

DEEP-EDDY-SCAN

a new tool for real-time eddy detection based on the fusion of SST and altimetry satellite data

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Abstract

We developed a processing-chain and associated tools to detect and track eddies in Near Real Time (NRT) over the Mediterranean Sea every day (**DEEP-EDDY-SCAN**).

The chain analyses **Altimetry** imagery (Fig.2a) thanks to objectives methods such as **AMEDA** (Fig.1). In the same time a detection of eddies is performed on the **SST** (Fig.2b) thanks to a **neural network**. The fusion between these detection aim to determine their **reliability** (Fig.3).

The viewer can pop-up the eddies past trajectory and we use **ARGO profiles** to provide an estimate of their **vertical structure** (Fig. 4) and their surrounding.

The **SEAScope** viewer allows to explore the result of DEEP-EDDY-SCAN and compare with detection perform on different **Operational Oceanic Models** (Fig.5).

Eddy Detection Methods

On Altimetry and Numerical Models

The **Angular Momentum Eddy Detection Algorithm (AMEDA)**, Le Vu *et al.* 2018) is an automated eddy detection and tracking algorithm based on the surface velocity. That allows to detect and quantify the size (R_{max} on Fig 1) and the intensity of eddies during their all life from many different data set (altimetry, *in-situ* measurements or numerical models).

