

# BOUSSOLE Monthly Cruise Report

## Cruise 23

June 27 – 29, 2003

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Fig 1. Hauling in the SPMR on the capstan.

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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 SeaWiFS and MERIS and around solar noon. Optimal conditions: Clear blue skies and flat, calm sea surface. SIMBADA measurements are to be performed consecutively where possible with SPMR if conditions are suitably good. If sea conditions are poor but sky is good, SIMBADA data will be collected and used only to measure atmospheric optical thickness. A floating platform is to be used to support the SPMR Eu sensor approximately 20cm below the surface for several minutes 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. This data will later be compared with the near-surface extrapolation methods used in processing. CTD deployments are required before and after the SPMR profiling day. 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 further HPLC pigment and particulate absorption filter analysis in the lab. A gimbed PAR sensor positioned on the foredeck and operated from the CTD computer serves as a light field stability indicator during SPMR profiling.

An additional feature intended to be continued for all Boussole cruises is a ctd transect between the boussole site and the Port of Nice. This transect consists of four fixed locations on route from Boussole and with the last two station positions to be decided on each cruise in order to sample on each side of the main ocean front. The time of day of this transect should be similar for each cruise, if possible. Also on this transect line, Simbada measurements of optical thickness should be taken to characterise variability between the Cap Ferrat sun photometer and the Boussole site.

Student Guillaume Lecomte will participate in the cruise in order to carry out two profiles to 1000m with a bathyphotometer, for the measurement of bioluminescence.

## Cruise Summary:

Departure was at 0630 in adjusting to the earlier high sun angles but no earlier to avoid problems with ship crew work hours. On arrival at site the conditions were a little choppy to the extent that the SPMR surface buoy could not be deployed but were certainly acceptable for the normal and CTD. However, throughout the morning sea conditions improved although cloud cover seemed to be very variable and quick-changing; switching rapidly between cloudy and clear. By late morning, the conditions were fairly good for optics but prone to rapid changes in cloud cover still. The schedule was maintained fairly well throughout the day. When it was discovered that there was a problem with diesel leaking into the oil of the ship engine, the plan for the day was continued with the exception that we would be stopping in Nice overnight, rather than returning straight to Boussole after the transect. Stations 3 and 6 were missed from the transect too in order to get the ship into port a little sooner.

The ship engines were repaired Saturday morning allowing us to return to site with very good conditions and just enough sun angle for a SPMR session and ctd cast. This fitted in with the end of the optics session on the schedule, as if we been at sea all day.

The final day yielded super conditions for optics and a good possibility for Meris and SeaWiFS matchups. The skies were very clear and seas glassy towards the afternoon. Simbada measurements were taken from the normal upper deck and for some measurements, also from the top of the bridge with the sun slightly to the starboard bow. During high sun angle sessions, SPMR profiles were taken to 200m rather than 120m as typical of recent cruises. The conditions should provide some good data for the SPMR surface buoy surface extrapolation model comparisons.

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## Cruise Report (all times in GMT)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2003

0630 Depart Port of Nice.

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0915 Arrival at Boussole Site (43°22'N 7°54'E).

1012 CTD Boussole 1. Max 400m. Bottle depths (m): 200,150,100,80,60,50,25,20,10, 5.

1045 CTD on deck.

1057 SPMR deployed

1113 SPMR on deck (4 profiles)

1114 SPMR surface float deployed

1139 SPMR surface float recovered (2 profiles)

1213 SPMR deployed

1242 SPMR on deck (4 profiles)

1407 SPMR deployed

1425 SPMR on deck (3 profiles)

1502 CTD Boussole 2. Max 400m. Bottle depths (m): 10, 5.

1530 CTD on deck

1612 CTD Boussole 3 Transect Station 1

1712 CTD Boussole 4 Transect Station 2

1848 CTD Boussole 5 Transect Station 4

1947 CTD Boussole 6 Transect Station 5

2030 Arrive Nice

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## Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2003

1230 Depart Nice

1230-1600 Simbada solar measurements every 30 minutes

1600 Arrive Boussole

1608 SPMR deployed.

1625 SPMR on deck (2 profiles).

1730 CTD Boussole 7. Max 400m. Bottle Depths (m) 10, 5.

1754 CTD on deck.

1755 Commence quadrilateral

1850 Quadrilateral completed

1855 Bathyphotometer profile

2000 Remain in vicinity of Boussole

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## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2003

0530 Bathyphotometer profile

0635 CTD Boussole 8. Max 400m. Bottle Depths (m) 400,150,120,100,80,70,60,40,20,10, 5.  
0703 CTD on deck  
0726 SPMR in water  
0745 SPMR on deck (3 profiles)  
0906 SPMR in water  
0925 SPMR on deck (2 profiles + Meris 0926)  
1105 SPMR in water  
1123 SPMR on deck (2 profiles + SeaWiFS 1059)  
1238 SPMR surface float in water  
1305 SPMR surface float on deck (2 profiles +SeaWiFS 1237)  
1453 CTD Boussole 9. Boussole Site. Max 100m. Bottle Depths (m) 10, 5  
1518 CTD on deck  
1523 SPMR in water  
1538 SPMR on deck (2 profiles)  
1540 Depart Boussole Site for Port of Nice  
1540-1700 Simbada measurements every 30 minutes  
1900 Arrive Port of Nice

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

SeaWiFS (times in GMT)

- 27 Jun 2003 11:15 at 23.41 degrees elevation
- 27 Jun 2003 12:53 at 34.87 degrees elevation
- 28 Jun 2003 11:56 at 55.36 degrees elevation
- 28 Jun 2003 13:33 at 15.70 degrees elevation
- 29 Jun 2003 10:59 at 16.30 degrees elevation
- 29 Jun 2003 12:37 at 48.89 degrees elevation

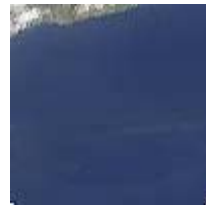
Meris (times in GMT)

- 29 June 2003 09:26

## Ligurian Sea Boussole Site Images

[http://seawifs.gsfc.nasa.gov/cgi/seawifs\\_region\\_extracts.pl](http://seawifs.gsfc.nasa.gov/cgi/seawifs_region_extracts.pl)

