

CRUISE REPORT



R/V Aranda

Cruise 07/2022

COMBINE 3 leg
8.8.2022 – 19.8.2022

This report is based on preliminary data and is subject to changes.

Objectives of the cruise

The objectives of the cruise were:

- 1) The objectives of the cruise were:
 - a. to monitor water hydrography and chemistry
 - b. to conduct chlorophyll *a*, phyto- and zooplankton sampling and sampling of oil in surface water and phytotoxins
 - c. to take benthic animal samples and sediment cores to monitor status of the sea bed in the Gulf of Finland
 - d. to take extra WP-2 hauls for genetic studies of the Mysids visibility and
 - e. to carry out maintenance of wave buoys of FMI in the Northern Baltic Proper and in the Bothnian Sea
- 2) Measured parameters were water temperature, salinity, conductivity, oxygen, H₂S, pH silicate and nutrients (ammonium, nitrite – nitrate, nitrite, phosphate, total nitrogen and total phosphorus).
Chlorophyll *α* samples were filtered on board to be analyzed later in laboratory.

Table 1. The scientific crew

Name	On board	Organization
Pekka Kotilainen	8.-16.8.2022	SYKE
Ilkka Lastumäki	8.-19.8.2022	SYKE
Pia Varmanen	8.-19.8.2022	SYKE
Elisa Lindgren	8.-19.8.2022	IL
Antti Räike	8.-19.8.2022	SYKE
Tanja Kinnunen	8.-19.8.2022	SYKE
Mira Granlund	8.-19.8.2022	SYKE
Olga Kovru	8.-19.8.2022	SYKE
Sirpa Lehtinen	8.-19.8.2022	SYKE
Heidi Hällfors	8.-16.8.2022	SYKE
Annaliina Skyttä	8.-19.8.2022	SYKE
Sami Rantapusa	8.-19.8.2022	IL
Maiju Lehtiniemi	16.-19.8.2022	SYKE
Okko Outinen	16.-19.8.2022	SYKE
Anne-Mari Luhtanen	16.-19.8.2022	SYKE

Cruise Route

The 1st leg

Gulf of Finland

The 1st leg of the R/V Aranda's summer cruise COMBINE 3 started from her home port, Helsinki, Tammasaari on the 8th of August 2022 at 09.00 hrs.

The first station of the cruise was 39A, where at the FINAS evaluation of the conducted sampling, analysis and data handling were conducted. Simultaneously with FINAS work safety and work ergonomics at sea were evaluated.

Northern Baltic Proper

The group of evaluators was dropped at Hernesaari, Helsinki. In the afternoon and R/V Aranda to bunker and finally headed to the west to LL transect LL12, LL15, LL17 and LL19.

Between the LL15 and LL17 the wave buoy of FMI was replaced at AALTOPI and the last station in the region was F69.

The Bay of Bothnia

The cruise headed to the Bothnian Sea, F64 and further to F33. The station SR5 in the southern part of the Bothnian Sea was sampled and then followed the stations SR3, MS6 and MS3. Stations F18 and F13 were sampled at Kvarken. The cruise continued to RR3 and to station F2. After F2 Aranda headed towards the south and the stations CVI, CV, RR6 and RR7. The southernmost station in the Bothnian Bay, BO3, was sampled in the evening on Saturday, the 13th of August. At Kvarken the stations F15 and F16 were sampled and then in the Northern part of the Bothnian Sea followed US7, US6b and US5b. Further in the south F26 was sampled before the maintenance of the wave buoy at AALTO_SM. After the maintenance the cruise headed to MS9 and SR8 and SR7 stations.

Archipelago Sea

The last part of the 1st leg was the transect in the Archipelago, namely the stations IU1, IU3, IU5 and IU7. The first leg ended up outside Hanko on the 16th of August 2022 at 14.00.

Partial exchange of the scientific crew was carried out by using the MOB boat, in order to avoid mooring time and the port cost.

The 2nd leg

Gulf of Finland

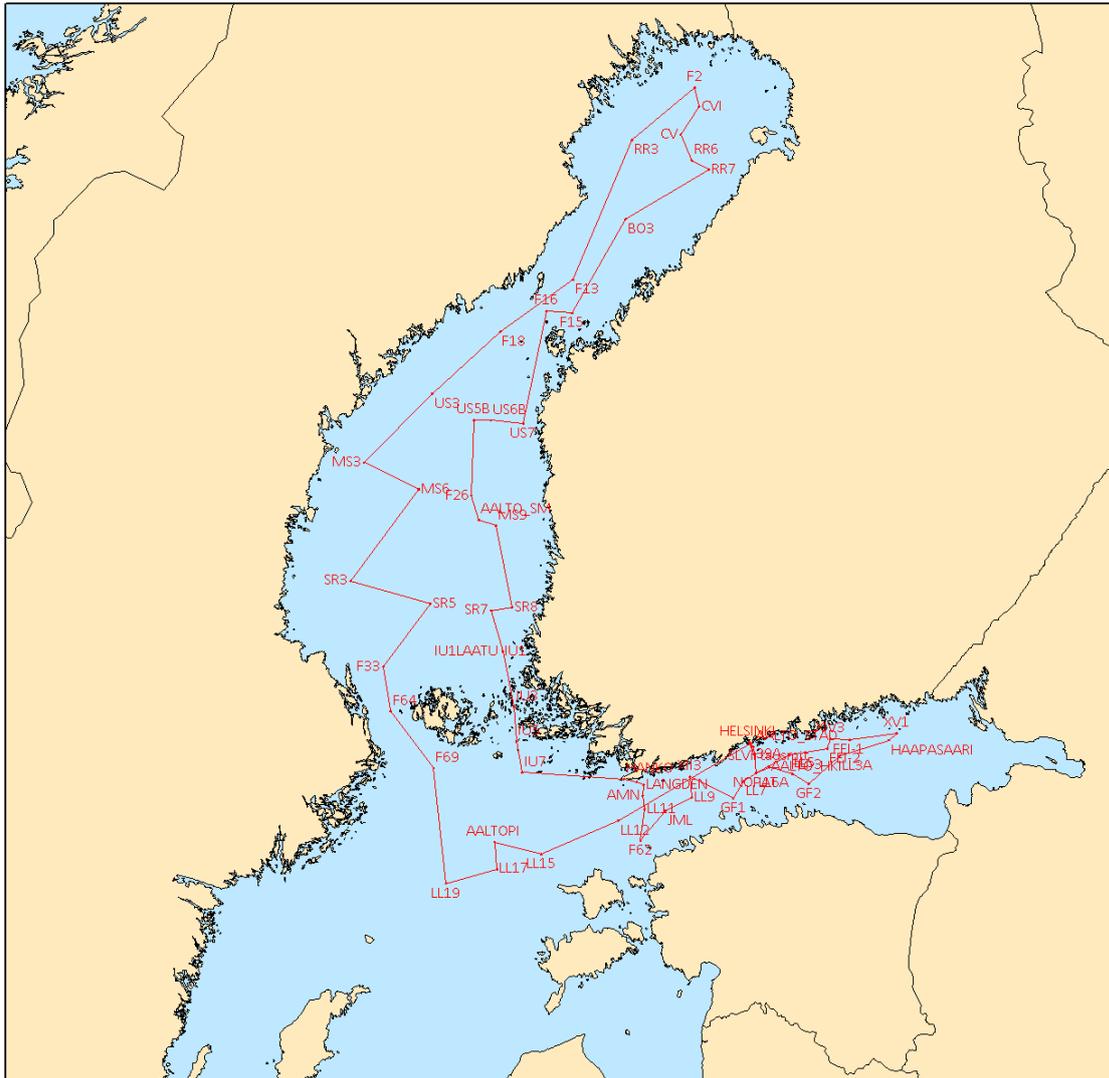
The 2nd leg of the R/V Aranda's summer cruise COMBINE 3 started from Hanko the 16th of August 2022 at 15.00 hrs after the partial crew change with the MOB boat was finalized.

