

CRUISE REPORT FROM R/V ARGOS

Survey period: 971110-971115

Survey area: The Skagerrak, the Kattegat,
the Sound and the Baltic Proper

Principal: SMHI

SUMMARY

The expedition was performed within SMHI's regular marine monitoring program and covered the Skagerrak, the Kattegatt, the Sound and the Baltic Proper. A special sampling program was performed in the Hanö Bight. The winds during the expedition were moderate and had most of the time a direction from between south and east. The weather was mild with an air temperature of about 8°C. The surface water temperatures were normal. The thermocline was found below 10 meters in the Kattegatt and in the Sound, and below 35-40 meters in the Baltic. The nutrient concentrations were mostly much above than the detection limit but had not reached the high winter levels. The oxygen concentrations in the Bornholm Basin were below 2 ml/l from a depth of 70m. Hydrogen sulphide was found in the deep water of the East Gotland Basin.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

The expedition, which was a part of SMHI's regular monitoring programme, commenced in Göteborg and ended in Karlskrona. The winds were moderate and the dominating direction was between south and east, at Gotland towards west. The weather was mild with a temperature about 8°C. Apart from the regular monitoring programme sampling was done in the Hanö bight according to the Hanö Bight programme.

The Skagerrak

The sea surface temperature was between 8.3 and 9.3°C. The phosphate concentrations were still low with a higher concentration at station P2 compared to the previous measurement (0.31 µmol/l). No thermocline was found and station HS5 outside the Danish coast was not stratified at all.

The Kattegatt and the Sound

The sea surface temperature was between 8.0 and 8.5°C. The water was stratified in the whole area. A pronounced halocline and thermocline was present below 10m depth in the Sound and at the Läsö Ränna. The fluorescence in the eastern Kattegatt indicated a biological activity. The nutrients concentrations were between summer and winter values. The ammonium concentration was high at Läsö Ränna, 1.3-1.4 µmol/l, and in the Sound, 1.0 µmol/l. The nitrate concentration was higher at Kullen (1.4-1.5 µmol/l) compared to the rest of the area. The lowest oxygen concentration was found at station Anholt E 20m, 3.90 ml/l (61% saturation) and Kullen 15m, 2.47 ml/l (41% saturation). In the Sound at station W Landskrona the oxygen saturation was 41% (2.47 ml/l) at 44 meters.

The Baltic Proper

The sea surface temperature was between 6.7°C at station BY29 in the north and 9.1°C in the Arkona Basin in the south. The thermocline resided between 35 and 40m in the whole Baltic Proper. The fluorescence was higher in the southern part of the Baltic Proper and at station BY39 than for the area in all. The nitrate concentrations were between 0.2 and 1.0 µmol/l, except at station BY1 where it was below the detection limit of 0.1 µmol/l. The phosphate concentrations were between 0.17 and 0.32 µmol/l, and silicate between 6.2 and 8.5 µmol/l. The oxygen concentration in the Bornholm Basin was below 2 ml/l beneath 70 meters, which implied an oxygen saturation below 28%. Hydrogen sulphide was present in the eastern Gotland Basin below 150m at the Fårö deep, 175m at the Gotland deep and at 140m at BY10.

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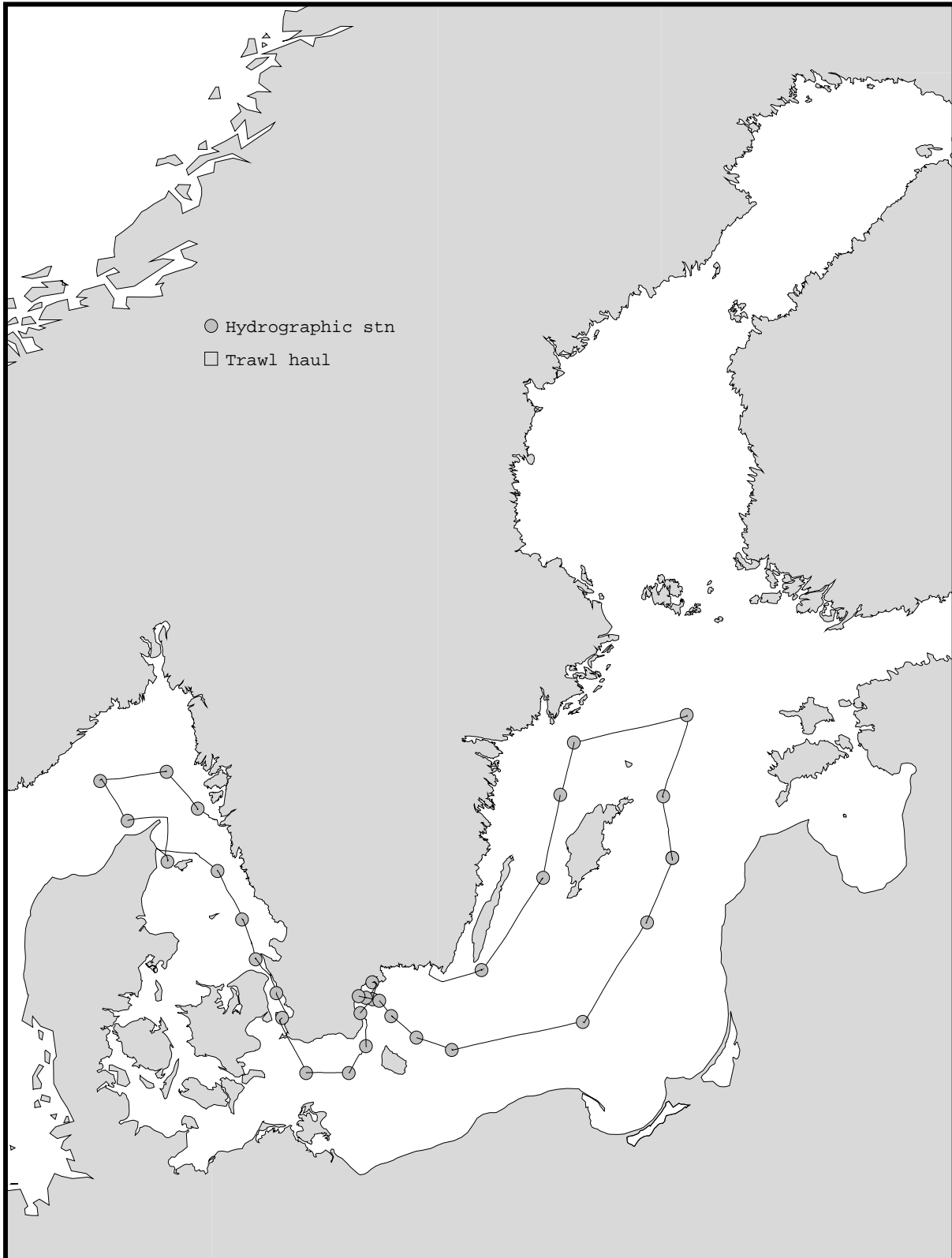
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APPENDICES

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

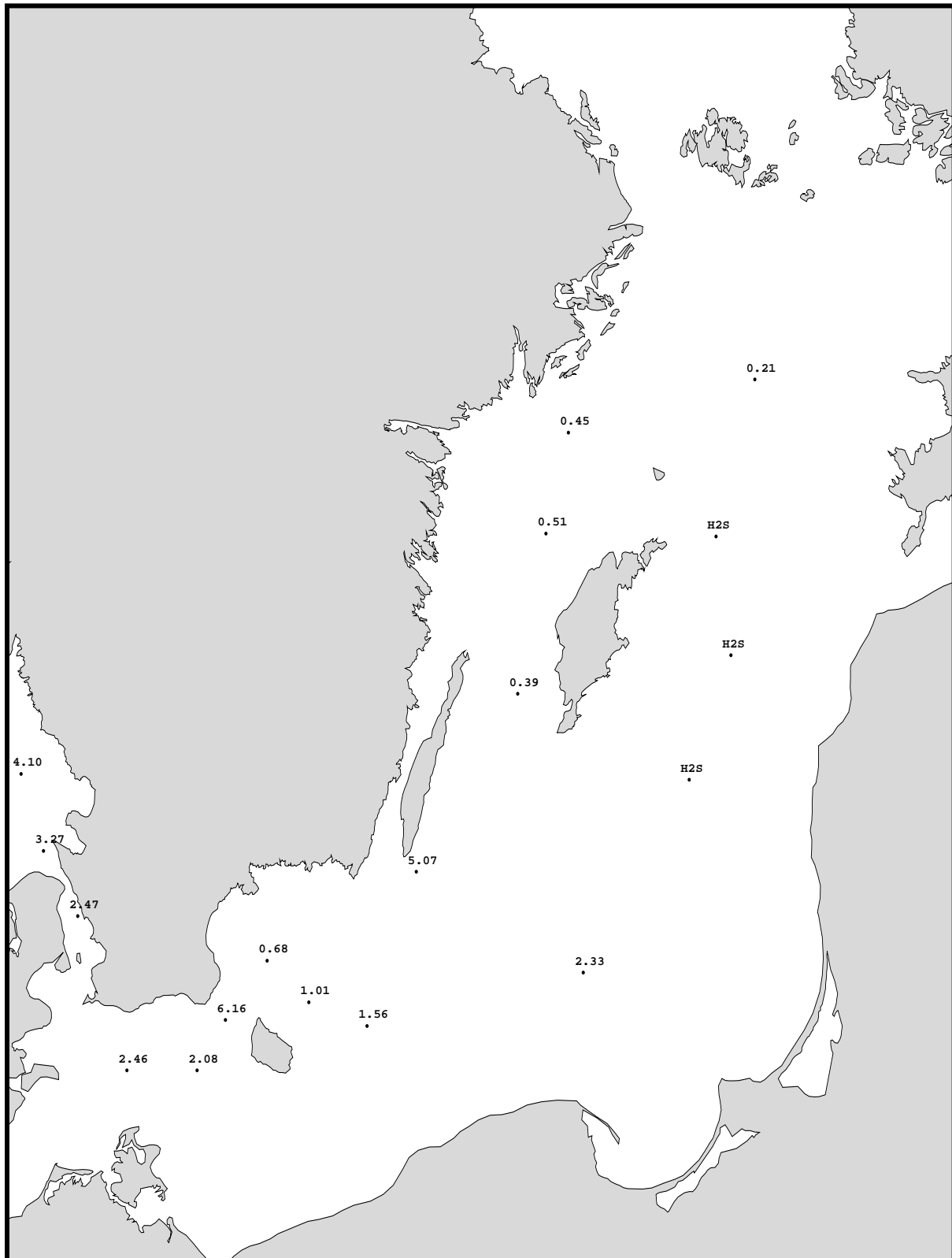
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Bottom water oxygen concentration (ml/l)

