BOUSSOLE Monthly Cruise Report

Cruise 86 April 13 - 16, 2009

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Figure 1. Vincenzo Vellucci cleaning solar panels on the BOUSSOLE buoy.

BOUSSOLE project

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Cruise Objectives

Routine operations

Multiple SPMR profiles are to occur within 1 hour of satellite overhead passes of MERIS around solar noon, under optimal conditions: clear blue skies and flat, calm sea surface. If the sky is clear and sea conditions are reasonably calm (no whitecaps or large swell), hand held CIMEL sun photometer measurements are to be performed consecutively where possible with SPMR profiles. If sea conditions are poor but sky is good, hand held CIMEL sun photometer measurements can be made at intervals throughout the day to measure atmospheric optical thickness. A floating platform is to be used to support the SPMR Eu sensor approximately 20cm below the surface for up to 3 minutes of stable light field before a release mechanism triggers the release of the profiler to start a descent as normal. Multiple descents ideally will be started in this way and the data will be used to assess near-surface Eu extrapolation model calculations. CTD deployments are required at the start and end of the SPMR profiling day and around noon in the longer summer days or when there is a high possibility of a satellite matchup. In addition to the depth profile from the CTD, CDOM fluorometer, Chl fluorometer and AC9, seawater samples are to be collected, filtered and stored in N₂ for HPLC pigment and particle absorption spectrophotometric filter analysis in the lab. Three replicates samples are to be collected at surface for total suspended matter (TSM) weighting in the lab. A gimbled PAR sensor positioned on the foredeck and operated from the CTD computer serves as a light field stability indicator during SPMR profiling.

For one day of each cruise, at the end of the optics measurements on site, there will be one CTD transect between the Boussole site and the Port of Nice. This transect consists of six fixed locations on-route from Boussole. The time of day of this transect should be similar for each cruise, if possible to minimise influence of diurnal variability.

For one day of each cruise, three divers will check the underwater state of the buoy structure and instrumentation, take some pictures for archiving, clean the sensor optical surface, and then take again some pictures after cleaning.

For one day of each cruise, 250 ml of sea water will be sampled at 200, 150, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 meters depth. For each sample, 125 ml will be filtered through a 0.2 μ m GF/F filter and both total and filtered water samples will be analysed with the UltraPath for CDOM absorption determination.

Additional operations

ARGOS data from the buoy VIII recently deployed indicated the possible presence of the cap or a malfunctioning on the 9 m Ed sensor, solving this problem will be a priority when divers will be on board. For the first time, a black neoprene cap will be put on the HS4 mounted on the buoy to acquire three series of measurements for dark corrections. The hydrophone of the CRC from Marineland will be again fixed to the buoy chain at about 20 m. One of the four days, Céline Bachelier will complete the MOOSE and DYCOMED programs with a deep CTD cast and water sampling.

Cruise Summary

Three of the four cruise days were used. The last day was not used for bad weather and restrictions from the port authorities. Starting from this cruise, the SMSR measurements were taken with its "x" and "y" axes respectively perpendicular and parallel with respect to the ship major axis. In the previous cruises (at least from B#70) the instrument was instead turned by ~180°.

The first day was mainly used for optical and CTD casts at the BOUSSOLE site, for buoy data retrieval and for sampling at the DYFAMED station. The second day was used for optical and CTD casts at the BOUSSOLE site and for completing the transect. The third day was used for diving on the buoy, for optical and CTD casts at the BOUSSOLE site and for buoy data retrieval. The manual CIMEL is still not available.

Monday 13 April 2009

The first day, sea state was good with very low wind blowing and blue sky. When arrived at the BOUSSOLE site, 3 SPMR profiles, 1 Secchi disk, 1 CTD cast with water sampling were performed. In the meantime two CISCO connections with the buoy were attempted unsuccessfully. Then a direct connection on the top of the buoy was attempted and data were retrieved correctly. The CISCO connectors and ARGOS connectors were cleaned. The JUNCTION BOX was inadvertently mounted with the switch on the wrong side. Retrieved data

showed that the problem on the Ed sensor at 9 m was just due to a cap forgotten on it. This day the MOOSE/DY sampling was completed too.