The second leg sampled stations in the Gulf of Finland only. UUS-23

The first station sampled was AMN, then LL11, F62, JML and LL9 in the western part. The cruise continued to XII3, GF1, LL7, LL6A in the middle of the Gulf. After those wave buoy was taken up and its maintenance work was conducted. The cruise continued towards eastern Gulf of Finland with samplings at stations LL5, GF2, LL3A, HAAPASAARI, XV1, FEI-1, XIV3, FEI-2 and FEI-3.

After sampling at those routine monitoring stations were completed we pumped 6 cubic meters of sea water to plastic containers to be taken to Marine Research Laboratory in Viikki, Helsinki. The last stop was at the Suomenlinna wave buoy which was taken up, cleaned and deployed again.

The cruise ends in Helsinki on 19 August at 11 hrs.



Cruise route

Conclusions

Northern Baltic Proper

Hydrography

Water column was anoxic below 70m depth and measured H₂S concentrations were higher than the long-term (in August 2000-2021) averages.

Nutrients

Observed dissolved nutrient concentrations were above the summer average (2000-2020), especially in the deep layers, but the total nutrient concentrations at the level, which is typical for the season (August).

Bothnian Sea

Hydrography

Salinity values were at the average level (2000-2020). Low oxygen concentrations were observed, especially in deep waters. Oxygen demand has increased in deep waters, probably due to extensive algal blooms in 2020. Still, observed oxygen saturation was over 50%.

Nutrients

High nutrient concentrations were observed especially in deep layers and even silicate concentrations were at some stations well above the average (2000-2020).

Kvarken

Hydrography

Some upwelling had probably taken place recently in the area, as observed temperatures were lower than in average, especially below the productive layer. Observed salinity was slightly higher than in average, too.

Nutrients

In general, low nutrient concentrations were observed in the productive layer, but they were higher than in average of the region.

Bothnian Bay

Hydrography

Observed temperature, salinity and oxygen levels were typical for the region and season.

Nutrients

Observed dissolved nutrient concentrations were at many stations higher than the long-term average concentrations, but still at low level and very close to the limit of quantification. Development of nutrient concentrations in the region should be followed up.

Archipelago Sea

Hydrography

A slight increase in salinity and oxygen was observed.

Nutrients

Somewhat higher concentrations of dissolved nutrients were observed in the northern part of the Archipelago, but no remarkable changes were detected.

Gulf of Finland

Hydrography

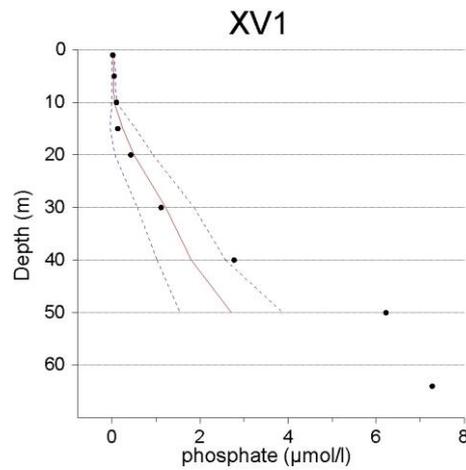
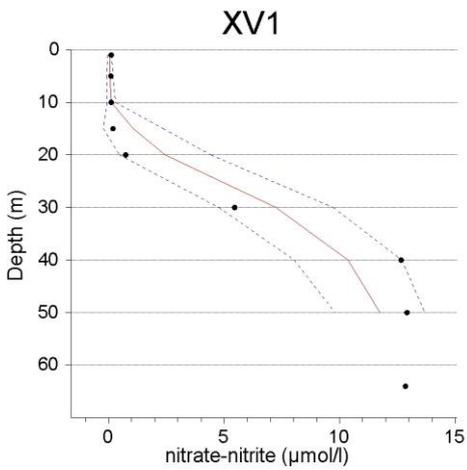
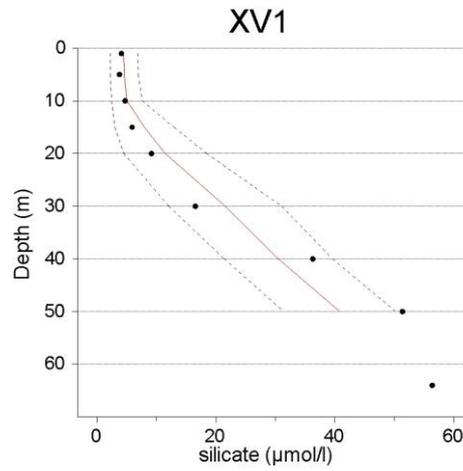
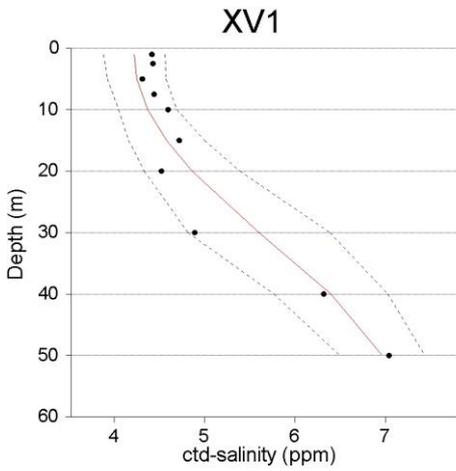
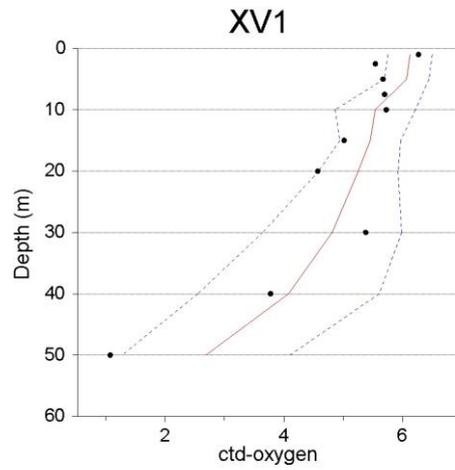
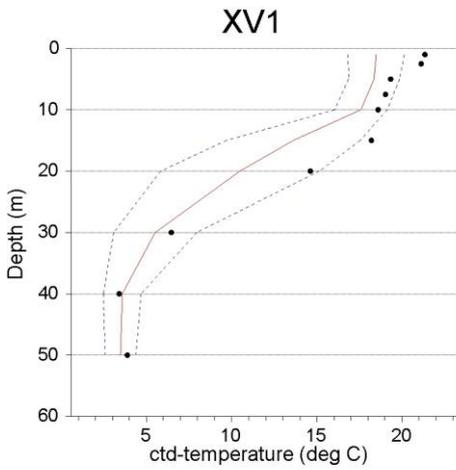
Oxygen was depleted in major parts of the Gulf of Finland.

