

BOUSSOLE Monthly Cruise Report

Cruise 24

July 13 – 15, 2003

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Fig 1. Oily seas!!!!

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Cruise Objectives:

Multiple SPMR profiles are to occur within 1 hour of satellite overhead passes of SeaWiFS and MERIS and around solar noon. 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), SIMBADA measurements are to be performed consecutively where possible with SPMR profiles. If sea conditions are poor but sky is good, SIMBADA 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 the filters stored in LN2 for HPLC pigment and particulate absorption 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 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. On other uninterrupted transits between Nice and Boussole, Simbada measurements of optical thickness should be taken every 30 minutes to characterise variability between the Cap Ferrat sun photometer site and the Boussole site.

Cruise Summary:

All three days of the cruise consisted of very good weather and fairly calm to oily seas. The provisional program was changed significantly because we were not permitted to perform CTD profiles along the transect line on the 13th July. This did not pose any problems and still allowed for an unplanned short stop in Nice to pick up some science supplies from the lab.

On the 13th, low quantities of cumulus made the timing of SPMR profiles critical in order to avoid instabilities in the light field during profiling and may reduce the possibility of a SeaWiFS matchup for the day. However, oily seas provided excellent conditions and the floating frame proved useful in delaying profiles until there was clear sky and maximum solar irradiation. The final day (15th) was the only day where Meris was in a suitable position to cover the Boussole site without too much sunglint. For a matchup, sky conditions were very good, being cloud-free and visibly more blue than the previous day. Some small swell was rolling in from the north east with some breeze but possibility of a good matchup was high.

There were numerous marine life observations including a shark, suspected to be a 'great white', which appeared to be inspecting the SPMR as it was being hauled in through oily calm seas. A whale was sighted close to the ship in the afternoon and a large pod of dolphins chasing a tuna shoal were seen earlier on the last day.

Three successful days of optics work were completed during this cruise that marks two years of the Boussole time series study and the French national holiday Bastille Day, July 14th.

Cruise Report (all times in GMT)

Sunday 13th July, 2003

0430 Depart Port of Nice

0750 Arrival at Boussole Site (43°22'N 7°54'E).

0759 CTD Boussole 1. Max 400m. Bottle depths (m): 200,150,120,100,70,50,40,30,20,10, 5.

0828 CTD on deck.

0848 SPMR deployed

0900 SPMR on deck (2 profiles)

1030 Commencement of quadrilateral

1130 Completion of quadrilateral

1152 SPMR surface float deployed

1220 SPMR surface float recovered (2 profiles + SeaWiFS 1219)

1229 SPMR deployed

1246 SPMR on deck (2 profiles)

1319 SPMR deployed

1350 SPMR on deck (3 profiles)

1407 CTD Boussole 2. Max 400m. Bottle depths (m): 200,150,120,100,70,55,40,30,20,10, 5.

1437 CTD on deck

1503 SPMR surface float deployed

1605 SPMR surface float recovered (2 profiles)

2230 Arrive Port of Nice

2400 Depart Port of Nice

Monday 14th July, 2003

0630 Arrival at Boussole Site

0649 CTD Boussole 3. Max 400m. Bottle depths (m): 200,100,80,65,50,40,30,20,10, 5

0719 CTD on deck

0732 SPMR surface float deployed

0800 SPMR surface float recovered (2 profiles)

0840 SPMR deployed.

0920 SPMR on deck (4 profiles).

1028 CTD Boussole 4. Max 400m. Bottle depths (m): 10, 5

1053 CTD on deck

1105 SPMR surface float deployed
1115 SPMR surface float recovered (1 profile)
1117 SPMR deployed.
1140 SPMR on deck (3 profiles + SeaWiFS 1121)
1149 SPMR surface float deployed
1200 SPMR surface float recovered (1 profile)
1252 SPMR surface float deployed
1302 SPMR surface float recovered (1 profile + SeaWiFS 1259)
1305 SPMR deployed.
1325 SPMR on deck (2 profiles)
1329 SPMR surface float deployed
1350 SPMR surface float recovered (1 profile)
1405 CTD Boussole 5. Max 400m. Boussole Site.
1502 CTD Boussole 6. Max 400m. Transect Station 1 (43°25'N 7°28'E).
1600 CTD Boussole 7. Max 400m. Transect Station 2 (43°28'N 7°42'E).
1709 CTD Boussole 8. Max 400m. Transect Station 3 (43°31'N 7°37'E).
1811 CTD Boussole 9. Max 400m. Transect Station 4 (43°34'N 7°31'E).
1912 CTD Boussole 10. Max 400m. Transect Station 5 (43°37'N 7°25'E).
2002 CTD Boussole 11. Max 400m. Transect Station 6 (43°39'N 7°21'E).
2030 Remain in vicinity of Boussole

Tuesday 15th July, 2003

0615 Relocate on Boussole Site
0622 CTD Boussole 12. Max 400m. Bottle Depths (m) 200,150,120,100,70,50,40,30,20,10, 5.
0651 CTD on deck
0708 SPMR surface float in water
0735 SPMR surface float on deck (2 profiles)
0825 SPMR in water
0855 SPMR on deck (3 profiles)
0957 SPMR in water
1050 SPMR on deck (4 profiles)
1114 CTD Boussole 13. Max 400m. Bottle depths (m): 10, 5
1139 CTD on deck
1145 SPMR in water
1315 SPMR on deck (5 profiles + SeaWiFS 1202 + Meris 1126)
1324 SPMR surface float in water

1334 SPMR surface float on deck (1 profiles)

1353 CTD Boussole 14. Max 400m. Bottle Depths (m) 200,150,120,100,70,50,40,30,20,10, 5

1422 CTD on deck

1425 Depart Boussole Site for Port of Nice

1425-1700 Simbada measurements every 30 minutes

1730 Arrive Port of Nice

Satellite Overhead Passes at Boussole Site (43°22'N 7°54'E)

SeaWiFS (times in GMT)

13 Jul 2003 12:19 at 66.33 degrees elevation

14 Jul 2003 11:21 at 26.47 degrees elevation

14 Jul 2003 12:59 at 31.10 degrees elevation

15 Jul 2003 12:02 at 61.34 degrees elevation

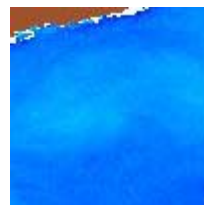
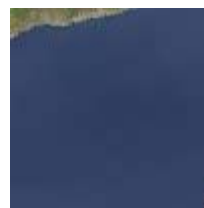
Meris (times in GMT)

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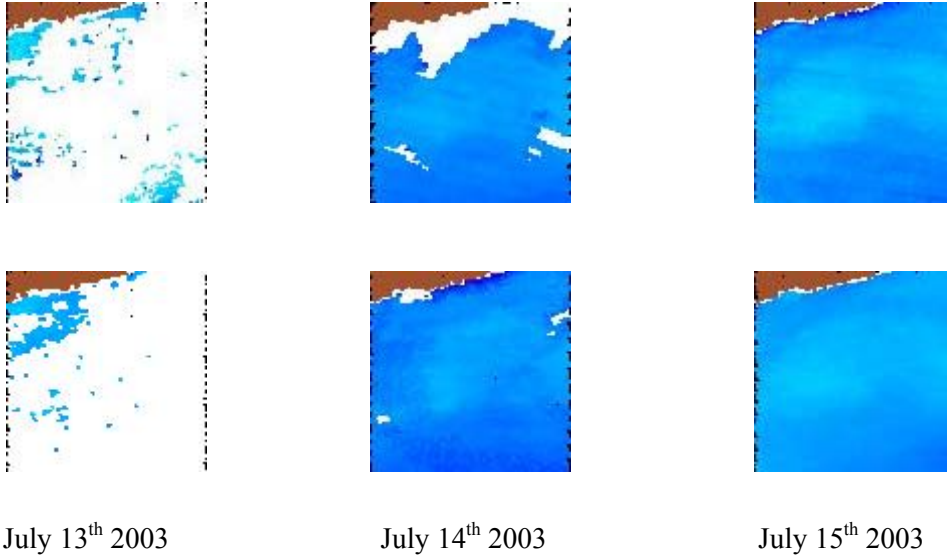
Ligurian Sea Boussole Site Images