### SeaWiFS



### Modis

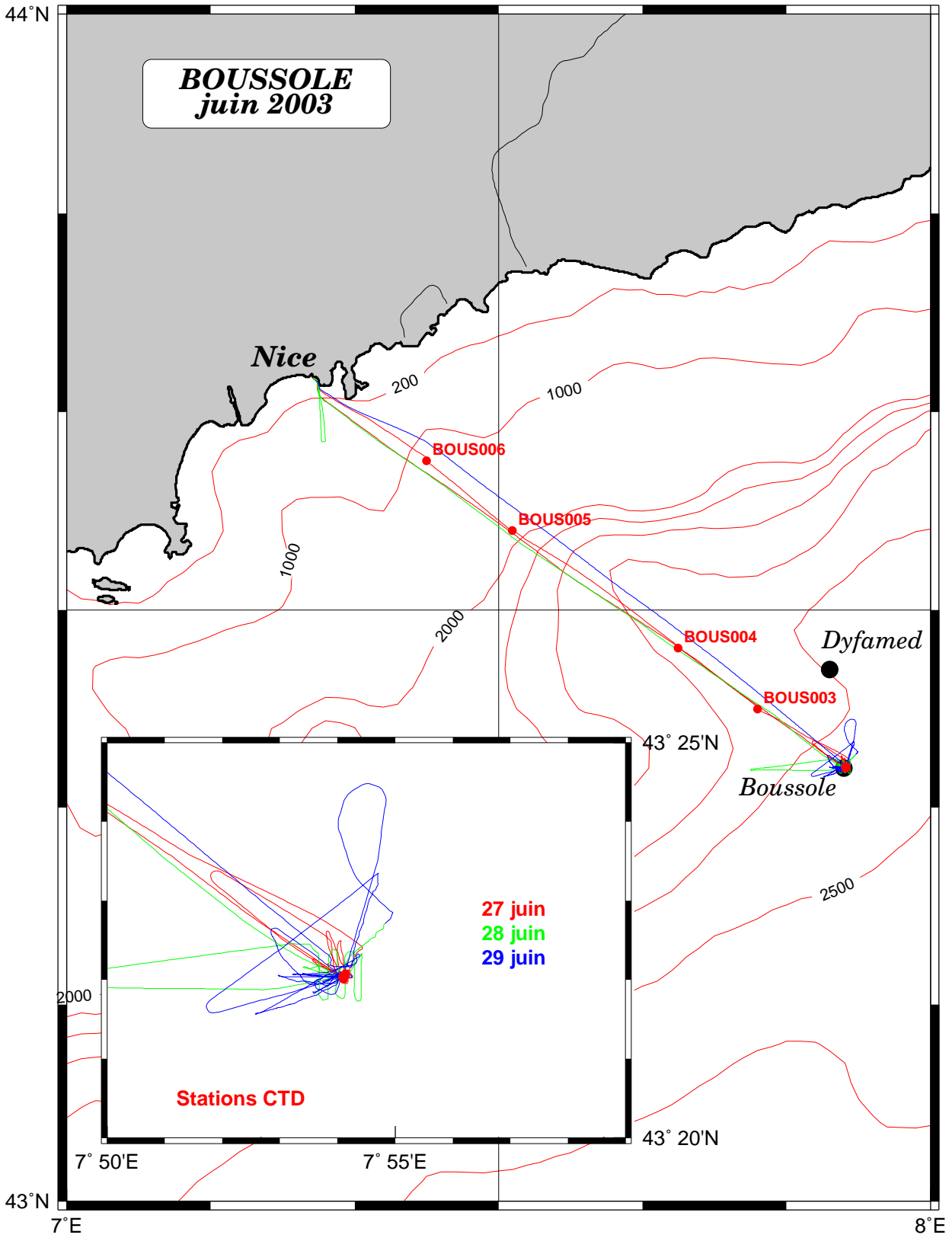


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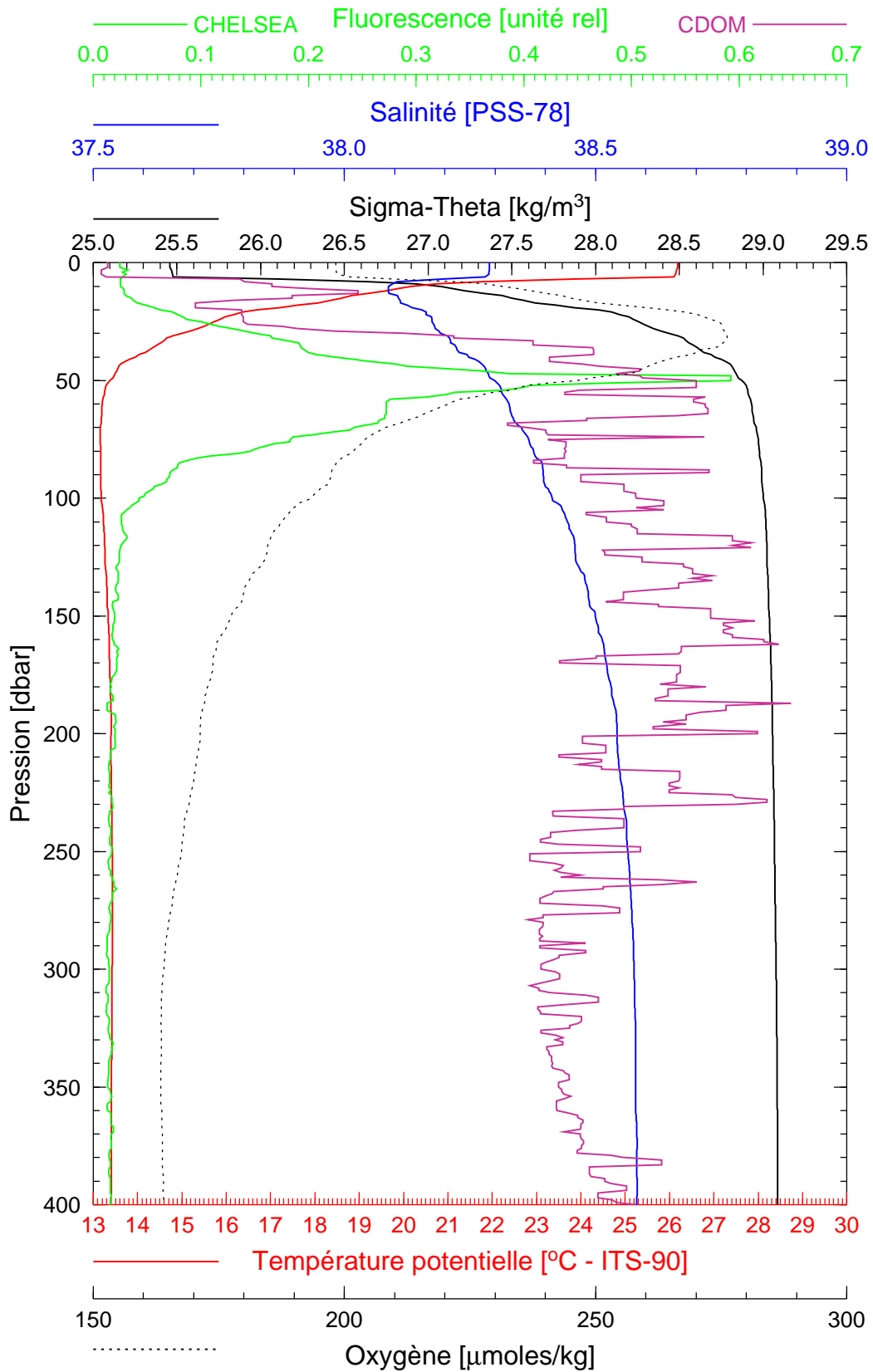


