Delayed mode quality control of Argo float 2901096

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Summary

The pressure sensor propagate well with QC=1, err= 2.4 dbar. Cell Thermal Mass corrections applied. Profile 1-28 QC=1, error=0.01. Profiles 29-100, QC=1, error 0.01, OWC applied, salty drift detected. Profiles 101-176, QC=4, non-adjustable.

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1 Introduction

Delayed mode analysis was performed for float number 63369 (2901096) 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 63369 (2901096) click on the following link: http://www.ifremer.fr/argoMonitoring/float/2901096

2 Quality Check of Argo Float Data

2.1 Time Series of Vertical Distribution of Data

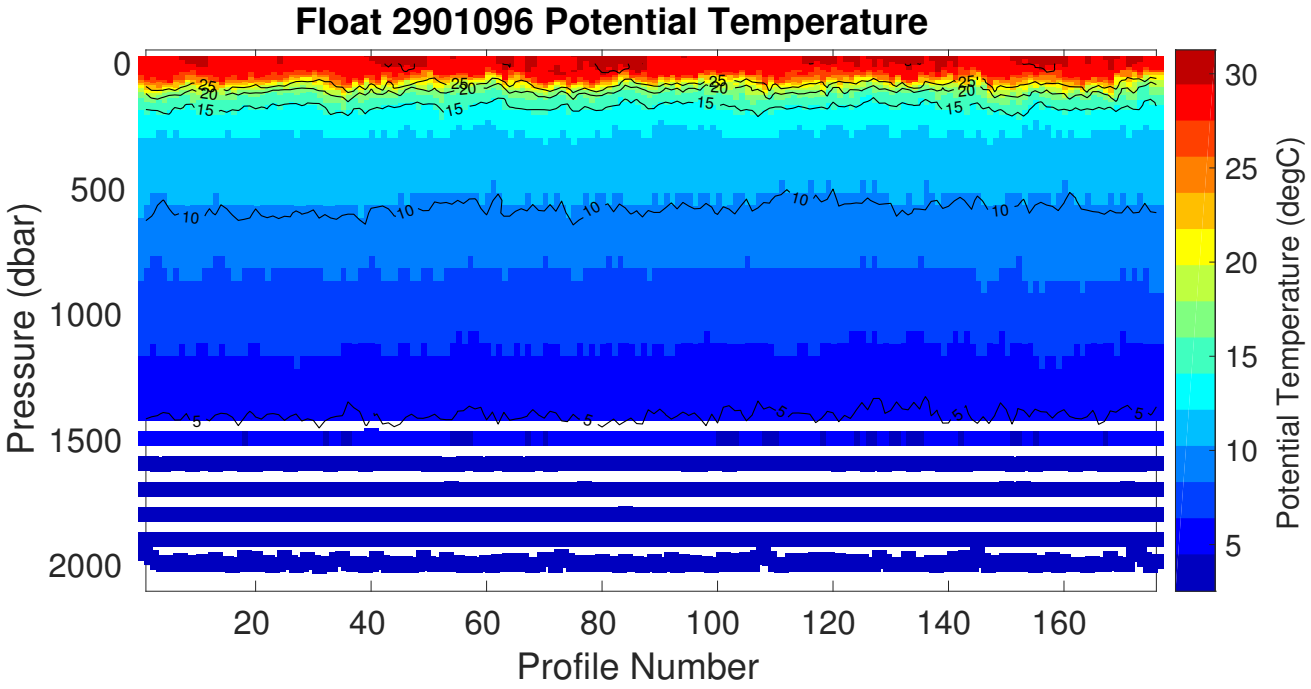


Figure 1: Float 2901096. Time series of the vertical distribution of potential temperature (°C).

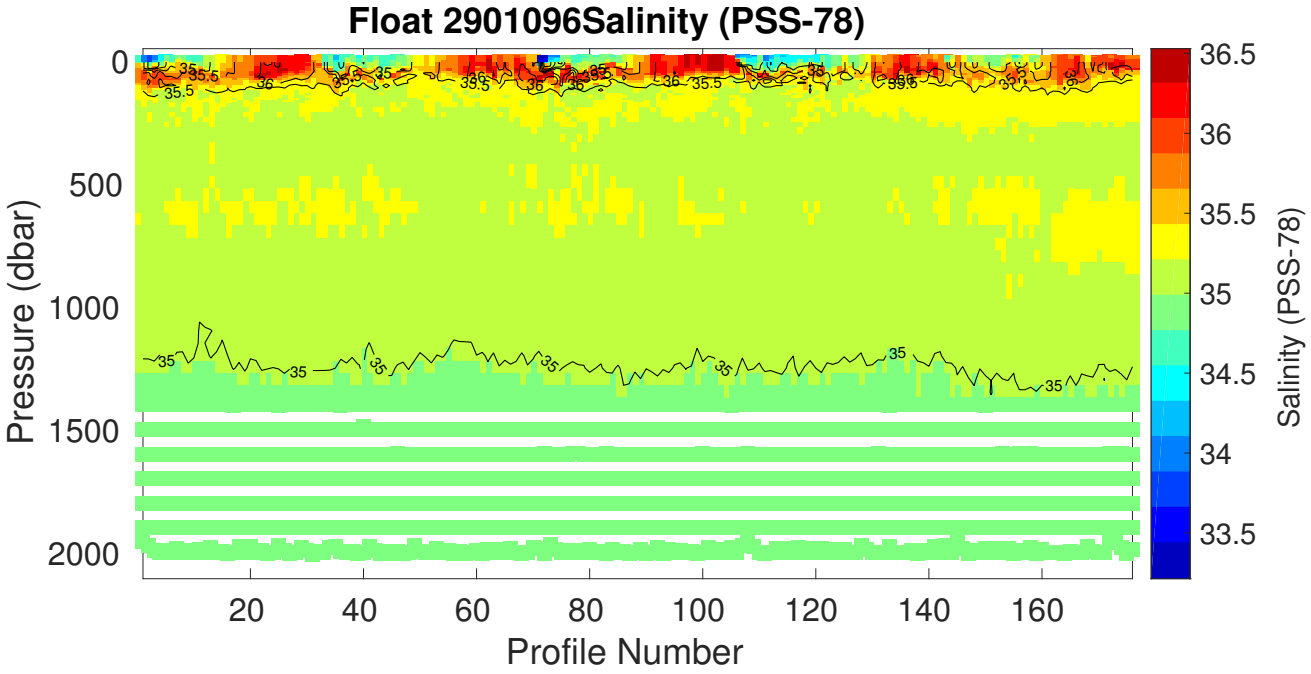


Figure 2: Float 2901096. Time series of the vertical distribution of practical salinity (PSU).

2.2 Comparison between Argo Float and Climatology

The comparison between float 2901096 and data from WMO boxes +/- 10°of latitude and longitude shows that the Argo profiles fit within the expected ranges (Figures 3, 4 and 5). This result confirms that float 2901096 represents relatively stable and consistent with the expected physical conditions in this region.

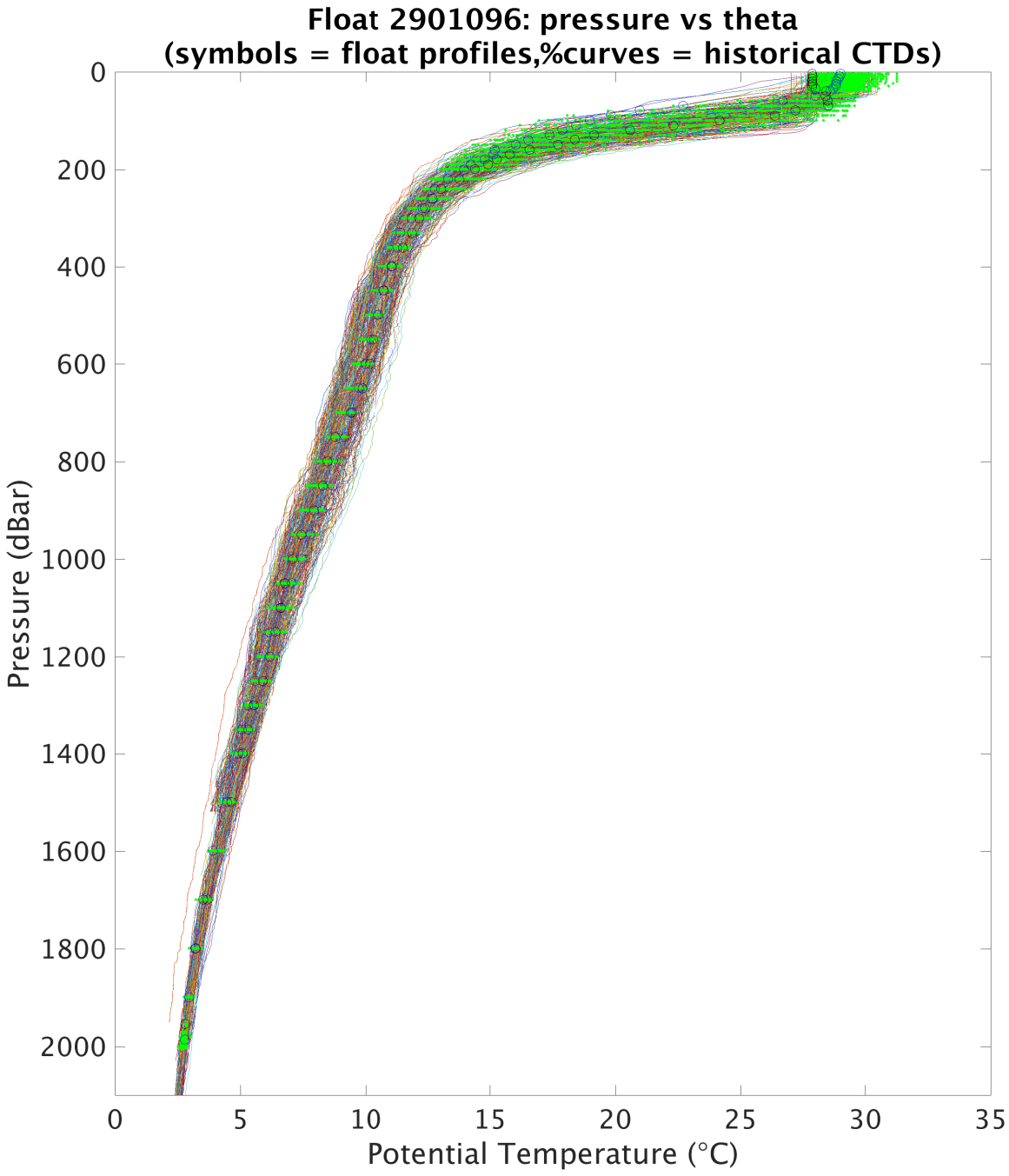
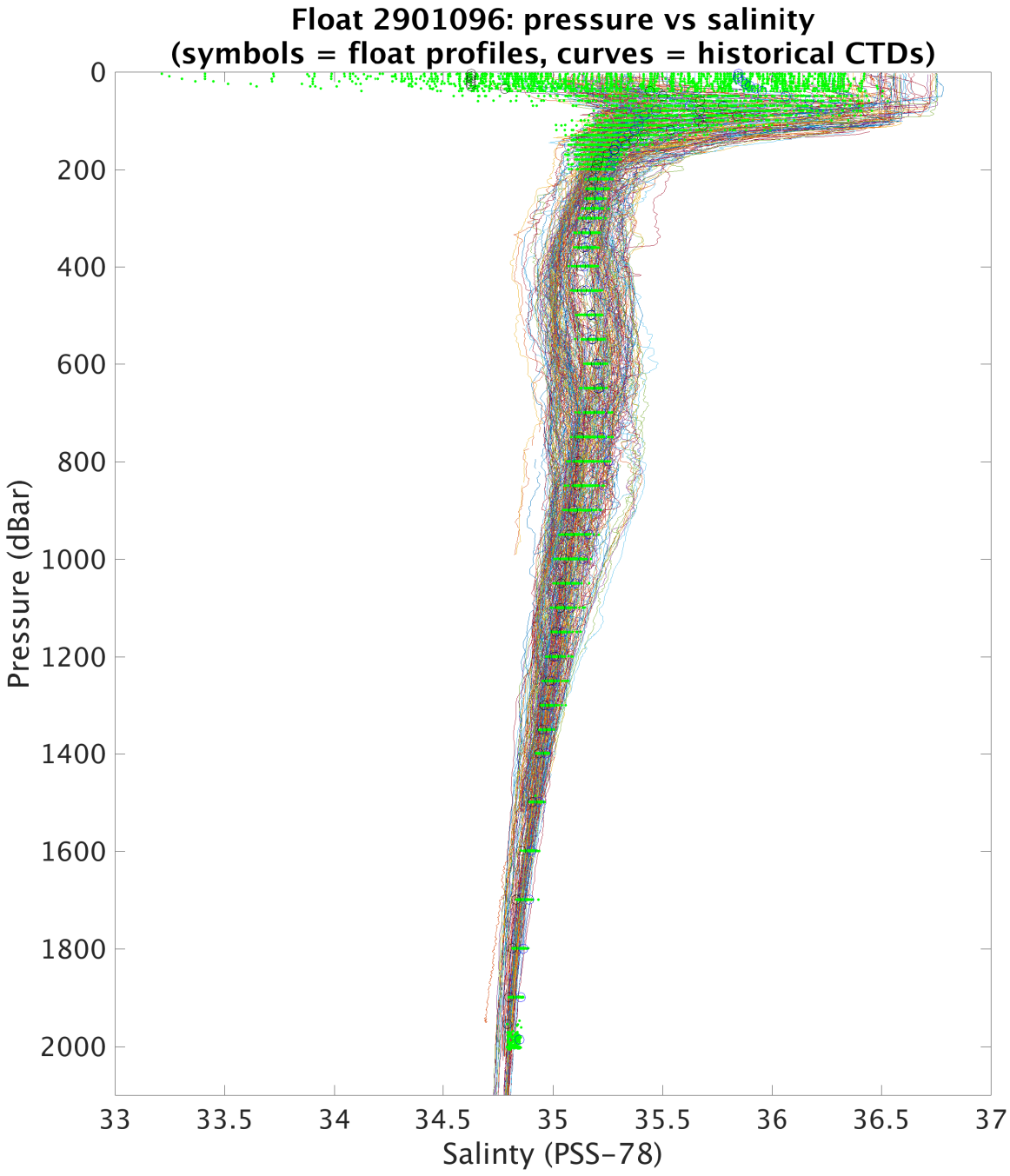


