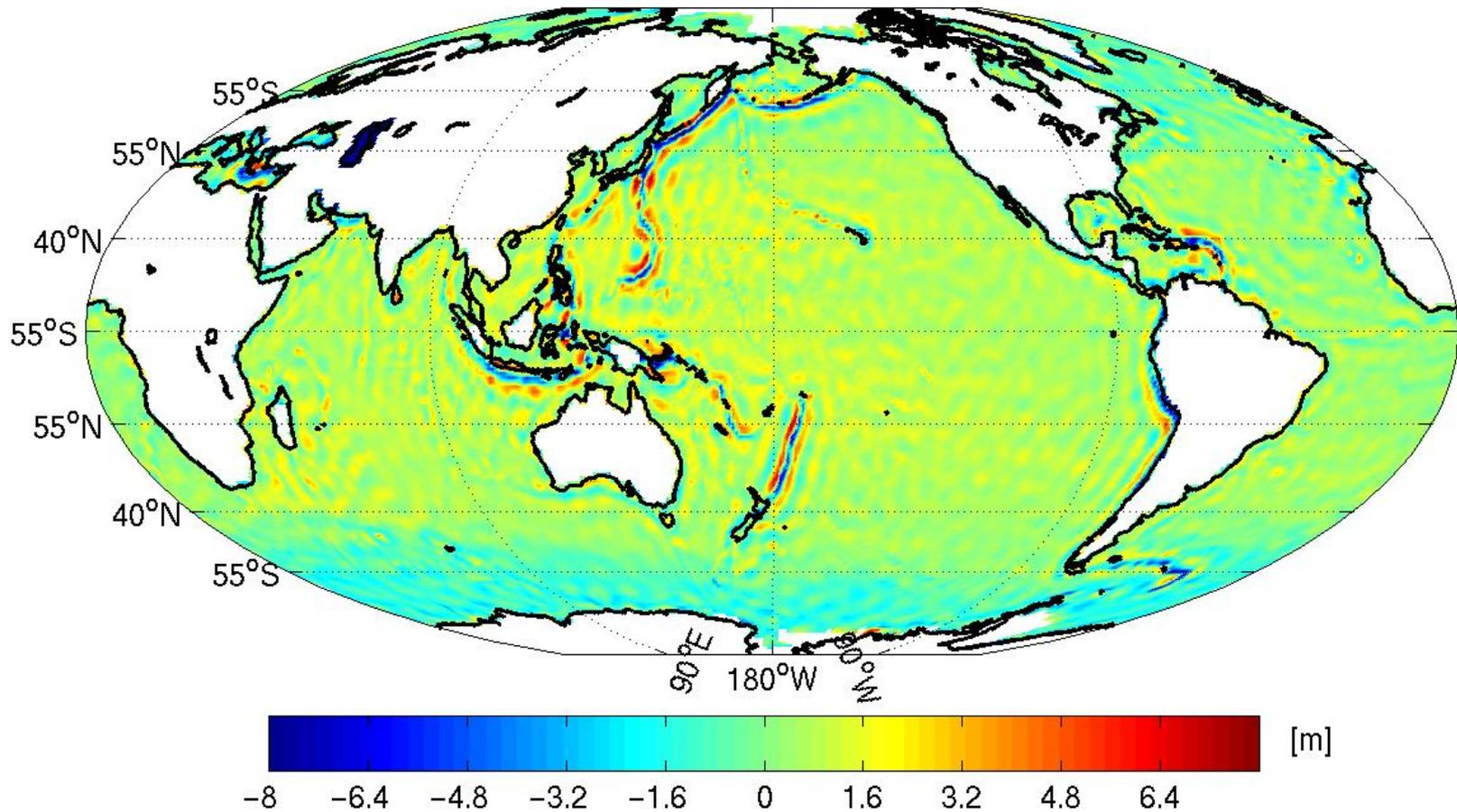


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Mean ocean surface and geoid have to be expressed:

- in the same coordinate system
- in the same coordinate type
- with respect to the same reference ellipsoid
- in the same permanent tide system

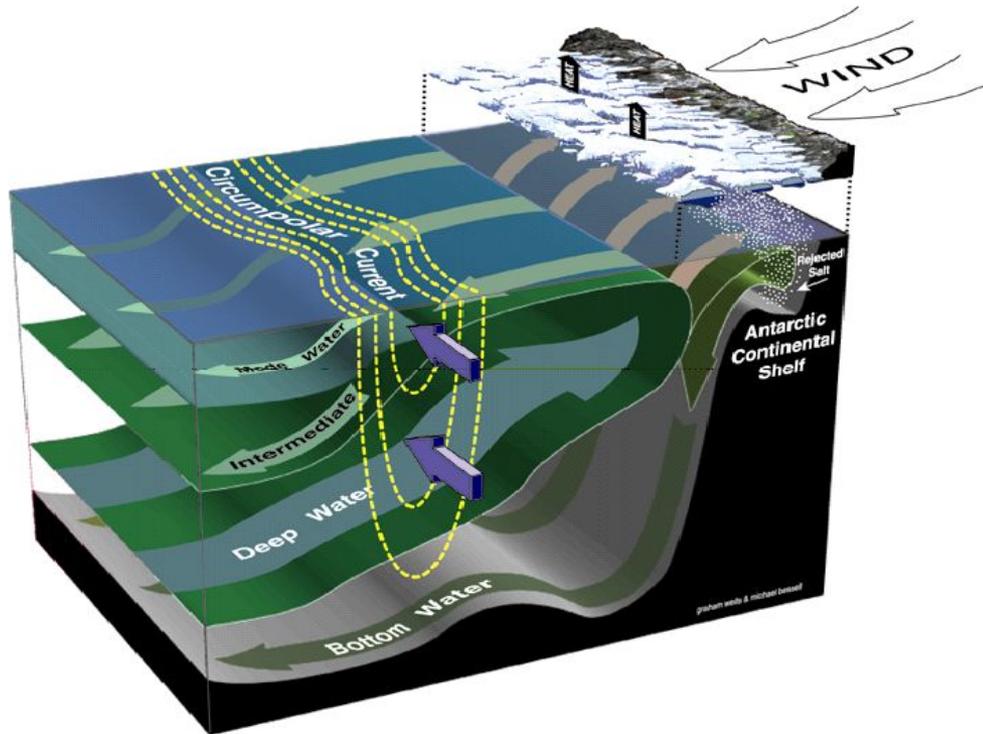
and they have to be

- spectrally consistent (a real challenge)



GEOTOP

Sea Surface Topography and Mass Transport of the Antarctic Circumpolar Current



GEOTOP

-  determination of DOT with proper spatial and spectral characteristics
-  impact of ICESat and GOCE
-  impact on ocean circulation
assimilation of DOT(t) in OGCM
-  verify results in Southern Ocean and Weddell Sea, a “cold” spot,
“tipping point” of climate system

Geodetic DOT - rationale

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$$\text{DOT} = h - N$$

h and N differ spectrally; h defined only on altimeter tracks; N given by spherical harmonics

$$\rightarrow \text{DOT} = 2D[h - N]$$

Global Approach:

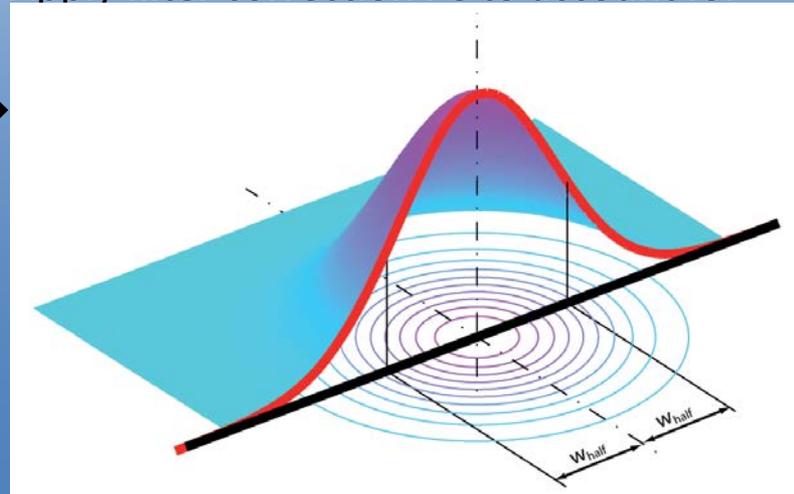
- Filter in the spectral domain
- Use MSS to compute h
- Extent MSS to land (!)
- h_{MSS} in spherical harmonics

$$\rightarrow \text{DOT} = 2D[h_{\text{MSS}} - N]$$

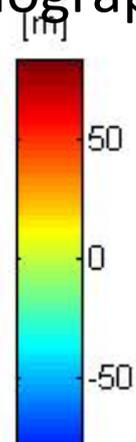
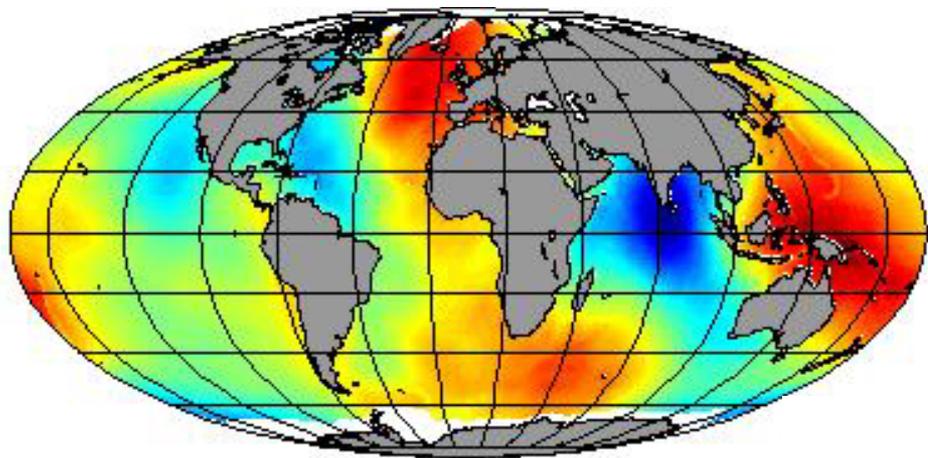
Mean DOT
(for MSS period)

• Profile Approach

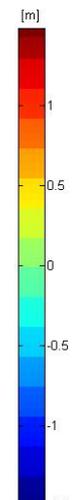
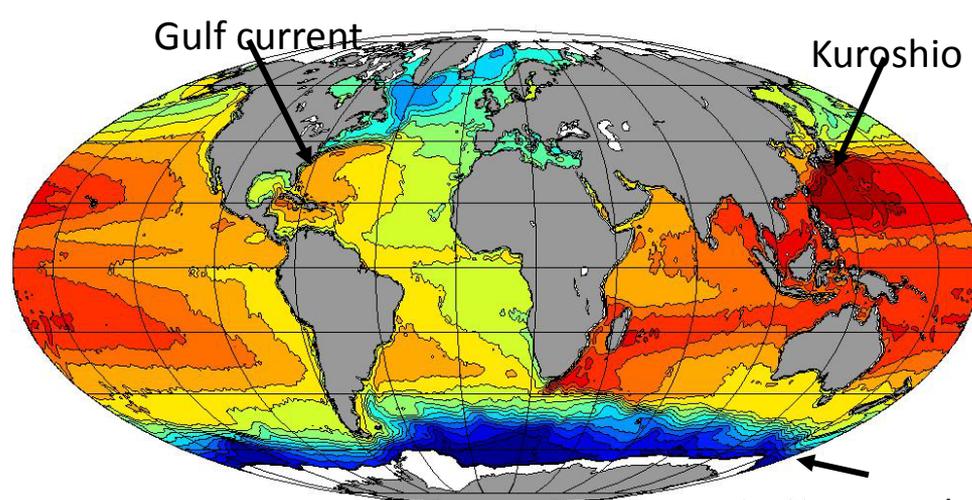
- Avoid gridding of h
- Filter h on altimeter profiles
- Apply filter correction FC to account for



GOCE and oceanography



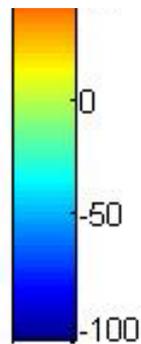
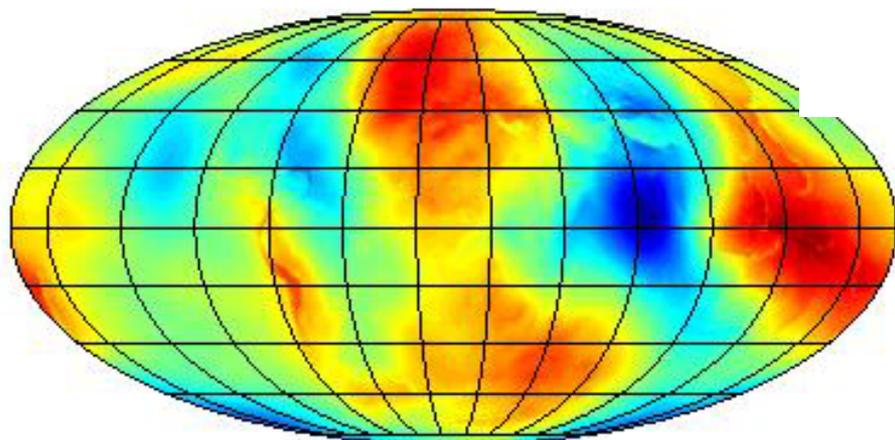
Mean Sea Surface
1992- 2010
from altimetry
(W. Bosch, 2011)



