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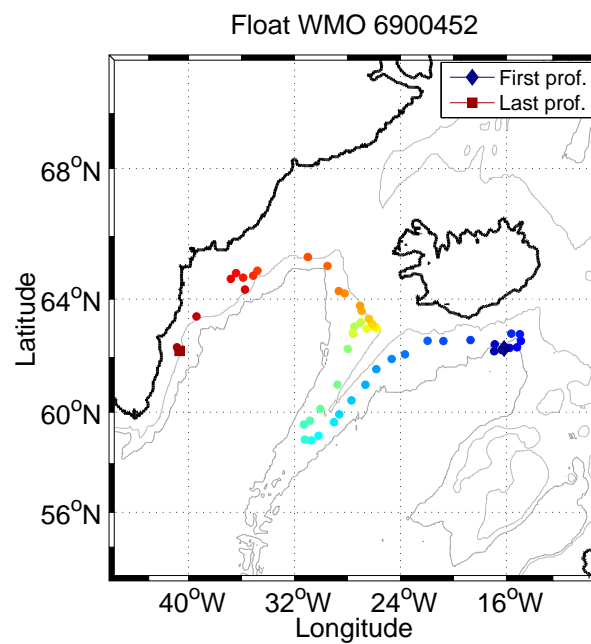
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# DELAYED MODE QUALITY CONTROL OF OVIDE ARGO DATA FLOAT WMO 6900452

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# 1 Presentation and DMQC summary

Number	Deployment (cycle OD) cycle OD	Last cycle 49
Provor WMO 6900452	26/06/2006 13h55	
CTS3 05-S3-31	62.318 N 16.1785 W	
Date of control	Float status	Last cycle
January 2010	dead	05/11/2007
Coriolis transmission		02/02/10

TAB. 1: Status of the float

**Warning :** Note that all the figures are plotted with the latest QC flag values (the modifications mentioned table 2 are taken into account).

## 1.1 QC flag checks and interesting profiles

Cycle	Para- meter	Vertical level	Old flag	New flag	Comments	Coriolis transmission
5	TEMP	the two last	3	1		July 2007
5	SAL	the two last	3	1		July 2007
10 20 30	TEMP/SAL TEMP/SAL TEMP/SAL				Interesting profiles for comparison to ARGO and CTD data	
all cycles (except 0D)	SAL	surface (where PRS inf. 5)	1	4	untrustable data	29/01/10
40	TEMP	all	3	1		29/01/10
48	TEMP	all	3	1		29/01/10

TAB. 2: Float 6900452. Summary of the modifications of the real-time QC flags and of the interesting or suspicious data.

Warning : the resolution is equal to 50 dbar from the surface to 500 dbar, then 60 dbar from 500 to 2000 dbar. Data between 0 and 5 dbar are suspicious because they are acquired when the pump of the CTD is turned off.

## 1.2 Salinity correction from the OW method

OW method suggests a salinity bias because the floats drift in a boundary current that is warmer and saltier than the water masses that lie in the inner part of the basin and that are used in the reference climatology. Also, recent water masses are saltier and warmer than historical data measured about 15 years ago in the same area.

The results of the OW methods are calculated with a pression greater than 1200 dbar and smaller than 2000 dbar.

OW CONFIGURATION	3	12
CONFIG.MAX_CASTS	250	250
MAP_USE_PV	1	1
MAP_USE_PV_ELLIPSE	1	1
MAP_USE_FACTEUR	1	1
MAPSCALE_LONGITUDE_LARGE	3.2	1.6
MAPSCALE_LONGITUDE_SMALL	0.8	0.8
MAPSCALE_LATITUDE_LARGE	2	1
MAPSCALE_LATITUDE_SMALL	0.5	0.5
MAPSCALE_PHI_LARGE	0.5	0.5
MAPSCALE_PHI_SMALL	0.1	0.1
MAPSCALE_AGE	0.69	0.69
MAP_P_EXCLUDE	500	500
MAP_P_DELTA	250	250
Reference data base	CTD only	CTD and ARGO
Comments	no break point	

TAB. 3: Parameters of the OW method.

## 2 Data

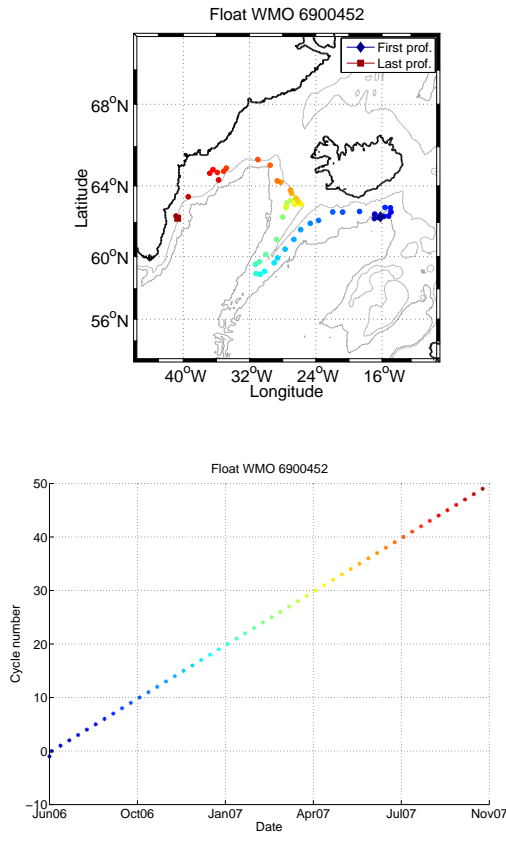


FIG. 1: Profiles position and relationship between cycle number, date and color.

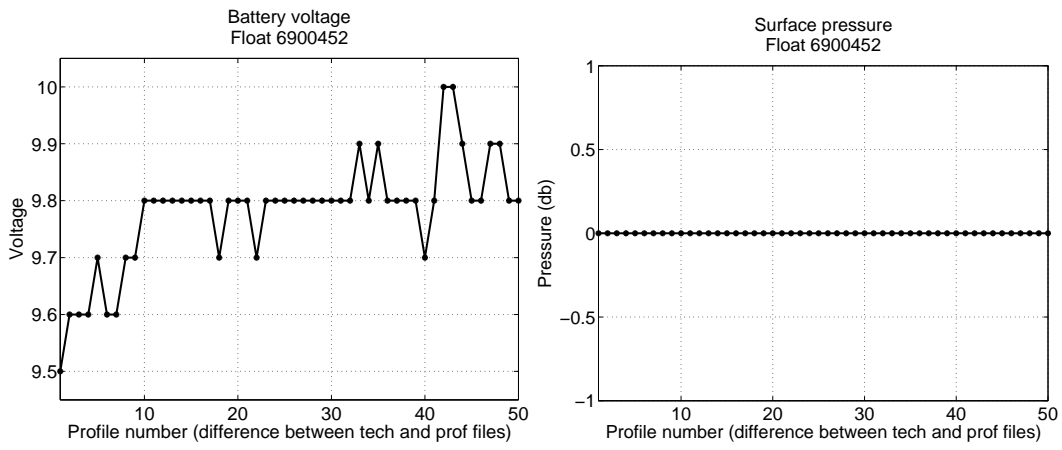


FIG. 2: Surface pressure

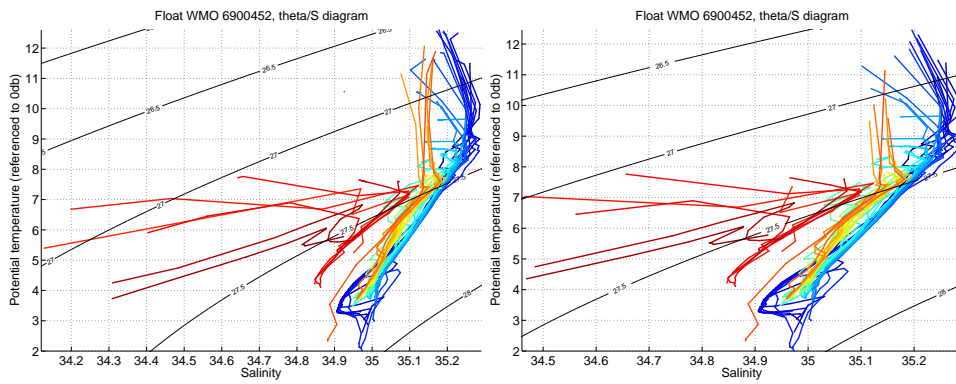
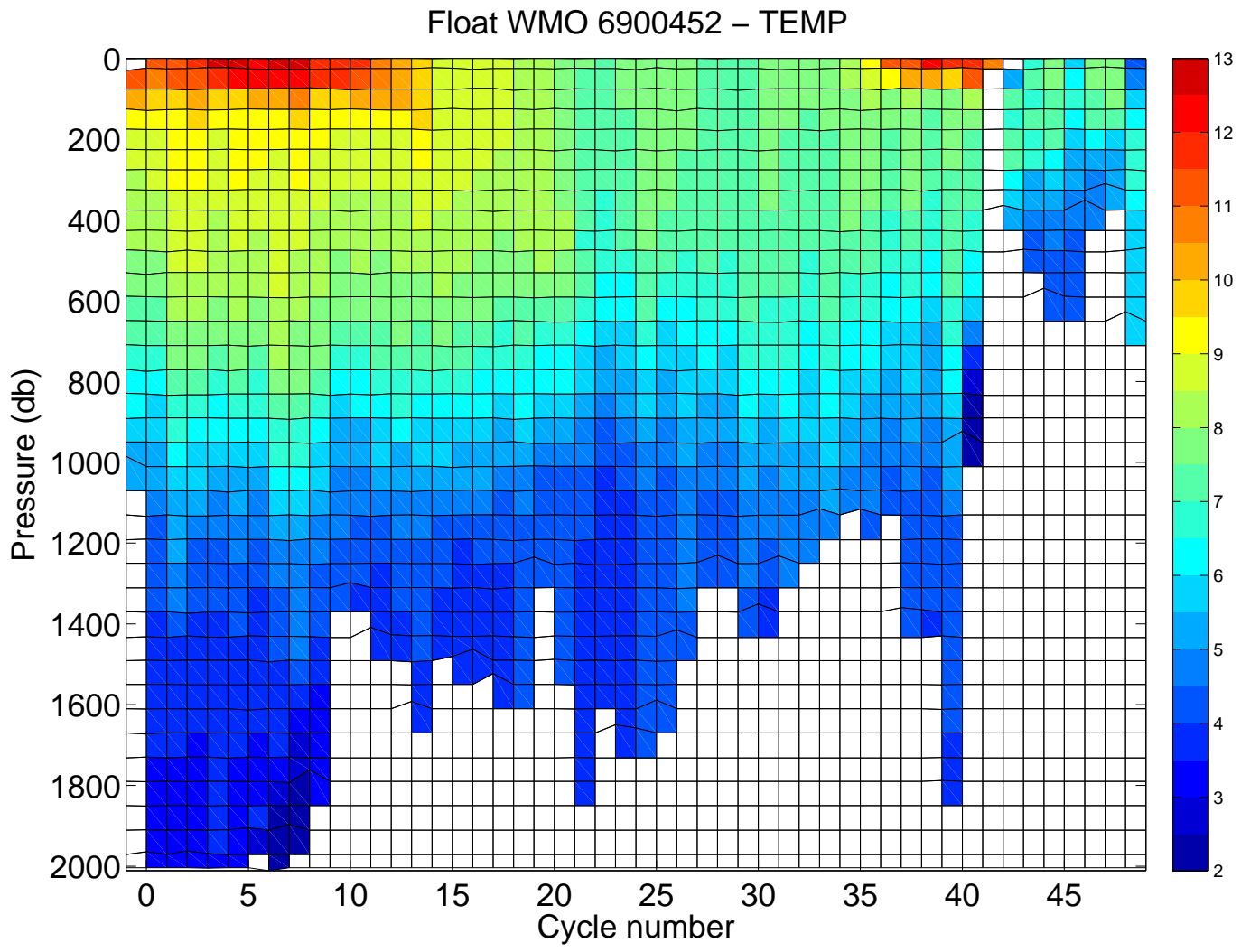


FIG. 3:  $\theta/S$  diagrams. (Left panel) Flags are not taken into account. (Right panel) Quality flags are taken into account.

FIG. 4: Temperature section along the float trajectory. Quality flags are not taken into account.



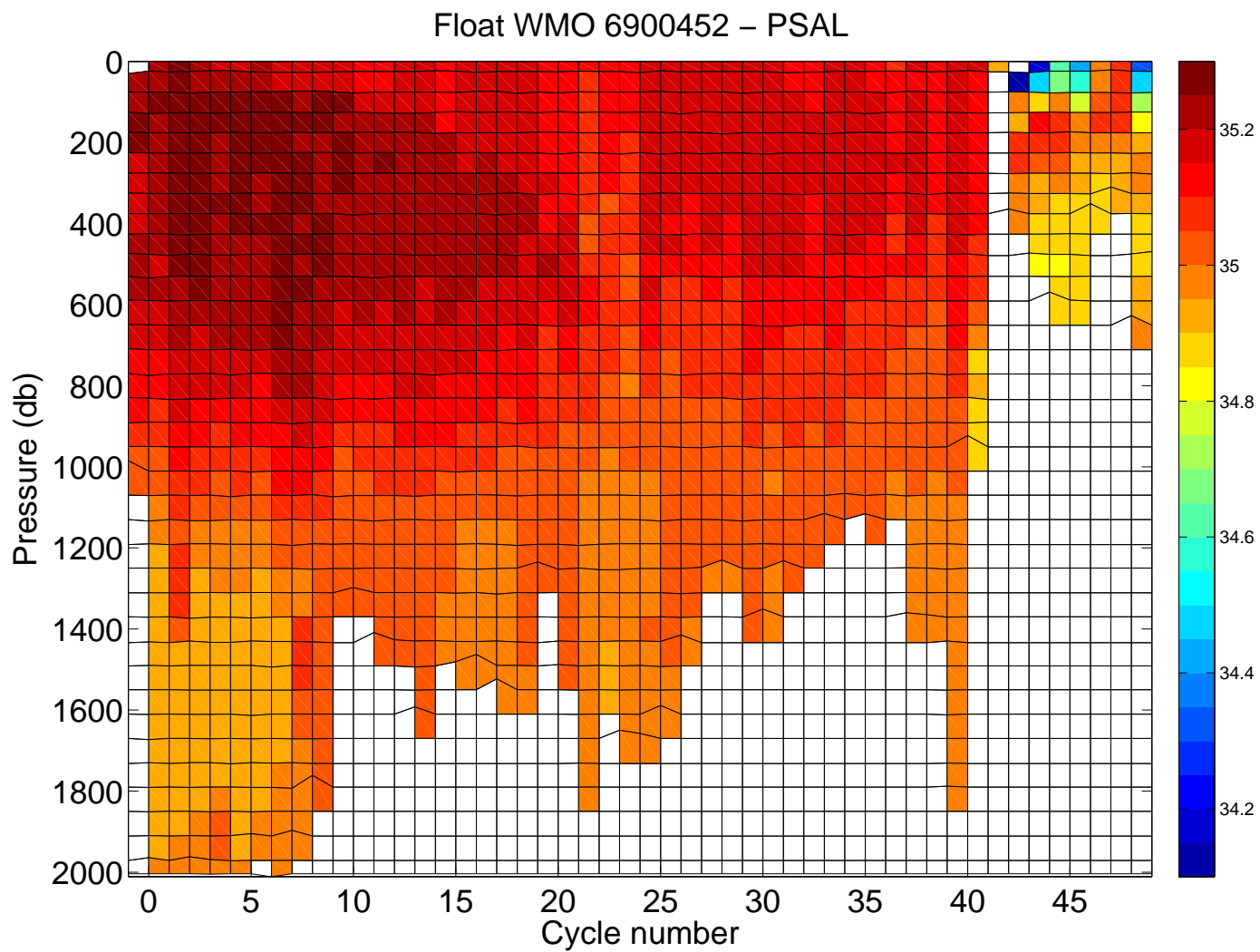


FIG. 5: Salinity section along the float trajectory. Quality flags are not taken into account.



