

# BOUSSOLE Monthly Cruise Report

Cruise 115

September 13 - 15, 2011

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Several sea turtles were seen in the vicinity of the BOUSSOLE buoy during this cruise.

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## Foreword

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## Cruise Objectives

### Routine operations

Multiple Biospherical's C-OPS (Compact Optical Profiling System) radiometric profiles are to occur on 0-150 m at the BOUSSOLE site within about 3 hours of satellite overhead passes (of MERIS in particular) 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 C-OPS 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. CTD deployments are required at the start and end of the C-OPS 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, AC9 (from July 2002) and Eco-BB3 (from June 2003), seawater samples are to be collected, filtered and stored in N2 for HPLC pigment and particle absorption spectrophotometric filter analysis in the lab. Three replicates samples are to be collected at surface for total suspended matter (TSM) weighting in the lab.

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 six fixed locations on-route from BOUSSOLE (see map in appendix). The time of day of this transect should be similar for each cruise, if possible to minimise influence of diurnal variability.

For one day of each cruise, three divers will check the underwater state of the buoy structure and instrumentation, take some pictures for archiving, clean the sensor optical surface, and then take again some pictures after cleaning. Divers will also put a neoprene cap on the HS4 and on the transmissometers for acquiring three dark measurements (started in 2009).

Further details about these operations and the protocols are to be found in:

Antoine, D. M. Chami, H. Claustre, F. D'Ortenzio, A. Morel, G. Bécu, B. Gentili, F. Louis, J. Ras, E. Roussier, A.J. Scott, D. Tailliez, S. B. Hooker, P. Guevel, J.-F. Desté, C. Dempsey and D. Adams. 2006, BOUSSOLE: a joint CNRS-INSU, ESA, CNES and NASA Ocean Color Calibration And Validation Activity. NASA Technical memorandum N° 2006 - 214147, 61 pp.

([http://www.obs-vlfr.fr/Boussole/html/publications/pubs/BOUSSOLE\\_TM\\_214147.pdf](http://www.obs-vlfr.fr/Boussole/html/publications/pubs/BOUSSOLE_TM_214147.pdf))

### Additional operations

During this cruise, Frédéric Bailleul (from "Centre d'Etudes Biologiques de Chizé") has tested several CTD-fluorometer beacons that are planned to be deployed on elephant seals. They were installed on the BOUSSOLE rosette for comparison with the main CTD and fluorometer. The last day, Mustapha Ouhssain was on board to compare different types of filtration for HPLC analyses. During the diving day, the underwater ARGOS beacons were brought back up to the dinghy for maintenance.

## Cruise Summary

The three cruise days were used for optical profiles and CTD casts with water sampling at the BOUSSOLE site. The first day was also used for buoy data retrieval and for completing the transect and the second day for diving operations.

### Tuesday 13 September 2011

The first day, the sea was calm with a light breeze. The visibility was good with a blue sky. When arrived at the BOUSSOLE site, 6 C-OPS profiles, 1 CTD cast with water sampling and 1 Secchi disk were performed. A CISCO connection with the buoy was established for data retrieval. Then the CTD transect was performed.

### Wednesday 14 September 2011

The second day, the sea was calm with a light breeze. The sky was blue with a good visibility. When arrived at the BOUSSOLE site, divers went at sea to clean buoy instruments. The underwater ARGOS beacons were brought back up to the dinghy for maintenance and tests and were put back on the buoy at the end of the diving. Divers also put neoprene caps on the HS4 and on the transmissometers for acquiring dark measurements. In

parallel to diving operations, solar panels, sensors and ARGOS and CISCO connectors on the top of the buoy were cleaned. Then, 6 C-OPS profiles, 2 CTD cast with water sampling and 1 Secchi disk were performed.

## Thursday 15 September 2011

The last day, the sea was smooth with a light breeze, a blue sky and a good visibility. When on site, 2 CTD cast with water sampling, 7 C-OPS profiles and 1 Secchi disk were performed.

## Cruise Report

### Tuesday 13 September 2011 (UTC)

People on board: Frédéric Bailleul, Emilie Diamond and Vincent Taillandier.

- 0510 Departure from the Nice harbour.
- 0830 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.
- 0830 C-OPS 01, 02, 03.
- 0925 CTD 01: no AC9 connection because of a wrong configuration.
- 0955 CTD 01, 400 m with water sampling at 200, 150, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 m for HPLC,  $a_p$  and TSM.
- 1045 Filtrations.
- 1115 CISCO connection with the buoy and data retrieval.
- 1135 Secchi disk 01 (25 m).
- 1140 C-OPS 04, 05, 06.
- 1230 Departure to the first transect station.
- 1300 CTD 02, 400 m, station 01 ( $43^{\circ}25'N$   $07^{\circ}48'E$ ).
- 1400 CTD 03, 400 m, station 02 ( $43^{\circ}28'N$   $07^{\circ}42'E$ ).
- 1455 CTD 04, 400 m, station 03 ( $43^{\circ}31'N$   $07^{\circ}37'E$ ).
- 1550 CTD 05, 400 m, station 04 ( $43^{\circ}34'N$   $07^{\circ}31'E$ ).
- 1645 CTD 06, 400 m, station 05 ( $43^{\circ}37'N$   $07^{\circ}25'E$ ).
- 1735 CTD 07, 400 m, station 06 ( $43^{\circ}39'N$   $07^{\circ}21'E$ ).
- 1805 Departure to the Nice harbour.
- 1835 Arrival at the Nice harbour.

### Wednesday 14 September 2011 (UTC)

People on board: Frédéric Bailleul, Emilie Diamond, Vincent Taillandier and 3 divers.

- 0505 Departure from the Nice harbour.
- 0815 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.
- 0820 Diving on the buoy for cleaning instruments. Underwater ARGOS beacons brought back up to the dinghy for maintenance and tests and put back on the buoy at the end of the diving. Dark HS4 and transmissometers measurements at 09:00, 09:15, 09:30 and 09:45.
- 0845 Cleaning of solar panels, sensors and ARGOS and CISCO connectors on the head of the buoy.
- 1000 C-OPS 07, 08, 09.
- 1100 CTD 08, 400 m with water sampling at 200, 150, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 m for HPLC and  $a_p$ .
- 1200 C-OPS 10, 11, 12.
- 1250 CTD 09, 400 m with water sampling at 400, 200, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 m for TSM and CDOM.
- 1305 Secchi disk 02 (28 m).
- 1320 Departure to the Nice harbour.
- 1630 Arrival at the Nice harbour.

### Thursday 15 September 2011 (UTC)

People on board: Frédéric Bailleul, Emilie Diamond, Mustapha Ouhssain and Vincent Taillandier.

- 0435 Departure from the Nice harbour.
- 0750 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.
- 0755 CTD 10, 400 m with water sampling at 45 m for HPLC tests.
- 0840 C-OPS 13, 14: incomplete because of clouds.

0915 Secchi disk 03 (25 m).  
 0925 C-OPS 15, 16, 17.  
 1010 C-OPS 18, 19, 20.  
 1100 CTD 11, 400 m with water sampling at 45 and 5 m for HPLC tests.  
 1135 Departure to the Villefranche Bay.  
 1435 Dinghy unloading in the Villefranche Bay.  
 1500 Arrival at the Nice harbour.

