

BOUSSOLE Monthly Cruise Report

Cruise 53

May 02 - 04, 2006

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Fig 1. View of Villefranche and the LOV from the Tethys-2 anchored in the Villefranche bay on 4th May, 2006.

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Cruise Objectives

Multiple SPMR profiles are to occur within 1 hour of satellite overhead passes of MERIS around solar noon, under 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), hand held CIMEL sun photometer measurements are to be performed consecutively where possible with SPMR profiles. If sea conditions are poor but sky is good, hand held CIMEL 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 N₂ for HPLC pigment and particule absorption spectrophotometric 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 one day of 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.

3 divers (David Luquet, Laurent Giletta and Pierre-Alain Manoni) will be onboard on 2nd May 2006 to take some pictures and clean and check the buoy structure under the sea surface.

CIMEL hand held photometer broke down after the 4th measurement.

Cruise Summary

The Sea was calm during first day of the mission, but was choppy for the 2 others days, and did not allow to go to BOUSSOLE site. The 3rd day was used to realize some CTD profiles and Secchi disk measurements in the bay of Villefranche-sur-mer. Indeed, even during the spring bloom conditions at BOUSSOLE site, CTD profiles from first day on transect revealed very clear waters near the cost.

Monday 02 May 2006

Departure was slightly delayed as the ship and the truck were not available on Sunday 1st May. Departure was at 0705 local time, installing all instruments onboard. 5 SPMR/SMSR profiles with floating system as well as 8 CTD profiles were realized, among these 6 were realized on the transect between BOUSSOLE site and Port of Nice. 4 CIMEL atmospheric measurements and 1 Secchi disk measurement were also performed, revealing a 7 meters visibility.

Tuesday 03 May 2006

Stayed in port of Nice, due to strong winds on Ligurian Sea.

Wednesday 04 May 2006

Some CTD profiles were realized in the bay of Villefranche-sur-mer, in order to confirm the coastal flat profiles from the first day. 2 Secchi disk measurements were also performed.

Cruise Report

02 May 2006 (UTC)

0505 Departure from port of Nice.
0830 Divers at sea.
1000 Guislain Bécu on buoy head to clean ARGOS beacon contacts and MVD surface.
1035 CIMEL 01.
1037 CTD 01 at buoy, with water sampling at 200, 100, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 meters for HPLC/Ap, CDOM, flux cytometry and Kishino measurements.
1050 Secchi disk 01 (7 m).
1137 SPMR profiles 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 with floating system.
1240 CIMEL 02.
1315 CIMEL 03.
1322 CTD 02 at buoy with water sampling at 5 and 10 meters for triplicate HPLC/Ap and dry weights.
1355 3 x 100 m plankton net profiles.
1432 CIMEL 04 between buoy site and station 1.
1448 CTD 03 at station 1 (43°25'N 07°48'E).
1543 CTD 04 at station 2 (43°28'N 07°42'E).
1642 CTD 05 at station 3 (43°31'N 07°37'E).
1740 CTD 06 at station 4 (43°34'N 07°31'E).
1839 CTD 07 at station 5 (43°37'N 07°25'E).
1934 CTD 08 at station 6 (43°39'N 07°21'E).
2030 Arrival to port of Nice.

03 May 2006

Stayed in port of Nice, due to bad weather conditions.

04 May 2006

0725 Departure from port of Nice.
0816 CTD 09 at "point C" (43°40.546N 7°18.505E) without water sampling.
0830 Secchi disk 02 (17 m) at "point C".
0855 CTD 10 at "point B+" (43°40.948N 7°18.810E) without water sampling.
0905 Secchi disk 03 (22 m) at "point B+".
1030 Arrival at port of Nice.

Calculated Swath paths for MERIS Sensor (ESOV Software)

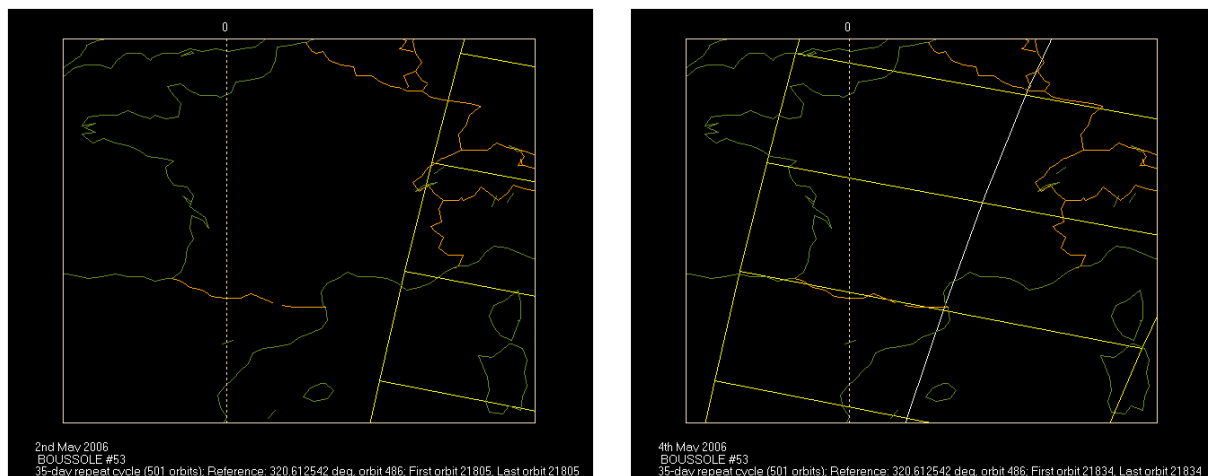
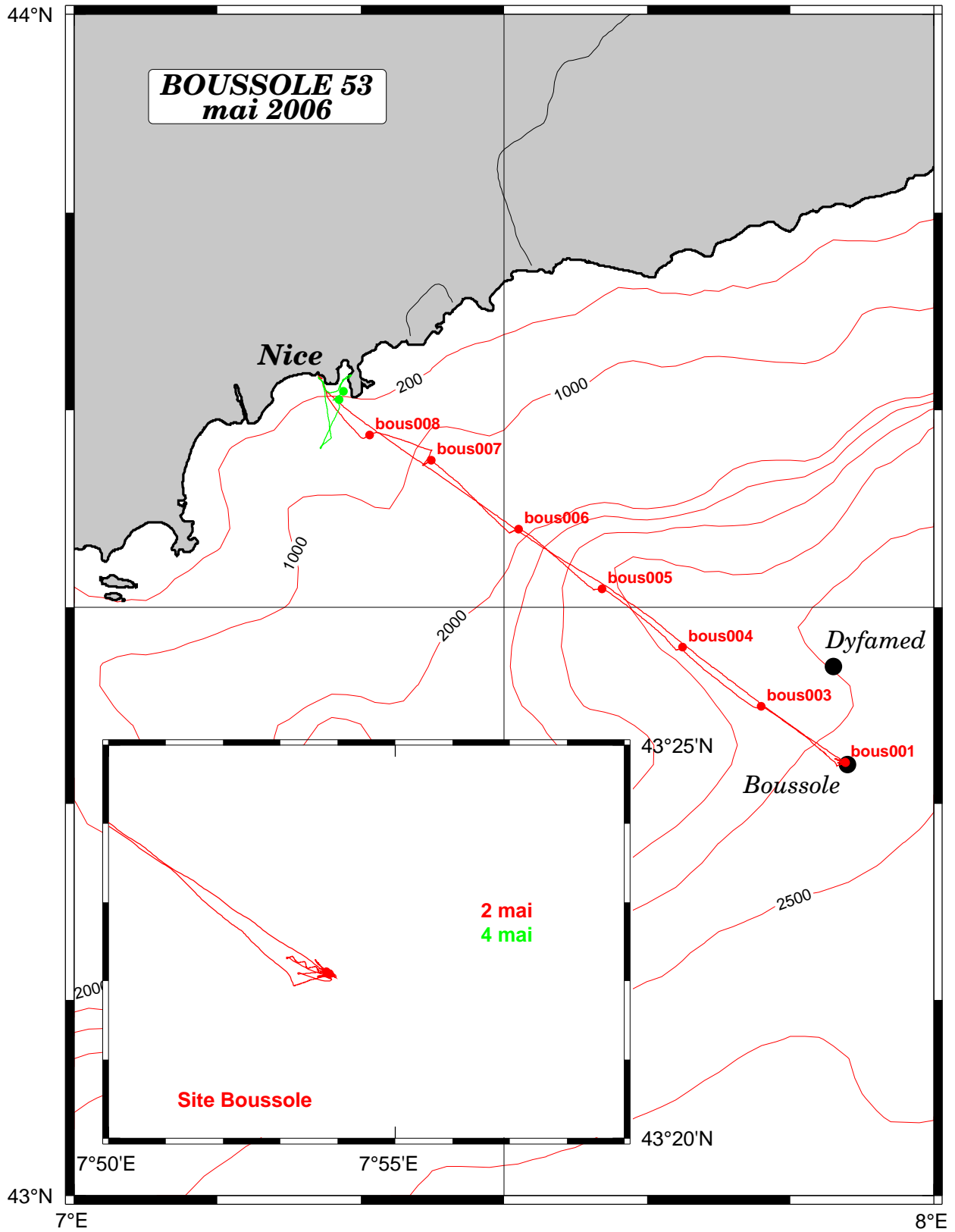