http://seawifs.gsfc.nasa.gov/cgi/seawifs_region_extracts.pl

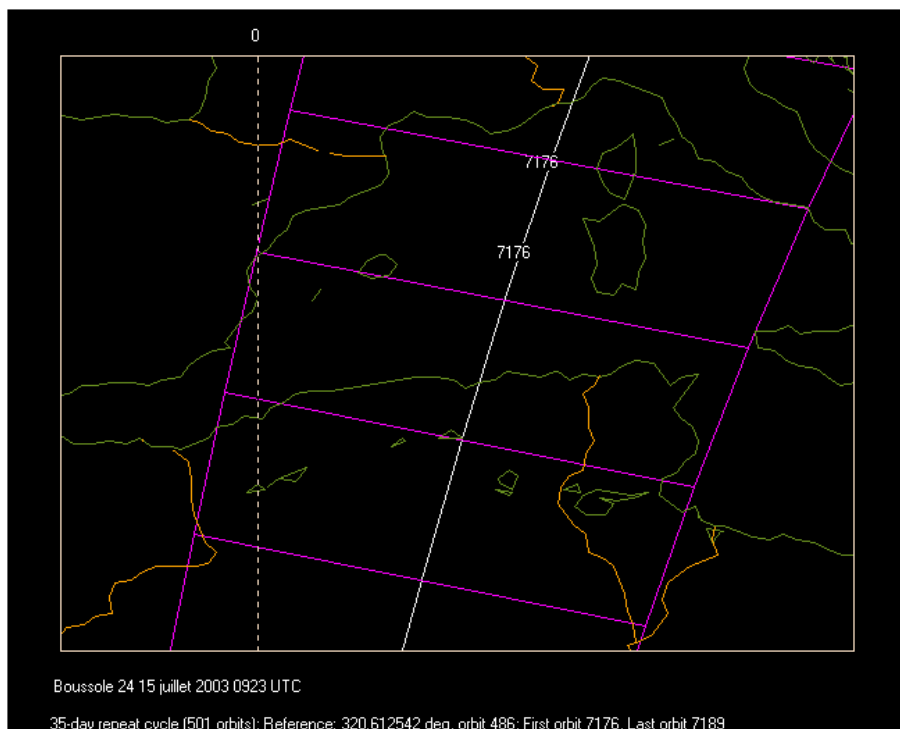
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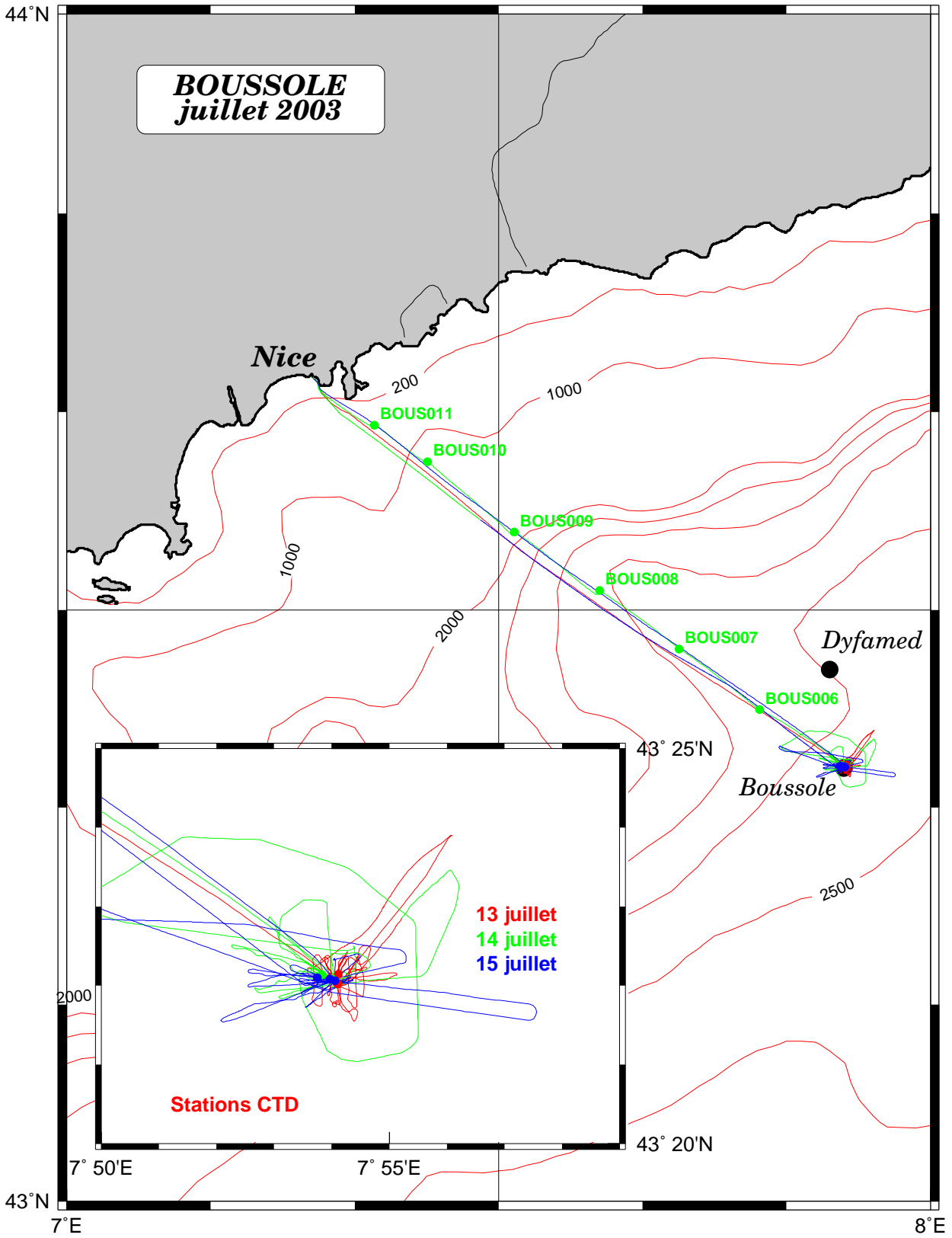


Modis



Calculated Swath paths for Modis Sensor (ESOV Software)

