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The Experimental Gravity Field Model **XGM2016**

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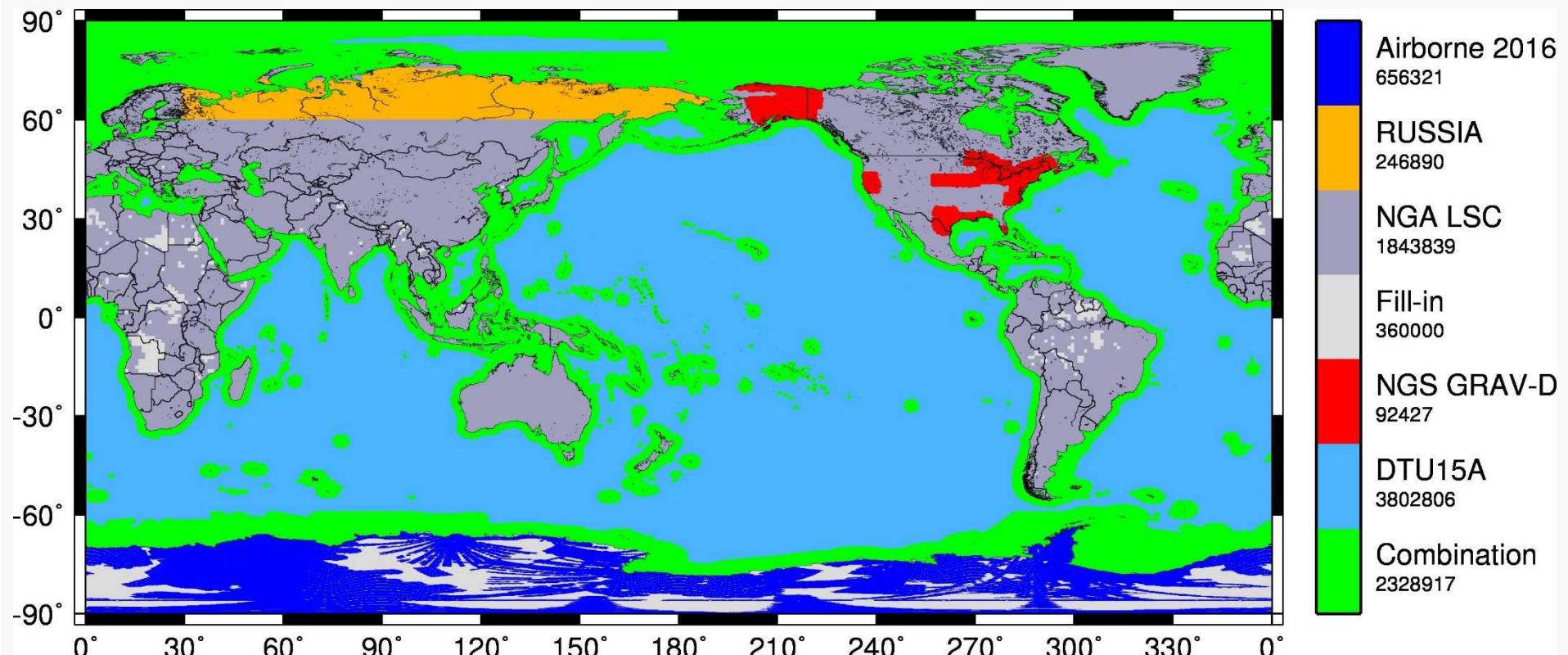
XGM2016: Set-up

- XGM2016: a combined gravity field model up to d/o 719
- Satellite information from GOCO05s*
- 15'x15' gravity anomaly area means from NGA's global data base
- Gravity anomaly update from new altimetric and terrestrial survey data, as well from new procedures for data processing
- Combination based on full normal equation matrices up to the maximum degree
- Regionally dependent weighting strategy considering the individual accuracy of each altimetric and terrestrial data cell

*Mayer-Gürr, T., and the GOCO Team (2015), The combined satellite gravity field model GOCO05S, Geophysical Research Abstracts, Vol. 17, EGU2015-12364, EGU General Assembly, Vienna

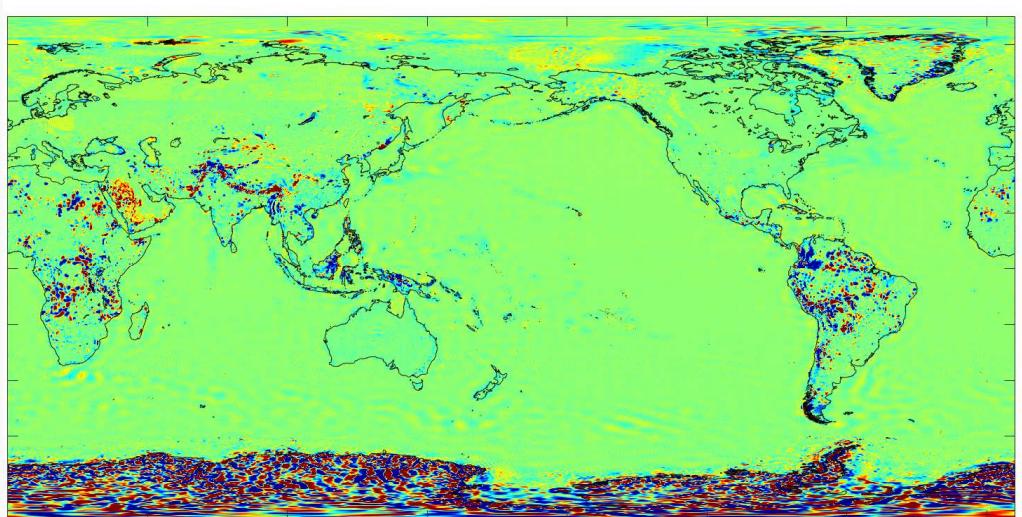
XGM2016: Input data

Global gravity anomaly data set – data origin

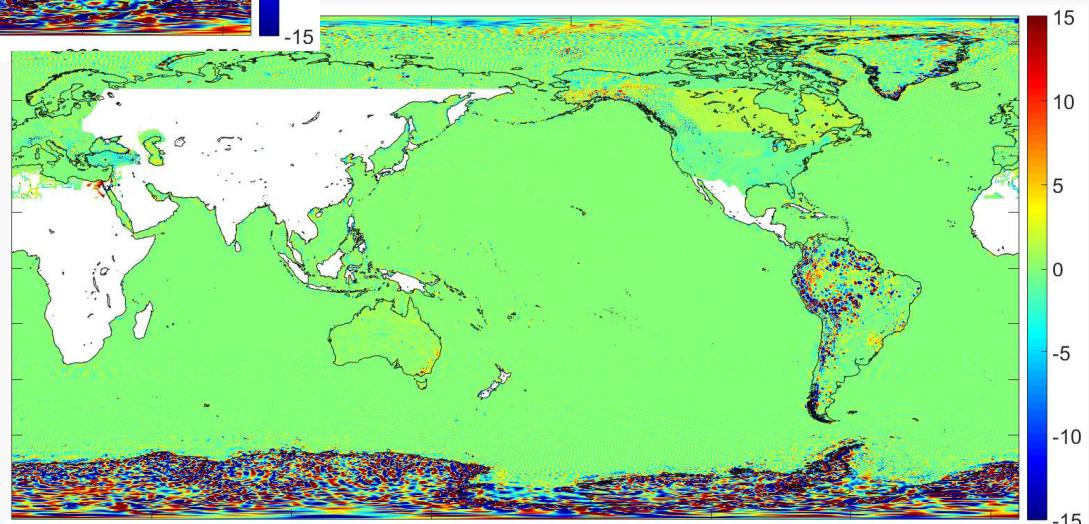


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Global gravity anomaly data set [mgal]