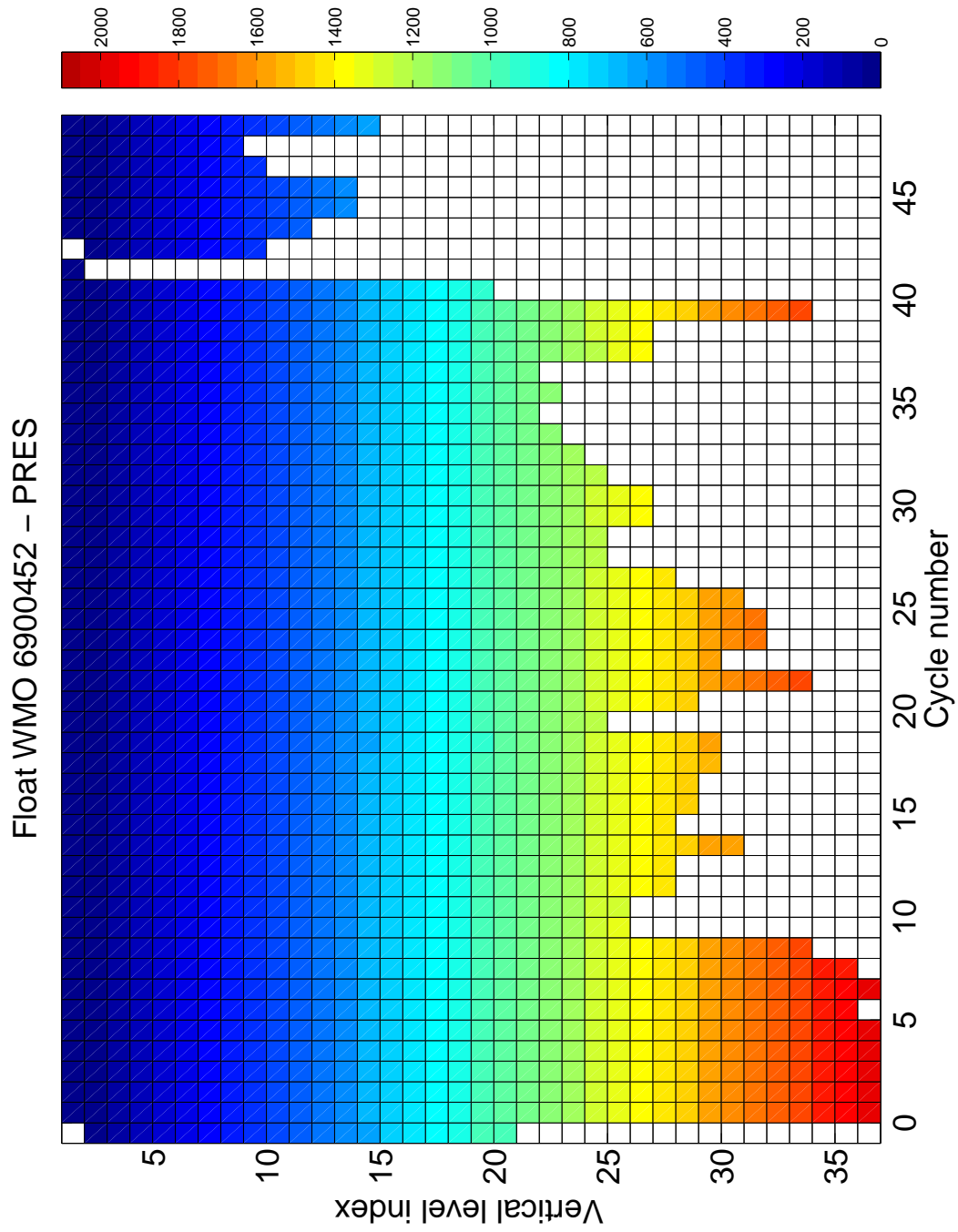


FIG. 6: Pression as fonction of cycle number and vertical level index along the float trajectory. Quality flags are taken into account.

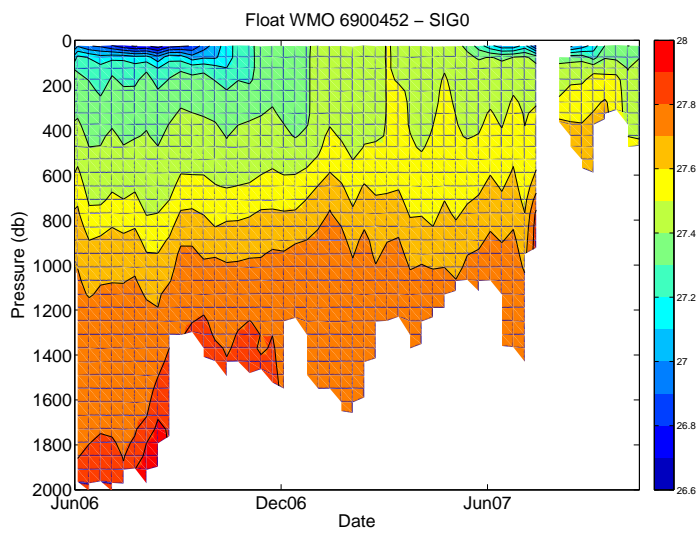
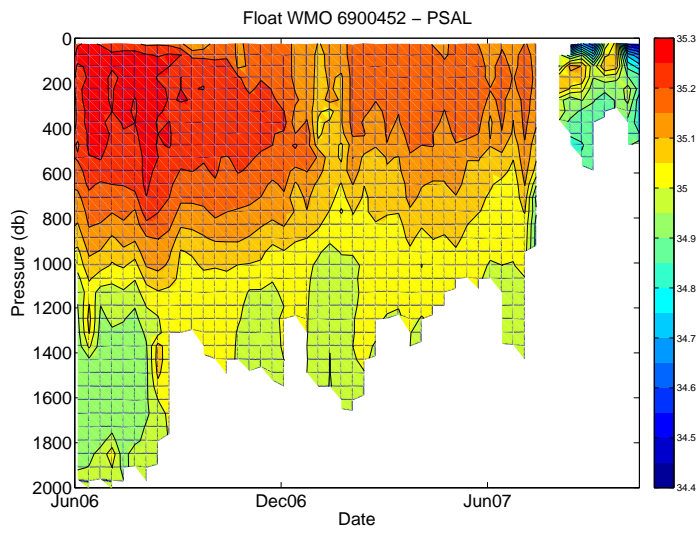
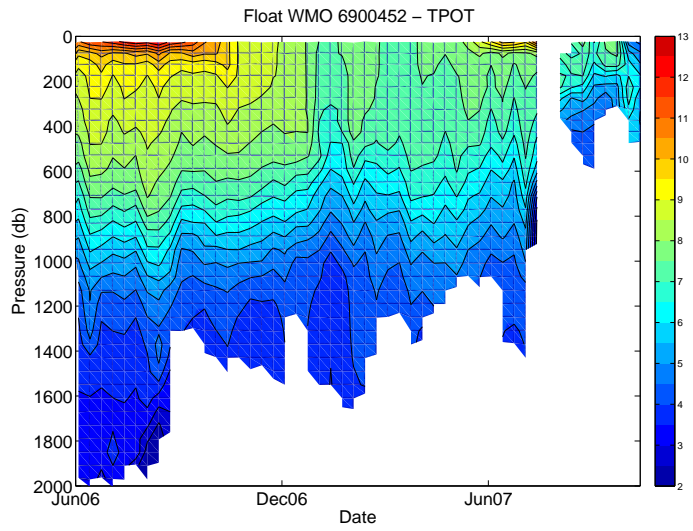


FIG. 7: Potential temperature, salinity and potential density sections along the float trajectory (interpolated on standard levels). Quality flags are taken into account.

### 3 Comparison to the OVIDE 2006 nearest CTD profile

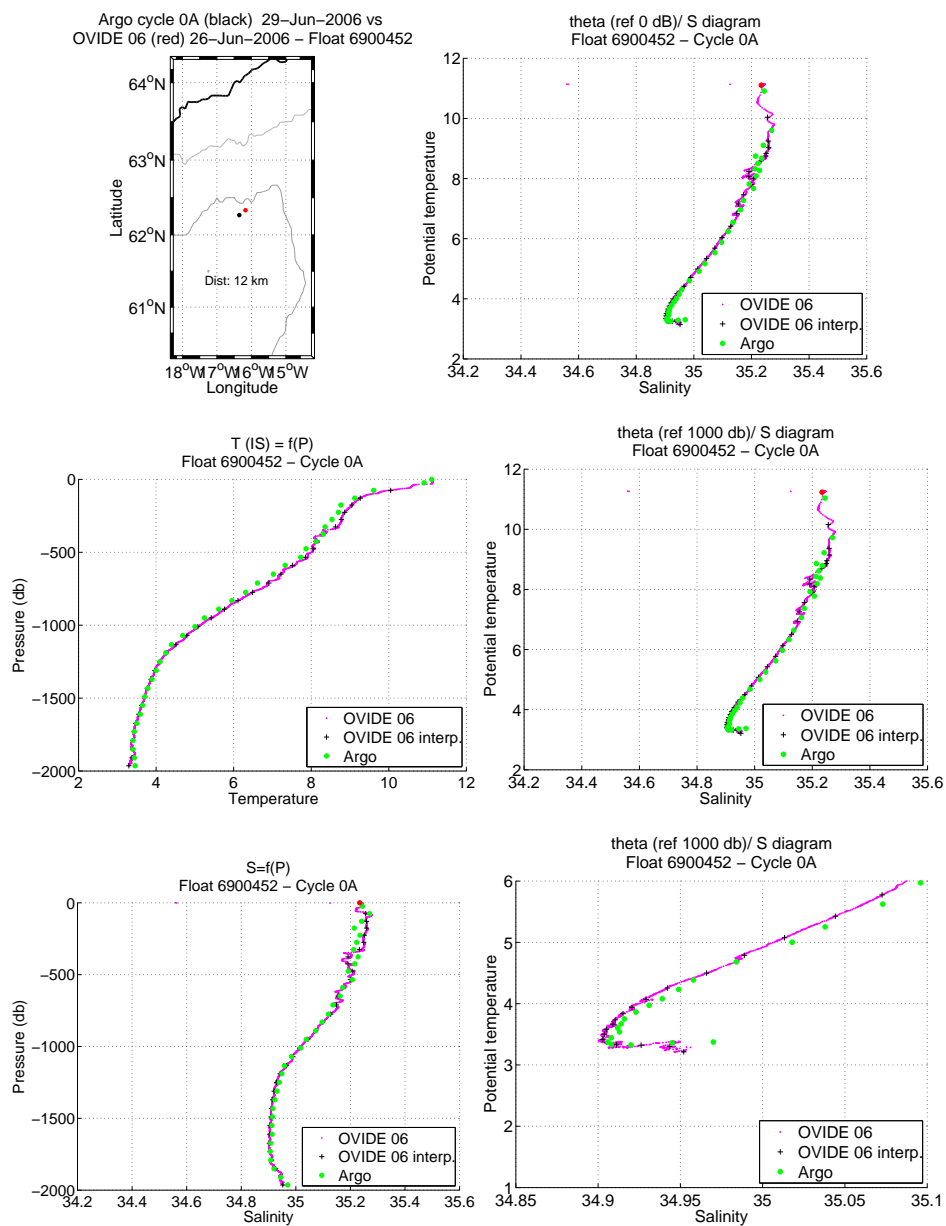


FIG. 8: Comparison of the cycle 0A with the nearest CTD profile done after the float deployment.

