

# BOUSSOLE Monthly Cruise Report

Cruise 259

October 02-04, 2023

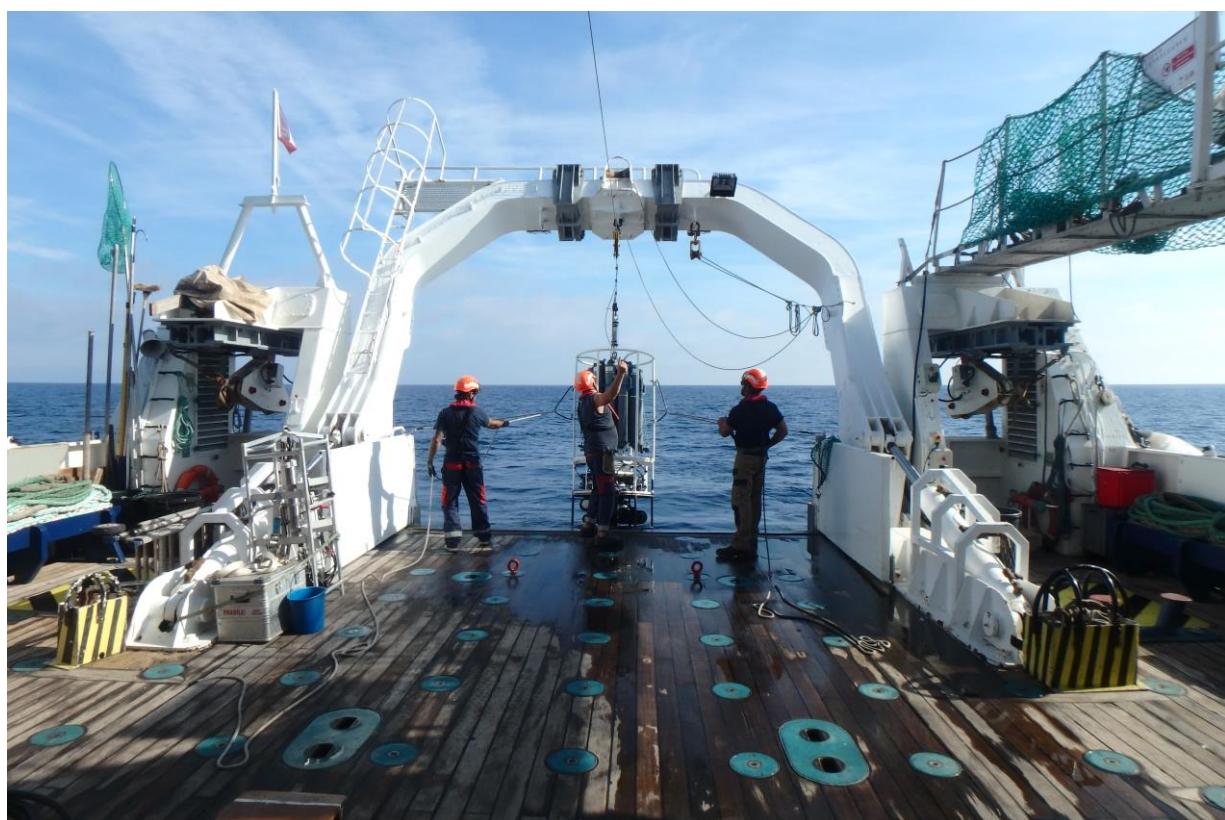
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Deployment of the CTD Rosette at the BOUSSOLE site from the deck of the R/V *L'Europe*

**BOUSSOLE project**

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## Foreword

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## Cruise Objectives

### Routine operations

Multiple Biospherical's C-OPS (Compact Optical Profiling System) radiometric profiles are performed at the BOUSSOLE site around solar noon, under optimal conditions: clear blue skies and flat, calm sea surface. CTD deployments are required at the start and the end of the C-OPS profiling day and around noon in the longer summer days or when there is a high possibility of a satellite matchup. The CTD package also includes a Chl fluorometer. Additional instrumentation for measurement of inherent optical properties has been added from December 2011. The package includes a hyperspectral absorption meter (Hobilabs a-Sphere), a multispectral backscattering meter (Hobilabs Hydroscat-6) and a multispectral beam transmissometer (Hobilabs Gamma-4). A CTD cast including a 0.2 µm filter installed on the inlet tube of the a-Sphere is to be performed once per cruise at the BOUSSOLE site for the dissolved matter absorption measurements. This cast will be stopped at ten depths during 2 or 7 min depending on the depths in order to ensure that the integrating cavity of the a-Sphere be completely filled at each of these depths during the ascent of the CTD.

Seawater samples are to be collected, filtered and stored into liquid nitrogen for subsequent HPLC pigment and particle absorption spectrophotometric filter analysis in the lab. Three replicate samples are to be collected at surface for total suspended matter weighting in the lab.

Further details about these operations and the data collection and processing protocols are to be found in:  
Antoine, D. M. Chami, H. Claustre, F. D'Ortenzio, A. Morel, G. Bécu, B. Gentili, F. Louis, J. Ras, E. Roussier, A.J. Scott, D. Tailliez, S. B. Hooker, P. Guevel, J.-F. Desté, C. Dempsey and D. Adams. 2006, BOUSSOLE: a joint CNRS-INSU, ESA, CNES and NASA Ocean Color Calibration And Validation Activity. NASA Technical memorandum N° 2006 - 214147, 61 pp.

([http://www.obs-vlfr.fr/Boussole/html/publications/pubs/BOUSSOLE\\_TM\\_214147.pdf](http://www.obs-vlfr.fr/Boussole/html/publications/pubs/BOUSSOLE_TM_214147.pdf))

### Additional operations

The second day, a SBE25 CTD which was not working correctly was tested at 80 m depth for the national coastal observation service SOMLIT.

The first day, the Manta net was deployed en route between BOUSSOLE and DYFAMED and the second day, vertical zooplankton nets were deployed for the MOOSE program.

The deployment of the new DYFAMED mooring line took place in July 2023: the detection of the DYFAMED mooring with the depth sounder of the R/V *Téthys II* was performed the second day for the MOOSE program.

## Cruise Summary

The first day was used to perform CTD casts with water sampling, optical profiles and a Secchi disk at the BOUSSOLE site. This day was also used to deploy the Manta net for the MOOSE program. The second day was used for CTD casts with water sampling, for Secchi disk and for C-OPS profiles. It was also used to detect the DYFAMED mooring with the depth sounder of the ship and to perform two vertical zooplankton nets for the MOOSE program. The last day was used for C-OPS profiles, for a CTD cast with water sampling and for a Secchi disk.

### Monday 2 October 2023

The sea state was smooth with a light breeze. The sky was blue and the visibility was medium. Firstly, a CTD cast with water sampling and a Secchi disk were performed at the BOUSSOLE site. The cap of the backscattering meter was left on the instrument, so it was decided to use this cast for dark measurements. Then, two CTD casts were performed, the first one with water sampling. For the third cast of the day (CTD 03), a 0.2 µm filter was put on the a-Sphere absorption meter for the dissolved matter absorption measurements. This cast was stopped at 10 depths during the ascent of the CTD. Then three C-OPS profiles were performed at the BOUSSOLE site. Finally, the Manta net was deployed during the way back to Nice harbour.

## Tuesday 3 October 2023

The sea state was smooth with a gentle to moderate breeze. The sky was cloudy and the visibility was medium. Firstly, a CTD cast with water sampling and a Secchi disk were performed at the BOUSSOLE site. Then three C-OPS profiles were performed at the BOUSSOLE site but only two of them were kept. The profiles had to be stopped early during the acquisition or were eliminated because of an unstable irradiance (cloudy sky). Then, we went to the DYFAMED site: the detection of the DYFAMED mooring using the depth sounder was attempted but failed. Finally, two vertical zooplankton nets were performed at the DYFAMED site for the MOOSE program and the SBE25 CTD was tested for the SOMLIT program before returning to the Nice harbour.

## Wednesday 4 October 2023

The sea state was smooth with a gentle to moderate breeze. The sky was overcast in the morning and clear in the afternoon, the visibility was medium. Firstly, three C-OPS profiles and a CTD cast with water sampling were performed at the BOUSSOLE site. Then, the sky conditions became better in the afternoon (blue sky), so it was decided to perform an additional C-OPS profile. Finally, a Secchi disk was performed before returning to the Nice harbour.

Pictures taken during this cruise can be found at:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/A3KFTLYjZDehQaRS8>

Data from the BOUSSOLE cruises and buoy are available at:

[http://www.obs-vlfr.fr/Boussole/html/boussole\\_data/login\\_form.php](http://www.obs-vlfr.fr/Boussole/html/boussole_data/login_form.php)

## Cruise Report

### Monday 02 October 2023 (UTC)

People on board: Céline Dimier, Vincenzo Vellucci and Paco Stil

- 0505 Departure from the Nice harbour.
- 0900 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.
- 0905 CTD 01, 400 m with water sampling at 400, 200, 150, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 m for HPLC and  $a_p$  (with cap on the HS6).
- 0950 Secchi 01, 32 m.
- 1015 CTD 02, 400 m with water sampling at 5 m for TSM.
- 1115 CTD 03, 400 m (with a 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  filter on a-Sphere and with 2 minutes stop at 400, 150 m and 7 minutes stop at 80, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 et 5 m).
- 1255 C-OPS 01, 02, 03.
- 1330 Departure to the Nice harbour.
- 1330 Manta horizontal net deployment (MOOSE program).
- 1400 Recovery of Manta horizontal net.
- 1730 Arrival at the Nice harbour.

