

# BOUSSOLE Monthly Cruise Report

## Cruise 54

June 11 - 13, 2006

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Fig 1. A MICREL<sup>®</sup> inclinometer has been installed in the head of the buoy inner space, as the DACNet inclinometer was suspected to be out of order.

## BOUSSOLE project

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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 N<sub>2</sub> for HPLC pigment and particule absorption spectrophotometric filter analysis in the lab. A gimbed 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.

## **Cruise Summary**

The Sea was calm and the sky was blue (with a slight and homogeneous haze) for all the cruise days. As the buoy was exchanged the day before the cruise, and as it was working very well, the divers didn't come on site to clean and check the sensors. So the ship could stay 3 days on site, allowing to perform more SPMR/SMSR profiles simultaneously to the buoy measurements, in order to proceed to an intense comparison between both instruments.

CIMEL hand held sun photometer was still out of order at the date of the cruise, so no atmospheric measurements could have been performed.

### **Sunday 11 June 2006**

Departure was delayed from about one hour as the instruments and material couldn't be installed on the cruise eve. The first operation when arrived on site was to attempt a buoy connection and data download, which was successfully realized. Then, the first data of that freshly deployed buoy were processed to check if everything was alright. The only problem was with the Es sensor, which was still protected with its cap, so that Guislain Bécu had to climb on the buoy head to remove it. Otherwise, all others instruments seemed to work perfectly.

Others realized operations were more usual: 2 CTD casts (among them one was realized at night) with water sampling (HPLC, Ap, dry weights), 4 SPMR/SMSR profiles and 1 Secchi disk. The ship had to come back towards coasts to catch GSM network, as Divers had to be informed that there was no need to dive to check and clean the sensors as they work properly.

The ship stayed on site during night in order to realize more SPMR/SMSR the next day in the morning. These casts are crucial to compare them with the first buoy measurements, and furthermore the next day there was a MERIS overpass in the left part of the swath.

### **Monday 12 June 2006**

13 SPMR/SMSR profiles were realized this day, as well as 2 CTD casts and 1 Secchi disk measurement. The ship still stayed on site for the night.

### **Tuesday 13 June 2006**

6 SPMR/SMSR profiles were performed, as well as 8 CTD casts (among which 6 on transect and 1 at point B+). The rosette was also used to sample sea water at 5 m depth for dry weights.

## Cruise Report

### 11 June 2006 (UTC)

- 0540 Departure from port of Nice.
- 0915 Buoy data retrieval and first processing.
- 1058 CTD 01 (buoy, 400 m) with water sampling at 200, 100, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 meters for HPLC and Ap.
- 1230 Guislain Bécu remove MVD cap on buoy head.
- 1340 SPMR profiles 1, 2, 3 and 4 with floating structure.
- 1445 Secchi disk 01 (18 m) close to the buoy.
- 1530 water sampling at 5 meters depth with rosette for dry weights operation.
- 1540 sailing toward coast to catch GSM network (call divers to avoid diving operations).
- 1927 CTD 02 (buoy, 400 m) with water sampling at 250, 150, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 meters for HPLC and Ap.

### 12 June 2006

- 0700 SPMR profiles 5, 6 and 7 with floating structure.
- 0824 CTD 03 (buoy, 400 m) with water sampling at 200, 150, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 meters for HPLC and Ap.
- 0915 SPMR profiles 8, 9 and 10.
- 1120 Secchi disk measurement 02 (19 m) close to the buoy.
- 1220 SPMR profiles 11, 12, 13 and 14 with floating structure.
- 1420 CTD 04 (buoy, 400 m) with water sampling at 10 and 5 metres, for triplicate HPLC/Ap and for dry weights.
- 1512 SPMR profiles 15, 16 and 17 with floating structure.

### 13 June 2006

- 0503 CTD 05 (buoy, 400 m) with water sampling at 200, 150, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 meters for HPLC and Ap.
- 0550 SPMR profiles 18, 19, 20 with floating structure and profiles 21, 22 and 23 without floating structure.
- 0730 water sampling with rosette at 5 meters for dry weights operation.
- 0812 CTD 06 at station 1 (43°25'N 07°48'E).
- 0915 CTD 07 at station 2 (43°28'N 07°42'E).
- 1023 CTD 08 at station 3 (43°31'N 07°37'E).
- 1124 CTD 09 at station 4 (43°34'N 07°31'E).
- 1227 CTD 10 at station 5 (43°37'N 07°25'E).
- 1318 CTD 11 at station 6 (43°39'N 07°21'E).
- 1401 CTD 12 at point B+ (43°41'N 07°19'E)
- 1435 Arrival at port of Nice.

# Calculated Swath paths for MERIS Sensor (ESOV Software)

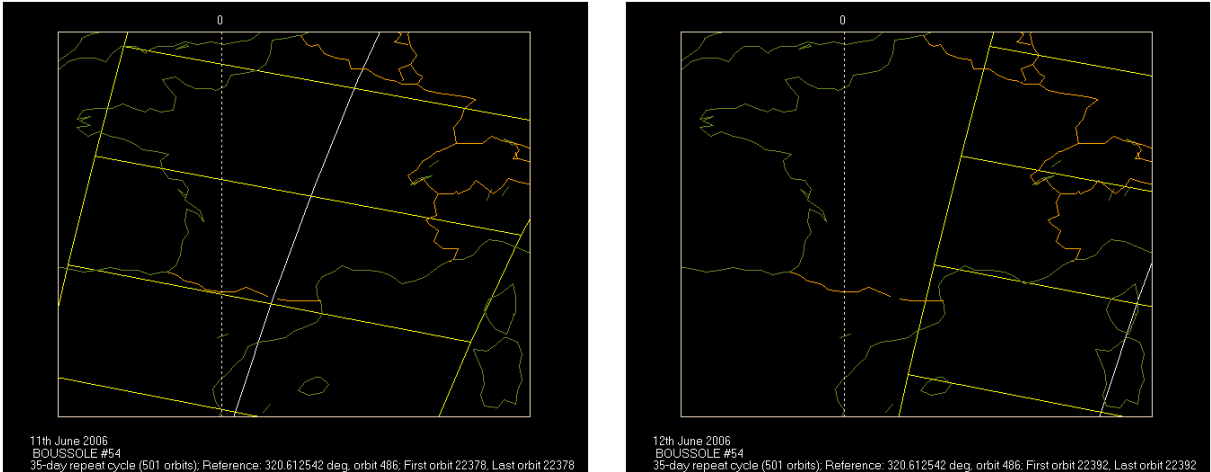
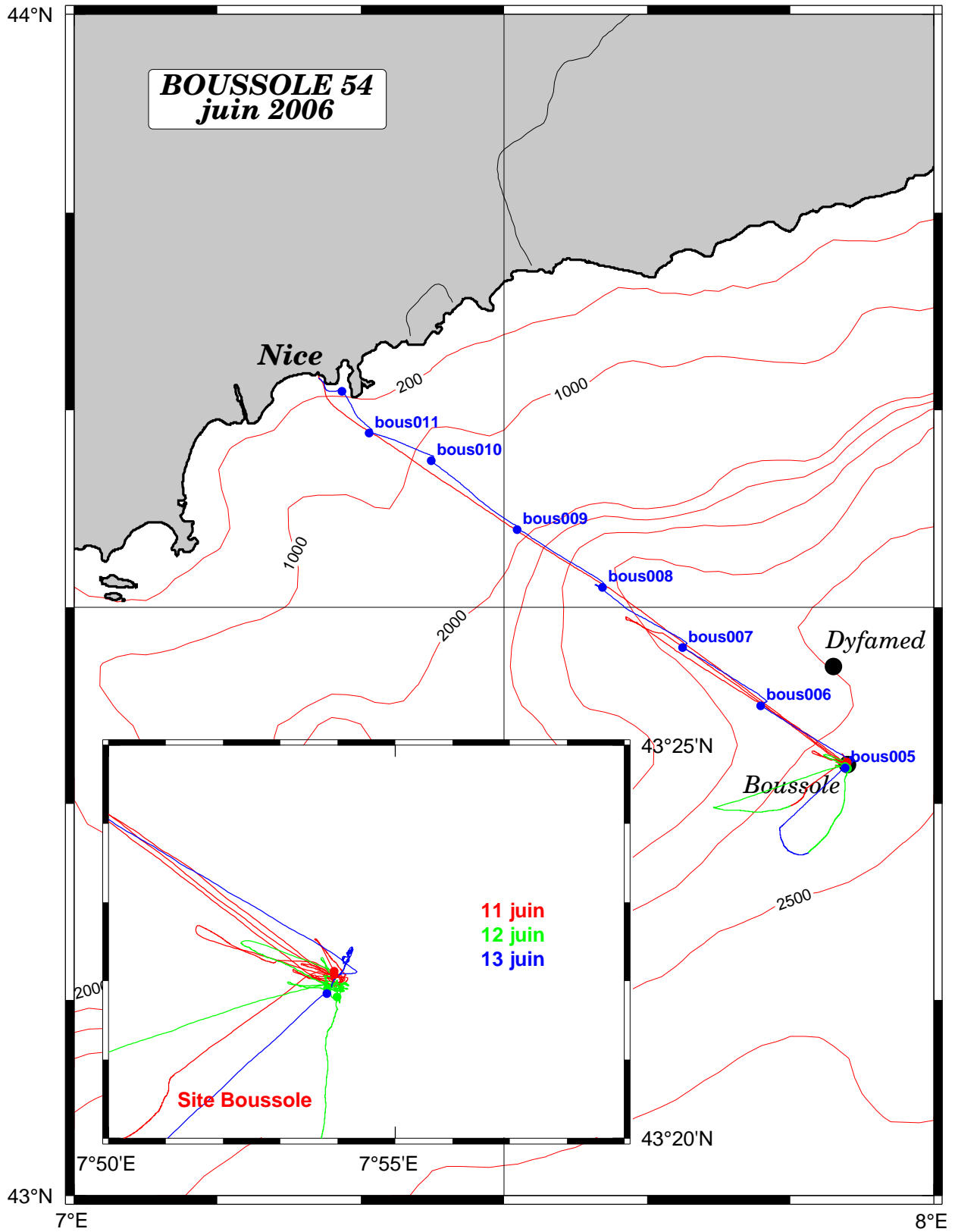


