

→ **25 YEARS OF PROGRESS**
IN RADAR ALTIMETRY SYMPOSIUM

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Ponta Delgada, São Miguel Island
Azores Archipelago, Portugal*

New CNES-CLS18 Mean
Dynamic Topography of the
global ocean from altimetry,
gravity and in-situ data

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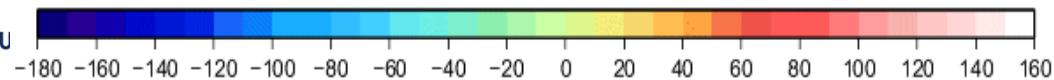
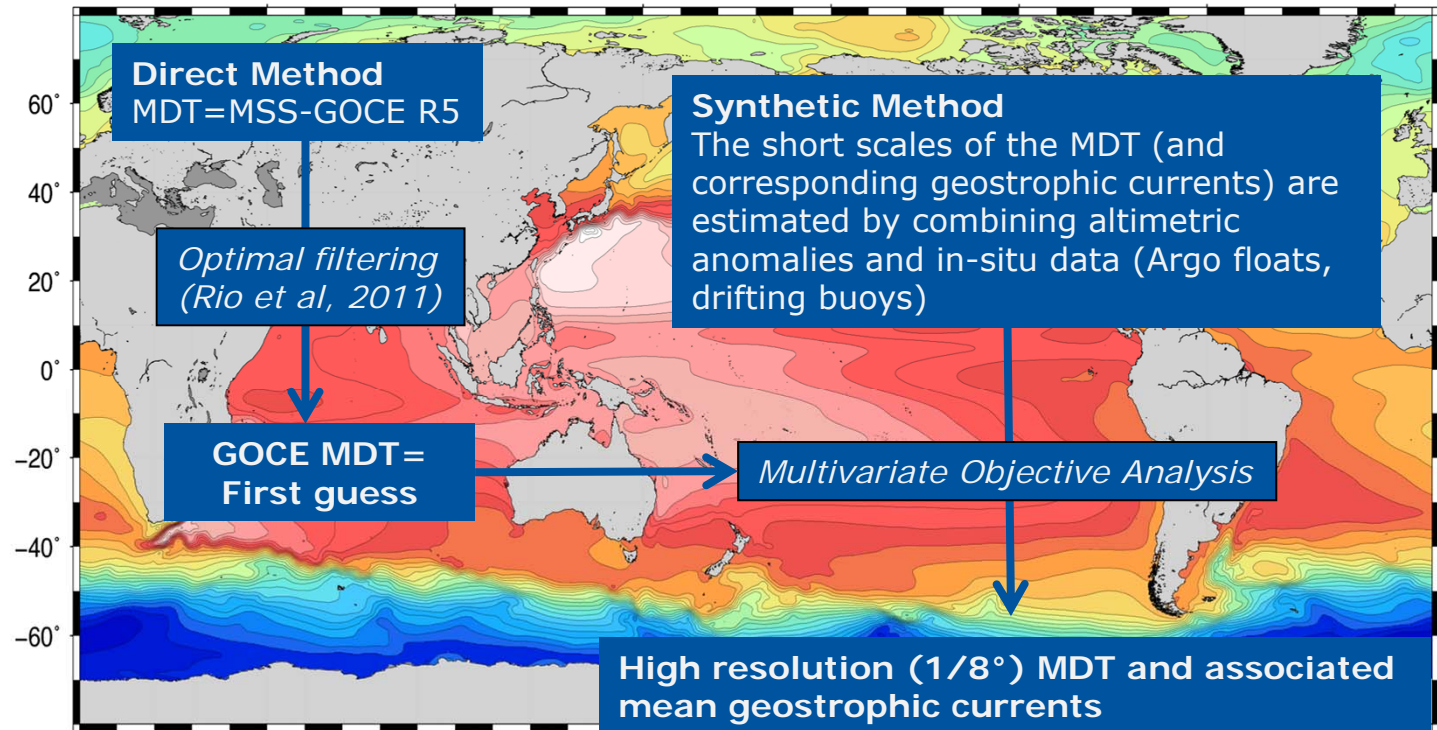
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METHOD

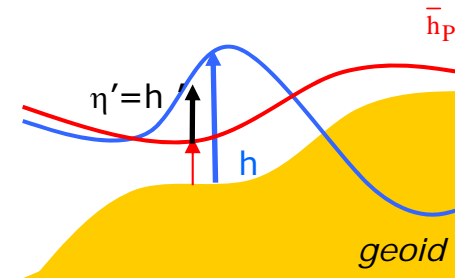
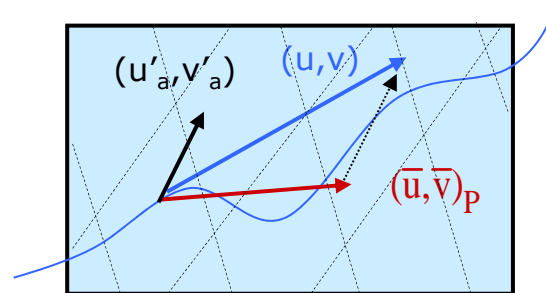


CNES-CLS15 MSS – GOCO05S, optimally filtered

*Rio and Hernandez, 2004;
Rio et al, 2005,
2011, 2014*



Computation of mean heights and mean geostrophic velocities



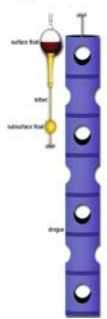
At each position r and time t for which an oceanographic in-situ measurement is available:
dynamic height $h(r, t)$ or surface velocity $u(r, t), v(r, t)$

- the in-situ data is processed to match the physical content of the altimetric measurement.
- the altimetric height/velocity anomaly is interpolated to the position/date of the in-situ data.
- the altimetric anomaly is subtracted from the in-situ height/velocity

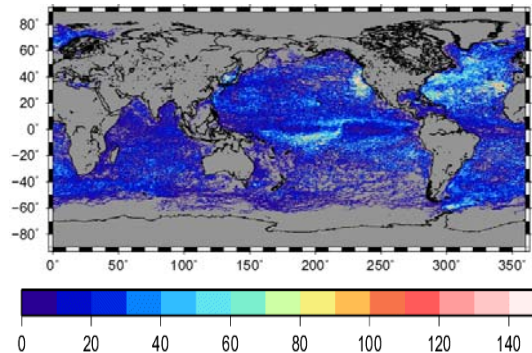
$$\bar{h}_P = h_{\text{insitu}} - h'_P \quad \bar{u}_P = u_{\text{insitu}} - u'_P \quad \bar{v}_P = v_{\text{insitu}} - v'_P$$

Oceanographic in-situ measurements 1993-2016

original SVP drifter

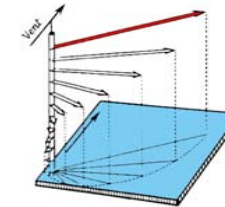


Number of SVP-type velocities (15m depth)

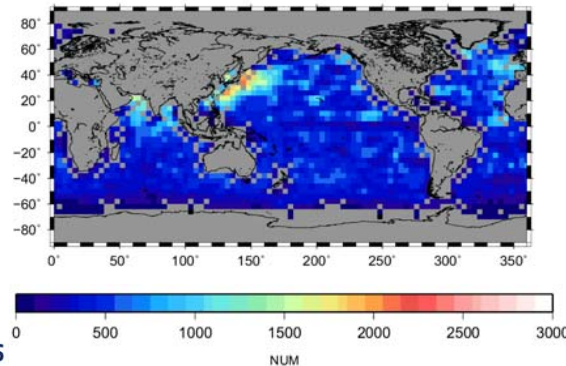
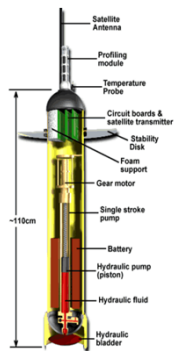


$$U_{\text{buoy}} = U_{\text{geost}} + U_{\text{ekman}} + U_{\text{tides}} + U_{\text{inertial}} + U_{\text{stokes}} + U_{\text{ageost hf}}$$

- Modelization of Ekman/Stokes currents
- Low pass filtering



Number of Argo floats (T/S profiles and surface velocities)



Dynamic Height relative to a reference depth P_{ref} -> **baroclinic component of the geostrophic current**

- Processing is needed to add the missing barotropic and deep baroclinic component

