

BOUSSOLE Monthly Cruise Report

Cruise 111

May 18 - 20, 2011

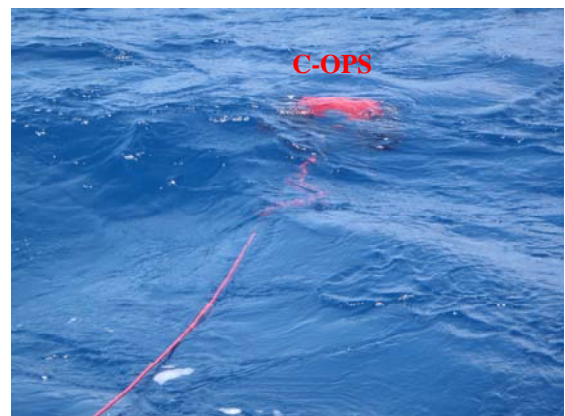
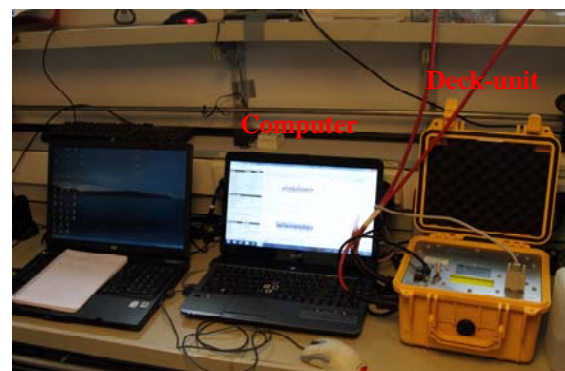
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Vessel: R/V Téthys II

(Captain: Joël Le Genec)

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Guislain Bécu, one of the previous BOUSSOLE duty chiefs, was on board to see how to use the C-OPS.

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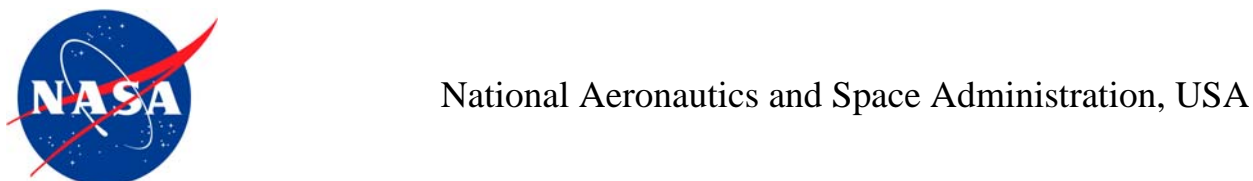
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Foreword

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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.

Additional operations

The ARGOS beacon on the head of the buoy stopped to transmit data from the 8th of May so its connector has been cleaned. The last day, Martina Sailerova was on board to complete the MOOSE program with a CTD cast and water sampling.

Cruise Summary

All of the three cruise days were used during this mission 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.

Wednesday 18 May 2011

The first day, the sea was smooth with a light breeze, some clouds and a good visibility. When on site, 1 CTD cast with water sampling was performed. ARGOS and CISCO connectors on the top of the buoy were cleaned and a direct connection with the buoy was established for data retrieval. After balance tests, 1 C-OPS profile was performed and also 1 Secchi disk. Then, the CTD transect was completed.

Thursday 19 May 2011

The second day, the sea was smooth with a moderate breeze, a blue sky and a good visibility. When arrived at the BOUSSOLE site, divers went at sea to take off the LISST-100X for data retrieval and to clean buoy instruments. They also put neoprene caps on the HS4 and on the transmissometers for acquiring four dark measurements. When data retrieval was finished, divers put back the LISST on the buoy. Then, 6 C-OPS profiles, 3 CIMEL measurements, 1 CTD cast with water sampling and 1 Secchi disk were performed before leaving.

Friday 20 May 2011

The last day, the sea was slight with a moderate breeze, a blue sky and a good visibility. When arrived at the BOUSSOLE site, 6 C-OPS profiles and 1 CTD cast with water sampling were performed for BOUSSOLE. During the lunch time, Martina Sailerova completed the MOOSE program with a deep CTD cast and water sampling.

Cruise Report

Wednesday 18 May 2011 (UTC)

People on board: Guislain Bécu, Emilie Diamond, Matthieu Jasek, Claudie Marec and Grigor Obolensky.

- 0450 Departure from the Nice harbour.
- 0810 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.
- 0815 CTD 01, 400 m with water sampling at 400, 200, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 m for HPLC, a_p and TSM.
- 0900 Zodiac at sea for climbing on the buoy. Solar panels, optic sensors and CISCO and ARGOS connections cleaned.
- 1015 Direct connection with the buoy and data retrieval.
- 1040 C-OPS: bad pitch during profiles so new balance tests.
- 1100 Lunch.
- 1110 Secchi disk 01 (18 m).
- 1200 C-OPS balance tests.
- 1235 C-OPS 01.
- 1305 Departure to the first transect station.
- 1335 CTD 02, 400 m, station 01 (43°25'N 07°48'E).
- 1435 CTD 03, 400 m, station 02 (43°28'N 07°42'E).
- 1535 CTD 04, 400 m, station 03 (43°31'N 07°37'E).
- 1635 CTD 05, 400 m, station 04 (43°34'N 07°31'E).
- 1705 Departure to the Nice harbour.
- 1830 Arrival at the Nice harbour.