Figure 2. Calculated swath paths for MERIS (Esov software) above BOUSSOLE site for 11 and 12 June 2006.

# Appendix





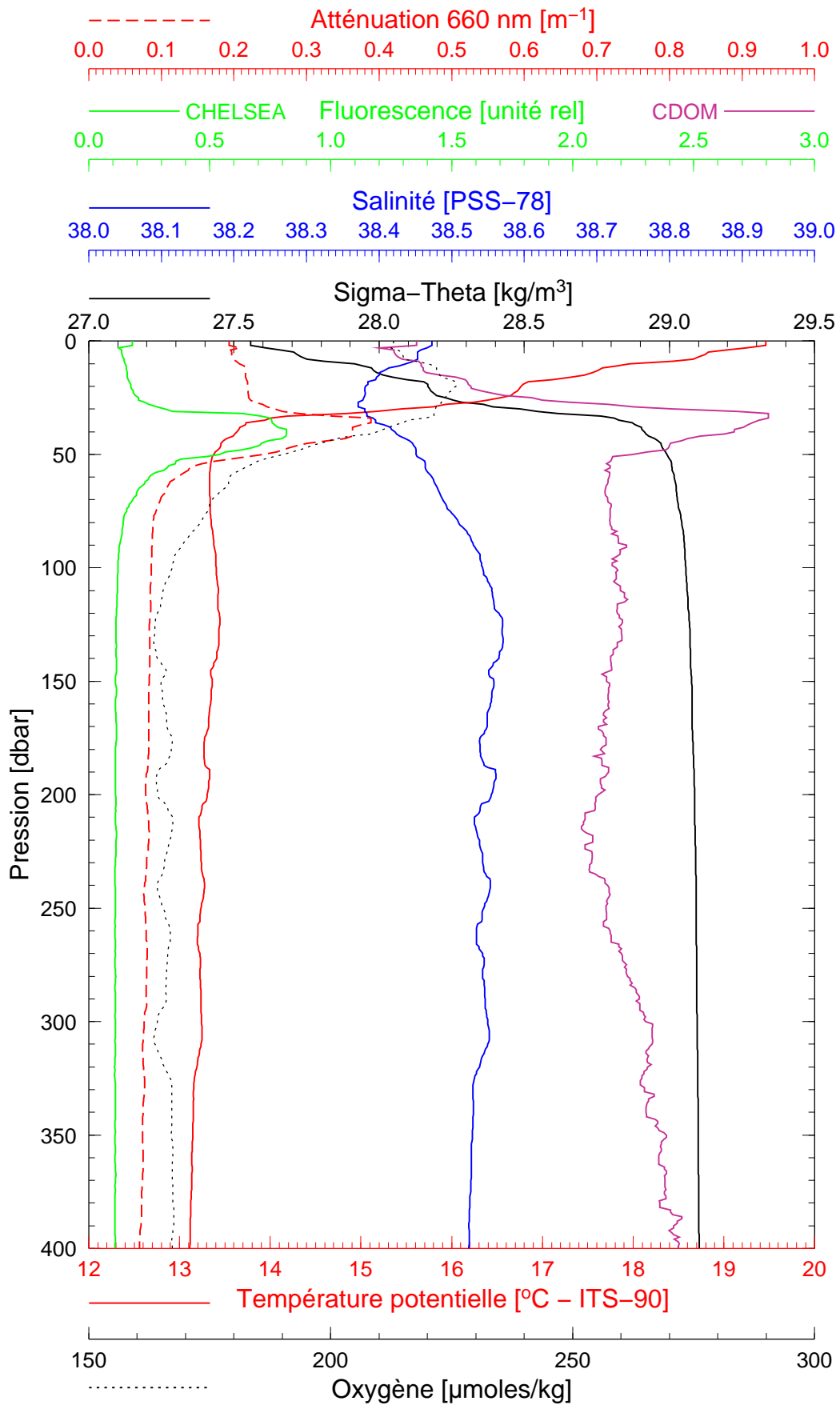


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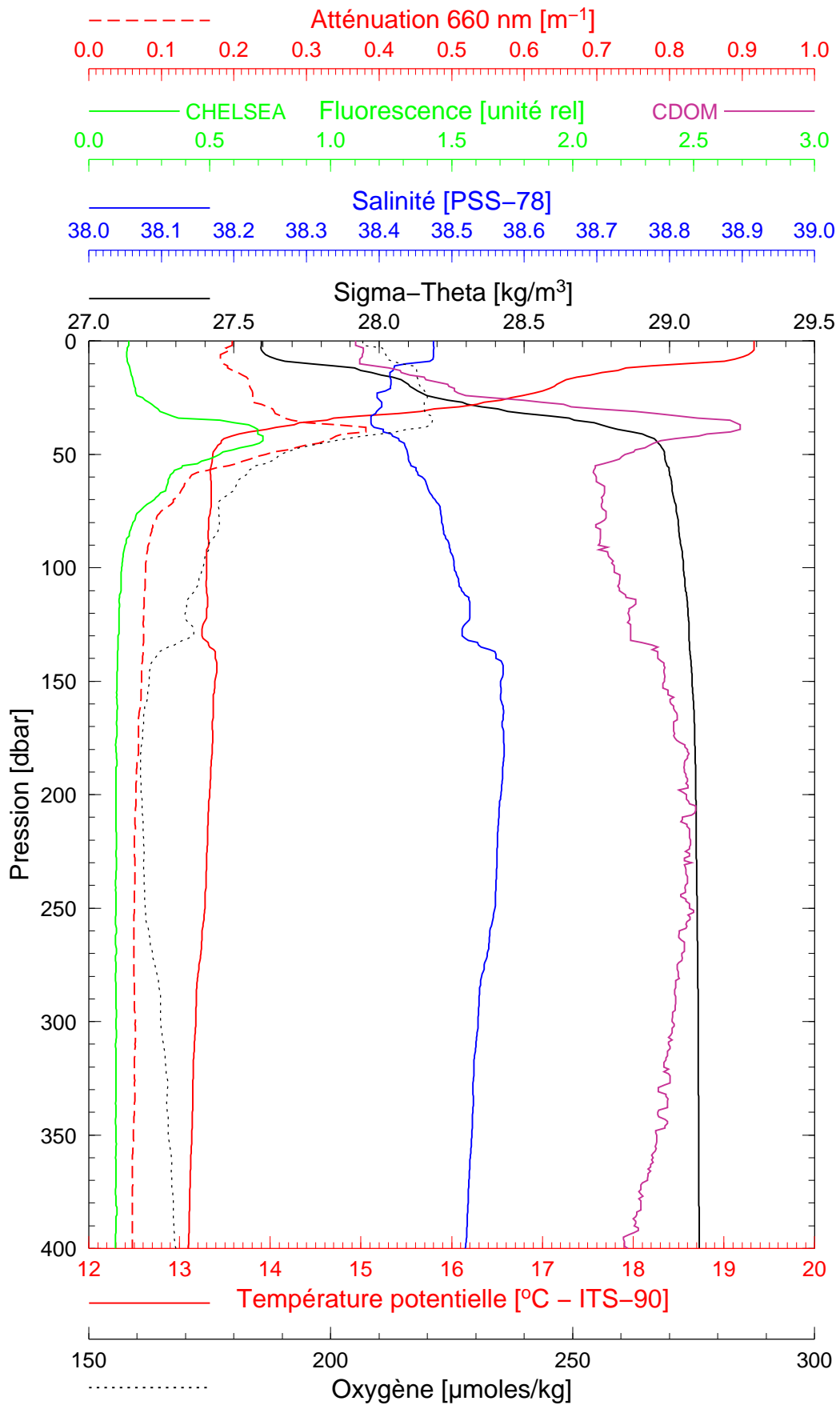