## 4 Cycle 10 - Comparison to the nearest historical CTD profiles

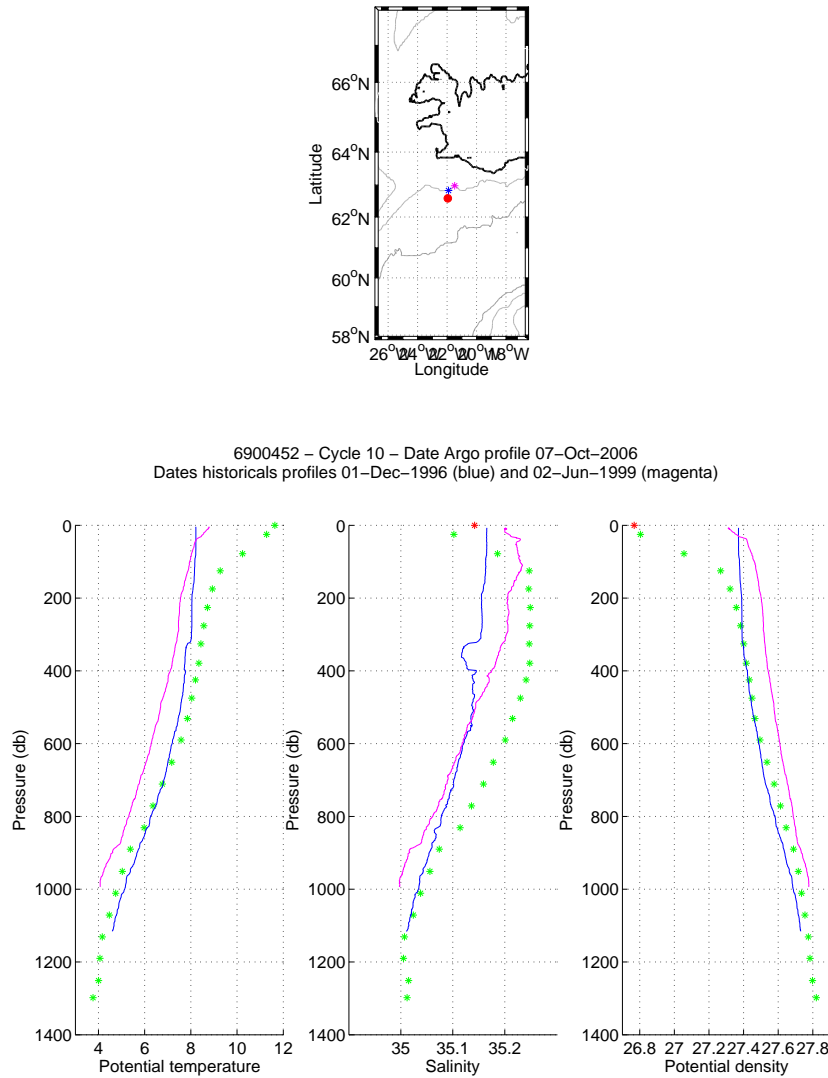
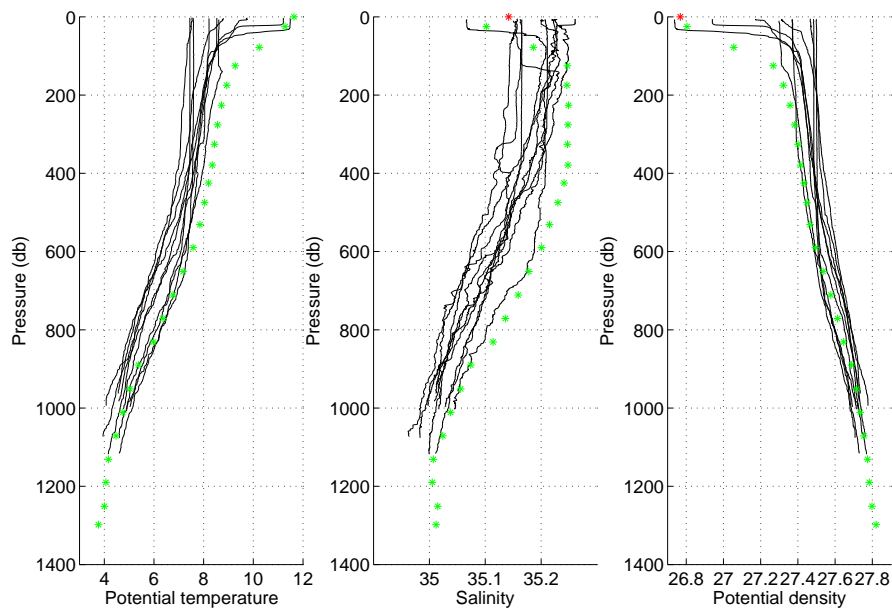


FIG. 9: Flotteur 6900452, cycle 10. Upper panel : Position of the Argo profile (red) and of the nearest CTD profiles (black). The nearest CTD profile in time is in magenta while the nearest CTD profile in space is in blue. Lower panels : Temperature, salinity and potential density as function of pressure for the Argo profile (stars) and for the nearest CTD profile in time (magenta line) and for the nearest CTD profile in space (blue line). The color of the Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1; blue for a QC=2; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4).

6900452 – Cycle 10



6900452 – Cycle 10 – Date Argo profile 07–Oct–2006  
 Dates historicals profiles 01–Dec–1996 (blue) and 02–Jun–1999 (magenta)

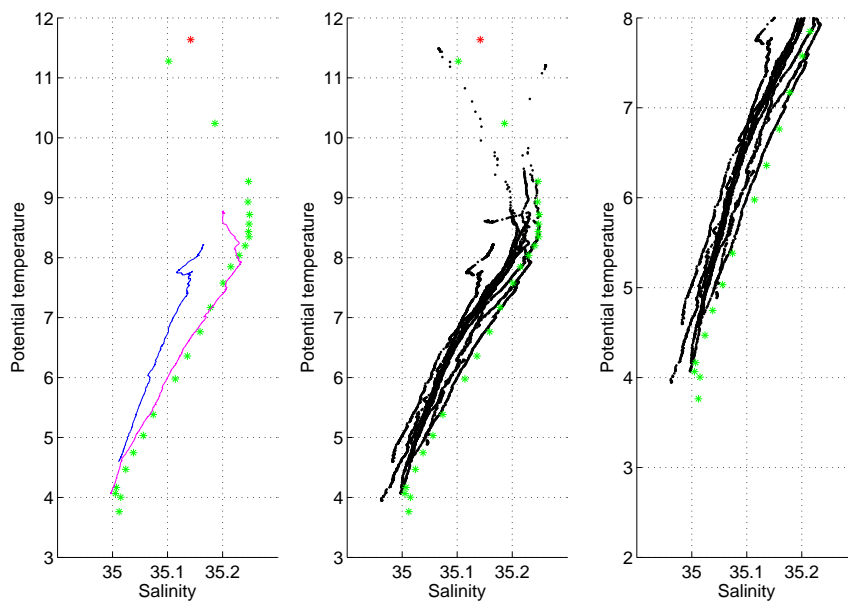


FIG. 10: Float 6900452, cycle 10. The Argo profile (stars) is compared to the nearest CTD profiles (black line) and to two specific profiles : the nearest profile in time (magenta) and the nearest profile in space (blue). The color of the Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1; blue for a QC=2; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4). (Upper panels) Temperature (left panel), salinity (middle panel) and potential density (right panel) as function of pressure. (Lower panels)  $\theta/S$  diagrams.

## 5 Cycle 10 - Comparaison to the nearest ARGO profiles

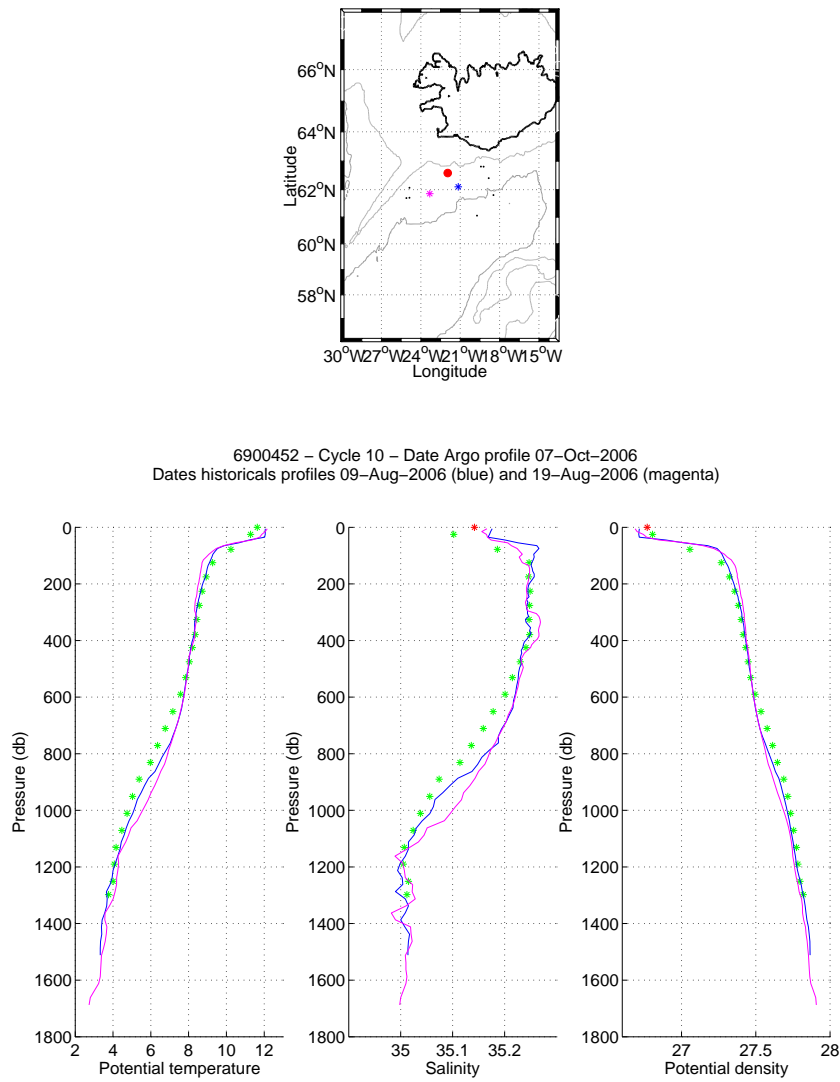
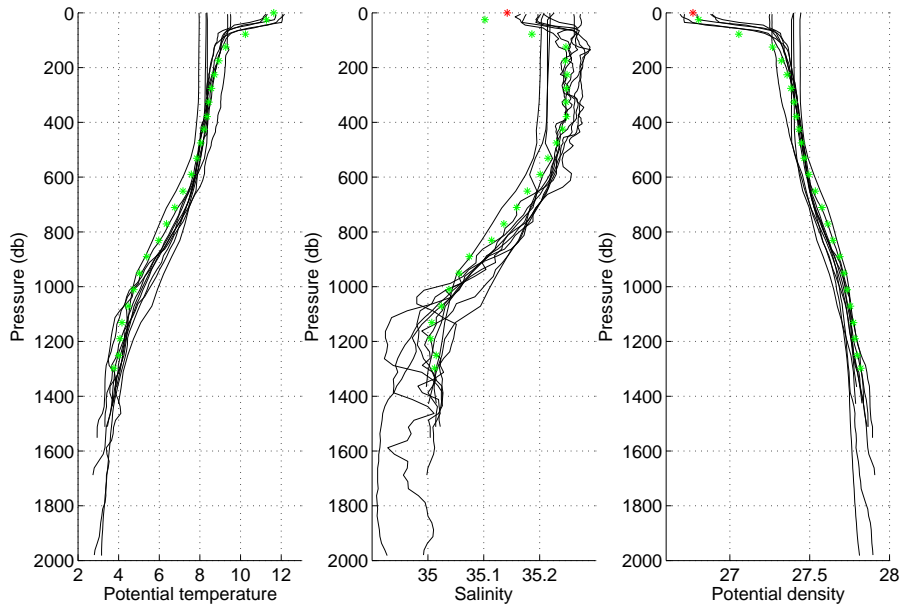


FIG. 11: Flotteur 6900452, cycle 10. Upper panel : Position of the analysed Argo profile (red) and of the nearest Argo profiles (black). The nearest Argo profile in time is in magenta while the nearest CTD profile in space is in blue. Lower panels : Temperature, salinity and potential density as function of pressure for the analysed Argo profile (stars) and for the nearest Argo profile in time (magenta line) and for the nearest Argo profile in space (blue line). The color of the analysed Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1 ; blue for a QC=2 ; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4).

6900452 – Cycle 10



6900452 – Cycle 10 – Date Argo profile 07–Oct–2006  
 Dates historicals profiles 09–Aug–2006 (blue) and 19–Aug–2006 (magenta)

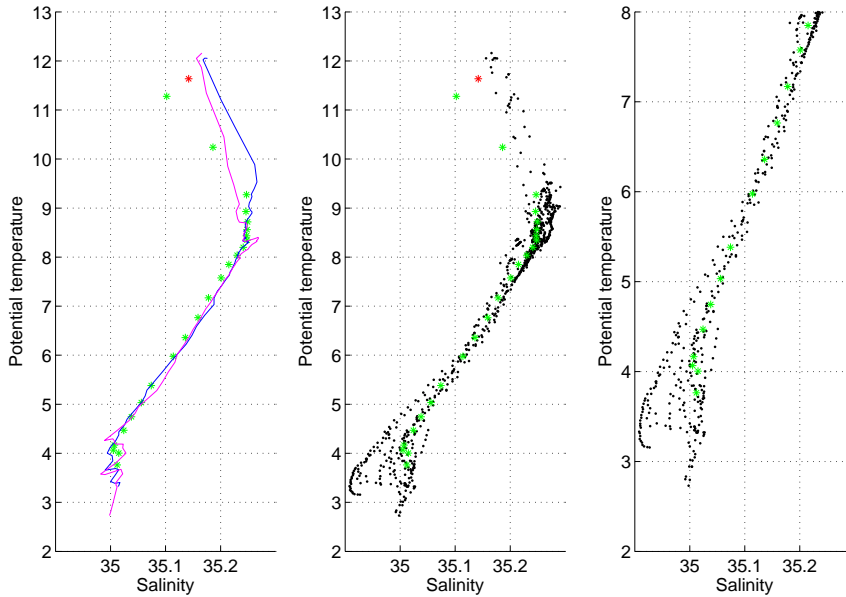


FIG. 12: Float 6900452, cycle 10. The analysed Argo profile (stars) is compared to the nearest Argo profiles (black line) and to two specific profiles : the nearest Argo profile in time (magenta) and the nearest Argo profile in space (blue). The color of the analysed Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1; blue for a QC=2; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4). (Upper panels) Temperature (left panel), salinity (middle panel) and potential density (right panel) as function of pressure. (Lower panels)  $\theta/S$  diagrams.