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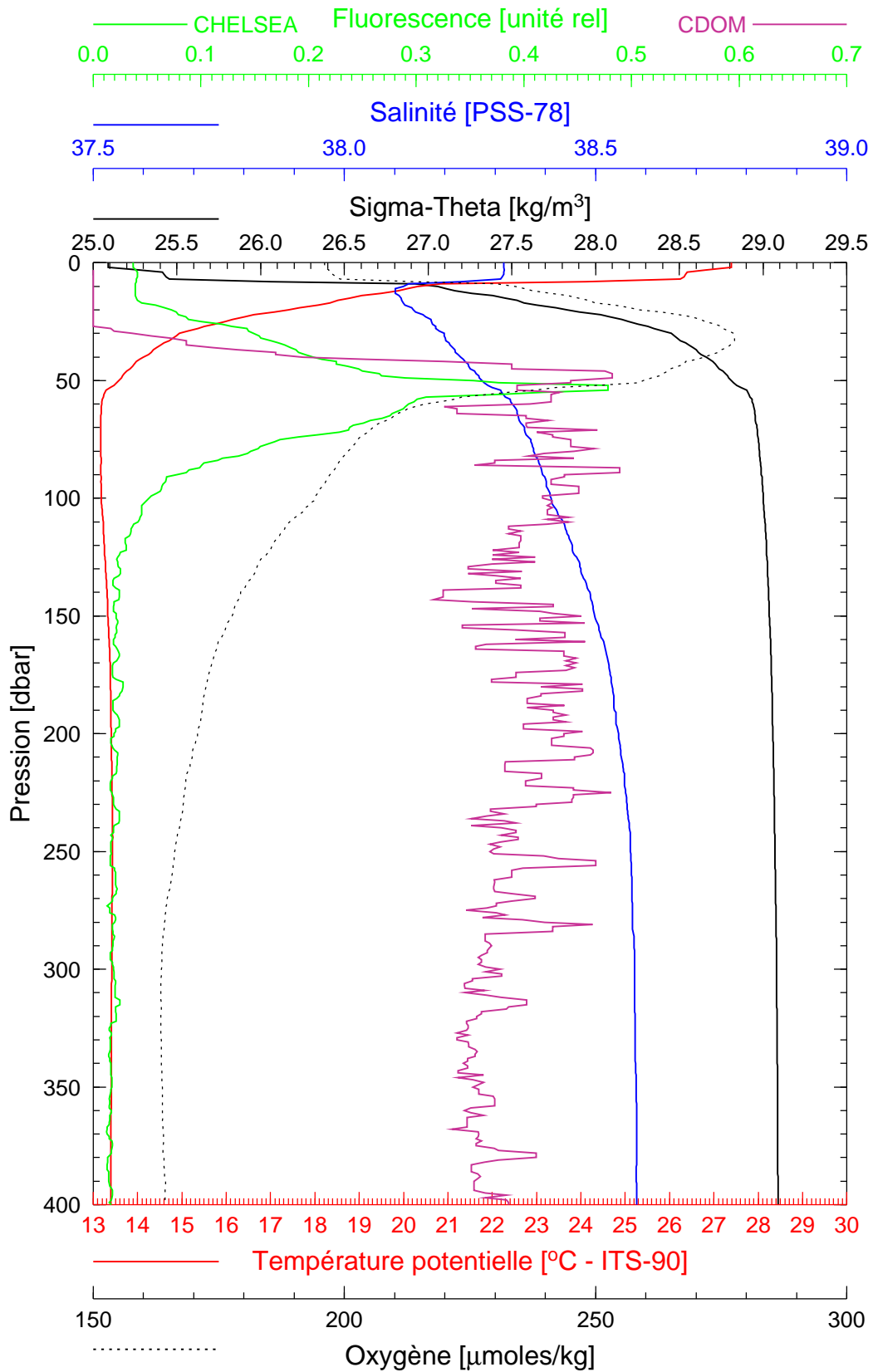
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