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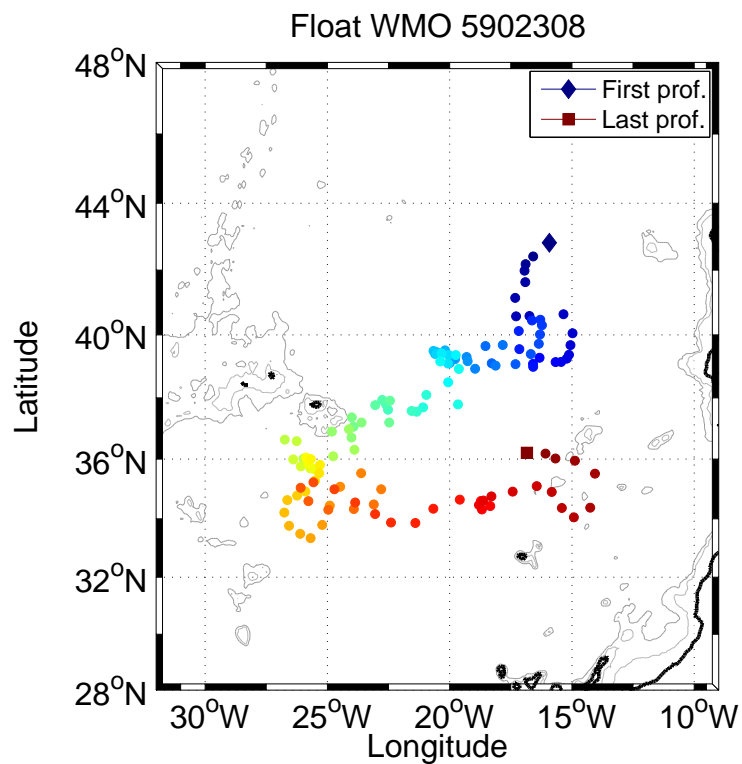
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# 1 Presentation and DMQC summary

Number	Deployment (cycle OD) cycle OD	Last cycle 123
Provor WMO 5902308	15/06/2010 13h14	
CTS3 DO 9	N 42.888 W 15.844	
Date of control	Float status	Last cycle
May 2013	Active	104
Coriolis transmission		27/05/2013
Date of last control	Float status	Last cycle
September 2015	DEAD	29/10/2013
Coriolis transmission		20/10/2015

Table 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	Parameter	Vertical level	Old flag	New flag	Comments	Coriolis transmission
27A	PSAL	938 dbar	4	1		07/05/13
30A	PSAL	1463 dbar to bottom	3	1		07/05/13
31A	TEMP,PSAL	1438 dbar to bottom	3	1		07/05/13
39A	TEMP,PSAL	entire profile	3	1		07/05/13
40A	TEMP	entire profile	3	1		07/05/13
44A	PSAL	entire profile	3	1		07/05/13
50A	TEMP	1,2	4	1		07/05/13
64A	TEMP	1,2	4	1		07/05/13
	TEMP,PSAL	1864,1886 dbar	4	1		07/05/13

Table 2: Float 5902308. Summary of the modifications of the real-time QC flags and of the interesting or suspicious data.

Warning : the resolution is equal to 10 dbar from the surface to 500 dbar, then 25 dbar from 500 to 2000 dbar. Salinity 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

We cannot see any evidence of a drift or bias in the salinity measurement. We thus conclude that it is not necessary to correct the salinity data. Errors bars are maximum

value between 0.01 and those determined from the OW method with parameters from the OW configuration 129.

OW CONFIGURATION	129
CONFIG_MAX_CASTS	250
MAP_USE_PV	1
MAP_USE_PV_ELLIPSE	1
MAP_USE_FACTEUR	1
MAPSCALE_LONGITUDE_LARGE	3.2
MAPSCALE_LONGITUDE_SMALL	0.8
MAPSCALE_LATITUDE_LARGE	2
MAPSCALE_LATITUDE_SMALL	0.5
MAPSCALE_PHI_LARGE	0.1
MAPSCALE_PHI_SMALL	0.02
MAPSCALE_AGE	0.69
MAP_P_EXCLUDE	500
MAP_P_DELTA	250
Reference data base	CTD and ARGO

Table 3: Parameters of the OW method.

## 2 Data

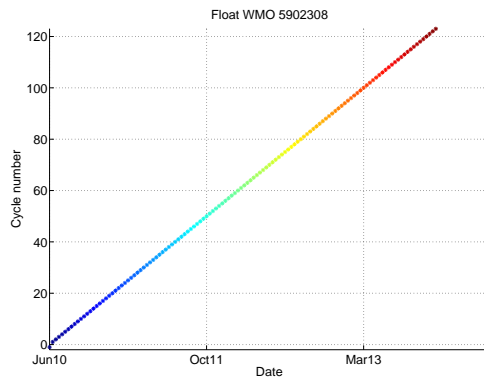
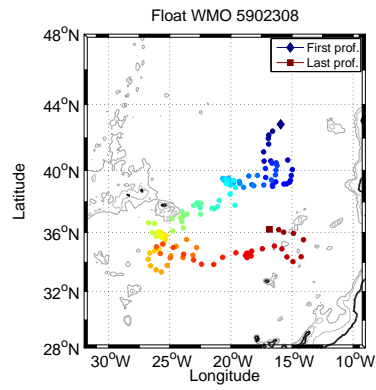


Figure 1: Profiles position and relationship between cycle number, date and color.

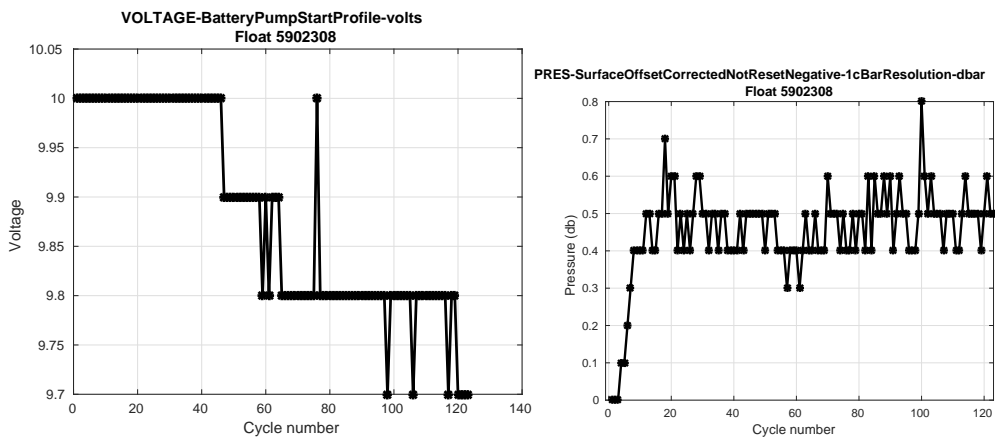


Figure 2: Battery Voltage and Surface Pressure

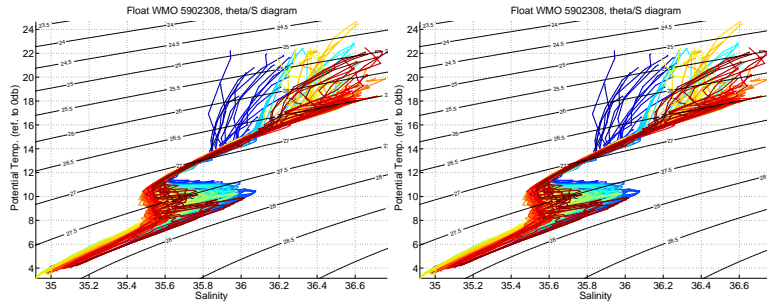


Figure 3:  $\theta/S$  diagrams. (Left panel) Flags are not taken into account. (Right panel) Quality flags are taken into account.

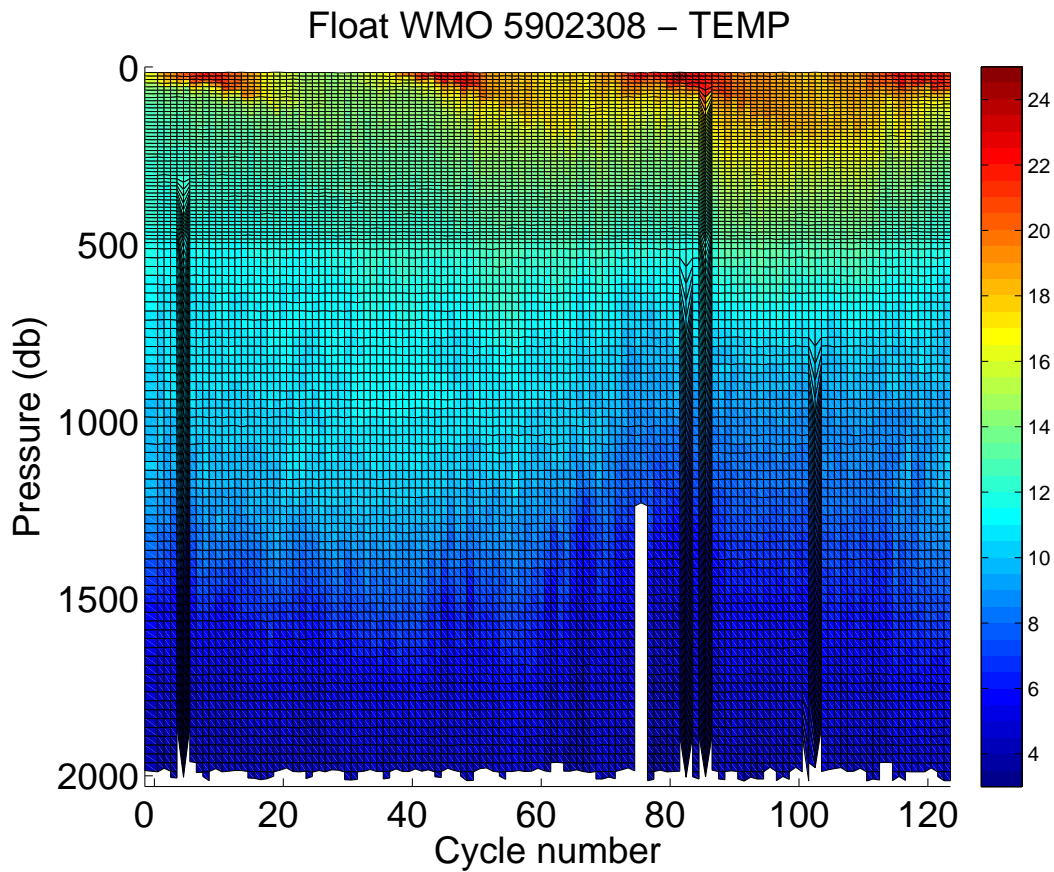


Figure 4: Temperature section along the float trajectory. Quality flags are not taken into account.