### Tuesday 03 October 2023 (UTC)

People on board: Céline Dimier, Vincenzo Vellucci and Paco Stil

- 0505 Departure from the Nice harbour.
- 0850 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.
- 0900 CTD 01, 400 m with water sampling at 400, 200, 150, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 m for HPLC,  $a_p$  and TSM.
- 0955 Secchi 01, 29 m.
- 1000 Attempt of C-OPS deployment : failed (unstable irradiance).
- 1025 C-OPS 04, 05, 06.
- 1055 Departure to the DYFAMED site.
- 1055 Detection of the DYFAMED mooring line: failed (MOOSE program).
- 1140 Zooplankton nets x 2 at 100 and 200 m (MOOSE program).

1215 SBE25 CTD test at 80 m depth (SOMLIT program).  
1225 Departure to the Nice harbour.  
1550 Arrival at the Nice harbour.

## Wednesday 04 October 2023 (UTC)

People on board: Melek Golbol and Paco Stil

0500 Departure from the Nice harbour.  
0900 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.  
0925 C-OPS 07, 08, 09.  
1020 CTD 01, 400 m with water sampling at 400, 200, 150, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 m for HPLC,  $a_p$  and TSM.  
1115 Secchi 03, 25 m.  
1130 C-OPS 10.  
1145 Departure to the Nice harbour.  
1545 Arrival at the Nice harbour.

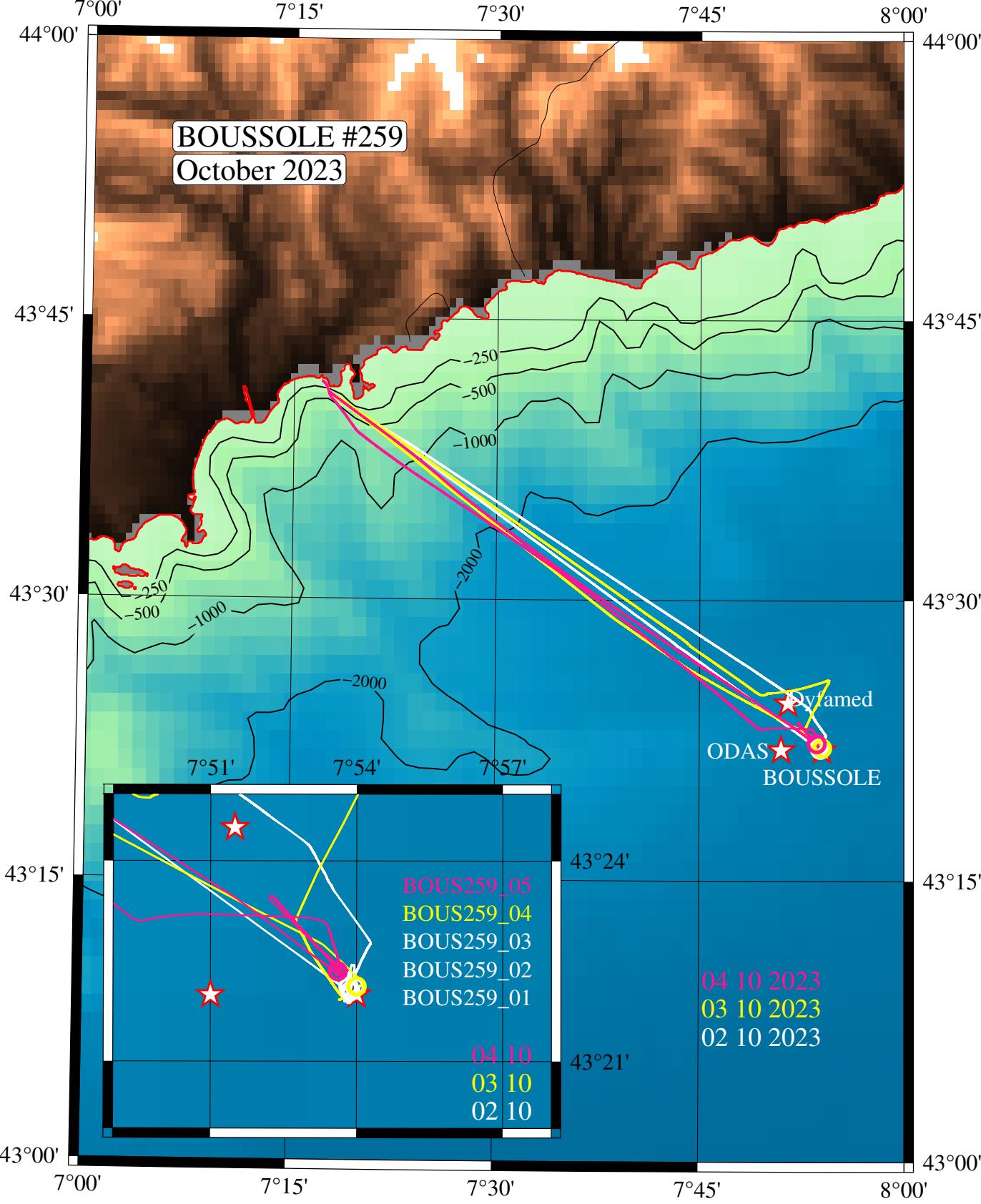
## Problems identified during the cruise

- The second day, the C-OPS measurements were not optimal because of the bad sky conditions during the acquisition: the sky was cloudy with unstable irradiance. The profiles had to be stopped early during the acquisition.
- CTD 01: the cap of the backscattering meter was not removed from the instrument by mistake. So, it was decided to use this cast for the dark measurements and to perform another cast (CTD 02) without the cap immediately after this cast. Unfortunately, it appeared next that this dark could not be used for the data processing because the cap was not properly installed on the instrument.

