

# Product access and examples

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## Two orbits

- Cal/Val : 1-day repeat, sparse coverage, Spring 2023
- Science : 21-day repeat, global coverage, since Aug 2023

## Two instruments

- Old-school 1D nadir altimeter (Jason-class)
- KaRIn 2D interferometer

## Two timeliness levels

- Near Real Time (3 hours to 3 days)
- Reprocessed Data (more precise than NRT)

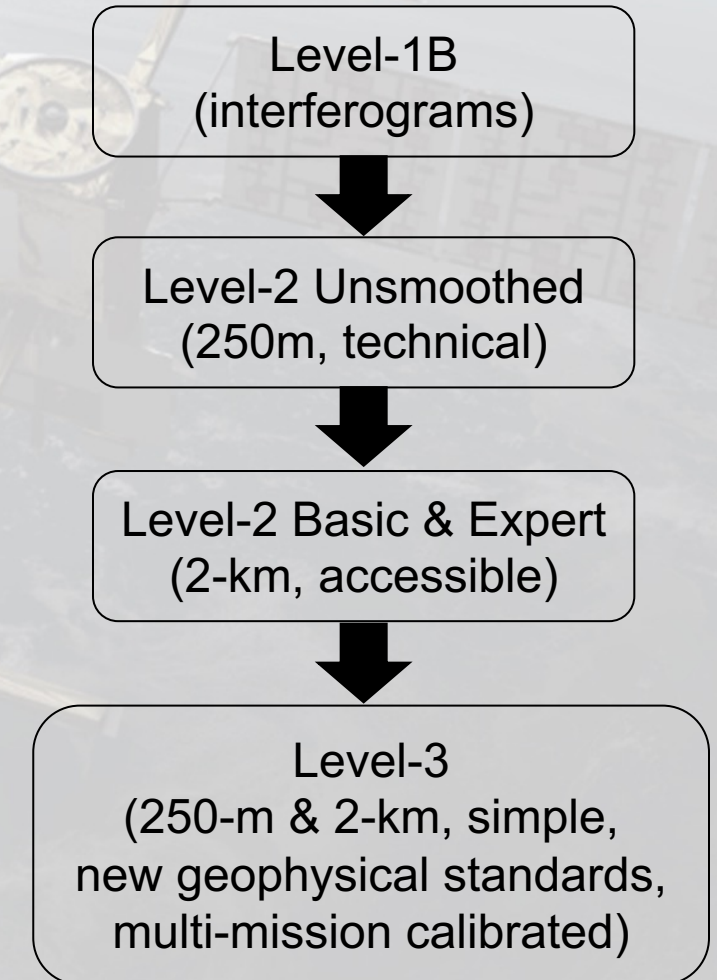
## Two resolutions

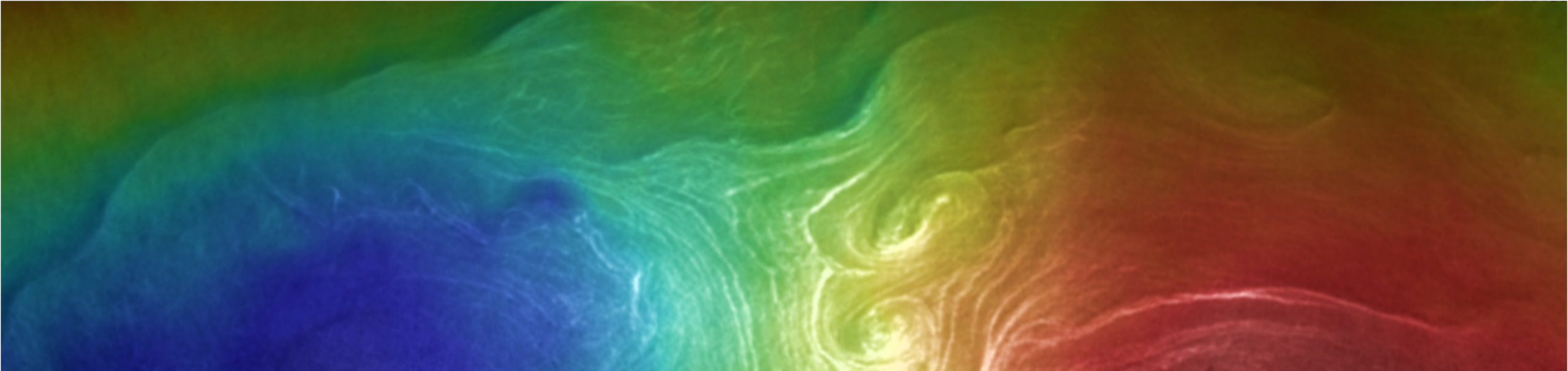
- Ocean @ 250-m to 2-km: Low Resolution
- Hydrology @ 10 to 60 m: High Resolution

## Two versions released

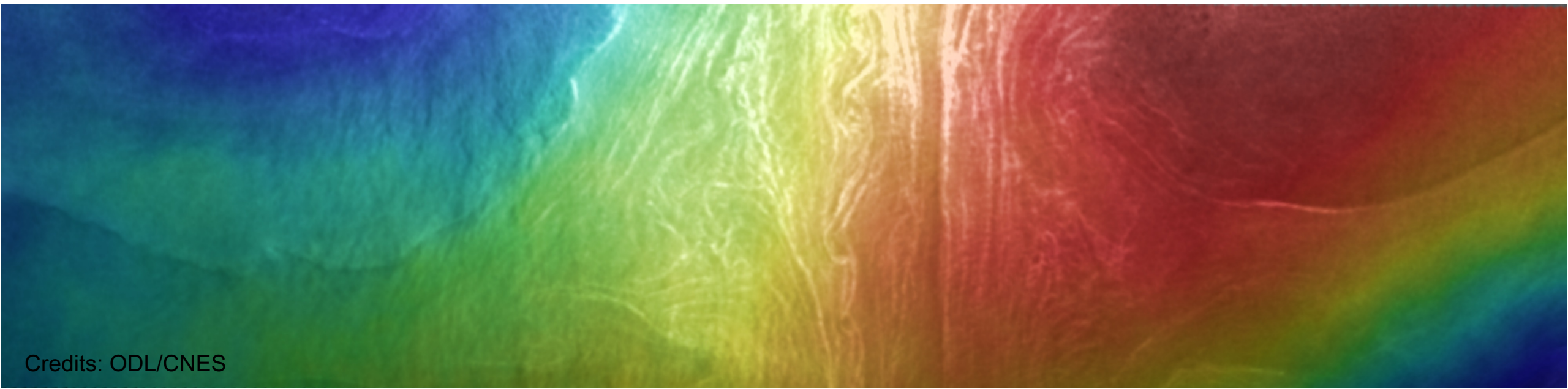
- Version B (Nov 23) : beta release for early CalVal evaluation
- Version C (March 24) : first “science” release

## LR Product Levels

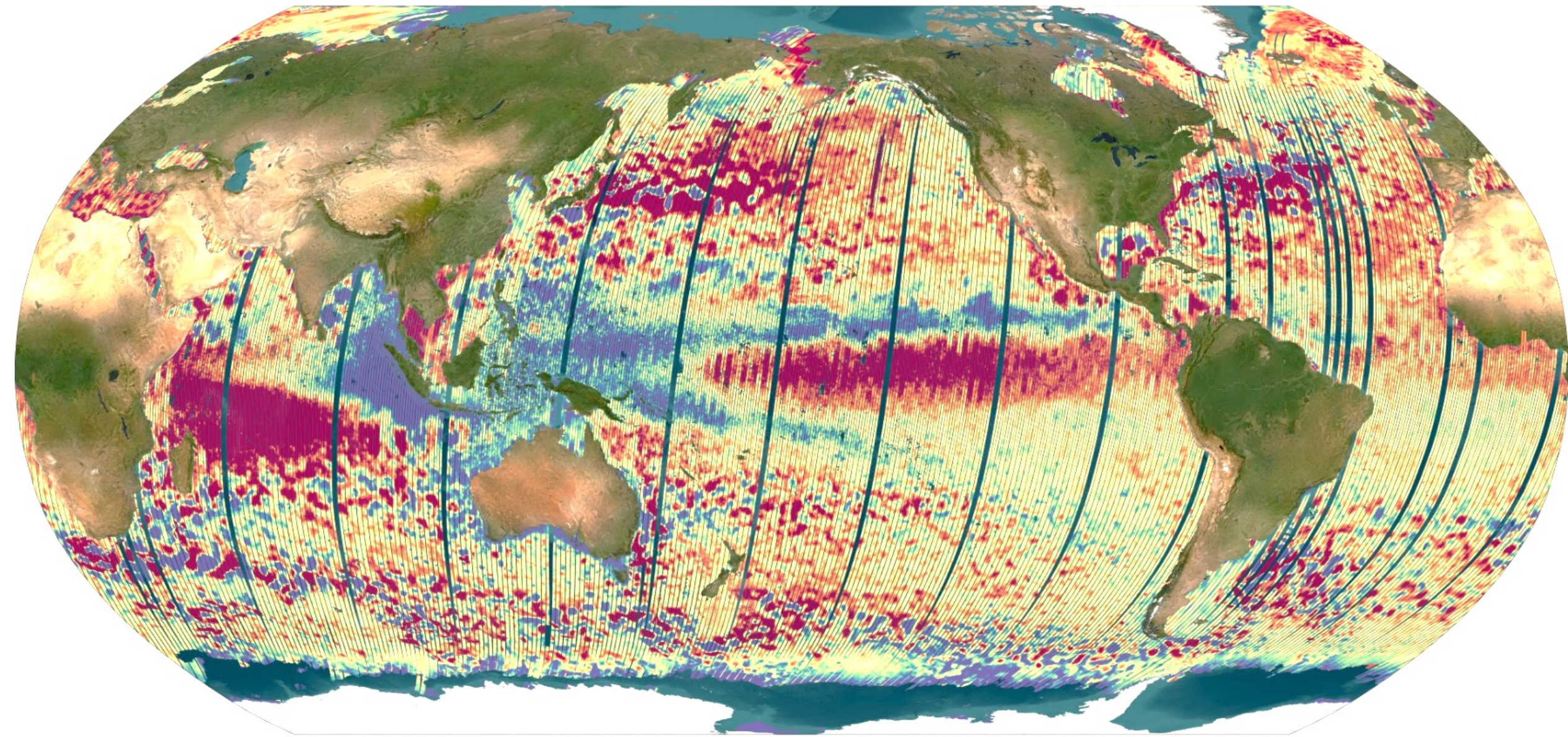




Composite of SWOT topography (color) and sigma0 (brightness)  
Mesoscale to submesoscale