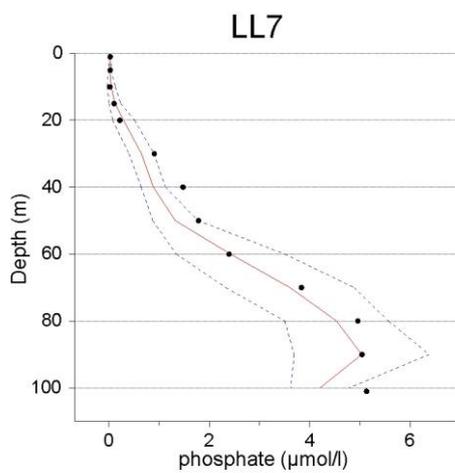
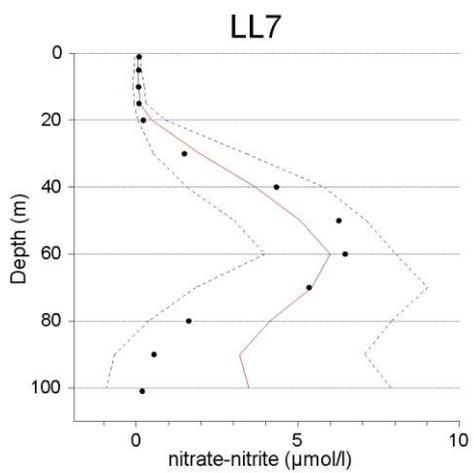
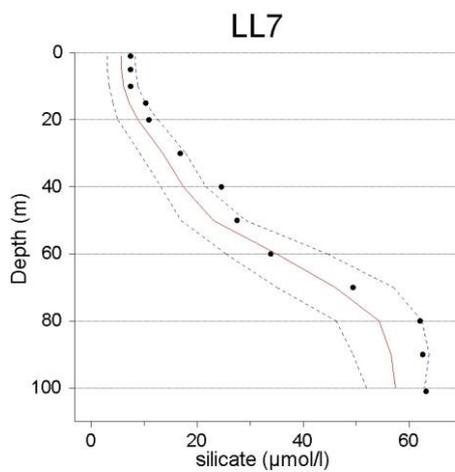
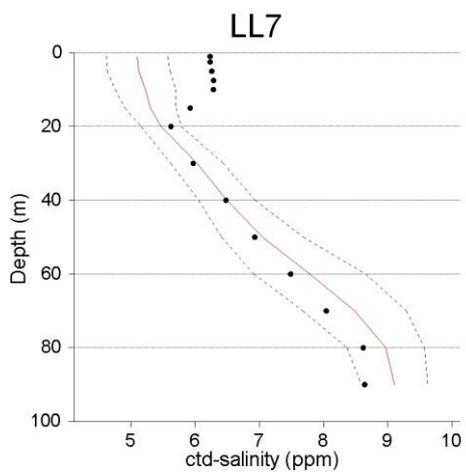
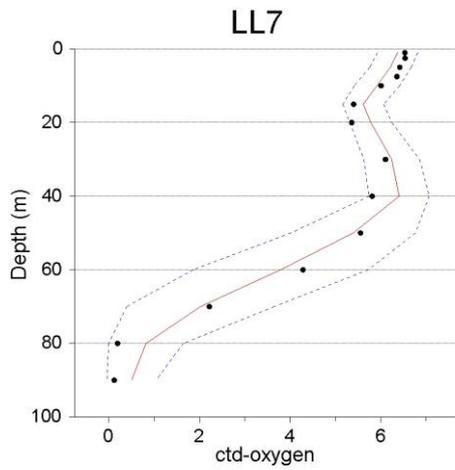
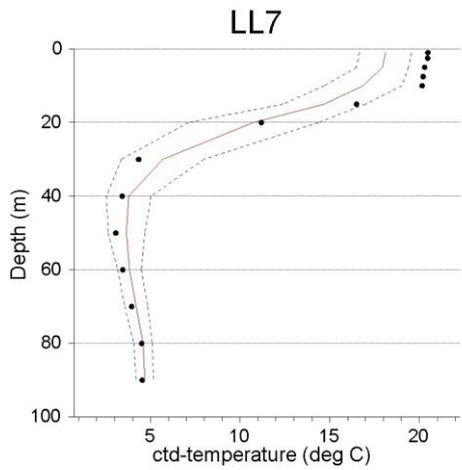
Nutrients

Phosphate concentrations were higher than the long-term average concentrations. In the eastern Gulf of Finland phosphate concentration close to the bottom were higher than ever before (measurements done over 60 years).

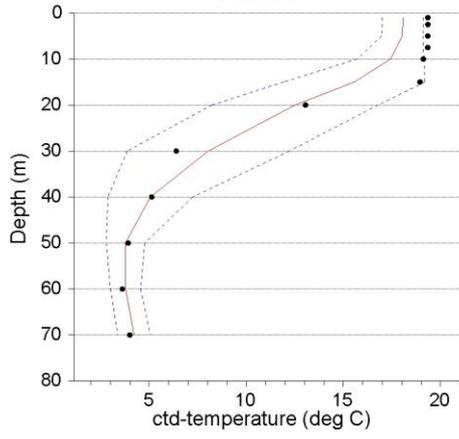
Observations

Annex 1. Selected variables at the stations XV1, LL7, LL12, LL17, F64, SR5, US5B, BO3 and F2. Mean (red solid line) and standard deviation (blue dotted lines) represent the data collected at the same time of season since the year 2000.

