

BOUSSOLE Monthly Cruise Report

Cruise 32

April 09 – 12, 2004

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Fig 1. Hoisting materials up to the Boussole buoy head to attempt a direct communication link with a laptop PC.

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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.

DEA student Aurelie Laudea will be participating in the cruise as an observer.

Mark Tedetti, from the Centre d'Océanologie de Marseille will be testing a new Satlantic UV/Vis MicroPro Free Fall Profiler and observing our procedures to develop his own. Profiles will be performed synchronously with our profiler to establish complementary data sets.

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.

Cruise Summary

Friday 9th April

Departure was delayed half an hour whilst waiting for some ship supplies to arrive. This was not of any loss to the schedule because the weather forecast and current conditions were overcast with rain. Despite the gloomy conditions the seas were quite calm in the morning. The first activity was to climb on the buoy to make a general check of the above water instruments and hardware. The antenna tube of the Cisco bridge was loose was retightened. The cisco for the new system was connected temporarily and left for 3 hours to try communicating with the ship and downloading some data with 3 attempts. However, no connection was made. With the poor optics conditions, the time was used to complete the quadrilateral grid and transect.

Sea conditions were fairly rough throughout the afternoon but during the transect and around 1700 hours there was some sunshine and the seas progressively calmed. However, due to the weather conditions, no SPMR work was performed.

Saturday 10th April

A test cable that arrived in Villefranche yesterday was used to attempt a direct link from the pc to the DACNet, thus directly bypassing the Cisco ethernet bridge. However, communication failed even with this. Sea conditions

were calm and the sky was very clear but with the diving activities on the buoy, there was not a lot of time left for optics work with the SPMR but some profiles were done in time with the afternoon SeaWiFS pass.

Sunday 11th April

Sea and sky conditions were excellent today and the time was used with SPMR profiles for the SeaWiFS and Modis passes and for comparison casts with the UV/Vis Micropro profiler from Marseille. The Micropro casts did not produce good data due to configuration problems but the main objective was to experiment with the configuration to find the best setting. From this perspective, the sessions were very useful.

Monday 12th April

Soon after departure and with some distance offshore, it became clear that conditions were too rough to be able to do any work at the Boussole site. After the decision to turn around and head back towards land, the Tethys stopped in the deep water at the opening of the Bay of Villefranche. A CTD profile was made to collect samples for the Marseille group and several comparison profiles were made with both the SPMR and UV/Vis MicroPro in the water simultaneously.

Cruise Report

9th April, 2004 (Times UTC)

0500 Depart port of Nice
0815 Arrival at Boussole Site (43°22'N 7°54'E).
0845 Alec on buoy to attempt communication
0950 Alec on buoy to attempt communication
1050 Alec on buoy to attempt communication
1250 Quadrilateral completed
1307 CTD Boussole 1. Max 400m. Bottle depths (m): 200,100,70,60,50,40,30,20,10, 5.
1416 CTD Boussole 2. Max 400m. Transect Station 1 (43°25'N 7°28'E).
1522 CTD Boussole 3. Max 400m. Transect Station 2 (43°28'N 7°42'E).
1621 CTD Boussole 4. Max 400m. Transect Station 3 (43°31'N 7°37'E).
1720 CTD Boussole 5. Max 400m. Transect Station 4 (43°34'N 7°31'E).
1827 CTD Boussole 6. Max 400m. Transect Station 5 (43°37'N 7°25'E).
1930 Arrival in port of Nice

10th April, 2004

0430 Depart port of Nice
0745 Arrival at Boussole Site (43°22'N 7°54'E).
0800 Divers on buoy for cleaning sensors and photography
0855 Divers on board
0945 Alec on buoy to attempt communication
0954 CTD Boussole 7. Max 400m. Bottle depths (m): 200,100,70,60,50,40,30,20,10, 5.
1025 CTD on deck
1105 Divers in water to exchange radiometers
1140 Divers on board
1400 SPMR in water
1450 SPMR on deck (3 profiles + SeaWiFS 1325)
1455 Alec on buoy to attempt communication
1510 Depart for port of Nice
1820 Arrival in port of Nice

11th April, 2004

0430 Depart port of Nice
0745 Arrival at Boussole Site (43°22'N 7°54'E).
0750 Alec on buoy to attempt communication
0817 CTD Boussole 8. Max 400m. Bottle depths (m): 200,100,70,60,50,40,30,20,10,5.
0850 CTD on deck
0855 SPMR in water
0930 SPMR on deck (2 profiles + Meris 0944)
0935 UV profiler in water

1000 UV profiler on deck
 1122 SPMR and UV profiler in water (1 profile simultaneously +SeaWiFS 1228)
 1145 SPMR and UV profiler on deck
 1150 Alec on buoy to attempt communication
 1220 SPMR and UV profiler in water
 1240 SPMR and UV profiler on deck (2 profiles simultaneously +SeaWiFS 1228)
 1245 Alec on buoy to attempt communication
 1430 CTD Boussole 9. Max 400m. Bottle depths (m): 10,5
 1457 CTD on deck
 1500 Depart for port of Nice
 1820 Arrival in port of Nice

12th April, 2004

0430 Depart port of Nice
 0515 Ship turned around due to conditions deteriorating
 0648 CTD Boussole 10. Max 100m. Bottle depths (m): 100,60,50,30,10,5.
 0701 CTD on deck
 0755 SPMR and UV profiler in water
 0830 SPMR and UV profiler on deck (3 profiles simultaneously)
 0845 Depart for port of Nice
 0930 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.

 09 Apr 2004 11:07:58 43.220 7.540 104.81 17.26 1715 170.07 54.22 AFT 2 3
 09 Apr 2004 12:45:39 43.220 7.540 261.58 46.55 926 210.13 51.04 AFT 2
 10 Apr 2004 11:48:25 43.220 7.540 121.88 41.08 1005 187.46 54.76 AFT 2
 10 Apr 2004 13:25:48 43.220 7.540 282.31 20.86 1551 224.08 46.94 AFT 2 3
 11 Apr 2004 12:28:46 43.220 7.540 230.88 63.55 774 204.34 53.10 AFT 2
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MERIS: Viewing Times

