

BOUSSOLE Monthly Cruise Report

Cruise 33

June 02 – 05, 2004

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Fig 1. Exceptionally clear conditions provide a clear view of the french Alps from the Boussole site 30 miles away. Just behind the buoy can be seen the high speed ferry on its way out to Corsica from Nice.

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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 stored in LN2 for HPLC pigment and particulate absorption spectrophotometric filter analysis in the lab. A gimbal 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.

Davey Merien will be assisting Dominique Tailliez with CTD operations in order to establish an efficient protocol for processing the data from the AC9.

Three private commercial divers will be aboard to check on the physical state of the buoy below the surface, providing underwater photographs, cleaning the sensors and exchanging the radiometers. A new 3m80 Quiksilver semi-rigid inflatable boat will be used for the first time for these activities.

Other activities will also be performed on the buoy to try to establish communication. Various configurations will be tried with the laptop PC, each time using the direct cable link to bypass the cisco systems.

The mission was one day ahead of the scheduled dates as an arrangement with the ship to allow them more time to transit to their next port of visit.

Cruise Summary

Wednesday 2nd June

Departure was very late (10h15 local time) due to the need for loading the ship that morning plus problems during the testing of the ctd rosette with two AC9s and the ISUS nitrate sensors. Once on site, the sea conditions were found to be very calm, despite a significant ground swell. The skies in the afternoon were clear as the morning haze lifted. The CTD was launched first thus testing the ISUS unit. This was found to be recording data well but there was a problem such as a bad contact in the cable between the ISUS and the CTD. Therefore, there was no real_time display. There was no Modis pass but the SPMR session coincided with the two SeaWiFS passes. The transect station was performed as far as Station 5.

Thursday 3rd June

Departure was at 06h30 sharp and arrival on site was a few minutes after 10h00. Once again, there was virtually no wind at all and just a gentle swell rolling through. The diver Yves went straight to work by photographing the buoy underwater then cleaning all of the sensors. Using a file and a knife he tried to clean an anode that had been painted by the builder. This turned out to be a very difficult job with the paint being very thick and rubbery. Straight after the diver was back aboard, an attempt was made to communicate with the buoy via a laptop cable link but this happened just a fraction too late so a connection was not able to be established.

In order to provide a comparison with the newly cleaned optics sensors, two SPMR profiles were performed before lunch. Leaving the cleaned sensors in place during lunch provided several measurement periods before they were replaced with newly calibrated sensors.

After lunch, the divers made the instrument exchanges. Stan Hooker's MVD and Boussole's underwater radiometers were replaced with the other sets. This was completed by 14h30. Communication by cable link with the buoy was established at 15h00. The buoy time was found to be 2mins 33 secs ahead of GPS but this was corrected. Node health was reset. The data was successfully uploaded but the event file loading failed on the first file. There were no schedule changes made and the MVD was replaced during this period.

After the initial haze of the morning, the sky cleared providing good optics skies.

Divers' comments: Neoprene caps for radiometers. 50mm anodes still okay.

Friday 4th June

Departure was again at 6h30 sharp and arrival at site was just before 10h00. Visibility was excellent with the French coastline in very clear sight and also the mountains of Corsica 60 miles away. Sea conditions were very calm with barely a breeze.

The day consisted of SPMR profiling, in particular, using the surface float. The quadrilateral was also completed. All went very well. At 17h00 local time the buoy data was uploaded in order to allow a comparison with the old sensors.

Saturday 5th June

Conditions were fair but a breeze of around 13 knots persisted throughout the morning. The CTD launching the activities for the day encountered electrical problems suggesting a termination problem. A couple of SPMR profiles were made before lunch. Afterwards, the CTD was still showing errors but some samples at 5 and 10 meters were. SPMR profiles were spread through afternoon to cover the two SeaWiFS passes. The breeze decreased in the afternoon.

Cruise Report

2nd June, 2004 (Times UTC)

0815 Depart port of Nice
1125 Arrival at Boussole Site (43°22'N 7°54'E).
1130 CTD Boussole 1. Max 400m. No bottle fired
1215 SPMR in water
1315 SPMR on deck (5 profiles + SeaWiFS 1138 and 1315)
1335 CTD Boussole 2. Max 400m. Bottle depths (m): 10, 5.
1448 CTD Boussole 3. Max 400m. Transect Station 1 (43°25'N 7°28'E).
1545 CTD Boussole 4. Max 400m. Transect Station 2 (43°28'N 7°42'E).
1649 CTD Boussole 5. Max 400m. Transect Station 3 (43°31'N 7°37'E).
1753 CTD Boussole 6. Max 400m. Transect Station 4 (43°34'N 7°31'E).
1857 CTD Boussole 7. Max 400m. Transect Station 5 (43°37'N 7°25'E).
1945 Arrival in port of Nice

3rd June, 2004

0430 Depart port of Nice
0802 Arrival at Boussole Site (43°22'N 7°54'E).
0805 Divers on buoy for cleaning sensors and photography
0855 Divers on board
0855 Alec on buoy to attempt communication
0905 SPMR in water.
1025 SPMR on deck (2 profiles + Meris 1018)
1115 Divers in water to exchange radiometers

1230 Divers on board
 1255 Alec on buoy to attempt communication
 1330 SPMR in water
 1420 SPMR on deck (3 profiles)
 1449 CTD Boussole 8. Max 400m. Bottle depths (m): 200,100,70,60,50,40,30,20,10,5
 1505 CTD on deck
 1520 SPMR in water
 1605 SPMR on deck (2 profiles)
 1610 Depart for port of Nice
 1930 Arrival in port of Nice

4th June, 2004

0430 Depart port of Nice
 0755 Arrival at Boussole Site (43°22'N 7°54'E).
 0814 CTD Boussole 9. Max 400m. Bottle depths (m): 200,100,70,60,50,40,30,20,10,5
 0835 CTD on deck
 0840 SPMR in water
 1010 SPMR on deck (3 profiles, 1 surface float + Meris 0947)
 1140 SPMR surface float in water
 1320 SPMR on deck (4 profiles simultaneously +SeaWiFS 1121,1258)
 1344 Start of quadrilateral
 1427 End of quadrilateral
 1430 SPMR in water
 1445 SPMR on deck (1 profile)
 1455 Alec on buoy to attempt communication
 1519 CTD Boussole 10. Max 400m. Bottle depths (m):10,5
 1546 CTD on deck
 1550 Depart for port of Nice
 1905 Arrival in port of Nice

5th June, 2004

0430 Depart port of Nice
 0755 Arrival at Boussole Site (43°22'N 7°54'E).
 0844 CTD Boussole 11. Max 400m. Bottle fire failure
 0902 CTD on deck
 0915 SPMR in water
 0955 SPMR on deck (2 profiles)
 1121 CTD Boussole 12. Max 400m. Bottle depths (m): (200,100,70 not filtered) 10,5
 1150 CTD on deck
 1200 SPMR in water
 1240 SPMR on deck (3 profiles + SeaWiFS 1201)
 1315 SPMR in water
 1355 SPMR on deck (4 profiles + SeaWiFS 1339)
 1400 Depart for port of Nice
 1715 Arrival in Port of Nice

Boussole Site Satellite Overhead Pass Schedule

SeaWiFS: Viewing Times

Date Time Lat Lon Sat. Sat. Range Sun Sun Tilt Flags*
 (UTC) (DEG) (DEG) Azi. Elev. (km) Azi. Elev.

 02 Jun 2004 11:38:22 43.220 7.540 115.01 32.19 1179 186.77 68.94 AFT 2 3
 02 Jun 2004 13:15:49 43.220 7.540 278.57 25.90 1359 235.51 59.38 AFT 2 3
 03 Jun 2004 12:18:42 43.220 7.540 183.67 67.69 749 210.79 66.68 AFT 2
 04 Jun 2004 11:21:20 43.220 7.540 108.22 22.40 1482 175.52 69.24 AFT 2 3
 04 Jun 2004 12:58:55 43.220 7.540 270.83 36.35 1088 229.45 62.05 AFT 2

05 Jun 2004 12:01:44 43.220 7.540 134.64 52.86 853 201.19 68.27 AFT 2
 05 Jun 2004 13:39:00 43.220 7.540 285.69 16.42 1757 243.16 56.08 AFT 2 3
 06 Jun 2004 11:04:17 43.220 7.540 103.54 15.36 1812 164.30 68.89 AFT 2 3
 06 Jun 2004 12:42:00 43.220 7.540 255.91 51.43 868 222.40 64.49 AFT 2

MERIS: Viewing Times

Date Time Lat Lon Sat. Sat. Range Sun Sun Tilt Flags*
 (UTC) (DEG) (DEG) Azi. Elev. (km) Azi. Elev.

 03 Jun 2004 10:18:49 43.220 7.540 288.04 64.85 863 139.95 64.71 NADIR 4
 04 Jun 2004 09:47:37 43.220 7.540 101.27 67.09 849 126.83 60.64 NADIR
 06 Jun 2004 10:24:29 43.220 7.540 288.85 57.57 917 142.01 65.58 NADIR 4