Figure 2. Calculated swath paths for MERIS (Esov software) above BOUSSOLE site for 02 and 04 May 2006.

Appendix

Date	Black names (file ext: ".raw")	Profile names (file extension: ".raw")	CTD notes / satellite overpass	Start time GMT (hour.min)	Duration (min.sec)	Depth max (meter)	Latitude (N) (Degree) (Minute)	Longitude (Degree) (Minute)	Other sensors Their case Start/Finish	Sky	Clouds	Quantity #/S	Weather Wind speed	Wind dir.	Air Pressure	Humidity	Visibility	T air	T water	Sea	Sea Swell height	Swell dir.	Whitecaps
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				10:35	25:00	400	43	22:00		slight covered	Cl in front of	2	9 kn	77	1019.2	75	very good	16.5	17.5	calm	0.5 m		some
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		bou020506black1		11:17	03:00		43	22:00	7	slight covered	some fog	2					very good			calm	0.5 m		some
			bou020506sprmrisurfaceAA	11:37	09:23	205	43	22:07	7	097 Ci	Cl	4	12 kn	83	1019.2	82	very good	17.1		calm	0.5 m		some
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04/05/2006				08:16	28:00	400	43	40:546	7	night	-	9			1019.4	86	night	16.6	16.6	calm	0.5 m		no
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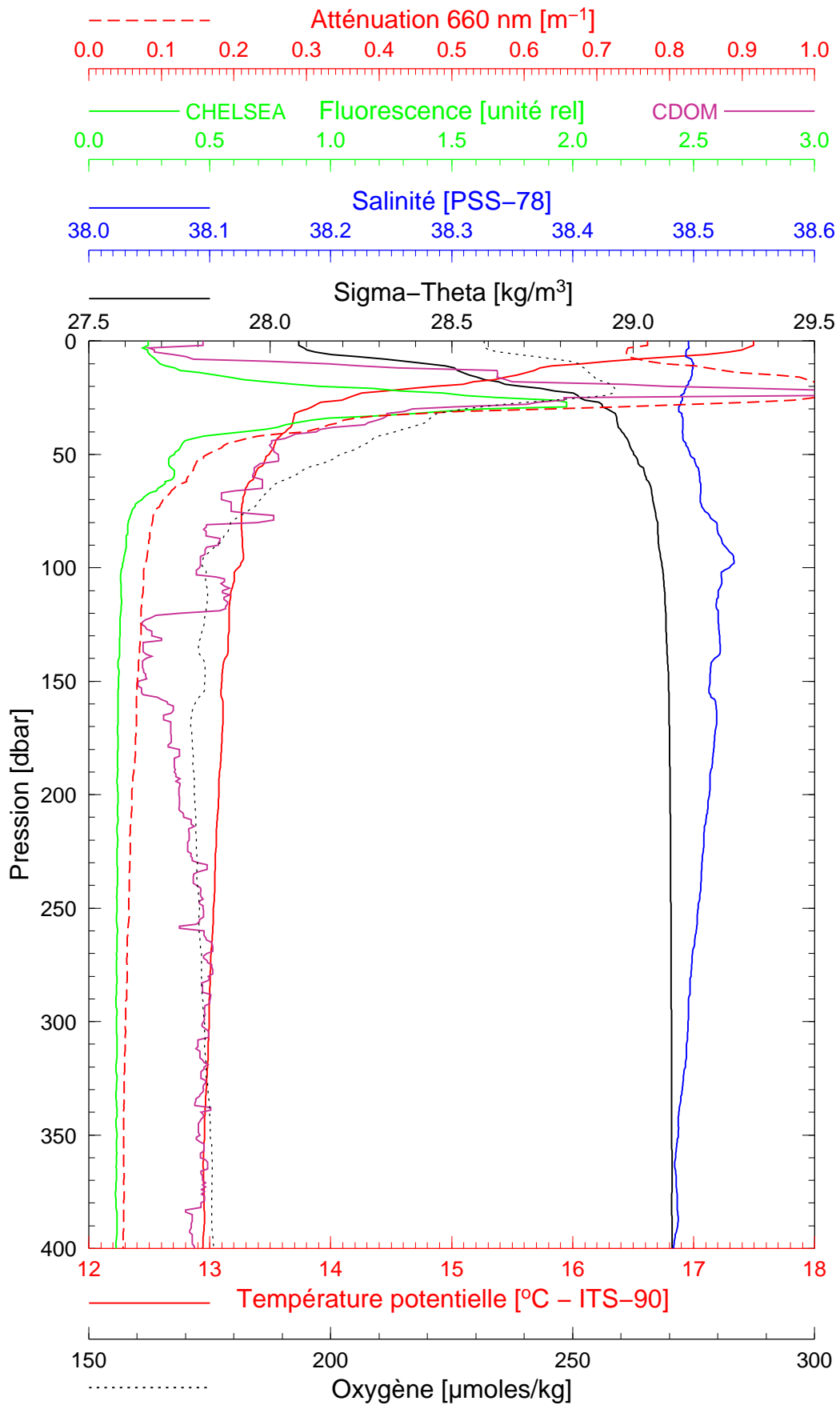


