

Report from the SMHI monitoring cruise with R/V Aranda



Survey period: 2016-02-15 - 2016-02-23
Survey area: Skagerrak, Kattegat, the Sound and the Baltic Proper
Principal: SMHI and the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

SUMMARY

The expedition was part of the Swedish marine monitoring programme and covered the Skagerrak, the Kattegat, the Sound and the Baltic Proper. Mapping of winter nutrients were performed in the Baltic Proper.

Data presented in this report has been subject to preliminary quality control procedures only.

The temperature in the surface water was above normal in the Baltic Proper. The concentrations of nutrients were generally normal for the season in Skagerrak and Kattegat. In the Baltic Proper the concentration of phosphate was elevated in the whole area except for the western parts. The silicate was also elevated except in the south where it showed concentrations below normal.

The effect of the inflow in December 2014 could not be detected further north than the station BY20 in the northern part of the Eastern Gotland Basin. At the station Gotland Deep BY15, oxygen was again present in the bottom water. In the Western and Northern Gotland Basins the oxygen situation remains very serious as anoxic conditions occurred at depths exceeding 70-100 meters. Hydrogen sulphide was observed at the sampling point in the Gulf of Gdansk which has not happened since 2008.

The fluorescence measurement showed a beginning spring bloom in the center and the south of Skagerrak and the northern part of the Kattegatt

The next monitoring cruise is scheduled to start on 15 March.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

The cruise was operated aboard the Finnish research vessel Aranda. It commenced in Helsinki on February the 7th and ended in the same port on February the 23rd. The winds during the expedition were mainly weak except in the Skagerrak where the wind reached strong gale force and 2 sampling points had to be excluded. Air temperatures ranged between -1 and +4 °C. In the Baltic Proper the winter pool of nutrients was mapped.

The Skagerrak

The temperature of the surface water was normal for the season and varied between 2.4 and 5.4°C, lowest near the coast. The salinity in the surface layer was normal to above normal for the season and varied between 26.5 and 34.1 psu. The stratification, both the thermocline and the halocline, was found at depth between 10 and 25 meters.

The nutrients in the surface showed typical values for the season, except for silicate which showed concentrations above normal in the southern part. In the surface water the concentration of phosphate was about 0.5 µmol/l, inorganic nitrogen (nitrite + nitrate) between 6.2 and 11.2 µmol/l, while silicate varied from 5.2 to 10.2 µmol/l.

The lowest oxygen concentrations, 4.0 ml/l, were found in the bottom water at Släggö in the mouth of the Gullmarn Fjord. Fluorescence measurements showed biological activity in the surface layer in the southern and western parts of the area. For more details on species composition see the separate algal report, AlgaAware.

The Kattegat and the Sound

The temperature in the surface water was normal for the season and varied between 2.3 and 3.0 °C. The surface salinity was generally lower than normal except for the north part where it was normal and ranged from 17.8 to 25.3 psu. In the Sound the salinity was around 10 psu, which is lower than normal. A strong stratification in the Sound was found at 14 meters. The other parts had the stratification at 20 meters depth.

The concentrations in the surface water were normal to slightly above normal for the season. The phosphate concentration was ranged from 0.5 – 0.7 µmol/l, inorganic nitrogen from 4.6 – 6.1 µmol/l and silicate varied between 7.9 to 10.6 µmol/l.

The oxygen situation in the deep water was good at all sampling points. The lowest concentrations were found in the Sound, 5.5 ml/l. The plankton activity showed a beginning spring bloom in the north part of the investigated area.

The Baltic Proper

The temperature of the surface layer was still above normal in the whole Baltic Proper and varied from 3.0 to 4.5°C. Surface salinity was elevated in the Arcona Basin, the Bornholm Basin and the Hanö Bight. In the north part of Eastern Gotland Basin it was slightly lower than normal and the other parts were normal. The halocline and thermocline coincided and were found at 40 – 60 meters depth in the Western Gotland Basin, at 60 – 90 meters depth in the Eastern and Northern Gotland Basin, while found at shallower depth in the southern parts.

Phosphate concentrations in the surface water were still above normal except for the Western Gotland Basin where it was normal for the season, ranged from 0.6-1.1 µmol/l. The concentrations of inorganic nitrogen (nitrite + nitrate) were normal and varied between 2.6 and 4.7 µmol/l. The silicate concentration was still below normal in the southern parts, while elevated above normal in the remaining parts of the Baltic Proper. The concentrations ranged from 9.0 to 17.2 µmol/l.

In the whole investigated area acute hypoxia (<2 ml/l) occurred at depths exceeding 60-90 metres. At BY15 no hydrogen sulphide was measured this time but at depths ranging from 80 to 225 meters

depth the oxygen concentrations were low, < 1 ml/l. Hence, the effects of the inflow in December 2014 could not be detected further north than BY20 in the Eastern Gotland Basin.

In the Western and Northern Gotland Basin the oxygen situation continues to be extremely bad. In the Western Gotland Basin completely oxygen-free conditions (anoxia) were found from depth exceeding 90 – 100 meters and the Northern Gotland Basin had anoxic conditions from 90 meters depth. Hydrogen sulphide was observed at the sampling point in the Gulf of Gdansk which has not happened since 2008.

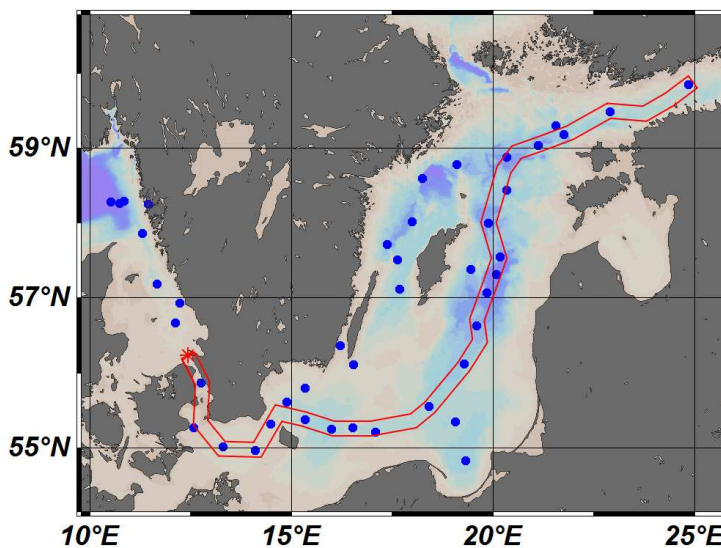
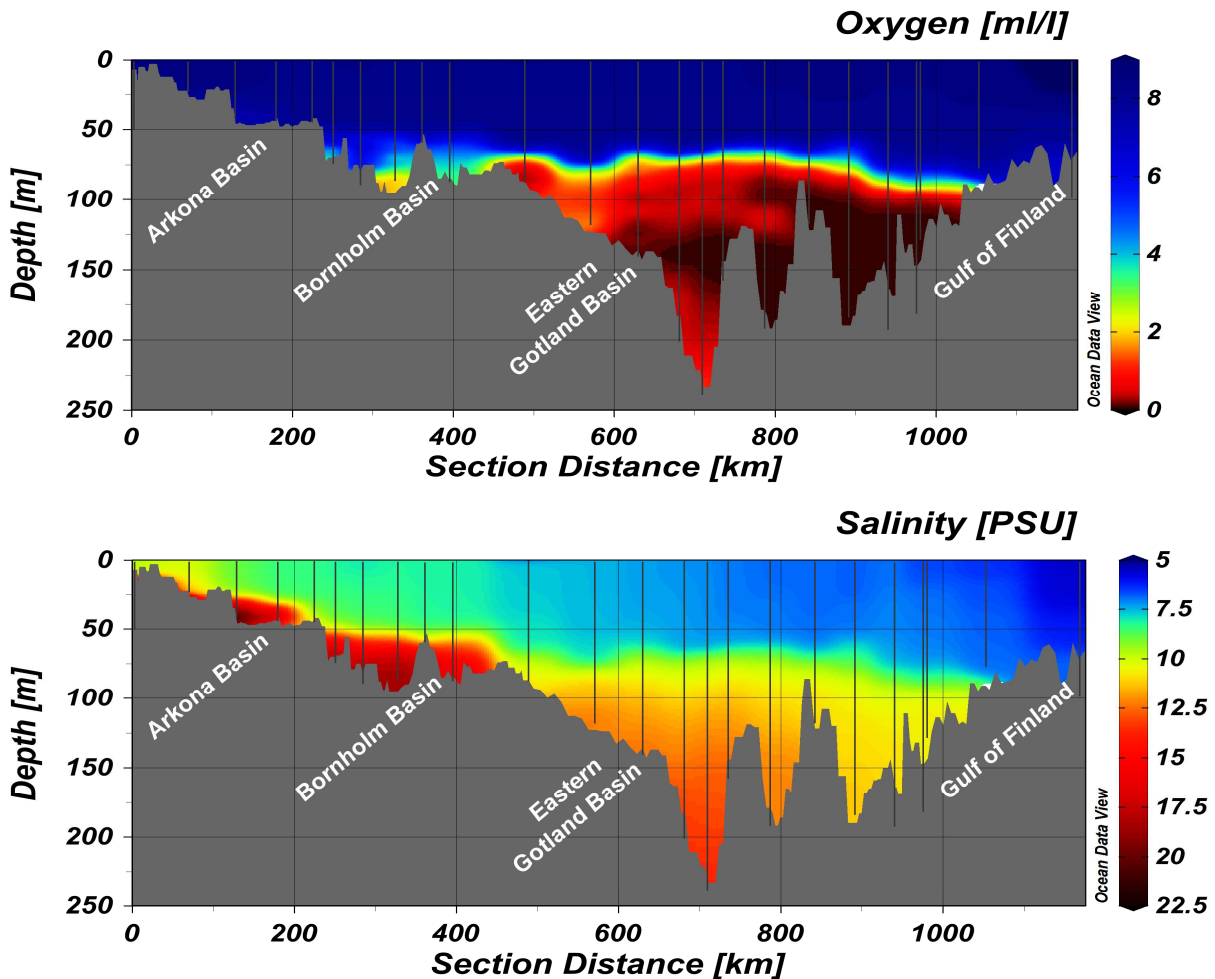


Figure 1. Transect showing the oxygen and salinity from the Sound to the Gulf of Finland.



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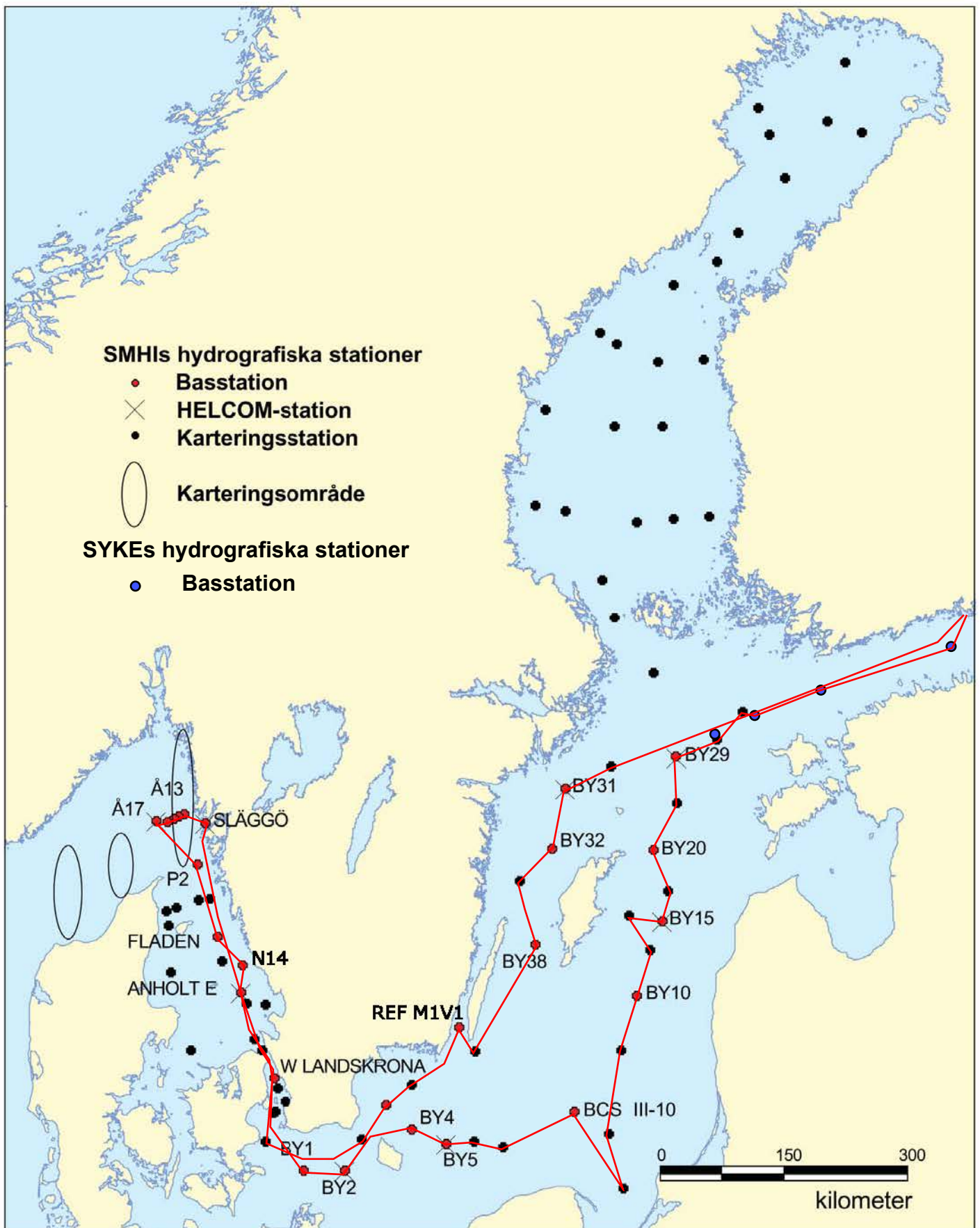
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APPENDICES

- Track chart
- Table over stations, parameters and sampling depths
- Map showing bottom oxygen concentrations
- Monthly average surface water plots for selected stations
- Vertical profiles for selected stations

TRACKCHART

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 Ship: R/V ARANDA
 Date: 20160215-20160223
 Series: 0098-0142



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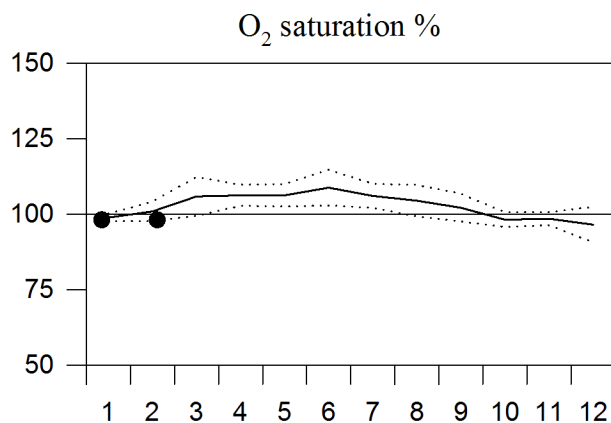
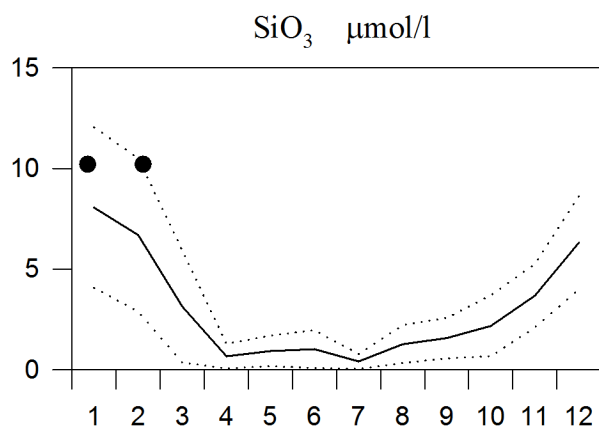
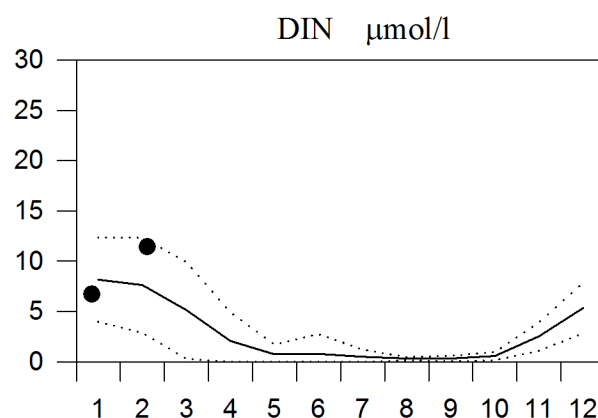
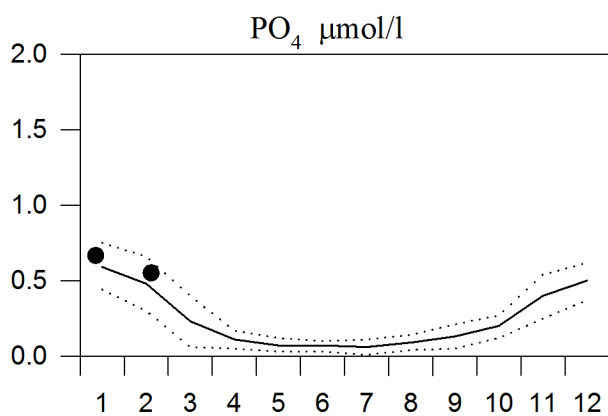
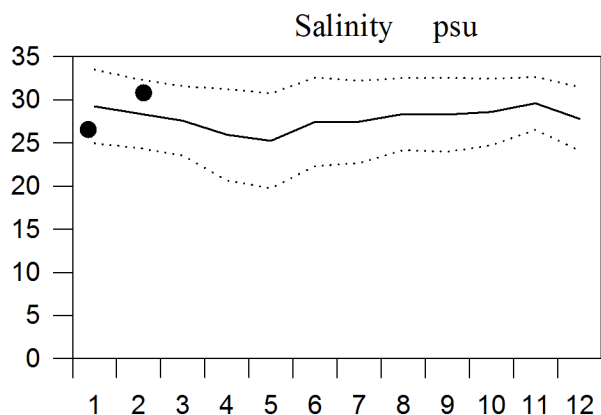
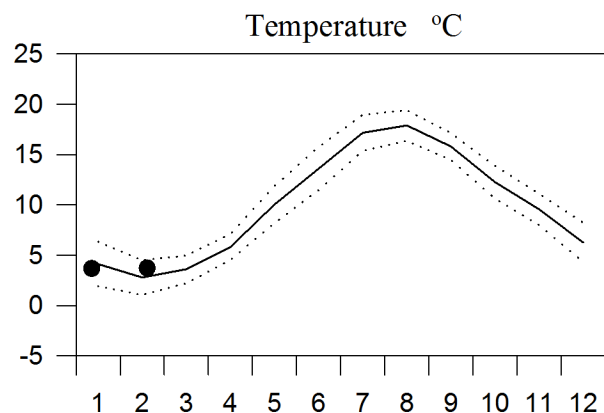
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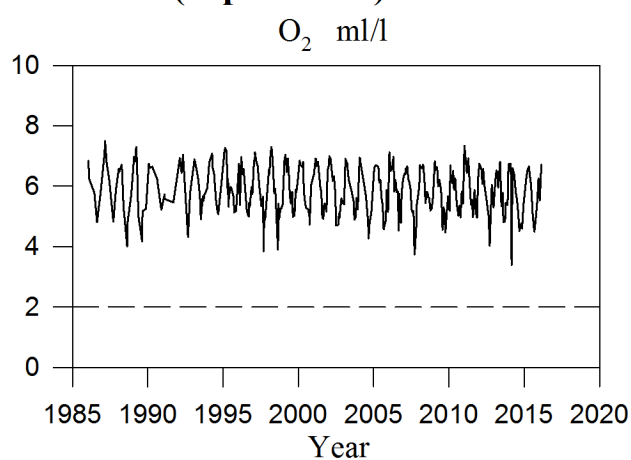
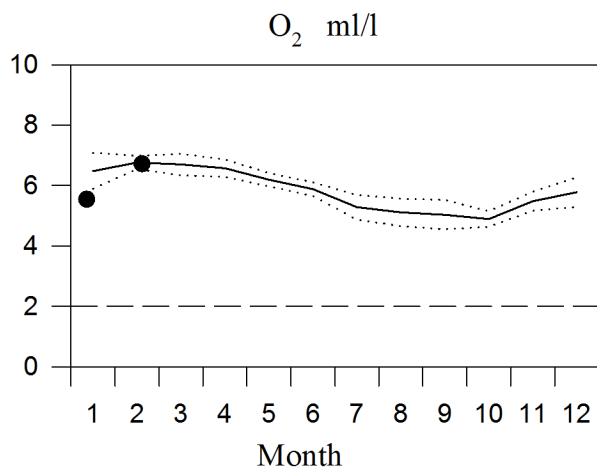
STATION P2 SURFACE WATER

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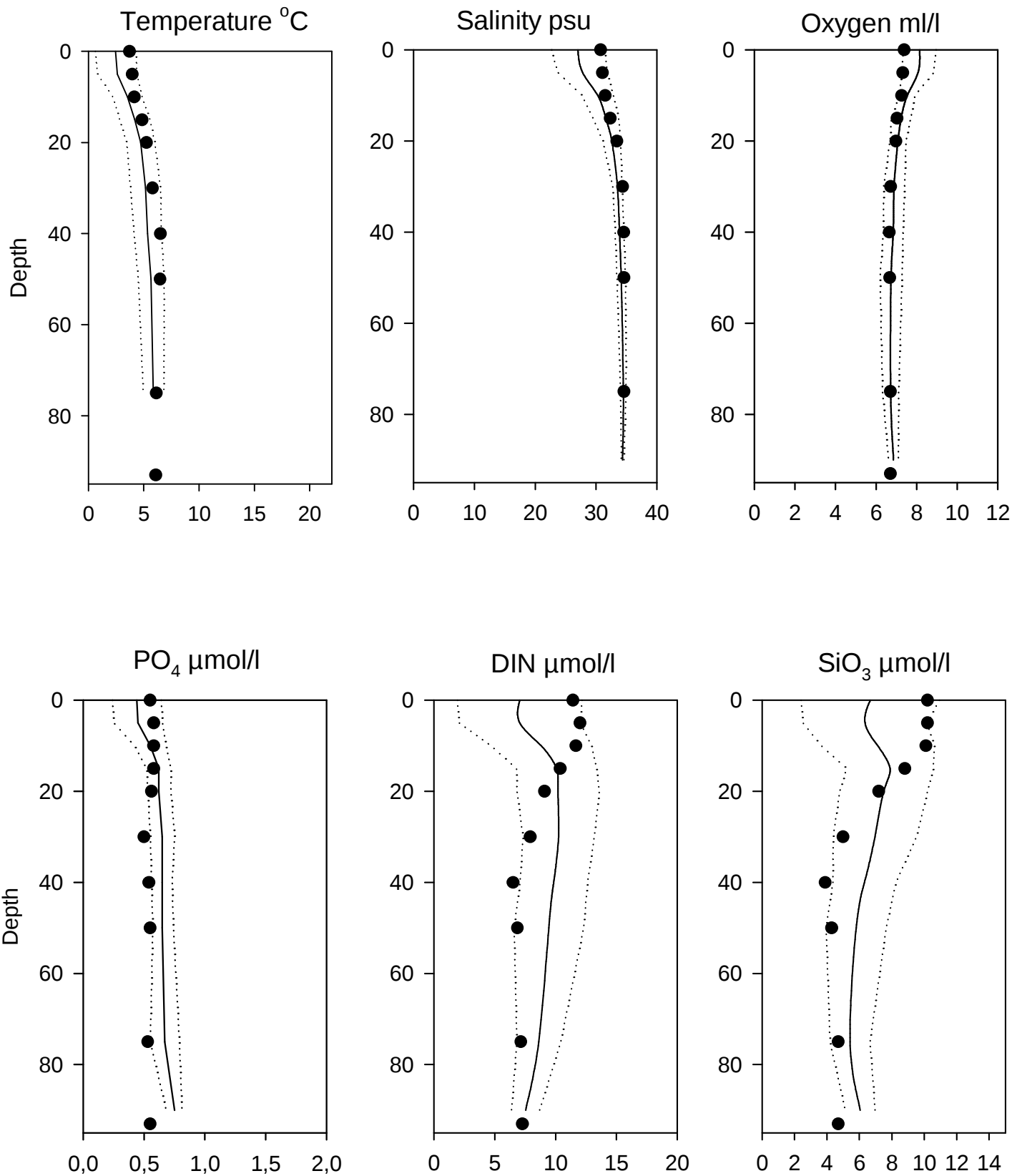


OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth >75m)



Vertical profiles P2 February

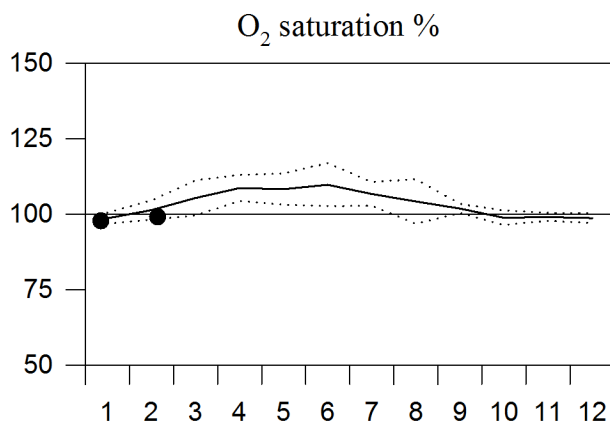
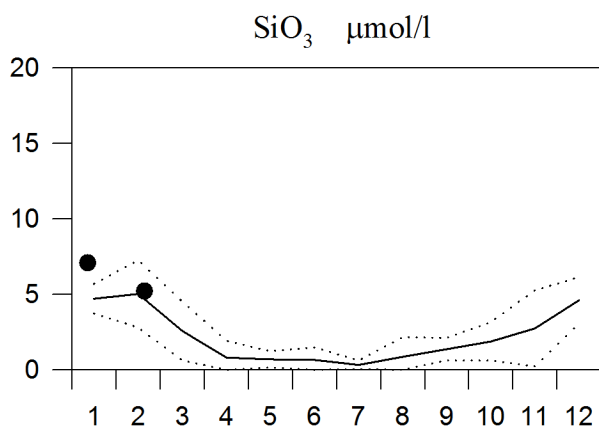
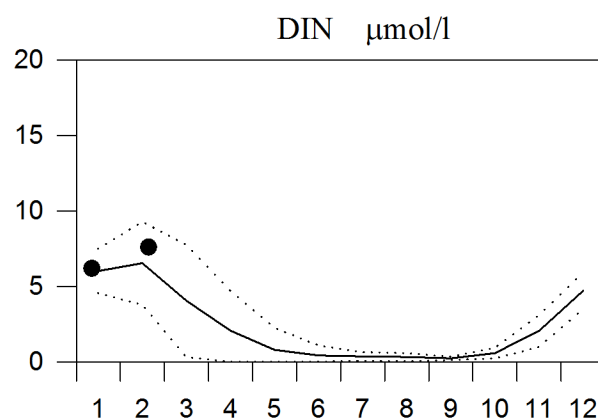
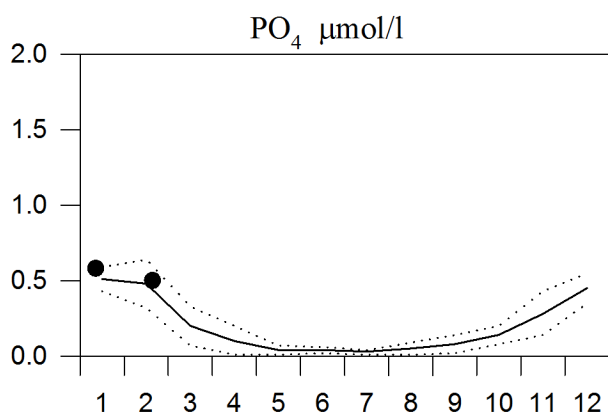
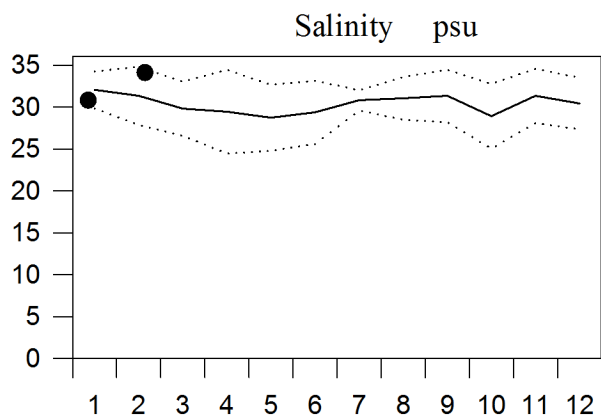
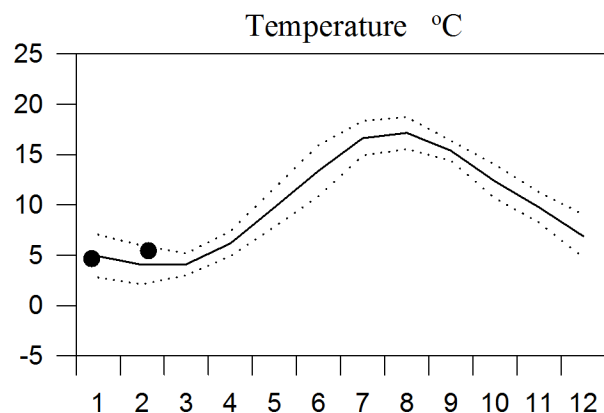
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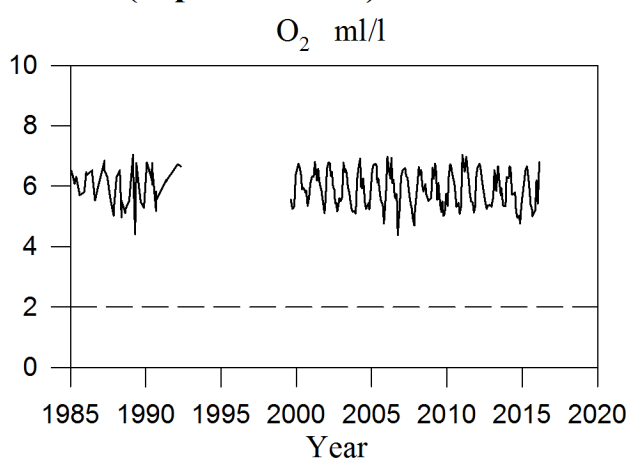
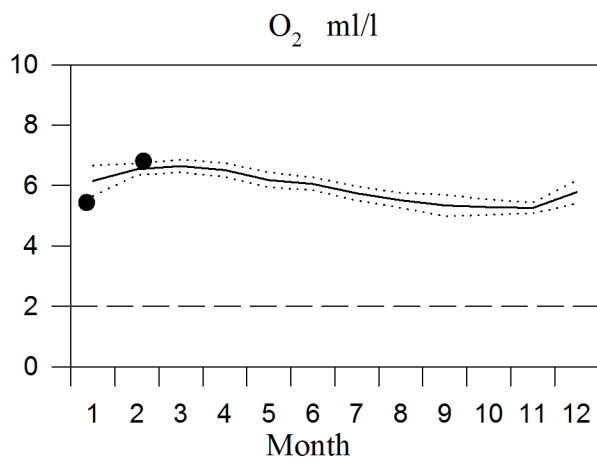
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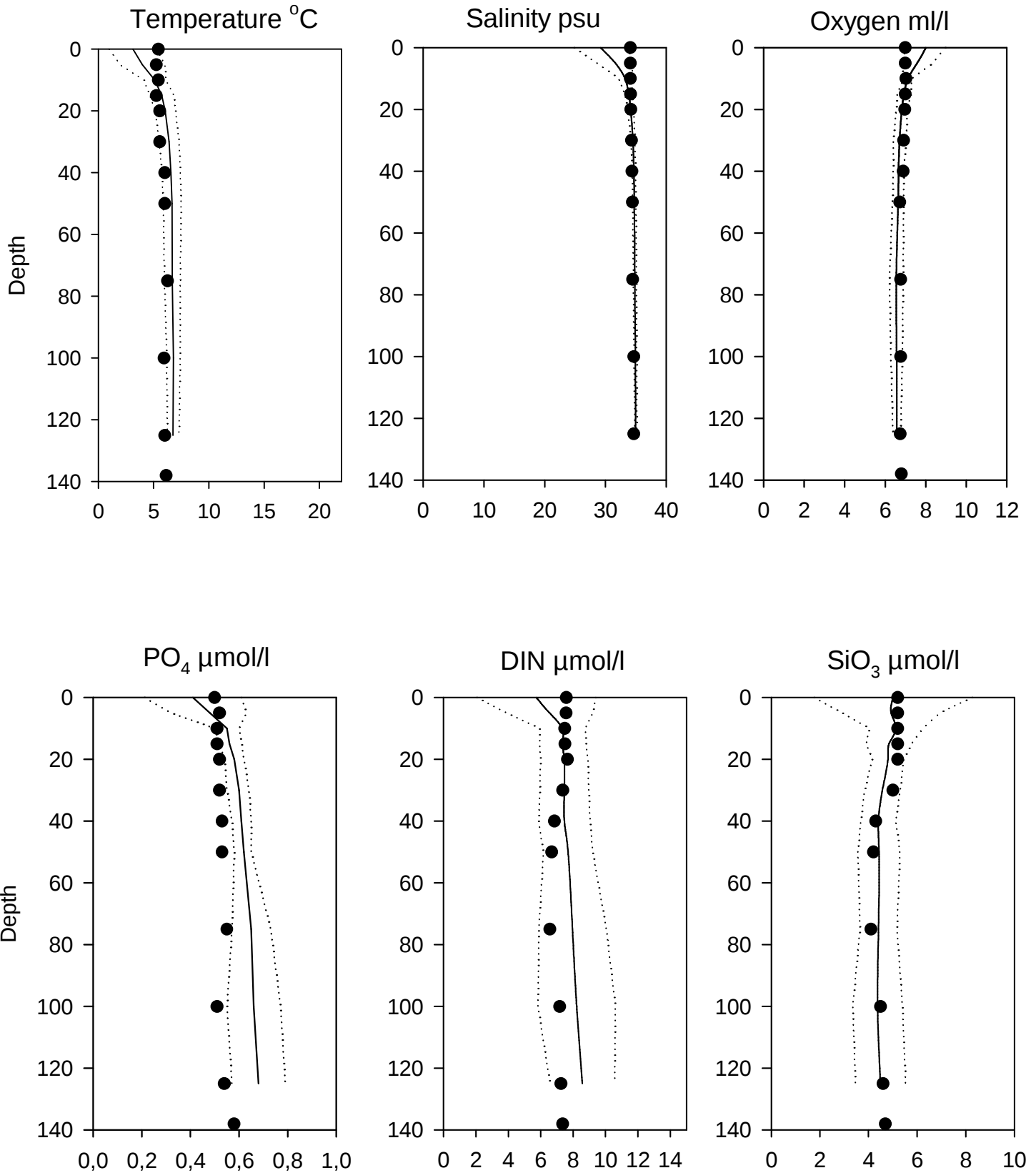


OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth >=125m)



Vertical profiles Å15 February

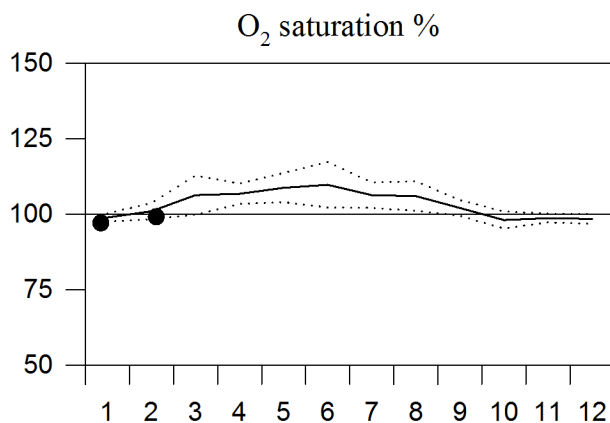
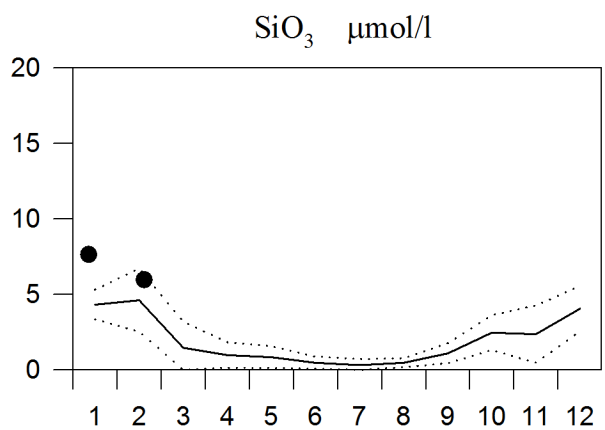
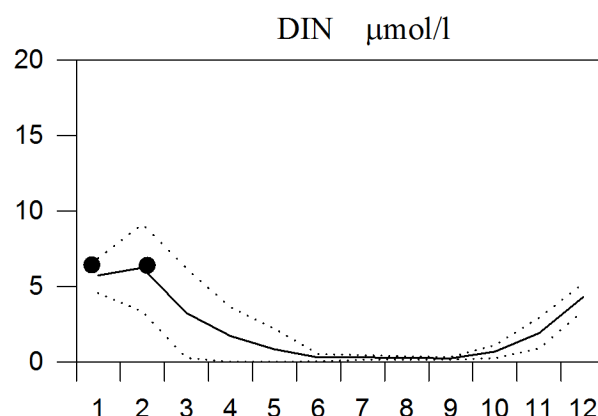
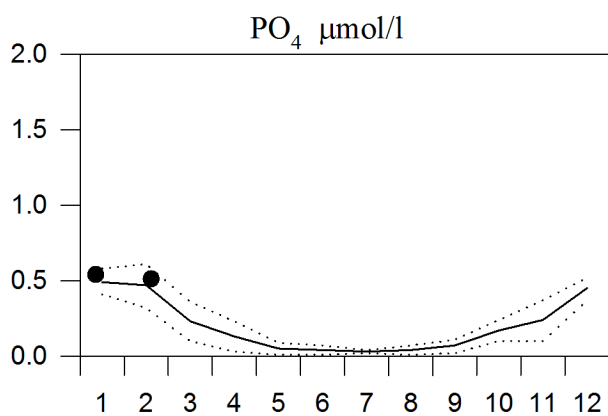
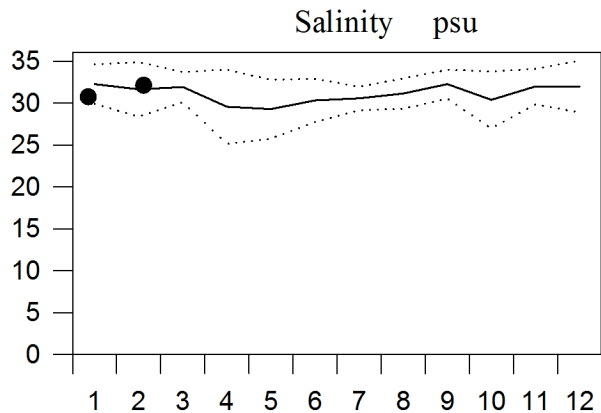
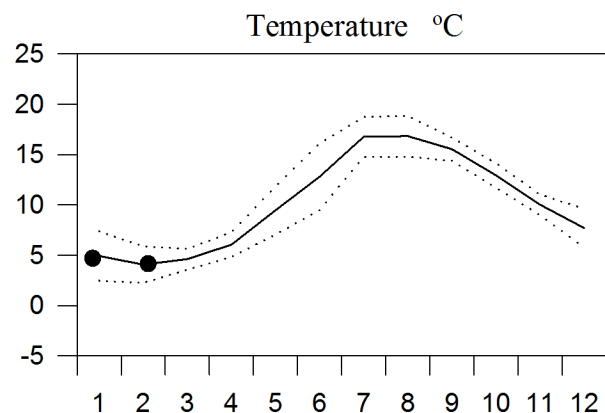
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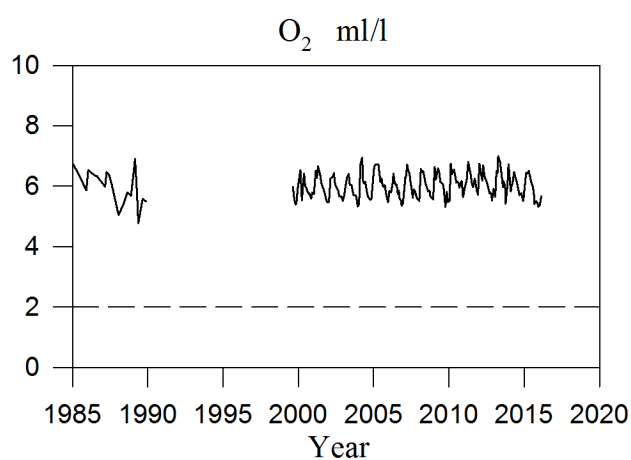
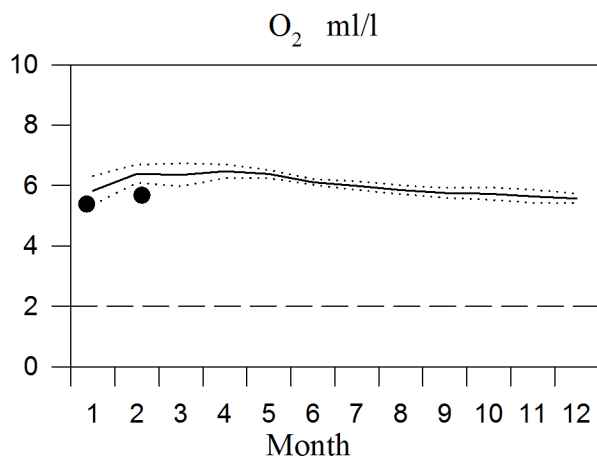
STATION Å17 SURFACE WATER

Annual Cycles

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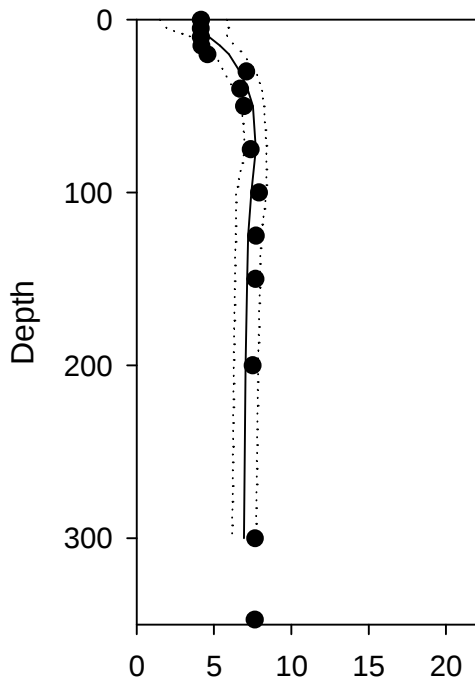
OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth = 300m)



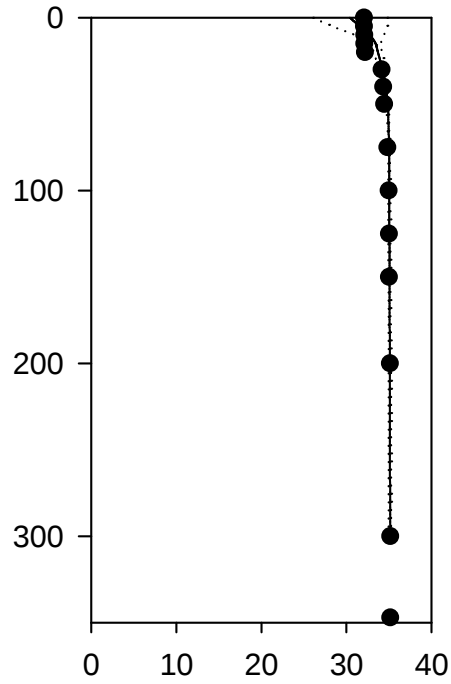
Vertical profiles Å17 February

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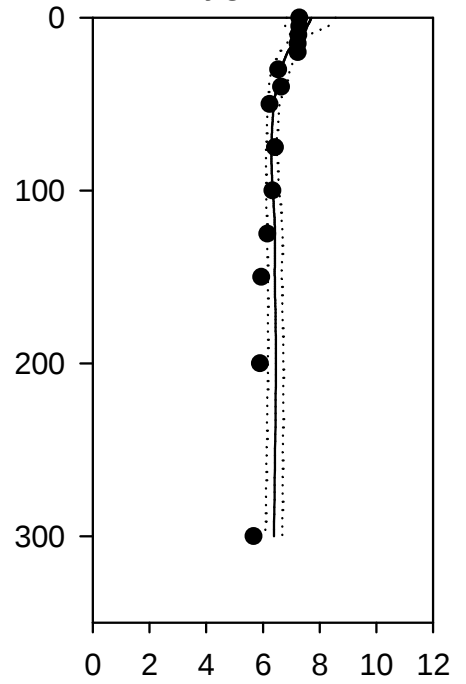
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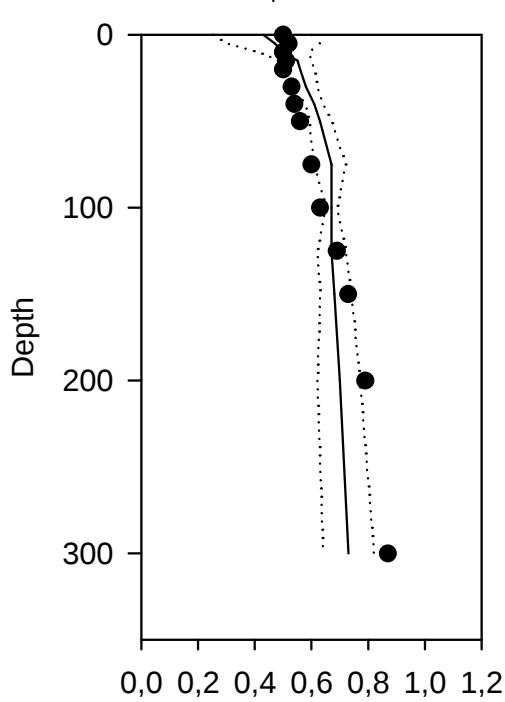
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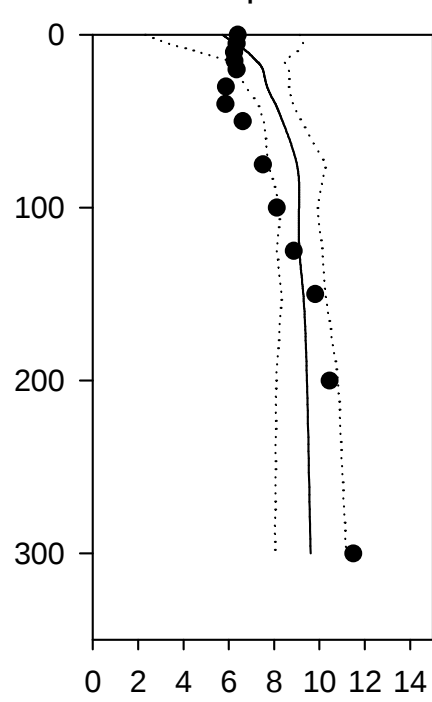
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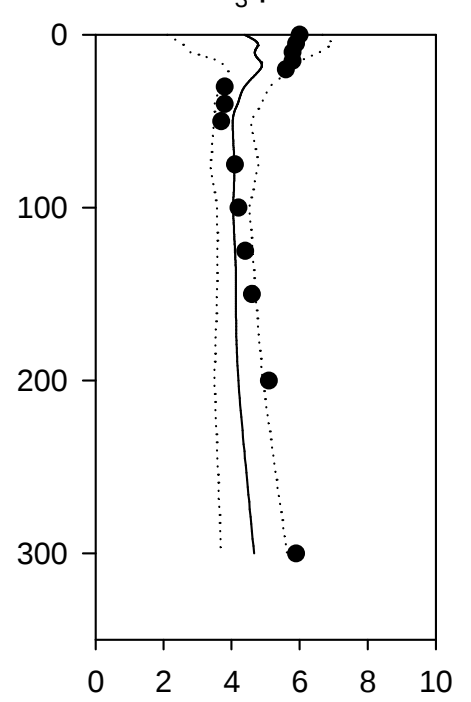
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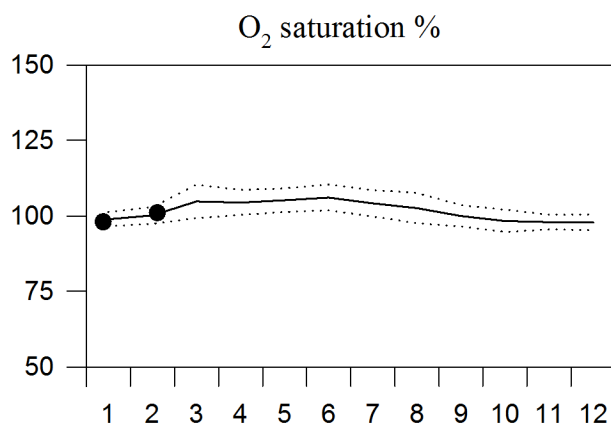
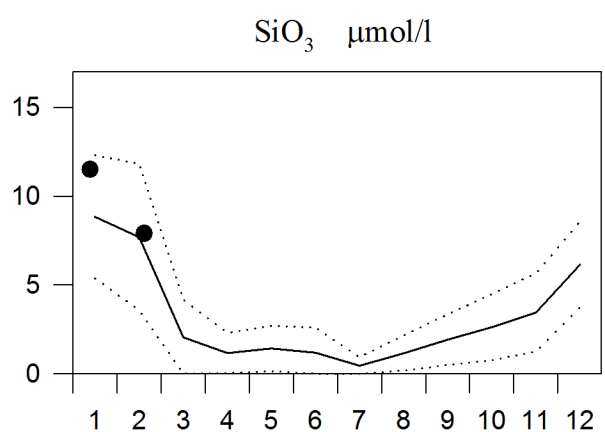
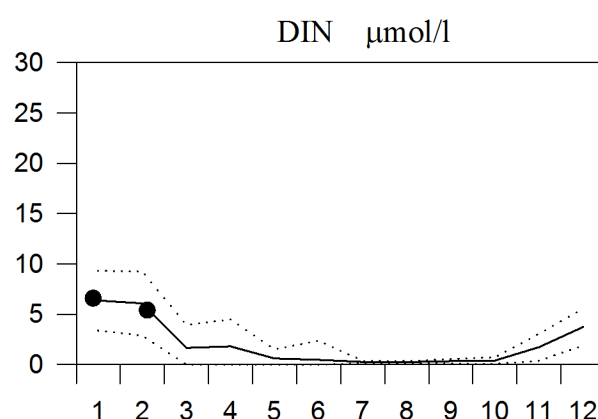
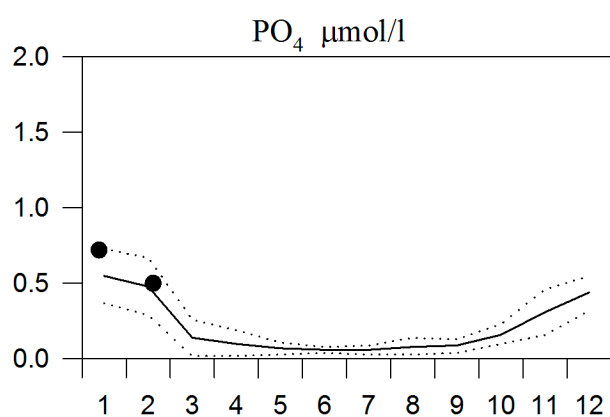
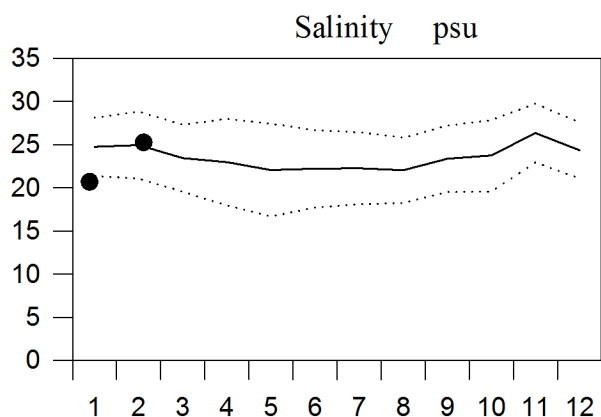
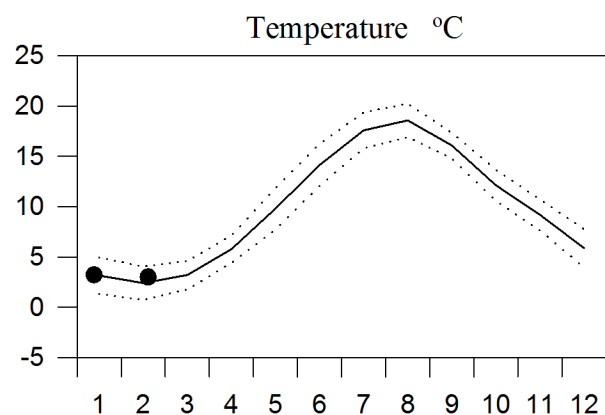
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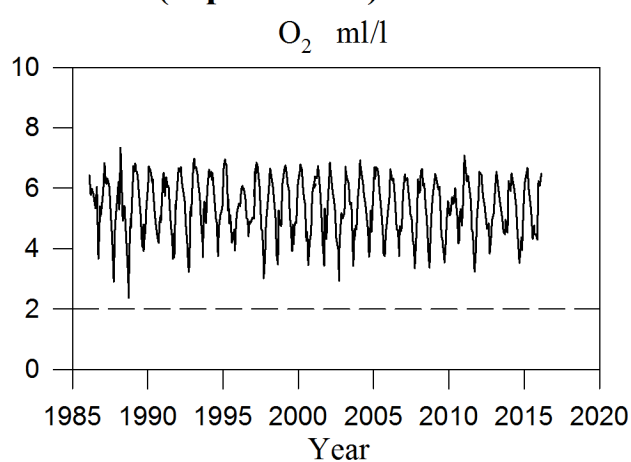
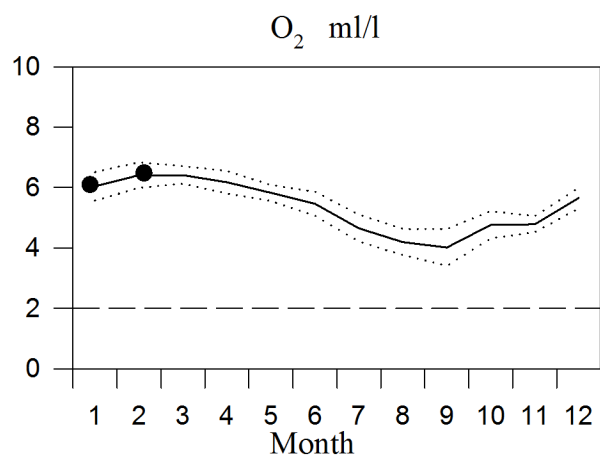
STATION FLADEN SURFACE WATER

Annual Cycles

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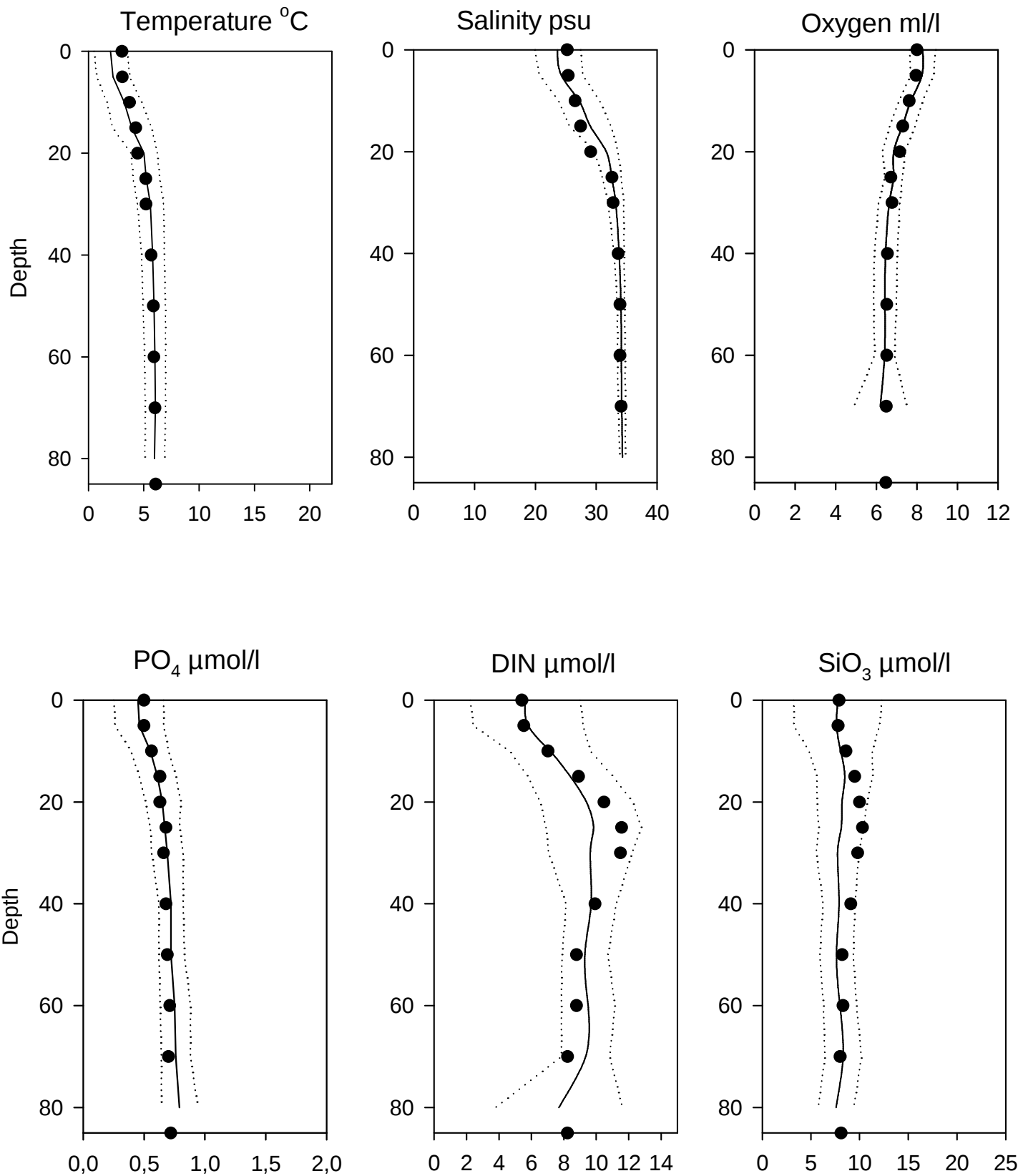


OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth > 70m)



Vertical profiles Fladen February

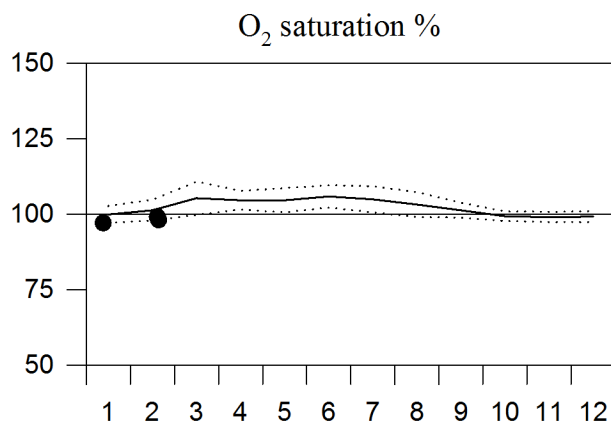
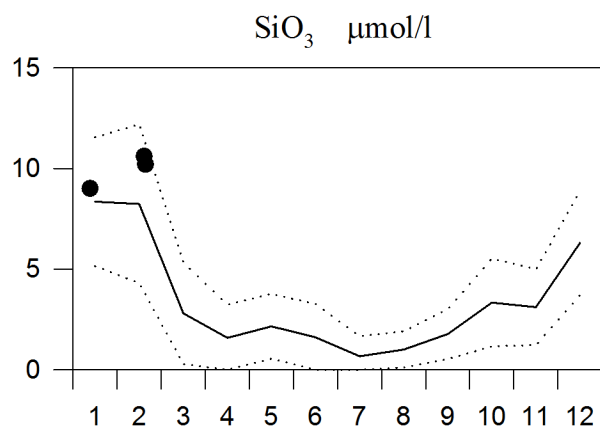
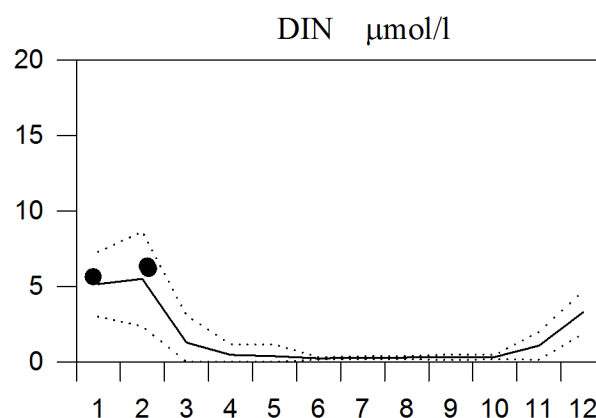
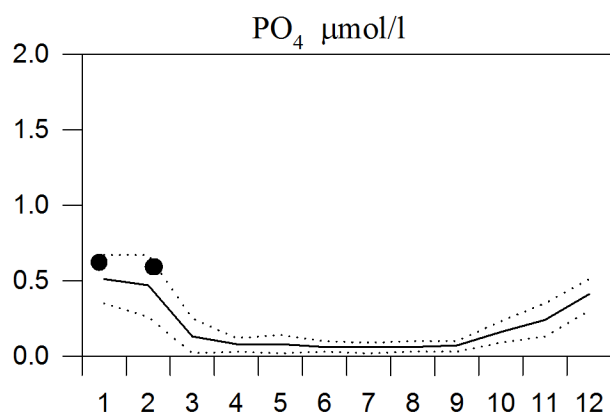
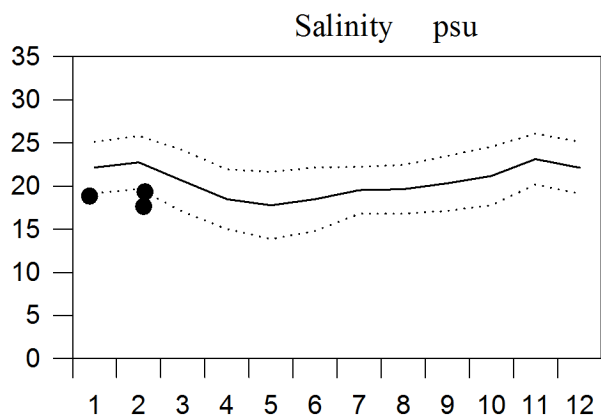
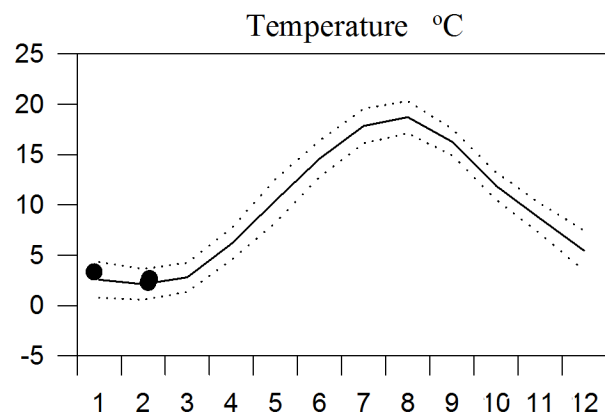
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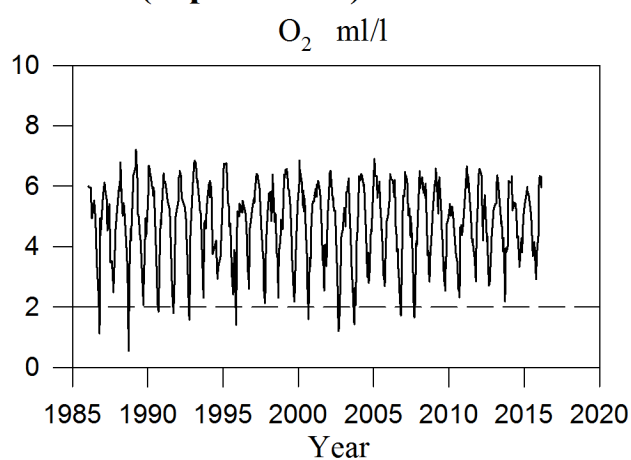
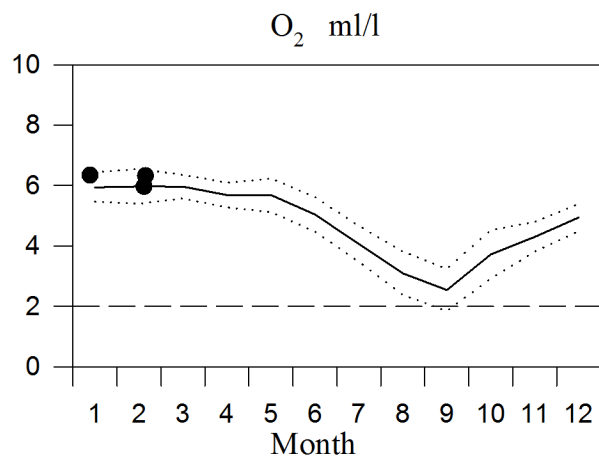
STATION ANHOLT E SURFACE WATER

