

# BOUSSOLE Monthly Cruise Report

## Cruise 49

February 01 – 04, 2006

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Fig 1. 4 meters arms are clearly visible from the head of the buoy with February clear waters.

## BOUSSOLE project

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## Foreword

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## **Cruise Objectives**

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 N<sub>2</sub> for HPLC pigment and particule absorption spectrophotometric filter analysis in the lab. A gimble 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 four fixed locations on-route from Boussole and a final two station positions to be decided during the transect in order to sample on both sides of the main frontal structure between the coastal waters and Ligurian Sea. The time of day of this transect should be similar for each cruise, if possible to minimise influence of diurnal variability.

3 divers (David Luquet, Laurent Giletta and Jean de Vaugelas) will be onboard on 2 February 2006 to take some pictures and clean and check the buoy structure under the sea surface.

Other activities will also be performed on the buoy to download the data off the buoy and verify that everything is as expected above the waterline.

Vincent Dutreuil, newly arrived at DT-INSU will be onboard 2 days to be aware of typical operations during a Boussole cruise.

## **Cruise Summary**

The weather was not so favourable for the beginning of the mission. The first day was even used to realize some CTD troubleshooting in the Bay of Villefranche-sur-mer (point B, C).

The hand held CIMEL sun photometer was found to be out of order for the cruise.

A total of 6 SPMR profiles and 9 CTD profiles were performed.

The buoy connection was again impossible to establish the first days of the cruise with the CISCO Ethernet bridge from the ship. Even a direct connection from the buoy head did not success. Diver David Luquet had to operate a manual switch while Guislain Becu was on top of the buoy with a laptop to force the buoy to connect. It was found that the buoy clock had reset to January 01, 1970 midnight on November 12, 2005 midday, so that not only the date was wrong, but also the node time was lagged from about 12 hours. It is so normal that the buoy did not connect to the laptop, as it is configured to try to connect only during the day.

### **Wednesday 01 February 2006**

Due to bad weather, only some CTD profiles were performed in the bay of Villefranche to troubleshoot some pb.

### **Thursday 02 February 2006**

Weather was little bit more convenient than the previous day ; 3 SPMR profiles as well as 2 CTD profiles with filtration to the site and 5 CTD profiles of the transect to port of Nice were realized. Connection to the buoy failed.

### **Friday 03 February 2006**

Divers went at sea at morning. One CTD profile was performed for filtration including dry weights. This day, the connection to the buoy was successful with the help of the diver operating a manual switch (AK port).

## Saturday 04 February 2006

One CTD profile was realized when arriving to the site, for triplicate HPLC filtration as well as for dry weights. 3 SPMR profiles were also performed, but there was quite a lot of swell and whitehorses.

## Cruise Report

### 01 February 2006 (UTC)

1130 Departure from port of Nice.  
1200 CTD test 1 at 43°20.613'N 07°18.239'E (point C).  
1255 CTD test 2 at 43°39.572'N 07°17.878'E.  
1343 CTD test 3 at 43°39.684'N 07°17.494'E.  
1451 CTD test 4 at 43°40.995'N 07°18.769'E (point B).  
1600 Arrival at port of Nice.

### 02 February 2006

0530 Departure from port of Nice.  
0927 CTD 1 with water sampling at 200, 100, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 meters.  
1026 CTD 2 for triplicate at 5 and 10 meters.  
1136 SPMR profiles 1, 2, 3.  
1352 CTD 3 at station 1 (43°25'N 07°48'E).  
1458 CTD 4 at station 2 (43°28'N 07°42'E).  
1555 CTD 5 at station 3 (43°31'N 07°37'E).  
1658 CTD 6 at station 4 (43°34'N 07°31'E).  
1756 CTD 7 at station 5 (43°37'N 07°25'E).  
1910 Arrival to port of Nice.

### 03 February 2006

0530 Departure from port of Nice.  
0910 Divers at sea to check, clean and take pictures of the buoy underwater structure.  
0230 Secchi disk 1.  
1200 Buoy connection attempts with final success with manual switch with diver.  
1351 CTD 8 with water sampling at 200, 100, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 meters for HPLC, Ap and dry weights.  
1750 Arrival at port of Nice.

### 04 February 2006

0530 Departure from port of Nice.  
0900 CTD 9 with water sampling at 10 and 5 meters for HPLC, Ap and dry weights.  
0942 SPMR profiles 4, 5 and 6.  
1500 Arrival at port of Nice.

# Calculated Swath paths for MERIS Sensor (ESOV Software)

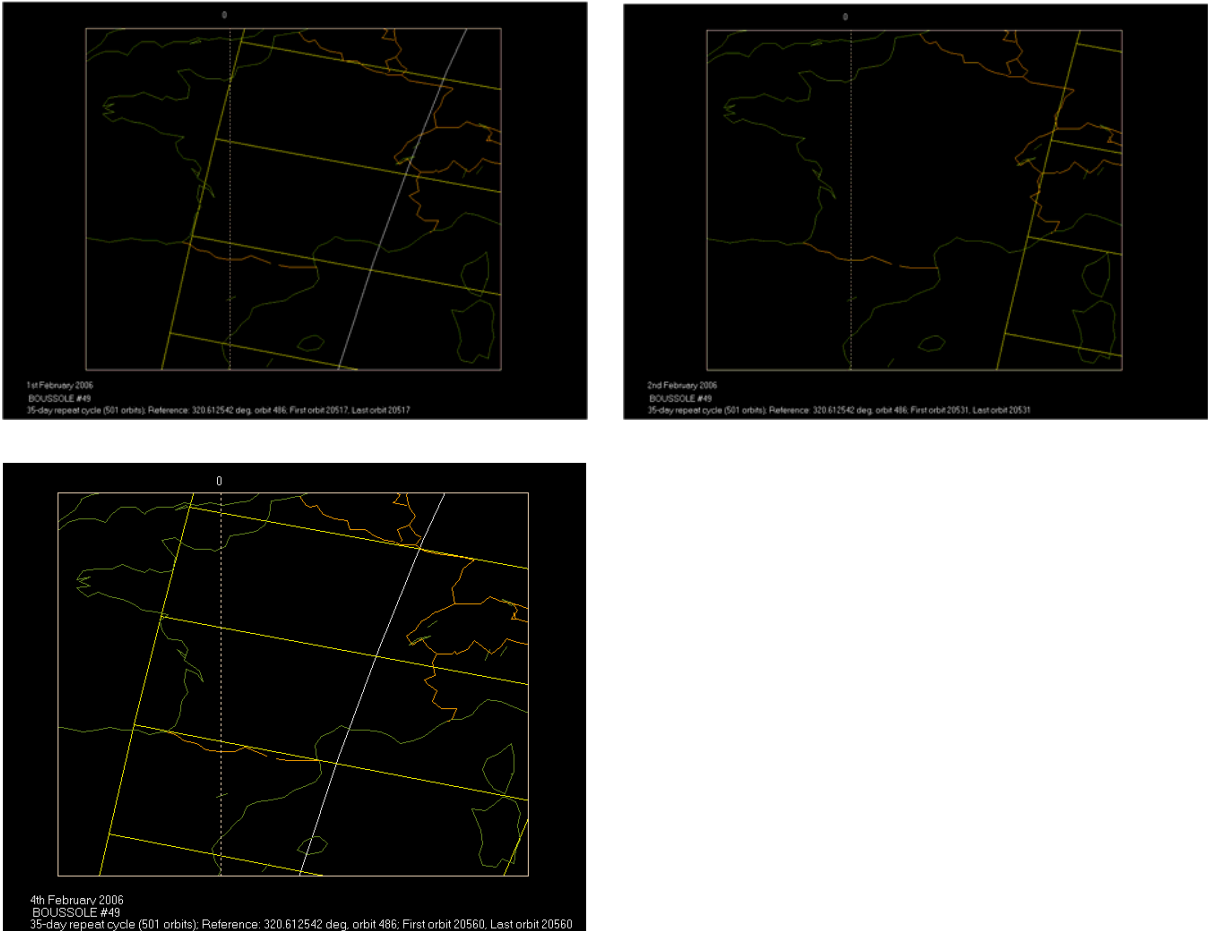
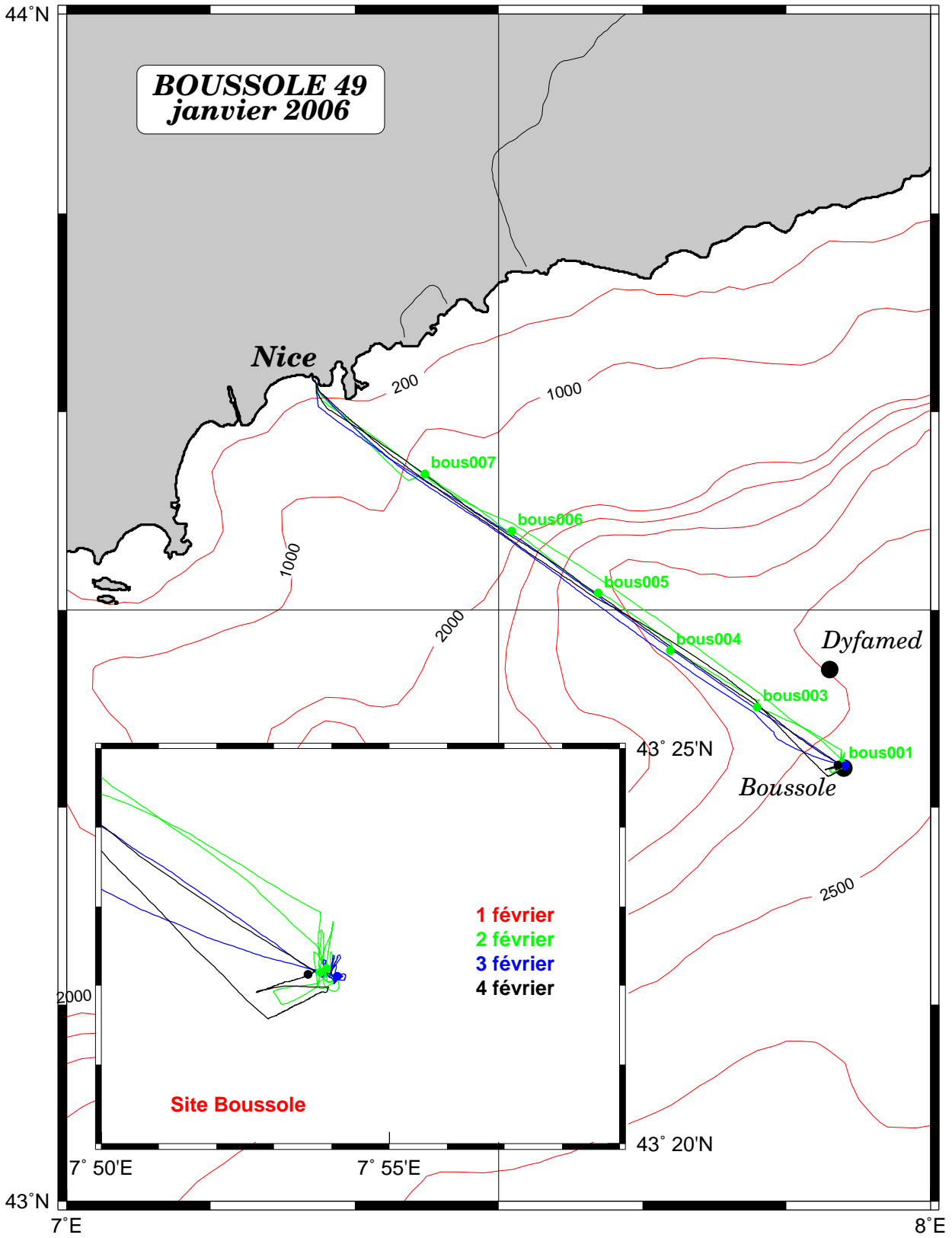