Ligurian Sea Boussole Site Satellite Images

SeaWiFS

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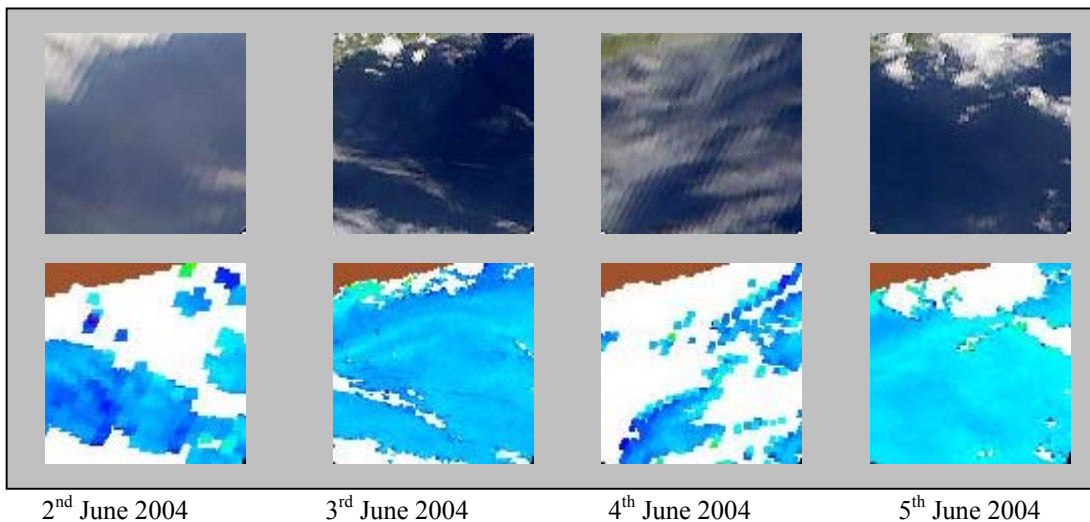
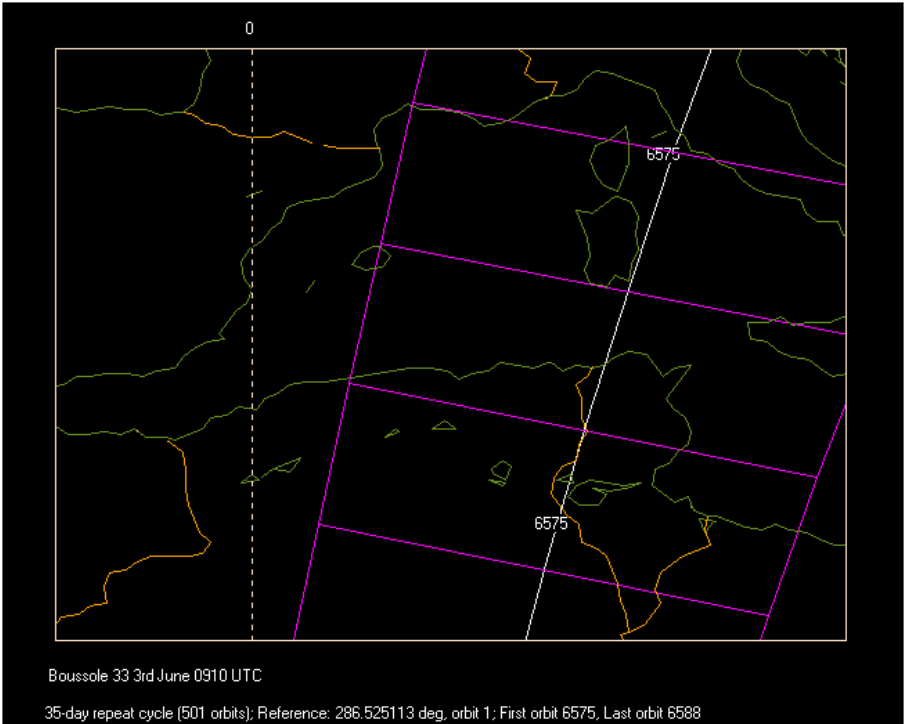
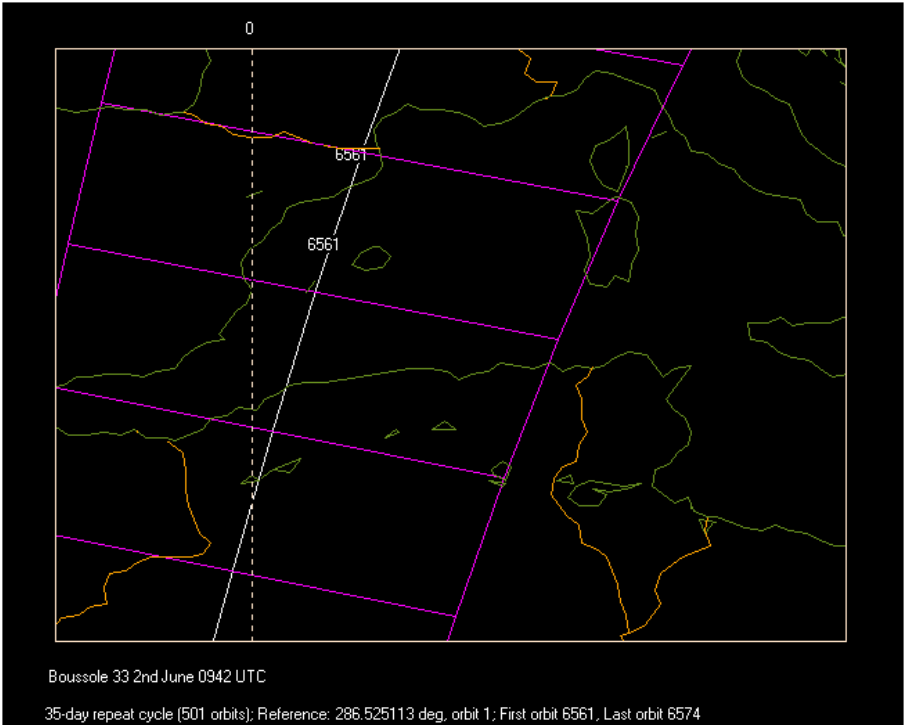


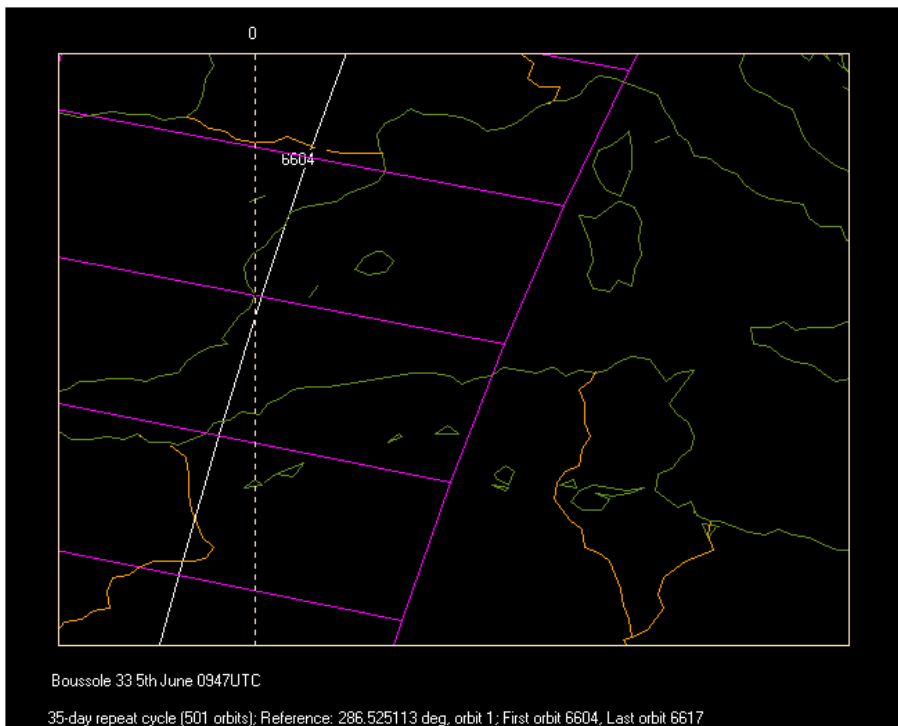
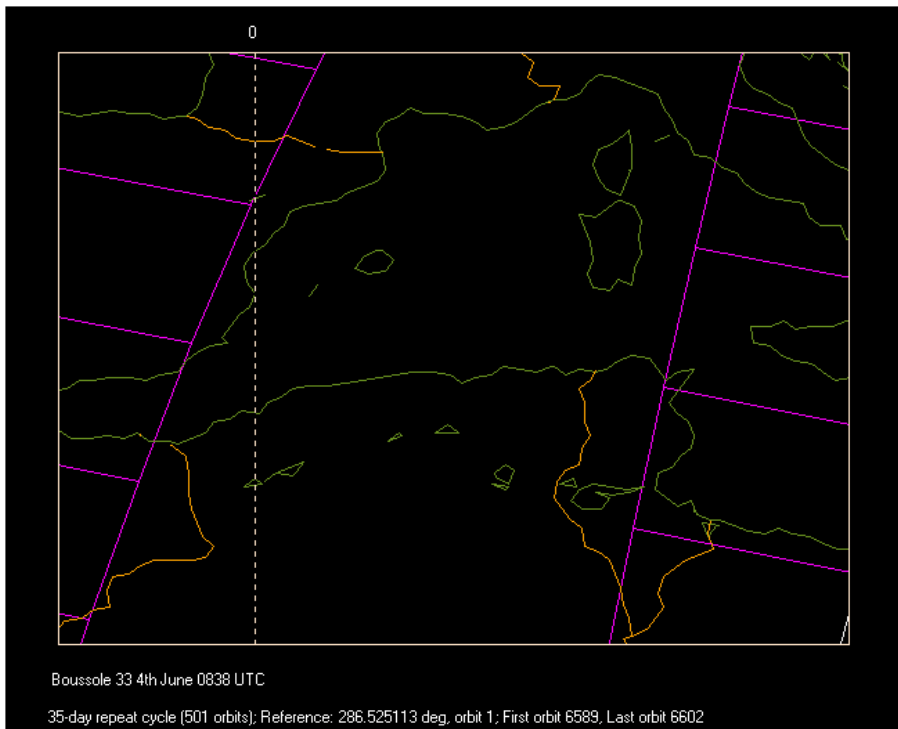
Figure 2. SeaWiFS images Level 1 hdf (upper) and Level 2 hdf (lower) images of the french coastline and Boussole site. (http://seawifs.gsfc.nasa.gov/cgi/seawifs_region_extracts)