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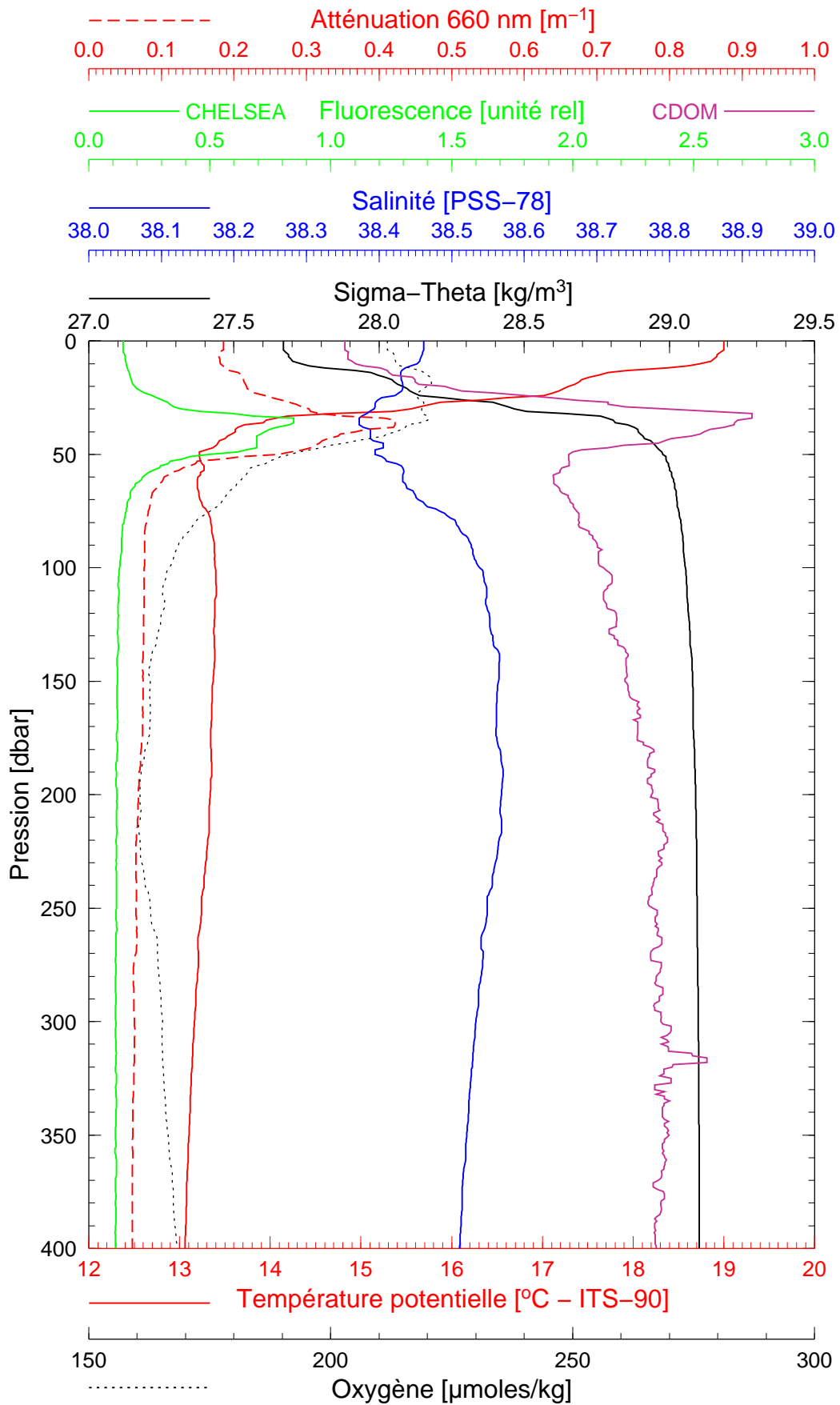
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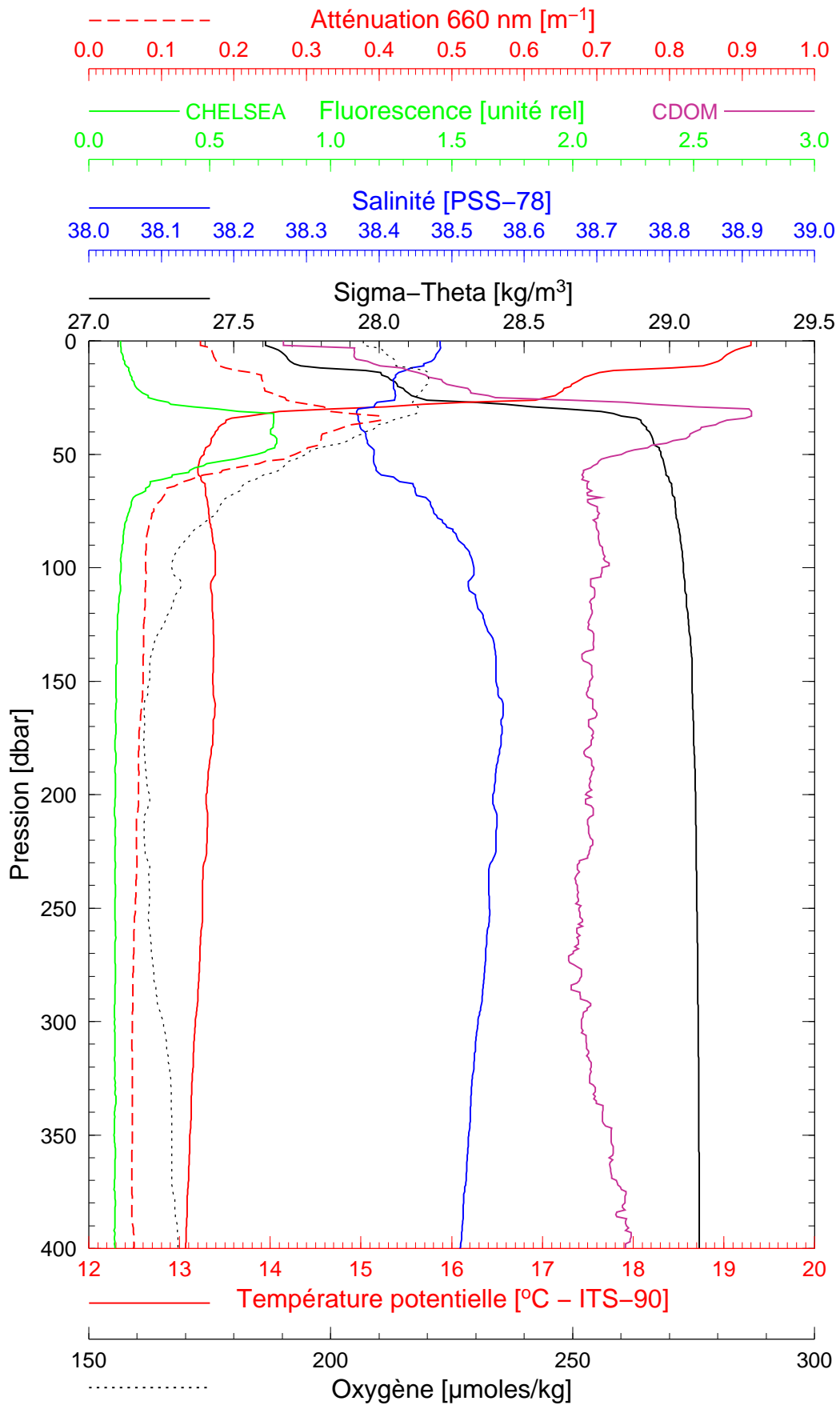