# Ten days worth of Level-3 SWOT SSHA in November 2023

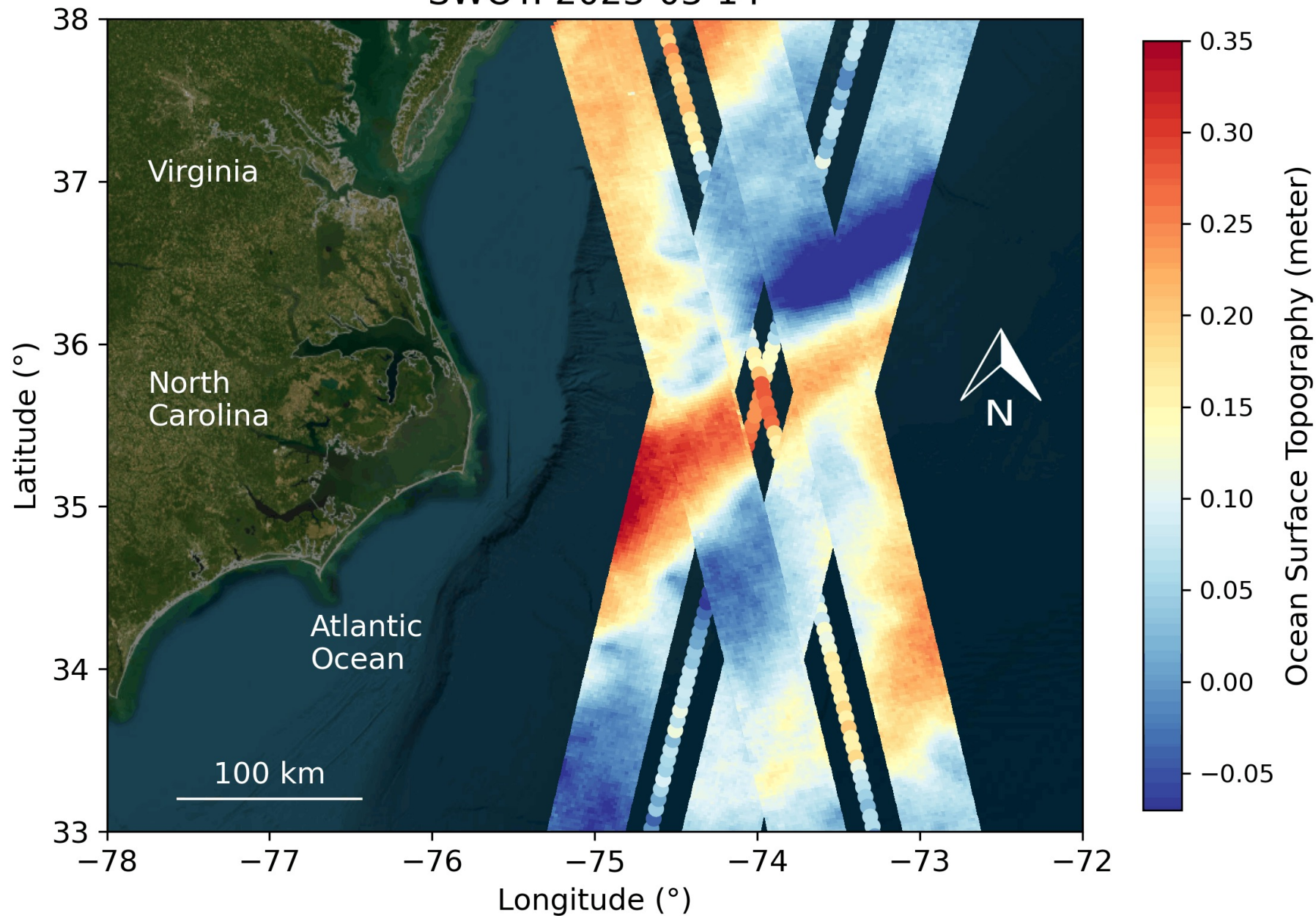


Credits: CLS/CNES

-15cm ► +15cm

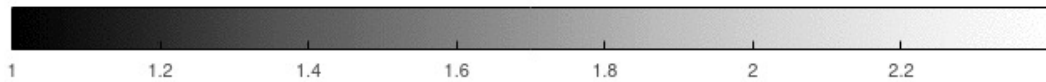
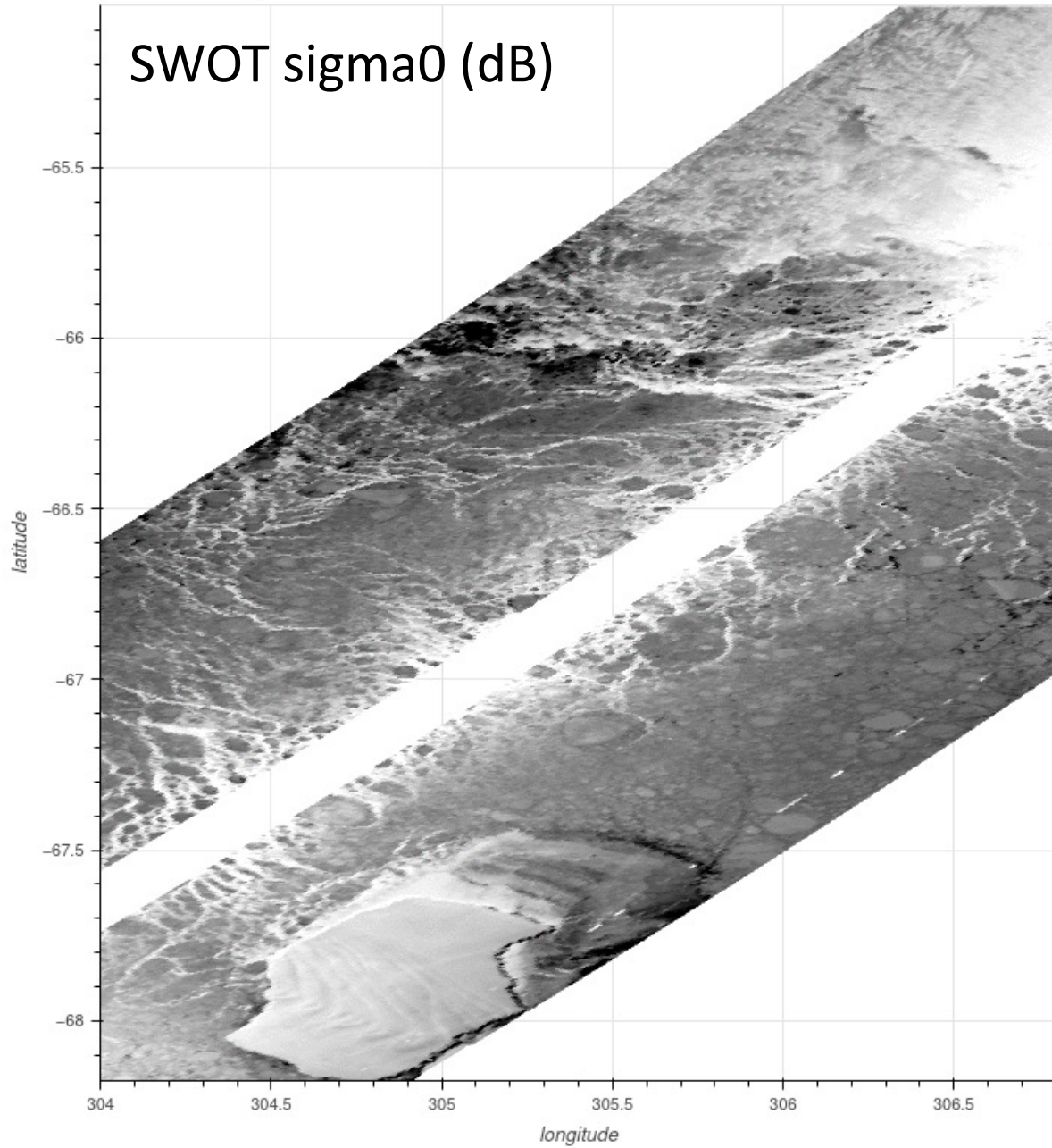
# SWOT Level-3 during the 1-day phase