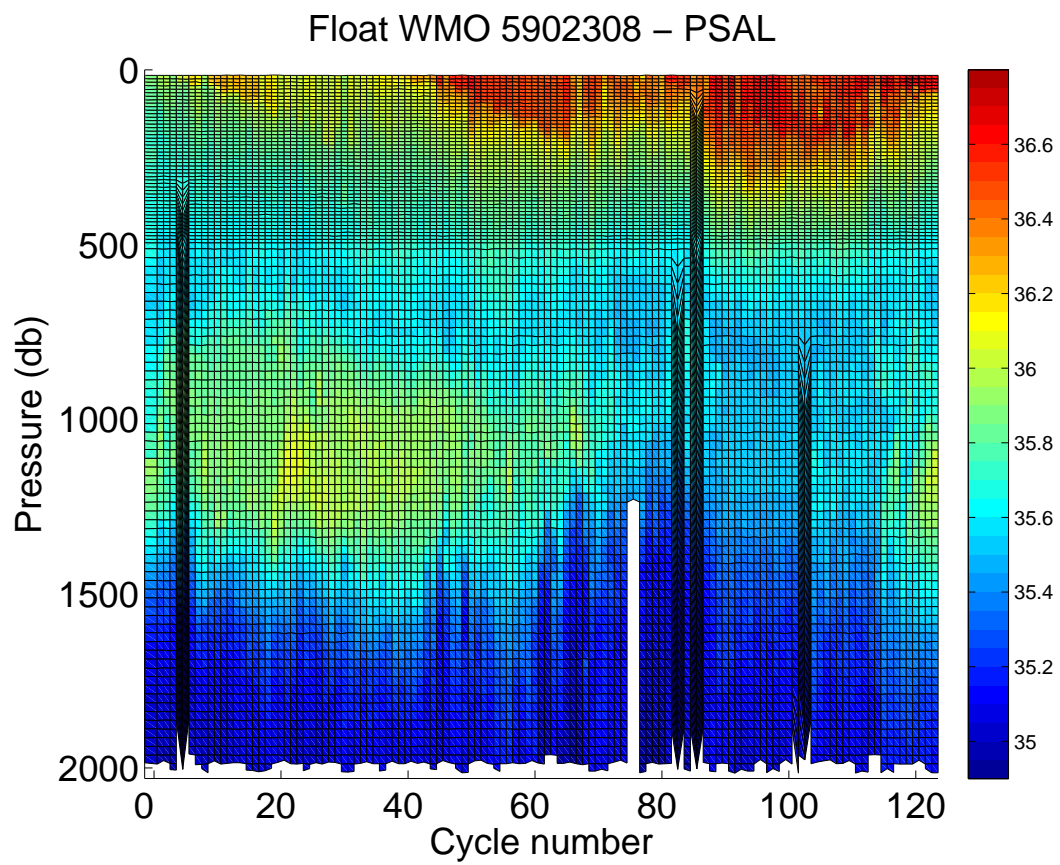


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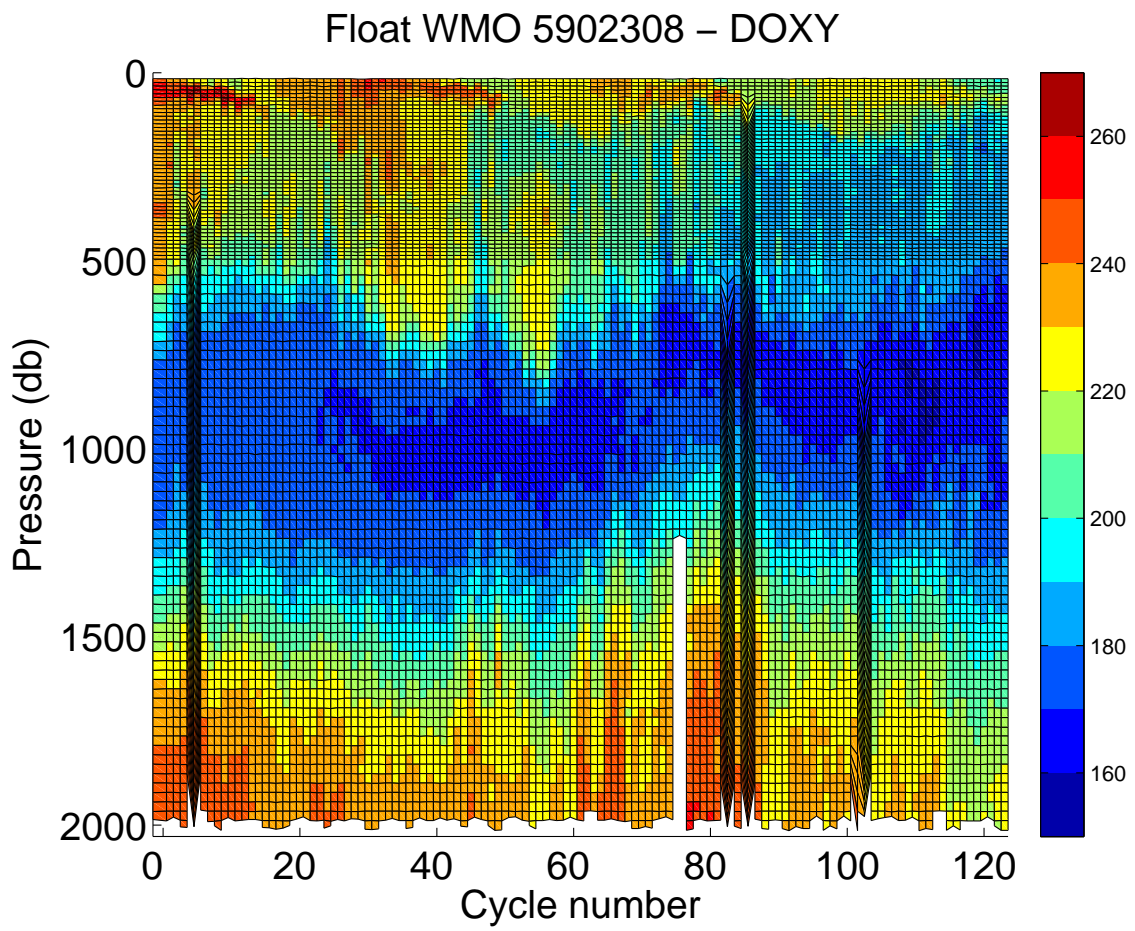


Figure 6: Oxygen section along the float trajectory. Quality flags are not taken into account.

### Float WMO 5902308 – PRES

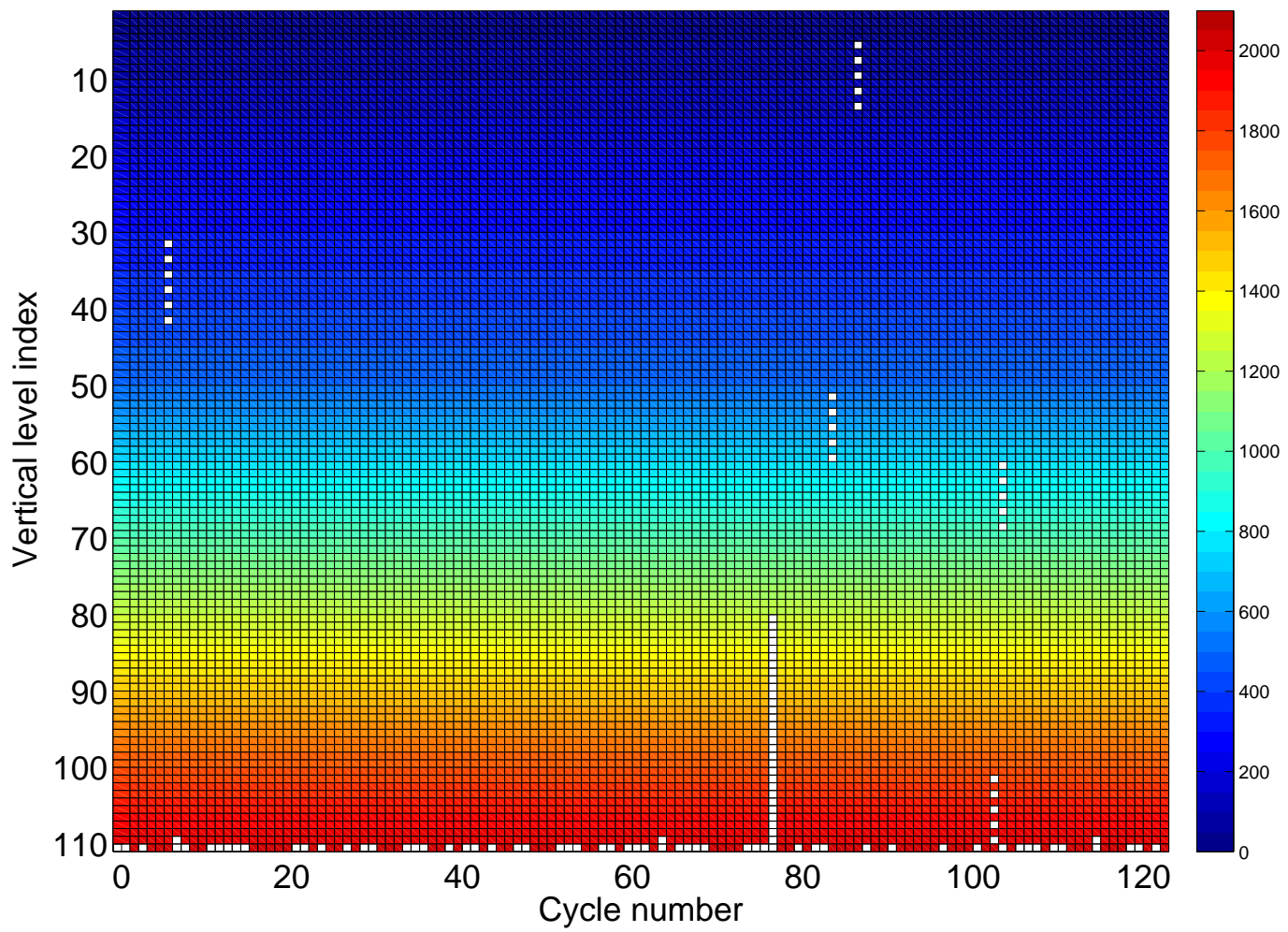


Figure 7: Pression as fonction of cycle number and vertical level index along the float trajectory. Quality flags are taken into account.