Tuesday 14 April 2009

The second cruise day, sea state was good with very low wind blowing and blue sky. When arrived at the BOUSSOLE site, 3 SPMR profiles, 1 Secchi disk and 1 CTD with water sampling were performed before completing the transect on the way back to Nice.

Wednesday 15 April 2009

The third cruise day, sea state was still good with no or very low wind blowing and blue sky. When arrived on site, divers went at sea for cleaning the instruments and removing the cap on the Ed at 9 m. A neoprene cap was put on the HS4 for acquiring three dark measurement. The divers also fixed the hydrophone to the buoy at 20 m. 3 SPMR profiles, 1 Secchi disk, 1 CTD cast with water sampling were performed. A CISCO connection with the buoy was established and data retrieved. Then sky conditions worsened and SPMR casts were not continued. 1 deep CTD cast with water sampling (for TSM) was also performed to test temperature sensors before going back to Nice..

Thursday 16 April 2009

The last cruise day was cancelled because of bad weather and restrictions from port authorities.

Cruise Report

Monday 13 April 2009 (UTC)

People on board: Céline Bachelier, Emilie Diamond and Vincenzo Vellucci.

- 0650 Departure from the Nice port and immediate return. Forgotten CTD connection cables in the lab.
- 0740 Departure from the Nice port.
- 1100 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.
- 1105 CTD doesn't work.
- 1115 Attempted CISCO connection with the buoy: unsuccessful.
- 1130 CTD 01, 400 m with water sampling at 200, 150, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 m for HPLC, Ap and CDOM.
- 1205 SPMR 01, 02, 03.
- 1300 Secchi disk 01 (18 m).
- 1315 Attempted CISCO connection with the buoy: unsuccessful.
- 1335 Water sampling at 5 m for TSM.
- 1400 Zodiac at sea for climbing on the buoy. CISCO and ARGOS connections cleaned and retrieval data directly on buoy.
- 1440 Departure to DYFAMED site.
- 1505 CTD MOOSE, 2200 m.
- 1630 Departure to the Nice port.
- 1930 Arrival at the Nice port.

Tuesday 14 April 2009 (UTC)

People on board: Céline Bachelier, Emilie Diamond and Vincenzo Vellucci.

- 0515 Departure from the Nice port.
- 0830 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.
- 0840 CTD 02, 400 m with water sampling at 200, 150, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 m for HPLC, Ap and TSM.
- 0855 Secchi disk 02 (16 m).
- 0855 SPMR 04, 05, 06.
- 0945 Departure to Nice direction.
- 1030 CTD 03, 400 m, station 01 (43°25'N 07°48'E).
- 1125 CTD 04, 400 m, station 02 (43°28'N 07°42'E).
- 1220 CTD 05, 400 m, station 03 (43°31'N 07°37'E).
- 1315 CTD 06, 400 m, station 04 (43°34'N 07°31'E).
- 1415 CTD 07, 400 m, station 05 (43°37'N 07°25'E).
- 1500 CTD 08, 400 m, station 06 (43°39'N 07°21'E).
- 1520 Departure to the Nice port.

1555 Arrival at the Nice port.

Wednesday 15 April 2009 (UTC)

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- 0445 Departure from the Nice port.
- 0750 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.
- 0800 Diving on the buoy for cleaning and general inspection. Remove a cap on the Es sensor at 9 m. Dark HS4 measurements at 08h30, 08h45 and 09h00. Fixed the hydrophone on the chain at 20 m.
- 0815 CISCO connection with buoy and data retrieval.
- 0940 CTD 09, 400 m with water sampling at 200, 150, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 m for HPLC and Ap.
- 1015 SPMR 07, 08, 09.
- 1050 Secchi disk 03 (17 m).
- 1115 CISCO connection with buoy and data retrieval.
- 1155 CTD, 1000 m for testing T sensors, with water sampling at 5 m for TSM.
- 1350 Departure to the Nice port.
- 1750 Arrival at the Nice port.

Thursday 16 April 2009

Bad weather, zonex 23, 26, 28 not allowed.

Calculated Swath paths for the MERIS Sensor (ESOV Software)



Figure 2. Calculated swath paths for MERIS (Esov software) above BOUSSOLE site for April 14 2009.