Thursday 19 May 2011 (UTC)

People on board: Emilie Diamond, Vincenzo Vellucci and 3 divers.

- 0500 Departure from the Nice harbour.
- 0815 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.
- 0830 Diving on the buoy for taking off the LISST-100X for data retrieval, for cleaning instruments and for putting back the LISST on the buoy. Dark HS4 and transmissometers measurements at 09:15, 09:30, 09:45 and 10:00.
- 0835 CIMEL 01, 02, 03.
- 0940 Secchi disk 02 (18 m).
- 1105 C-OPS 02, 03, 04.
- 1200 CTD 06, 400 m with water sampling at 400, 200, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 m for HPLC, a_p , TSM and CDOM.
- 1235 C-OPS 05, 06, 07.
- 1320 Departure to the Nice harbour.
- 1645 Arrival at the Nice harbour.

Friday 20 May 2011 (UTC)

People on board: Emilie Diamond, Grigor Obolensky and Martina Sailerova.

- 0410 Departure from the Nice harbour.
- 0725 Arrival at the BOUSSOLE site.
- 0730 CTD 07, 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.
- 0820 C-OPS 08, 09, 10.
- 0915 Zodiac at sea for climbing on the buoy. CISCO and ARGOS connections cleaned.
- 0940 C-OPS 11, 12, 13.

1000 Lunch.
1015 CTD MOOSE, 2000m, with water sampling.
1205 Departure to the Nice harbour.
1510 Arrival at the Nice harbour.

Problems identified during the cruise

- Restrictions from the port authorities: the Zonex 23 was not allowed during this cruise.
- The ARGOS beacon on the head of the buoy stopped to transmit data from the 8th of May so its connector has been cleaned the first day of the cruise and also the last day after another stop of transmission during the night.