Figure 3. Calculated swath paths for MERIS (Esov software) above BOUSSOLE site for 01, 02 and 04 February 2006.

# Appendix

Date	Black names (file ext: ".raw")	Profile names (file extension: ".raw")	CTD notes / satellite overpass	Start Time GMT (hour.min)	Duration (min.sec)	Depth max (meter)	Latitude (N) (Degree) (Minute)	Longitude (Degree) (Minute)	Other sensors	Their cost	Start/Finish	Sky	Clouds	Quantity (#/h)	Weather	Wind speed	Wind dir.	Am. Pressure	Humidity	Visibility	T Air	T water	Sea	Swell height	White horses
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				10:26	26:00	400	43 22.188	7 53.805				covered	heter.	5	6 kn	213	213	1014.9	83	very good	12.3	13.0	choppy	1.1 m	yes
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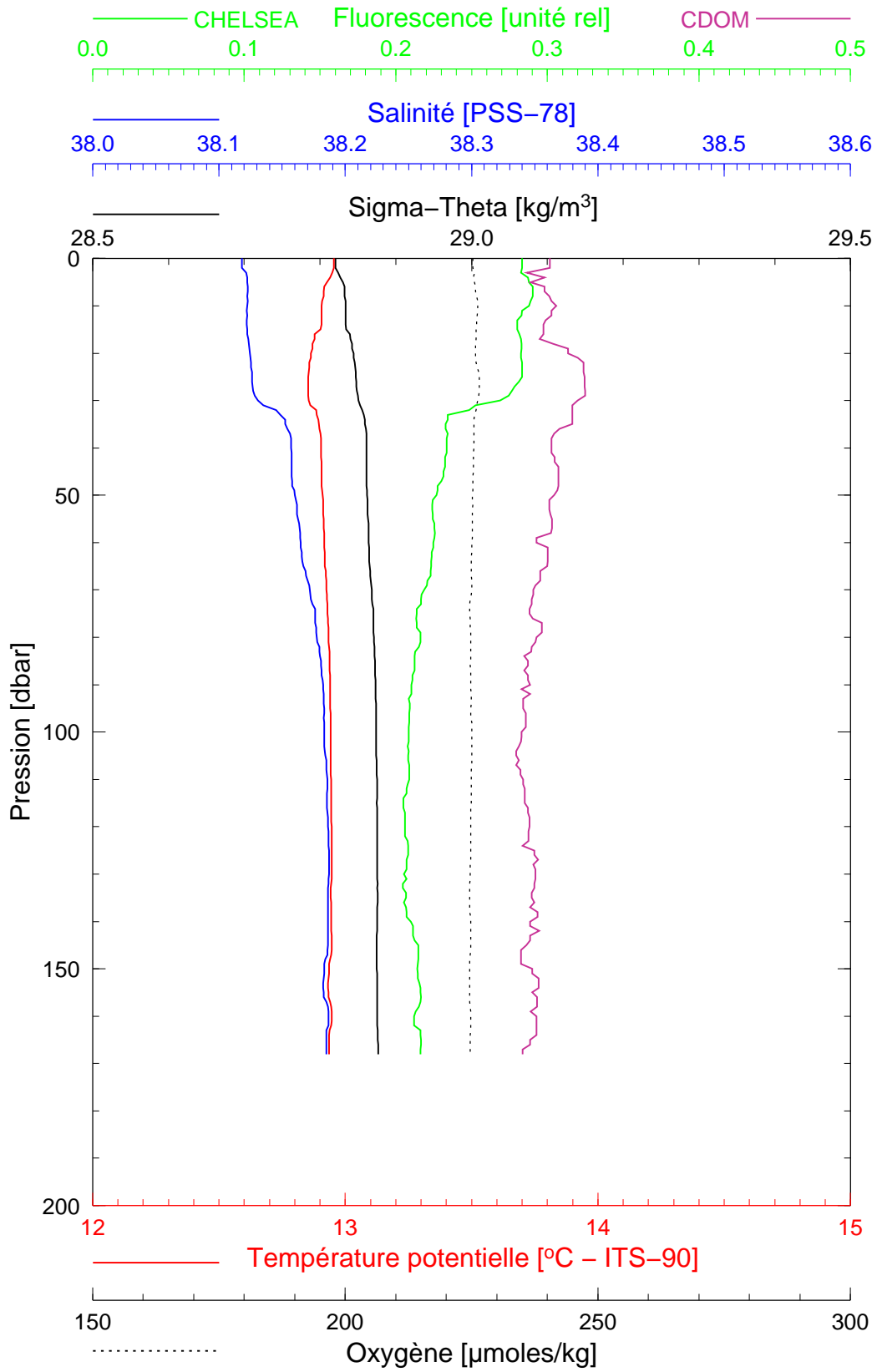


