Coastal wet tropospheric correction: GPD vs RWT

Study variable	**GPD**
Reference variable	**RWT**
Missions	Envisat *(en)*
Period	[19259, 22209]

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Study overview

In this study, the wet tropospheric correction computed by the University of Porto, Faculty of science in the scope of the Sea level CCI project (WP2710) has been compared with the radiometric correction to calculate the Envisat sea-level height (SSH).

The impact of using these wet tropospheric corrections on the SSH computation has been analyzed for Envisat mission from September 2002 (cycle 10) to October 2010 (Cycle 93).

The major aim of WP2710 is to provide a wet tropospheric correction for the coastal zone, applicable to all missions, fully compatible with respect to the microwave radiometer (MWR) based correction that shall be adopted in the open ocean, and ensuring its continuity and consistency in the open ocean/coastal transition zone. It has been produced by the university of Porto, Faculty of science (J. Fernandes).
This study has been performed on points where the studied correction is a valid estimate (GPD flag=1) and on non corrupted ocean points where it equals the radiometric correction (GPD flag=0).
For Envisat mission, the reference correction is the radiometric wet tropospheric correction present in GDR products.

All the validation diagnostics displayed in this report have been performed in agreement with the Sea-Level CCI Product Validation Plan (PVP).

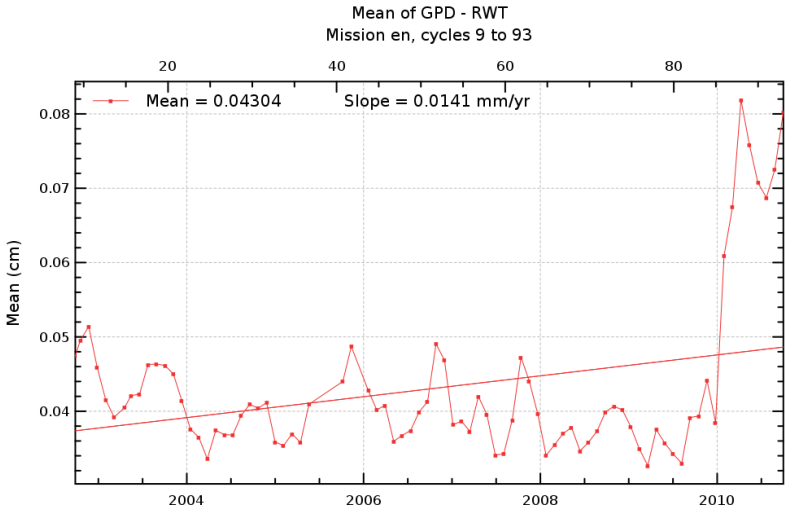
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

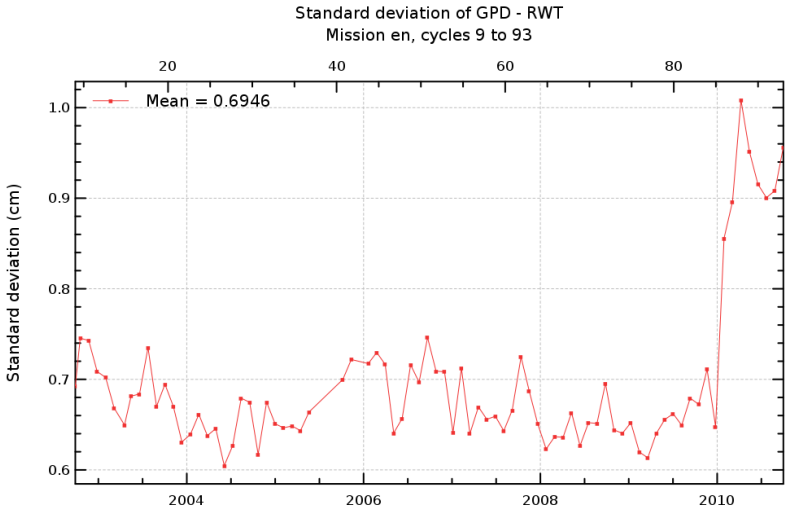
Diagnostic A001 (mission en)

Name : Temporal evolution of differences between both altimetric components

Input data : Along-track altimetric components

Description : The temporal evolution of global statistics (mean, variance, slope) of differences between 2 different standards of a same altimetric component (sea surface height correction, altimeter parameter, orbit) are calculated from a cyclic way (altimeter repetivity, daily, weekly, monthly) . These statistics are calculated from 1 Hz altimetric measurements after removing spurious sea level measurements.





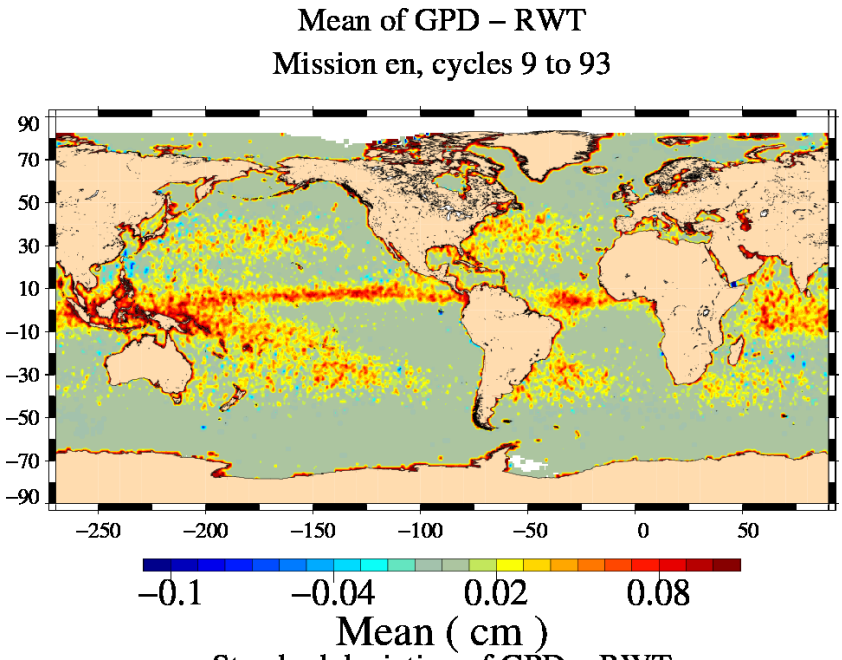
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

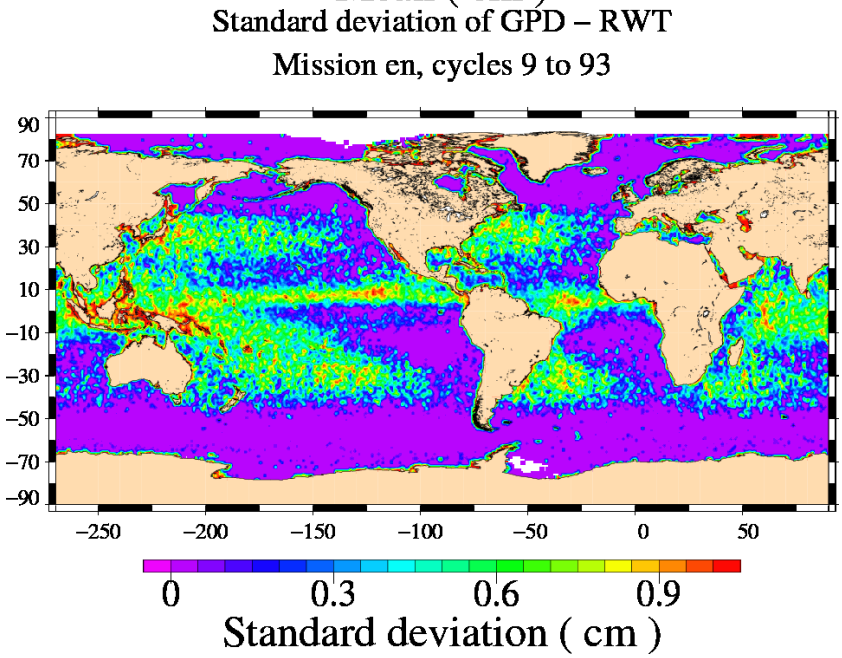
Diagnostic A002 (mission en)

Name : Map of differences between both altimetric components over all the period

Input data : Along-track altimetric components

Description : The map of global statistics (mean, standard deviation) of differences between 2 different standards of a same altimetric component (sea surface height correction, altimeter parameter, orbit) are calculated over a given period which is the longer as possible to have obtain reliable statically results. These statistics are calculated from 1 Hz altimetric measurements after removing spurious sea level measurements.





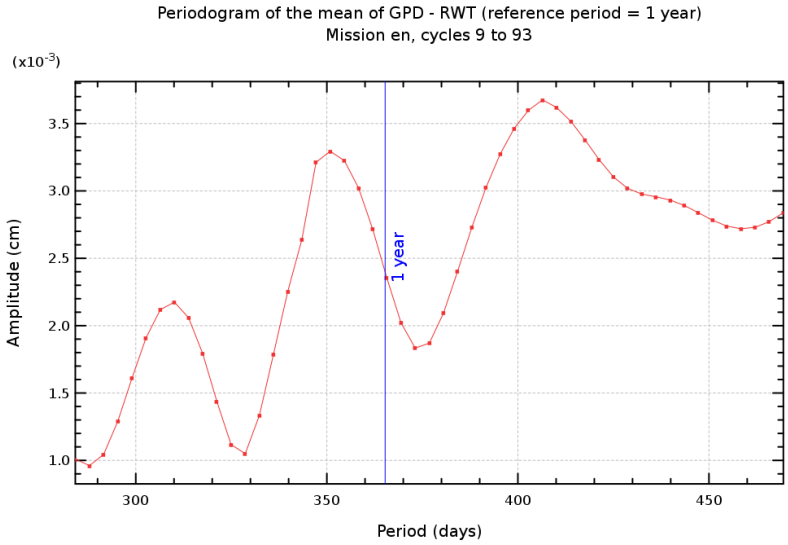
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

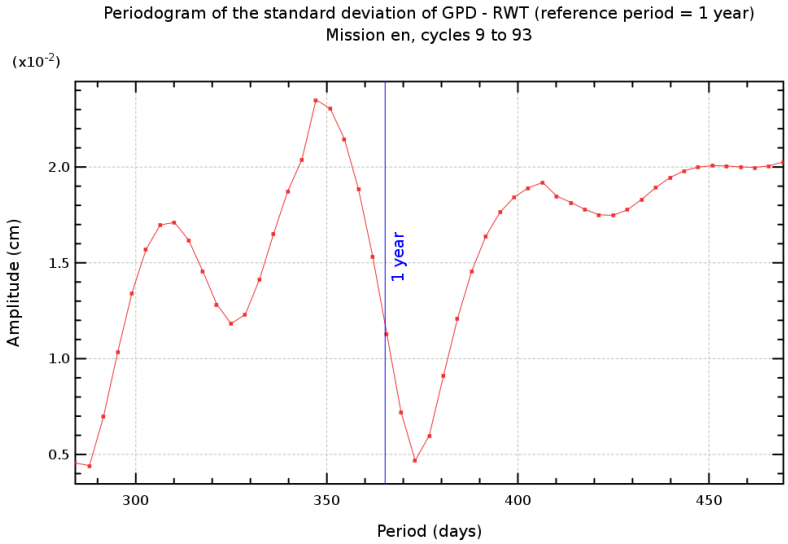
Diagnostic A003_a (mission en)

Name : Periodogram derived from temporal evolution of altimetric component differences

Input data : Along-track altimetric components

Description : The periodogram derived from temporal and global altimetric component differences is calculated from cycle by cycle monitoring of altimetric component differences (derived from diagnostic A001). It is calculated from the mean or the variance differences. The Periodogram can be calculated for all the periods, but it can be focused on a dedicated period.





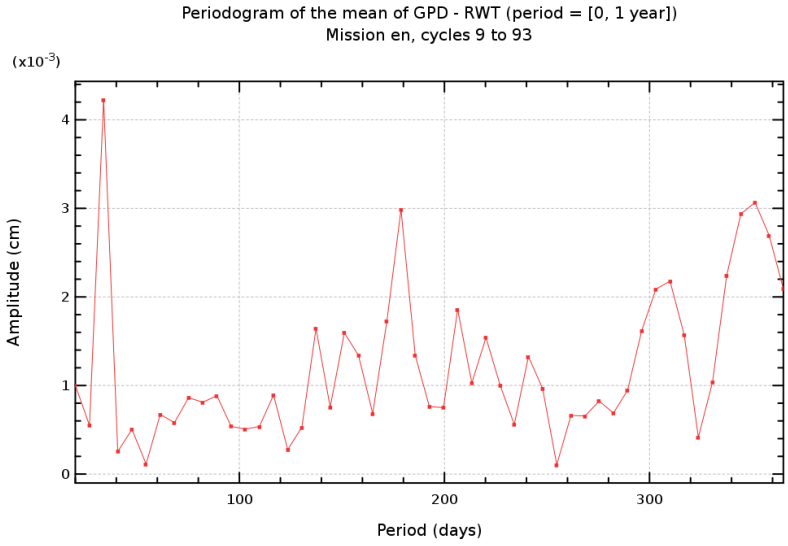
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

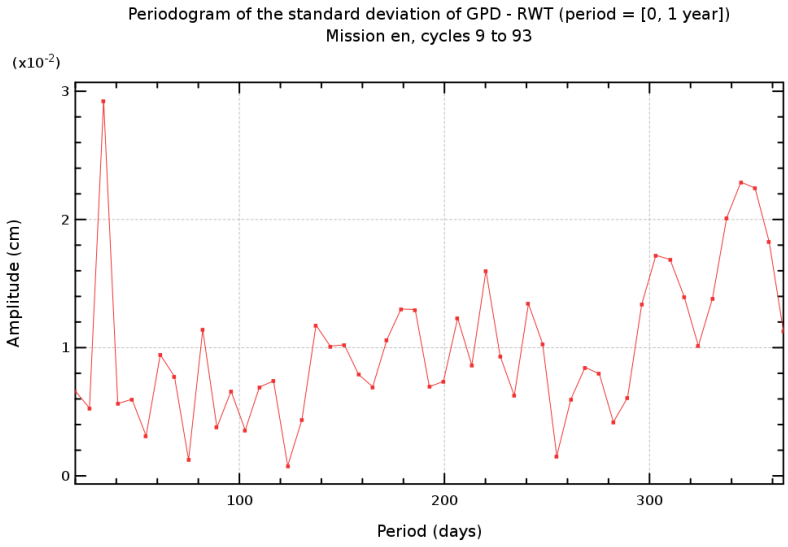
Diagnostic A003_b (mission en)

Name : Periodogram derived from temporal evolution of altimetric component differences

Input data : Along-track altimetric components

Description : The periodogram derived from temporal and global altimetric component differences is calculated from cycle by cycle monitoring of altimetric component differences (derived from diagnostic A001). It is calculated from the mean or the variance differences. The Periodogram can be calculated for all the periods, but it can be focused on a dedicated period.