SWOT: 2023-03-14



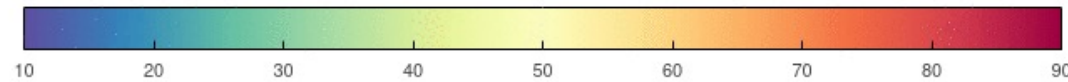
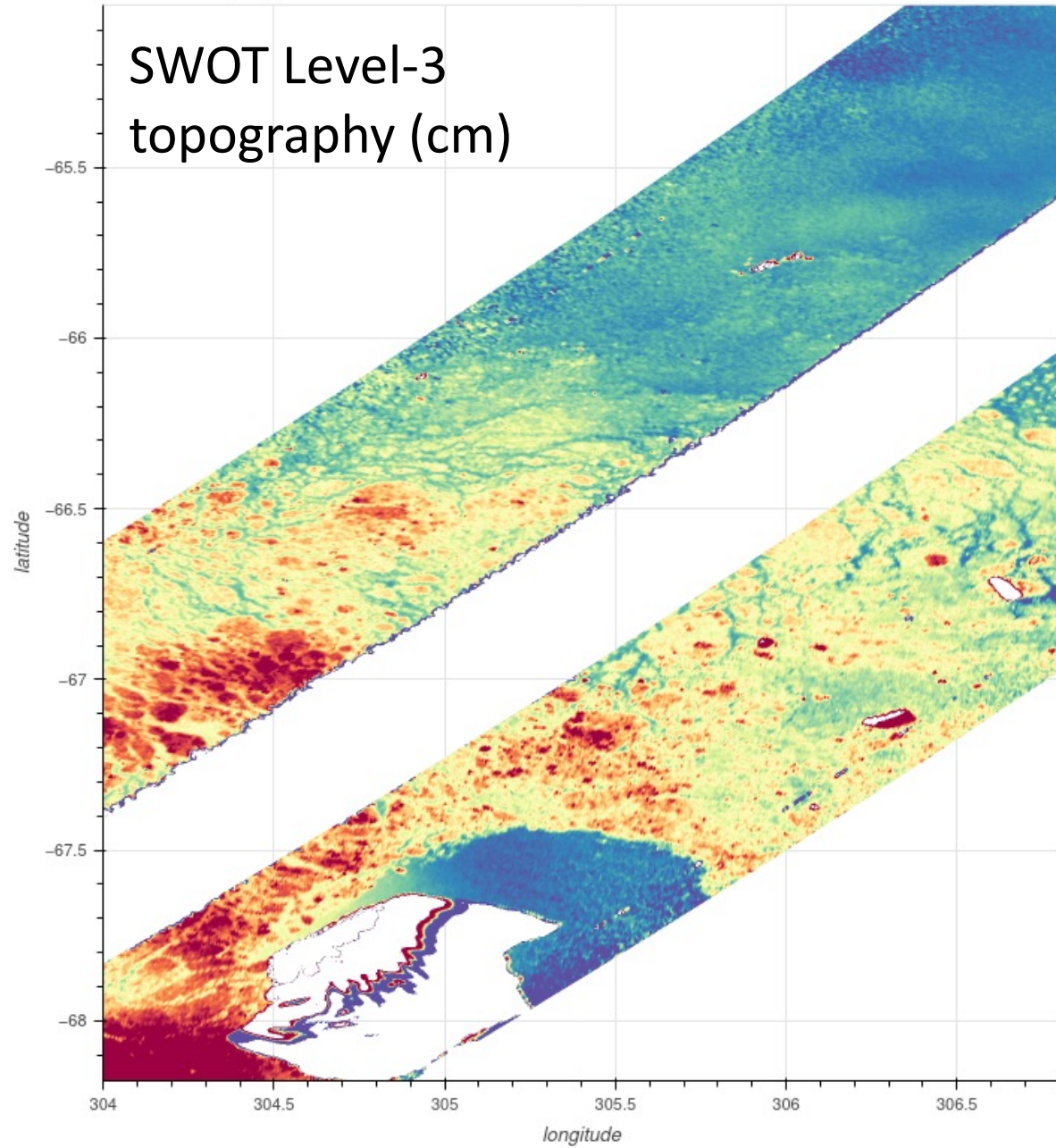
C486/T5 -- Sig0 250m

SWOT sigma0 (dB)



SLA 250m (cm)

SWOT Level-3 topography (cm)

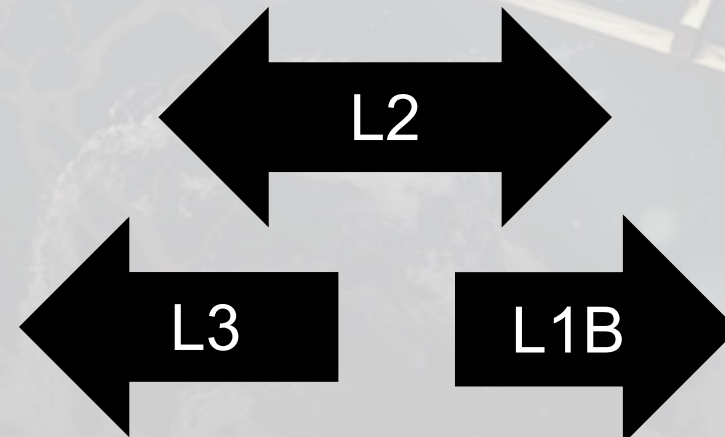


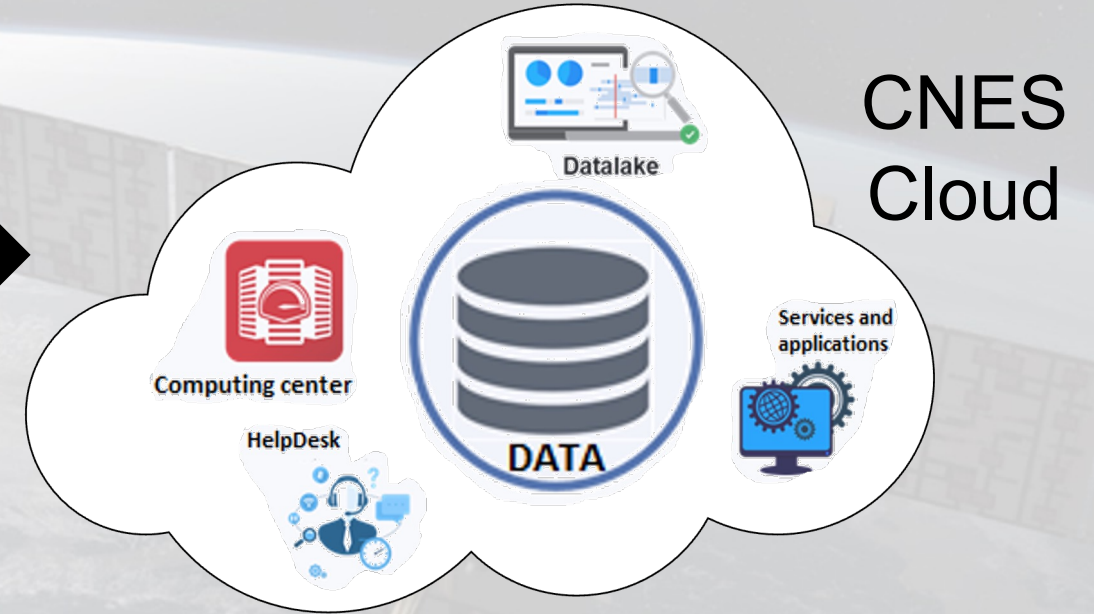
# Where to get SWOT ocean products?

The screenshot shows the AVISO+ website interface. At the top, there are logos for CNES and the French Republic, along with the AVISO+ logo and the text 'Satellite Altimetry Data'. A 'Mobile version' button is visible. Below the header is a navigation menu with items: MY AVISO+, DATA, USER CORNER, APPLICATIONS, MISSIONS, TECHNIQUES, NEWS, and MULTIMEDIA. The main content area features a news item titled 'New version 04\_00 of L2P products in NTC delay' and another titled 'SWOT CLOSE TO THE COASTS' with a corresponding satellite image. A large QR code with the SWOT logo is overlaid on the bottom left of the screenshot.

The screenshot shows the Podaac website interface. At the top, there are logos for NASA and EarthData, along with the Podaac logo and the text 'Physical Oceanography Distributed Active Archive Center'. A search bar and 'Follow Us' button are present. Below the header is a navigation menu with items: Data, Search, and Follow Us. The main content area features a globe with data points and a title 'Data in Action: Unveiling the first global observations of high resolution Sea Surface Height from SWOT'. A large QR code with the Podaac logo is overlaid on the bottom right of the screenshot.

OpenDAP  
Thredds  
FTP  
sFTP  
WMS  
Viewer  
...





- Free hosting on CNES Cloud & HPC infrastructure
- High processing power (CPU & GPU)
- Very fast I/O for SWOT 250-m & 2-km
- A series of simple examples, powerful tools & external data
- Privacy for Project Members (or open repository if you prefer)
- **Helpdesk & technical support for smooth sailing**

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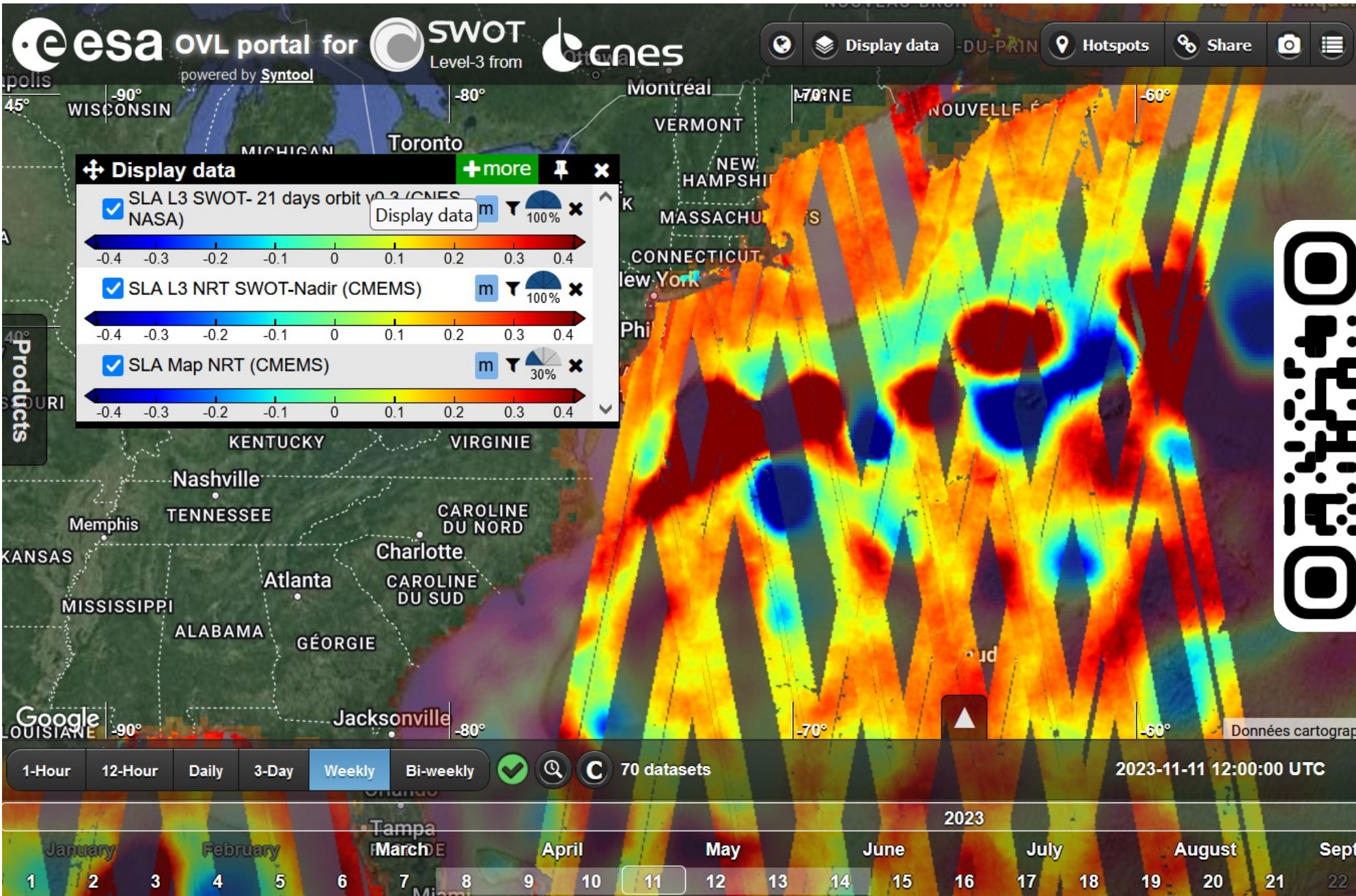
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Exploration web portal for CNES Level-3 products (in collaboration with ESA and Ocean Data Lab)



SWOT variant of the Ocean Virtual Laboratory

Tens of different datasets and parameters from different providers (ESA, EUMETSAT, ECMWF...)



