

The DTU15 Mean Sea Surface and Mean Dynamic Topography - focusing on Arctic issues and development.

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The DTU15MSS

What is NOT NEW....

MSS is STILL based on 20 year Mean T/X-J1+J2 profiles (1992-2012)

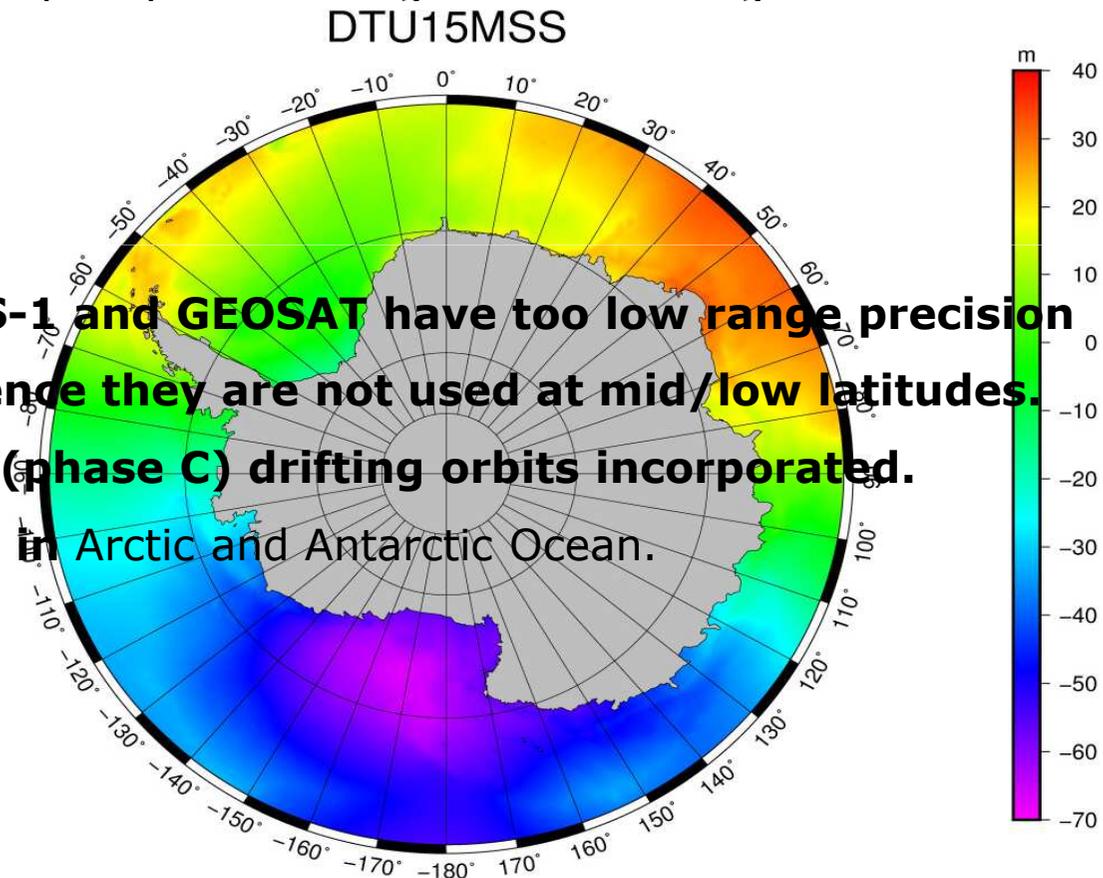
Identical reference time period to DTU13.

All GM satellites reference to this by only considering short wavelength of these.

Corrections consistent to RADS

Whats new:

- **Old Geodetic mission of ERS-1 and GEOSAT have too low range precision**
- **Compared to C2 and J-1. Hence they are not used at mid/low latitudes.**
- **SARAL/AltiKA and ENVISAT(phase C) drifting orbits incorporated.**
- **Update of short wavelength in Arctic and Antarctic Ocean.**