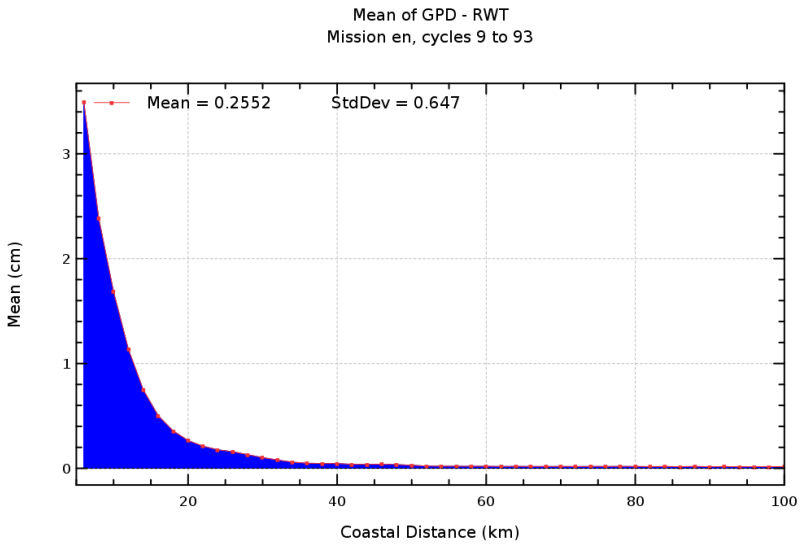
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

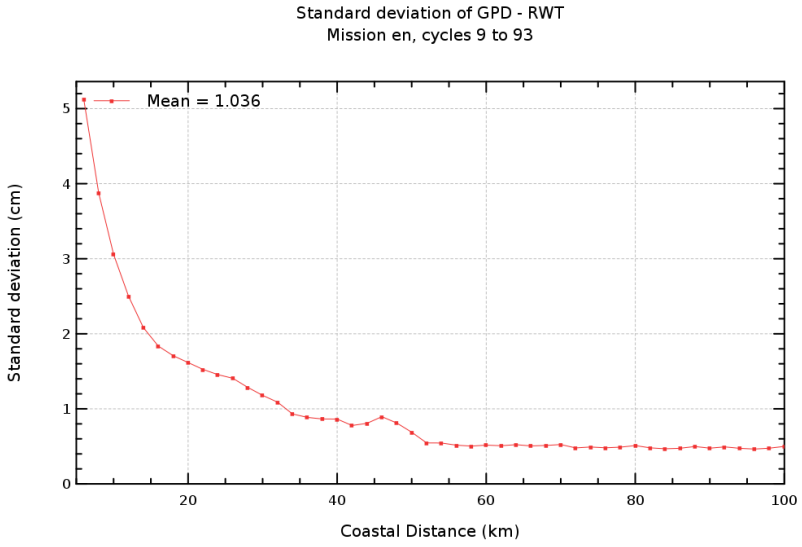
Diagnostic A004 (mission en)

Name : Altimetric component differences versus coastal distances

Input data : Along-track altimetric components

Description : Mean and standard deviation of the differences between 2 different standards of a same altimetric component (sea surface height correction, altimeter parameter, orbit) are computed and plotted in function of coastal distances between 0 and 100 km.





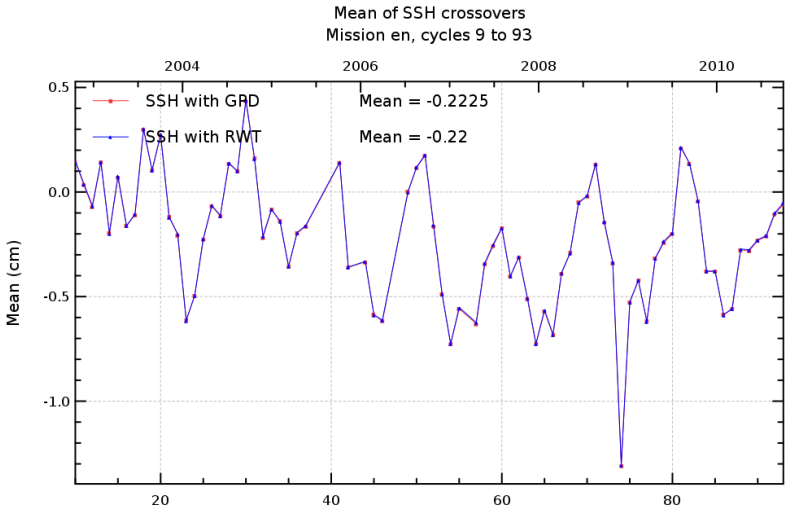
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

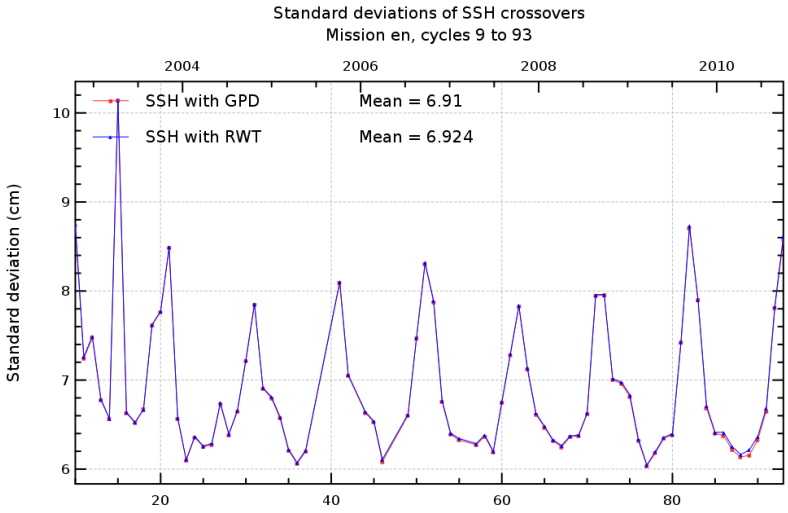
Diagnostic A101 (mission en)

Name : Temporal evolution of SSH crossovers

Input data : Sea Surface Height (SSH) crossovers

Description : The temporal evolution of global statistics (mean, standard deviation) of SSH differences are calculated from a cyclic way (altimeter repetivity, daily, weekly, monthly) using successively both altimetric components in the SSH calculation. SSH crossovers are the differences between ascending and descending passes for time differences between both passes lower than 10 days (in order to reduce the effect of the oceanic variability).





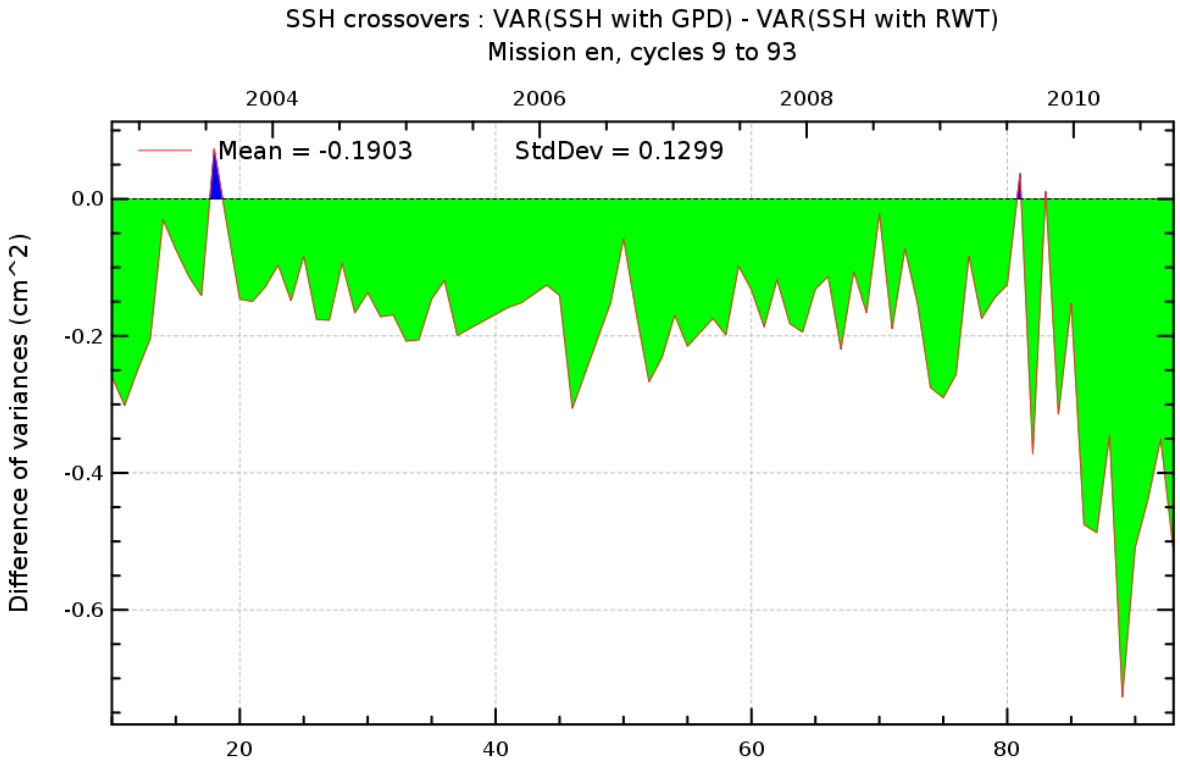
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

Diagnostic A102 (mission en)

Name : Differences between temporal evolution of SSH crossovers

Input data : Sea Surface Height (SSH) crossovers

Description : The difference of temporal evolution between the global statistics (mean, standard deviation) of SSH differences are calculated using successively both altimetric components in the SSH calculation. SSH crossovers are the differences between ascending and descending passes for time differences between both passes lower than 10 days (in order to reduce the effect of the oceanic variability).



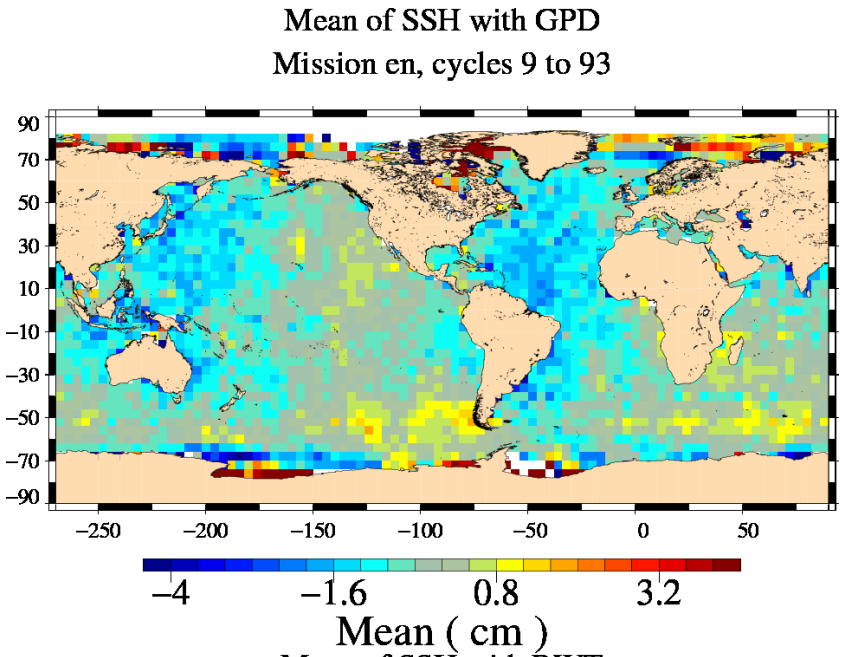
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

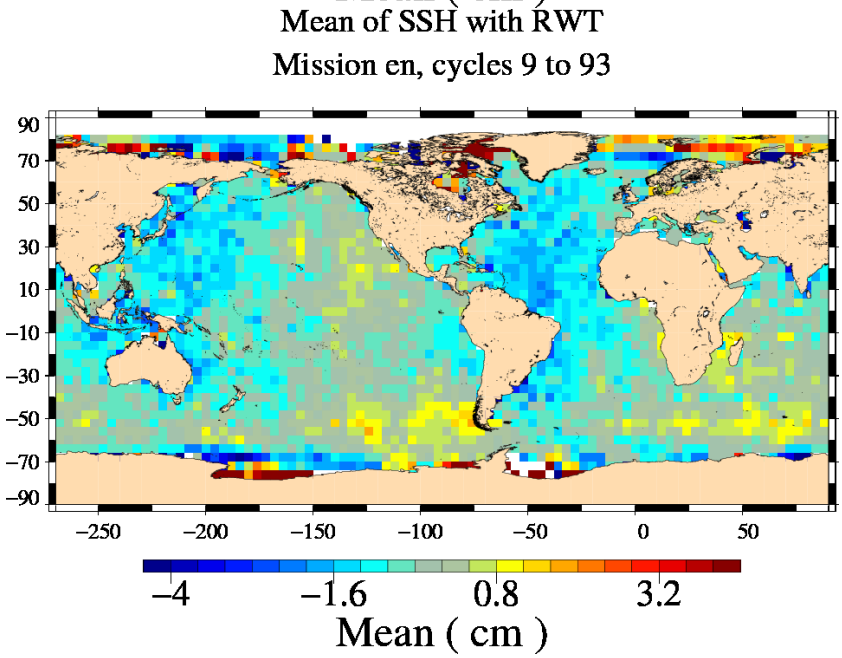
Diagnostic A103 (mission en)

Name : Map of SSH crossovers

Input data : Sea Surface Height (SSH) crossovers

Description : The differences between maps of SSH crossovers differences (mean, variance) are calculated using successively both altimetric components in the SSH calculation. SSH crossovers are the differences between ascending and descending passes for time differences between both passes lower than 10 days (in order to reduce the effect of the oceanic variability).