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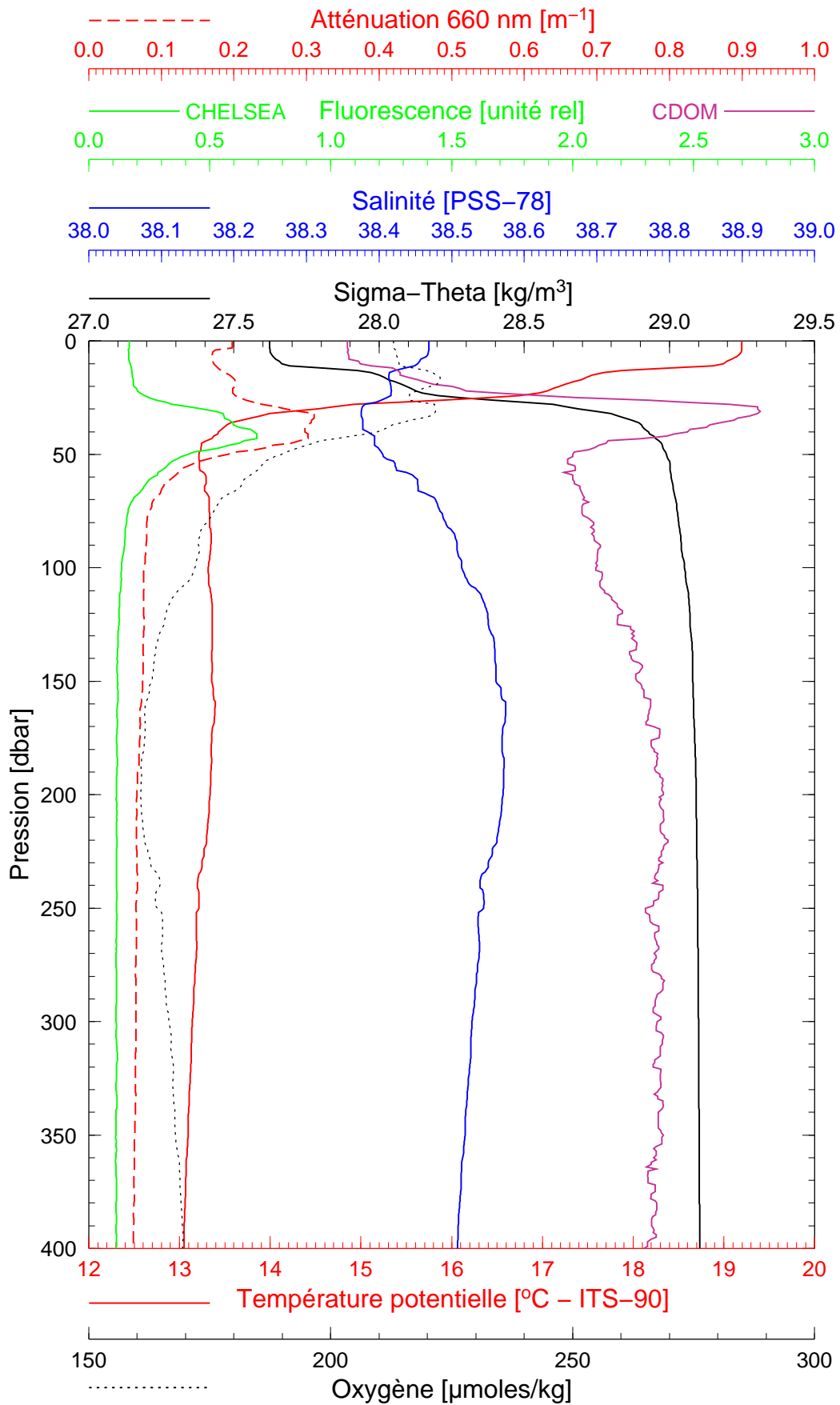
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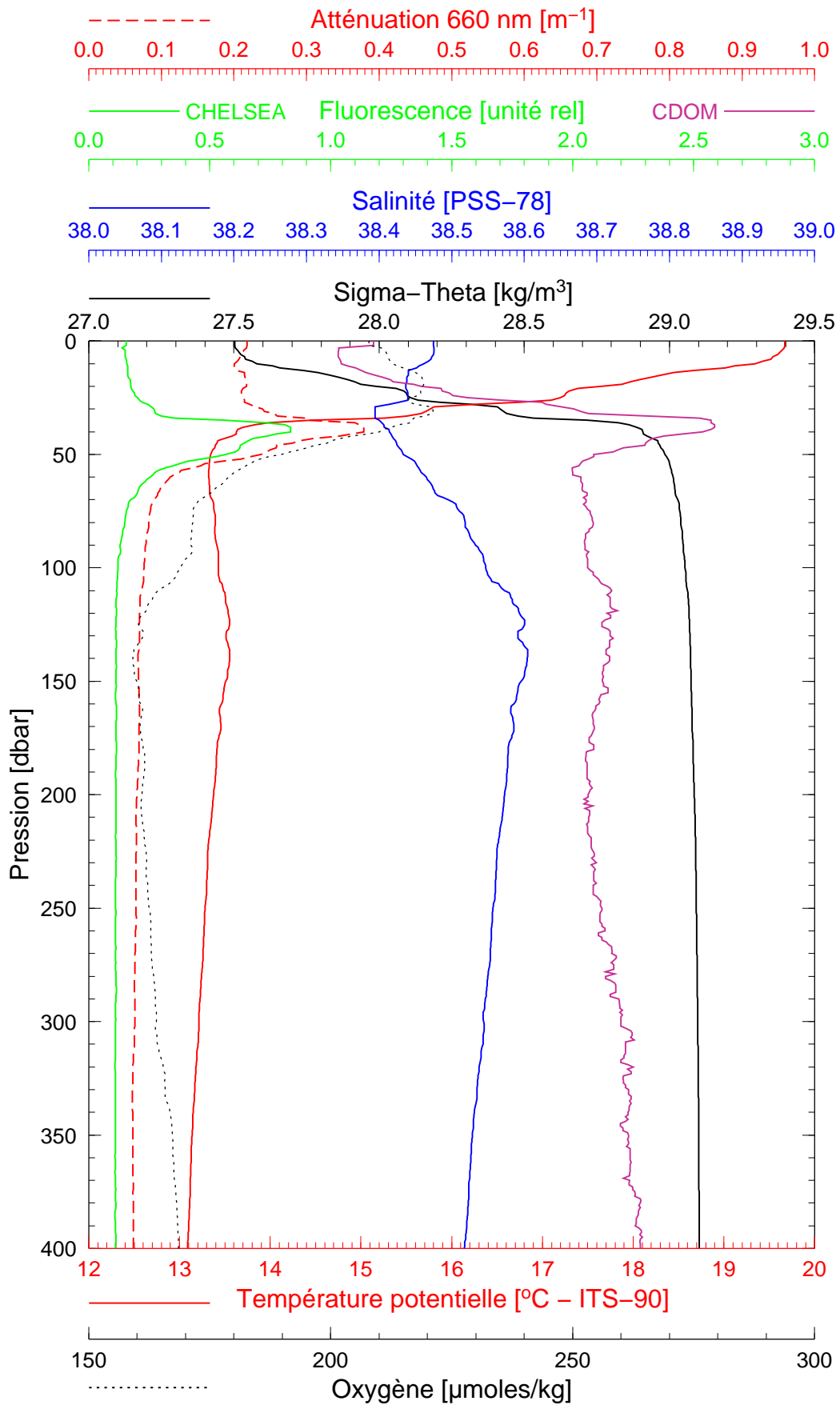
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