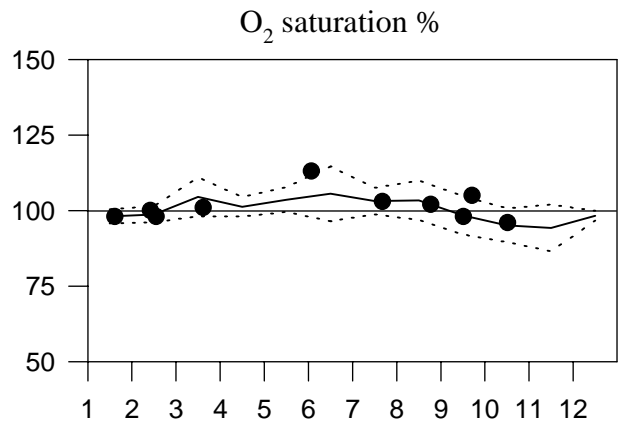
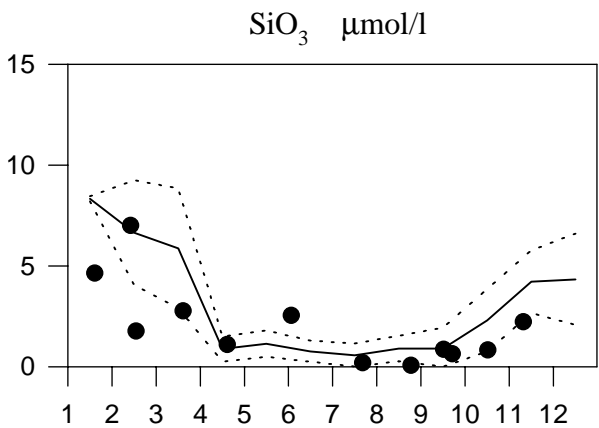
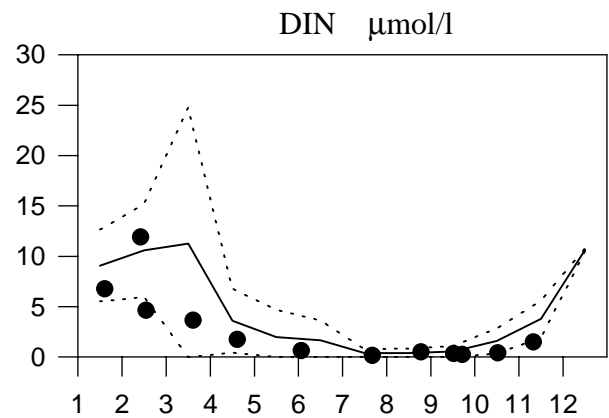
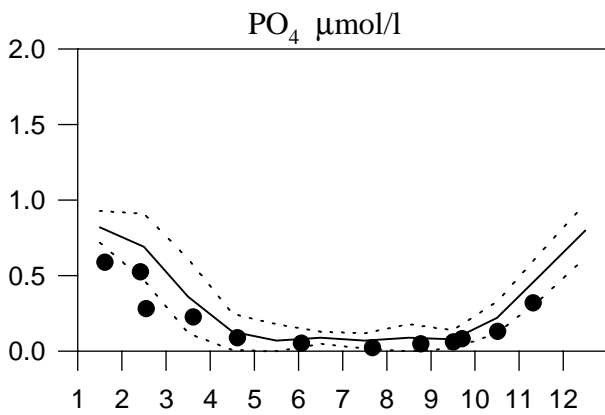
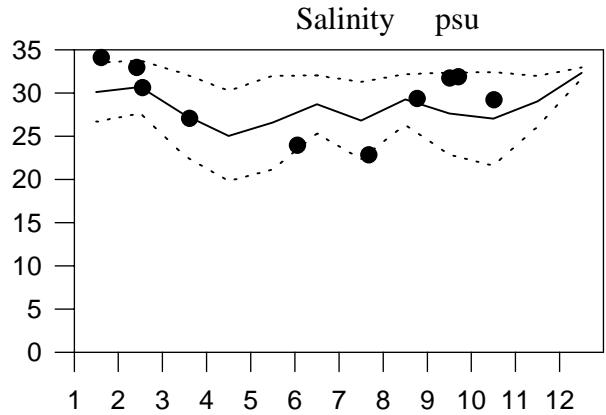
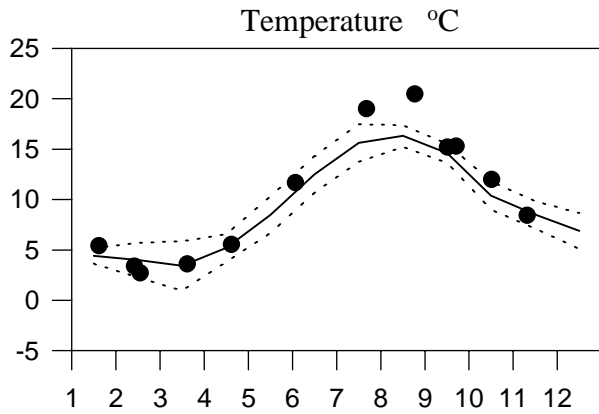
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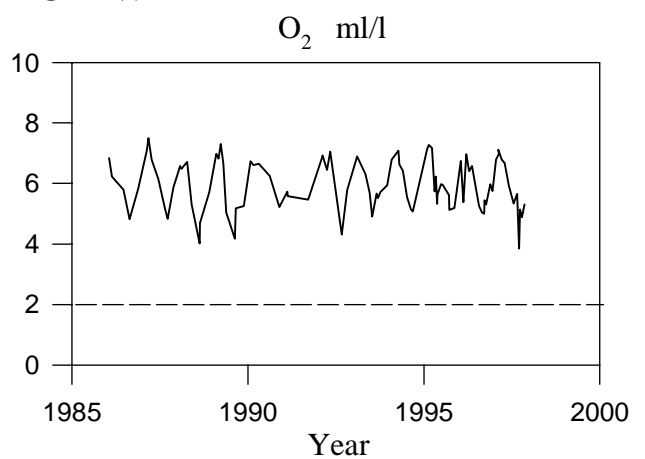
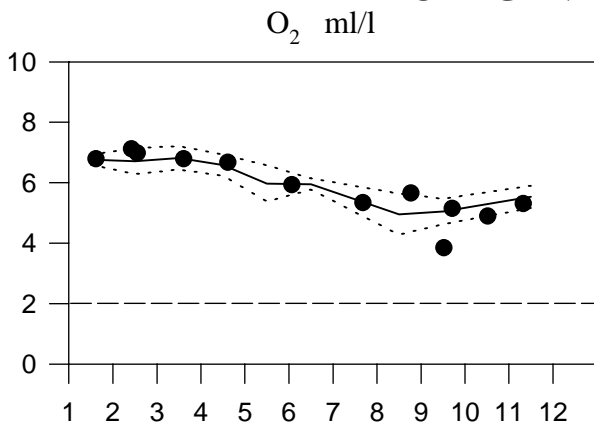
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Annual Cycles

