

Delayed mode quality control of MOCCA Argo float 3901887

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Summary

Profiles 1-62 no corrections QC=1 error = 0.01. Profiles 63-102 strong salty drift, QC=4. Graylisted from profiles 103 with QC=4.

WMO number	DM correction
3901887	No correction

Table 1: Correction applied in delayed mode.

Contents

1 Introduction

Delayed mode analysis was performed for float number 360521i (3901887) where salinity and temperature values were separately compared to nearby historical CTD profiles and nearby Argo profiles as a reference database. The OWC (Cabanes et al., 2016) method was run to estimate a salinity offset and/or a salinity drift. For more information about float 360521i (3901887) click on the following link: <http://www.ifremer.fr/argoMonitoring/float/3901887>

2 Quality Check of Argo Float Data

2.1 Time Series of Vertical Distribution of Data

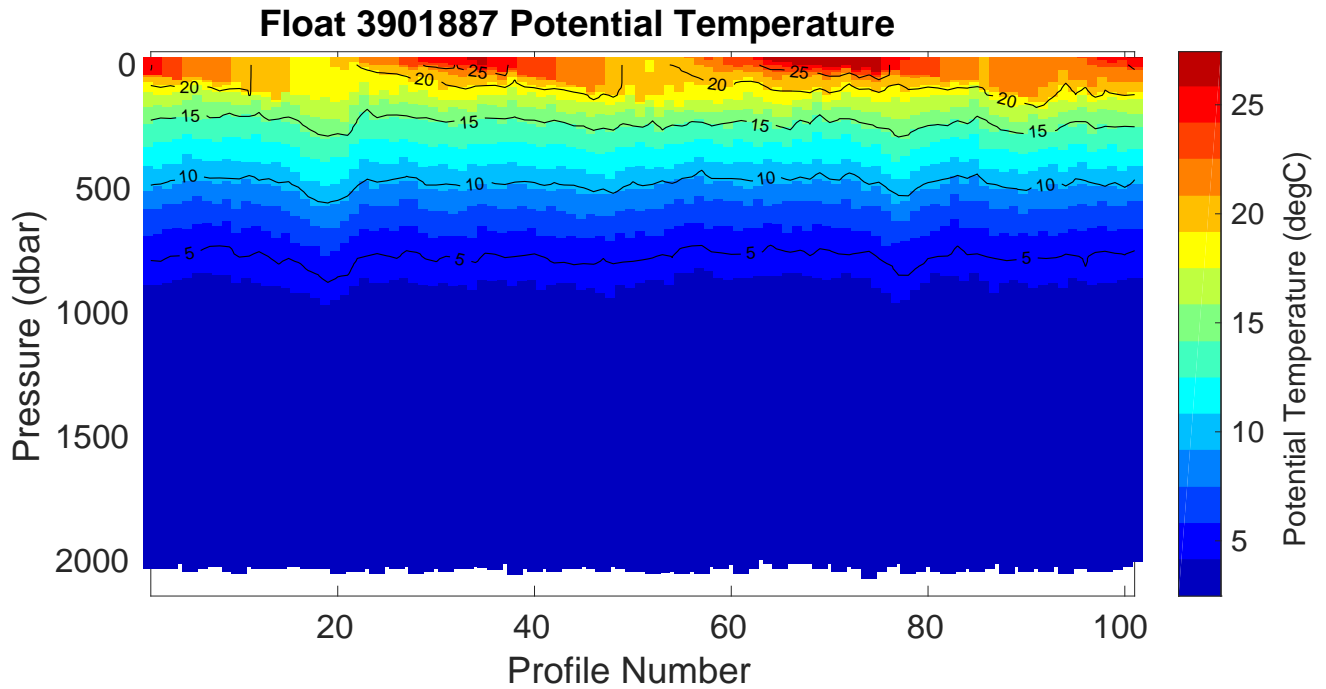


Figure 1: Float 3901887. Time series of the vertical distribution of potential temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$).

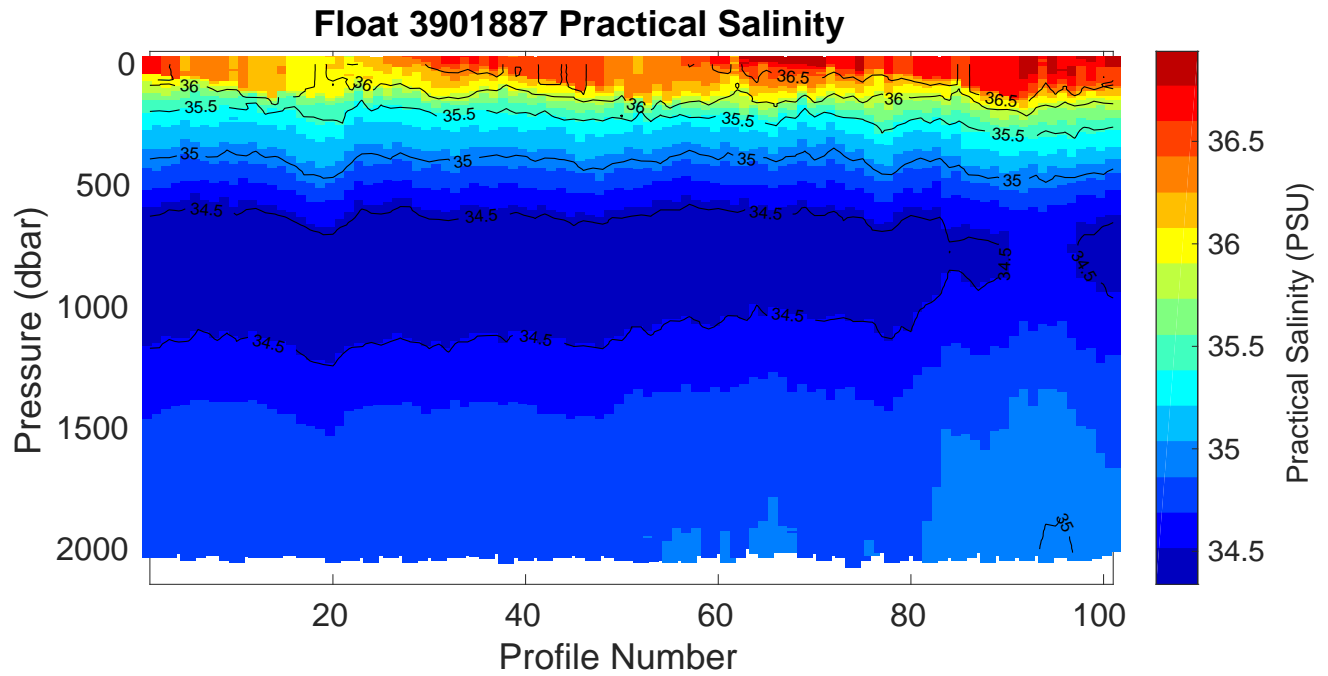


Figure 2: Float 3901887. Time series of the vertical distribution of practical salinity (PSU).

2.2 Comparison between Argo Float and Climatology

The comparison between float 3901887 and data from WMO boxes $\pm 10^\circ$ of latitude and longitude shows that the Argo profiles fit within the expected ranges (Figures 3, 4 and 5). This result confirms that float 3901887 represents relatively stable and consistent with the expected physical conditions in this region.

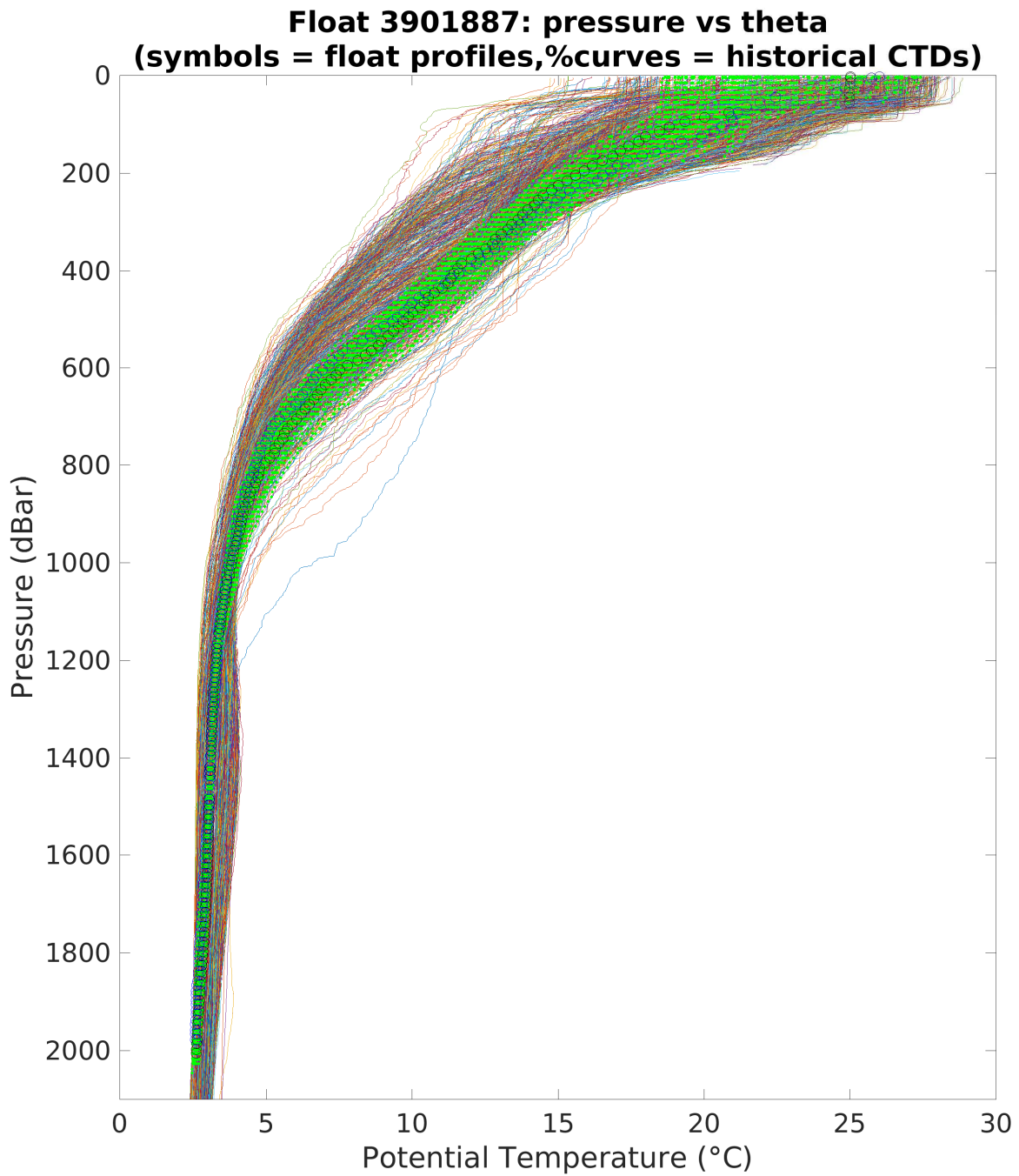


Figure 3: Float 3901887. Float profile of potential temperature (°C) plotted with climatology from the spatial range of 10 °. The black and blue cycles indicates the first and the last Argo profile, respectively. Green symbols represent other Argo profiles.

