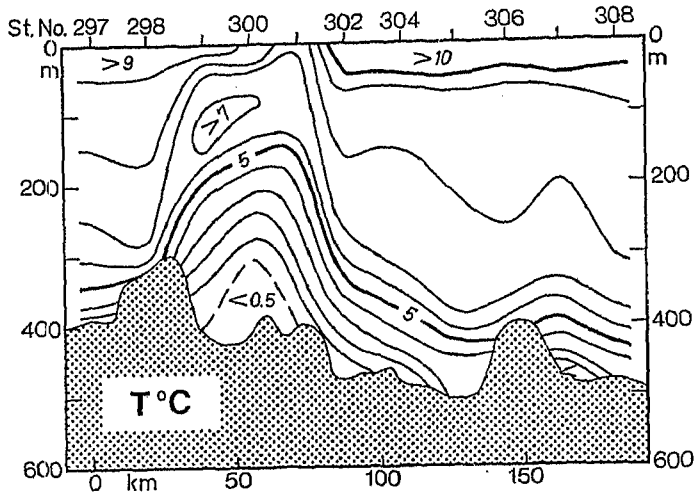
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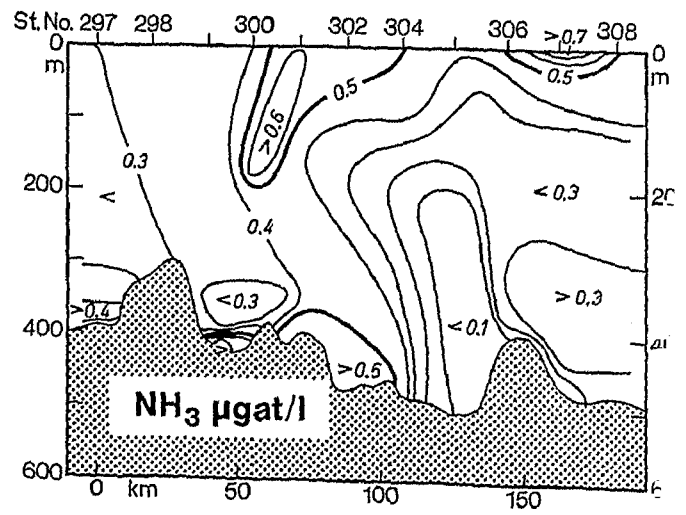
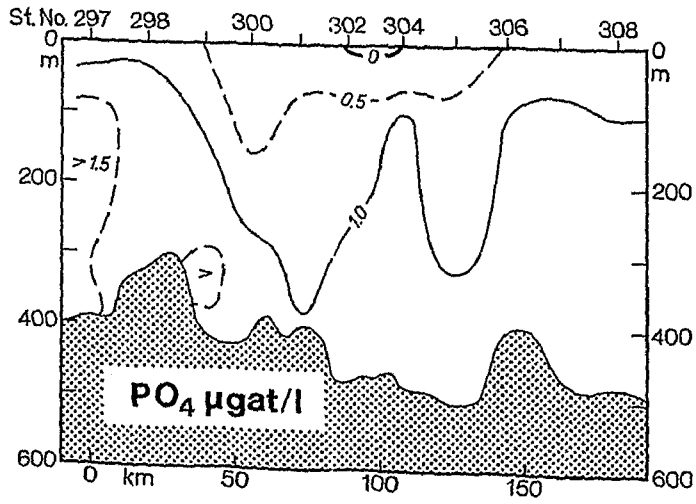
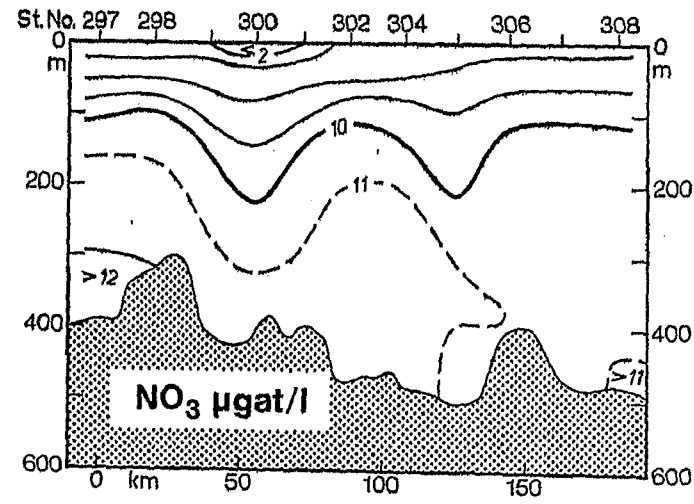
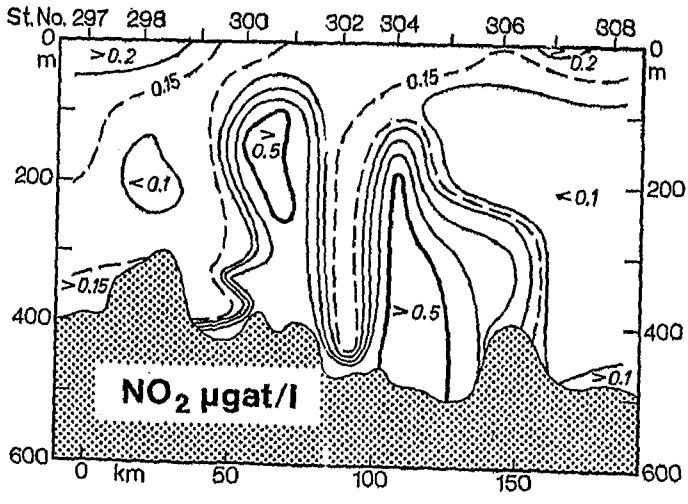
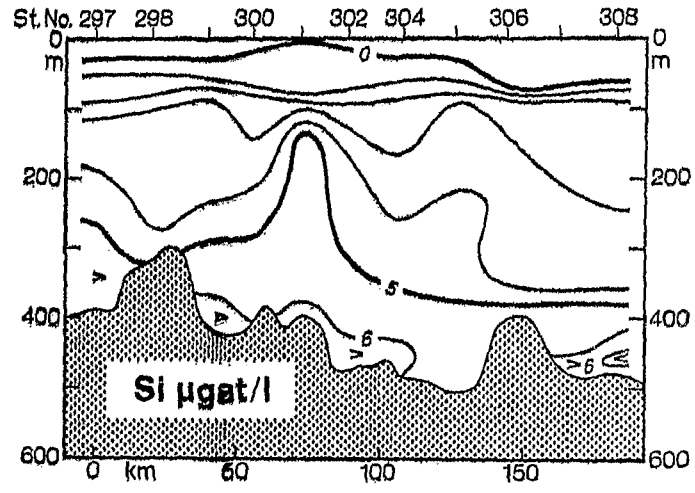
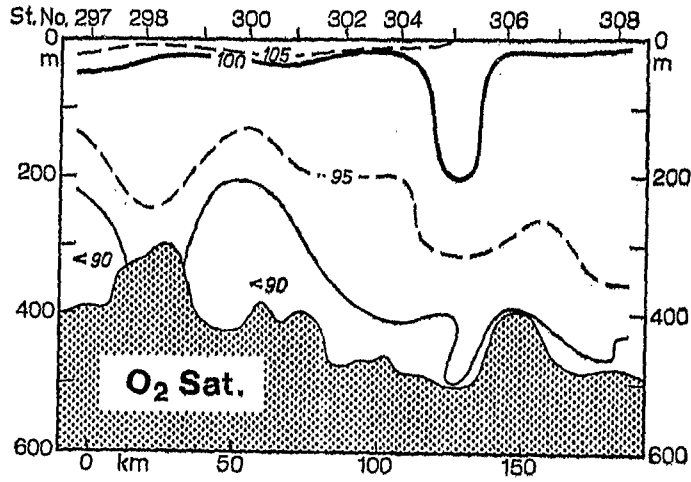




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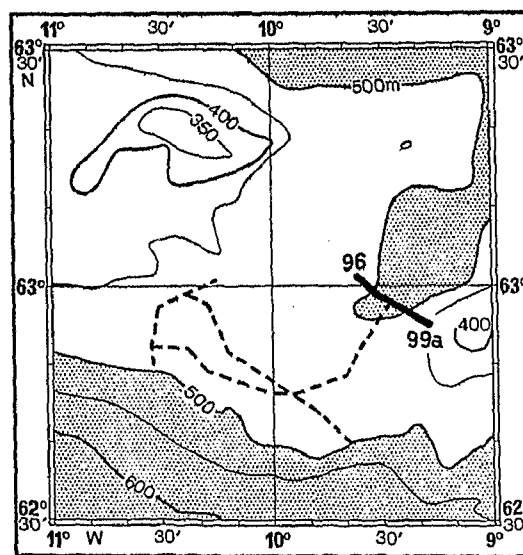
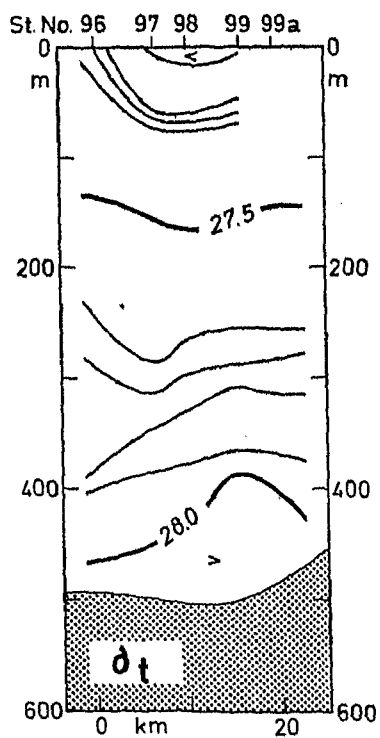
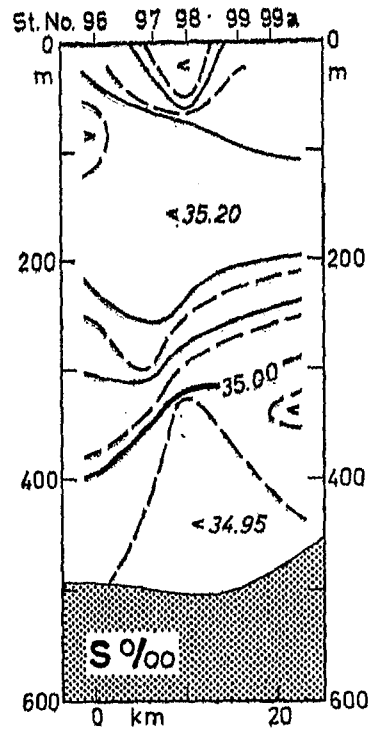
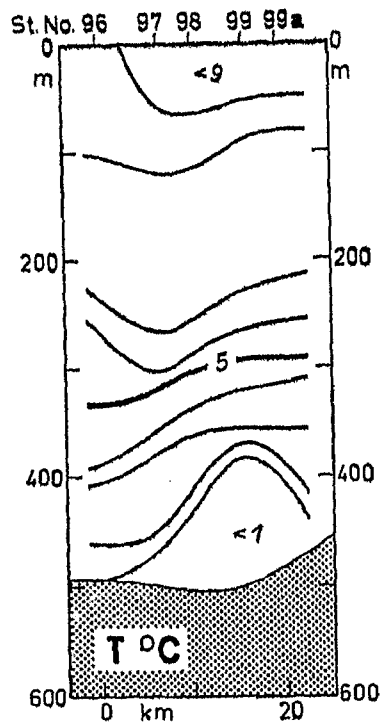




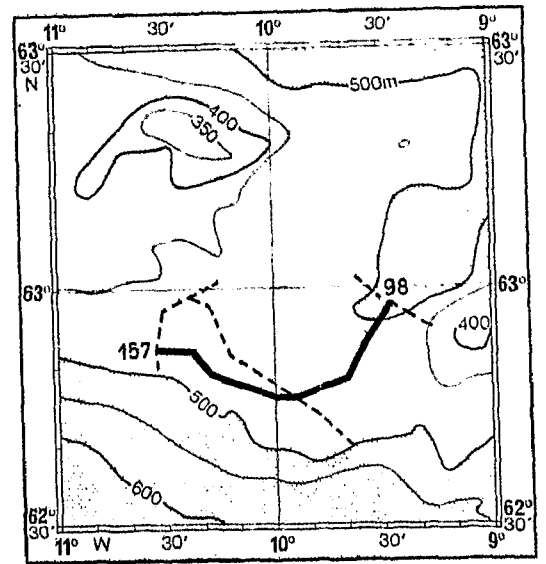
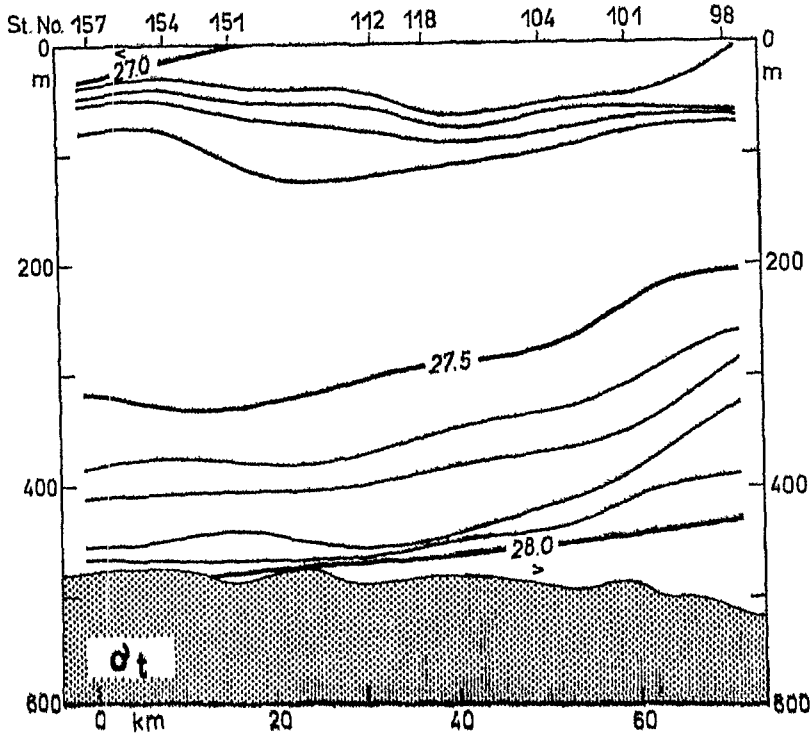
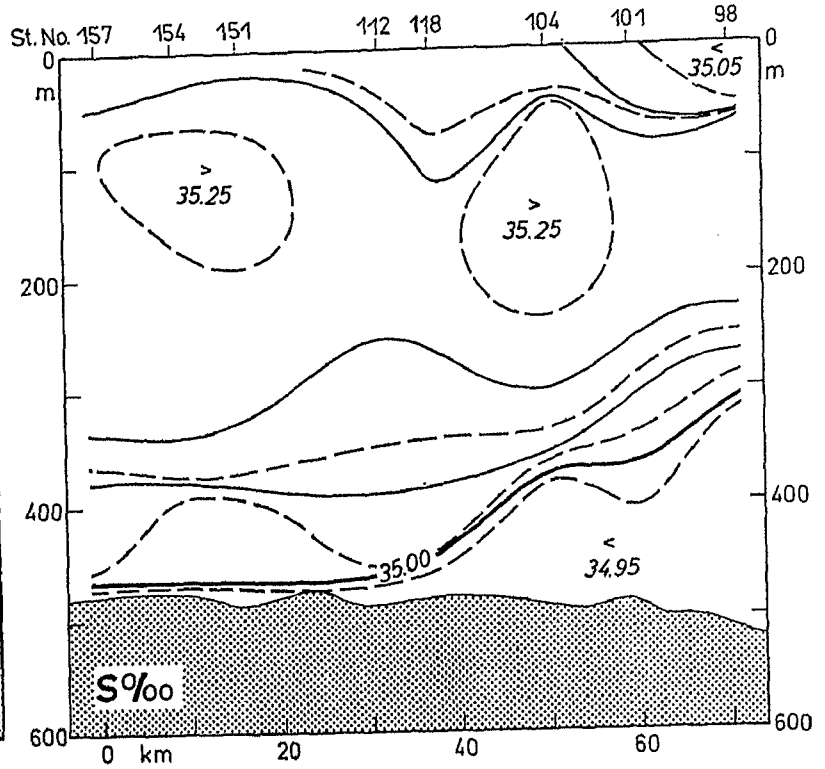
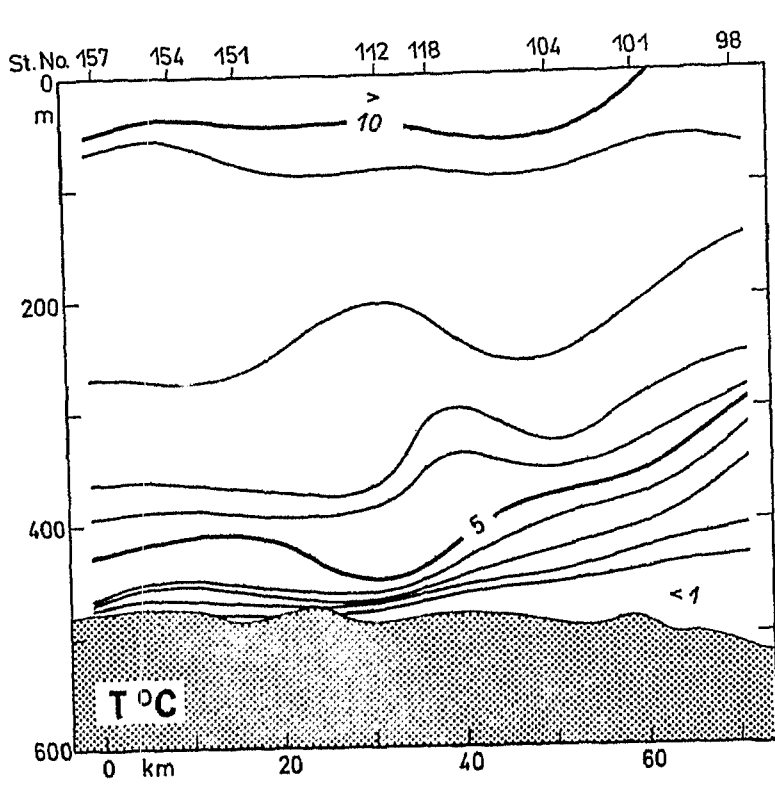


3.2 Hydrographic Sections (small scale)

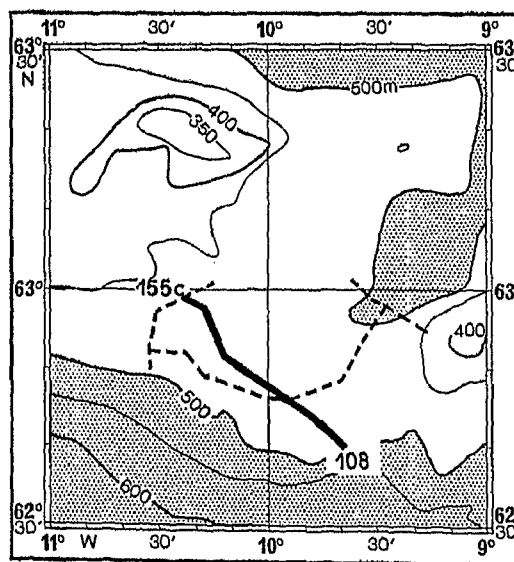
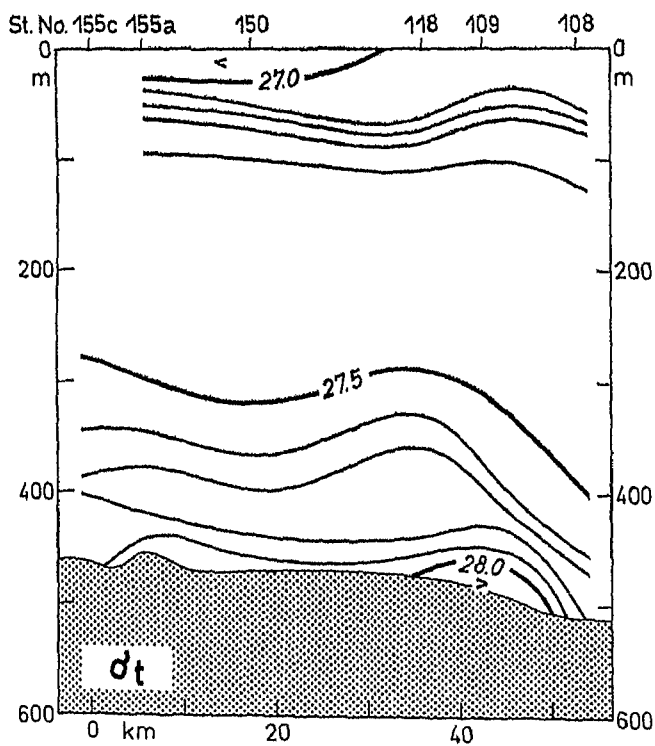
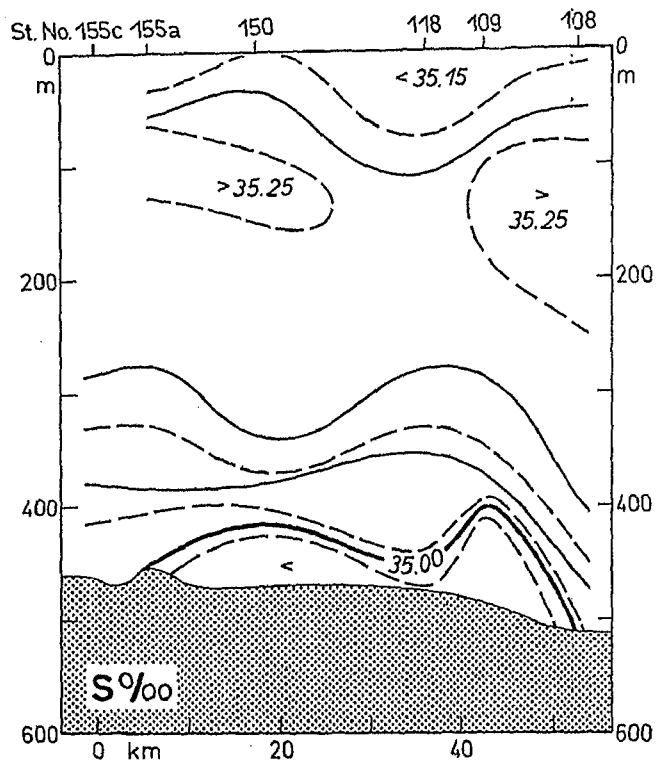
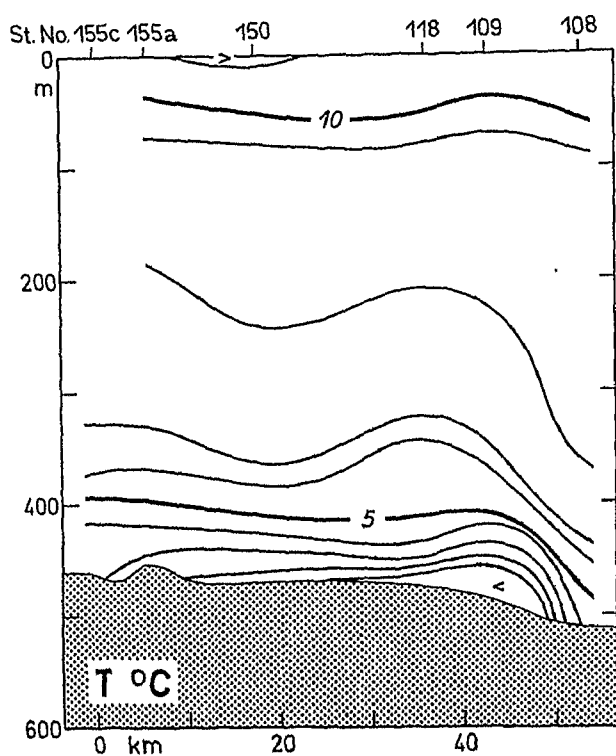
These sections were obtained by R.V. "Meteor" using the Multisonde. They were intended to give details on the hydrographic situation in one of the depressions along the summit of the Iceland-Faroe ridge.



