# Wet Troposphere atmospheric corrections comparison: ERA versus ECMWF

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Study overview

In this study, the Wet Troposphere Correction (WTC) model ERA Interim has been compared to the ECMWF one.

The impact of using these both WTCs on the SSH calculation has been analyzed for Jason-1, Jason-2 and Envisat missions:

- for Jason-1: from January 2002 (cycle 1) to June 2013 (Cycle 529)
- for Jason-2: from July 2008 (cycle 1) to December 2013 (Cycle 200)
- for Envisat: from September 2002 (cycle 9) to April 2012 (Cycle 113)

The ERA Interim wet troposphere correction is based on the ERA INTERIM model which corresponds to the latest global atmospheric reanalysis produced by the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF). For more details, see The ERA-Interim reanalysis: configuration and performance of the data assimilation system (Q. J. R. Meteorol. Soc. 137: 553-597, April 2011 A). The reference wet troposphere correction is produced by EUMETSAT which uses 3D data from the ECMWF model to generate wet troposphere values.

All the validation diagnostics displayed in this report has been performed in agreement with the Sea-Level CCI Product Validation Plan (PVP).
## Diagnostic A000 (mission en)

**Name**: Differences of number of hits between both altimetric components

**Input data**: Along track altimetric components

**Description**: The difference of number of hits between both parameters.

### Difference of number of hits ERA - ECMWF

Mission en, cycles 9 to 113

![Graph showing the difference of number of hits ERA - ECMWF from 2004 to 2012](image_url)
Diagnostic A000 (mission j1)

Name: Differences of number of hits between both altimetric components

Input data: Along track altimetric components

Description: The difference of number of hits between both parameters.
Diagnostic A000 (mission j2)

Name: Differences of number of hits between both altimetric components

Input data: Along track altimetric components

Description: The difference of number of hits between both parameters.
**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 A001 (mission j1)

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.
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**Input data**: Along track altimetric components

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![Graphs showing temporal evolution](image-url)
**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 A002 (mission j1)

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.
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.
**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 A003_b (mission en)**

**Name:** Periodogram derived from temporal evolution of altimetric component differences

**Input data:** Along track altimetric components

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![Periodogram of the mean of ERA - ECMWF (period = [0, 1 year])](image1)

![Periodogram of the standard deviation of ERA - ECMWF (period = [0, 1 year])](image2)
**Diagnostic A003_a (mission j1)**

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Diagnostic A003_a (mission j2)

**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 A003_b (mission j2)**

**Name:** Periodogram derived from temporal evolution of altimetric component differences

**Input data:** Along track altimetric components

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![Periodogram of the mean of ERA - ECMWF (period = [0, 1 year])](image1)

![Periodogram of the standard deviation of ERA - ECMWF (period = [0, 1 year])](image2)
**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).
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**Diagnostic A101.b (mission j1)**

**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).

![Mean of SSH crossovers for SL2 selection](image1)

![Standard deviations of SSH crossovers for SL2 selection](image2)
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).
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**Diagnostic A102 (mission en)**

**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).

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**SSH crossovers**: VAR(SSH with ERA) - VAR(SSH with ECMWF)

**SSH crossovers**: VAR(SSH with ERA) - VAR(SSH with ECMWF) (SL2)

**Diagnostic type**: Mono-mission analyses
**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 A102 (mission j2)**

**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).
**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).
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Diagnostic A103 (mission j2)

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 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 A104 (mission j1)**

**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).

![Map of SSH crossovers](image)

**VAR(SSH with ERA) - VAR(SSH with ECMWF)**

Mission j1, cycles 1 to 529

**SSH crossovers : difference of variances (cm^2)**
**Diagnostic A104 (mission j2)**

**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 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.

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Global MSL
Mission en, cycles 9 to 113

- SLA with ERA: Slope = 2.66 mm/yr [L.S.R. = 0.124]
- SLA with ECMWF: Slope = 2.43 mm/yr [L.S.R. = 0.132]
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.
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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 A201_f (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 A201_a (mission j1)**

**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.

![Global MSL](chart.png)

**Mission j1, cycles 1 to 529**

- **SLA with ERA**
  - Slope = 3.23 mm/yr [L.S.R. = 0.0552]
- **SLA with ECMWF**
  - Slope = 2.94 mm/yr [L.S.R. = 0.0582]
Diagnostic A201_b (mission j1)

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.
**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.