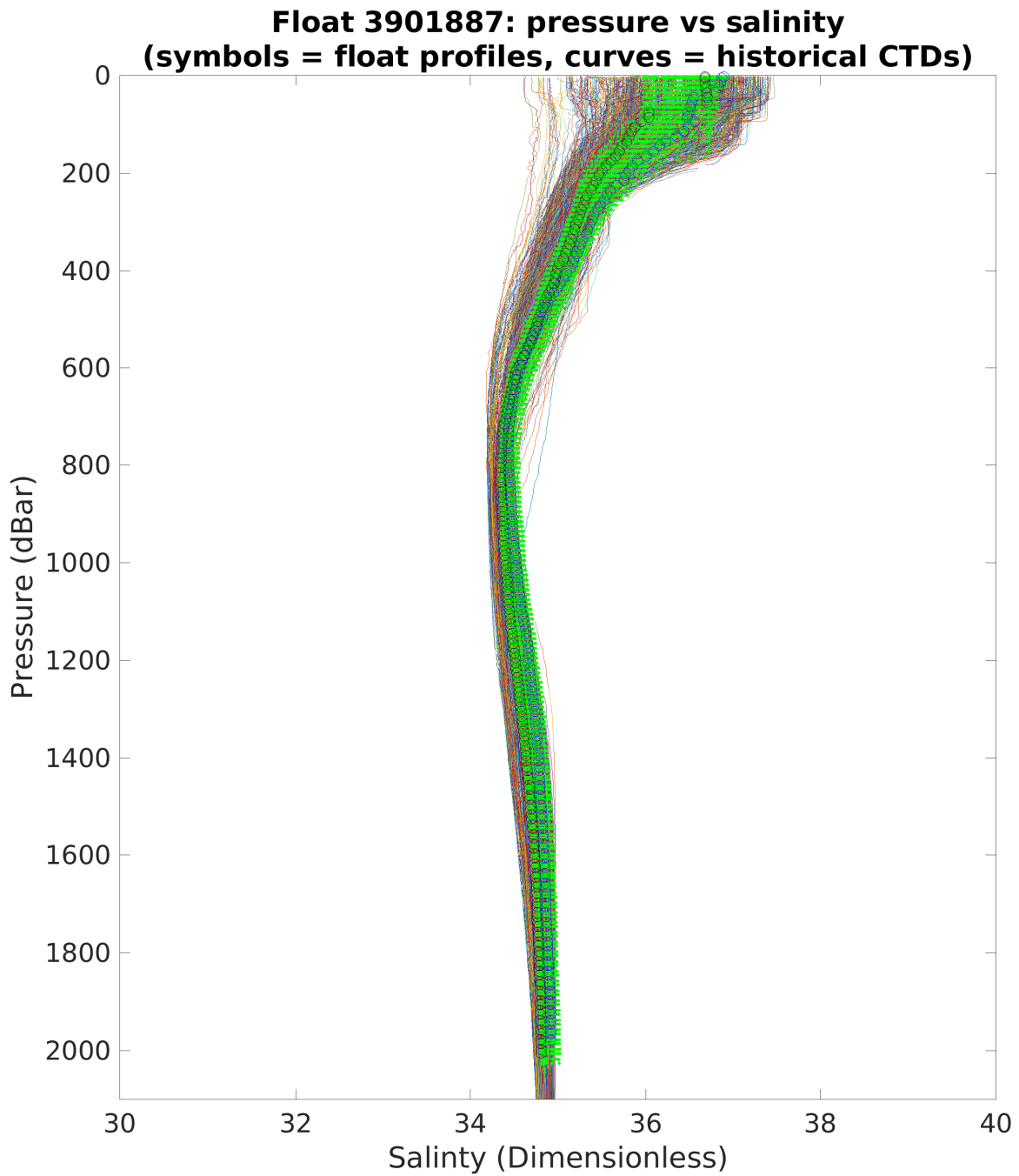


Figure 4: Float 3901887. Float profile of salinity (dimensionless) plotted with climatology from the spatial range of 10° . The black and blue cycles indicates the first and the last Argo profile, respectively. Green symbols represent other Argo profiles.

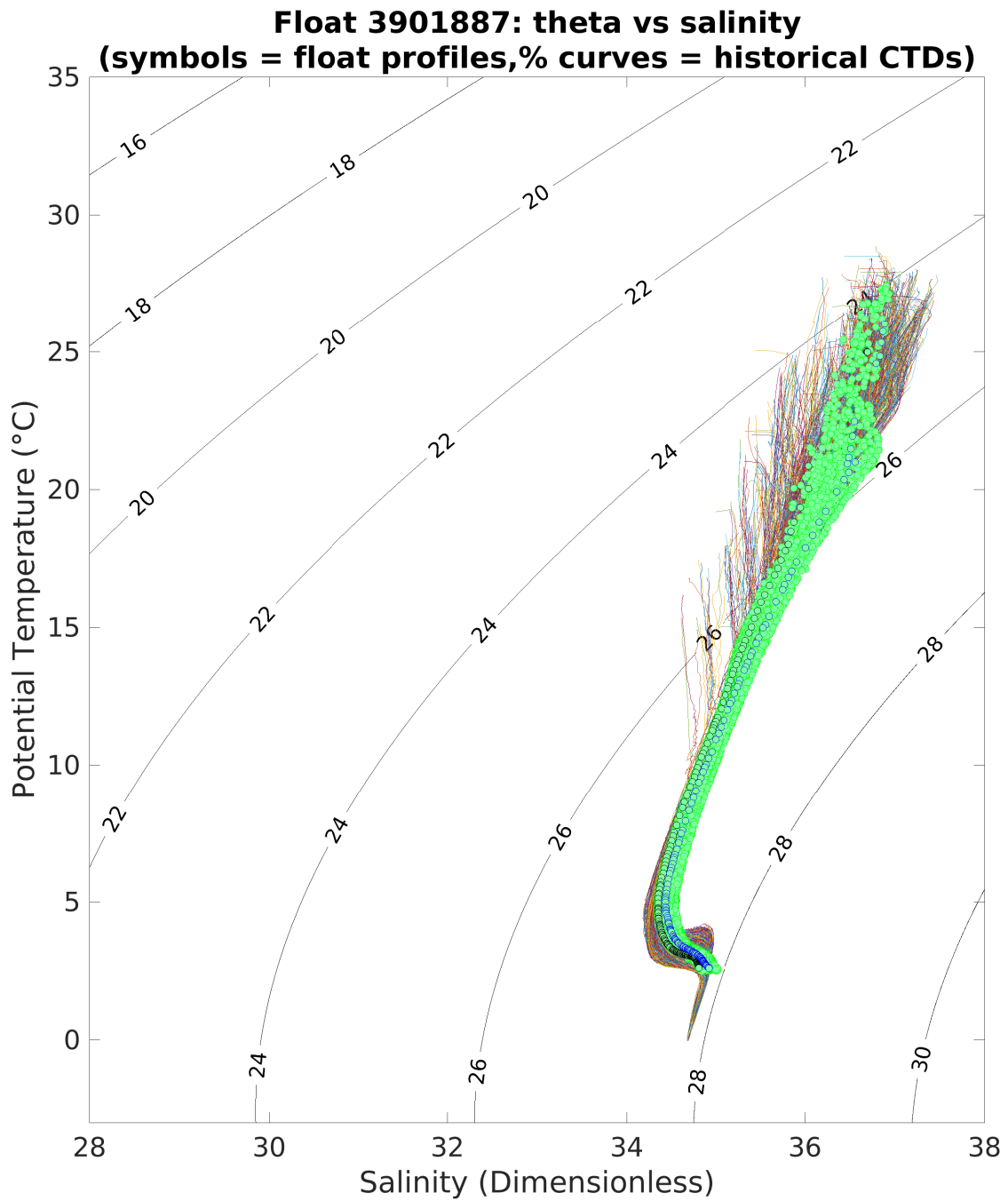


Figure 5: Float 3901887. Theta/S plotted with climatology from the spatial range of 10°. The black and blue cycles indicates the first and the last Argo profile, respectively. Green symbols represent other Argo profiles.

2.3 Satellite Altimeter comparison

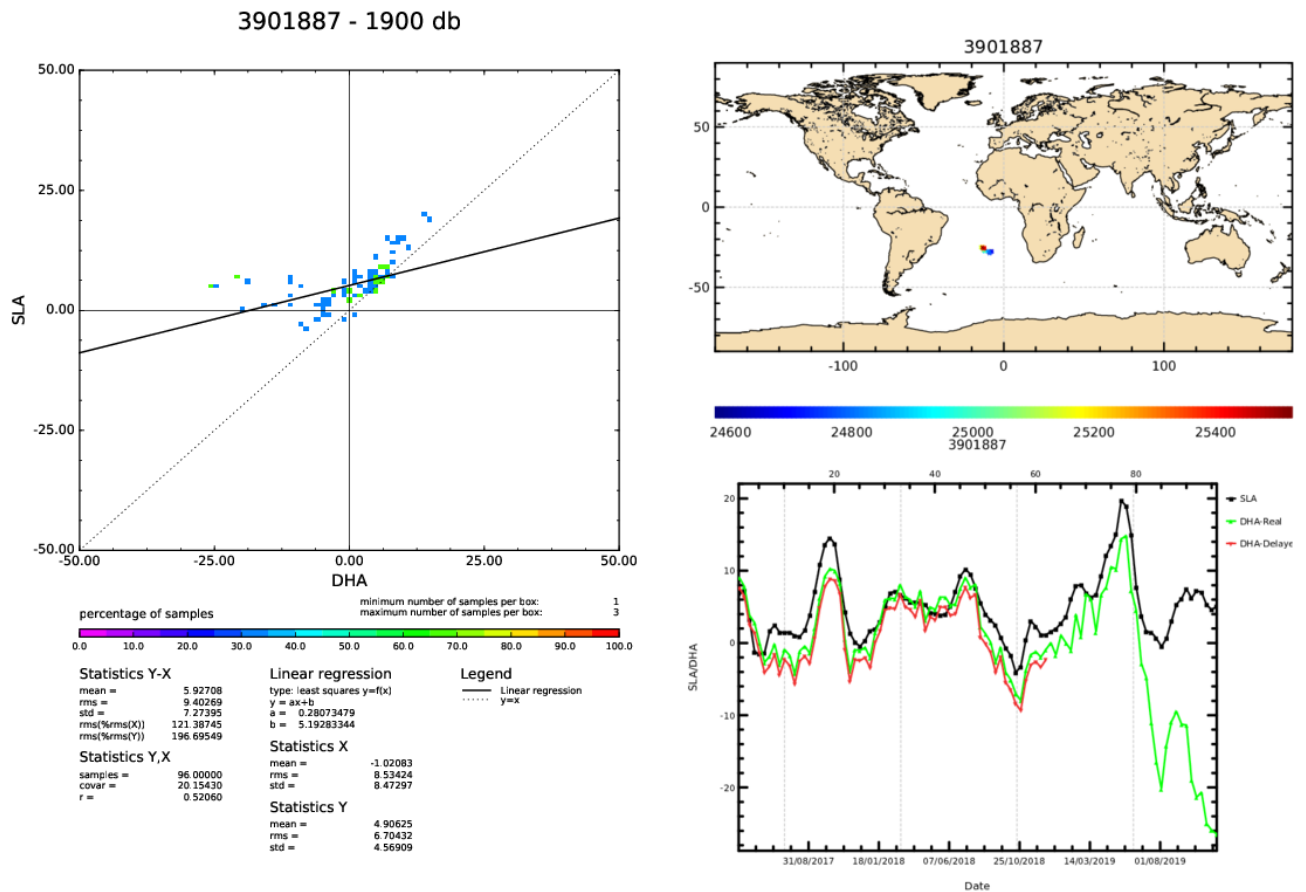


Figure 6: Float 3901887. The comparison between the Sea Surface Height (SSH) from the satellite altimetry and Dynamic Height Anomaly (DHA) extracted from the Argo float temperature and salinity data

3 Correction of Salinity Data

3.1 Comparison between Argo floats and CTD Climatology

3.1.1 Configuration

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% max number of historical casts used in objective mapping
CONFIG_MAX_CASTS=310

% 1=use PV constraint, 0=don't use PV constraint, in objective mapping
MAP_USE_PV=1

% 1=use SAF separation criteria, 0=don't use SAF separation criteria, in objective mapping
MAP_USE_SAF=0

% spatial decorrelation scales, in degrees
MAPSCALE_LONGITUDE_LARGE=3.2
MAPSCALE_LONGITUDE_SMALL=0.8
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% cross-isobath scales, dimensionless, see BS(2005)
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% temporal decorrelation scale, in years
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% exclude the top xxx dbar of the water column
MAP_P_EXCLUDE=100

% only use historical data that are within +/- yyy dbar from float data
MAP_P_DELTA=50

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3.1.2 Results

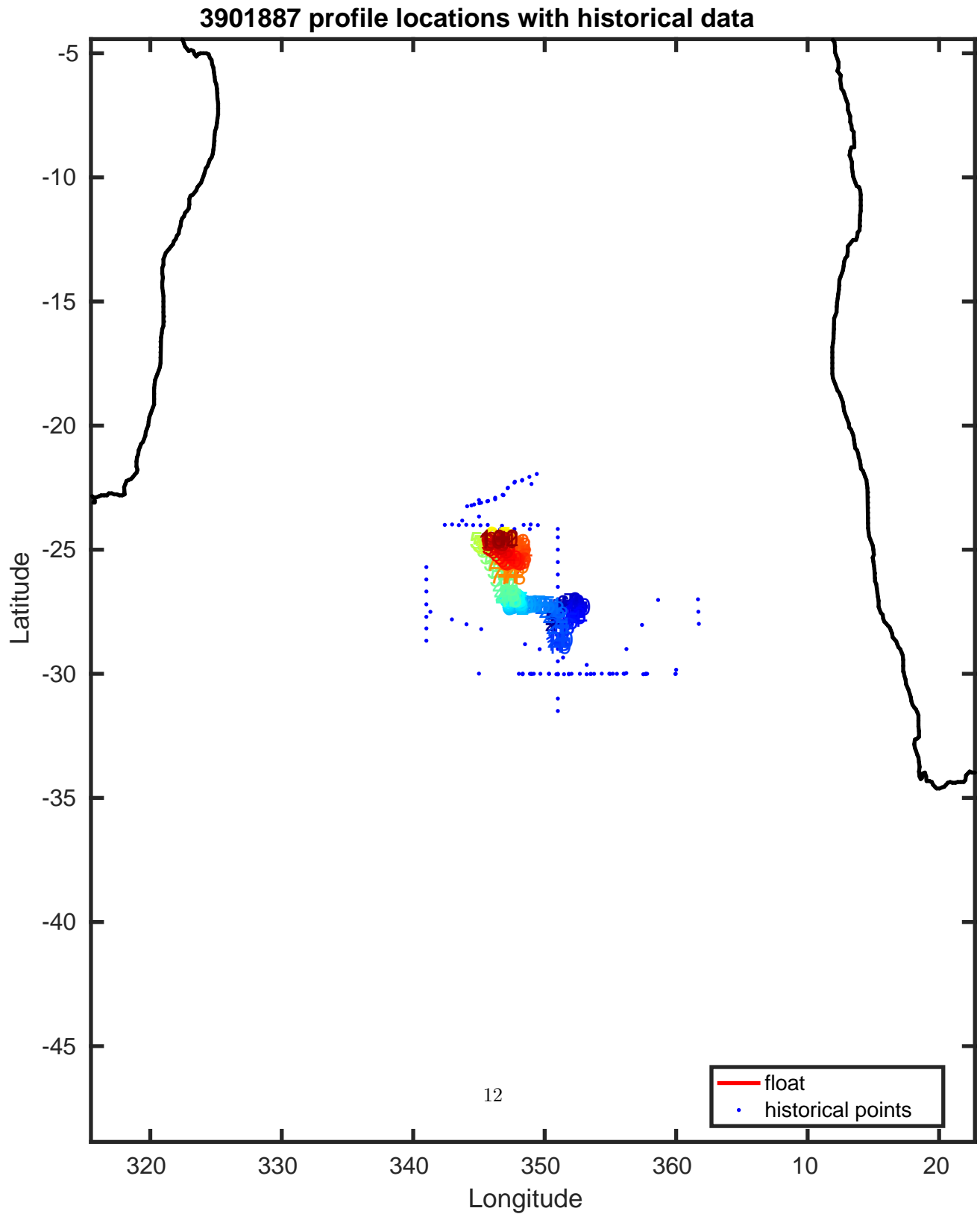


Figure 7: Float 3901887. Trajectory of the float with historical CTD data. The black contours indicate the bathymetry at 0, 200, 1000 and 2000 m.