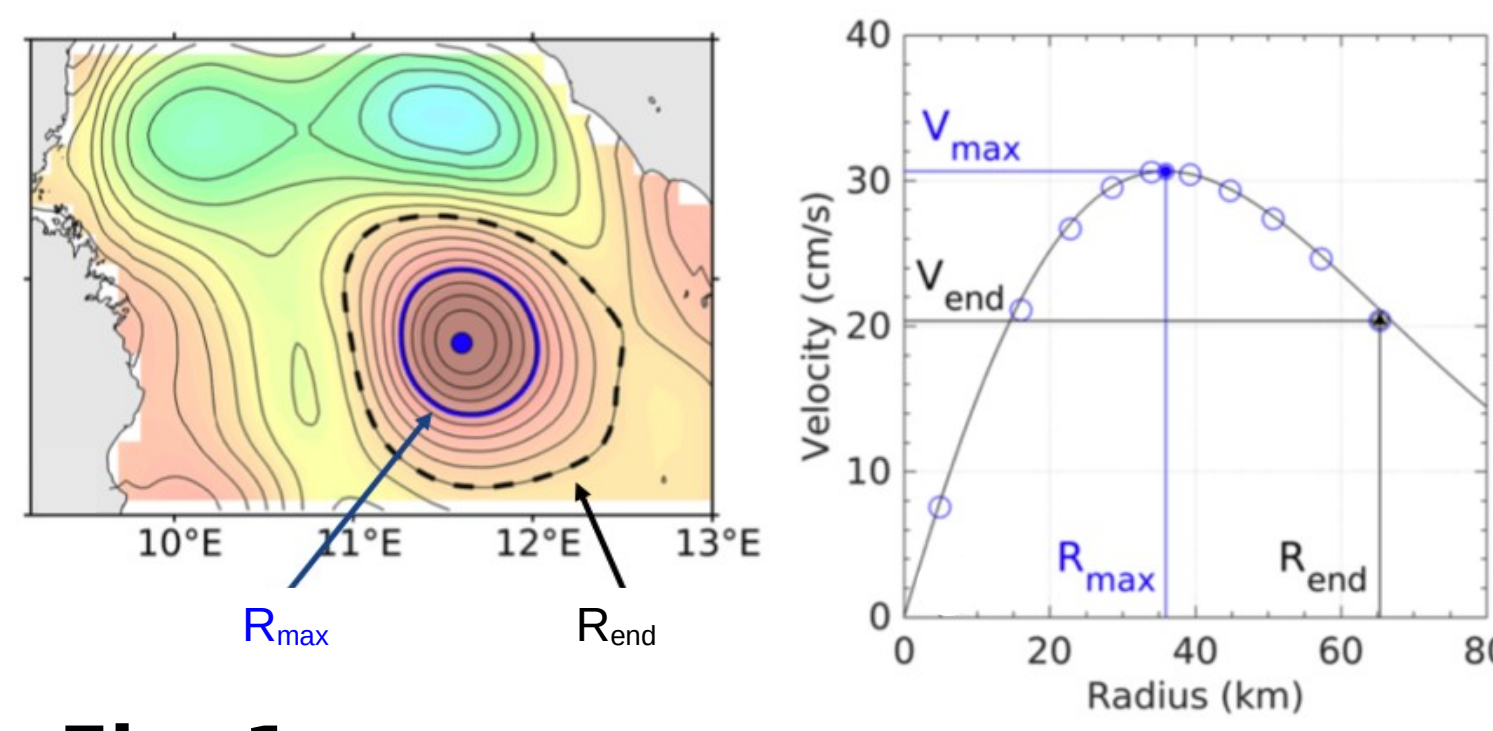


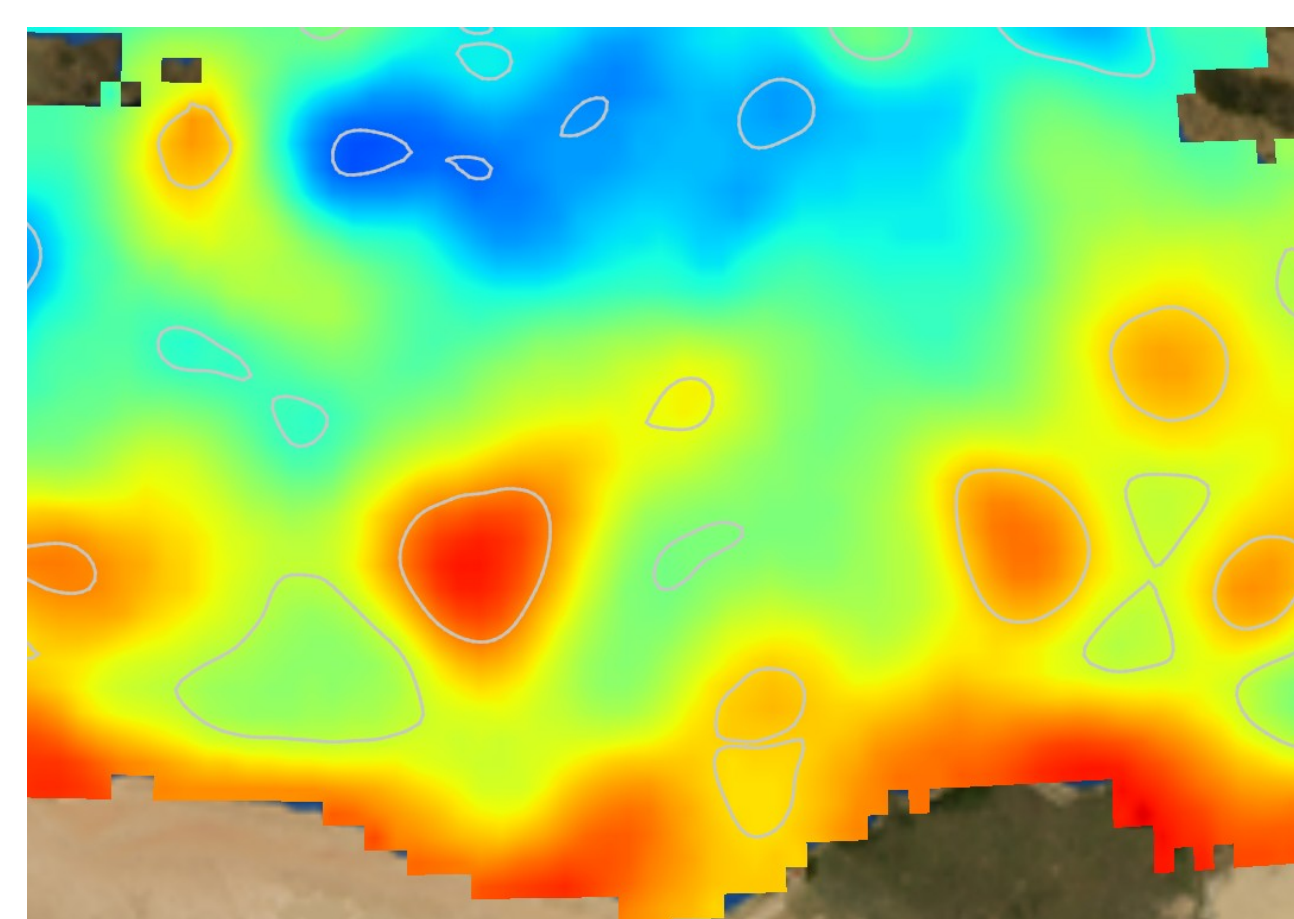
Fig. 1

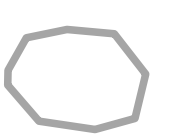
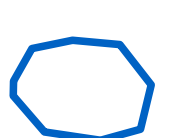
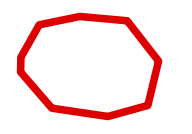