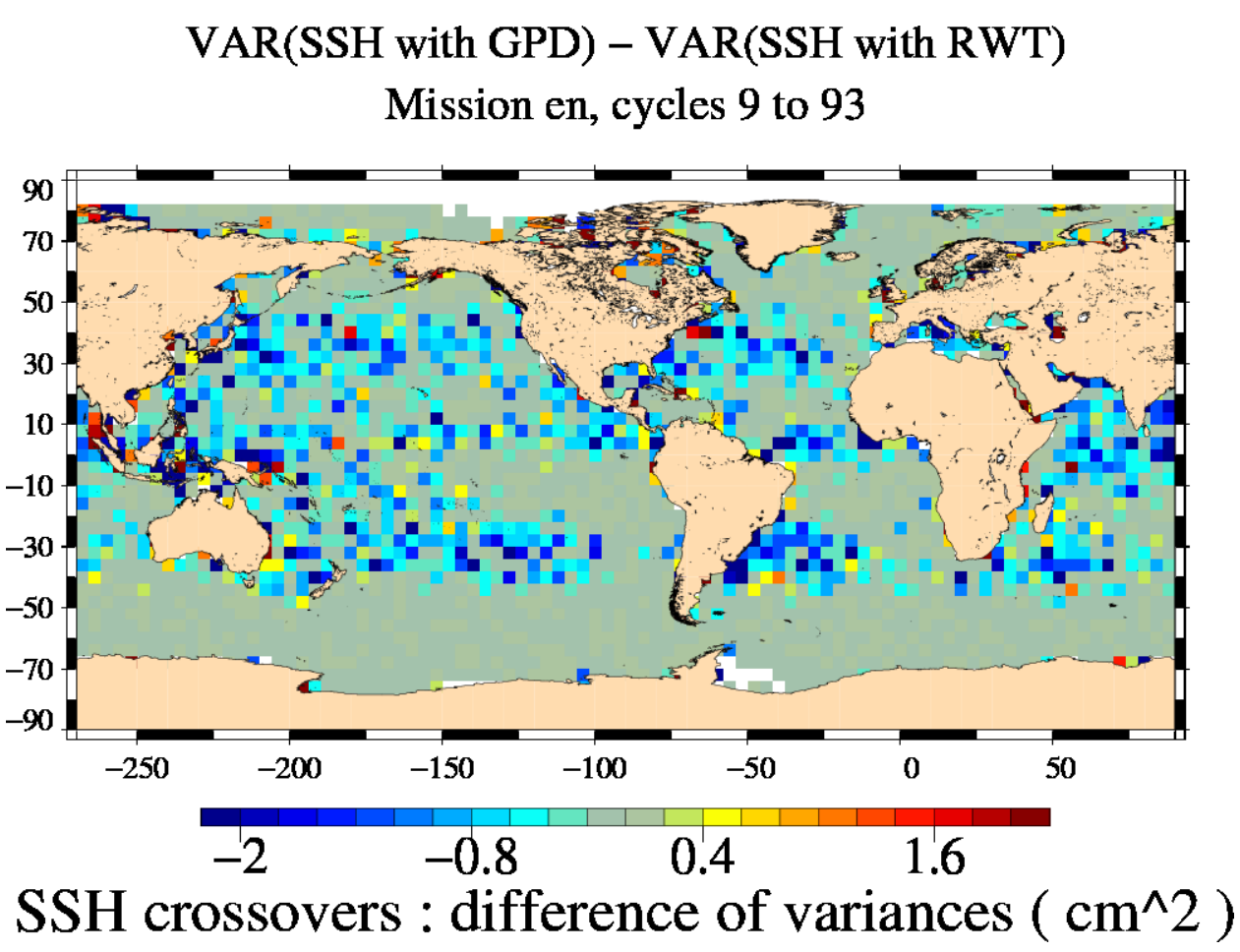
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

Diagnostic A104 (mission en)

Name : Differences between maps of SSH crossovers

Input data : Sea Surface Height (SSH) crossovers

Description : The differences between maps of SSH crossovers (derived from diagnostic A103) are calculated from the SSH crossover differences (mean, standard deviation) using successively both altimetric components in the SSH calculation. SSH crossovers are the differences between ascending and descending passes for time differences between both passes lower than 10 days (in order to reduce the effect of the oceanic variability).



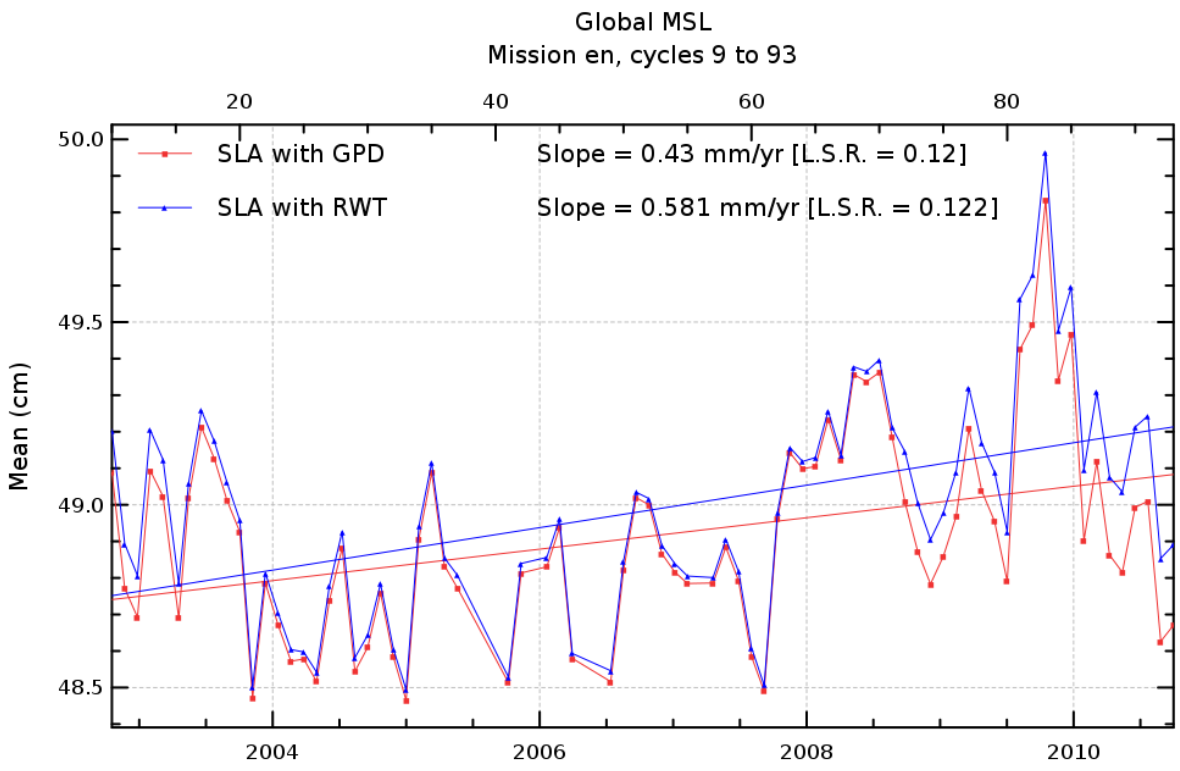
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

Diagnostic A201_a (mission en)

Name : Temporal evolution of Sea Level Anomaly (SLA)

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The temporal evolution of SLA statistics (mean, standard deviation) are calculated from a cyclic way (altimeter repetivity, daily, weekly, monthly) using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation. These statistics are calculated from 1 Hz altimetric measurements after removing spurious sea level measurements. They are calculated globally, but also separating ascending and descending passes (except for SLA Grids) , or separating North and South hemispheres.



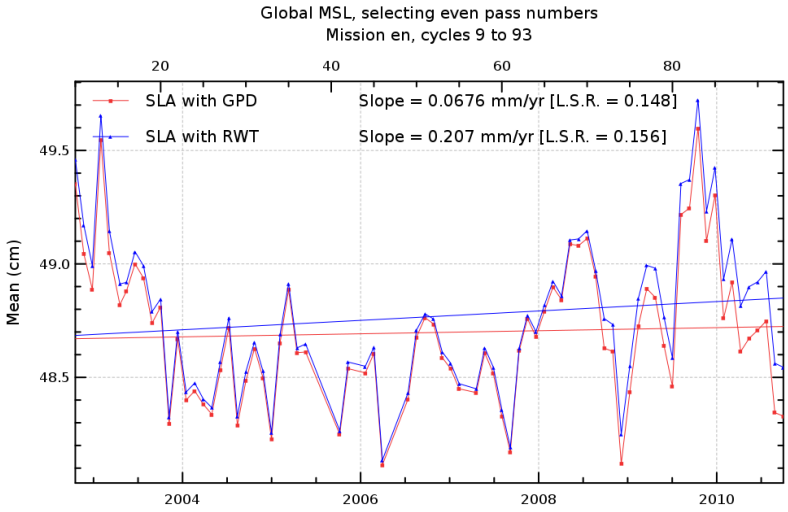
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

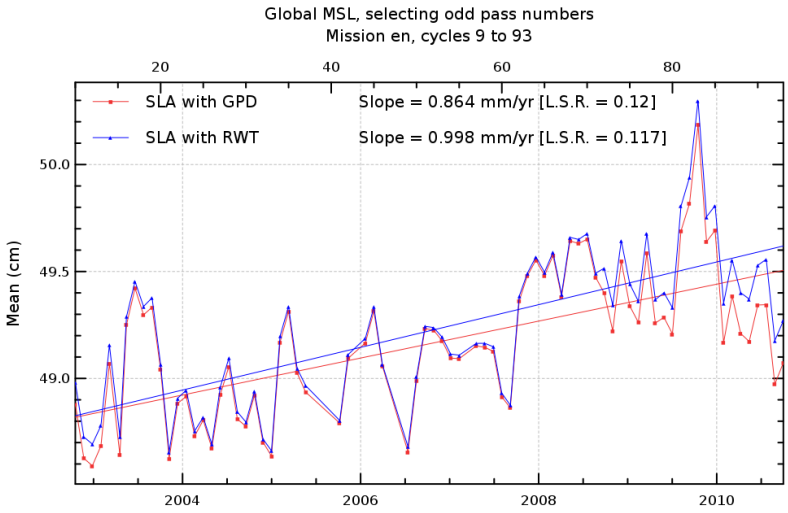
Diagnostic A201_b (mission en)

Name : Temporal evolution of Sea Level Anomaly (SLA)

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The temporal evolution of SLA statistics (mean, standard deviation) are calculated from a cyclic way (altimeter repetivity, daily, weekly, monthly) using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation. These statistics are calculated from 1 Hz altimetric measurements after removing spurious sea level measurements. They are calculated globally, but also separating ascending and descending passes (except for SLA Grids) , or separating North and South hemispheres.





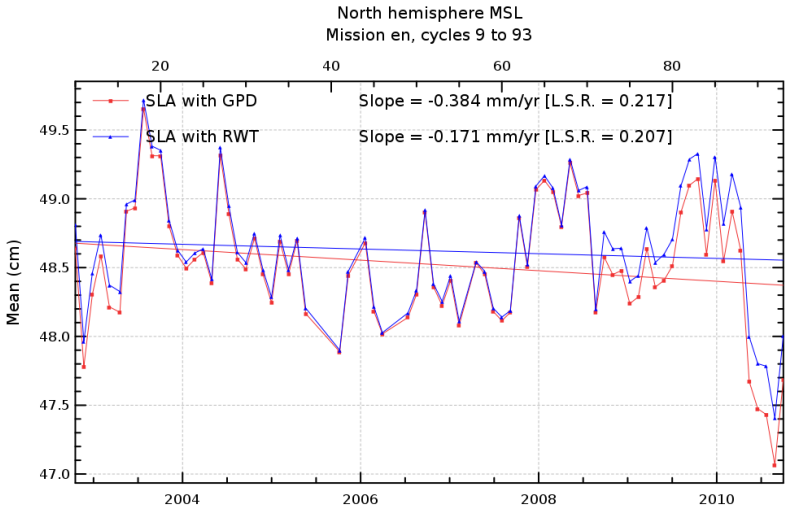
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

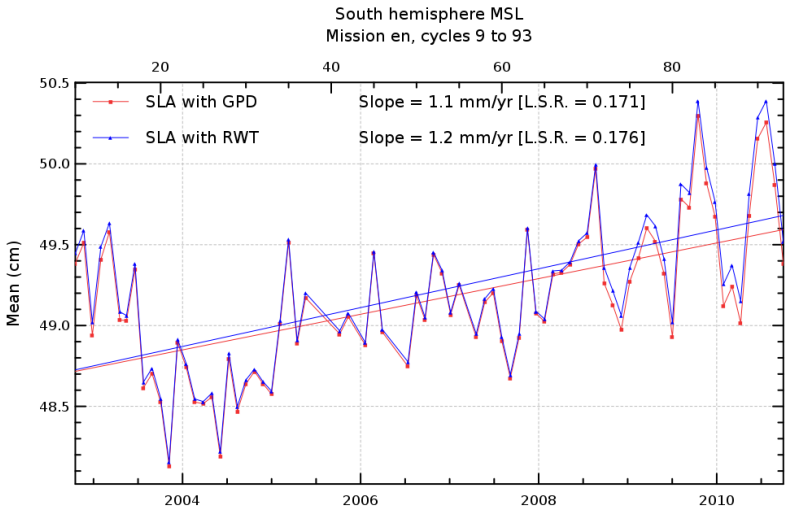
Diagnostic A201_c (mission en)

Name : Temporal evolution of Sea Level Anomaly (SLA)

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The temporal evolution of SLA statistics (mean, standard deviation) are calculated from a cyclic way (altimeter repetivity, daily, weekly, monthly) using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation. These statistics are calculated from 1 Hz altimetric measurements after removing spurious sea level measurements. They are calculated globally, but also separating ascending and descending passes (except for SLA Grids) , or separating North and South hemispheres.





