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Abstract

New models describing the magnetic field in the United States at the beginning of 1985 and the rate of change expected during the next few years have been developed. The models—which will serve as the basis for a new set of magnetic charts—were derived from several tens of thousands of original field measurements from land, marine, and aerial surveys; from values derived from the MAGSAT-based International Geomagnetic Reference Field; and from recent data from magnetic observatories and repeat stations. They are in the form of spherical harmonic series that represent the scalar magnetic potential from which all the field components can be derived. The models for the conterminous States and Alaska are of maximum degree and order 4 (24 coefficients each) and the models for Hawaii are of maximum degree and order 2 (8 coefficients each).

INTRODUCTION

We developed a set of five new models of the magnetic field in the United States that describe the direction and intensity of the field at 1985.0 (that is, the beginning of 1985) and the annual change expected during the next few years. They form the basis of a new set of magnetic charts (Peddie and Zunde, 1988a, b, c, d, e) that replace those of Fabiano and Jones (1976), Peddie and others (1976), Jones and Fabiano (1976), and Fabiano and Peddie (1980, 1981). Three of the models describe the 1985.0 field in the conterminous (48) States, Alaska, and Hawaii—the three regions shown in separate plates on the charts. The other two models describe annual change—one for the conterminous States and Alaska and the other for Hawaii. This report describes the development of the models and includes the model coefficients and simplified small-scale charts.

Revision of magnetic models and charts is necessary because the geomagnetic field undergoes continual change, called secular variation, that is commonly irregular and not yet predictable. The

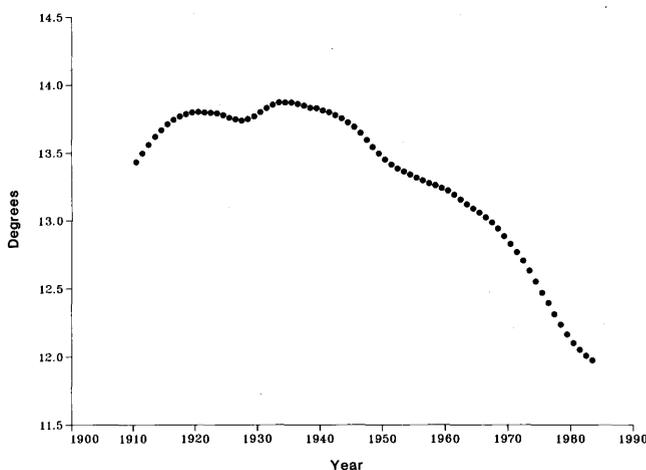


Figure 1. Magnetic declination recorded at the Tucson (Arizona) Magnetic Observatory since 1910.

magnetic declination (D) recorded at the Tucson (Arizona) Magnetic Observatory since 1910 is shown in figure 1 and illustrates the irregularity of the secular variation. New magnetic charts for the United States have been issued since the mid-1800's, normally at intervals of 5 or 10 years. Production of associated mathematical models began in 1965. Deel and Howe (1948) and Svendsen (1962) have given brief histories of the U.S. magnetic charts. The development of the 1975 models was described by Fabiano and others (1979), and the 1980 total-intensity (F) models by Fabiano and others (1987).

The new models were derived by ordinary spherical harmonic analysis (SHA), a method commonly used for modeling the global field. They represent the scalar magnetic potential as a series of 3-dimensional spherical harmonics, from which the field components are derived by differentiation. The earlier U.S. models were derived by polynomial analysis and represented the field elements themselves as polynomial functions of latitude and longitude.

The new method has some advantages over the older one. For example, now all the field elements are represented by one set of coefficients and the elements

are mutually consistent. The model field now varies with elevation in a way that is consistent with observation and theory, and, like the real field, it is curl-free. The new models are compatible with widely available programs used for generating field values from global spherical harmonic models, such as those of the International Geomagnetic Reference Field (IGRF).

Before deciding to use SHA we considered two other methods: magnetic dipole analysis and spherical cap harmonic analysis (Haines, 1985). We tested the former method by fitting grids of dipoles, with unconstrained magnetic moment, to the Hawaii data using a nonlinear least-squares technique. We found that the fit did not match that achievable with SHA (using a comparable number of coefficients) and that it improved as the depth of the dipoles was increased (thus making the set of dipoles more like the multipoles of SHA). The latter method, as presently implemented, could not be applied iteratively and thus would not have allowed us to utilize the many *D*- and *F*-only measurements, and, as it requires removal and later addition of a global field, it seemed less efficient than ordinary SHA (L.R. Allredge, oral commun., 1986).

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1985.0 MODELS

The three models of the field at 1985.0 were derived from data selected from the three regions whose boundaries are given in table 1 and indicated by the heavier lines in figure 2 (the lighter lines indicate the regions actually shown on the charts). Data were taken from the following sets (figs. 3–11, which relate to these sets, follow “References Cited”):

Table 1. Boundaries of the regions for which data were selected and 1985.0 models derived

	North latitude (degrees)		East longitude (degrees)	
	South	North	West	East
Conterminous States--	20	54	229	299
Alaska-----	42	74	160	236
Hawaii-----	17	24	198	207

Magnetic field survey data (National Geophysical Data Center, 1984, p. 8).—This set comprises several hundred thousand measurements taken on land, sea, and in the air since 1900. We used a subset, created in 1975 for the development of the global model AWC/75 (Pieddie and Fabiano, 1976), consisting of all records dated 1939.0 or later that include values of either *D*, or *F*, or the *X* (north), *Y* (east), and *Z* (vertical) field components. These measurements were already adjusted for the secular variation between the measurement date and 1975.0. The measurement locations are in five classes (figs. 3–7): land survey, marine-survey vector, marine-survey total intensity, pre-1975 Project MAGNET-survey vector, and non-Project MAGNET aerial-survey vector.

Field intensity measurements from the 1976–1977 Project MAGNET aerial survey of the conterminous United States (National Geophysical Data Center, 1984, p. 10).—The survey comprised 44 north-south and 7 east-west lines flown at an altitude of 600 meters over flat land and 1220 meters over mountainous areas (see fig. 8).

Field vector measurements from 1980–1983 Project MAGNET aerial surveys (National Geophysical Data Center, 1984, p. 10).—Although these were not intended primarily as surveys of the United States, they did produce some measurements in the chart regions (see fig. 9).

X, Y, and Z aeromagnetic data for Canada (L.R. Newitt, unpub. data).—These data were especially useful for promoting agreement with the charts of Canada (see fig. 10).

Magnetic observatory and repeat station values for 1985.0.—These values were derived by linear extrapolation of recent observatory annual means and repeat station measurements (see fig. 2).

The great number of original Project MAGNET measurements was reduced by retaining only every 50th intensity measurement and every 25th vector measurement. Of these we used only those taken when *K_p* (a geomagnetic disturbance index) was less than 3. To fill gaps in the coverage we included values computed from the International Geomagnetic Reference Field (IGRF) 1985 main-field model (International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy, Division I, Working Group 1, 1986), a global model based mainly on data from the MAGSAT satellite survey of 1979–1980 (Langel and others, 1982). These were computed for a grid of points at 500-kilometer altitude and spaced one degree in latitude and longitude (see fig. 11).

The data were analyzed using the method of iterative SHA (for example, Cain and others, 1965). The resulting overall root-mean-square residuals, for maximum degree and order (*n**) ranging from 1 to 5 for the conterminous States and Alaska and from 1 to 3 for

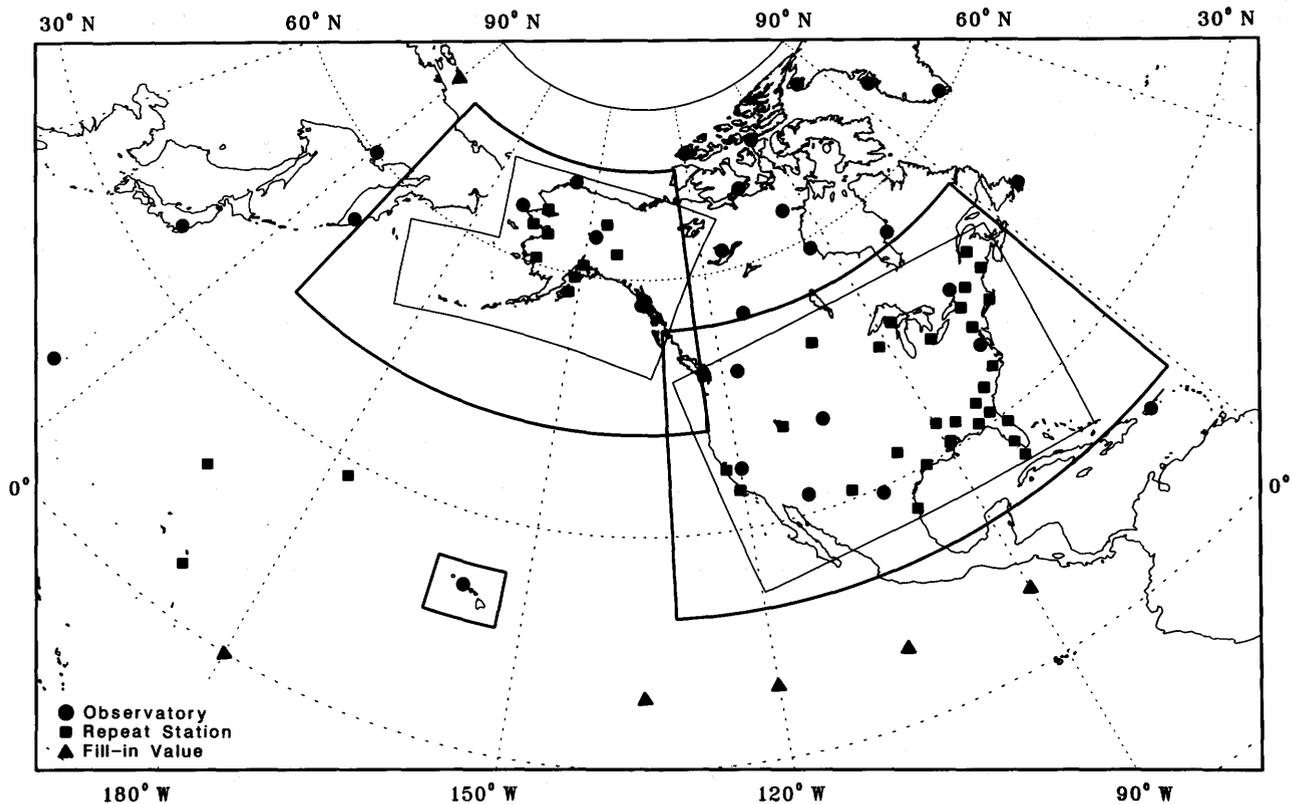


Figure 2. Map showing the three regions for which 1985.0 models were derived (heavy boundary lines), and the regions actually shown on the 1985 U.S. magnetic charts (light boundary lines). Also shown are the locations of the magnetic observatories (solid circles) and repeat stations (solid squares) whose data, along with fill-in values (solid triangles), were used to derive the secular-variation models.

Hawaii, are shown in table 2. For the chart compilation we chose the models for the conterminous States and Alaska of $n^* = 4$ (24 coefficients each) and for Hawaii of $n^* = 2$ (8 coefficients) because they are the simplest of the models that adequately represent the data.

Table 2. Overall root-mean-square residual

[Units, nanotesla; n^* , maximum degree and order; cont., conterminous. Leaders (---) indicate that value was not computed]

n^*	Cont. States	Alaska	Hawaii
1	1582	1554	277
2	403	547	197
3	211	281	193
4	176	154	---
5	174	153	---

SECULAR-VARIATION MODELS

The two secular-variation models were derived by the same method. The model for the conterminous States and Alaska was derived from estimates of the rates of change of the X , Y , and Z components at 30 magnetic observatories and 50 repeat stations and, for six locations far from the observatories and repeat stations, fill-in values computed from global secular-variation model USGS85S (Peddie and Zunde, 1987) (see fig. 2). The estimates were taken as the slopes of straight lines fitted by least-squares to recent data. We used the latest four or five observatory annual means, mostly for years from 1981 to 1985, and the latest two or three sets of repeat-station measurements. Because observatory-based rates are more accurate, we gave them triple weight. The model for Hawaii was derived from grid values computed from this model along with rates estimates for the Honolulu observatory. The data used to derive the secular-variation models are given in the appendix.

COEFFICIENTS

The coefficients of the five models, in the Schmidt quasi-normalized form (Chapman and Bartels, 1940) and referring to a sphere of radius 6371.2 km, are listed in table 3. The models are not considered valid for points outside the regions specified in table 1. They can be used with programs that synthesize field values from global spherical harmonic models, such as those of the IGRF. A suitable program can be obtained from the National

Geophysical Data Center, NOAA, Code E/GC4/FLI, 325 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80303.

CHARTS AND "GEOMAG"

The five new charts based on these models depict the declination, inclination (I), horizontal intensity (H), vertical intensity, and total intensity and their expected rates of change (Peddie and Zunde, 1988a, b, c, d, e). The

Table 3. Spherical harmonic coefficients (g 's and h 's) of the 1985 models

[Cont., conterminous; n , degree; m , order; nT, nanotesla; nT/yr, nanotesla per year. Leaders (---) indicate coefficients that were not determined]

	1985.0 field (nT)			Annual change (nT/yr)			
	n	m	Cont. States	Alaska	Hawaii	Cont. States; Alaska	Hawaii
g	1	0	-28004	-27446	-36259	78.0	33.6
g	1	1	1186	-1853	-5785	34.5	0.7
h	1	1	6036	1749	5497	-0.9	7.6
g	2	0	-6761	-5178	3784	-101.8	-17.3
g	2	1	118	6617	-2557	12.0	7.2
h	2	1	-2379	5820	108	4.3	1.8
g	2	2	3459	6134	-2086	3.4	-12.4
h	2	2	4617	-859	97	29.0	20.6
g	3	0	6566	1011	---	48.6	---
g	3	1	-3156	-8553	---	-38.4	---
h	3	1	-1502	-6076	---	-30.8	---
g	3	2	-587	-6470	---	-4.3	---
h	3	2	-4175	2073	---	-16.0	---
g	3	3	-1335	-1667	---	-12.9	---
h	3	3	1321	-1673	---	4.0	---
g	4	0	-691	2080	---	-3.8	---
g	4	1	2267	4087	---	13.3	---
h	4	1	2034	1317	---	20.5	---
g	4	2	771	4124	---	-8.7	---
h	4	2	625	-1002	---	0.3	---
g	4	3	405	-374	---	-7.0	---
h	4	3	-1417	505	---	-1.8	---
g	4	4	-79	-723	---	-14.3	---
h	4	4	-1028	-1082	---	-2.1	---

charts, which are 31 inches high and 45 inches wide, show the 48 conterminous States on one side at a scale of 1 to 5 million and Alaska and Hawaii on the other at 1 to 3.5 million. They are priced at \$6.20 each, and are available from Distribution Branch, U.S. Geological Survey, Box 25286, Federal Center, Building 810, Denver, Colorado 80225. To order, please use Order Form P, if available. Otherwise, print your order plainly, specifying the reference code, title, and quantity of each chart required. Include your mailing address with zip code. Prepayment is required and must be made in U.S. funds by check or money order payable to Department of the Interior—USGS. For transmittal of maps outside the United States (except Canada and Mexico) a surcharge of 25 percent of the net amount should be included to cover surface transportation. A \$1.00 postage and handling charge is applicable on orders of less than \$10.00. Please note that prices are subject to change.