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On Sea Surface Temperature

Neural network trained on segmentation task to detect contour of maximum velocity (R_{max}) thanks to an OSSE (Observing System Simulation Experiment) - for more details see Stegner *et al.* **Poster 105**

Detection on Satellite Data



AMEDA on Altimetry
 R_{max} Contour
 AE and CE
Neural Network on SST
 Anticyclones
 Cyclones
 R_{max} Contours

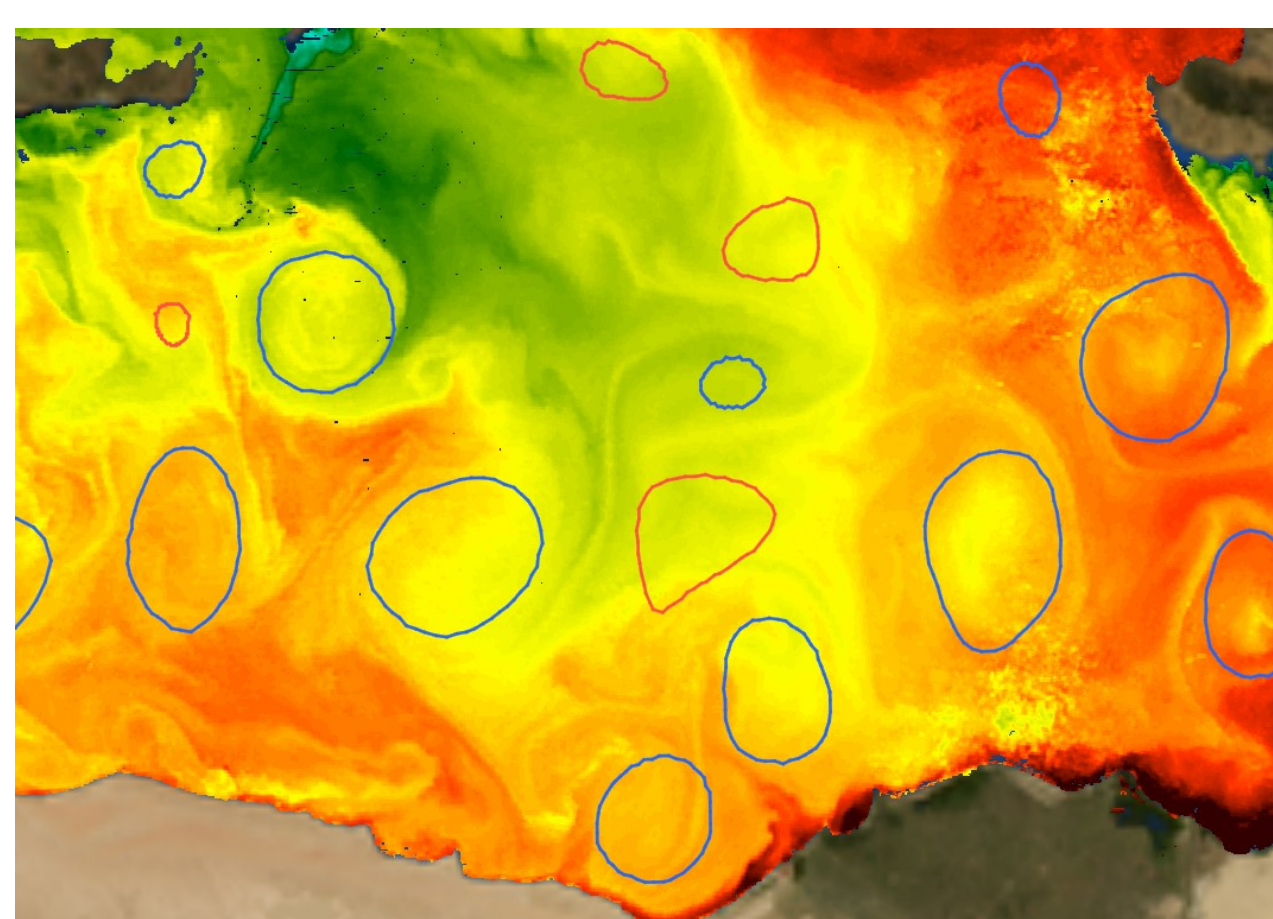
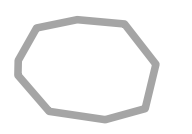