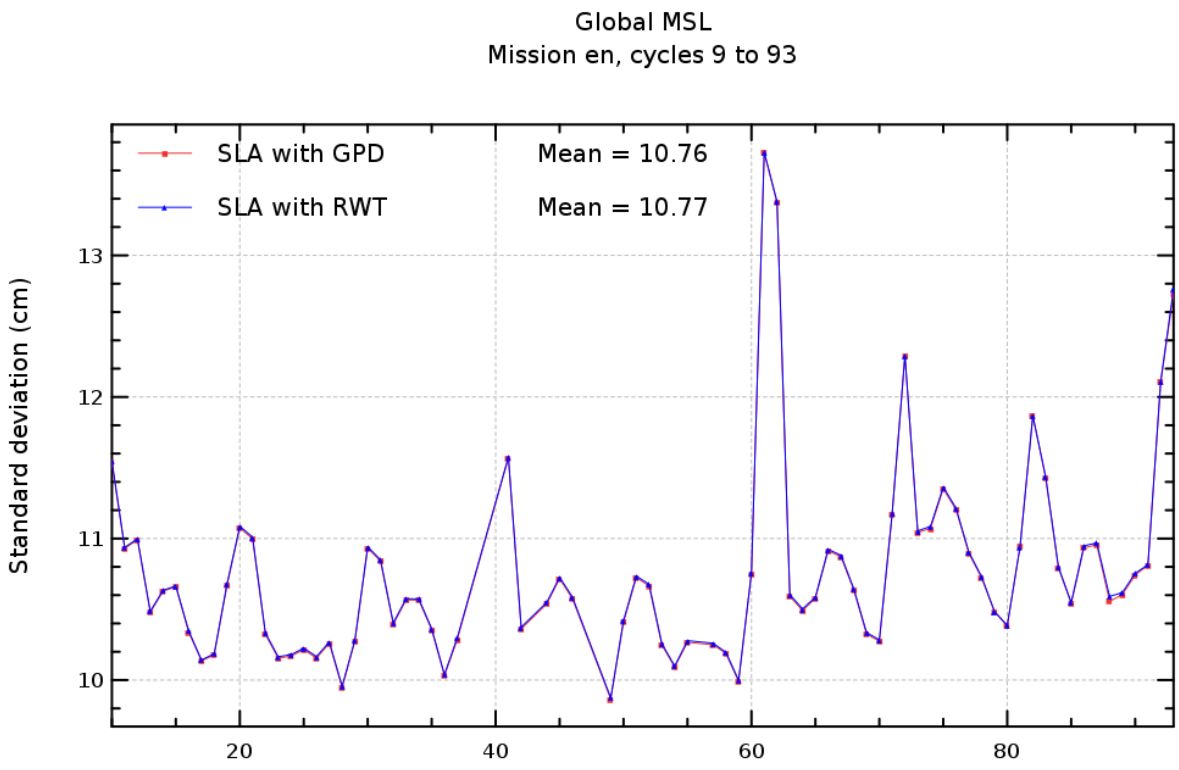
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

Diagnostic A201_d (mission en)

Name : Temporal evolution of Sea Level Anomaly (SLA)

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The temporal evolution of SLA statistics (mean, standard deviation) are calculated from a cyclic way (altimeter repetivity, daily, weekly, monthly) using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation. These statistics are calculated from 1 Hz altimetric measurements after removing spurious sea level measurements. They are calculated globally, but also separating ascending and descending passes (except for SLA Grids) , or separating North and South hemispheres.



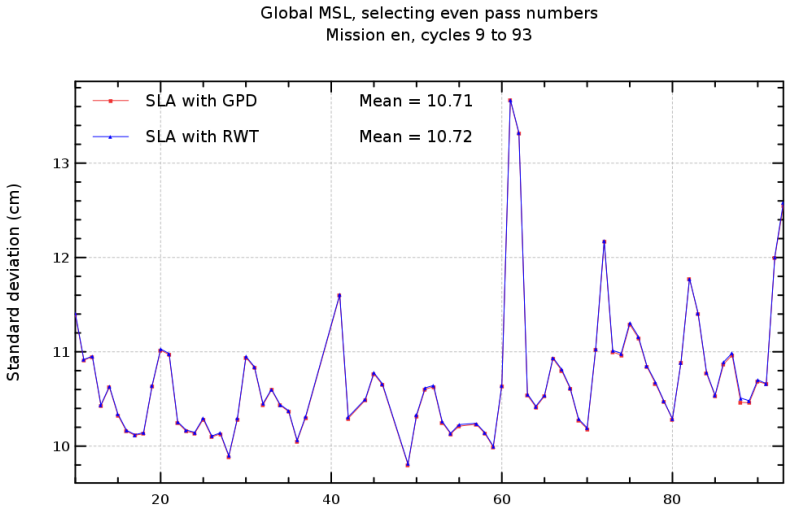
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

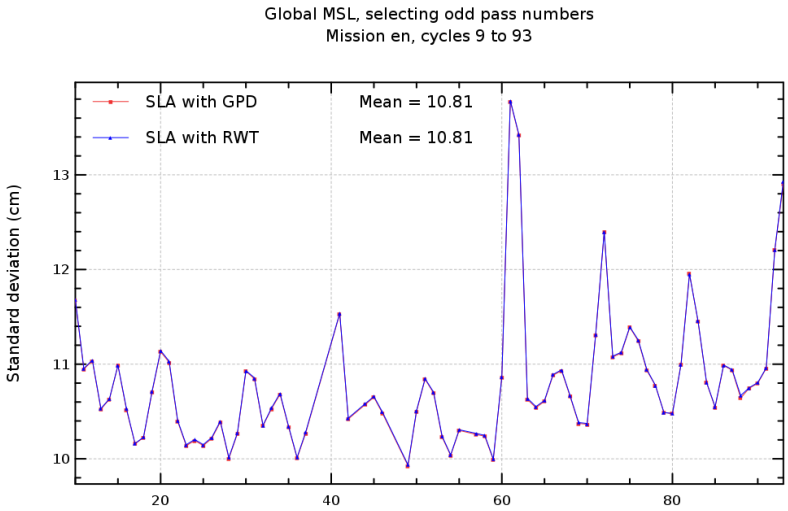
Diagnostic A201_e (mission en)

Name : Temporal evolution of Sea Level Anomaly (SLA)

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The temporal evolution of SLA statistics (mean, standard deviation) are calculated from a cyclic way (altimeter repetivity, daily, weekly, monthly) using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation. These statistics are calculated from 1 Hz altimetric measurements after removing spurious sea level measurements. They are calculated globally, but also separating ascending and descending passes (except for SLA Grids) , or separating North and South hemispheres.





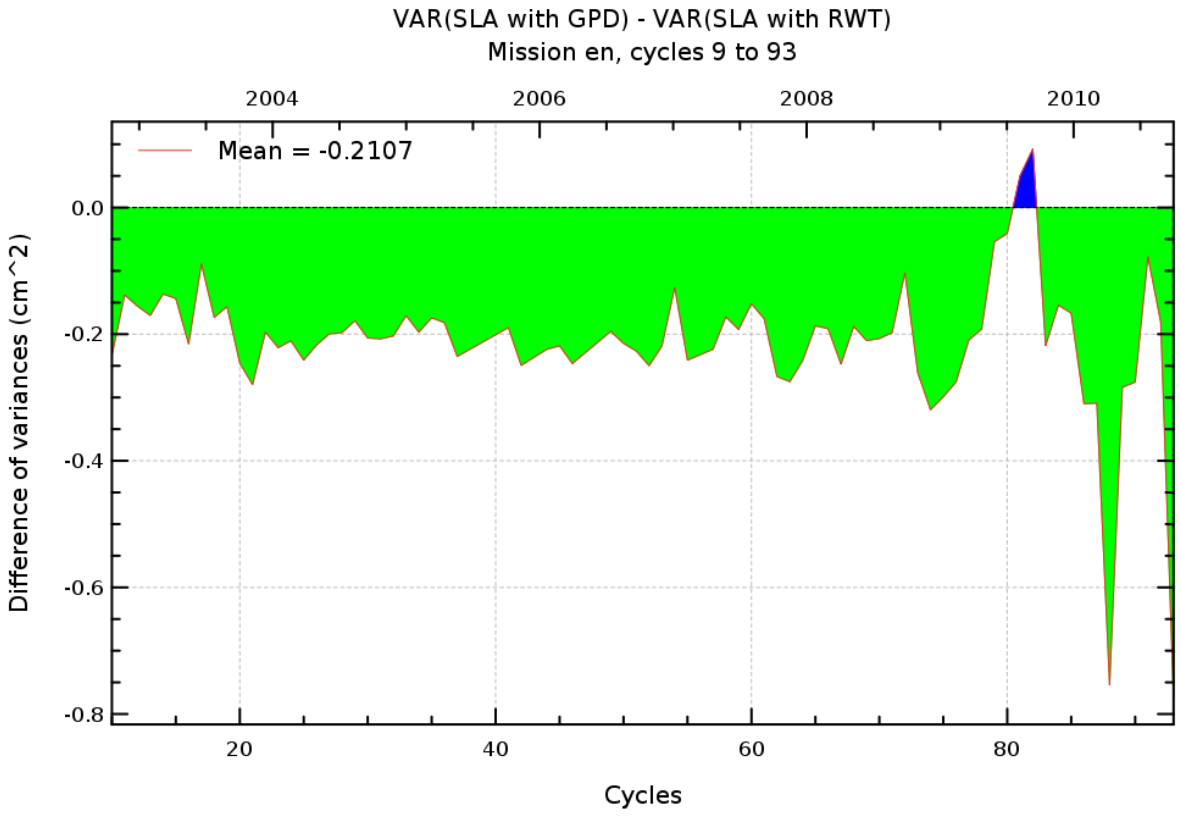
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

Diagnostic A202_a (mission en)

Name : Differences between temporal evolution of Sea Level Anomaly (SLA)

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The differences between temporal evolution of SLA are calculated from statistics derived from diagnostic A201 (mean, variance) using 2 different components in the SLA calculation. They are calculated globally, but also separating ascending and descending passes (except for SLA Grids) or separating North and South hemispheres.



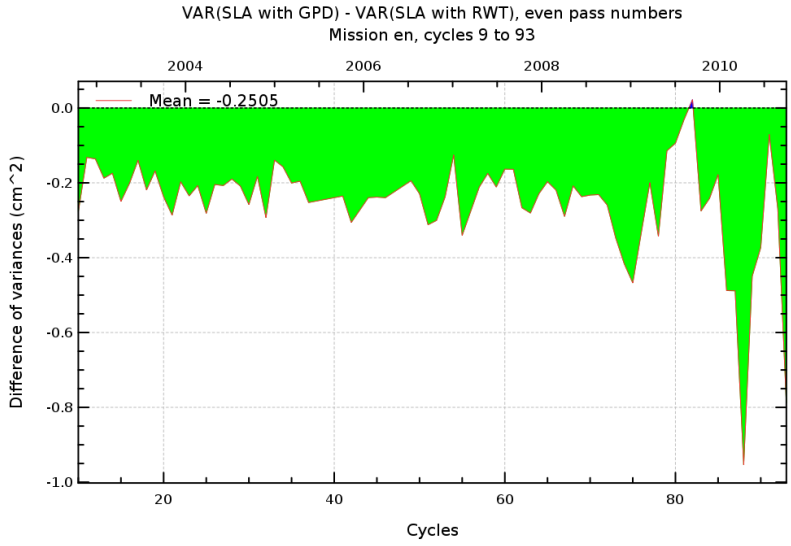
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

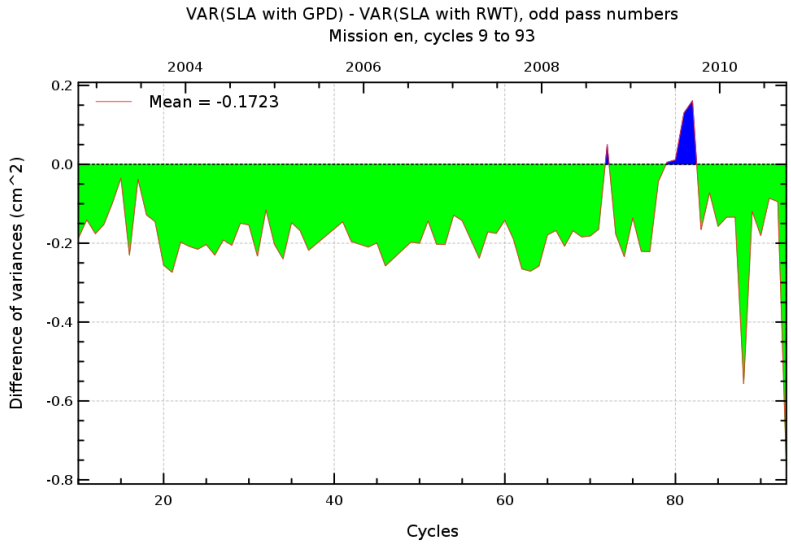
Diagnostic A202_b (mission en)

Name : Differences between temporal evolution of Sea Level Anomaly (SLA)

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The differences between temporal evolution of SLA are calculated from statistics derived from diagnostic A201 (mean, variance) using 2 different components in the SLA calculation. They are calculated globally, but also separating ascending and descending passes (except for SLA Grids) or separating North and South hemispheres.