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Point B



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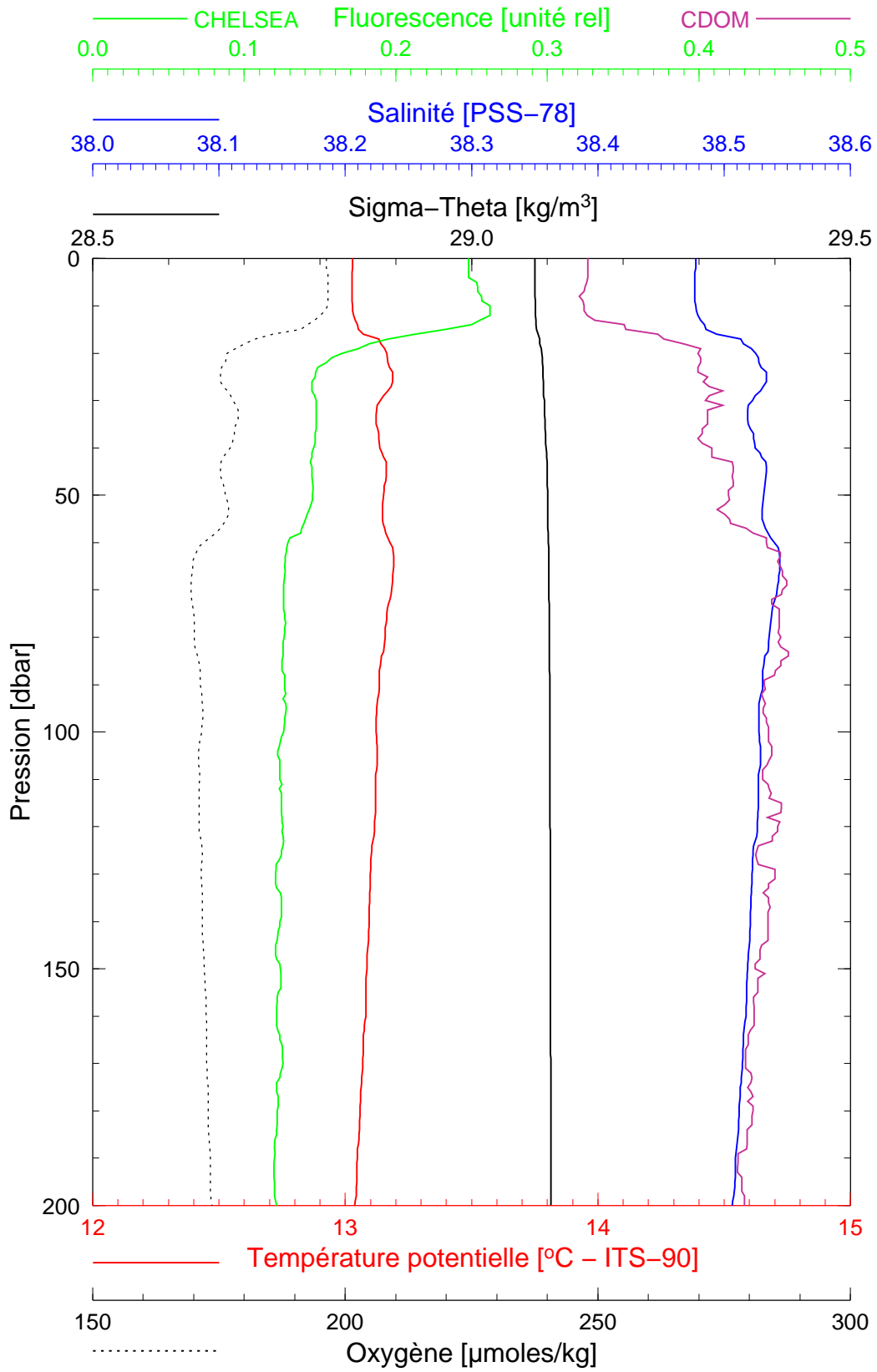
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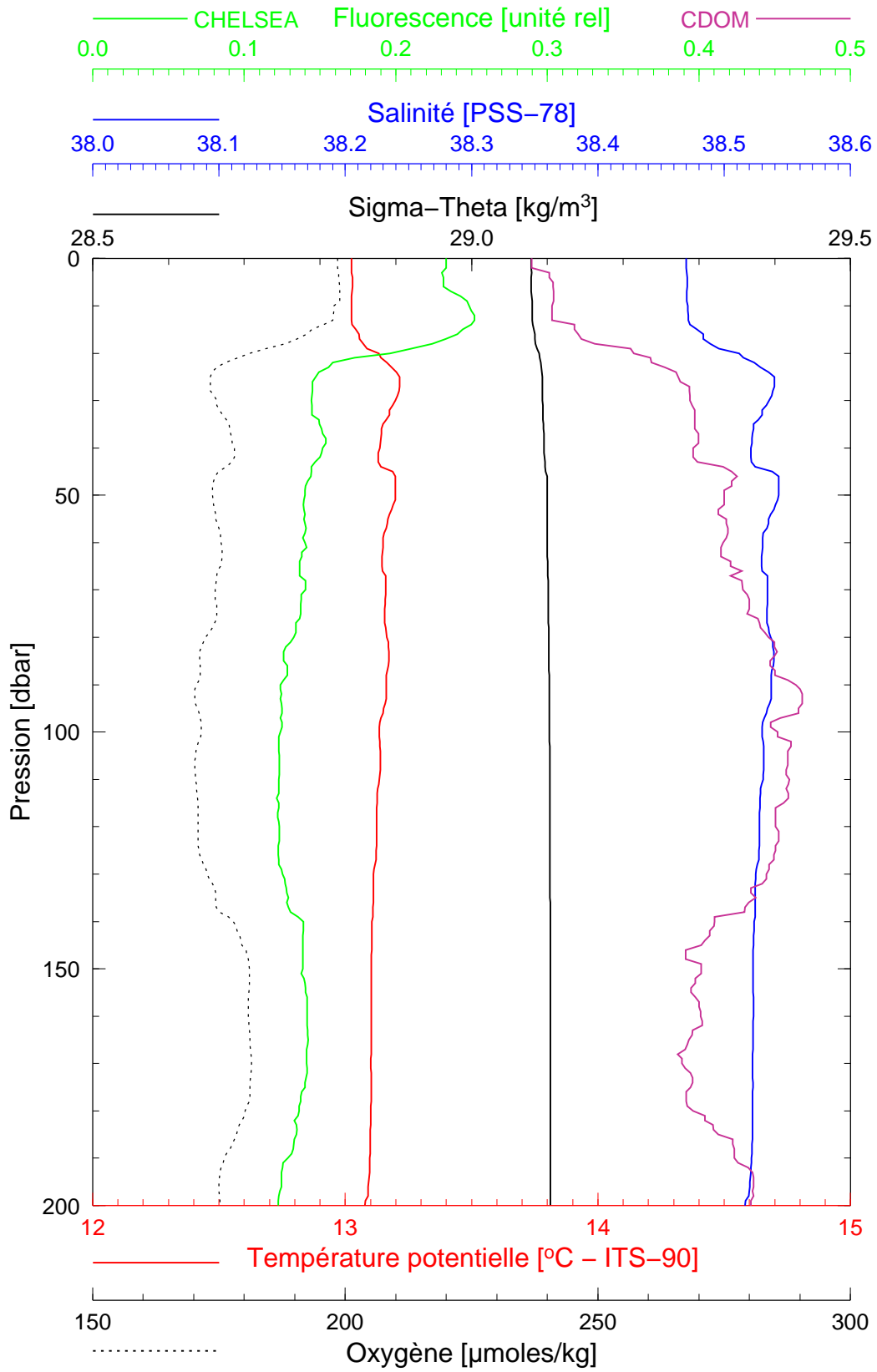