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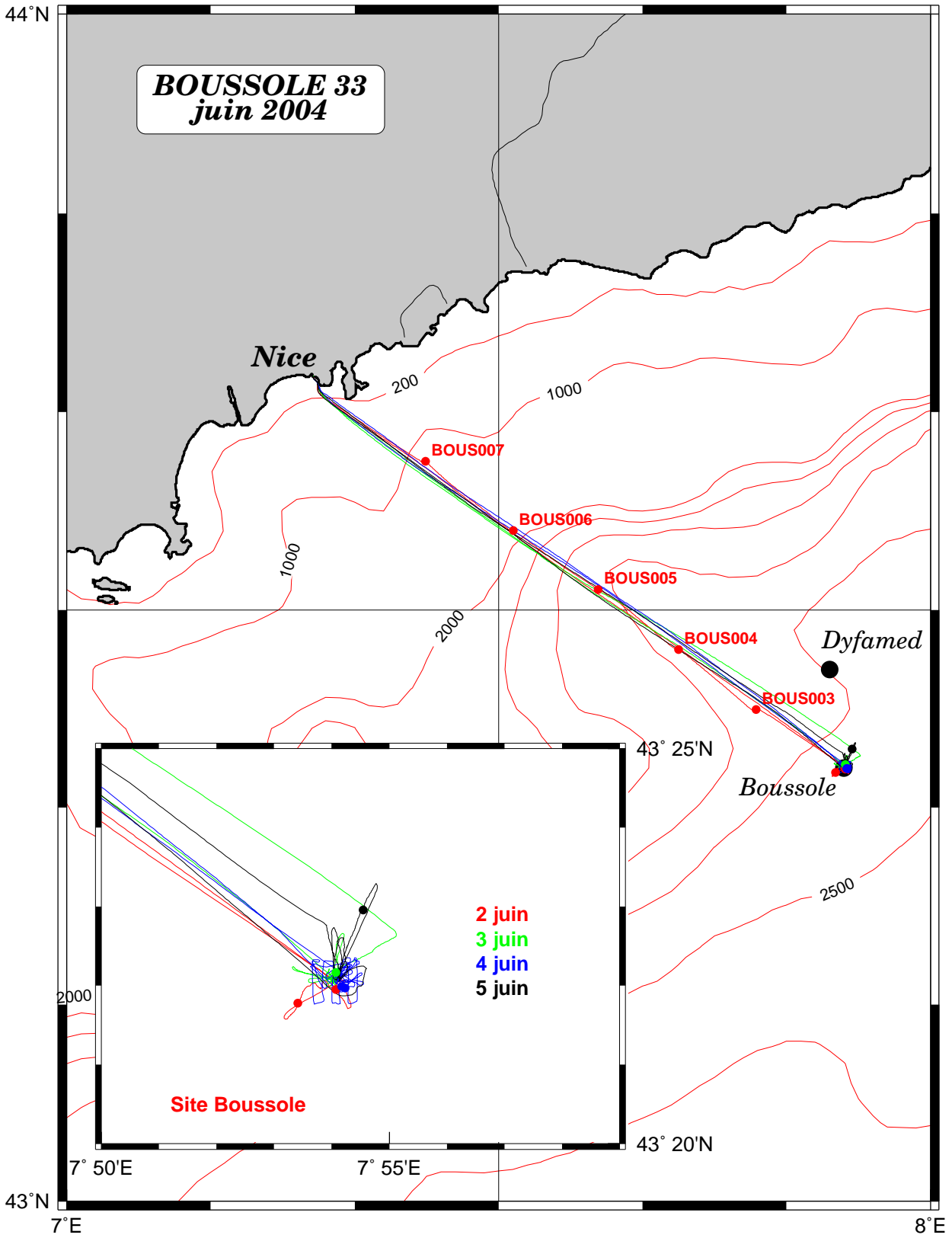
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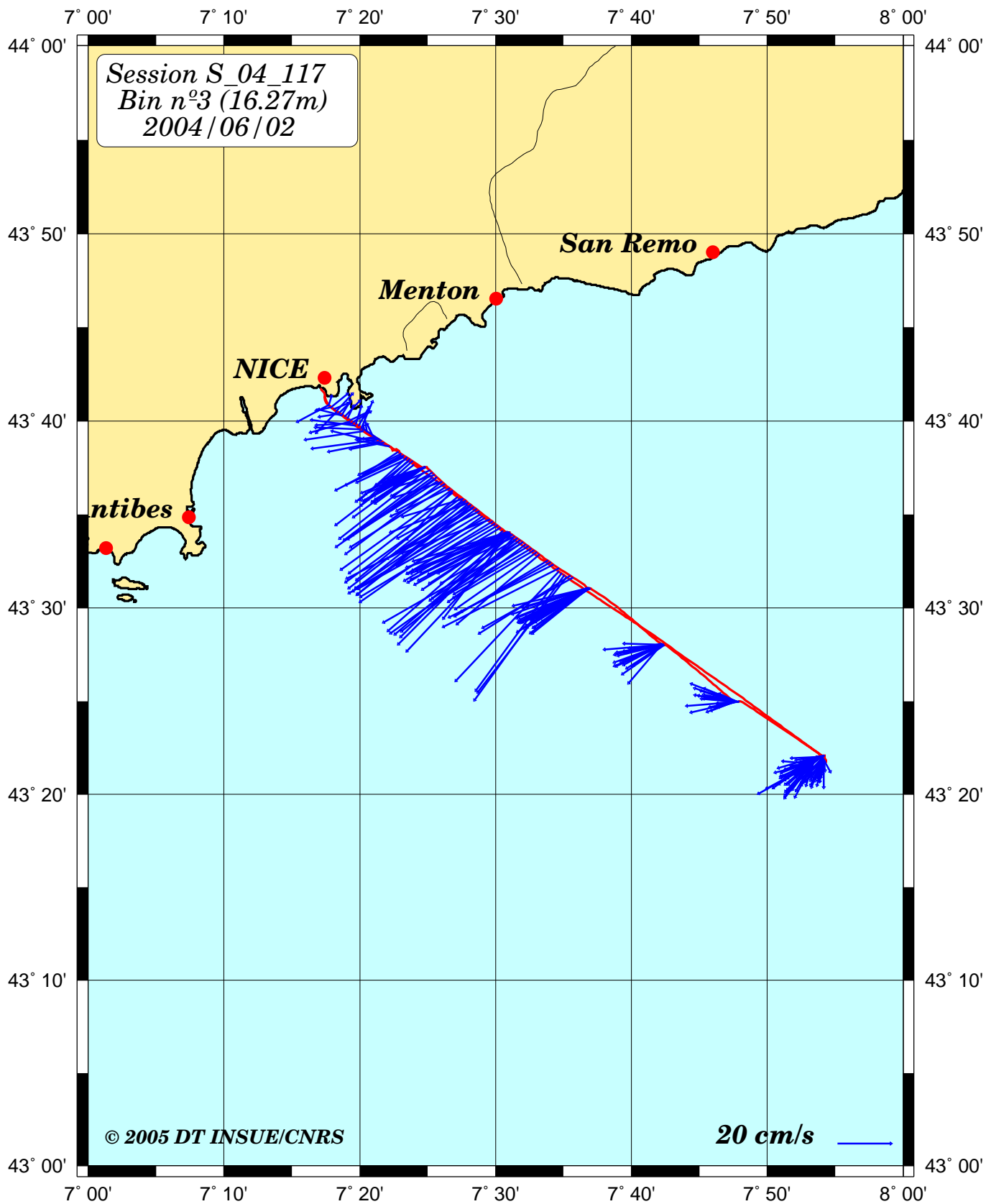
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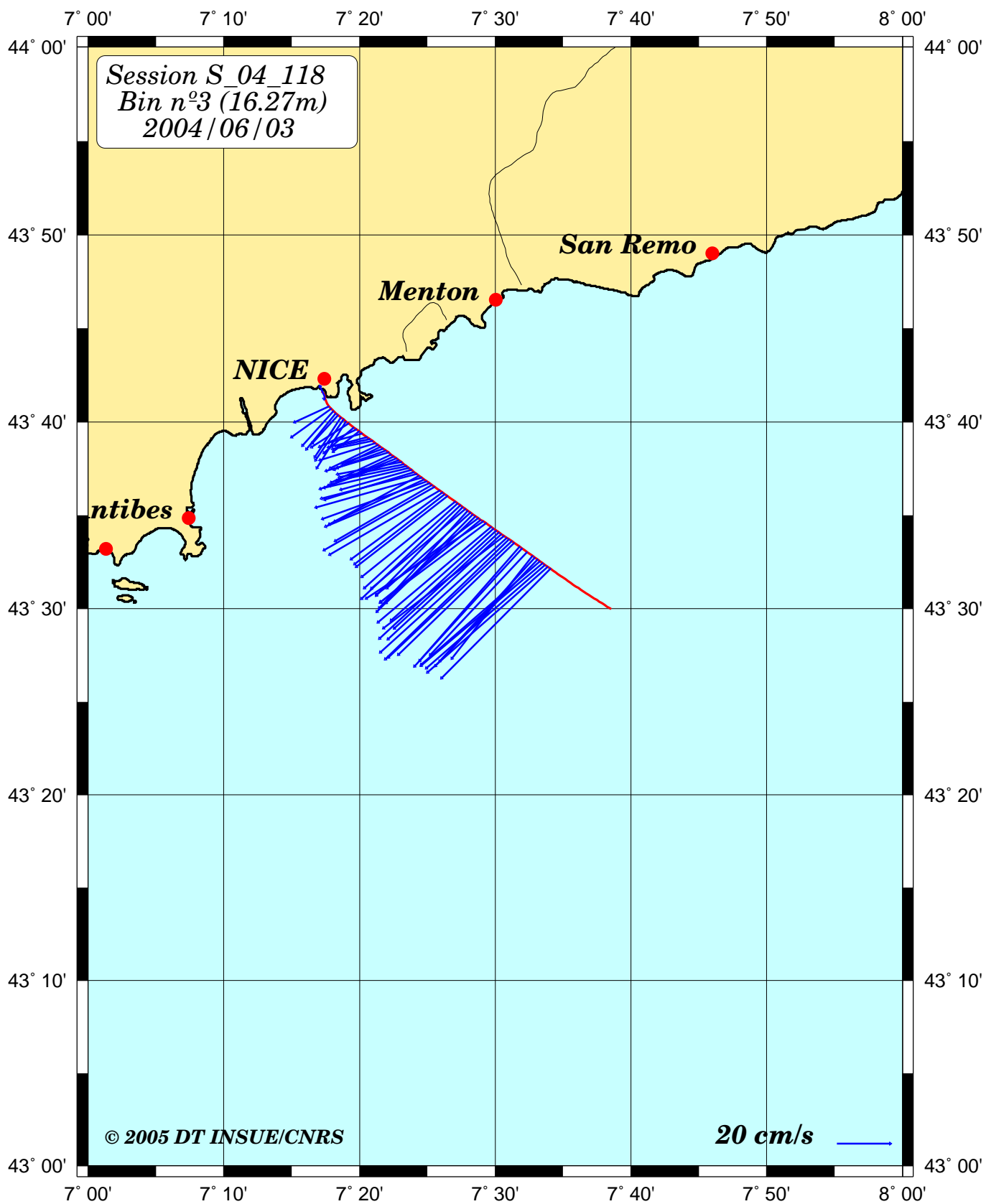