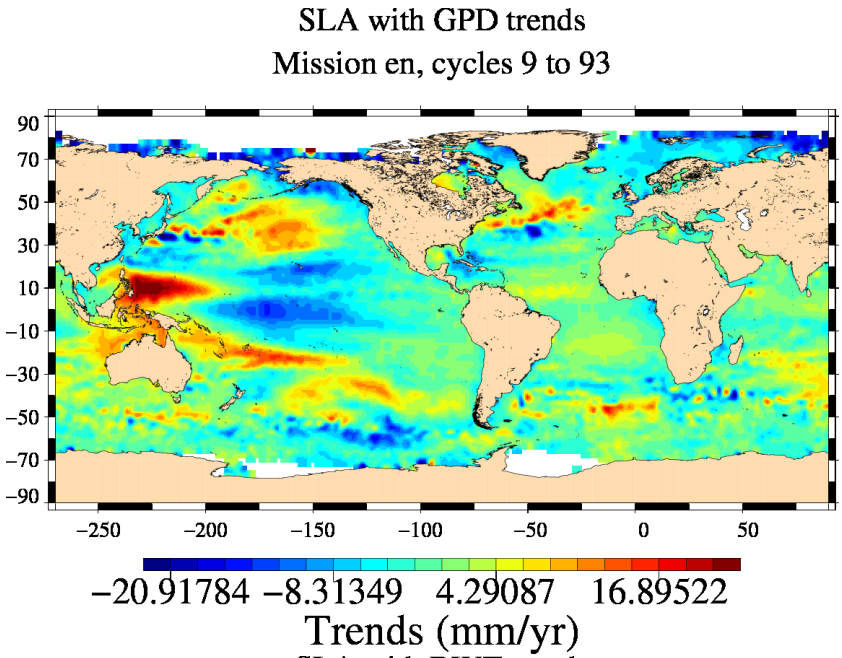
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

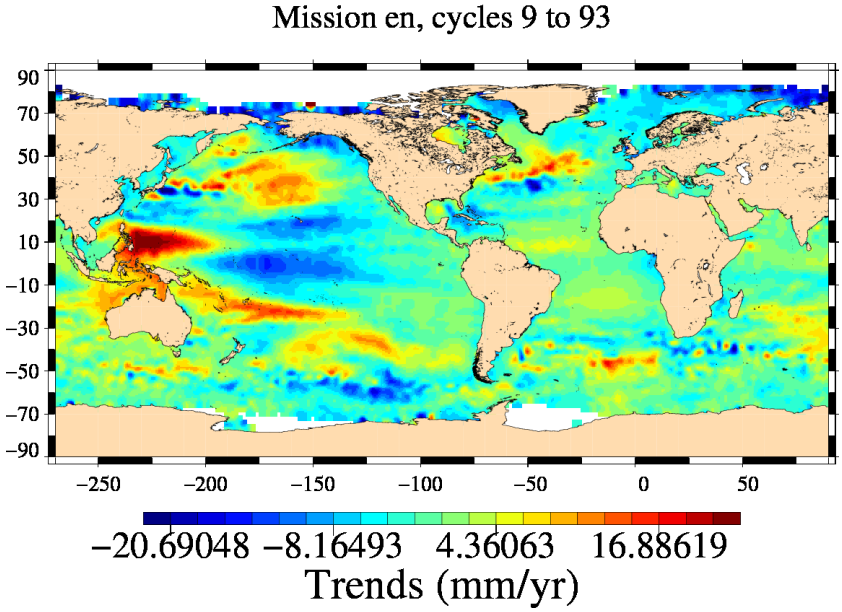
Diagnostic A203_a (mission en)

Name : Map of Sea Level Anomaly (SLA) over all the period

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The map of global statistics (mean, standard deviation) of SLA are calculated using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation over a large period. These statistics are calculated from 1 Hz altimetric measurements after removing spurious sea level measurements.





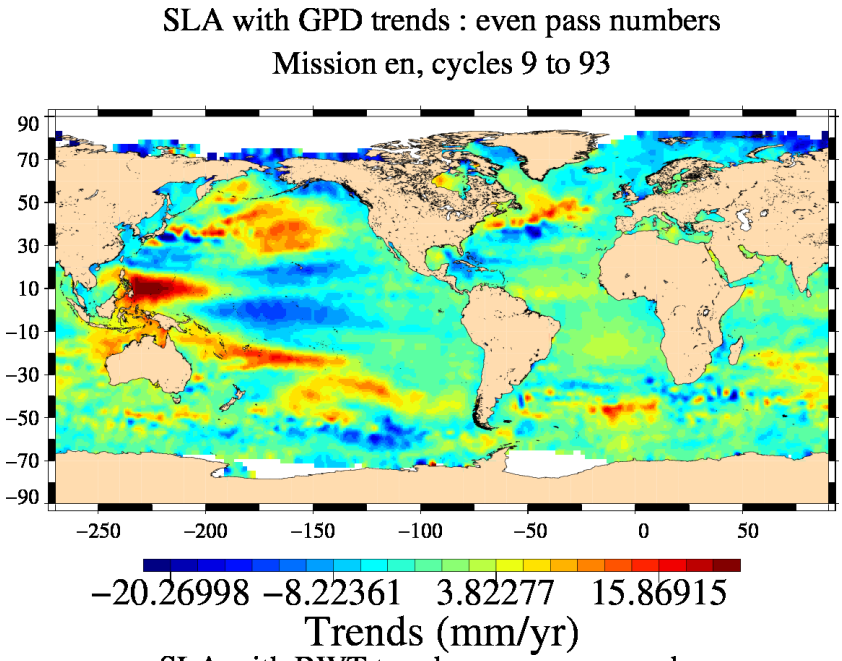
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

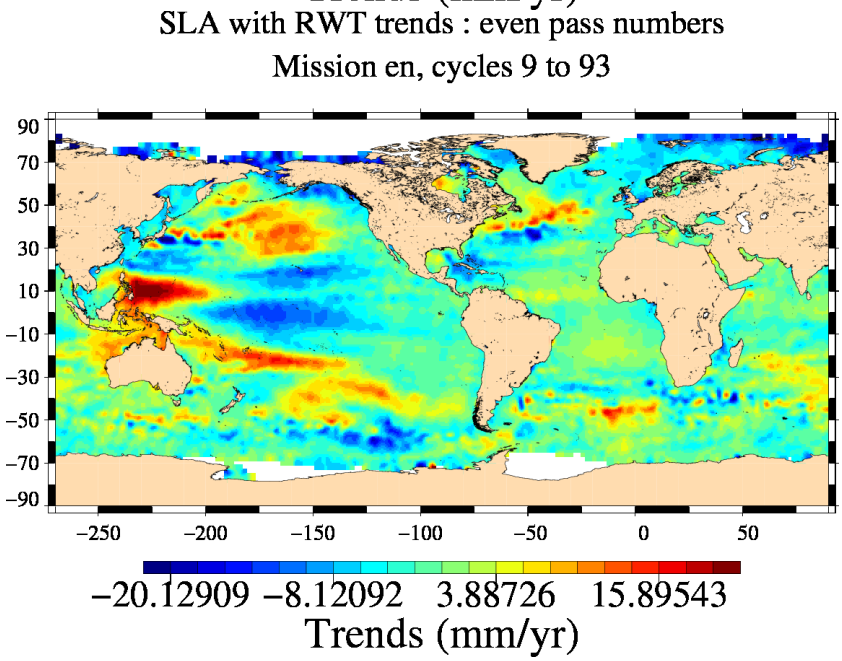
Diagnostic A203_b (mission en)

Name : Map of Sea Level Anomaly (SLA) over all the period

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The map of global statistics (mean, standard deviation) of SLA are calculated using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation over a large period. These statistics are calculated from 1 Hz altimetric measurements after removing spurious sea level measurements.





Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

Diagnostic A203_c (mission en)

Name : Map of Sea Level Anomaly (SLA) over all the period

Input data : Along track SLA

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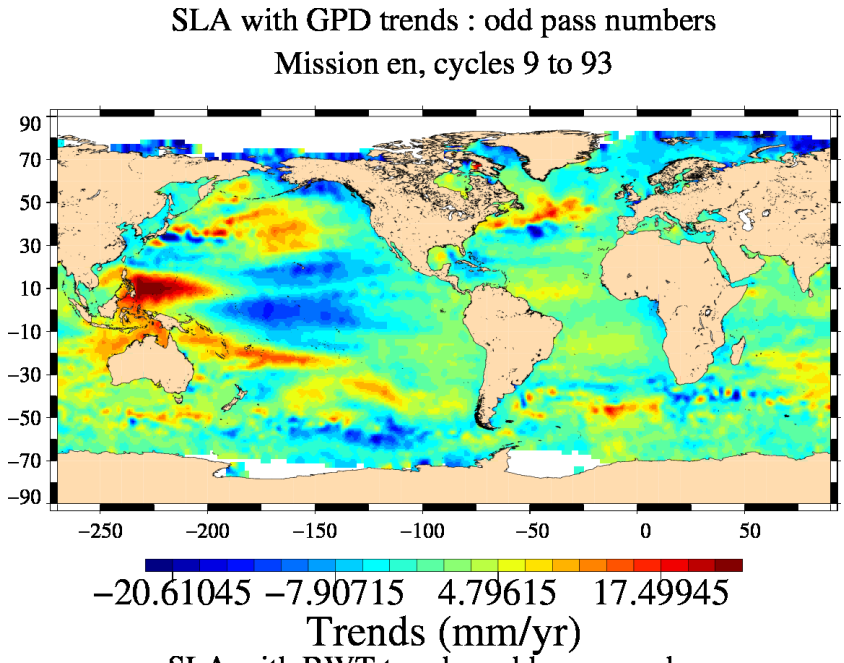
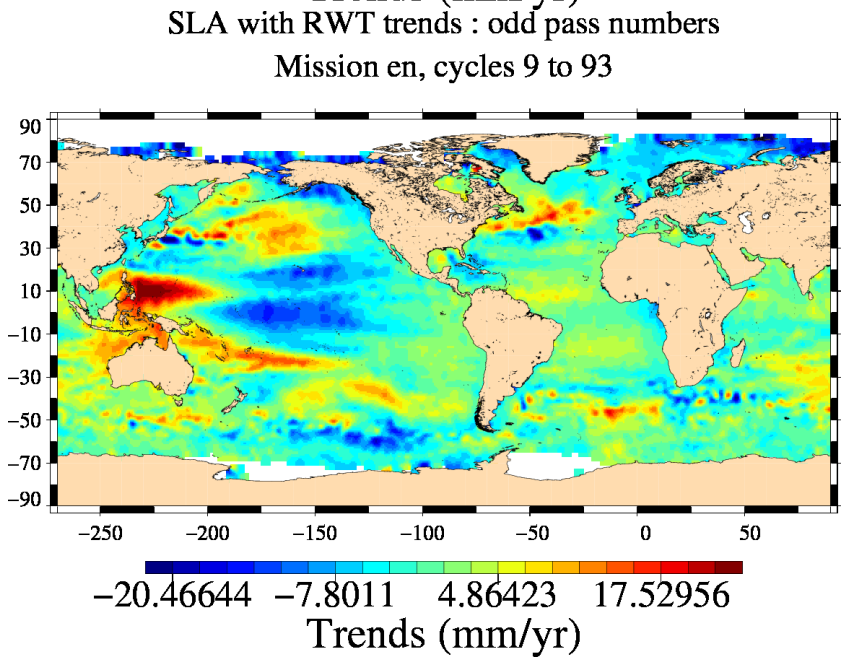




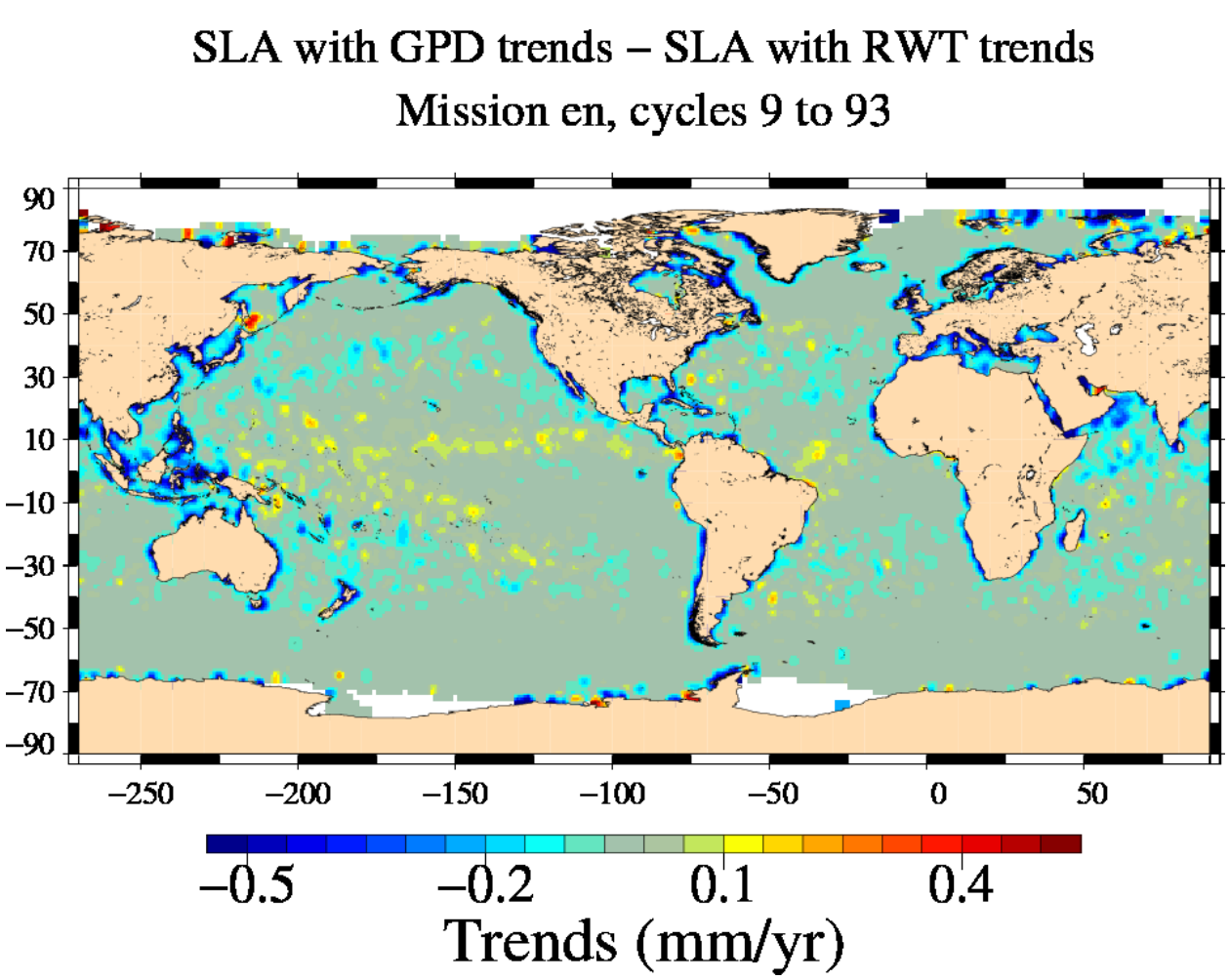
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

Diagnostic A204_a (mission en)

Name : Differences between maps of SLA

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The difference of SLA maps (mean, standard deviation, slope) is calculated from maps derived from diagnostic A203 using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation over a given period. This can be done globally, or separating in ascending and descending passes (except for SLA Grids).



Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

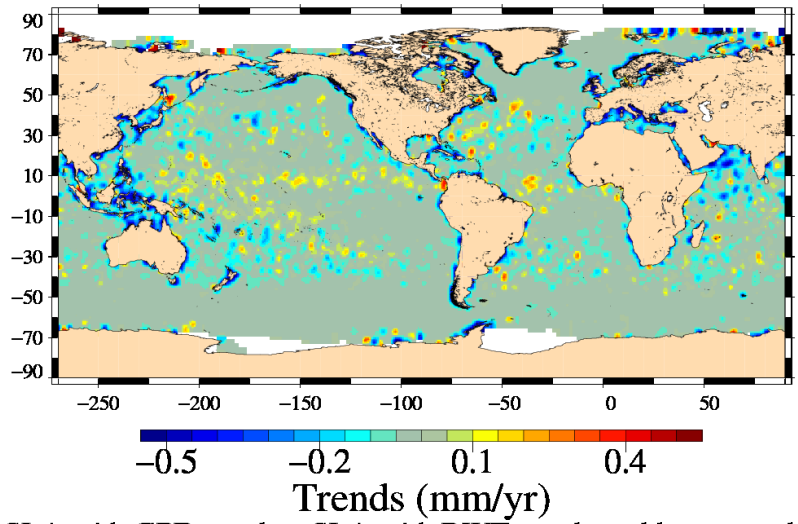
Diagnostic A204_b (mission en)

Name : Differences between maps of SLA

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The difference of SLA maps (mean, standard deviation, slope) is calculated from maps derived from diagnostic A203 using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation over a given period. This can be done globally, or separating in ascending and descending passes (except for SLA Grids).

SLA with GPD trends – SLA with RWT trends : even pass numbers
Mission en, cycles 9 to 93



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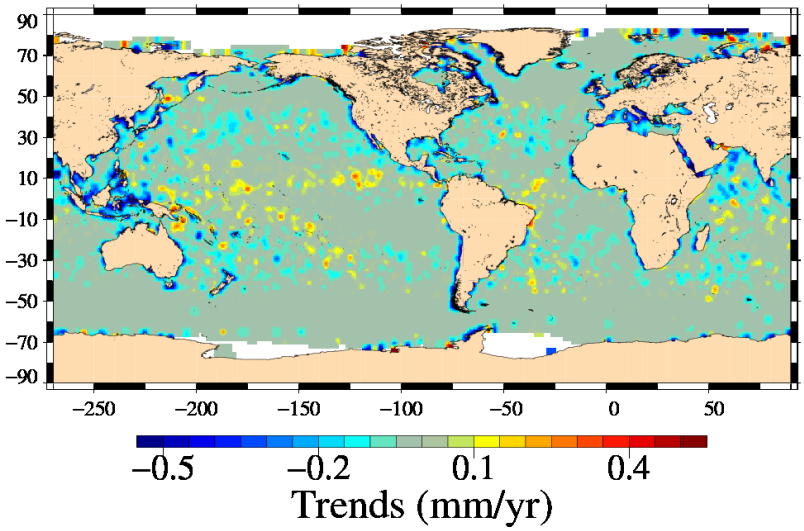


Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

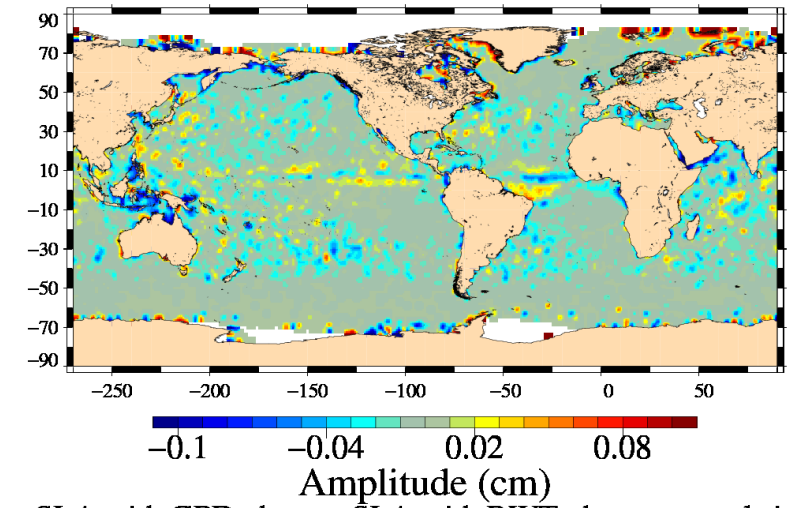
Diagnostic A205_a (mission en)

Name : Differences between maps of SLA (2)

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The difference of SLA maps (mean, standard deviation, slope) is calculated from maps derived from diagnostic A203 using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation over a given period. This can be done globally, or separating in ascending and descending passes (except for SLA Grids).

SLA with GPD amplitude – SLA with RWT amplitude : annual signal
Mission en, cycles 9 to 93



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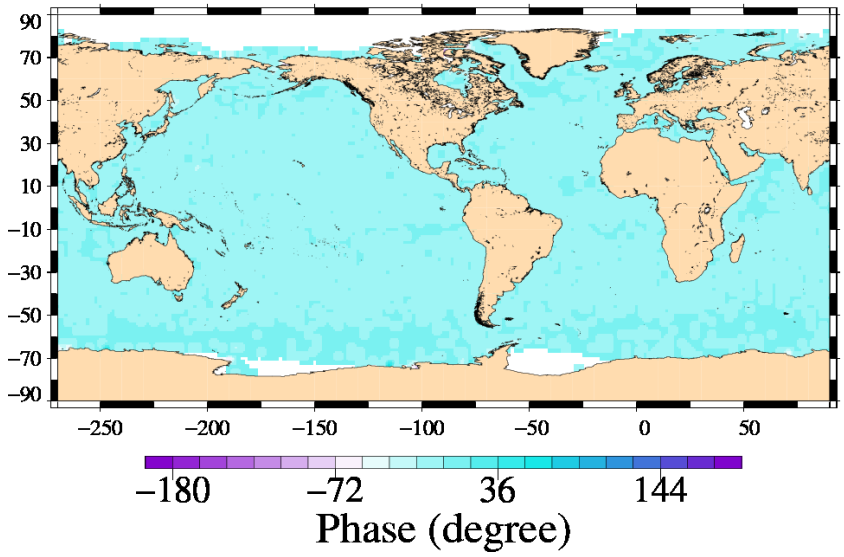


Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

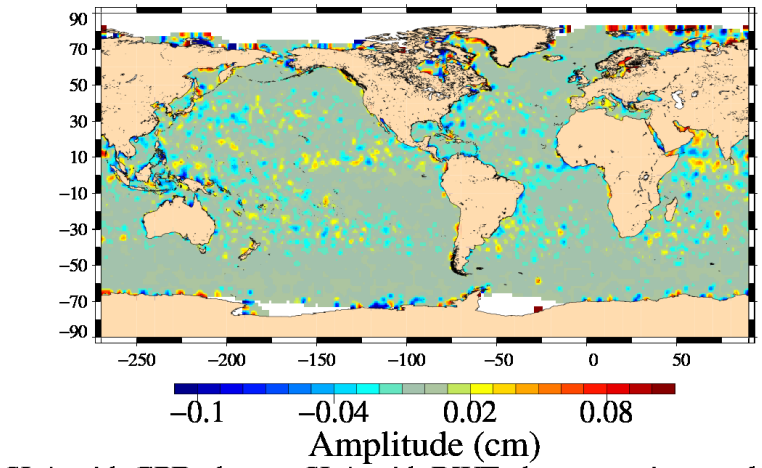
Diagnostic A205_b (mission en)

Name : Differences between maps of SLA (2)

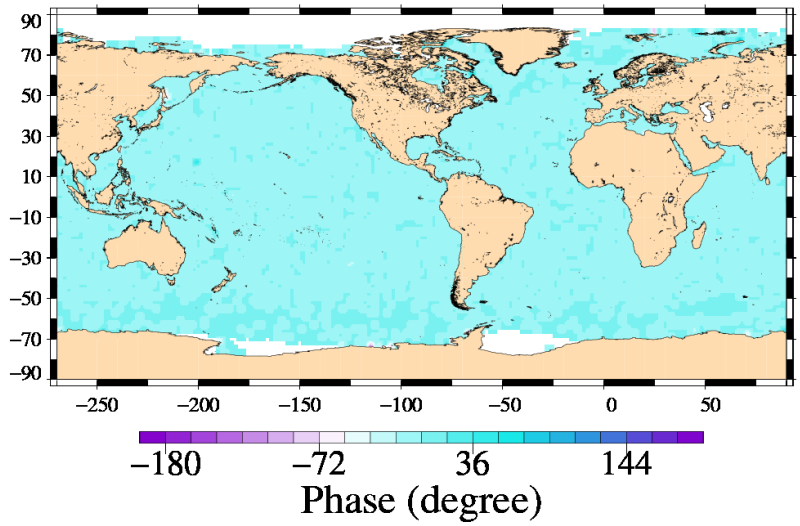
Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The difference of SLA maps (mean, standard deviation, slope) is calculated from maps derived from diagnostic A203 using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation over a given period. This can be done globally, or separating in ascending and descending passes (except for SLA Grids).

SLA with GPD amplitude – SLA with RWT amplitude : semi–annual signal
Mission en, cycles 9 to 93



SLA with GPD phase – SLA with RWT phase : semi–annual signal
Mission en, cycles 9 to 93



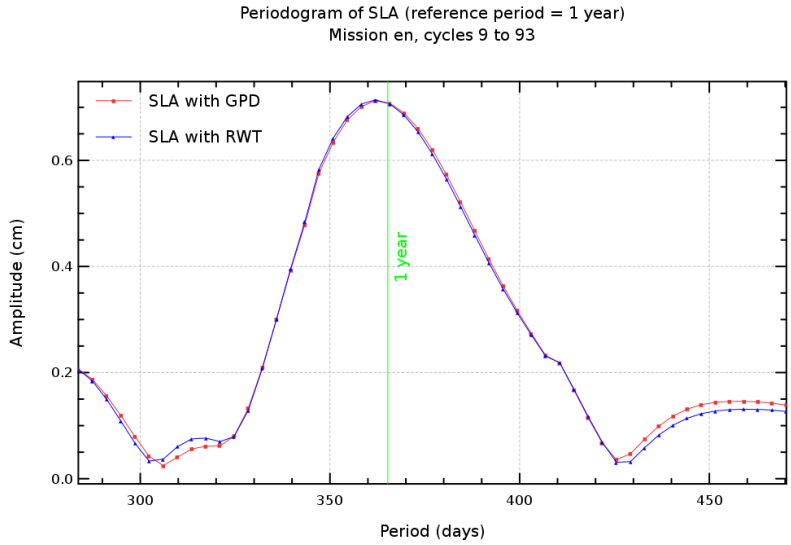
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

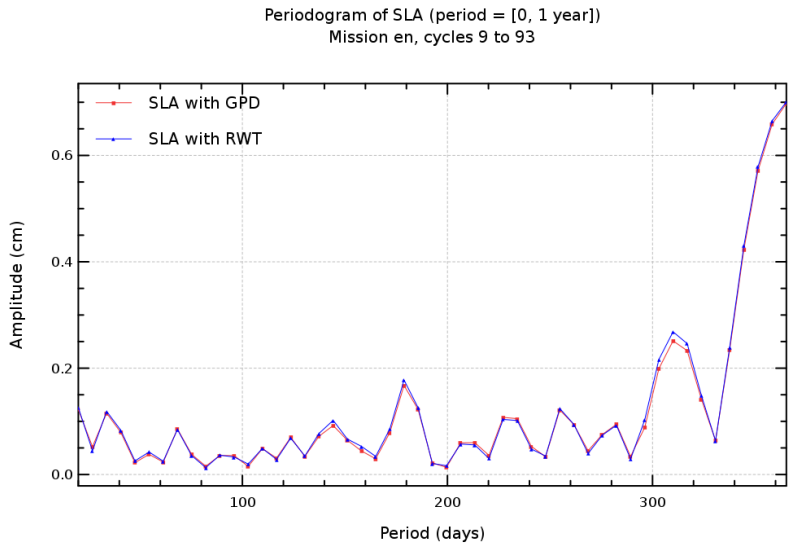
Diagnostic A206_a (mission en)

Name : Periodogram derived from temporal evolution of Sea Level Anomaly (SLA)

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The periodogram derived from temporal evolution of SLA (global, northern or southern hemisphere) can be done over all periods or focusing on particular periods, such as annual, semi annual or 60 day signal. Therefore mean of SLA differences are computed (every day or cycle), and time data series are plotted as a periodogram.





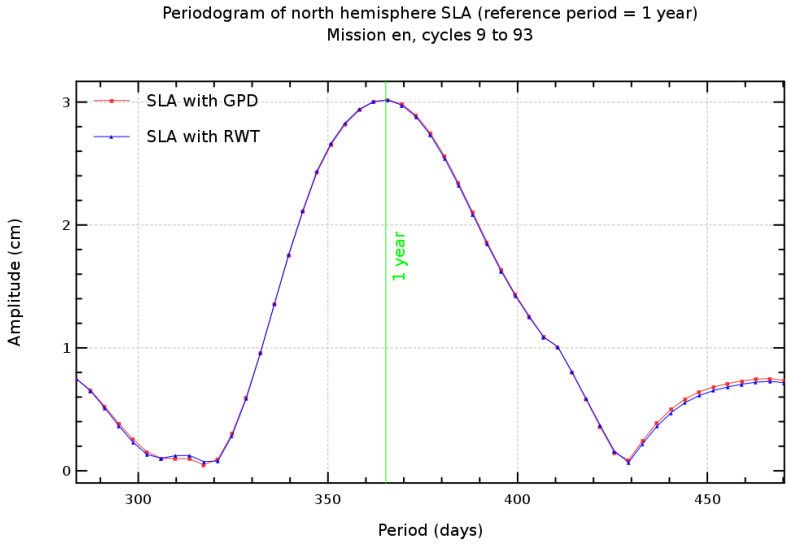
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

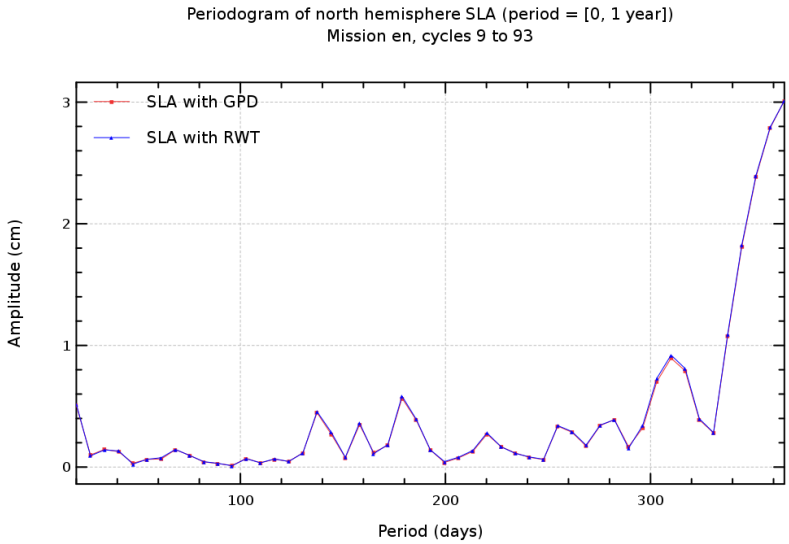
Diagnostic A206_b (mission en)

Name : Periodogram derived from temporal evolution of Sea Level Anomaly (SLA)

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The periodogram derived from temporal evolution of SLA (global, northern or southern hemisphere) can be done over all periods or focusing on particular periods, such as annual, semi annual or 60 day signal. Therefore mean of SLA differences are computed (every day or cycle), and time data series are plotted as a periodogram.