Simplified small-scale versions of the charts, along with charts for the X and Y components, are given in figures 12–18 (after “References Cited”). A dial-in service called “GEOMAG”, by means of which field values from these models as well as those of the IGRF may be obtained directly via terminal and modem, has been described by Peddie (1987). For additional information write to Norman Peddie, U.S. Geological Survey, Box 25046, Mail Stop 968, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225.

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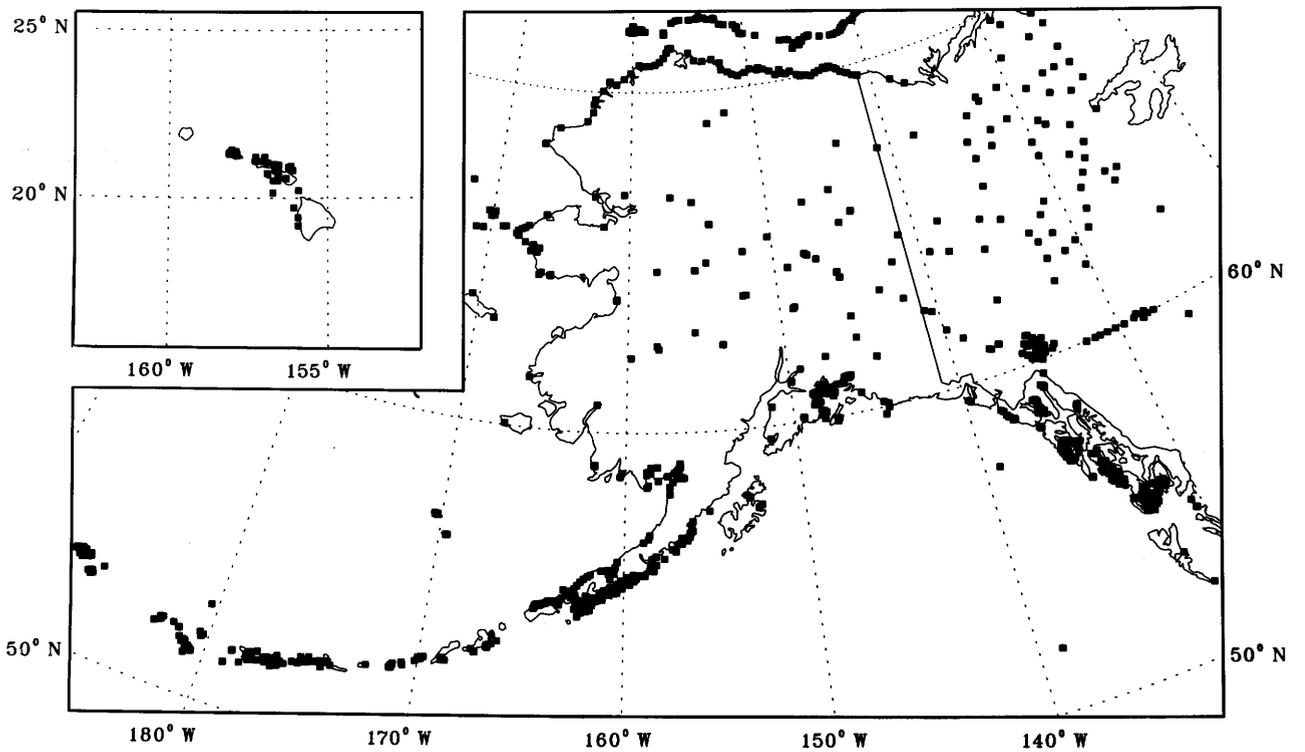
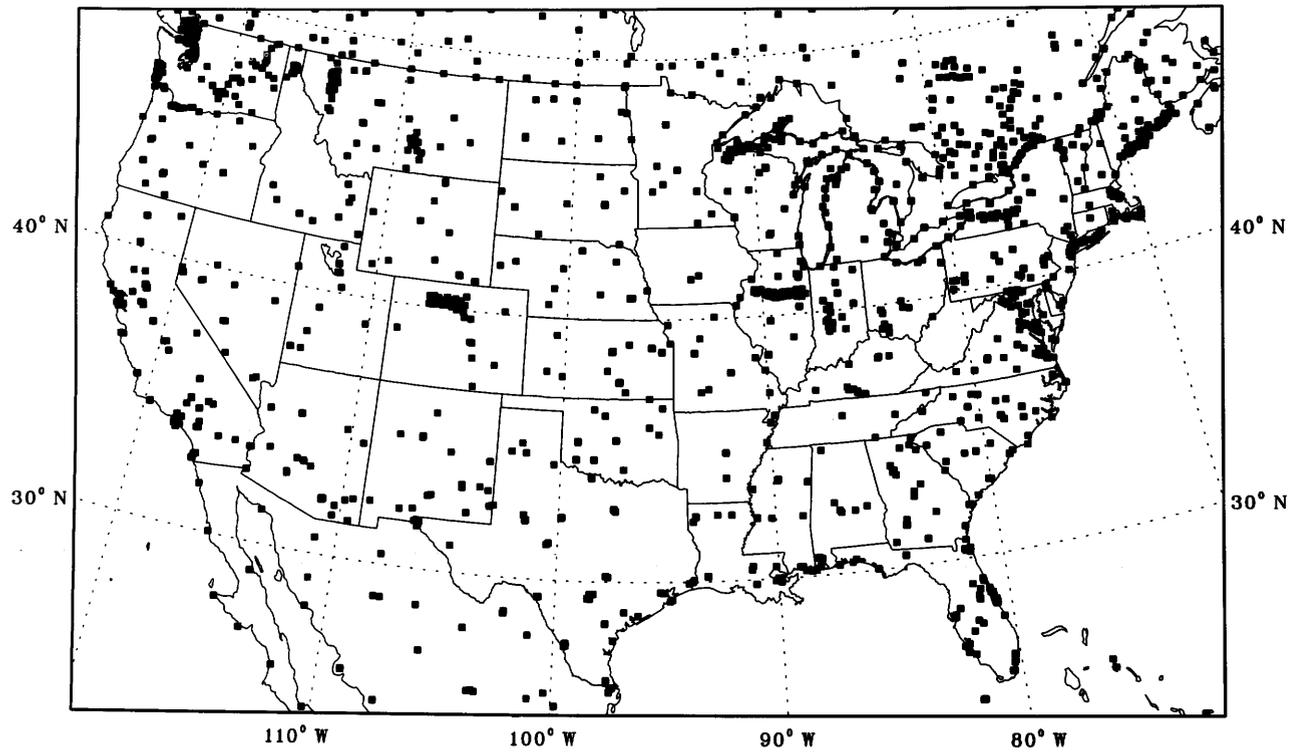


Figure 3. Locations (solid squares) of land-survey measurements used to derive the 1985.0 models.

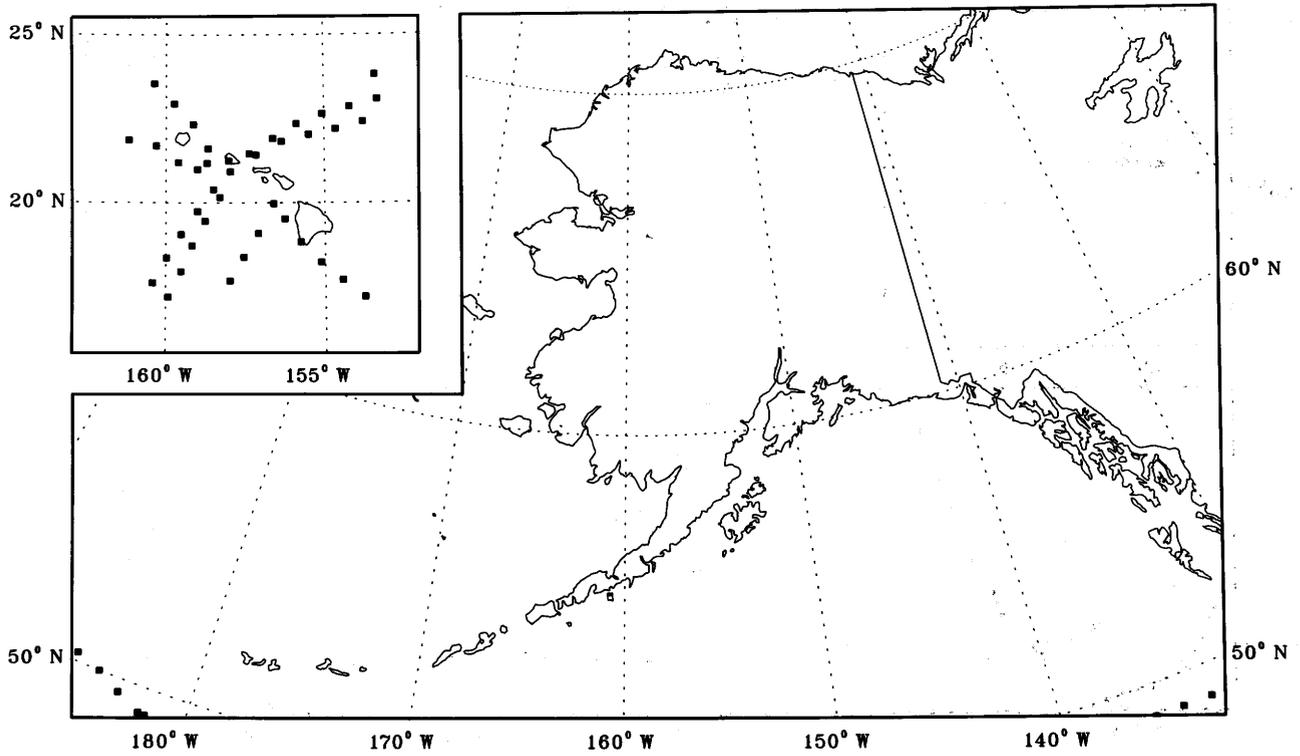
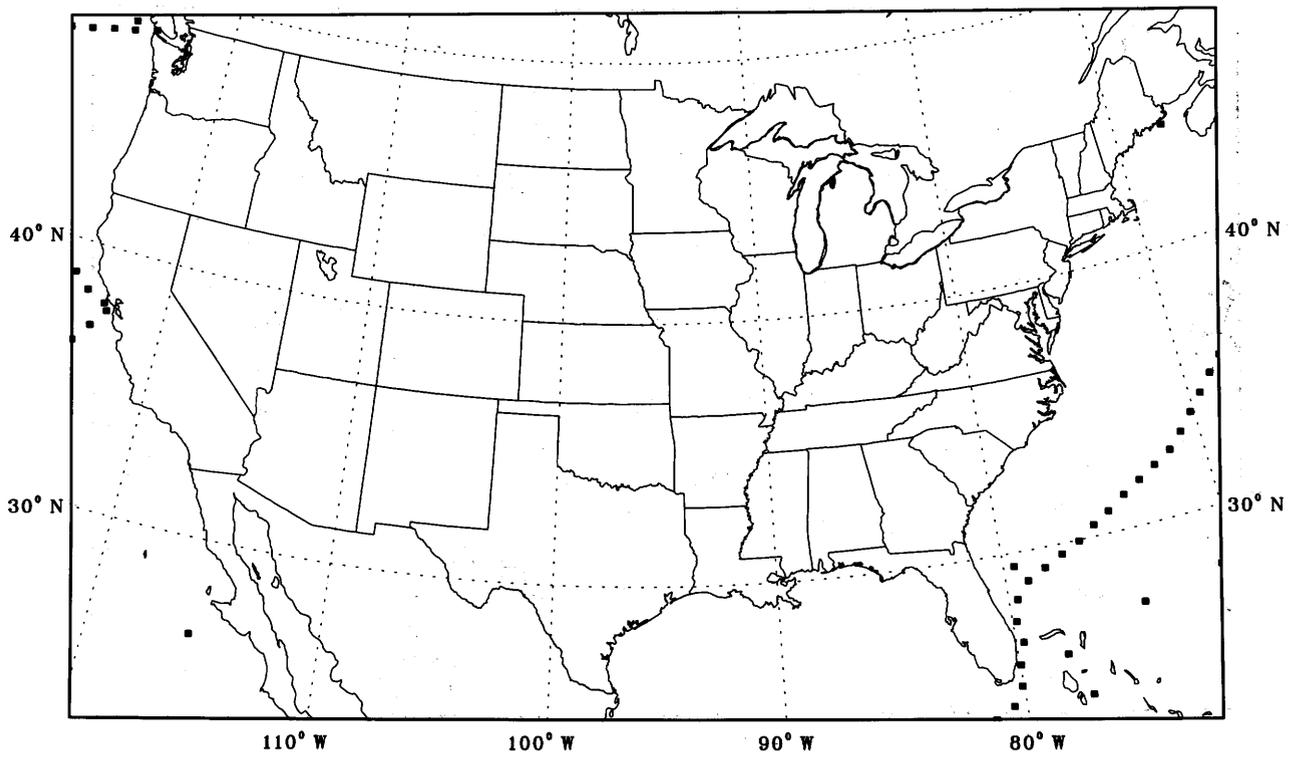