Annual Cycles

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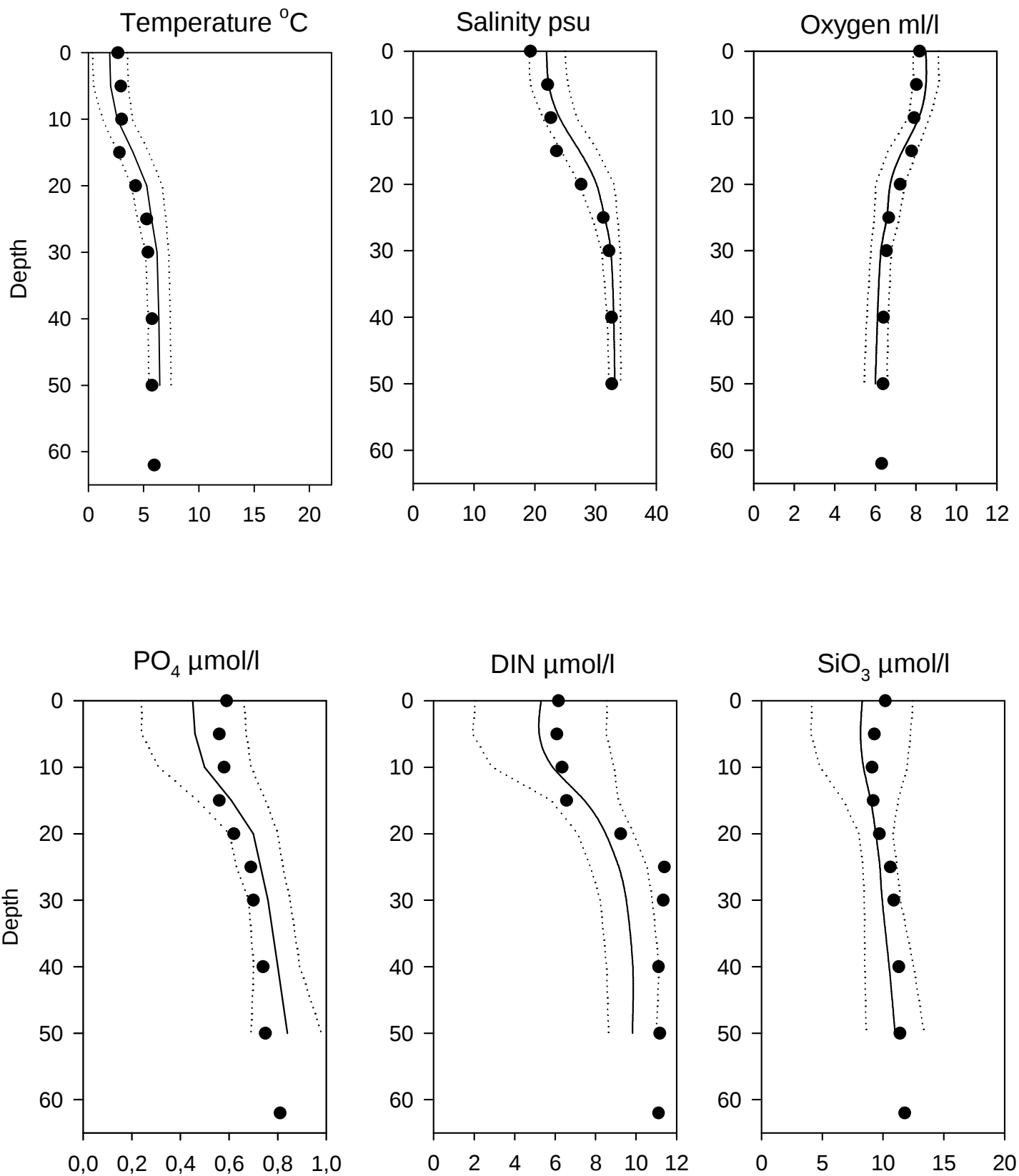


OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth > 50m)



Vertical profiles Anholt E February

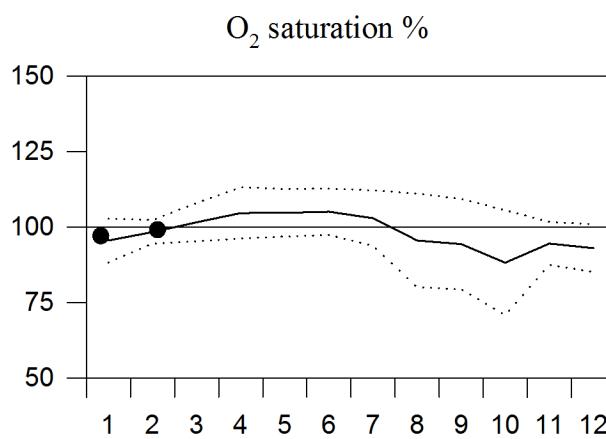
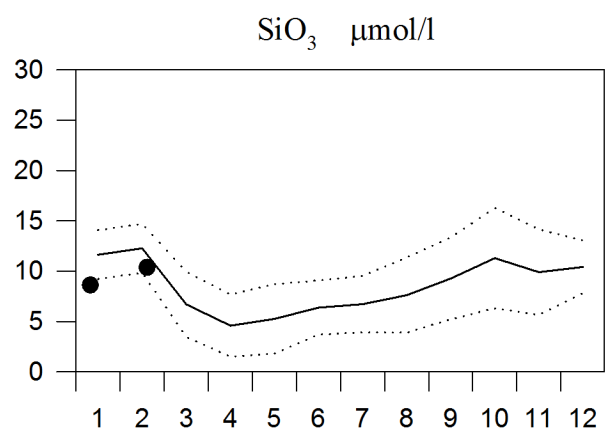
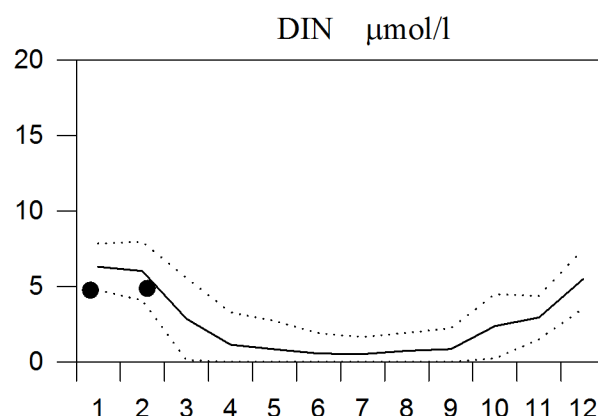
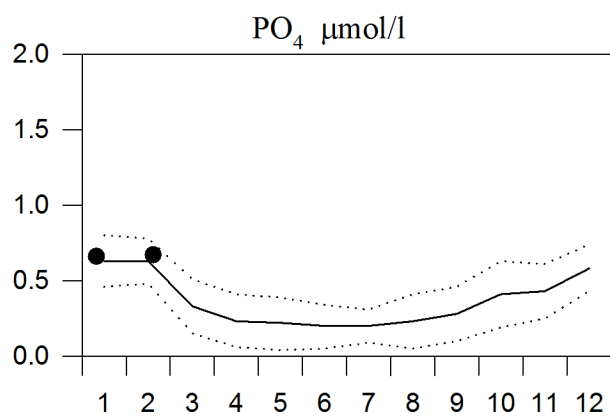
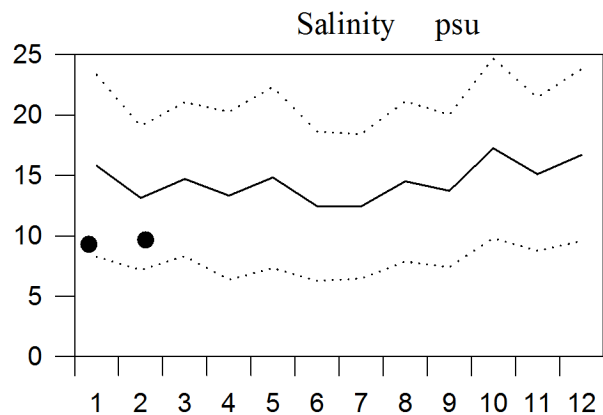
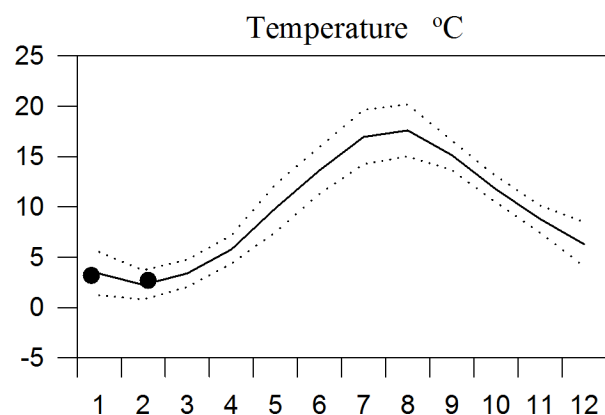
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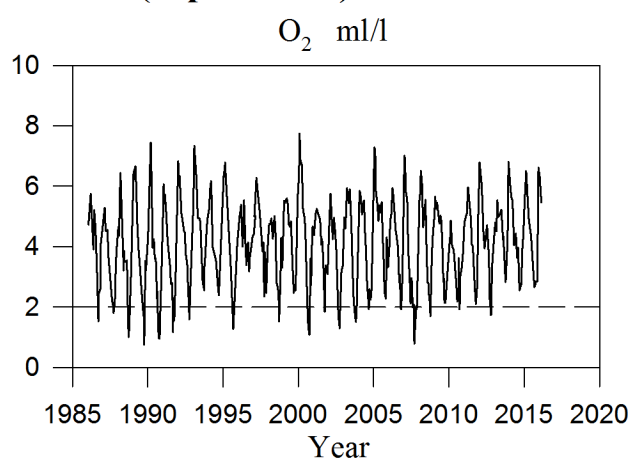
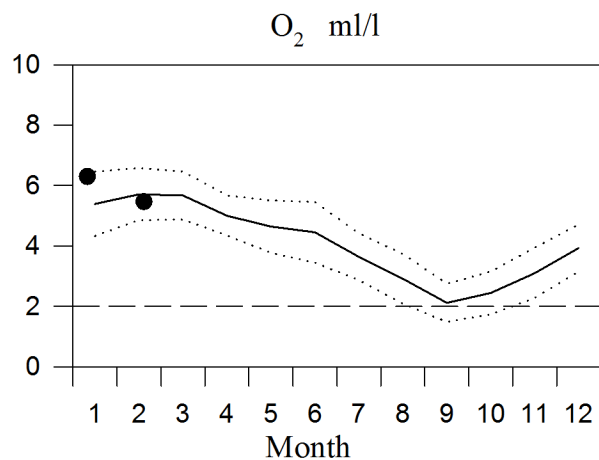
STATION W LANDSKRONA SURFACE WATER

Annual Cycles

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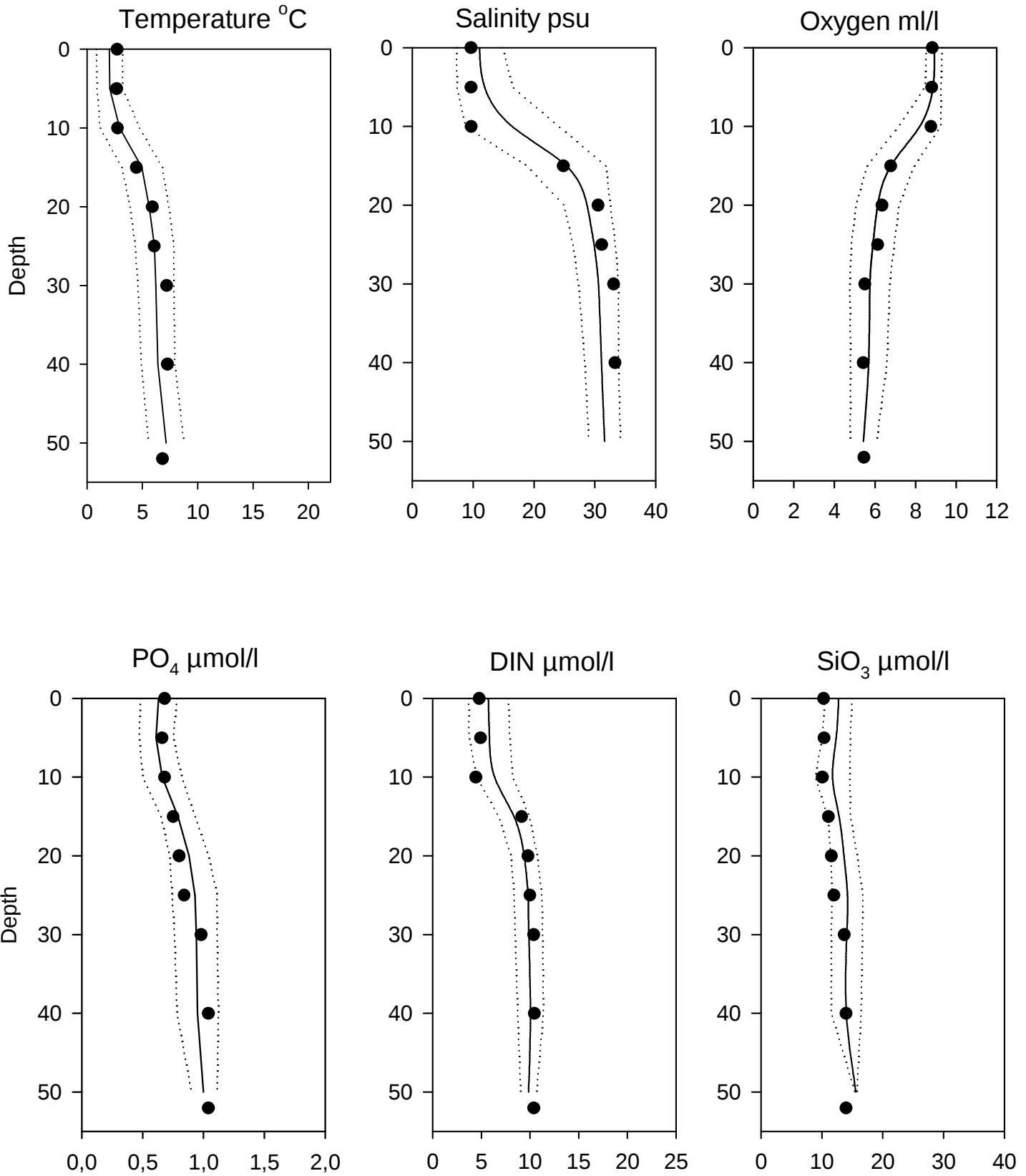


OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth >40m)



Vertical profiles W Landskrona Febuary

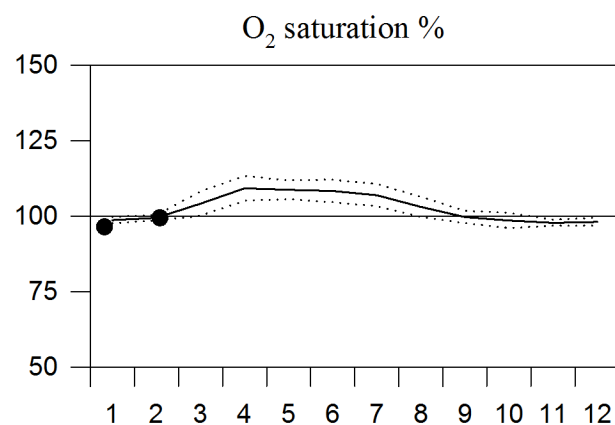
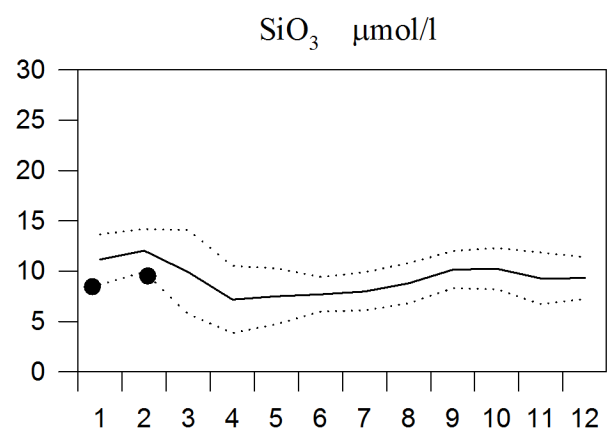
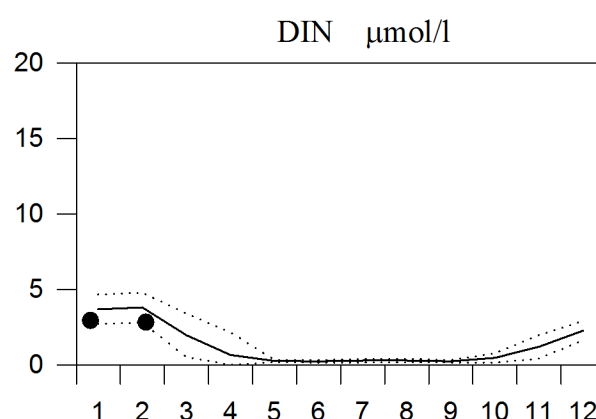
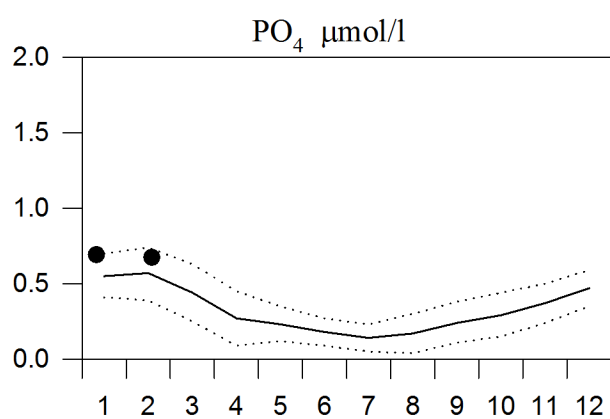
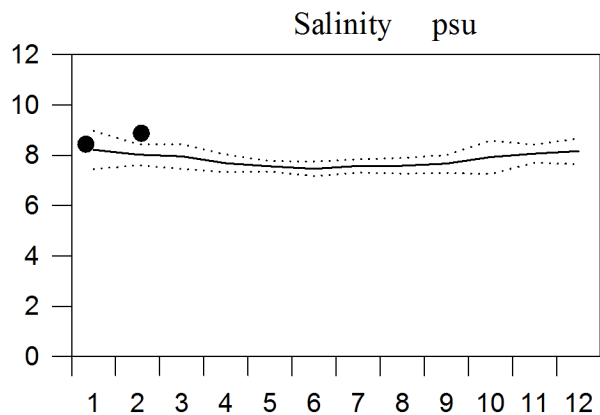
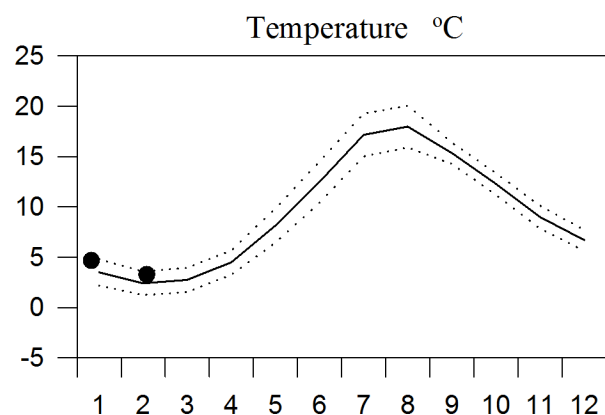
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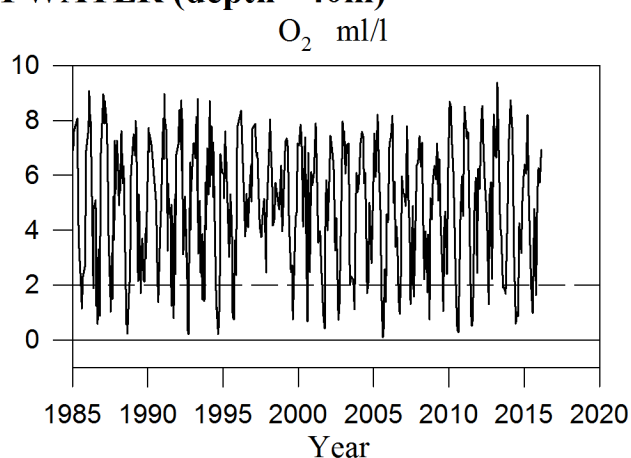
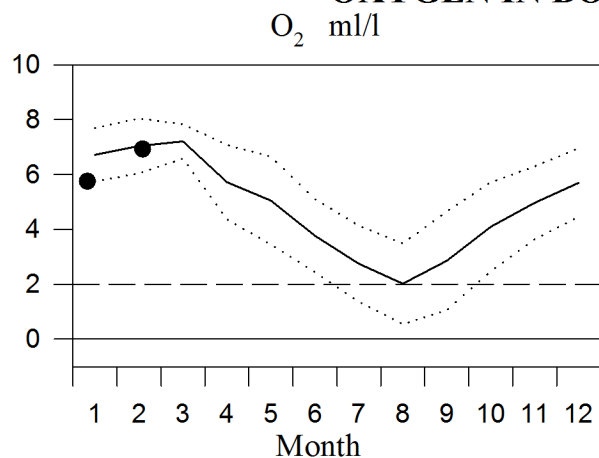
STATION BY1 SURFACE WATER

Annual Cycles

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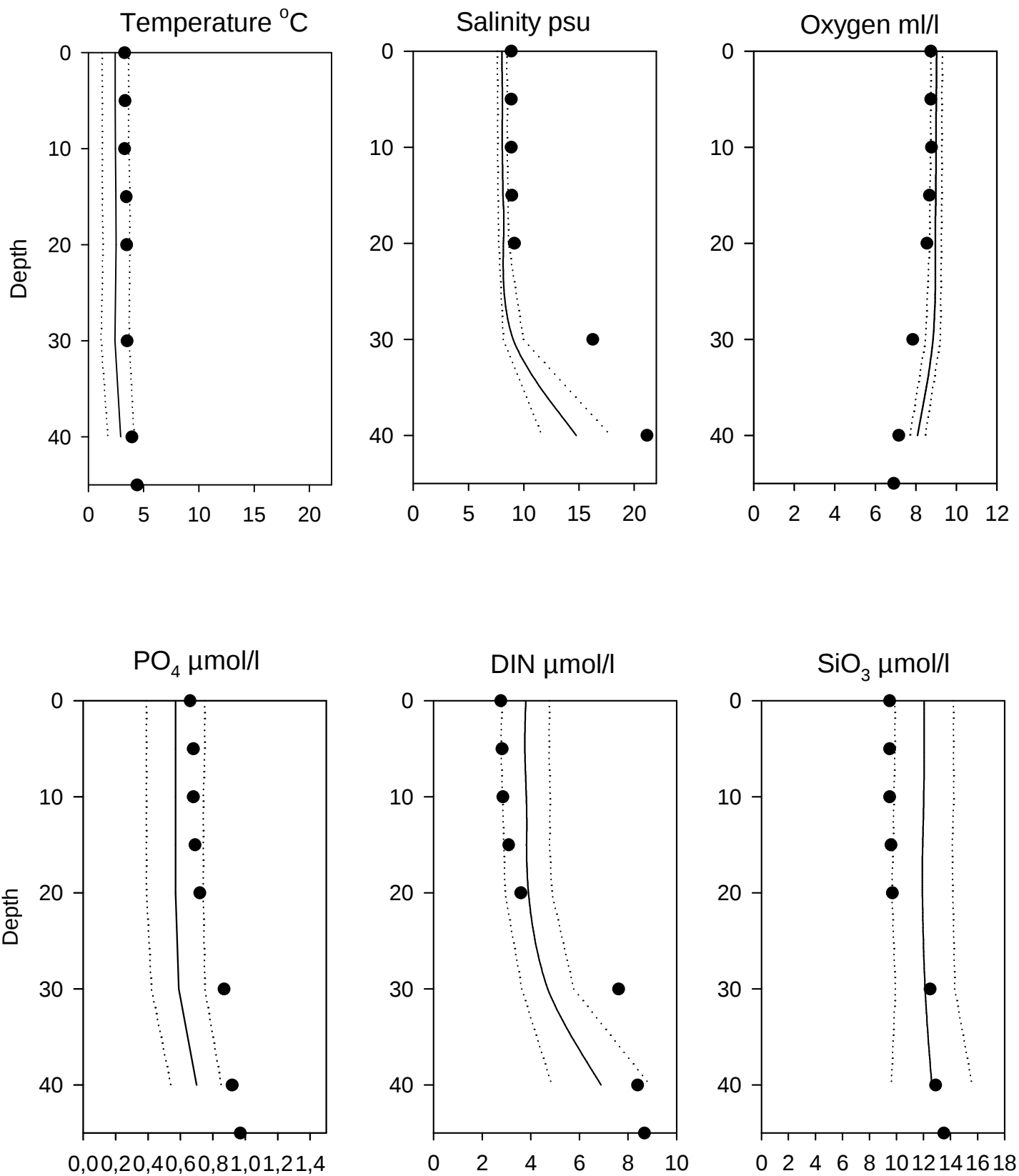


OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth >40m)



Vertical profiles BY1 February

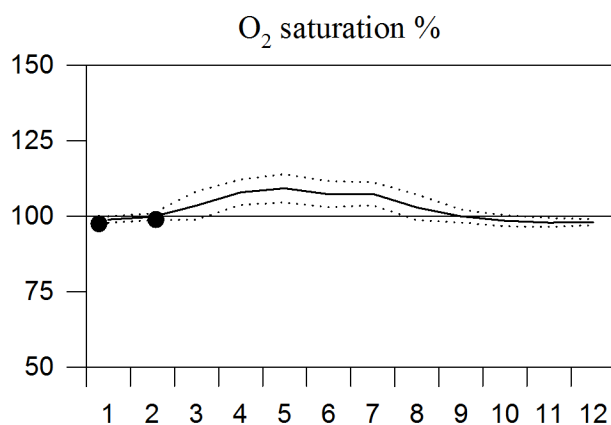
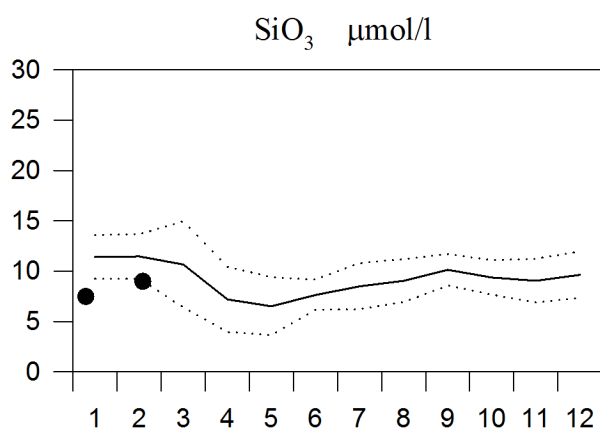
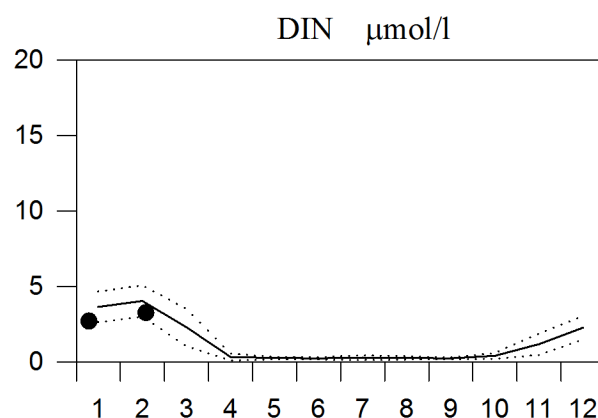
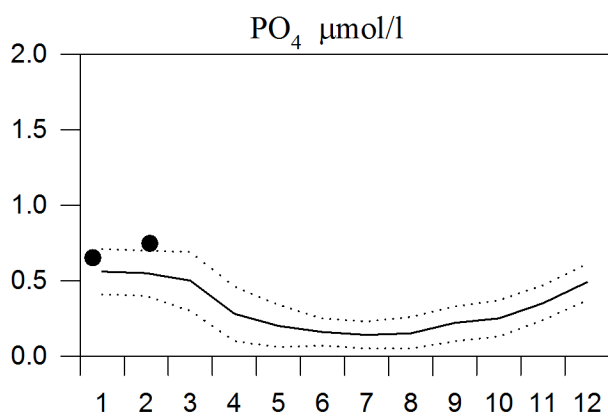
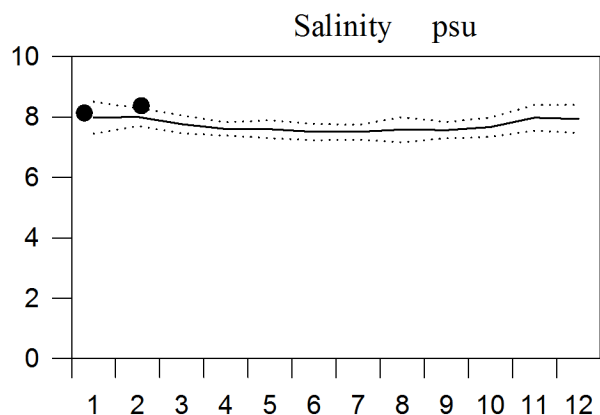
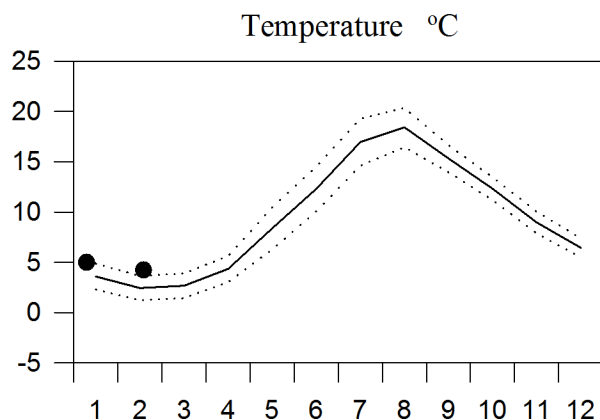
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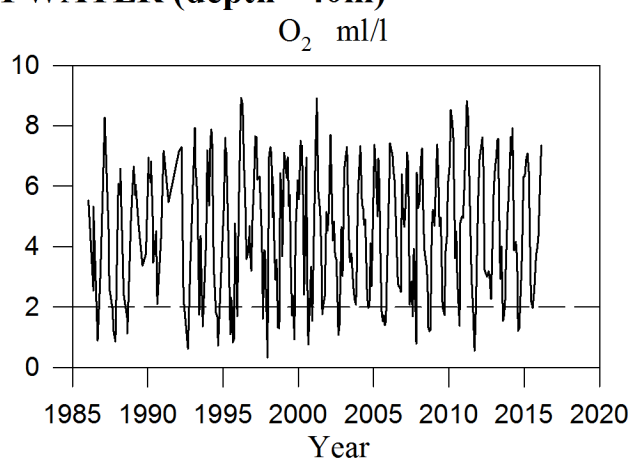
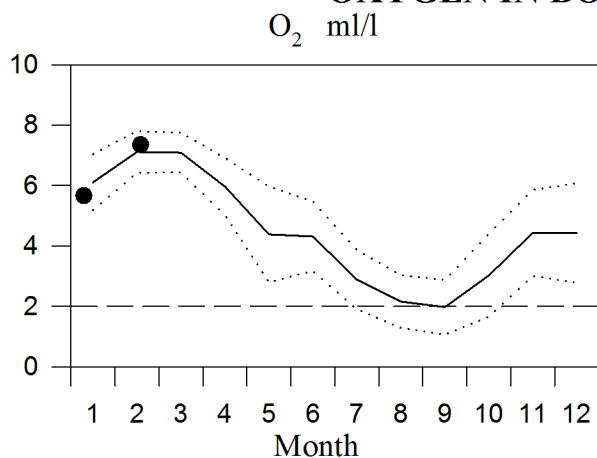
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Annual Cycles