3901887 uncalibrated float data (-) and mapped salinity (o) with objective errors

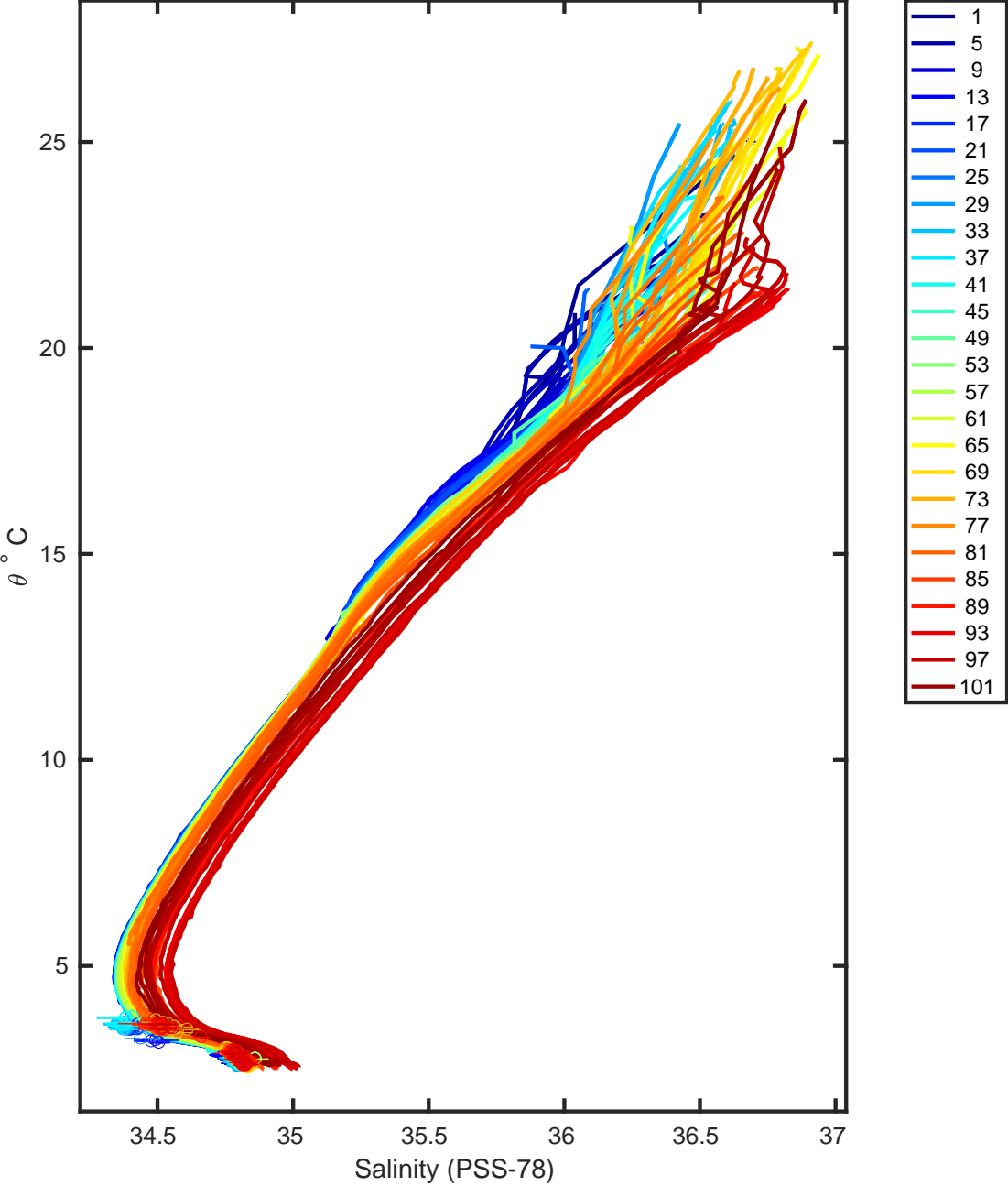


Figure 8: Float 3901887. Uncalibrated float data and mapped salinity.

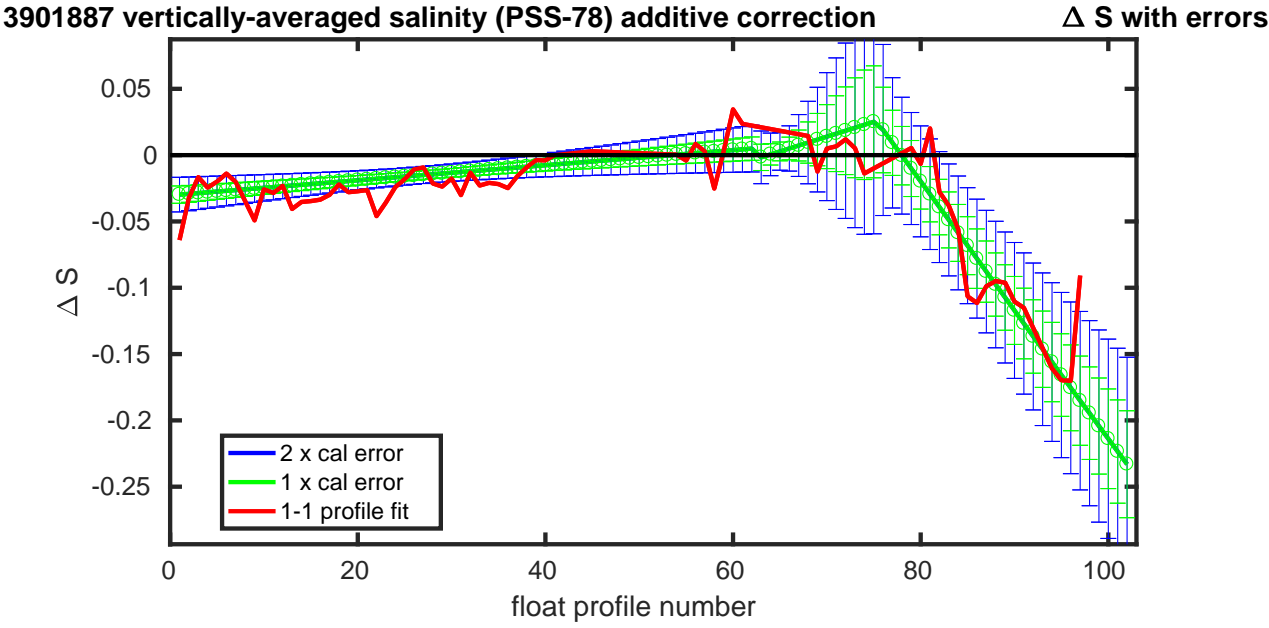
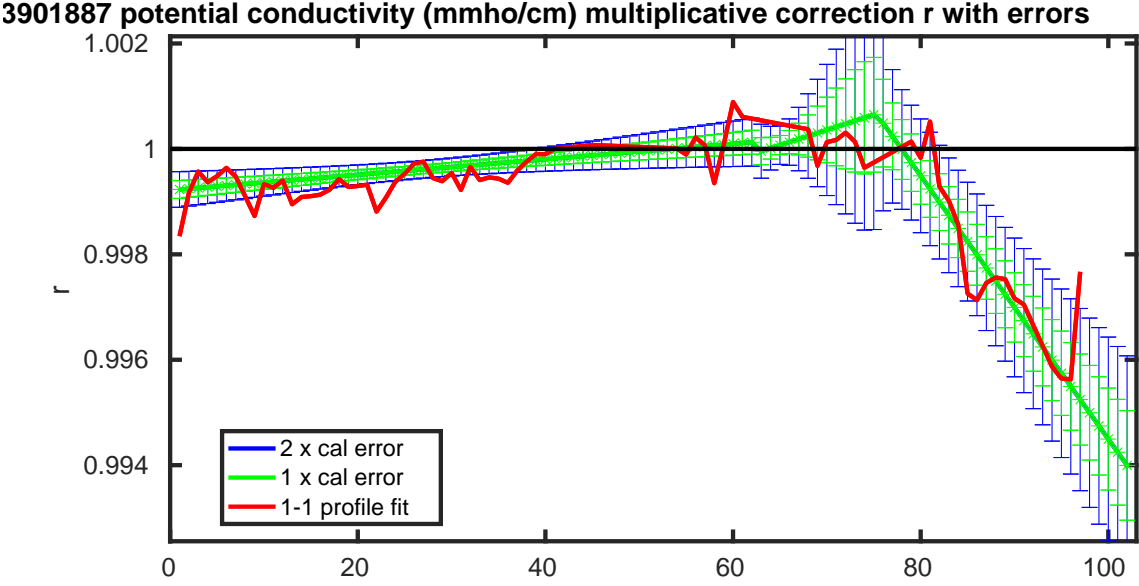


Figure 9: Float 3901887. Potential conductivity (top) and vertically averaged salinity (bottom) with errors.

3901887 calibrated float data (-) and mapped salinity (o) with objective errors

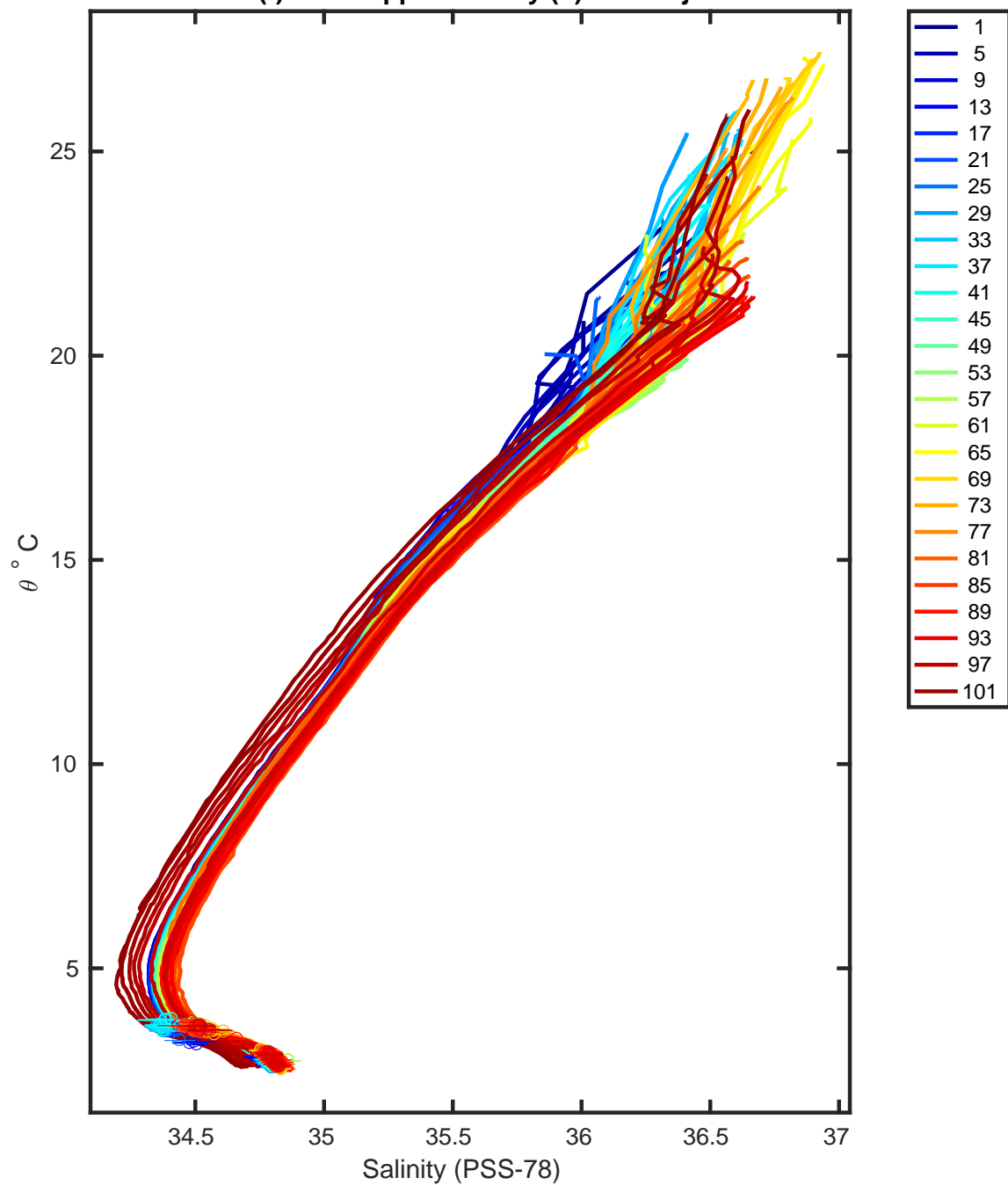


Figure 10: Float 3901887. Calibrated float data and mapped salinity.