Figure 3: Float 2901096. Float profile of potential temperature (°C) plotted with climatology from the spatial range of 10 °. The black and blue cycles indicates the first and the last Argo profile, respectively. Green symbols represent other Argo profiles.



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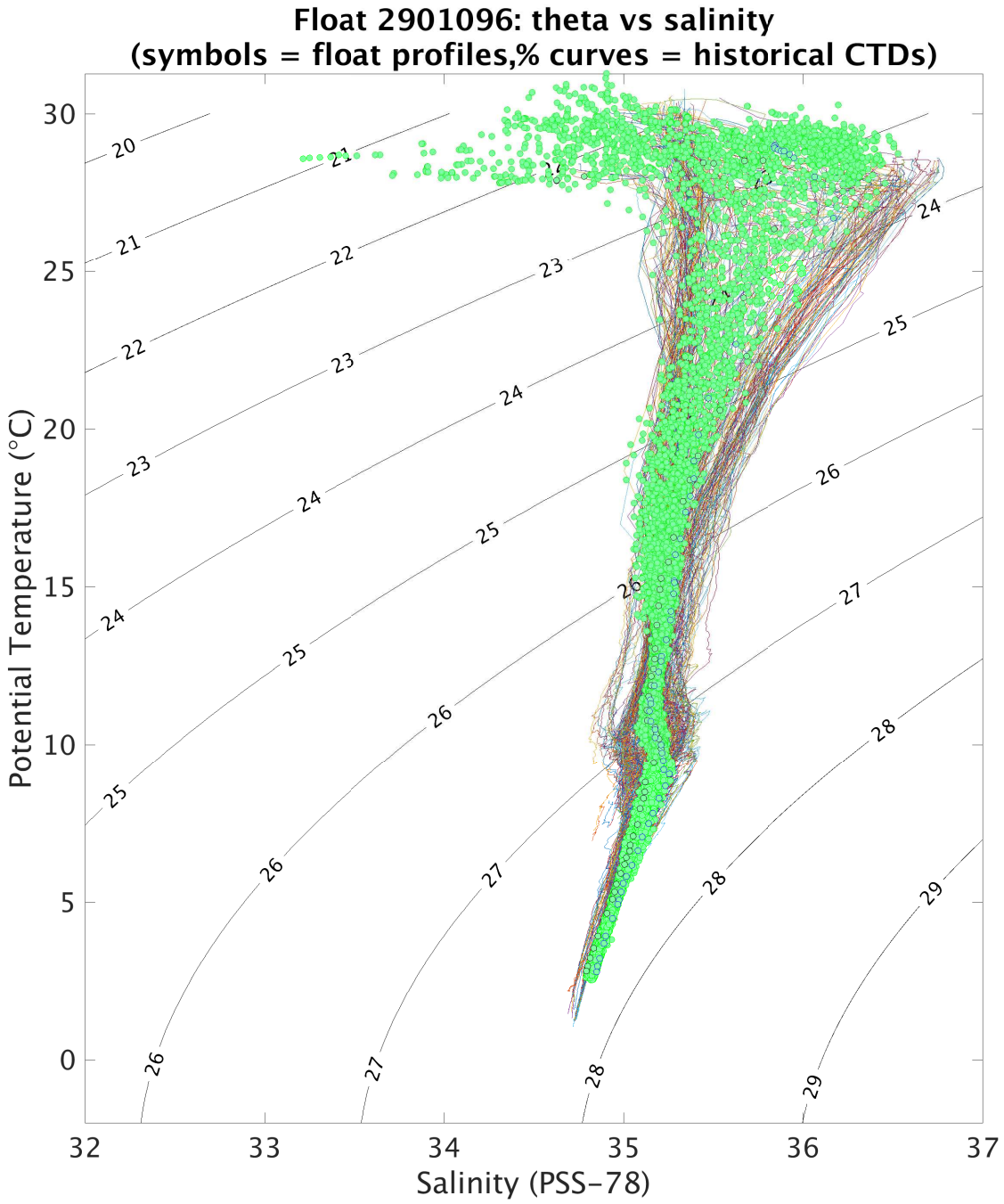

Figure 5: Float 2901096. Theta/S plotted with climatology from the spatial range of 10 °. The black and blue cycles indicates the first and the last Argo profile, respectively. Green symbols represent other Argo profiles.

2.3 Satellite Altimeter comparison

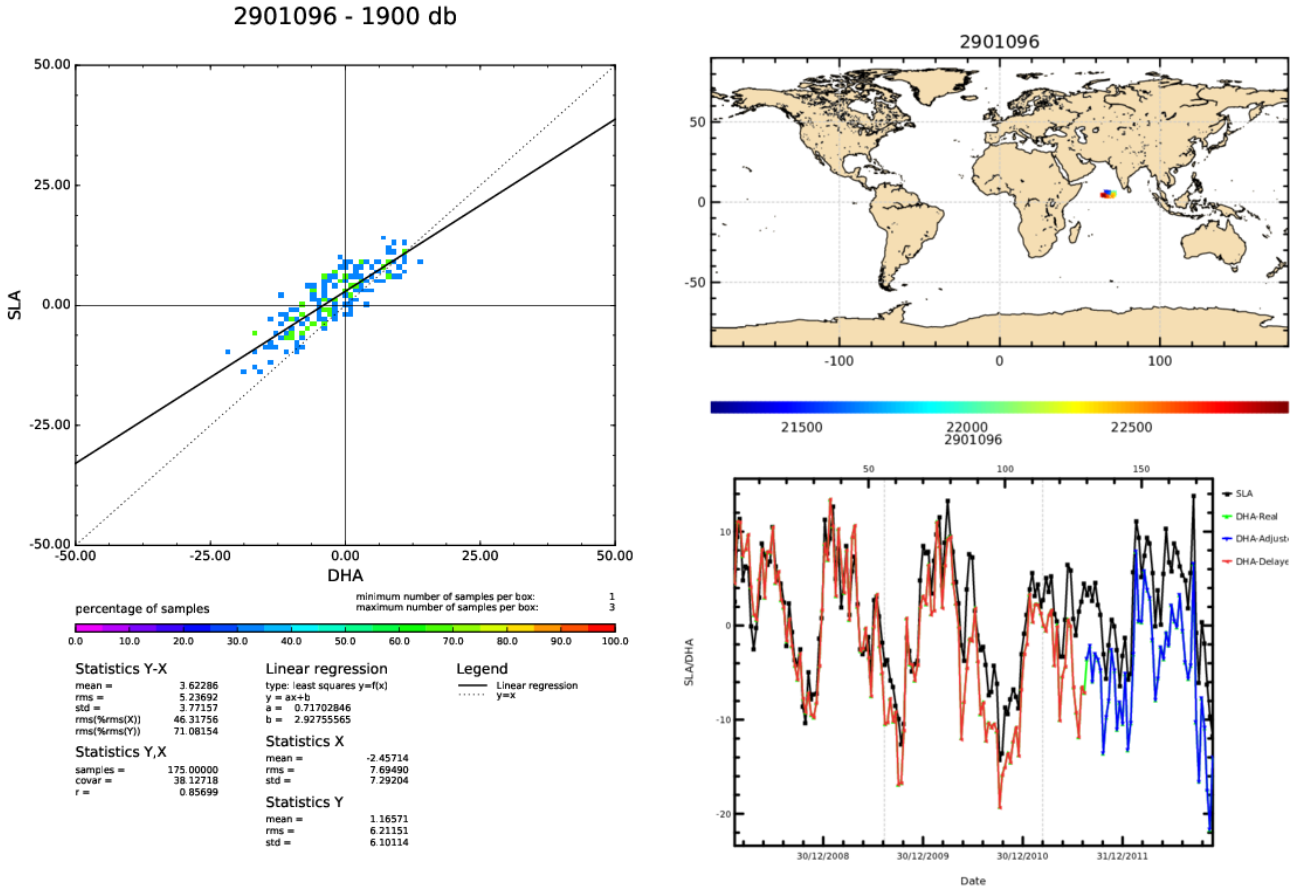

Figure 6: Float 2901096. The comparison betweeen the Sea Surface Height(SSH) from the satellite altimetry and Dynamic Height Anomaly(DHA)extracted from the Argo float temperature and salinity data

3 Pressure Adjustment for APEX Floats

Float 2901096 is the Apex float, where the pressure sensor is not auto-corrected to zero while at the sea surface, hence the pressure data in Apex float have to be corrected during processing in delayed-mode. The procedures of adjusting sea surface pressure are described in Argo User's Manual, 2017 (https://archimer.ifremer.fr/doc/00228/33951/32470.pdf). The pressure sensor in Apex float 2901096 is not truncated, QC=1, error = 2.4 dbar (Figure 7).