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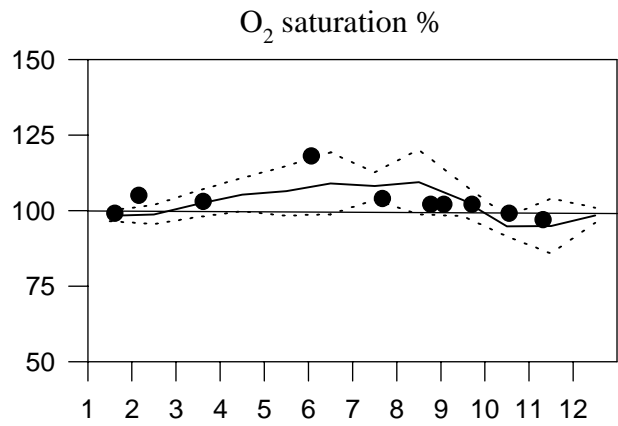
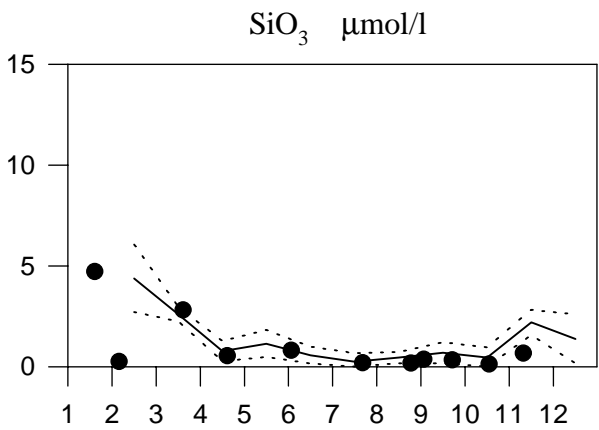
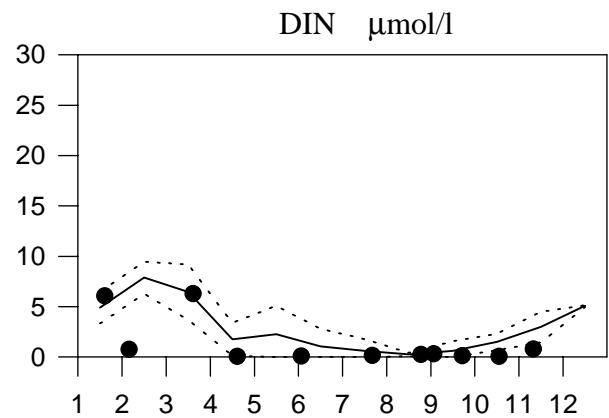
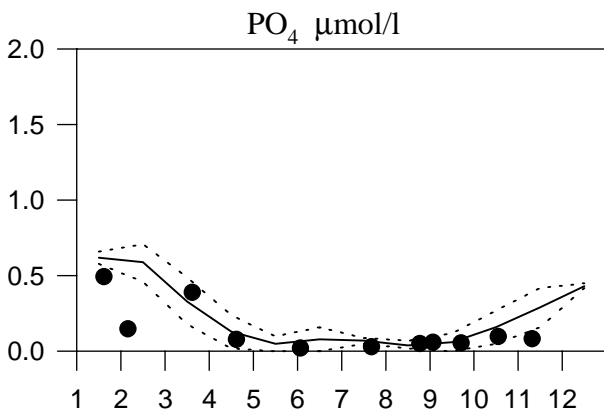
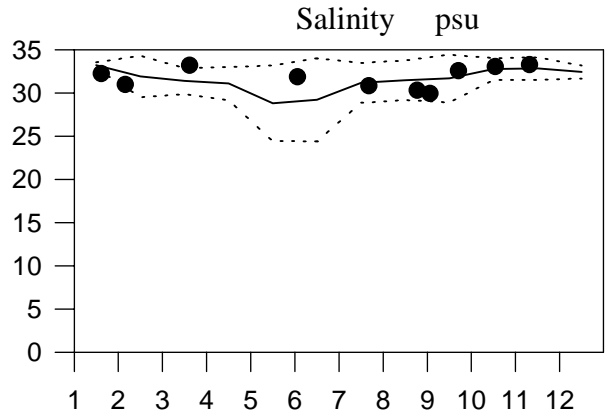
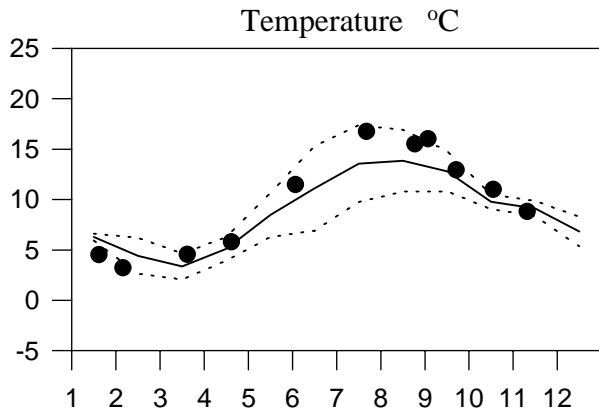
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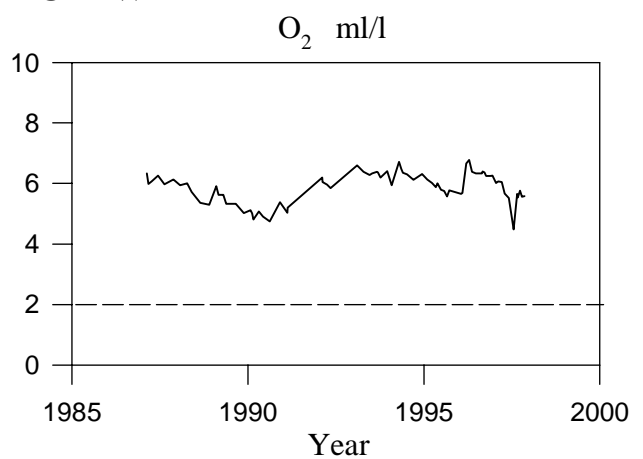
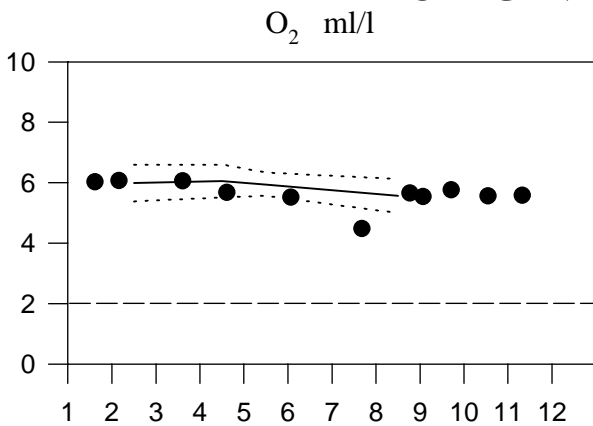
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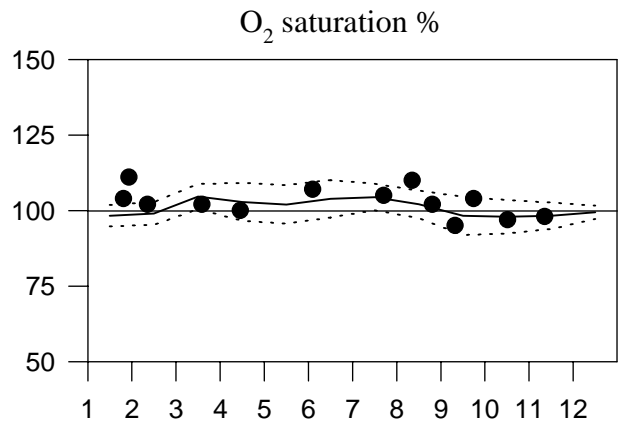
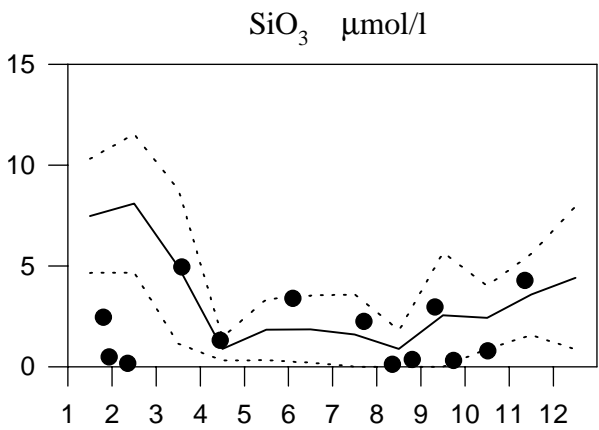
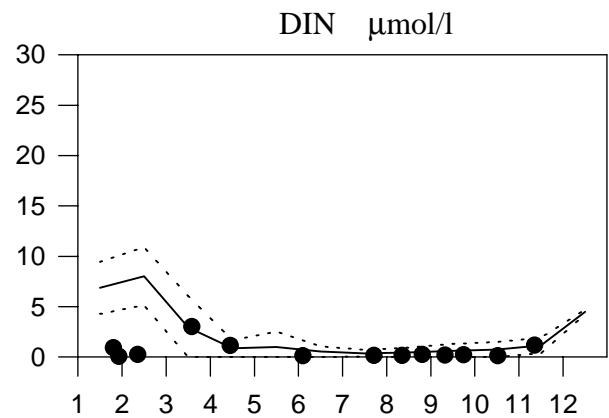