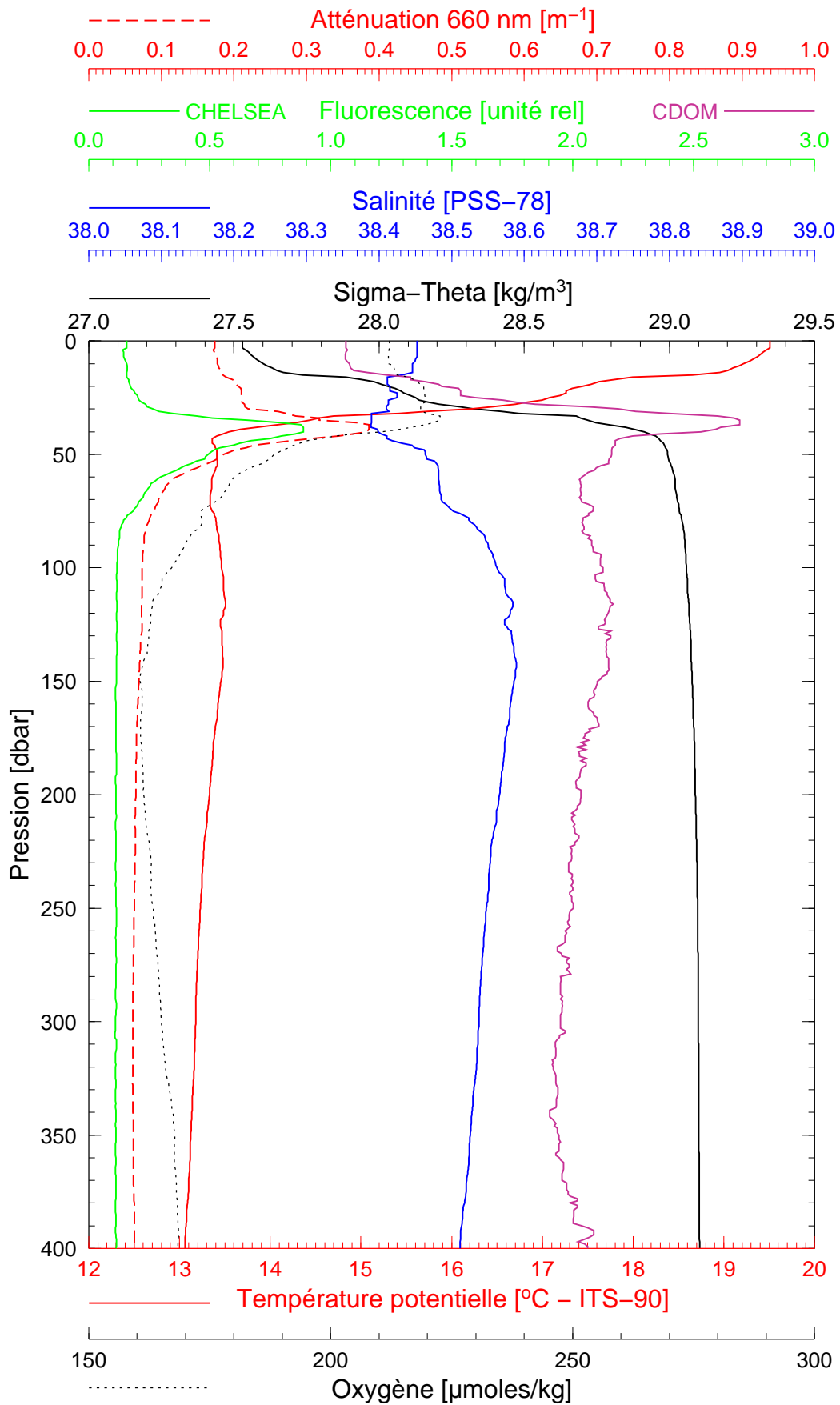
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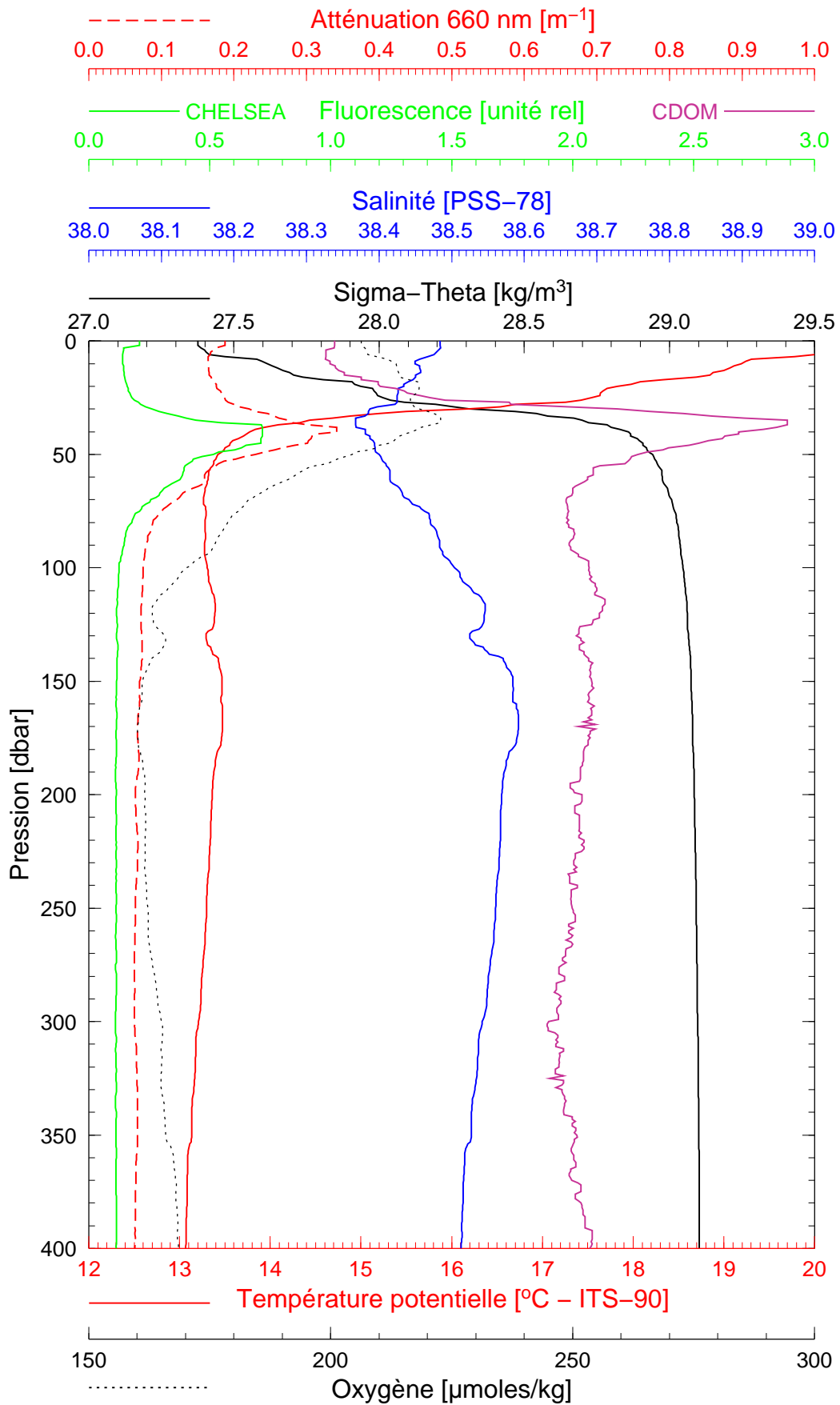
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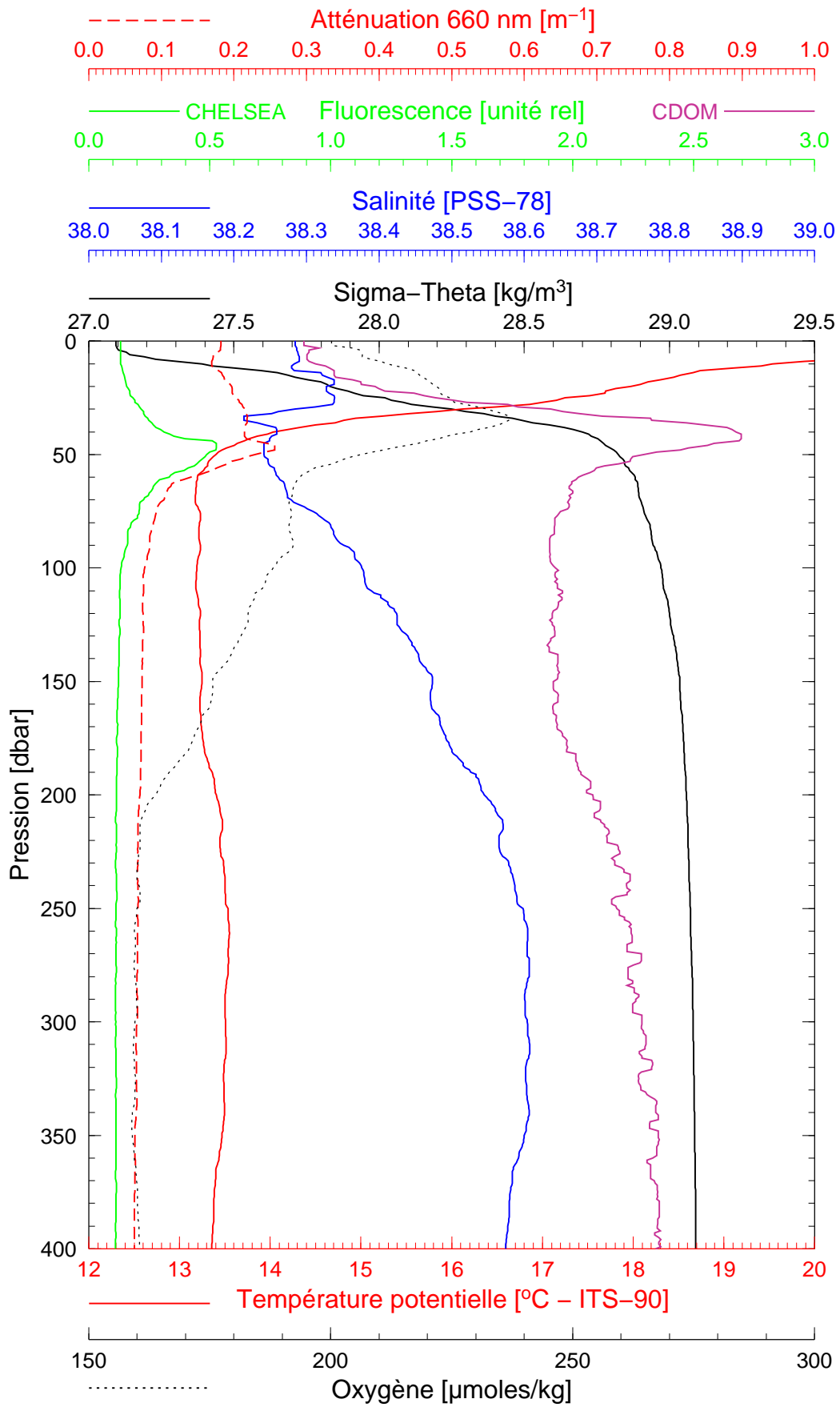