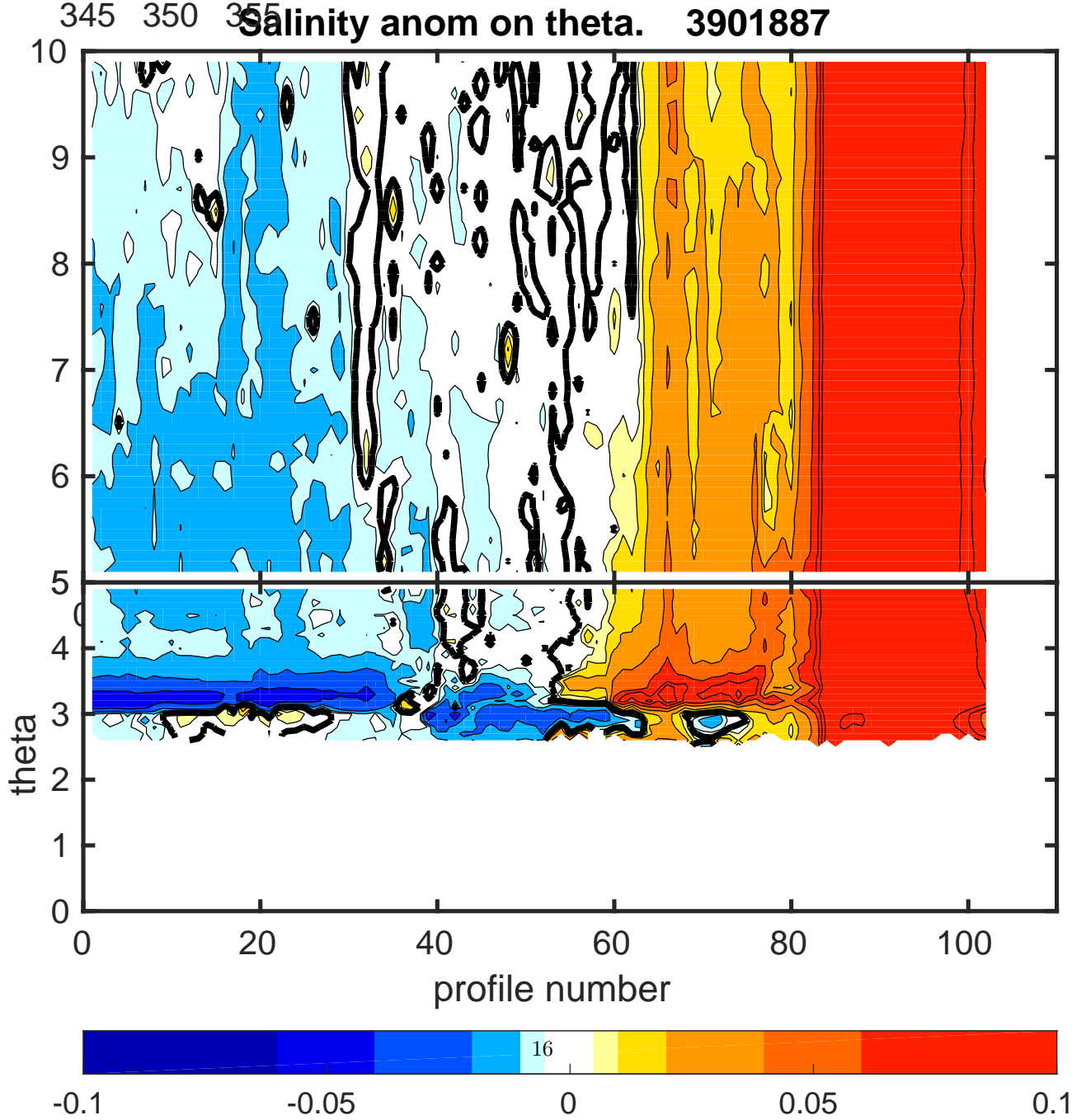
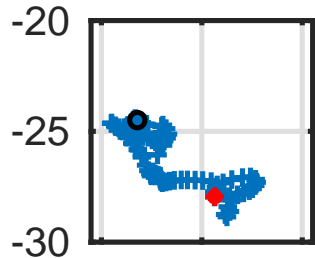


Figure 11: Float 3901887. Salinity anomaly on θ levels.

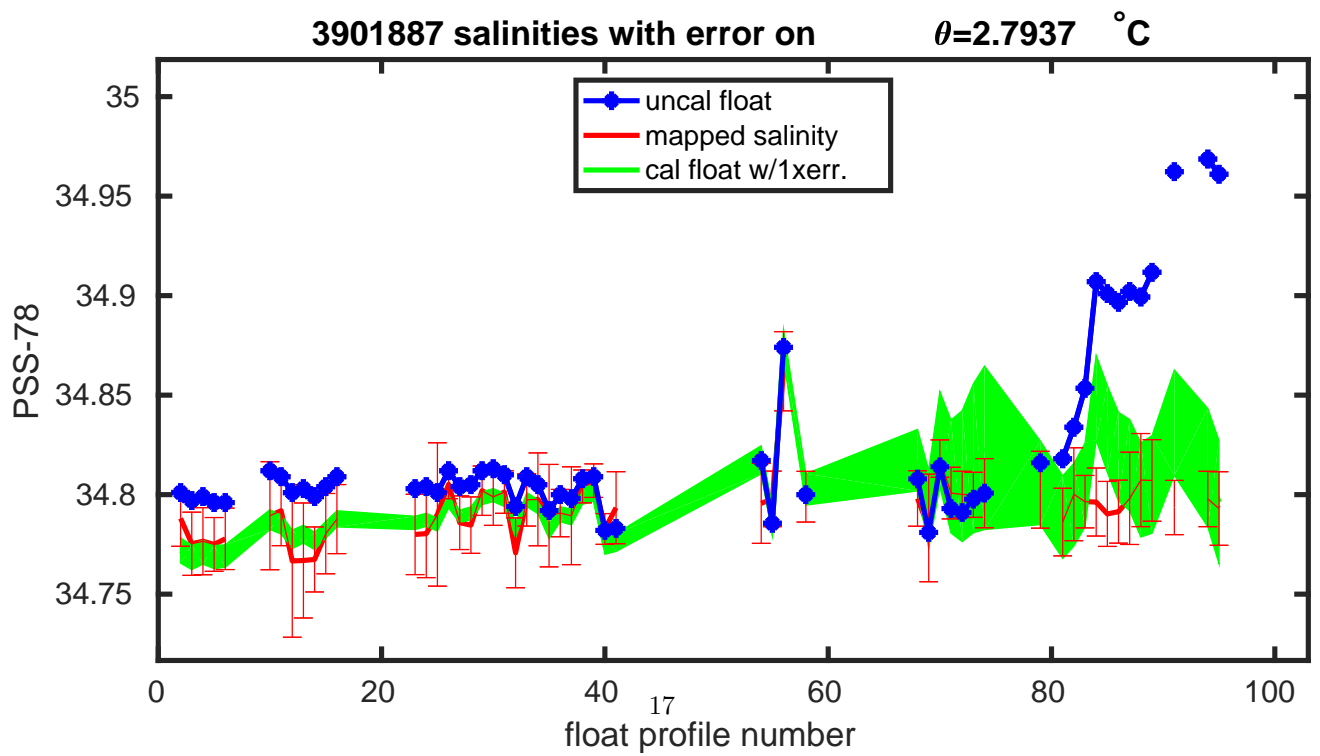
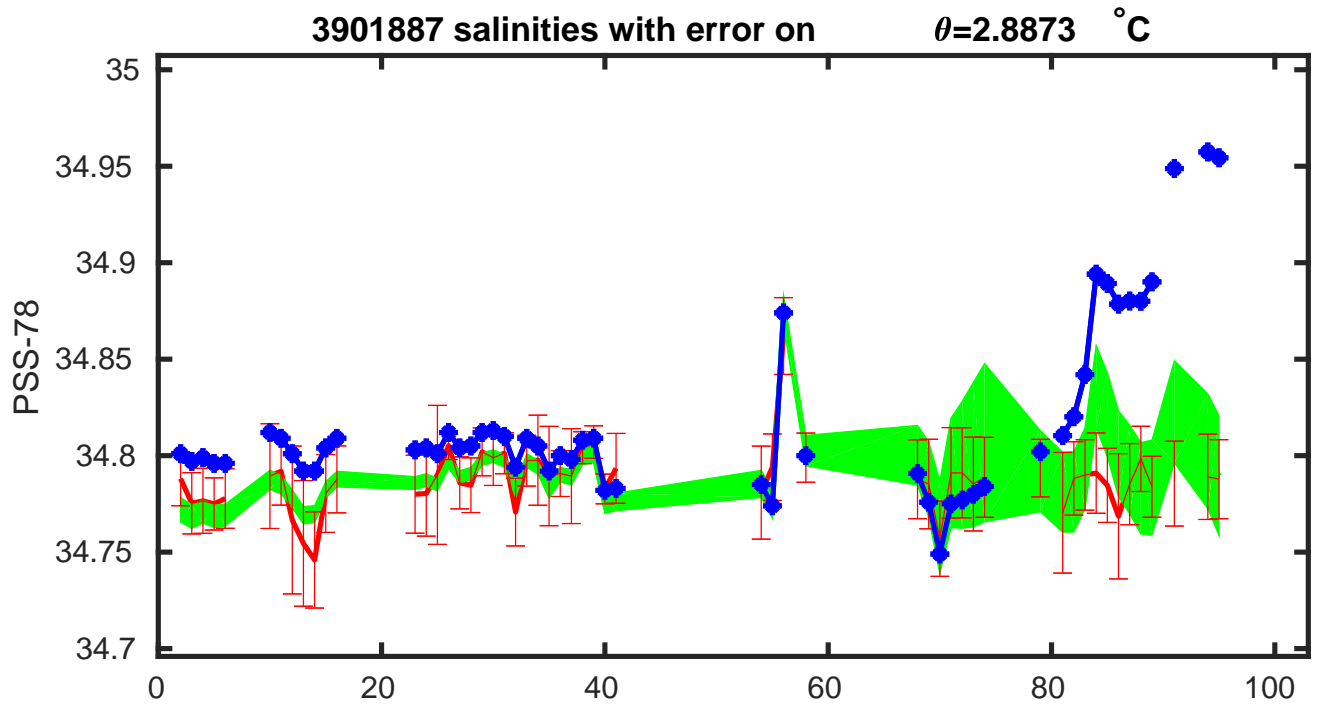


Figure 12: Float 3901887. Salinities with errors on θ levels.