Boussole 53

02/05/2006

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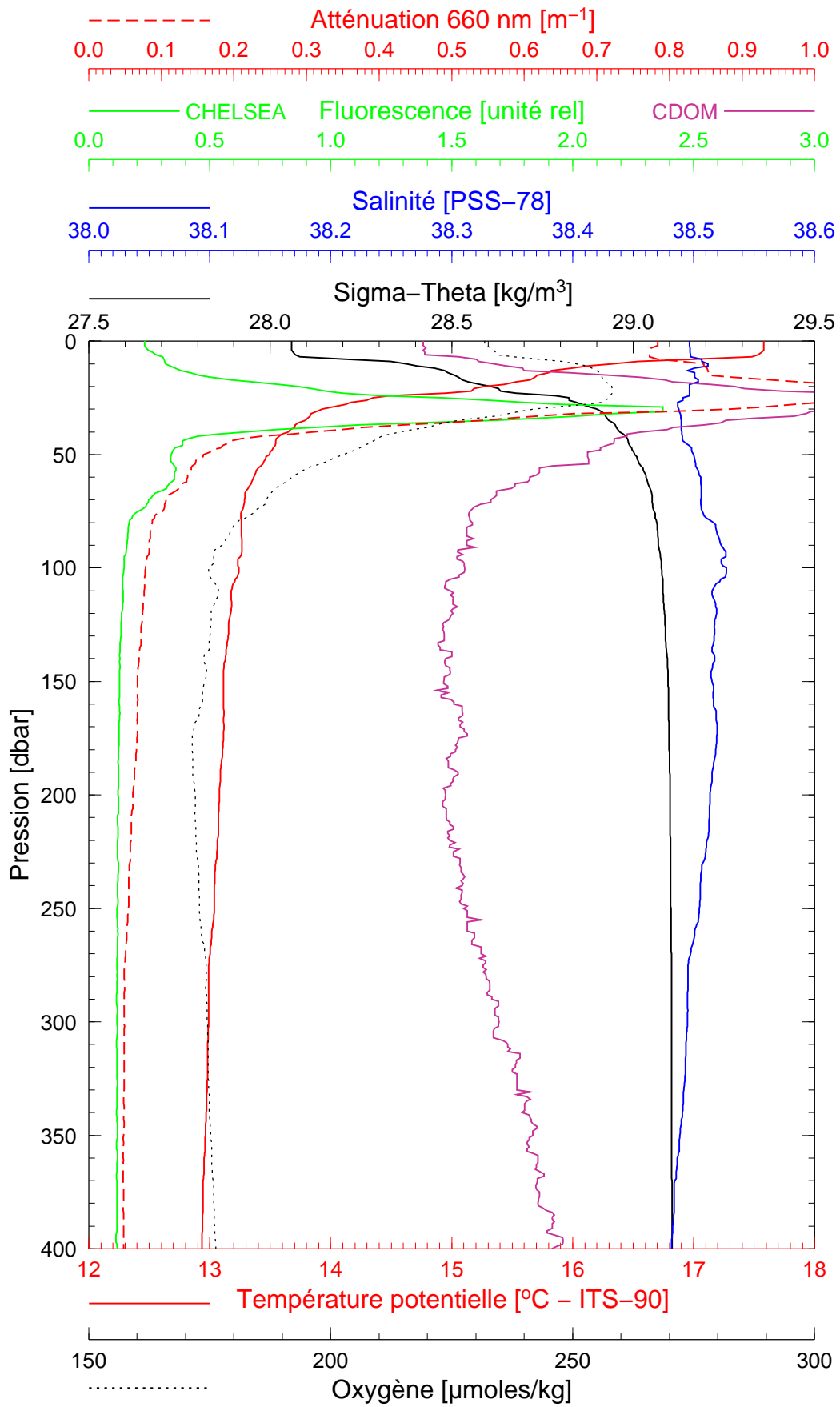
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