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"ODP Site Survey fo the Rockall Plateau and the E. flank of the Reykjanes Ridge: Drift Evolution and High Resolution Paleoceanography"

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PROJECT TITLE: ODP Site Survey
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DESCRIPTION OF SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM: The purpose of the cruise was to identify potential areas for future drilling by the Ocean Drilling Project in the subpolar North Atlantic. These areas were to be identified using the geophysical data (3.5 kHz, Single Channel Seismics, and Multibeam bathymetry) and sediment samples (gravity and piston cores) collected on the cruise. Ideally, these sites identified would have high sedimentation rates (>10 cm/kyr) so that cores from these areas could be used to study the dynamics of rapid climate change using a variety of chemical, sedimentological, and geophysical techniques. Since many sites with high sedimentation rates are located within drift sediments, a secondary objective of the study was to improve our understanding of drift evolution and the controls on sediment accumulation at these sites.

The cruise track is shown in Figure 1. Three general study areas were selected to meet our scientific objectives:

AREA 1: North of the Flemish Cap
AREA 2: The Hatton Drift
AREA 3: The Bjarni Drift

Areas enclosed by squares mark the study areas. Enlargements of these areas are shown in Figures 2-4. 3.5kHz data was collected throughout the entire cruise. Station numbers denote regions where a subset of the following samples were taken: Gaint gravity core (GGC), jumbo piston core (JPC), CTD cast, full hydrocast, and sediment trap. The station locations and samples collected at each station are given in Table 1.

DATA OBSERVATIONS AND SAMPLES COLLECTED:

High-Resolution Single Channel Seismics: High-resolution SCS data was collected using a tuned air-gun array and the Lamont four channel, vertical incidence streamer. Six guns provided a total of 1350 cubic inches of air to produce a 45msec pulse. Sonobuoys were deployed throughout the SCS surveys so that the sub-bottom velocity structure could be determined. Towing speed and stream tow cable length were both adjusted to make source and receiver depths roughly equal in an attempt to improve the overall resolution and signal to noise ratio of the system.

The four channels of single channel data and all sonobuoys were recorded digitally using the Digicon DSS-240 acquisition system. Recording was done on a Syquest cartridge

tape system. Normal move out correction and stacking as well as preliminary processing of all data was done onboard.

Preliminary analysis of the monitor records and processed single channel seismic data show that the Bjarni Drift has a more complicated sedimentary evolution than we had first imagined. The profiles show that bottom current, turbidity current and mass wasting processes all have played significant roles in transporting and depositing sediments on this feature. Within the drift there are seismic sequences of typical drift morphology, debris flow deposits, and possibly a deep-sea fan system. The sedimentary evolution of the drift has been modified and perhaps in some instances controlled by faulting and apparent diapirism. This complex evolution is probably a function of the proximity of the Bjarni Drift to a voluminous source of sediments on Iceland to the north and to the tectonically active Reykjanes Ridge to the west.

Hydrosweep Multibeam Bathymetry: Hydrosweep Ten days of underway Hydrosweep bathymetry were processed and plotted in support of the scientific goals of EW9302. This data is important unfolding the recent sedimentary evolution of the Bjarni Drift, particularly in delineating the pathways of turbidites issuing from Iceland and crossing the plateau-like central portions of the drift.

3.5kHz Echo Sounding: 3.5kHz echo sounding provided 1.0 msec resolution in the upper 0.05 to 0.1 seconds of the sediment column. 3.5 kHz echograms were collected during the entire cruise, both underway and during most periods of station operations.

Sediment Cores: Jumbo Pison Cores (JPCs) and Giant Gravity Cores (GGCs) were collected at sites identified on the basis of 3.5kHz and air-gun profiles (Figures 1-4; Table 1). The coring systems used are those developed by James Broda of WHOI. The JPCs and GGCs have a 4.5"/12cm diameter. A total of ten JPCs and 18 GGC (not including those with no recovery) were collected. Of these cores, a total of three were collected in Area 1, four in Area 2, and the remainder in Area 3.

CTD and Water Sampling: A Sea-Bird SBE 19 SEACAT profiler was used to measure the electrical conductivity and temperature verses pressure (depth) at 13 locations, at least one in each study area. The individual sensor accuracy as stated by the manufacturer for temperature, conductivity and pressure (depth) are 0.01 °C, 0.0001 S/m/month and 3 meters, respectively. The average winch speed during lowering was 70m/minute with a sampling rate of one second. No conductivity was measured on casts #5 and #6 due to a clogged conductivity cell. Raw data was only partially processed using Sea-Bird Seasoft software version 4.024. This data is preliminary and has not be corrected, aligned or filtered. Water samples were collected using individual one-liter Niskin bottles attached directly above GGCs or CTDs or in a hydrocast of 10 bottles at varying depths (Tables 1 and 2). The bottles and reversing thermometers were closed using wire messengers. Dissolved oxygen was titrated at sea using the techniques described in Knapp et al. (1990). Results are given in Table 2.

SCHEDULE OF DELIVERY FOR ALL DATA RESULTS AND REPORTS:**DATA COLLECTED****DELIVERY TO HOST COUNTRIES**

Geophysical data:

Final report: September, 1996

CTD data

Provided with this report (APPENDIX 1)

Dissolved Oxygen

Provided with this report (Table 2)

Sediment cores

Location of cores included with this report (Table 1). Cores archived at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.
Final report: September, 1995



Figure 1. EW93-02 Cruise track. Study areas are enclosed by rectangles.

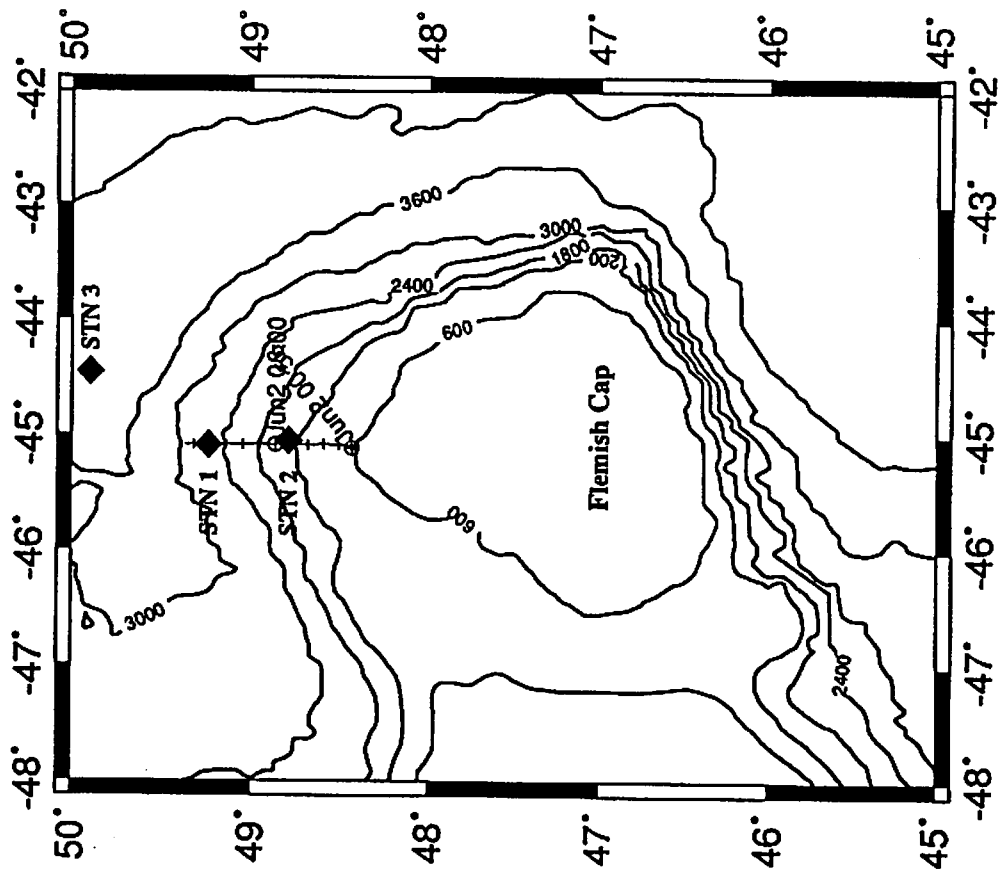


Figure 2. AREA 1: Flemish Cap geophysical survey line (SCS and Hydrosweep). Station locations are also shown.

Figure 3. AREA 2: Hatton Drift geophysical survey line (SCS and Hydrosweep). Station locations are also shown.