## 6 Cycle 20 - Comparison to the nearest historical CTD profiles

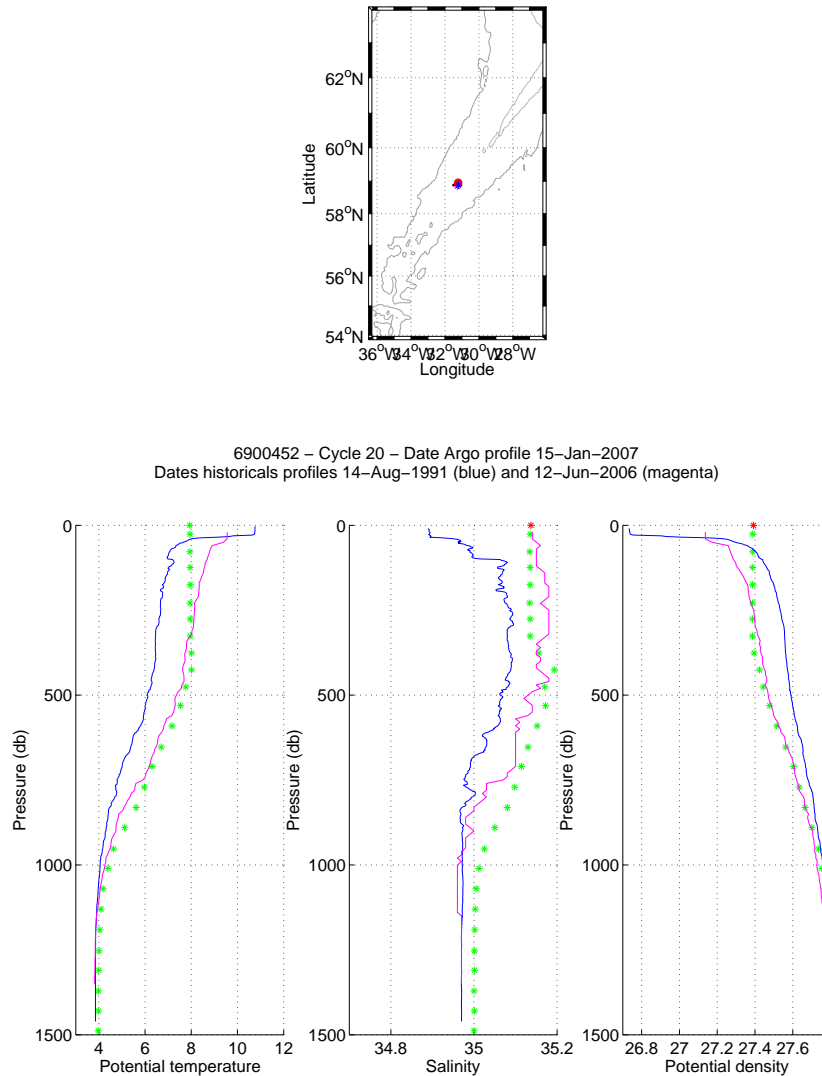
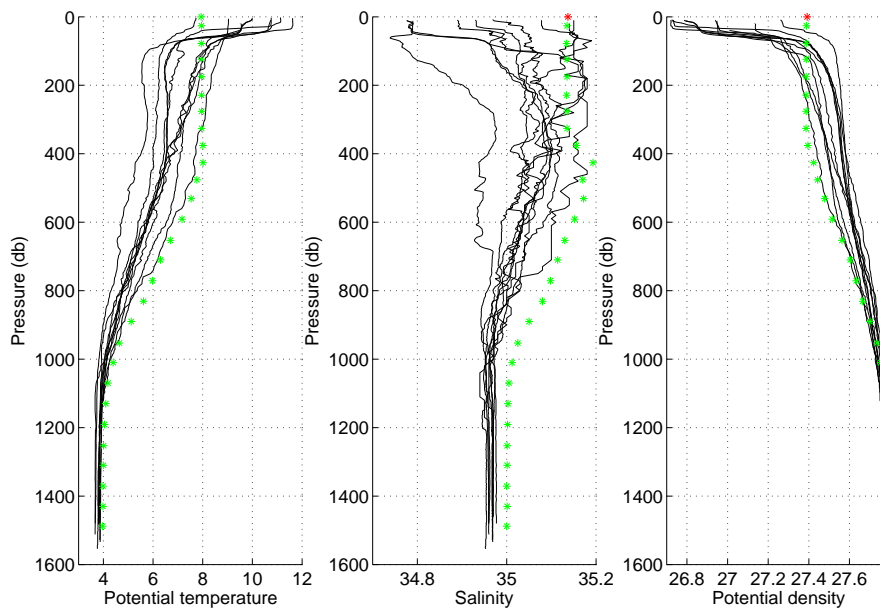


FIG. 13: Flotteur 6900452, cycle 20. Upper panel : Position of the Argo profile (red) and of the nearest CTD profiles (black). The nearest CTD profile in time is in magenta while the nearest CTD profile in space is in blue. Lower panels : Temperature, salinity and potential density as function of pressure for the Argo profile (stars) and for the nearest CTD profile in time (magenta line) and for the nearest CTD profile in space (blue line). The color of the Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1; blue for a QC=2; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4).



6900452 – Cycle 20



6900452 – Cycle 20 – Date Argo profile 15–Jan–2007  
Dates historical profiles 14–Aug–1991 (blue) and 12–Jun–2006 (magenta)

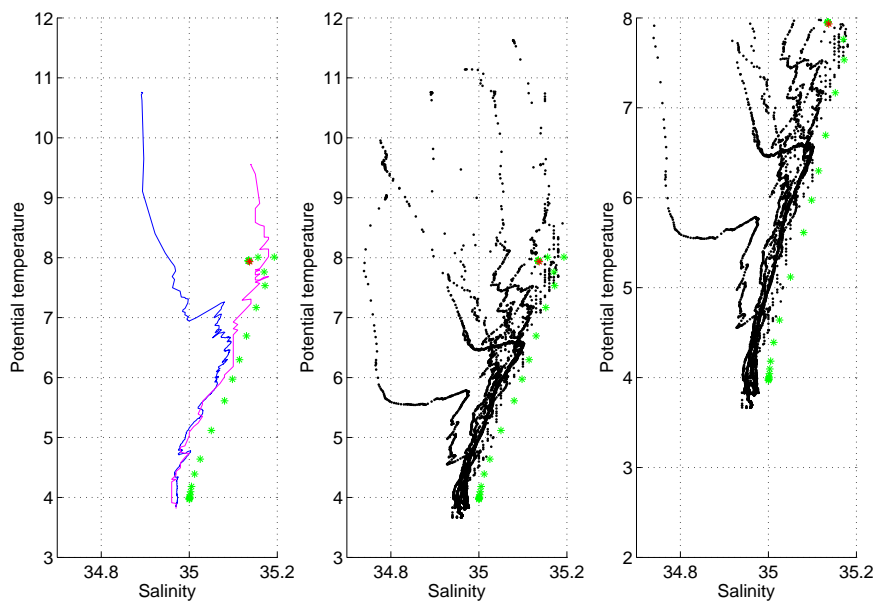


FIG. 14: Float 6900452, cycle 20. The Argo profile (stars) is compared to the nearest CTD profiles (black line) and to two specific profiles : the nearest profile in time (magenta) and the nearest profile in space (blue). The color of the Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1; blue for a QC=2; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4). (Upper panels) Temperature (left panel), salinity (middle panel) and potential density (right panel) as function of pressure. (Lower panels)  $\theta/S$  diagrams.

## 7 Cycle 20 - Comparaison to the nearest ARGO profiles

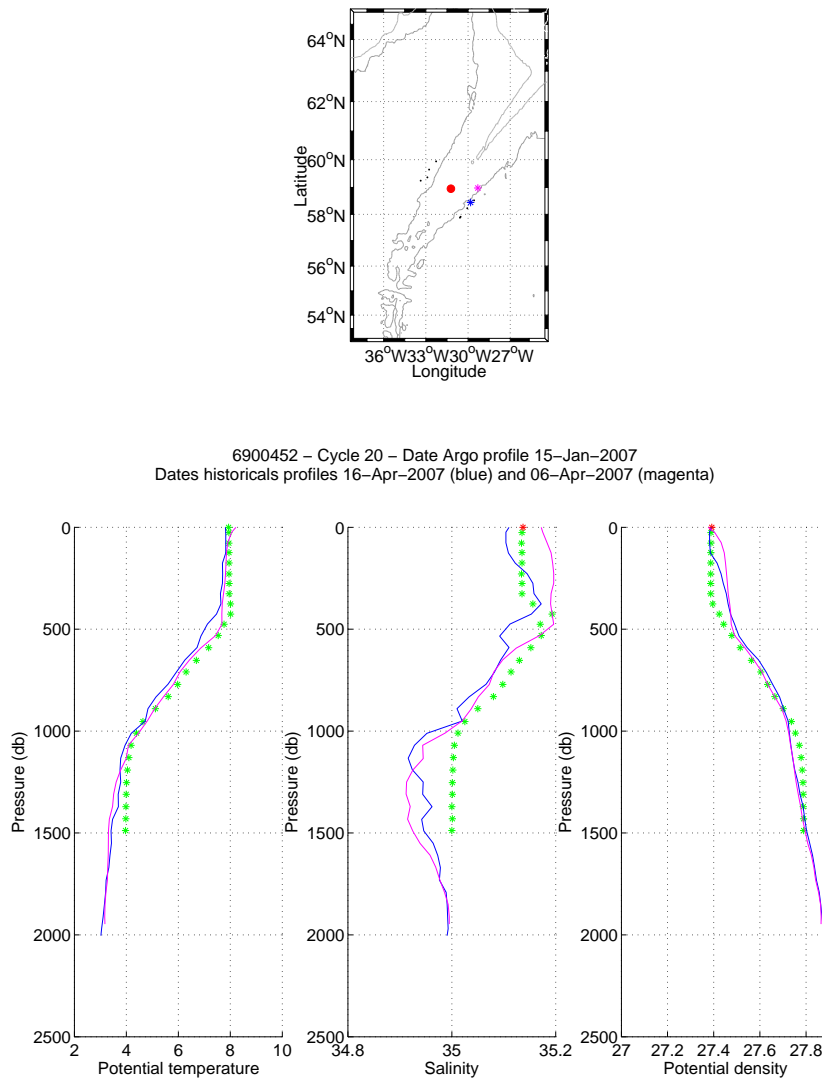
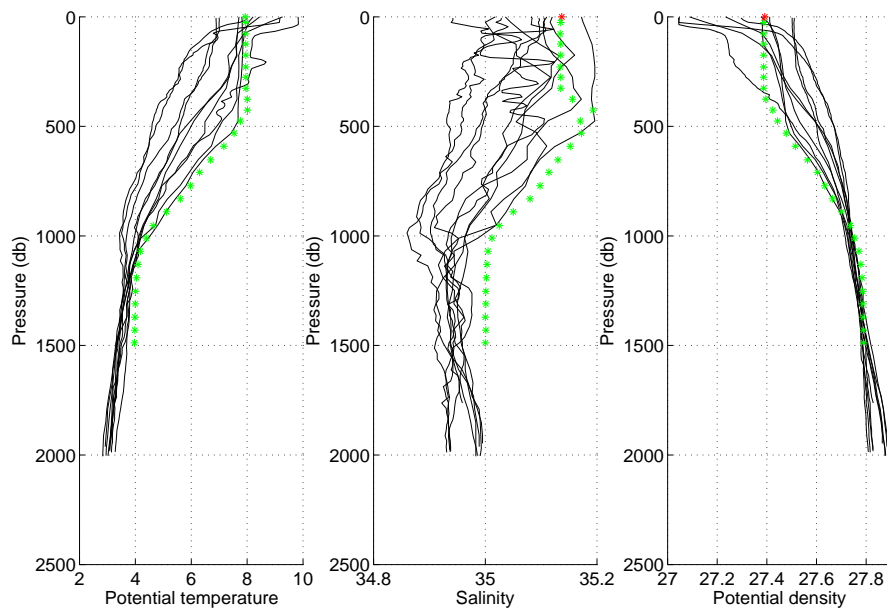


FIG. 15: Flotteur 6900452, cycle 20. Upper panel : Position of the analysed Argo profile (red) and of the nearest Argo profiles (black). The nearest Argo profile in time is in magenta while the nearest CTD profile in space is in blue. Lower panels : Temperature, salinity and potential density as function of pressure for the analysed Argo profile (stars) and for the nearest Argo profile in time (magenta line) and for the nearest Argo profile in space (blue line). The color of the analysed Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1 ; blue for a QC=2 ; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4).

6900452 – Cycle 20



6900452 – Cycle 20 – Date Argo profile 15–Jan–2007  
 Dates historicals profiles 16–Apr–2007 (blue) and 06–Apr–2007 (magenta)

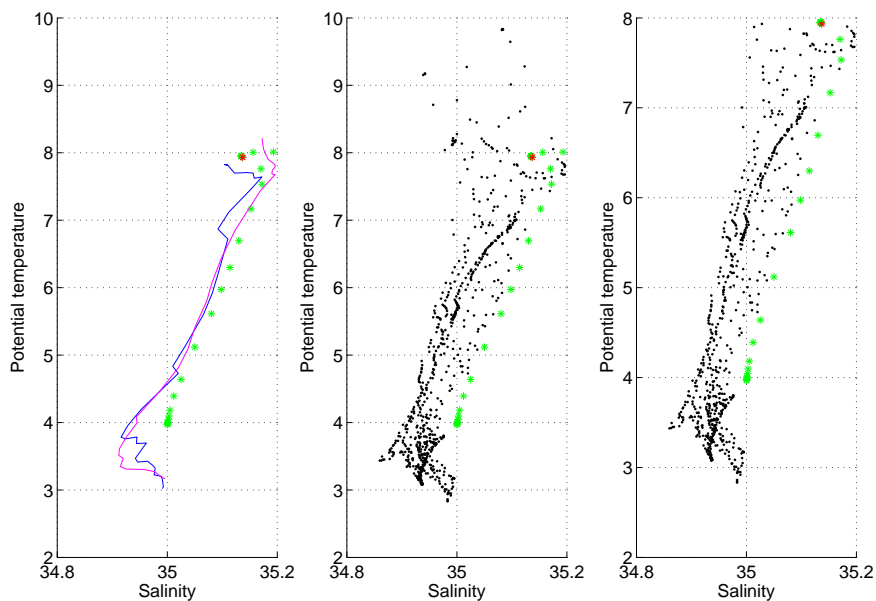


FIG. 16: Float 6900452, cycle 20. The analysed Argo profile (stars) is compared to the nearest Argo profiles (black line) and to two specific profiles : the nearest Argo profile in time (magenta) and the nearest Argo profile in space (blue). The color of the analysed Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1; blue for a QC=2; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4). (Upper panels) Temperature (left panel), salinity (middle panel) and potential density (right panel) as function of pressure. (Lower panels)  $\theta/S$  diagrams.