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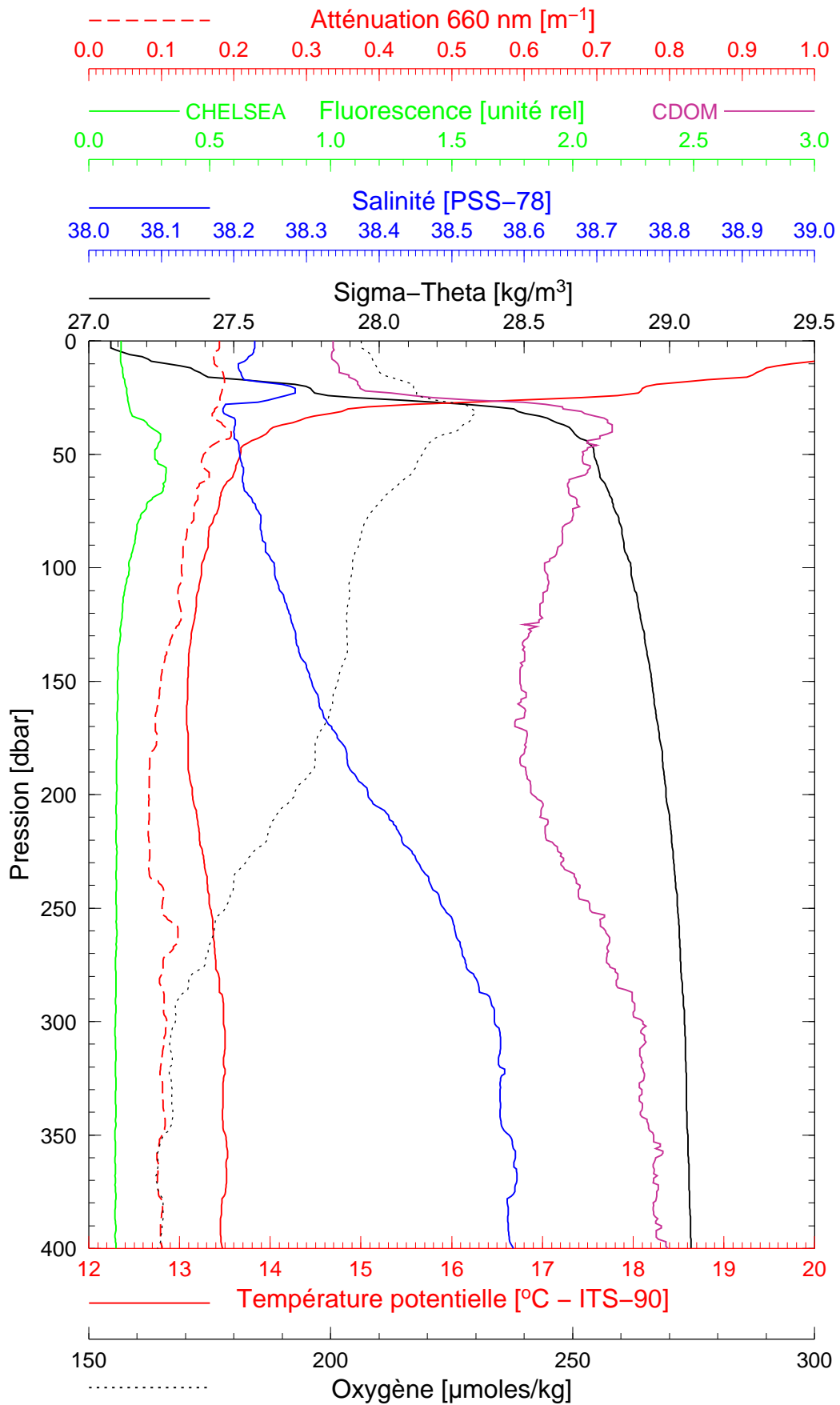
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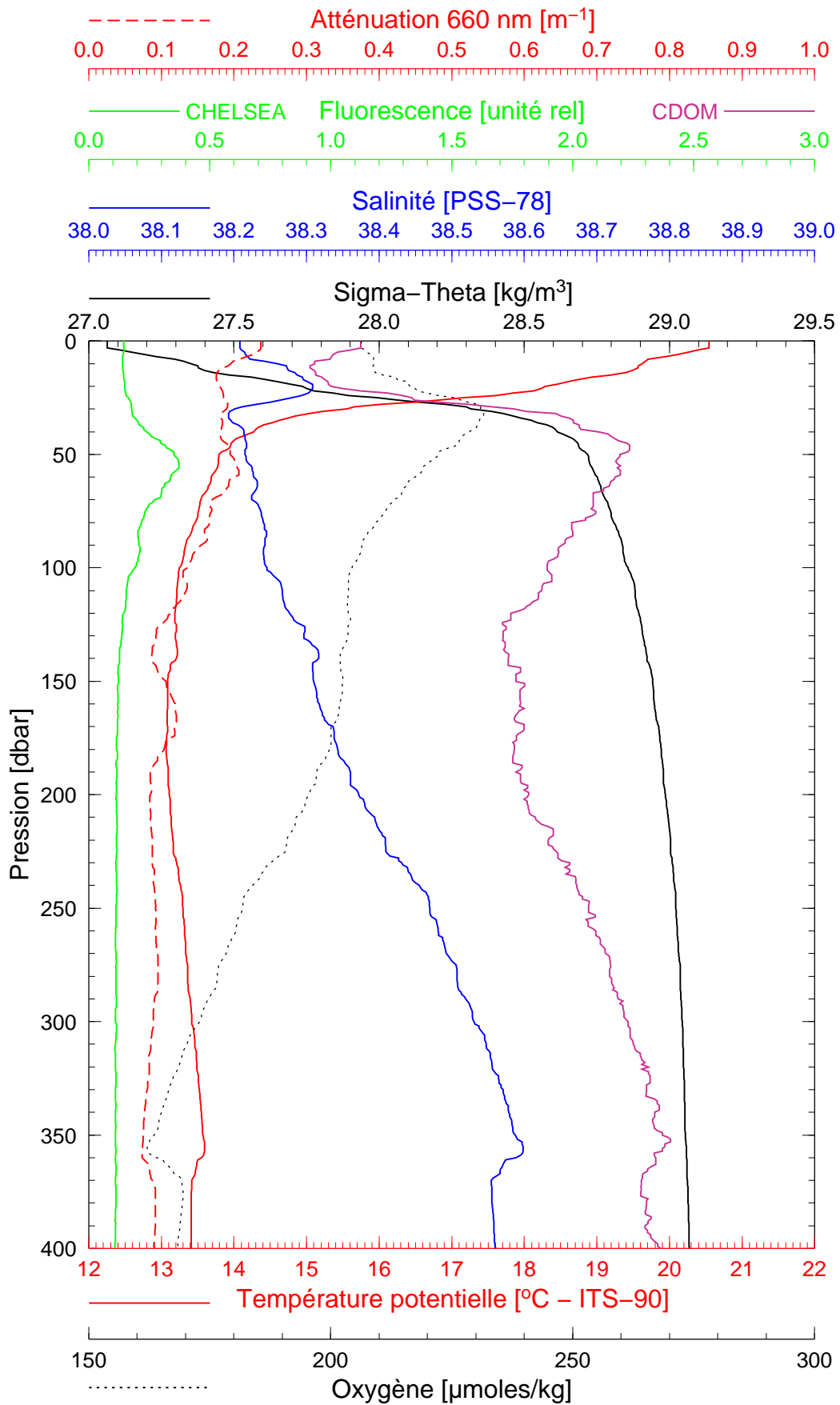
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