Date Time Lat Lon Sat. Sat. Range Sun Sun Tilt Flags*

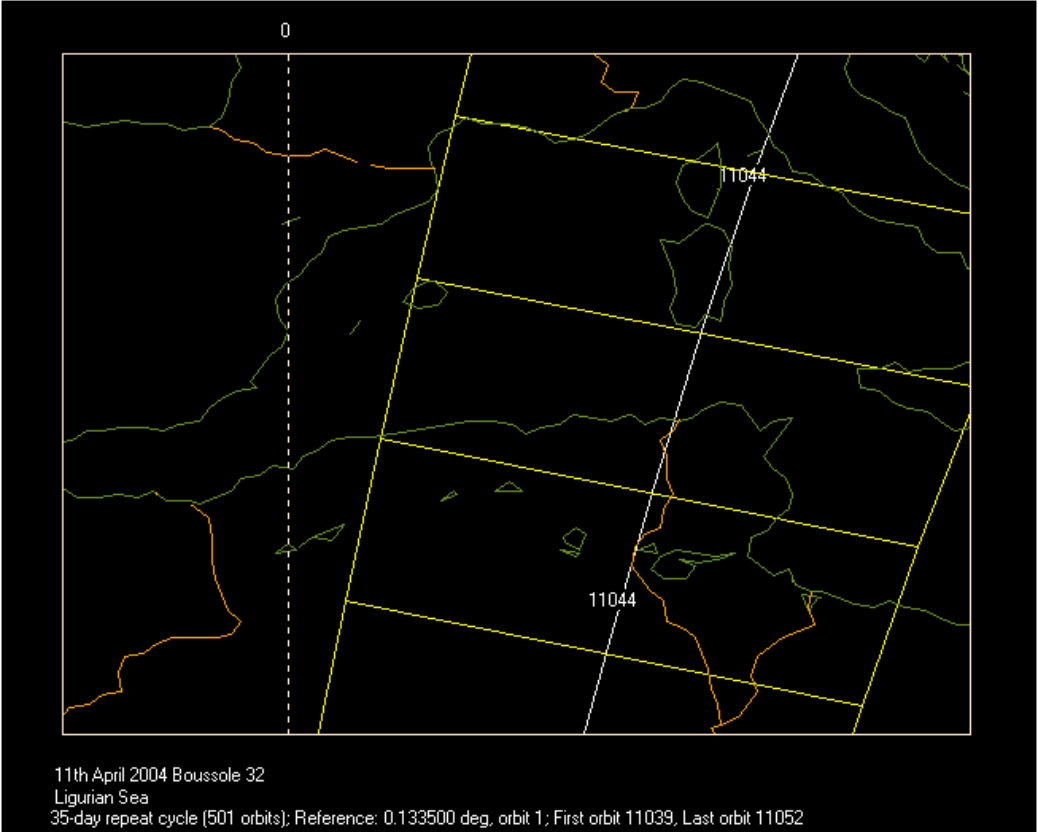
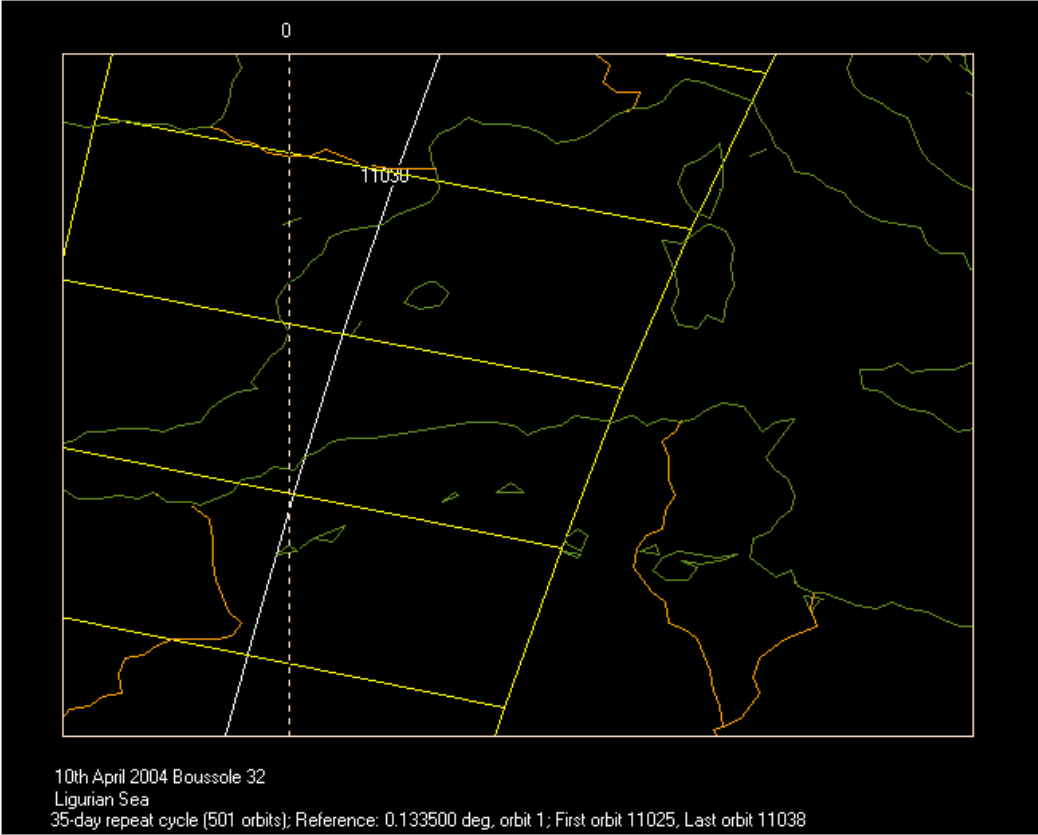
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Ligurian Sea Boussole Site Satellite Images

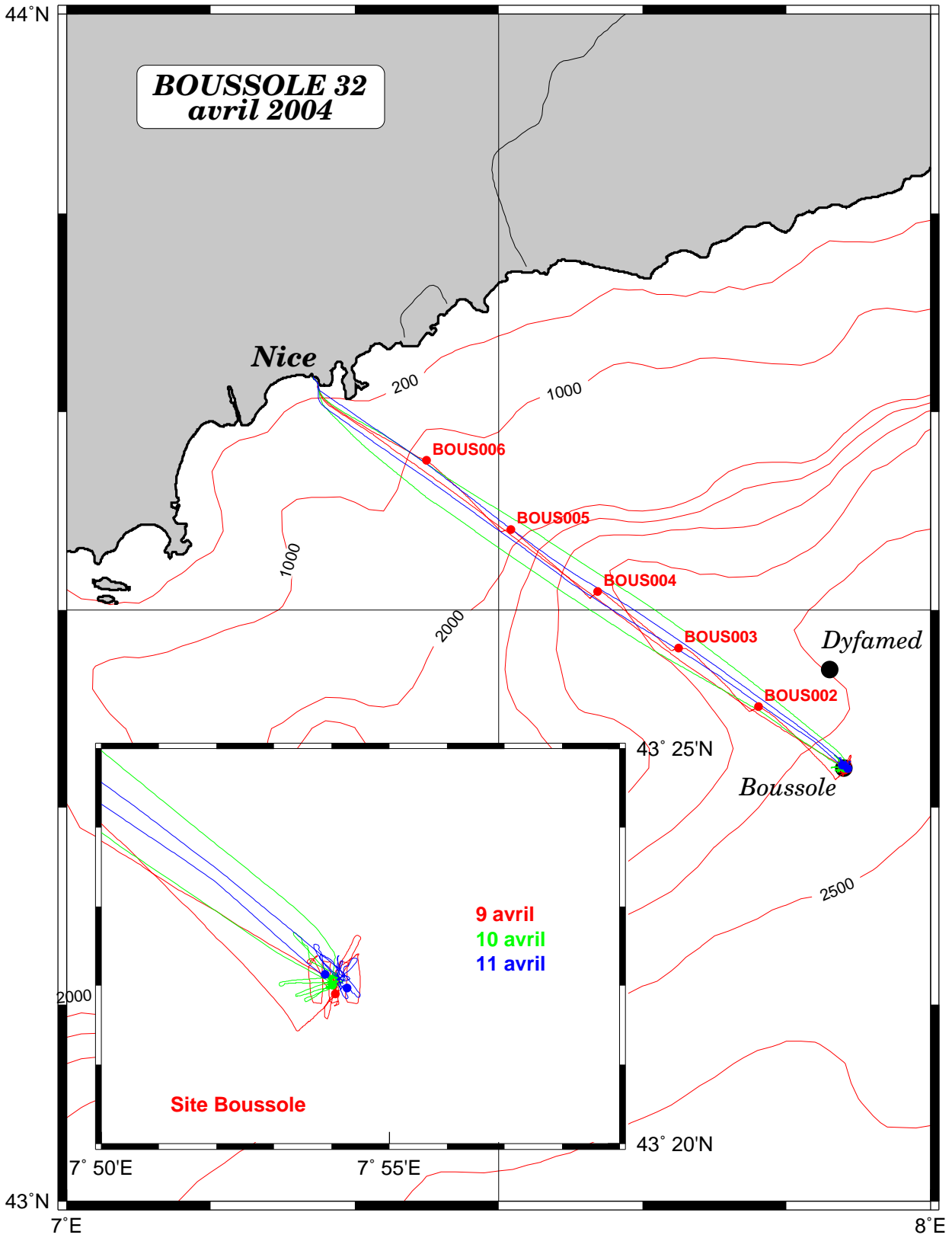
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Calculated Swath paths for Modis Sensor (ESOV Software)