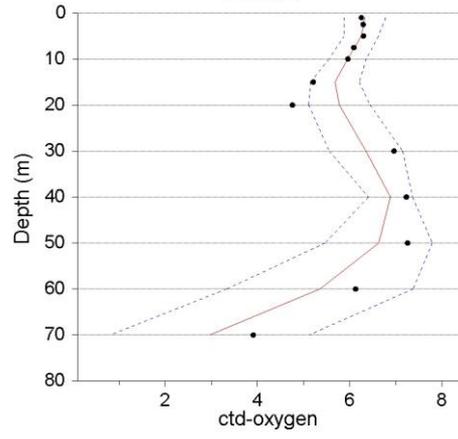




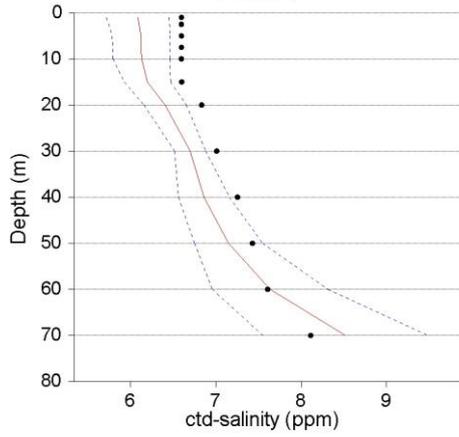
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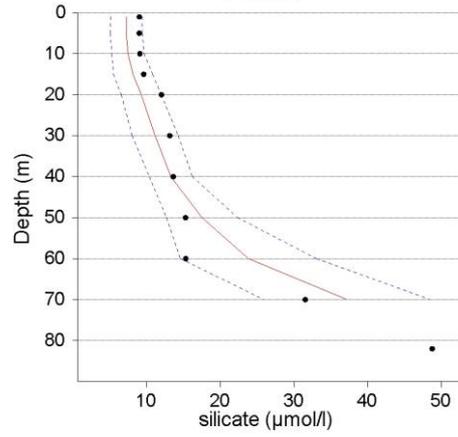
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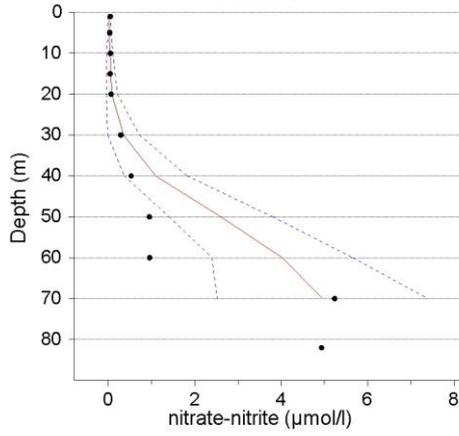
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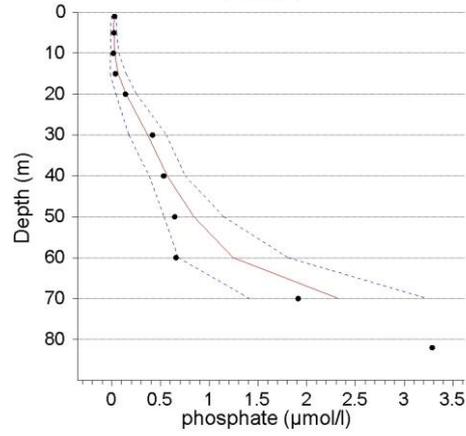
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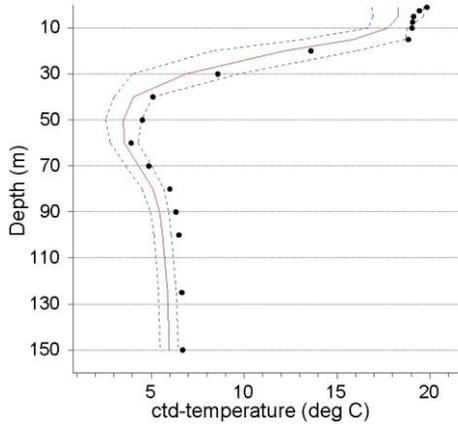
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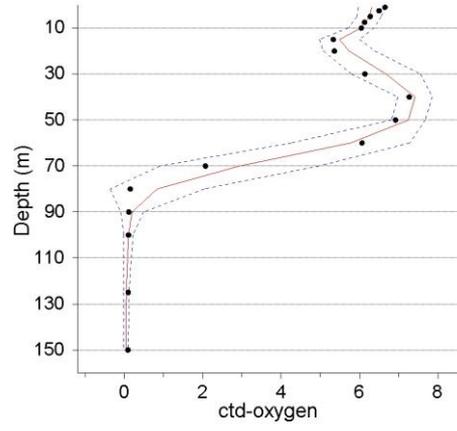
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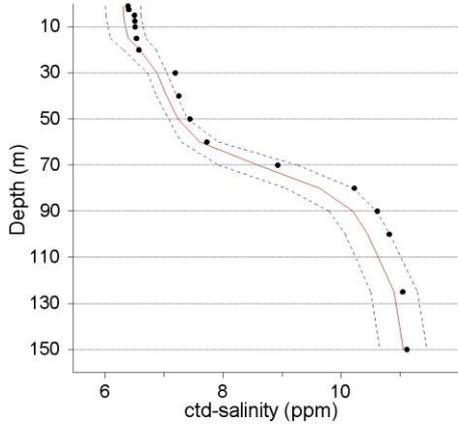