## Problems identified during the cruise

- On the carrousel, the bottle #2 lock system did not work so the AC9 was at this place (position #2) instead of position #12.
- The configuration of the AC9 was not good (changed during the last data retrieval) so it was changed just before the first CTD cast.
- During this cruise, data from the CDOM fluorometer were apparently corrupted in the down casts except for CTD 06 and CTD 07.

## Calculated Swath paths for the MERIS Sensor (Esov NG Software)

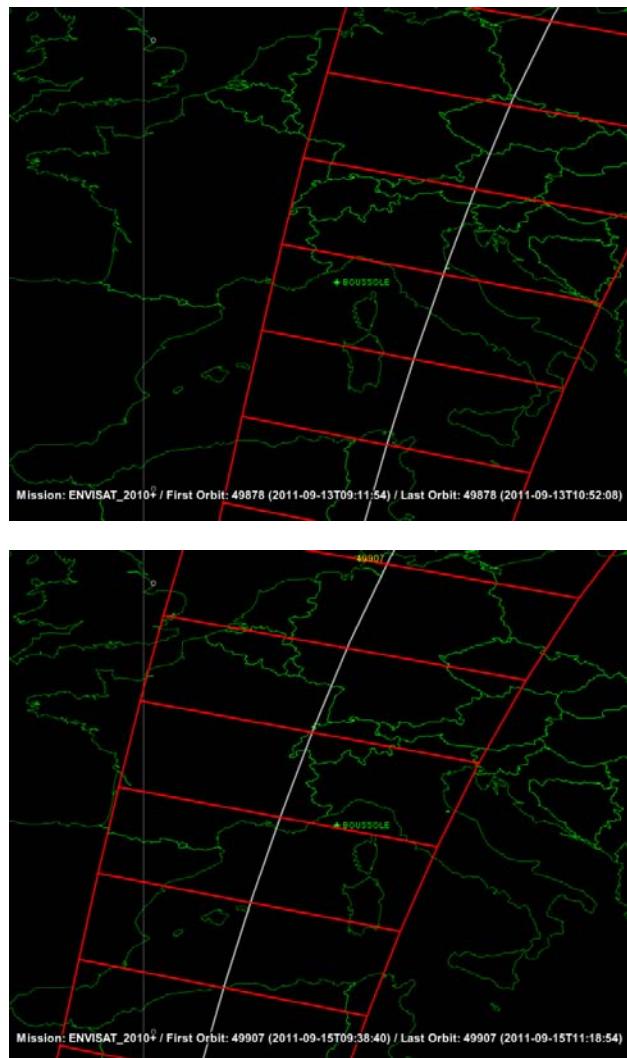


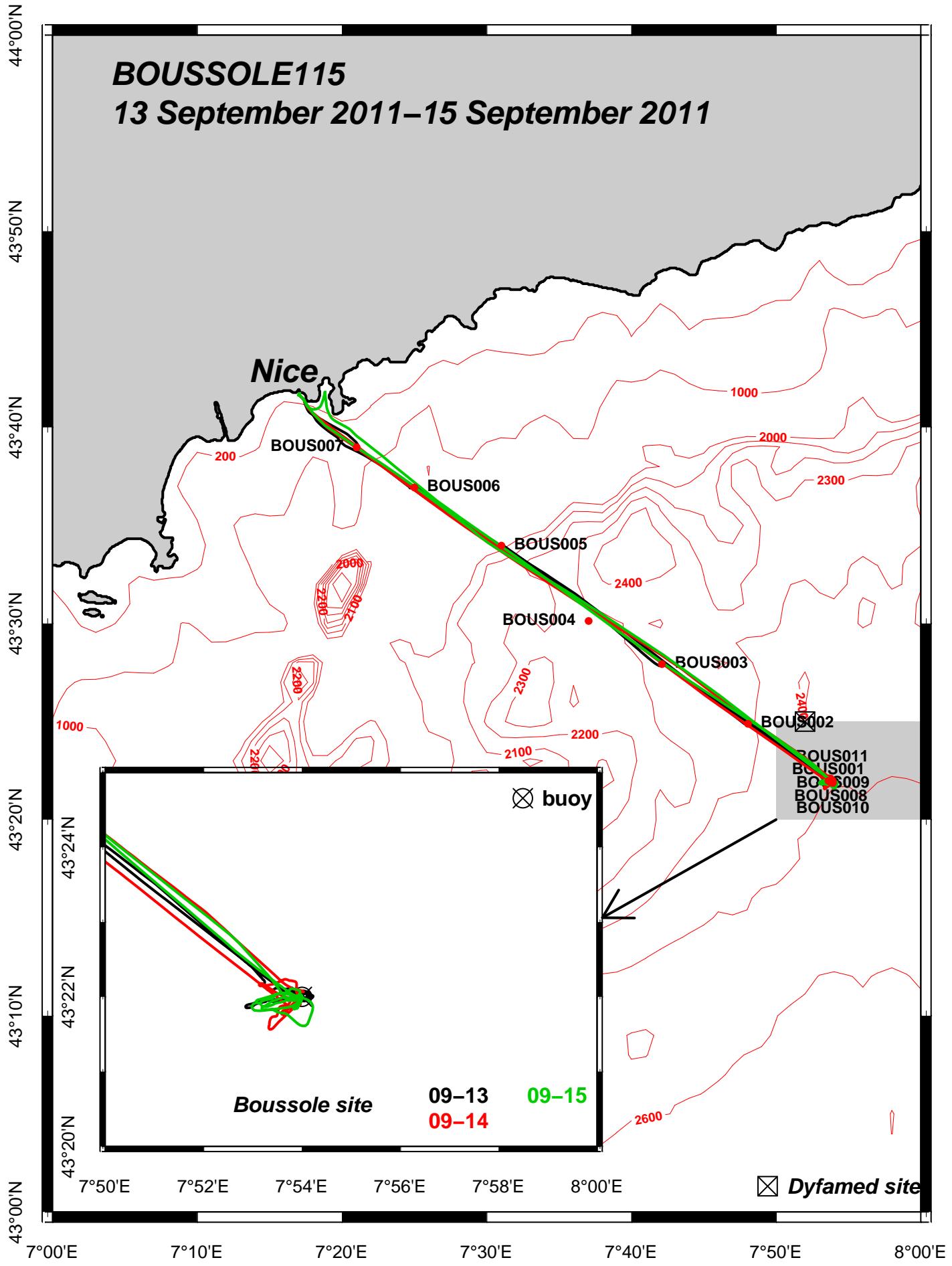
Figure 1. Calculated swath path for MERIS (Esov NG software) above the BOUSSOLE site for the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2011.