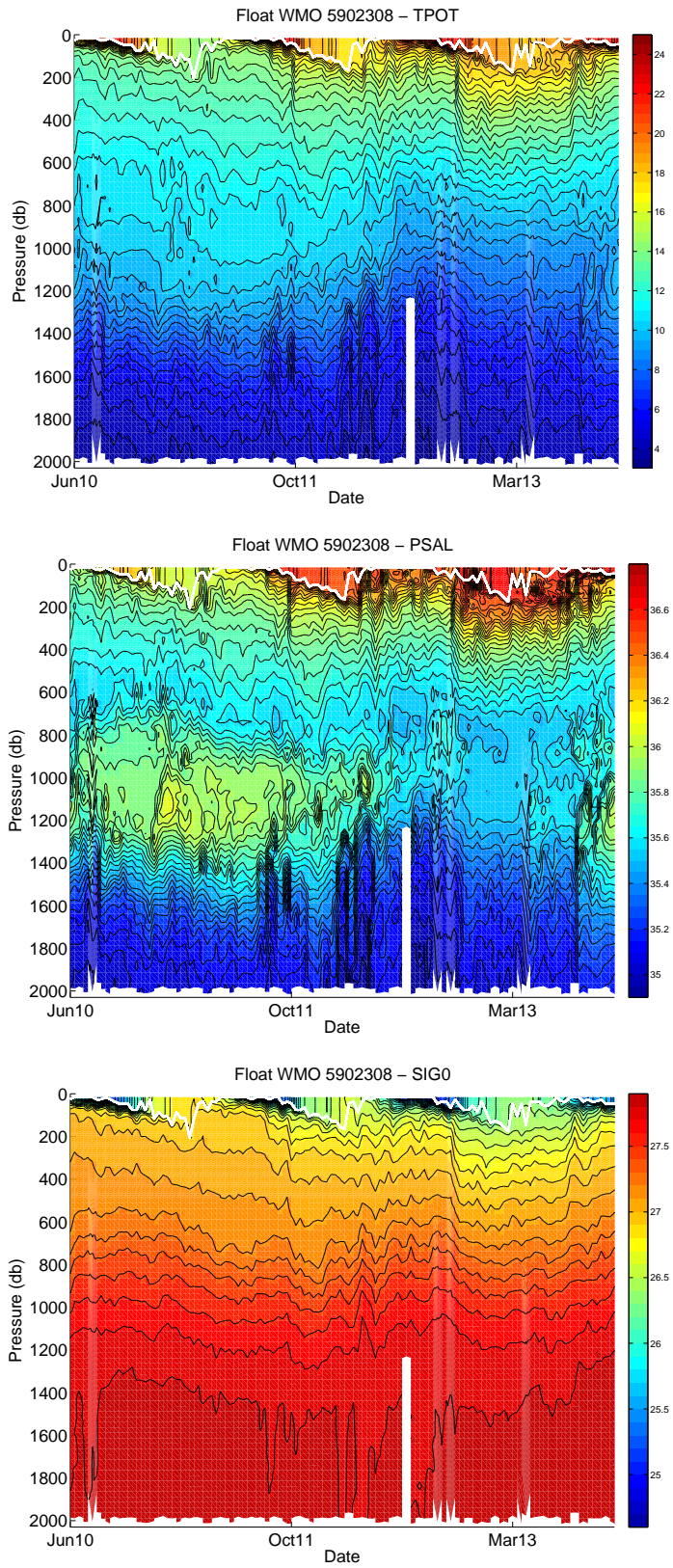


Figure 8: Potential temperature, salinity and potential density sections along the float trajectory (interpolated on standard levels). Quality flags are taken into account.

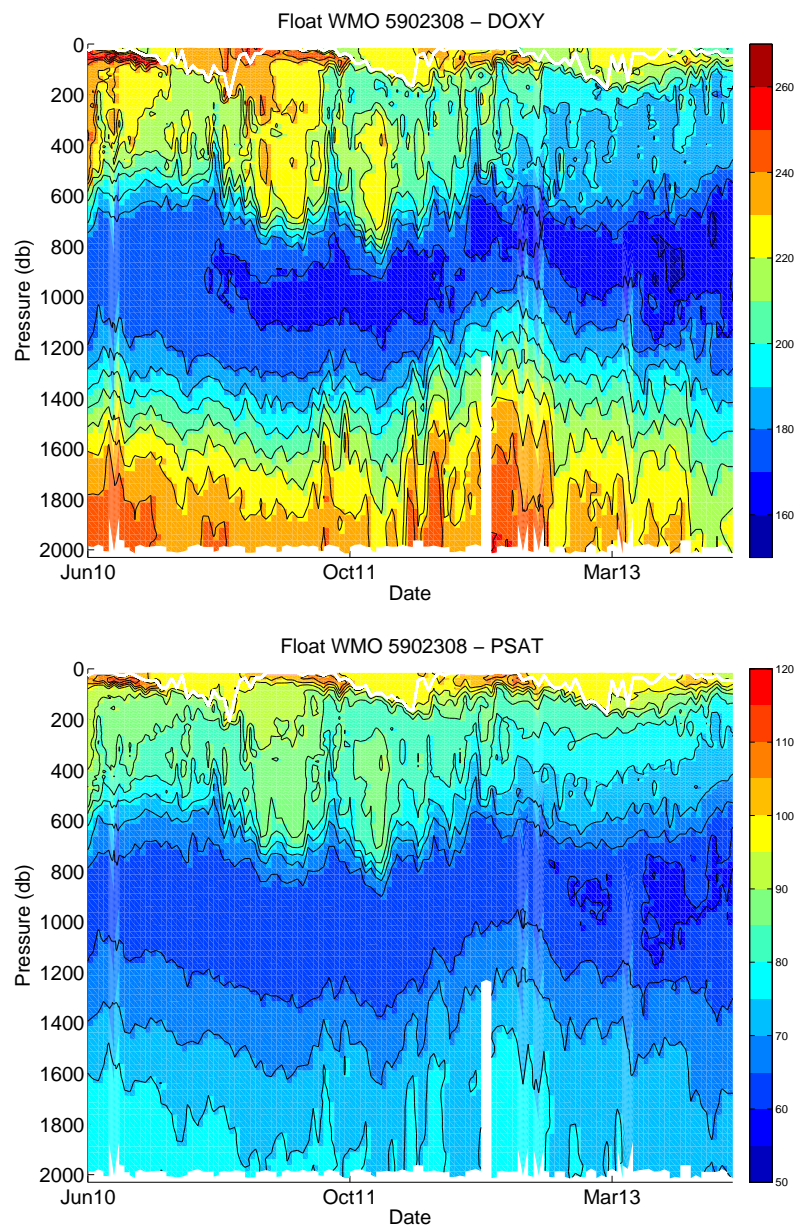


Figure 9: Oxygen and Saturation Oxygen sections along the float trajectory (interpolated on standard levels). Quality flags are taken into account.

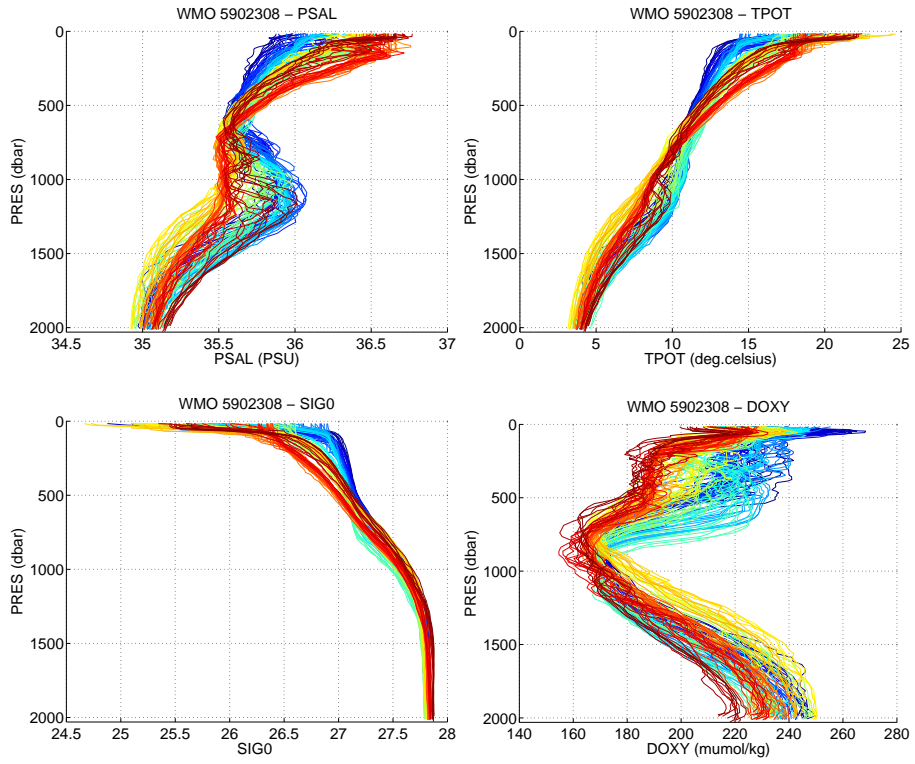


Figure 10: Salinity, Potential Temperature, Potential Density and Oxygen profiles. Quality flags are taken into account.