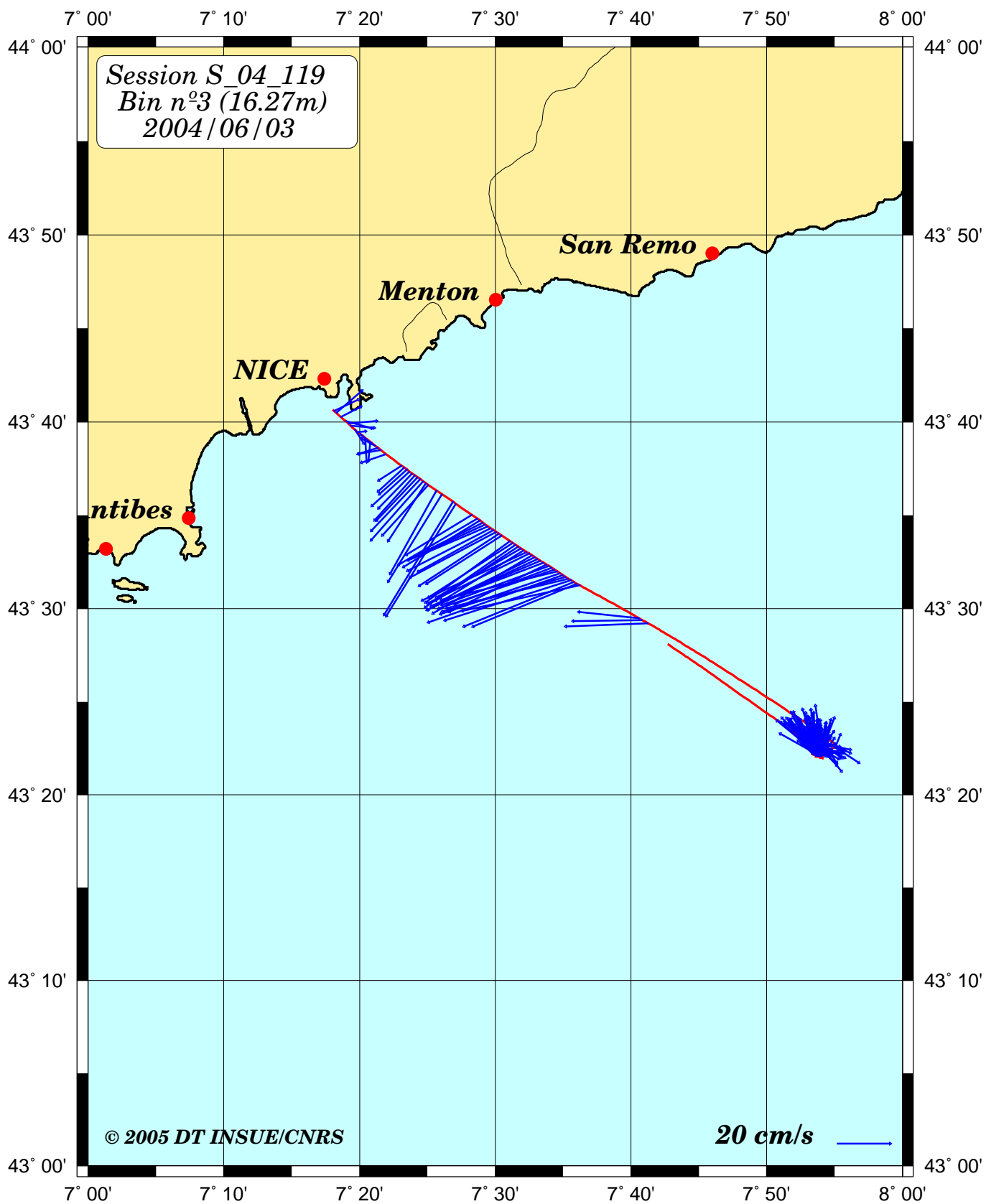


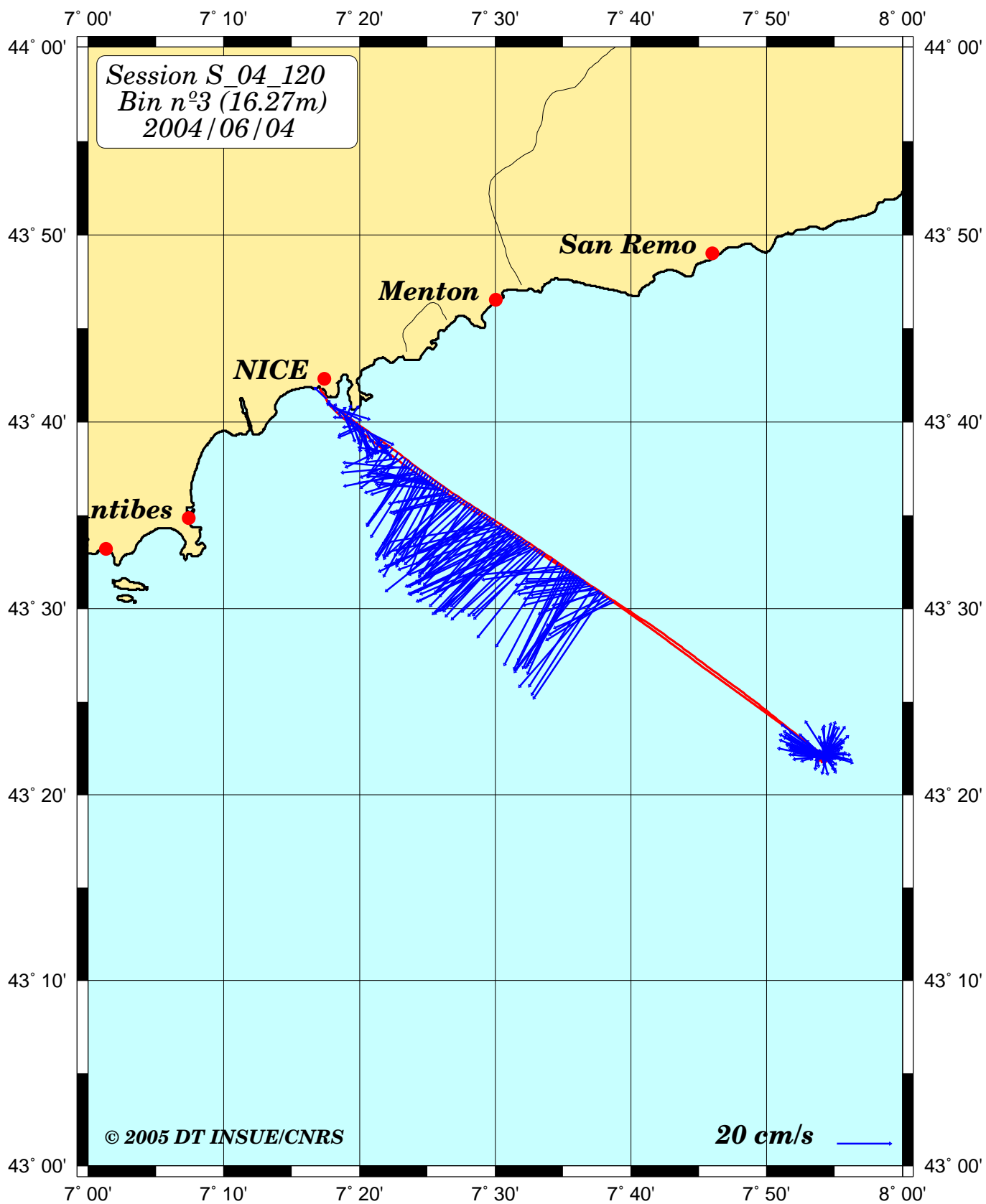
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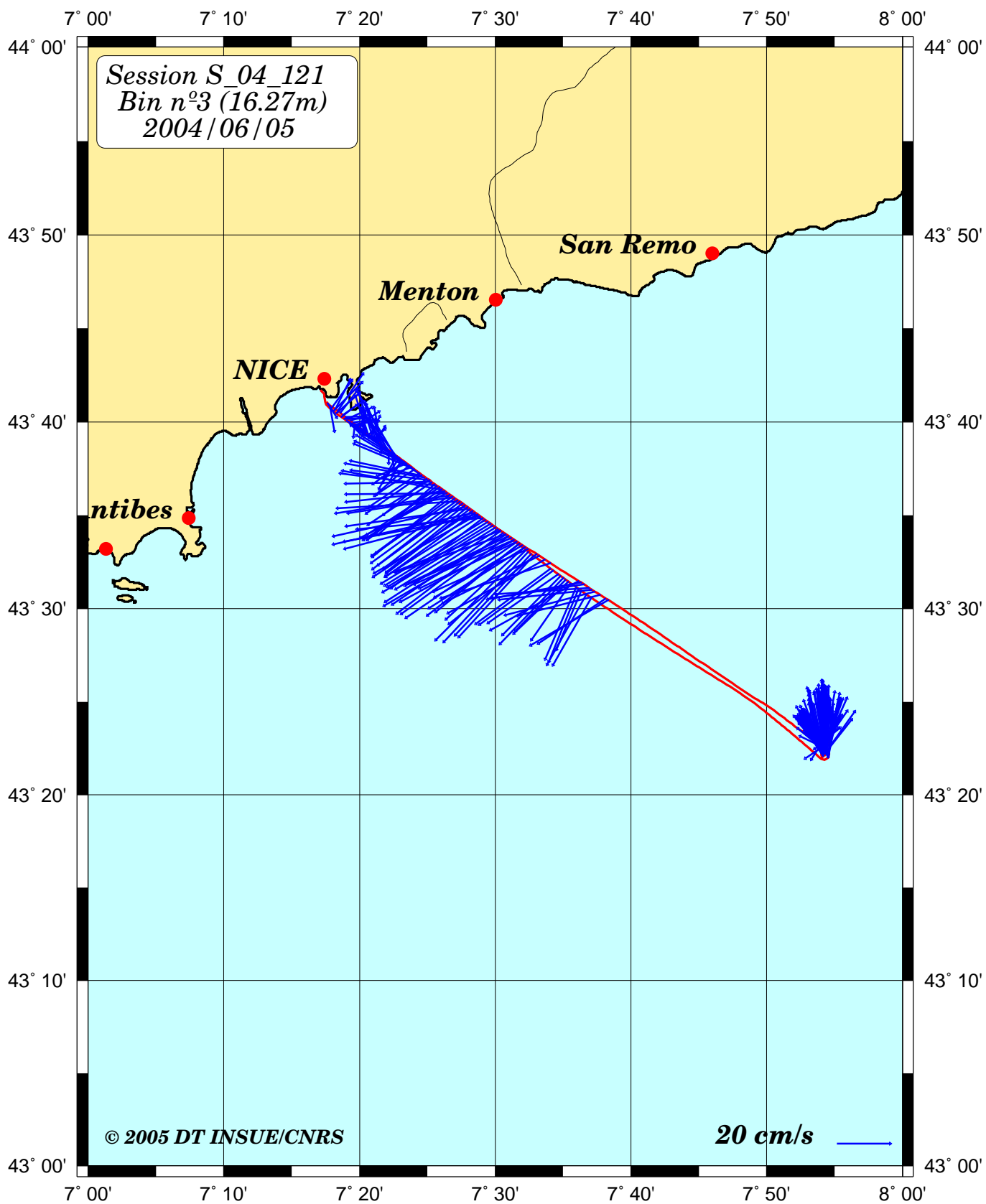