Gulf current

Kuroshio

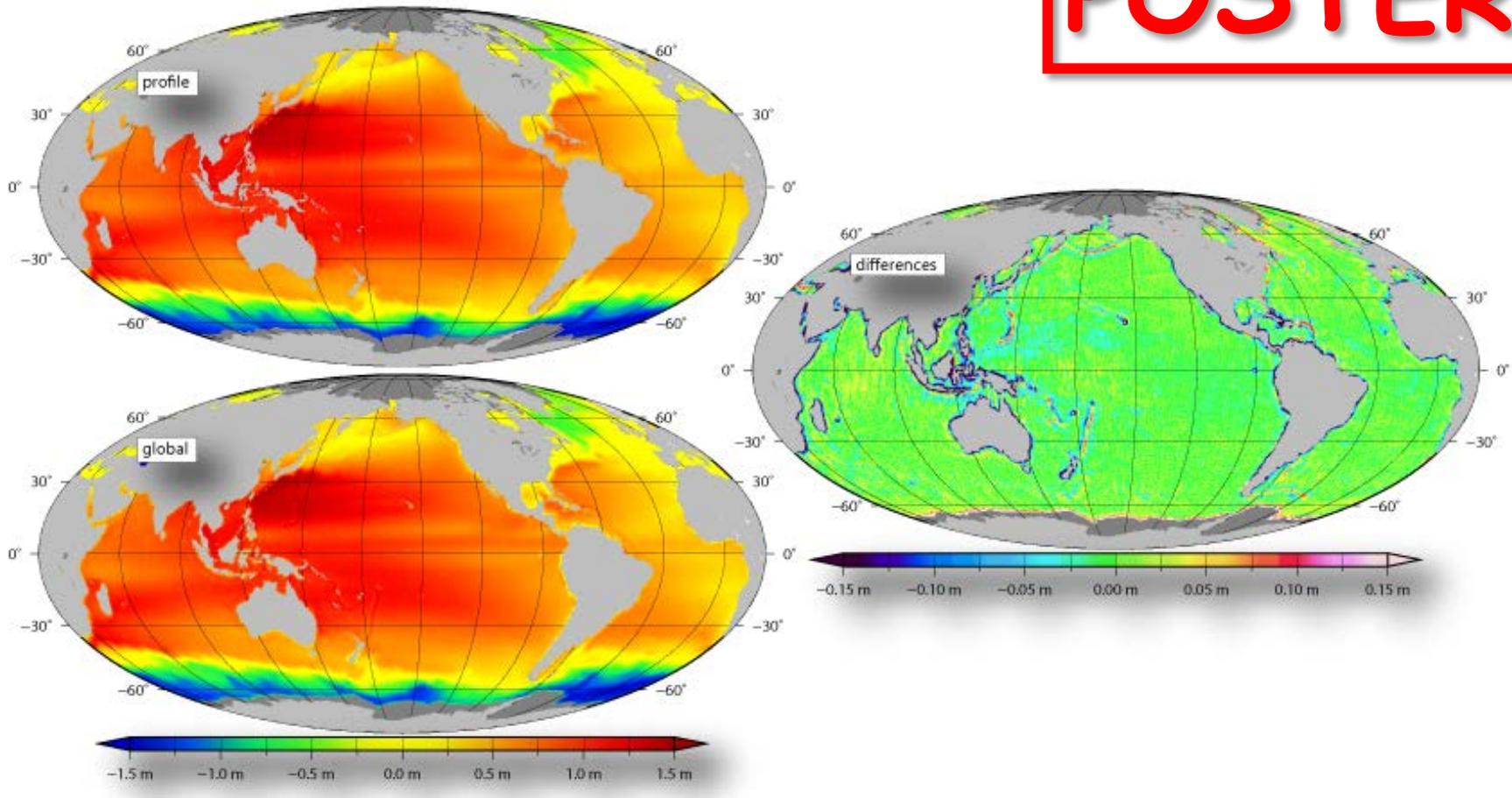
Antarctic Circumpolar Current



Geoid
based on six months
GOCE

Differences between global and profile approach

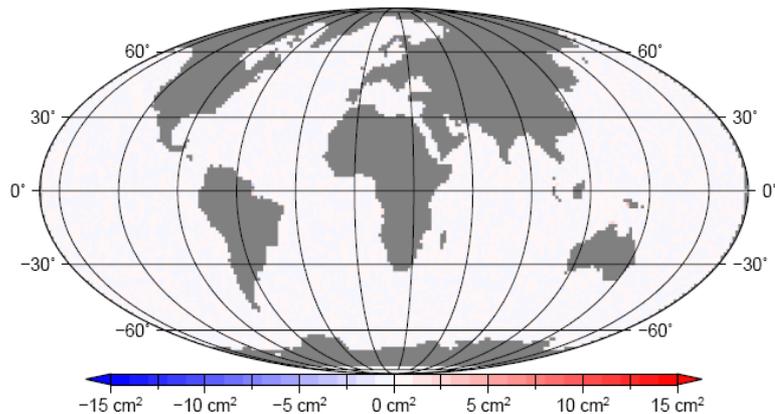
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Gain in variance by lowering the filter length

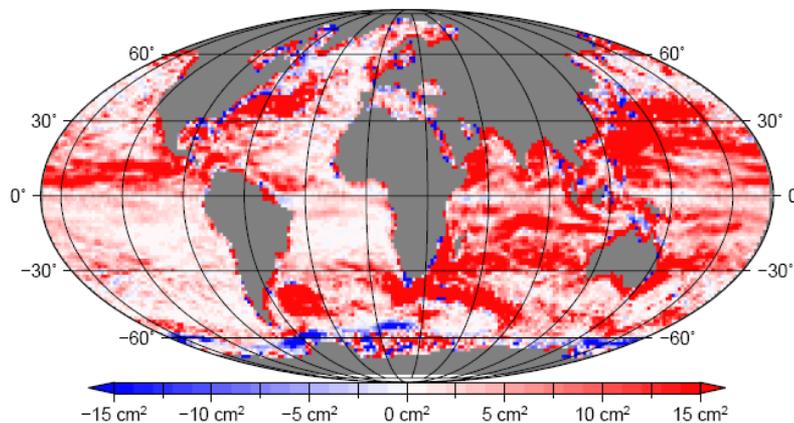
GRACE versus GOCE; Filter D=241km/L=60

ITG-Grace03s – GOCO JW241.6667km



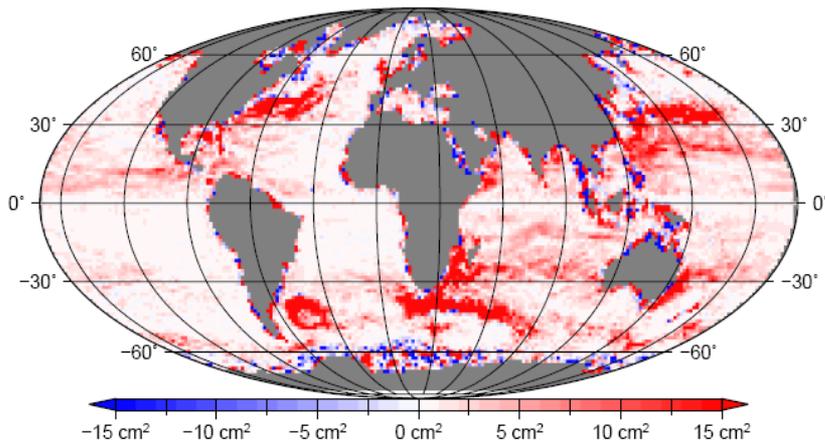
GOCE: Δ Filter D=121km/L=120 – D=241km/L=60

GOCO (JW 241.6667km – 120.8333km)



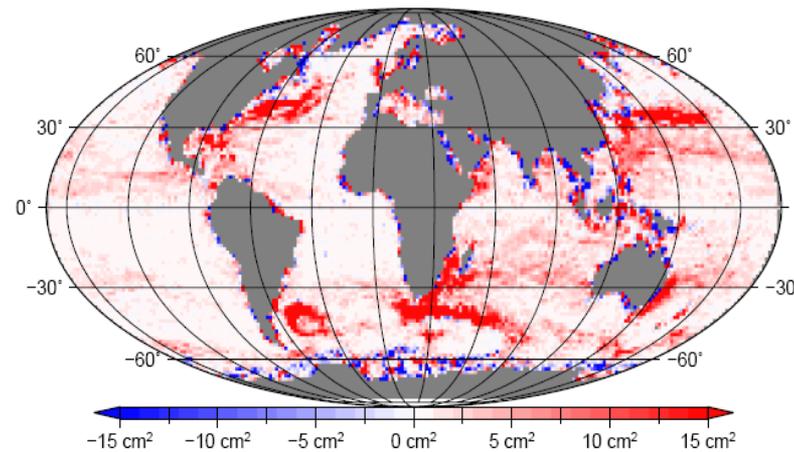
GOCE: Δ Filter D=97km/L=150 – D=121km/L=120