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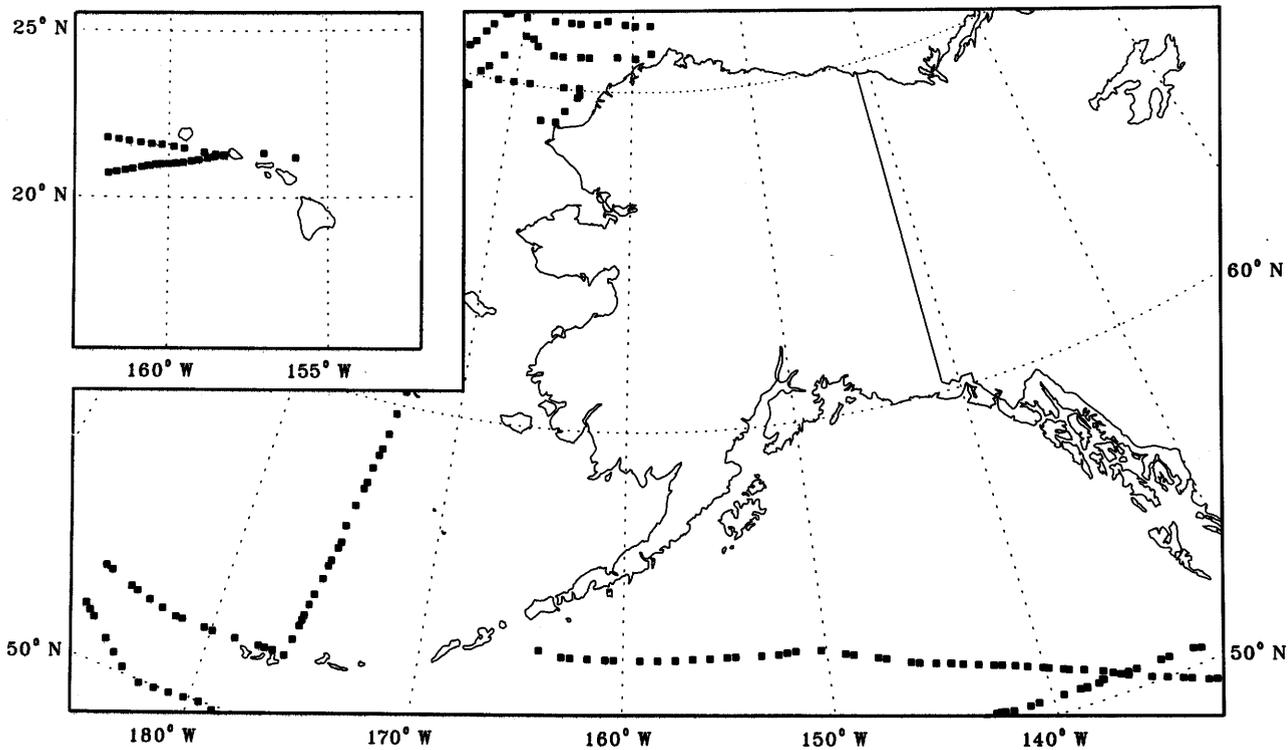
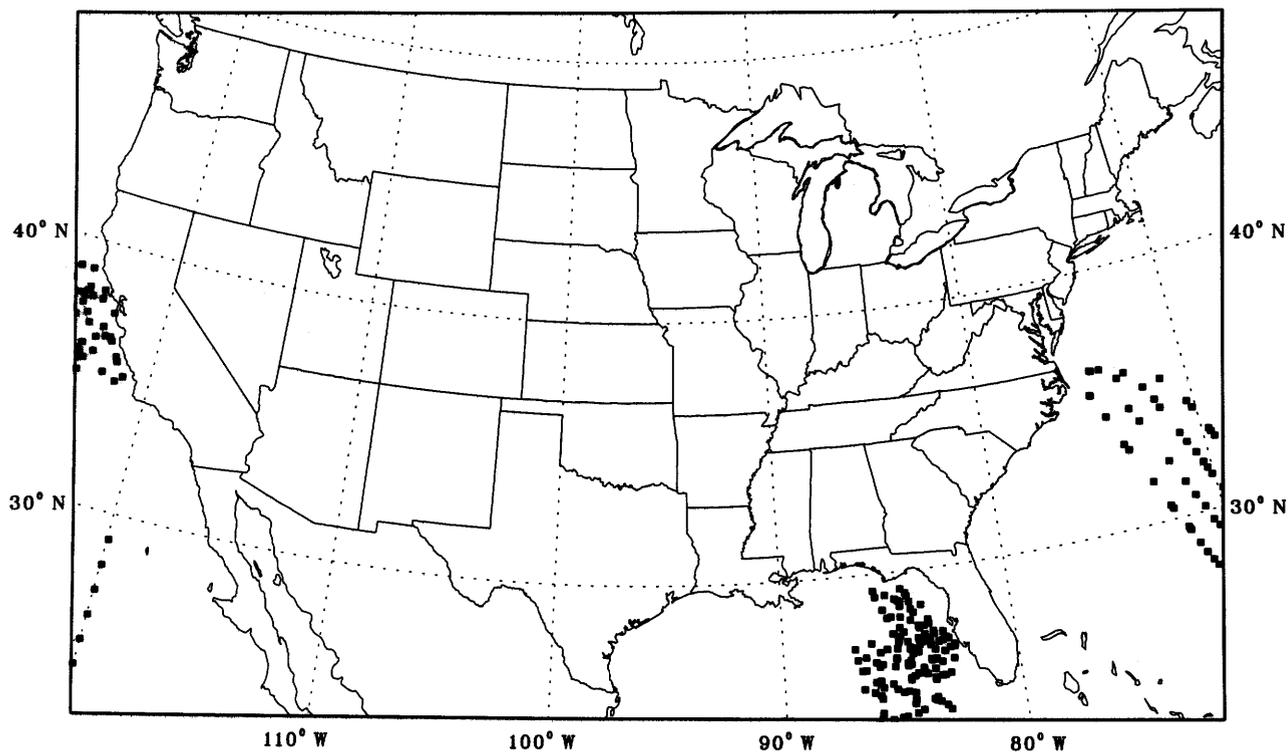


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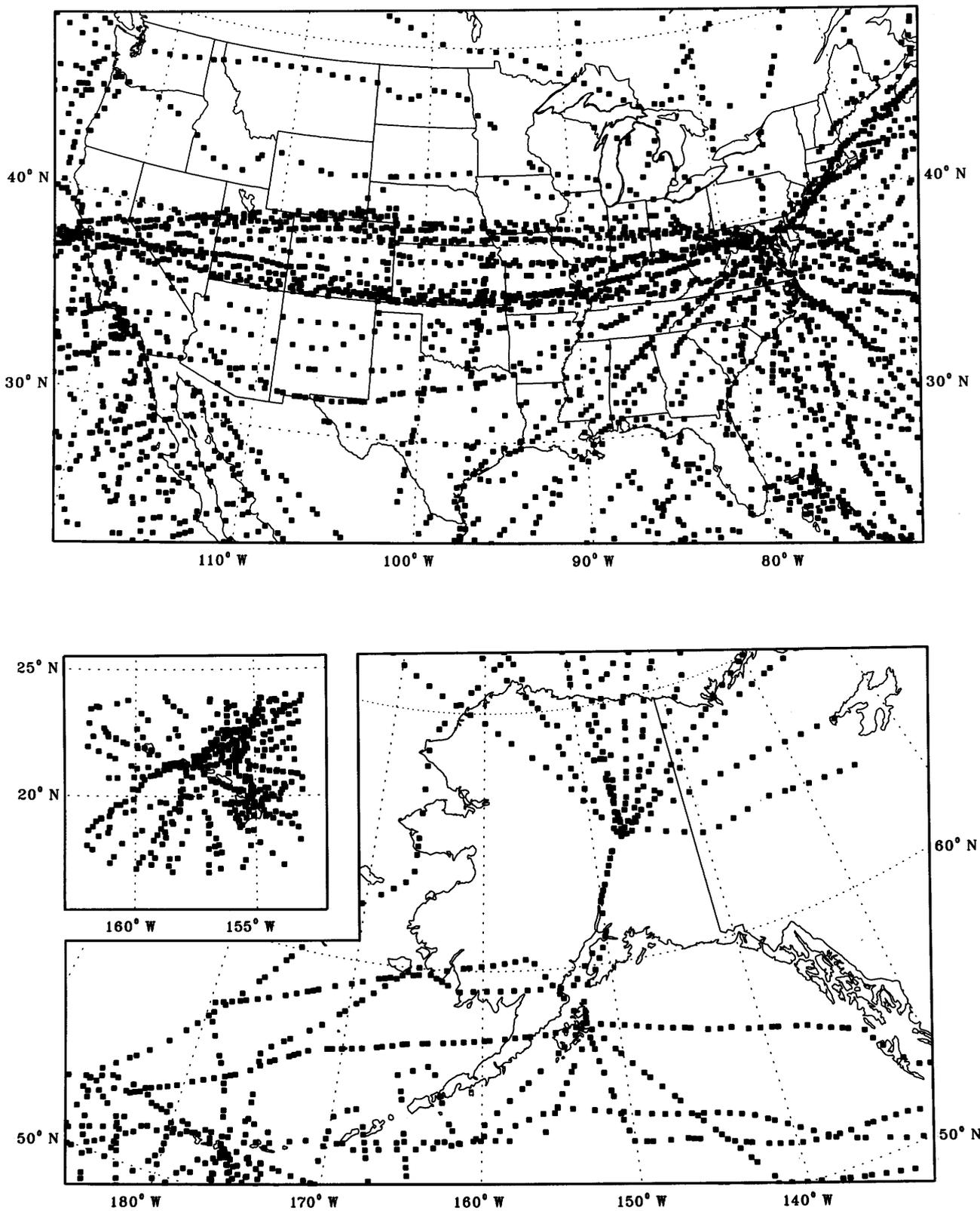


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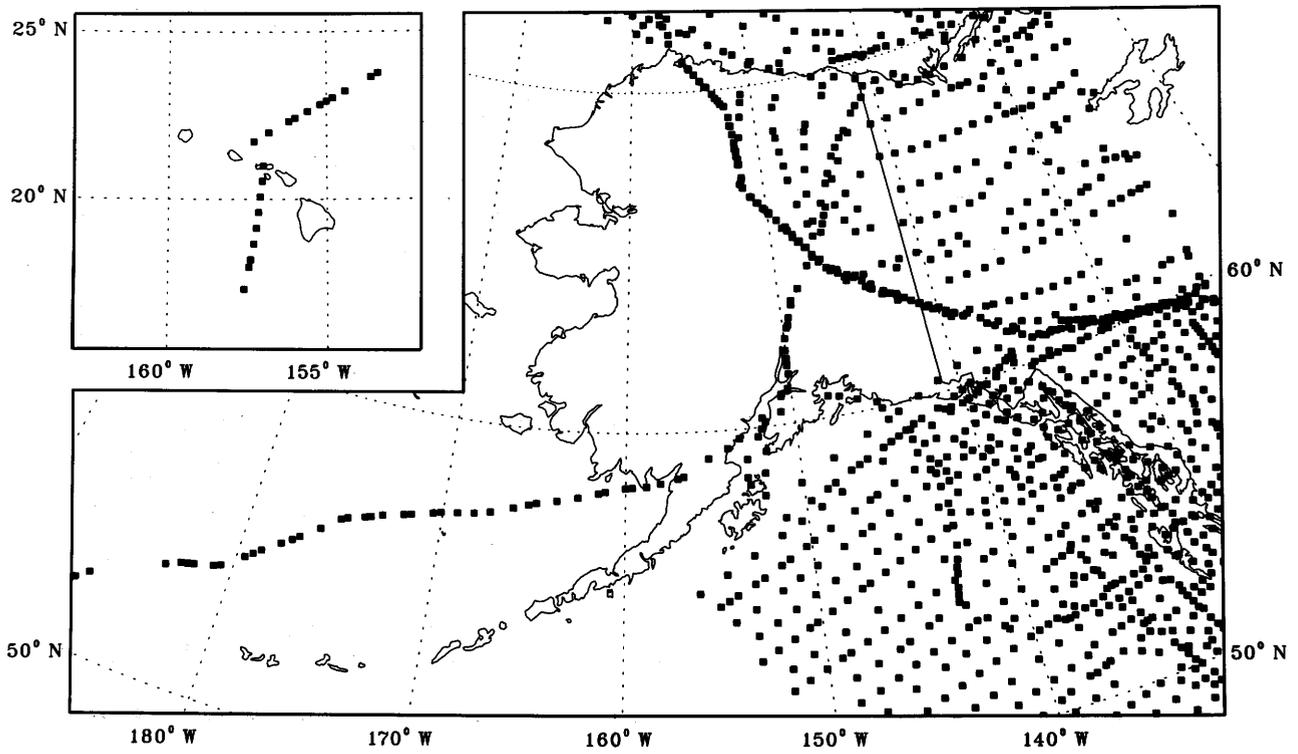
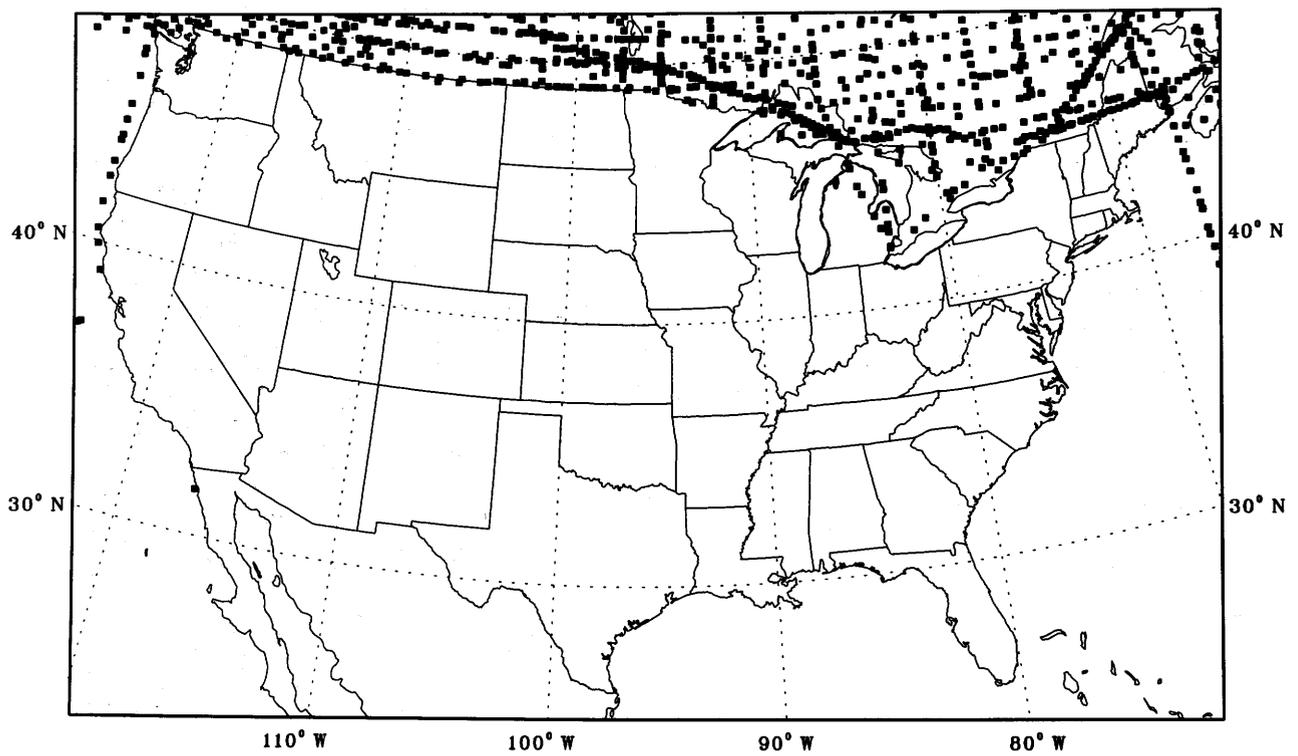