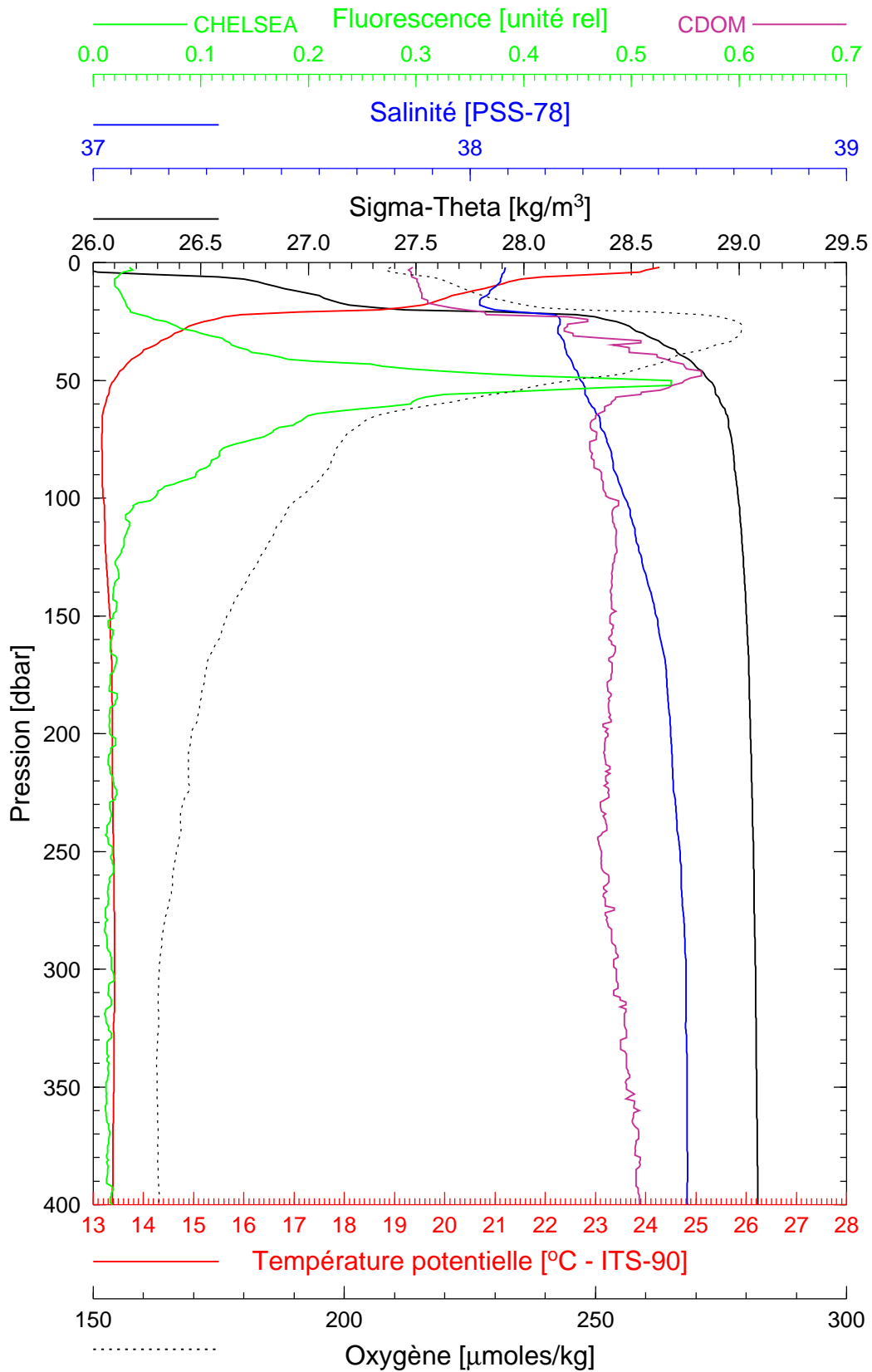




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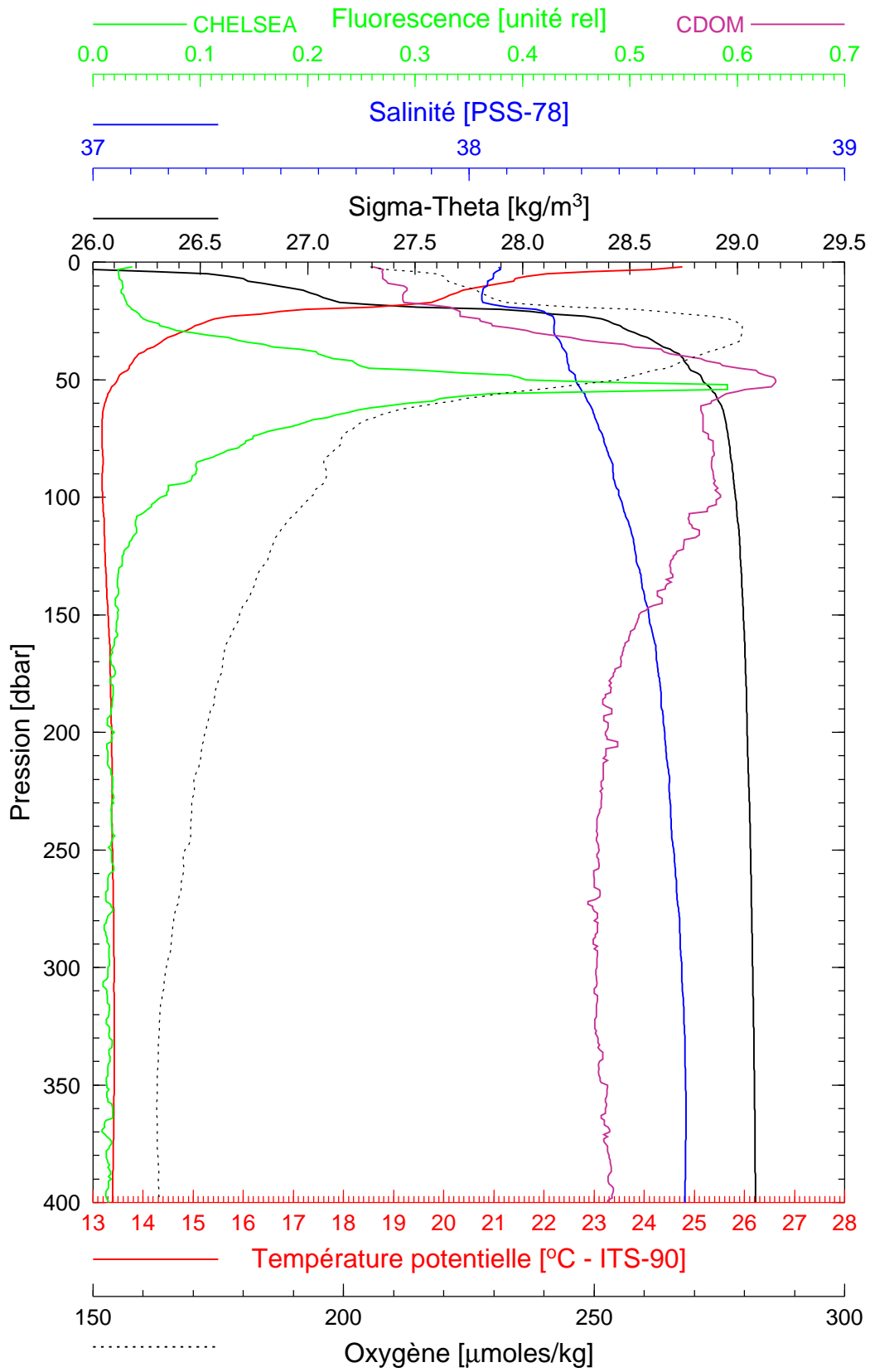
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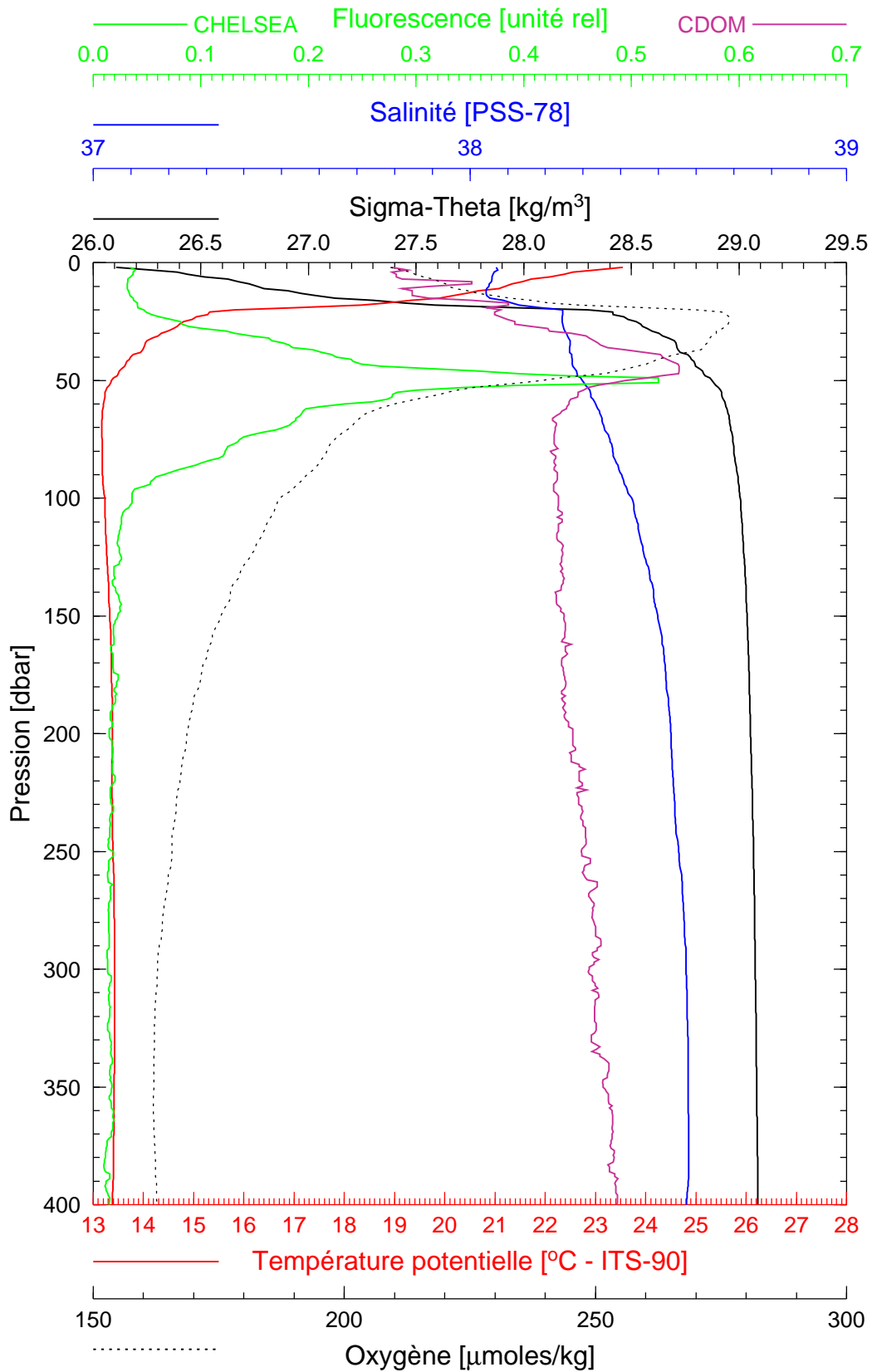
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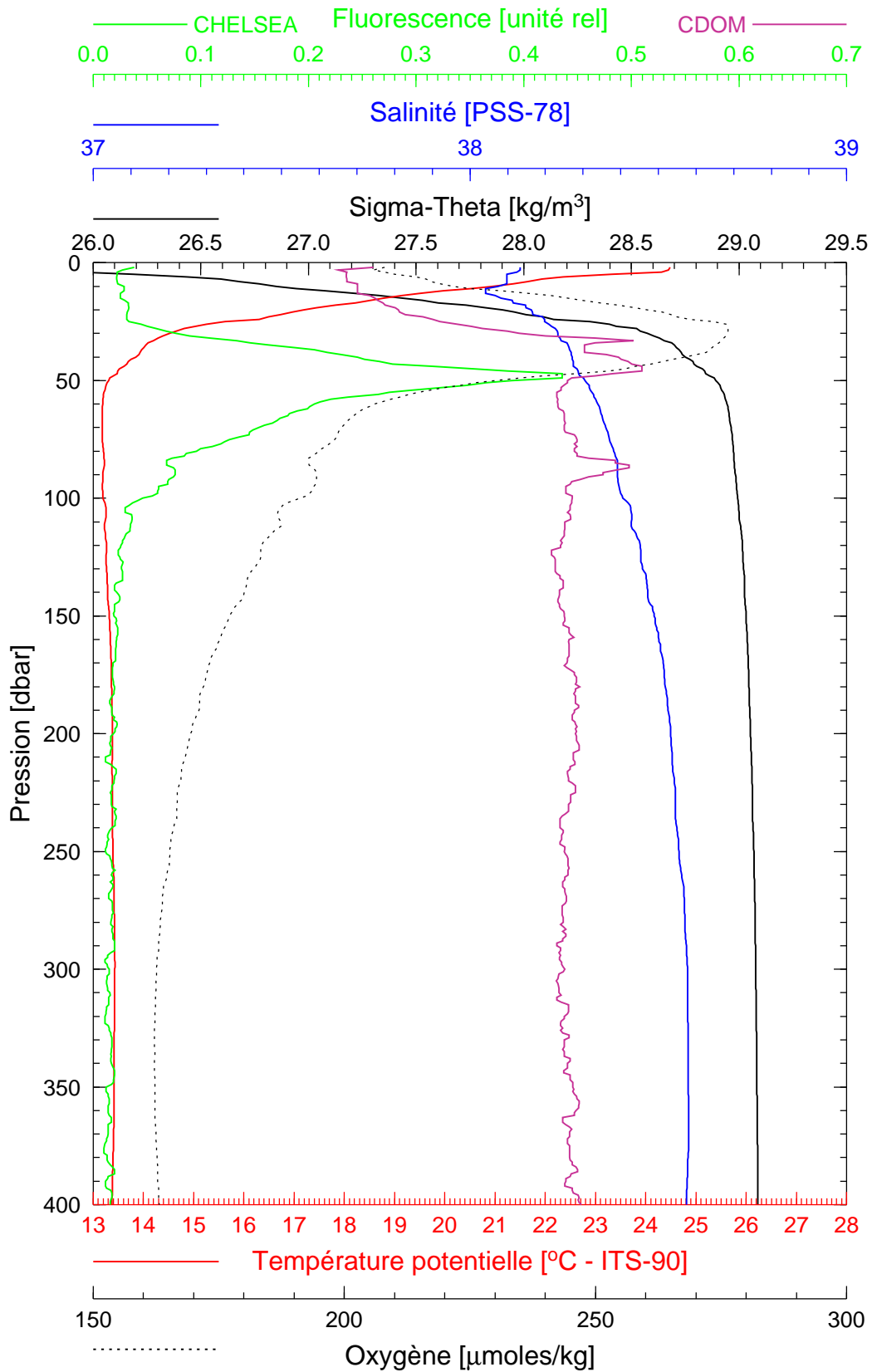