Boussole 32 Cruise Summary Table

Date	Black names (file extension: ".raw")	Profile names (file extension: ".raw")	CTD notes / satellite overpass	Start Time GMT (hour,min)	Duration (min,sec)	Depth max (meter)	Latitude (N) (Degree)	Latitude (N) (Minute)	50 (Degree)	Other sensors	PAR	Start/Finish SF #	Sky	Clouds	Qty(B)	Weather Wind spd	Wind dir.	Am. Pres	humidity	Visibility	T air	T water	Sea	Sea Swell Ht	Sea Swell dir.	White horses
09/04/04			Quadrilater001	11:52			43	22:37.1	7	53.721																
			Quadrilater002	12:17			43	21.786	7	54.094																
			Quadrilater003	12:43			43	22.401	7	54.471			rain	rain	8	16Kts	34	1006	83		9.5	13.46	slightly rough			
			CTDEOUS001	13:07	29:00	400	43	21.897	7	54.062			rain	rain	8	15Kts	50	1005.5	80		8.9	13.57	rough			
			CTDEOUS002	14:16	32:00	400	43	25.112	7	48.073			rain	rain	8	11Kts	49	1005.3	78		9.3	13.56	slightly rough			
			CTDEOUS003	15:22	26:00	400	43	25.112	7	42.491			rain	rain	8	8Kts	36	1005.5	74		10.2	13.67	slightly rough			
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			CTDEOUS007	09:54	29:00	400	43	22.007	7	54.01																
10/04/04				13:55	03:00																					
			SeaWifs 1325	14:04	04:23	192	43	22.443	7	53.595			blue	cumulus	3	2Kts	63	1008.6	70	v.good	12.2	calm	0.3-0.4		no	
				14:16	04:00	200	43	22.563	7	53.484			blue	cumulus	3	2Kts	63	1008.6	70	v.good	12.2	calm	0.3-0.4		no	
				14:39	04:37	200	43	22.261	7	54.044			blue	cumulus	3	2Kts	63	1008.6	70	v.good	12.2	calm	0.3-0.4		no	
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				8:17	03:00																					
			Meris 0944	8:55	03:00																					
				9:05	04:12	190	43	22.157	7	54.197																
				9:19	04:19	200	43	22.219	7	54.092																
				11:22	04:26	185	43	22.283	7	54.116																
				11:46	03:00																					
			SeaWifs 1228	12:25	05:33	200	43	22.194	7	54.207			milky blue	cumulus	3	3Kts	10	1012.4	60	v.good	12.9	very calm	0		no	
				12:38	05:15	130	43	22.278	7	54.317			milky blue	cumulus	3	3Kts	10	1012.4	60	v.good	12.9	very calm	0		no	
			CTDEOUS009	14:30	27:00	400	43	21.974	7	54.288					4	2Kts	308	1011.5	56		13.6	13.98	glassy			
			CTDEOUS010	6:48	13:00	100	43	40.658	7	18.85					8	8Kts	305	1012	43		12.6	14.02	calm			
12/04/04				7:55	03:00																					
				8:01	-	-	43	40.63333333	7	18.517			cloudy	cirrocumulus	8	10Kts	210	1012.5	27	fair	14	moderate	0.2		no	
				8:04	-	-	43	40.78333333	7	18.45			cloudy	cirrocumulus	8	10Kts	210	1012.5	27	fair	14	moderate	0.2		no	
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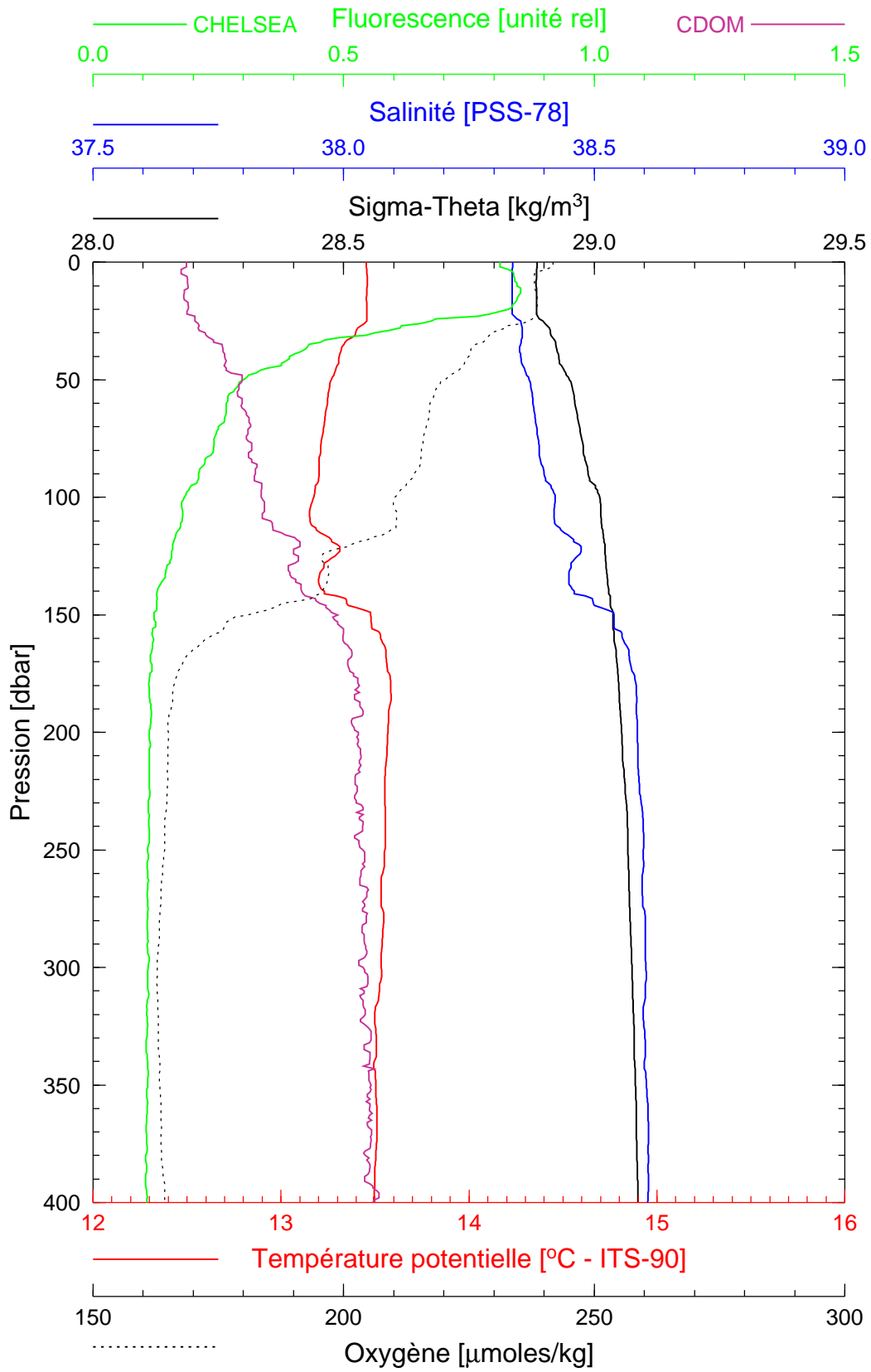