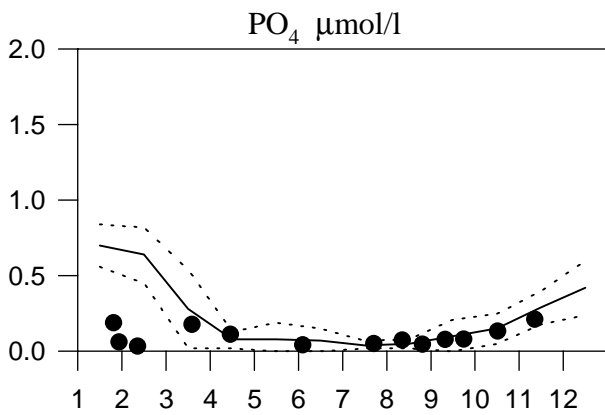
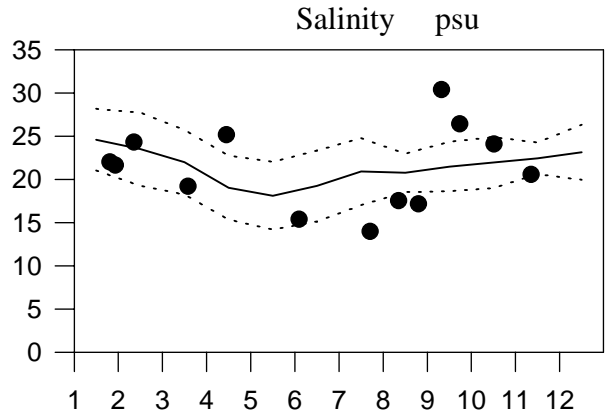
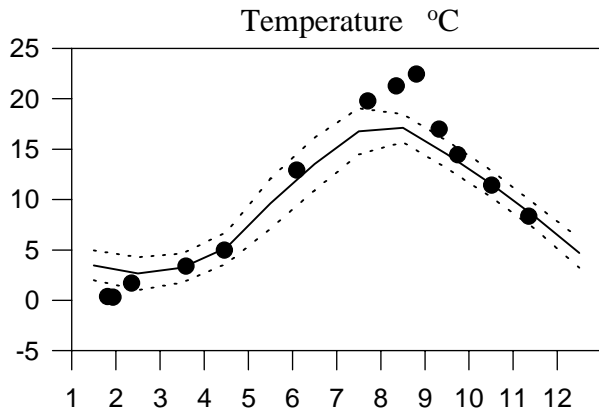
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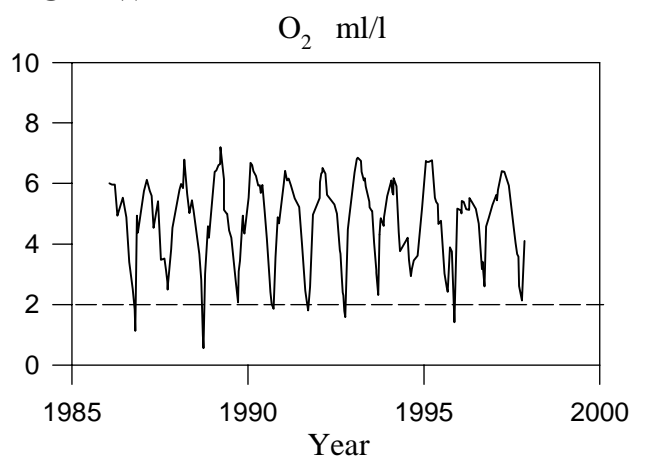
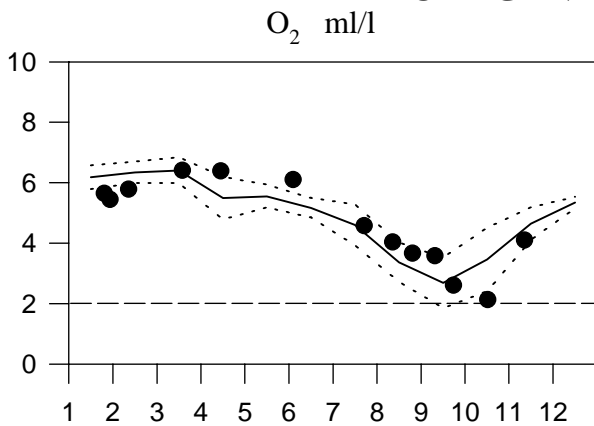
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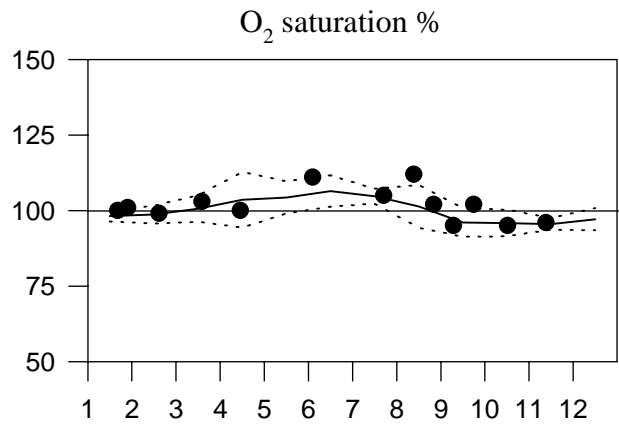
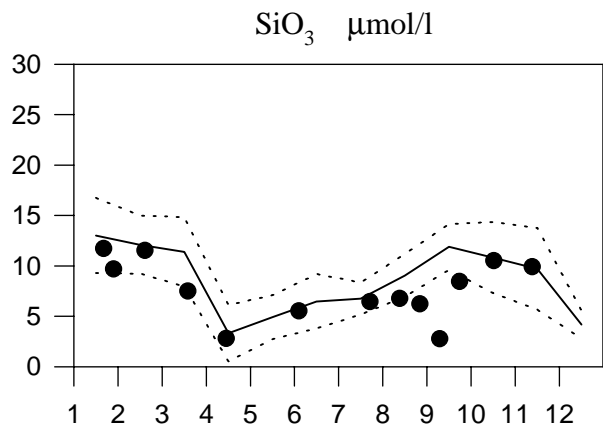
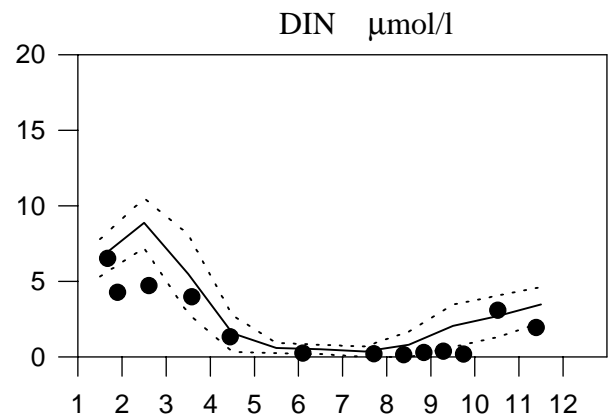
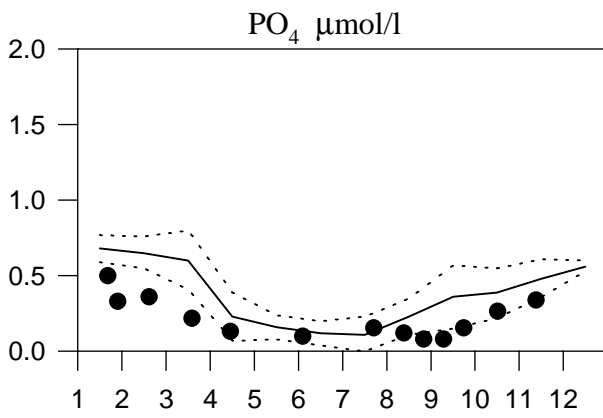
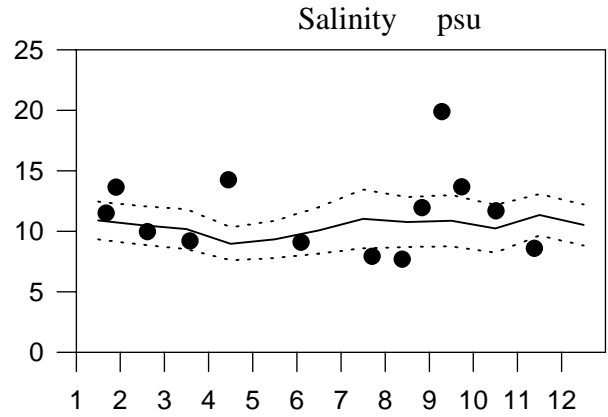
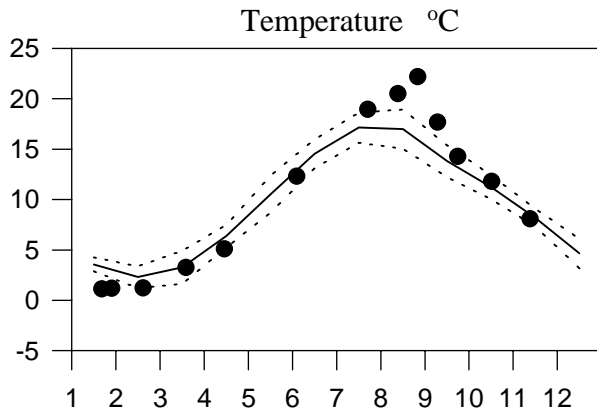
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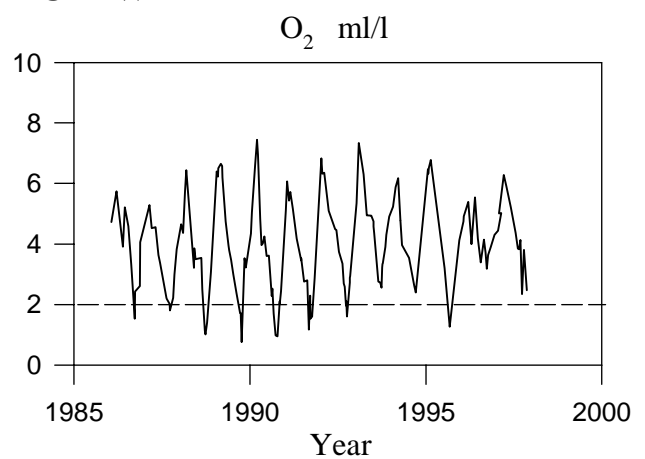
