

Report on HFR - PLOCAN Historical data files QA/QC

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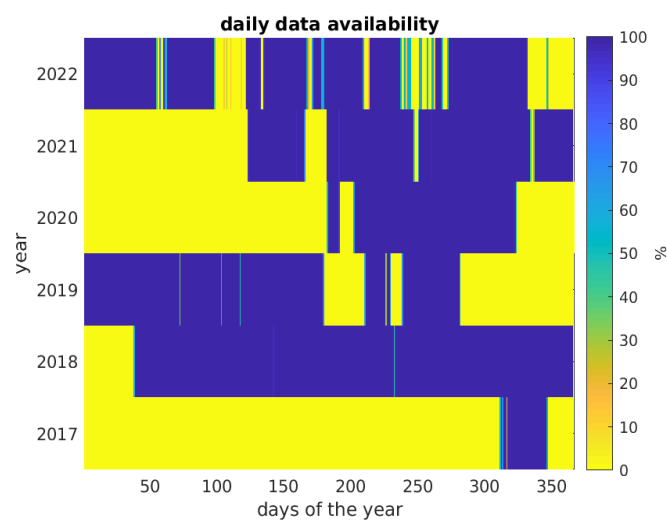
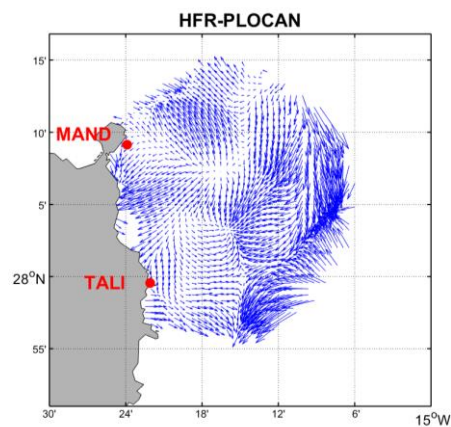
System: **PLOCAN**

Sites: **MAND, TALI**

Data set: **Totals**

Data source: Totals from the radials combination in de EU Node

Period: **2017-Nov-07 - 2022-Dec-13**



Daily data % available during the whole time period

INFO ON QA/QC Settings and Calibration

%%% QC info for time: 07-Nov-2017 11:00:00

OceanSITES quality flagging for GDOP threshold QC test. Threshold set to 2.

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OceanSITES quality flagging for Data density threshold QC test. Threshold set to 3 radials.

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OceanSITES quality flagging for Velocity threshold QC test. Threshold set to 1.2 m/s.

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OceanSITES quality flagging for variance threshold QC test. Test not applicable to Direction Finding systems. The Temporal Derivative test is applied. Threshold set to 1.2 m/s.

%%% Last calibration info for time: 23-Nov-2022 14:00:00

MAND: 2022-06-27T00:00:00Z; TALI: 2021-12-15T00:00:00Z

RESULTS OF HIST DATA INSPECTION

General comments:

The “number of good data” is relatively low for the whole the time series. The main QC flags correspond to GDOP representing around 60 % during all the periods.

year	General comment	Periods to be reflagged	Reason for new fagging	Sugg. Flag
After exchanges with the provided the following periods where reflagged:				
Year	General comment	Periods to be reflagged	Reason	New Flag

Data availability is unstable with big data gaps in the following periods:

- Dec 2017
- Jan-Feb 2018
- 2nd half of 2019
- 1st half + Jul+ mid-Nov+ Dec of 2020
- 1st half of 2021
- Apr-Sep-Nov-Dec 2022

Within the periods with available data the 80%-80% objective is achieved, meaning that the temporal availability of all the grid points is almost equal for the whole series.

Mean current patterns show that the flow tends to go towards the S.

Spatial Coverage vs. Temporal coverage: objective of USCG 80-80% data availability

Period	General comments	Nb. analysed hours	80%-80% obj.
2017	100% spatial availability 80% of the time.	815	y
2018	99.5845% spatial availability 80% of the time.	7847	y
2019	99.446% spatial availability 80% of the time.	5736	y
2020	99.3767% spatial availability 80% of the time.	3132	y
2021	99.446% spatial availability 80% of the time.	5311	y
2022	98.5457% spatial availability 80% of the time.	6471	y

Annex I Applied QA/QC tests

QC Flag Variable name	Short name	Short description
-	Syntax	Syntax check: this test will ensure the proper formatting and the existence of all the necessary fields within the total NetCDF file. This test is performed on the NetCDF files and it assesses the presence and correctness of all data and attribute fields and the correct syntax throughout the file. This test is performed by the European HFR Node before pushing data to the distribution platforms.
DDNS_QC	Data Density Threshold	Data Density Threshold : this test labels total velocity vectors with a number of contributing radials bigger than the threshold with a “good data” flag and total velocity vectors with a number of contributing radials smaller than the threshold with a “bad data” flag.
CSPD_QC	Velocity Threshold	Velocity Threshold : this test labels total velocity vectors whose module is bigger than a maximum velocity threshold with a “bad data” flag and total vectors whose module is smaller than the threshold with a “good data” flag.
VART_QC	Variance Threshold	Variance Threshold : this test labels total vectors whose temporal variance is bigger than a maximum threshold with a “bad data” flag and total vectors whose temporal variance is smaller than the threshold with a “good data” flag. This test is applicable only to Beam Forming (BF) systems. Data files from Direction Finding (DF) systems will apply instead the “Temporal Derivative” test reporting the explanation “Test not applicable to Direction Finding systems. The Temporal Derivative test is applied.” in the comment attribute.
TIME_QC	Temporal Derivative	Temporal Derivative : for each total bin, the current hour velocity vector is compared with the previous and next hour ones. If the differences are bigger than a threshold (specific for each grid cell and evaluated on the basis of the analysis of one-year-long time series), the present vector is flagged as “bad data”, otherwise it is labelled with a “good data” flag. Since this method implies a one-hour delay in the data provision, the current hour file should have the related QC flag set to 0 (no QC performed) until it is updated to the proper values when the next hour file is generated.
GDOP_QC	GDOP Threshold	GDOP Threshold : this test labels total velocity vectors whose GDOP (Geometrical Dilution Of Precision) is bigger than a maximum threshold with a “bad data” flag and the vectors whose GDOP is smaller than the threshold with a “good data” flag.
QCflag	Overall QC	

Annex II QC Flags

Code	Meaning	Comment
0	No QC was performed	-
1	Good data	All real-time QC tests passed.
2	Probably good data	_*
3	Bad data that are potentially correctable	These data are not to be used without scientific correction.*
4	Bad data	Data have failed one or more of the tests.
5	Value changed	Data may be recovered after transmission error.
6	Not used	-
7	Nominal value	-
8	Interpolated value	Missing data may be interpolated from neighbouring data in space or time.
9	Missing value	-

*These two are to be used after examination of the hist data sets and exchanges with the data provider

Annex III Figures for the QA/QC tests

Fig A – Temporal series of the spatial average of the current velocity module (first panel), its standard deviation (second panel), the grid points of the total coverage (third panel), and monthly data availability. Black dots are the values obtained considering all the data in the domain, in green those considering only data with QC flag =1 (good data).

Fig B - Temporal series of the QC flags for all the grid nodes with data and percentage of data with each flag (0,1,2,3,4).

Fig C - Maps of the mean velocity module and the mean value of QC flags for the target year (left column) and their standard deviations (right column) for the target year.

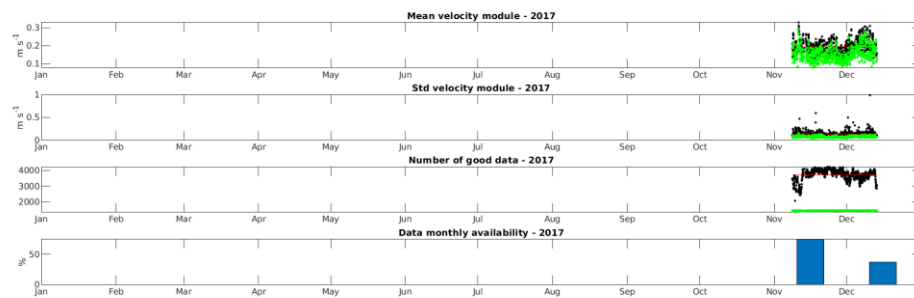
Fig D - Spatial (x-axis) vs. temporal (y-axis) coverage 80/80 annual metric. Allows to check if the system has reached the goal of providing surface currents over the 80% of the area during 80% of the time. The grid points taken in account for the % are the ones inside the GDOP limits defined by the data provider.

