

SUPPLEMENT

Two sections within

- 1: Tables of MDE analysis** Tables of MDE analysis for GBIF & CeDAMar, which list regression values for class replicates for rarefied diversity to centroids distance.
- 2: Satellite altimetry error** The global bathymetry data available is a compilation of actual measurements and satellite derived features, where satellite data is used to constrain interpolations of actual measurements for globally complete coverage (Smith & Sandwell 2004). Use of this data in analysis requires a basic understanding of data resolution and limitations. In particular using satellite data alone, in regions of limited ship based measurements, may fail to pick up small scale features in the abyssal depth range. To quantify what that error is, this section derives a numerical values based on an idealized assumption.

Province	Class	Regression slope	Regression intercept	R squared	P value slope	P value intercept	Number of sites	Site range km	Median distance km	Standard deviation distance km
2	Asteroidea	0.00009	2.24619	0.00356	0.69694	0.00959	45	3781	3651	868
2	Hexactinellida	-0.00409	24.66238	0.21756	0.69108	0.67235	3	117	5659	66
2	Lingulata	-1.74E-20	1.00000	0.50298	0.67735	0.00000	17	3413	1888	1386
2	Gastropoda	-0.00050	7.58504	0.00636	0.50558	0.00507	72	5100	3652	823
2	Ophiuroidea	0.00008	1.33120	0.01055	0.39065	0.00001	72	4954	3293	1114
2	Adenophorea	0.00065	0.20211	0.20738	0.36413	0.93408	6	2677	3893	1092
2	Anthozoa	0.00066	2.25481	0.02523	0.24225	0.26776	56	4949	3657	929
2	Echiuroidea	-0.00031	2.48321	0.07102	0.20810	0.00756	24	2959	3656	707
2	Actinopterygii	0.00079	-0.46681	0.07253	0.17434	0.83161	27	2016	3654	520
2	Phascolosomatidea	0.00000	1.00000	0.50682	0.16939	0.00000	34	2446	3655	950
2	Pycnogonida	-0.00346	14.34236	0.11511	0.15530	0.11130	19	251	3652	60
2	Malacostraca	0.00023	2.88479	0.01917	0.10791	0.00000	136	5150	3295	1357
2	Maxillopoda	0.00069	-0.22549	0.09489	0.05642	0.85830	39	2755	3659	673
2	Sipunculidea	0.00020	1.22739	0.04029	0.04007	0.00015	105	3409	3655	911
2	Ascidacea	0.00059	1.27335	0.06209	0.00898	0.06703	109	3409	3648	1085
2	Crinoidea	-9.08E-19	1.00000	0.50594	0.00854	0.00000	20	1430	3653	419
2	Bivalvia	0.00065	0.64503	0.16120	0.00691	0.46626	44	5151	3756	1573
2	Polychaeta	-0.00407	21.01559	0.33390	0.00028	0.00000	35	5148	3652	1429
2	Holothuroidea	0.00071	1.56339	0.18549	0.00010	0.00659	76	5100	3651	1236
2	Echinoidea	-0.00045	2.73445	0.98725	0.00006	0.00001	6	2258	3829	894
2	Cephalopoda	-2.97E-19	1.00000	0.00E+00	2.43E-14	2.87E-104	8	2123	3650	747
4	Scaphopoda	2.60E-19	1.00000	0.57980	0.83437	1.86E-185	15	199	1564	50
4	Gastropoda	-0.00063	3.81720	0.00666	0.67982	0.05761	28	1082	1312	423
4	Holothuroidea	0.00311	-3.00274	0.22403	0.16706	0.34360	10	484	1446	170
4	Maxillopoda	0.01762	-9.91439	0.26235	0.06113	0.14004	14	91	773	47
4	Anthozoa	0.00382	-4.97041	0.99946	0.00027	0.00042	4	196	1565	96
4	Malacostraca	-0.03660	63.44762	0.46356	0.00005	0.00000	29	1053	1558	350
4	Echinoidea	0.01444	-21.52985	0.99829	4.09E-08	5.63E-08	7	199	1560	74
4	Maxillopoda	0.71976	-453.32395	0.95349	4.84E-10	3.12E-09	15	91	773	47
4	Polychaeta	0.27558	-411.71260	0.97610	1.41E-13	3.02E-13	17	199	1564	47
4	Sipunculidea	0.00895	-12.99158	0.99620	1.14E-14	2.88E-14	13	199	1565	54
4	Bivalvia	0.09964	-154.59413	0.99339	5.64E-20	7.08E-20	19	199	1564	45
5	Gastropoda	-0.04313	72.21014	0.56490	0.45857	0.35903	3	354	1296	197
6	Bivalvia	0.00027	0.68457	0.09572	0.69061	0.64210	4	1325	2269	578
6	Ascidacea	-0.00241	8.97719	0.11745	0.50606	0.35247	6	393	2516	156
6	Gastropoda	-0.00046	2.76387	0.11148	0.22389	0.00580	15	1886	2179	646
6	Pycnogonida	0.00379	-8.20101	0.59892	0.12459	0.18483	5	393	2515	207
6	Sipunculidea	0.00093	-1.34774	0.42150	0.11458	0.34183	7	381	2517	179
6	Holothuroidea	0.00951	-21.40112	0.73358	0.02941	0.04445	6	393	2516	156
6	Malacostraca	-0.01076	44.67835	0.51180	0.00018	0.00000	22	3351	2169	877
7	Malacostraca	0.07908	-473.59424	0.45168	0.21399	0.23463	5	251	6340	104
7	Gastropoda	-0.01945	128.64234	0.30342	0.12428	0.11366	9	143	6442	66
8	Ascidacea	-0.00002	2.28360	0.00011	0.95386	0.00487	33	2892	2839	967
8	Anthozoa	-0.00007	1.67407	0.01035	0.63621	0.00083	24	2892	2855	896
8	Bivalvia	0.00759	-28.17154	0.84784	0.25510	0.28427	3	518	4353	296
8	Ophiuroidea	0.00098	-0.57963	0.39787	0.00042	0.41383	27	2892	2839	1027
8	Malacostraca	0.00111	-0.66422	0.42912	0.00009	0.35305	30	2892	2875	940
11	Maxillopoda	0.00422	-5.82865	0.11671	0.30382	0.39530	11	188	1669	56
11	Maxillopoda	0.07032	-87.70694	0.05396	0.20076	0.33806	32	188	1669	33
11	Polychaeta	-0.01430	47.60809	0.31019	0.00139	0.00000	30	1756	1853	514
11	Malacostraca	0.01506	-22.74805	0.46078	0.00019	0.00178	25	366	2025	179
12	Malacostraca	0.00123	0.49853	0.01302	0.40677	0.91897	55	2524	3322	327
12	Polychaeta	-0.00266	19.68432	0.01834	0.33838	0.03596	52	1208	3322	157
12	Anthozoa	-0.00040	2.36803	1.00000	0.00030	0.00014	3	2524	3451	1457