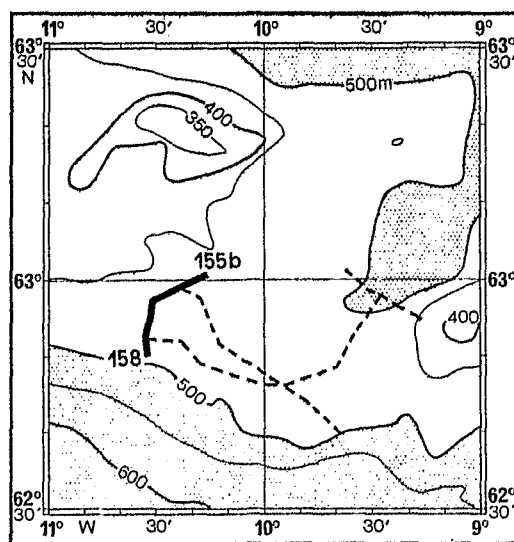
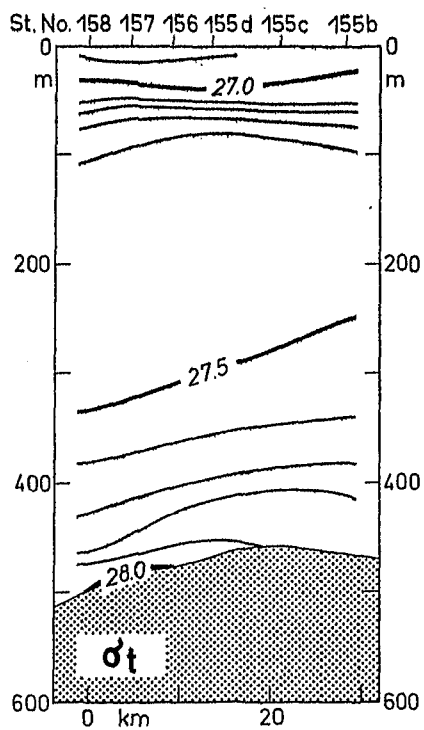
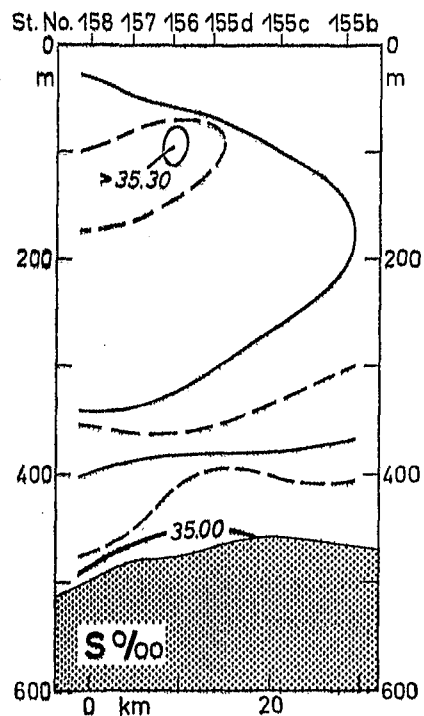
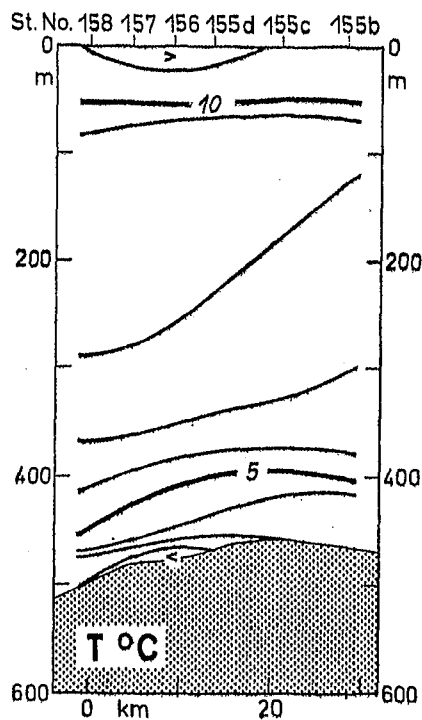
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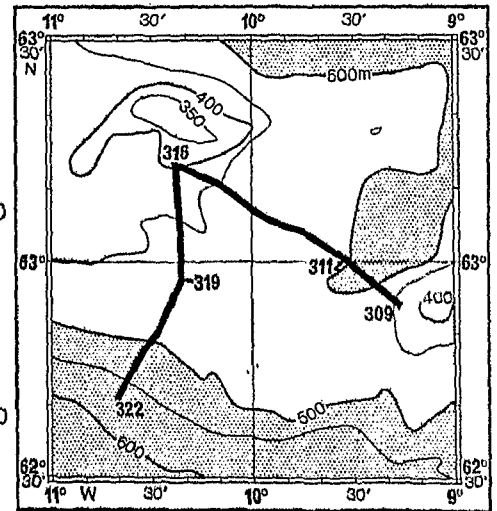
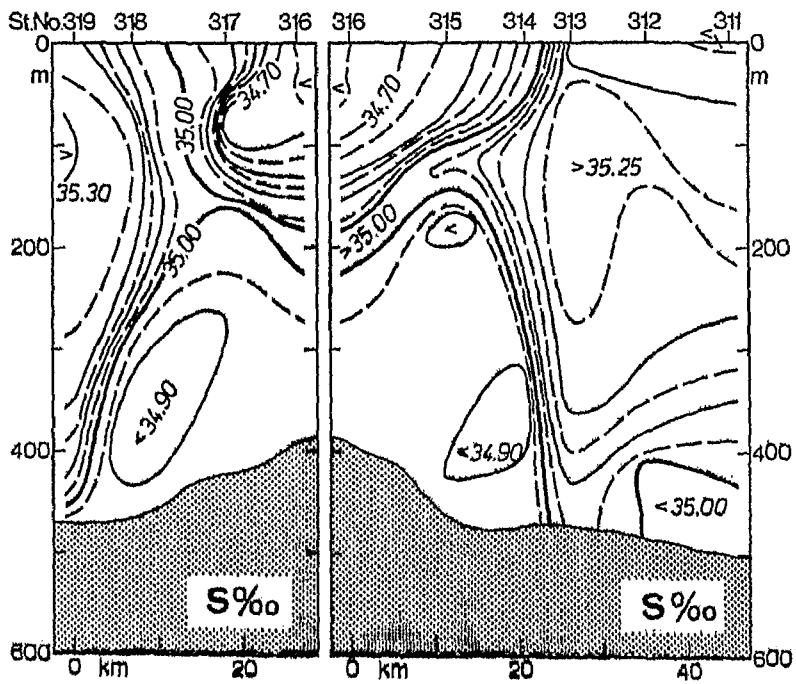
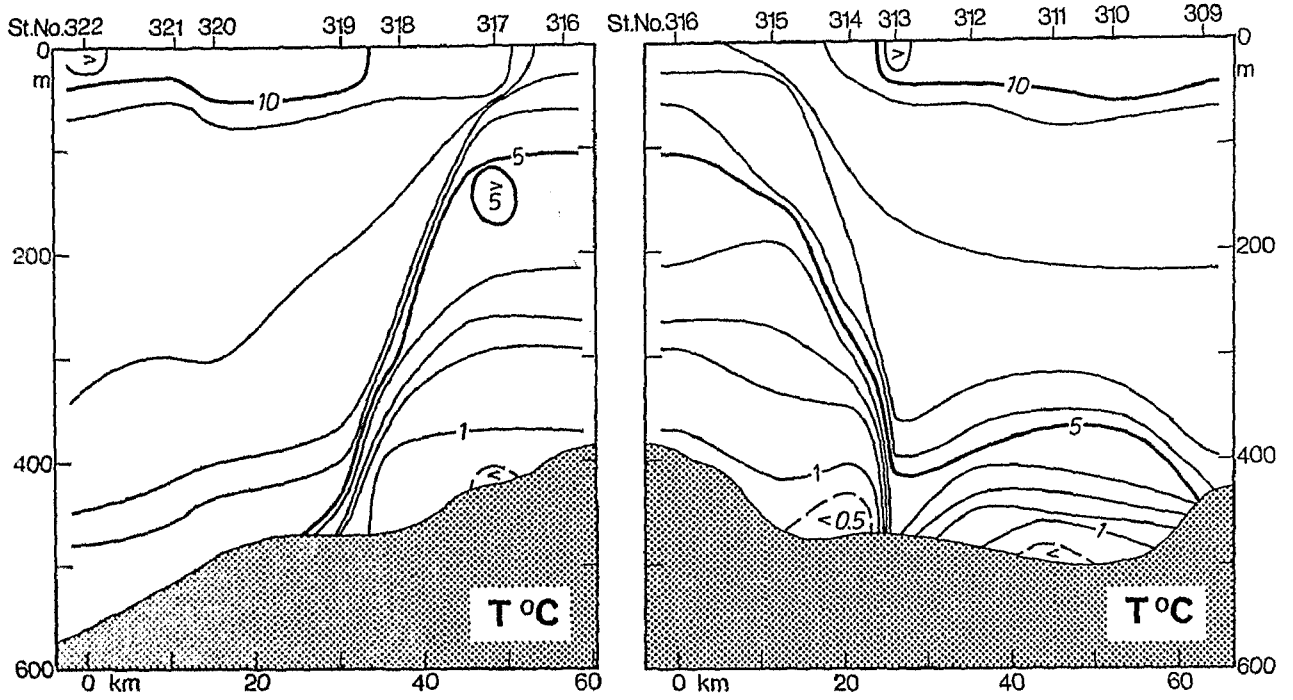
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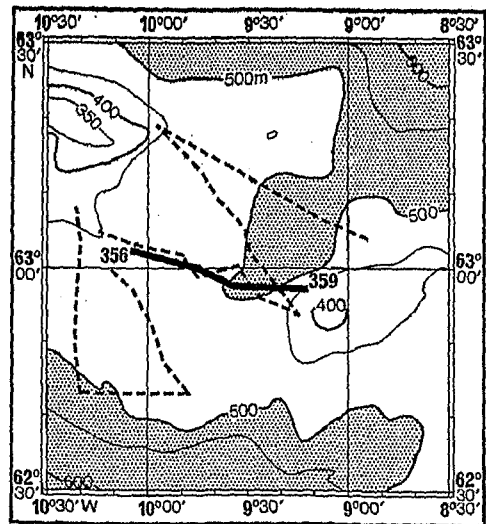
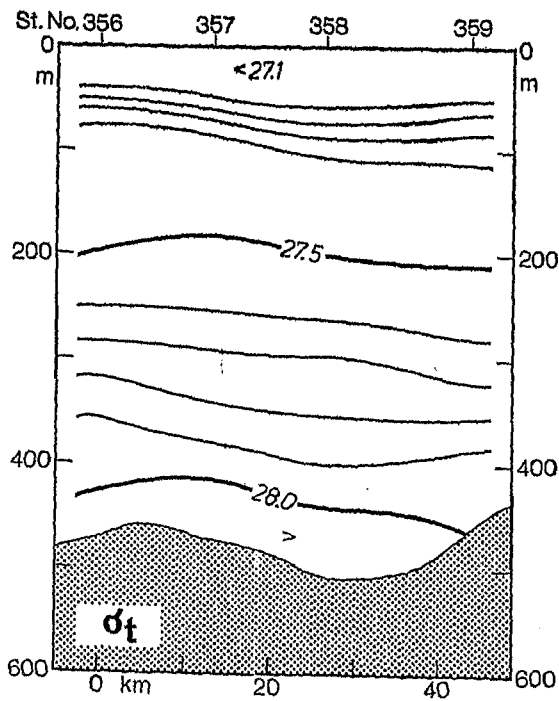
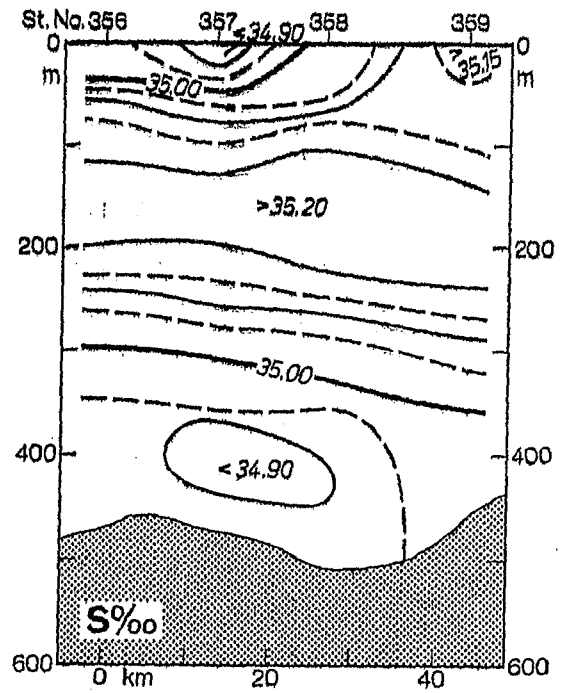
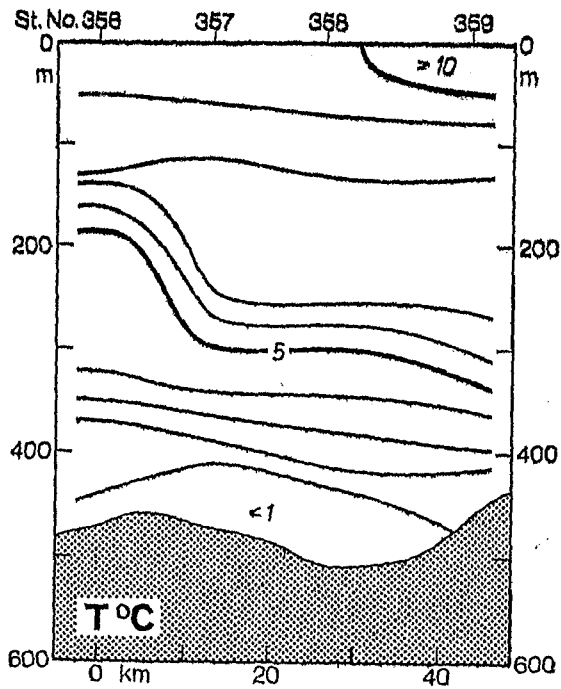


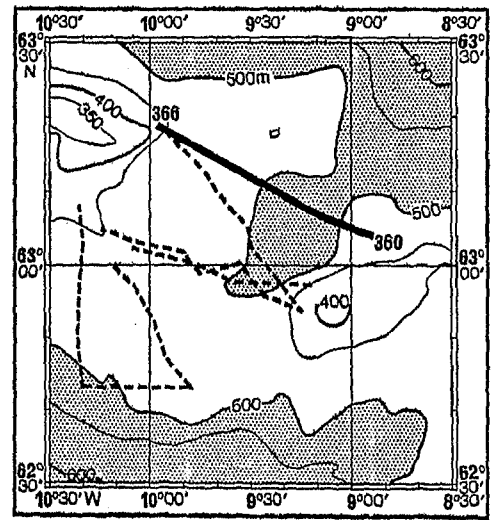
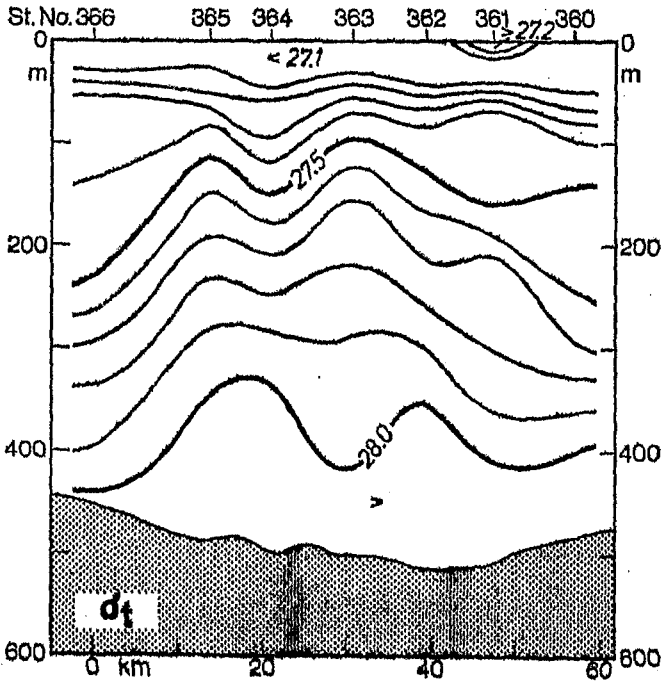
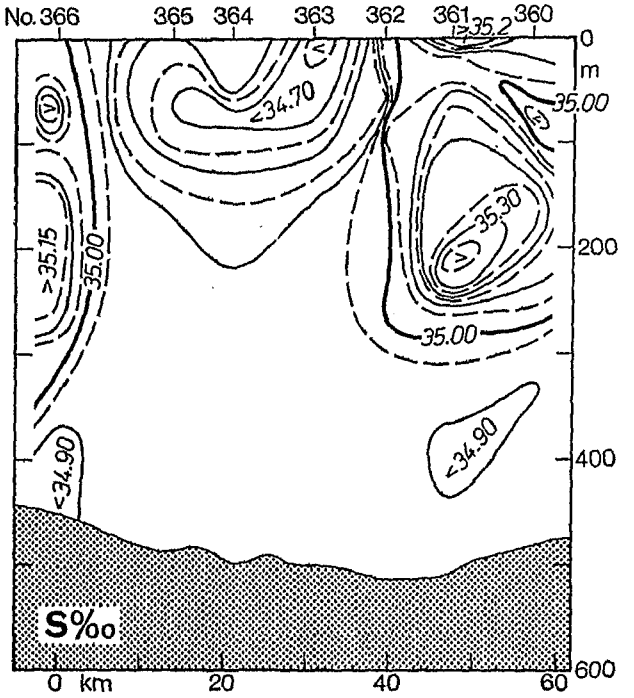
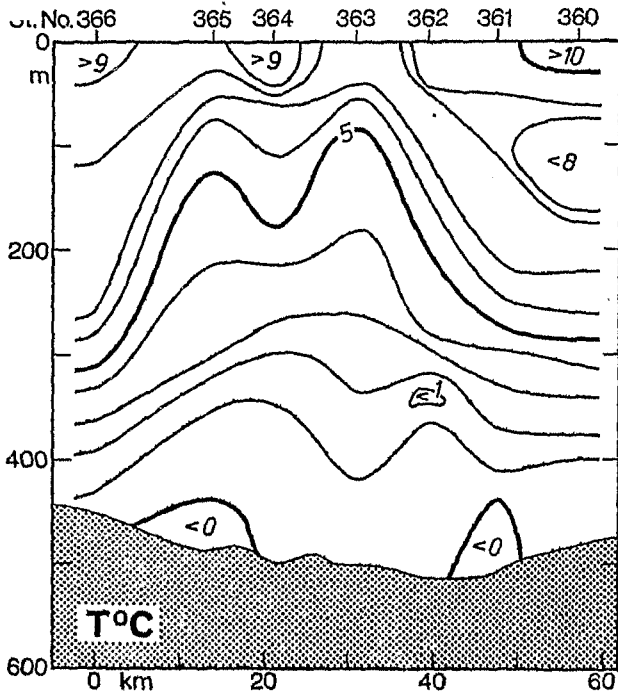
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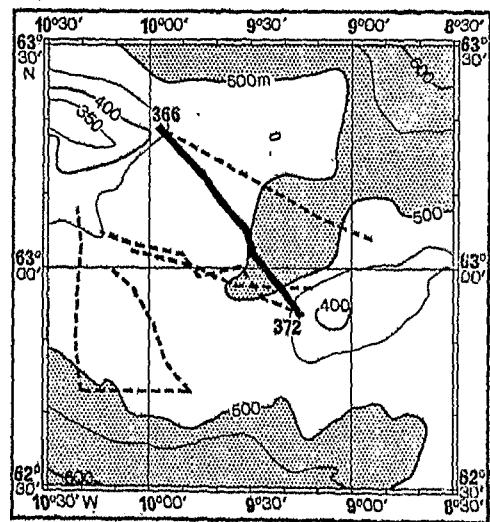
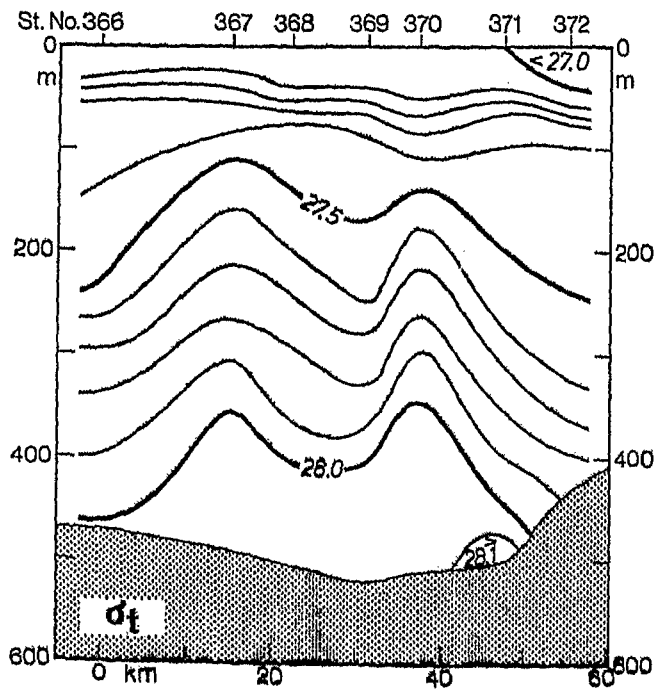
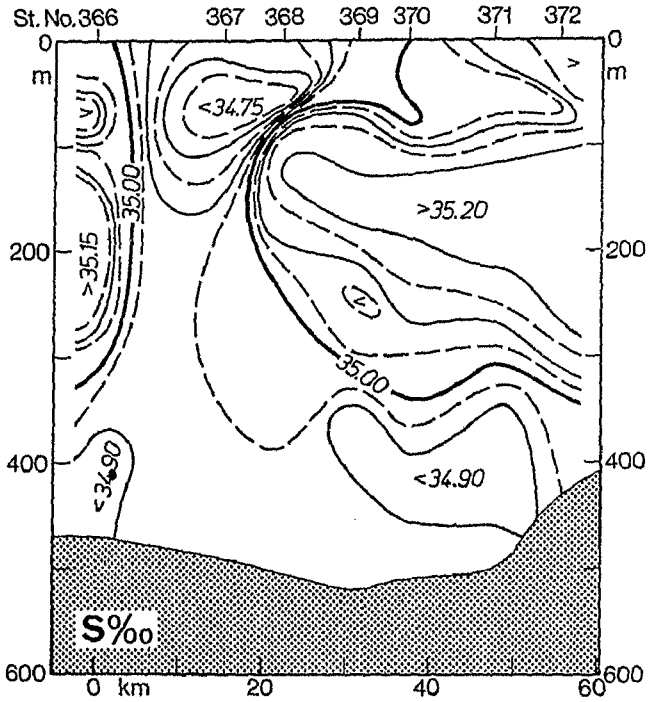
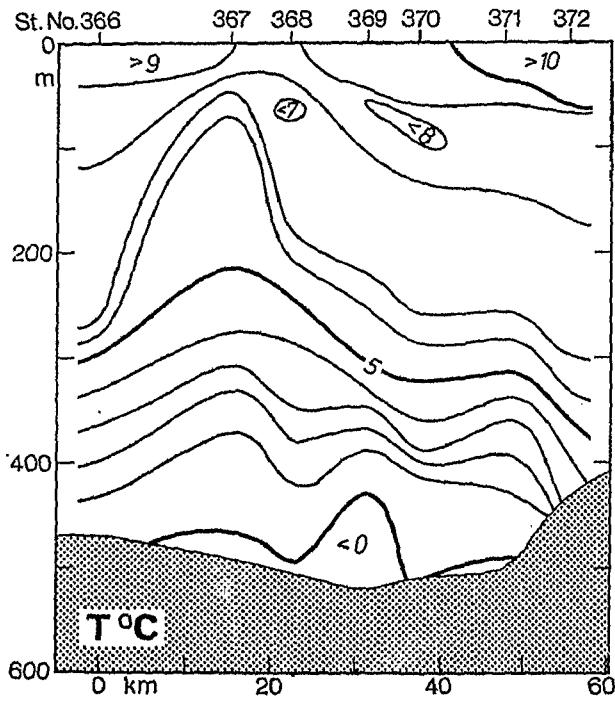
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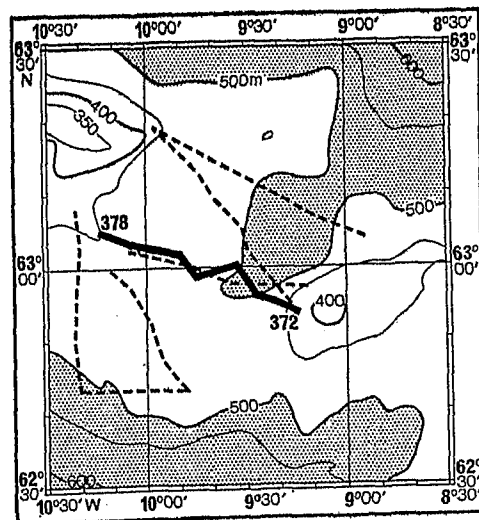
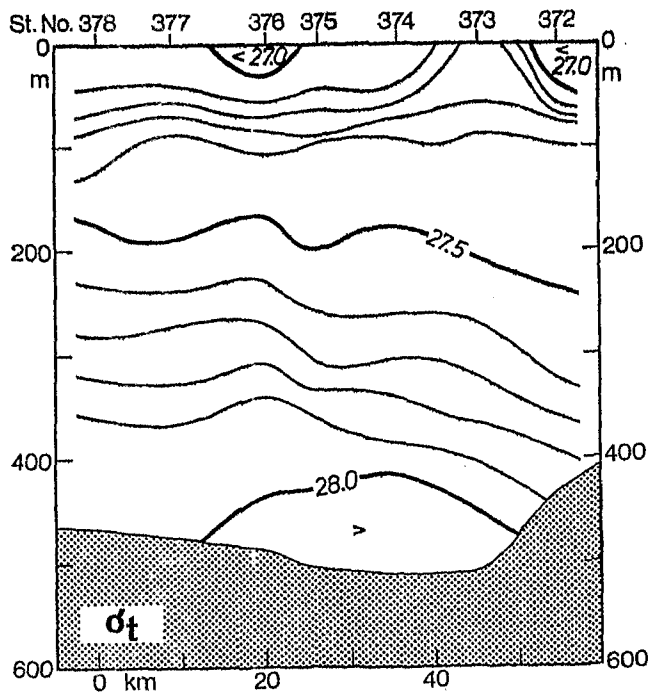
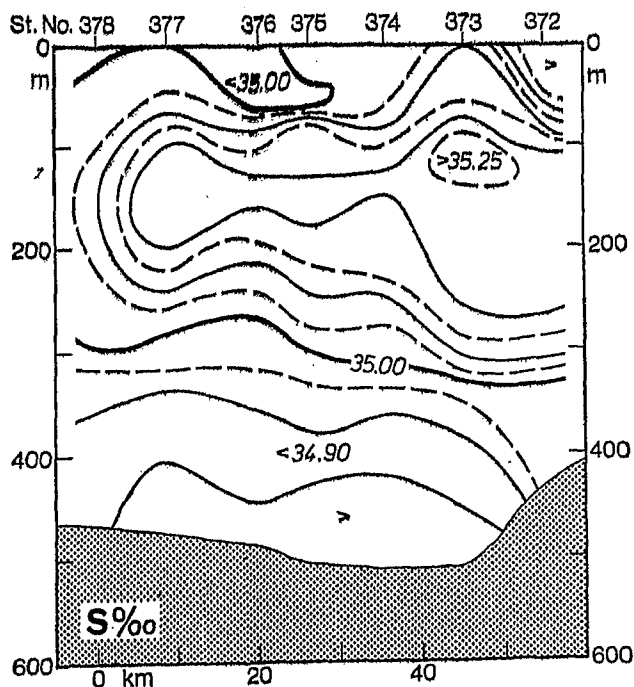
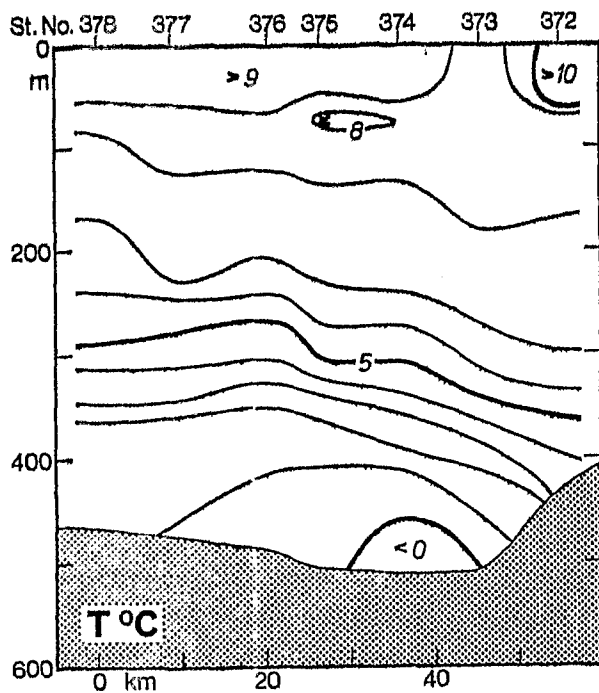