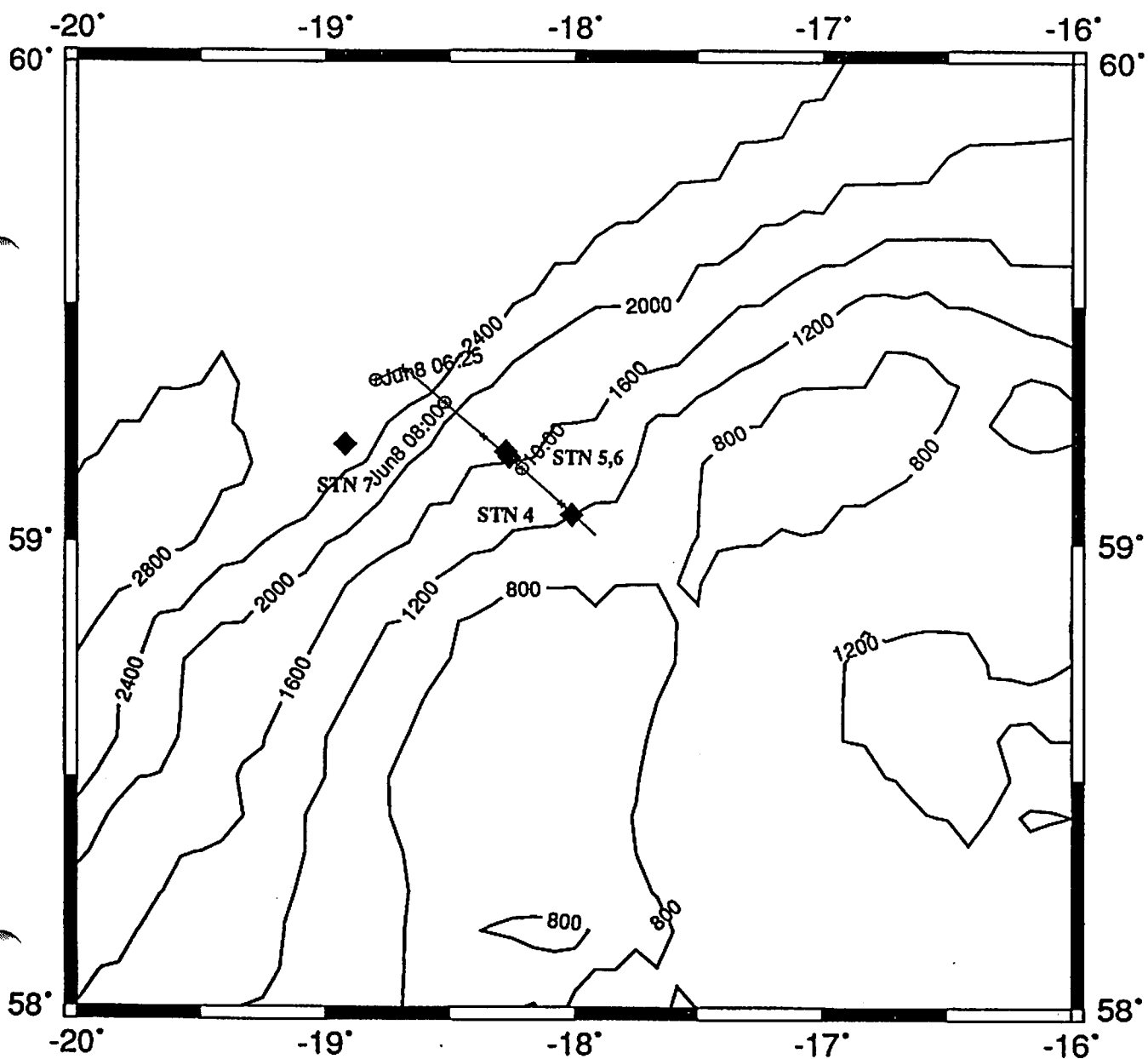


Figure 4. ARBA 3: Bjarni Drift ship track, and station locations. Lines along which geophysical data (SCS and Hydrowseep) were collected are stippled.

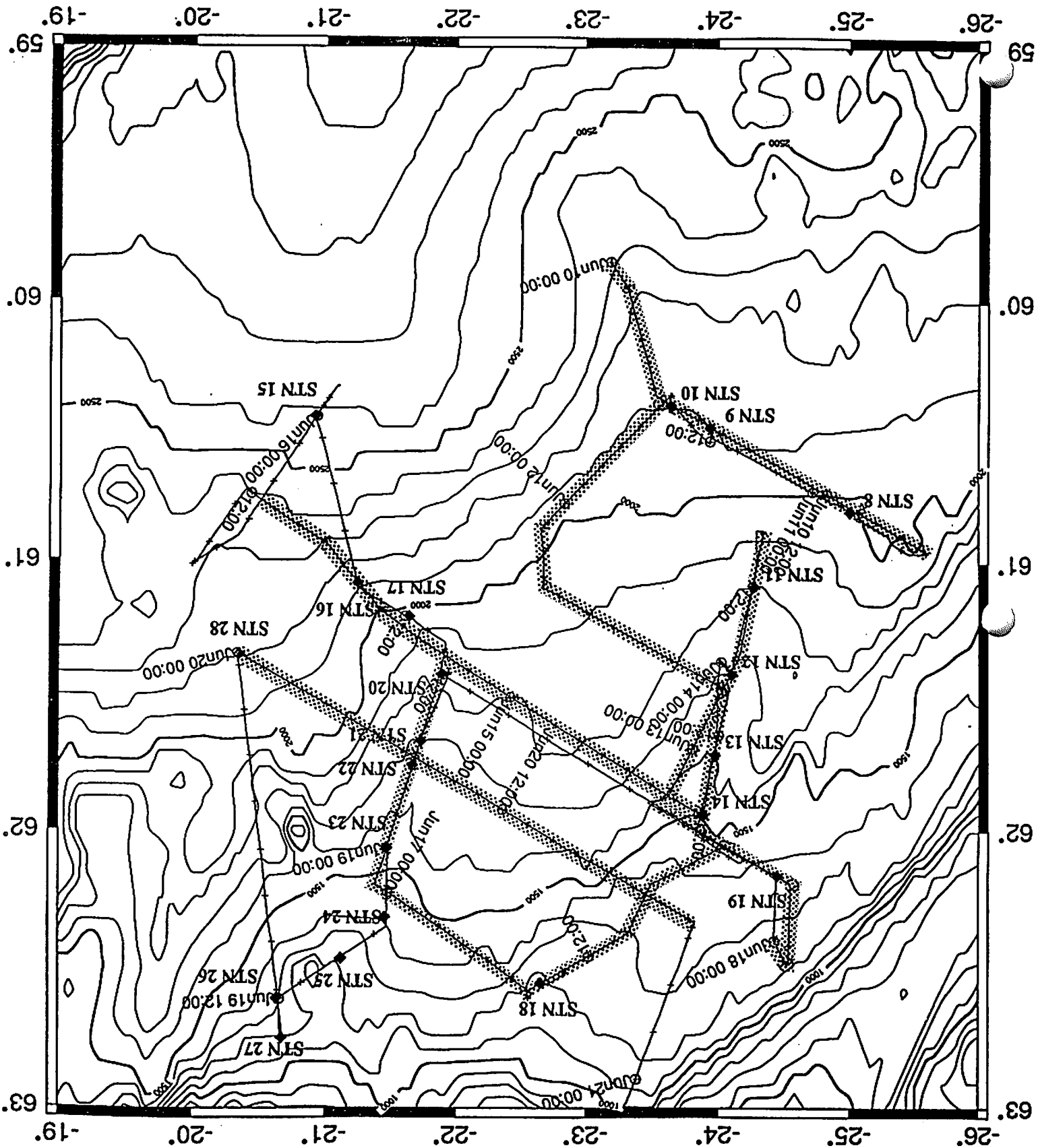


Table 1. EW9302 Station Information

	Latitude (North)	Longitude (West)	Water Depth (meters)	Recovery (meters)
AREA 1: NORTH OF FLEMISH CAP				
Station 1	JD 153:1610 GMT-JD 153:1805 GMT			
1 JPC	49 14.30	45 05.34	2527	11.97
1 PG	49 14.30	45 05.34	2527	1.38
Station 2	JD 153:2253 GMT-JD 153:2340 GMT			
2 JPC	48 47.70	45 05.09	1251	13.12
2 PG	48 47.70	45 05.09	1251	1.38
Station 3	JD 154:1017 GMT-JD 154:1650 GMT			
3 GGC	49 54.12	44 27.85	4082	0.86
CTD-1	49 54.12	44 27.85	4082	
CTD-2	49 53.18	44 25.04	4086	
HYDRO-2	49 53.18	44 25.04	4086	
AREA 2: HATTON DRIFT				
Station 4	JD 159:1328 GMT-JD 159:1406 GMT			
4 GGC	59 03.82	18 00.95	1345	0.61
Station 5	JD 159:1637 GMT-JD 159:1910 GMT			
5 GGC	59 10.52	18 15.99	1608	2.82
6 JPC	59 10.28	18 15.29	1605	14.57
6 PG	59 10.28	18 15.29	1605	1.32
CTD-3	59 09.50	18 15.29	1604	
Station 6	JD 159:2119 GMT-JD 159:2225 GMT			
7 JPC	59 11.51	18 16.82	1642	14.45
7 PG	59 11.51	18 16.82	1642	0.41
Station 7	JD 160:0100 GMT-JD 160:0430 GMT			
CTD-4	59 12.38	18 55.36	2617	
HYDRO-4	59 12.38	18 55.36	2617	
AREA 3: BJARNI DRIFT				
Station 8	JD 161:1852 GMT-JD 161:2133 GMT			
8 JPC	60 48.33	25 03.23	1917	16.38
8 PG	60 48.33	25 03.23	1917	1.38
CTD-5	60 48.28	25 03.86	1932	
Station 9	JD 162:0304 GMT-JD 162:1000 GMT			
9 JPC	60 29.30	23 56.47	2080	11.70
9 PG	60 29.30	23 56.47	2080	1.38
CTD-6	60 28.93	23 57.14	2085	

Table 1. EW9302 Station Information continued.

