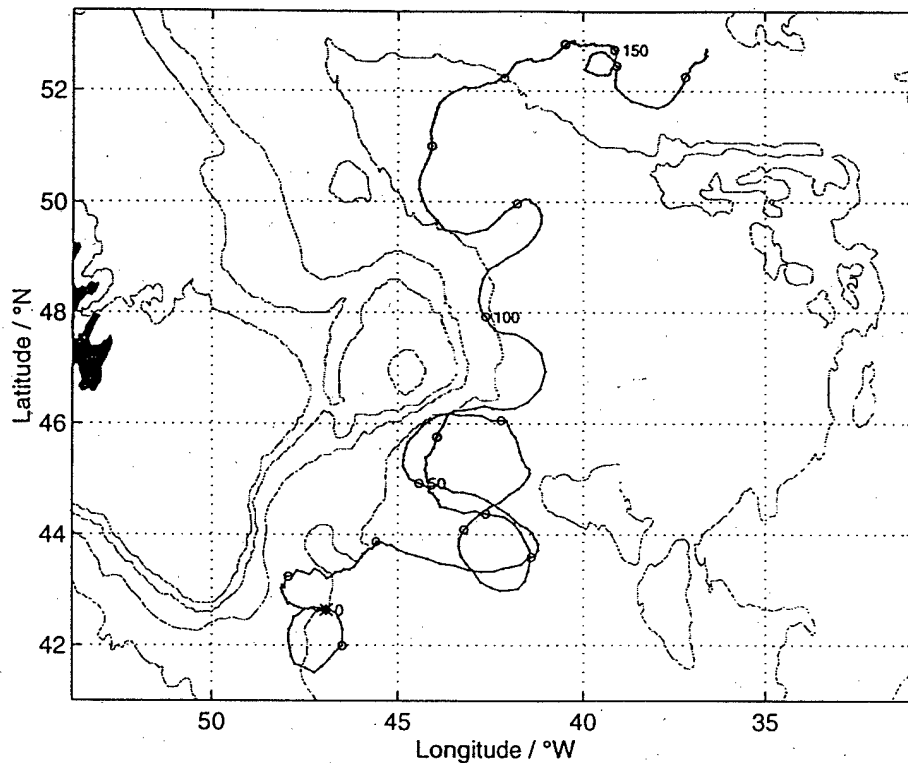


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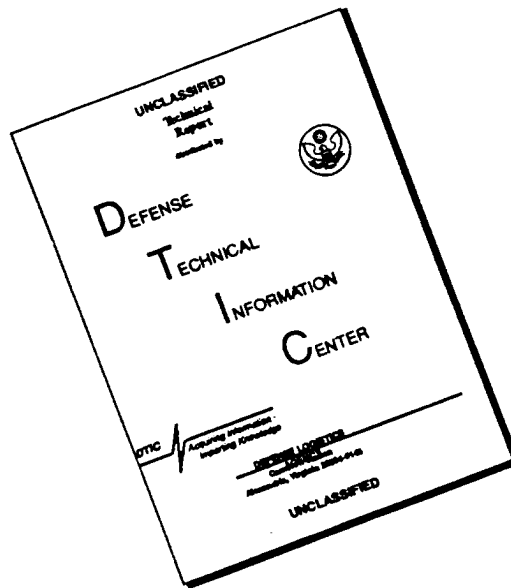
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1. Introduction

This is the final data report of all RAFOS float data collected during the 1993-1995 study of the North Atlantic Current (NAC) and adjacent waters in the Newfoundland Basin. The objective of the program, jointly supported by the Office of Naval Research and the National Science Foundation, was to study the structure of the currents in the NAC region and the exchange of waters between the subtropical and subpolar gyres in the Newfoundland Basin. One hundred floats were deployed on two density surfaces corresponding to $\sigma_t = 27.2$ and 27.5 , respectively. All floats were designed to cycle once or twice a day to density surfaces $0.1 \sigma_t$ units above and below their nominal level to determine changes in stratification and temperature along the trajectories. Three separate float deployments took place: July-August 1993, November-December 1993 and October-November 1994. The first cruise was on the R/V *Oceanus*, the other two on the CSS *Hudson*. CTD casts were taken at nearly all deployments. Most float missions had a duration of ten months. The floats were tracked using four moored sound sources developed by Sparton of Canada, energized by power modules from Webb Research Corp. of East Falmouth, Massachusetts (Rossby et al., 1993). The sources were deployed on the R/V *Oceanus* cruise (July 1993) and recovered on a CSS *Hudson* cruise in June 1995.

2. Description of RAFOS *f/h* floats

The float used in this project is based on the design developed for the Anatomy of Gulf Stream Meanders project (Rossby et al., 1994). That paper should be consulted for a detailed discussion of the principle of operation and some first test results in the Gulf Stream. The *f/h* float is basically a standard isopycnal RAFOS float to which a small pump, or *volume changer* (VOCHA), has been added. The pump changes the volume or, equivalently, the density (since the mass is constant) of the float $\pm 0.01\%$ (1.5 cm^3 in 15 liters), causing it to move up or down to the corresponding isopycnal. Once the float is at equilibrium (which was assumed to be attained within a given time delay), the pressure and temperature

are recorded. The difference in pressure between the two neighboring surfaces yields an estimate of stratification. The floats are made very nearly isopycnal in seawater by adding a compressible element (the compressesee) so that the complete float has very nearly the same compressibility ($\pm 1\%$) as that of the seawater. See Rossby et al. (1985) or Goodman and Levine (1990) for a detailed discussion. The time series of pressure, temperature and their differences between the isopycnal surfaces are plotted for all floats (Section 9).

3. Float Ballasting

All floats were ballasted at the Graduate School of Oceanography. Ballasting consists of several stages, all to ensure that the float will descend to the desired level (or density surface). We will summarize the ballasting procedure here, and for more detail the reader is referred to Rossby et al. (1986), König and Zenk (1992), Swift and Riser (1994), and Boebel et al. (1995). First the assembled float is weighed on a digital precision scale, then "preballasted" in an unpressurized tank filled with room temperature tap water. The float is initially positively buoyant in the tank, and weights (approximately 2 kg) are added until the float is almost neutrally buoyant. This extra weight is released when the float mission is over, thus allowing the float to rise to the surface and expose the glass-enclosed Argos antenna. Free-hanging chains are taped to the bottom of the float before the float is placed in the high-pressure tank. Additional trim weights are added so that the float has a slight negative buoyancy, with some of the chain now resting on the floor of the pressure tank. The float is positioned so that a video camera, aimed through a porthole in the side of the tank, is able to view a graduated paper scale inside the float. The tank is then closed and pressurized. The float itself is significantly less compressible than water, and increases in buoyancy (and thus rises) with increased pressure, lifting more of the suspended chain off the tank floor. The f/h floats, however, have a compressesee, whereby the compressibility of water is nearly matched, and therefore have little or no change in buoyancy with pressure. The scale height versus tank pressure is recorded, and this scale reading indicates the length of chain suspended. The tank's pressure is slowly cycled up and down, and stopped at intervals to record the pressure

level and the scale reading. When we feel that the pressure versus scale reading relationship is well defined, the tank is depressurized, the water temperature is measured again, the trim weights are removed and weighed, and the float is removed from the tank. Since individual floats vary slightly in properties (due to irregularities in the glass and stiffness of the compressesee), individual pressure-scale relationships (or more precisely, compressibility) must be computed, and thus this ballasting process must be repeated for each float.

The pressure-scale relationship allows us to determine the correct weight to add to the float to achieve neutral buoyancy at the target pressure, albeit with tank water at tank temperature. To correct for the target temperatures and salinities, the target density and the density of the tank water are computed from the seawater equation-of-state (Fofonoff and Millard, 1983). The difference between these densities multiplied by the float's target volume (accounting for the float's compressibility and thermal expansion) gives the additional weight required to assure neutral buoyancy at the specified level in the ocean. This seawater weight correction is approximately 500 grams. For a float to reach a target isopycnal to within $0.1 \sigma_t$, the float's equation-of-state must be known to (and the mass of the float corrected to) 1.5 grams out of a total float mass of 15000 grams.

The uncertainty of the ballasting procedure itself is less than $0.03 \sigma_t$ units (0.5 gram), but this is for fresh water in the tank. In practice the accuracy is closer to $\pm 0.1 \sigma_t$ in the three groups of floats that were ballasted, as can be seen from the differences in nominal and estimated σ_t in Tables 2a-c. Knowledge of the ballasting errors comes from a detailed comparison with the CTD casts made at the time of deployment and the time history of temperature during their missions. The reason for this larger error comes from the additional step of adding a nearly 500 gram weight to make a float neutrally buoyant on an isopycnal surface in the ocean. In principle this is very straightforward. In practice, errors creep in, primarily due to variations in apparent density resulting from the type of anti-corrosion treatment or paint used to protect the different groups of drop weights. We know from more recent experience ballasting 12 floats for a Gulf Stream project in September 1995 that these errors or uncertainties can be reduced significantly. Those 12 floats, whose add-on weights

were not painted or given any surface treatment, went to the target density $\pm 0.03 \sigma_t$ units.

In discussing the density surfaces, we often refer to a certain σ_t surface. In reality we think the floats behave much more like specific volume anomaly (δ) surface followers. σ_t surfaces are defined only in terms of temperature and salinity, with pressure constant. δ allows for density changes due to pressure, specifically:

$$\delta(T, S, P) = \alpha(T, S, P) - \alpha(T = 0, S = 35, P),$$

where α is the specific volume. The first term on the right is the in situ specific volume and the second term the specific volume while holding T and S at the values indicated. This is the conventional definition of δ . In this project δ is estimated relative to $T = 4.6^\circ\text{C}$ and $S = 34.6$ PSU, corresponding to a mean centered between the Newfoundland Basin and Labrador Sea waters. The float follows δ surfaces by design since it is given close to the same compressibility as that of sea water (by means of the compressesee; Rossby et al., 1985), but has virtually no temperature dependence (borosilicate glass) and certainly no salinity dependence, thereby mimicking closely the properties of the second term on right. McDougall (1989) has argued that δ -surfaces are good approximations to neutral surfaces. A very useful discussion of RAFOS float and ballasting issues can be found in a report edited by A. Bower (1994).

4. Deployment of Sound Sources

The sound sources were developed by Sparton of Canada to provide efficient wide-area in-sonification. The power and electronic packs were supplied by Webb Research Corp., with energy sufficient for well over two years of service at two transmissions/day. The signaling system itself is the conventional SOFAR signal and consists of a frequency-modulated sweep of 80-s duration, where the frequency is incremented linearly from 259.375 to 260.898 Hz in 2-s steps, with phase continuity preserved at each step (Webb, 1977). The source has a dipole radiation pattern with a horizontal source level of 195.5 dB re 1 μPa at 1 m. (See Rossby et al., 1993 for a complete description of the system.) Figure 1 shows the locations of the four sound source moorings (also see Table 1). The sources were at a depth of about

1400m. All sources functioned reliably for the duration of the study, but SS#2 (mooring #M3) had a significantly reduced source level due to a spurious mechanical resonance close to the operating frequency, resulting in a degraded transmitting voltage response. The power packs were kept separate from the resonant pipe projectors via a 100 foot long umbilical cable in order to minimize possible damage due to vibration from the source. This may have been fortunate, for after recovery considerable internal chafing around the shock mounts for the electronics was discovered.

The moorings were designed and deployed by Mr. John Kemp (WHOI). Mr. Tom Orvosh (GSO/URI) was in charge of the electrical integration of the sources, and their preparation at sea prior to deployment. Mr. John Dunlap of the Applied Physics Laboratory at the University of Washington was very helpful in solving some electrical problems that developed just prior to launch. Table 1 lists the deployment dates and locations of the sound source moorings, and their transmission times.

5. Deployment of Floats

The deployment strategy of the project was as to release floats (1) from three different cruises so as to sample the NAC at different times; and (2) on both sides of and within the NAC to explore cross-frontal pathways and exchange processes. The two density surfaces chosen were $\sigma_t = 27.2$ and 27.5. The deeper surface is the shallowest one that does not make local contact with the atmosphere in winter, whereas the shallower surface was chosen because it was expected to outcrop, at least north of the subpolar front (the eastward extension of the NAC). Mission lengths of ten months ensured that the floats would experience all four seasons. The last group of floats had only eight month missions due to the scheduled recovery of the sound sources in June 1995. Tables 2a, 2b and 2c summarize in detail all float deployments: date, position, σ_t surface (target and estimated) and mission length, with footnotes as necessary.

6. Float Tracking

A total of 100 floats were released on the three cruises. At the end of its mission, each float releases ballast, returns to the surface, and telemeters data to Argos, a French satellite-based data collection and platform location system. Once all the float's data are transferred to our computer system and processed, the trajectory of the float can be reconstructed from the time series of acoustic travel times. The pressure and temperature time series are also included in the telemetered data. Most floats transmitted data for five to six weeks before their batteries wore out, though each float data set was complete, or nearly so, in less than two weeks. There were only four floats that failed to transmit any information: 250, 251, 278 and 319. Three floats ended their missions early when CPU activity, as monitored by their watchdog timers, ceased (253 and 322 after 57 days, and 338 after one day); two lost their ballast weights very early, one (302) during deployment and the other (271) soon after; one had no acoustic data (281); one (317) transmitted only 10% of its data; and one (290) failed to transmit any reliable data. A number of floats in the first group and a few later ones (297, 309 and 323) had a subtle problem in their temperature circuits. The thermistor resistance controls the frequency of an oscillator circuit. If the frequency was very close to certain values related to the computer clock cycle, the frequency would, in some floats, 'lock' onto it. This was due to the omission of a by-pass capacitor in the counter chip, which was added in the later float releases. Tests were unable to find any bias or errors in temperature at frequencies in between these locked frequencies.

The floats were able to hear strong signals from sources 1, 3 and 4 until the end of each listening window (25 minutes). Figure 2 shows an example of the travel times from all four sound sources, and the strength and continuity of the signals, as recorded by float 279. The degradation of the signals from source 2 is also evident in this figure. In most cases, the travel time series from the other three sources were sufficient for accurate float tracking, with very few source geometry problems due to the absence of usable signals from source 2.

Float and sound source clock drifts are factored into the float trajectory calculations. The float clock drift is obtained from the time of the first transmission from the float to the

Argos system compared to the expected time of the first transmission. The sound source drifts were first estimated based on the arrival times at a few selected floats just prior to surfacing, compared to the expected arrival times at the surface positions (assuming little surface drift). We assume a linear sound source clock drift. Errors are introduced in these calculations, however, due to (1) the elapsed time between the recording of the final arrival times by the float prior to surfacing and the transmission of the first Argos position (several hours); and (2) the chosen speed of sound used in the calculations. Fortunately when the sound sources were recovered in June 1995, we were able to obtain an accurate time of transmission from sound source 1 during the recovery process. Based on this information and the earlier calculations showing sources 1, 2 and 3 to have very similar drifts, we've determined the drifts as listed in Table 1. The drift for source 4 is based on its relationship to the other three in the earlier calculations.

The RAFOS float trajectories, along with middle pressure, middle temperature and velocity time series, are shown in Section 9 for all floats that could be processed. Bad data points have been removed. With the exception of a few floats, very little interpolation was necessary in the trajectory calculations because of the high quality of the acoustic data. The VOCHA data for each float are plotted on each facing page, showing the temperature and pressure on the lower, middle and upper isopycnal surfaces. The "delta T" and "delta P" plots show the differences between the upper and middle (top line), lower and middle (bottom line), and two middle positions at the start and end of the VOCHA cycle (middle line). The results of a five-point median filter are shown as the broad, light gray lines in each of these "delta" plots. In a few floats (e.g. 261, 262), the VOCHA stopped operating before the end of the float's mission, as seen in these floats' incomplete VOCHA data plots. The float plots are arranged in numerical order. Tables 2a-c chronologically list the floats launched in groups 1, 2 and 3, respectively. Launch and surface information, mission length in days, and nominal (target) and estimated middle σ_t surfaces are listed, along with the corresponding CTD or XBT at each launch site. Explanatory notes, where needed, follow the float listings in each table. Figures 3a and 3b are spaghetti plots of all float trajectories on the 27.2 σ_t and

27.5 σ_t surfaces, respectively. The final section contains time series plots of float trajectories at ten day intervals beginning July 21-30, 1993, and ending June 21-30, 1995. The dots on each trajectory segment are the daily positions during the ten day interval. The open circles represent the end points for the shallow floats, the closed circles the end points for the deep floats, in each time span. The float number is shown at the beginning of the ten day trajectory where space permits. The bathymetric contours in these and all other figures are at 200m, 1000m, 2500m and 4000m.

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Table 1. Newfoundland Basin sound sources

Source (Mooring) number	Deployment date	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	Transmission times (GMT)	Drift rate (sec/day)
1 (M1)	7/13/93	42.948	35.973	00:30,12:30	-0.0030
2 (M3)	7/16/93	47.570	37.915	01:00,13:00	-0.0030
3 (M2)	7/15/93	46.968	31.947	01:30,13:30	-0.0030
4 (M4)	7/18/93	51.049	35.947	02:00,14:00	0.0240

Table 2a. Float summary: group 1 (summer 1993)

Float number	Launch		Surface		Launch		Mission	Nominal	Estimated	CTD #
	Lat (N)	Lon (W)	Lat (N)	Lon (W)	yearday	(date)	length	sigma-t	sigma-t	(x=XBT)
268	48.34	42.85	53.36	50.05	201.94	(Jul 20)	300	27.5	27.56	8
*261	48.34	42.85	52.37	41.85	201.94	(Jul 20)	210	27.2	27.28	8
251	48.40	42.45	no show		202.14	(Jul 21)	300	27.5	---	9
264	48.40	42.45	50.06	16.48	202.14	(Jul 21)	300	27.2	27.19	9
258	48.43	41.31	46.75	37.44	202.56	(Jul 21)	300	27.5	27.58	11
263	48.43	41.31	51.36	40.34	202.56	(Jul 21)	300	27.2	27.21	11
278	46.32	42.62	no show		203.83	(Jul 22)	300	27.5	---	14
280	46.32	42.61	47.65	29.03	203.84	(Jul 22)	300	27.2	27.29	14
252	46.10	42.28	50.60	43.98	204.07	(Jul 23)	60	27.2	27.24	15
259	46.10	42.28	46.51	38.11	204.08	(Jul 23)	60	27.2	27.20	15
281	46.10	42.28	44.36	36.67	204.08	(Jul 23)	300	27.2	---	15
**271	46.10	42.28	36.54	17.94	204.08	(Jul 23)	300	27.5	---	15
275	45.00	41.03	46.06	37.72	205.02	(Jul 24)	300	27.2	27.18	19
277	45.00	41.03	52.36	47.65	205.02	(Jul 24)	300	27.5	27.62	19
260	42.99	43.98	42.91	45.29	205.75	(Jul 24)	300	27.2	27.32	20
272	42.99	43.98	45.96	43.49	205.75	(Jul 24)	300	27.5	27.57	20
270	43.36	46.36	39.77	44.97	206.22	(Jul 25)	60	27.2	---	89 (x)
274	43.36	46.36	39.12	45.28	206.22	(Jul 25)	60	27.2	---	89 (x)
256	43.60	46.51	43.08	32.30	206.39	(Jul 25)	300	27.5	27.50	21
*266	43.60	46.51	52.21	23.81	206.39	(Jul 25)	210	27.2	---	21
255	43.13	49.02	43.37	37.06	213.02	(Aug 1)	300	27.5	27.66	22
*262	43.13	49.02	51.45	39.29	213.02	(Aug 1)	210	27.2	27.32	22
257	42.27	45.59	40.95	38.70	217.09	(Aug 5)	300	27.5	27.47	31
267	42.27	45.59	38.21	50.27	217.09	(Aug 5)	300	27.2	27.29	31
276	40.96	41.68	36.06	43.47	219.19	(Aug 7)	300	27.2	27.29	38
269	42.20	45.59	49.10	33.06	220.21	(Aug 8)	300	27.5	---	103 (x)
279	42.20	45.59	30.31	42.96	220.21	(Aug 8)	300	27.2	---	103 (x)
250	42.45	46.22	no show		220.45	(Aug 8)	300	27.2	---	105 (x)
254	42.45	46.22	46.62	30.14	220.45	(Aug 8)	300	27.5	---	105 (x)
265	42.45	46.22	44.34	34.34	220.46	(Aug 8)	300	27.5	---	105 (x)
273	42.45	46.22	53.98	42.78	220.46	(Aug 8)	300	27.2	---	105 (x)
253	42.48	46.34	45.76	43.40	220.60	(Aug 8)	57	27.5	---	42

Notes:

* sudden jump to surface before end of mission.

** lost ballast weight soon after launch, so on surface through entire mission.

Float 253: mission ended prematurely after 57 days (originally programmed for 300 days).

Float 281: no acoustic data, limited pressure/temperature data.

Surface position is the first position as recorded by Argos.

Table 2b. Float summary: group 2 (fall 1993)

Float number	Launch Lat (N) Lon (W)		Surface Lat (N) Lon (W)		Launch yearday (date)	Mission length	Nominal sigma-t	Estimated sigma-t	CTD # (x=XBT)
285	42.28	45.58	43.90	42.70	331.82 (Nov 27)	300	27.5	27.38	34
**289	42.27	45.57	41.24	21.41	331.83 (Nov 27)	300	27.2	27.05	34
288	42.45	46.39	51.35	42.05	332.26 (Nov 28)	300	27.5	---	35
*318	42.45	46.38	49.25	16.20	332.26 (Nov 28)	300	27.2	27.11	35
***302	42.62	46.82	47.49	12.42	332.59 (Nov 28)	180	27.2	---	36
307	42.62	46.82	52.74	36.60	332.62 (Nov 28)	180	27.5	---	36
*292	42.67	47.26	-----		332.89 (Nov 28)	300	27.2	27.09	37
295	43.03	48.48	42.84	40.59	333.36 (Nov 29)	300	27.5	27.46	39
322	43.03	48.48	43.10	41.62	333.36 (Nov 29)	57	27.2	27.23	39
282	45.36	47.63	51.25	40.44	334.90 (Nov 30)	300	27.5	27.44	49
303	45.37	47.63	50.90	38.04	334.90 (Nov 30)	300	27.2	27.21	49
314	44.39	45.98	50.93	43.68	335.67 (Dec 1)	300	27.5	27.47	49
*299	44.39	45.98	42.60	21.76	335.67 (Dec 1)	300	27.2	27.19	53
315	44.28	45.21	55.37	49.96	335.93 (Dec 1)	300	27.5	27.46	54
*312	44.28	45.21	48.47	15.65	335.93 (Dec 1)	300	27.2	27.18	54
309	43.70	41.74	51.17	30.66	337.51 (Dec 3)	300	27.5	27.43	59
**284	43.70	41.74	54.39	21.66	337.51 (Dec 3)	300	27.2	27.18	59
323	43.56	41.01	40.86	34.94	337.77 (Dec 3)	300	27.5	---	60
*305	43.56	41.00	43.18	17.23	337.77 (Dec 3)	300	27.2	26.93	60
301	43.40	40.32	34.80	53.14	338.00 (Dec 4)	300	27.2	---	61
321	43.40	40.32	51.12	38.57	338.00 (Dec 4)	300	27.5	---	61
306	44.13	40.56	42.32	40.03	338.87 (Dec 4)	300	27.5	27.42	64
**286	44.13	40.56	49.04	28.05	338.87 (Dec 4)	300	27.2	27.10	64
311	45.85	42.50	61.29	30.13	339.86 (Dec 5)	300	27.5	---	68
**316	45.85	42.49	39.89	30.85	339.87 (Dec 5)	300	27.2	27.11	68
298	46.45	43.18	55.14	40.47	340.31 (Dec 6)	300	27.5	27.36	70
319	46.46	43.19	no show		340.31 (Dec 6)	300	27.2	---	70
300	47.05	46.75	45.15	43.58	342.07 (Dec 8)	300	27.5	27.46	86
317	47.06	43.40	41.60	33.52	342.72 (Dec 8)	300	27.5	---	89
291	47.03	42.28	62.56	27.97	343.18 (Dec 9)	300	27.2	27.31	92
320	47.03	42.24	53.84	31.13	343.18 (Dec 9)	300	27.5	27.40	92
296	46.69	40.52	44.17	38.48	343.84 (Dec 9)	300	27.5	27.35	95
313	46.69	40.52	50.34	24.44	343.84 (Dec 9)	300	27.2	27.07	95
283	46.21	40.11	50.35	40.87	344.07 (Dec 10)	300	27.5	27.30	96
*304	46.21	40.12	44.35	17.94	344.07 (Dec 10)	300	27.2	26.90	96
290	42.14	45.01	46.14	28.59	347.79 (Dec 13)	300	27.2	---	105
**308	42.22	45.42	41.87	31.93	347.85 (Dec 13)	300	27.2	---	--
310	42.36	45.98	46.29	38.42	347.99 (Dec 13)	300	27.2	---	107
287	42.46	46.51	41.79	30.99	348.08 (Dec 14)	300	27.2	---	--
294	42.53	47.05	45.39	32.56	348.20 (Dec 14)	300	27.2	---	109
*293	42.53	47.04	50.13	20.95	348.20 (Dec 14)	300	27.2	---	109

Notes:

- * gradually rose to surface (due to shoaling of the density surface) and remained there for the last 5 to 7 months of the mission. (292 was picked up by a fisherman off the coast of Ireland while still in mission, with a corroded release wire.)

** sudden jump to surface before end of mission (284 and 286 less than 8 days from end).

*** lost ballast weight during launch, so on surface through entire mission.

Float 322: mission ended prematurely after 57 days (originally programmed for 300 days).

Float 288: vocha stopped after 1.5 days.

Float 290: transmitted no usable data; recovered in England July 20, 1996.

Float 317: transmitted only 10% of its data, was untrackable.

Float 291: apparent problem with temperature sensor, days 49-56.

Surface position is the first position as recorded by Argos.

Table 2c. Float summary: group 3 (fall 1994)

Float number	Launch Lat (N) Lon (W)		Surface Lat (N) Lon (W)		Launch yearday (date)	Mission length	Nominal sigma-t	Estimated sigma-t	CTD # (x=XBT)
330	41.74	44.29	42.82	32.73	296.02 (Oct 23)	240	27.2	27.15	32
329	42.44	46.19	46.56	41.35	296.76 (Oct 23)	240	27.2	---	35
332	42.44	46.19	40.72	31.97	296.76 (Oct 23)	240	27.5	27.39	35
324	42.63	46.86	42.31	37.22	297.03 (Oct 24)	240	27.2	27.15	36
328	42.63	46.86	53.53	24.62	297.03 (Oct 24)	240	27.2	27.13	36
333	42.63	46.86	47.65	40.31	297.03 (Oct 24)	240	27.5	27.37	36
339	42.63	46.86	55.17	42.94	297.03 (Oct 24)	240	27.5	27.33	36
340	43.03	48.41	37.62	53.48	297.61 (Oct 24)	240	27.2	27.17	39
343	43.04	48.41	42.77	36.47	297.61 (Oct 24)	240	27.5	27.48	39
341	44.66	42.44	49.02	34.31	304.46 (Oct 31)	240	27.5	27.43	76
351	44.66	42.44	49.61	33.57	304.46 (Oct 31)	240	27.2	27.10	76
297	44.84	42.65	48.97	27.10	304.59 (Oct 31)	240	27.5	---	77 (x)
347	44.84	42.66	47.32	33.59	304.59 (Oct 31)	240	27.5	---	77 (x)
325	44.84	42.66	51.04	27.73	304.60 (Oct 31)	240	27.2	---	77 (x)
336	44.84	42.66	50.90	32.38	304.60 (Oct 31)	240	27.2	---	77 (x)
331	45.43	43.08	51.92	30.59	305.09 (Nov 1)	240	27.5	27.45	80
344	45.43	43.08	52.45	28.67	305.09 (Nov 1)	240	27.2	27.25	80
326	46.94	42.35	52.00	27.23	306.96 (Nov 2)	240	27.5	27.45	94
345	46.94	42.35	43.43	39.69	306.96 (Nov 2)	240	27.2	27.12	94
334	46.92	41.71	50.93	39.87	307.17 (Nov 3)	240	27.5	27.38	95
349	46.92	41.71	49.75	44.26	307.17 (Nov 3)	240	27.2	---	95
352	46.92	41.71	48.89	29.44	307.17 (Nov 3)	240	27.2	27.13	95
342	46.92	41.71	48.52	20.91	307.18 (Nov 3)	240	27.5	26.86	95
335	45.91	40.80	49.66	31.39	307.83 (Nov 3)	240	27.2	27.18	98
337	45.91	40.80	46.09	40.73	307.83 (Nov 3)	240	27.5	27.39	98
338	42.59	46.87	-----		311.07 (Nov 7)	240	27.2	---	108 (x)
348	42.59	46.87	32.03	39.13	311.07 (Nov 7)	240	27.2	---	108 (x)

Notes:

Float 338: surfaced one day after launch (mission ended prematurely).

Float 342: surfaced after 70 days, remained on surface through remainder of mission.

Surface position is the first position as recorded by Argos.

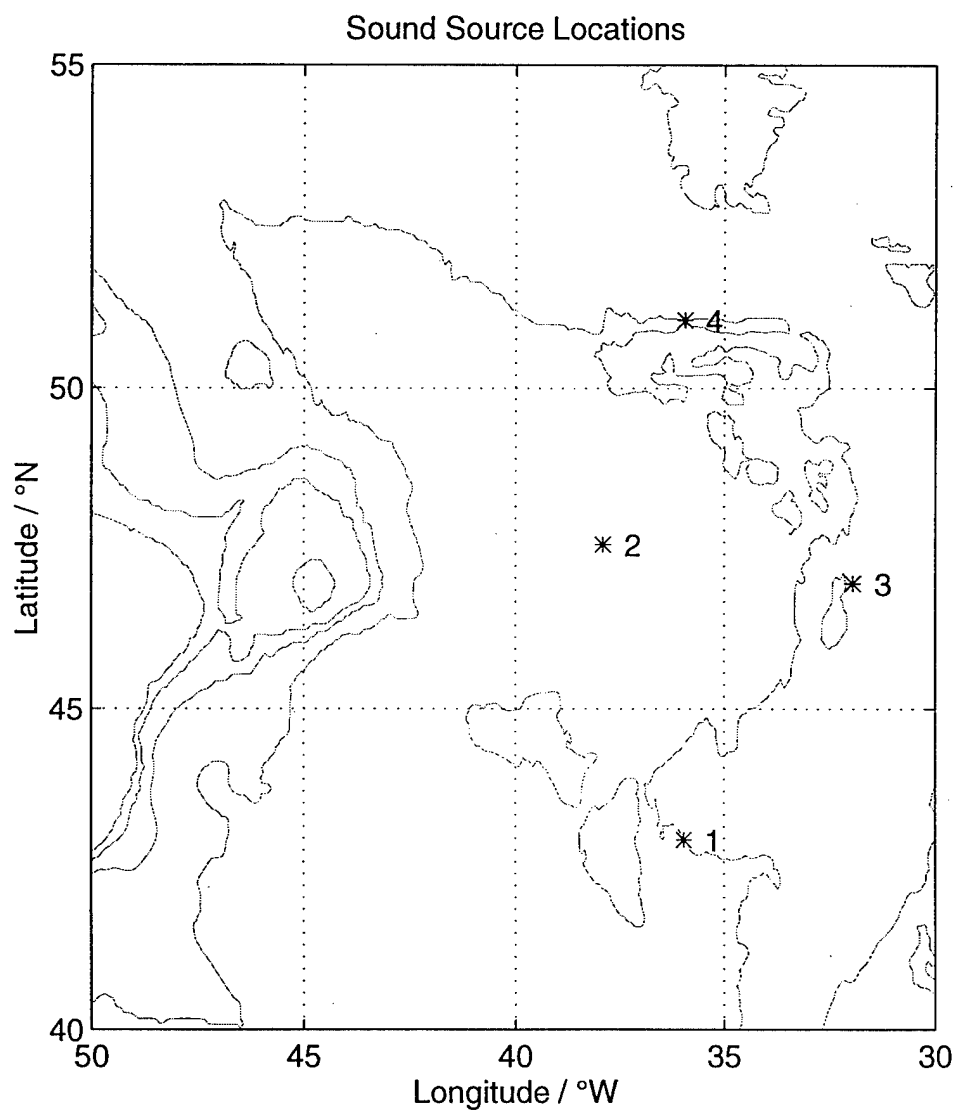


Figure 1. Newfoundland Basin sound source locations. See Table 1 for additional information.

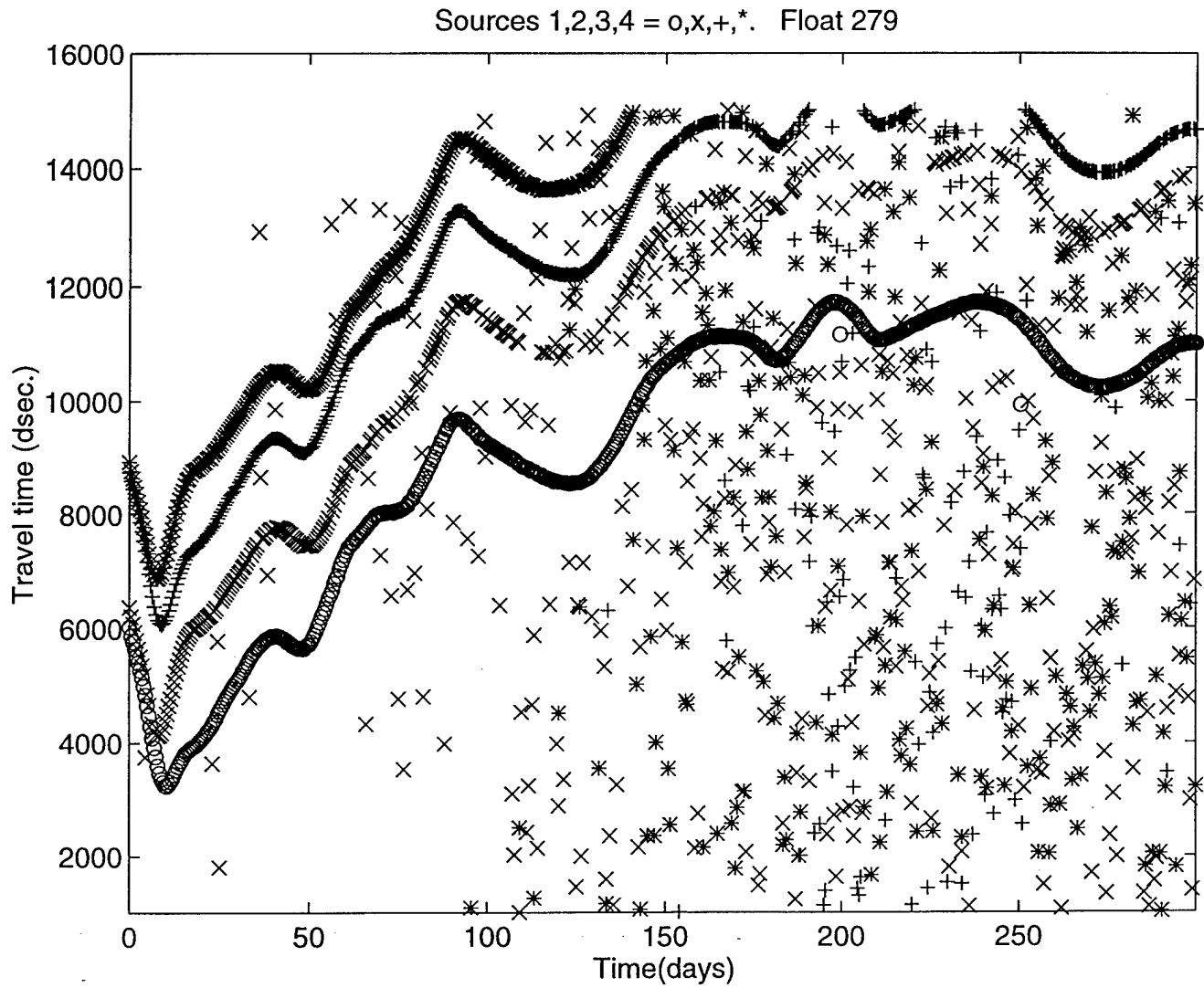


Figure 2. Sound source travel times (deciseconds) for float 279. Time axis is elapsed time in days. The cutoff at 15000 dsec is the end of the 25 minute listening window. The symbols used for the four sources are defined at the top of the figure.

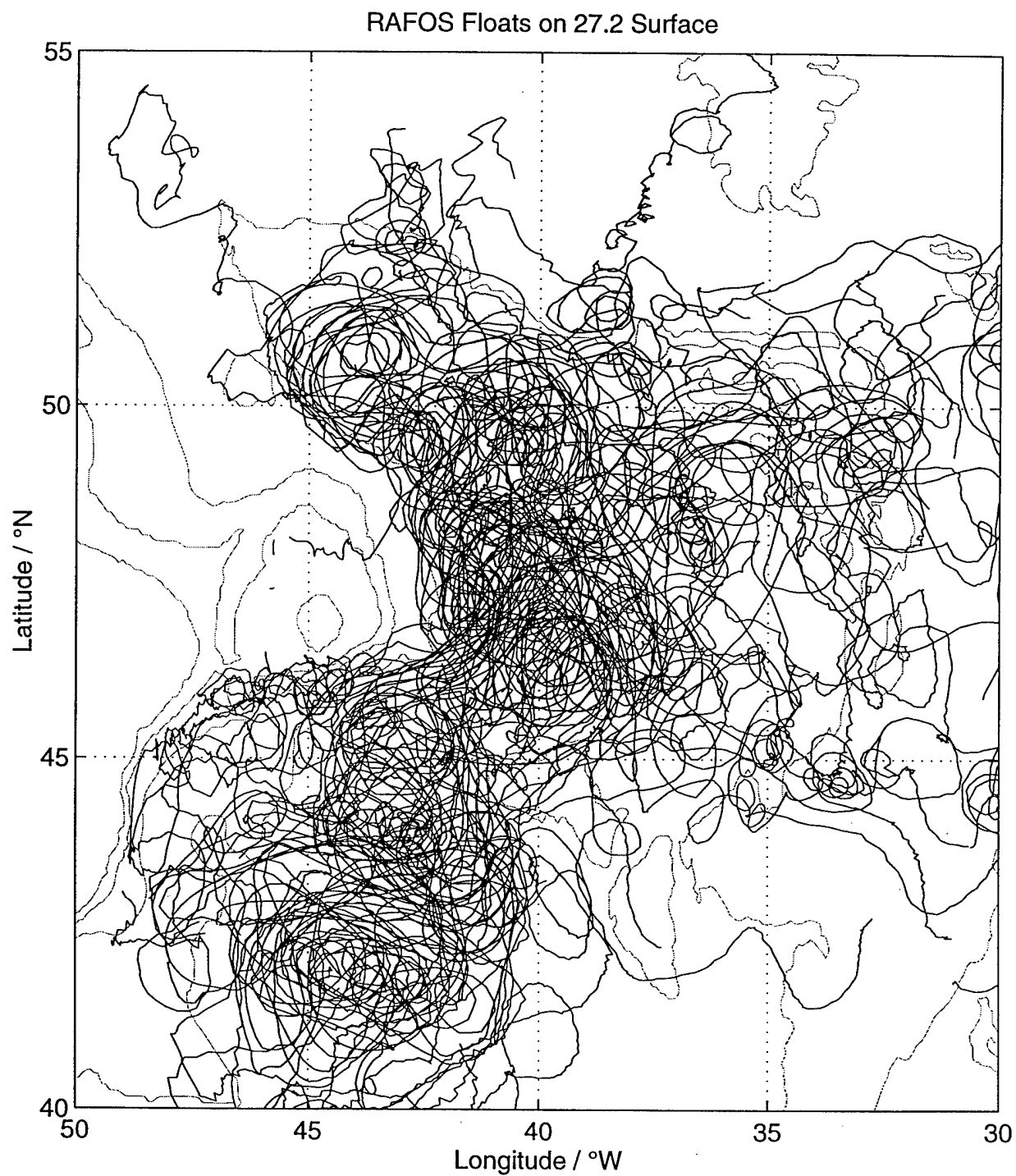


Figure 3a. Spaghetti plot of all floats targeted for the 27.2 σ_t surface. Floats from all three deployments are included.

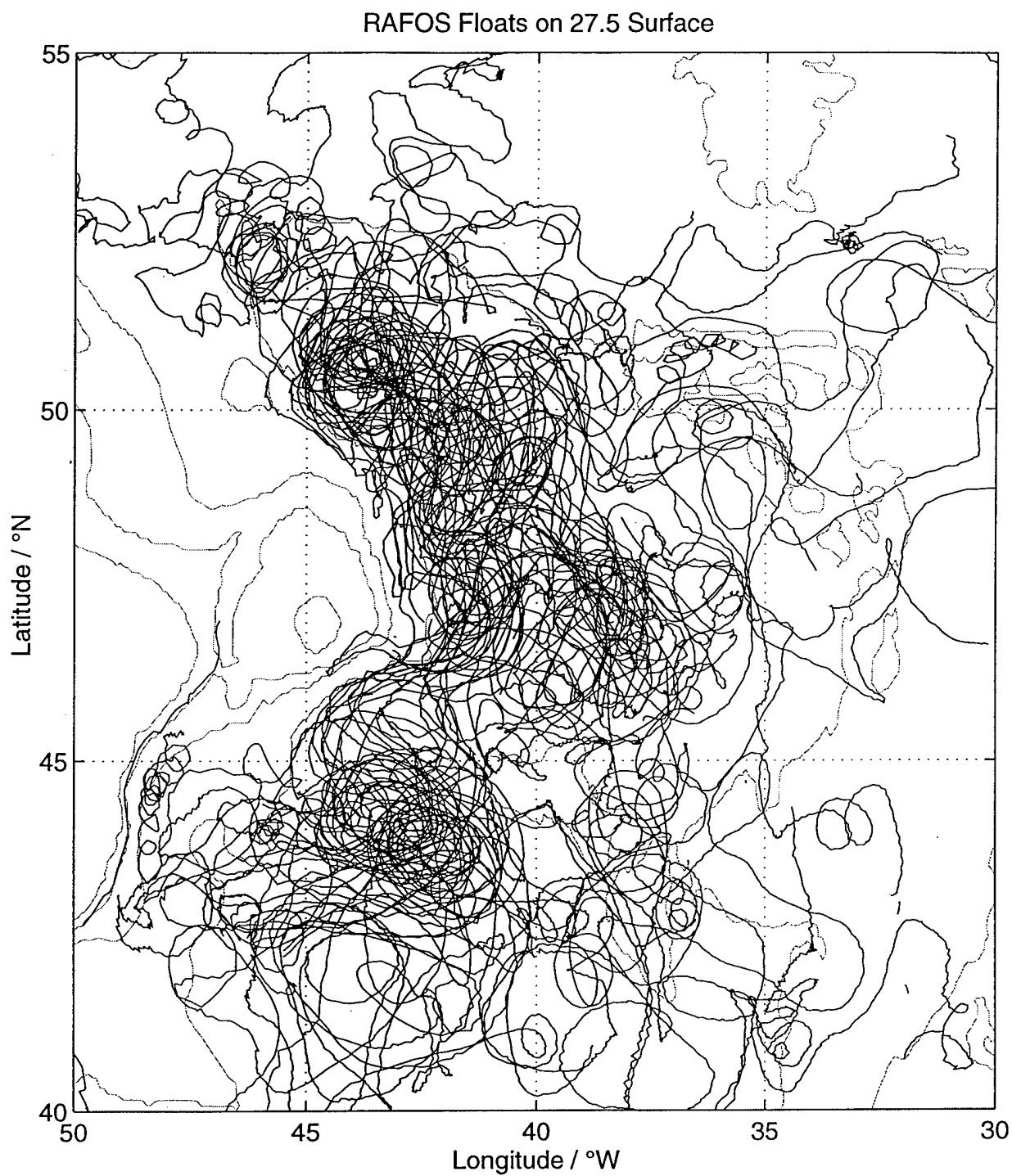
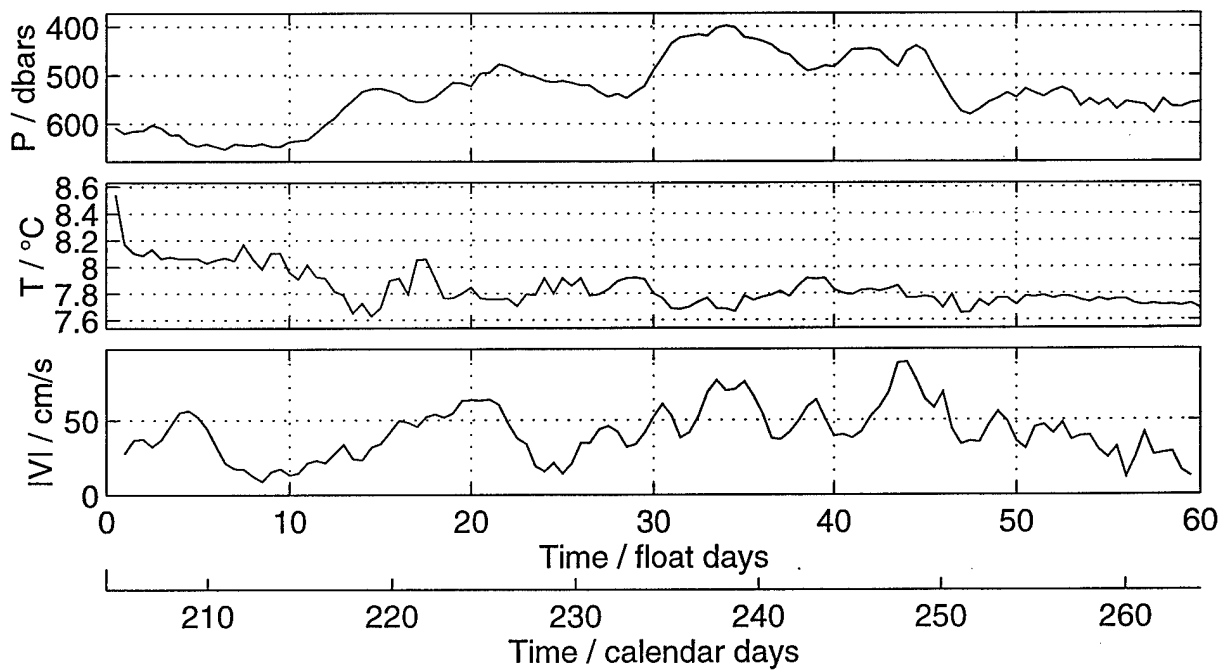
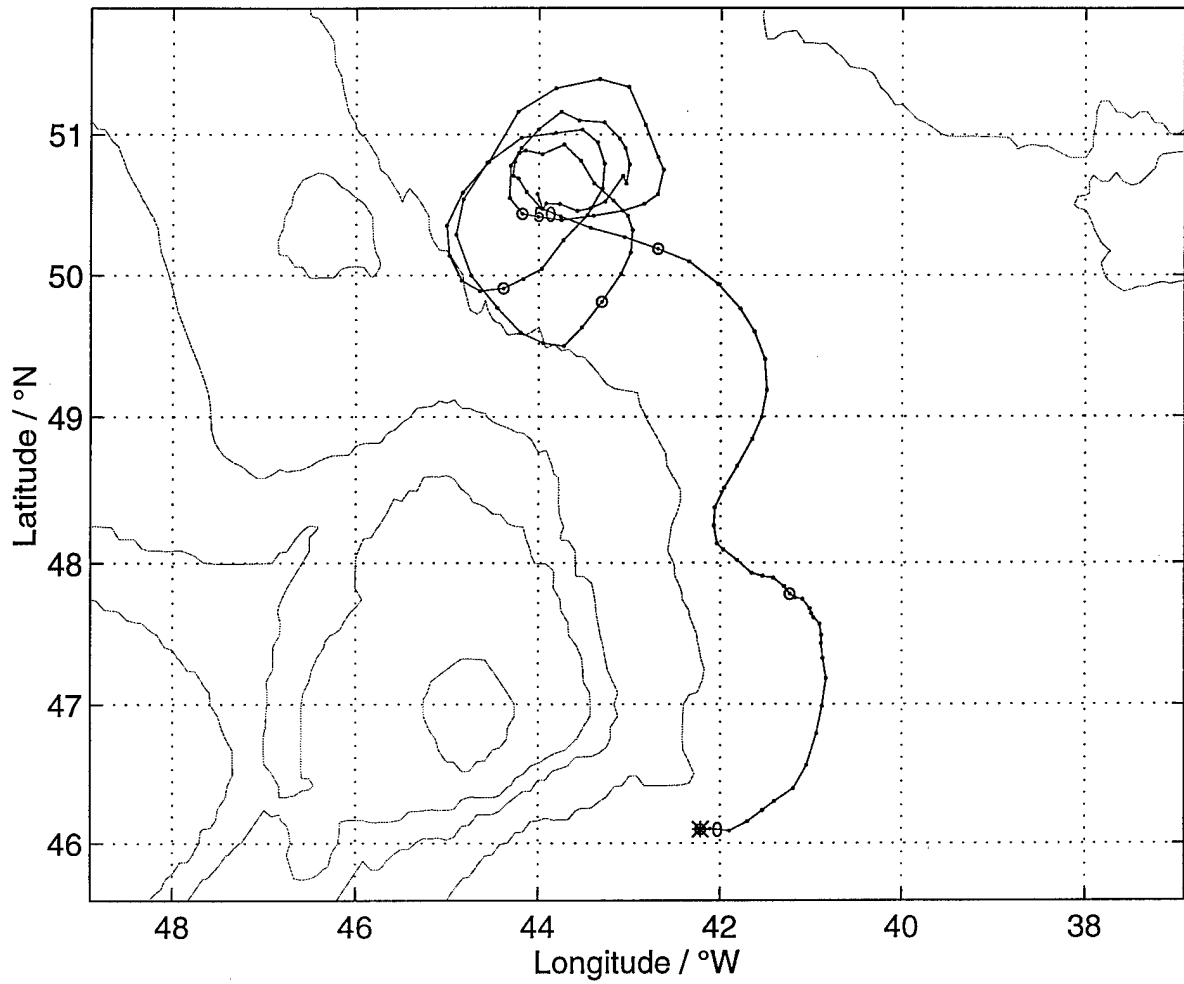


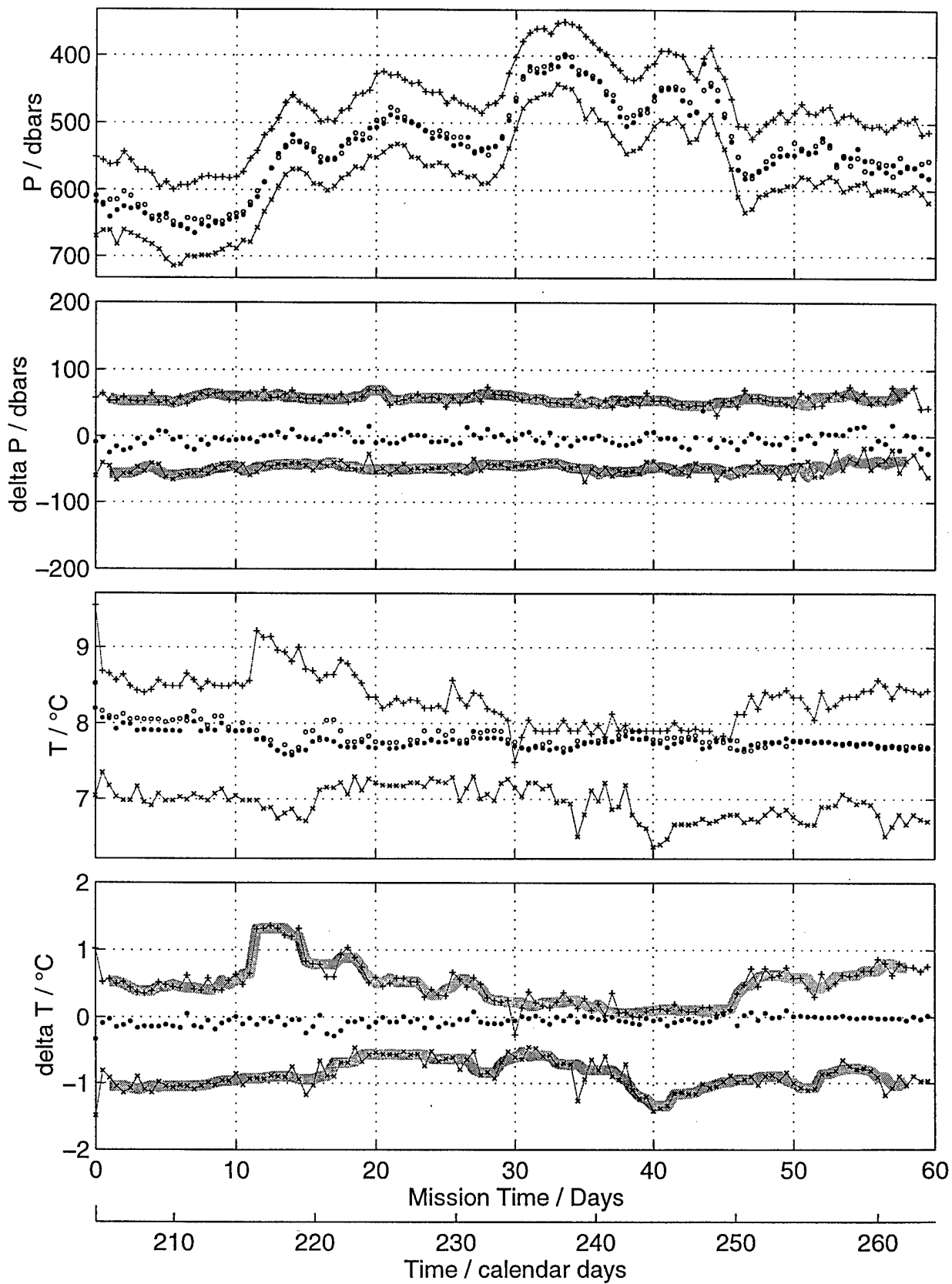
Figure 3b. Spaghetti plot of all floats targeted for the 27.5 σ_t surface. Floats from all three deployments are included.