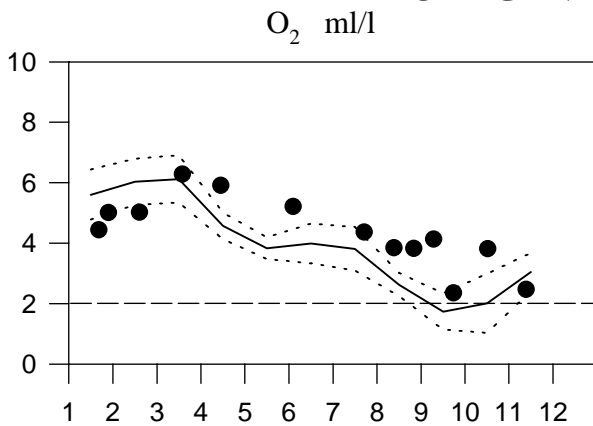
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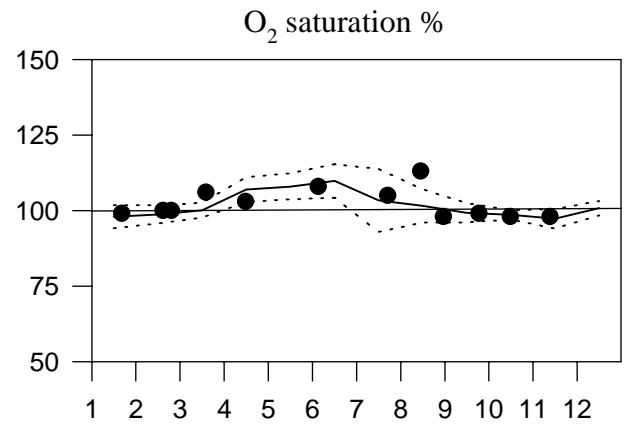
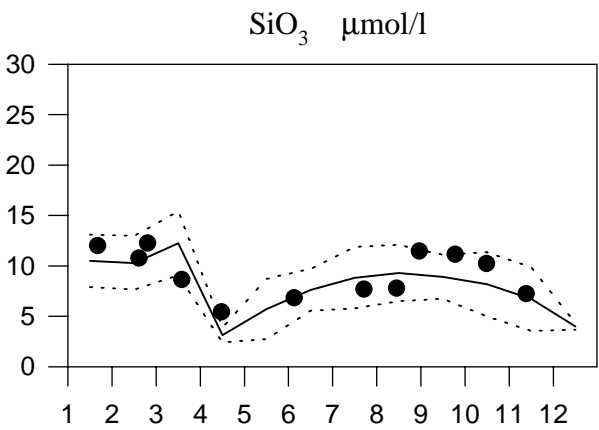
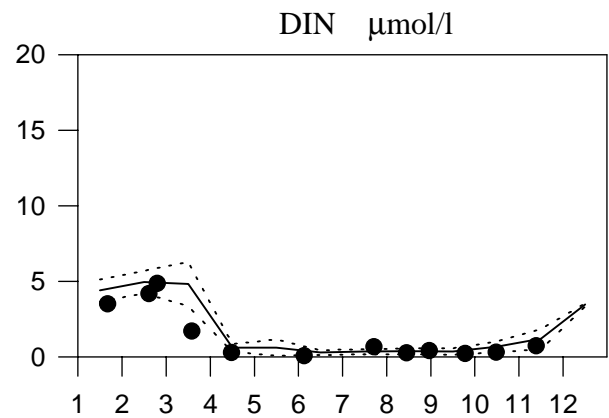
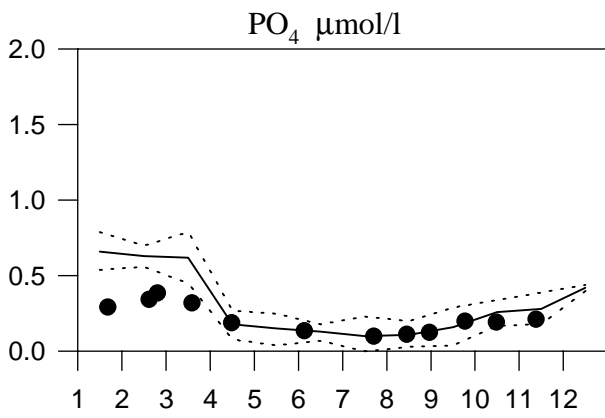
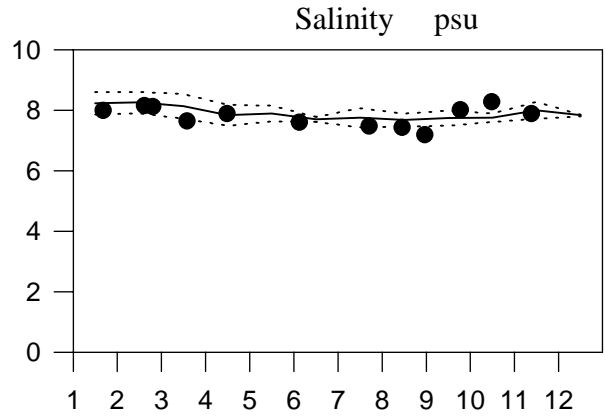
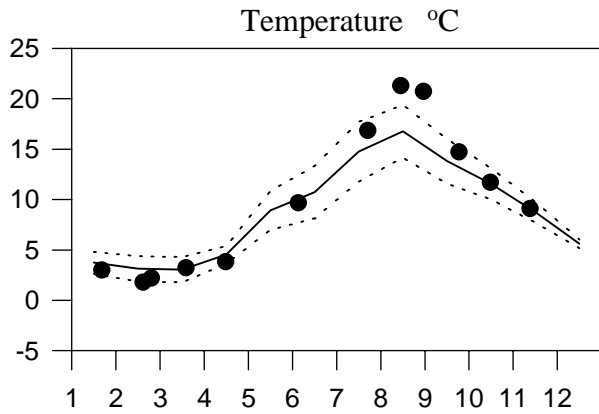
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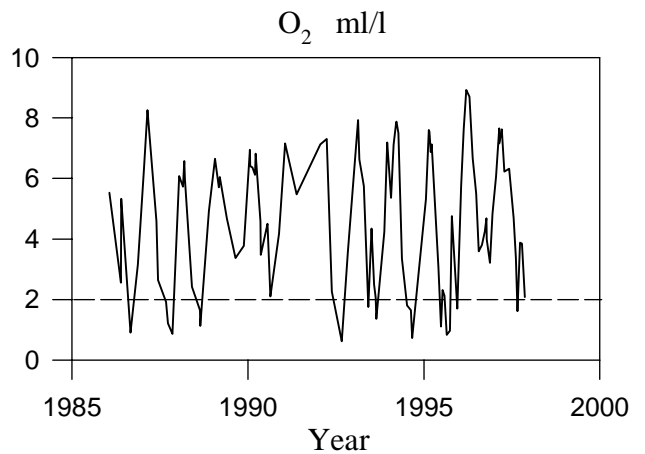
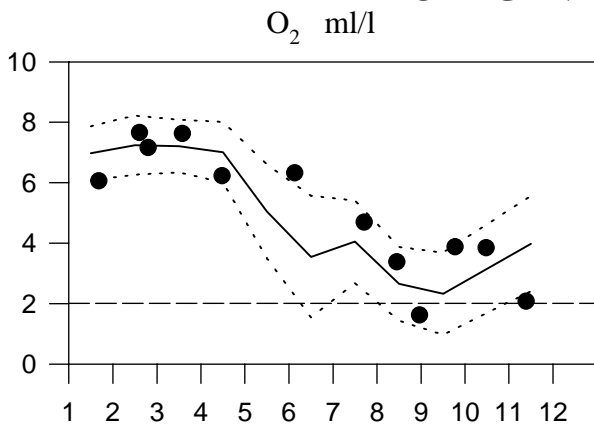
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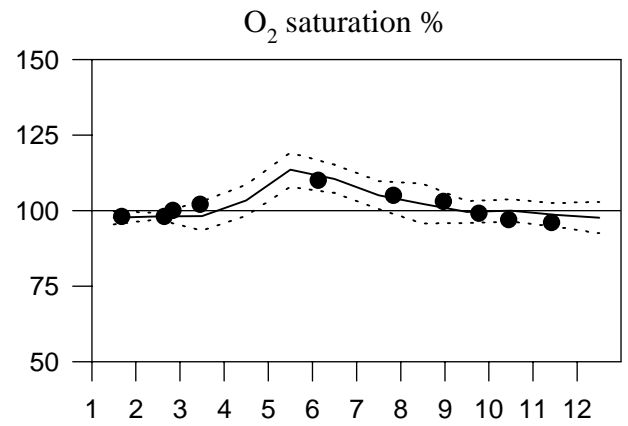
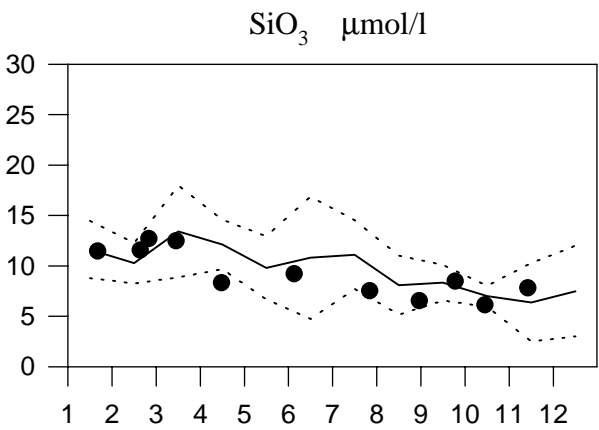