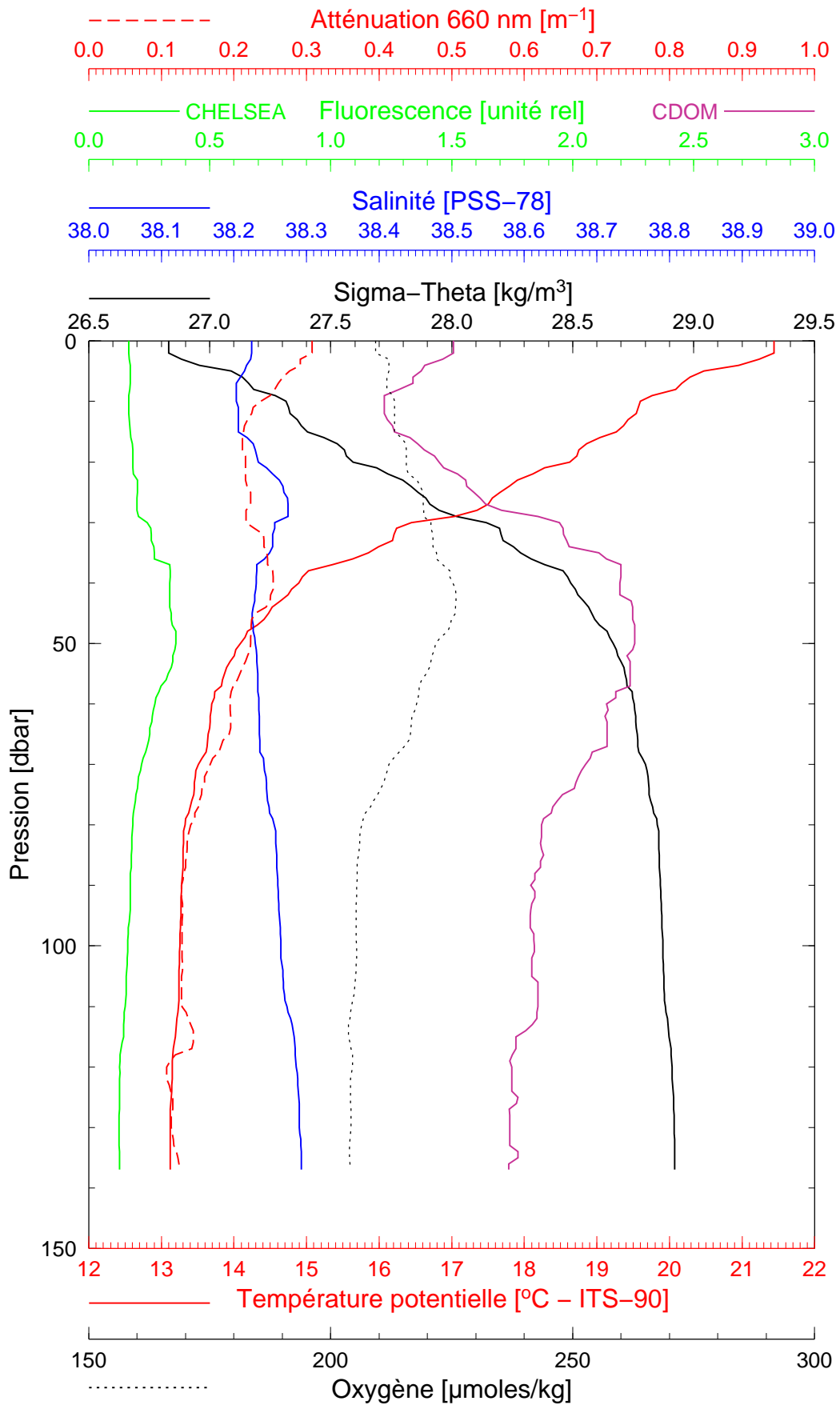
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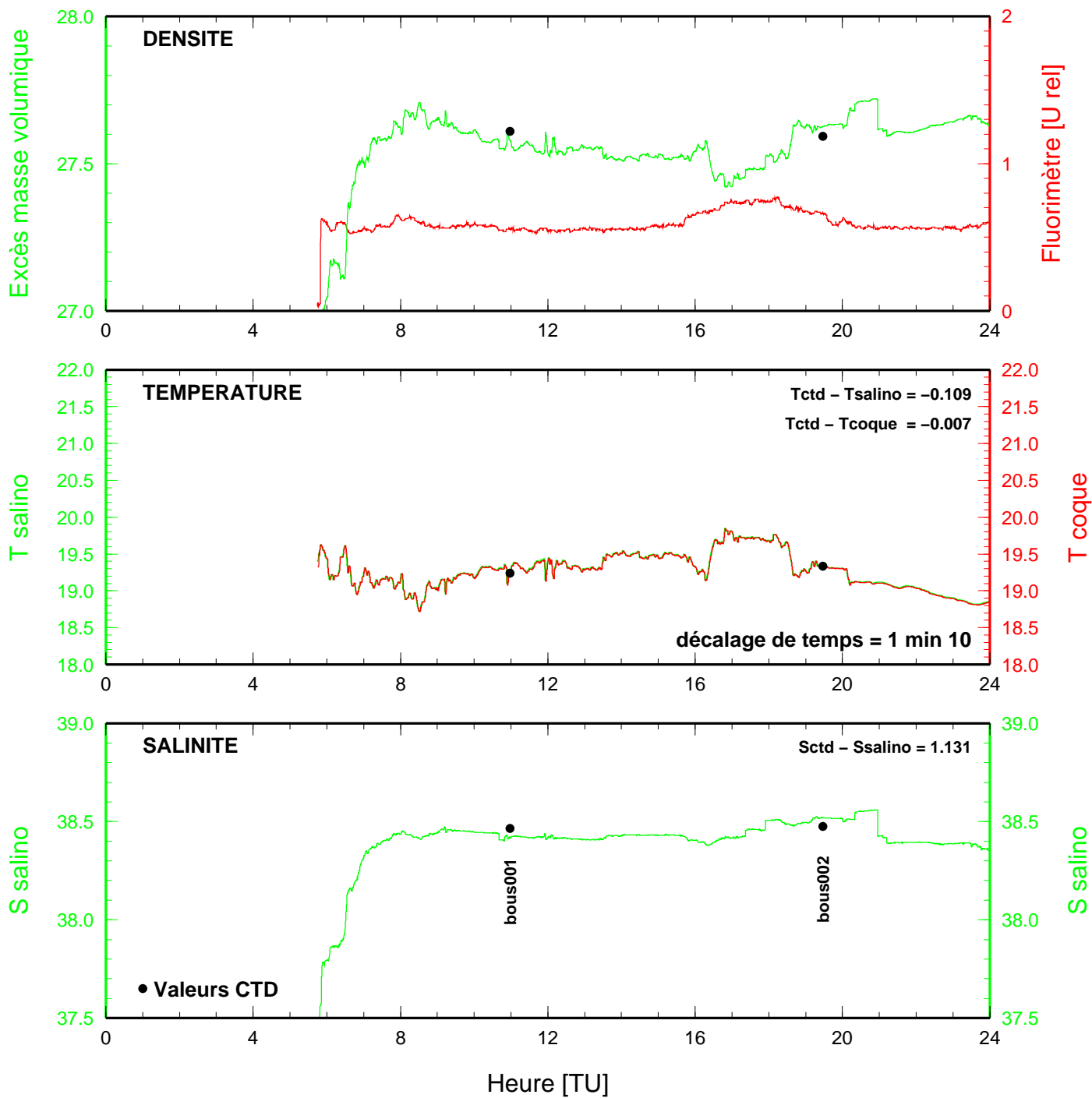
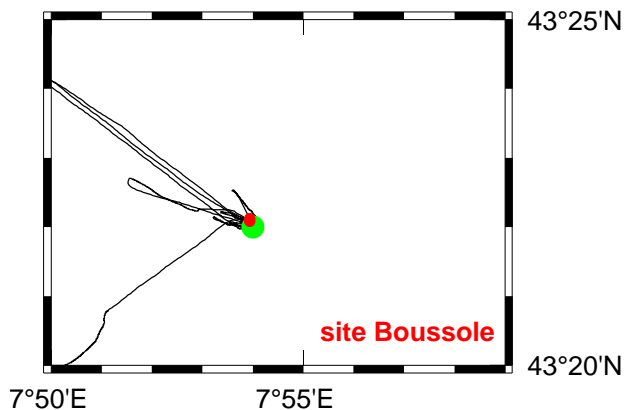
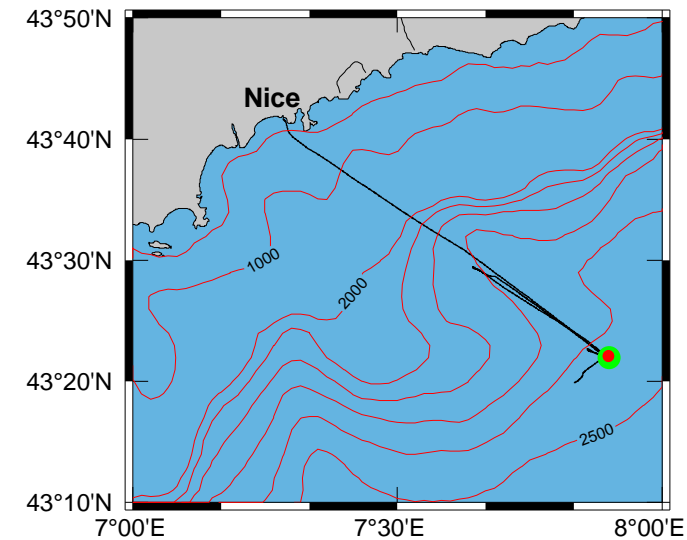