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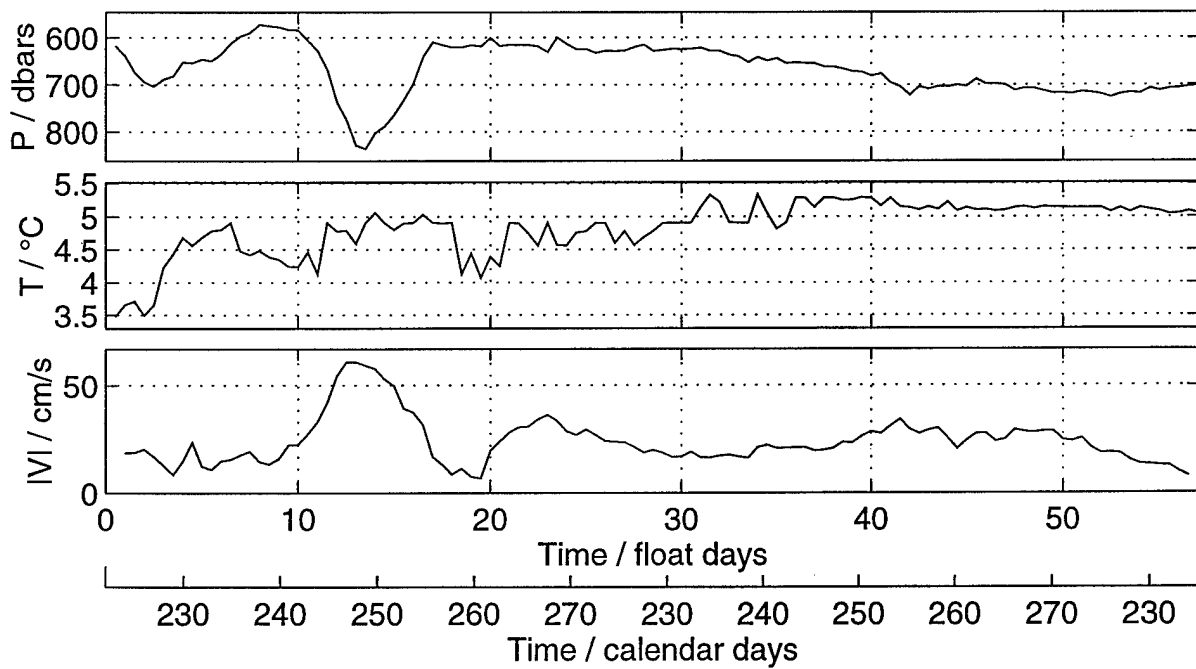
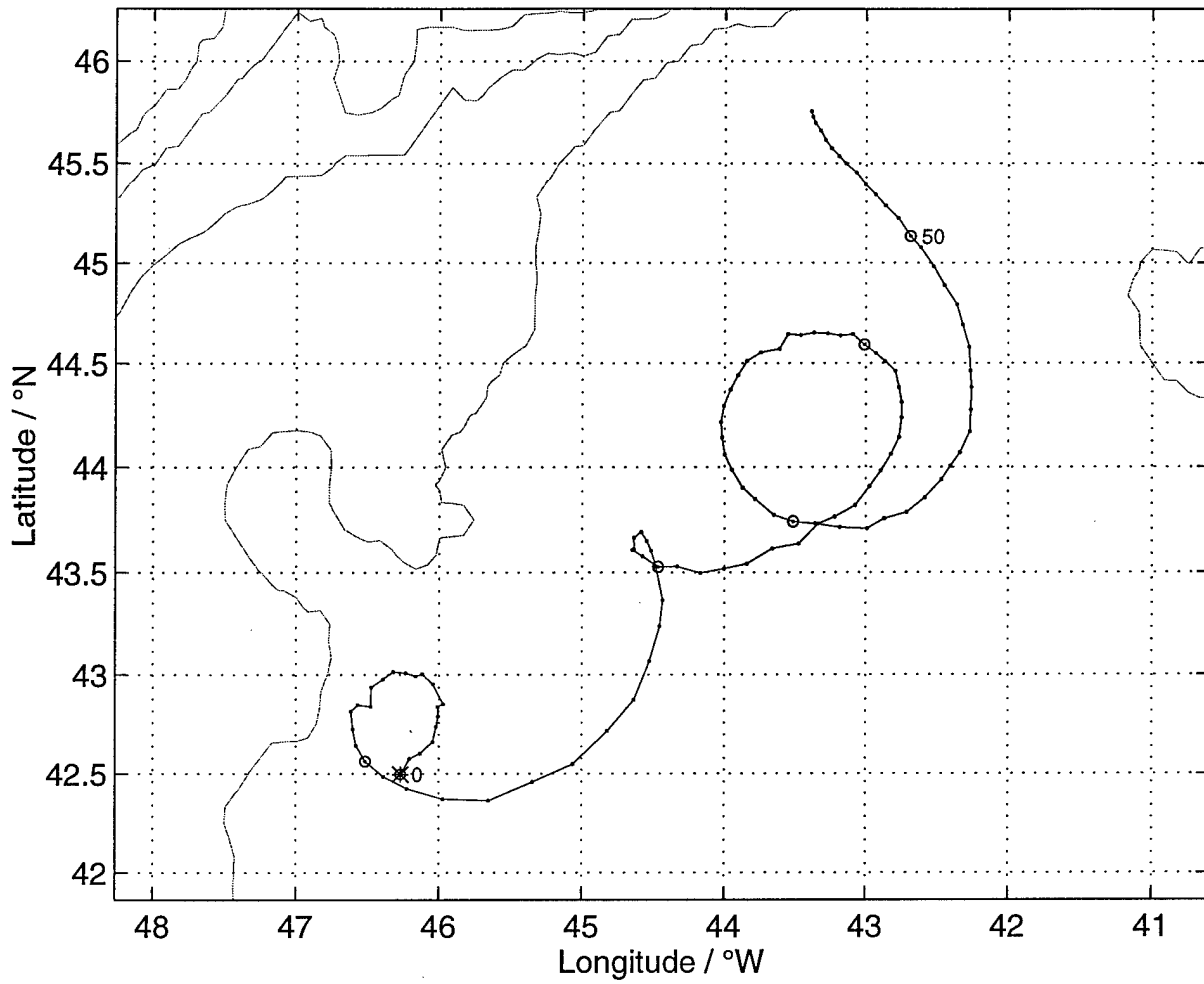
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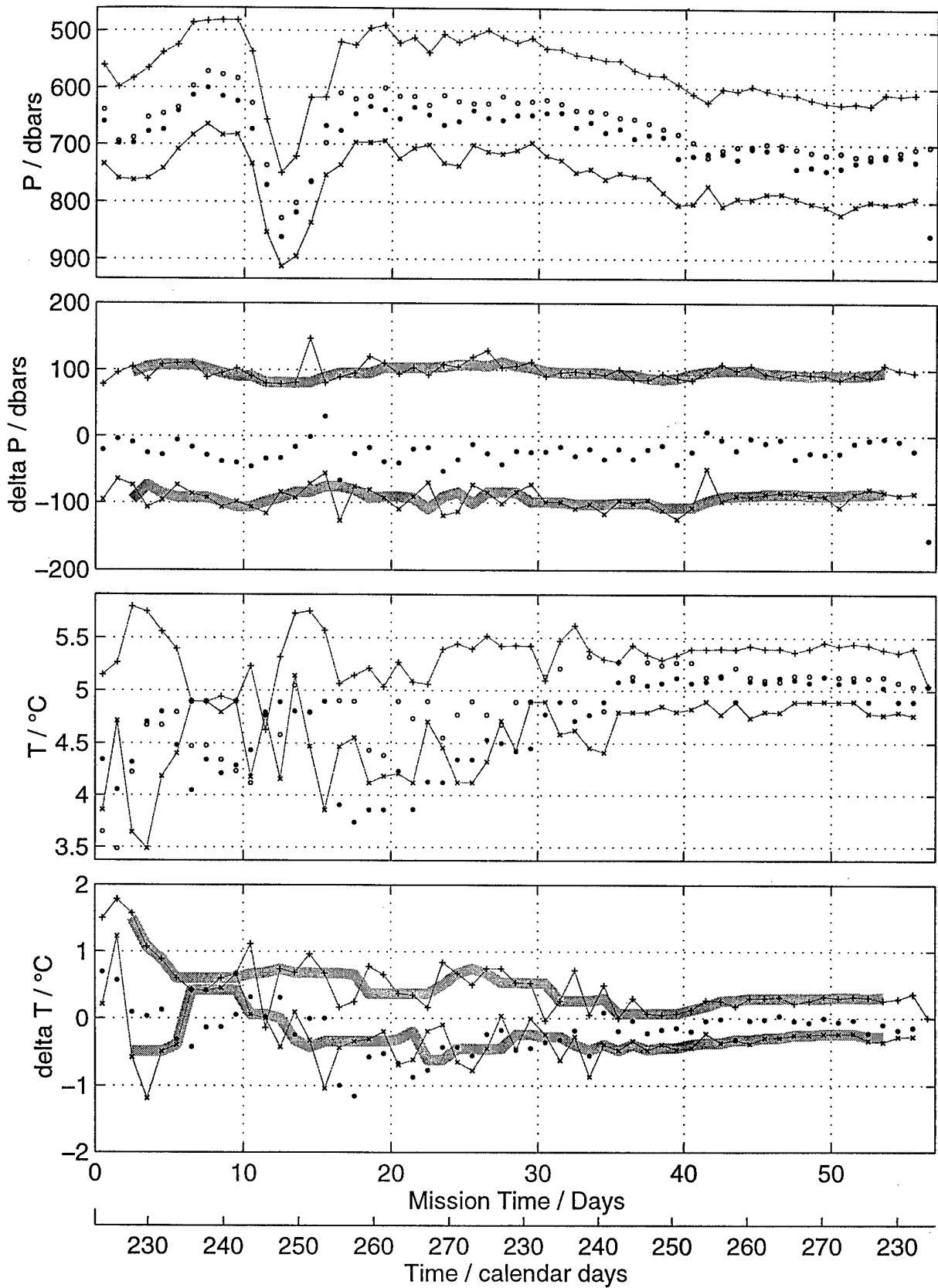
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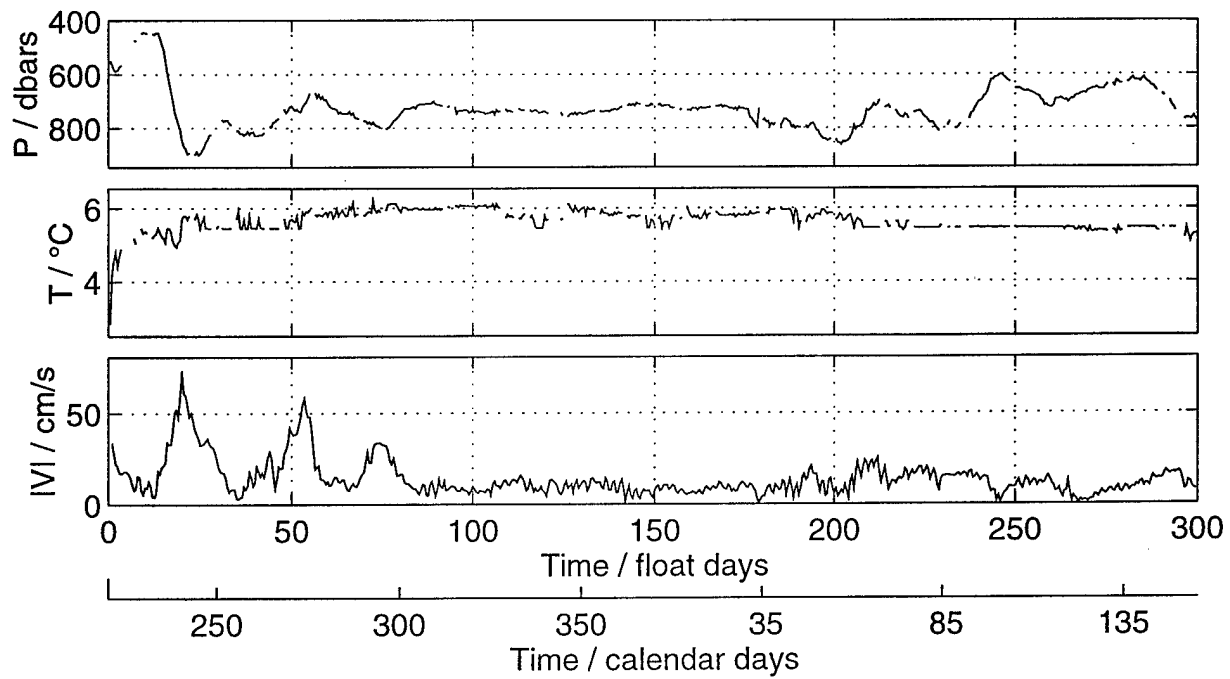
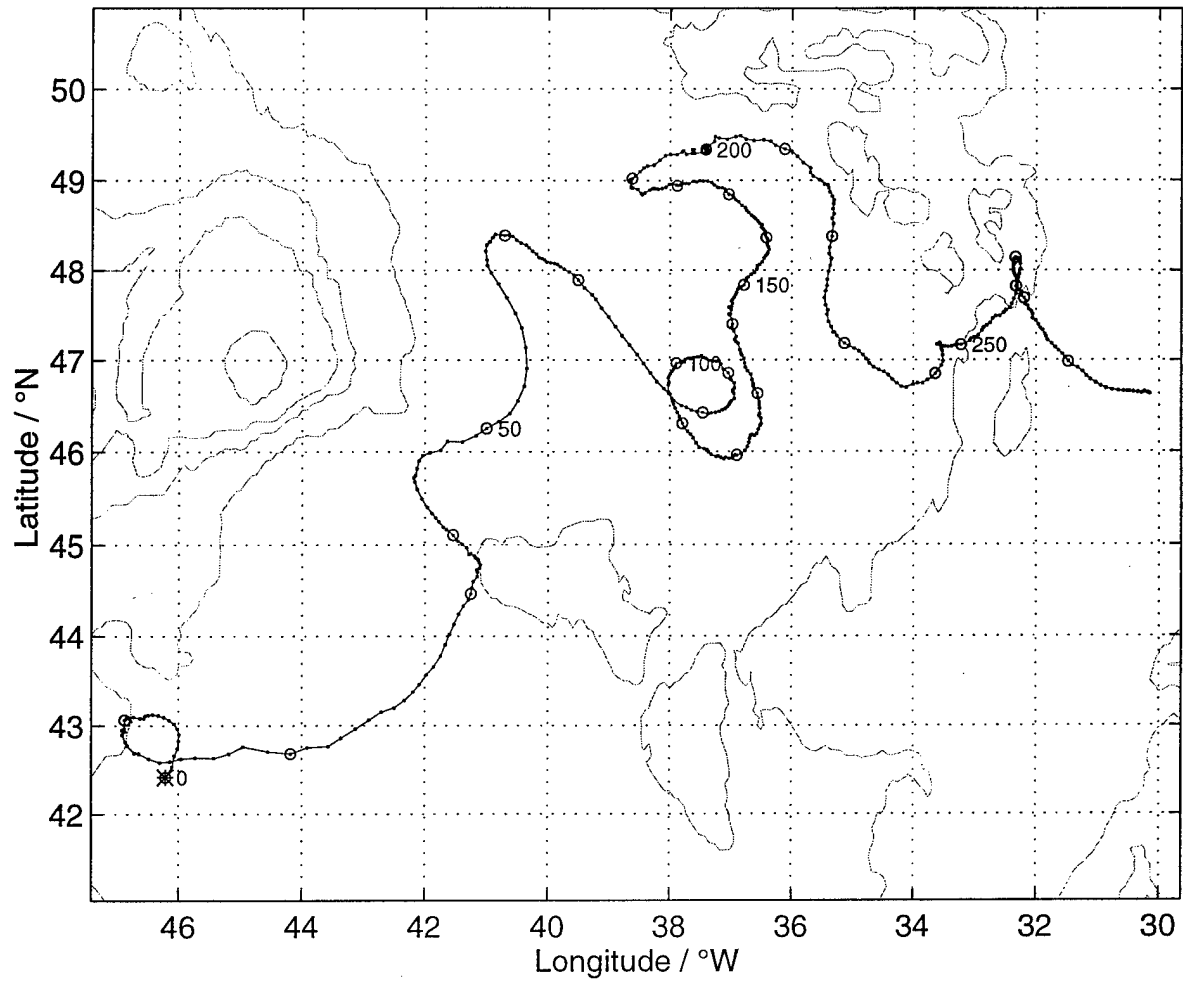
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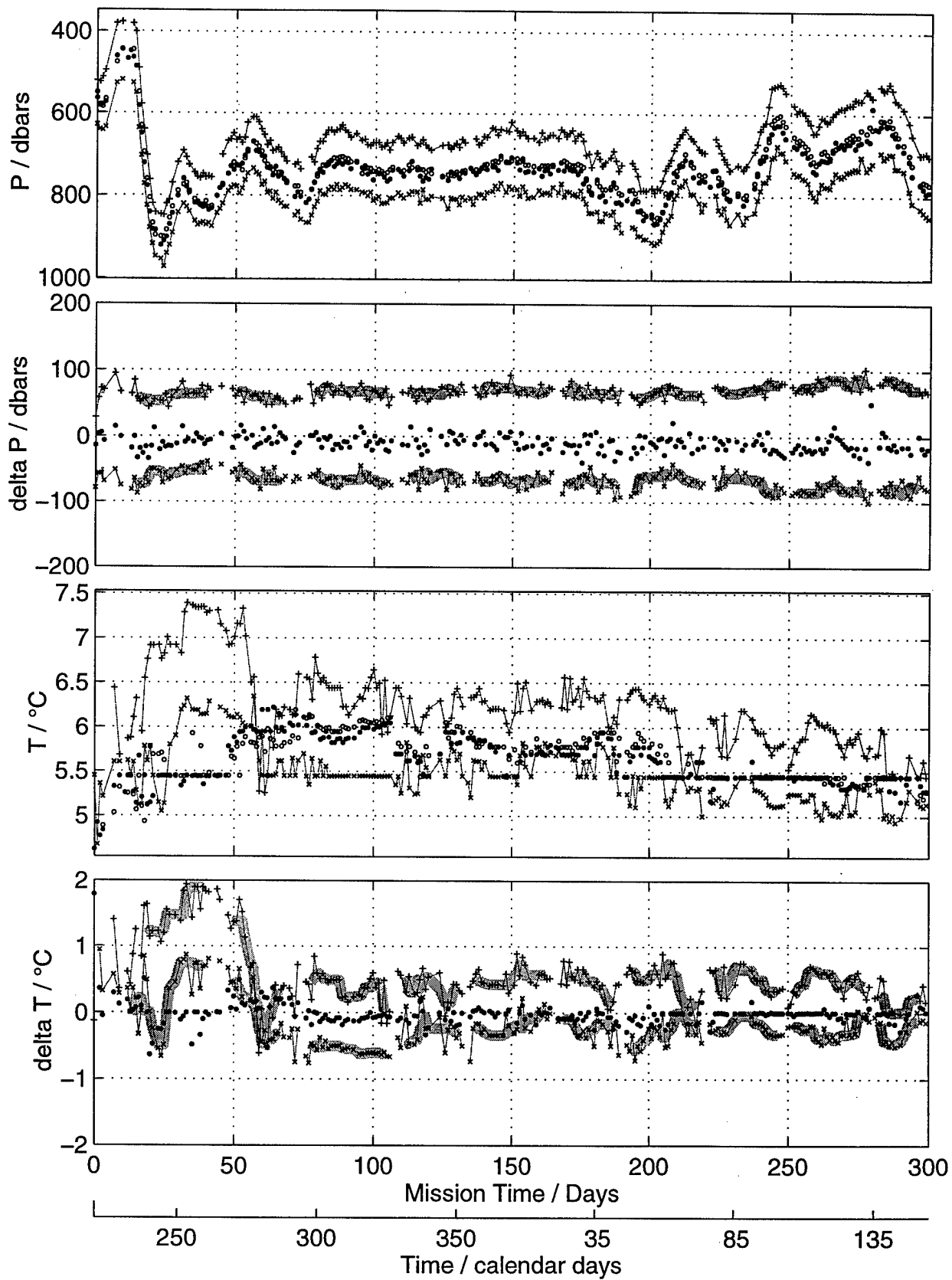
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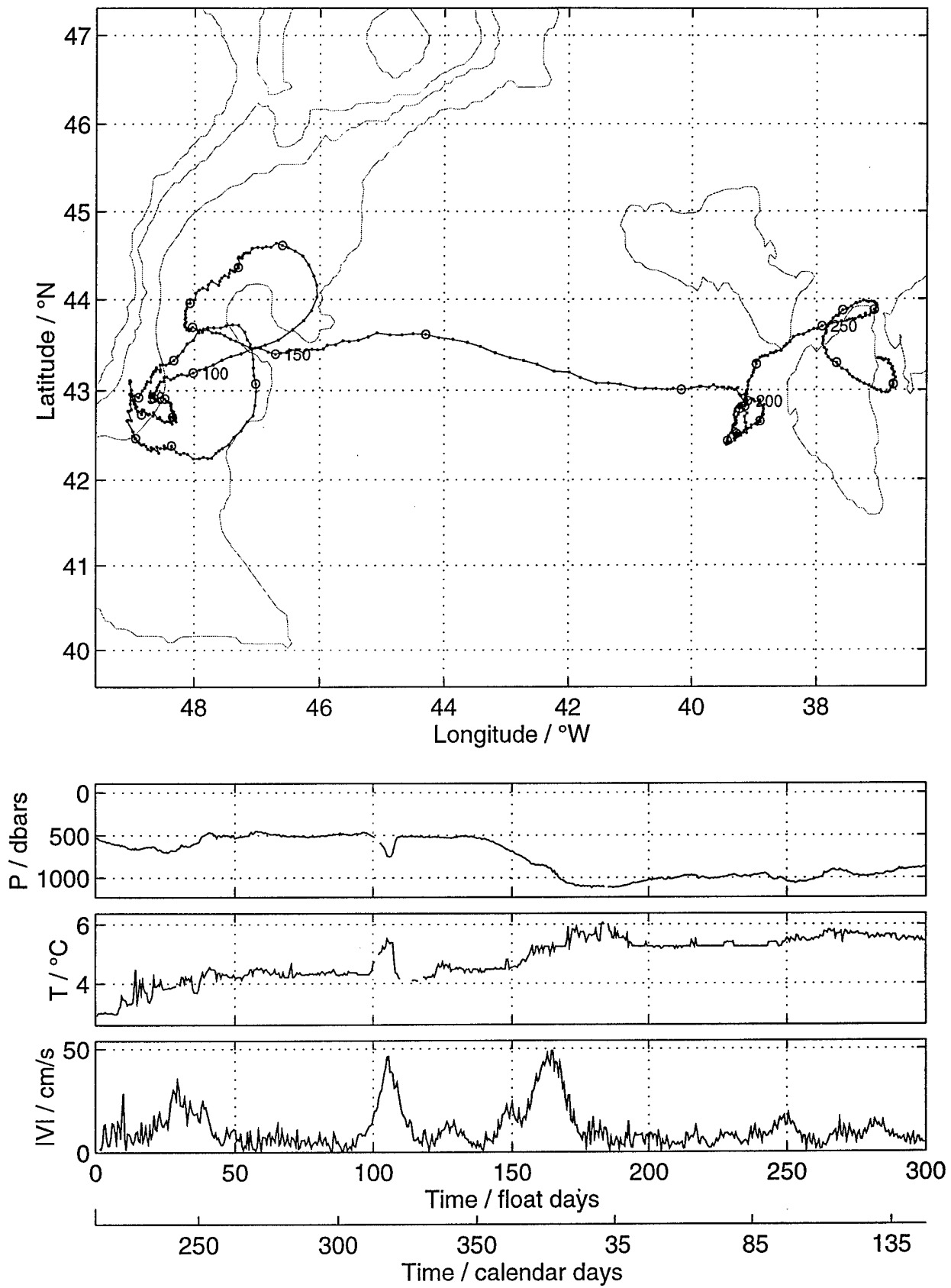
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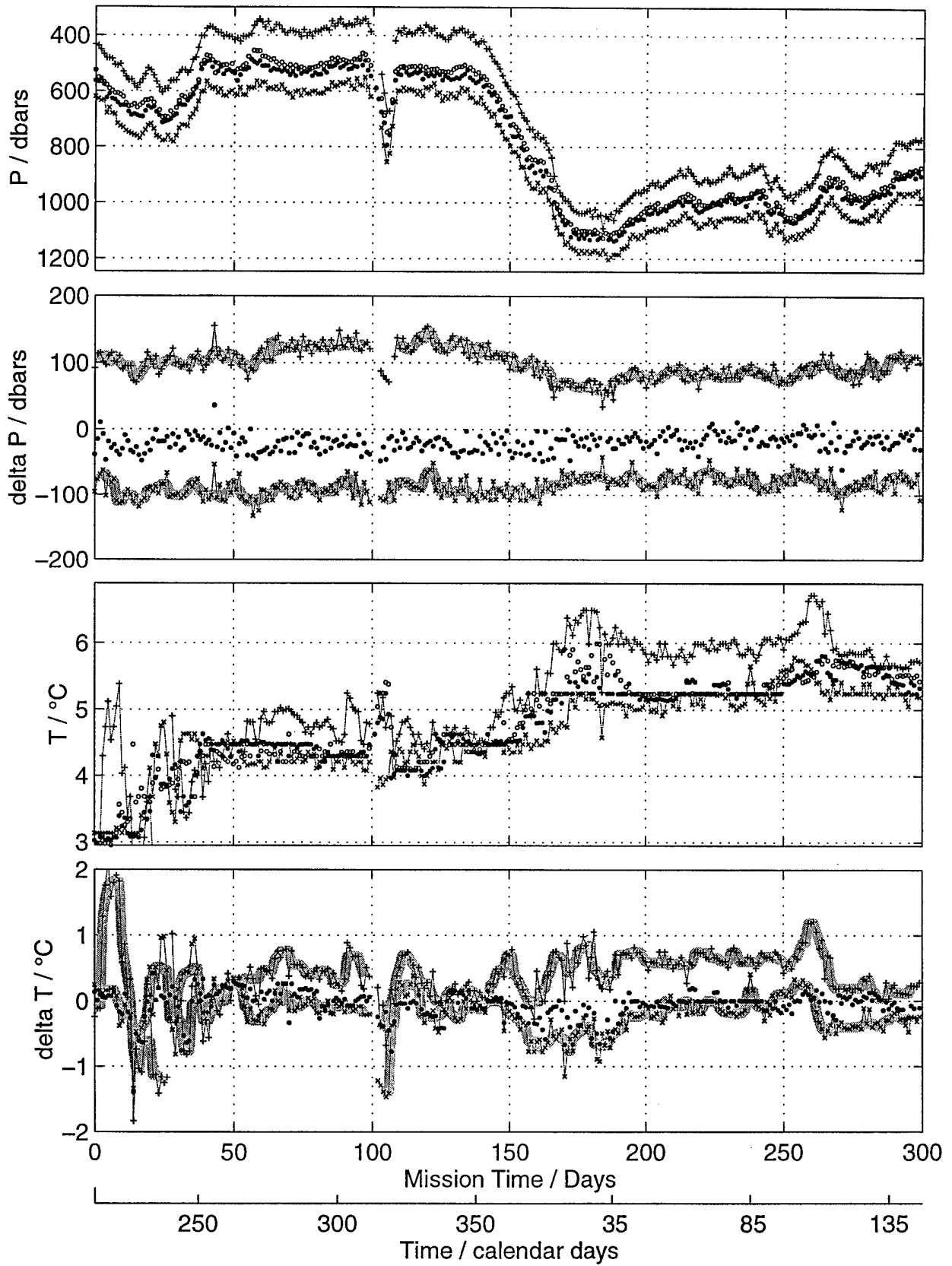
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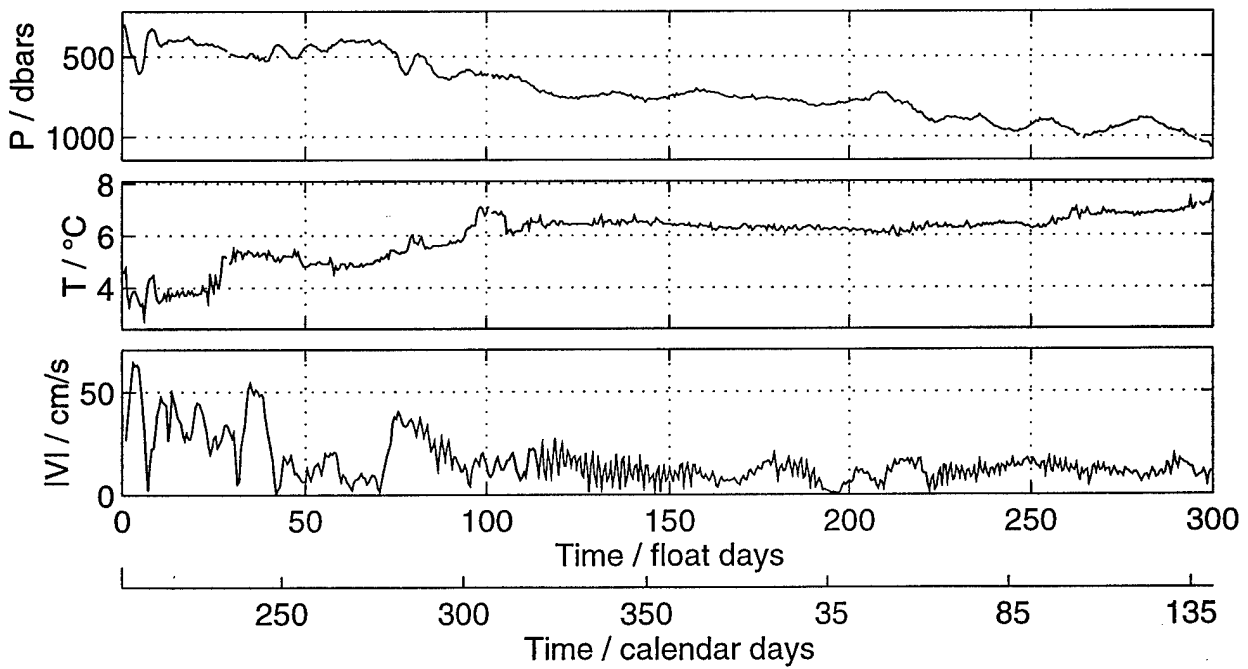
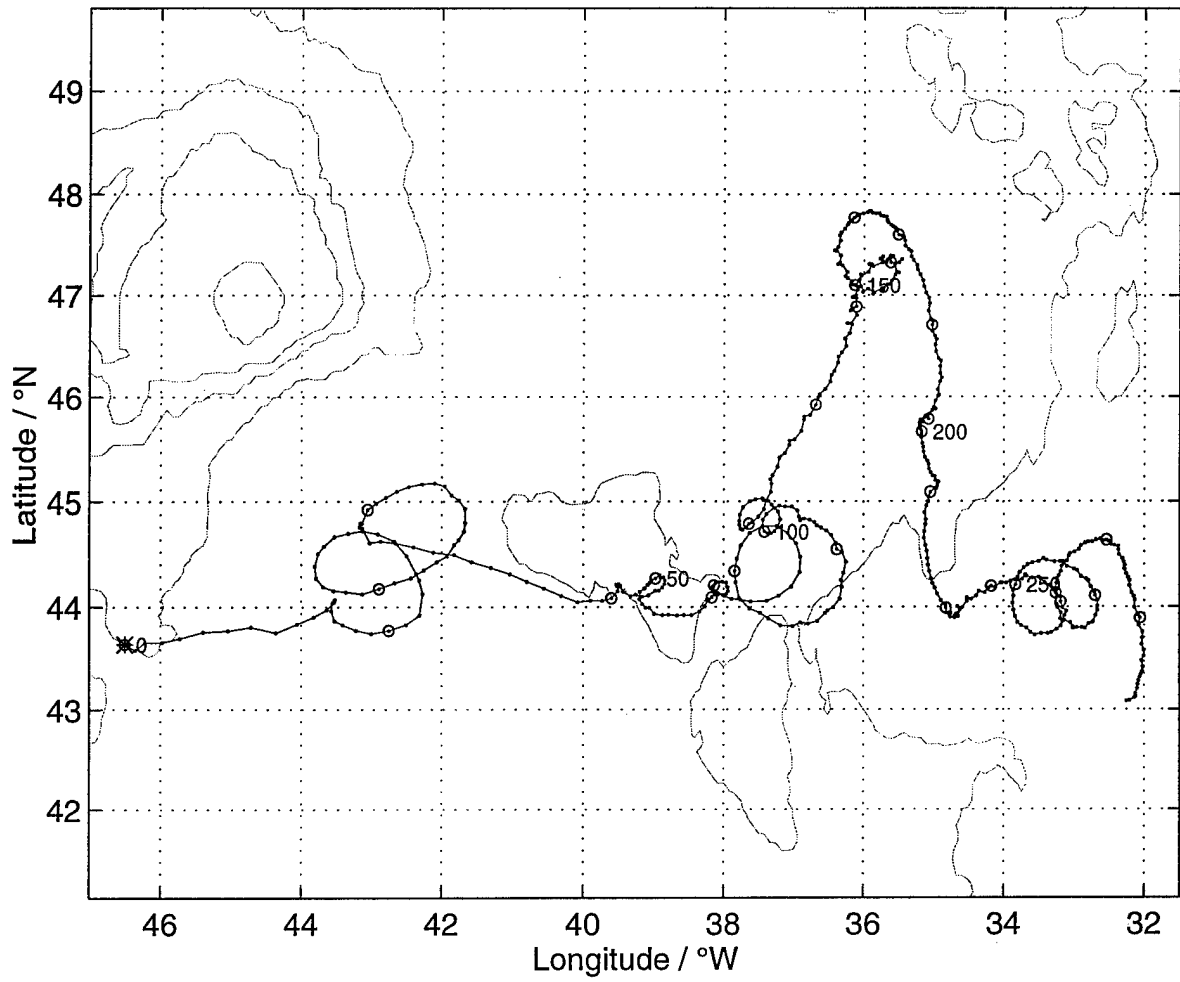
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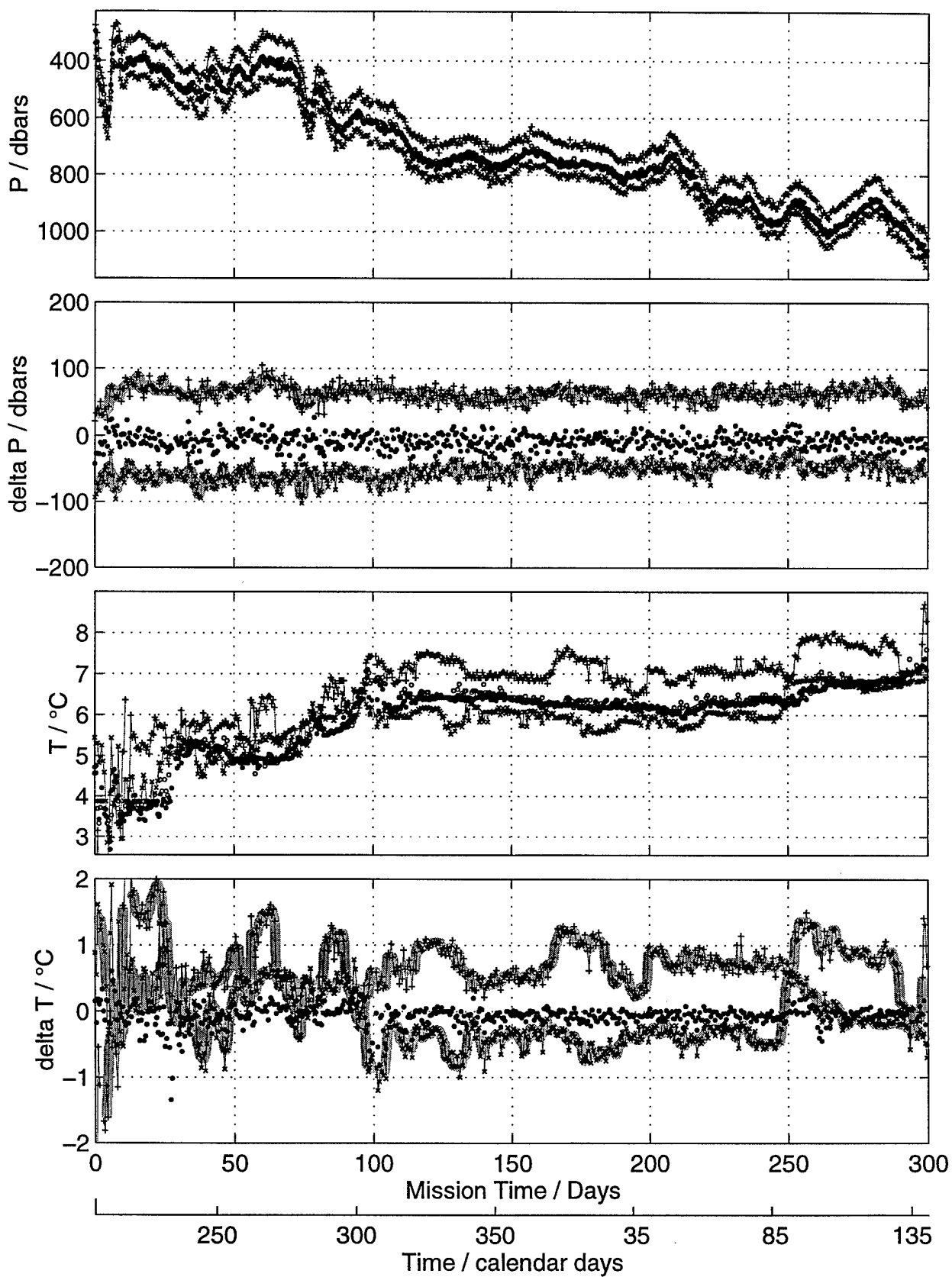
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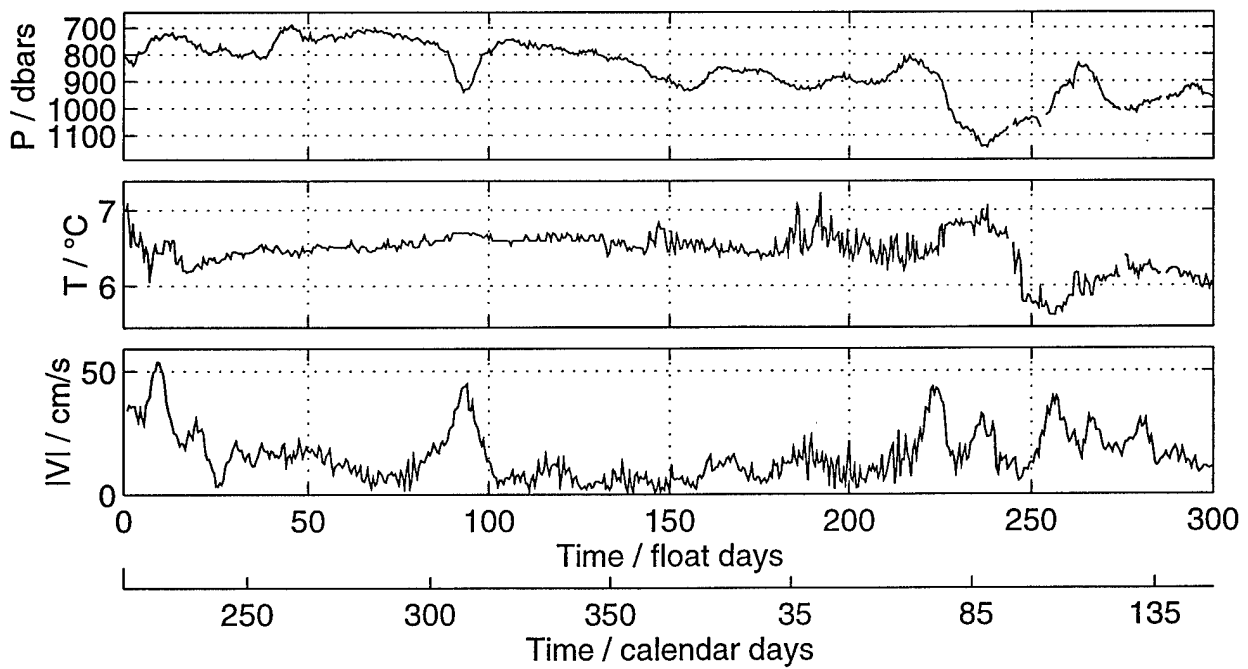
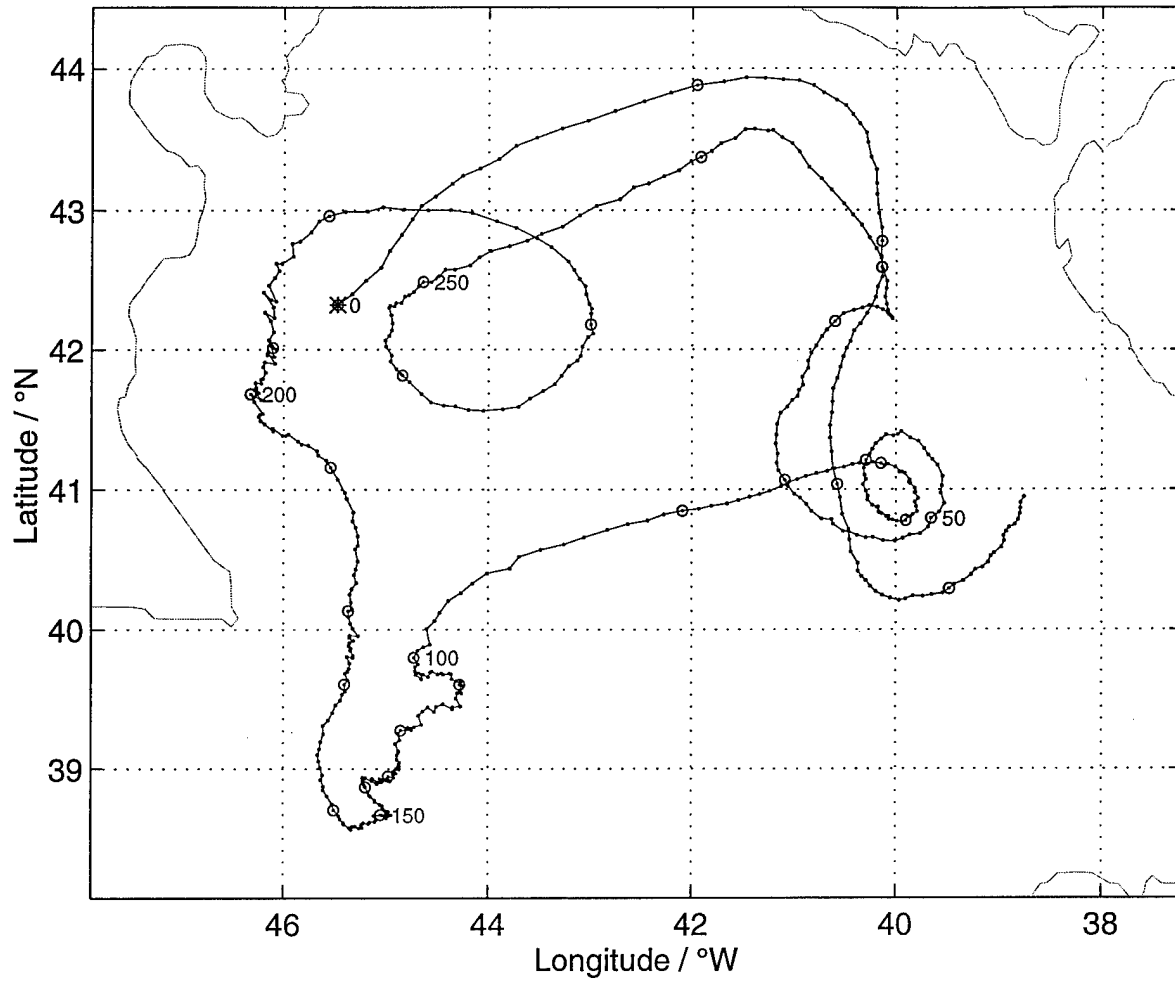
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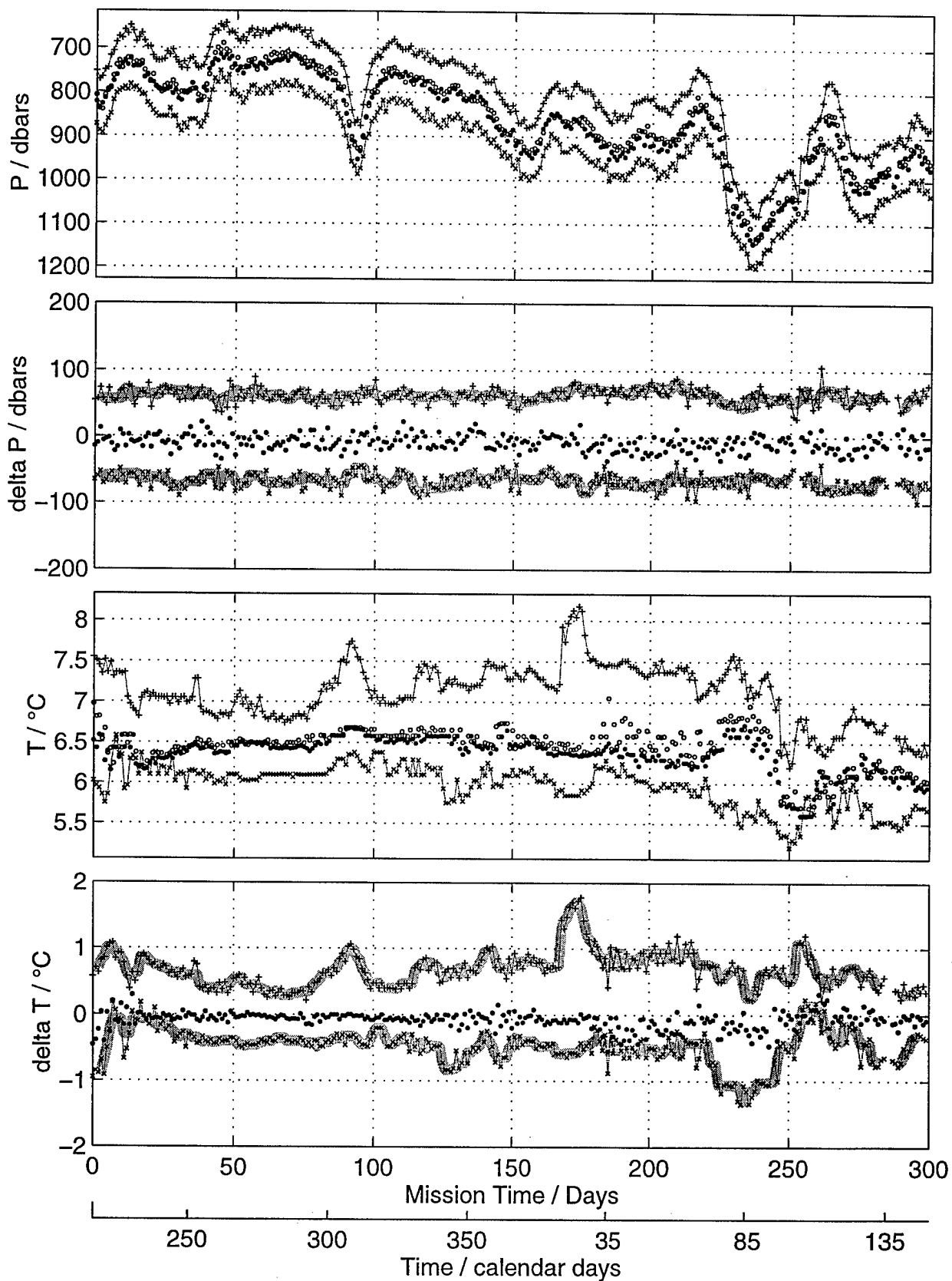
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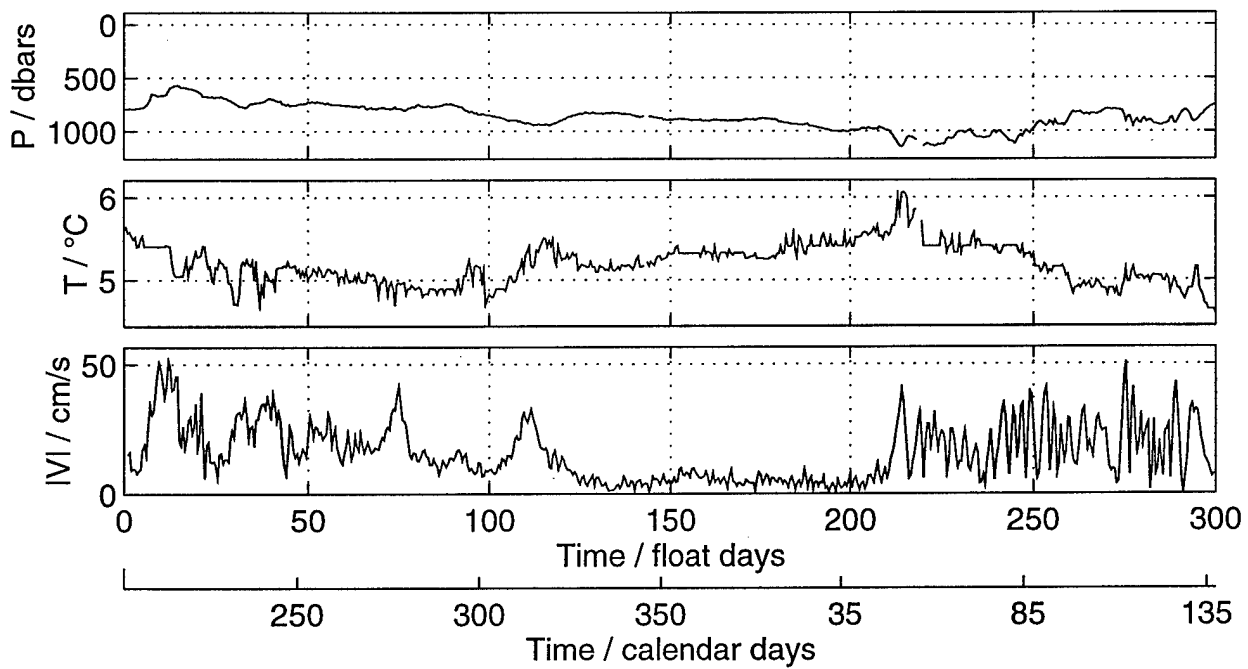
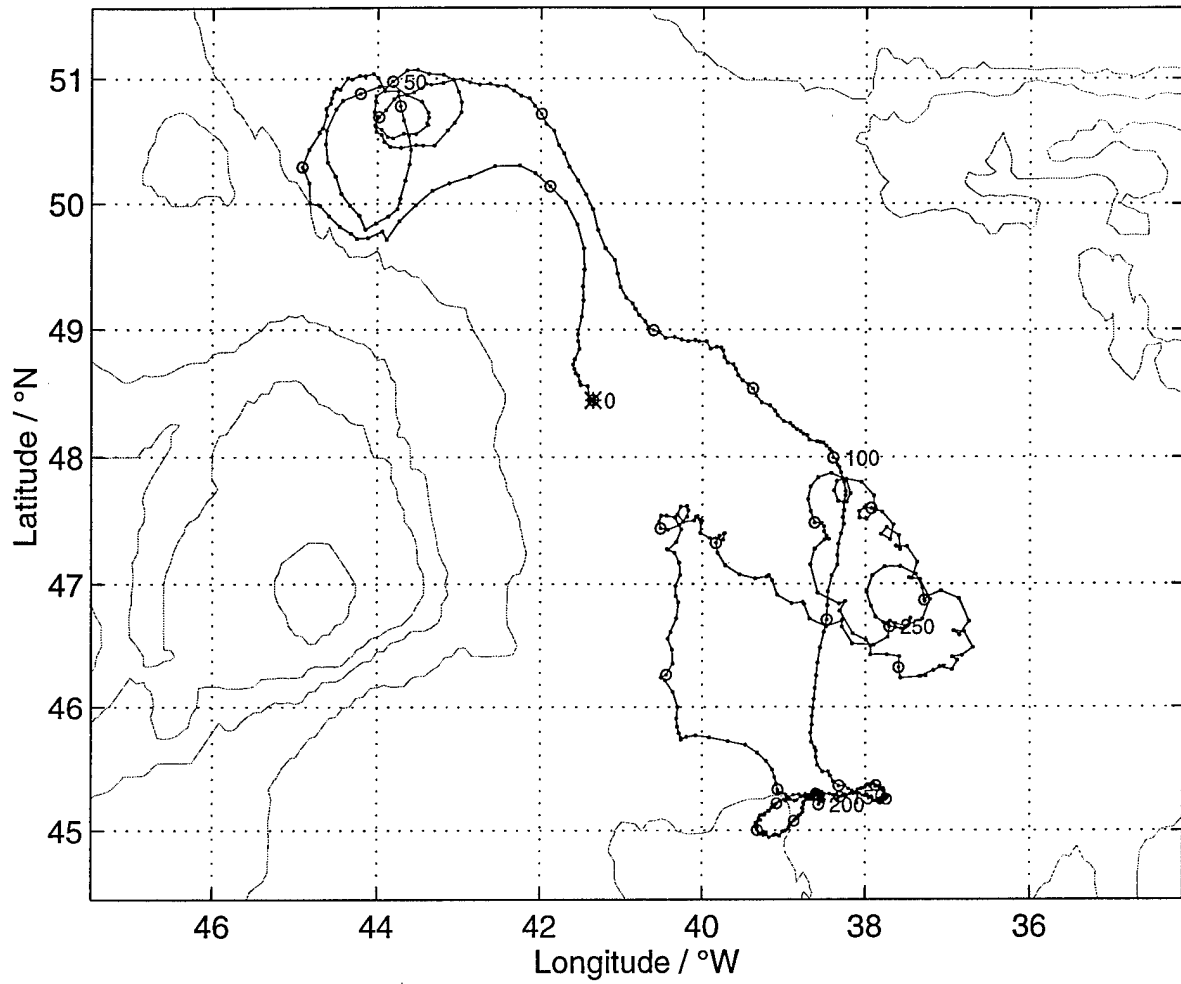
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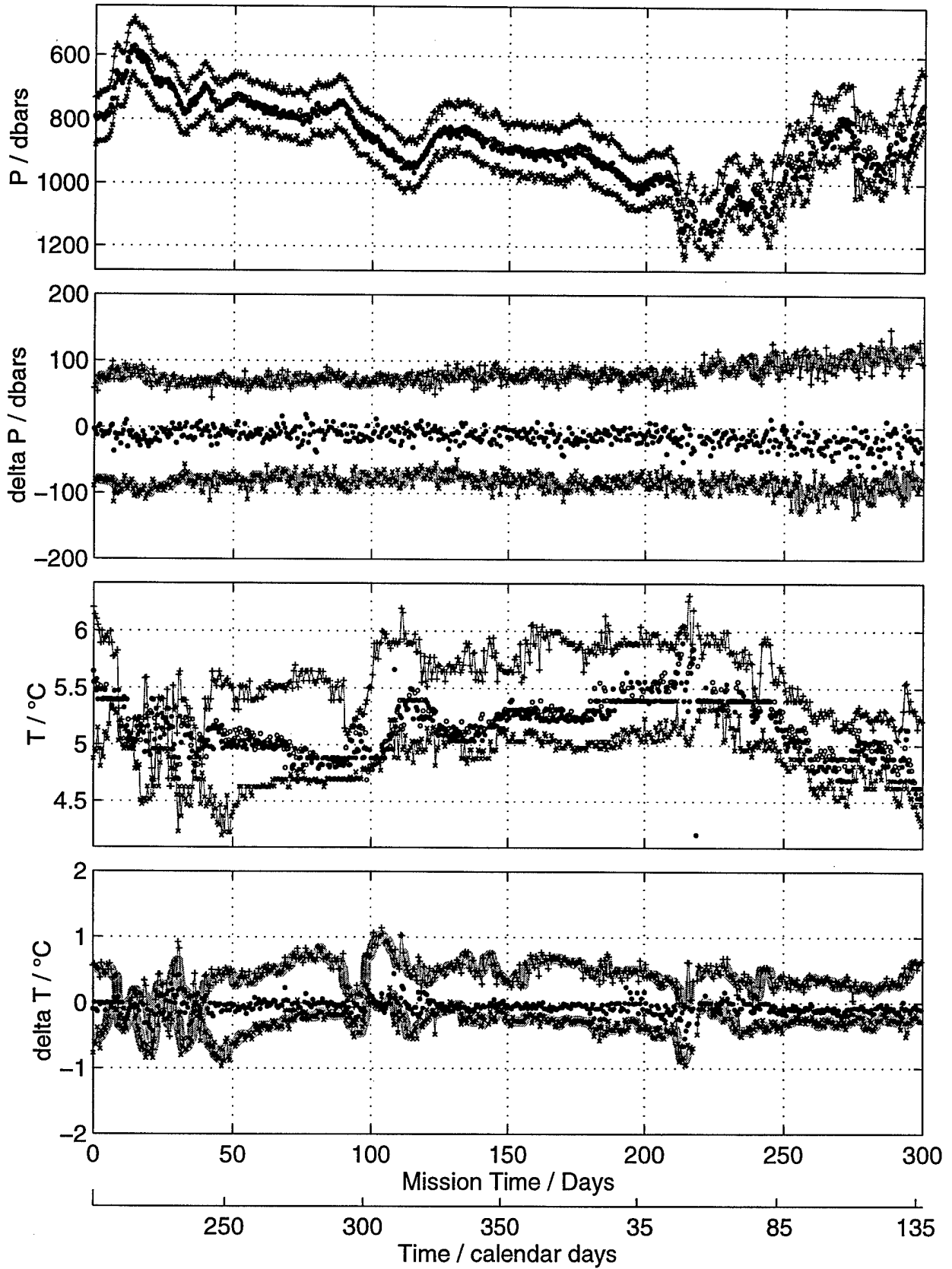
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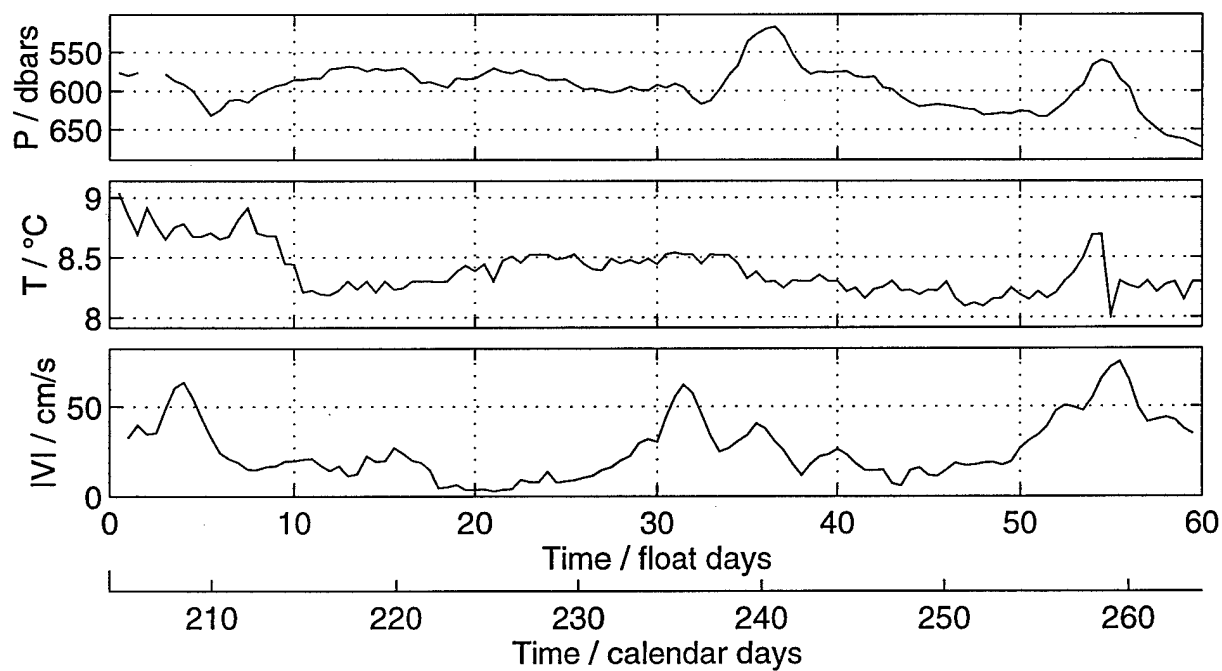
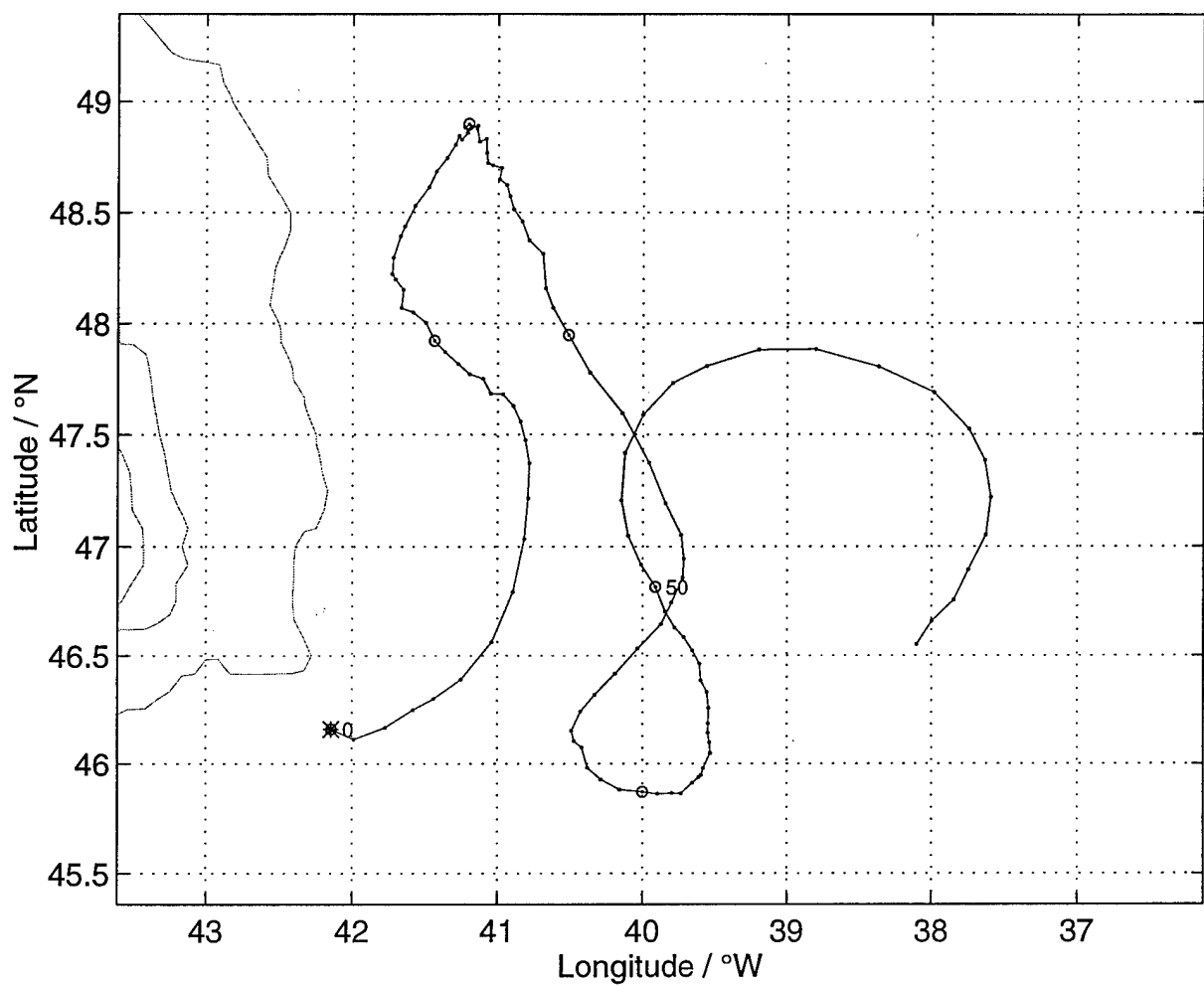
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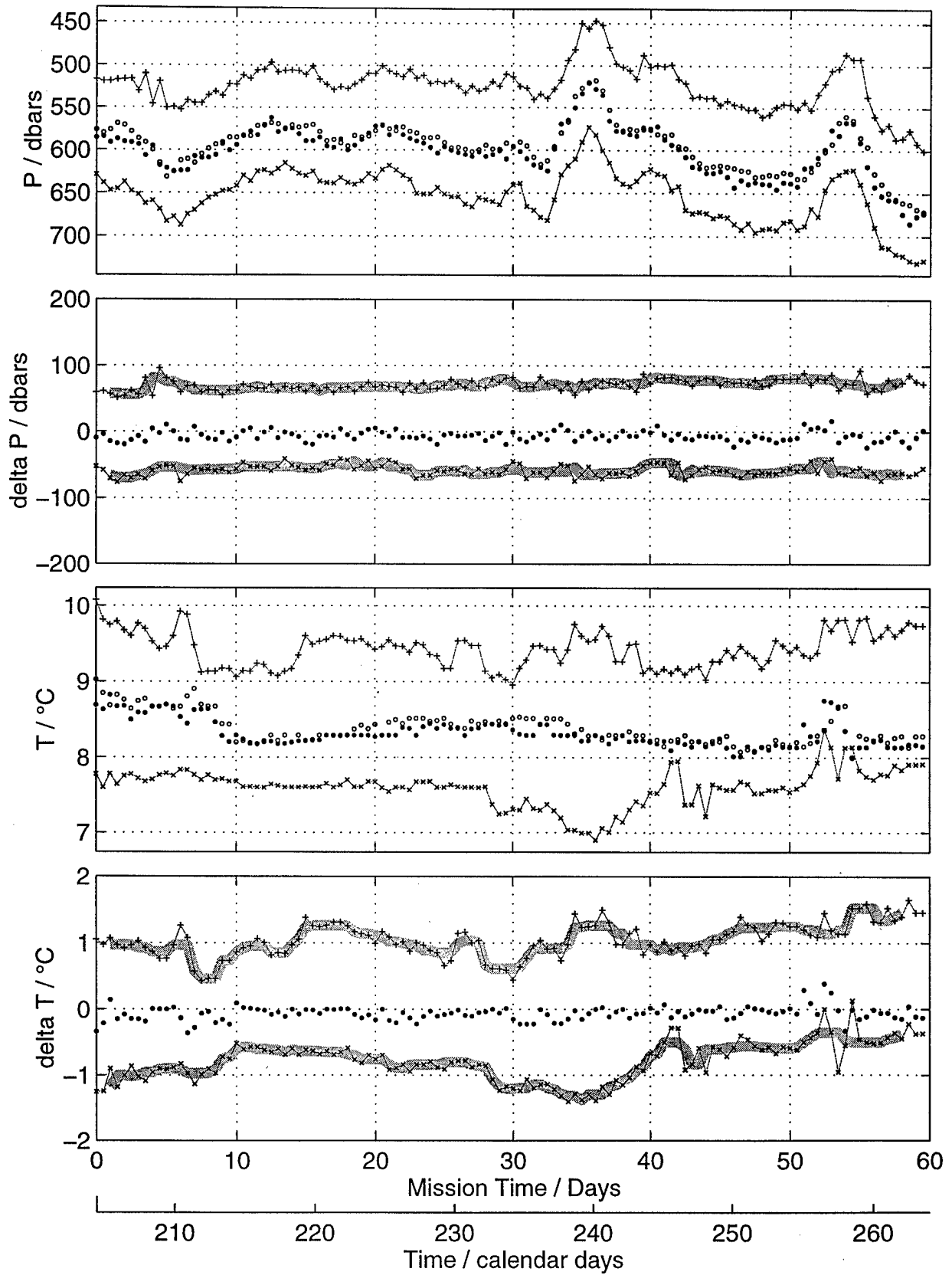
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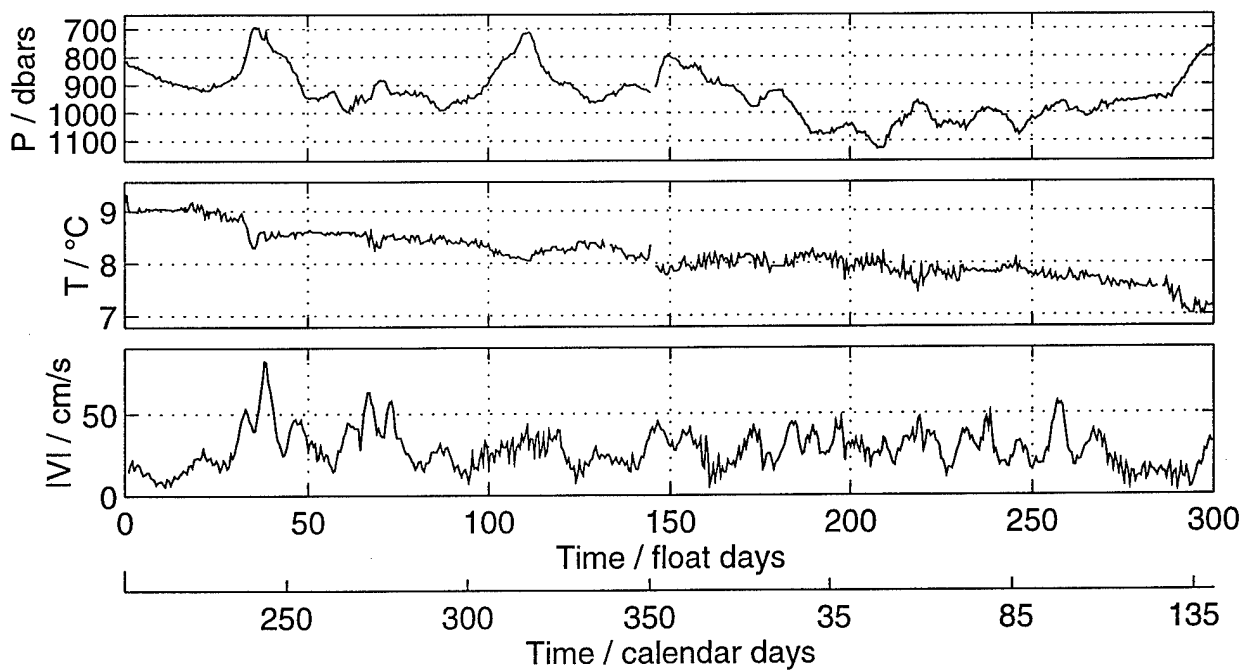
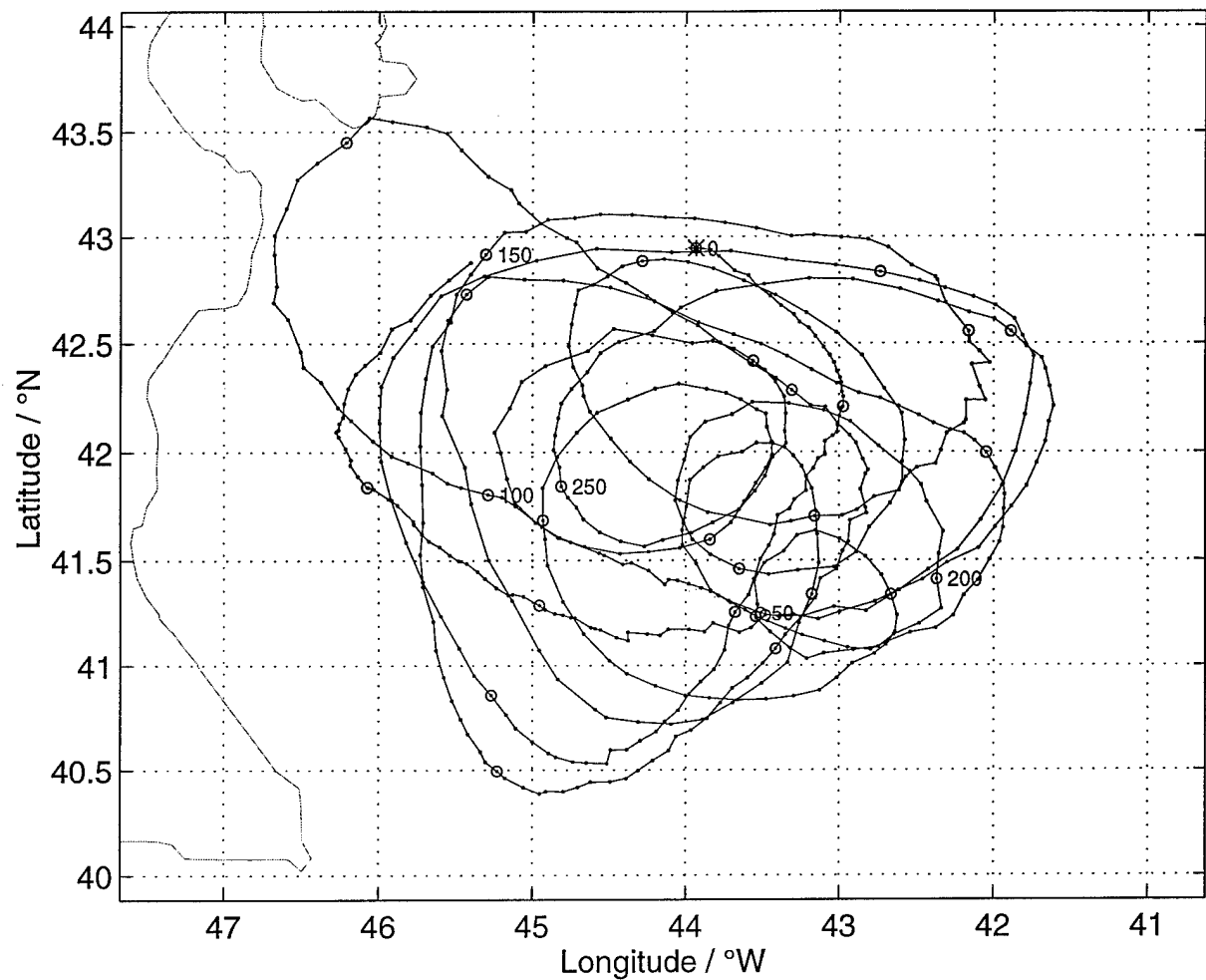
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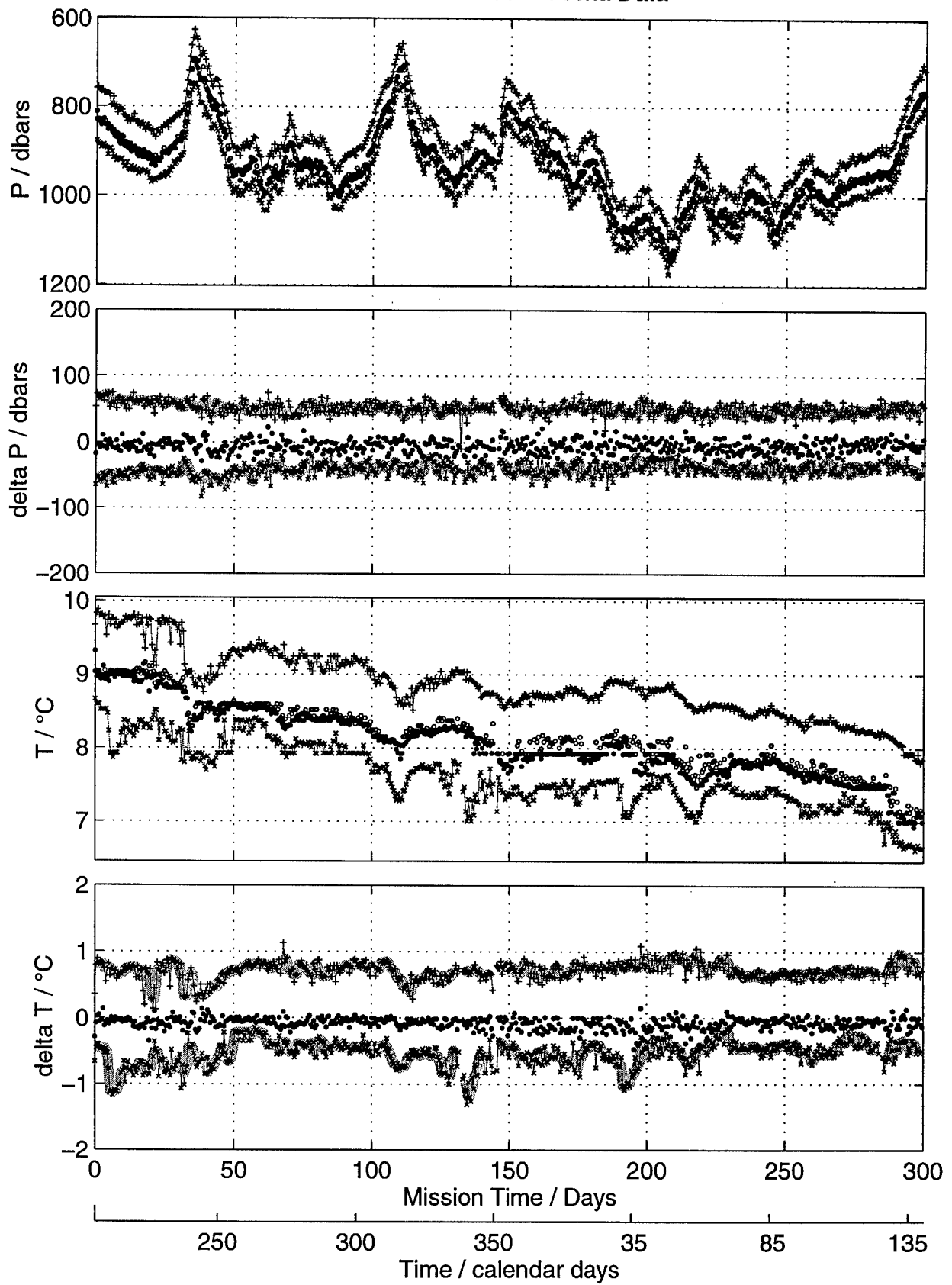
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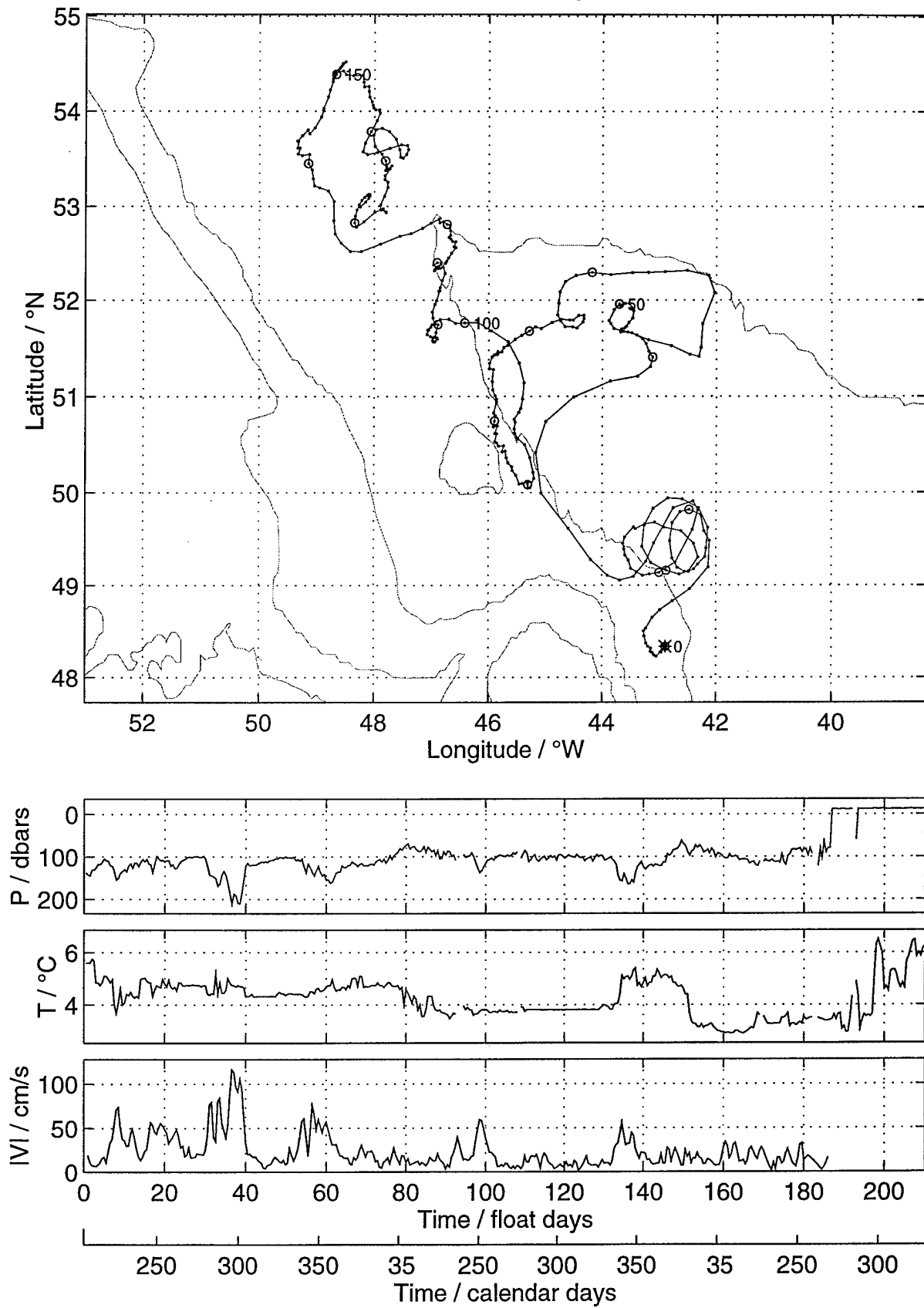
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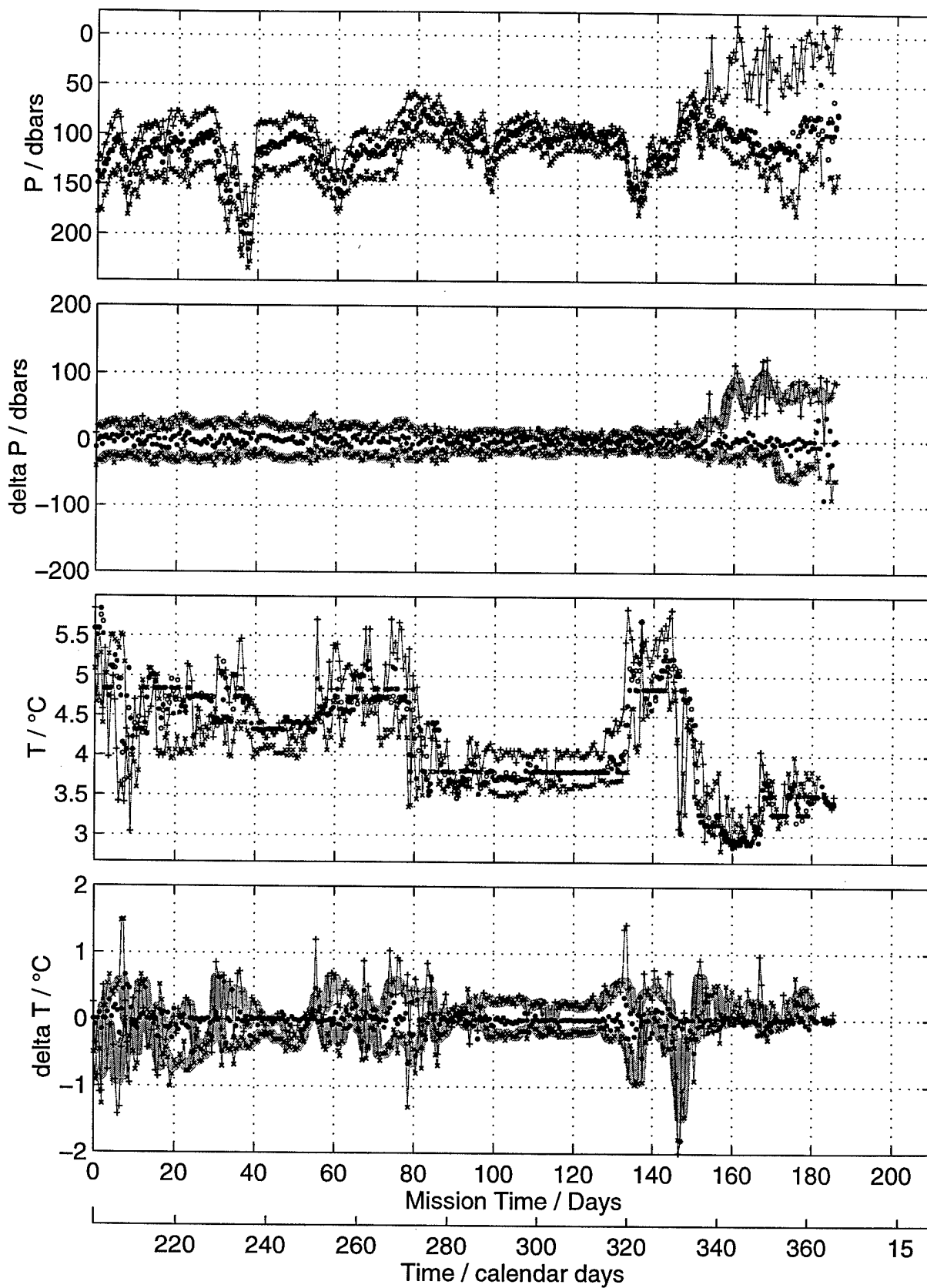
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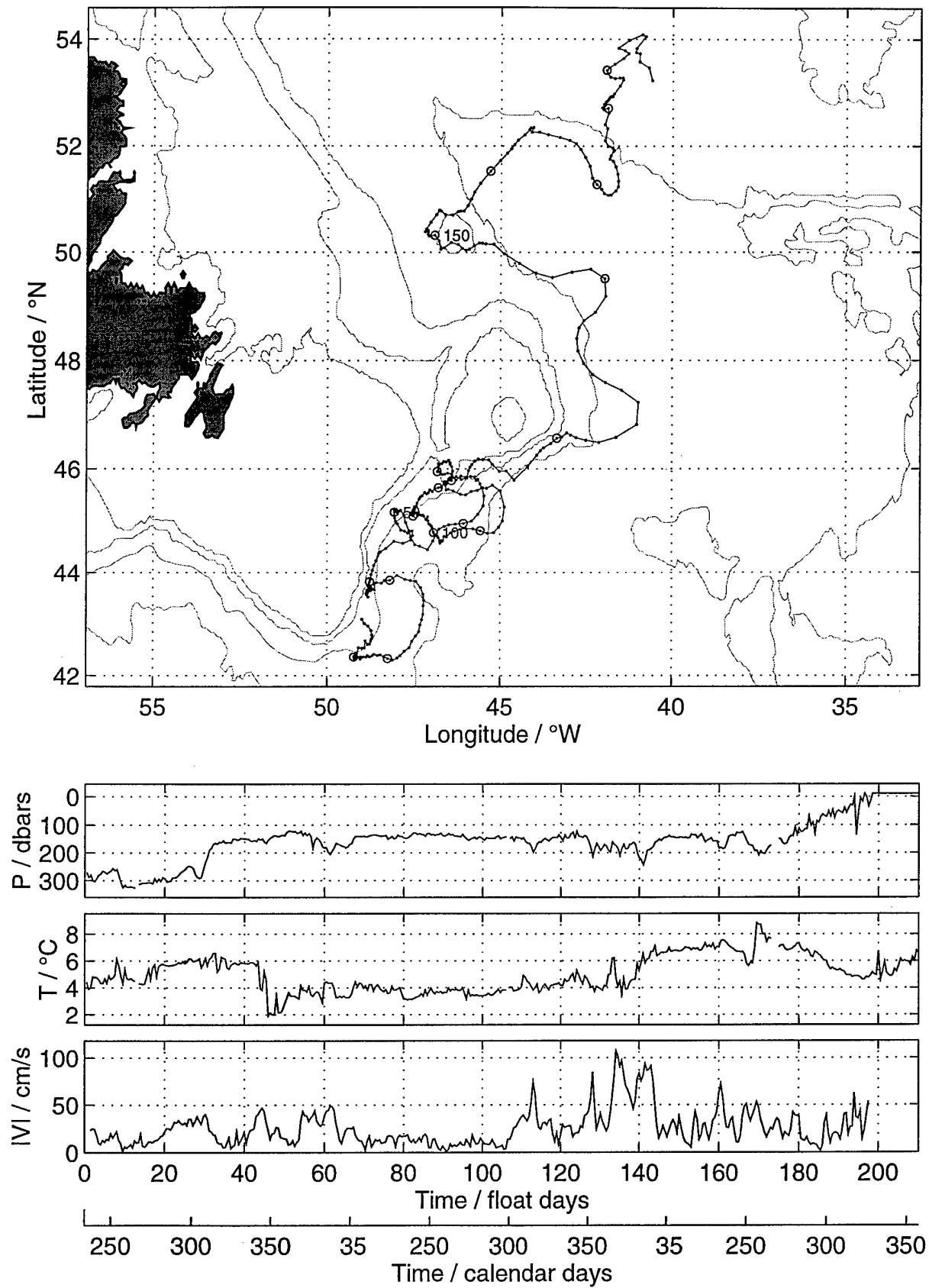
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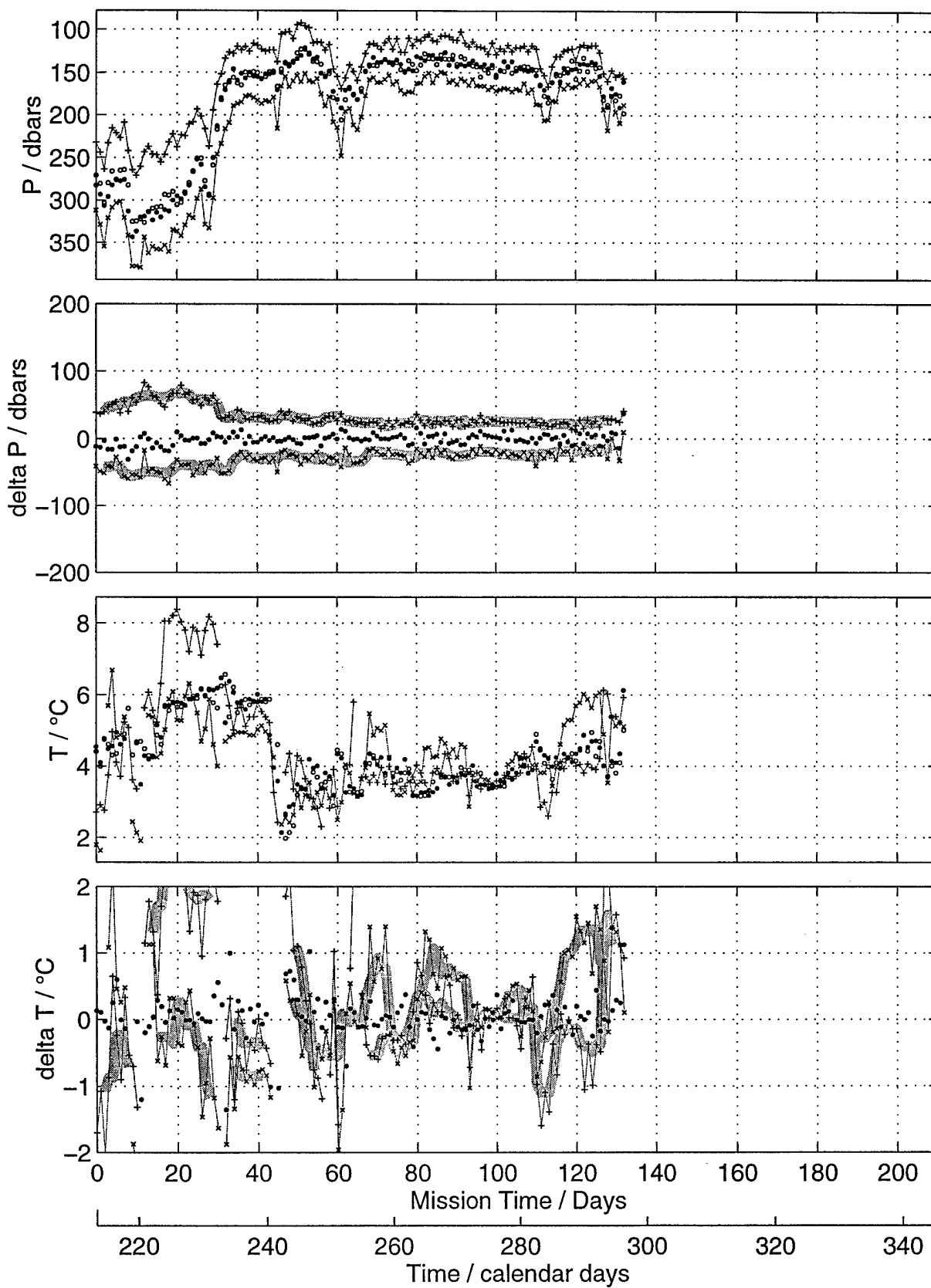
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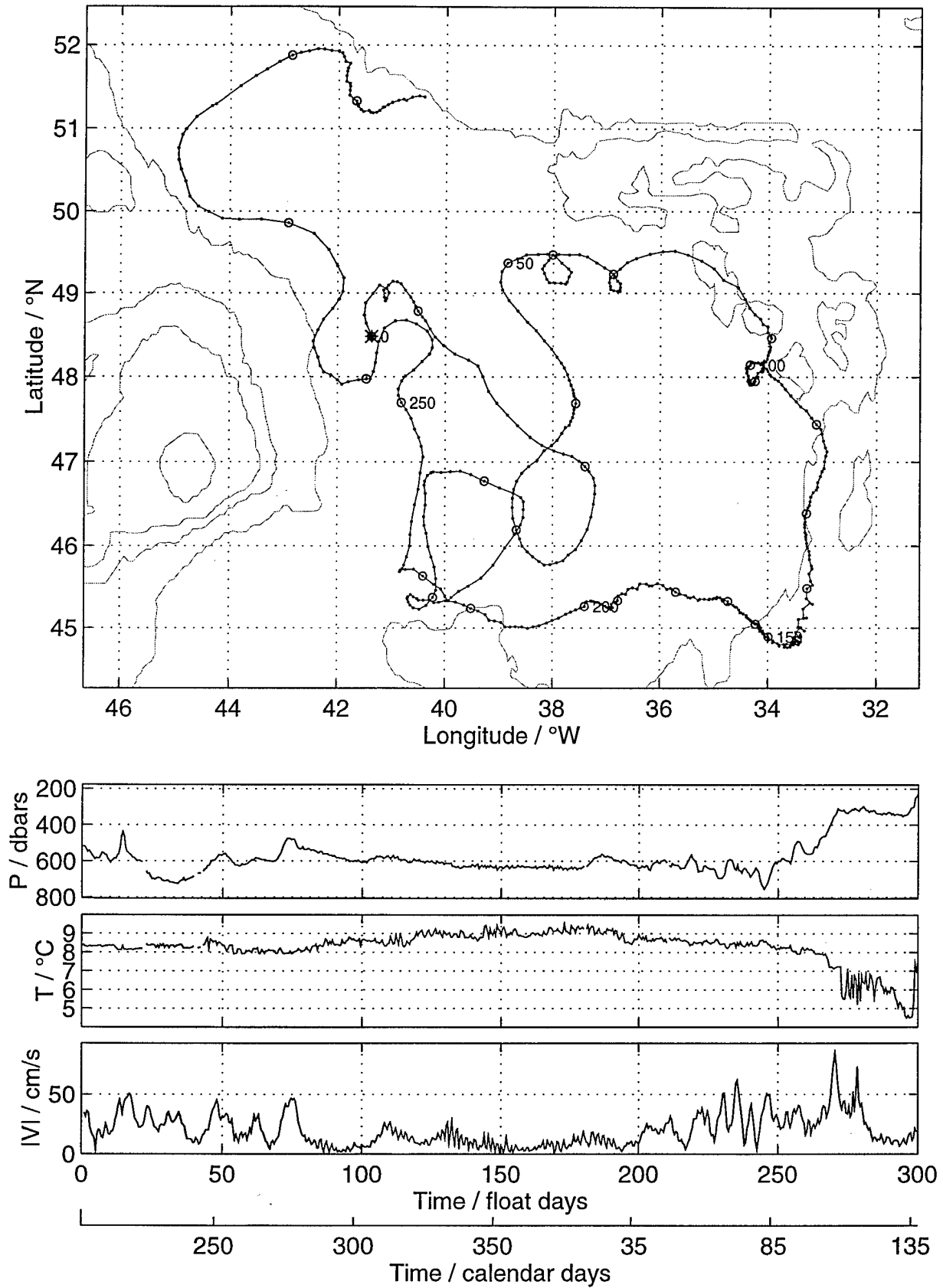
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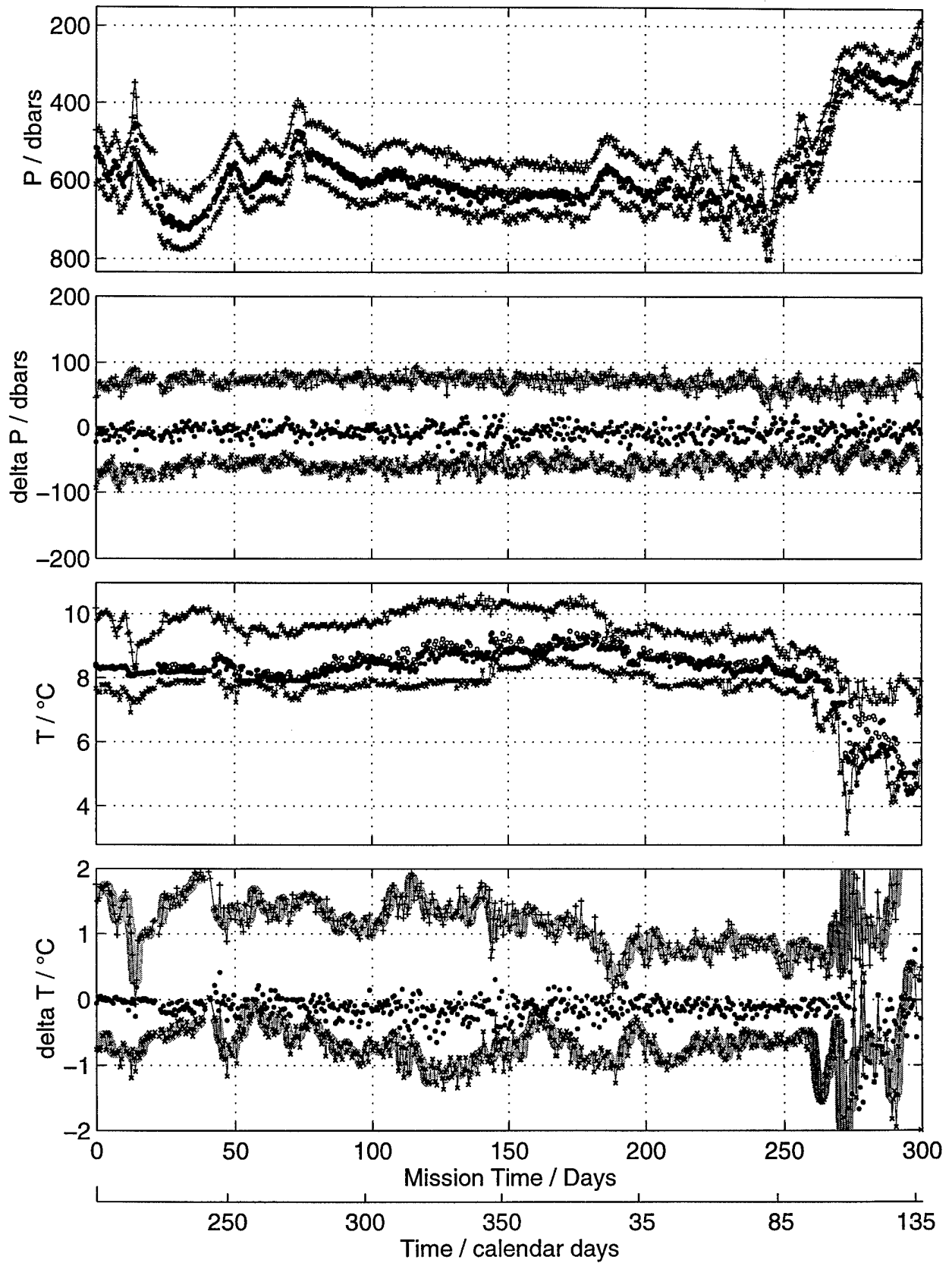
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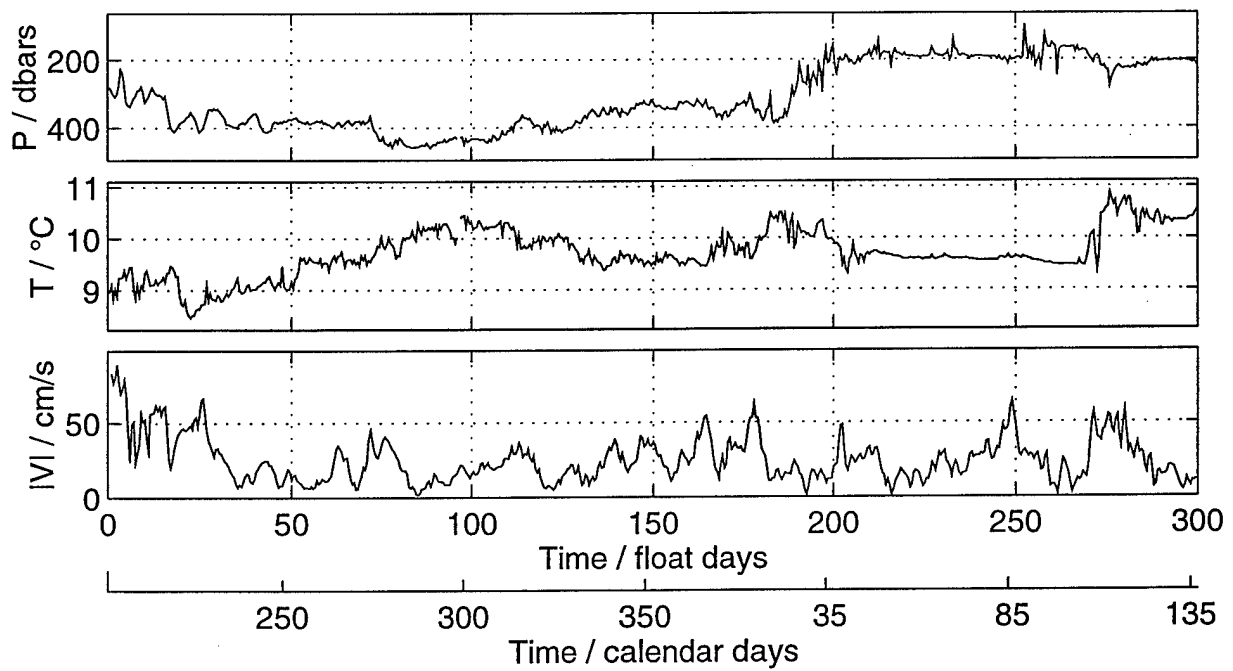
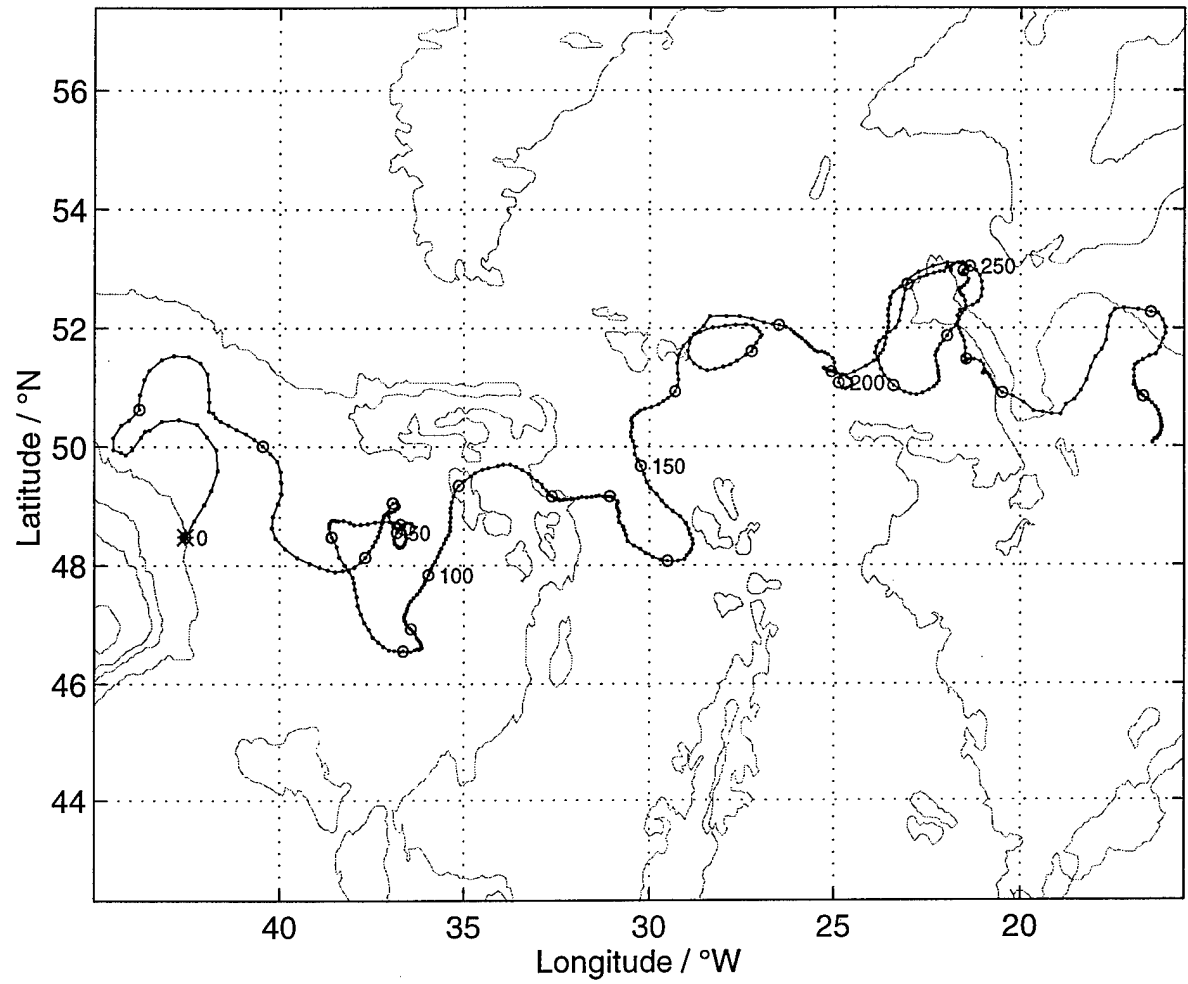
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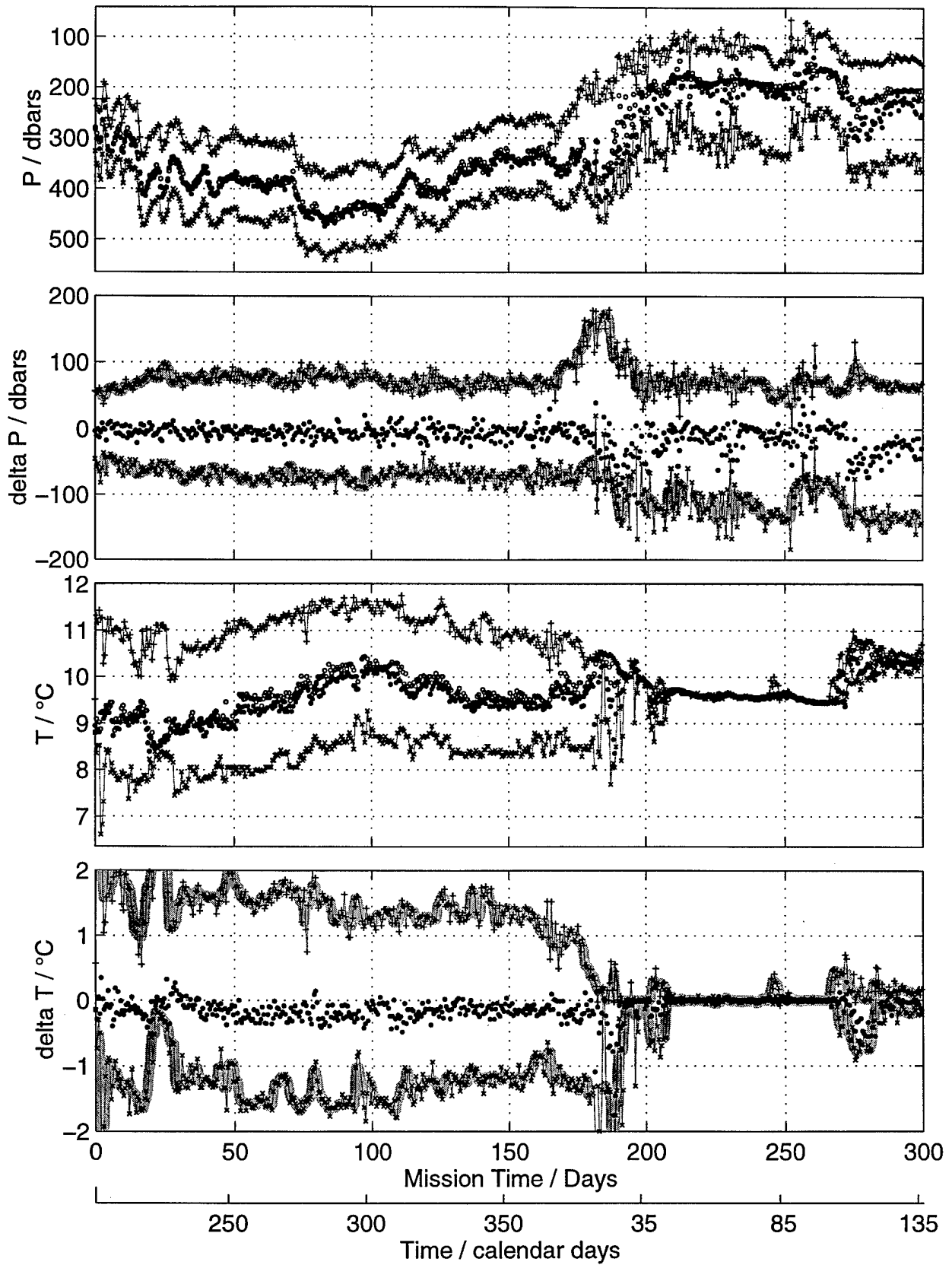
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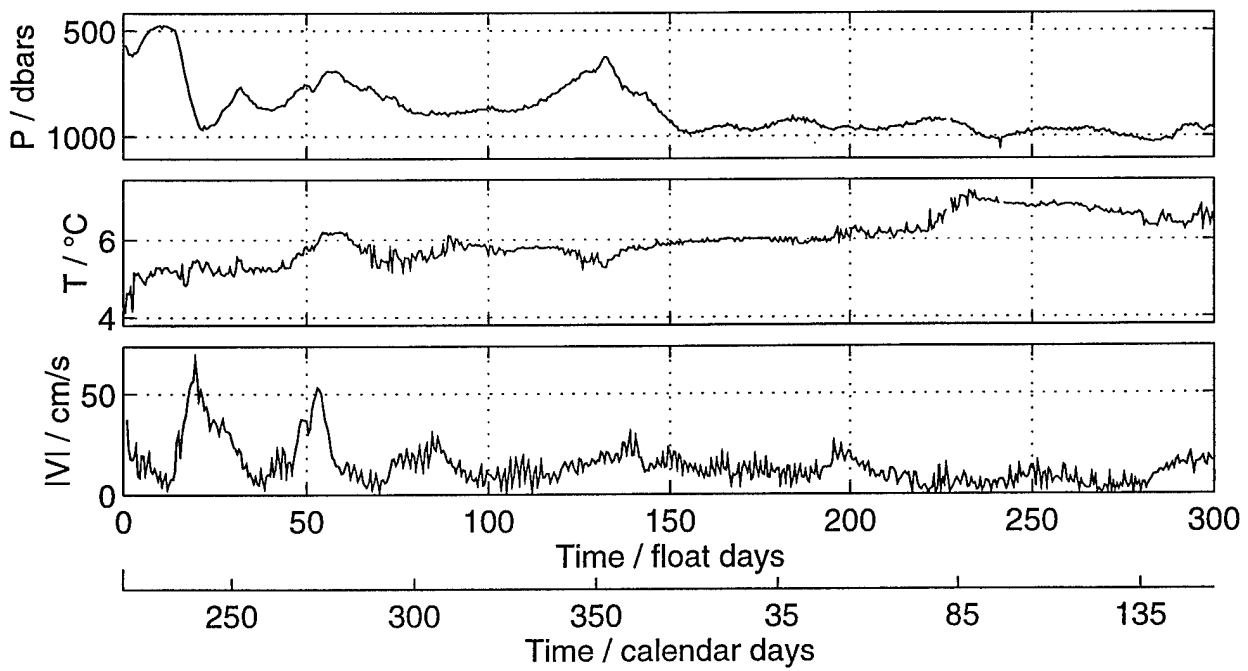
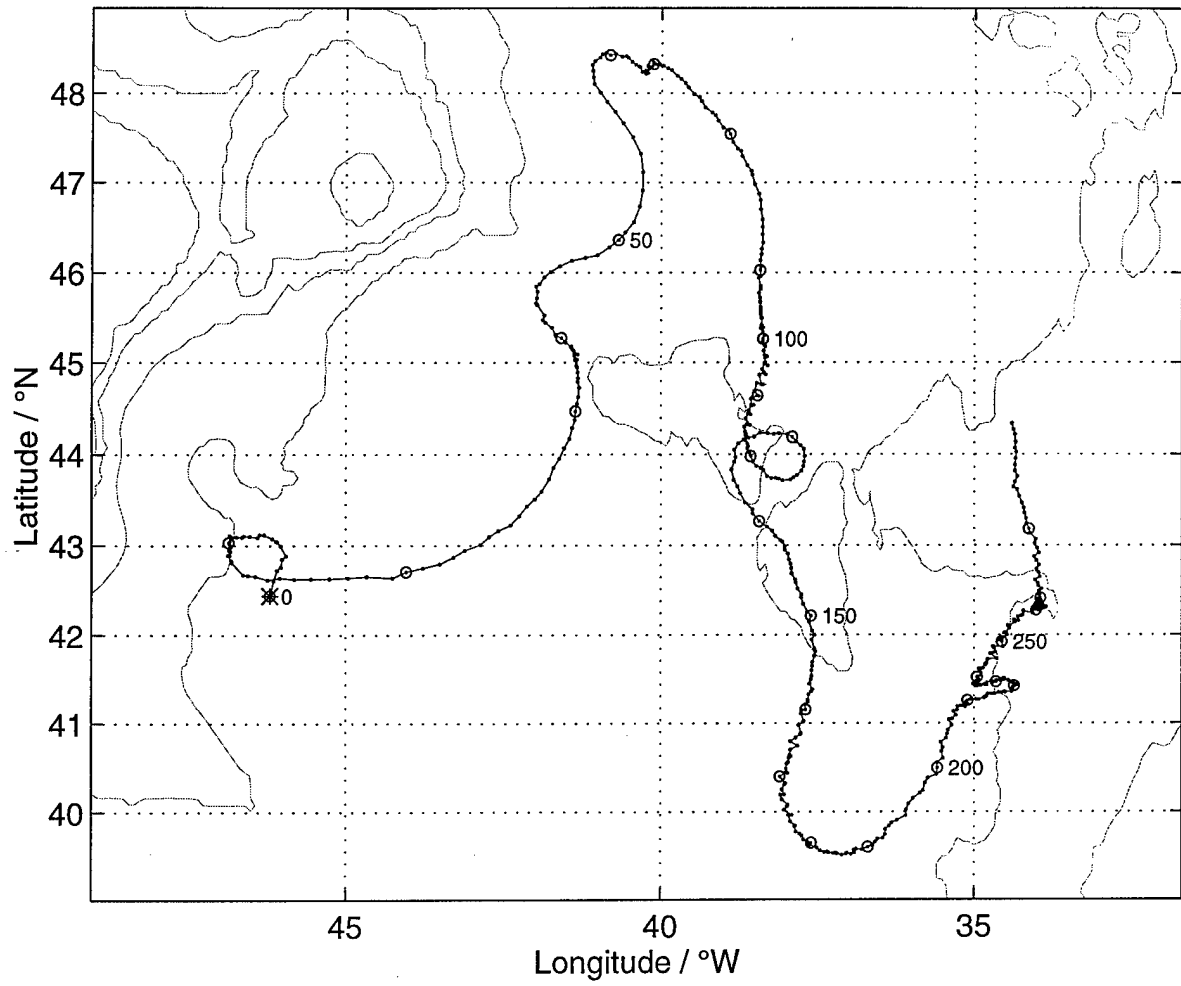
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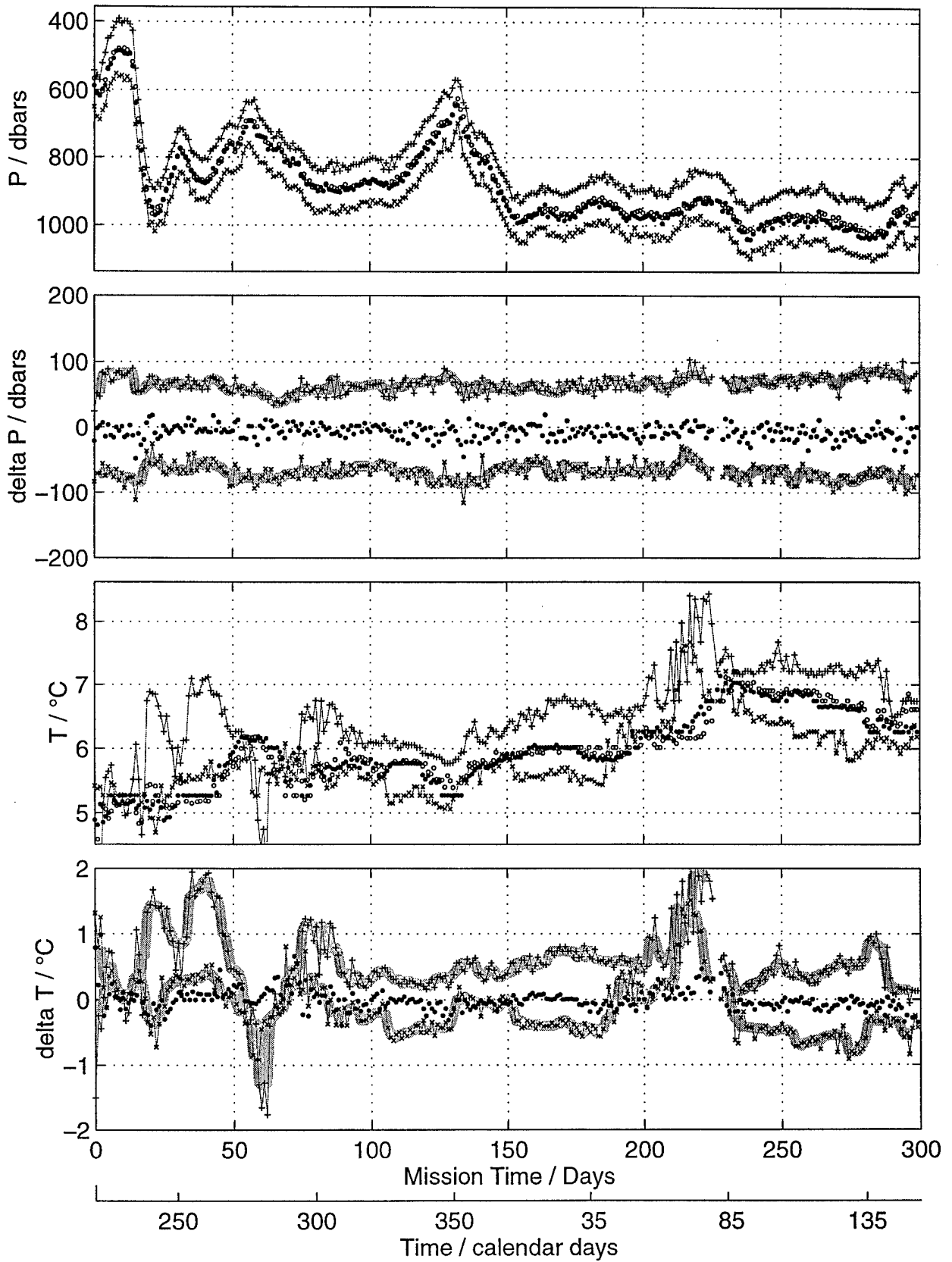
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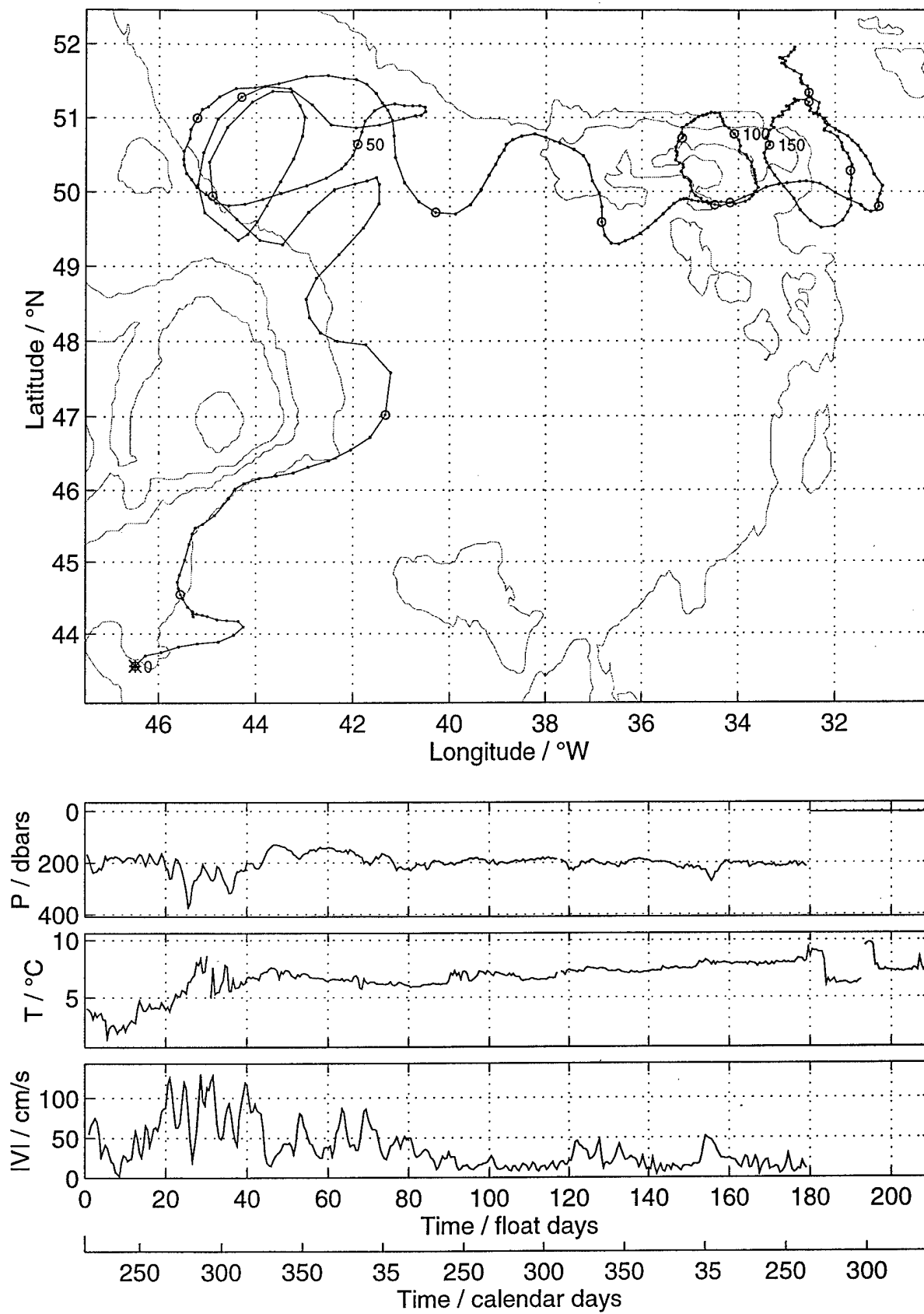
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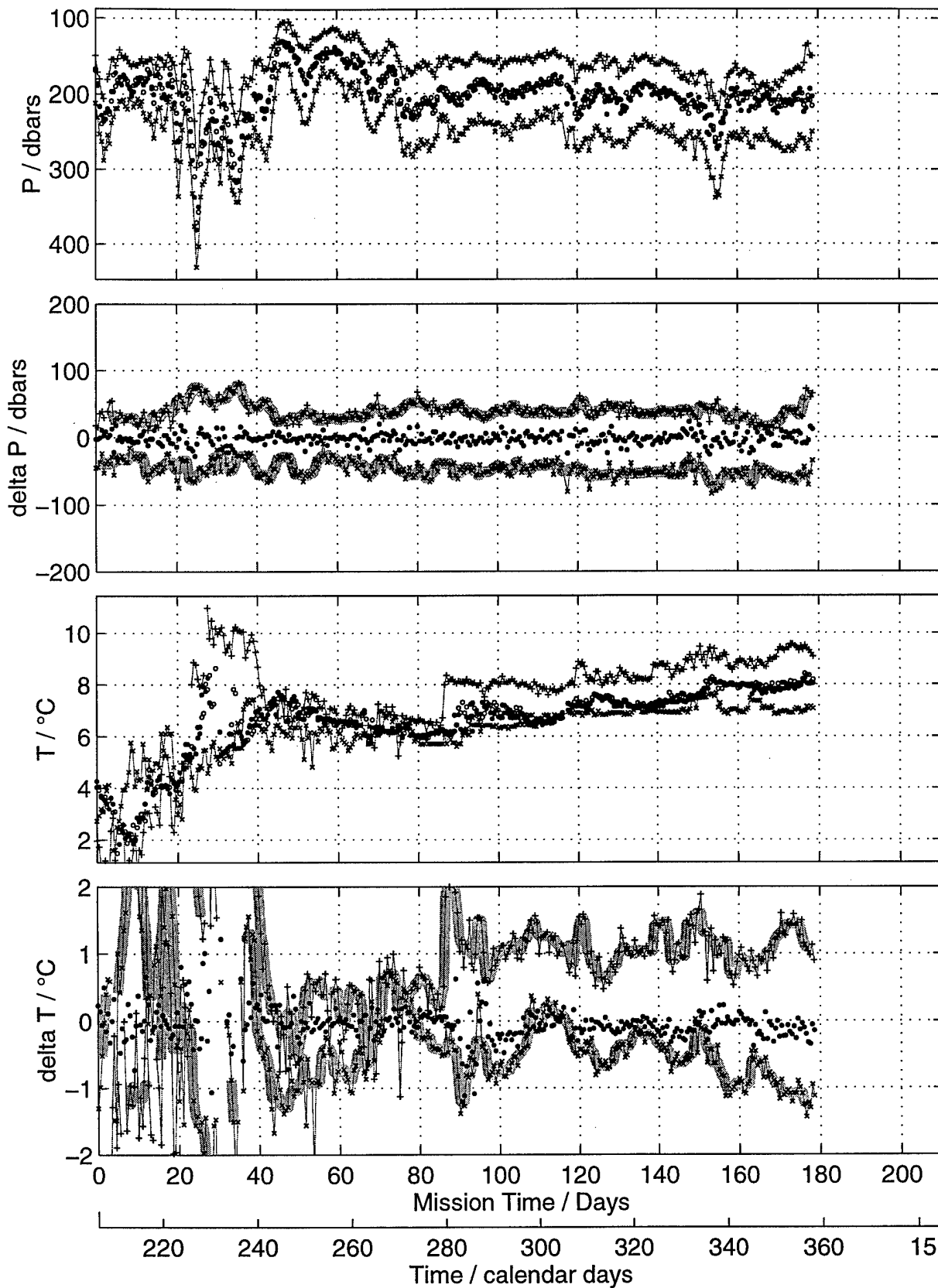
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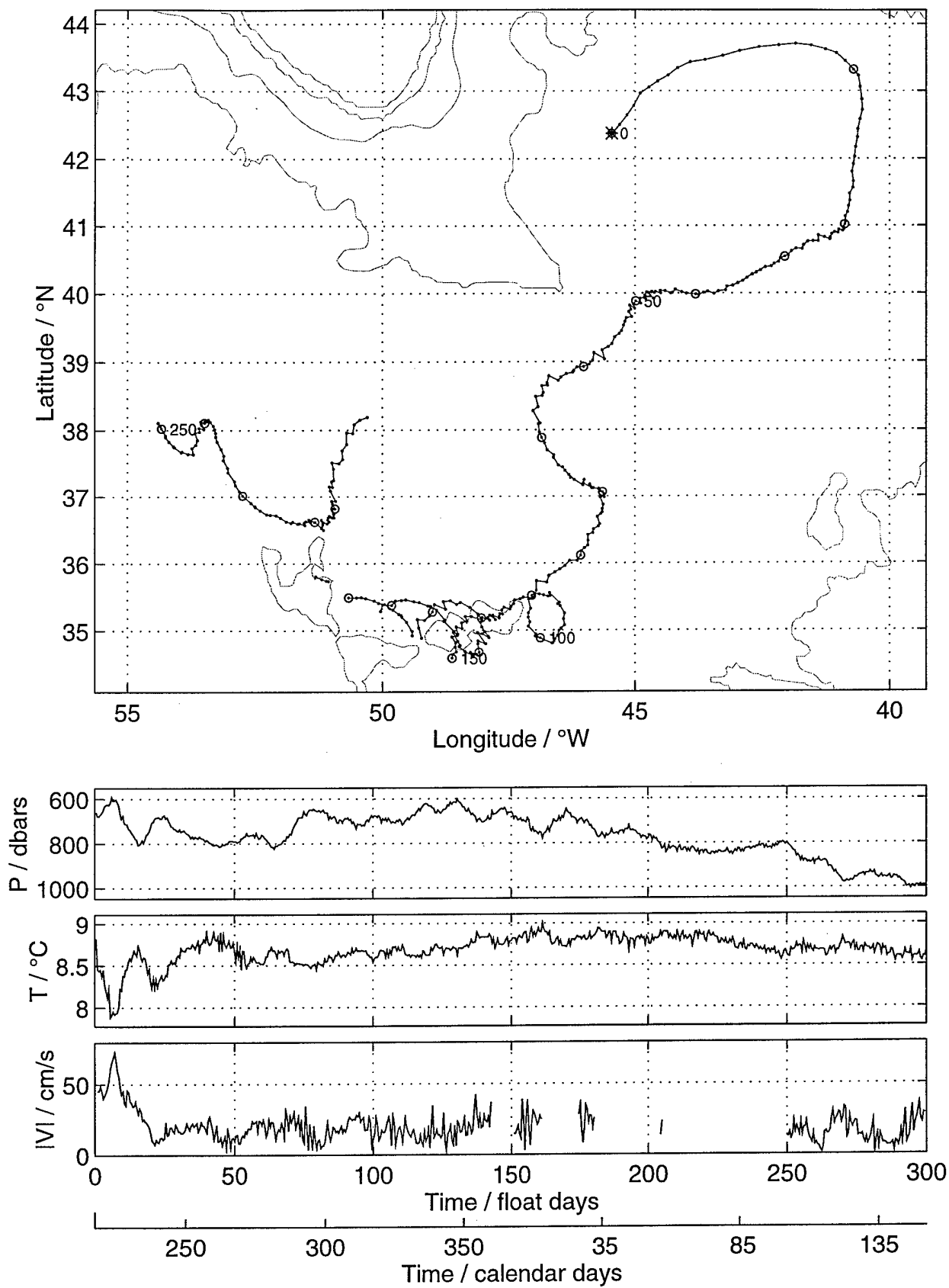
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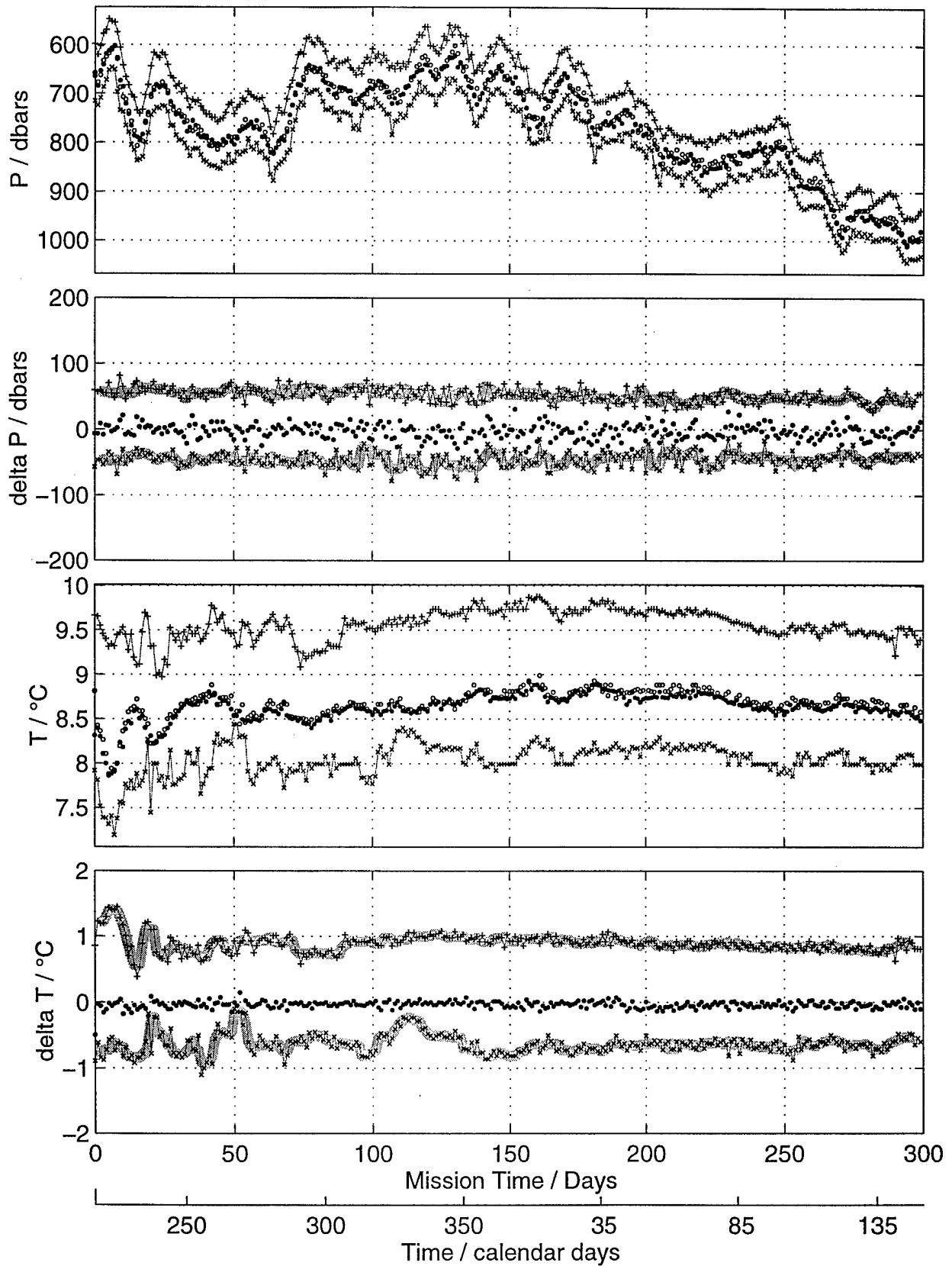
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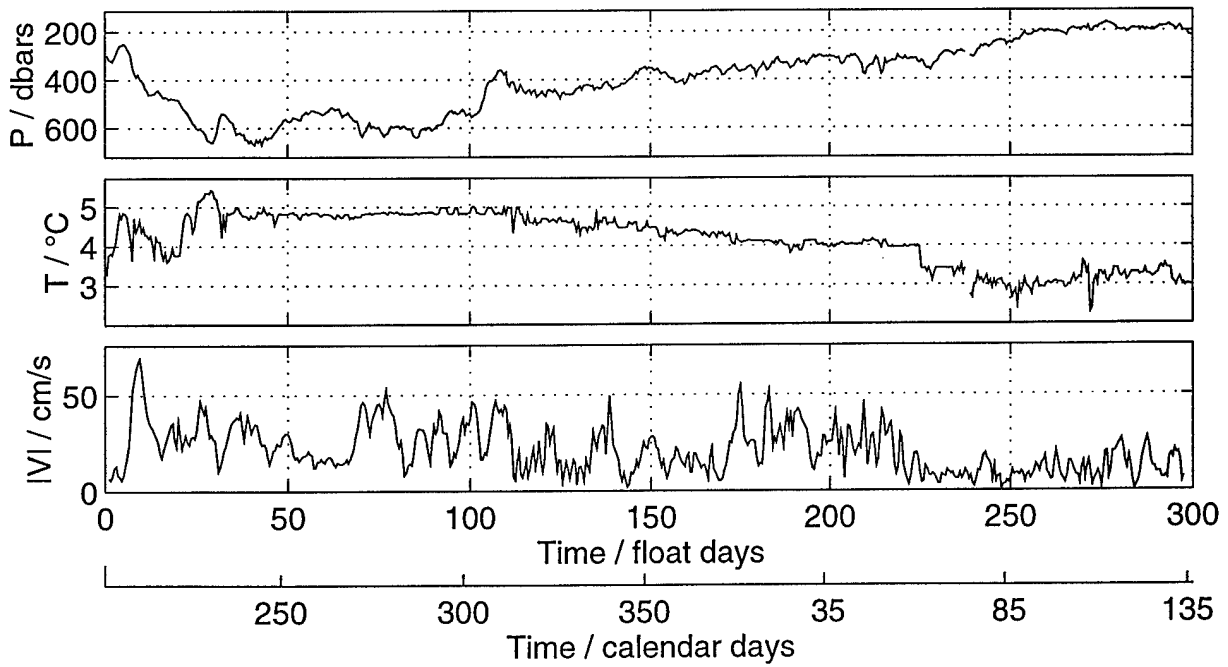
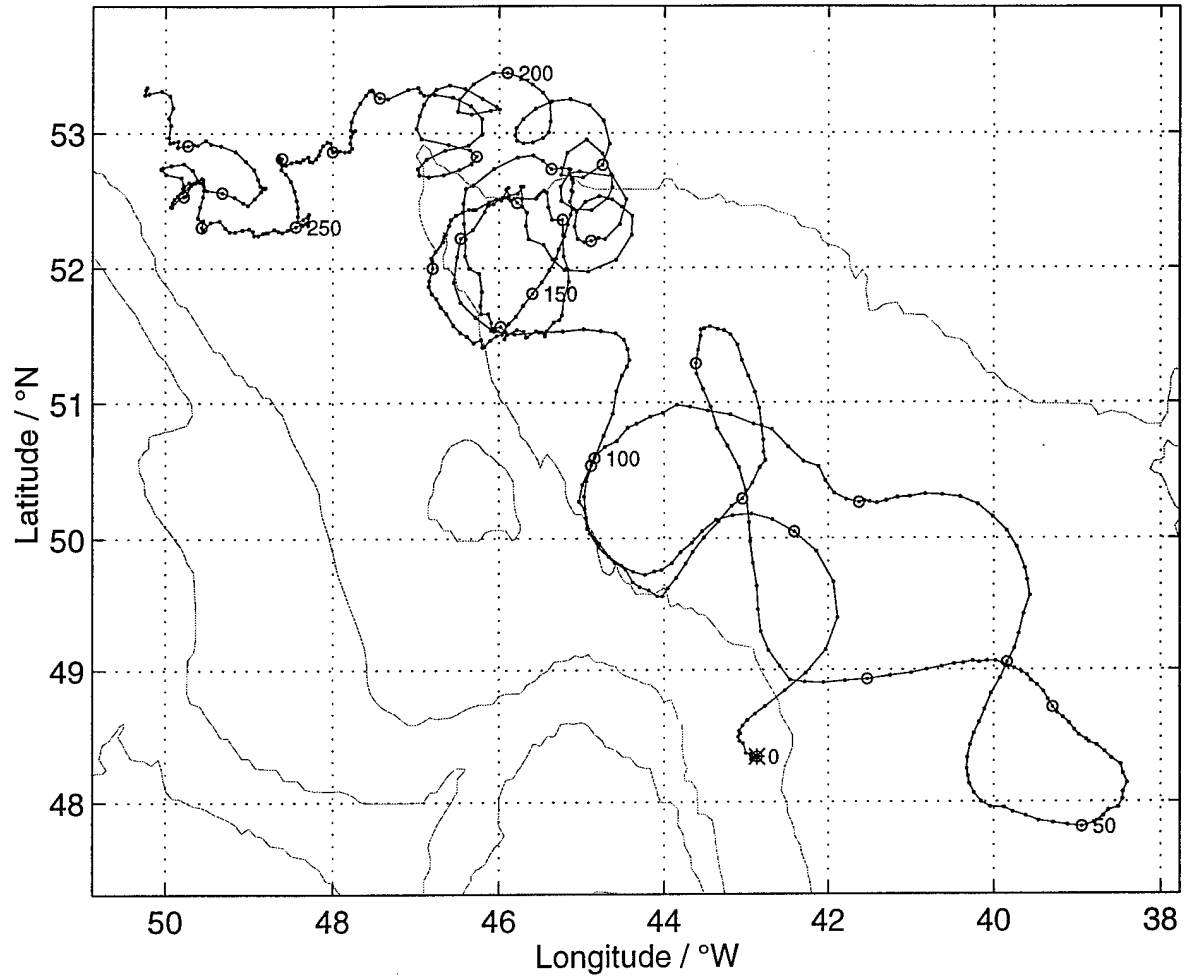
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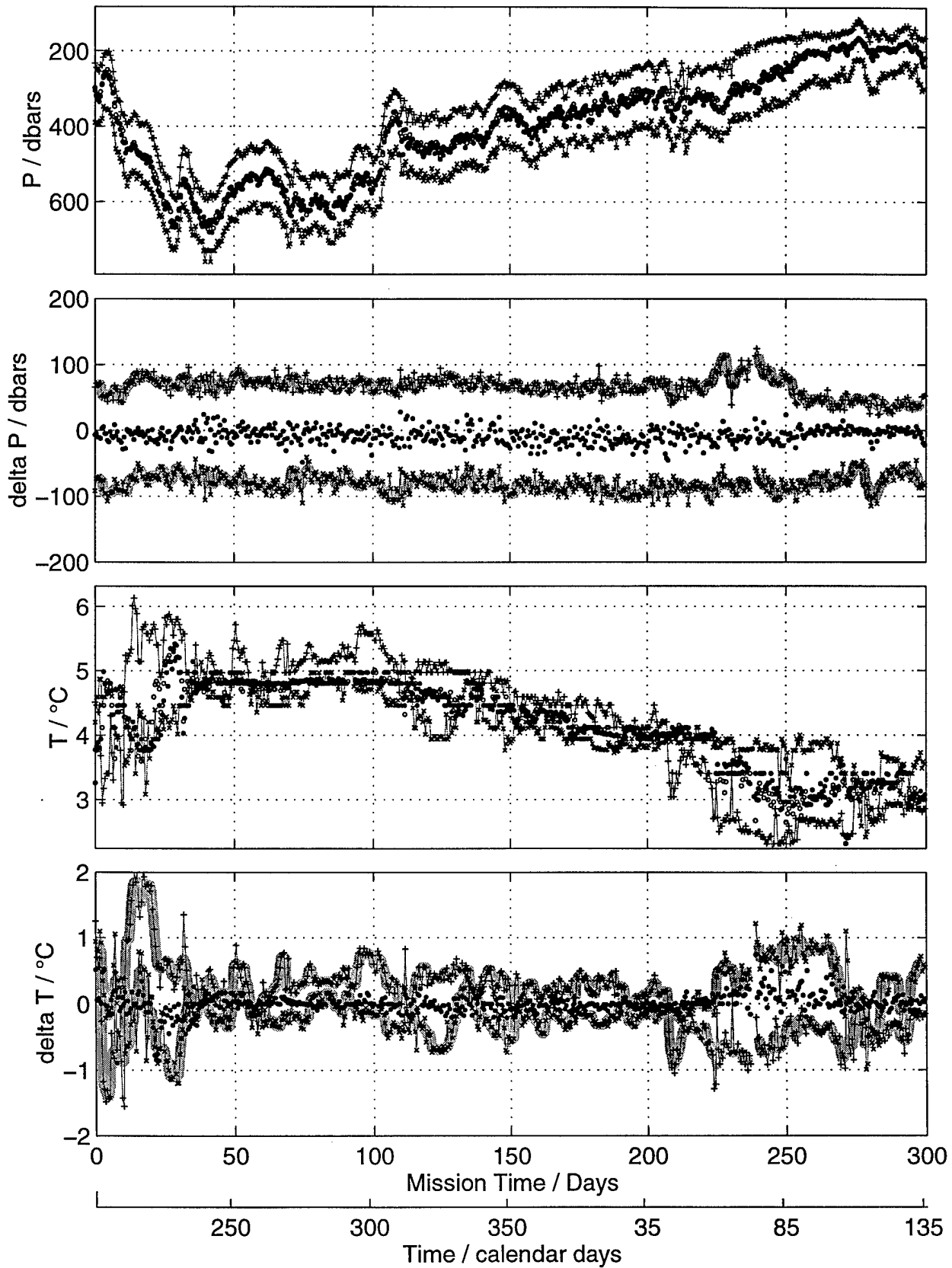
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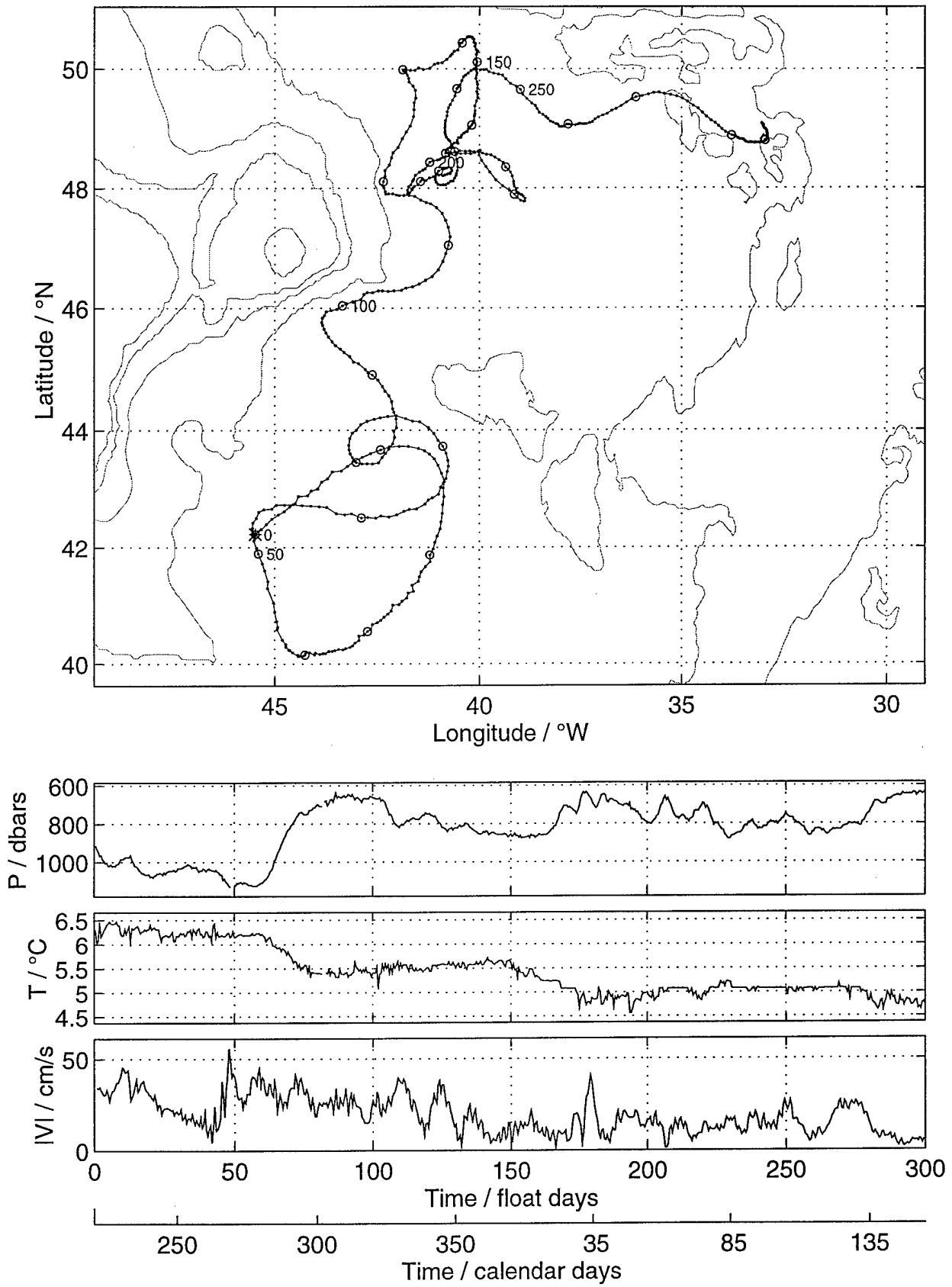
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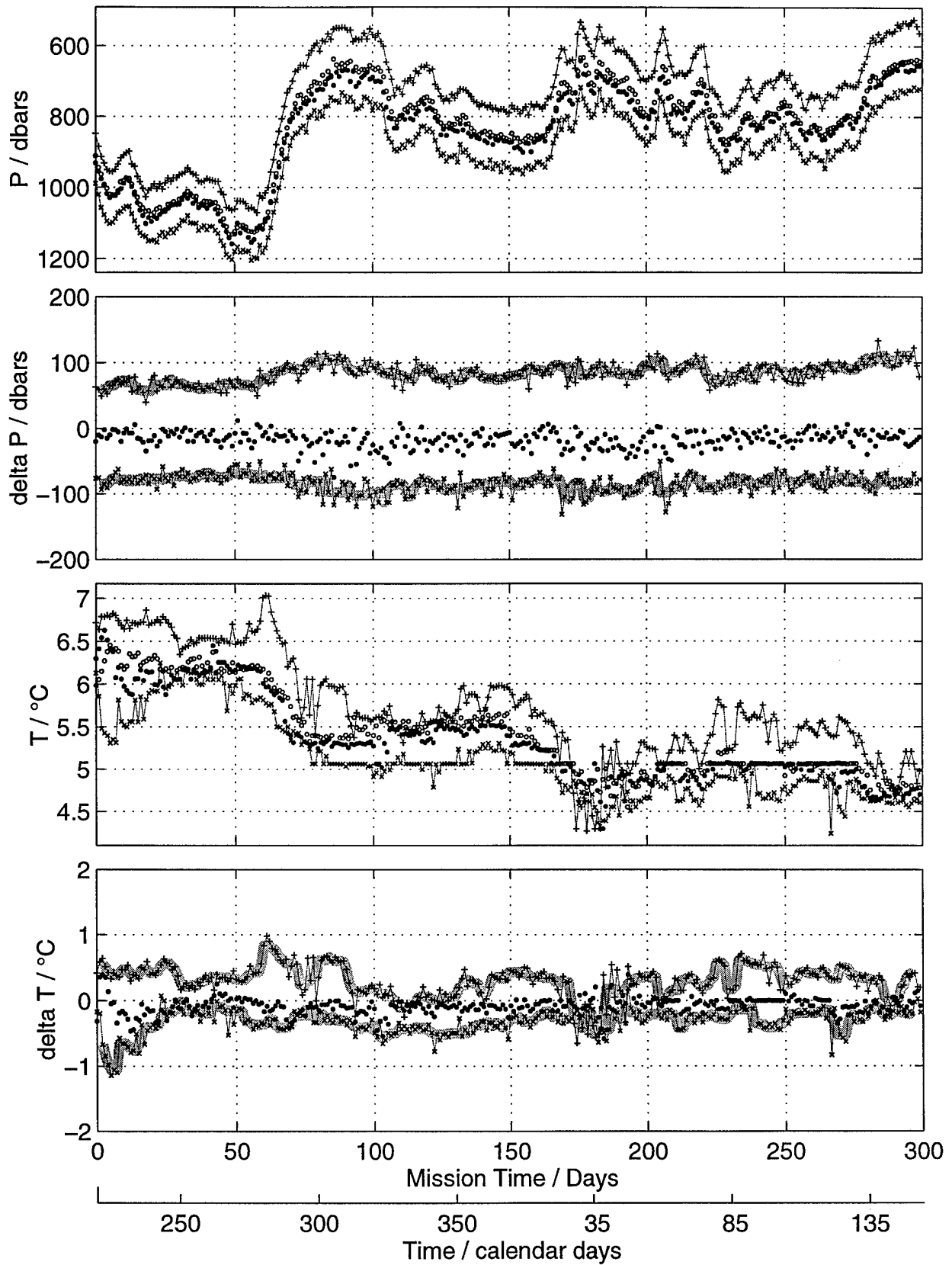
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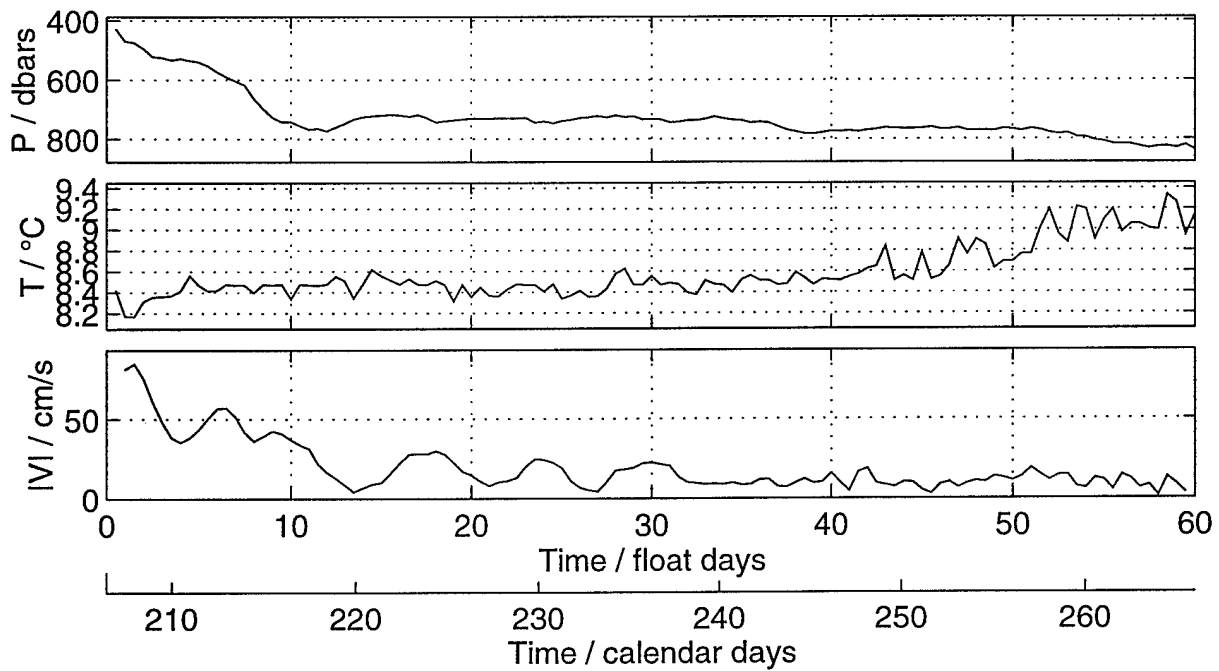
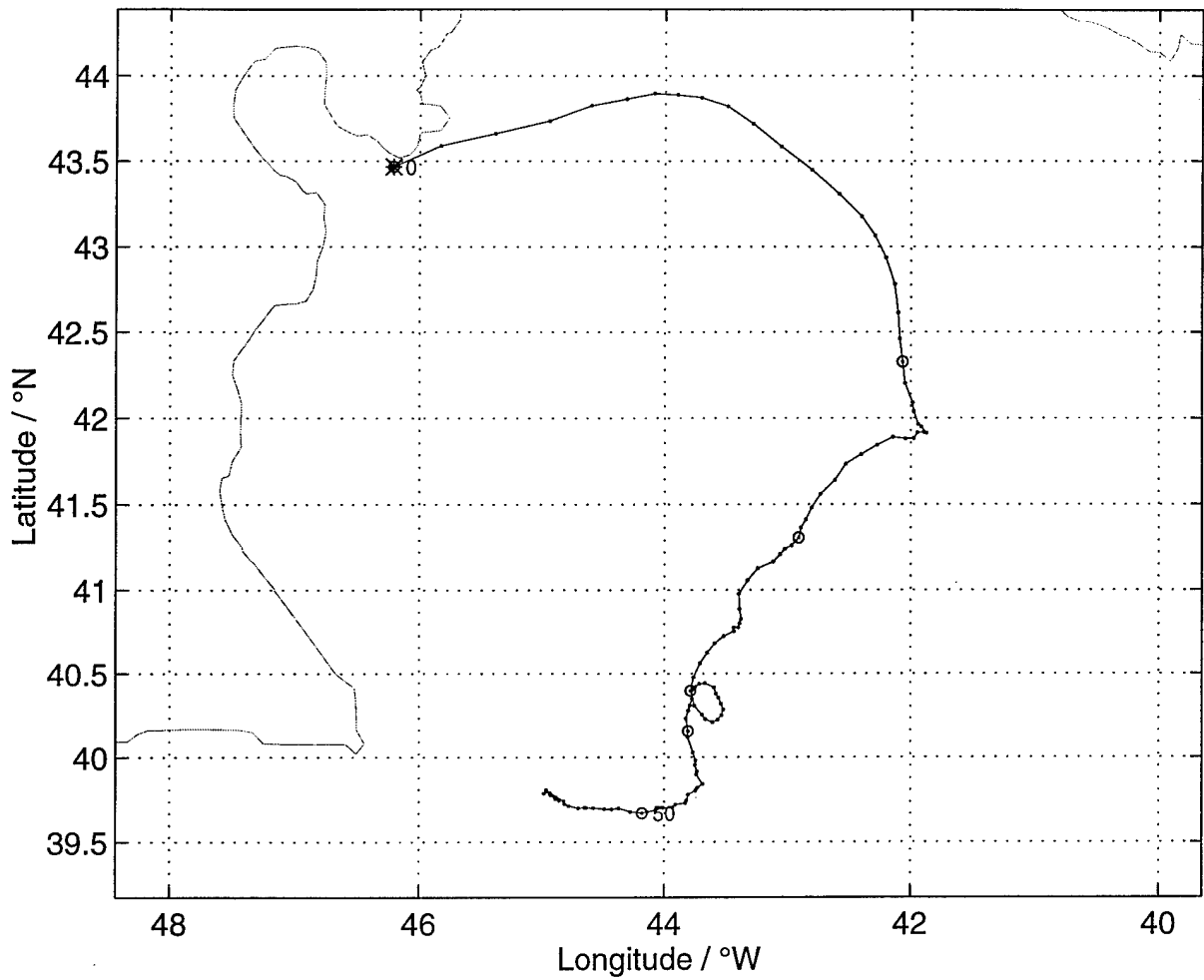
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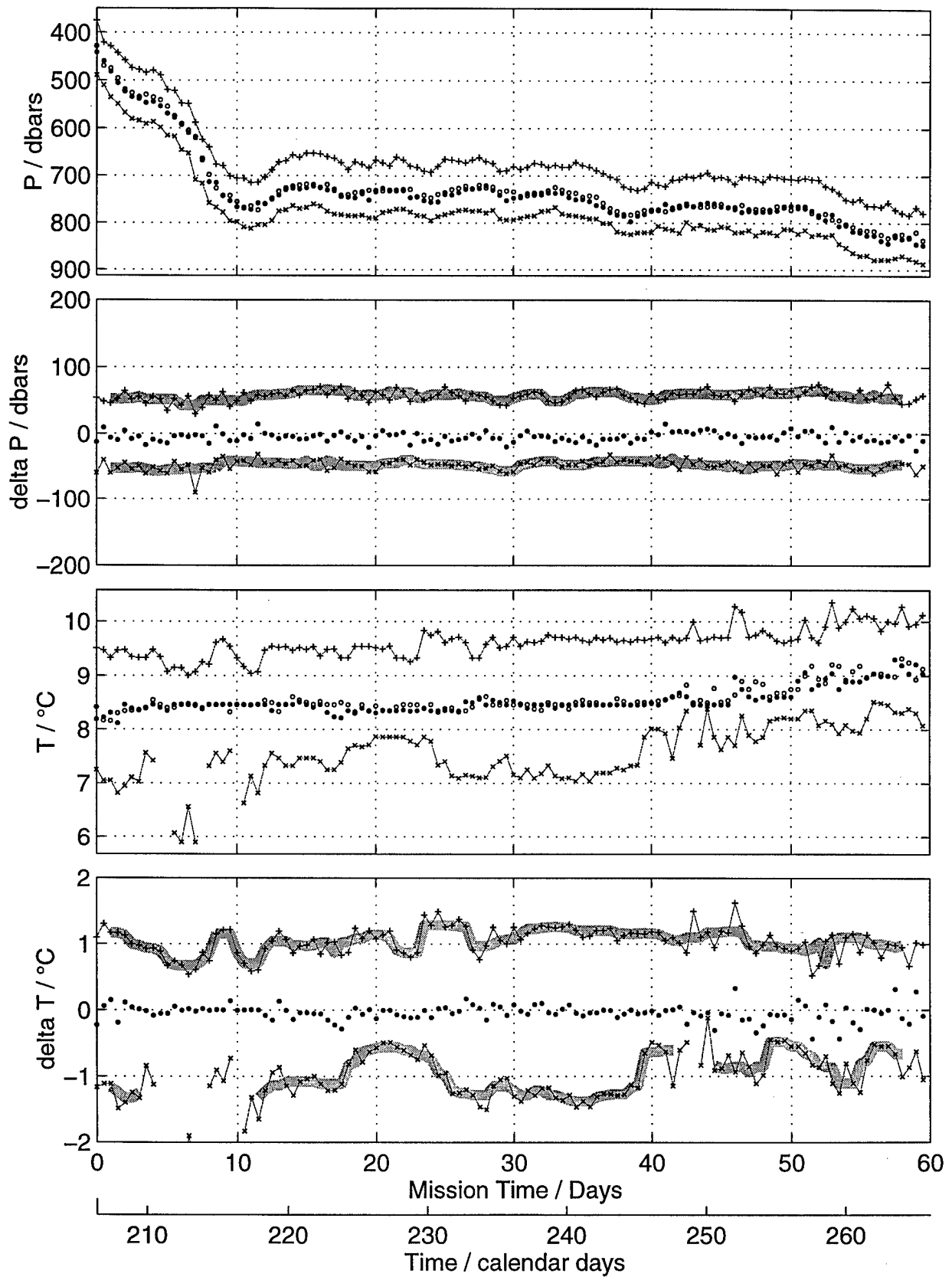
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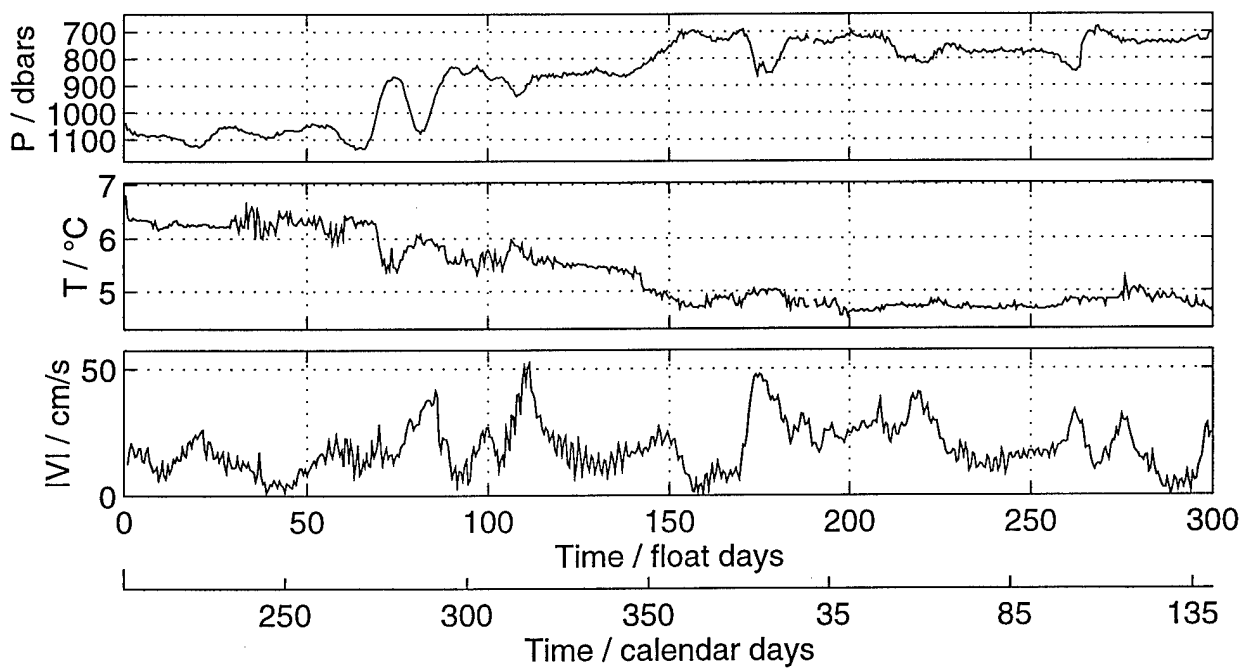
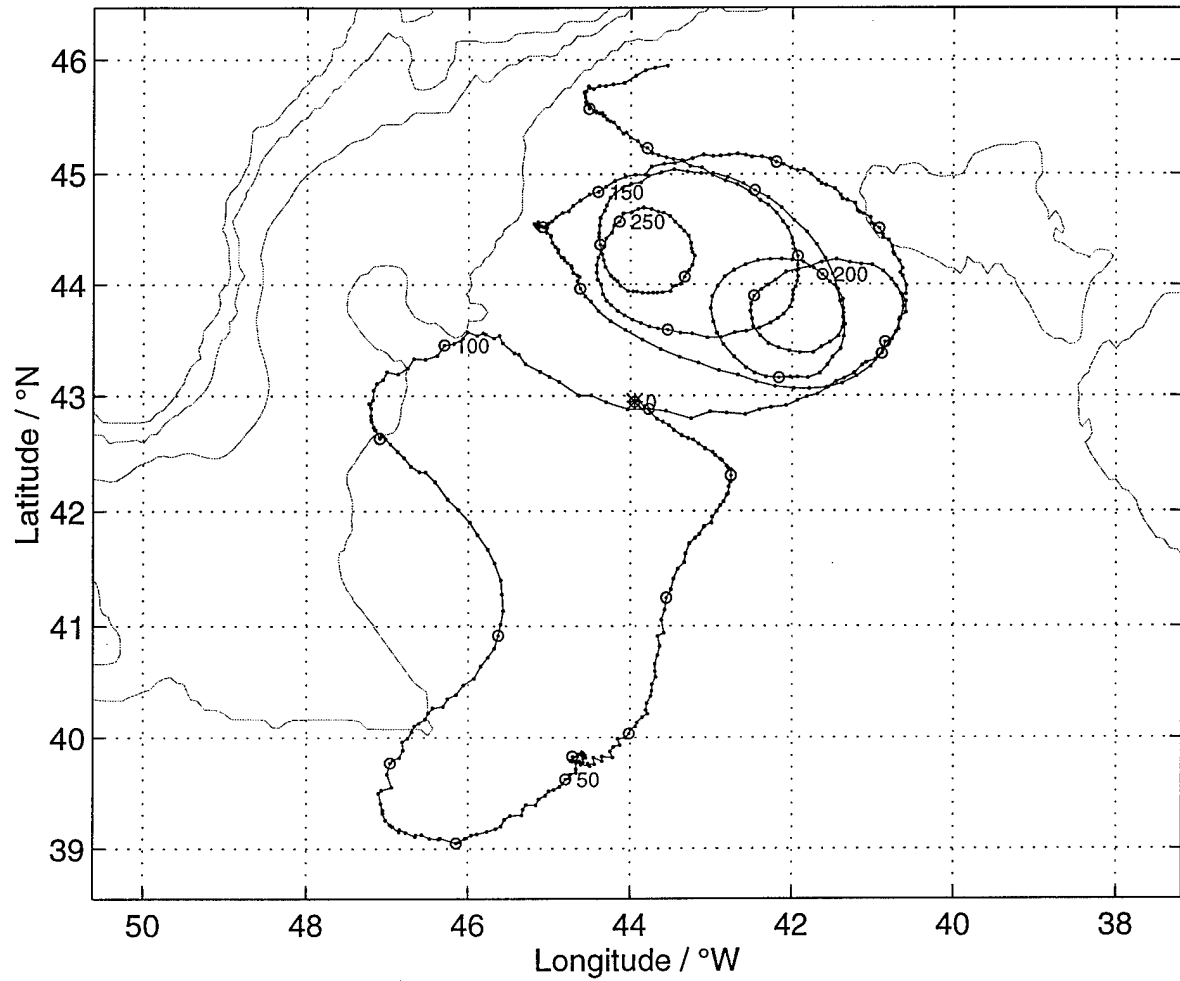
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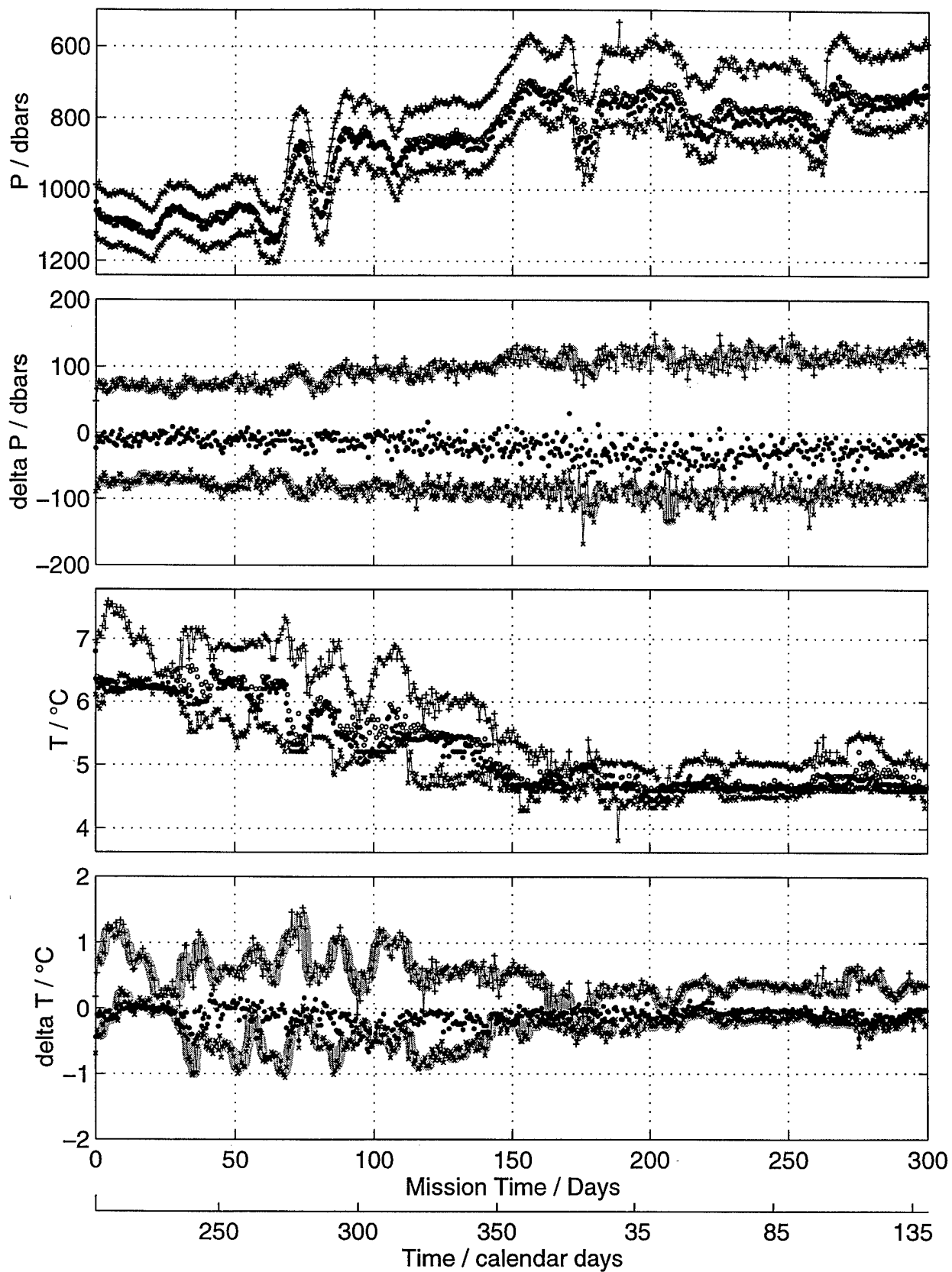
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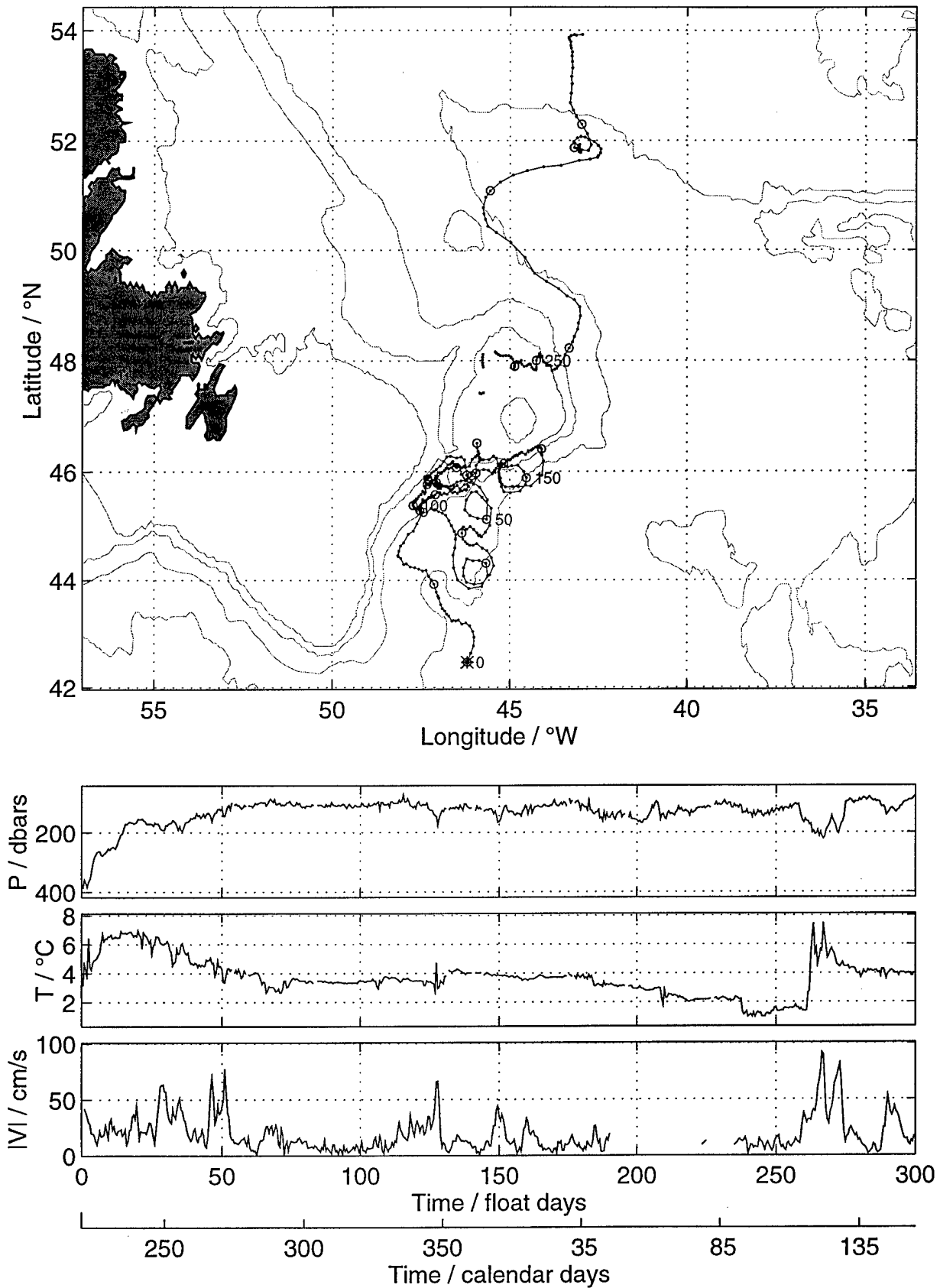
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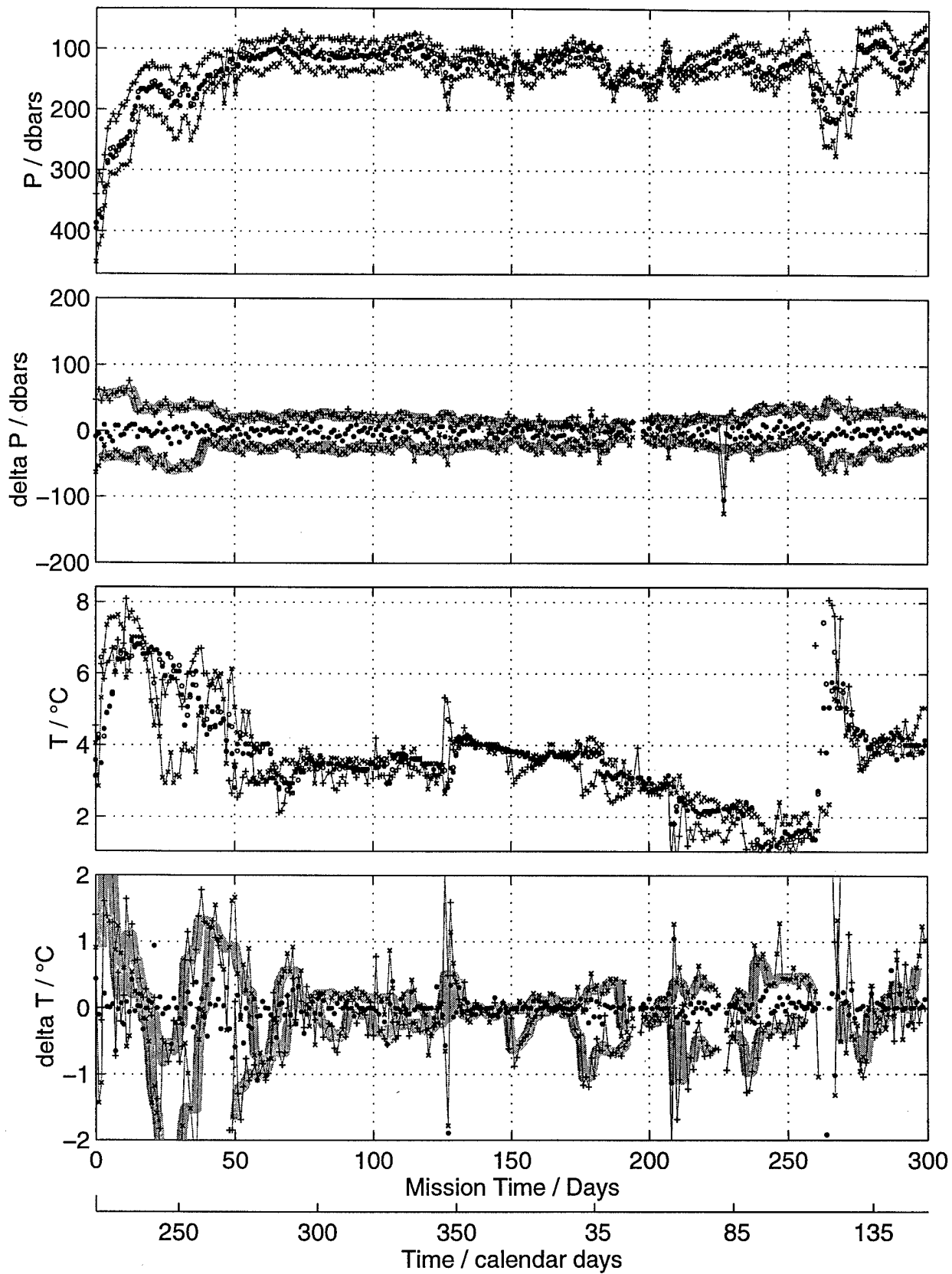
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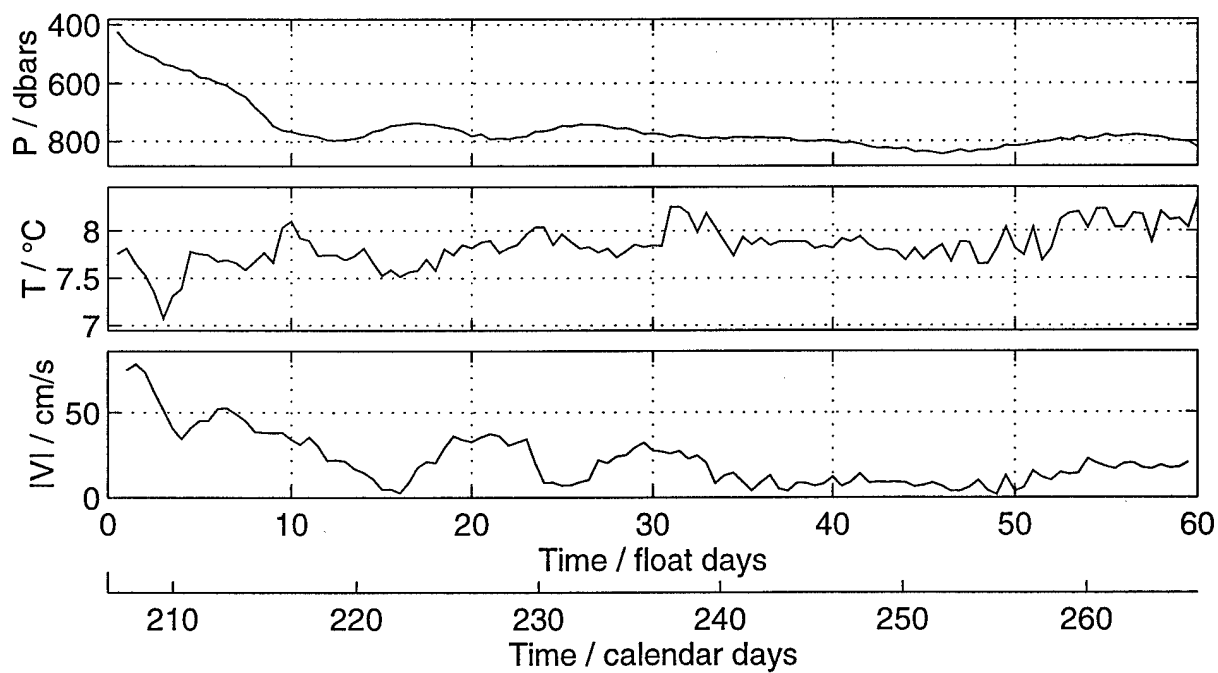
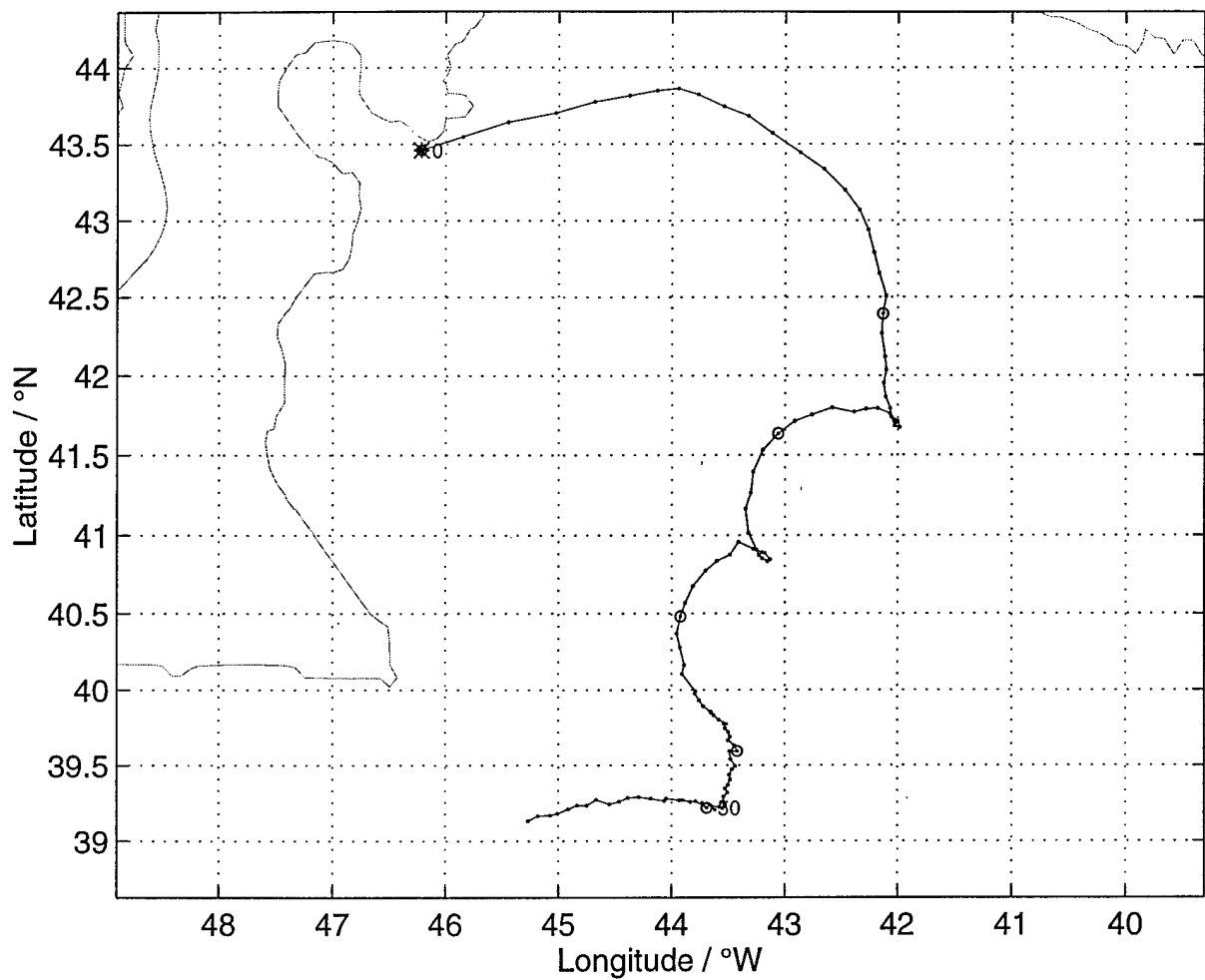
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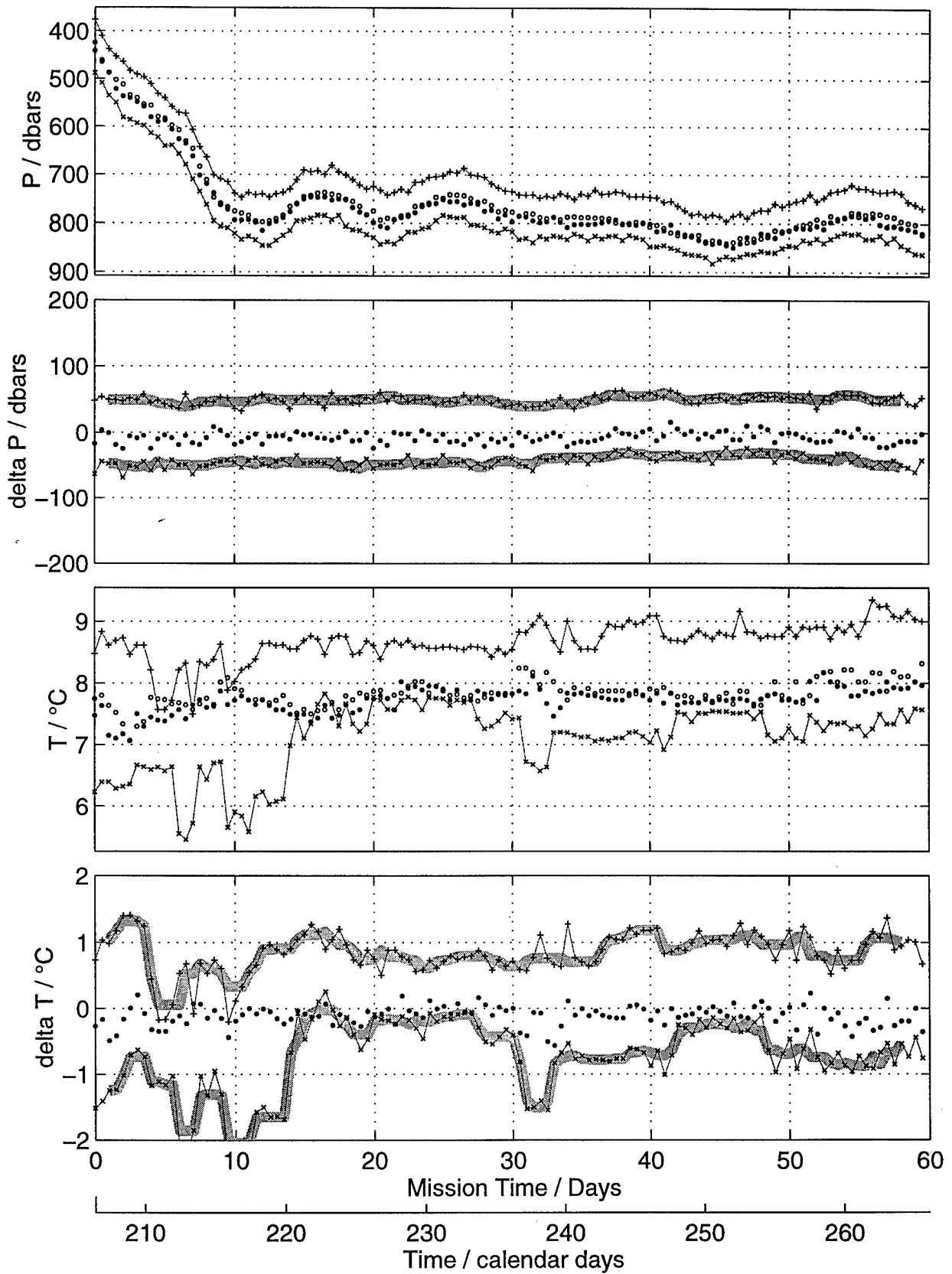
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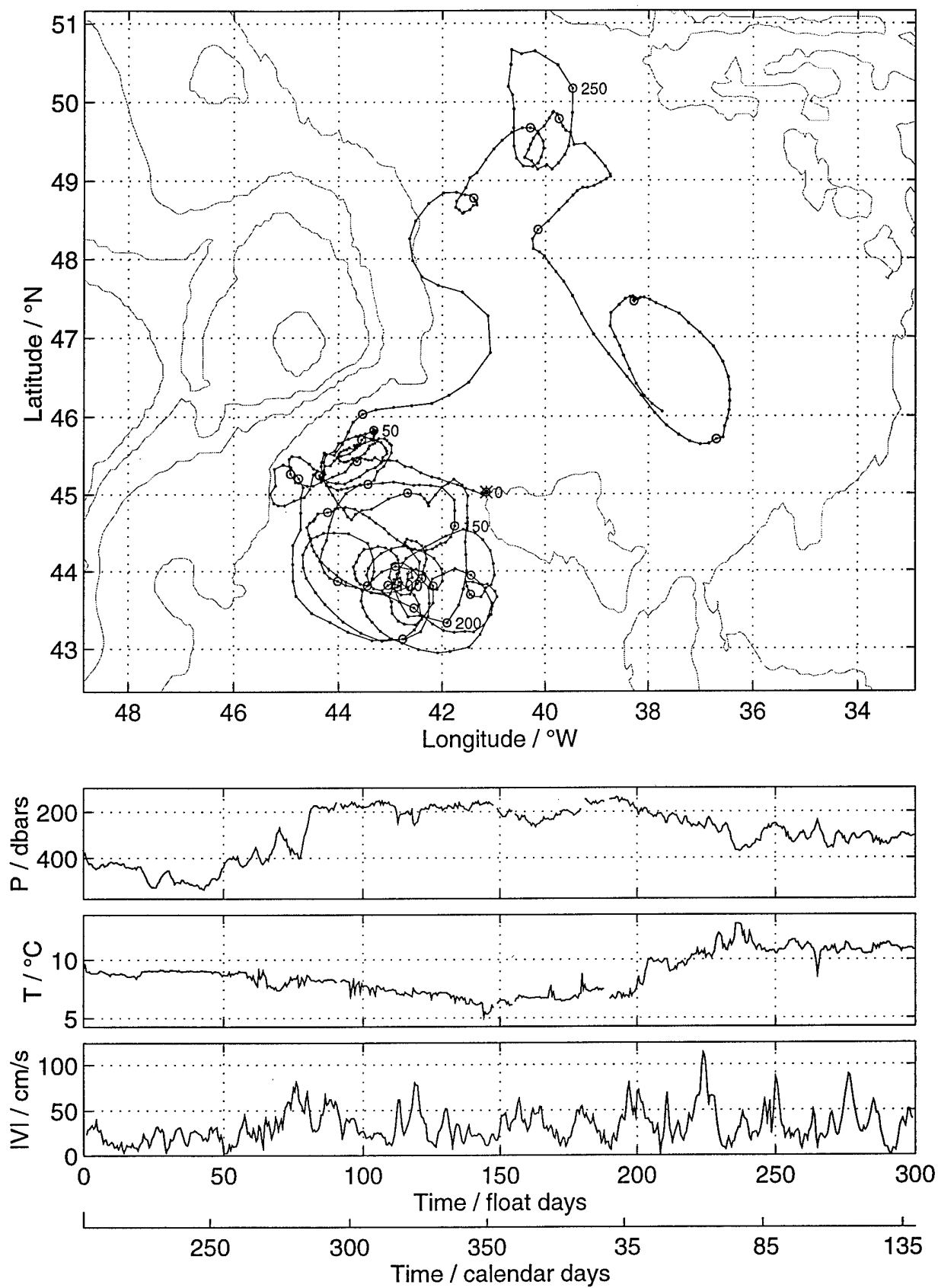
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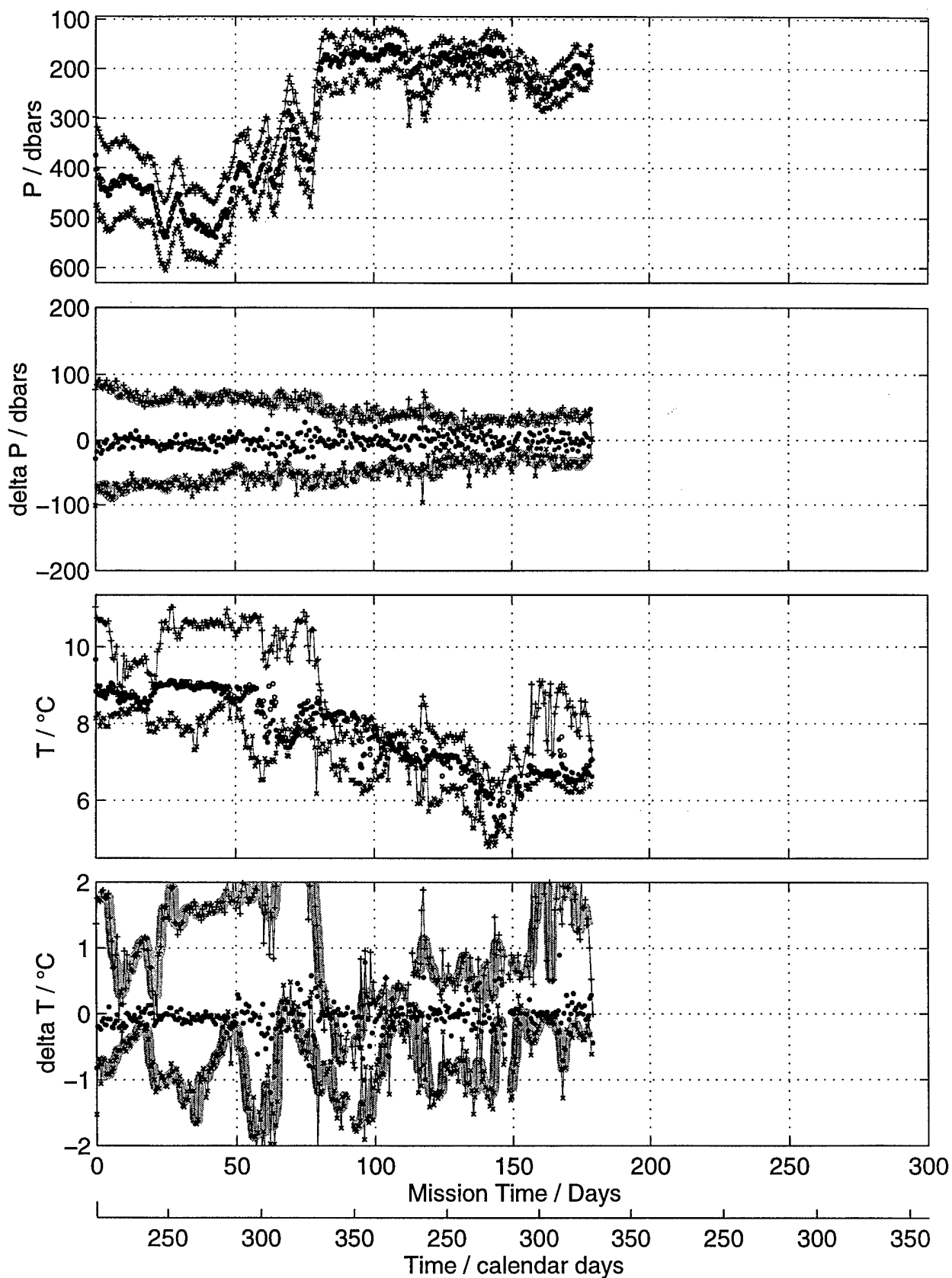
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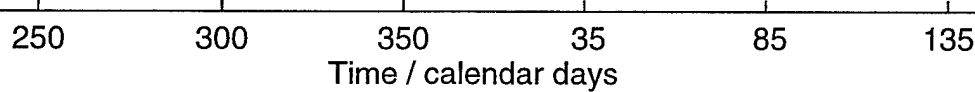
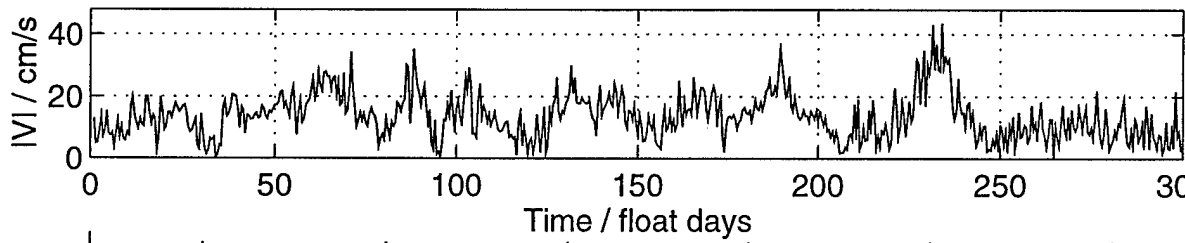
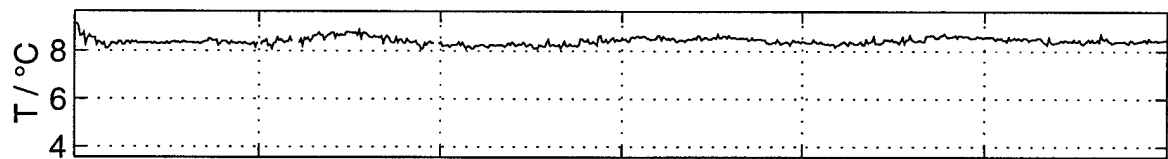
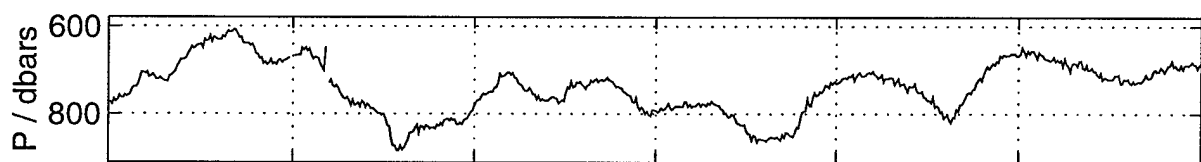
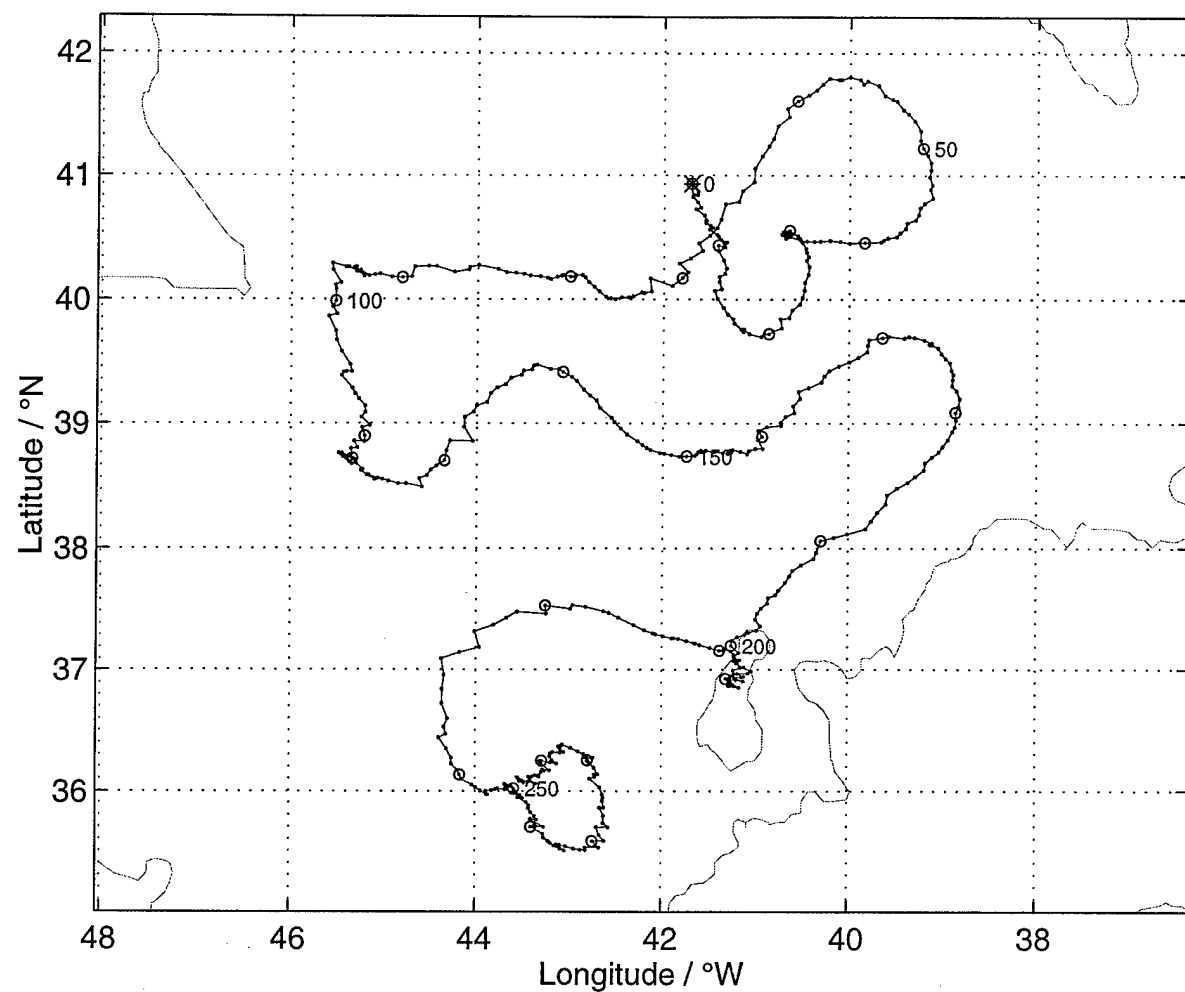
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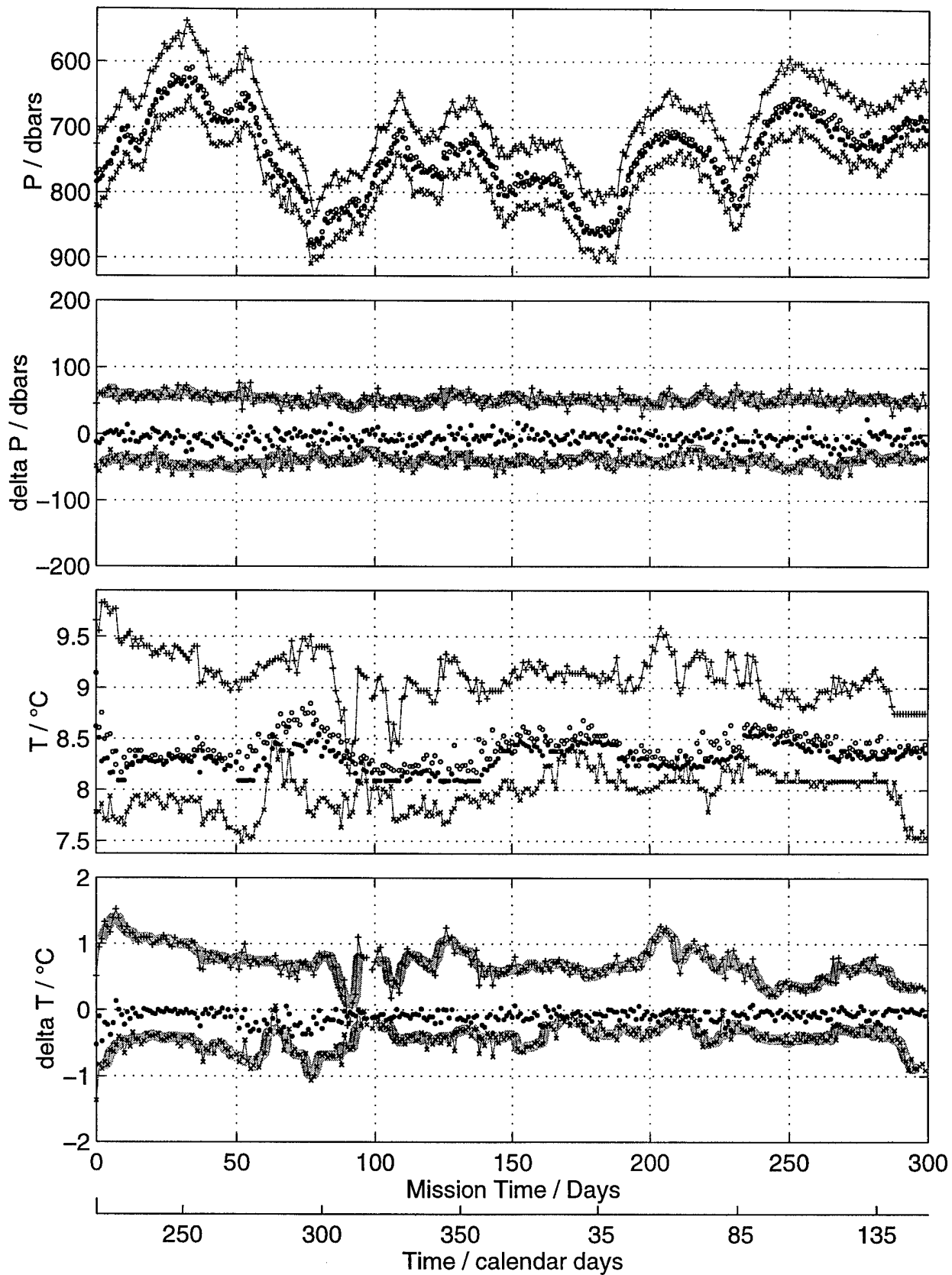
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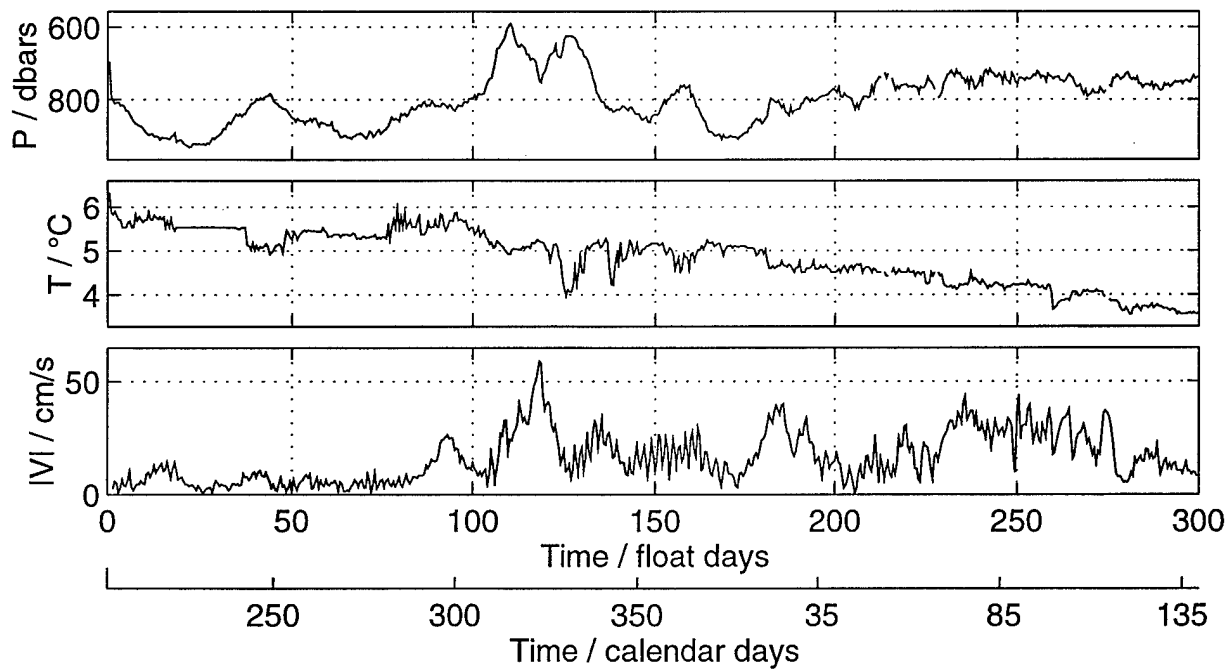
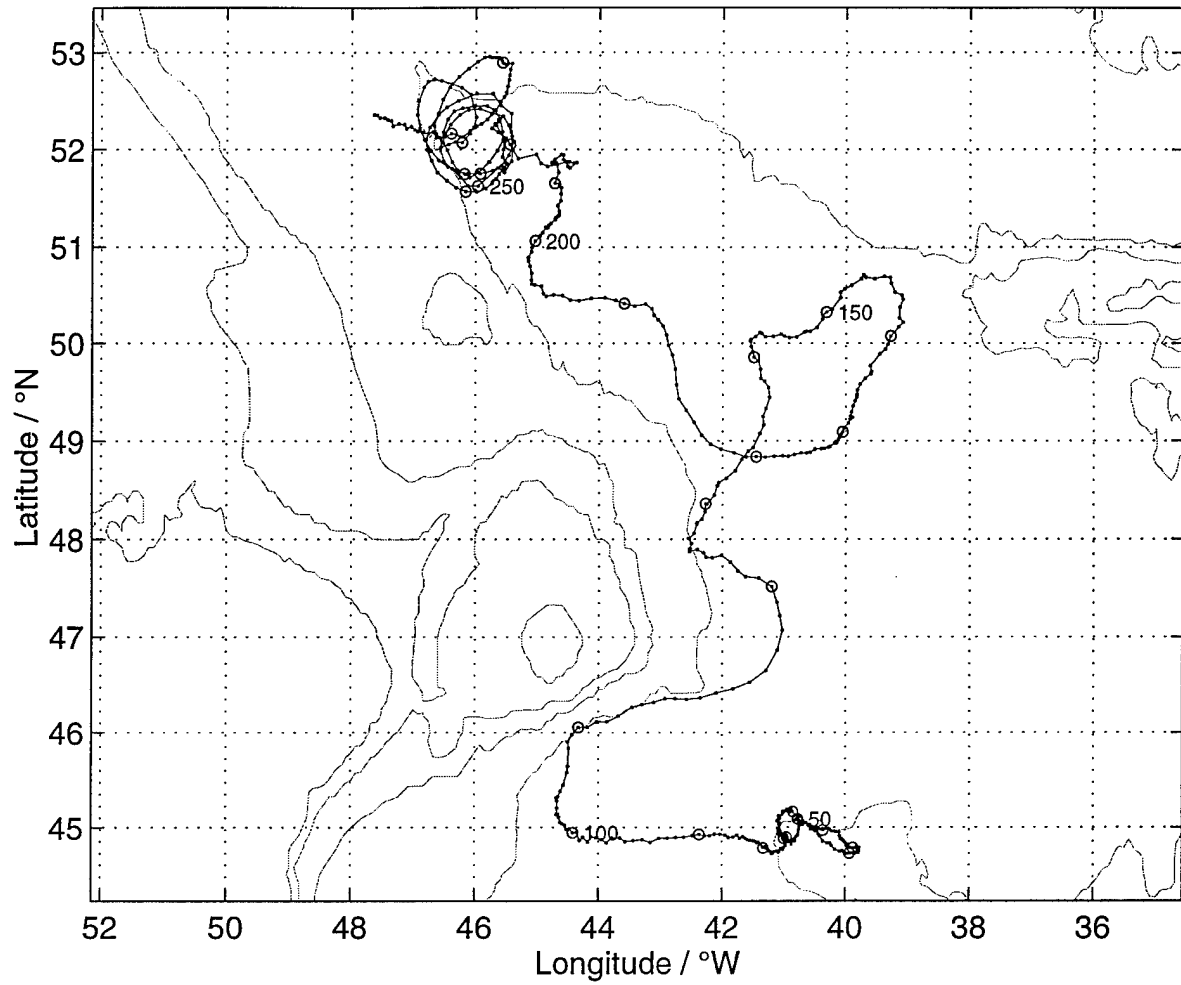
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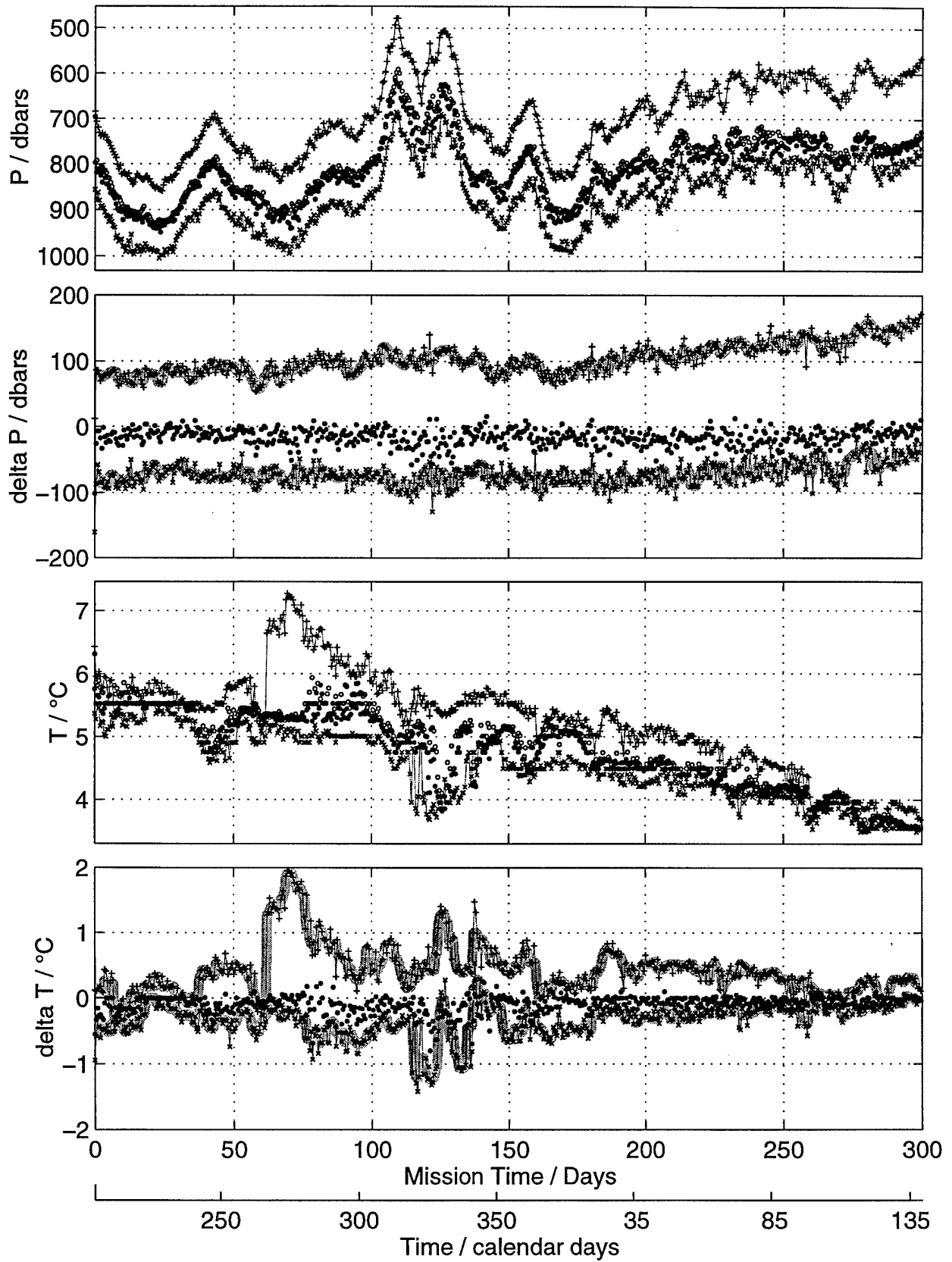
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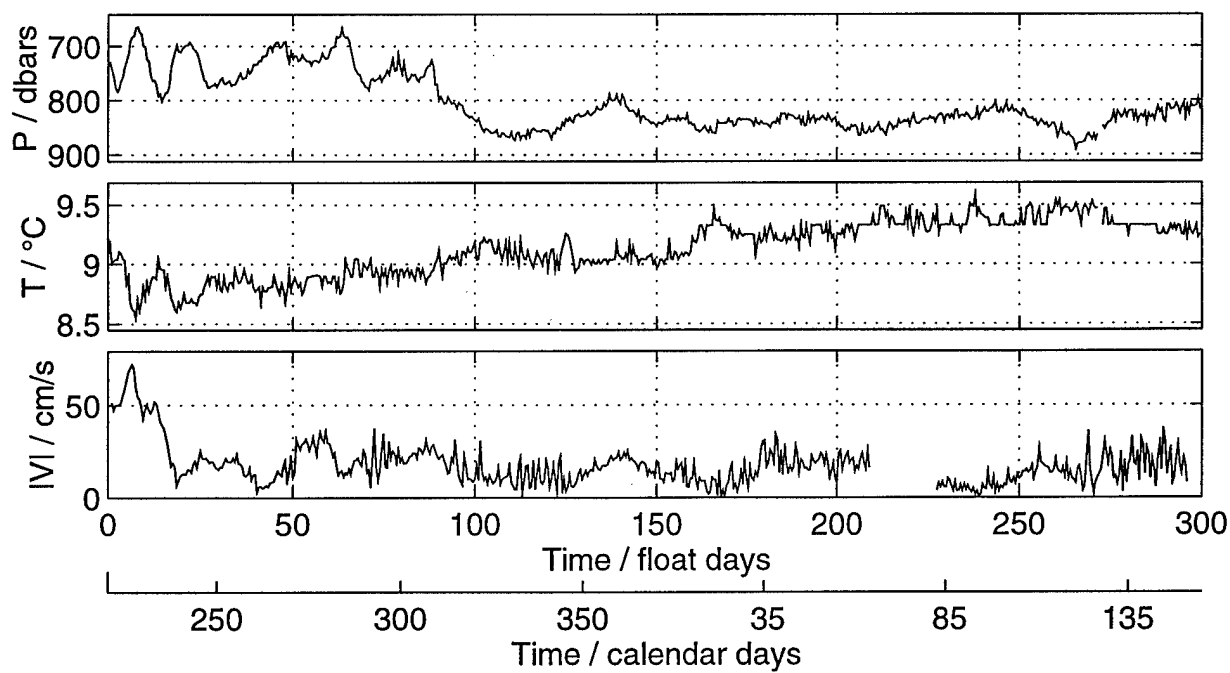
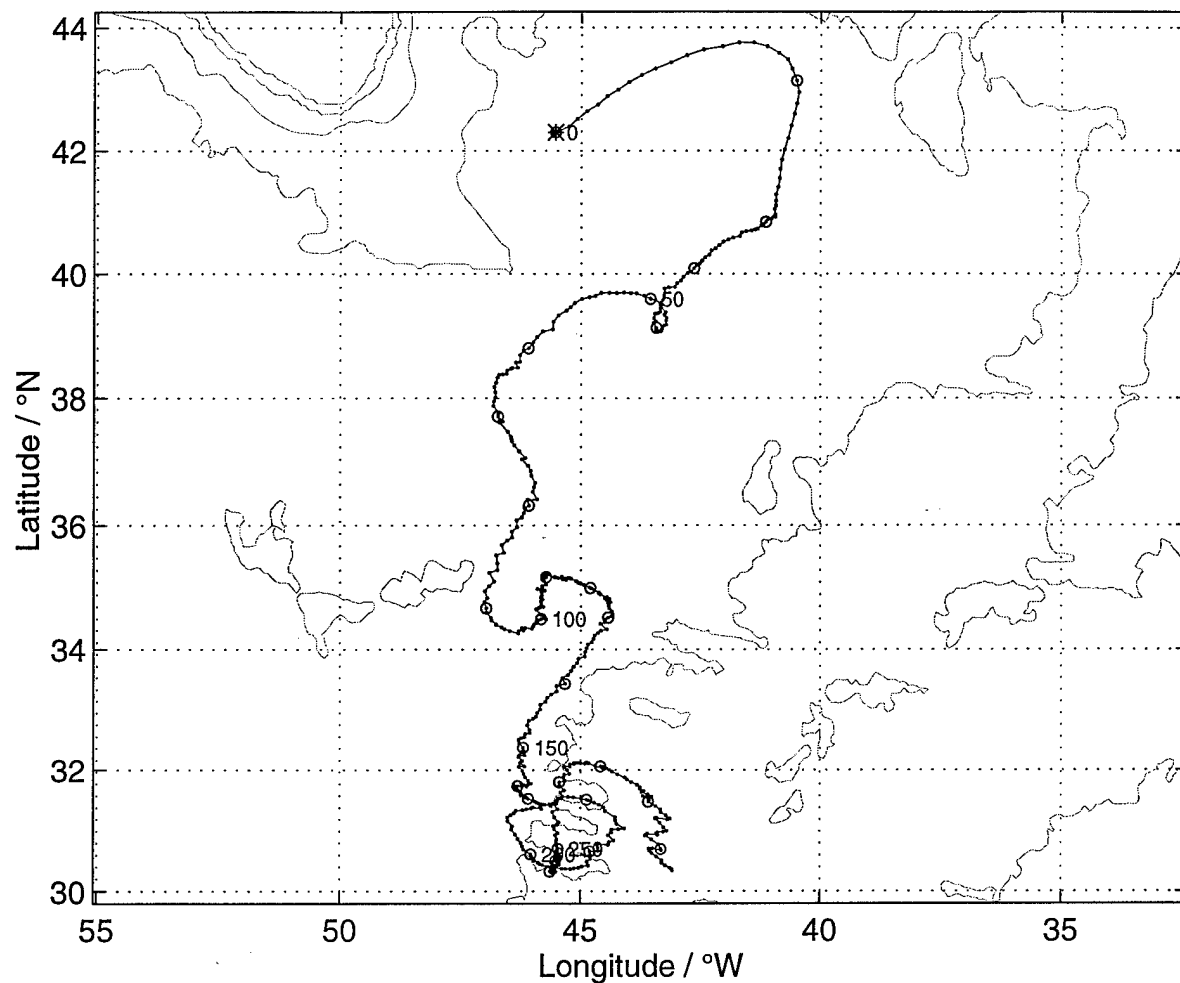
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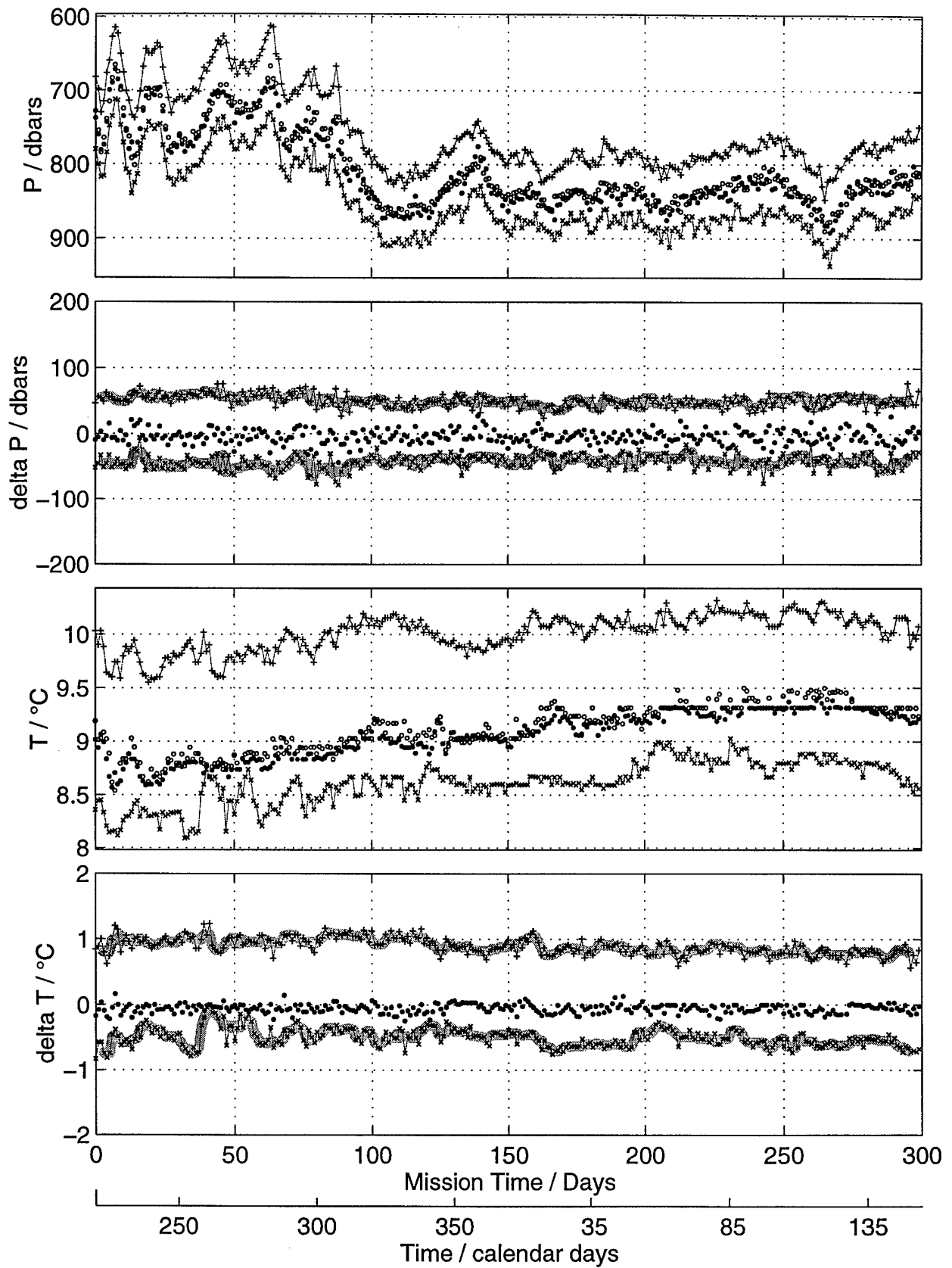
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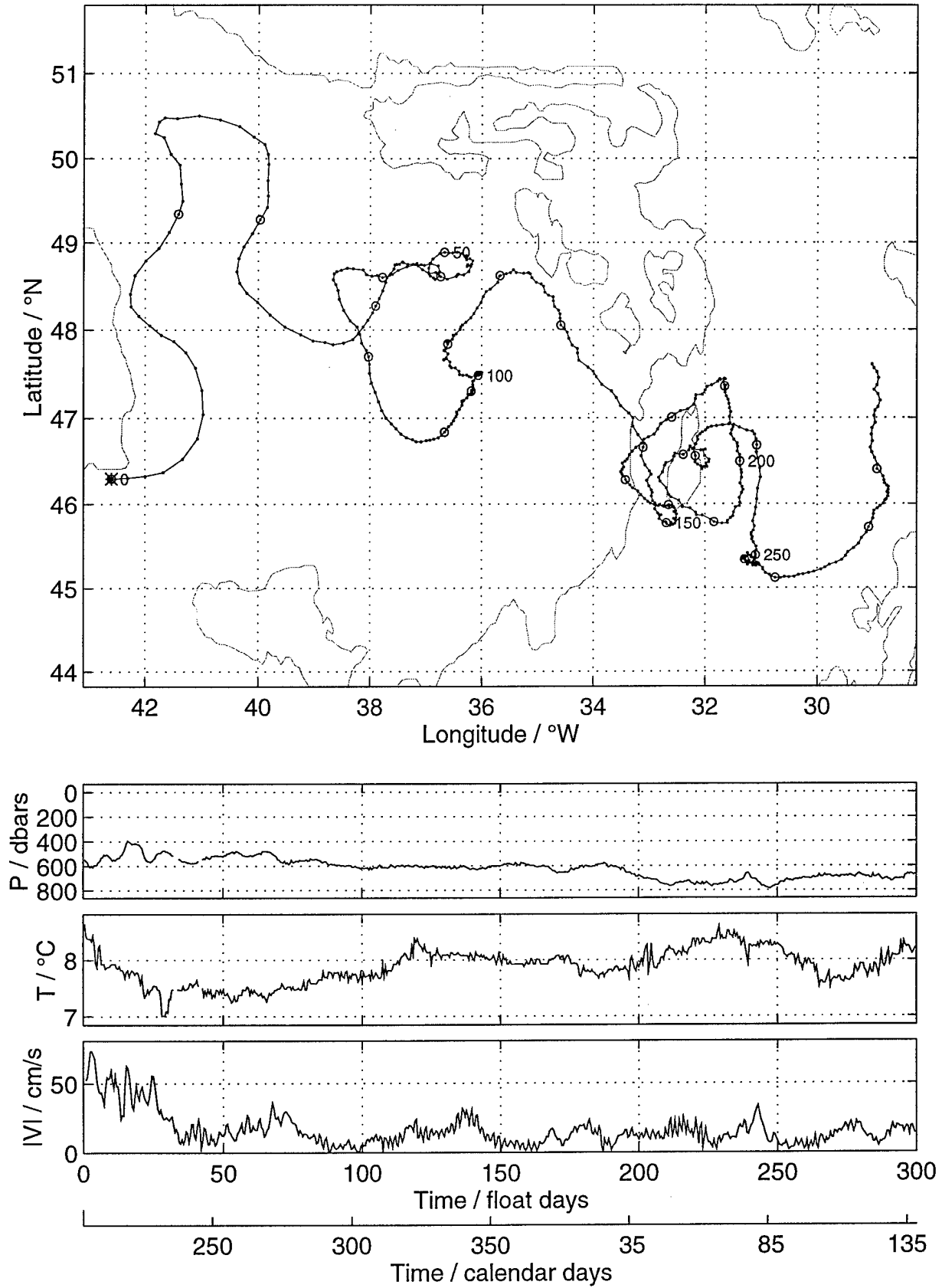
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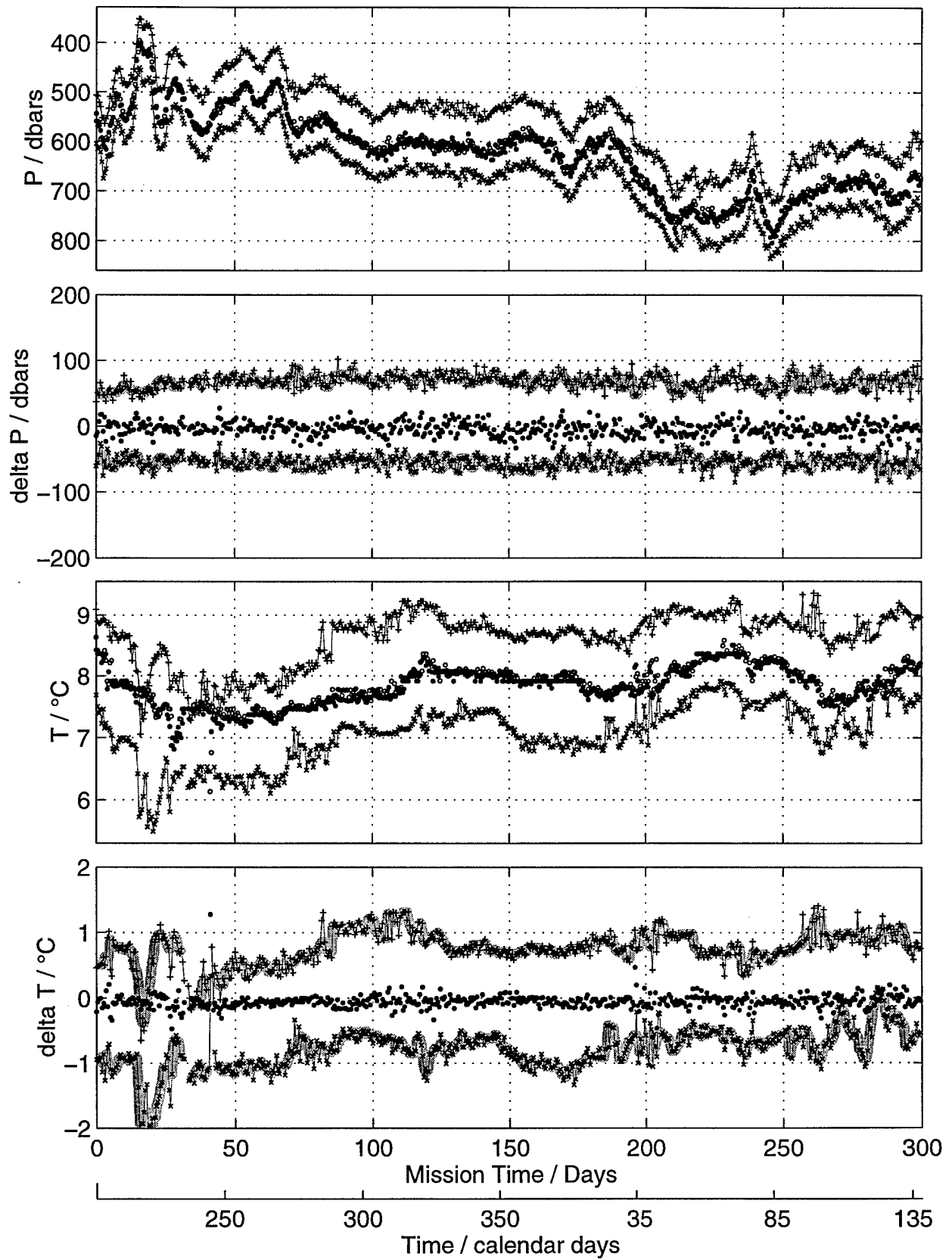
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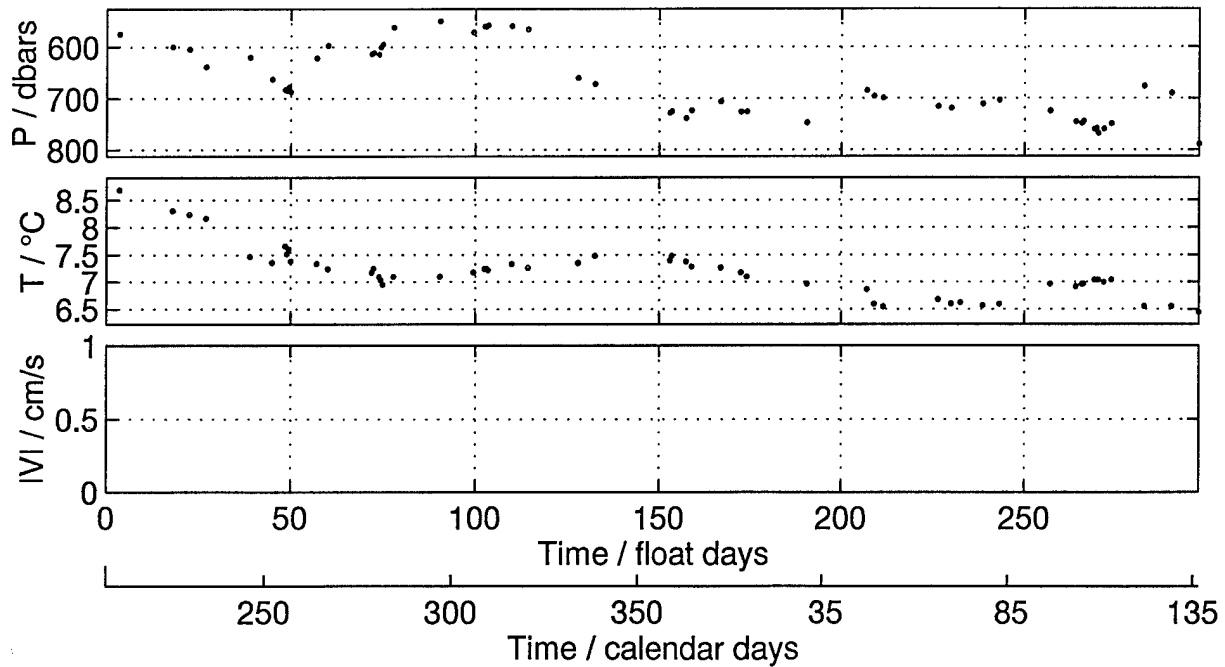
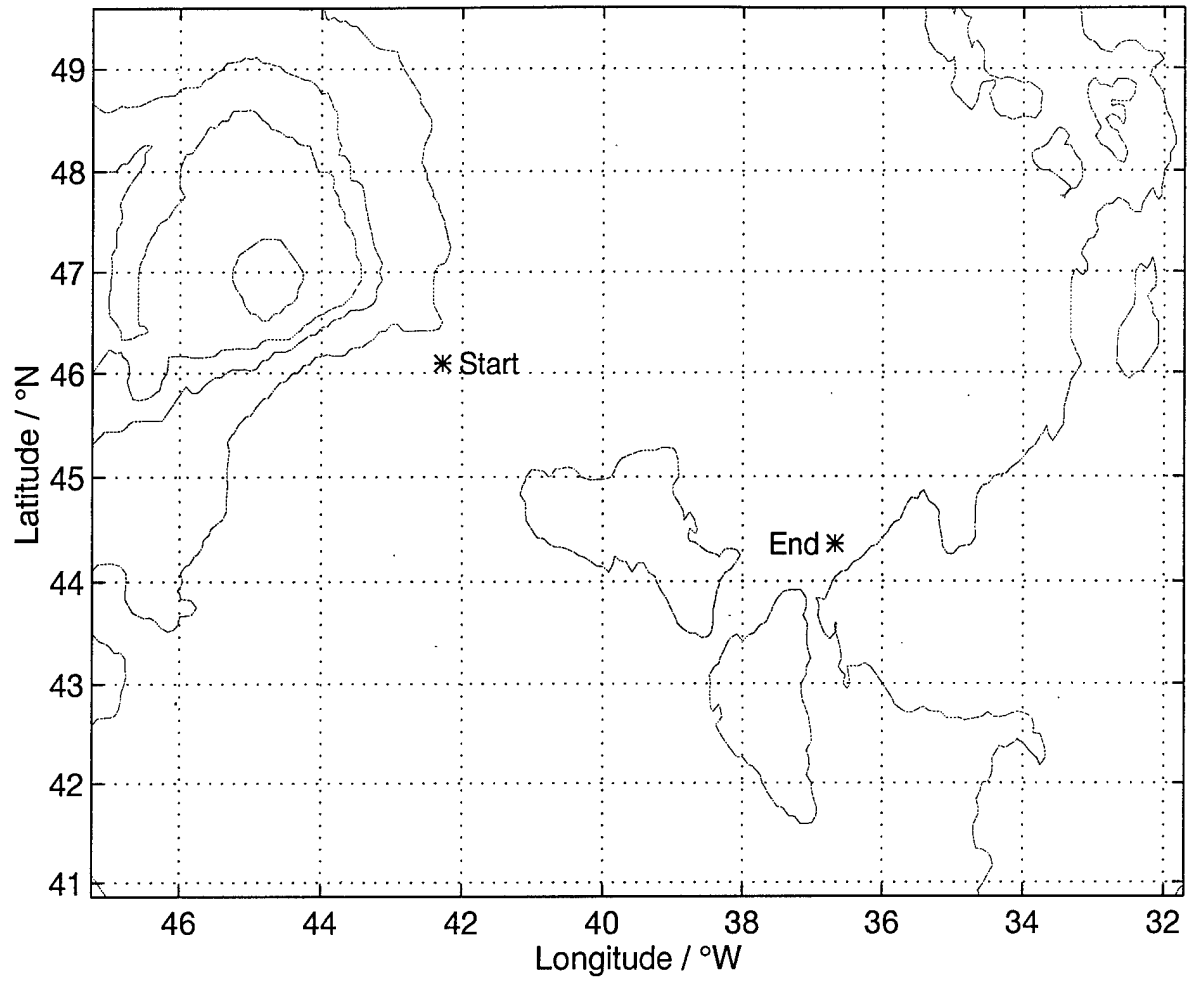
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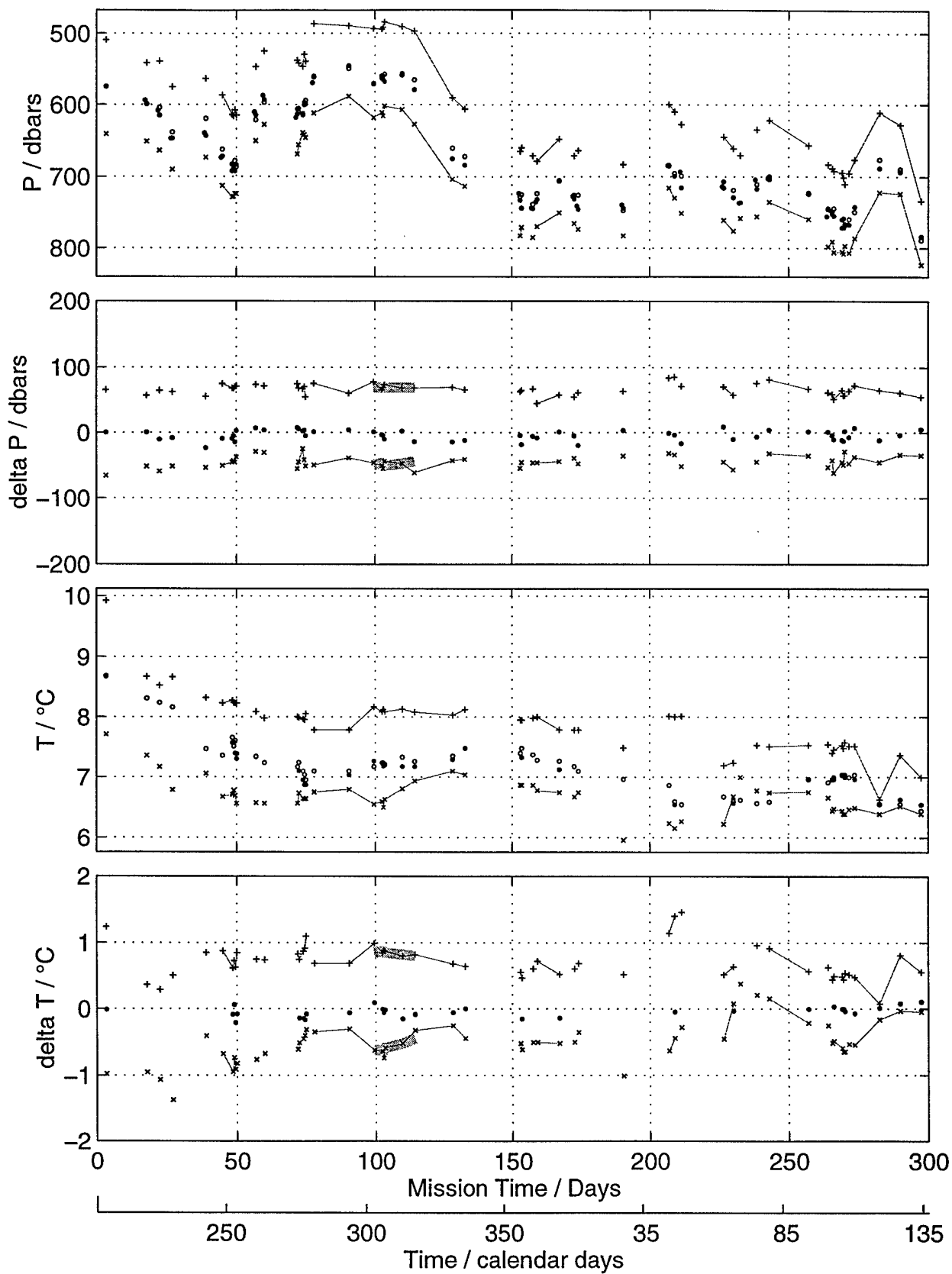
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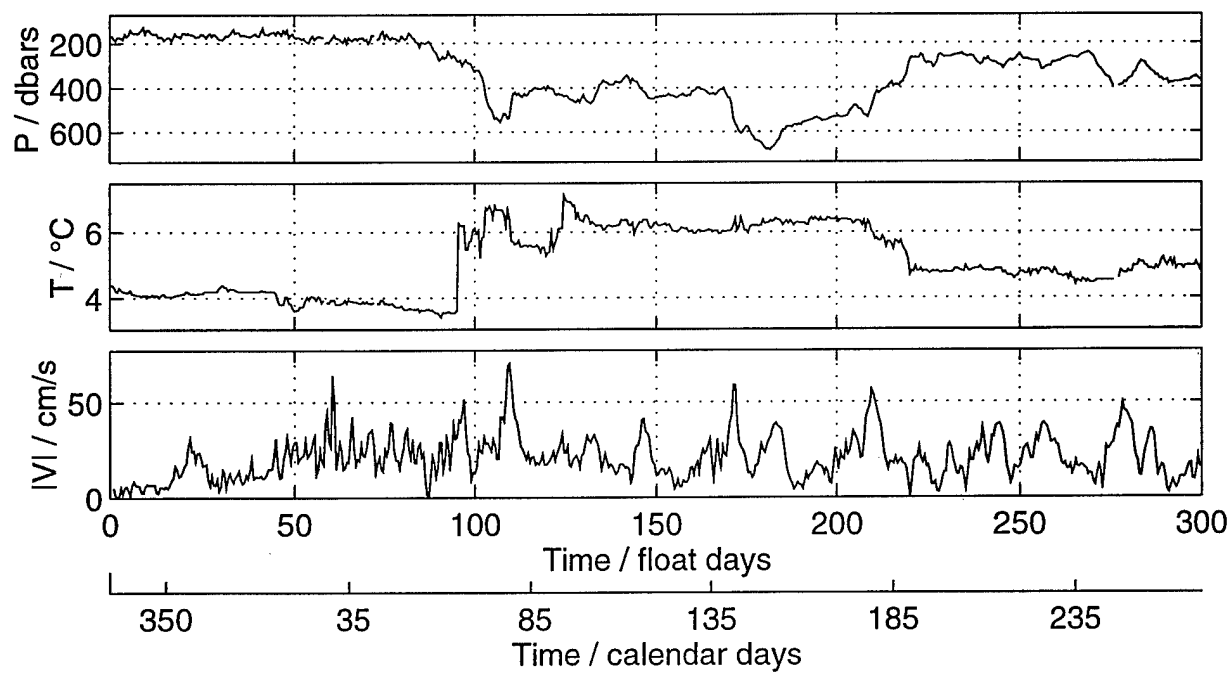
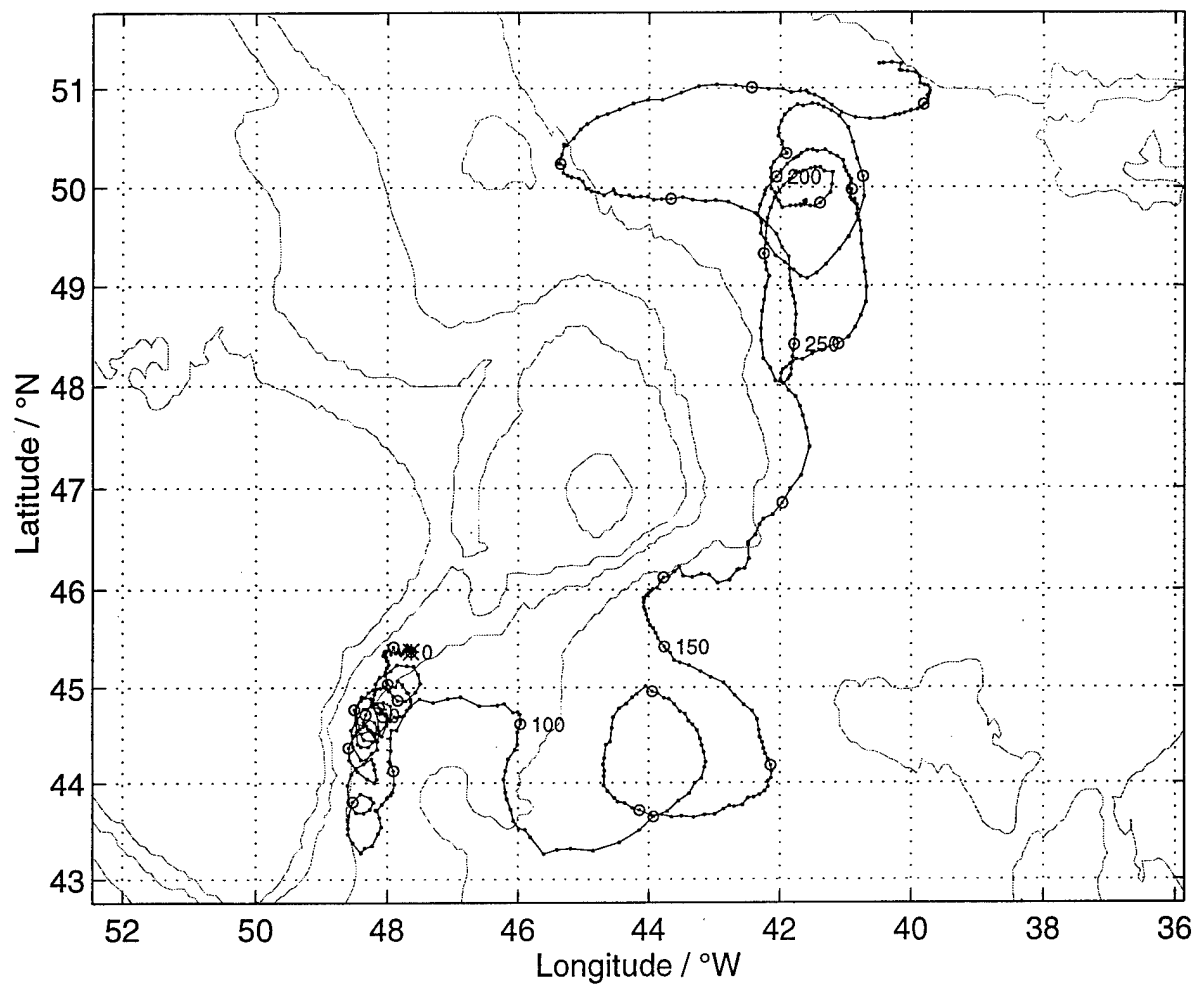
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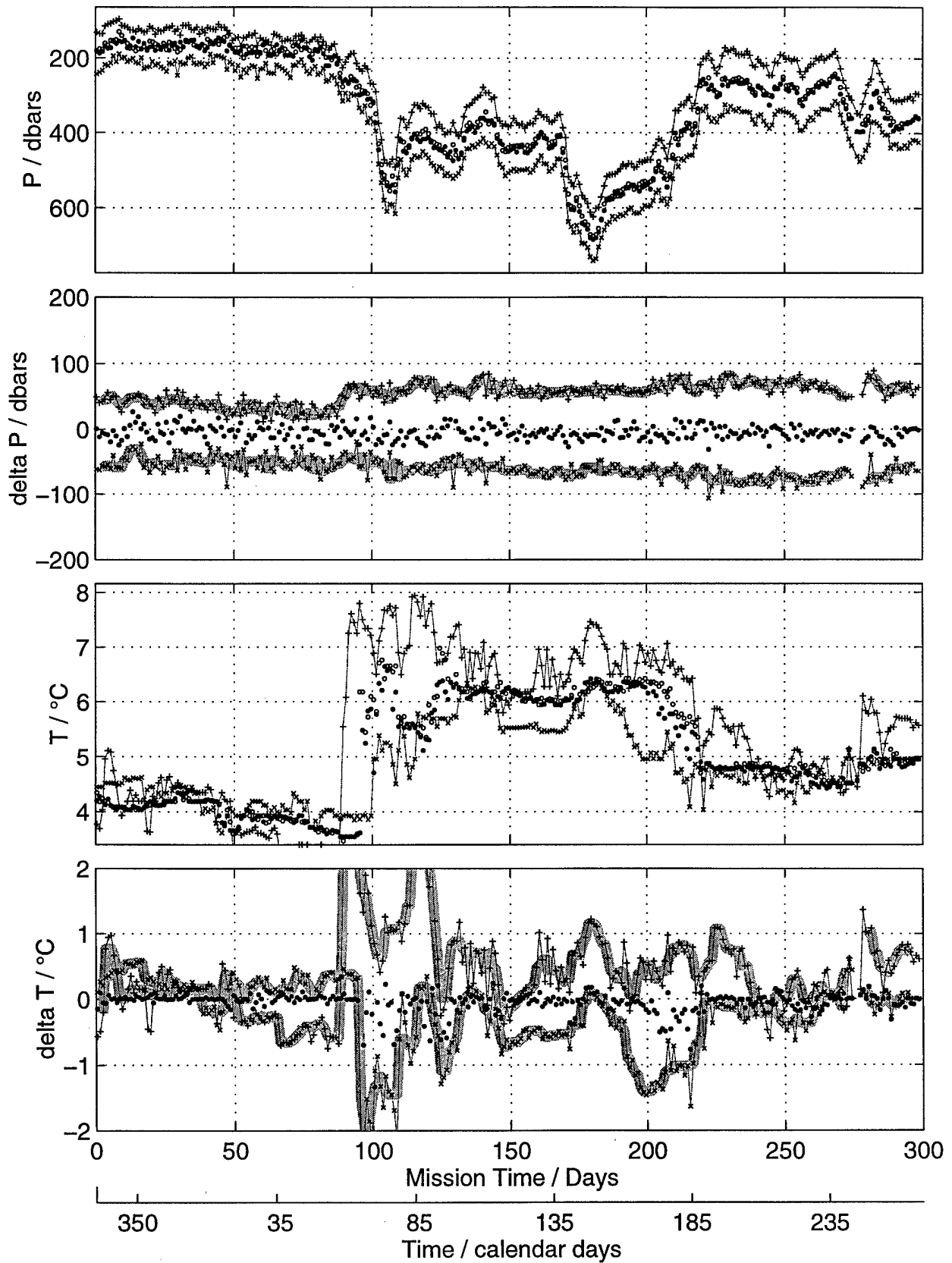
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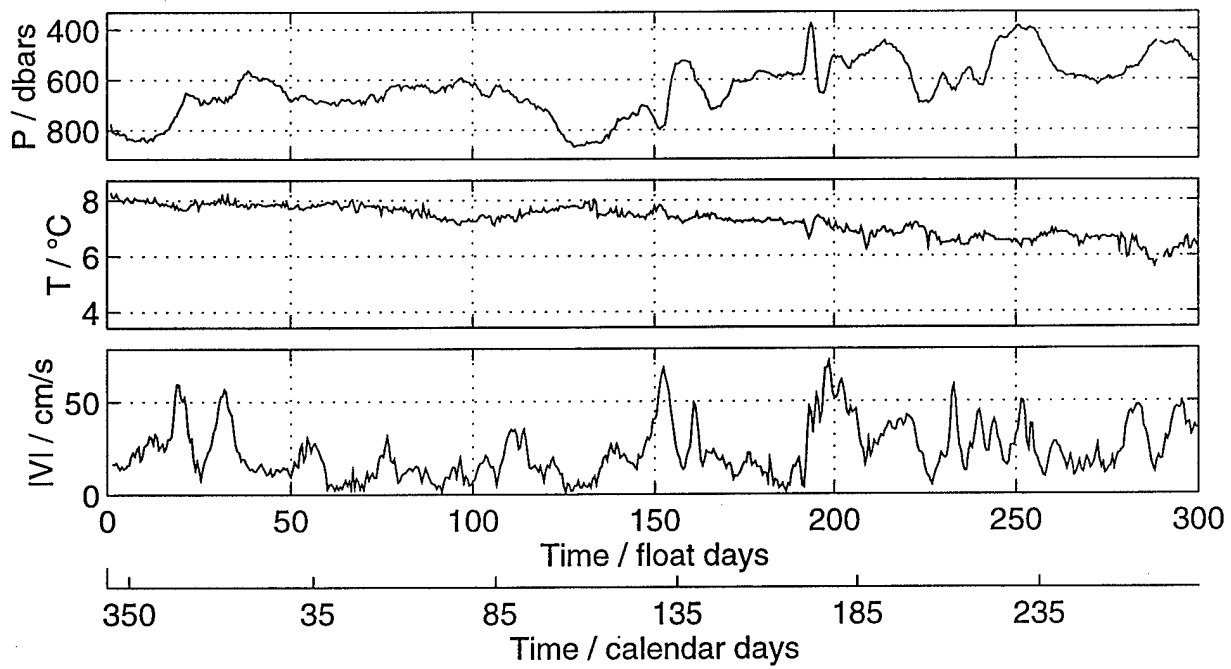
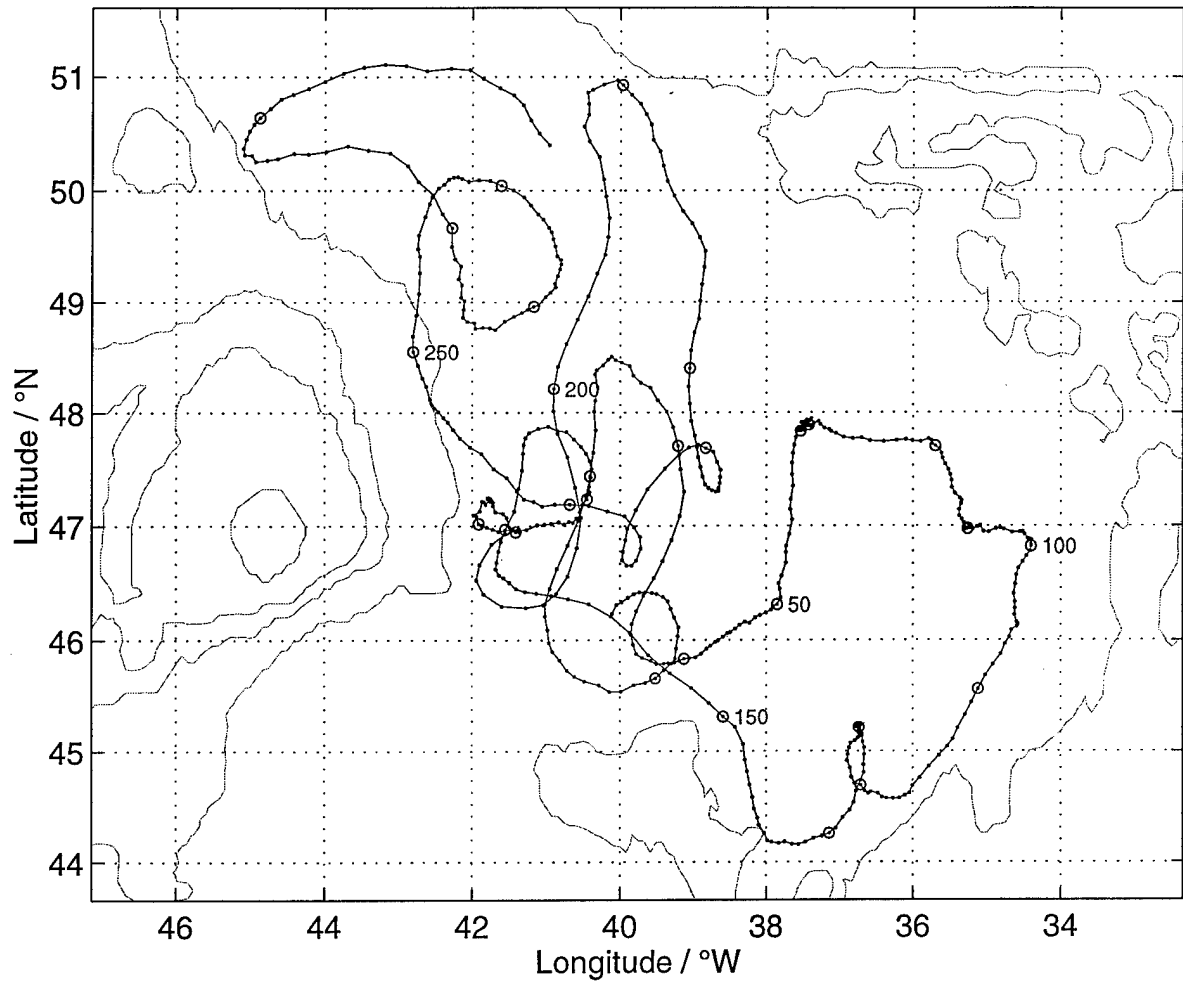
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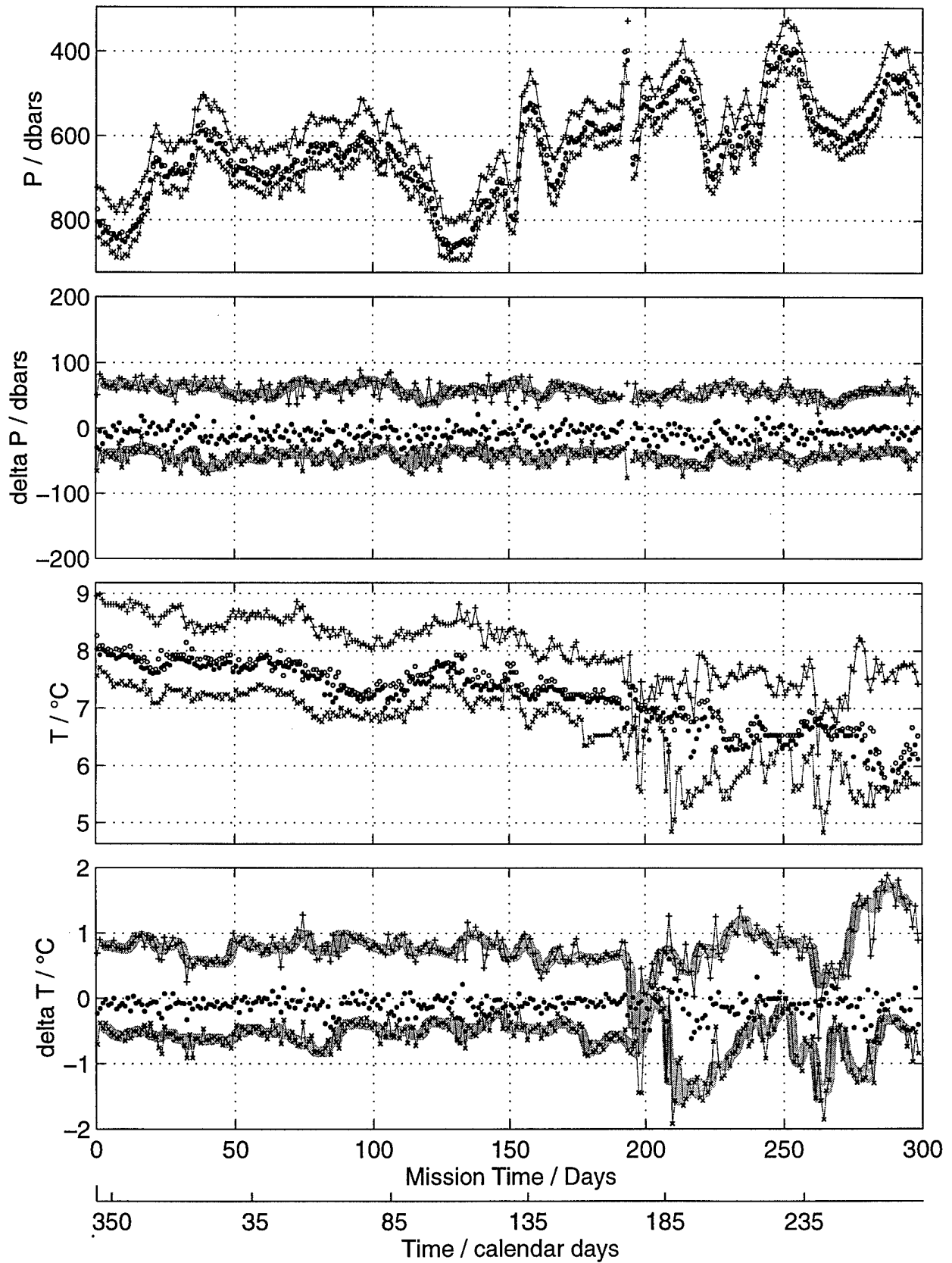
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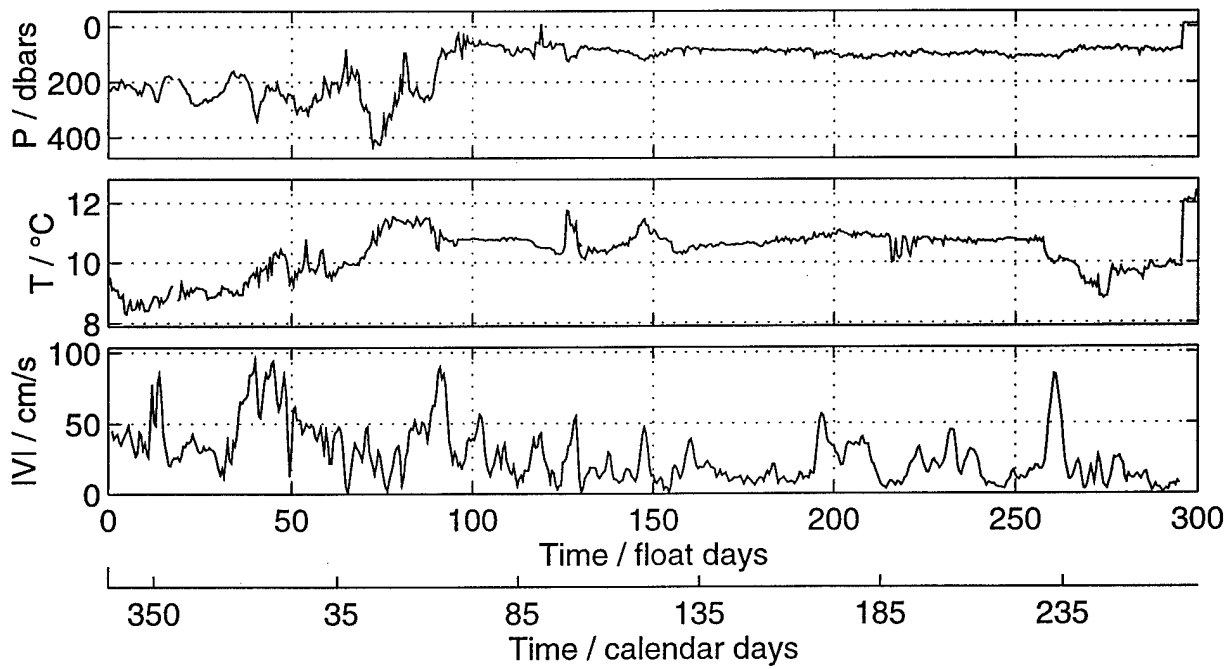
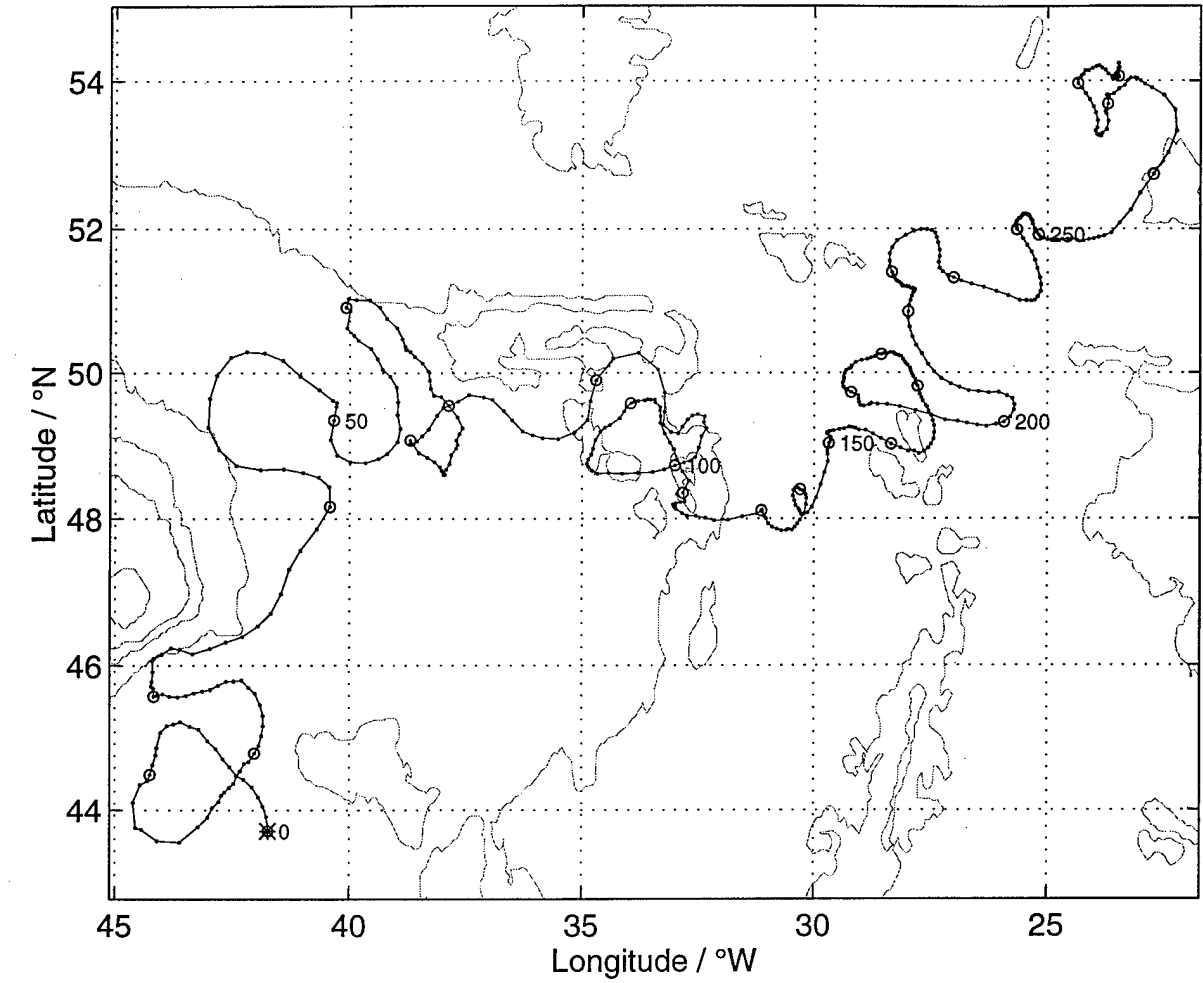
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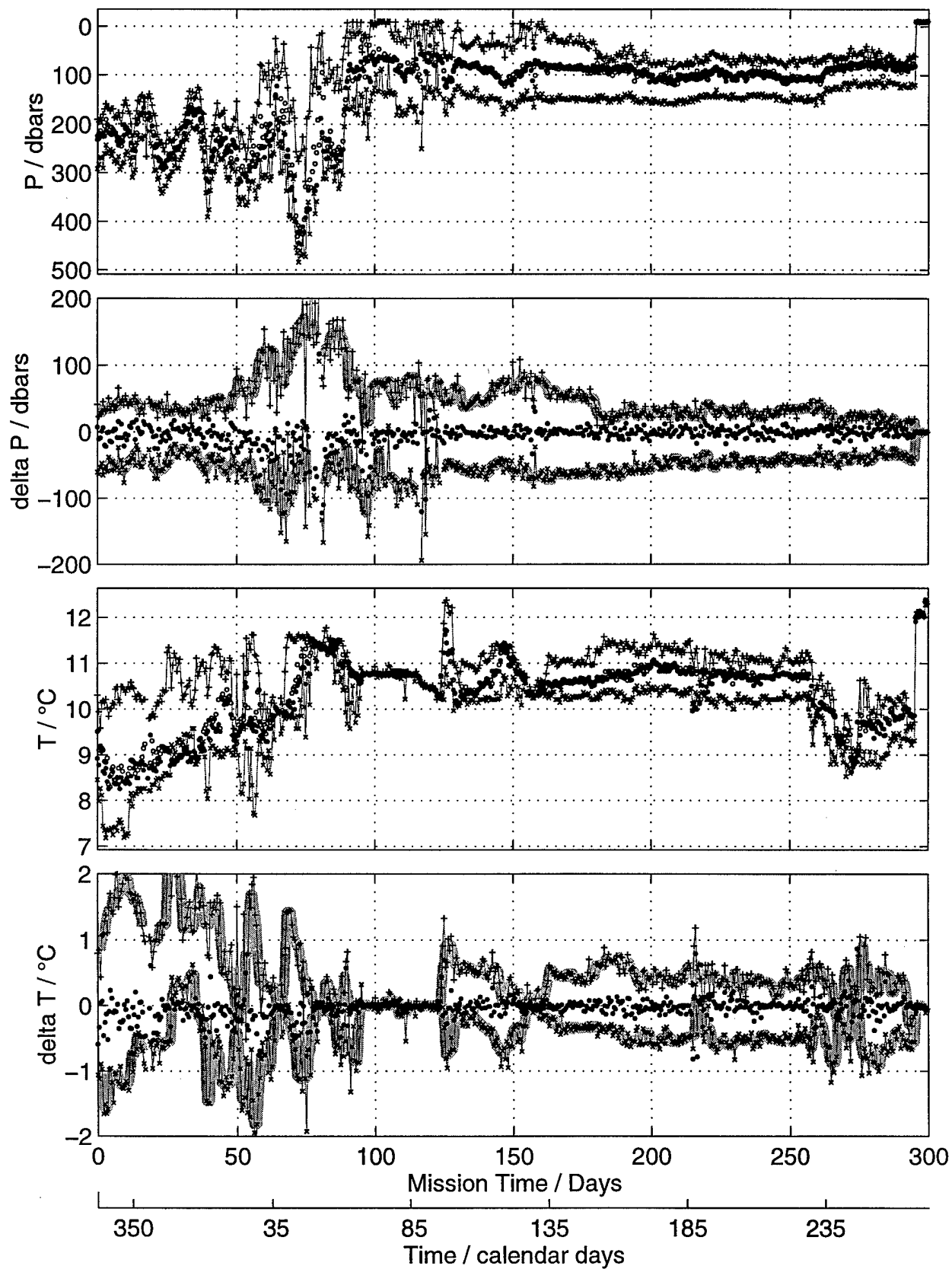
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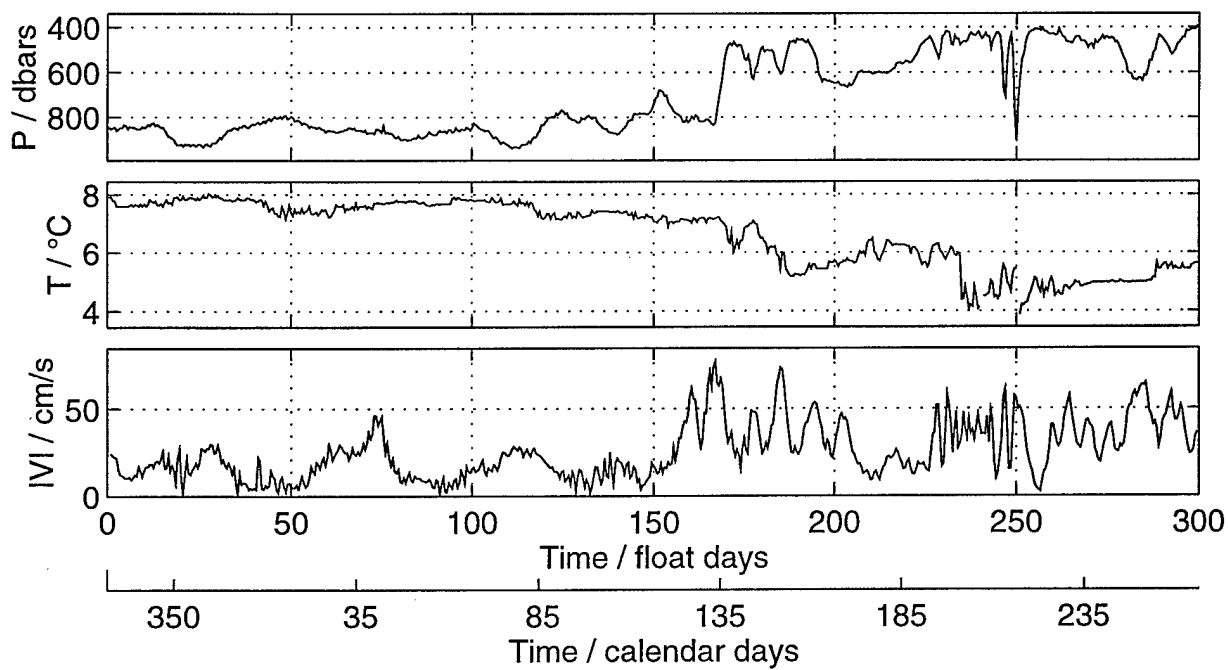
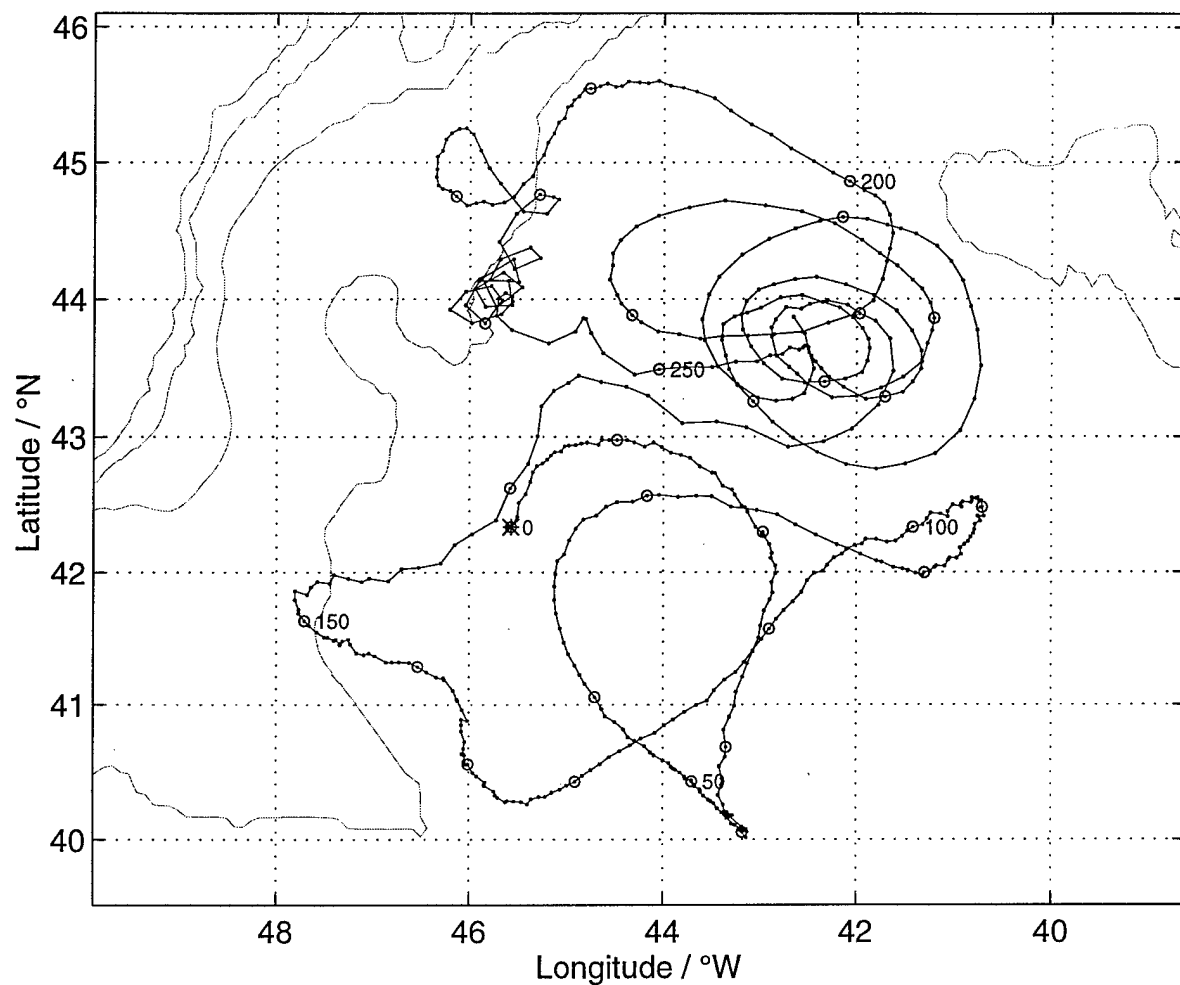
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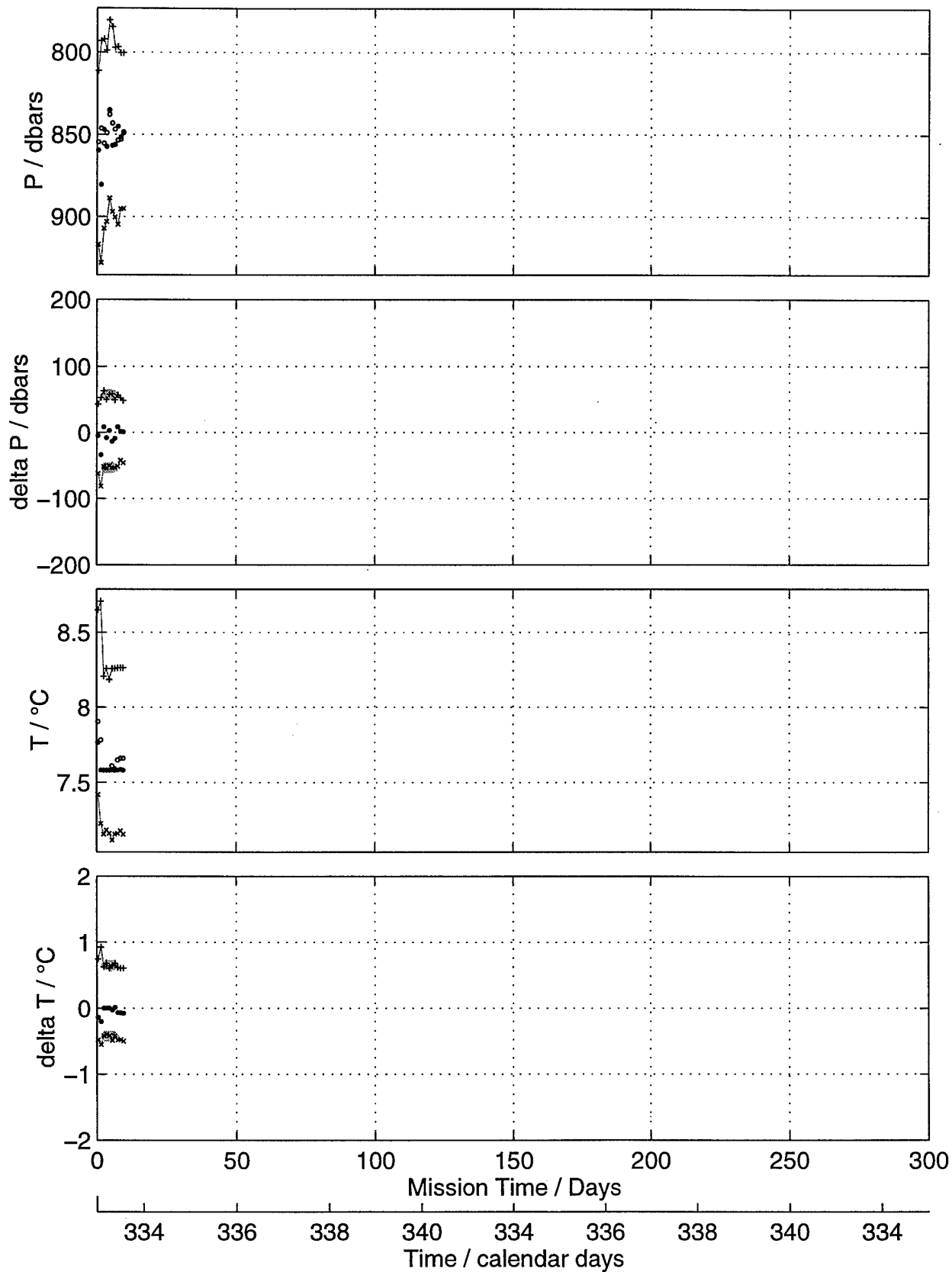
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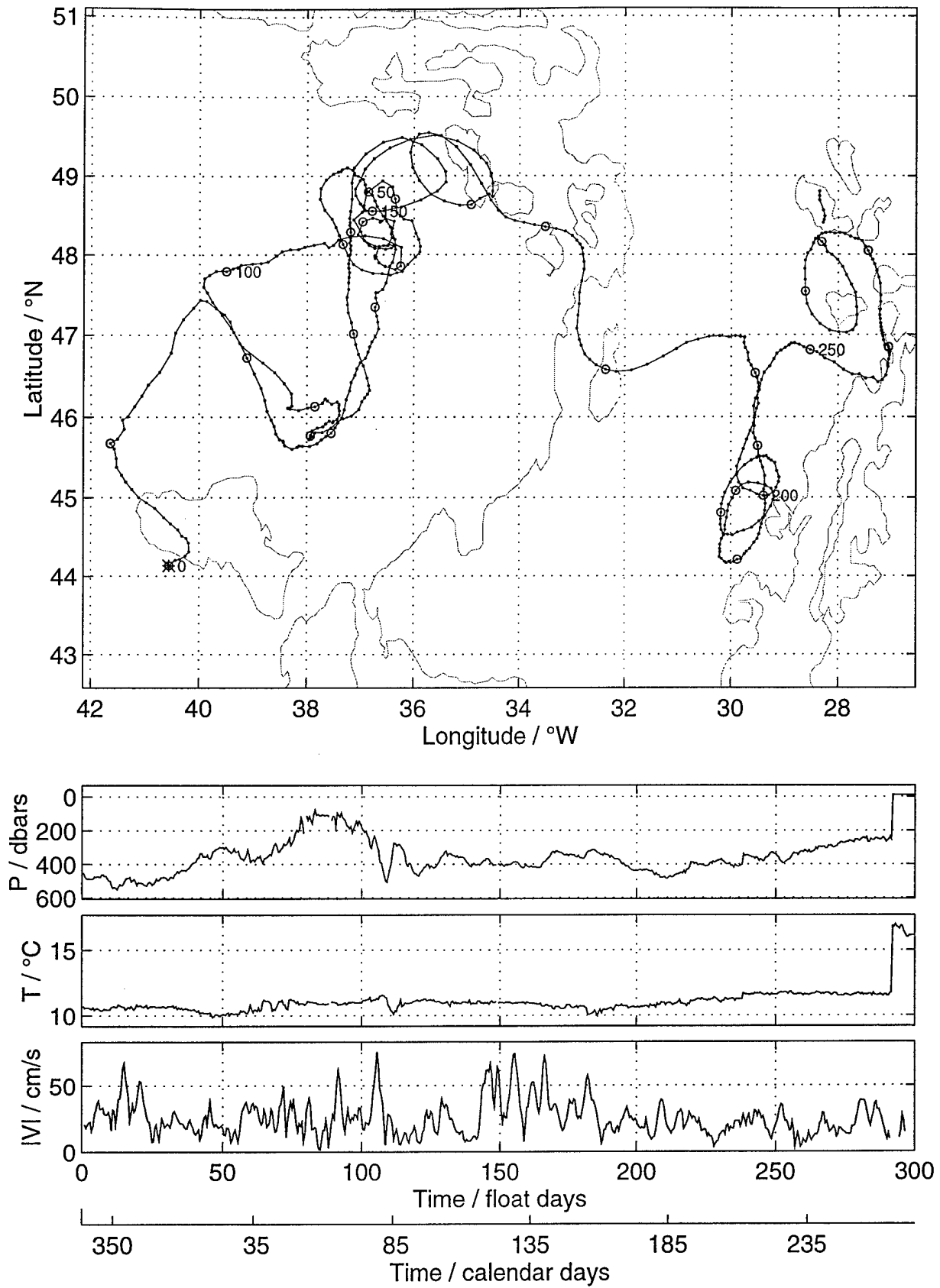
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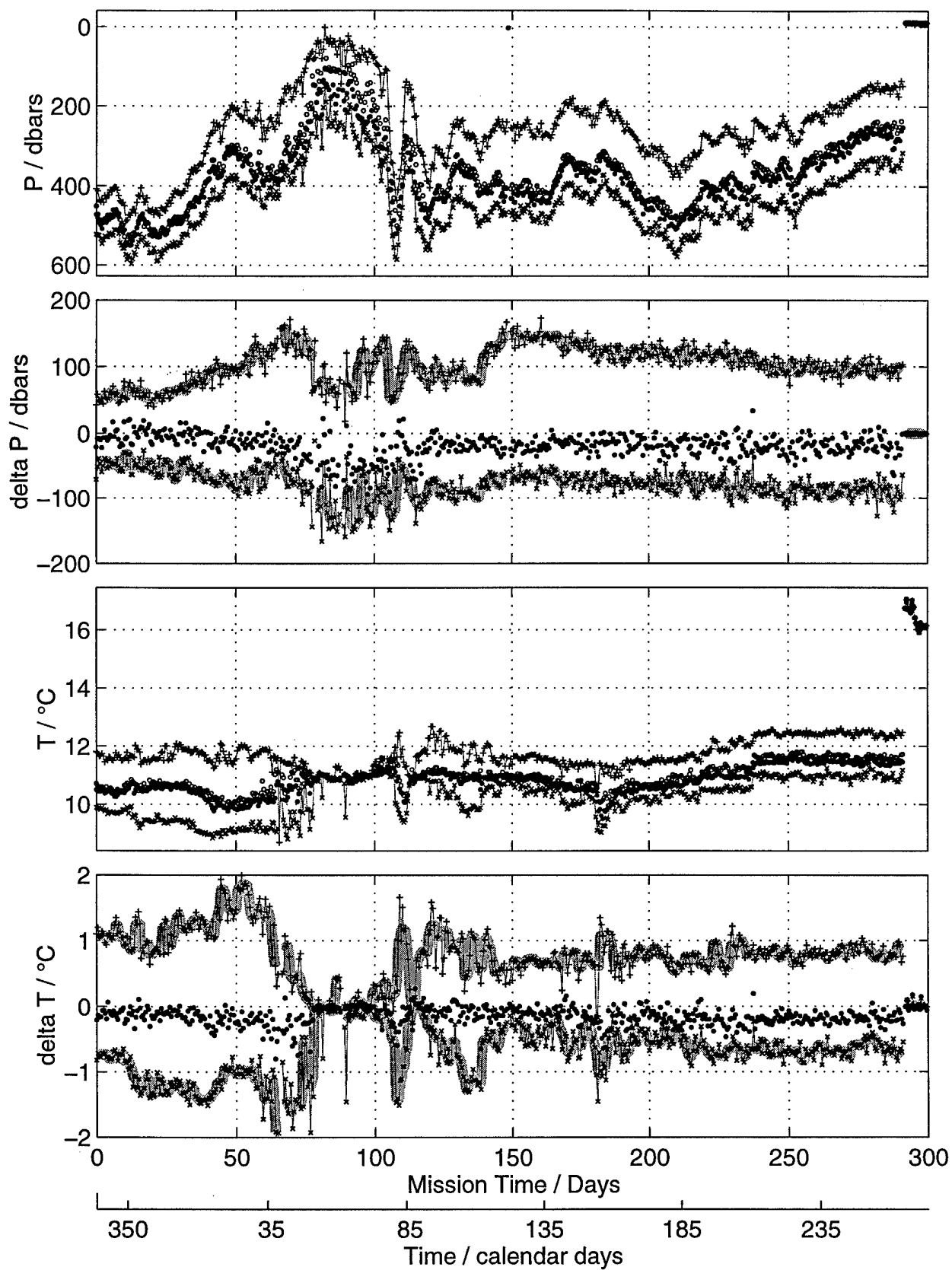
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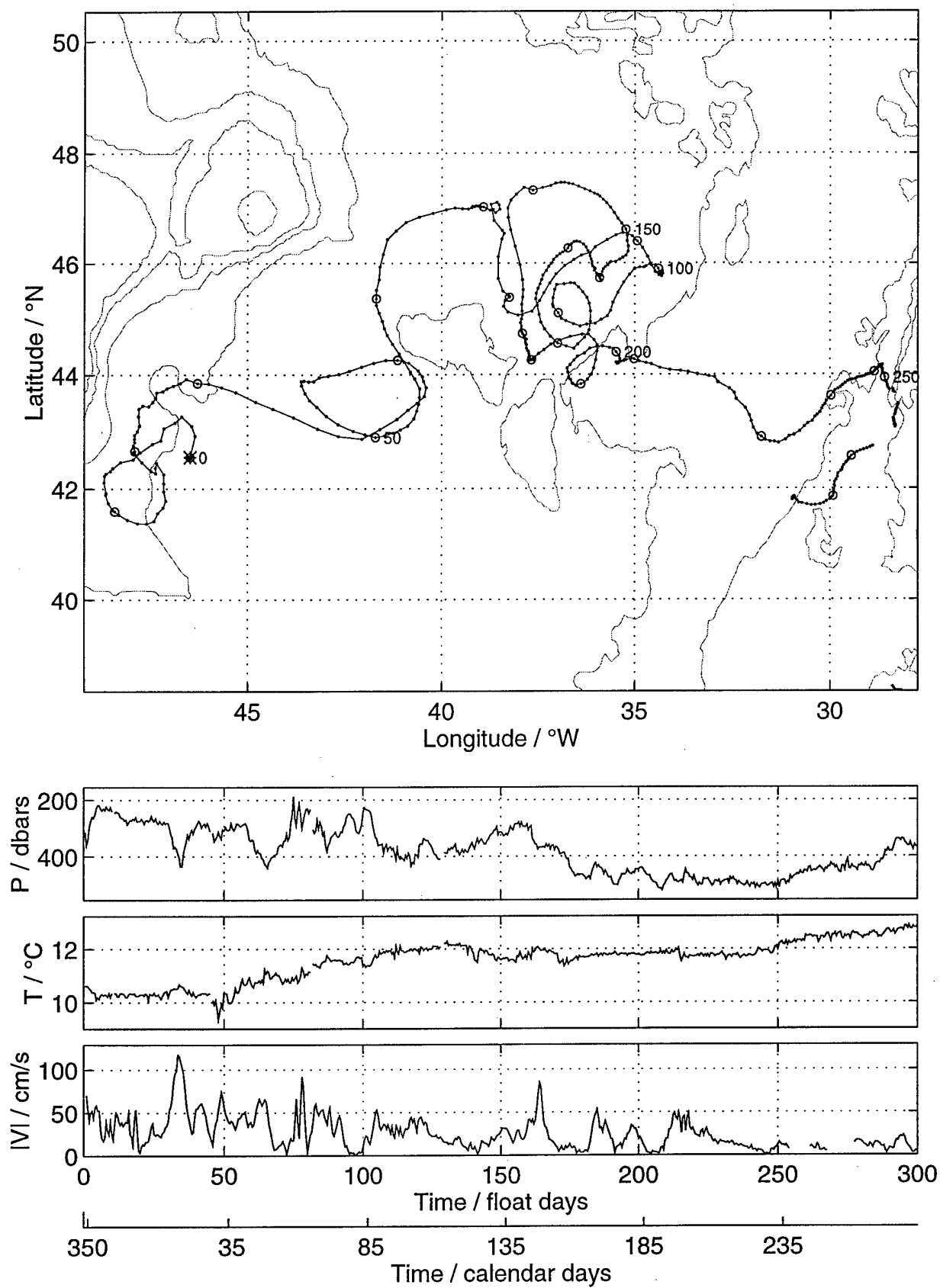
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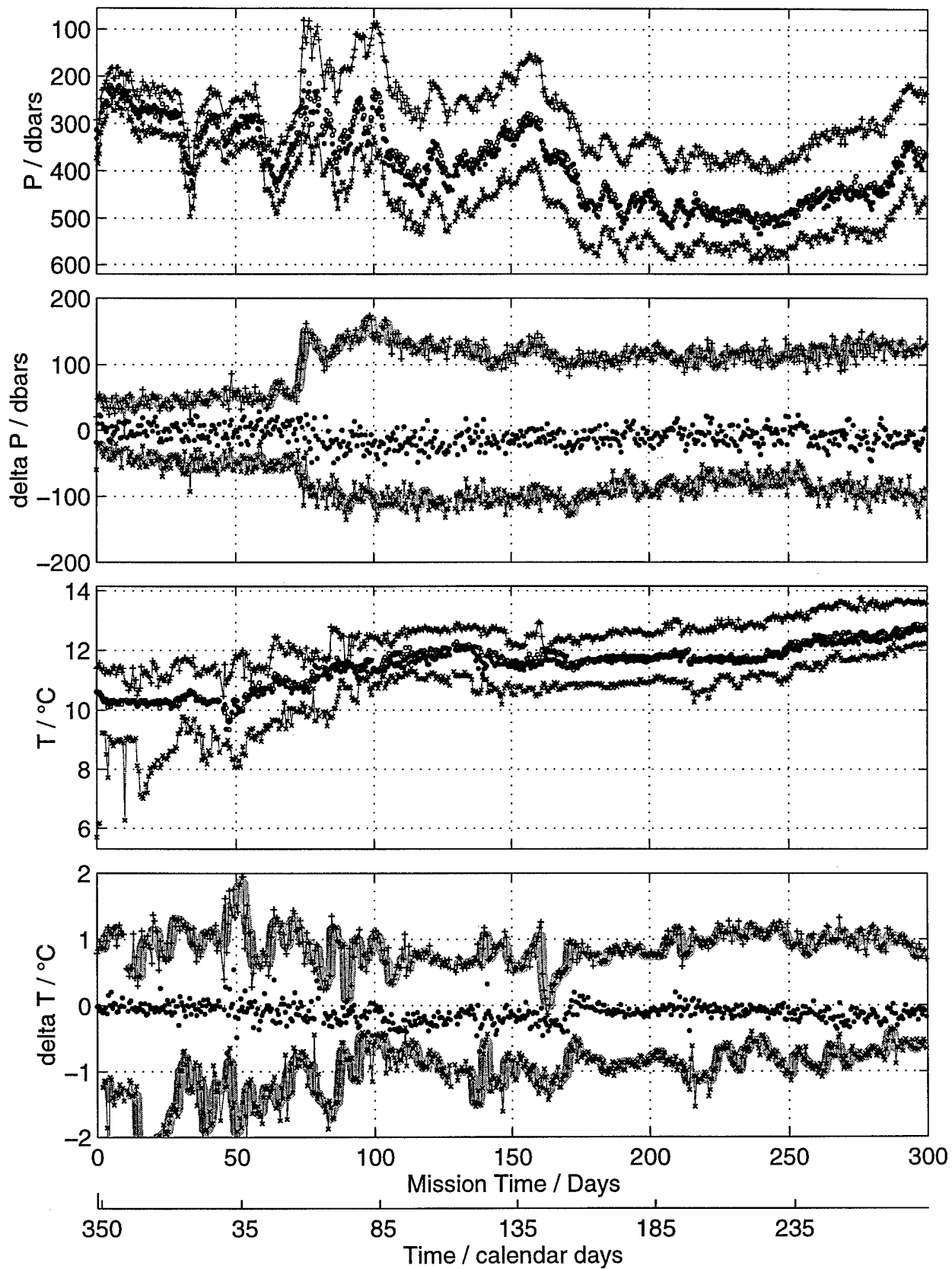
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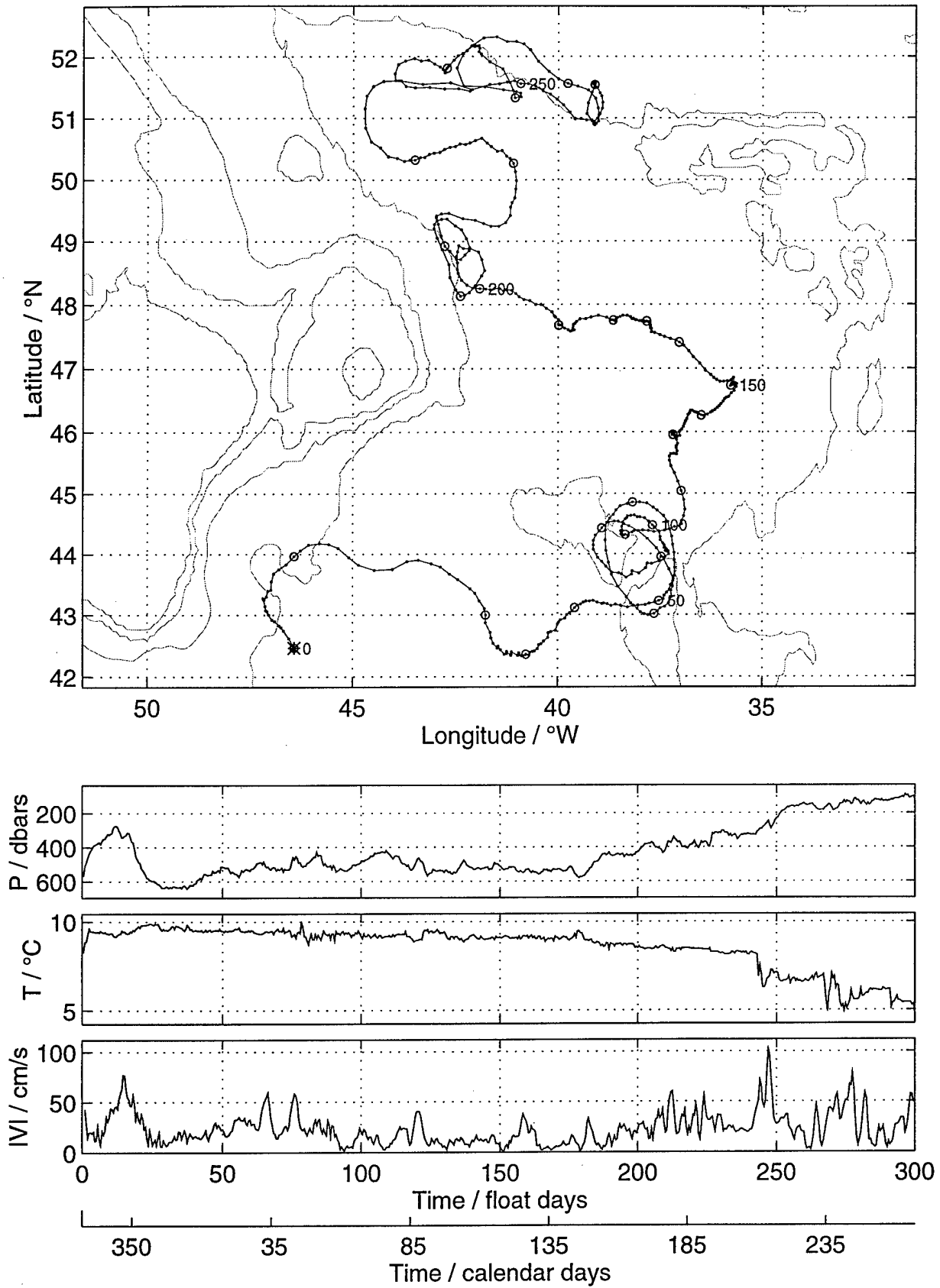
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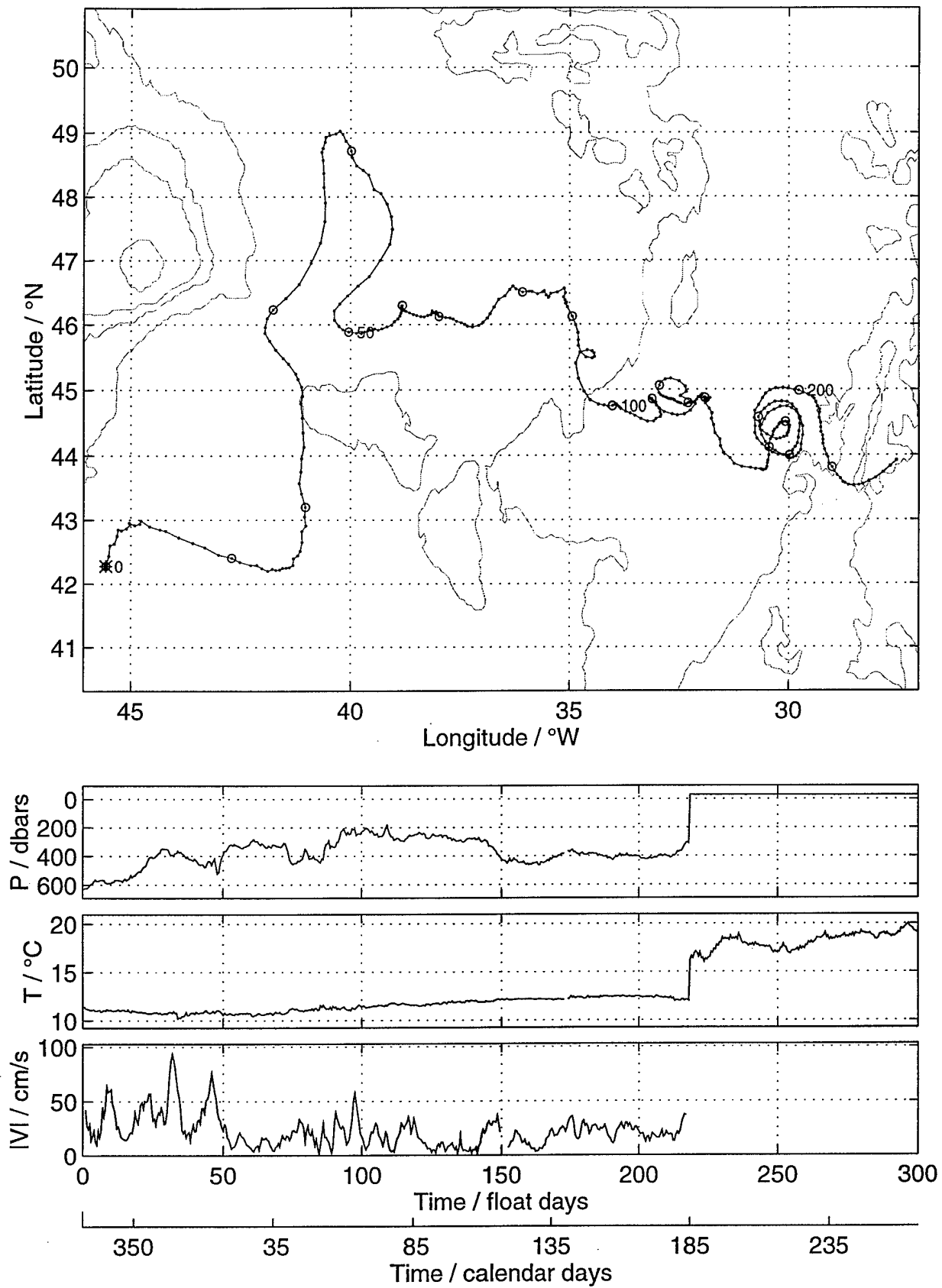