## **Appendices**

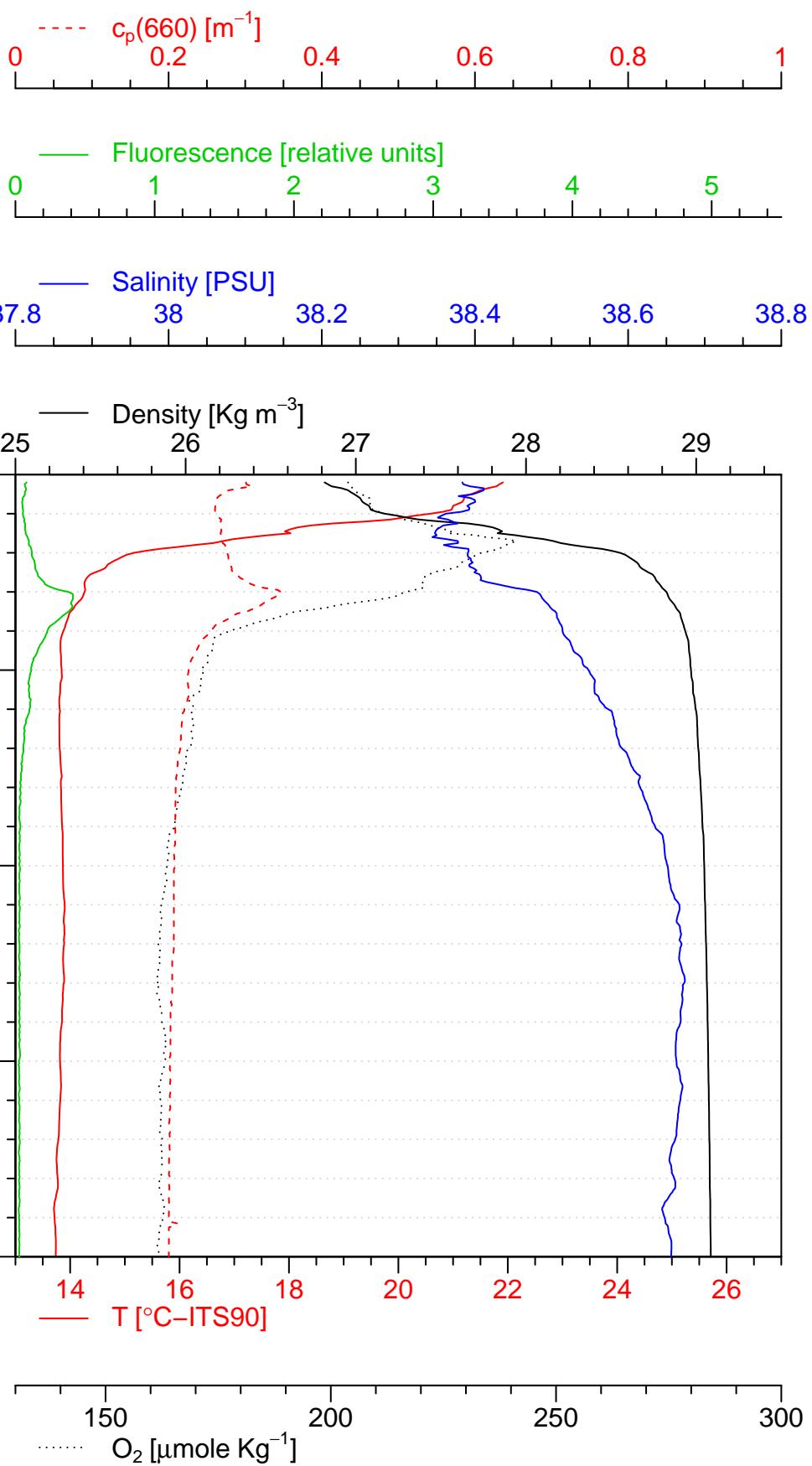
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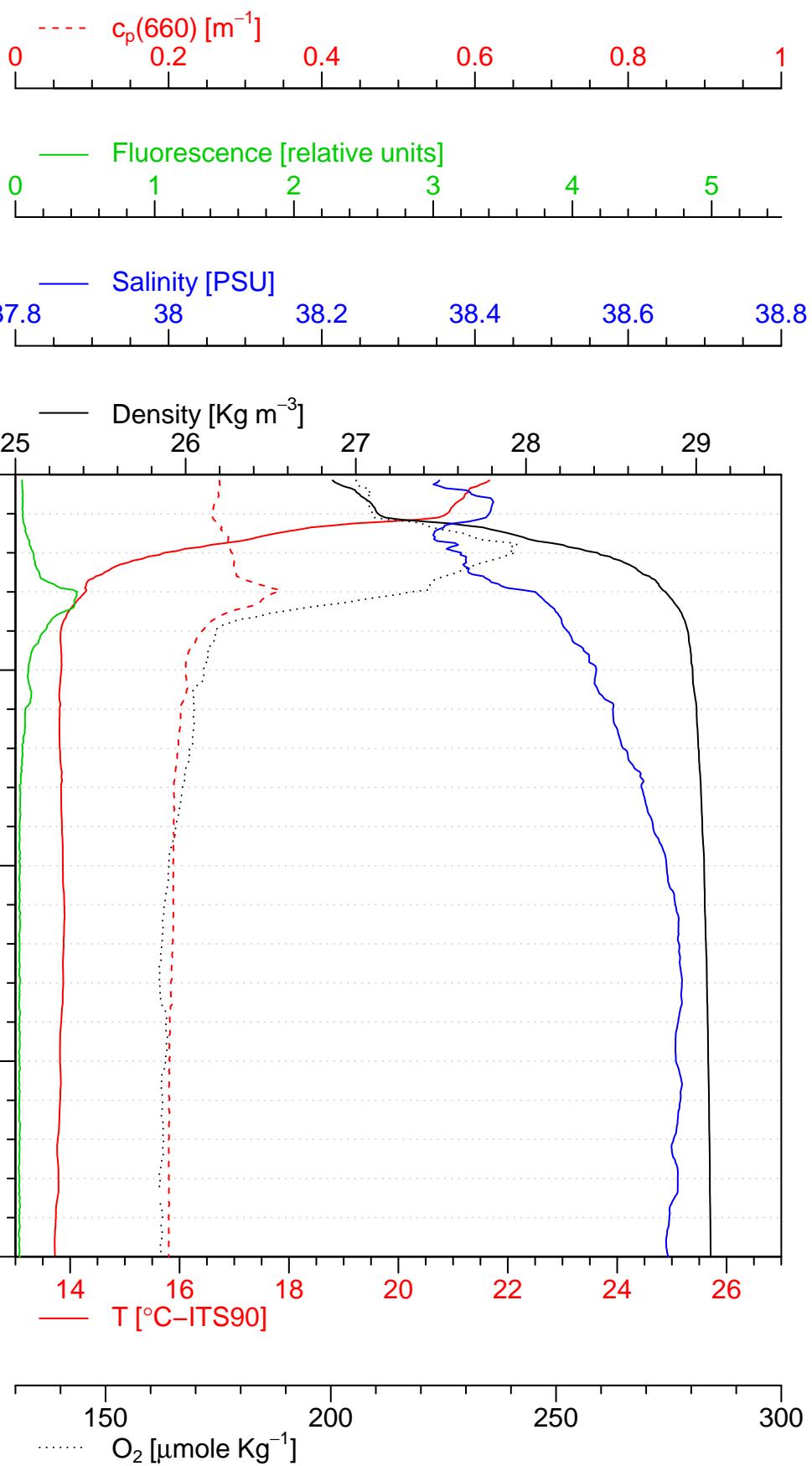
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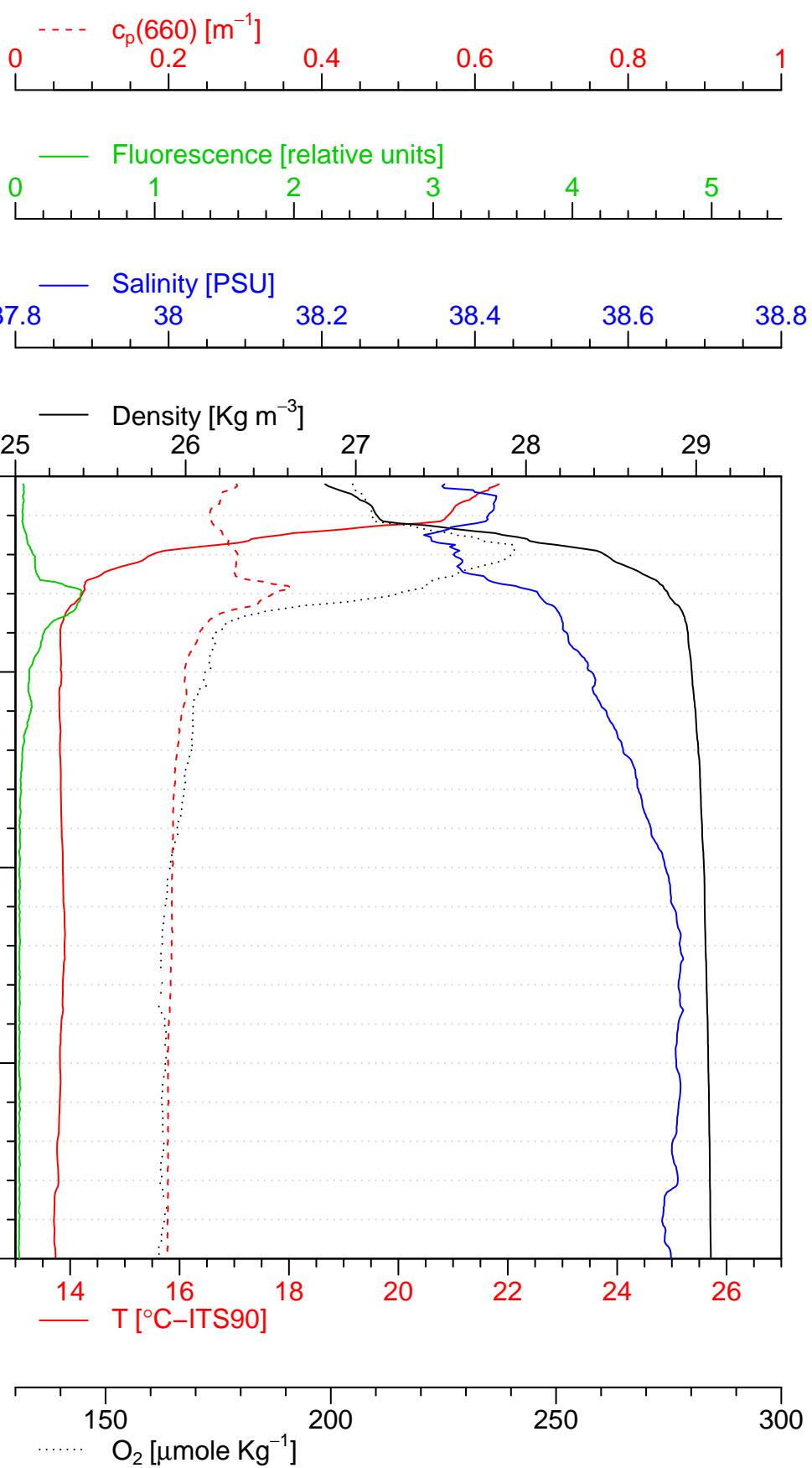
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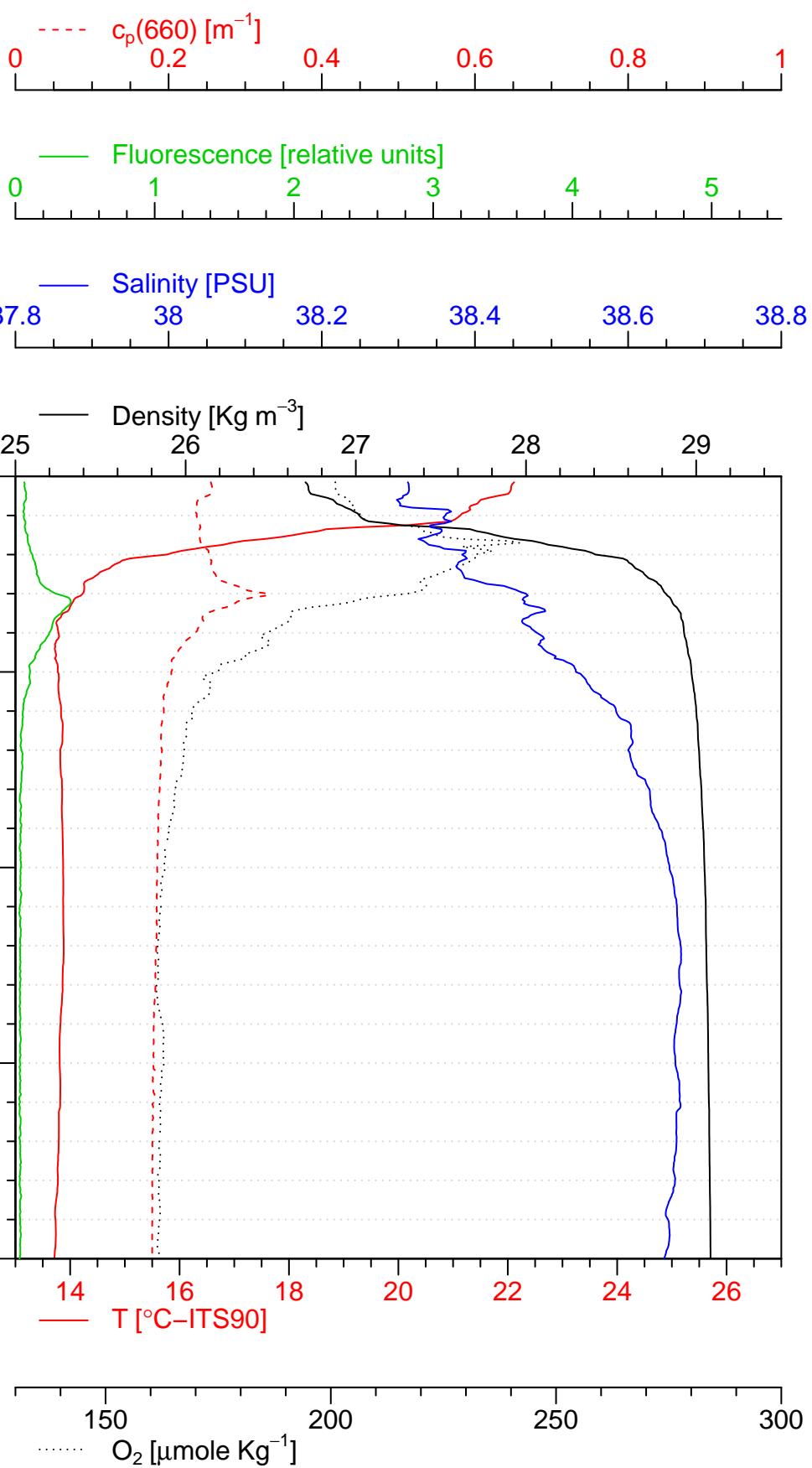
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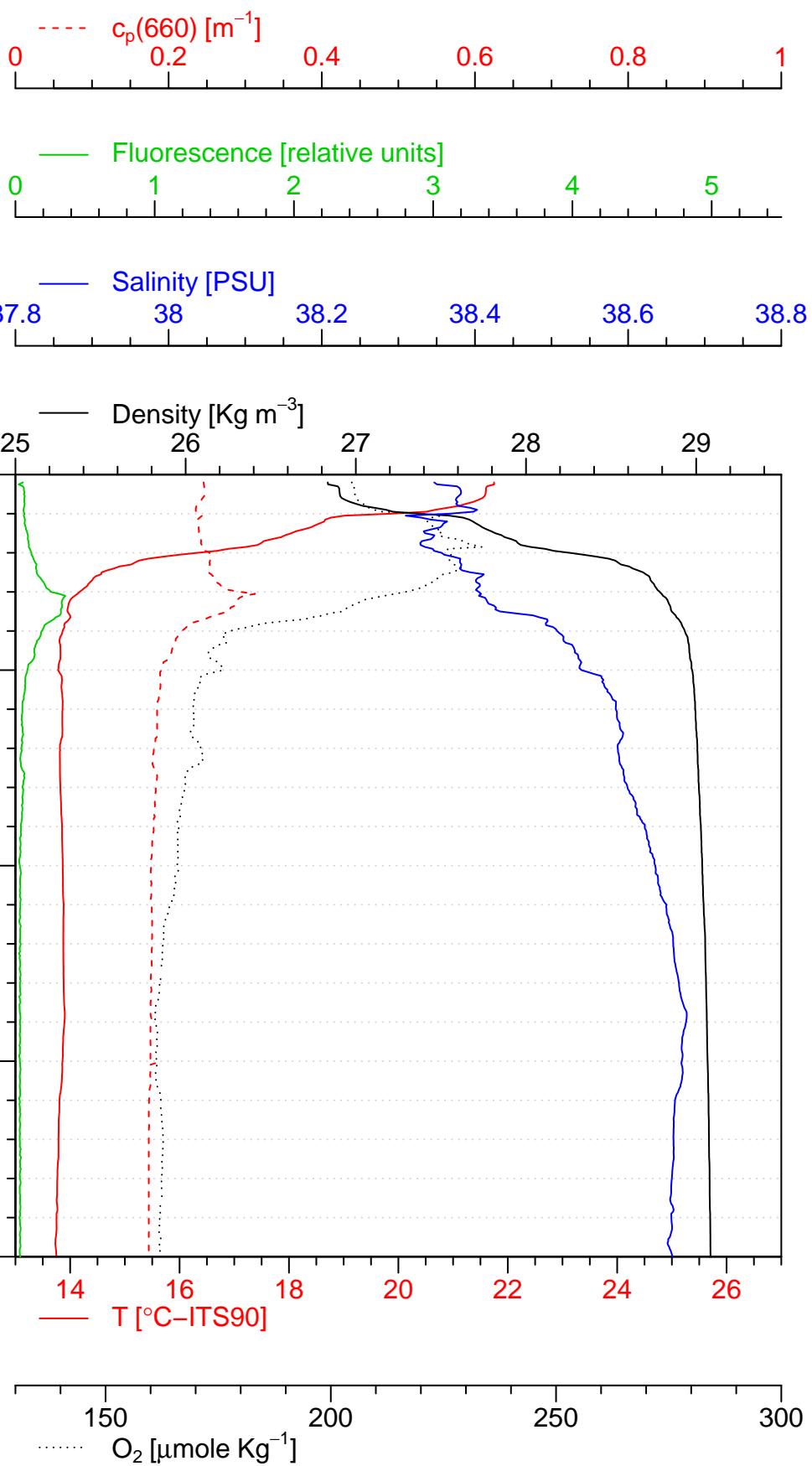