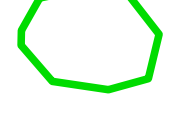

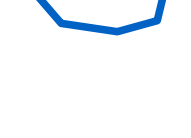


Fig. 2b: Example of Neural Network eddy detection on a L3S SST image (SST_MED_SST_L3S_NRT_OBSERVATIONS_010_012 from CMEMS. <https://doi.org/10.48670/moi-00142>)

Fig. 2a: Example of AMEDA detection on a L4 SSALTO/DUACS Altimetry image (SEALEVEL_EUR_PHY_L4_NRT_OBSERVATIONS_008_060 from CMEMS. <https://doi.org/10.48670/moi-00171>)

Reliability and Trajectory

Altimetry contours
 Medium reliability
 Good reliability
 Strong reliability
 Strong centers
 Anticyclones R_{max} Contours from SST

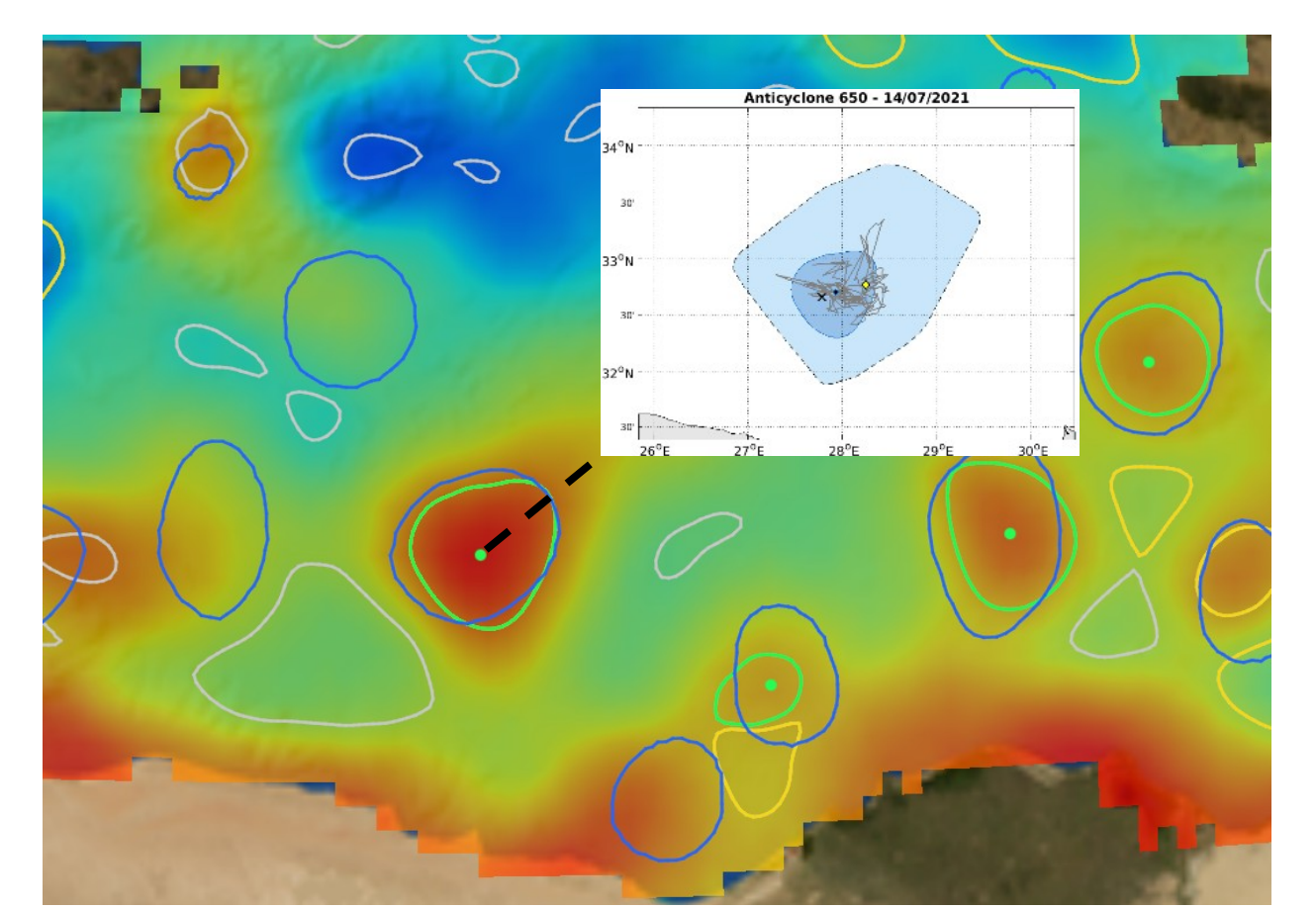
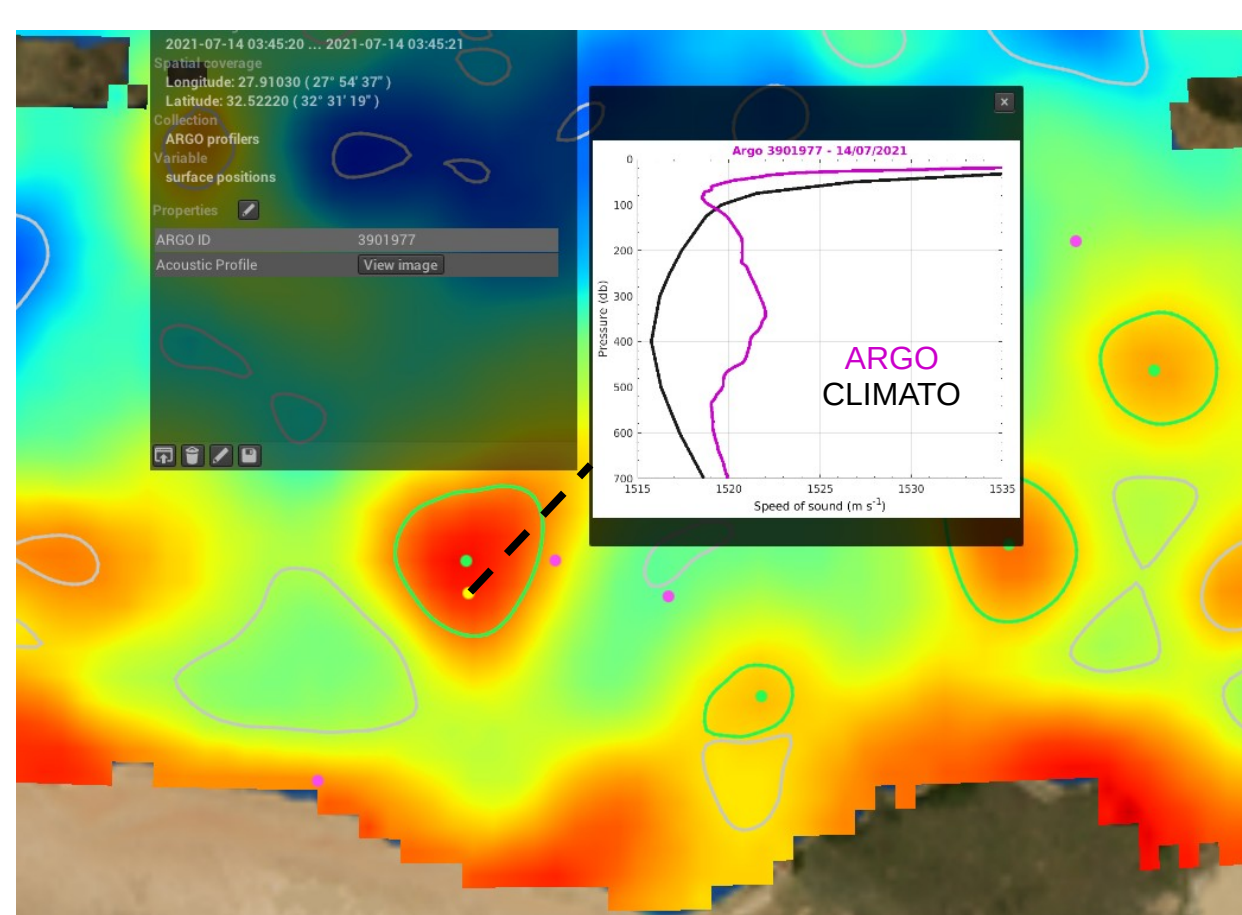