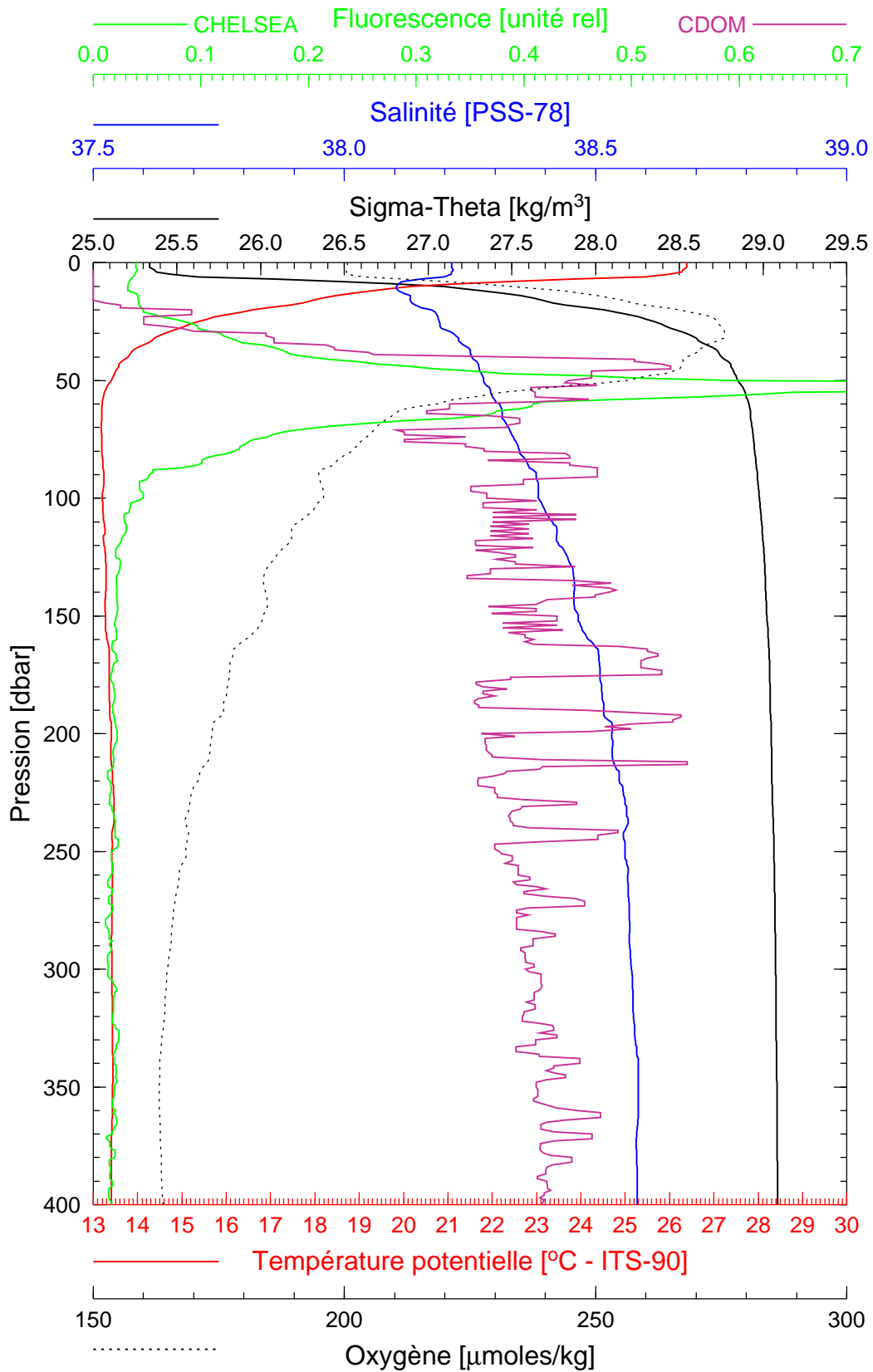
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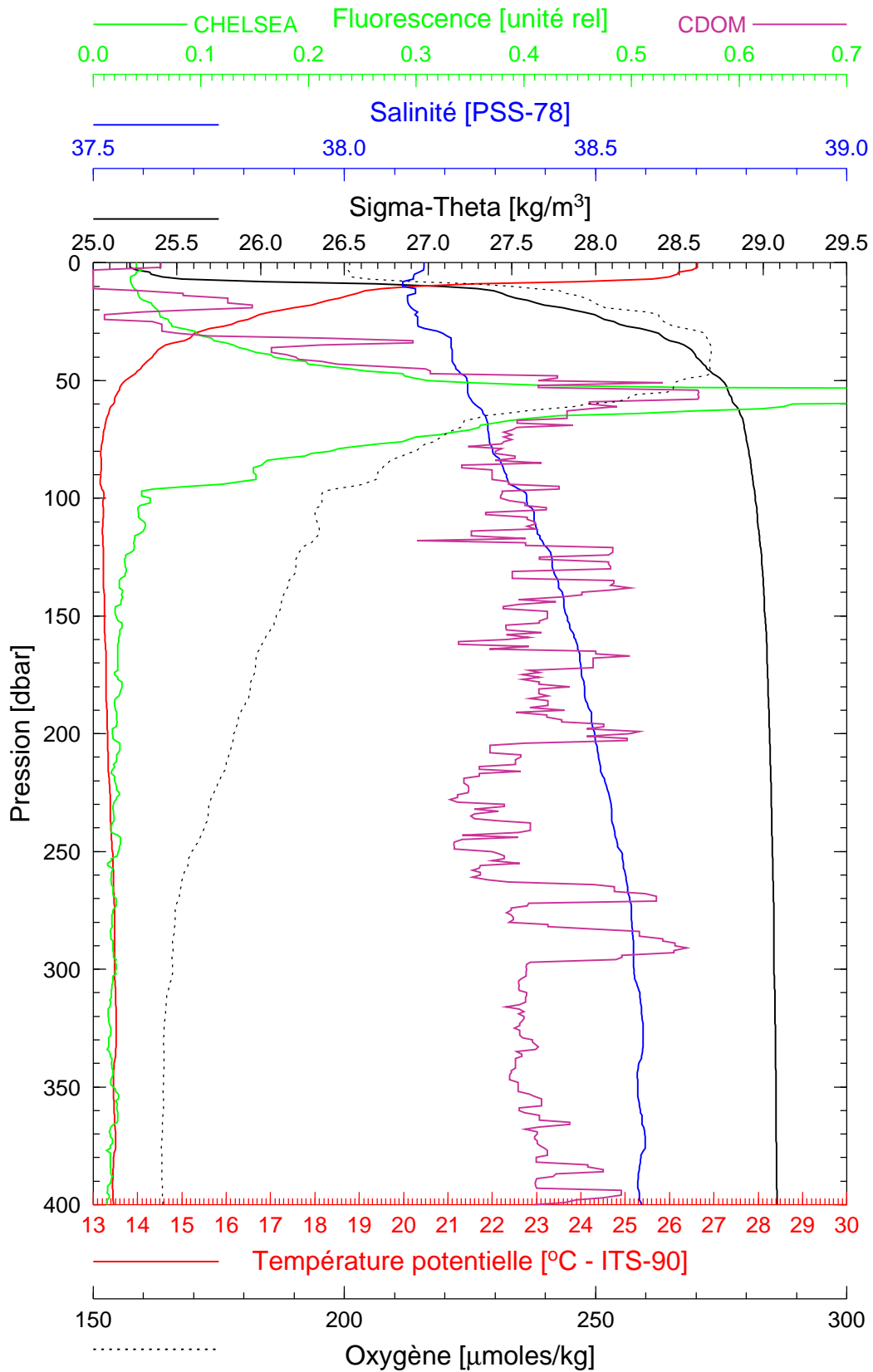