	Latitude (North)	Longitude (West)	Water Depth (meters)	Recovery (meters)
AREA 3: BJARNI DRIFT continued				
Station 10	JD 162:1410 GMT-JD 162:1653 GMT			
10 GGC	60 24.21	23 38.45	1977	2.96
11 GGC	60 25.30	23 23.23	1977	4.43
Station 11	JD 164:1004 GMT-JD 164:1325 GMT			
12 JPC	61 05.60	24 16.07	1783	16.54
12 PG	61 05.60	24 16.07	1783	1.51
13 GGC	61 05.60	24 16.07	1783	2.04
CTD-7	61 05.60	24 16.07	1783	
Station 12	JD 164:1640 GMT-JD 165:0021 GMT			
14 JPC	61 25.17	24 06.33	1653	16.95
14 PG	61 25.17	24 06.33	1653	1.38
Station 13	JD 165:0412 GMT-JD 165:0606 GMT			
15 JPC	61 43.23	23 58.55	1522	15.47
15 PG	61 43.23	23 58.55	1522	1.50
Station 14	JD 165:1245 GMT-JD 165:1442 GMT			
16 JPC	61 56.63	23 52.60	1451	14.91
16 PG	61 56.63	23 52.60	1451	1.55
Station 15	JD 166:2248 GMT-JD 167:0257 GMT			
17 JPC	60 26.49	20 55.46	2572	0.00
18 GGC	60 26.87	20 54.97	2573	1.69
Station 16	JD 167:0930 GMT-JD 167:1018 GMT			
19 GGC	61 05.00	21 05.00	2094	0.00
Station 17	JD 167:1209 GMT-JD 167:1248 GMT			
Sed. Trap	61 12.43	21 38.53	1925	
Station 18	JD 168:0900 GMT-JD 168:0925 GMT			
20 GGC	62 33.95	22 39.11	1146	0.00
Station 19	JD 169:0129 GMT-JD 169:0205 GMT			
21 GGC	62 10.30	24 26.75	1353	1.02
Station 20	JD 169:1110 GMT-JD 169:1228 GMT			
22 GGC	61 25.28	21 53.58	1800	5.22
CTD-8	61 25.28	21 56.32	1799	
HYDRO-8	61 25.28	21 56.32	1799	

Table 1. EW9302 Station Information continued.

	Latitude (North)	Longitude (West)	Water Depth (meters)	Recovery (meters)
AREA 3: BJARNI DRIFT continued				
Station 21	JD 169:1741 GMT-JD 169:1910 GMT			
23 GGC	61 40.32	21 43.96	1695	5.30
CTD-9	61 40.22	21 44.33	1698	
Station 22	JD 169:1951 GMT-JD 169:2146 GMT			
24 GGC	61 45.77	21 40.06	1629	5.66
CTD-10	61 45.78	21 40.71	1630	
Station 23	JD 170:0000 GMT-JD 170:0151 GMT			
25 GGC	62 03.78	21 28.33	1523	5.30
CTD-11	62 03.50	21 29.13	1526	
Station 24	JD 170:0339 GMT-JD 170:0415 GMT			
26 GGC	62 19.30	21 27.44	1450	4.31
Station 25	JD 170:0608 GMT-JD 170:0643 GMT			
27 GGC	62 28.14	21 07.05	1406	0.64
Station 26	JD 170:0857 GMT-JD 170:1152 GMT			
28 GGC	62 37.09	20 38.00	1295	3.25
29 GGC	62 36.74	20 38.25	1299	5.22
CTD-12	62 36.69	20 38.08	1294	
	JD 170:1310 GMT-JD 170:1400 GMT			
30 GGC	62 45.03	20 40.65	1188	2.08
Station 28	JD 170:2224 GMT-JD 171:0215 GMT			
31 GGC	61 20.82	20 20.96	2254	0.81
32 GGC	61 20.76	20 20.93	2259	2.60
CTD-13	61 20.74	20 20.80	2259	

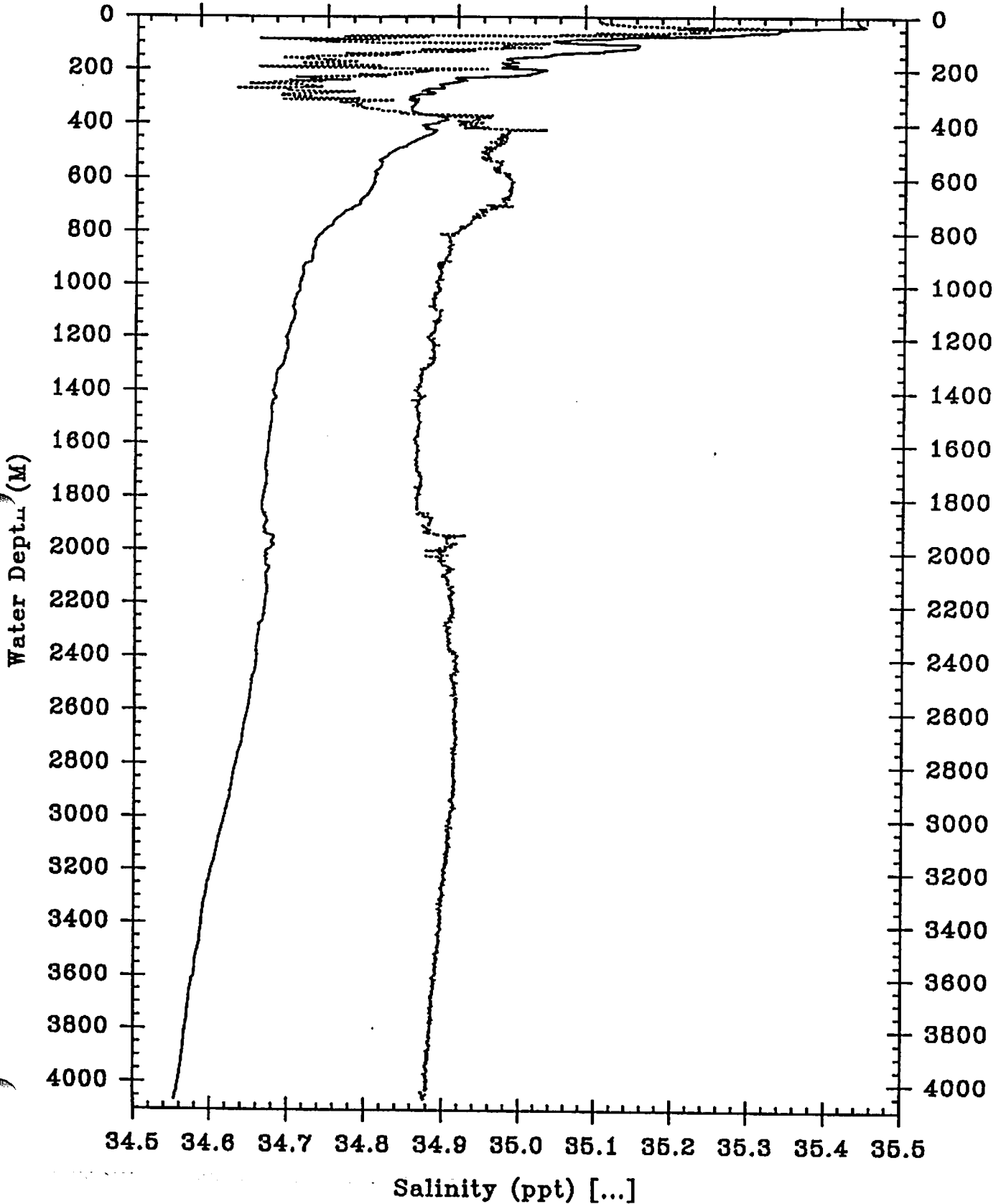
Table 2. Oxygen Titrations (*denotes estimated depths from wire out or CTD temperature)