GOCO (JW 120.8333km – 96.6667km)



GOCE: Δ Filter D=80km/L=180 – D=97km/L=150

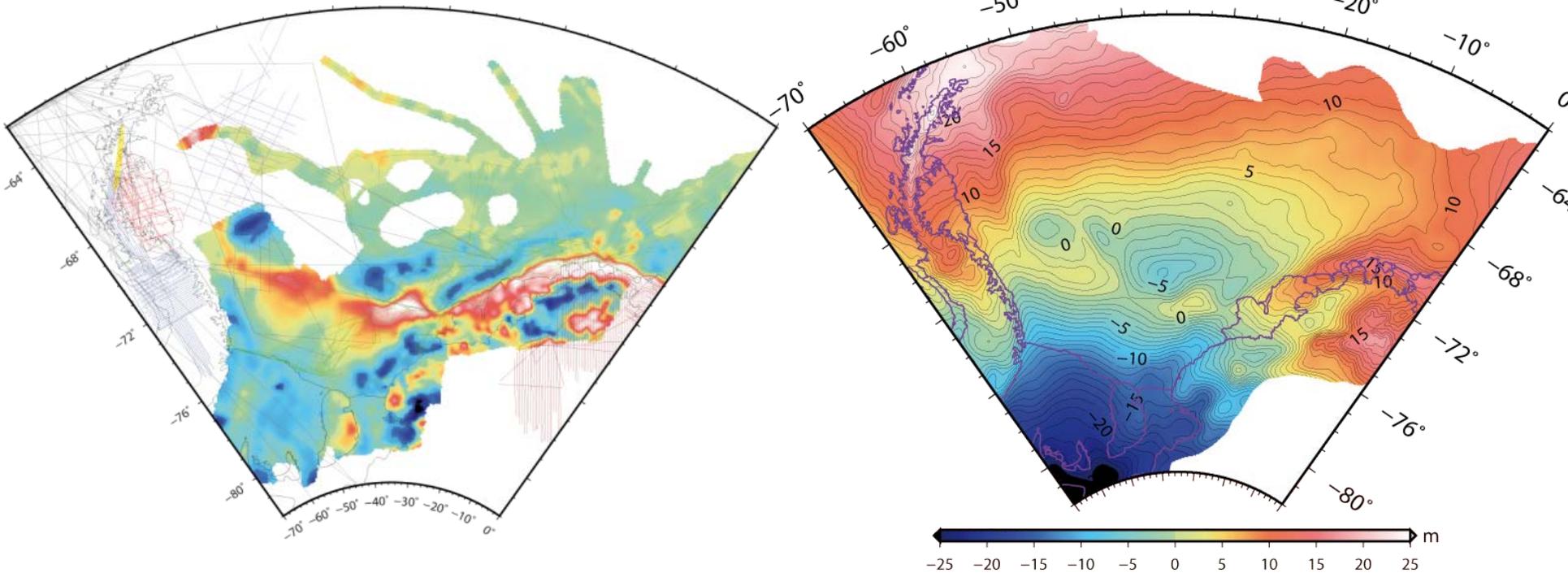
GOCO (JW 96.6667km – 80.5556km)



local geoid from terrestrial data ICESat and GOCE

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airborne gravity



Assimilation of DOT in OGCM



absolute DOT, mean + anomalies



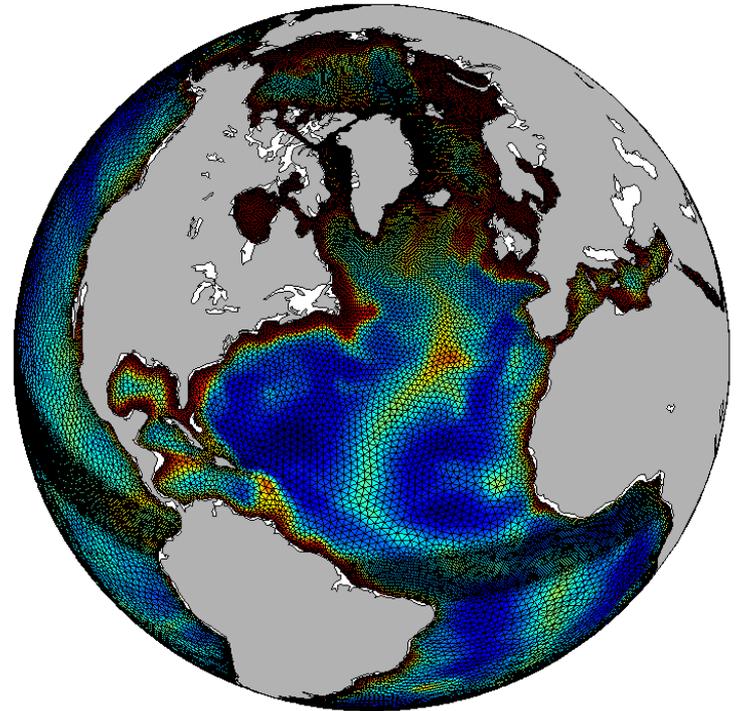
EnKF with weighting by
error variance-covariance matrix



assimilation of 10day maps

FESOM

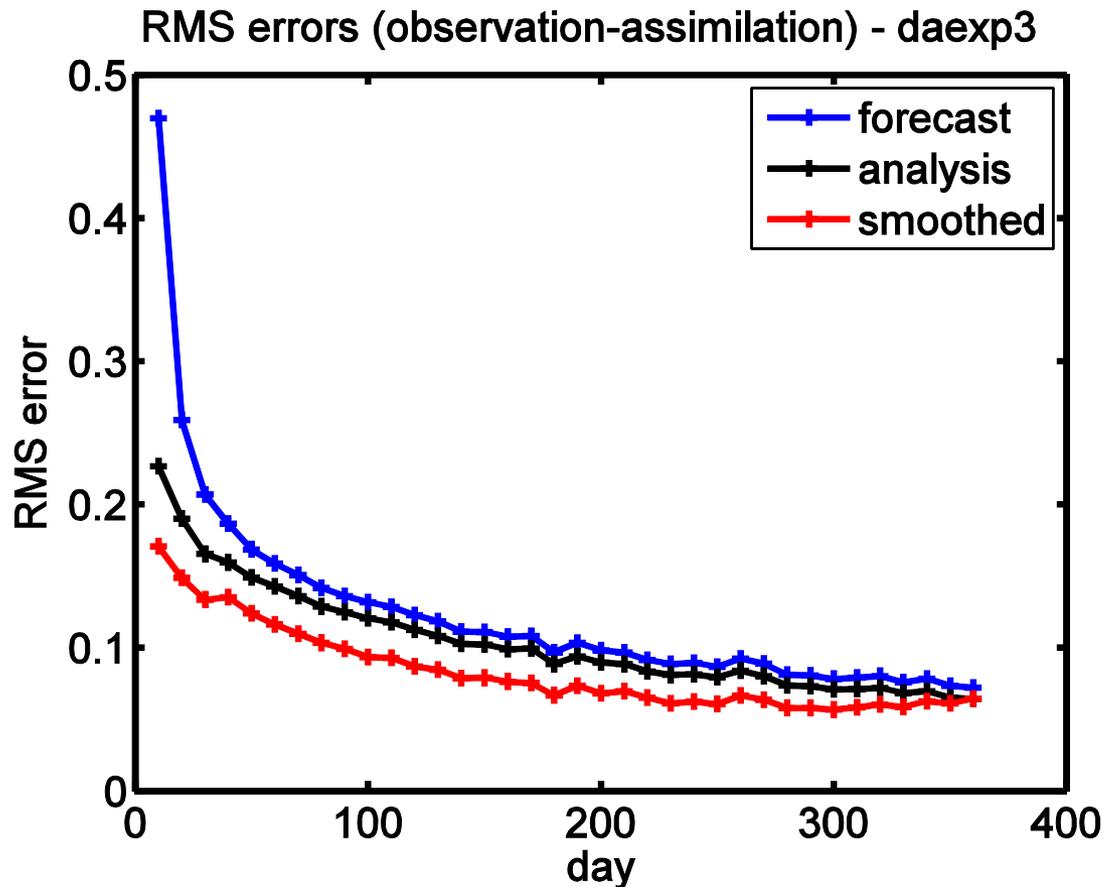
- hydrostatic primitive equation
Sea Ice- Ocean
General Circulation model
- non linear free surface, boussinesq,
GentMCWilliams, Smagorinski,
KPP, Redi etc.
- freshwater flux is flux of volume
and mass, no salinity restoring,
- resolution varies locally to include
the impact of small scale processes
on the global circulation