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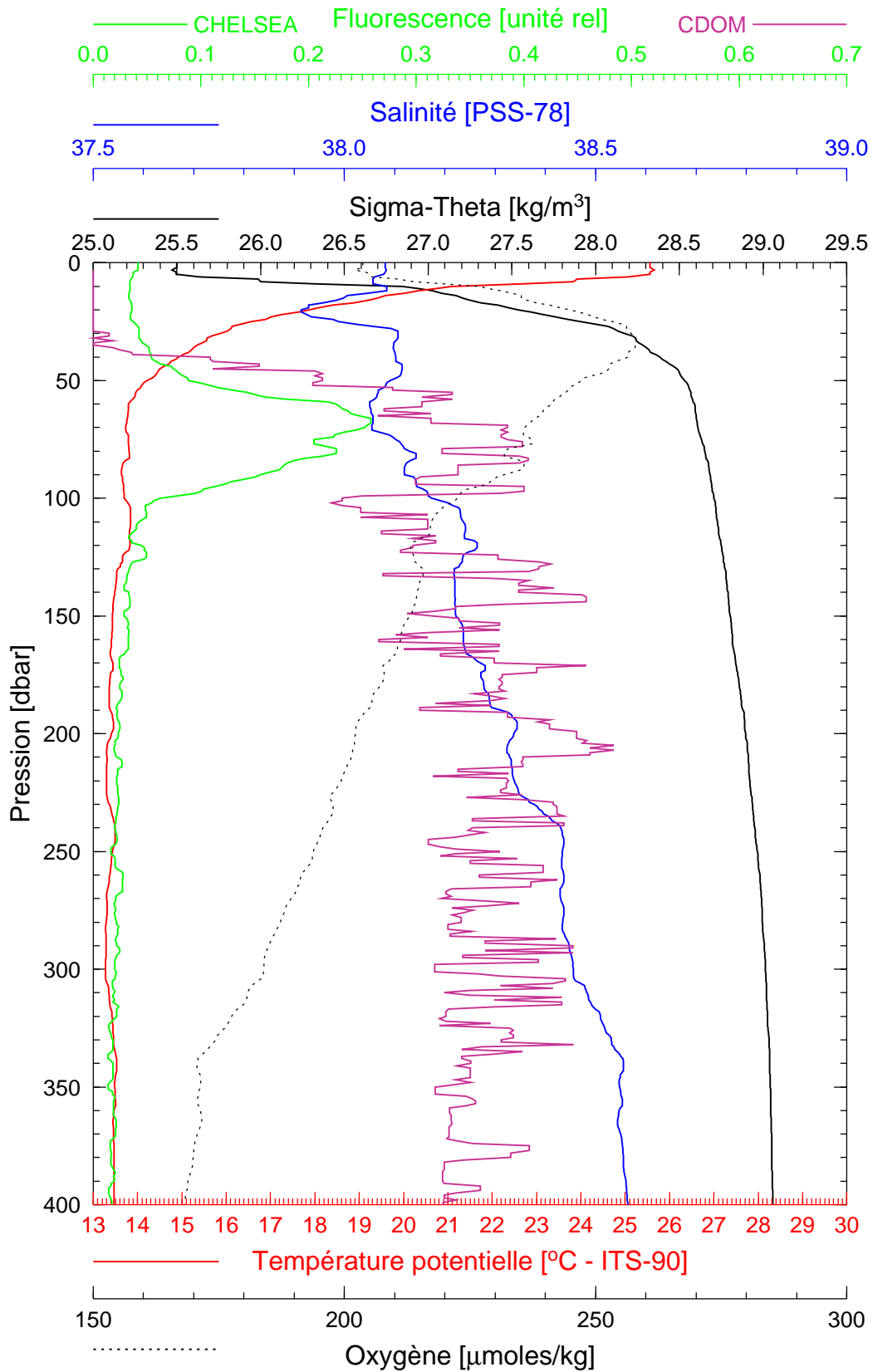
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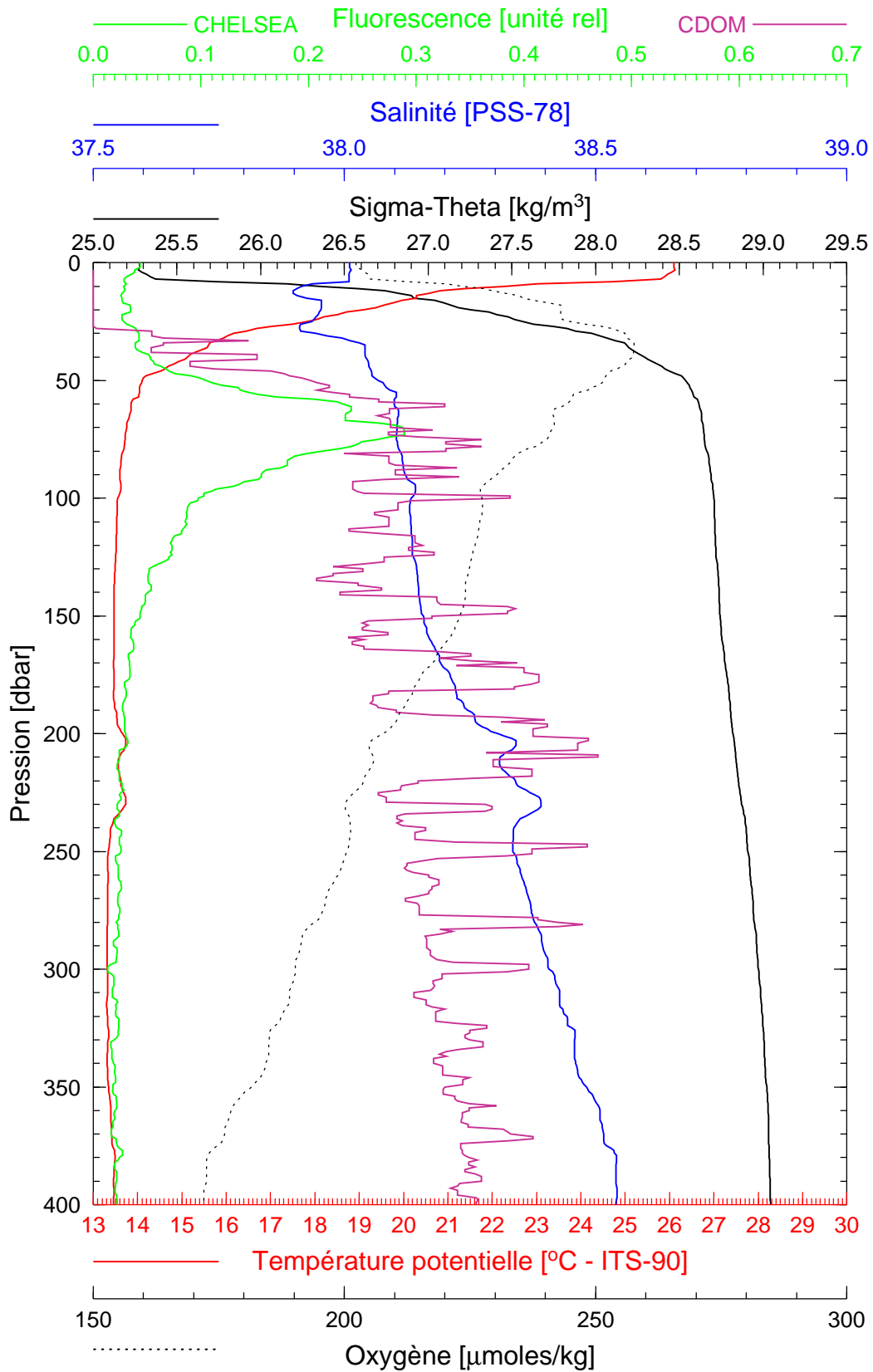