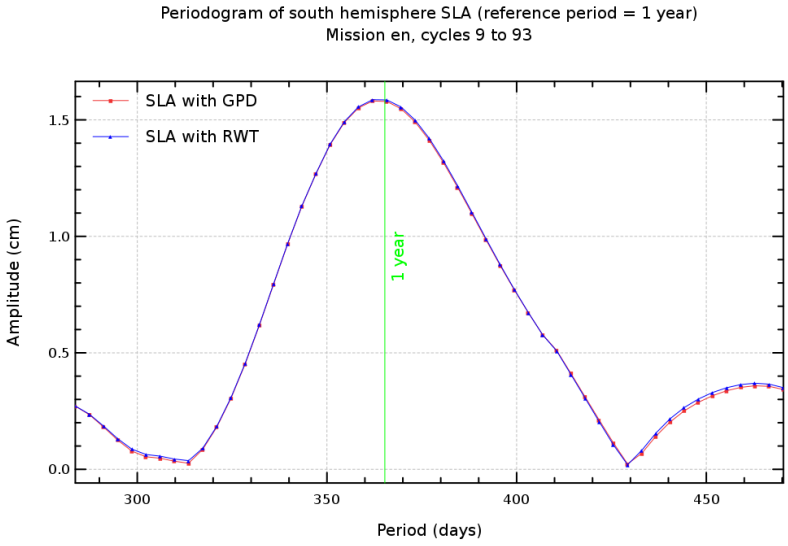
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

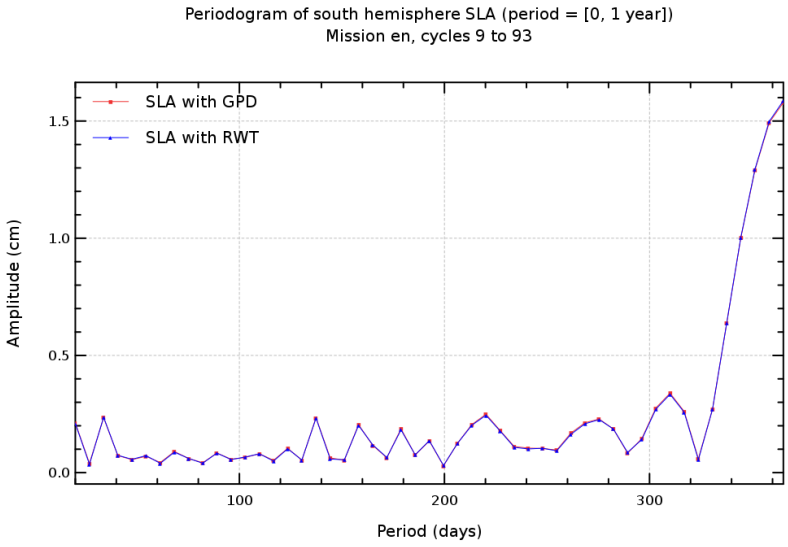
Diagnostic A206_c (mission en)

Name : Periodogram derived from temporal evolution of Sea Level Anomaly (SLA)

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The periodogram derived from temporal evolution of SLA (global, northern or southern hemisphere) can be done over all periods or focusing on particular periods, such as annual, semi annual or 60 day signal. Therefore mean of SLA differences are computed (every day or cycle), and time data series are plotted as a periodogram.





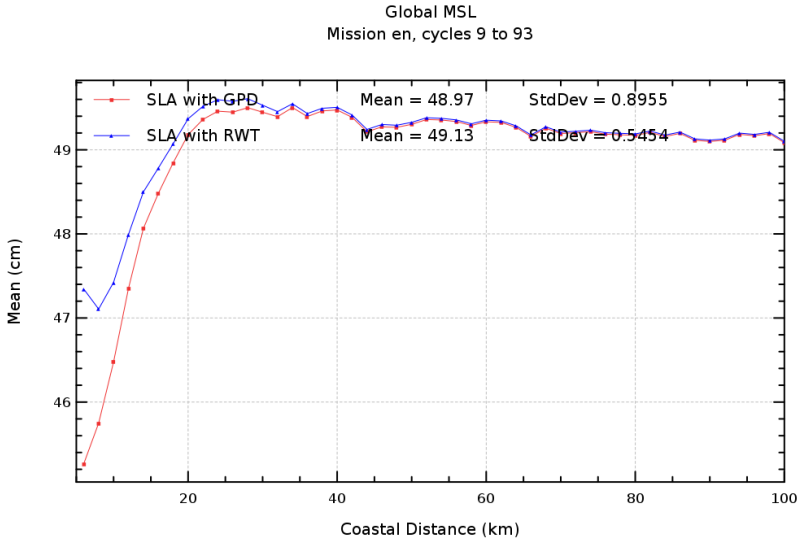
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

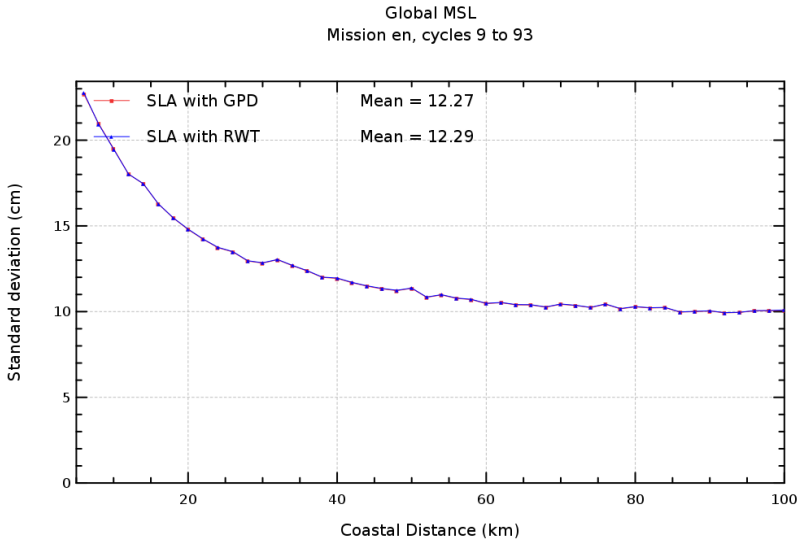
Diagnostic A207 (mission en)

Name : Sea Level Anomaly (SLA) versus coastal distance

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : Mean and standard deviation of SLA - computed by using successively both altimetric components - are plotted in function of coastal distances between 0 and 100 km.





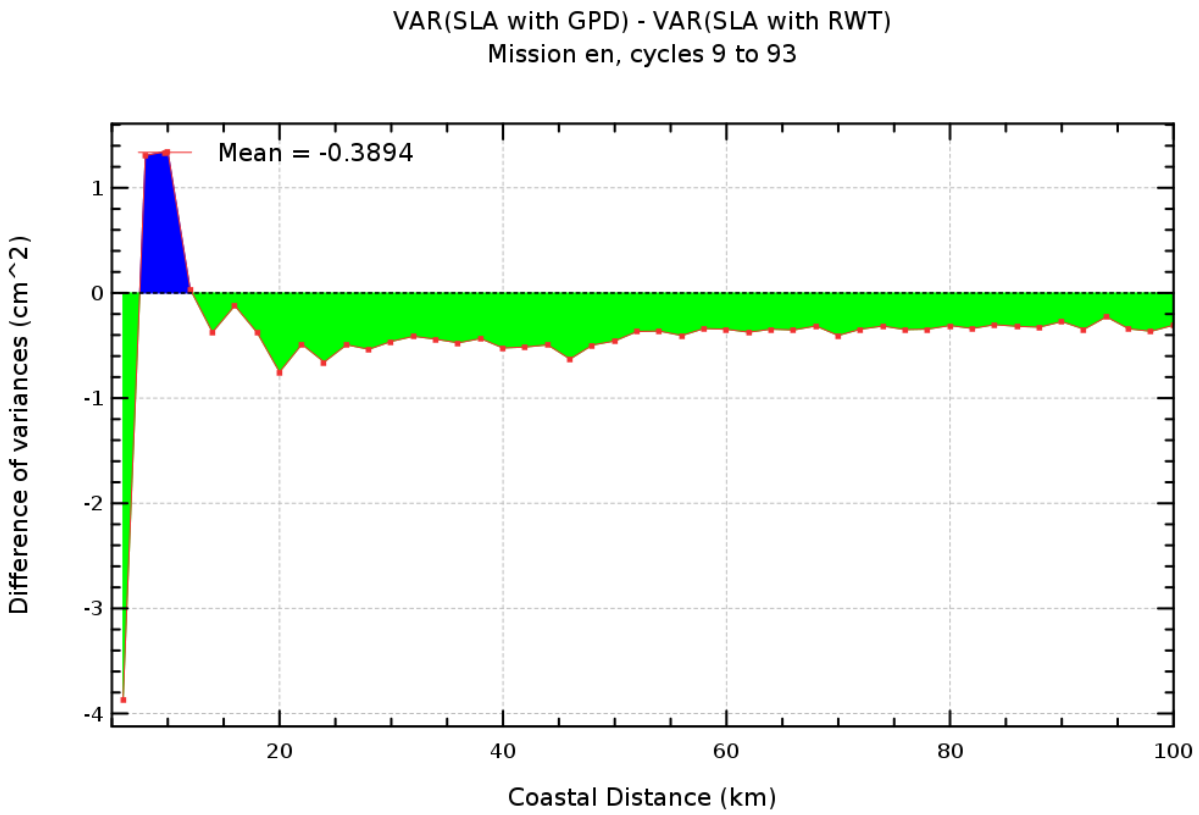
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

Diagnostic A208 (mission en)

Name : Sea Level Anomaly (SLA) differences versus coastal distance

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The differences of SLA variances - computed by using successively both altimetric components - are plotted in function of coastal distances between 0 and 100 km.



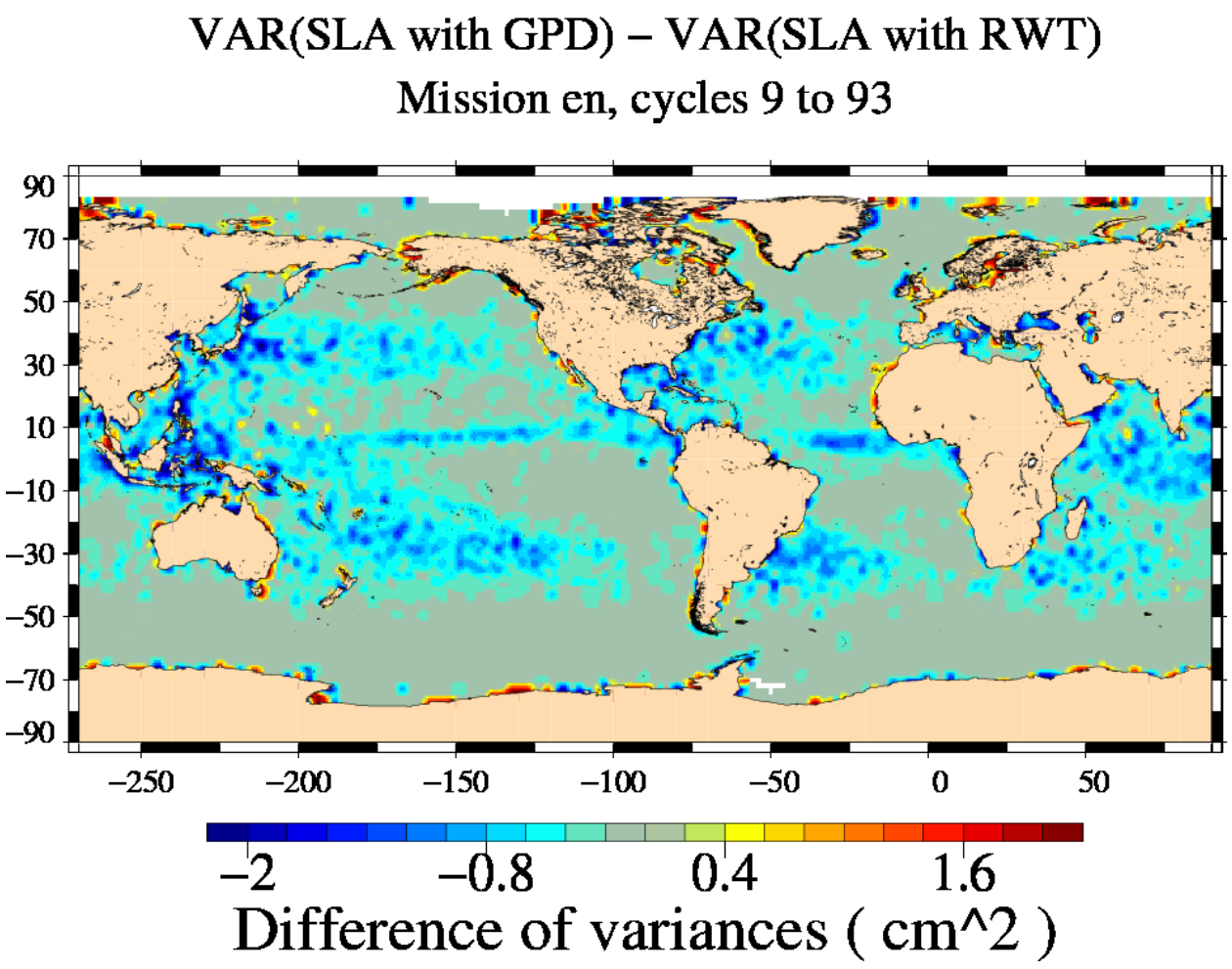
Diagnostic type : Global internal analyses

Diagnostic A209 (mission en)

Name : Differences between maps of SLA (3)

Input data : Along track SLA

Description : The differences between maps of SLA are calculated from the SLA differences (mean, standard deviation) using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation.