### 3 Comparison to the OVIDE 2010 nearest CTD profile

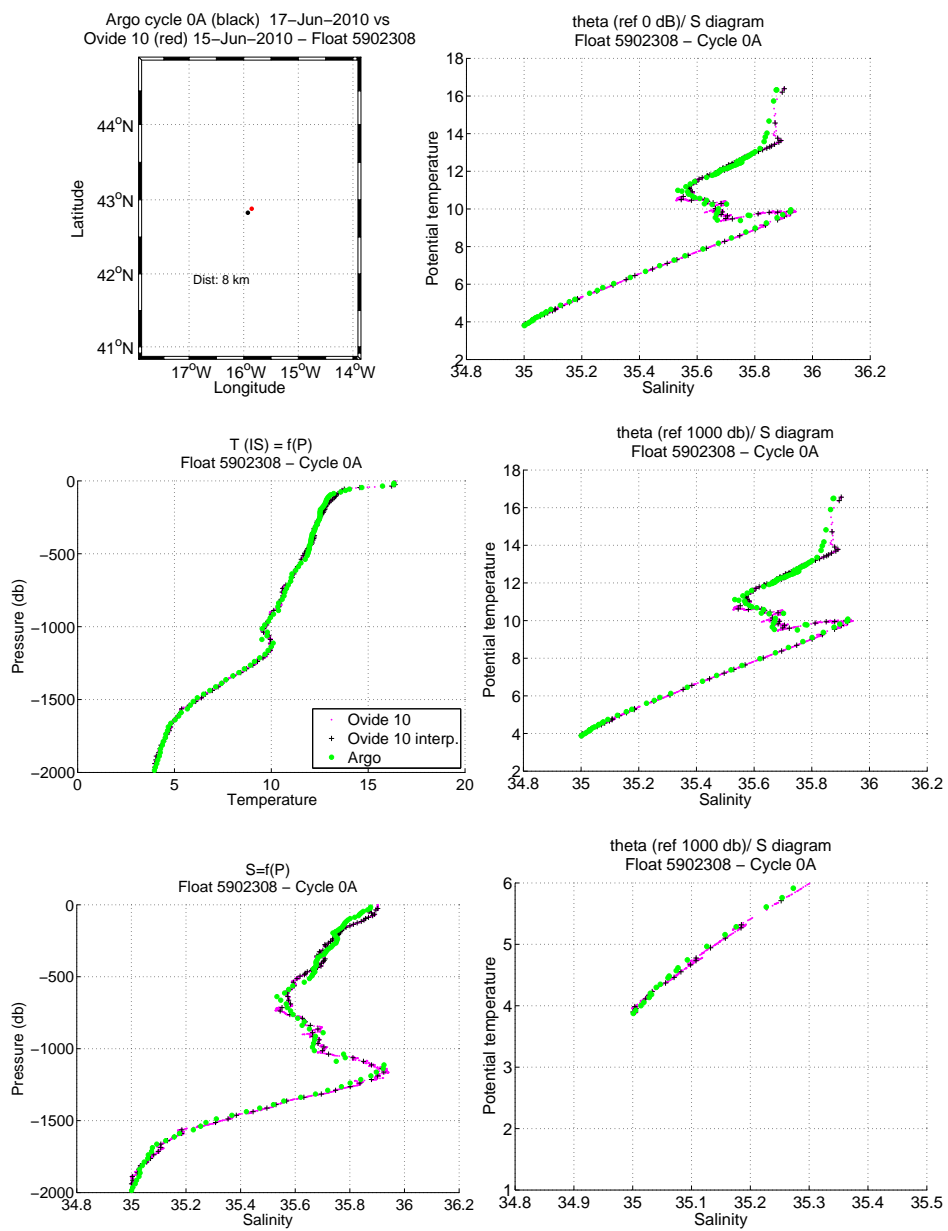


Figure 11: Comparison of the cycle 0A with the nearest CTD profile done after the float deployment.

## 4 Cycle 31 - Comparison to the nearest historical CTD profiles

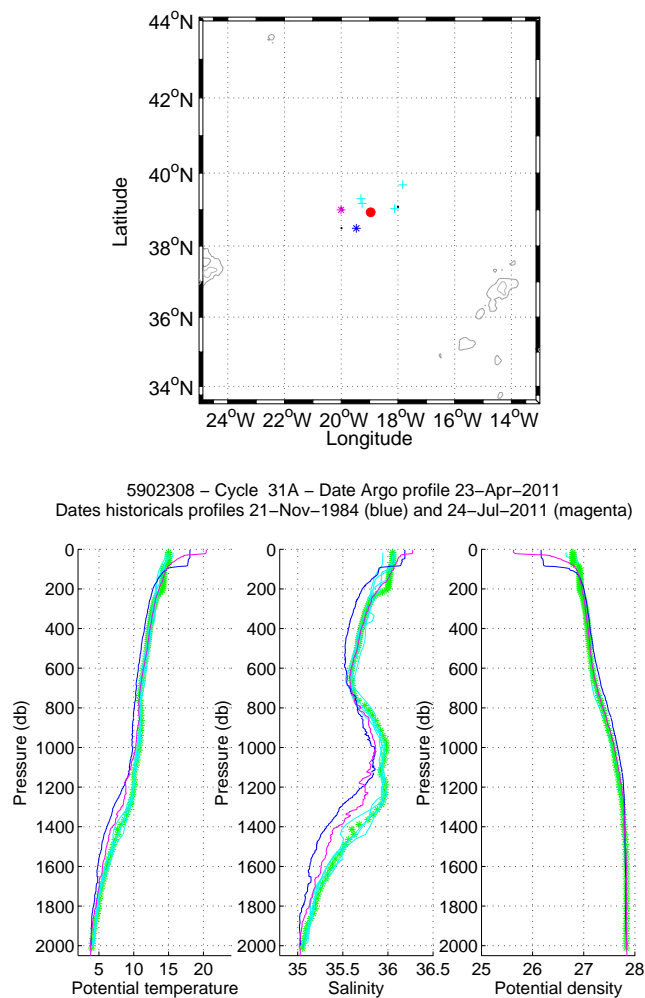


Figure 12: Flotteur 5902308, cycle 31. Upper panel: Position of the analysed CTD profile (red) and of the nearest CTD profiles (black). The nearest CTD profile in time is in magenta while the nearest CTD profile in space is in blue. Lower panels: Temperature, salinity and potential density as function of pressure for the analysed CTD 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 analysed CTD 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).

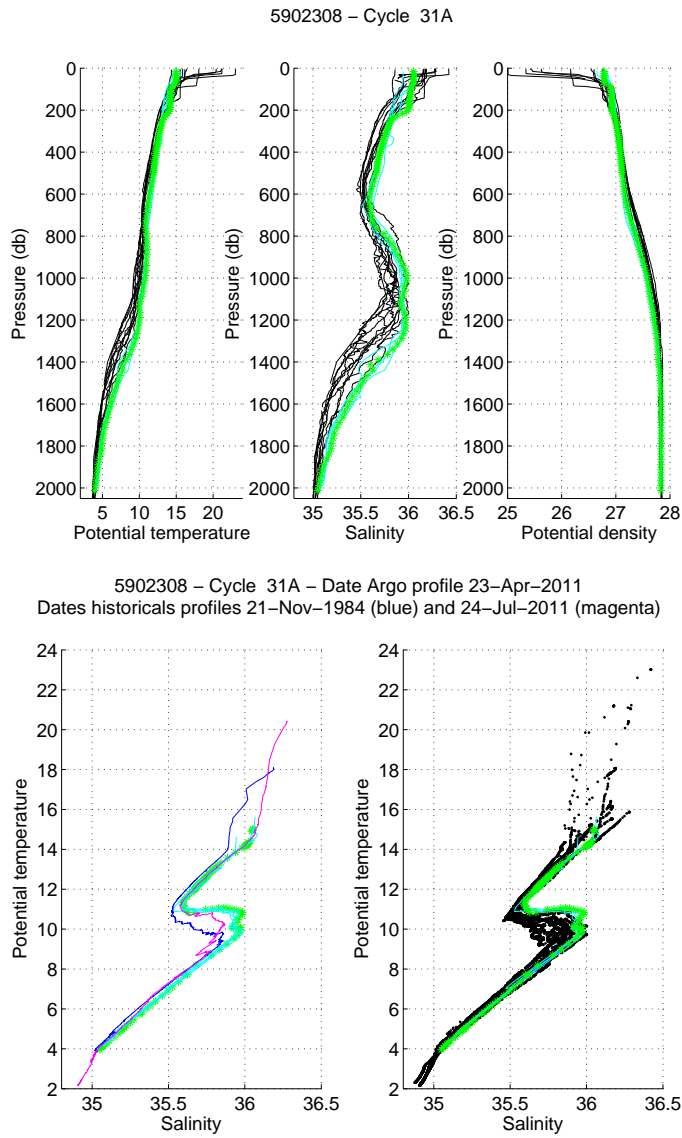


Figure 13: Float 5902308, cycle 31. The analysed CTD profile (stars) is compared to the nearest CTD profiles (black line) and to two specific profiles: the nearest CTD profile in time (magenta) and the nearest CTD profile in space (blue). The color of the analysed CTD profile represents the QC flag (green 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 31A - Comparison to the nearest ARGO profiles