Table 1: MDE results per replicate - CeDAMar

Replicates sorted by province. P values for regression slope significant for alpha of 90%, with associated replicates underlined. Slope is diversity for increasing distance away from centroid. Site number is sites used in analysis per replicate, all following columns refer to statistical values for distances between sites.

Province	Class	Regression slope	Regression intercept	R squared	P value slope	P value intercept	Number of sites	Site range km	Median distance km	STD distance km
1	Adenophorea	-0.00034	1.92479	0.37394	0.19708	0.02077	6	1376	2321	641
1	Bivalvia	0.01421	-10.47195	0.03678	0.71586	0.76122	6	37	880	14
1	Malacostraca	0.00356	-1.64896	0.16363	0.32021	0.57151	8	188	879	71
<u>2</u>	<u>Bivalvia</u>	<u>0.00027</u>	<u>1.42597</u>	<u>0.02102</u>	0.06568	0.00471	162	3166	3729	871
<u>2</u>	<u>Malacostraca</u>	<u>0.00013</u>	<u>1.04888</u>	<u>0.01219</u>	0.09489	0.00008	230	5256	3655	790
2	Adenophorea	-0.00004	1.41093	0.00484	0.64589	0.00000	46	2882	1887	1037
2	Arachnida	-0.00053	2.21446	0.93652	0.16215	0.07626	3	1521	2066	789
2	Ascidacea	-0.00024	4.58382	0.00329	0.66340	0.01083	60	2966	3323	767
2	Demospongiae	-0.00030	2.01417	0.10416	0.43557	0.04708	8	2509	2175	853
2	Hexactinellida	0.00001	1.08220	0.00119	0.92978	0.01504	9	3454	2863	1099
2	Maxillopoda	0.00002	1.60506	0.00012	0.94216	0.04223	48	3129	3770	966
2	Phascolosomatidea	0.00012	0.70443	0.05873	0.15444	0.02656	36	2930	3669	682
2	Rhynchonellata	-6.95E-19	1.00000	0.42461	0.40472	0.00000	5	379	4039	156
2	Sipunculidea	0.00006	1.13960	0.00801	0.31506	0.00000	128	3347	3546	811
4	Adenophorea	-0.00736	16.01322	0.93886	0.03105	0.01918	4	818	1681	440
4	Ascidacea	-0.00375	7.95723	0.25633	0.16430	0.04848	9	687	1312	235
4	Bivalvia	-0.00089	3.24158	0.00996	0.63501	0.21655	25	686	1317	163
4	Malacostraca	-0.00107	2.78637	0.04632	0.11809	0.00008	54	1326	773	307
4	Sipunculidea	0.00069	0.37188	0.04413	0.49091	0.77710	13	638	1259	166
<u>5</u>	<u>Sipunculidea</u>	<u>-0.00086</u>	<u>1.96252</u>	<u>0.61636</u>	0.02099	0.00044	8	961	1036	322
<u>5</u>	<u>Ascidacea</u>	<u>-0.00055</u>	<u>2.05963</u>	<u>0.01059</u>	0.80837	0.42228	8	496	1050	181
5	Bivalvia	0.00103	1.02203	0.03318	0.59194	0.64447	11	905	1275	276
5	Malacostraca	-0.00063	2.17566	0.05695	0.19605	0.00010	31	1188	1035	344
6	Adenophorea	0.00095	-0.32390	0.59209	0.00925	0.68003	10	3486	2501	1185
<u>6</u>	<u>Maxillopoda</u>	<u>0.00044</u>	<u>0.28959</u>	<u>1.00000</u>	0.00001	0.00004	3	2264	1608	1307
6	Ascidacea	0.00001	1.55049	0.00029	0.93699	0.00597	24	4900	2498	1405
6	Bivalvia	-0.00011	1.51191	0.01461	0.63285	0.02338	18	2581	2513	604
6	Demospongiae	-5.51E-20	1.00000	0.45566	0.42610	0.00000	6	4603	3350	1632
6	Hexactinellida	0.00004	1.03716	0.02272	0.56363	0.00059	17	4756	2621	1374
6	Malacostraca	-0.00002	1.44336	0.00246	0.73763	3.20E-09	48	6505	2187	1646