Fig E – Map of the % of availability of data in each grid point and contour showing the area of temporal availability >80%

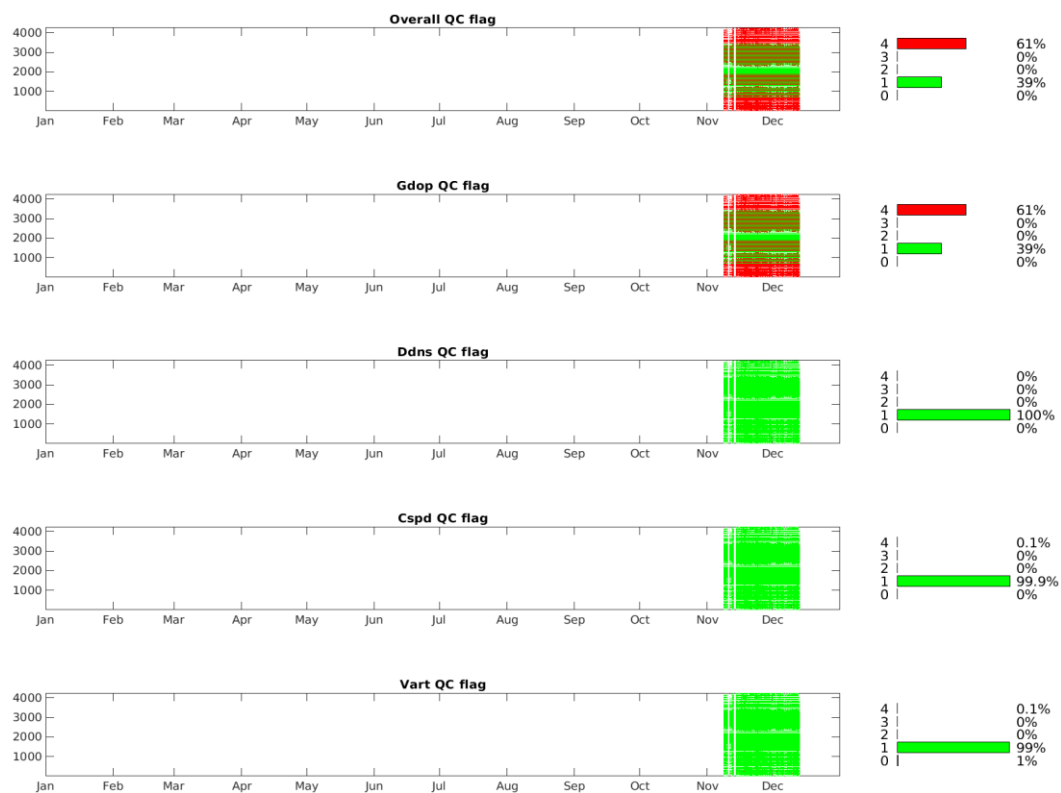
Fig F- Mean surface current maps for the indicated systems and periods. The means are computed in the area of 80% temporal coverage for the target year.

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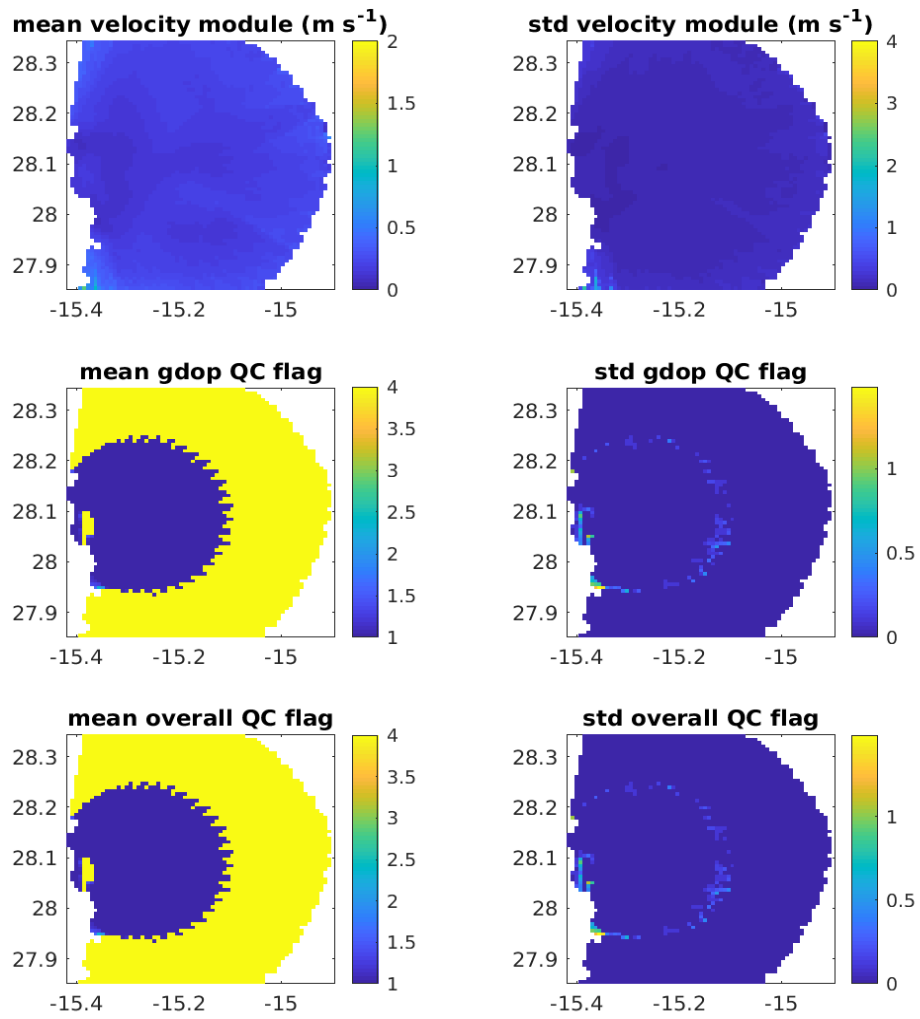
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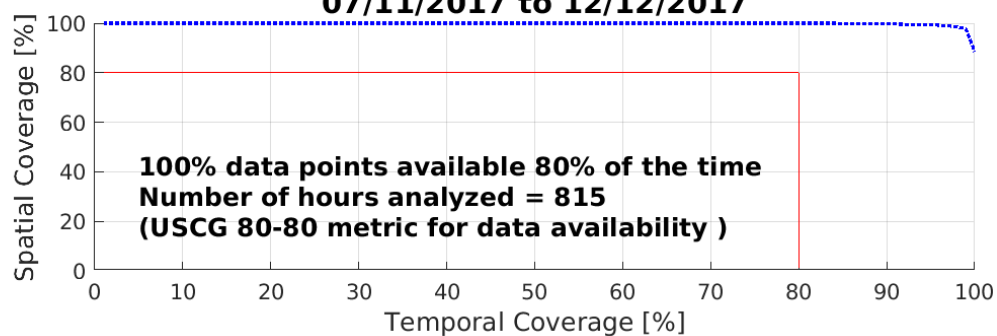


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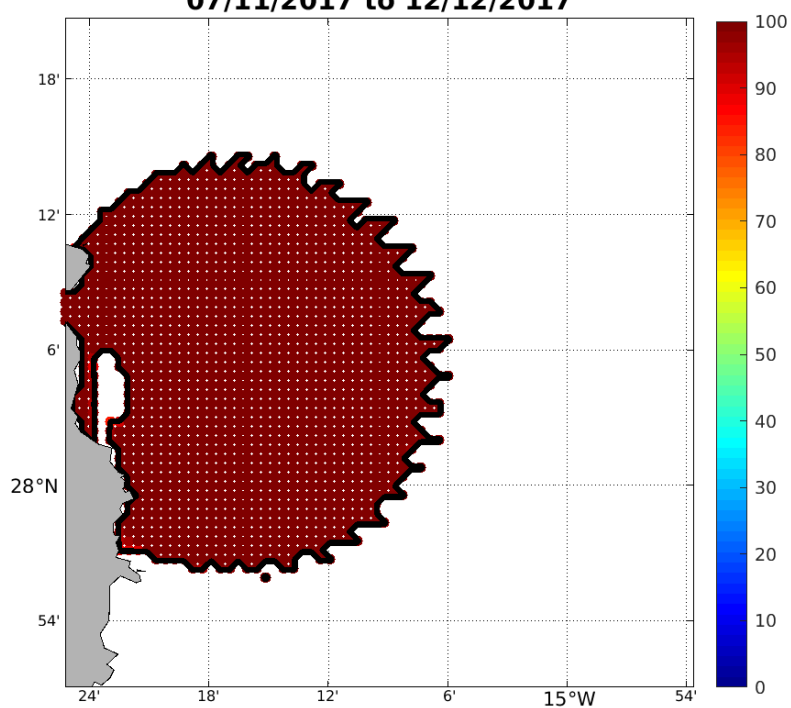
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HFR-PLOCAN: Spatial Coverage vs. Temporal Coverage 07/11/2017 to 12/12/2017