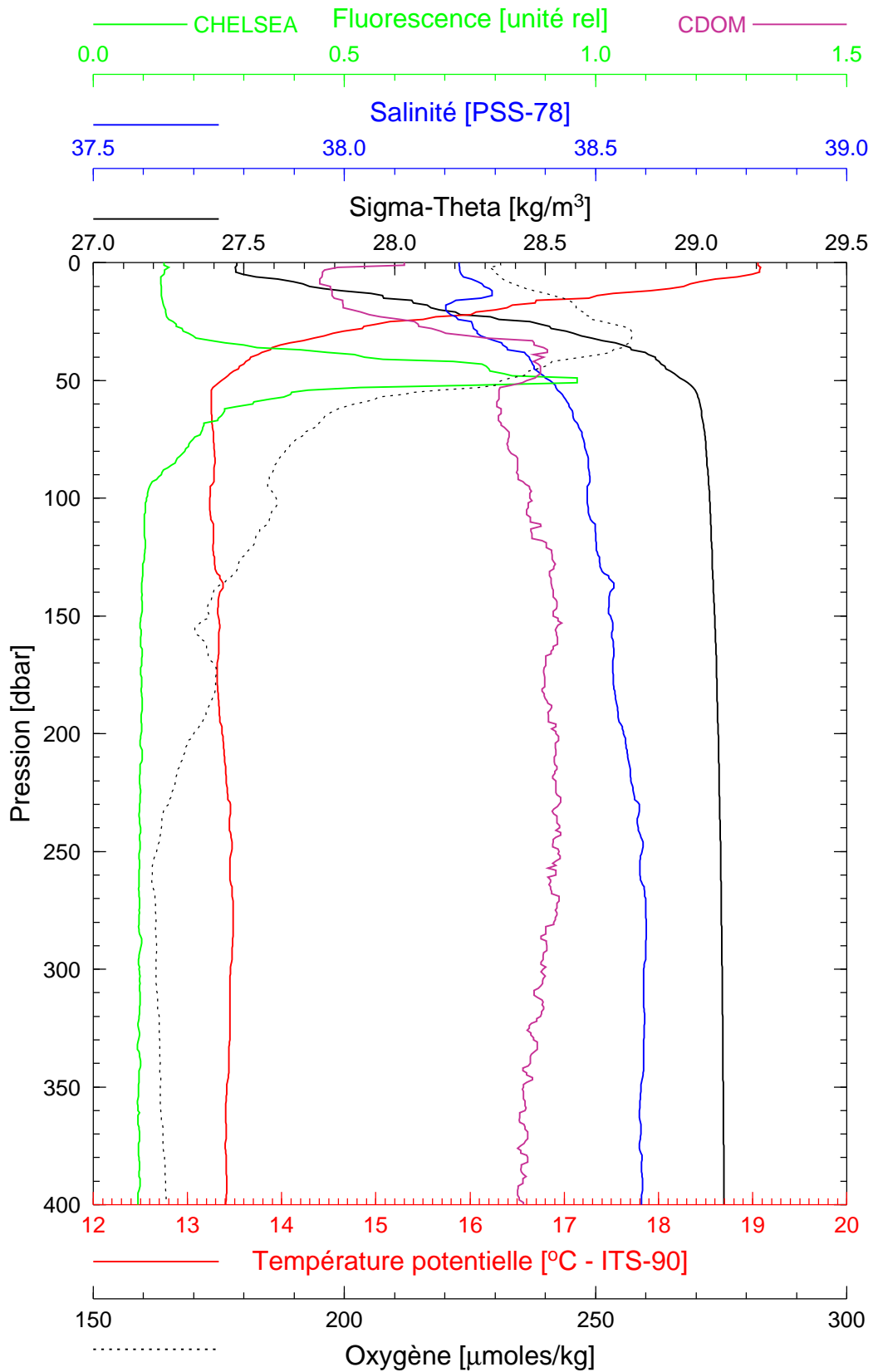


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BOUS001



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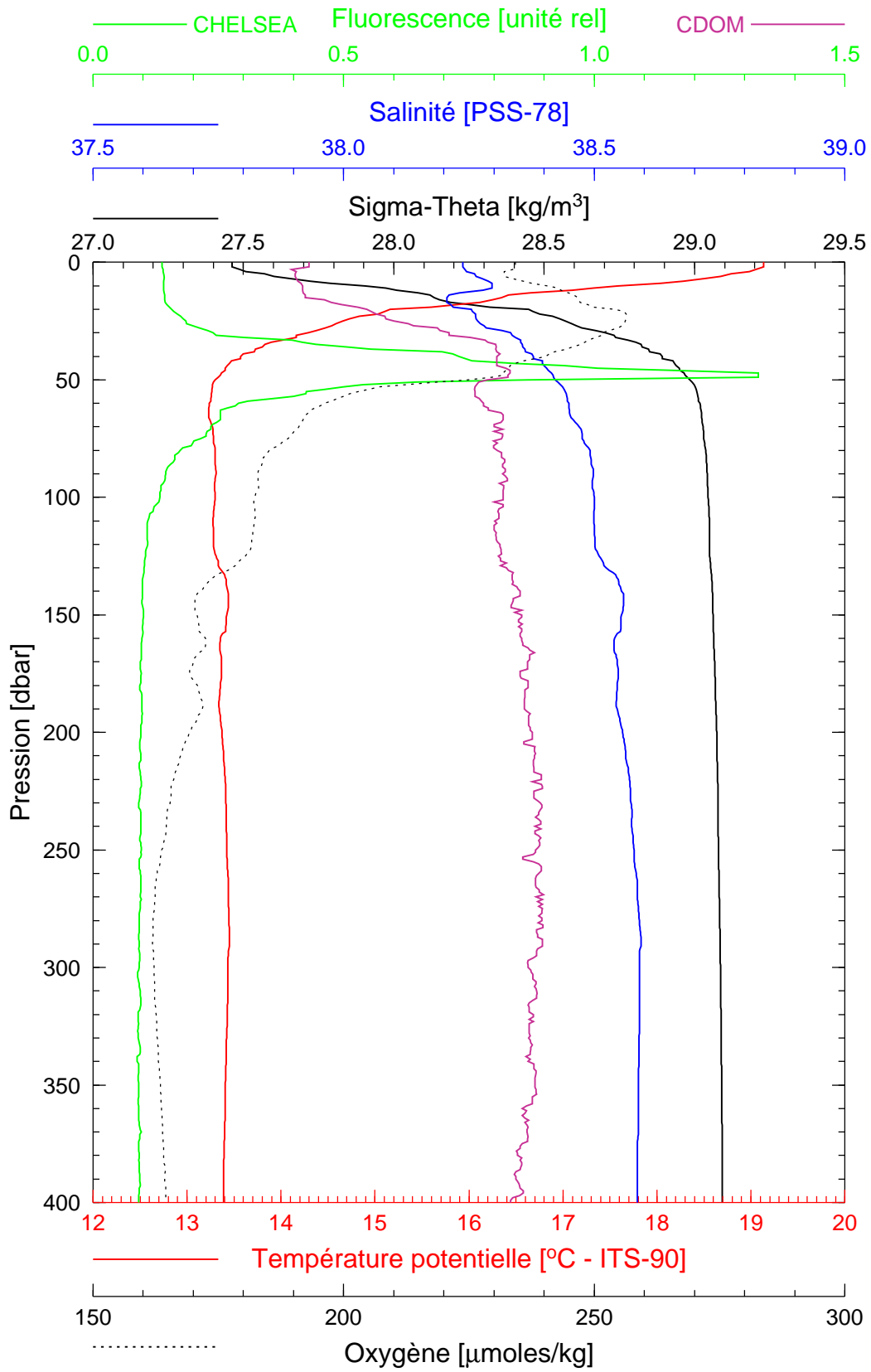
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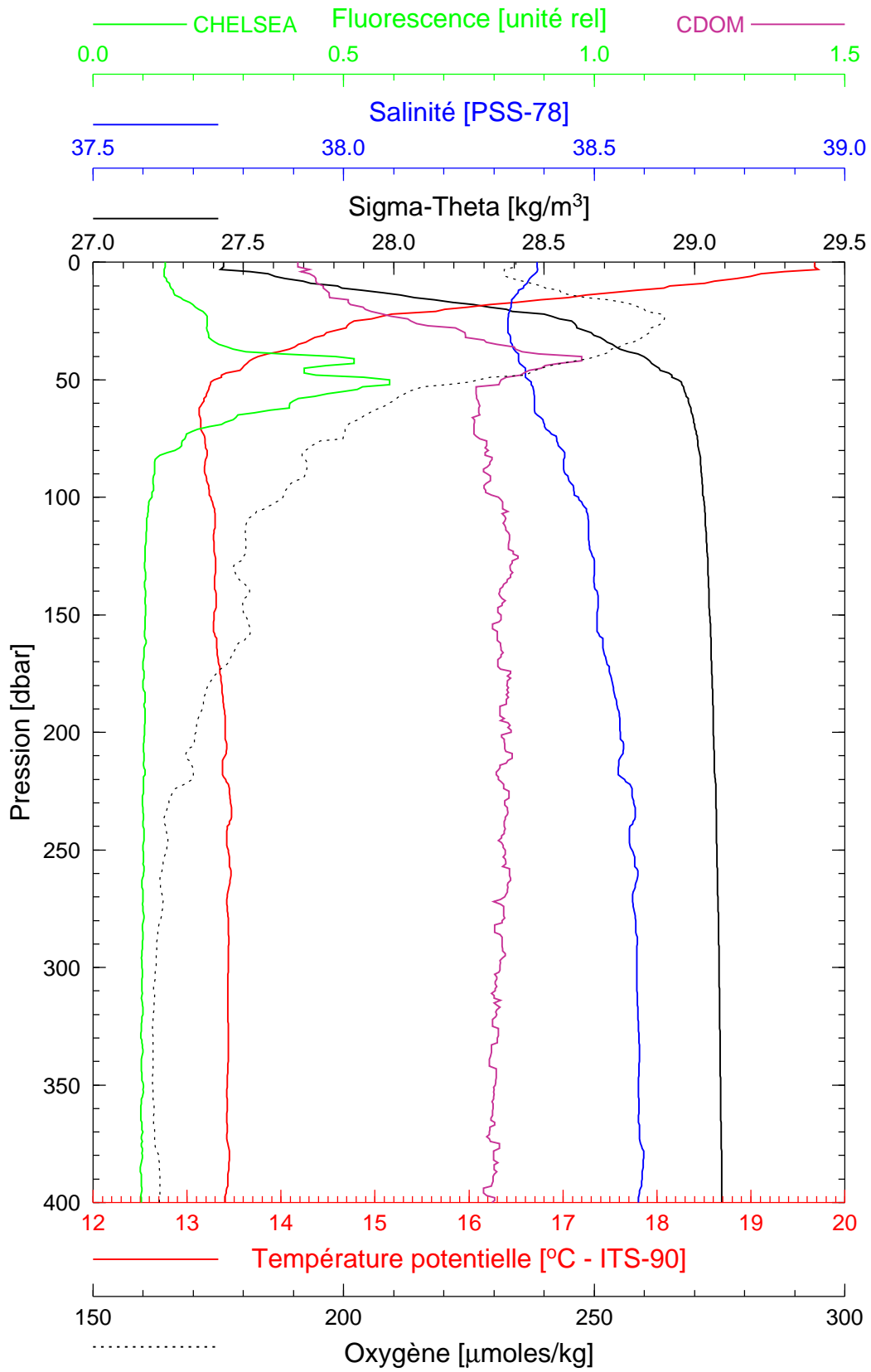