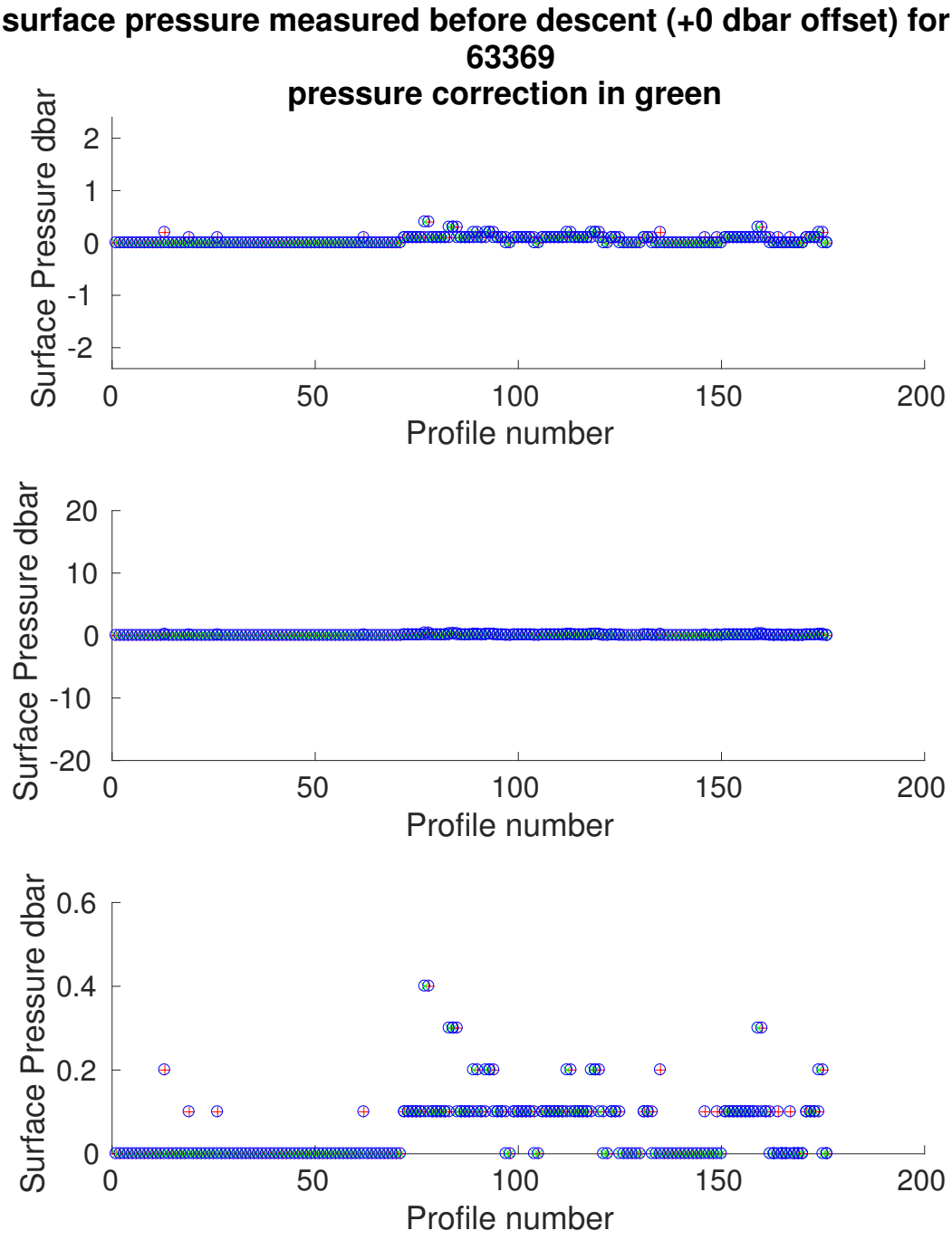

Figure 7: Float 2901096. Sea surface pressure data. The red cross indicate the raw pressure before float descent, recorded after sending data to GDAC. Blue circle indicate pressure value in the real-time. Green rotated cross shows the pressure correction applied from the previous float cycle.

4 Correction of Salinity Data

4.1 Comparison between Argo floats and CTD Climatlogy

4.1.1 Configuration

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

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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=4
MAPSCALE_LONGITUDE_SMALL=1.5
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% cross-isobath scales, dimensionless, see BS(2005)
MAPSCALE_PHI_LARGE=0.1
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% temporal decorrelation scale, in years
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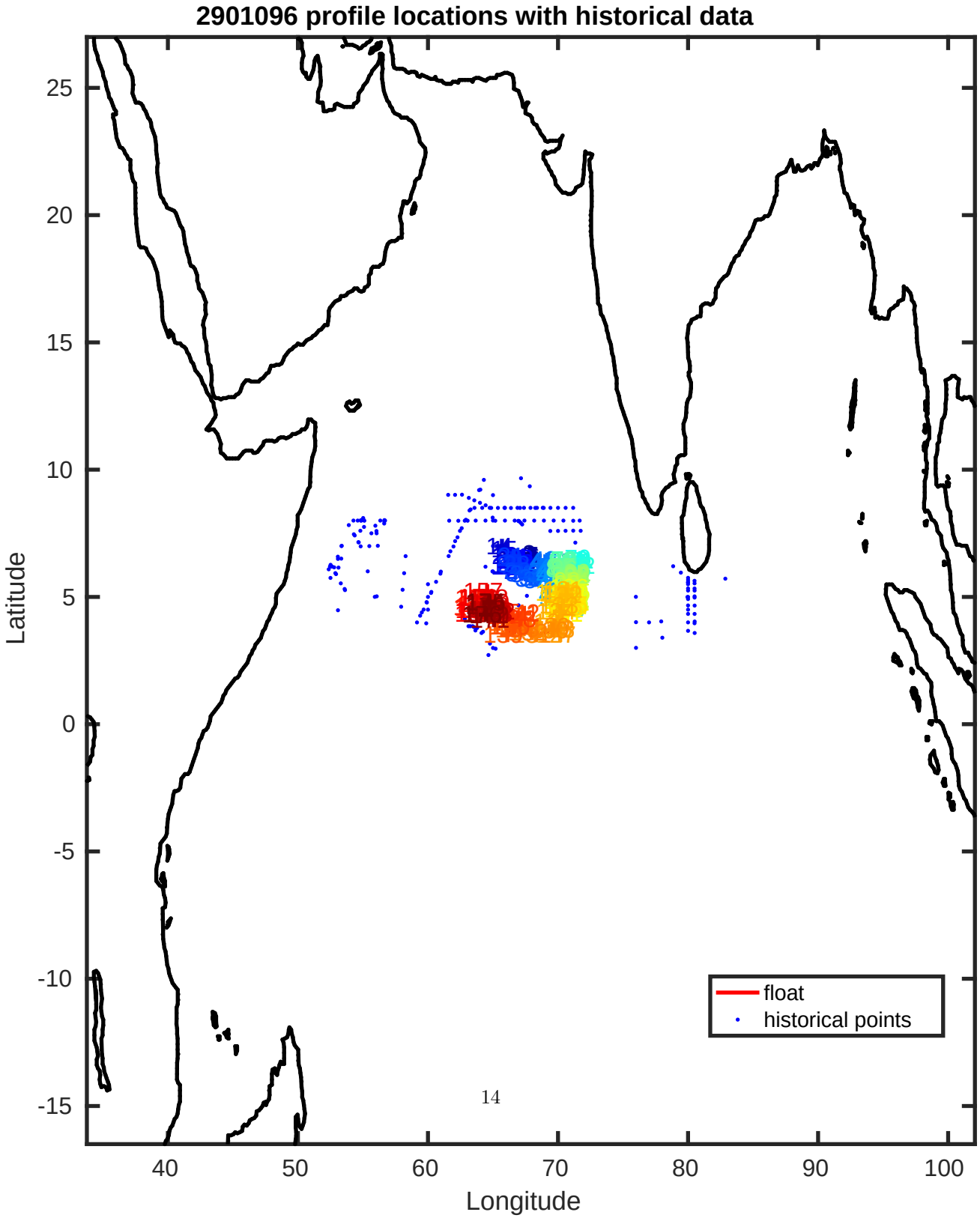