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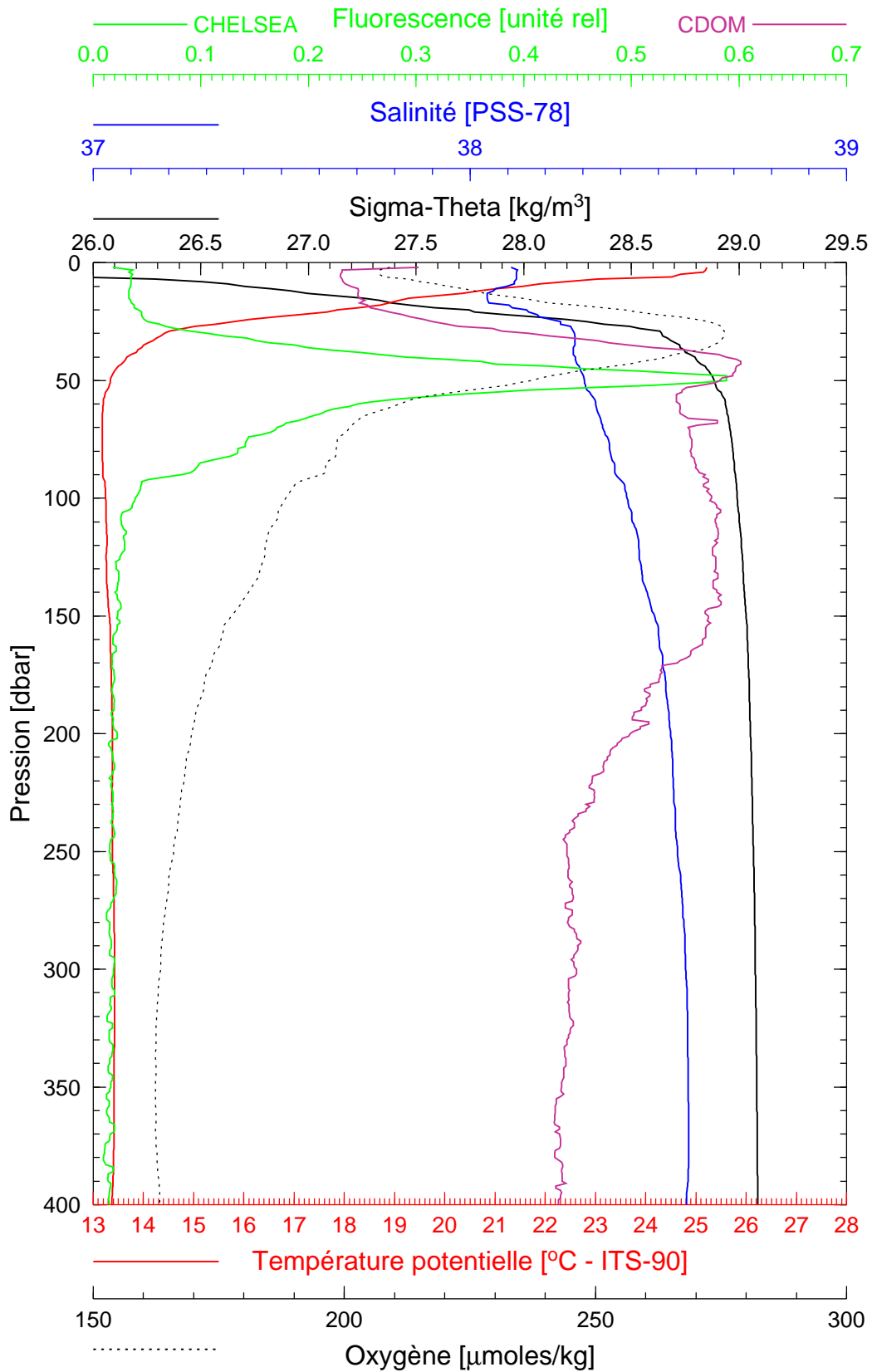
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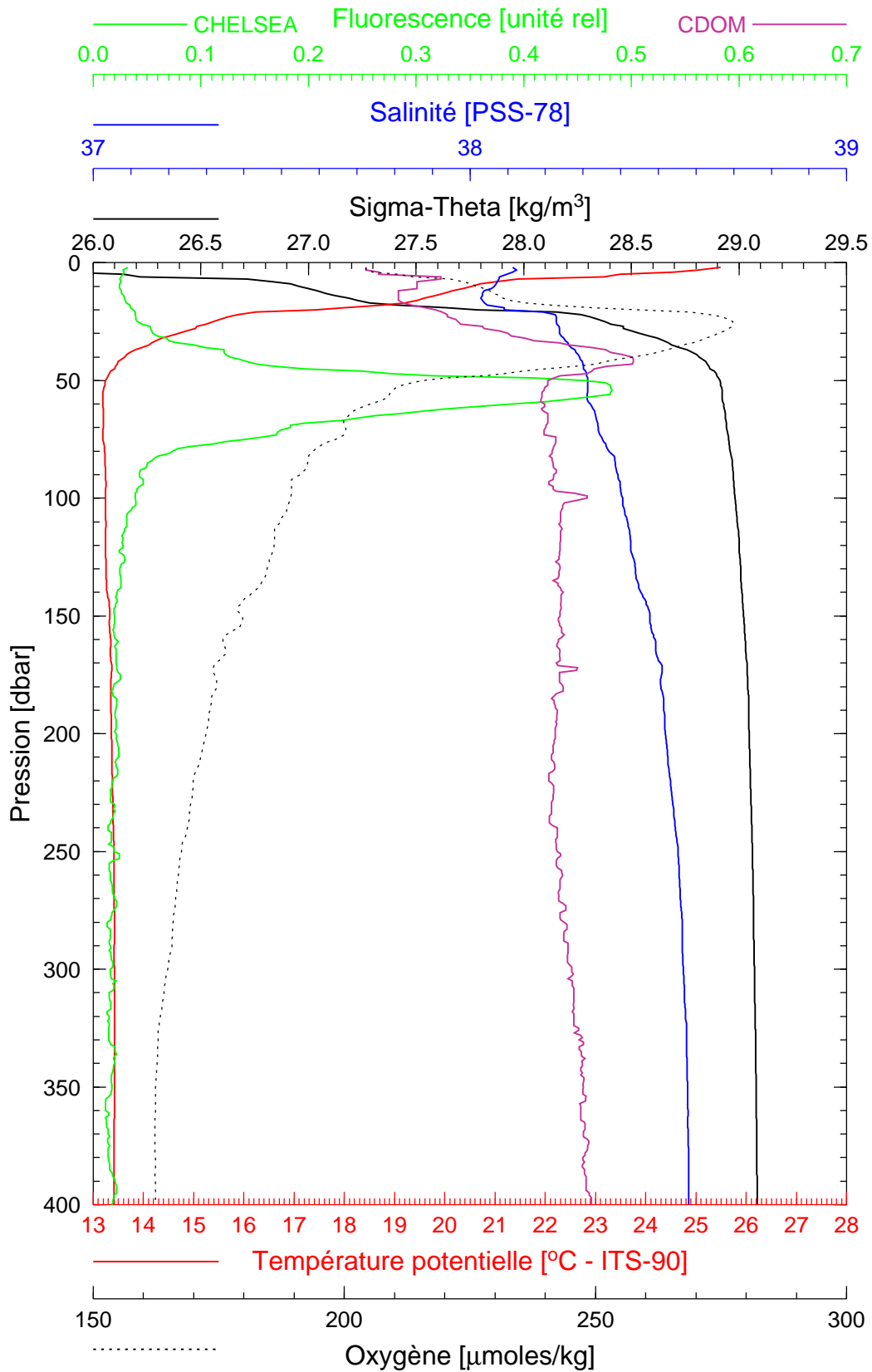
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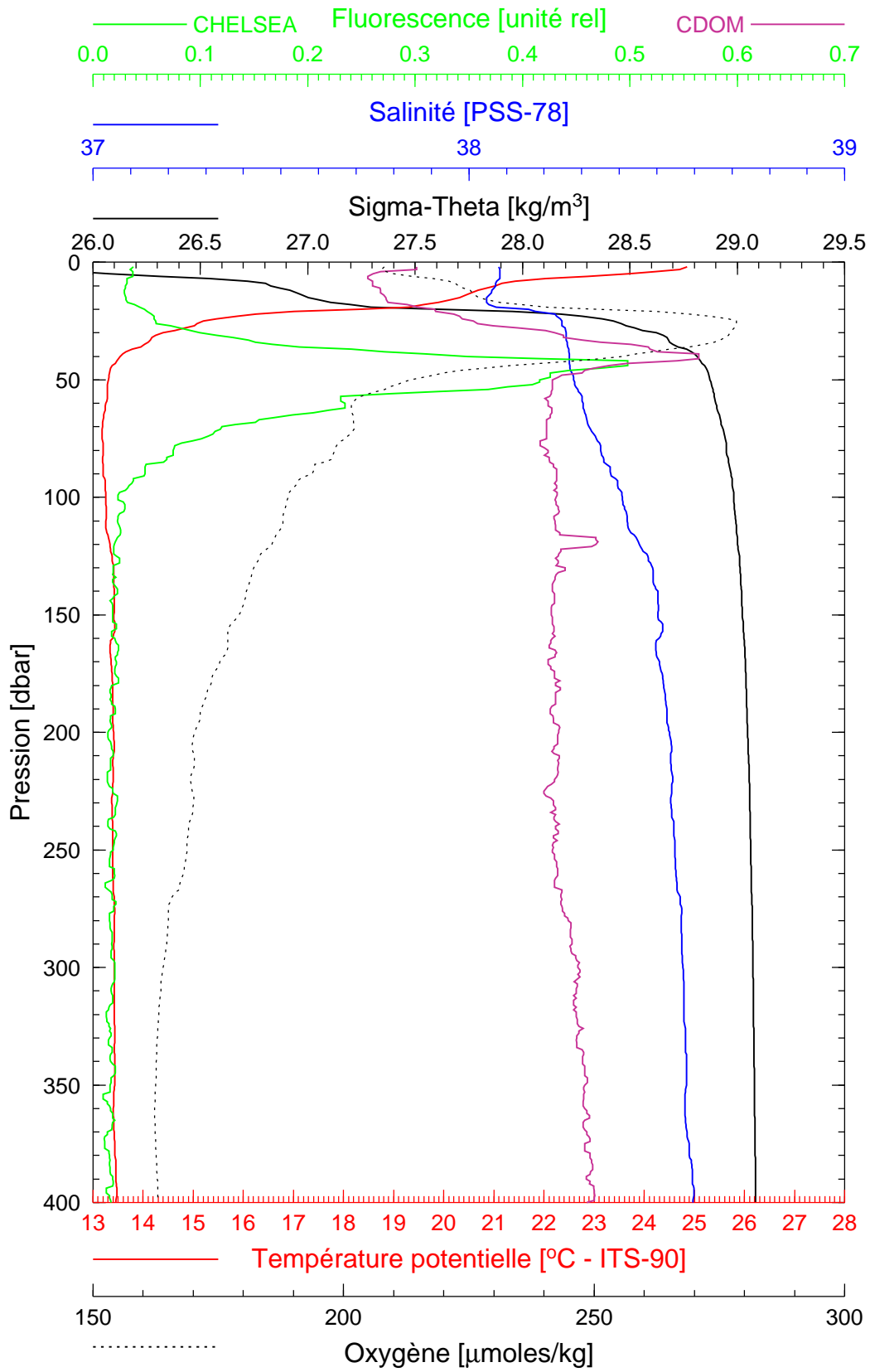