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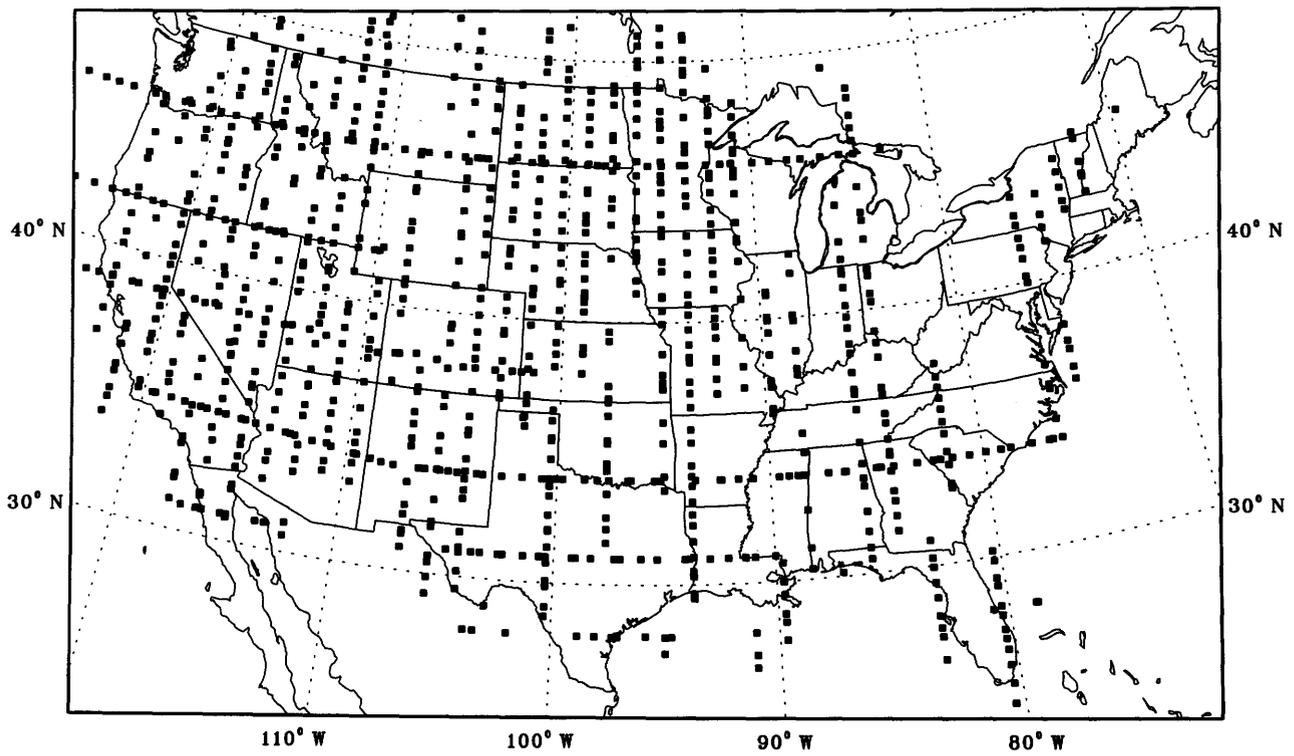


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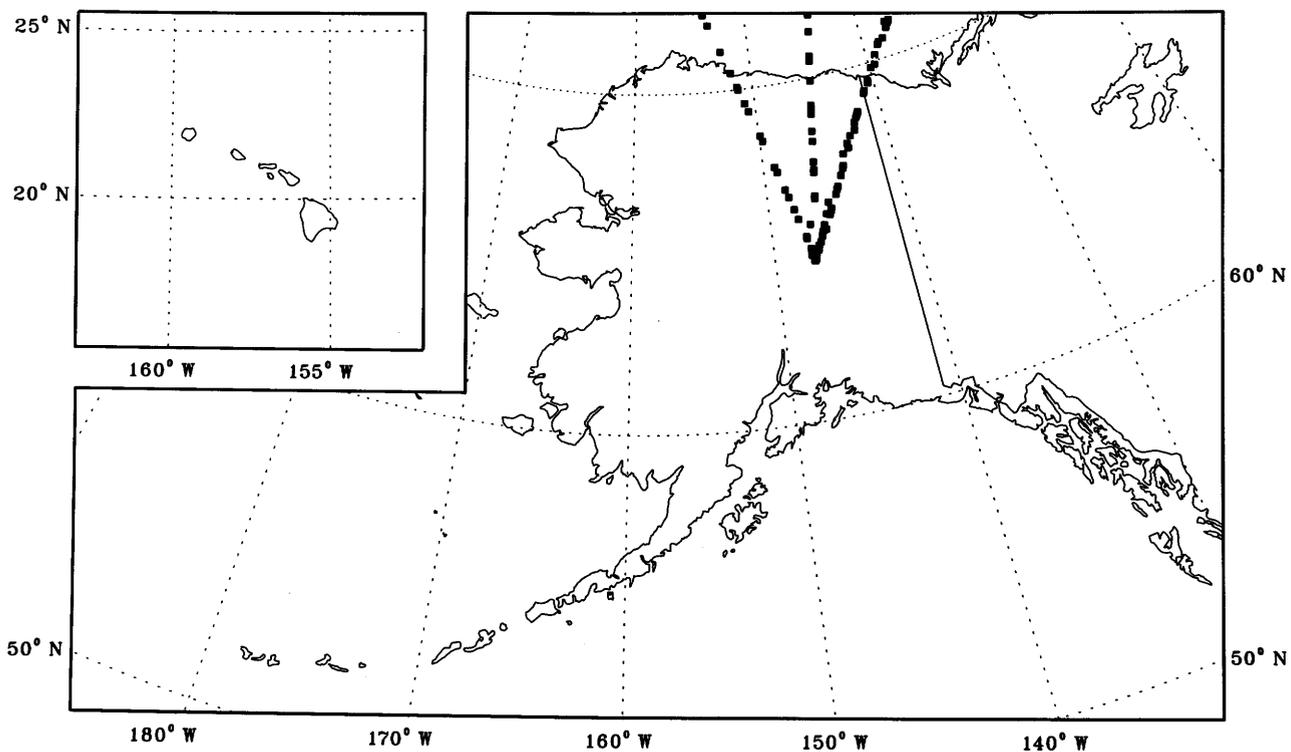
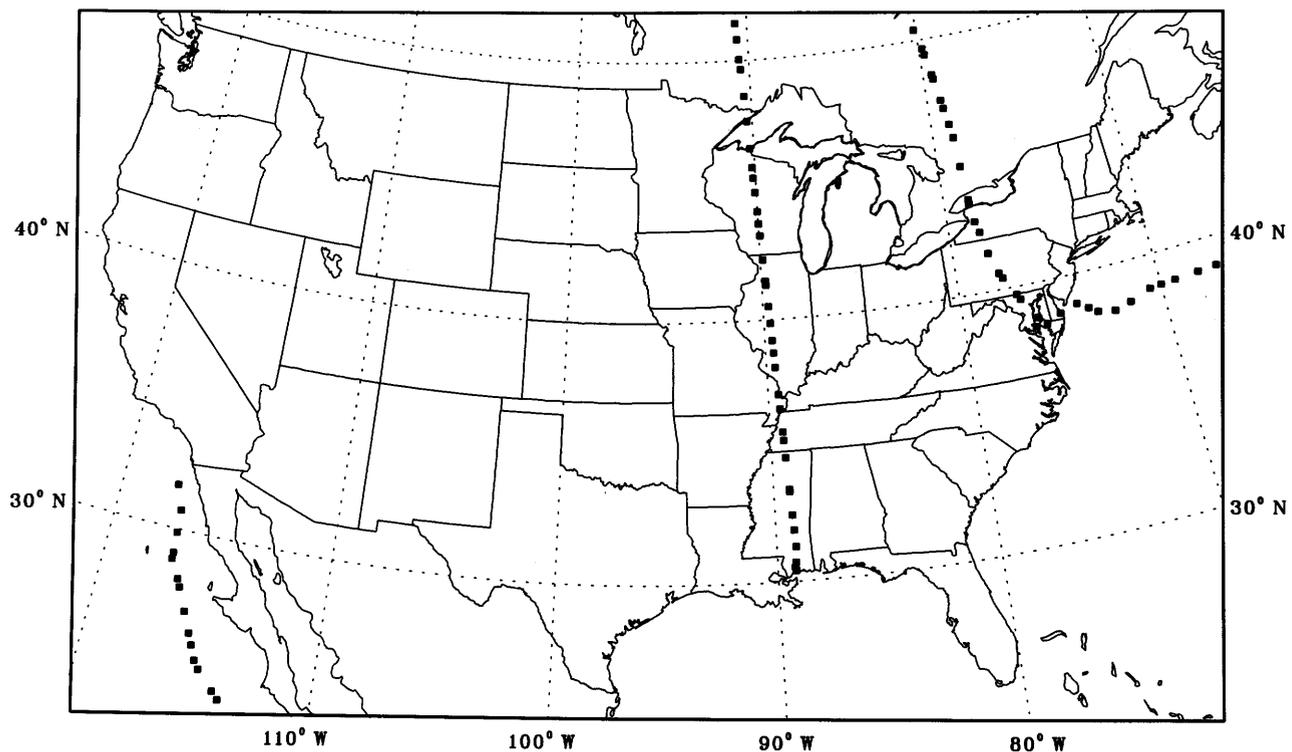


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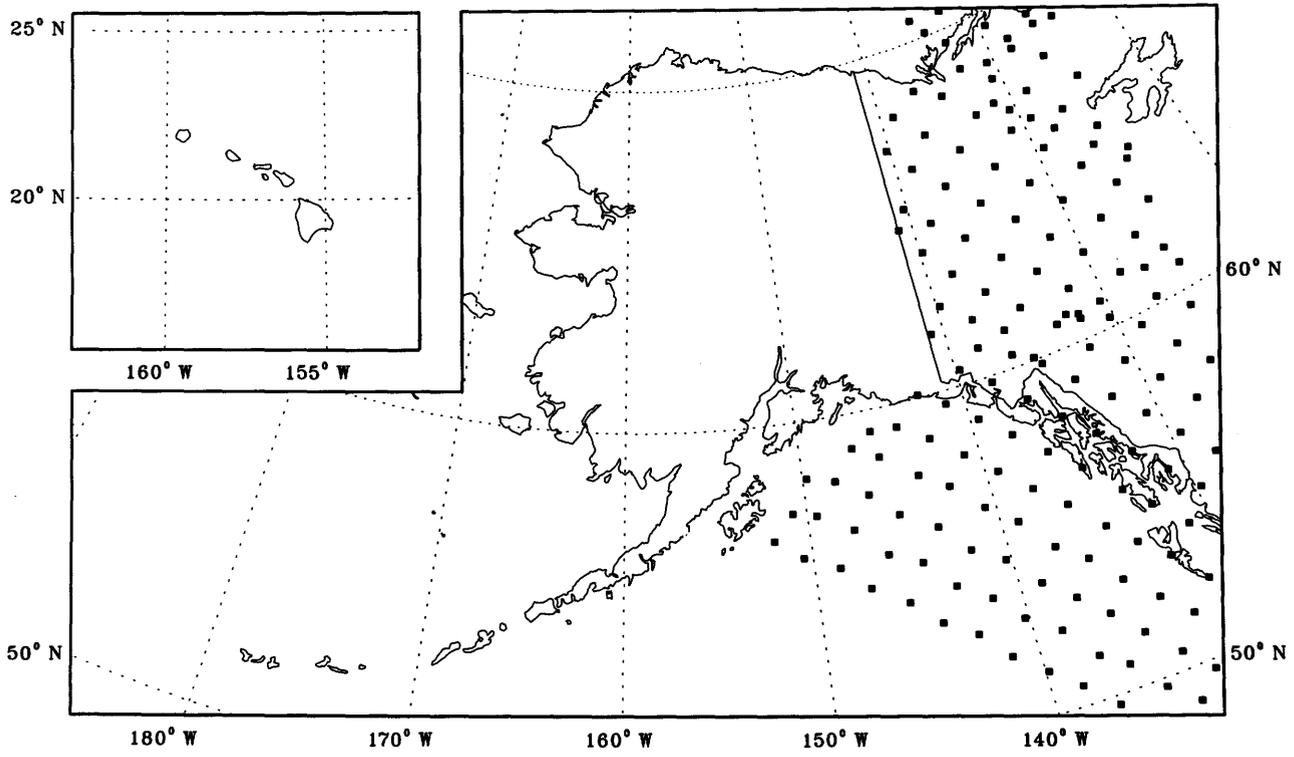
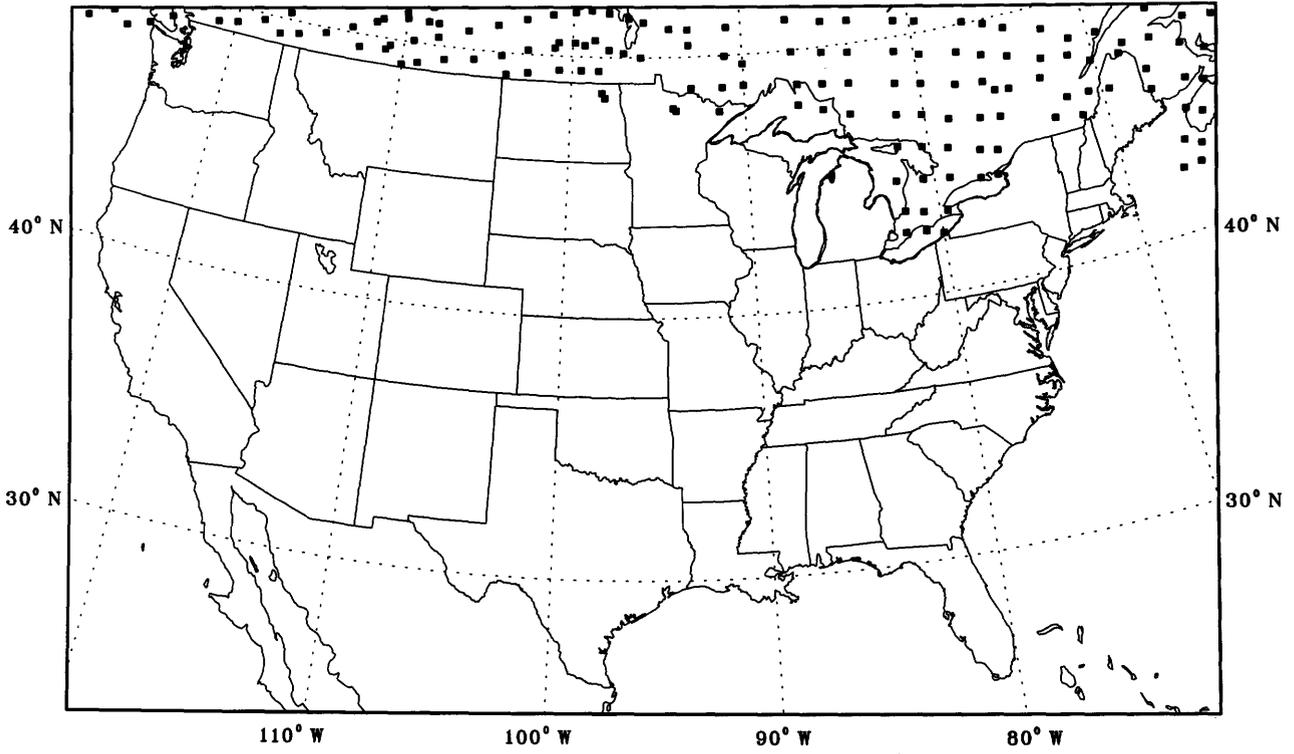


Figure 10. Locations (solid squares) of Canadian aerial-survey vector measurements used to derive the 1985.0 models.