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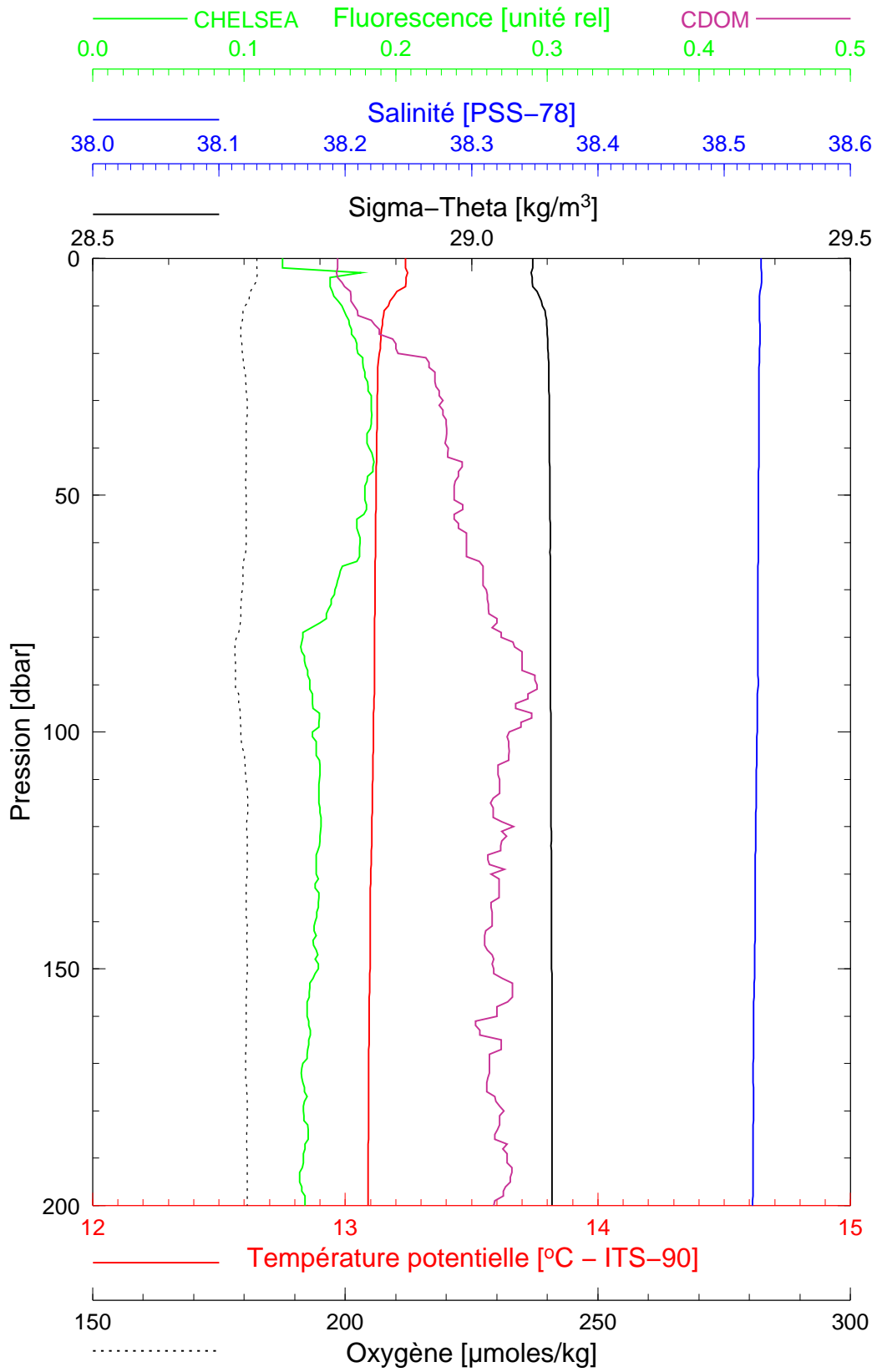
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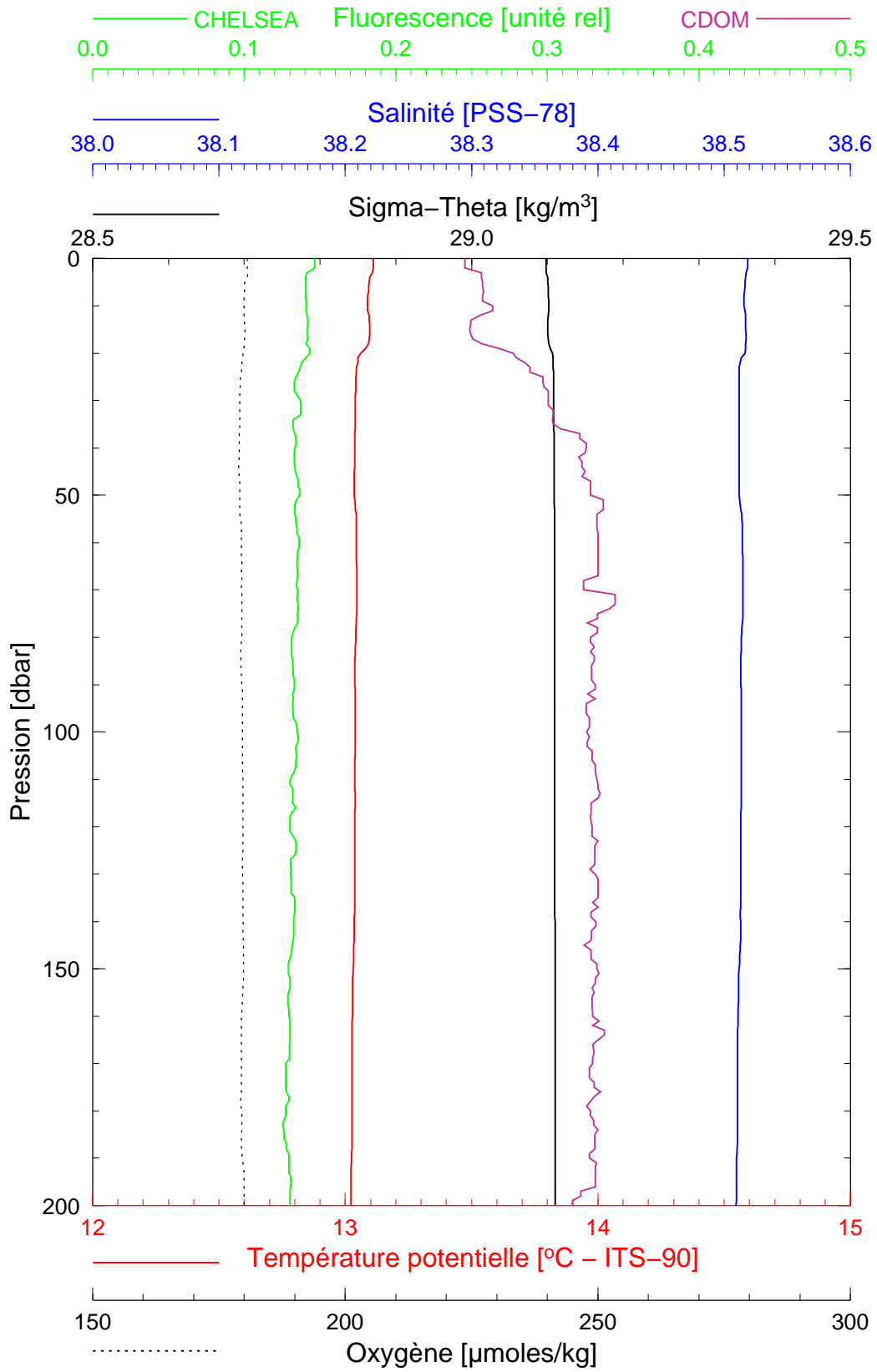
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