Difference to gravity anomalies
used for EGM2008

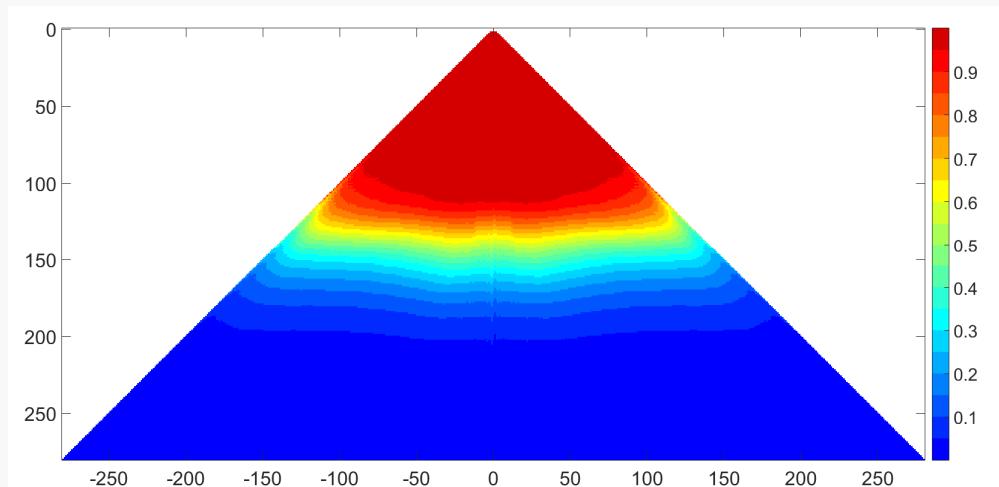


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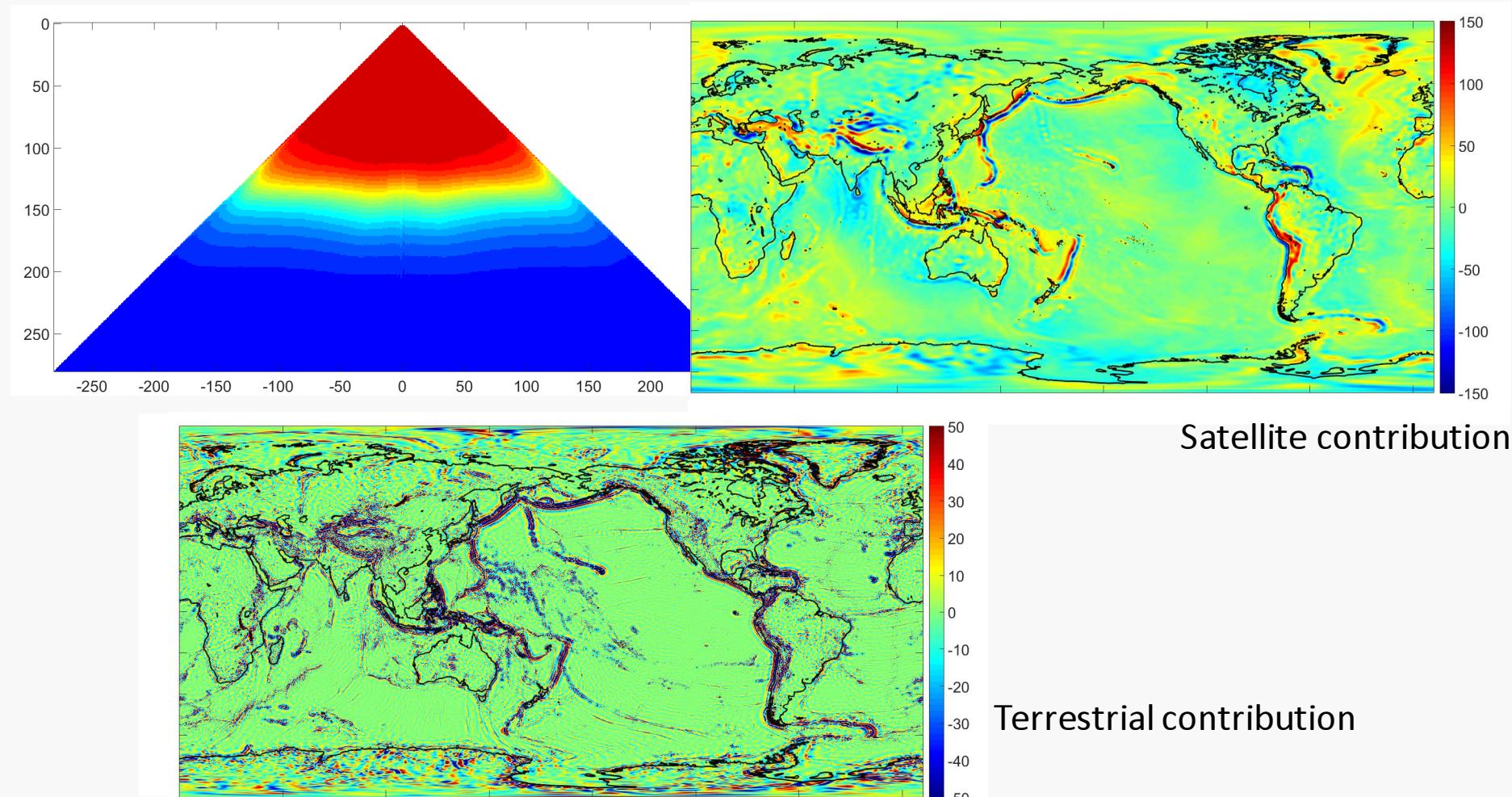
XGM2016: Results

Relative contribution of satellite information: 0 = 0%; 1 = 100%;



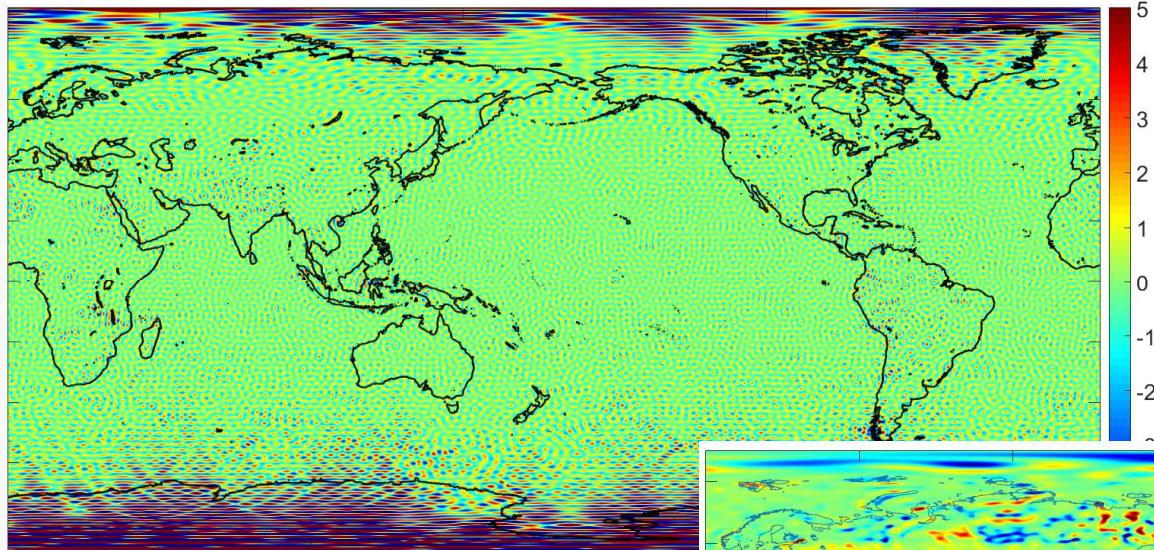
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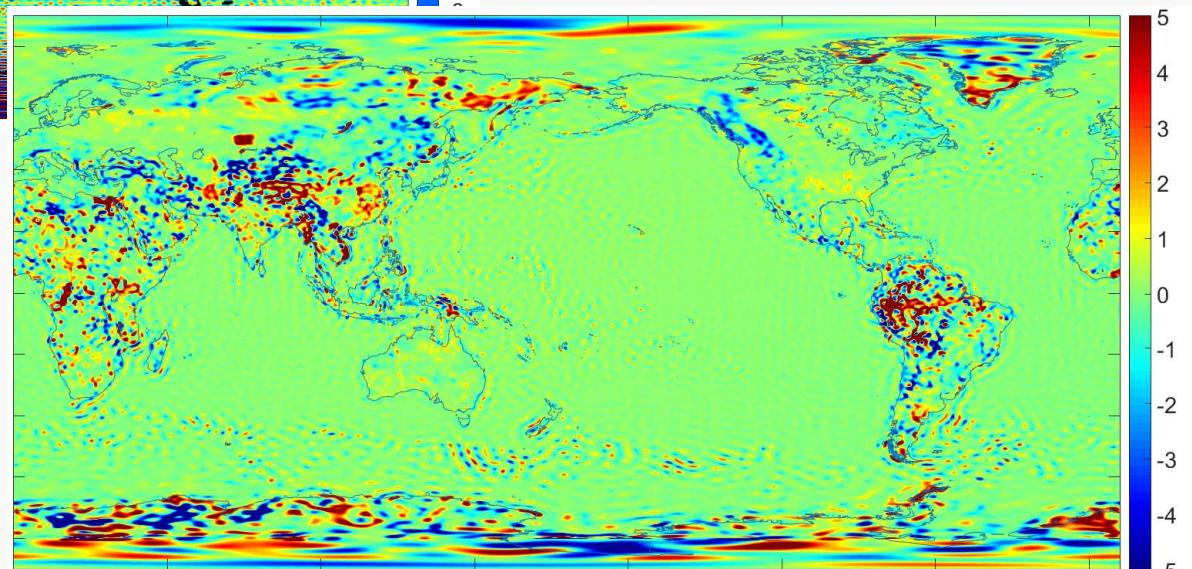
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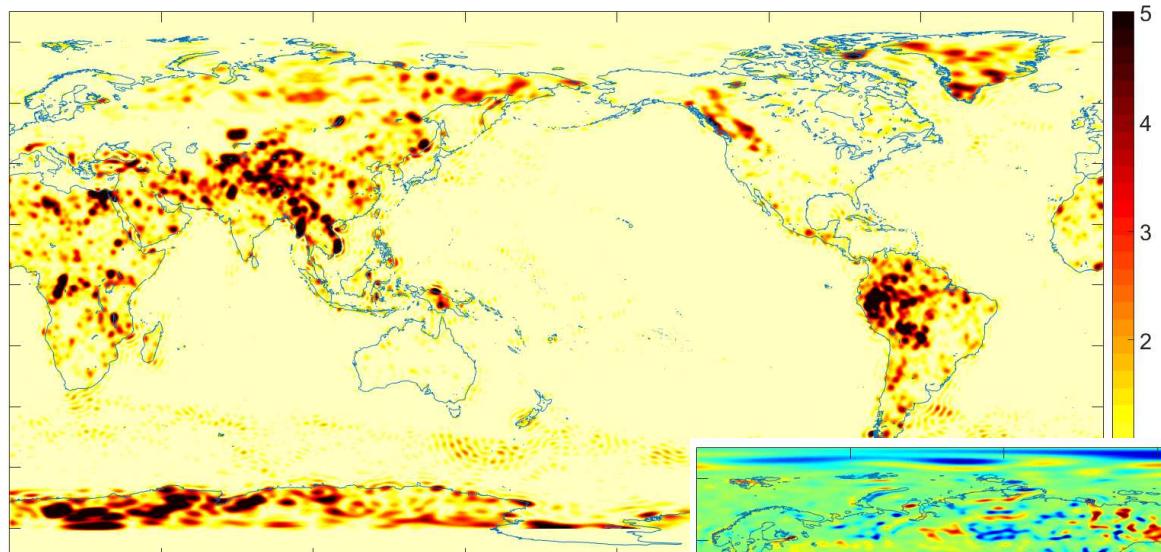
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XGM2016 - GOCO05s @ d/o 200

Residuals with
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XGM2016 - XGM2016T @ d/o 719