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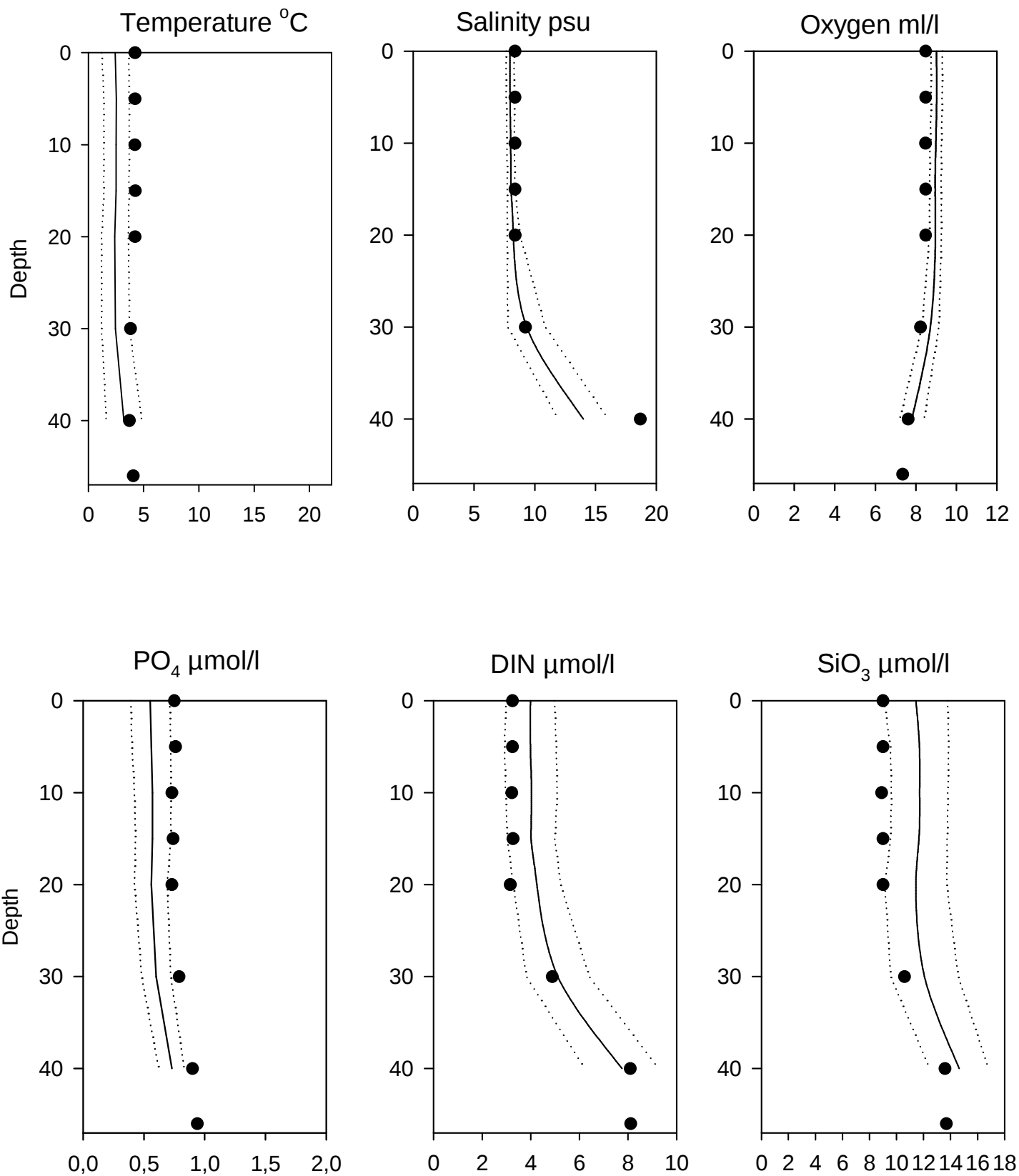


OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth >40m)



Vertical profiles BY2 February

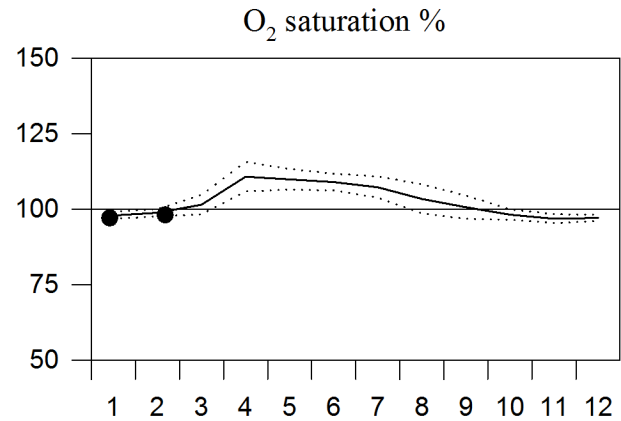
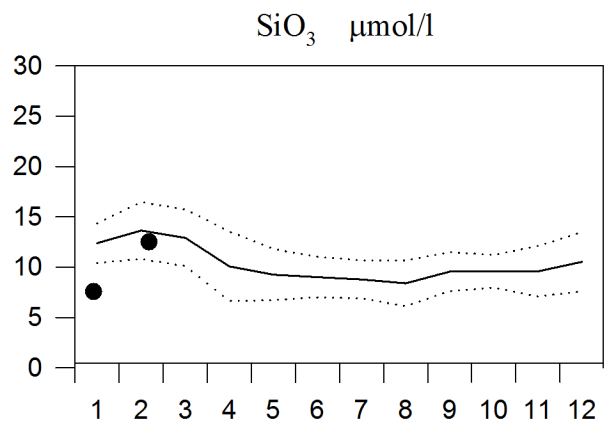
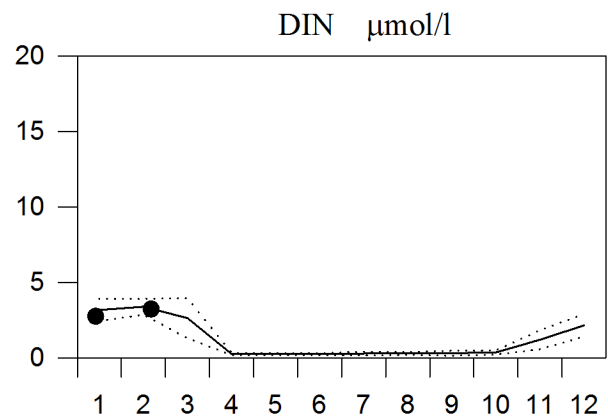
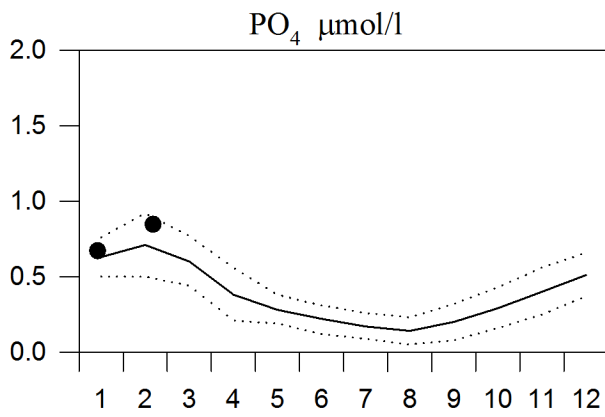
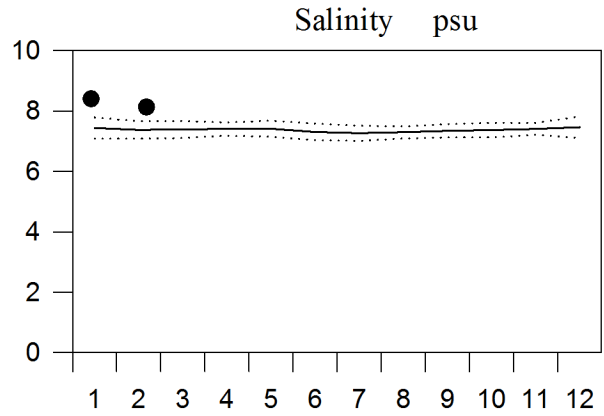
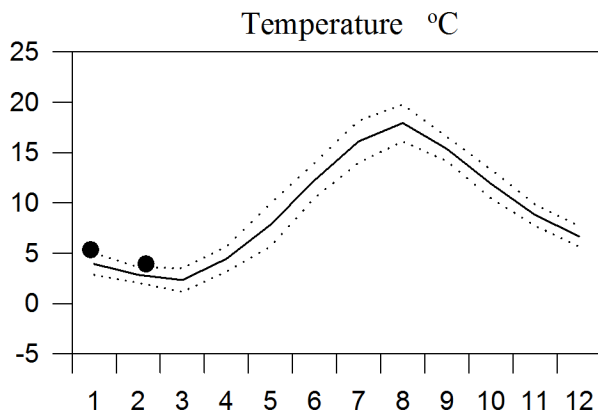
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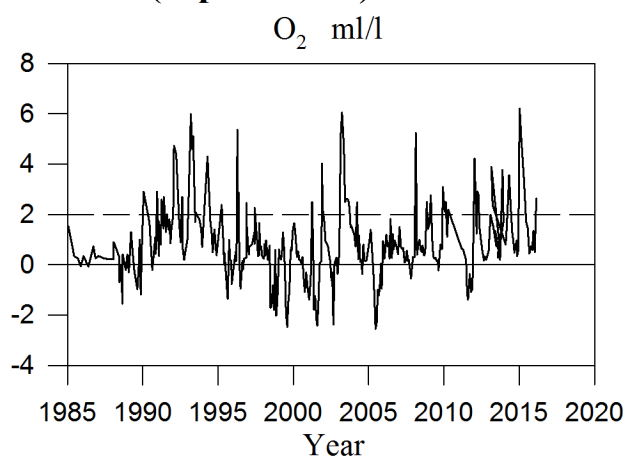
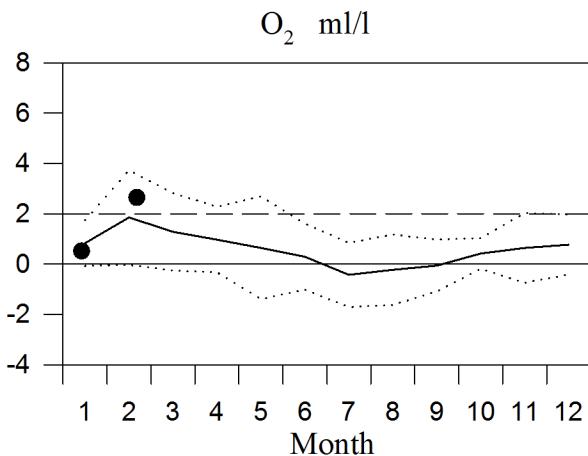
STATION HANÖBUKTEN SURFACE WATER

Annual Cycles

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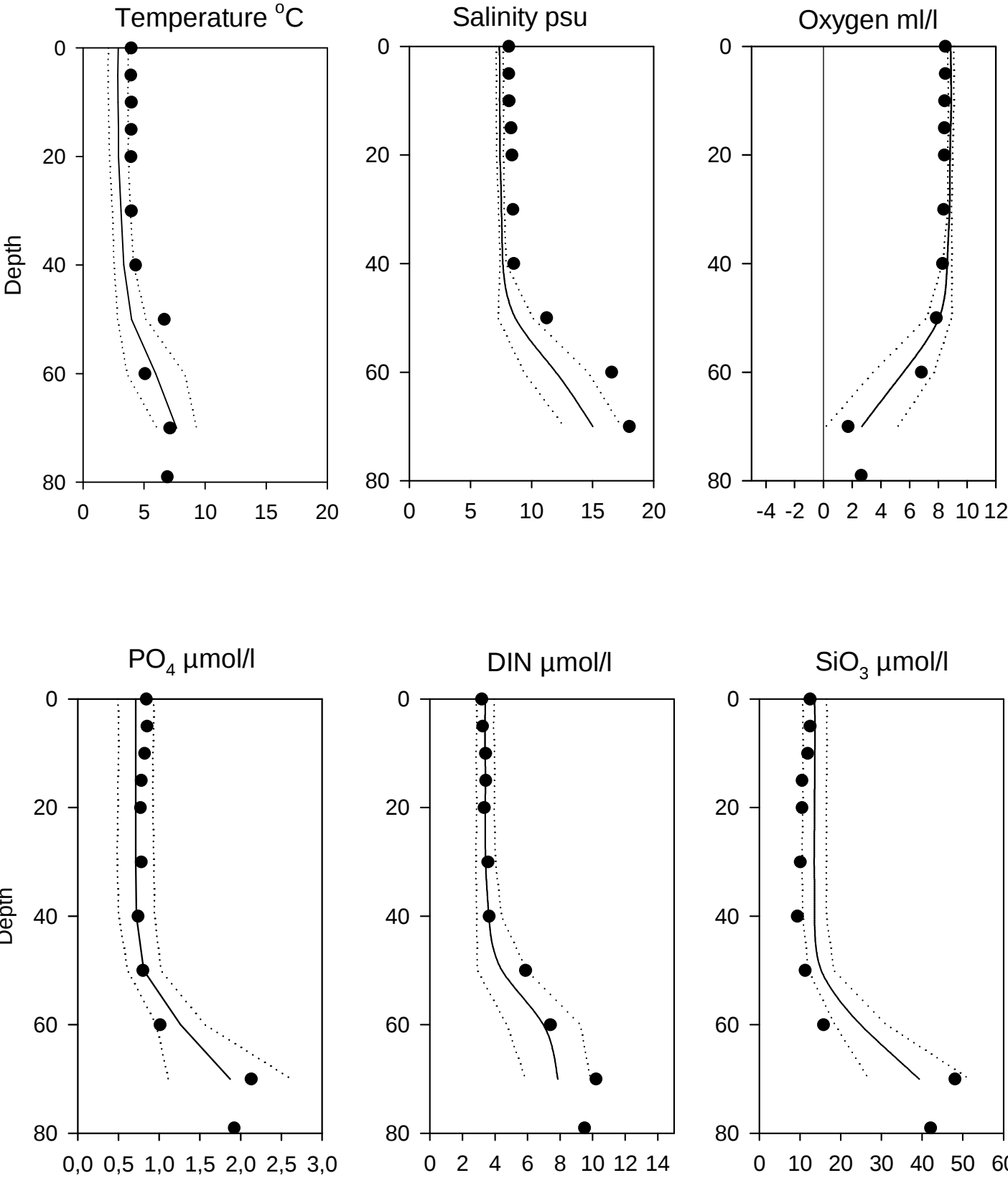


OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth > 70m)



Vertical profiles Hanöbukten February

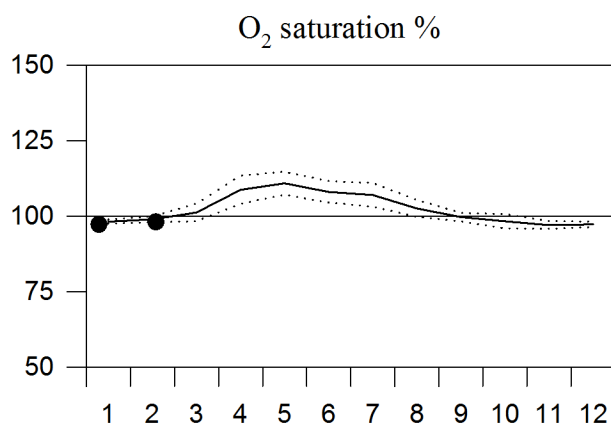
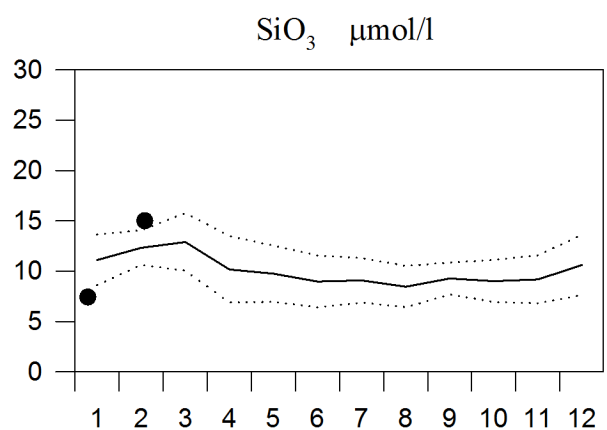
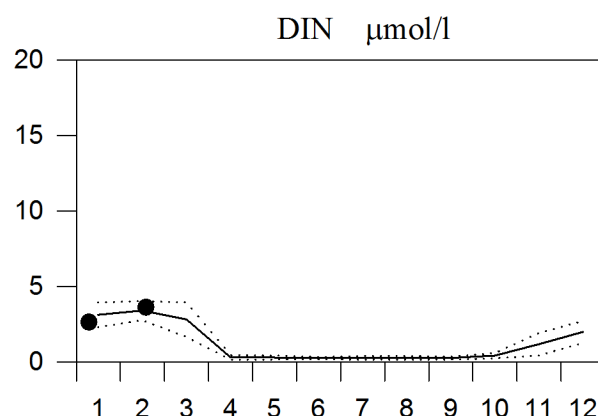
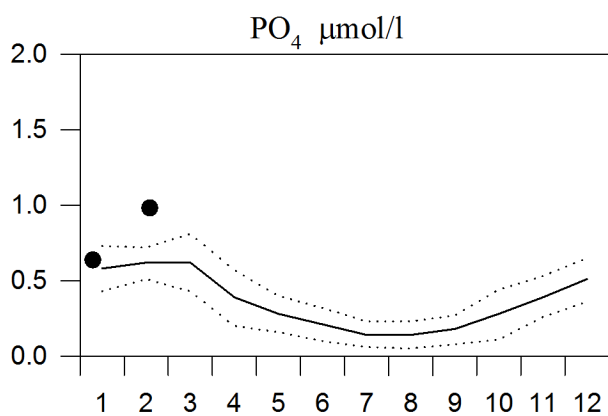
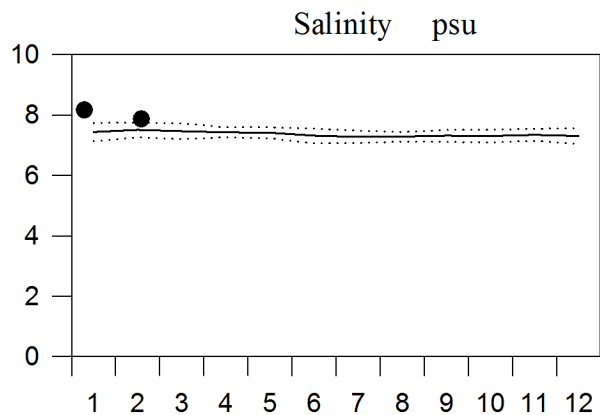
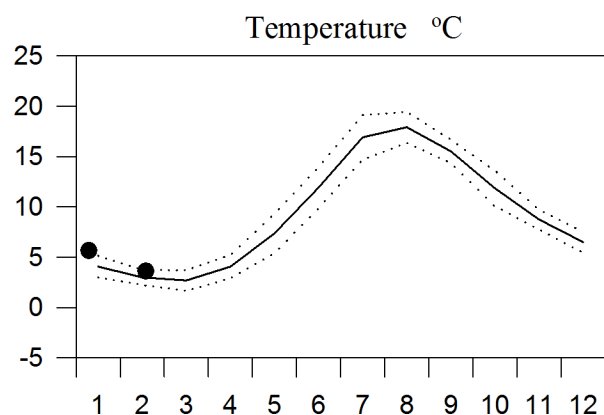
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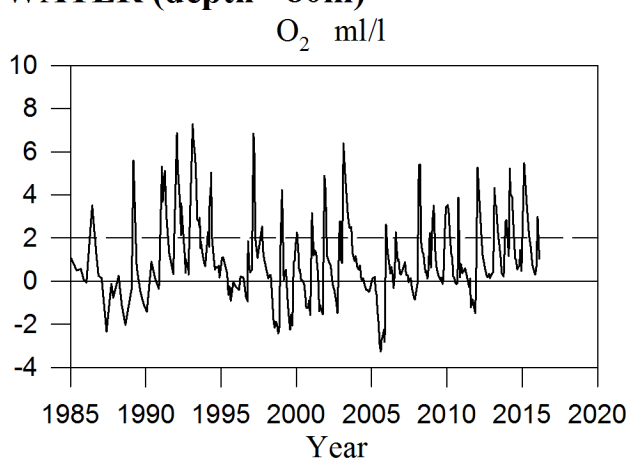
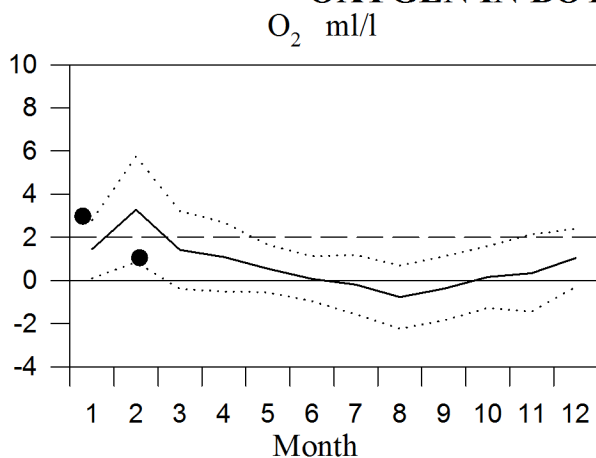
STATION BY4 SURFACE WATER

Annual Cycles

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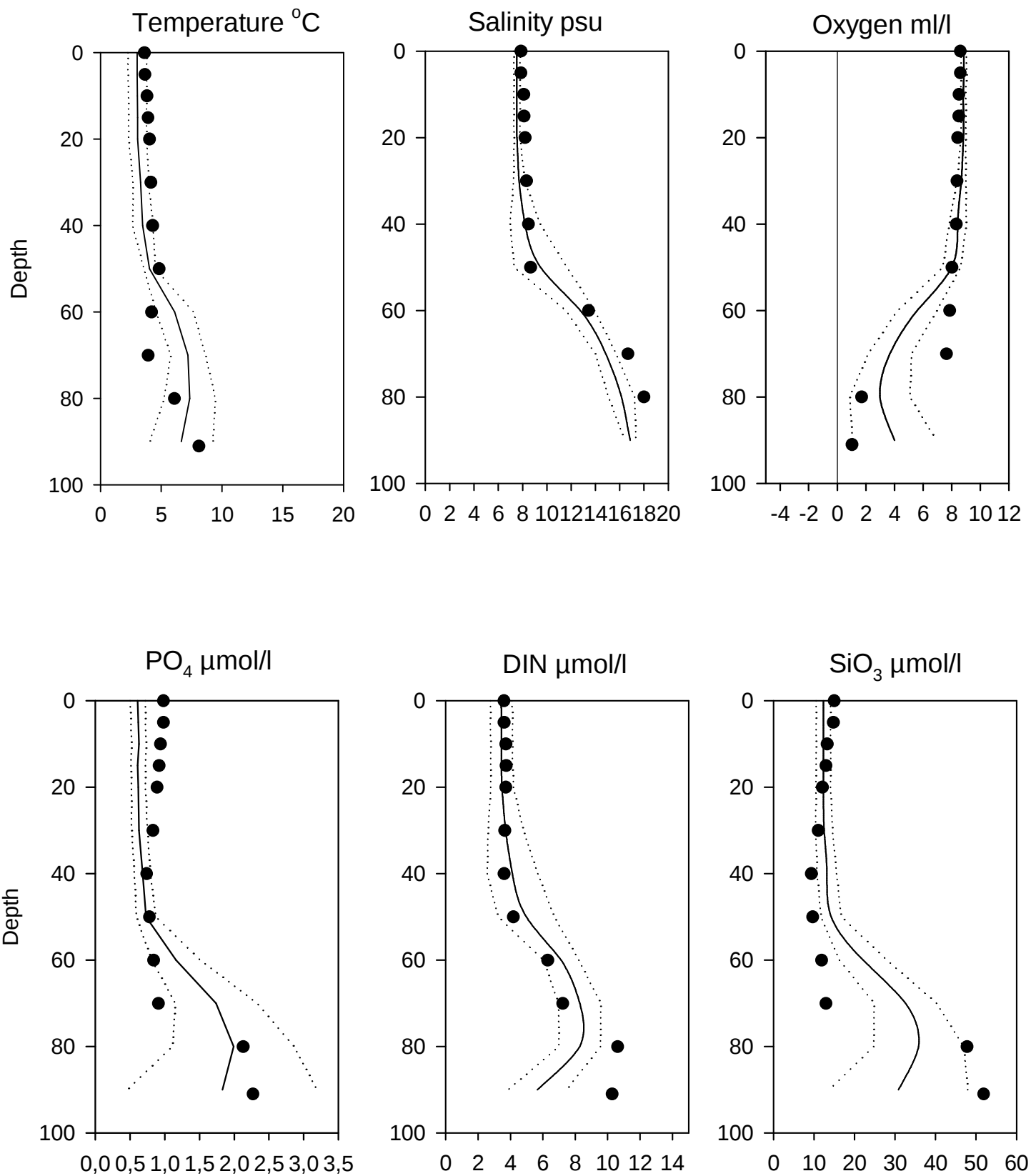


OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth >80m)



Vertical profiles BY4 February

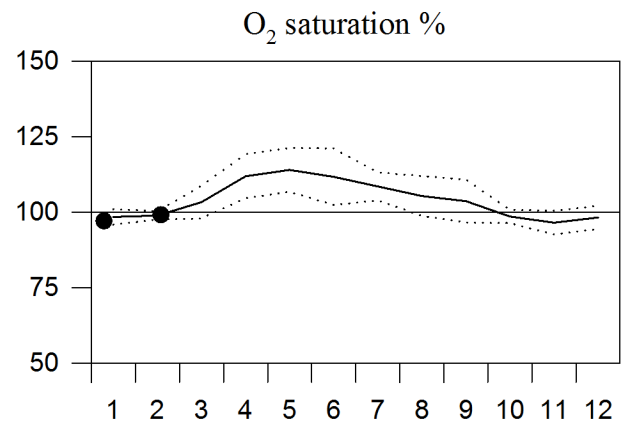
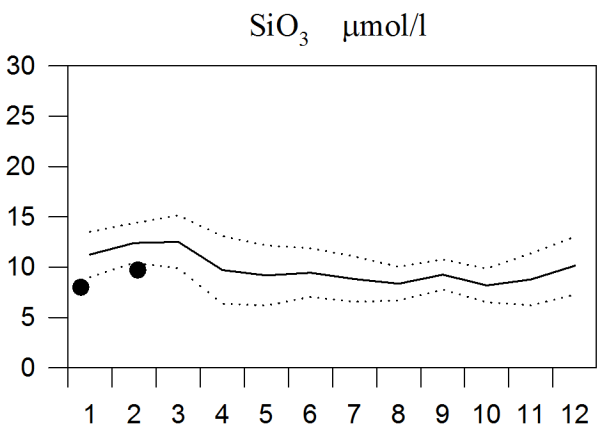
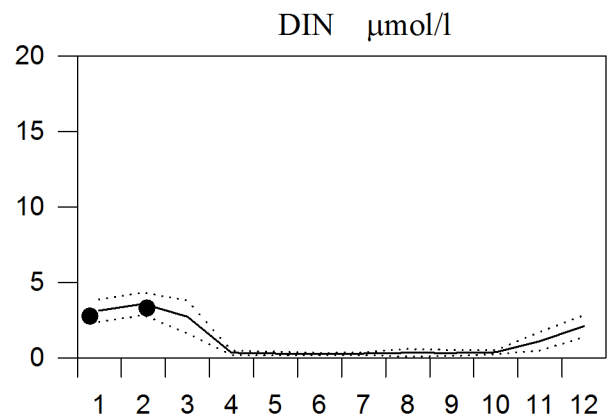
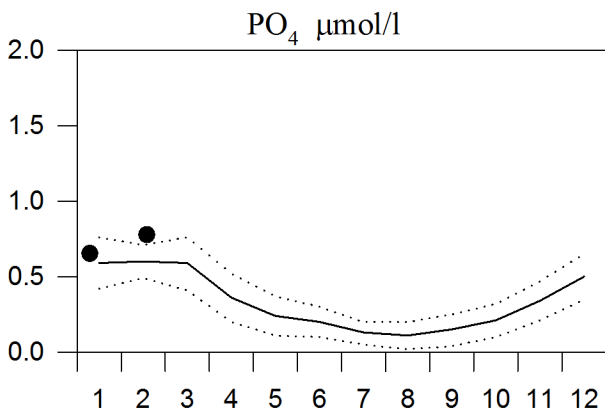
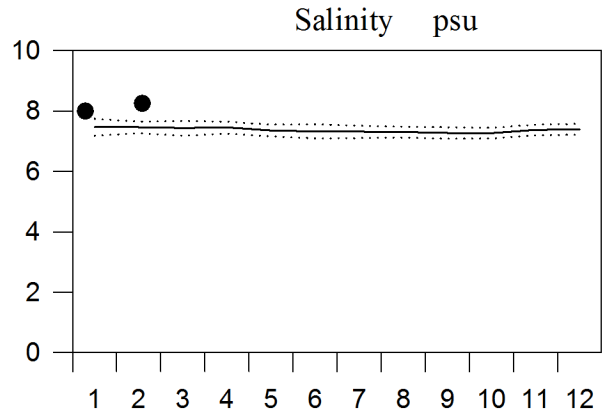
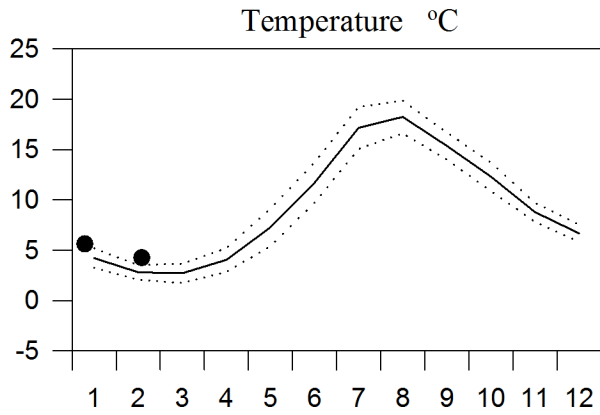
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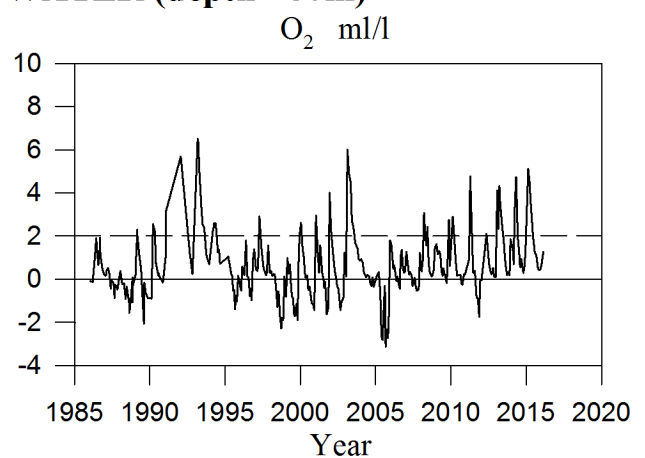
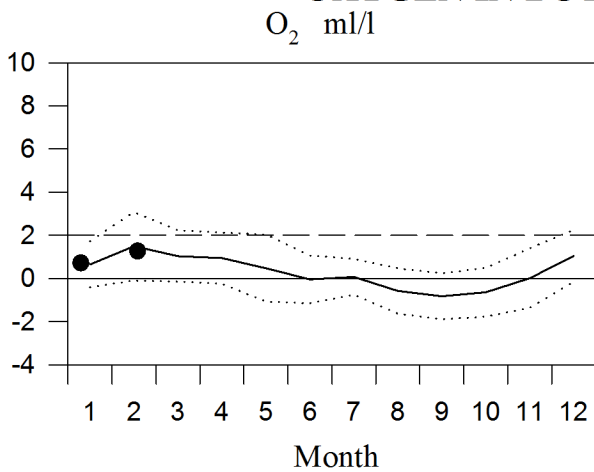
STATION BY5 SURFACE WATER