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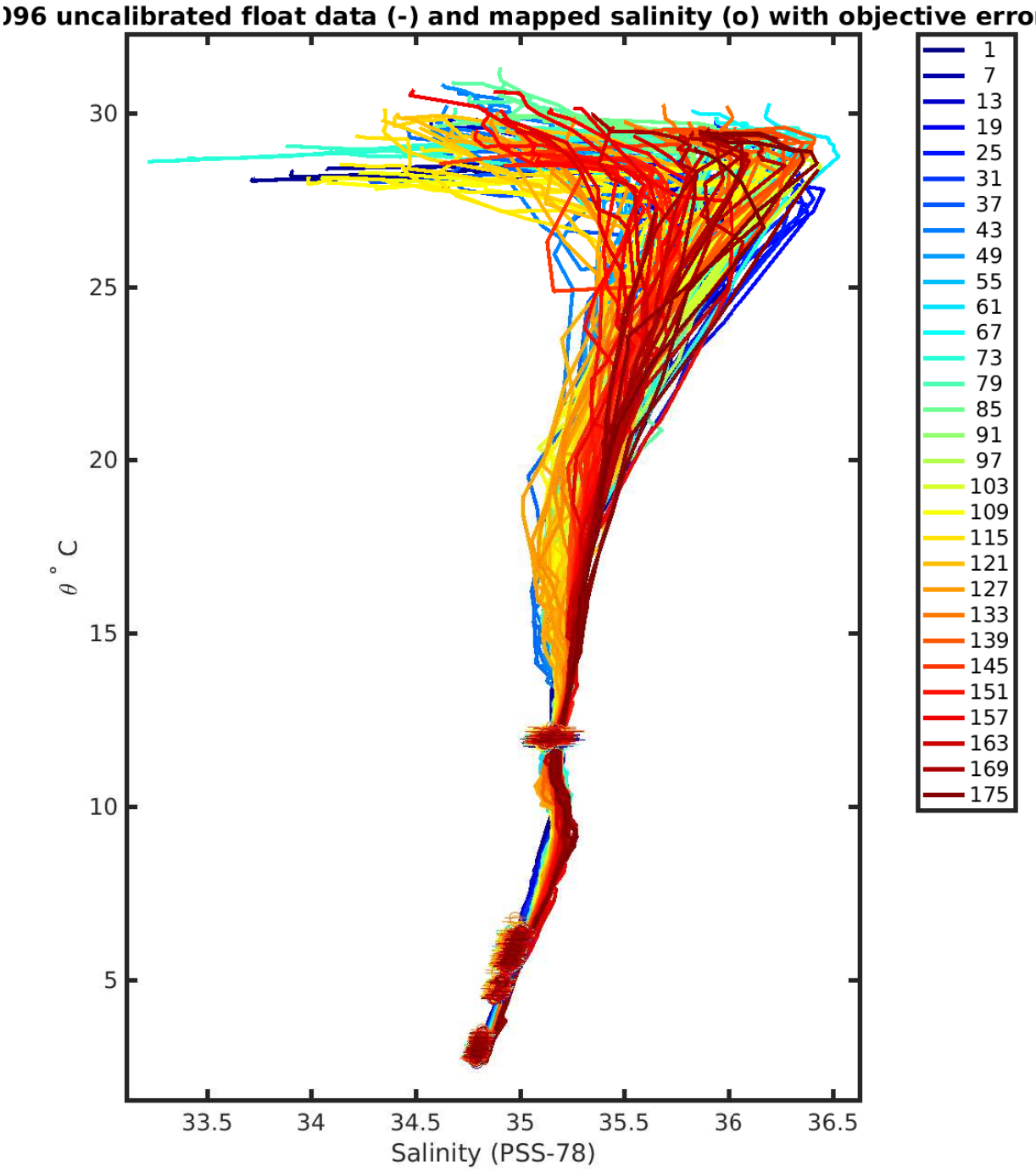

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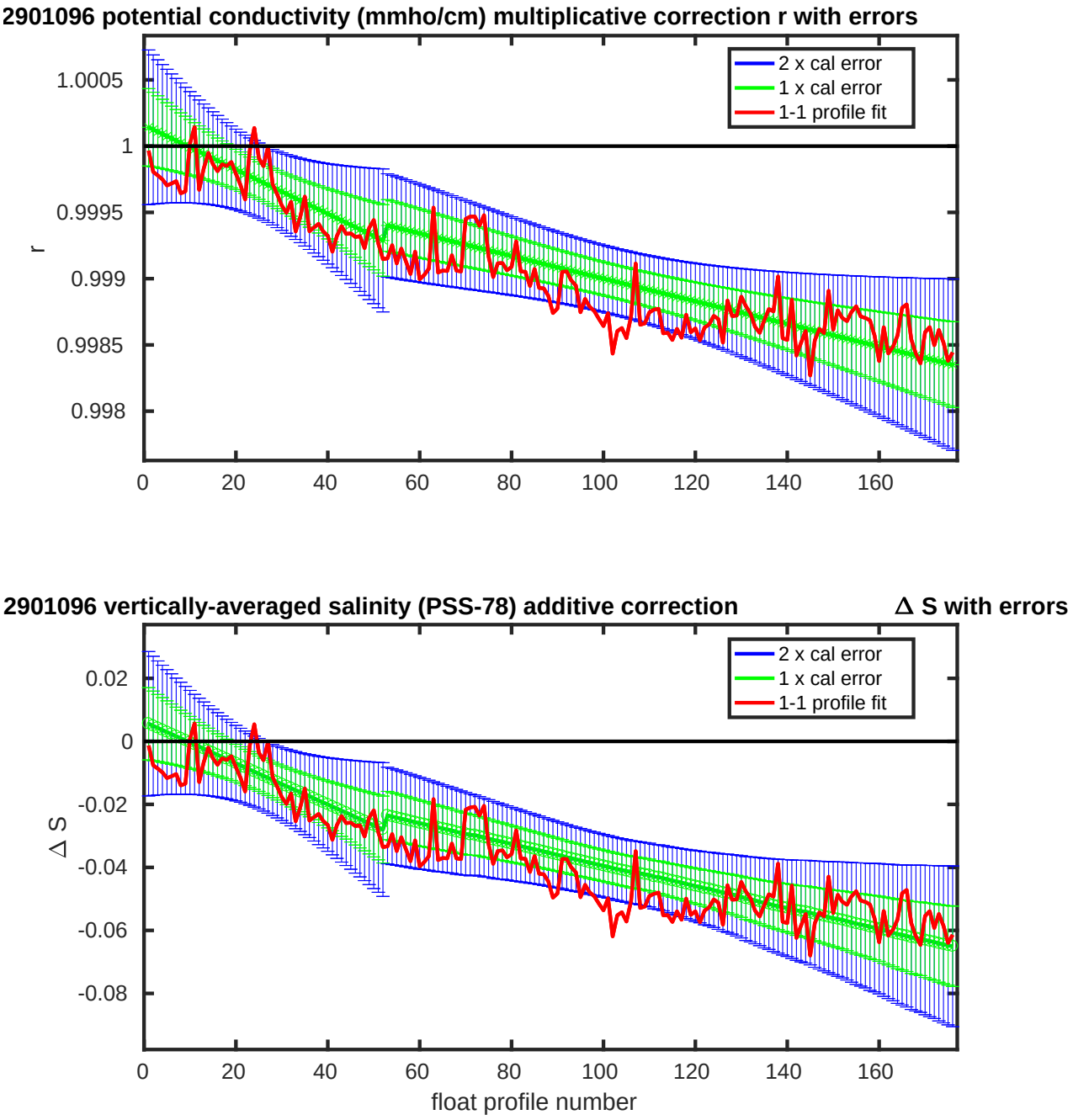

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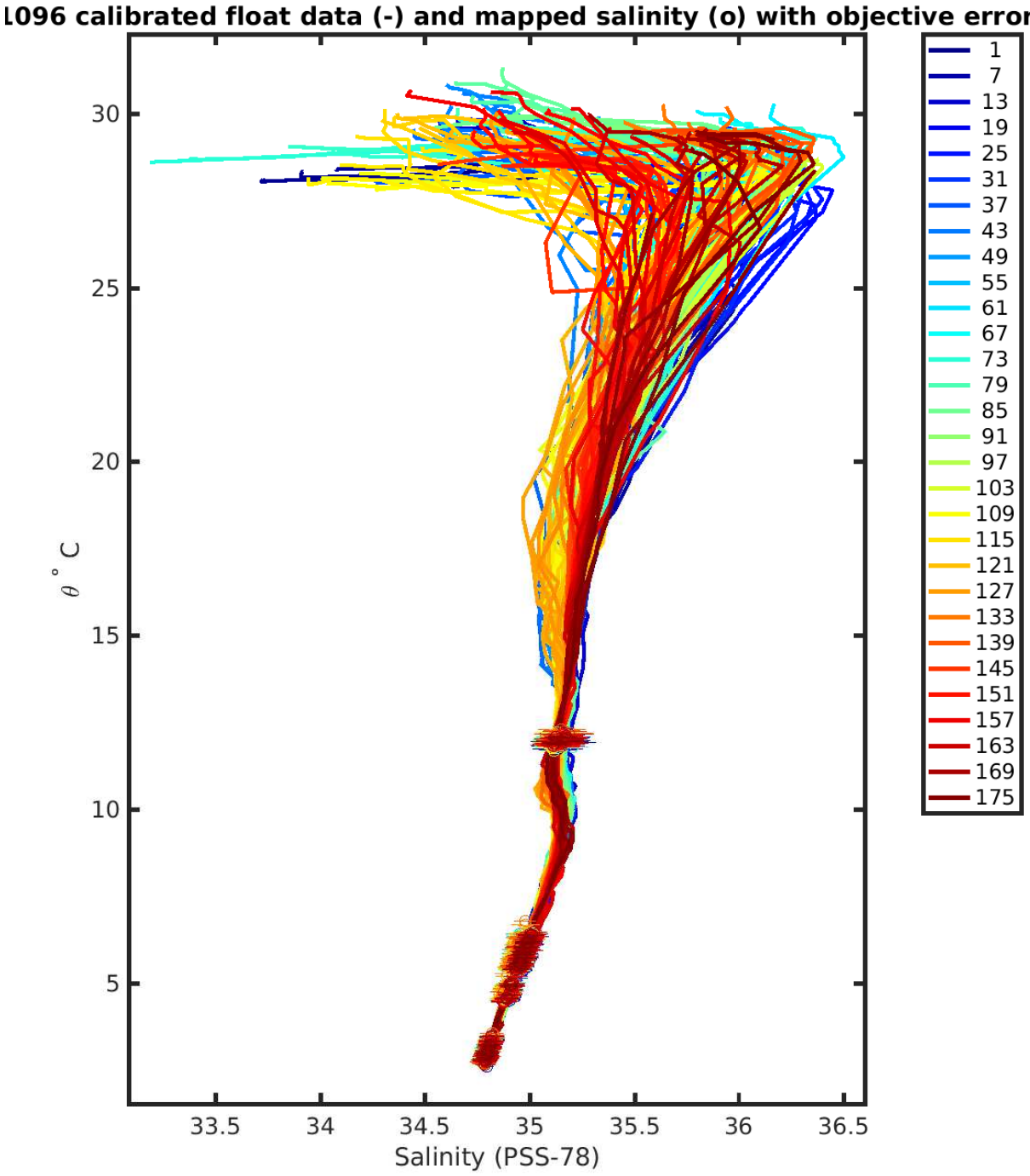