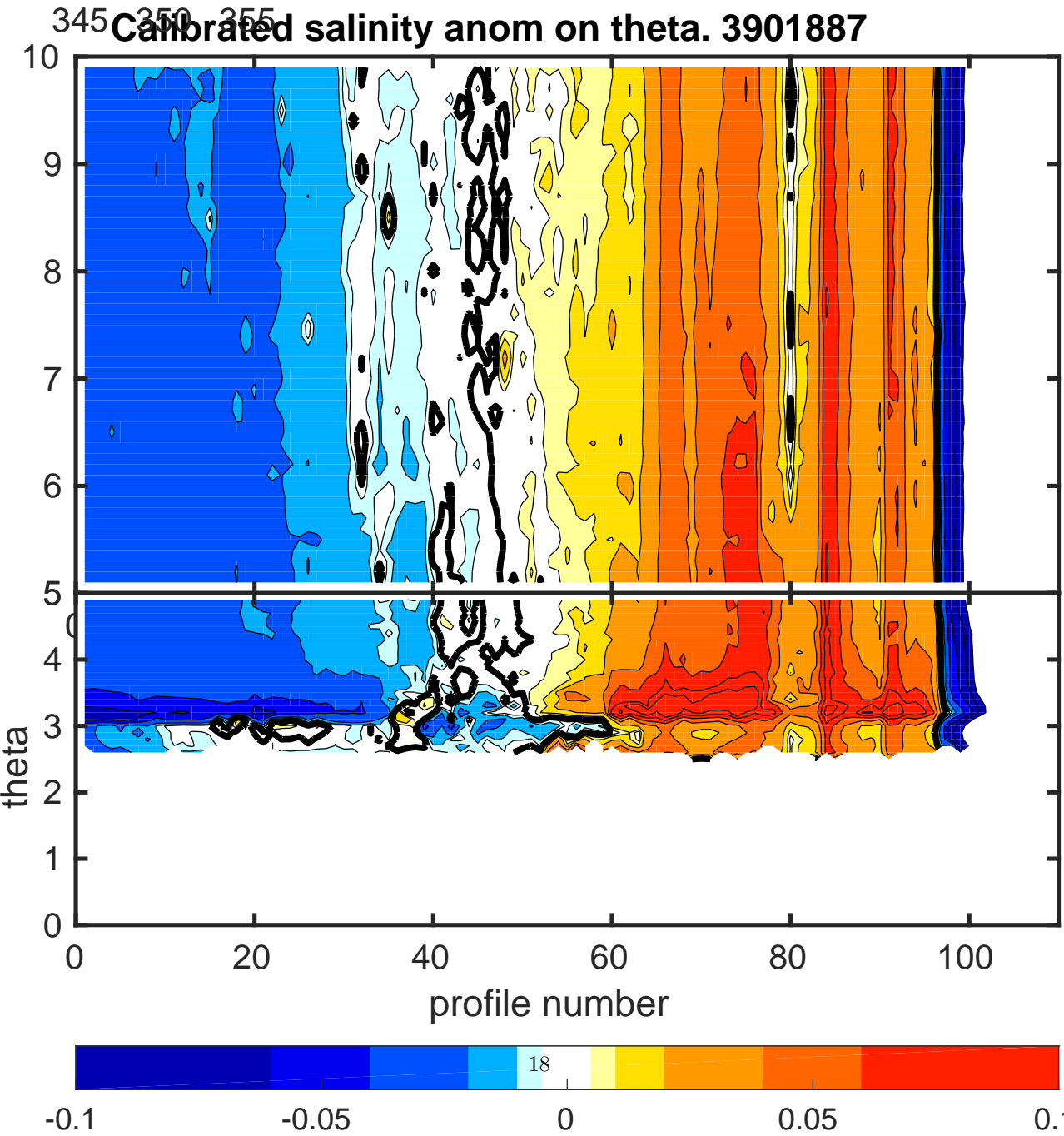
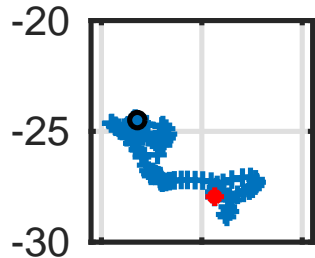


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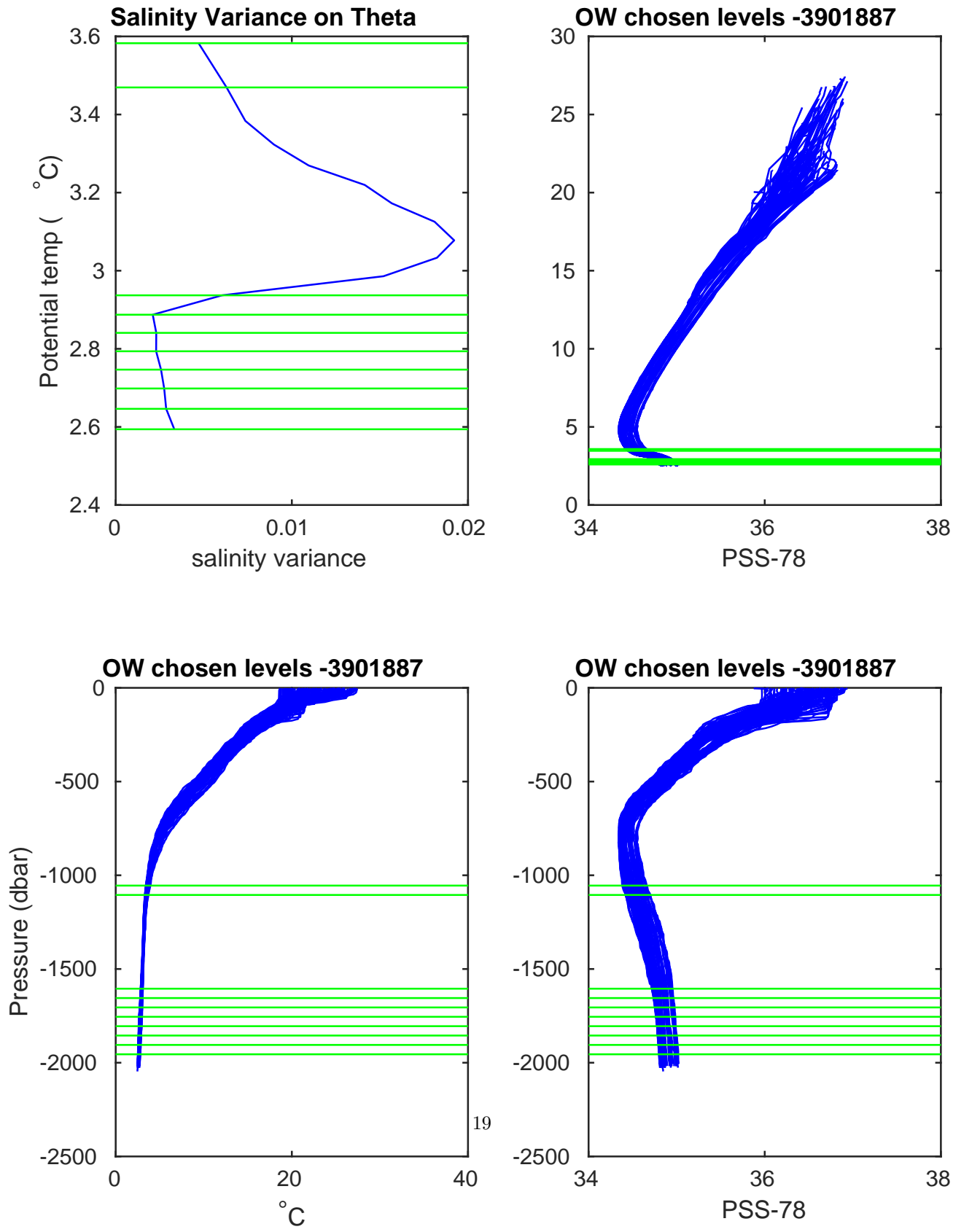


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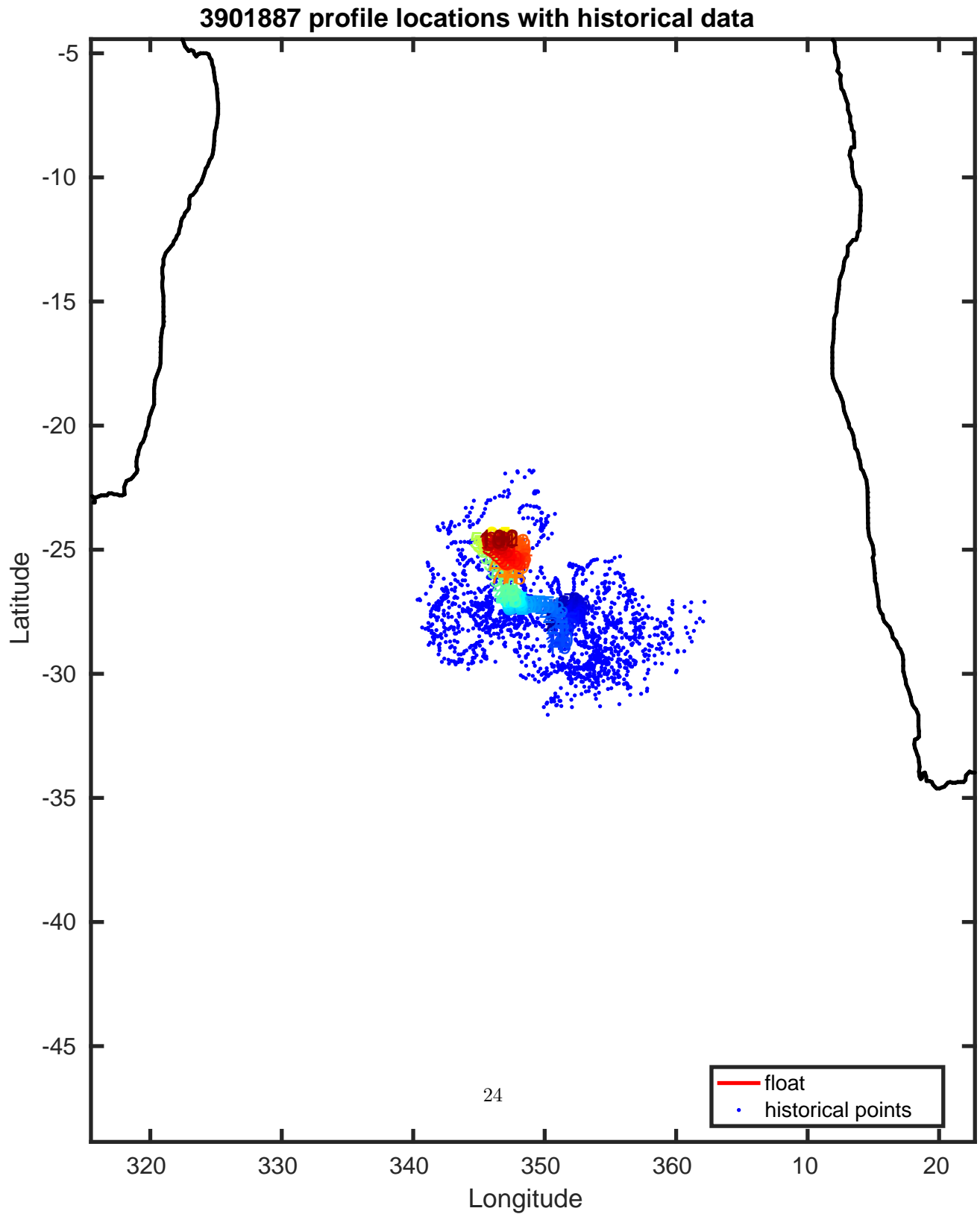


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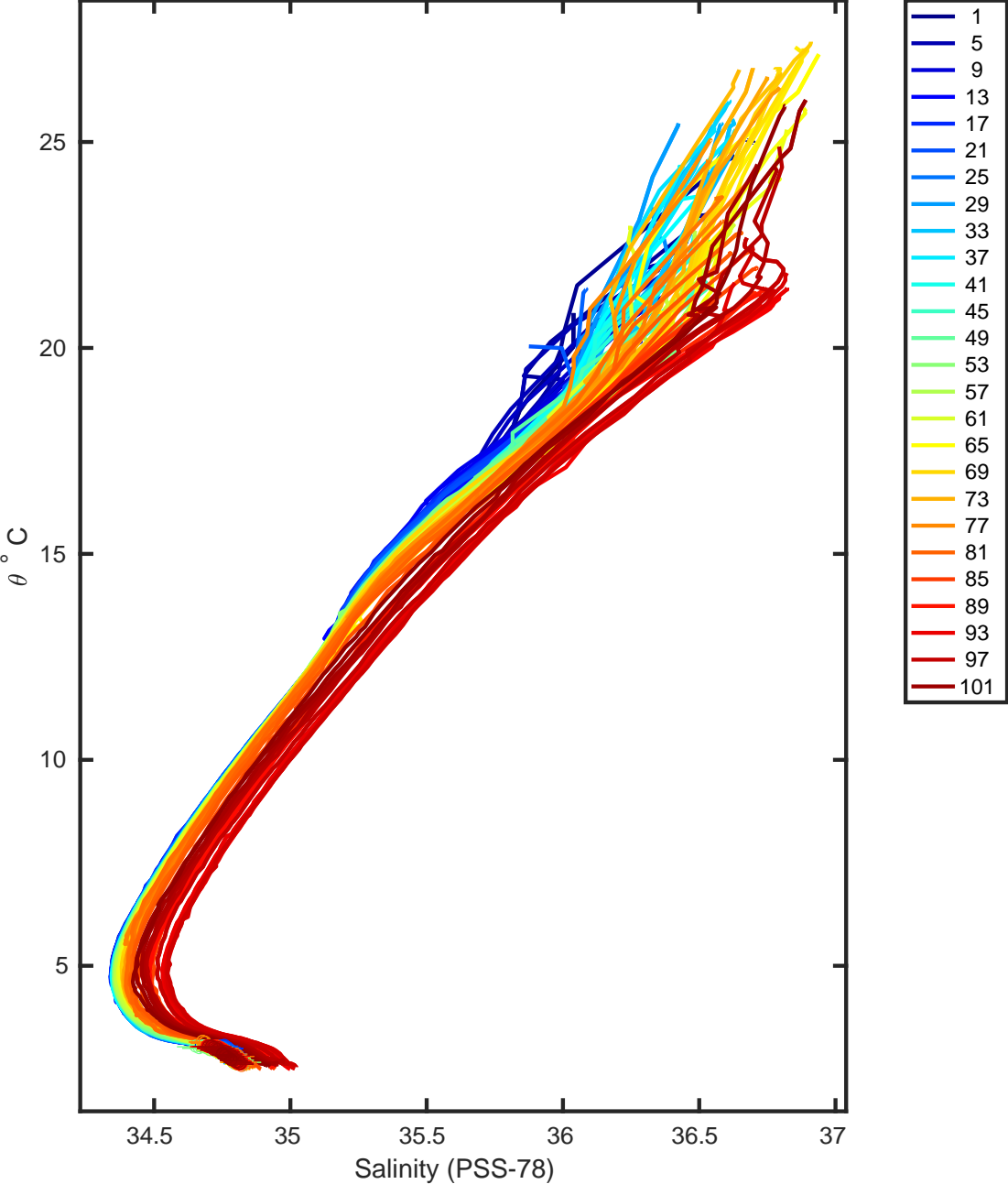
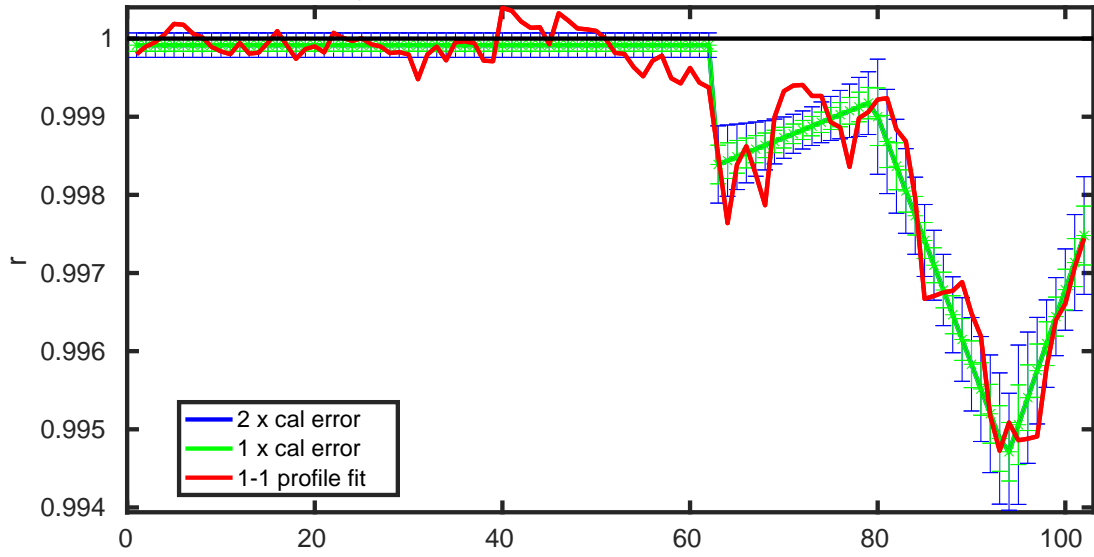