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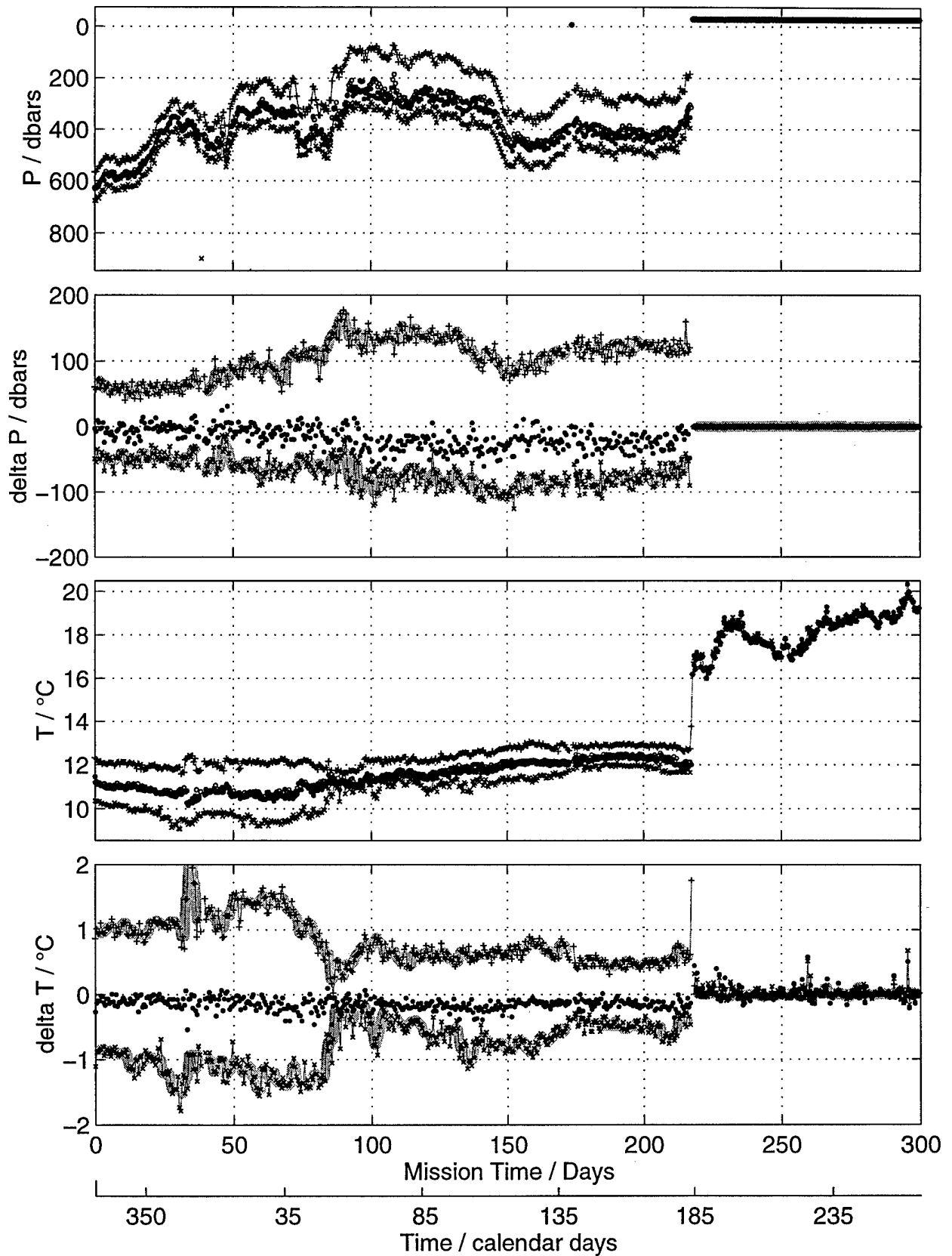