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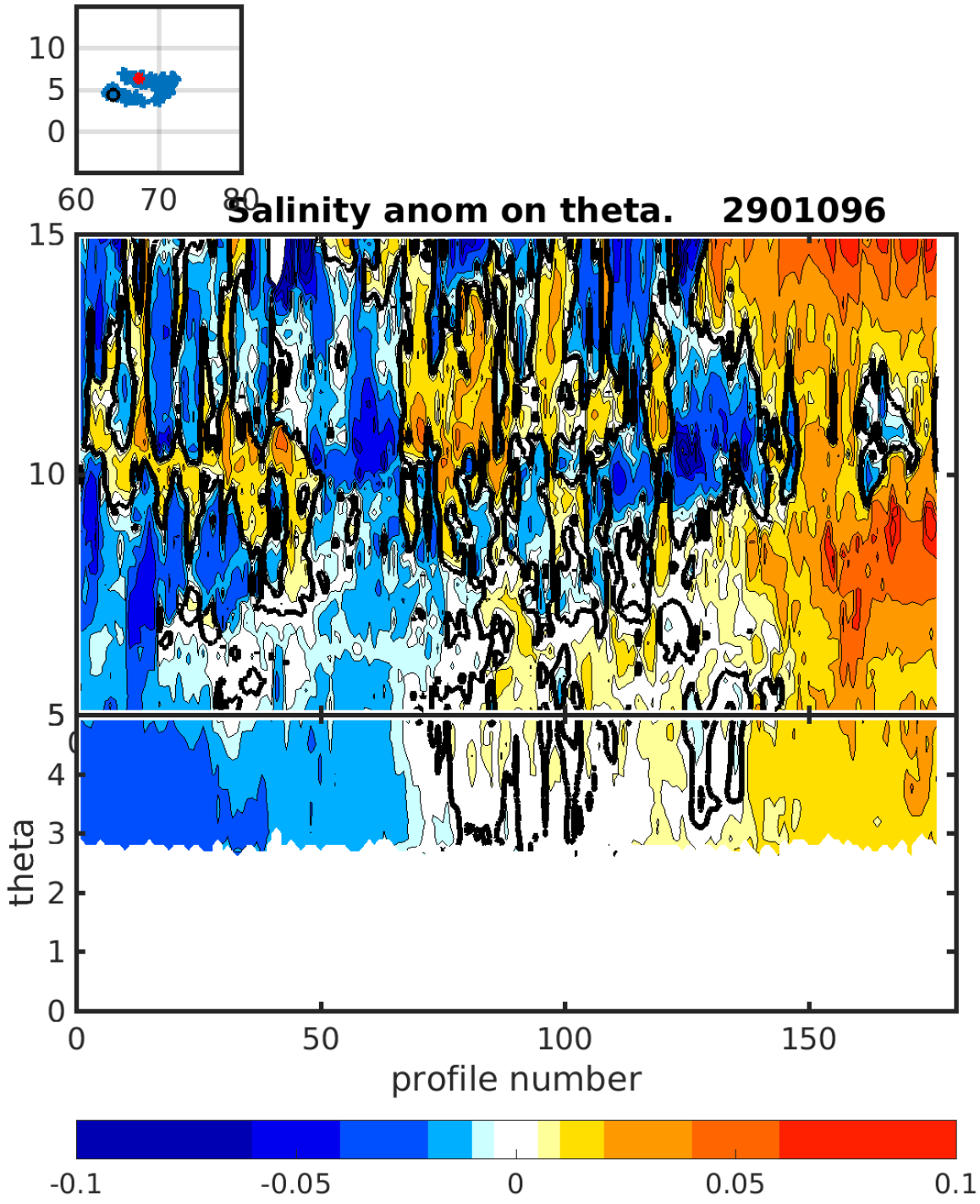

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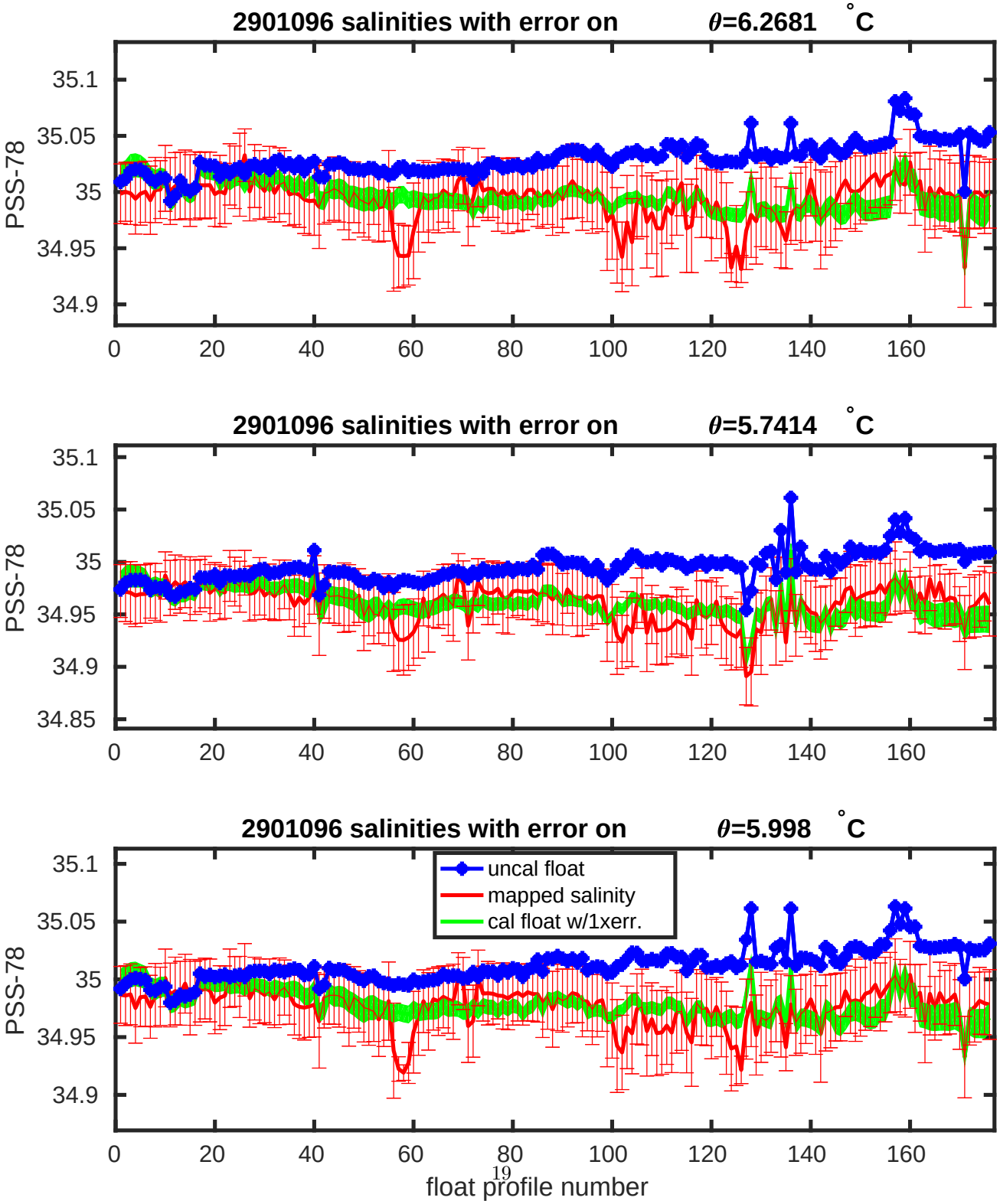

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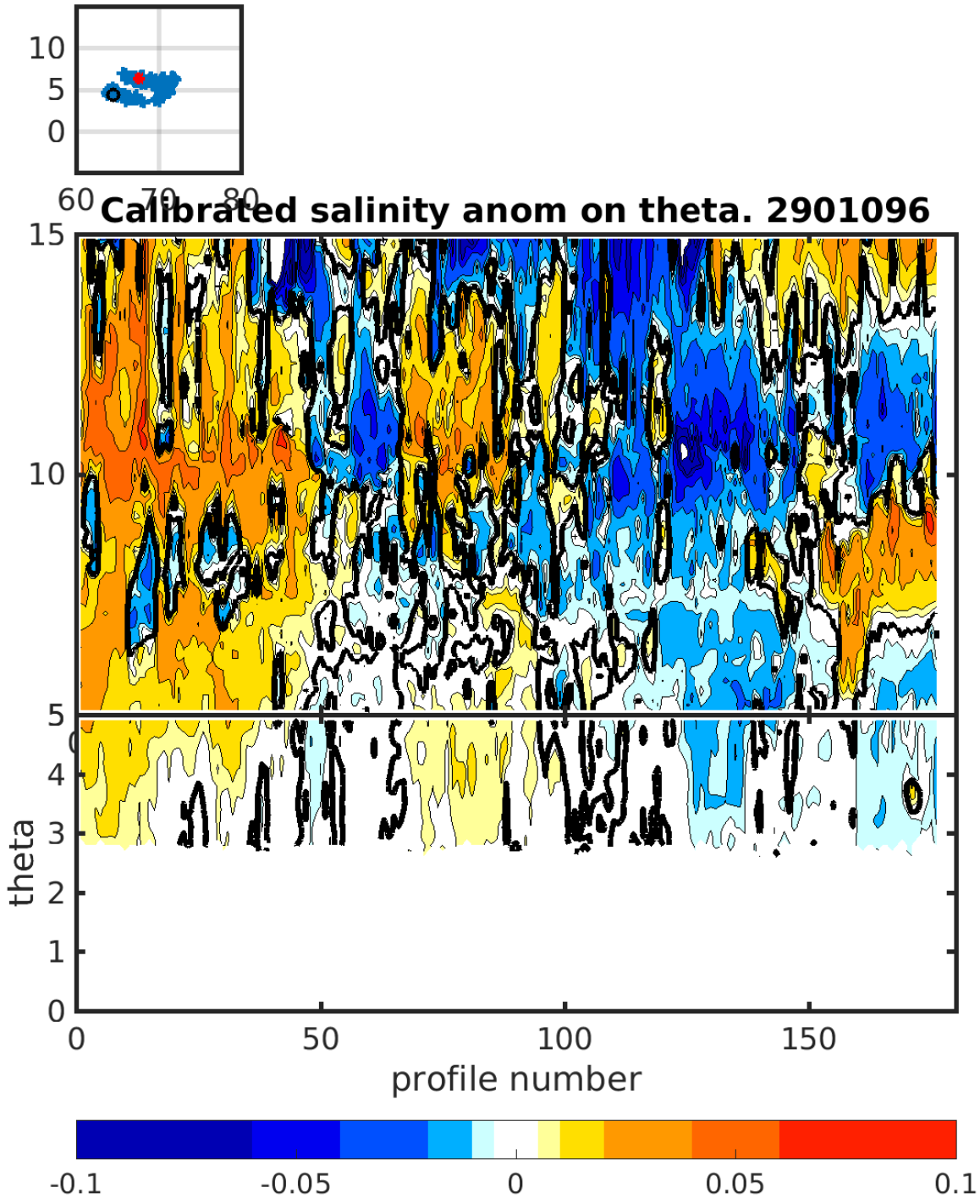