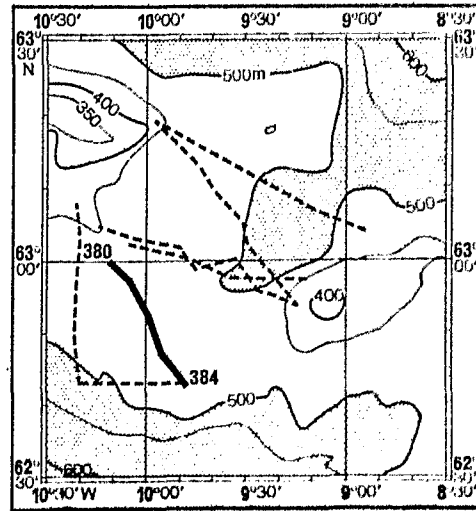
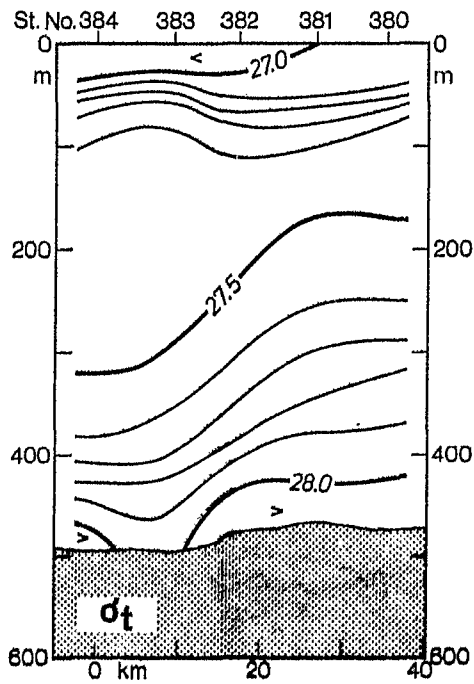
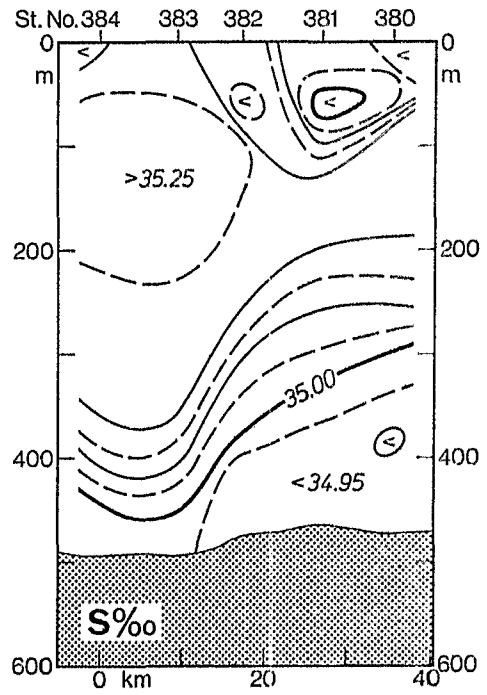
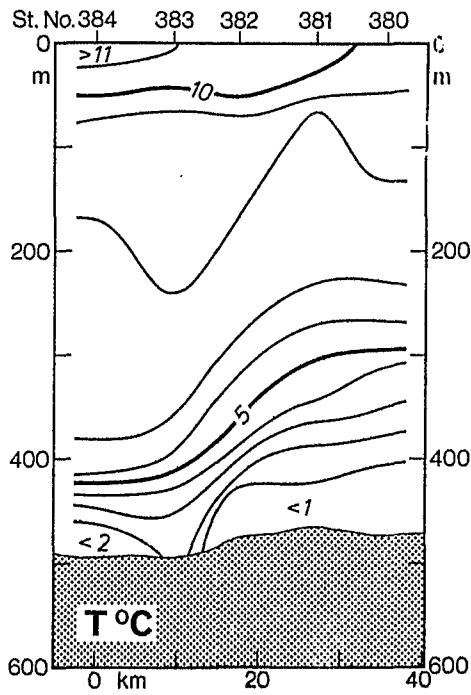
1973, September 18



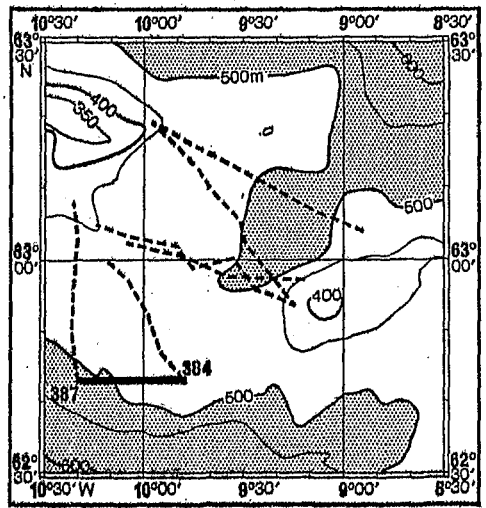
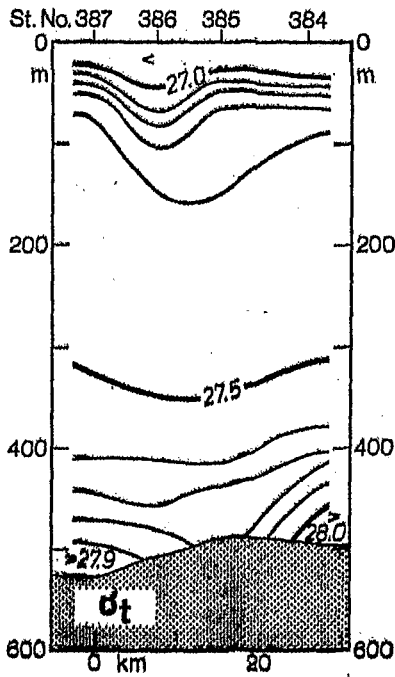
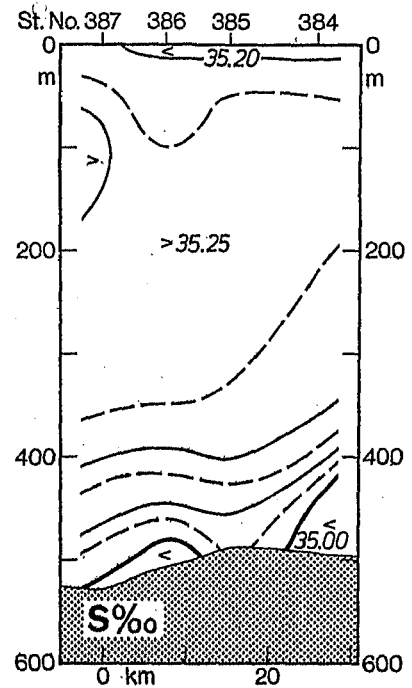
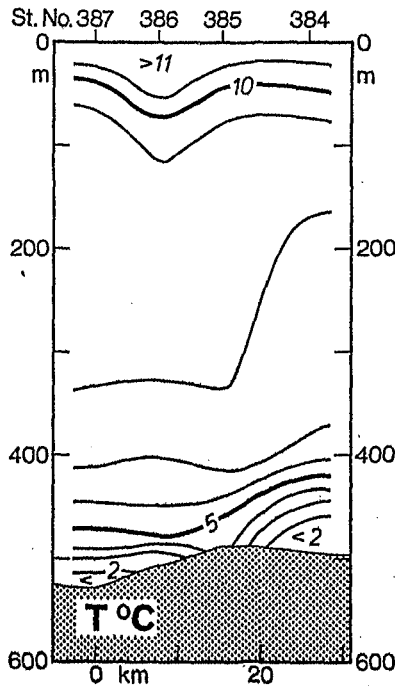
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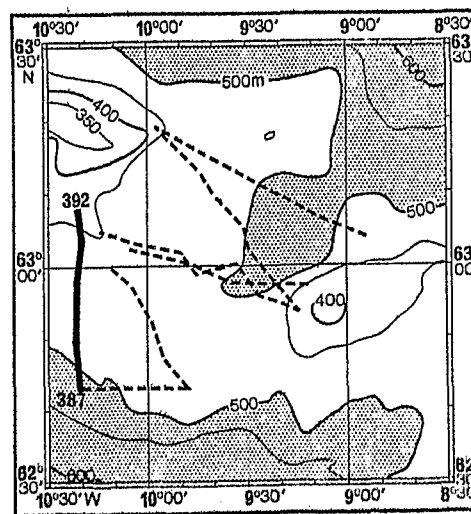
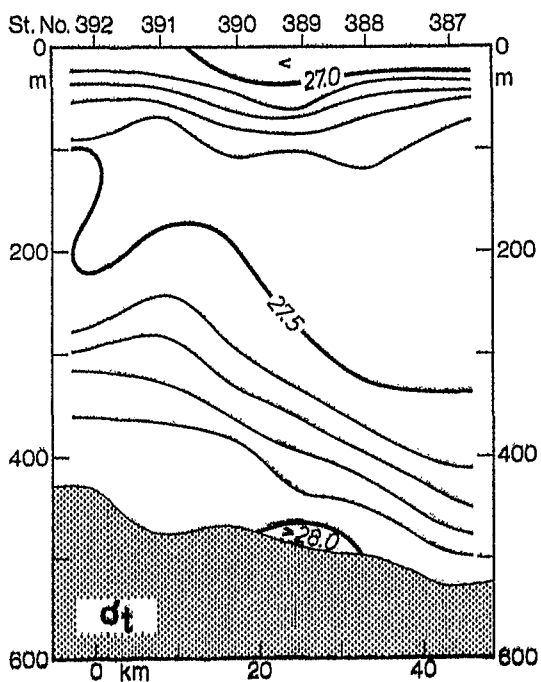
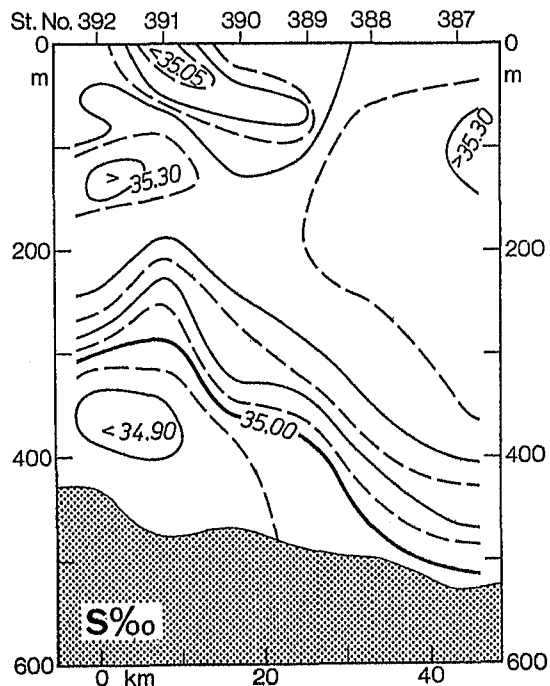
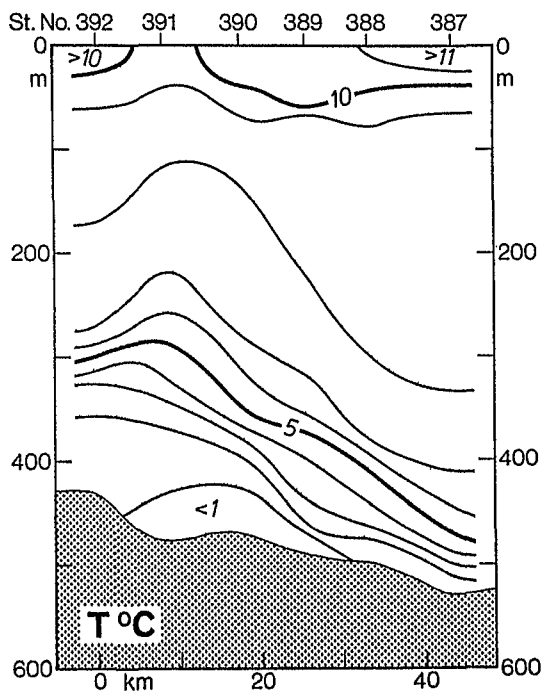
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1973, September 19



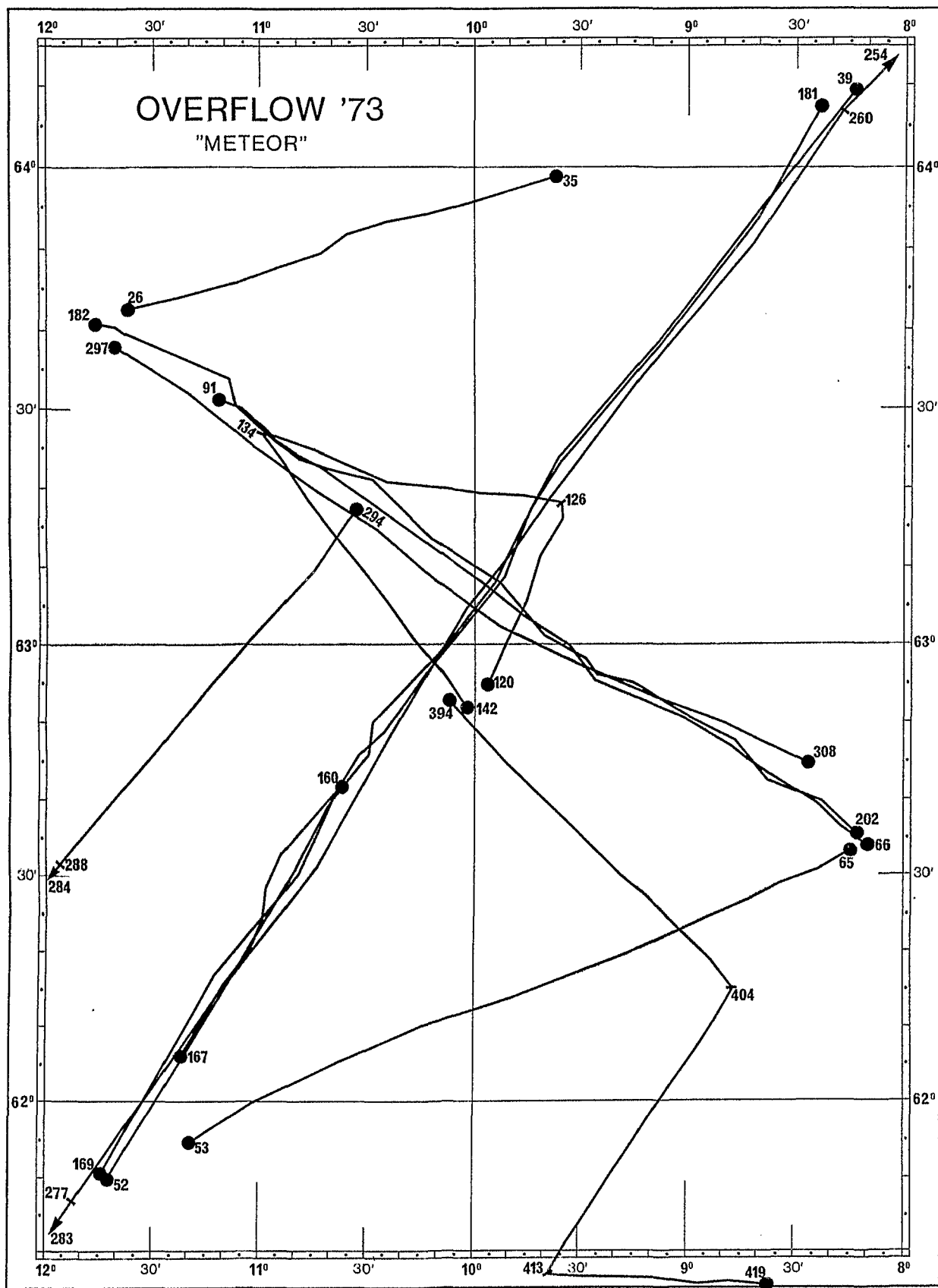
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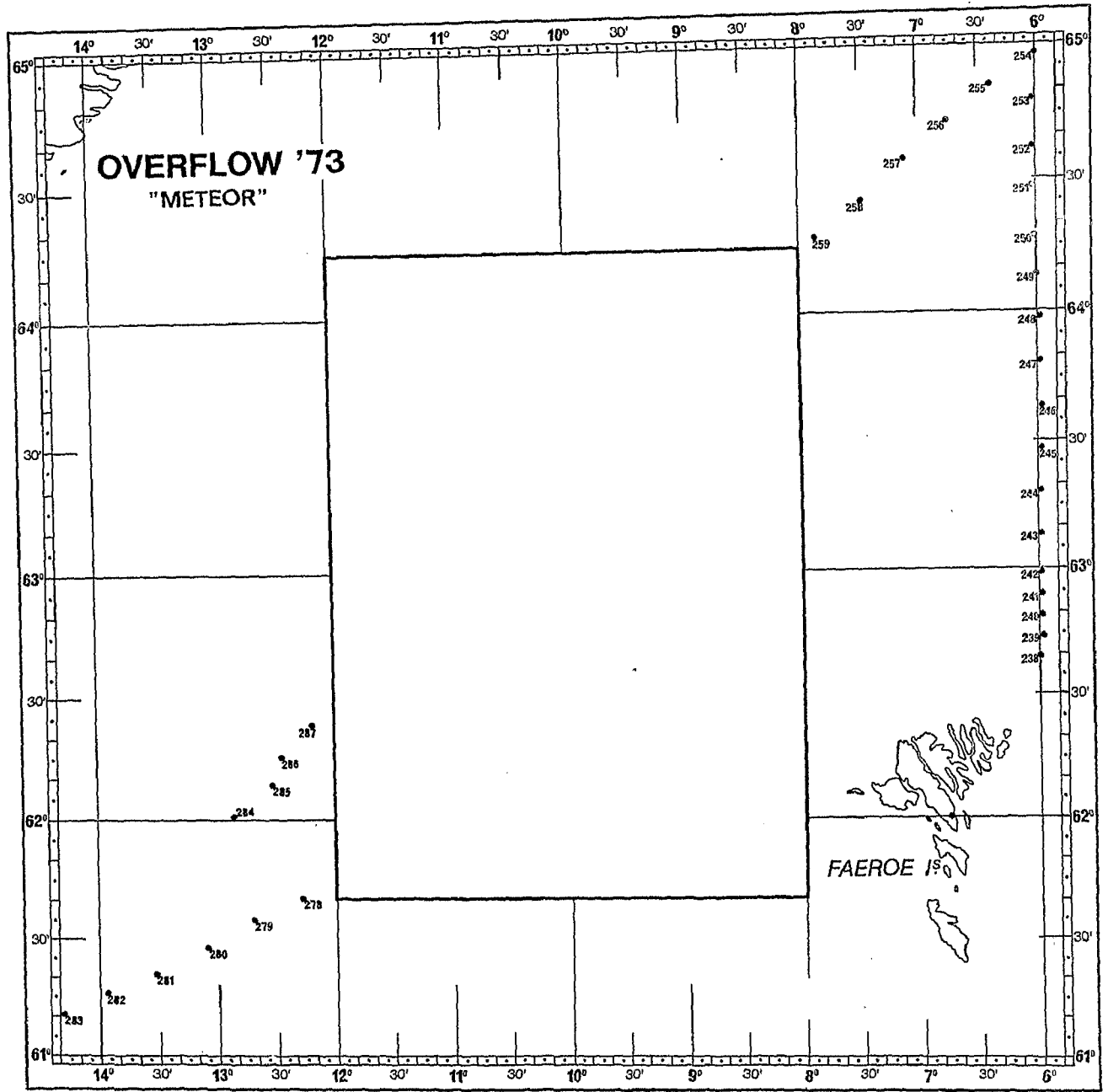


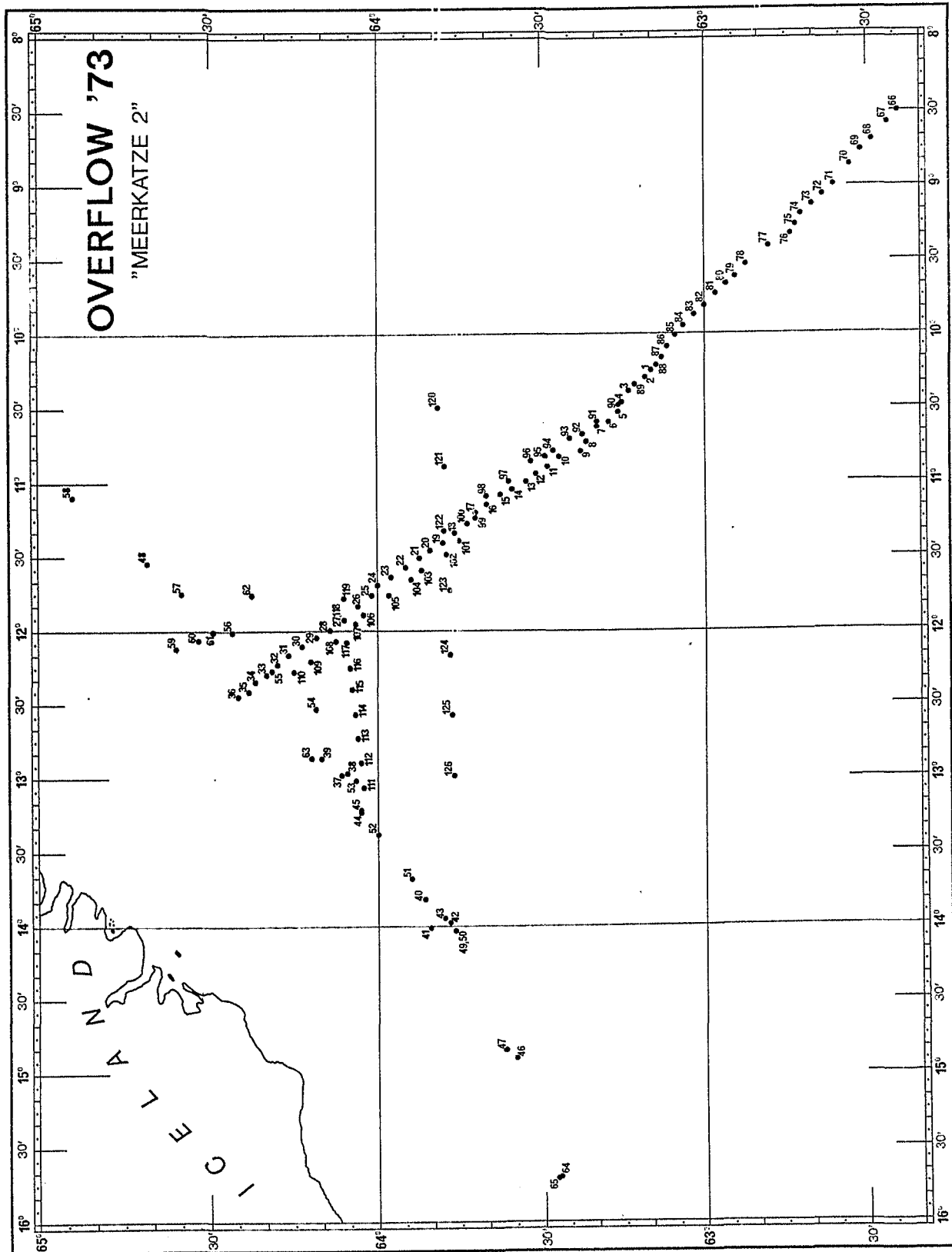
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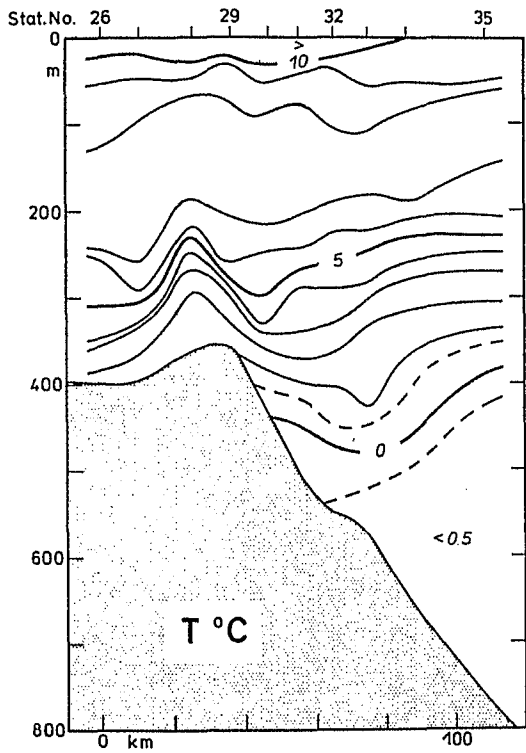
3.3 XBT-sections

The graphs are preceded by three maps showing the orientation of the XBT-sections which were obtained by R.V. "Meteor" and by F.R.V. "Meerkatze 2" (the Meteor-maps are identical with the ones used in 3.1).