	Wire Out (m)	Titration Value (ml)	Titration Value (ml)	Average Value (ml)	Oxygen (ml/l)	Bottle Depth	Bottle Temp C	CTD Temp @ Z	
Hydrocast 2									
	3	5.538	5.538	5.538	6.385	4.5	12.233	12.2506	
	250	4.751	4.746	4.749	5.473	255.9	6.265	6.0087	
	400	4.542	4.518	4.530	5.220	410.8	5.776	5.5754	
	700	5.286	5.303	5.294	6.103	711.0	4.380	4.2905	
	1000	5.771	5.771	5.771	6.654	*1012.4	NA	3.6235	
	1250	5.850	5.862	5.856	6.752	1262.9	3.510	3.4953	
	1500	5.993	6.015	6.004	6.923	1512.6	3.231	3.1804	
	2000	5.955	5.950	5.953	6.865	2020.0	3.207	3.1950	
	2500	5.837	5.843	5.840	6.734	2534.8	3.047	3.0288	
	3000	6.114	6.118	6.116	7.053	*3032.4	2.638	2.6486	
Hydrocast 4									
	0	5.783	5.784	5.784	6.669	2.7	9.473	9.4586	
	200	5.512	5.495	5.503	6.345	*196.2	NA	8.2782	
	350	5.406	5.394	5.400	6.266	351.5	7.779	7.6766	
	650	5.471	5.470	5.471	6.308	653.7	6.764	6.8335	
	950	5.006	4.992	4.999	5.762	955.1	5.456	5.3978	
	1250	5.414	5.414	5.414	6.242	1256.7	4.459	4.4736	
	1550	5.493	5.489	5.491	6.331	1508.4	4.010	3.9638	
	1850	No Sample Recovered					1796.4	3.557	3.5116
	2150	5.652	5.656	5.654	6.519	2070.3	3.409	3.3910	
	2600	5.720	5.717	5.719	6.594	2494.2	2.833	2.9318	
Hydrocast 8									
	0	5.980	5.933	5.957	6.896	1.2	8.836	8.8617	
	165	5.620	5.623	5.622	6.482	*176.5	NA	7.4191	
	365	5.521	5.520	5.521	6.365	385.4	7.021	6.9881	
	565	5.287	5.309	5.298	6.108	584.7	6.547	6.5749	
	765	5.002	5.002	5.002	5.766	*776.5	NA	5.4799	
	965	5.452	5.448	5.450	6.283	985.7	4.490	4.4173	
	1165	5.730	5.746	5.738	6.616	1188.1	3.978	3.928	
	1365	4.854	4.852	4.853	5.594	1400.3	3.593	3.6743	
	1565	5.826	5.828	5.827	6.719	1591.2	3.209	3.1477	
	1765	6.064	6.053	6.059	6.987	1778.6	2.759	2.7170	
Single niskin bottles on GGC's or with CTD's									
	CTD1-3GGC	5.833	5.908	5.871	6.770	*3987.0	2.055	2.0556	
	CTD3-6JPC	5.466	5.469	5.467	6.303	1409.8	4.044	4.0404	
	CTD5-8JPC	5.648	5.658	5.653	6.518	1902.4	2.845	3.2077	
	CTD6-9JPC	5.741	5.735	5.738	6.616	*1546.0	3.573	3.5731	
	CTD7-12JPC-13GGC	5.466	5.465	5.466	6.302	1736.0	4.353	2.9837	
	CTD9-23GGC	5.675	5.675	5.675	6.543	1678.2	2.861	2.8341	
	CTD10-24GGC	5.668	5.669	5.669	6.536	1590.1	2.840	2.7712	
	CTD11-25GGC	5.887	5.870	5.878	6.778	*1488.0	NA	3.1367	
	CTD12-28GGC-29GGC	5.605	5.599	5.602	6.459	1189.5	4.004	3.9594	
	CTD13-31GGC-2000m	5.661	5.670	5.666	6.533	2011.7	3.033	2.9685	
	CTD13-31GGC-2200m	5.763	5.767	5.765	6.647	2218.9	2.654	2.6409	

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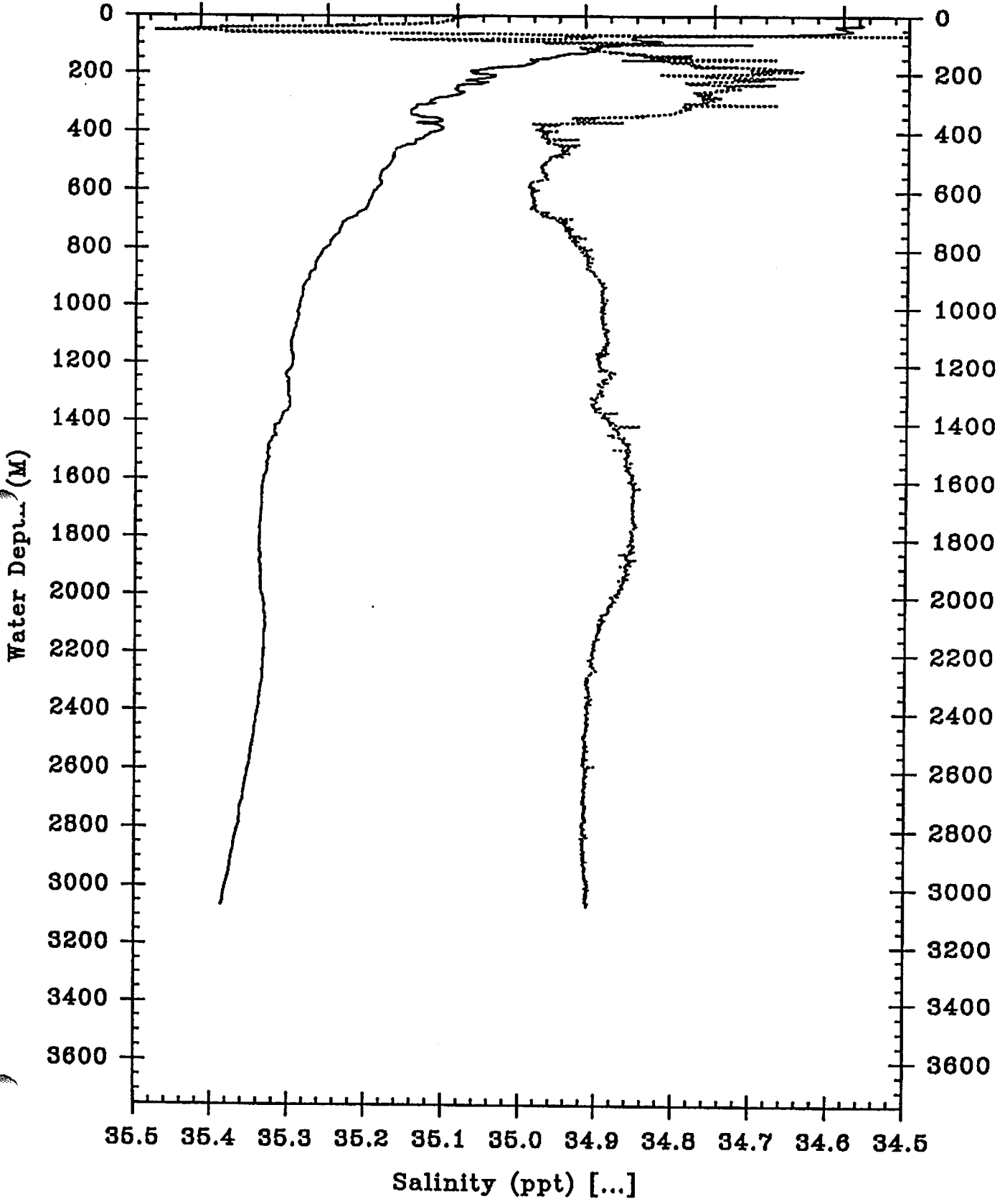
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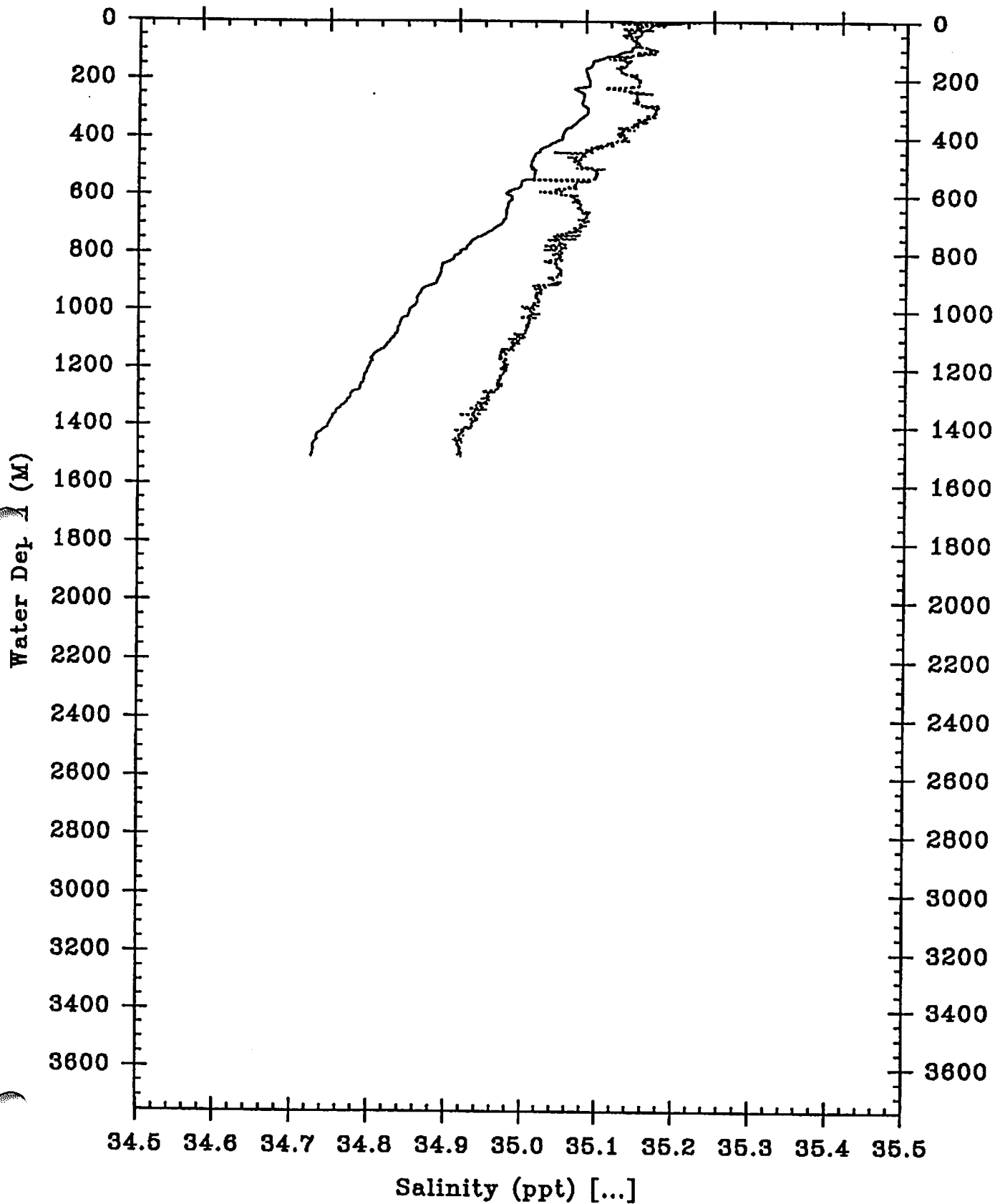