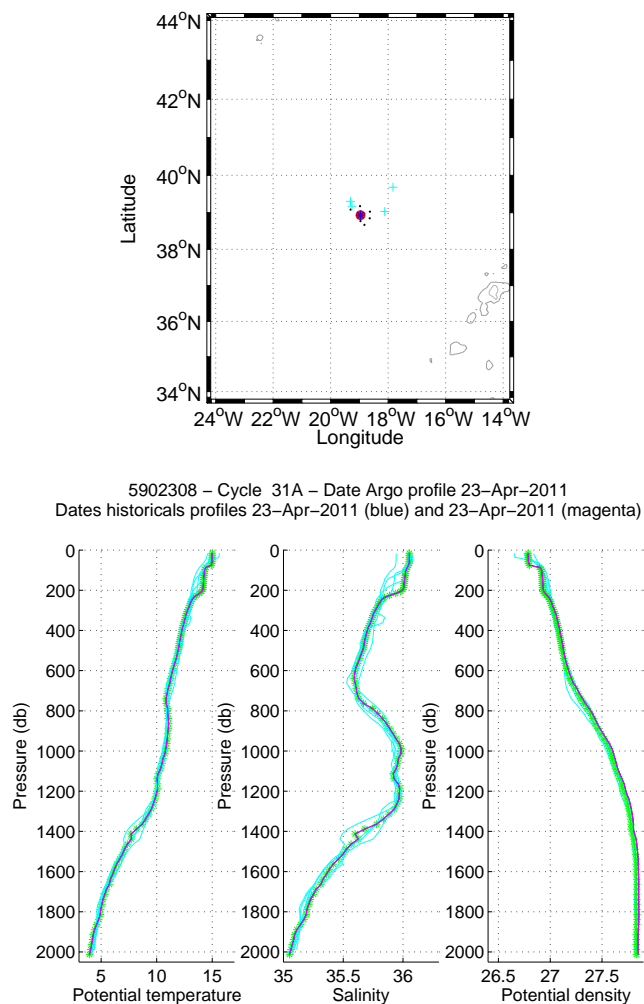


Figure 14: Flotteur 5902308, cycle 31A. Upper panel: Position of the analysed Argo profile (red) and of the nearest Argo profiles (black). The nearest Argo profile in time is in magenta while the nearest CTD profile in space is in blue. Lower panels: Temperature, salinity and potential density as function 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).

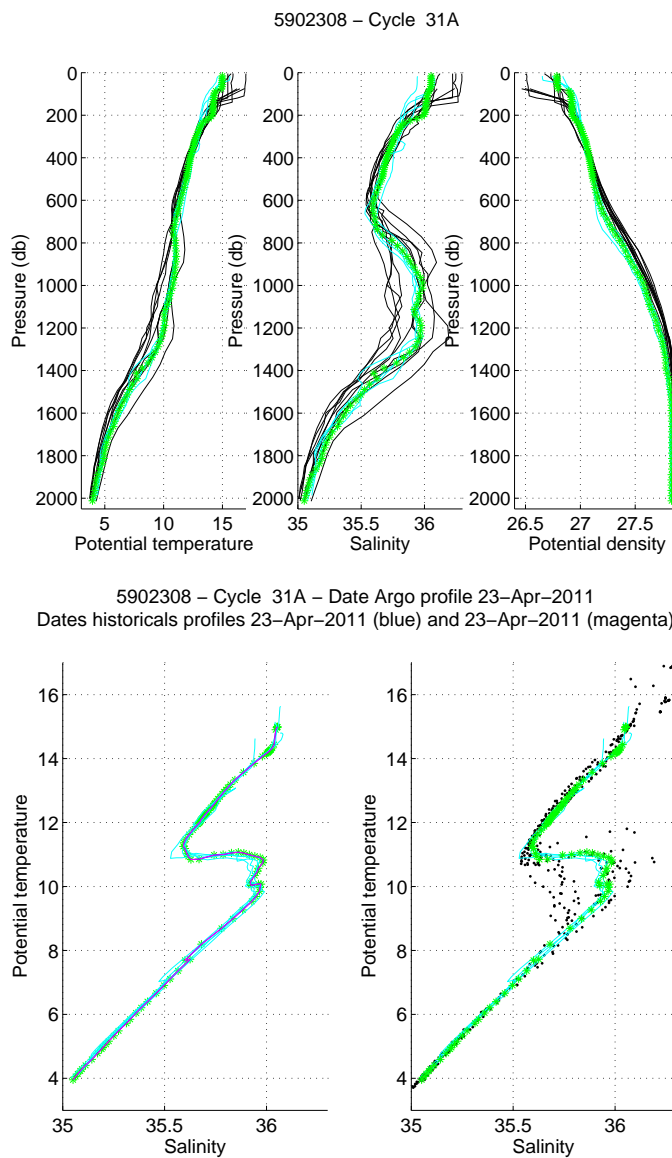


Figure 15: Float 5902308, cycle 31A. The analysed Argo profile (stars) is compared to the nearest Argo profiles (black line) and to two specific profiles: the nearest Argo profile in time (magenta) and the nearest Argo profile in space (blue). The color of the analysed Argo profile represents the QC 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 39 - Comparison to the nearest historical CTD profiles

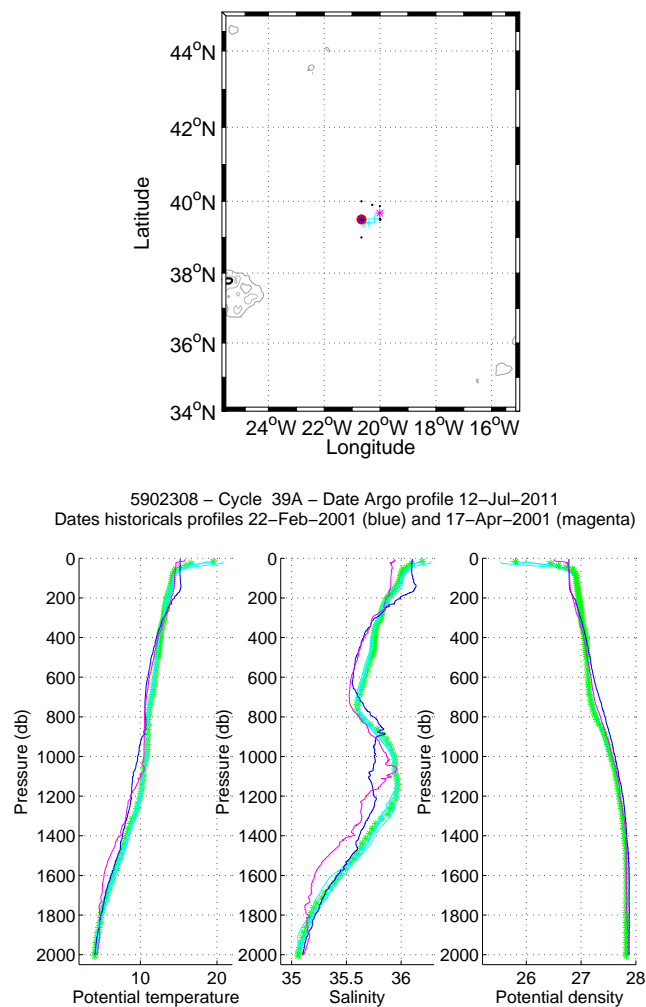
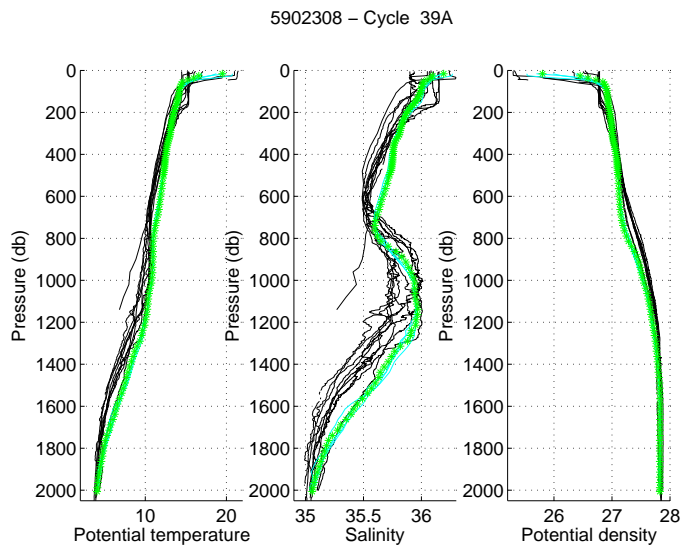


Figure 16: Flotteur 5902308, cycle 39. Upper panel: Position of the analysed CTD profile (red) and of the nearest CTD profiles (black). The nearest CTD profile in time is in magenta while the nearest CTD profile in space is in blue. Lower panels: Temperature, salinity and potential density as function of pressure for the analysed CTD 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 analysed CTD 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).