## **Appendices**

Cruise Summary Table for Boussole 115

Date	Black names (file ext: ".raw")	Profile names (file extension: ".raw")	CTD notées / satellite overpass	Other sensors	Start Time	Duration	Depth max	Latitude (N)	longitude	Sky	Clouds	Quantity (#/8)	Weather	Wind sp. (kn)	Wind dir.	Atm. Pressure (hPa)	Humidity (%)	Visibility	T air	T water	Sea	Sea	Swell H (m)	Swell dir.	Whitecaps
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bou_c-ops_110913_0828_003_data.csv					8:39	5:07	100.5	43	22.028	7	53.500	blue	None	0	3	110	1016.1	81	good	23.8		calm	0.3	no	
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bou_c-ops_110913_0828_005_data.csv					09:05	3:56	79.2	43	21.880	7	53.009	blue	None	0	3	110	1016.1	81	good	23.8		calm	0.3	no	
bou_c-ops_110913_0828_006_data.csv					09:20	1:18																			
			CTDBOUS001	HPLC, Ap & TSM	09:59	31:00	400	43	21.979	7	53.62	blue		0	4	112	1016	73		25.3	23.3	calm		no	
			Secchi01		11:35	4:00	25	43	22	7	54	blue		0					good			calm		no	
bou_c-ops_110913_1144_001_data.csv					11:45	1:11																			
bou_c-ops_110913_1144_002_data.csv					11:52	3:43	72.7	43	22.071	7	53.820	blue	None	0	3	143	1015.3	75	good	24.6		calm	0.3	no	
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			CTDBOUS005		15:54	22:00	400	43	33.970	7	31.020	blue		1	4	30	1014	61		25.4	24.8	calm		no	
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			CTDBOUS007		17:40	22:00	400	43	38.950	7	21.020	blue		2	5	150	1014	74		25.0	25.4	calm		no	
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			CTDBOUS009	TSM & CDOM	12:55	26:00	400	43	21.929	7	53.928	blue		2	4	66	1015	75		23.5	24.3	calm		no	
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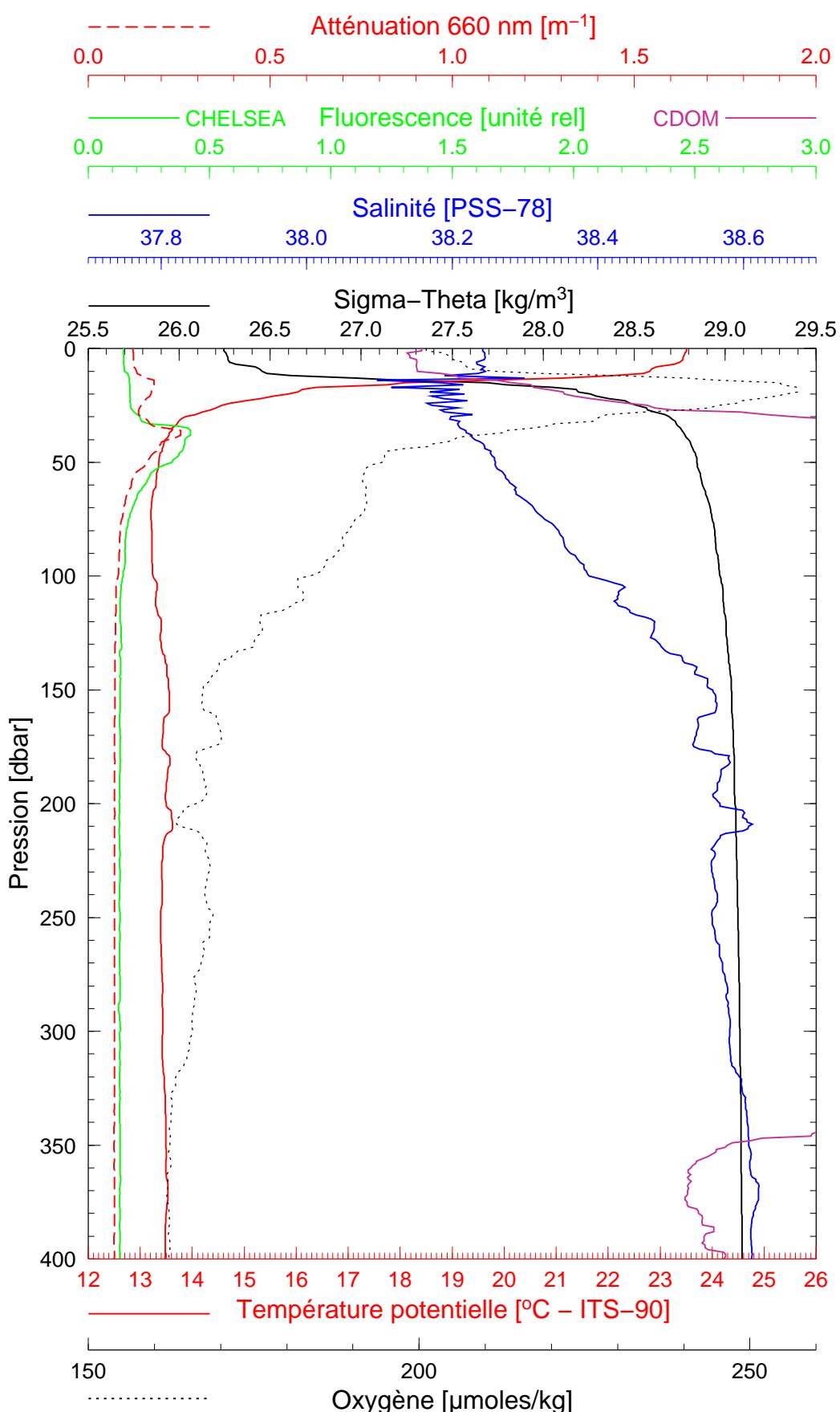