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

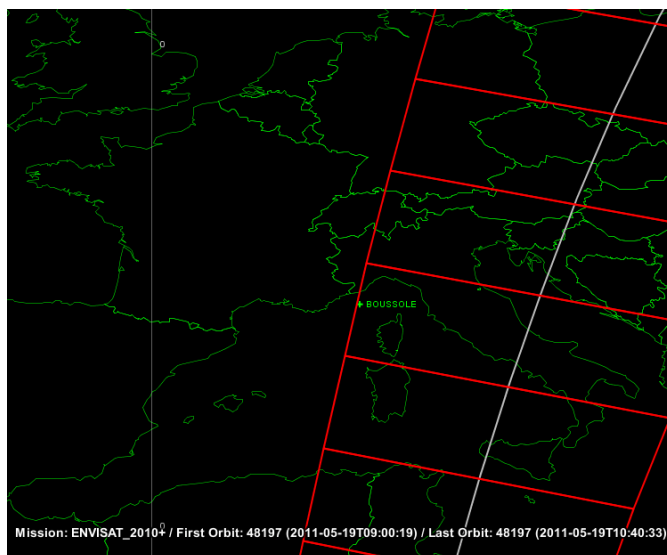
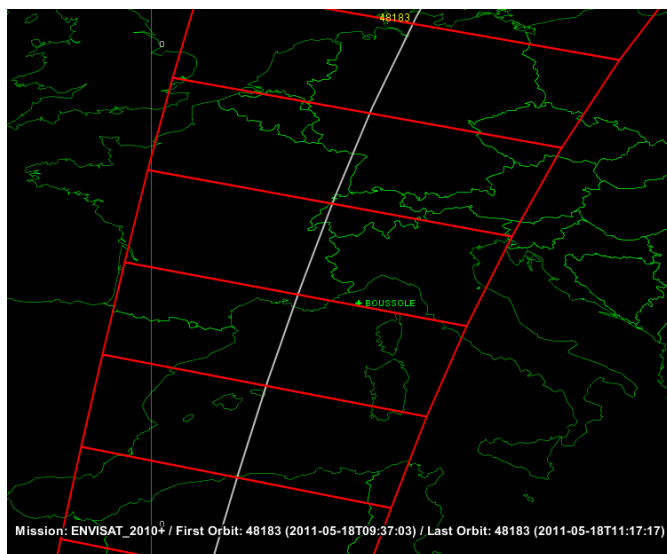
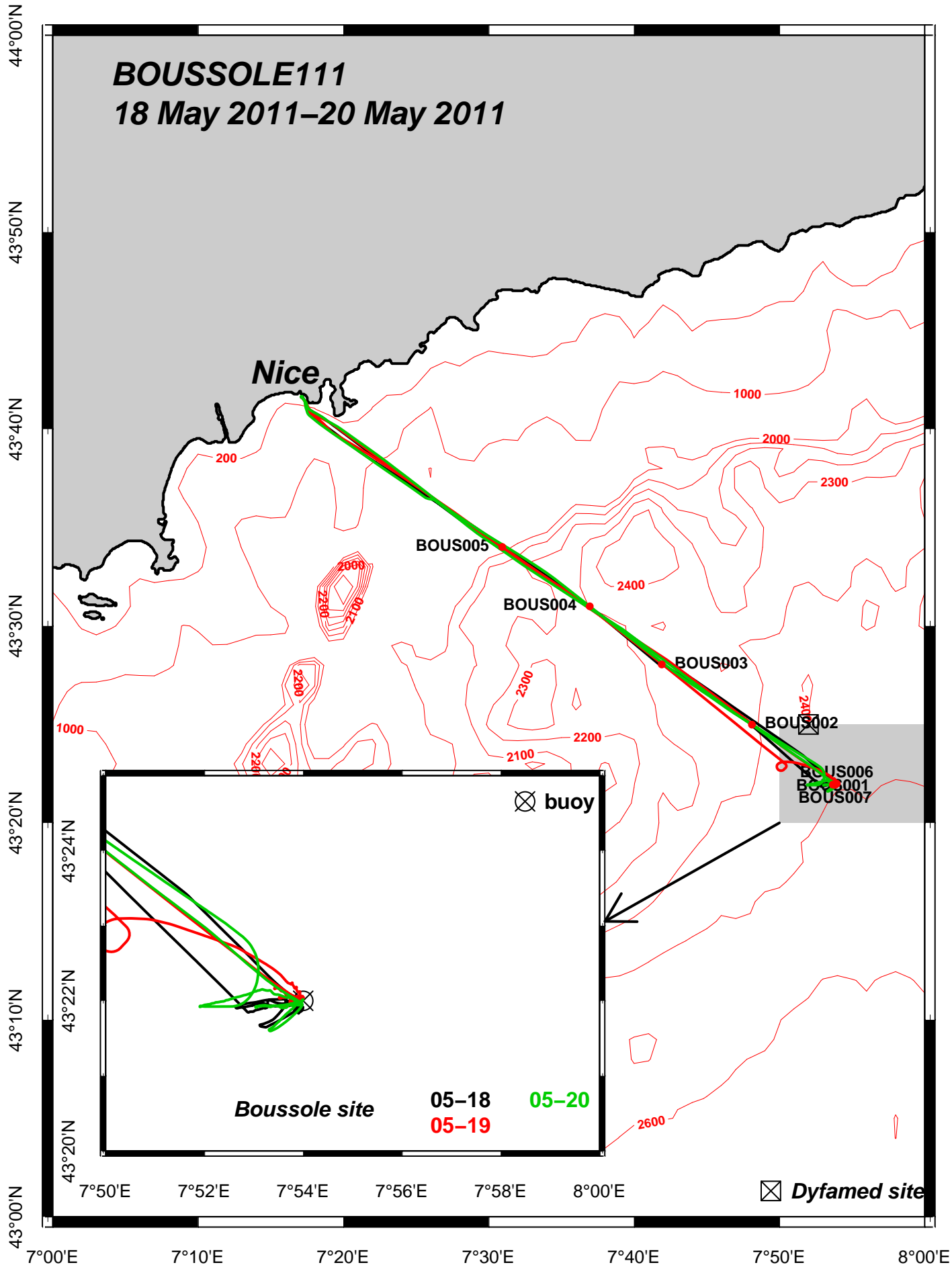


Figure 1. Calculated swath paths for MERIS (Esov NG software) above the BOUSSOLE site for the 18th and 19th of May 2011.