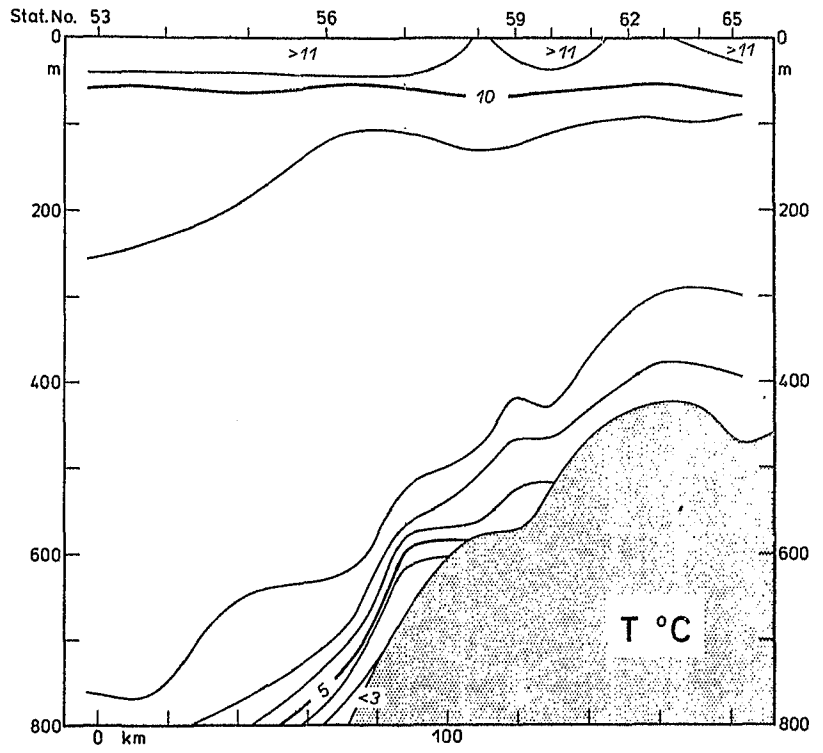




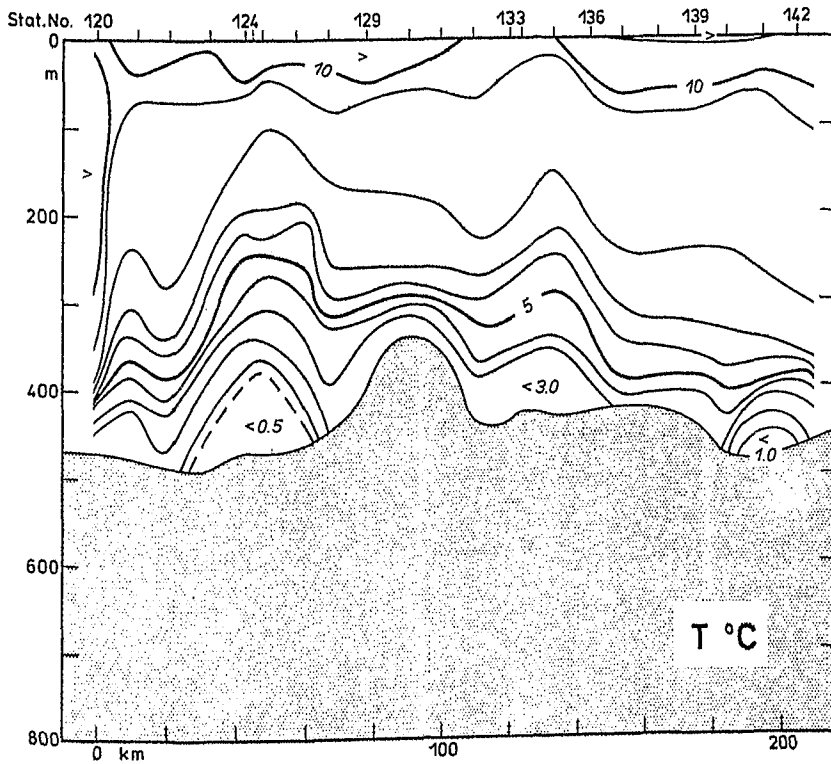




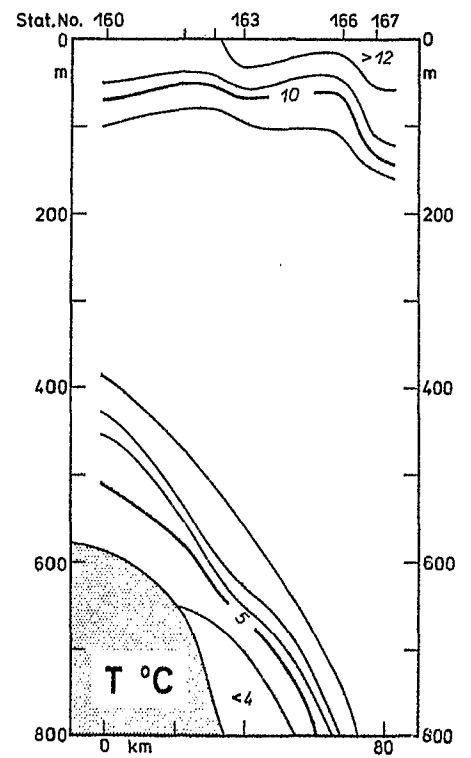
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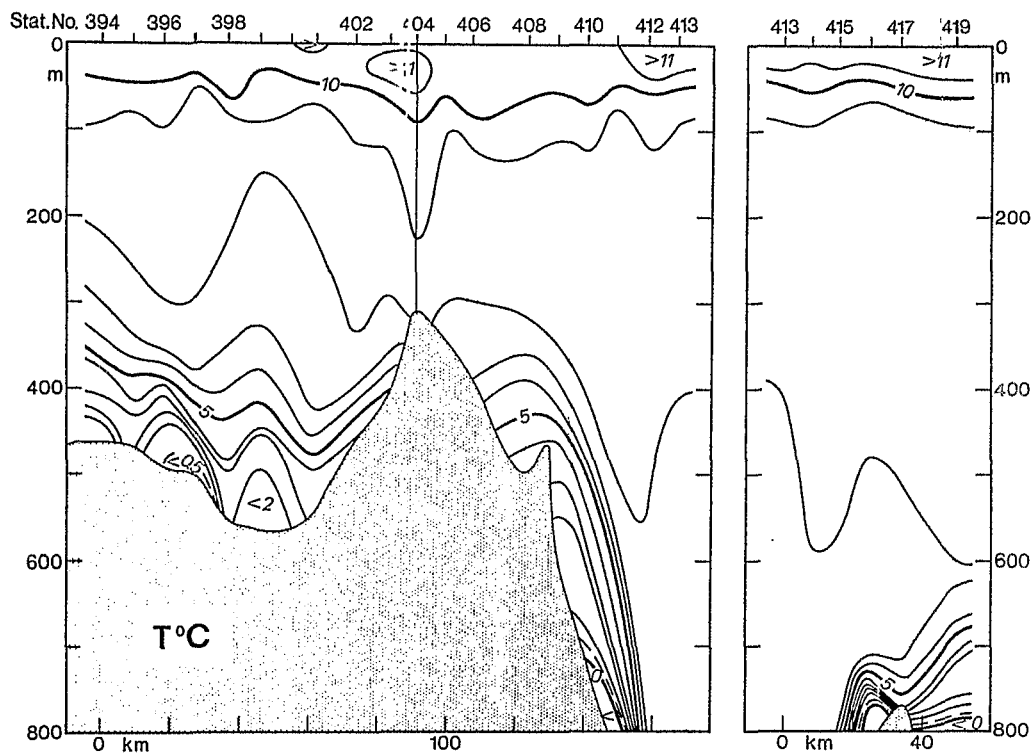
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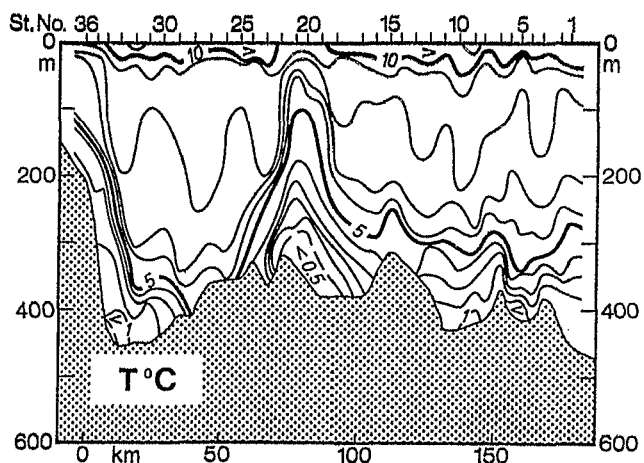
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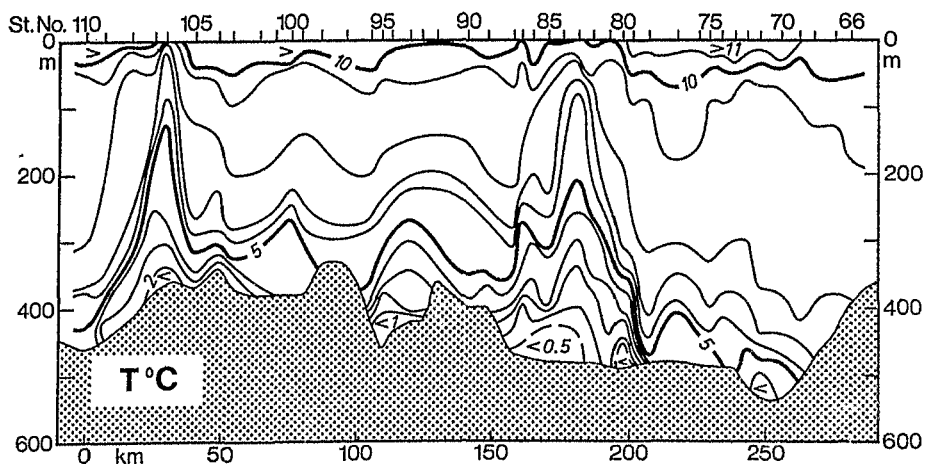
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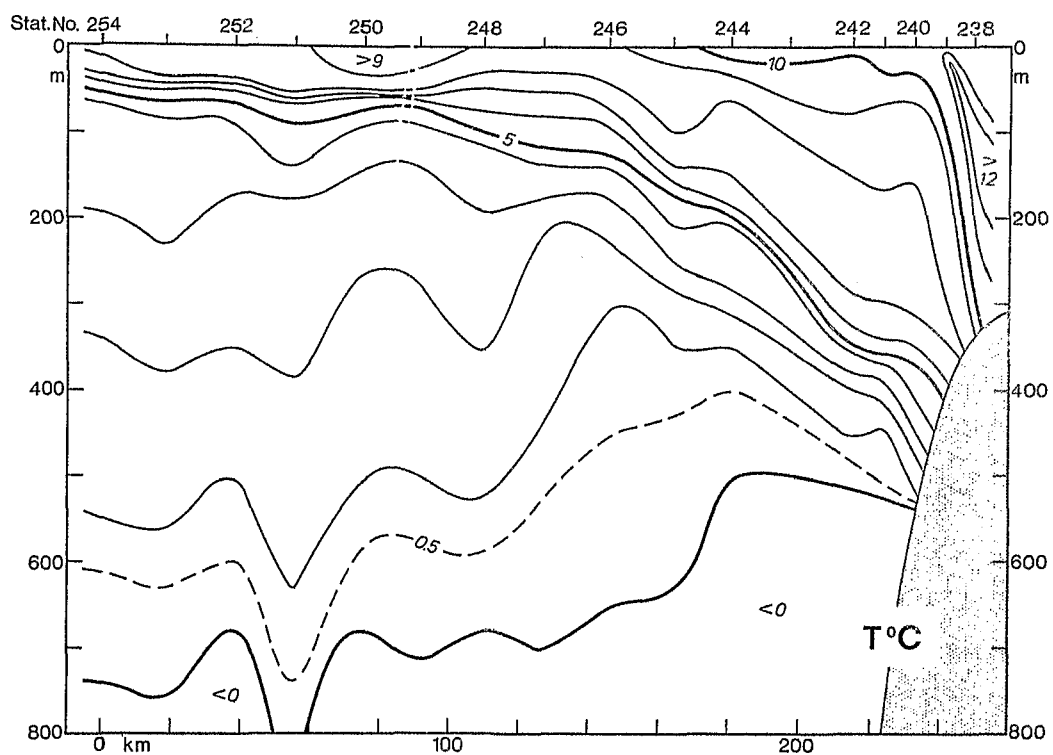
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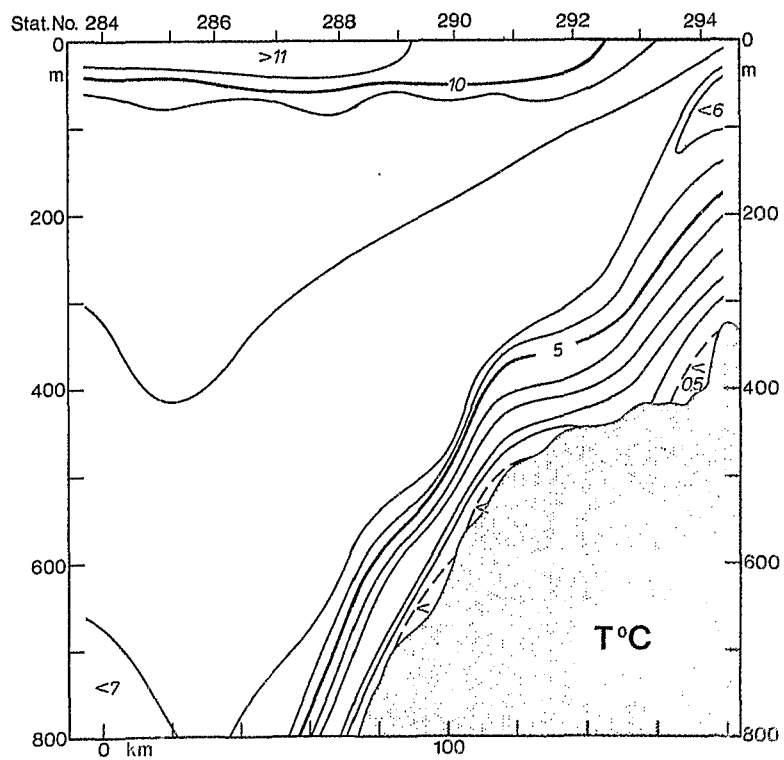
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1973, September 02-03 (Meerkatze 2)



1973, September 03-04 (Meteor)



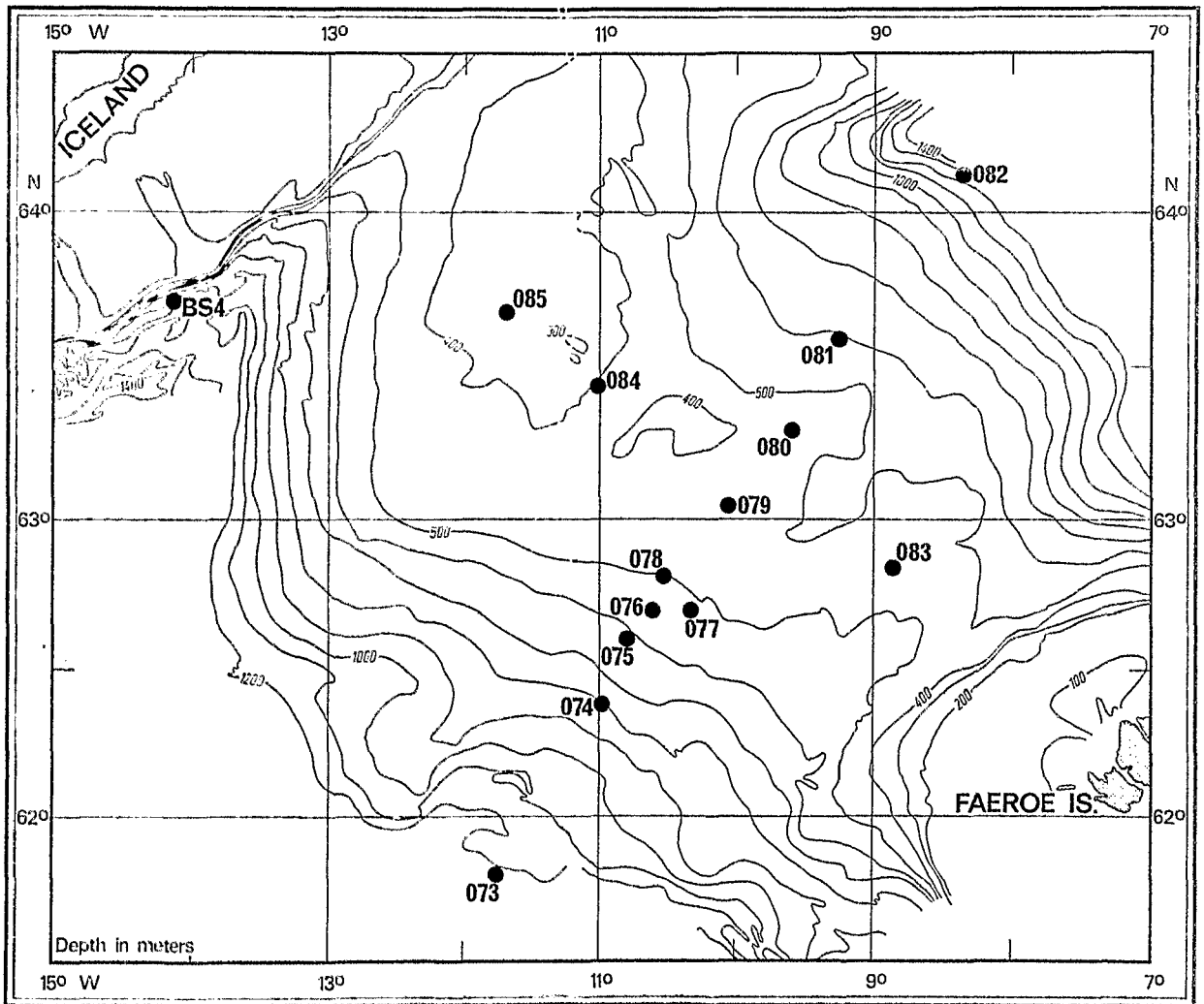
1973, September 09 (Meteor)

3.4 Time series from moored instruments

The time series plots are preceded by a map showing the location and the identification of the moored arrays and by a diagramme giving the length of usable records from each instrument. The moorings were deployed by R.V. "Meteor" (mooring numbers 073 to 085) and by R.V. "Bjarni Saemundsson" (mooring number BS 4).

Key to symbols

| | | |
|----------------|---|--|
| No. | = | mooring identification number |
| H (m) | = | Depth to bottom |
| z (m) | = | Depth of sensor |
| V | = | Record of speed and direction |
| T | = | Record of temperature (simultaneous with V) |
| T _n | = | Record of thermistor cable with n thermistors equally spaced over the z-interval given |

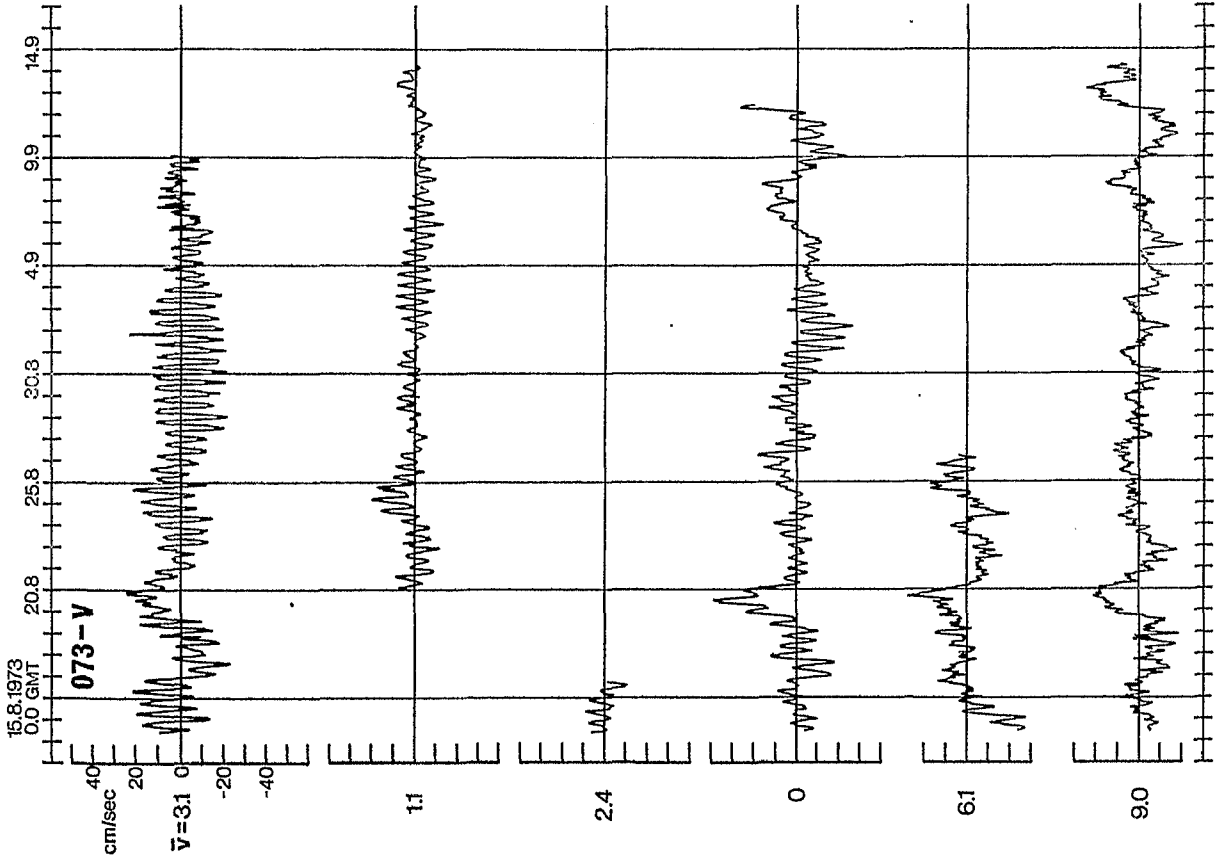
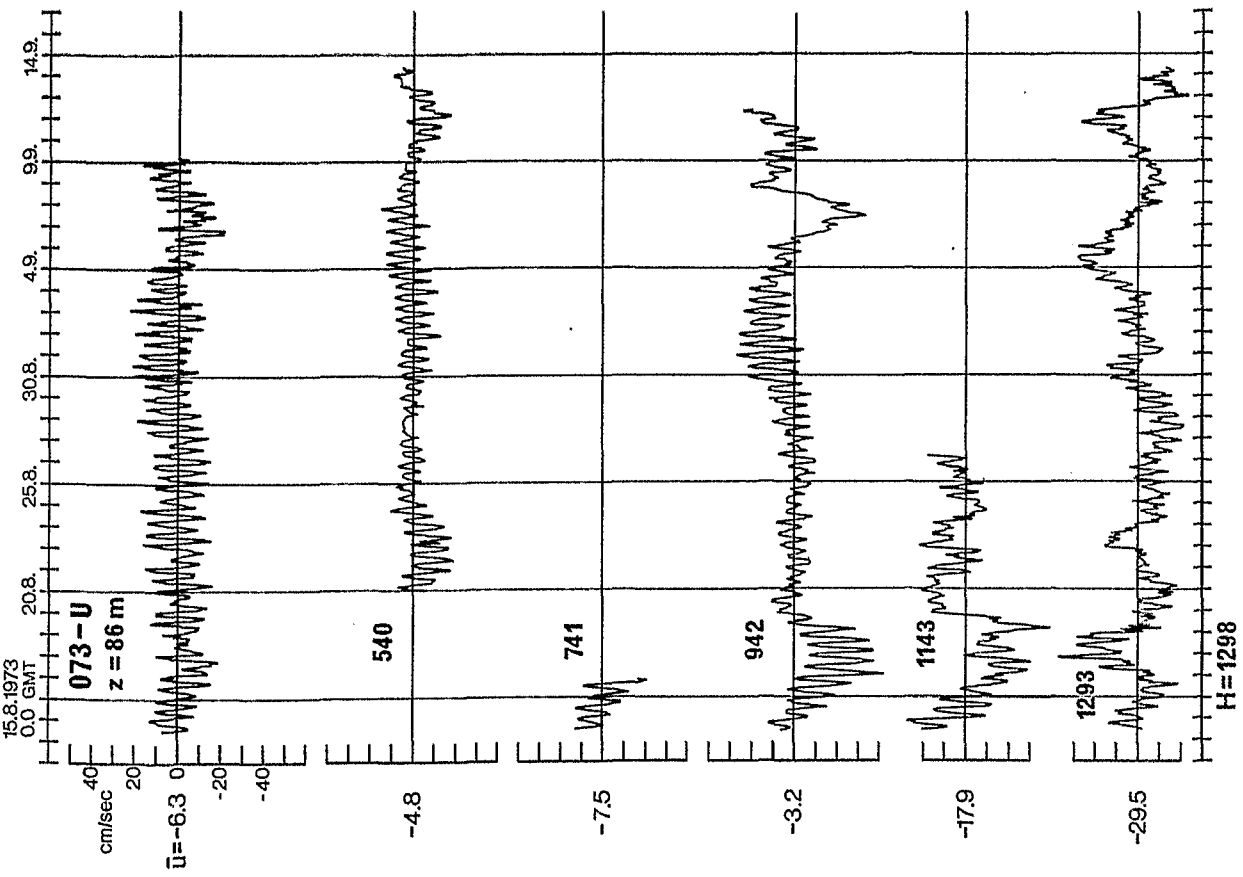


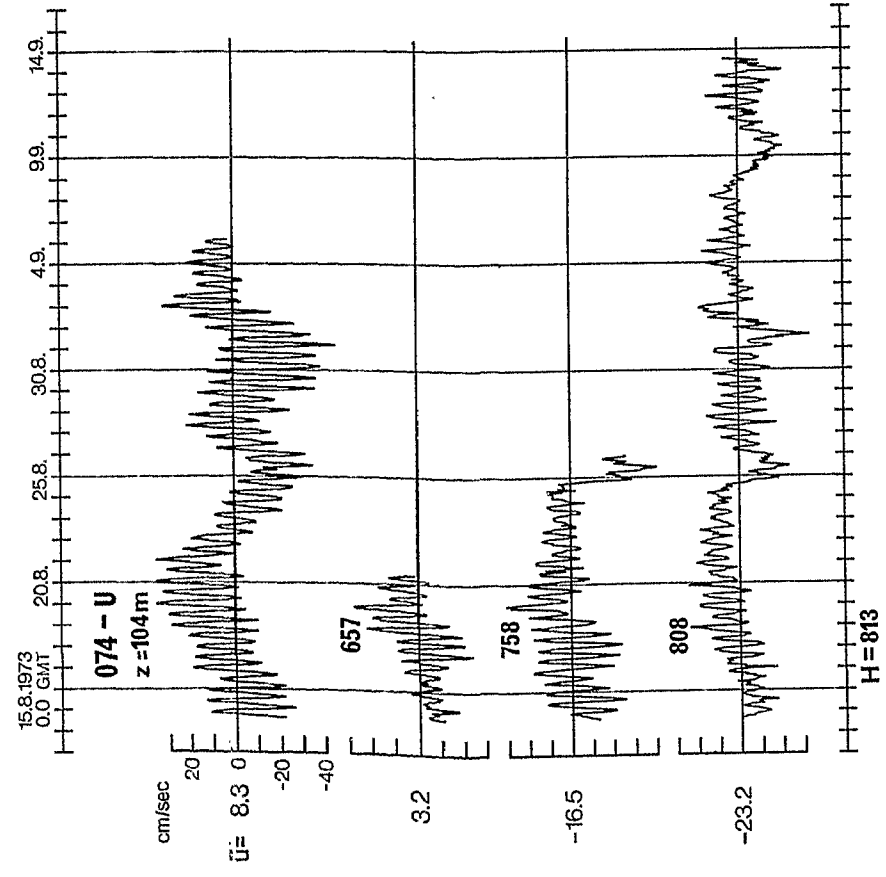
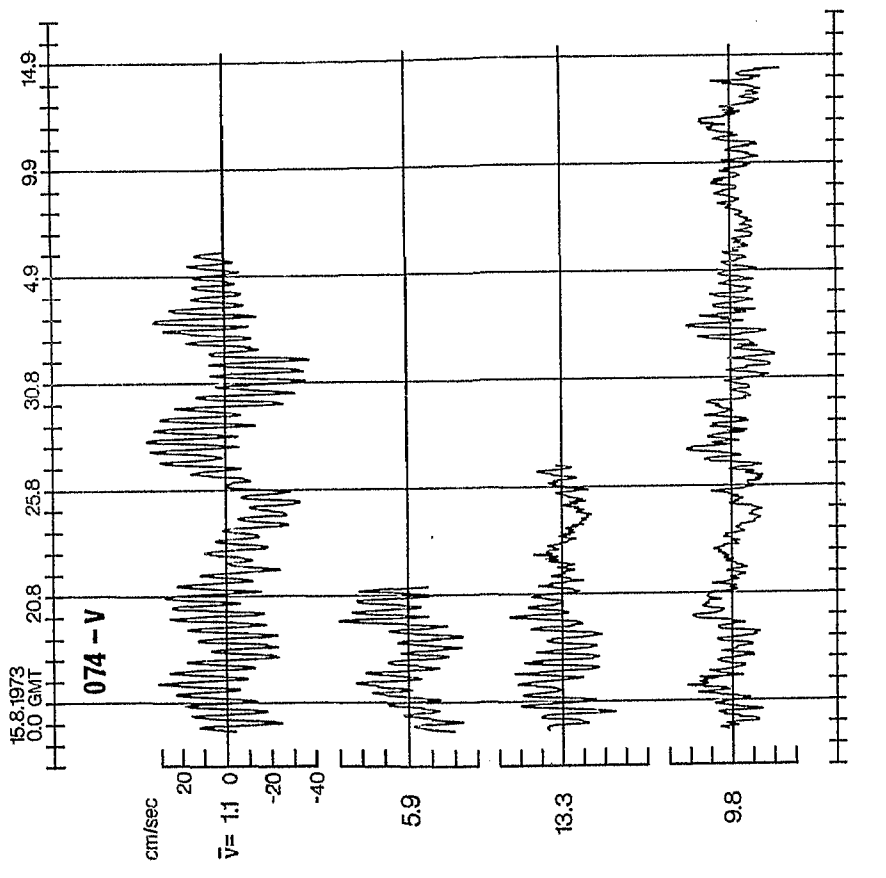
3.4.1 Time series of current-components

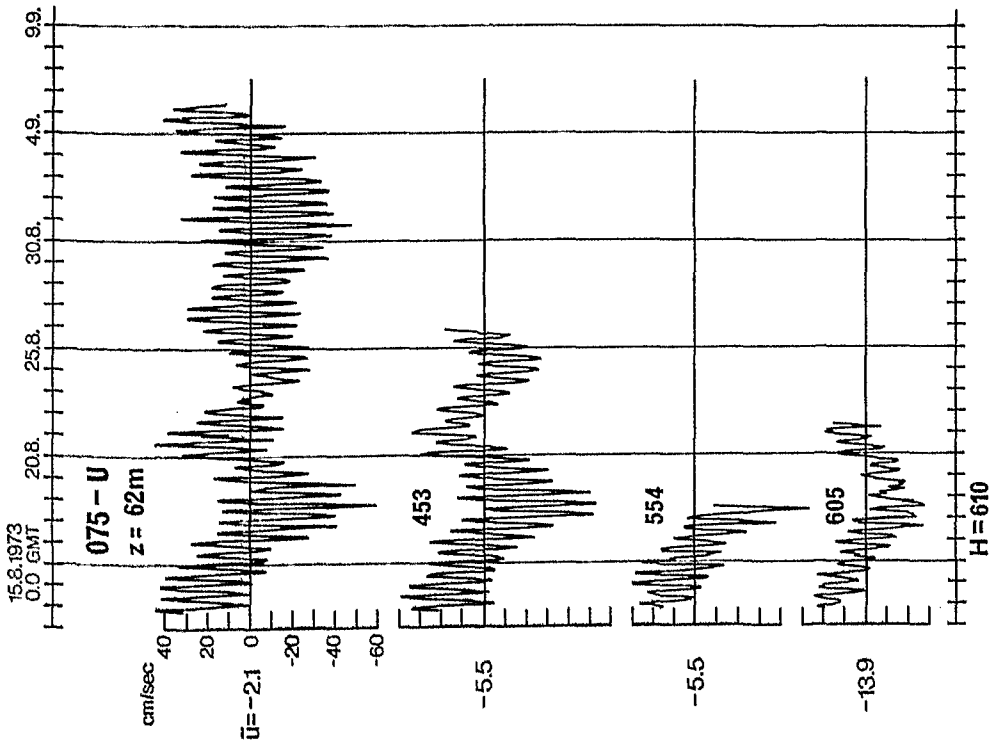
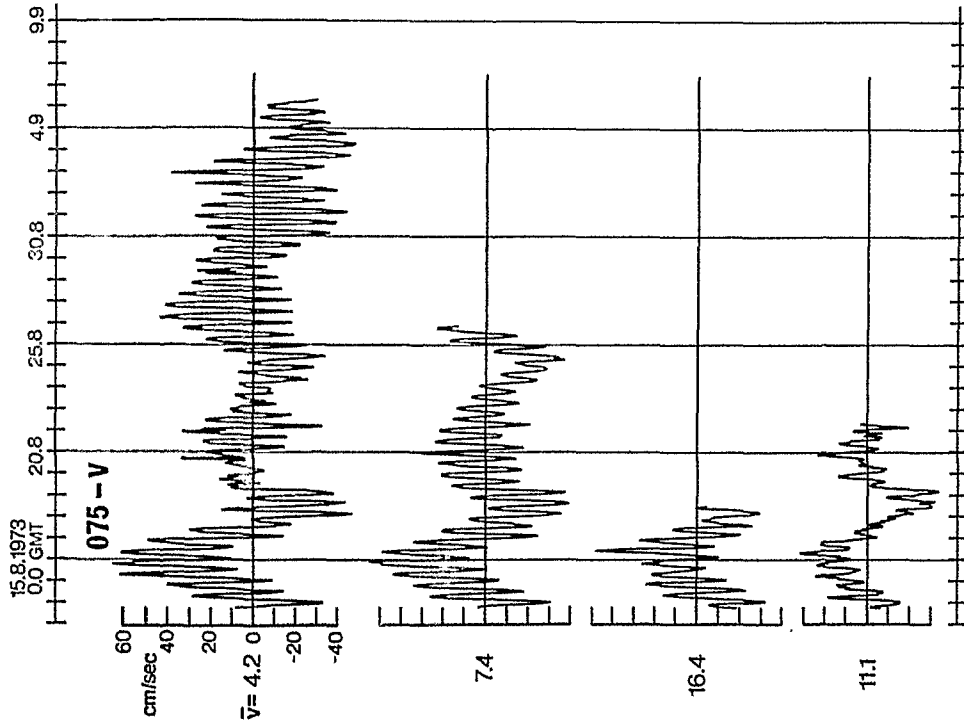
The plots are based on hourly averages with the overall mean value subtracted.