## 8 Cycle 30 - Comparison to the nearest historical CTD profiles

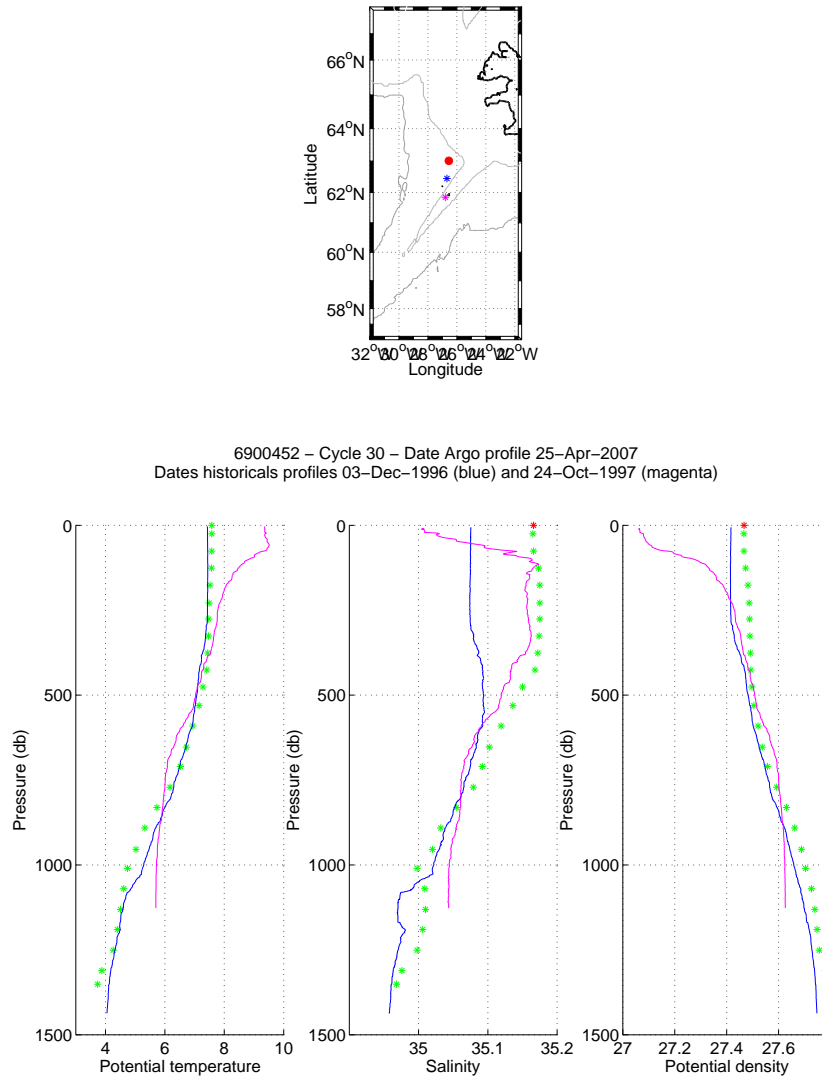
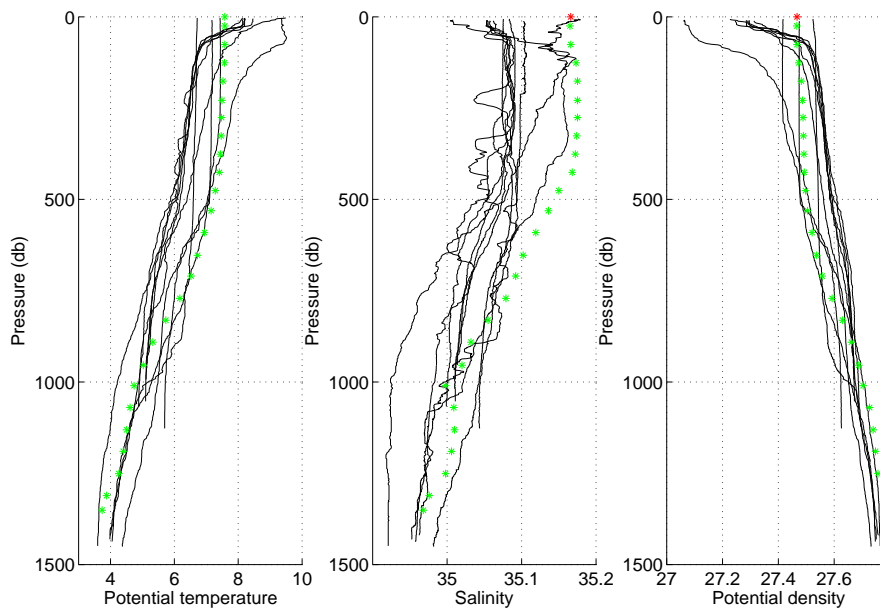


FIG. 17: Flotteur 6900452, cycle 30. Upper panel : Position of the Argo profile (red) and of the nearest CTD profiles (black). The nearest CTD profile in time is in magenta while the nearest CTD profile in space is in blue. Lower panels : Temperature, salinity and potential density as function of pressure for the Argo profile (stars) and for the nearest CTD profile in time (magenta line) and for the nearest CTD profile in space (blue line). The color of the Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1; blue for a QC=2; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4).

6900452 – Cycle 30



6900452 – Cycle 30 – Date Argo profile 25-Apr-2007  
 Dates historicals profiles 03-Dec-1996 (blue) and 24-Oct-1997 (magenta)

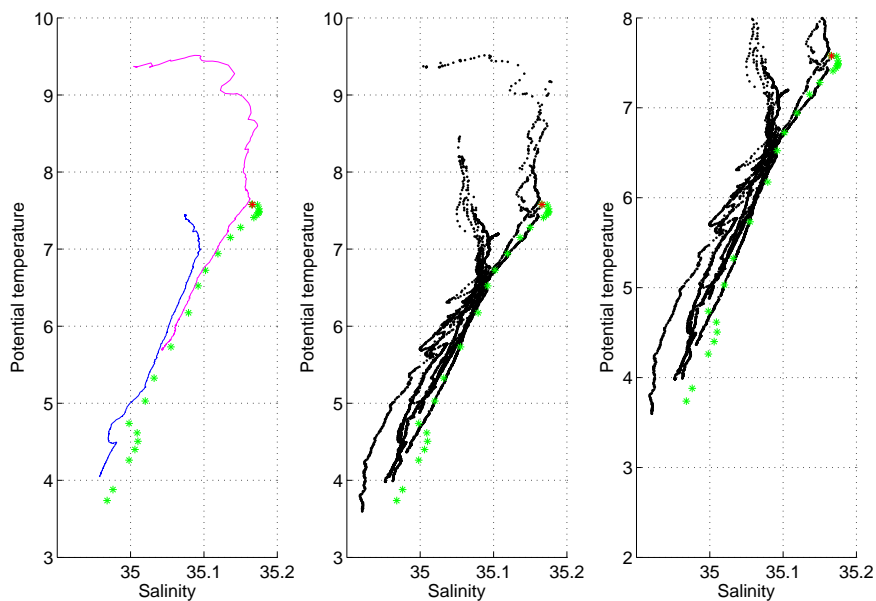


FIG. 18: Float 6900452, cycle 30. The Argo profile (stars) is compared to the nearest CTD profiles (black line) and to two specific profiles : the nearest profile in time (magenta) and the nearest profile in space (blue). The color of the Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1; blue for a QC=2; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4). (Upper panels) Temperature (left panel), salinity (middle panel) and potential density (right panel) as function of pressure. (Lower panels)  $\theta/S$  diagrams.

## 9 Cycle 30 - Comparaison to the nearest ARGO profiles

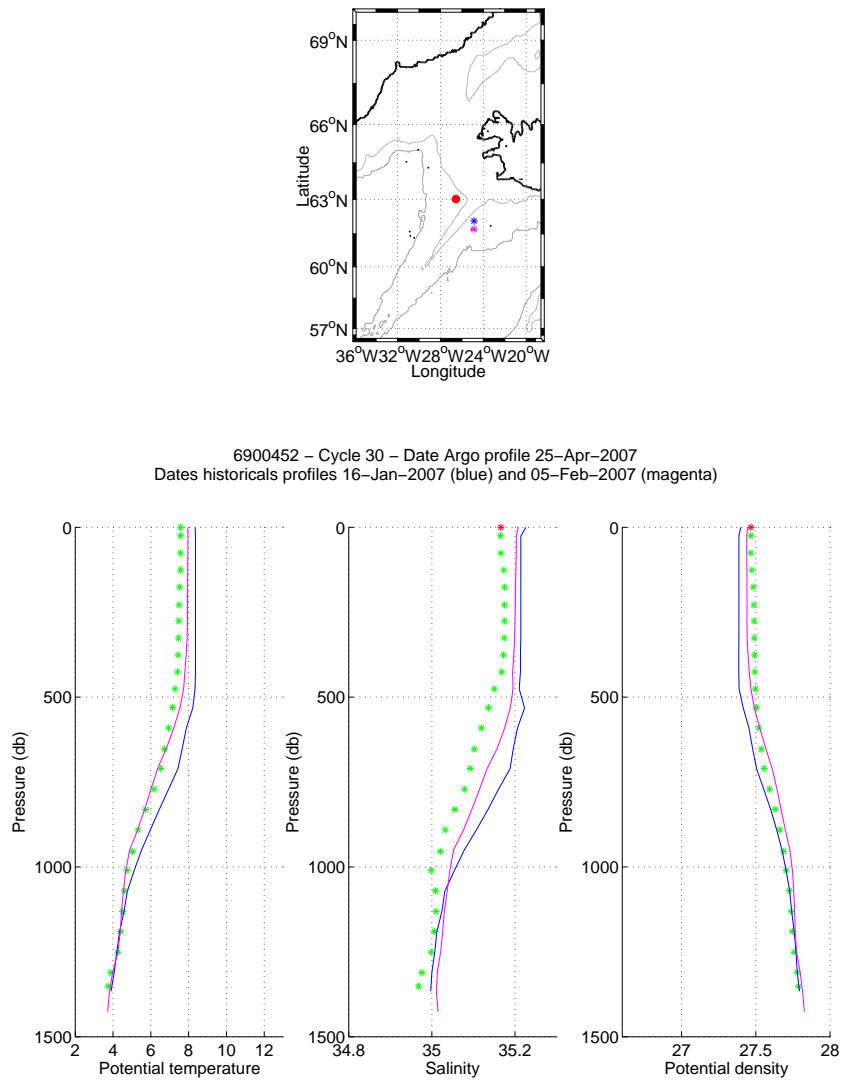
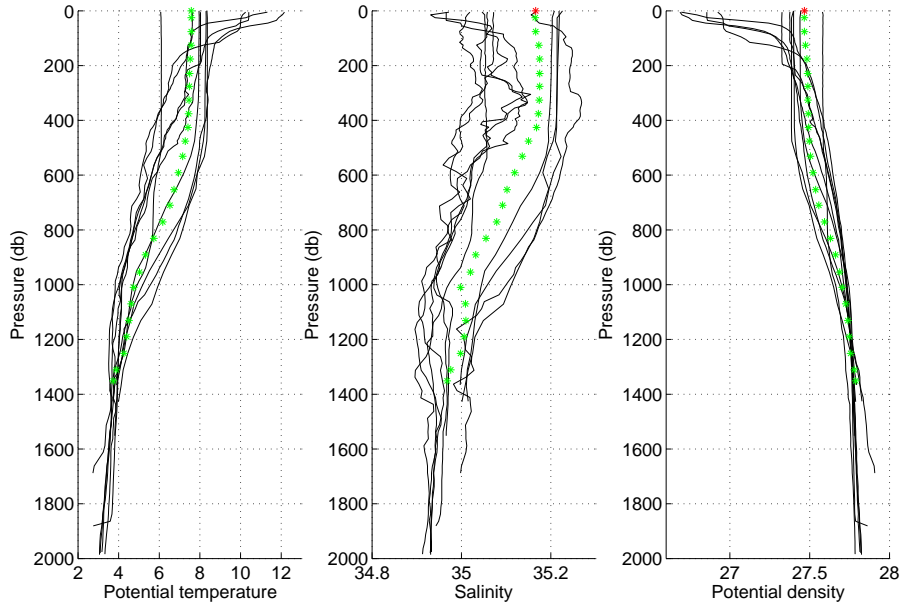


FIG. 19: Flotteur 6900452, cycle 30. Upper panel : Position of the analysed Argo profile (red) and of the nearest Argo profiles (black). The nearest Argo profile in time is in magenta while the nearest CTD profile in space is in blue. Lower panels : Temperature, salinity and potential density as function of pressure for the analysed Argo profile (stars) and for the nearest Argo profile in time (magenta line) and for the nearest Argo profile in space (blue line). The color of the analysed Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1 ; blue for a QC=2 ; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4).

6900452 – Cycle 30



6900452 – Cycle 30 – Date Argo profile 25–Apr–2007  
 Dates historicals profiles 16–Jan–2007 (blue) and 05–Feb–2007 (magenta)

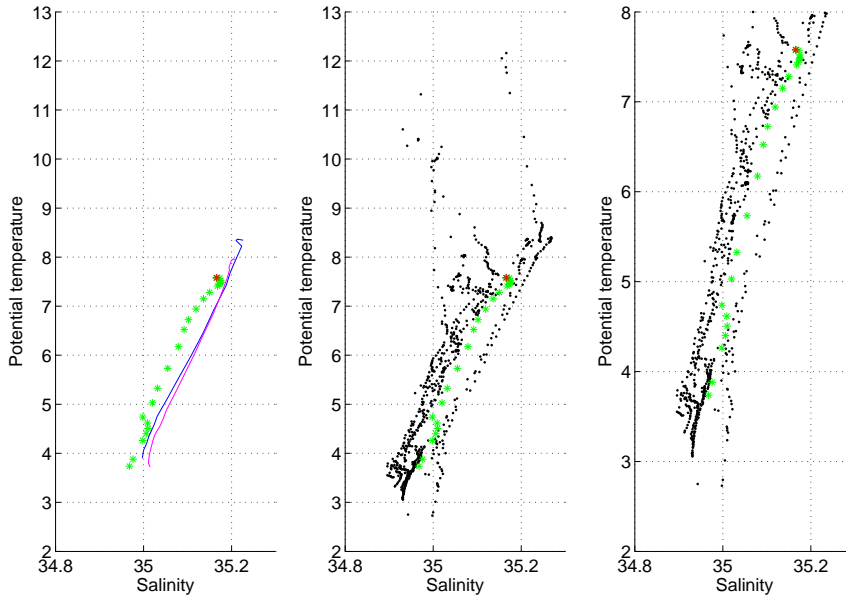


FIG. 20: Float 6900452, cycle 30. The analysed Argo profile (stars) is compared to the nearest Argo profiles (black line) and to two specific profiles : the nearest Argo profile in time (magenta) and the nearest Argo profile in space (blue). The color of the analysed Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1; blue for a QC=2; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4). (Upper panels) Temperature (left panel), salinity (middle panel) and potential density (right panel) as function of pressure. (Lower panels)  $\theta/S$  diagrams.

