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BOUSSOLE Monthly Cruise Report

Cruise 145

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GG9 vessel at BOUSSOLE site for the deployment of the upper section of the buoy.

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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 performed at the BOUSSOLE site 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 the 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. The CTD package also includes a Chl fluorometer. Additional instrumentation for measurement of inherent optical properties has been added from December 2011. The package includes a hyperspectral absorption meter (Hobilabs a-sphere), a multispectral backscattering meter (Hobilabs Hydrosat-6) and a multispectral beam transmissometer (Hobilabs Gamma-4). Seawater samples are to be collected, filtered and stored into liquid nitrogen for subsequent HPLC pigment and particle absorption spectrophotometric filter analysis in the lab. Three replicates samples are to be collected at surface for total suspended matter weighting in the lab.

Operations that have to be performed in each cruise include:

- Collection and filtration of seawater samples for colored dissolved organic matter (from June 2005).
- One CTD transect is performed between the BOUSSOLE site and the Port of Nice. This transect consists of six fixed stations on-route from BOUSSOLE (see map in appendix). Whenever feasible, this transect should be performed at a similar time for each cruise, in order to minimise the influence of possible diurnal variability.
- Divers check the underwater state of the buoy structure and instrumentation, take pictures for archiving, clean the sensor optical surfaces, and then take again some pictures after cleaning. Divers also put a neoprene cap on the backscattering meter and on the transmissometers for acquiring dark measurements (started in April 2009).

Further details about these operations and the data collection and processing 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

Additional operations

The deployment of the upper section of the buoy occurred during this cruise. In order to prepare this deployment, the divers recovered the CTD plus optode and the pCO₂ CARIOCA sensor located at 3m. The CTD plus optode will be installed on the new buoy during the deployment at the same location. The pCO₂ sensor will be replaced by another sensor at the laboratory. The telemetry cable (fixed on the top of the buoy) of the pCO₂ CARIOCA sensor located at 10m was removed. The divers winded and fixed this cable under the upper section of the buoy.

The METEO FRANCE - COTE D'AZUR buoy (Latitude: 43.38, Longitude: 7.83) give us meteorological data in real time next to the BOUSSOLE Site. These data were useful for the BOUSSOLE cruises. The buoy did not work since December 2013, however. So we took advantage of the last day to do maintenance on this buoy. We rebooted the meteo buoy by disconnecting, cleaning and reconnecting the four solar panels.

The last day, water samples were also collected for total alkalinity (AT) and total inorganic carbon (CT) analysis. This operation is part of the BIOCAREX ANR project, in collaboration with the LOCEAN in Paris (J. Boutin and collaborators). The two pCO₂ CARIOCA sensors located at 3m and at 10m gave data with an unexpected difference. It is possible that one of the sensors doesn't work correctly. So, from this cruise, it was decided to start water sampling for AT/CT analysis, 1 time per cruise at two depths: 5m and 10m. The samples will be sent to the SNAPOCO – LOCEAN Paris for analysis. The results could help us checking the data collected by the two sensors.

Cruise Summary

The first day was used for 2 CTD casts with water sampling at the BOUSSOLE site, optical profiles and 1 Secchi disk. The second day was used for diving operations: cleaning of buoy sensors, performing dark measurements, recovering the CTD plus optode and the pCO₂ sensor located at 3m. The telemetry cable of the pCO₂ sensor at 10m was removed and fixed under the upper structure of the buoy. This day, data were retrieved from a physical connection to the buoy computer, via the cable available on top of the buoy. Then, 1 CTD cast with water sampling, CIMEL measurements, optical profiles and 1 Secchi disk were performed at the BOUSSOLE site. The third day was used to perform 1 CTD cast with water sampling at the BOUSSOLE site, optical profiles and the CTD transect. This day was also the day of the deployment of the new upper section of the buoy.

The last day was used to perform maintenance on the METEO FRANCE - COTE D'AZUR buoy, 1 CTD cast with water sampling at the BOUSSOLE site, optical profiles and 1 Secchi disk. This day, data were also retrieved from physical connection to the buoy computer in order to check the acquired data after the deployment.

Wednesday 12 March 2014

The first day, the sea state was slight with a fresh to moderate breeze. The sky was blue and the visibility was excellent. During the way up to BOUSSOLE, the sea became choppy, so it was not possible to continue installing equipment on the deck of the Téthys. Then, 2 CTD casts with water sampling, 3 C-OPS profiles and 1 Secchi disk were performed at the BOUSSOLE site.

Thursday 13 March 2014

The second day, the sea state was smooth with a light breeze. The sky was blue and the visibility was excellent. When arrived at the BOUSSOLE site, divers went at sea to clean the buoy sensors and to perform dark measurements of the backscattering meter and the transmissometers. They recovered the CTD plus optode and the pCO₂ sensor located at 3m. They removed the telemetry cable of the pCO₂ sensor at 10m and fixed it under the upper structure of the buoy. Data were retrieved from physical connection to the buoy computer. Then, 1 CTD cast with water sampling, CIMEL measurements, 3 C-OPS profiles and 1 Secchi disk were performed at the BOUSSOLE site.

Friday 14 March 2014

The third day, the sea state was smooth with a gentle breeze. The sky was cloudy and the visibility was medium. The GG9 vessel was at the BOUSSOLE site for the deployment of the new upper section of the buoy. 6 C-OPS profiles and 1 CTD cast with water sampling were performed at the BOUSSOLE site. Then, the CTD transect was performed.

Saturday 15 March 2014

The last day, the sea state was smooth with a light breeze. The sky was hazy on the morning and blue on the afternoon. The visibility was good.

Before arriving at the BOUSSOLE site, we stopped at the METEO FRANCE - COTE D'AZUR buoy to do maintenance on the buoy: the connections of the solar panels were disconnected, cleaned and the buoy was rebooted. Then, 1 CTD cast with water sampling, 1 Secchi disk and 3 C-OPS profiles were performed at the BOUSSOLE site. Data were retrieved via cable connection to the buoy computer in order to check the data acquired by the newly installed buoy.

Pictures taken during this cruise can be found at:

<https://plus.google.com/photos/114686870380724925974/albums/6005147047678593041?banner=pwa>

Data from the BOUSSOLE cruises and buoy are available at:

http://www.obs-vlfr.fr/Boussole/html/boussole_data/login_form.php

Cruise Report

Wednesday 12 March 2014 (UTC)

People on board: Marie Barbieux, Melek Golbol and Grigor Obolensky.

- 0730 Departure from the Nice harbour.
- 1050 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.
- 1100 C-OPS system installation at the deck of the Téthys.
- 1235 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.
- 1335 C-OPS 01, 02.
- 1425 CTD 02, 400 m with water sampling at 400, 200, 150, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 m for HPLC, a_p and CDOM.
- 1500 Secchi 01 (13m).
- 1510 Departure to the Nice harbour.
- 1815 Arrival at the Nice harbour.

Thursday 13 March 2014 (UTC)

People on board: Melek Golbol, Yves Lamblard, Grigor Obolensky, David Luquet and Didier Robin.