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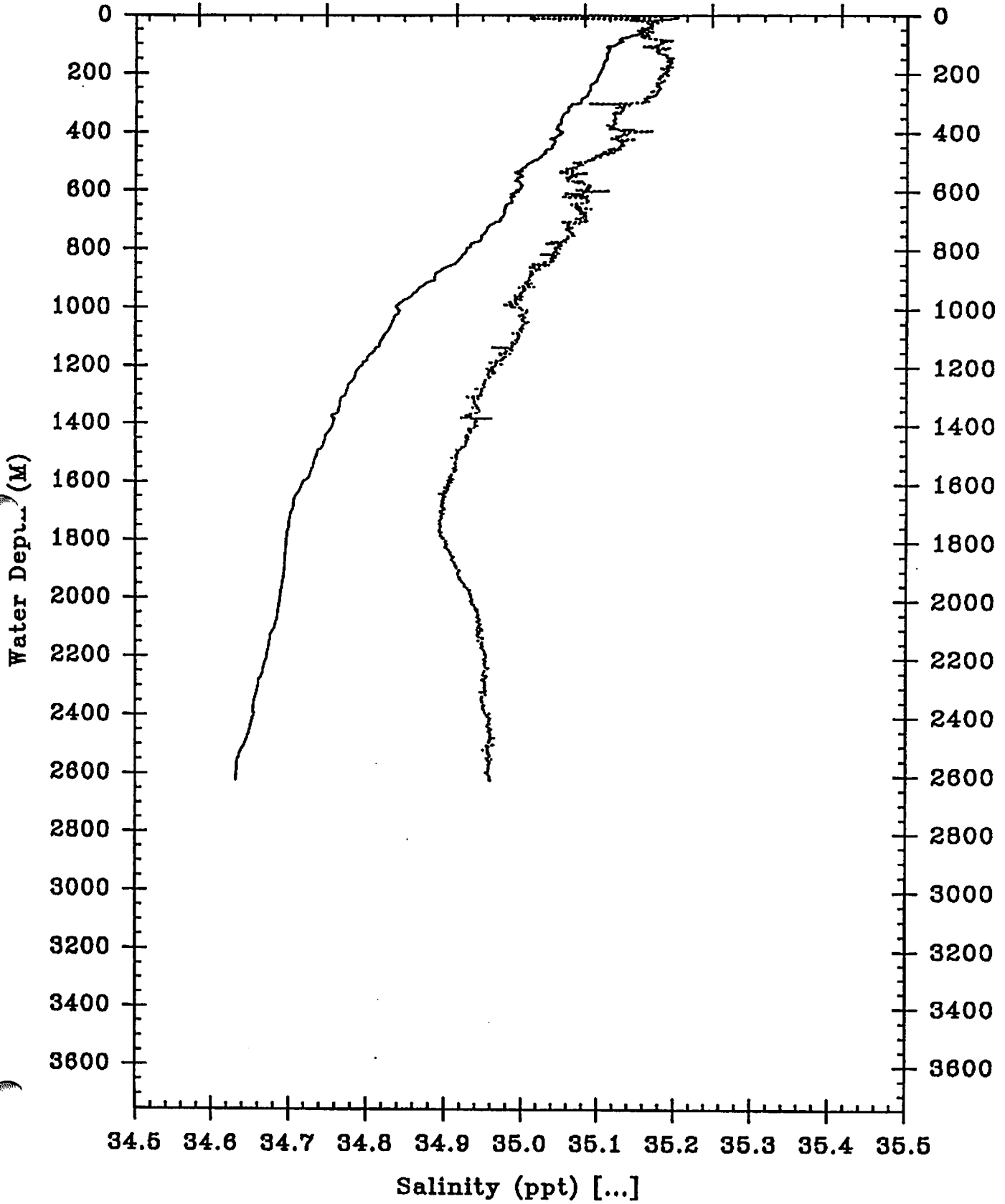
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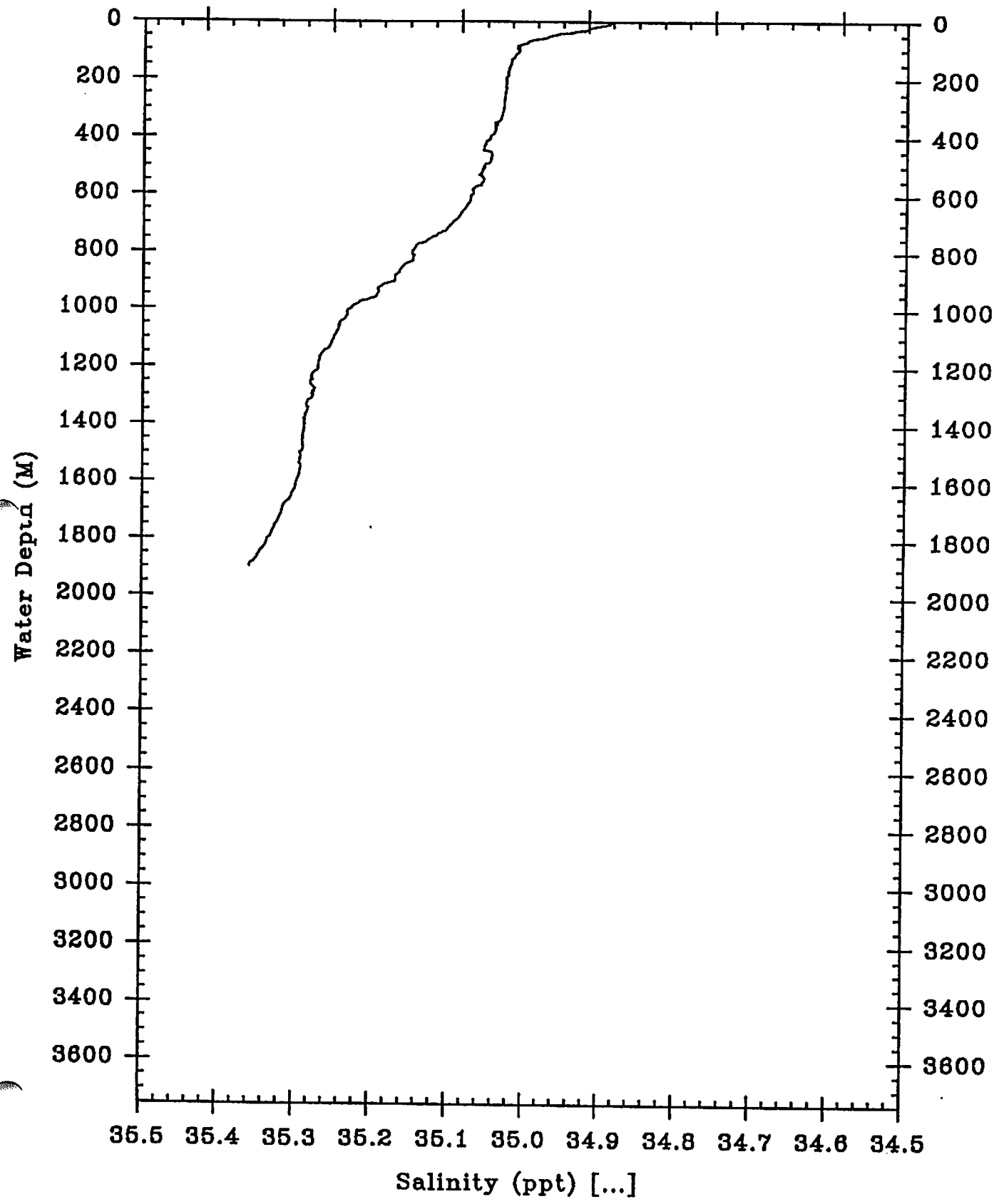
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