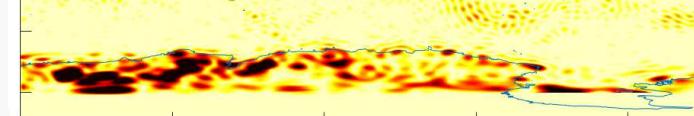


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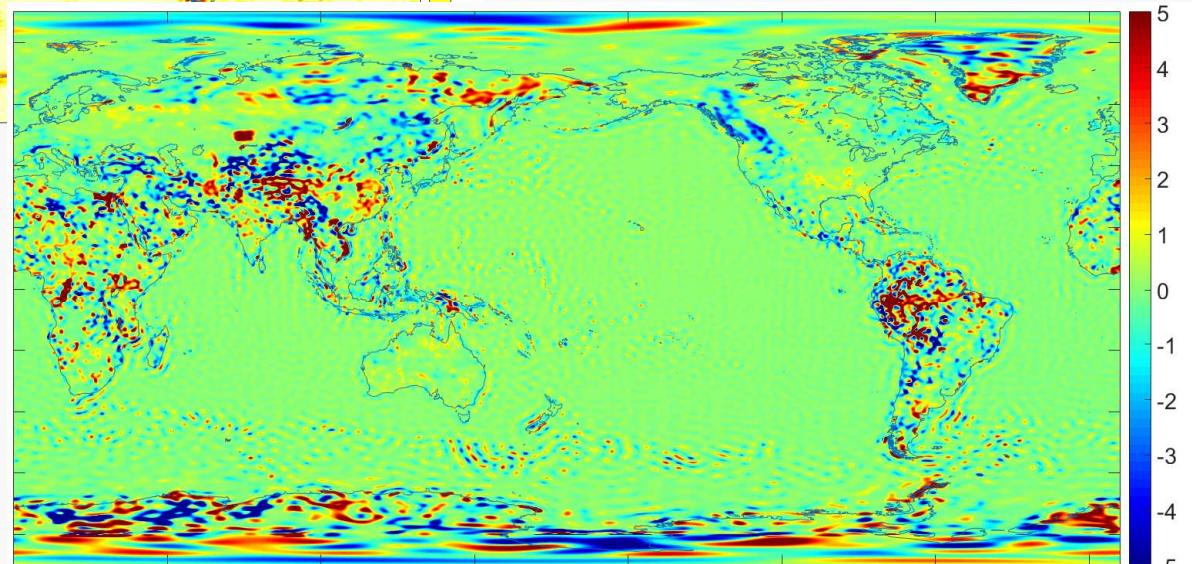
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stochastic model

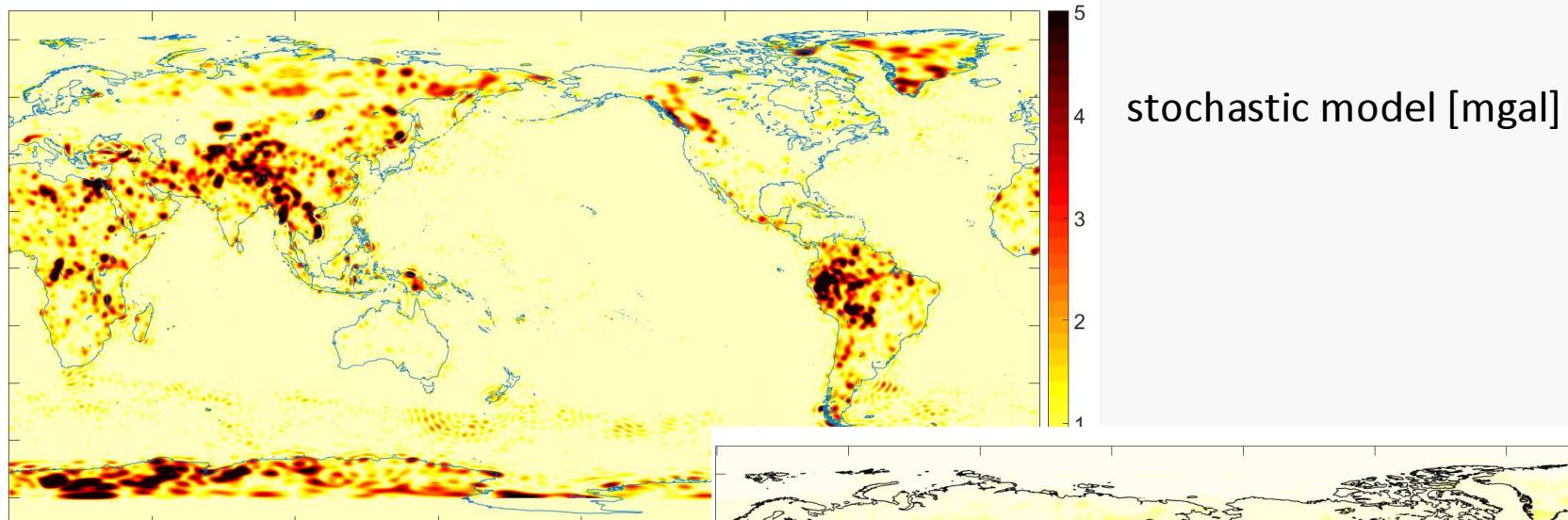


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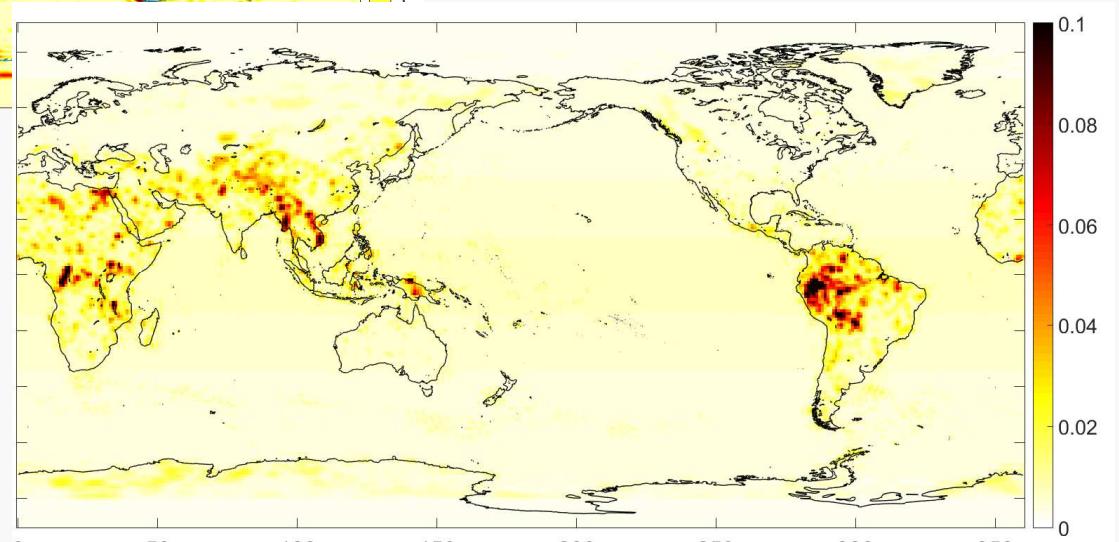


XGM2016: Results

Variance-covariance propagation into geoid heights

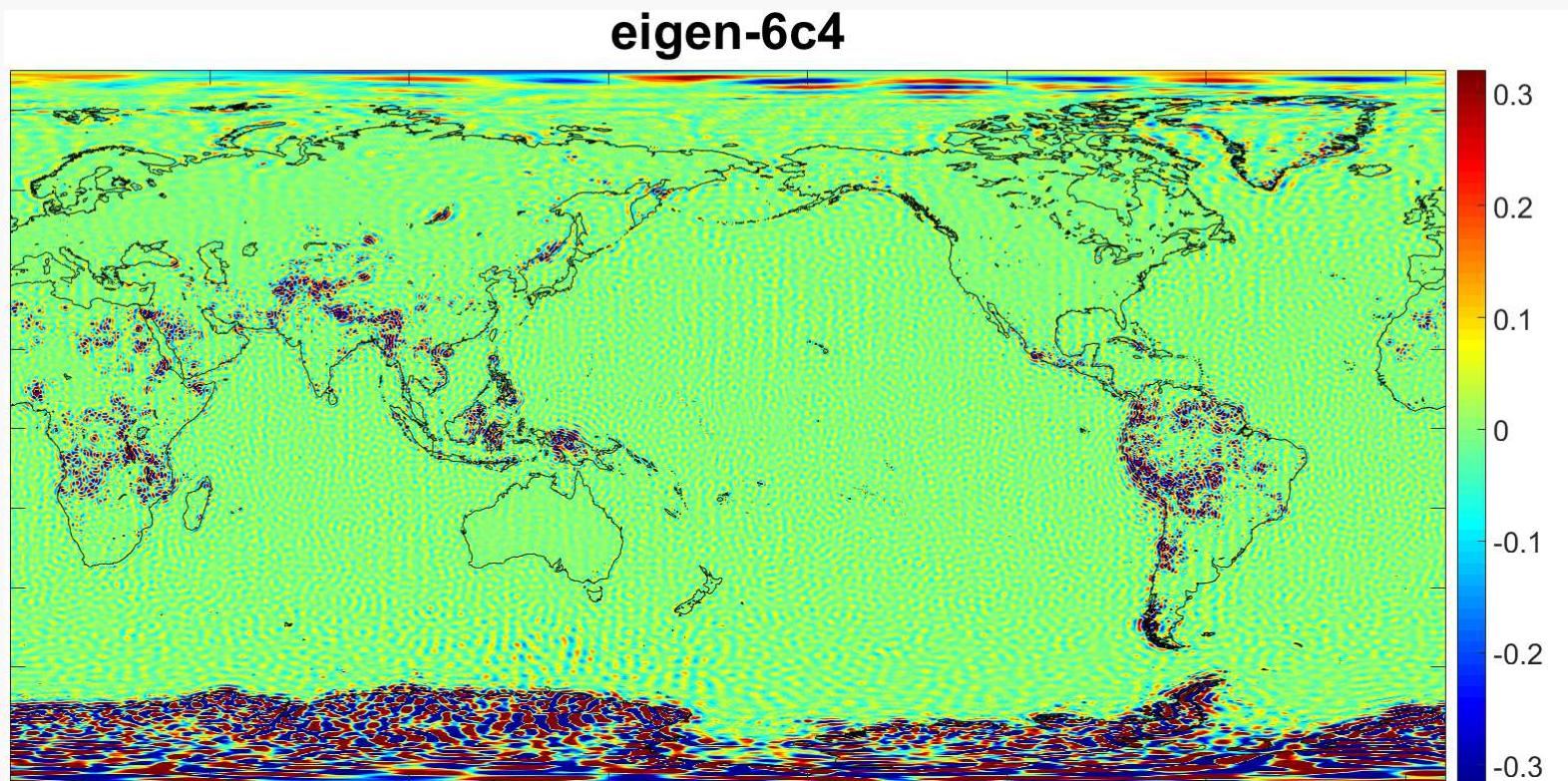


Propagation result @ d/o 719 [m]