- 0600 Departure from the Nice harbour.
- 0915 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.
- 0935 Diving on the buoy for cleaning sensors, performing dark measurements and recovering of the CTD plus optode and the pCO_2 CARIOCA sensor at 3m.
- 1000 Direct connection with the buoy and data retrieval.
- 1110 CTD 03, 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.
- 1235 CIMEL 01, 02, 03.
- 1305 C-OPS 03, 04.
- 1415 Secchi disk 02 (16m).
- 1430 Departure to the Nice harbour.
- 1725 Arrival at the Nice harbour.

Friday 14 March 2014 (UTC)

People on board: Melek Golbol and Grigor Obolensky.

- 0600 Departure from the Nice harbour.
- 0920 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.
- 1000 C-OPS 05, 06.
- 1025 CTD 04, 400 m with water sampling 200, 150, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 m for HPLC, a_p and TSM.
- 1105 C-OPS 07, 08, 09.
- 1130 Departure to the first transect station.
- 1245 CTD 05, 400m, station 01 (43°25'N 07°48'E).
- 1345 CTD 06, 400m, station 02 (43°28'N 07°42'E).
- 1435 CTD 07, 400 m, station 03 (43°31'N 07°37'E).
- 1525 CTD 08, 400 m, station 04 (43°34'N 07°31'E).
- 1615 CTD 09, 400 m, station 05 (43°37'N 07°25'E).
- 1700 CTD 10, 400 m, station 06 (43°39'N 07°21'E).
- 1730 Departure to the Nice harbour.
- 1800 Arrival at the Nice harbour.

Saturday 15 March (UTC)

People on board: Melek Golbol and Grigor Obolensky.

0535 Departure from the Nice harbour.
0835 Arrival at the Buoy Cote d'Azur- Meteo France.
Maintenance on the buoy: cleaning connectors and rebooting of the system.
0915 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.
0925 CTD 11, 400 m with water sampling at 200, 150, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 m for HPLC, a_p , TSM and TA/TC.
1000 Secchi disk 013 (14.25m).
1030 Direct connection with the buoy and data retrieval.
1135 C-OPS 10, 11, 12.
1210 Departure to the Nice harbour.
1510 Arrival at the Nice harbour.

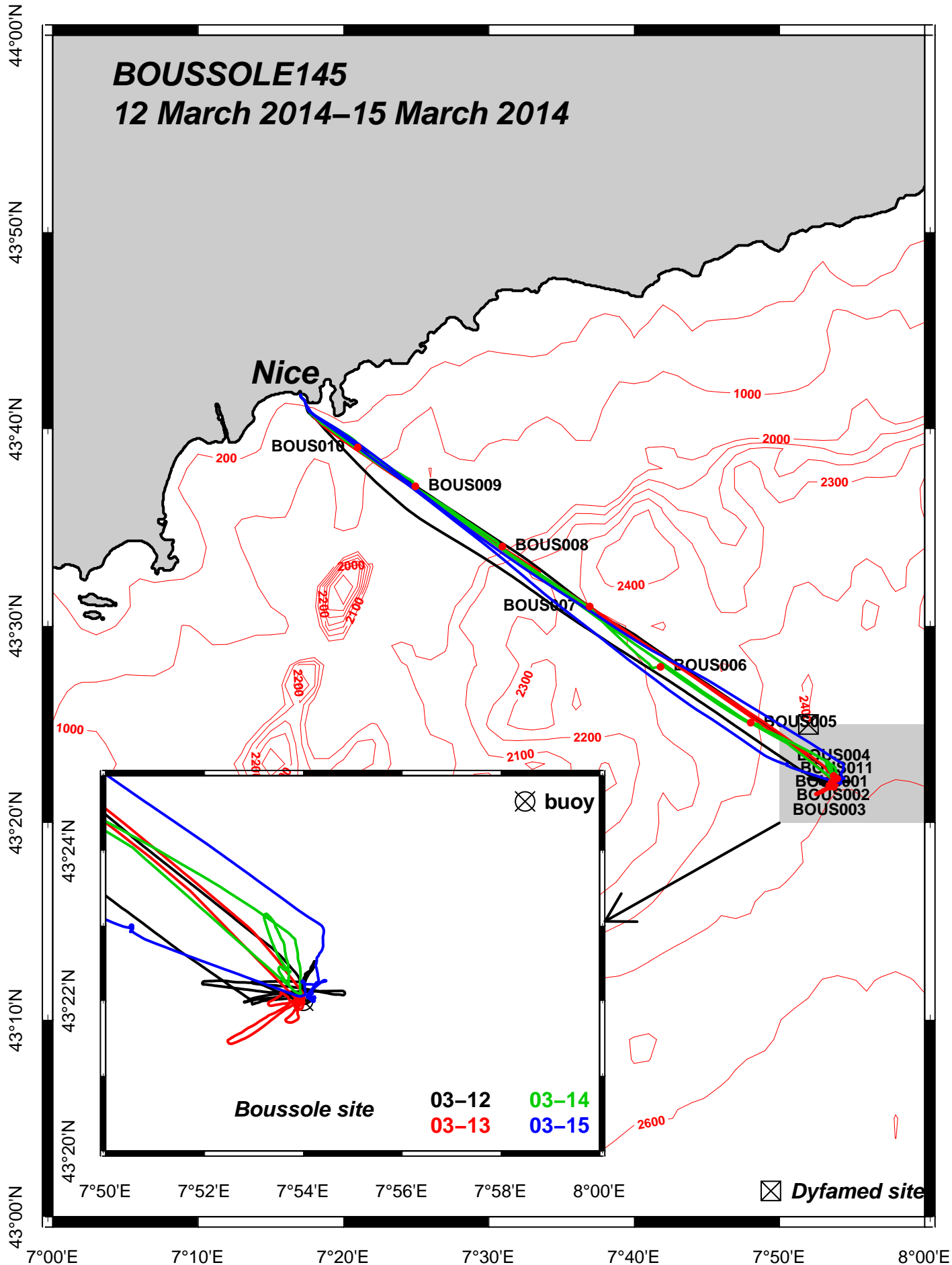
Problems identified during the cruise

- The C-OPS commonly used on the BOUSSOLE missions returned from calibration at *Biospherical* during the cruise. It was not possible to make the settings in the laboratory. So, the C-OPS used for this cruise was still the one shared among the marine optics and remote sensing group at LOV. The instrument is similar to the BOUSSOLE one, yet has a Lu sensor instead of a Eu one. The sea cable length is shorter than the one of the BOUSSOLE instrument. Therefore the optical profiles were shorter (between 25 and 40m depth). The longer BOUSSOLE cable was only used from the third day of the cruise.
- The Hobilabs Hydroscat-6 (HS-6) neoprene cap was inadvertently left on the sensor during the CTD profile 01. The cap fell during the ascent of the CTD and was consequently lost. The first IOP profile can be used as a dark record for the HS-6 measurements.
- The samples collected for the CTD 01 and CTD 02 were placed in the freezer at -20°C instead of the liquid nitrogen container, after it was realized that the container was not enough filled.