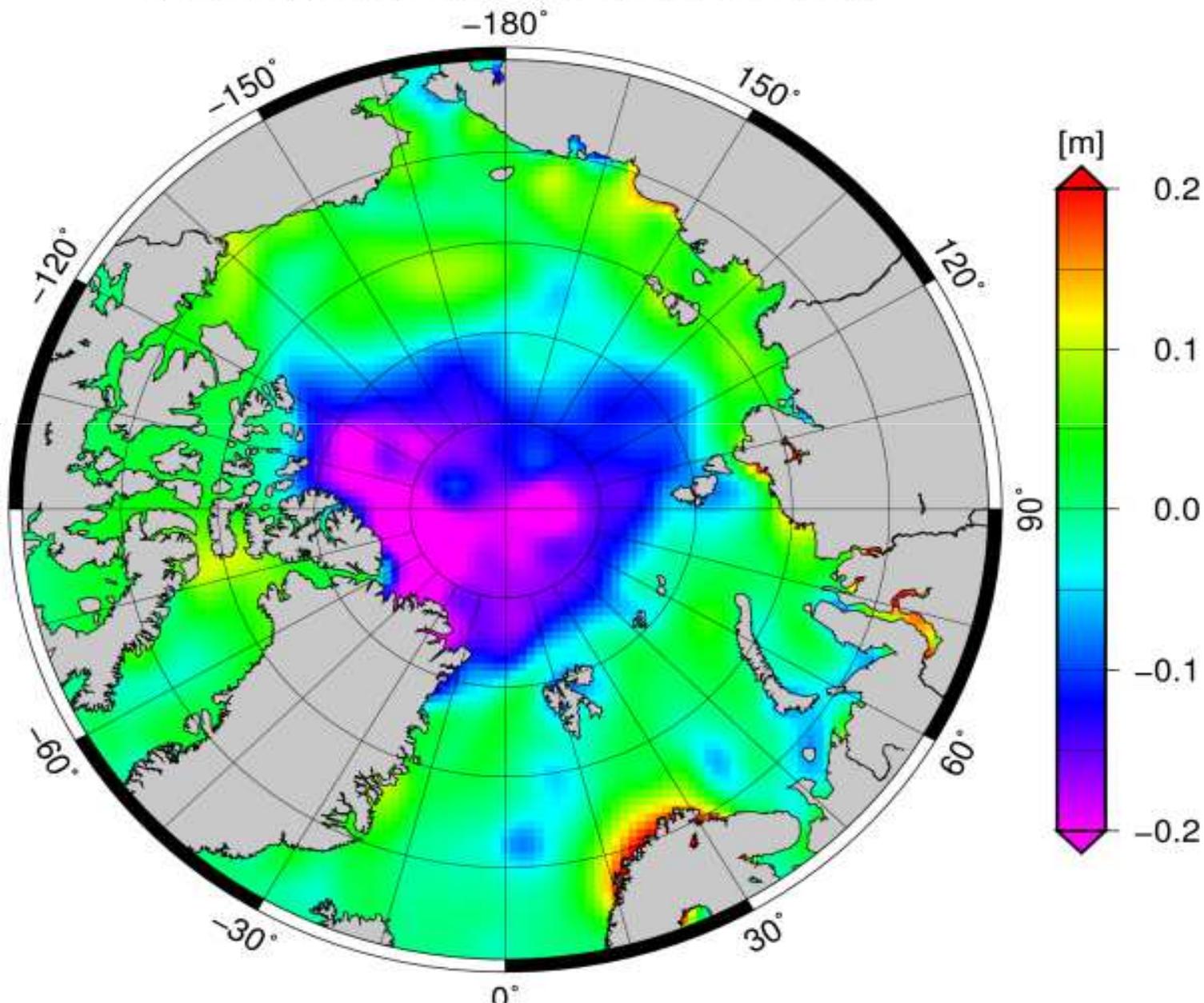
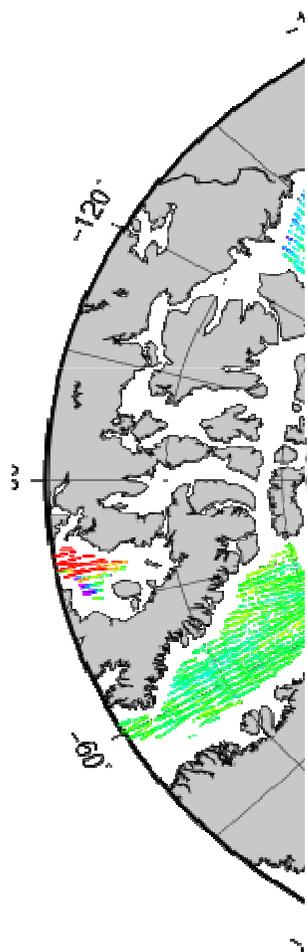