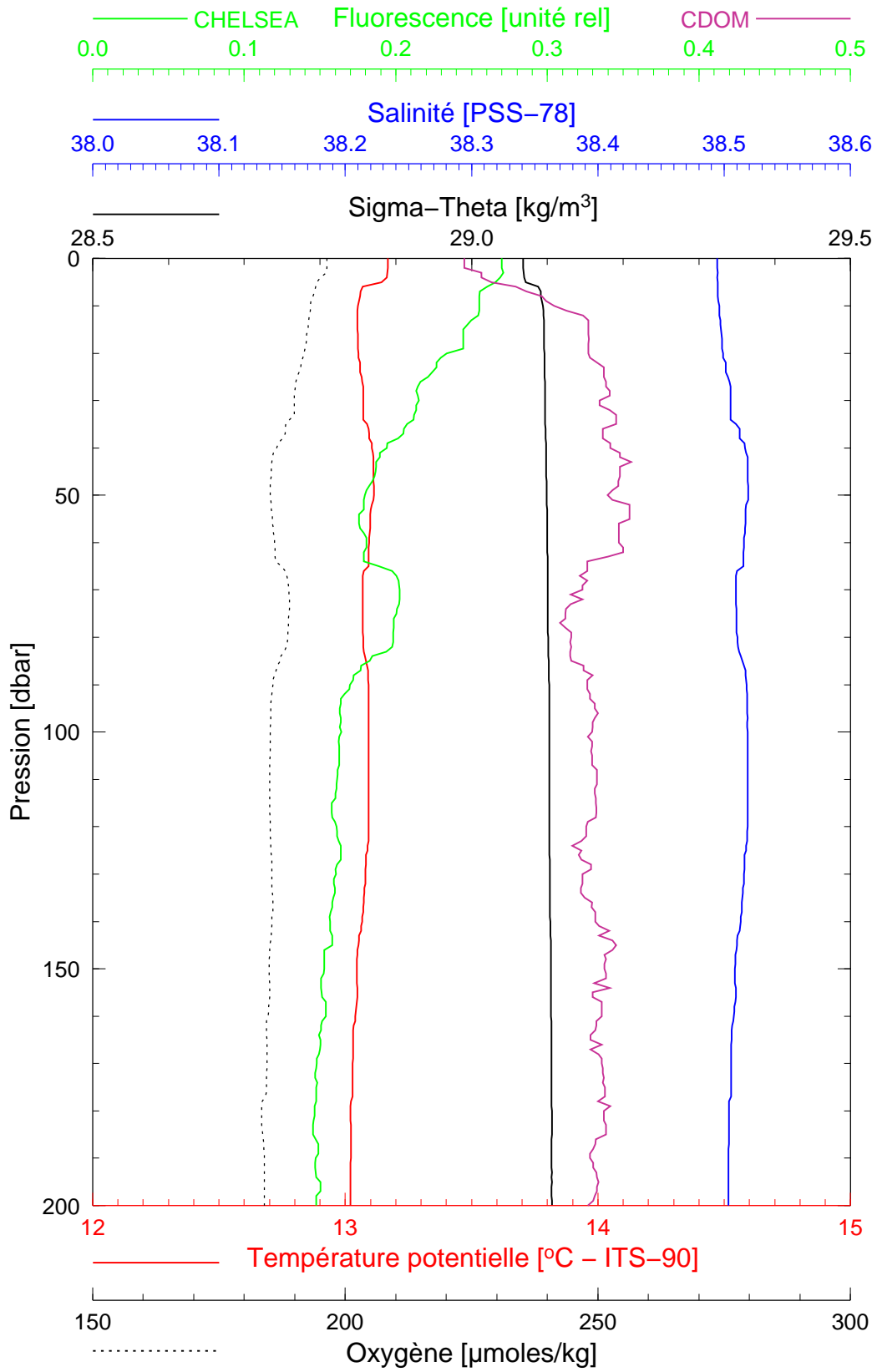
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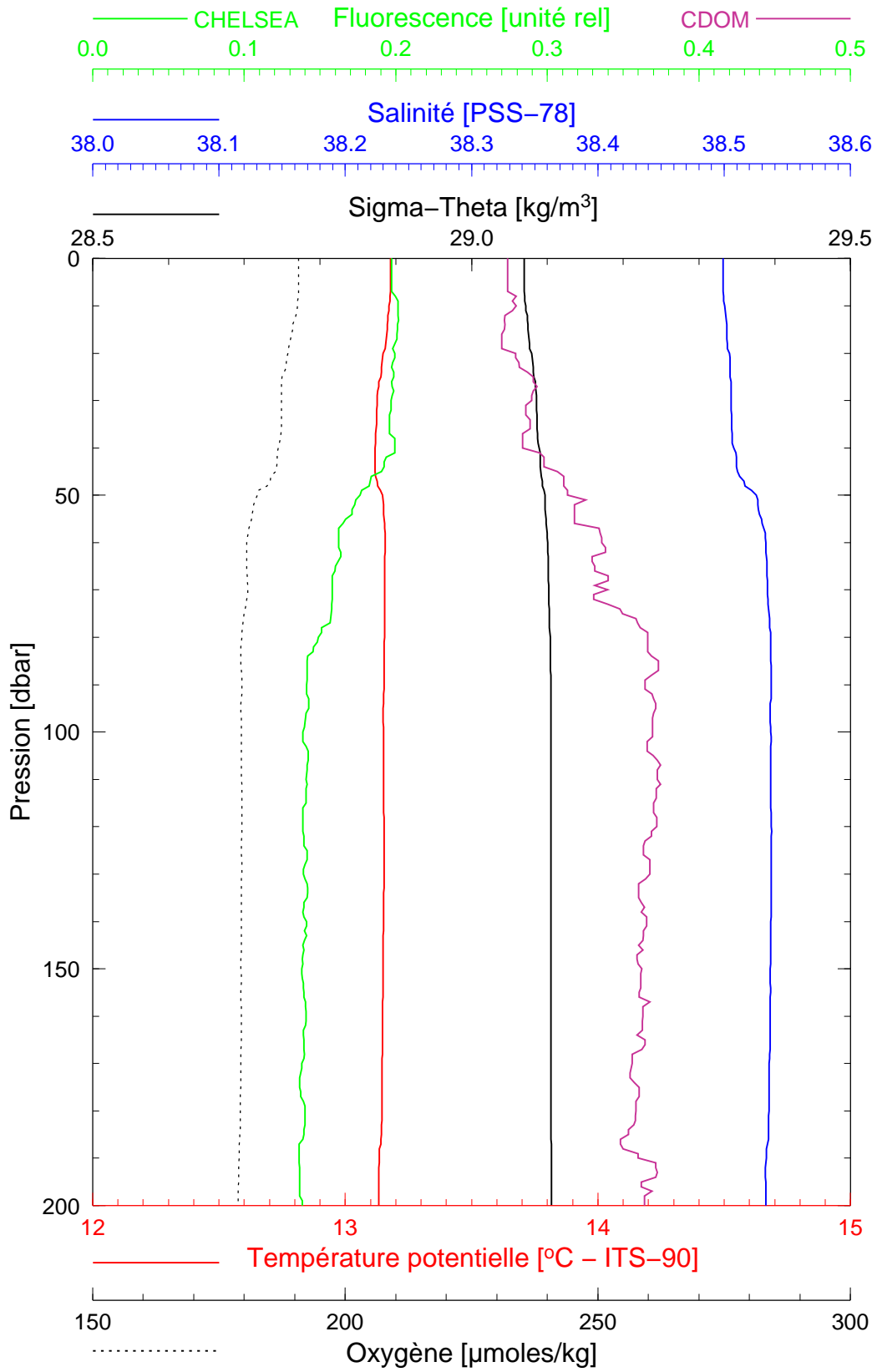
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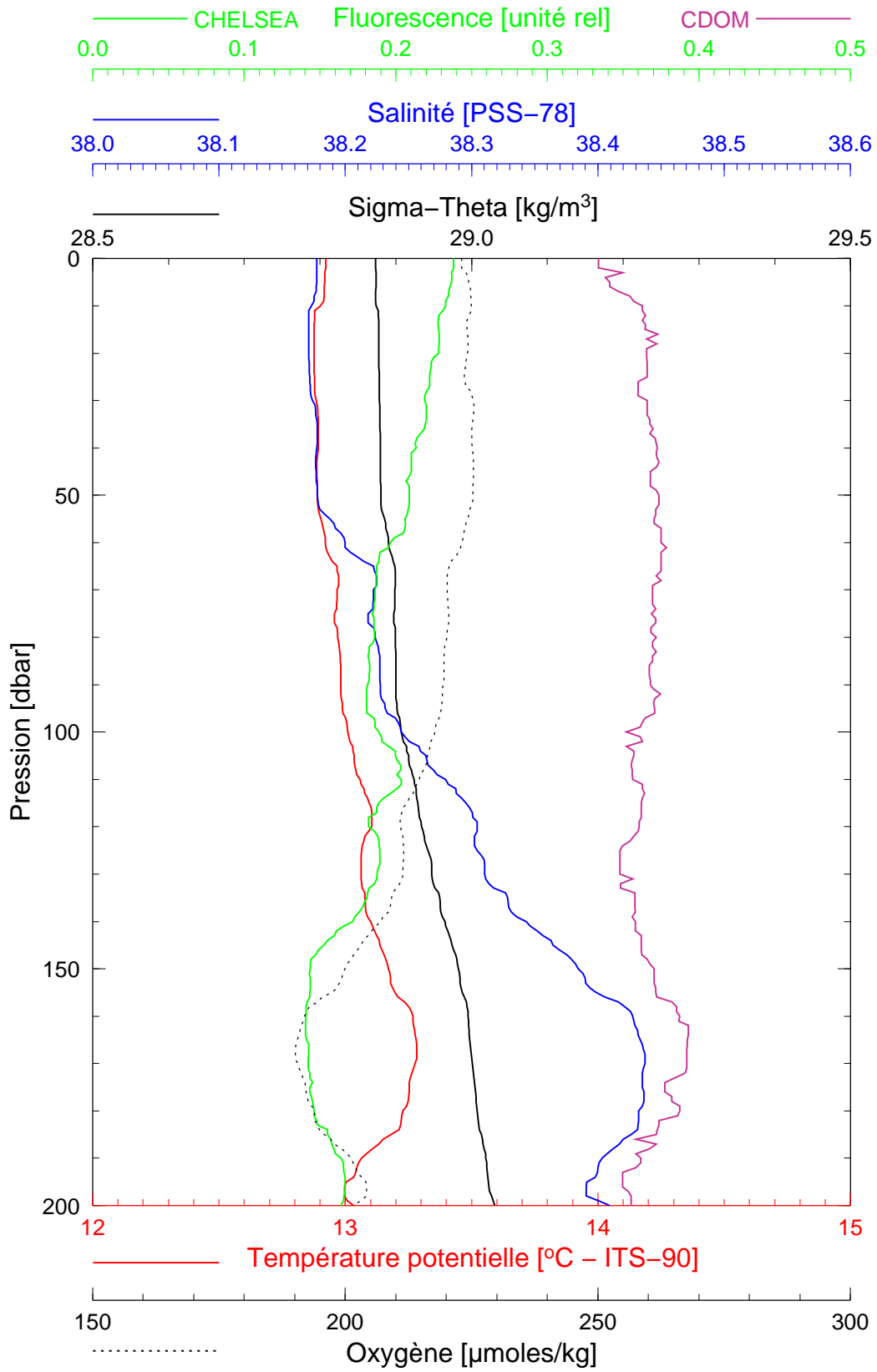