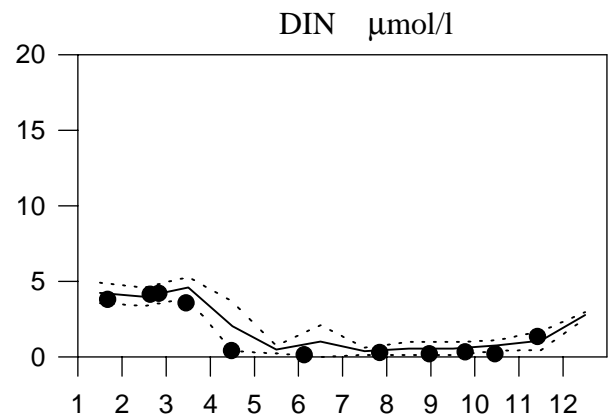
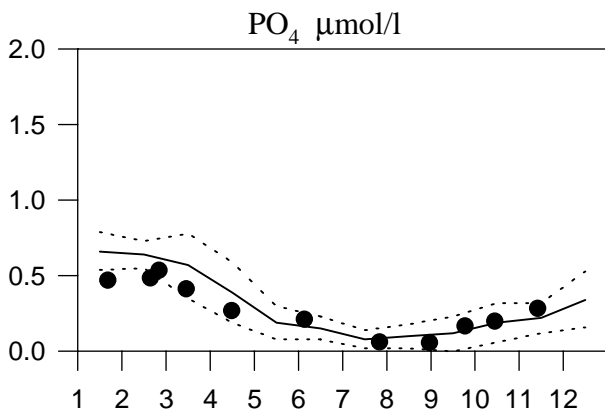
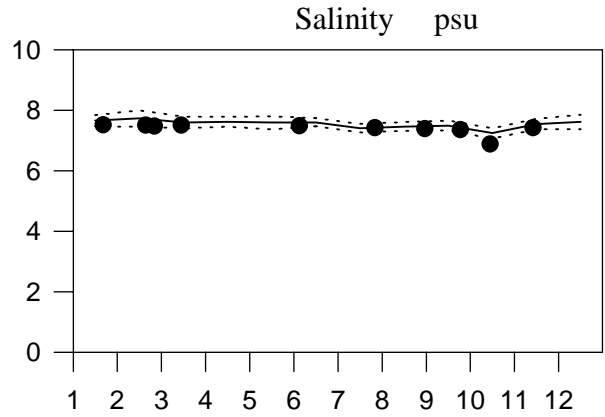
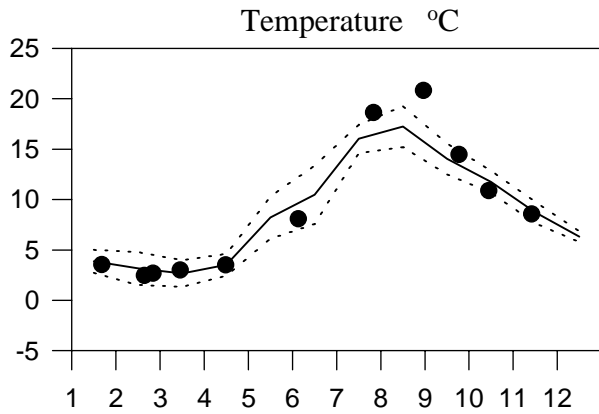
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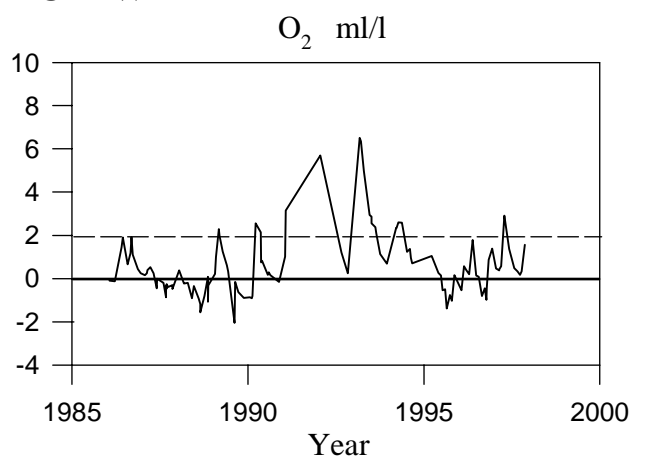
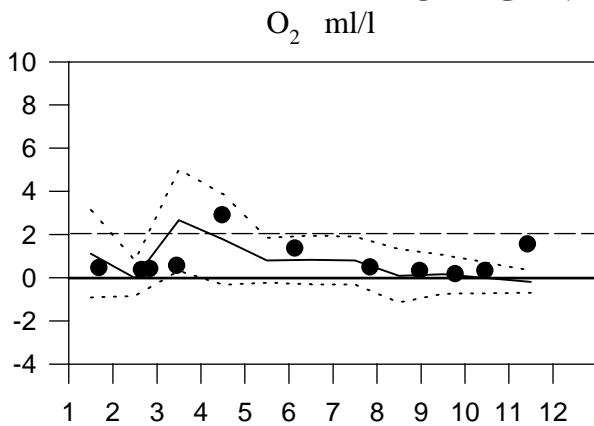
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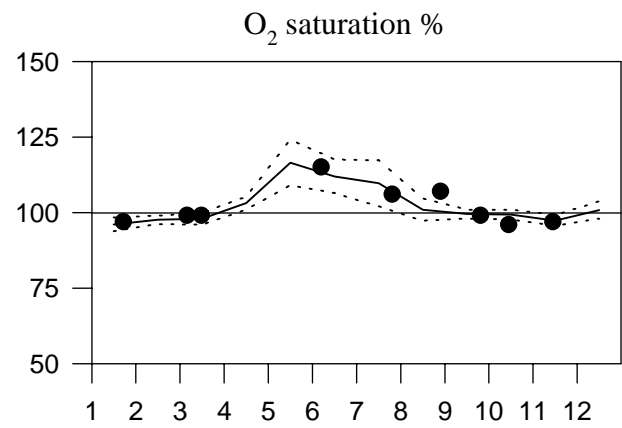
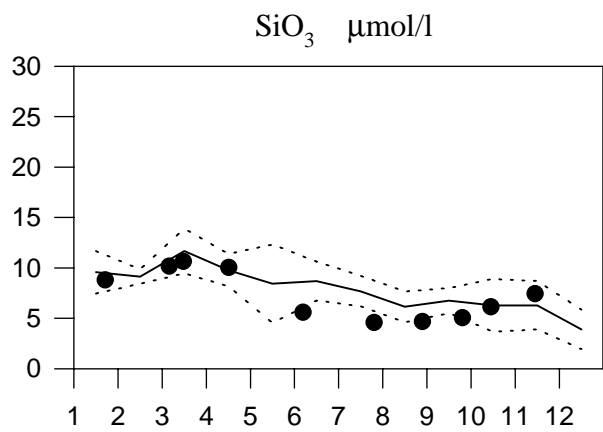
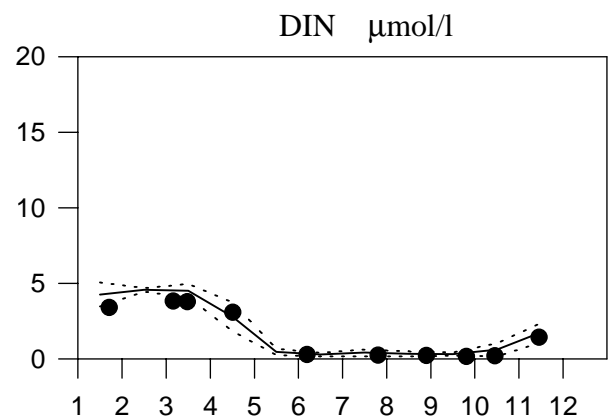
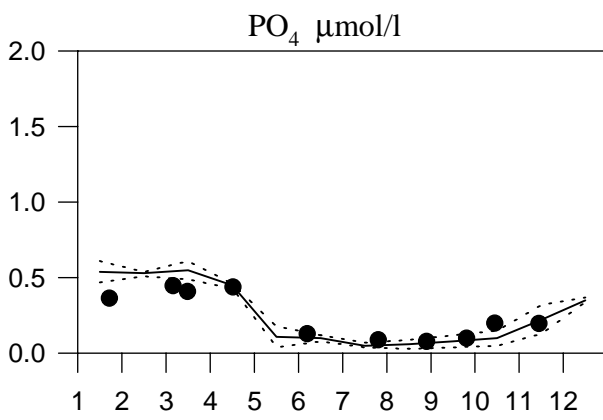
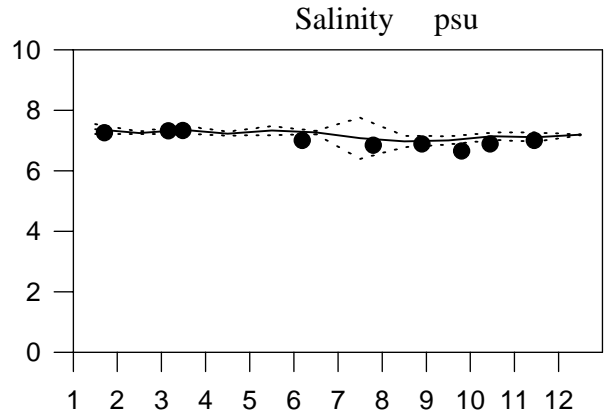
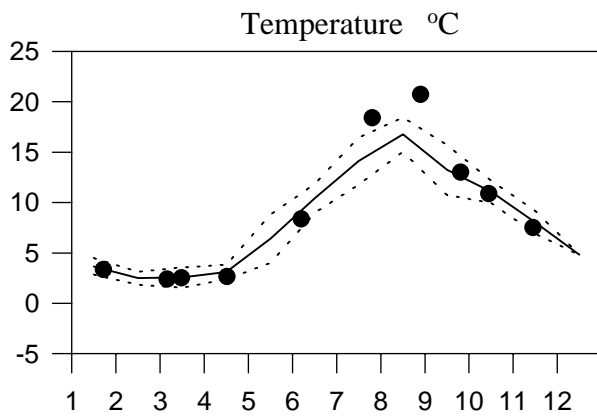