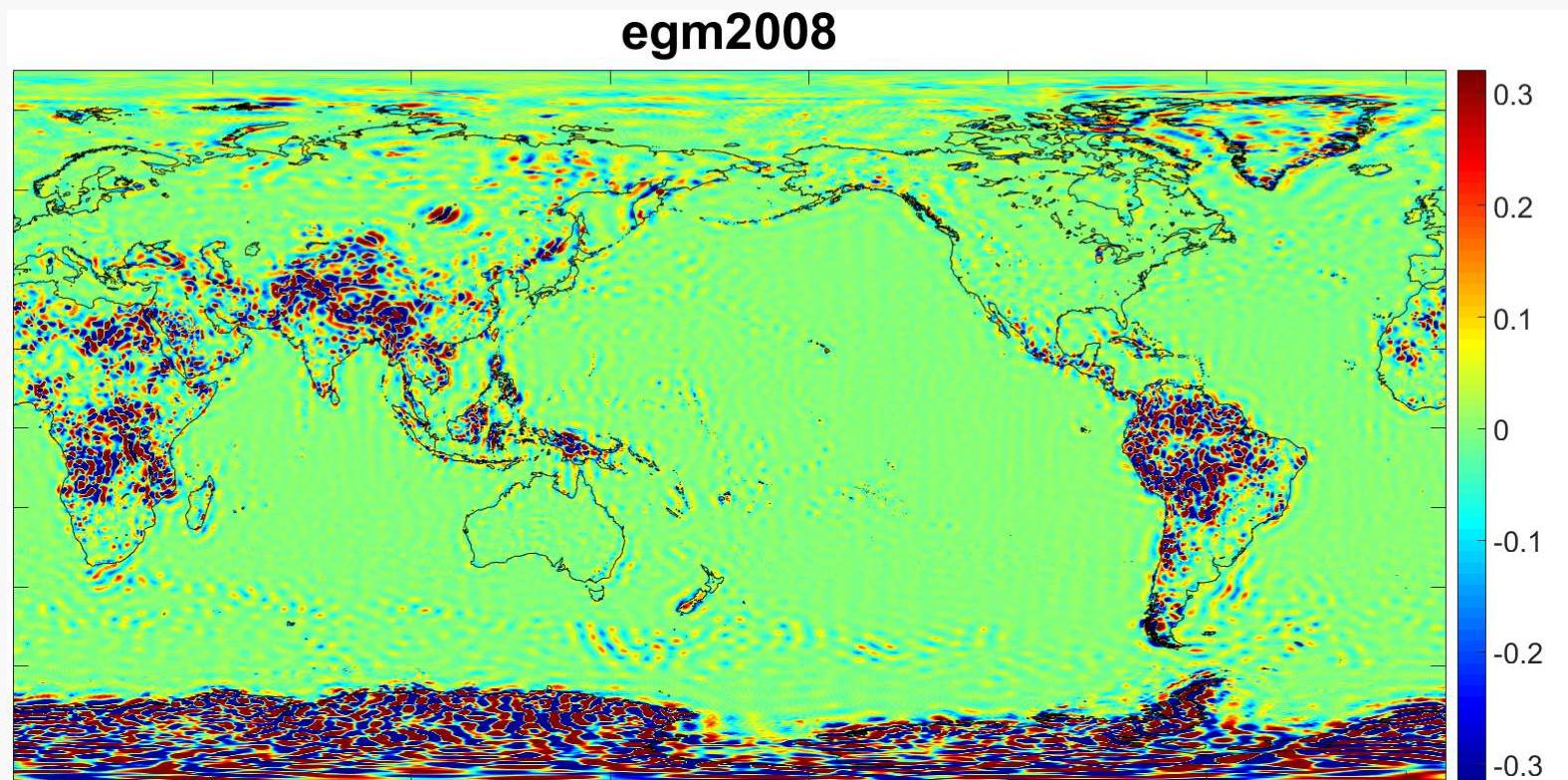
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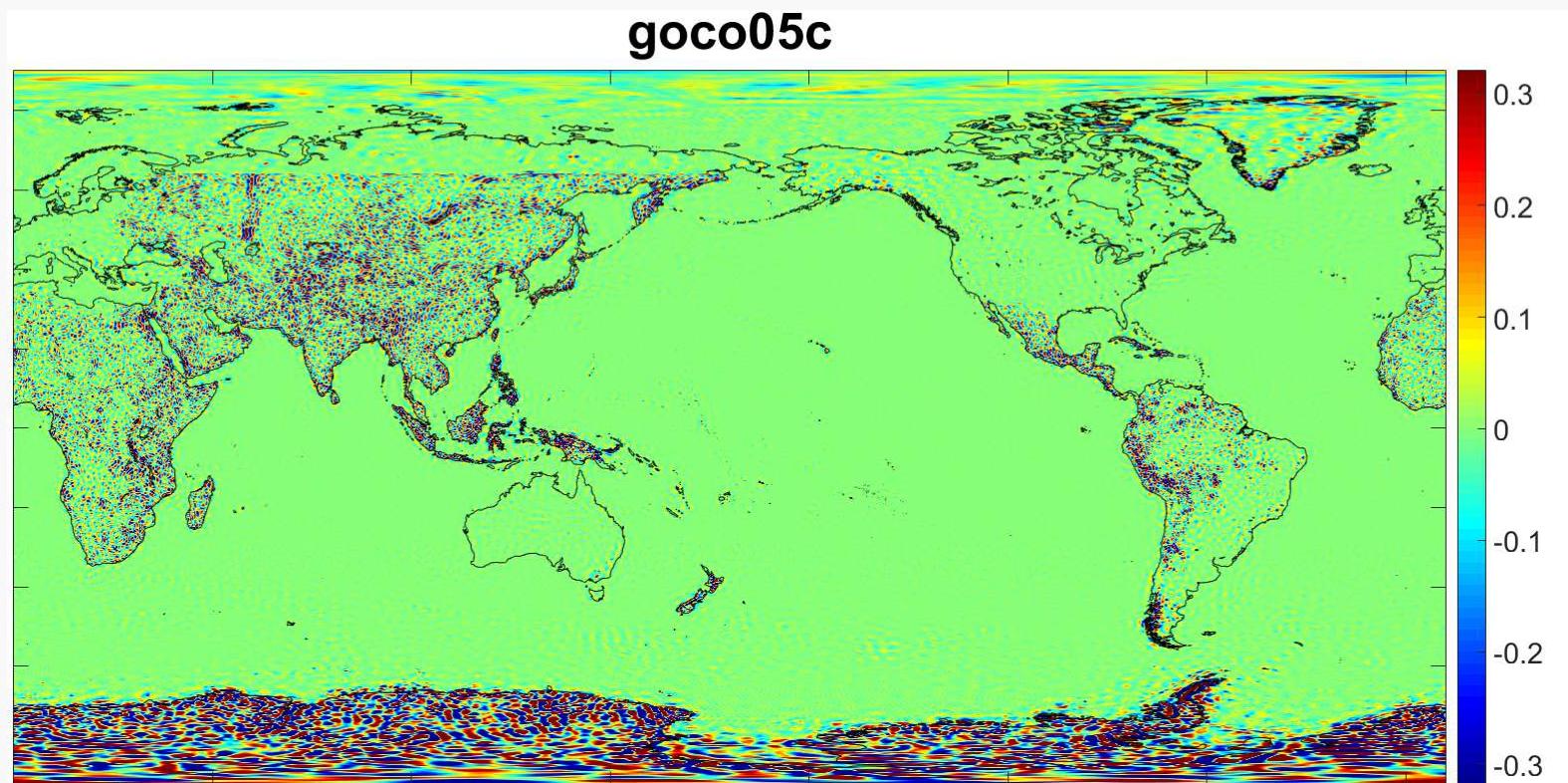
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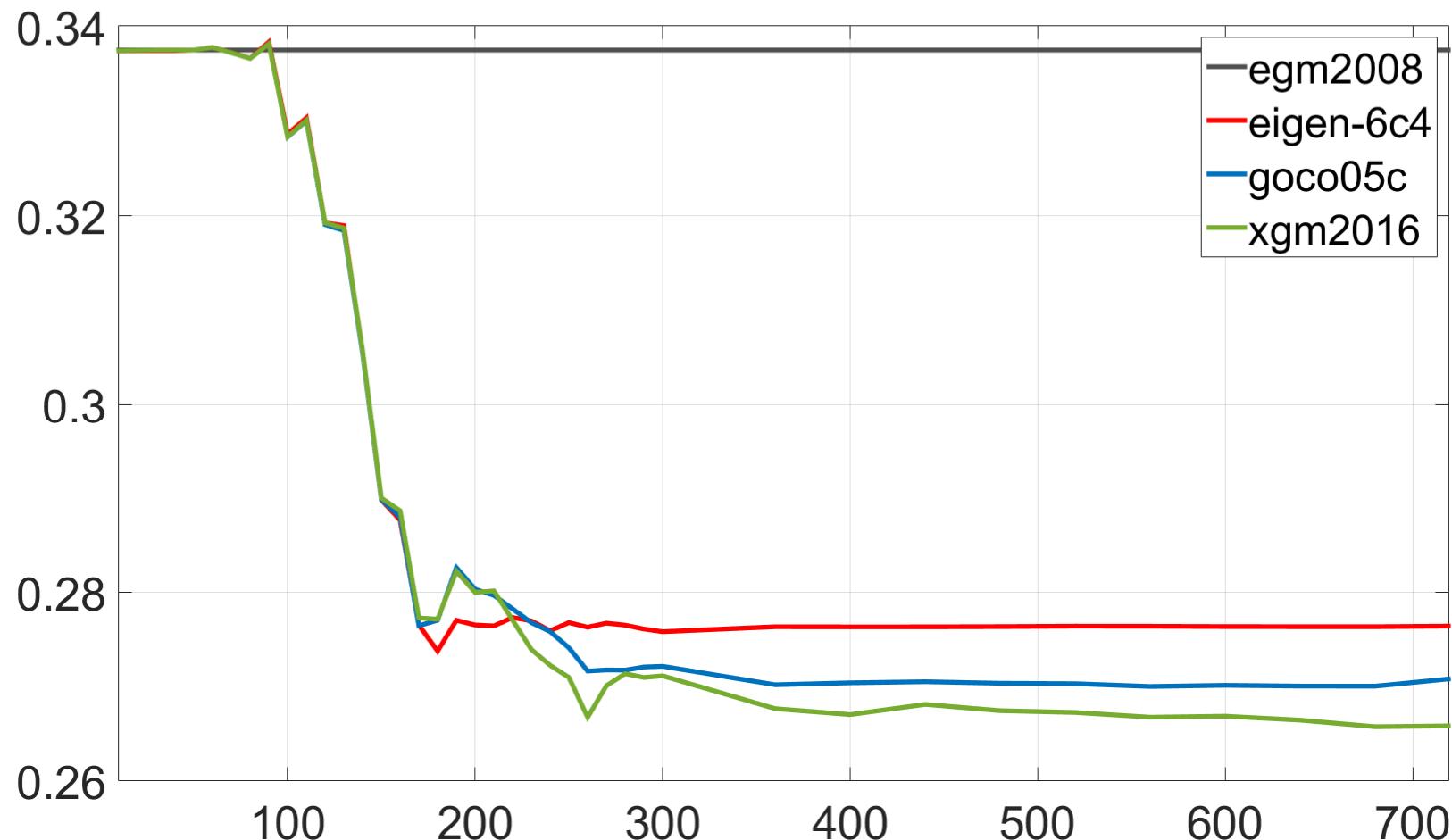
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GPS-leveling: RMS [m]