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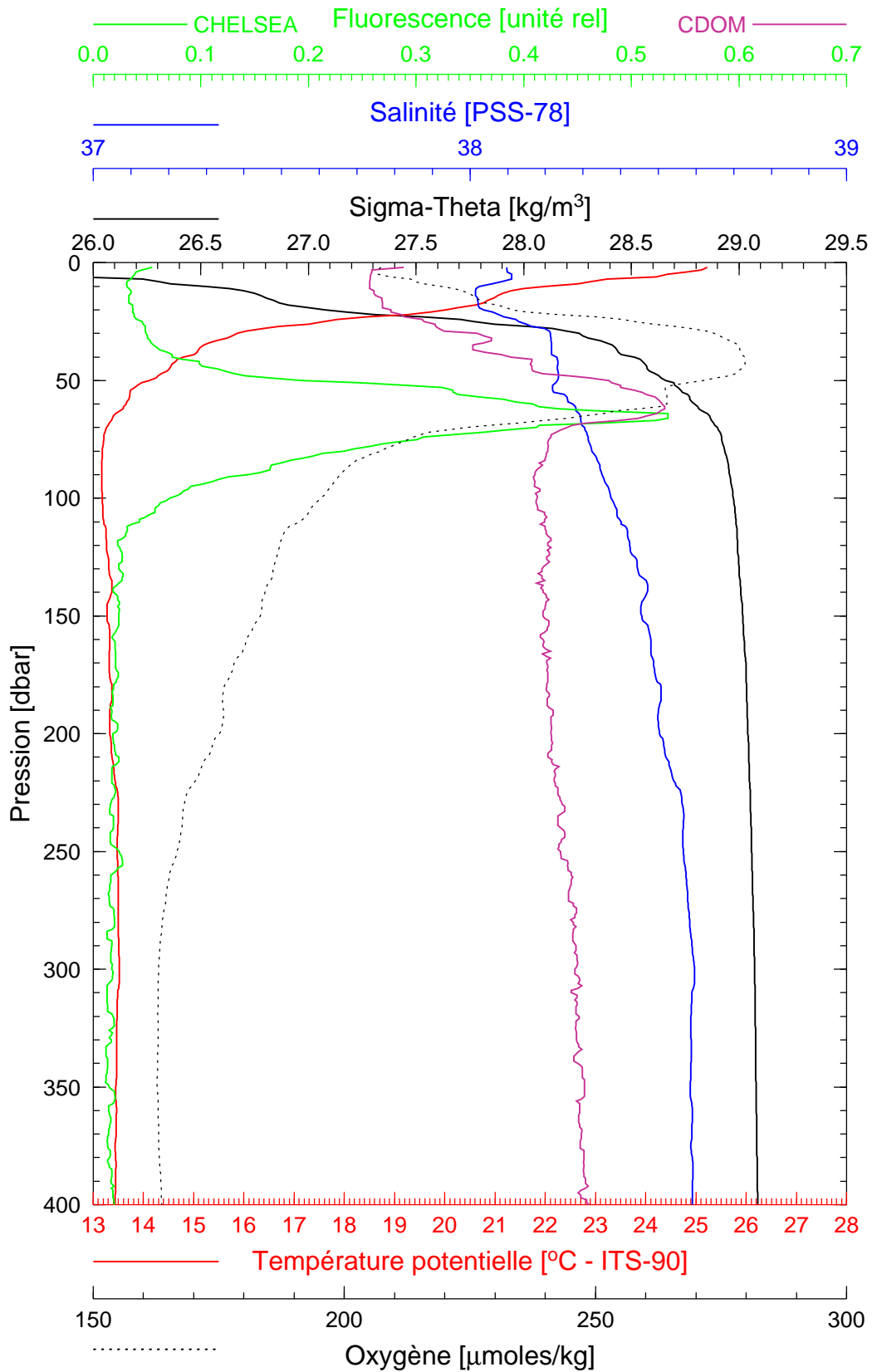
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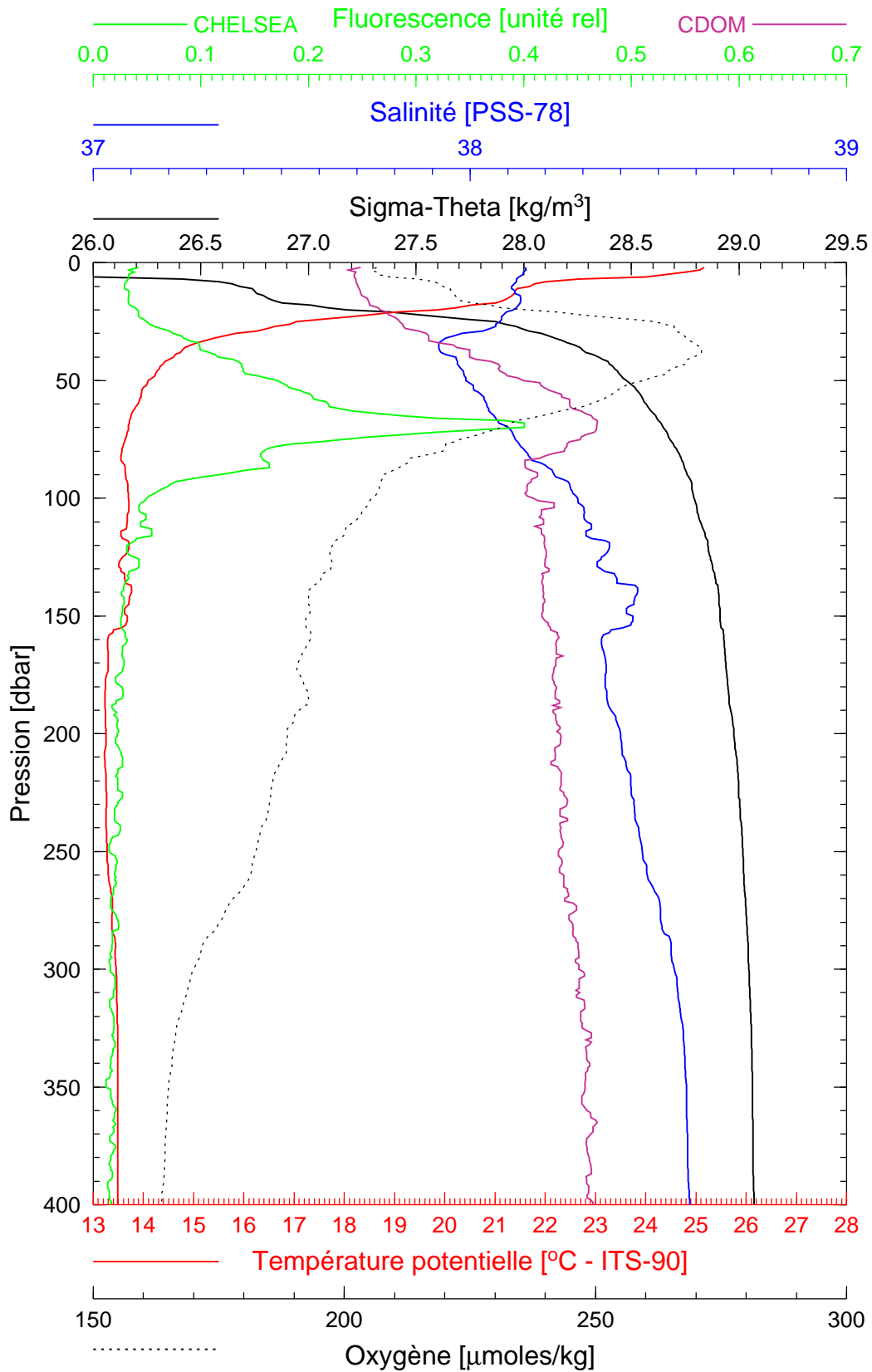
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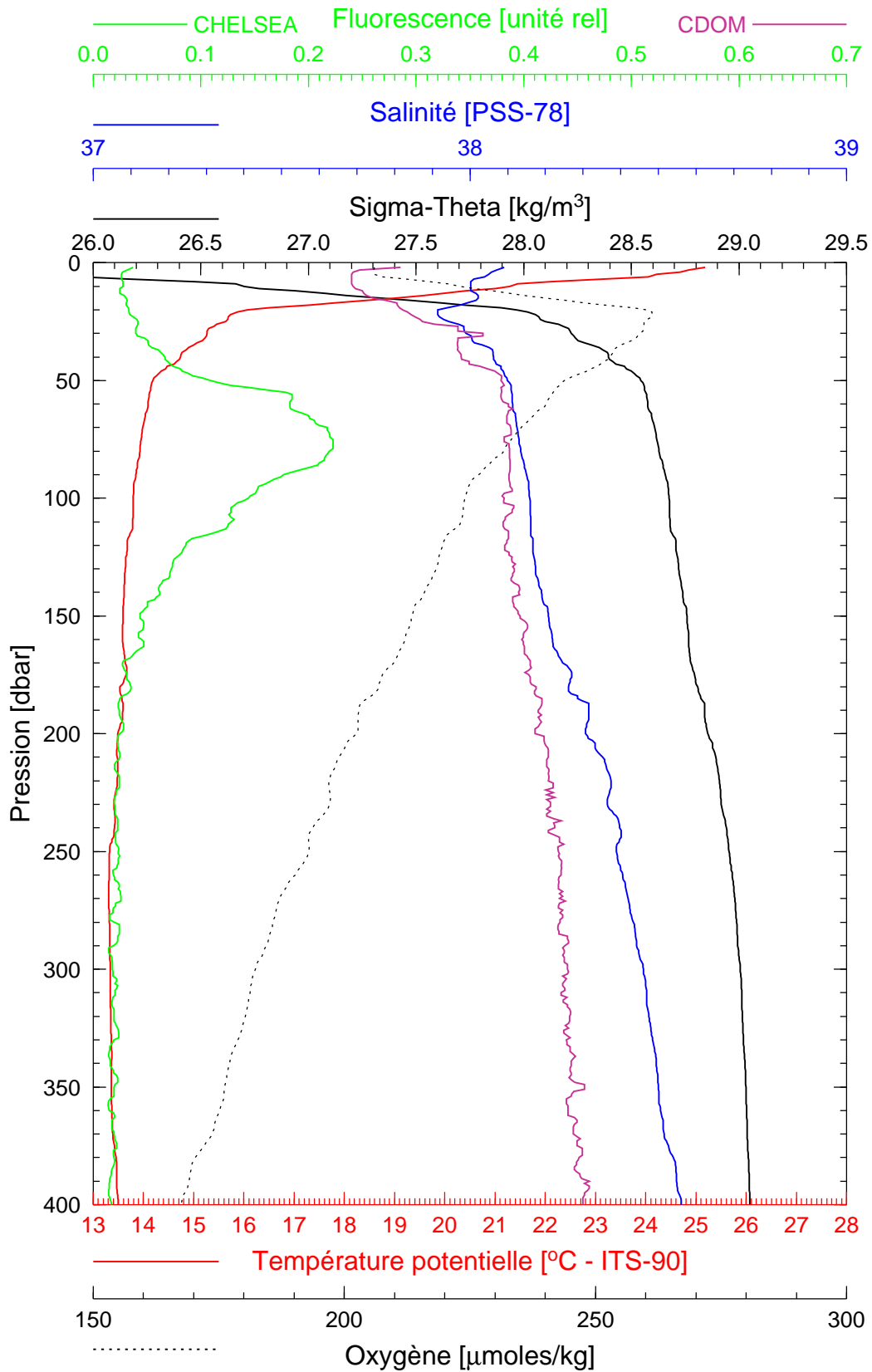