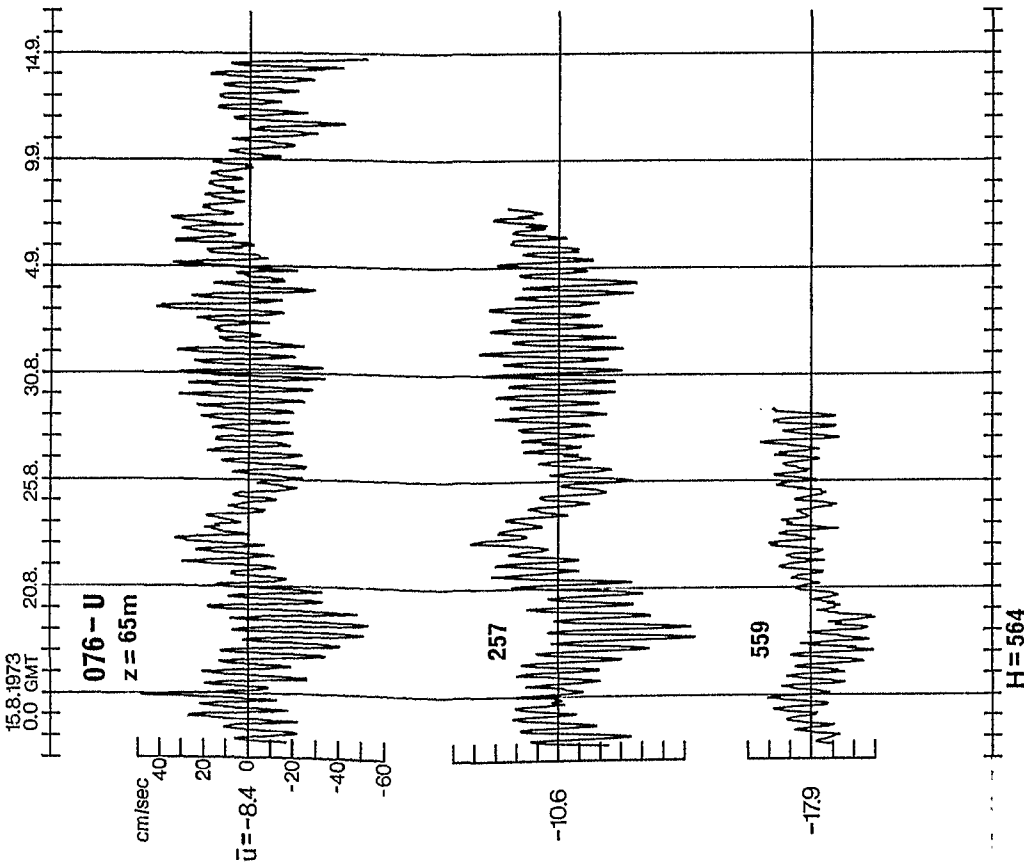
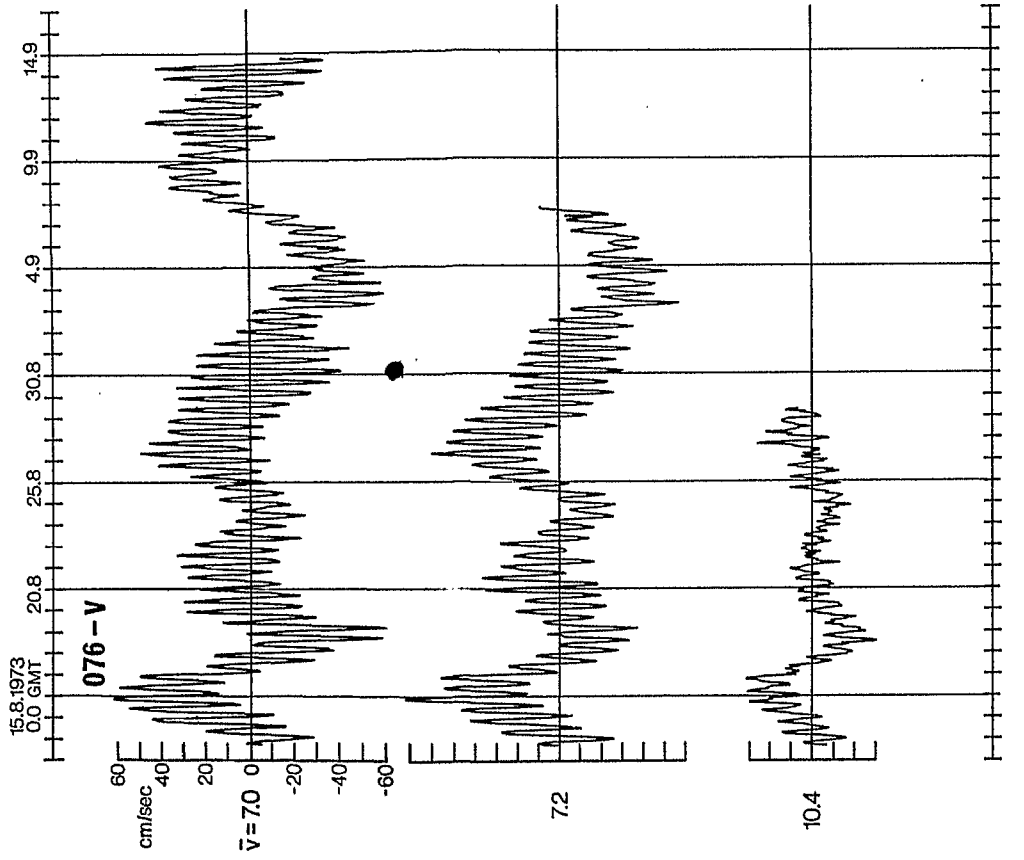
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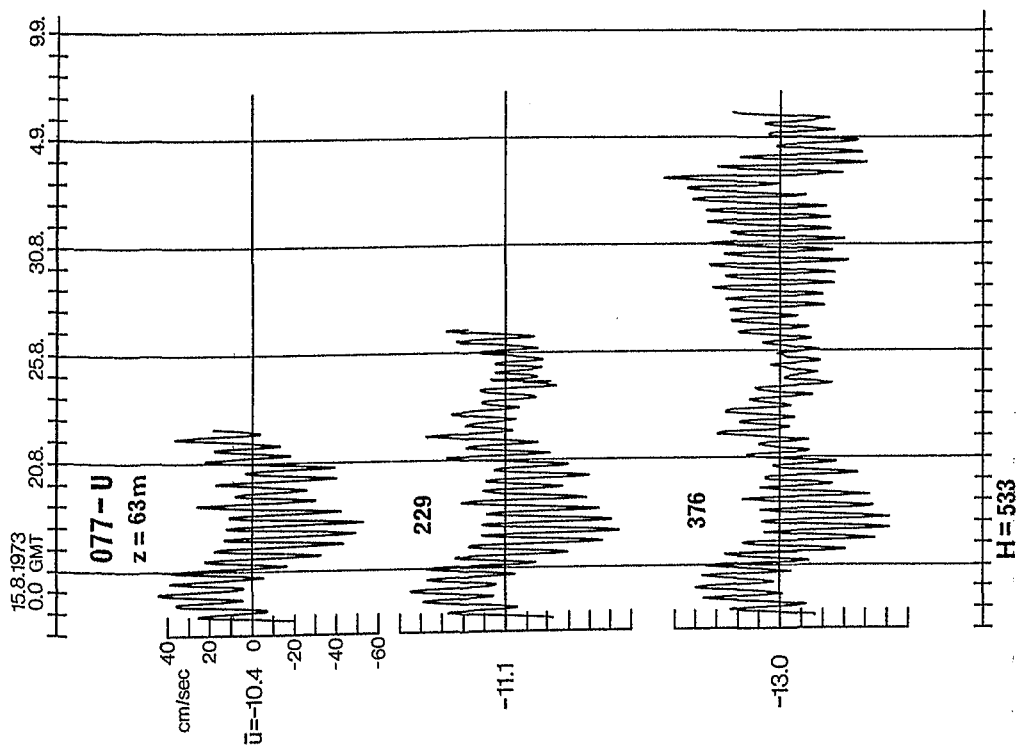
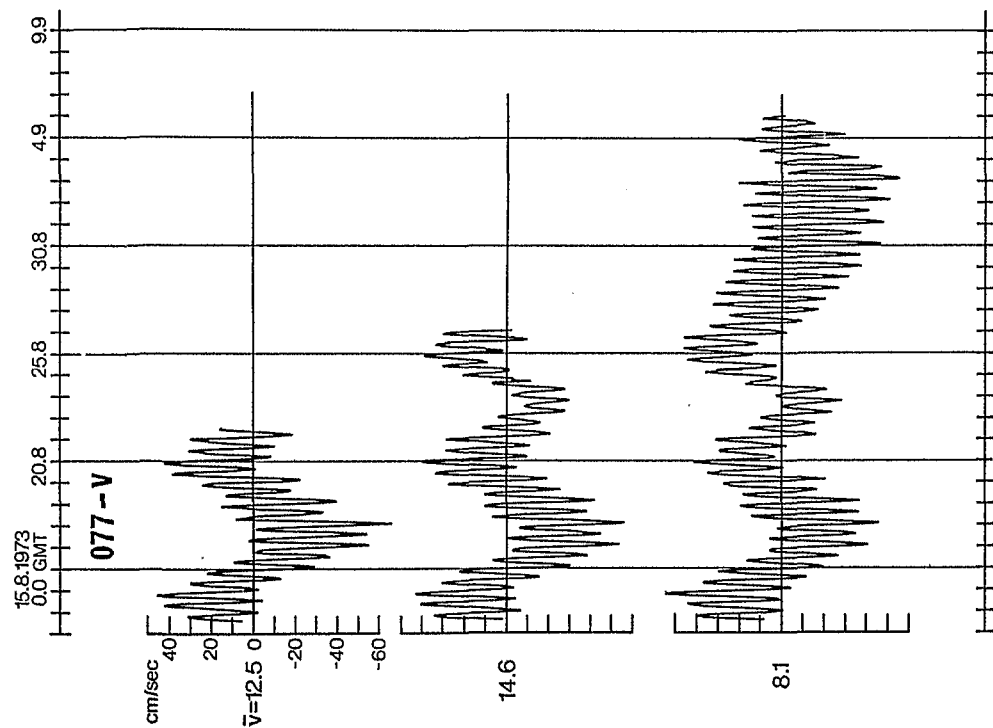
| | | |
|--------------------|---|--|
| U | = | East-component positive towards east |
| V | = | North-component positive towards north |
| \bar{u}, \bar{v} | = | Overall mean values |
| z | = | Instrument depth |
| H | = | Bottom depth |

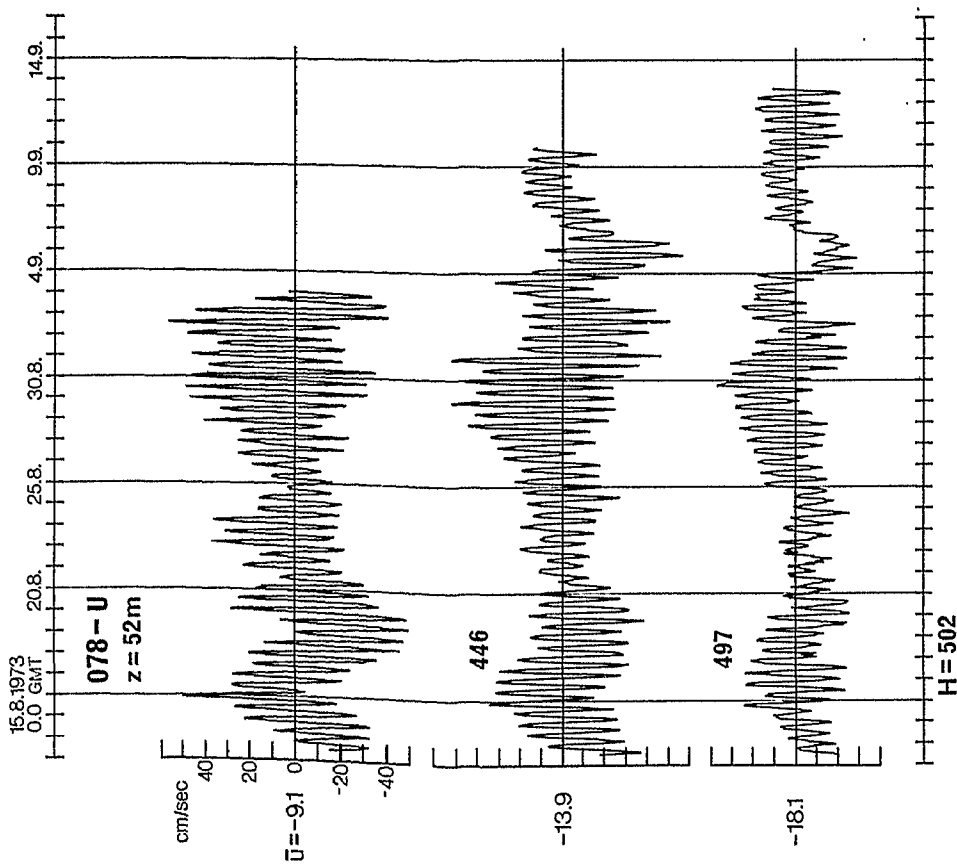
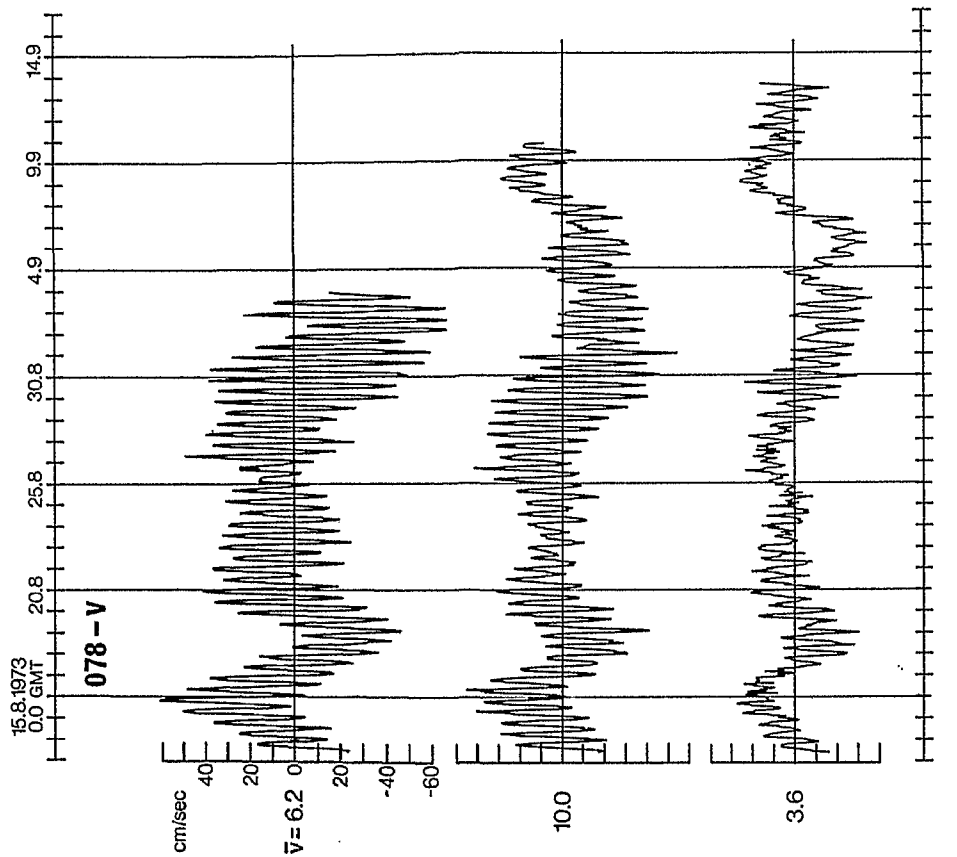


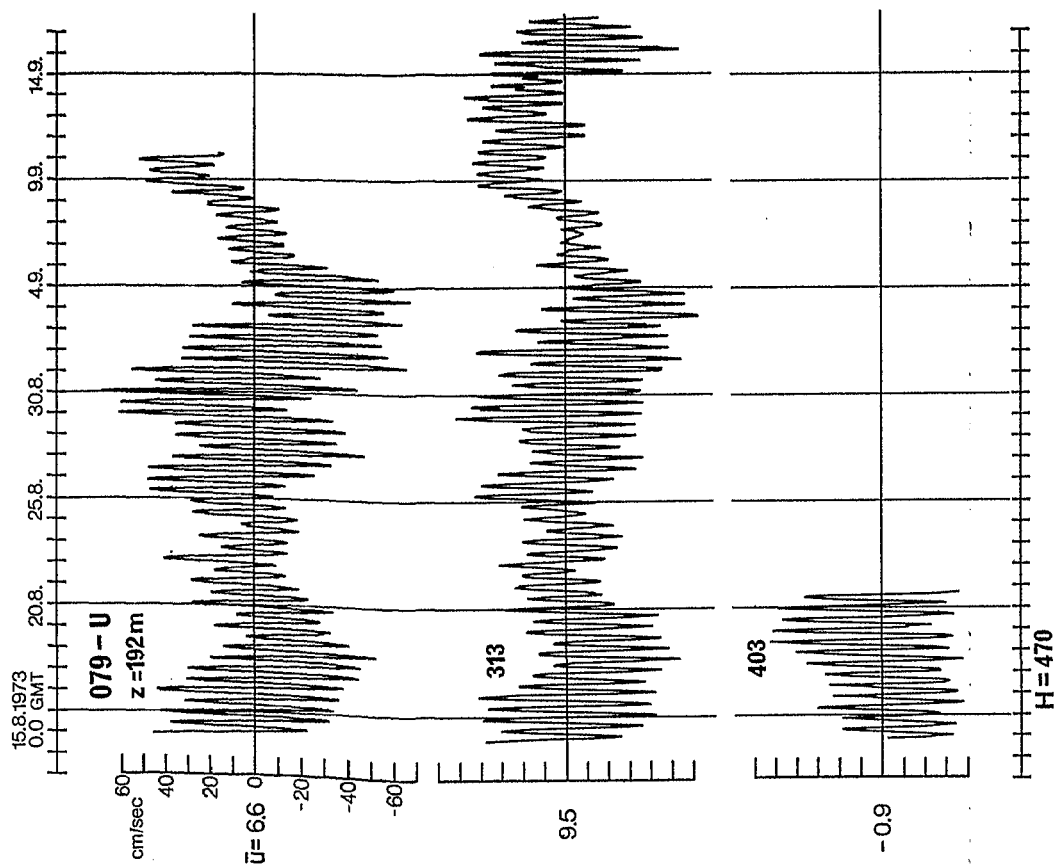
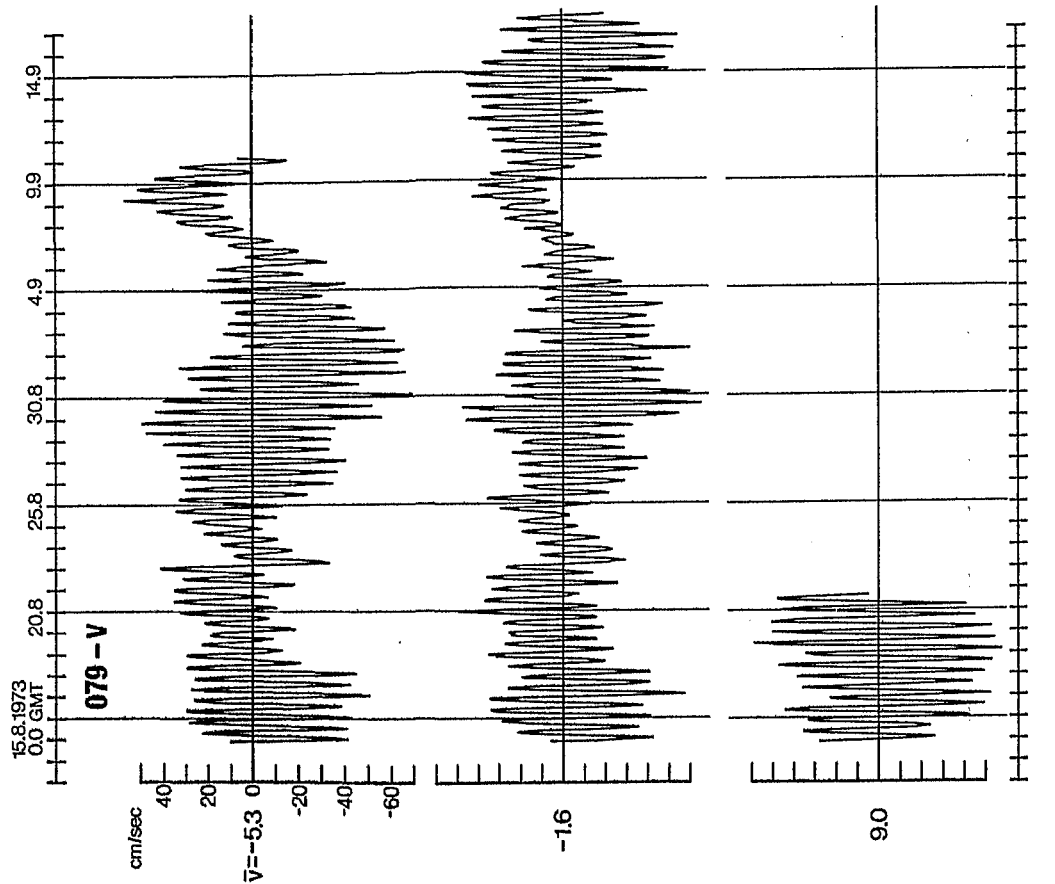


