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Sujet / Objectifs



The **Southern Ocean** is the valve regulating the Earth's climate, storing about **75%** of the global oceanic uptake of **excess heat** and about **35%** of the global uptake of **excess carbon** from the atmosphere (Bourgeois et al. (2022)).



Scars observations make it hard to fully assess the impact of mesoscale and submesoscale dynamics (<200 km) on the ocean heat transport, representing a potential **gap in our understanding** of the evolution of global oceanic and atmospheric heat content (Fox-Kemper et al. (2011))



New satellite **SWOT allows for global observation** of these structures

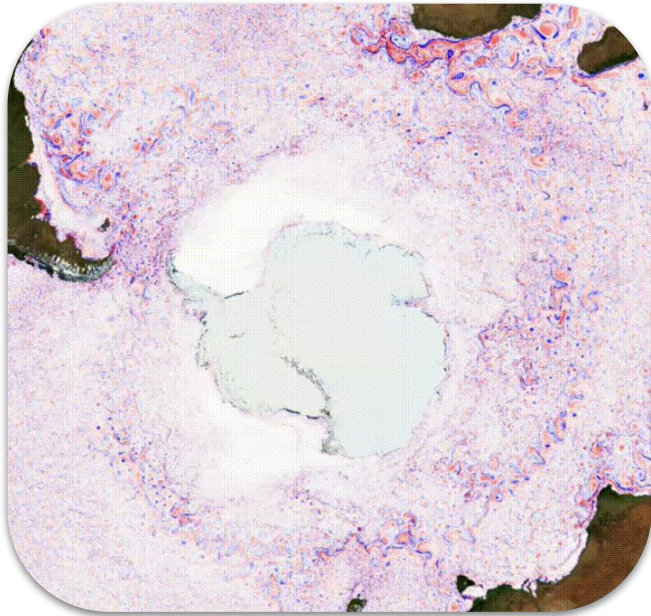
Assessing the **influence of mesoscale and submesoscale dynamics in the Southern Ocean**, studying vertical velocity and heat transport to the ocean interior (model)

Studying the possibility to **reconstruct these vertical fluxes from surface data** (model)

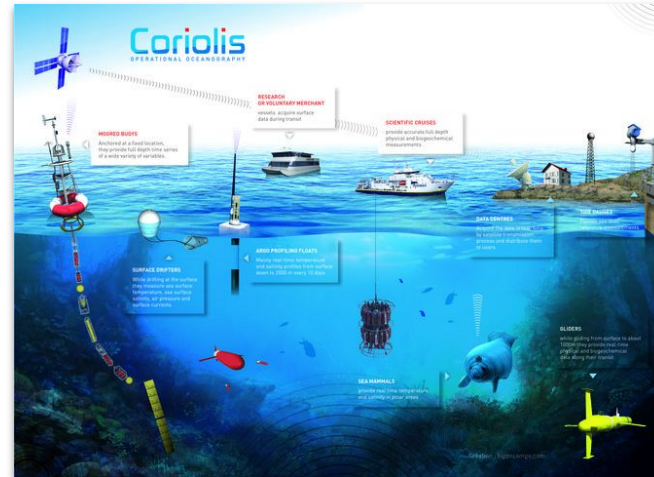
Analysing **SWOT real data** to reproduce all my results with real satellite data

Matériel

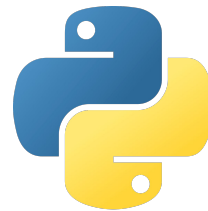
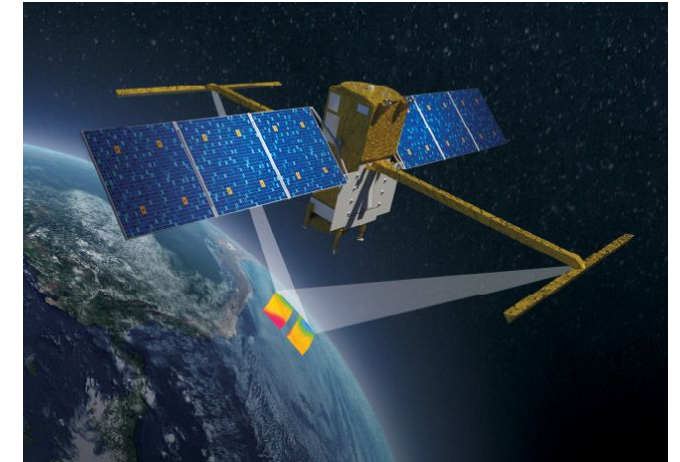
Global Ocean Circulation Models