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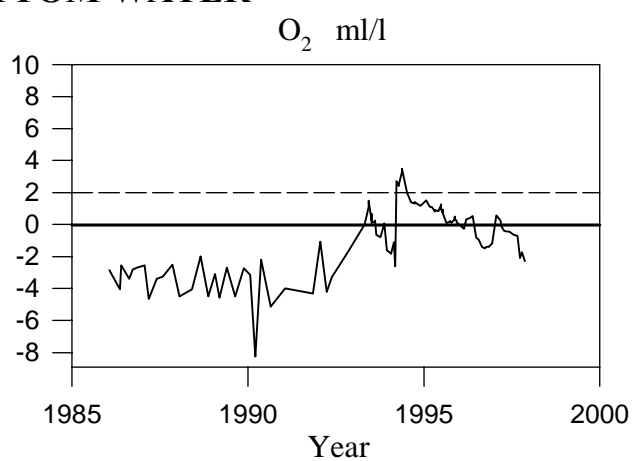
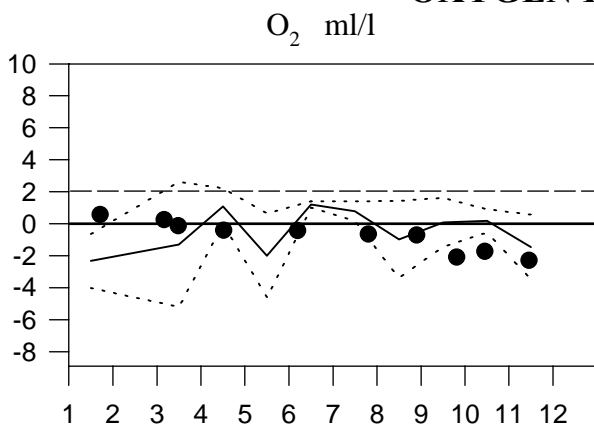
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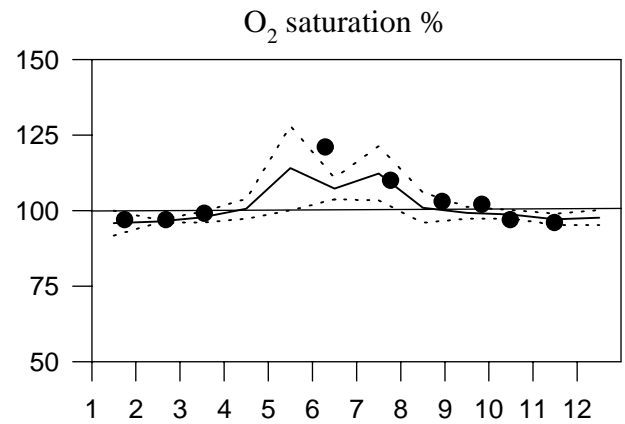
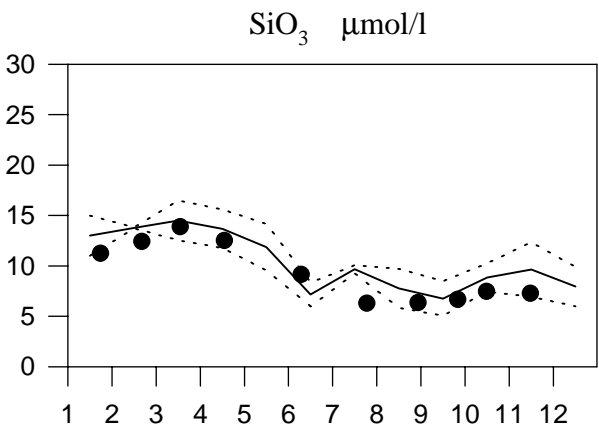
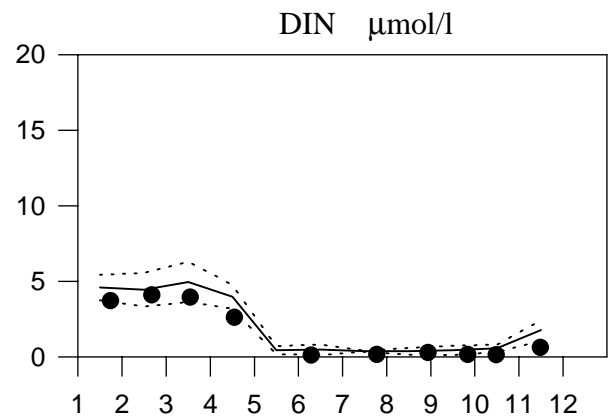
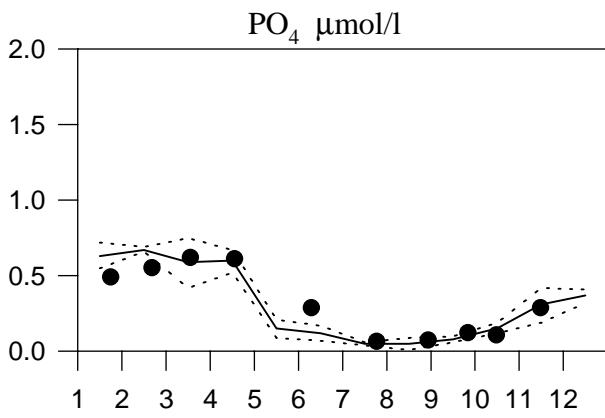
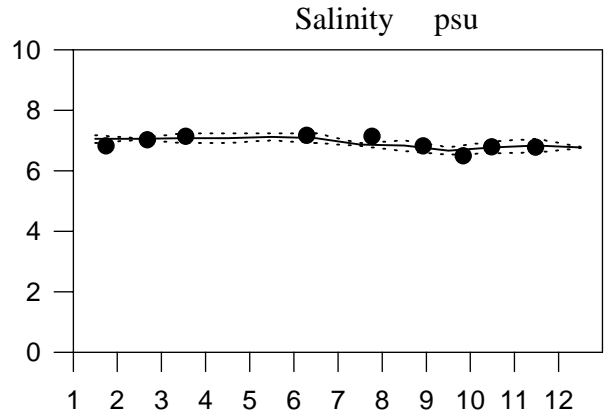
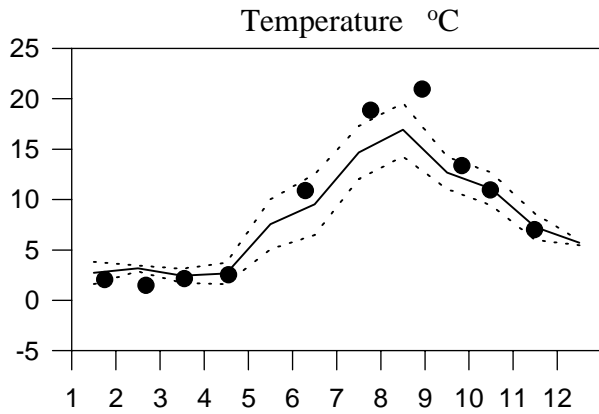
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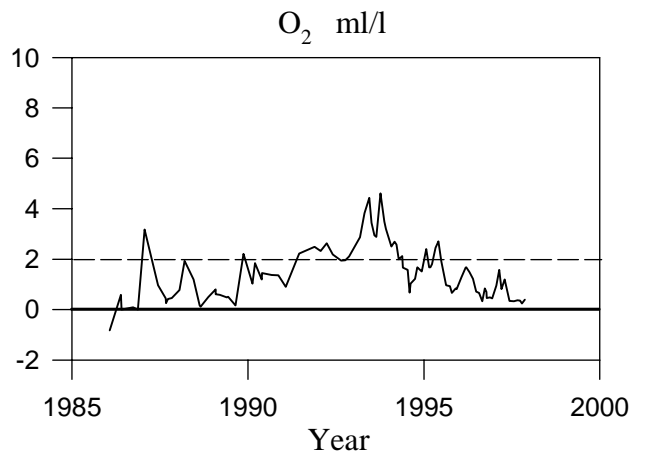
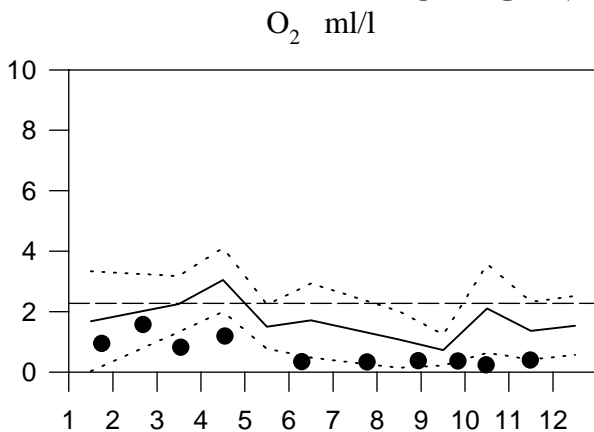
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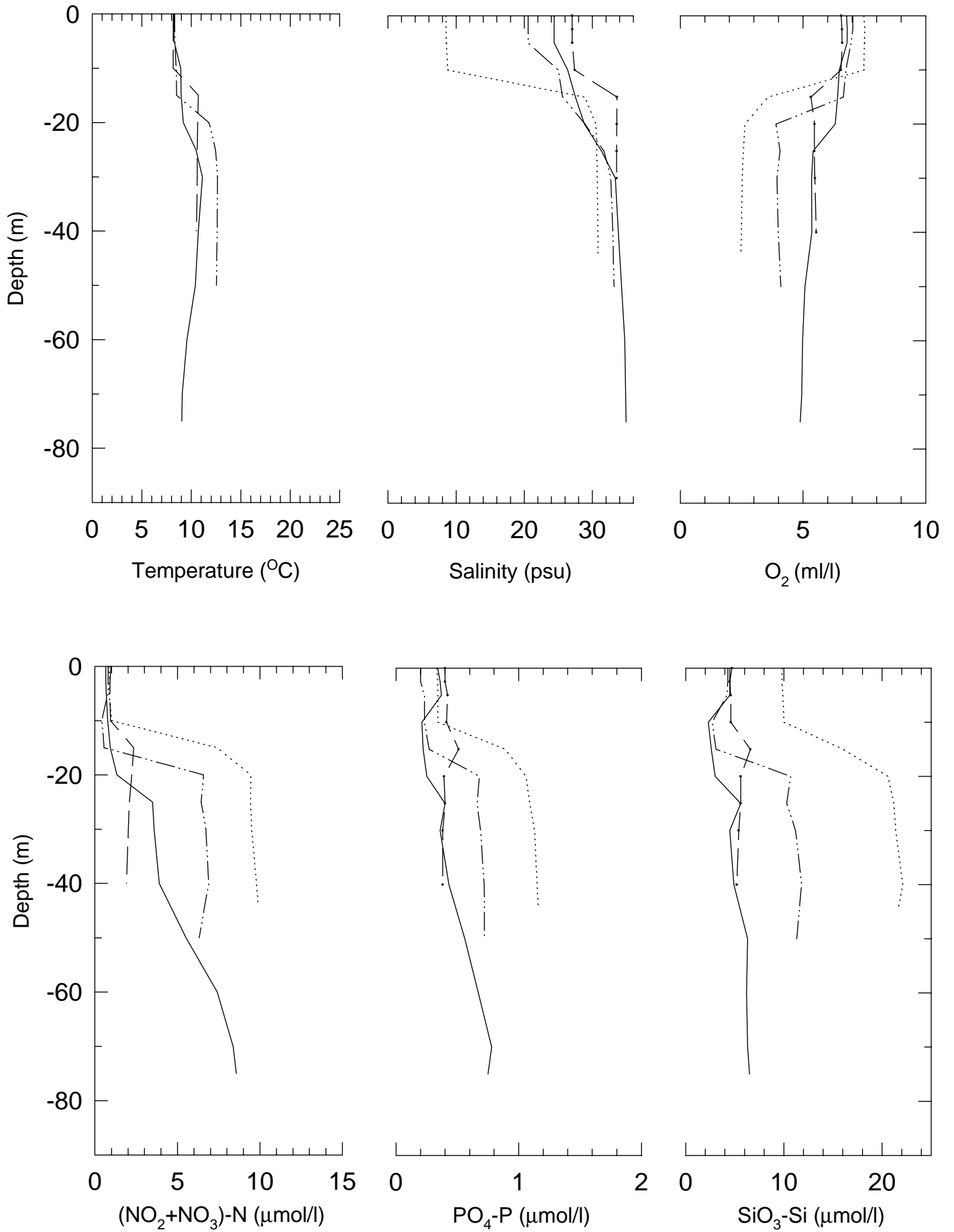