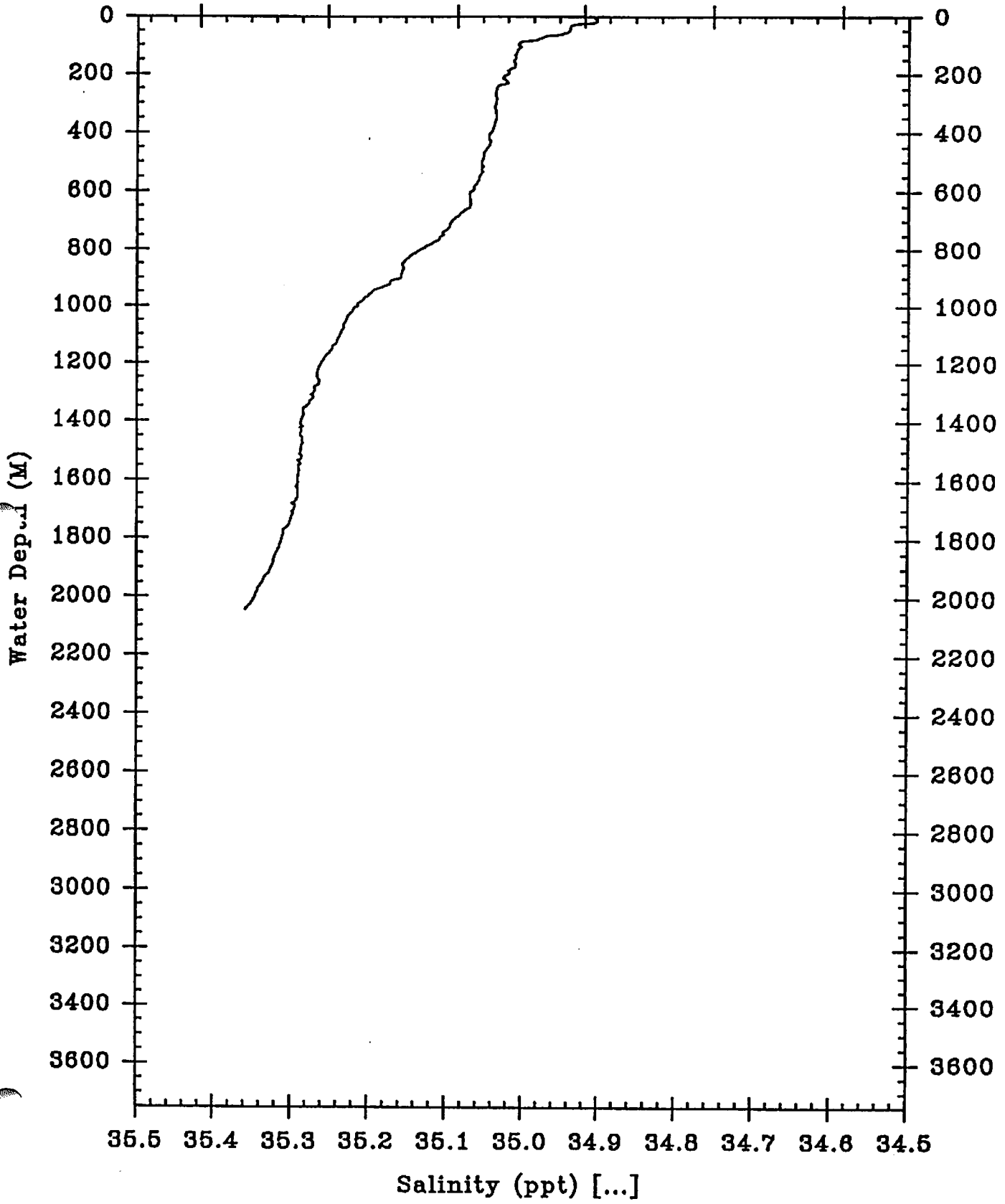
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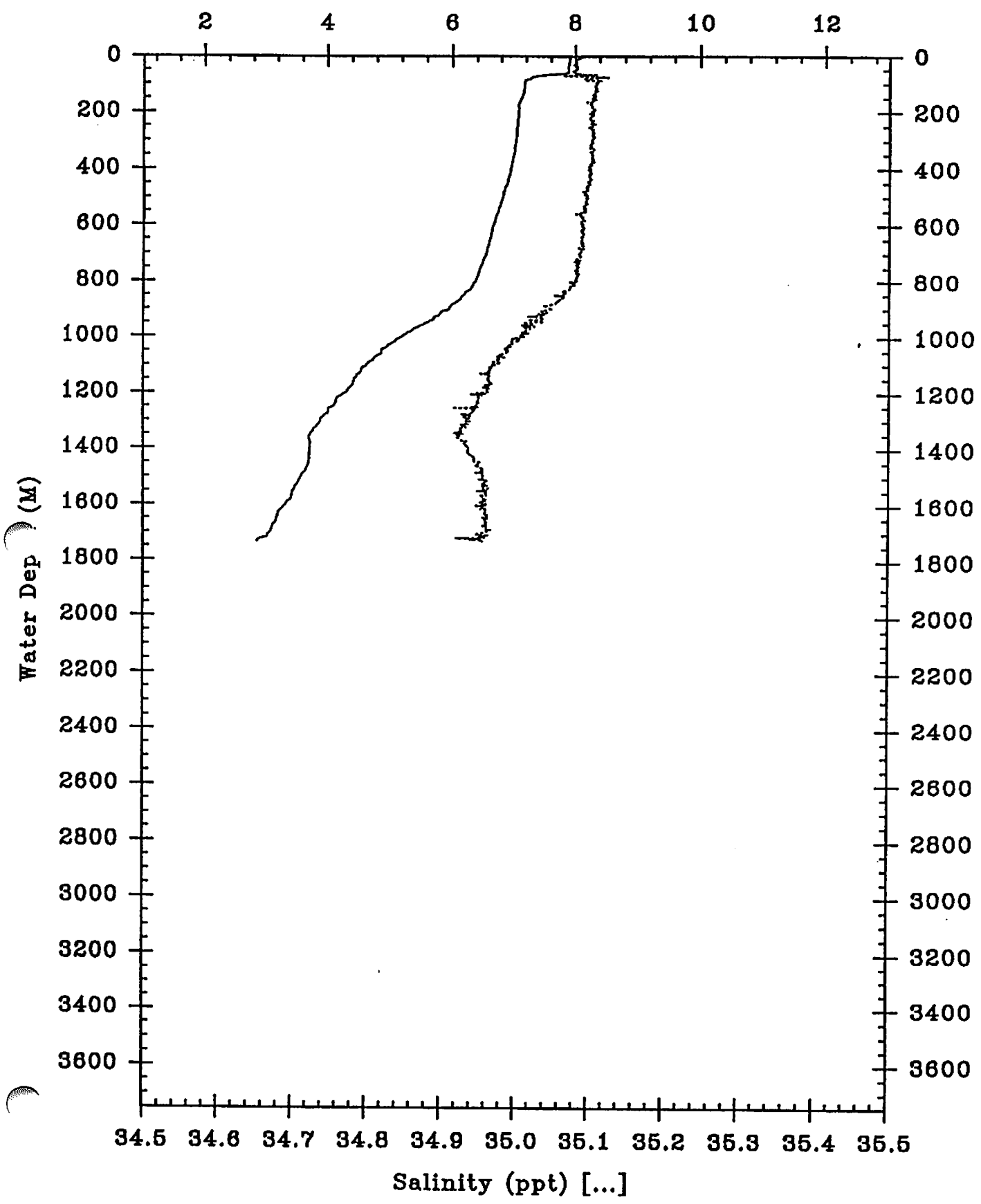
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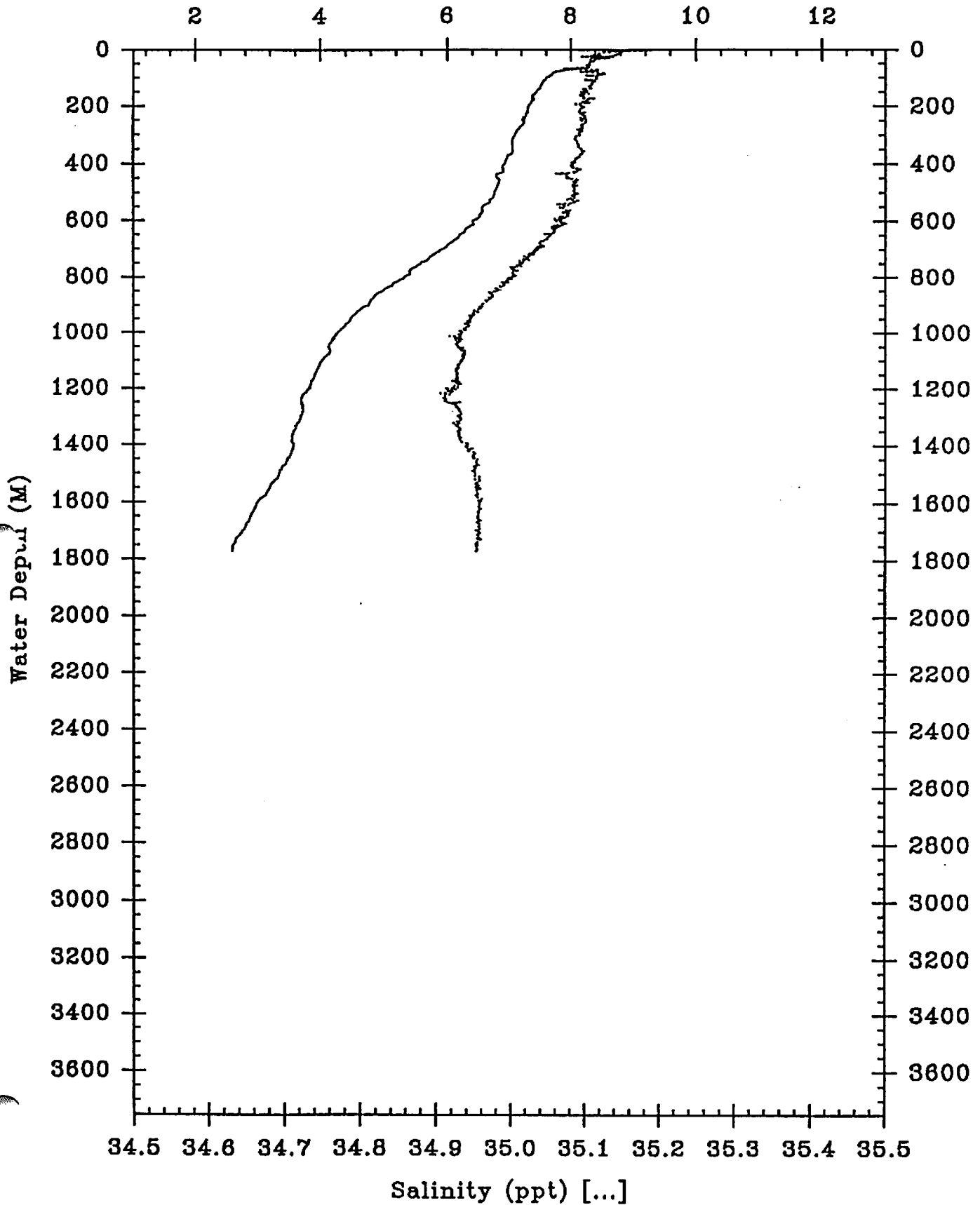