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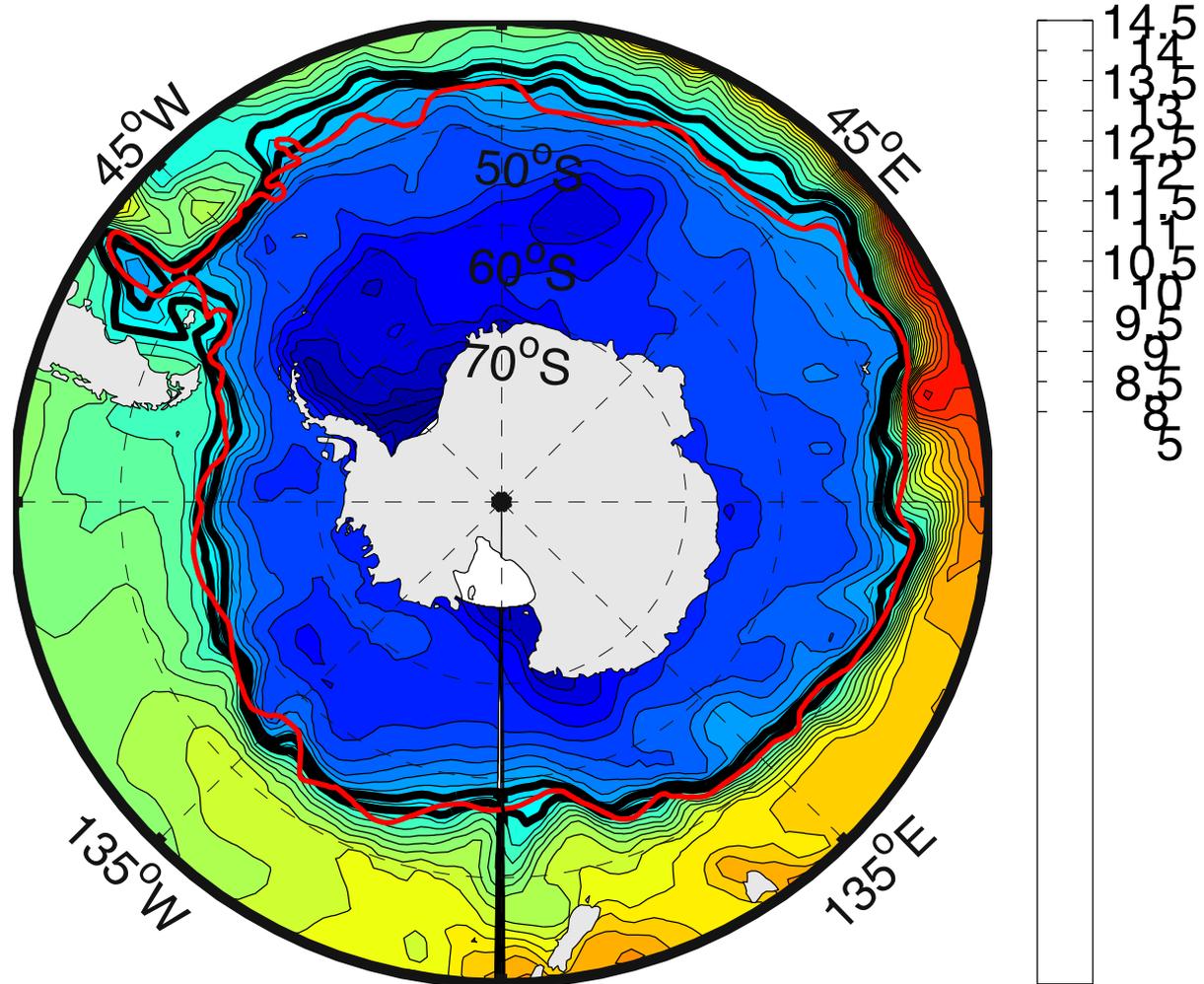
resolution:
20km to 150 km

Assimilation of DOT (d/o150) RMS differences [m], 2004



potential temperature 400m

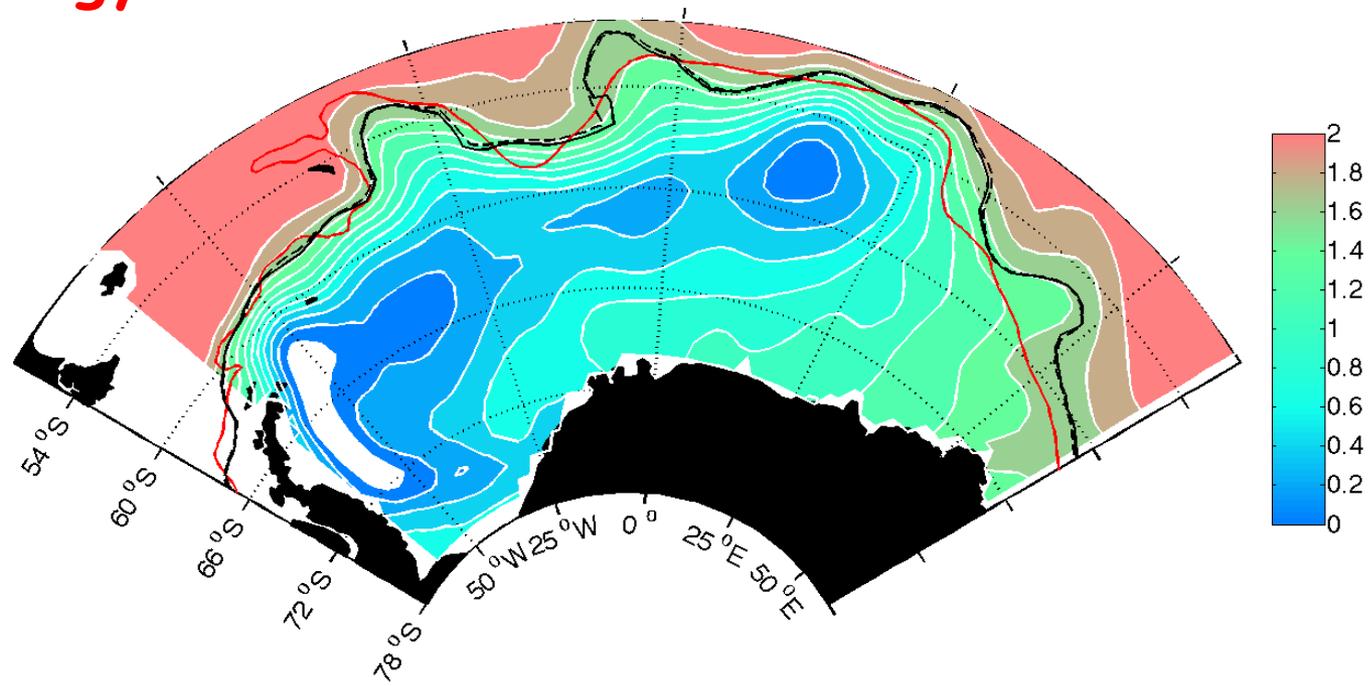
Sub Arctic Front
Orsi, climatology
assimilation



temperature in 800m in Weddell SEA

southern ACC front
Orsi, climatology
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RMS error 0.4°C -> 0.2°C