## 10 Cycle 40 - Comparison to the nearest historical CTD profiles

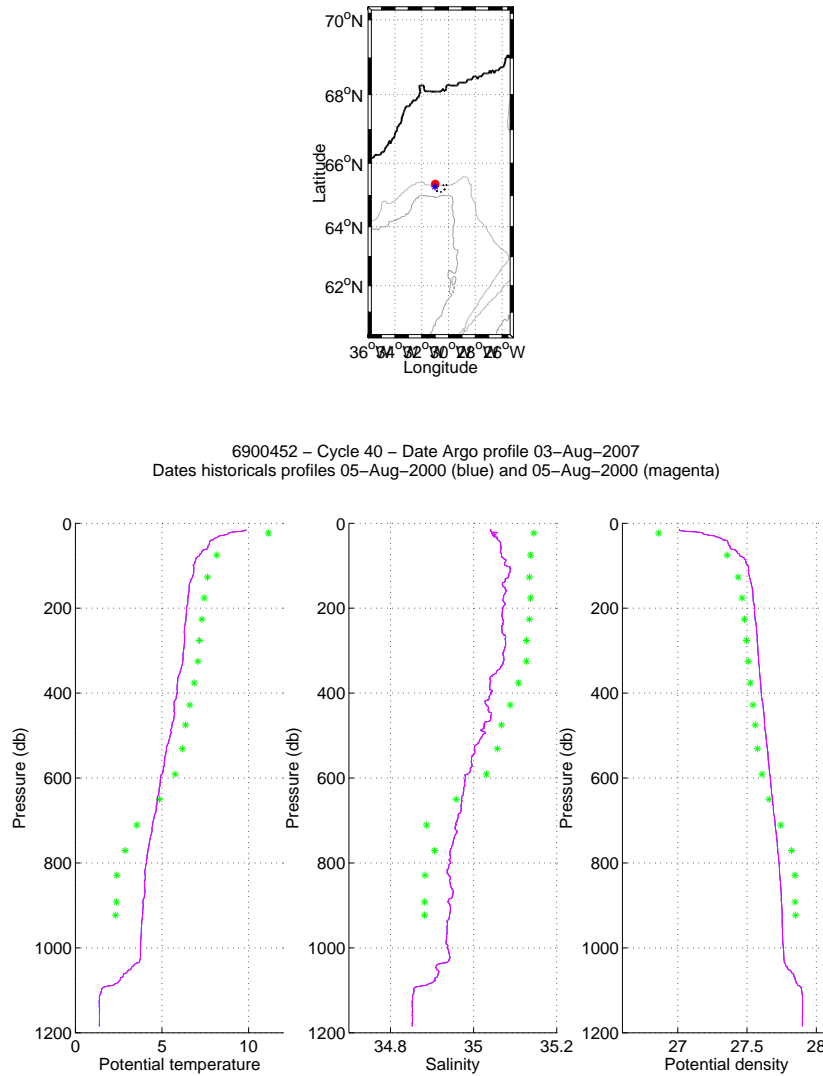
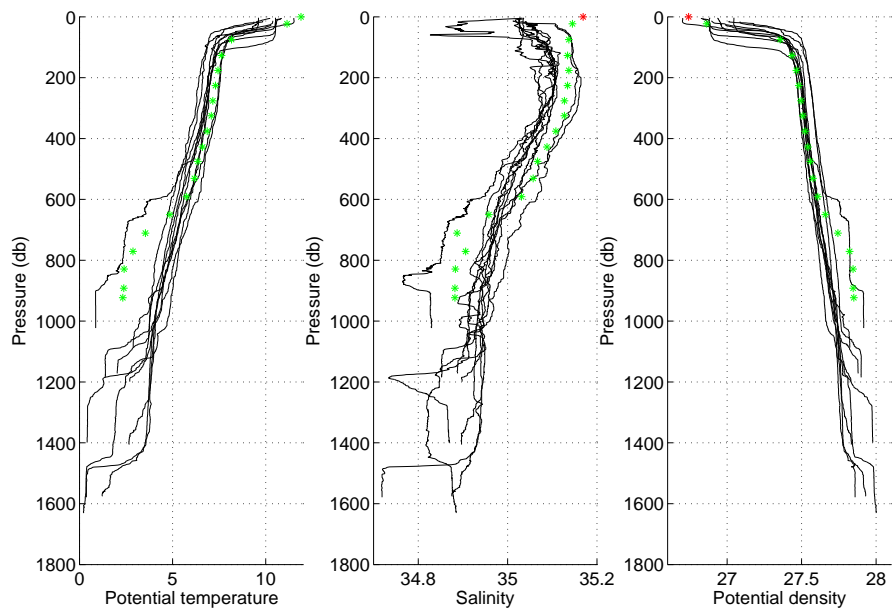


FIG. 21: Flotteur 6900452, cycle 40. Upper panel : Position of the Argo profile (red) and of the nearest CTD profiles (black). The nearest CTD profile in time is in magenta while the nearest CTD profile in space is in blue. Lower panels : Temperature, salinity and potential density as function of pressure for the Argo profile (stars) and for the nearest CTD profile in time (magenta line) and for the nearest CTD profile in space (blue line). The color of the Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1; blue for a QC=2; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4).



6900452 – Cycle 40



6900452 – Cycle 40 – Date Argo profile 03-Aug-2007  
 Dates historicals profiles 05-Aug-2000 (blue) and 05-Aug-2000 (magenta)

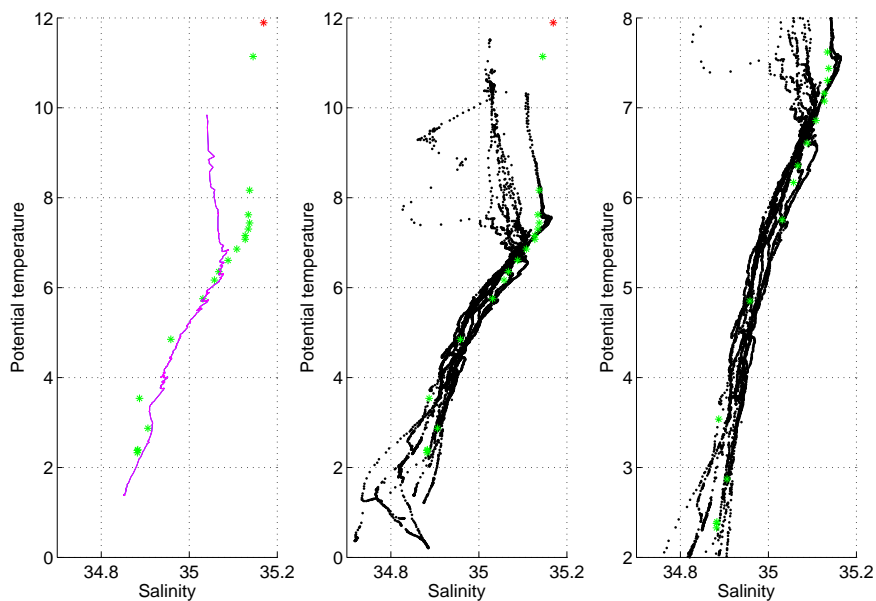


FIG. 22: Float 6900452, cycle 40. The Argo profile (stars) is compared to the nearest CTD profiles (black line) and to two specific profiles : the nearest profile in time (magenta) and the nearest profile in space (blue). The color of the Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1; blue for a QC=2; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4). (Upper panels) Temperature (left panel), salinity (middle panel) and potential density (right panel) as function of pressure. (Lower panels)  $\theta/S$  diagrams.

# 11 Cycle 40 - Comparison to the nearest ARGO profiles

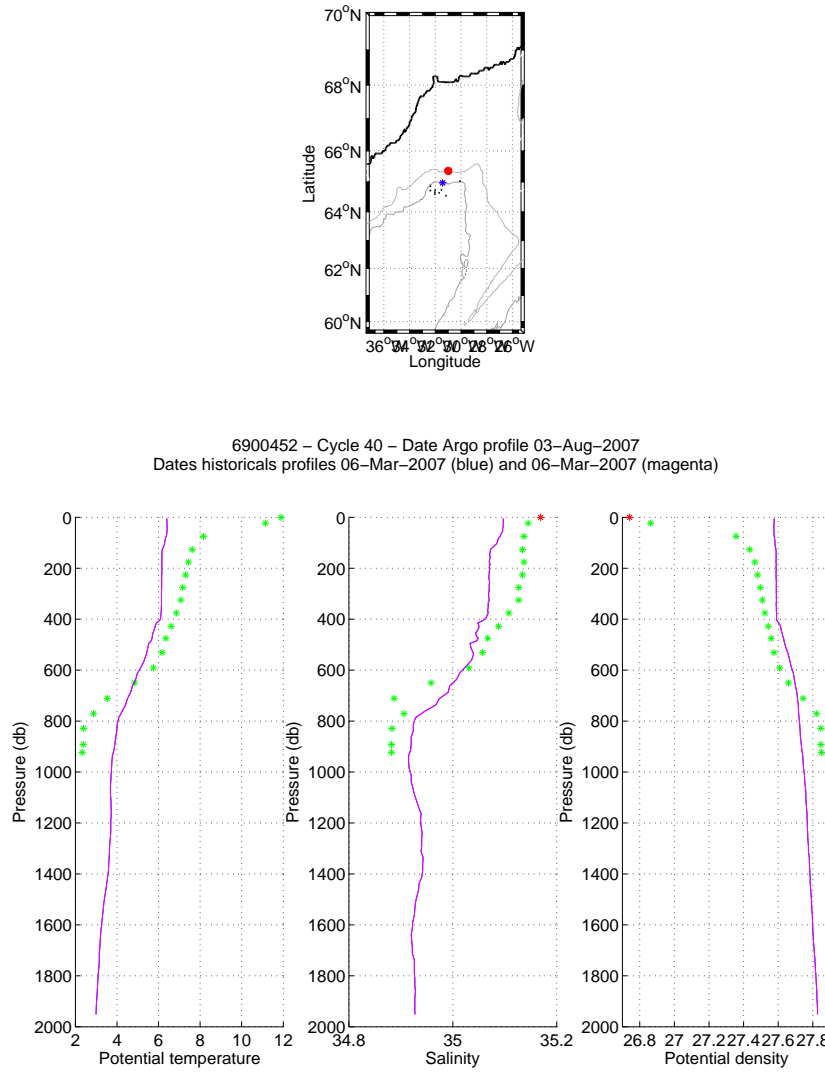
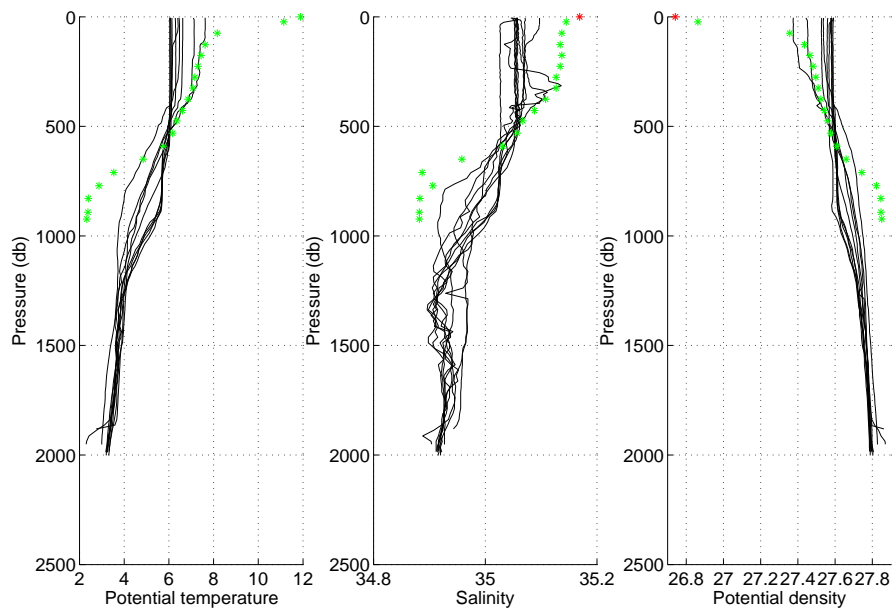


FIG. 23: Flotteur 6900452, cycle 40. Upper panel : Position of the analysed Argo profile (red) and of the nearest Argo profiles (black). The nearest Argo profile in time is in magenta while the nearest CTD profile in space is in blue. Lower panels : Temperature, salinity and potential density as function of pressure for the analysed Argo profile (stars) and for the nearest Argo profile in time (magenta line) and for the nearest Argo profile in space (blue line). The color of the analysed Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1 ; blue for a QC=2 ; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4).

6900452 – Cycle 40



6900452 – Cycle 40 – Date Argo profile 03-Aug-2007  
 Dates historical profiles 06-Mar-2007 (blue) and 06-Mar-2007 (magenta)

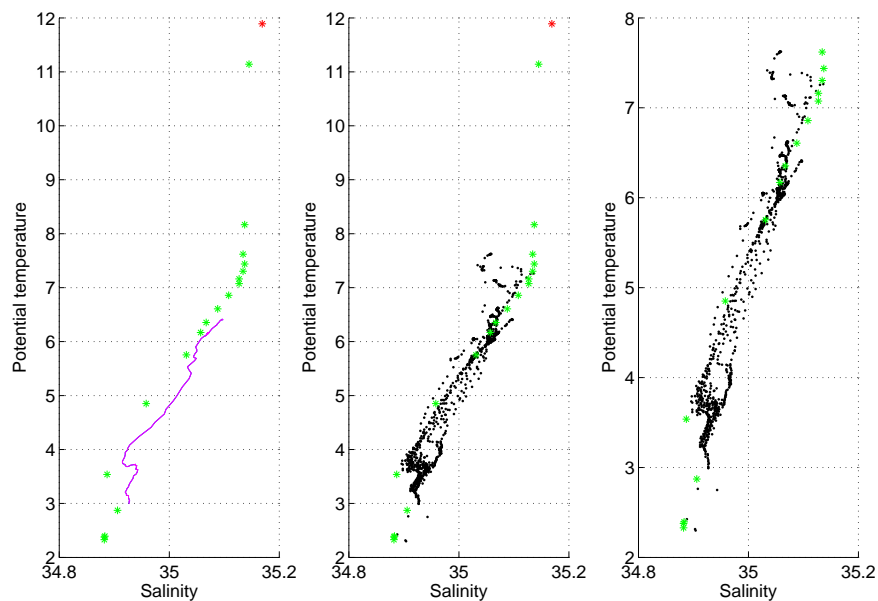


FIG. 24: Float 6900452, cycle 40. The analysed Argo profile (stars) is compared to the nearest Argo profiles (black line) and to two specific profiles : the nearest Argo profile in time (magenta) and the nearest Argo profile in space (blue). The color of the analysed Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1; blue for a QC=2; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4). (Upper panels) Temperature (left panel), salinity (middle panel) and potential density (right panel) as function of pressure. (Lower panels)  $\theta/S$  diagrams.