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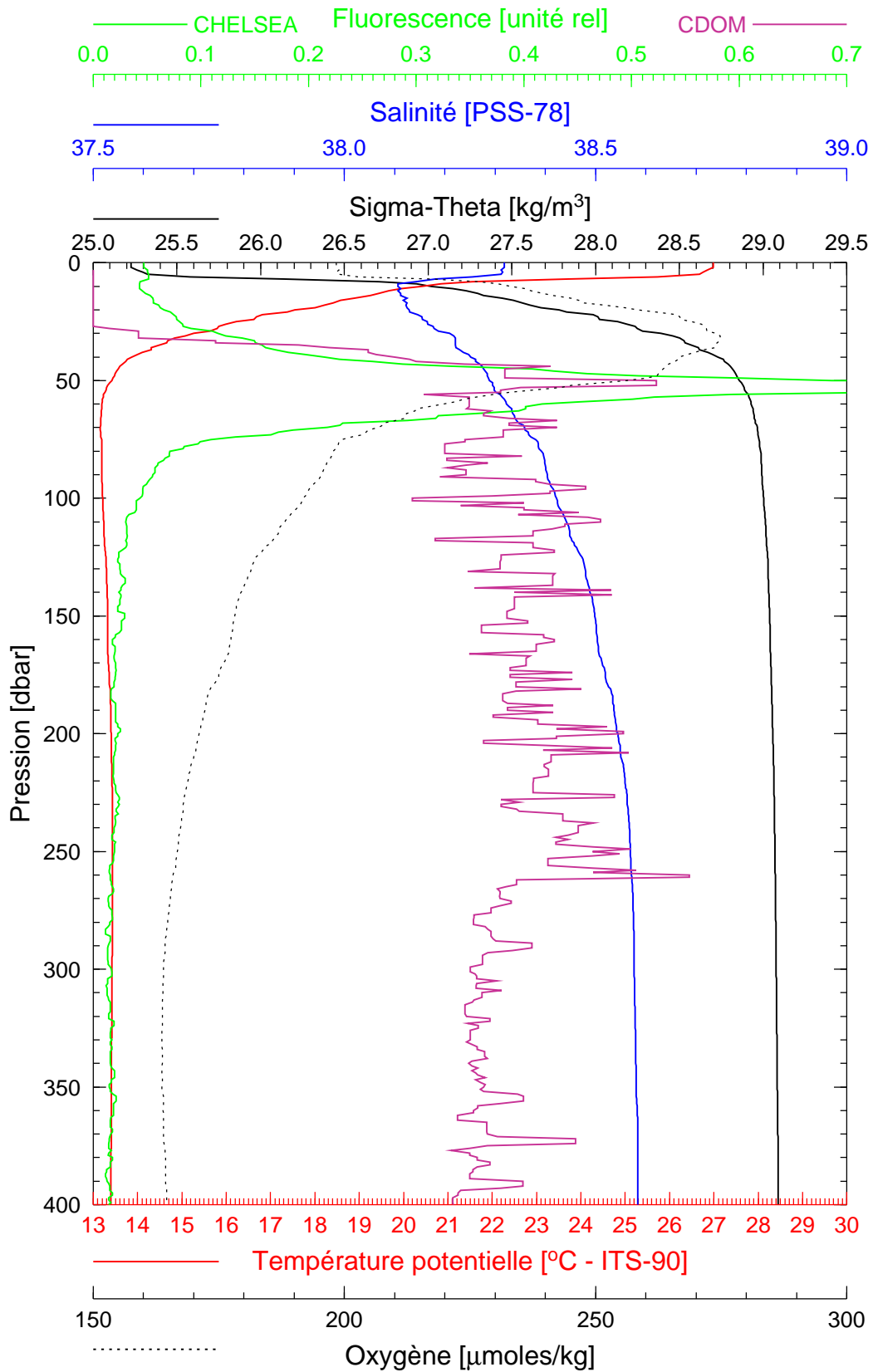
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