Appendices

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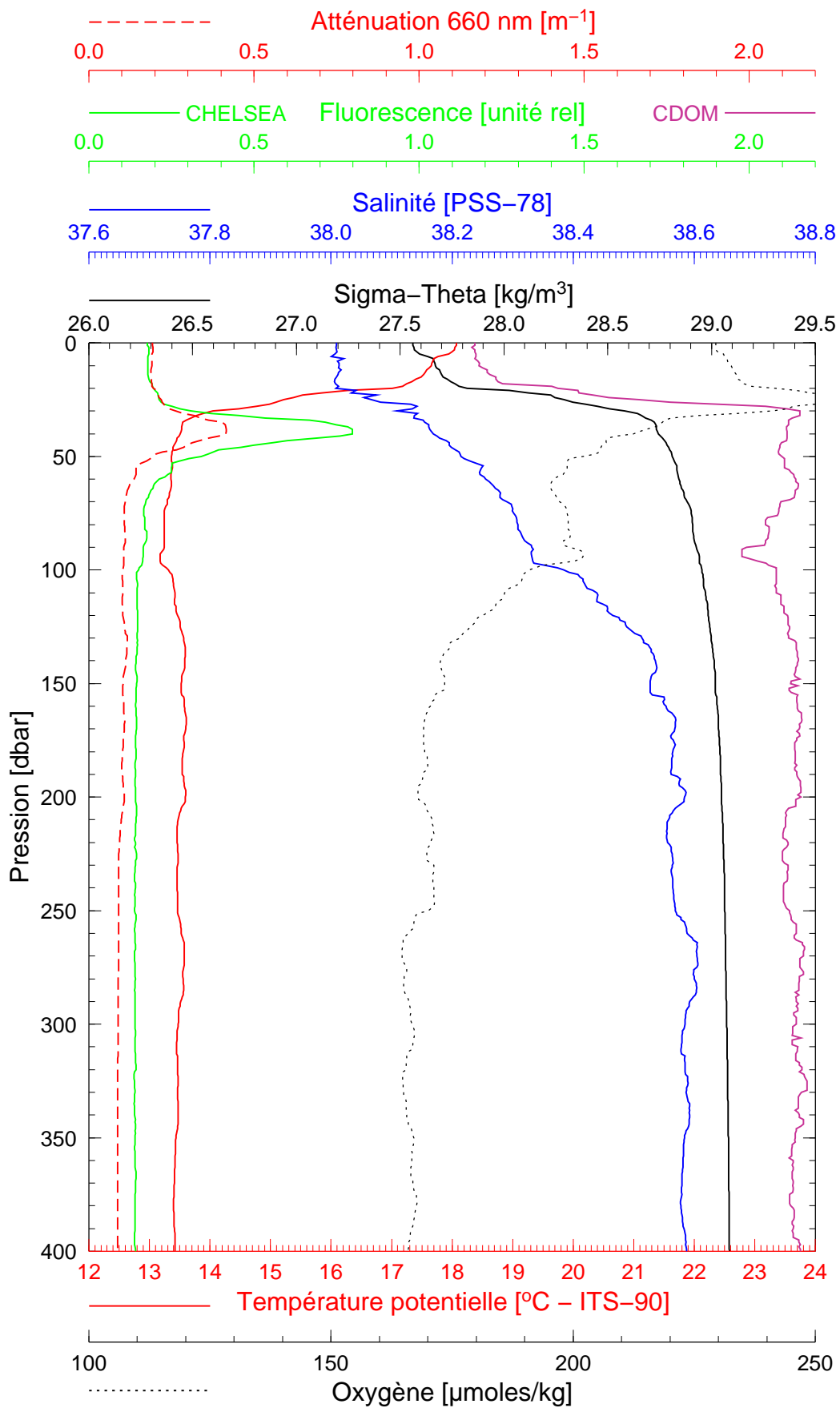