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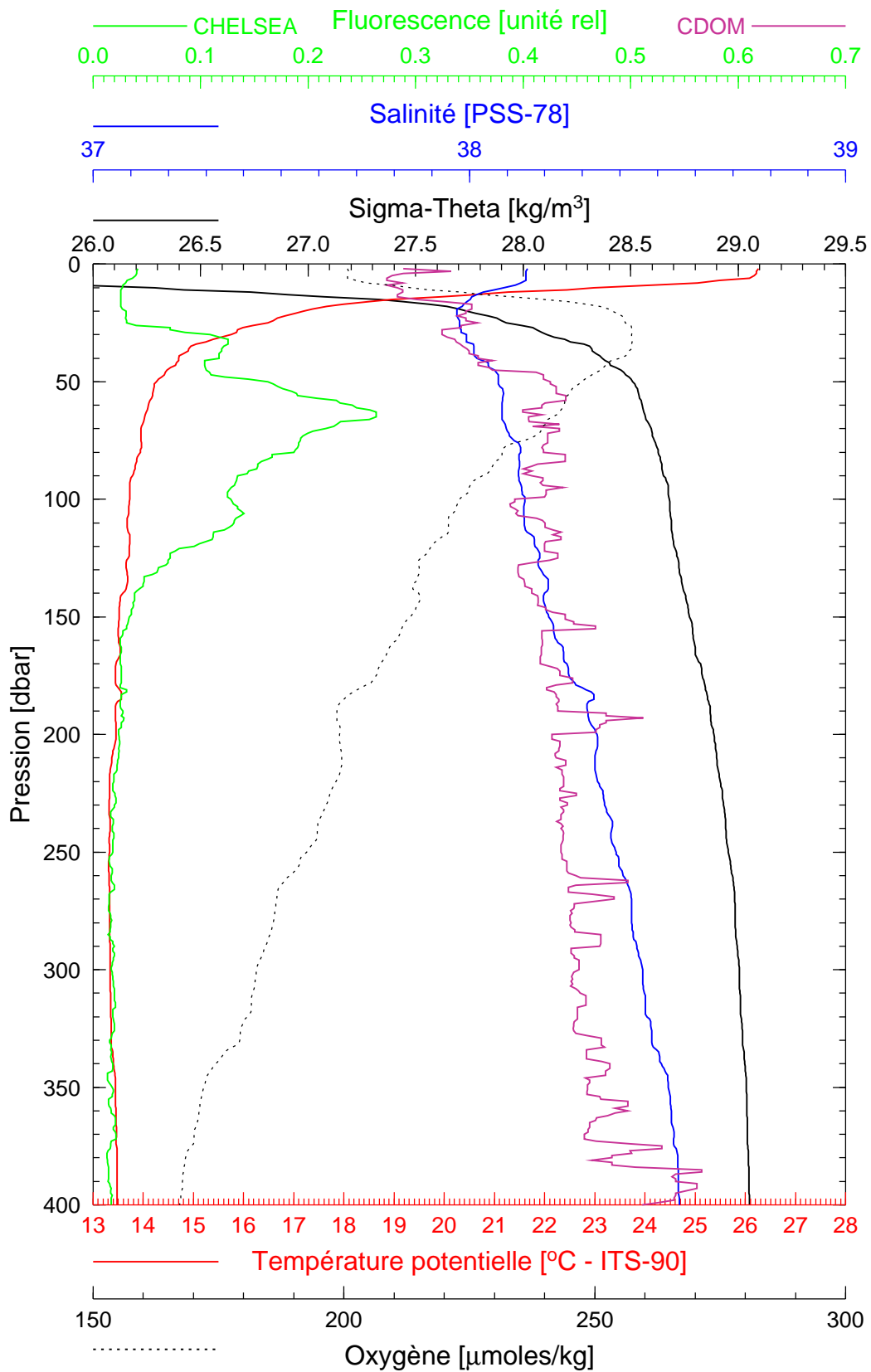
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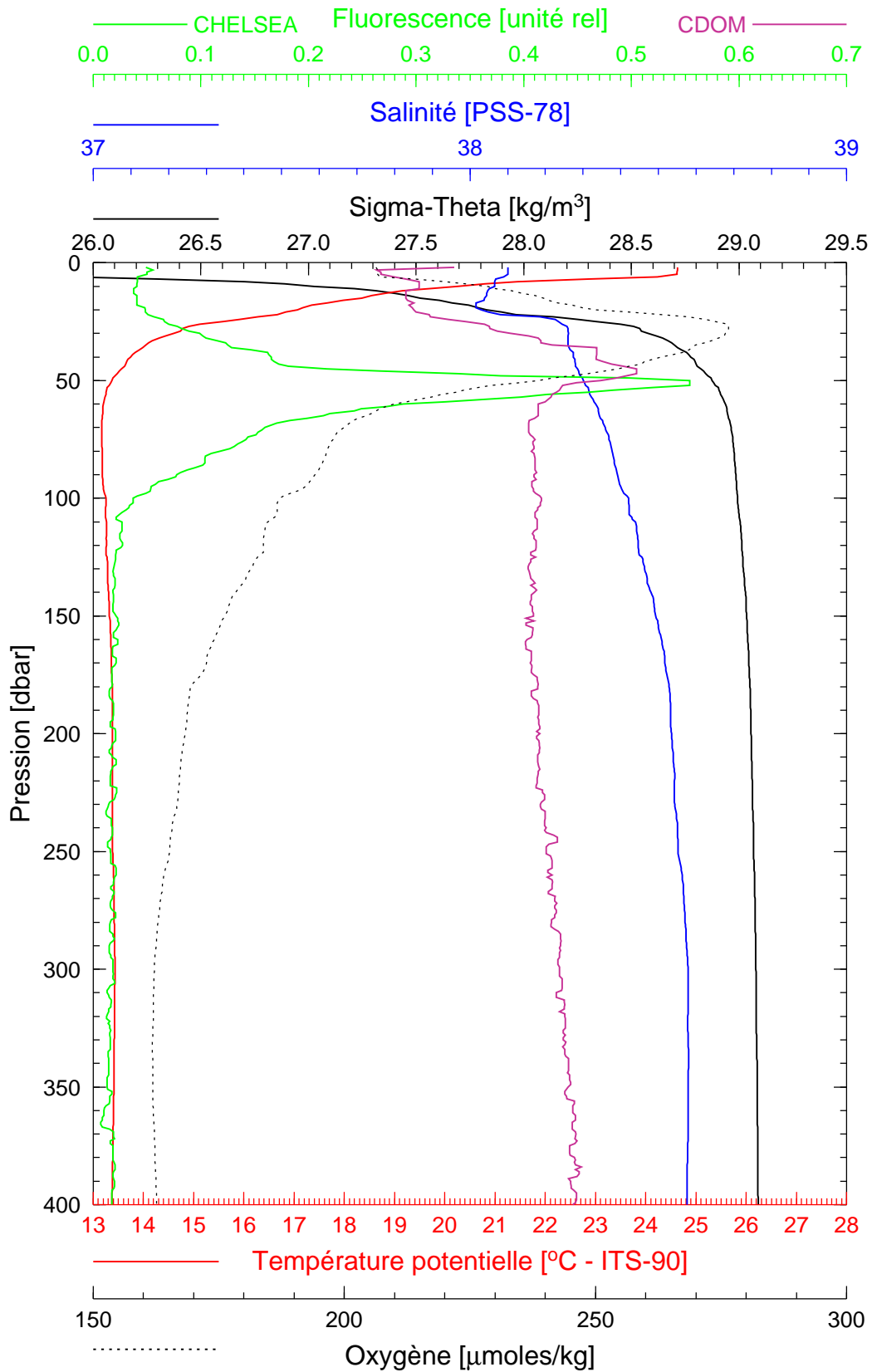
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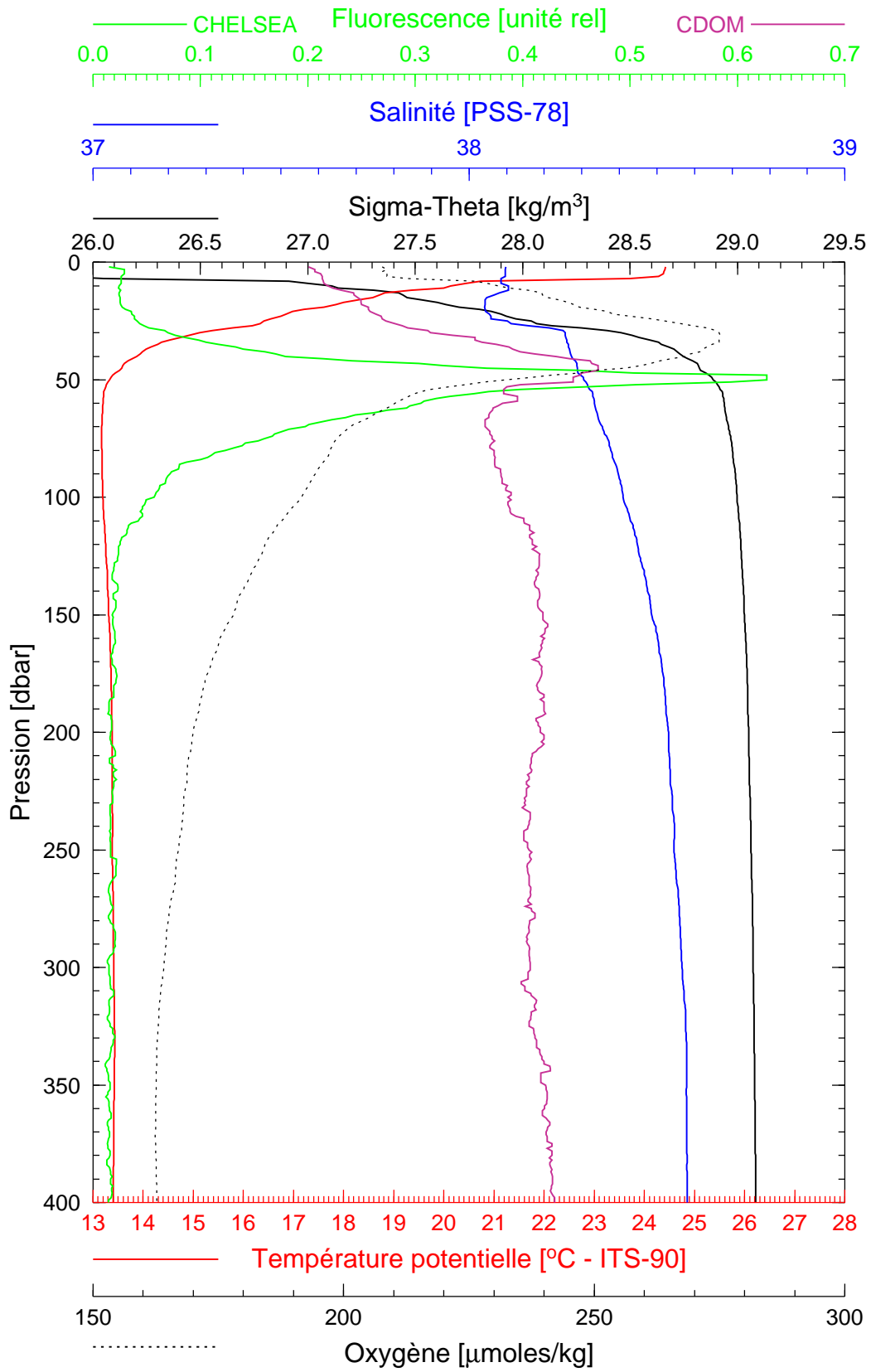
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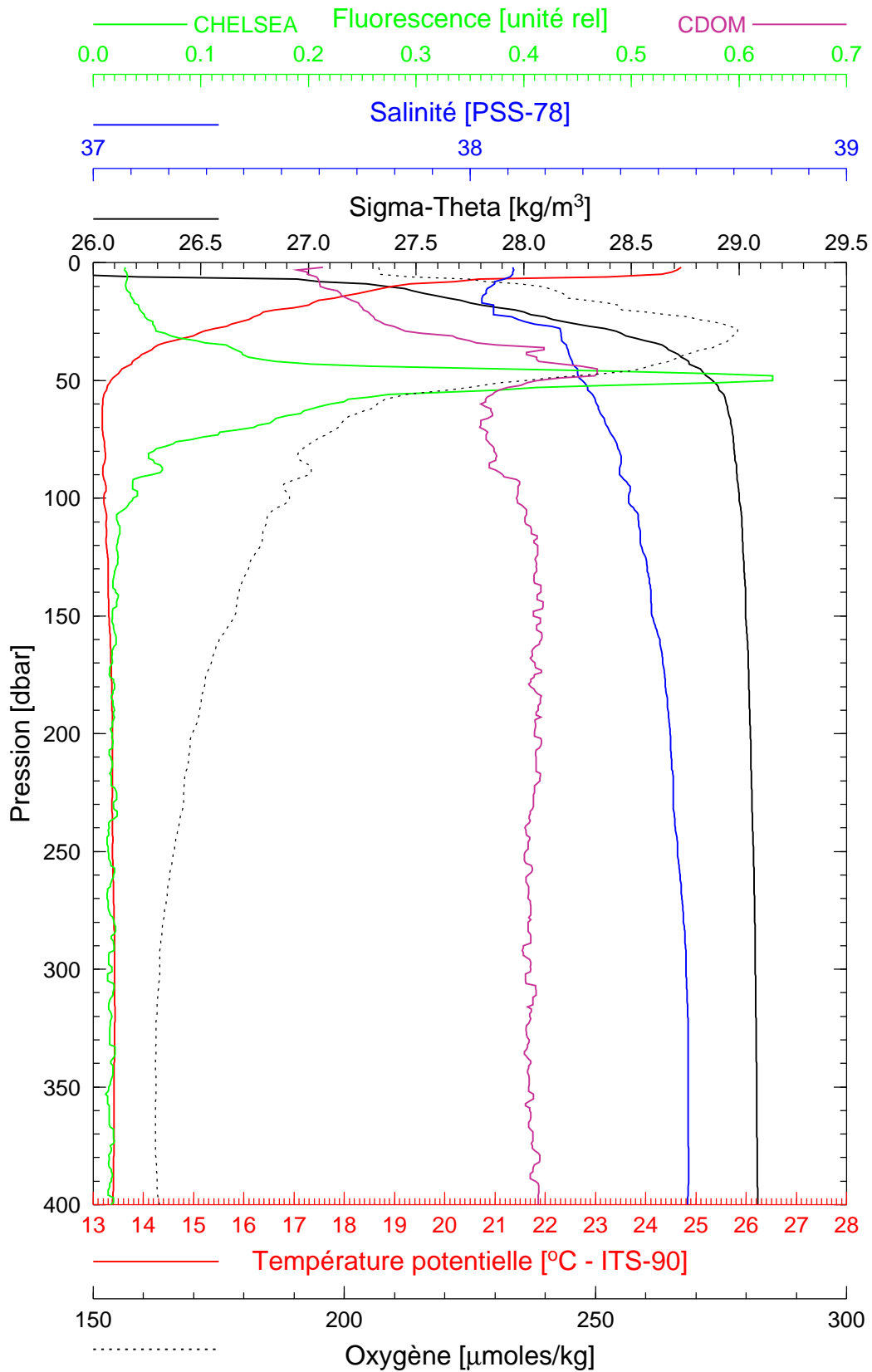