Appendices

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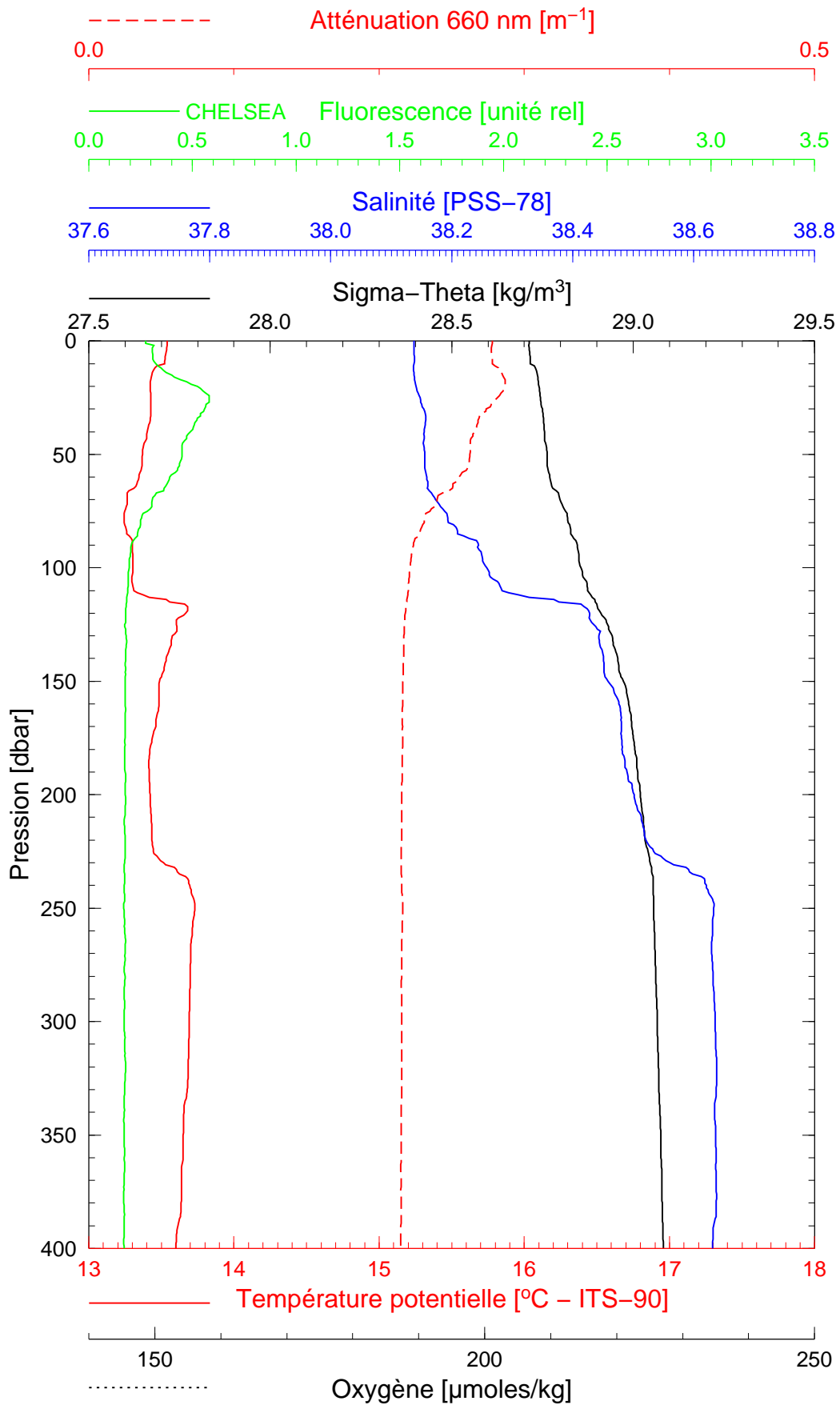