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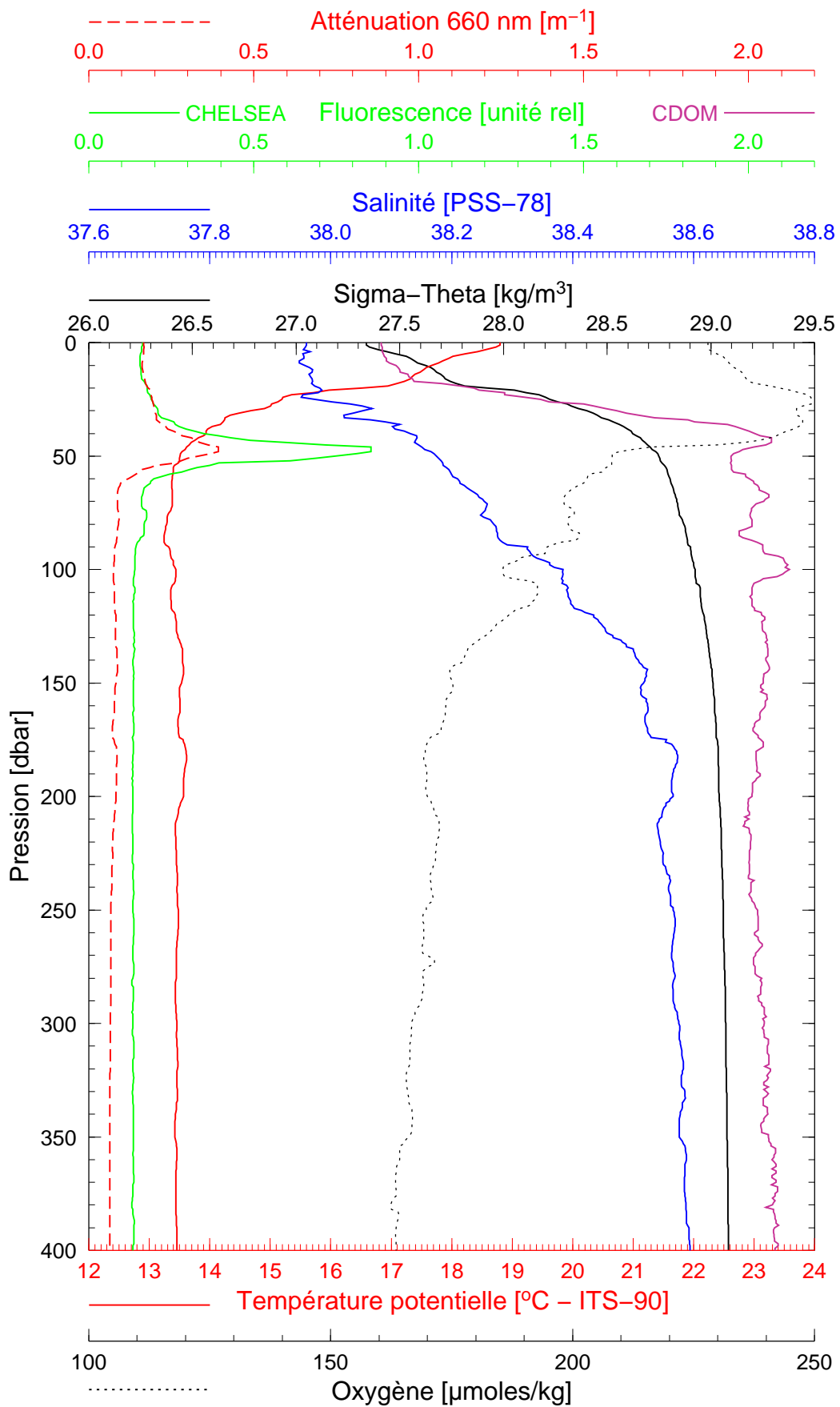
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