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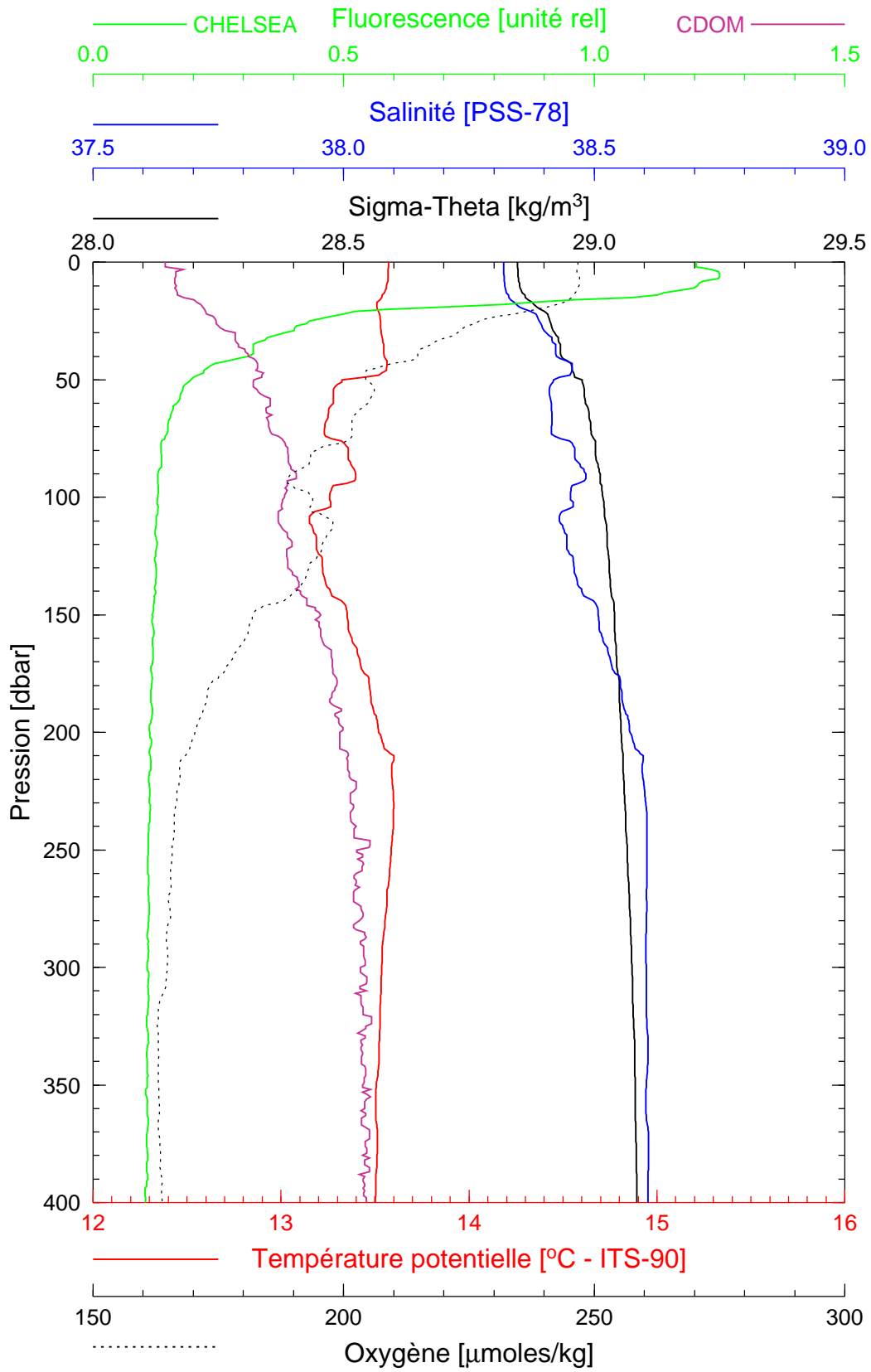
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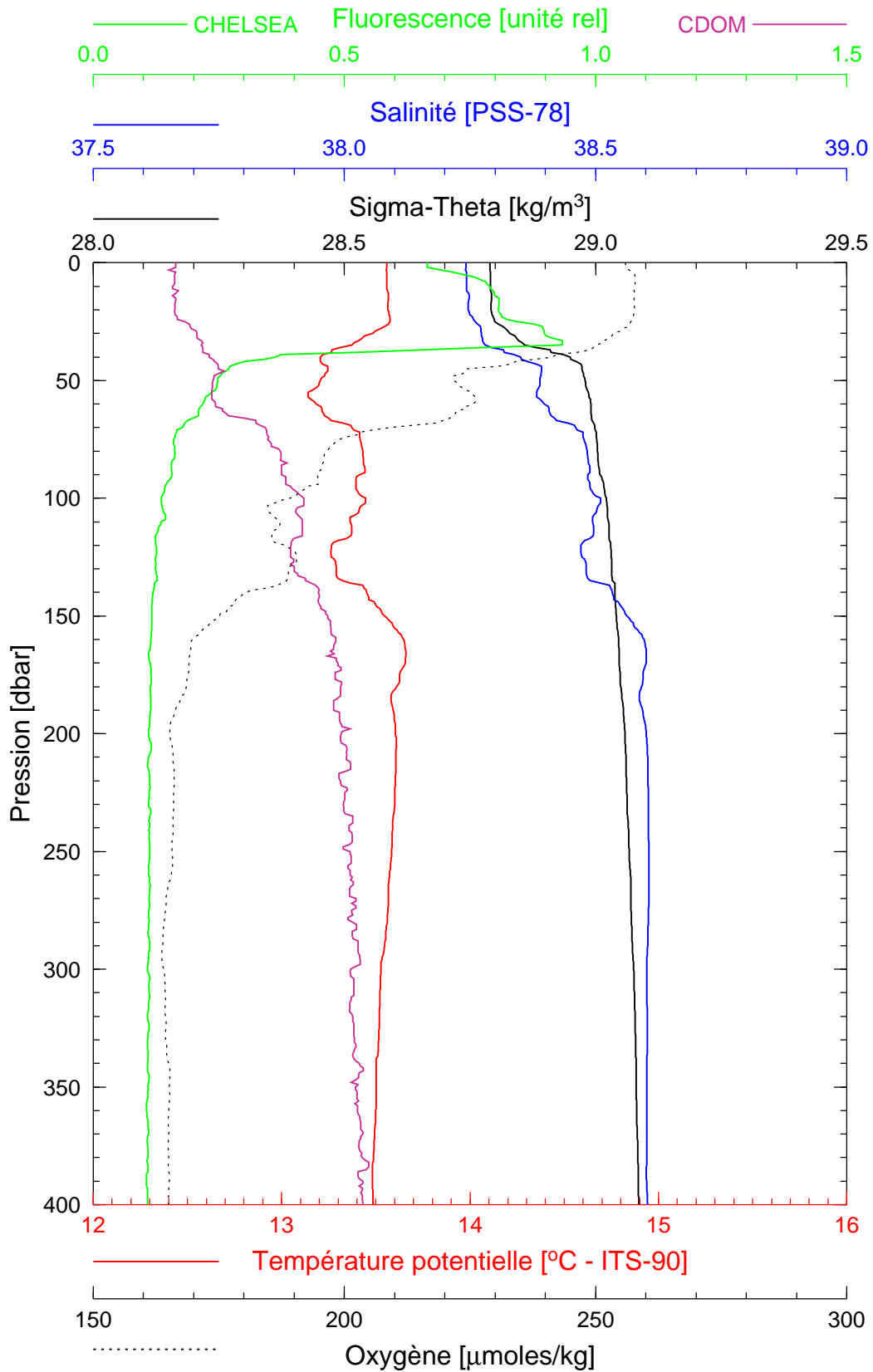
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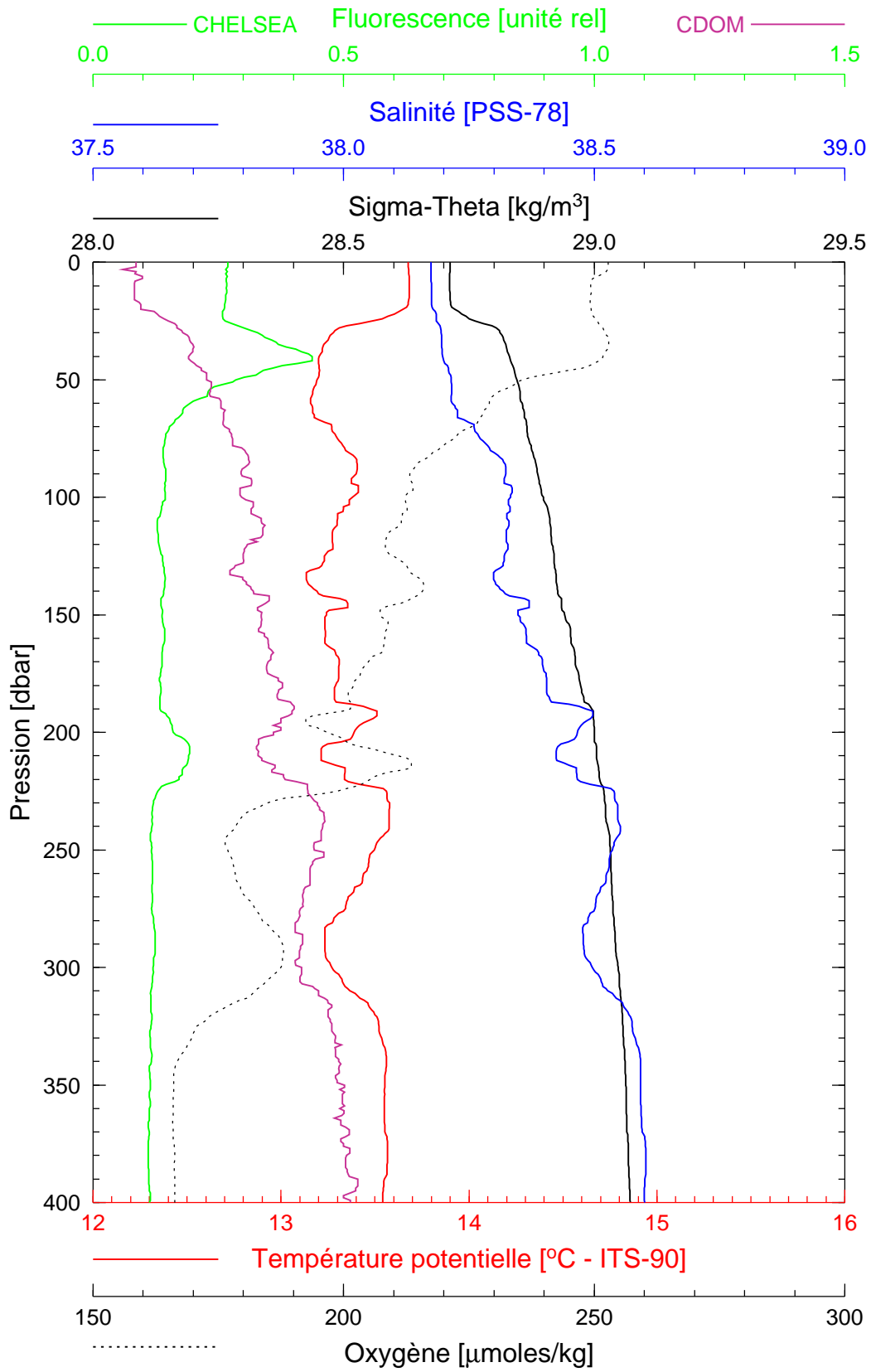