Annual Cycles

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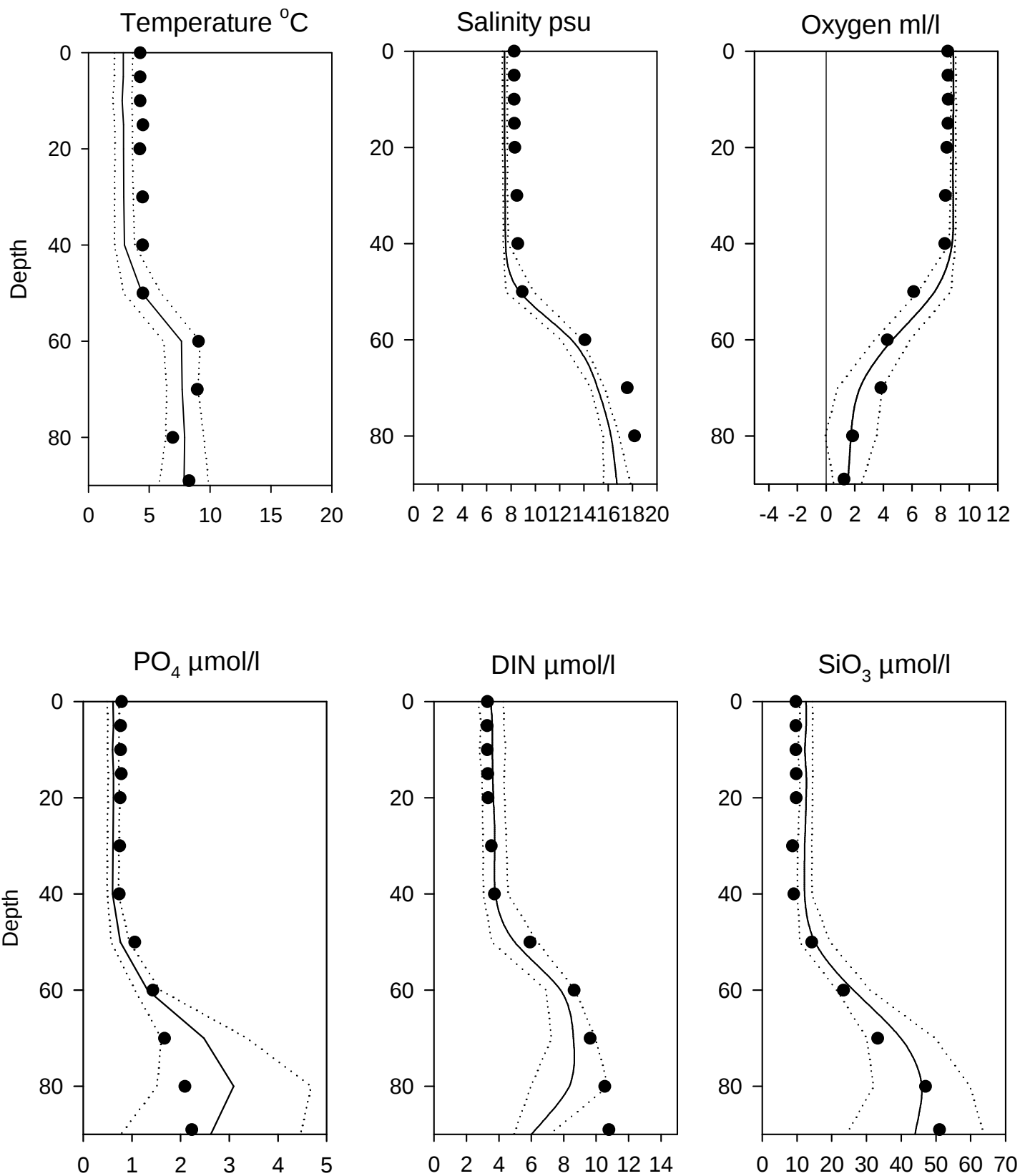


OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth >80m)



Vertical profiles BY5 February

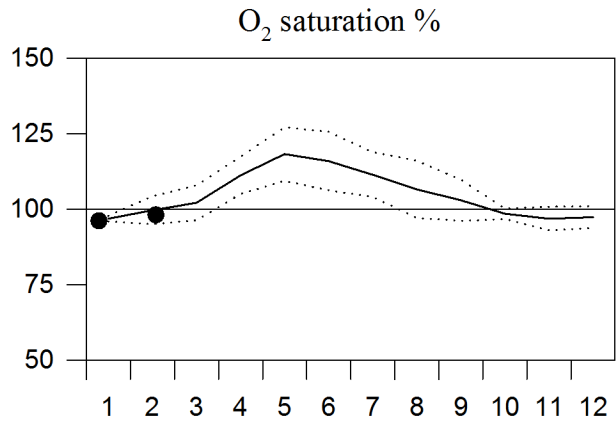
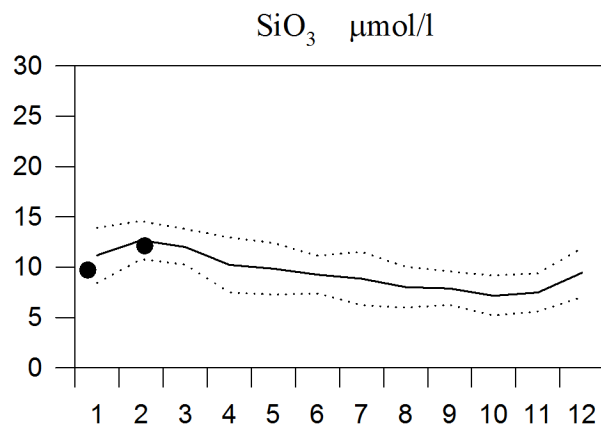
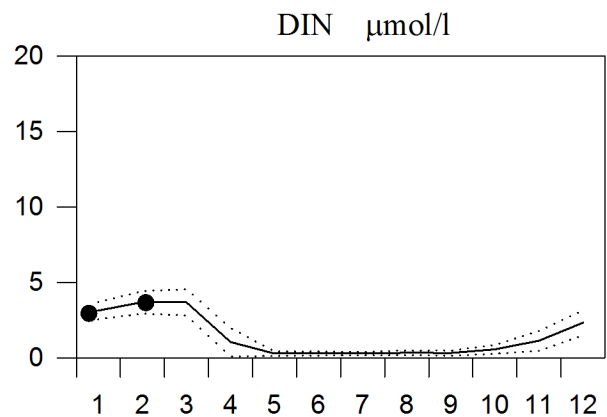
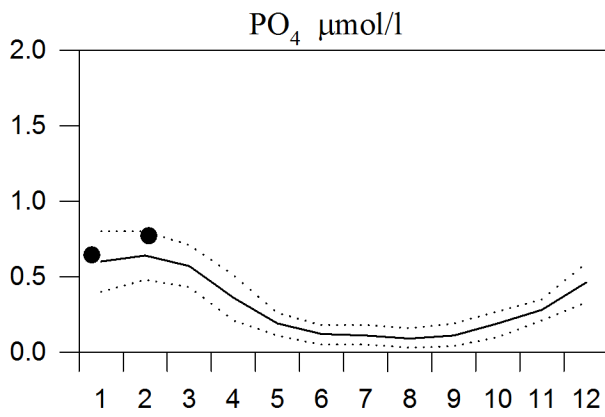
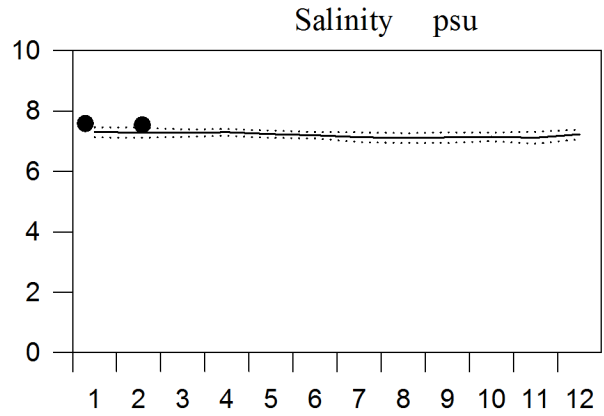
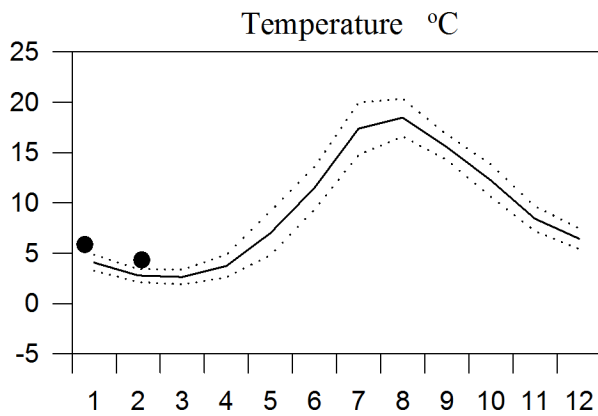
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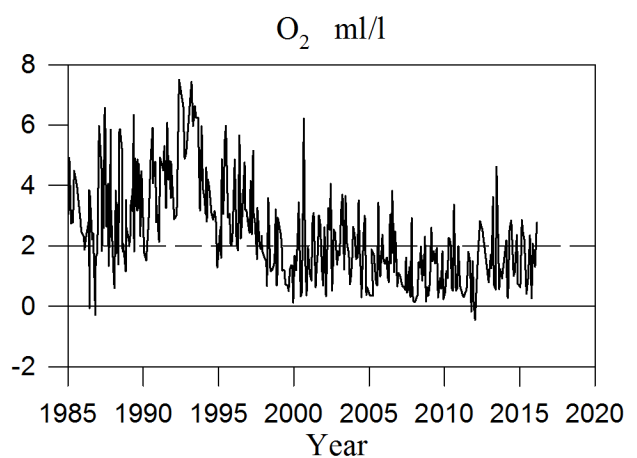
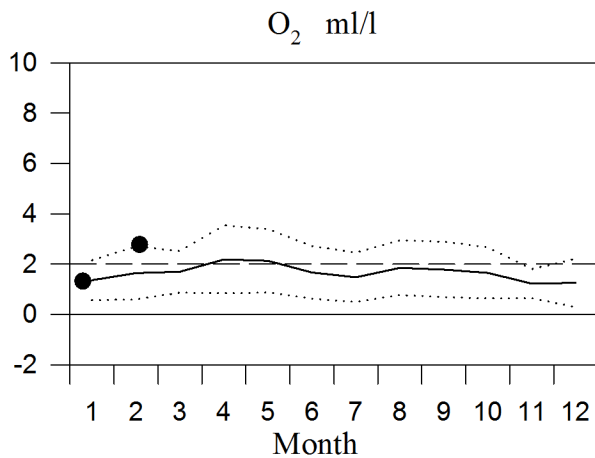
STATION BCS III-10 SURFACE WATER

Annual Cycles

— Mean 1996-2010 St.Dev. ● 2016

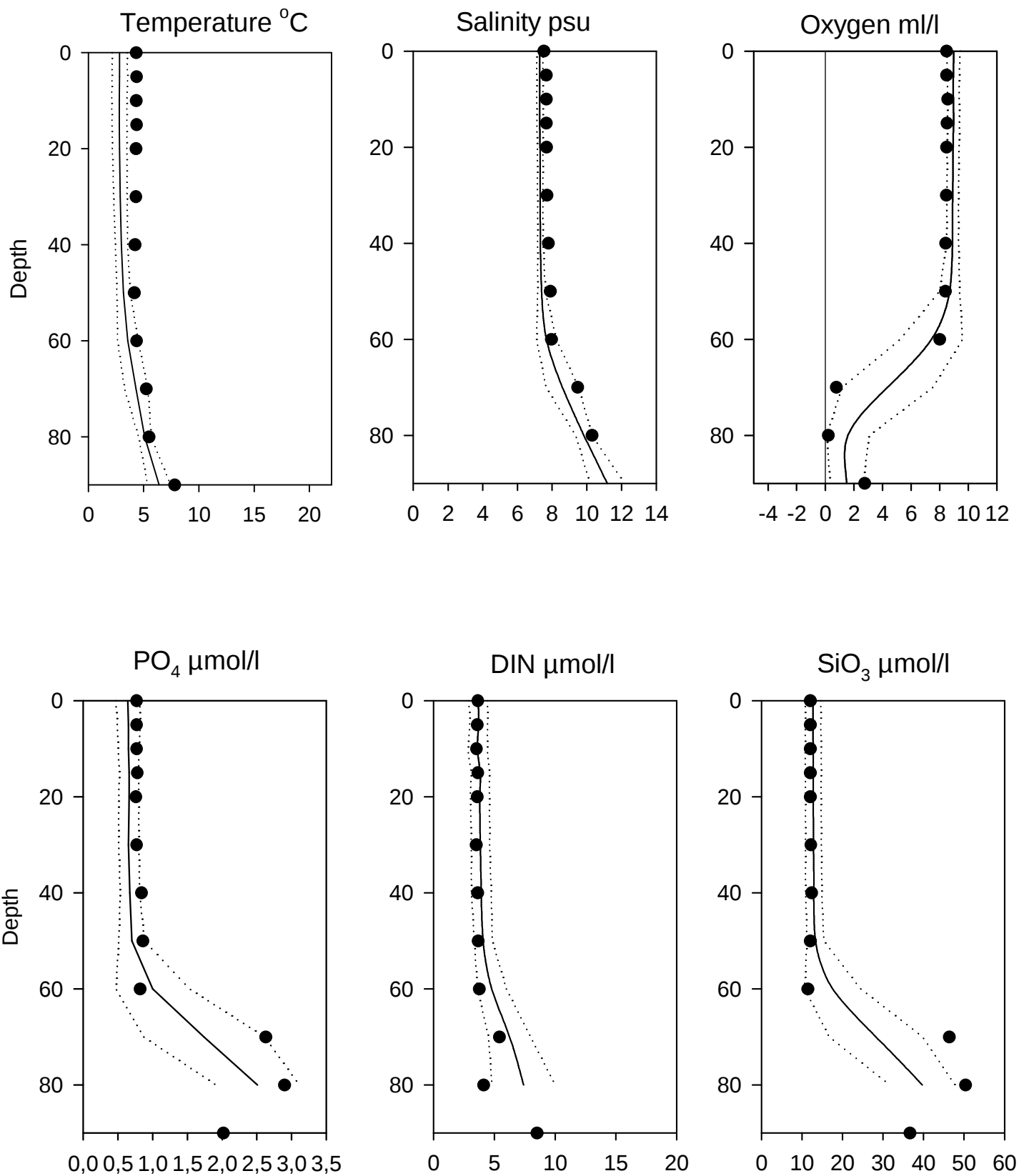


OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth > 80m)



Vertical profiles BCS III-10 February

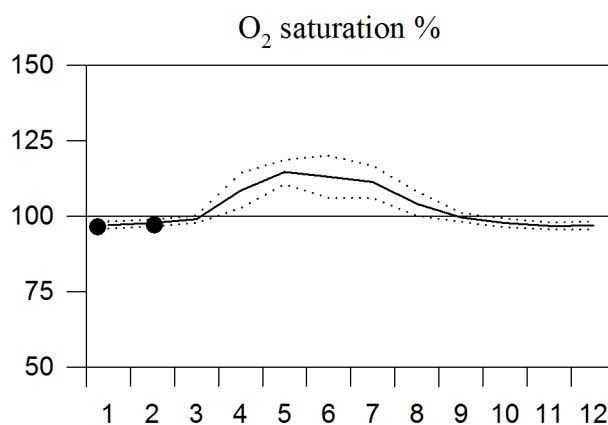
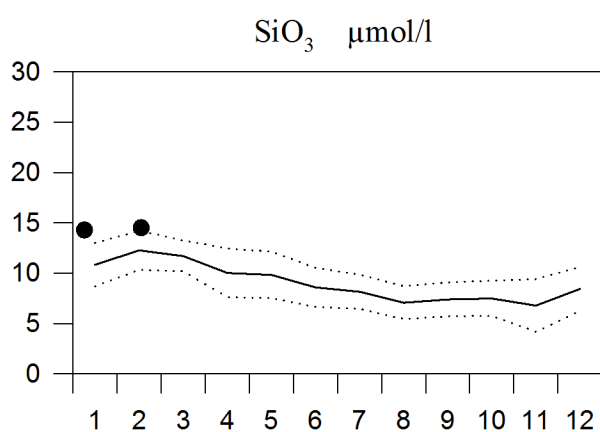
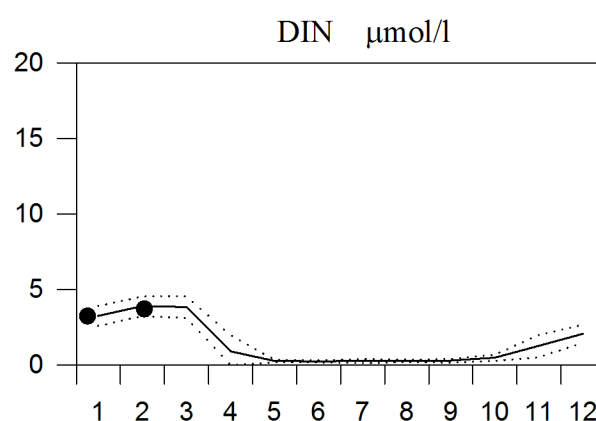
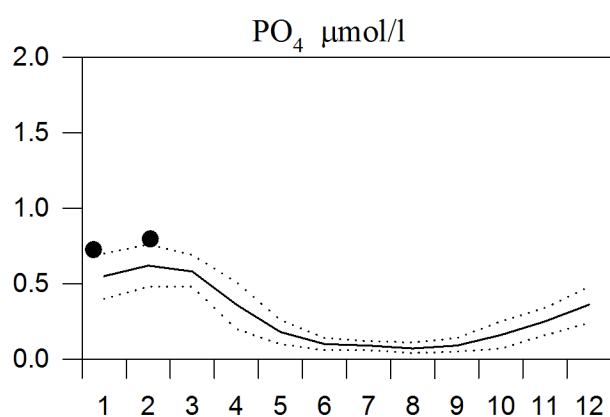
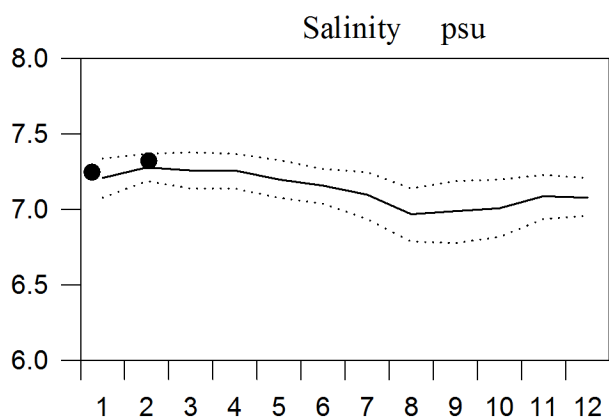
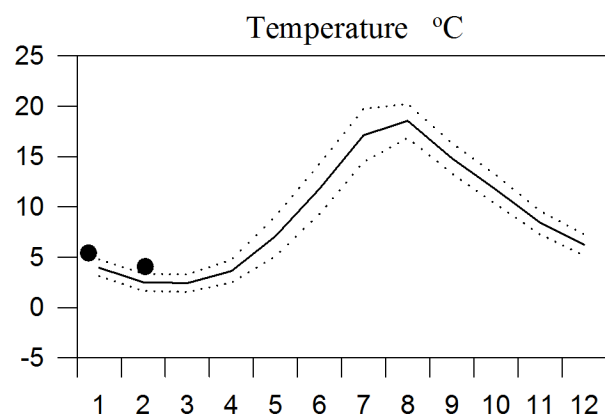
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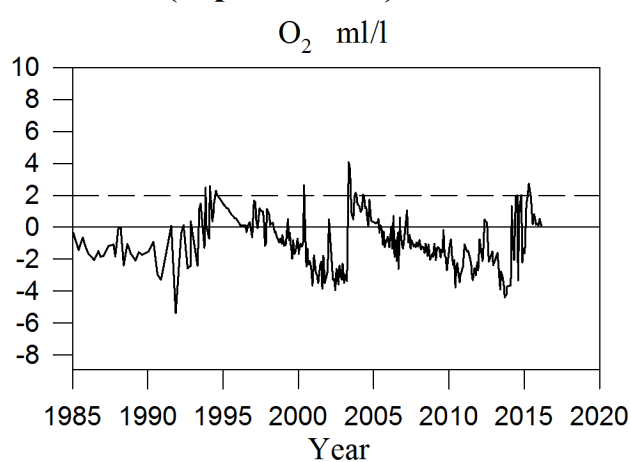
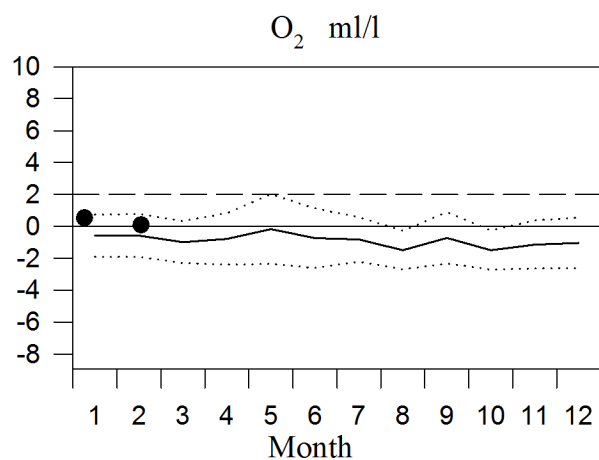
STATION BY10 SURFACE WATER

Annual Cycles

— Mean 1996-2010 St.Dev. ● 2016

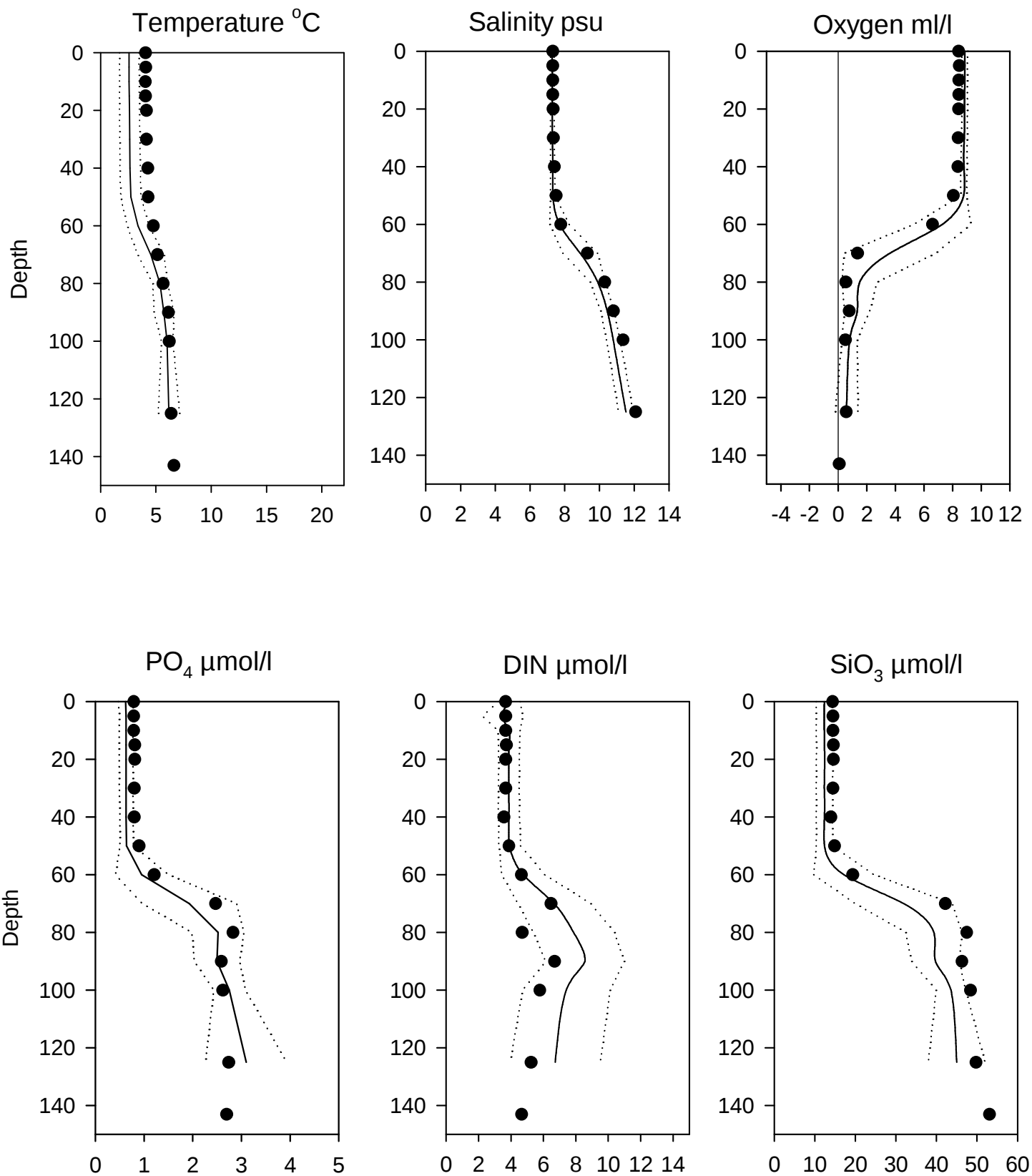


OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth >125m)