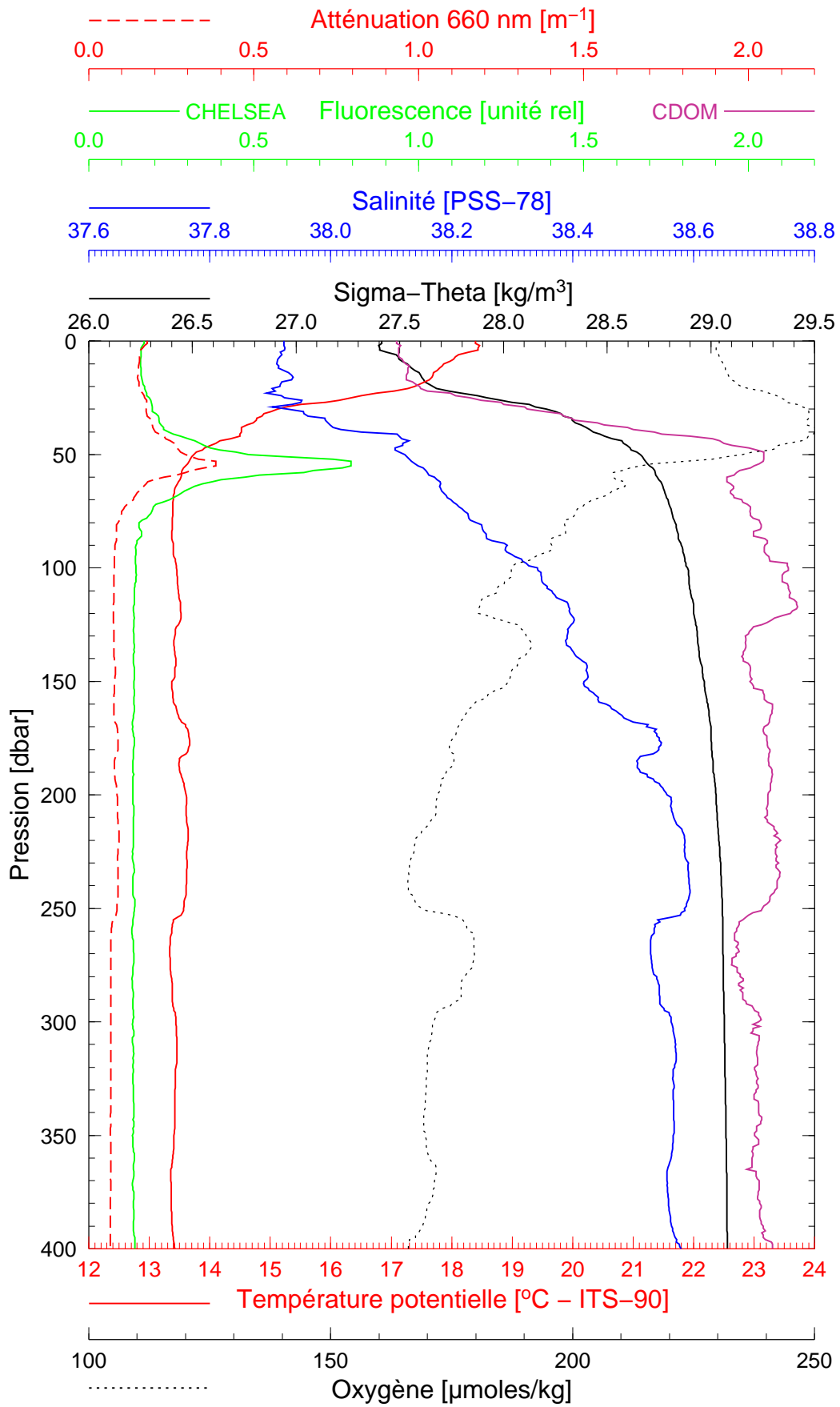
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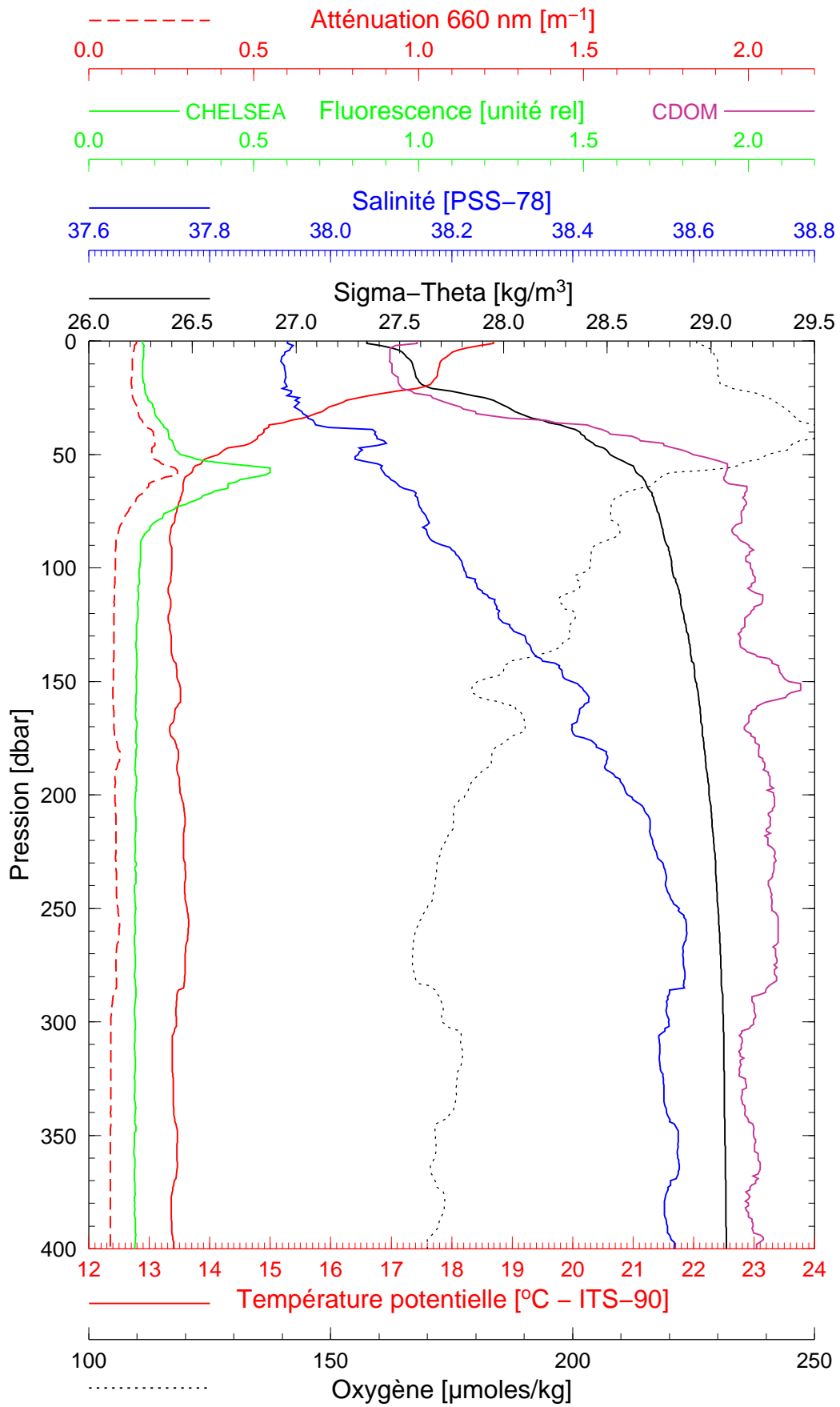