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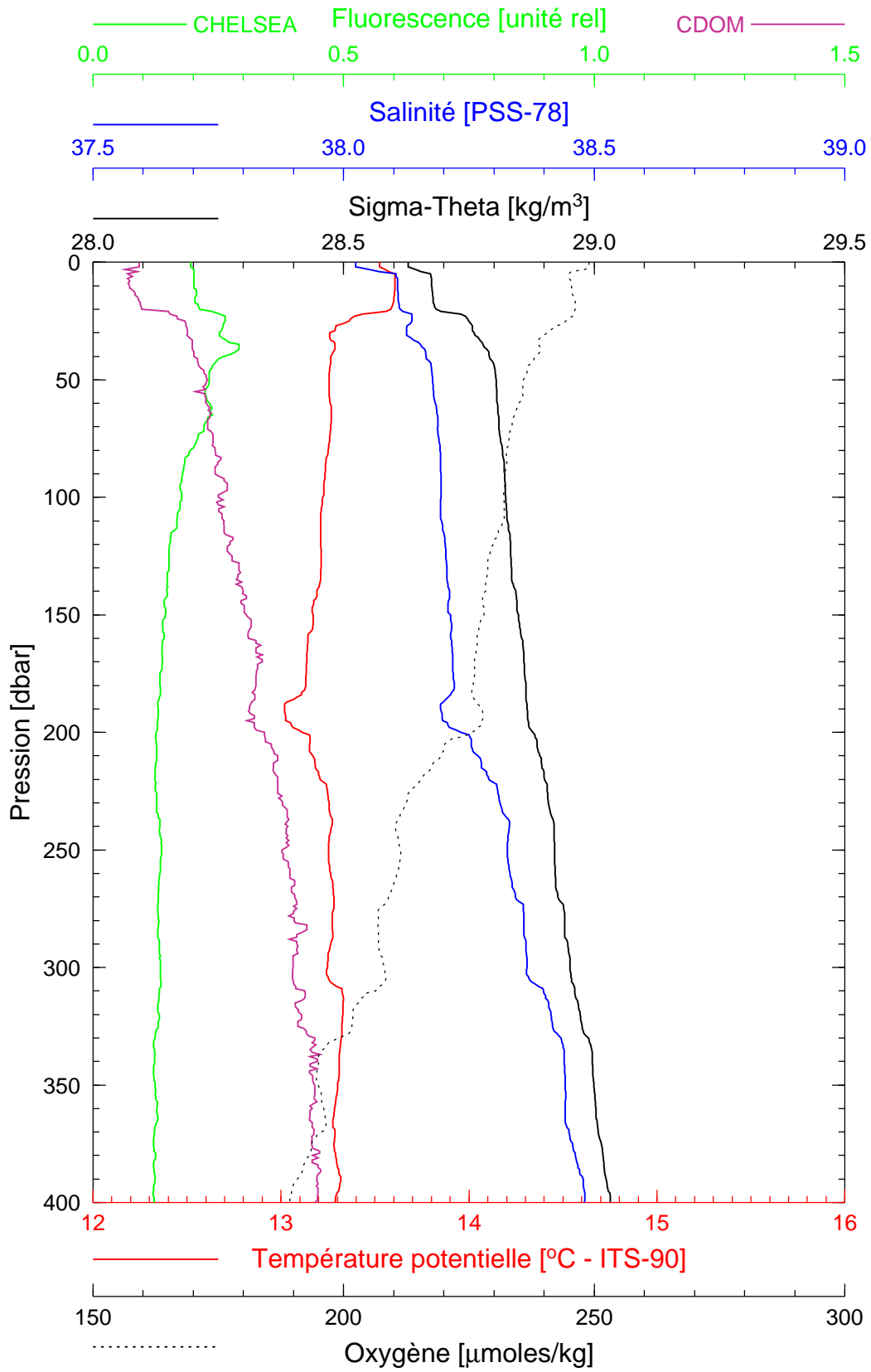
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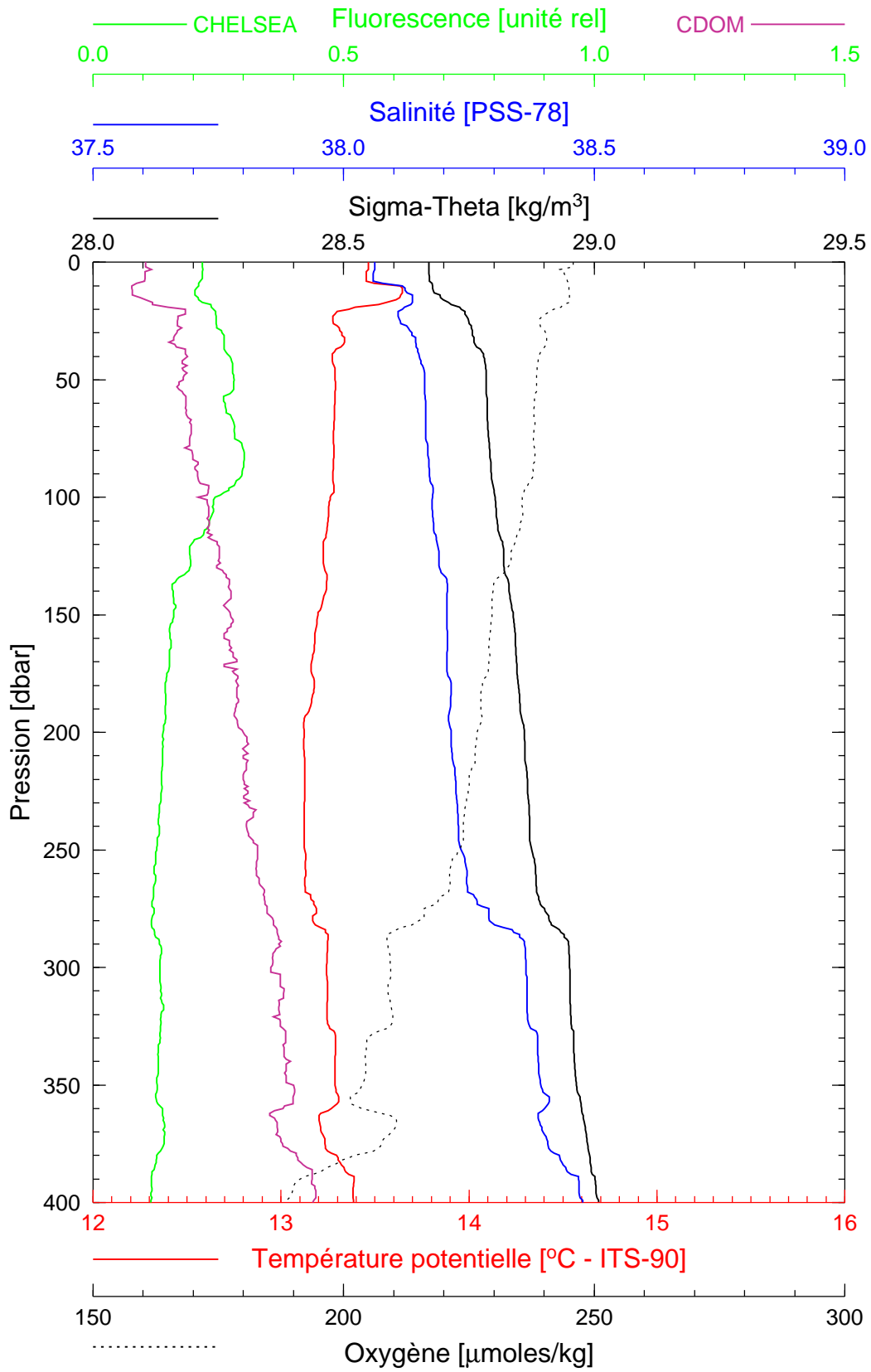
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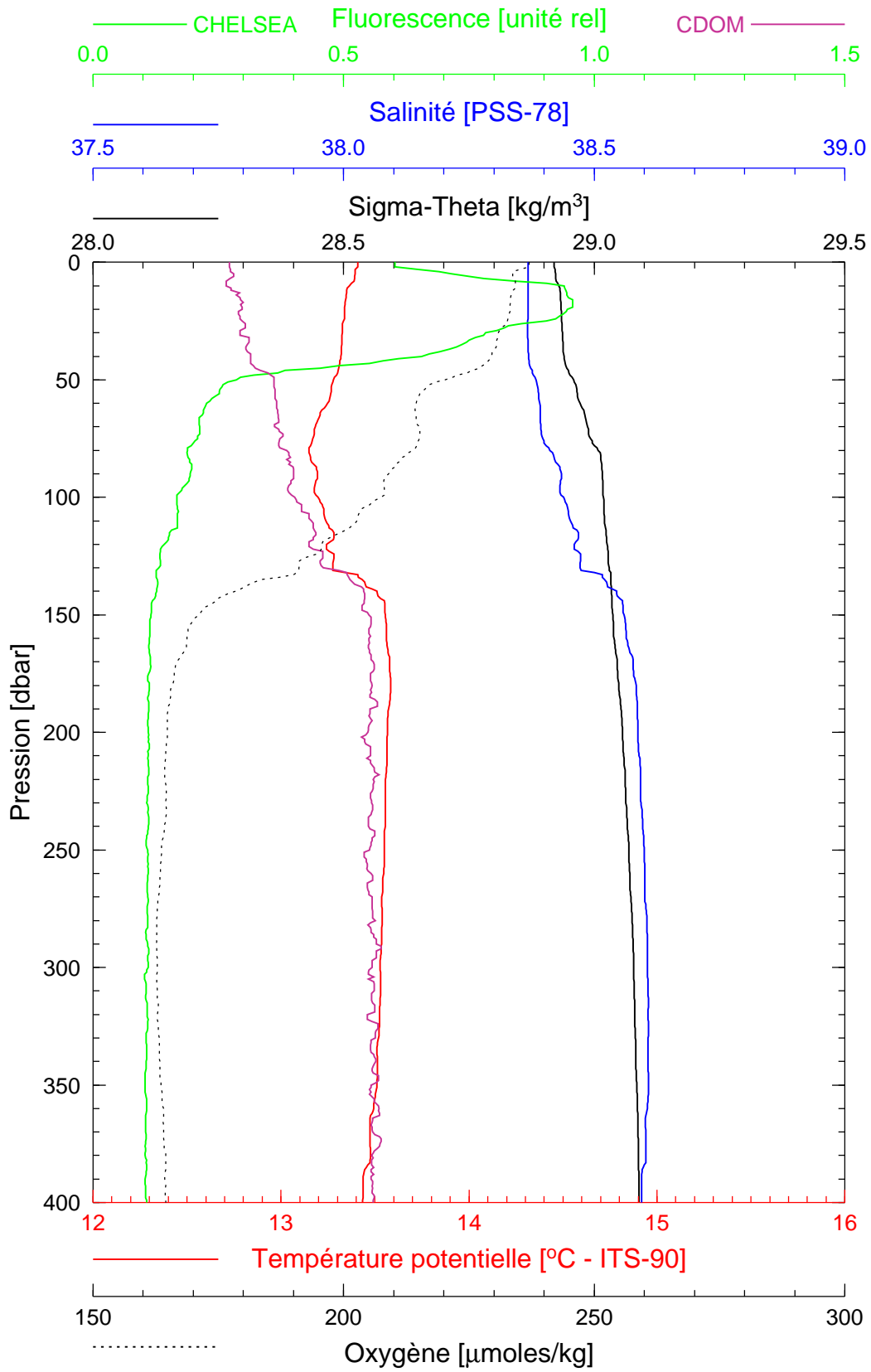