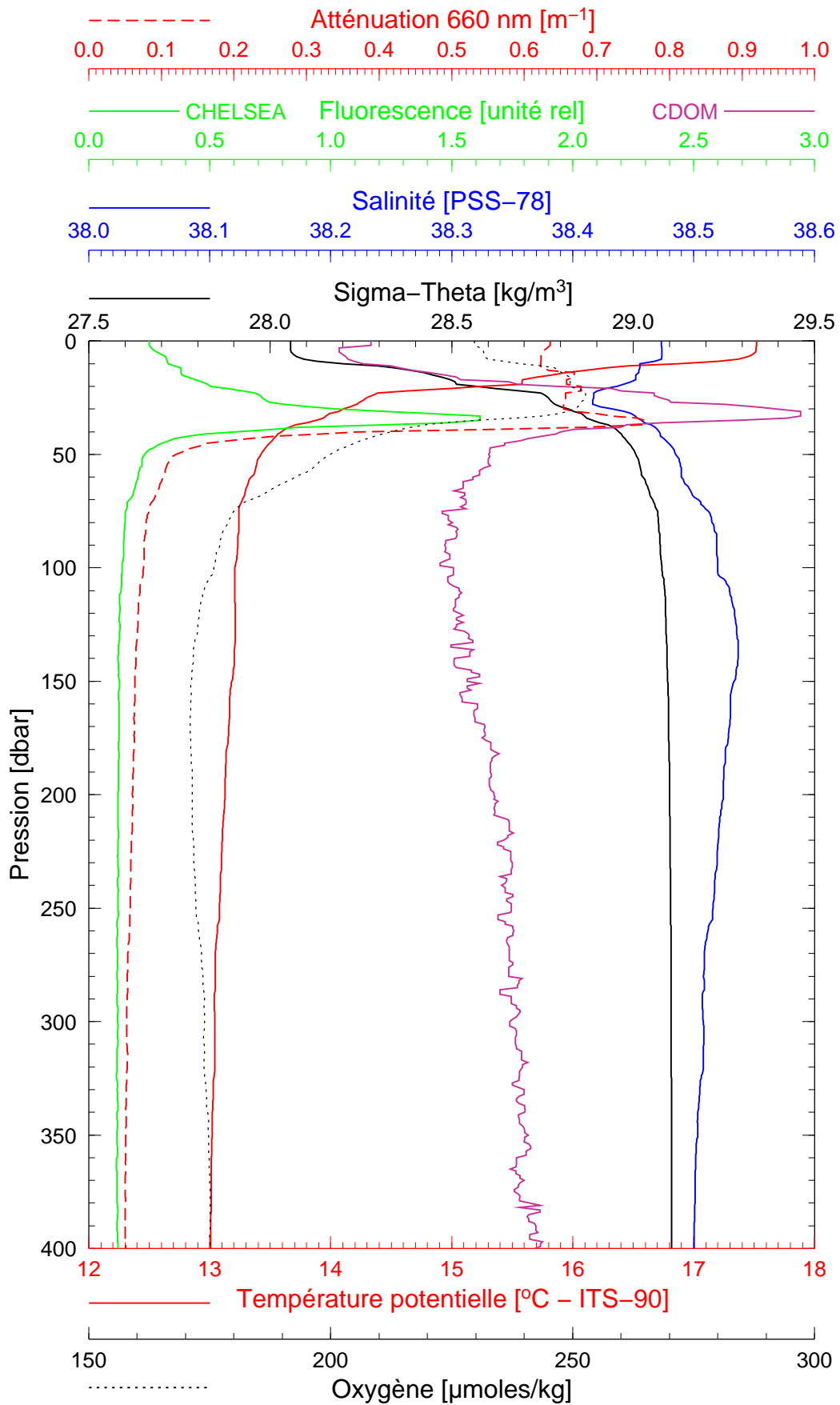
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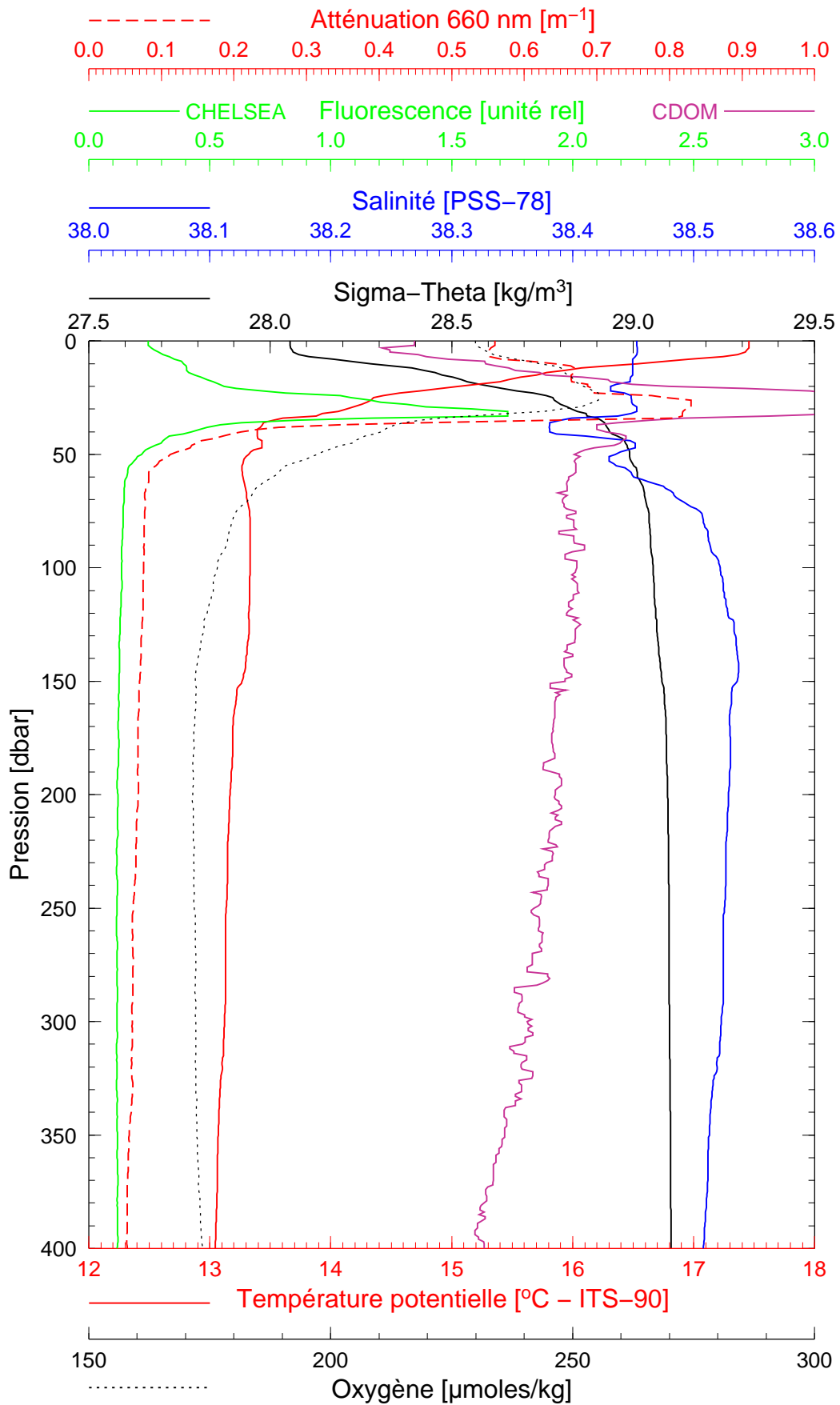
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