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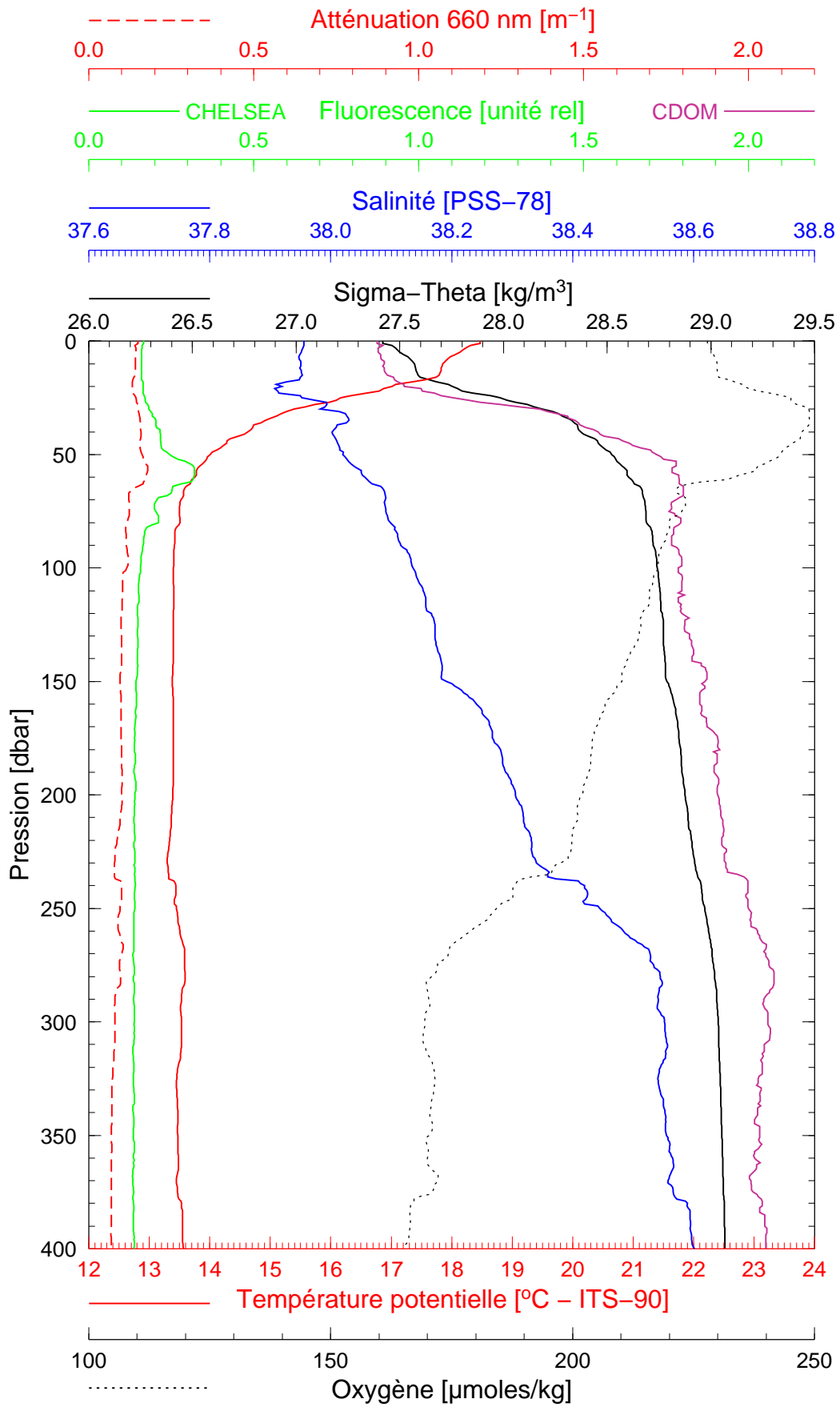
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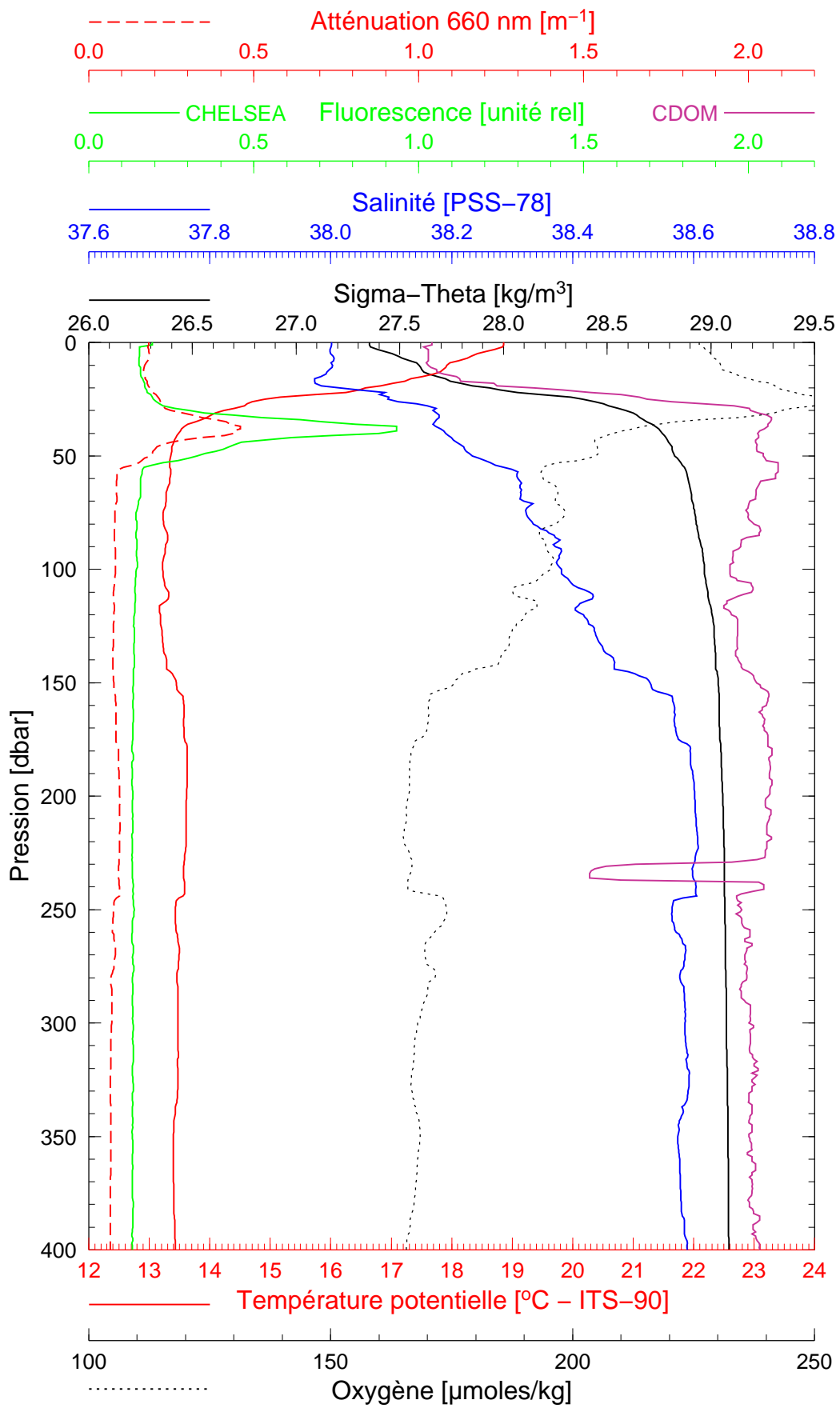