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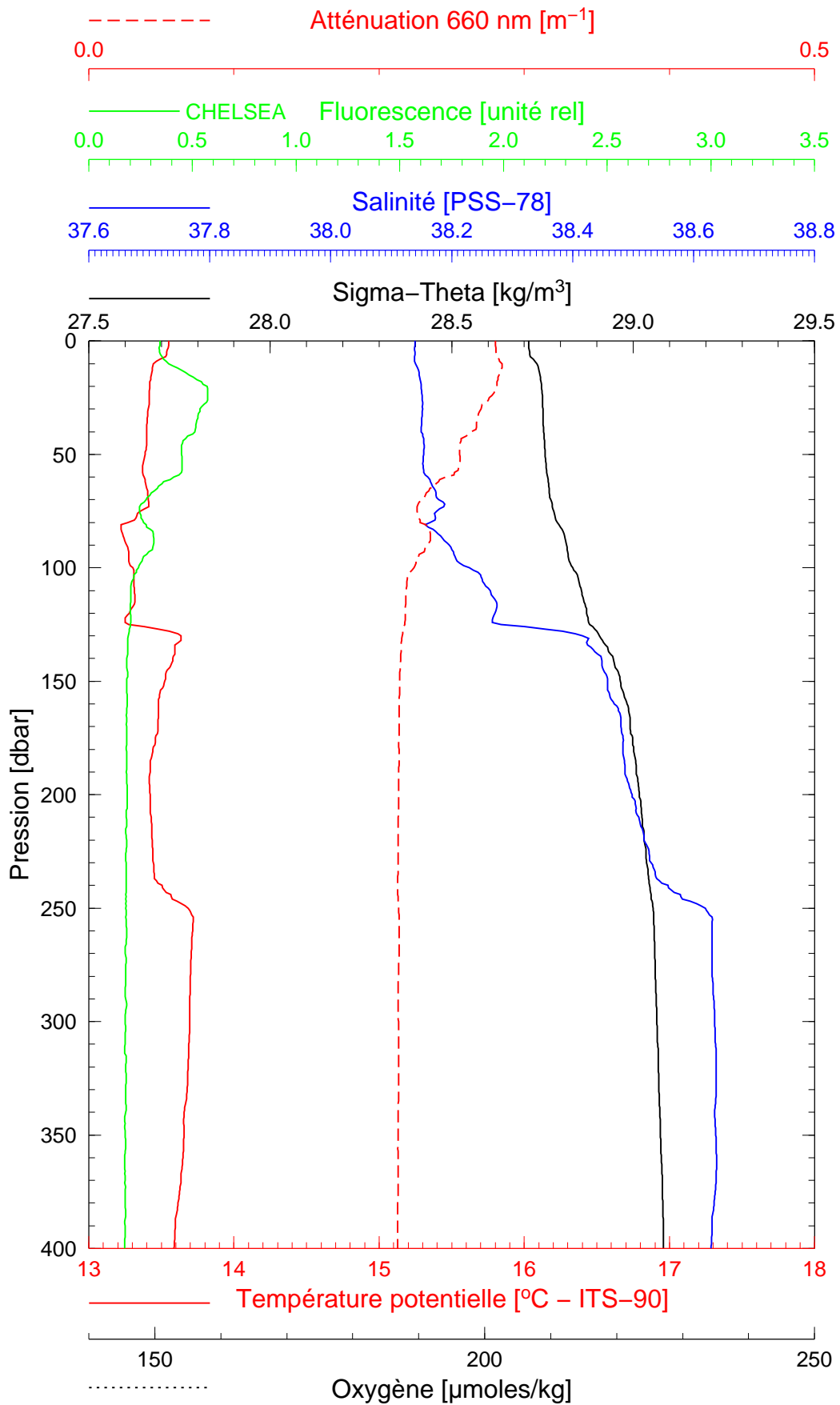
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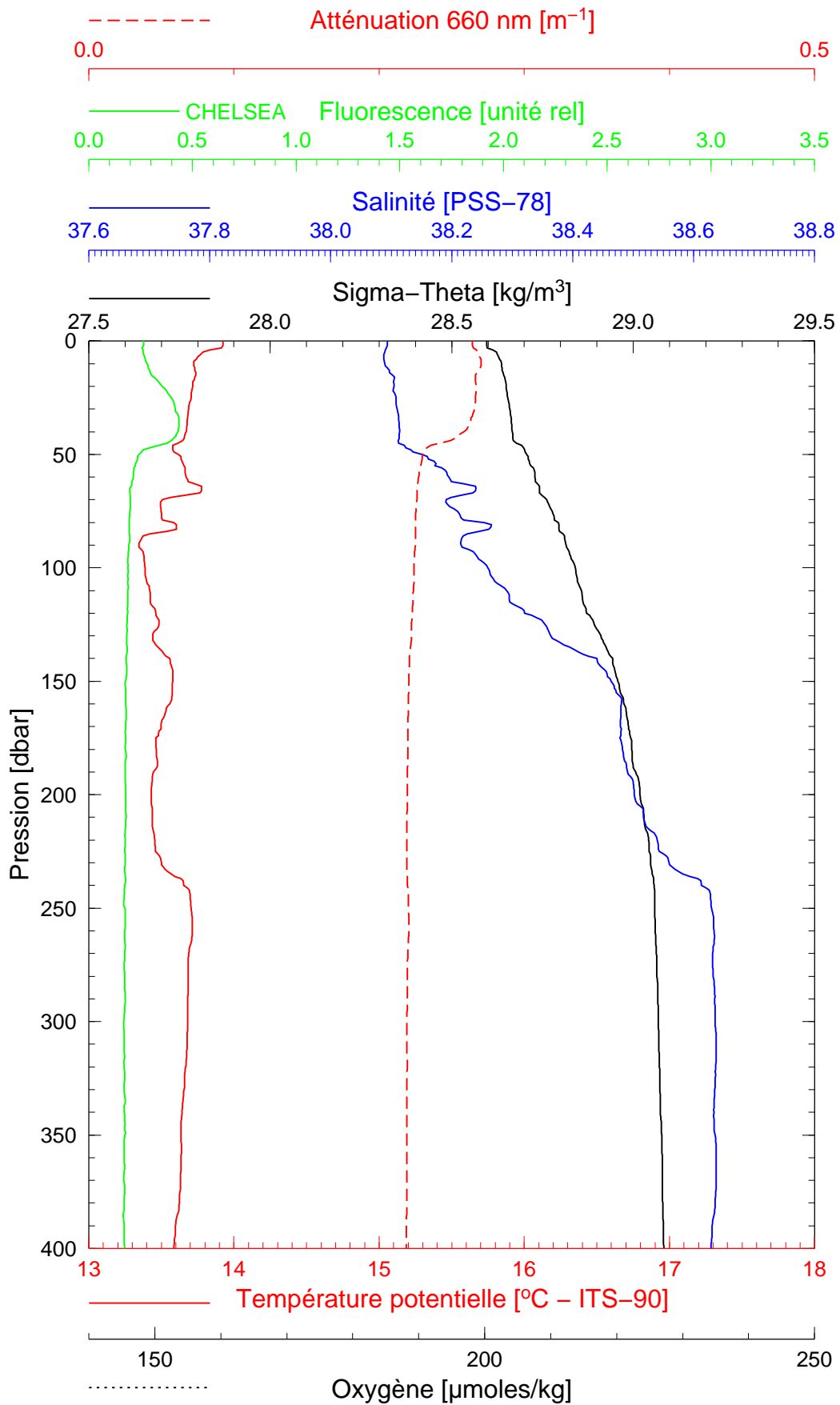