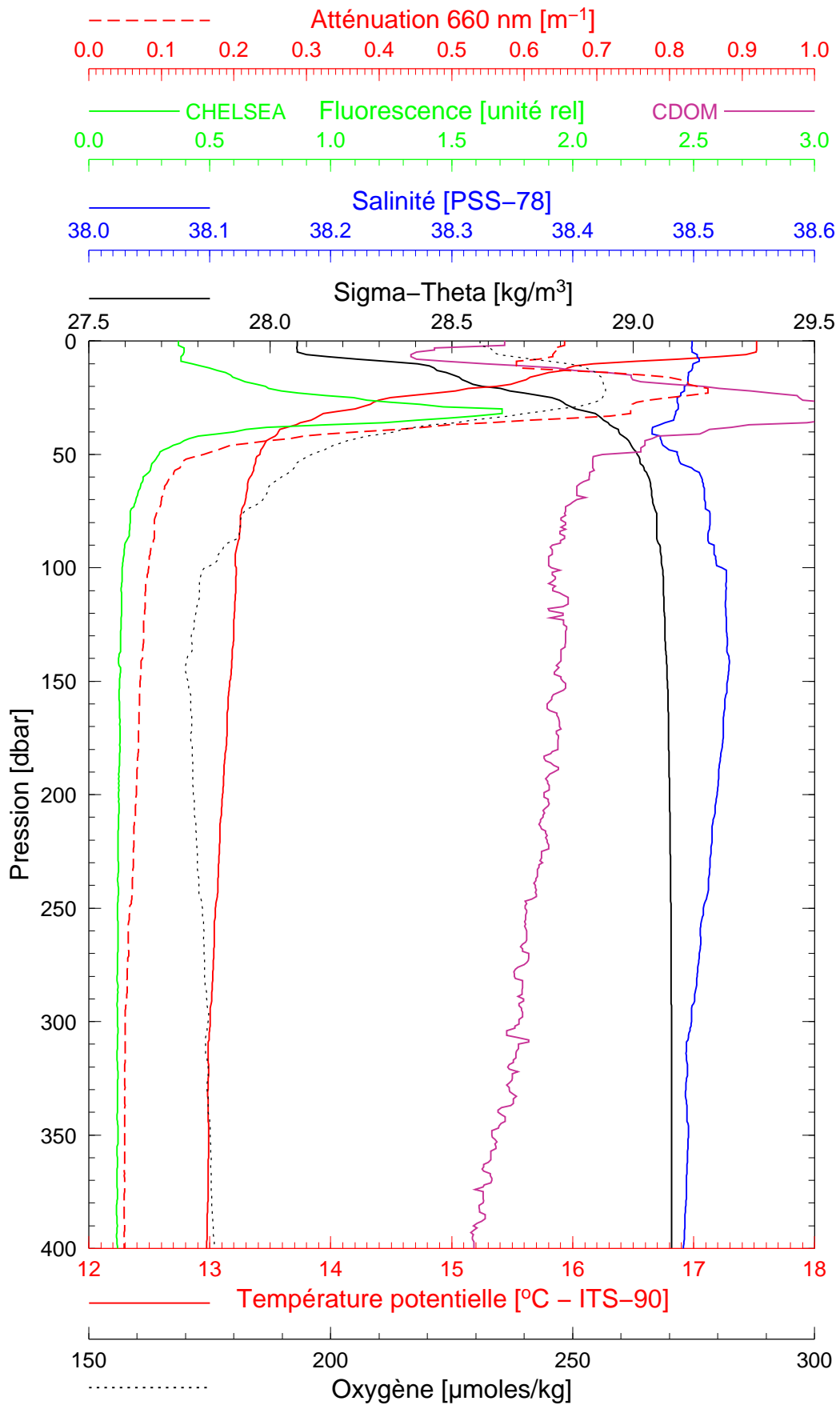
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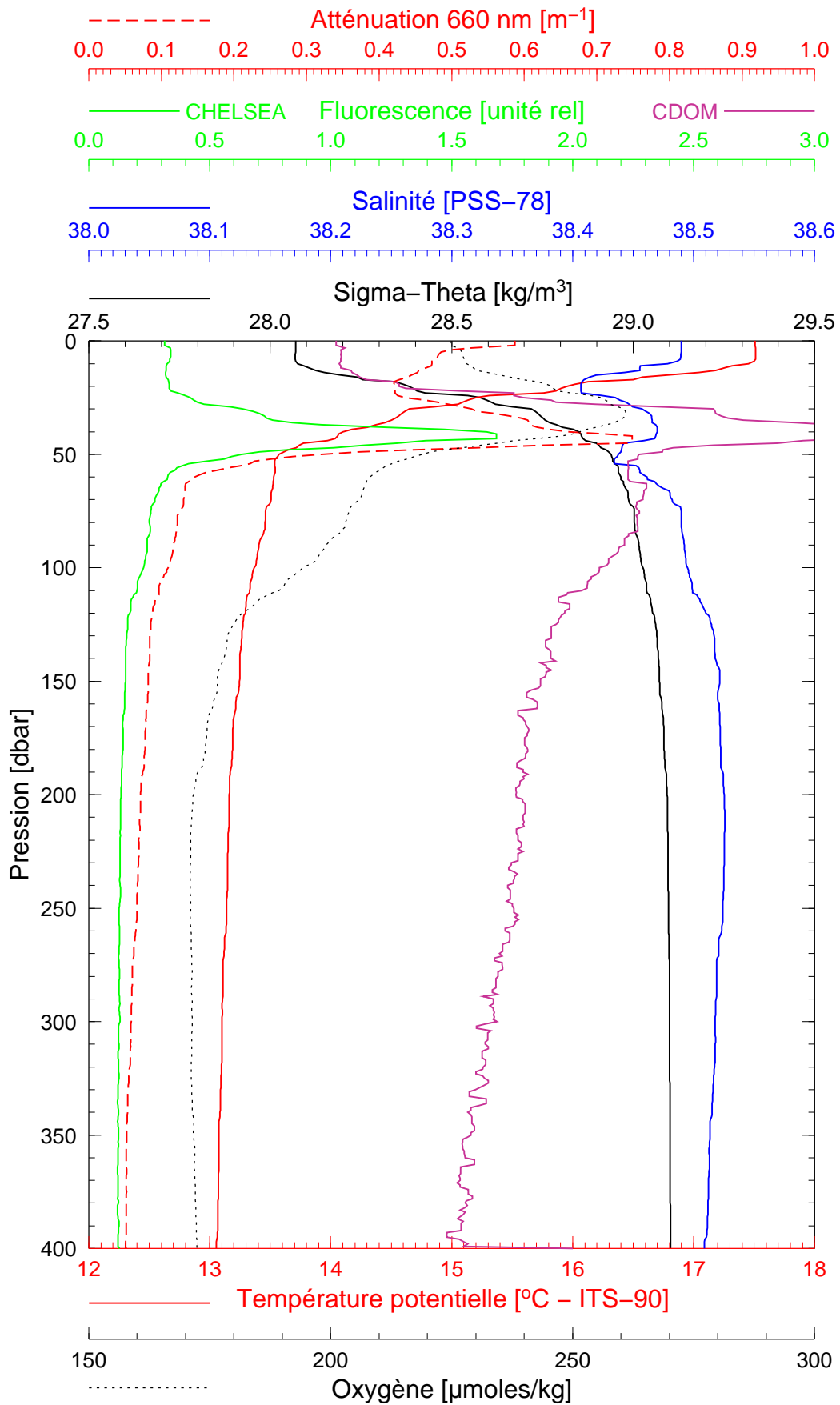