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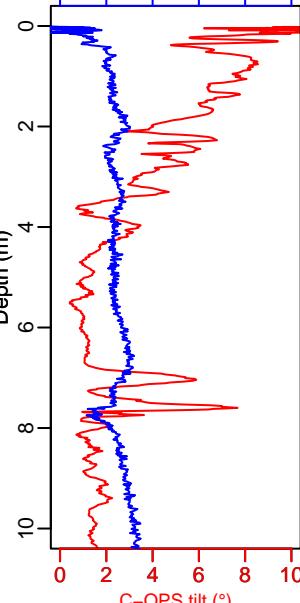
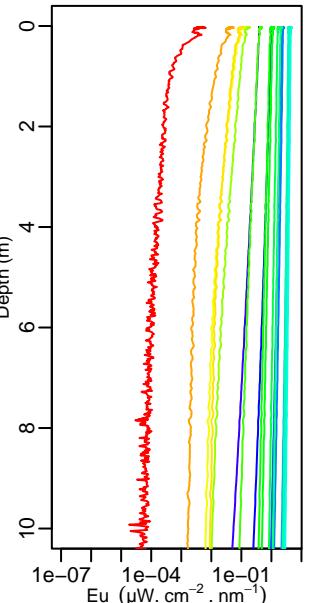
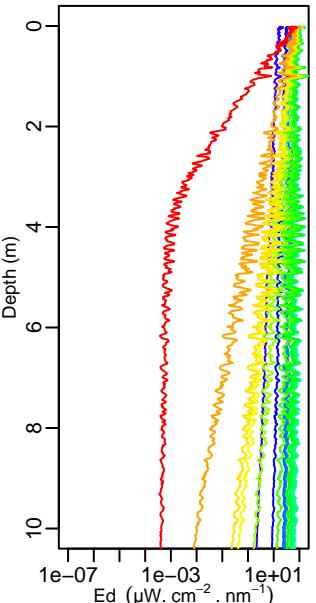
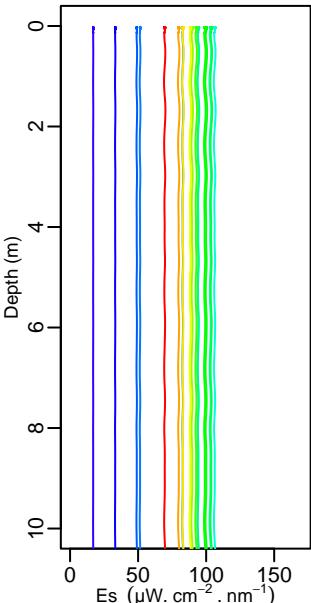
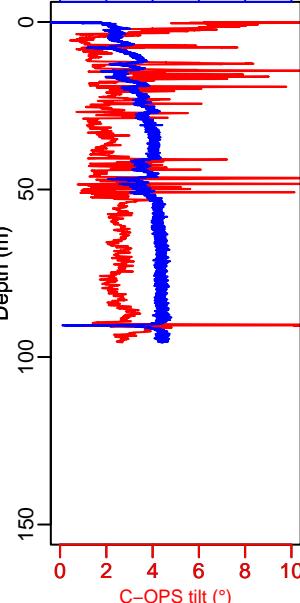
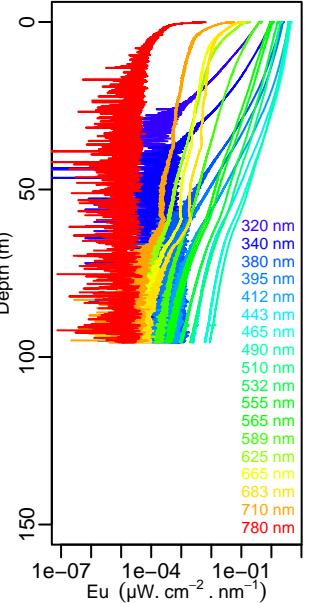
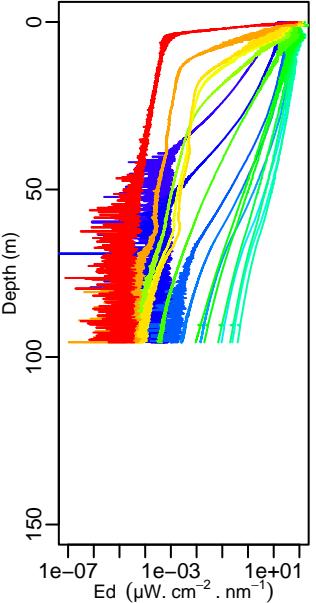
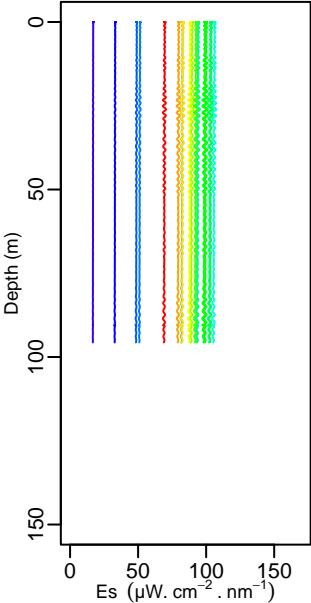