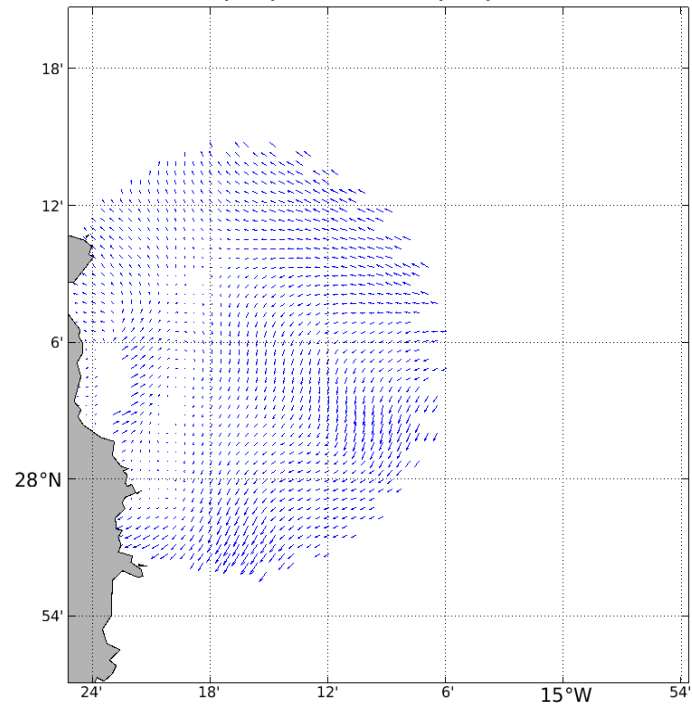
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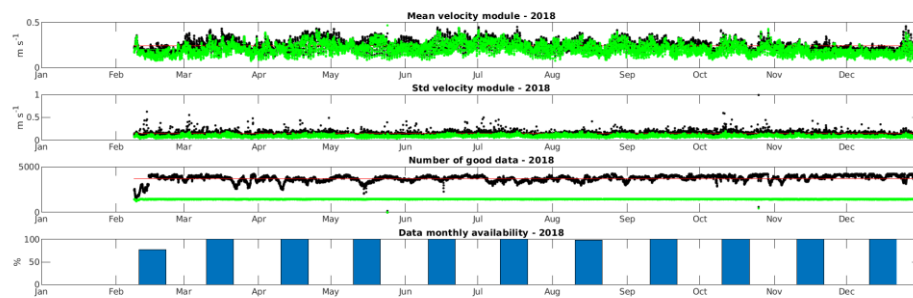
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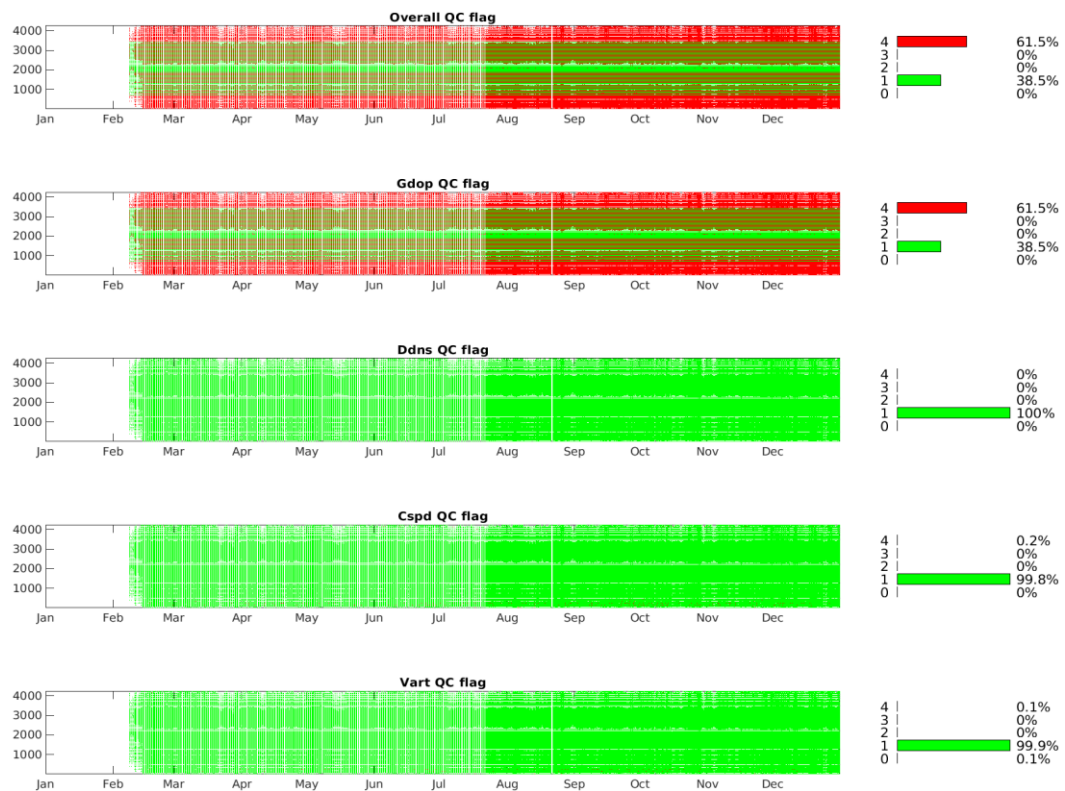


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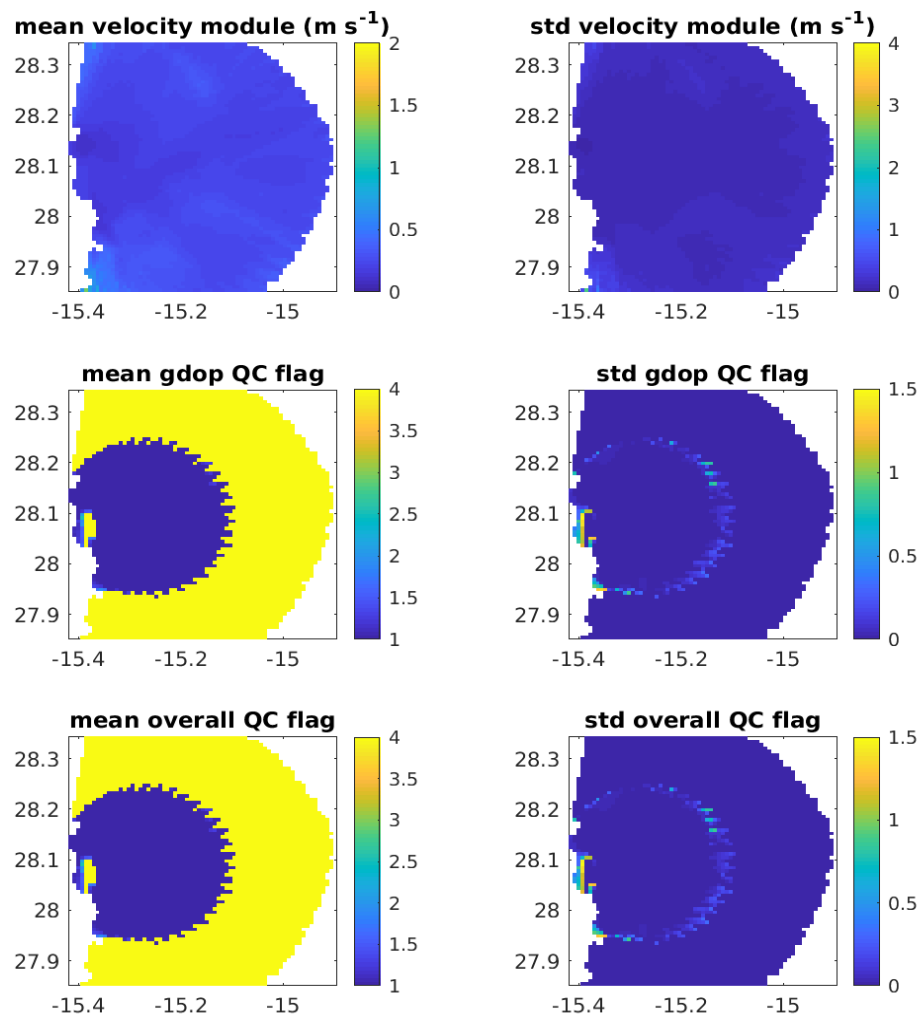
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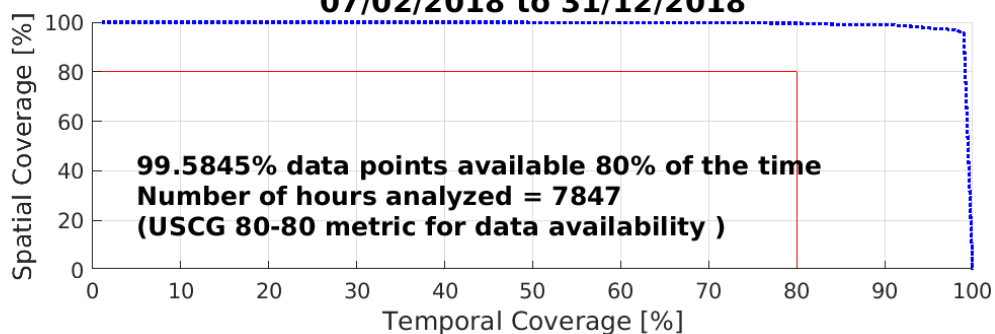