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**good visibility of GEOTOP
in national and international conferences and workshops**

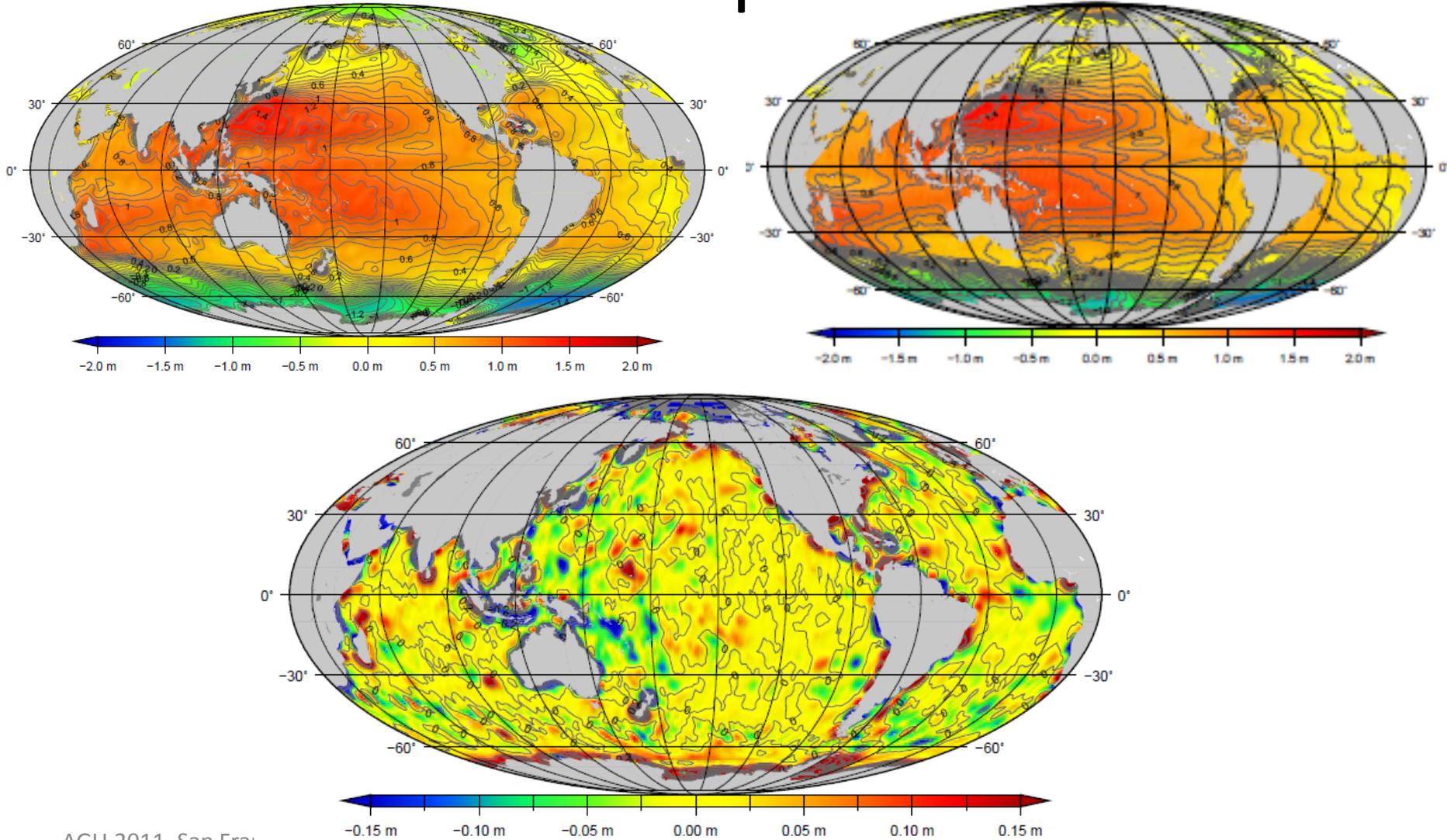
- > 60 oral and poster presentations**
- > 20 conference papers and reports**

- Janjić T., et al. (2012) **Journal of Geodynamics**
- Albertella, et al. (2012): **Geophysical International Journal**
- Janjic et al. (2012) **Ocean Science**
- Albertella et al. (2012) DGFI/IAPG Report No.82
- Schwabe & Scheinert (2012) **Journal of Geodesy**
- Nerger et al. (2012) **Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society**
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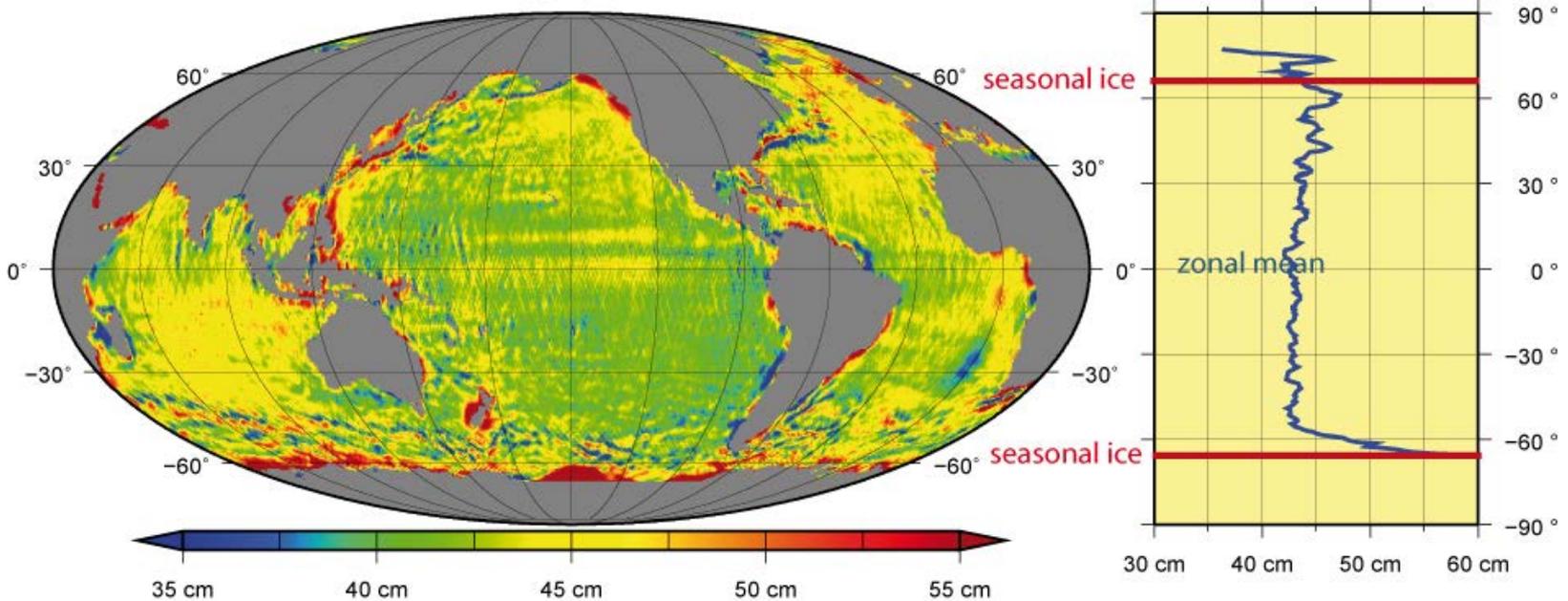
Results