Appendix

Cruise Summary Table for Boussole 81

Date	Black names	Profile names	CTD notées /	Other sensors	Start Time	Duration	Depth max	Latitu	ude (N)	longitude					Weather								Sea		
	(file ext: ".raw")	(file extension: ".raw")	satellite overpass		GMT (hour.min)	(min.sec)	(meter)	(Degree)	(Minute)	(Degree)	(Minute)	Sky	Clouds	Quantity (#/8)	Wind sp. (kn)	Wind dir.	Atm. Pressure (hPa)	Humidity (%)	Visibility	T air T	water	Sea	Swell H (m)	Swell dir.	Whitecaps
13/04/09			CTDBOUS001	HPLC & CDOM	11:40	20:00	400	43	21.947	7	53.742	blue		7	6	251	1004.6	80		15.7	14.2	calm			no
	Bou130409black1				12:05	3:00																			
		Bou130409AA			12:20	4:40	200	43	21.986	7	53.563	blue		1-2	7	258	1004.4	75	good	16.3		calm	0.8		no
		Bou130409AB			12:33	4:02	192	43	22.001	7	53.546	blue		1-2	7	258	1004.4	75	good	16.3		calm	0.8		no
		Bou130409AC			12:44	4:22	194	43	22.045	7	53.546	blue		1-2	7	258	1004.4	75	good	16.3		calm	0.8		no
	Bou130409black2				12:58	3:00																			
				Secchi01	13:00	4:00	18	43	22	7	54	blue		1-2					good			calm			no
				wat. samp.TSM	13:35	10:00	5	43	22	7	54											calm			
14/04/09			CTDBOUS002	HPLC & TSM	8:40	25:00	400	43	22.07	7	53.746	blue		0	9	68	1008.7	86		15.3	14.2	calm			no
				Secchi02	8:55	4:00	16	43	22	7	54	blue		0					good			calm			no
	Bou140409black1				8:56	3:00																			
		Bou140409AA			9:09	3:55	195	43	21.998	7	53.441	blue		0	8	77	1008.9	72	good	17.4		calm	0.6		no
		Bou140409AB			9:20	3:45	180	43	21.966	7	53.361	blue		0	8	77	1008.9	72	good	17.4		calm	0.6		no
		Bou140409AD			9:30	4:03	189	43	21.884	7	53.244	blue		0	8	77	1008.9	72	good	17.4		calm	0.6		no
	Bou140409black2				9:43	3:00																			
			CTDBOUS003		10:36	19:00	400	43	25.089	7	47.842	blue		0	5	83	1009.0	80		16.2	15.0	calm			no
			CTDBOUS004		11:29	20:00	400	43	28.015	7	41.934	blue		0	7	72	1008.9	84		17.4	14.8	calm			no
			CTDBOUS005		12:21	22:00	400	43	30.945	7	36.922	blue		1	7	83	1009.0	75		16.6	15.3	calm			no
			CTDBOUS006		13:17	24:00	400	43	34.016	7	30.860	blue		0-1	6	134	1009.0	80		16.3	15.5	calm			no
			CTDBOUS007		14:16	20:00	400	43	37.029	7	25.075	blue		0	6	146	1008.8	79		16.7	14.9	calm			no
			CTDBOUS008		15:03	16:00	400	43	39.058	7	21.046	blue		0	3	135	1008.8	83		16.5		calm			no
15/04/09			CTDBOUS009	HPLC	09:49	25:00	400	43	21.950	7.000	53.785	blue		5	2	175	1014.1	81		15.7	15.0	calm			no
	Bou150409black1				10:17	3:00																			
		Bou150409AA			10:21	4:03	200	43	21.839	7.000	53.510	blue	Cu	3	4	150	1014.2	80	good	15.0		calm	0.4		no
		Bou150409AB			10:33	4:00	177	43	21.845	7.000	53.384	blue	Cu	3	4	150	1014.2	80	good	15.0		calm	0.4		no
		Bou150409AC			10:43	4:10	179	43	21.836	7.000	53.241	blue	Cu	3	4	150	1014.2	80	good	15.0		calm	0.4		no
	Bou150409black2				11:00	3:00																			
				Secchi03	10:50	4:00	17	43	22	7	54	blue							good			calm			no
				wat. samp.TSM	12:05	101:00	5	43	22	7	54											calm			
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16/04/09											Bad weath	er and zonex r	not allowed												





