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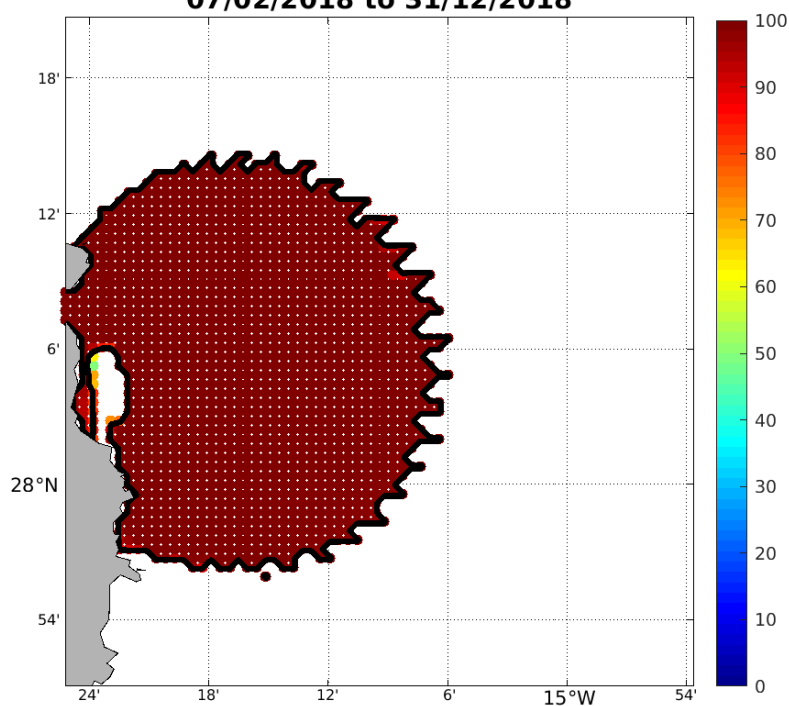
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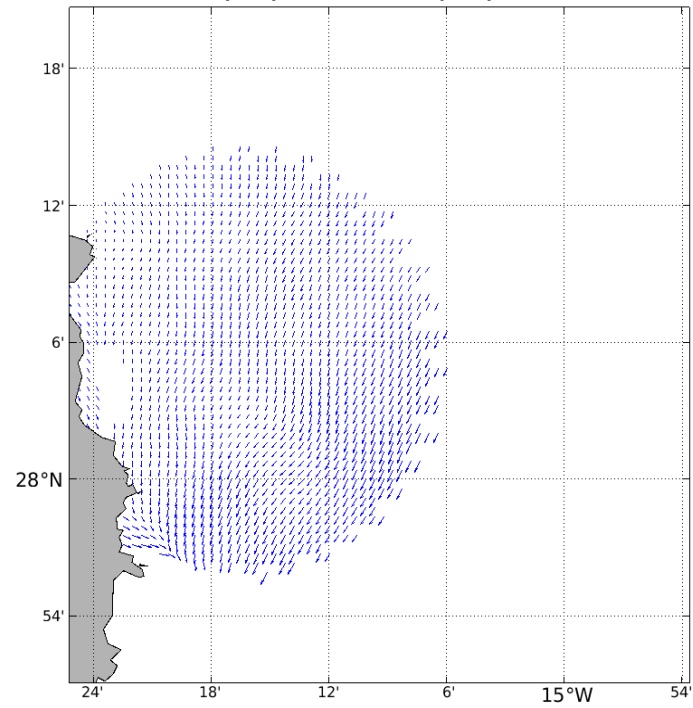
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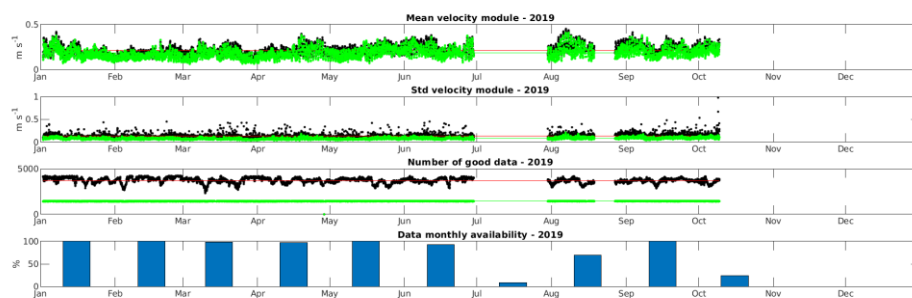
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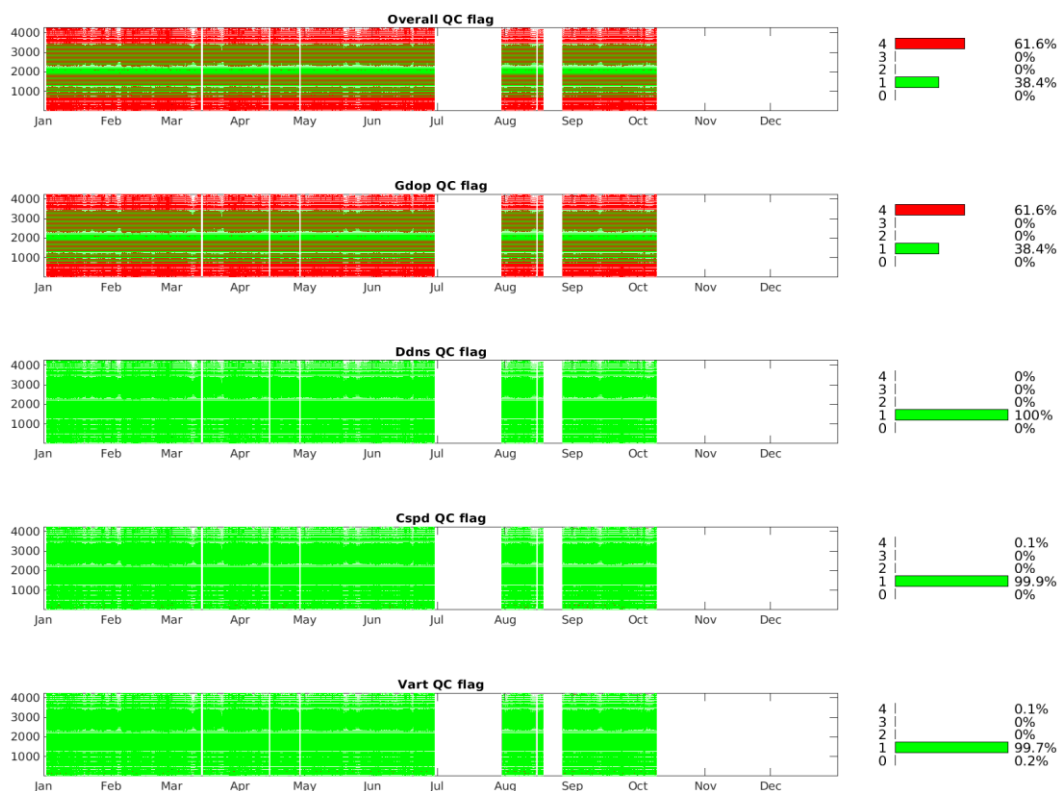


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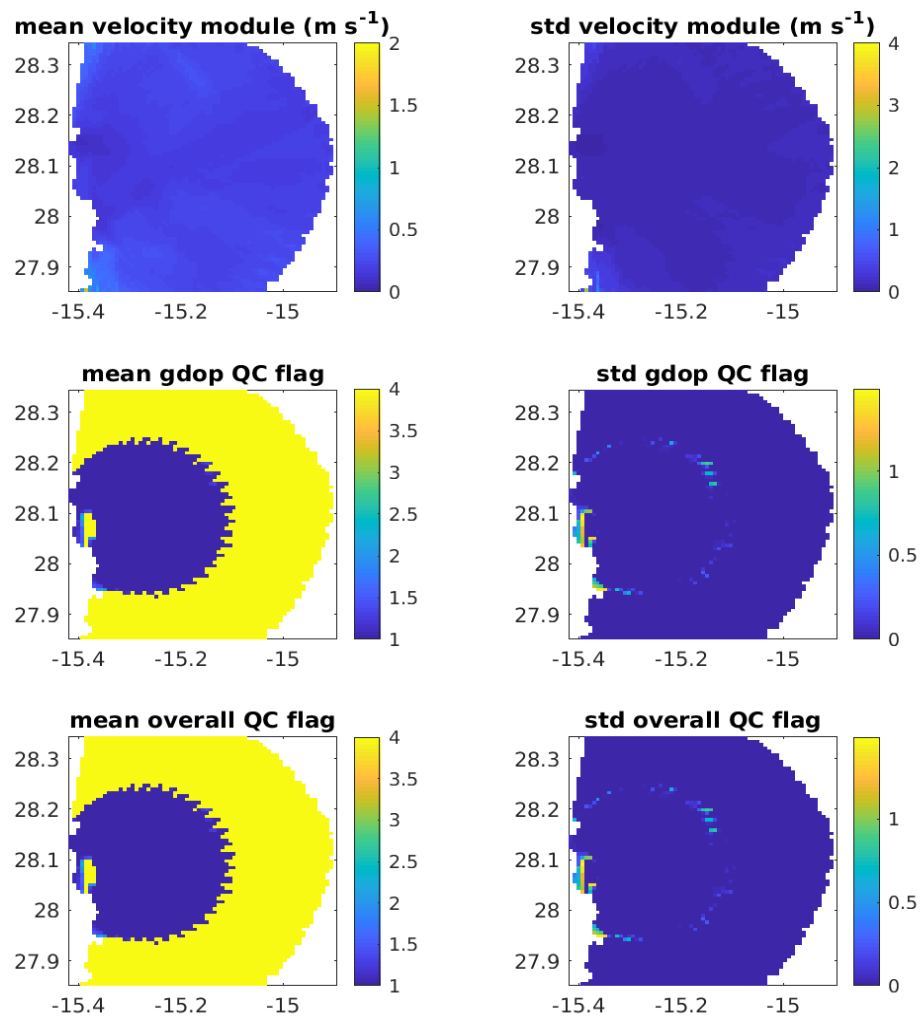
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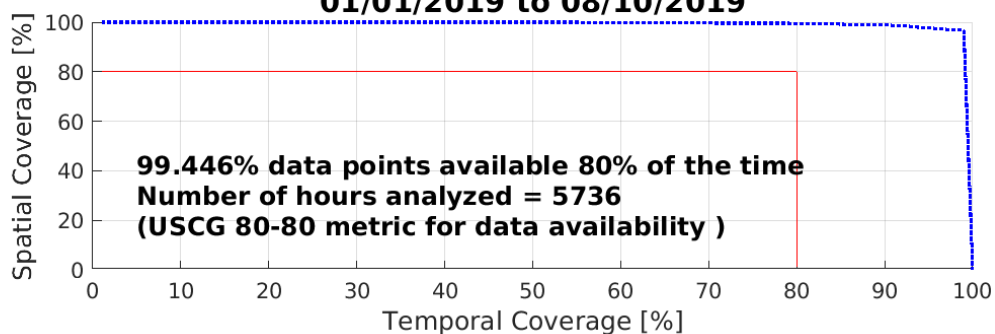