DTU13MSS from DTU10



Gridded smoothed selected mean

For DTU13 on



5 years of Cryosat-2 relative to DTU13MSS

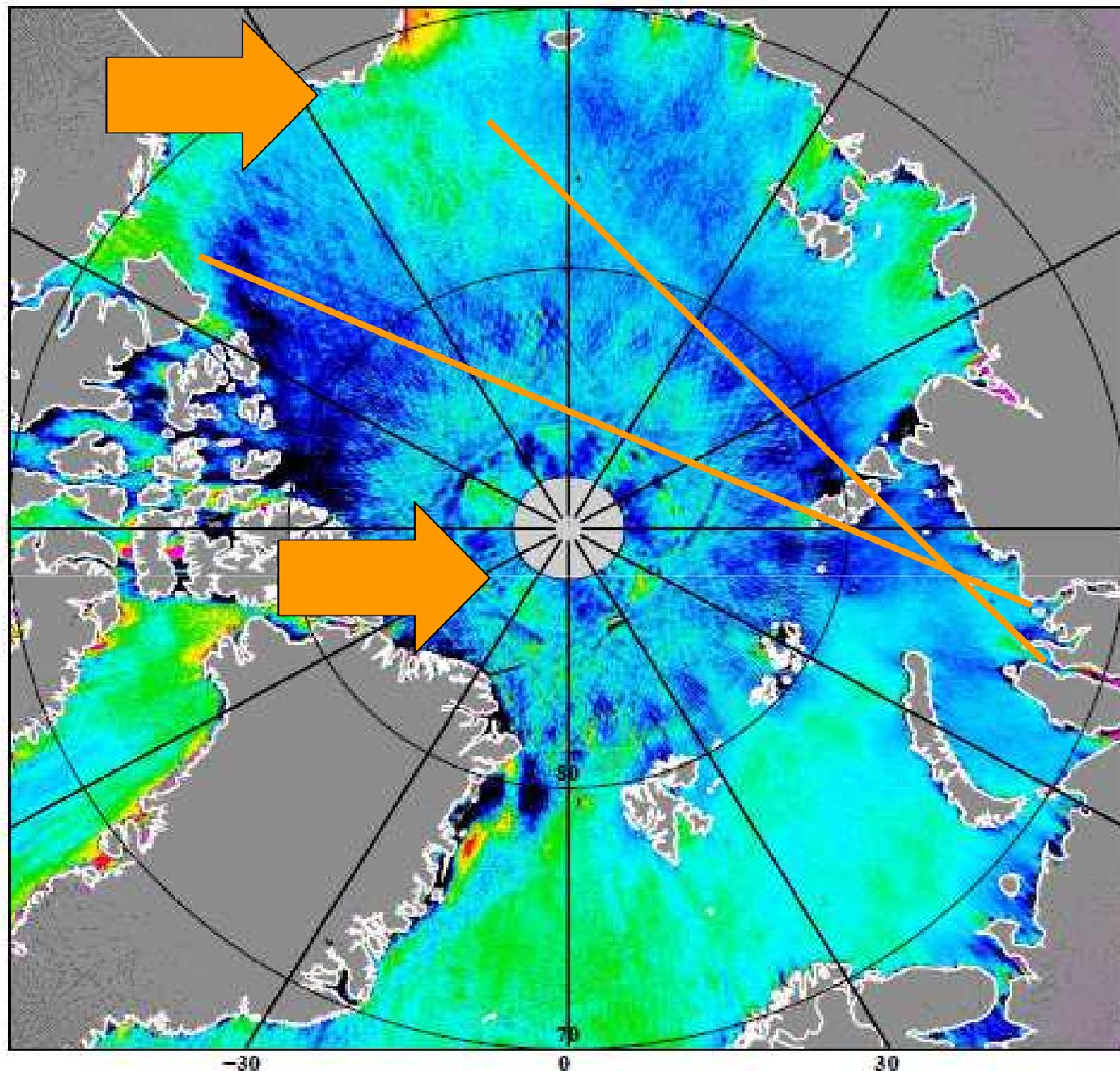
The Problems are:

ICESat data in DTU10

Coastal

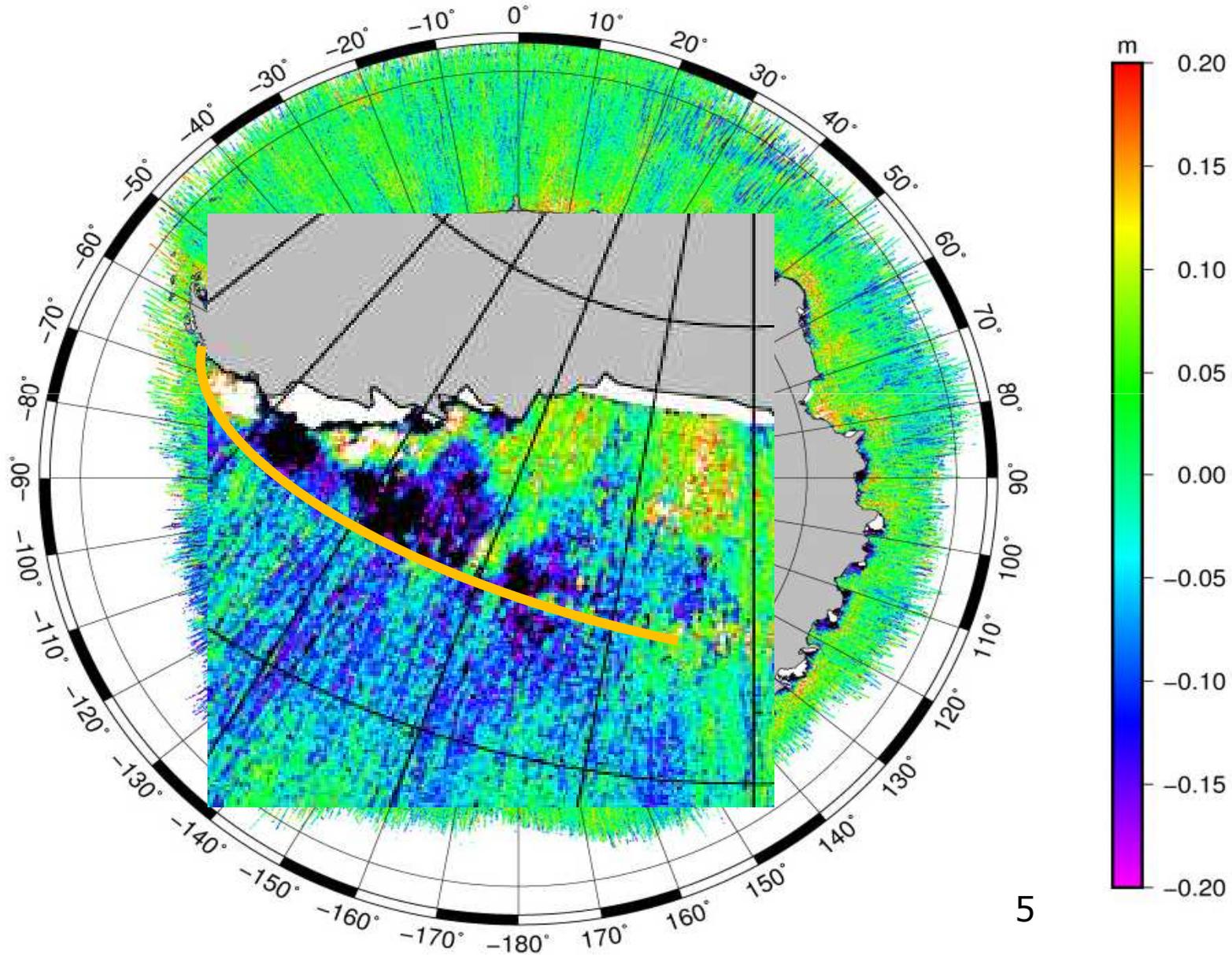
Polar extrapolation

North of 86N (expected

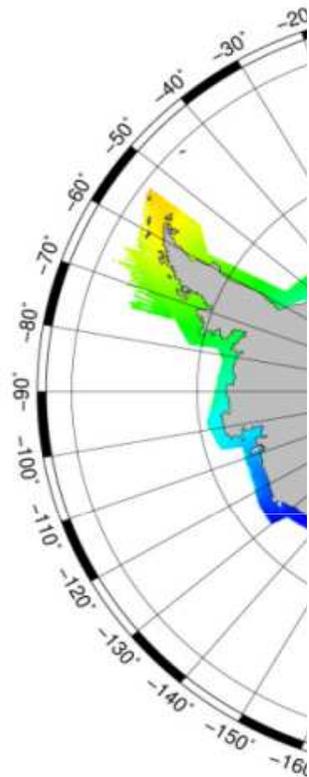


Antarctica