6	Sipunculidea	-0.00002	1.21776	0.00319	0.75865	1.02E-08	32	5156	2379	1463
7	Ascidacea	0.00028	-0.19996	0.05363	0.37113	0.91367	17	1803	6061	509
7	Malacostraca	0.00017	-0.00093	0.06272	0.11909	0.99893	40	2038	6462	478
7	Rhynchonellata	0.00070	-3.55083	0.91346	0.19009	0.26698	3	2486	6930	1275
7	Sipunculidea	-0.00019	2.32920	0.03228	0.37980	0.08461	26	1463	6144	410
8	Bivalvia	0.00027	1.08704	0.14670	0.05878	0.09306	25	6046	4312	1905
8	Ascidacea	-0.00005	1.87832	0.00716	0.50956	0.00000	63	5821	3615	1596
8	Demospongiae	0.00035	-0.11751	0.57151	0.24401	0.90393	4	2218	3788	1079
8	Hexactinellida	-0.00005	1.41275	0.03963	0.74823	0.11647	5	5081	4228	1845
8	Malacostraca	0.00005	1.23751	0.00540	0.68937	0.02415	32	5552	3820	1579
8	Sipunculidea	0.00004	1.04751	0.03301	0.31161	0.00002	33	5402	4808	1965
9	Rhynchonellata	0.00027	1.00880	0.47560	0.00635	0.01538	14	6363	3686	2432
9	Adenophorea	-0.00168	4.29887	0.01980	0.28359	0.00126	60	1486	759	193
9	Ascidacea	-0.00002	1.32598	0.00796	0.65156	2.95E-09	28	5467	1015	1767
9	Bivalvia	-0.00001	1.46459	0.00032	0.93411	0.00010	24	6017	2182	2127
9	Demospongiae	-0.00033	2.18001	0.26562	0.29538	0.06642	6	1504	3022	558
9	Hexactinellida	-0.00007	1.19155	0.05207	0.43268	0.00001	14	2536	1368	860
9	Malacostraca	-0.00004	1.57067	0.00453	0.57420	2.16E-14	72	5952	938	1431
9	Maxillopoda	-0.00031	1.79736	0.02897	0.74716	0.19047	6	1463	904	590
9	Monoplacophora	-0.00004	1.14446	0.00438	0.78775	0.00001	19	1784	908	463
9	Sipunculidea	-0.00003	1.21269	0.00415	0.80589	0.00002	17	2428	946	922
10	Ascidacea	-0.00016	1.68962	0.15277	0.23461	0.00195	11	4398	2842	1325
10	Bivalvia	0.00039	1.19590	0.02370	0.74175	0.59083	7	1655	1794	607
10	Demospongiae	-0.00154	3.90231	0.94074	0.15655	0.10731	3	598	1794	311
10	Malacostraca	-0.00006	1.48123	0.00661	0.78229	0.00996	14	3115	1946	836
10	Sipunculidea	0.00001	1.29908	0.00044	0.96840	0.19951	6	2176	3166	955
11	Bivalvia	-8.49E-21	1.00000	0.55675	0.91163	1.01E-47	5	4668	1274	1816
11	Hexactinellida	-0.00006	1.23292	0.01825	0.74975	0.01244	8	2710	1935	808
11	Maxillopoda	0.00659	-3.28422	0.30318	0.20025	0.75209	7	1858	1877	656
12	Bivalvia	0.00003	1.09519	0.00756	0.79933	0.06627	11	4746	3795	1371
12	Malacostraca	0.00001	1.14484	0.00230	0.77811	0.00000	37	5877	3258	1806
12	Maxillopoda	0.00007	2.87766	0.00265	0.88774	0.09931	10	4908	2180	1761
<u>13</u>	<u>Bivalvia</u>	<u>0.00020</u>	<u>0.67467</u>	<u>0.21943</u>	0.00079	0.00003	48	3834	2244	967
<u>13</u>	<u>Hexactinellida</u>	<u>0.00058</u>	<u>0.27682</u>	<u>0.44467</u>	0.03520	0.57913	10	2345	2065	778
13	Ascidacea	0.00006	1.01417	0.01409	0.60835	0.00038	21	2366	1686	621
13	Demospongiae	3.02E-06	1.22567	0.00005	0.97687	0.00009	20	3247	2197	949
13	Malacostraca	-0.00004	1.91537	0.00037	0.85223	0.00027	96	3393	2254	730
13	Sipunculidea	0.00025	0.78223	0.08504	0.11791	0.03251	30	2838	2356	623
14	Maxillopoda	-0.00576	13.74871	0.23904	0.51108	0.31584	4	533	1434	225