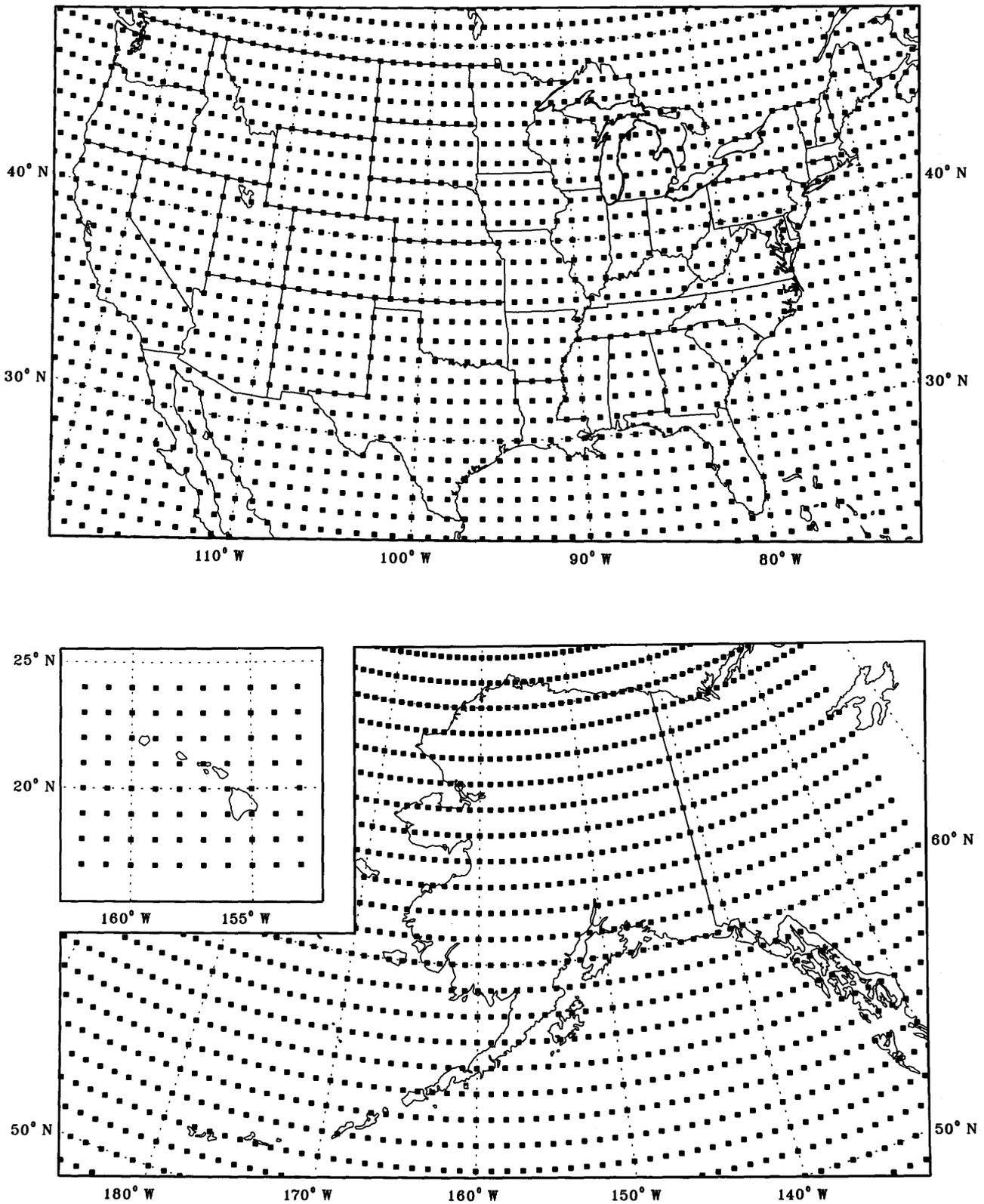


Figure 11. Locations (solid squares) for which International Geomagnetic Reference Field 1985 vector values were produced for use in deriving the 1985.0 models.

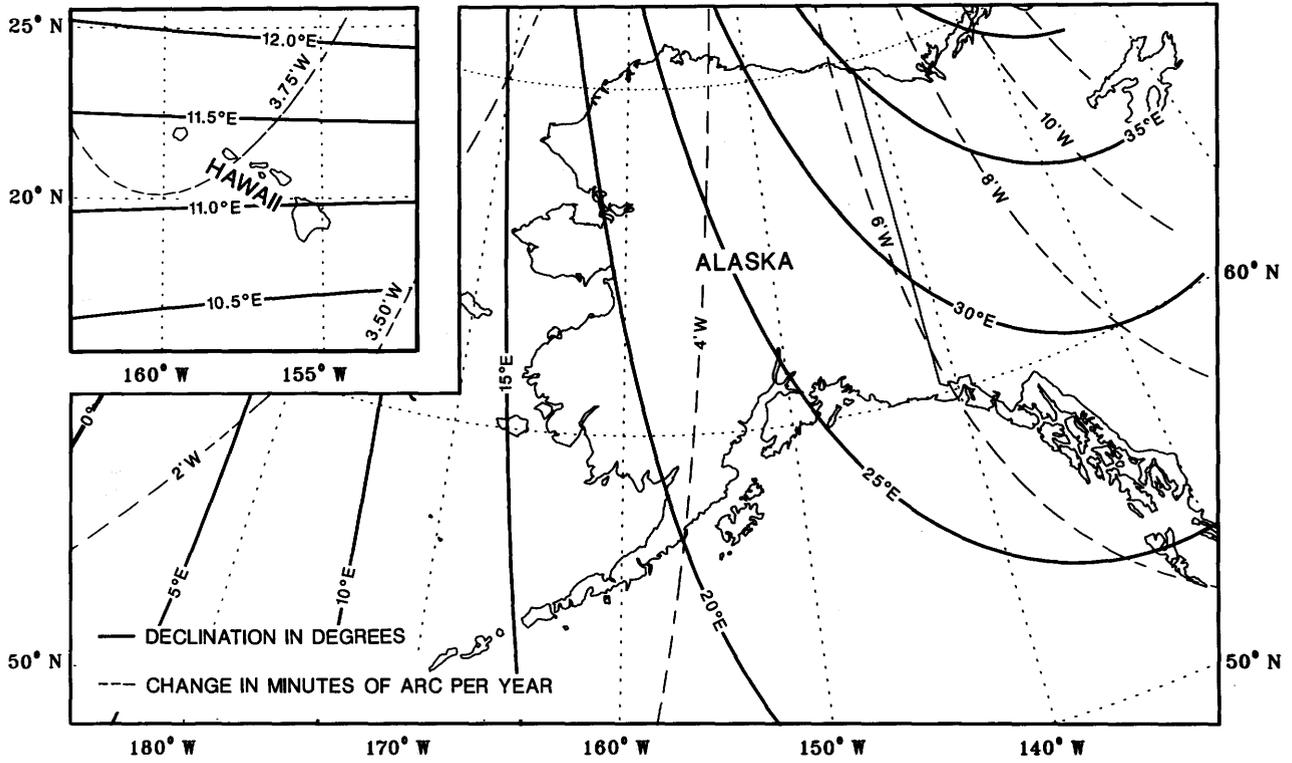
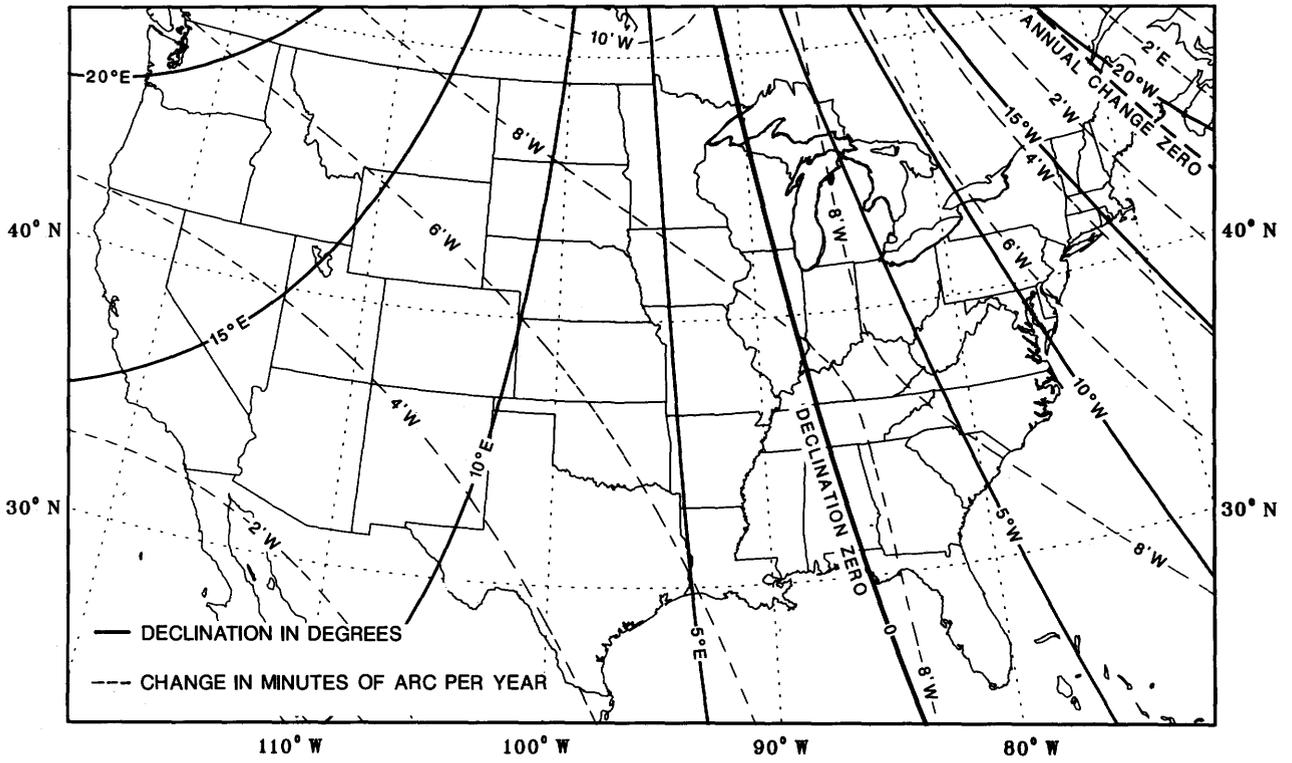


