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As part of the GOCE User Toolbox Specification (GUTS) project, the GUTS team has carried out a scientific trade-off study, to select the best algorithms to meet the user requirements for the toolbox. In some cases the selection is straightforward. However, in other cases, the choice depends on scientific applications as well as the algorithm efficiency and more practical considerations. We have looked at the selection of filtering functions used in calculation of a mean dynamic topography from combined GOCE and satellite altimeter data. The trade-off study has also selected the functionality of the toolbox, given the user requirements and the recommended algorithms.