Data minus DTU13

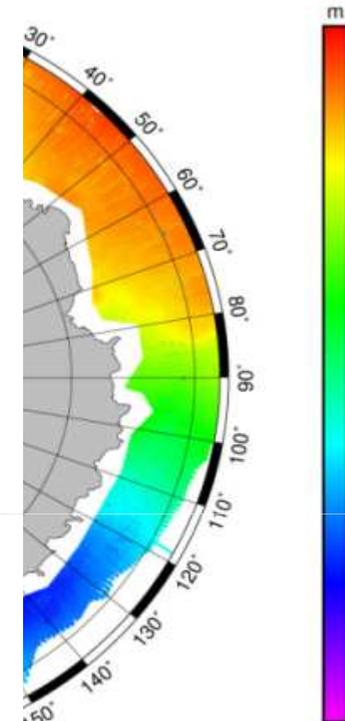


SARin in Antarctica

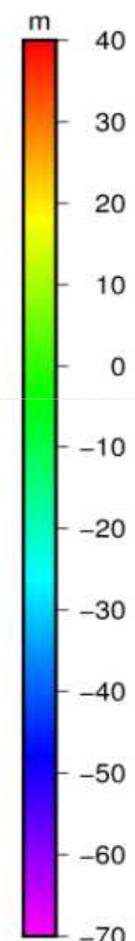
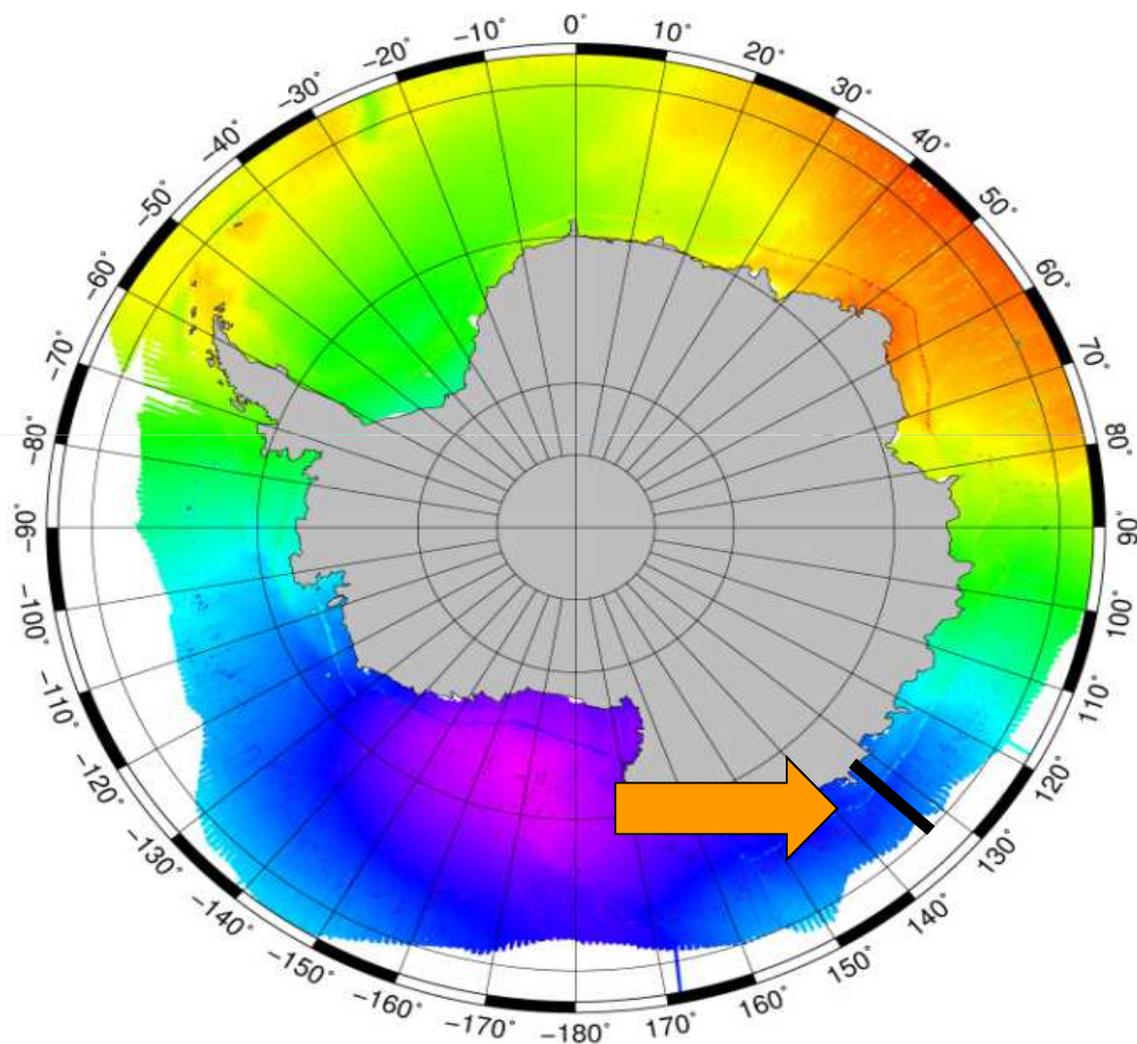