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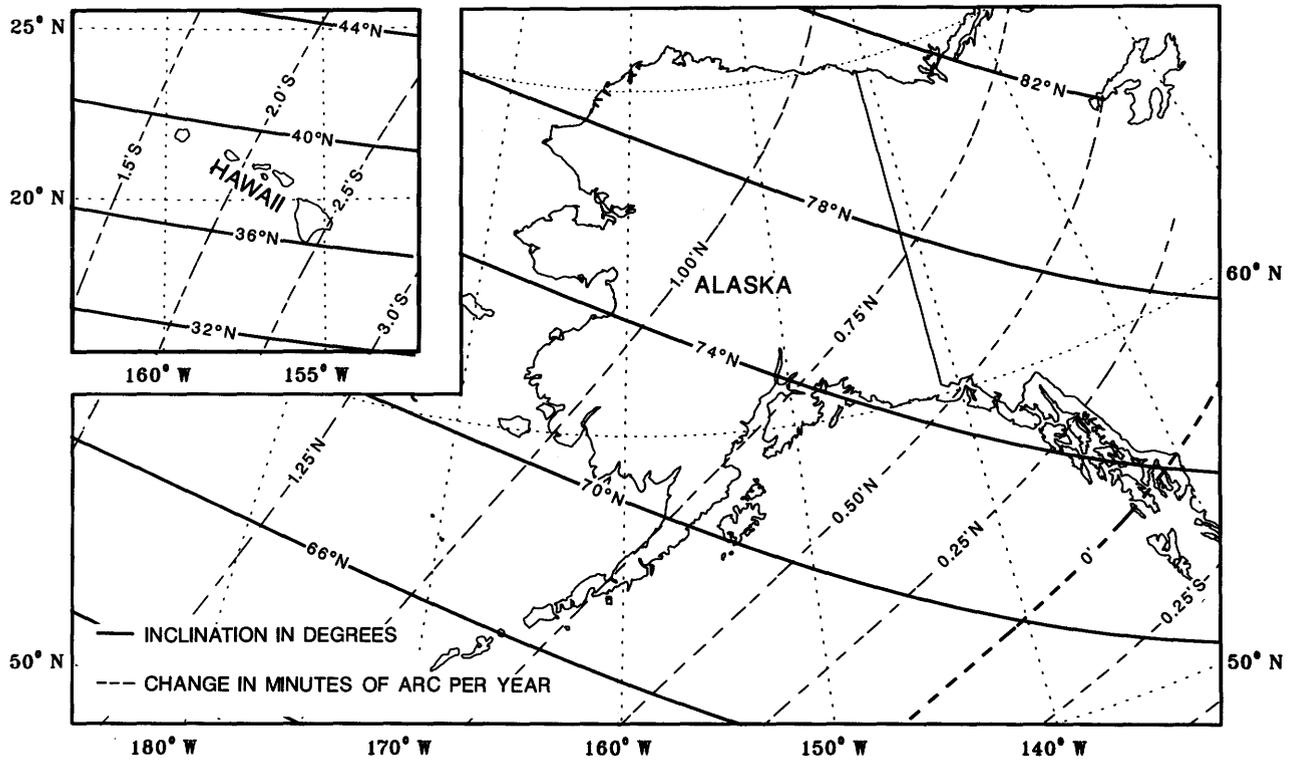
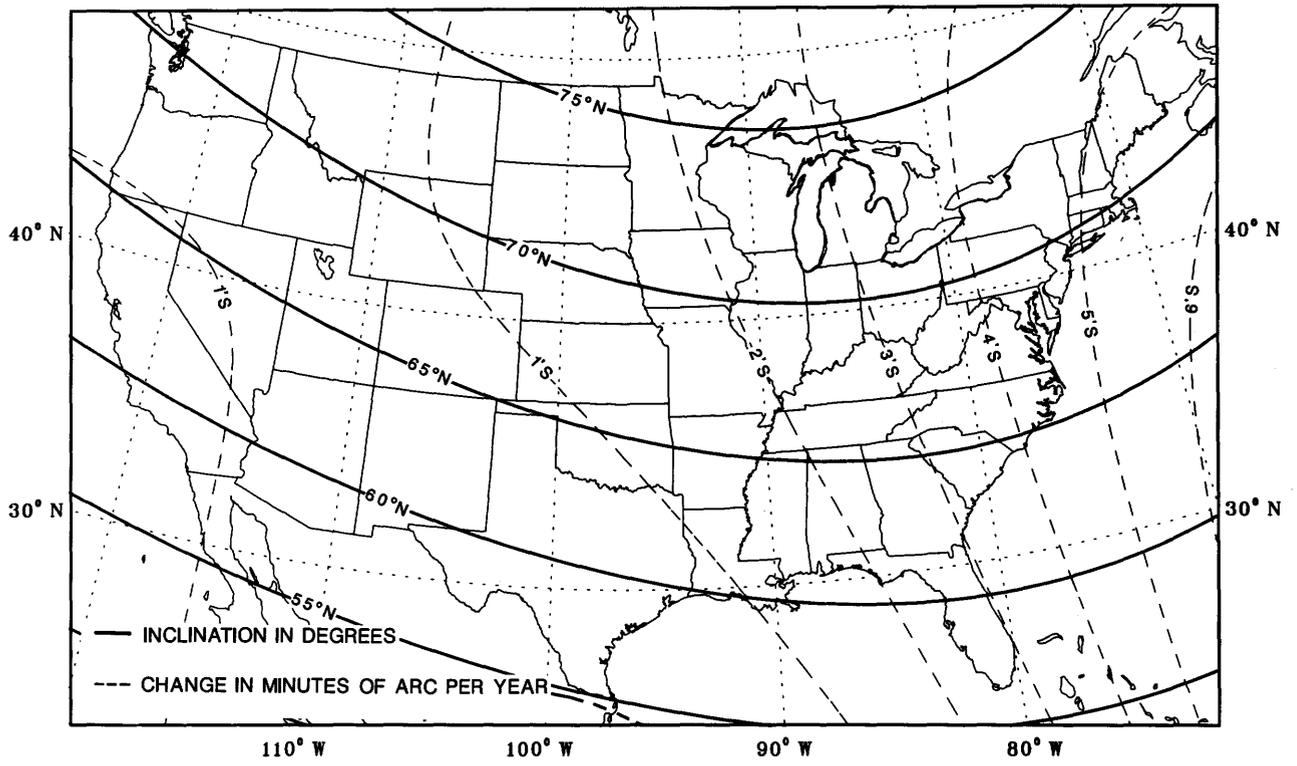


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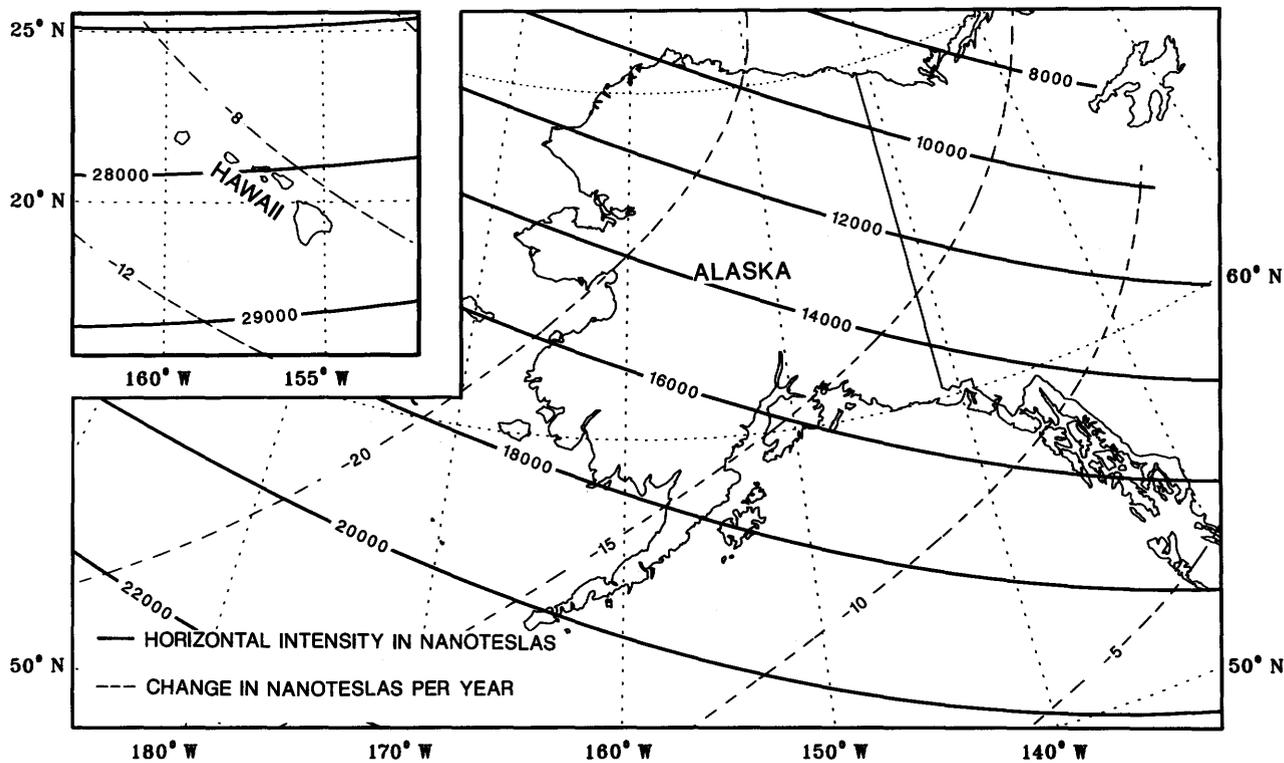
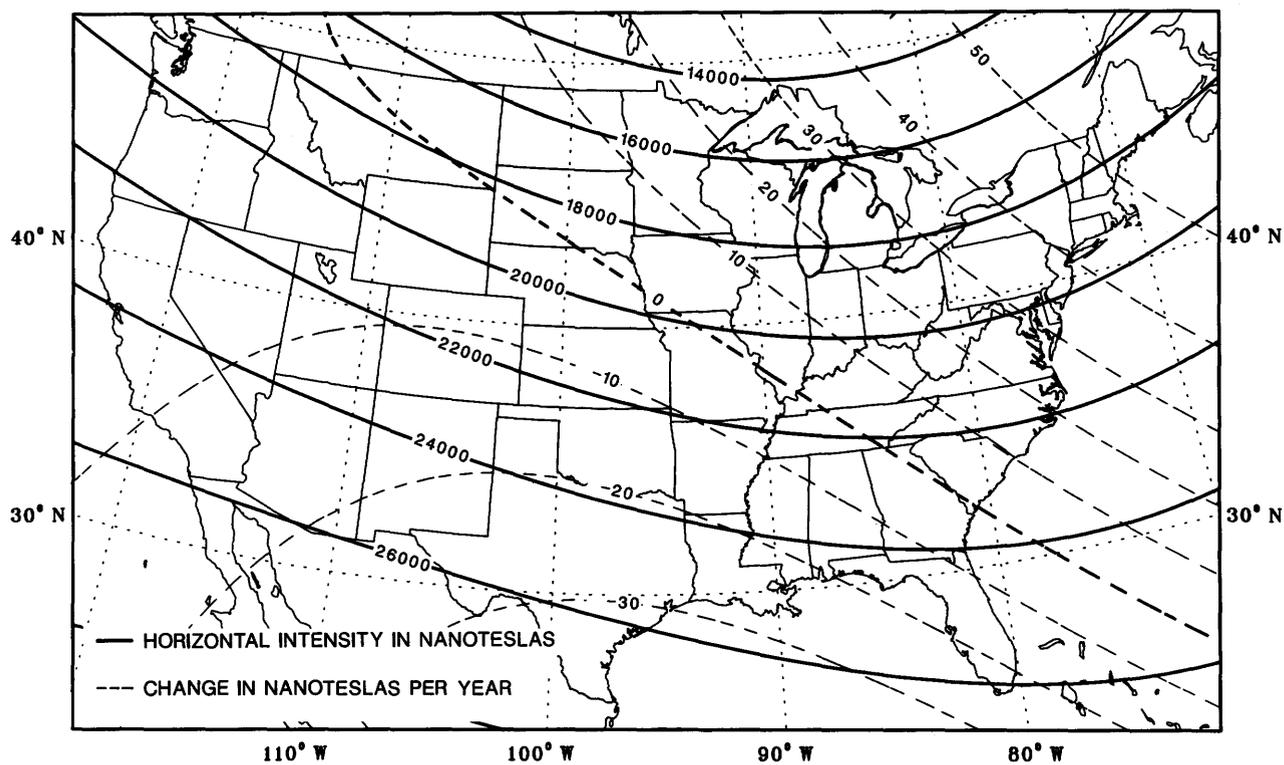


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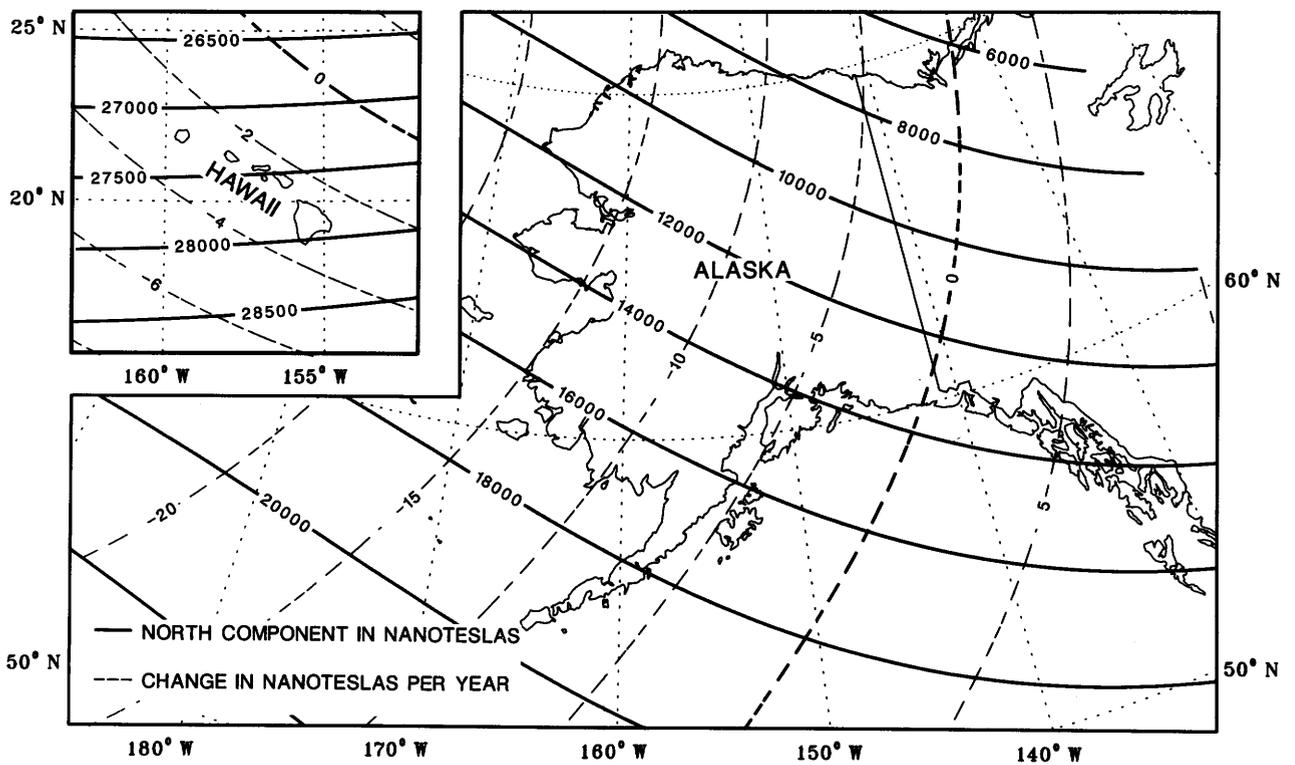
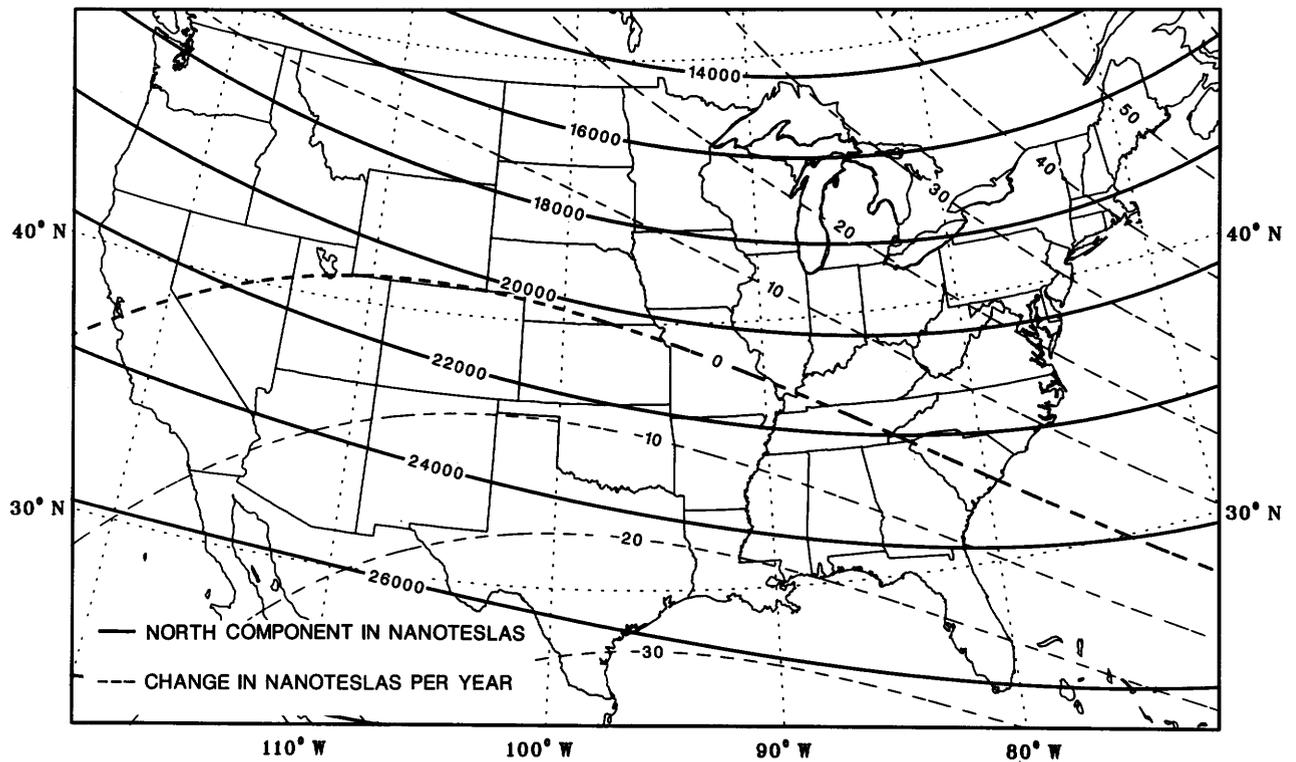