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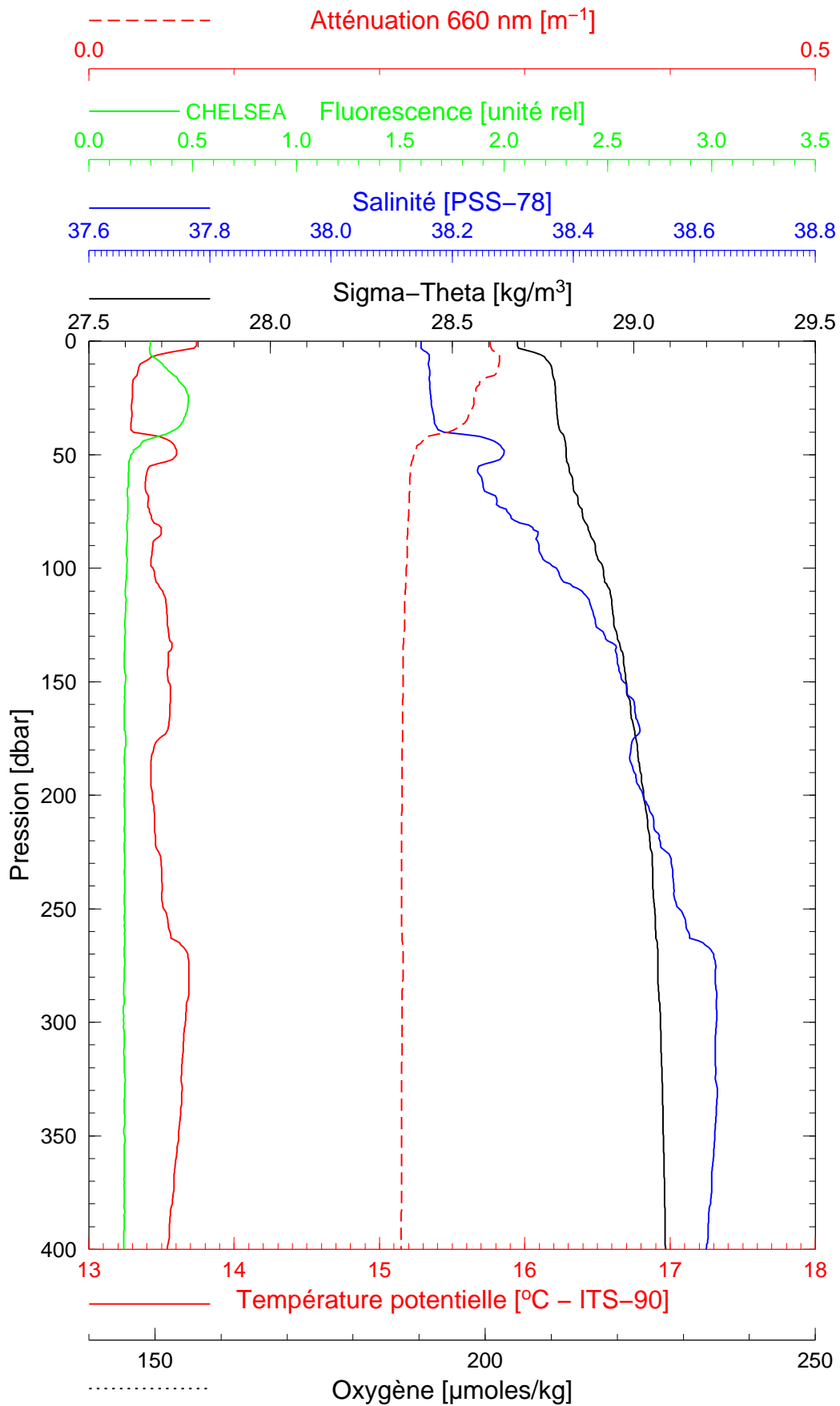
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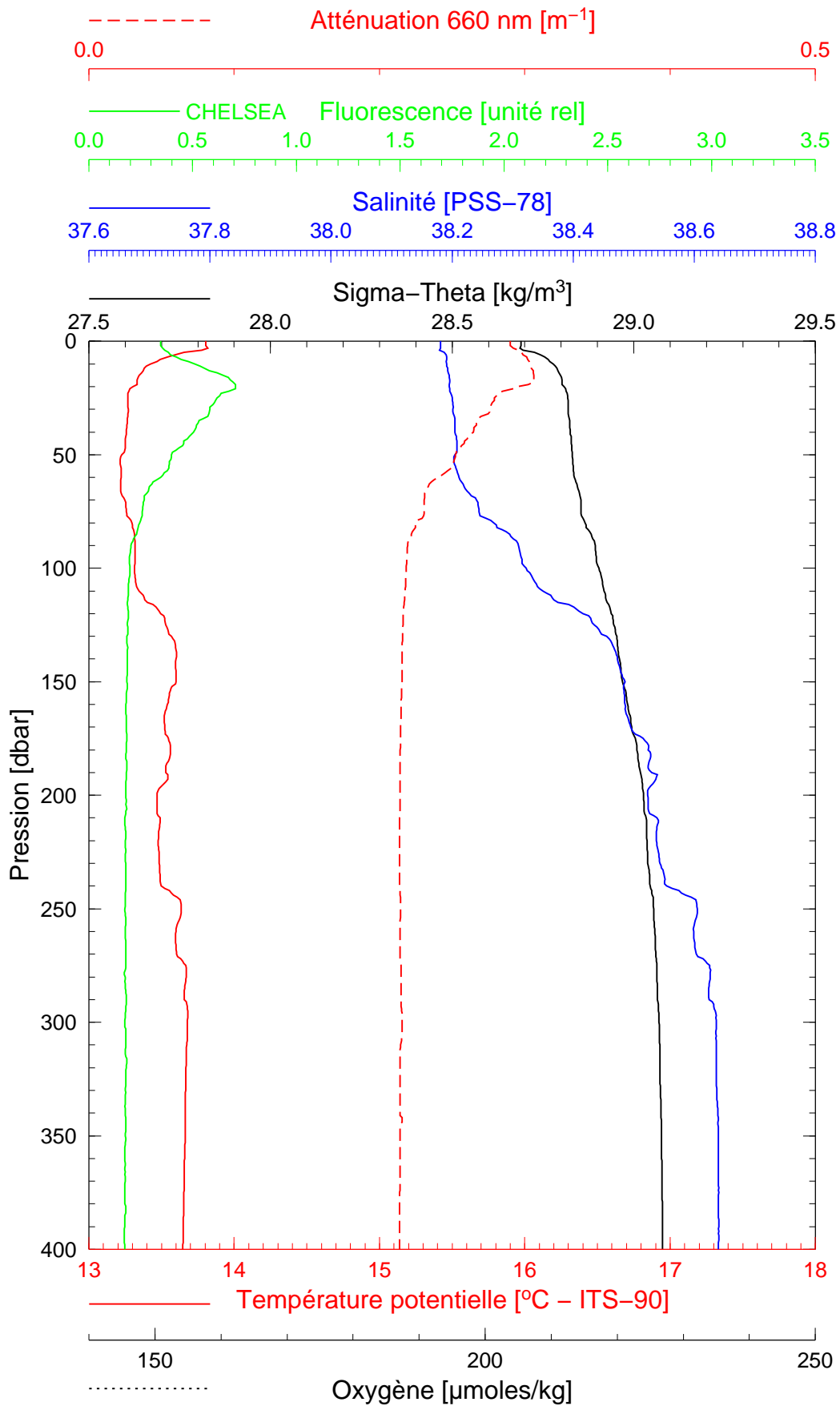
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