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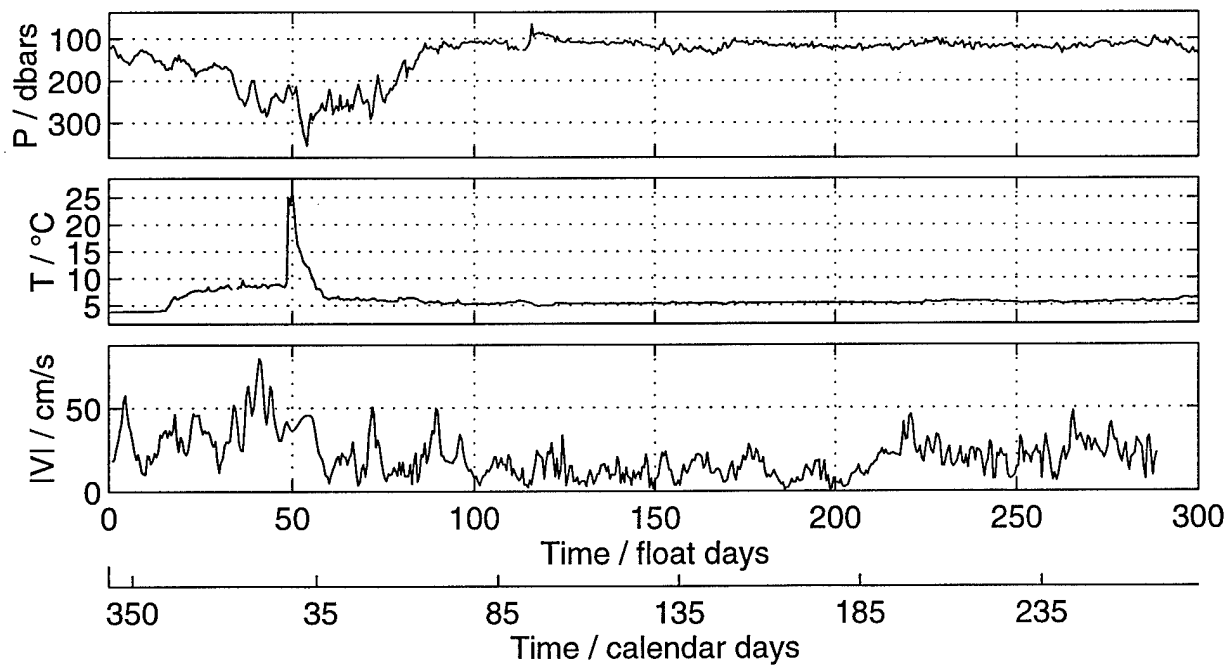
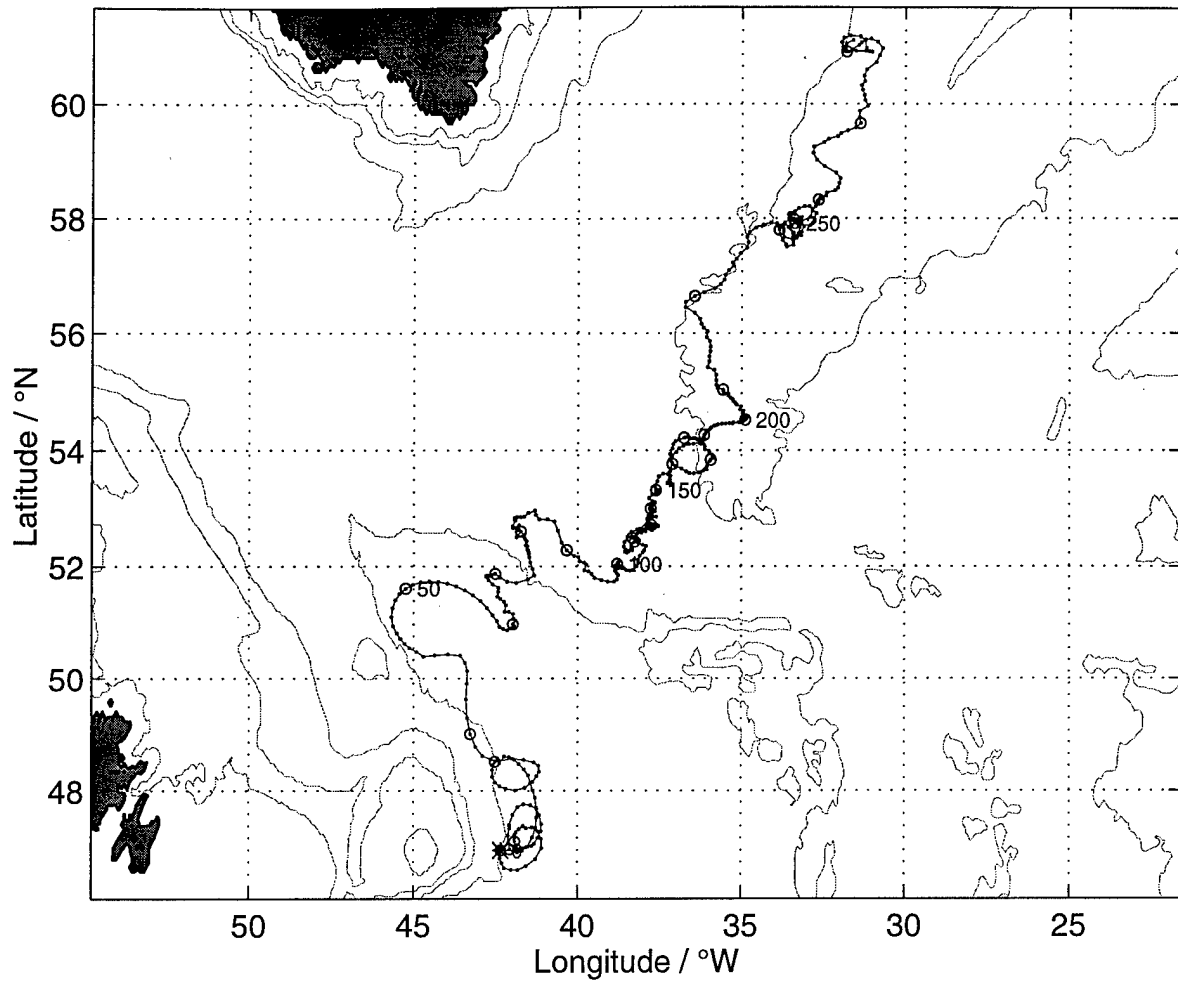
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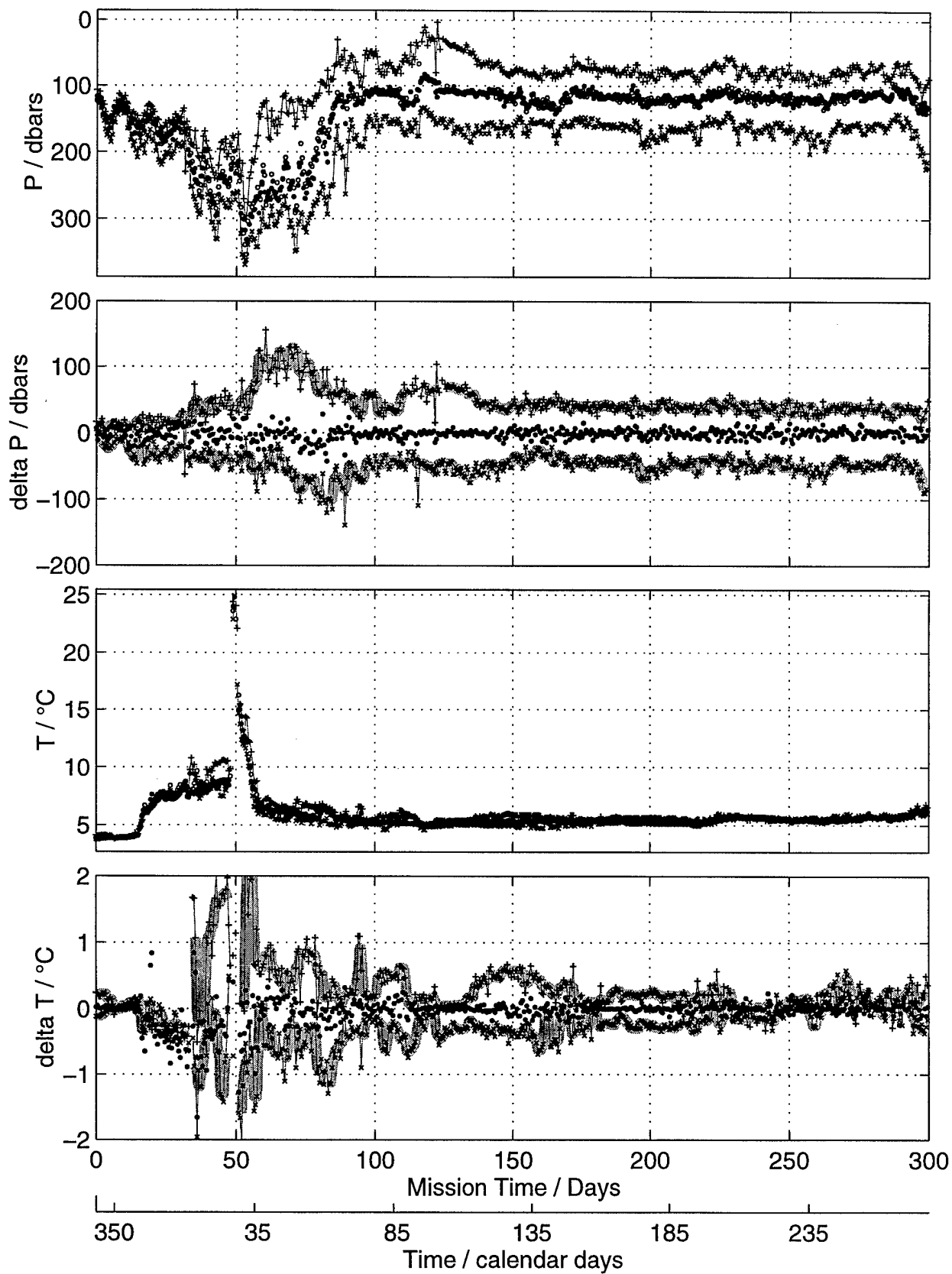
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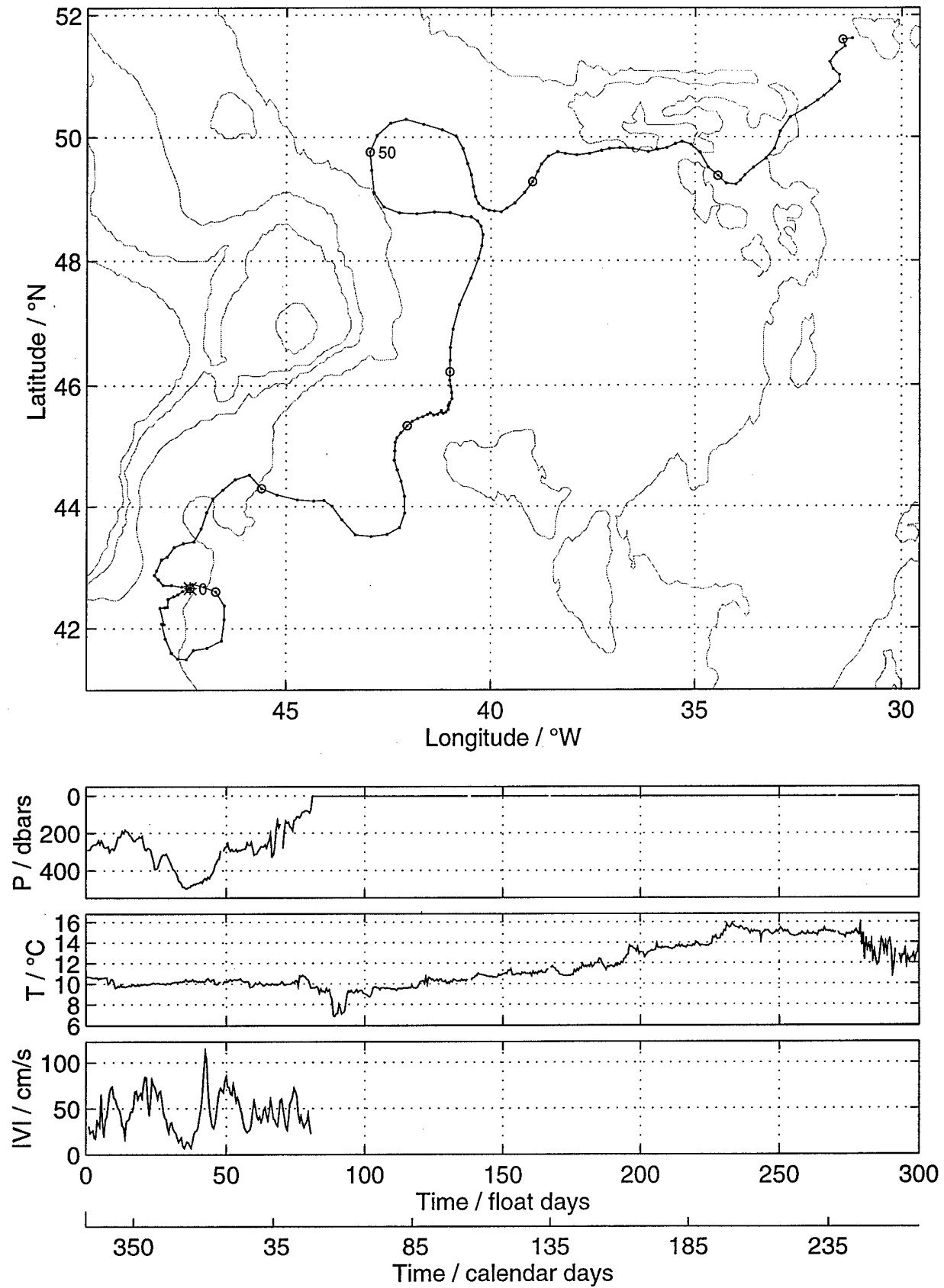
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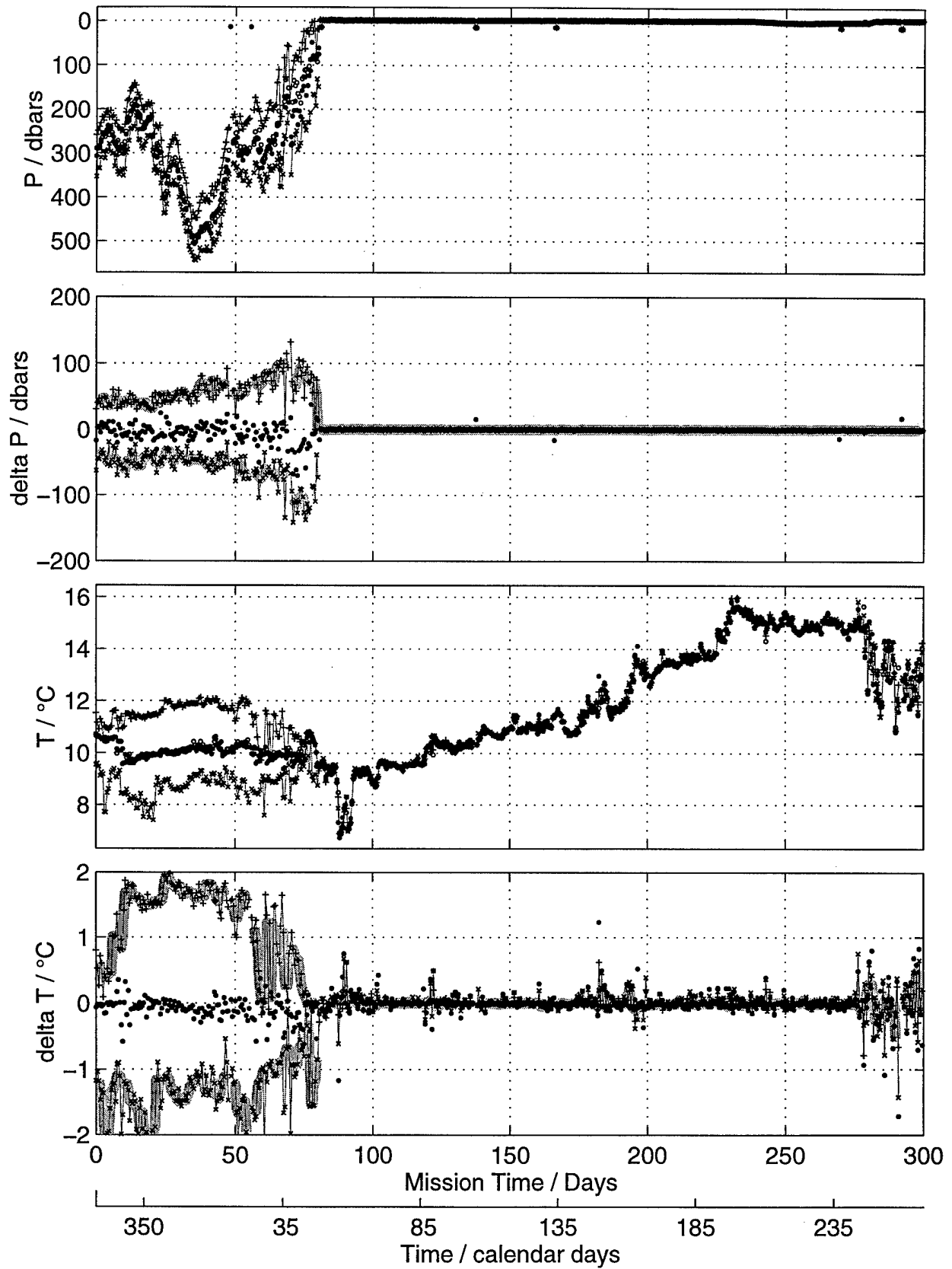
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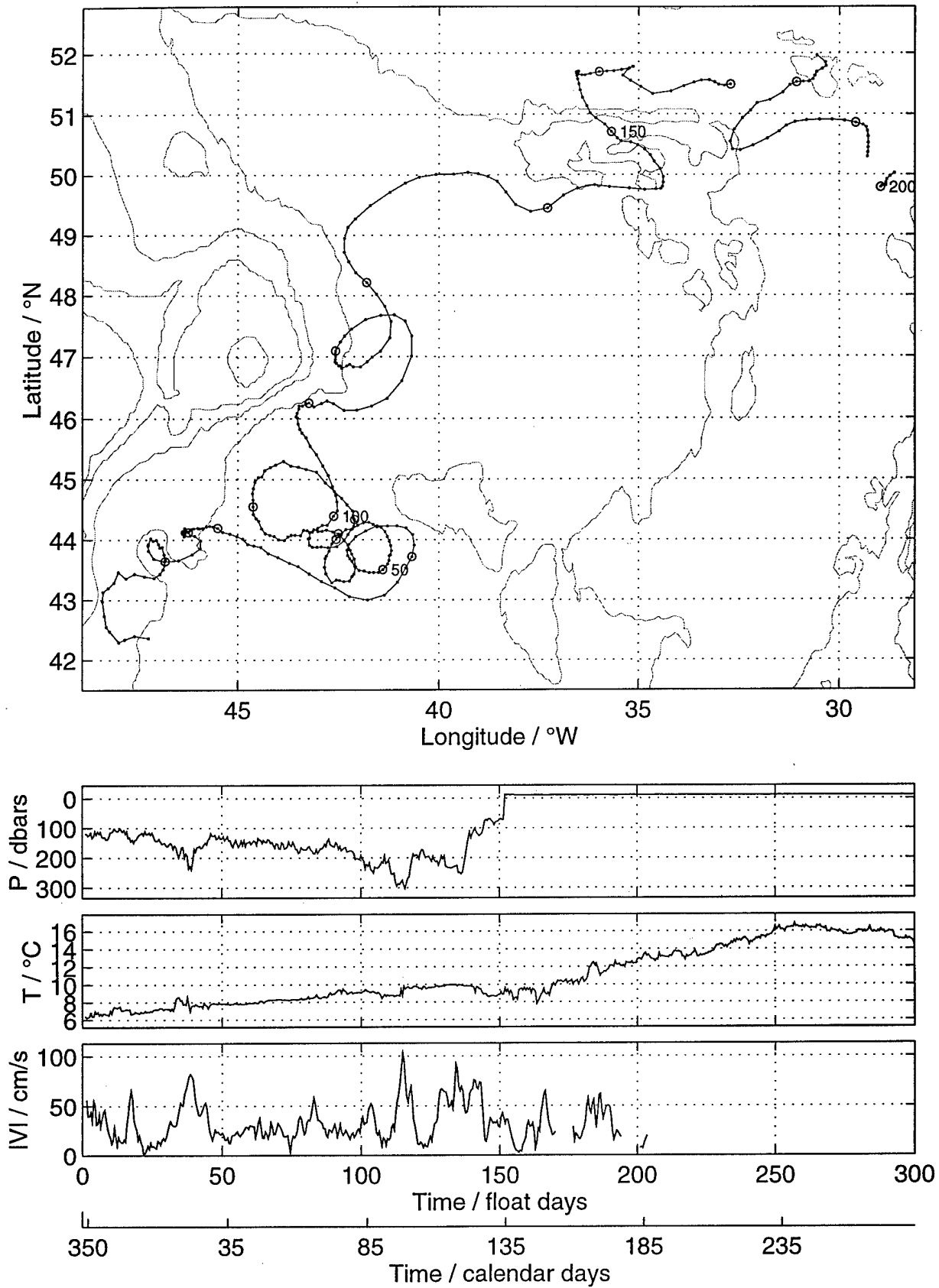
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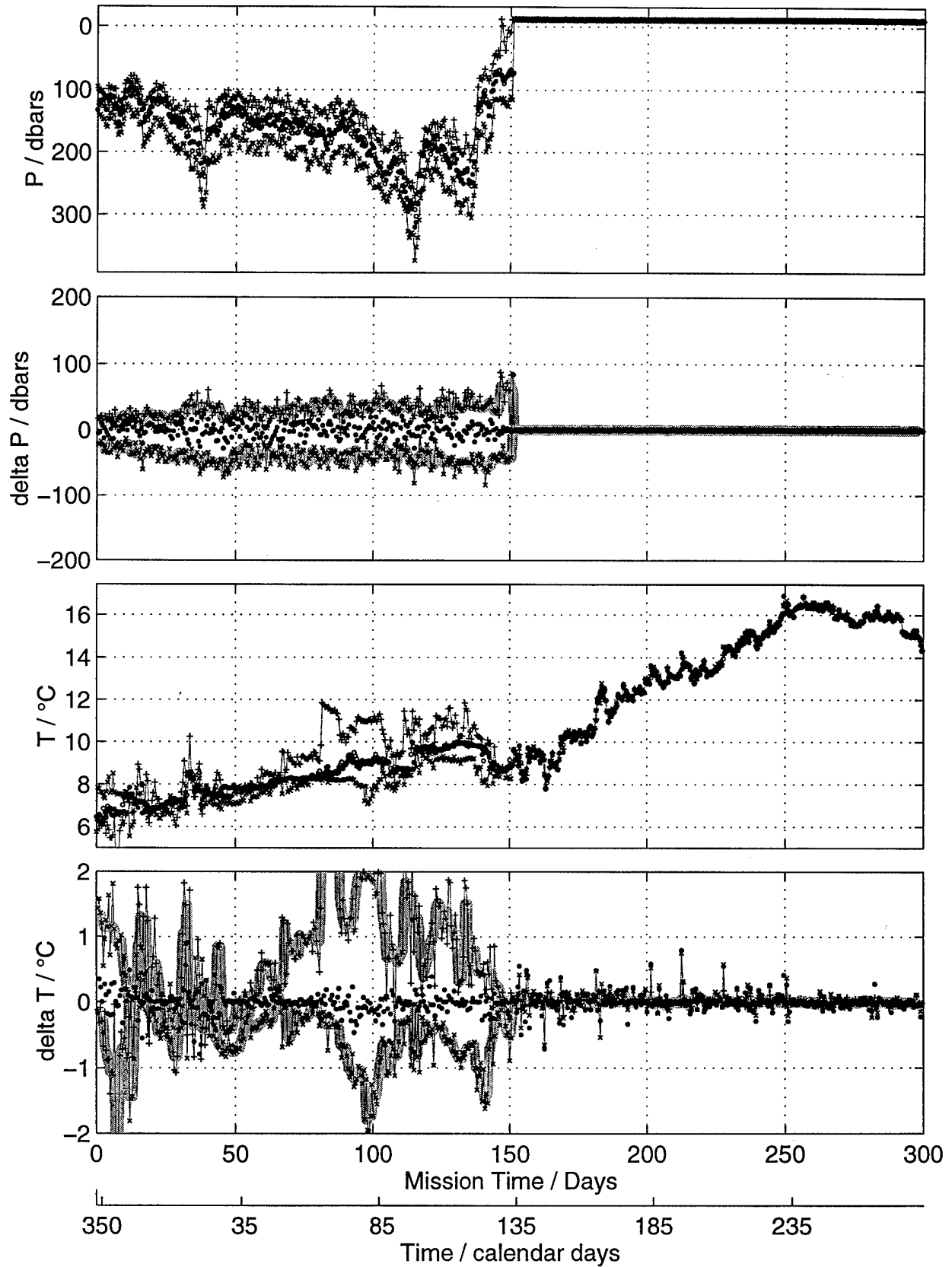
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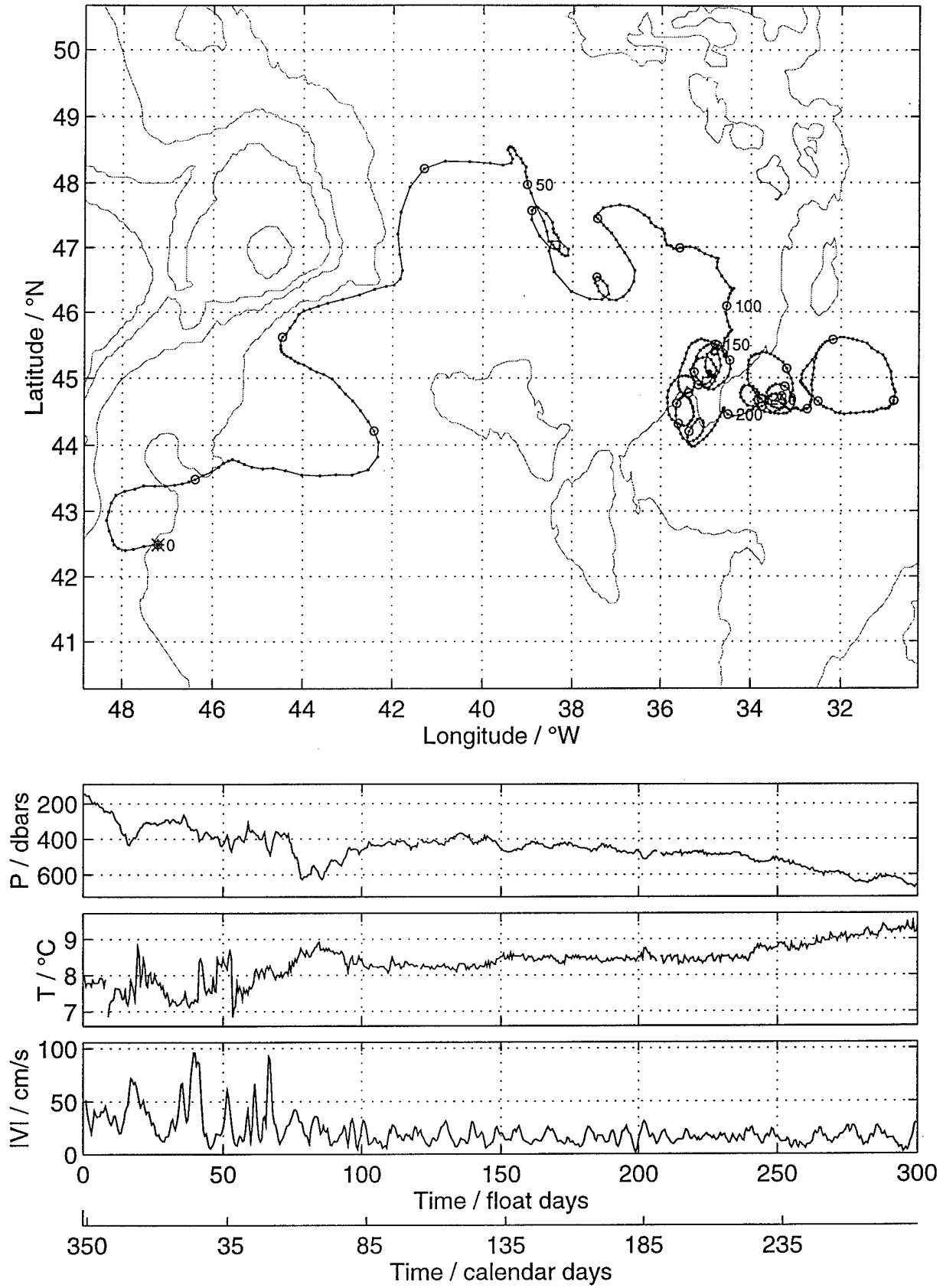
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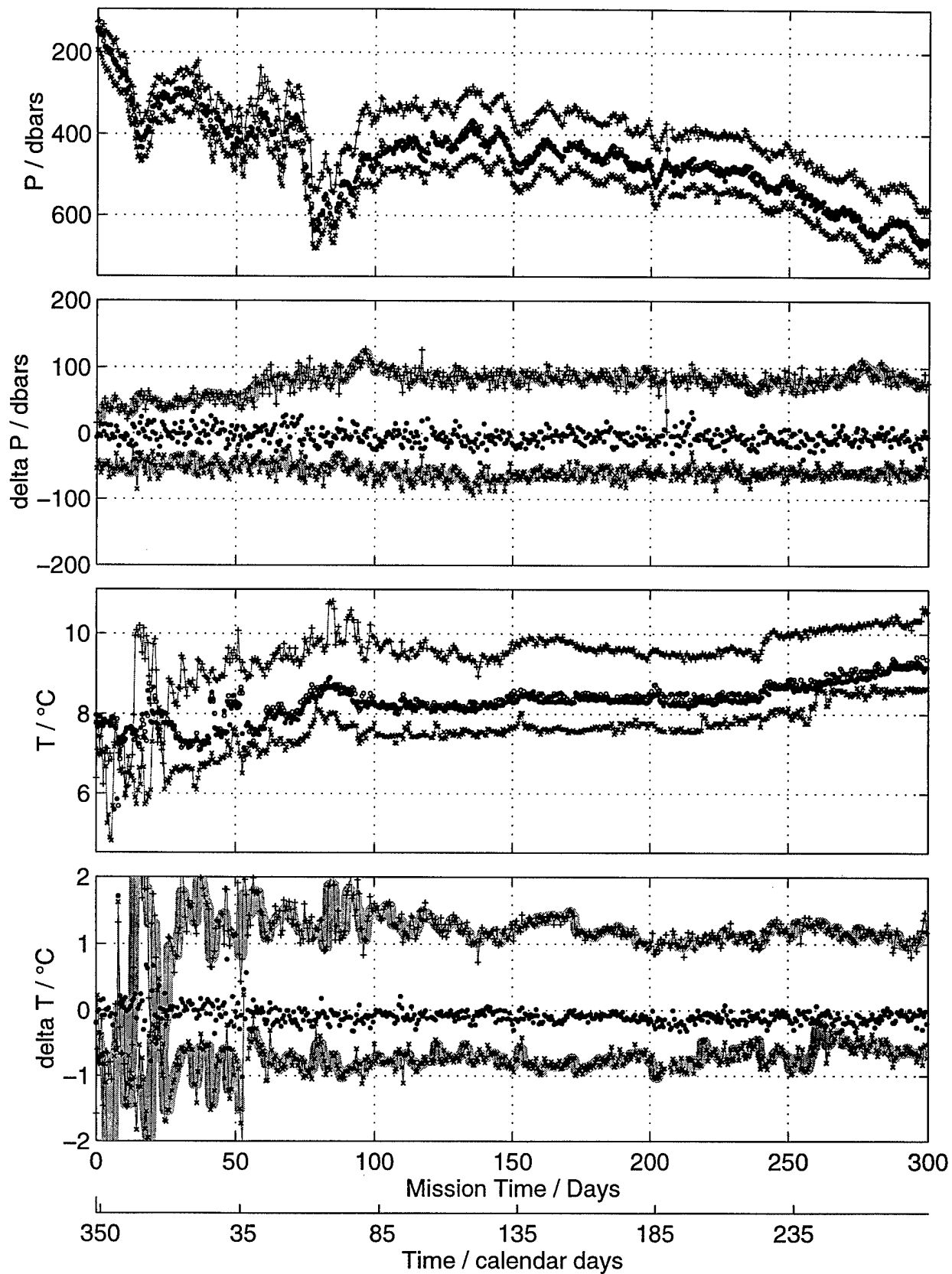
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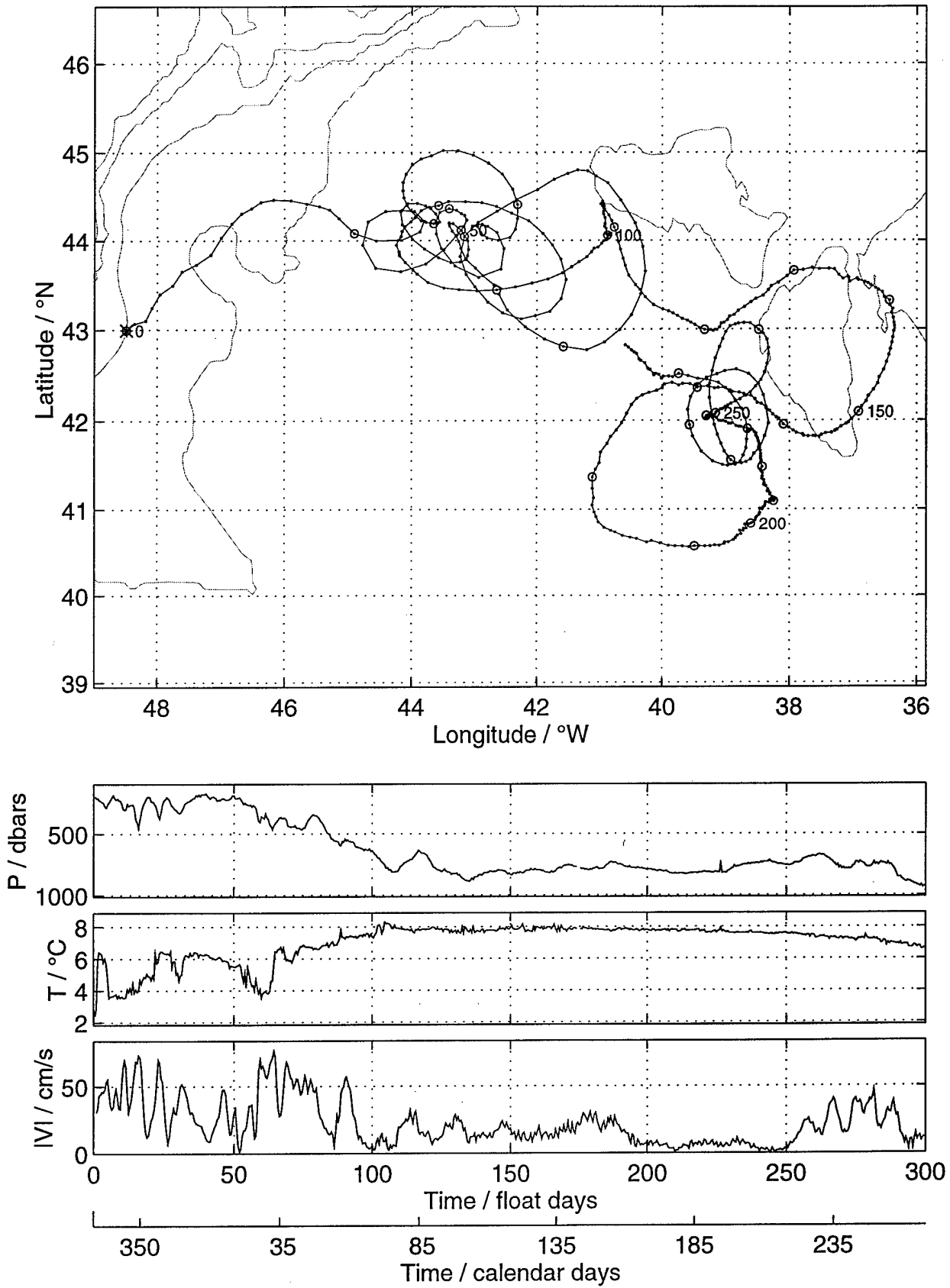
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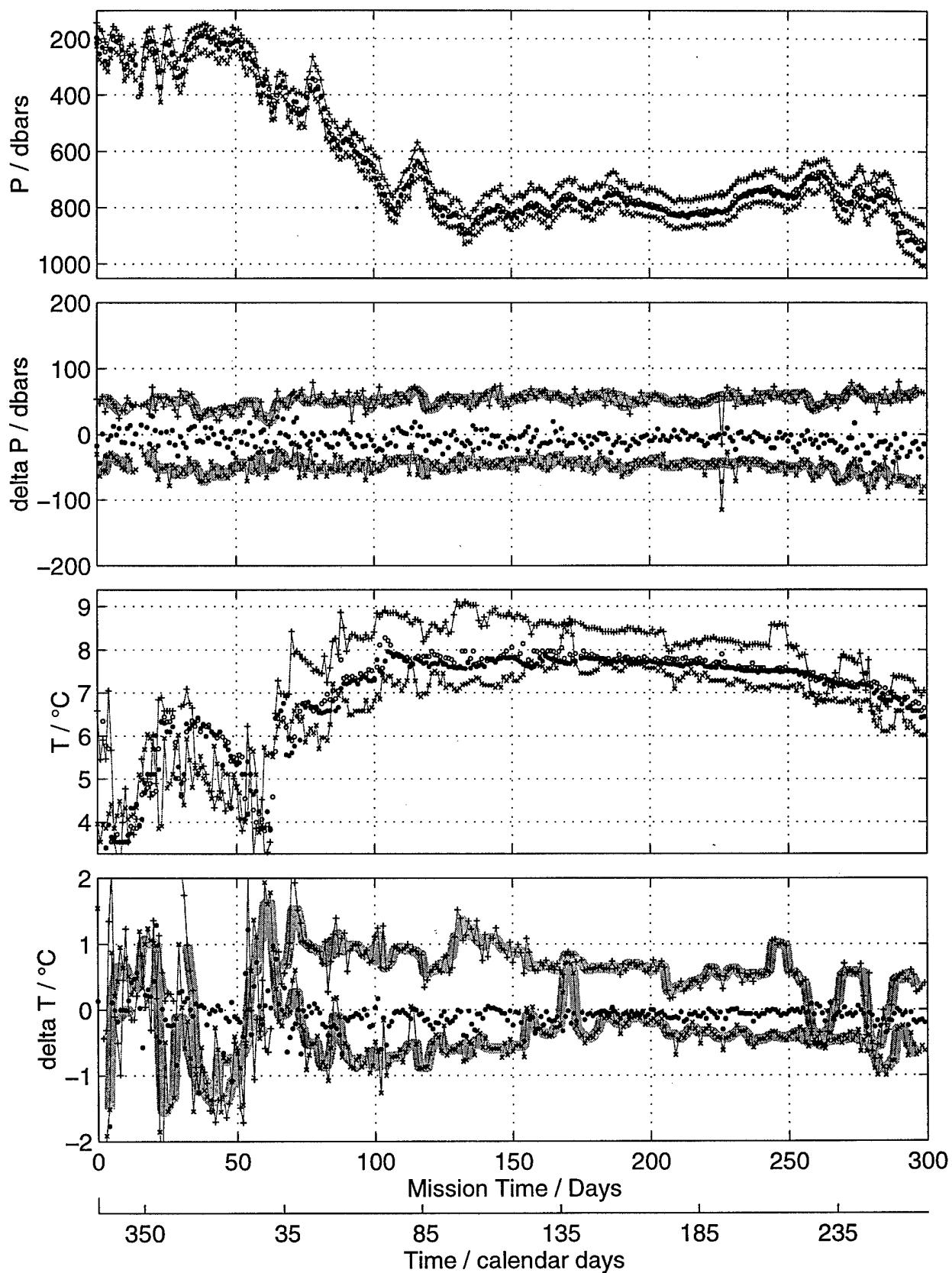
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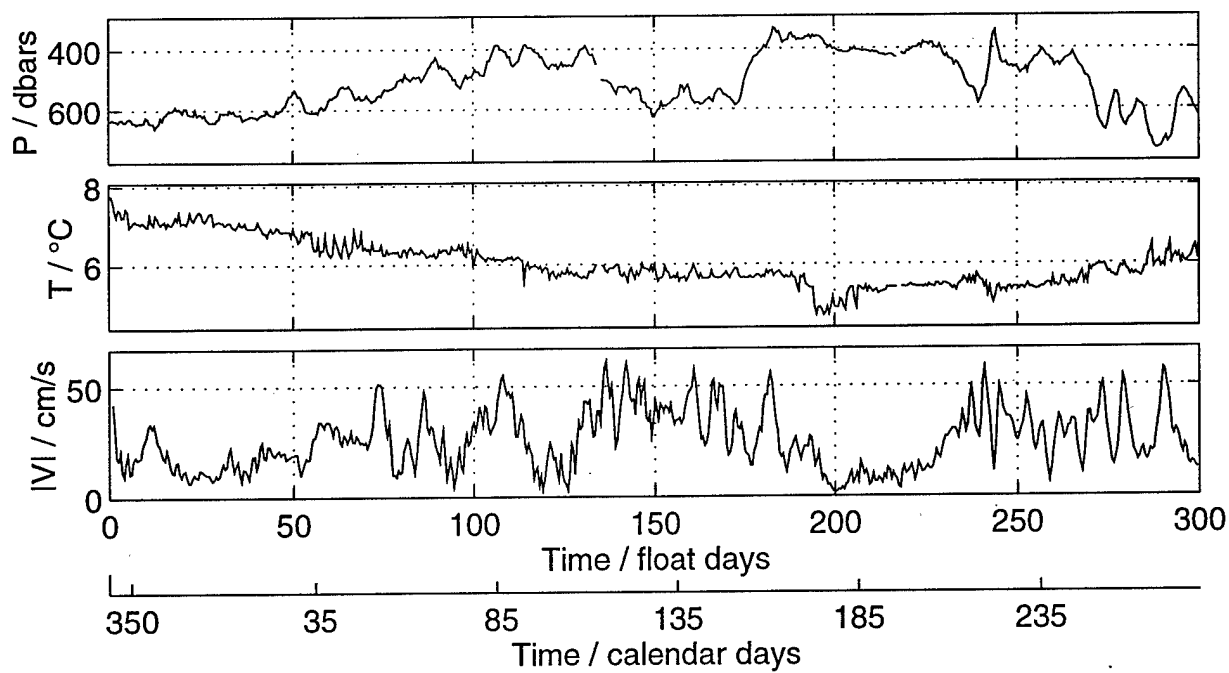
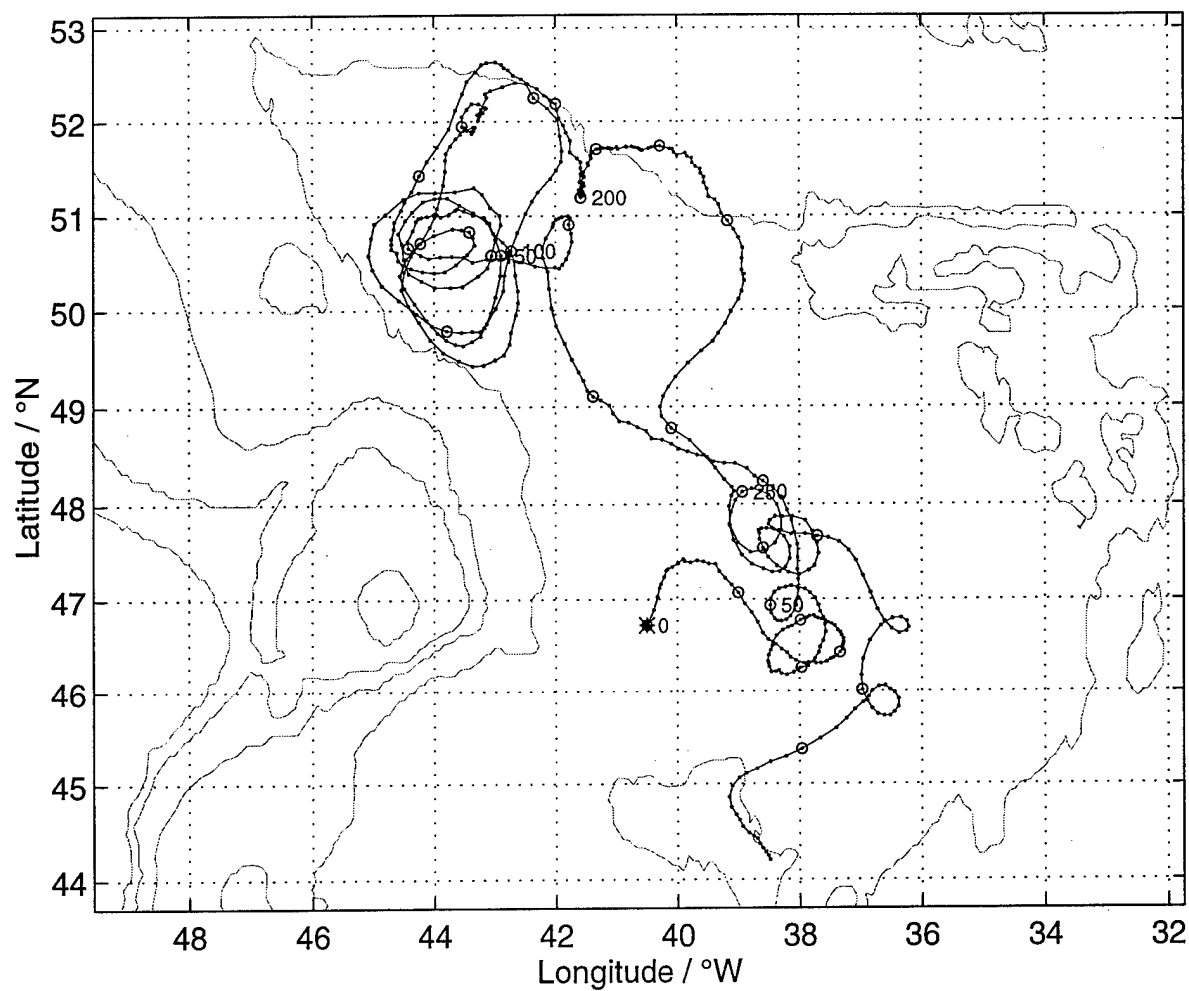
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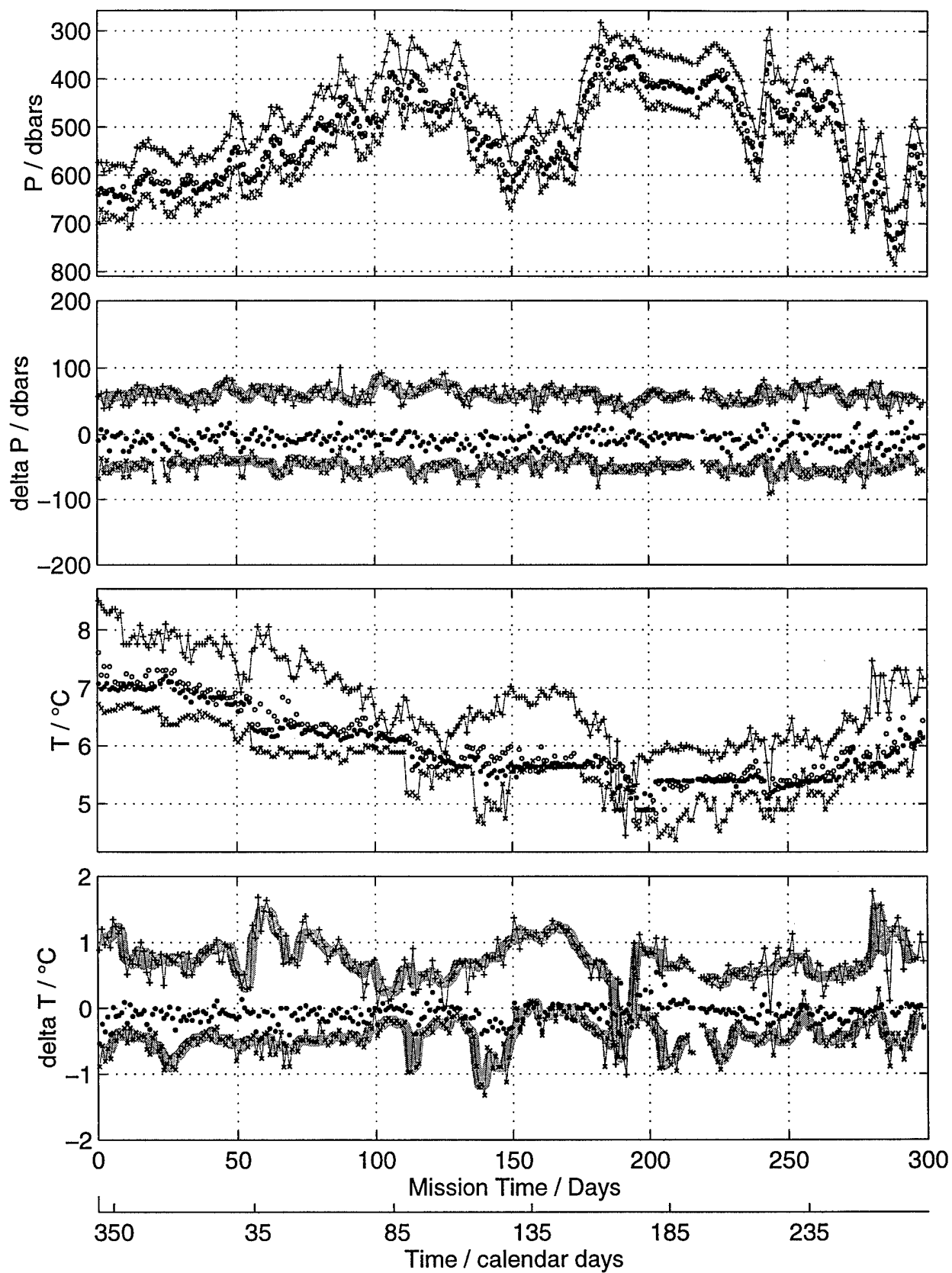
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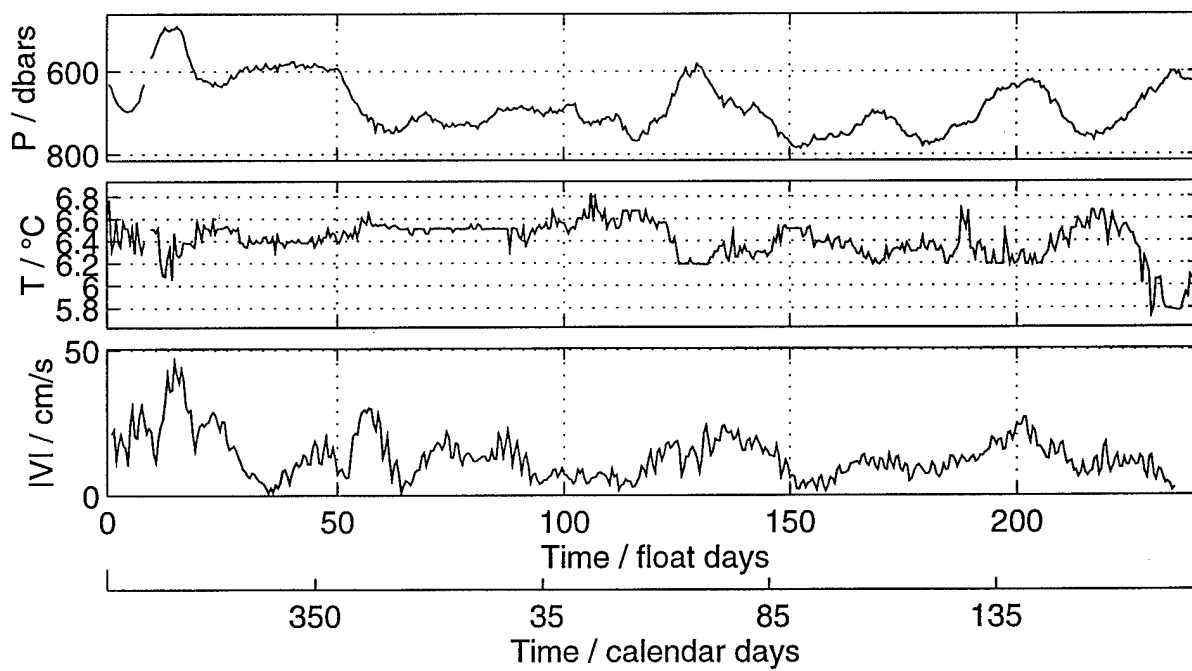
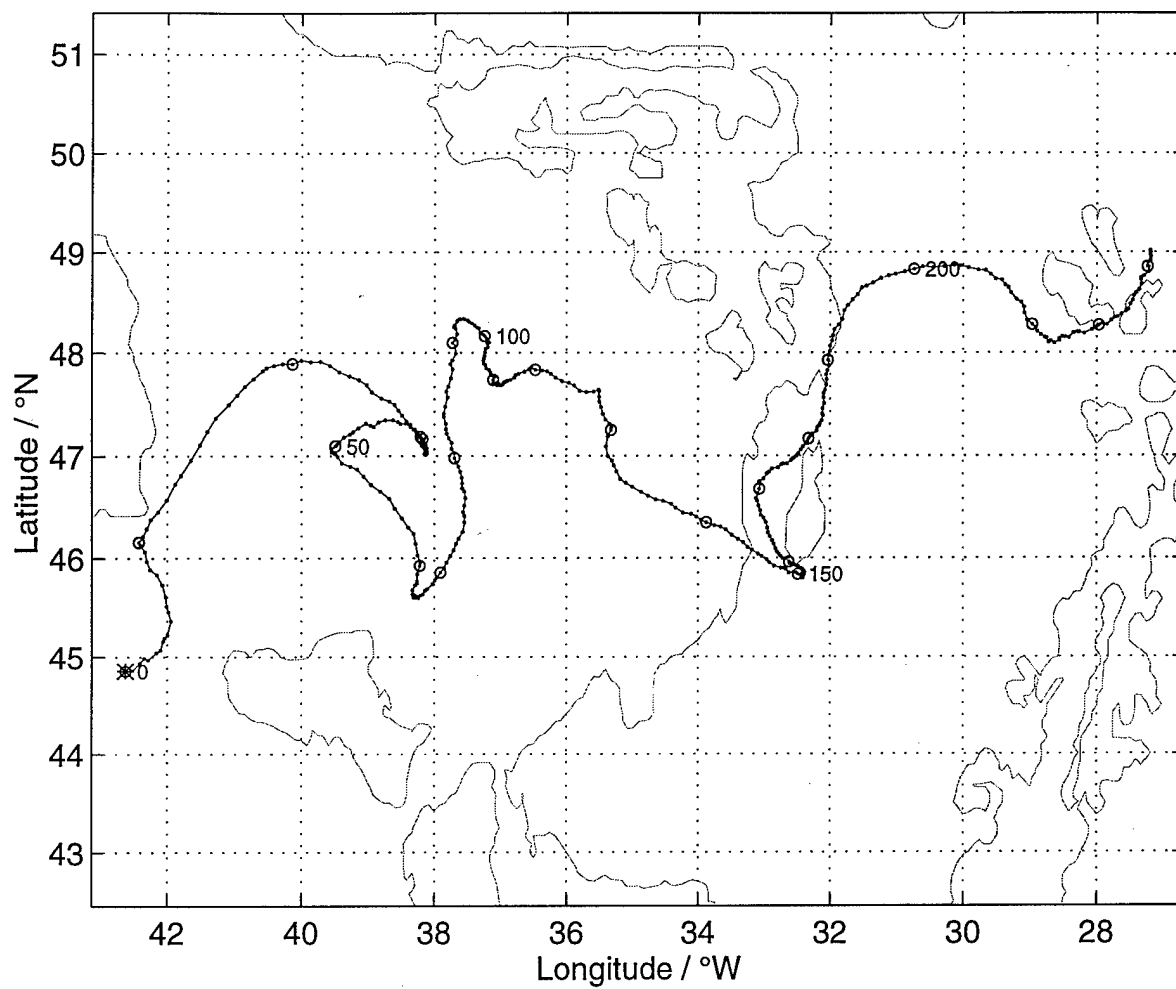
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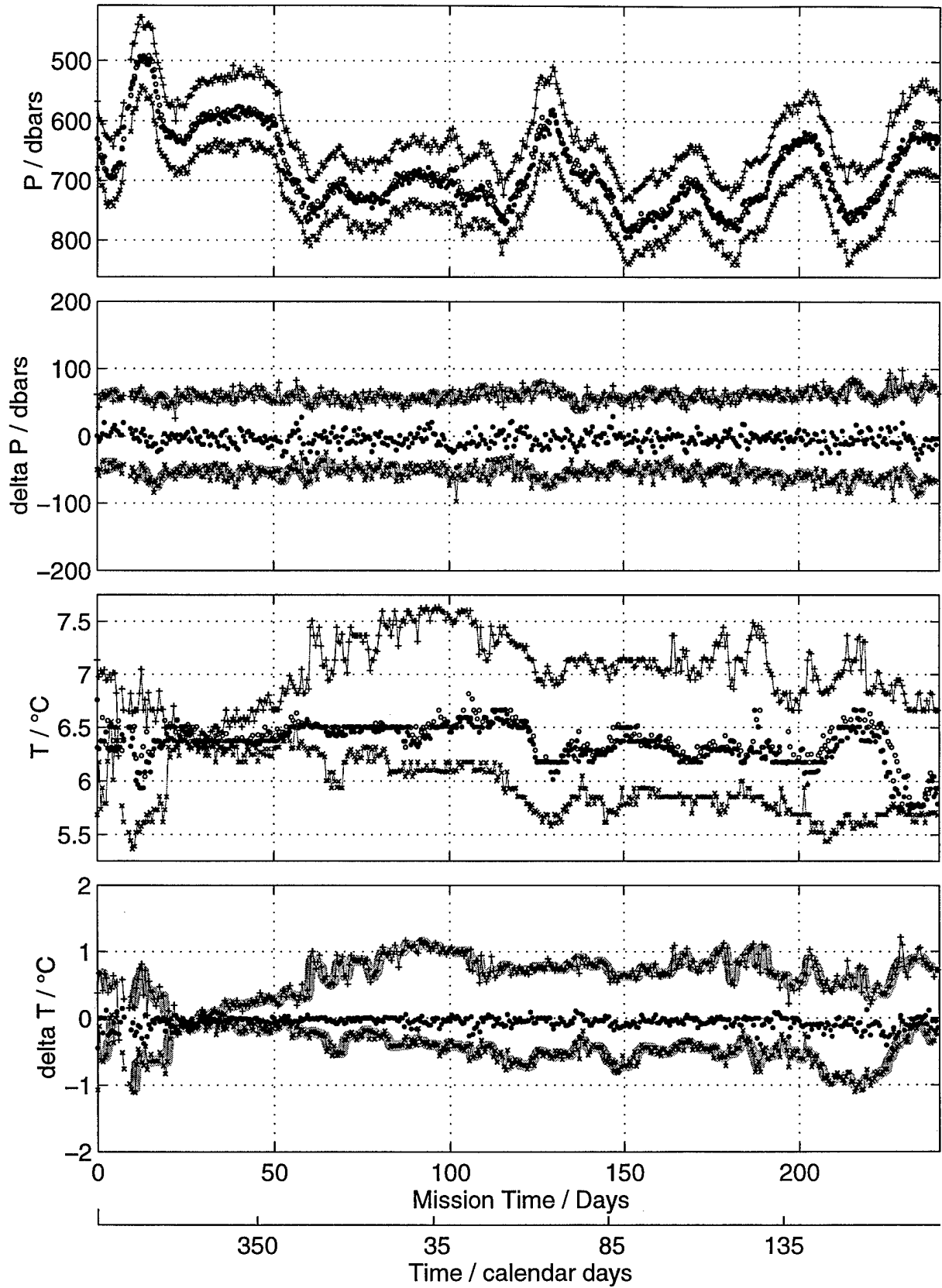
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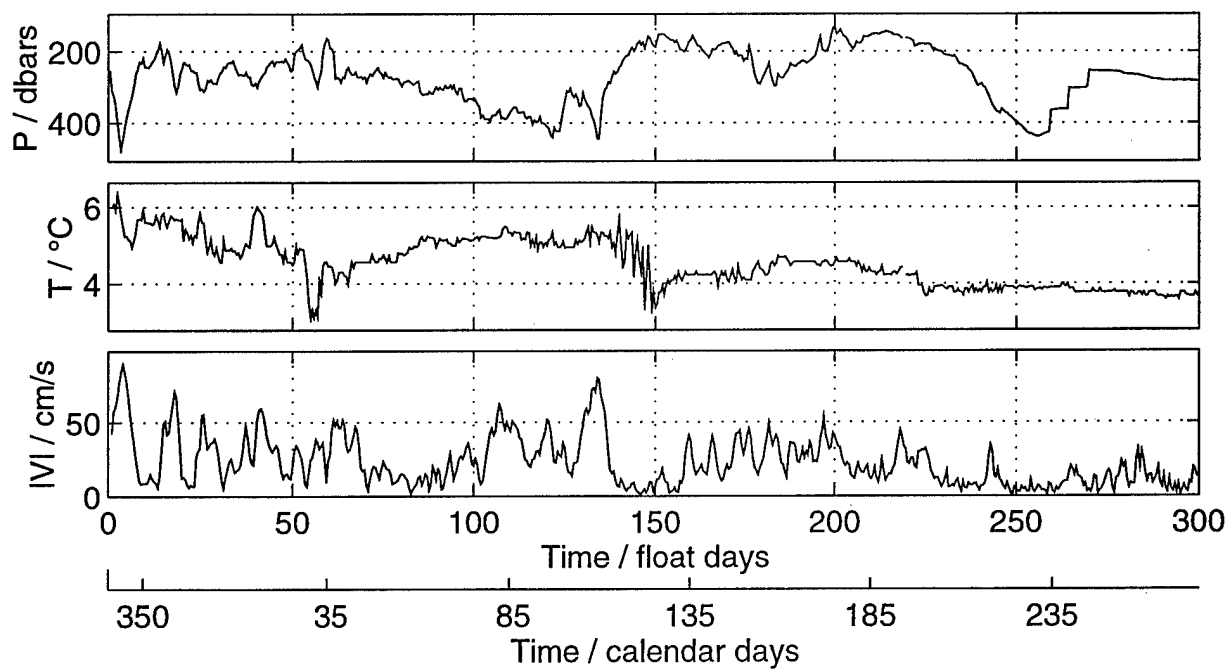
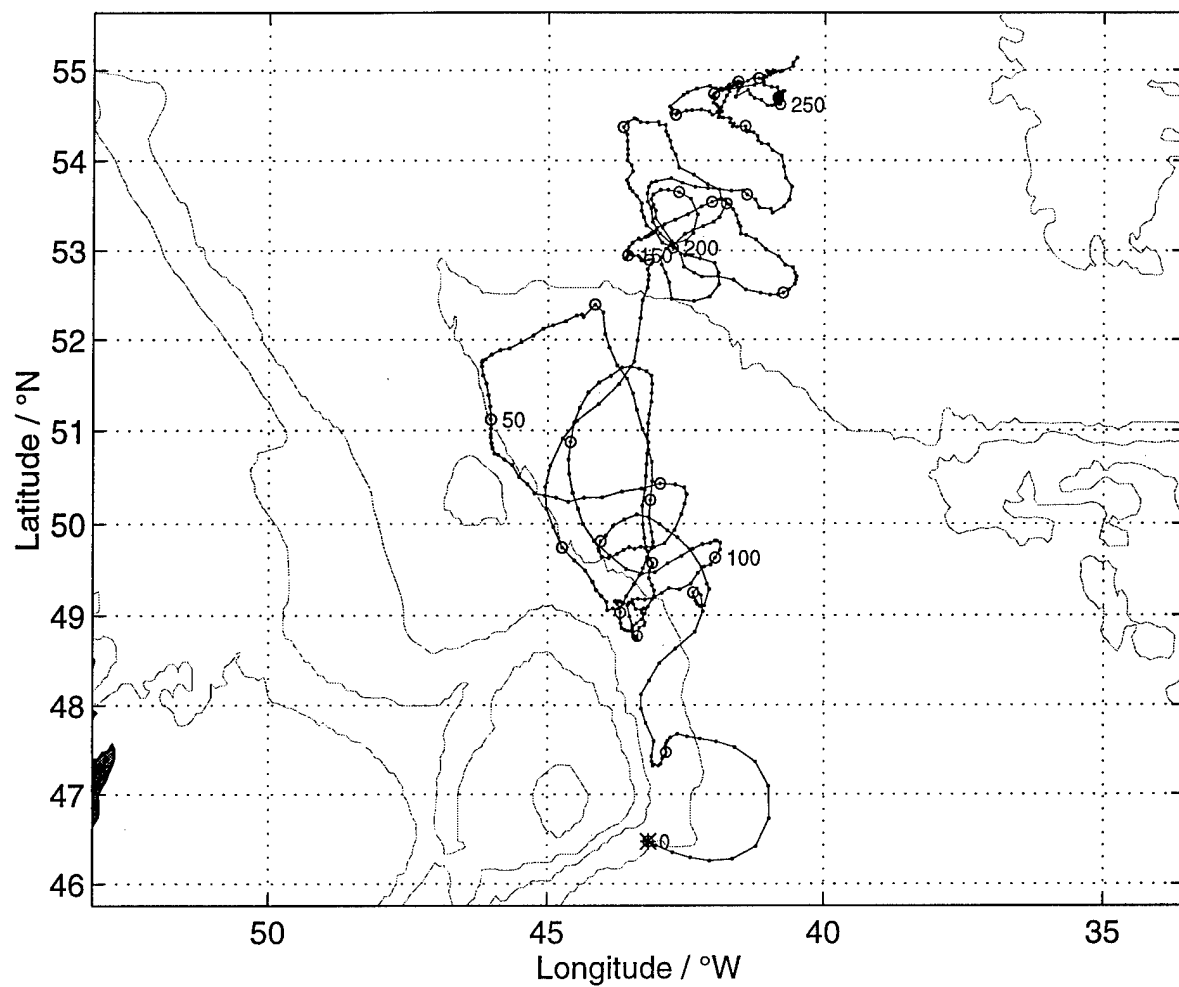
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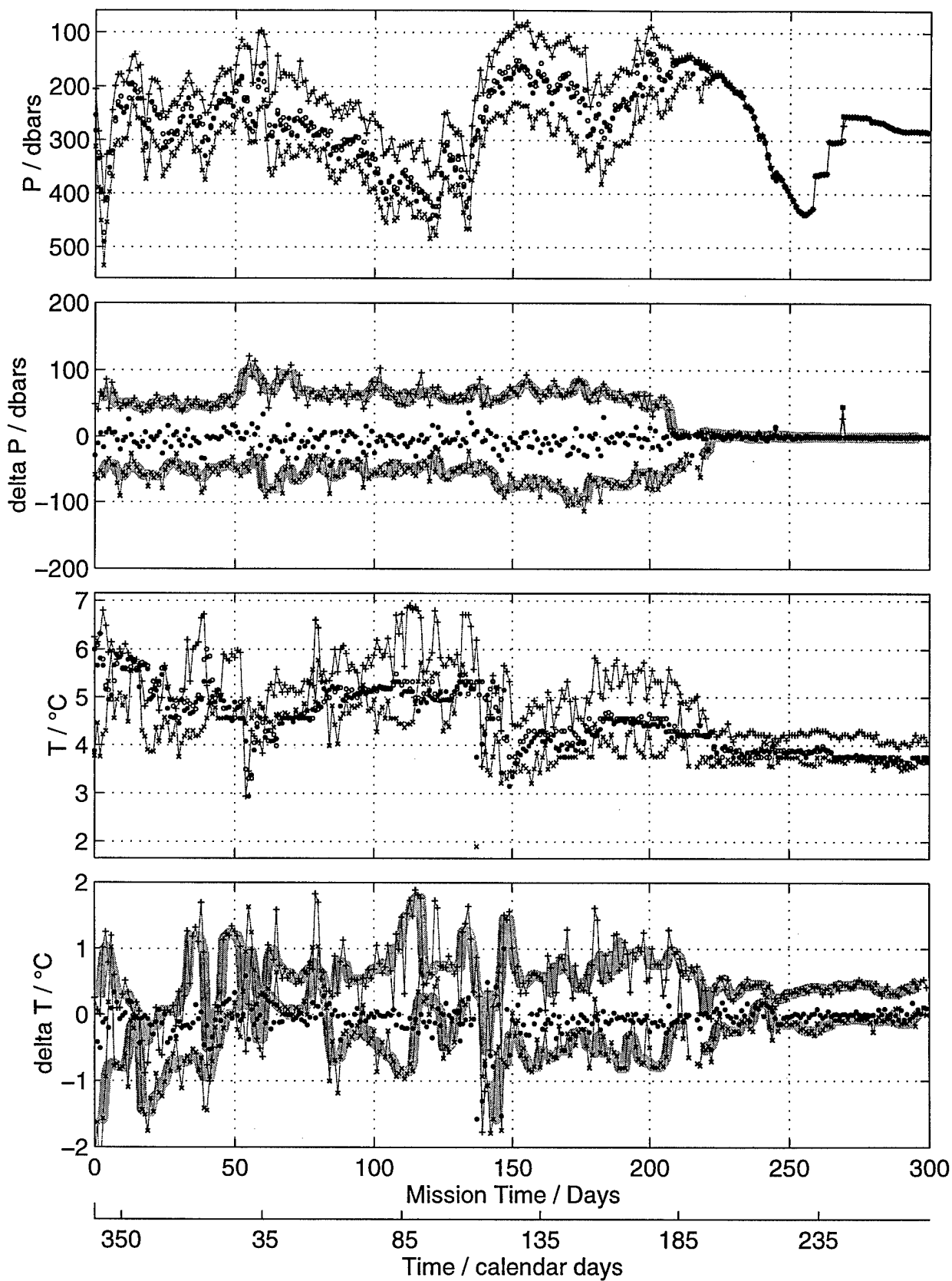
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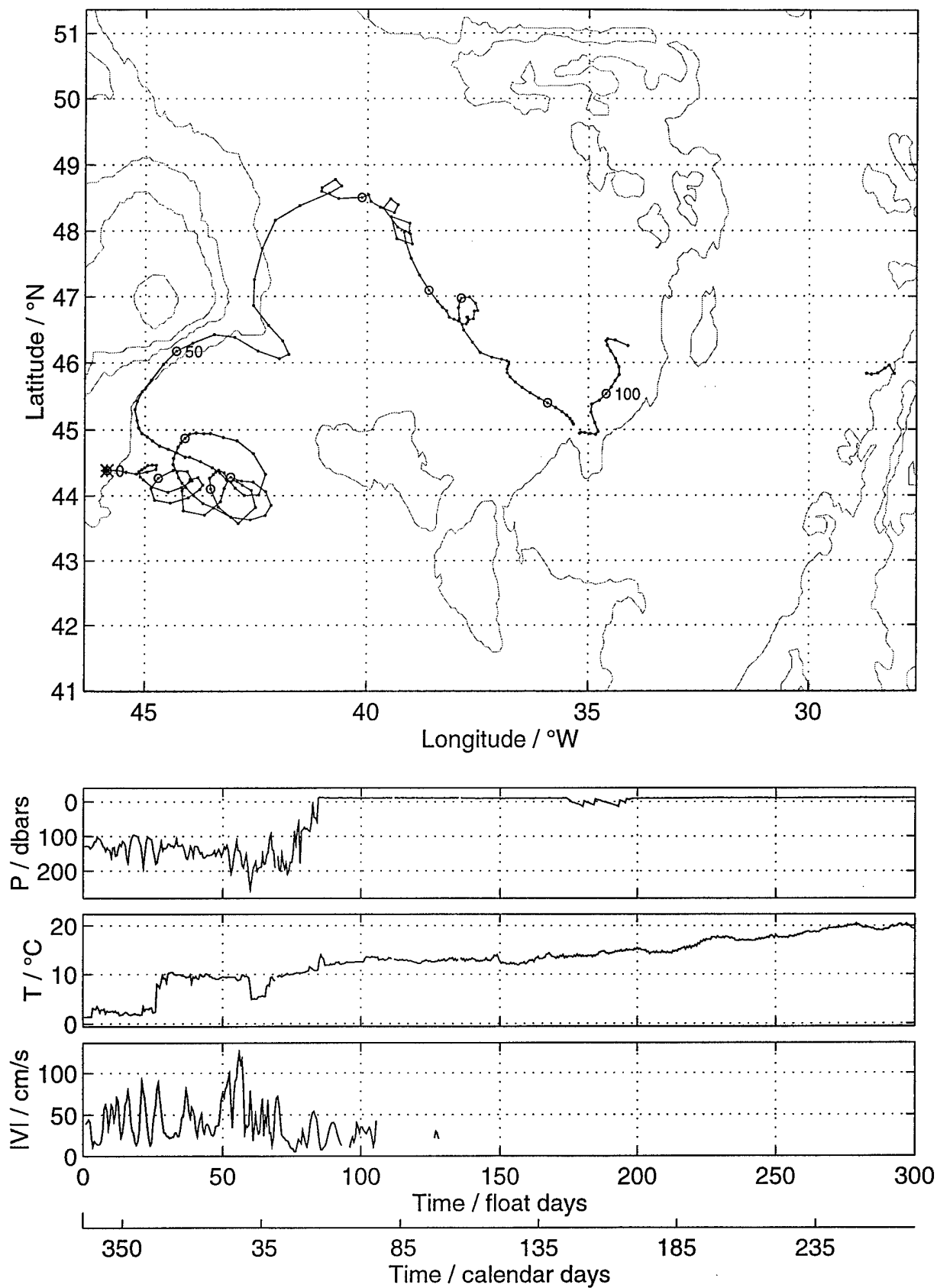
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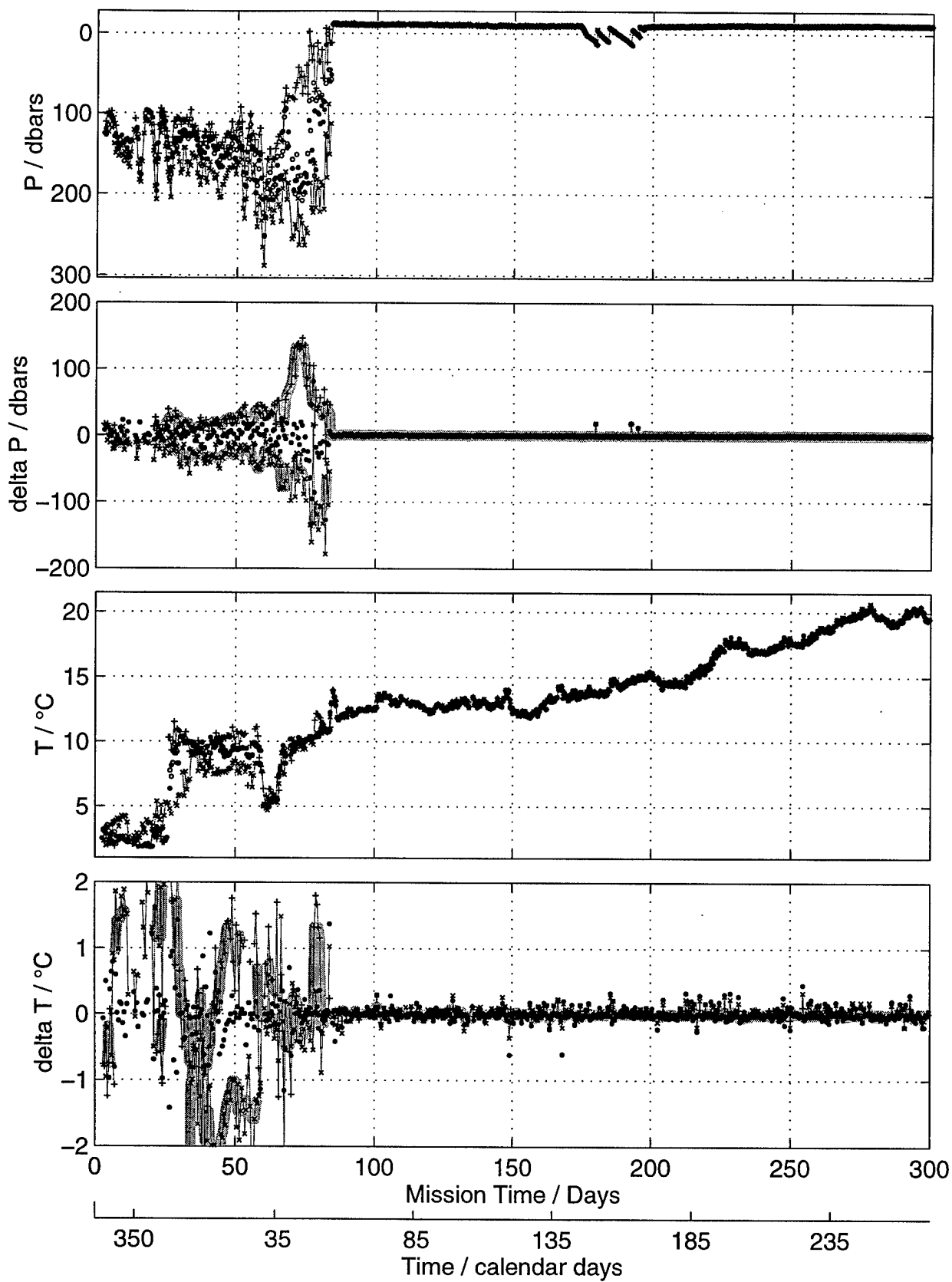
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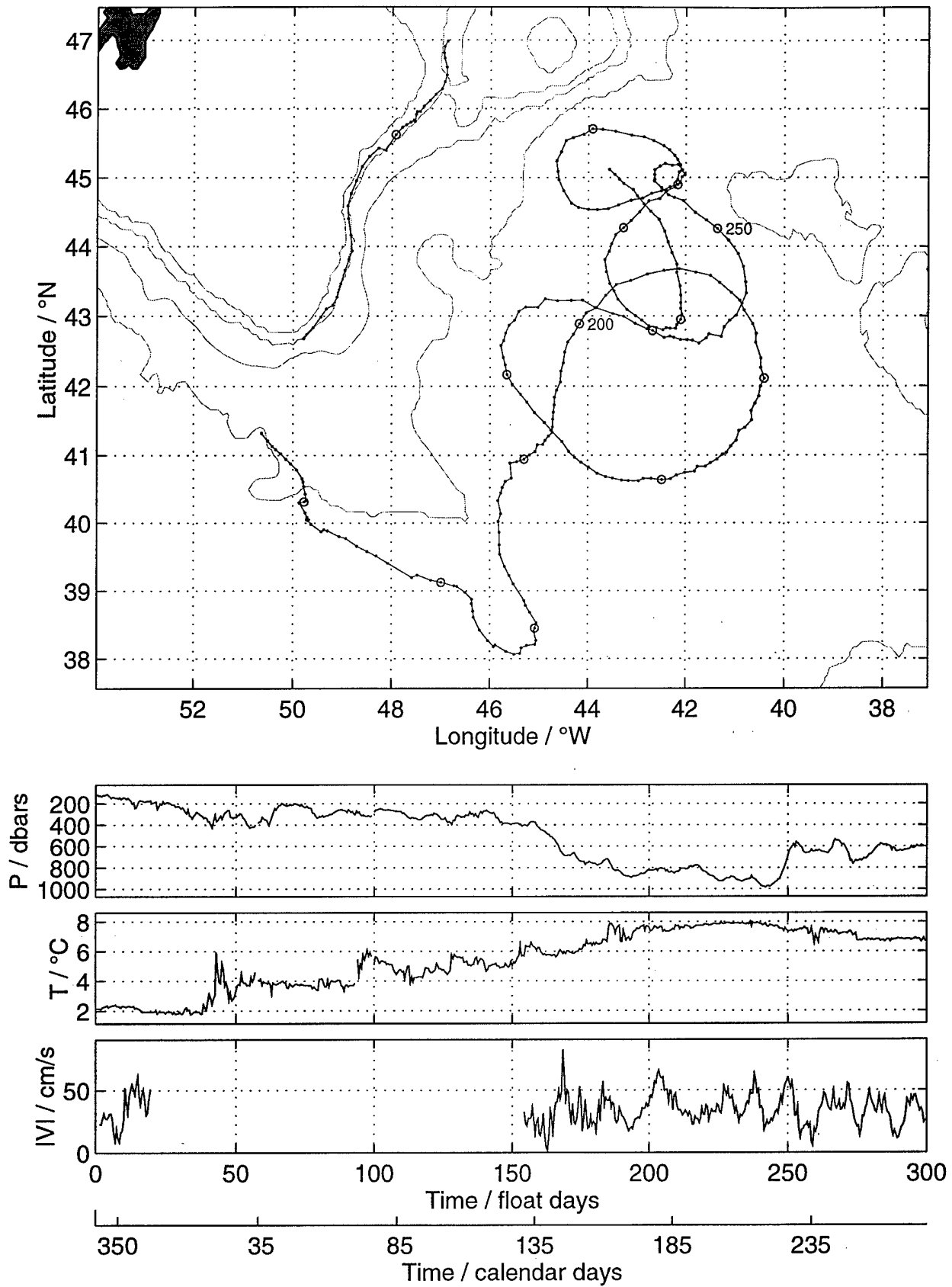
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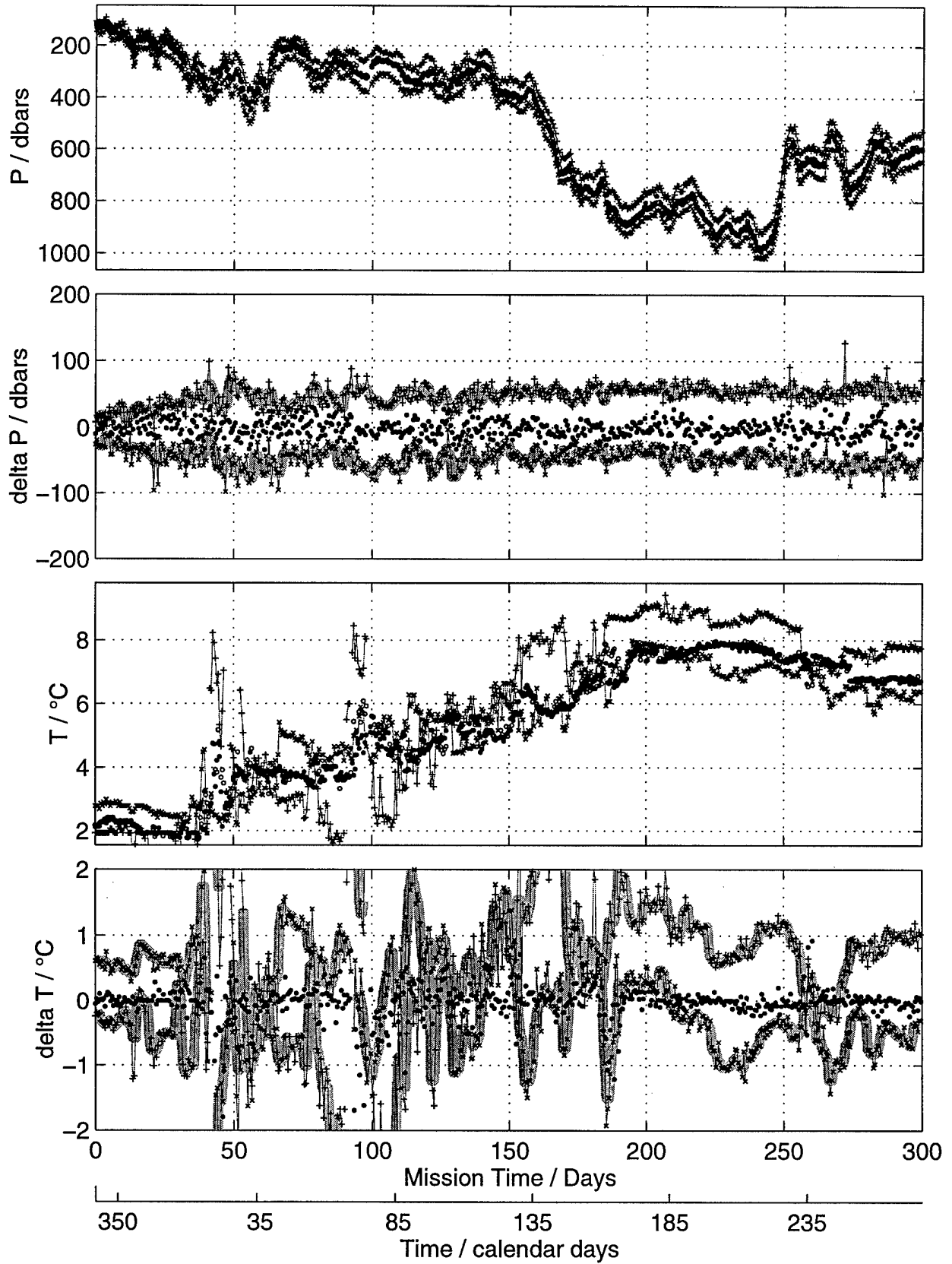
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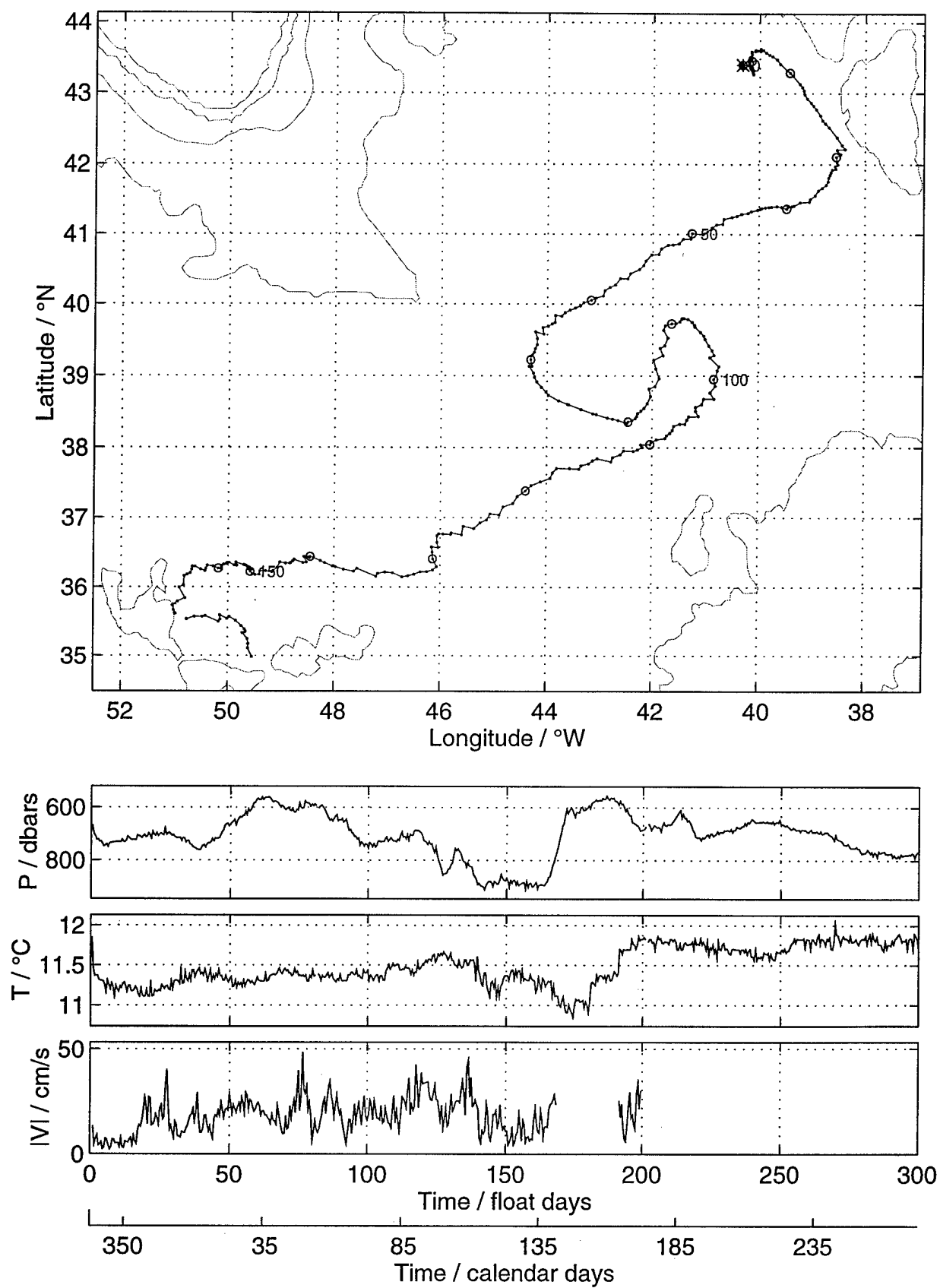
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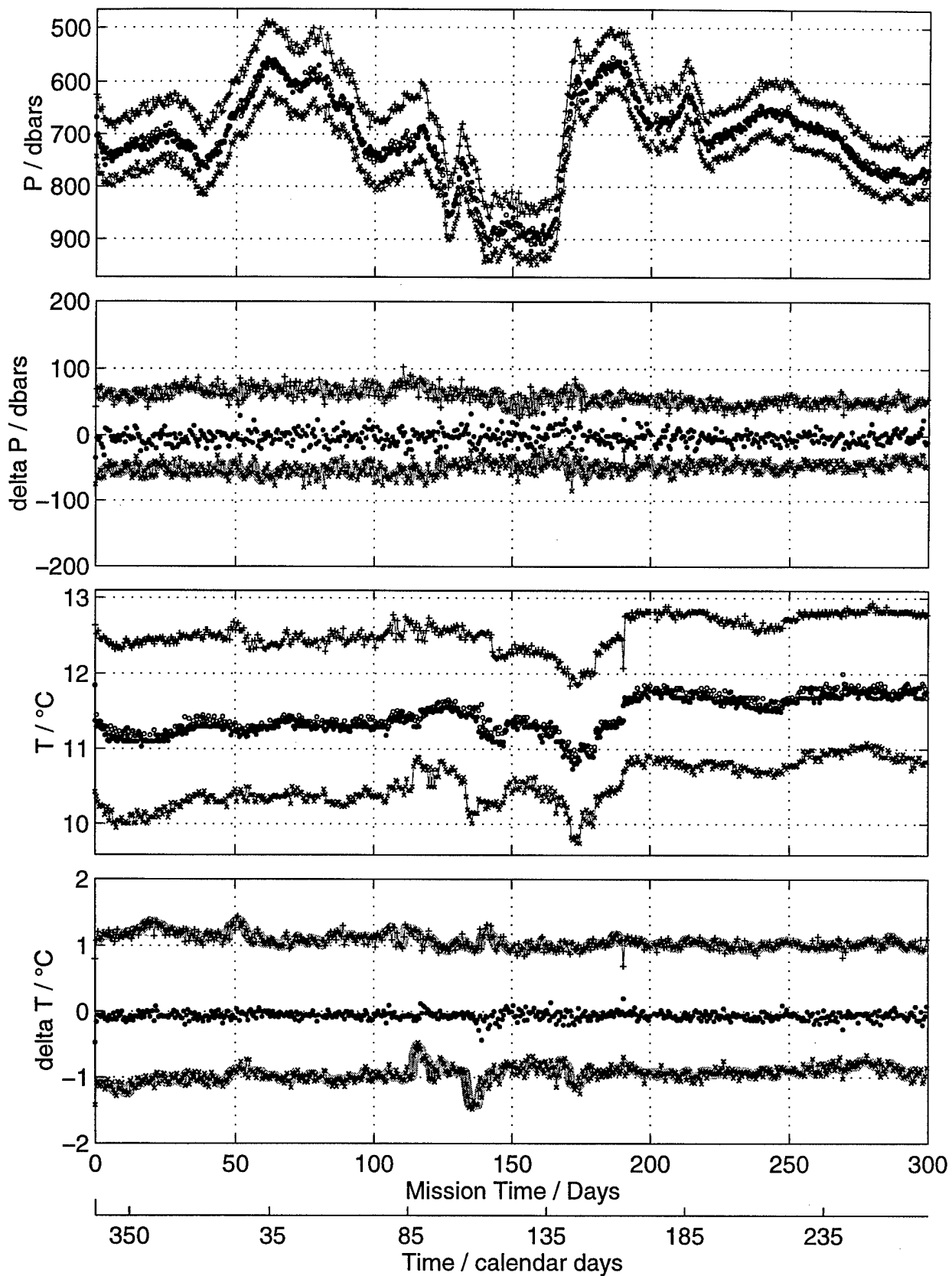
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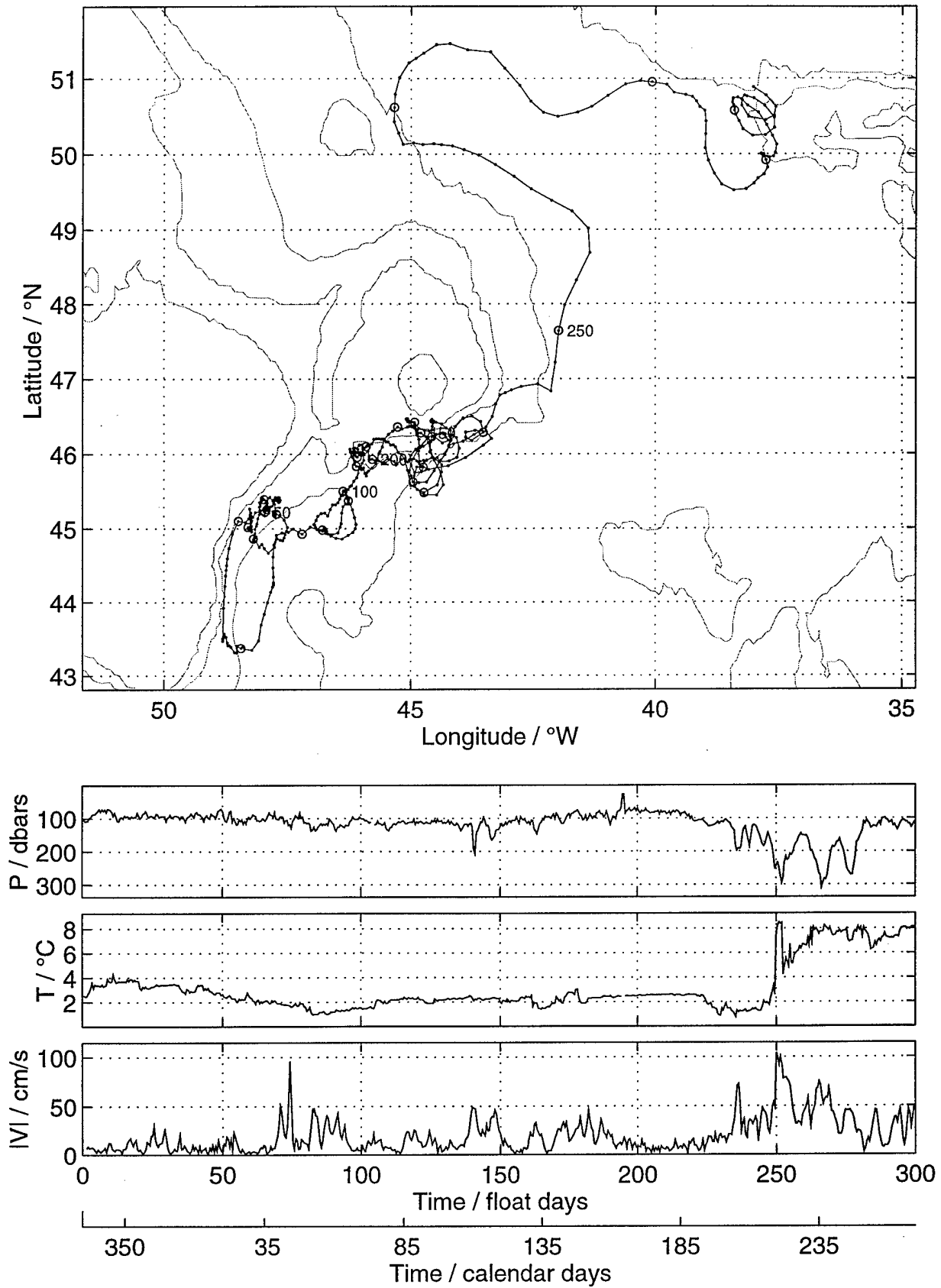
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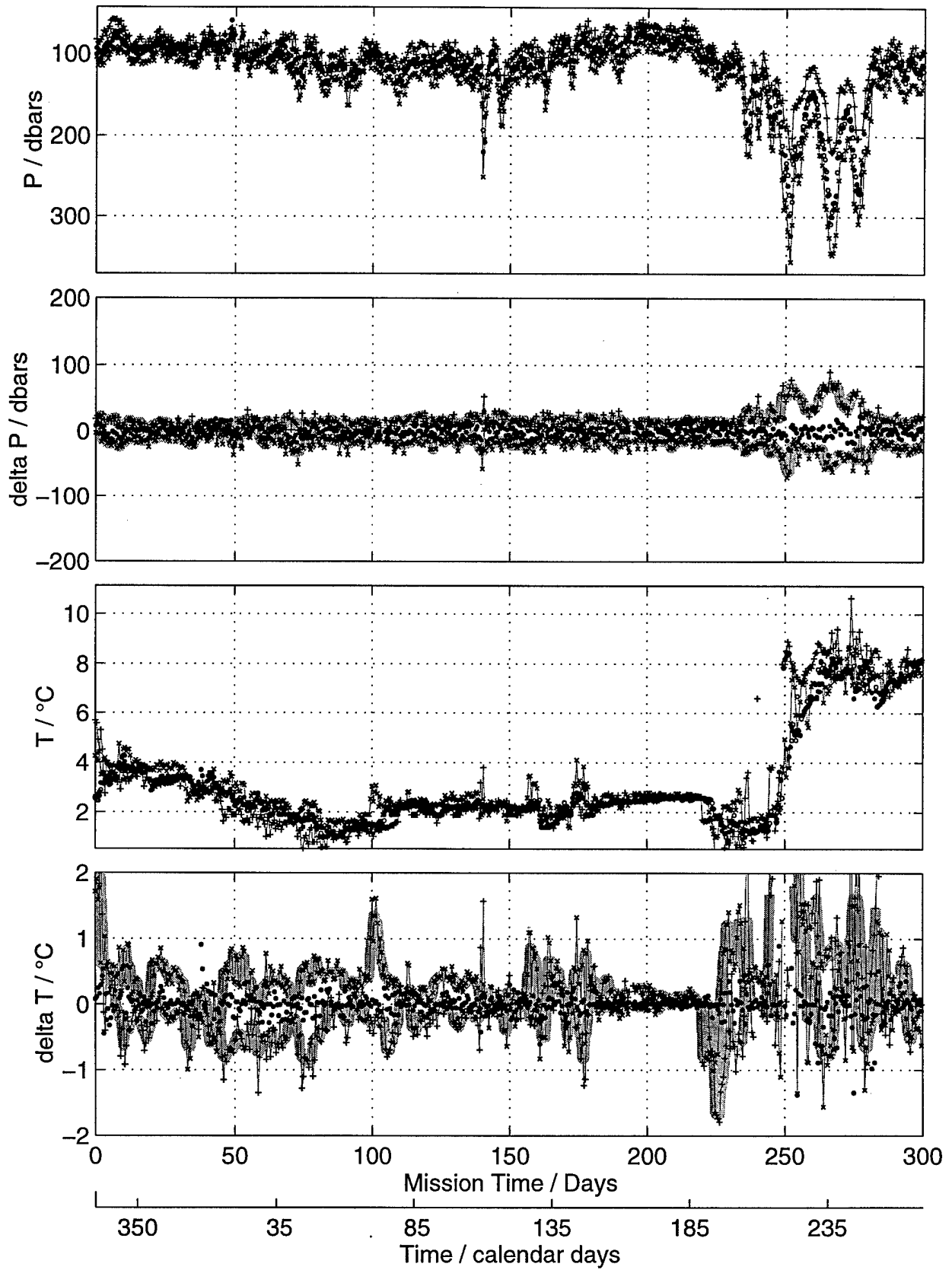
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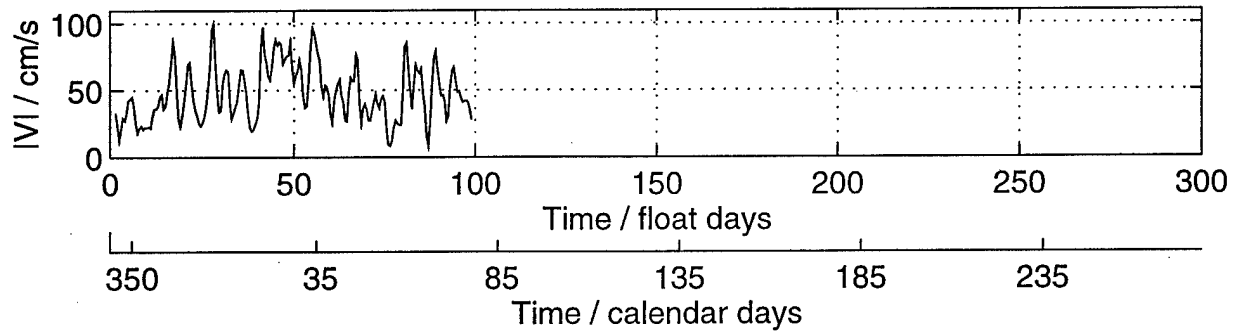
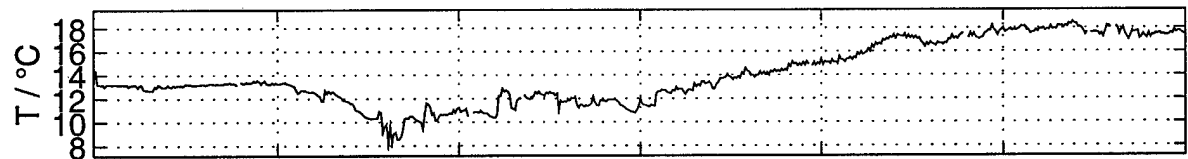
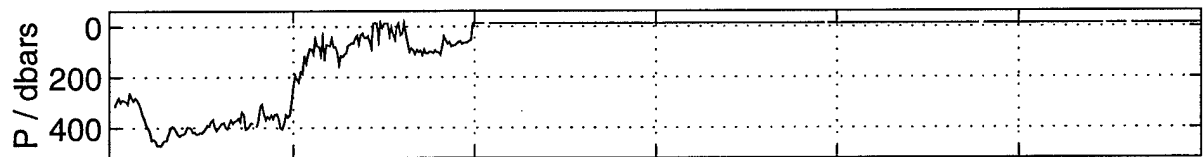
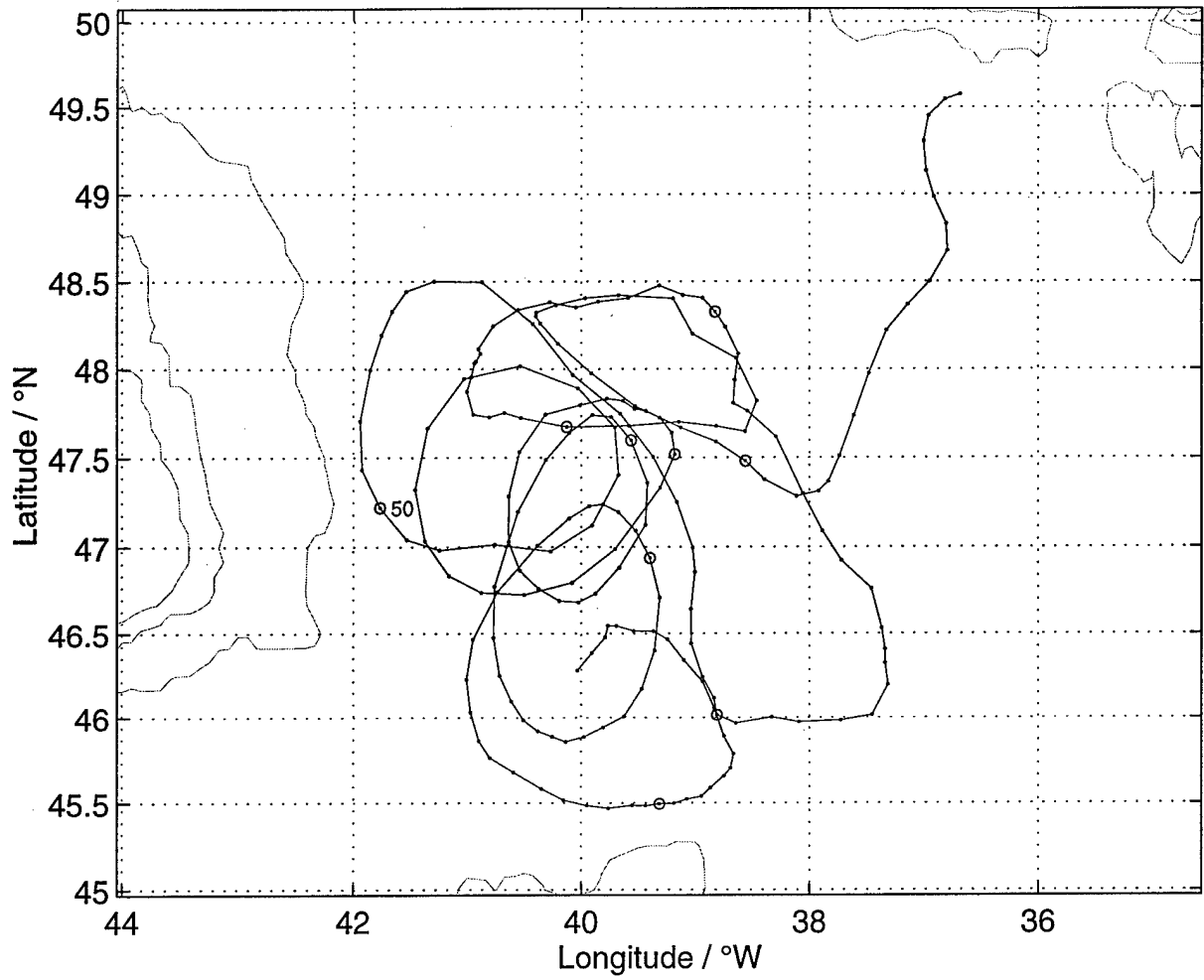
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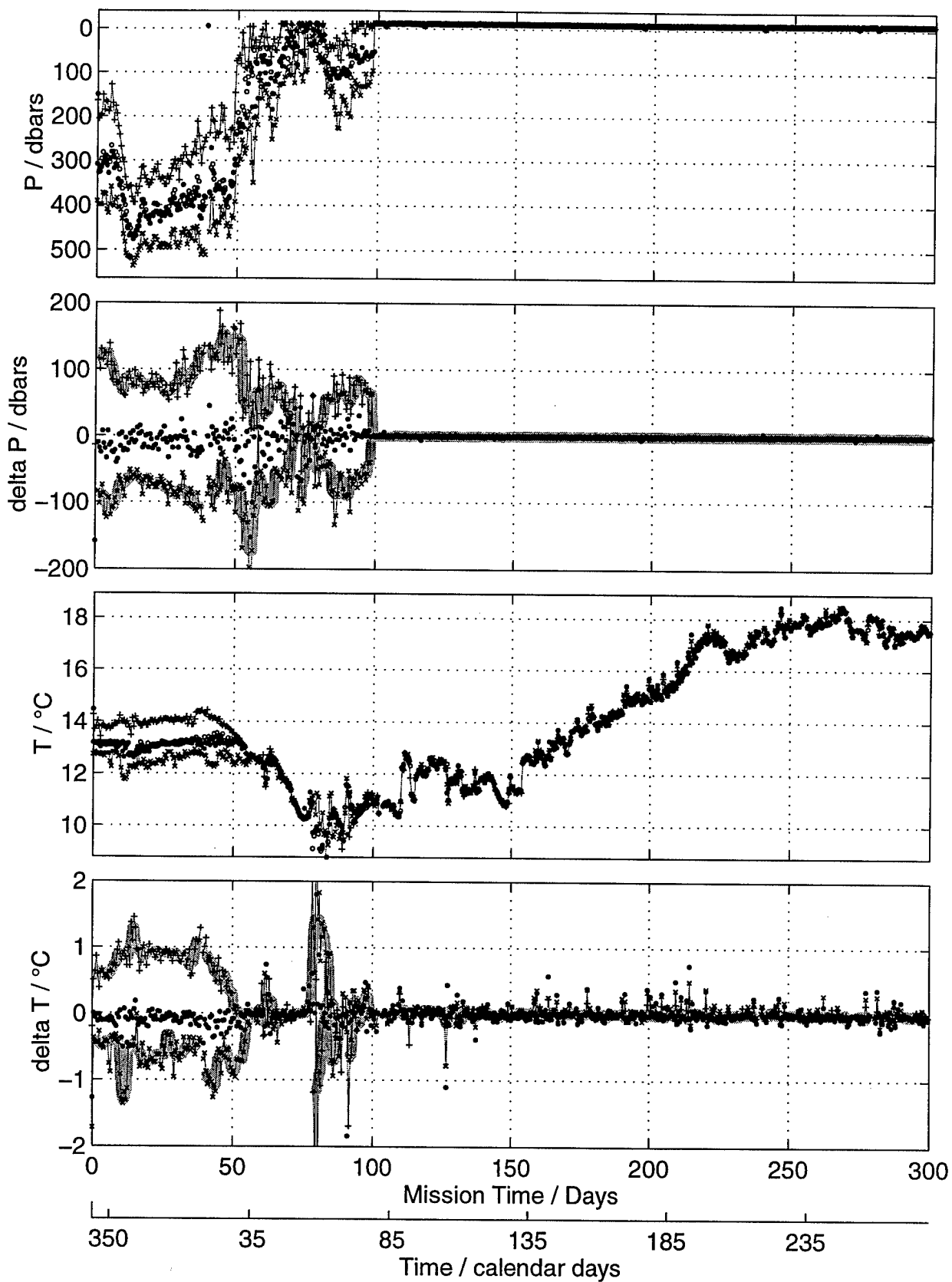
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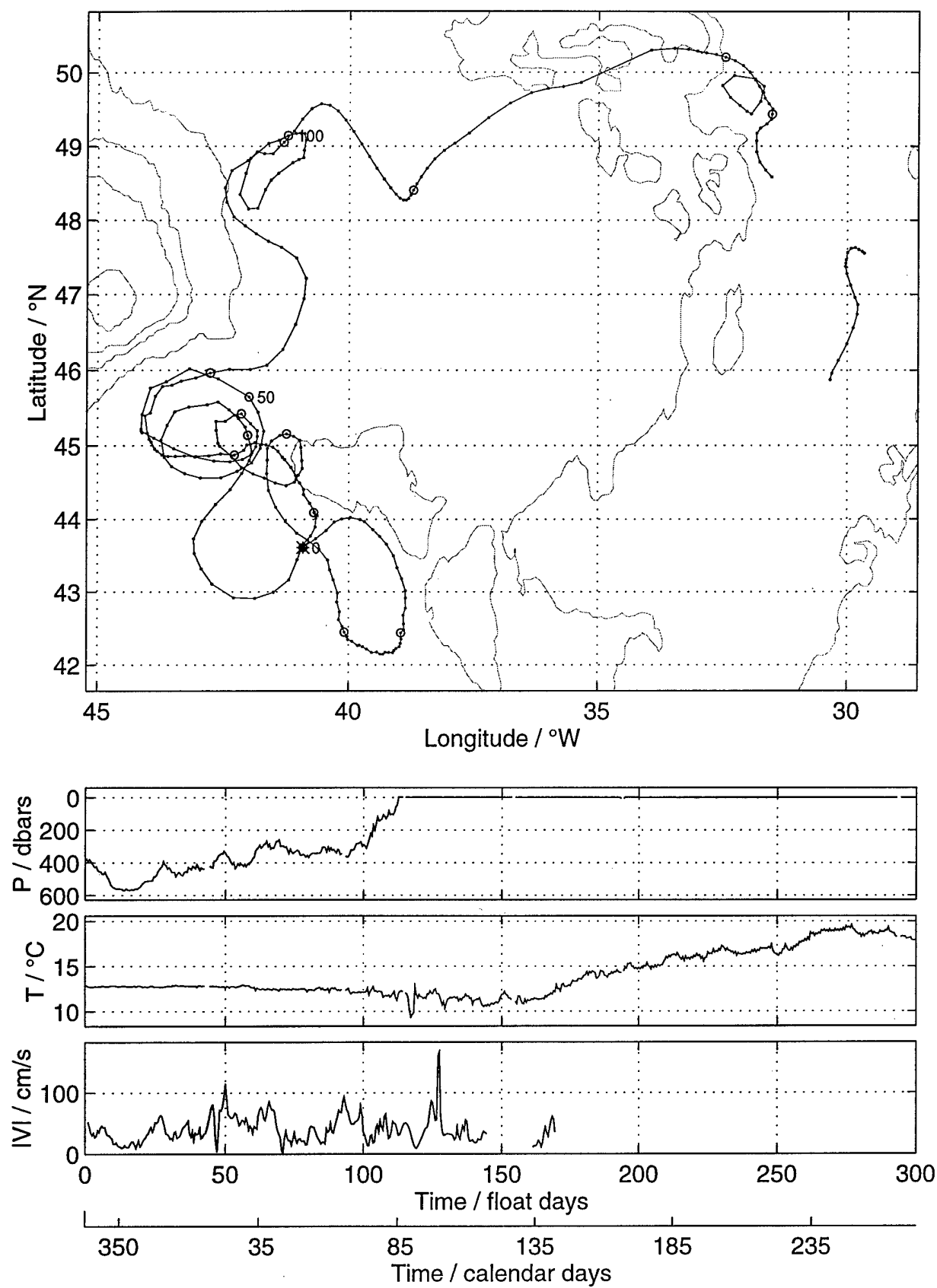
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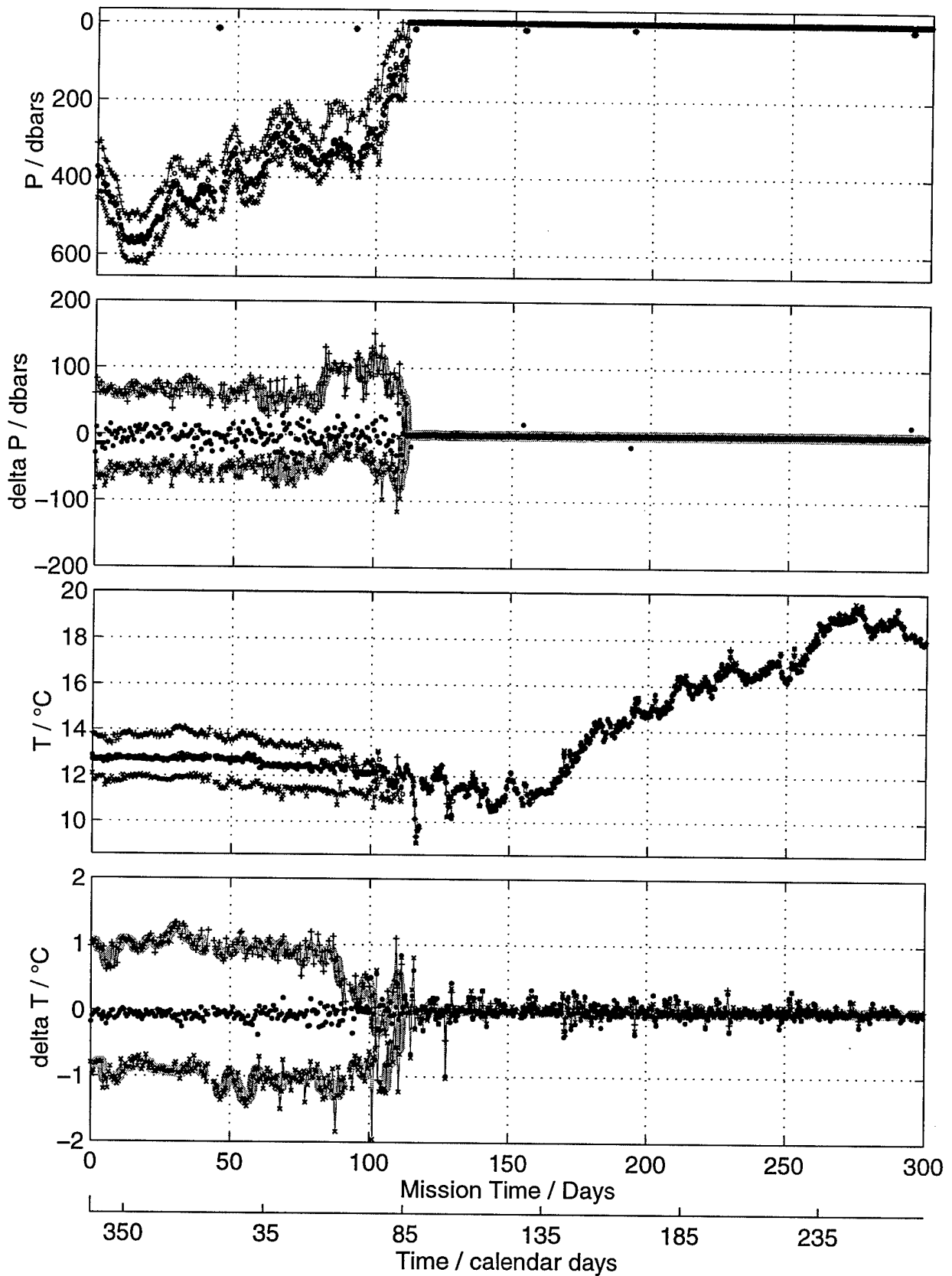
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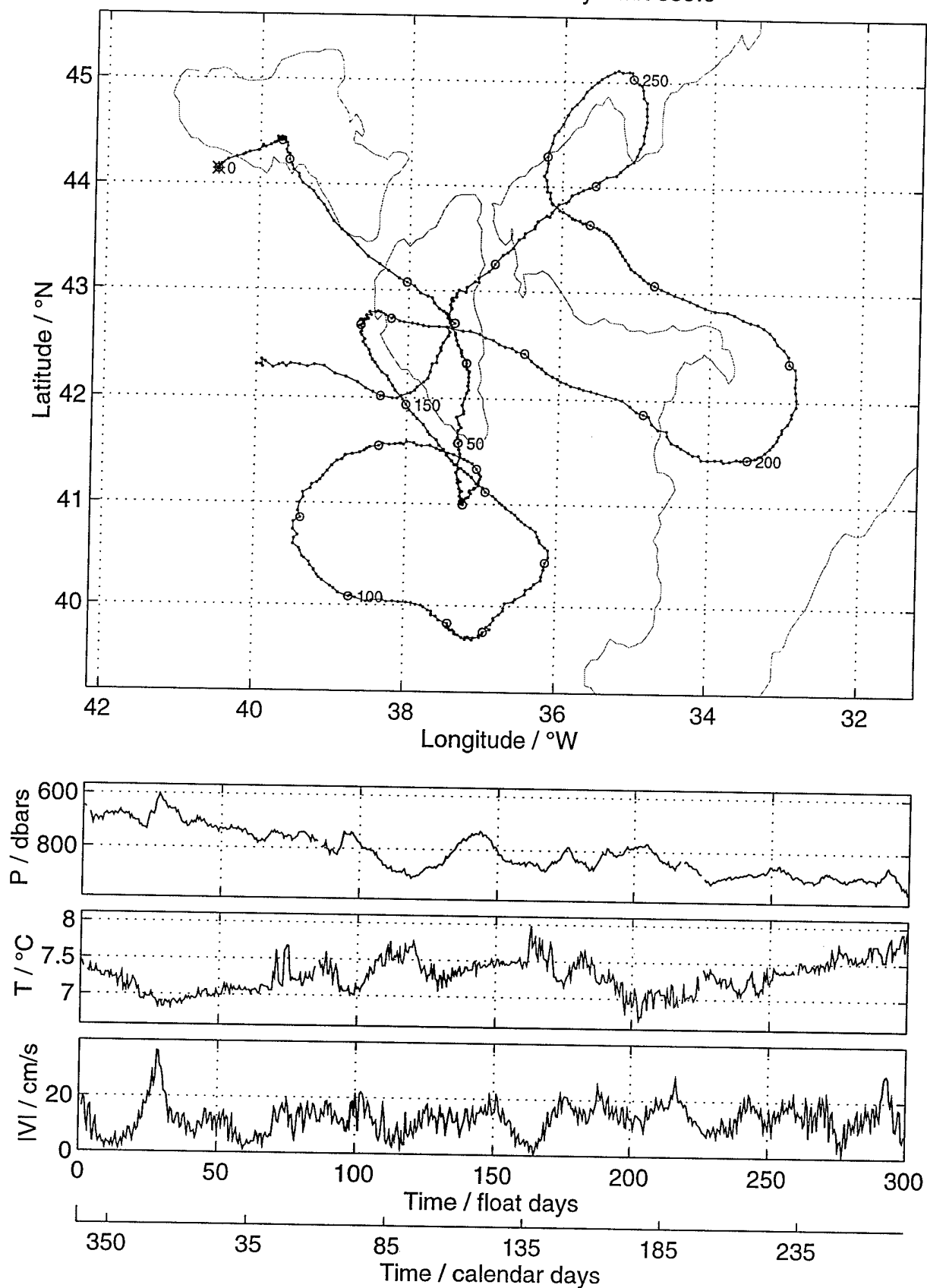
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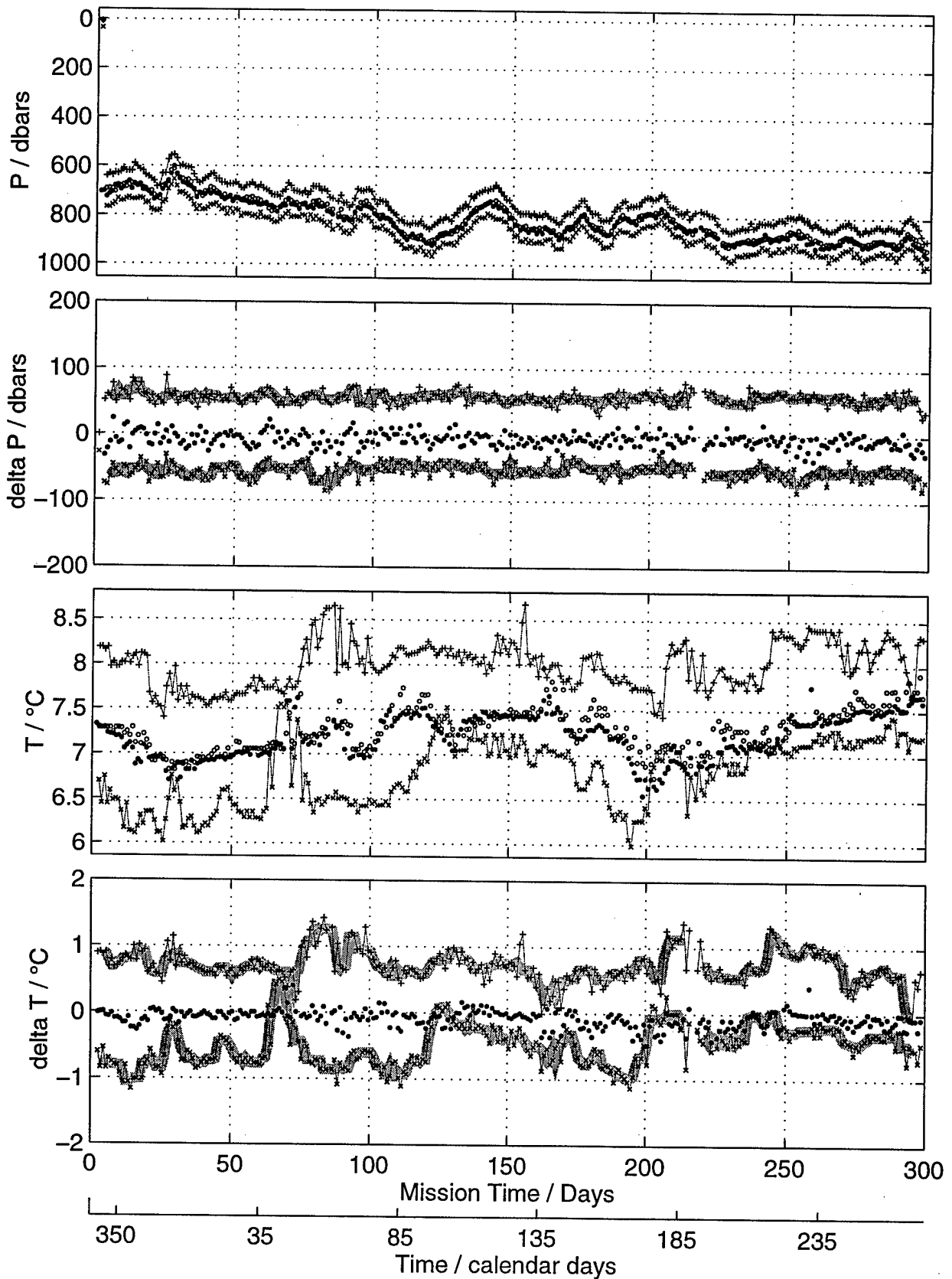
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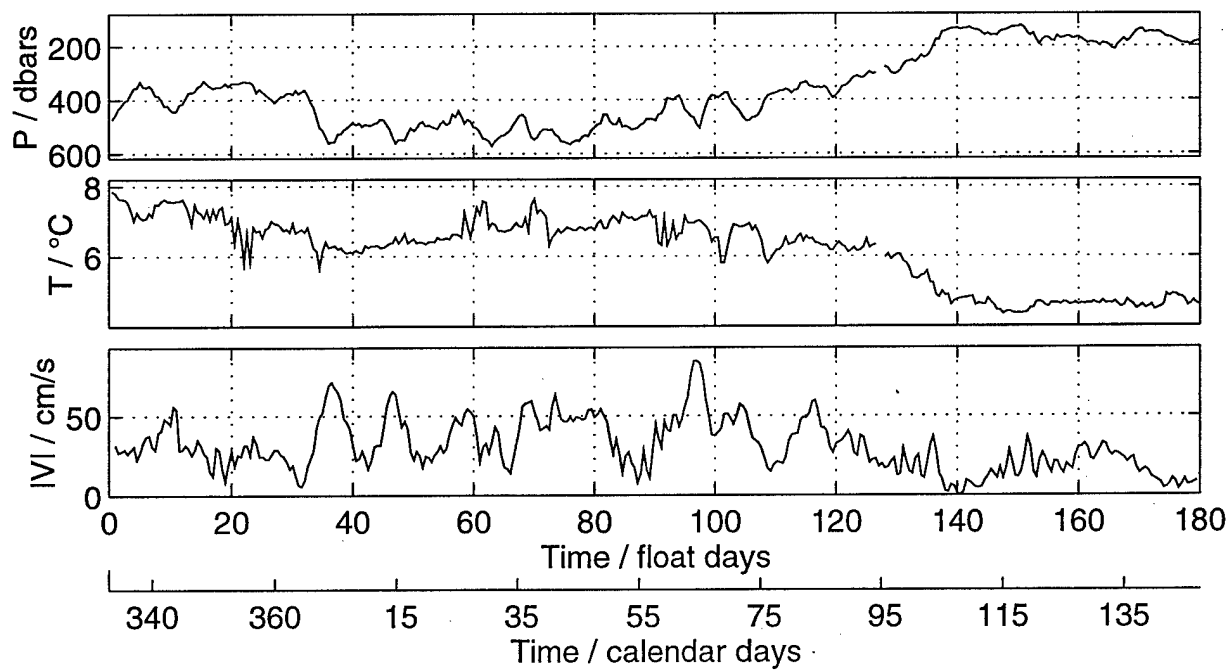
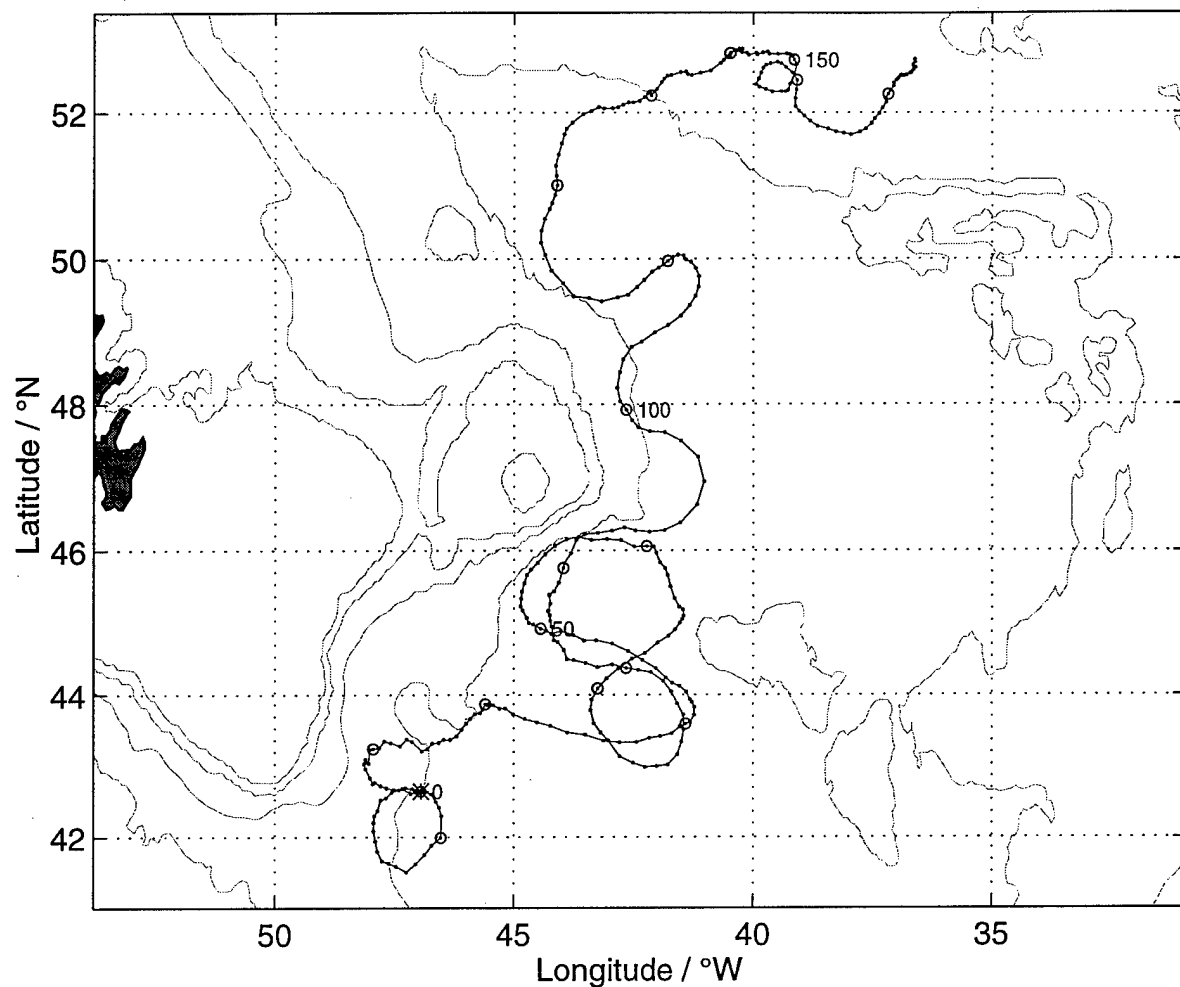
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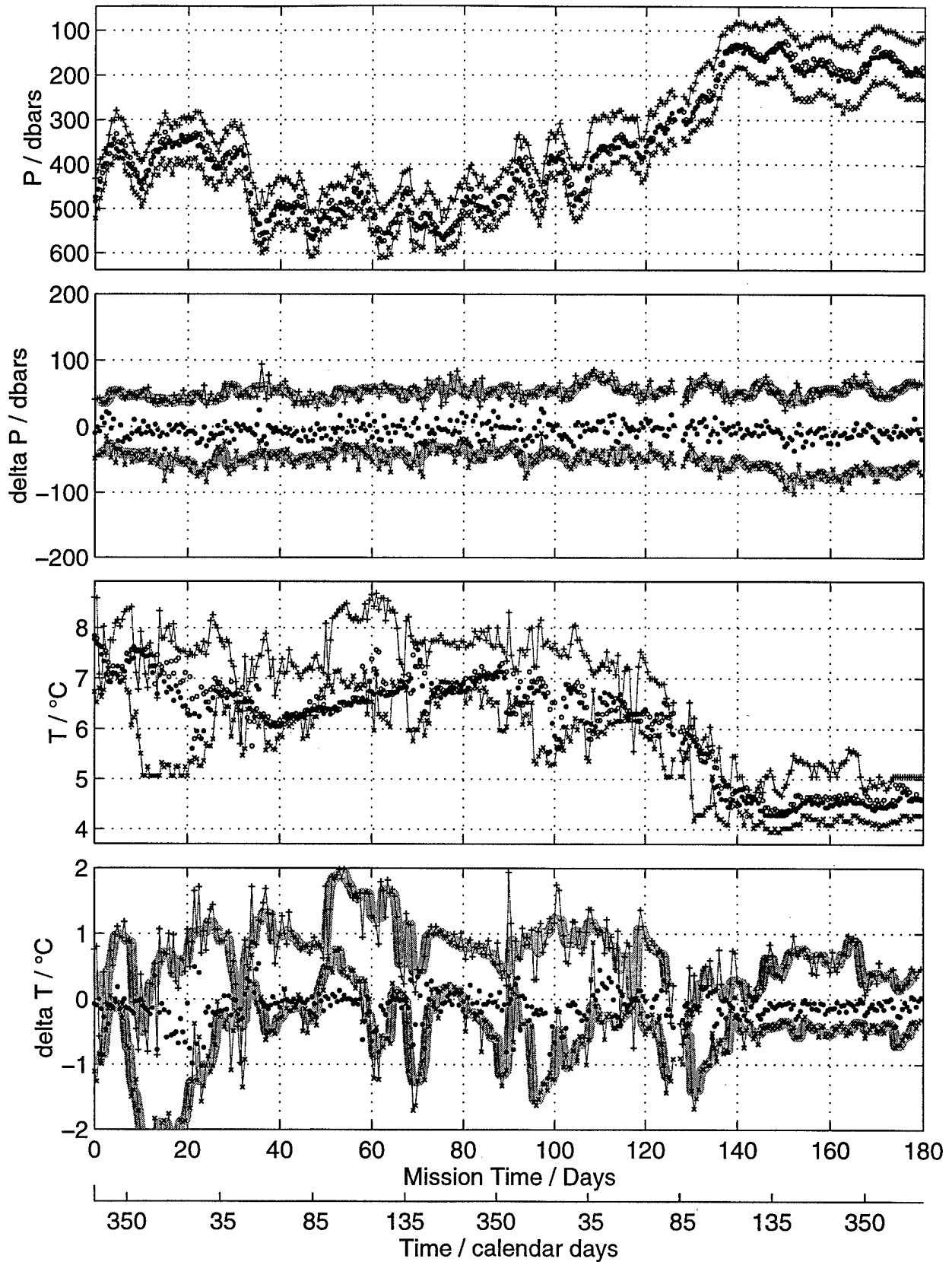
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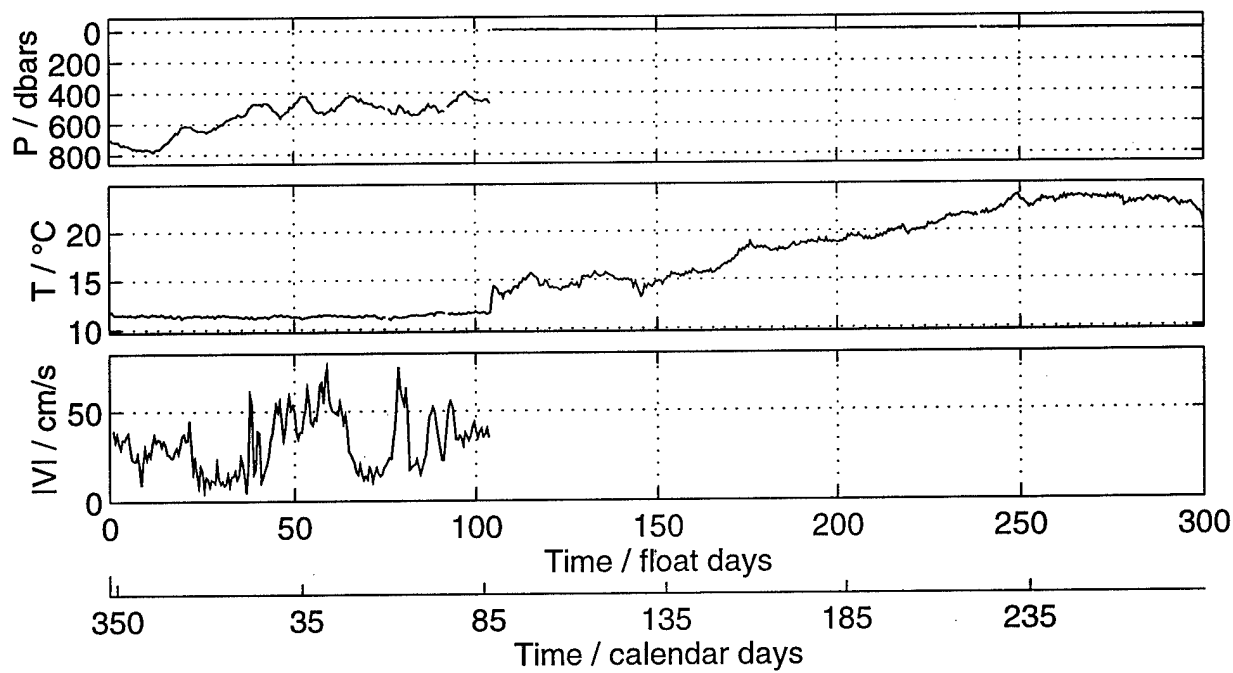
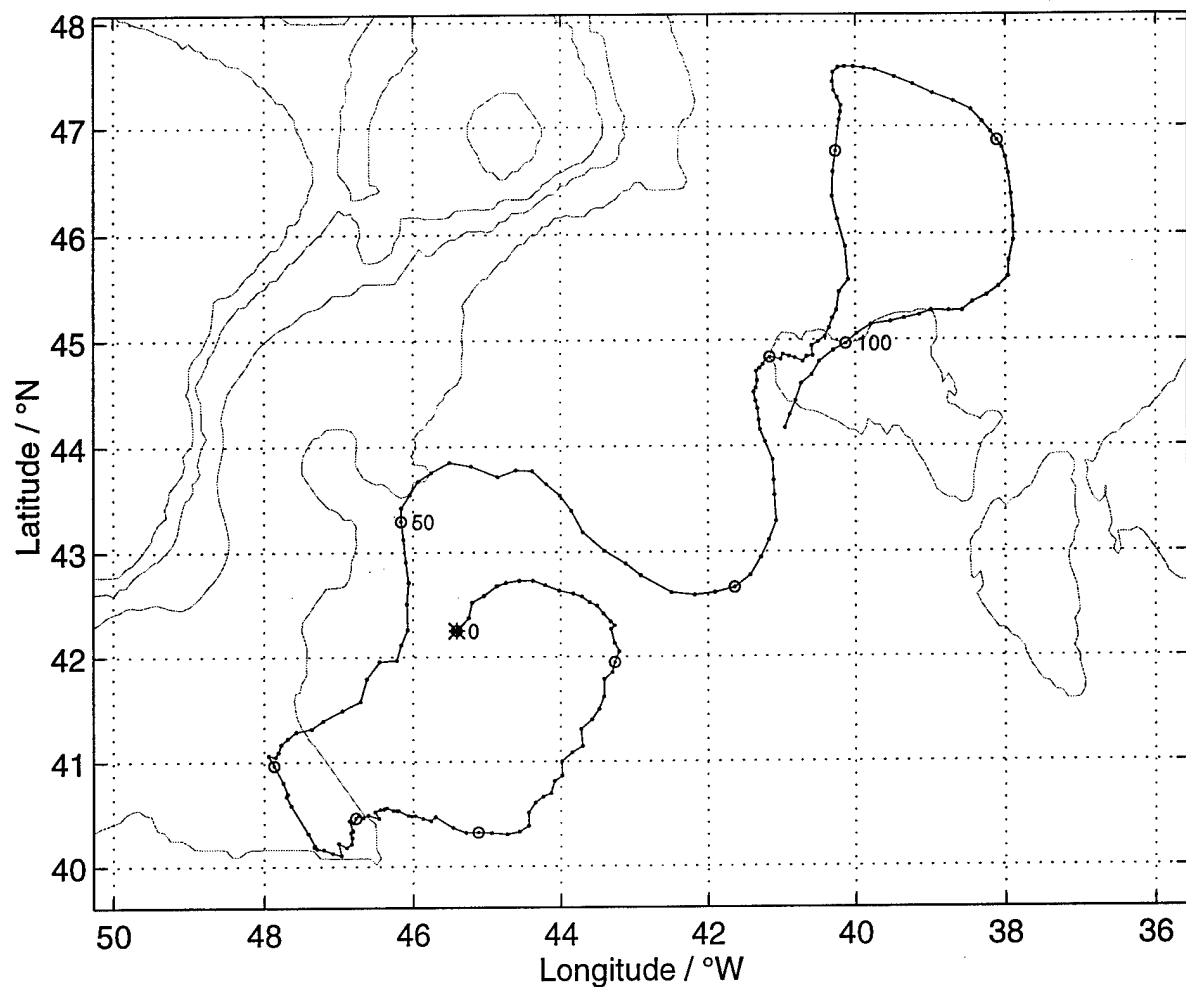
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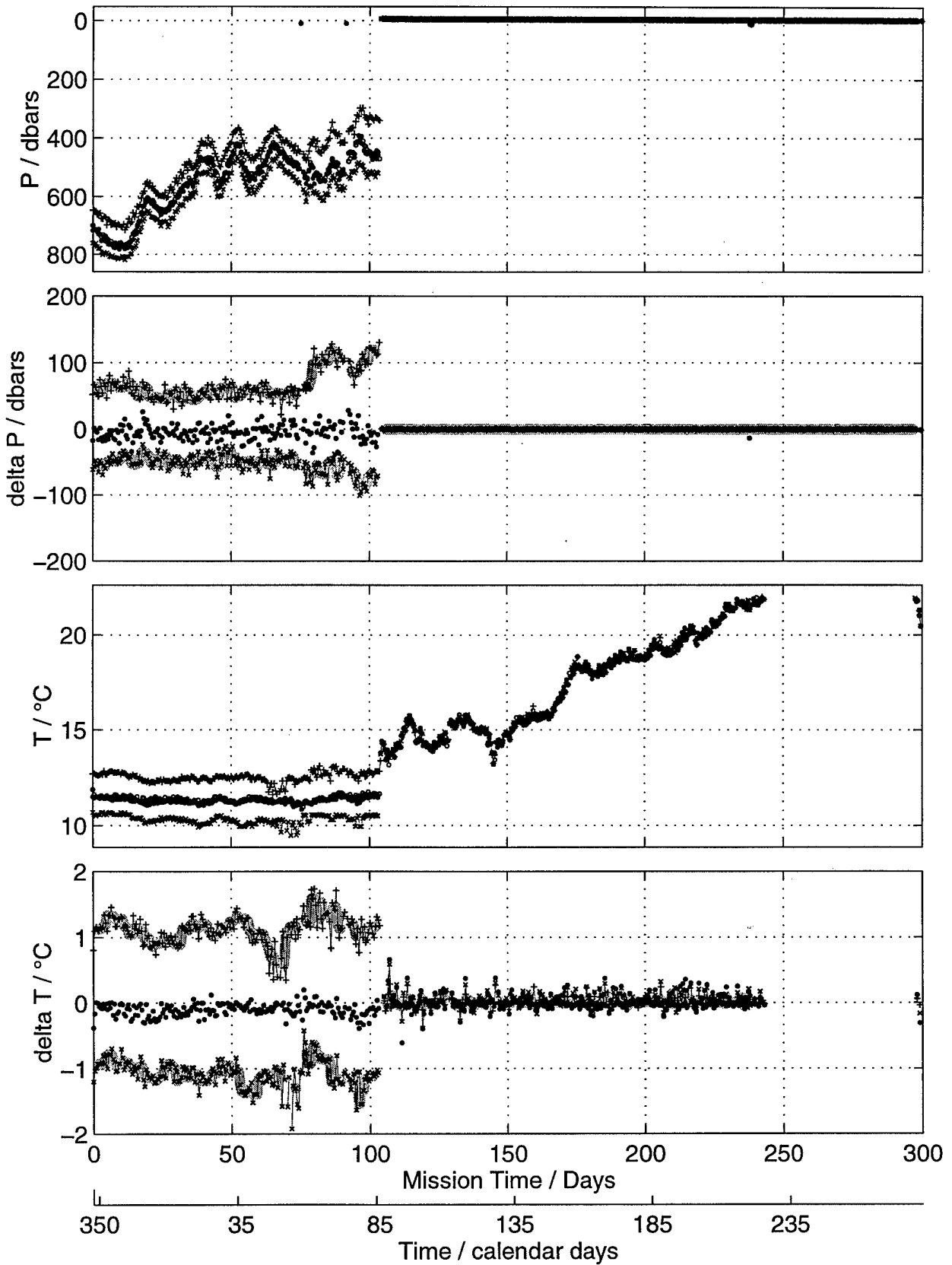
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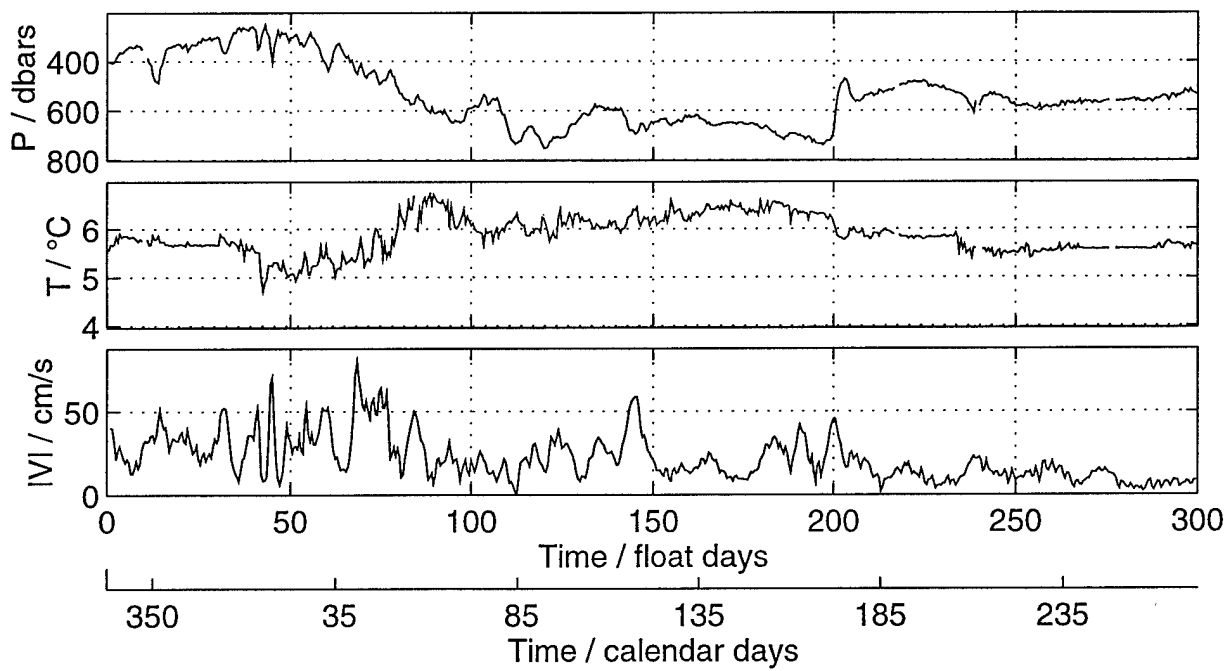
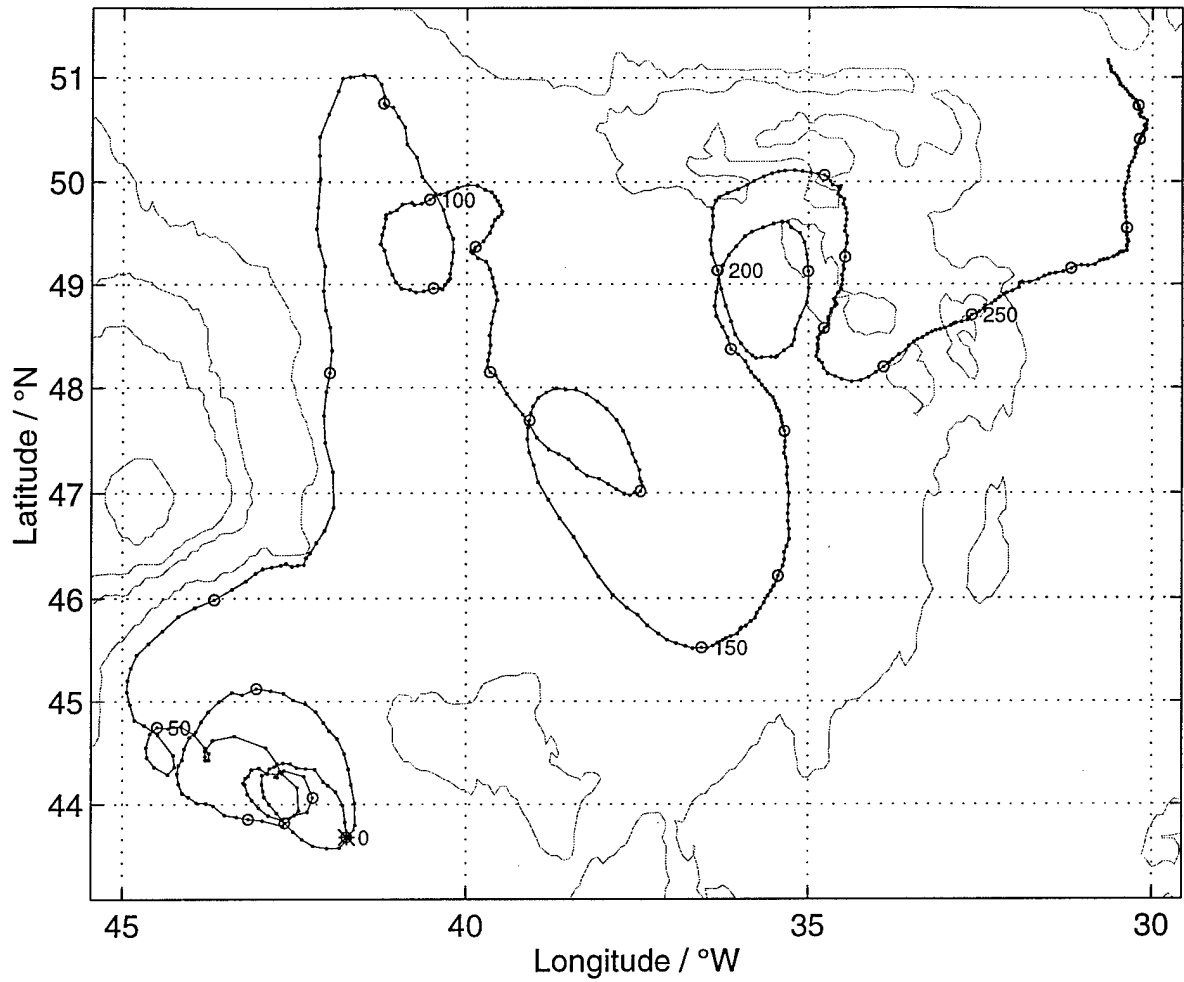
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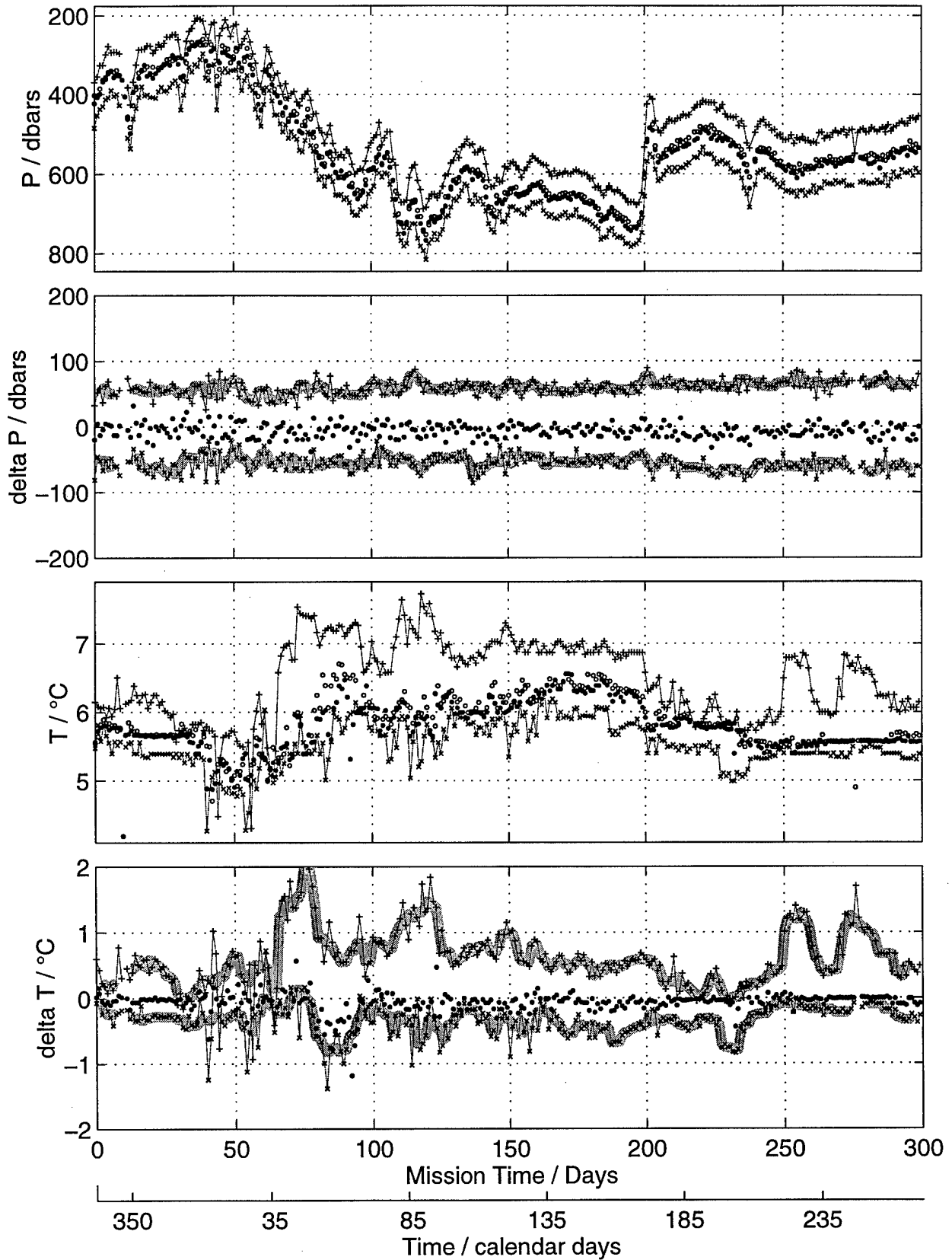
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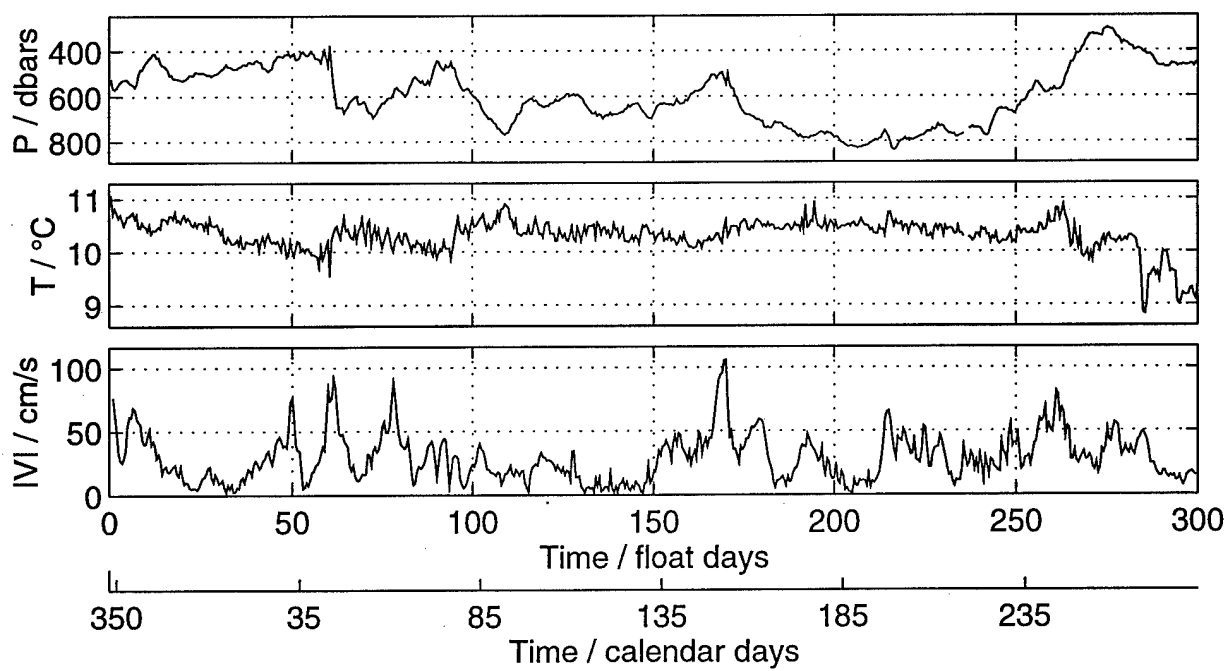
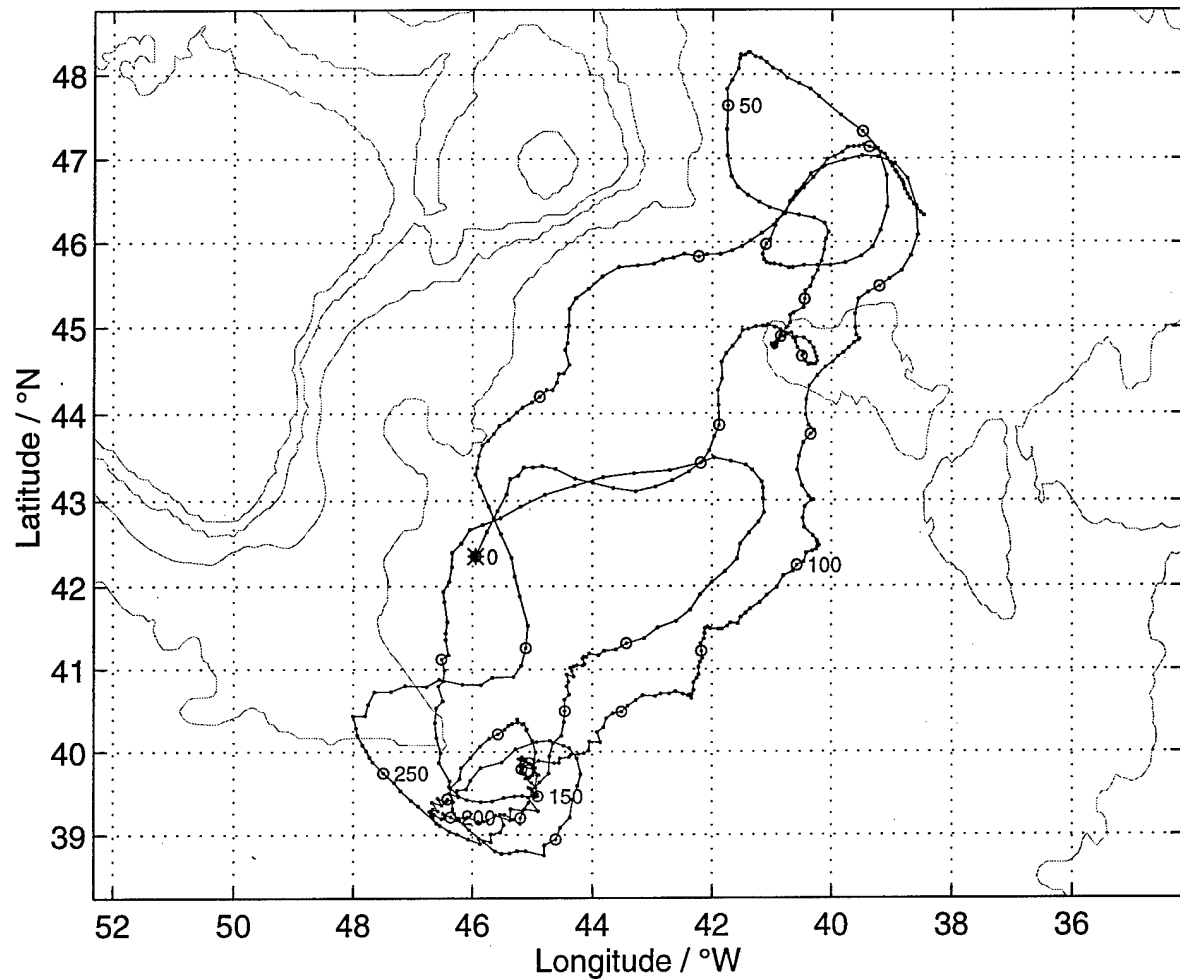
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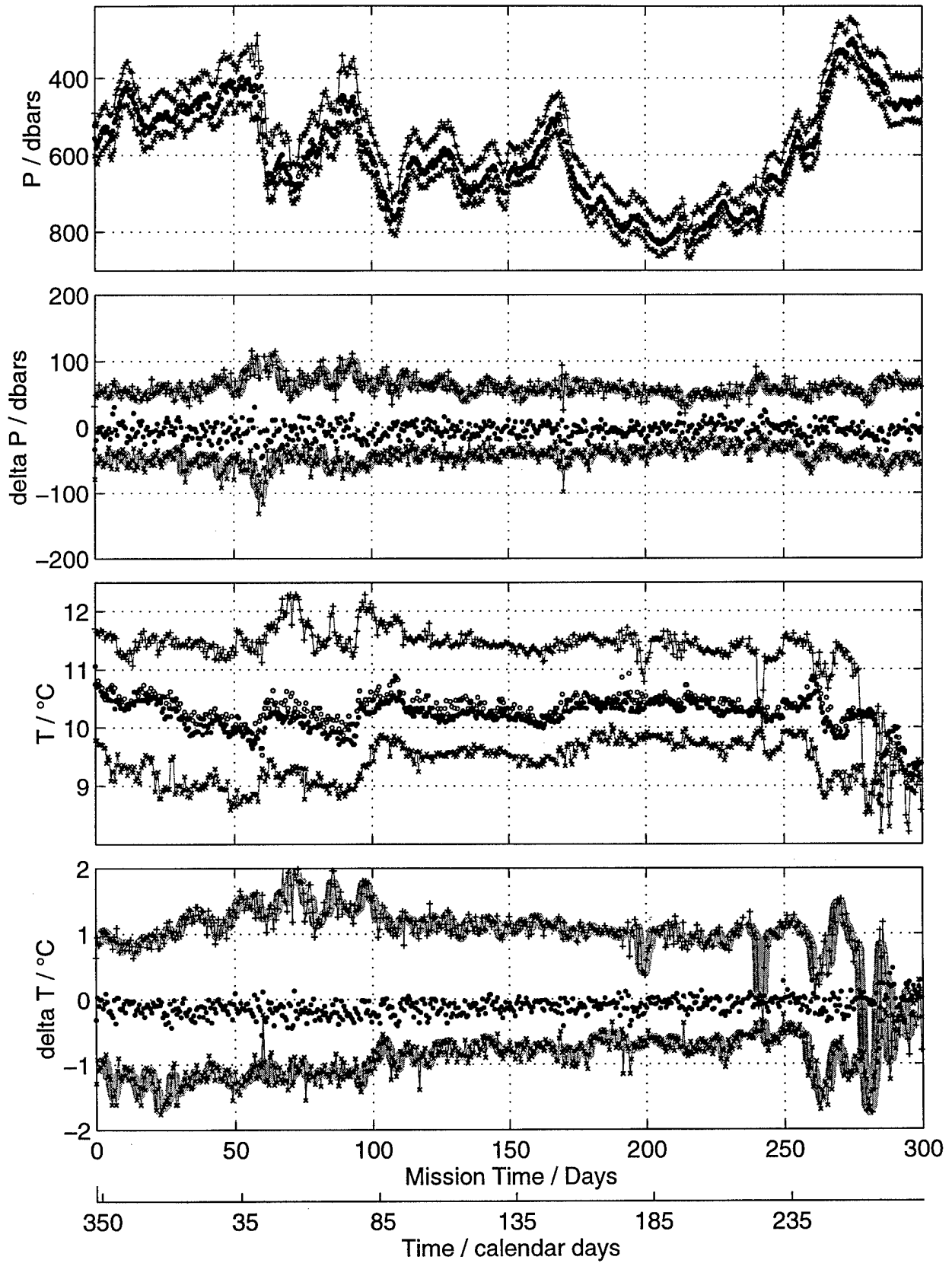
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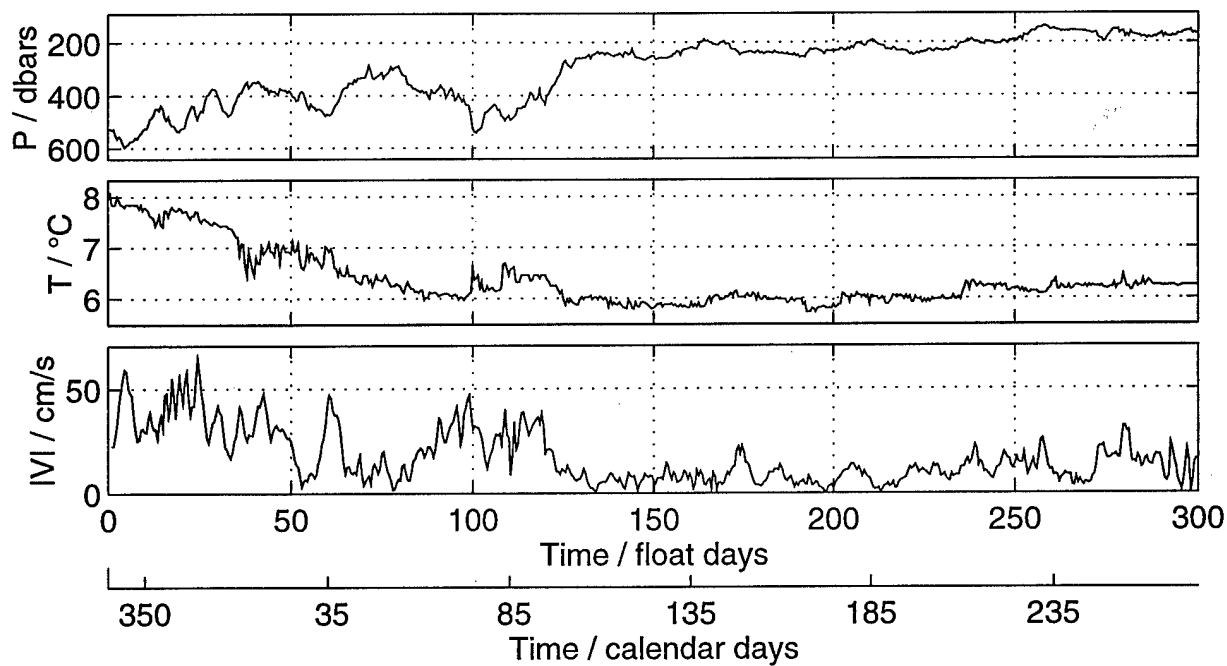
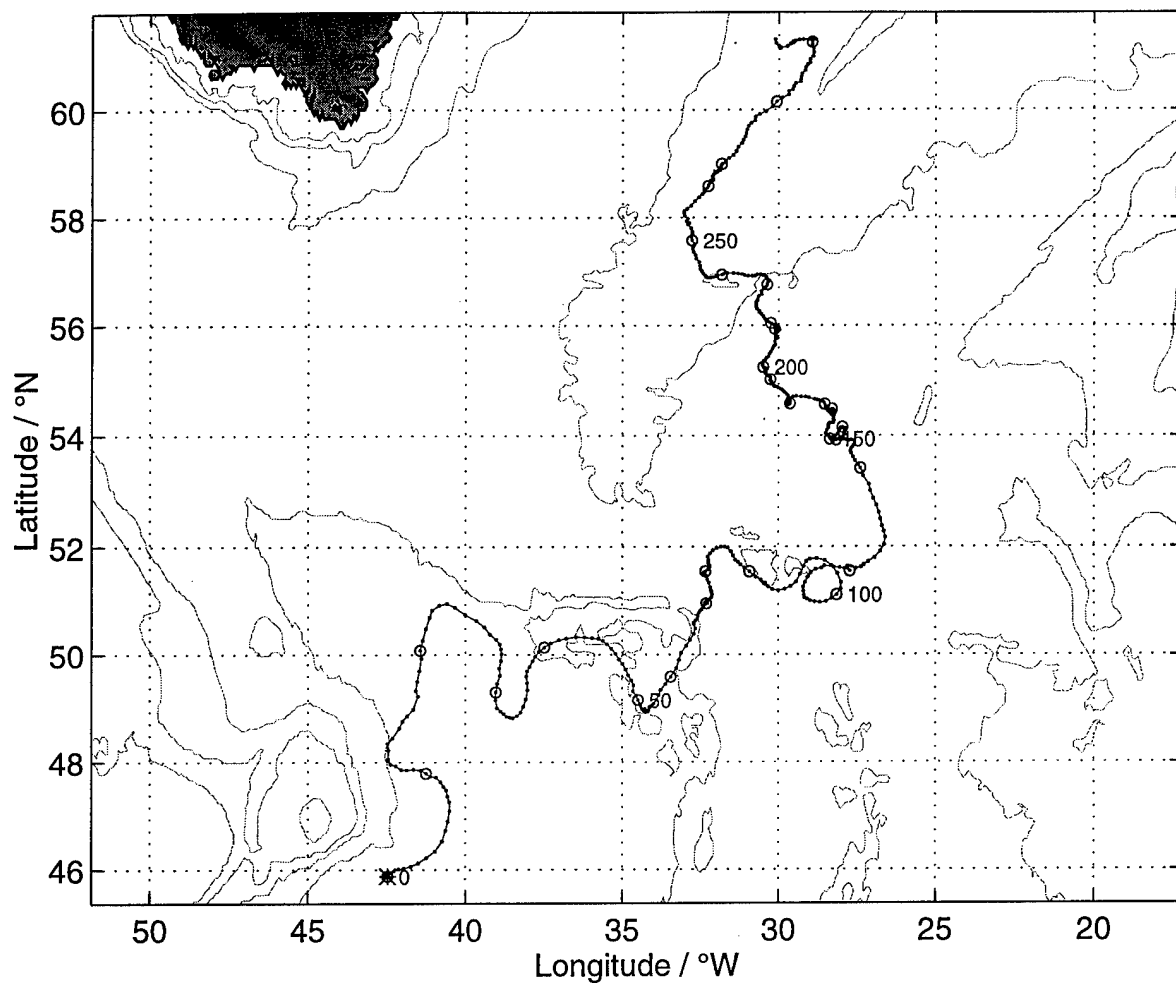
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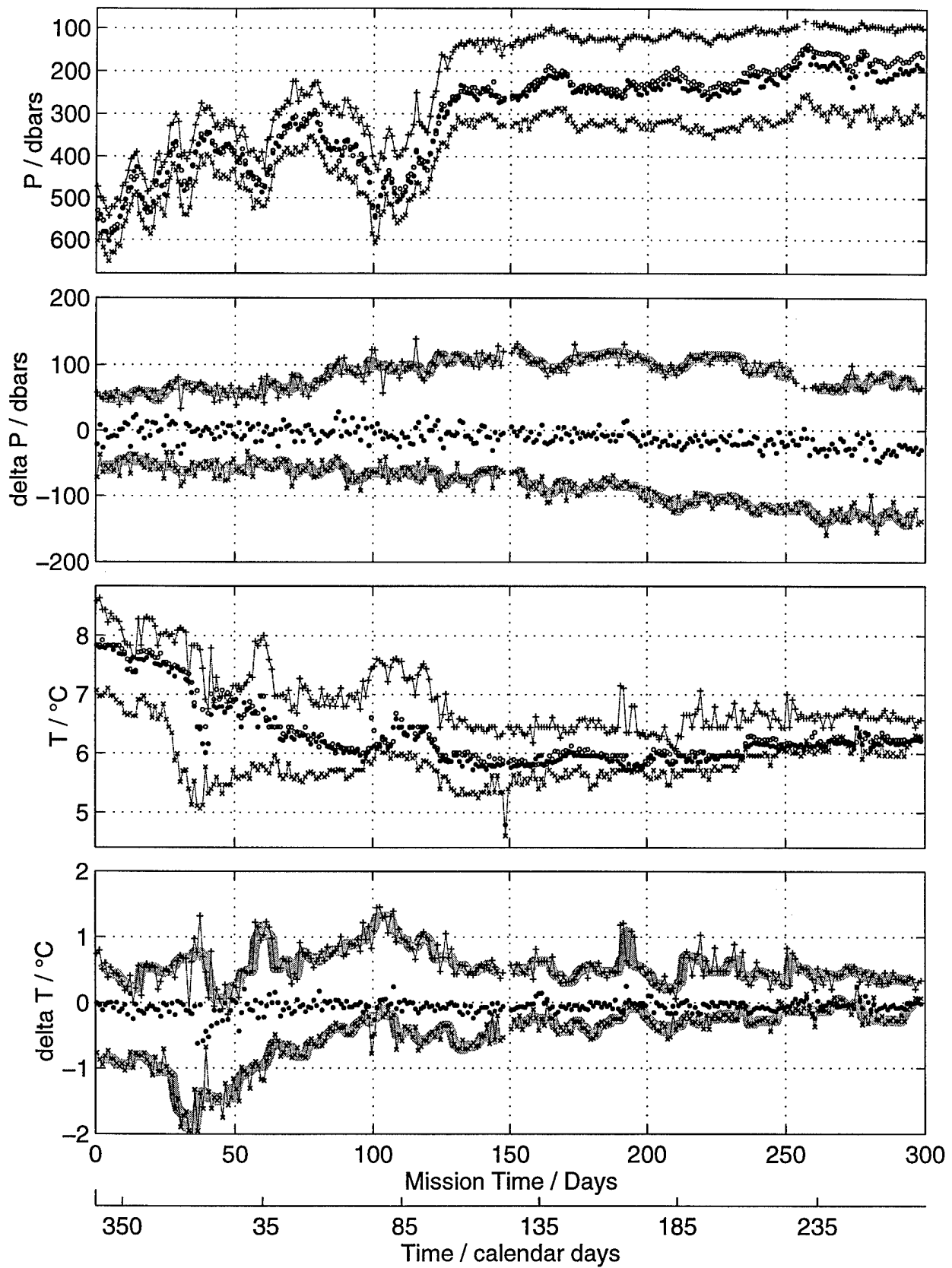
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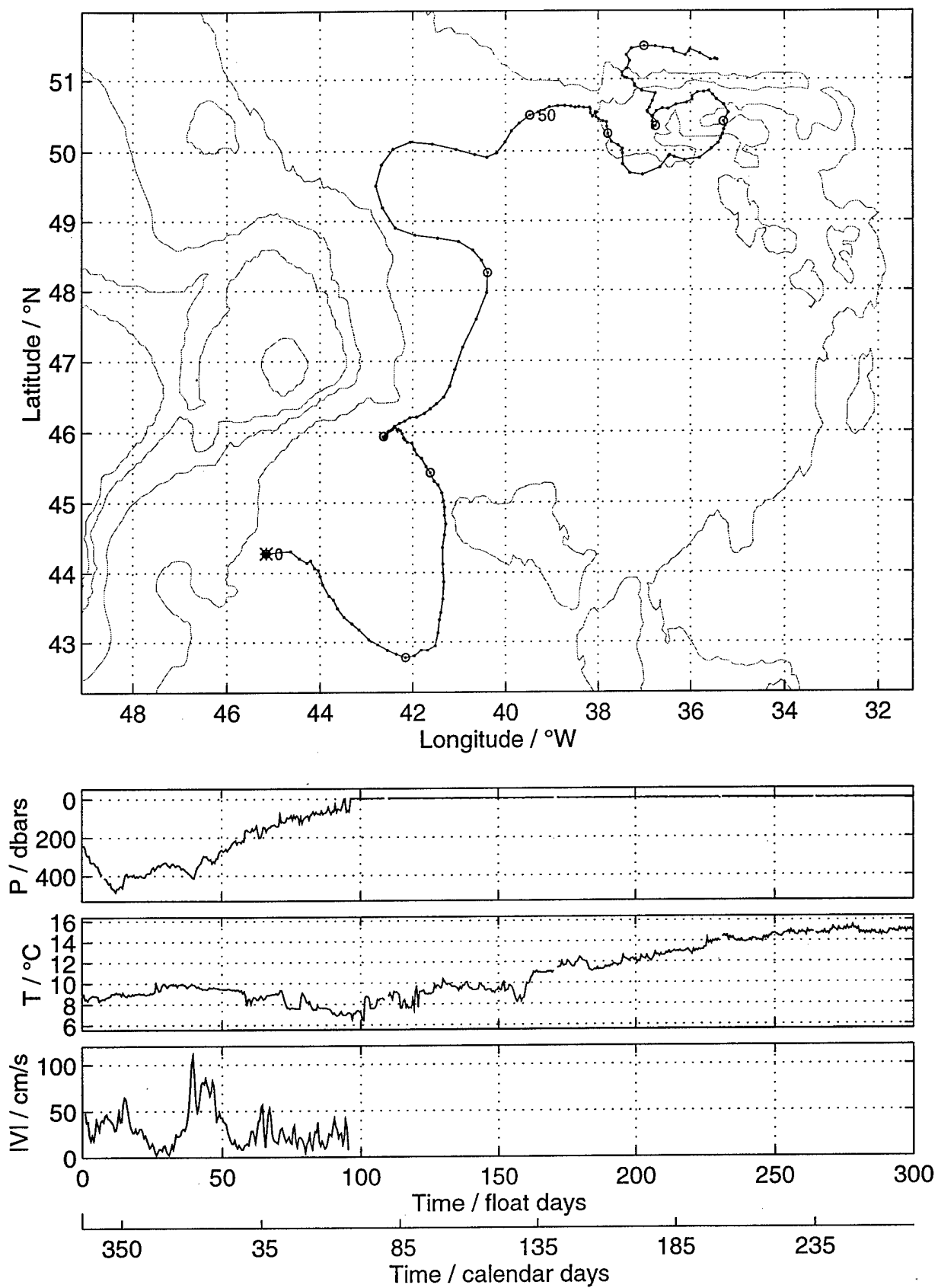
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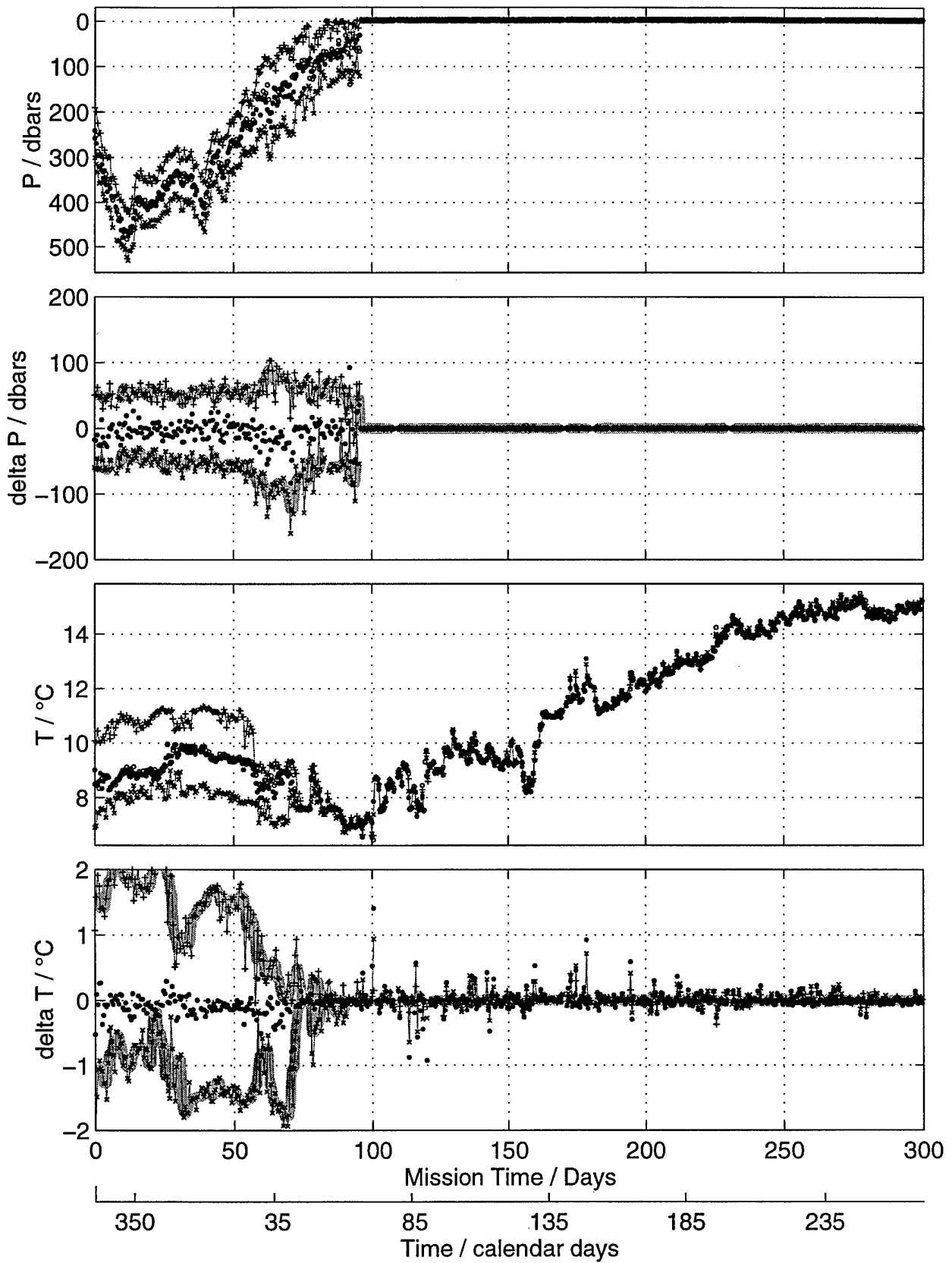
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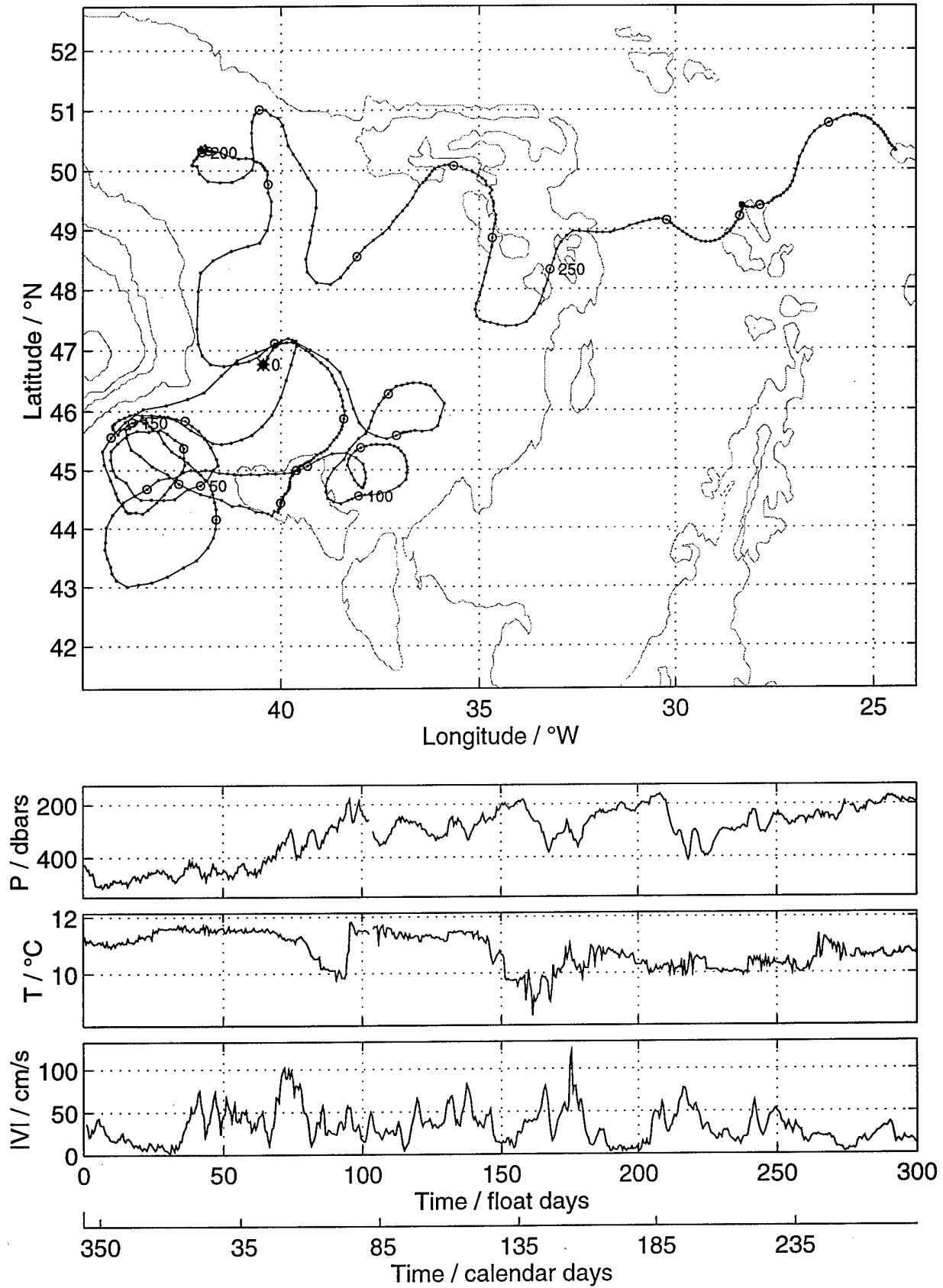
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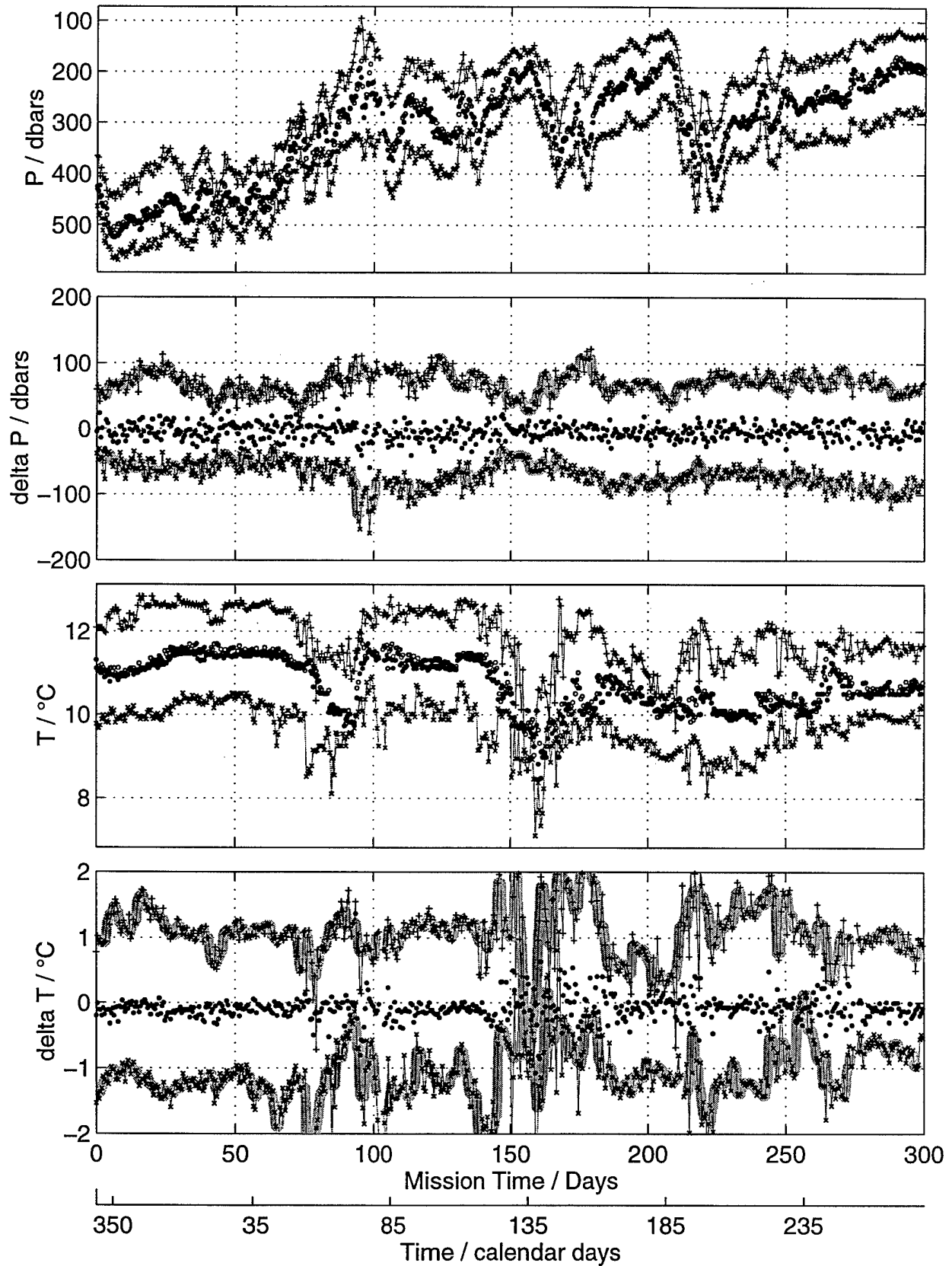
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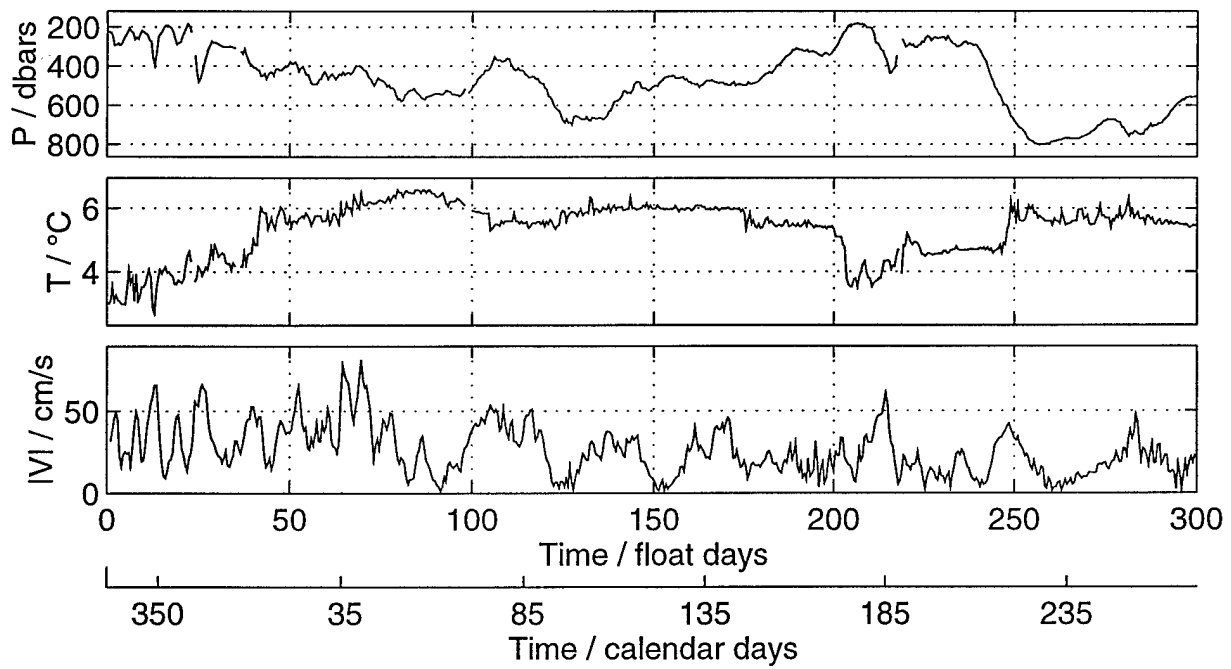
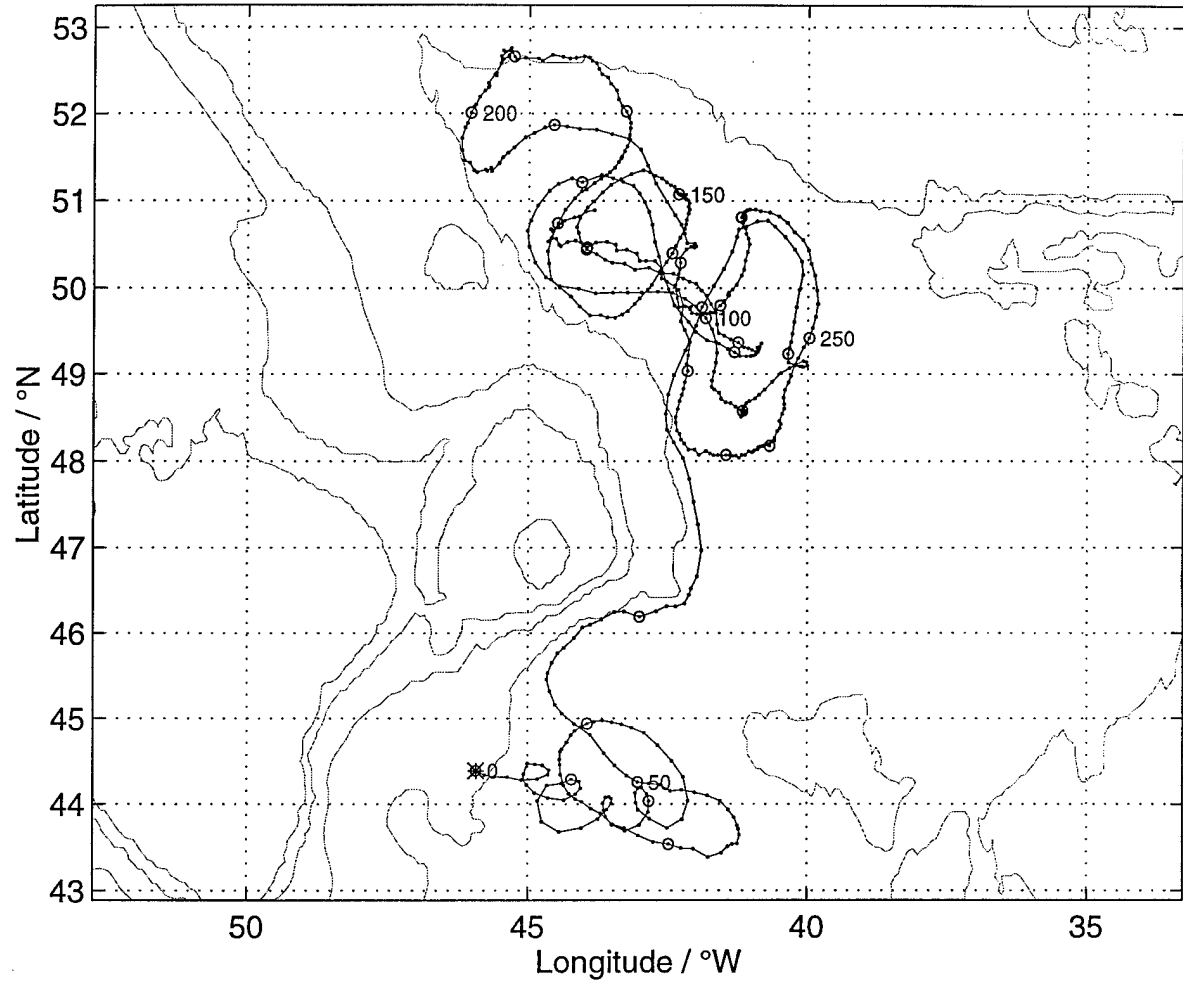
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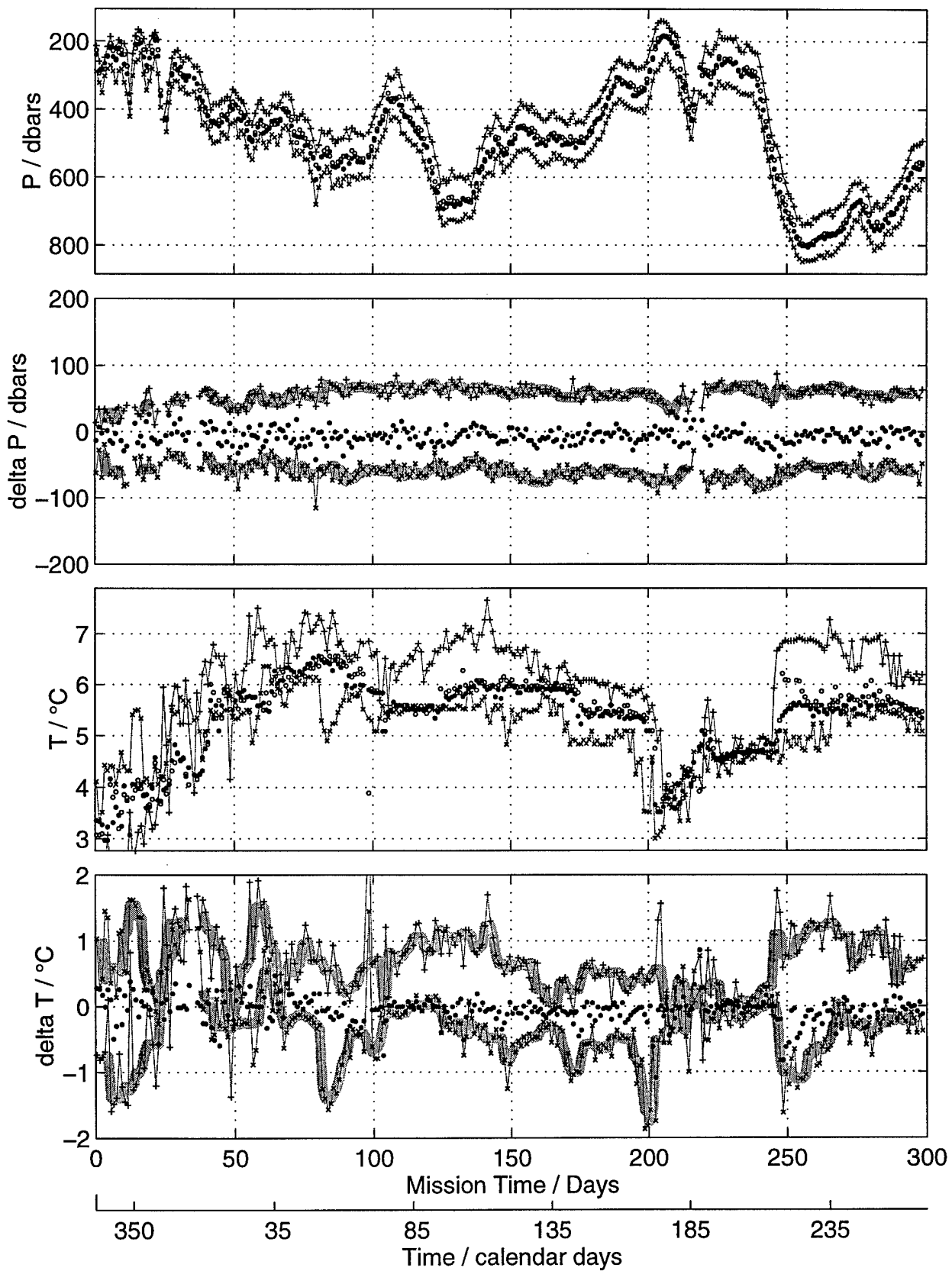
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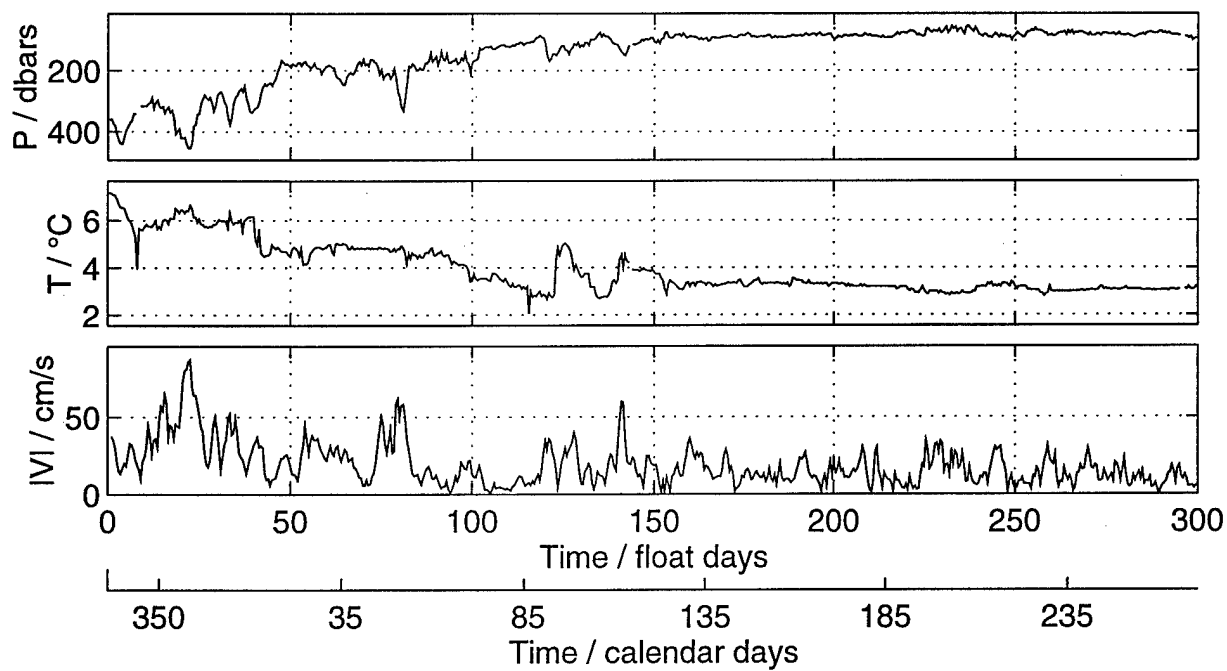
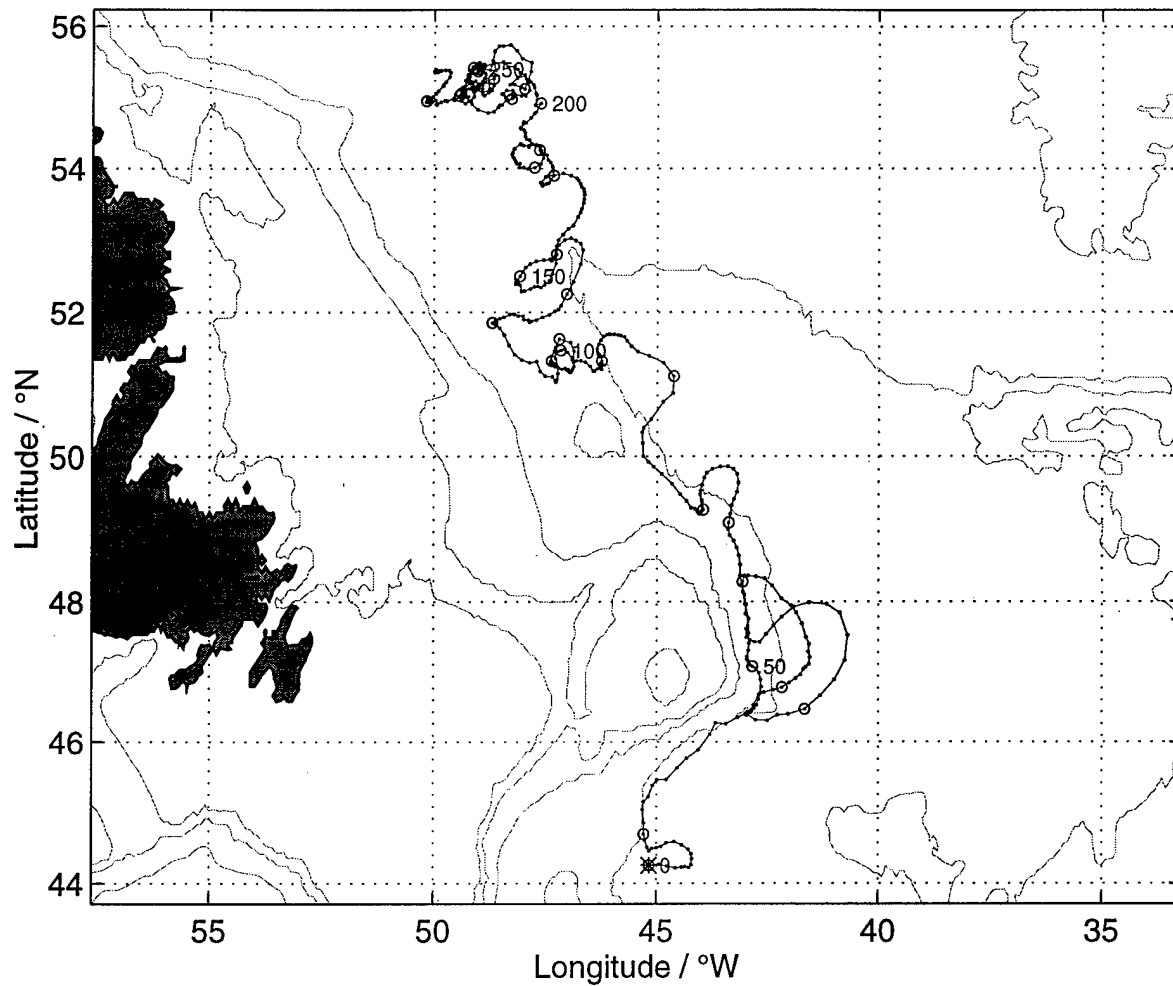
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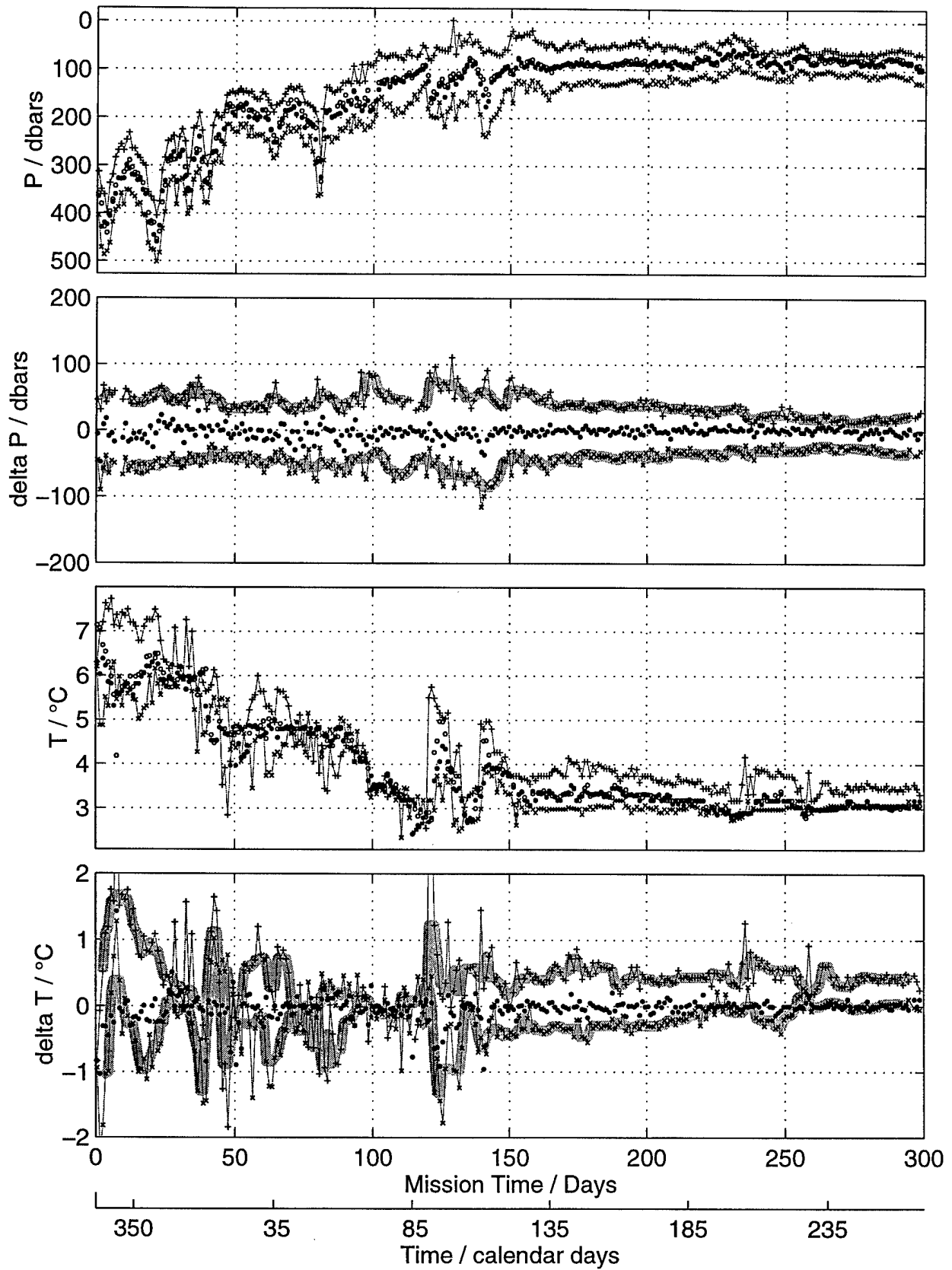
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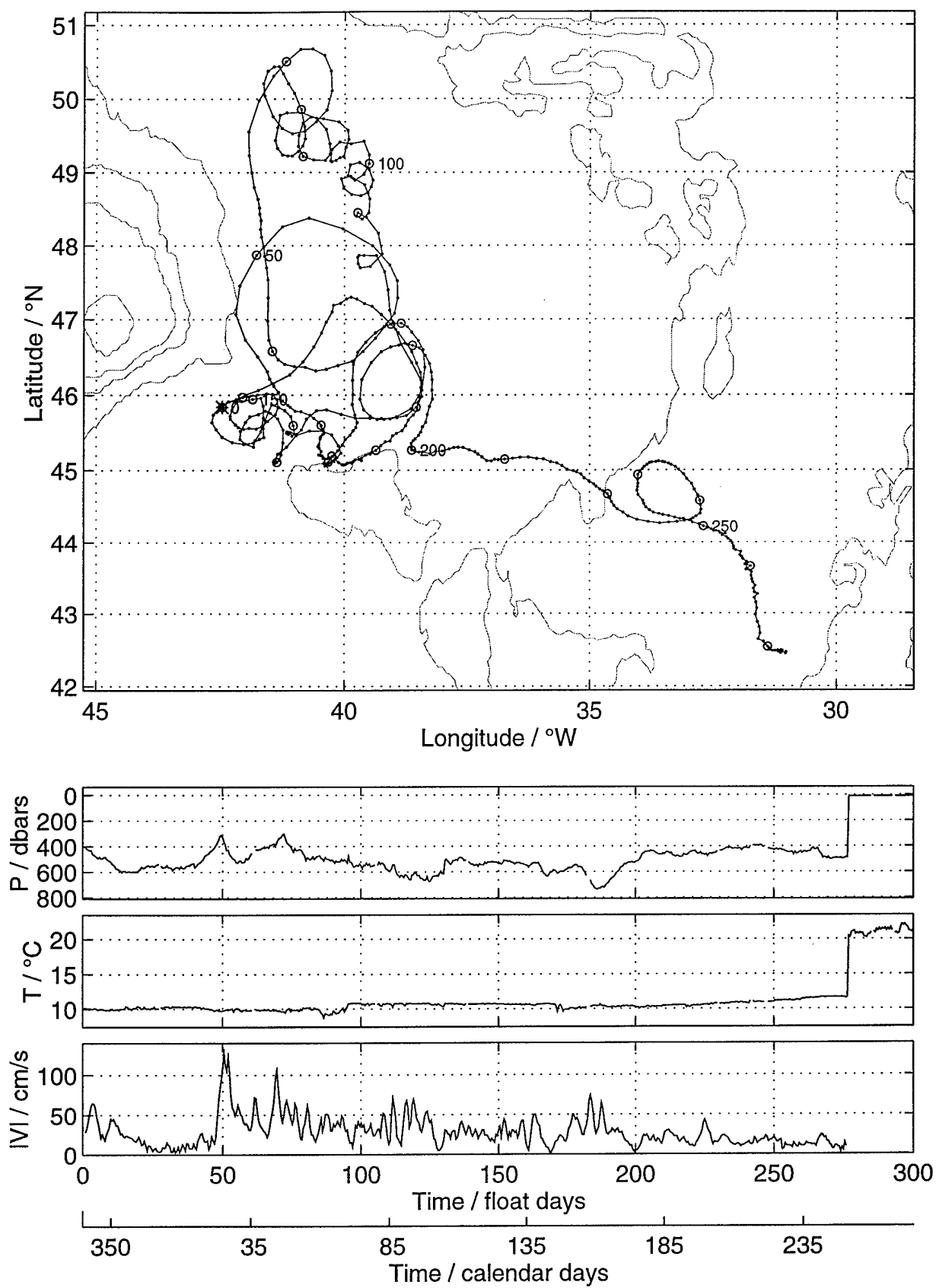
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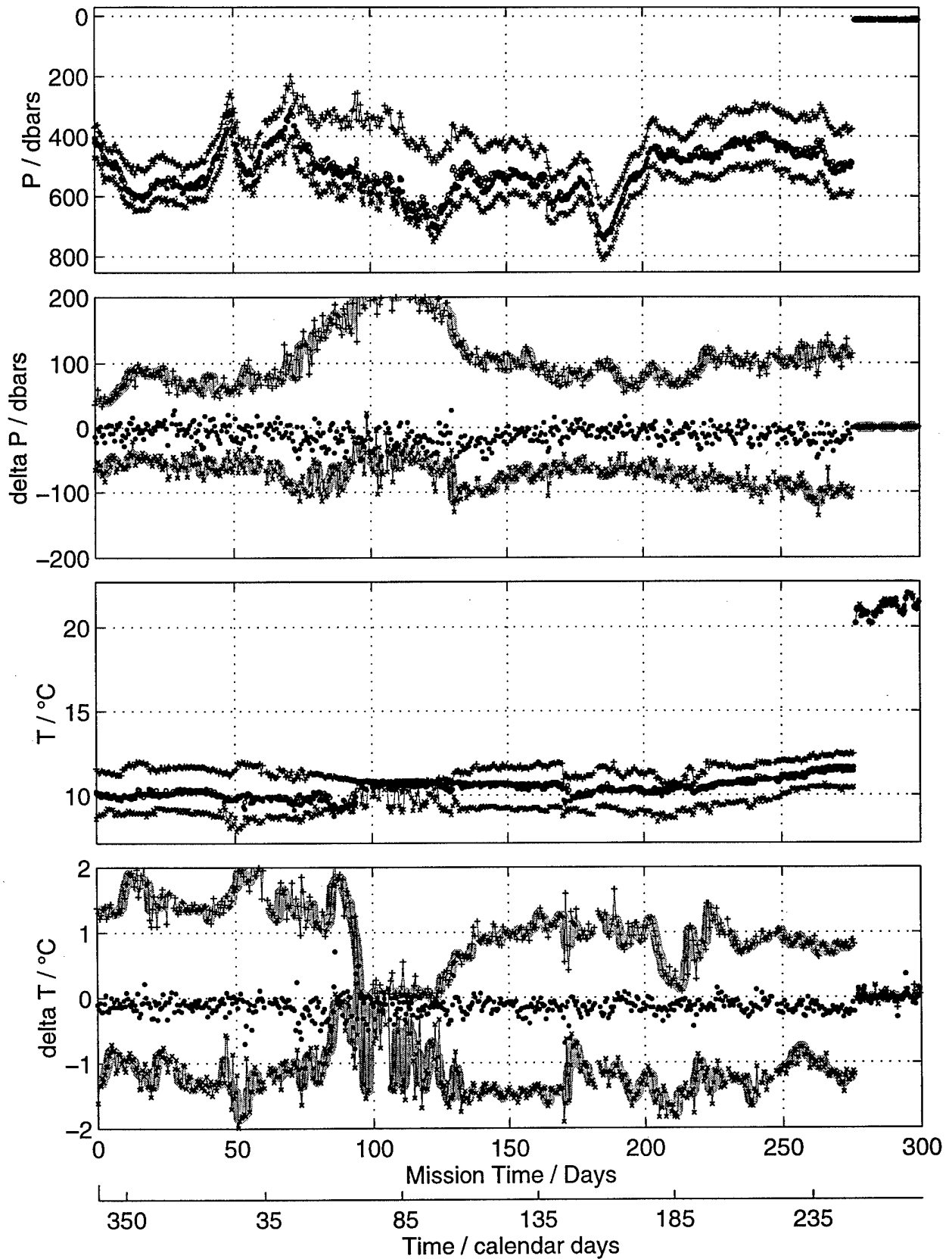
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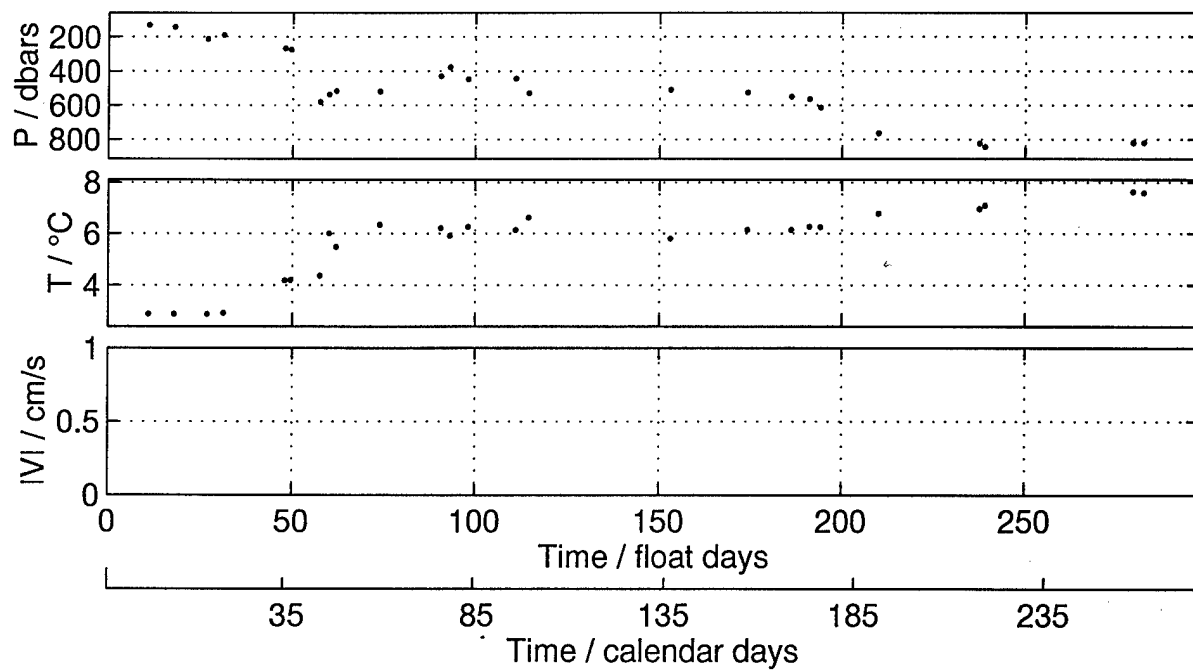
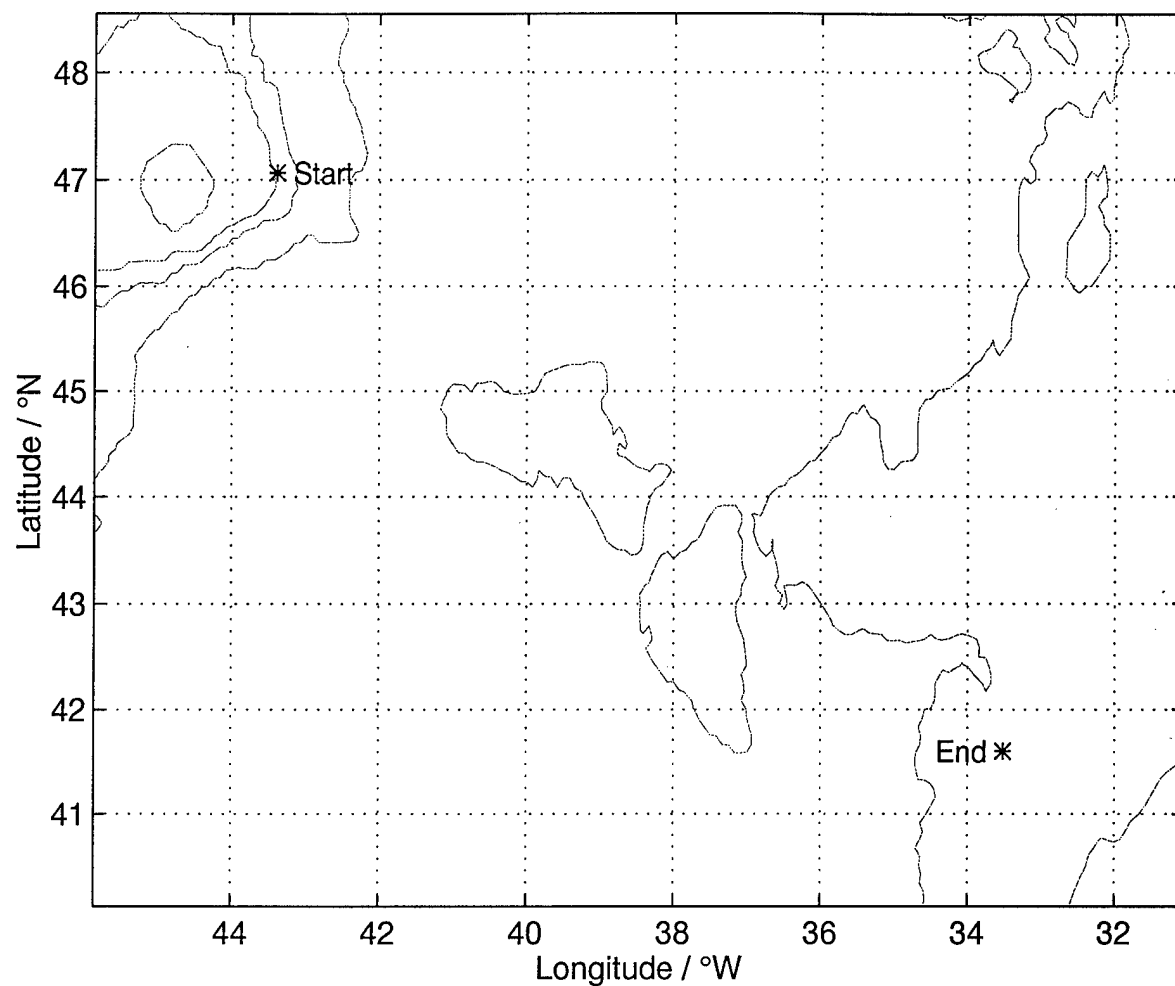
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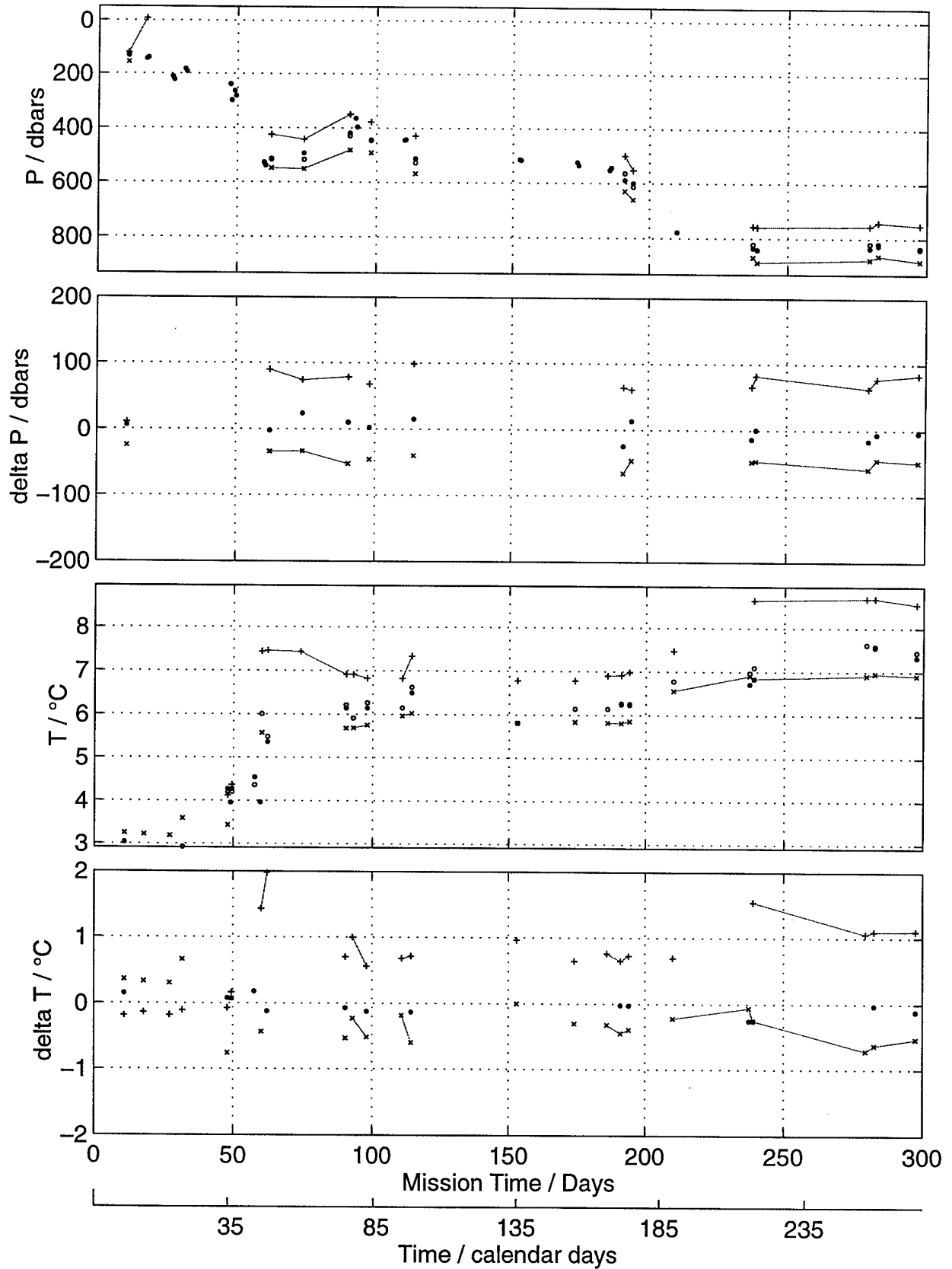
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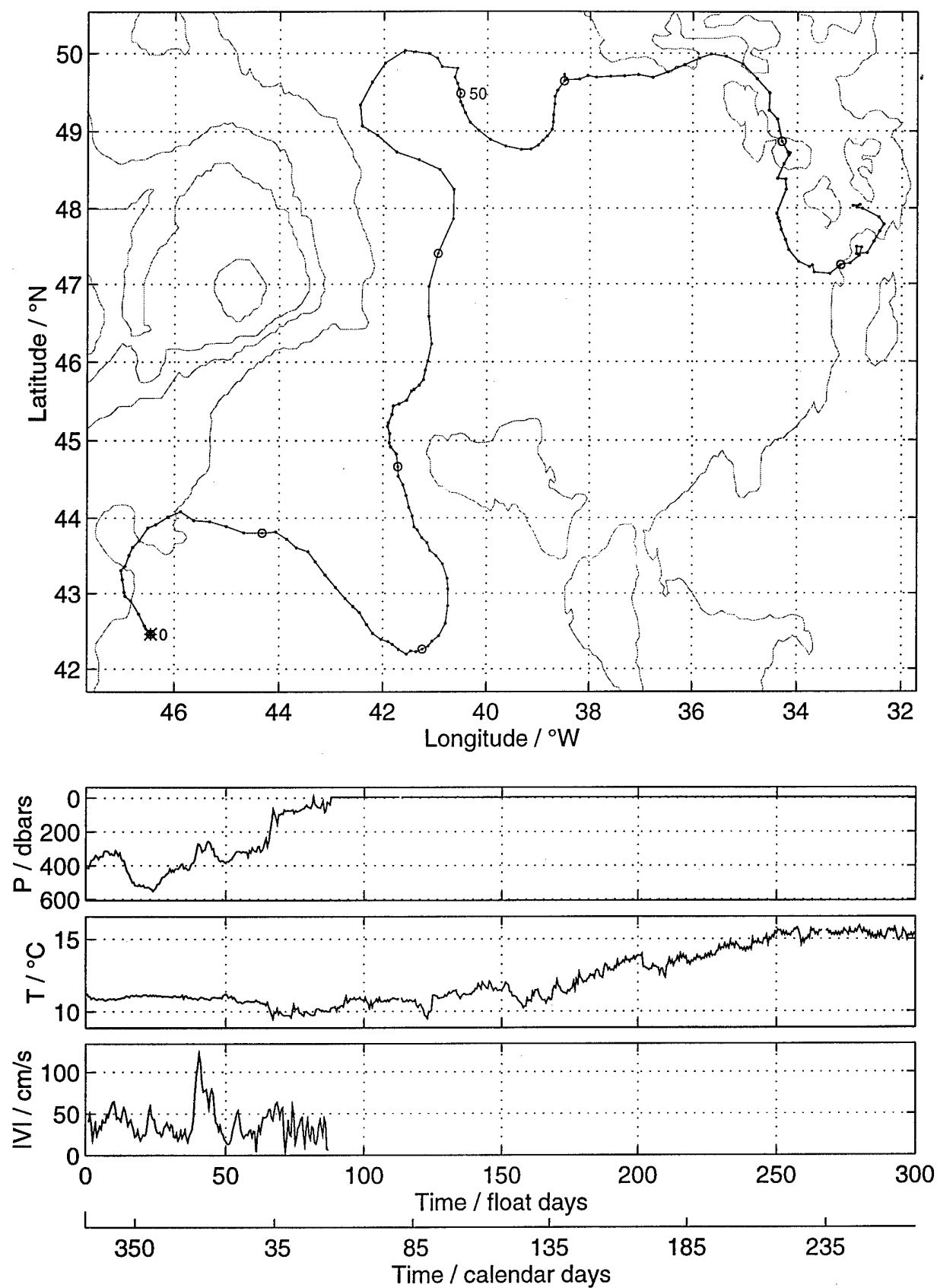
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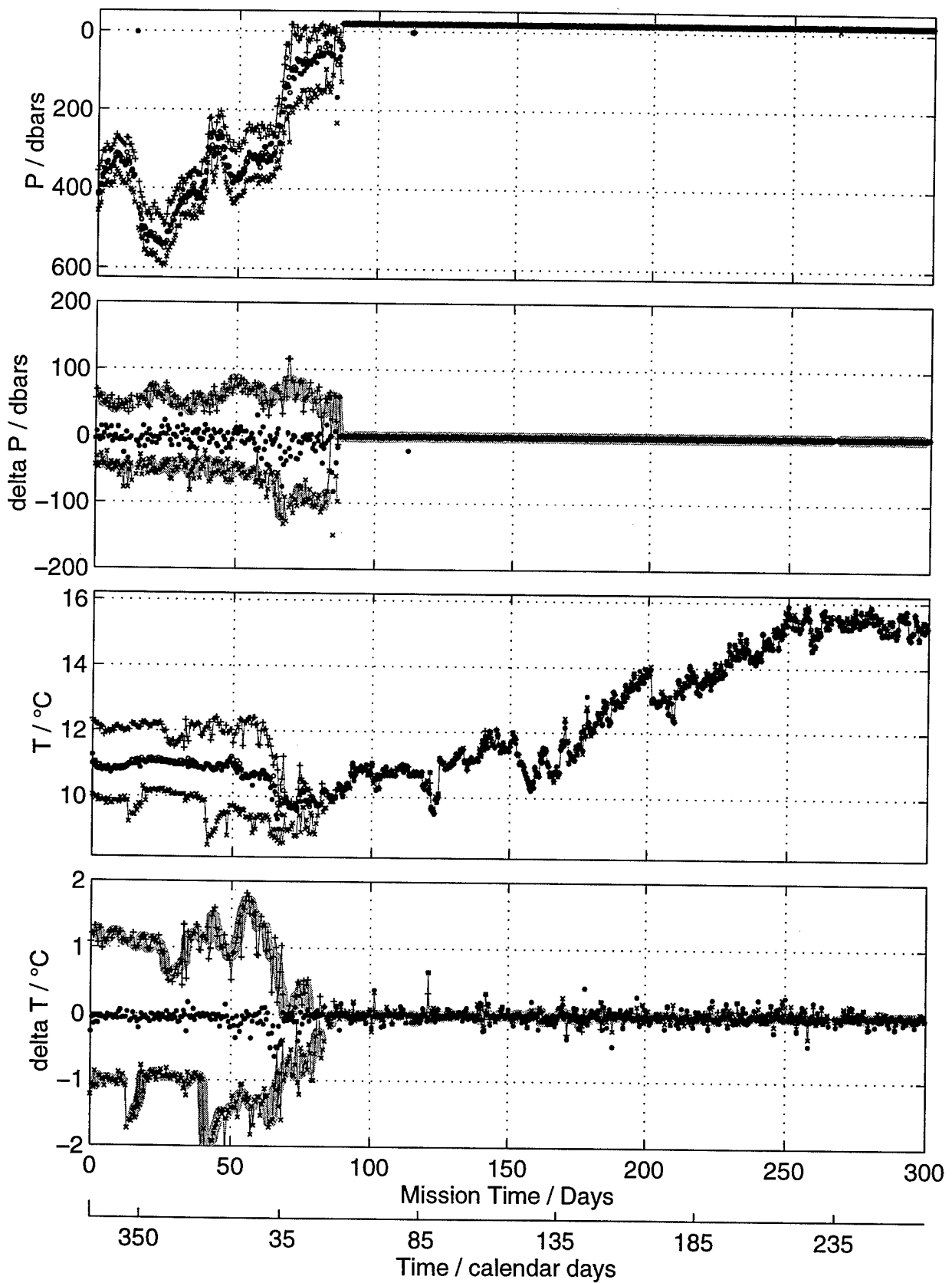
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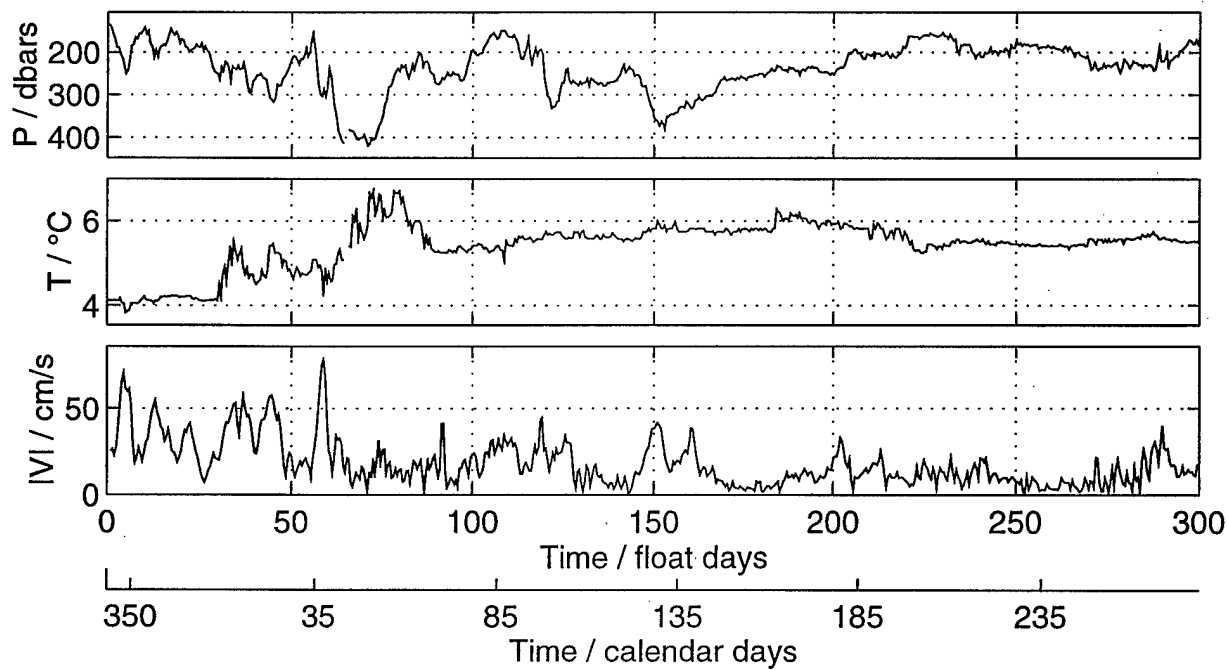
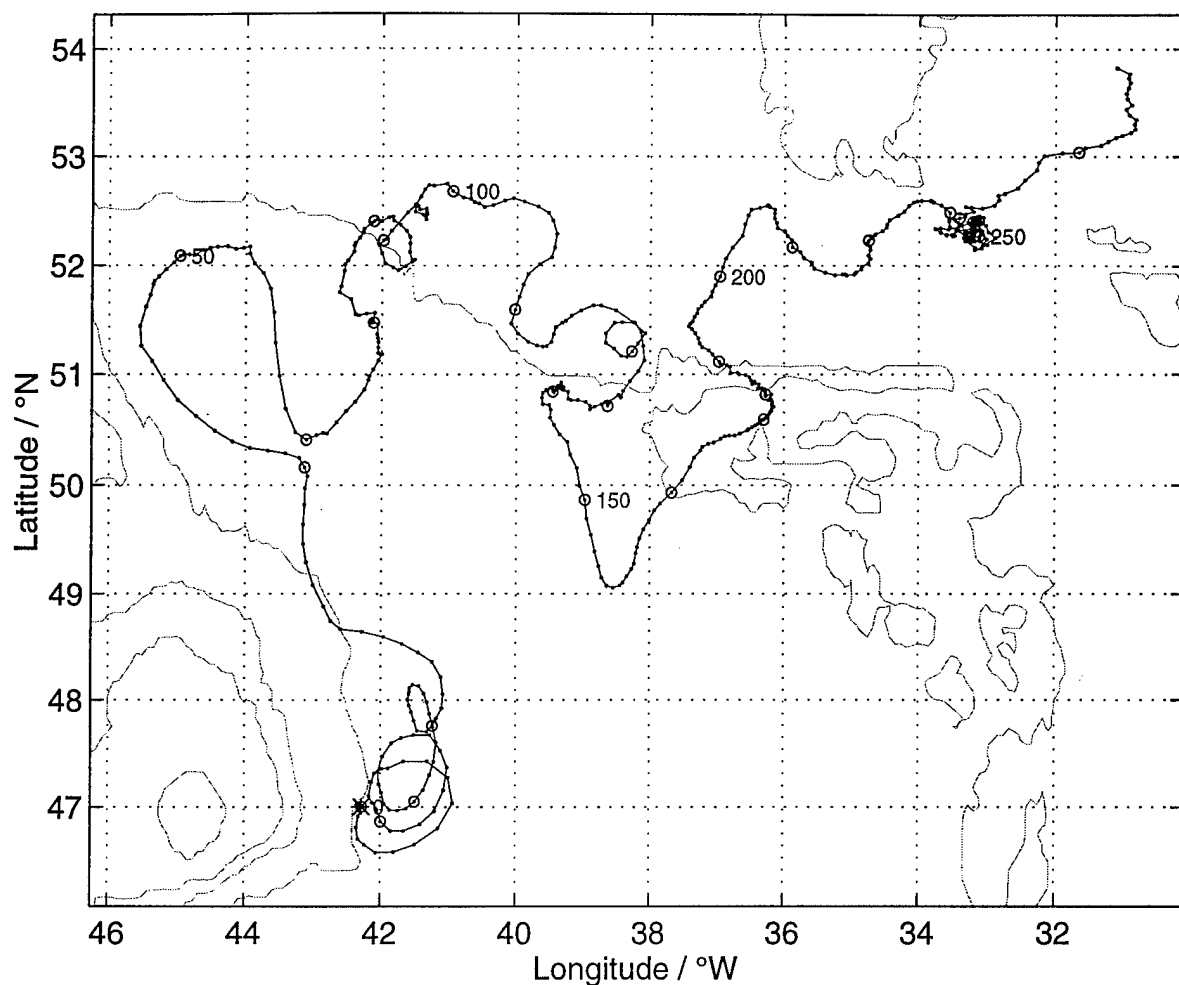
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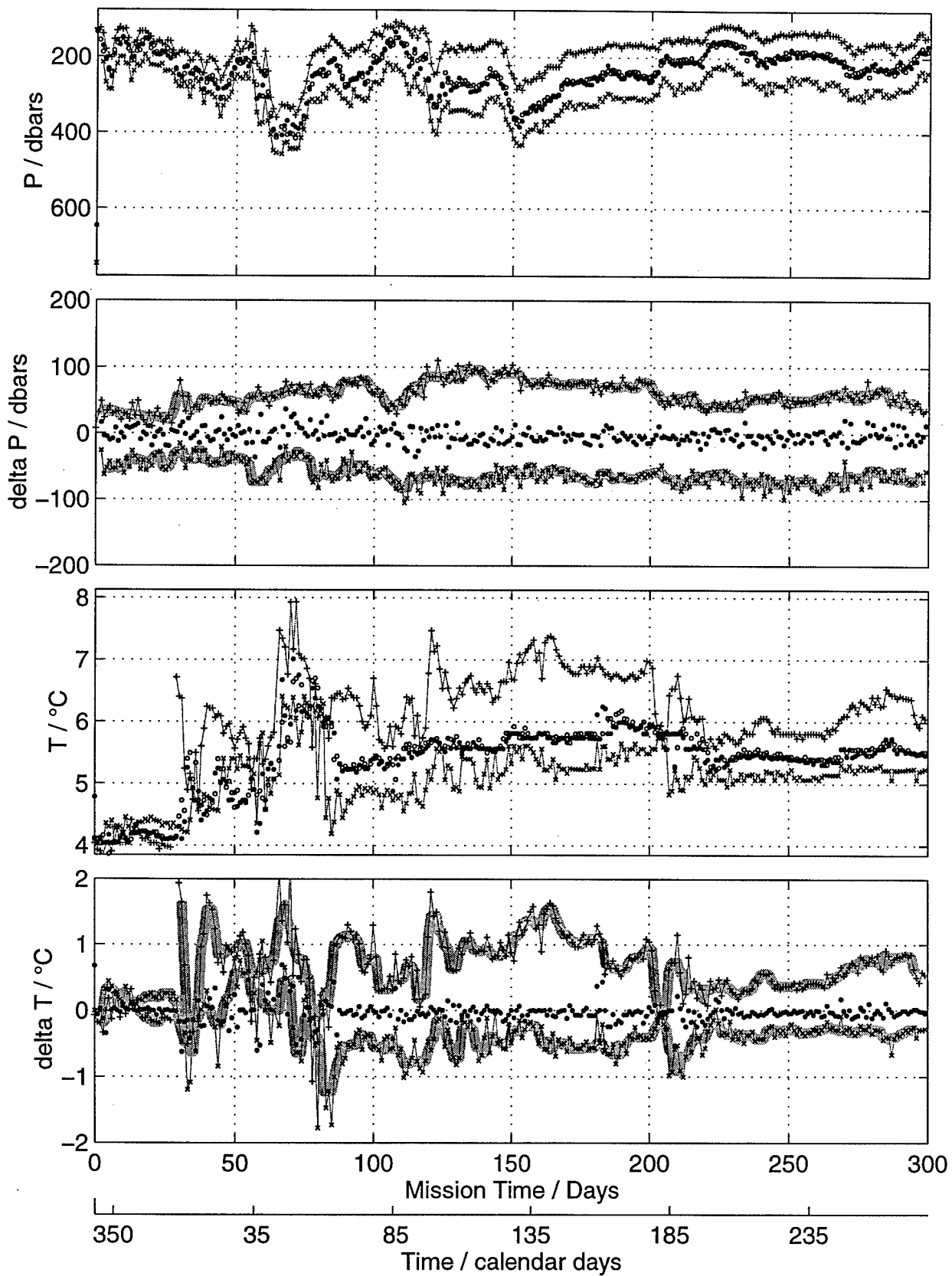
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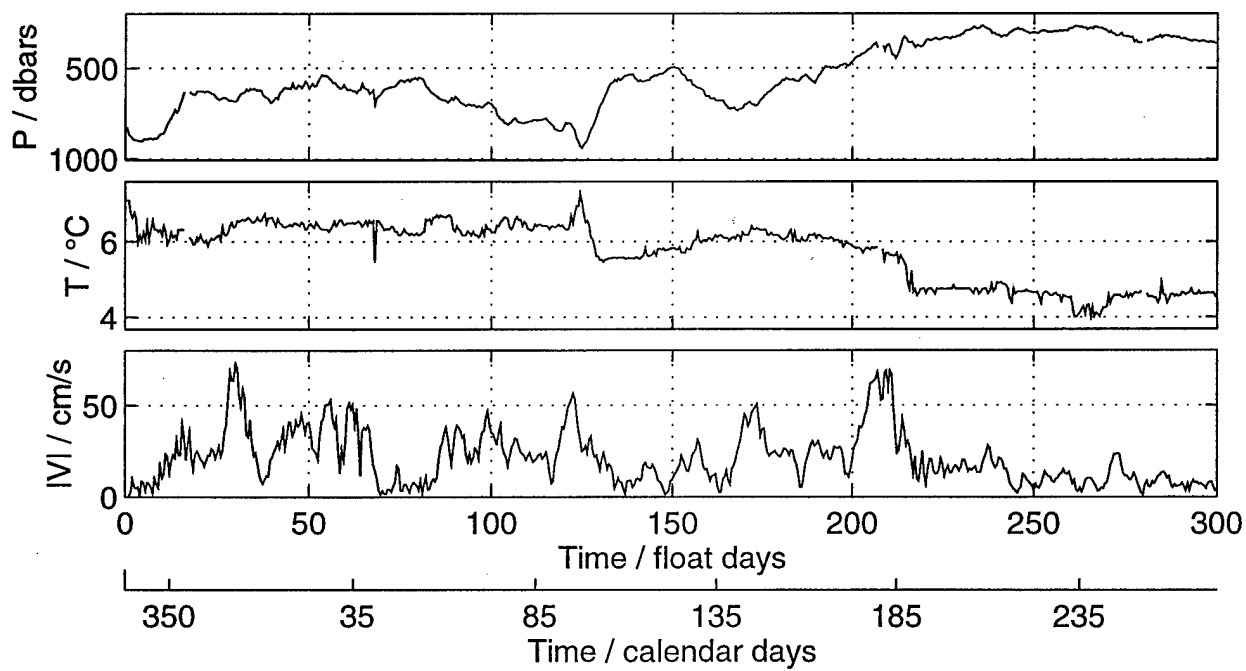
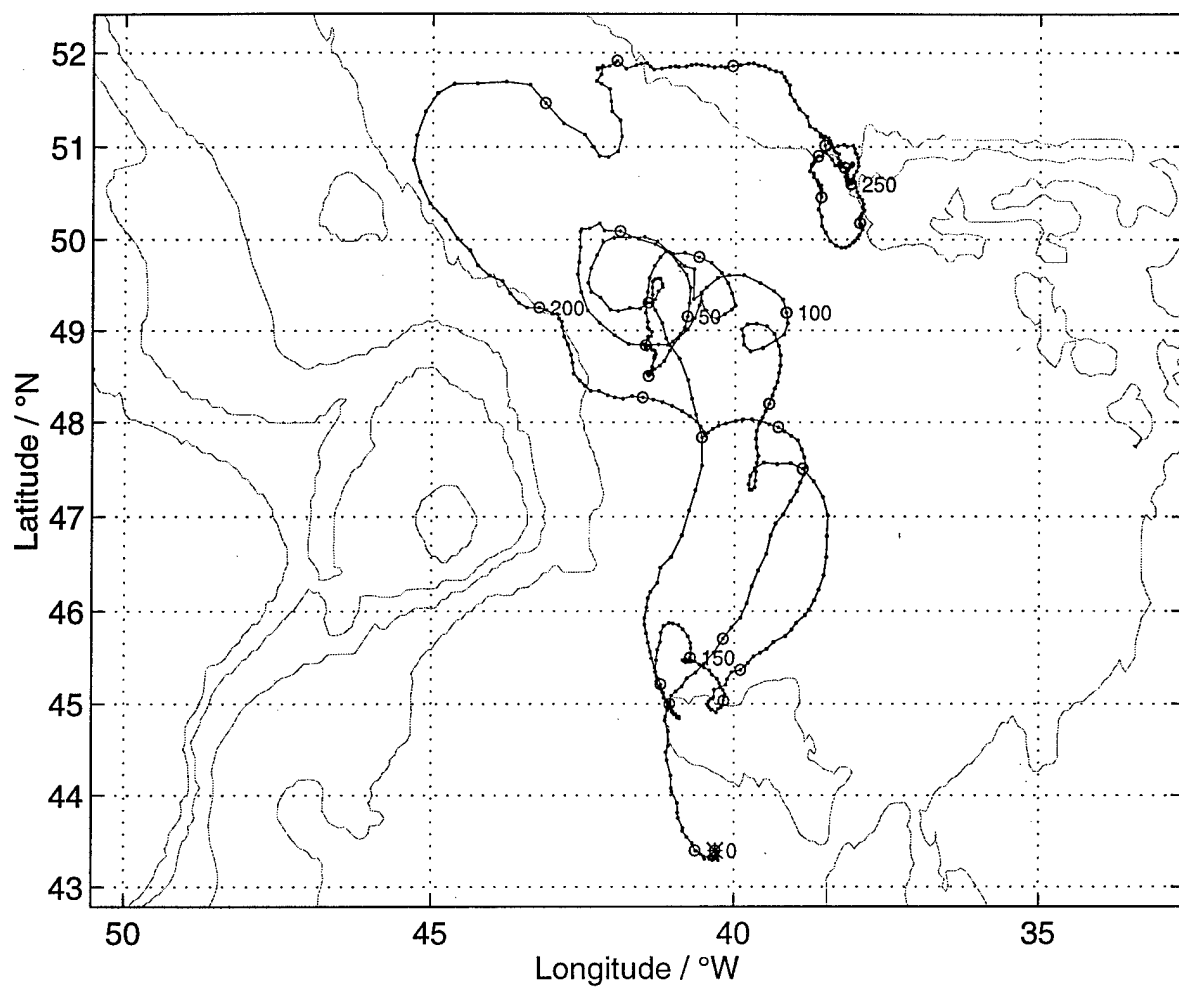
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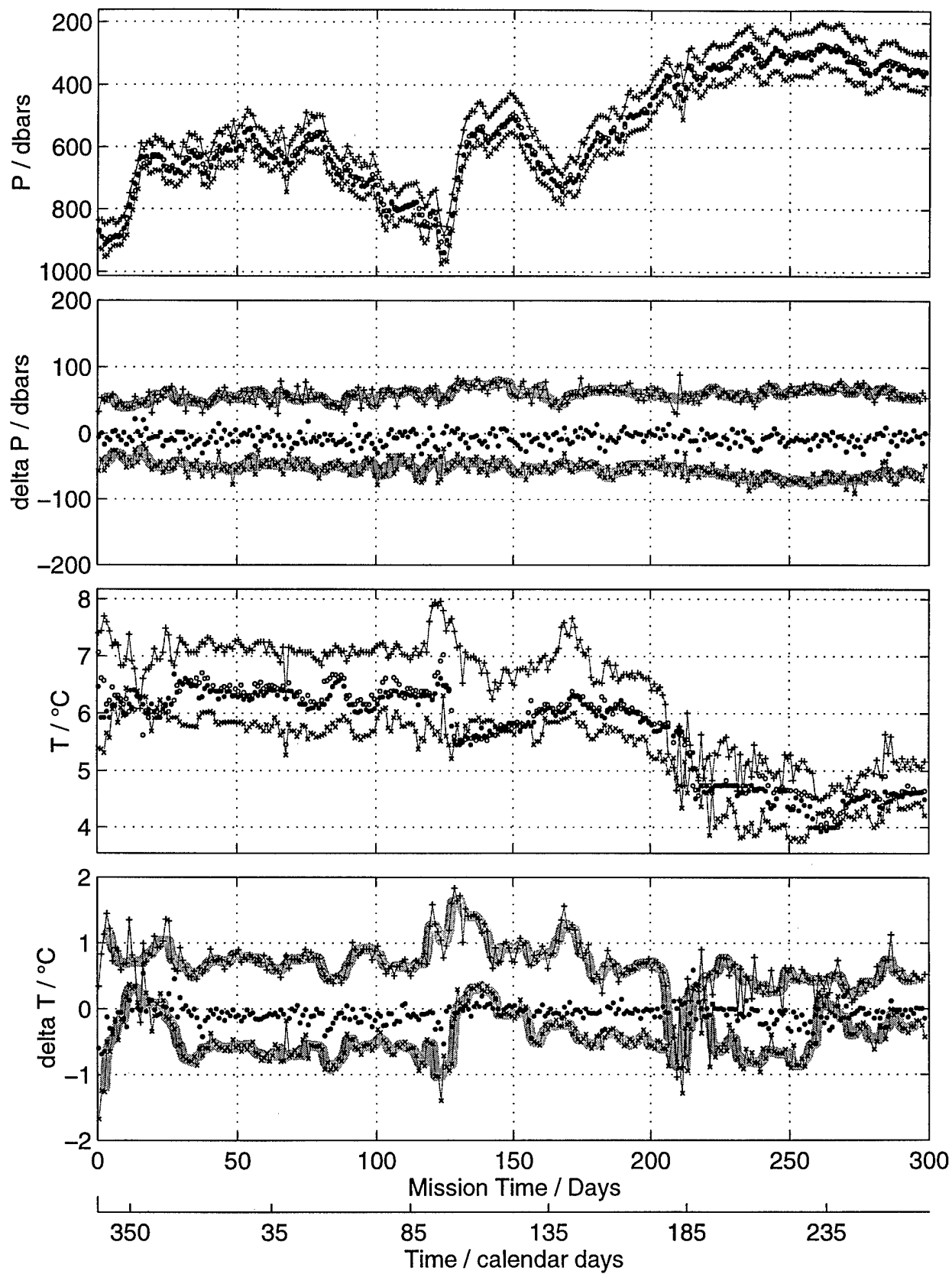
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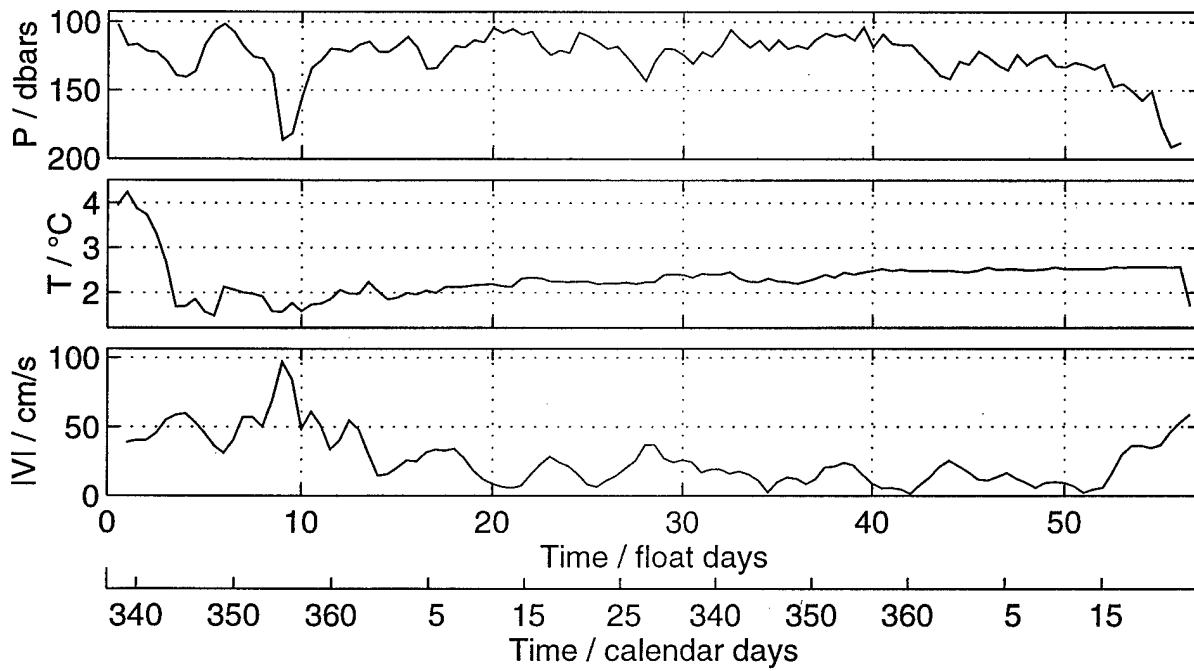
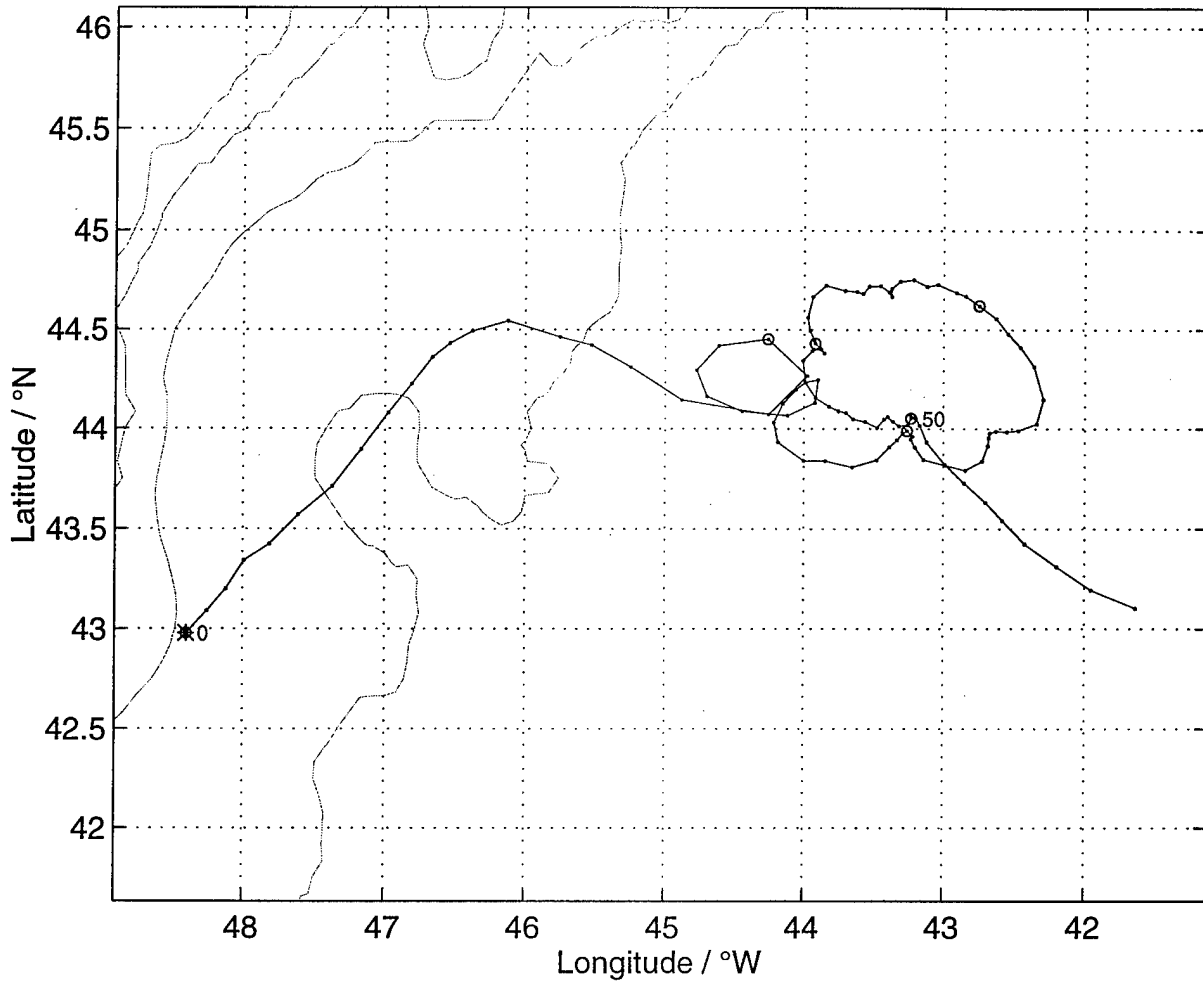
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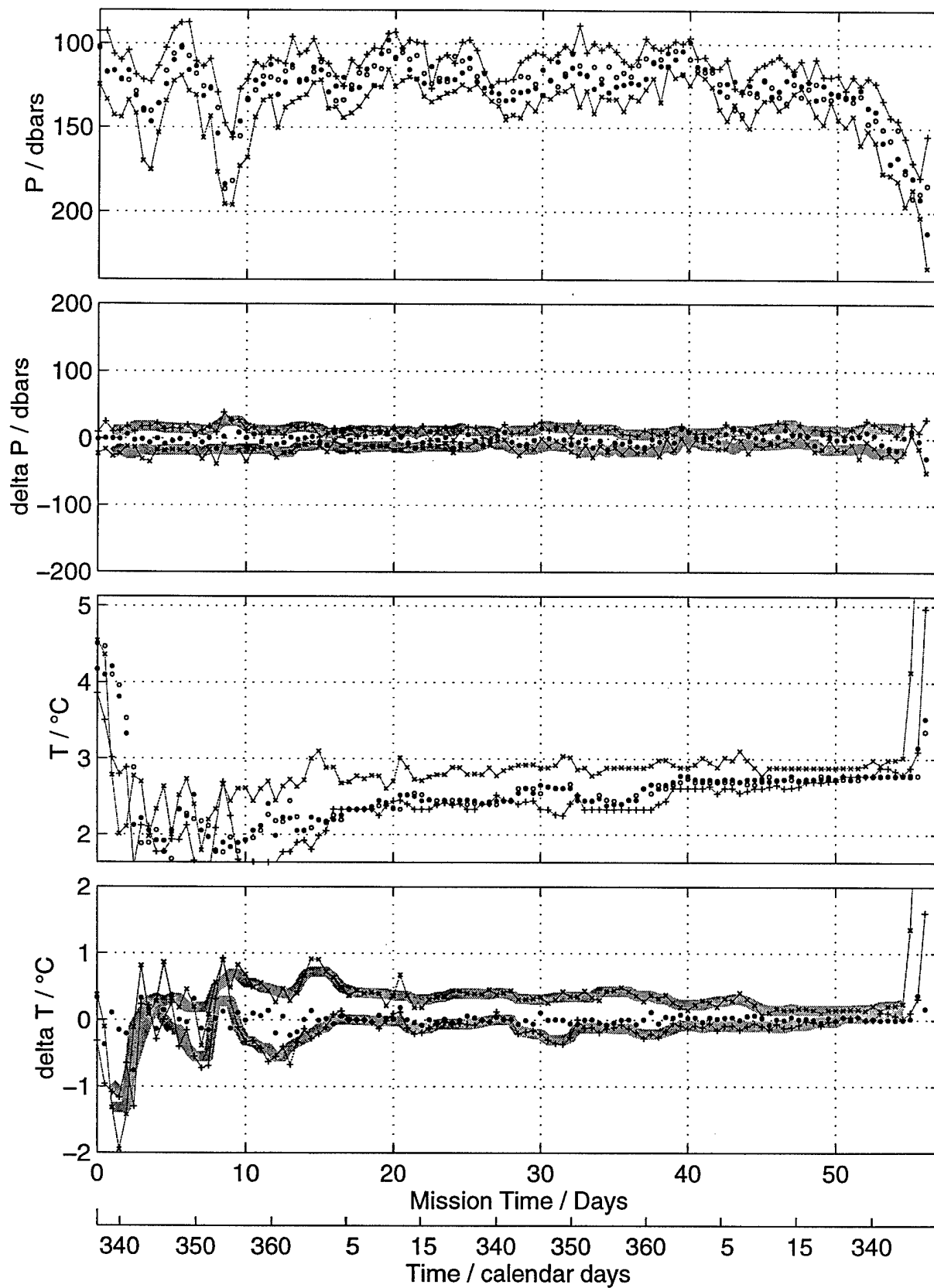
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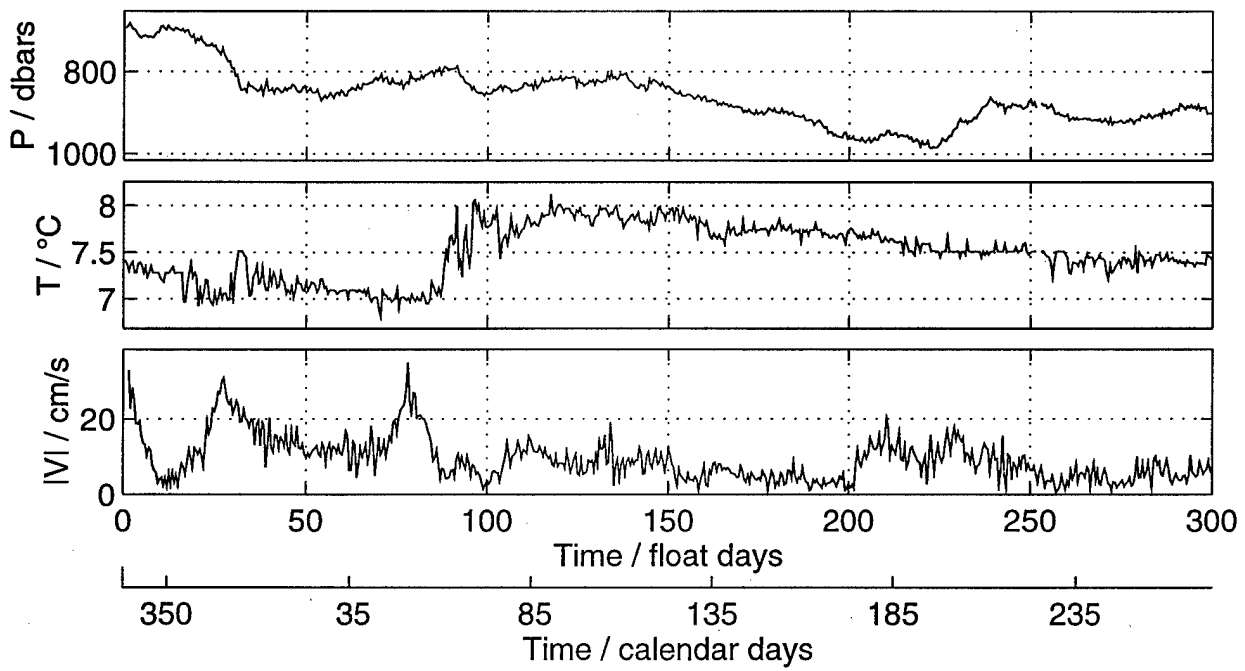
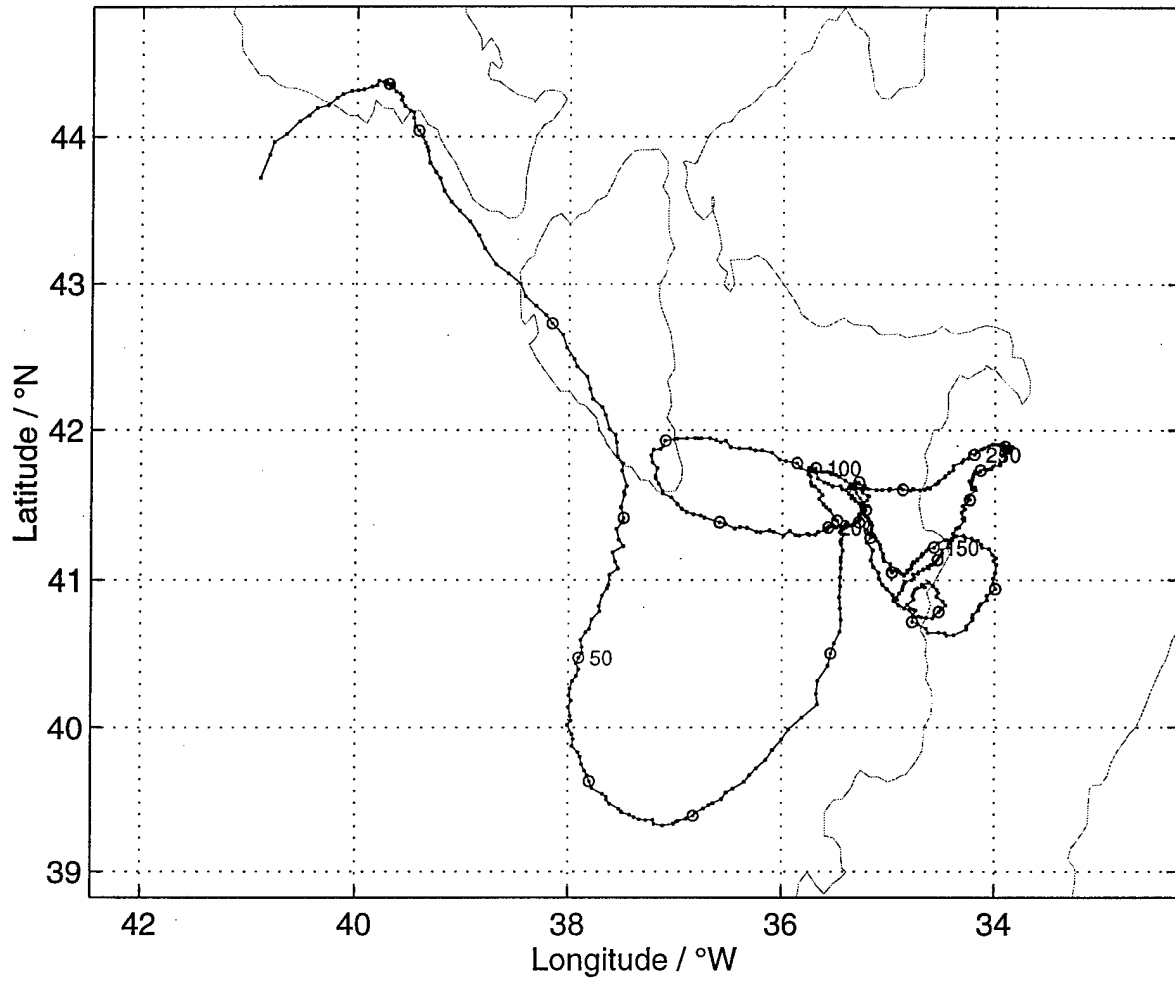
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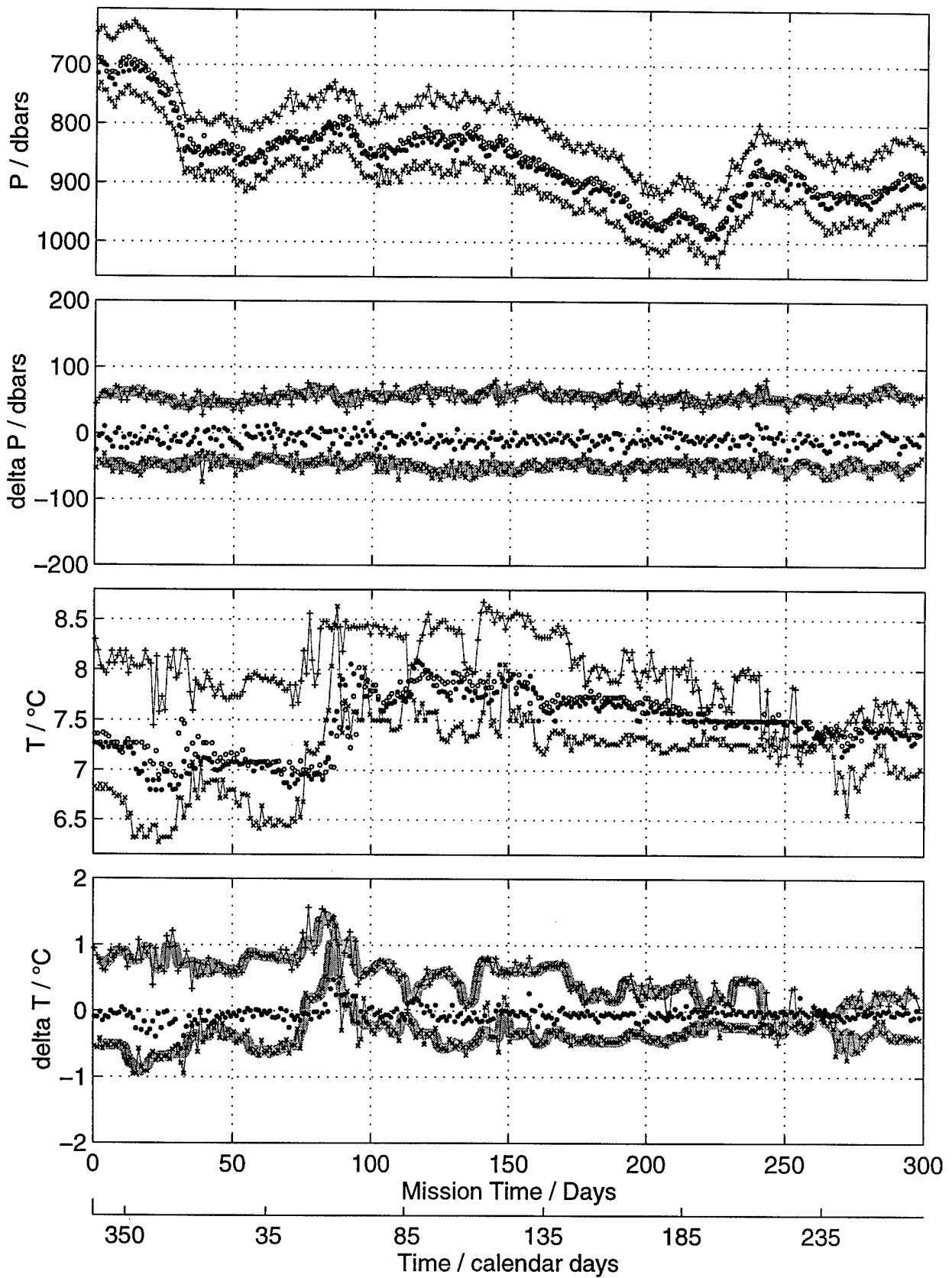
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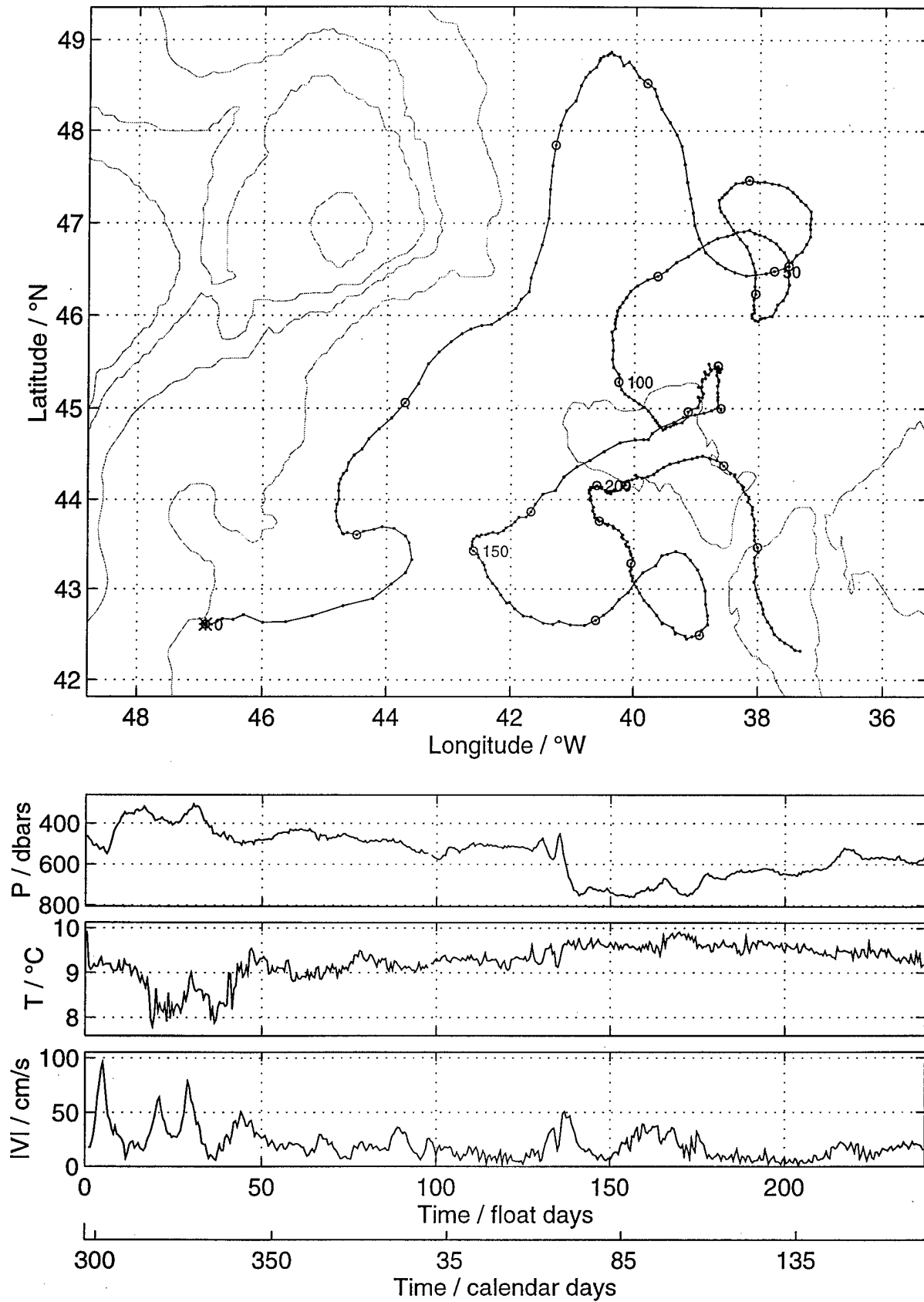
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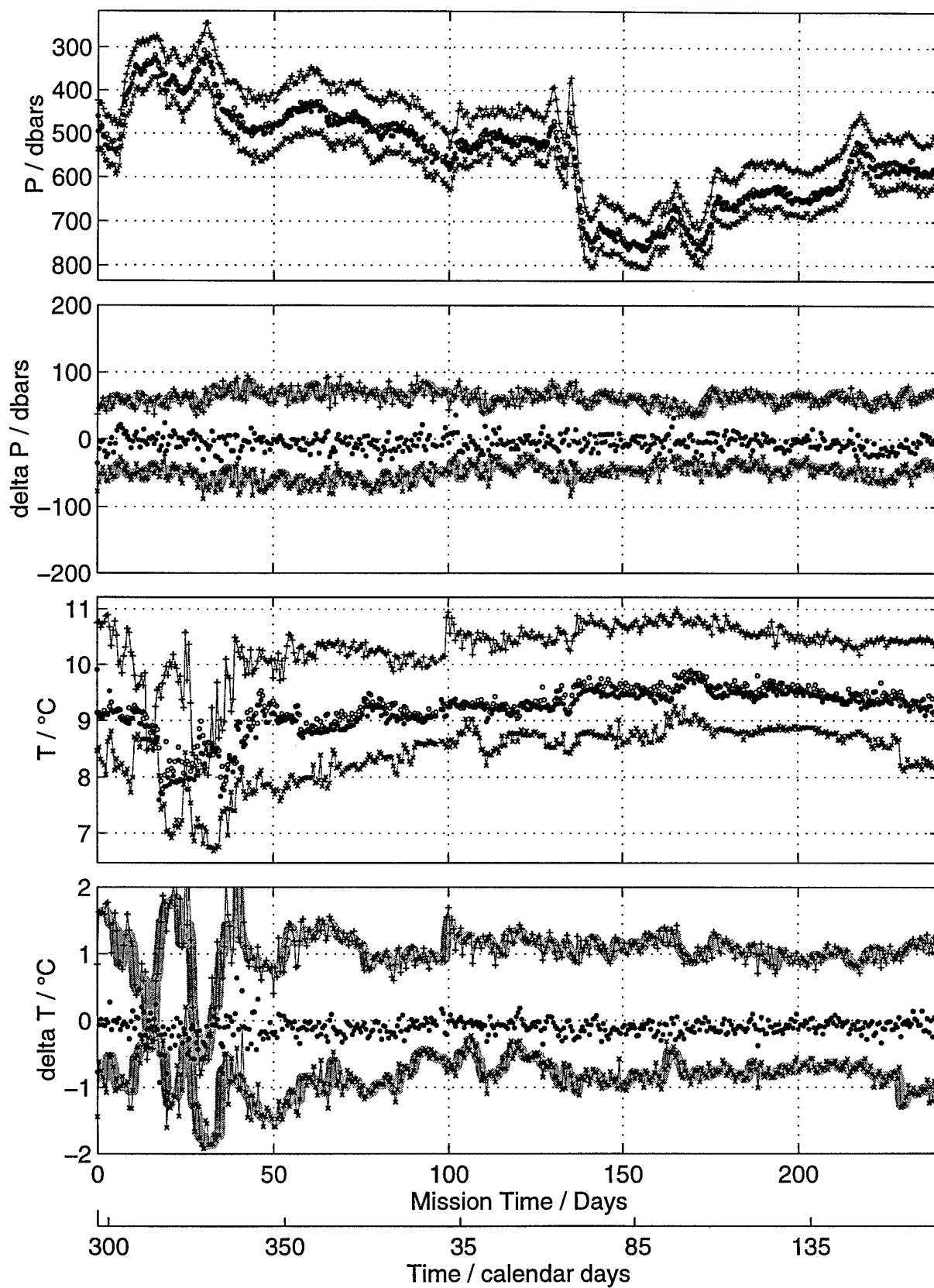
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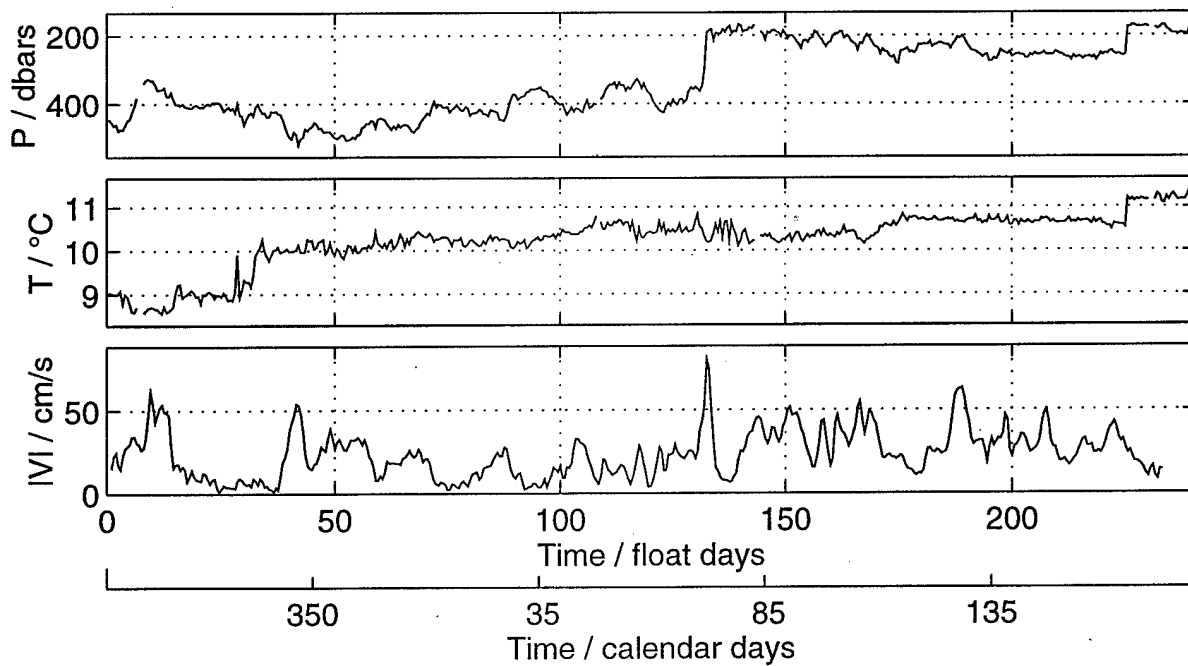
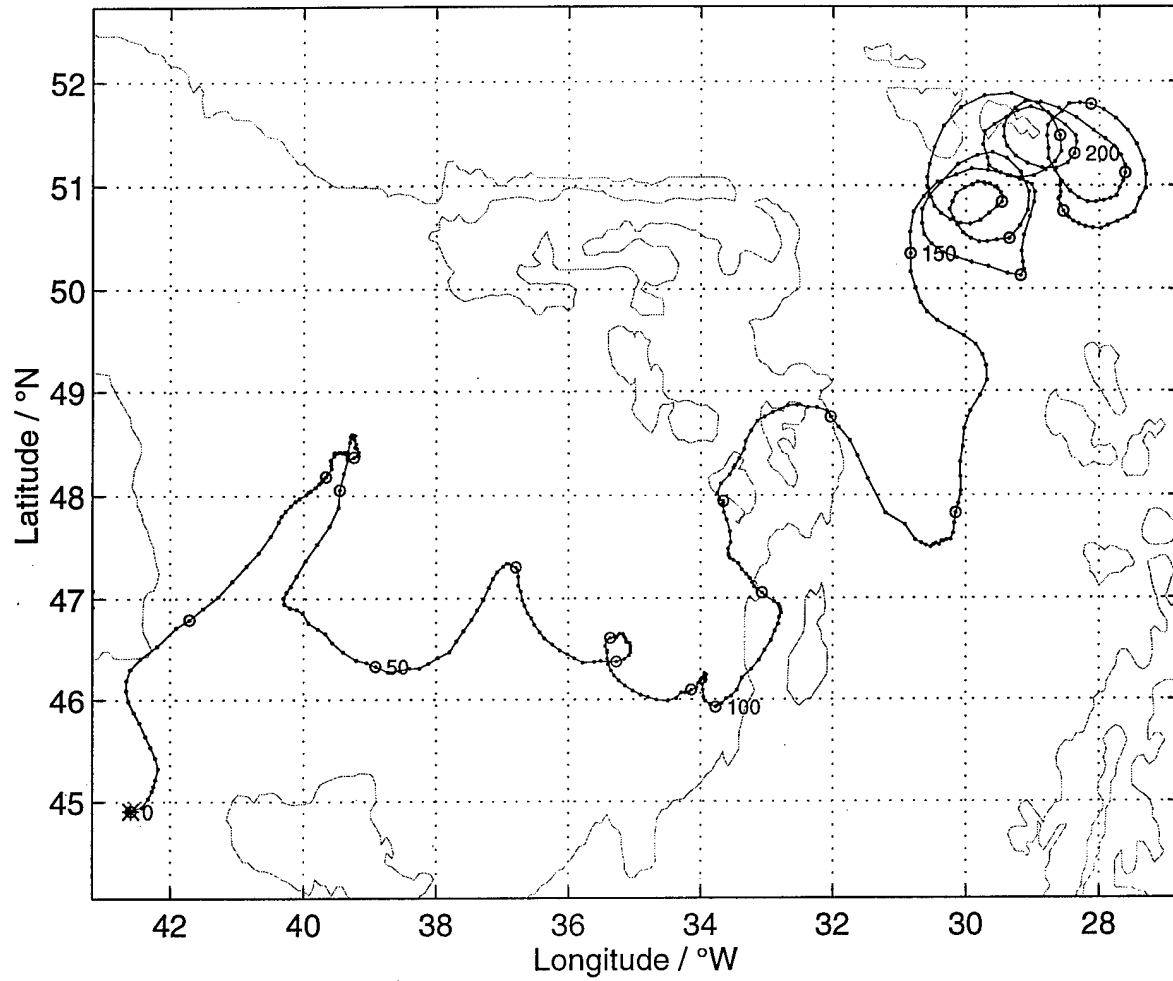
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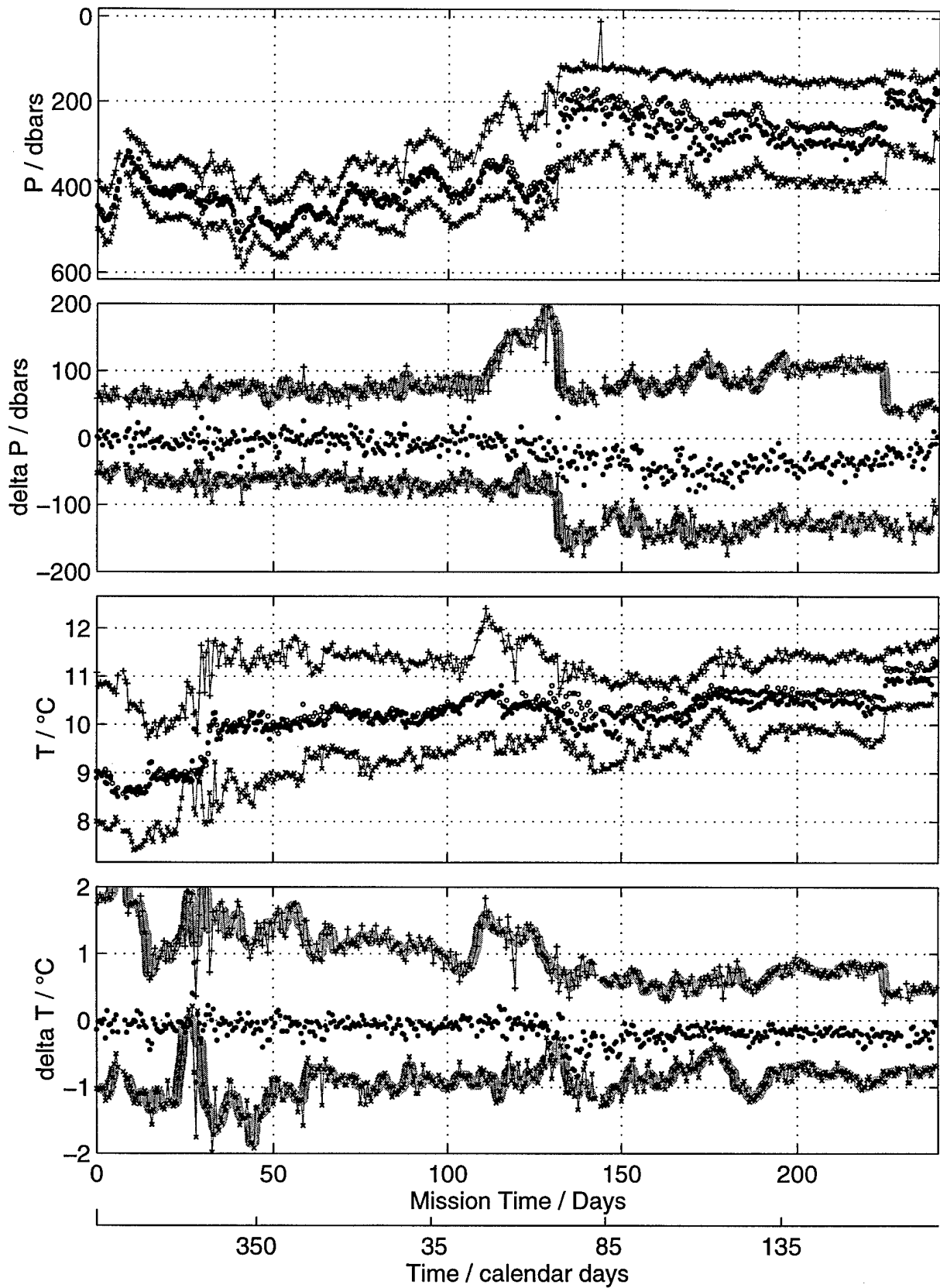
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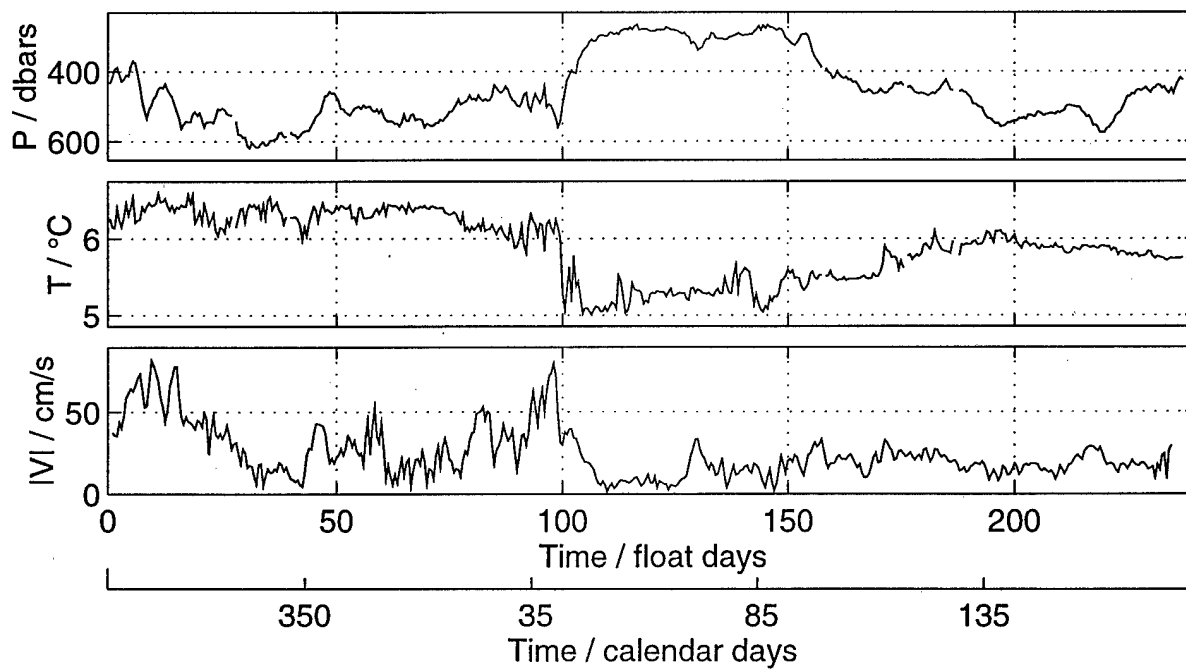
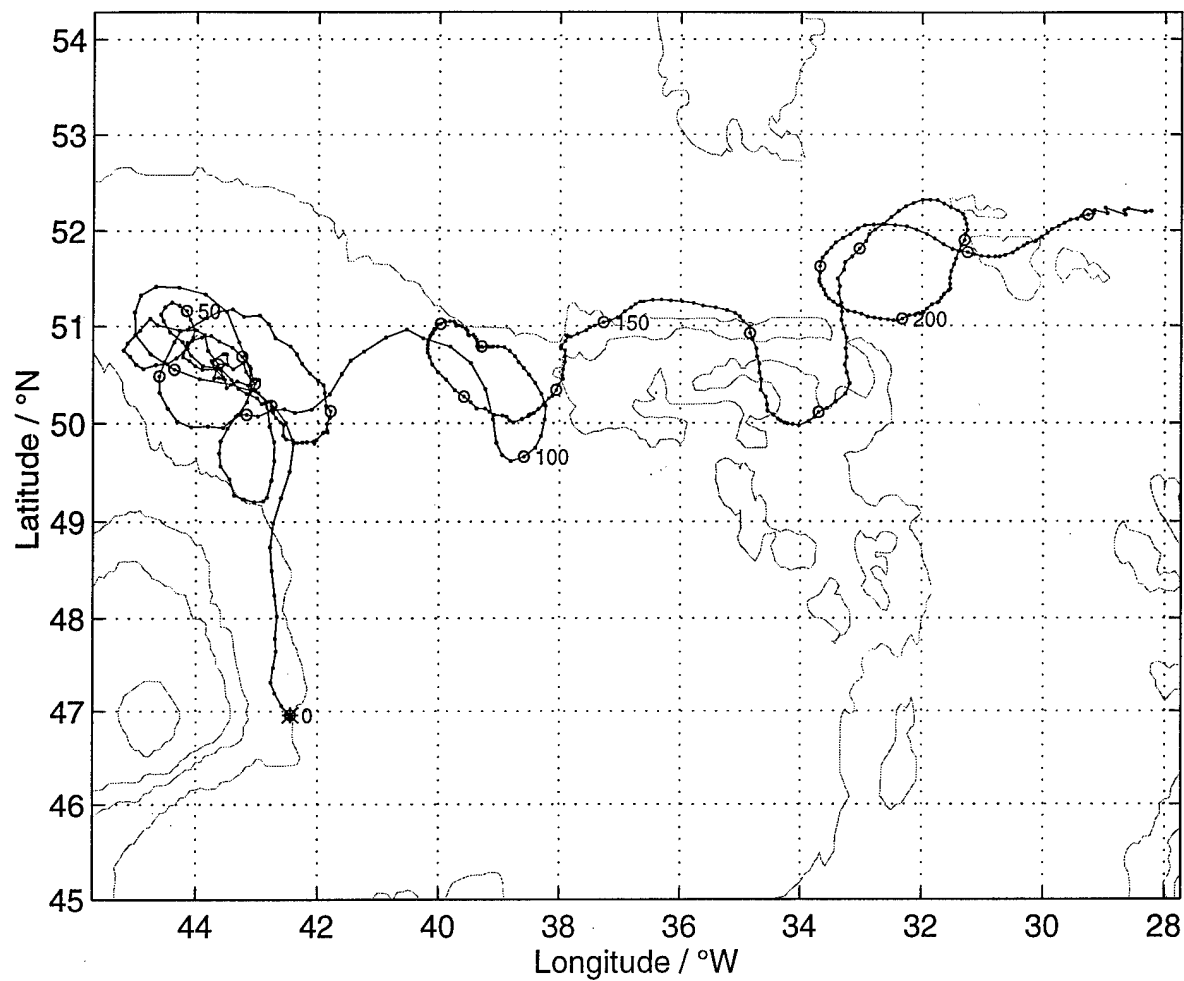
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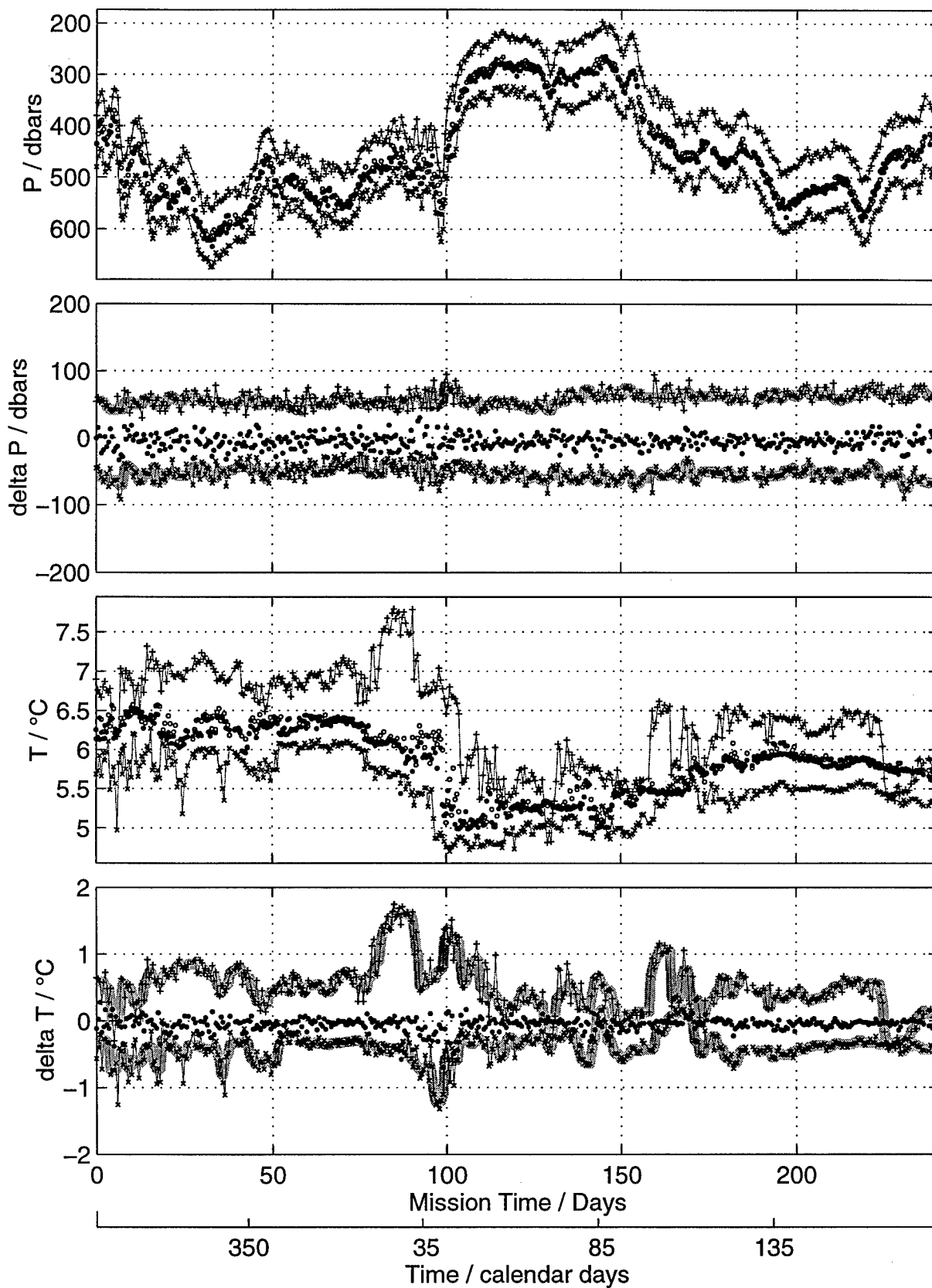
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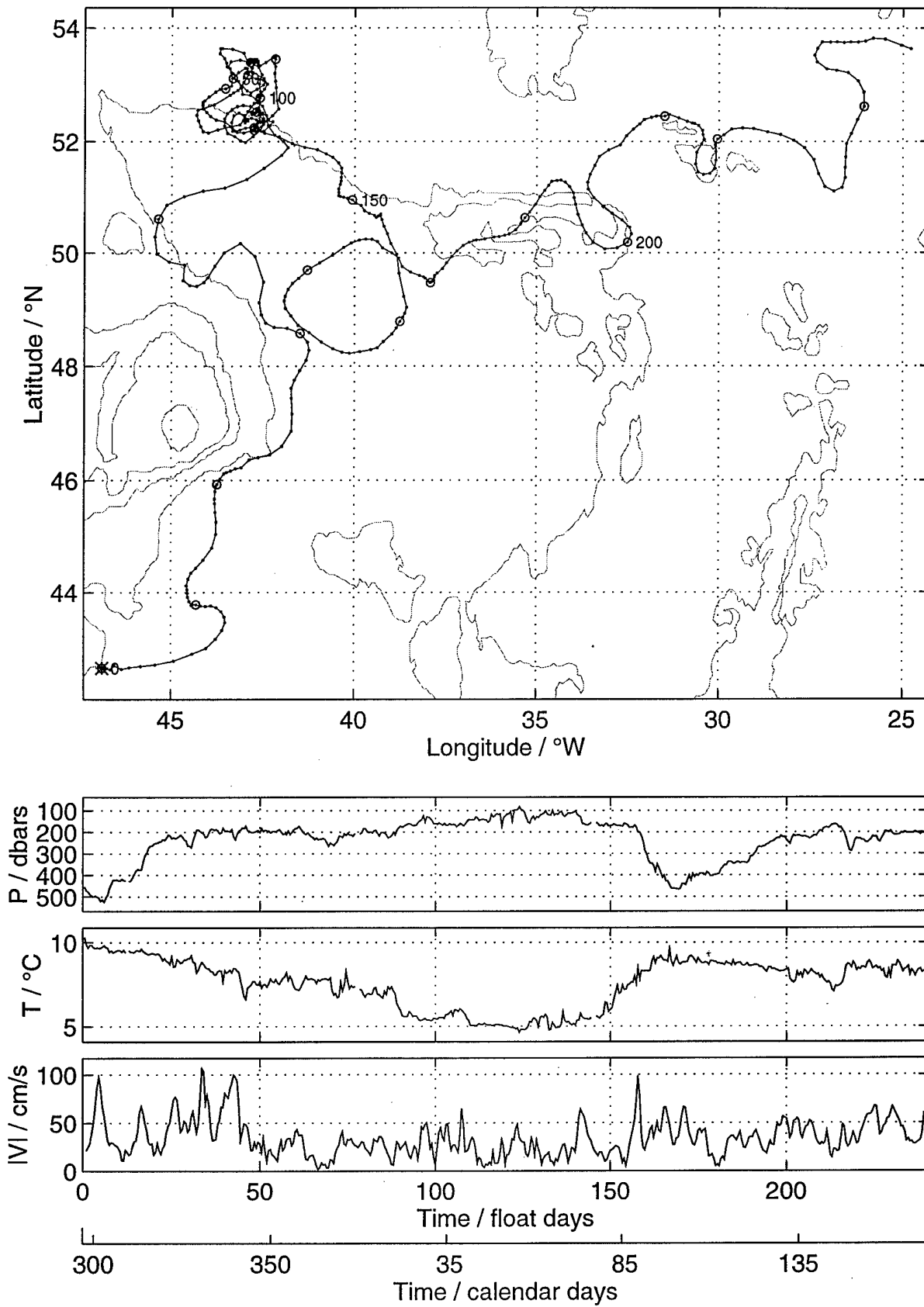
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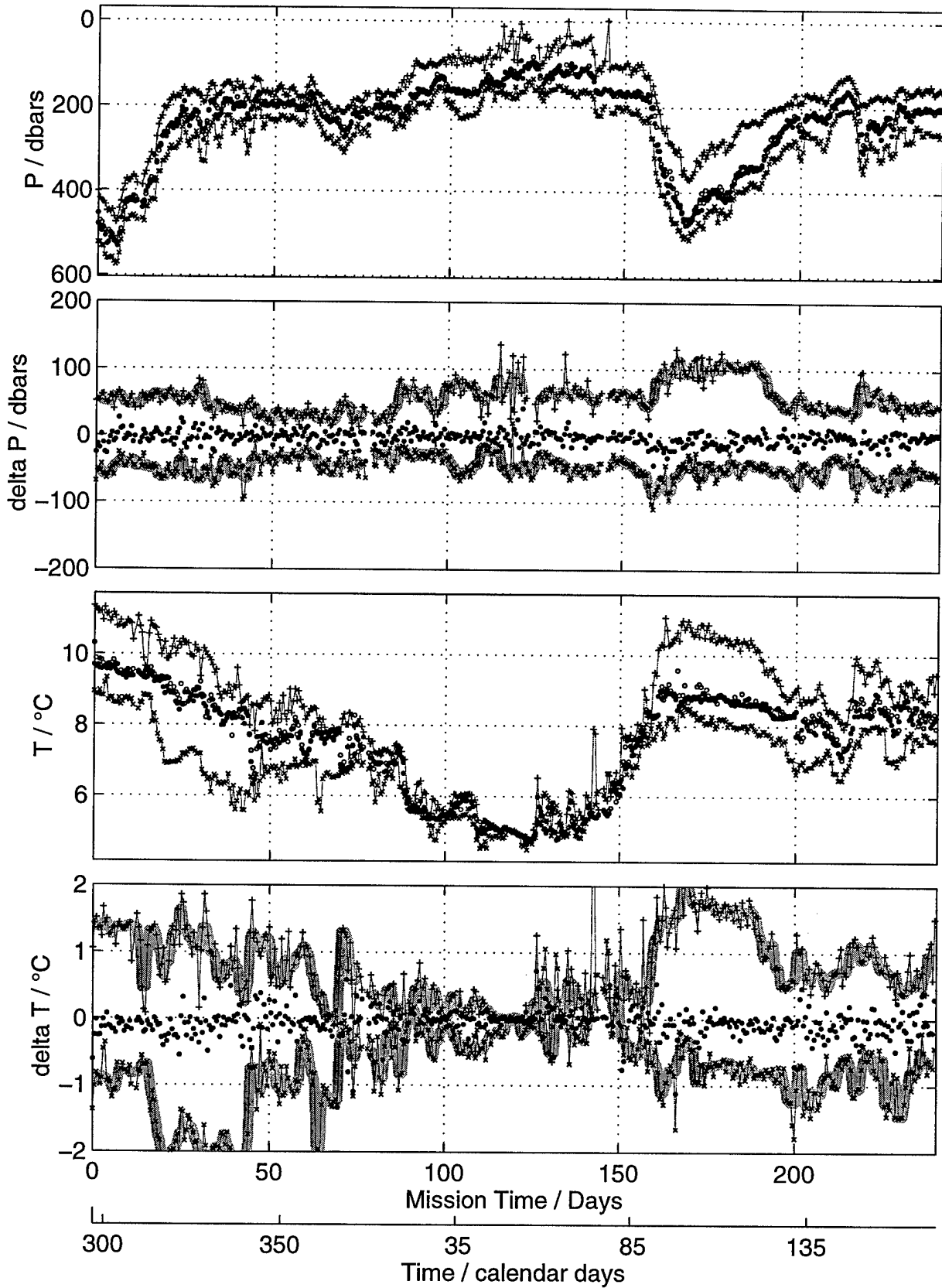
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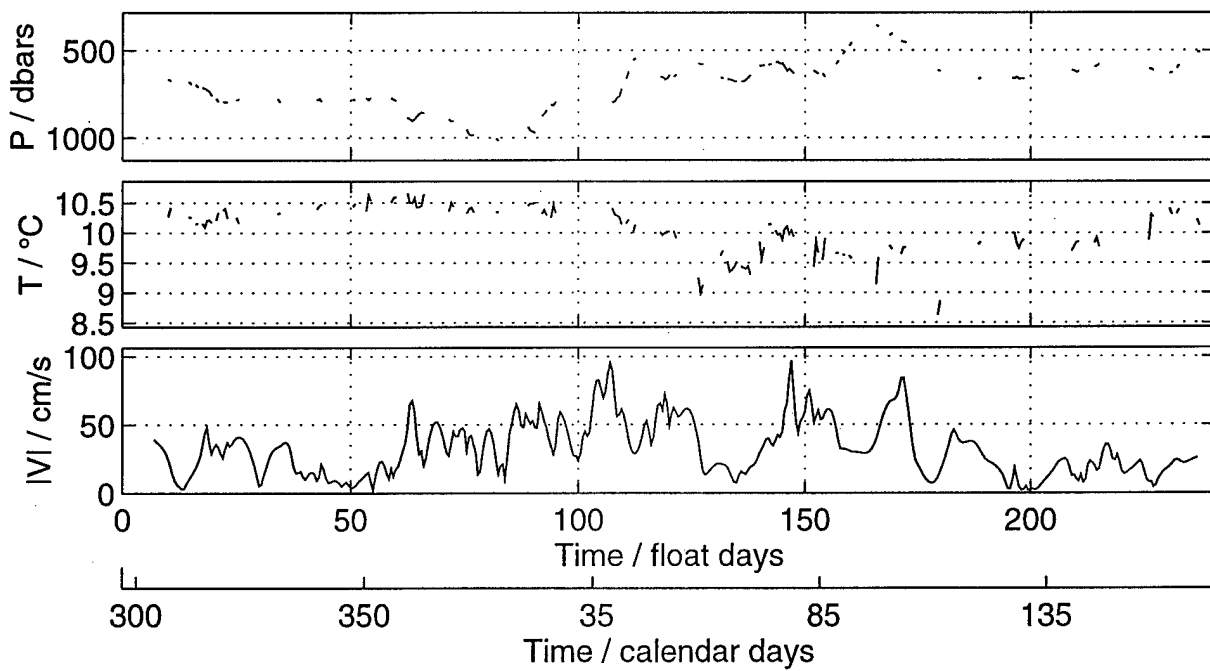
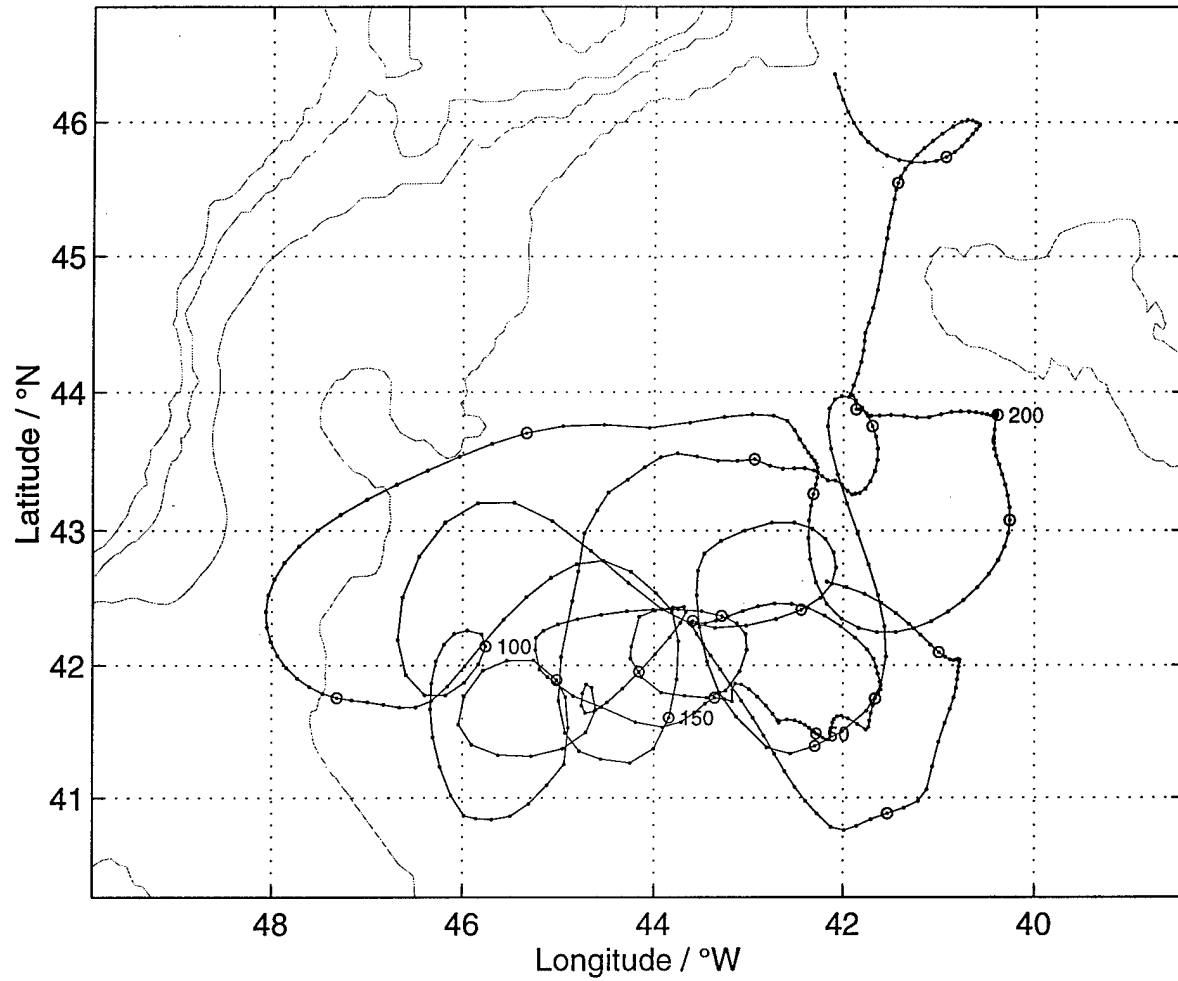
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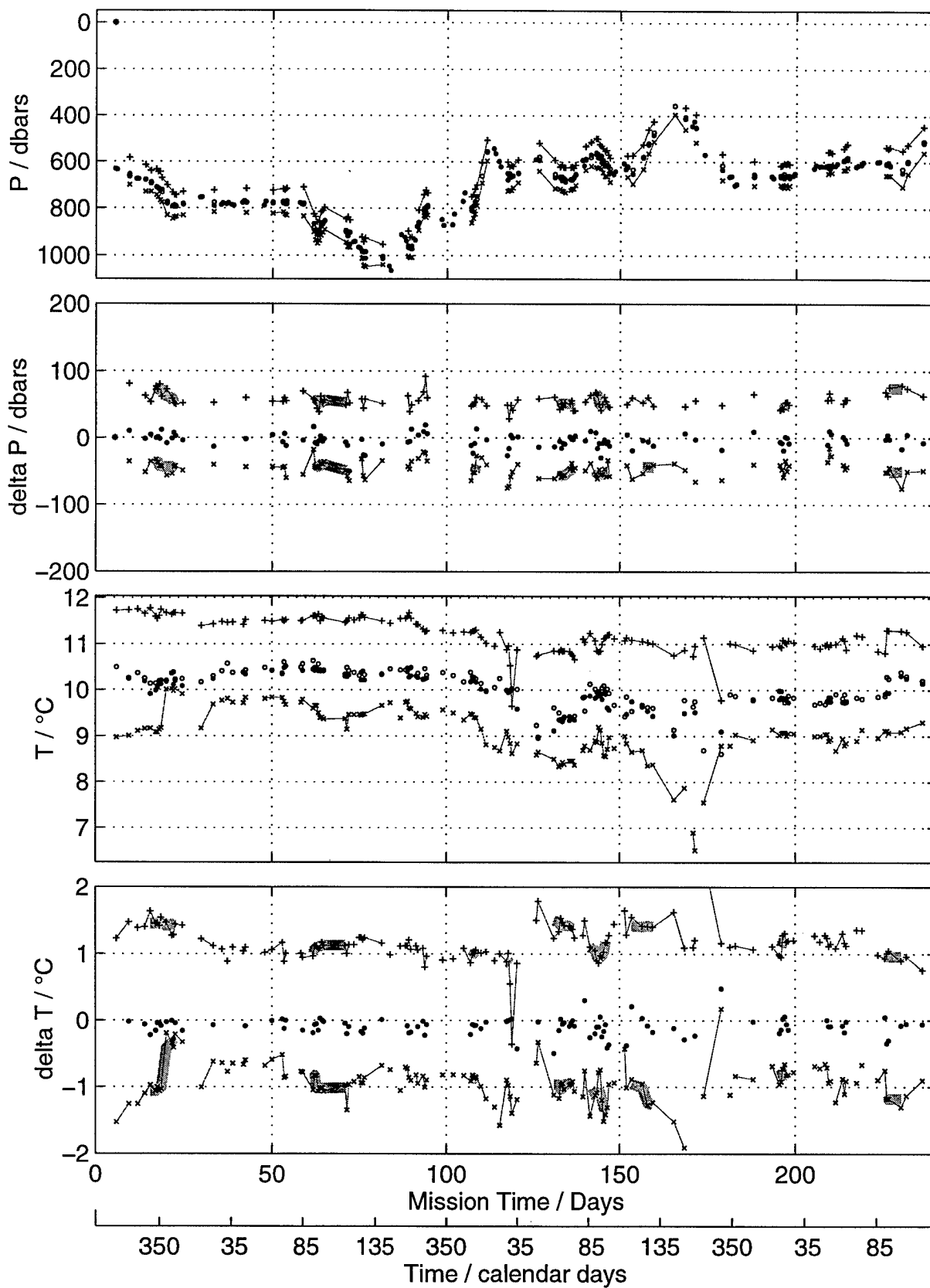
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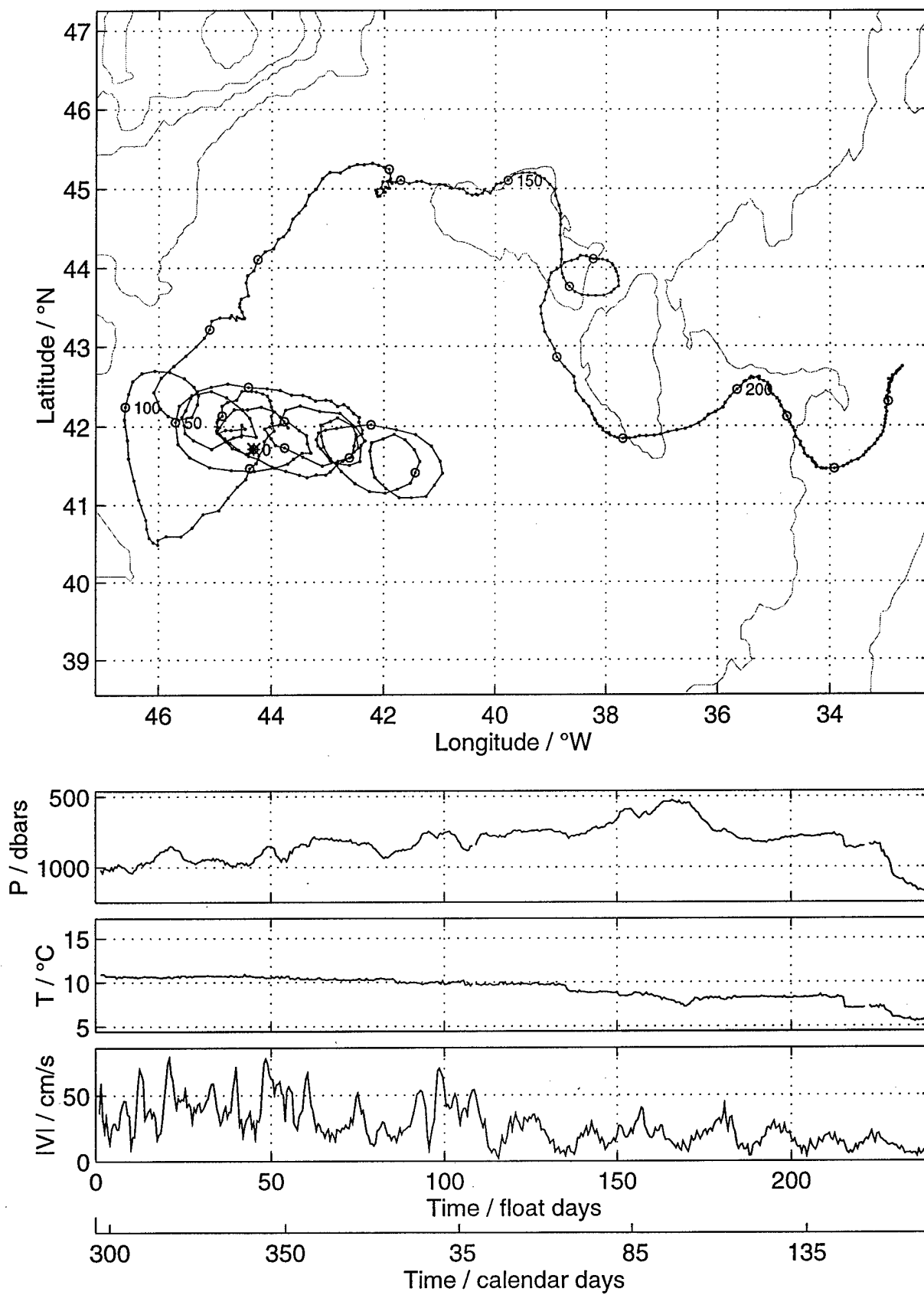
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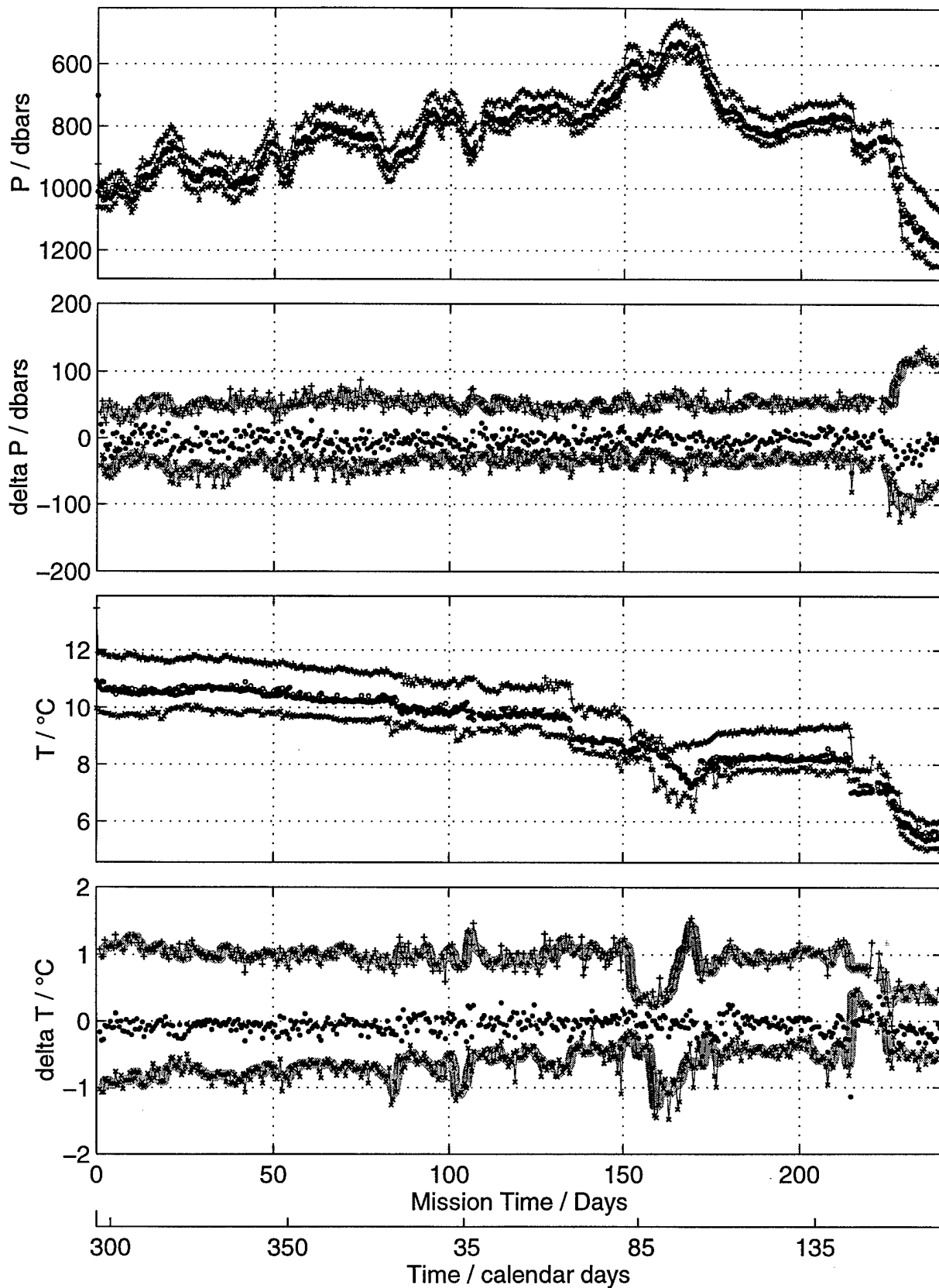
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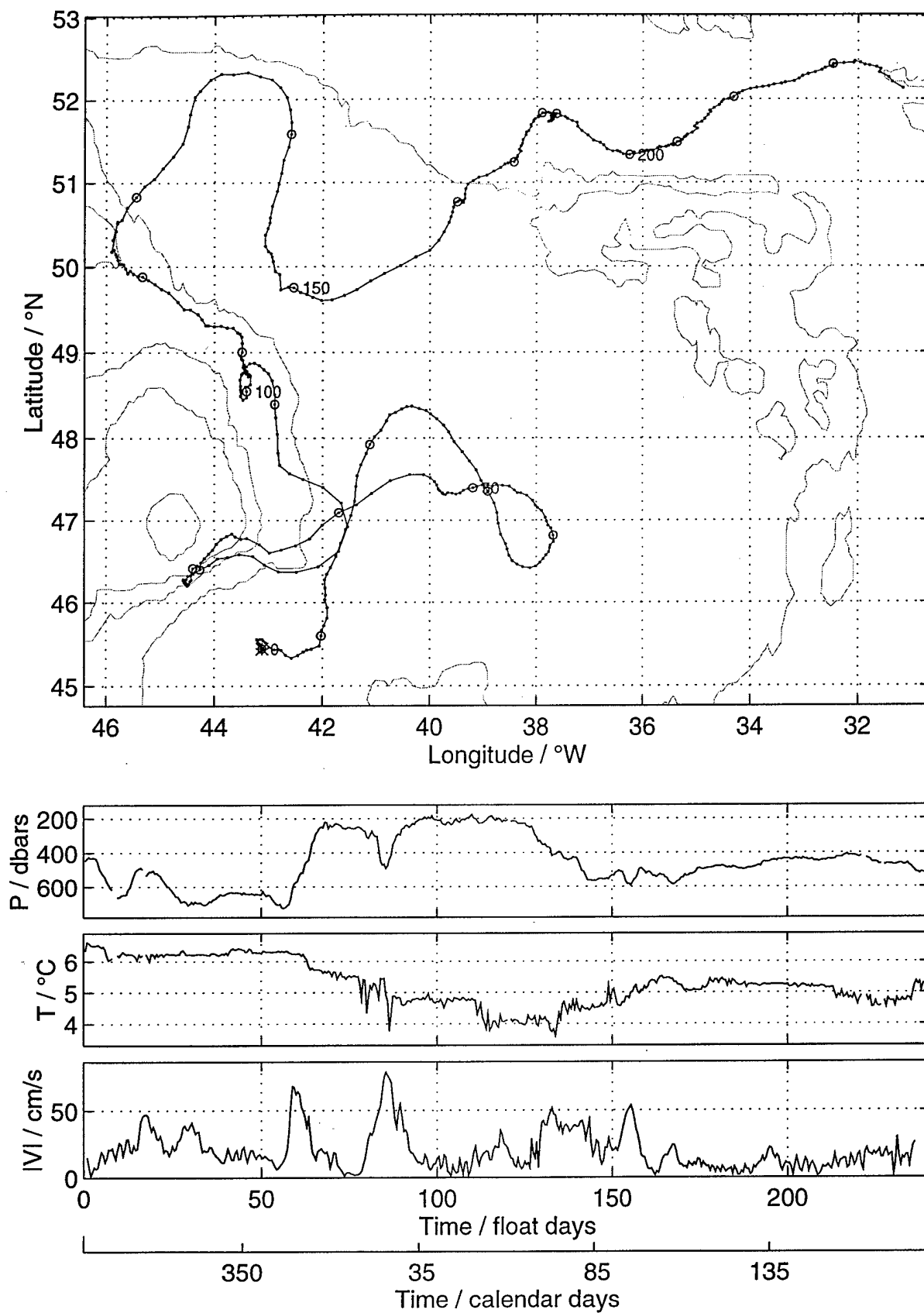
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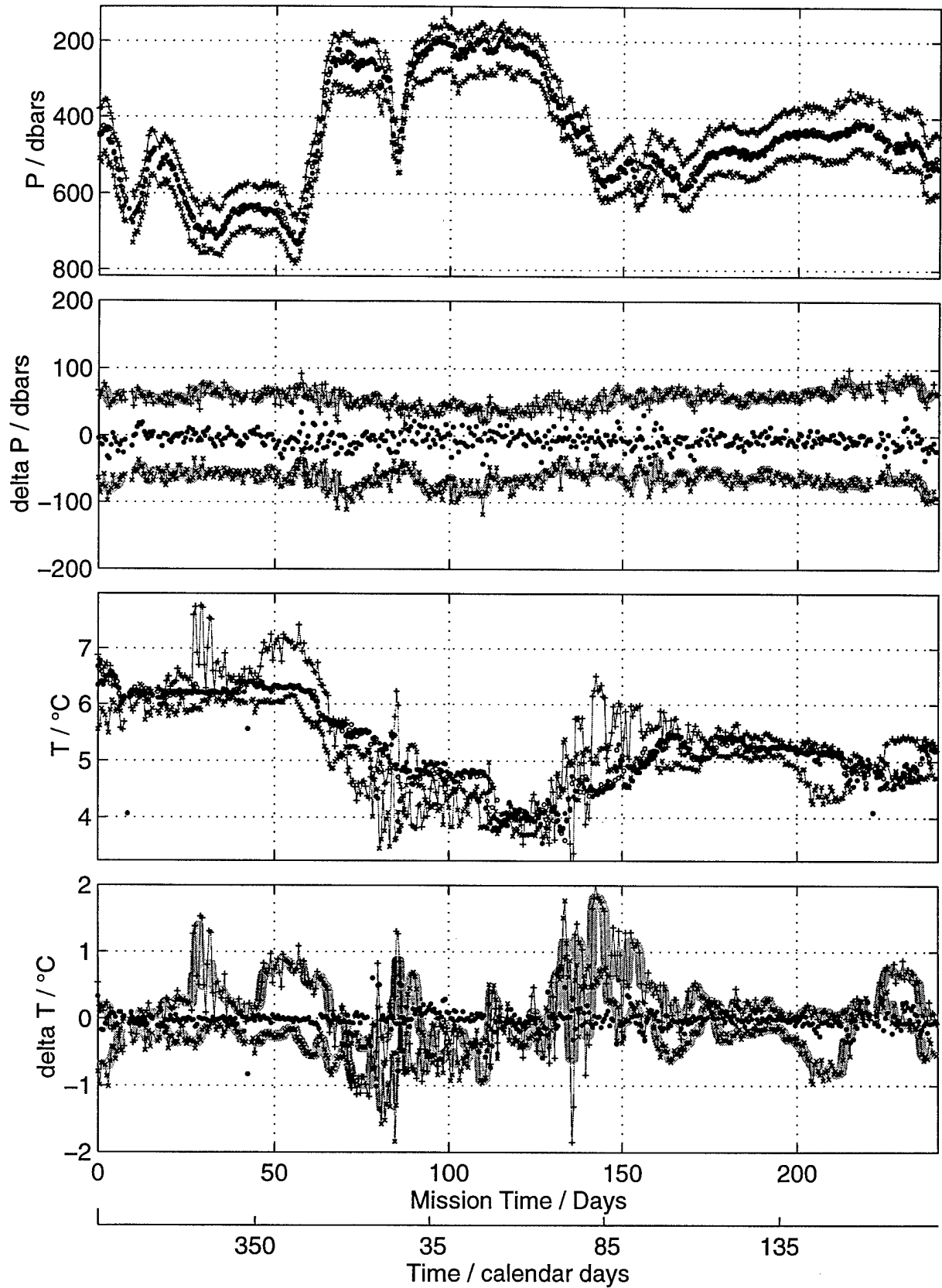
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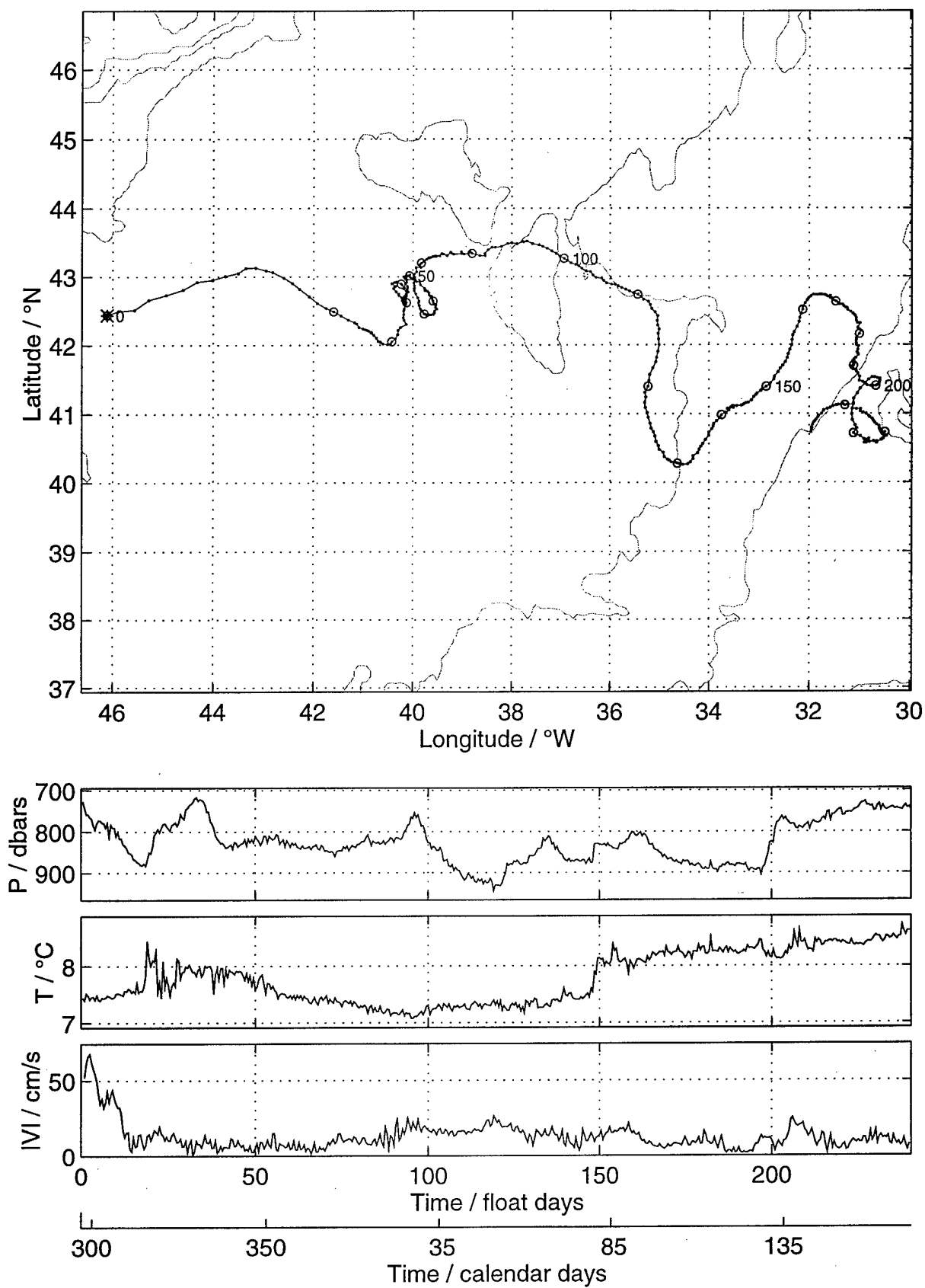
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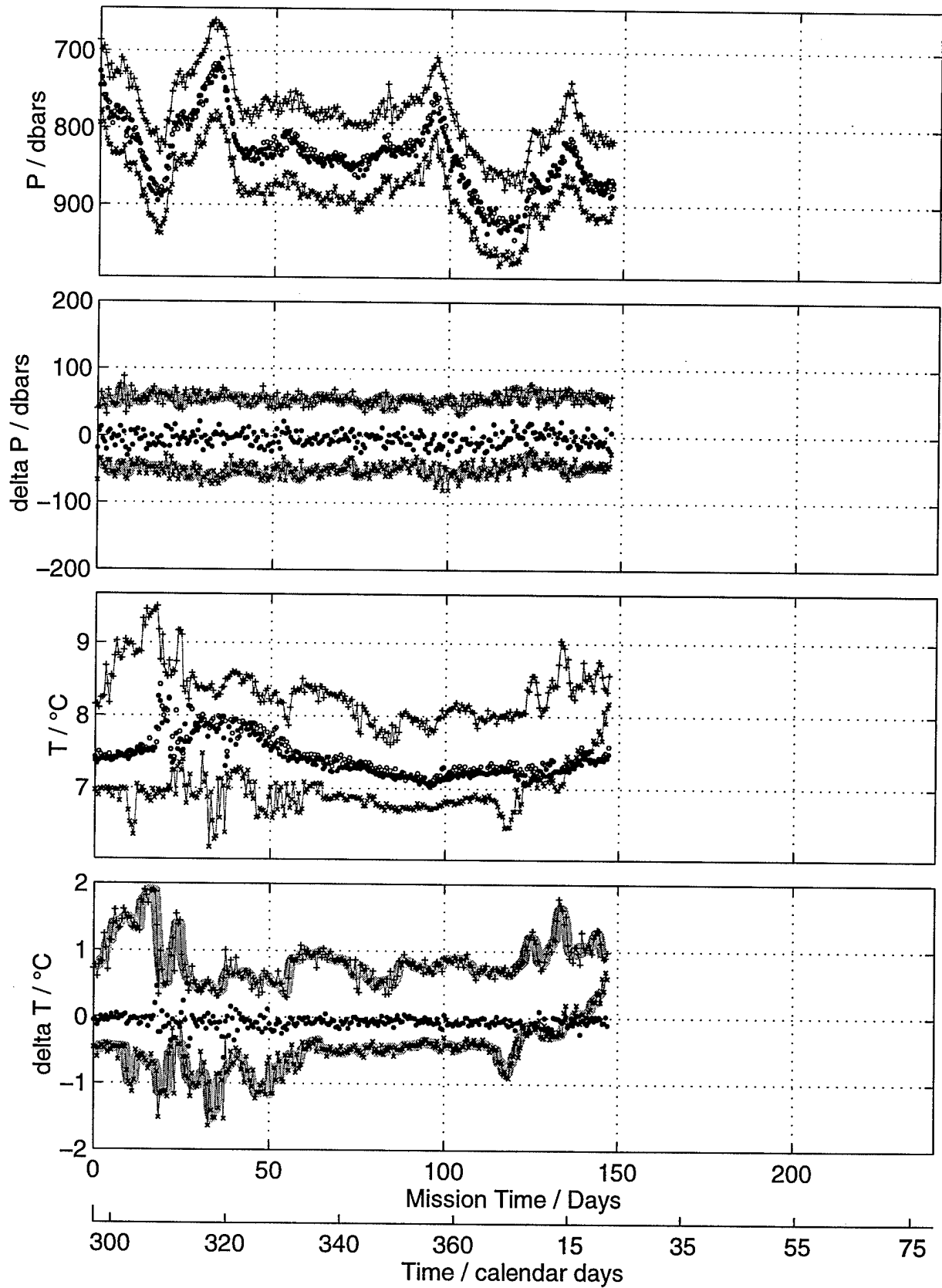
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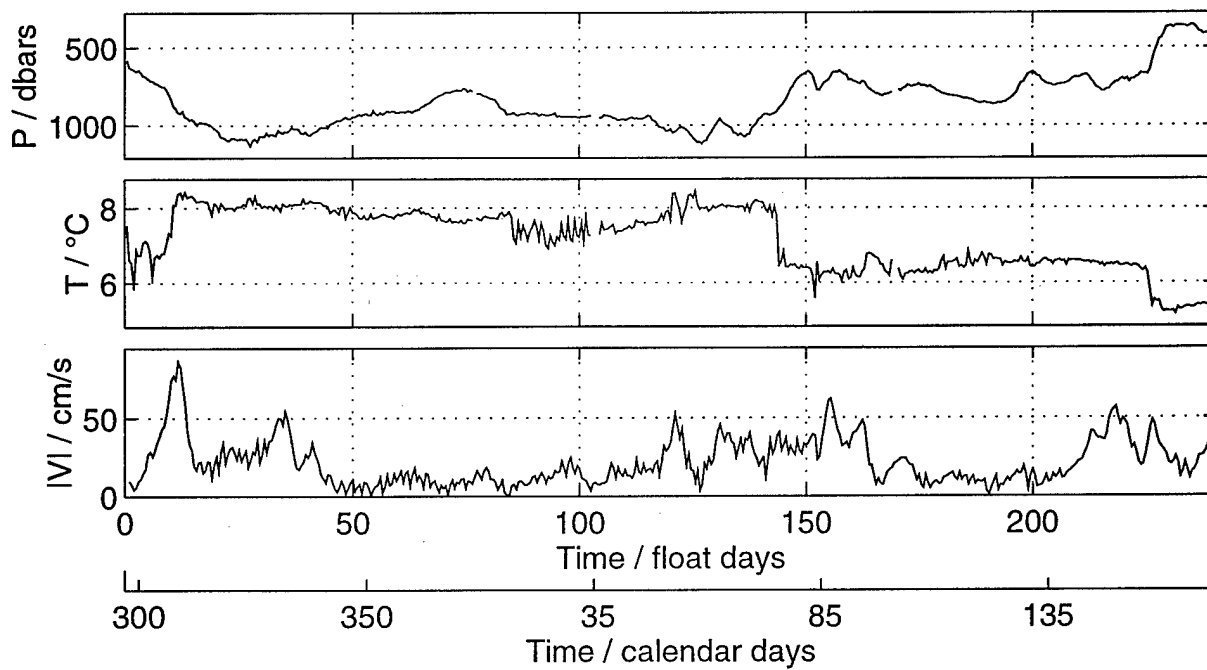
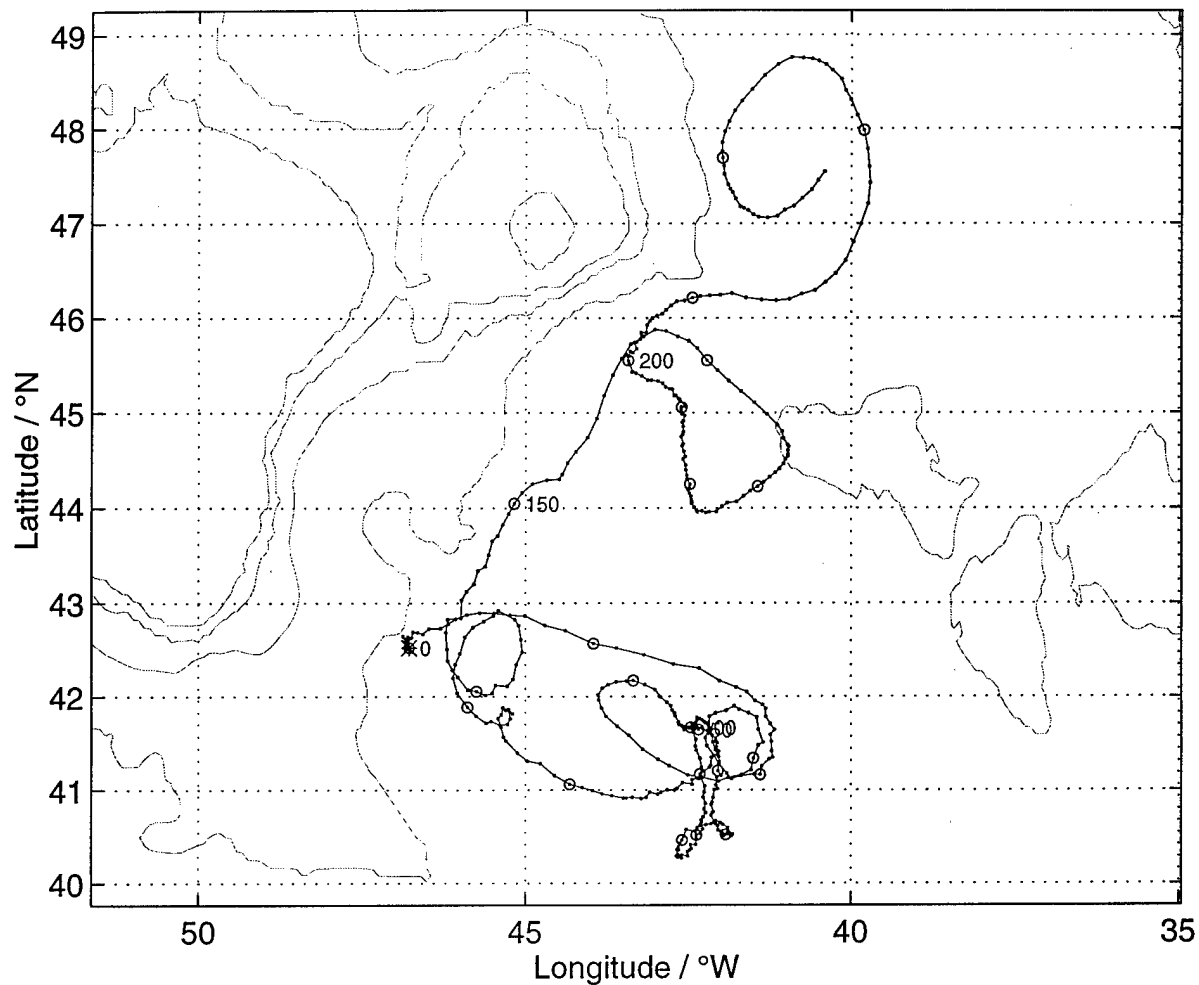
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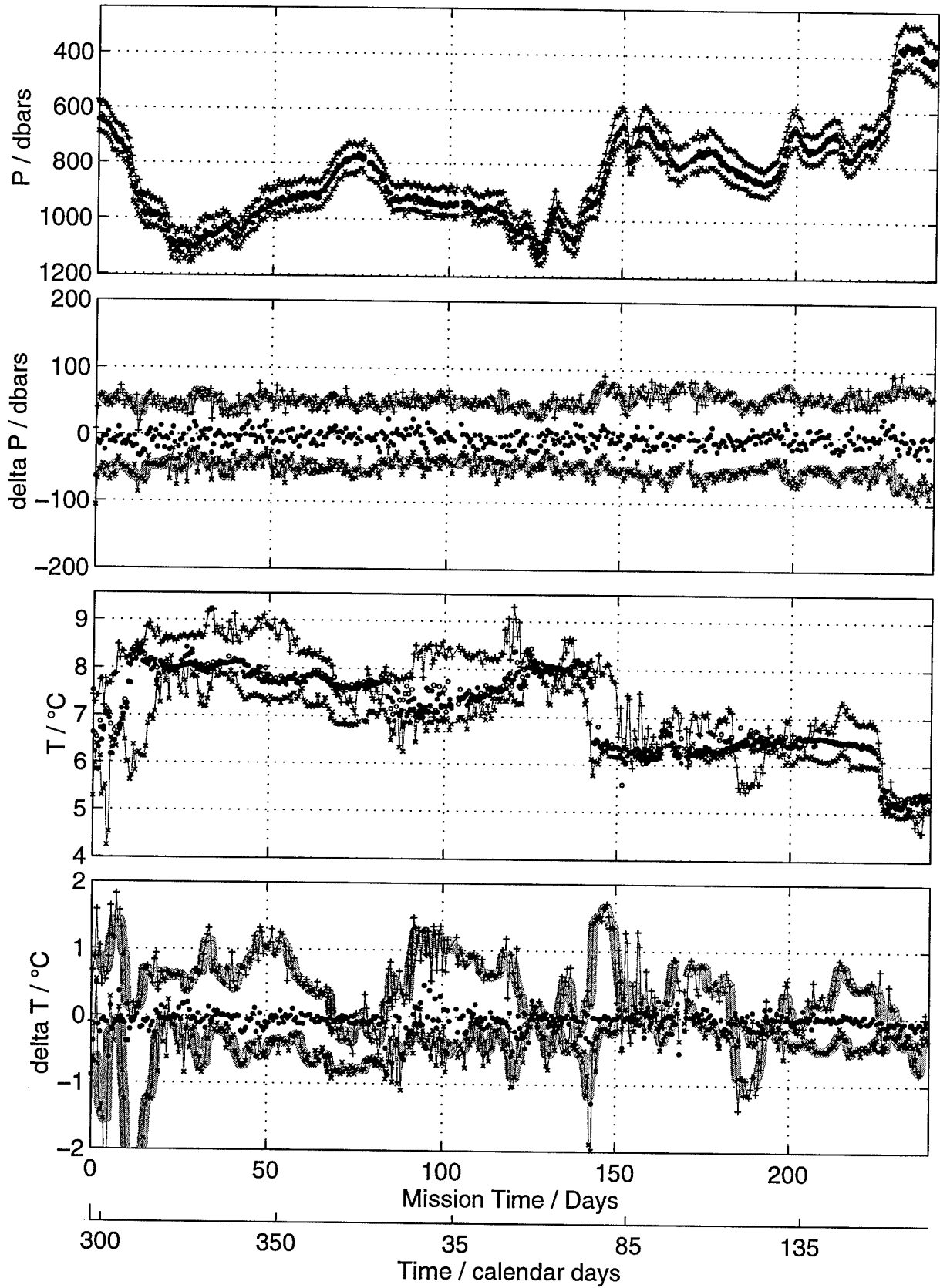
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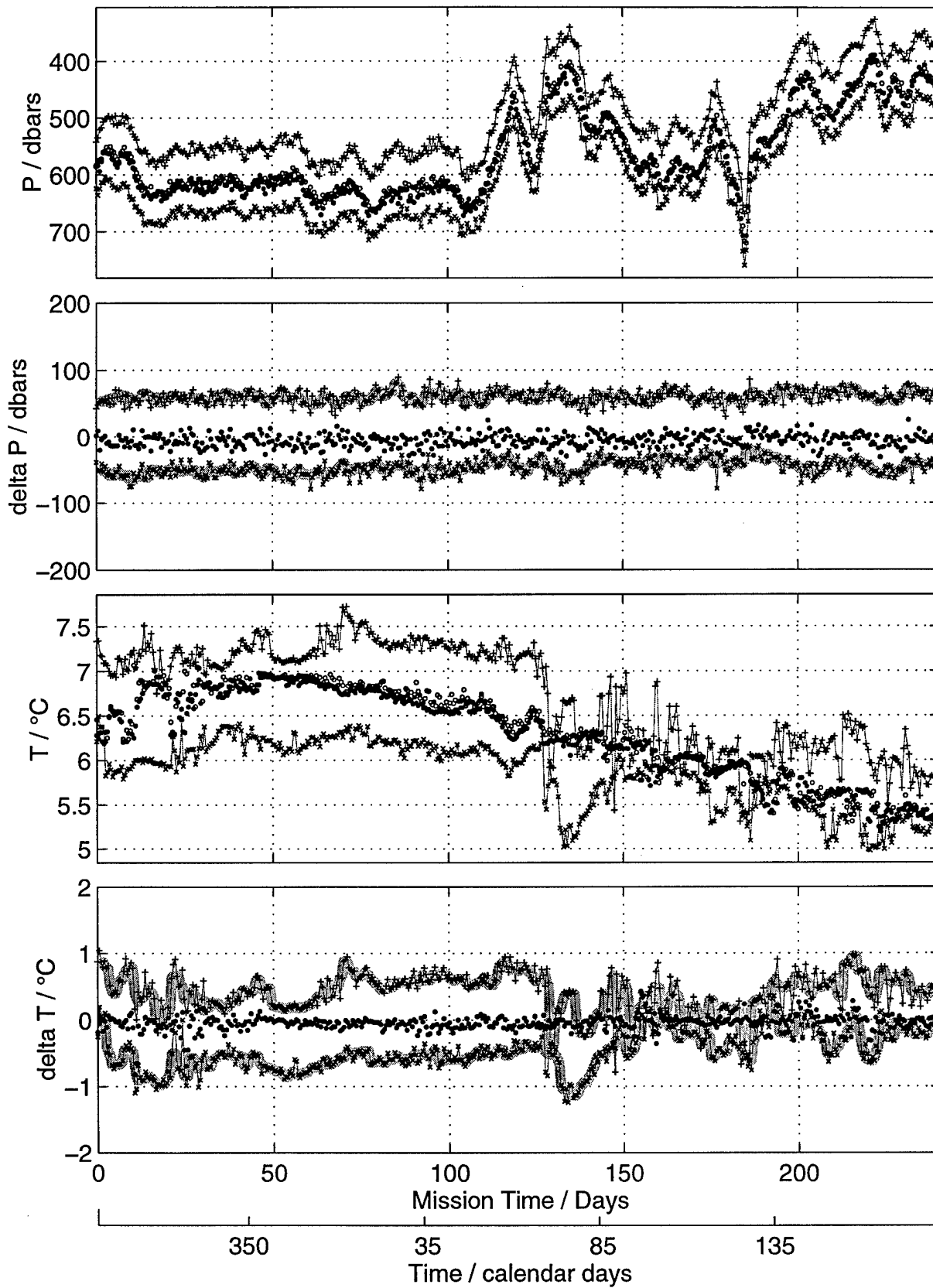
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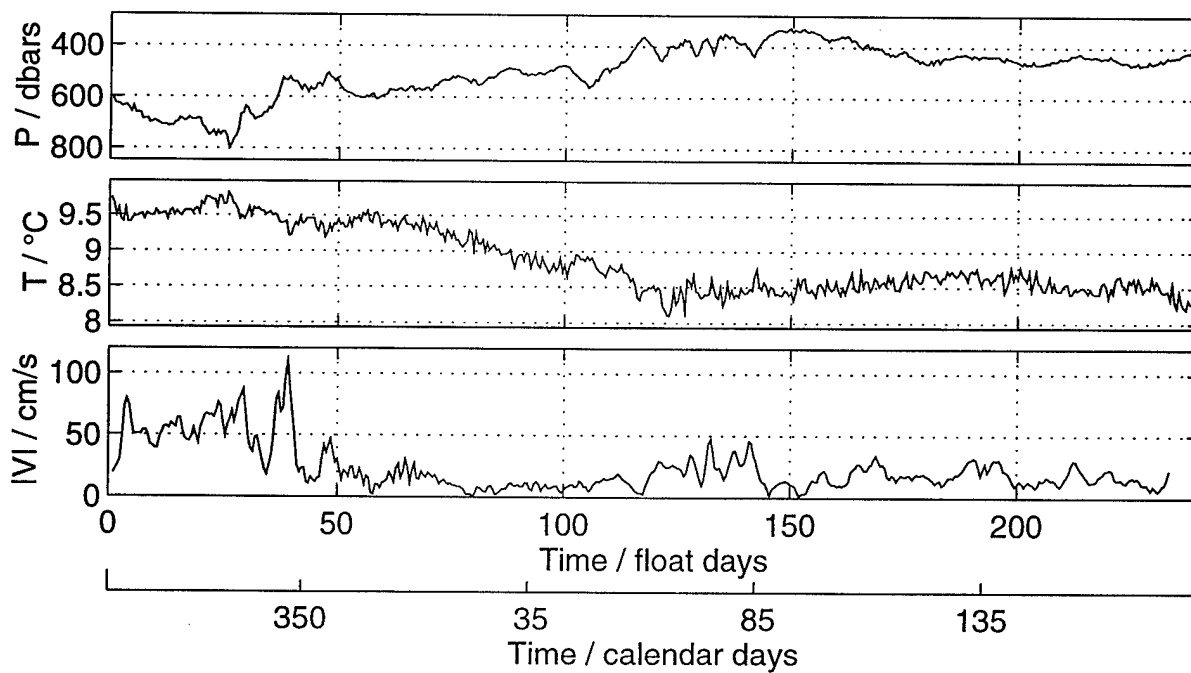
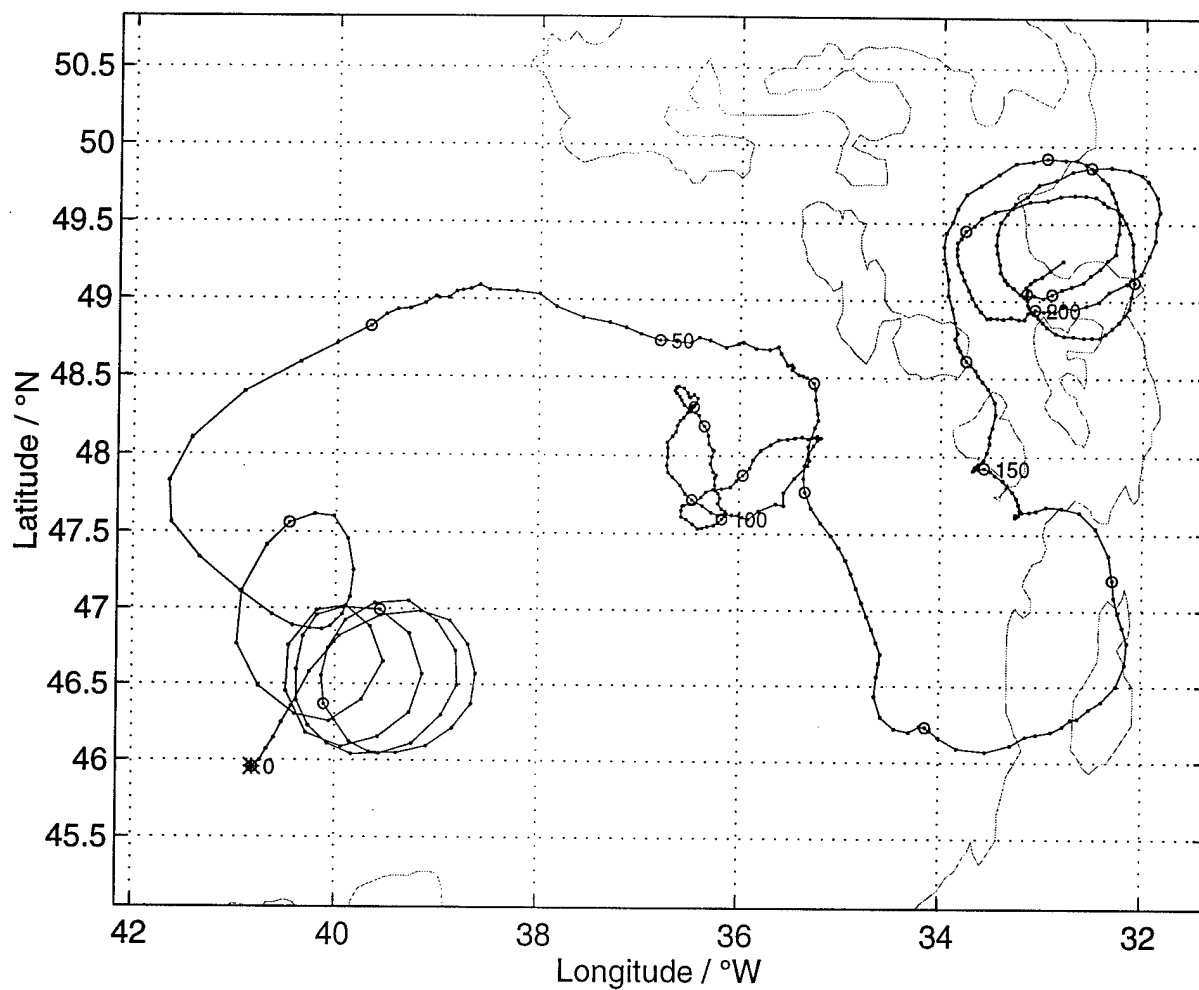
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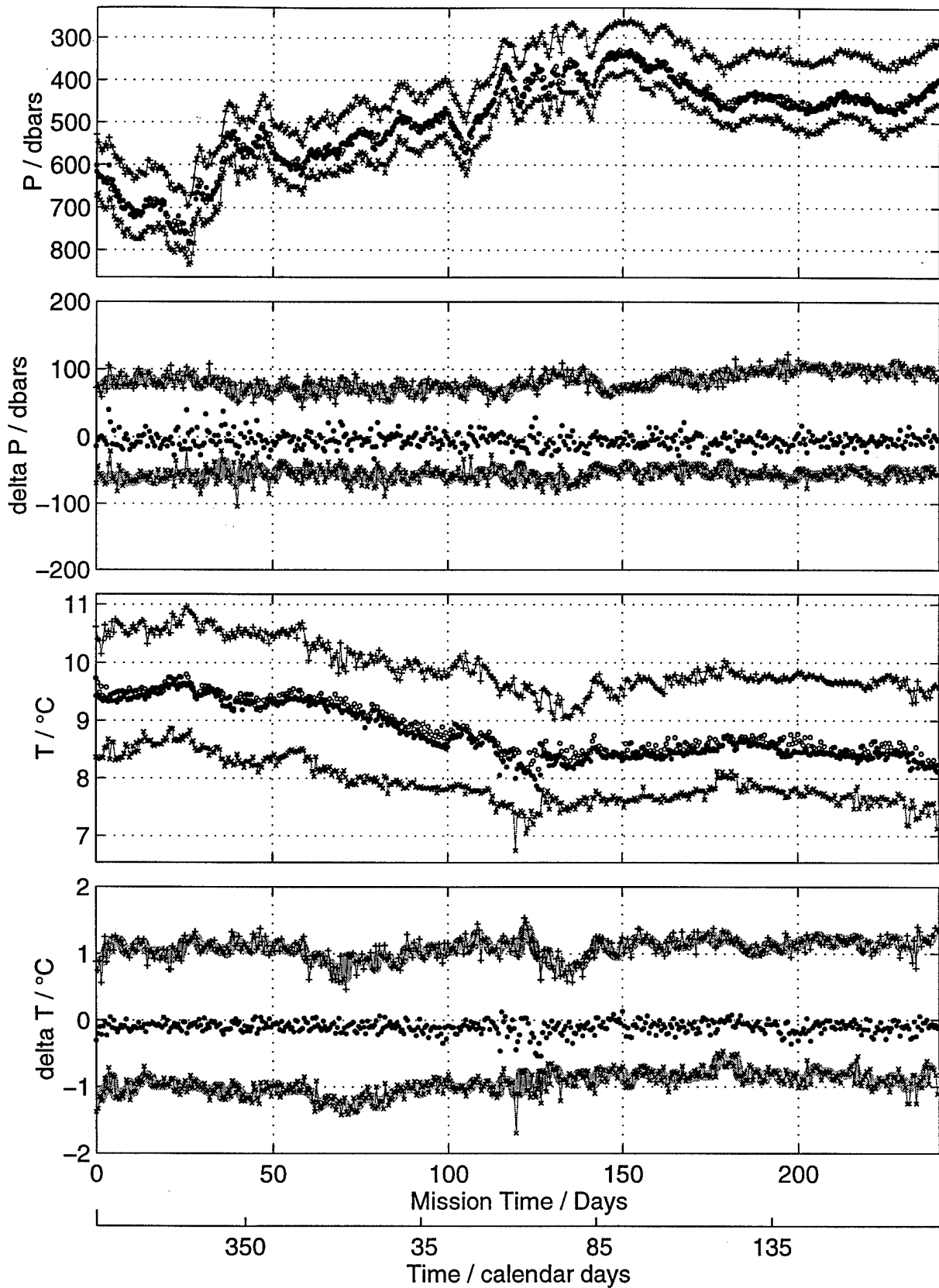
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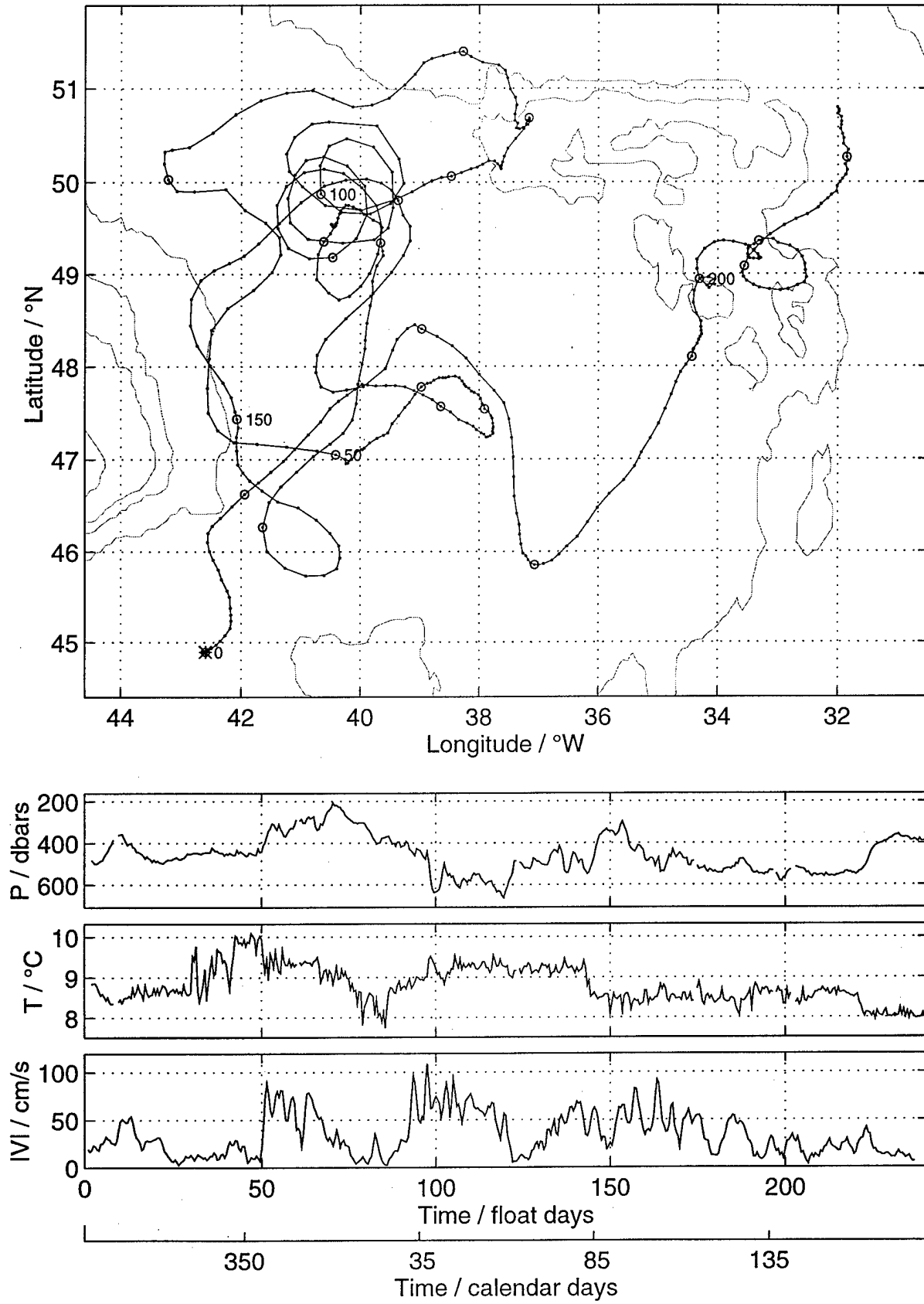
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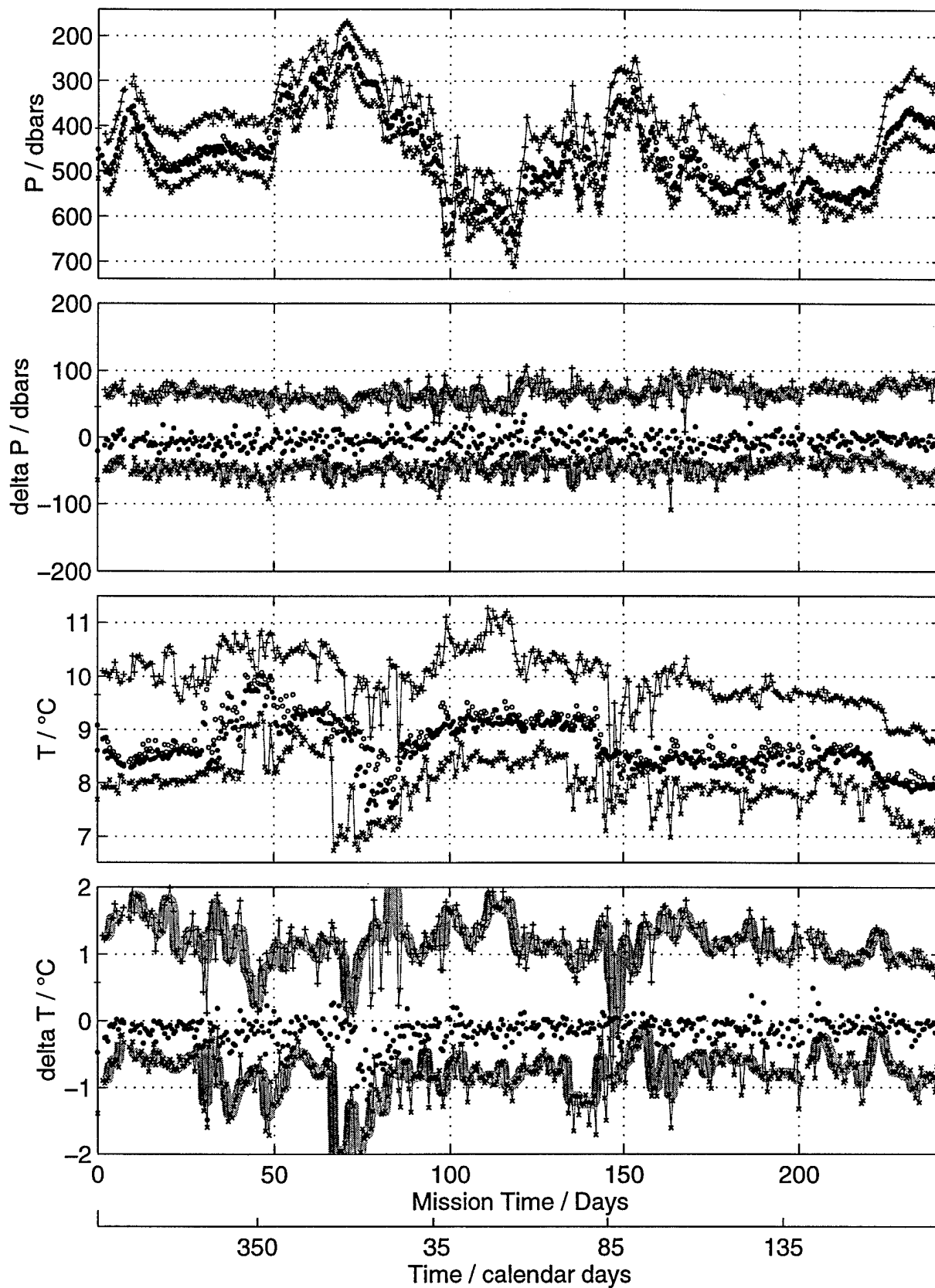
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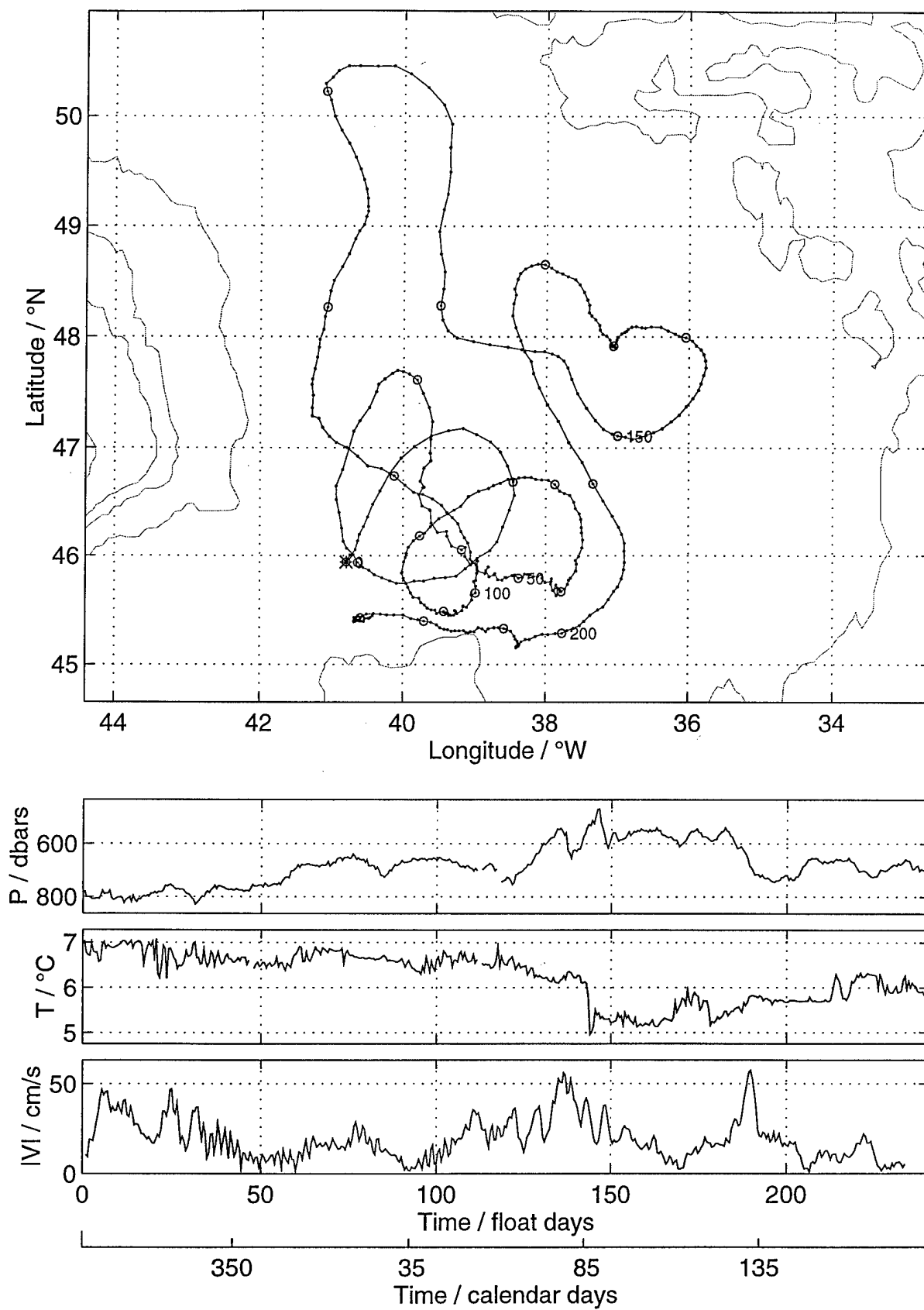
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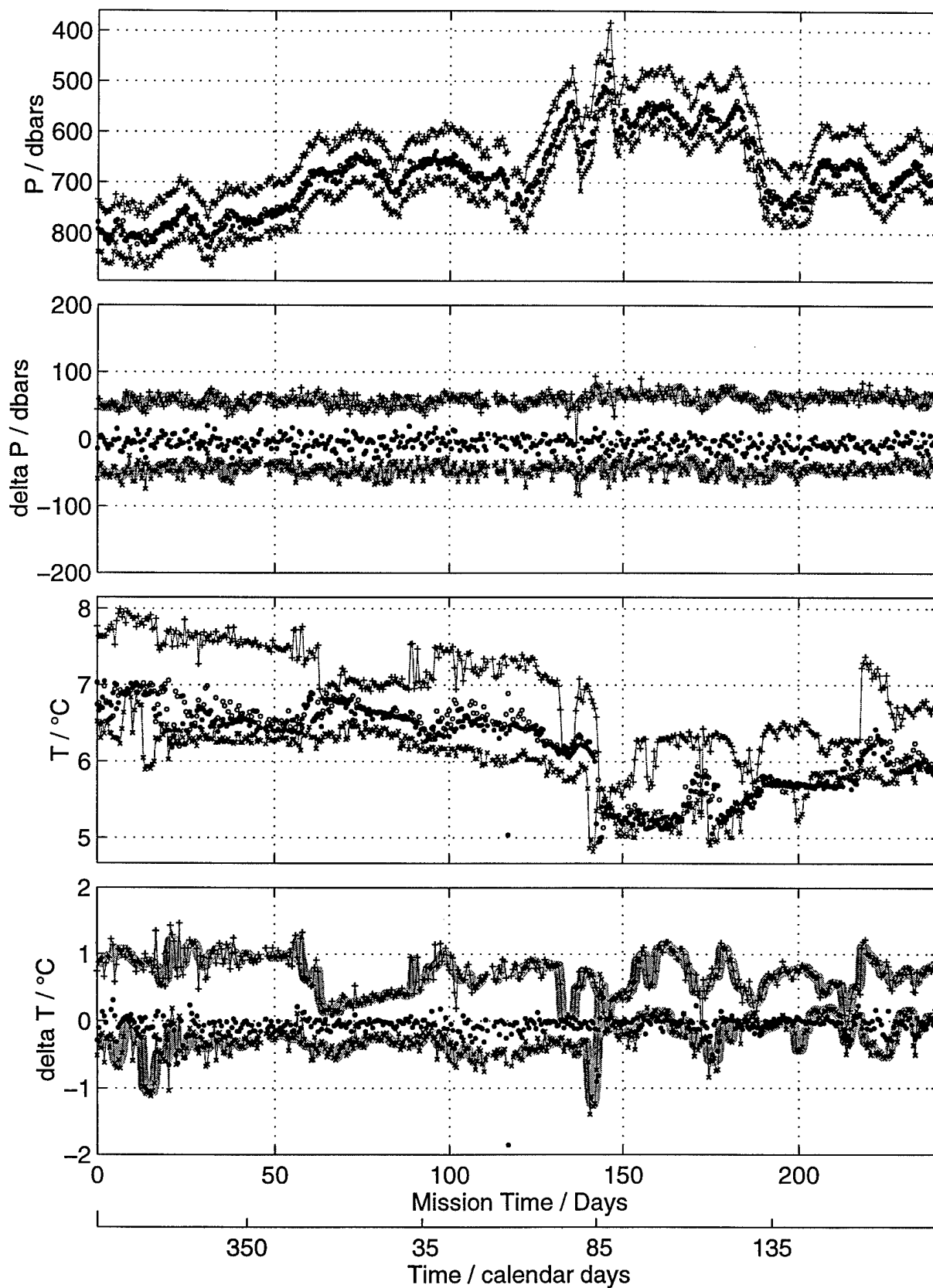
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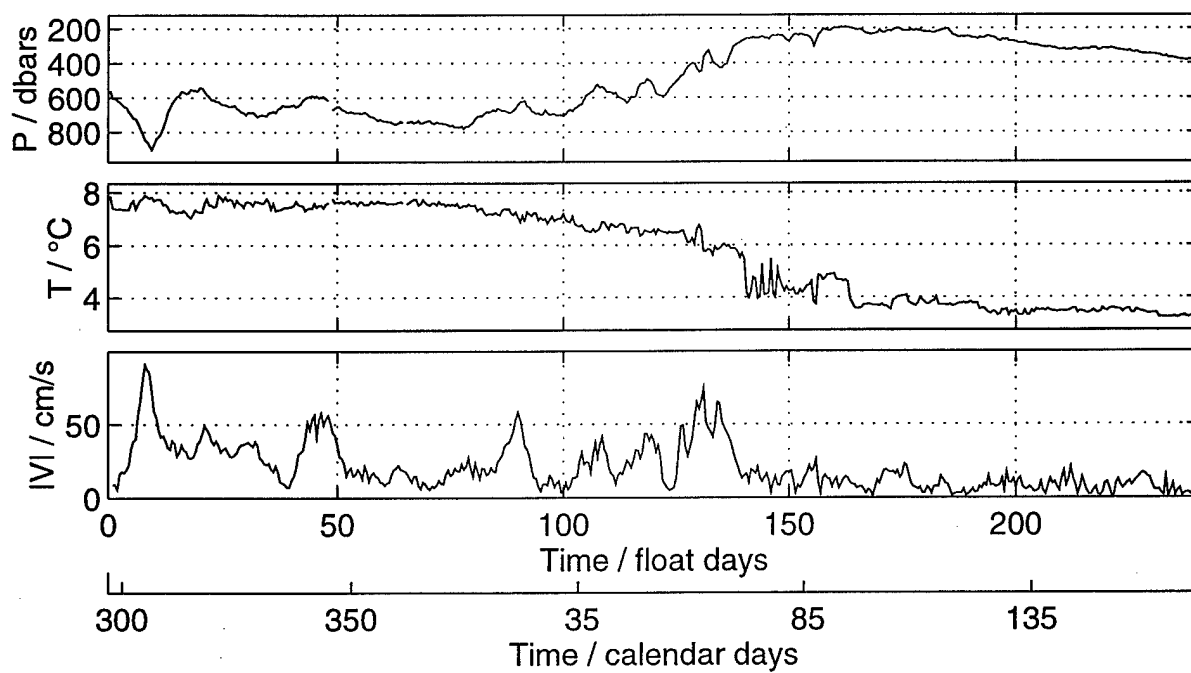
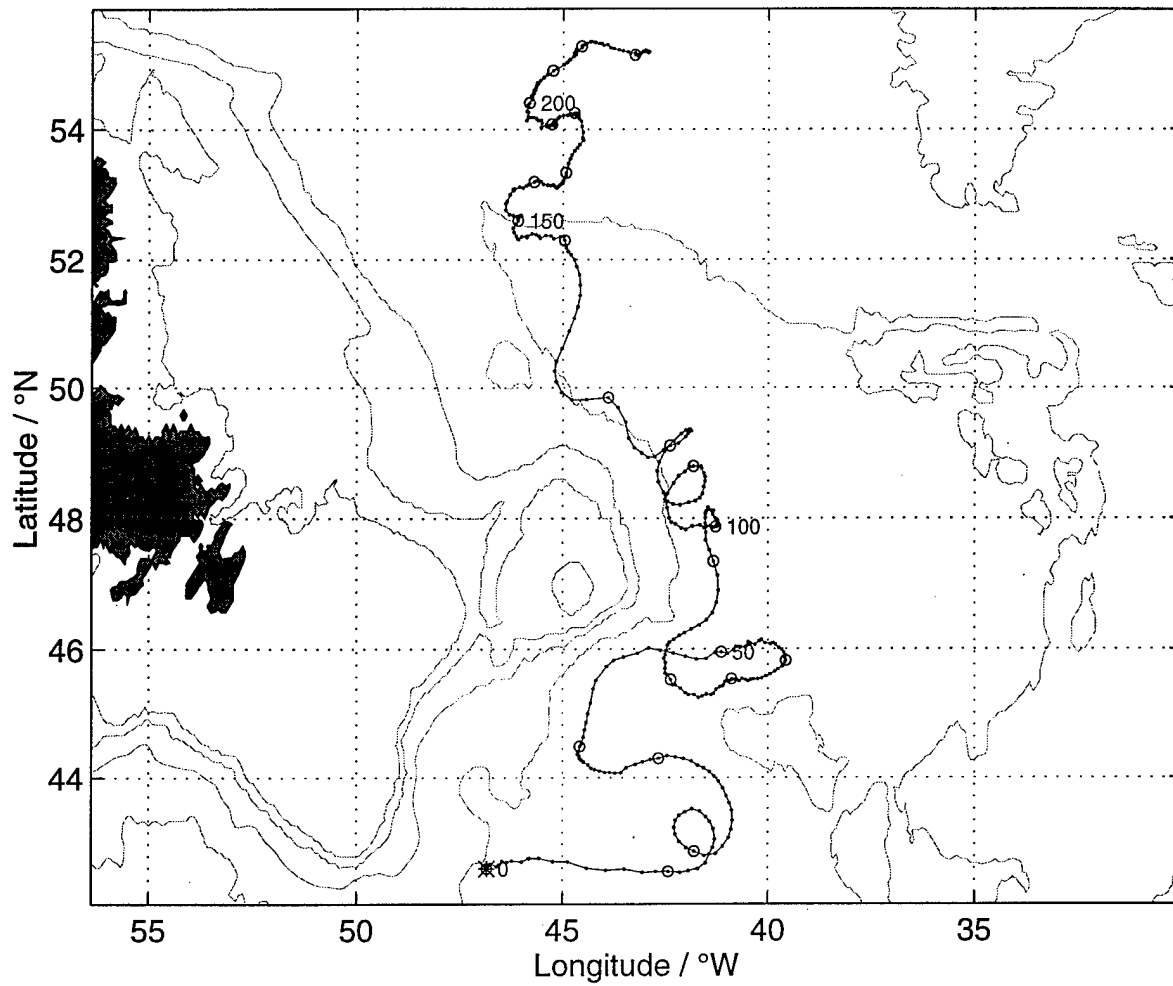
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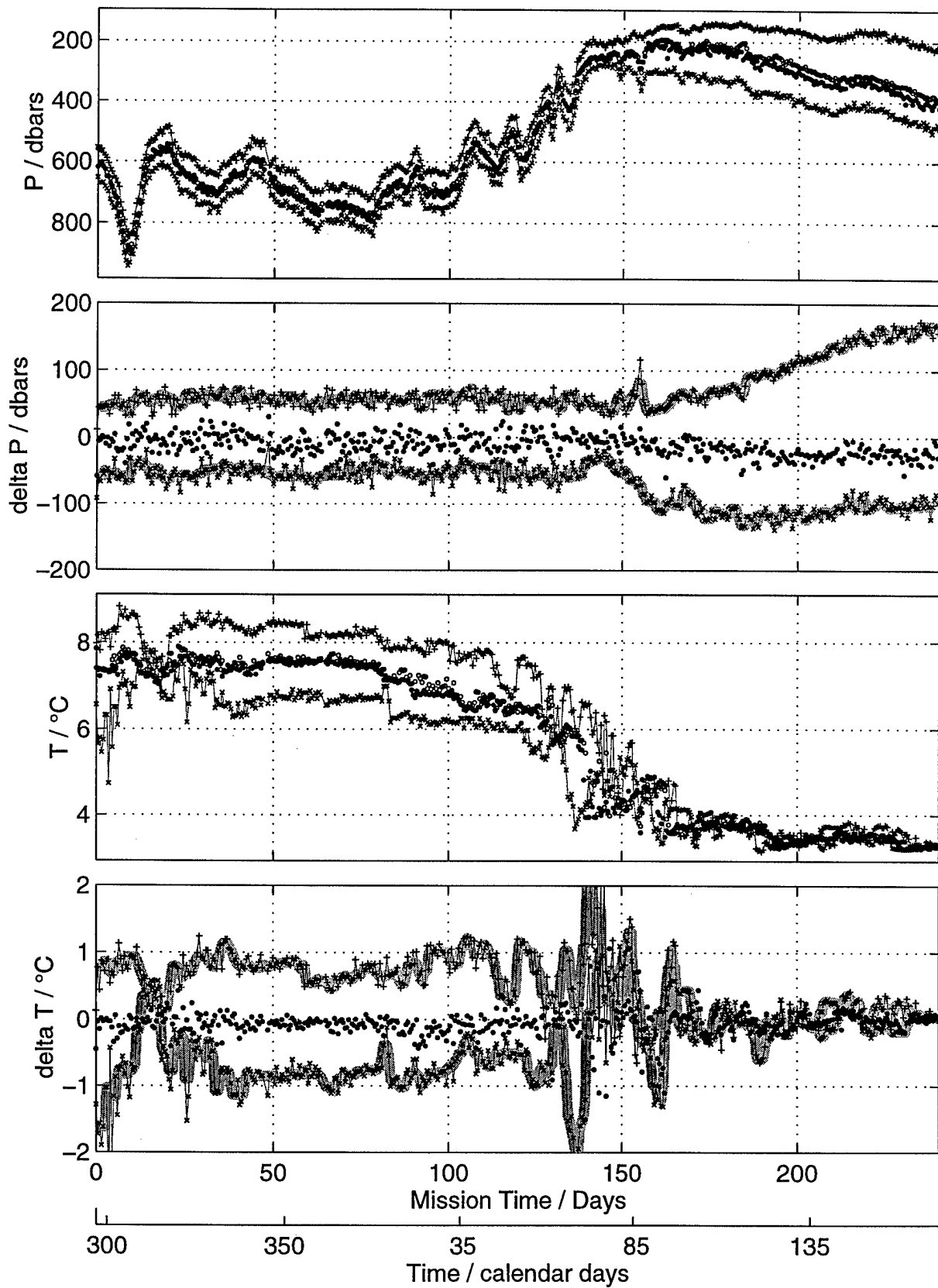
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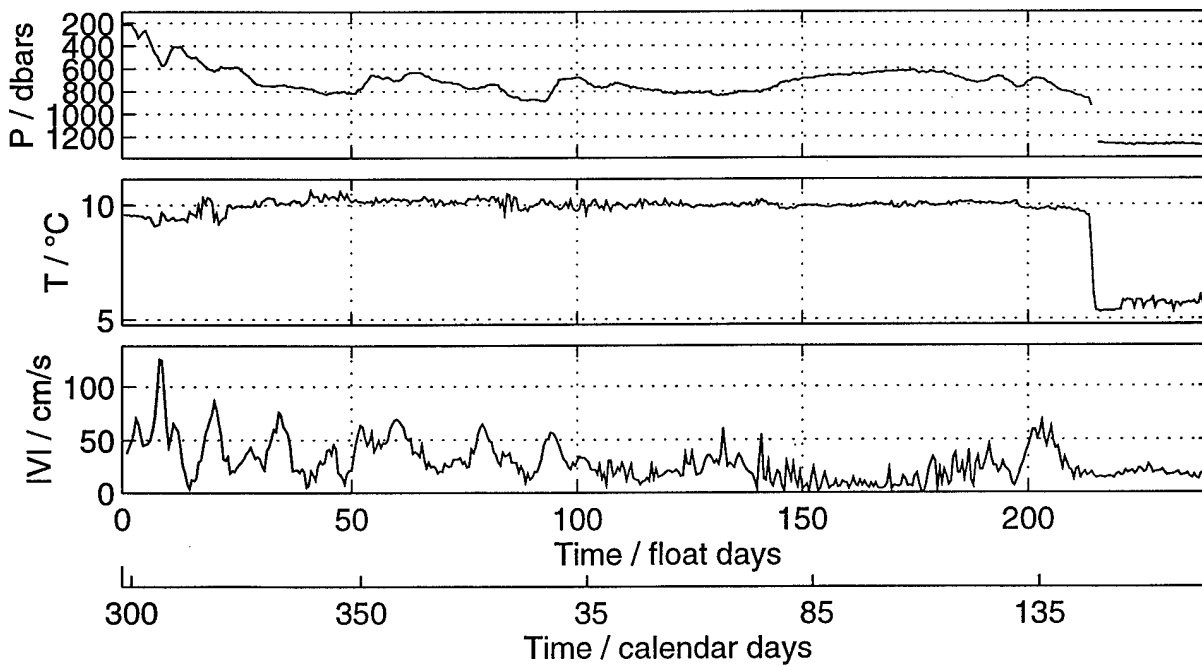
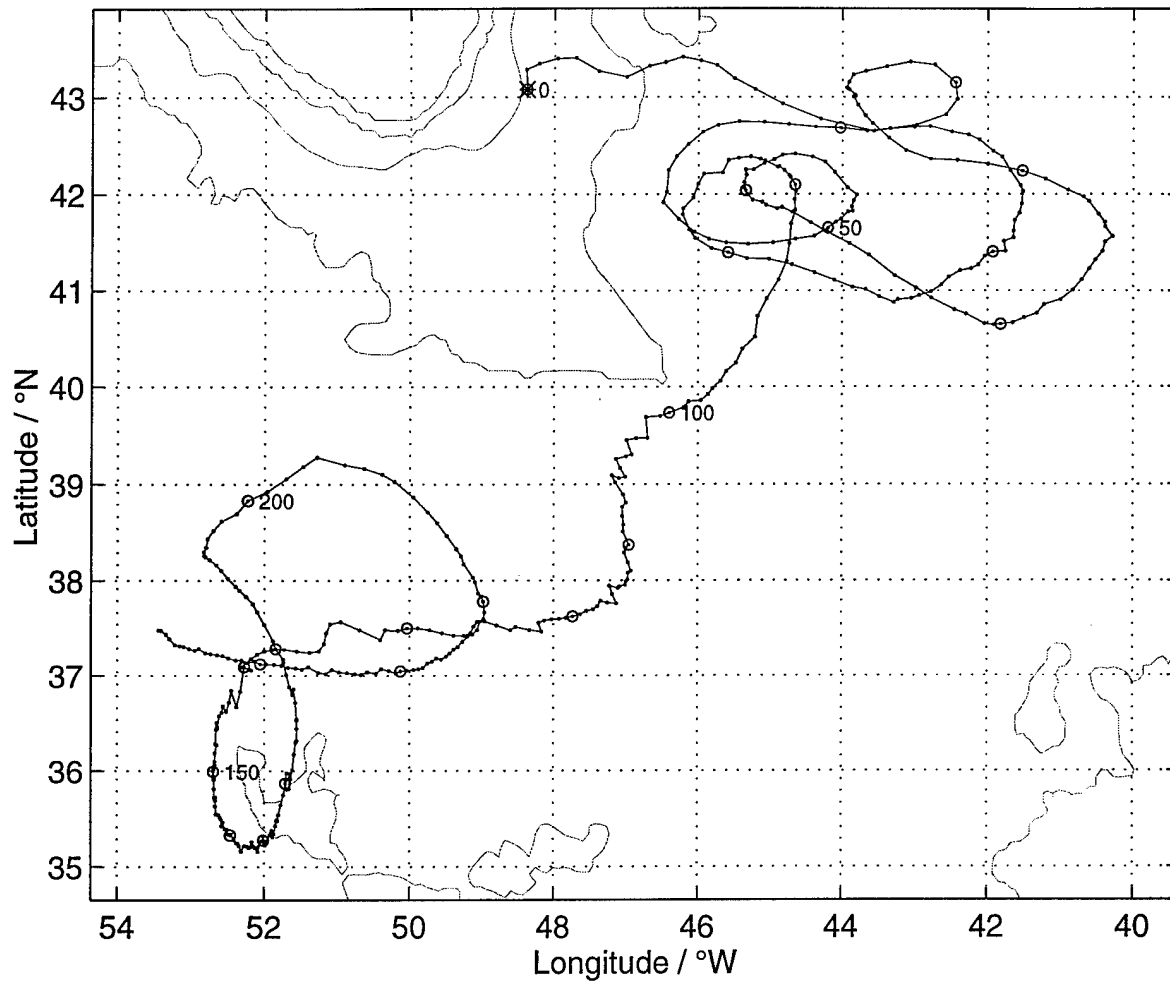
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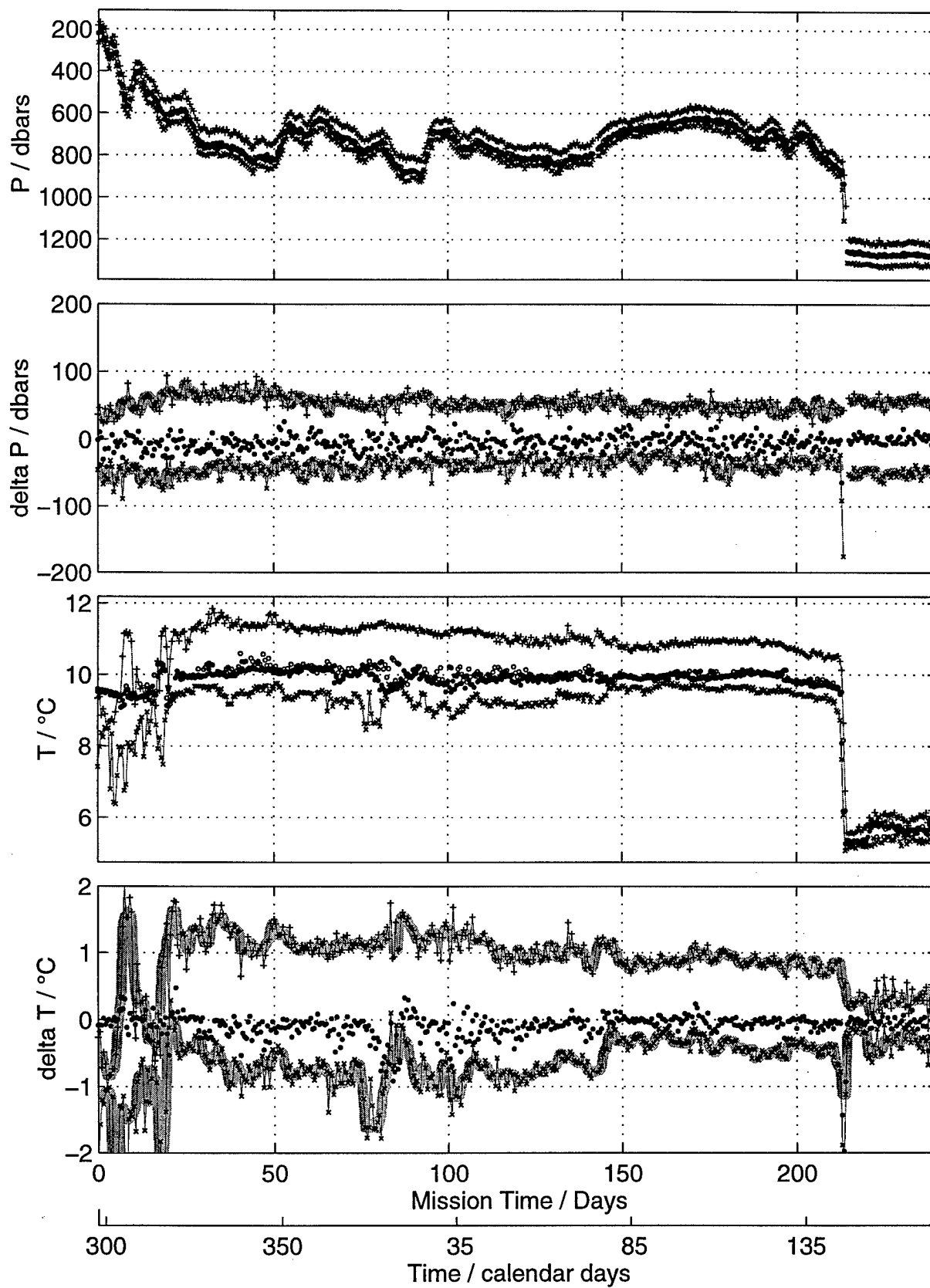
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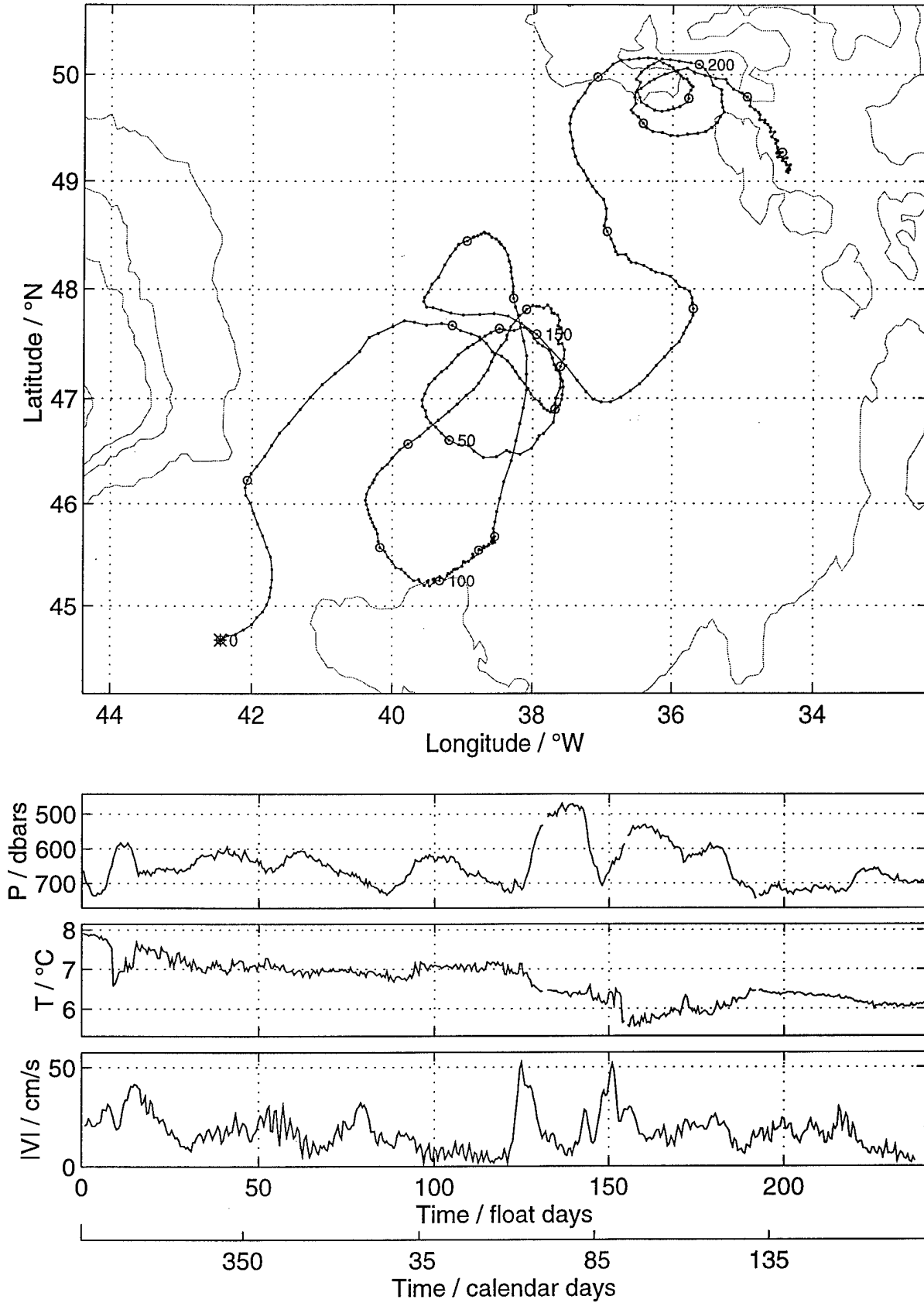
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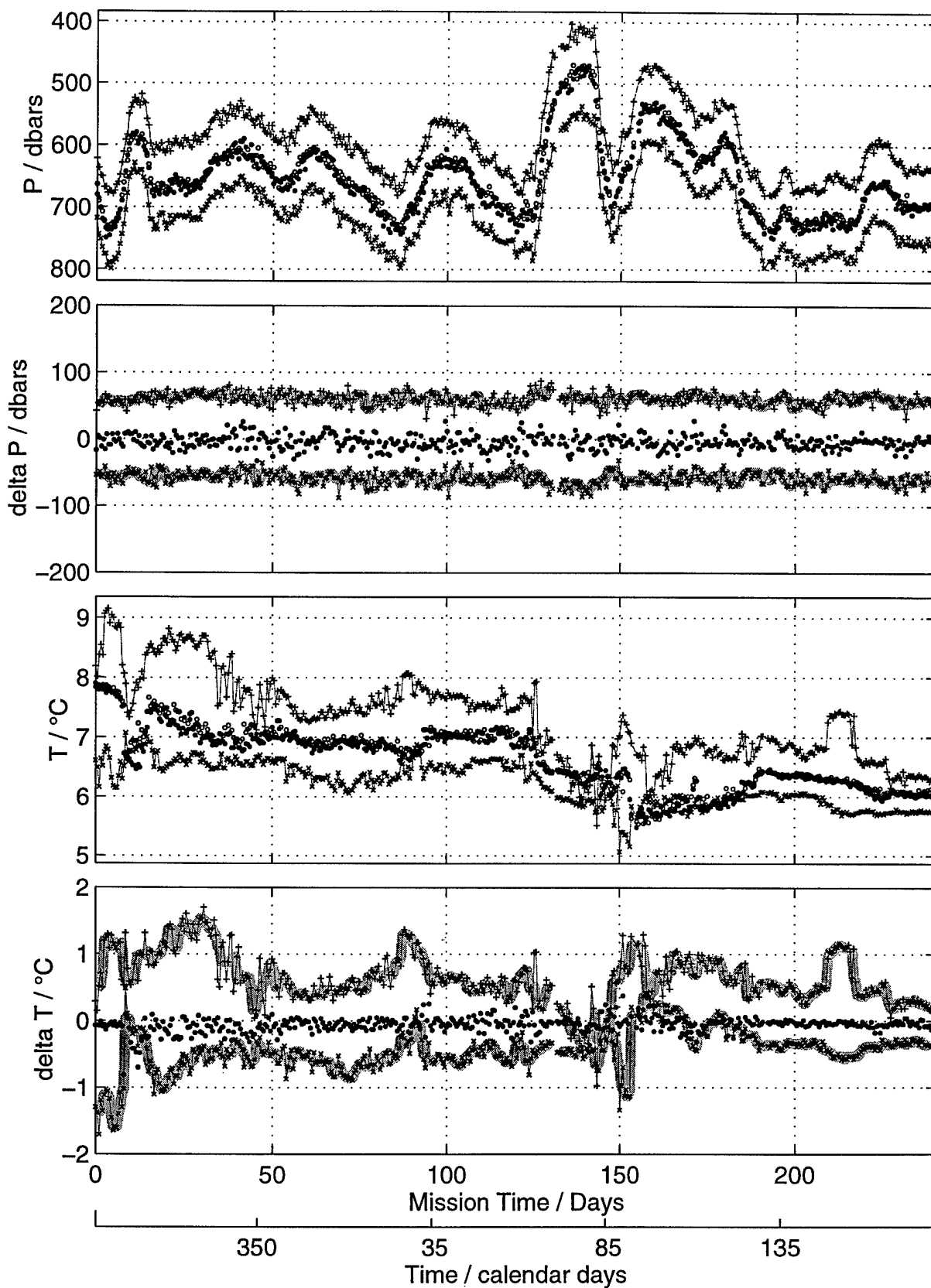
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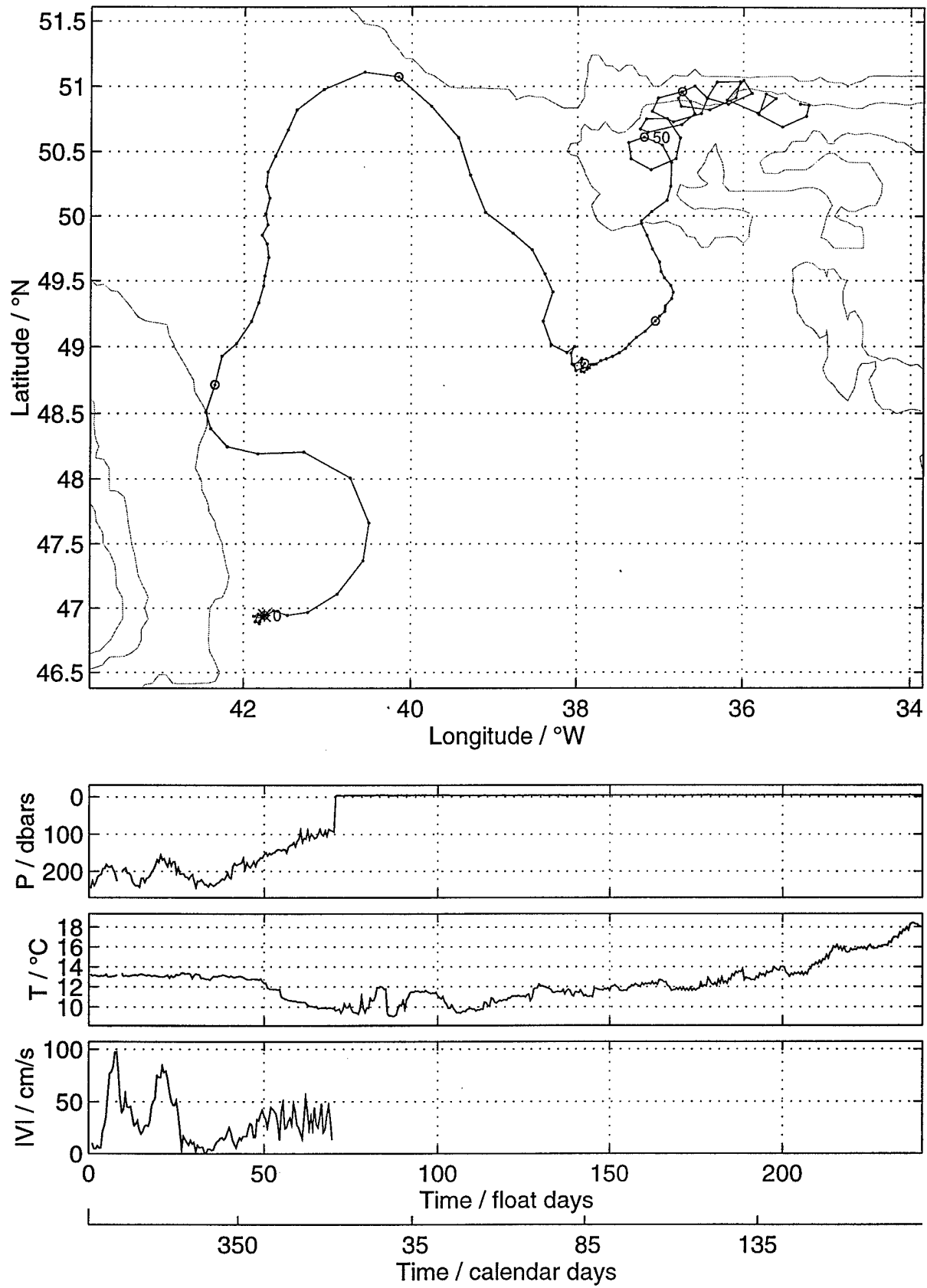
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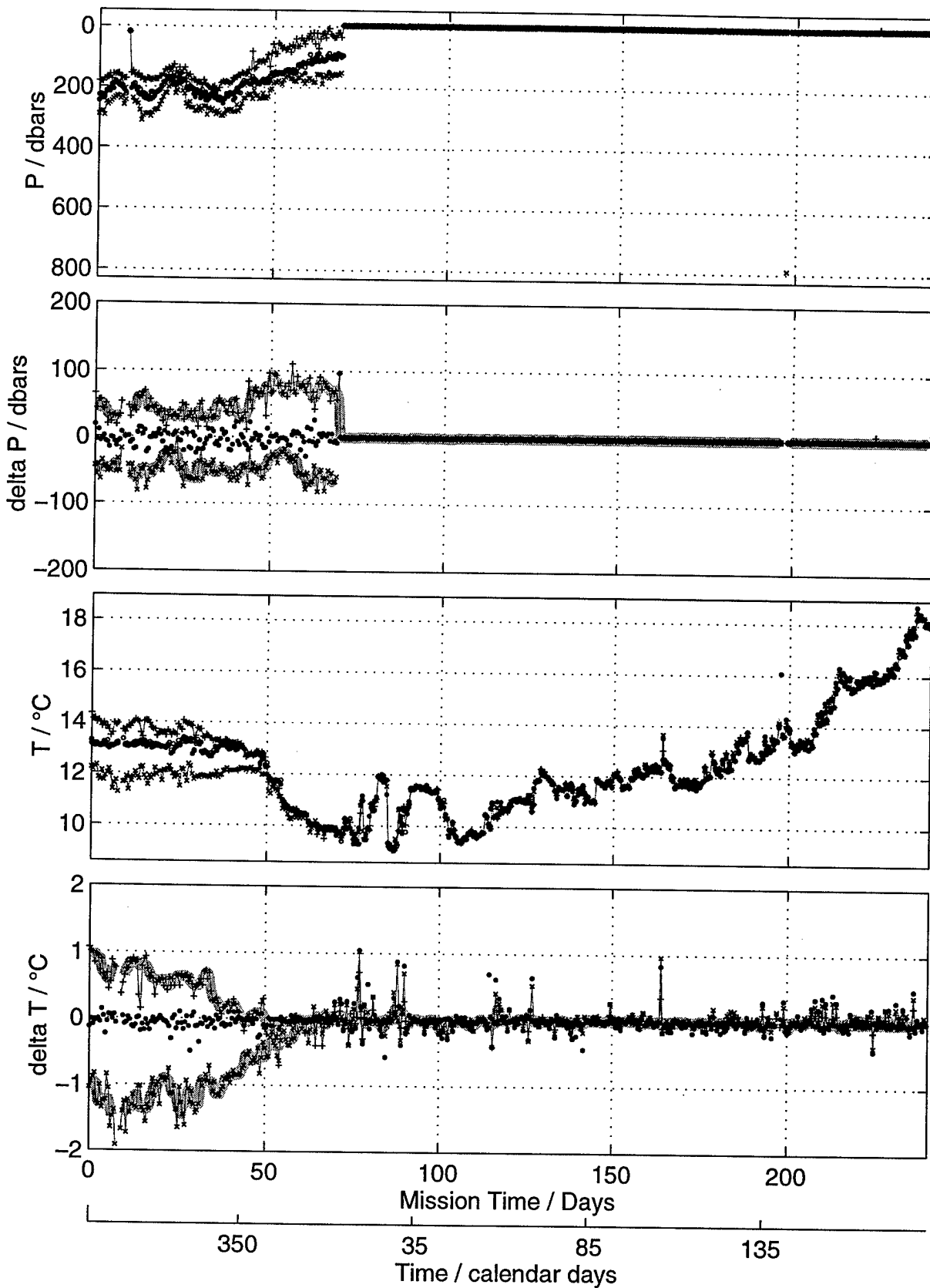
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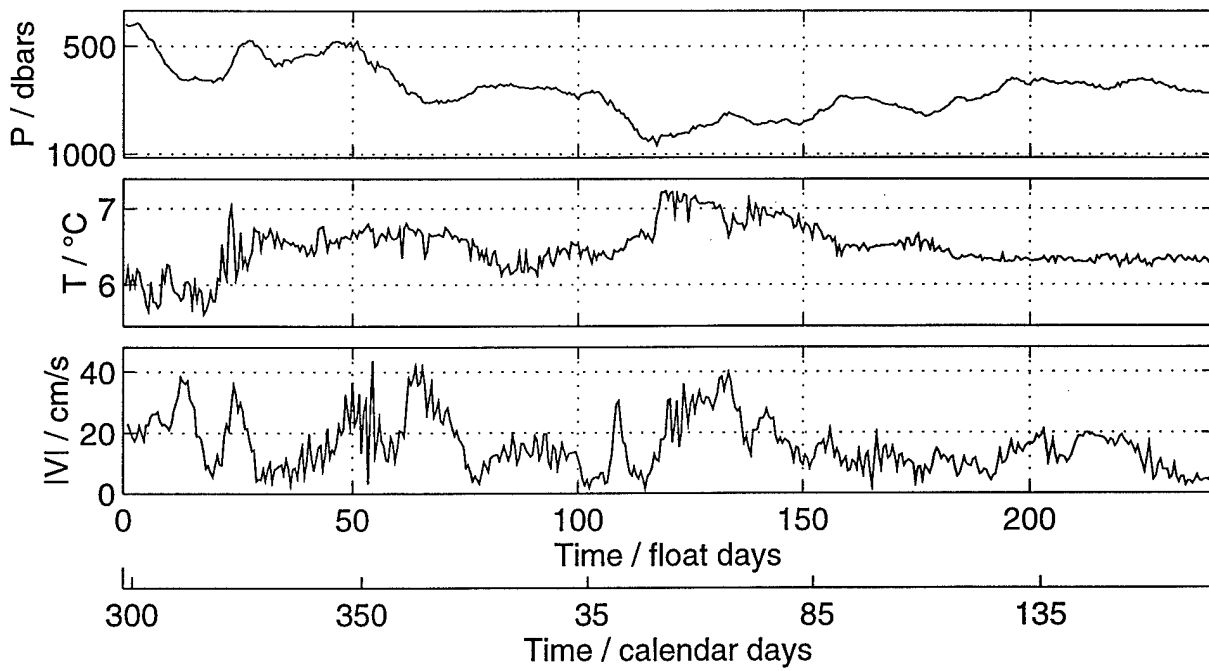
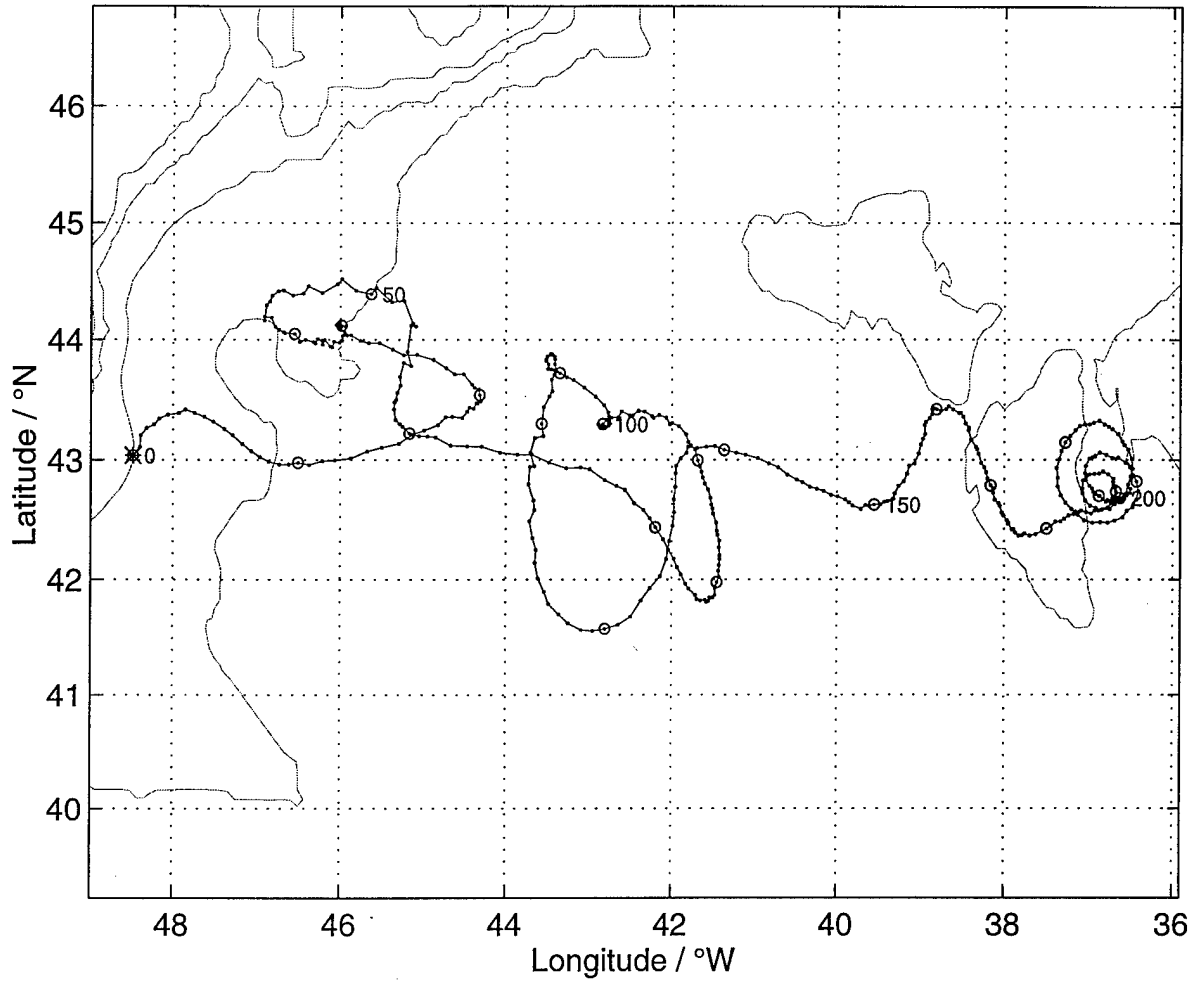
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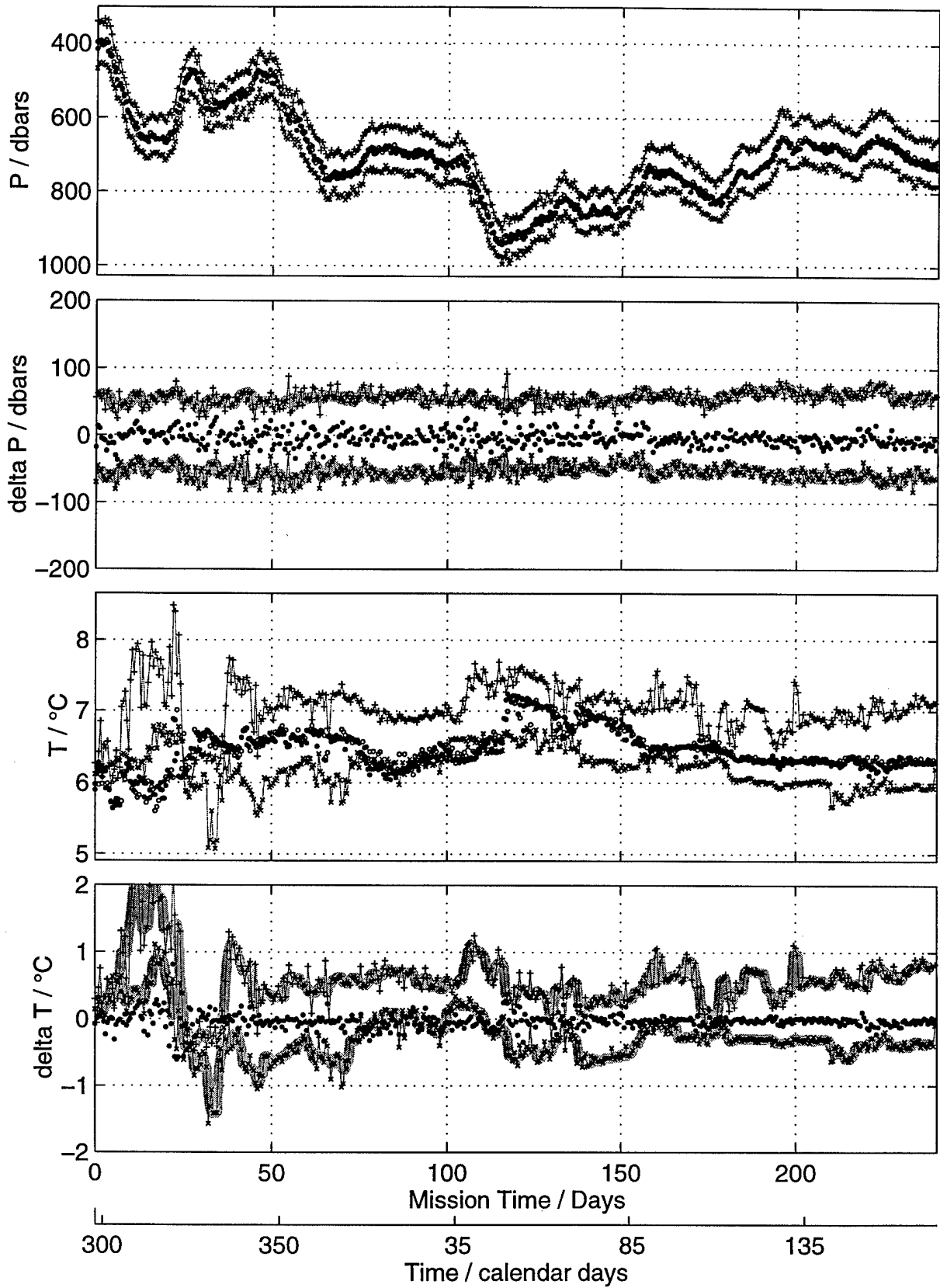
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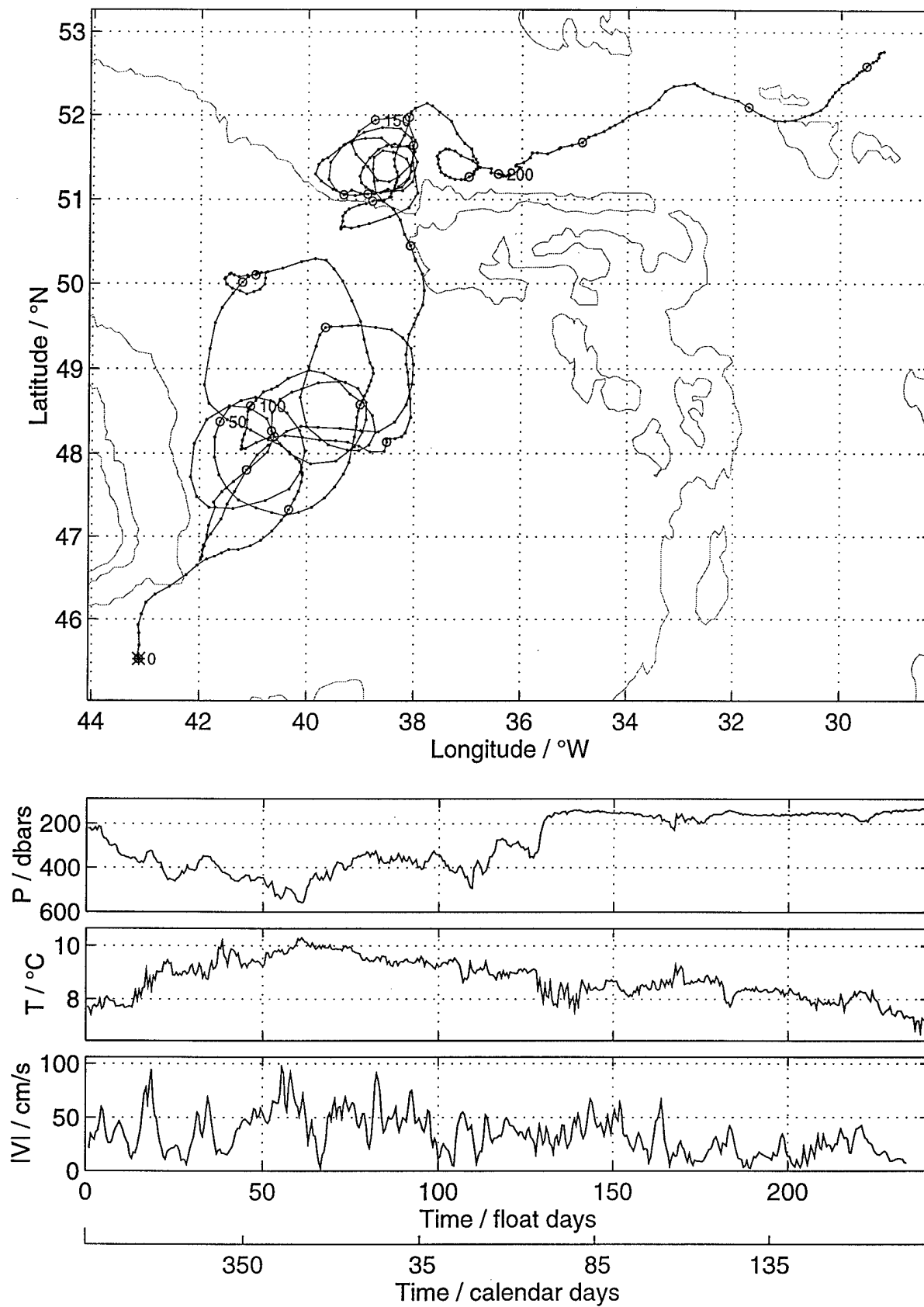
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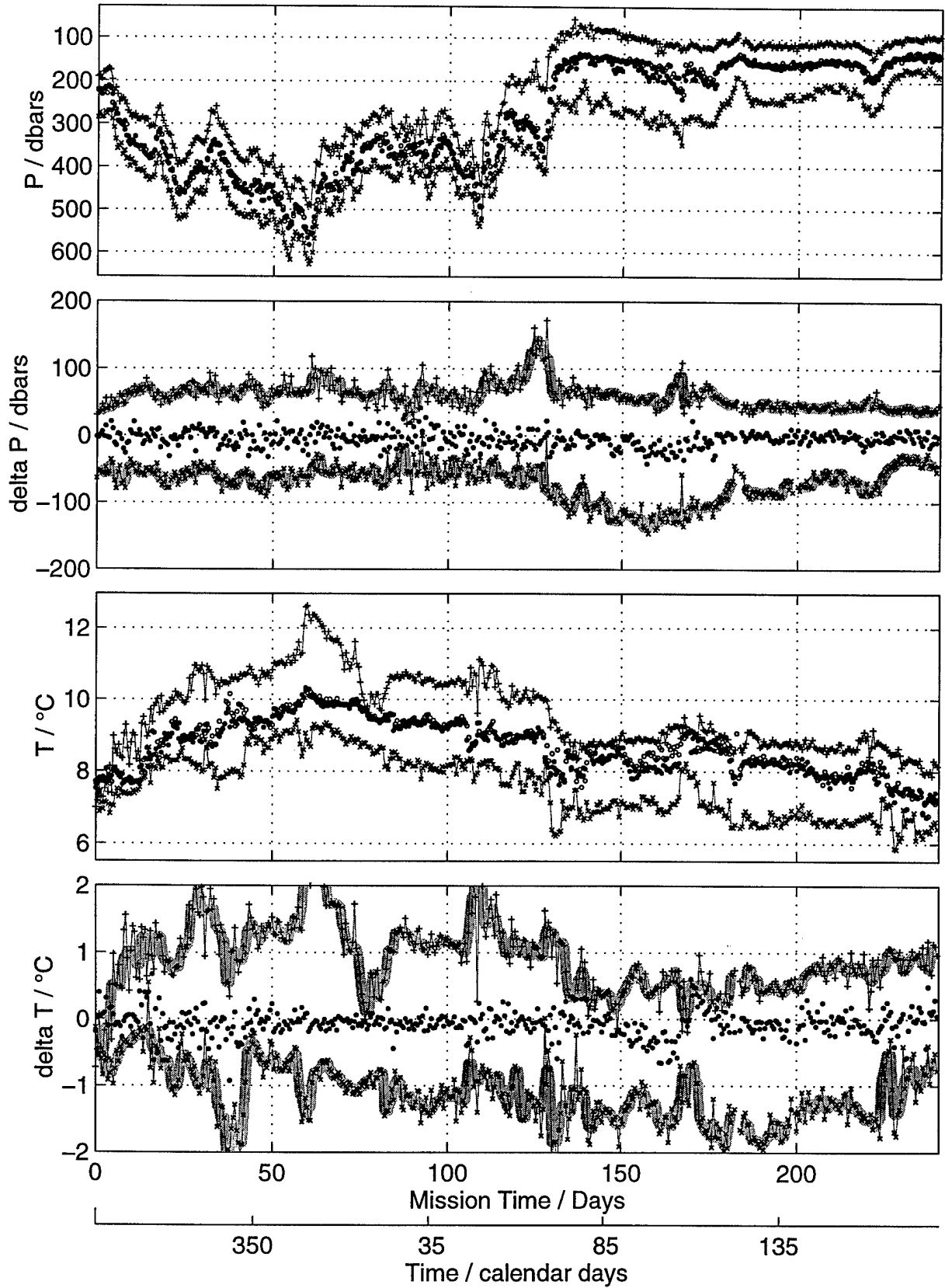
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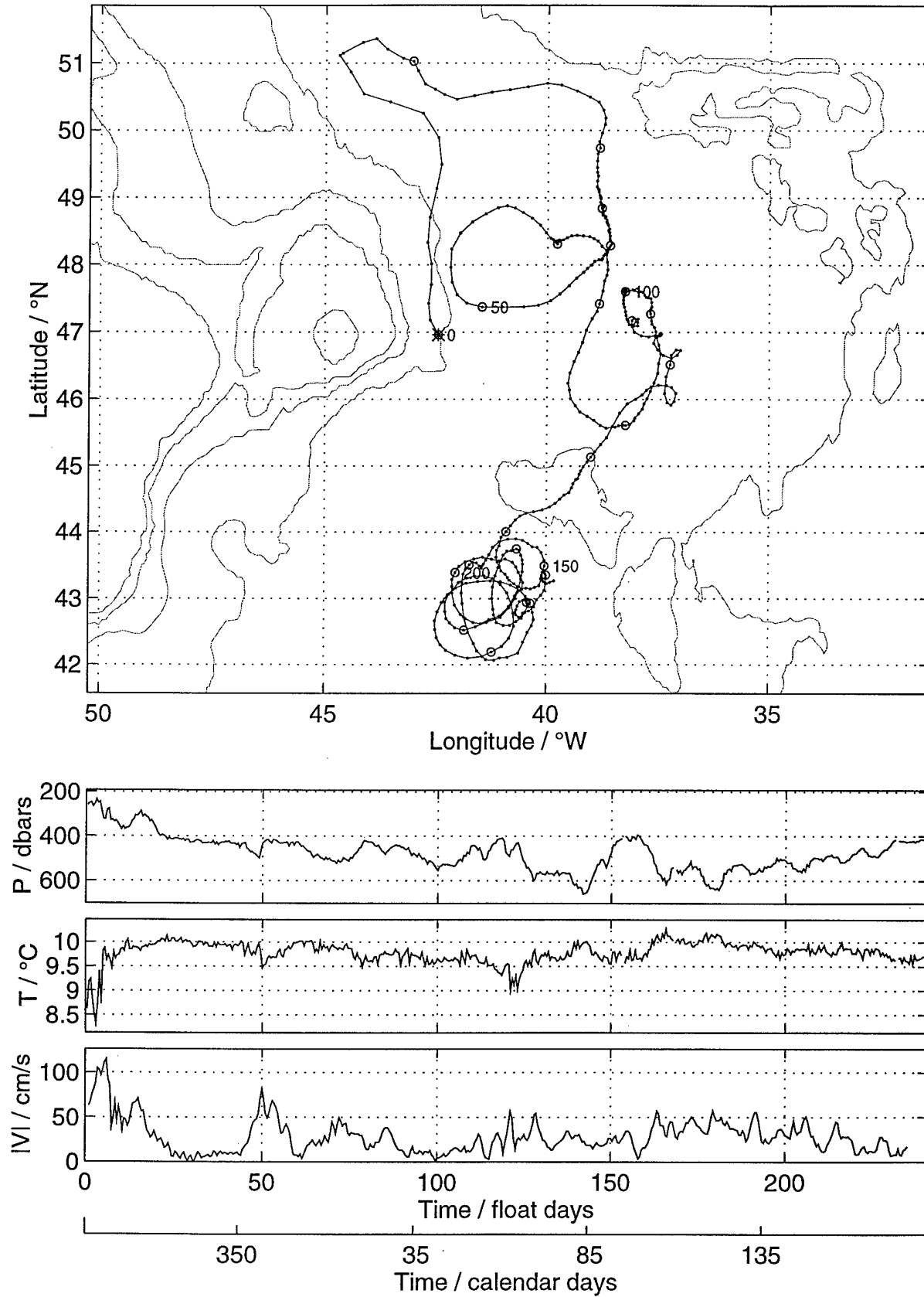
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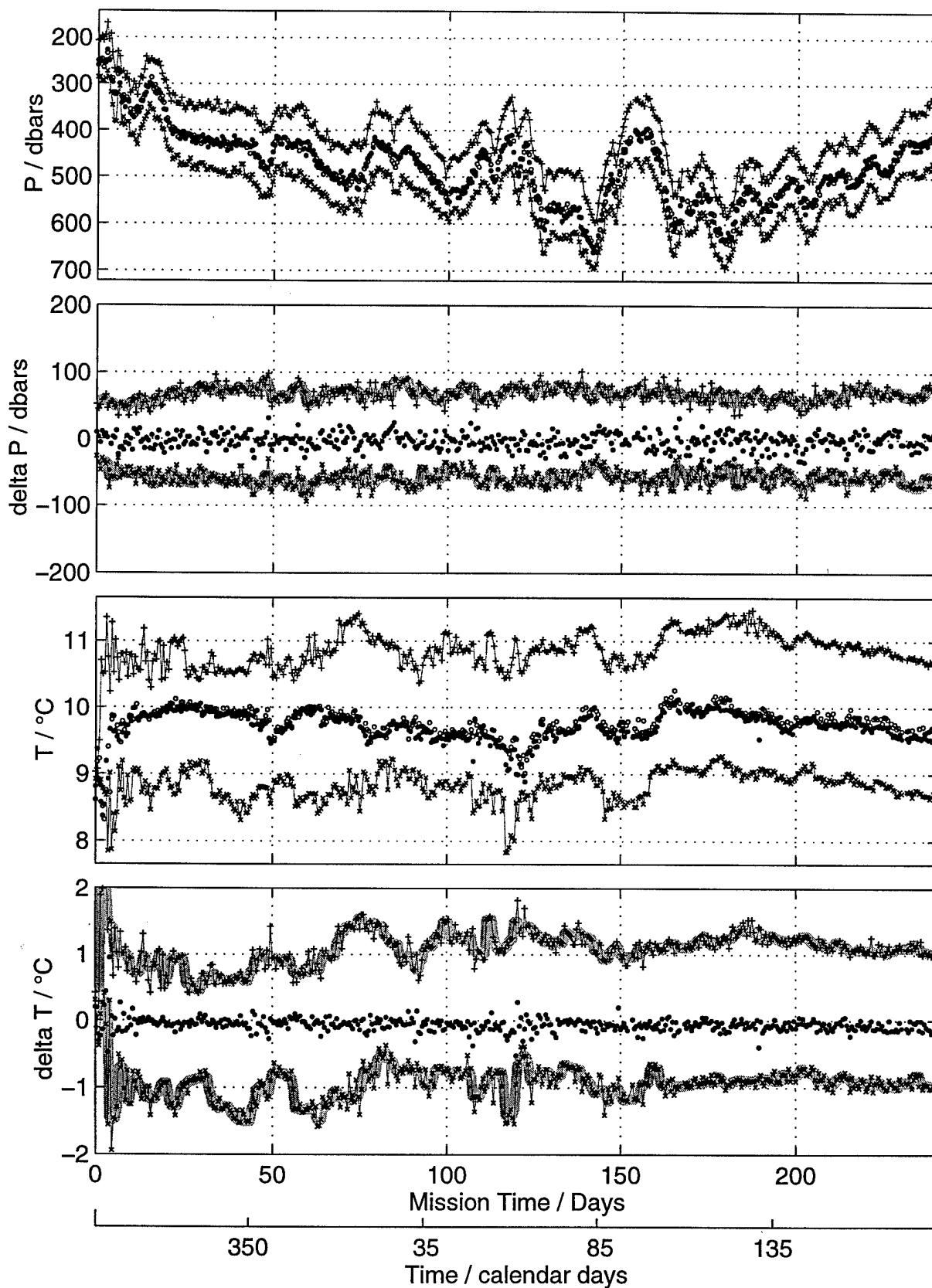
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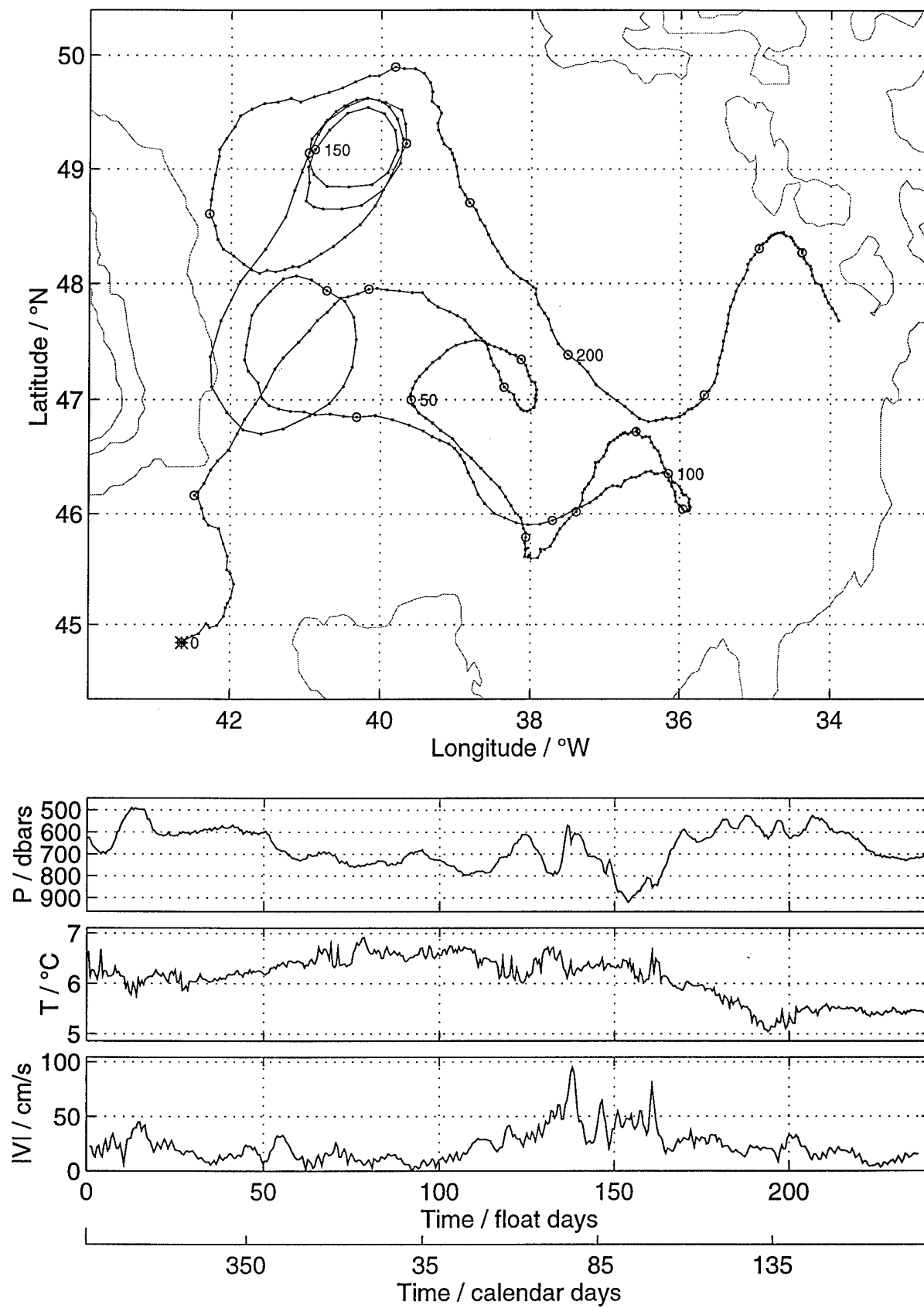
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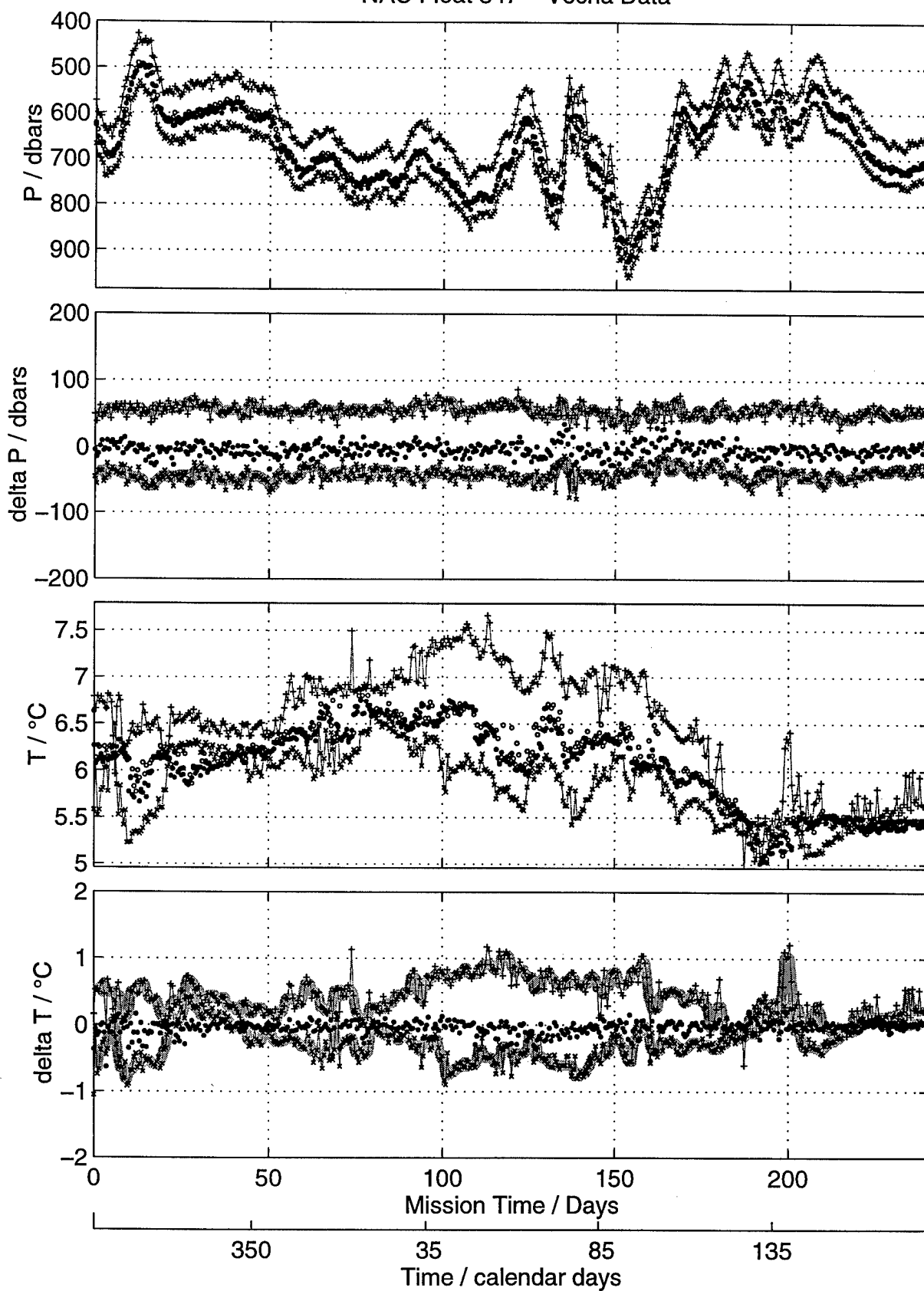
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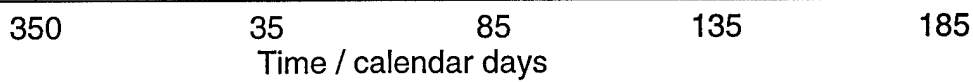
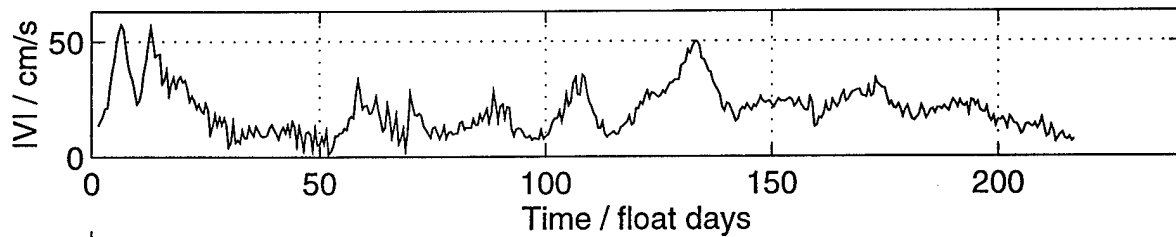
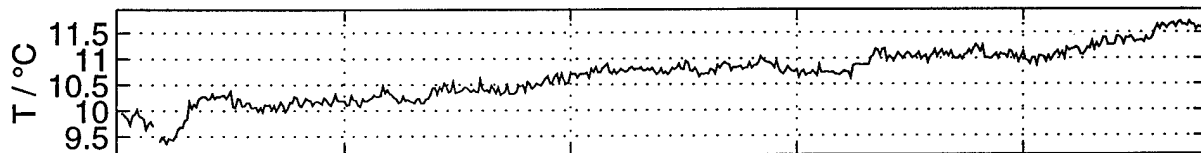
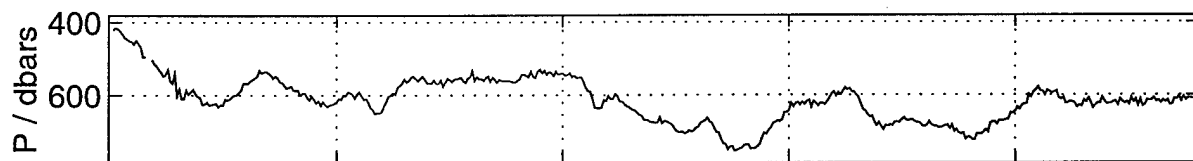
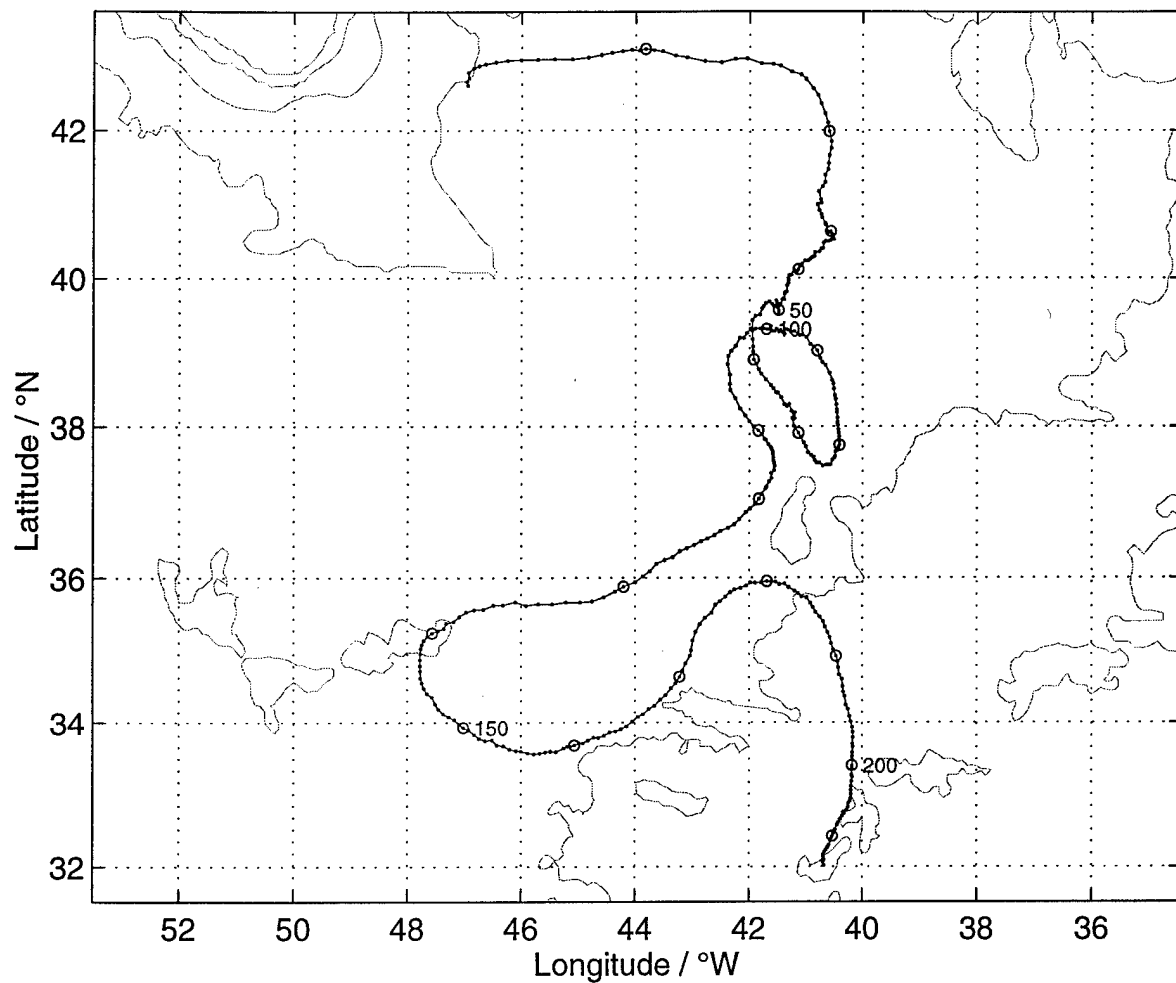
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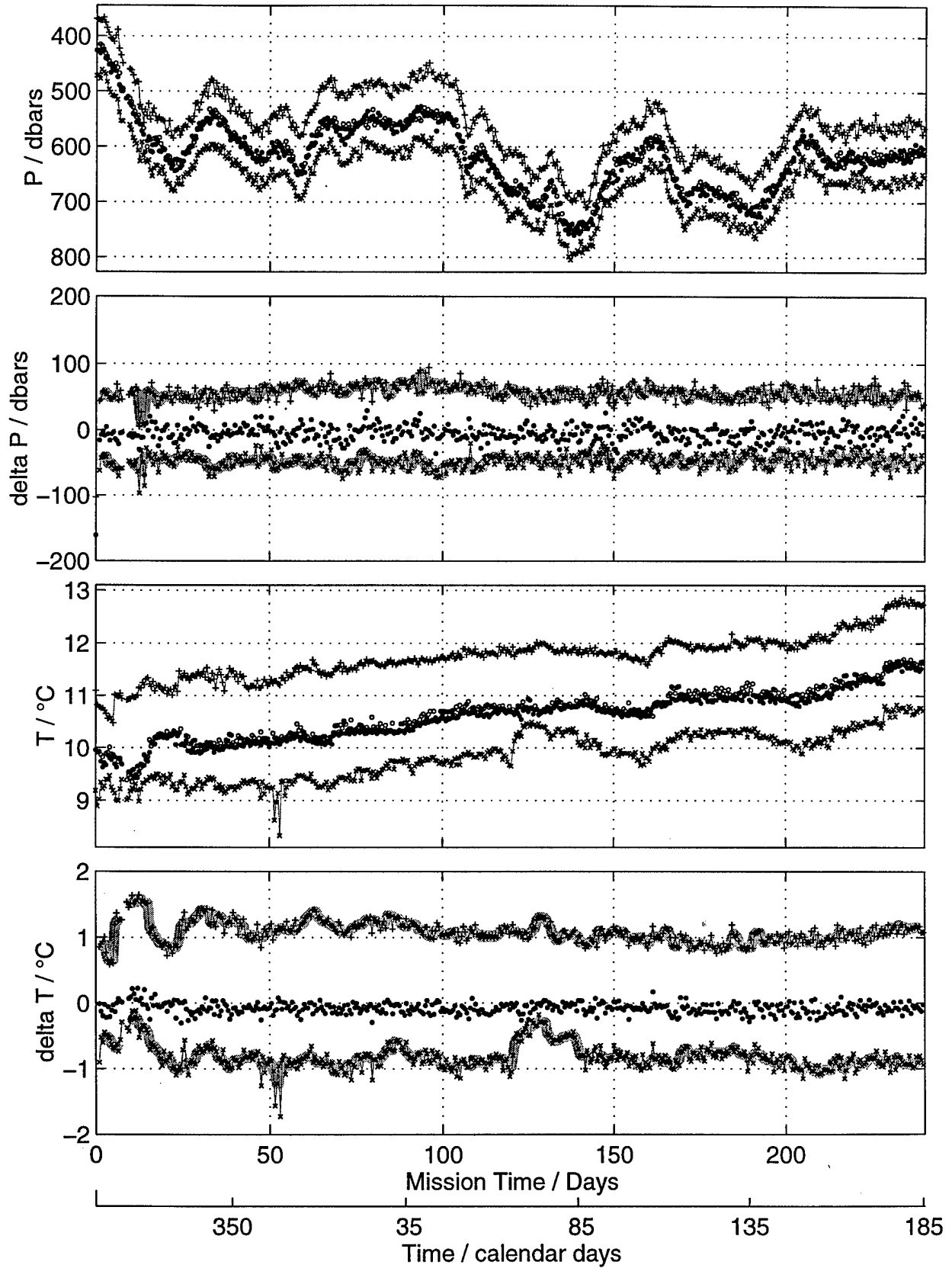
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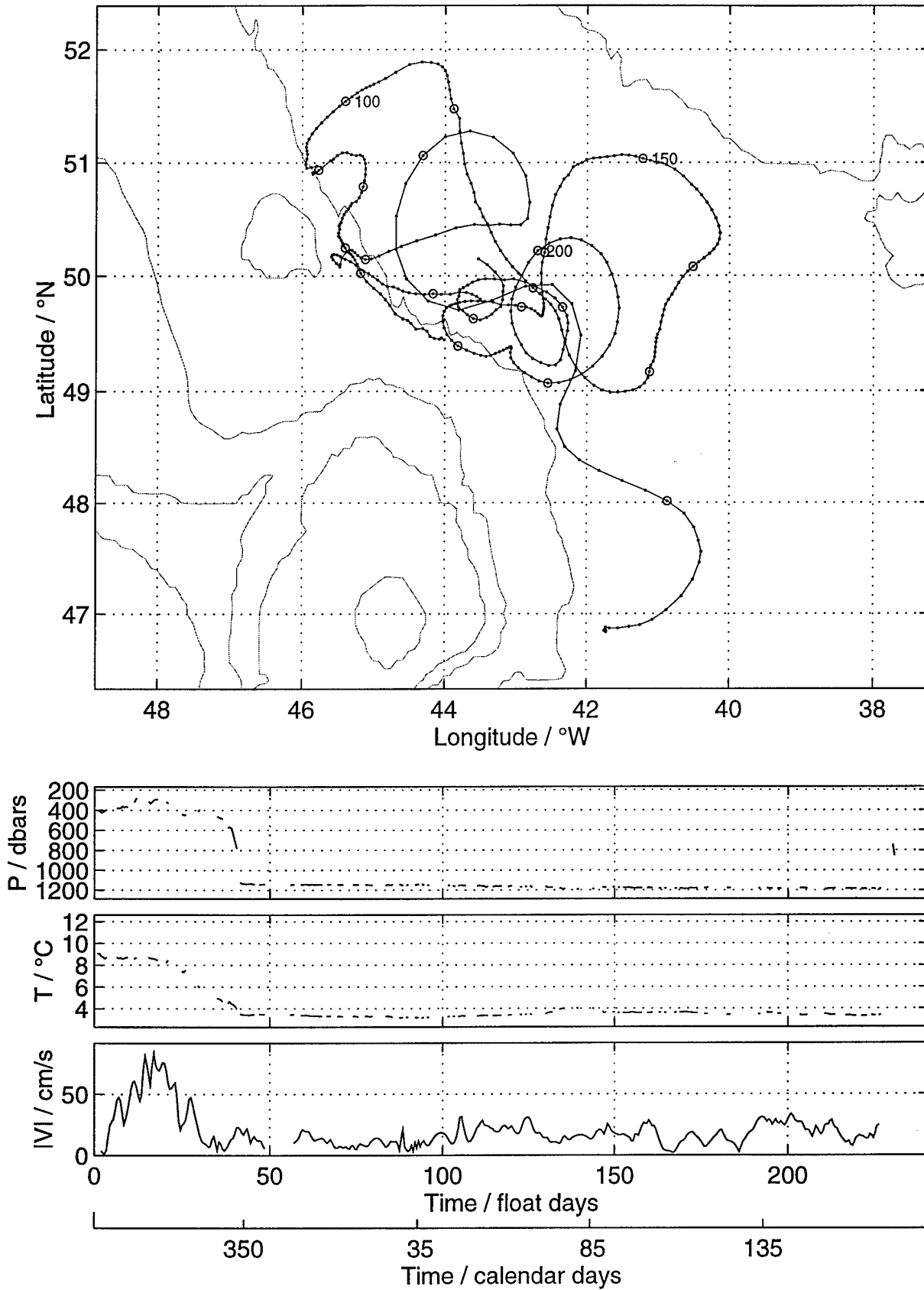
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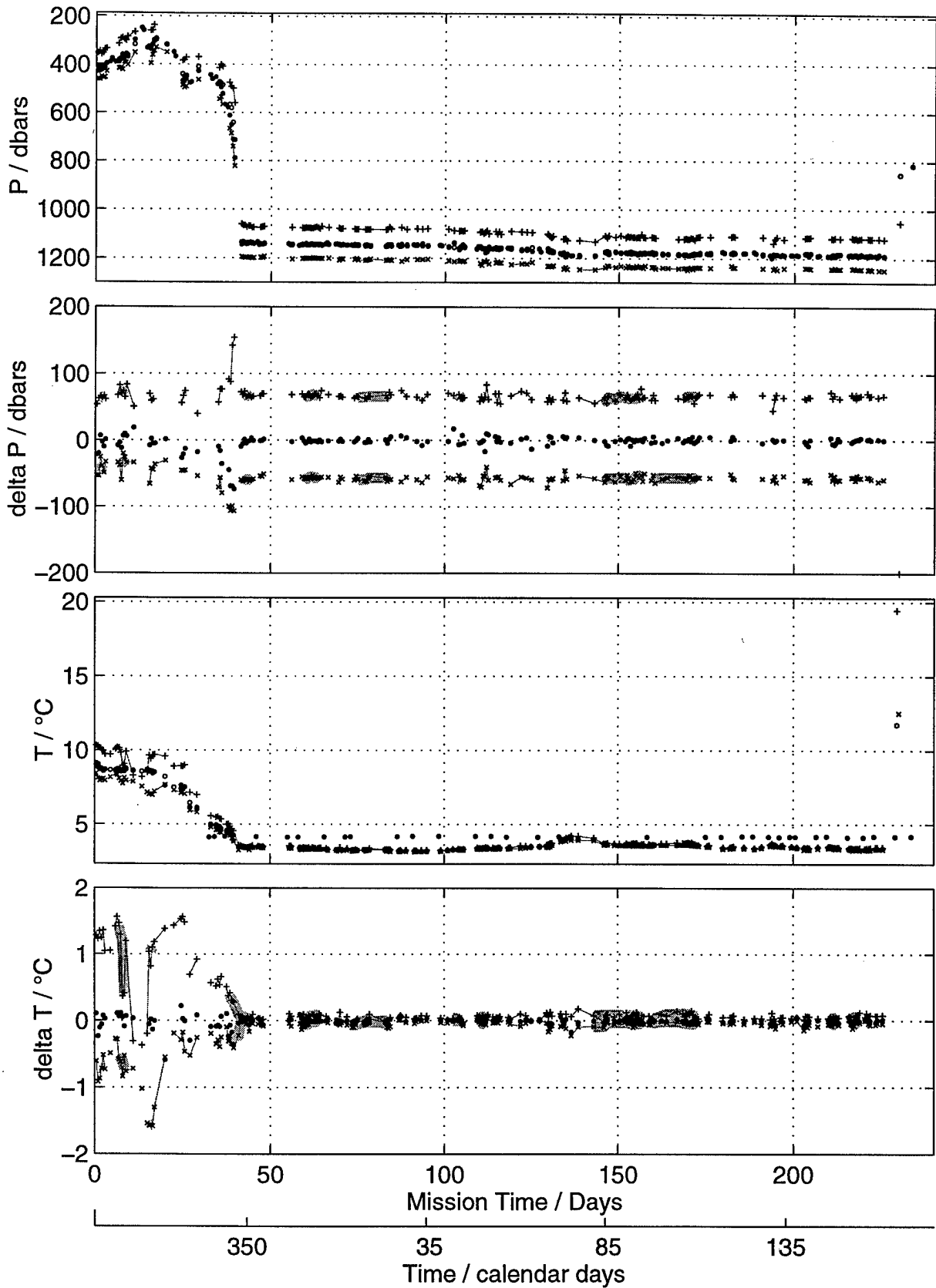
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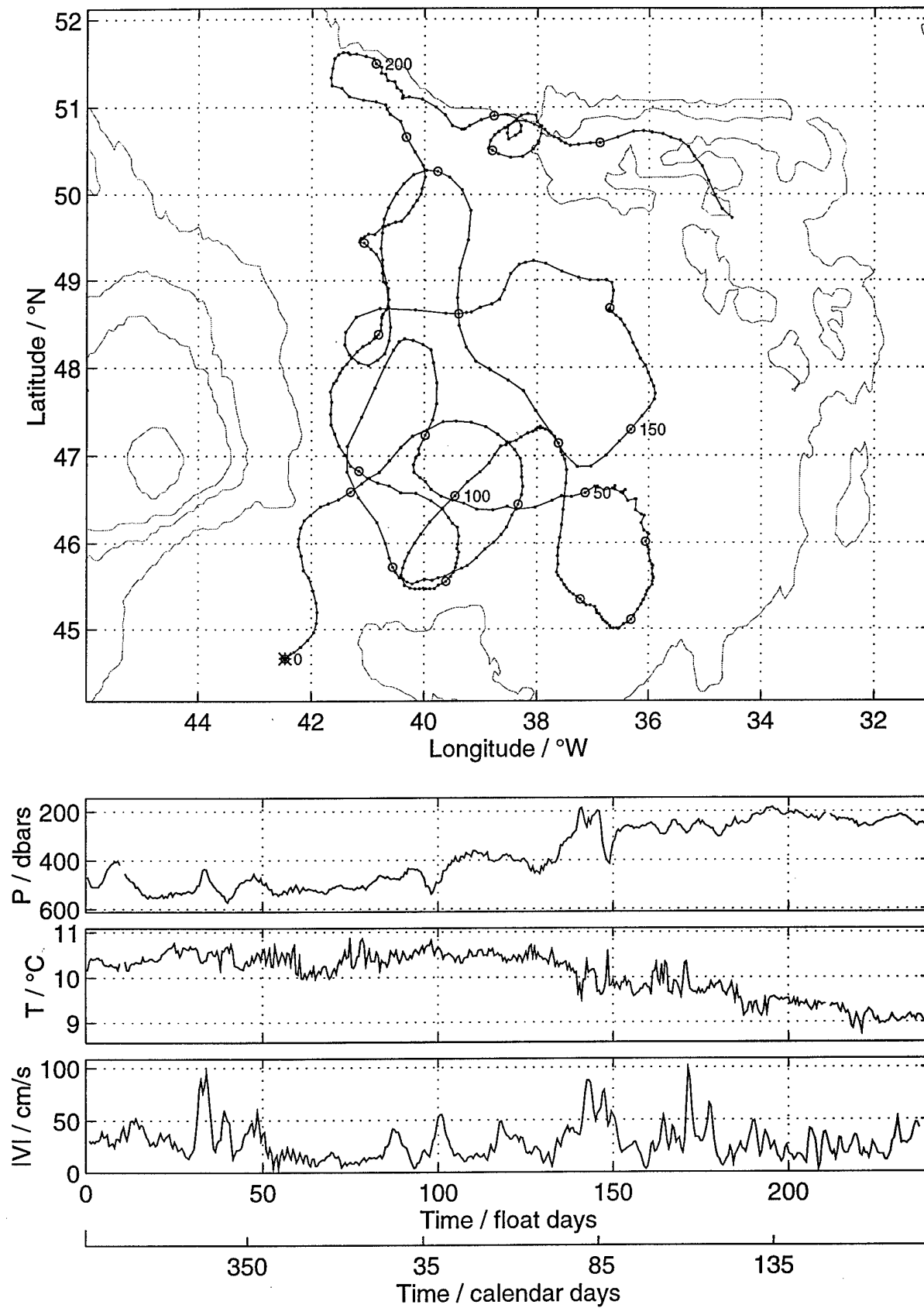
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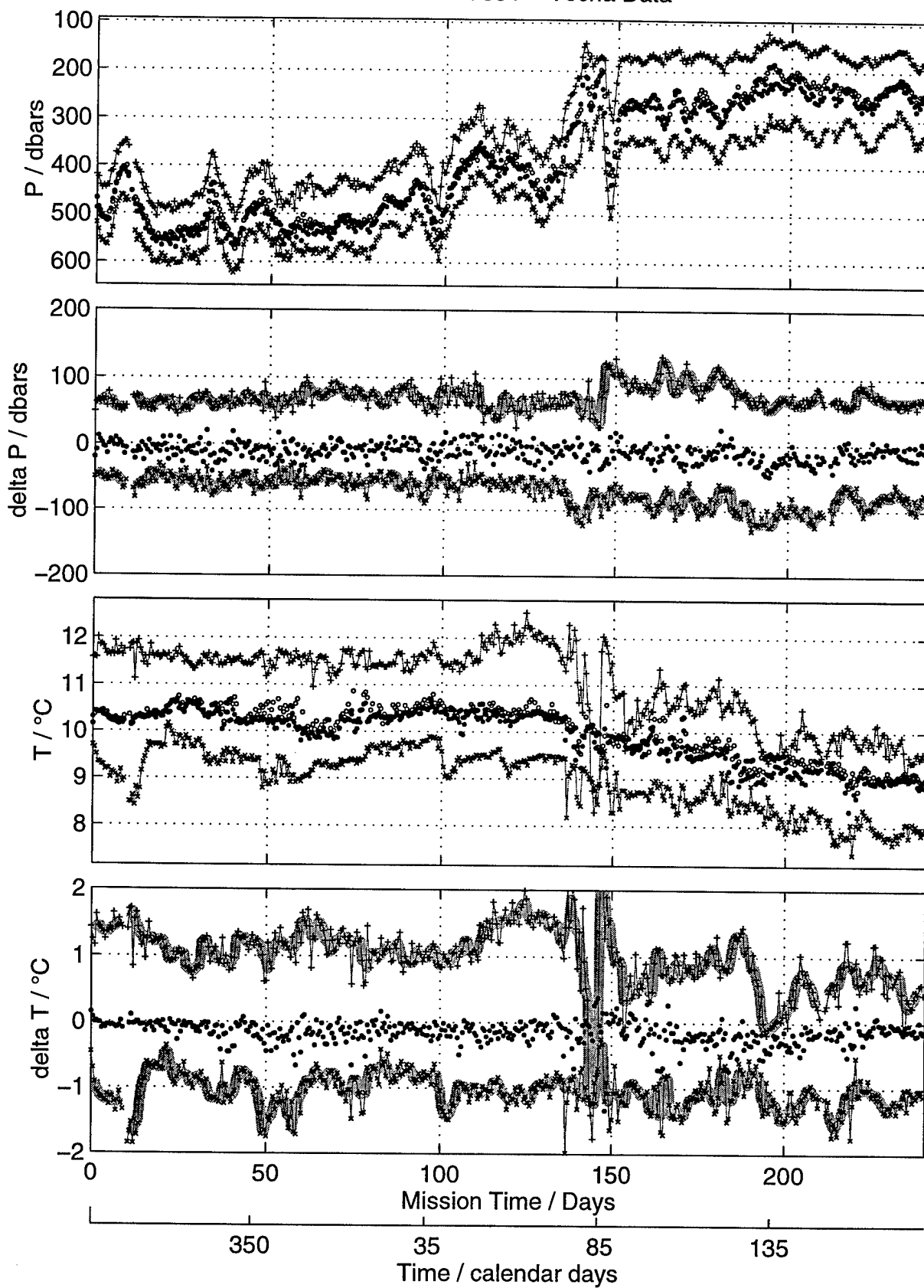
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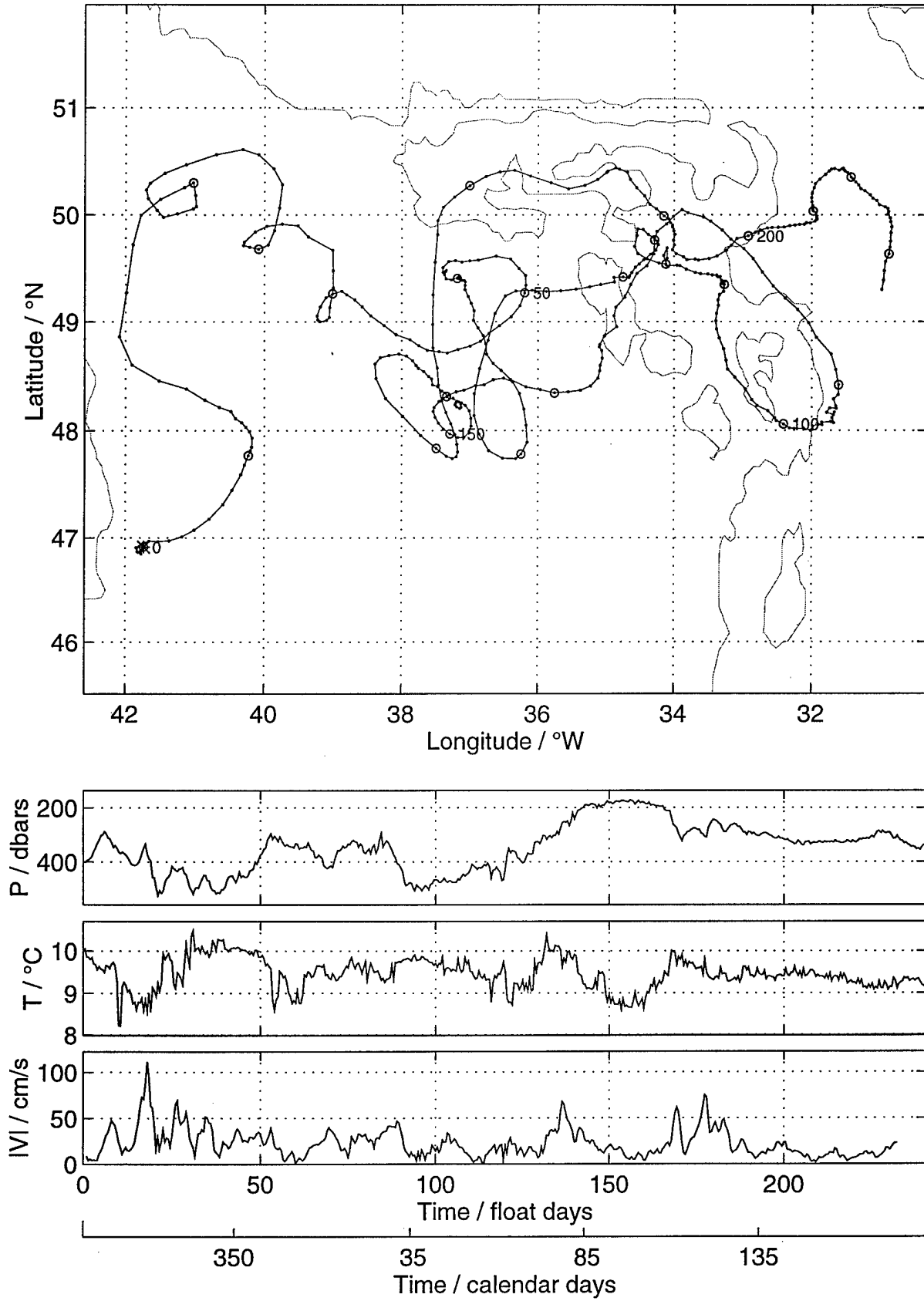
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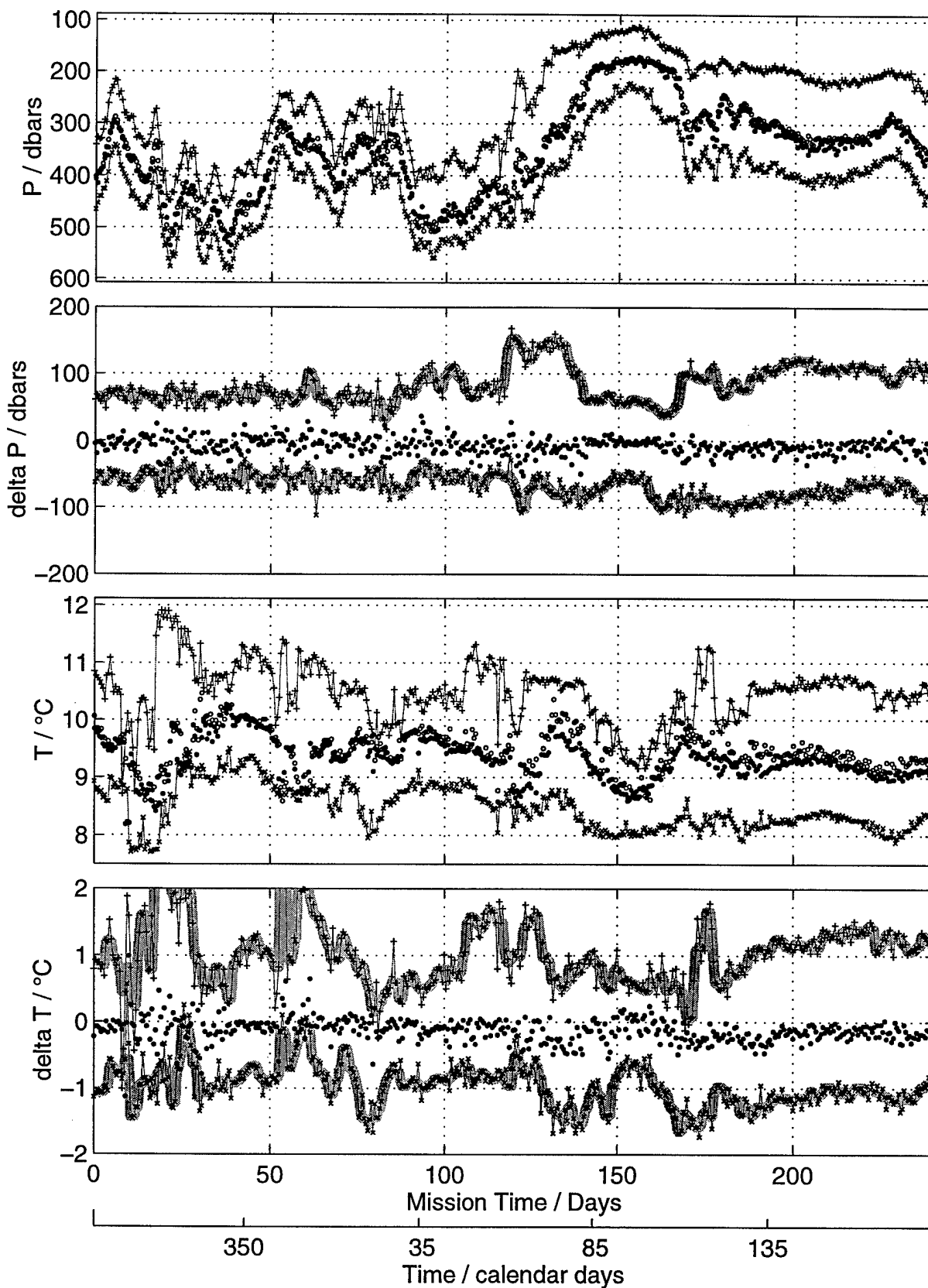
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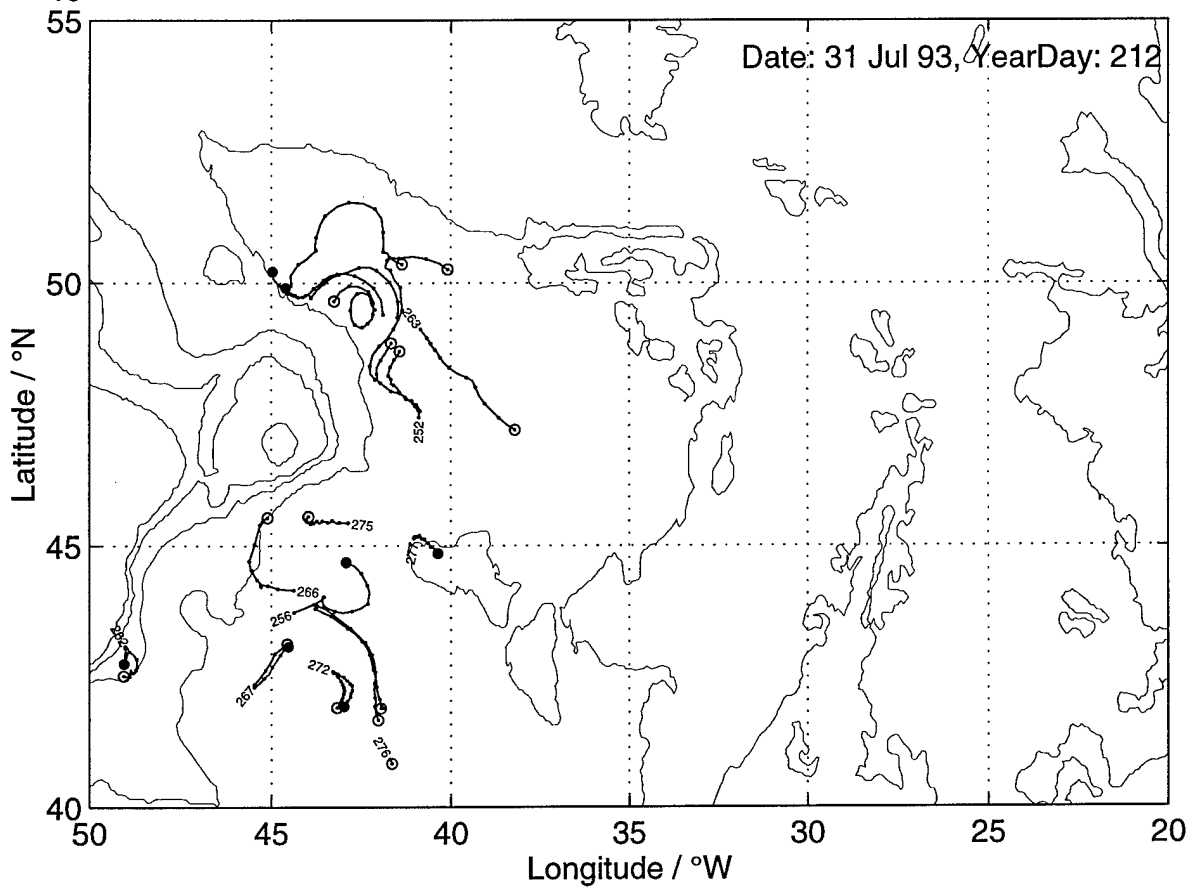
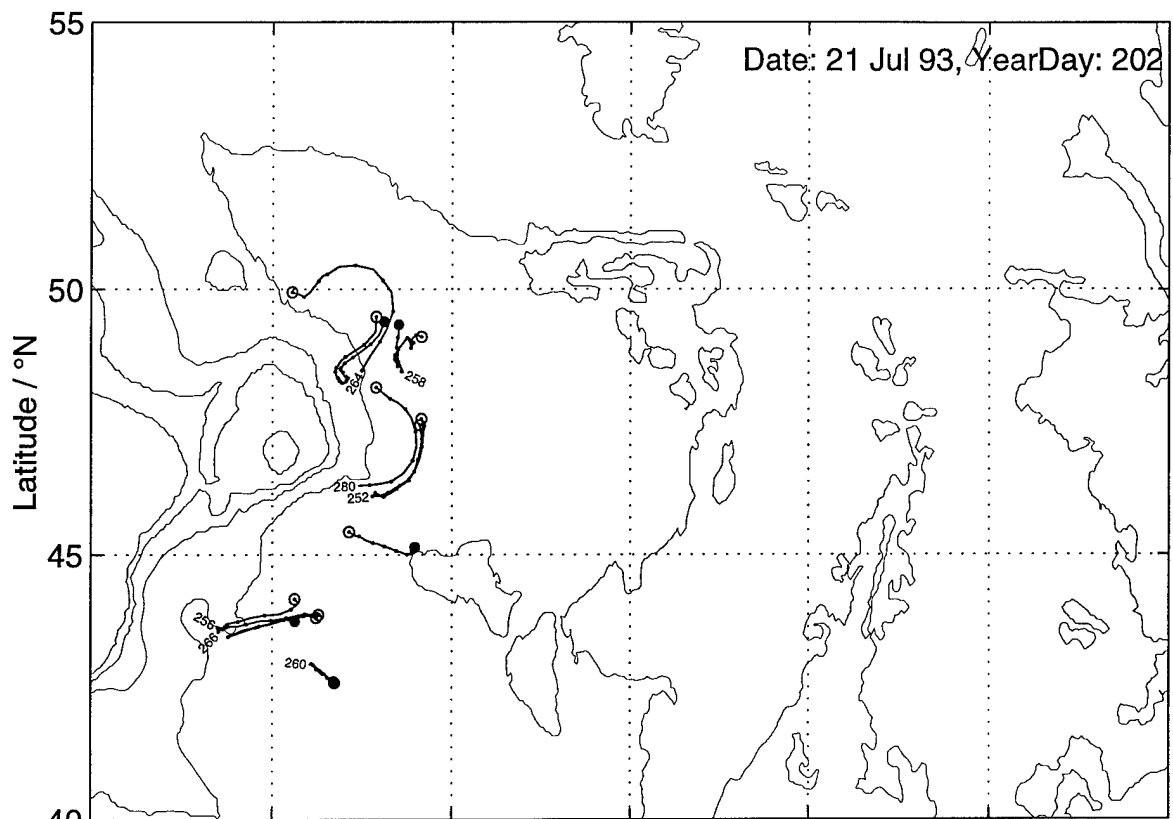
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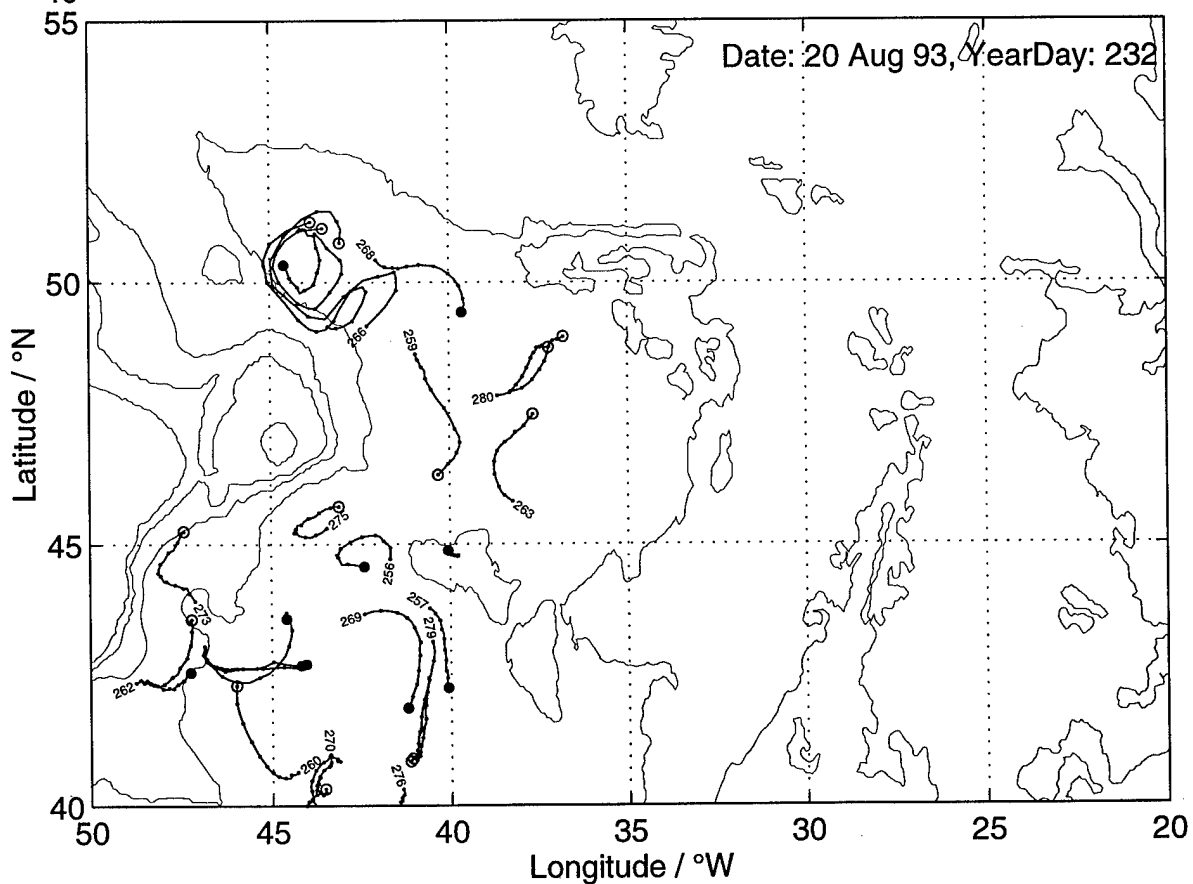
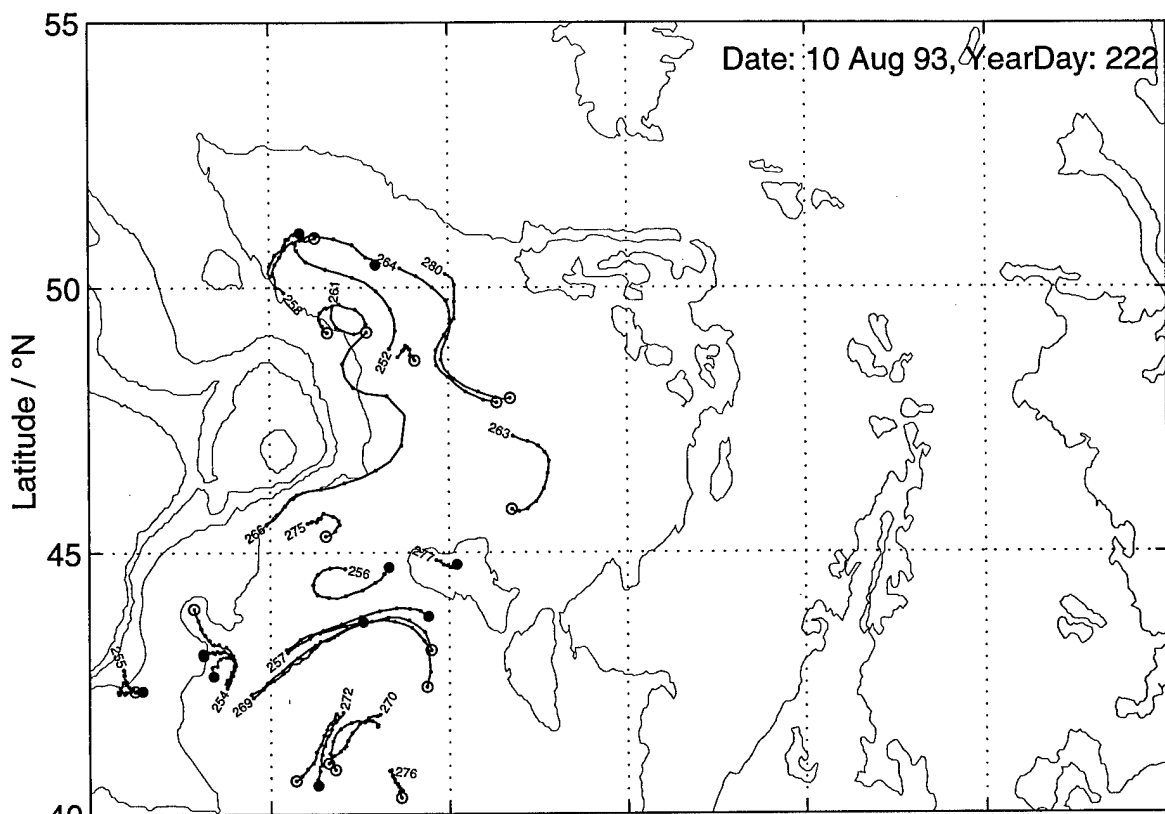