5902308 – Cycle 39A – Date Argo profile 12-Jul-2011  
 Dates historicals profiles 22-Feb-2001 (blue) and 17-Apr-2001 (magenta)

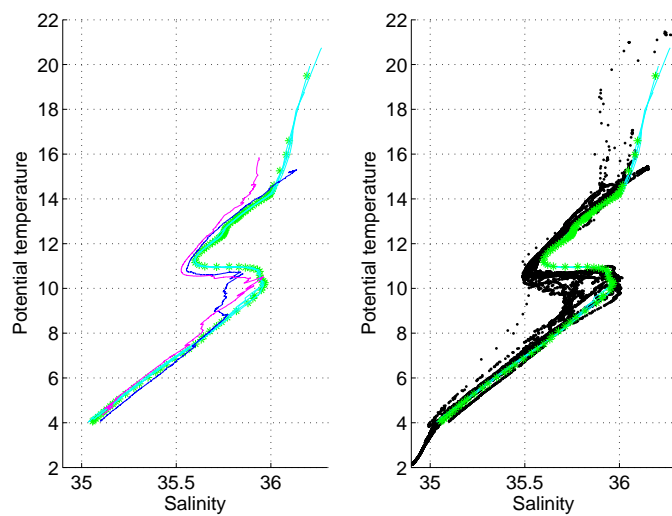


Figure 17: Float 5902308, cycle 39. The analysed CTD profile (stars) is compared to the nearest CTD profiles (black line) and to two specific profiles: the nearest CTD profile in time (magenta) and the nearest CTD profile in space (blue). The color of the analysed CTD profile represents the QC flag (green 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 39A - Comparison to the nearest ARGO profiles

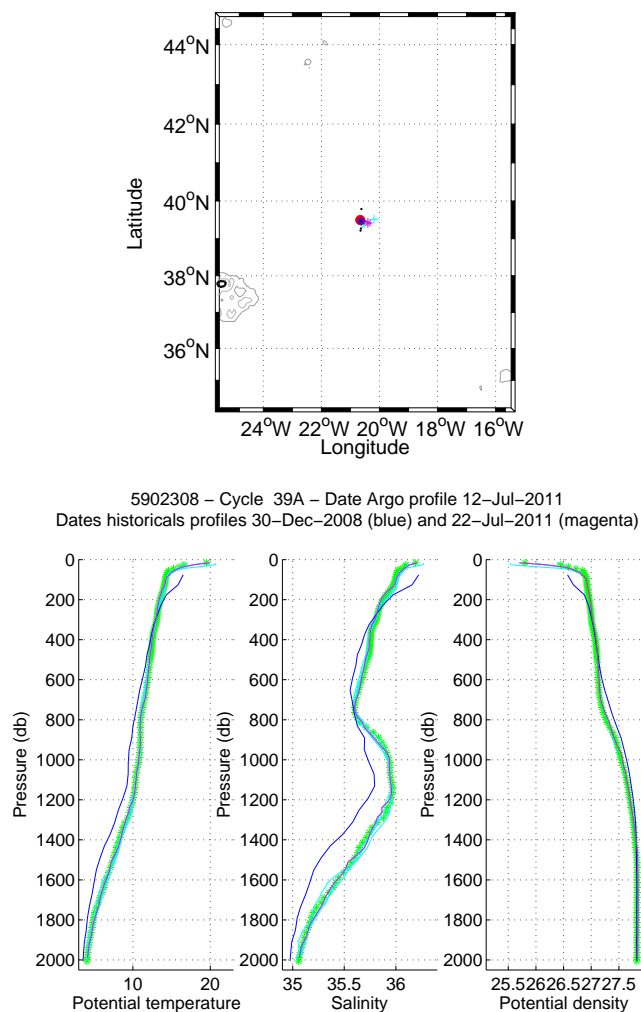
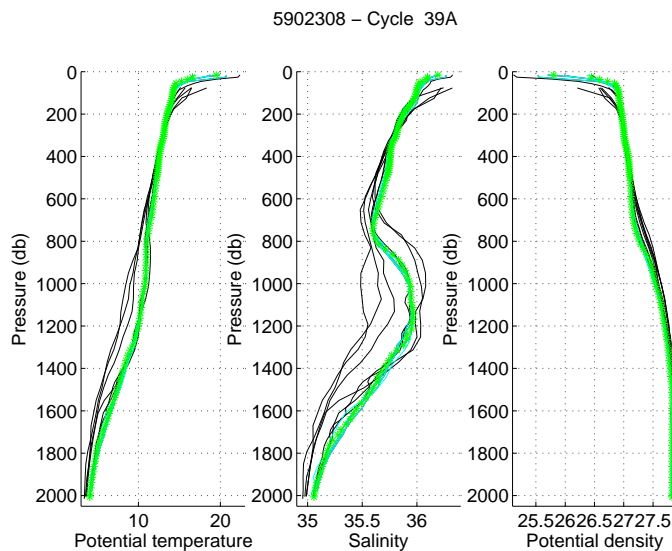


Figure 18: Flotteur 5902308, cycle 39A. Upper panel: Position of the analysed Argo profile (red) and of the nearest Argo profiles (black). The nearest Argo profile in time is in magenta while the nearest CTD profile in space is in blue. Lower panels: Temperature, salinity and potential density as function 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).



5902308 – Cycle 39A – Date Argo profile 12-Jul-2011  
 Dates historical profiles 30-Dec-2008 (blue) and 22-Jul-2011 (magenta)

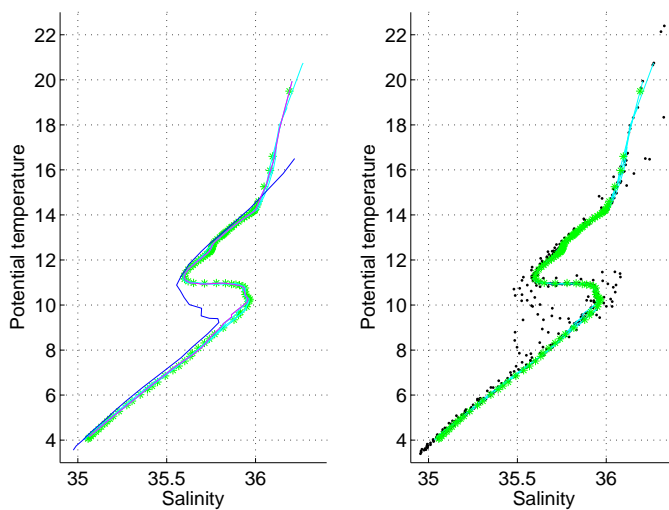


Figure 19: Float 5902308, cycle 39A. The analysed Argo profile (stars) is compared to the nearest Argo profiles (black line) and to two specific profiles: the nearest Argo profile in time (magenta) and the nearest Argo profile in space (blue). The color of the analysed Argo profile represents the QC 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 OW method, CONFIGURATION # 129

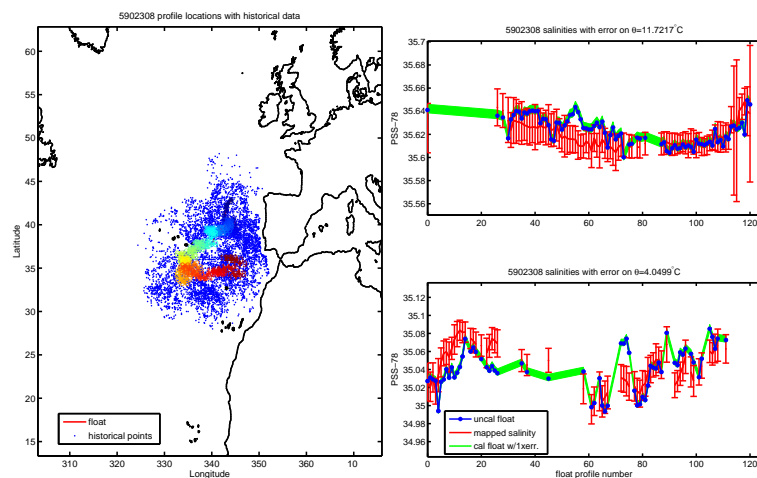


Figure 20: Figures from the OW method. (Left) Position of the historical and float data. (Right) Comparison, on various  $\theta$  levels, between the float data and the historical data interpolated at the float position.

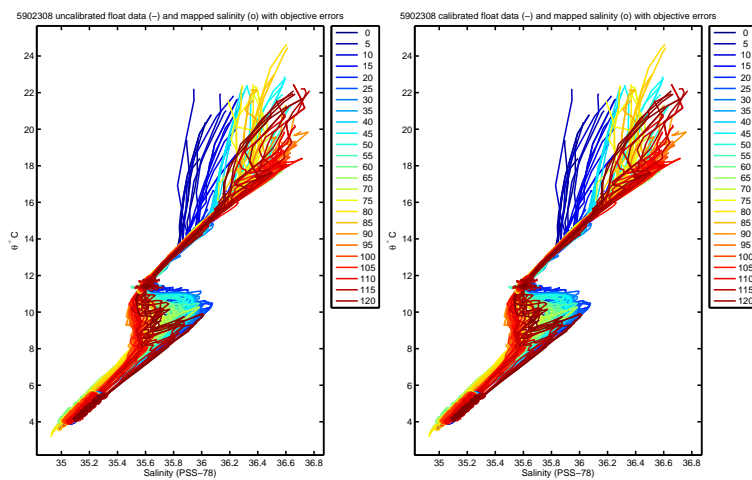


Figure 21: Figures from the OW method. Comparison of the  $\theta/S$  diagram of the float with the historical database. (left) raw data; (right) corrected data using the OW correction.

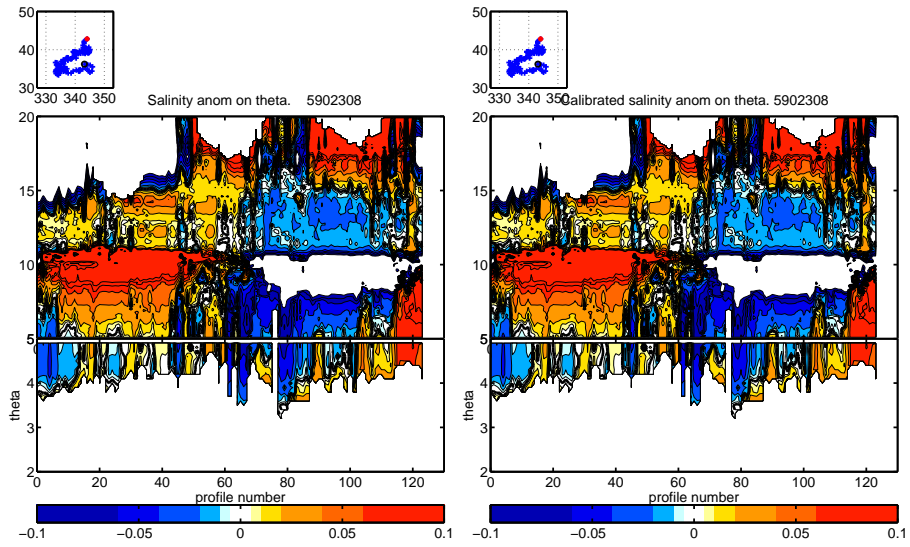


Figure 22: Figures from the OW method. Salinity anomaly:(left) raw data; (right) corrected data using the OW correction.