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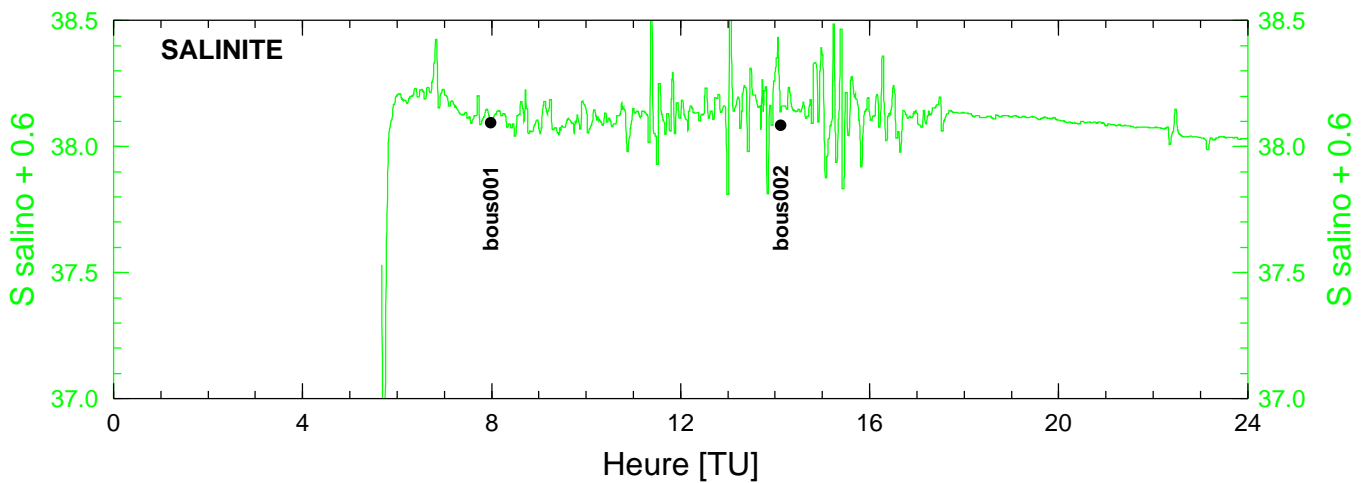
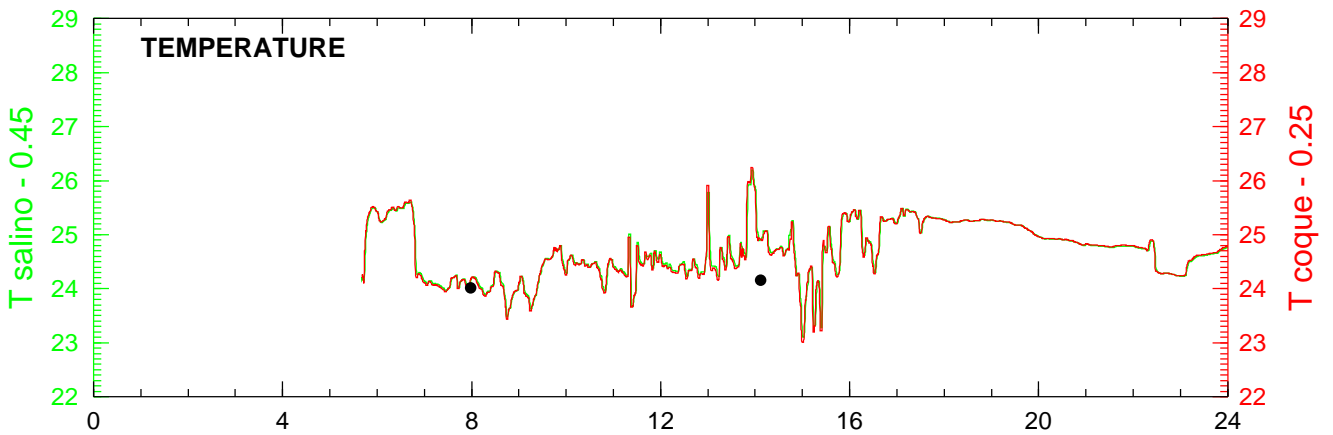
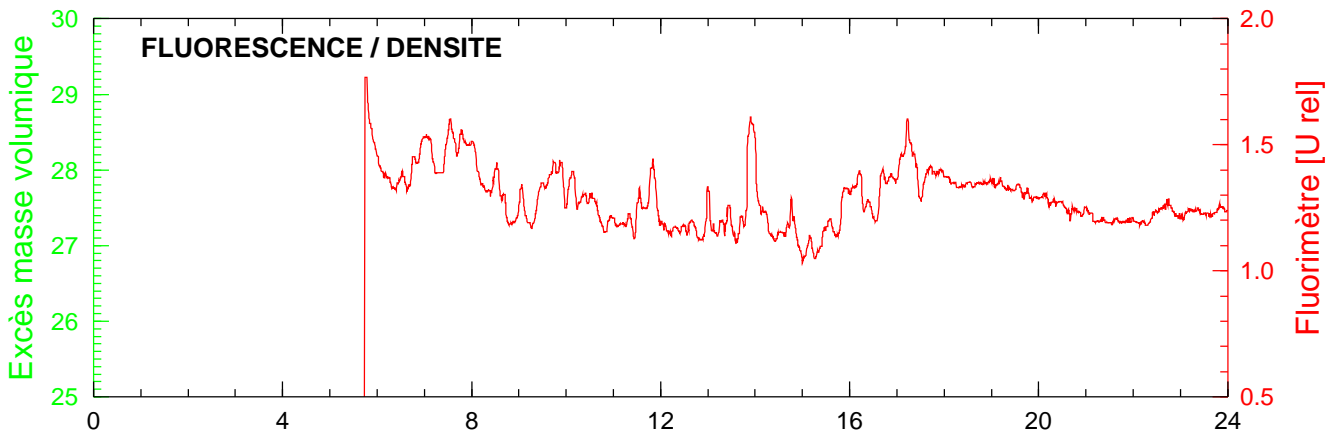
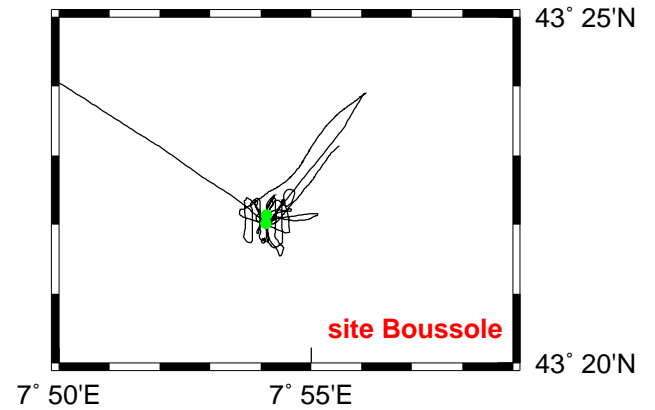
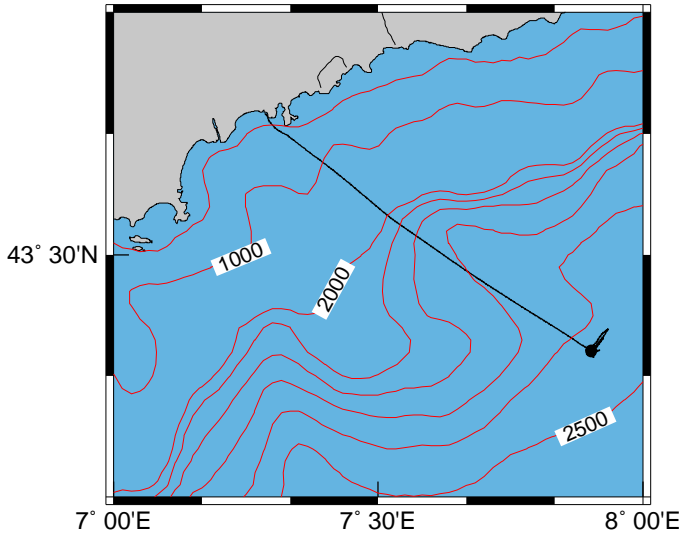