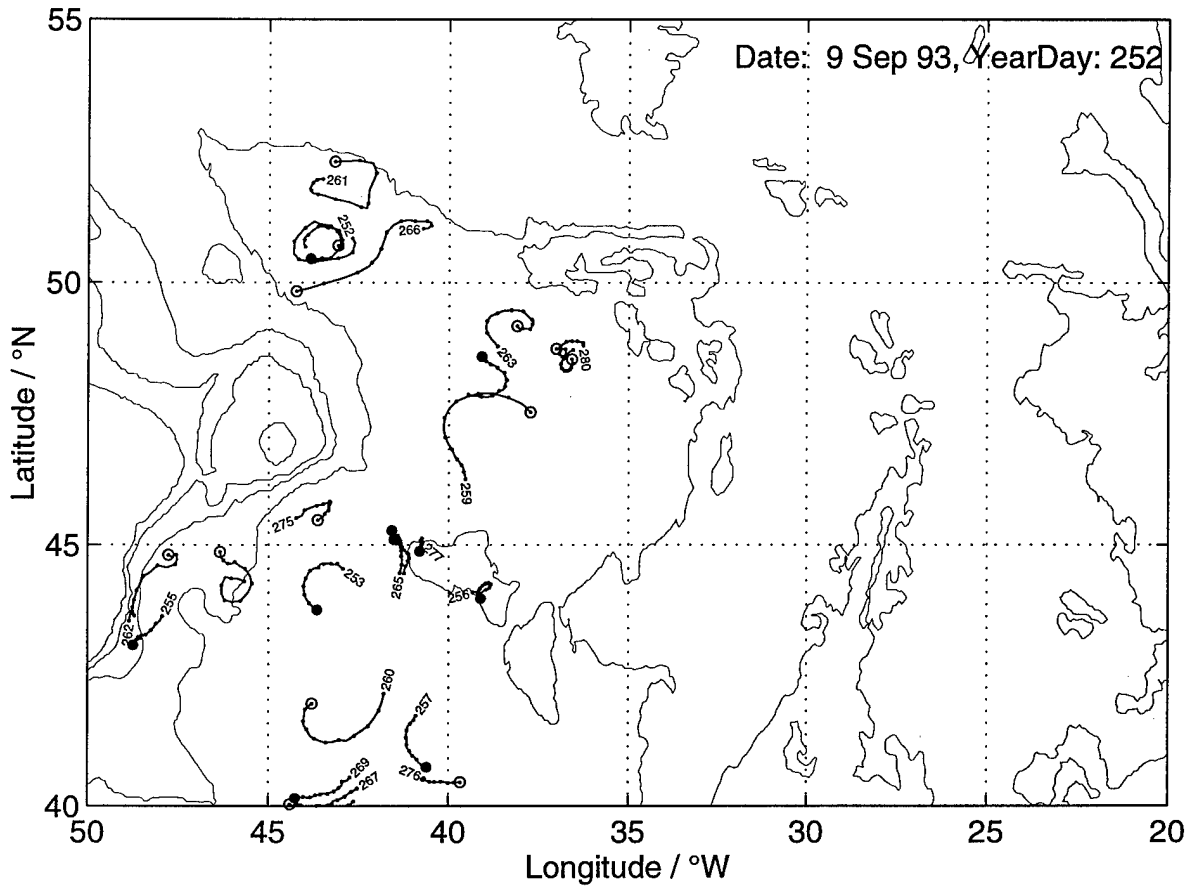
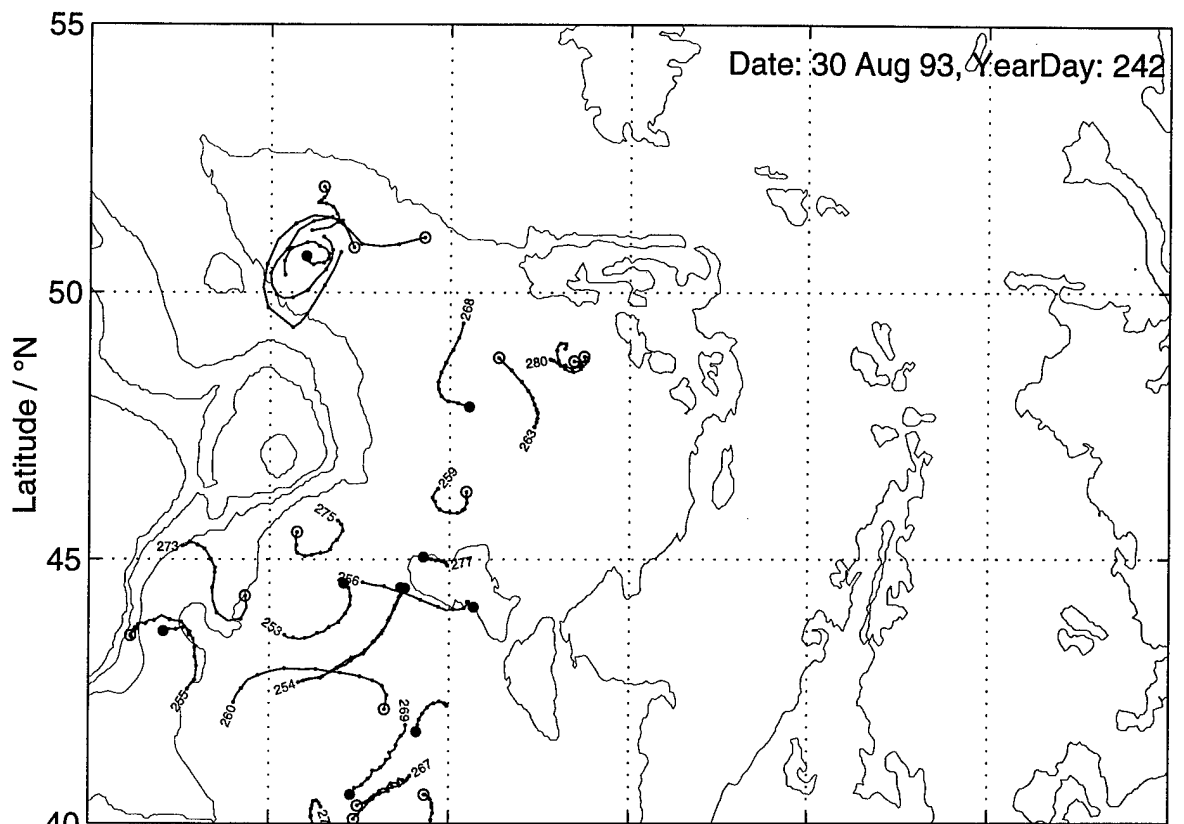
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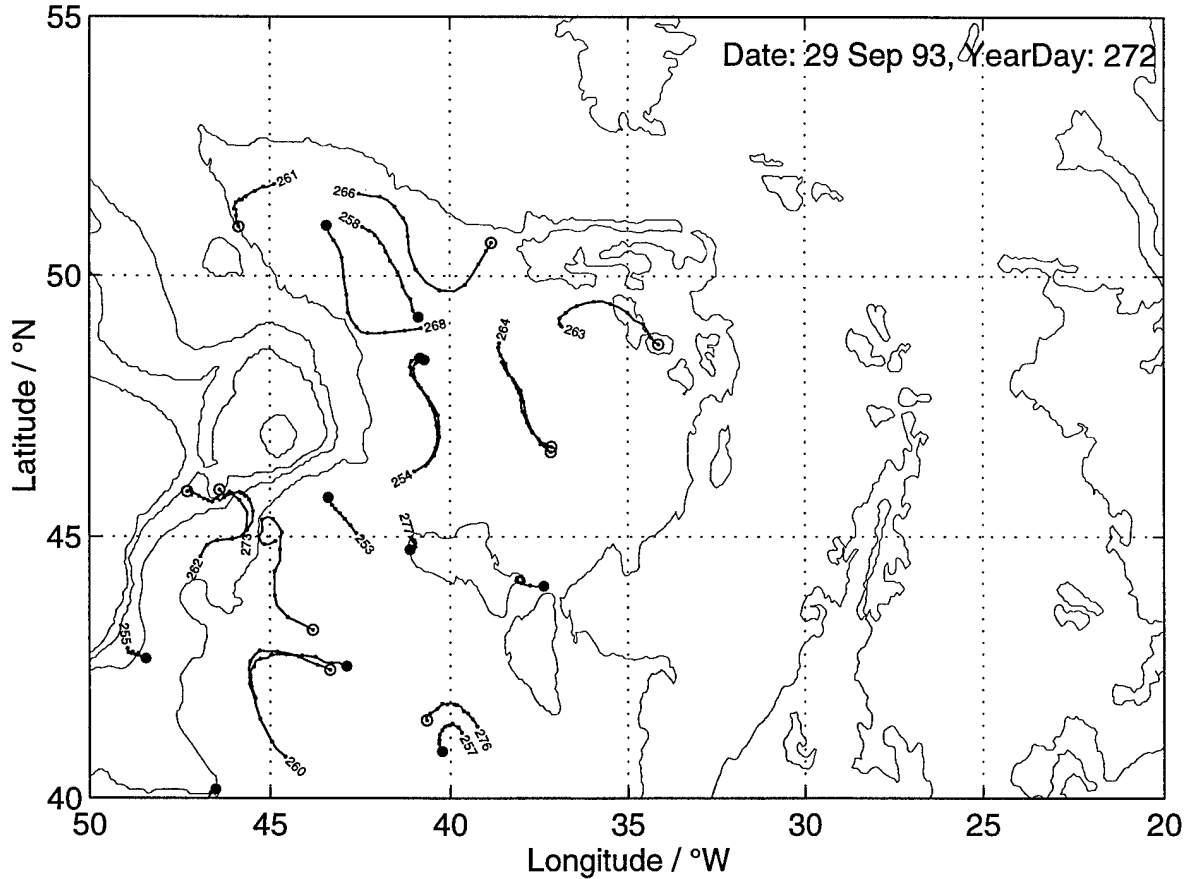
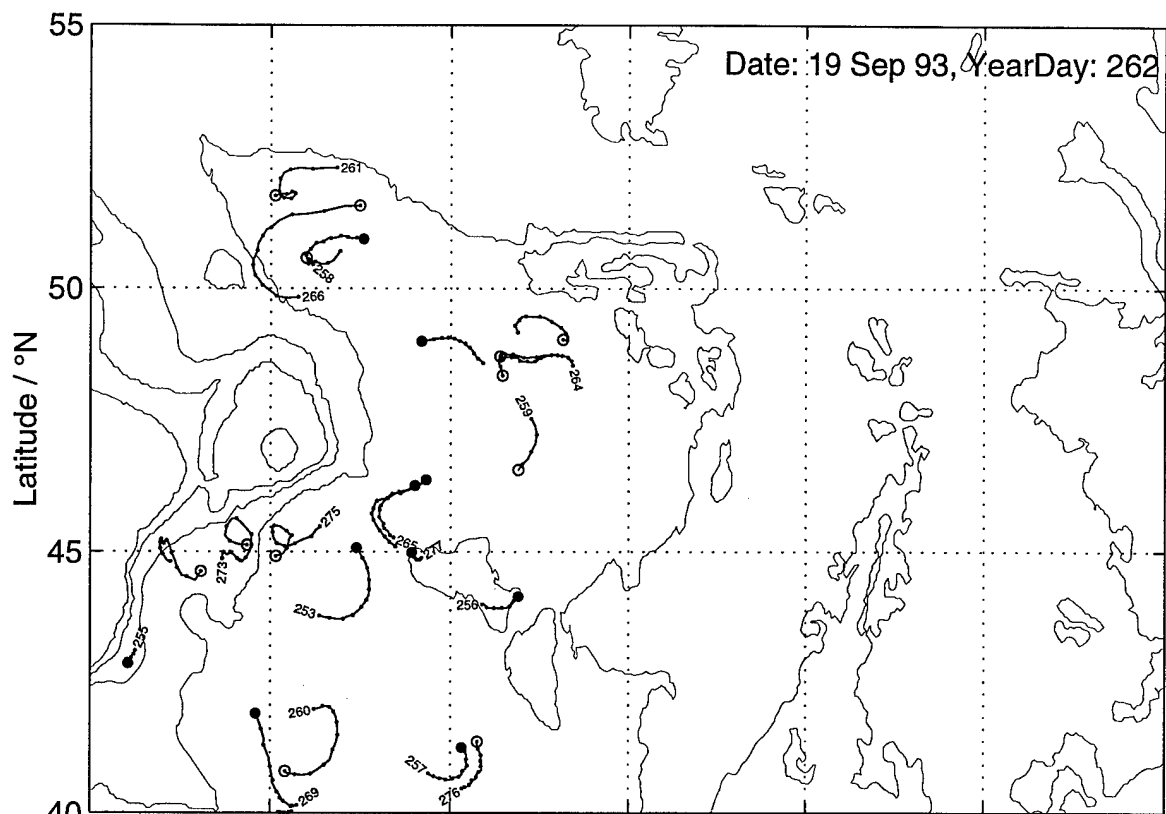