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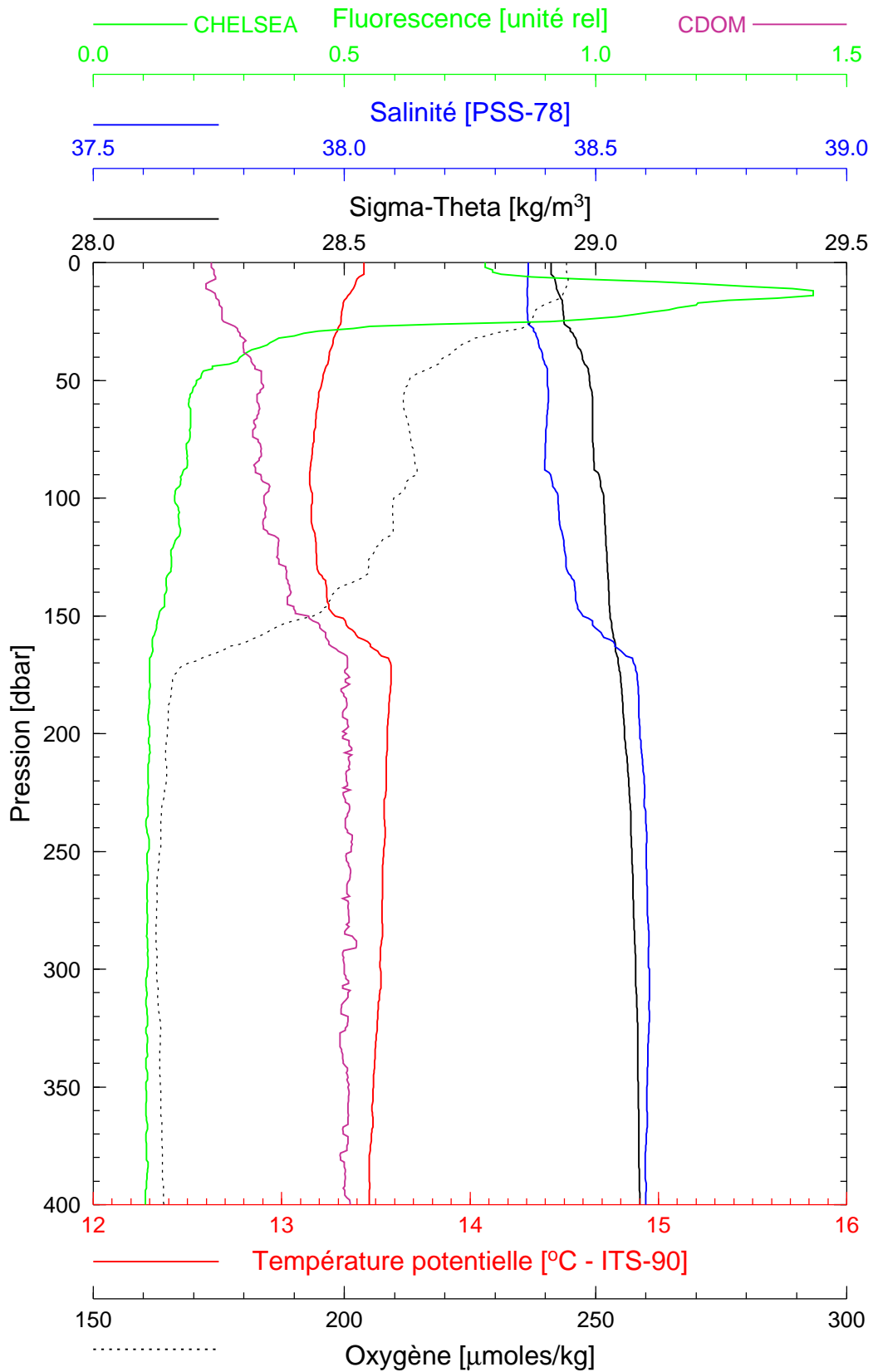
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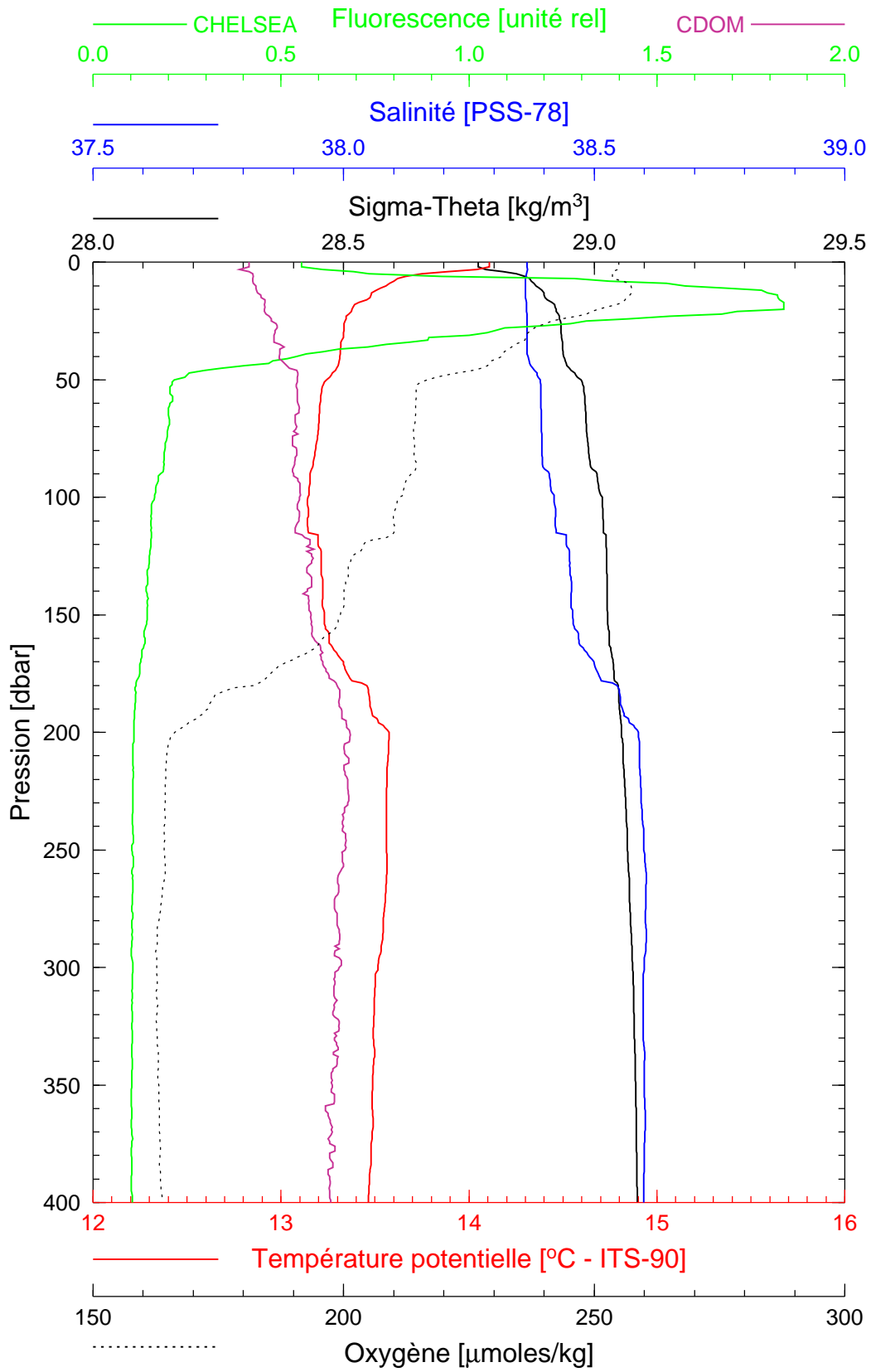
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