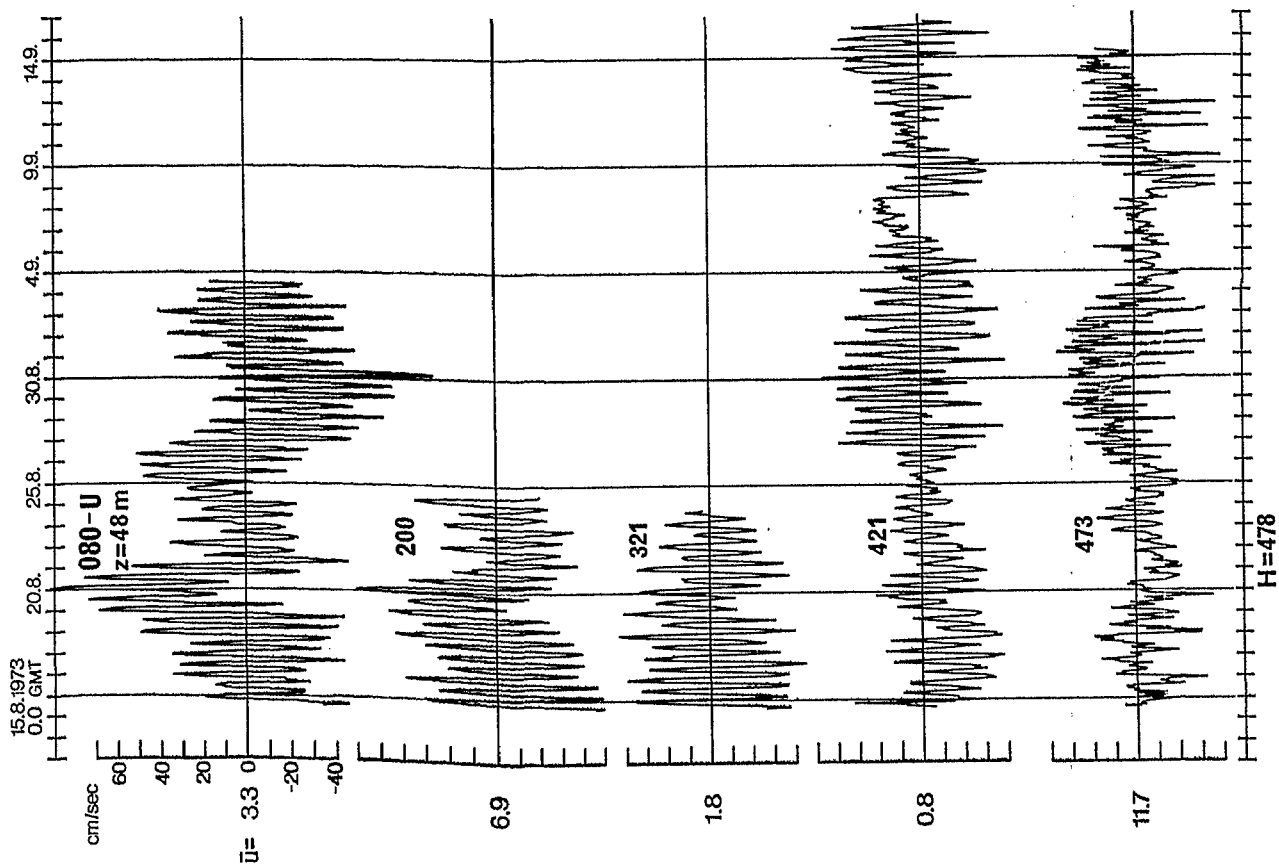
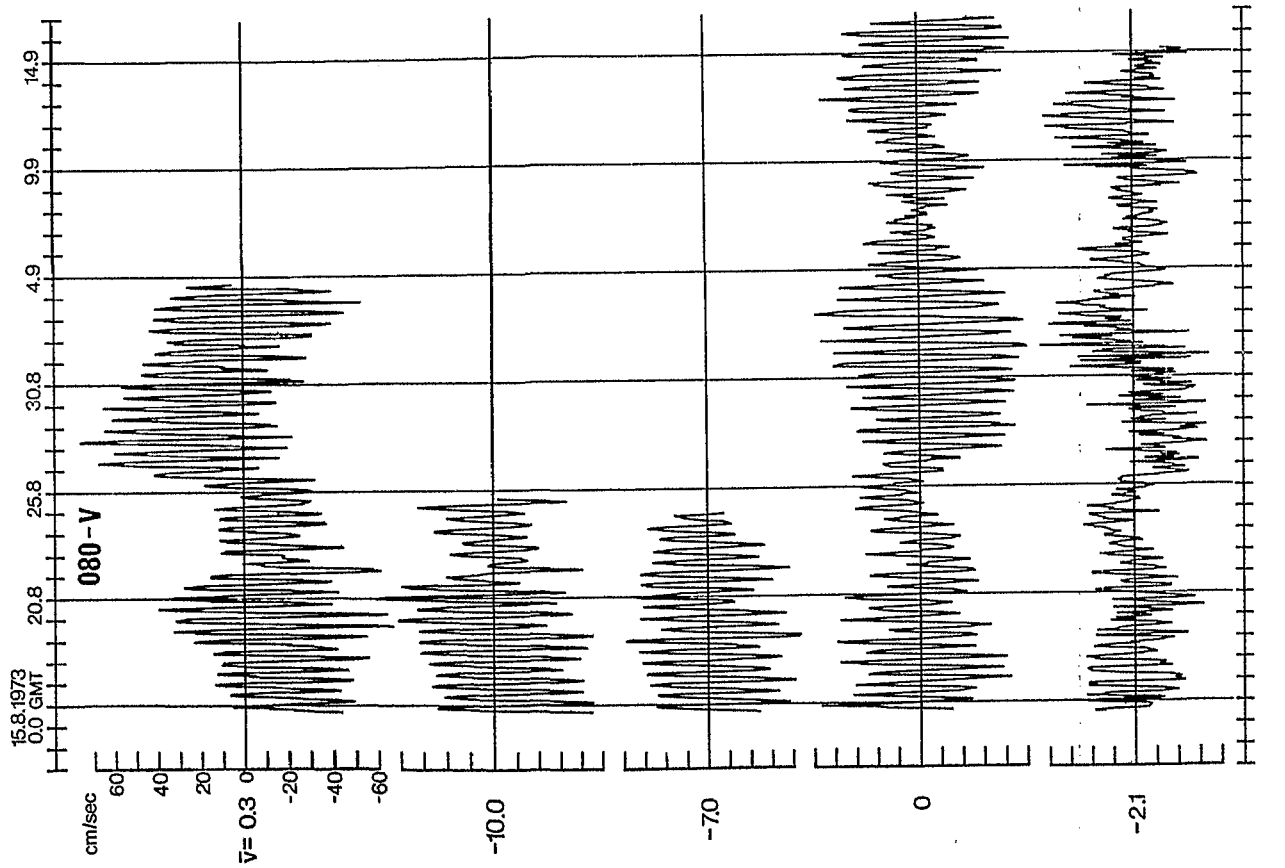


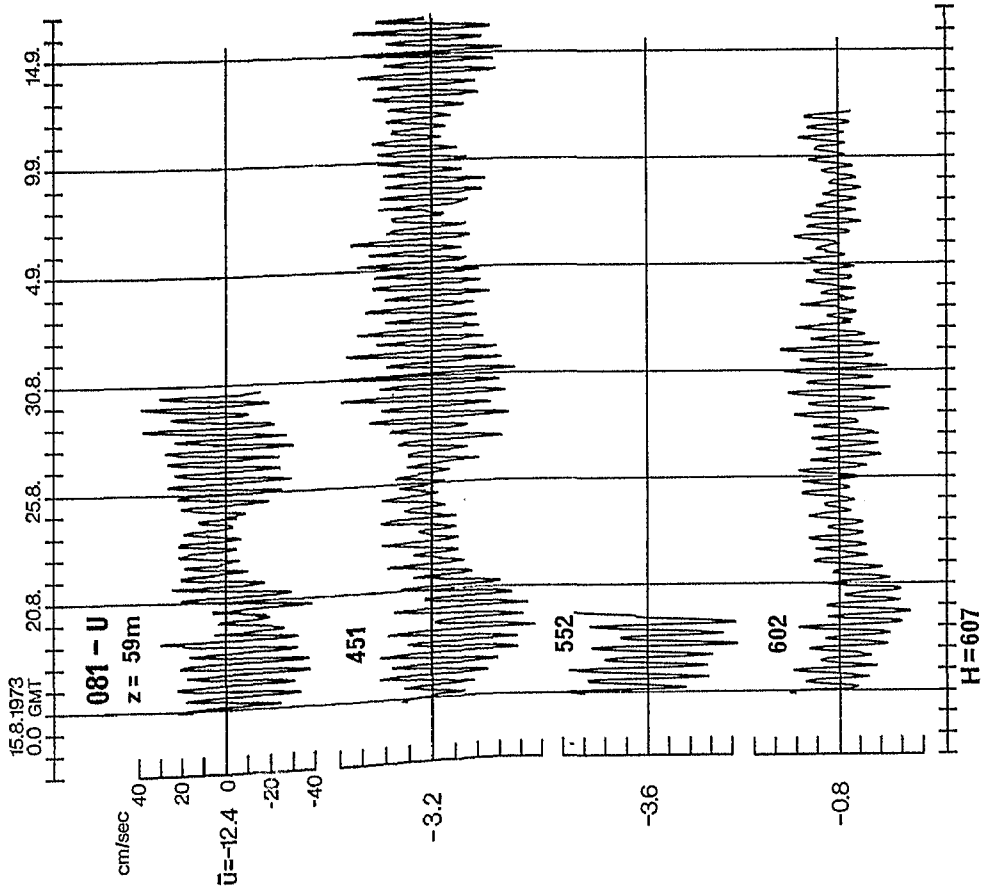
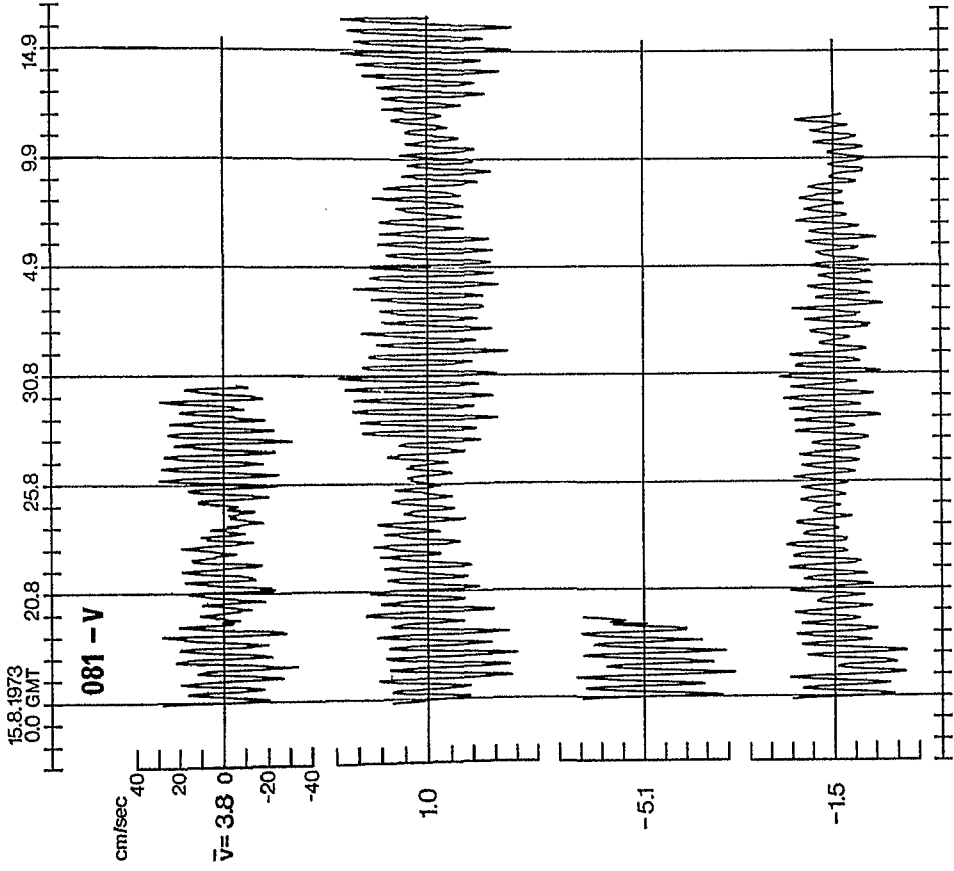


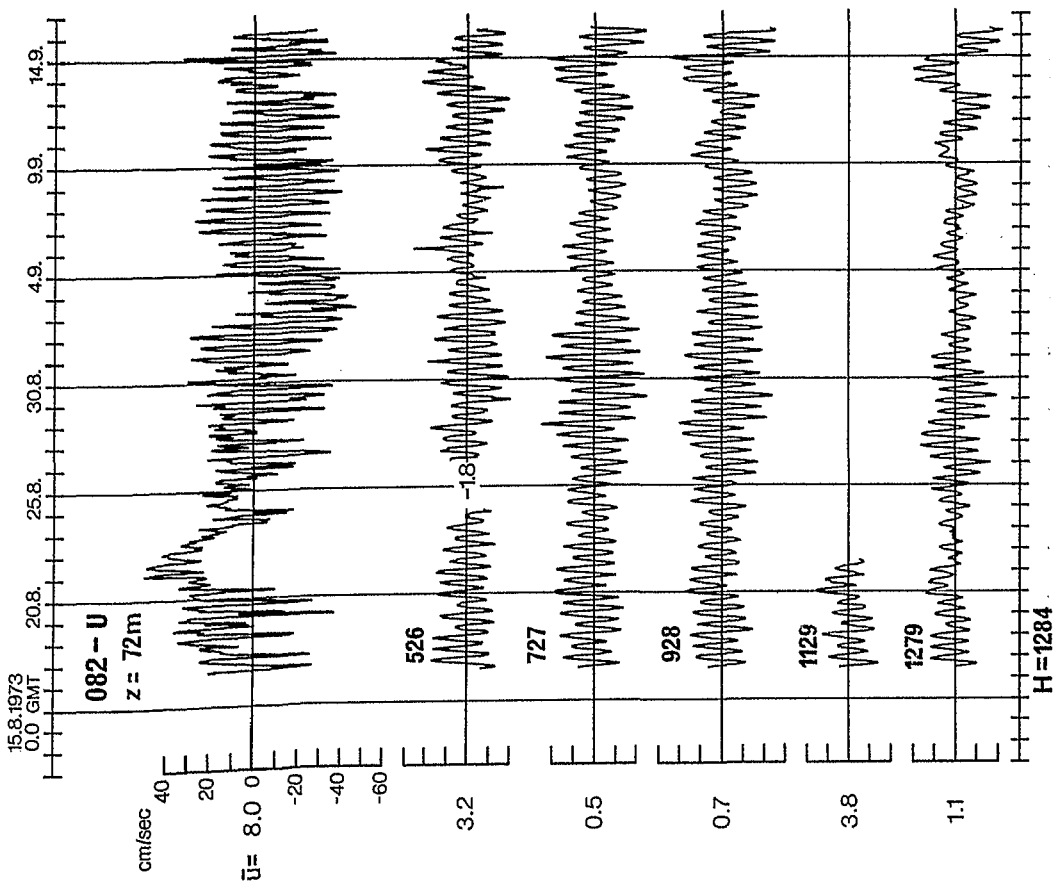
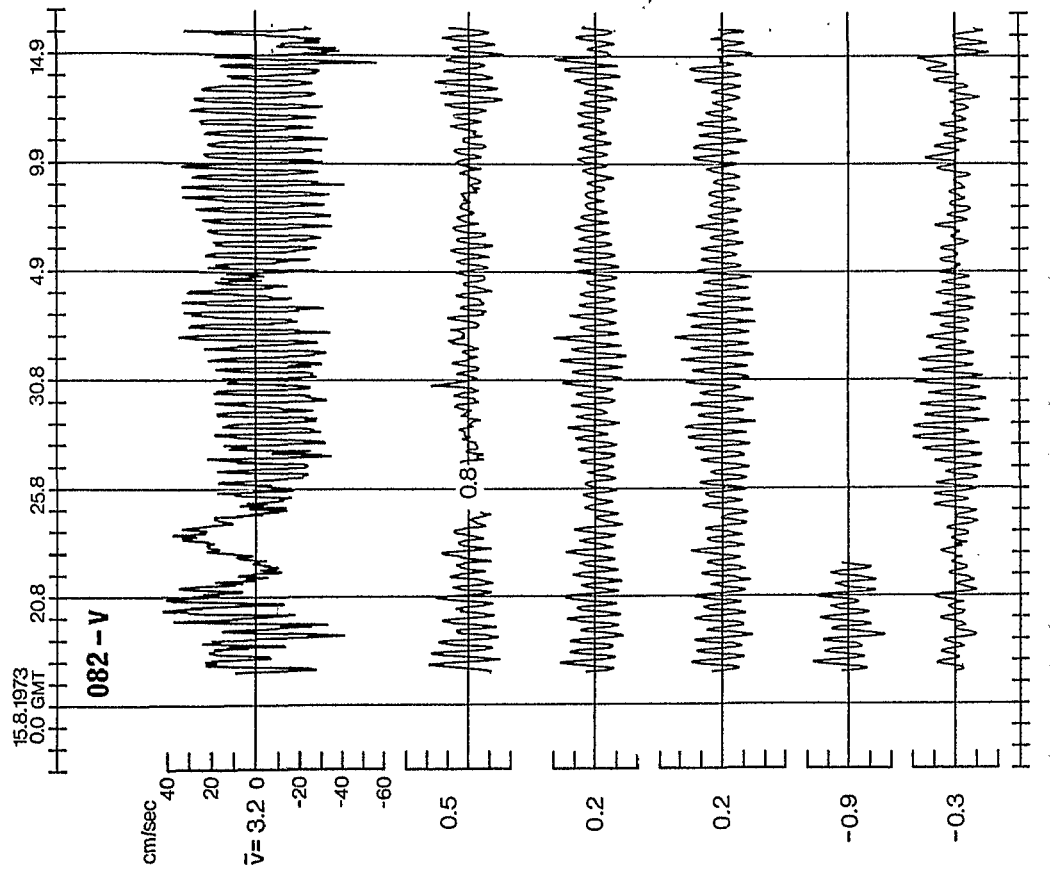


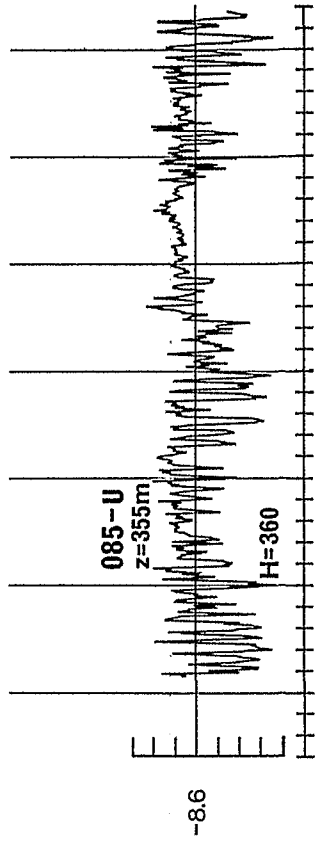
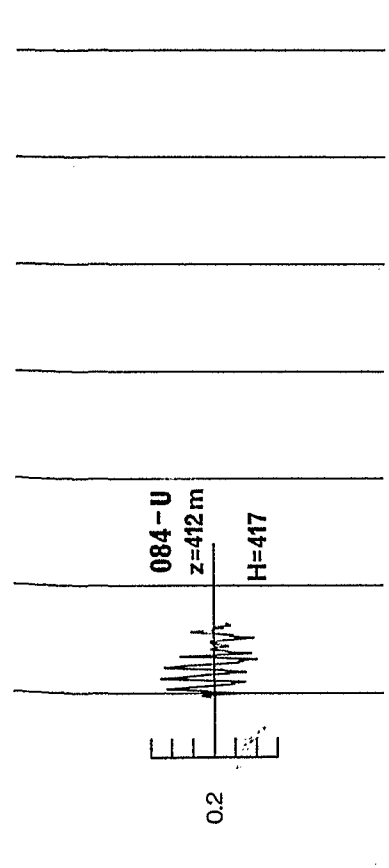
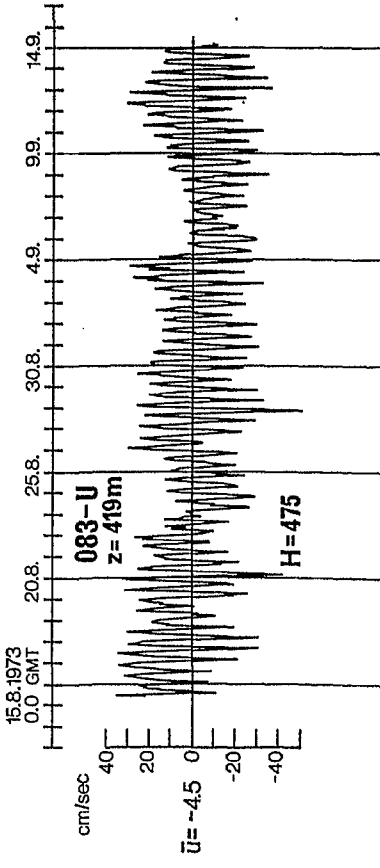
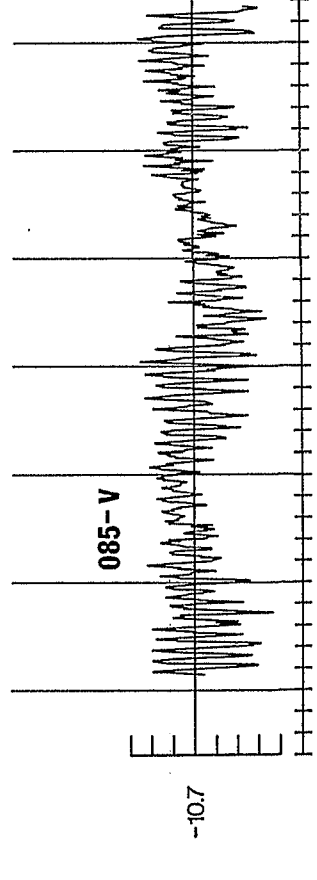
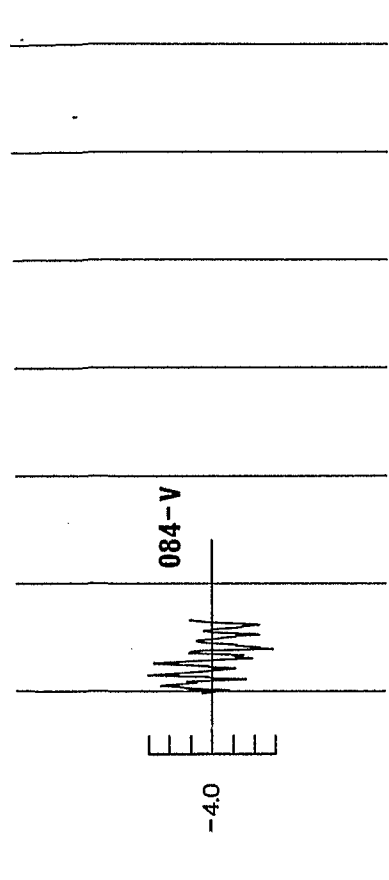
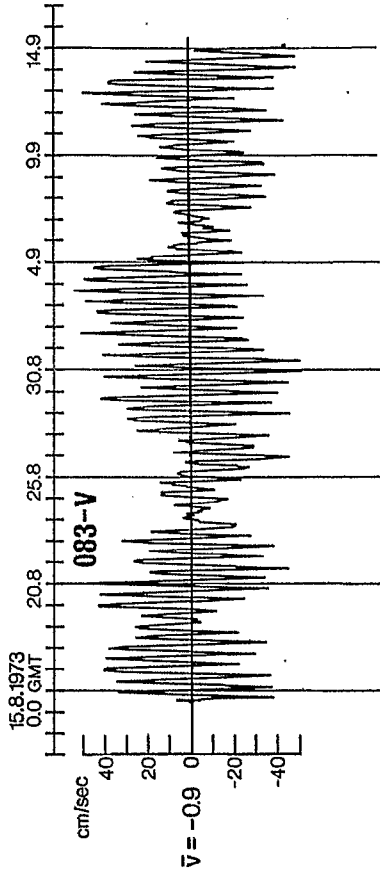


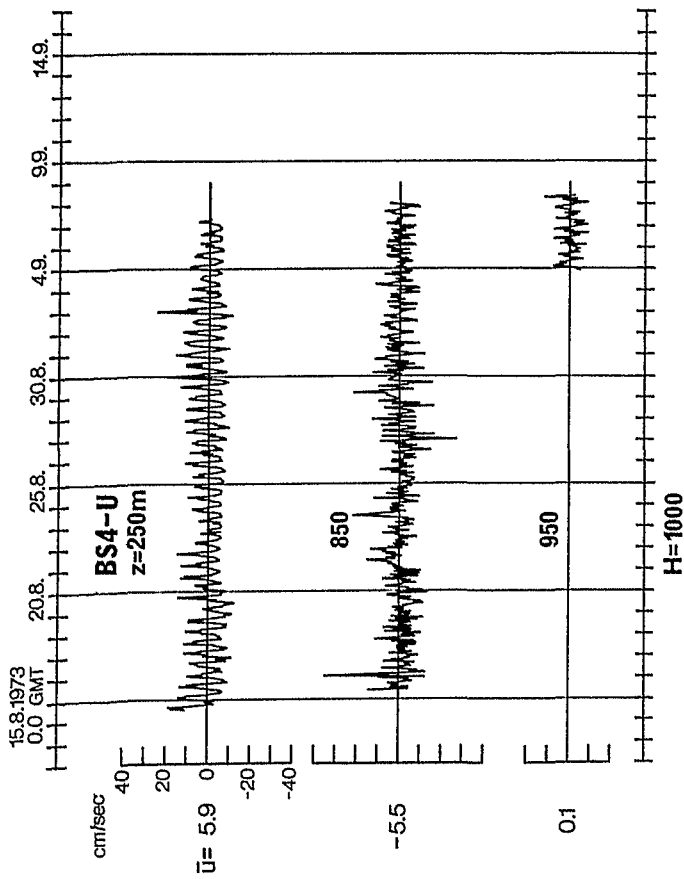
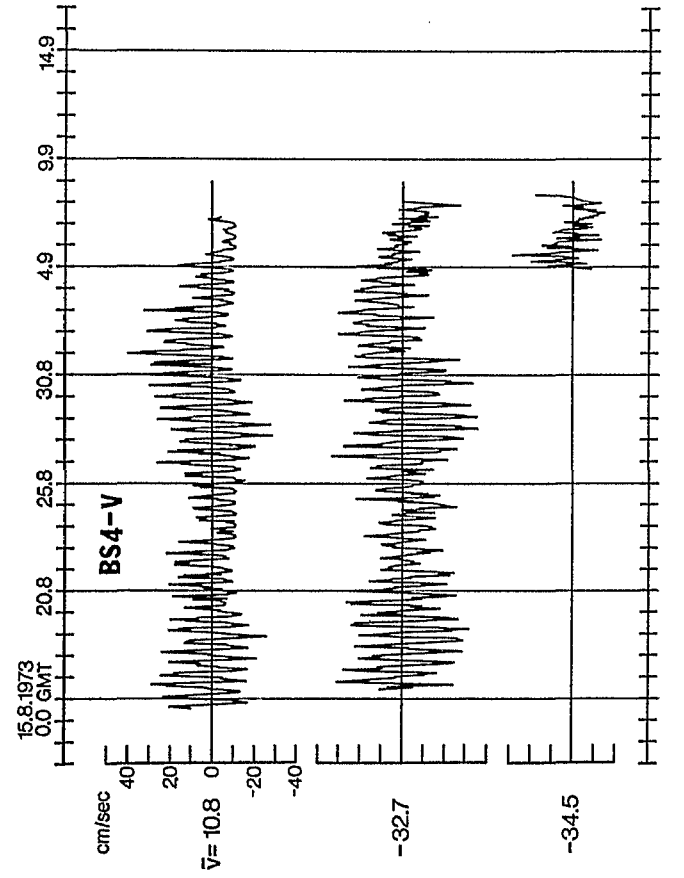








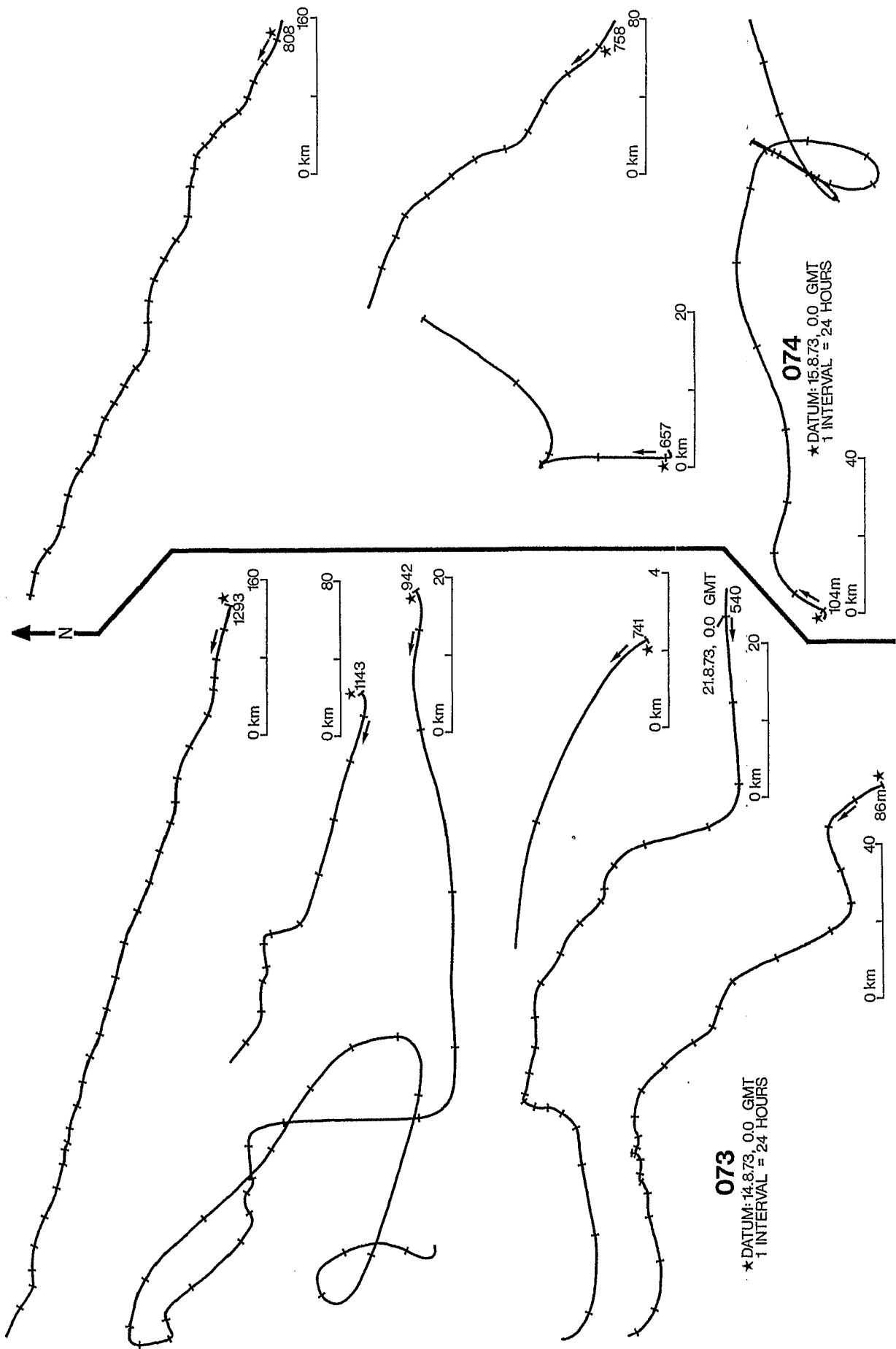






3.4.2 Current-time series presented as progressive vector diagrams

Sliding averages over 25 hourly mean values were used to construct the progressive vector diagrams with a minimum of tidal aliasing. The depth of the instrument, the date of the first time-mark as well as the length scale are given for each diagram separately. The directional orientation of the diagrams refers to the arrow pointing north for each page.