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Satellite altimetry error

Since the satellite altimetry data was released into the public domain via military declassification in 1995 (Sandwell et al. 2001), its analysis and use in determining bathymetry has progressed rapidly. A variety of factors create resolution limitations in this data (Yale et al. 1998). Some factors relating to resolution, satellite track coverage, data correction, and sensor technology, are improving such that an ideal error could shortly be approached (Sandwell et al. 2013). This idealized error assumes only the physics of attenuation based on depth, and an error $\pm 1\text{mGal}$ goal if all possible factors involved in the environmental corrections in altimetry are optimally achieved. Where $1\text{mGal} = 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m/s}^2$, as $1 \text{ Gal} = 1 \text{ cm/s}^2$, and approximately 1/1000 of standard earth gravity. Importantly mean sea surface height errors caused by a turbulent sea surface, can be corrected for by repeat tracks with diverse orientation, but this creates regionally variable error.

Assuming error is parameterized, as above, or reduced in the environmental noise at the altimetry stage, the remaining error is located in the transfer function and the signal attenuation by depth. The transfer function utilized in SRTM30_Plus varies spatially by inclusion of local filters for various isostatic mechanisms (Smith & Sandwell 1994), the gravitational models used improve every successive iteration of new SRTM_Plus versions, as they are corrected by inclusion of actual ship based measurements and increased satellite swath coverage. (Sandwell et al. 2014). Not addressed in this initial analysis is regional sedimentation, which affects the accuracy of gravity to topography conversion. This accuracy can be accounted for in location specific transfer functions (which have the range of 0 to 1 in terms of correlation) if they are calibrated with actual measurements of sediment cover at subregional scales, and corrections as such are currently utilized in the global topography predictions (Smith & Sandwell 1997) .