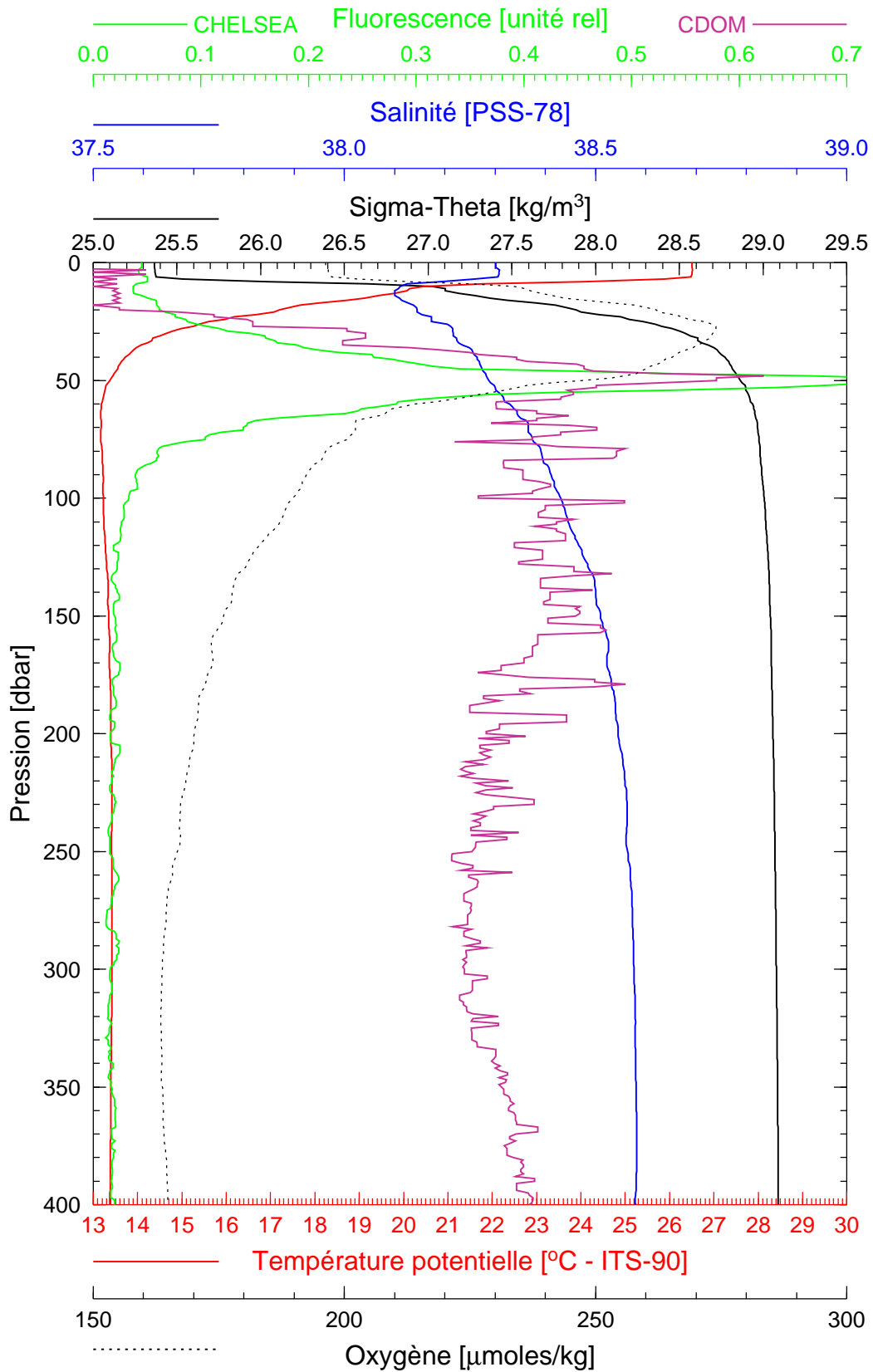
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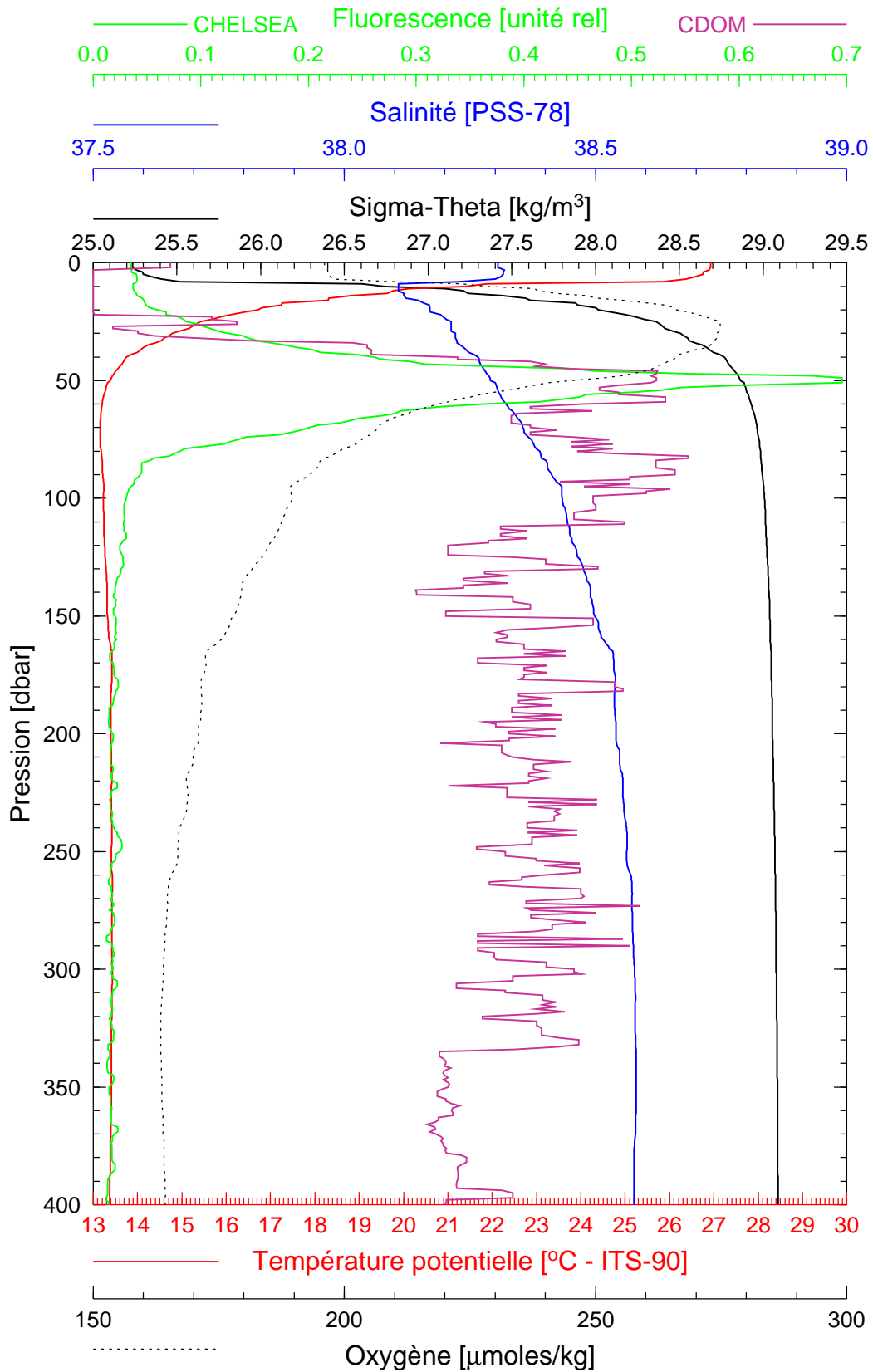