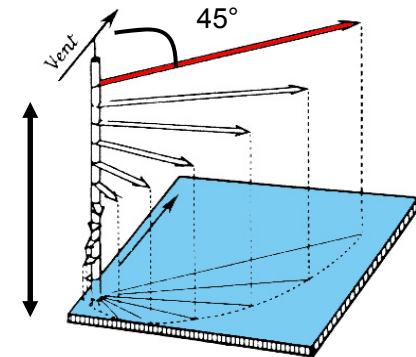
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Modeling Wind driven Currents (Ekman+Stokes)

$$u_e = \pm \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{\rho(f+w)D_e} e^{\frac{\pi}{D_e}z} * \tau_e * \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{D_e}z\right)$$

$$v_e = \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{\rho(f+w)D_e} e^{\frac{\pi}{D_e}z} * \tau_e * \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{D_e}z\right)$$

β θ



Model

Rio and Hernandez, 2003

$$\vec{u}_e = \beta \vec{\tau}_e^{i\theta}$$

$\vec{u}_{buoy} - \vec{u}_{alti}$ low pass filtered 30 hours Wind stress from ERA INTERIM

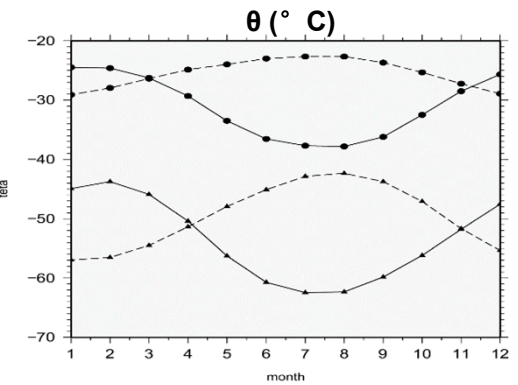
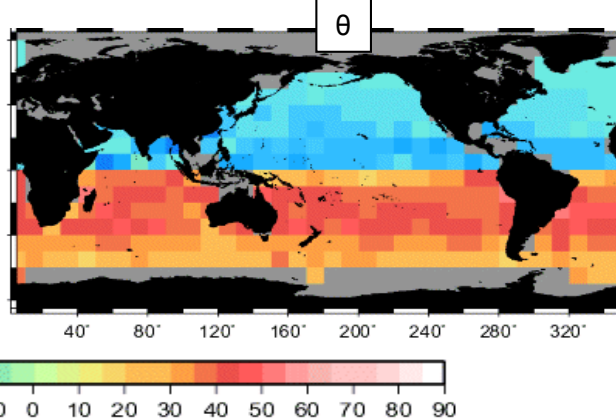
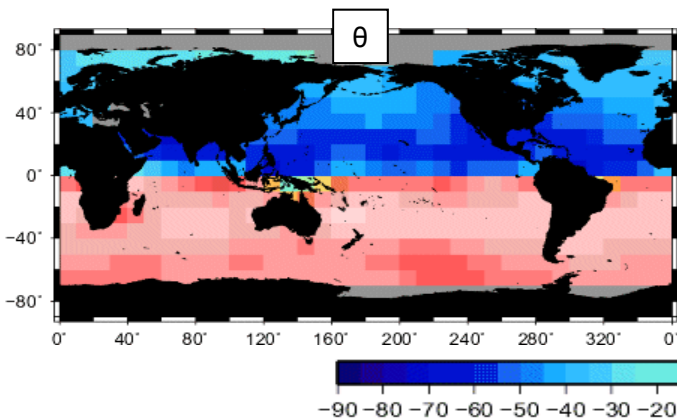
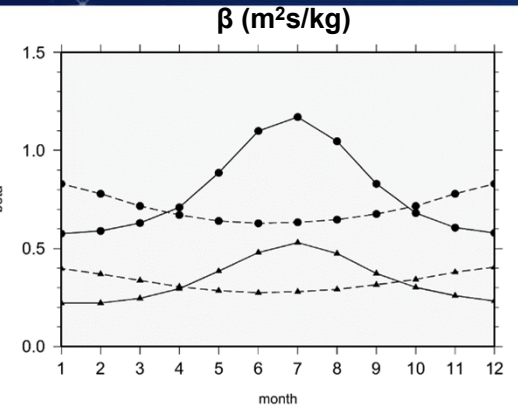
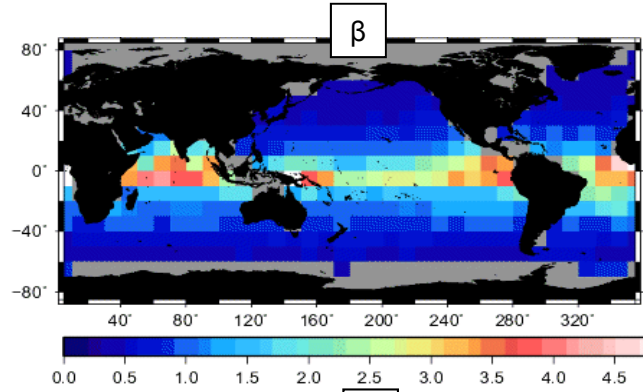
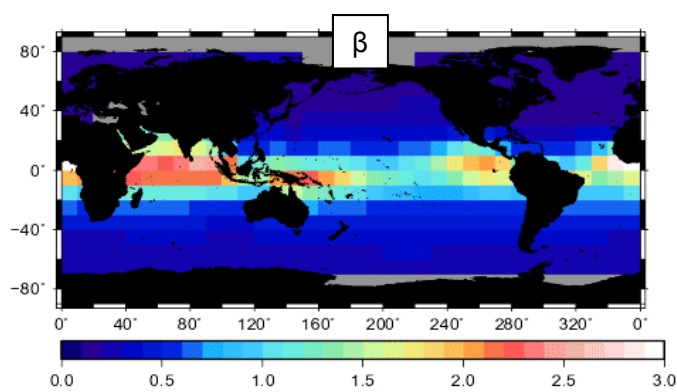
CNES-CLS13 MDT:

β and θ are estimated through least square fit by month and 4° by 4° boxes

Dataset for 15m depth model: SVP Drifting buoys flagged as DROGUED by the SD-DAC

Dataset for surface model: Yomaha surface velocities

Modeling Wind-driven Currents CNES-CLS13



Northern Hemisphere: solid line
 Southern Hemisphere: dashed line
 Surface: circles - 15m depth: triangles

Modeling Wind-driven Currents NEW MODEL



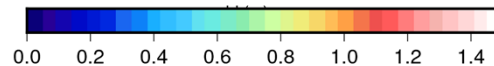
SURFACE

$$\vec{u}_w(z=0) = \beta_0 e^{i\theta_0} \tau^{\vec{H}0.6}$$

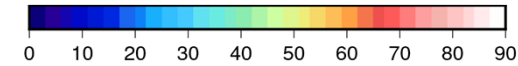
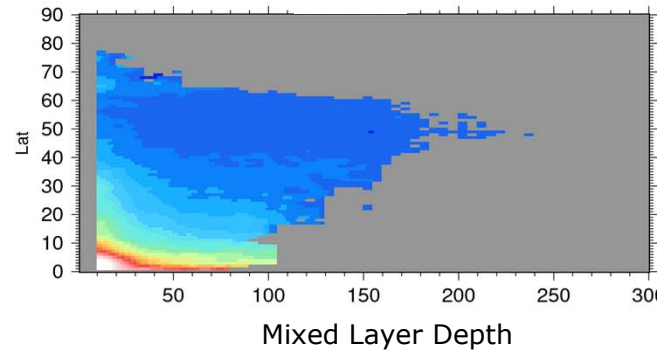
15m depth

$$\vec{u}_w(z=15) = \beta_{15} e^{i\theta_{15}} \tau^{\vec{H}0.7}$$

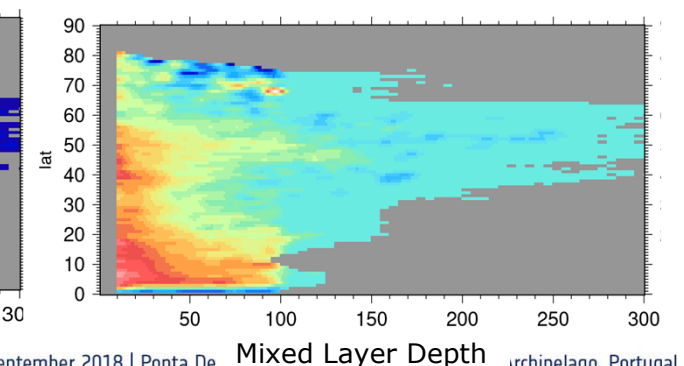
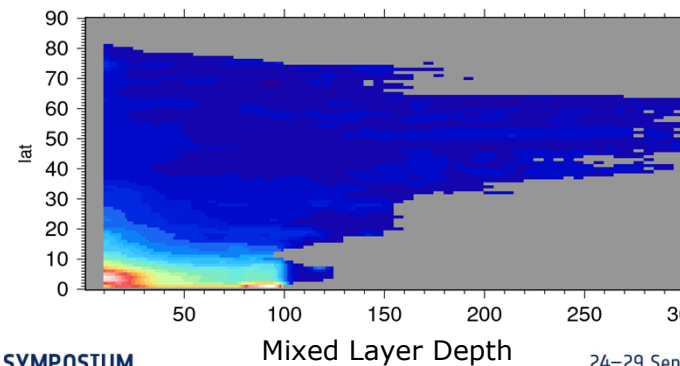
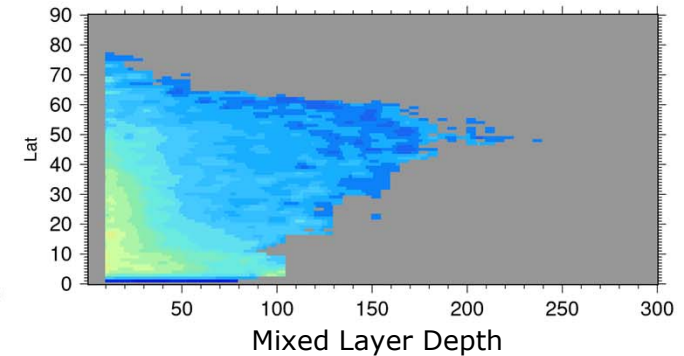
MLD from the weekly
ARMOR3D T/S fields
(Guinehut et al, 2012)