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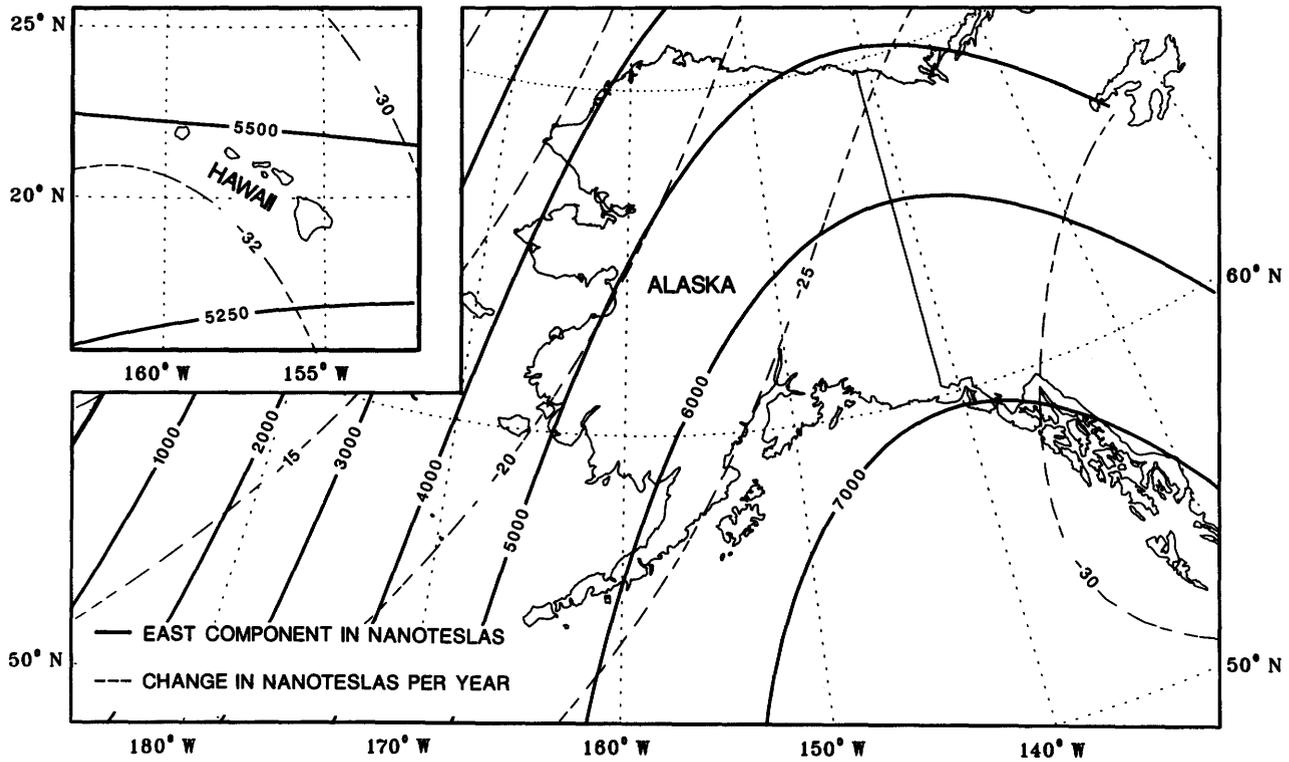
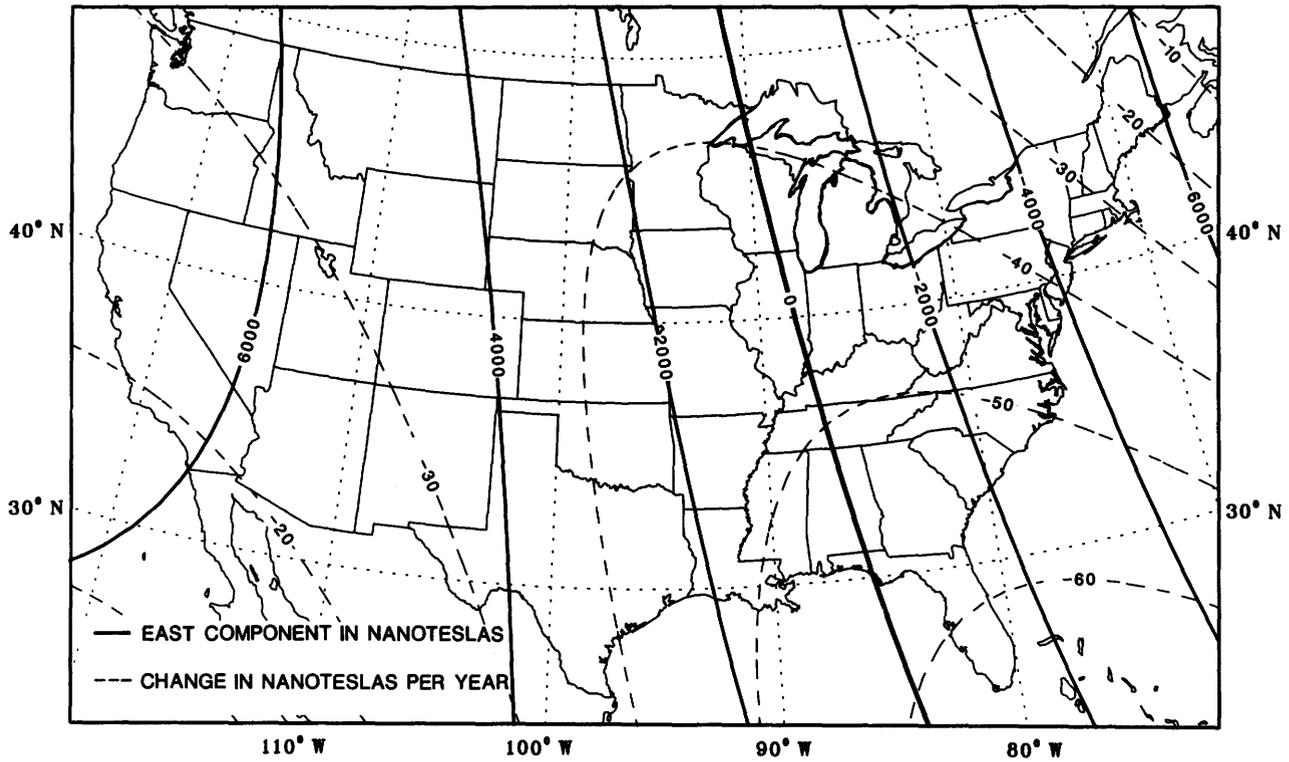


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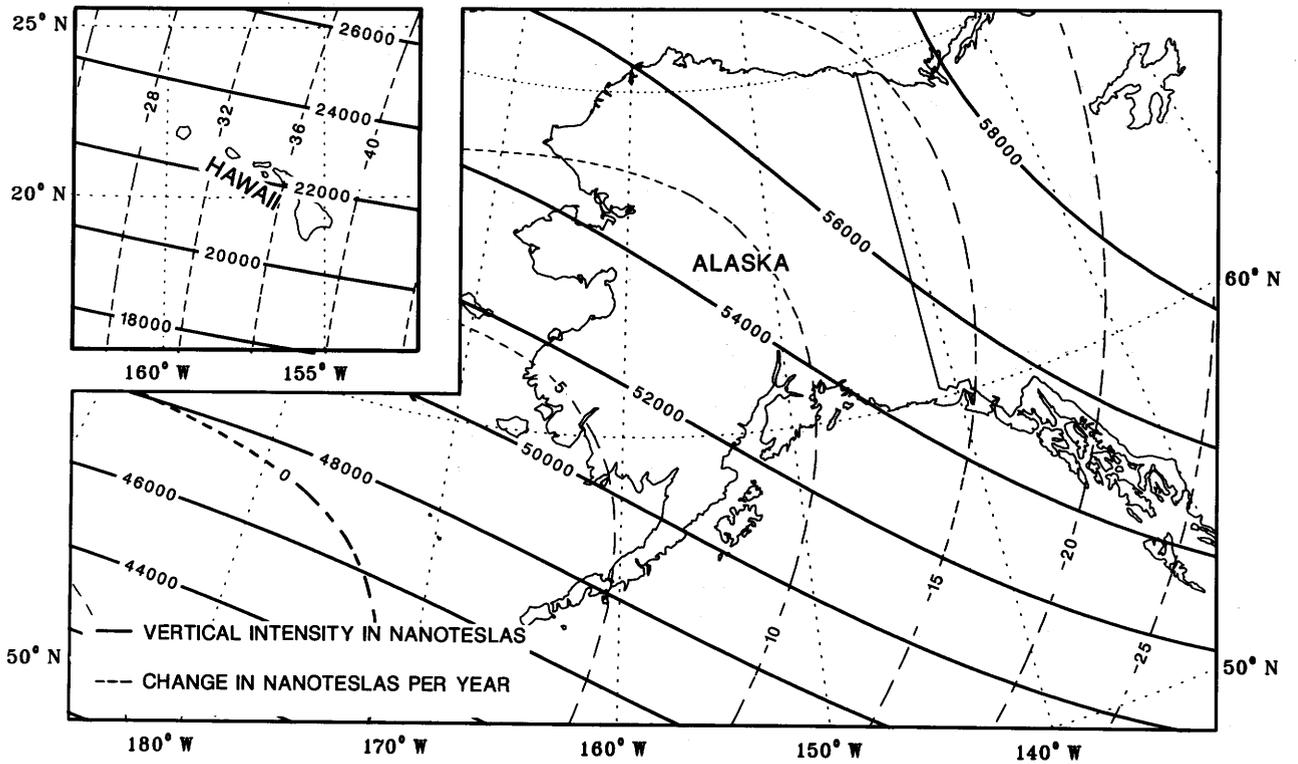
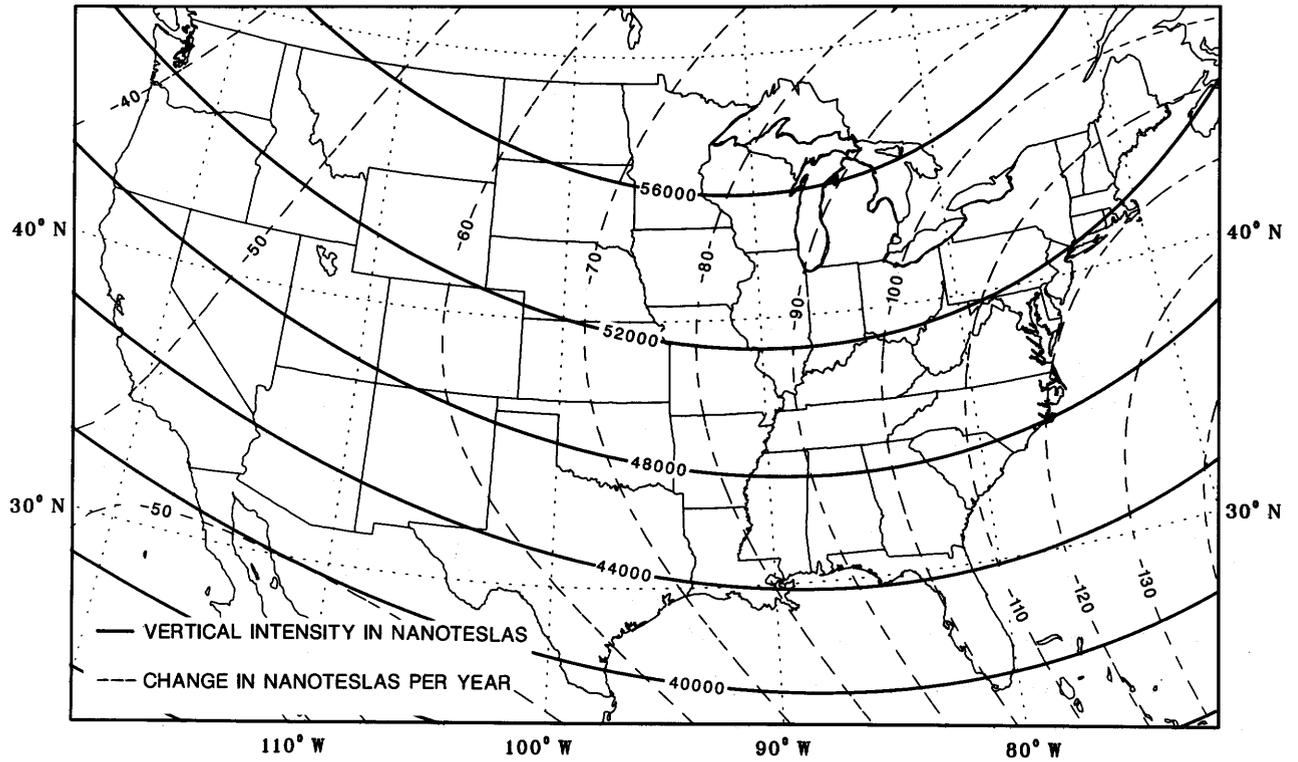