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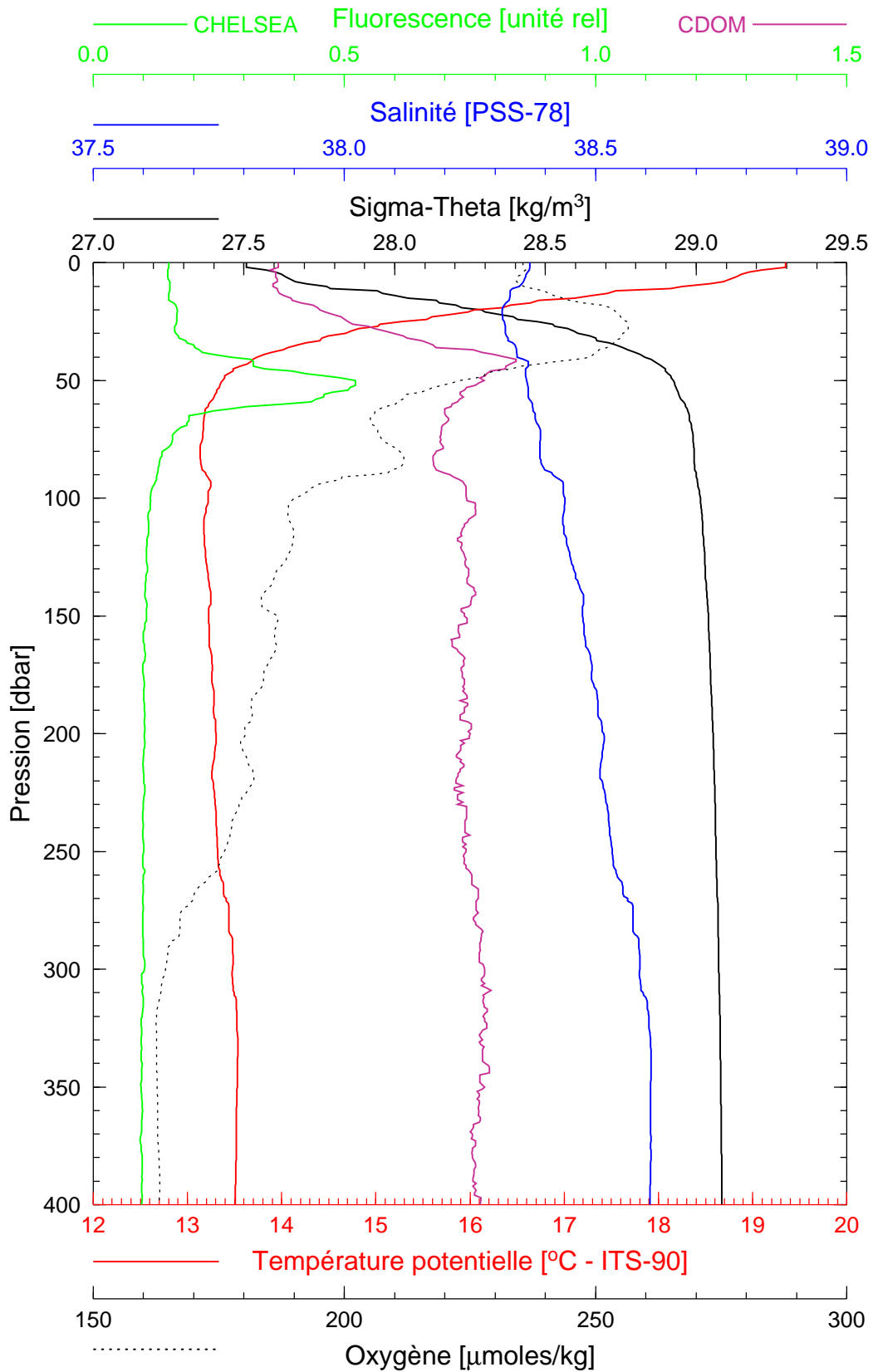
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BOUS004



Date 02/06/2004
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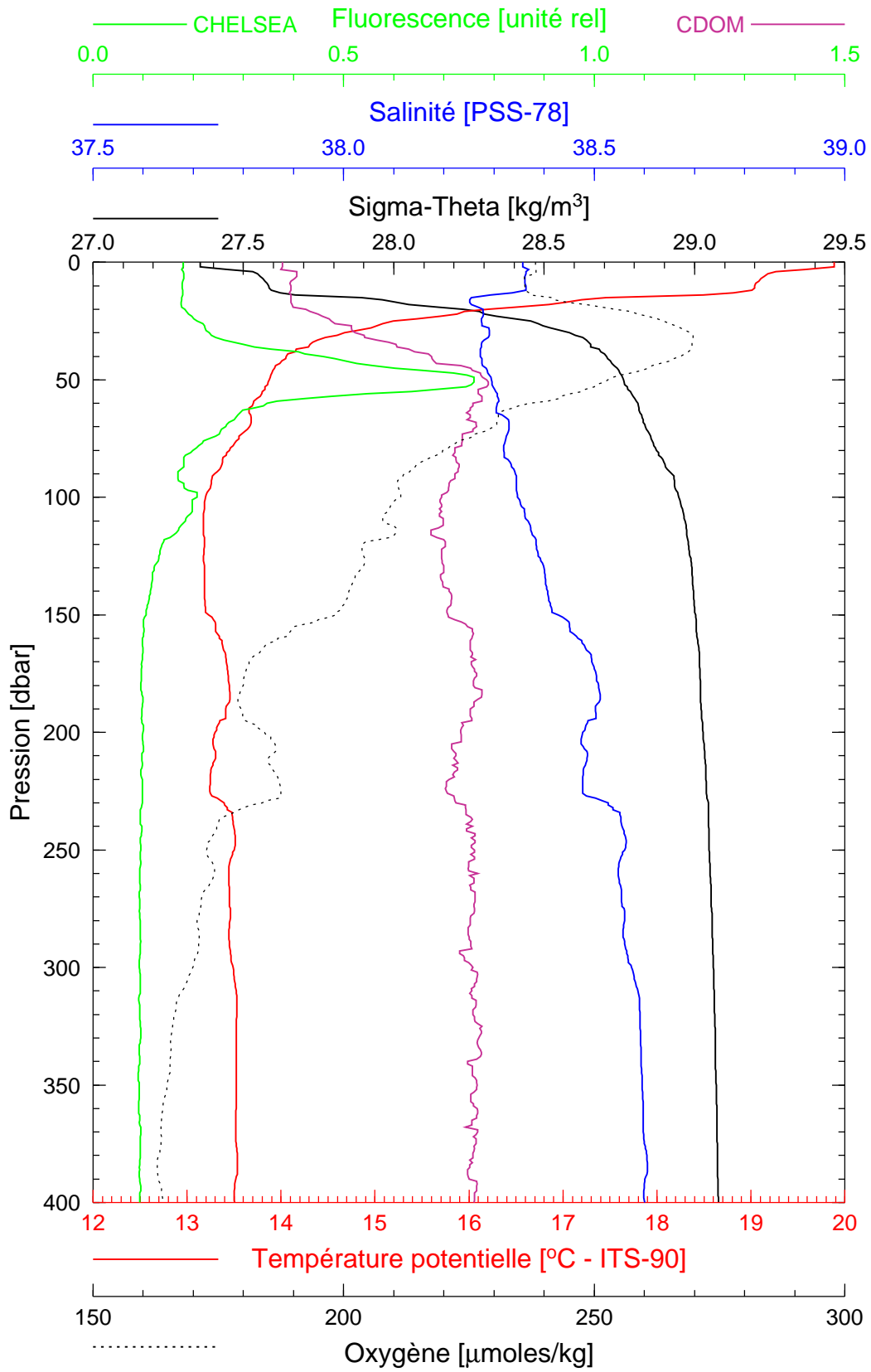
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02/06/2004