## 12 Cycle 48 - Comparaison to the nearest historical CTD profiles

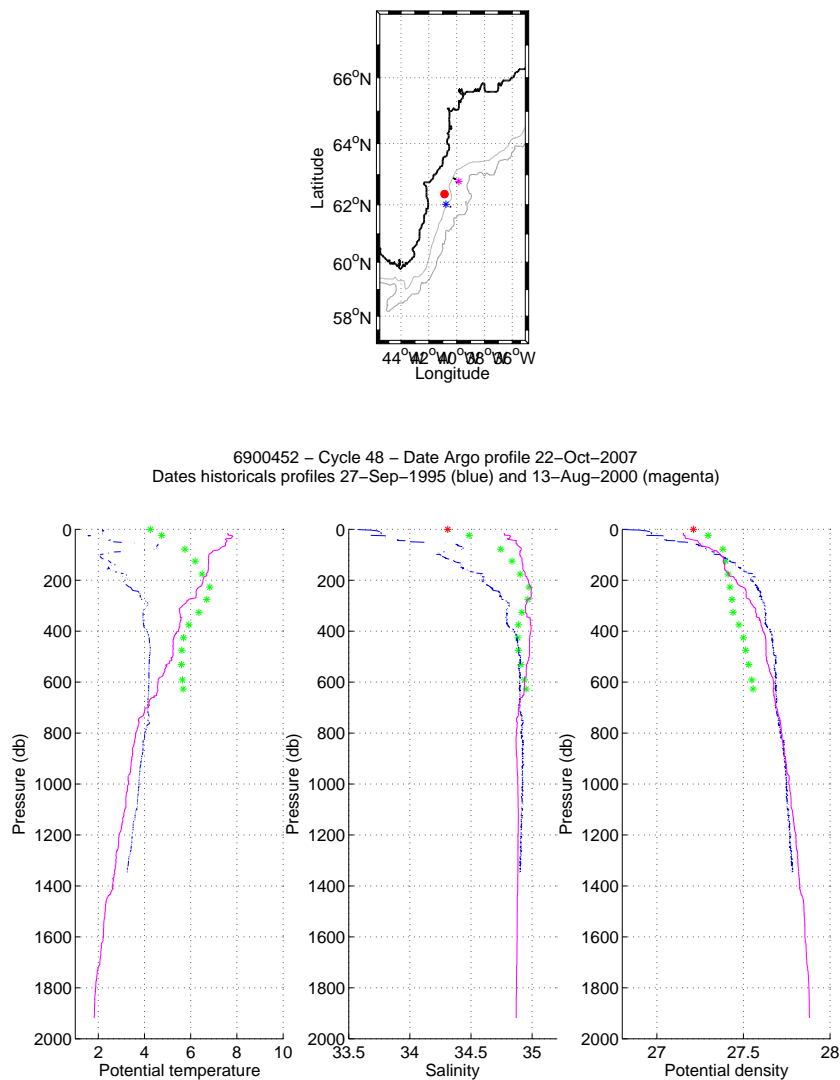
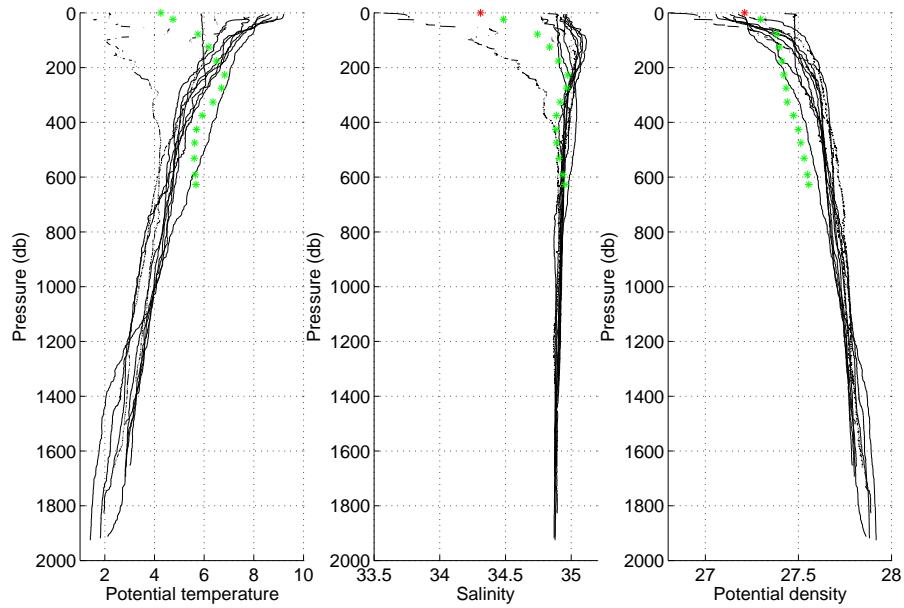


FIG. 25: Flotteur 6900452, cycle 48. Upper panel : Position of the Argo profile (red) and of the nearest CTD profiles (black). The nearest CTD profile in time is in magenta while the nearest CTD profile in space is in blue. Lower panels : Temperature, salinity and potential density as function of pressure for the Argo profile (stars) and for the nearest CTD profile in time (magenta line) and for the nearest CTD profile in space (blue line). The color of the Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1; blue for a QC=2; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4).

6900452 – Cycle 48



6900452 – Cycle 48 – Date Argo profile 22-Oct-2007  
 Dates historicals profiles 27-Sep-1995 (blue) and 13-Aug-2000 (magenta)

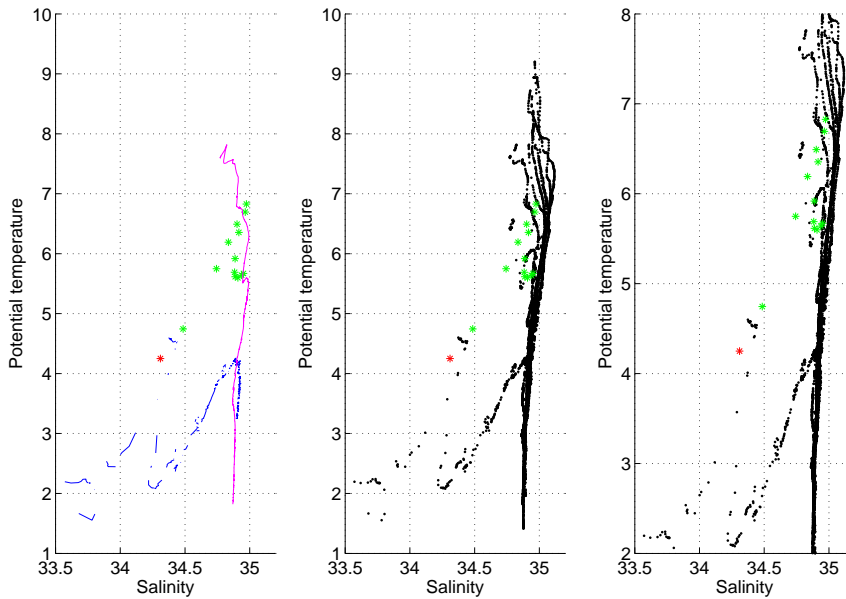


FIG. 26: Float 6900452, cycle 48. The Argo profile (stars) is compared to the nearest CTD profiles (black line) and to two specific profiles : the nearest profile in time (magenta) and the nearest profile in space (blue). The color of the Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1; blue for a QC=2; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4). (Upper panels) Temperature (left panel), salinity (middle panel) and potential density (right panel) as function of pressure. (Lower panels)  $\theta/S$  diagrams.

## 13 Cycle 48 - Comparison to the nearest ARGO profiles

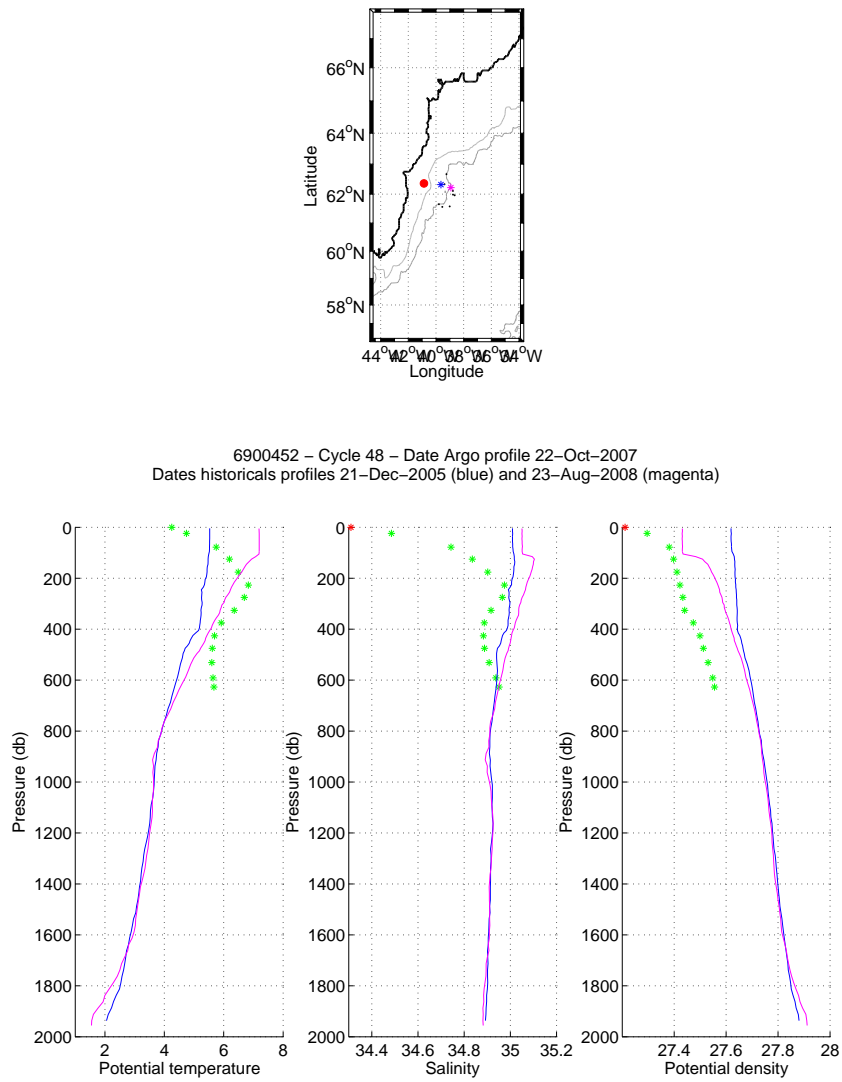
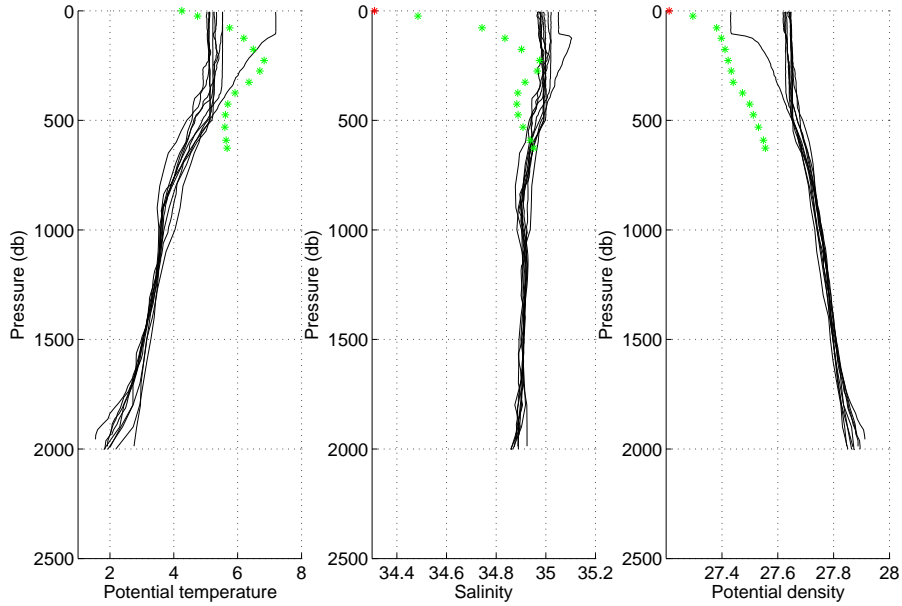


FIG. 27: Flotteur 6900452, cycle 48. Upper panel : Position of the analysed Argo profile (red) and of the nearest Argo profiles (black). The nearest Argo profile in time is in magenta while the nearest CTD profile in space is in blue. Lower panels : Temperature, salinity and potential density as function of pressure for the analysed Argo profile (stars) and for the nearest Argo profile in time (magenta line) and for the nearest Argo profile in space (blue line). The color of the analysed Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1; blue for a QC=2; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4).

6900452 – Cycle 48



6900452 – Cycle 48 – Date Argo profile 22–Oct–2007  
 Dates historicals profiles 21–Dec–2005 (blue) and 23–Aug–2008 (magenta)

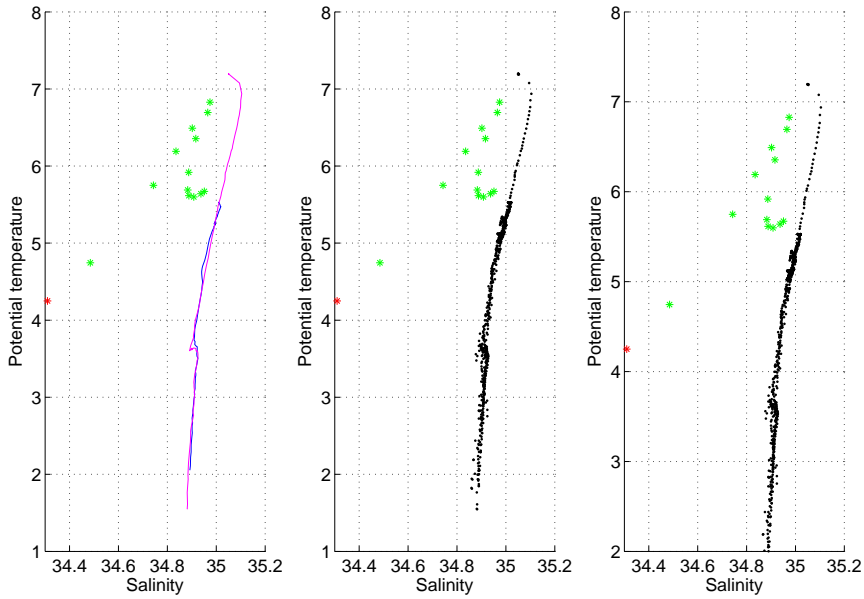


FIG. 28: Float 6900452, cycle 48. The analysed Argo profile (stars) is compared to the nearest Argo profiles (black line) and to two specific profiles : the nearest Argo profile in time (magenta) and the nearest Argo profile in space (blue). The color of the analysed Argo profile represents the QC flag (green for a QC=1; blue for a QC=2; orange for a QC=3 and red for a QC=4). (Upper panels) Temperature (left panel), salinity (middle panel) and potential density (right panel) as function of pressure. (Lower panels)  $\theta/S$  diagrams.

# 14 OW method, CONFIGURATION # 3

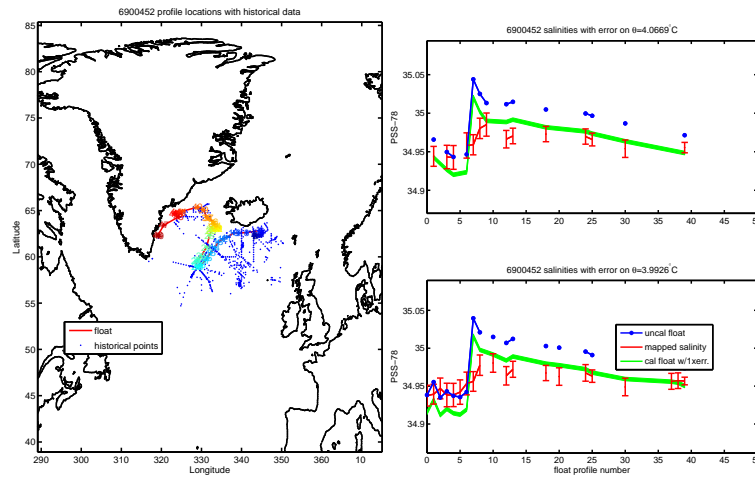


FIG. 29: Figures from the OW method. (Left) Position of the historical and float data. (droite) Comparison, on various  $\theta$  levels, between the float data and the historical data interpolated at the float position.