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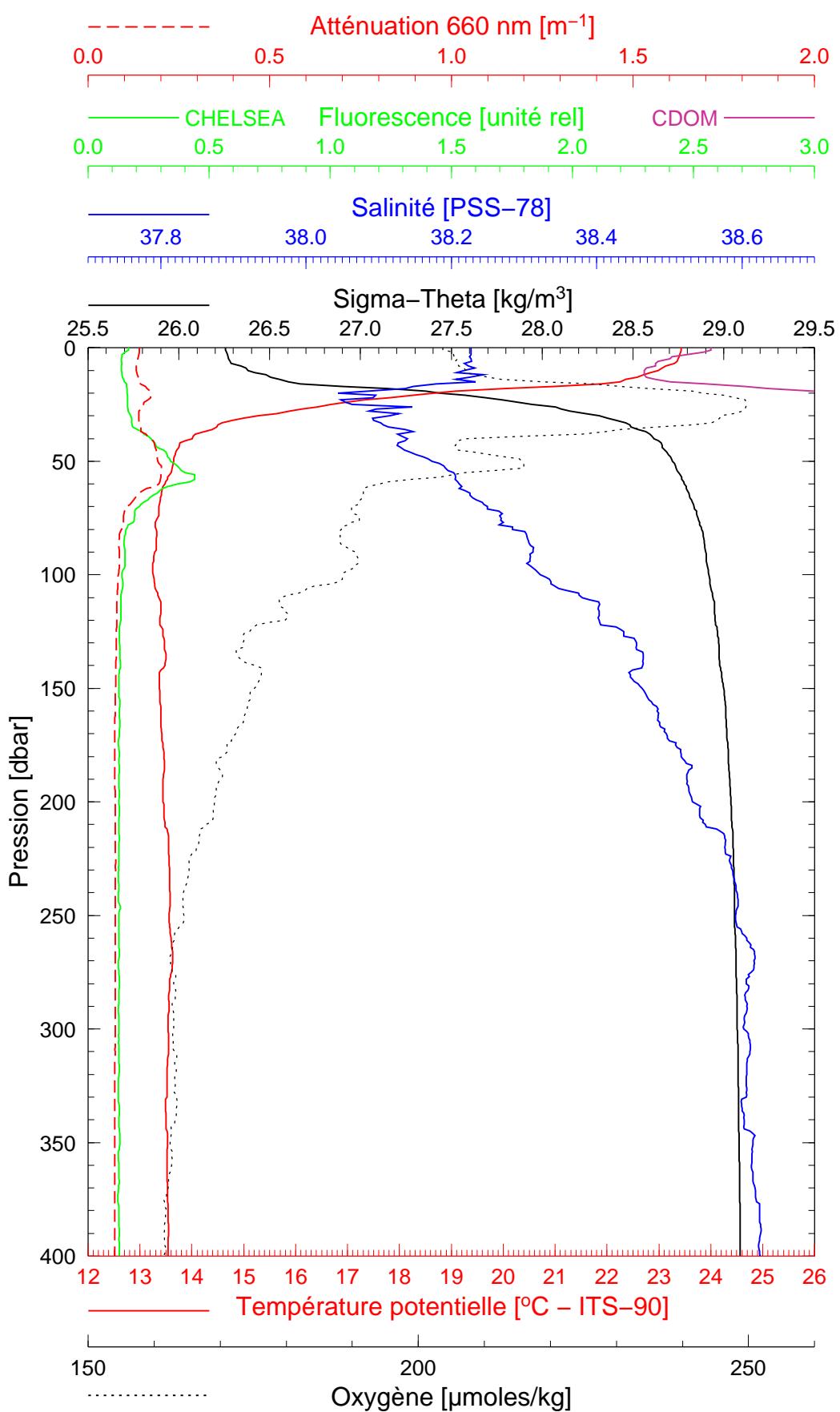
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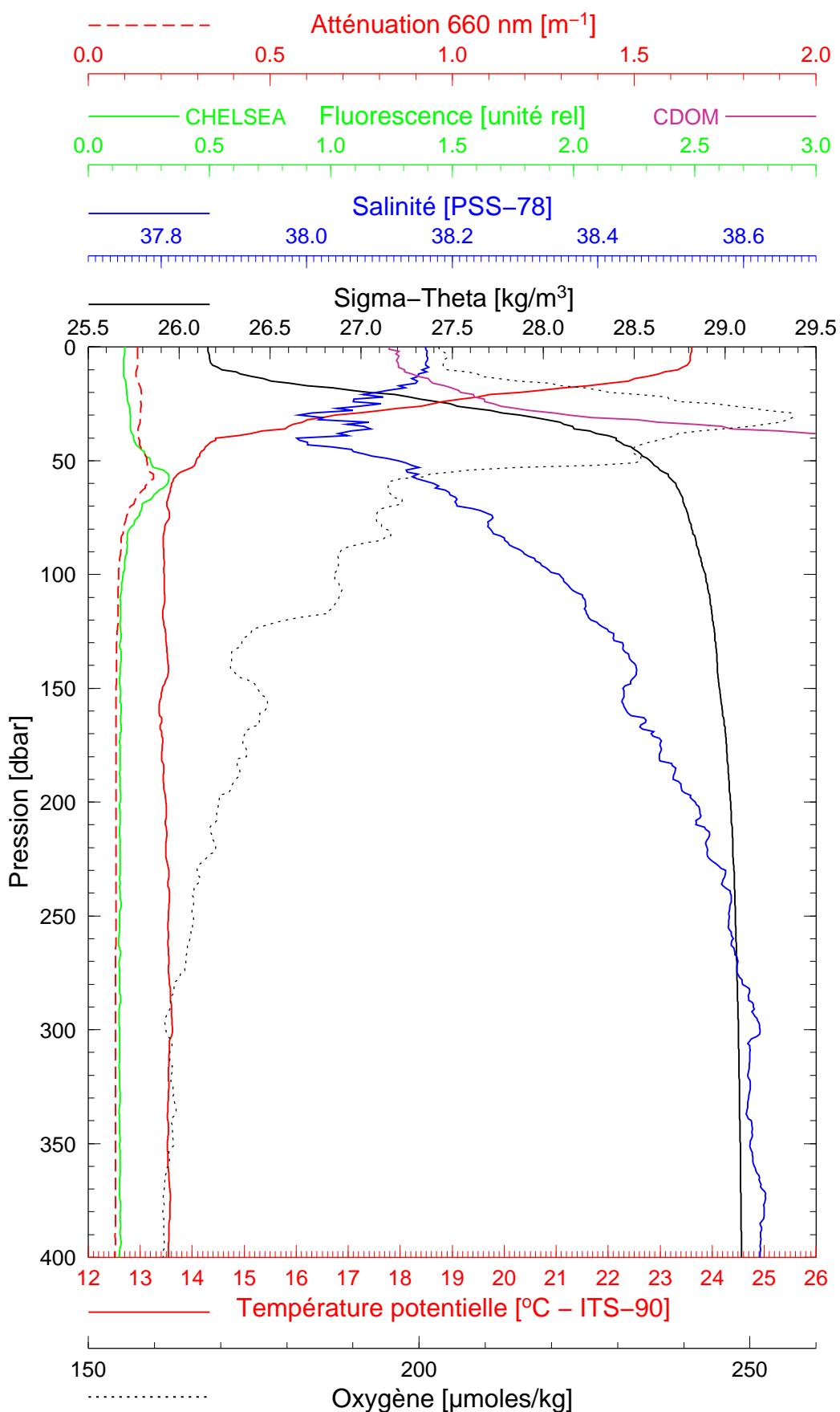