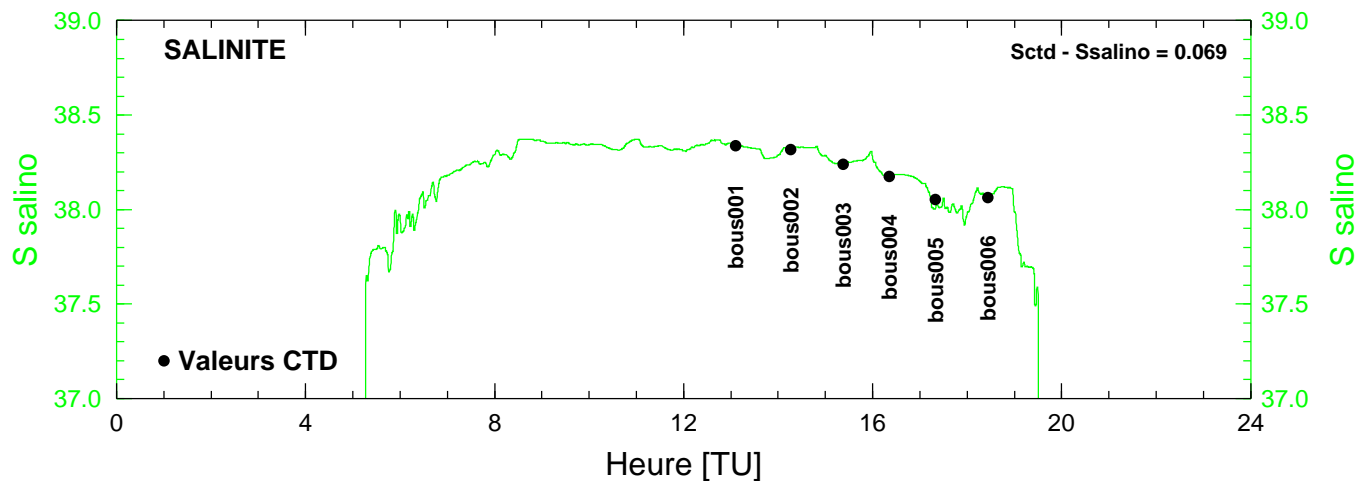
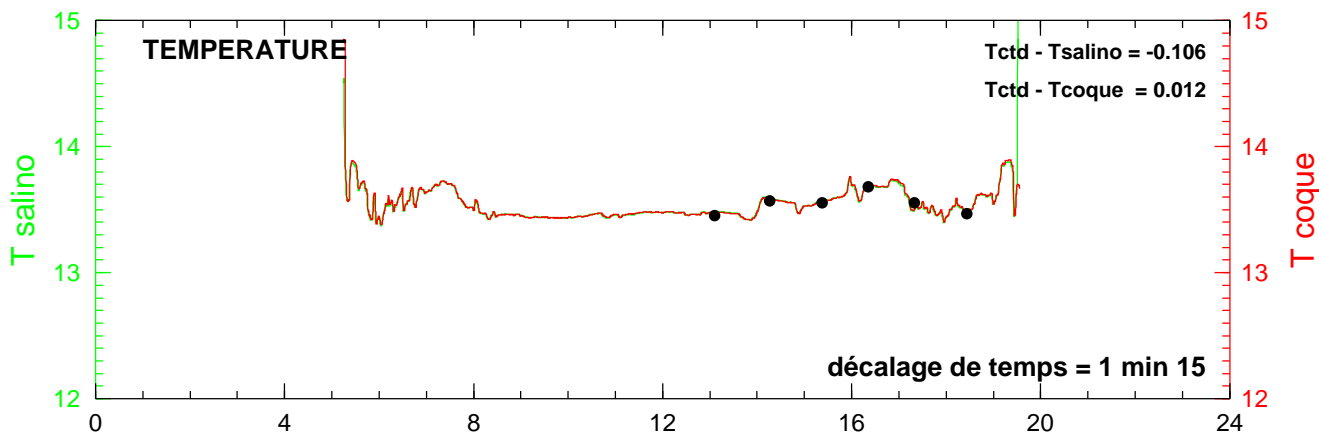
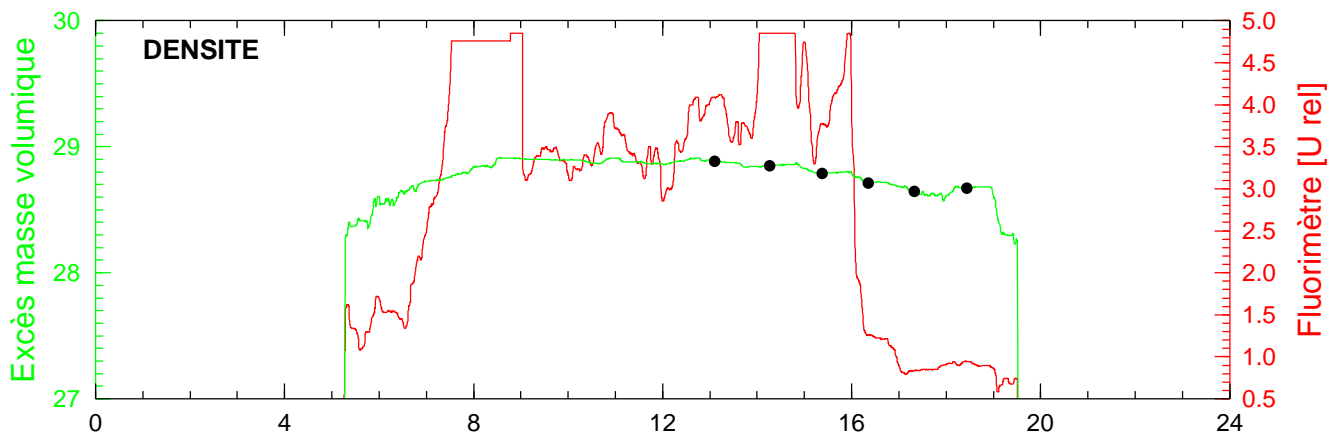
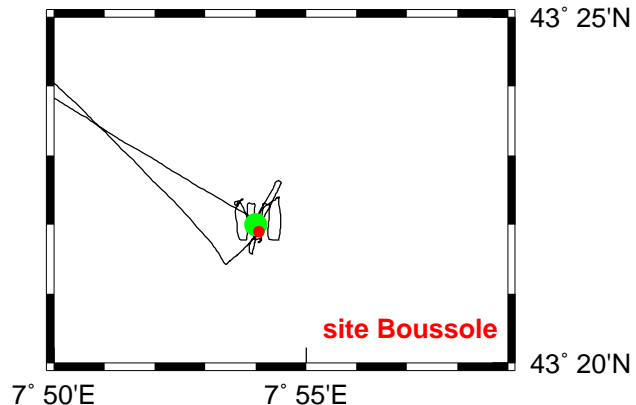
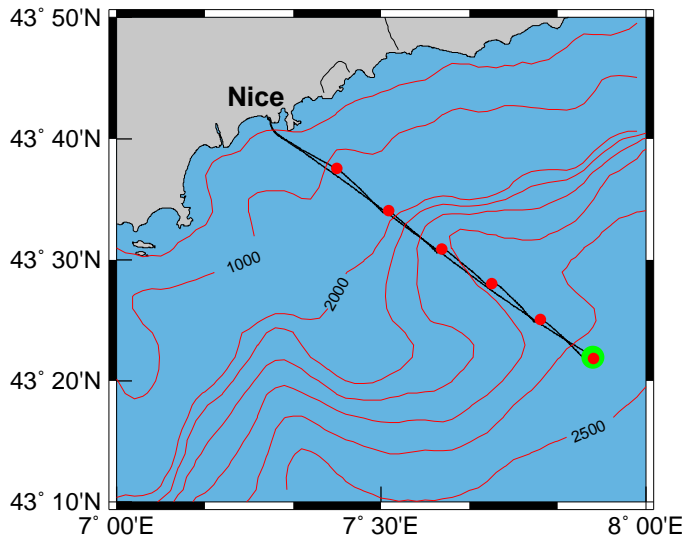
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