For the purposes of equating gravitational error to topographic features several assumptions and simplifications were made which make converting the $\pm 1\text{mGal}$ to topographic resolution more tractably. Only small scale topographic features are of interest so a transfer function was utilized that was spatial invariant to isostatic compensation mechanisms which vary by crustal age and formation, and operate at larger wavelengths varying by region. Following a spatial invariant framework, no accounting for variation in sedimentation was made. Only loss of features due to resolution was considered.

The loss of resolution may be considered more important than increased noise, or not finding a feature, rather than a false feature. As such, the following analysis is interested in the error rate of false negative rather than false positive. Given that abyssal depths are the focus here, the loss of signal at abyssal and average ocean depths skews errors to be false negatives, as features will be underestimated due to signal attenuation. In practice signal attenuation can be accounted for in

the topography transfer function, but noise does limit possible resolution, and no transfer function can account for positive height features which fall below a detection limit due to the 1 mGal error.

The following analysis does not account for depressions in in mean topography, nor gravitational noise, only those positive features which would be missed. The presentation of results, is useful for a basic understanding of the limitations of satellite altimetry, and for use in understanding limits in understanding the location and presence of abyssal hills and other small scale rugosity/topography features.

Determination of Ideal Error

For calculations of ideal gravitational error in bathymetry the following equations, unless otherwise stated, are from Sandwell et al. 2001; Smith 1998; Smith & Sandwell 1994. See appendices in Sandwell et al. 2001, for more on equations used. For consistency efforts have been made to use the standard symbols for oceanographic parameters from the appropriate appendix in Williams & Follows 2011. Because there is not 100% similarity in the satellite altimetry literature for symbols used in equations, the reader should be vigilant in moving between primary literature and this section.

In converting gravity anomalies to predicted topography workers employ two dimensional Fourier transforms of the spatial field data into the spectral domain. This transfer facilitates ease of analysis, as the calculations used for converting satellite radar altimetry measurements into gravity anomalies, become algebraic as opposed to a series of differential equations. It also allows, high, low, and passband filtering of gravity data (Sandwell & Smith 1997), and recombinations of longwave (including longwave data derived from other sources) and shortwave processed data to be gridded. Utilization of the spectral domain has been chosen to avoid assumptions on the characteristic wavelengths of signals (Fu & Cazenave 2001). Fourier transforms are from the spatial domain to the spectral domain, where in the spatial domain \mathbf{x} is the x and y dimensions, (x,y) of a Cartesian gravity field, not to be confused with a specific location on the earth or geoid. In the spectral domain $\mathbf{k} = [k_x, k_y]$ in the wavenumber plane, where the wavenumber, k , is related to the wavelength by $k_i = 2\pi/\lambda_i$. Importantly at small wavelengths, or spatial scales, the gravity anomaly can be considered a flat approximation of earth's surface, and spherical and harmonic complexities of calculating localized gravity anomalies can be ignored (Smith 1998). The flat earth approximation is implicit in the following equations.

Calculation of Ideal Error (E_X)

The following is the derivation of the horizontal width scale ideal error E_X , at location \mathbf{x} as described by $f(d,g)$. Where d is regional depth, and g is the 1mGal gravity error. The predicted bathymetry from satellite altimetry derived gravity at a real location \mathbf{x} , coordinate point (x,y) , is defined as:

$$b_p(\mathbf{x}) = p_l(\mathbf{x}) + S_t(\mathbf{x}) * a_g(\mathbf{x}) \quad (1)$$

$b_p(\mathbf{x})$ = Predicted bathymetry.

$p_l(\mathbf{x})$ = Passband prediction and long-wavelength regional depth (spectral).

$S_t(\mathbf{x})$ = True scaling function (input parameter inclusive), gravity to topography transfer function, also known as admittance.

$a_g(\mathbf{x})$ = Downward continued gravity (attenuation based on depth).

In this frame work the formula is not spatially invariant as $S(\mathbf{x})$ may go to zero based on sediment cover at \mathbf{x} (Smith & Sandwell 1994), $p_l(\mathbf{x})$ becomes spatially invariant for the ideal error, because only the short wave band is of interest, which excludes the longwave regional variation. See Smith 1998 Figure 6, which demonstrates convergences of different isostatic transfer models ($S_t(\mathbf{x})$) at short wavelengths. The above equation is simplified to a more ideal form below :

$$b_p(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}) + S(\mathbf{x}) * a_g(\mathbf{x}) \quad (2)$$

Where, $p(\mathbf{x})$ = A passband prediction with no explicit wavelength cutoff, yet assumed to be smaller than affected by regional compensation mechanisms, and large enough where noise is does not impact it.