Beta



Theta



Modeling Wind-driven Currents NEW MODEL

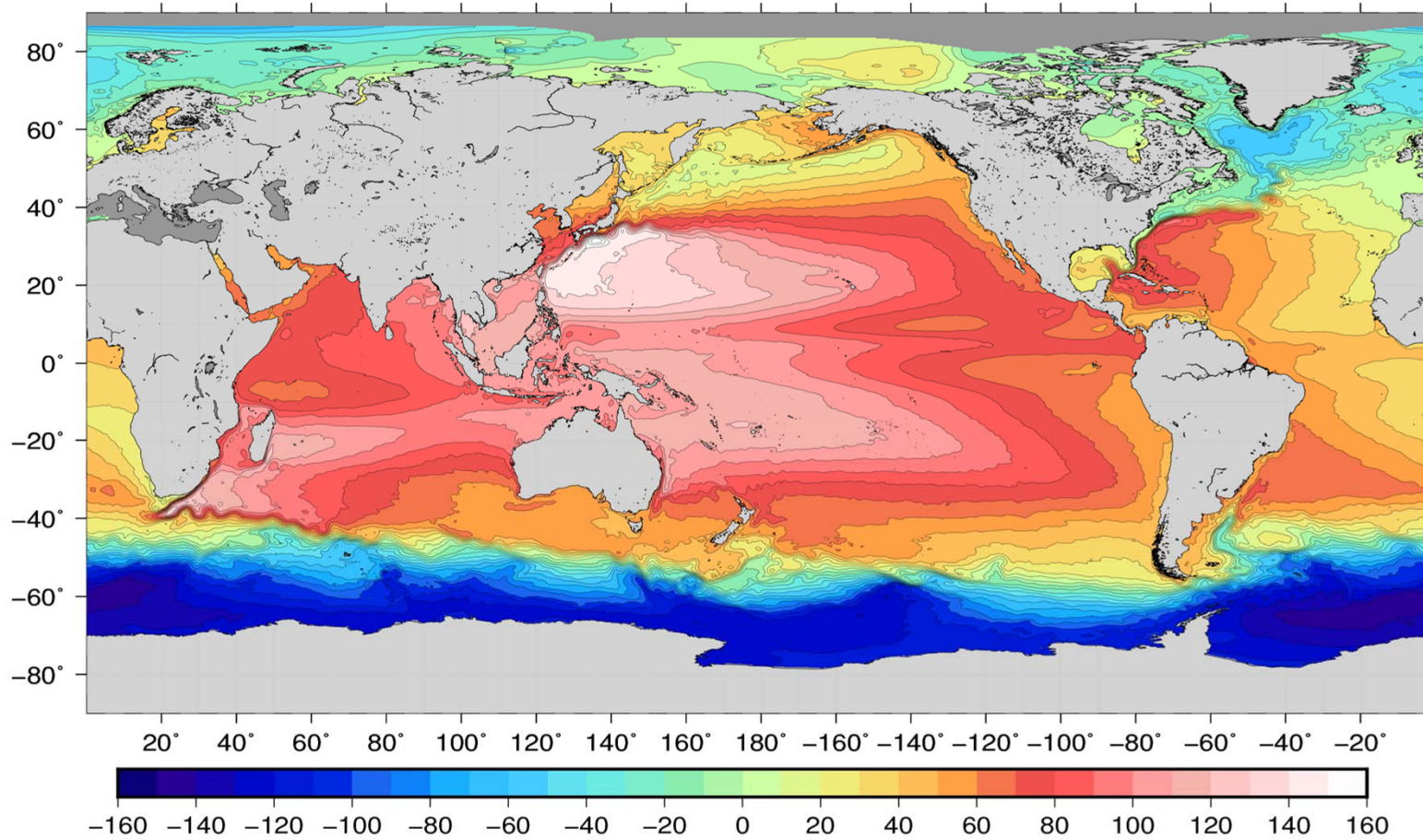


% of variance explained by the models using independent dataset

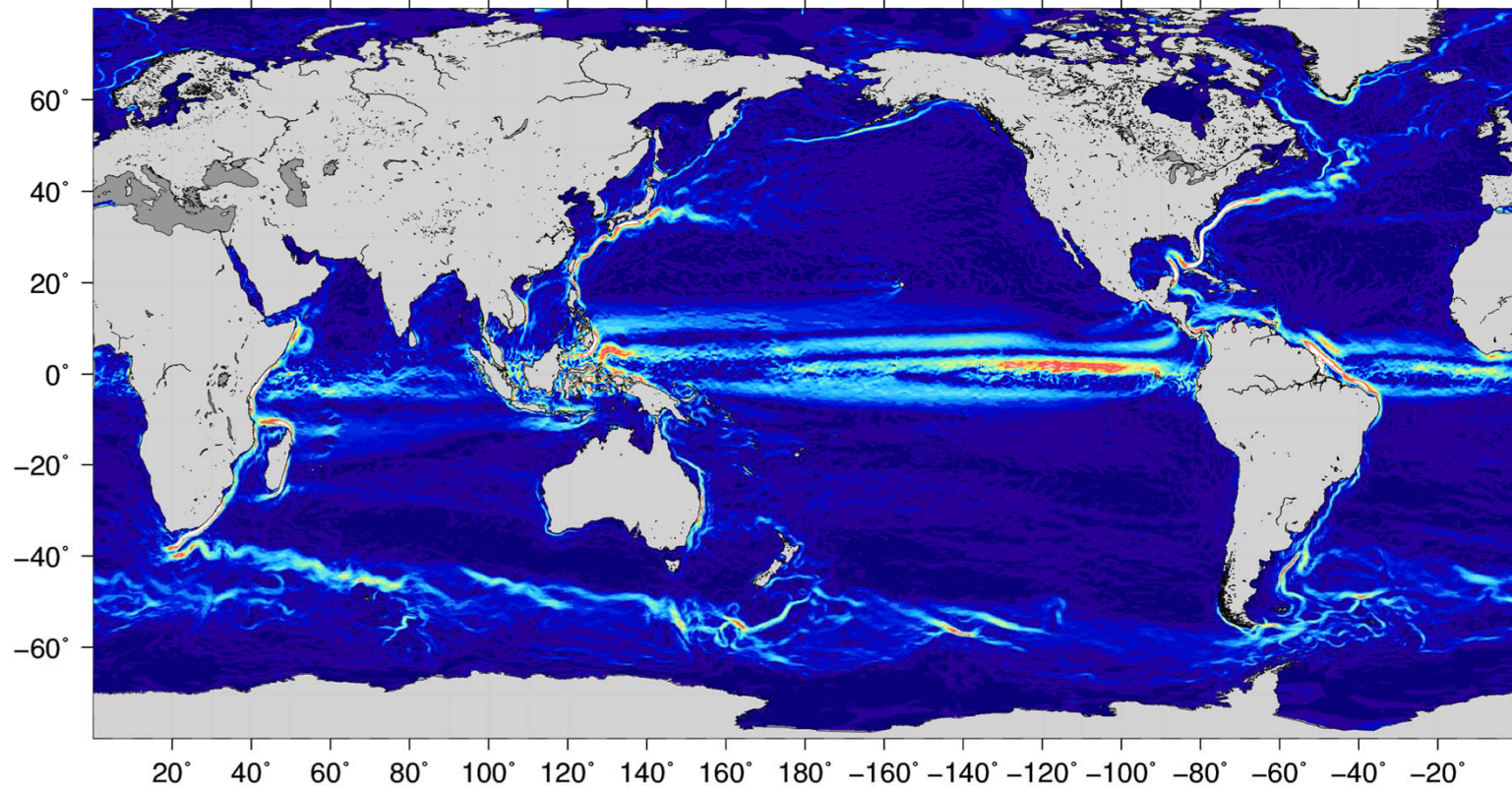
Surface	All LAT (206239 data)		LAT > 5 (991460)		LAT < 5 (86551)		
	Model	%U	%V	%U	%V	%U	%V
OLD		29.04	16.62	31.53	18.12	21.08	9.33
NEW		32.64	18.61	34.12	20.11	27.90	11.33