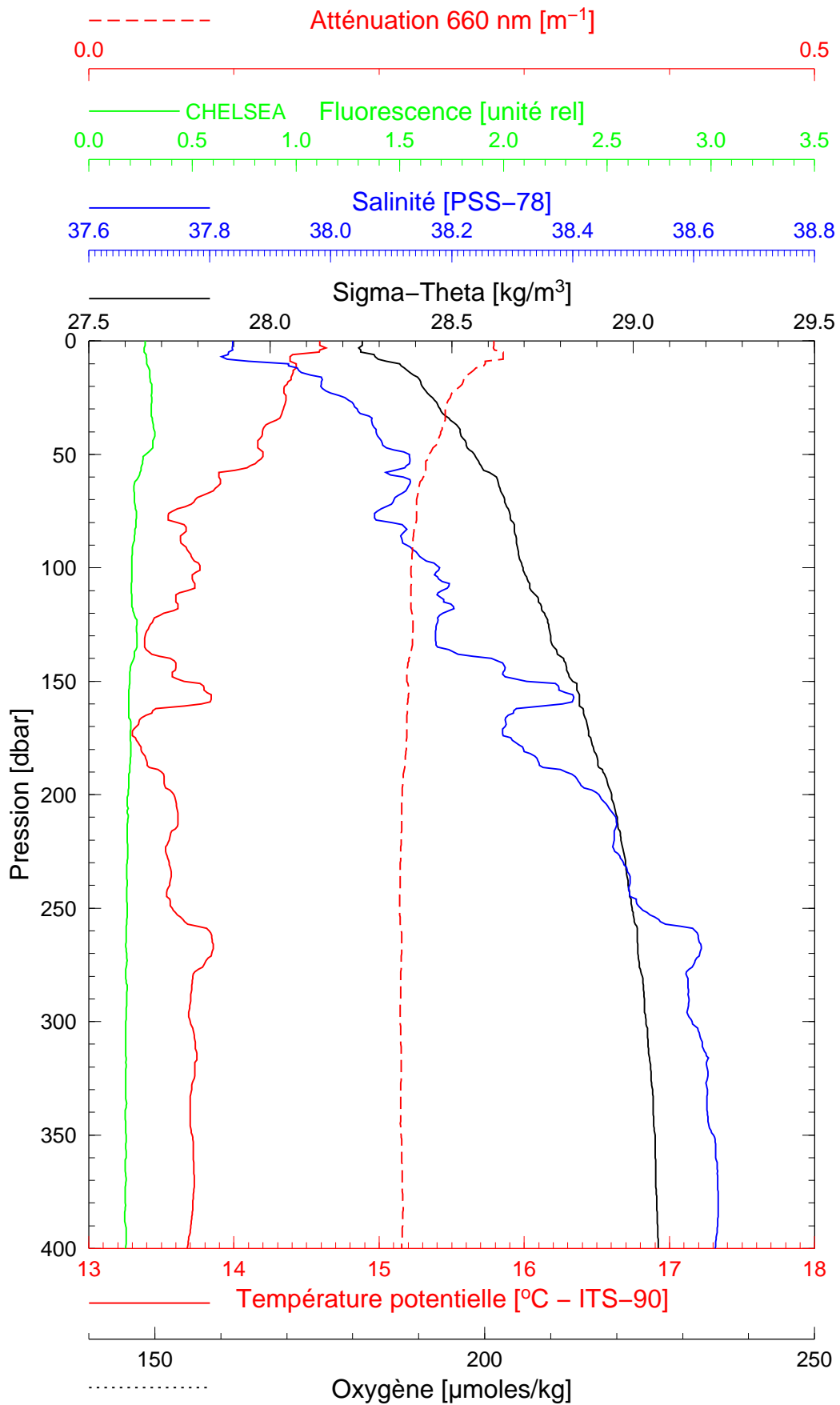
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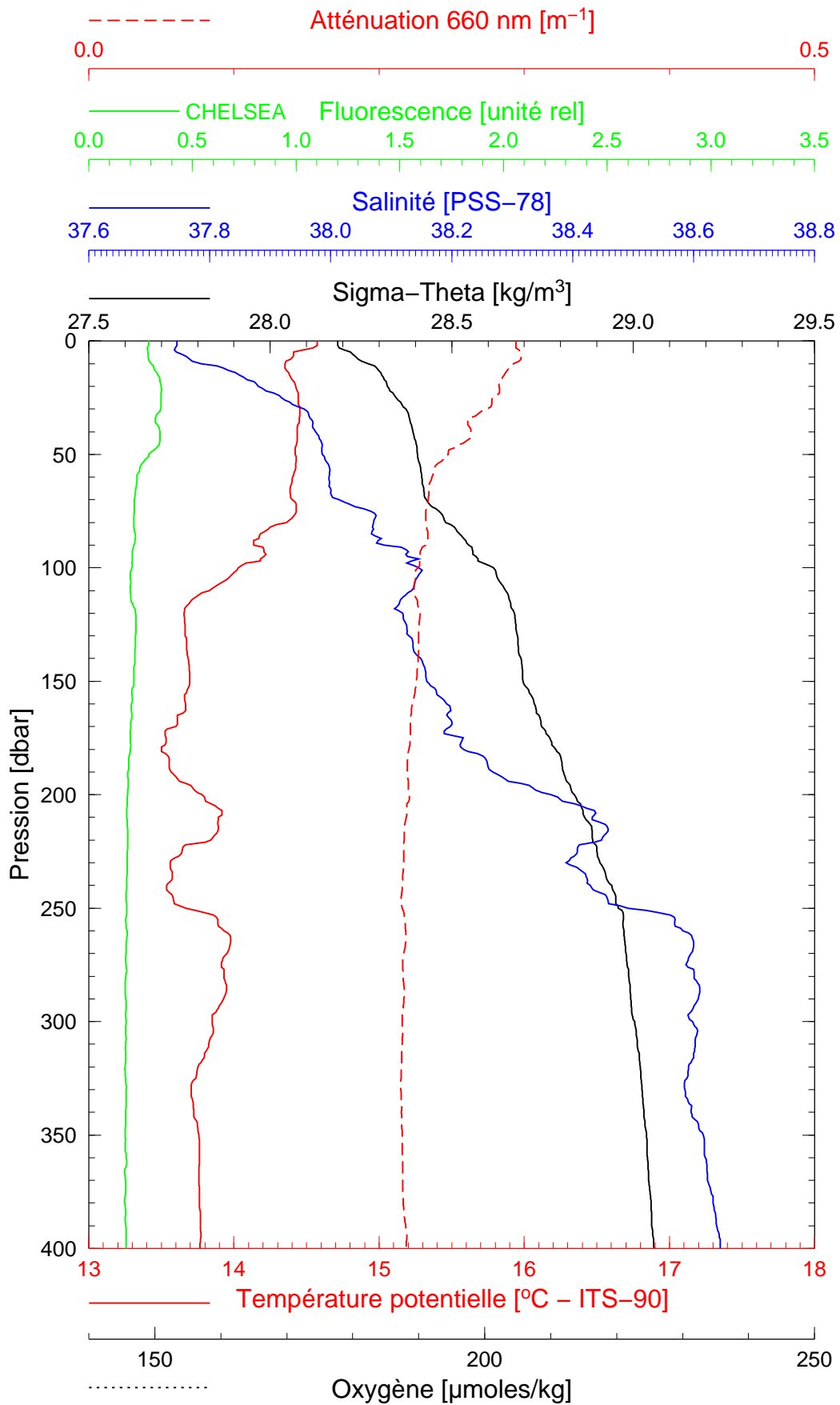
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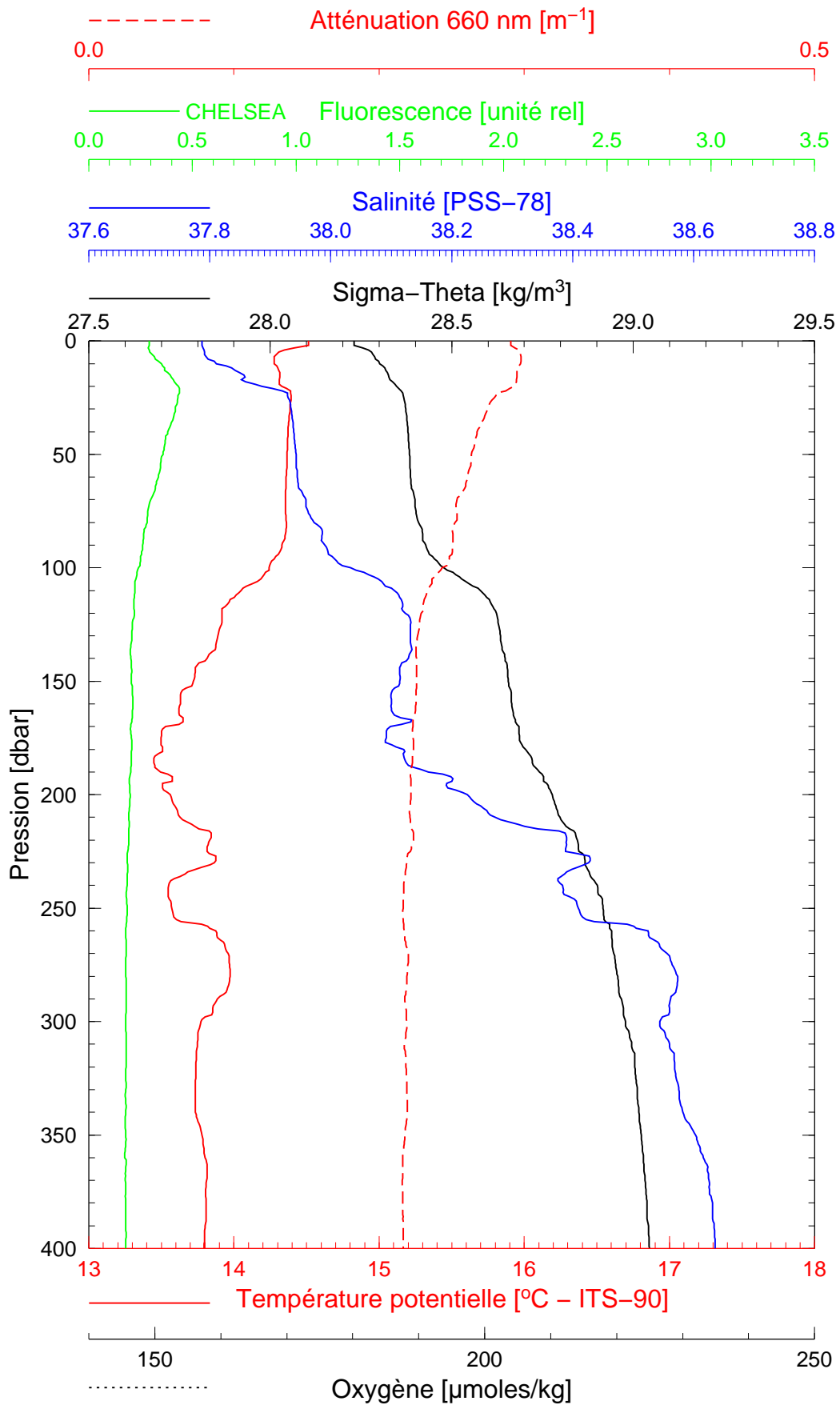