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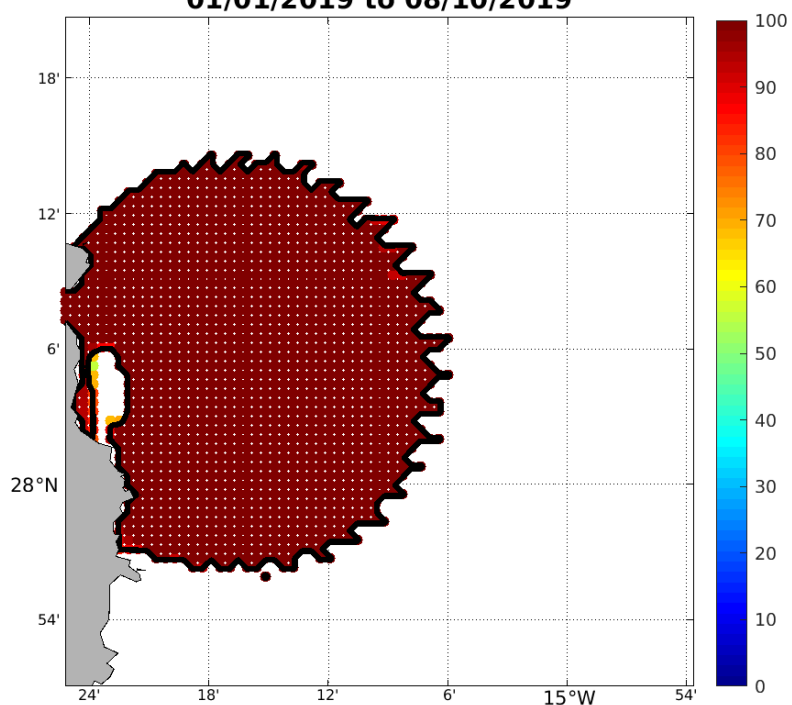
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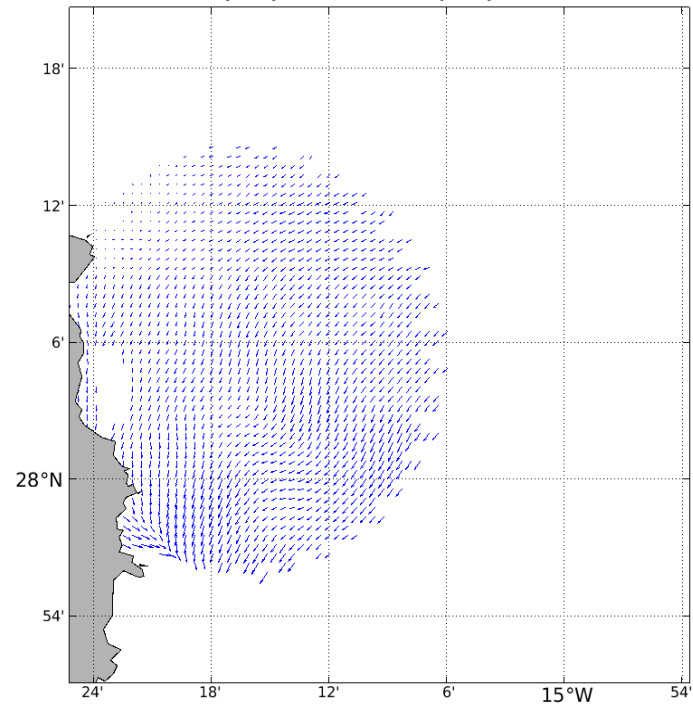
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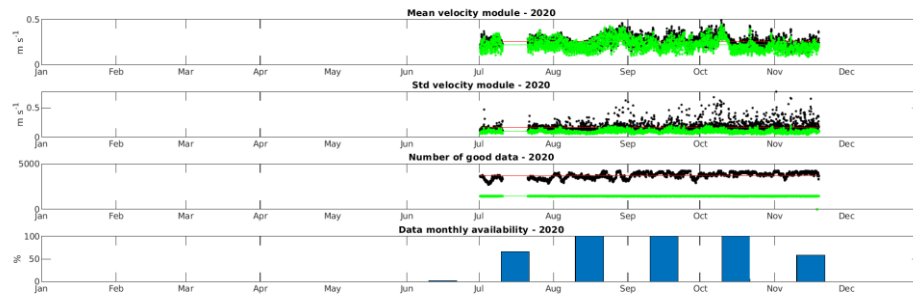
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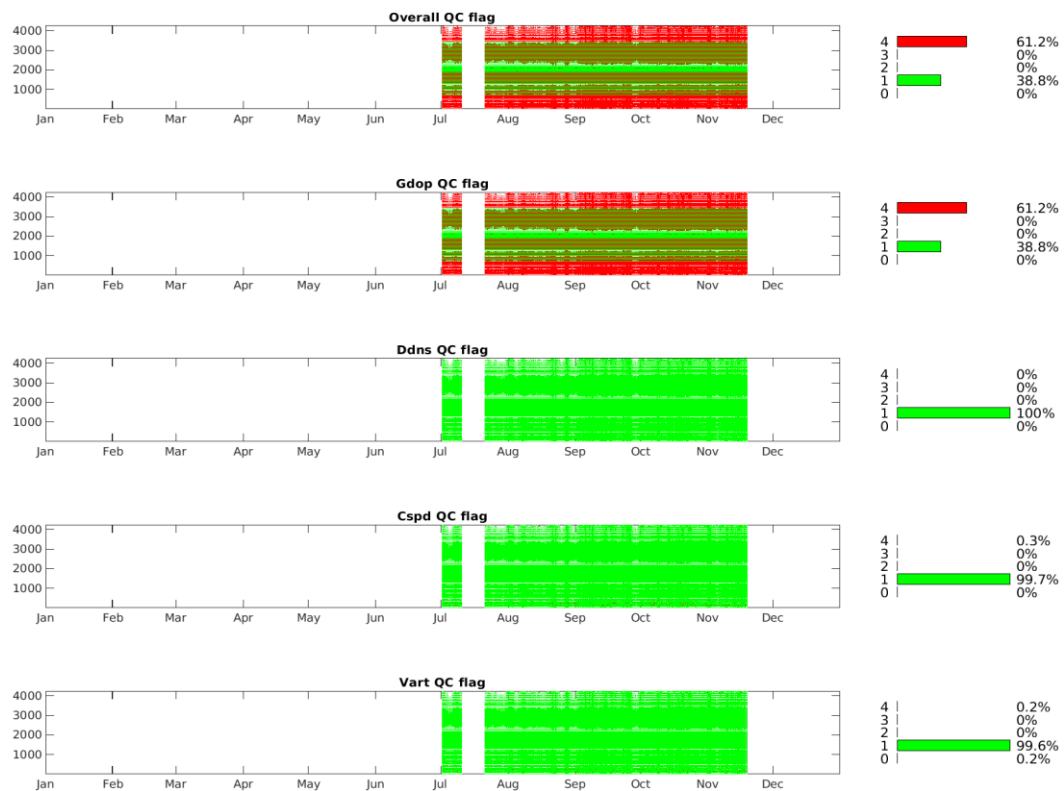


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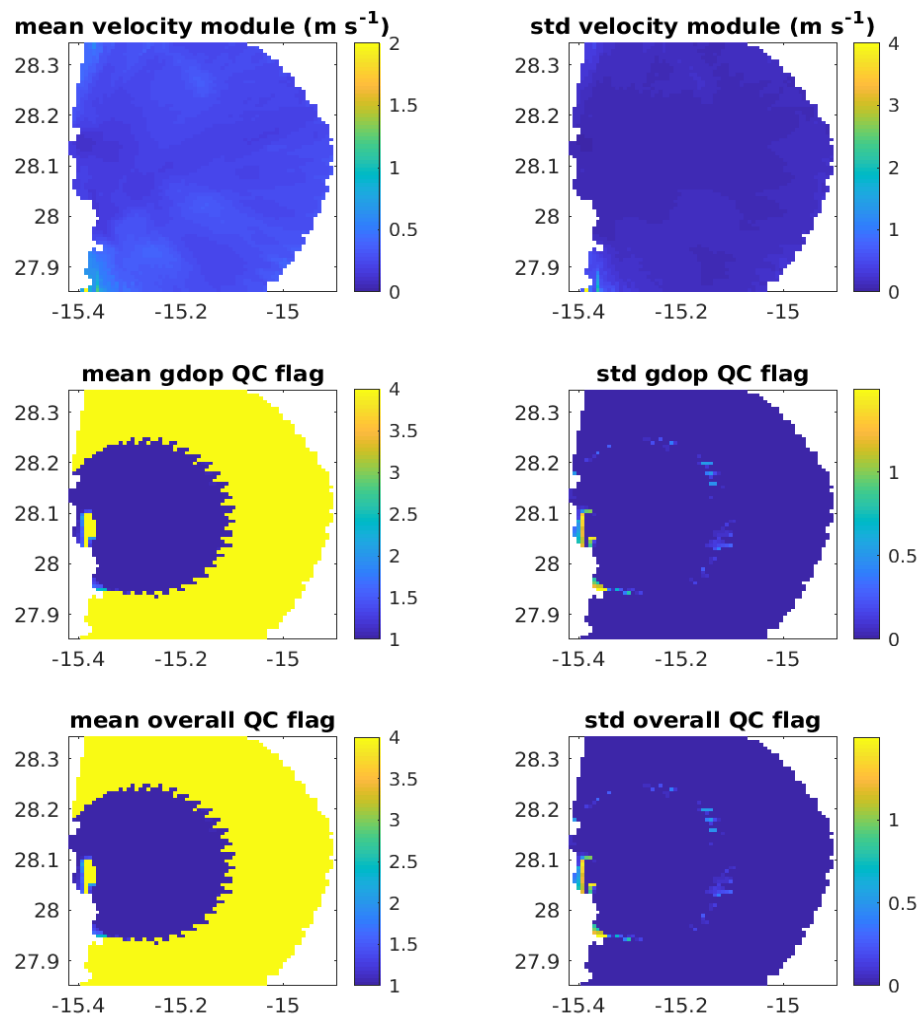
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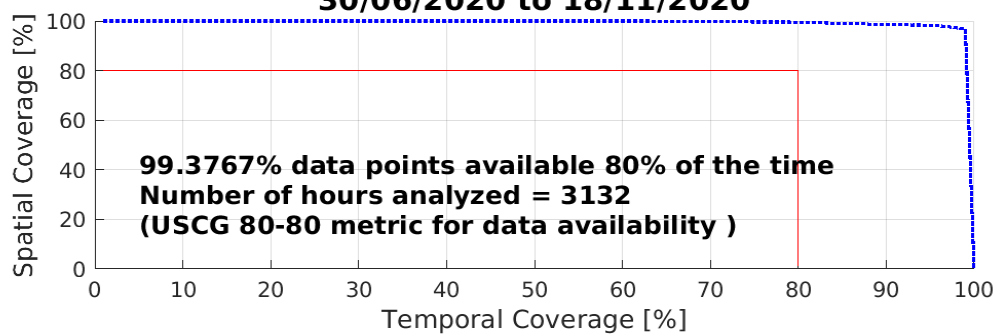