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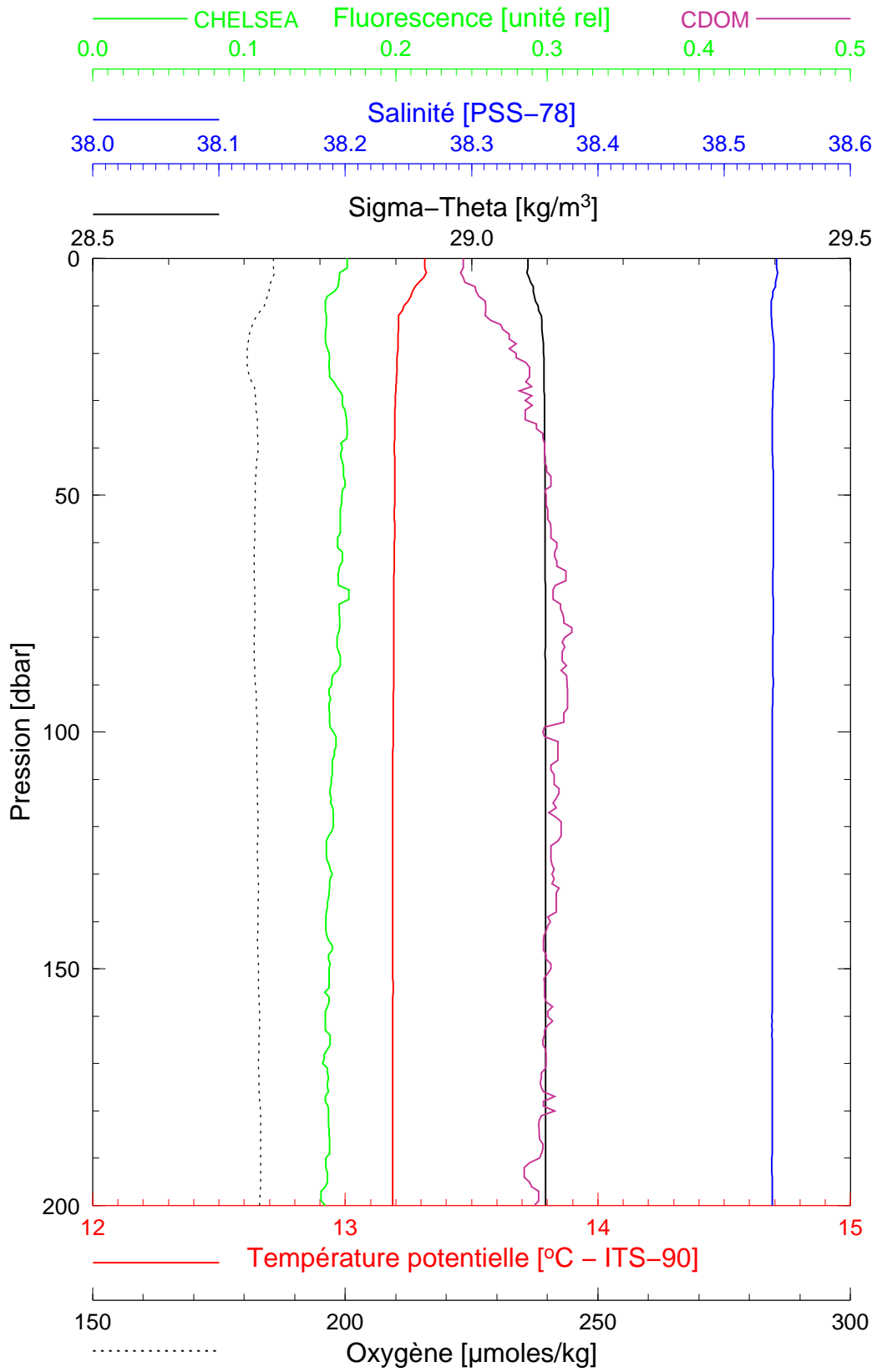
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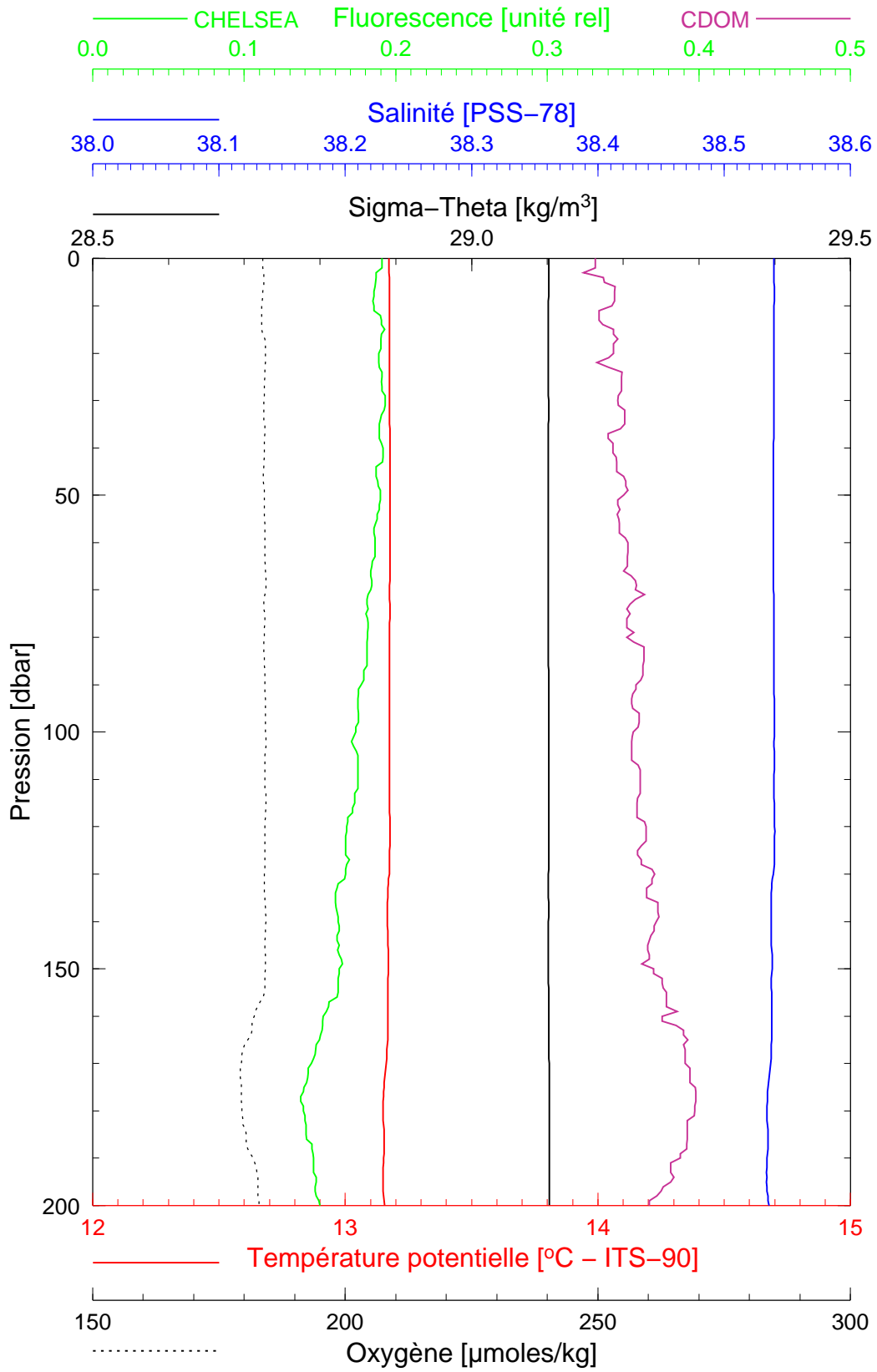
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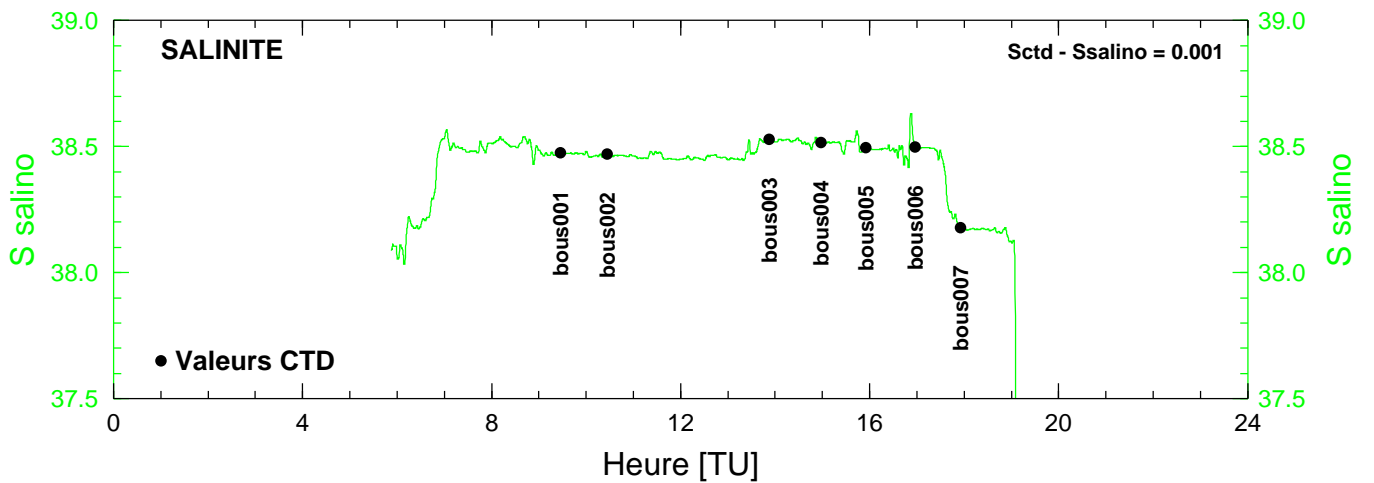