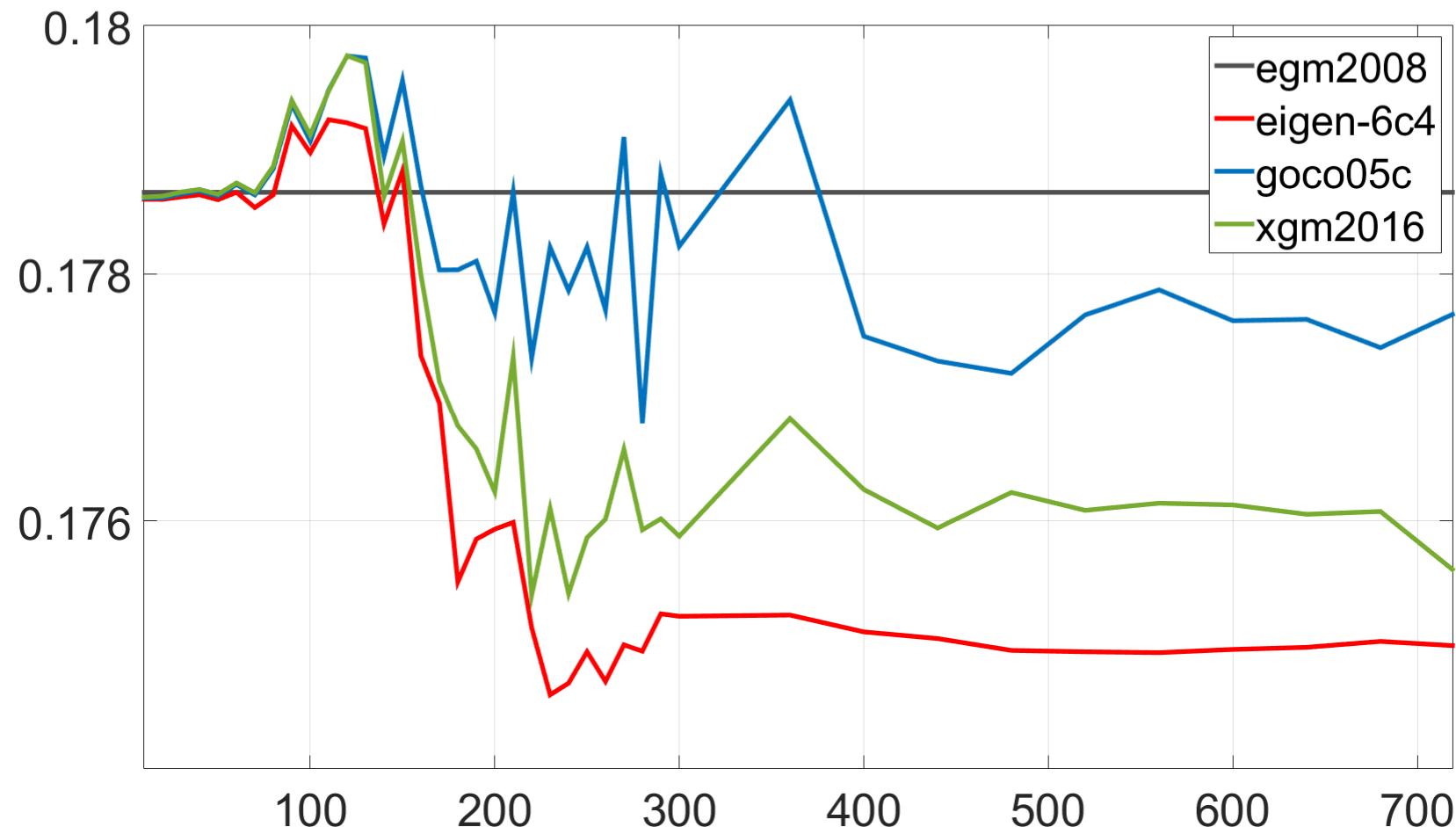
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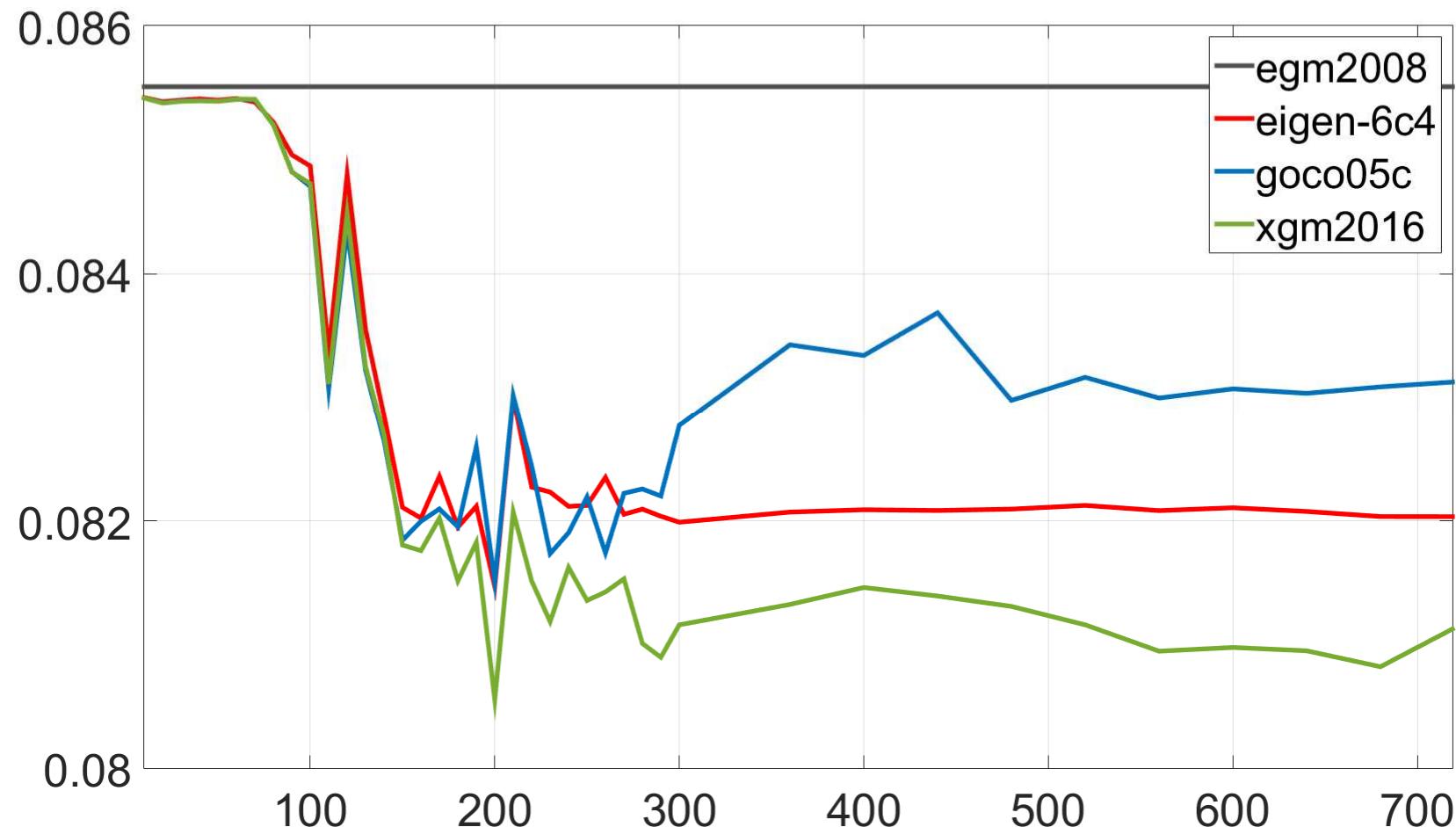
Australia: smallest improvement ~ 3mm



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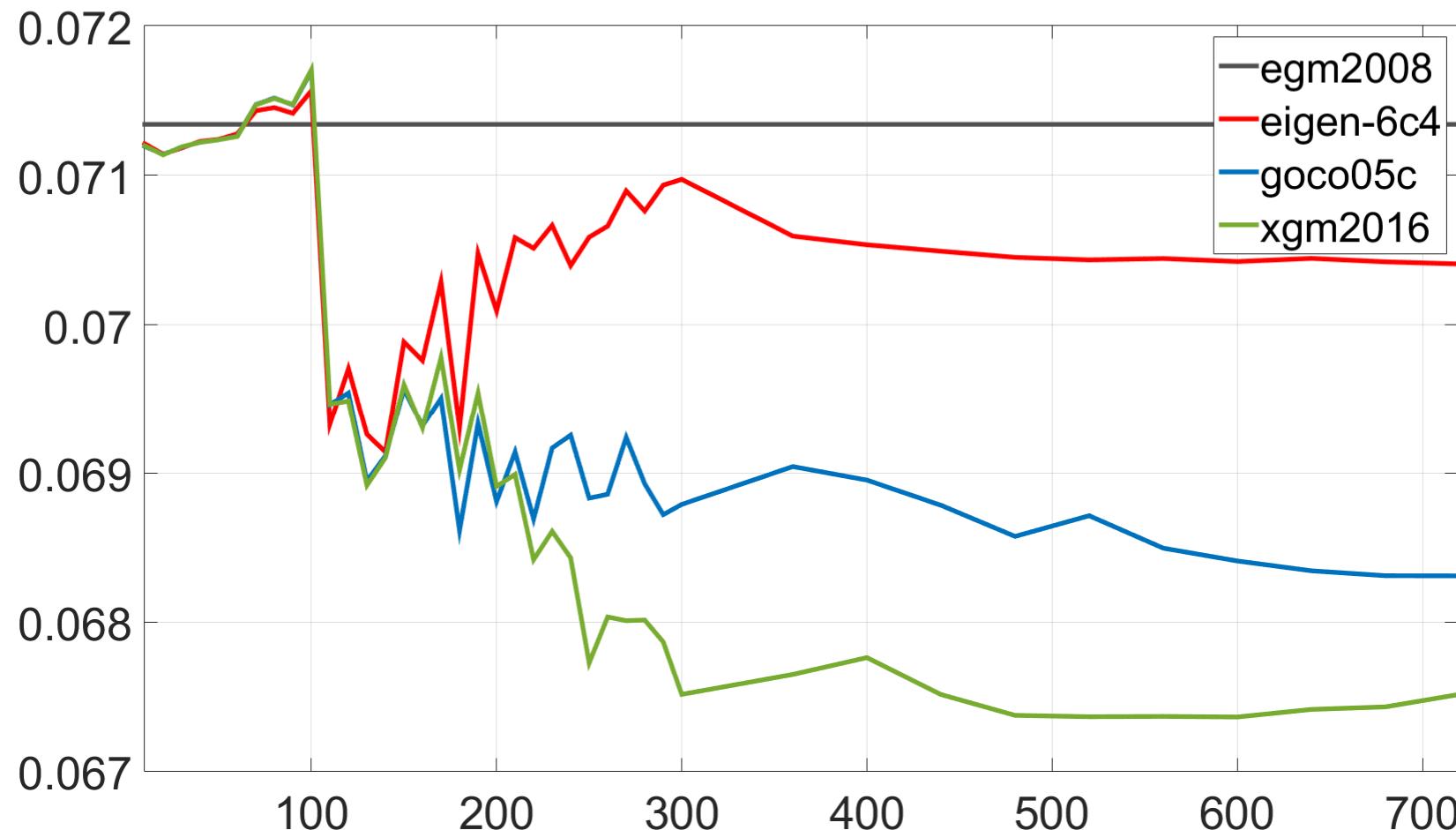
Canada: improvement $\sim 4\text{mm}$