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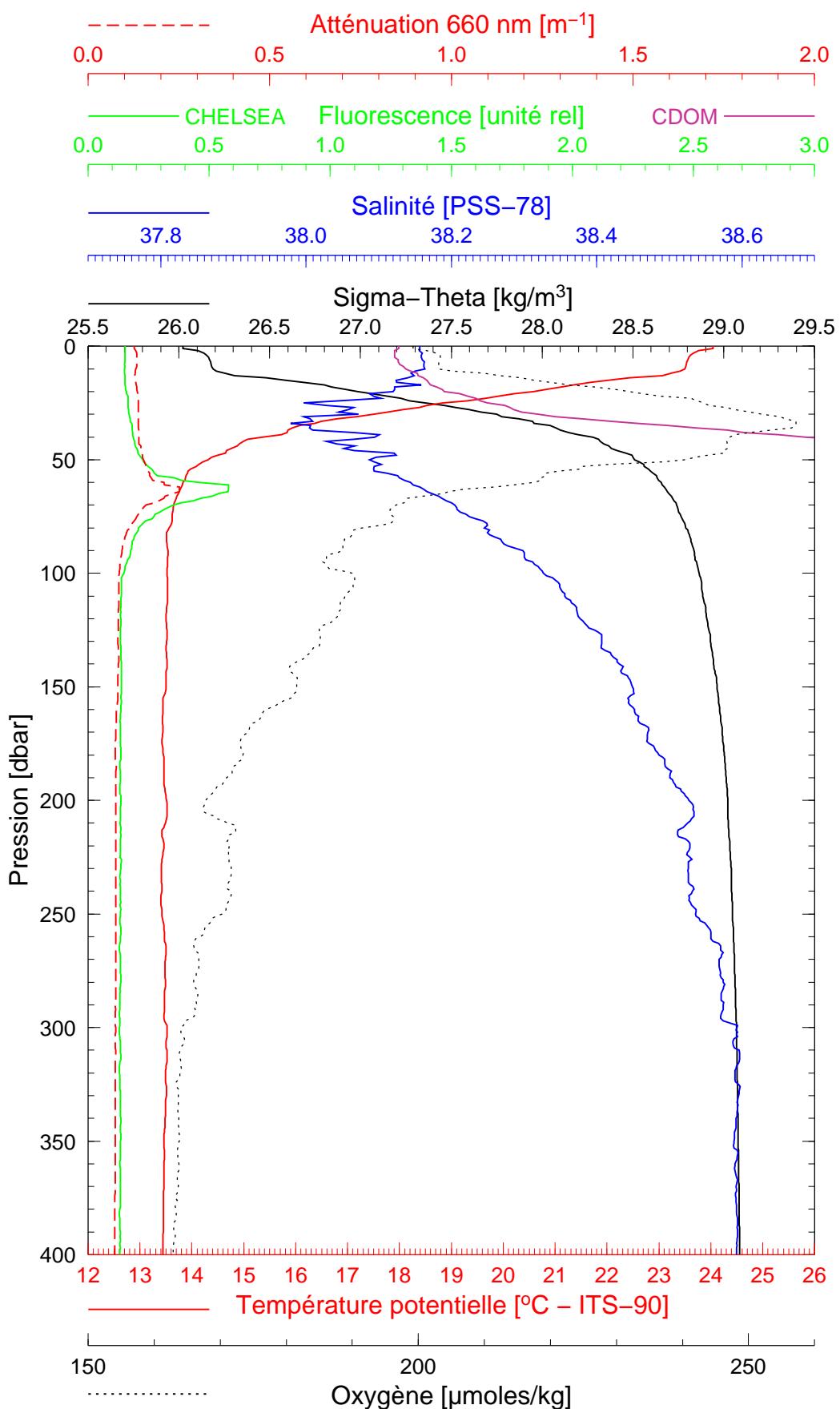
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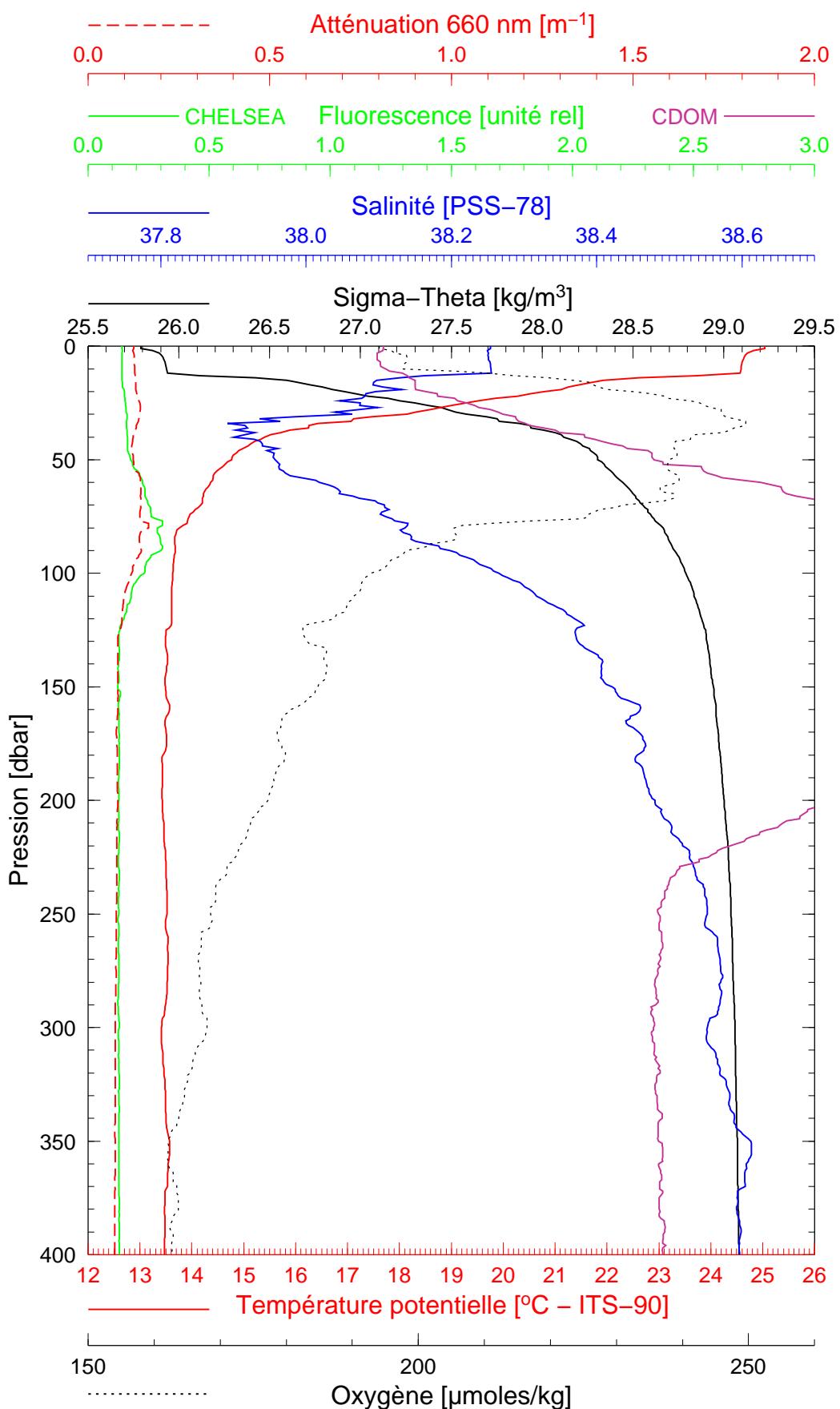