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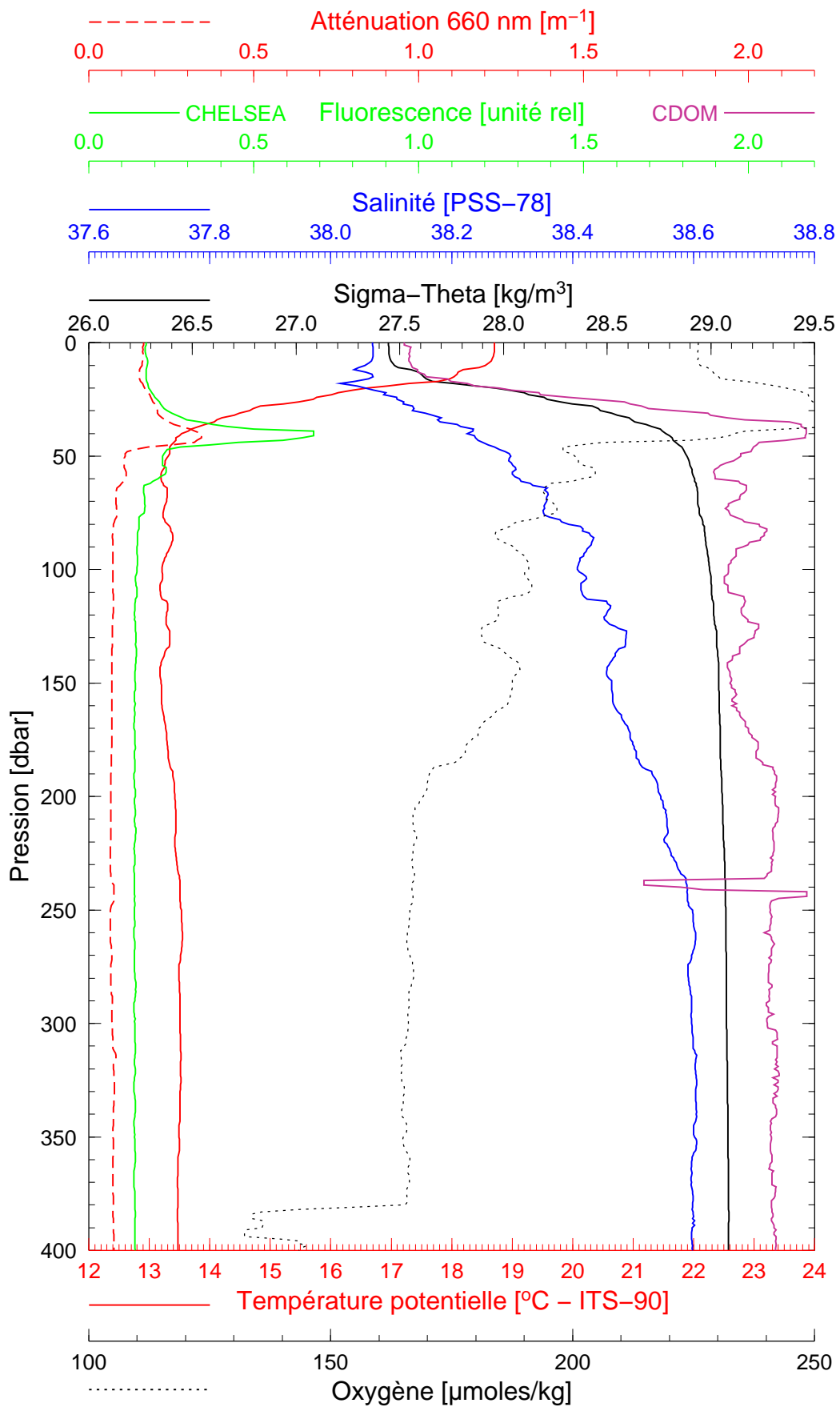
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