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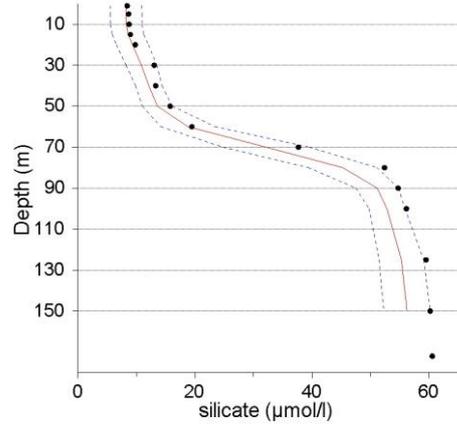
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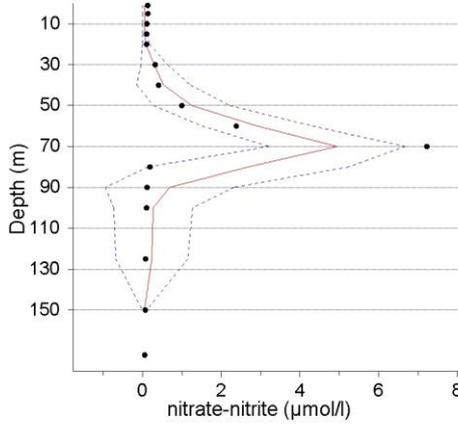
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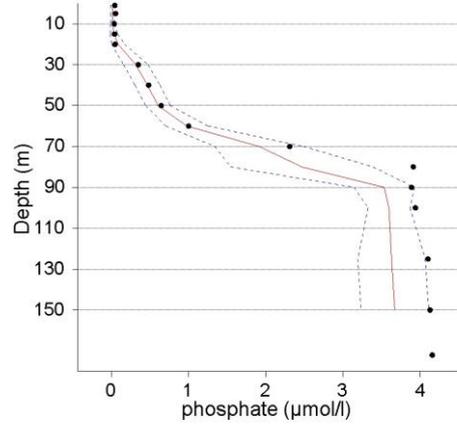
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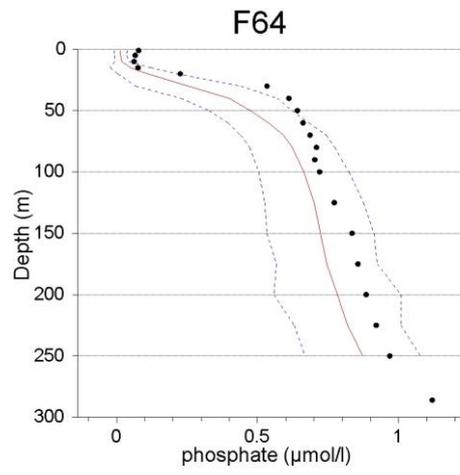
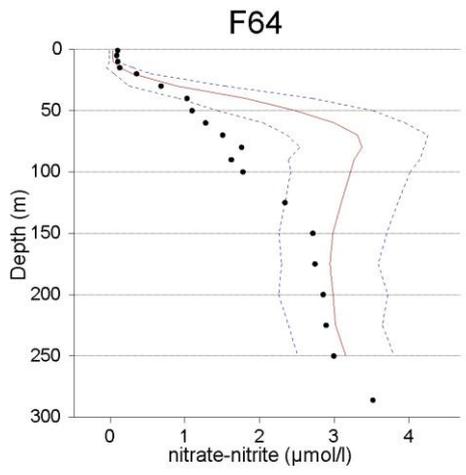
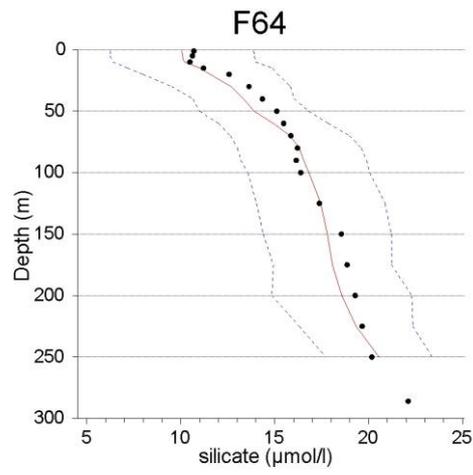
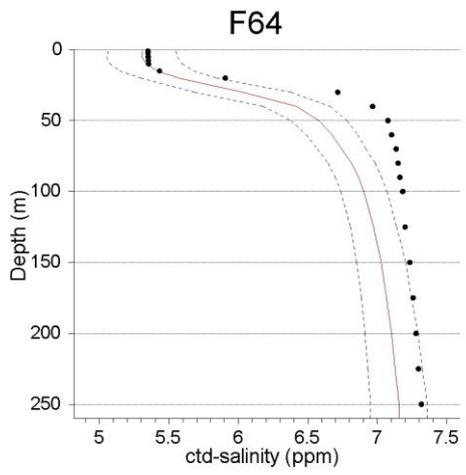
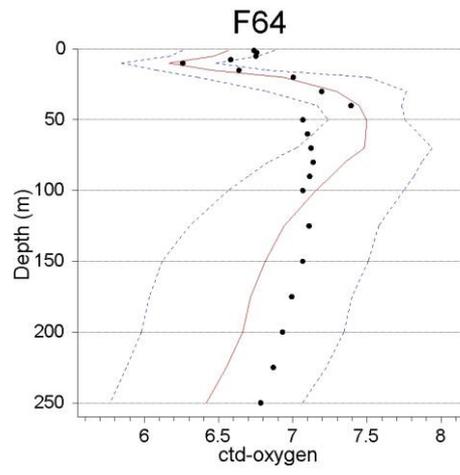
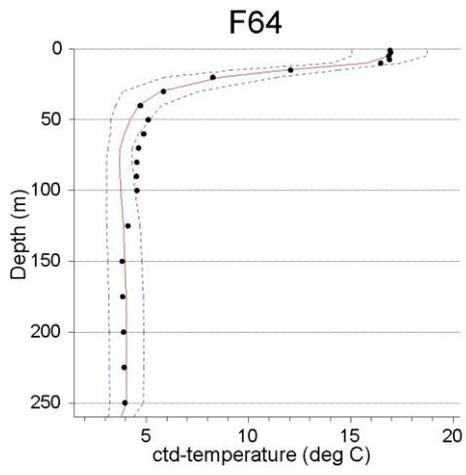