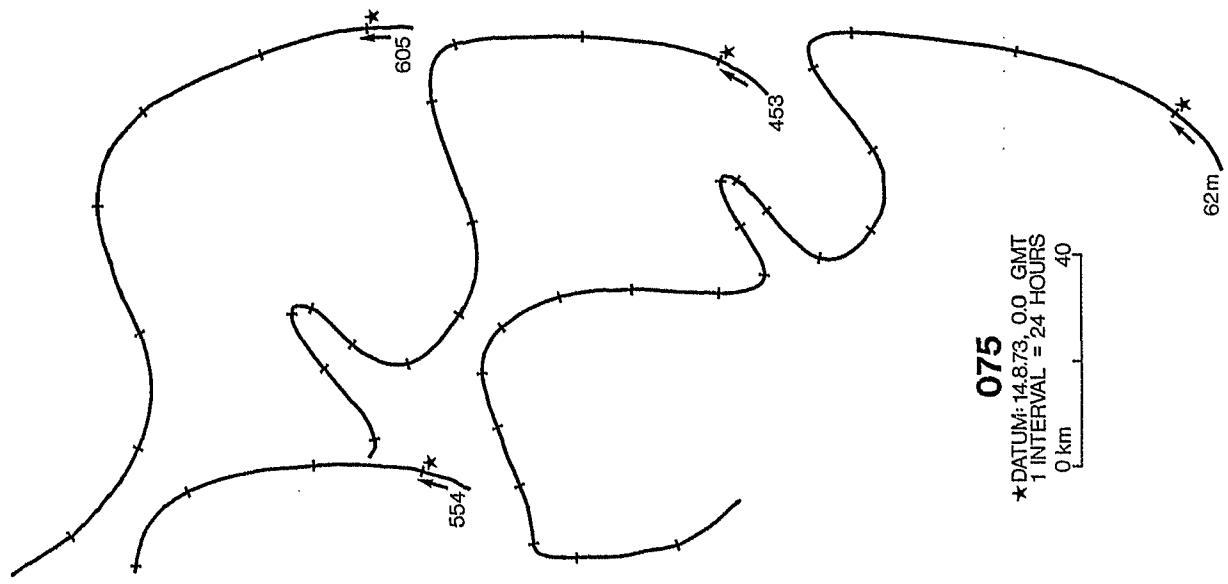
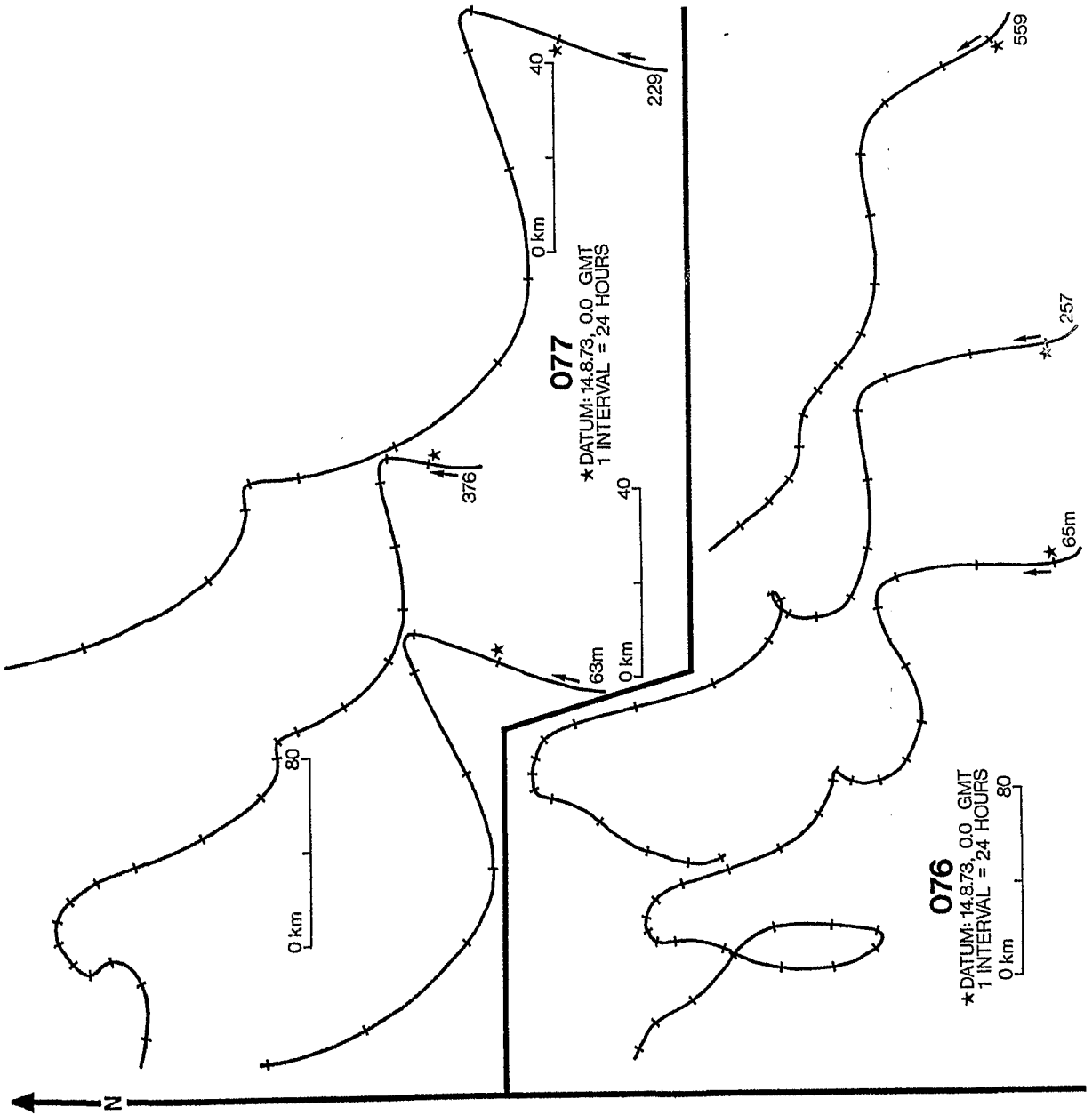


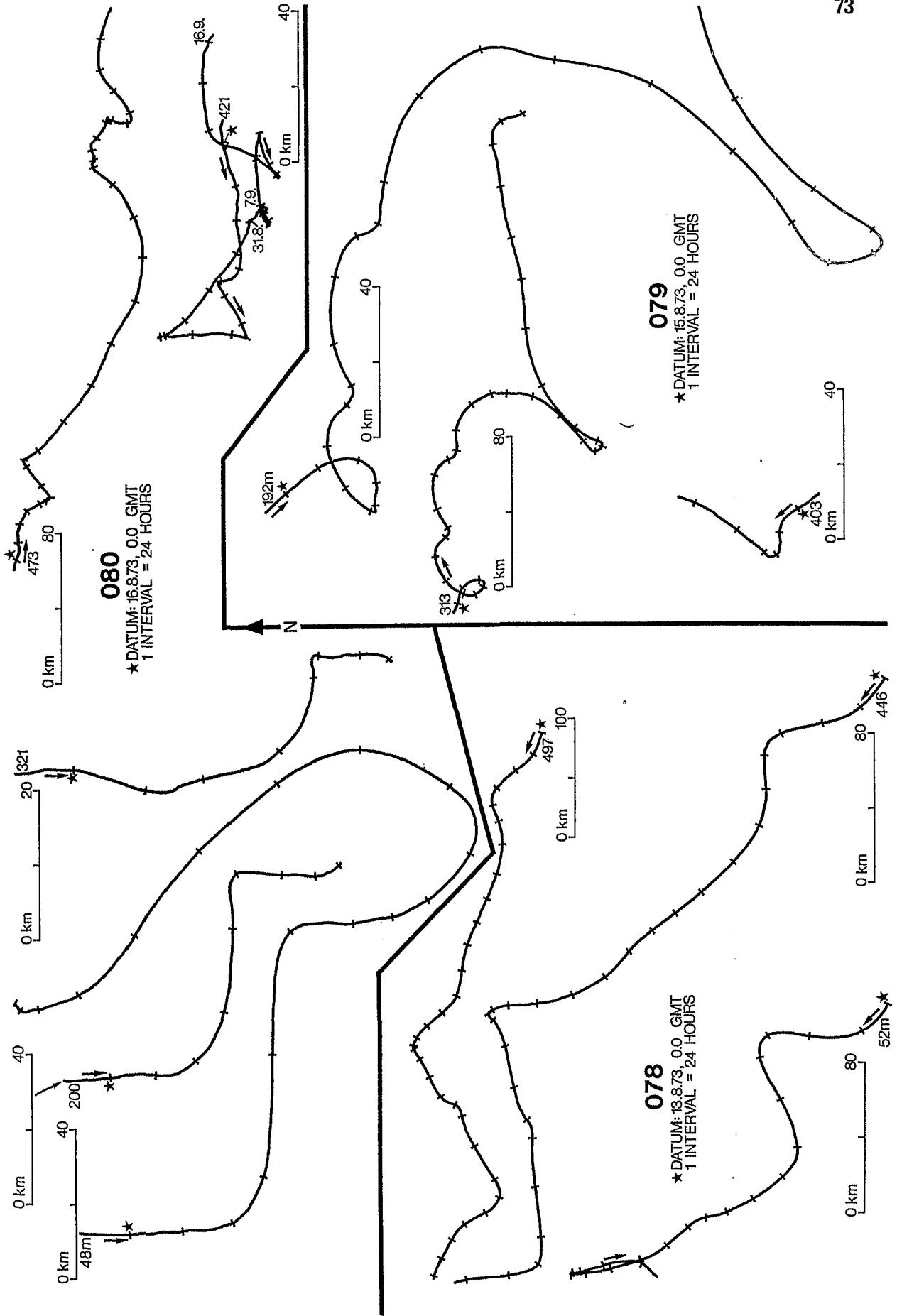
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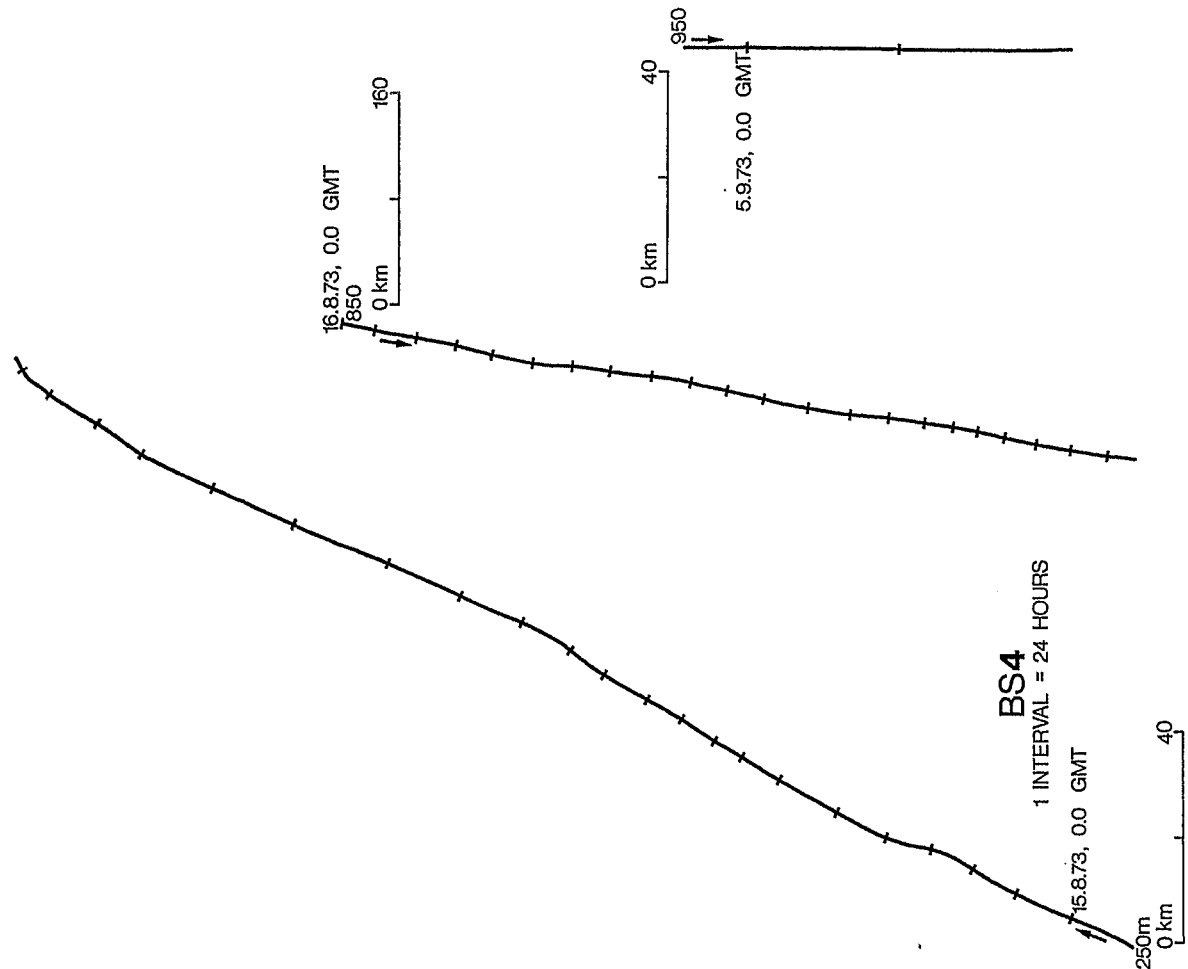
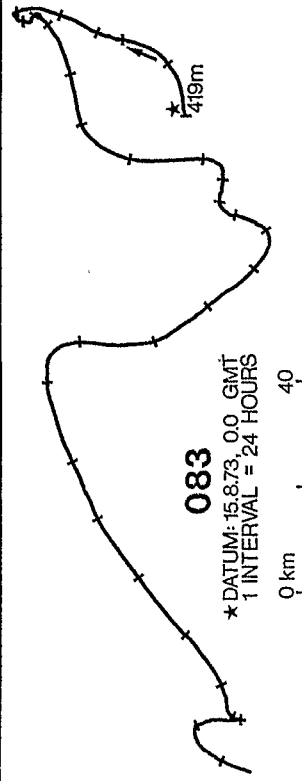
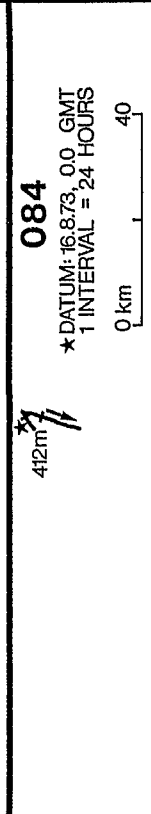
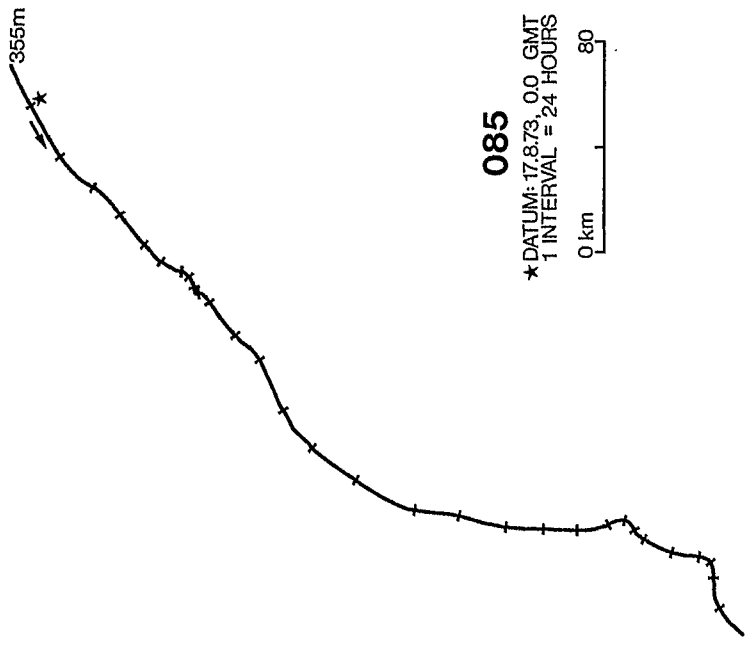
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1 INTERVAL = 24 HOURS

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★ DATUM: 15.8.73, 0.0 GMT
1 INTERVAL = 24 HOURS





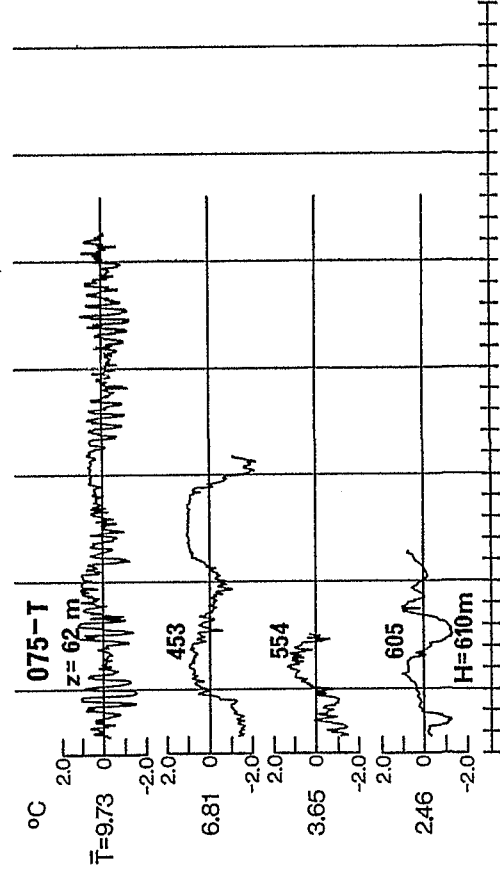
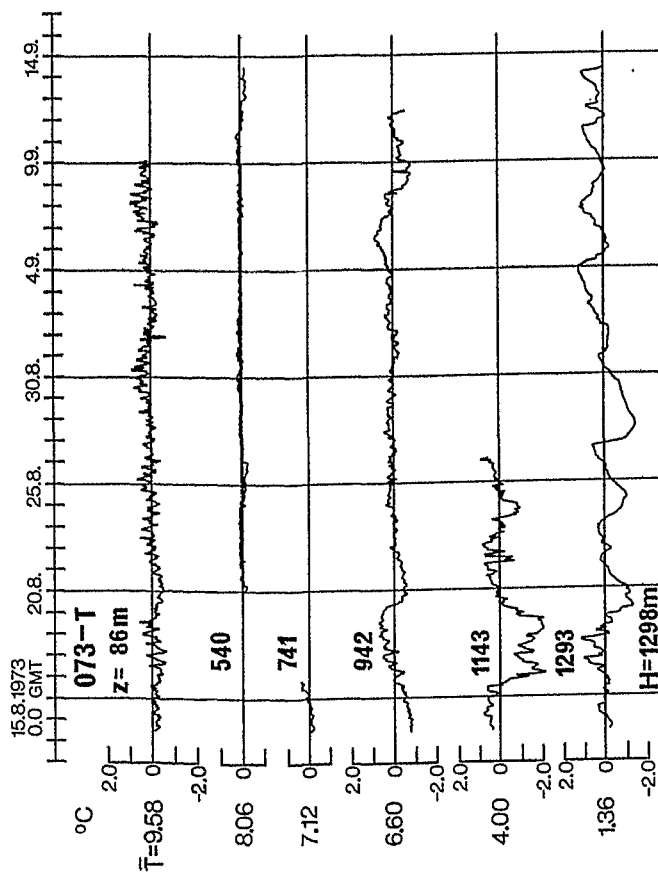
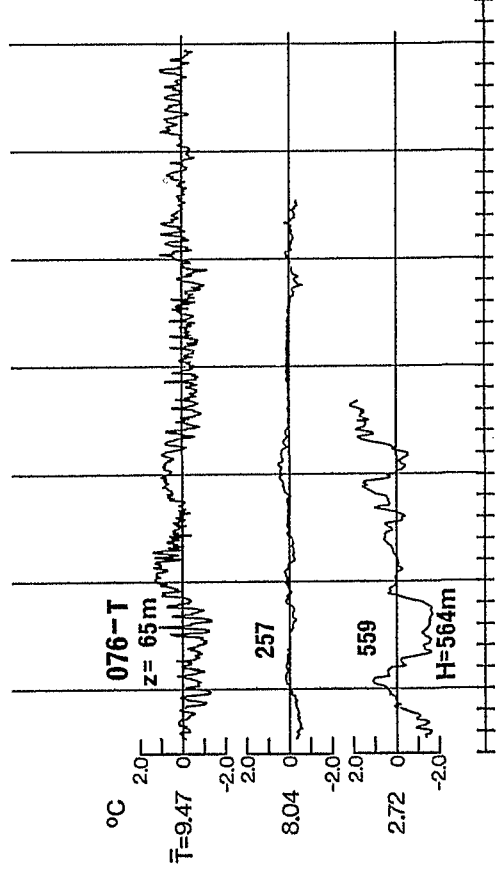
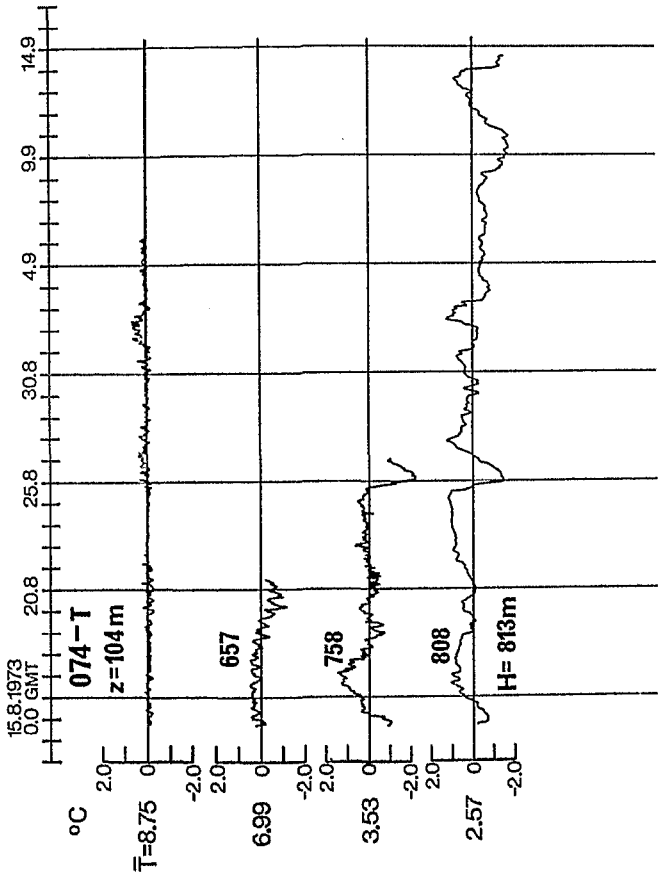