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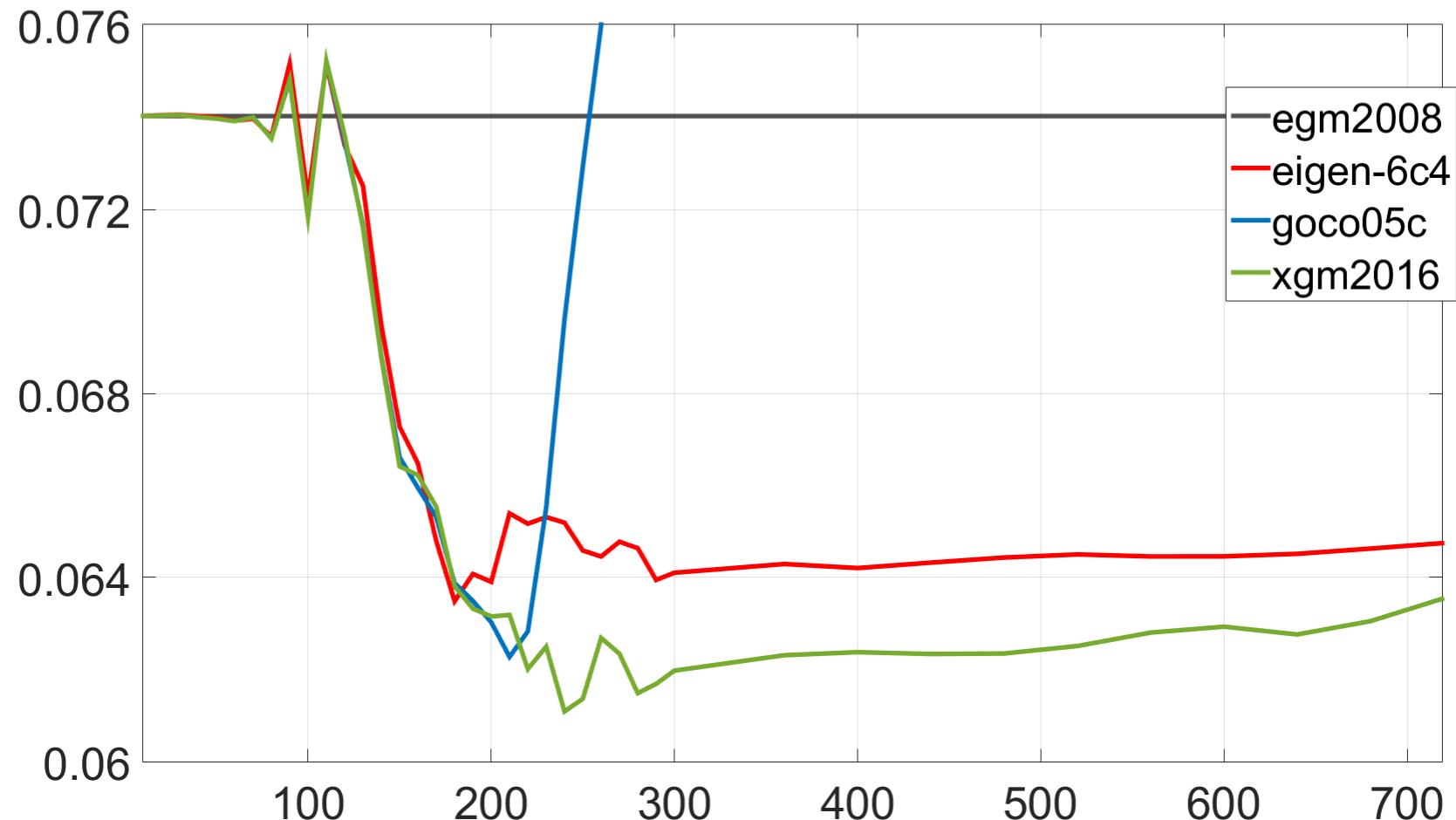
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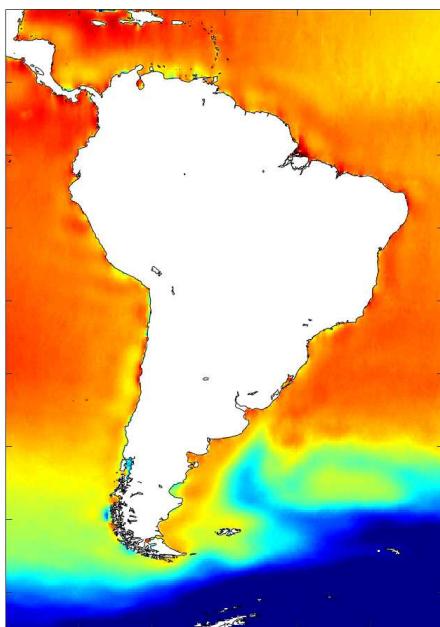
Japan: improvement > 1cm



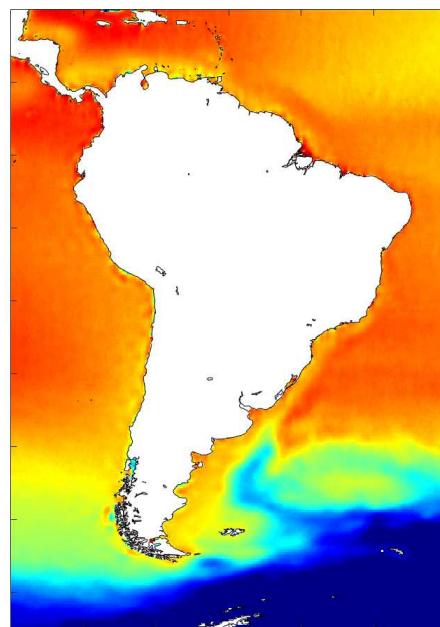
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MDT [m] w.r.t. DTU13_MSS, unfiltered

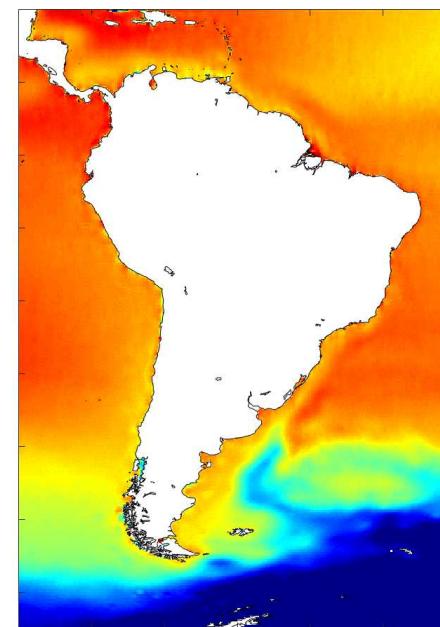
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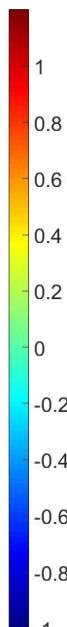
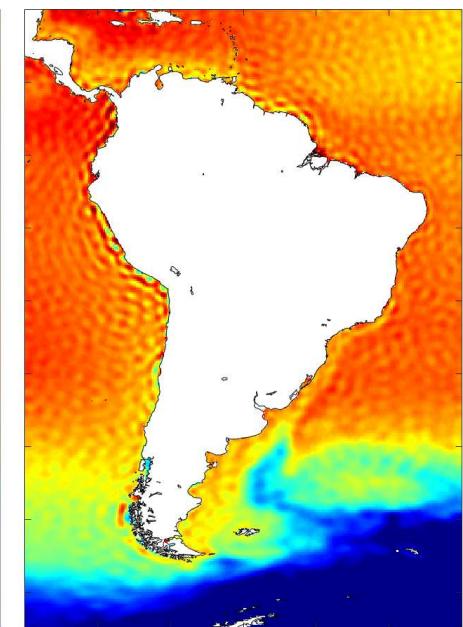
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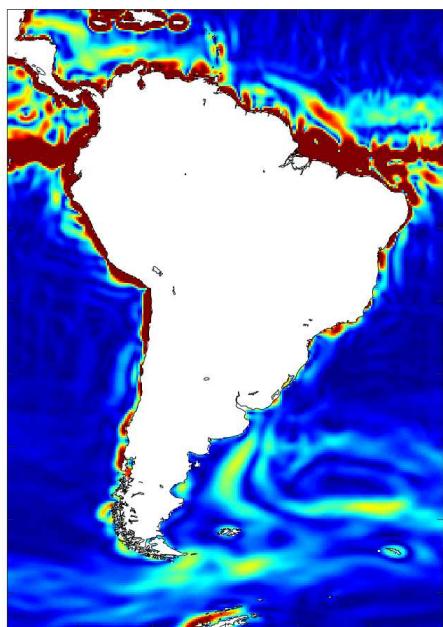
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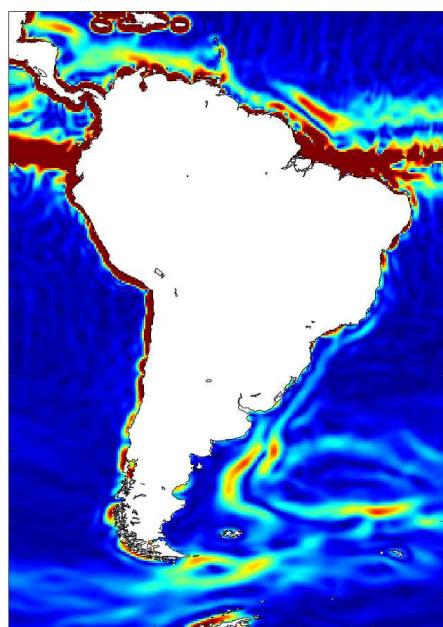
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Ocean current velocities [m/s] w.r.t. DTU13_MSS, Gauss 60 km