Fig. 3: Example of an AMEDA **tracking history** of a strongly reliable anticyclone based on a good superposition of 2 independent detections: Altimetry and SST (Fig.2).

Vertical Structure




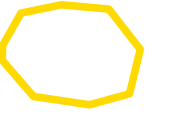
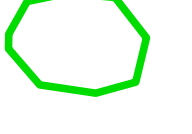


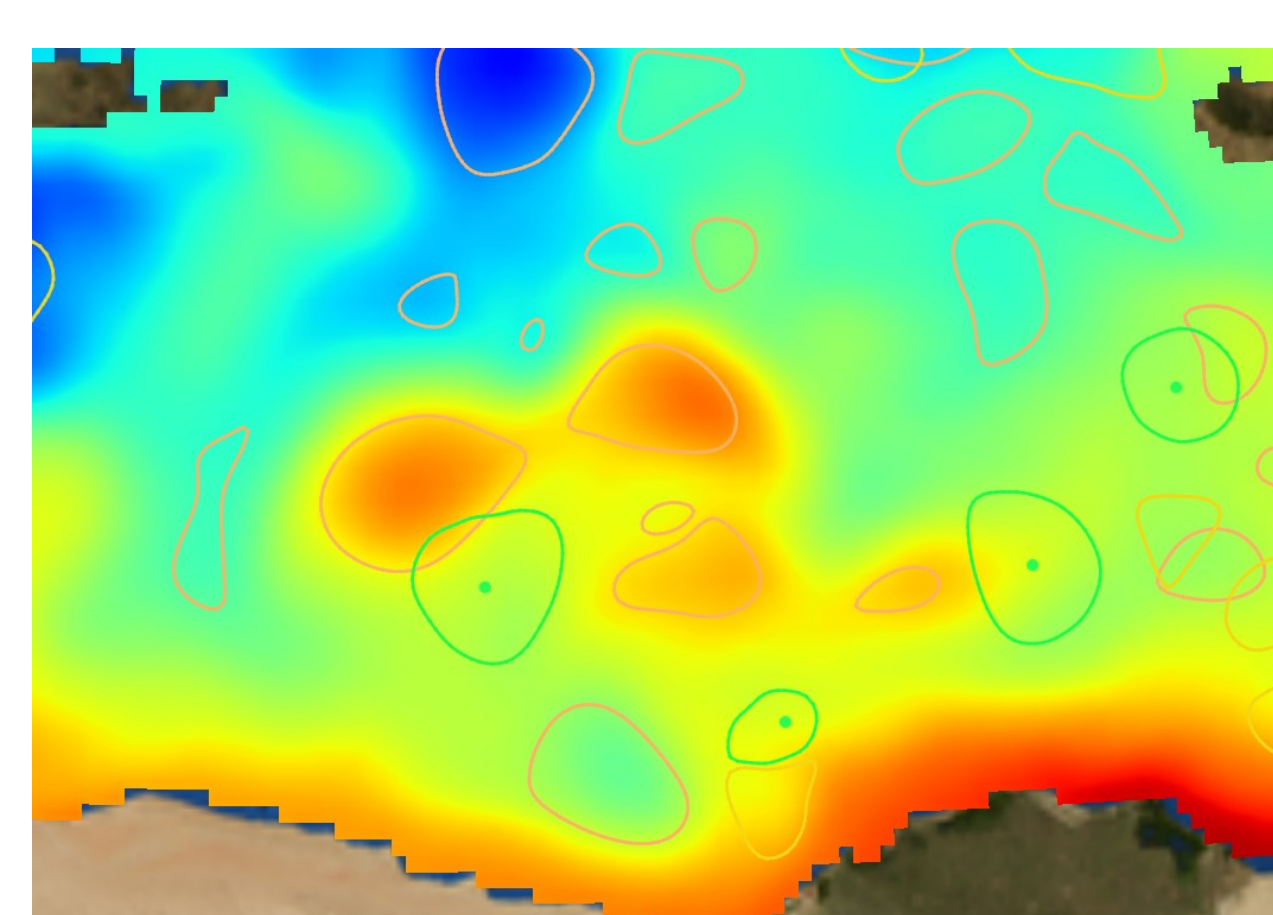
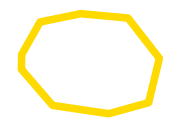
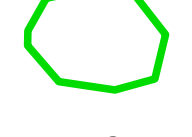

AMEDA contours
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 Strong reliability
 Strong centers
 ARGO profilers position

Fig. 4: Case of an ARGO float caught in a Mersa Matruh eddy in July 2021. The vertical profile of the temperature confirms that this eddy produces an important impact on the structure of the water density anomaly.

Models Comparaison



Altimetry contours
 Good reliability
 Strong reliability
 Strong centers

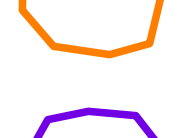
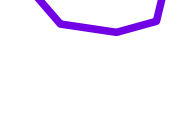
MERCATOR Contours

MFS Contours


Fig. 5a: Comparison between reliable altimetry contours and AMEDA contours from **MERCATOR** NRT product with few concomitance.