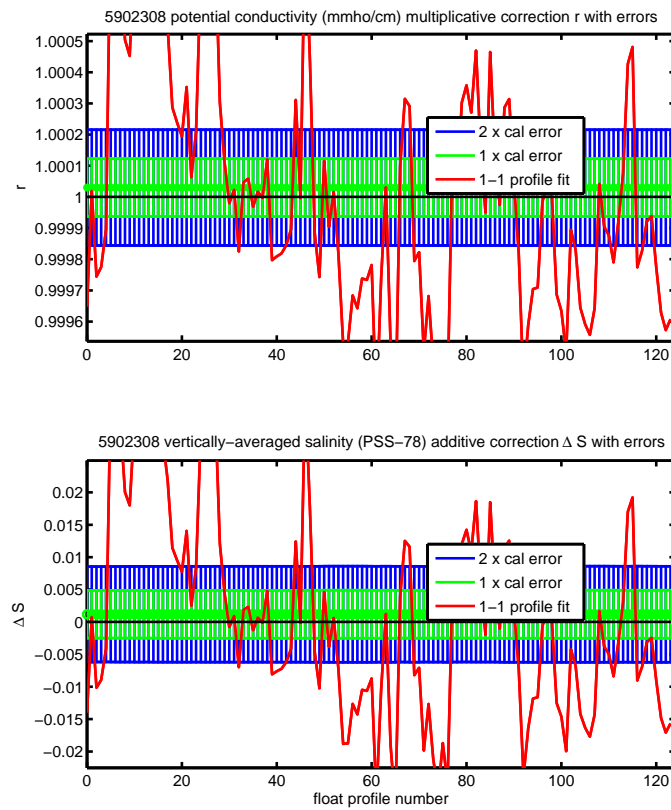


Figure 23: Correction proposed by the OW method.



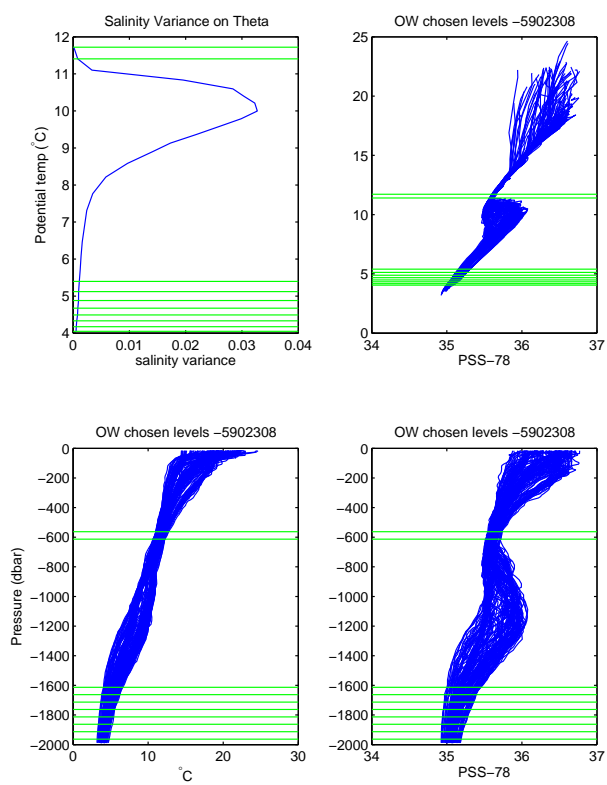


Figure 24: Chosed levels by the OW method.

# 1 Oxygen correction with LOCODOX

Number	Deployment (cycle OD) cycle OD	Last cycle 123
Provor WMO 5902308	15/06/2010 13h14	
CTS3 DO 9	N 42.888 W 15.844	
Date of DOXY control	Float status	Last cycle
May 2017	DEAD	29/10/2013
Coriolis transmission		02/05/2017

Table 1: Status of the float

This software is used to correct Oxygen data (parameter DOXY) contained in the files BR(real time) and/or BD(Delayed Mode) associated to files R (Real Time T/S) and/or D(Delayed Mode T/S).

**PI suggests :** The Oxygen corrections have been done only when Salinity and Temperature were available in Delayed Mode (D files). Theoretically, the corrections should be done from adjusted values (TEMP and PSAL). However, when there is a few bad values in salinity (of about few tens of PSU), and if there is no bias in salinity (OW method), PSAL data can be used instead of PSAL\_ADJUSTED, because the impact of those values on the oxygen correction is not significant.

To correct Oxygen data, LOCODOX software gives 3 choices to work :

- from a reference profile
- from WOA climatology
- from in air measurements

**The reference profile for this float is the station 23 of Ovide 2010 cruise.**

LOPS options are :

Options	Choice
Unit DOXY	Mumol/kg
Suppress hooks	YES
Drift correction with	PRES
Vertical scale	PRES
Apply drift correction	NO
Correction using : PSAT/DOXY	PSAT
kind of error	RELATIVE

Table 2: LOCODOX Options

## Applied DOXY correction

$PSAT=f(DOXY)$ ;  $PSAT\_ADJUSTED=A*PSAT+B$ ;  $DOXY\_ADJUSTED=f(PSAT\_ADJUSTED)$   
with  $A=0.938$ ;  $B=9.156$

Percent saturation corrected as a linear function of PSAT; Comparison to a single reference profile (isobaric match as in Takeshita et al. (2013)) on cycle 0; PSAT converted from DOXY and DOXY\_ADJUSTED converted from PSAT\_ADJUSTED.

There is no QC flag superior to 2 in Pressure, Temperature and Salinity, so there is no control plot. There is no bias in salinity for this float. The DOXY Correction has been done with PSAL.

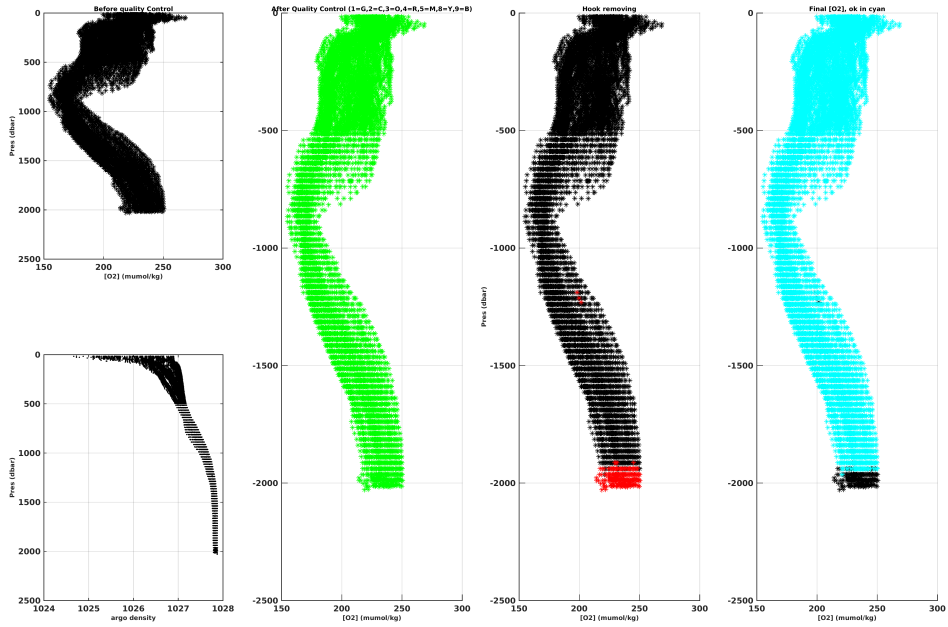


Figure 1: The first 50 meters from the bottom are suppressed because data are uncertain; Only data in cyan are taken for the correction.

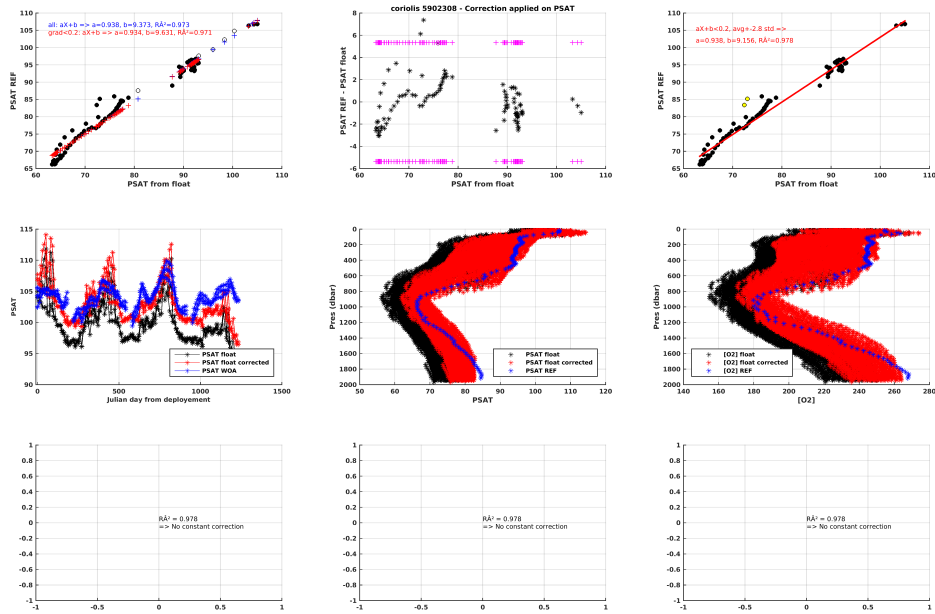


Figure 2: Plots produced by LOCODOX

Float 5902299 was corrected based on a comparison of the first ascending profile of the float with an in situ reference profile acquired at float deployment. The correction is done in considering the percentage of saturation (PSAT).

**Upper panels :** The three panels show the regression between the Argo profile and the reference profile.

**Middle left panels :** PSAT in the upper 10m from the raw data (black curve) and the corrected data (red curves). PSAT estimated from the World Ocean Atlas at the float position is also provided for comparison (blue curves).