Vertical profiles BY10 February

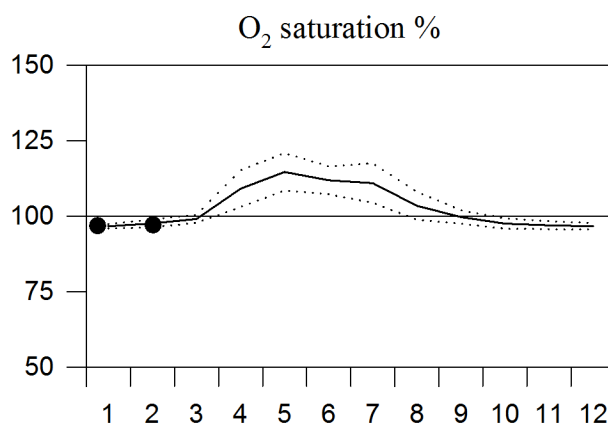
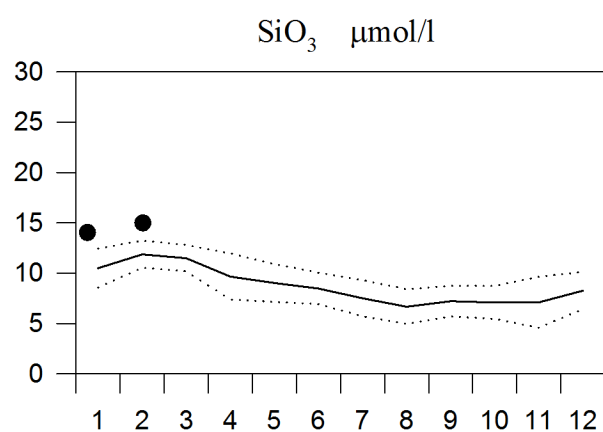
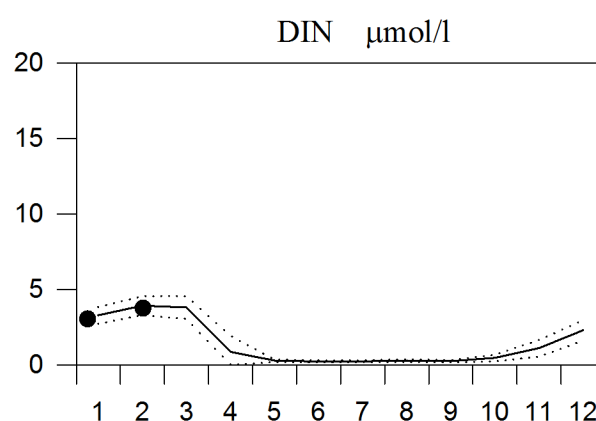
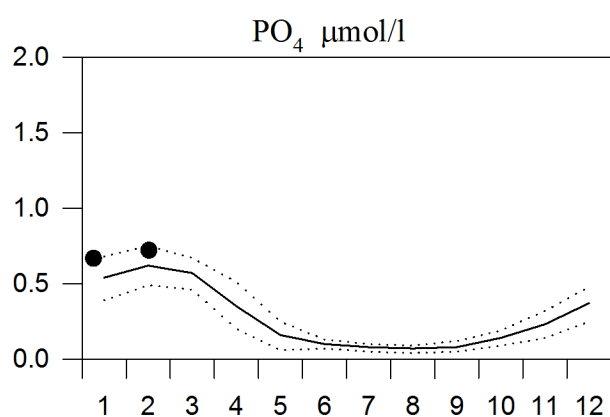
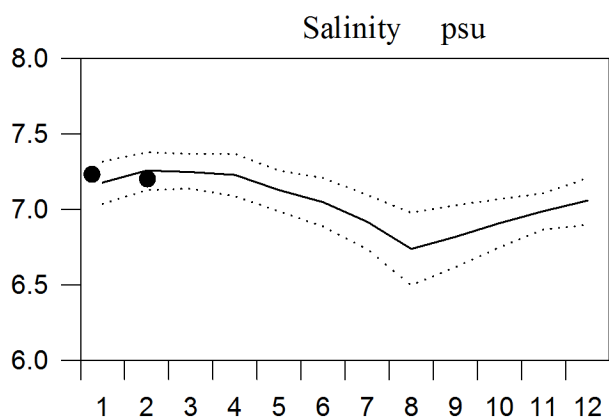
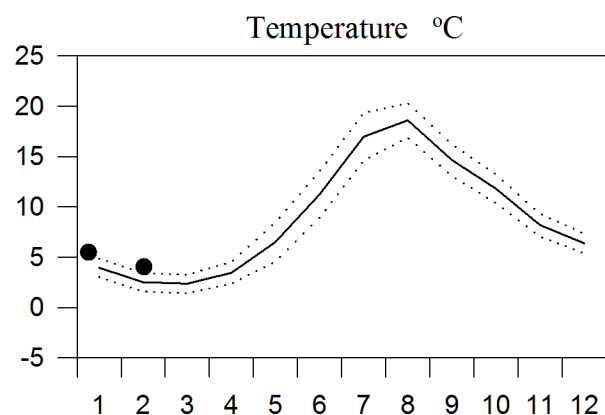
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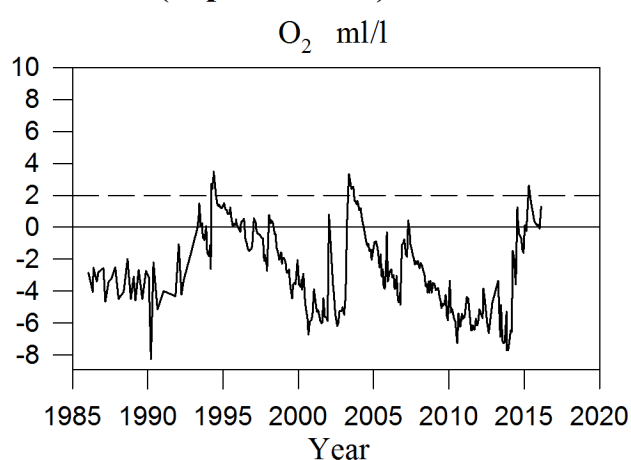
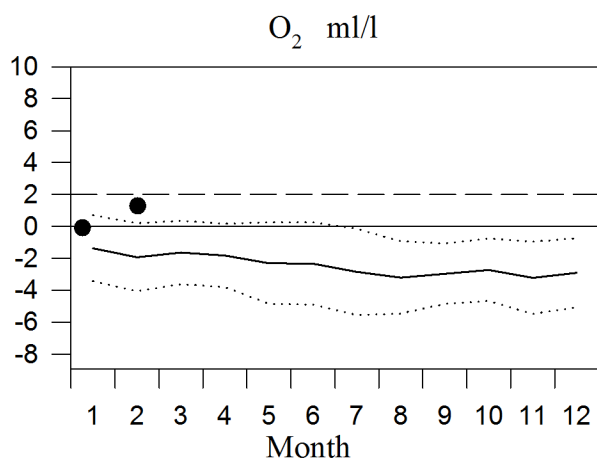
STATION BY15 SURFACE WATER

Annual Cycles

— Mean 1996-2010 St.Dev. ● 2016



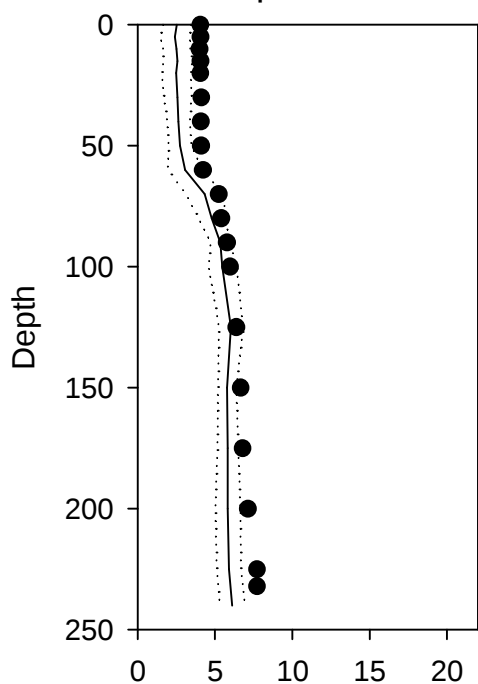
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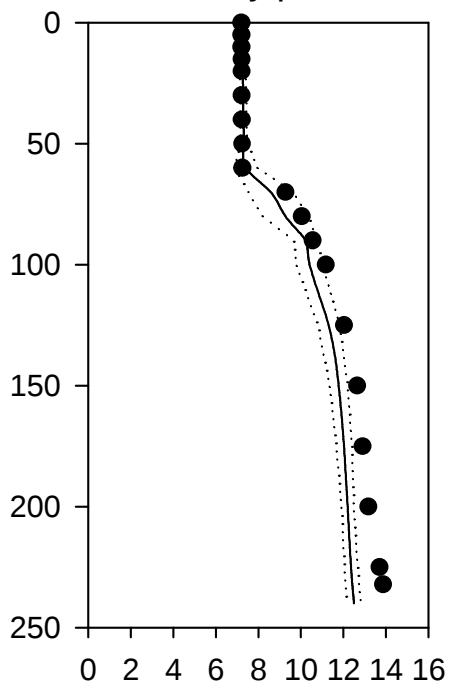
Vertical profiles BY15 February

— Mean 1996-2010 St.Dev. ● 2016

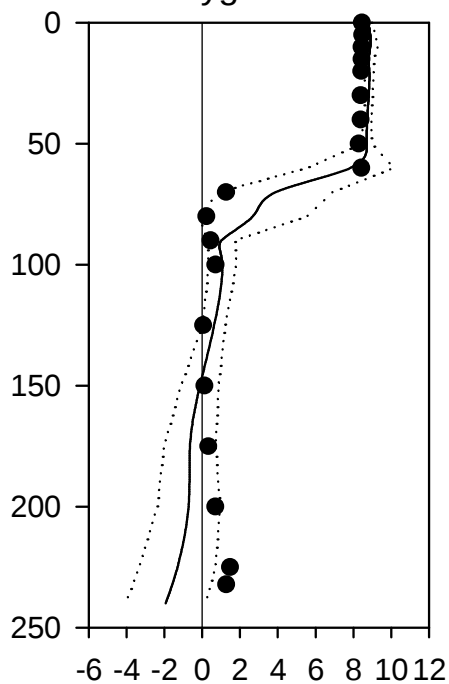
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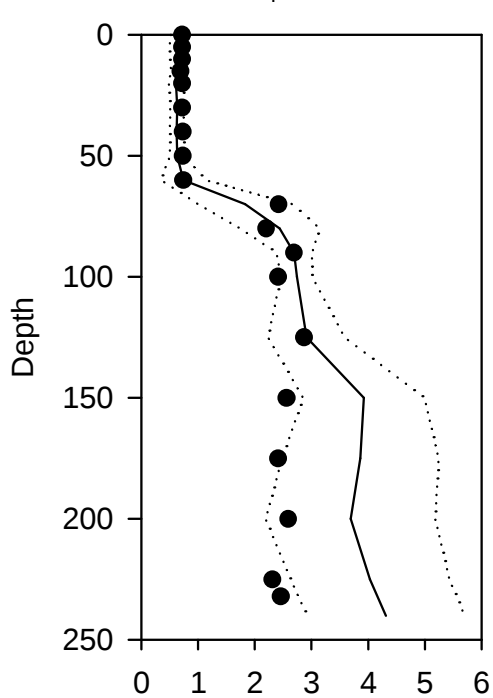
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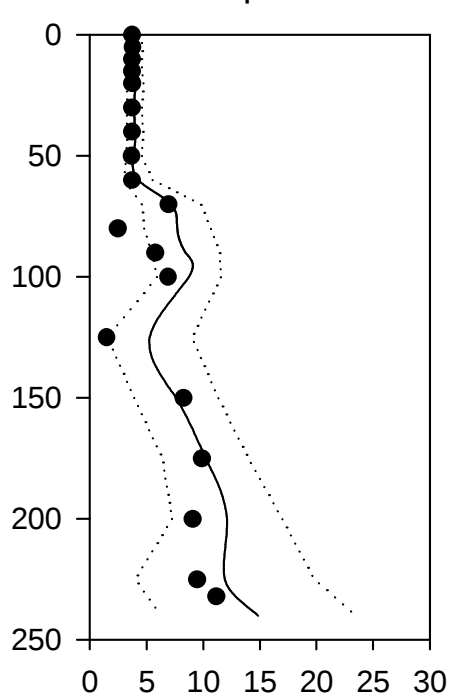
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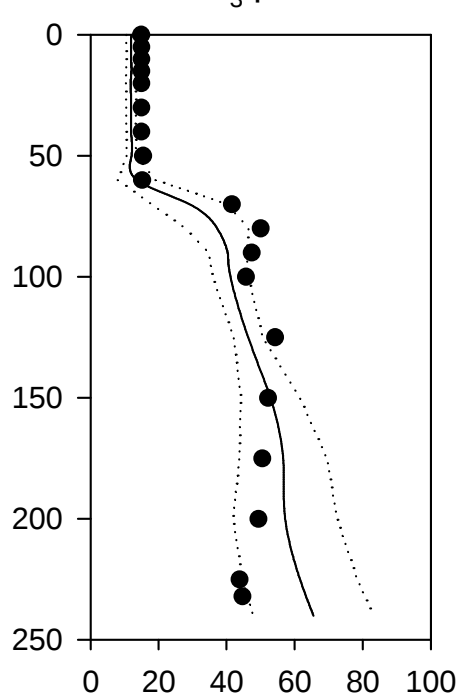
PO₄ μmol/l



DIN μmol/l



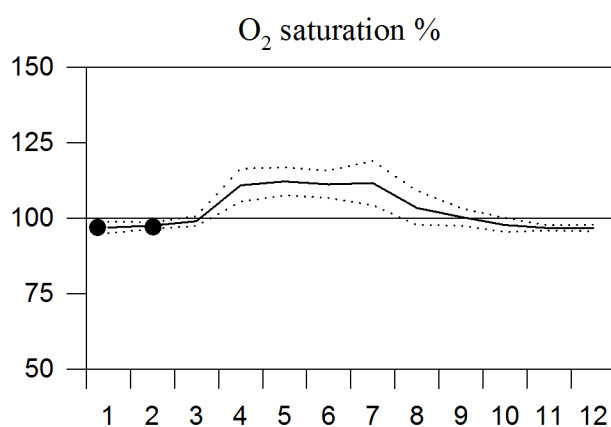
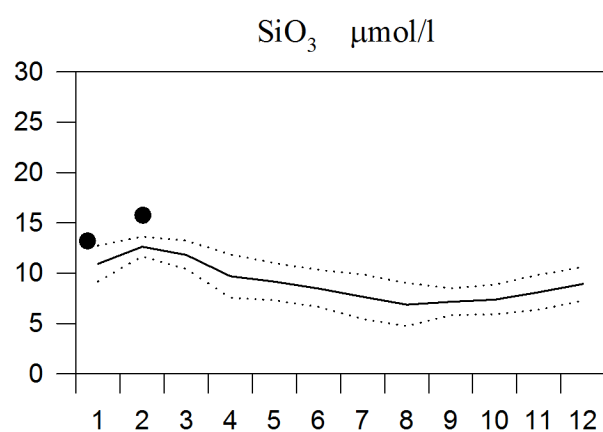
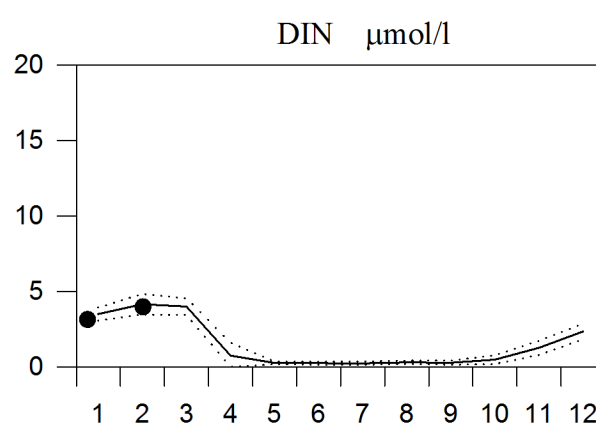
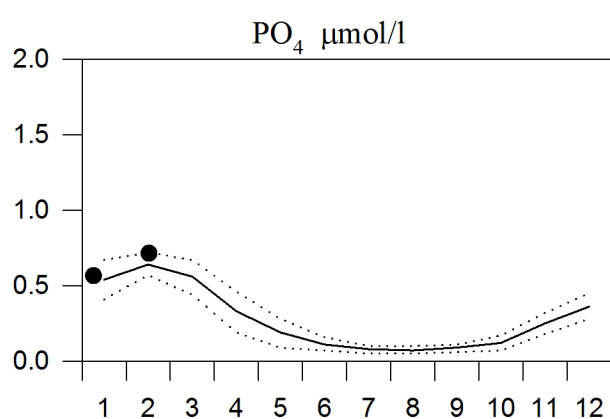
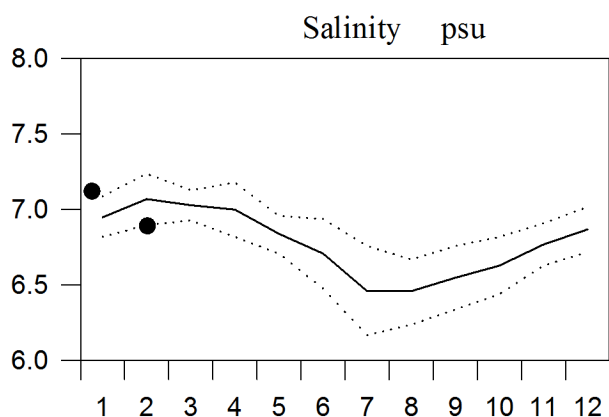
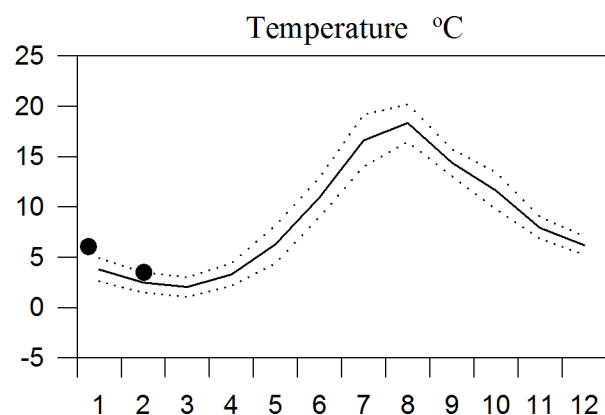
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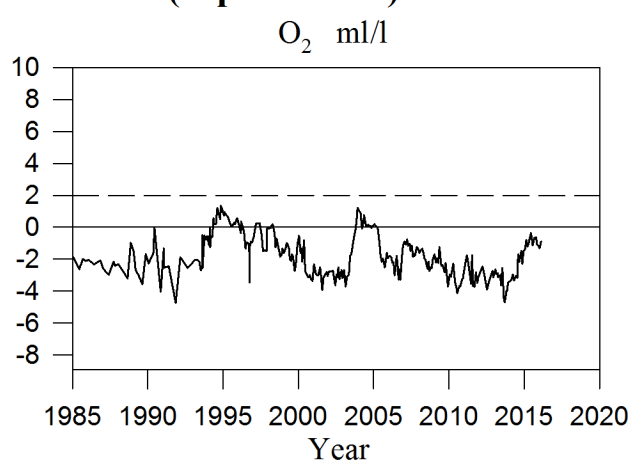
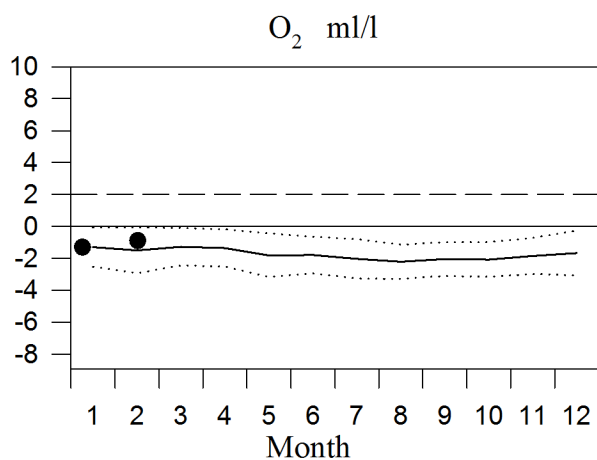
STATION BY20 SURFACE WATER

Annual Cycles

— Mean 1996-2010 St.Dev. ● 2016



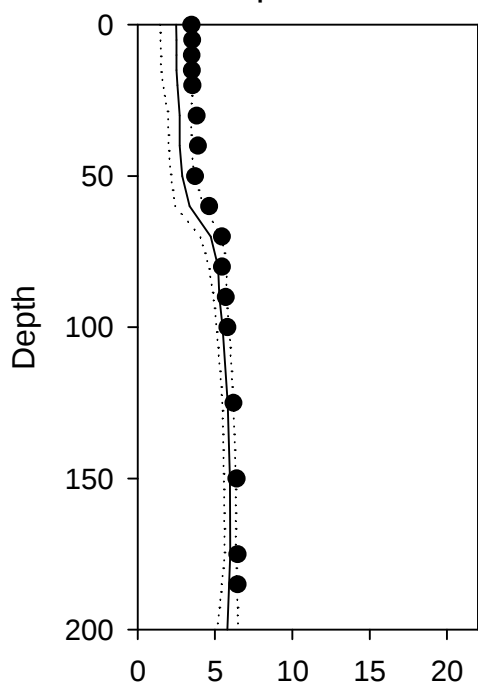
OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth >175m)



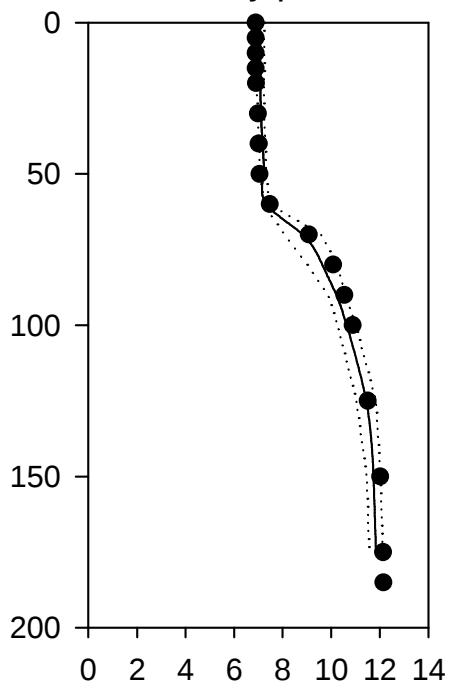
Vertical profiles BY20 February

— Mean 1996-2010 St.Dev. ● 2016

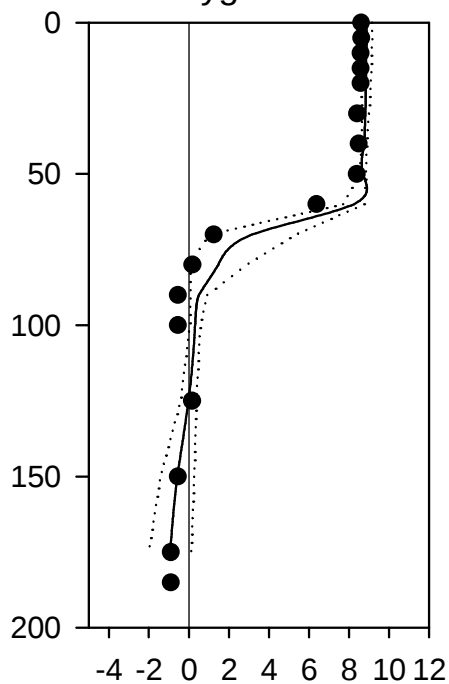
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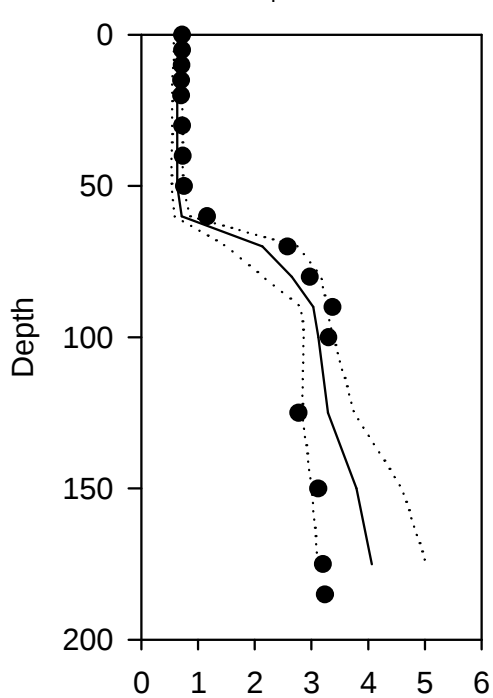
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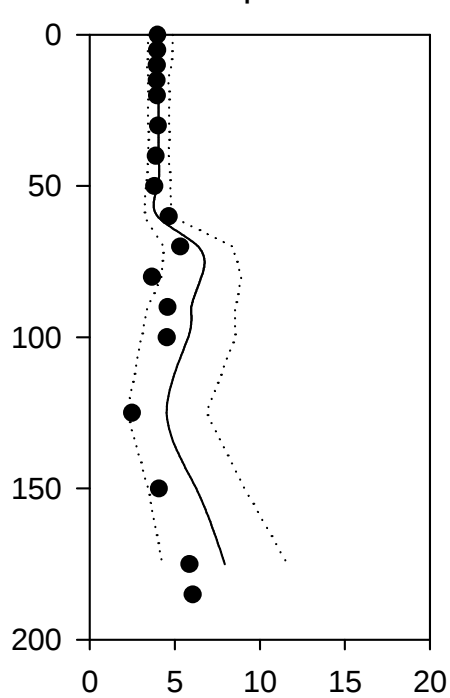
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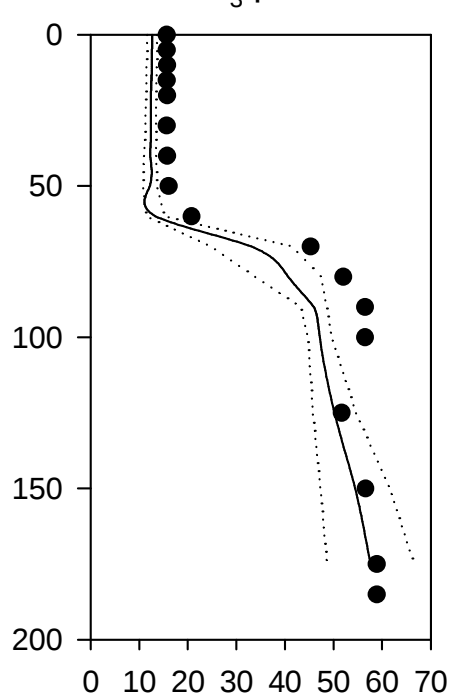
PO₄ μmol/l



DIN μmol/l



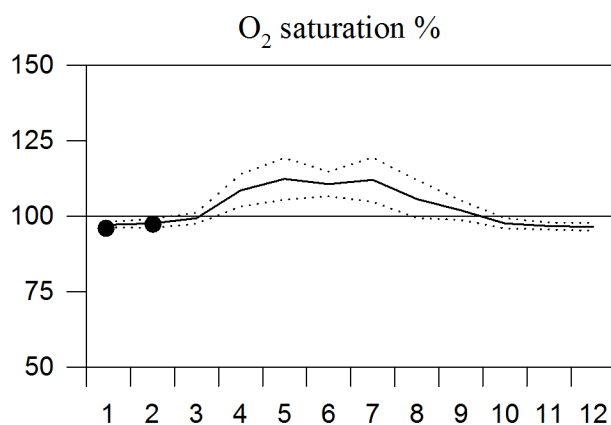
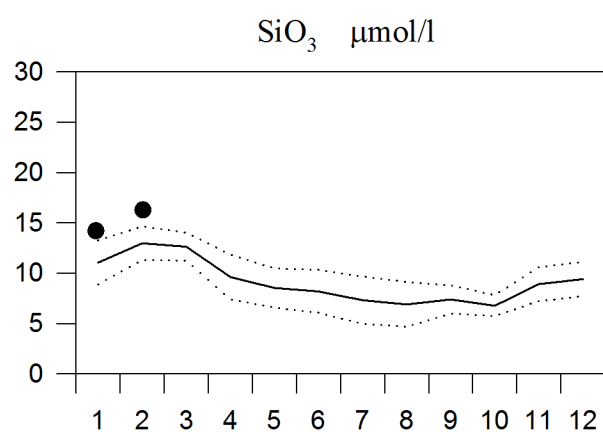
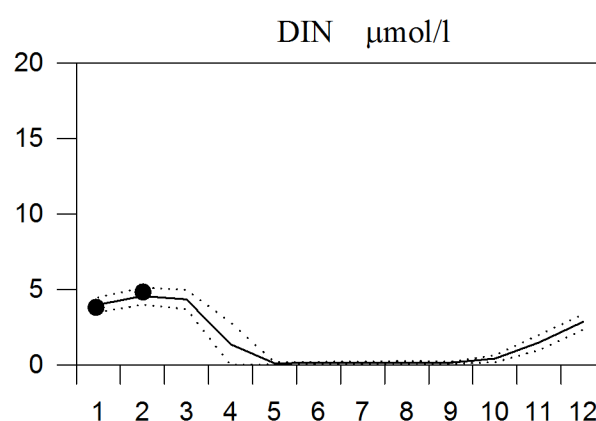
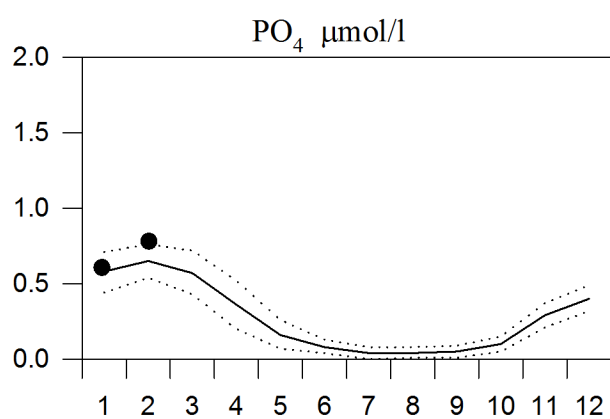
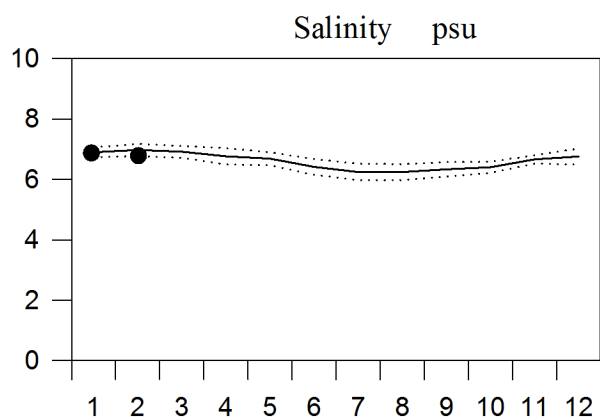
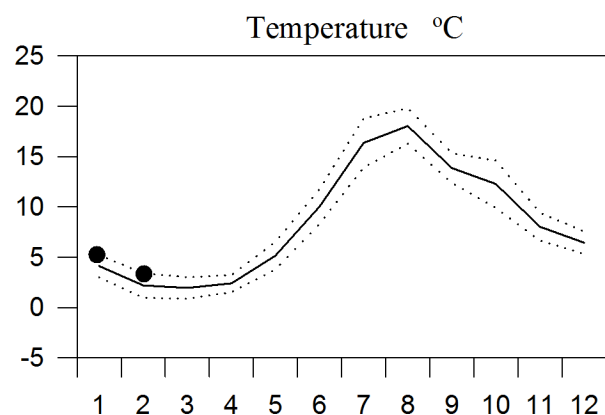
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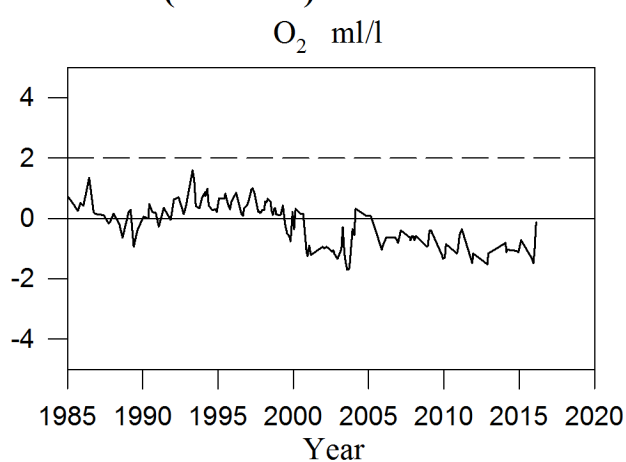
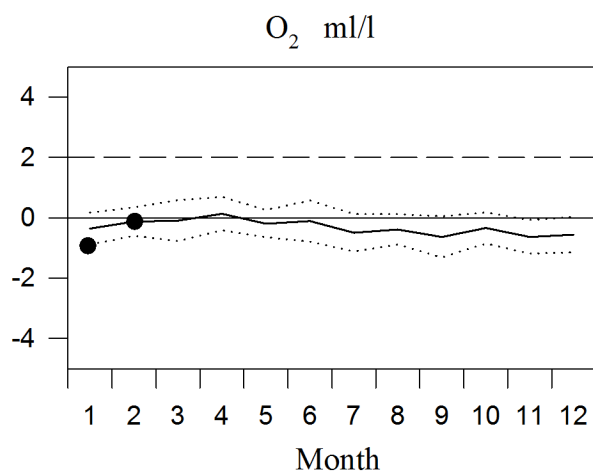
STATION BY29 SURFACE WATER