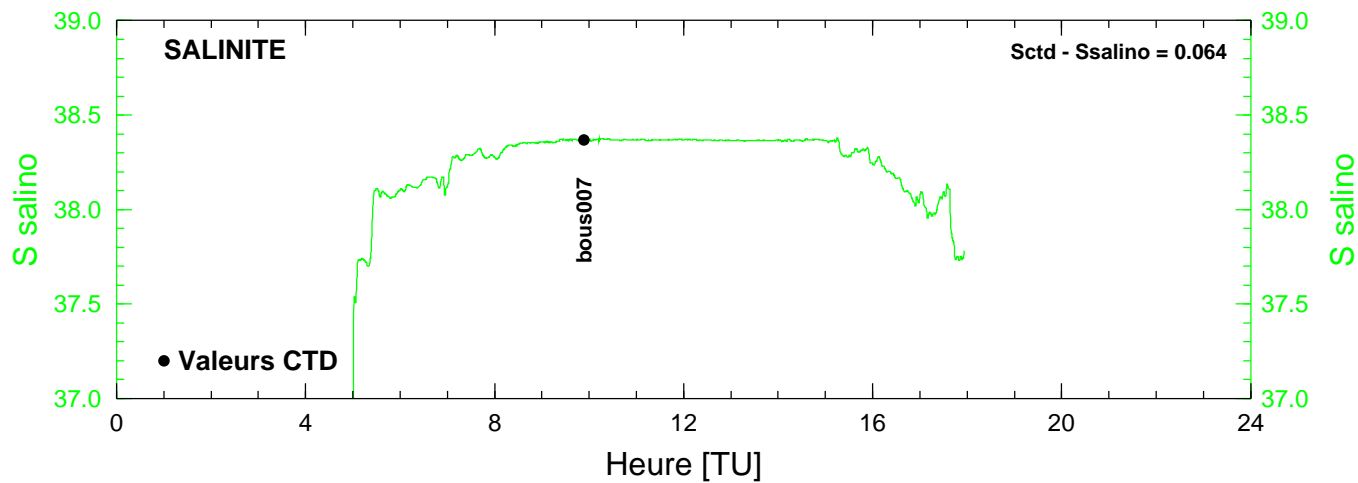
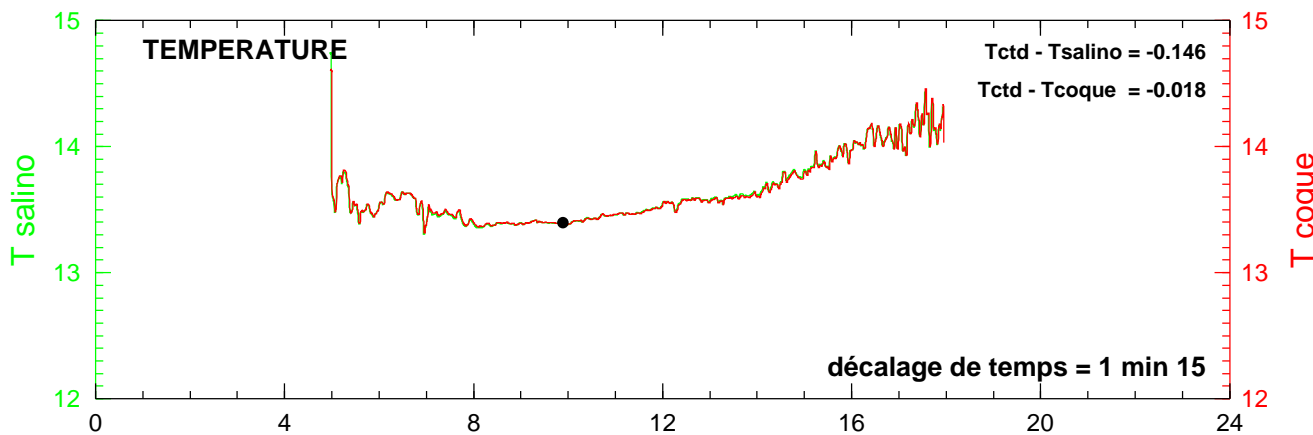
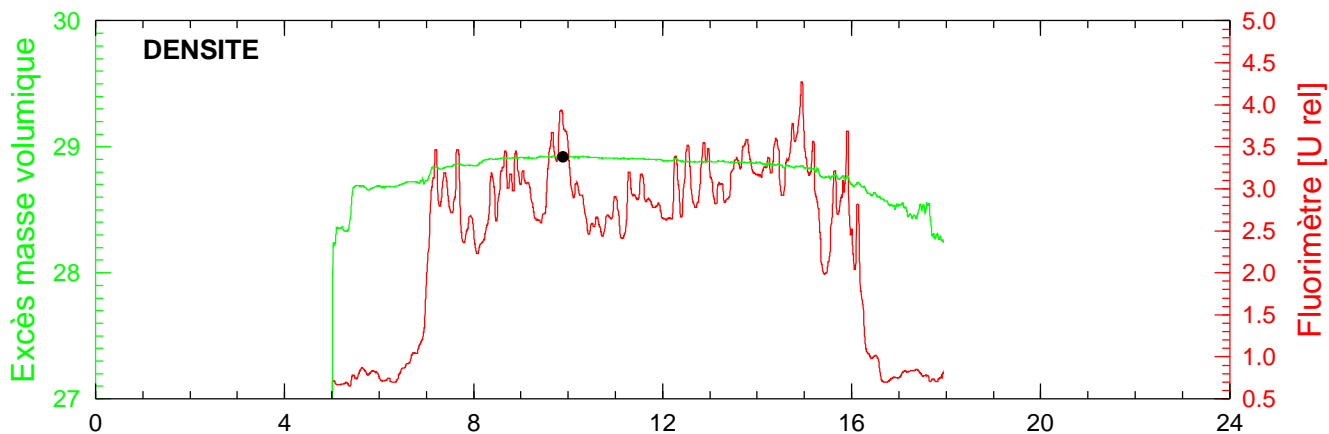
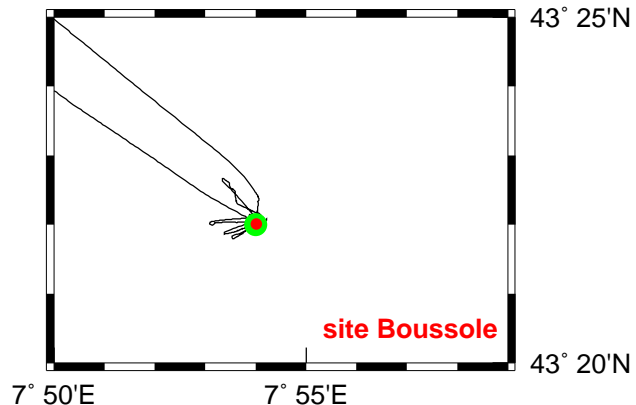
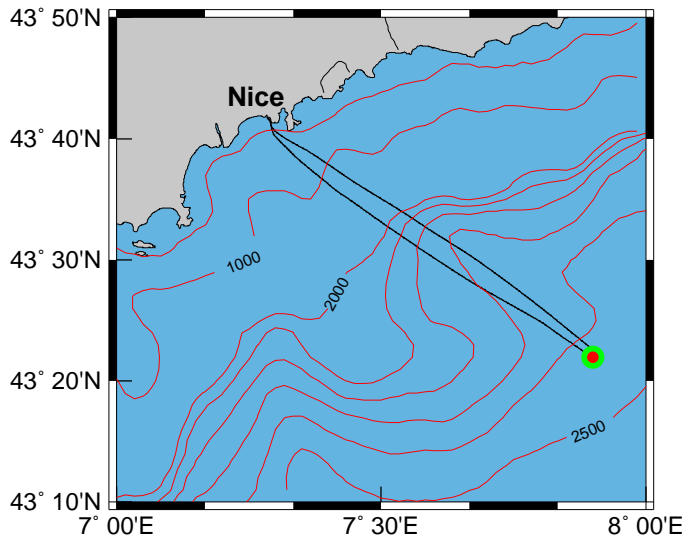
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