Scan for SWOT data access

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## Entry points

- AVISO: <https://www.aviso.altimetry.fr/en/missions/future-missions/swot.html>
- PODAAC : <https://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/SWOT?tab=mission-objectives&sections=about>
- Links and reference HUB: <https://www.aviso.altimetry.fr/en/missions/future-missions/swot/links-and-references-on-swot.html>

## Documentation

- **Product Description documents (PDD) for Level-1 and Level-2 ocean products**  
<https://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/SWOT?tab=datasets&discipline=ocean&sections=about%2Bresources>
- **Algorithm and Theoretical Basis Documents (ATBD) for onboard, L1B and L2 processors**  
L1B/L2 processor: ongoing work from Project, first draft reviewed by ADT members  
Onboard processor : [https://swot.jpl.nasa.gov/system/documents/files/4216\\_D-79130\\_KaRIn\\_OBP\\_ATBD\\_RevA\\_20171103\\_URS\\_Approved\\_Signed.pdf](https://swot.jpl.nasa.gov/system/documents/files/4216_D-79130_KaRIn_OBP_ATBD_RevA_20171103_URS_Approved_Signed.pdf)
- **SWOT Mission Performance and Error Budget**  
[https://swot.jpl.nasa.gov/system/documents/files/2178\\_2178\\_SWOT\\_D-79084\\_v10Y\\_FINAL\\_REVA\\_06082017.pdf](https://swot.jpl.nasa.gov/system/documents/files/2178_2178_SWOT_D-79084_v10Y_FINAL_REVA_06082017.pdf)

## SWOT Level 2

- ✓ Nadir Altimeter and Radiometer (O/I)GDR products (similar to Jason-2/3)
- ✓ KaRIn LR SSH 'ocean' beta pre-validated product only



Data sets	OGDR	IGDR	GDR
Reduced 1 Hz	OGDR-SSHA	IGDR-SSHA	GDR-SSHA
1 Hz + 20 Hz	OGDR	IGDR	GDR
1 Hz + 20 Hz + waveforms	Not generated	S-IGDR	S-GDR
Latency	3-5 hours	1-2 days	~90 days

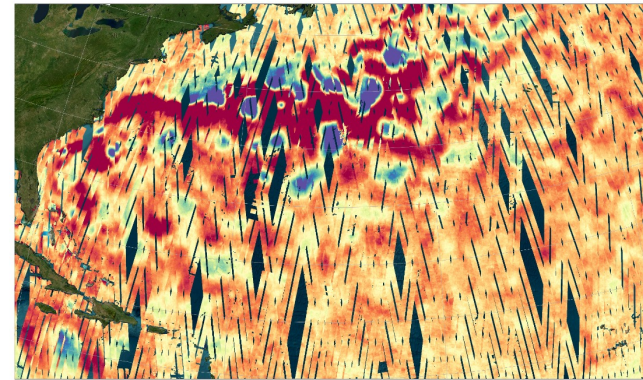
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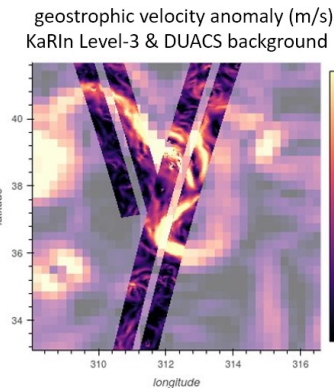
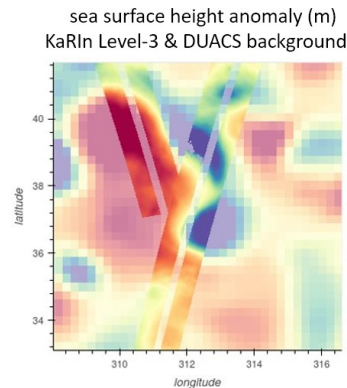
SWOT Nadir Altimeter Level 2 products

KaRIn L2_LR_SSH	Grid	Volume
		/day - /year
Basic SSH ['Basic']	2 km geographically fixed swath-aligned grid	1GB - 365 GB
Wind and Wave ['WindWave']	2 km geographically fixed swath-aligned grid	1GB - 365 GB
Expert SSH with Wind and Wave ['Expert']	2 km geographically fixed swath-aligned grid	3GB - 1 TB
Unsmoothed SSH ['Unsmoothed']	250 m sampling grid	40 GB - 15 TB