-  DOT in two approaches are reliable but different in detail, mostly small scale and coastal
-  strong impact of *GOCE* on oceanic fronts and temporal variability
-  impact of *ICESat* in Weddell Sea

Global DOT (left), Profile DOT (right), ΔT_{diff}

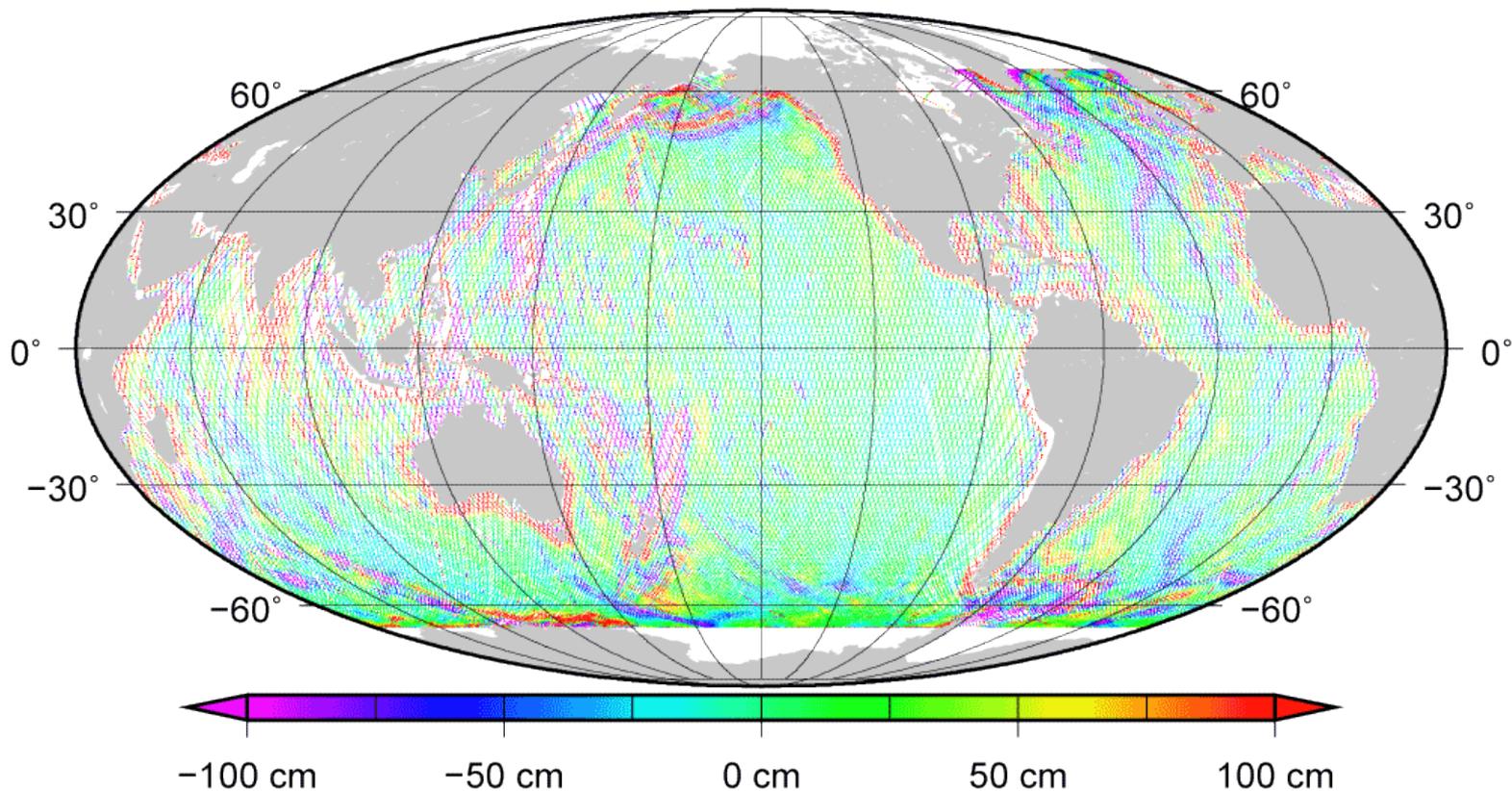


Diff Maximenko '09 – MiDOT, period 1992-2002



Filter correction (with EGM2008, N_{\max}

$$\text{DOT} = 1\text{D}[h] + (2\text{D}[N_{\text{EGM08}}] - 1\text{D}[N_{\text{EGM08}}]) - 2\text{D}[N] = 2190$$



DOT



apply spectral expansion for N, SSH
a) treat SSH over land as missing
b) extend SSH over land



apply spatial expansion for N, SSH
treat 2D filtering (N) and
1D filtering (alongtrack altimetry)
with filter correction

Determination of the mean sea-surface topography in sea-ice covered areas (Weddell Sea)

utilizing ICESat release 31 (02/2003 – 10/2009)

classification problem, solved by:
lowest-level filtering in a remove-compute-restore technique