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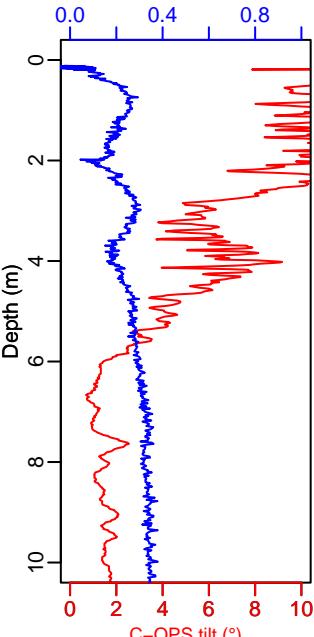
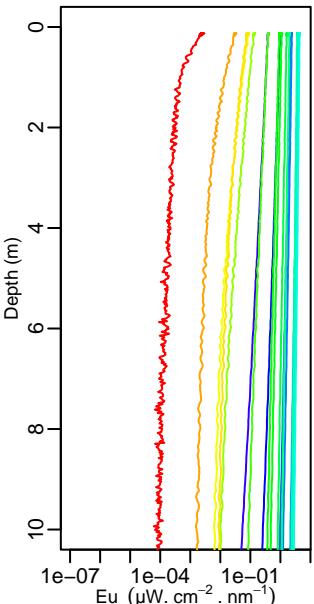
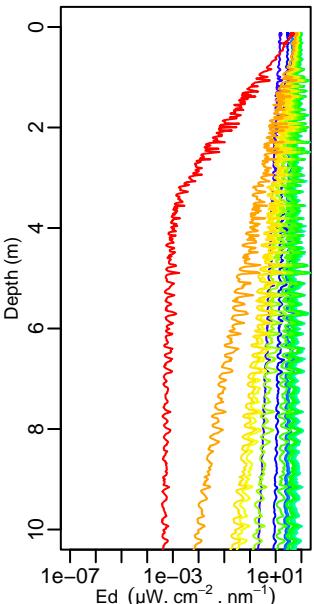
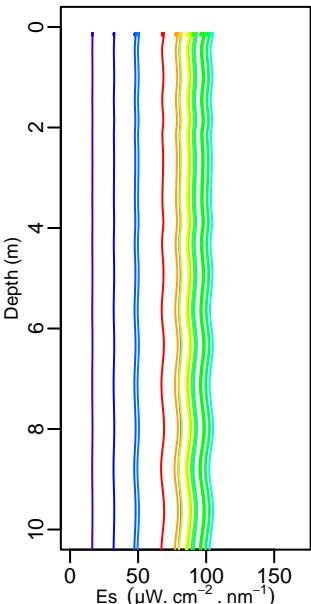
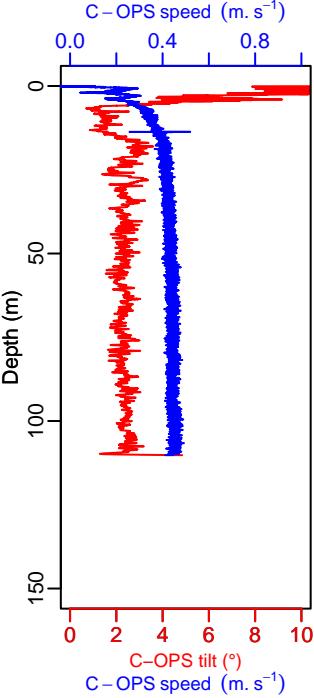
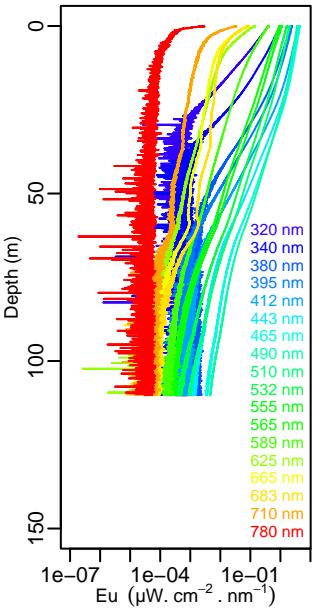
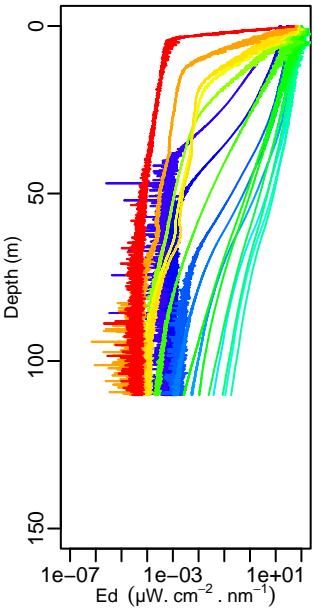
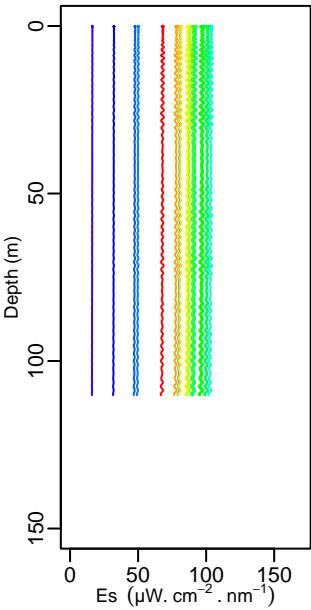
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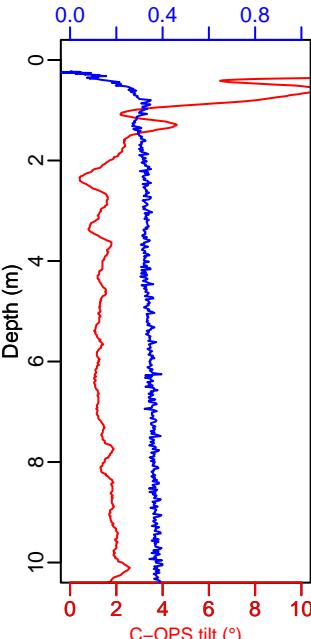
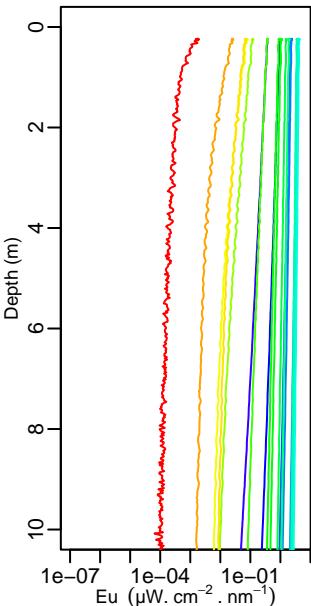
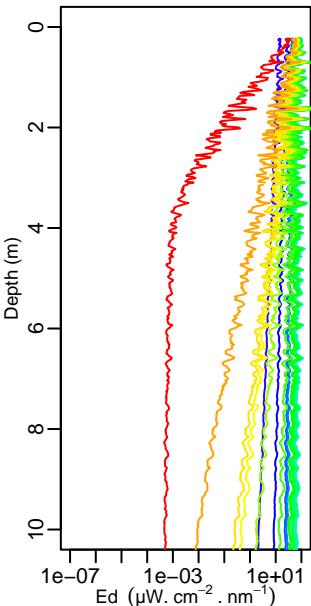
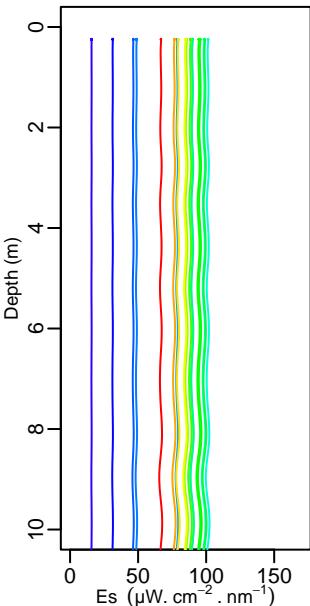
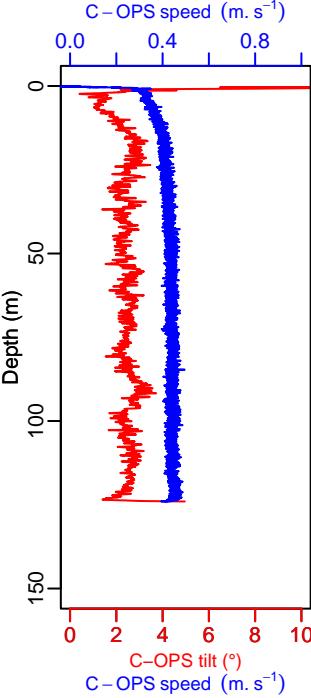
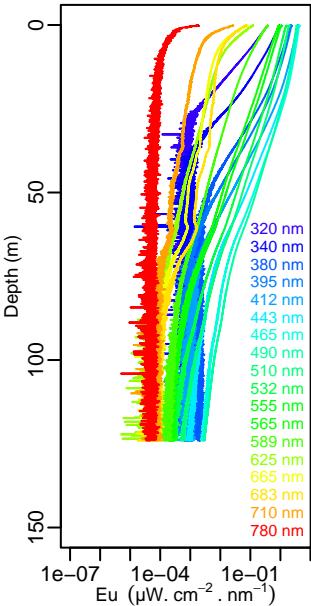
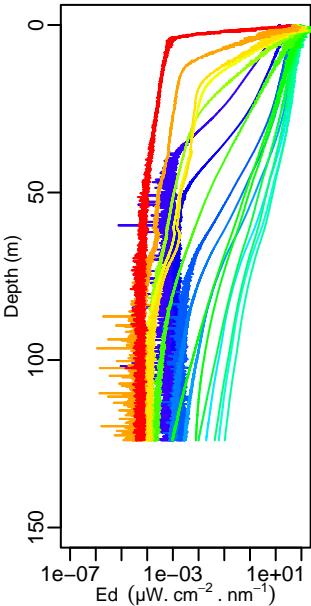
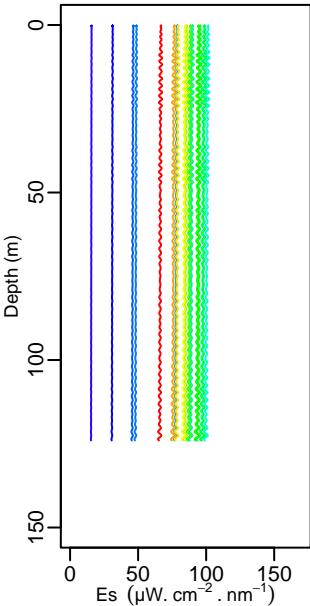
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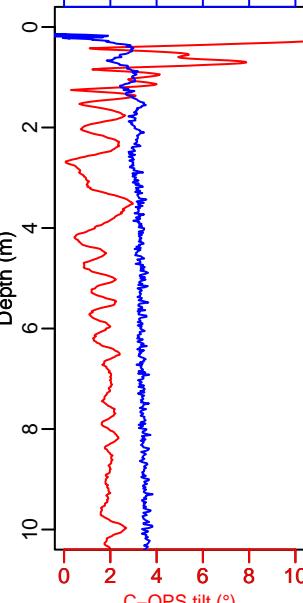
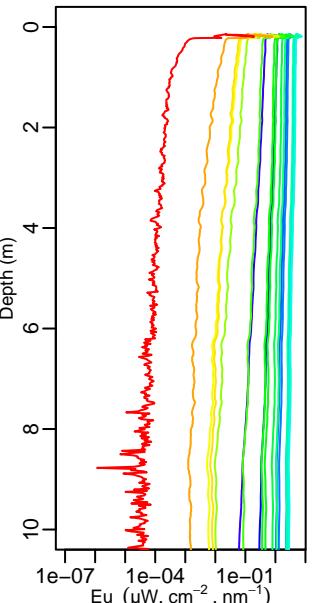
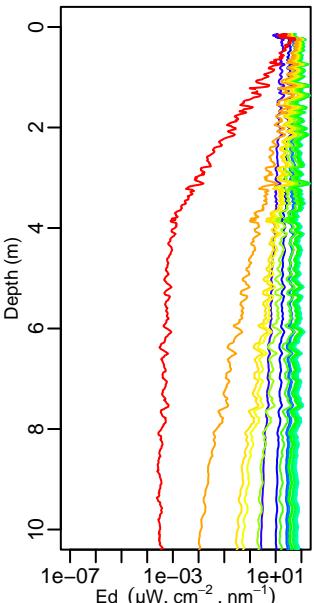
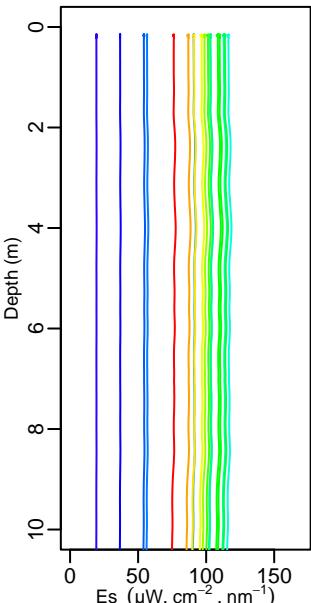
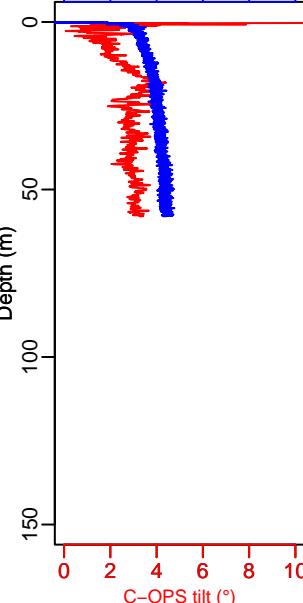
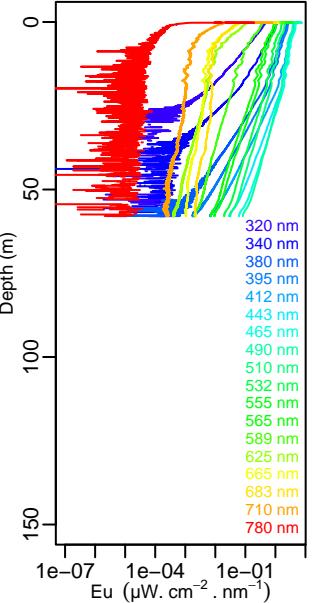
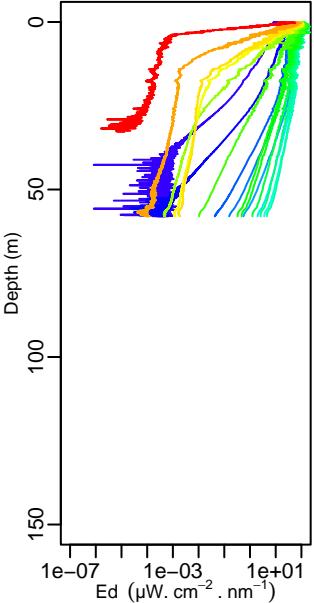
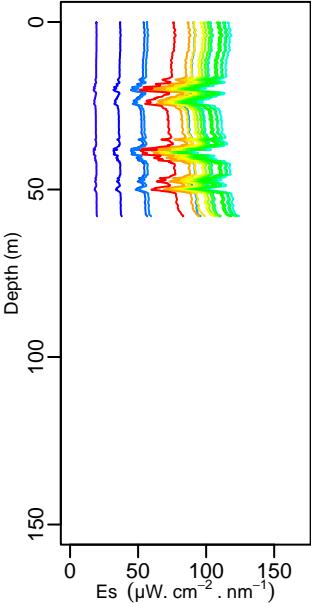