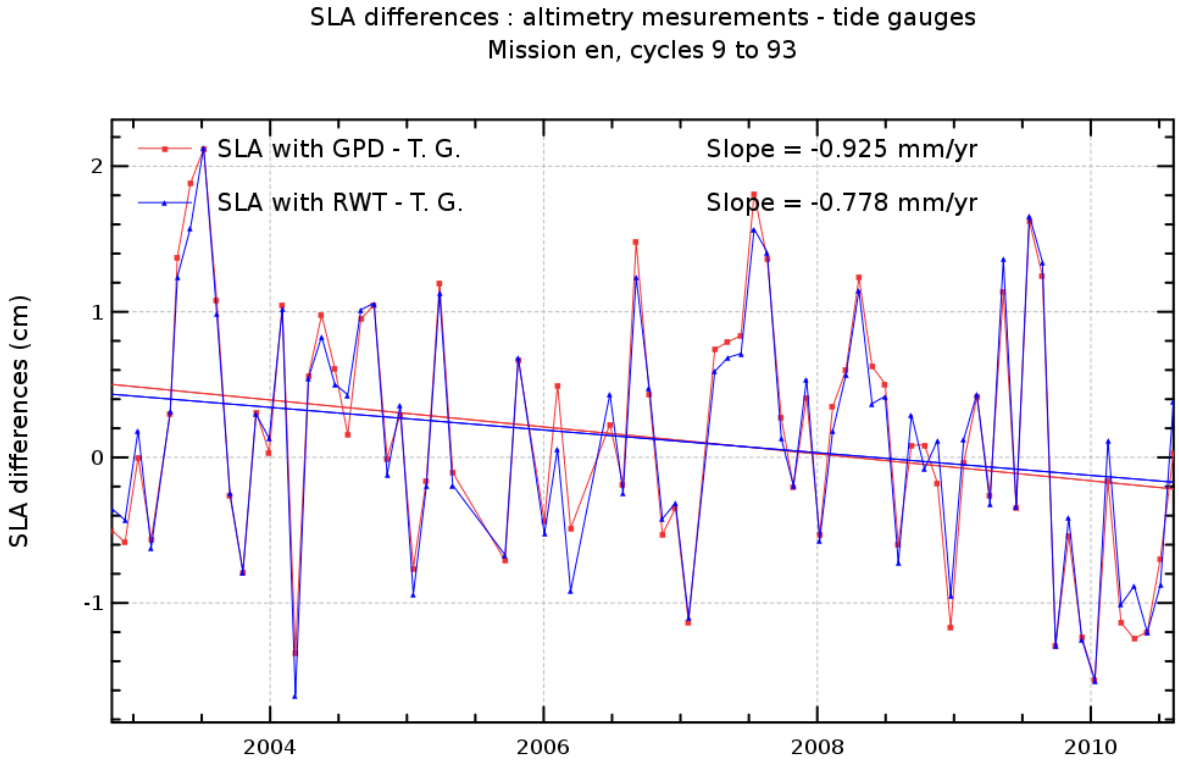
Diagnostic type : Altimetry and in-situ data comparaison

Diagnostic C001 (mission en)

Name : Temporal evolution of SSH differences between tide gauges and altimetry measurements

Input data : Tide gauges SSH measurements

Description : The temporal evolution of global statistics (mean, variance, slope) of SSH differences between tide gauges and altimeter measurements are calculated from a cyclic way (altimeter repetivity) using successively both altimetric components in SSH calculation. The altimetric and tide gauges data are colocated with criteria of maximum of correlation, and tide gauges used are derived from global networks (GLOSS/CLIVAR, REFMAR).



C002

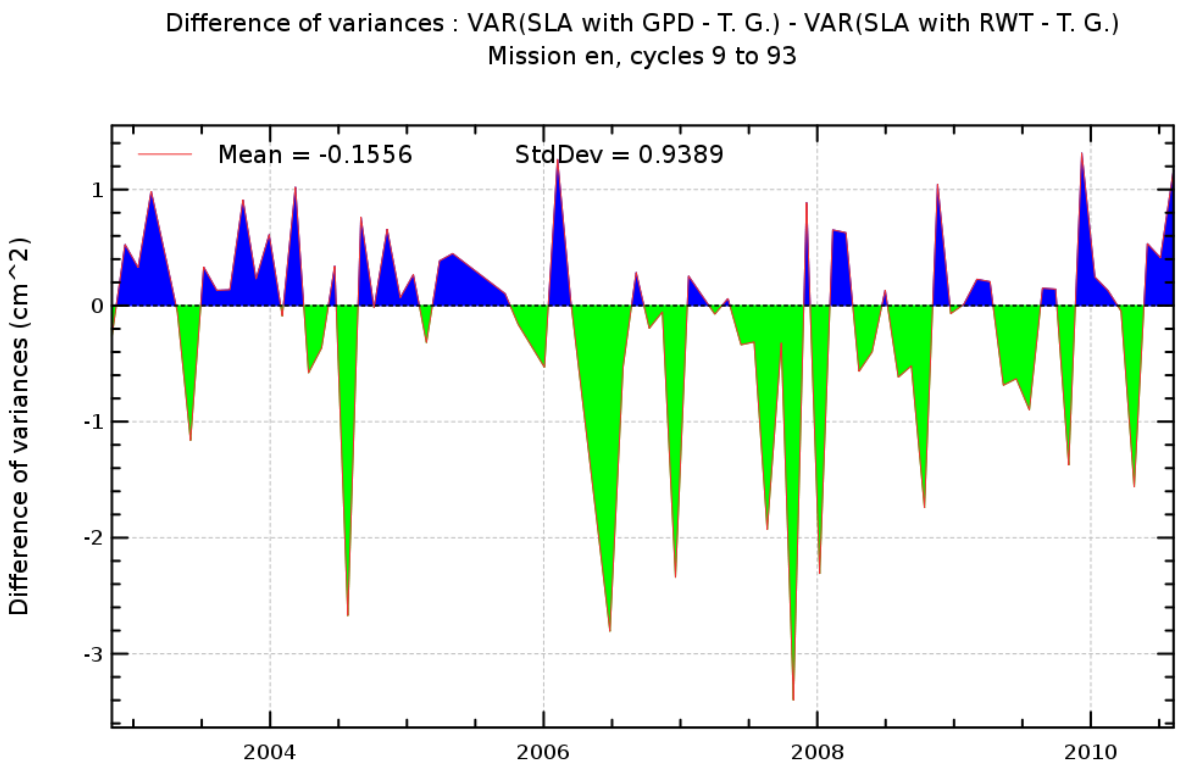
Diagnostic type : Altimetry and in-situ data comparaison

Diagnostic C002 (mission en)

Name : Differences of temporal evolution of SSH differences between tide gauges and altimetry measurements

Input data : Tide gauges SSH measurements

Description : The difference between temporal evolution of global statistics of differences between tide gauge and altimeter data differences are calculated from a cyclic way (altimeter repetivity, daily, weekly, monthly) using successively both altimetric components in altimetric SSH calculation. The altimetric and tide gauges data are collocated with criteria of maximum of correlation, and tide gauges used are derived from global networks as GLOSS/CLIVAR.



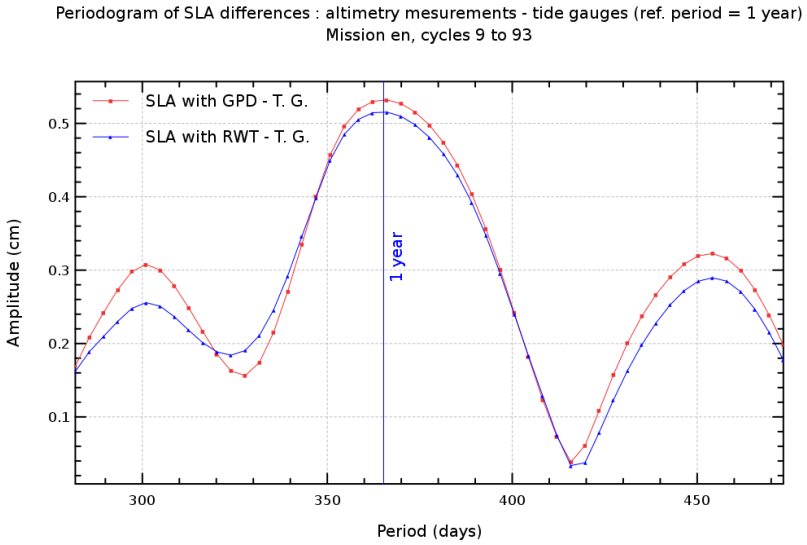
Diagnostic type : Altimetry and in-situ data comparaison

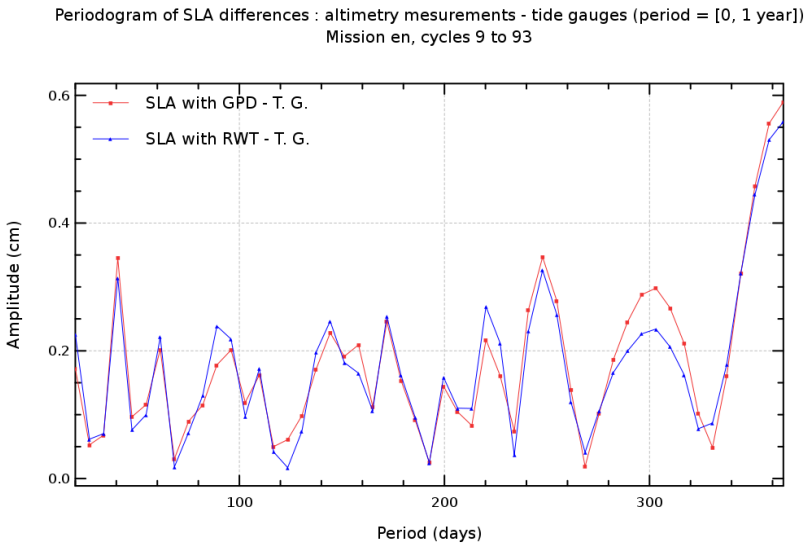
Diagnostic C003 (mission en)

Name : Periodogram derived from temporal evolution of SSH differences between tide gauges and altimetry

Input data : Tide gauges SSH measurements

Description : The periodogram derived from temporal evolution of altimetric and tide gauges SSH differences is calculated using successively both altimetric components in the altimetric SSH. The periodogram is calculated from the mean or variance statistics and it can be displayed for all the whole time period or a dedicated one

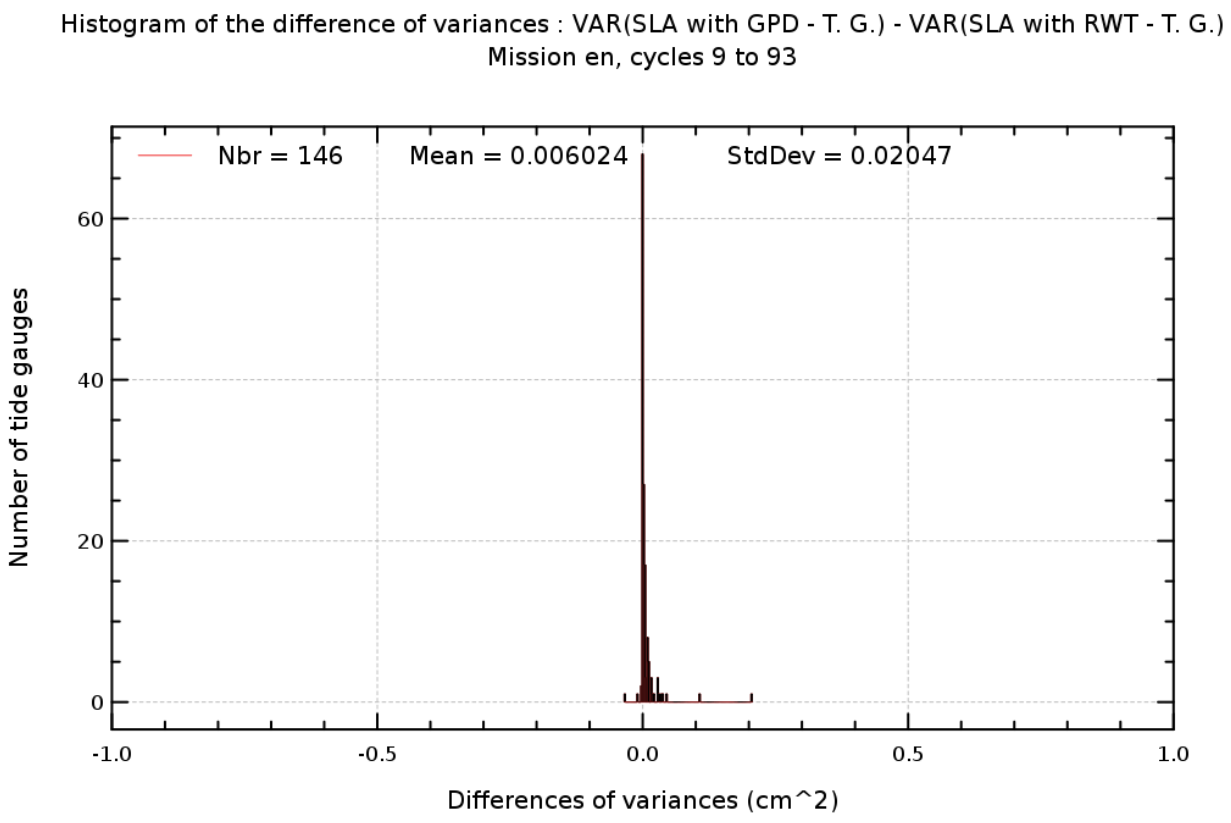




Diagnostic type : Altimetry and in-situ data comparaison

Diagnostic C004 (mission en)

Name : Histograms of differences between tide gauges and altimeter SSH differences

Input data : Tide gauges SSH measurements

Description : The difference of histograms between altimeter and tide gauge SSH differences is computed from the elementary statistics (mean, variance) at each tide gauge using successively both altimetric components in the altimetry SSH.