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![North hemisphere MSL](image1)

**North hemisphere MSL**

Mission [1, cycles 1 to 529]

- SLA with ERA: Slope = 2.85 mm/yr [L.S.R. = 0.0832]
- SLA with ECMWF: Slope = 2.49 mm/yr [L.S.R. = 0.0842]

![South hemisphere MSL](image2)

**South hemisphere MSL**

Mission [1, cycles 1 to 529]

- SLA with ERA: Slope = 3.5 mm/yr [L.S.R. = 0.0669]
- SLA with ECMWF: Slope = 3.27 mm/yr [L.S.R. = 0.0698]
**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.
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Global MSL
Mission j2, cycles 1 to 200

- SLA with ERA: Slope = 3.39 mm/yr [L.S.R. = 0.138]
- SLA with ECMWF: Slope = 2.83 mm/yr [L.S.R. = 0.15]
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.
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 repetitivity, 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 A201_d (mission j2)**

**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.

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**East hemisphere MSL ([0, 180] degrees east)**

**Mission j2, cycles 1 to 200**

**West hemisphere MSL ([180, 0] degrees east)**

**Mission j2, cycles 1 to 200**
**Diagnostic A201_e (mission j2)**

**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.
Name: Temporal evolution of Sea Level Anomaly (SLA)

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![Graph](image)

Global MSL, selecting even pass numbers
Mission j2, cycles 1 to 200

Global MSL, selecting odd pass numbers
Mission j2, cycles 1 to 200
**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.

![Graph showing differences between VAR(SLA with ERA) and VAR(SLA with ECMWF)]
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.

![Graph](image1.png)

**VAR(SLA with ERA) - VAR(SLA with ECMWF), even pass numbers**

Mission en, cycles 9 to 113

Mean = 0.01175

![Graph](image2.png)

**VAR(SLA with ERA) - VAR(SLA with ECMWF), odd pass numbers**

Mission en, cycles 9 to 113

Mean = 0.01487
Diagnostic A202_a (mission j1)

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 A202_b (mission j1)

**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 A202_a (mission j2)

**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.

![Graph showing the difference in variances of SLA between ERA and ECMWF](image-url)
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 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.
**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 A203_c (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.
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 A203_b (mission j1)

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.
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.
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 A203.b (mission j2)**

**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.

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### SLA with ERA trends: even pass numbers

![SLA with ERA trends](image1.png)

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### SLA with ECMWF trends: even pass numbers

![SLA with ECMWF trends](image2.png)
Diagnostic A203_c (mission j2)

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.
Name: Differences between maps of SLA trends

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 A204.b (mission en)

Name: Differences between maps of SLA trends

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 A204_a (mission j1)

Name: Differences between maps of SLA trends

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).
**Name**: Differences between maps of SLA trends

**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 A204_a (mission j2)

Name: Differences between maps of SLA trends

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 A204.b (mission j2)

**Name**: Differences between maps of SLA trends

**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).
Name : Differences between maps of SLA amplitude and phase

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).
Name: Differences between maps of SLA amplitude and phase

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 A205_a (mission j1)

Name: Differences between maps of SLA amplitude and phase

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).
Name: Differences between maps of SLA amplitude and phase

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 A205_a (mission j2)

Name: Differences between maps of SLA amplitude and phase

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 A205_b (mission j2)

Name: Differences between maps of SLA amplitude and phase

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).
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.
**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.
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 A206_a (mission j1)**

**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.
**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 A206_c (mission j1)**

**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 A206_a (mission j2)

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.
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.
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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 A209 (mission en)