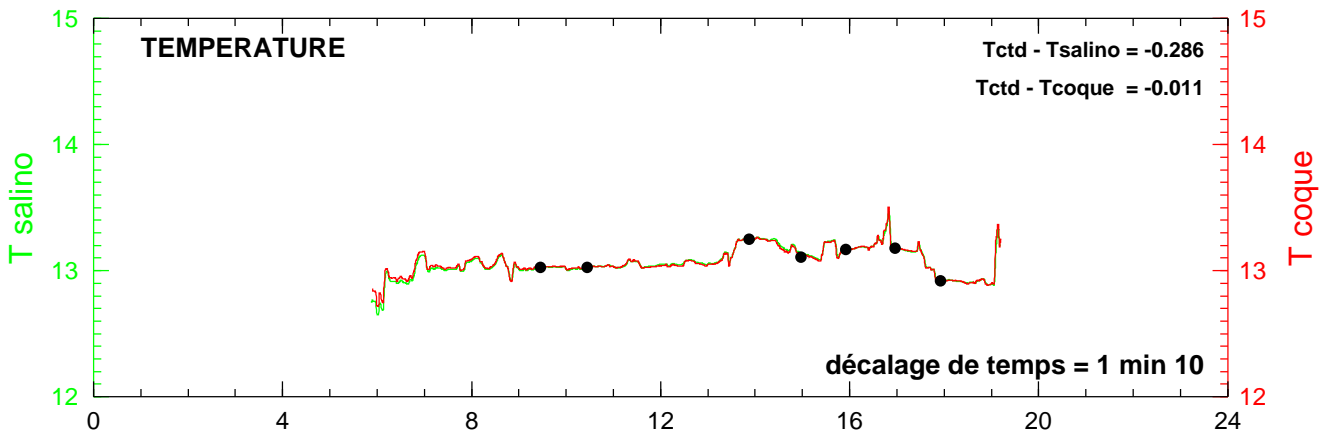
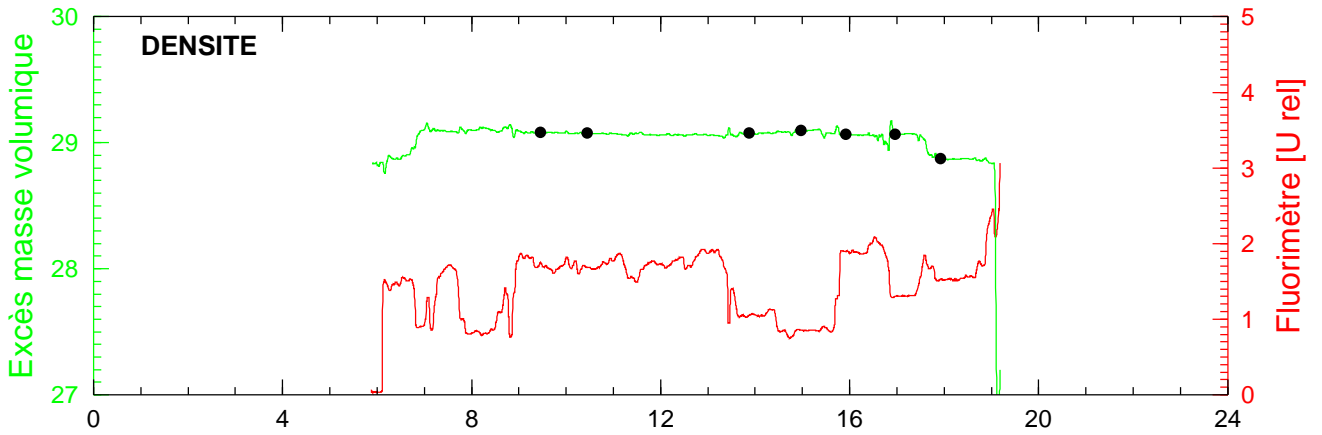
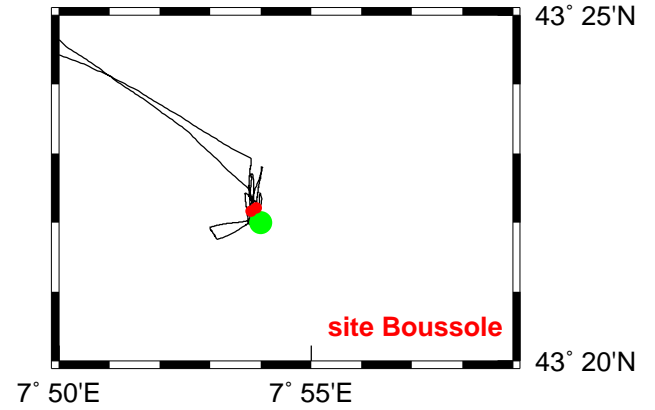
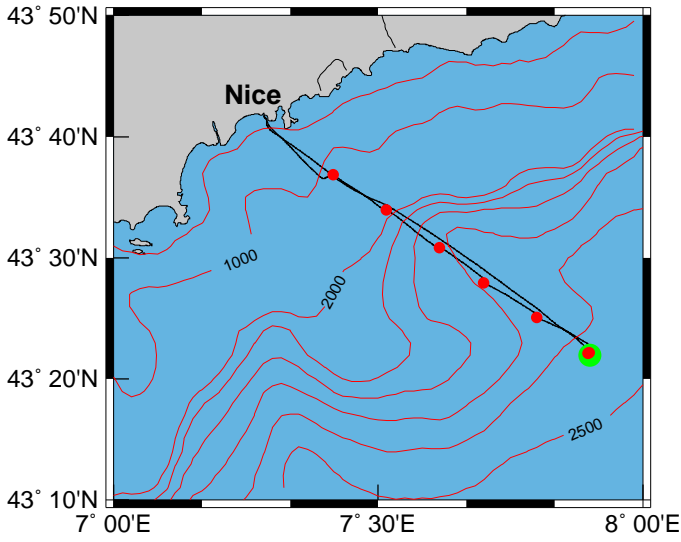
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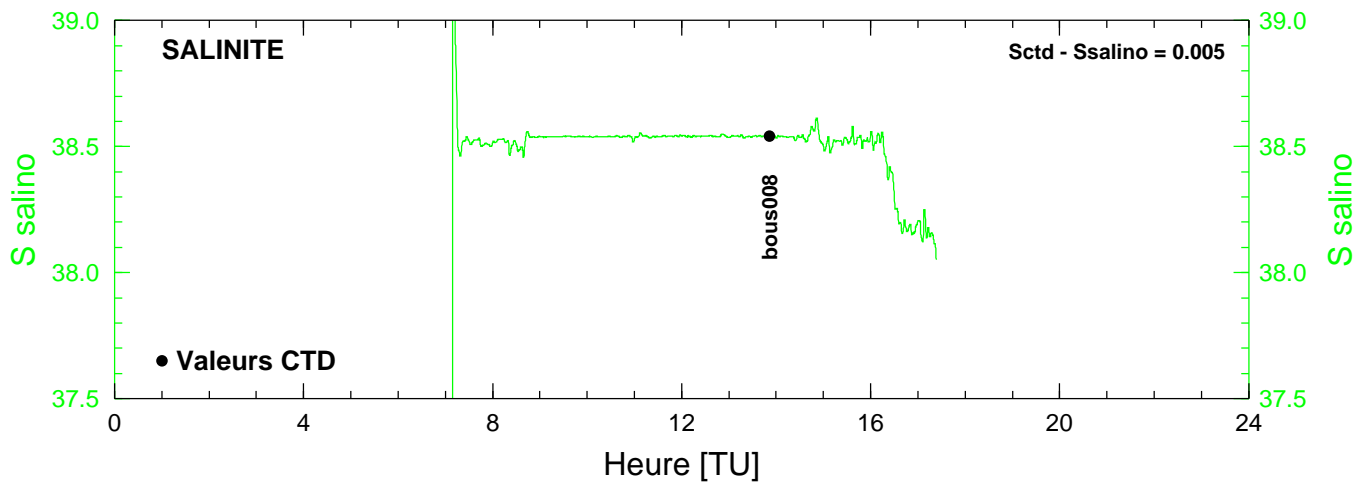