Annual Cycles

— Mean 1996-2010 St.Dev. ● 2016

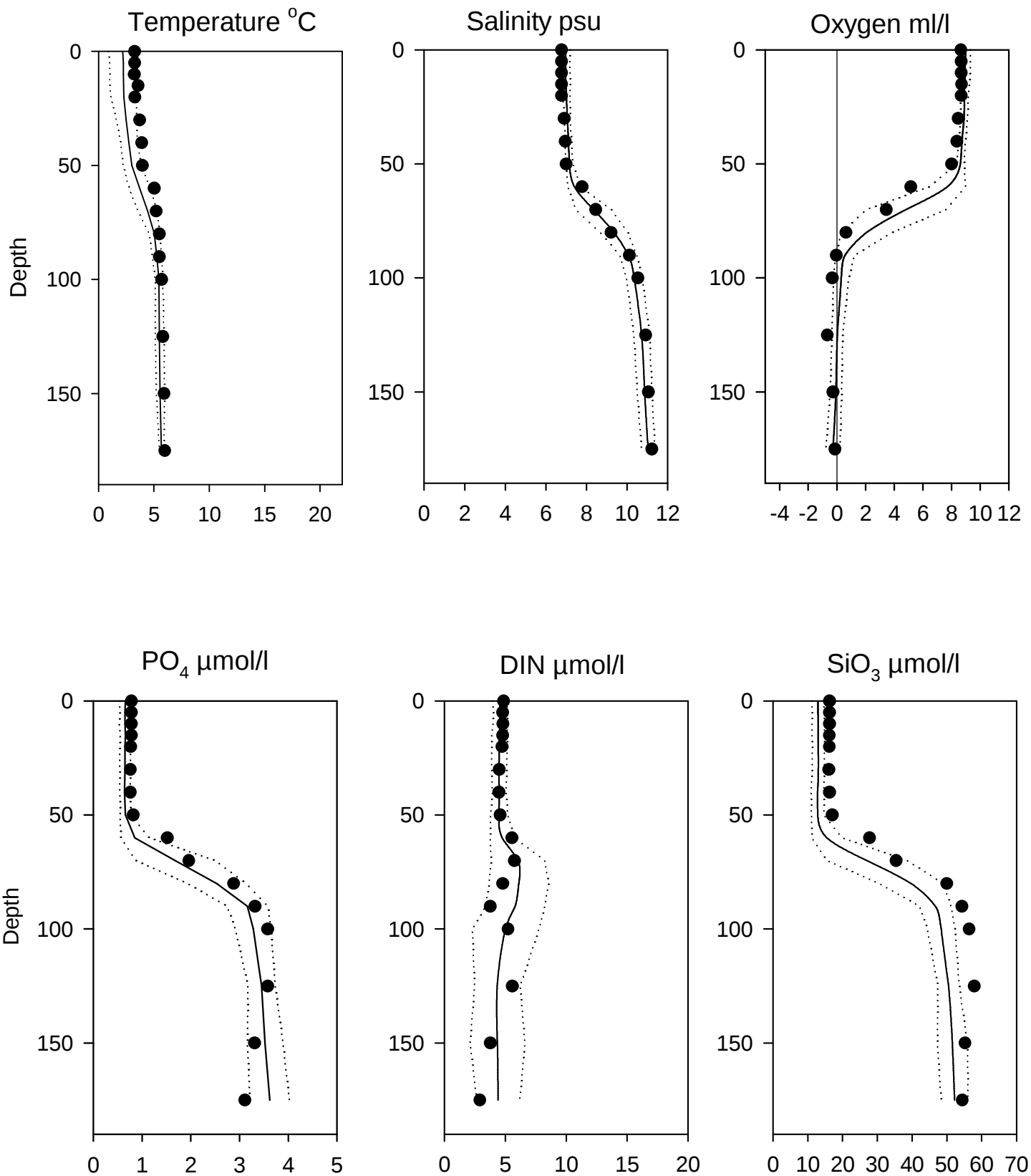


OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (>=150m)



Vertical profiles BY29 February

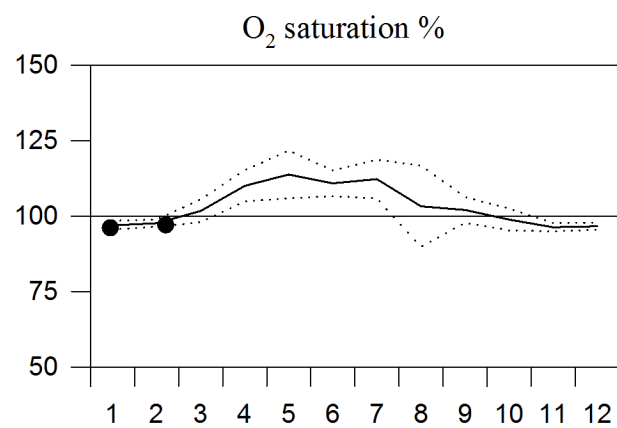
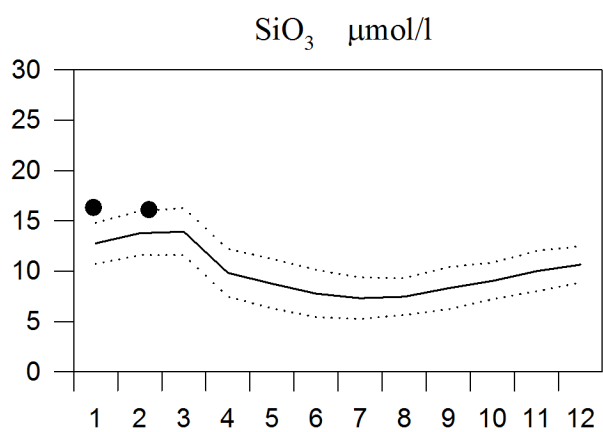
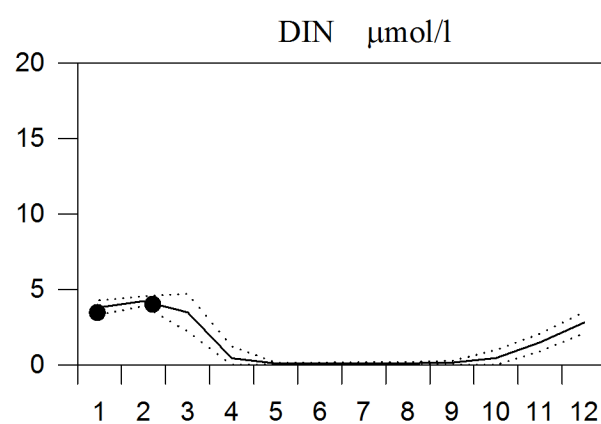
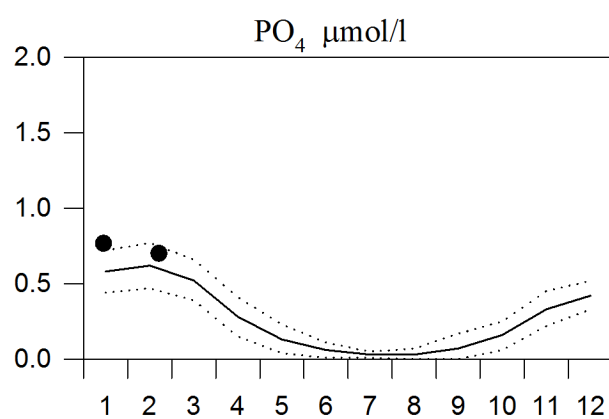
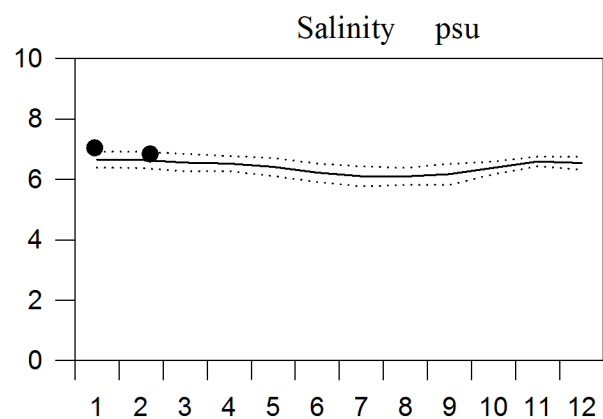
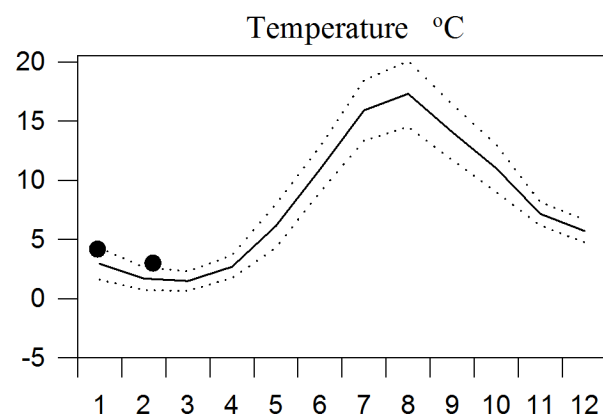
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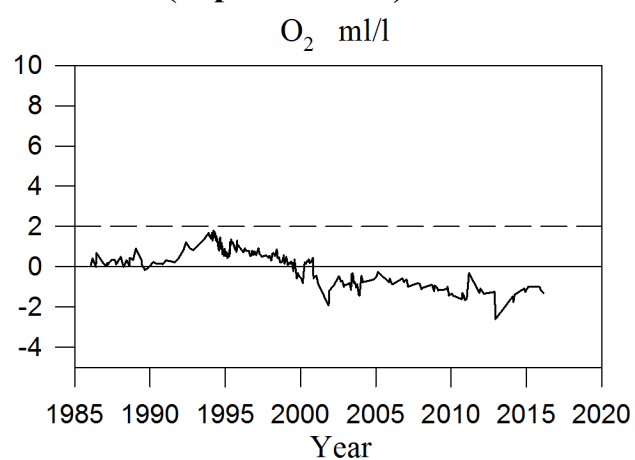
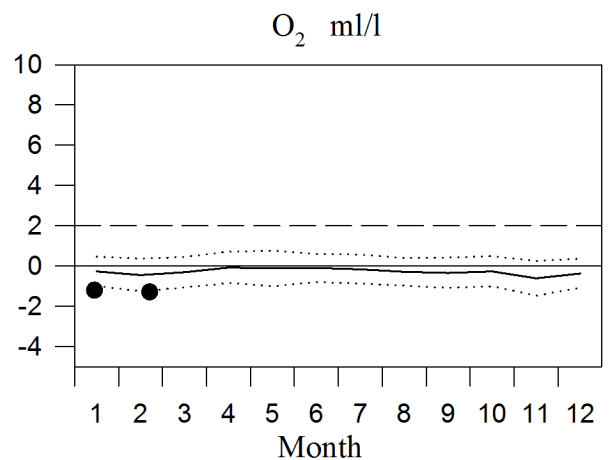
STATION BY31 SURFACE WATER

Annual Cycles

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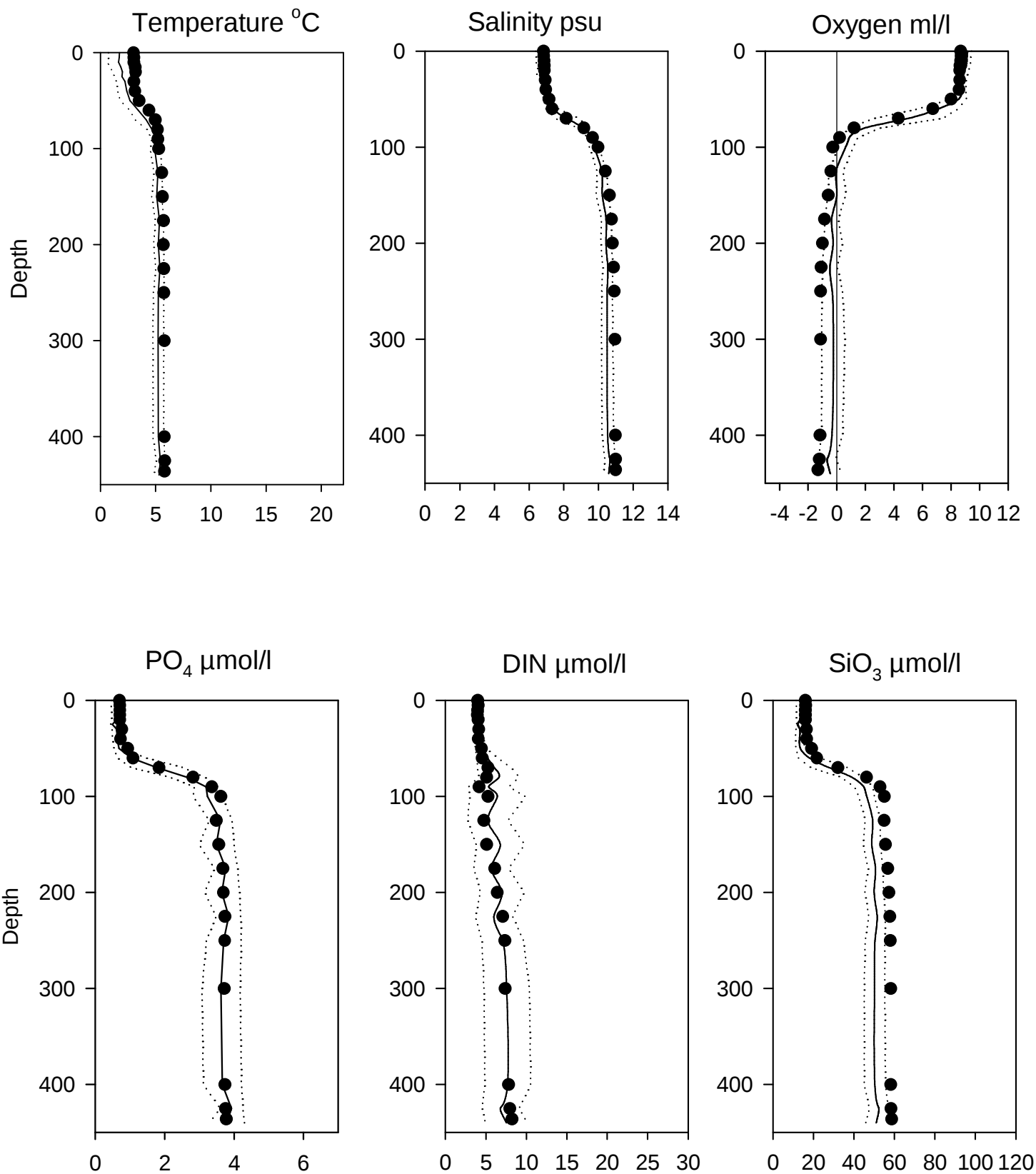


OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth = 440m)



Vertical profiles BY31 February

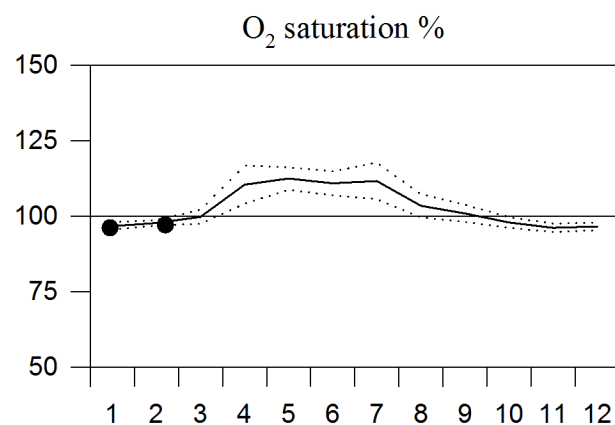
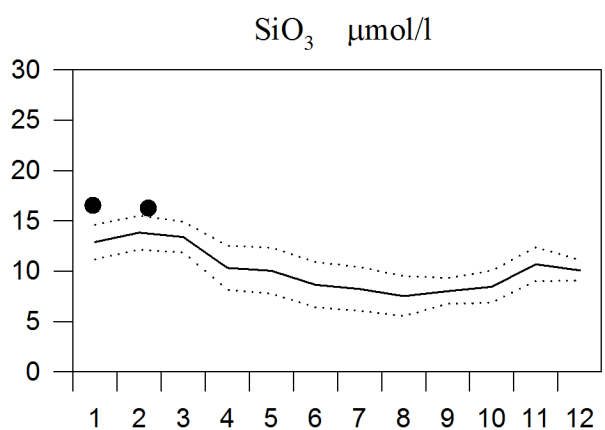
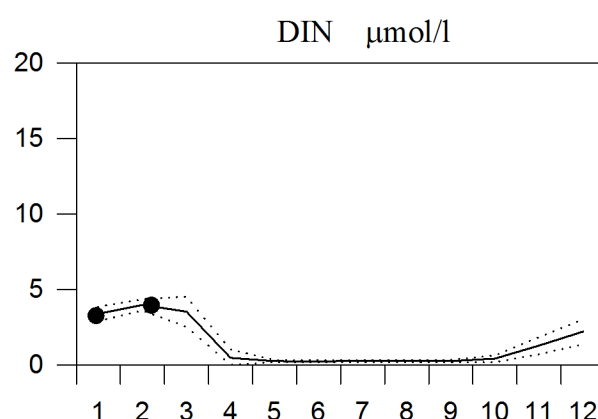
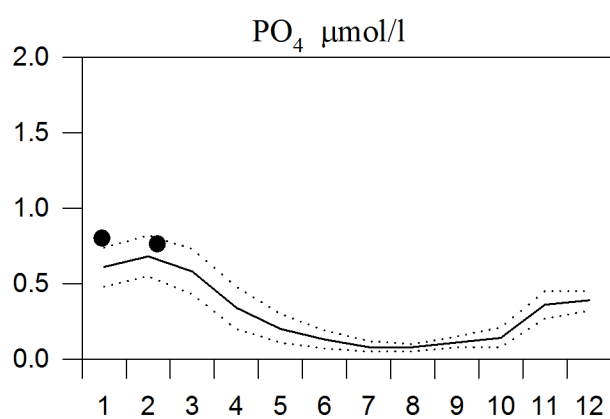
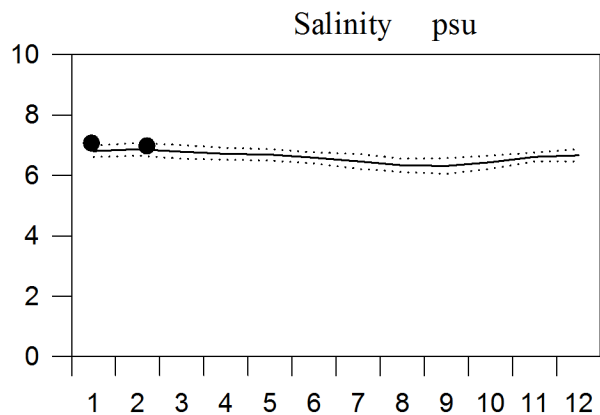
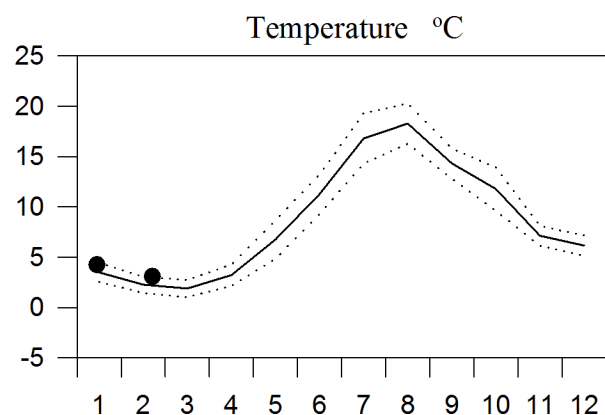
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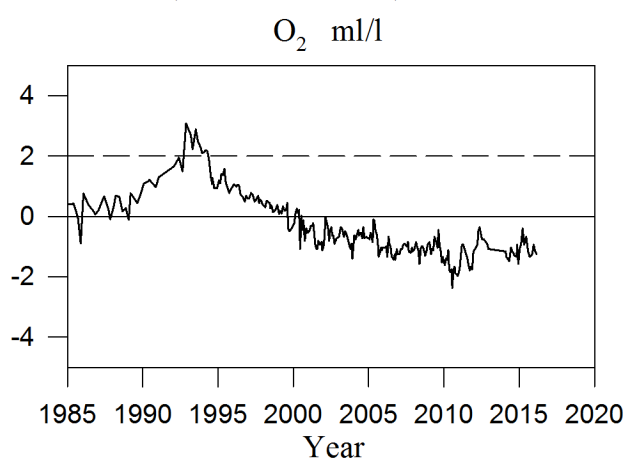
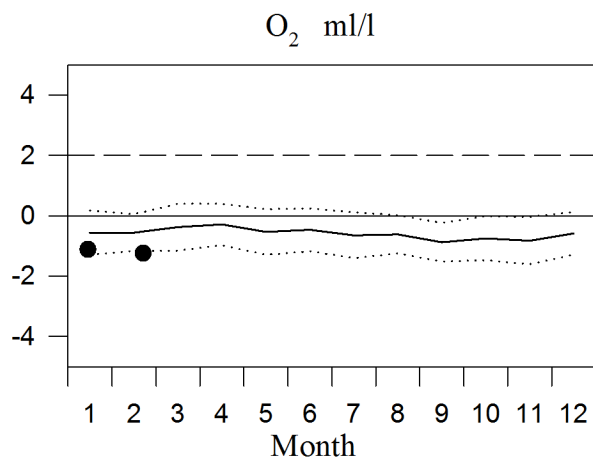
STATION BY32 SURFACE WATER

Annual Cycles

— Mean 1996-2010 St.Dev. ● 2016

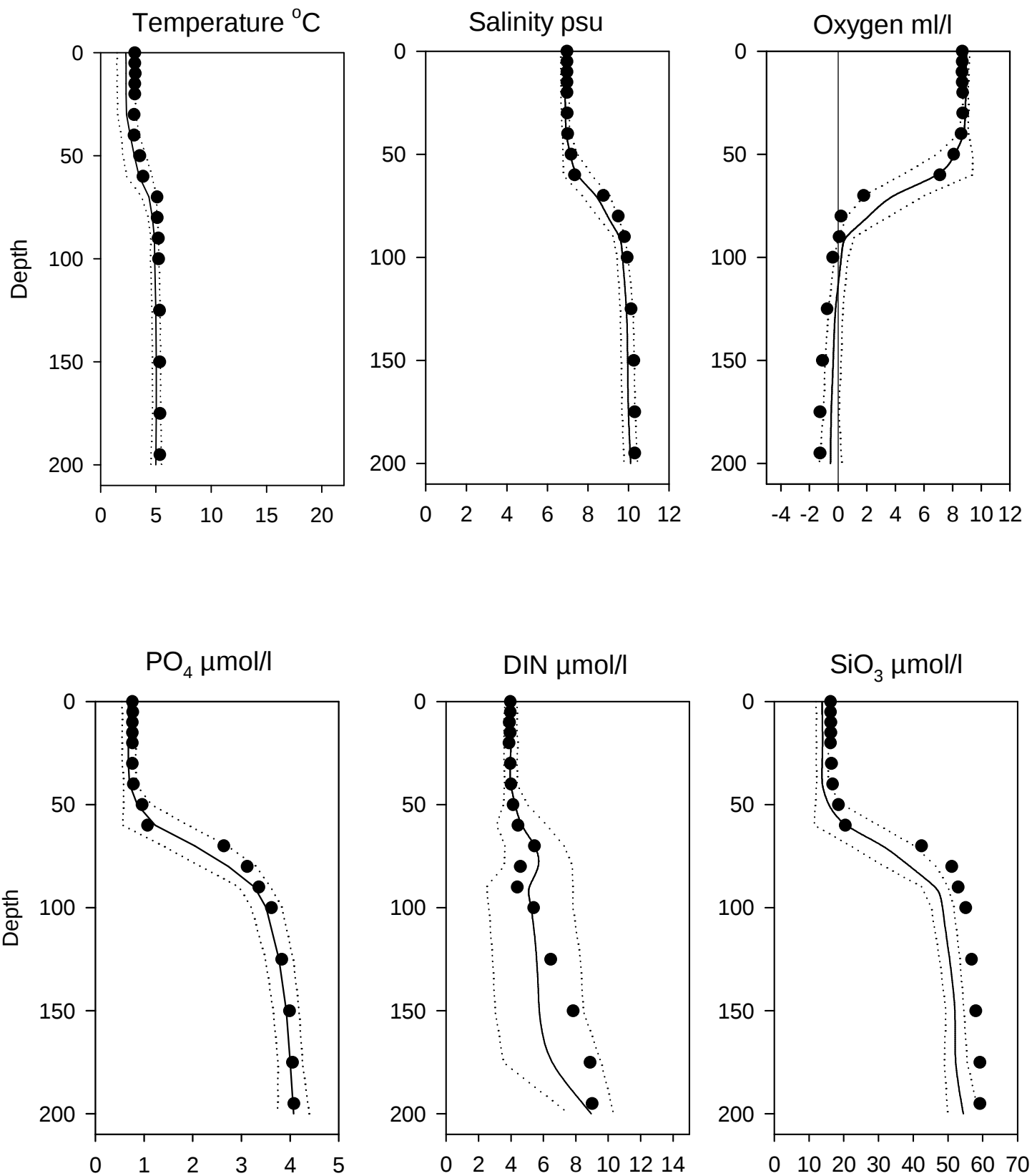


OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth > 175m)



Vertical profiles BY32 February

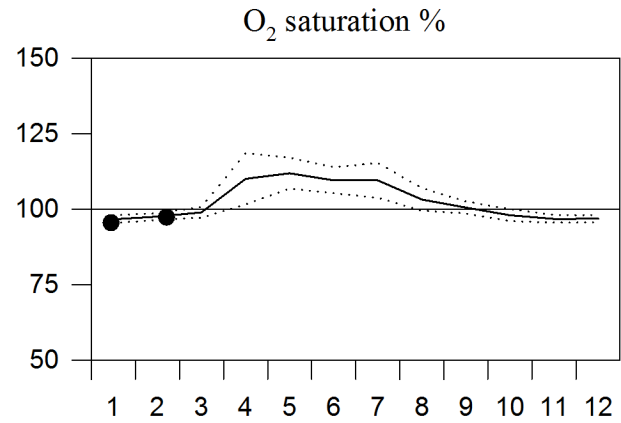
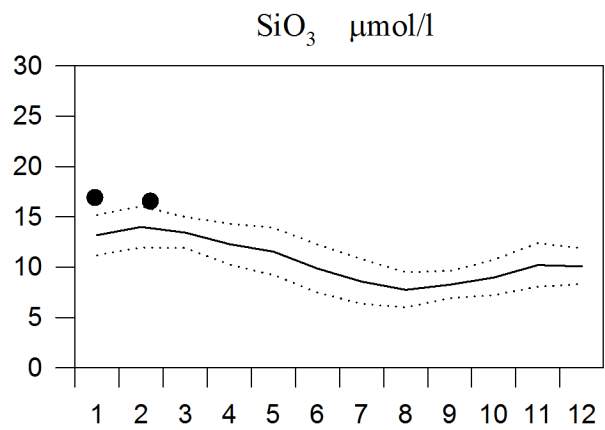
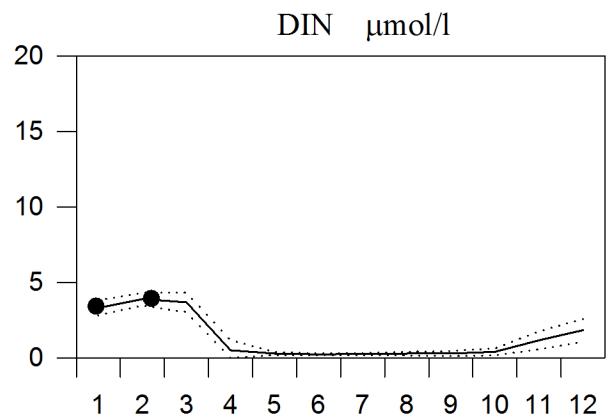
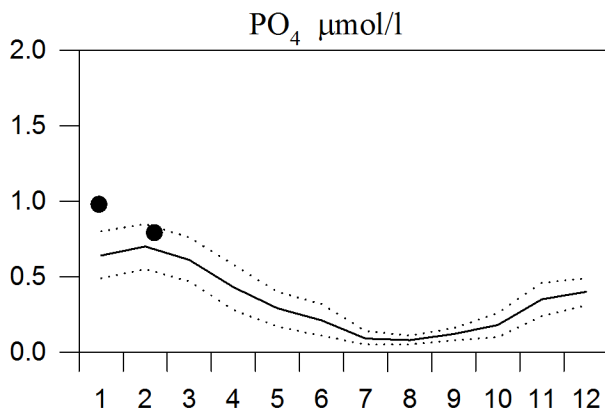
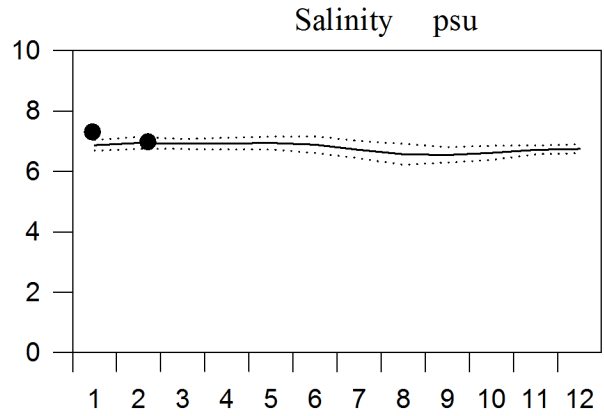
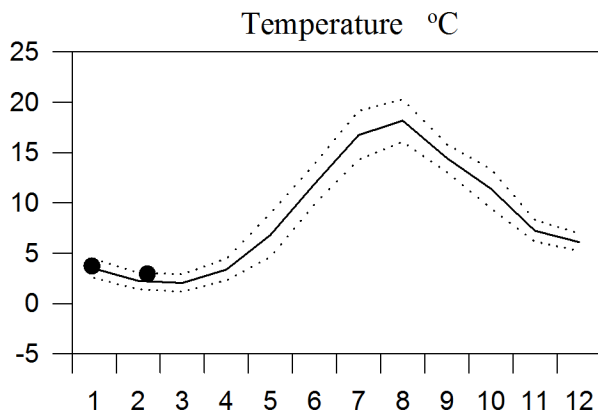
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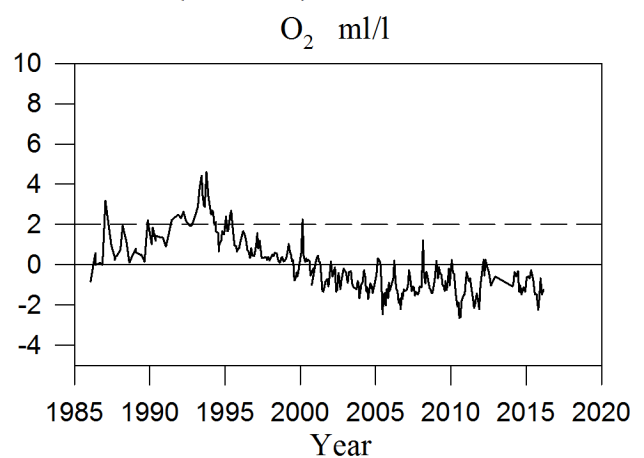
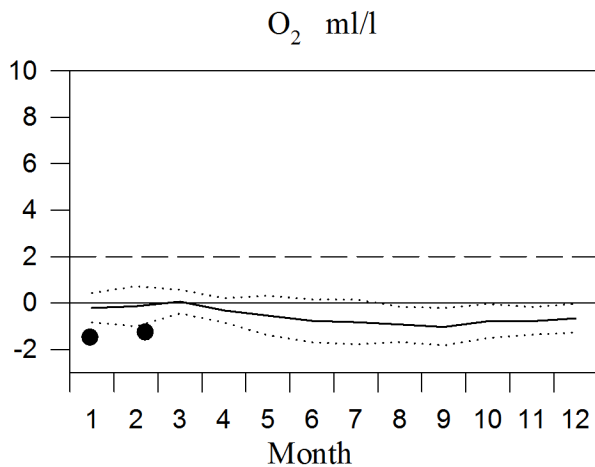
STATION BY38 SURFACE WATER