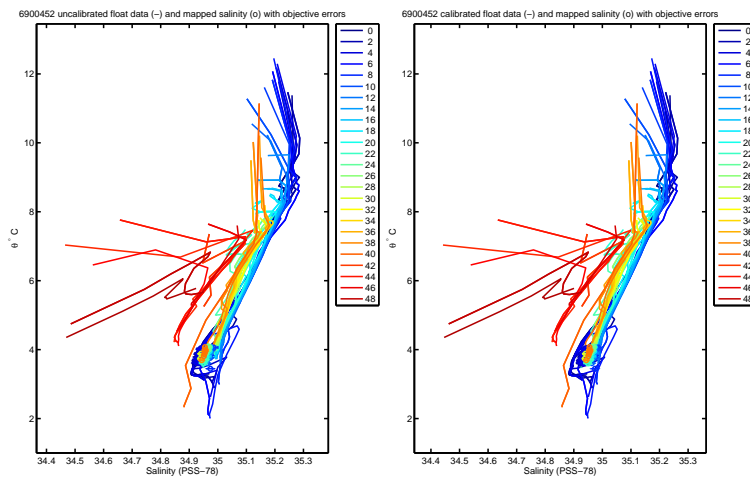


FIG. 30: Figures from the OW method. Comparison of the  $\theta/S$  diagram of the float with the historical database. (left) raw data ; (right) corrected data using the OW correction.



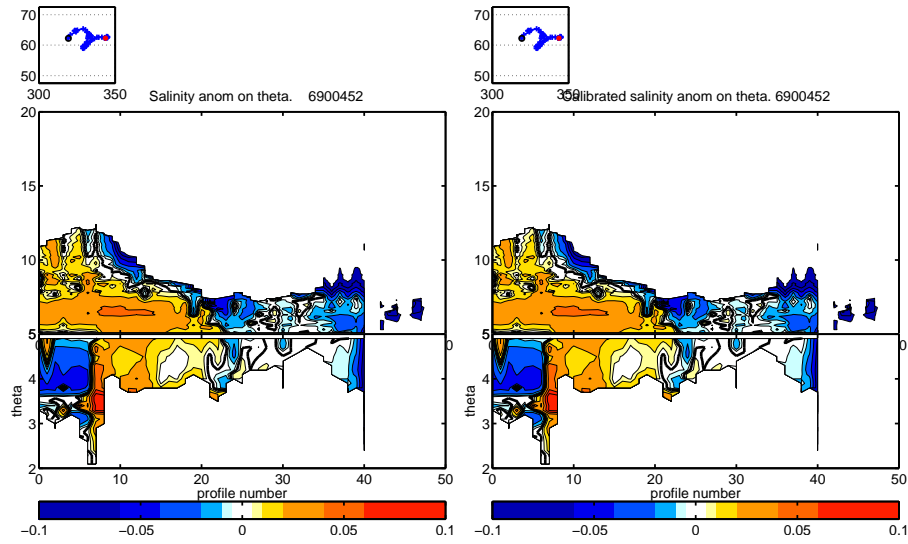


FIG. 31: Figures from the OW method. Salinity anomaly : (left) raw data ; (right) corrected data using the OW correction.

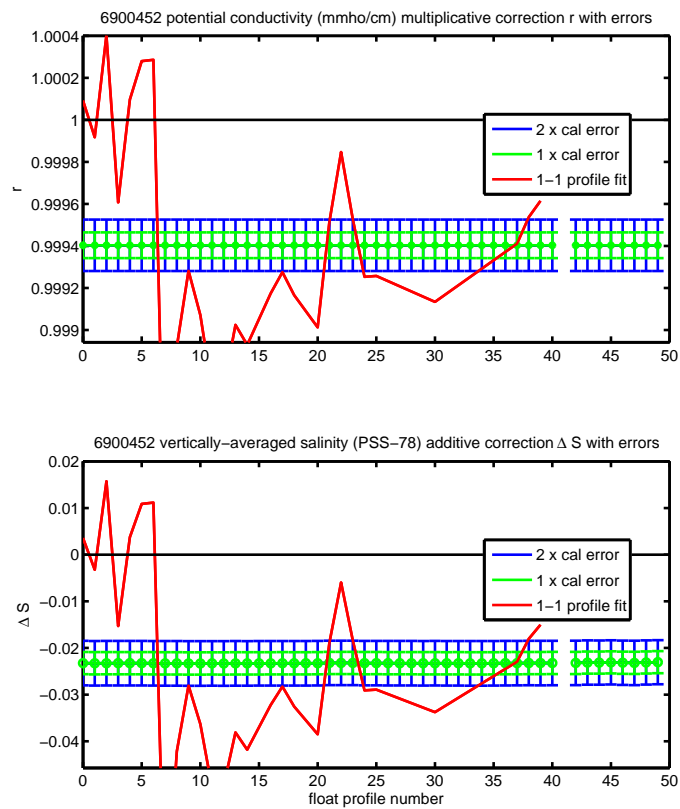


FIG. 32: Correction proposed by the OW method.

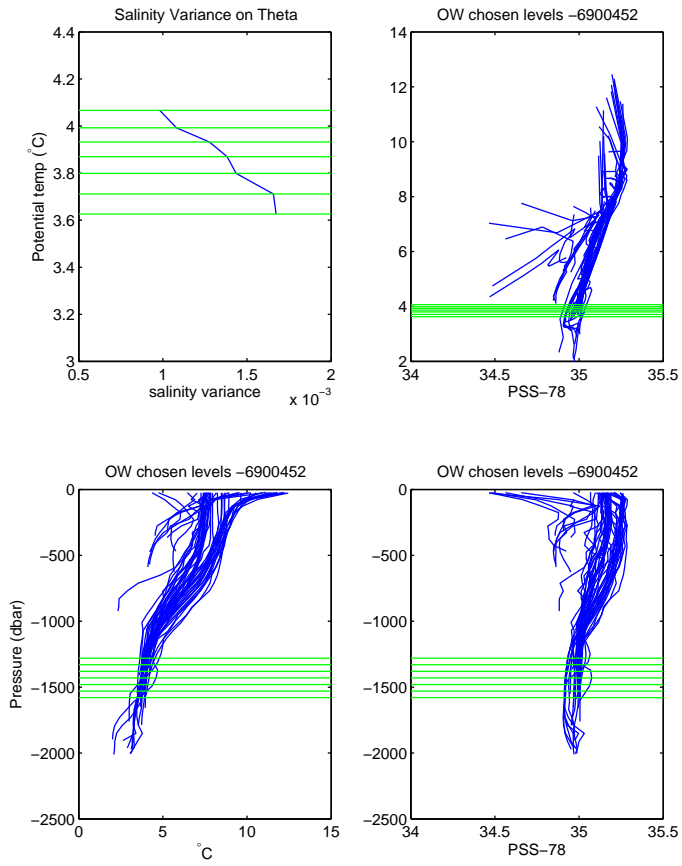


FIG. 33: Chosed levels by the OW method.

# 15 OW method, CONFIGURATION # 12

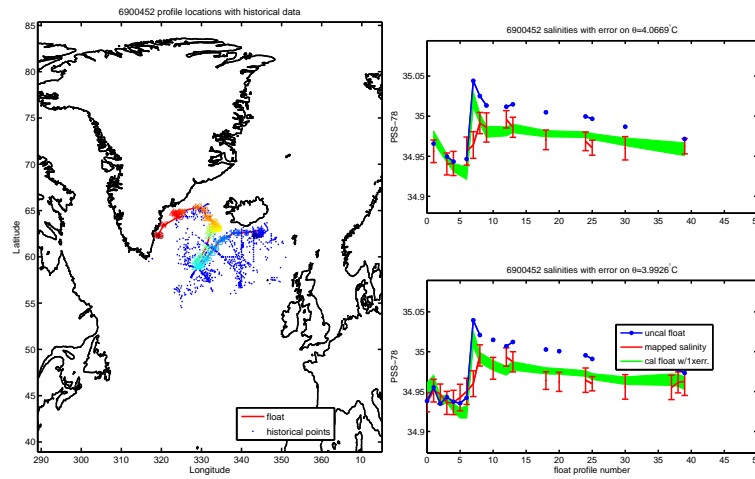


FIG. 34: Figures from the OW method. (Left) Position of the historical and float data. (droite) Comparison, on various  $\theta$  levels, between the float data and the historical data interpolated at the float position.

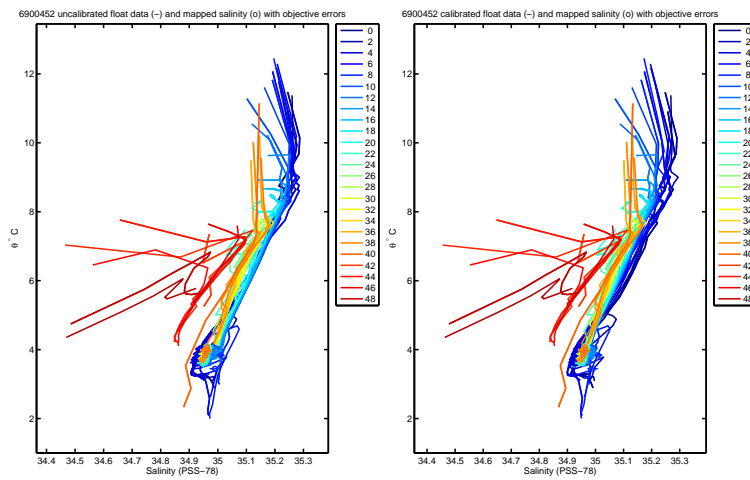


FIG. 35: Figures from the OW method. Comparison of the  $\theta/S$  diagram of the float with the historical database. (left) raw data; (right) corrected data using the OW correction.

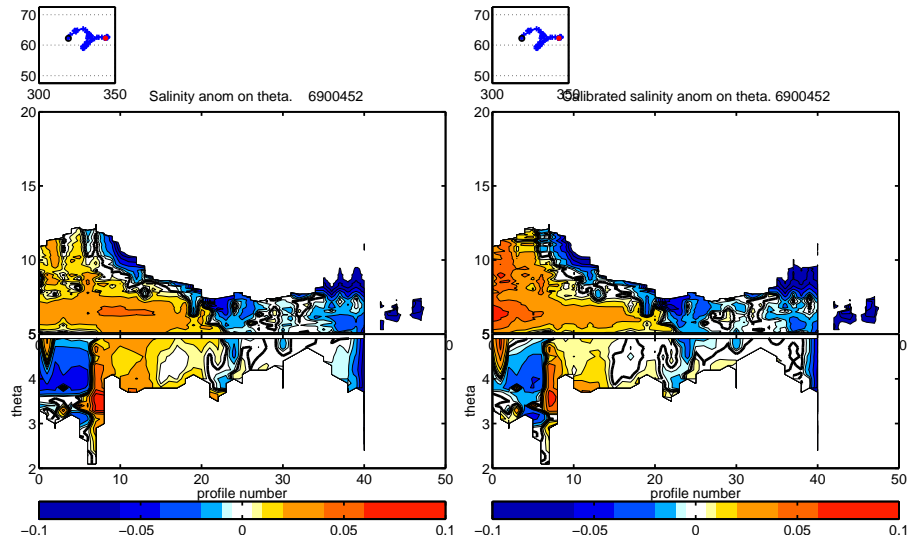


FIG. 36: Figures from the OW method. Salinity anomaly : (left) raw data ; (right) corrected data using the OW correction.

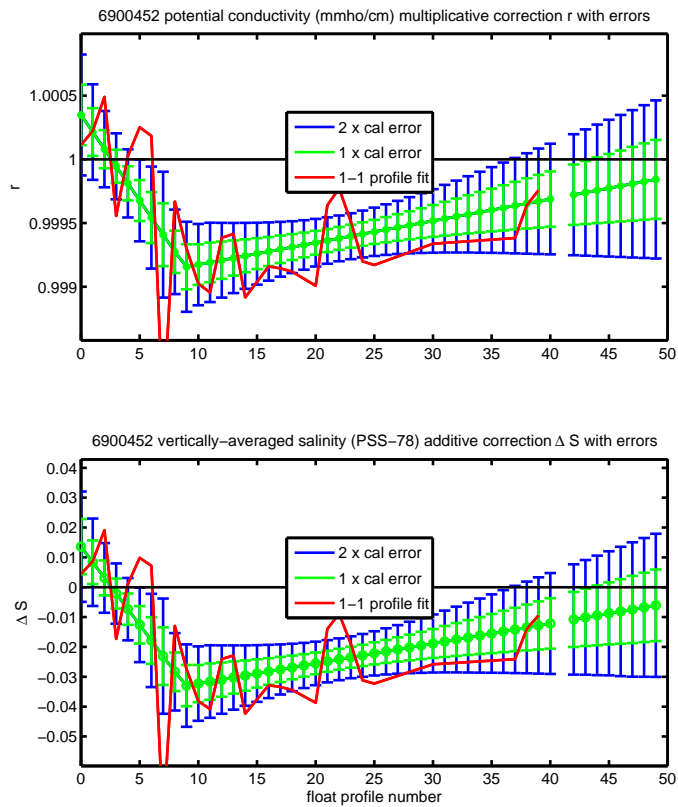


FIG. 37: Correction proposed by the OW method.

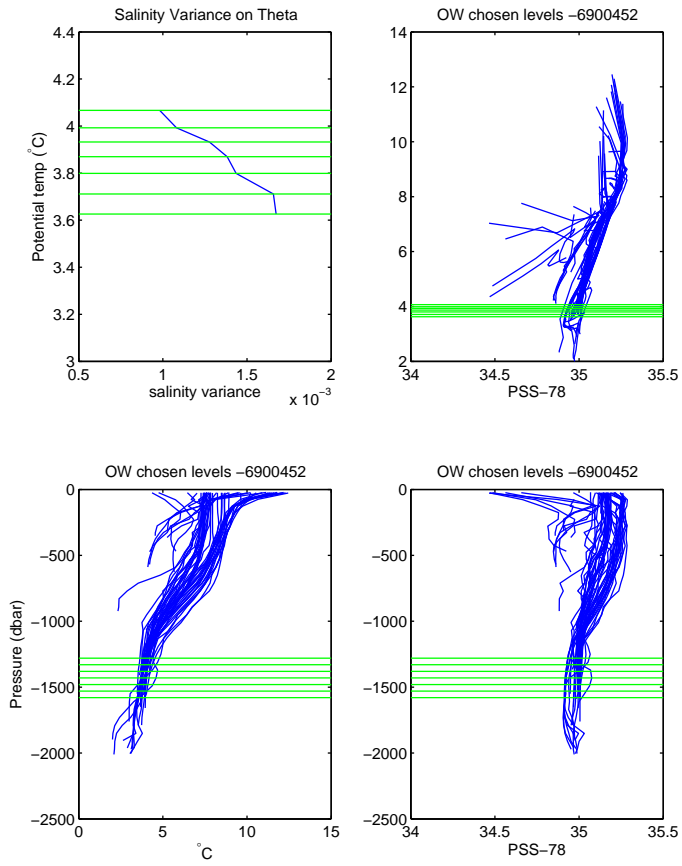


FIG. 38: Closed levels by the OW method.