15 m	All LAT (1451989 data)		LAT > 5 (1346484)		LAT < 5 (105259)		
	Model	%U	%V	%U	%V	%U	%V
OLD		13.0	10.2	13.82	10.86	10.8	7.45
NEW		15.67	11.35	15.33	11.67	16.37	9.93

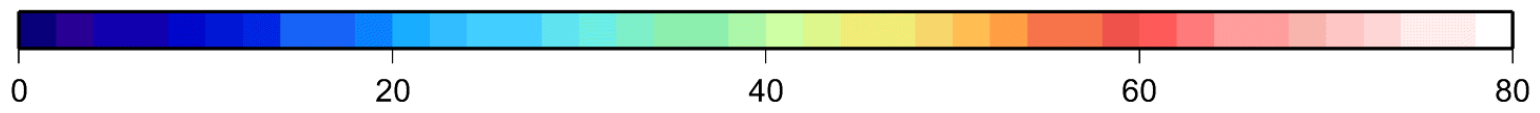
CNES-CLS18 Mean Dynamic Topography



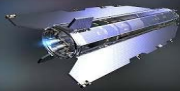
Mean geostrophic velocities CNES-CLS18 MDT



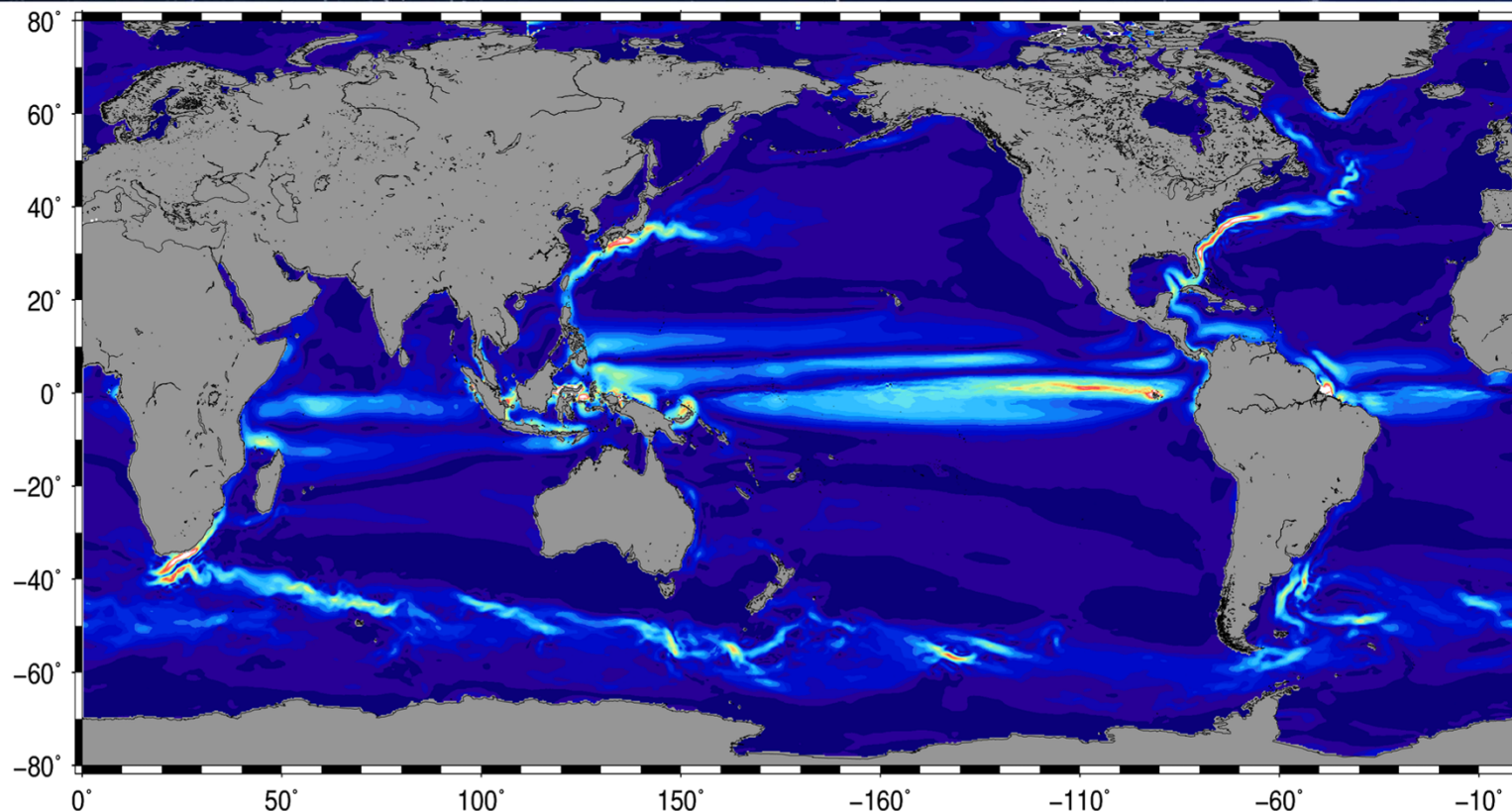
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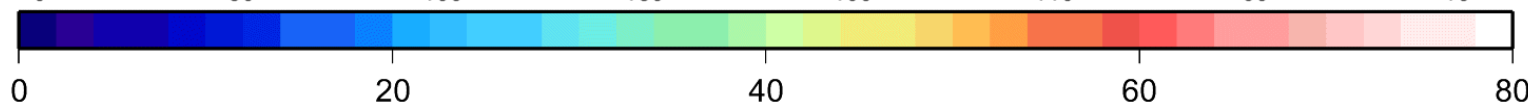
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Mean geostrophic velocities MSS-GOCO05S: Resolution 100 km