KaRIN L2 Low Rate 'ocean' products



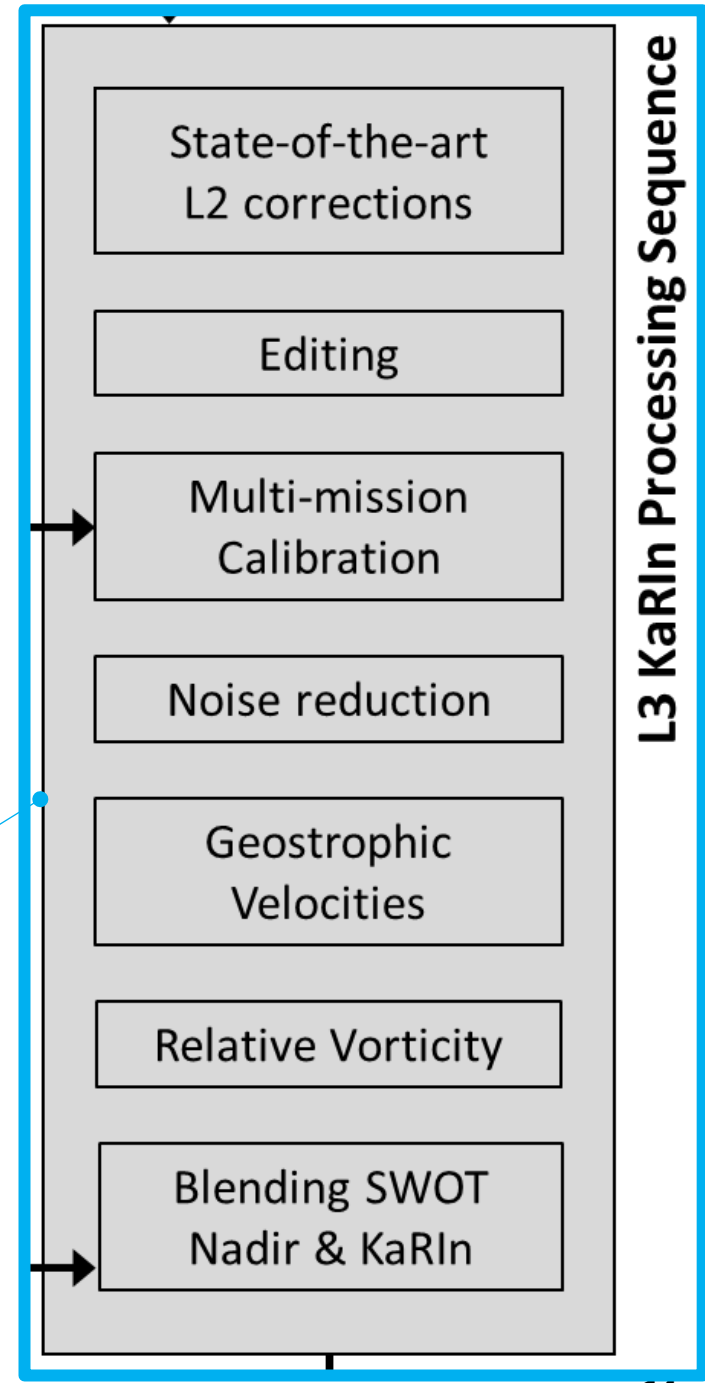
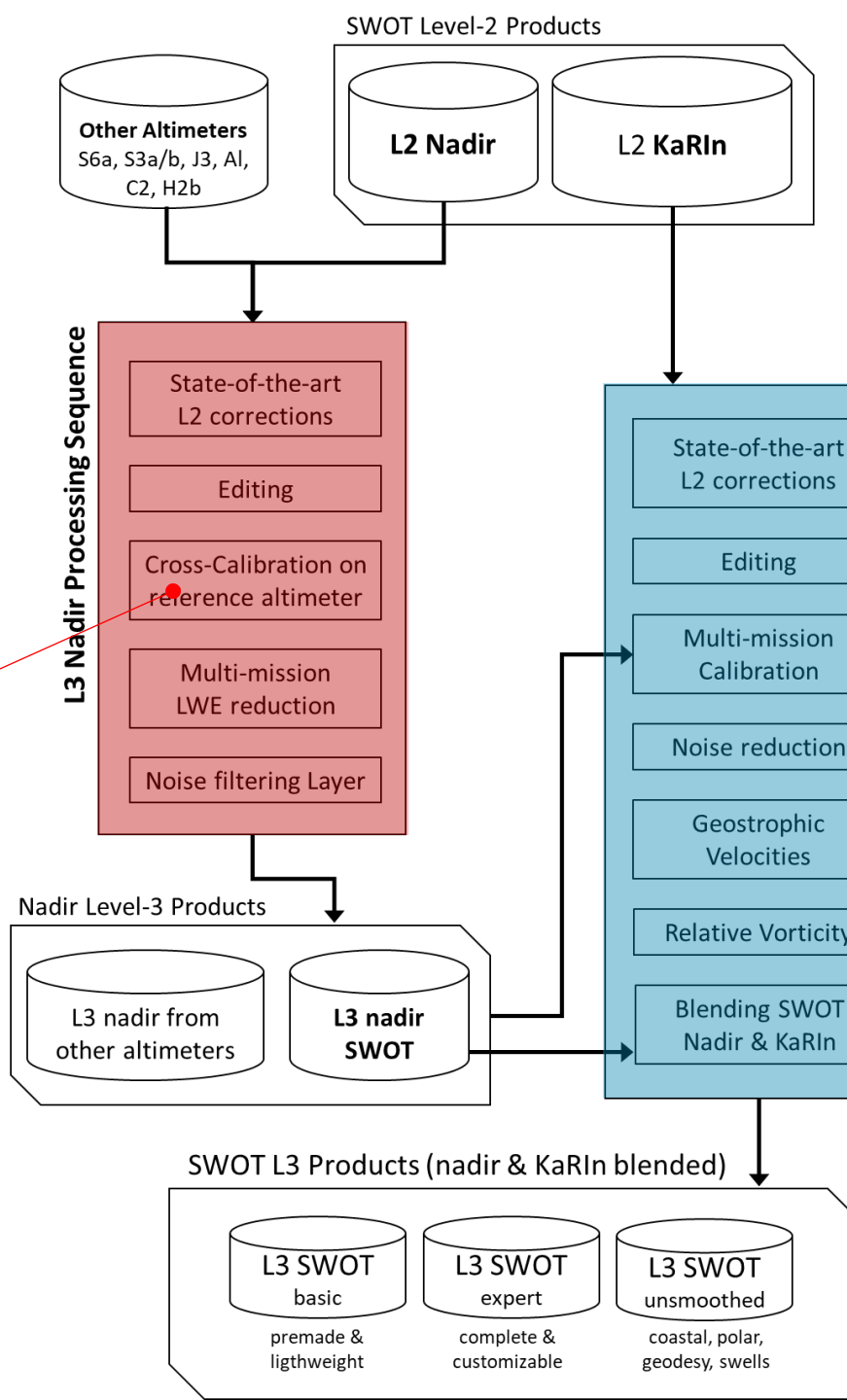
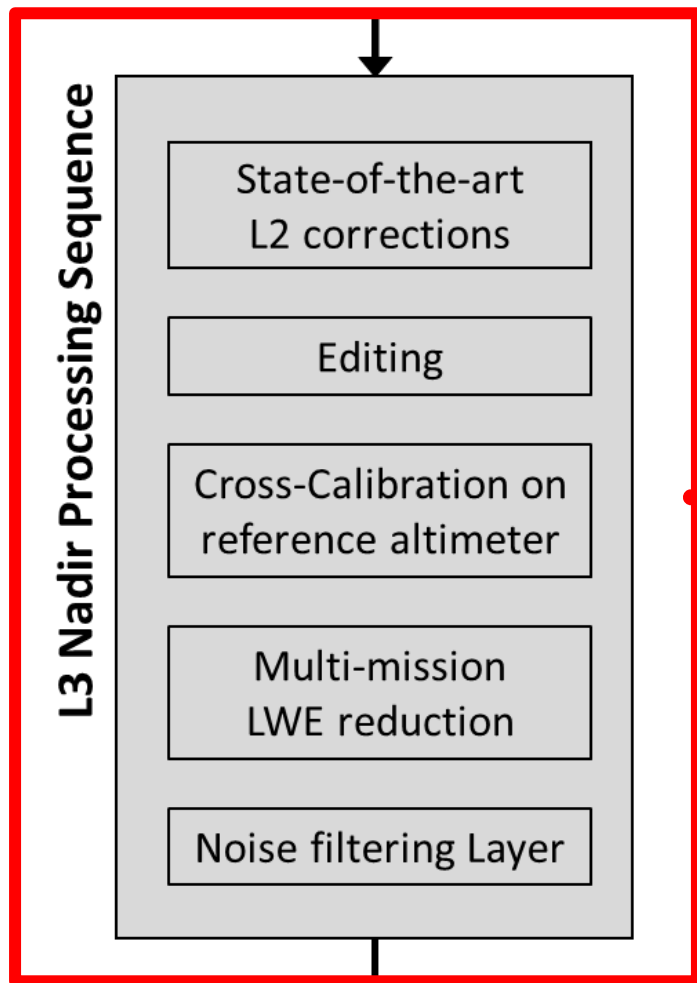
SWOT KaRIn Level 2 SLA – Gulf Stream (2023-08-2023)

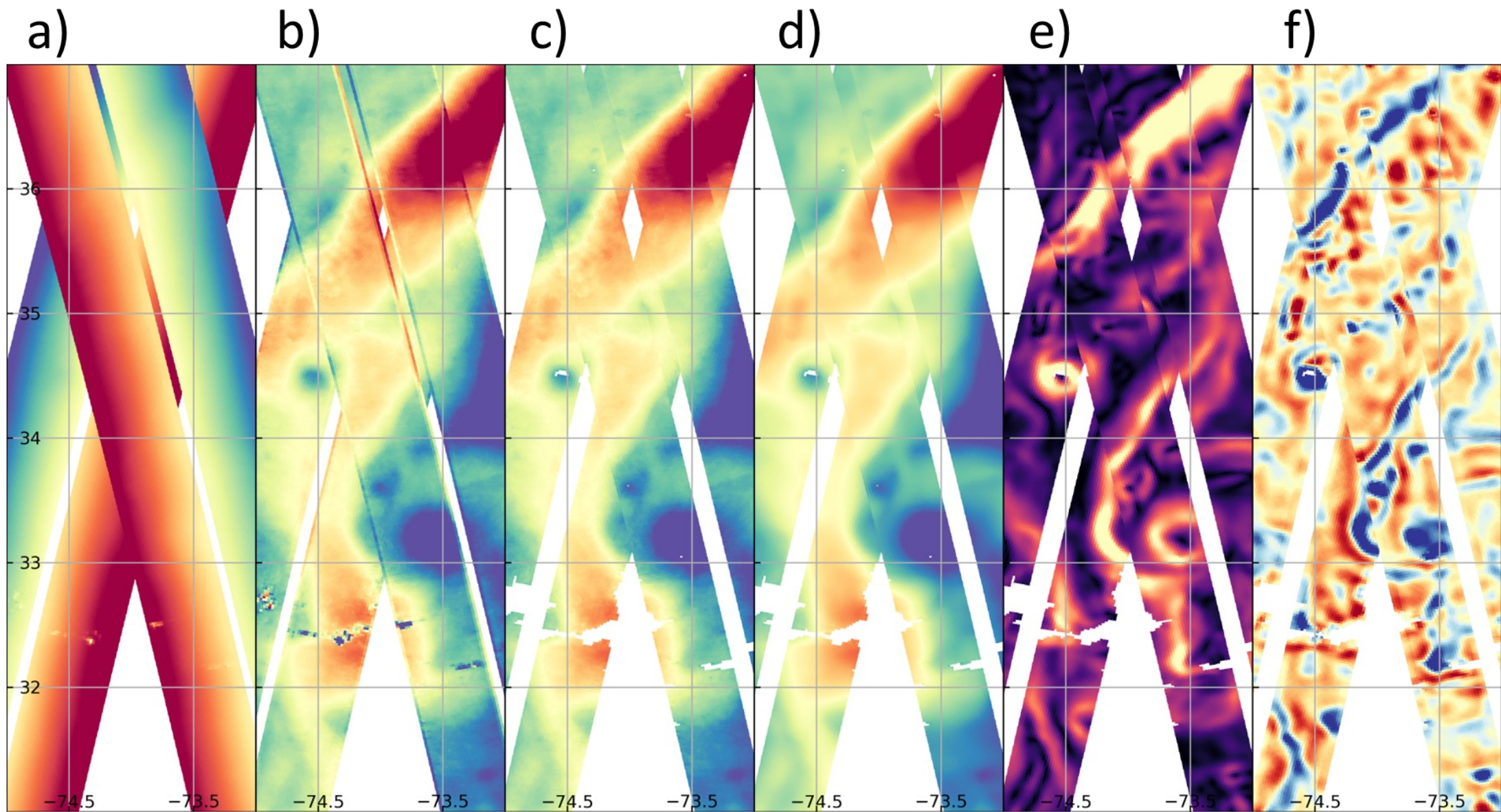


## SWOT Level 3 ocean data 2-km products

- ✓ Level 3 (KaRIn + Nadir) 'basic' or lightweight (SSHA and MDT only)
- ✓ Level 3 (KaRIn + Nadir) 'expert' or extended (unedited SSHA + all calibration/corrections and geostrophic velocity anomaly)

# Level-3 algorithms





-200 0 200  
Uncalibrated L2  
SSHA (cm)