Figure 16: Float 3901887. Uncalibrated float data and mapped salinity.

3901887 potential conductivity (mmho/cm) multiplicative correction r with errors



3901887 vertically-averaged salinity (PSS-78) additive correction

ΔS with errors

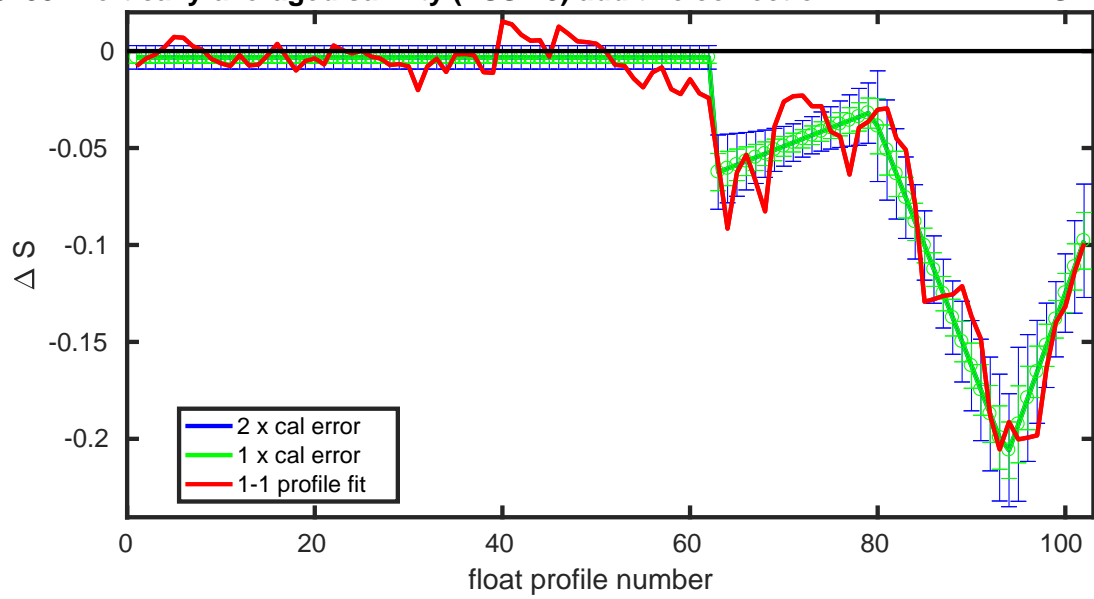


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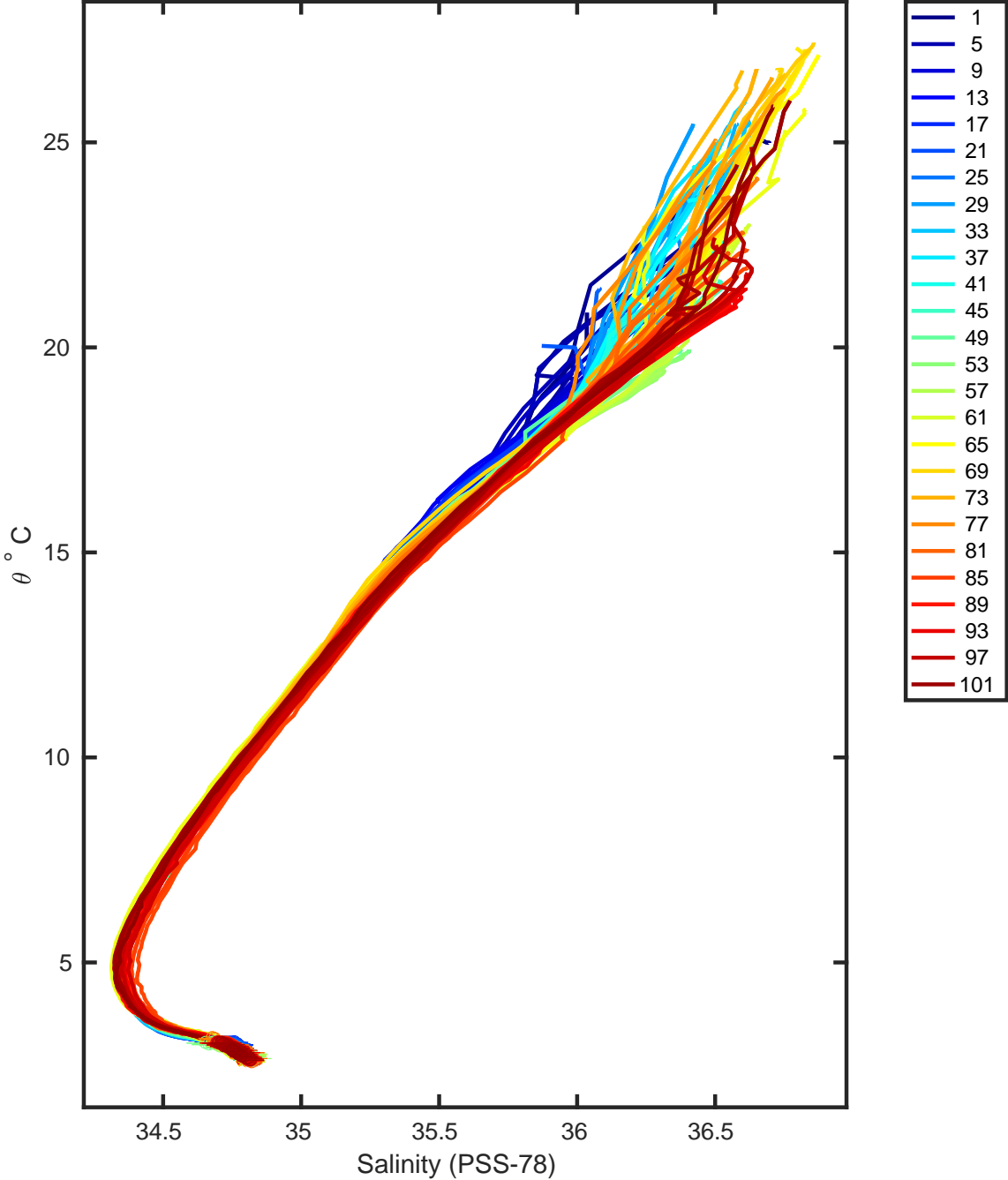
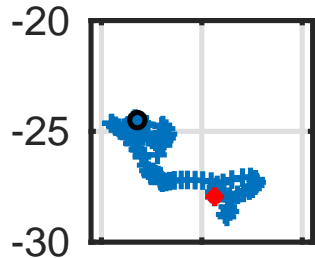


Figure 18: Float 3901887. Calibrated float data and mapped salinity.