In Situ measurements



Satellite measurements



and a lot of Python

Méthode

Eddy diagnostics

Eddy Kinetic Energy

$$EKE = \frac{1}{2} (u'^2 + v'^2)$$

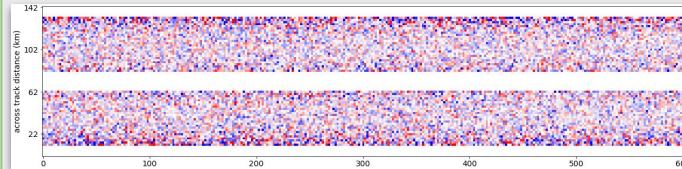
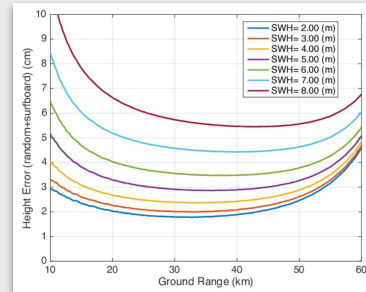
Strain Rate

$$S_g = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial u_g}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_g}{\partial y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial v_g}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_g}{\partial y}\right)^2}$$

Energy cascades

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{cg}(x) = & -\rho_0 [(\overline{u^2} - \overline{u}^2)\overline{u}_x \\ & + (\overline{uv} - \overline{u}\overline{v})(\overline{u}_y + \overline{v}_x) \\ & + (\overline{v^2} - \overline{v}^2)\overline{v}_y] \end{aligned}$$

Noise mitigation algorithms



Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN): succession of convolutional layers, in particular the class of **autoencoders** is used (**U-Net**)

Surface Quasi Geostrophic Theory

Goal:

Reconstruct the vorticity and the **vertical velocity field in the ocean interior** from the surface SSH

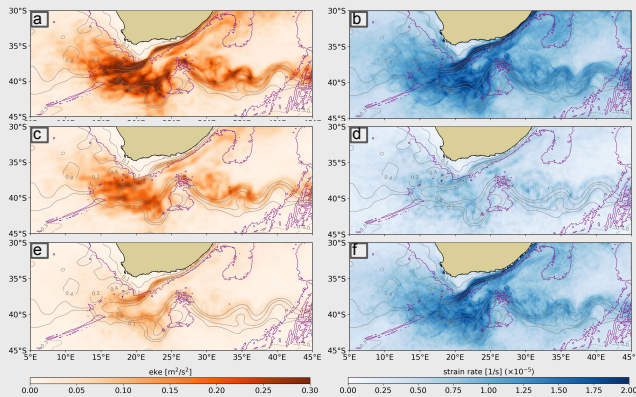
Hypothesis:

- Uniform **potential vorticity PV** in the domain
- Dynamics governed by **boundary conditions**

Premiers résultats ou résultats espérés

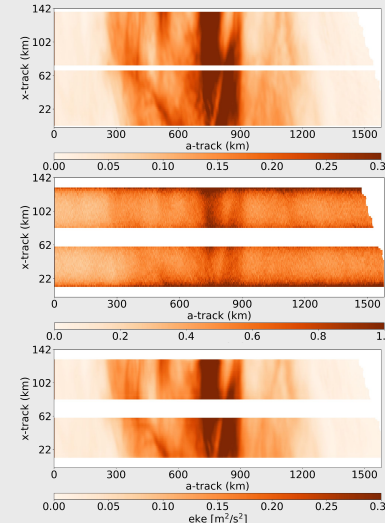
Eddy diagnostics

Mesoscale and submesoscale have a **great influence in the Southern Ocean**, and we are **missing much of the information** with current satellite altimetry data



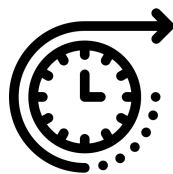
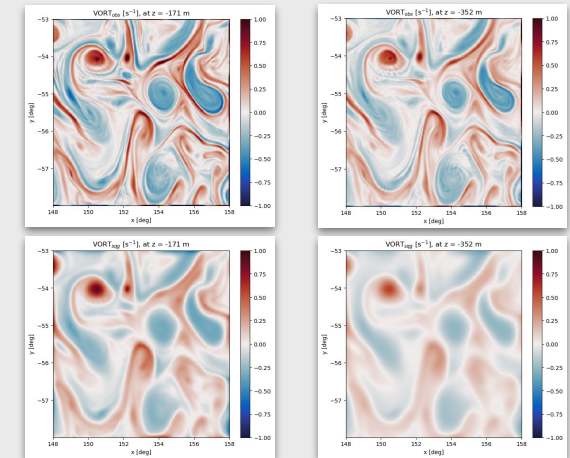
Noise mitigation algorithms

SWOT data will bring much of this missing information, with a **spatial resolution reaching 15 km** in our region



Surface Quasi Geostrophic Theory

SQG is working in the ocean interior, **reconstructing vertical velocity and vorticity structures down to 30-40 km**



Apply the methodology to **SWOT** and **validate** with in situ data