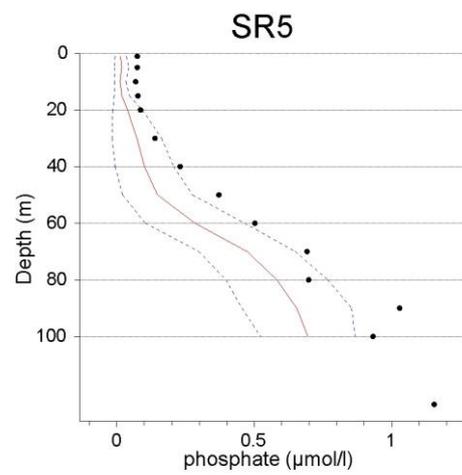
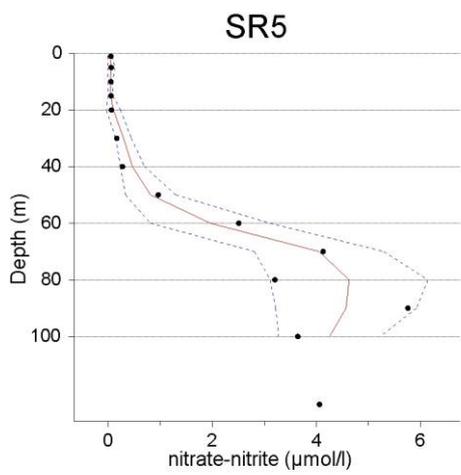
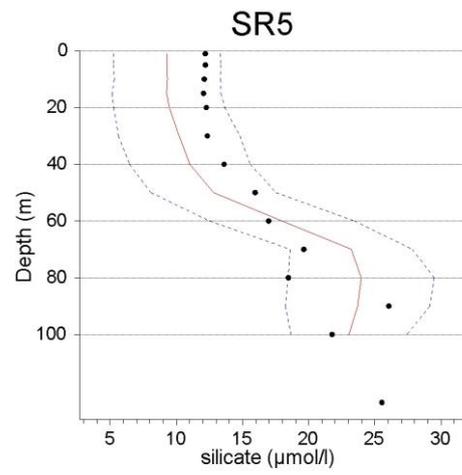
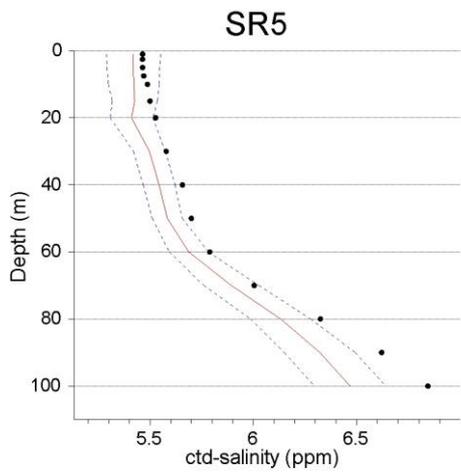
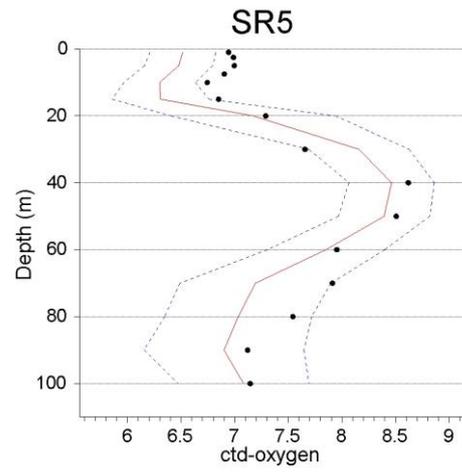
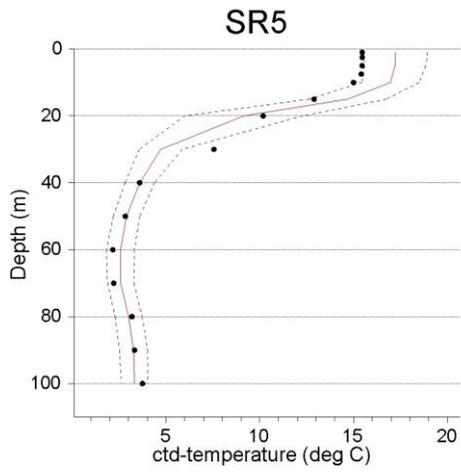
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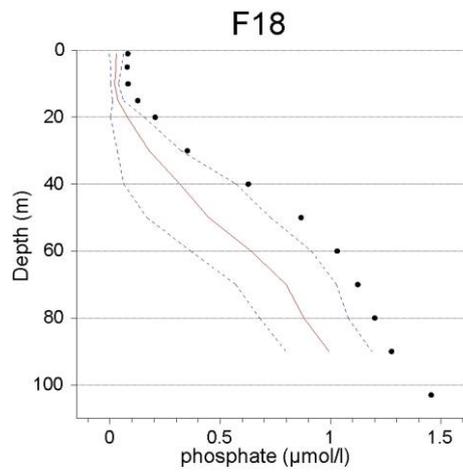
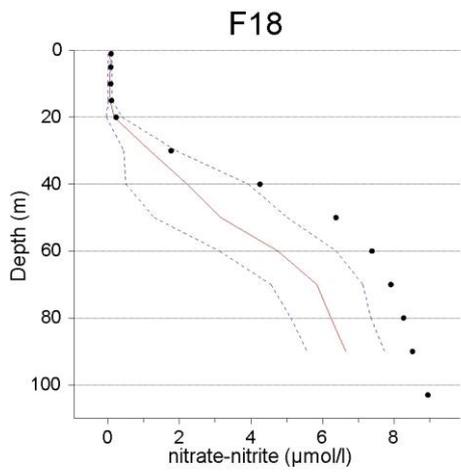
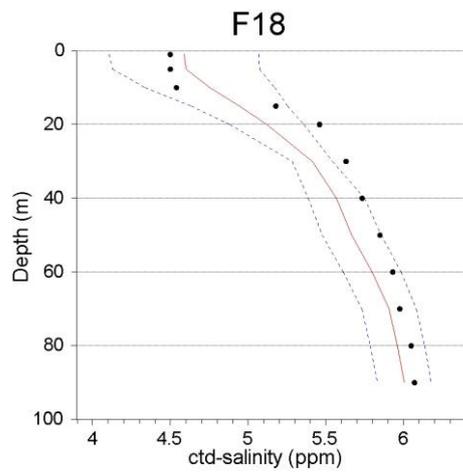
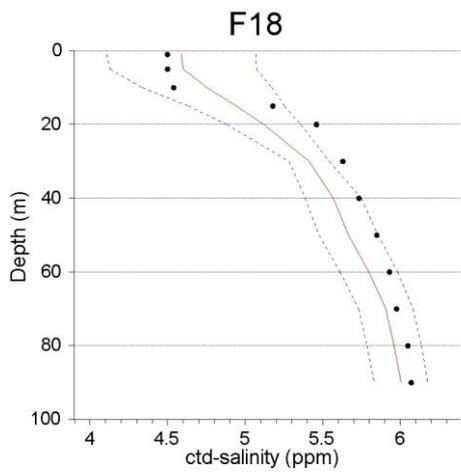
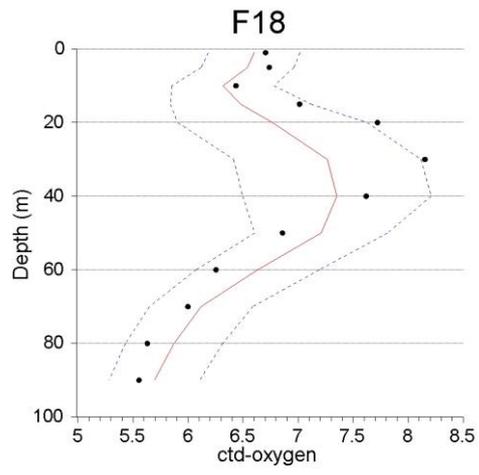
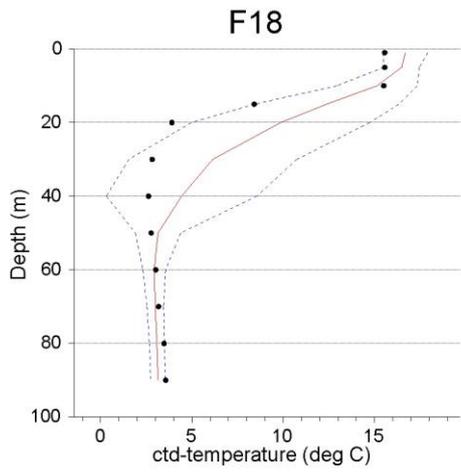