SAR in Antarctica

10° 0° 10°



SAR and SARin in Antarctica



Coastal issue:

Merging C-2 SAR and SAR-in

–(apparently slight different retracker bias dependent on sea-ice concentration-specular)

Change of satellite issue (ICESat):

Shortwavelength issue.....

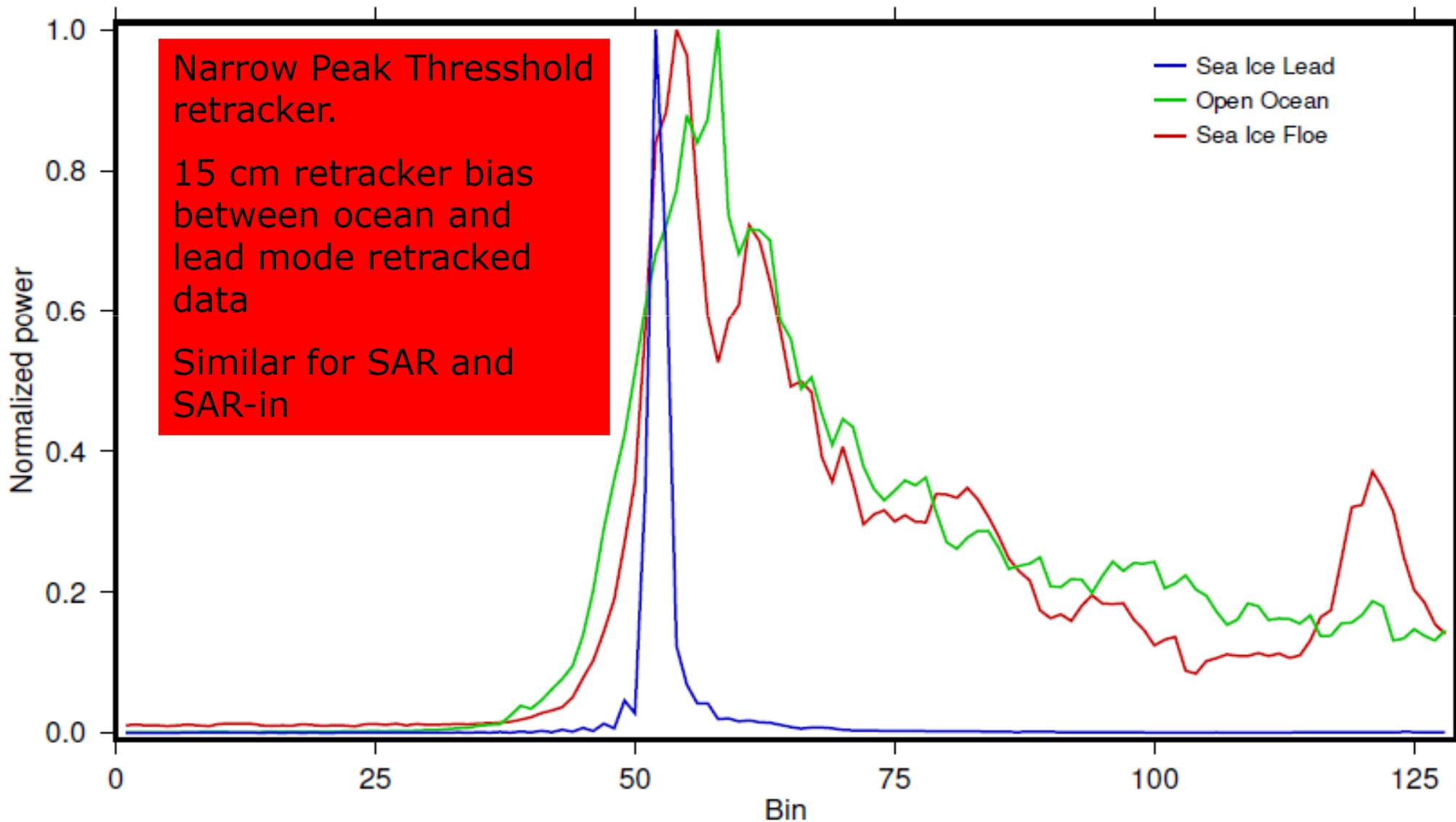
Determine short wavelength from C2

Full in-house retracking of all C2 Baseline B

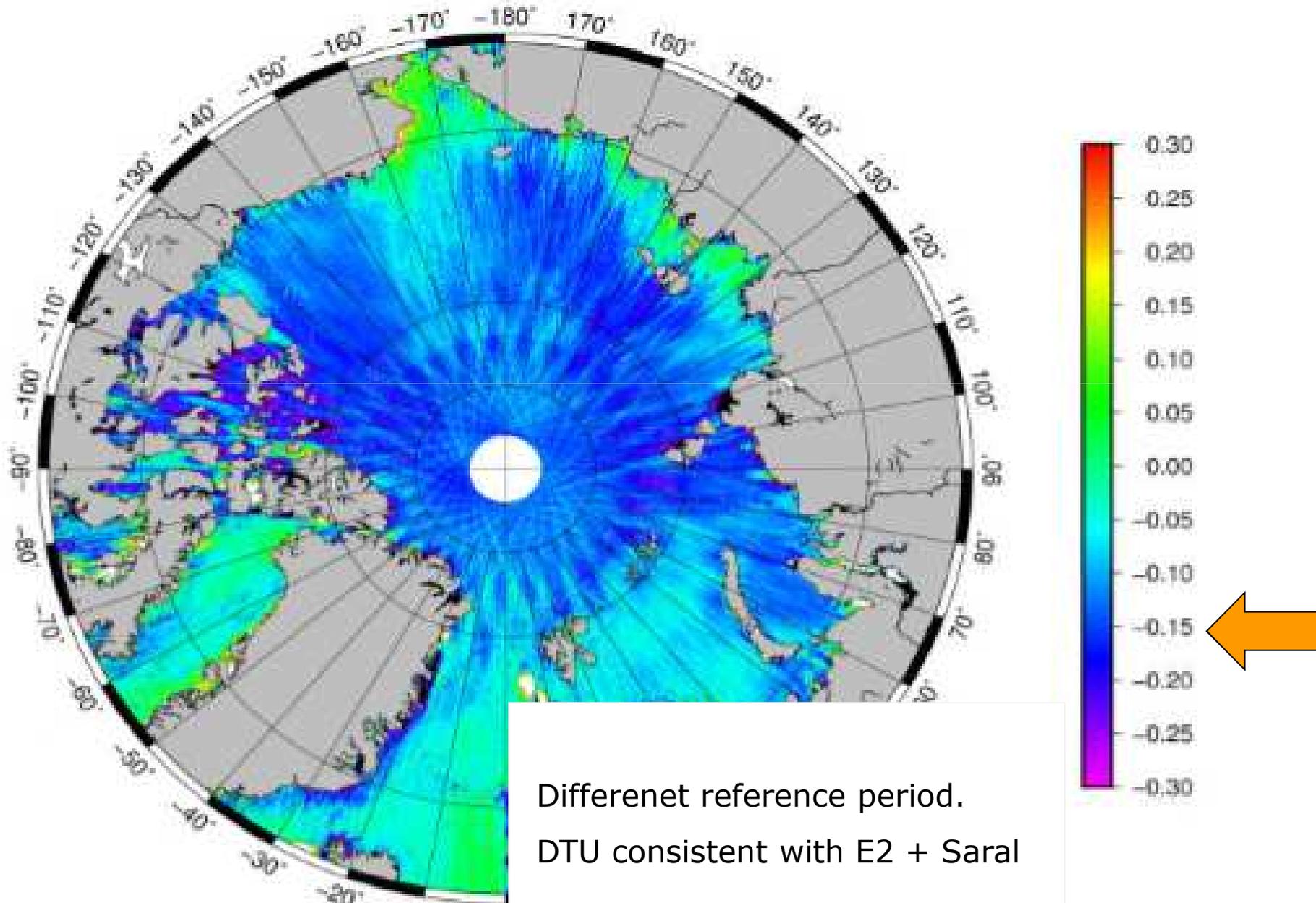
Polar Gap issue:

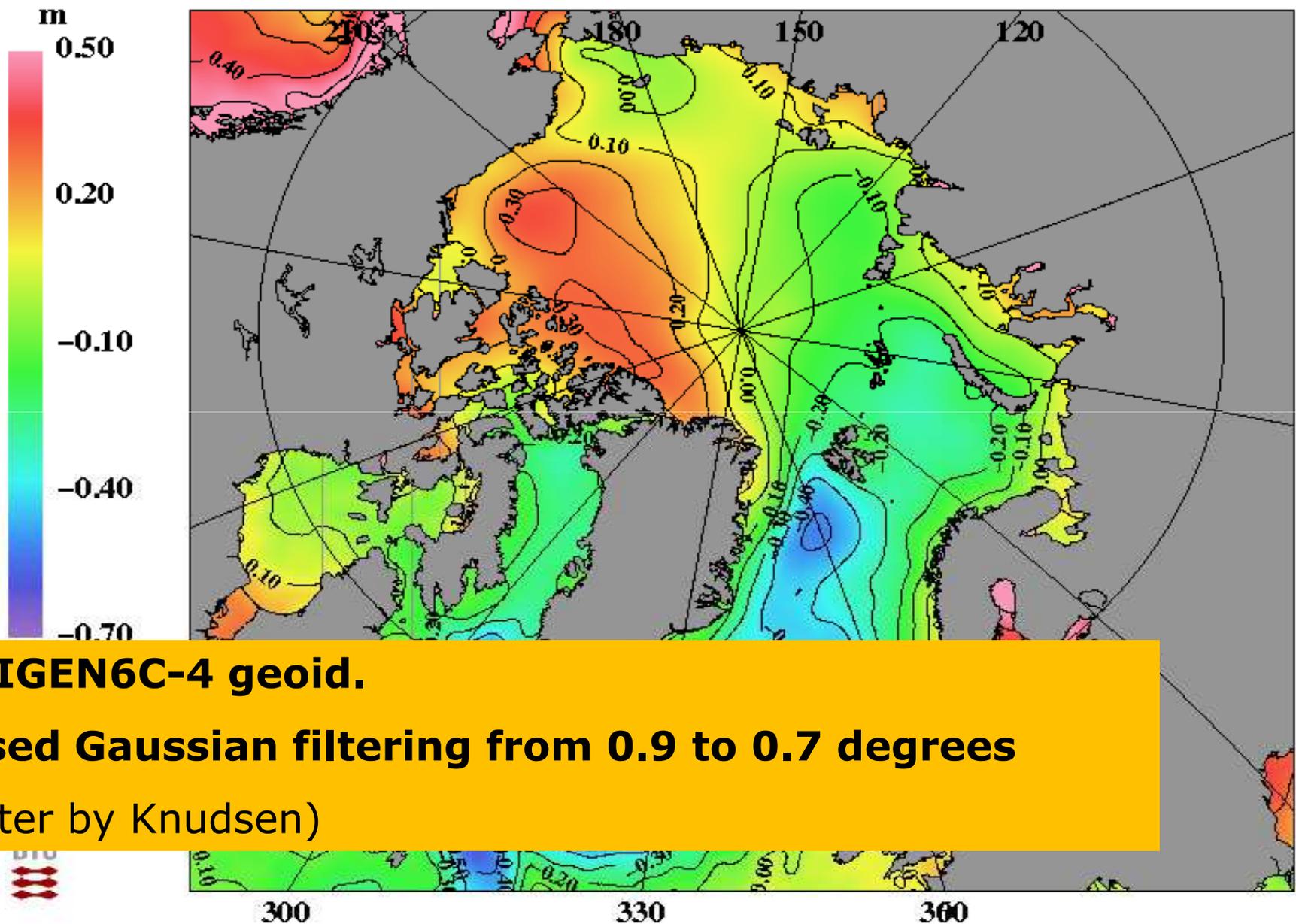
GOCE smooth geoid extrapolation north of 88N.

Classification for offset: Stack Standard Deviation vs PP



DTU15 – UCL13 (15 cm offset)