0 10 20 30 40 50  
Calibrated SSHA

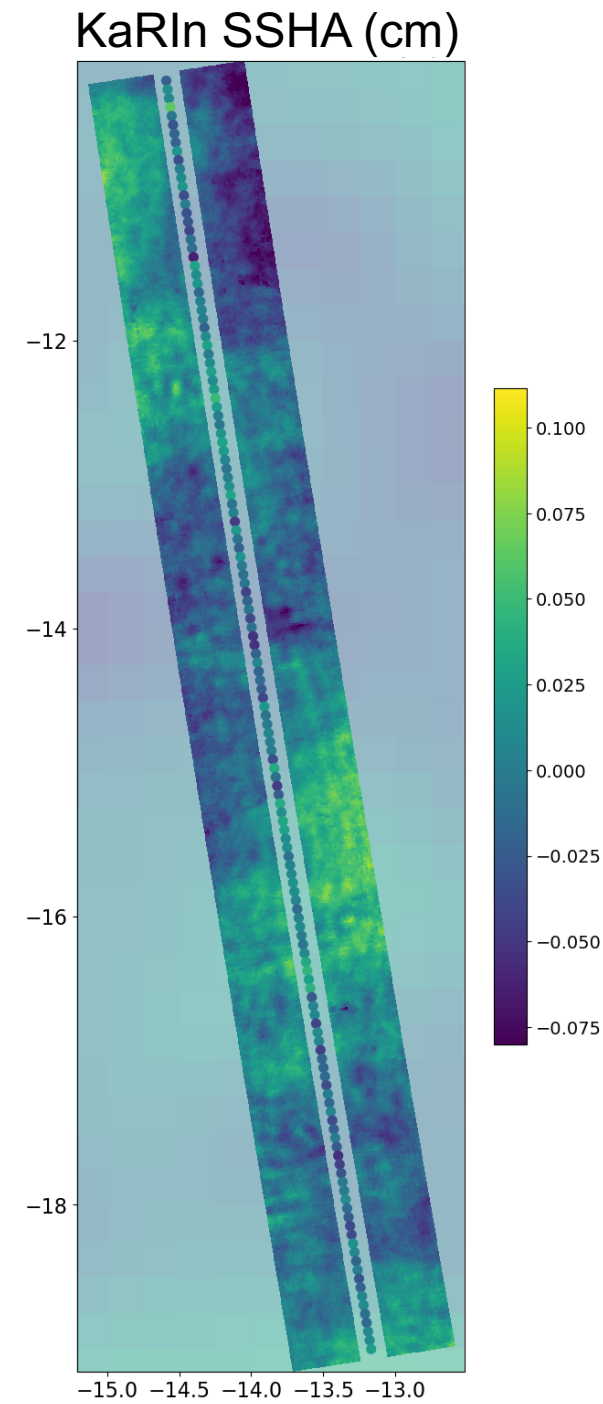
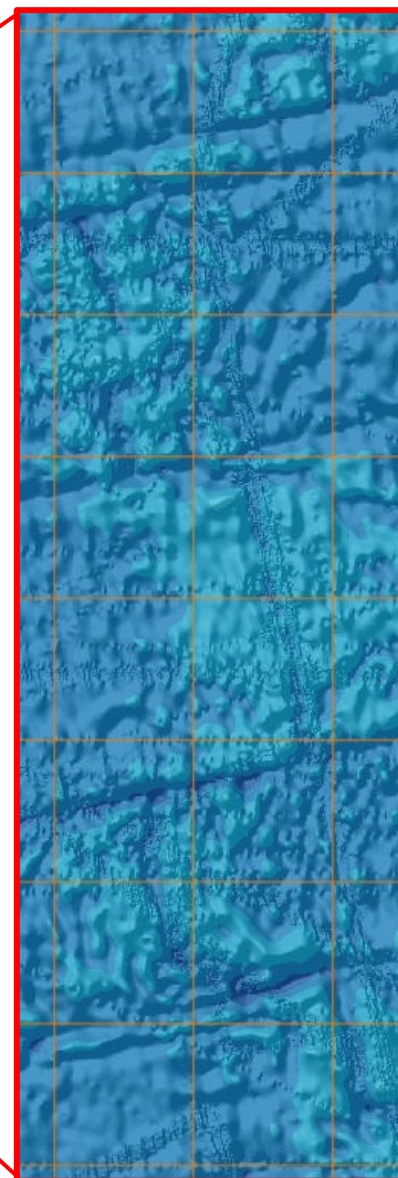
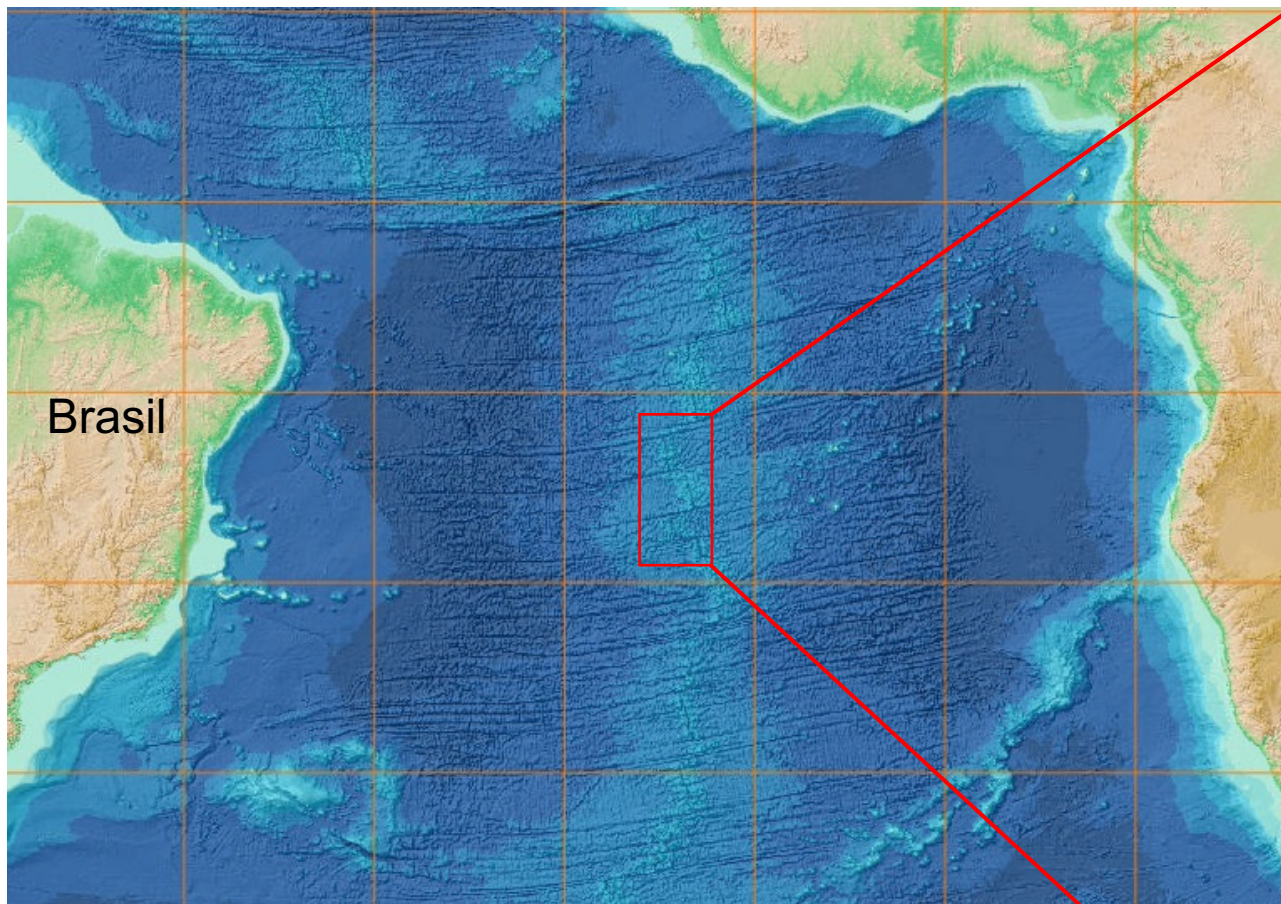
0 10 20 30 40 50  
Edited SSHA  
(cm)

0 10 20 30 40 50  
Noise-reduced SSHA

0 50 100  
Geostrophic  
Velocities (cm/s)

-1 0 1  
Relative  
Vorticity

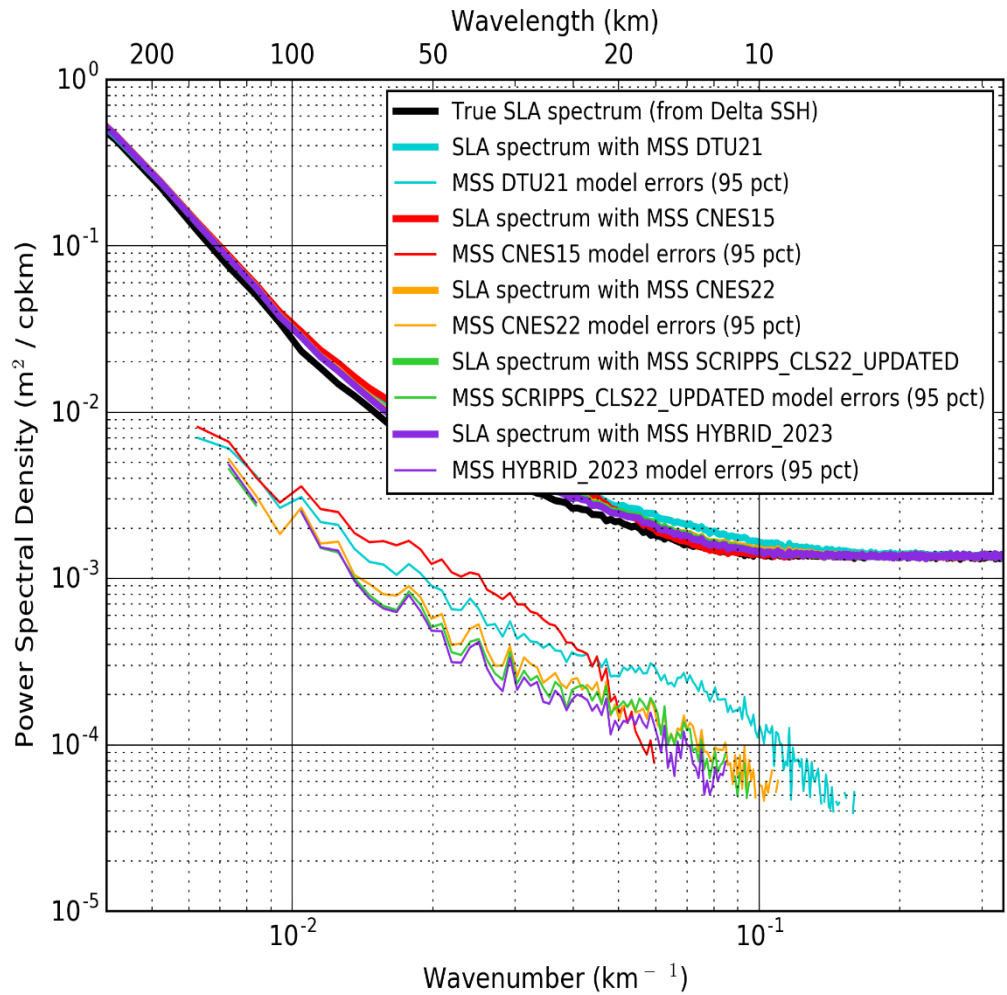
# Mid-Atlantic rift shows up as MSS error (South)