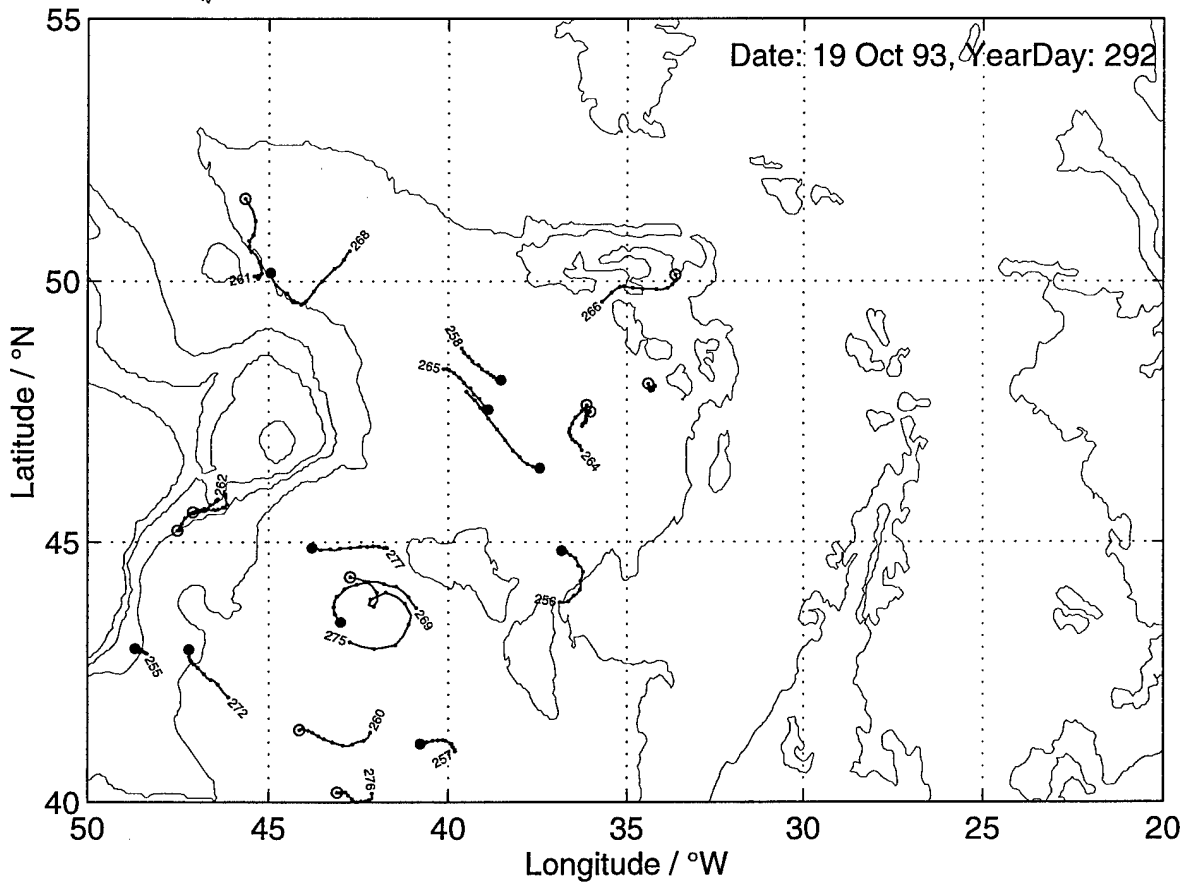
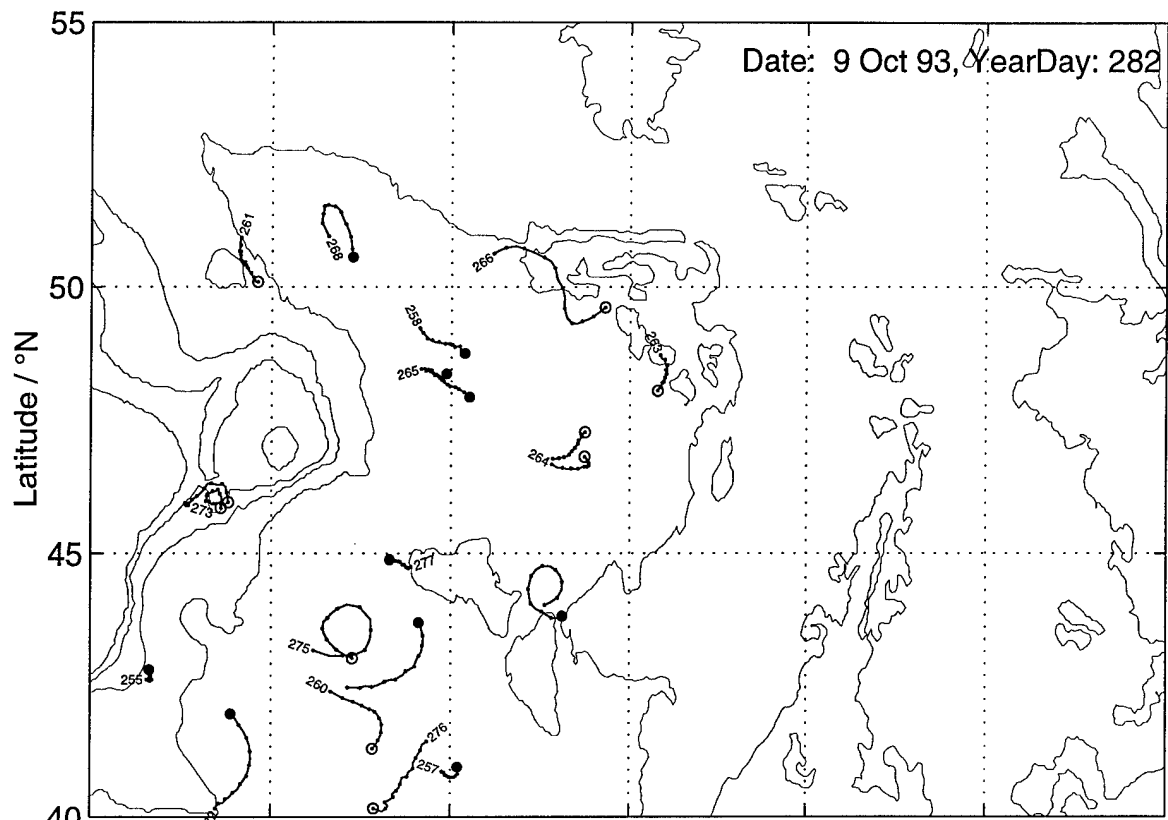
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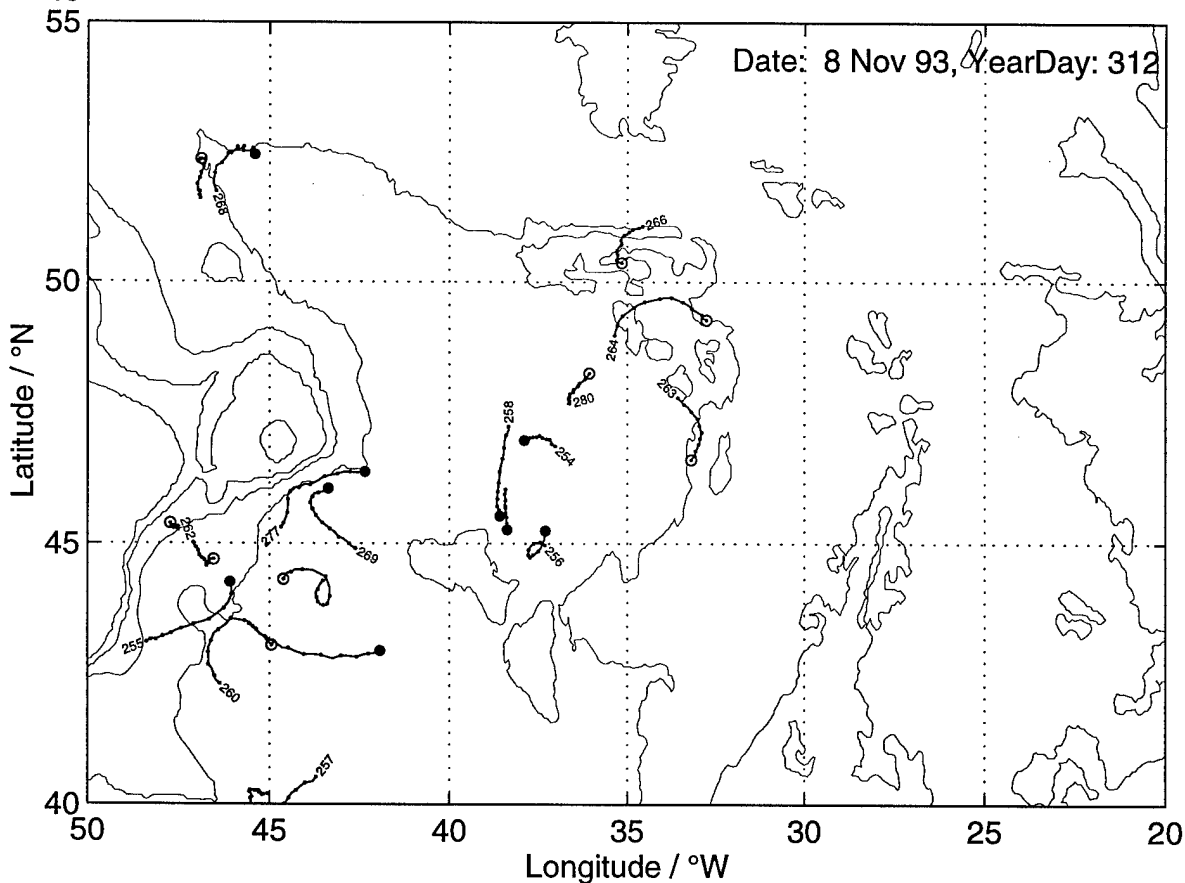
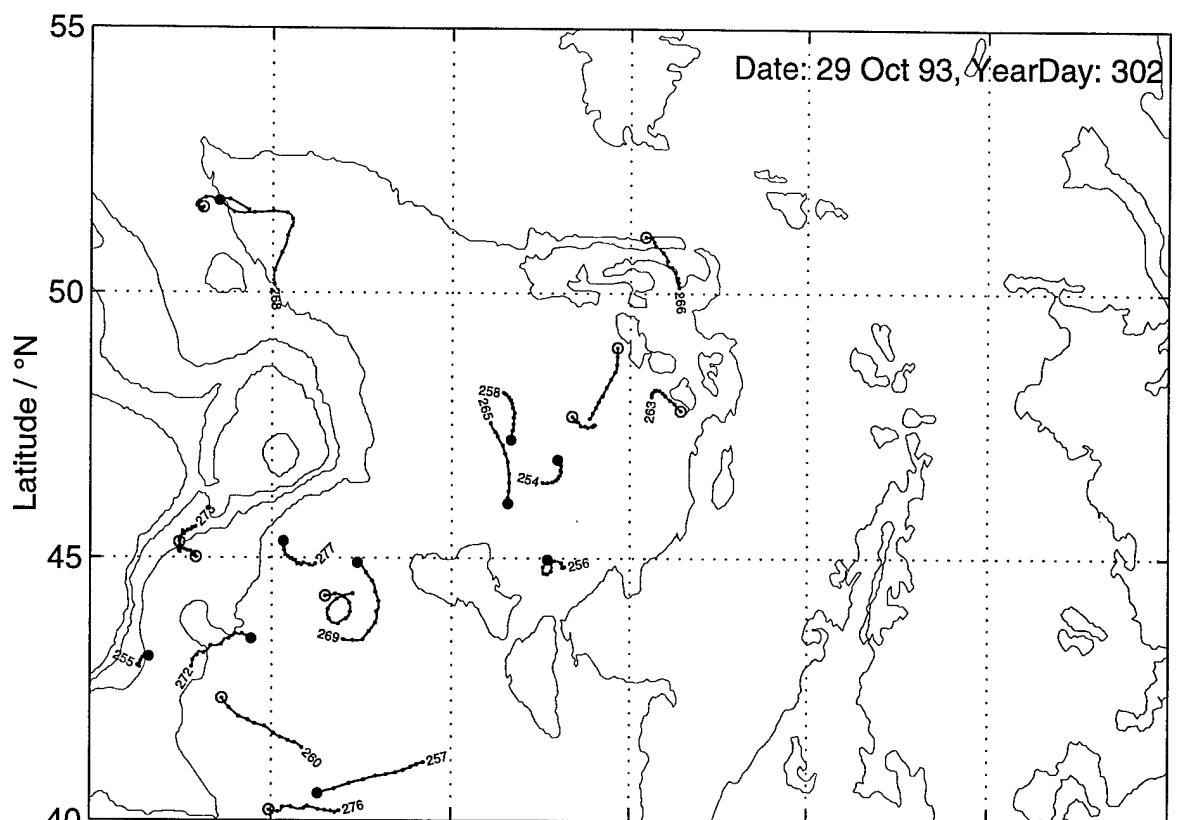