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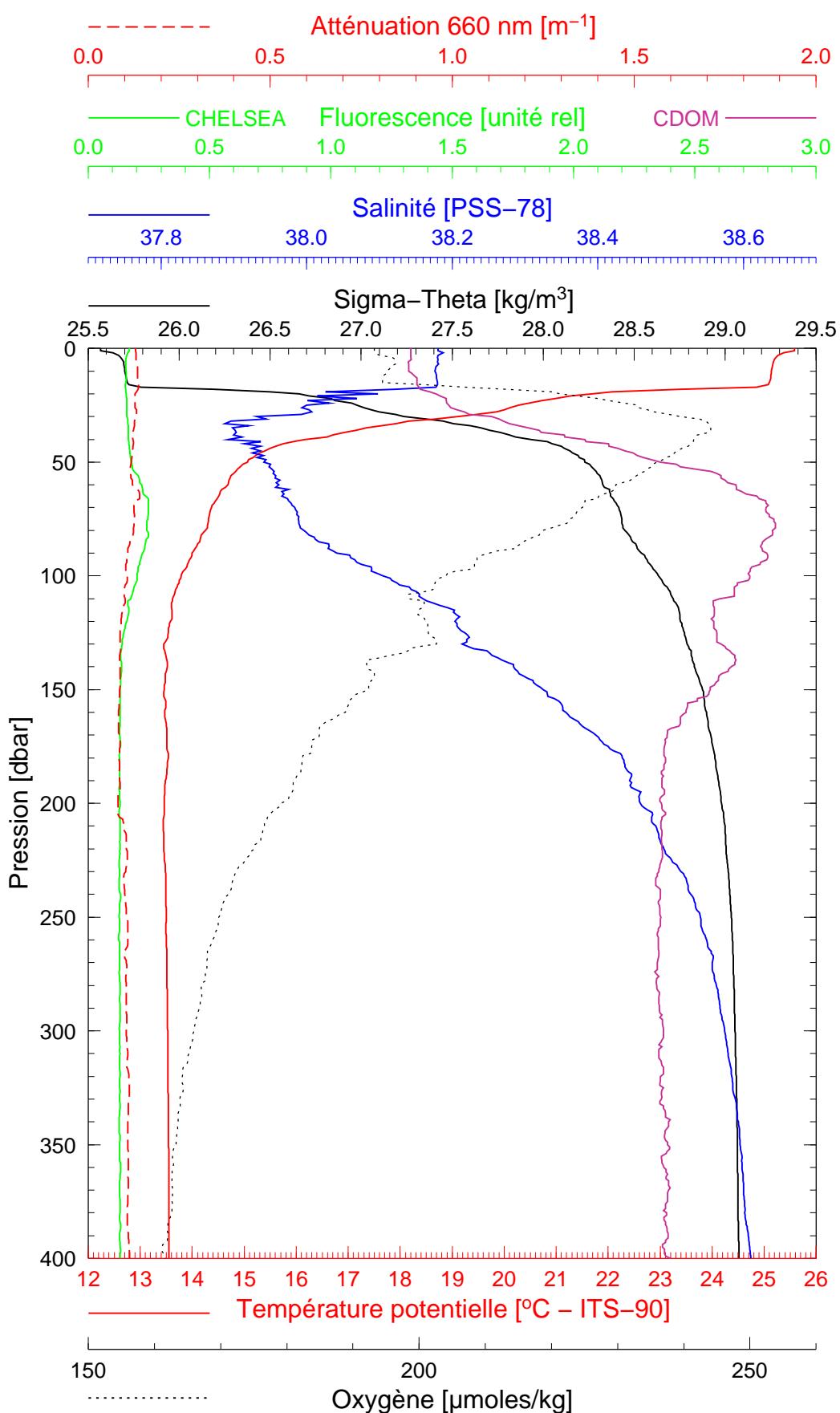
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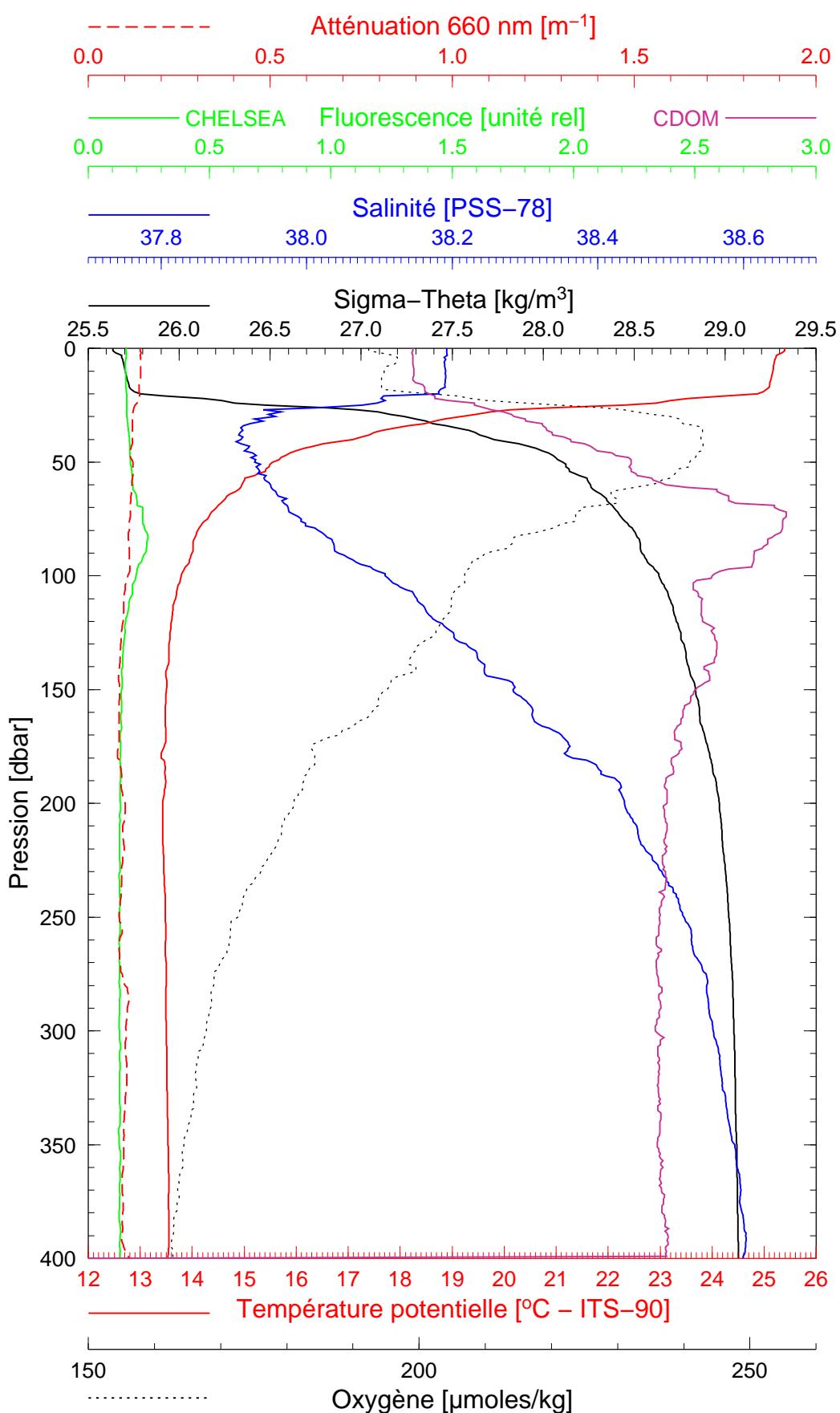
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