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Date 02/06/2004
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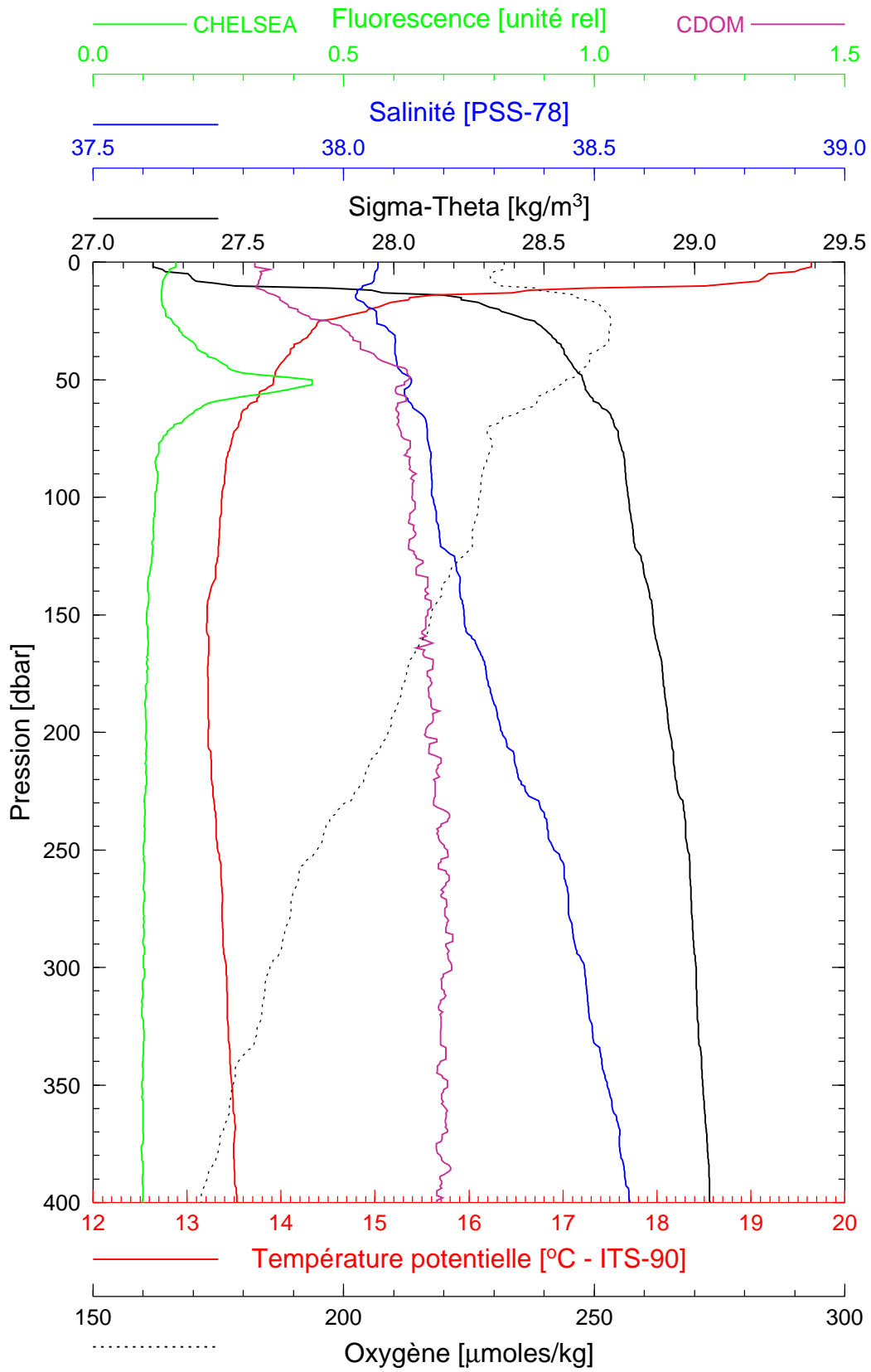
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Date 02/06/2004
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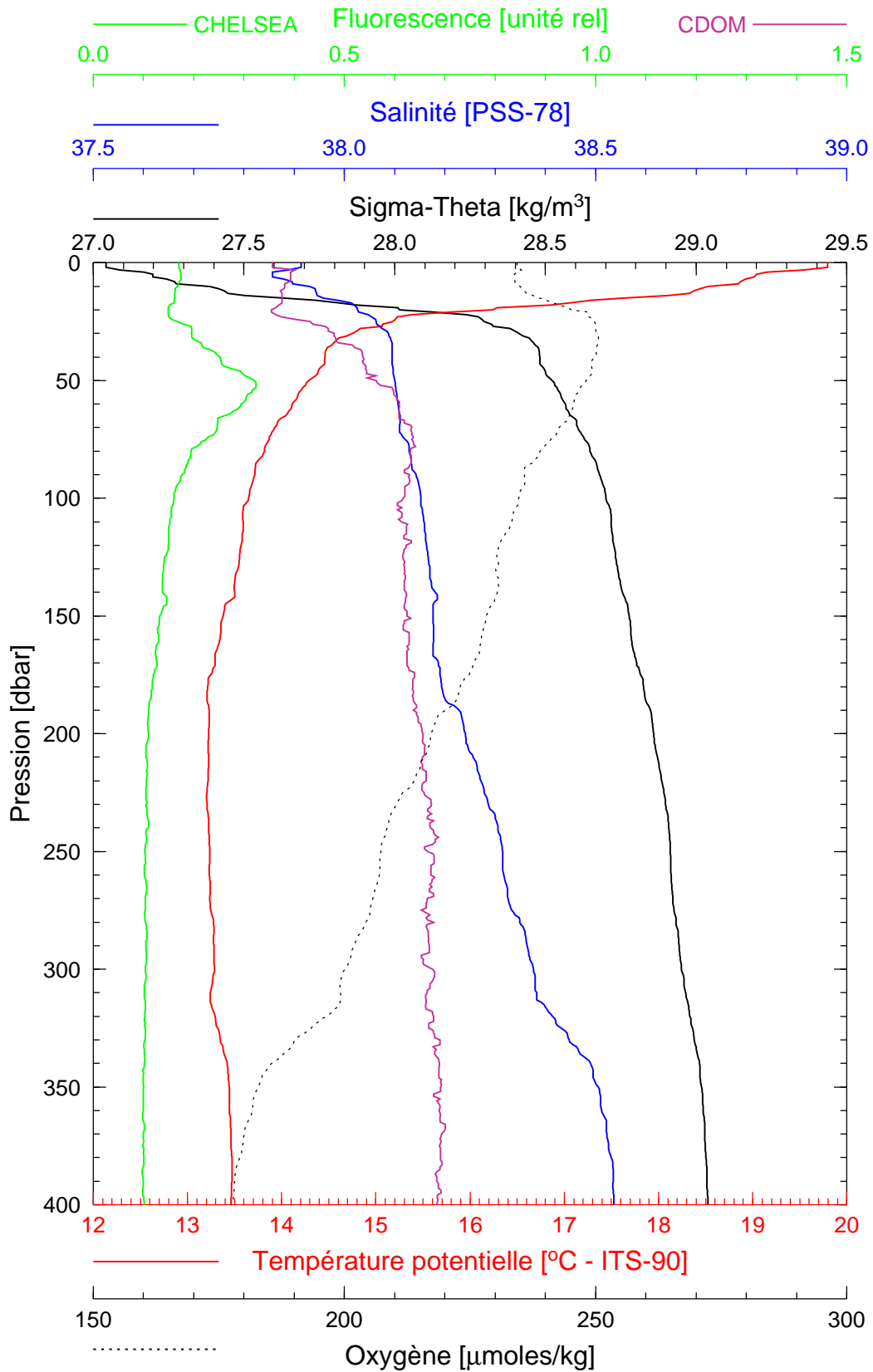
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Date 02/06/2004
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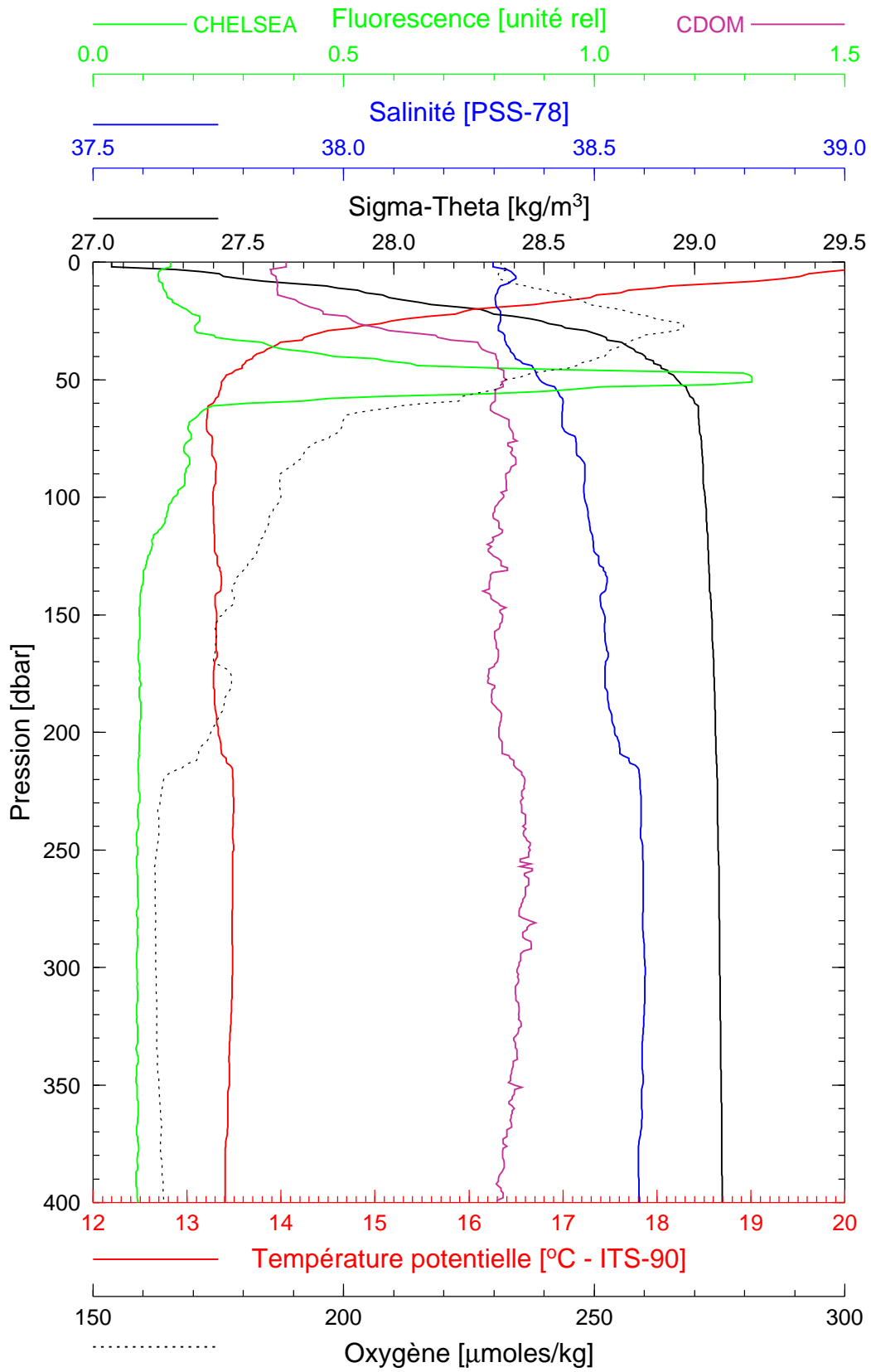
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03/06/2004