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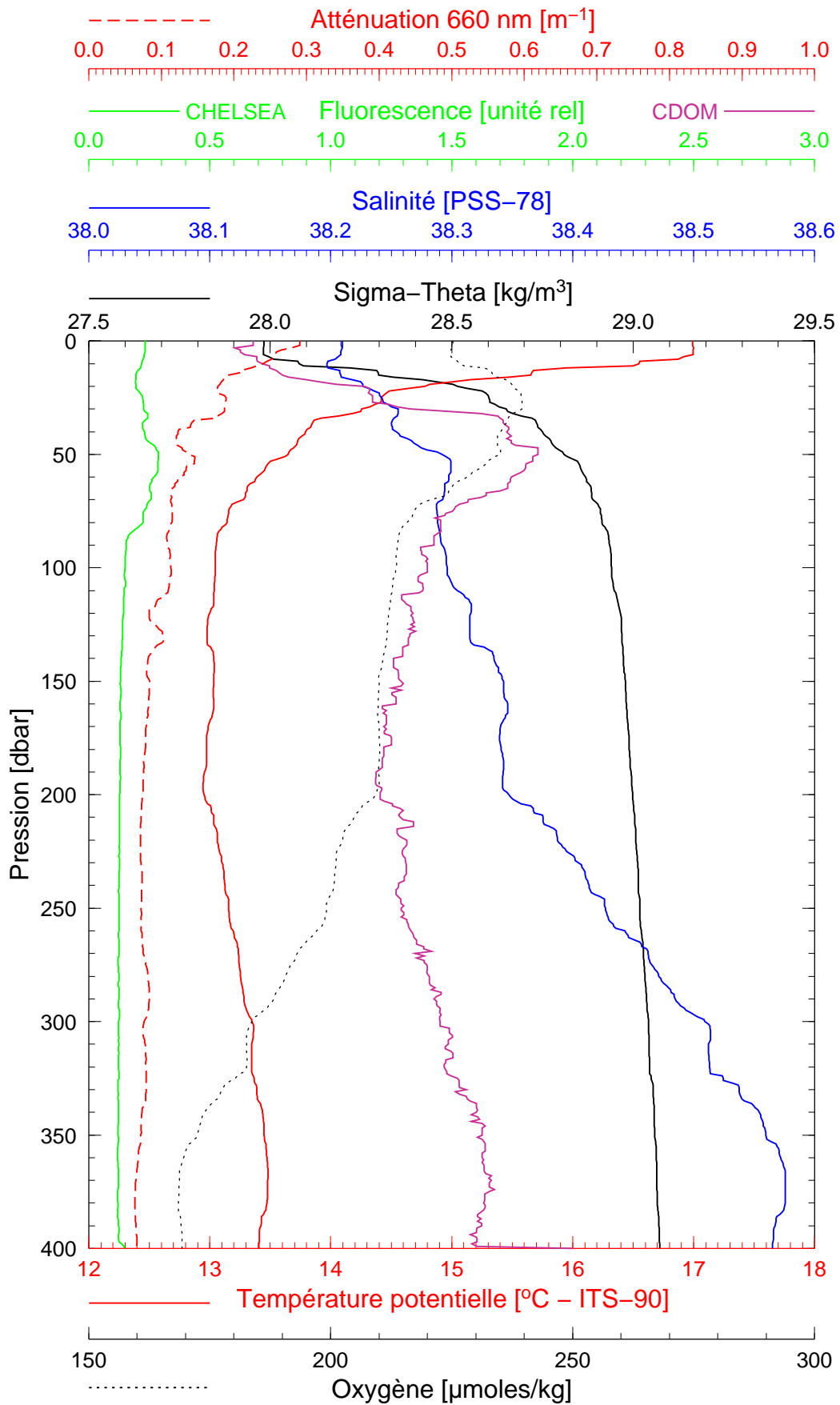
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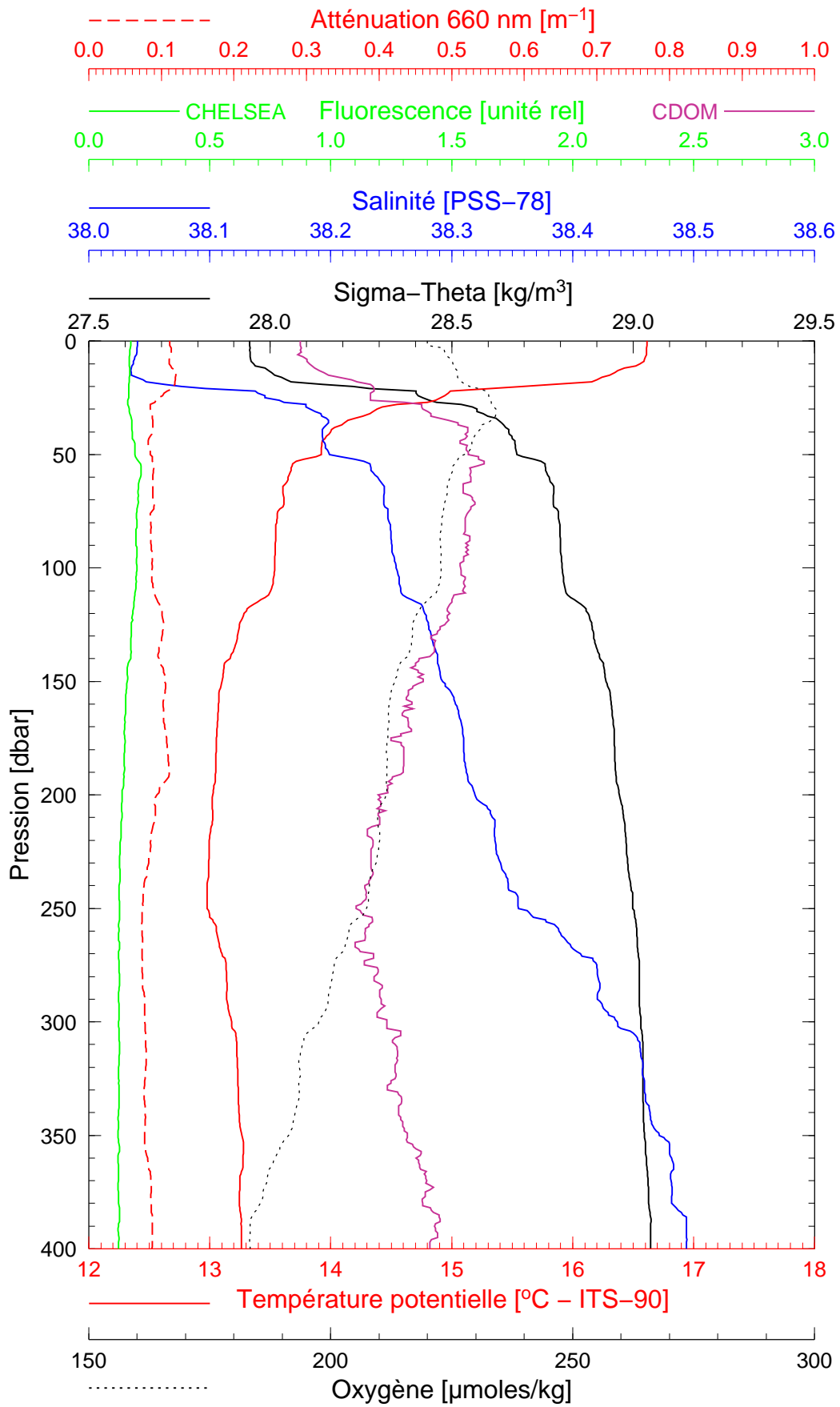