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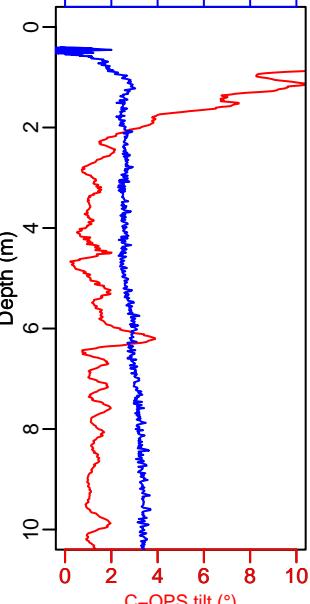
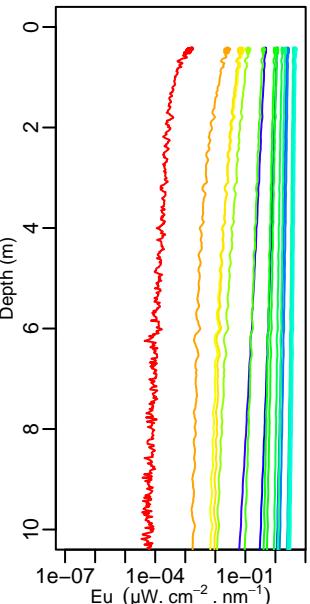
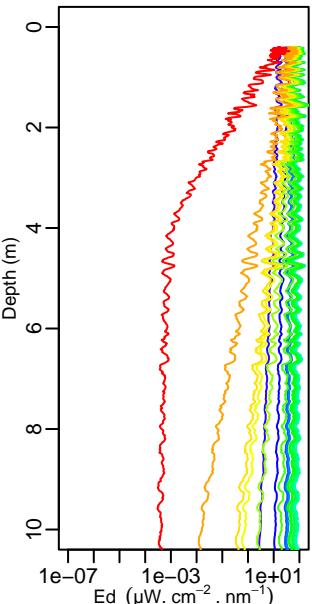
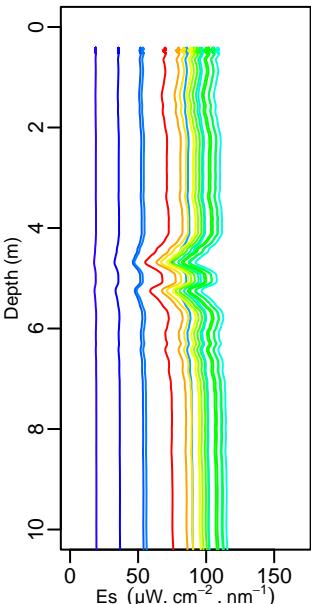
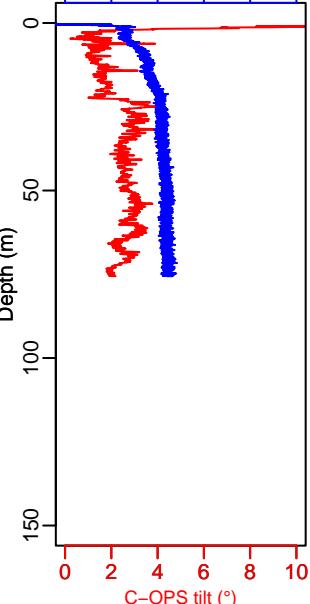
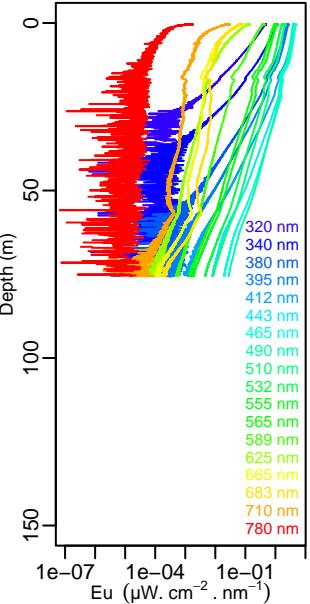
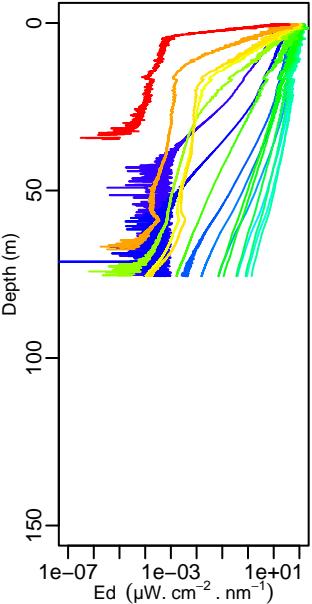
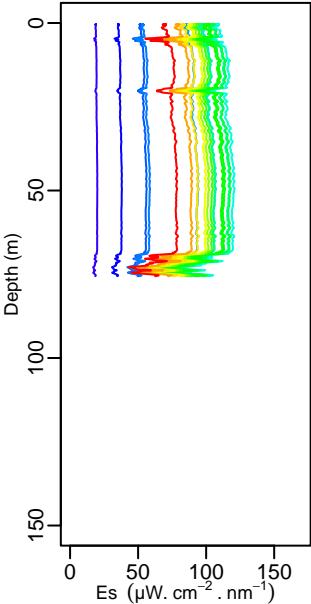