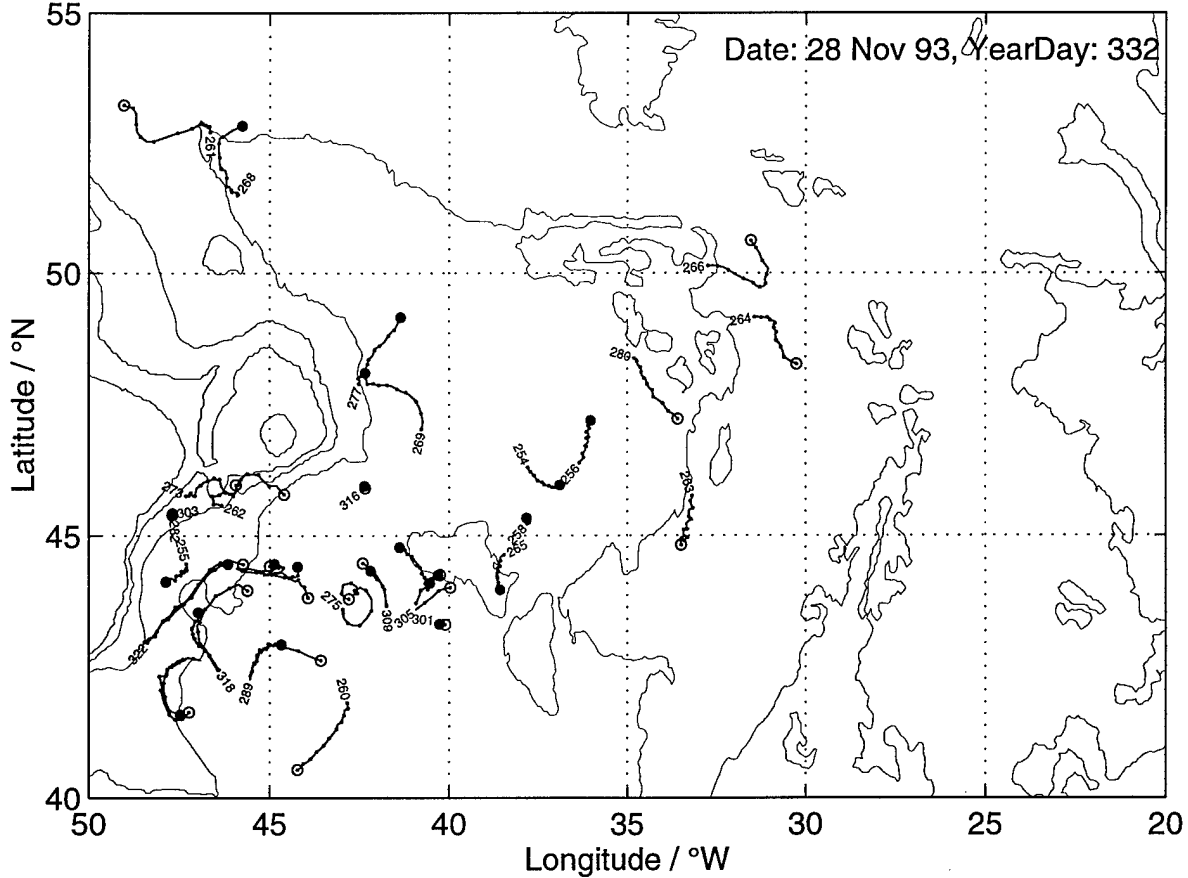
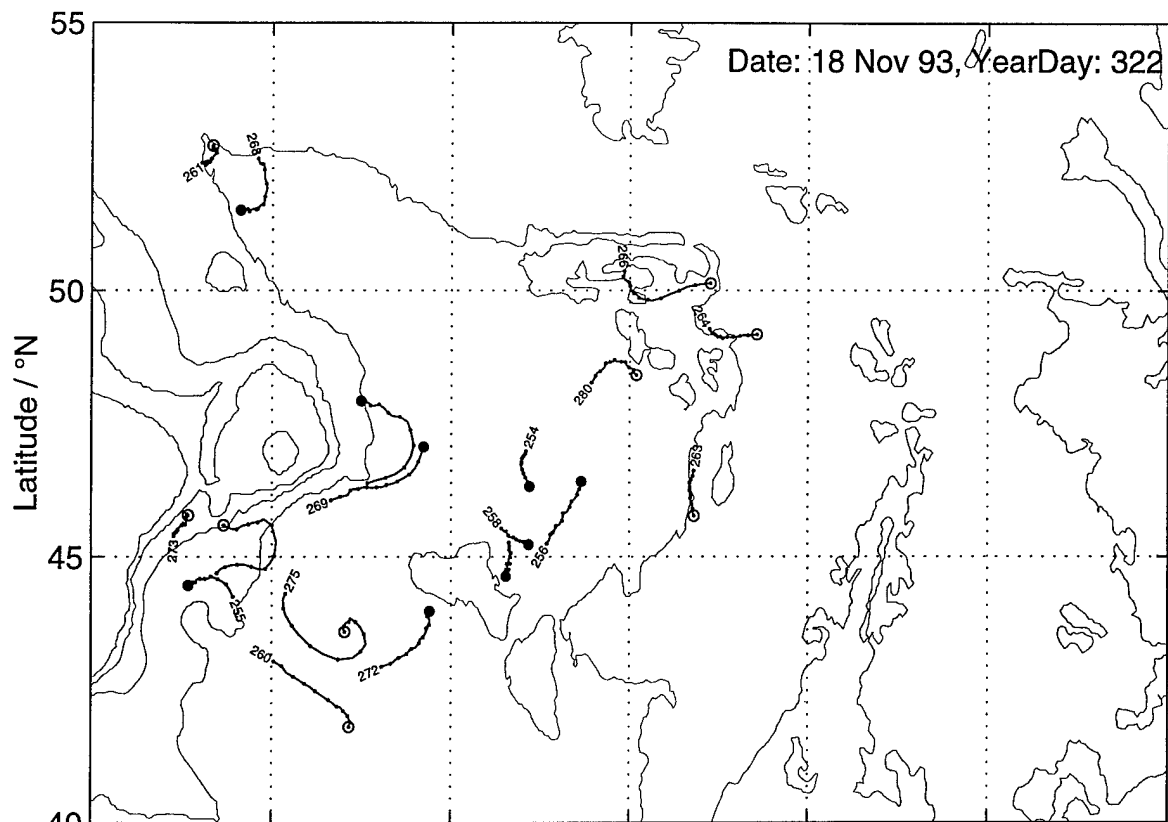


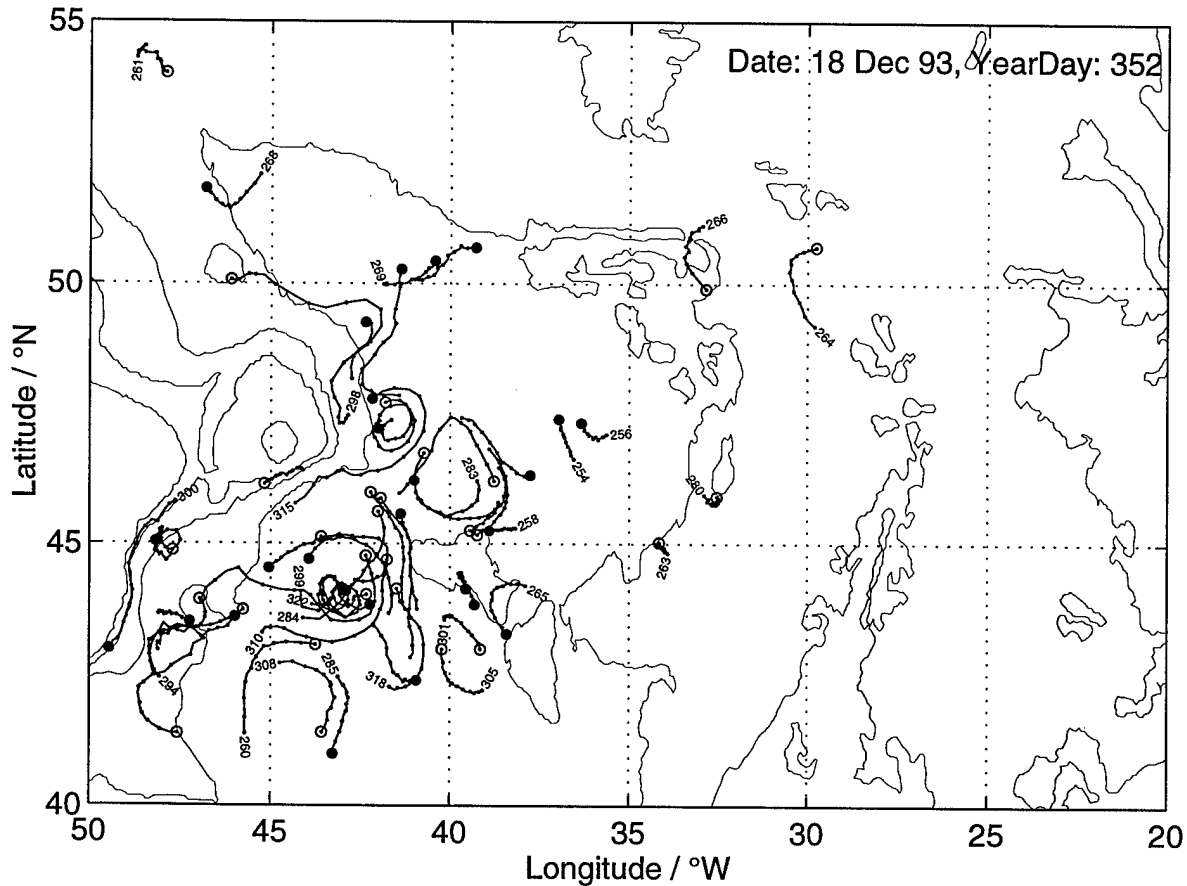
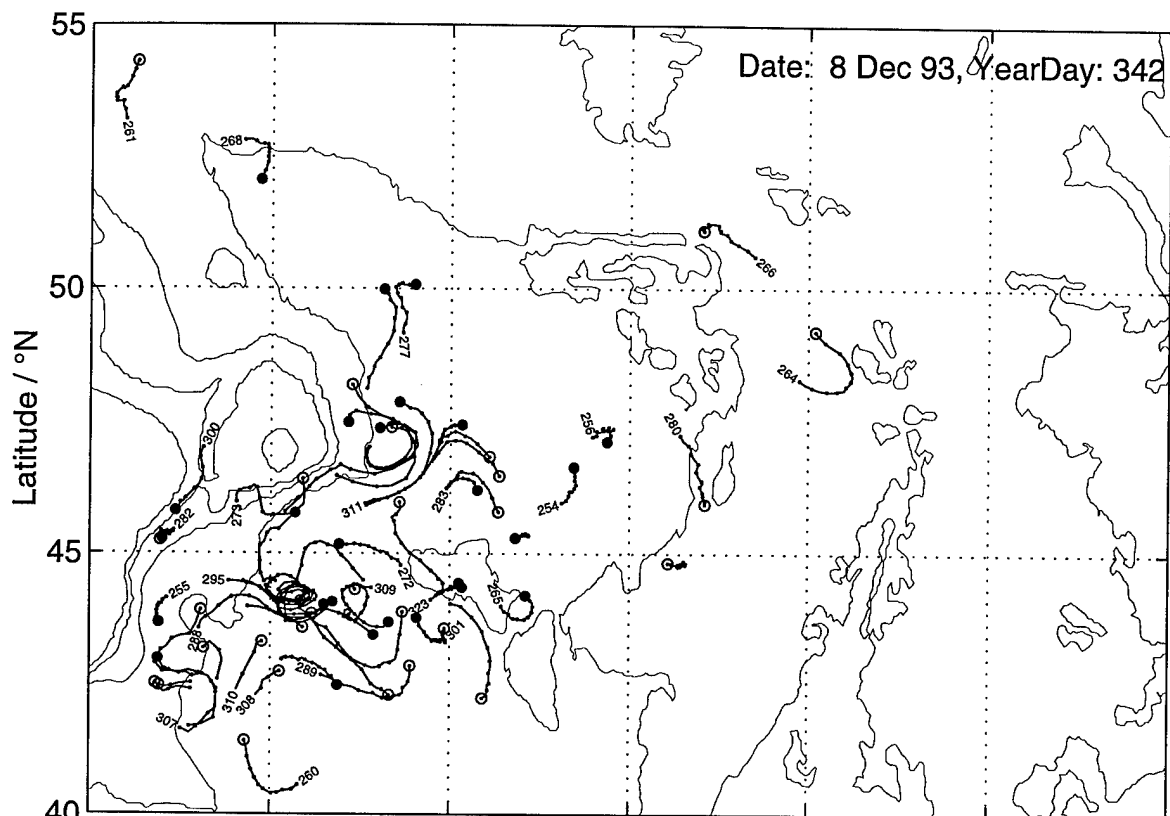


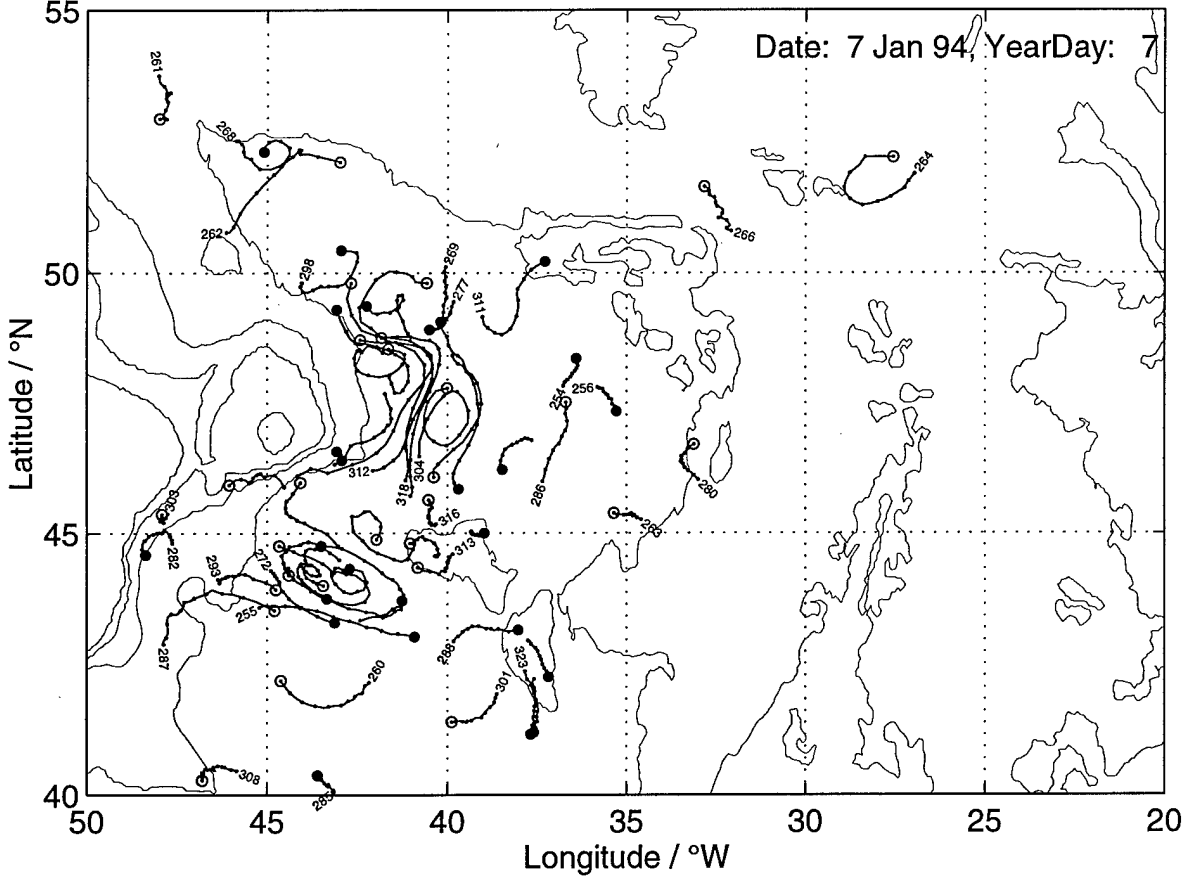
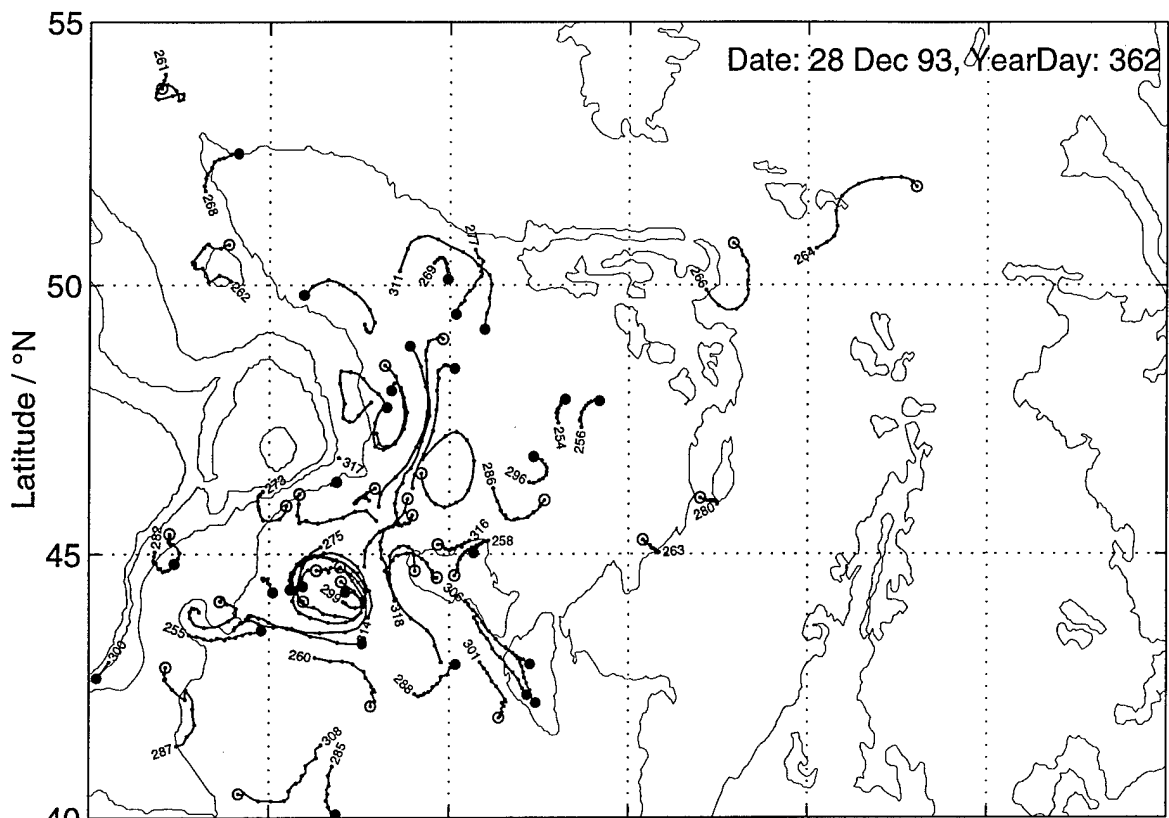


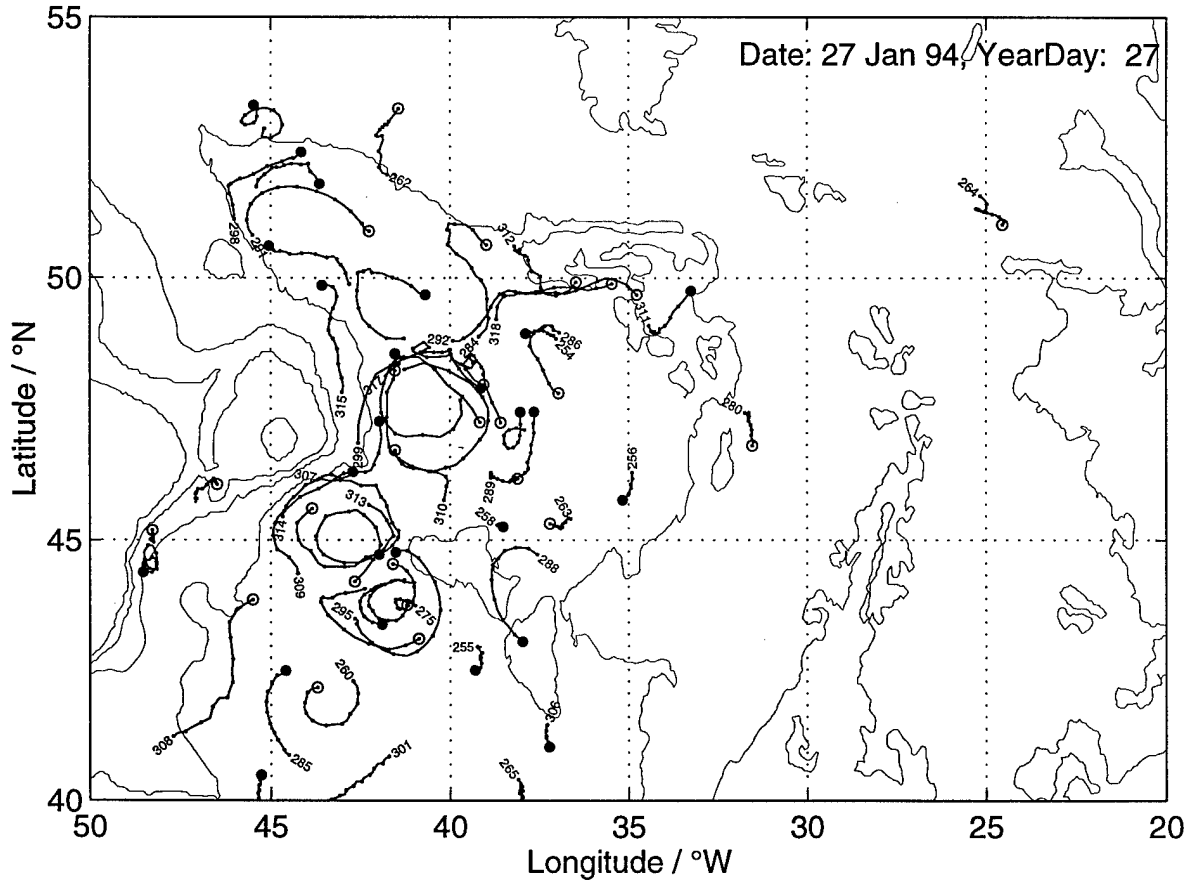
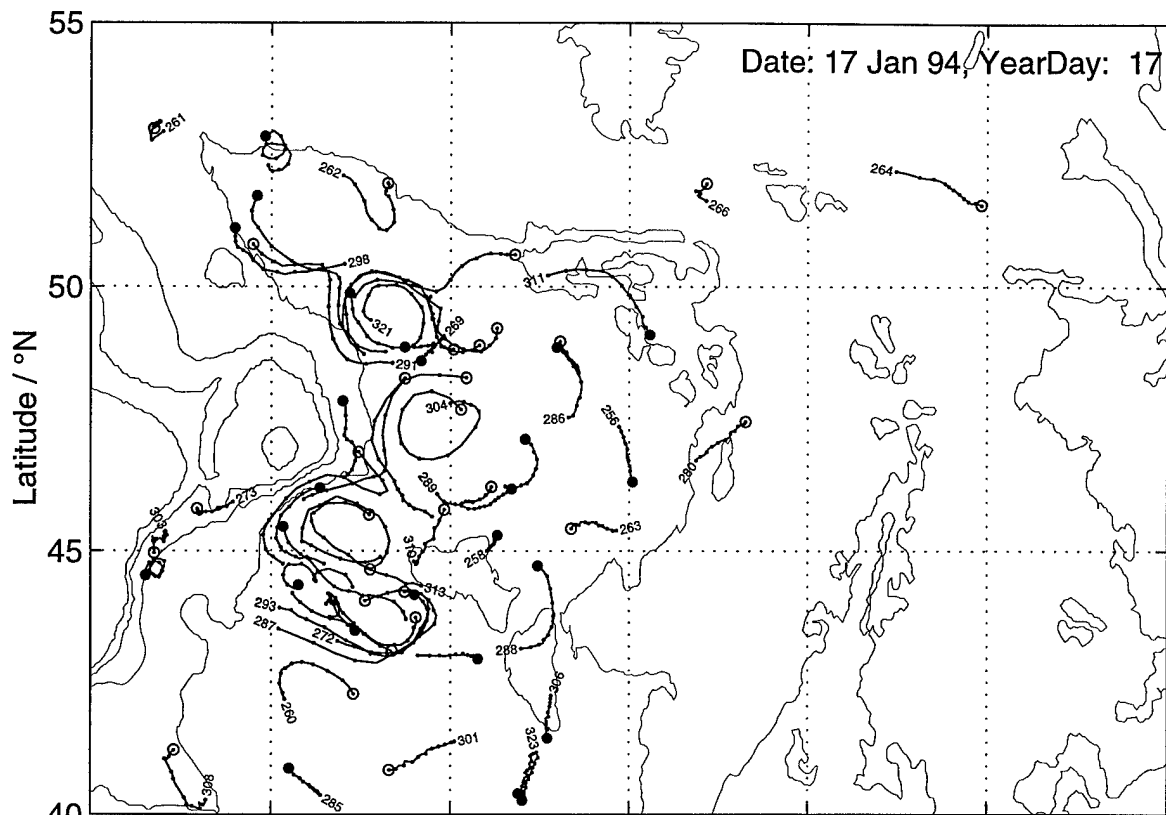


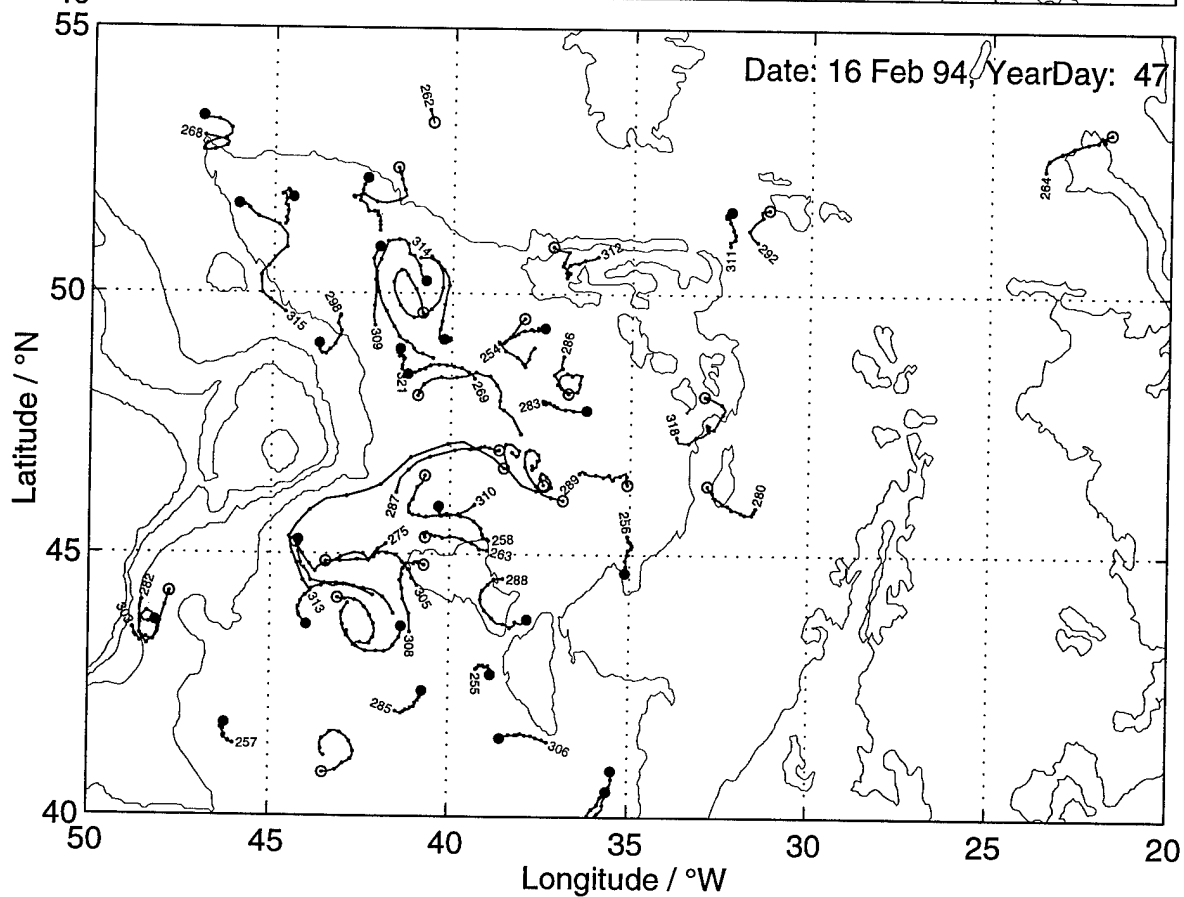
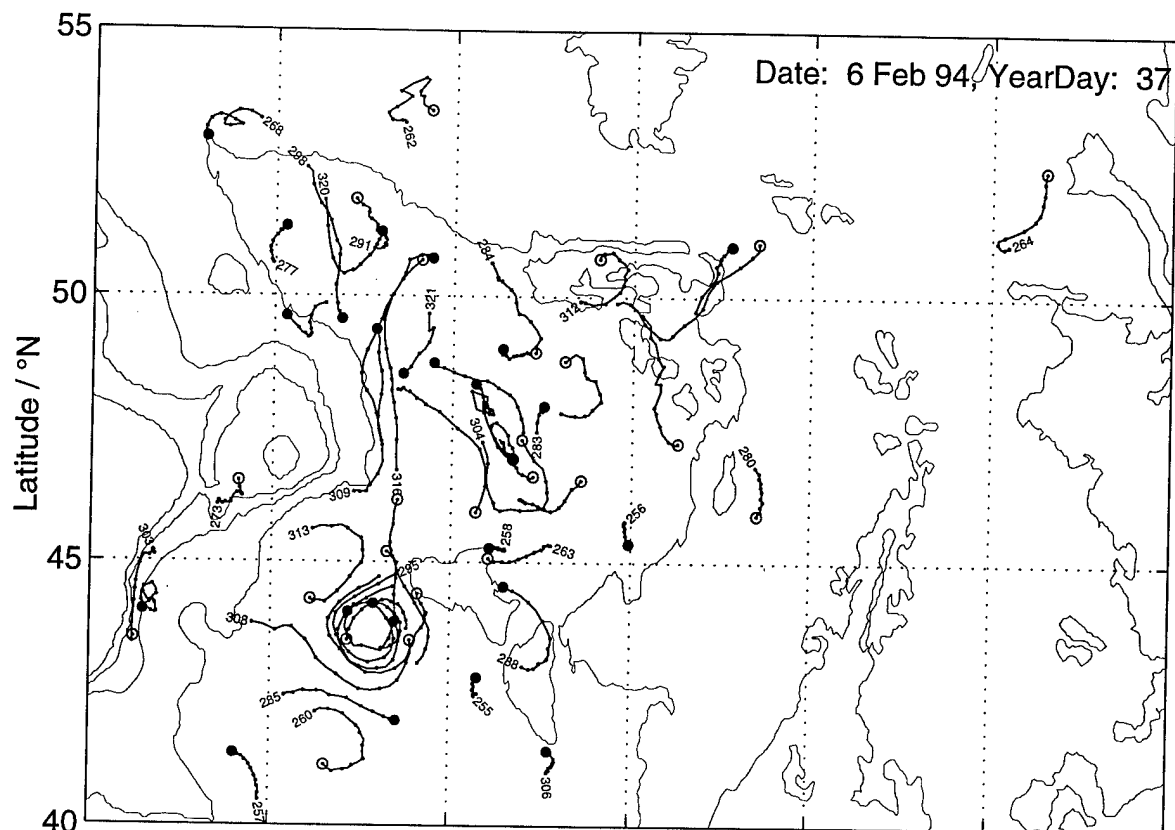