Annual Cycles

— Mean 1996-2010 St.Dev. ● 2016

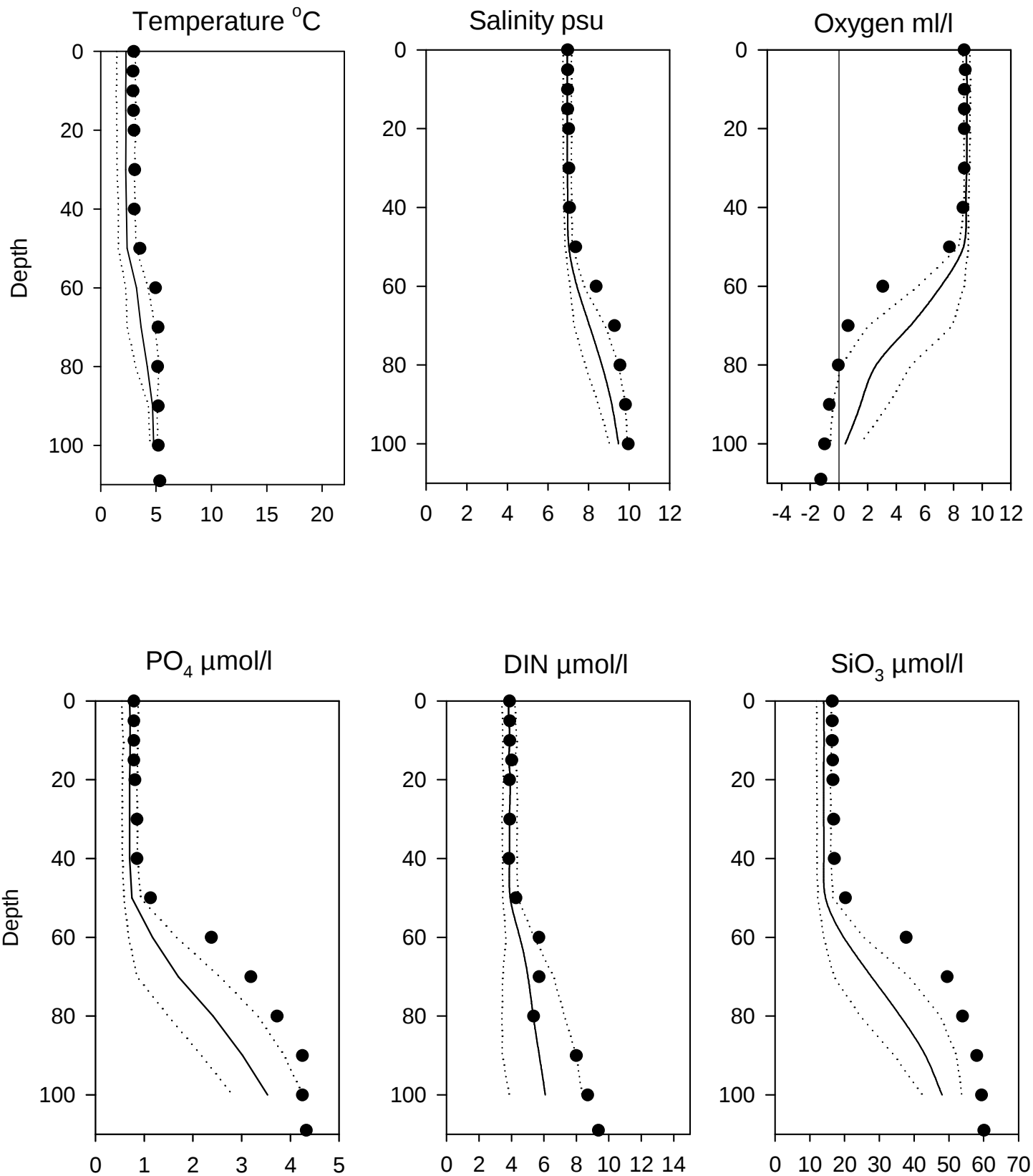


OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (> 100m)



Vertical profiles BY38 February

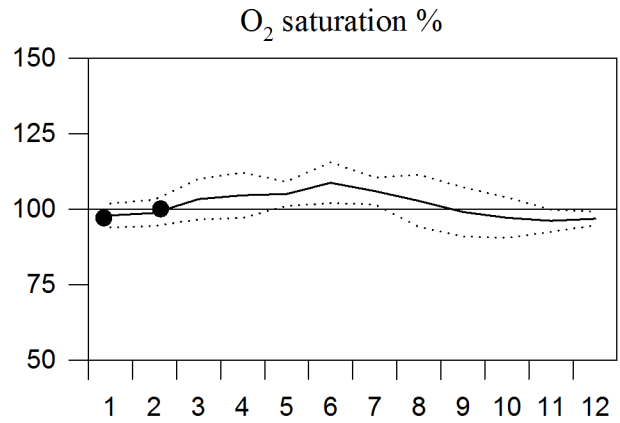
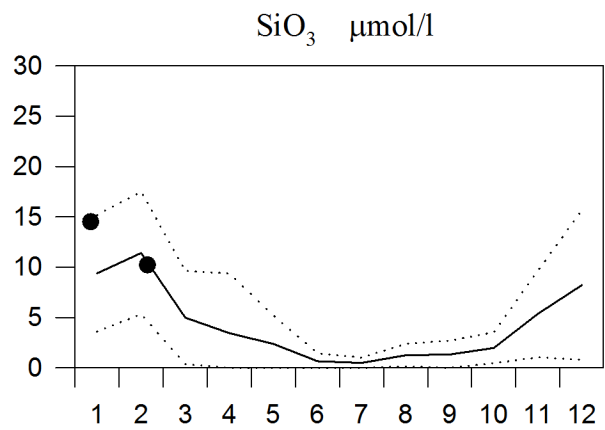
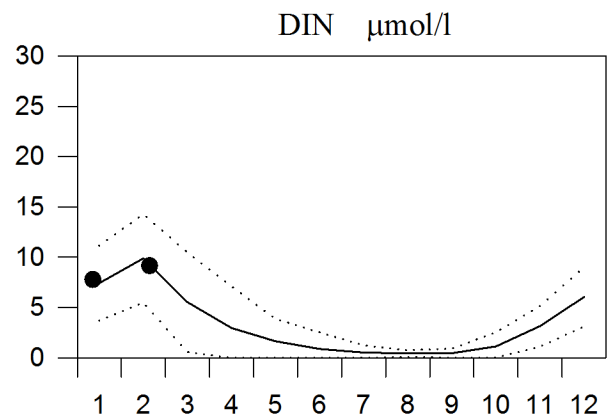
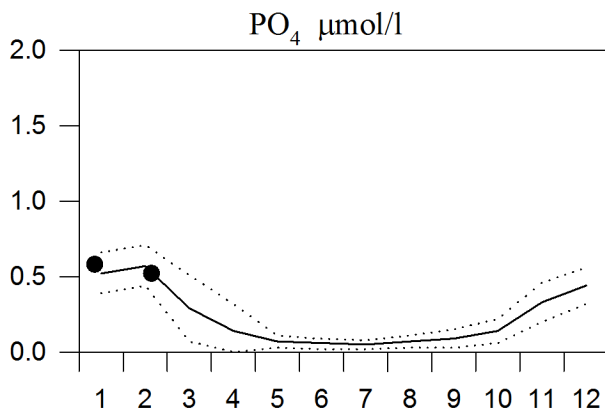
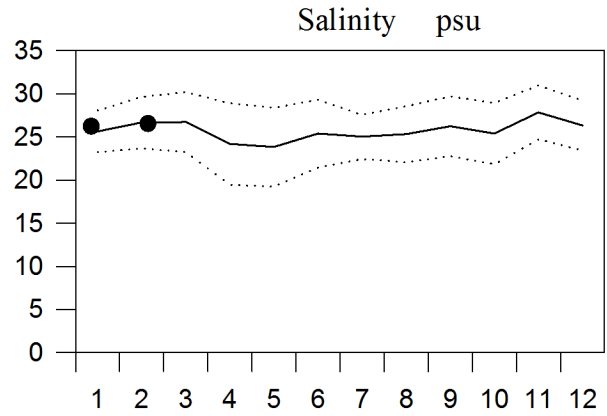
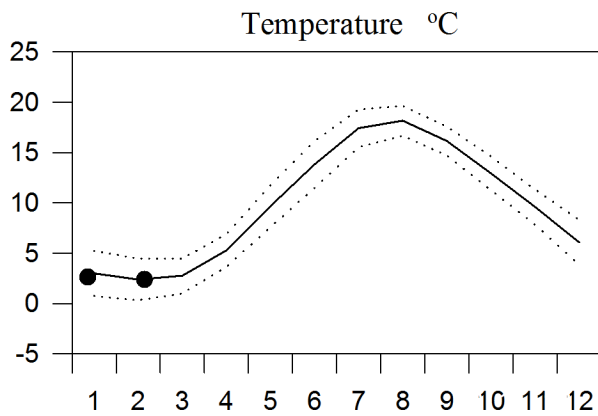
— Mean 1996-2010 St.Dev. ● 2016



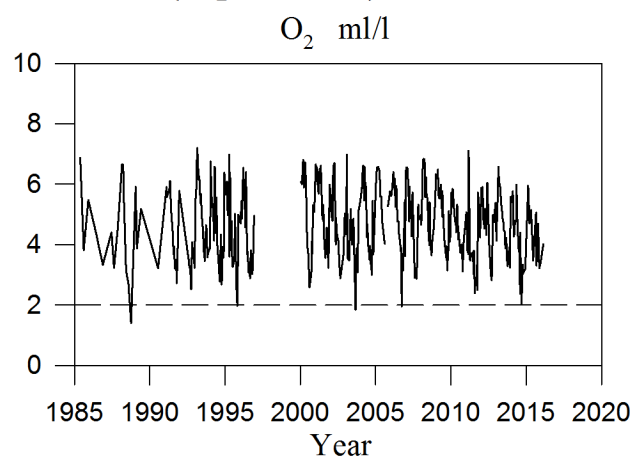
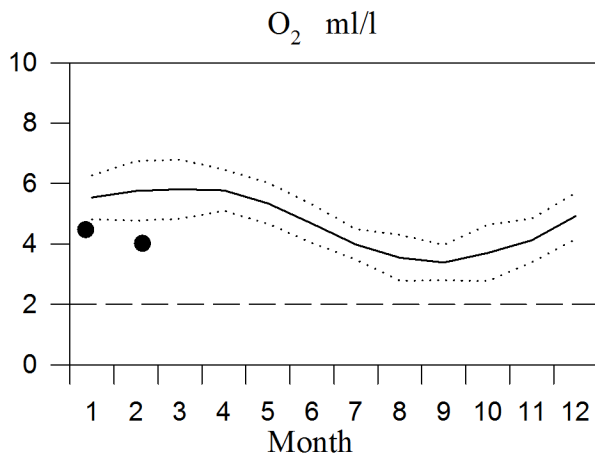
STATION SLÄGGÖ SURFACE WATER

Annual Cycles

— Mean 1996-2010 St.Dev. ● 2016



OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth >50m)

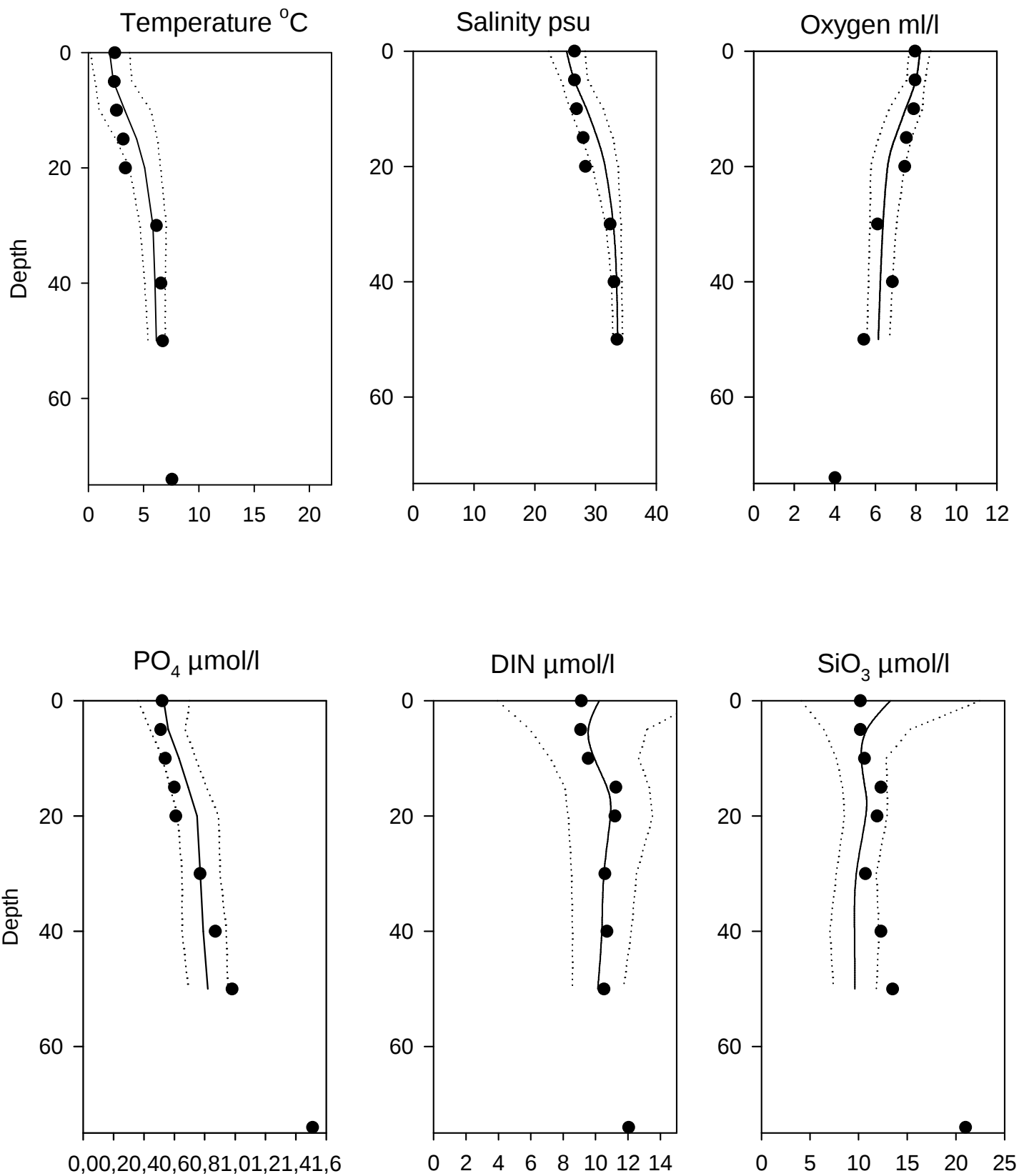


Vertical profiles Släggö February

Mean 1996-2010

St.Dev.

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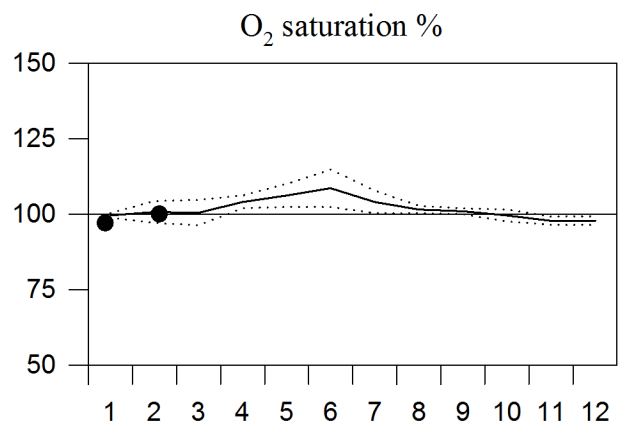
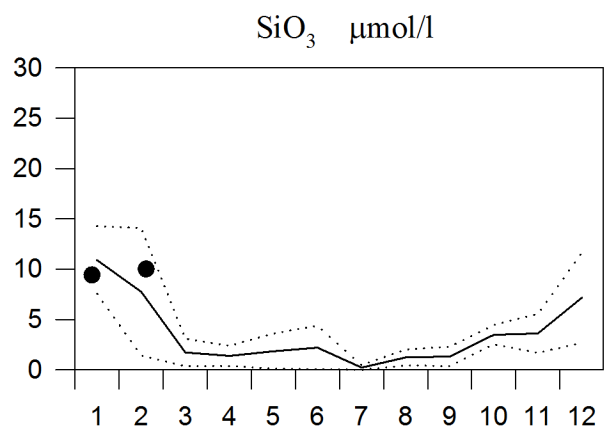
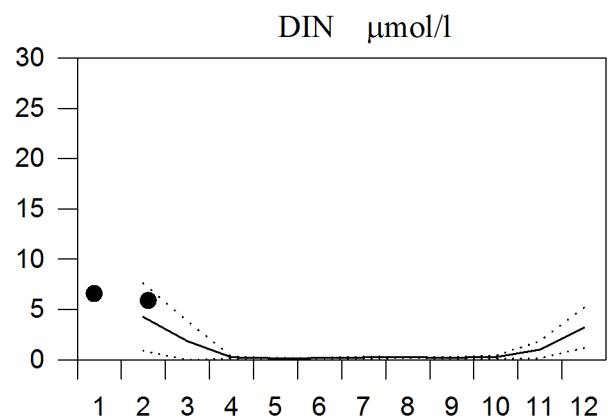
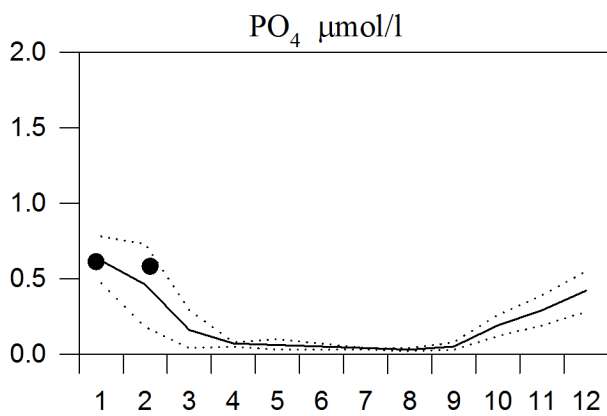
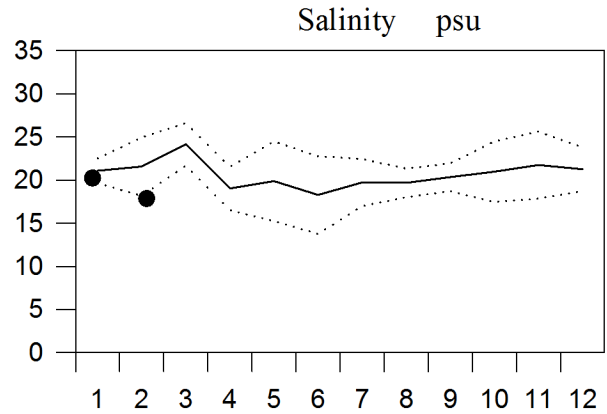
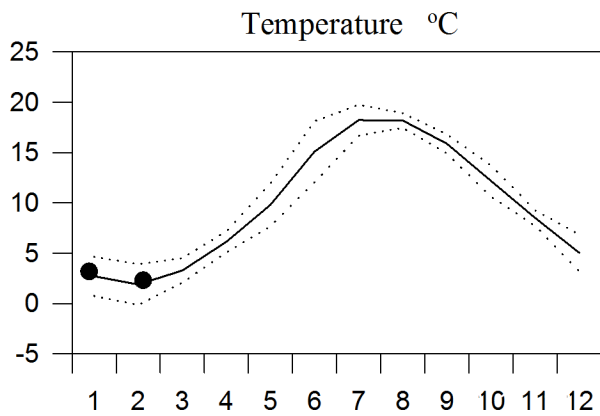
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Annual Cycles

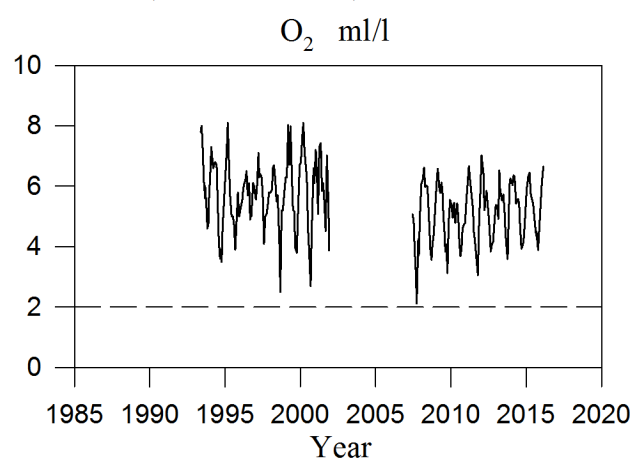
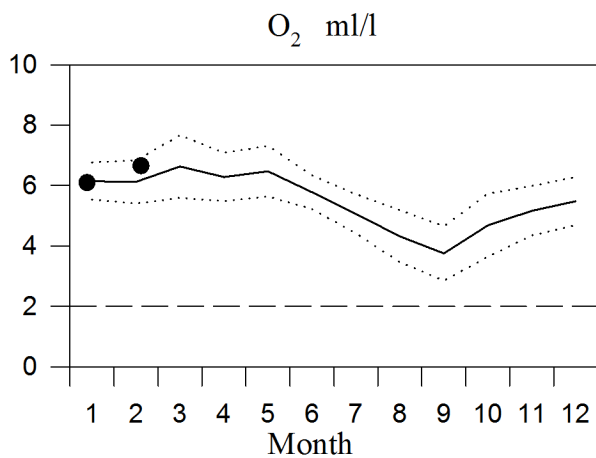
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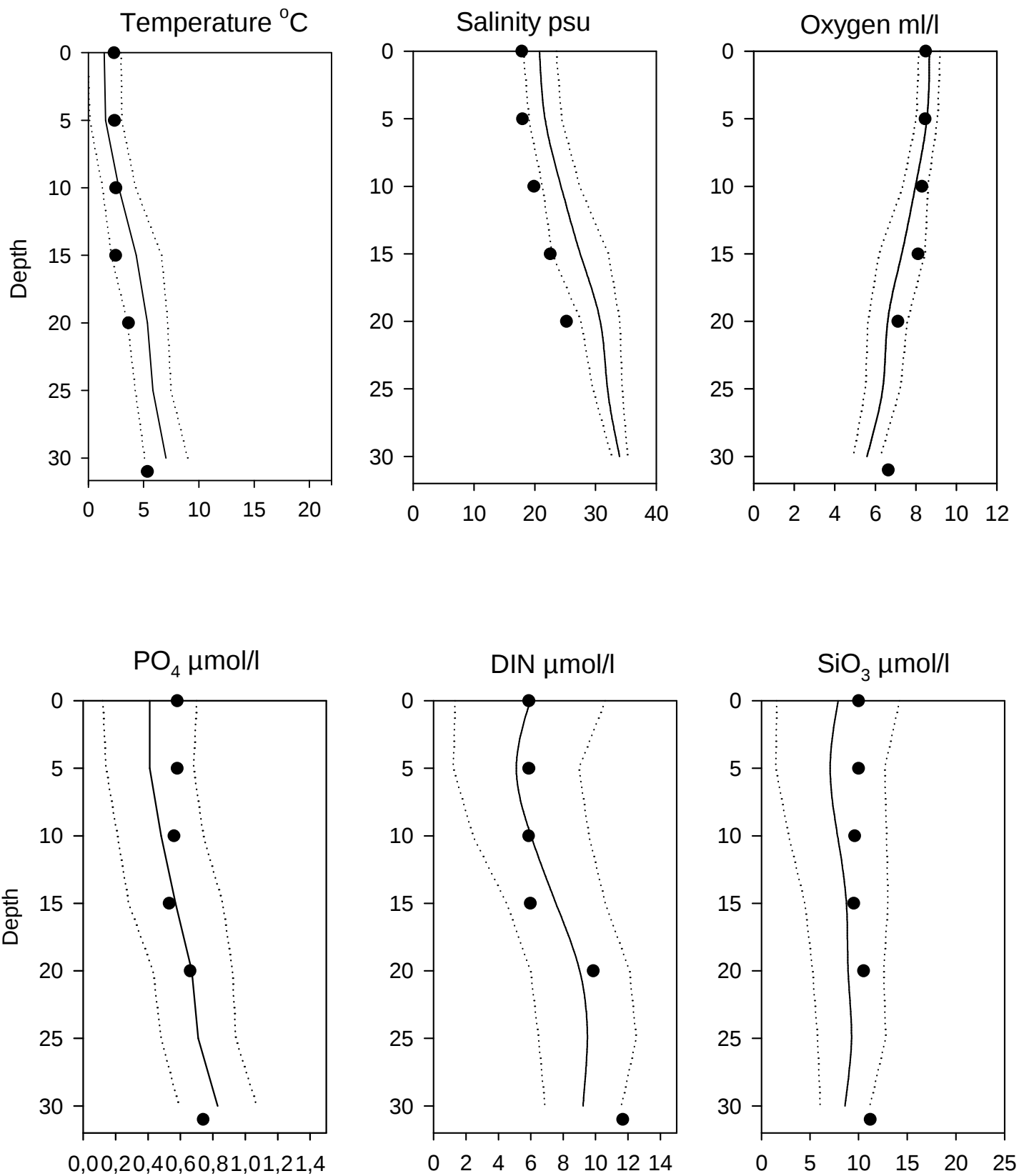


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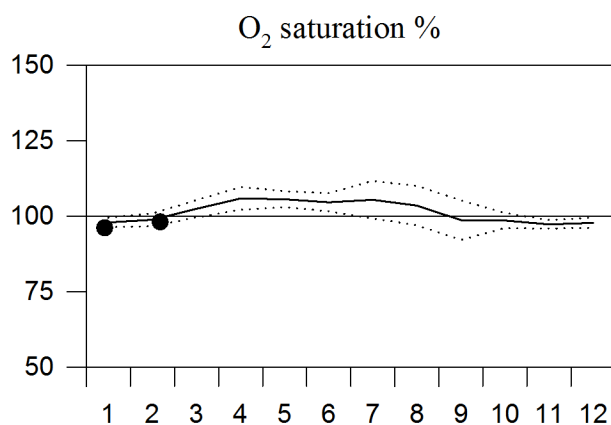
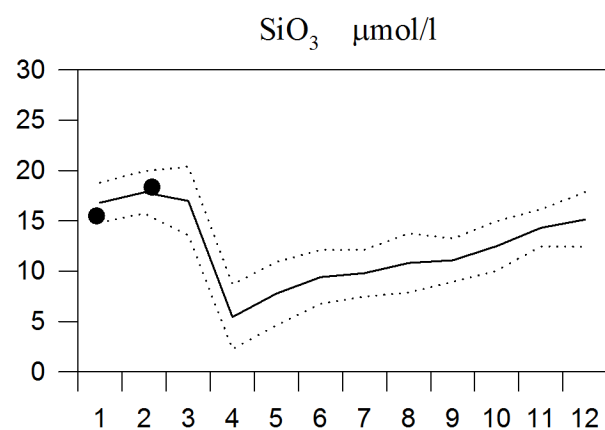
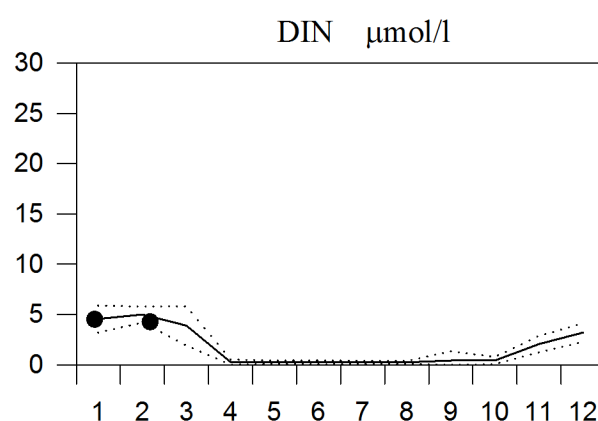
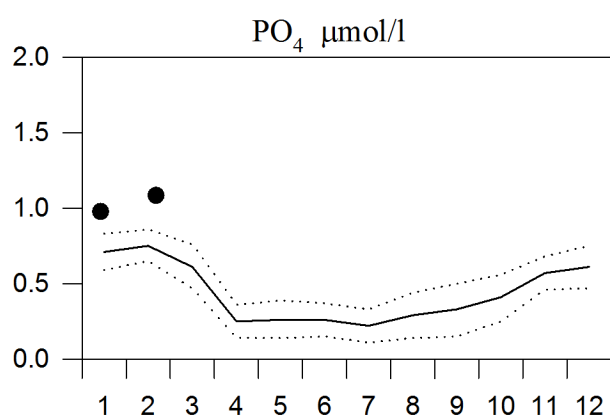
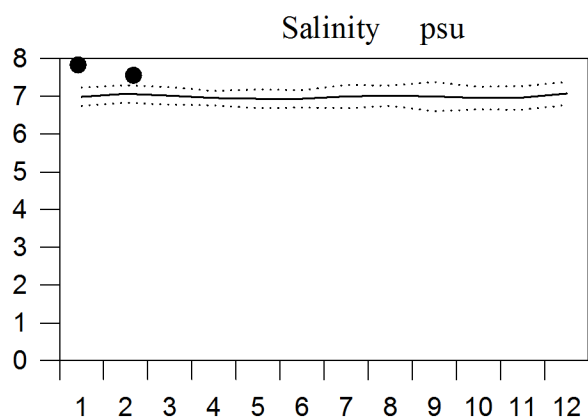
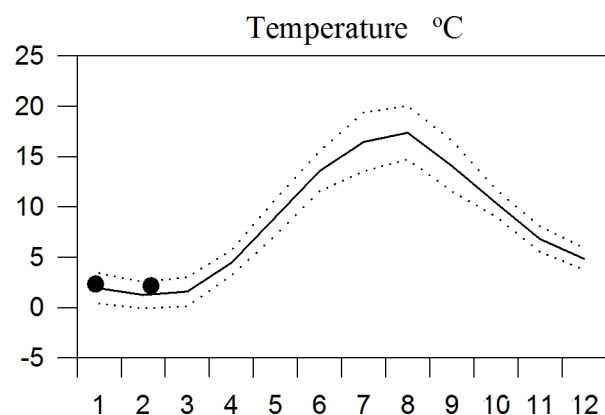
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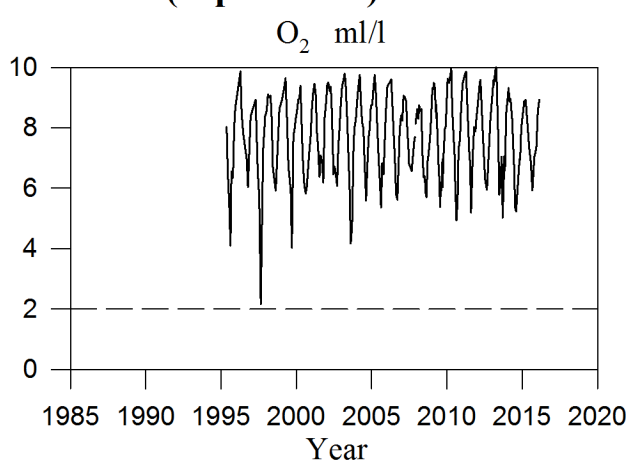
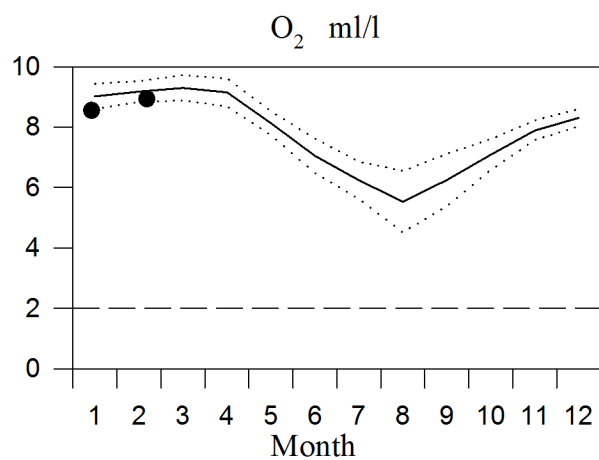
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Annual Cycles

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OXYGEN IN BOTTOM WATER (depth >15m)



Vertical profiles Ref M1V1 February

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