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C-OPS speed (m. s<sup>-1</sup>)

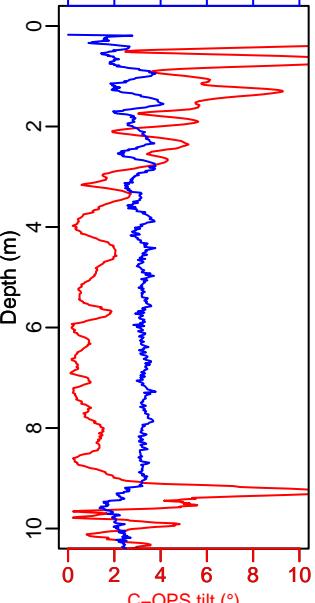
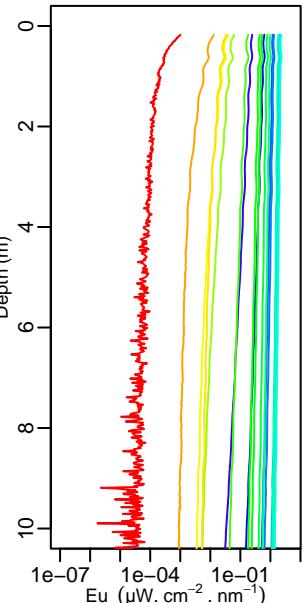
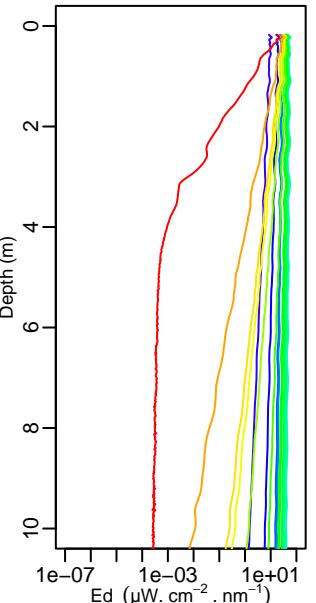
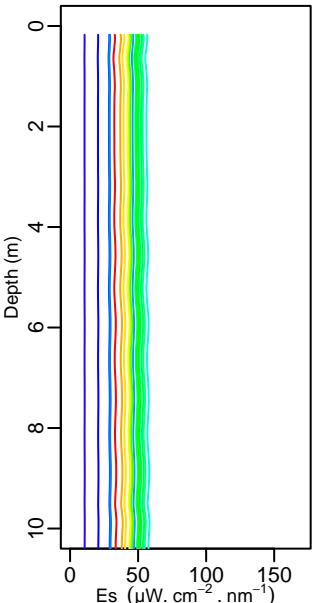
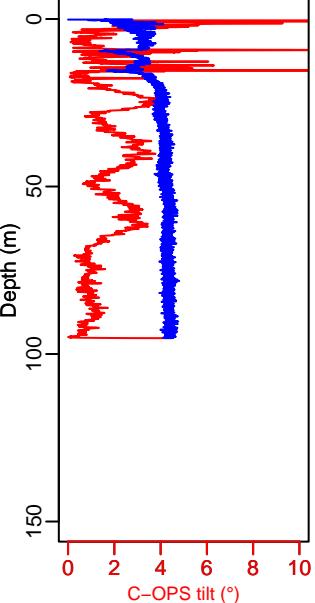
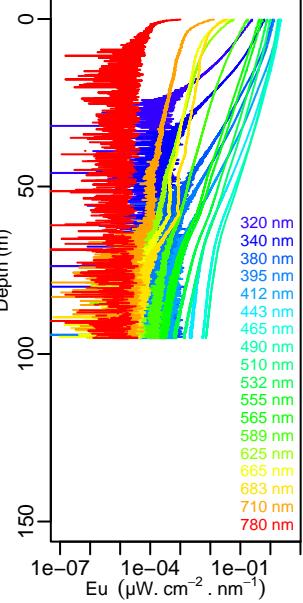
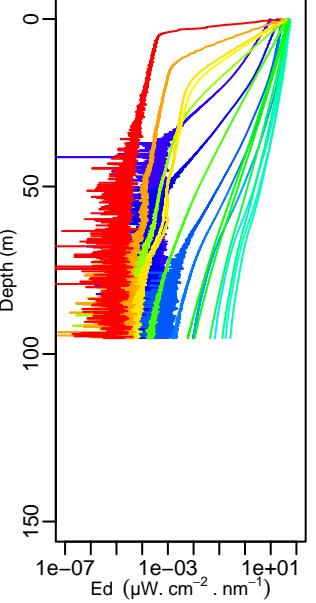
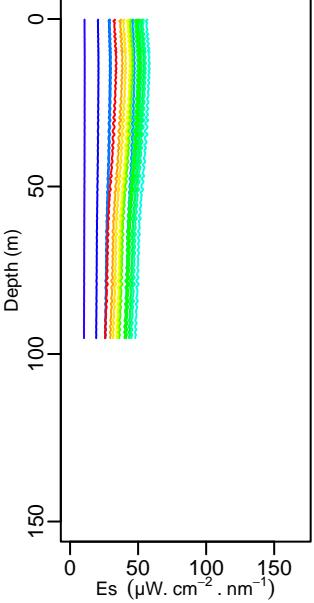