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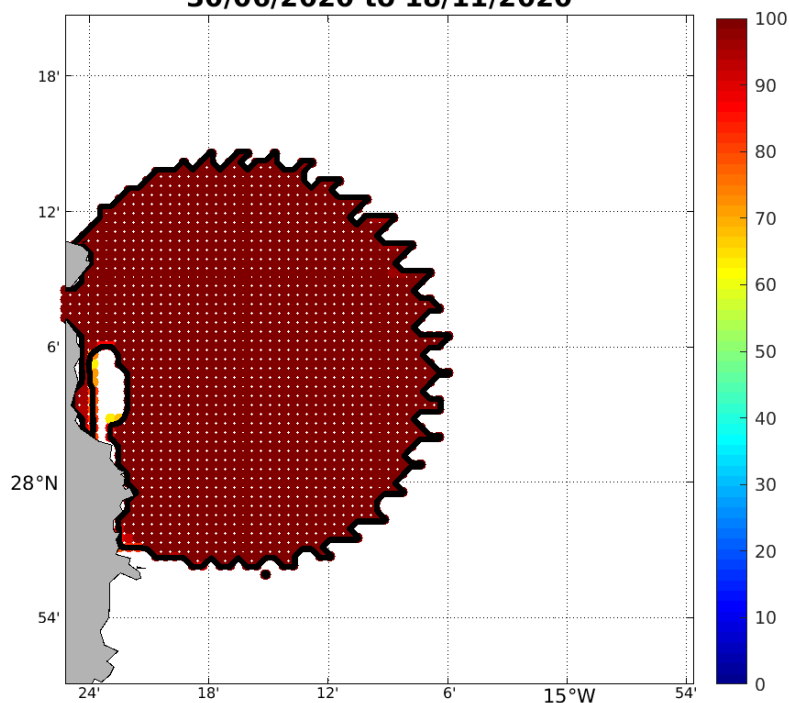
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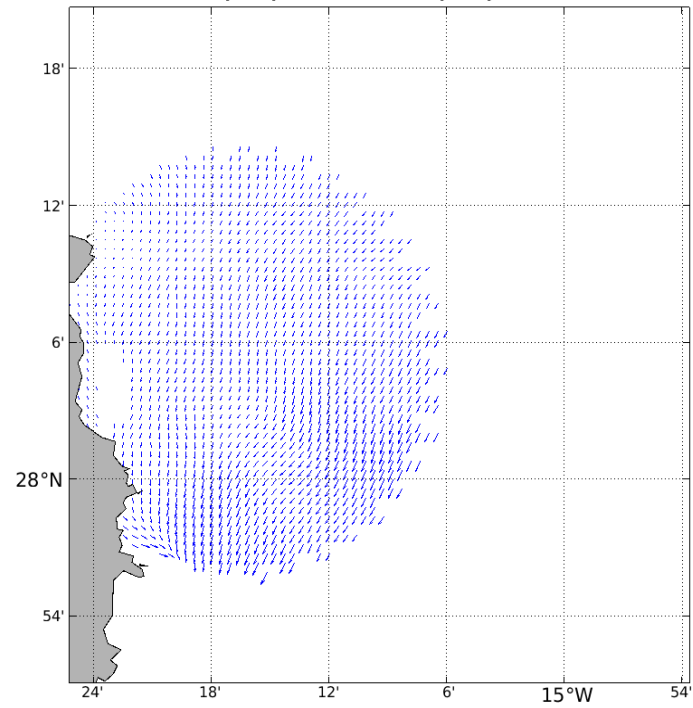
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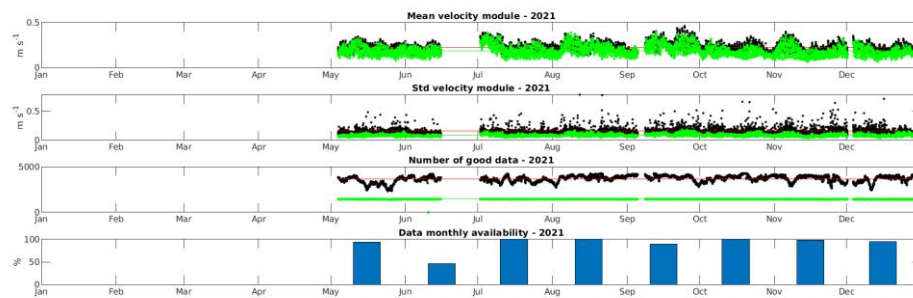
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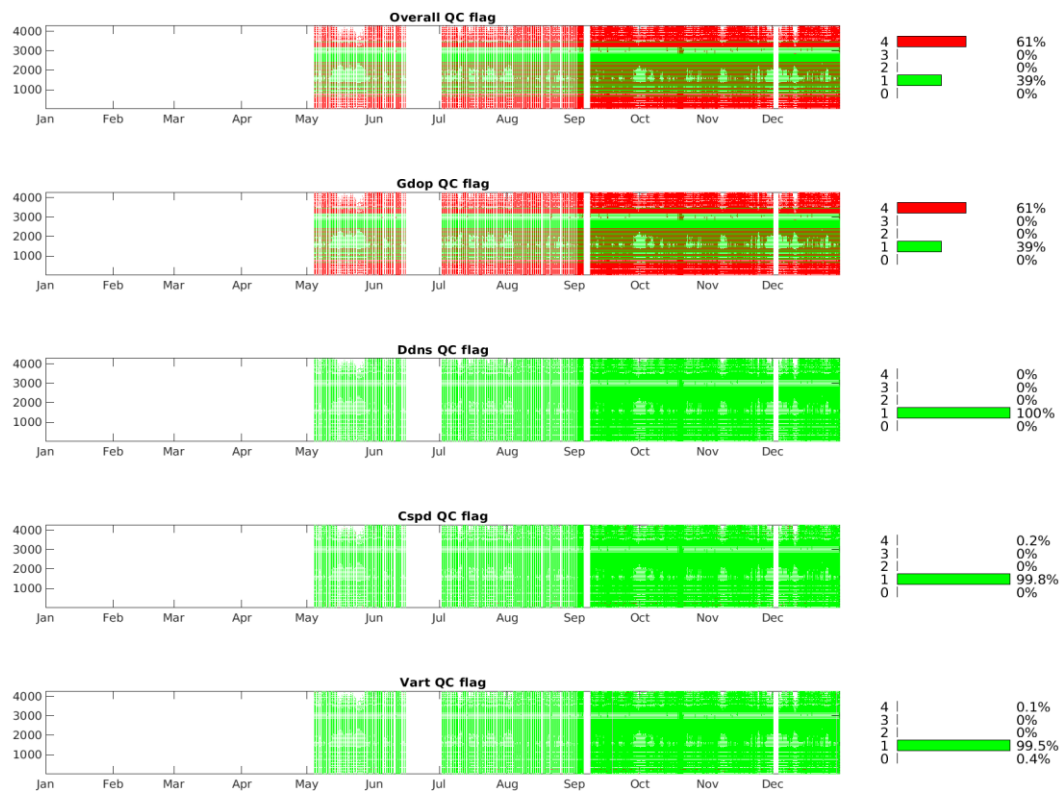