Salinity anom on theta. 3901887

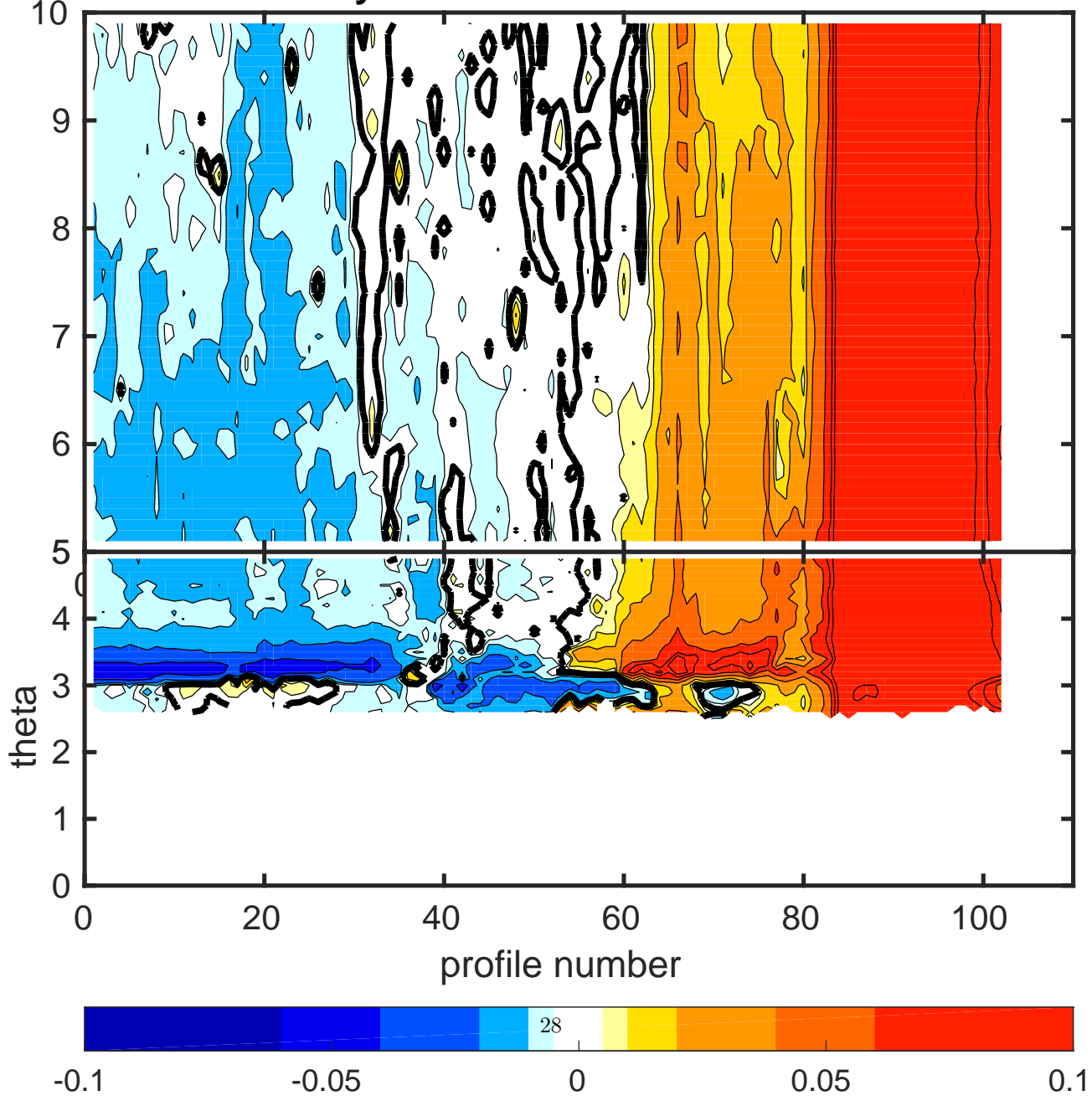


Figure 19: Float 3901887. Salinity anomaly on Theta

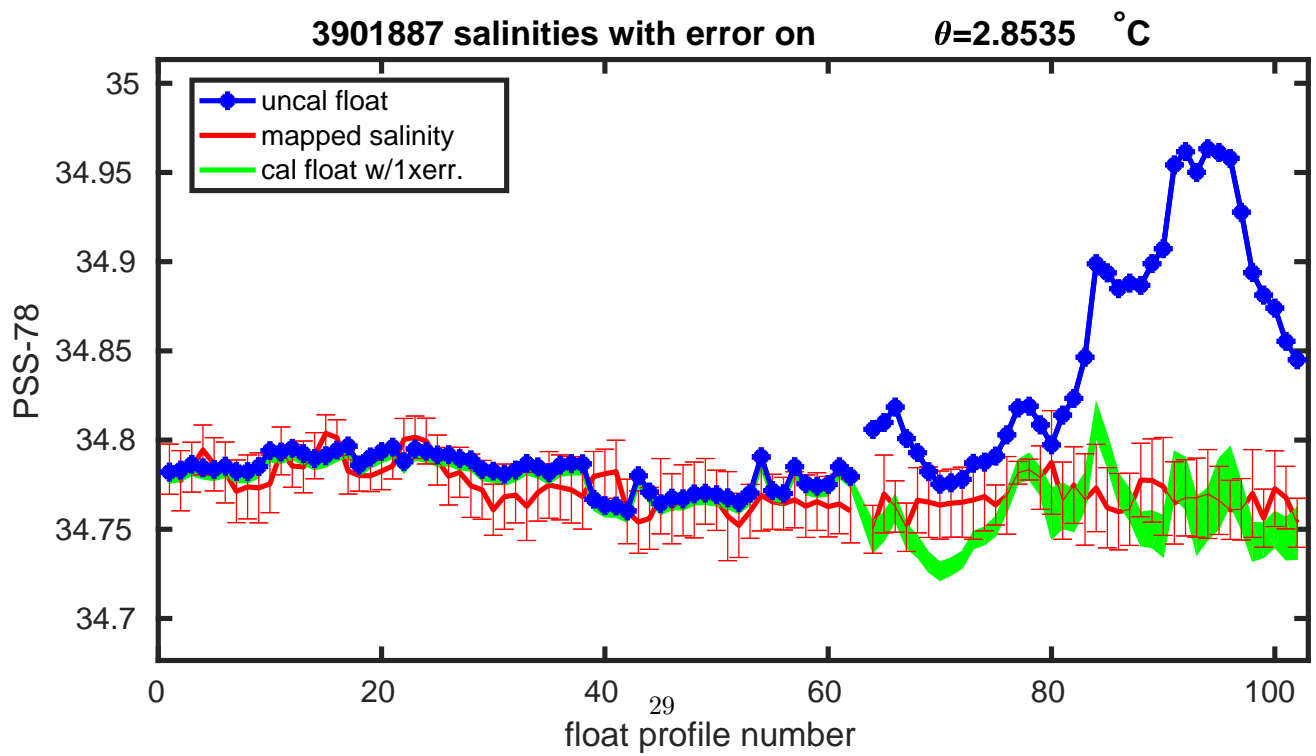
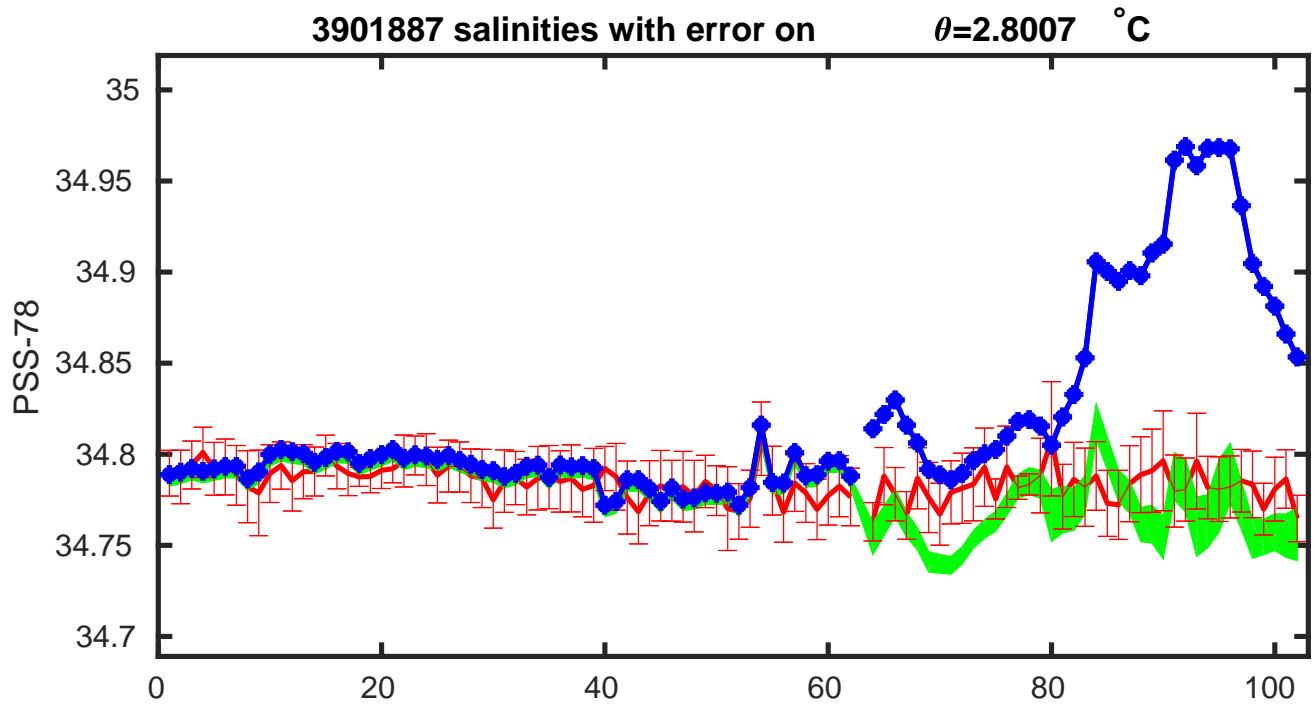


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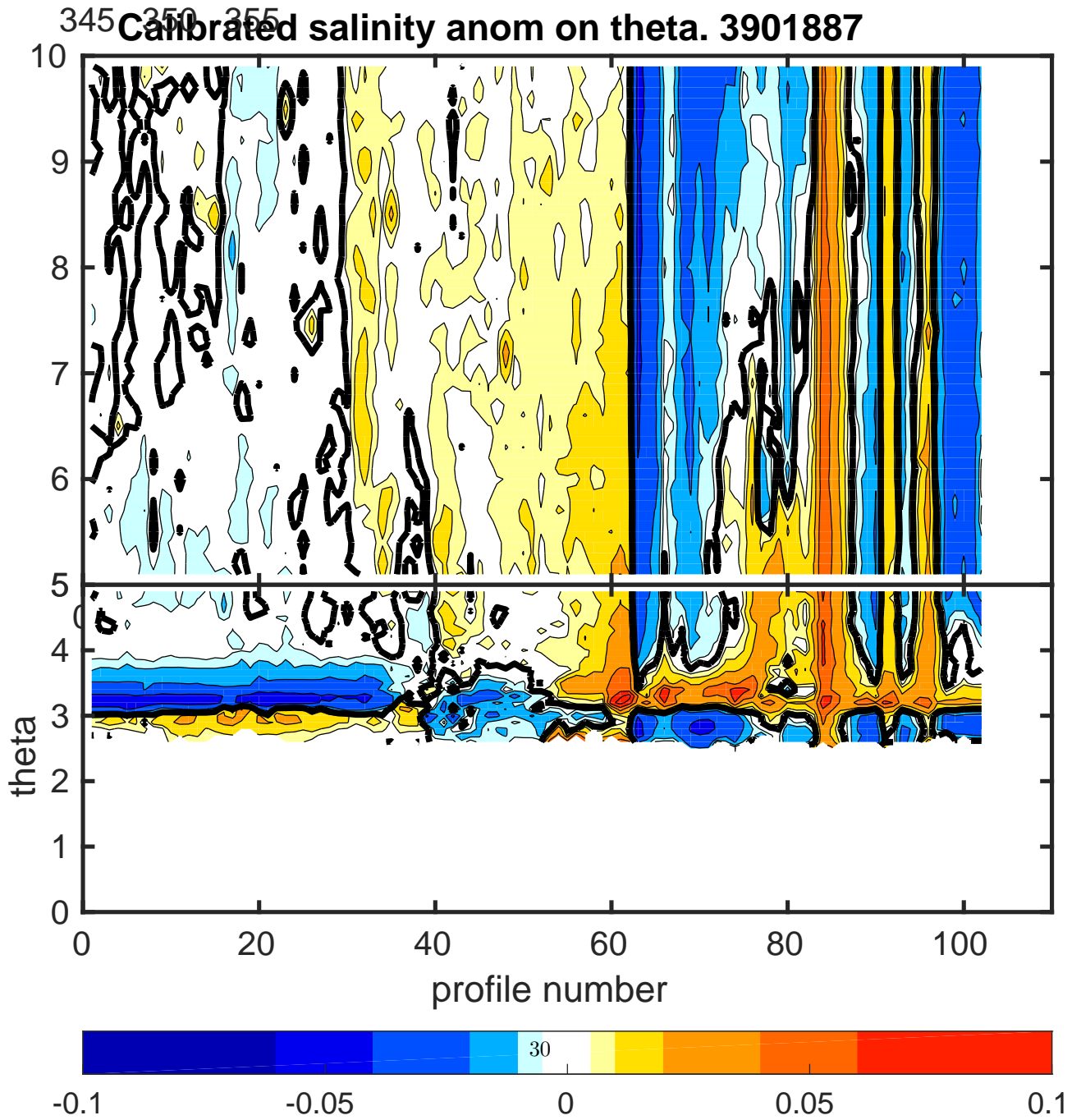
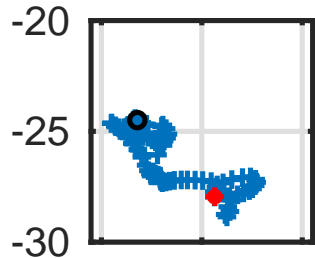


Figure 21: Float 3901887. Calibrated salinity anomaly on θ .

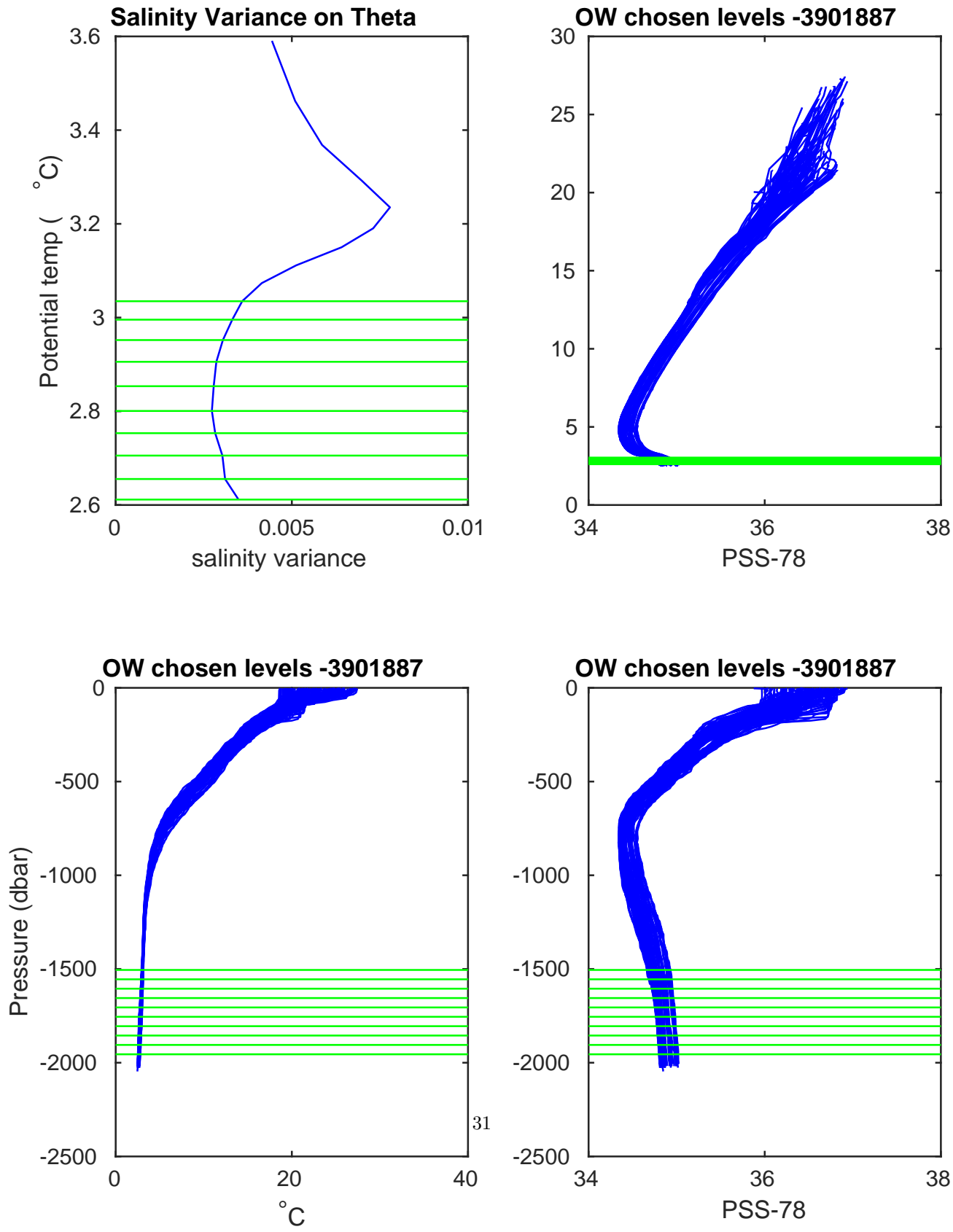


Figure 22: Float 3901887. Salinity, salinity variance on theta and OW chosen levels.