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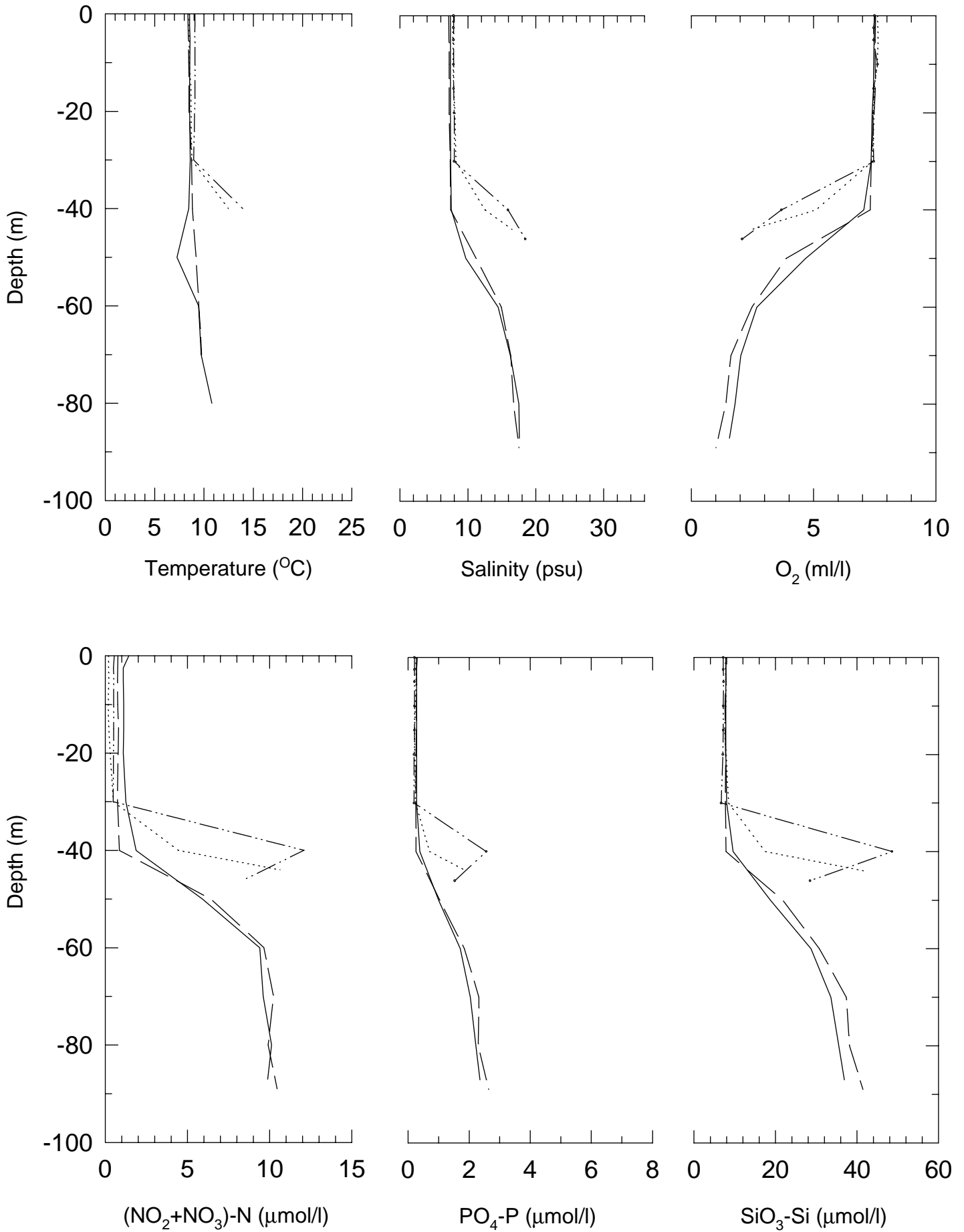
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SOUTH BALTIC week 46 -97

— BY5 - - - BY4 ····· BY2 ····· BY1



EAST BALTIC week 46 -97

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