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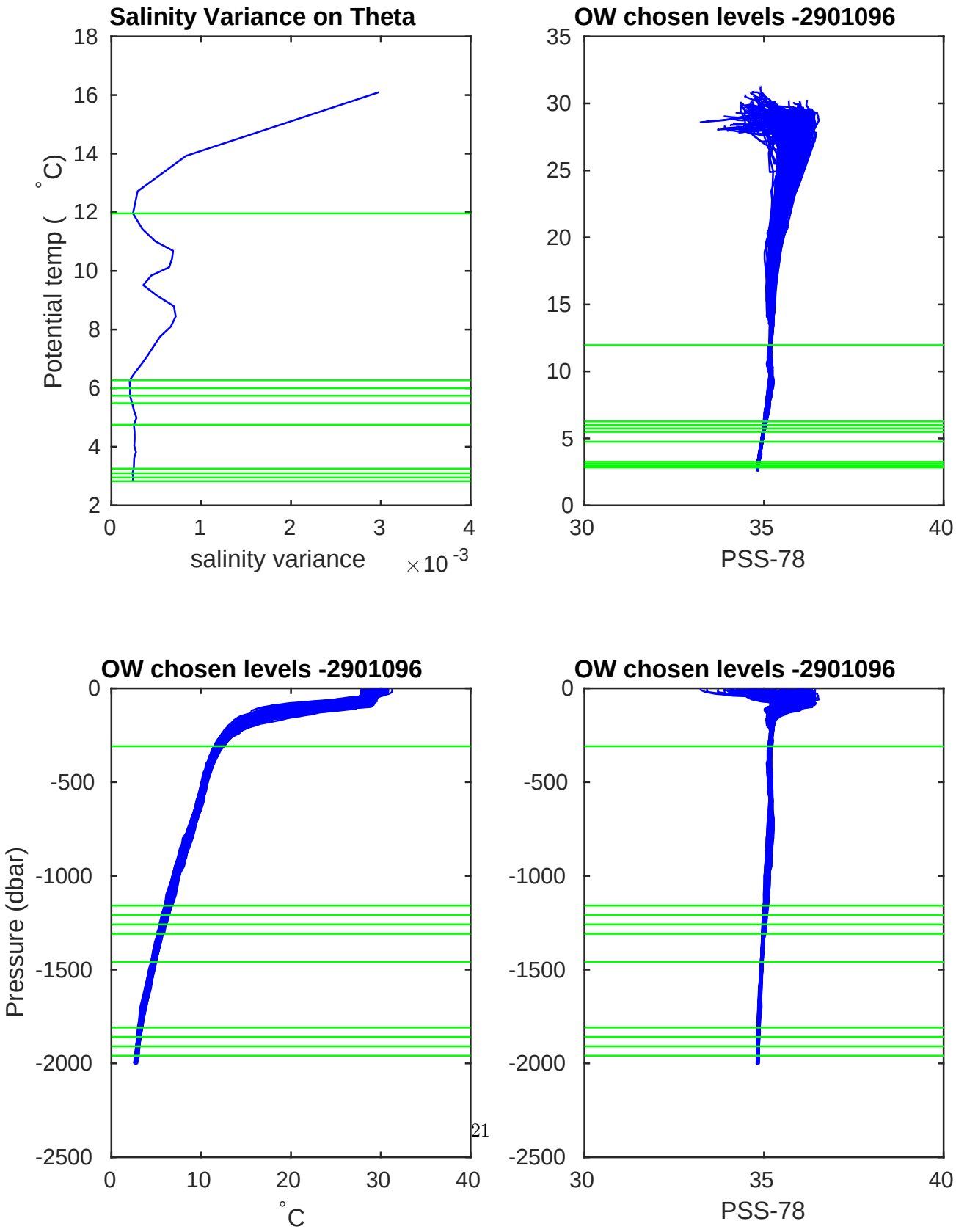

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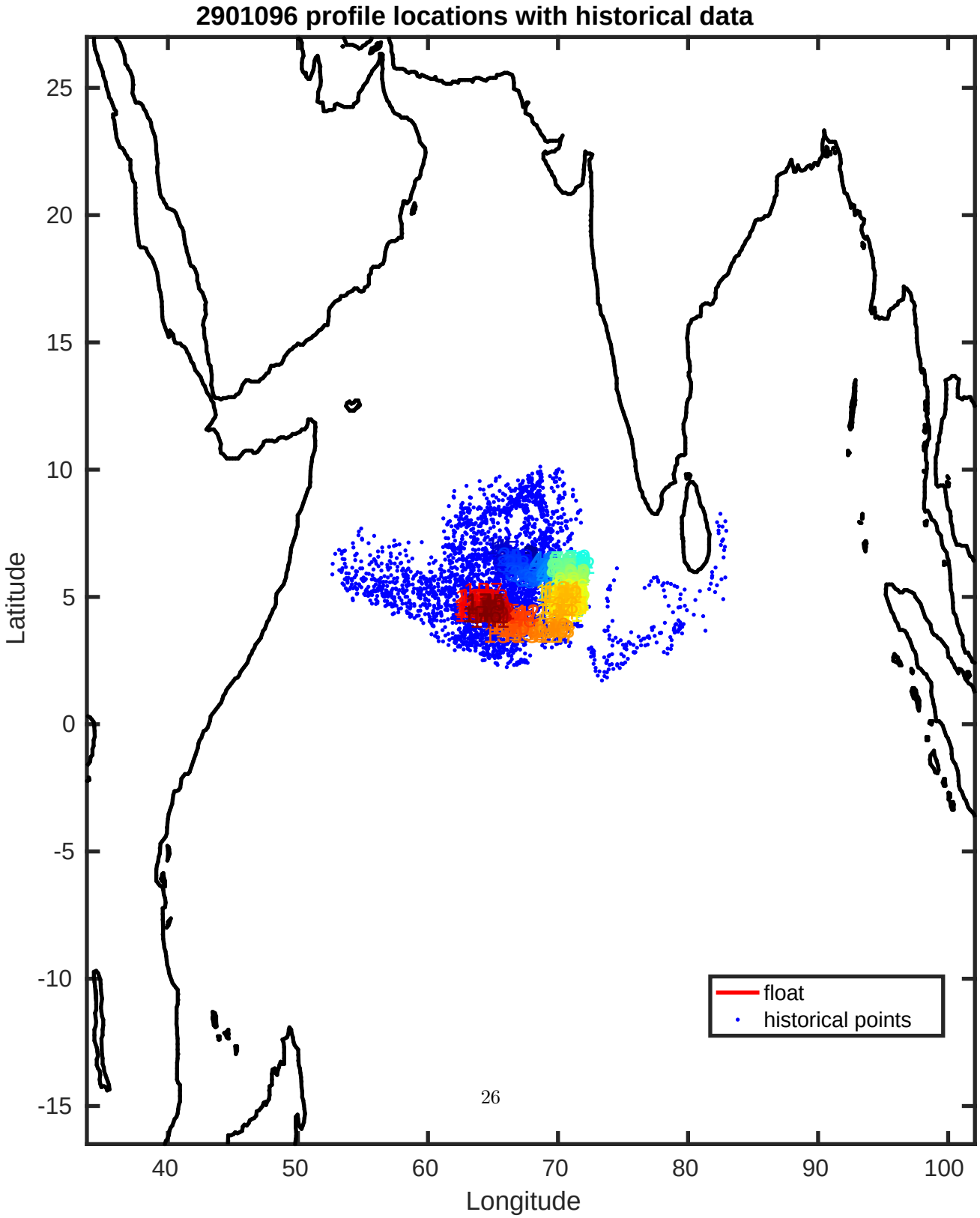

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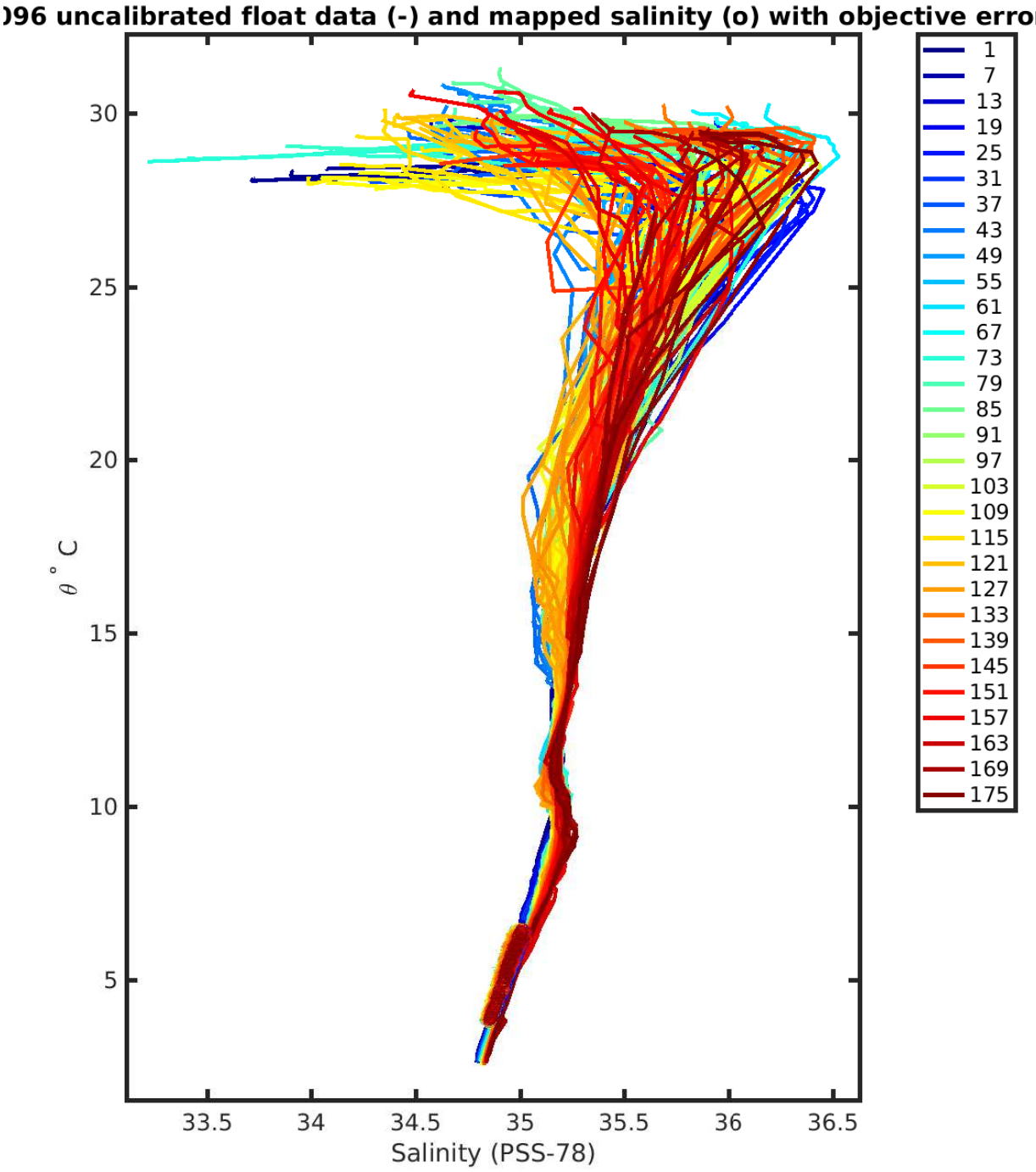