**Name**: Differences between maps of SLA variance

**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.

VAR(SLA with ERA) - VAR(SLA with ECMWF)
Mission en, cycles 9 to 113

Difference of variances (cm²)
**Diagnostic A209 (mission j1)**

**Name** : Differences between maps of SLA variance

**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.

![VAR(SLA with ERA) - VAR(SLA with ECMWF)](image-url)
Diagnostic A209 (mission j2)

Name: Differences between maps of SLA variance

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 A210.a (mission en)**

**Name:** Differences between maps of SLA variance for different frequency bands

**Input data:** Along track SLA

**Description:** The differences between maps of SLA (variance) are calculated from the mean SLA maps using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation filtered to separate high-frequency ($T < 1$ yr), mid-frequency ($1$ yr $< T < 3$ yrs) and low-frequency ($T > 3$ yrs) signals.

![VAR(SLA with ERA) - VAR(SLA with ECMWF) for FILTER HF](image)

*Mission en, cycles 9 to 113*
Name: Differences between maps of SLA variance for different frequency bands

Input data: Along track SLA

Description: The differences between maps of SLA (variance) are calculated from the mean SLA maps using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation filtered to separate high-frequency ($T < 1$ yr), mid-frequency ($1$ yr $< T < 3$ yrs) and low-frequency ($T > 3$ yrs) signals.
**Diagnostic A210_c (mission en)**

**Name**: Differences between maps of SLA variance for different frequency bands

**Input data**: Along track SLA

**Description**: The differences between maps of SLA (variance) are calculated from the mean SLA maps using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation filtered to separate high-frequency (T < 1 yr), mid-frequency (1 yr < T < 3 yrs) and low-frequency (T > 3 yrs) signals.

![VAR(SLA with ERA) - VAR(SLA with ECMWF) for FILTER BF](chart)

*Mission en, cycles 9 to 113*
Name: Differences between maps of SLA variance for different frequency bands

Input data: Along track SLA

Description: The differences between maps of SLA (variance) are calculated from the mean SLA maps using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation filtered to separate high-frequency (T < 1 yr), mid-frequency (1 yr < T < 3 yrs) and low-frequency (T > 3 yrs) signals.
**Diagnostic A210_b (mission j1)**

**Name**: Differences between maps of SLA variance for different frequency bands

**Input data**: Along track SLA

**Description**: The differences between maps of SLA (variance) are calculated from the mean SLA maps using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation filtered to separate high-frequency ($T < 1$ yr), mid-frequency ($1$ yr $< T < 3$ yrs) and low-frequency ($T > 3$ yrs) signals.

![VAR(SLA with ERA) - VAR(SLA with ECMWF) for FILTER MF](image)
Name: Differences between maps of SLA variance for different frequency bands

Input data: Along track SLA

Description: The differences between maps of SLA (variance) are calculated from the mean SLA maps using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation filtered to separate high-frequency ($T < 1$ yr), mid-frequency ($1$ yr $< T < 3$ yrs) and low-frequency ($T > 3$ yrs) signals.
Name: Differences between maps of SLA variance for different frequency bands

Input data: Along track SLA

Description: The differences between maps of SLA (variance) are calculated from the mean SLA maps using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation filtered to separate high-frequency ($T < 1$ yr), mid-frequency ($1$ yr $< T < 3$ yrs) and low-frequency ($T > 3$ yrs) signals.
Name: Differences between maps of SLA variance for different frequency bands

Input data: Along track SLA

Description: The differences between maps of SLA (variance) are calculated from the mean SLA maps using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation filtered to separate high-frequency (T < 1 yr), mid-frequency (1 yr < T < 3 yrs) and low-frequency (T > 3 yrs) signals.
Diagnostic A210c (mission j2)

Name: Differences between maps of SLA variance for different frequency bands

Input data: Along track SLA

Description: The differences between maps of SLA (variance) are calculated from the mean SLA maps using successively both altimetric components in the SLA calculation filtered to separate high-frequency ($T < 1$ yr), mid-frequency ($1$ yr $< T < 3$ yrs) and low-frequency ($T > 3$ yrs) signals.