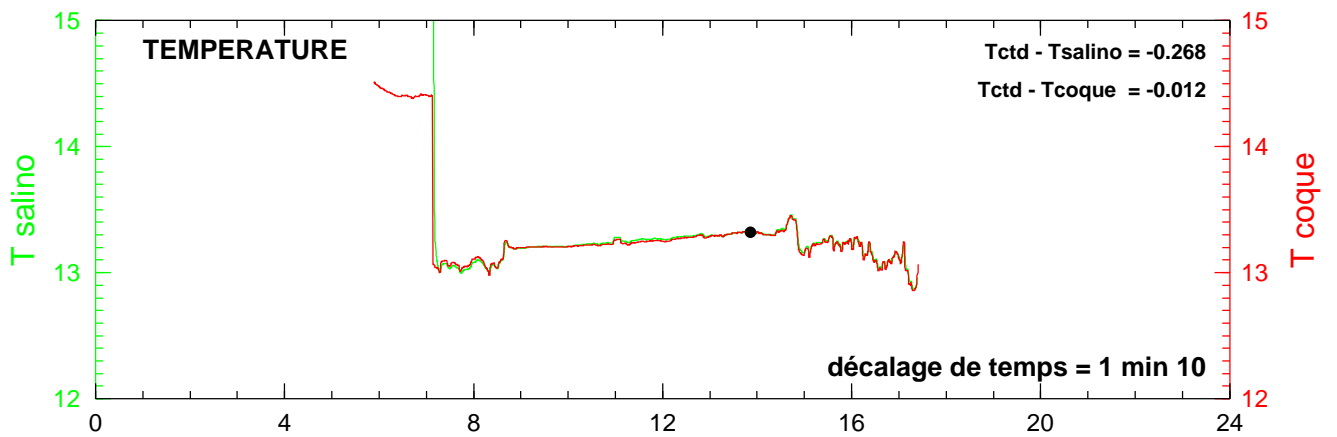
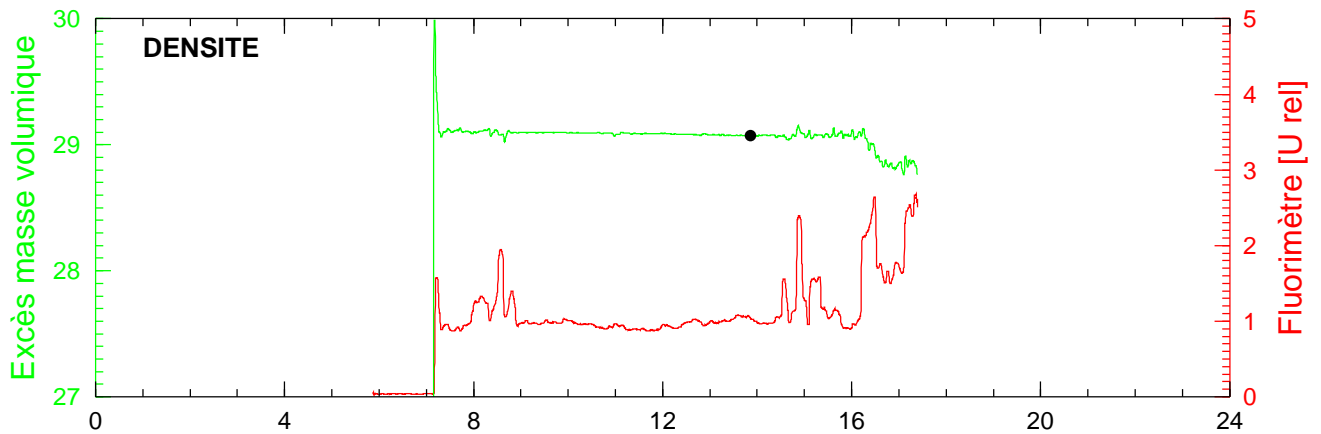
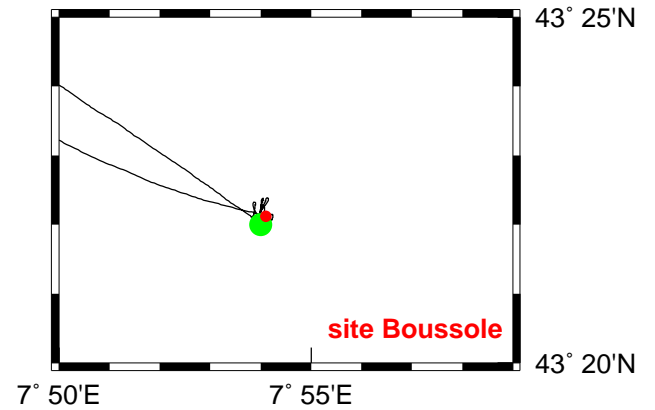
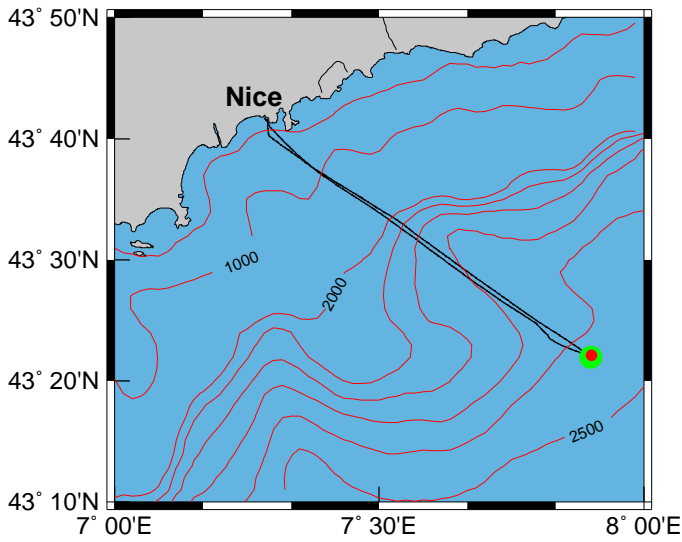
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