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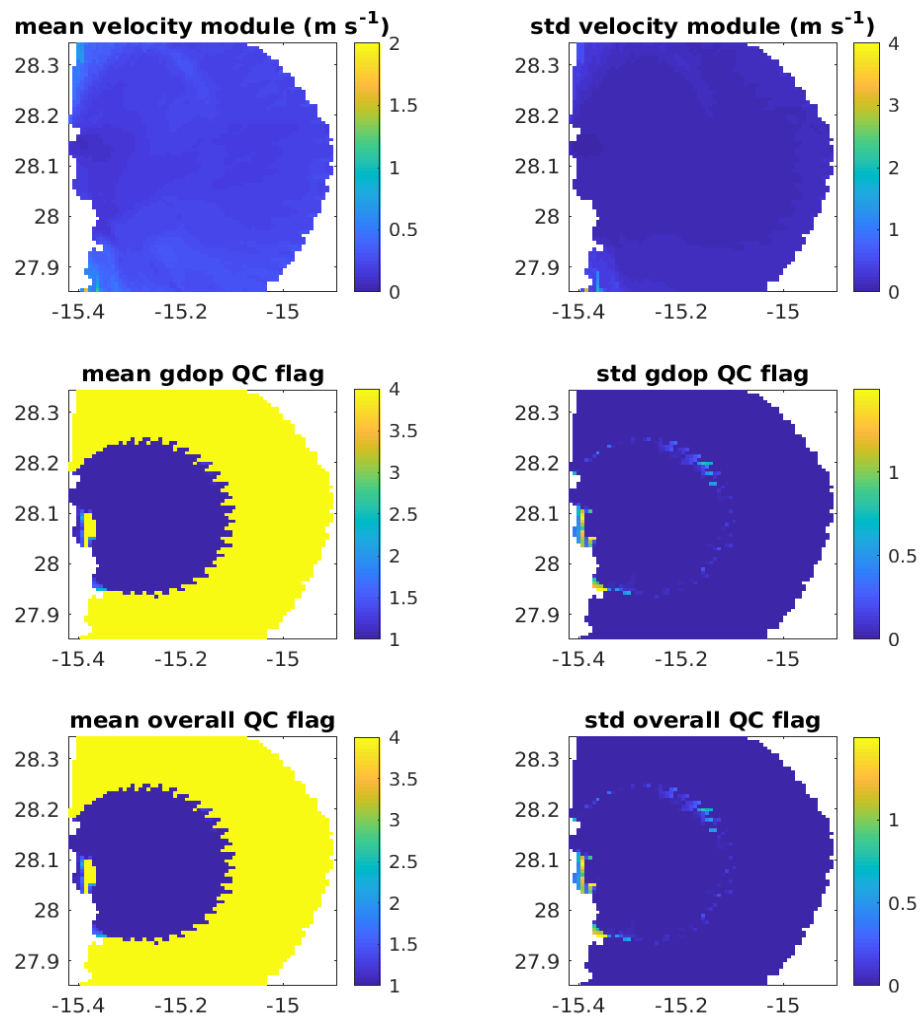
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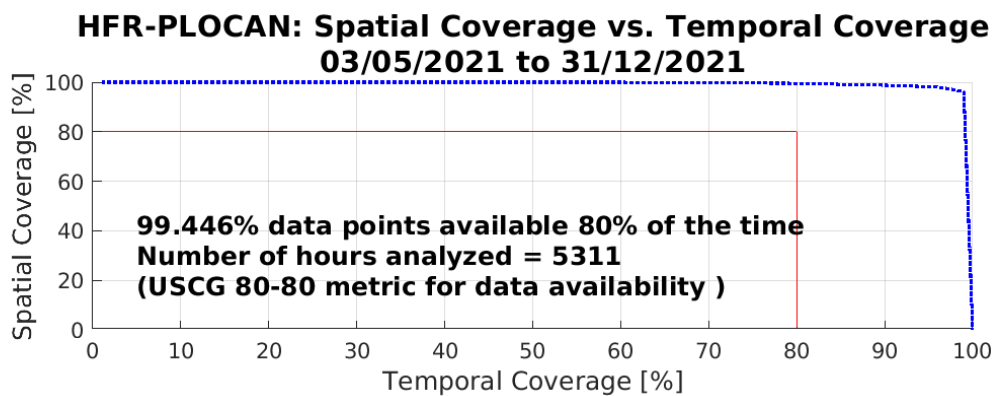
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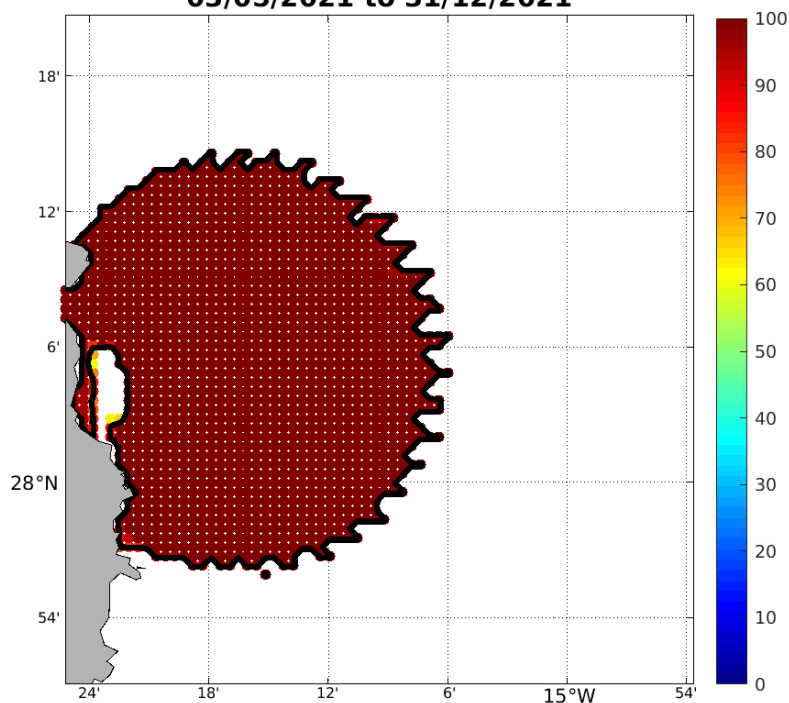


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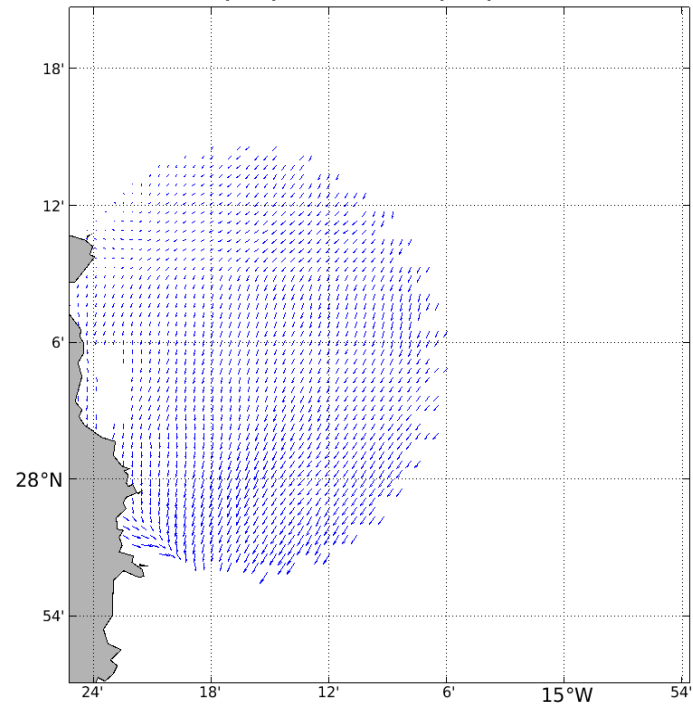
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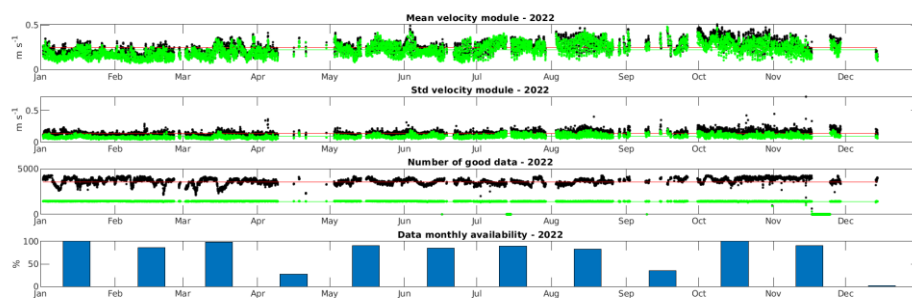
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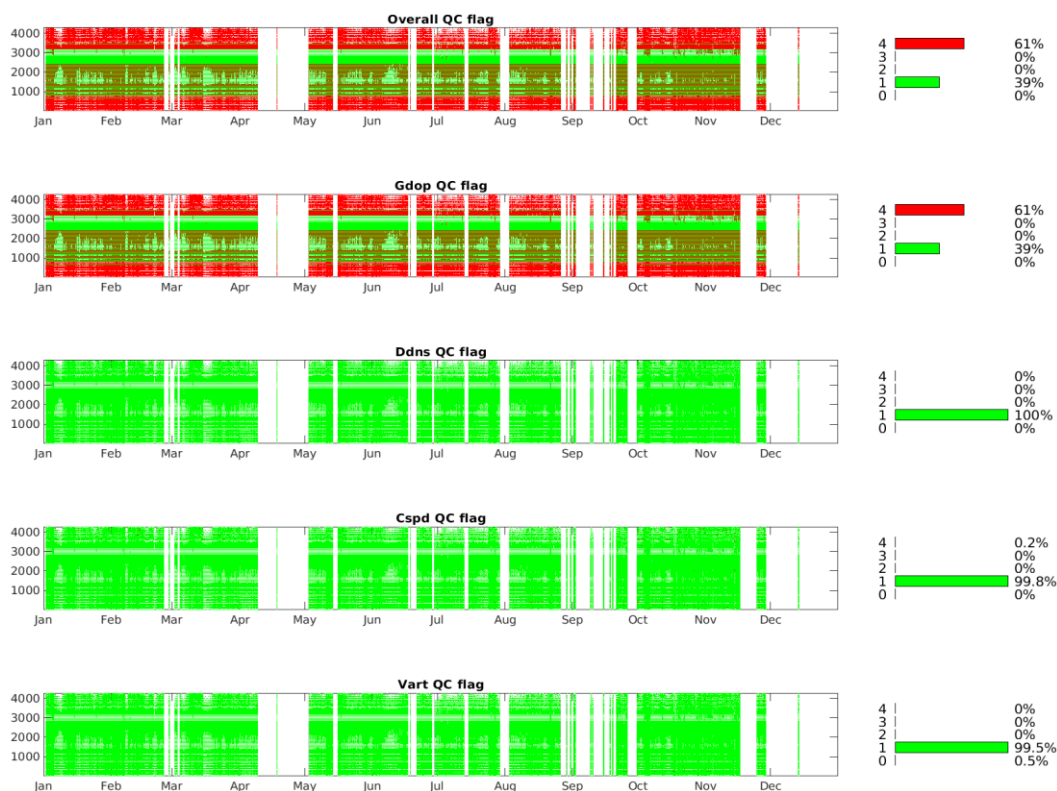