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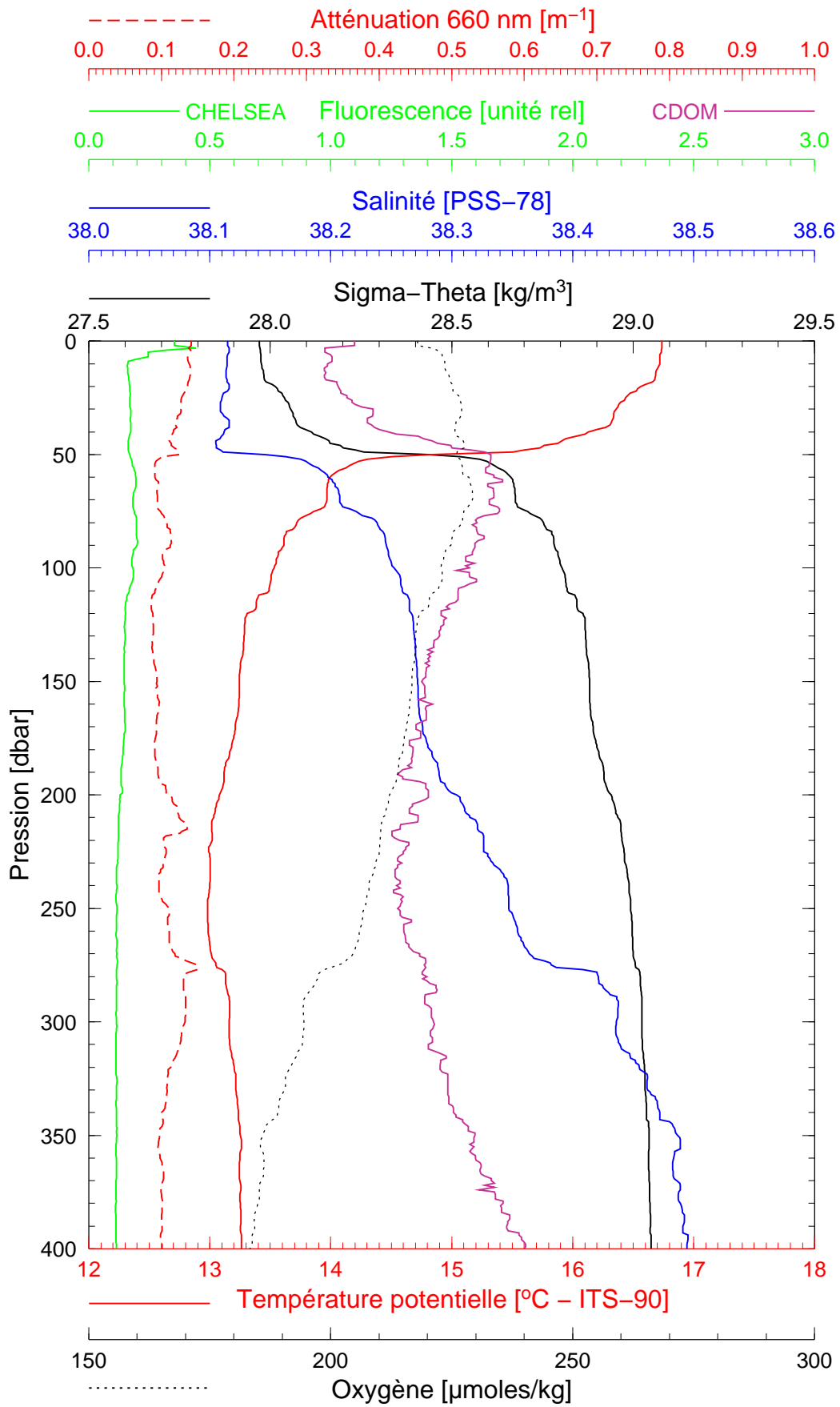
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Boussole 53