# Why CLS/SIO/DTU hybrid 2023<sub>β1</sub> as a MSS model?

## Sentinel-3A LRRMC used for validation



## MSS errors from 15 to 100 km wavelengths

MSS model	Error ( $cm^2$ )	Error (% of SSHA variance)
<b>CNES&amp;CLS v2015</b>	0,40	34
<b>DTU v2021</b>	0,34	29
<b>CNES&amp;CLS v2022</b>	0,23	20
<b>SIO v2022</b>	0,21	18
<b>HYBRID v2023 (SIO, CNES/CLS, DTU)</b>	0,20	17

-50%

\*SSHA "noise free" variance is estimated to  $1,16cm^2$

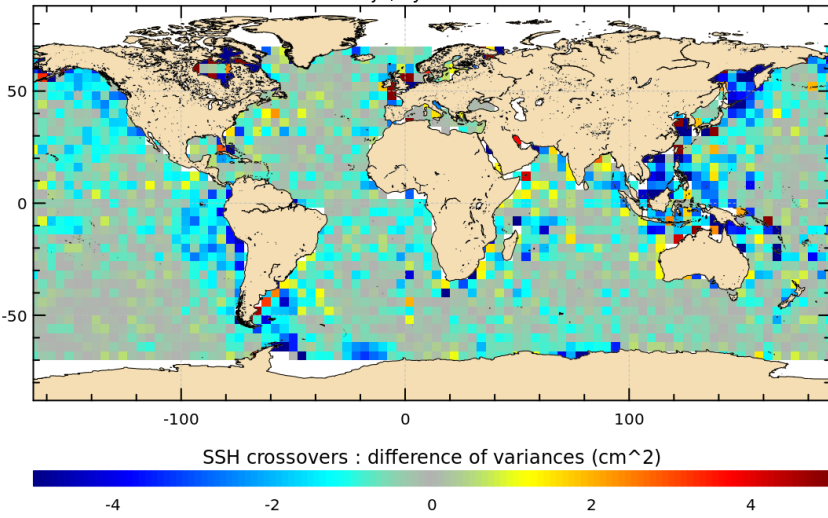
## Blends the strengths of 3 modern MSS models

- CLS22 for large scale and coastal variability
- SIO22 for smaller geoid features
- DTU21 for polar regions

See Pujol et al & Schaeffer et al. presentation & poster in MSS splinter

# Why FES22 as a tide model?

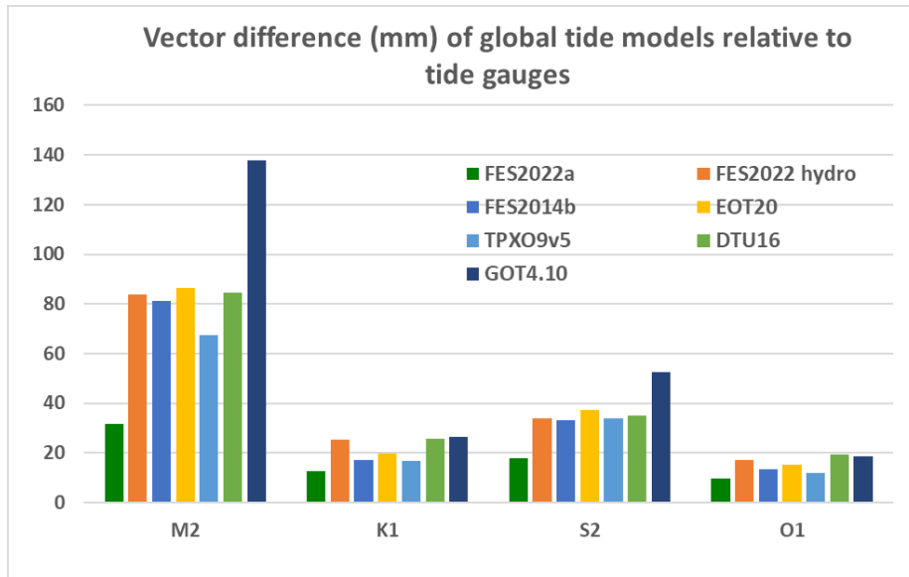
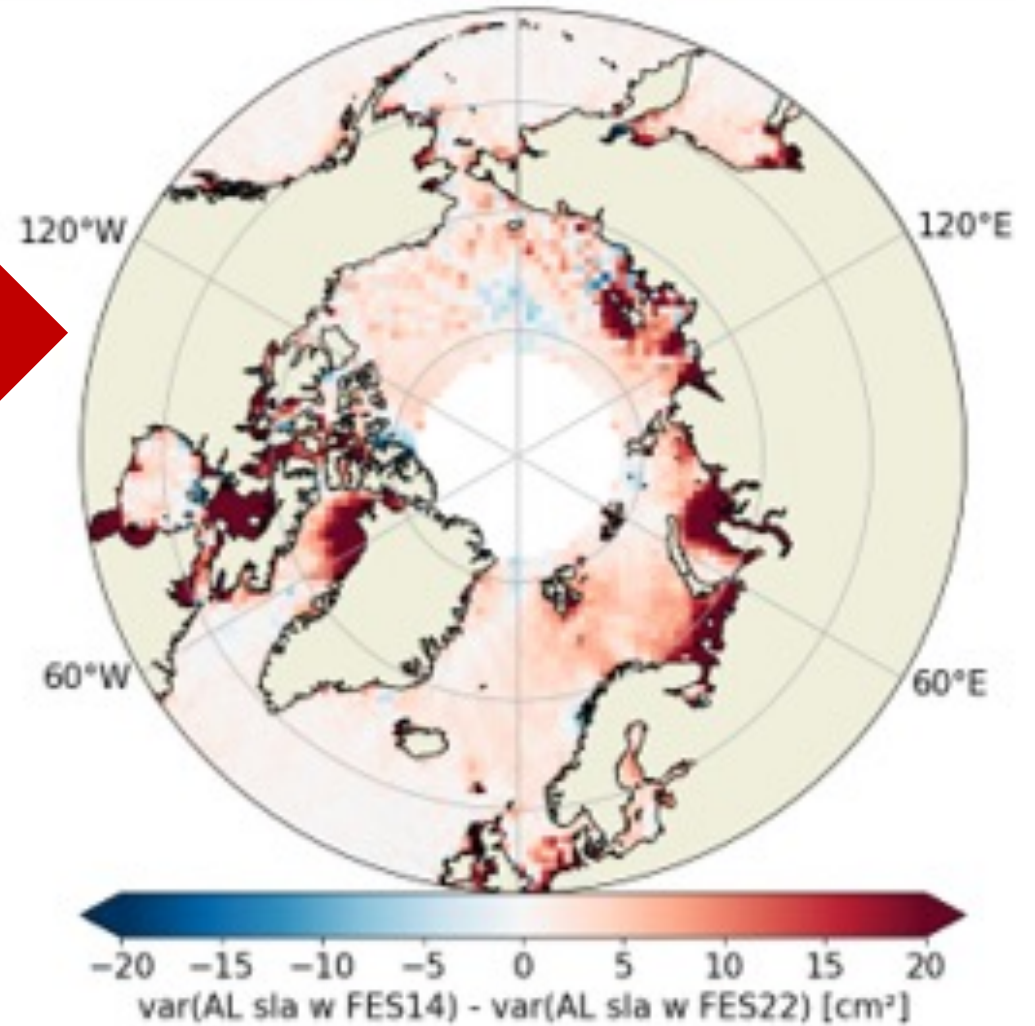
SSHA xover variance reduced from FES14B to FES 23a (measured with Sentinel-3A which is independent)



← BLUE is better

→ RED is better

SSHA variance reduction from FES23 to FES 14a (measured with SARAL)

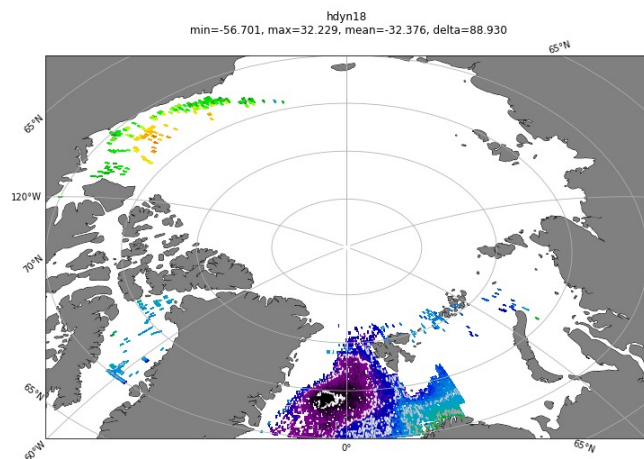


See Carrere et al (OSTST22) and Lyard et al paper (in prep)