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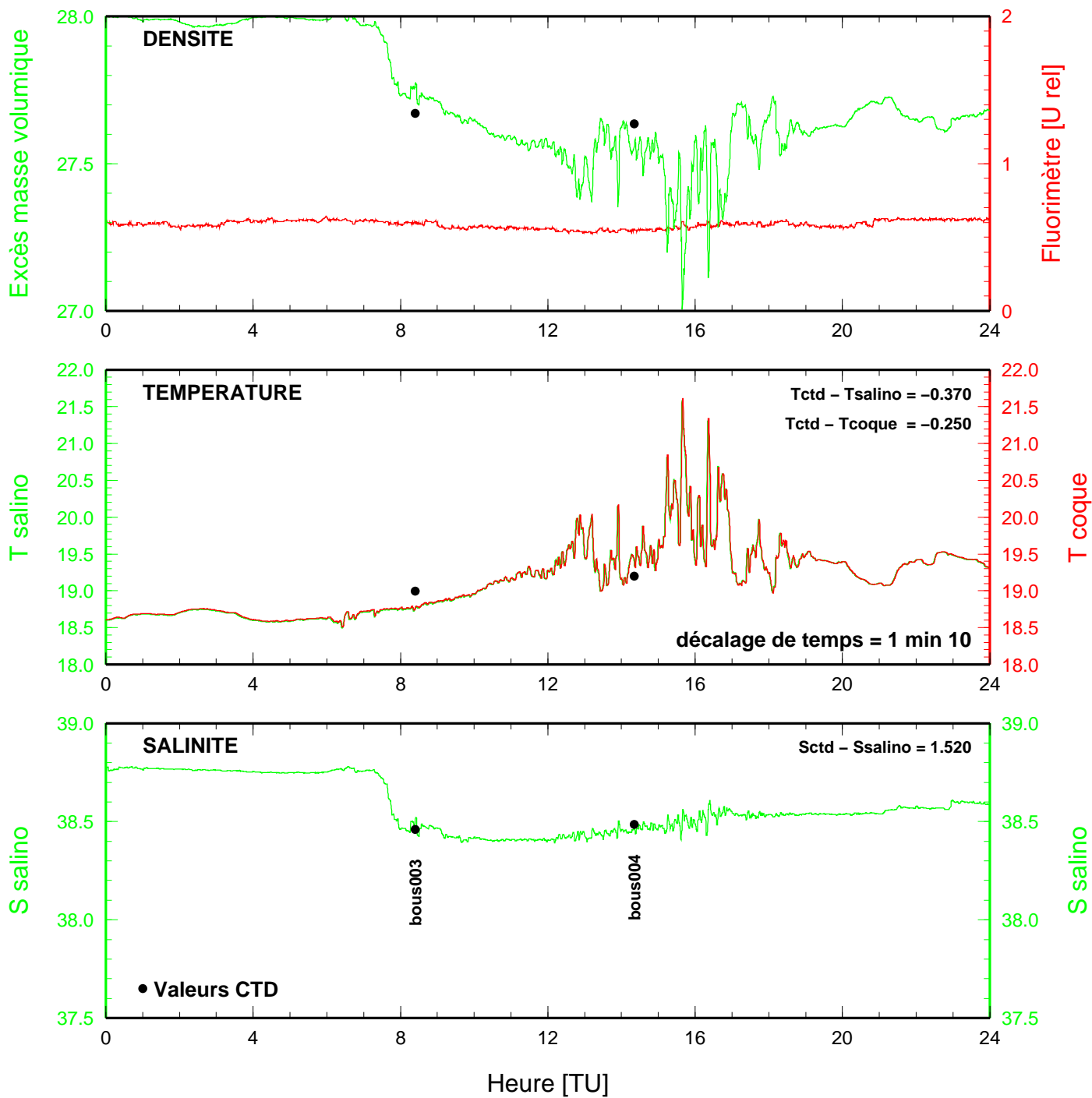
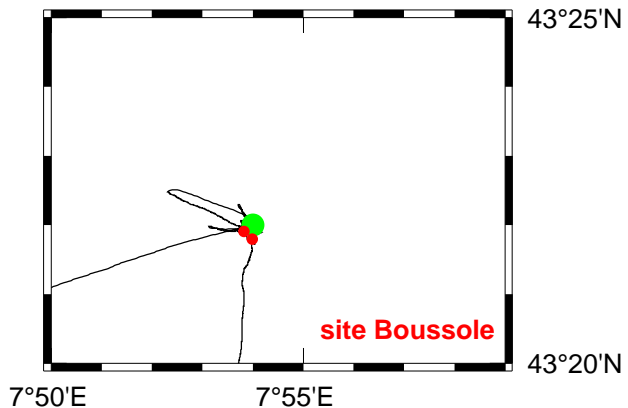
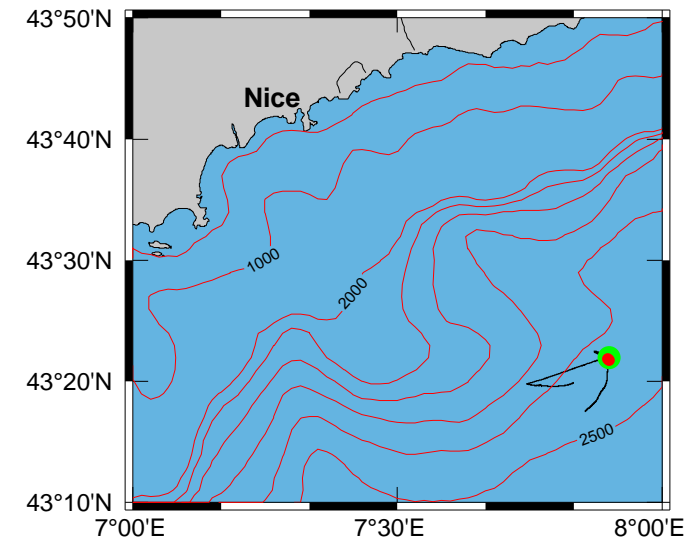
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