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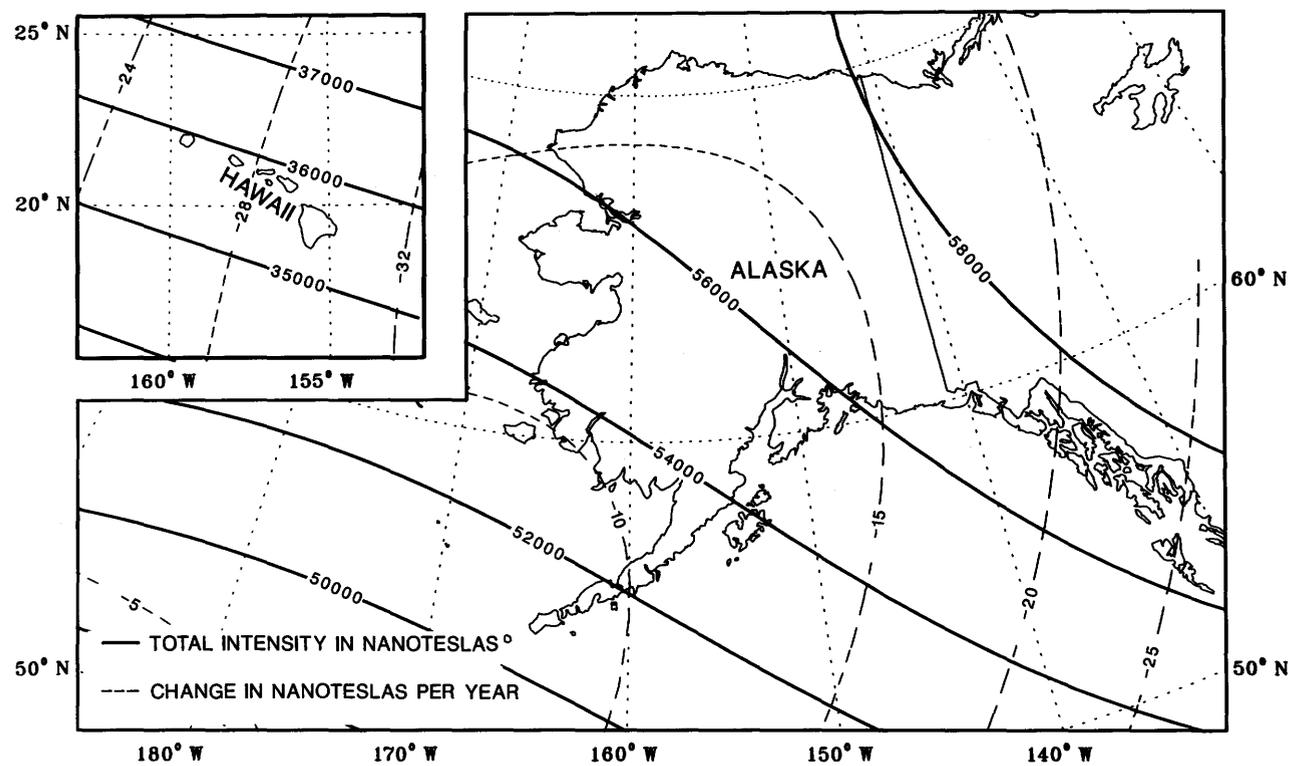
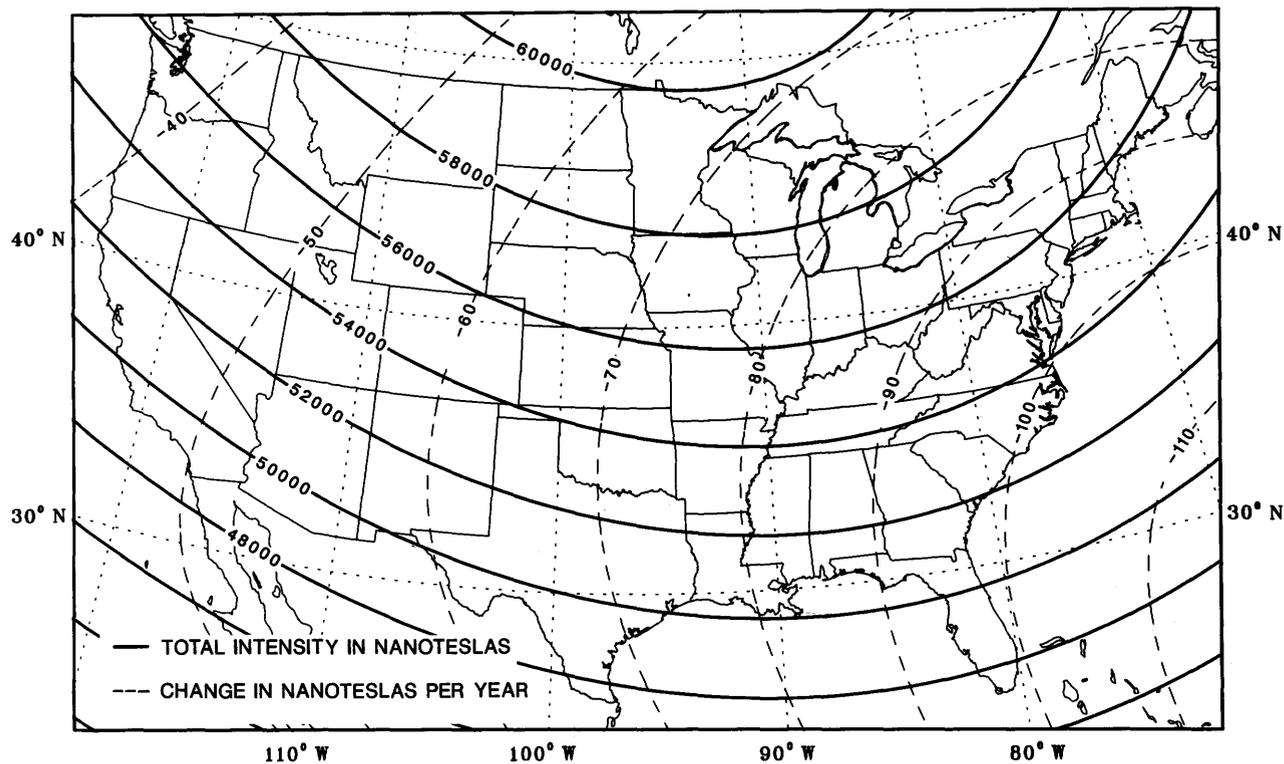


Figure 18. Magnetic total intensity in the United States, 1985.

APPENDIX: Secular-variation data

[Lat, latitude; Lon, Longitude (east if positive, west if negative); Elev, elevation above mean sea level; \dot{X} , \dot{Y} , and \dot{Z} estimated rates of change of the X, Y, and Z field components; m, meters; St, State postal zip code abbreviation. Parenthetical part of repeat-station name serves to distinguish that station from others nearby]

Name	St	Lat (degrees)	Lon	Elev (m)	\dot{X} (nanotesla per year)	\dot{Y}	\dot{Z}
Magnetic observatories							
Baker Lake, Canada -----		64.333	-96.033	45	23.6	-14.5	-39.4
Barrow -----	AK	71.323	-156.620	0	-22.1	-21.7	-25.5
Boulder -----	CO	40.138	-105.238	1650	-1.1	-30.8	-63.4
Cambridge Bay, Canada -----		69.200	-105.000	20	17.5	-25.5	-25.0
Cape Wellen, USSR -----		66.163	-169.835	10	-16.1	-13.5	-0.2
College -----	AK	64.860	-147.837	90	-3.8	-29.7	-18.0
Del Rio -----	TX	29.300	-100.800	357	-16.7	-31.0	-52.0
Fort Churchill, Canada -----		58.767	-94.100	40	26.5	-26.3	-51.2
Fredericksburg -----	VA	38.205	-77.373	69	22.4	-42.1	-115.6
Fresno -----	CA	37.092	-119.718	336	3.4	-22.8	-59.4
Godhavn, Greenland -----		69.252	-53.533	24	30.5	25.0	-21.0
Great Whale River, Canada ----		55.267	-77.783	23	50.6	-18.5	-58.9
Guam, U.S. -----		13.583	144.870	150	11.9	-4.3	1.3
Honolulu -----	HI	21.320	-158.002	3	1.4	-27.2	-32.7
Kakioka, Japan -----		36.230	140.190	26	-5.2	-12.2	25.9
Magadan, USSR -----		60.117	151.017	0	-35.7	-5.3	-5.6
Meanook, Canada -----		54.617	-113.333	678	8.9	-39.4	-46.1
Mould Bay, Canada -----		76.200	-119.400	150	-0.3	-19.5	-19.1
Narssarssuaq, Greenland -----		61.100	-45.200	4	46.3	33.5	-24.4
Newport -----	WA	48.263	-117.120	780	8.2	-34.0	-37.5
Ottawa, Canada -----		45.400	-75.550	760	45.3	-27.6	-103.6
Petropavlovsk, USSR -----		52.900	158.433	110	-25.7	-9.9	10.8
Resolute Bay, Canada -----		74.700	-94.900	30	14.2	-8.7	-29.0
San Juan, Puerto Rico -----		18.113	-66.150	400	-17.9	-63.9	-144.9
Sitka -----	AK	57.058	-135.325	22	13.7	-34.0	-29.5
Saint John's, Canada -----		47.600	-52.683	0	57.6	19.0	-83.6
Thule (II), Greenland -----		77.483	-69.167	60	21.2	8.4	-22.2
Tucson -----	AZ	32.247	-110.833	770	-16.1	-18.3	-53.8
Victoria, Canada -----		48.517	-123.417	197	13.2	-30.7	-41.6
Yellowknife, Canada -----		62.400	-114.500	183	11.0	-32.3	-35.8

APPENDIX: Secular-variation data—Continued

Name	St	Lat	Lon	Elev (m)	\dot{X}	\dot{Y}	\dot{Z}
		(degrees)			(nanotesla per year)		
Repeat stations							
Majuro (new airport) -----		7.067	171.280	0	-16.9	-7.7	-40.3
Midway (1980) -----		28.210	-177.380	0	-12.3	-27.8	5.1
Wake -----		19.312	166.623	0	-21.3	-6.5	19.9
Anchorage (NBS) -----	AK	61.235	-149.868	40	-2.7	-30.9	-14.5
Bethel (airport 2) -----	AK	60.783	-161.833	30	-9.1	-23.4	5.7
Fort Yukon (IGY) -----	AK	66.563	-145.260	130	5.9	-15.8	4.2
Homer (1) -----	AK	59.640	-151.493	10	1.0	-16.7	4.6
Kodiak (1975) -----	AK	57.800	-152.365	0	-0.6	-22.9	4.9
Kotzebue (1975) -----	AK	66.877	-162.637	0	-8.9	-9.2	0.4
Nome (airport 3) -----	AK	64.515	-165.383	20	-23.7	-8.0	-5.1
Northway (IGY) -----	AK	63.018	-141.797	580	1.3	-24.5	0.6
Unalakleet (1975) -----	AK	63.890	-160.797	0	-8.5	-10.4	1.2
Marion (forest) -----	AL	32.657	-87.278	0	-9.9	-52.7	-88.6
Castle Rock -----	CA	37.240	-122.130	490	-16.7	-28.4	-39.5
Lompoc -----	CA	34.637	-120.532	80	-4.2	-18.8	-44.5
Fort Myers -----	FL	26.610	-81.883	0	-41.2	-66.0	-102.7
Key West (golf aux 2) ---	FL	24.573	-81.743	0	-35.0	-85.8	-95.3
Spruce Creek (1958) -----	FL	29.077	-81.032	10	-14.6	-72.7	-105.2
Bainbridge (1958) -----	GA	30.907	-84.600	30	-16.2	-58.5	-96.8
Milledgeville (golf) ----	GA	33.095	-83.283	0	-6.4	-50.8	-98.4
Waycross (airport) -----	GA	31.255	-82.400	40	-9.3	-56.0	-105.0
Bangor (Broadway) -----	ME	44.828	-68.788	60	57.4	-19.1	-111.3
Bangor (Griffin) -----	ME	44.825	-68.808	40	50.2	-17.7	-115.0
Fort Kent (hosp. B) -----	ME	47.268	-68.595	190	58.2	-15.3	-105.9
Fort Kent (pasture) -----	ME	47.247	-68.587	190	69.9	-8.1	-104.6
Detroit (River Rouge) ---	MI	42.343	-83.253	190	23.9	-50.6	-106.3
Detroit (park) -----	MI	42.355	-83.262	190	23.9	-50.2	-106.0
Marquette (golf 1947) ---	MI	46.538	-87.423	270	19.1	-45.6	-79.7
Marquette (golf 2) -----	MI	46.538	-87.422	240	23.4	-43.9	-79.7
Brooklyn -----	MS	31.030	-89.170	120	-14.9	-52.3	-82.8
Grenada (1971) -----	MS	33.750	-89.797	60	-14.3	-44.7	-81.1
Lamar (B 1981) -----	MS	30.925	-89.387	0	-17.3	-51.4	-81.9
Goldsboro (airport) -----	NC	35.385	-77.983	40	-6.5	-54.7	-123.5
Bowbells -----	ND	48.800	-102.242	590	40.3	-48.4	-55.4
Syracuse (Drumlins B) ---	NY	43.017	-76.105	210	31.5	-36.0	-114.9
Syracuse (Drumlins) -----	NY	43.017	-76.103	220	33.6	-35.7	-114.8
Indiantown Gap (airf) ---	PA	40.453	-76.545	160	35.1	-44.0	-122.1
Indiantown Gap (lake) ---	PA	40.417	-76.597	130	35.1	-46.5	-121.8
Kingston (campus) -----	RI	41.480	-71.518	70	42.7	-30.6	-126.6
Kingston (turf) -----	RI	41.488	-71.545	30	37.5	-29.5	-128.7

APPENDIX: Secular-variation data—Continued

Name	St	Lat (degrees)	Lon (degrees)	Elev (m)	\dot{X} (nanotesla per year)	\dot{Y} (nanotesla per year)	\dot{Z} (nanotesla per year)
Repeat stations--Continued							
Fort Jackson -----	SC	34.017	-80.915	150	9.1	-53.6	-107.4
Fort Jackson (2) -----	SC	34.018	-80.910	150	11.2	-53.8	-108.8
Brownsville (golf 2) ----	TX	25.883	-97.497	10	-48.3	-39.5	-48.5
Dallas (observatory) ----	TX	32.982	-96.750	210	-29.1	-51.9	-77.2
Orange (C) -----	TX	30.063	-93.802	0	-27.6	-47.7	-68.3
Van Horn (airport) -----	TX	31.062	-104.787	1200	-31.4	-33.0	-54.0
Salt Lake City (hill) ---	UT	40.782	-111.855	0	-32.9	-31.3	-36.4
Burlington (LP) -----	VT	44.457	-73.155	120	45.1	-28.9	-110.6
Burlington (RS) -----	VT	44.470	-73.197	120	40.1	-34.8	-124.2
Eau Claire -----	WI	44.833	-91.532	300	11.0	-55.3	-84.9
Model fill-in values							
		10.000	-90.000	0	-49.9	-41.4	-16.1
		10.000	-105.000	0	-34.9	1.9	-25.9
		10.000	-120.000	0	-20.6	0.6	-58.5
		10.000	-135.000	0	-14.1	-19.3	-53.1
		75.000	150.000	0	-22.5	-6.6	-34.2
		0.000	180.000	0	-8.8	-9.3	7.6

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