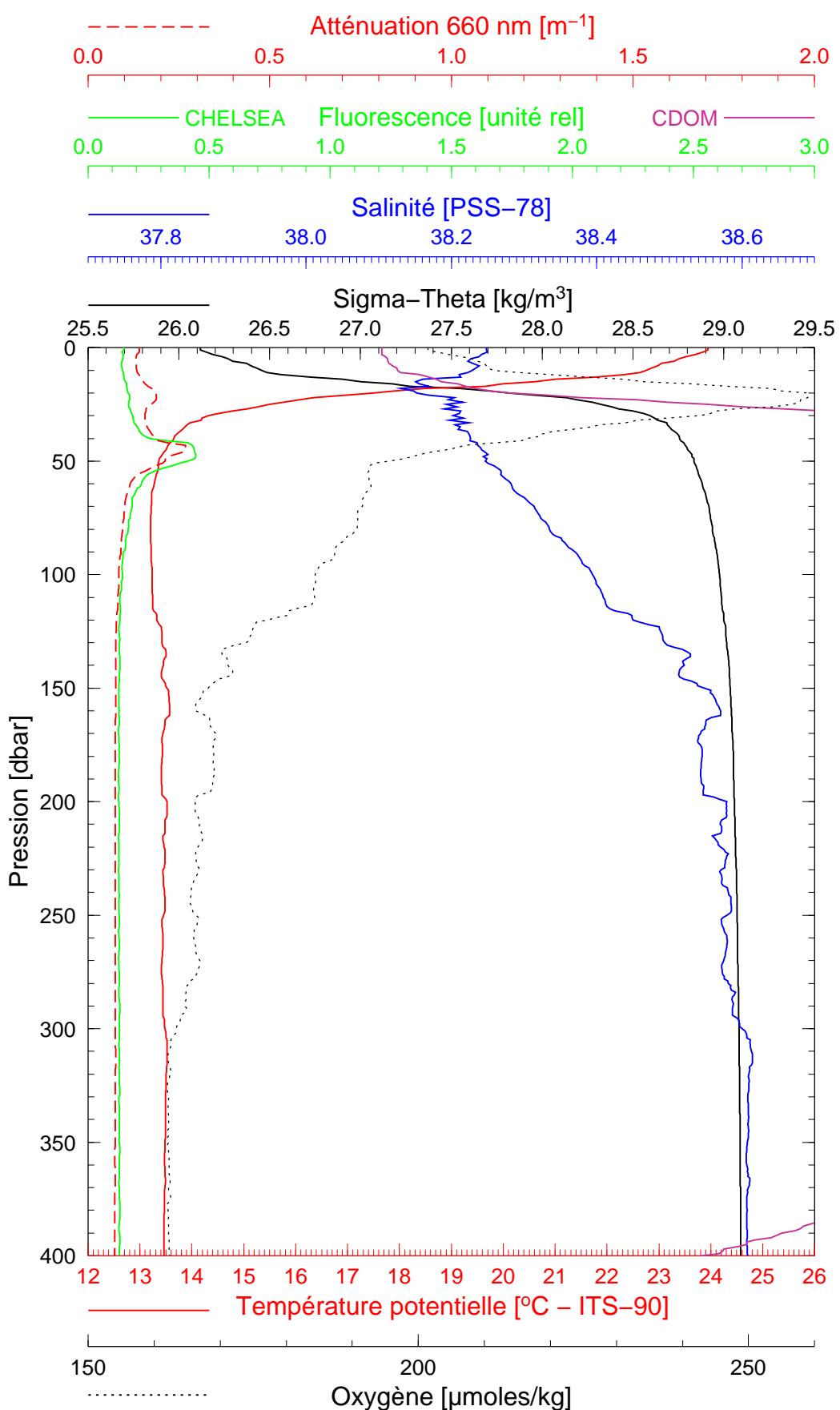
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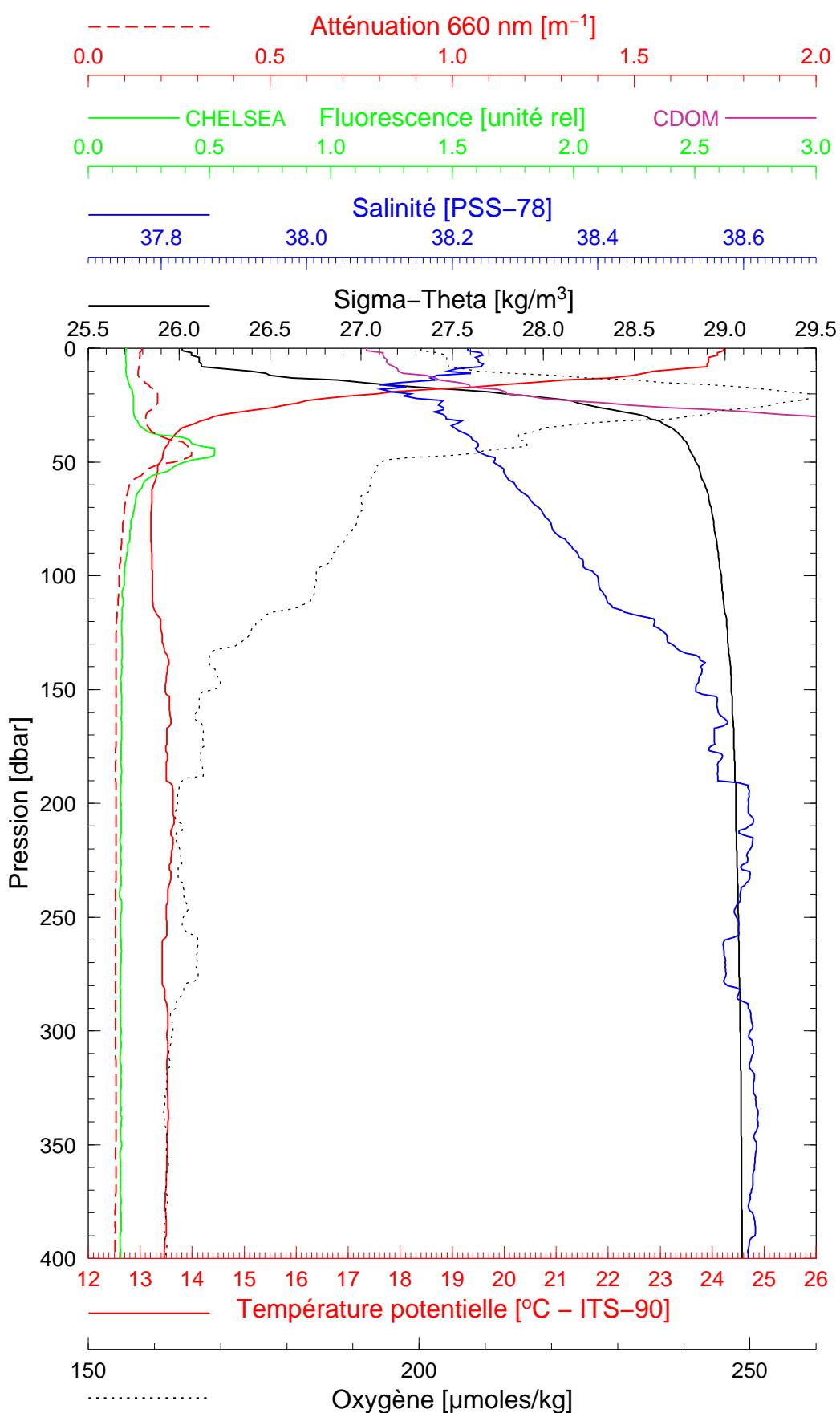
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