**Middle center panel :** PSAT values from the raw data (black curves), the adjusted data (red curves) and the reference profile (blue curve).

**Middle right panel :** Same as the center panel but for dissolved oxygen concentration value (DOXY et DOXY\_ADJUSTED) in mumol/kg.

**Lower panels :** Same as the middle panels but when LOCODOX proposes a constant correction.

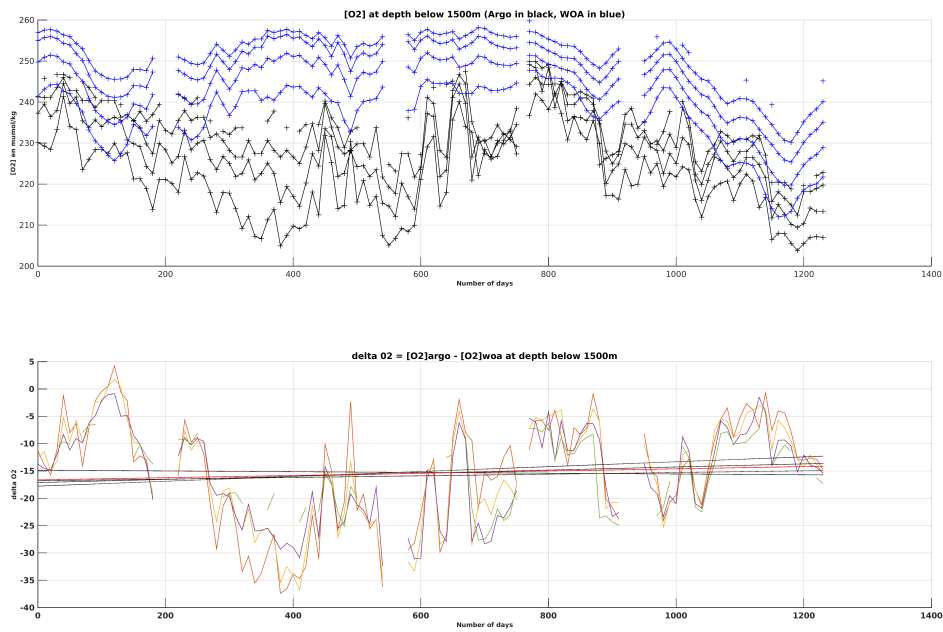


Figure 3: Comparison in the deeper levels (below 1500m) between the float data and WOA data interpolated at the float position (horizontal and vertical). The temporal evolution of the difference is used to estimate a possible sensor drift.

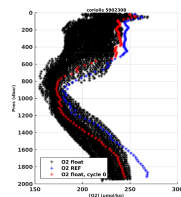


Figure 4: Profiles float 5902308 (black), O2 hydro reference (blue), O2 float cycle 0 (red)

## 1.1 Corrected data float

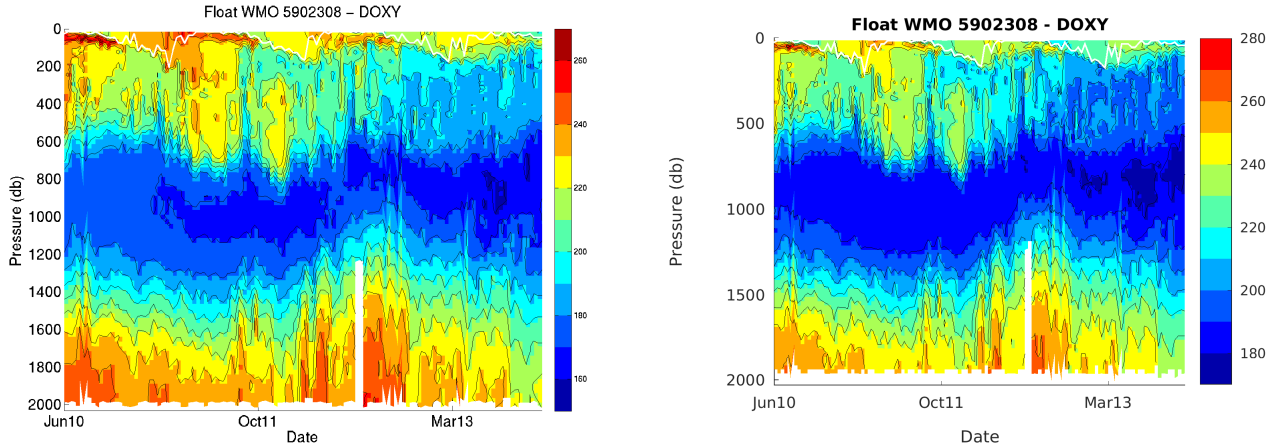


Figure 5: Oxygen section along the float trajectory (interpolated on standard levels). Quality flags are taken into account. Left plot: Raw data - Right plot : corrected data

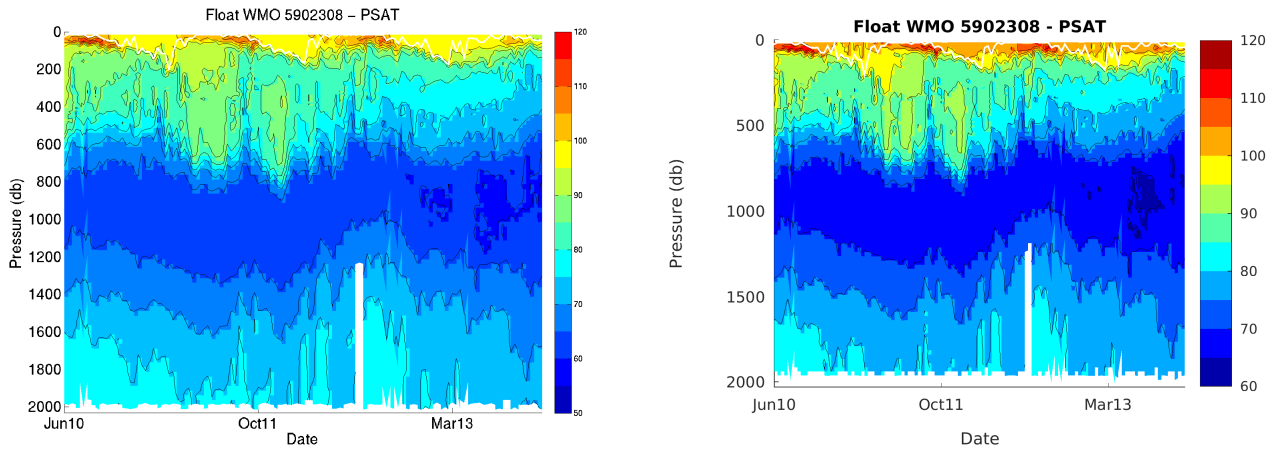


Figure 6: PSAT section along the float trajectory (interpolated on standard levels). Quality flags are taken into account. Left plot: Raw data - Right plot : corrected data

## 1.2 Examples of corrected profiles with LOCODOX

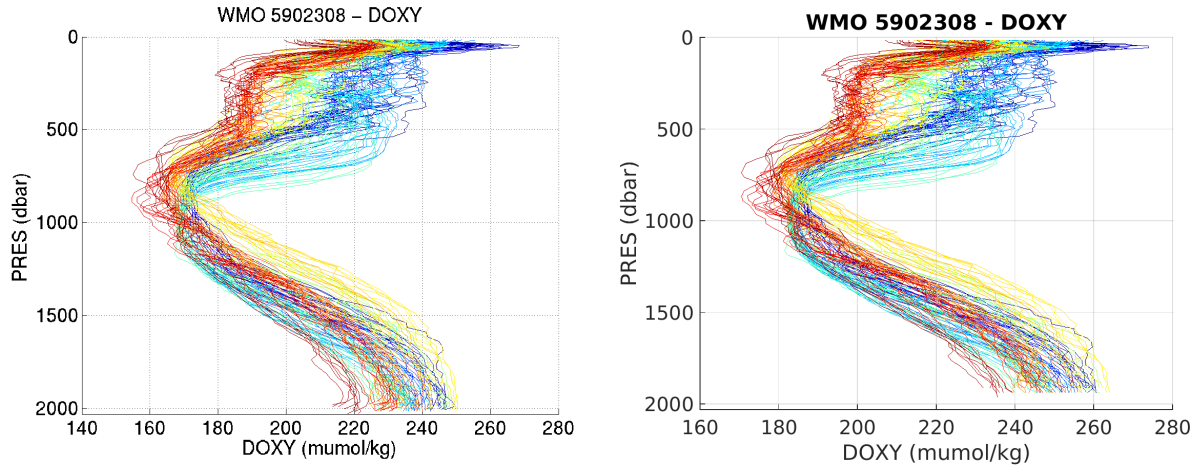


Figure 7: Oxygen profiles. Left plot: Raw data - Right plot : corrected data

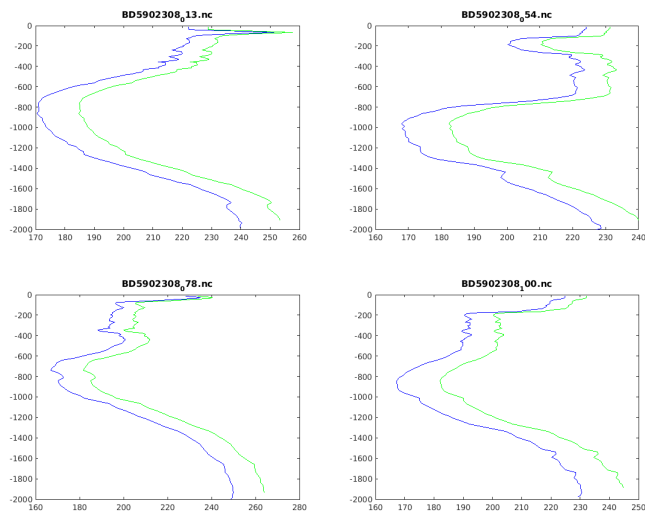


Figure 8: Float 5902308 : Corrected profiles in green.