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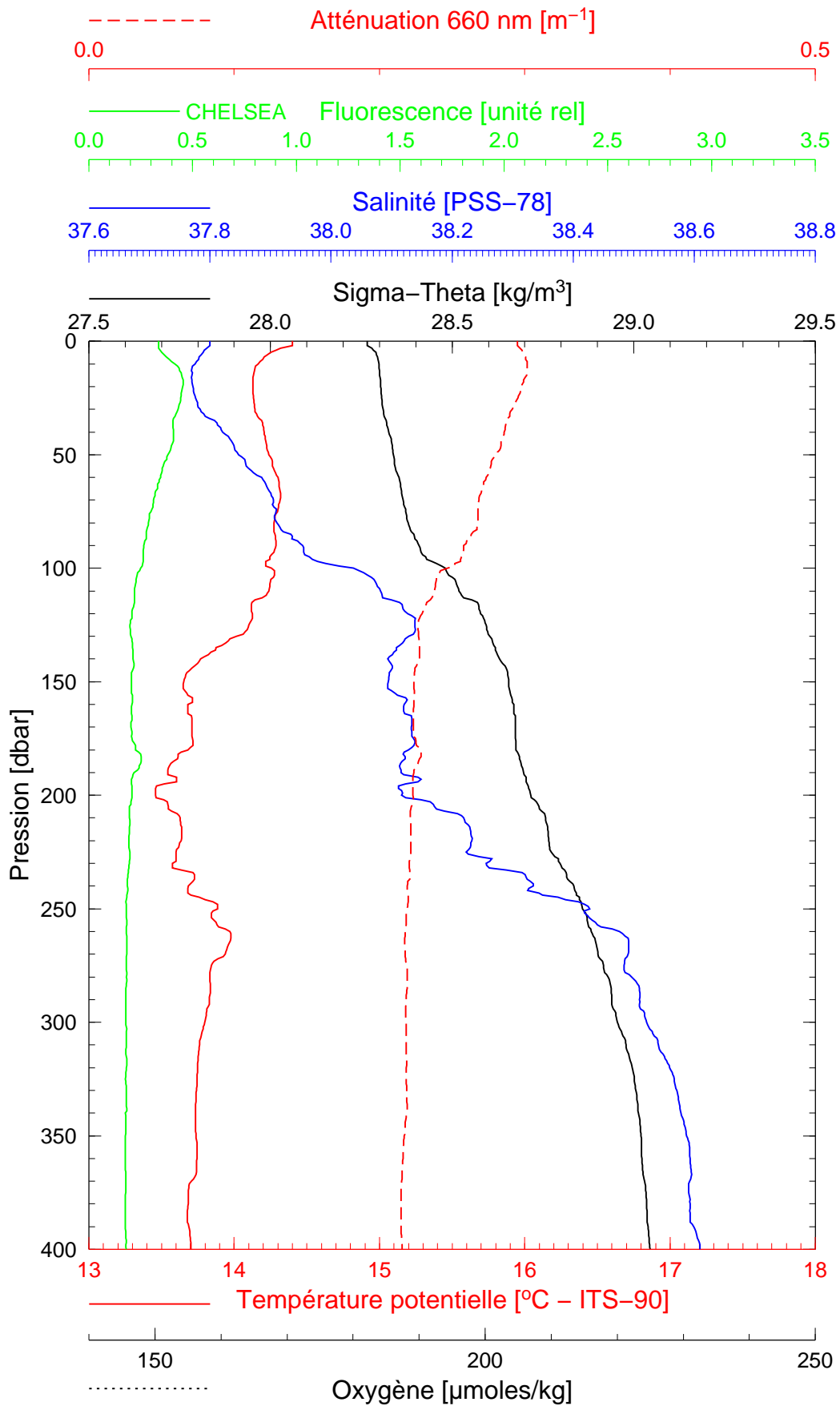
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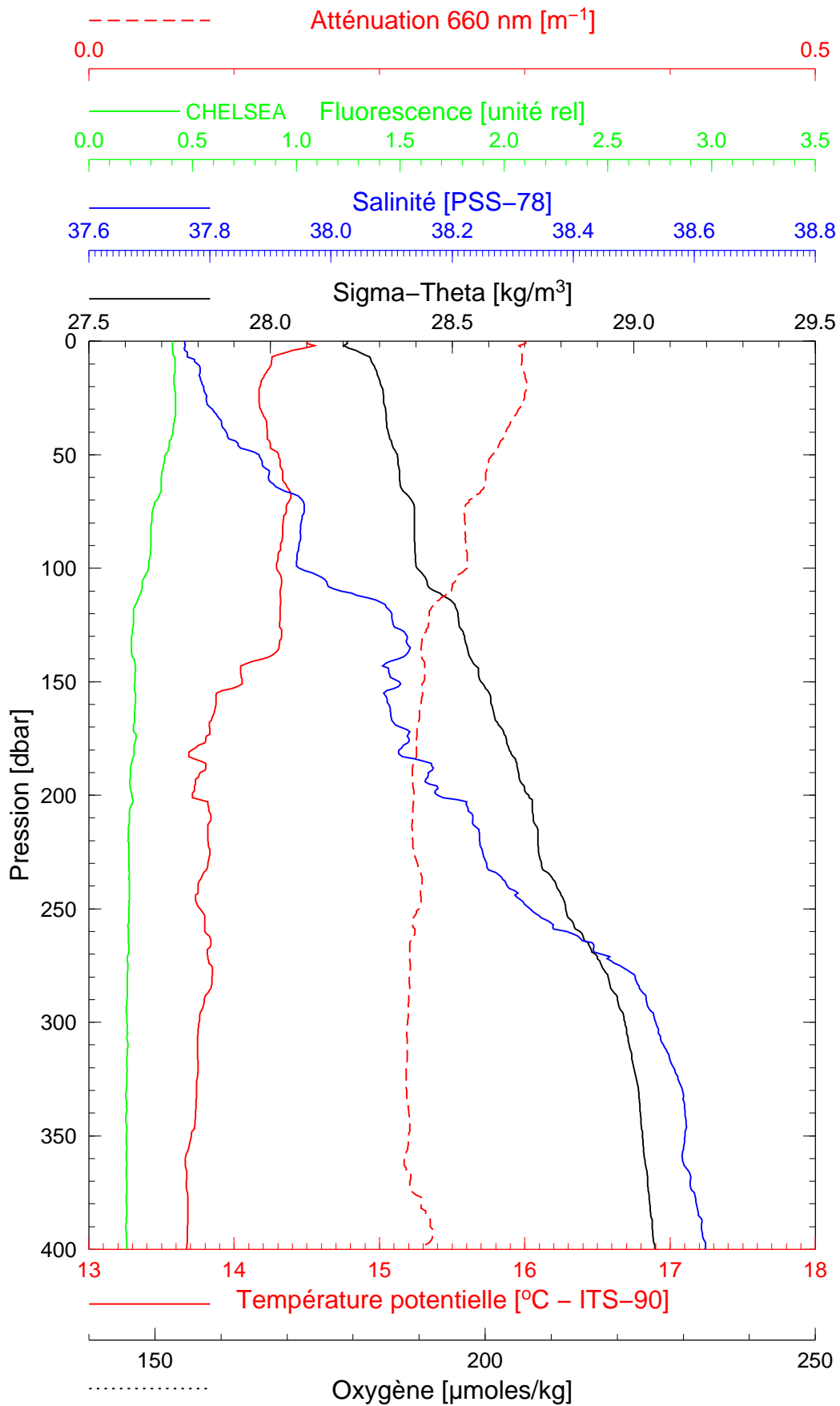