$S(\mathbf{x})$ = Invariant transfer function, ignoring variation in sedimentation, not spatially variable to lithosphere compensation mechanisms. As described above workers assume that the geoid and topography are linearly related in the spectral domain (Fu & Cazenave 2001), so after Fourier transforms, into the spectral domain, the above equations become:

$$\hat{g}(\mathbf{k}) = f(k) * \hat{h}(\mathbf{k}) \quad (3)$$

The explanation for this equation is given by Fu & Cazenave 2001 pg. 411 equation (13), in Smith & Sandwell 1994; pg. 21,807 equation (2), and in Appendix C of Sandwell et al. 2001 equations C1-C3 . However it is the explanation and form of equations 14-16 from Smith 1998 that is adopted here.

$\hat{g}(\mathbf{k})$ = The Fourier transform of the gravity anomaly at position \mathbf{x} .

$\hat{h}(\mathbf{k})$ = The Fourier transform of the height, above the local depth (d) of the topography at position \mathbf{x} . Given that $h \ll d$ in this setting, the first approximation of C1 from Smith 1998 is utilized which gives:

$f(k) = C * \exp(q)$. C is considered a constant (Bouguer constant) if no compensation mechanism is utilized, and $C = 2\pi G(\rho_c - \rho_w)$. G = the Newtonian gravitational constant, ρ_c is the underlying crustal density, and ρ_w is seawater density. Assumed to be spatially invariant here, but actual density values vary in a nonlinear fashion. This leaves $\exp(q)$, to vary, and $\exp(q) = \exp[-2\pi d \backslash \lambda] = e^{(-2\pi d \backslash \lambda)}$. Where $\lambda^{-1} = \sqrt{\lambda_x^{-2} + \lambda_y^{-2}}$ (Smith 1998), and if the assumption that $\lambda_x = \lambda_y$, so horizontal scales are equal, as in the base diameter of a conical feature. Then for the ideal calculation : $\lambda_{width} = \lambda$:

$$f(k) = C * e^{(-2 \sqrt{2} \pi d / \lambda)} \quad (4)$$

It is not possible to solve for λ at a given depth and gravity anomaly, without knowing h , as mathematical they are independent. However at this step, it is possible to invoke a deterministic ratio between height and width scales, from empirical data as ideal error is interested in the small scale features of the ocean, and abyssal hills are considered the most pervasive small global feature (Goff et al. 2004). The literature contains ratios of abyssal hills width by height ratios, determined empirically. As such a simple inverse relationship is utilized from the published work, which was derived from a linear regression equation produced using ~ 400 empirical surveys. The author gives the number of sites, but indicates that not all values are published. See Goff et al. 2004, as this includes geographic extent of several major field sites, see other publications by Goff for further information. From Goff 2010 equation 3, and figure 10:

$$H_{rms}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{5}{101} \lambda_{hw} - 60.9 \quad (5)$$

λ_{hw} = Abyssal hill width.

H_{rms} = The abyssal hill root mean square height in meters as a function of wavelength in meters. The H_{rms} is useful as an integrated height measure of an ideal feature, if the feature is assumed have a sinusoidal shape, then amplitude, or peak height is given by: $\sqrt{2} * H_{rms}$. To make solving the following equations more tractable using Mathematica the y intercept term was removed, given that actual abyssal hill width scales are in kilometers the likely error introduced by this approximation is considered acceptable.

If equation (5) and (4) are substituted into equation (3) then the only unknown for a given depth becomes λ , as such the ideal error E_x can be solved as for λ as a $f(d)$ only. From Equation (3) $\hat{g}(\mathbf{k})$ and $\hat{h}(\mathbf{k})$ can be simplified to $g(\mathbf{x})$ and $h(\mathbf{x})$. By removing the Fourier transform term $\exp[]$ from both sides giving:

$$g = C * e^{(-2\sqrt{2}\pi d/\lambda)} * \frac{5}{101} \lambda \quad (6)$$

g = The gravity anomaly, which is $1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m/s}^2$.

$$C = 7.84165 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-2} = (2\pi * 6.674 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg} * \text{s}^2) * (1870 \text{ kg/m}^3)$$