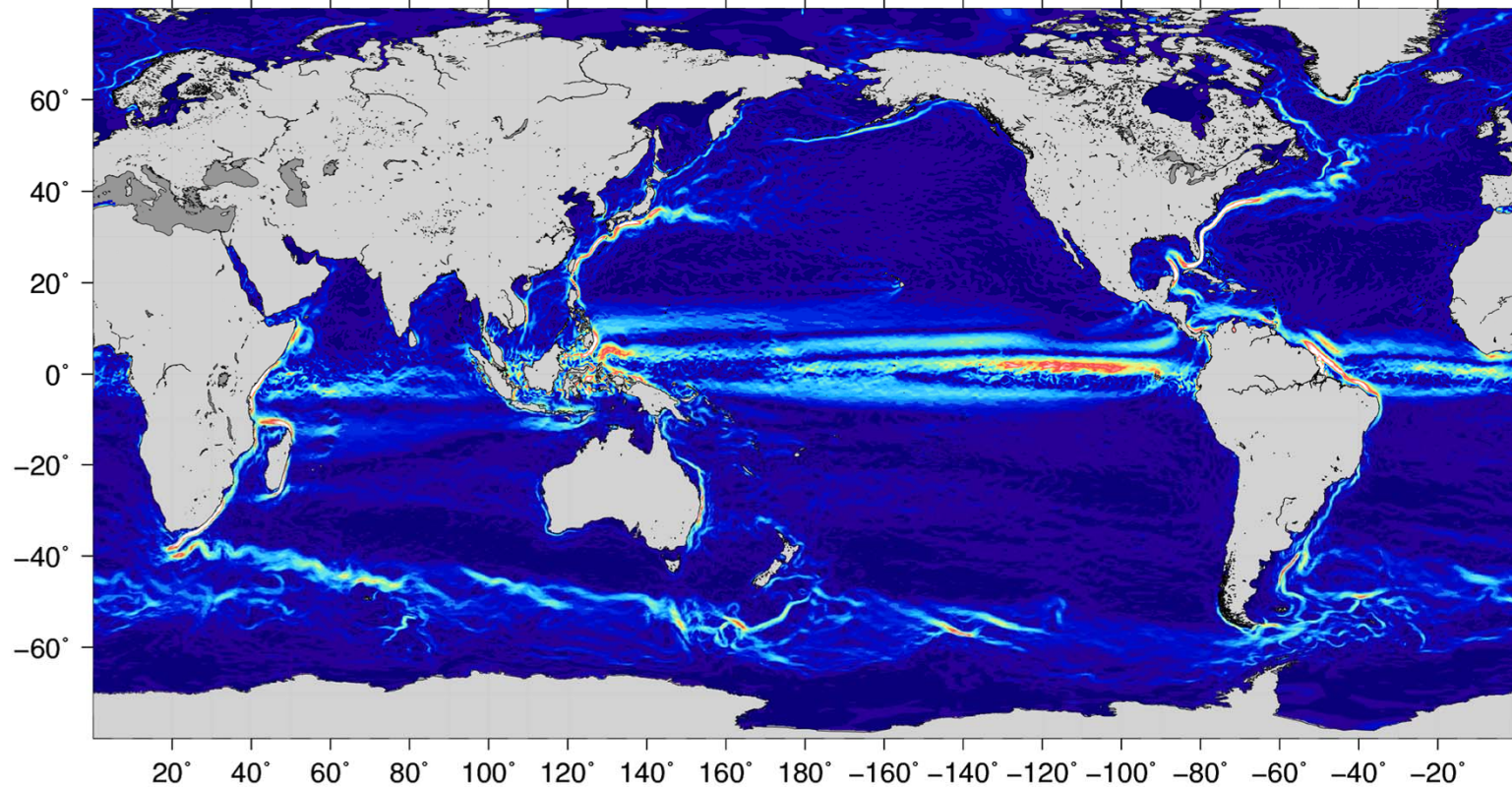


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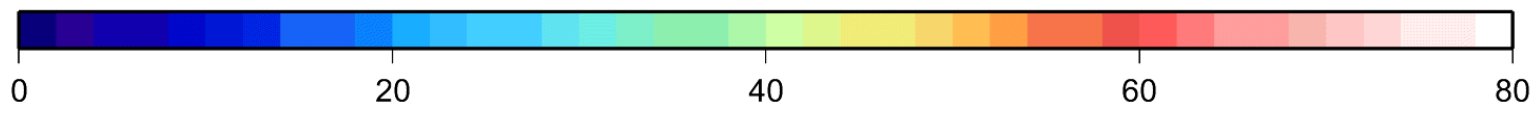


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Mean geostrophic velocities CNES-CLS18 MDT

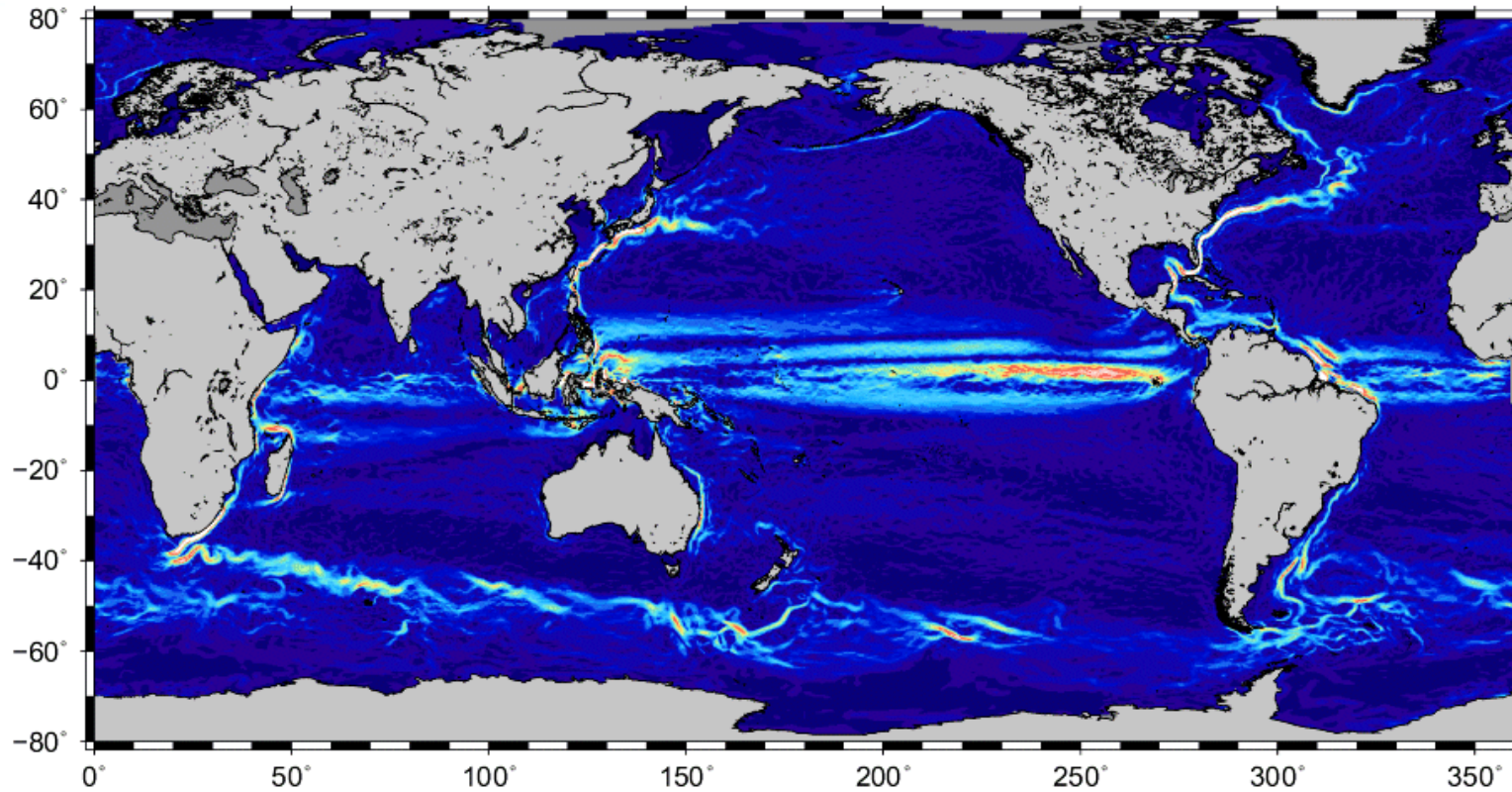


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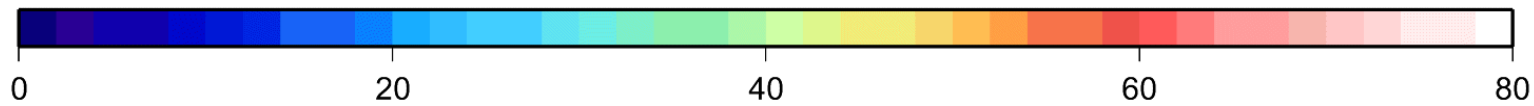


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Mean geostrophic velocities CNES-CLS13 MDT