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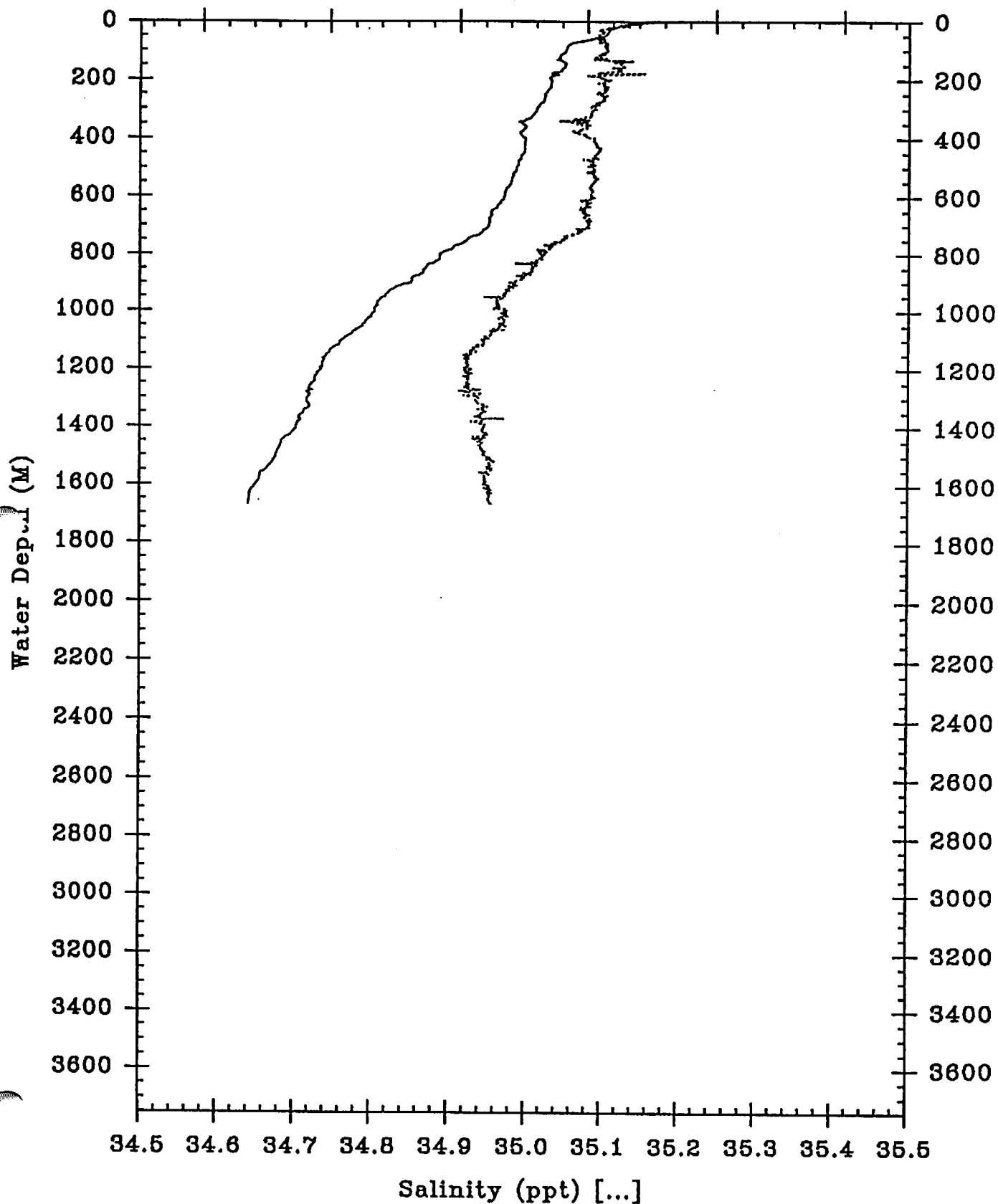
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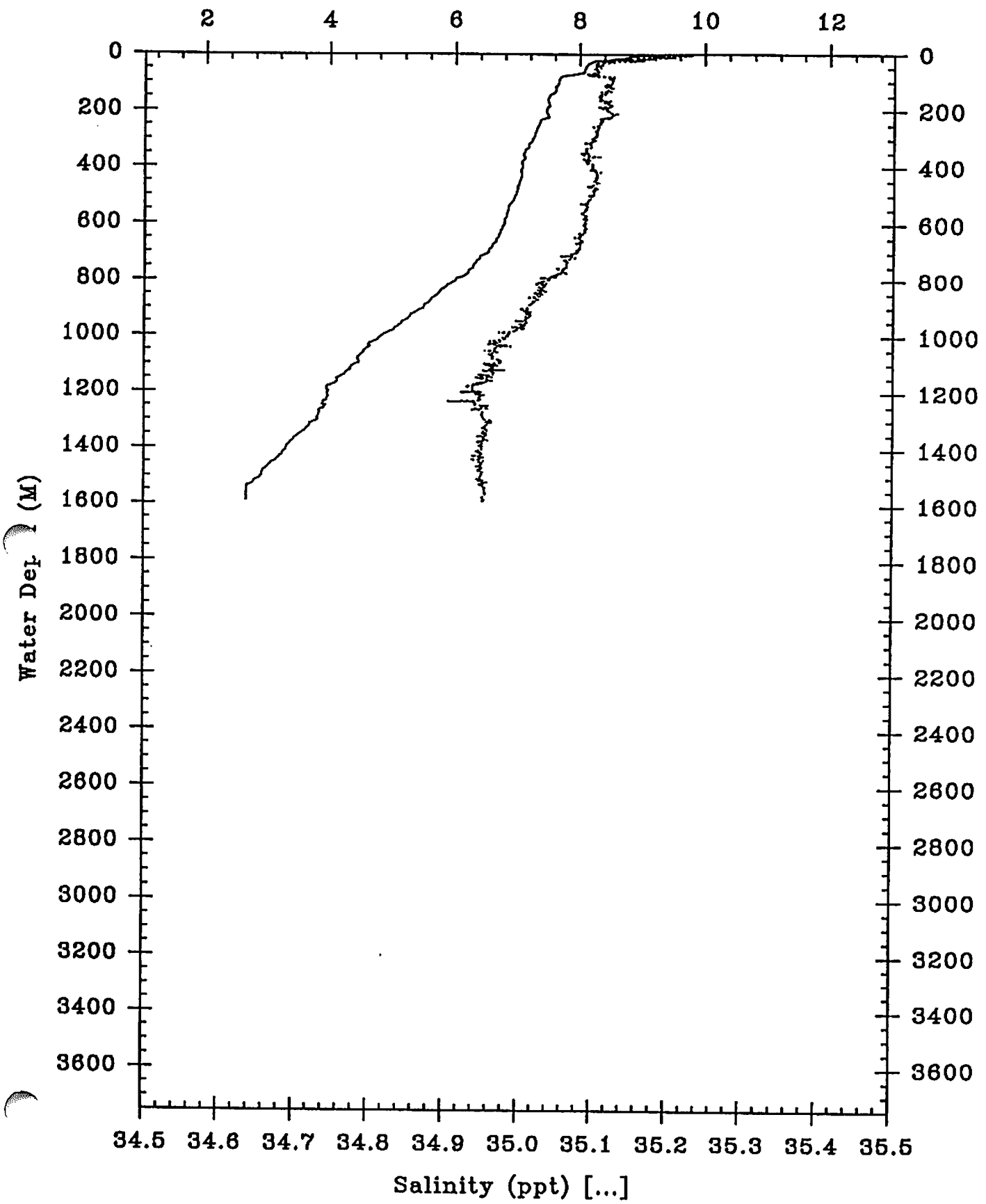