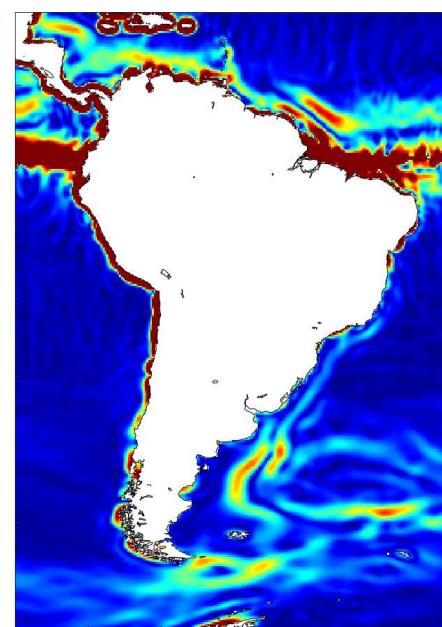
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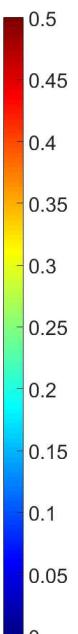
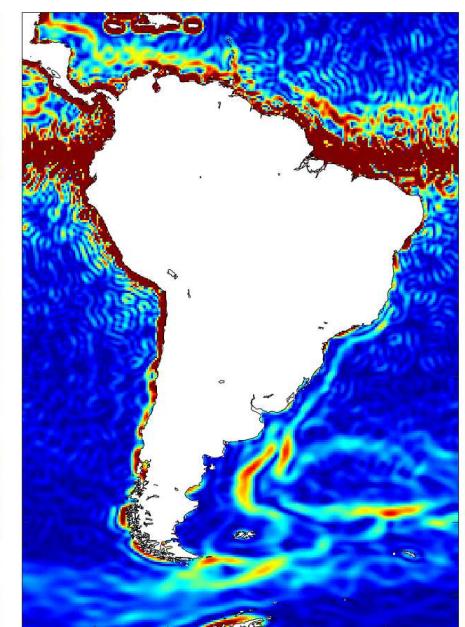
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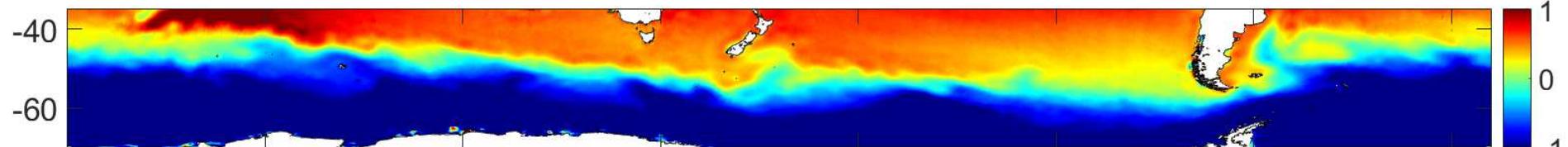
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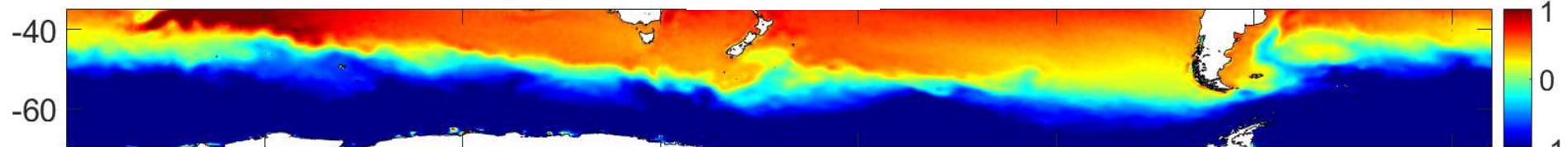
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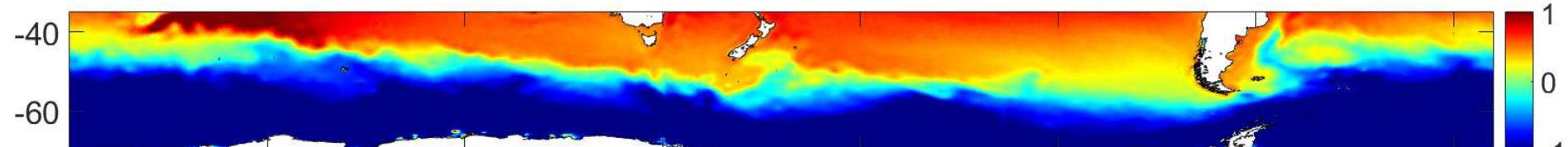
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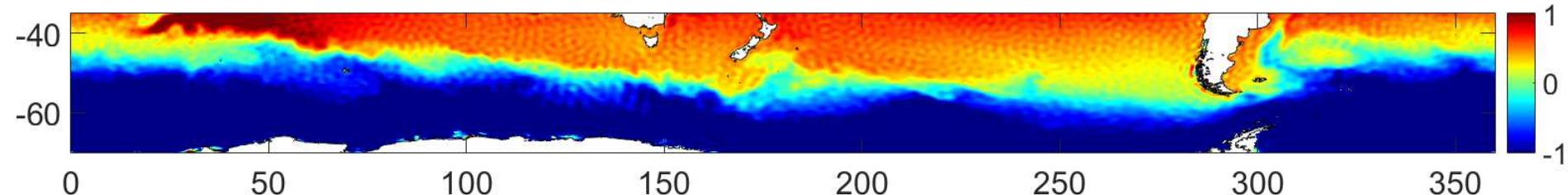
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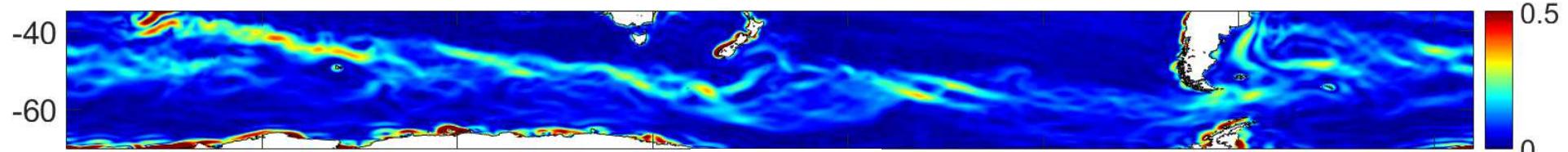
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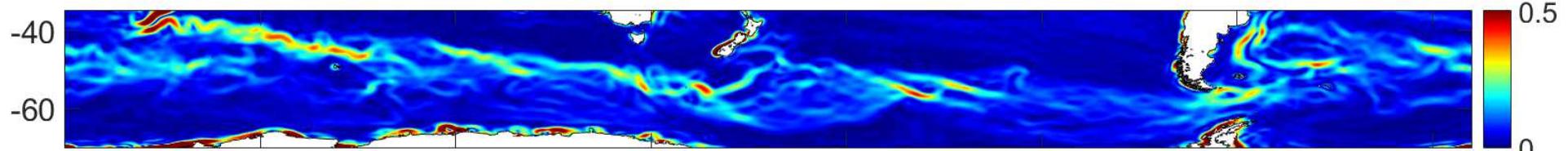
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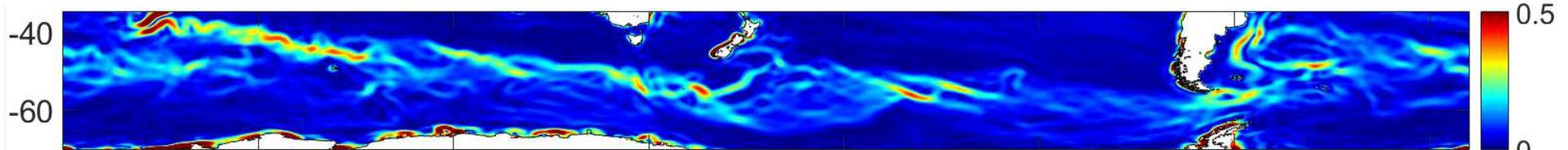
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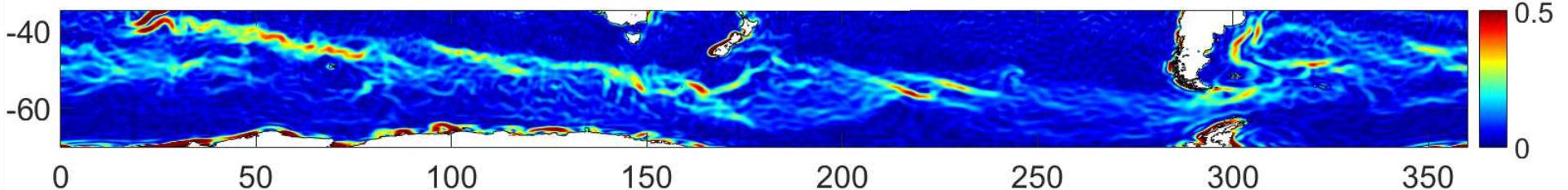
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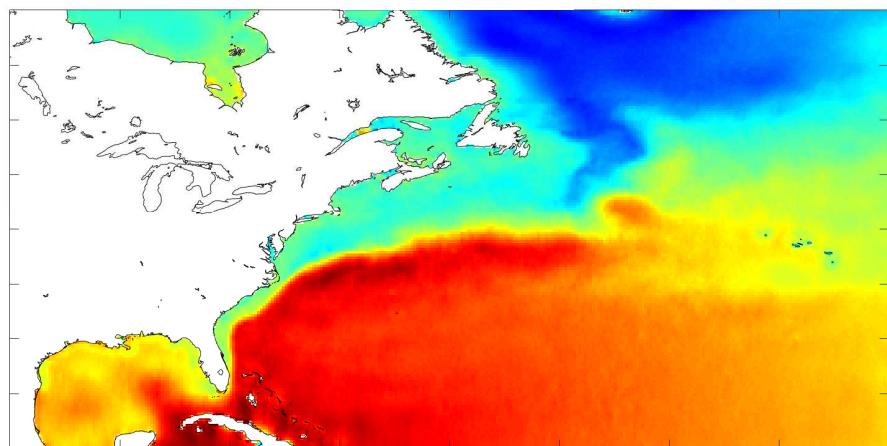