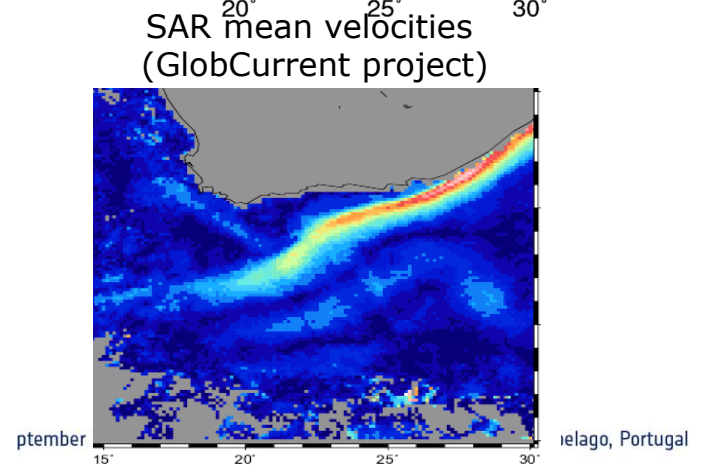
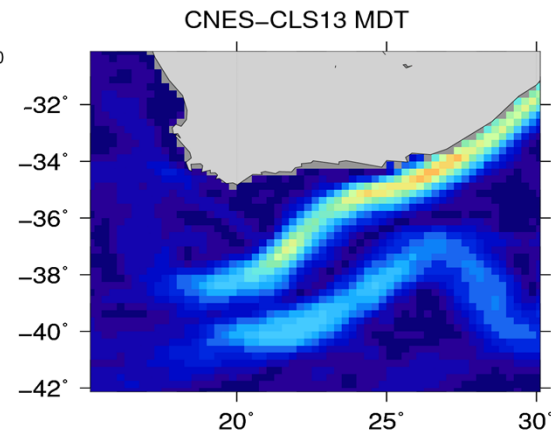
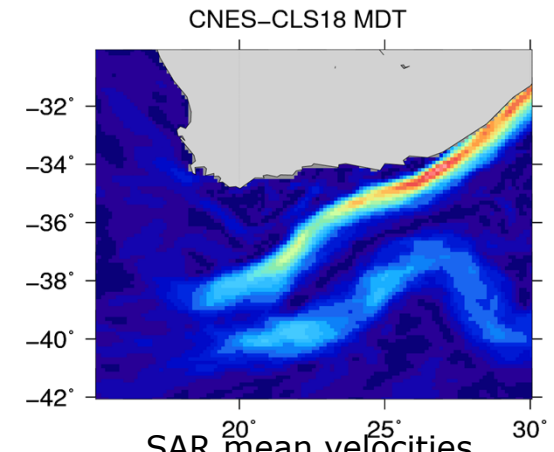
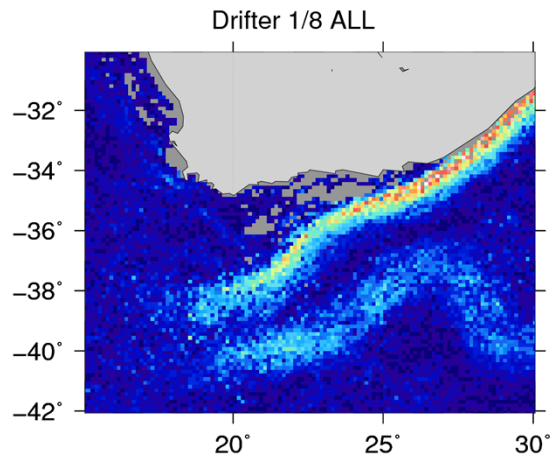
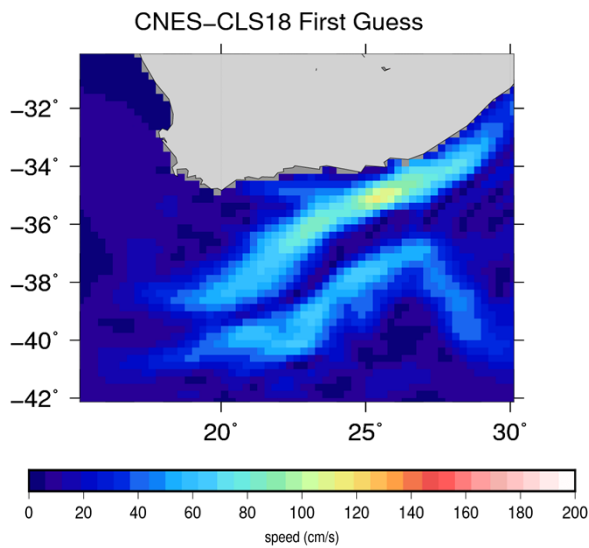


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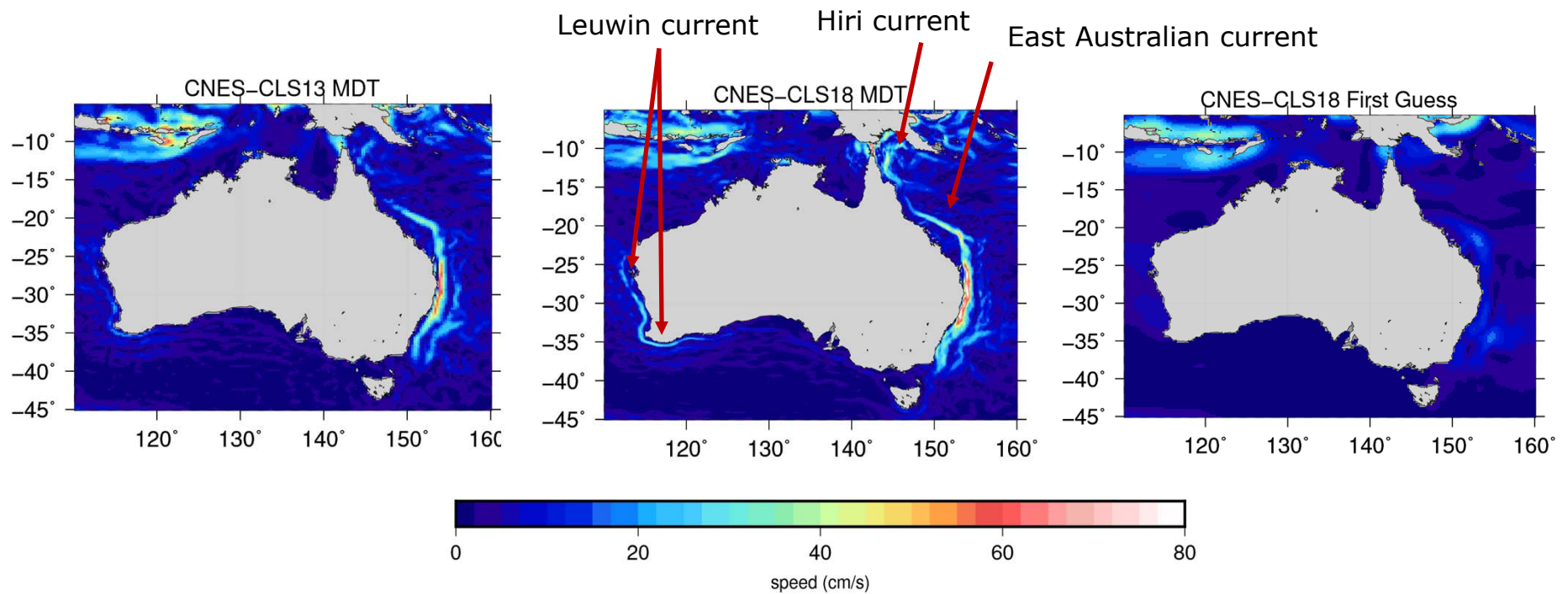
cm/s

Validation in the Agulhas Current: Comparison to SAR Doppler velocities

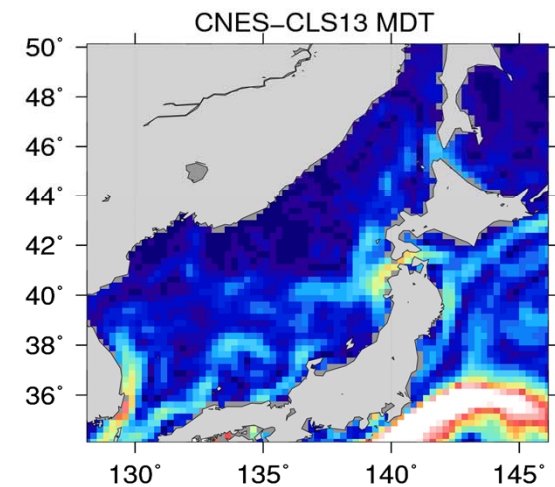
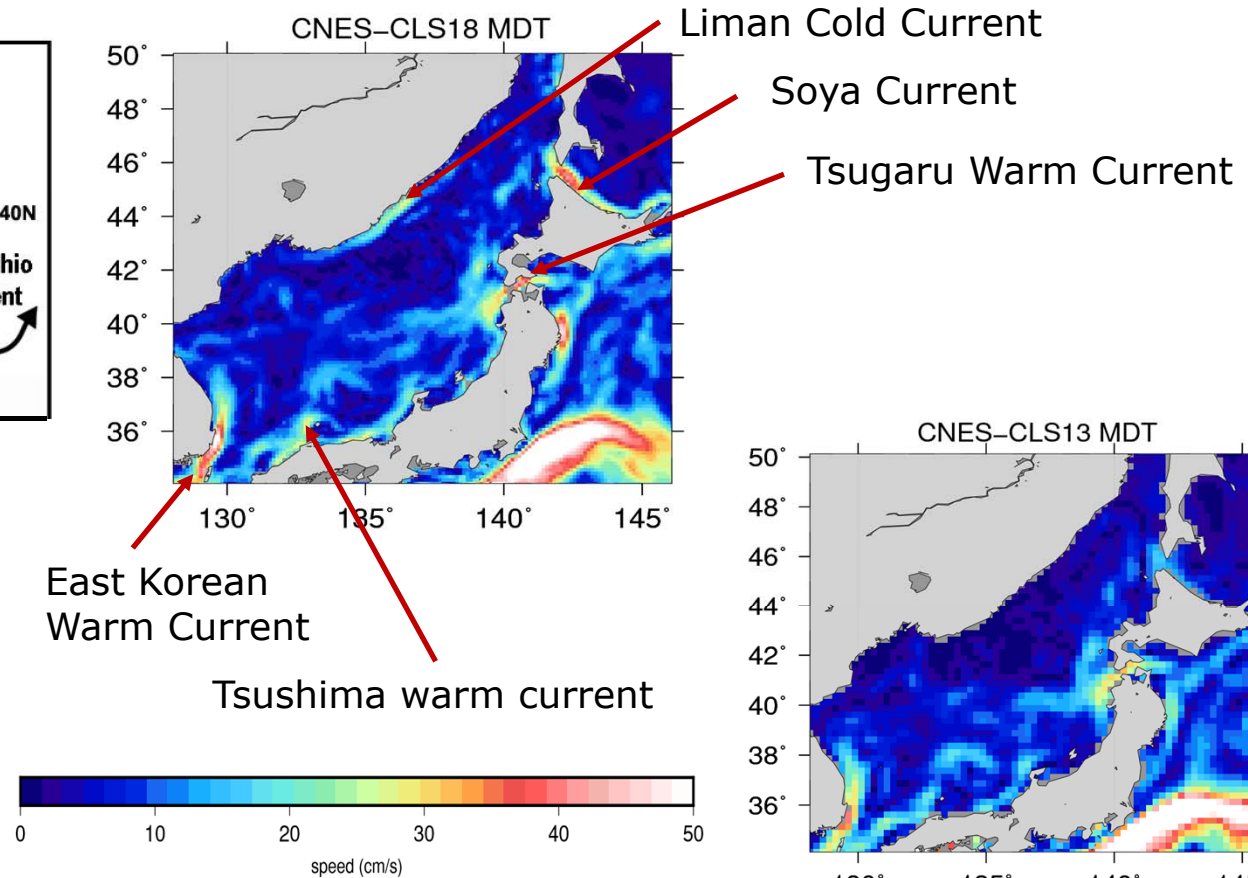
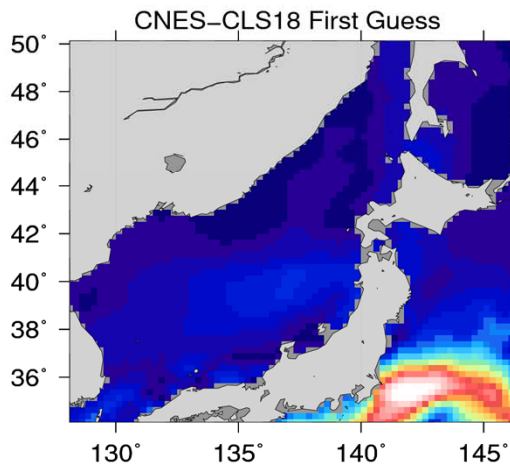