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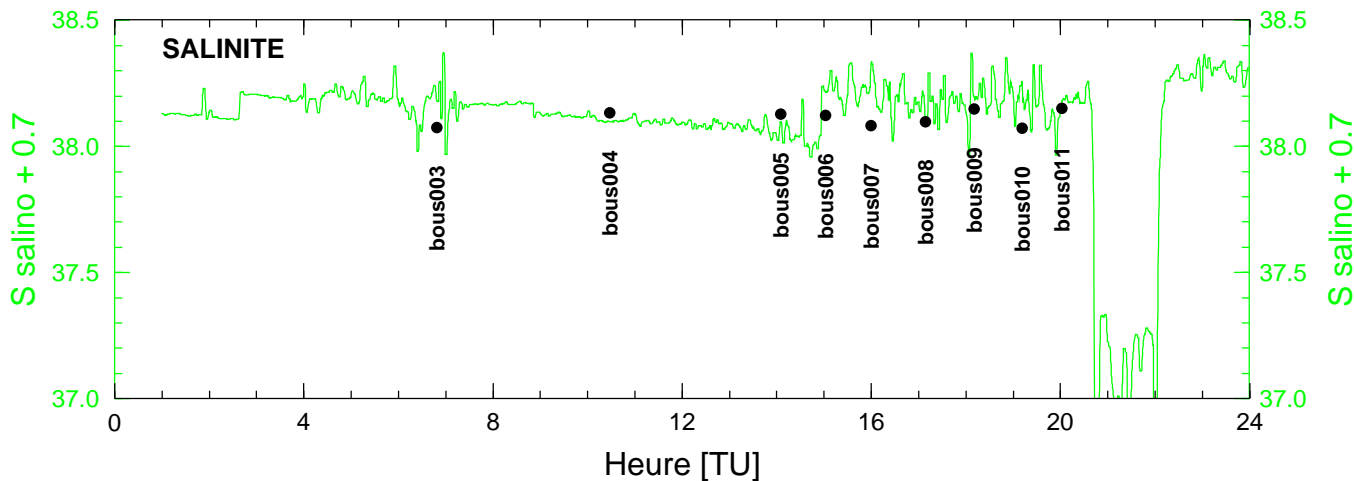
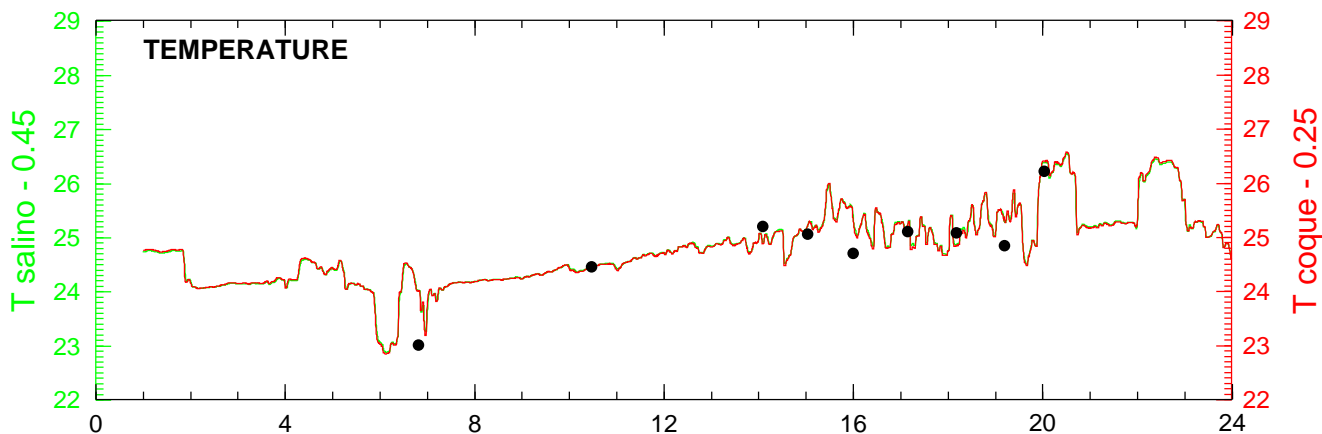
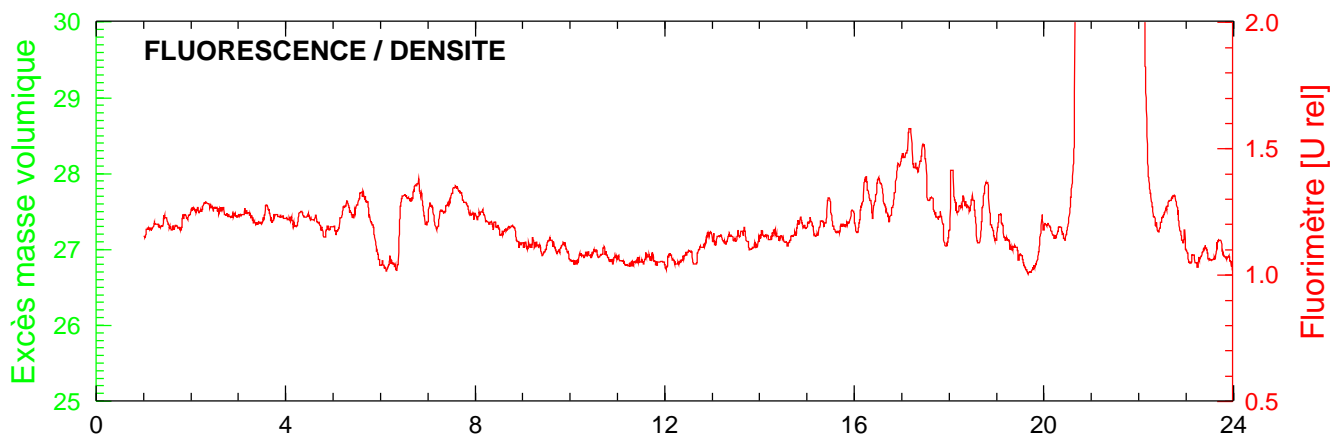
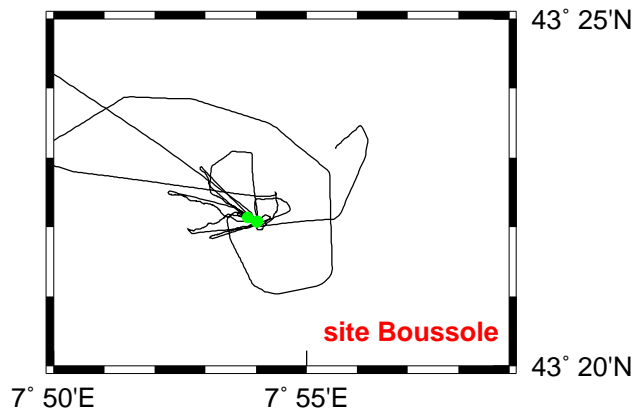
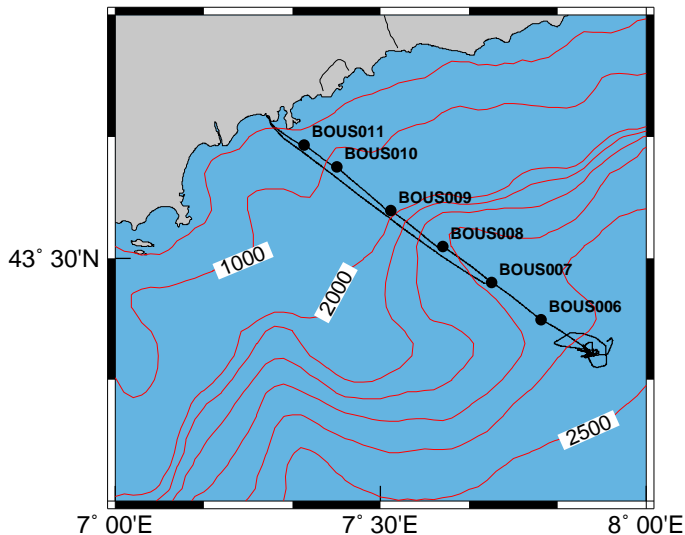
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