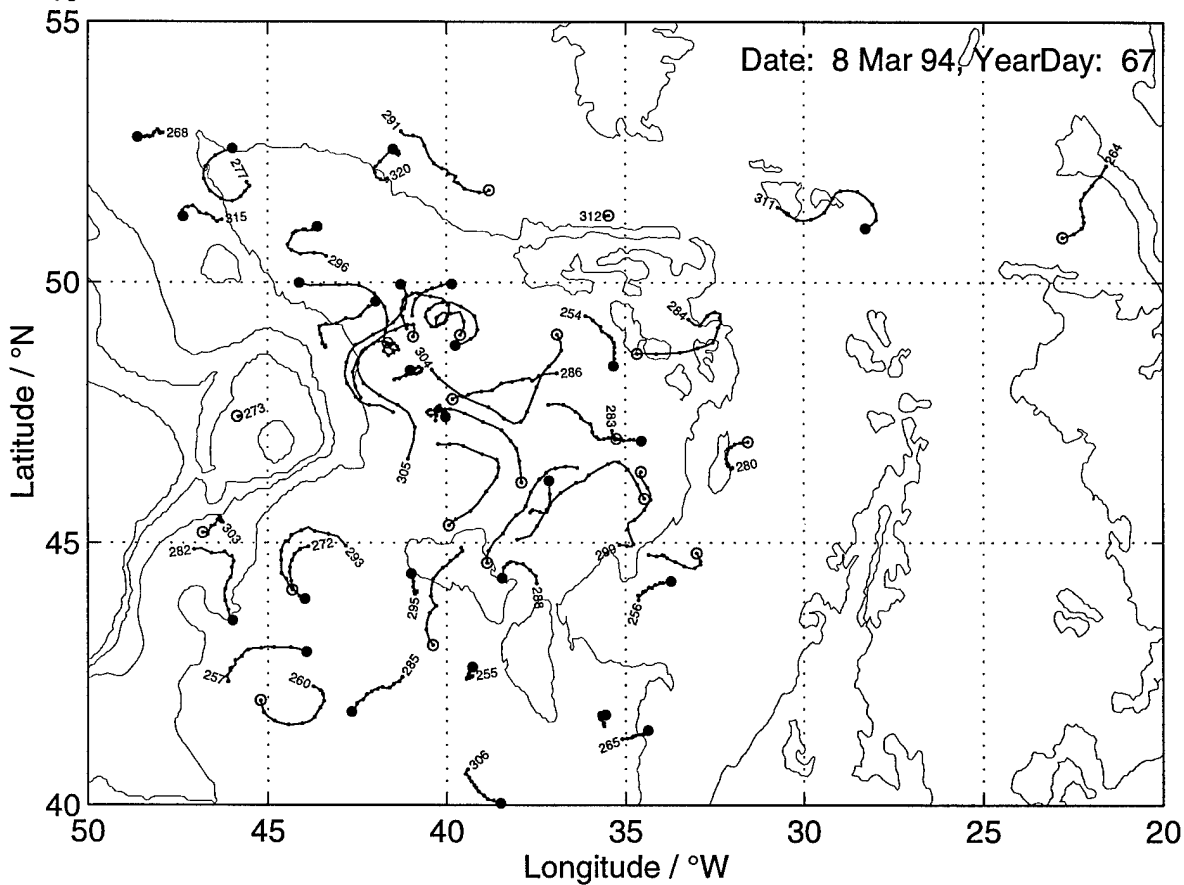
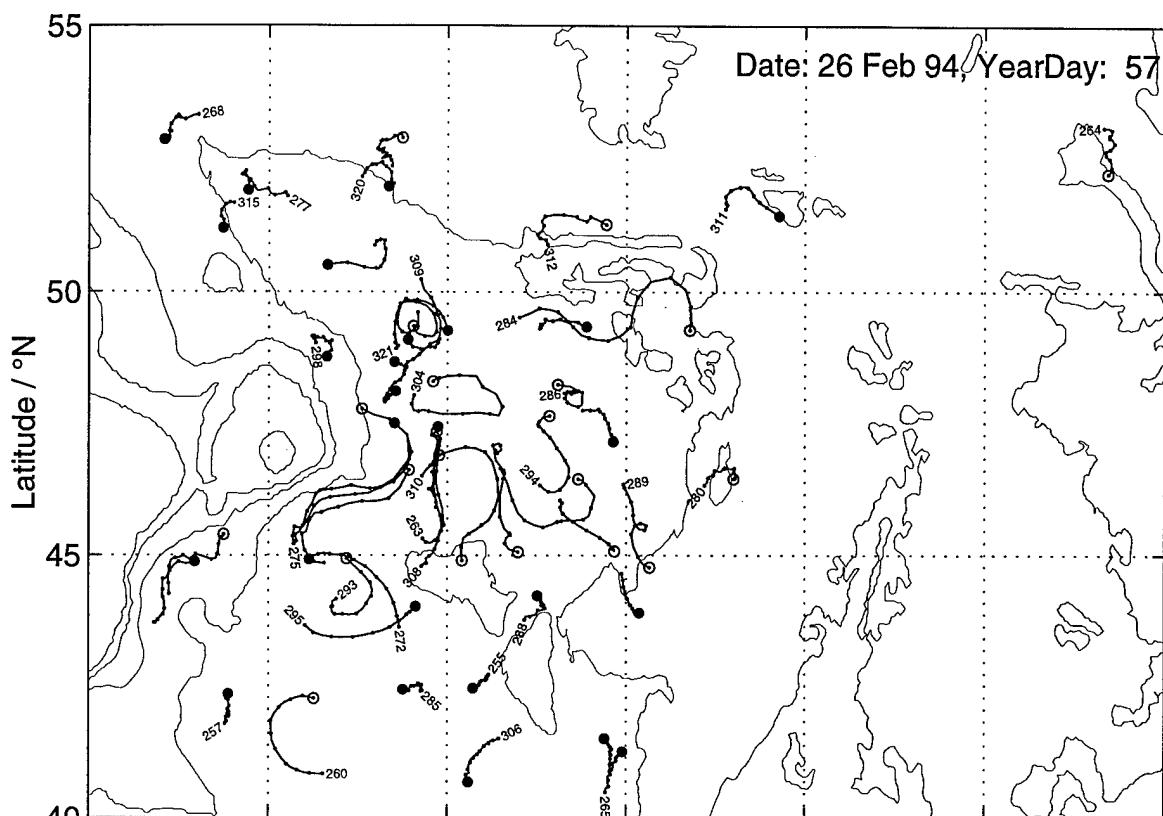


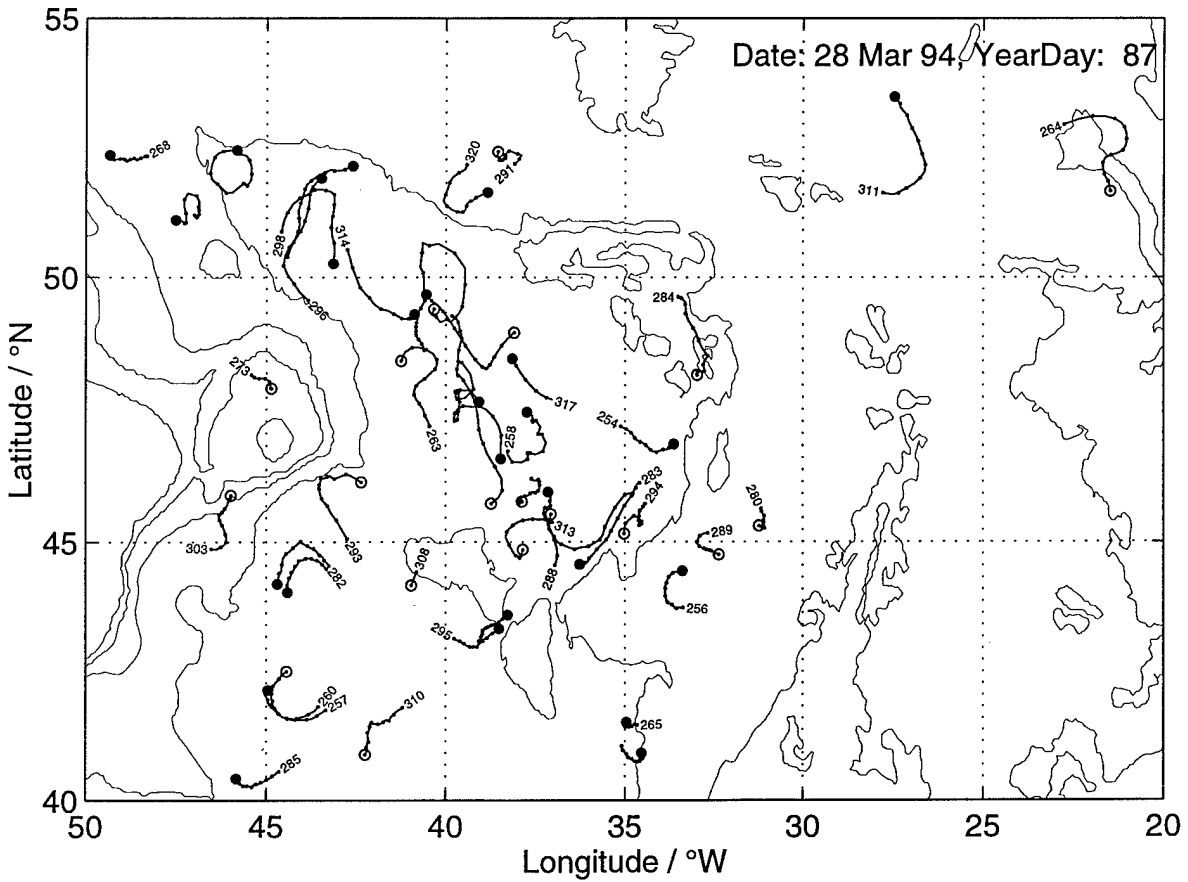
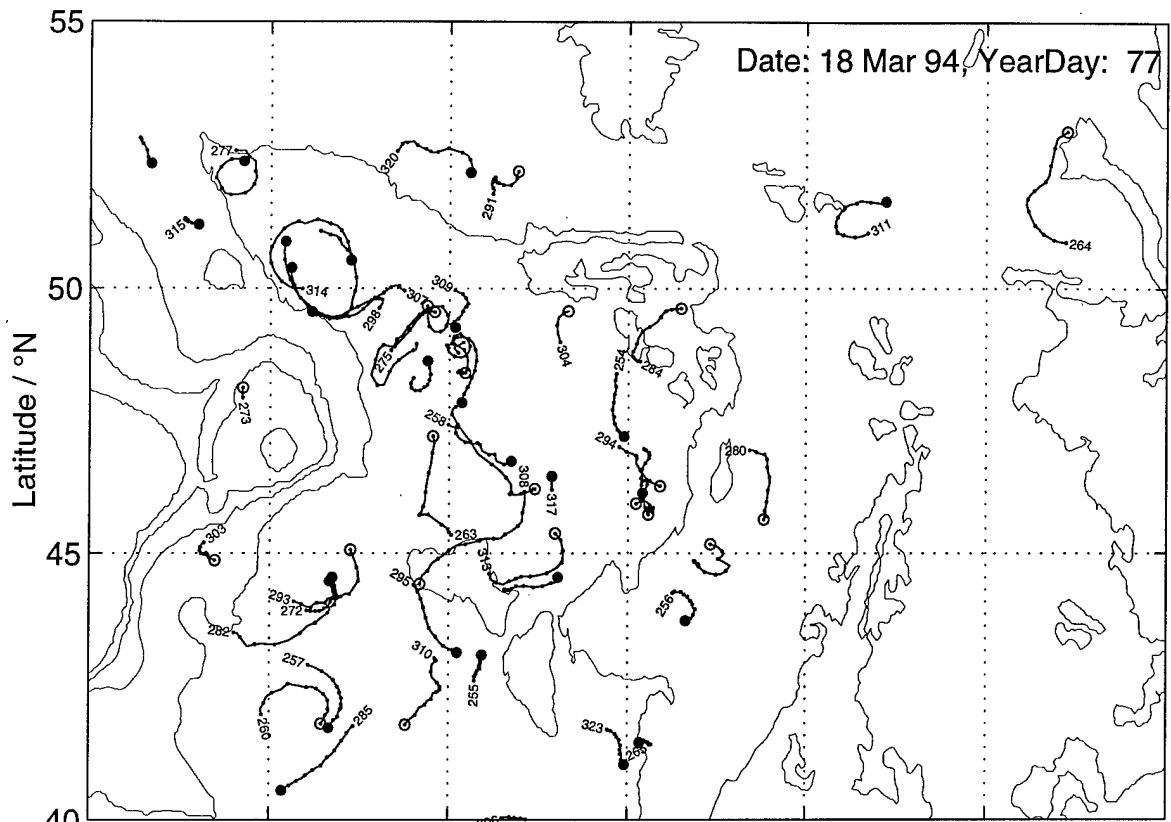


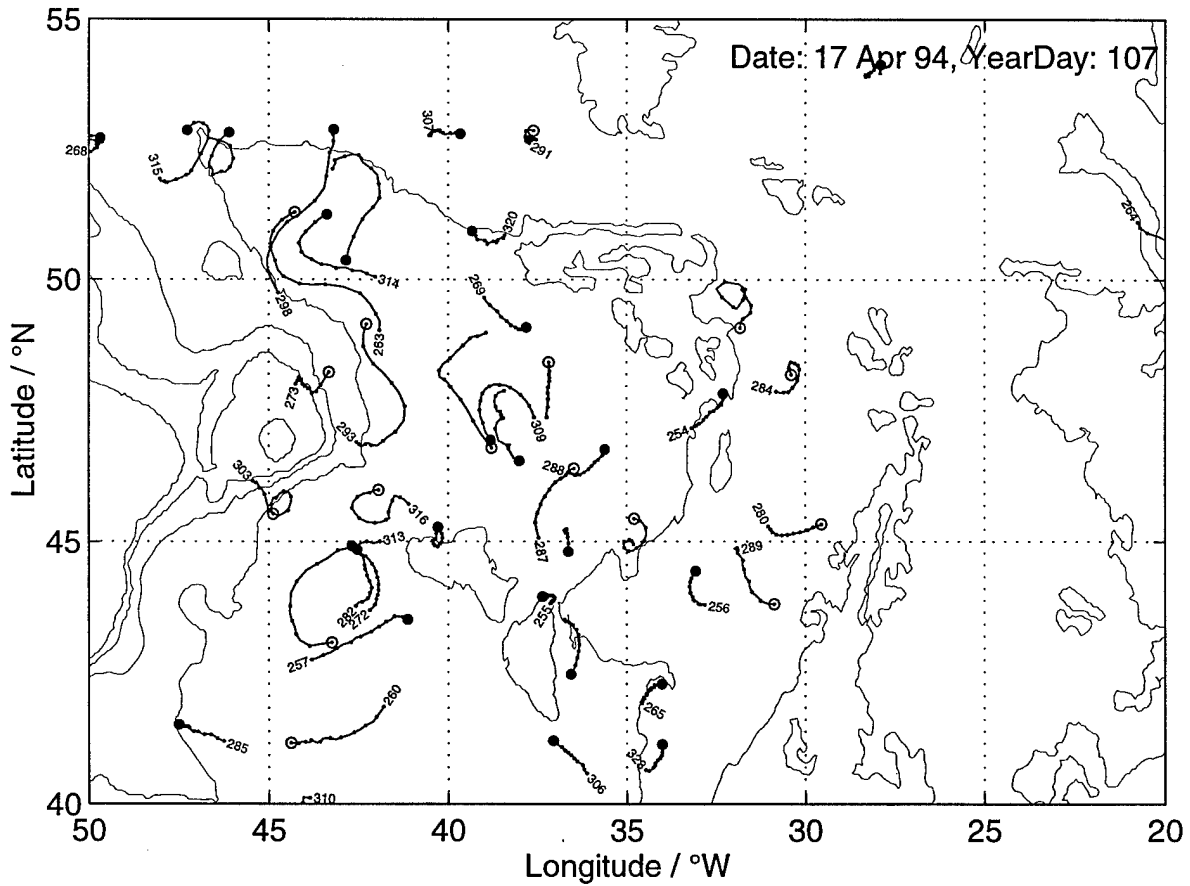
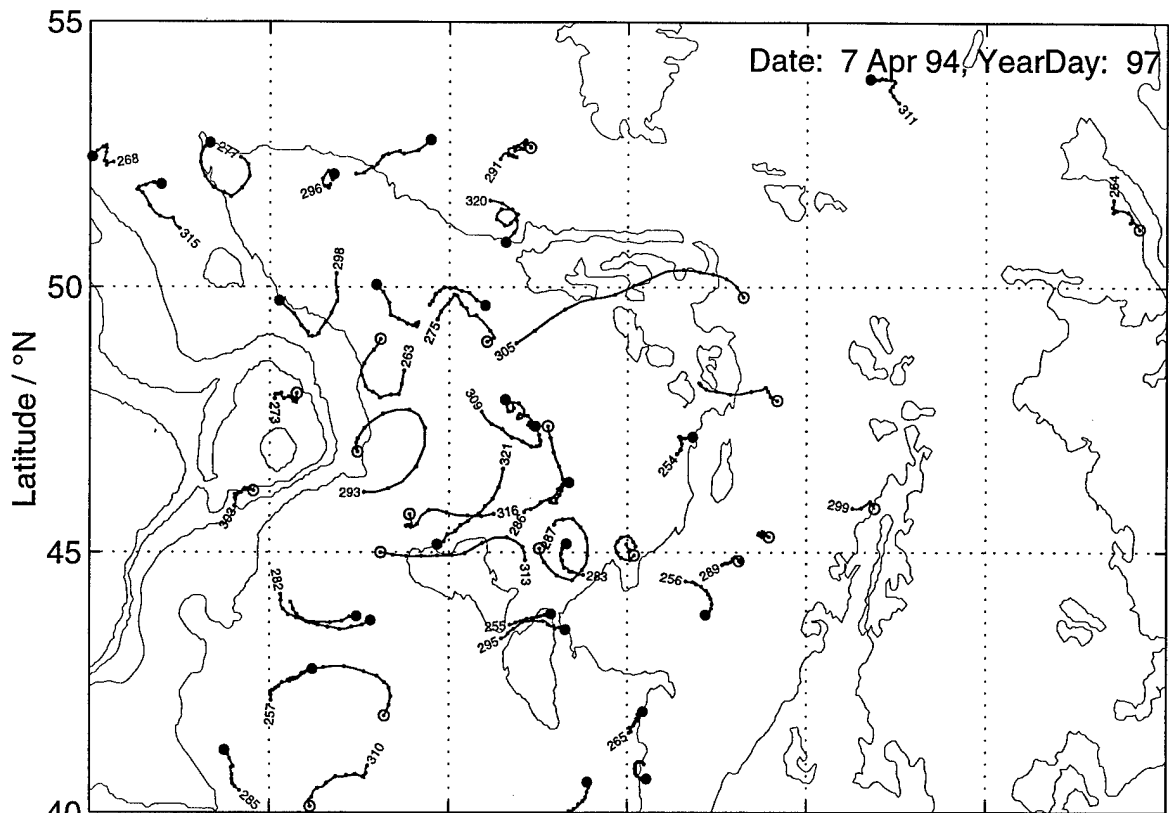


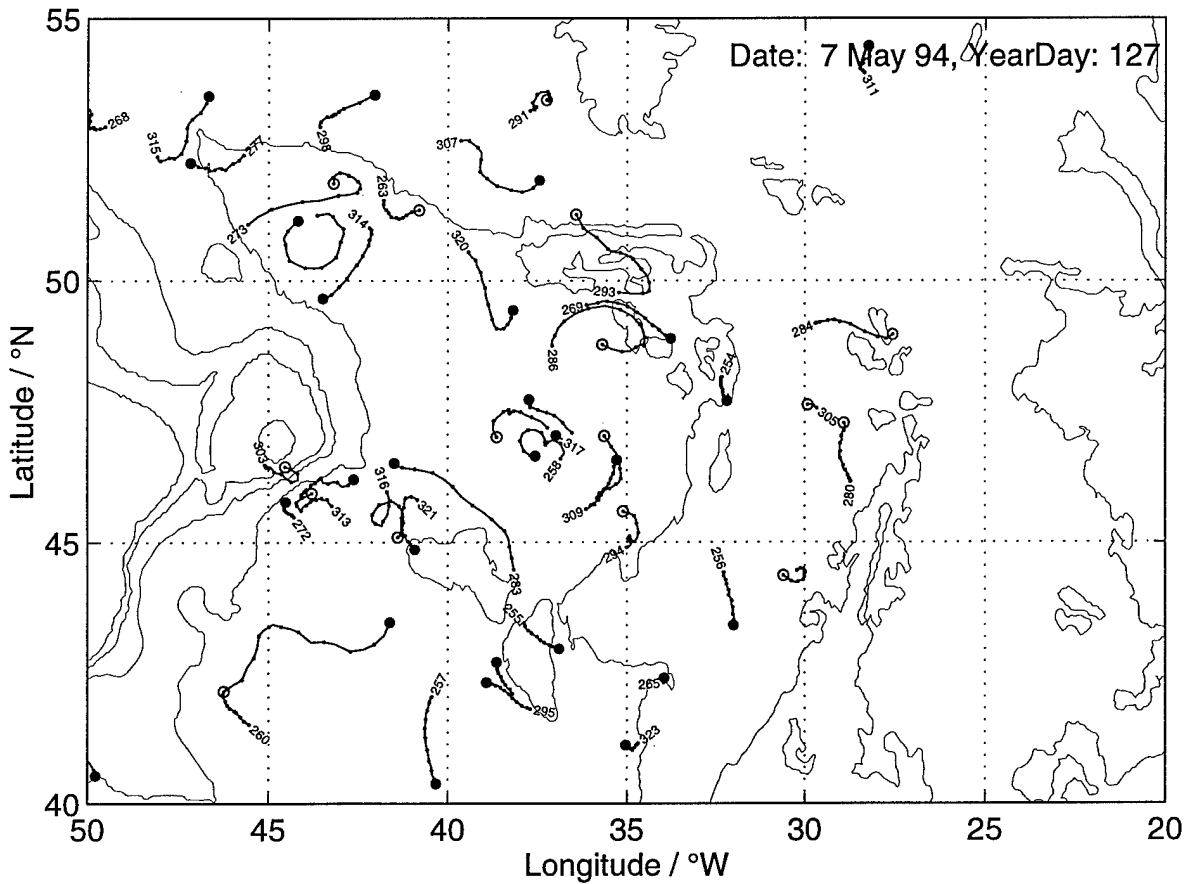
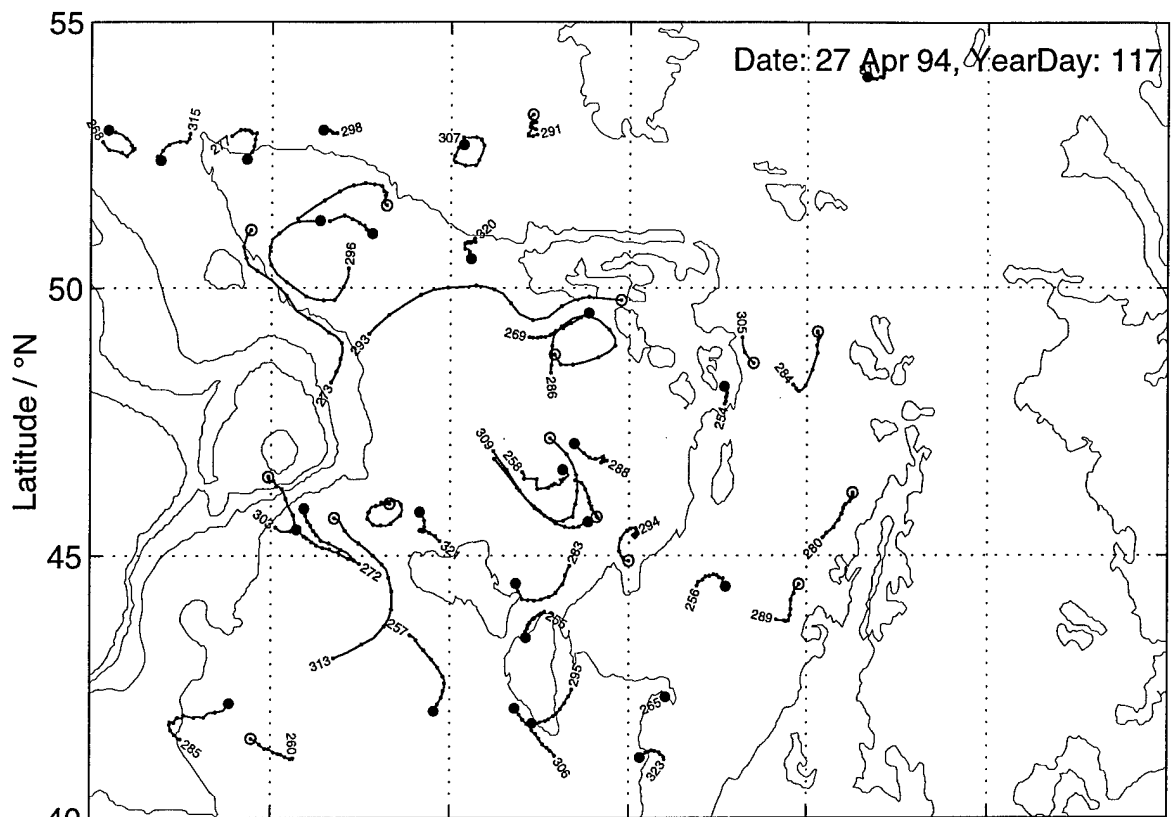


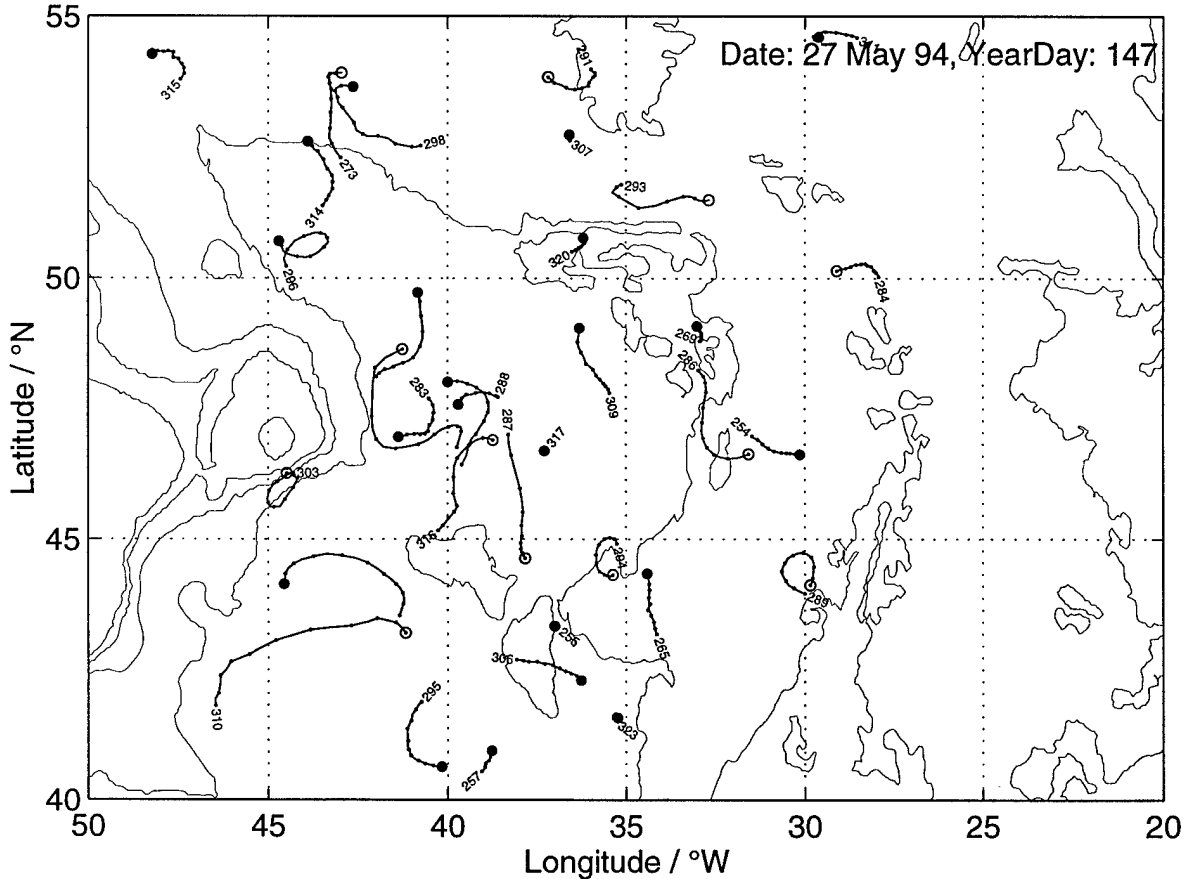
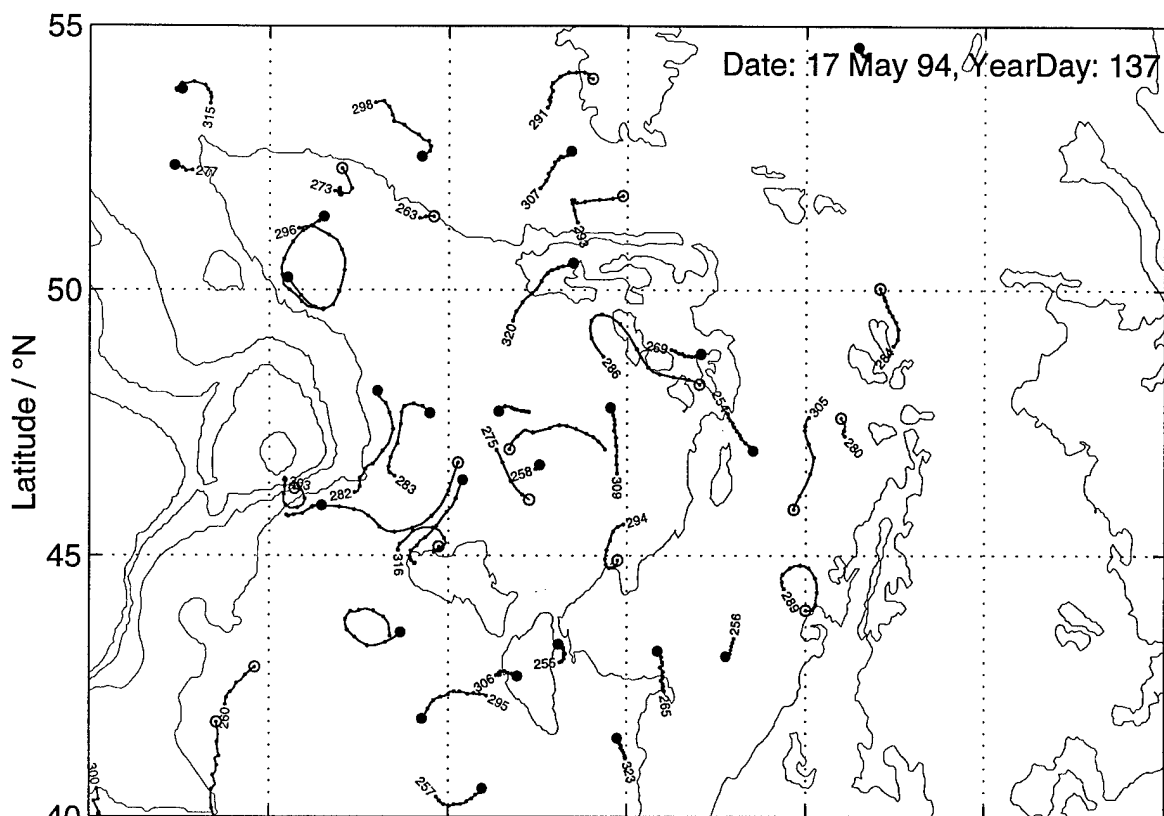


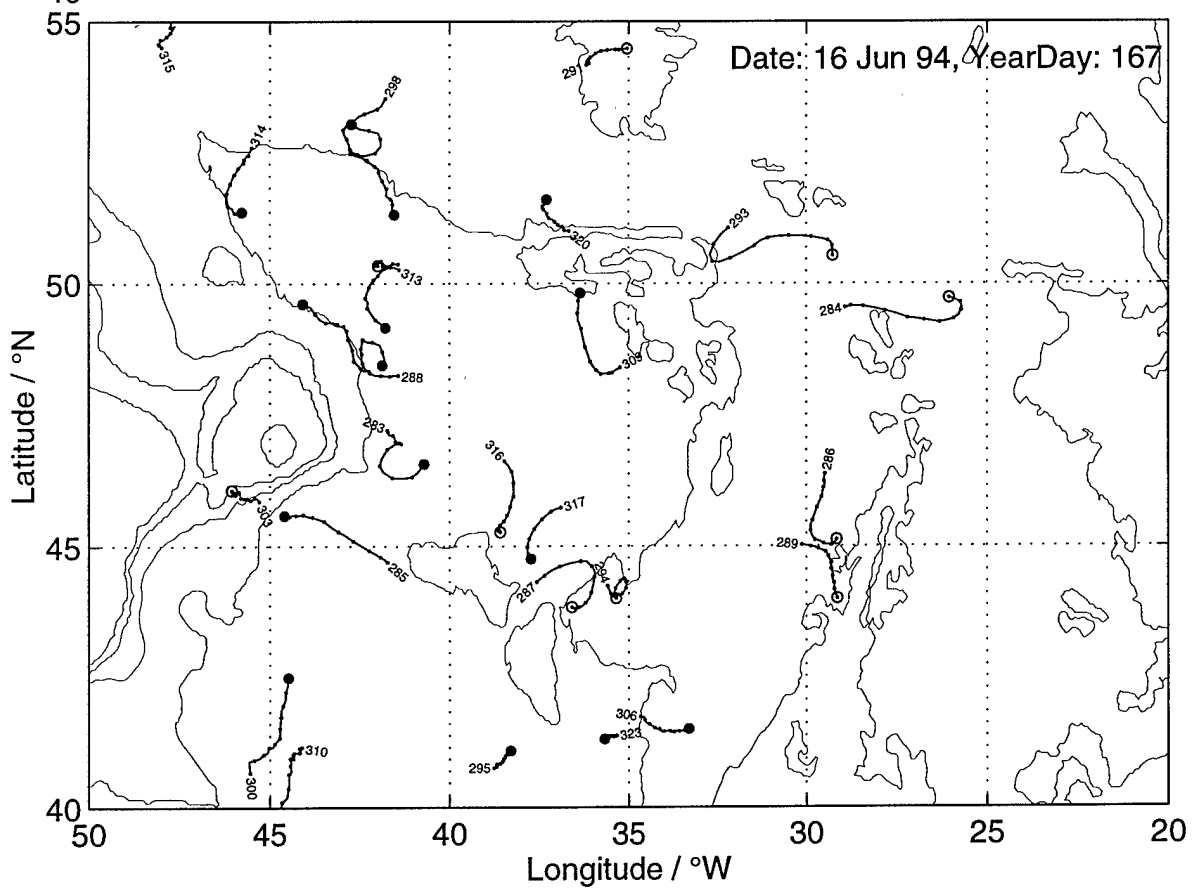
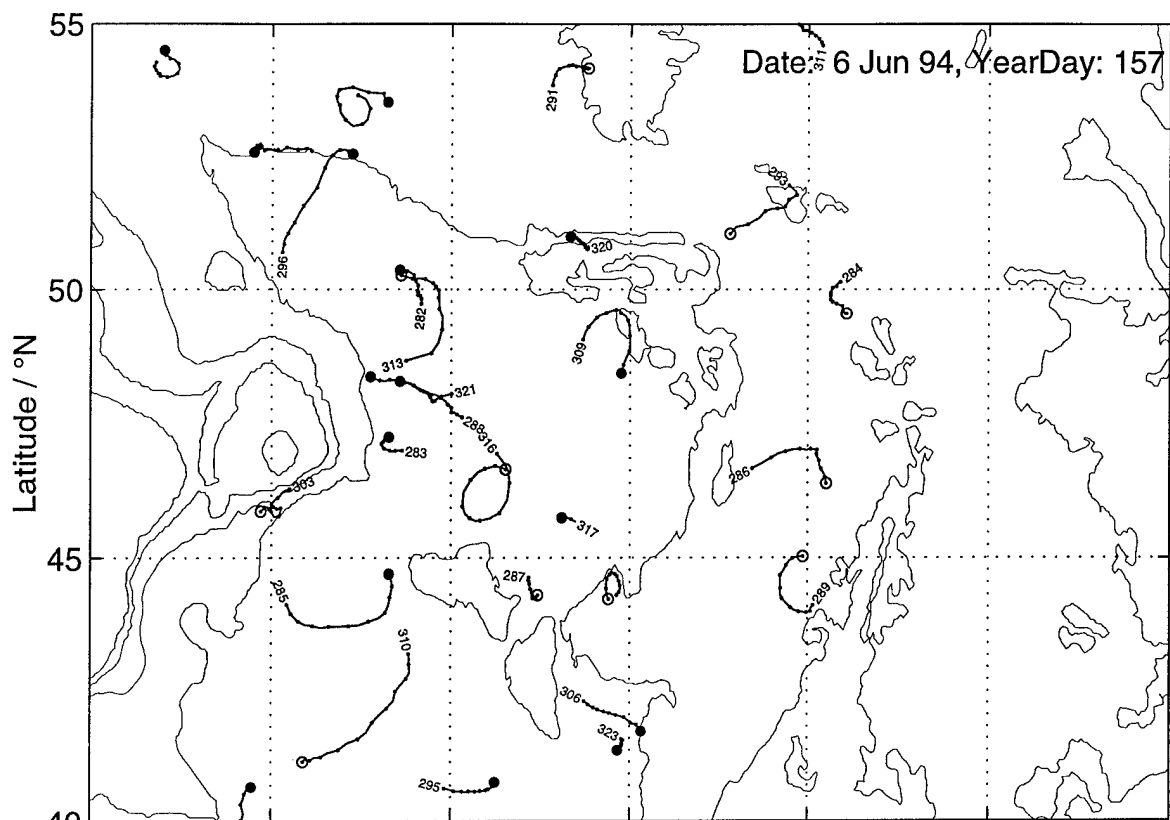


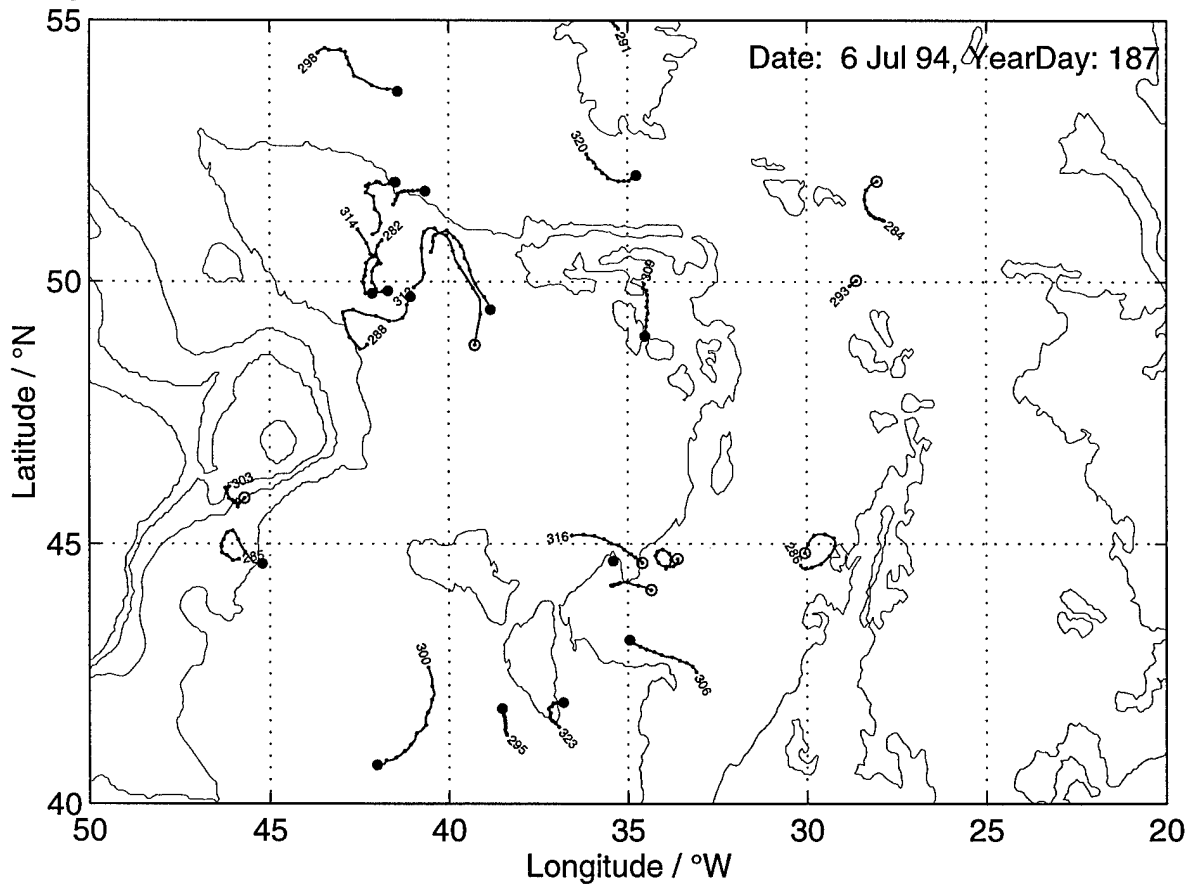
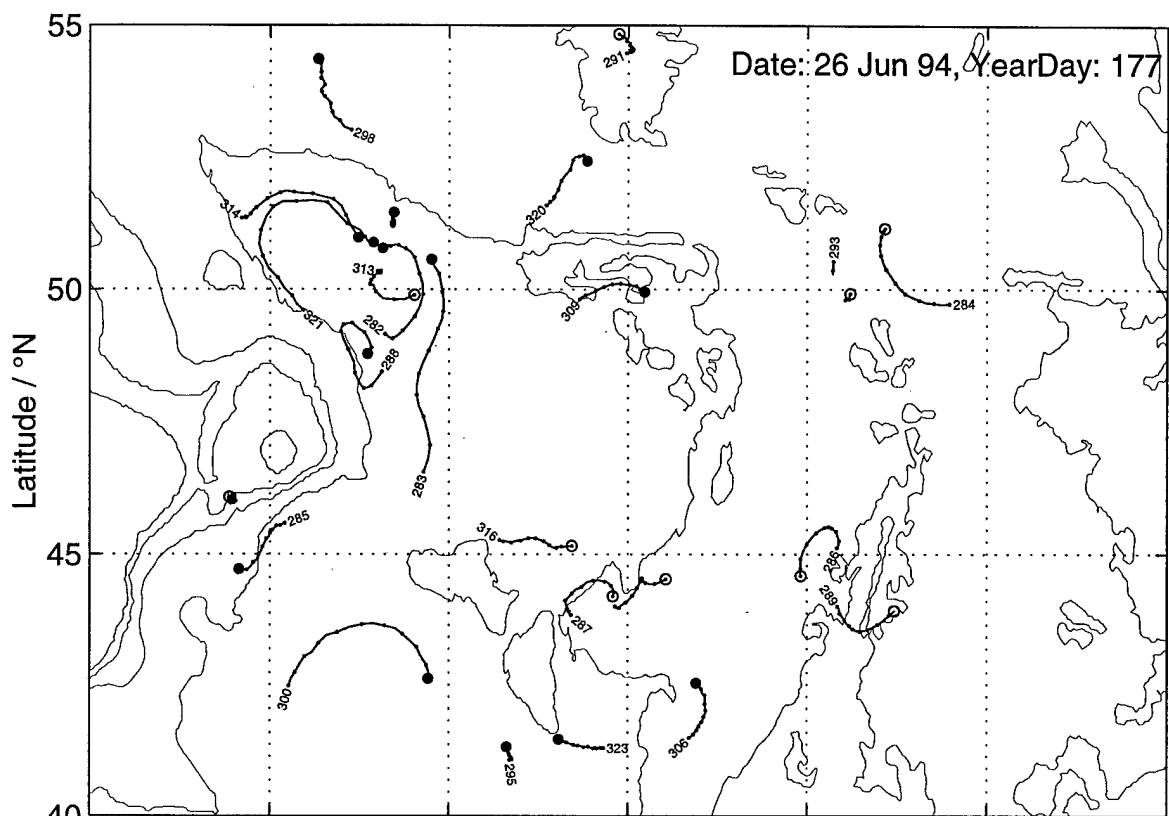


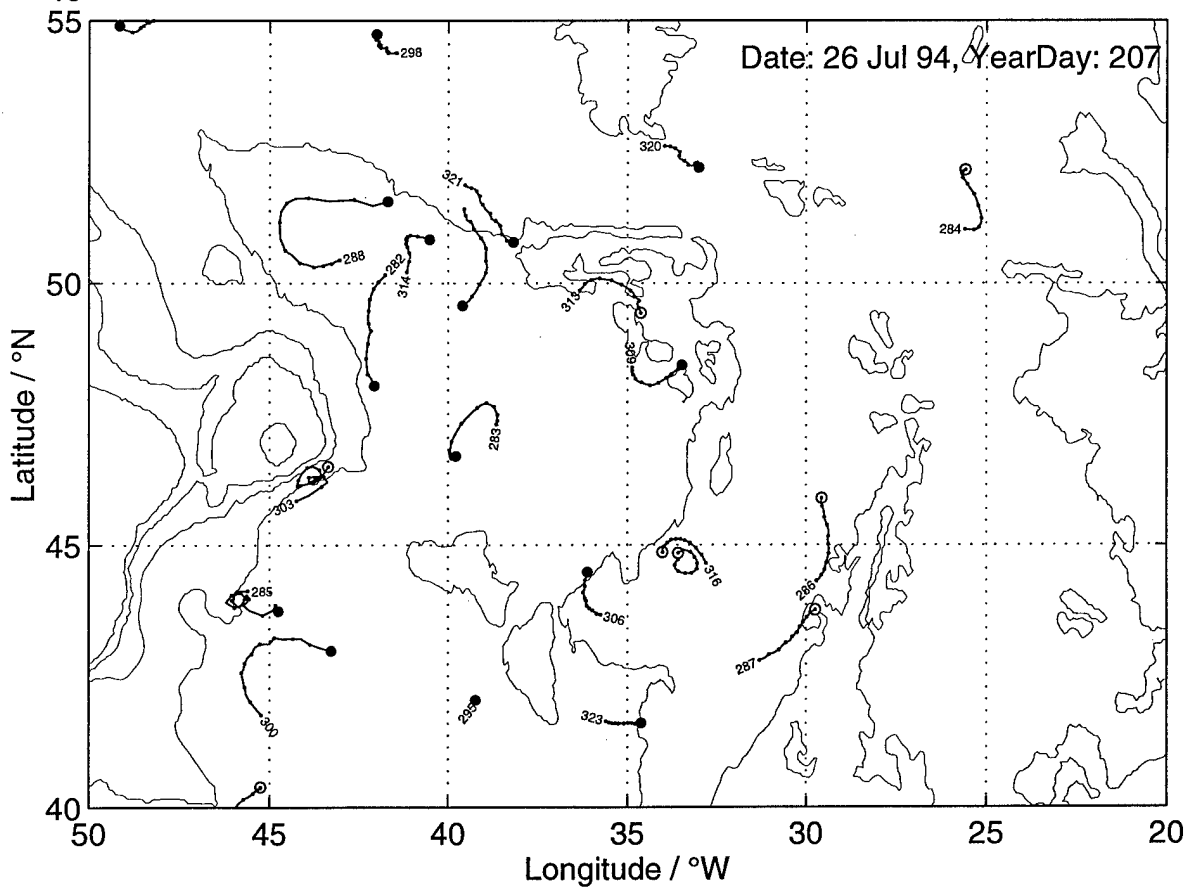
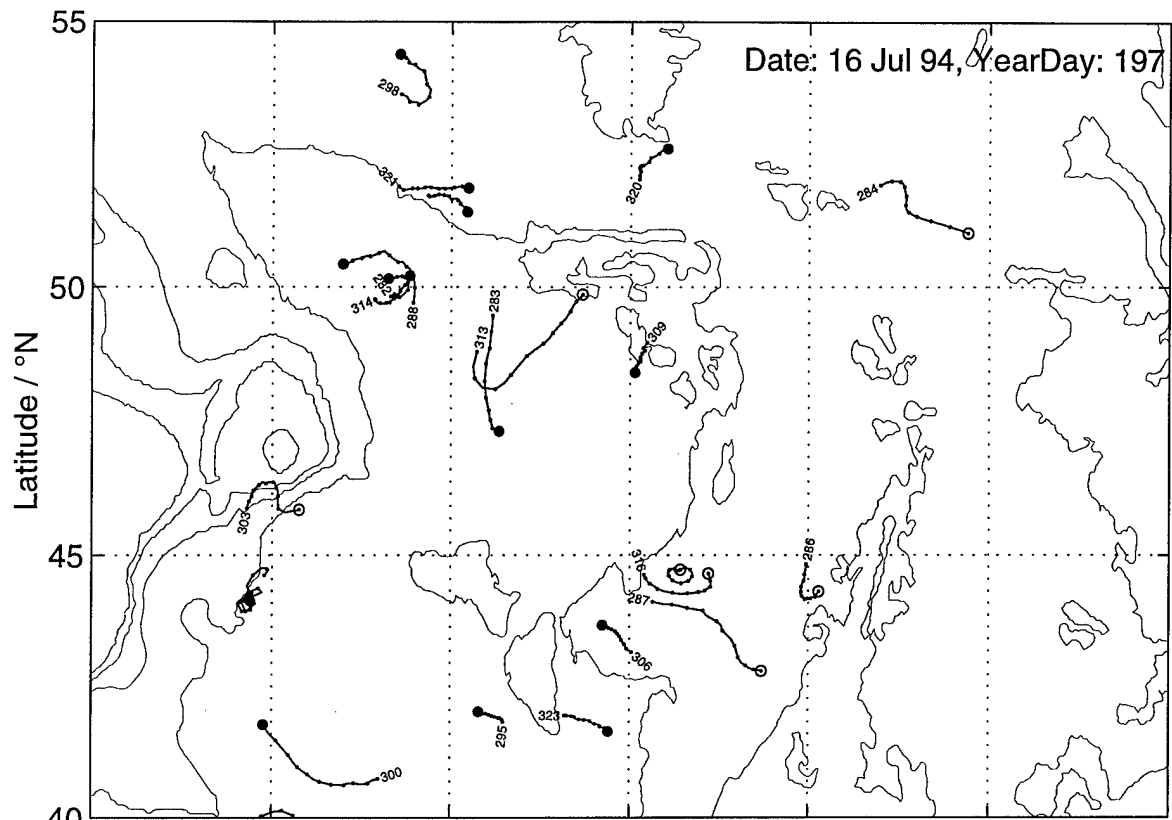


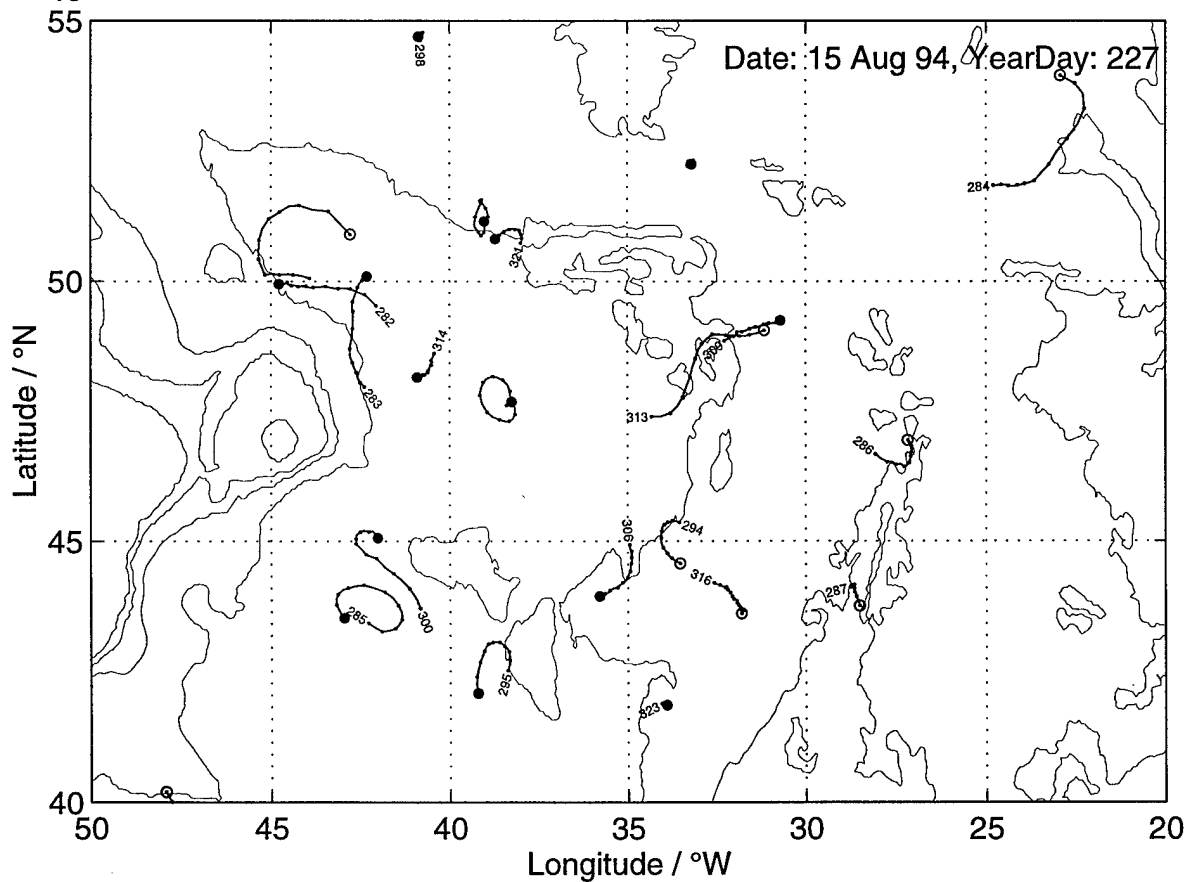
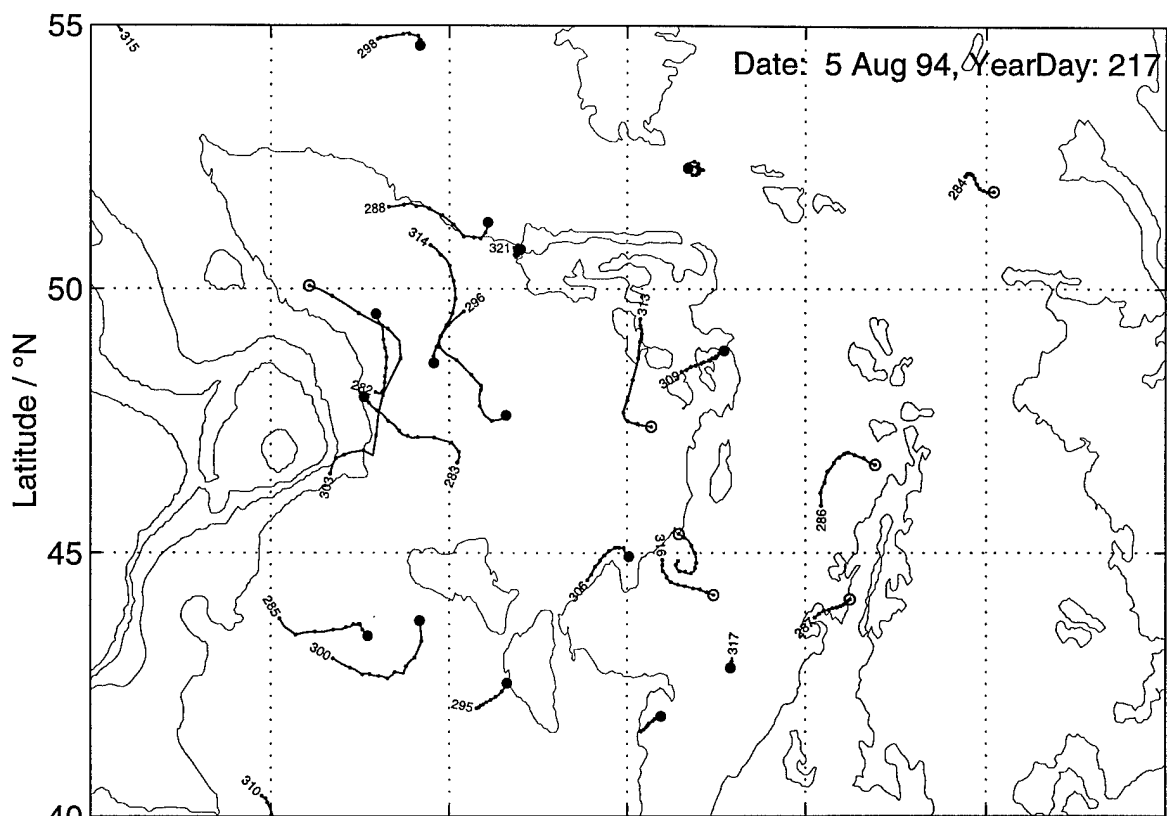


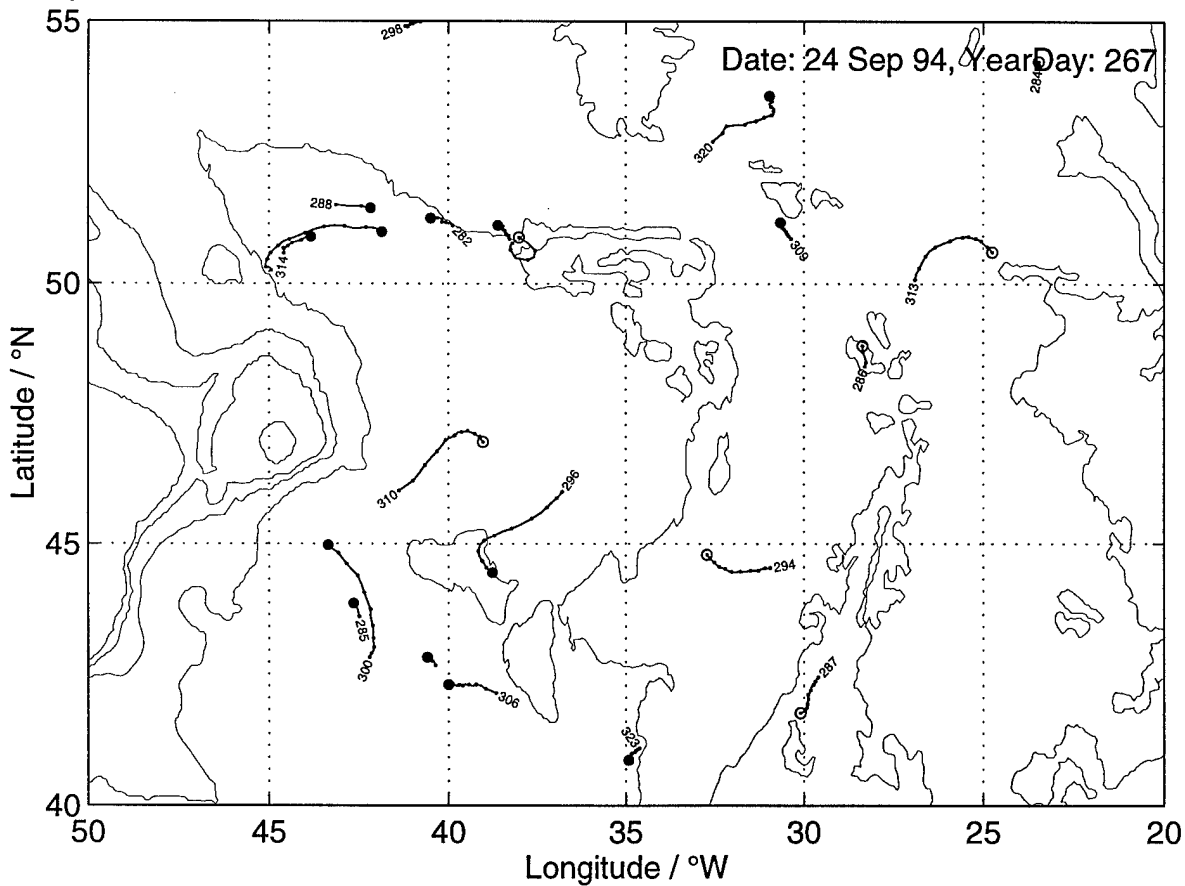
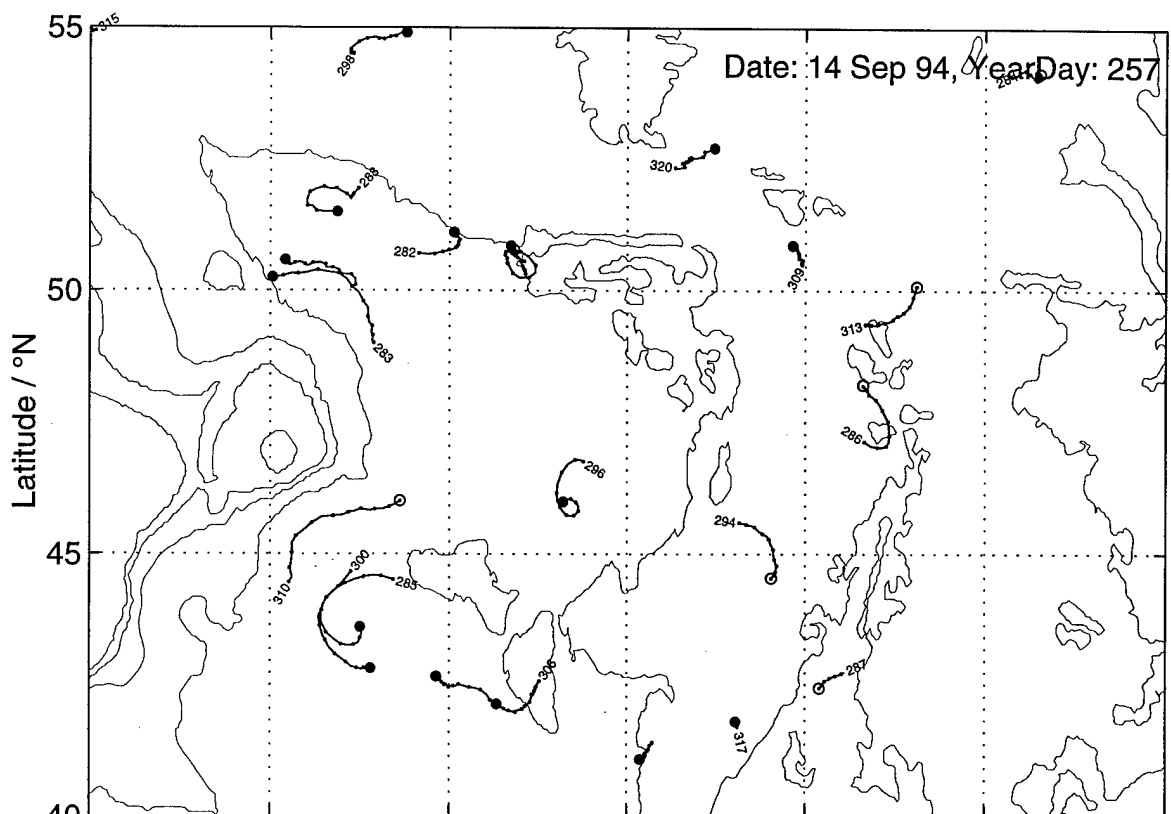


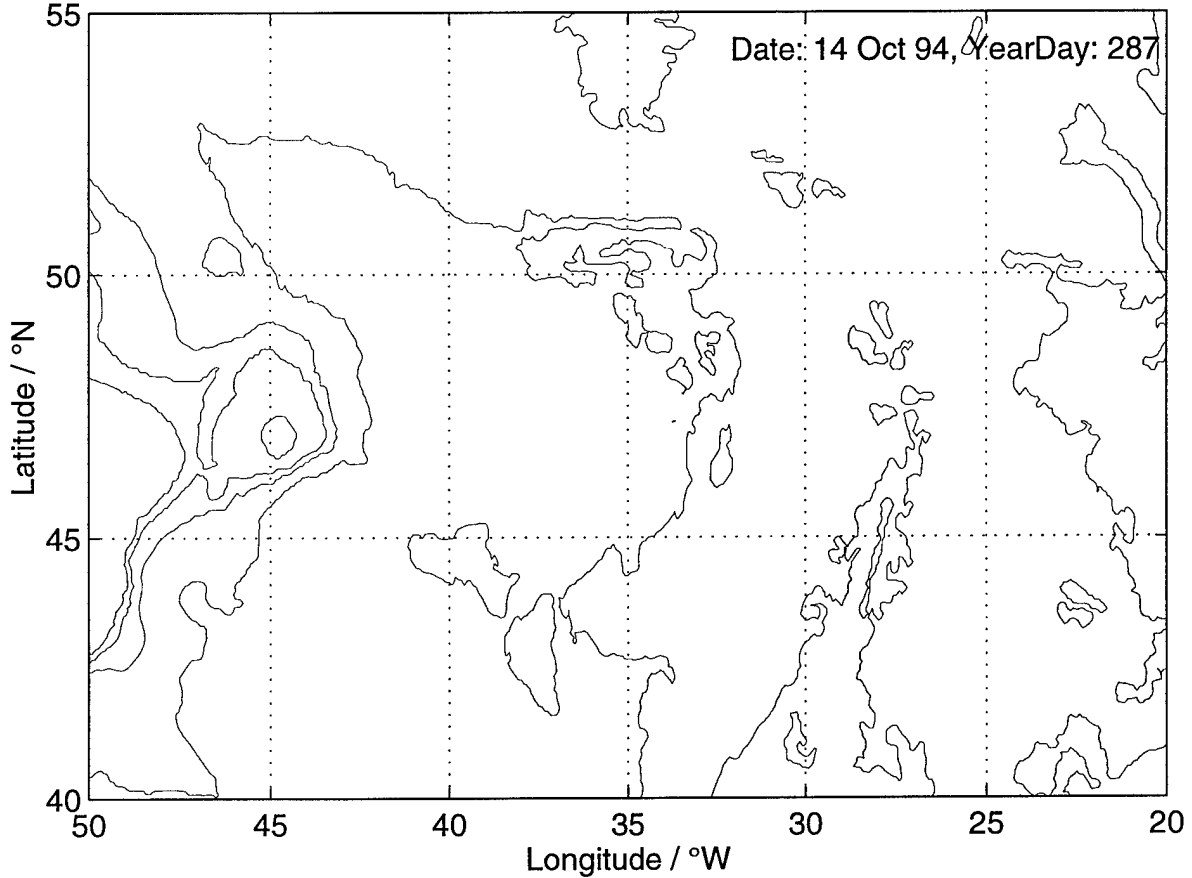
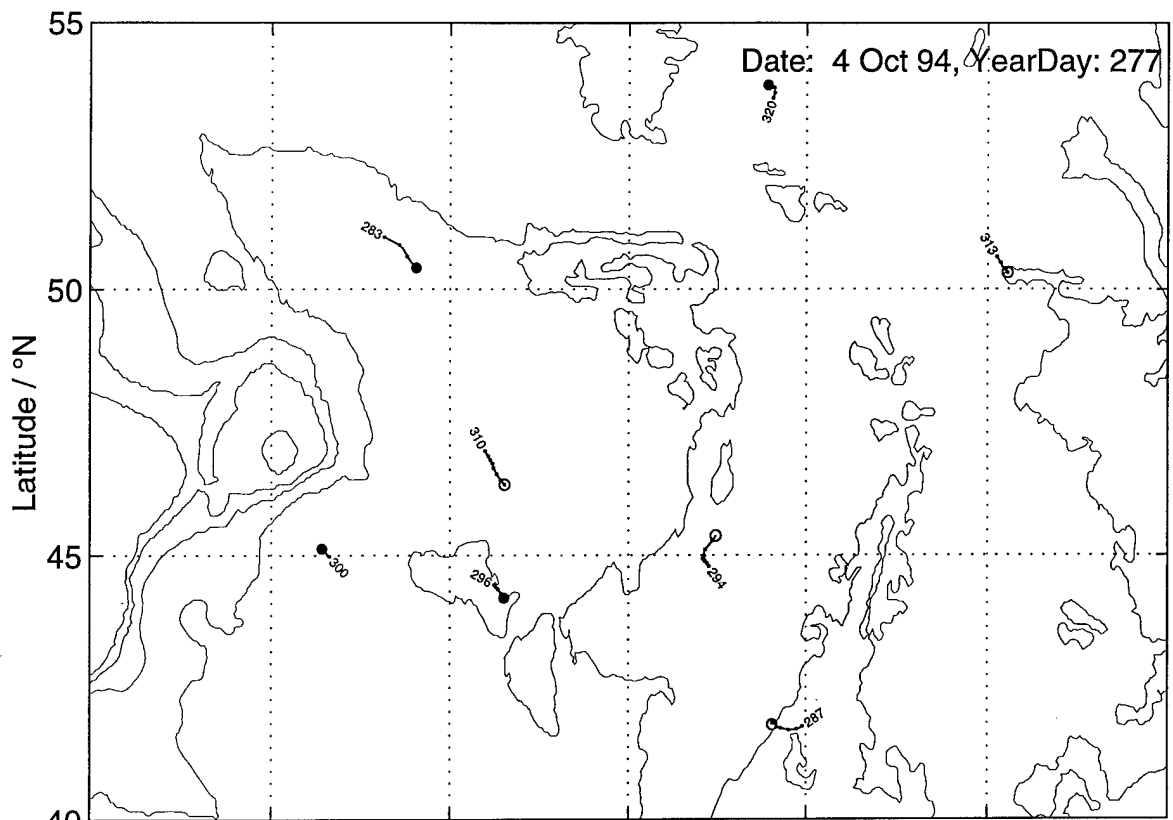


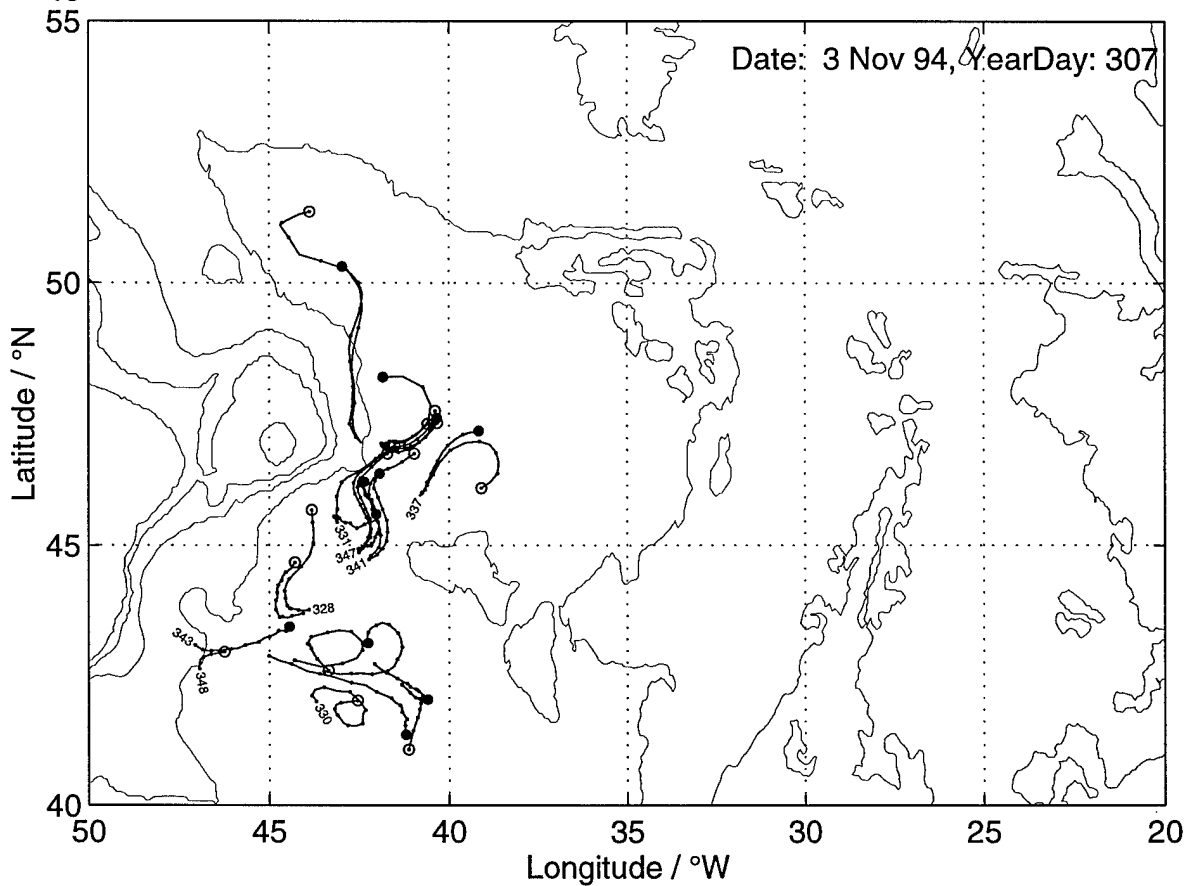
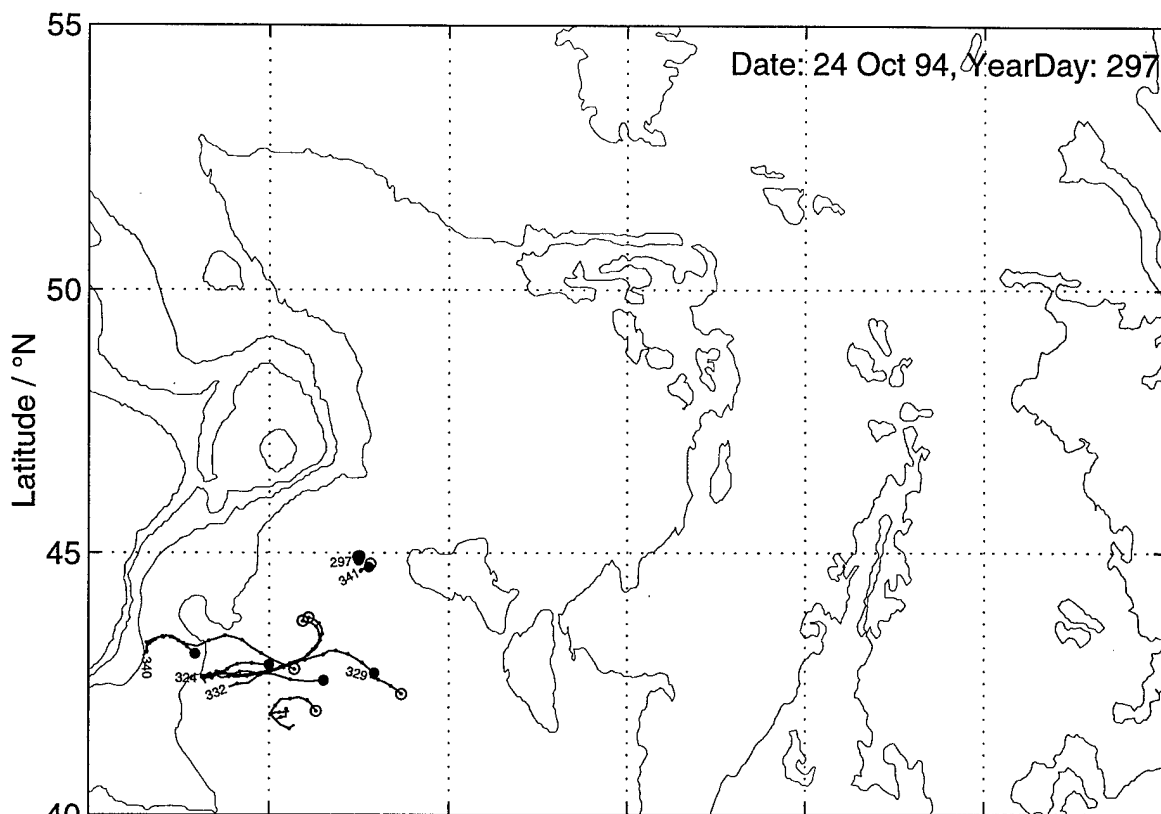


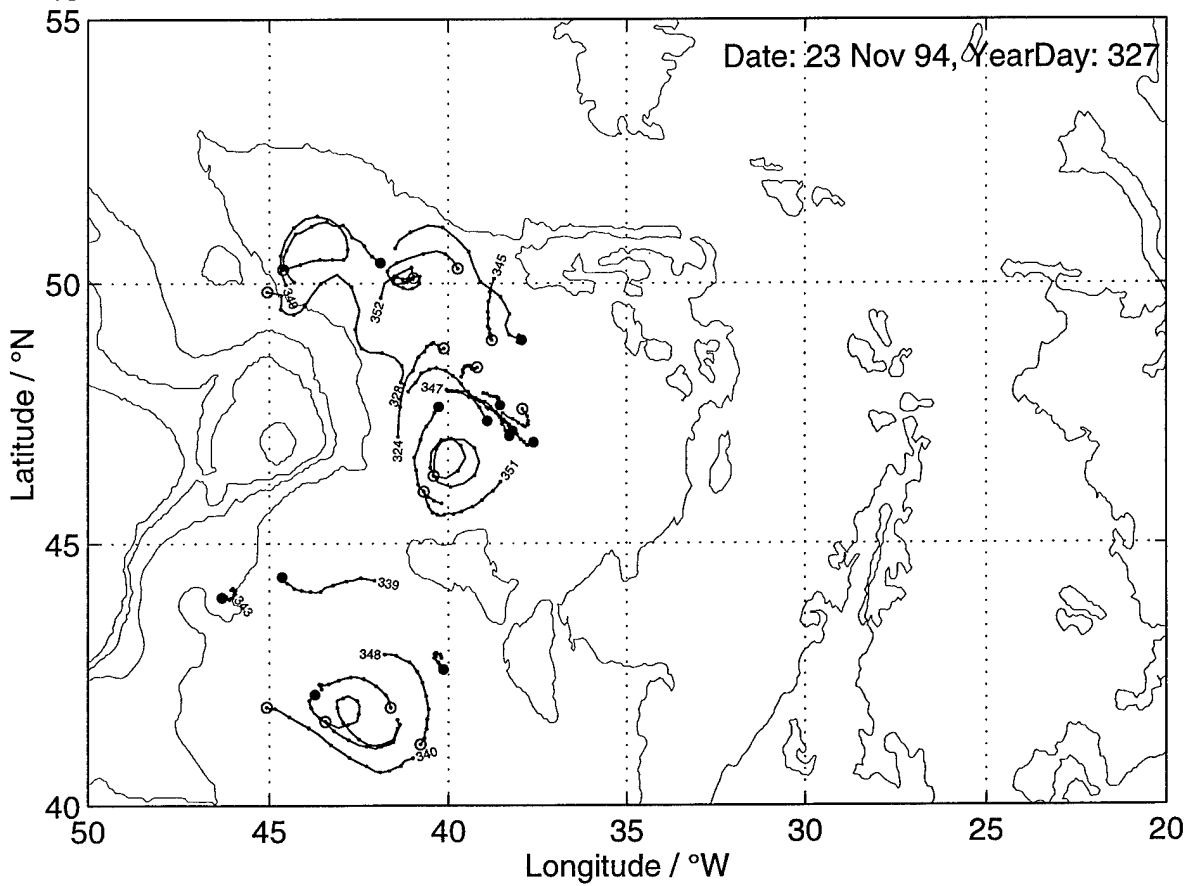
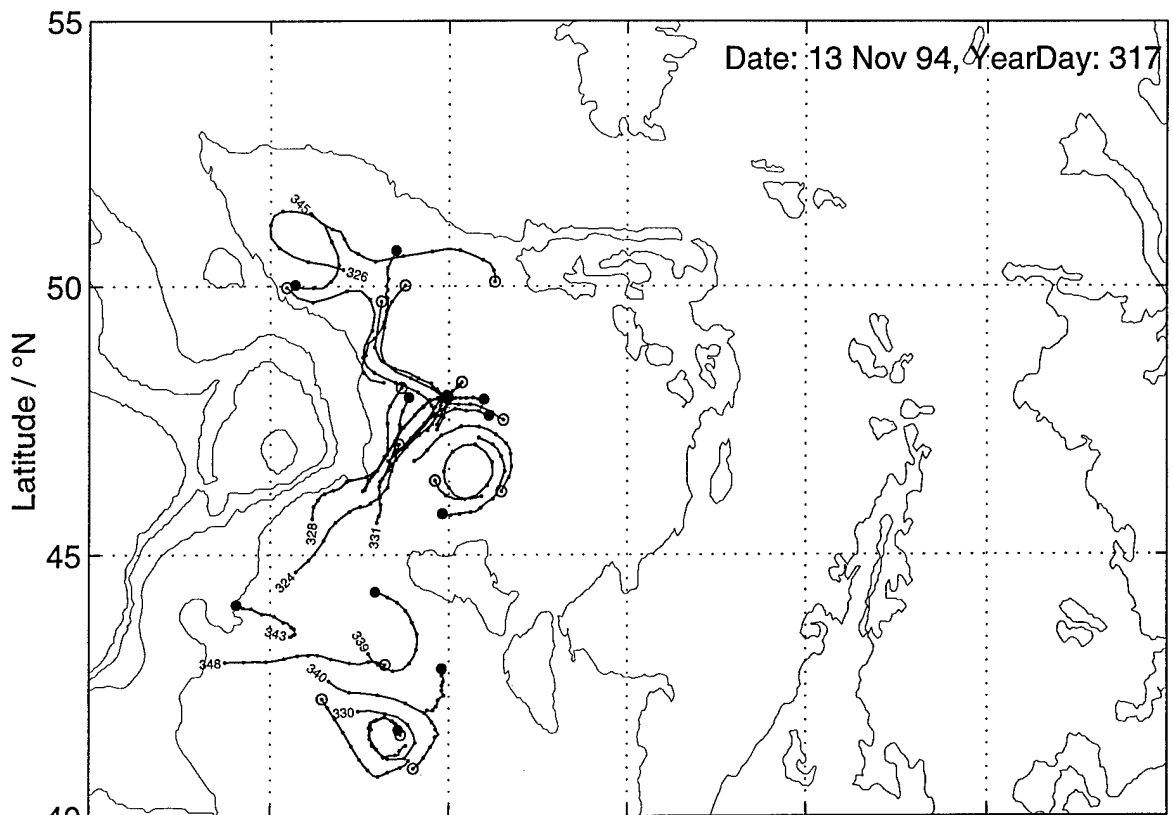


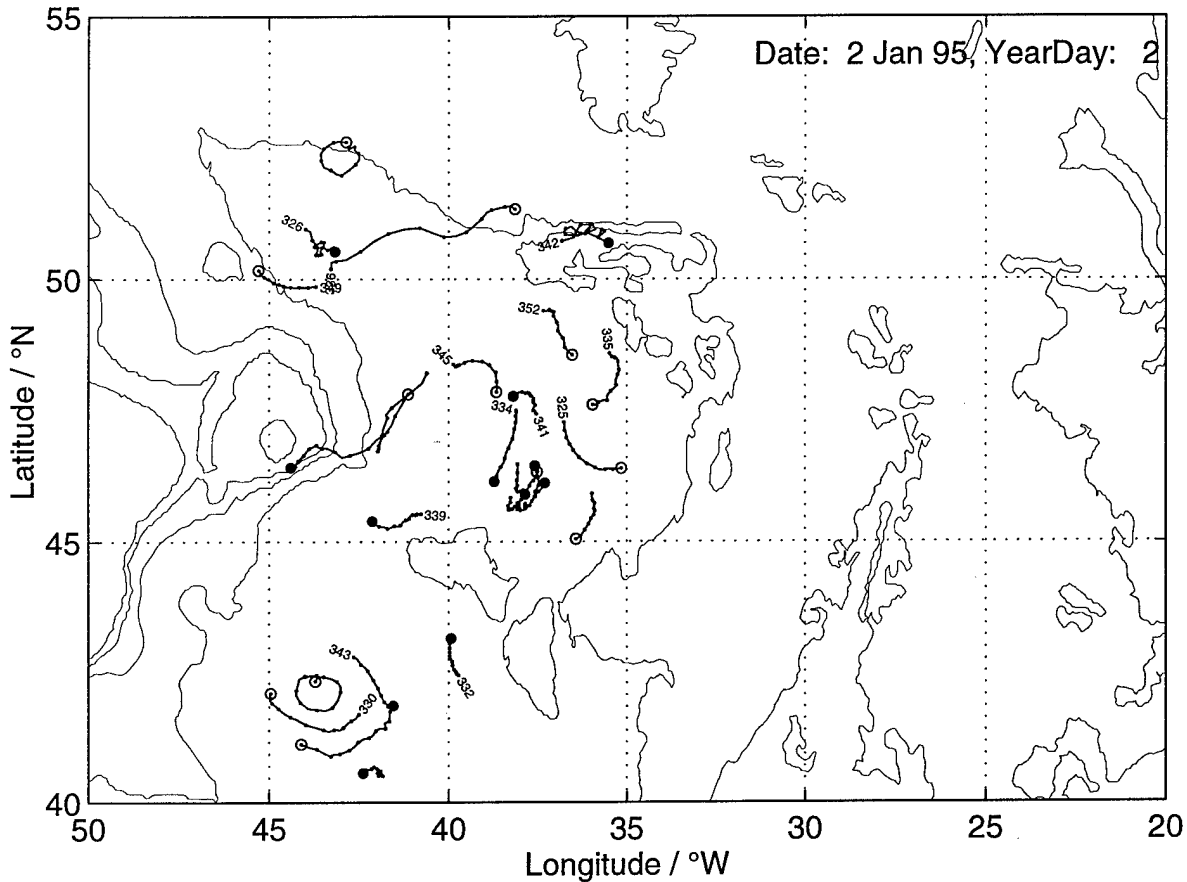
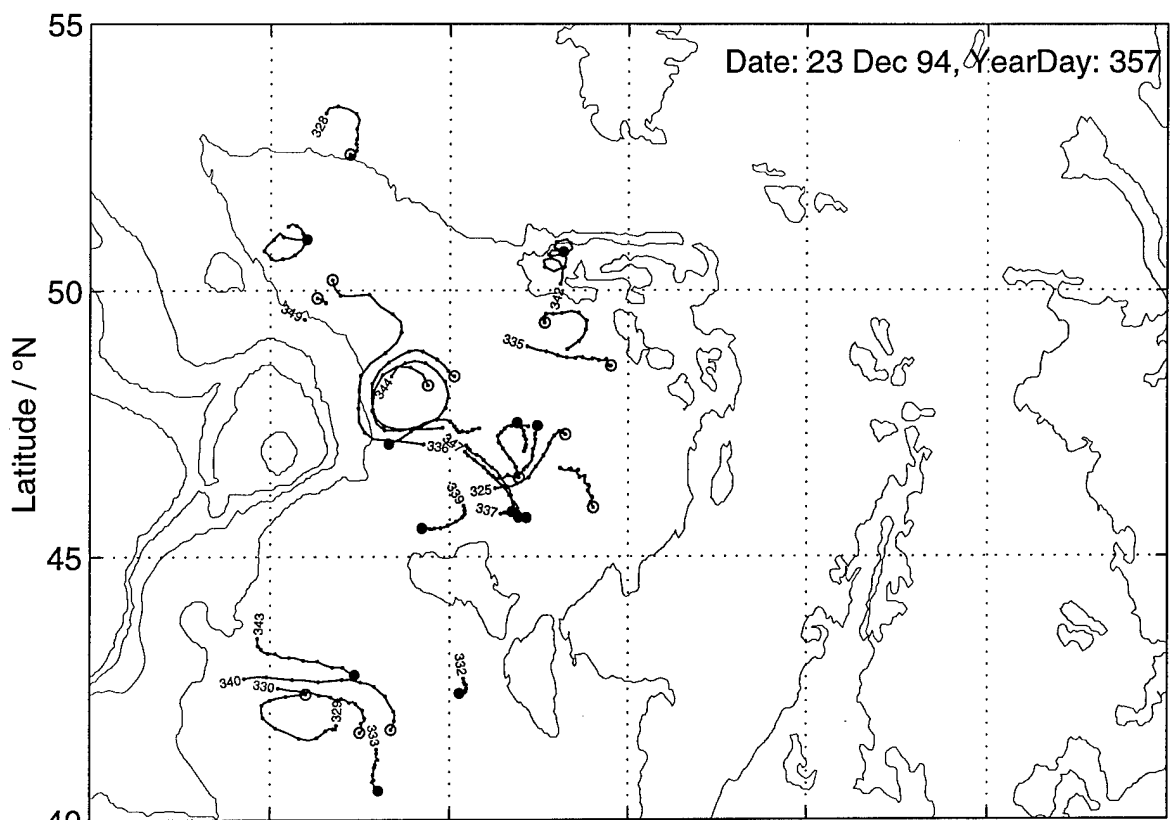


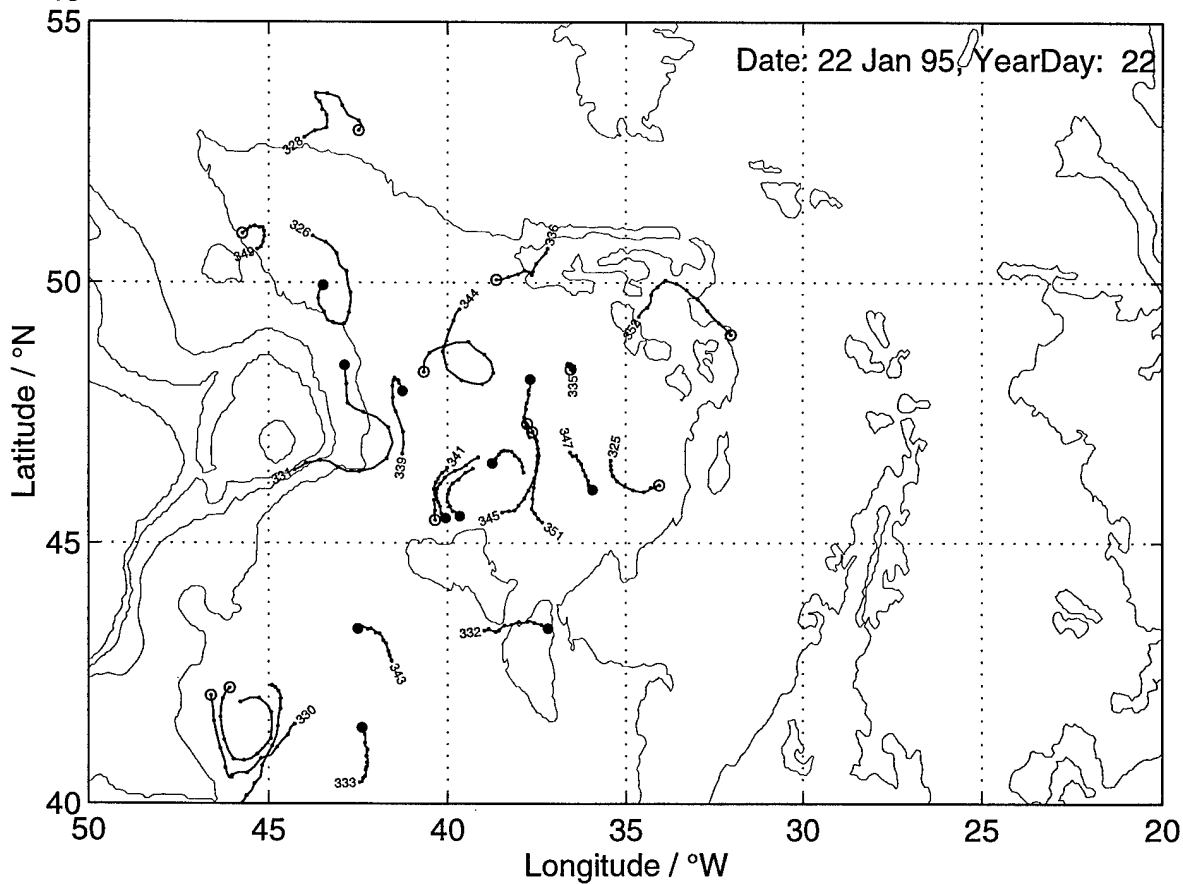
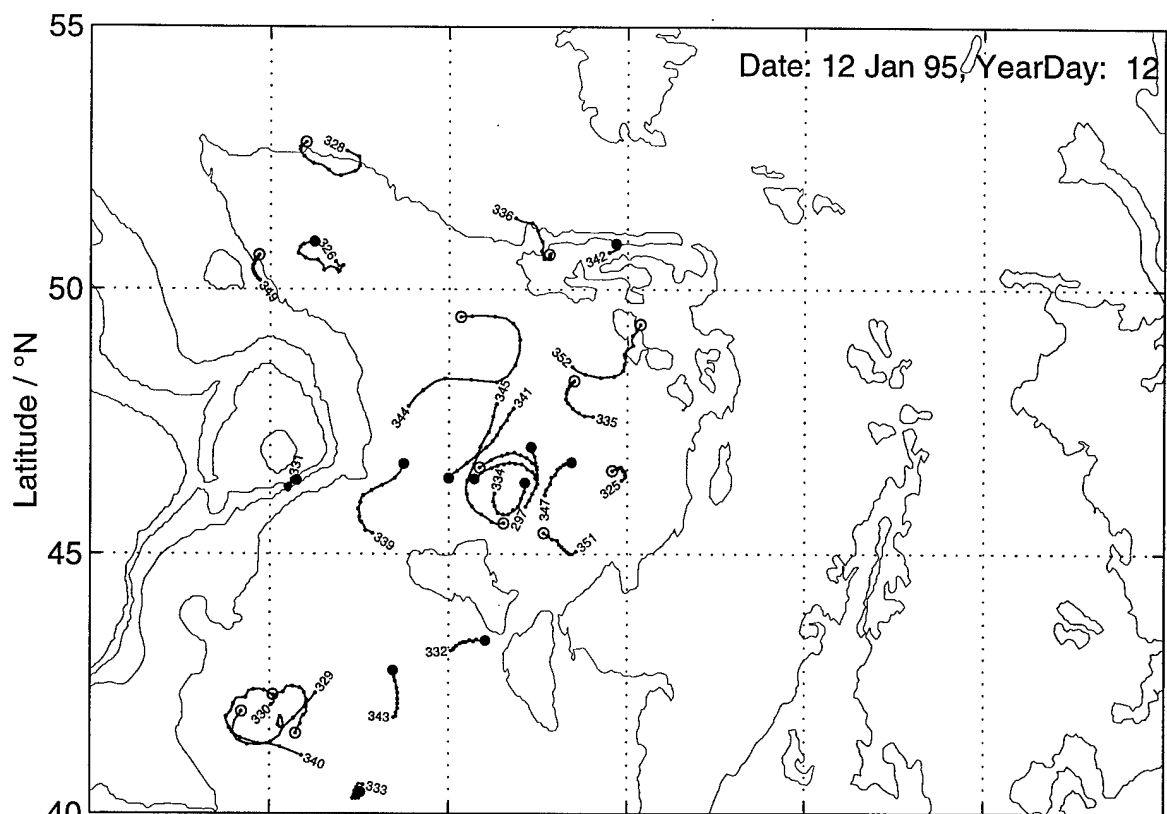


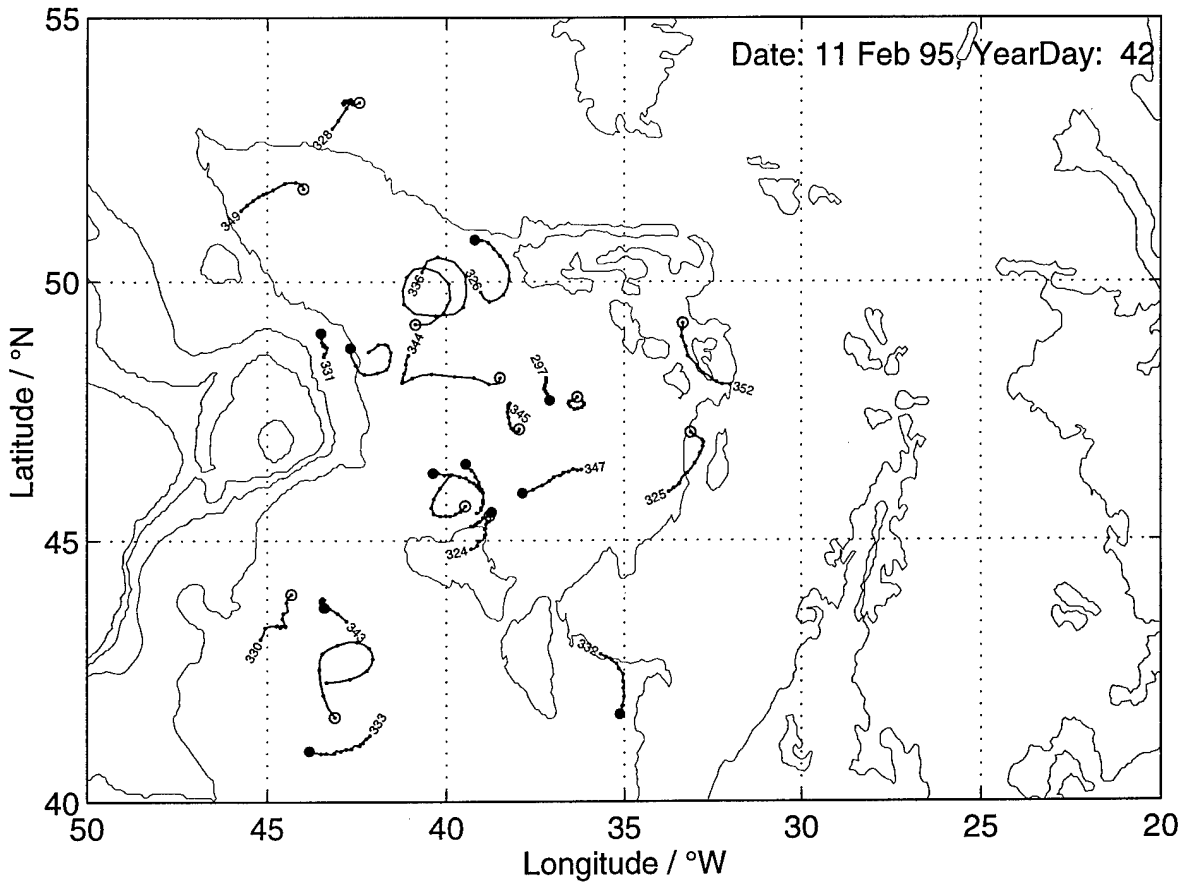
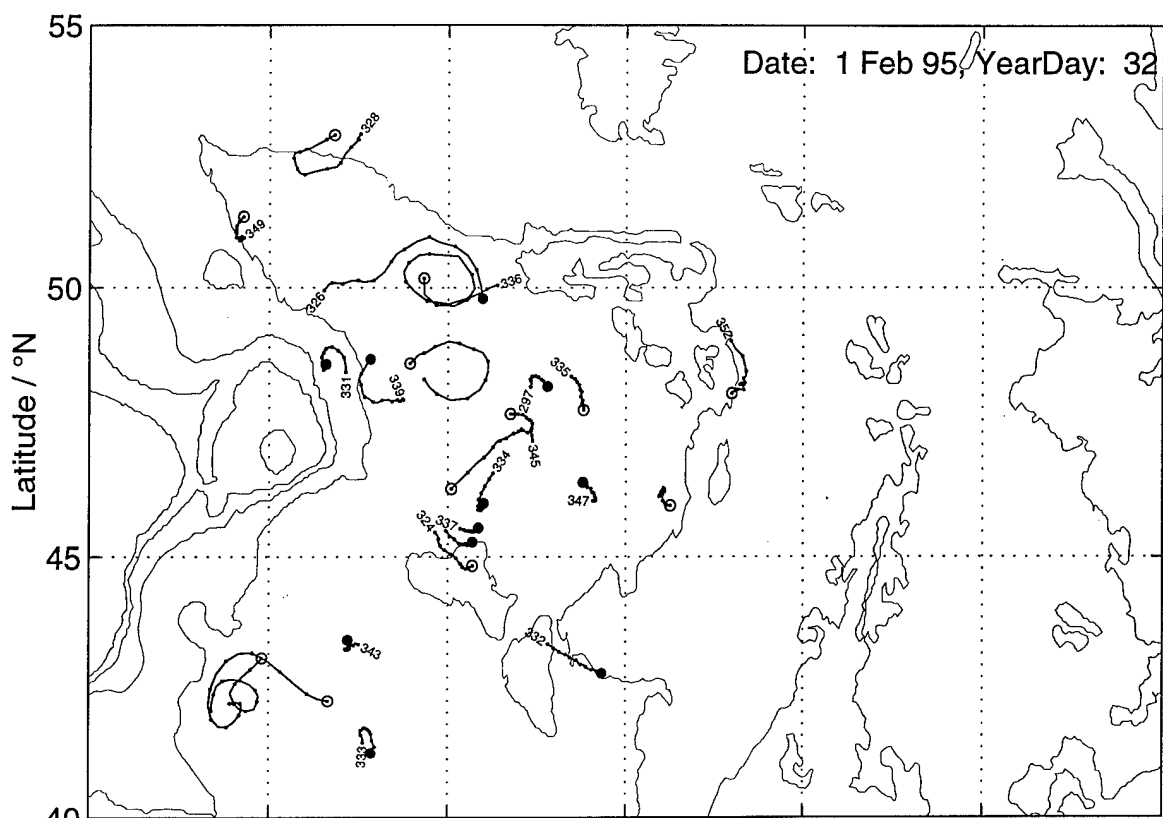


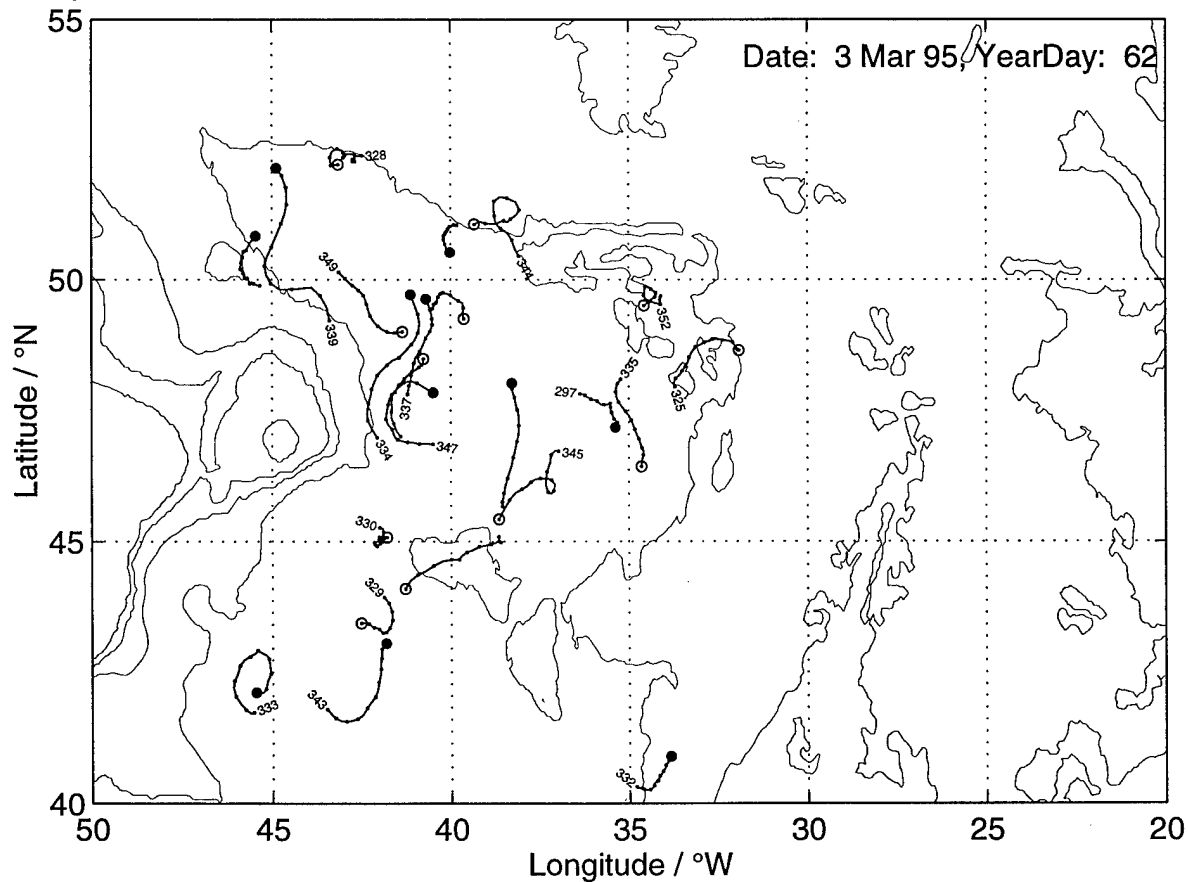
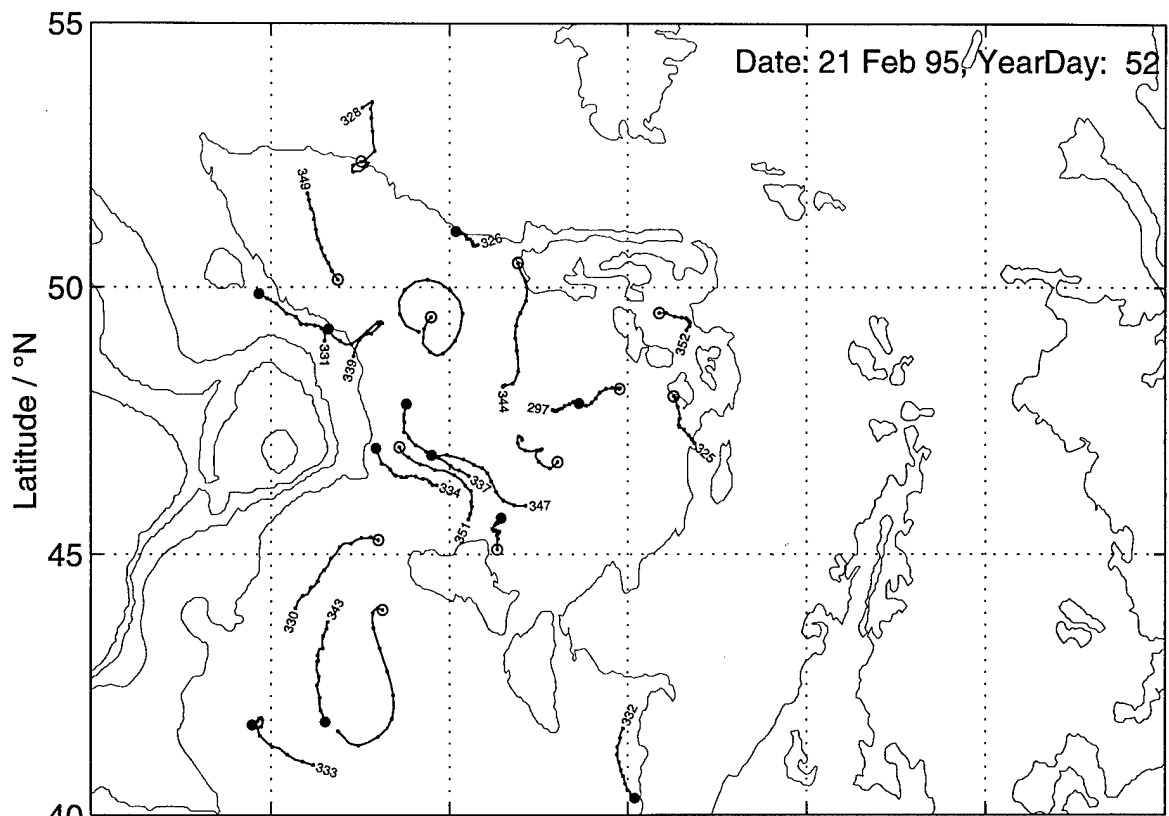


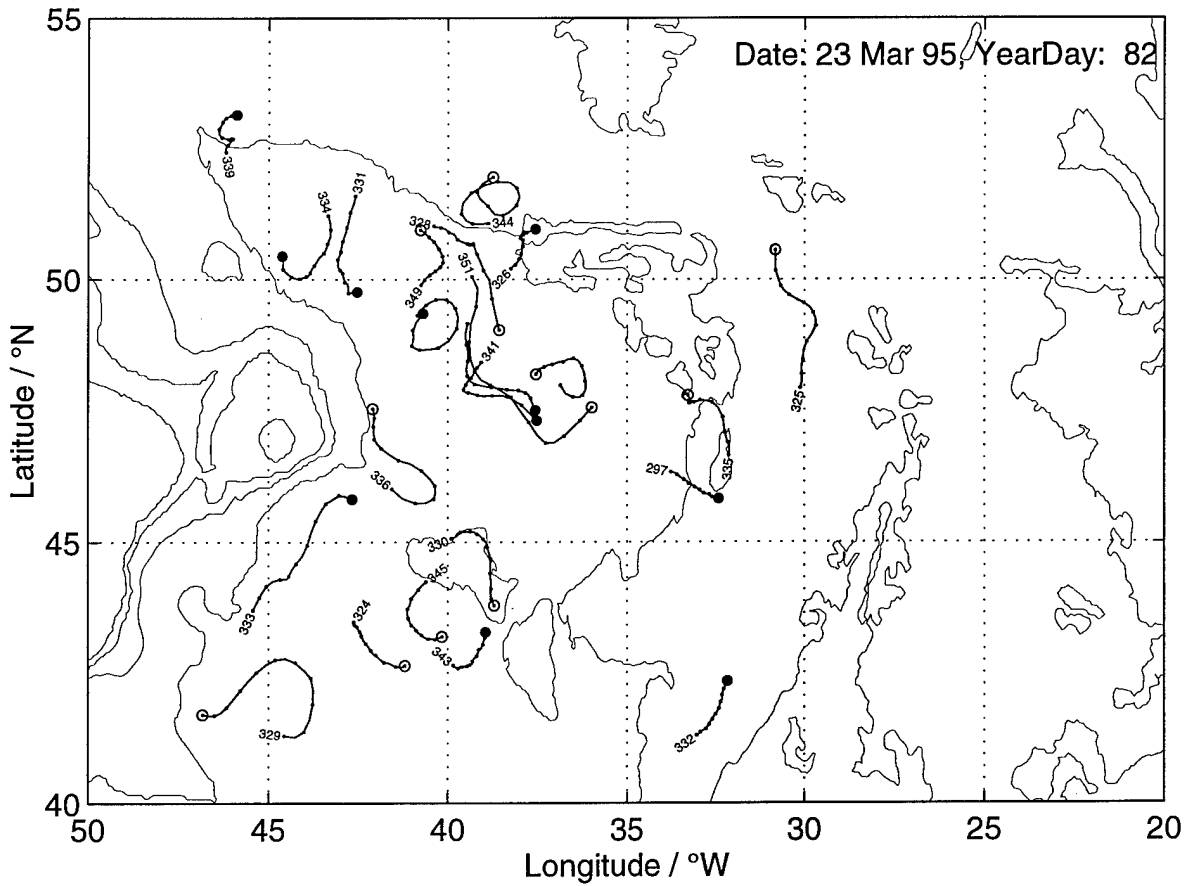
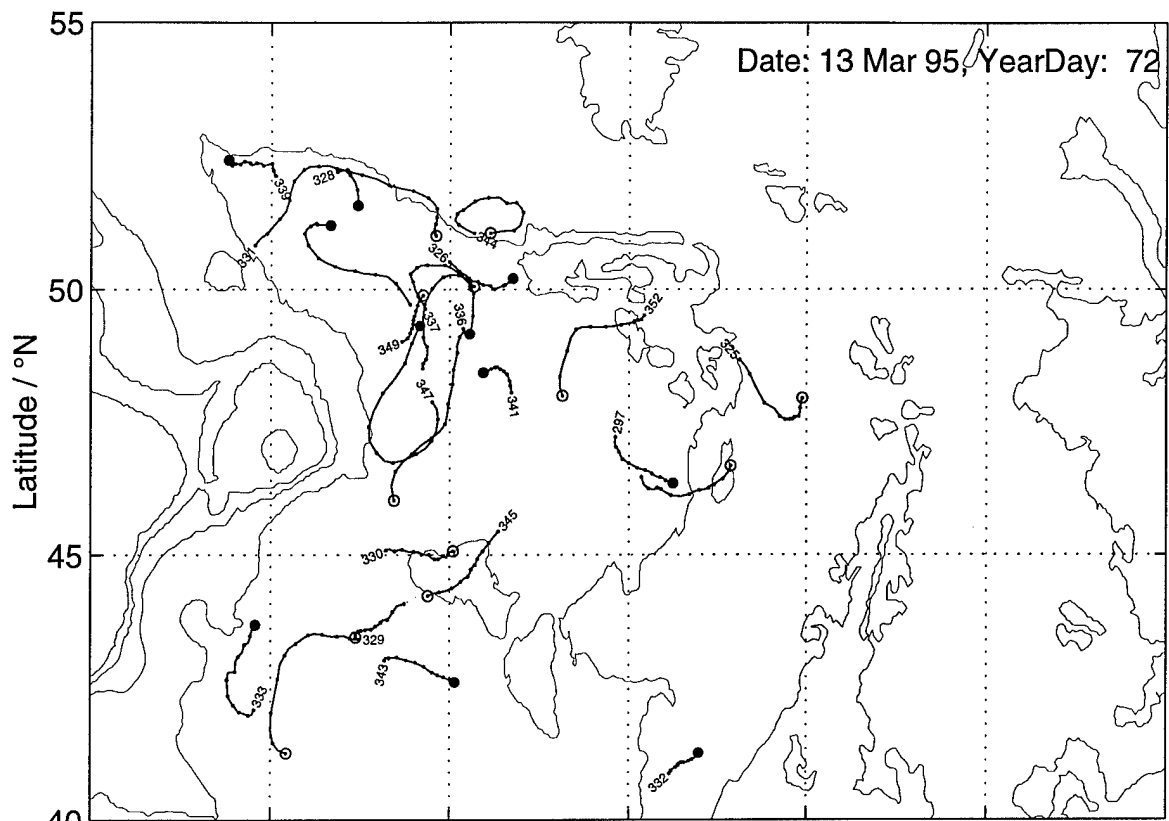


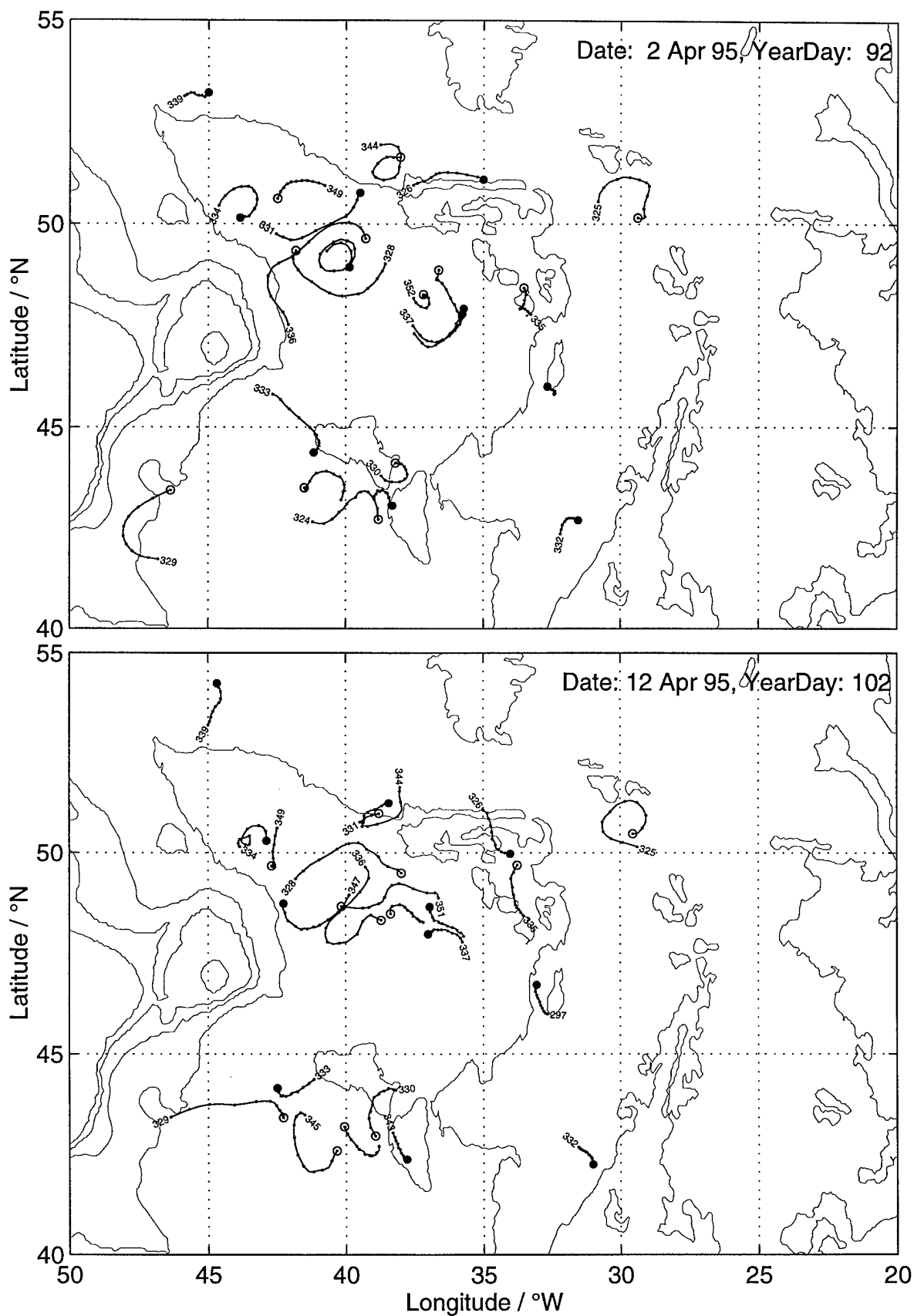


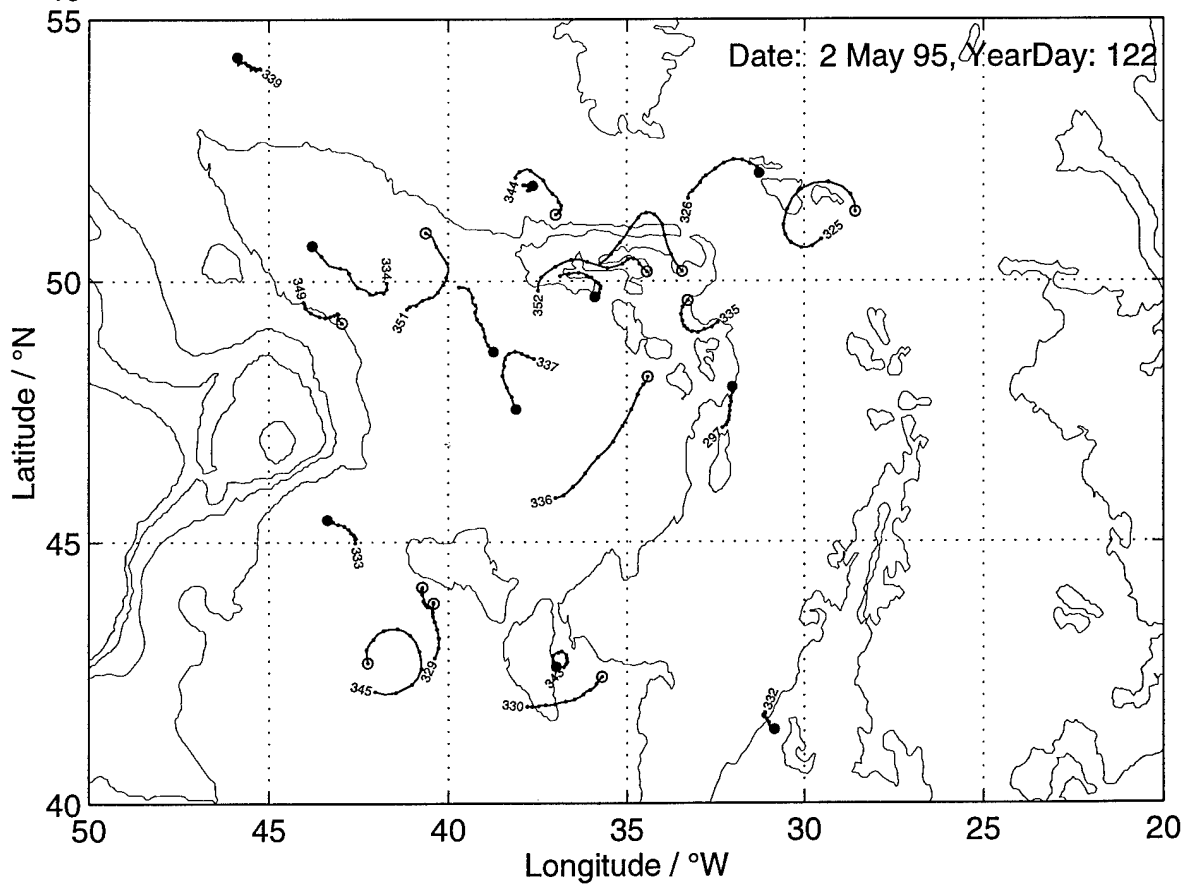
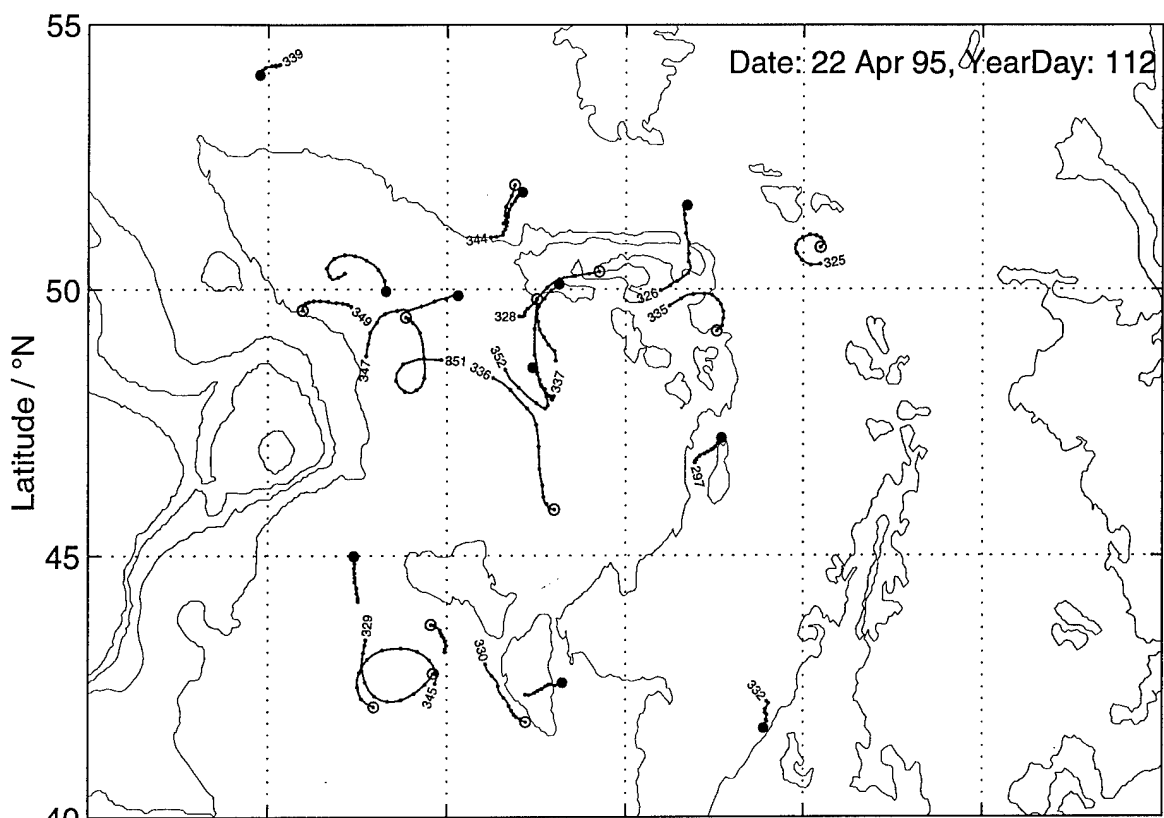


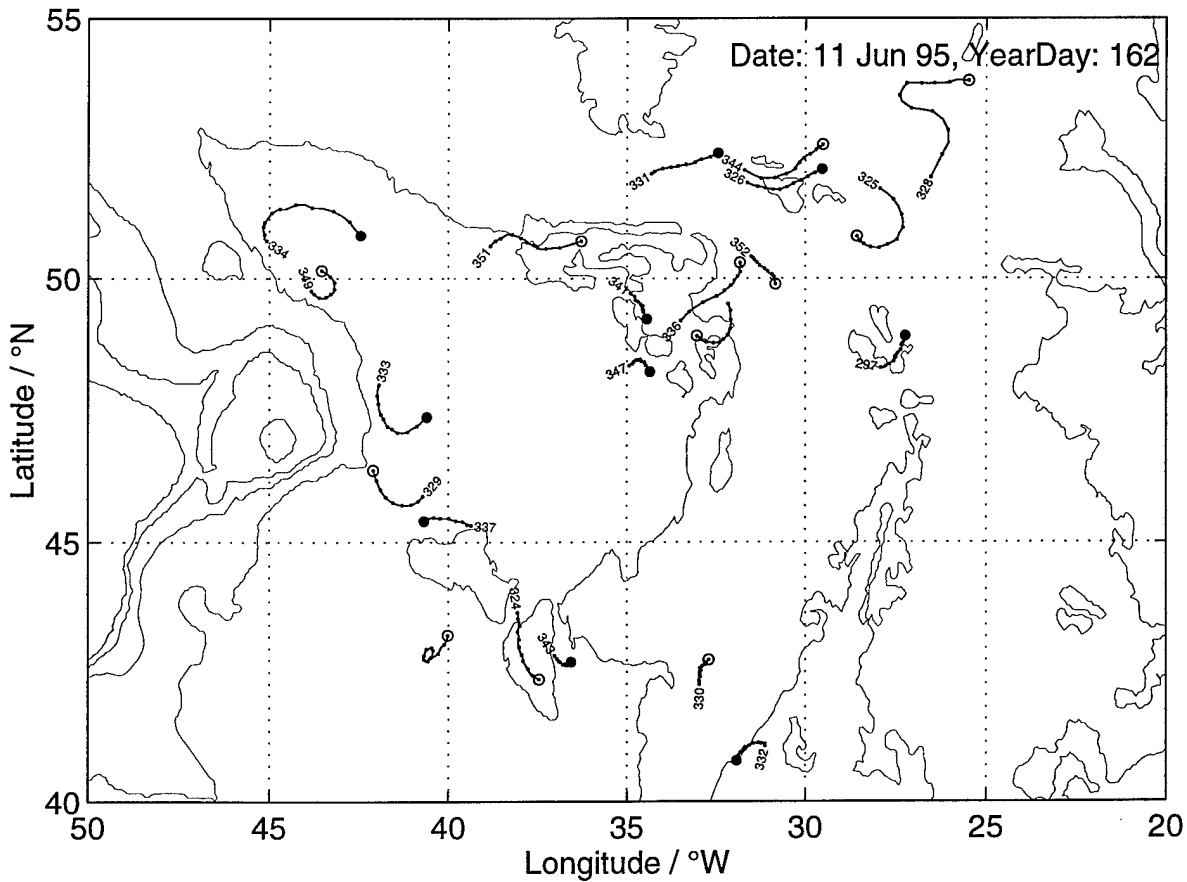
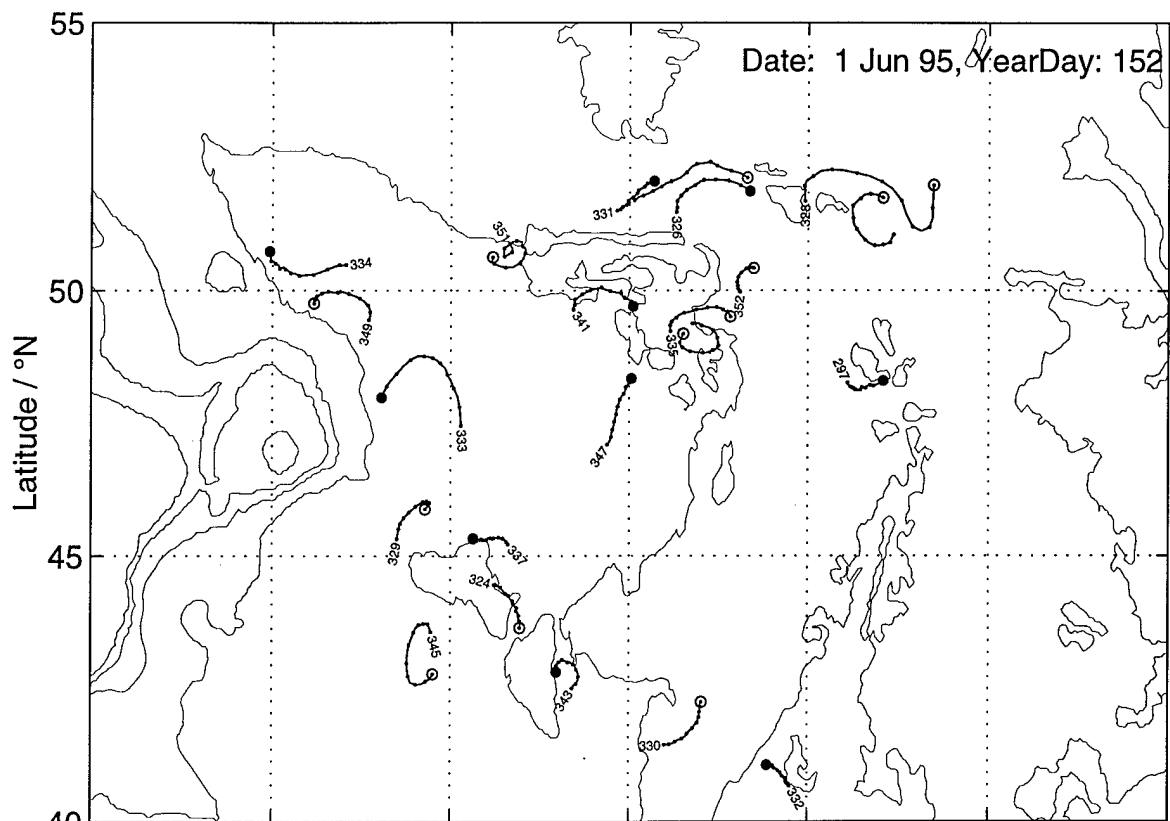


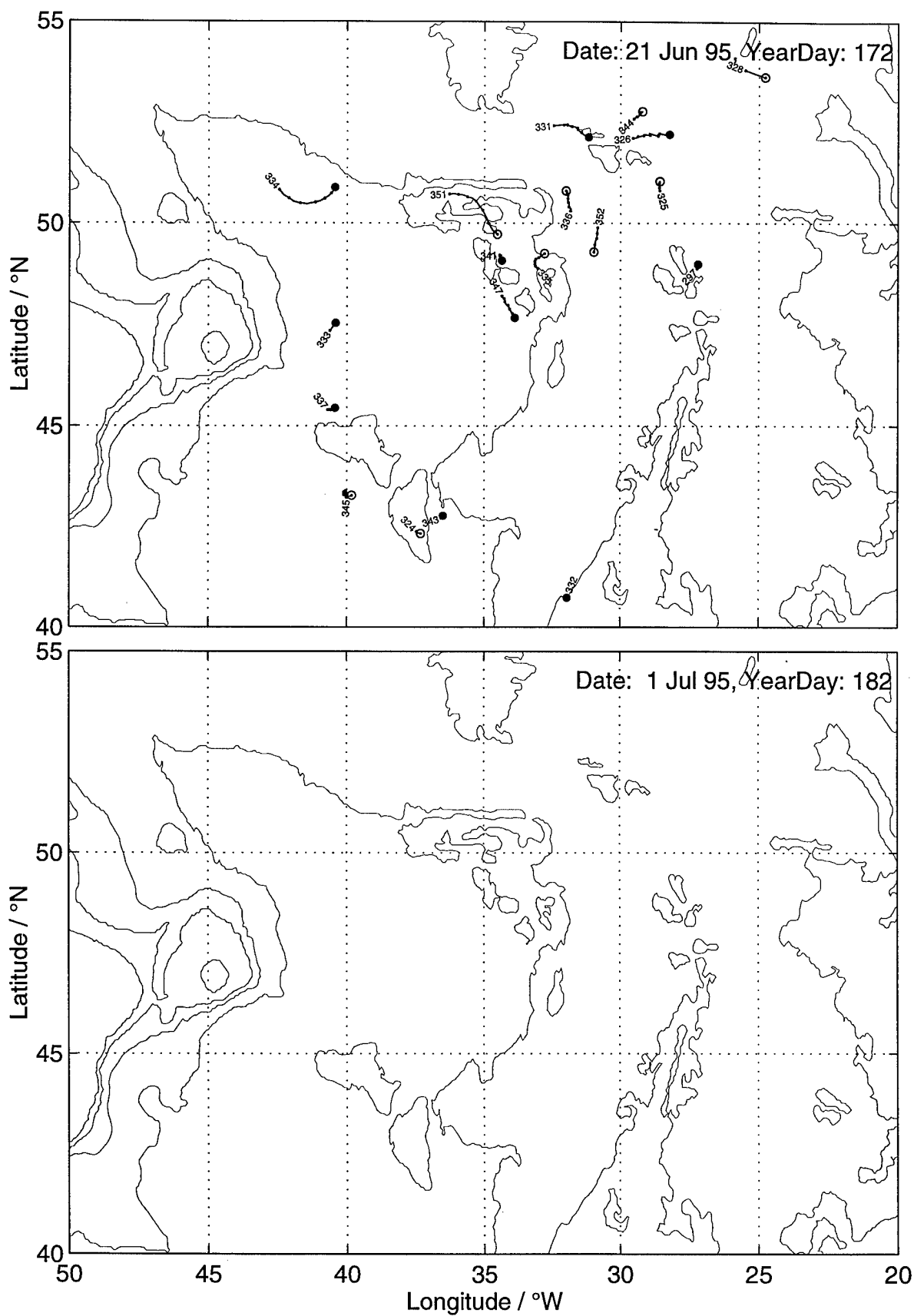












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