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Date 03/06/2004
Heure déb 14h 49min [TU]

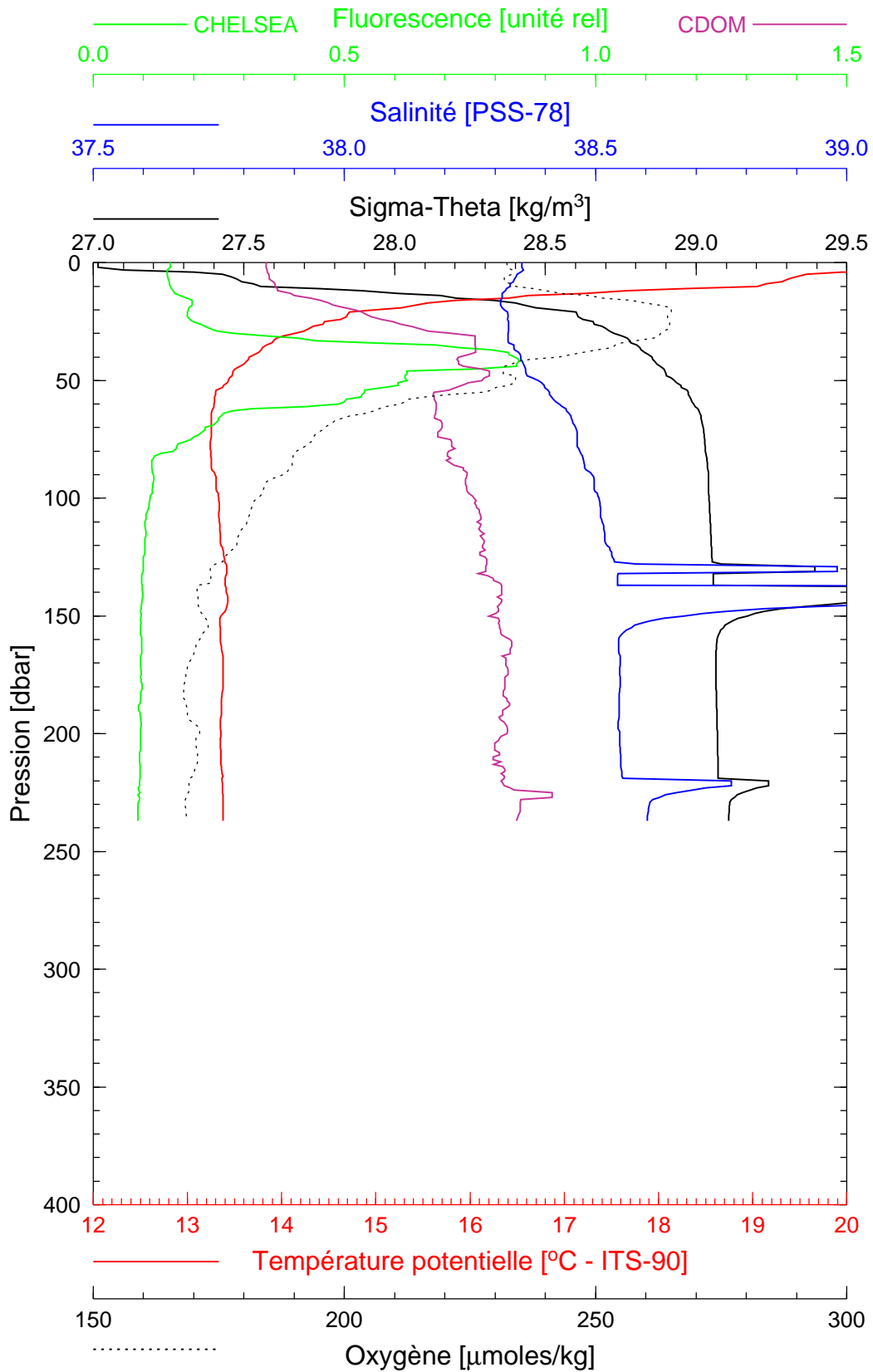
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Boussole 33

04/06/2004

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Date 04/06/2004
Heure déb 15h 19min [TU]

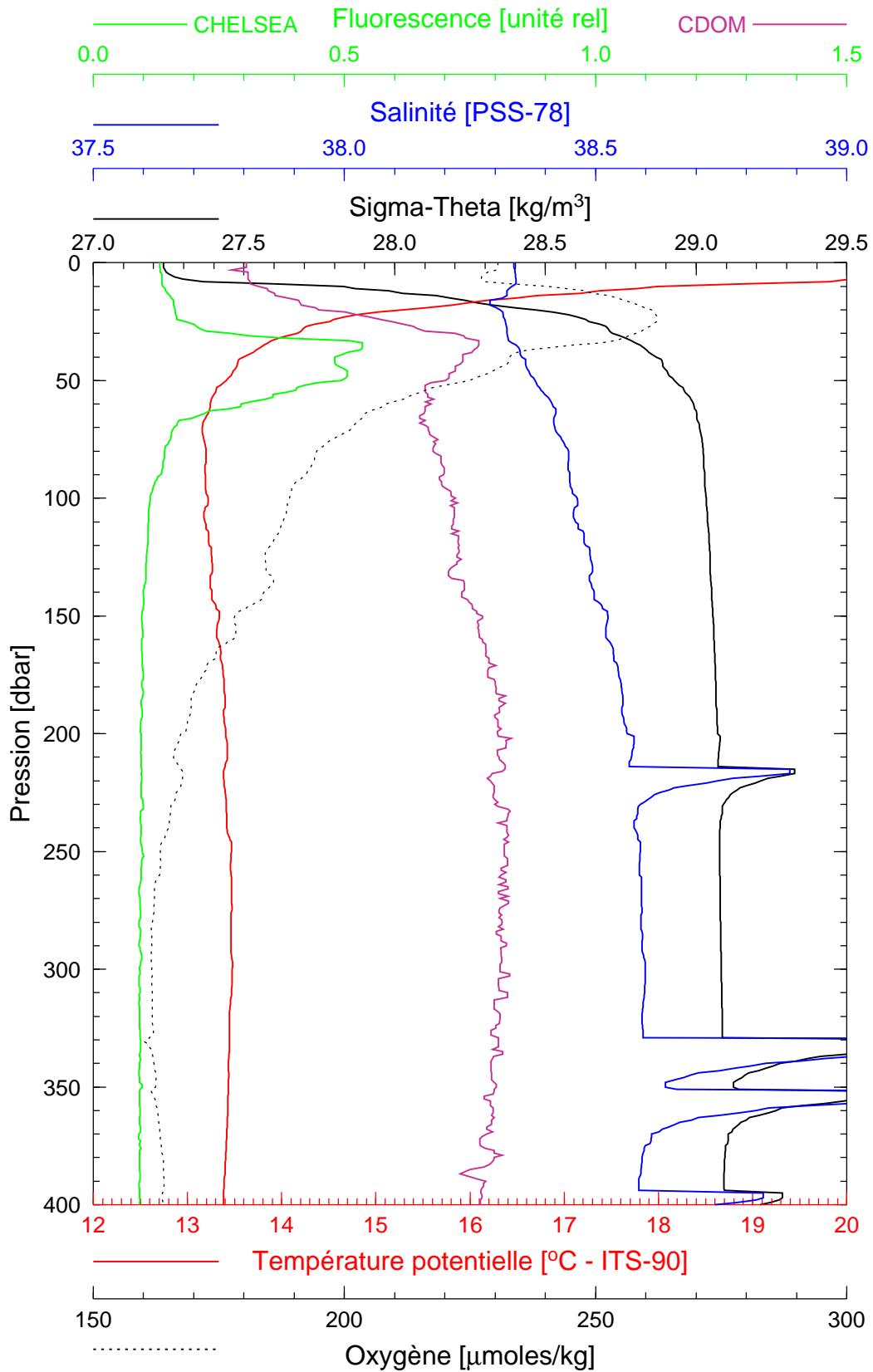
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Boussole 33

05/06/2004

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BOUS011



Date 05/06/2004
Heure déb 11h 21min [TU]

Latitude 43°22.961 N
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