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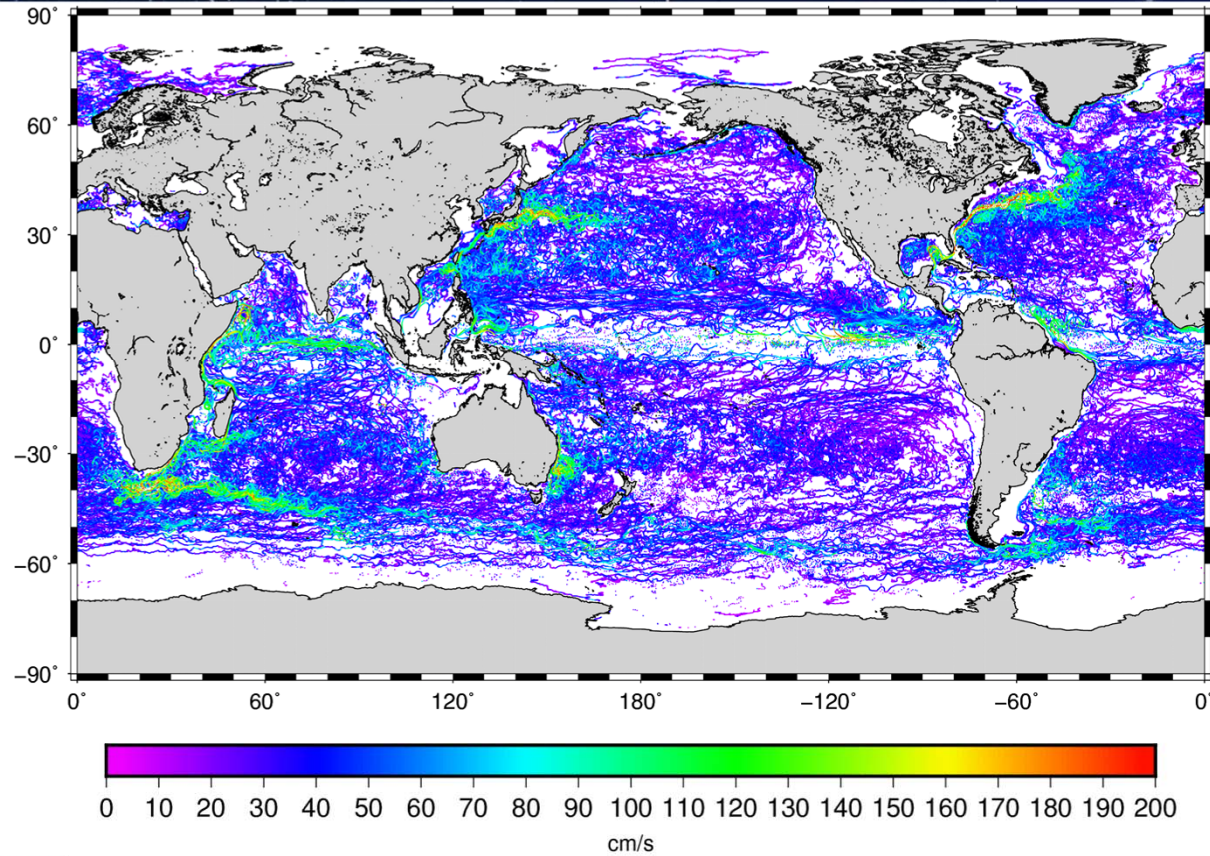
Mean Circulation around Australia



Mean Circulation in the Japan Sea



Comparison to independent drifter velocities: YEAR 2017



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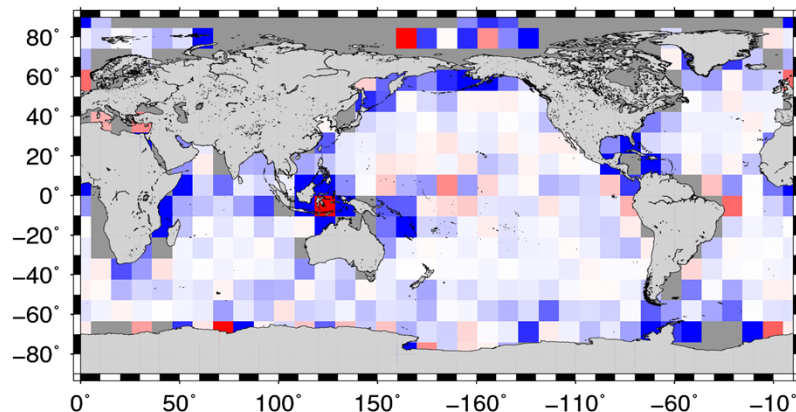
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Comparison to independent drifter velocities: YEAR 2017

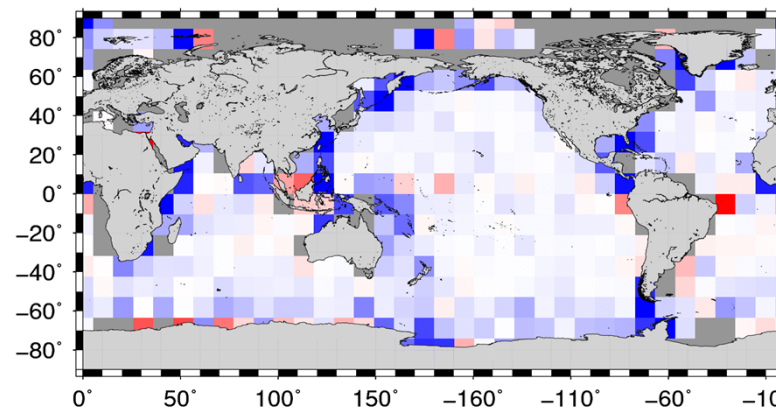


$\text{RMS}(\text{Drifter-CNES-CLS18}) - \text{RMS}(\text{Drifter-CNES-CLS13})$

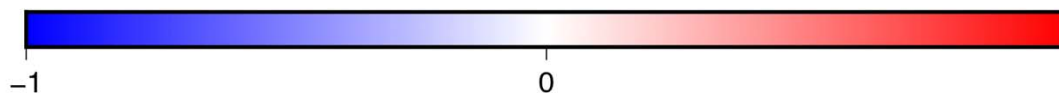
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MDT18 BETTER