# Why CLS22 as a Mean Dynamic Topography?

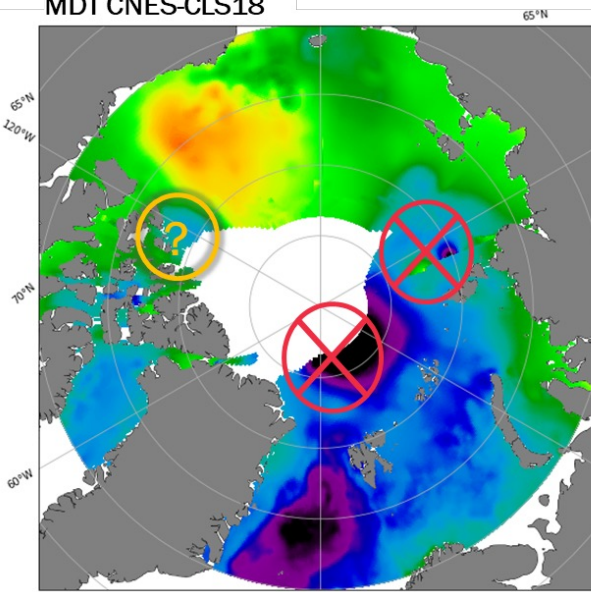
## 2018

In-situ HDYN



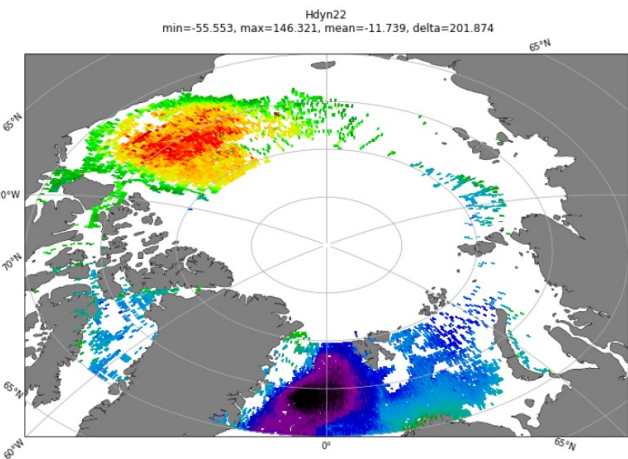
MDT model

MDT CNES-CLS18

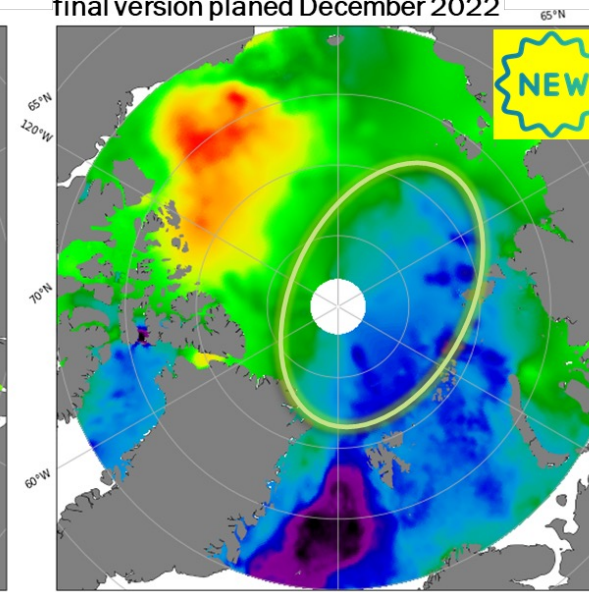


## Regional improvements with v2022 model

- Much better coverage
- Known 2018 artifacts fixed
- Velocities are 10% more consistent with drifters on average (locally much more)

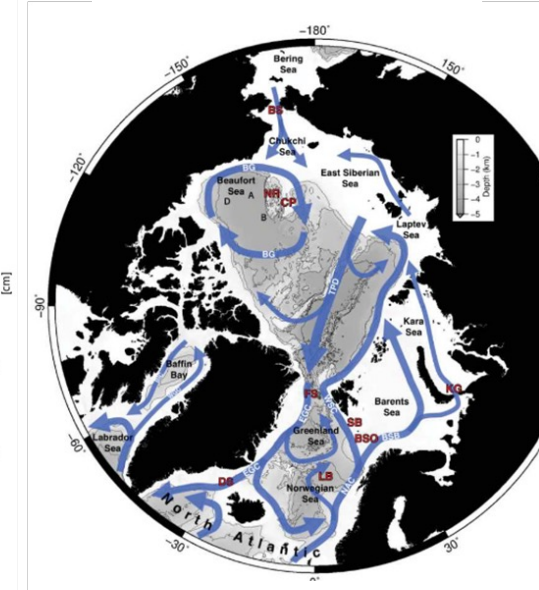


MDT CNES-CLS22 version beta – final version planned December 2022



## 2022

Arctic circulation from Armitage et al. (2017)



# SWOT Level-2 KaRIn LR (Ocean) Data Products Roadmap

## November 2023 (v1.0 or version B)

- Beta pre-validated L2\_LR\_SSH (summer 2023 reprocessing release)
- Available only for the 1-day CalVal orbit phase (March 29 to July 10, 2023), and the 21-day Science orbit phase (September 7 to November 21, 2023)

Release for CalVal studies only and community feedbacks

## March 2024 (v2.0 or version C)

- Production and distribution of the pre-validated L2\_LR\_SSH:
  - PIC0 for forward-processed version C products (effective November 23, 2023)
  - PGC0 for reprocessed version C products (from March 30 to January 25, 2024)

First public release of KaRIn products (no usage restrictions)

Reprocessed LR data should be used when available

# SWOT Level-3 KaRIn LR (Ocean) Data Products Roadmap

## v0.2 (first external release)

- September 2023: L3 reprocessing (from L2 beta pre-validated)
- Available only for the 1-day CalVal orbit phase (March 29 to July 10, 2023), and the 21-day Science orbit phase (September 7 to November 21, 2023)

Release of L3 products has the same usage restrictions as L2

## v0.3 (December 2023)

- FES22 ocean tide model based on native and high resolution unstructured grid
- Improved flagging/editing strategy to better remove spurious pixels
- Revised noise mitigation algorithms...

Community feedback (good or bad) is crucial to drive future work

## v1.0 and beyond

- April 2024: v1 released for NRT upgrade & reprocessing derived from the pre-validated L2\_LR-SSH (version C)
- Quarterly updates until quality is deemed stable
- Unsmoothed (250 m) version to be released shortly (before summer 2024)

Community product: we can integrate your algorithms and variants

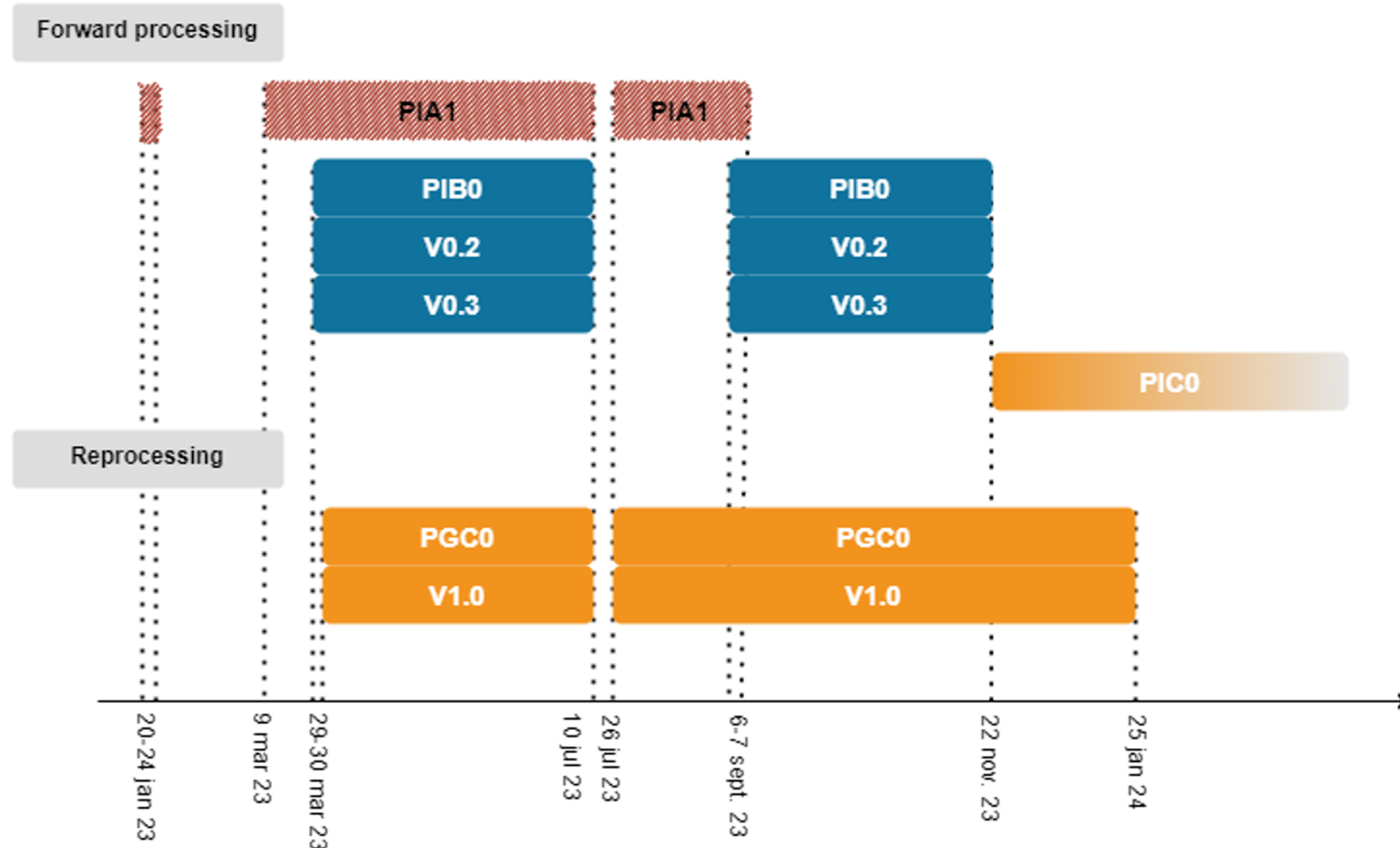
# Surface Water Ocean Topography (SWOT) mission:

Table: SWOT Orbit and Mission Phase Timeline

Date	Orbit and Mission Phase
Dec 16, 2022	Launch
Dec 16 - 24, 2023	Launch and Early Operations Phase (LEOP)
Dec 16 - Jan 14, 2023	Orbit Maneuvers and Drift
Jan 14, 2023	Start of 1-day Repeat Orbit
Jan 3 - Mar 30, 2023	Commissioning Phase
Mar 30 - Jul 10, 2023	Calibration Phase
Jul 11 - Jul 20, 2023	Orbit Maneuvers and Drift
Jul 21, 2023	Start of 21-day Repeat Orbit
Jul 21, 2023	Science Phase Begins (no useful KaRIn data until July 26)

# SWOT KaRIn LR (Ocean) Data Products Roadmap: Current Status

Diagram: SWOT KaRIn Science Data Products Release Timeline



1. PIA1 is not an official dataset. PIB0 for Calval phase can be considered as a 'reprocessing' of PIA1, even if we use forward data