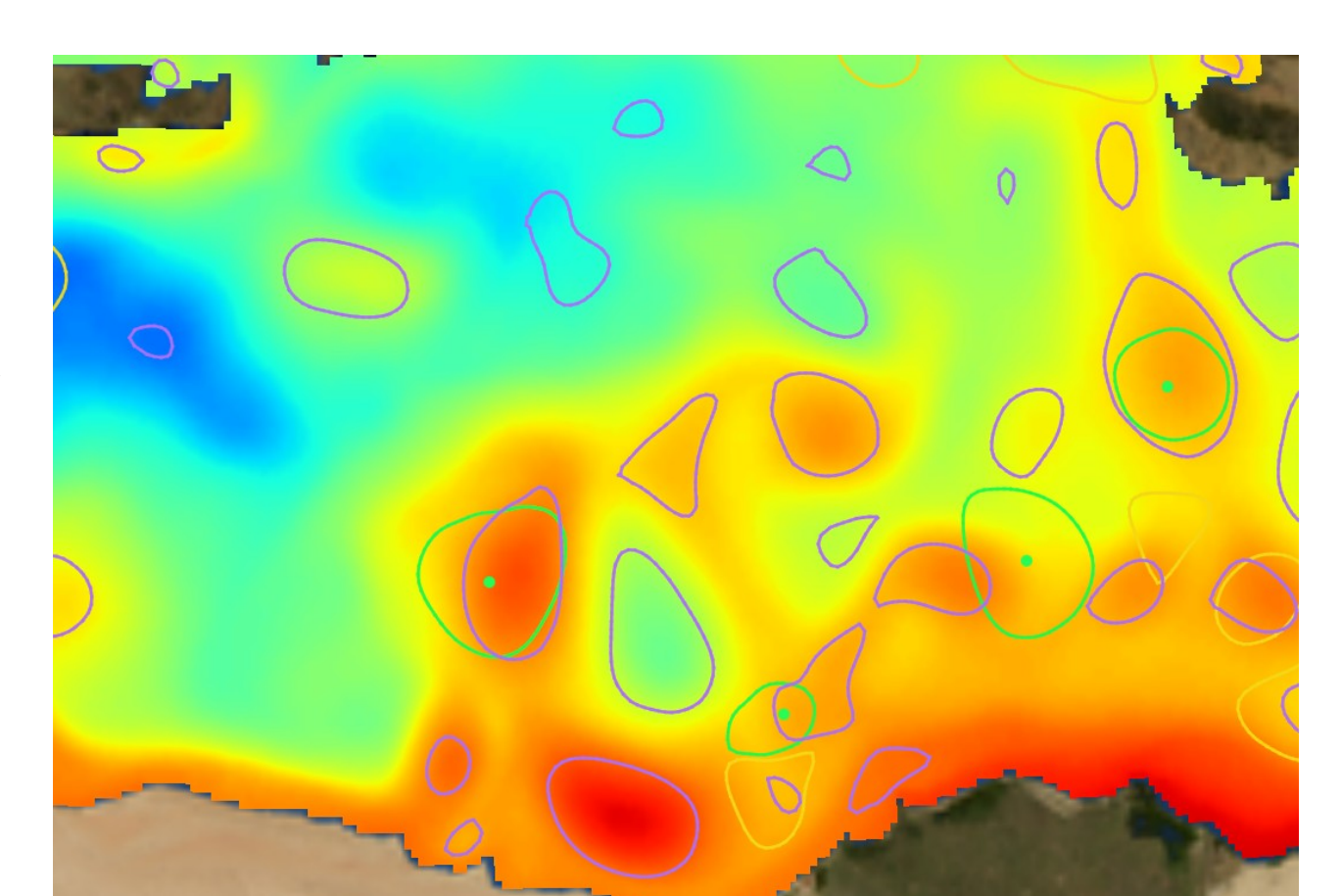


Fig. 5b: Comparison between reliable altimetry contours and AMEDA contours from **MFS** NRT product with some good concomitance.



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