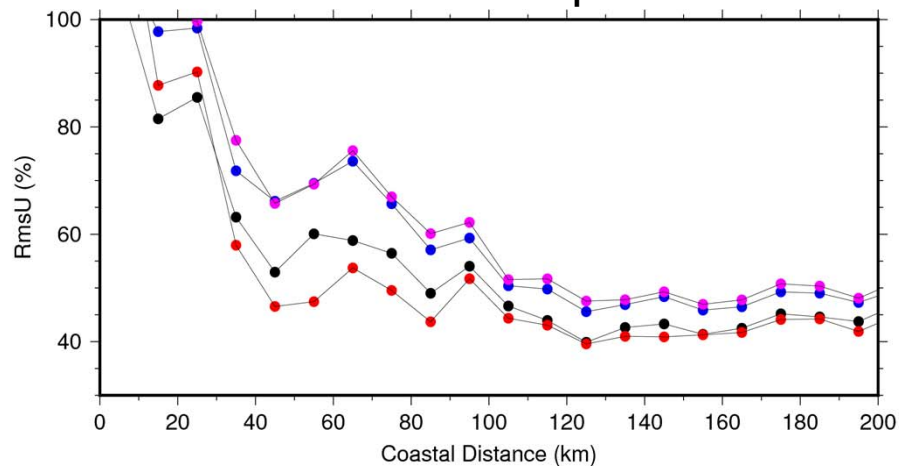
MDT13 BETTER

Differences of RMS differences (cm/s)

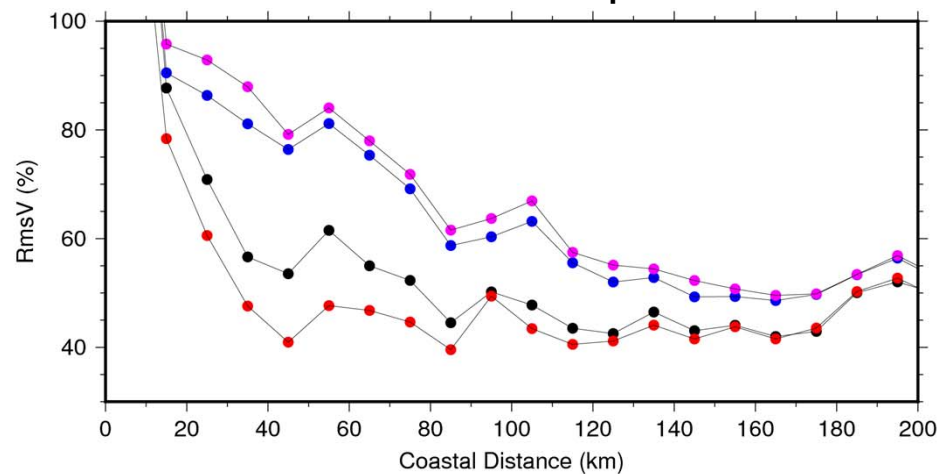
RMS (% of drifter variance) as a fonction of coastal distance

- MDT13 First Guess (MSS CLS11-GOCE DIR4)
- MDT18 First Guess (MSS CLS15-GOCO05S)
- MDT13
- MDT18

Zonal component

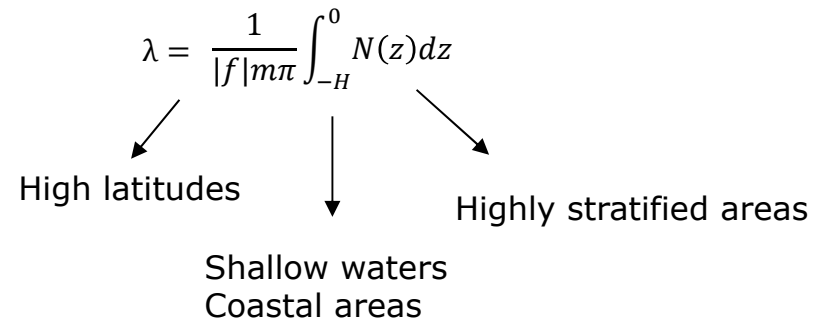
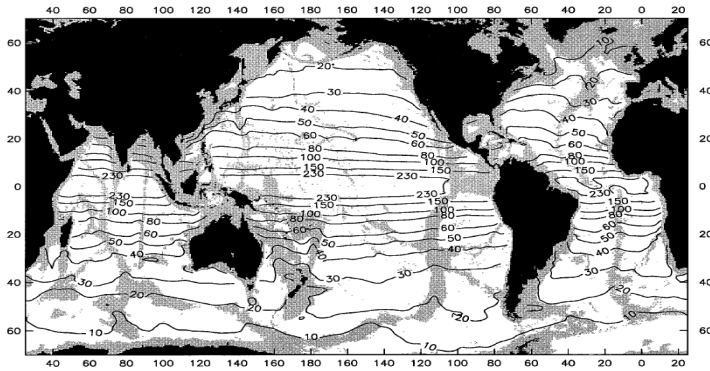


Meridional component

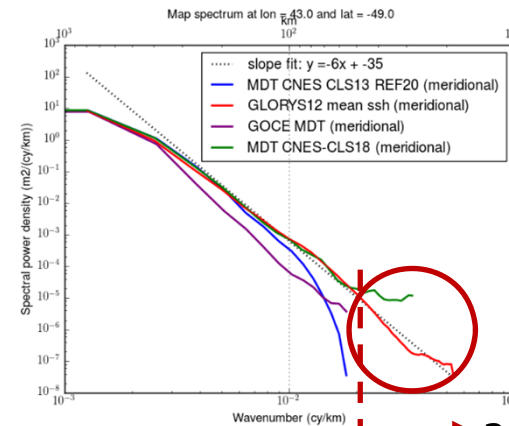
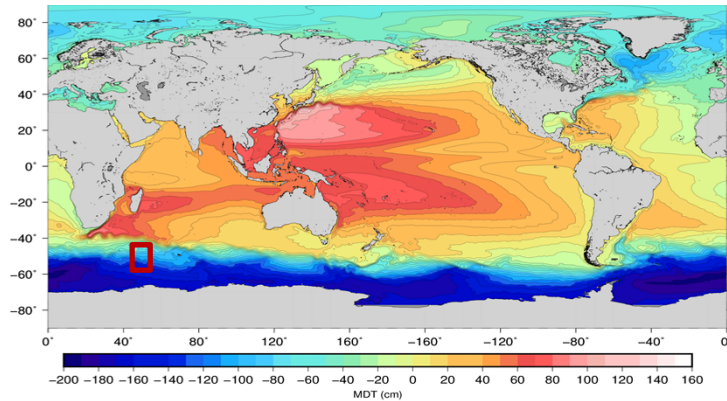


Expected MDT resolution ?

First Baroclinic Rossby Radius of Deformation:



Average of GLORYS12 ADT over 1993-2012



25 km resolution
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	MDT CNES-CLS13	MDT CNES-CLS18
MSS	CNES-CLS11 (Schaeffer et al, 2012)	CNES-CLS15 (pujol et al, 2018)
Geoid	EGM-DIR-R4 (Bruinsma et al, 2012) 2 years of reprocessed GOCE data +7 years of GRACE data	GOCO05S (Mayer-Gürr,et al. 2015) Complete GOCE mission (Nov 2009-October 2013) + 10.5 years of GRACE data
First Guess filtering	Optimal filter (Rio et al, 2011)	Optimal filter (Rio et al, 2011)
Drifter Data	SD-DAC drifter, both drogued and undrogued: 1993-2012 Argo floats surface velocities: 1997-2013	SD-DAC drifter, both drogued and undrogued: 1993-2016 Argo floats surface velocities: 1997-2016
Ekman model	Parameters fitted over the period 1993-2012, by longitude, latitude and month (Rio et al, 2014) Two levels: 0m and 15m	Parameters fitted over the period 1993-2016 by latitude and Mixed Layer Depth (from ARMOR3D) Two levels: 0m and 15m
Wind Slippage correction	Rio et al, 2012	Update of Rio et al, 2012 in order not to discard the trajectories beginning/end
Drifter filtering	3 days	Max (24 hours, Inertial Period)
Hydrological data	CTD (Cora3.4), ARGO Pref variable 200/400/900/1200/1900 Period 1993-2012	CTD and ARGO Pref variable 200/400/900/1200/1900 from CORA4.2 (1993-2013), CORA5.0 (2014-2015) and CORA5.1 (2016) Period 1993-2016
Altimeter data	Delayed-Time DUACS-2010 (Dibarboure et al, 2011)	Delayed-Time DUACS-2018 (Taburet et al, in preparation)

CONCLUSIONS



- Compared to the CNES-CLS13 solution, the New CNES-CLS18 MDT shows **improved performance everywhere**
- Most significant in **coastal** areas and in **strong western boundary currents**

Planning: Further validation by « super-users » will now be performed before public release early 2019 on the AVISO website

Further improvements needed: **At short scales, At high latitudes, In coastal areas**

- ⇒ Continuous improvement of MSS, geoid, in-situ observation processing
- ⇒ New in-situ observations are needed (HF radar), inclusion of other spaceborne measurements (SAR doppler, SST)