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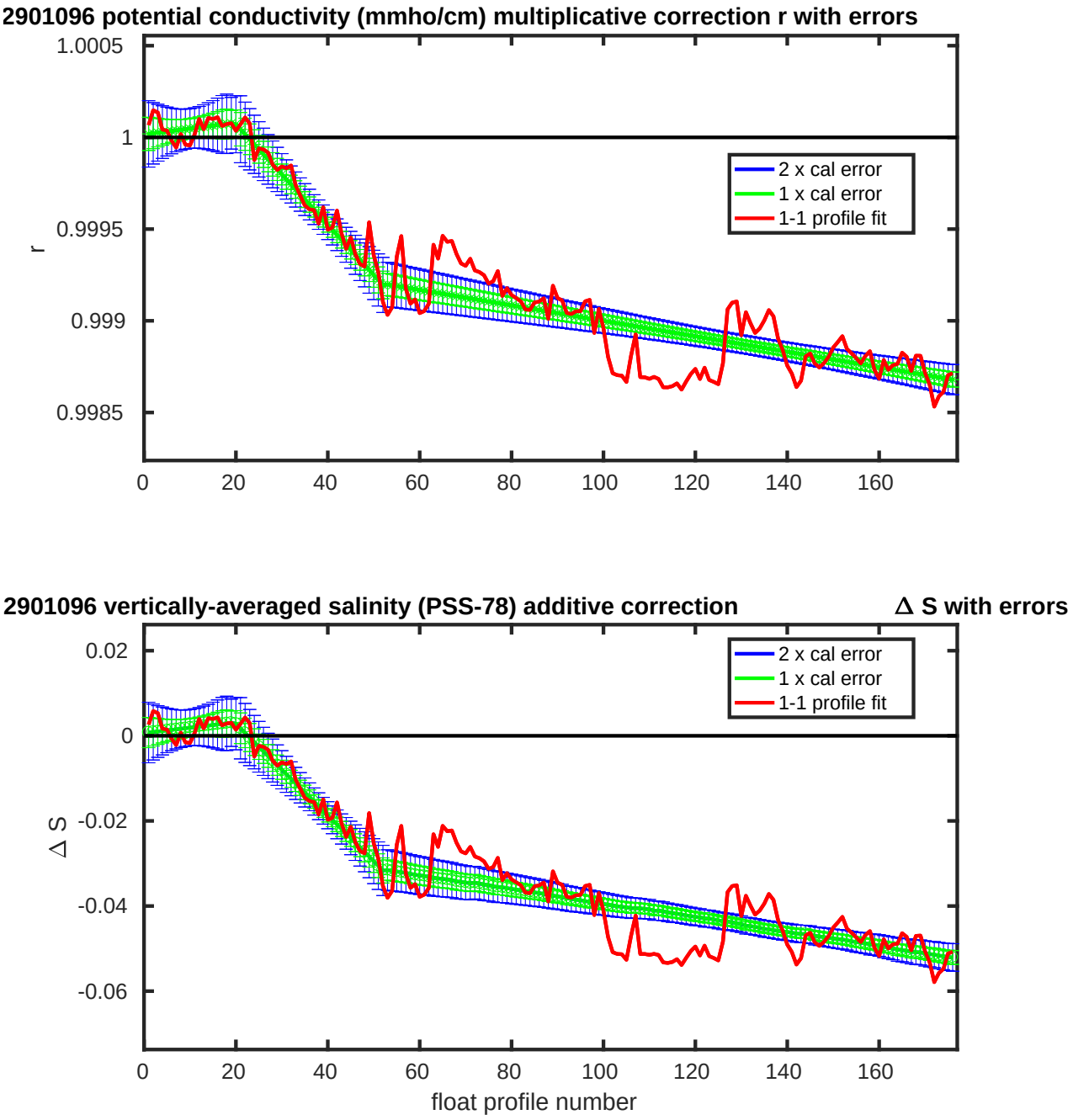

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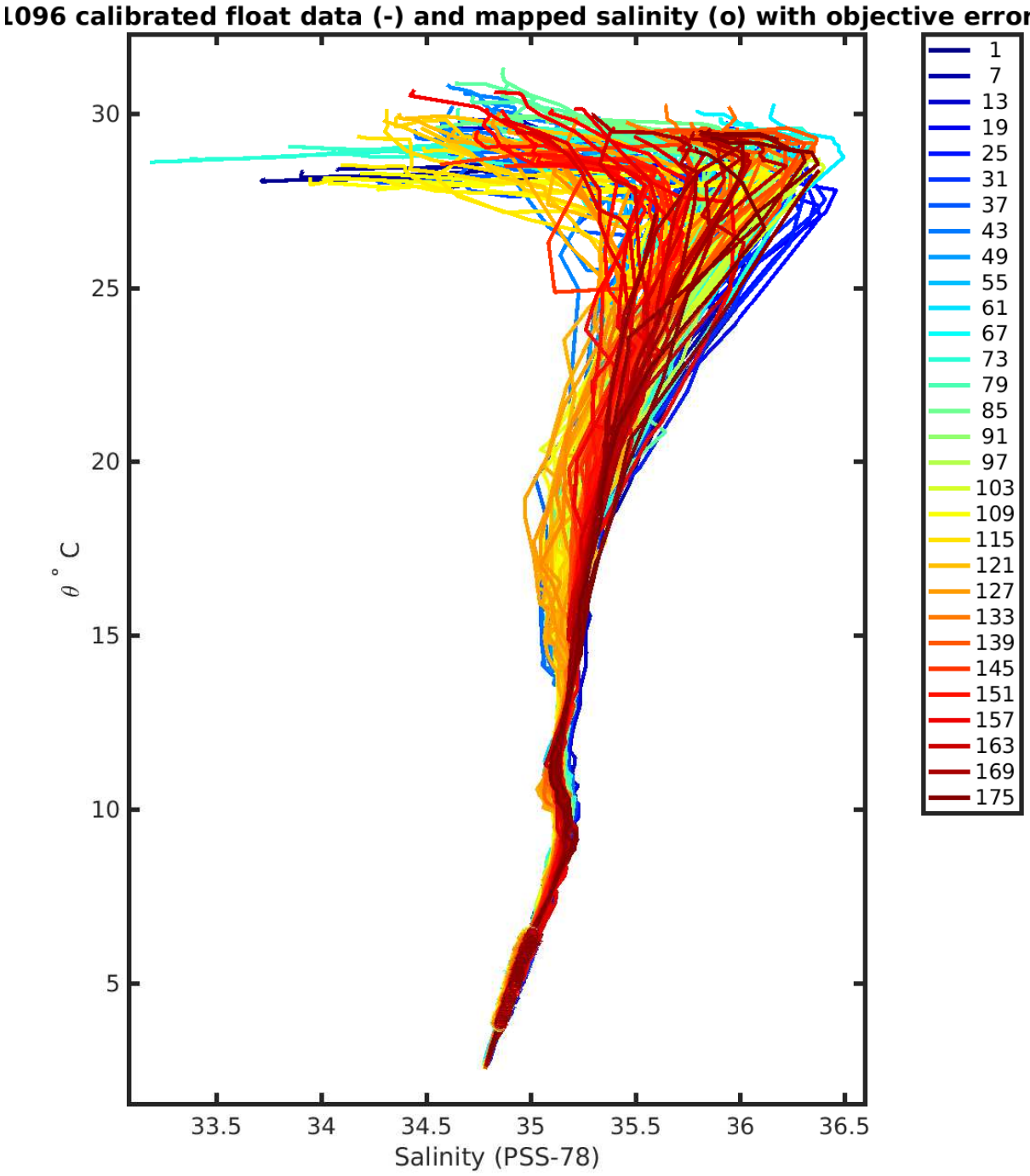

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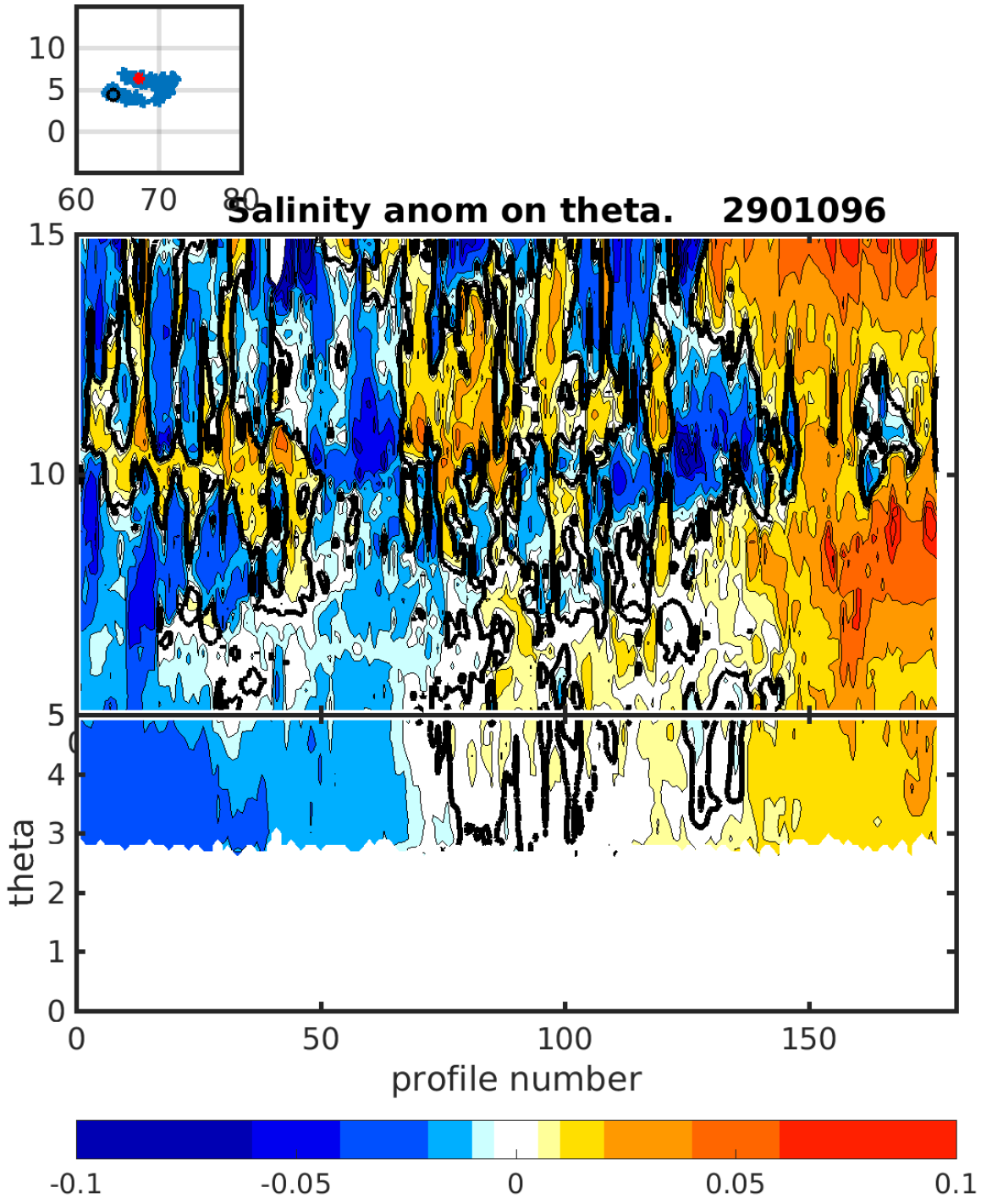