3.3 Summary and Conclusions

Float was deployed in the South Atlantic along the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. In set calseries the theta levels has been set to below 1000 m. For profiles 1 to 62, float is behaving well and no corrections were required. After, from profile 63-102 float showed strong salty drift. These profiles has been flagged as QC=4. From profile 103 float has been send to graylist.

4 Final Checks

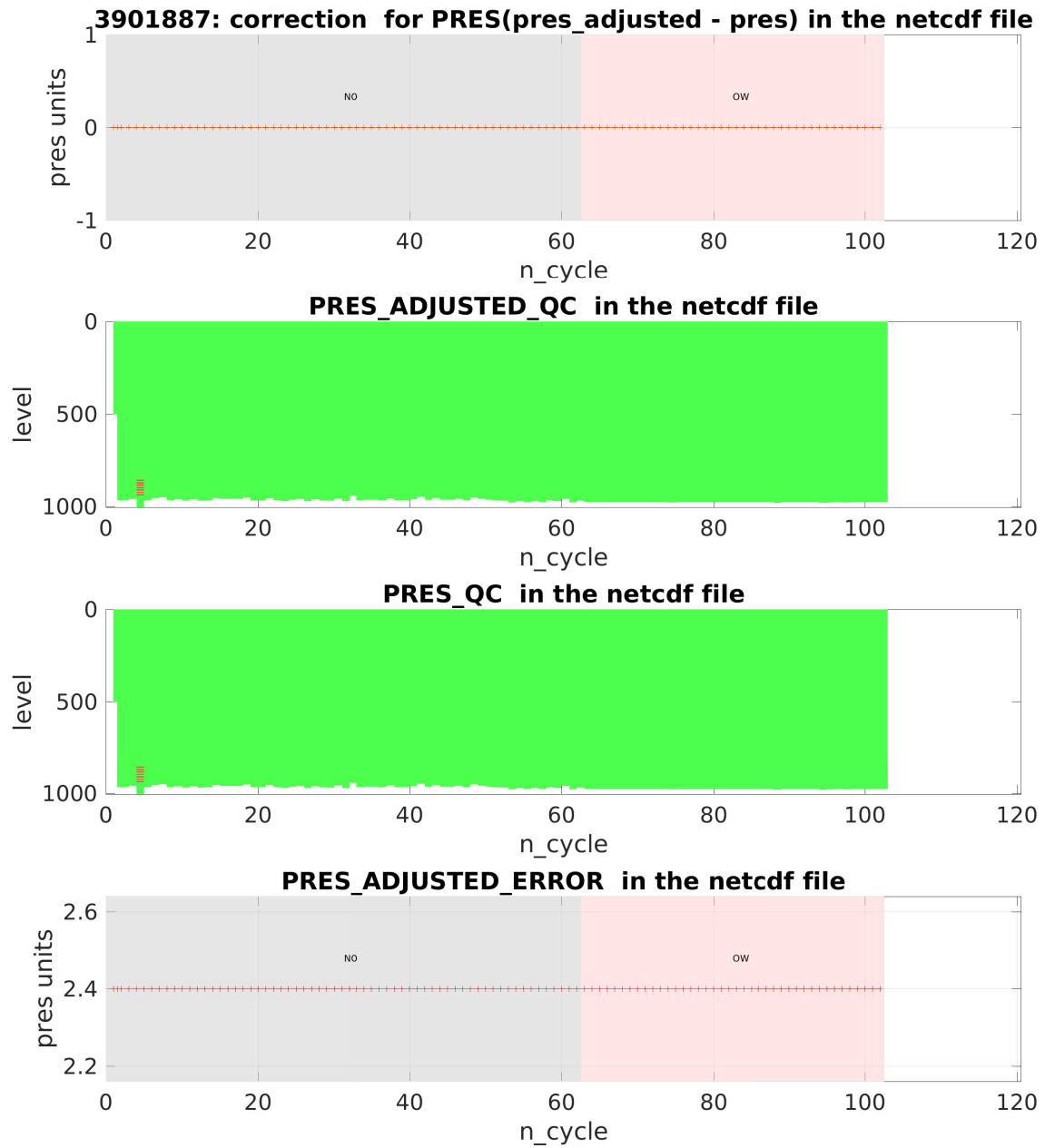


Figure 23: Float 3901887. Time series of applied pressure corrections.

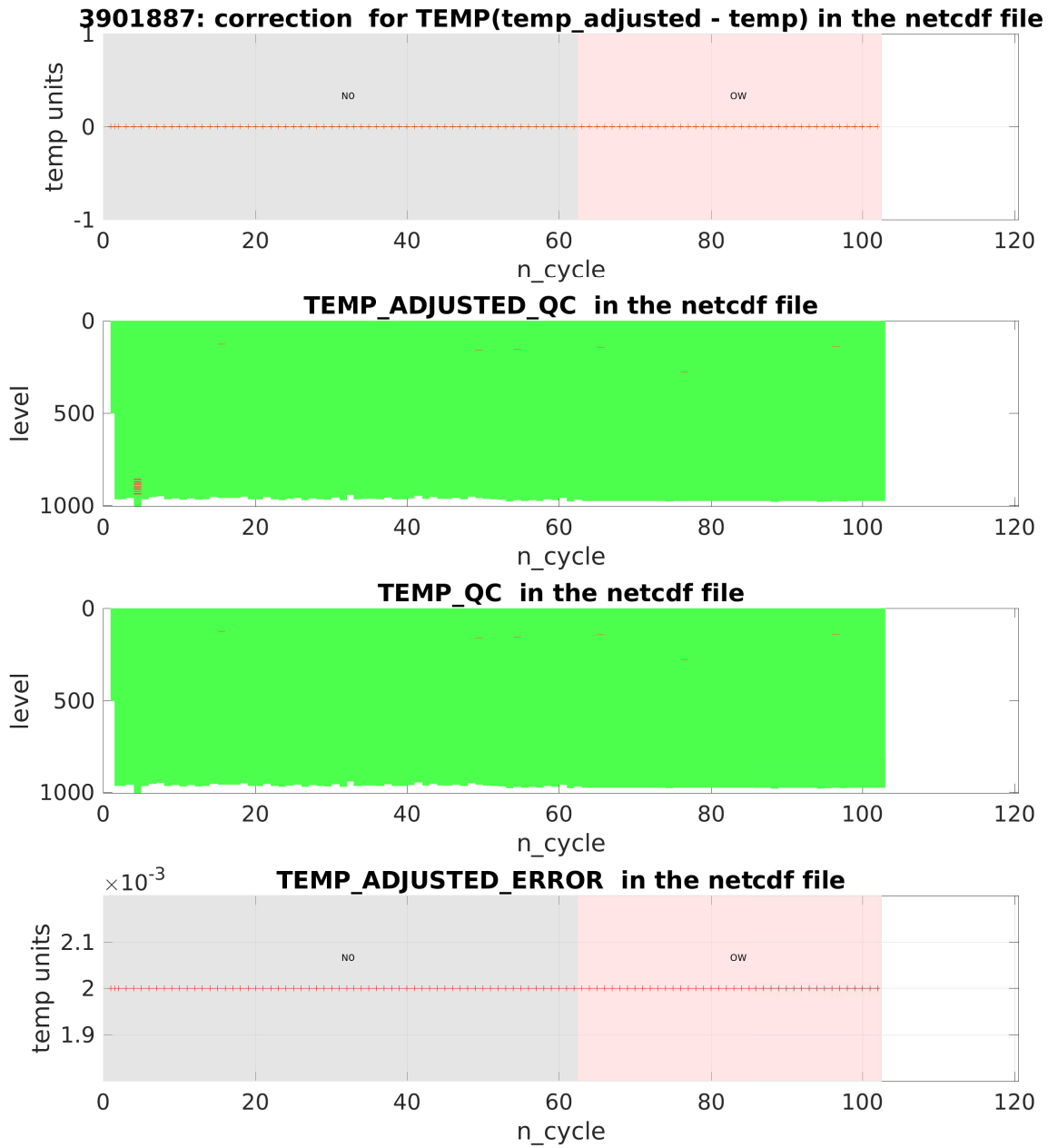


Figure 24: Float 3901887. Time series of applied temperature corrections.

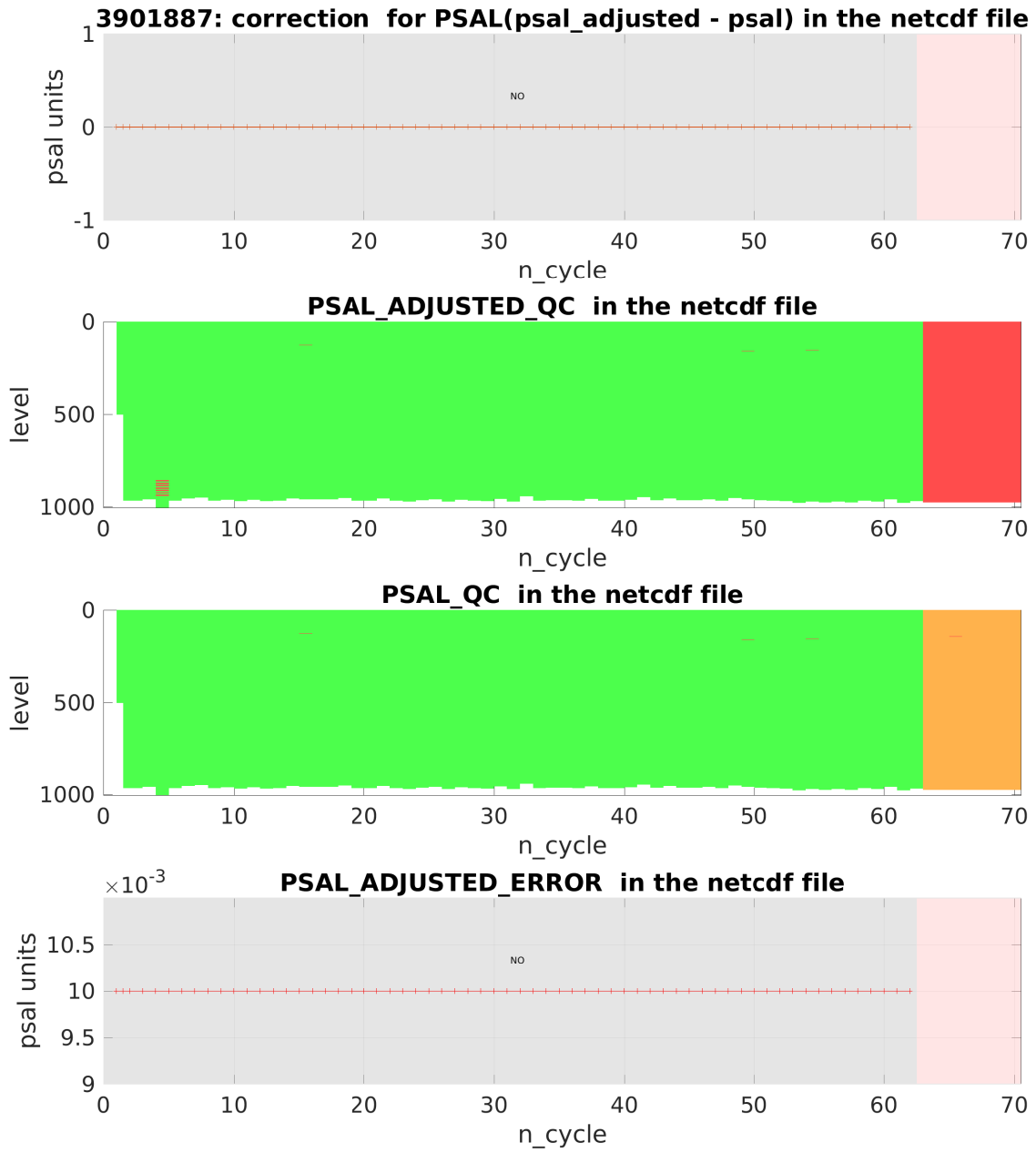


Figure 25: Float 3901887. Time series of applied salinity corrections.