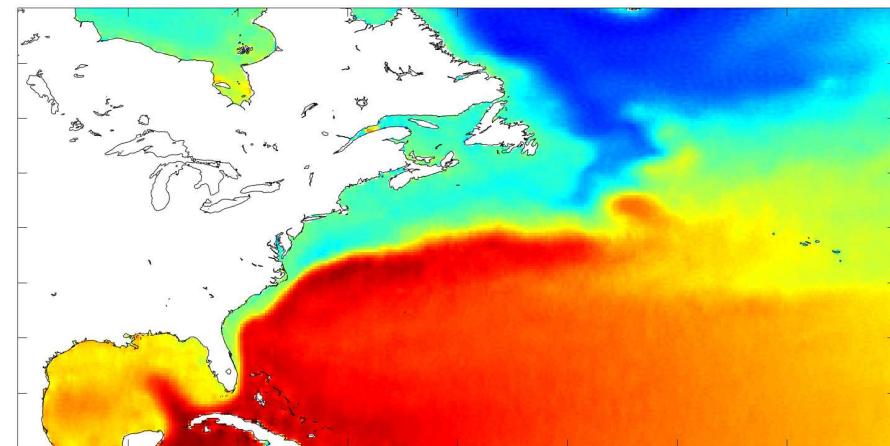
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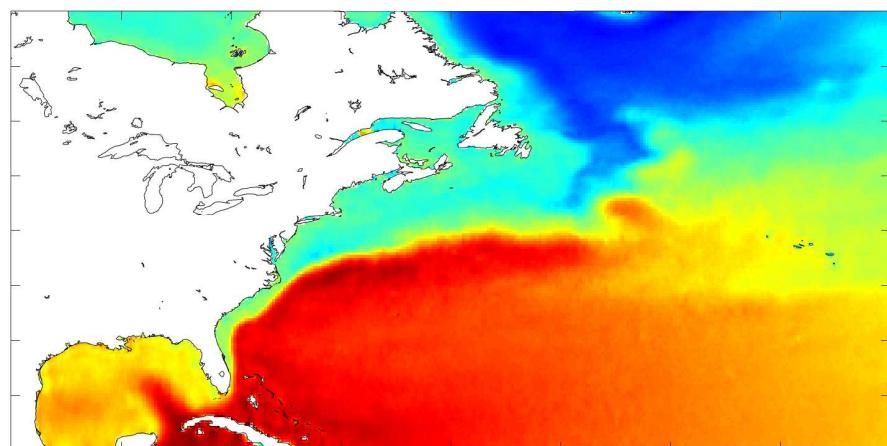
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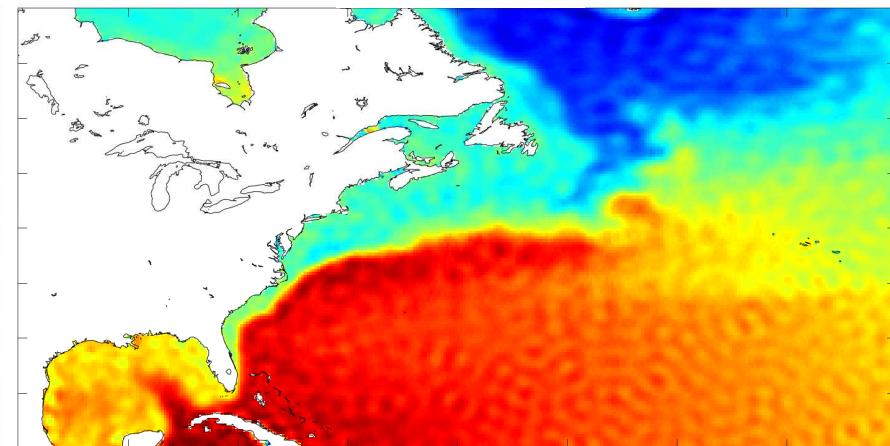
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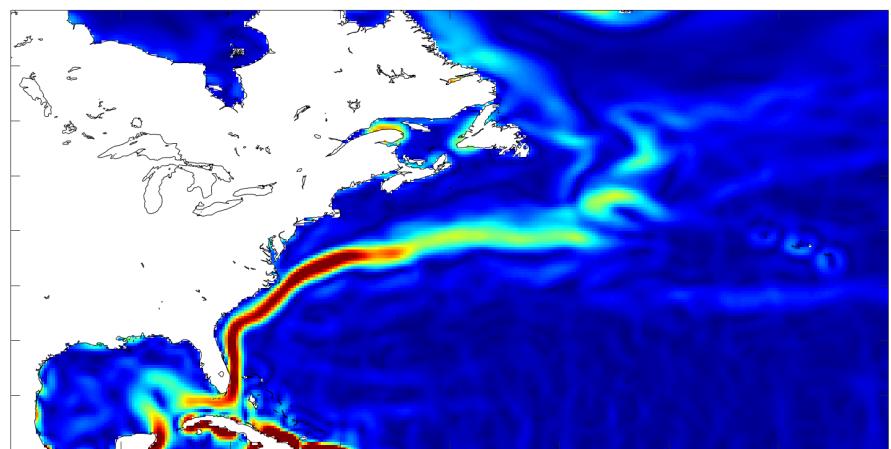


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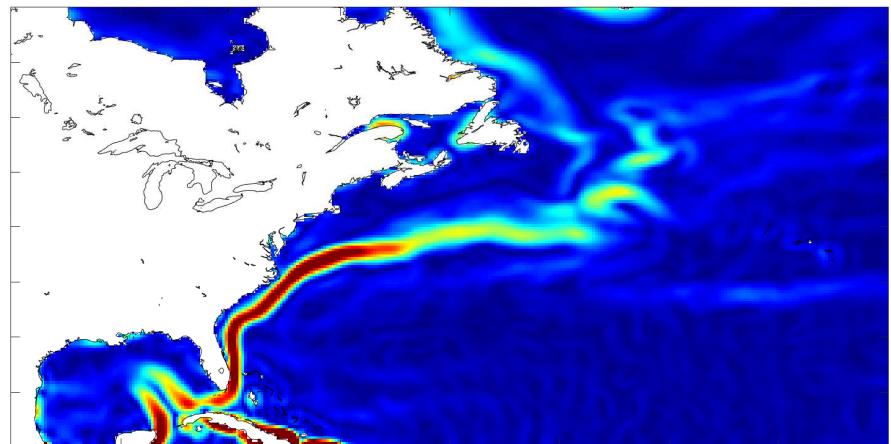




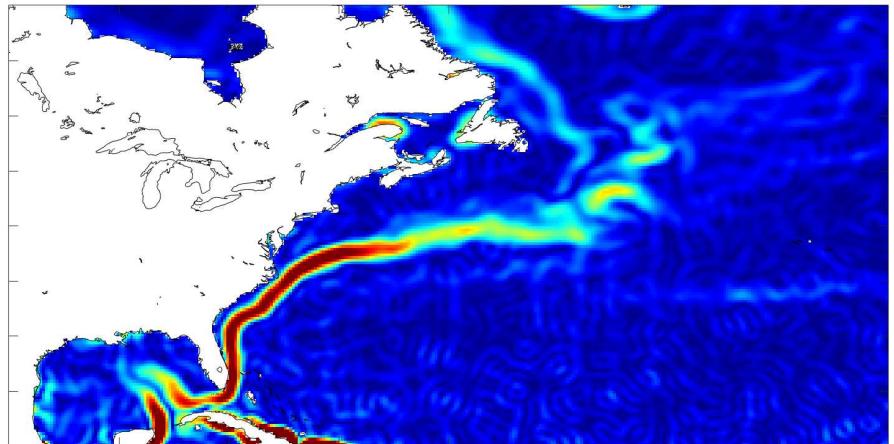
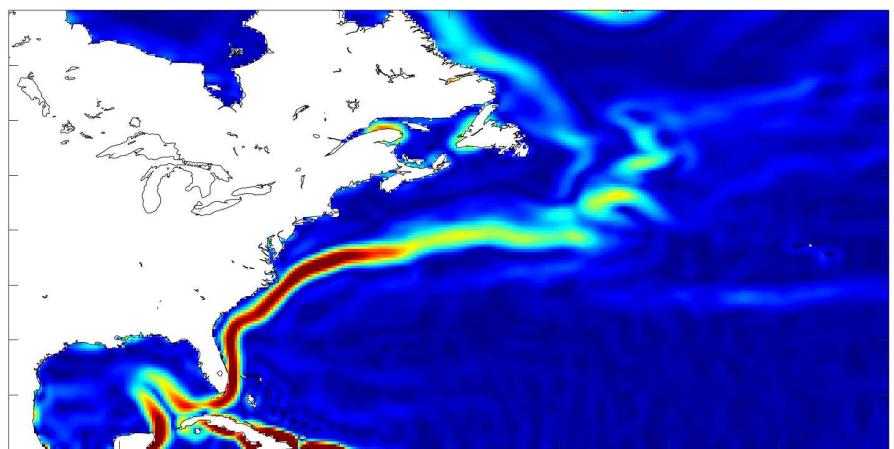
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XGM2016: Summary

- XGM2016: a combined gravity field model up to d/o 719
- Based on GOCO05s and NGA's gravity data base
- Benefit from GOCE in comparison to EGM2008 clearly visible
- Benefit due to the improved gravity data base clearly visible
- Good model performance compared to other gravity models
- Improvements in GPS-leveling results
- XGM2016 suitable for oceanographic applications

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