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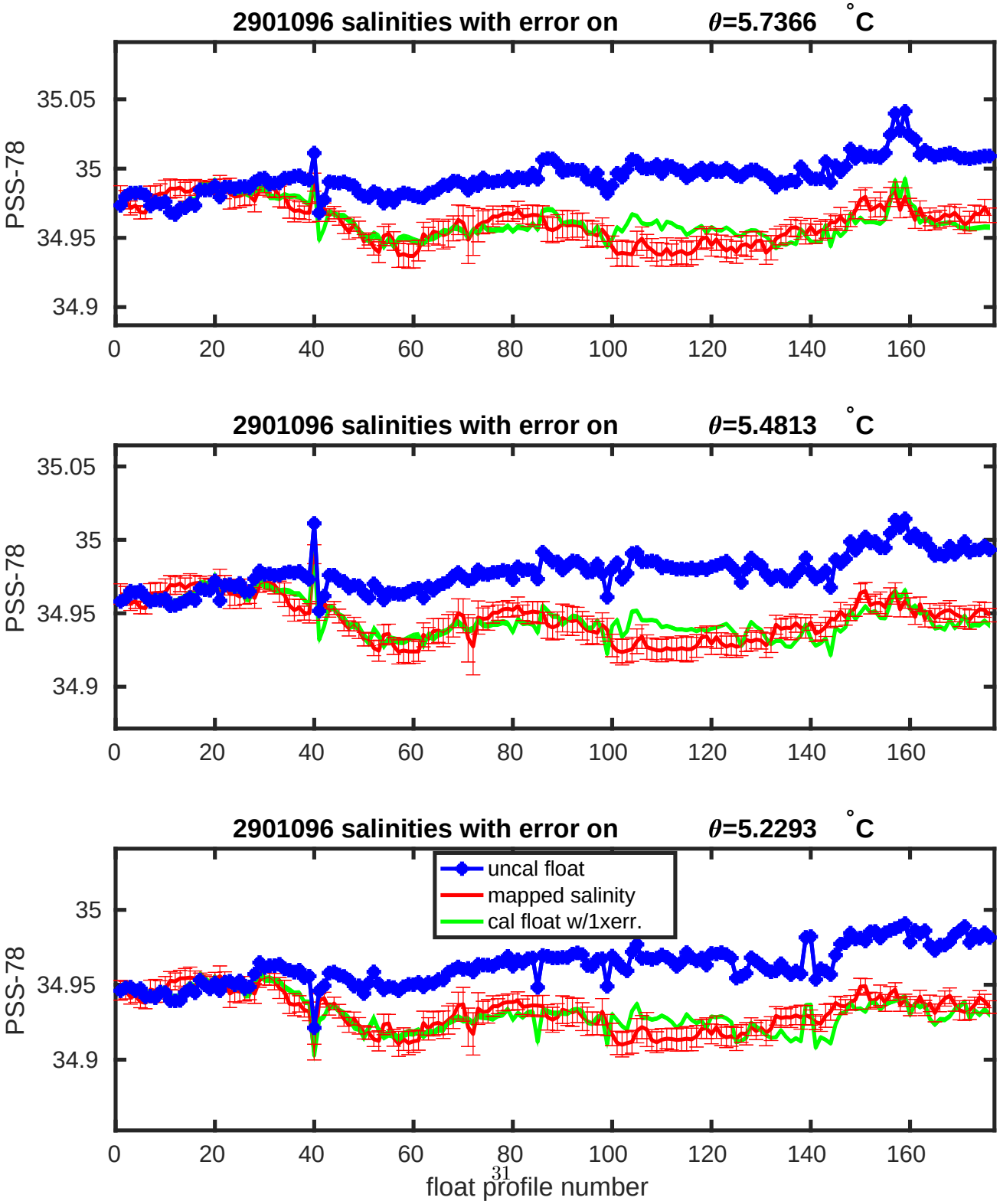

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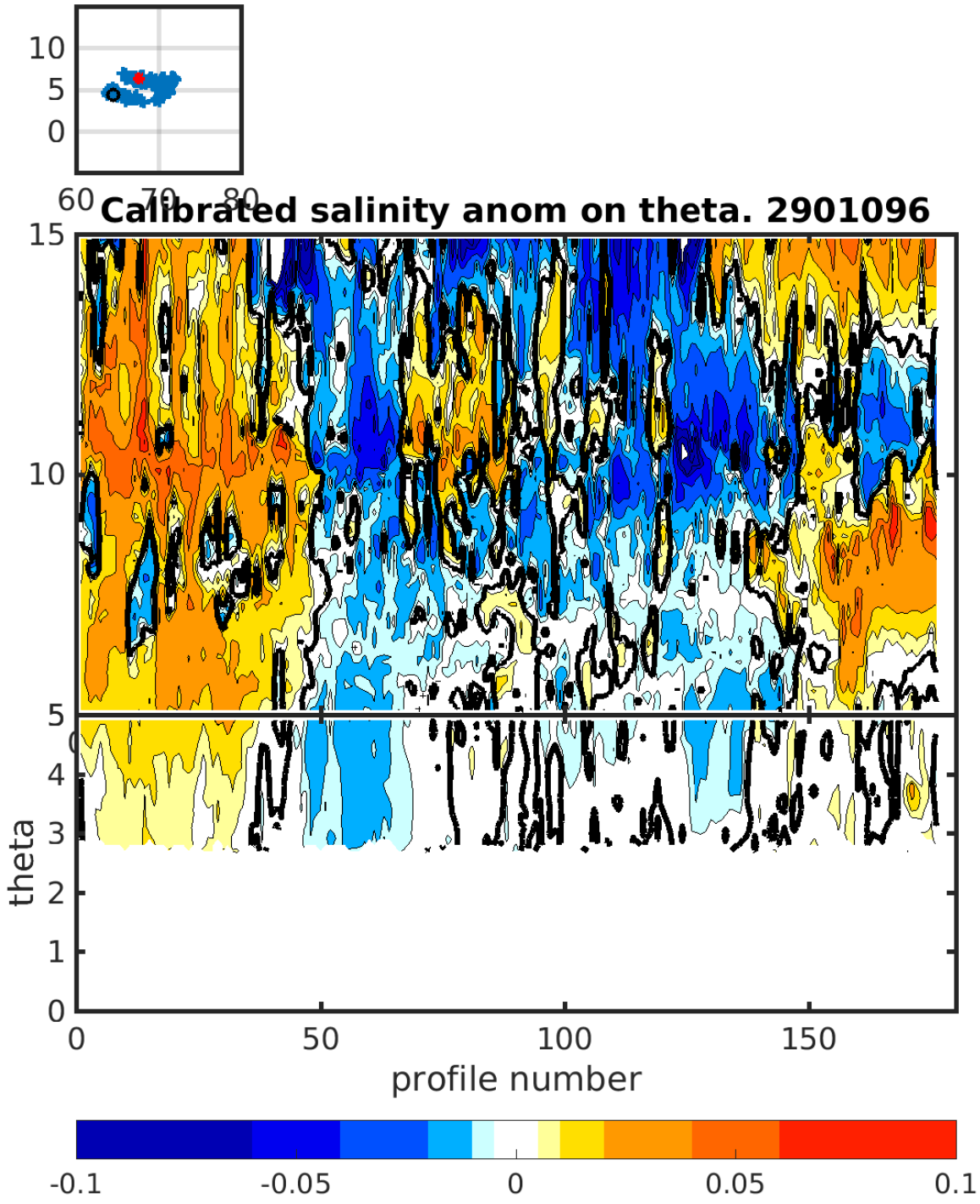

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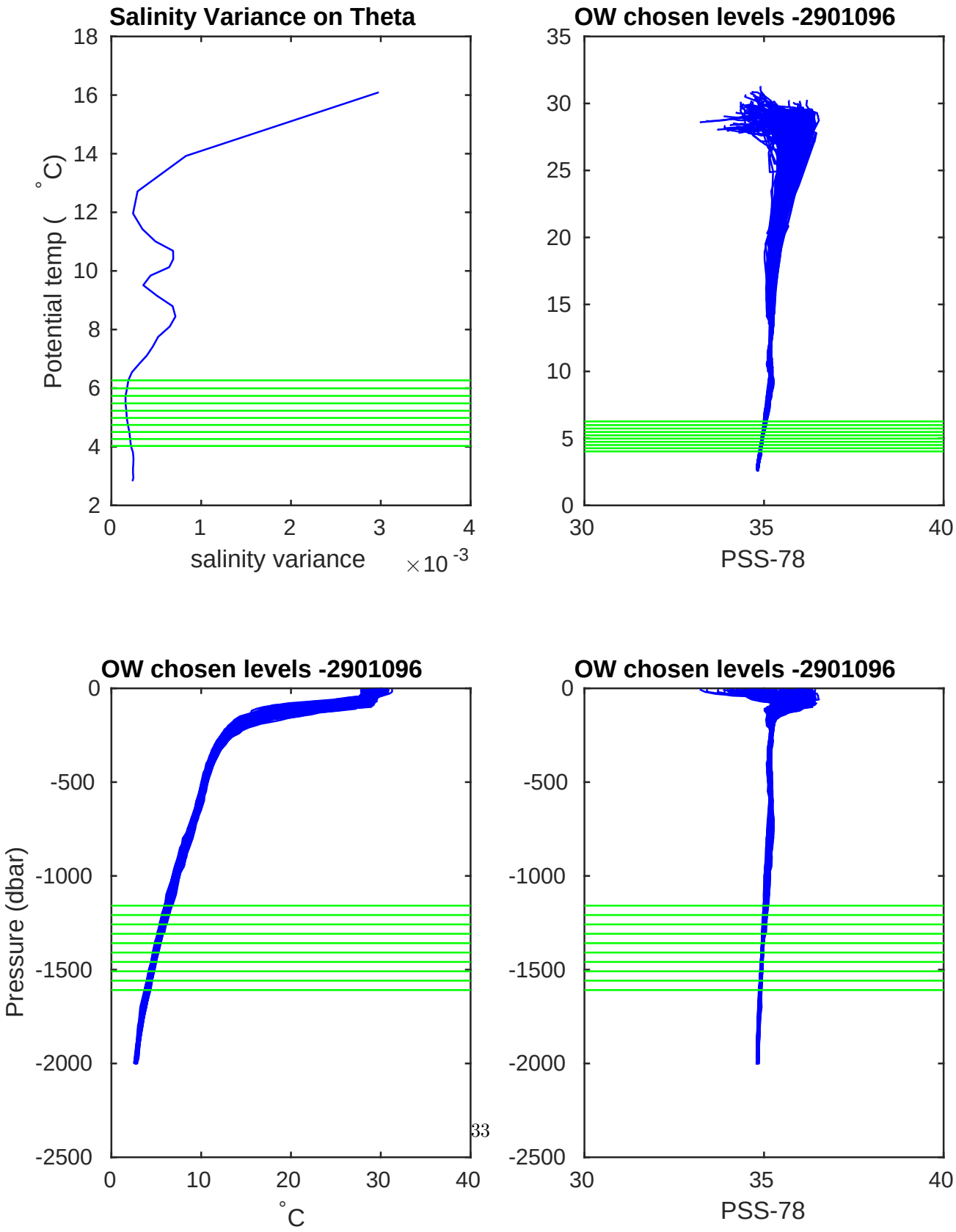

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4.3 Summary and Conclusions

Float was deployed in the Arabian Basin, where float stayed for the entire life. After the first around 28 profilse float have started drifting salty. Flat was corrected up to profile 100 after this profiles the corrections was excluding 0.05, resulting in applying QC=4.

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