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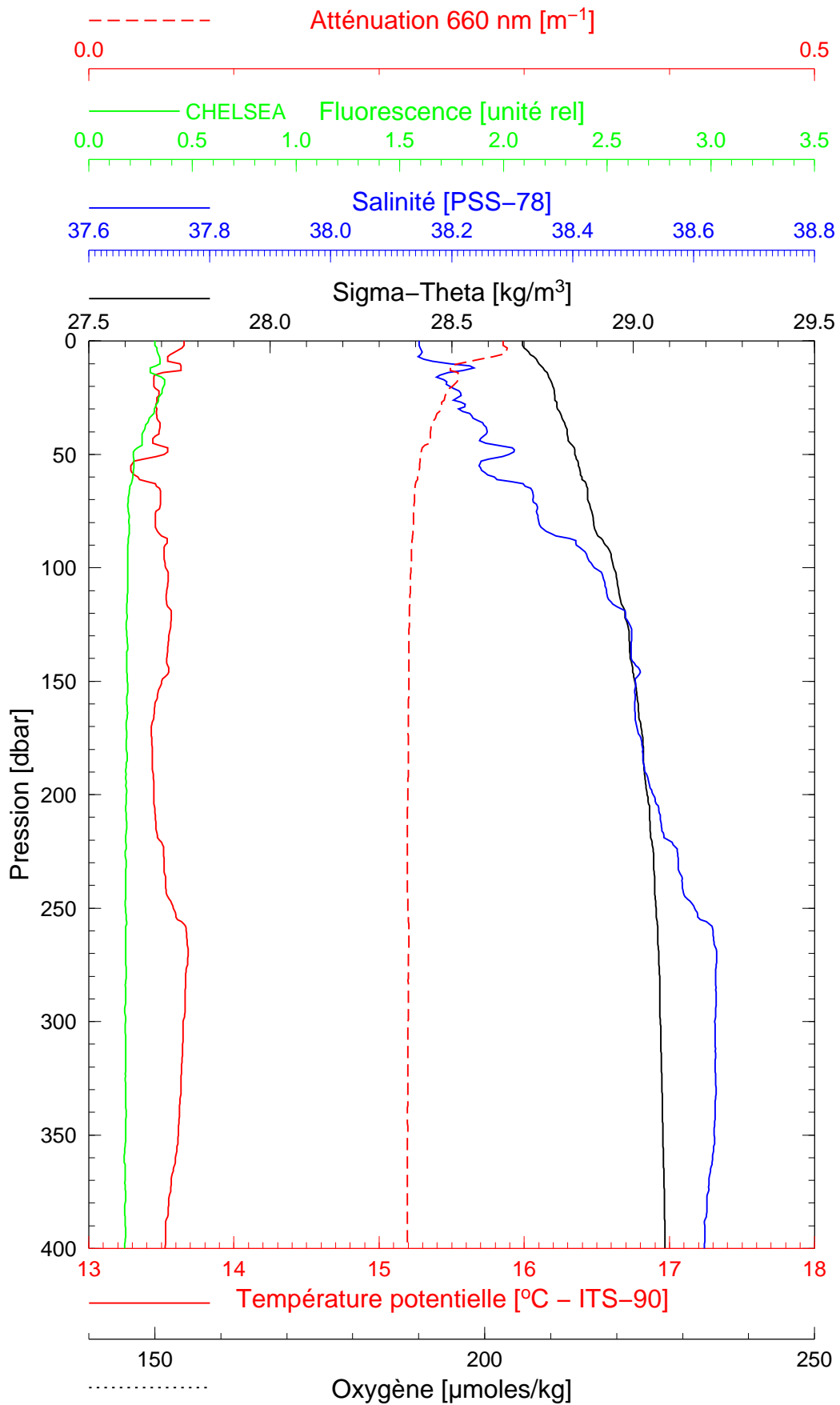
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15/03/2014

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