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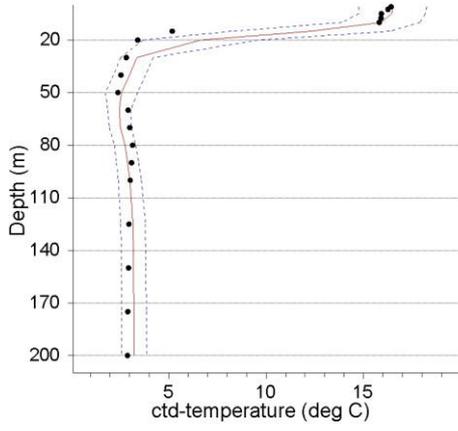




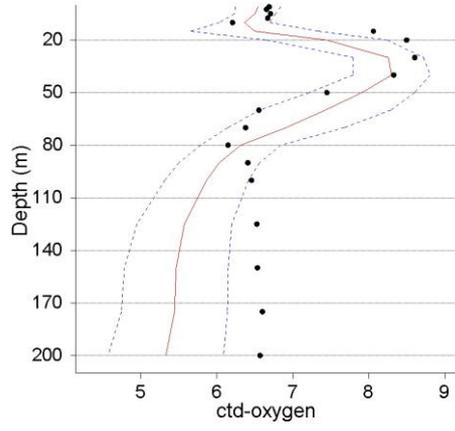




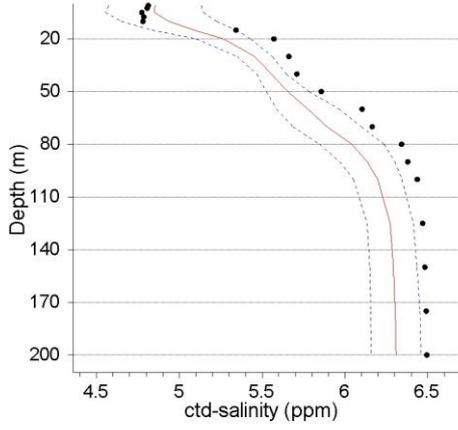
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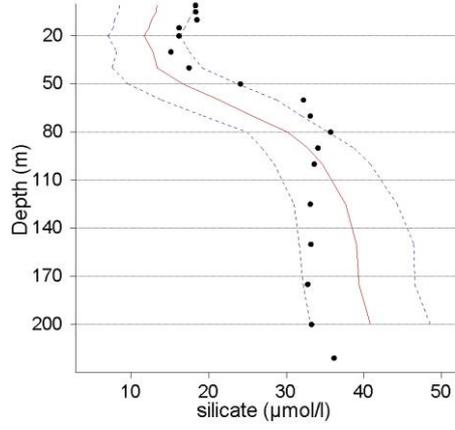
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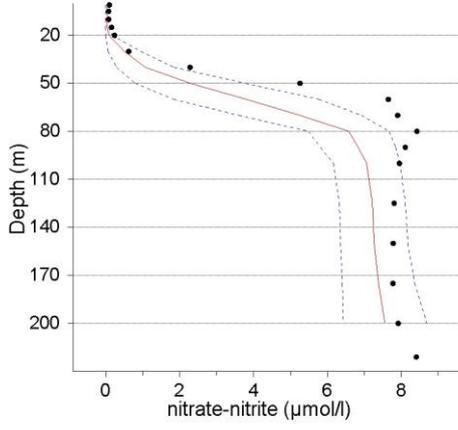
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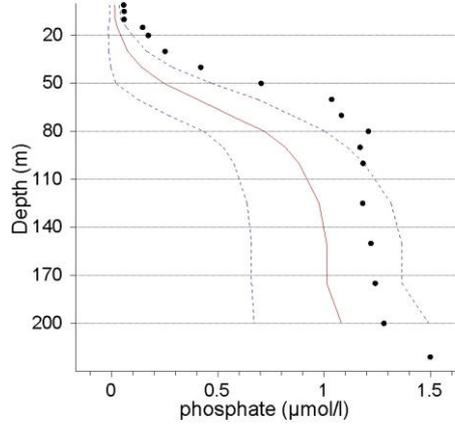
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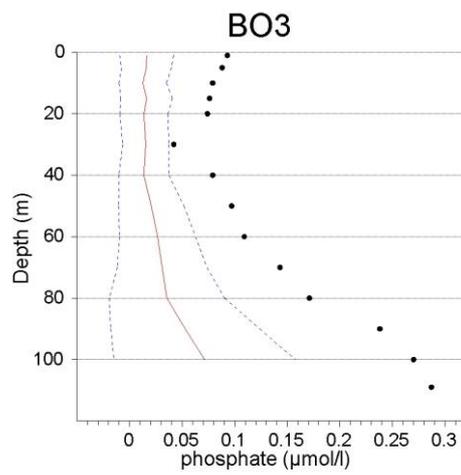
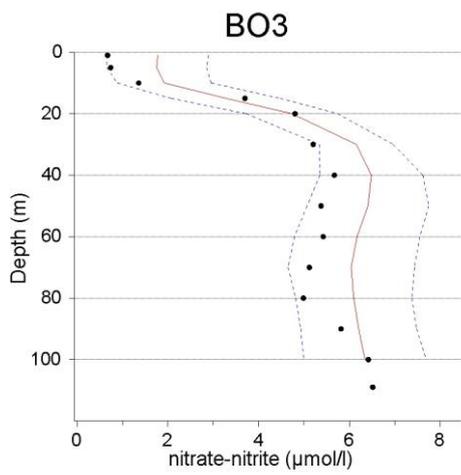
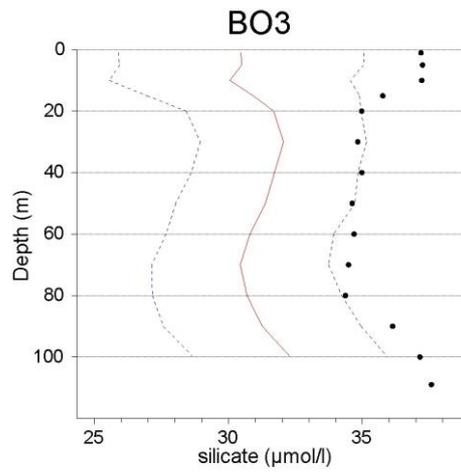
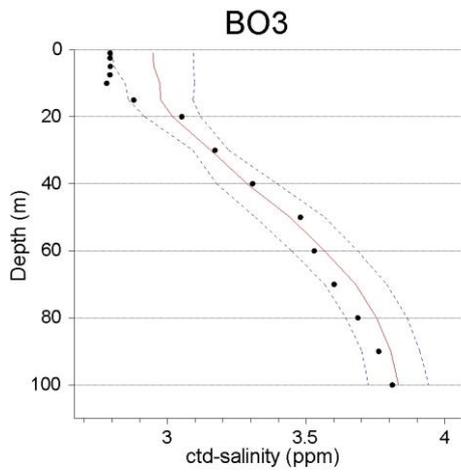
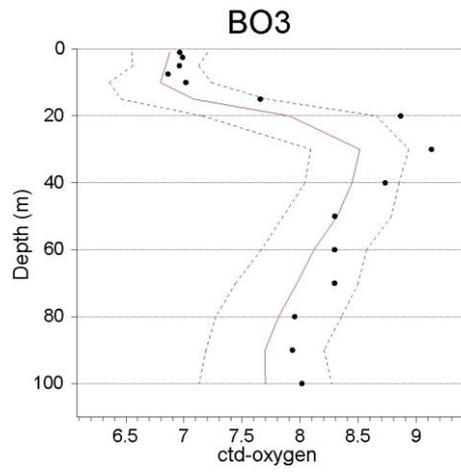
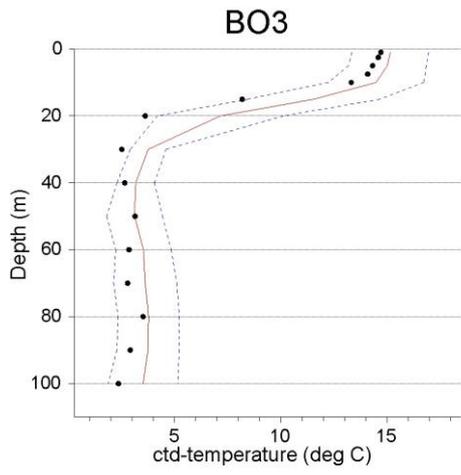