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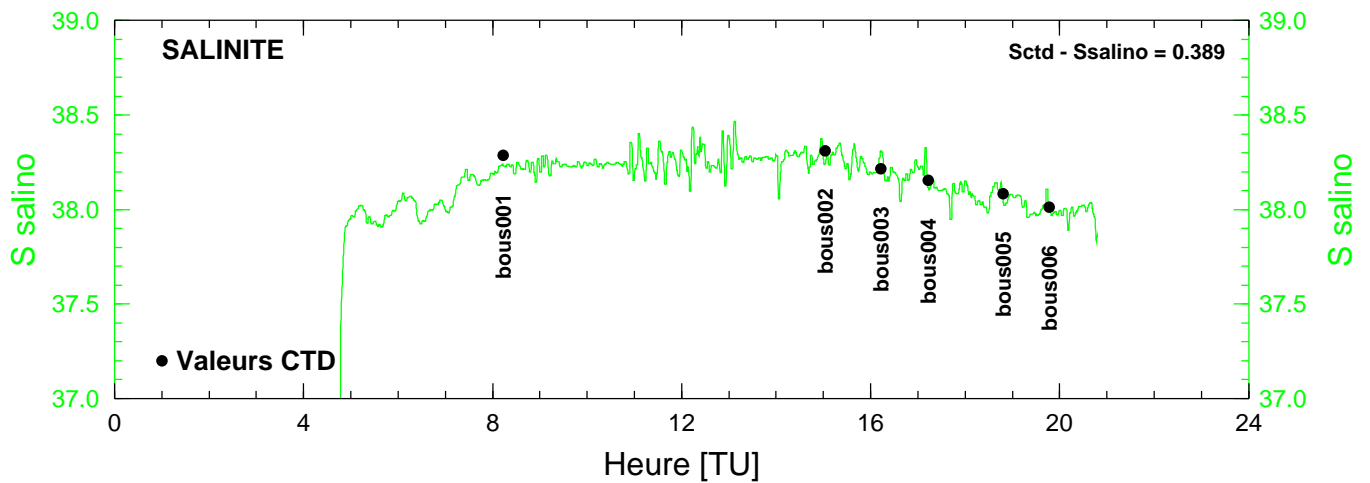
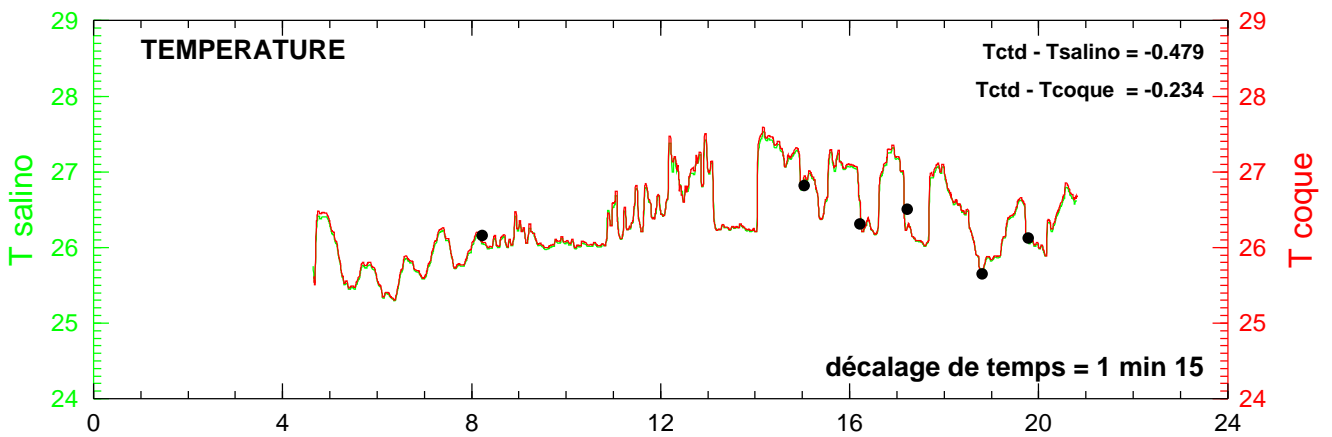
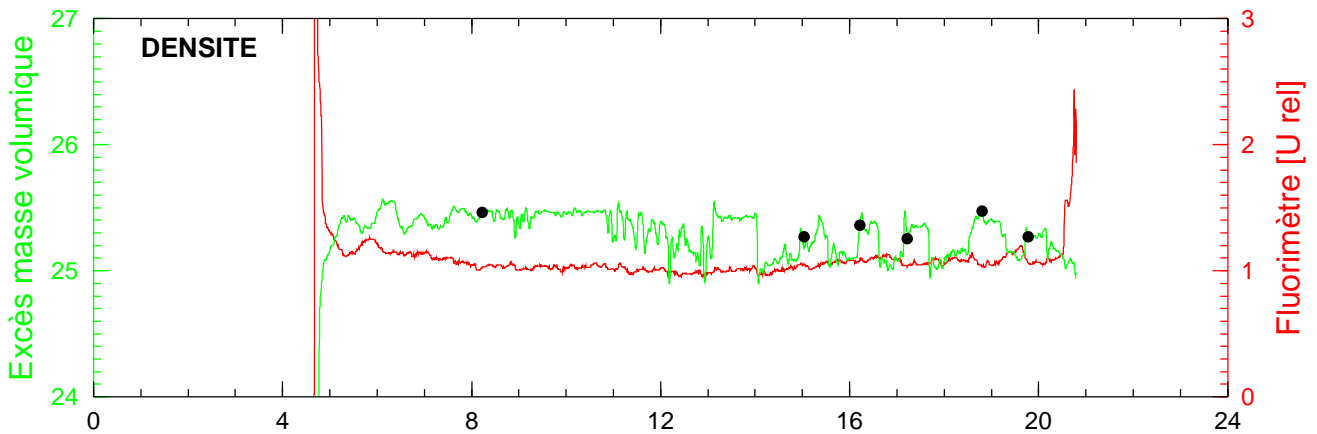
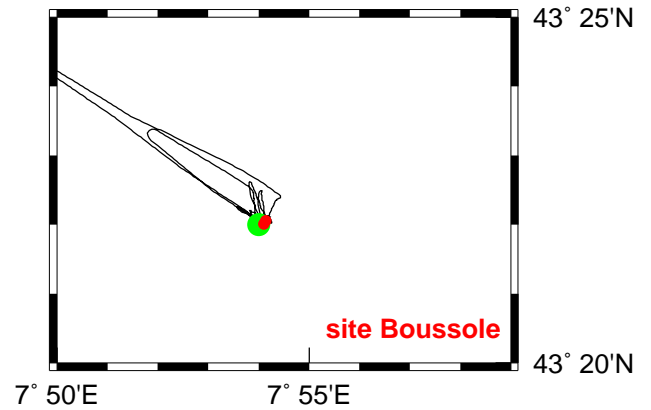
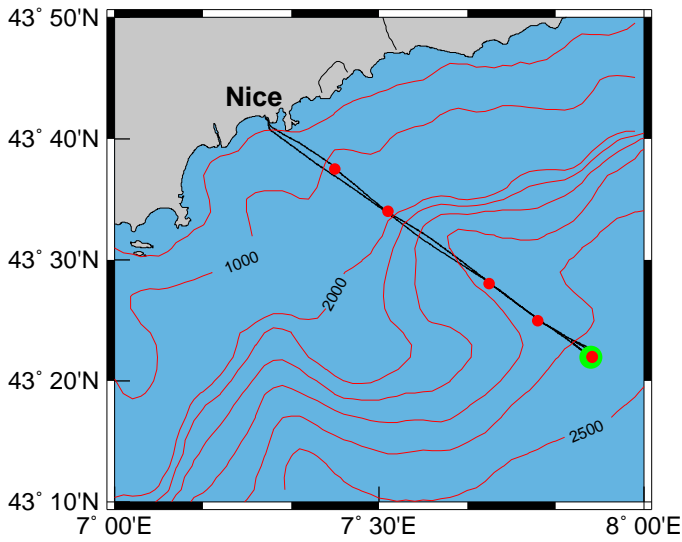
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