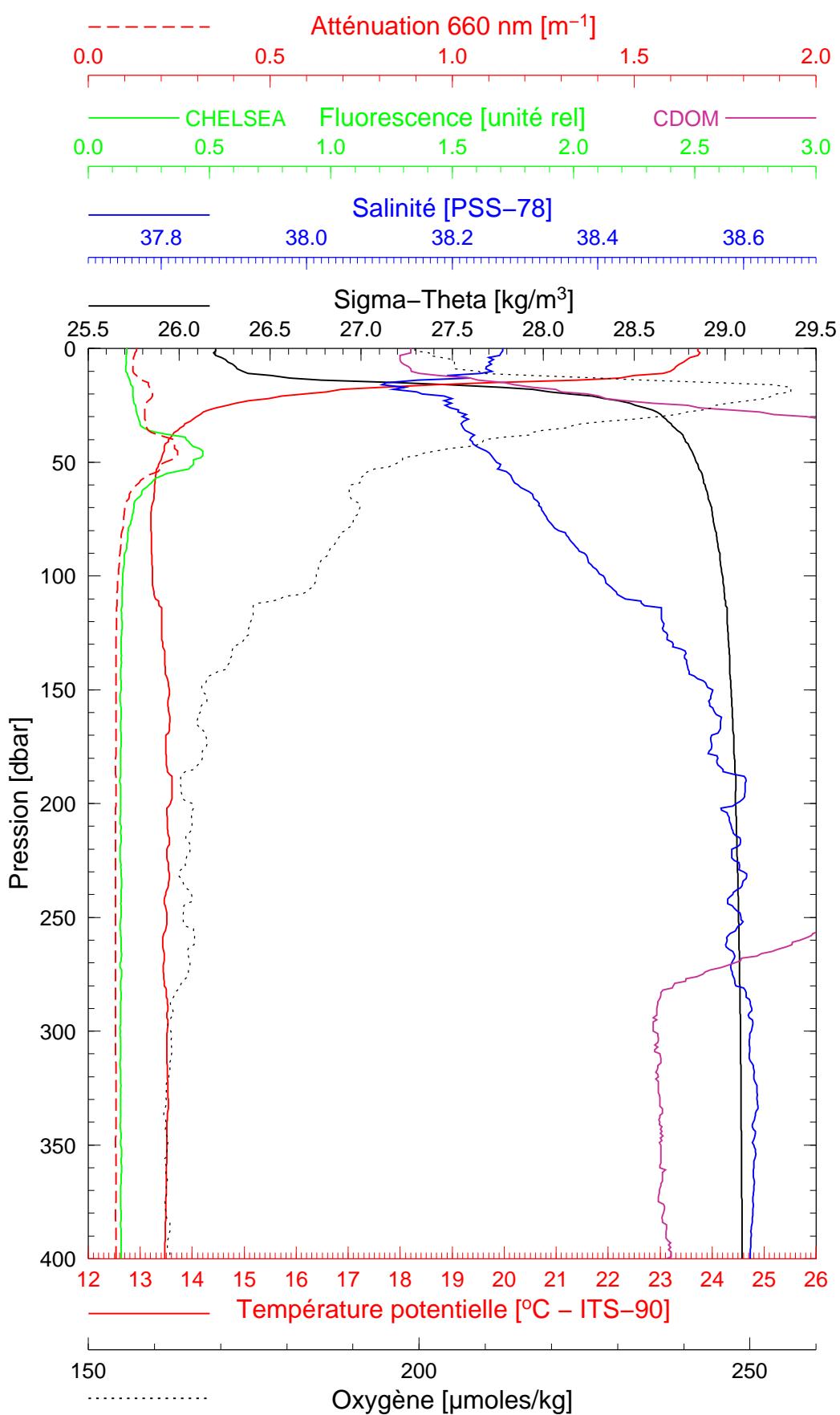
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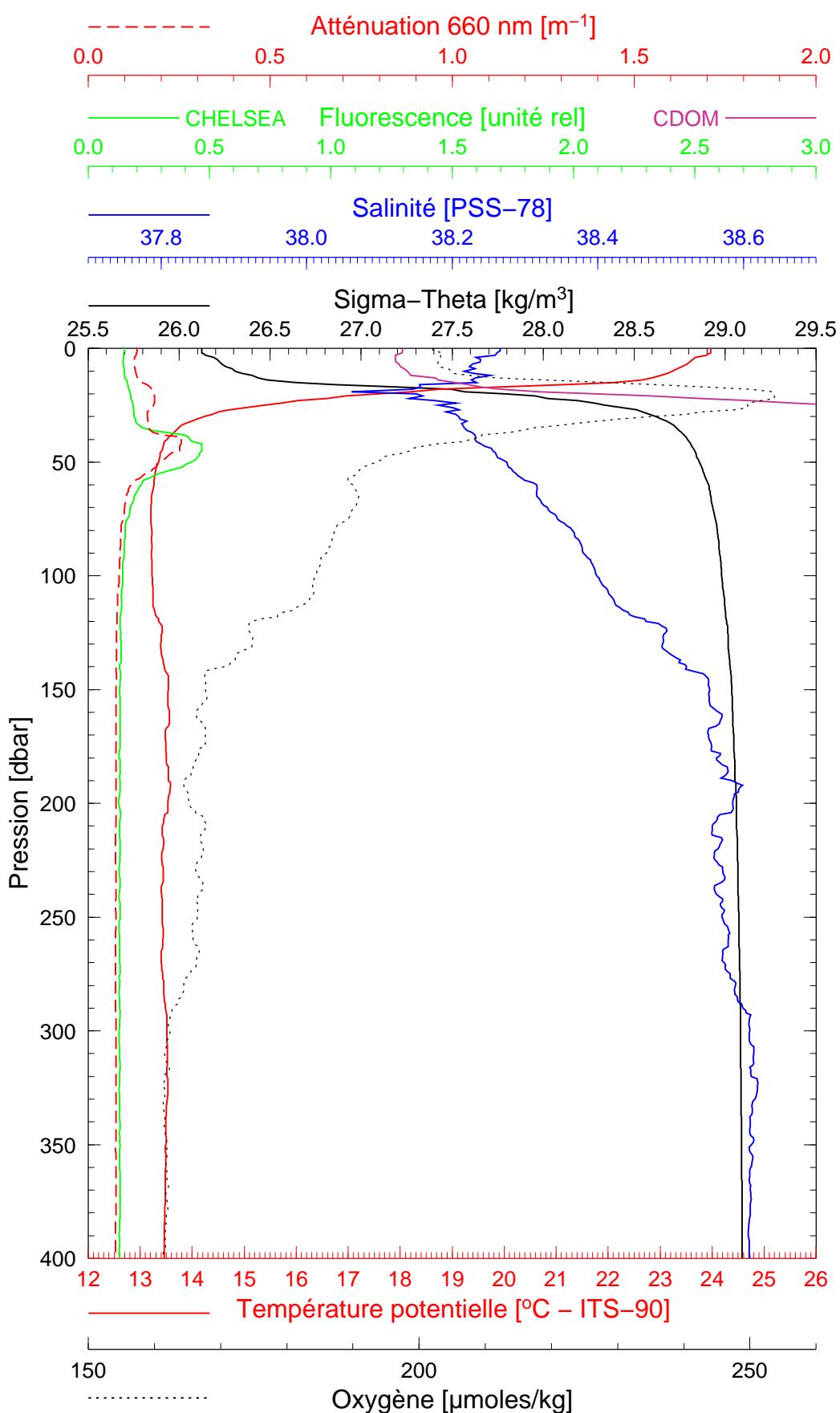
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