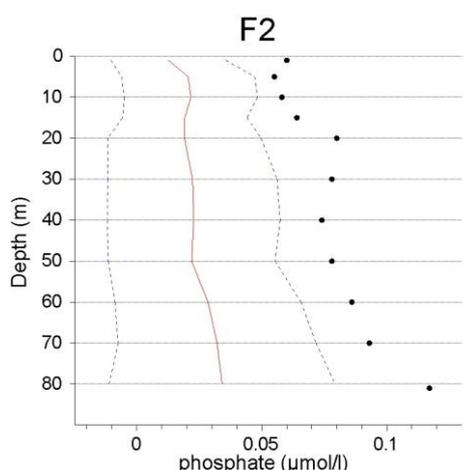
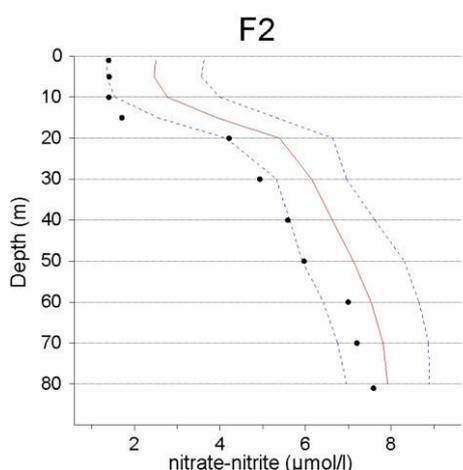
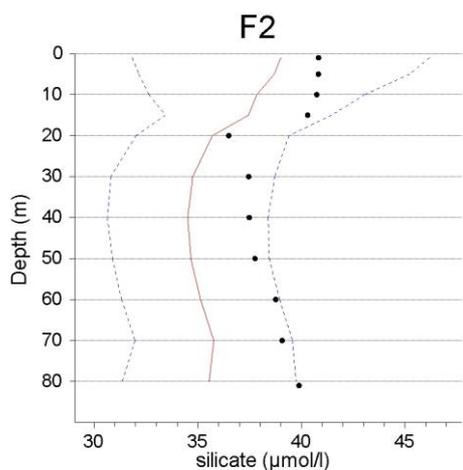
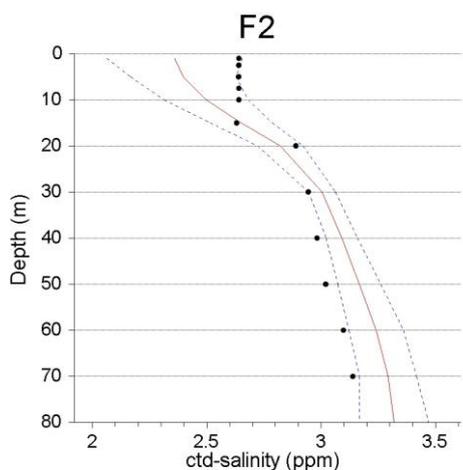
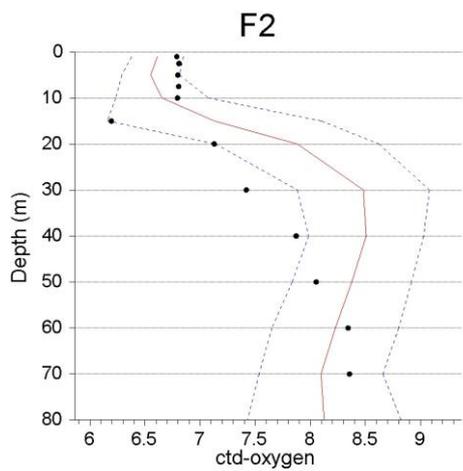
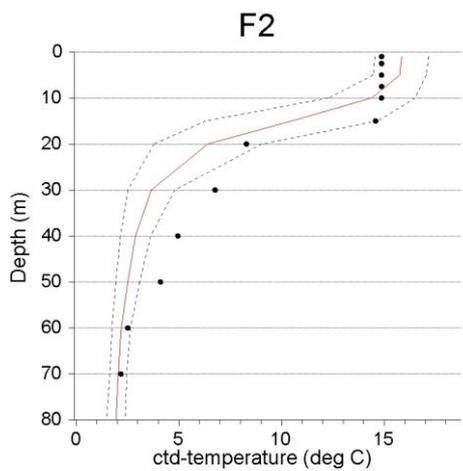
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Annex 2. List of sampled stations of the cruise

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HELSINKI	HELSINKI	60.15200	24.92337		2022-08-08	11:53											
2022010223	LL12	59.48347	22.89675	83	2022-08-09	00:53	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		
2022010224	LL15	59.18337	21.74685	132	2022-08-09	07:39	x	x	x	x				x			x
2022010225	AALTOPI	59.24732	21.00128	102	2022-08-09	13:26											
2022010226	LL17	59.03327	21.07930	173	2022-08-09	16:01	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x
2022010227	LL19	58.88068	20.31080	168	2022-08-09	21:33	x	x	x	x				x			
2022010228	F69	59.78332	19.93005	193	2022-08-10	05:26	x	x	x	x				x			x
2022010229	F64	60.18895	19.14248	287	2022-08-10	11:05	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		
2022010230	F33	60.53315	18.93765	136	2022-08-10	18:01	x	x	x	x				x			x
2022010231	SR5	61.08338	19.57965	125	2022-08-10	23:43	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		
2022010232	SR3	61.18337	18.23003	73	2022-08-11	07:14	x	x	x	x				x			x
2022010233	MS6	61.98367	19.16345	73	2022-08-11	13:43	x	x	x	x				x			x
2022010234	MS3	62.13445	18.16307	85	2022-08-11	17:46	x	x	x	x				x			x
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2022010238	RR3	64.93360	22.34595	95	2022-08-12	18:33	x	x	x	x				x			
2022010239	F2	65.38373	23.46255	82	2022-08-13	00:01	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		
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2022010247	US7	62.60018	20.82968	27	2022-08-14	13:19	x	x	x	x				x			x
2022010248	US6B	62.60010	20.26295	82	2022-08-14	15:49	x	x	x	x				x			x
2022010249	USSB	62.58615	19.96882	222	2022-08-14	18:12	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		
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2022010251	AALTO_SM	61.79827	20.23660	108	2022-08-15	05:12	x										
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HANKO	HANKO	59.81435	22.94877		2022-08-16	11:19											
HANKO	HANKO	59.79818	23.15000		2022-08-16	12:58											
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2022010263	F62	59.33353	23.26355	97	2022-08-16	20:23	x	x	x	x				x			
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2022010270	AALTO_HKI	59.96487	25.23147	71	2022-08-17	16:38	x										x
2022010271	SLVirtausmit	59.97195	25.22543	32	2022-08-17	17:07											
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2022010280	FEI-3	60.06727	25.54380	53	2022-08-18	21:22	x	x	x	x				x			
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2022010282	AALTO_STAD	60.12373	24.97528	22	2022-08-19	06:22	x										x
HELSINKI	HELSINKI	60.16182	24.90157		2022-08-19	07:54											

Parameters: ox = oxygen, nu = nutrients, ph = phytoplankton, zo = zooplankton, be = benthos, chl = chlorophyll a, oil = dissolved oil, tox = phytotoxins.