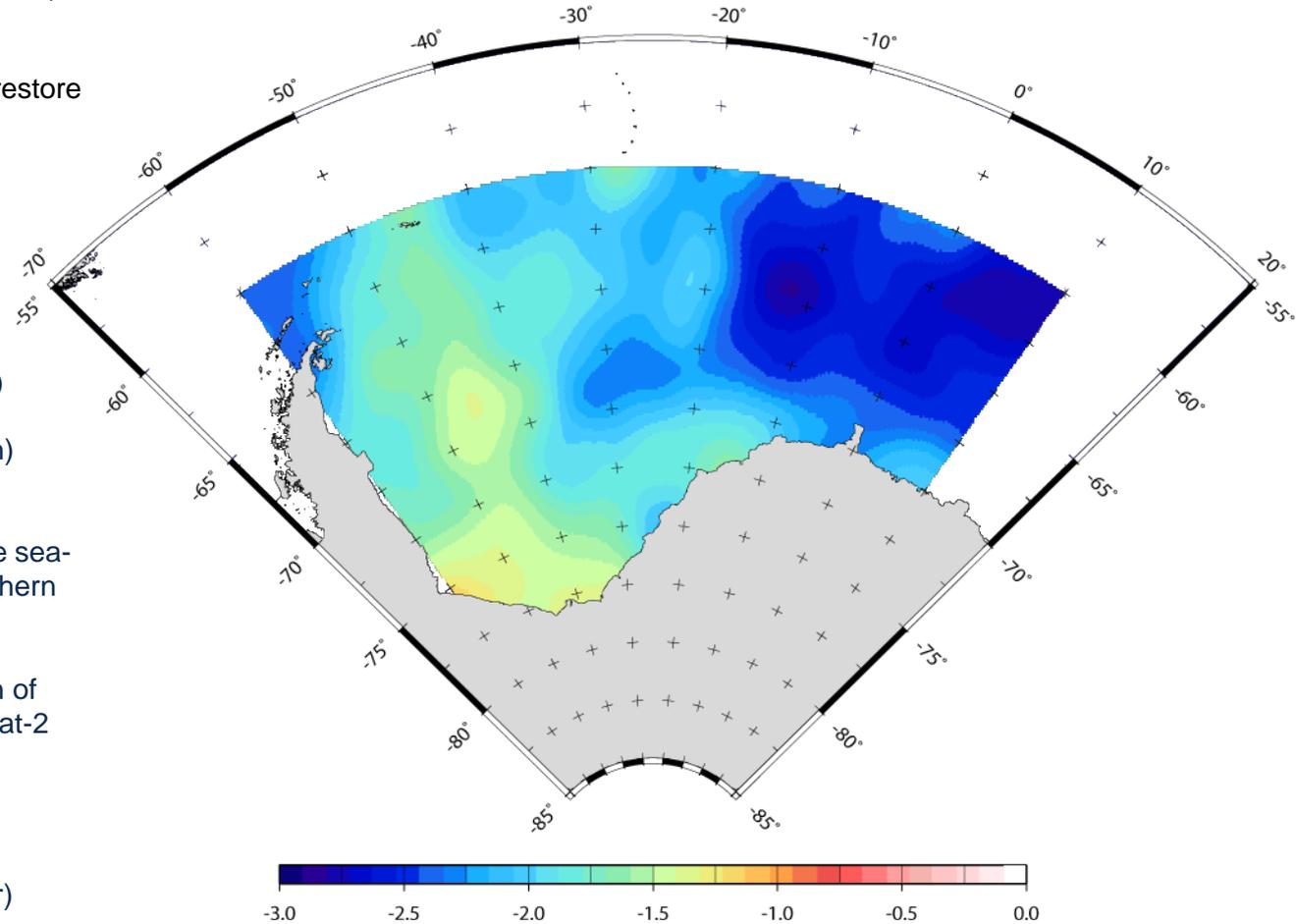
working steps:

- ICESat specific corrections/reductions
 - correction of offsets (*global MMXO*)
 - robust outlier elimination
 - DAC reduction
 - ocean tide reduction (*EOT11a*)
 - geoid reduction (*EGM2008, d/o 2190*)
- median filter, interpolation, restore
- final Gauss filter (d/o 210, 69 km halfwidth)

conclusions:

- ICESat delivers suitable data to determine sea-surface heights in (partly) ice-covered Southern Ocean (only static surfaces)
- further improvement by careful application of techniques and by combination with Cryosat-2 data

Fig.: mean sea-surface topography (referenced to GOCO02S) (unit: meter)



Regional Geoid Improvement in the Weddell Sea region

utilizing heterogeneous data
remove-compute-restore technique
least-squares collocation

background model: GOCO02S (Pail et al., 2010)

upper left: terrestrial and airborne gravity anomalies

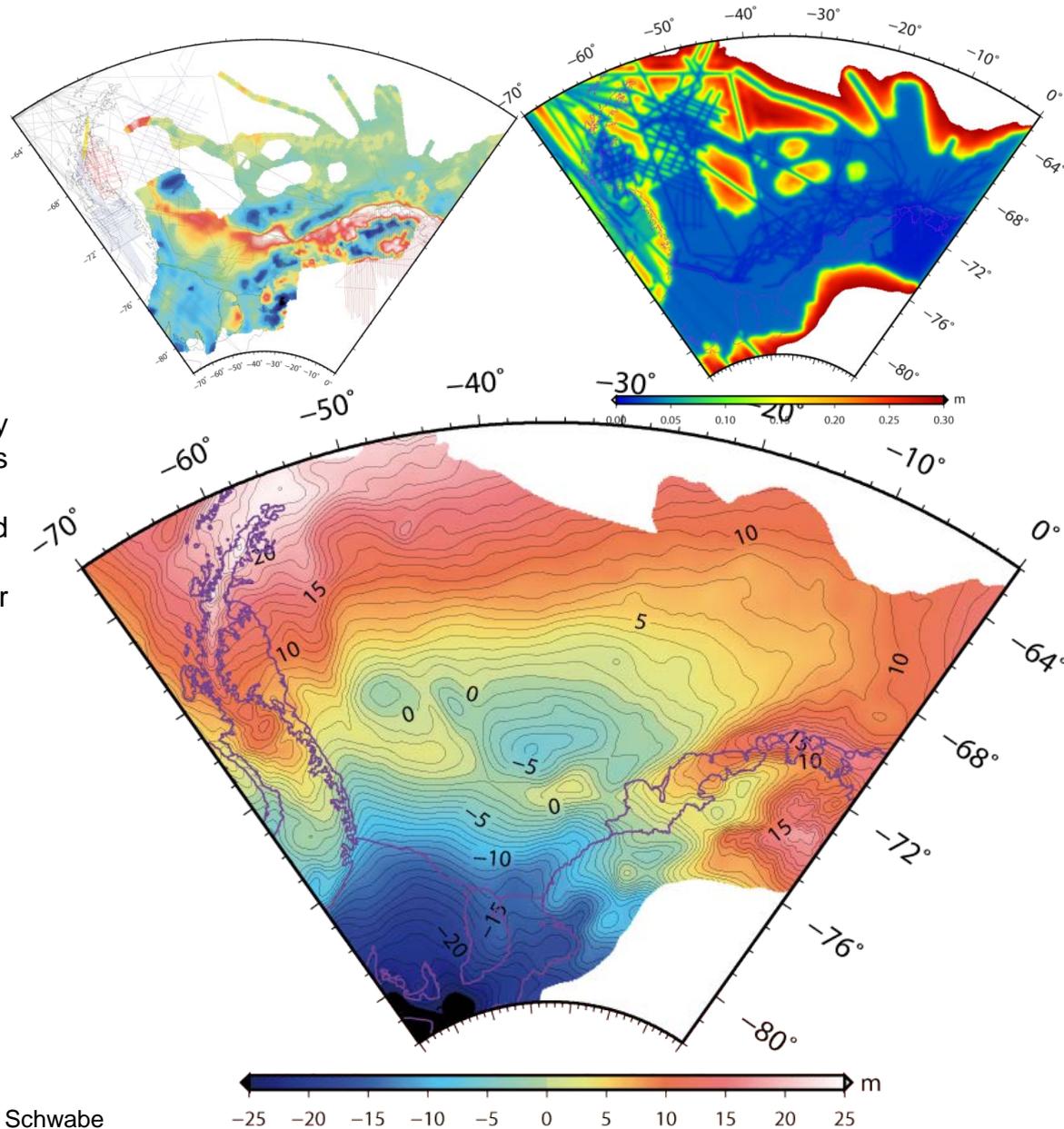
right: improved regional geoid

upper right: prediction error

conclusions:

- GOCE already delivers reliable information
- more signal added at shorter wavelengths by incorporation of terrestrial gravity anomalies
- a more complete terrestrial data coverage would further improve the solution

*Schwabe & Scheinert (2012):
Journal of Geodesy (in review)*



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sr3 etc
global + localization