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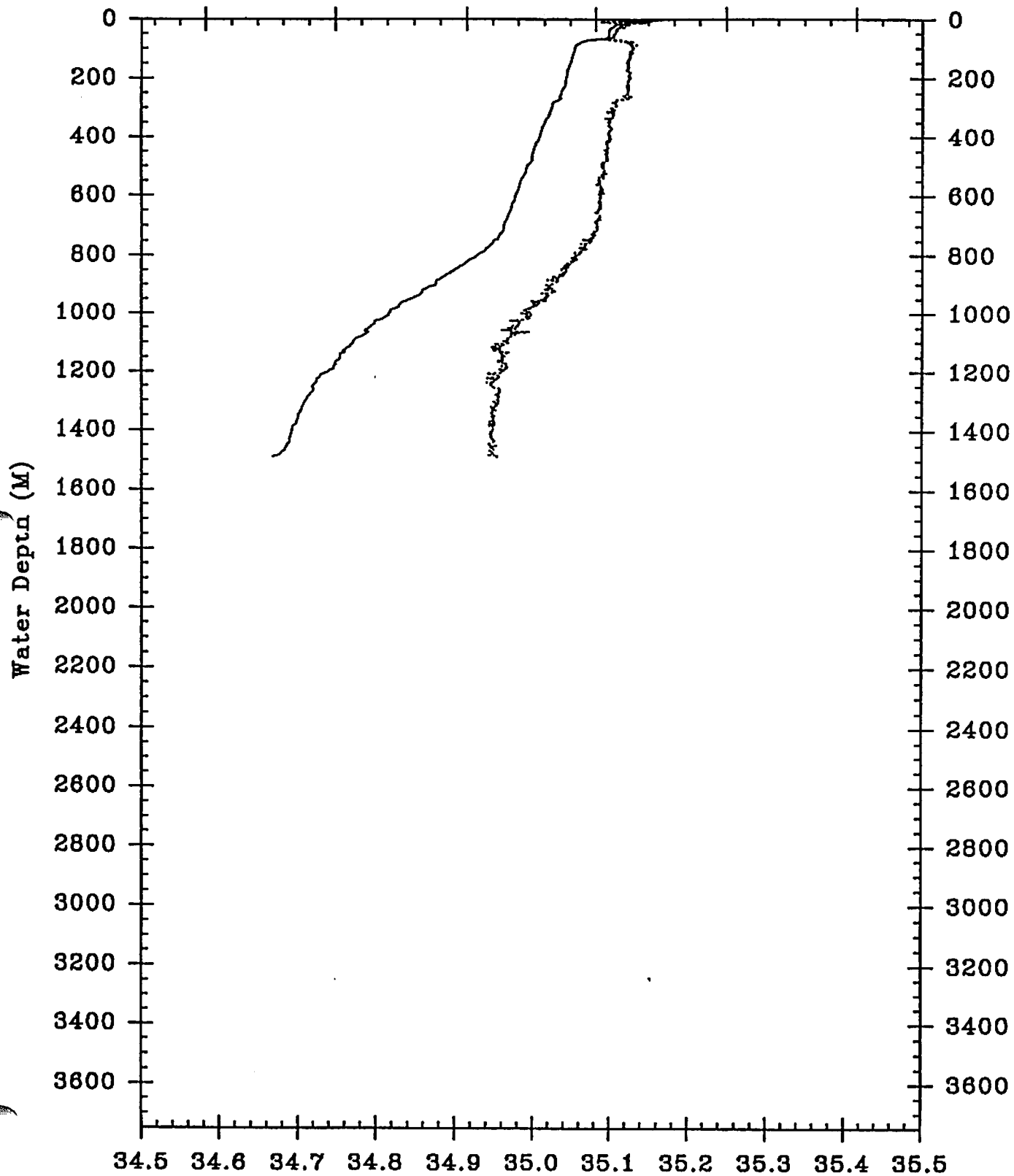
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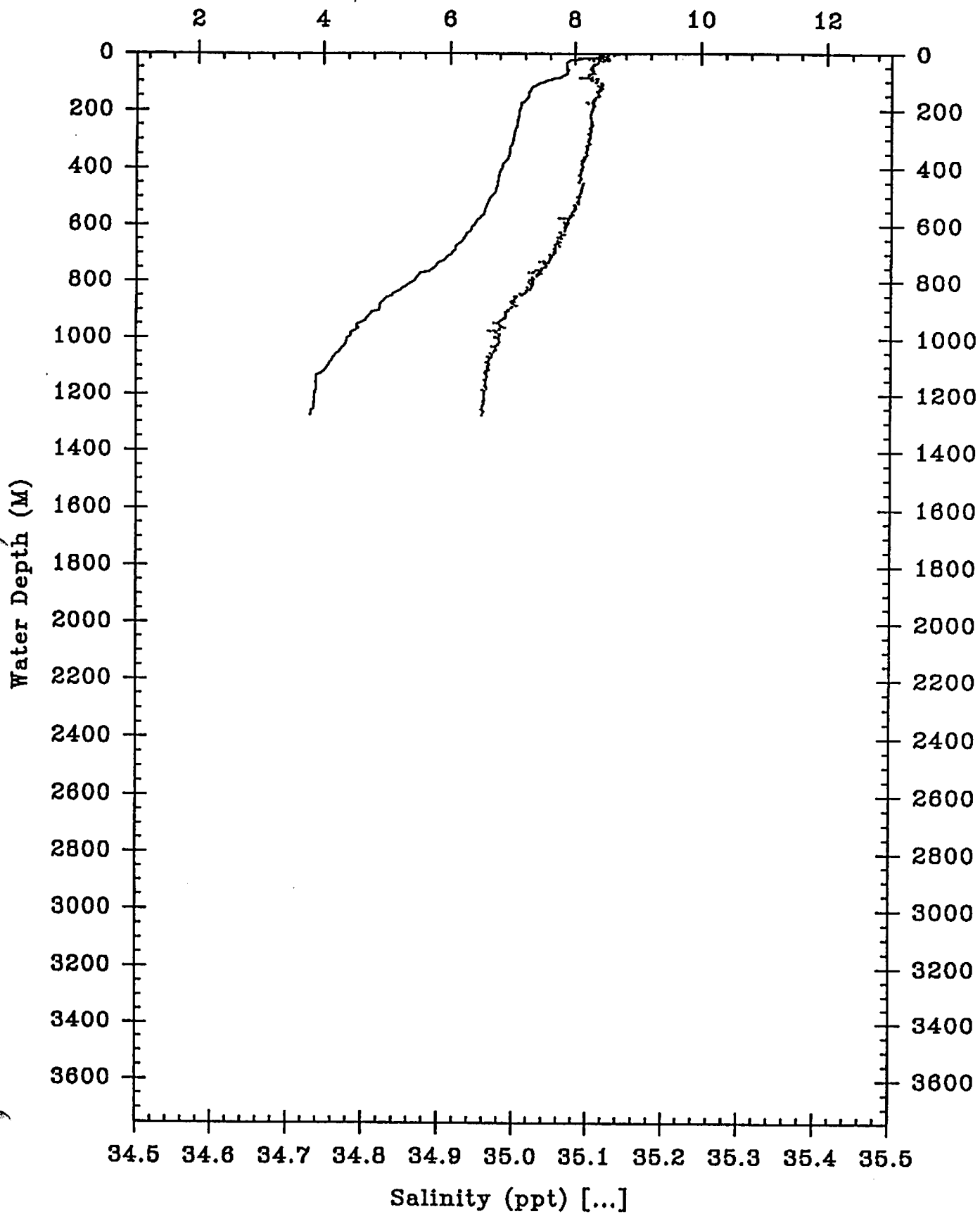
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