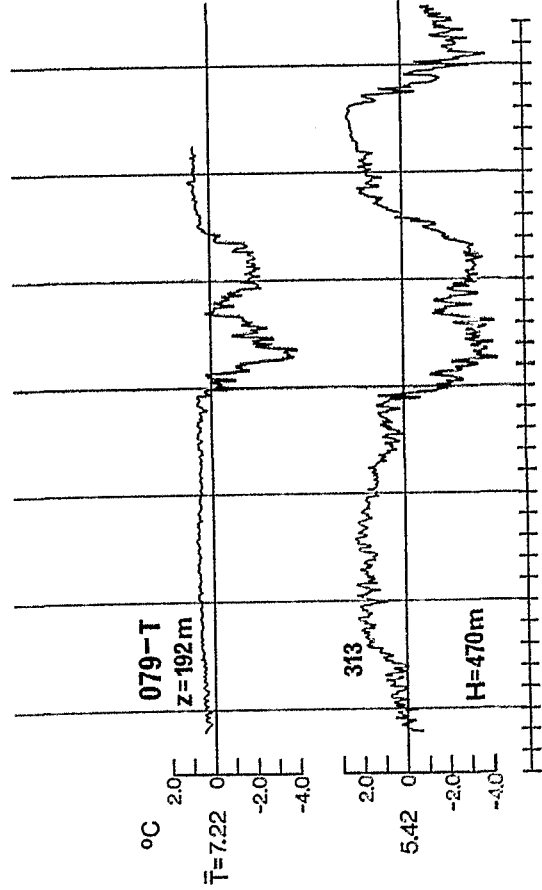
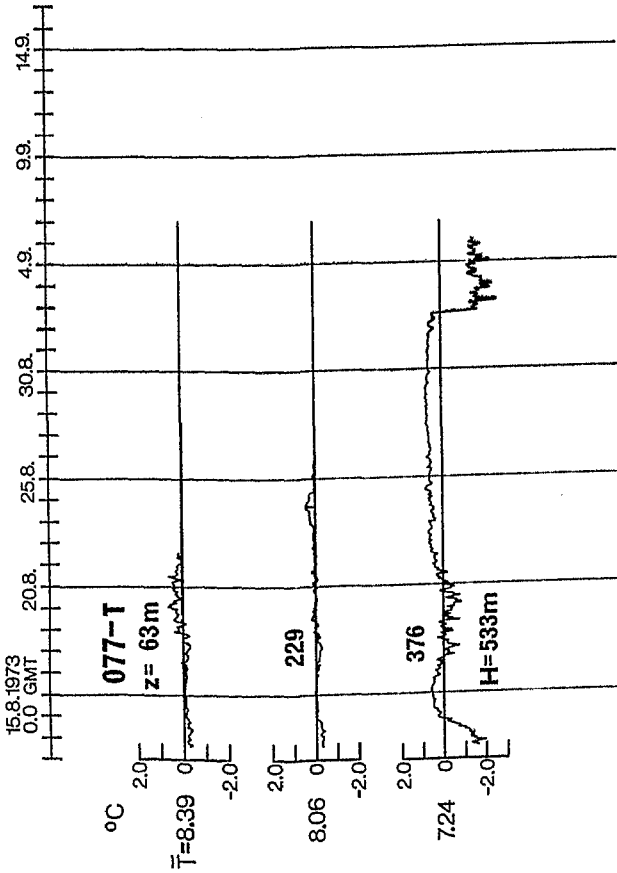
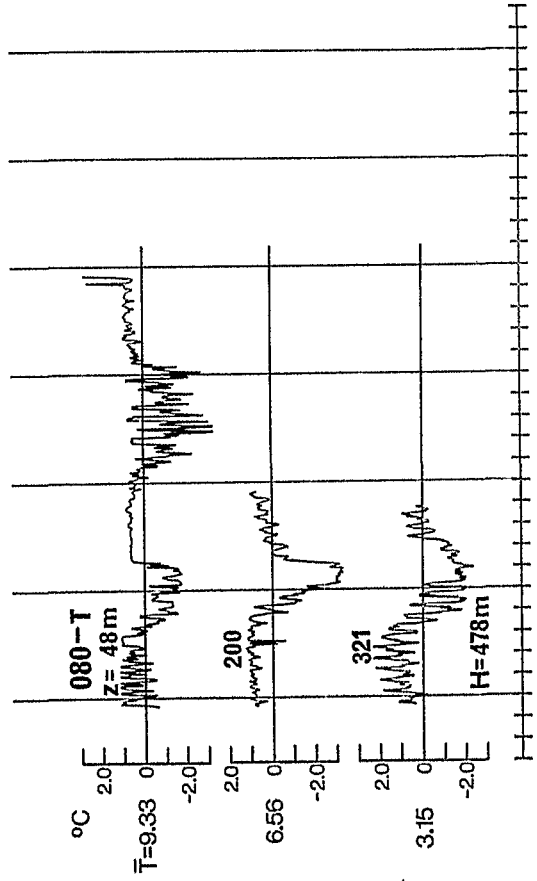
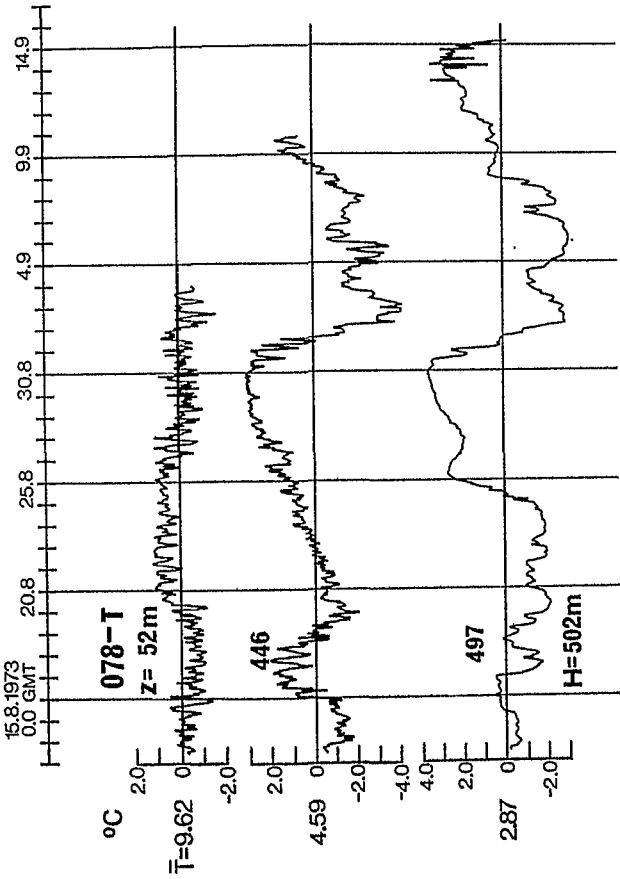
3.4.3 Time series of temperatures measured simultaneously with currents

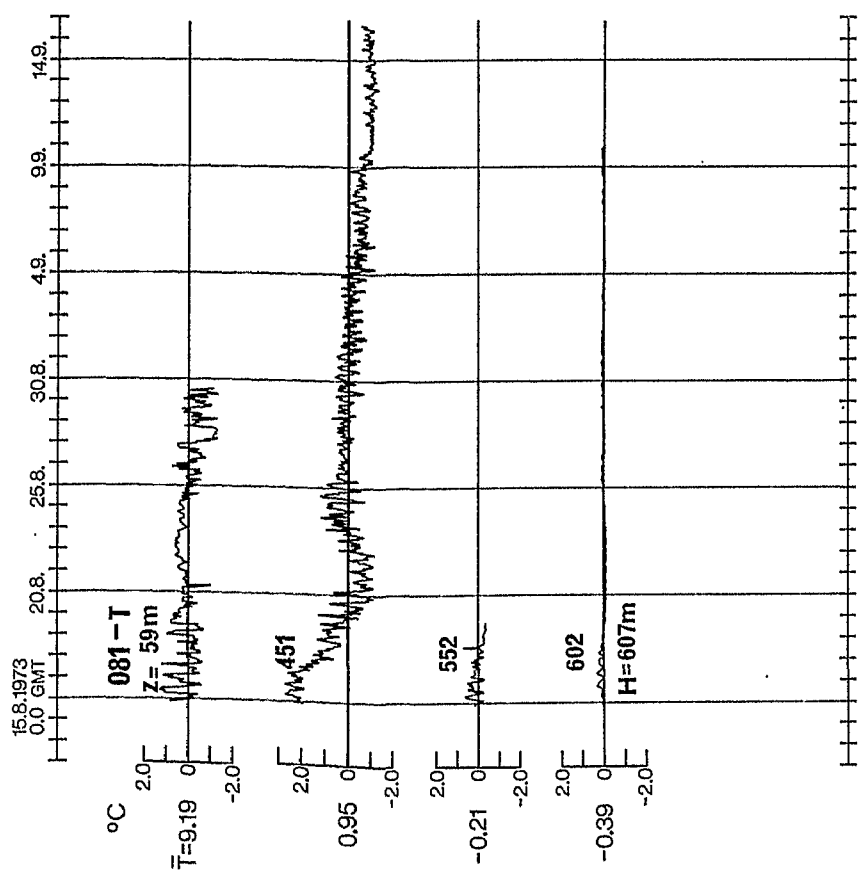
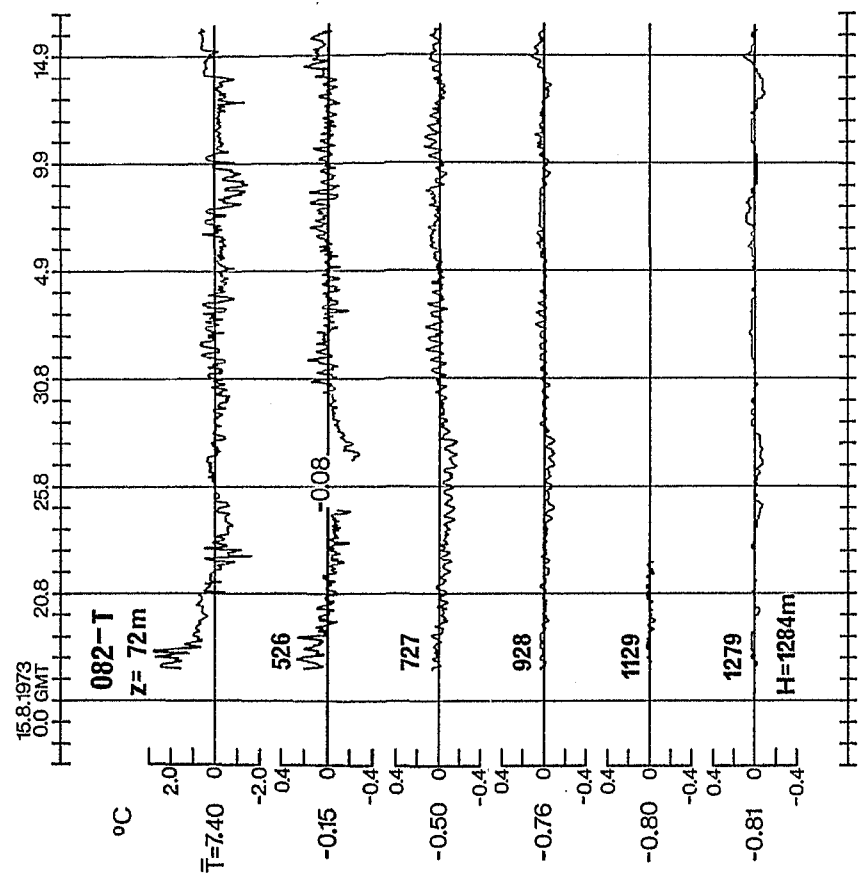
The plots are based on hourly averages with the overall mean value subtracted.

Key to symbols

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| T | = | Temperature |
| \bar{T} | = | Overall mean value |
| z | = | Instrument depth |
| H | = | Bottom depth |





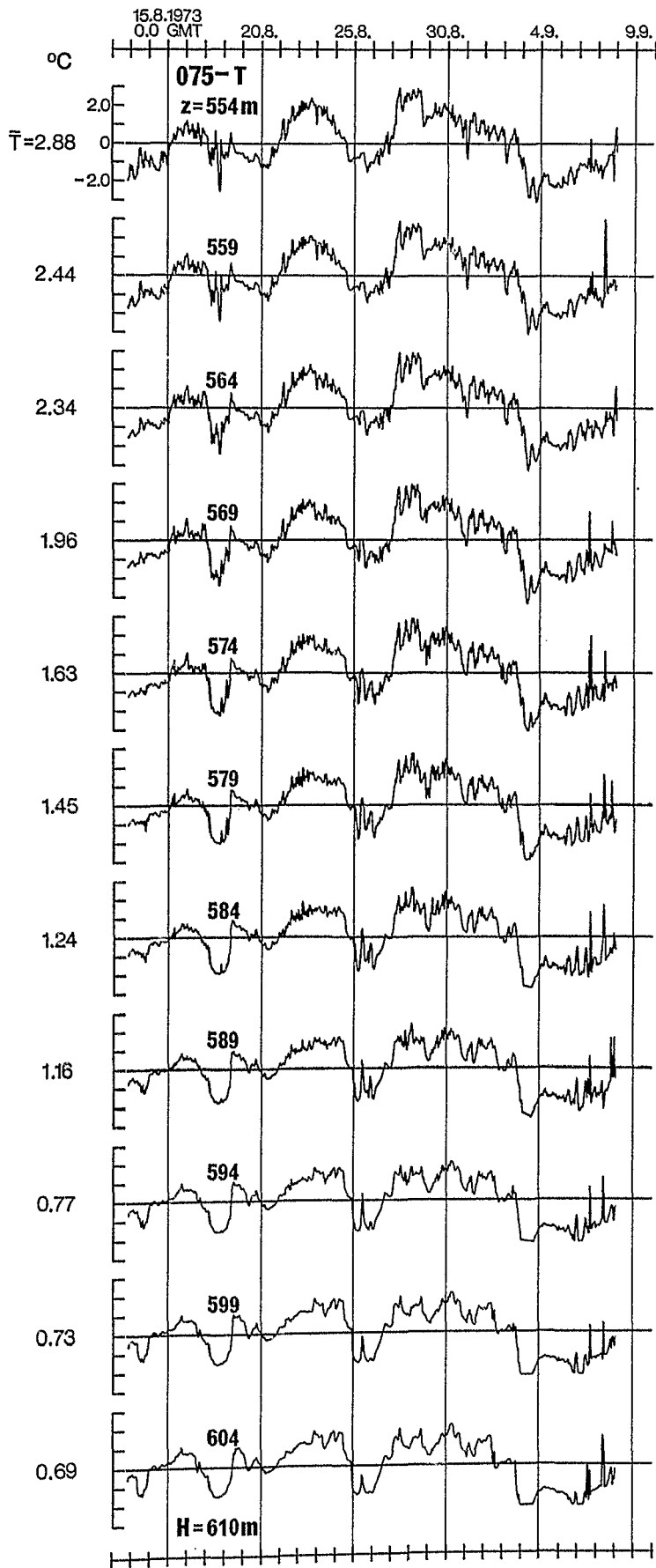


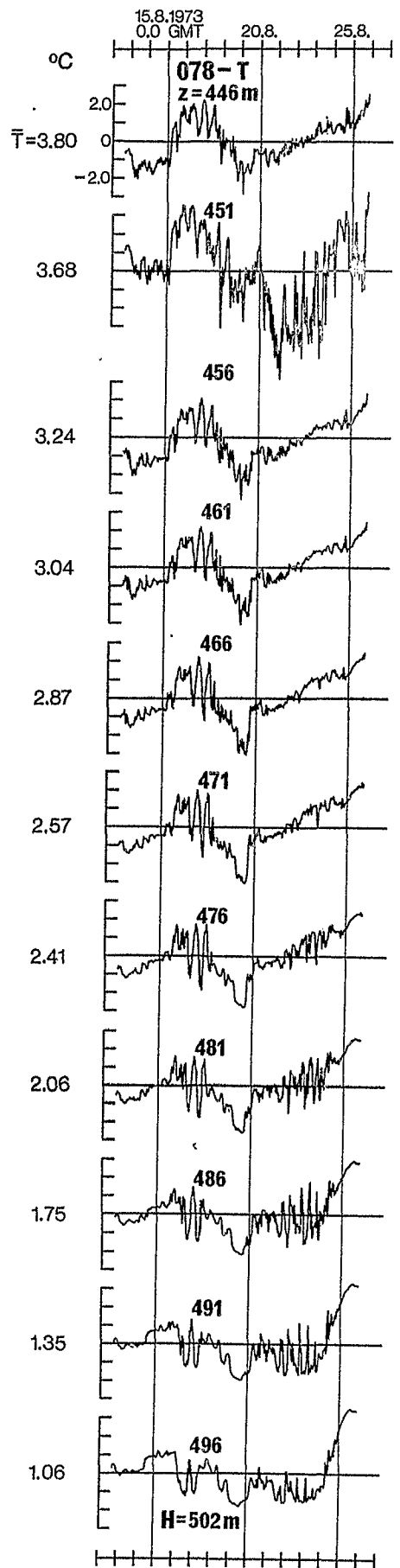
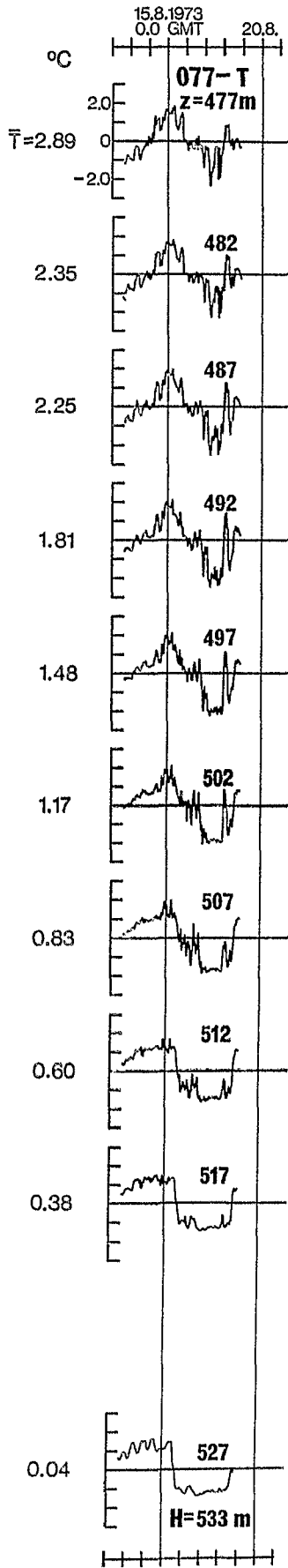
3.4.4 Time series of temperatures measured by thermistor cables

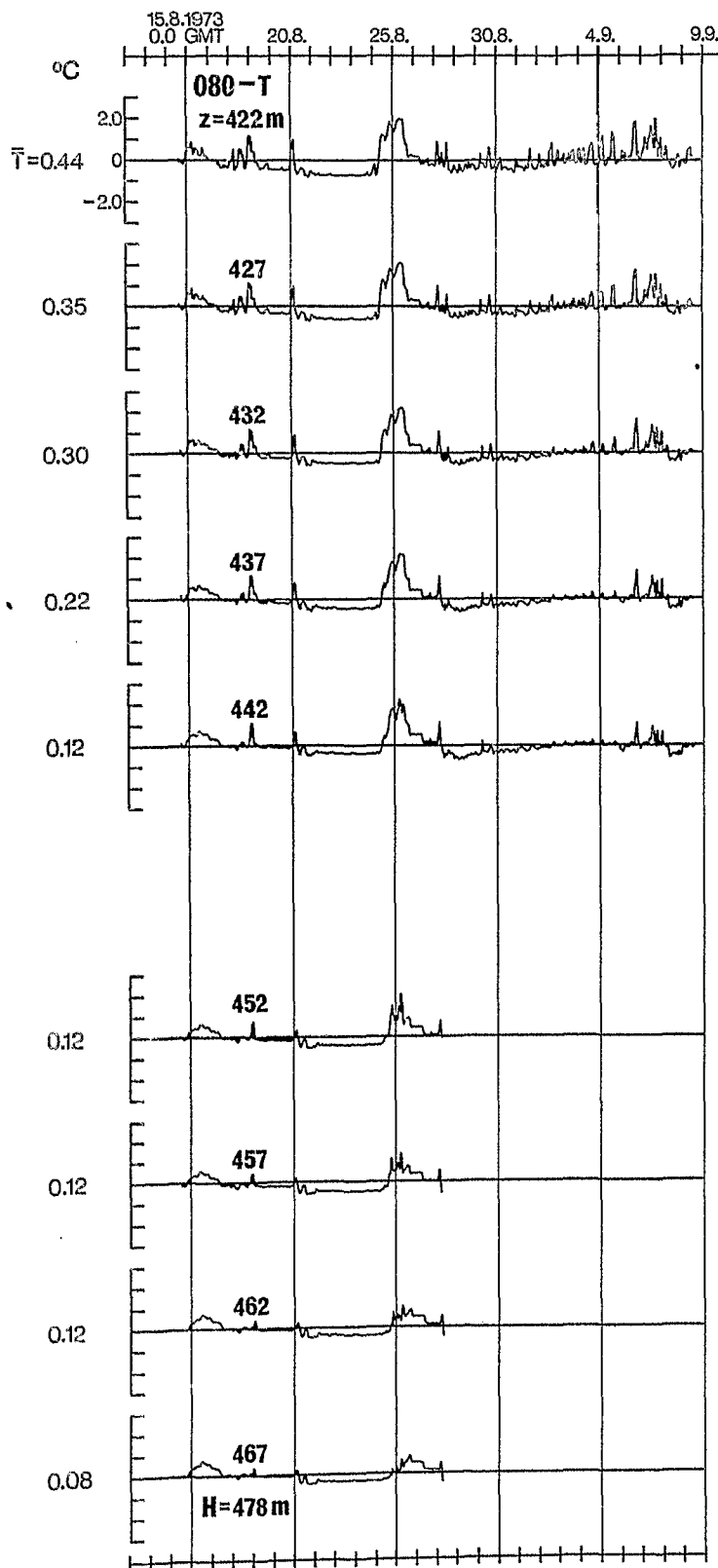
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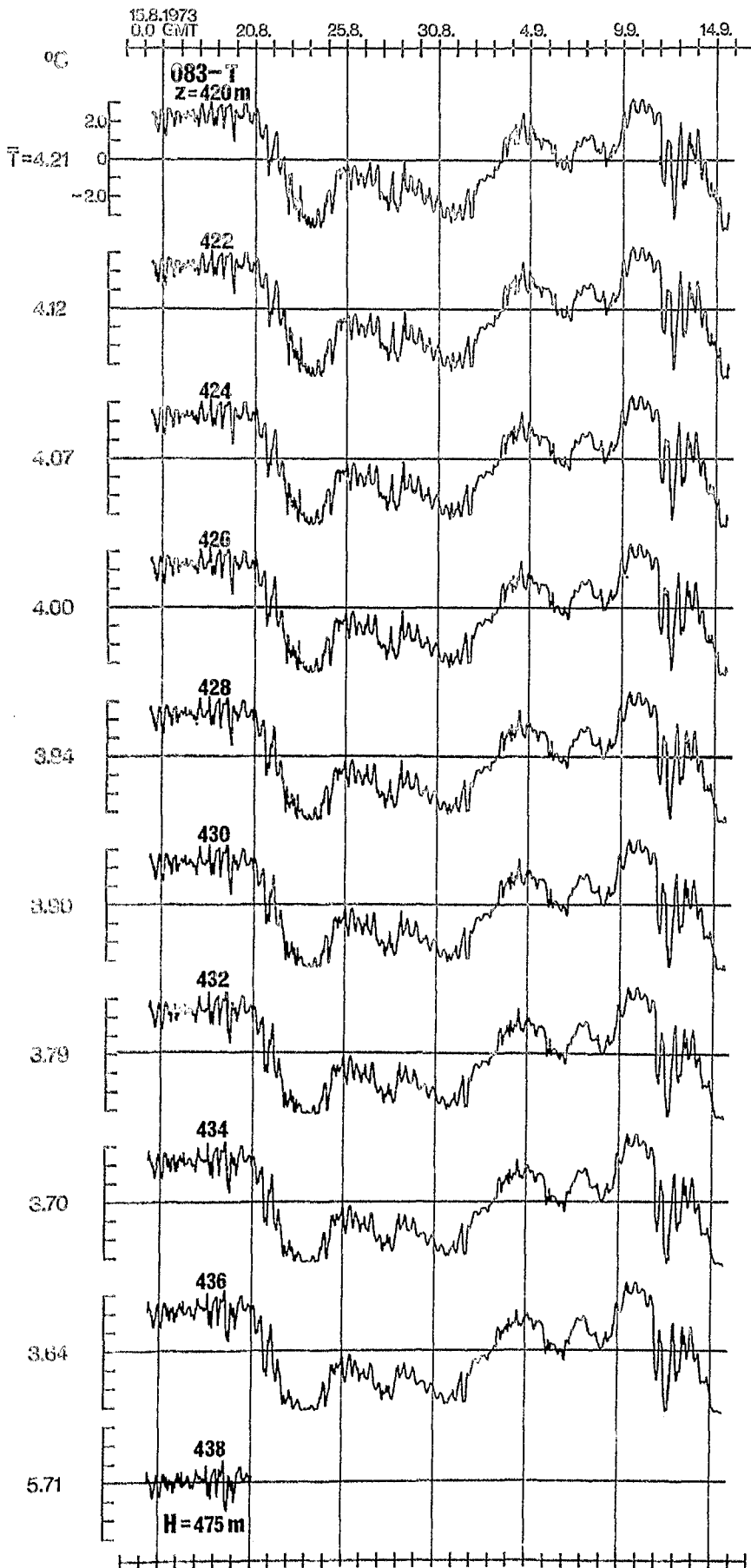
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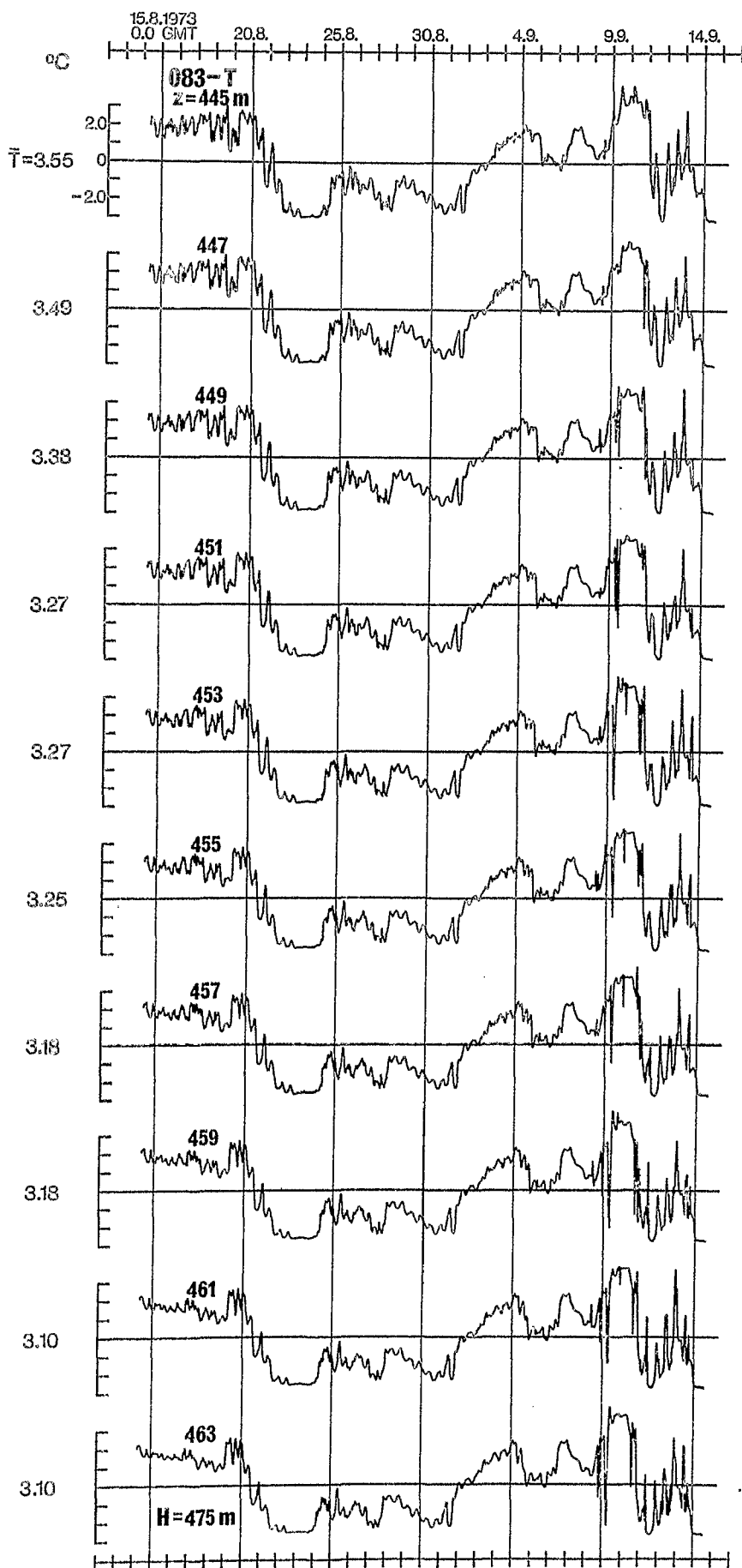
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|-----------|---|--------------------|
| T | = | Temperature |
| \bar{T} | = | Overall mean value |
| z | = | Thermistor depth |
| H | = | Bottom depth |











3.4.5 Time series of temperatures measured by thermistor cables

The plots are based on hourly averages with the overall mean value subtracted. No depths of the individual thermistors can be given, since the moorings were damaged by trawlers at some date and the thermistor cables got mostly separated from the supporting mooring line. Therefore the time series are not representing the temperature at a fixed depth, the record however is still useful to some degree for time series analysis.