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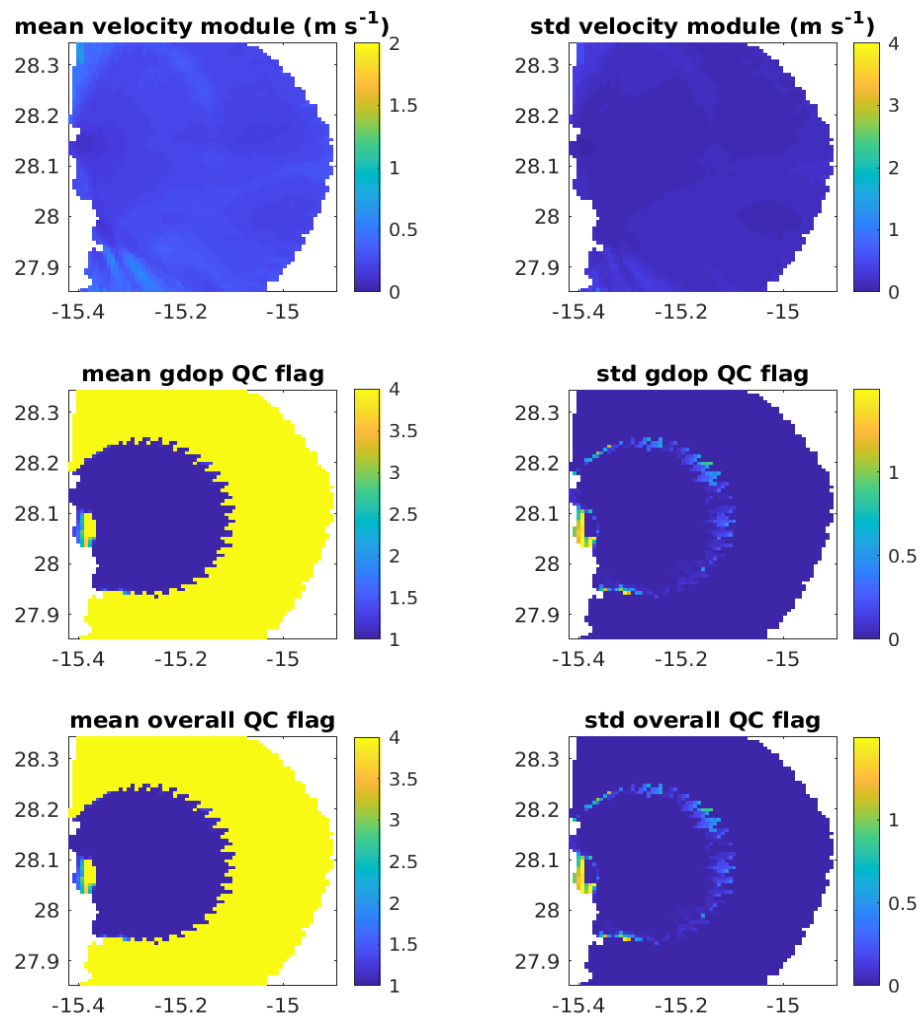
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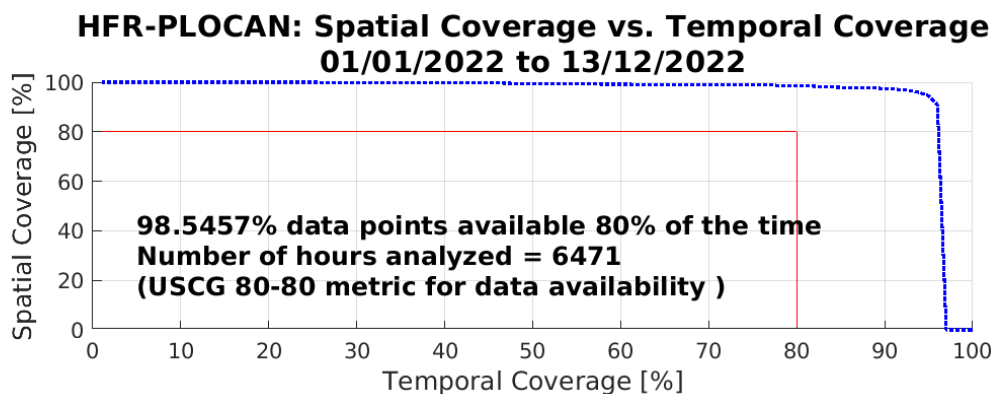
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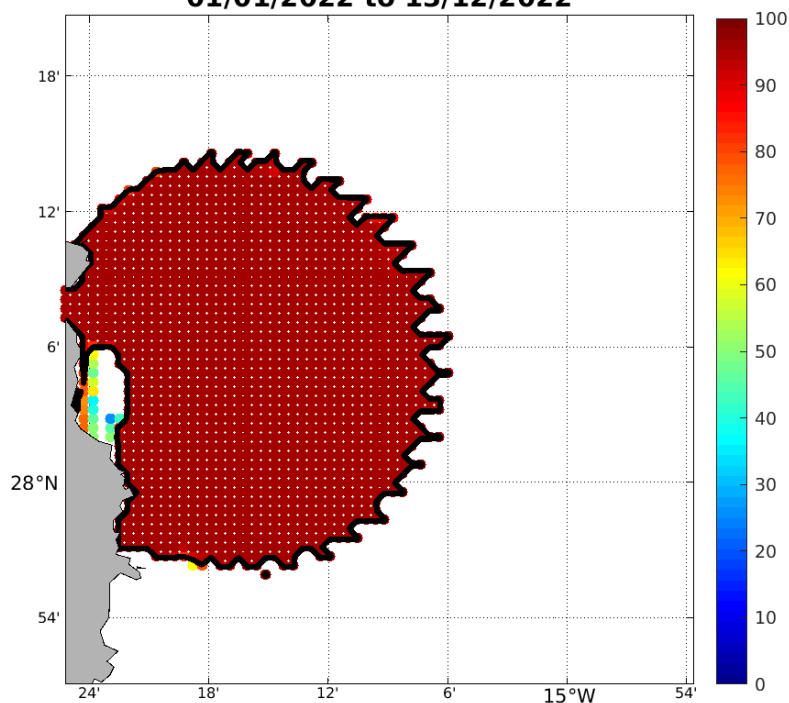


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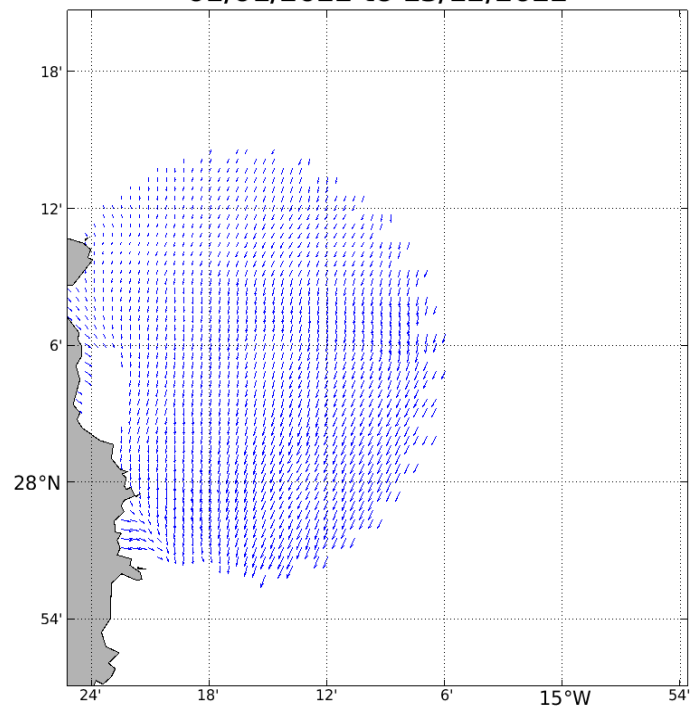
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01/01/2022 to 13/12/2022



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