04/05/2006

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point C



Date 04/05/2006
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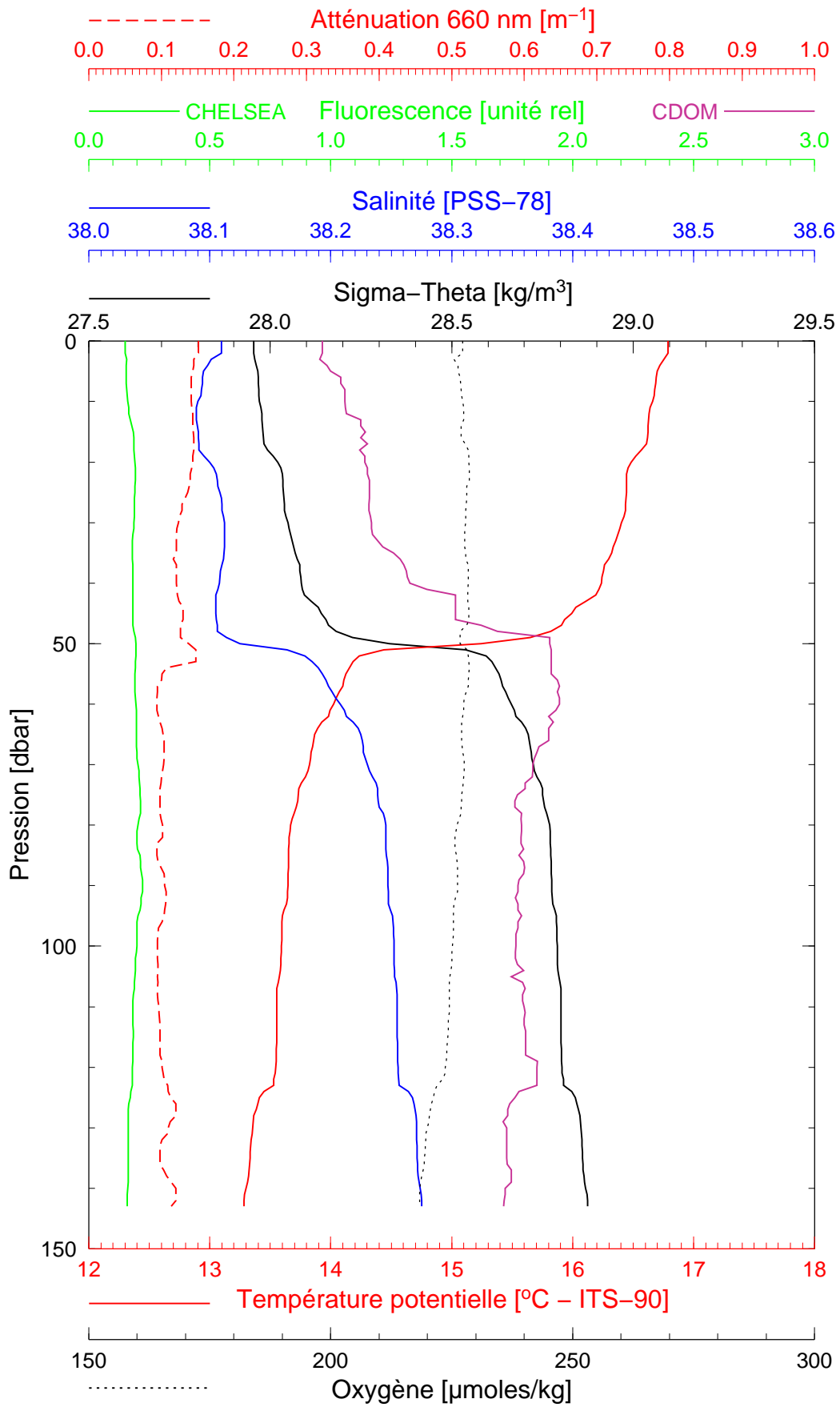
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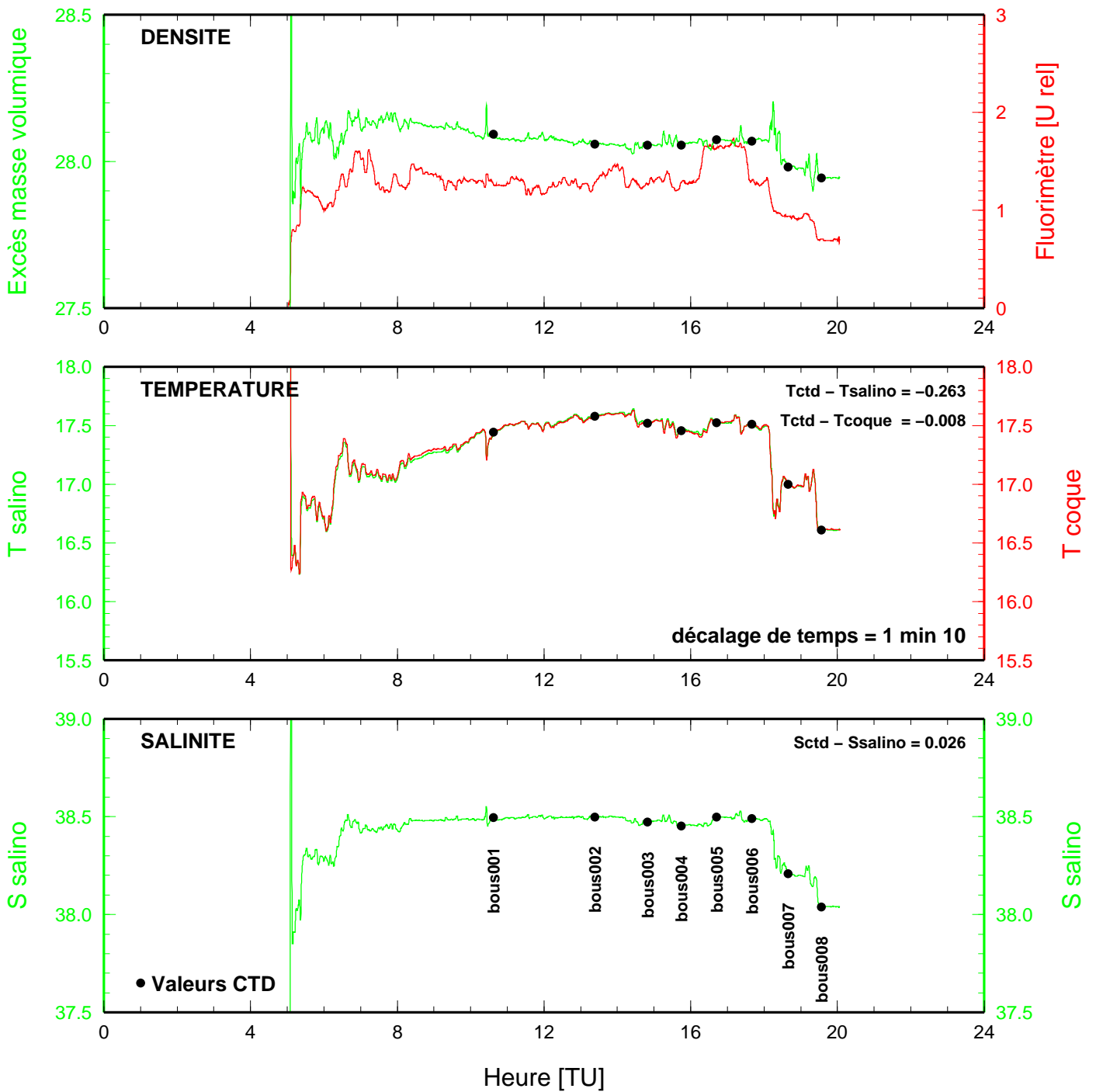
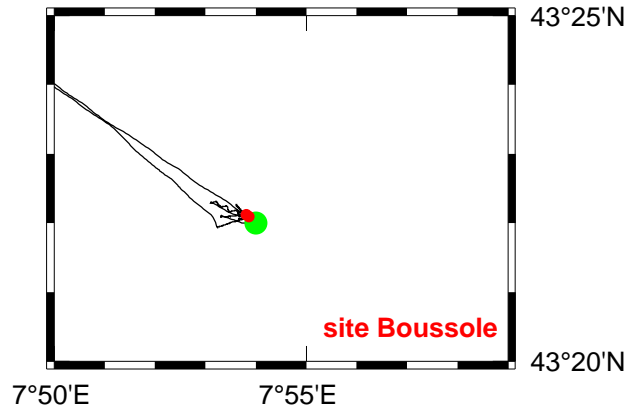
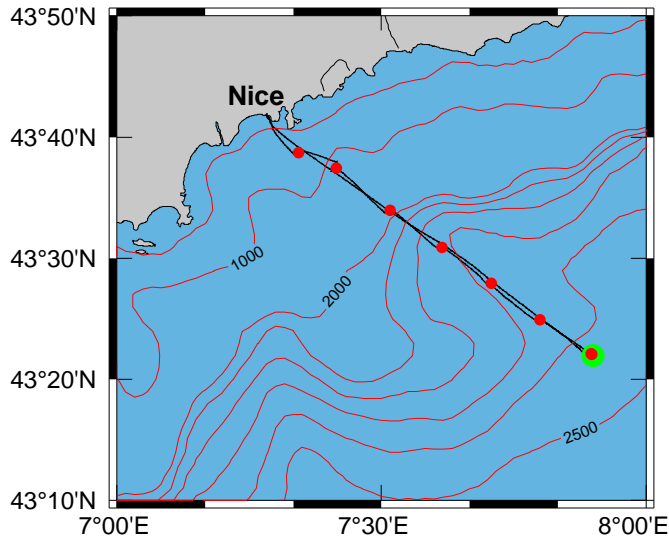
point B



Date 04/05/2006
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