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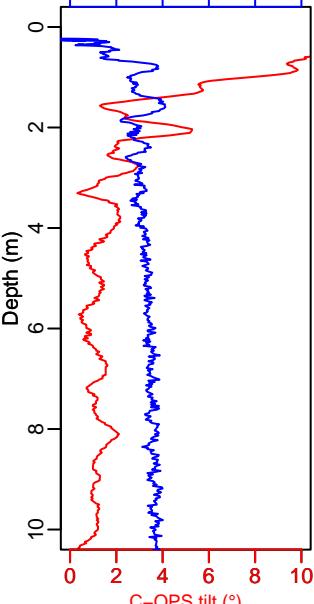
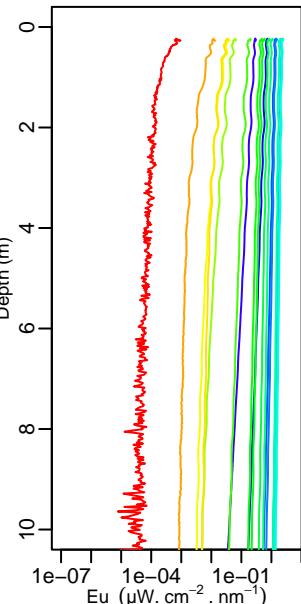
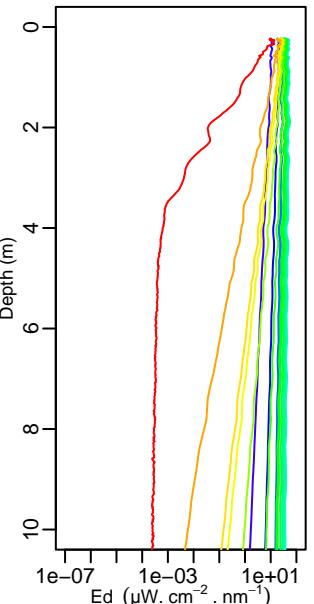
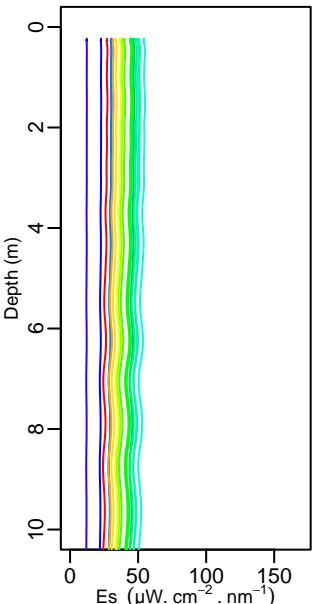
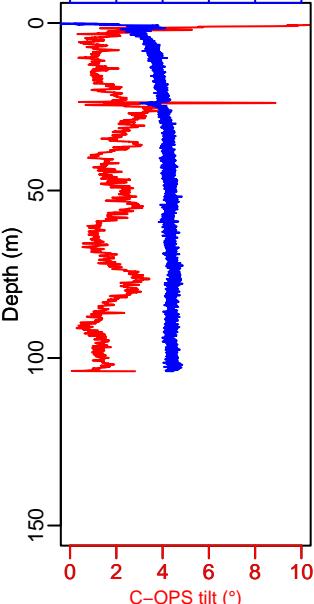
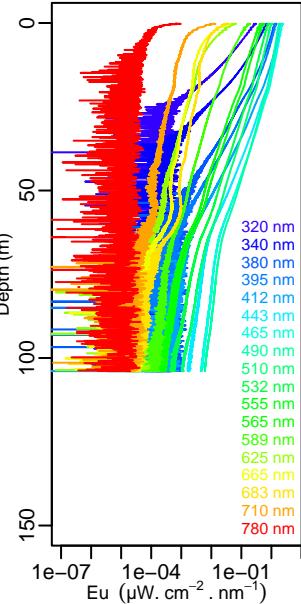
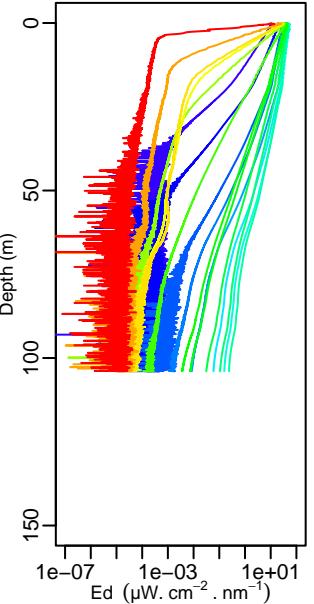
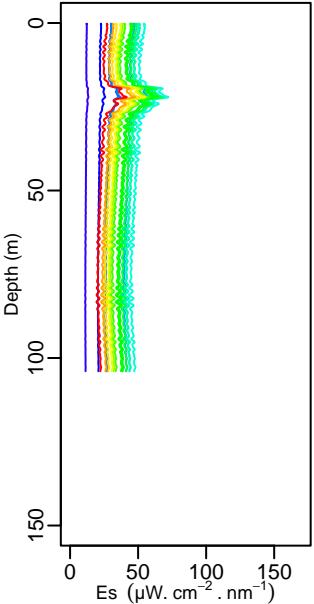


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09:37 UTC

C-OPS speed (m. s<sup>-1</sup>)

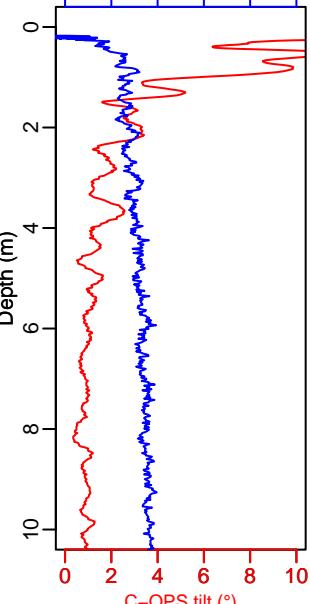
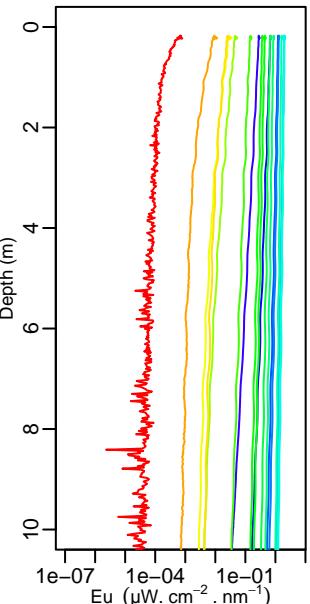
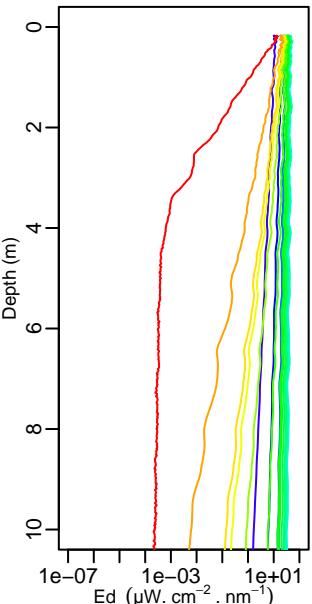
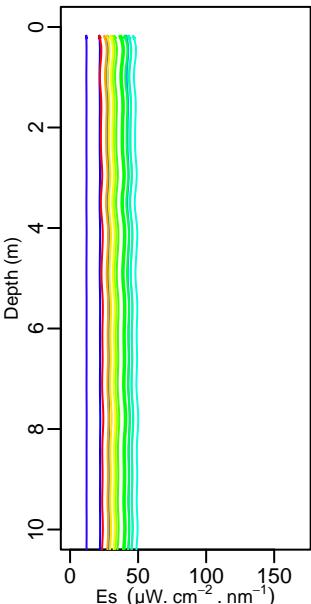
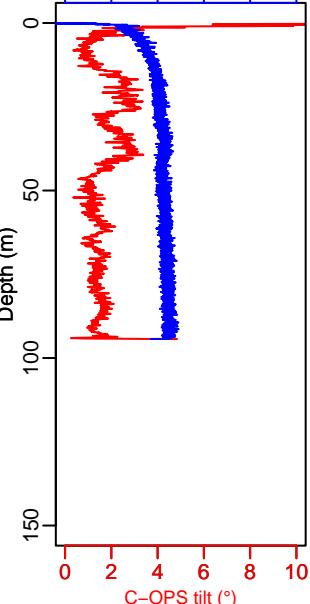
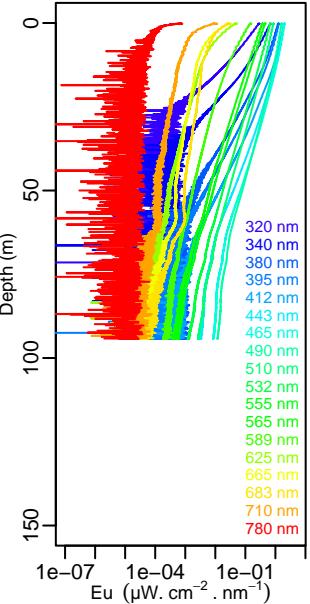
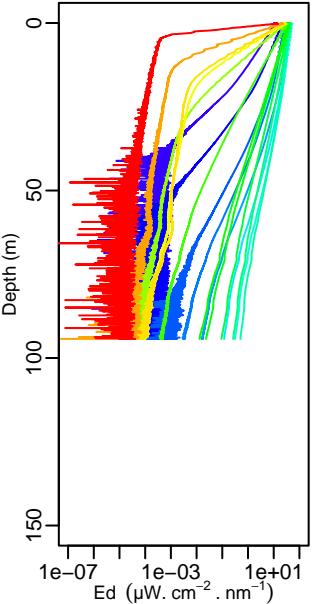
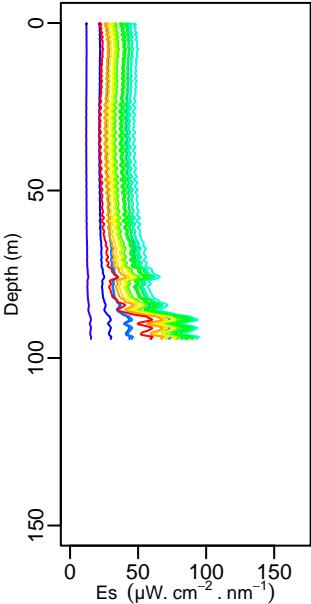


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C-OPS speed (m. s<sup>-1</sup>)



# Boussole\_259

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11:29 UTC

C-OPS speed (m. s<sup>-1</sup>)