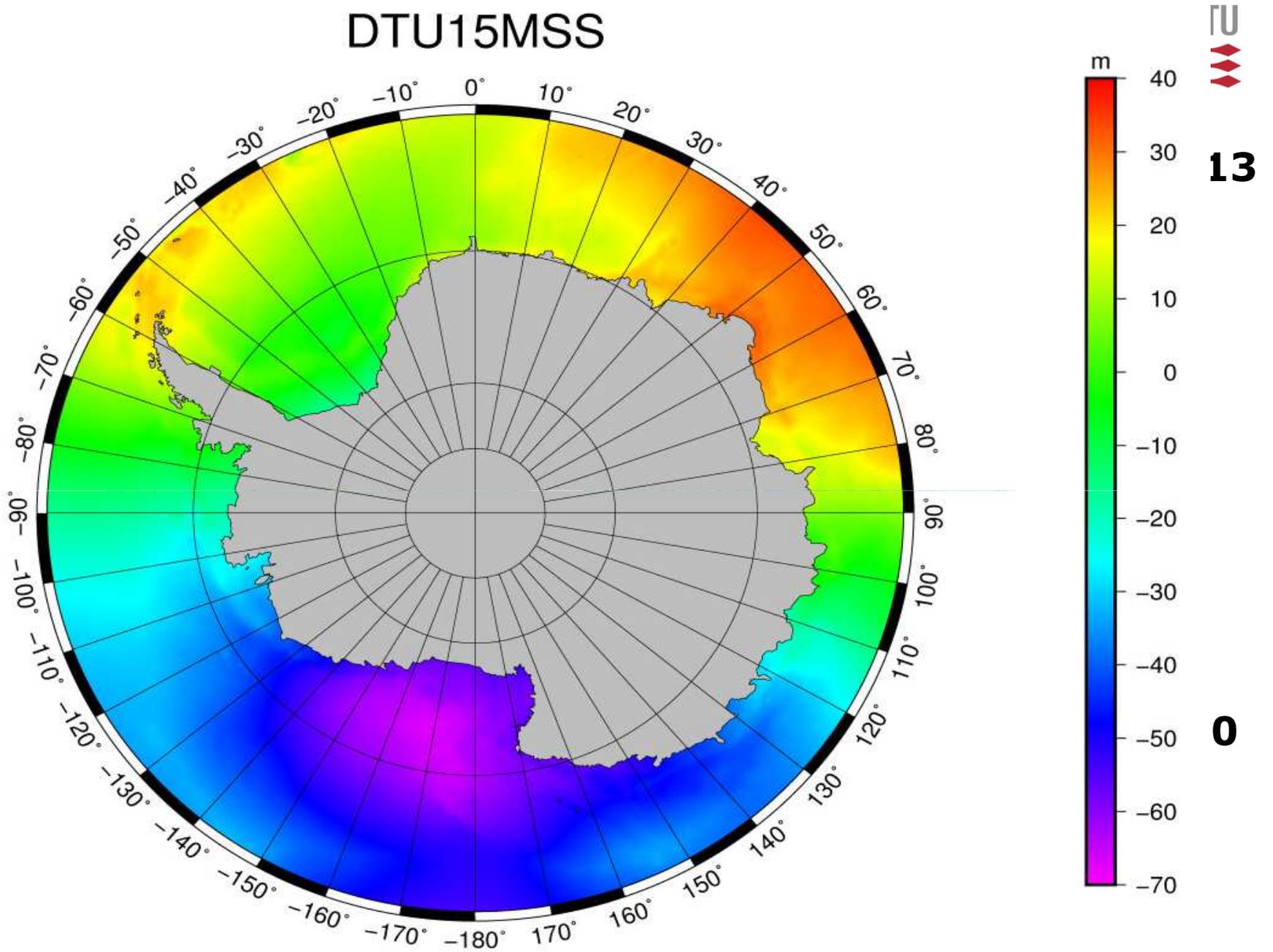




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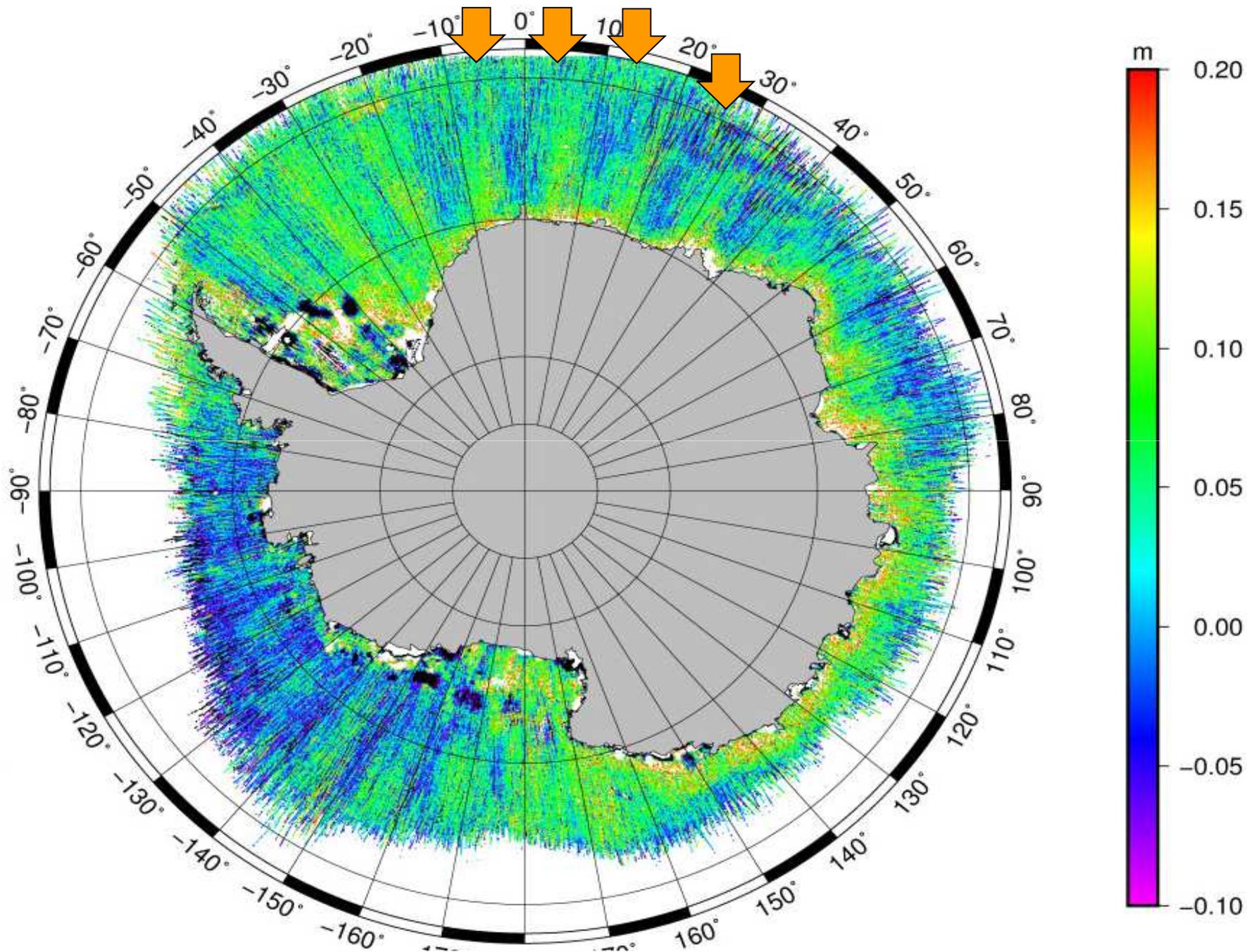
C2-DTU

C2-DT



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Data minus CLS10



Summary.



- **DTU15MSS and DTU15MDT is ready for release.**
- **Final Testing around Arctic and Antarctic coasts are ongoing**
- **The old Geodetic Missions now have to low precision.**
- **However E-1 is still used in the Arctic.**
- **As DTU15MSS is based on DTU13MSS, then any input for final testing is valuable to us.**
- **The coastal SAR to SAR-in change might be good for Cryosphere, but not for MSS determination.**