Where $(1870 \text{ kg/m}^3) = (\rho_c - \rho_w)$ and $\rho_c = 2900 \text{ kg/m}^3$ and $\rho_w = 1030 \text{ kg/m}^3$ (Carlson & Raskin 1984; Smith 1998).

$$g/C = \frac{5}{101} \lambda * e^{(-2\sqrt{2}\pi d/\lambda)} \quad (7)$$

Using the software *Mathematica 10.0* and the “Reduce function” the proceeding equation was rearranged for λ in terms of depth (constrained with logical parameters $\{d > 0 \text{ \& } \lambda > 0\}$). Results did not differ from solving using wolfram’s free online Mathematica portal, or the proprietary software:

$$\lambda_m = (8.88577 d_m) / (F_w[(11564952 \sqrt{2} d_m \Pi) / 1489558387])) \quad (8)$$

$F_w[z]$ = The Lambert W Function = Product Log Function = gives the principal solution for w in $z = w * e^w$ and in this case $z = -0.0344946 d$, for $d > 0 \text{ \& } \lambda > 0$ (rounded). This is the E_x equation.

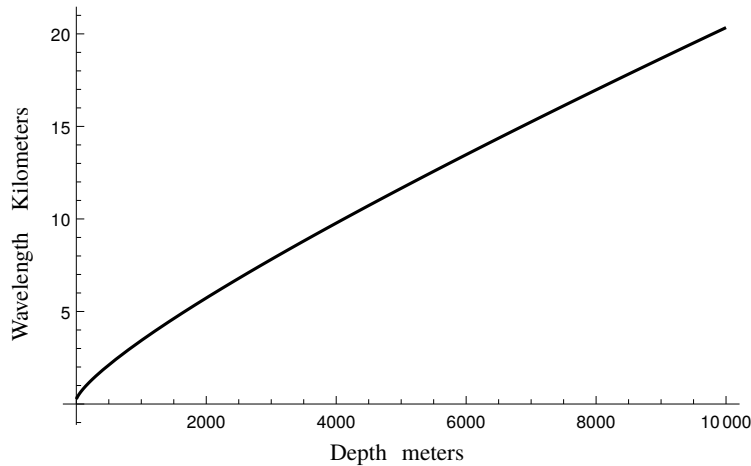


Figure 1: Ideal error - wavelength size by depth
Error width (λ) in kilometers. Depth is meters, 1-10,000 plotted. From Equation 8 Ideal Error.

Equation 8 gives full wavelength (the horizontal scale of a feature), practically the Nyquist frequency must be taken into account. To avoid aliasing, any frequency must be measured at least twice per wavelength ($\lambda/2$). This becomes relevant for actual ship based measurements to ground truth gravity width anomalies. The ideal error assumes continuous satellite swath coverage, and so the Nyquist frequency does not directly affect the calculations above.

The sinusoidal ideal peak height as function of wavelength at \mathbf{x} is $\sqrt{2} * H_{rms}(\mathbf{x})$, where $H_{rms}(\mathbf{x})$ is defined by combining equations 8 and 5.

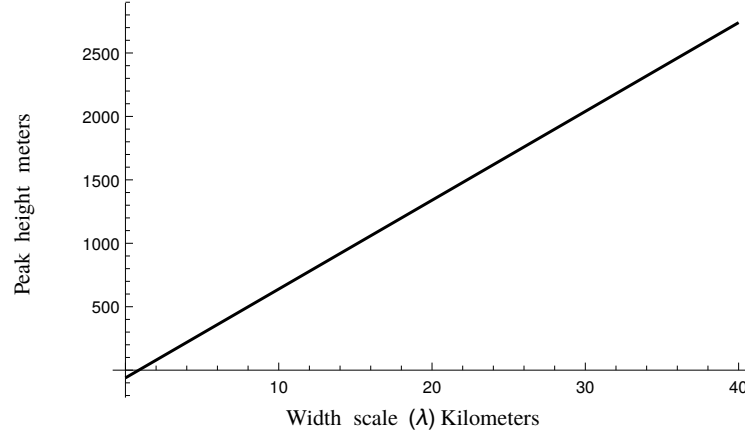


Figure 2: Peak height by wavelength

Peak height as a function of horizontal width scale (λ) from the linear regression, equation 5. Height in meters by width in kilometers is plotted from ~ 0 - 40. This range is two times greater than the ideal error wavelength for a depth of 10 kilometers, see preceding figure.

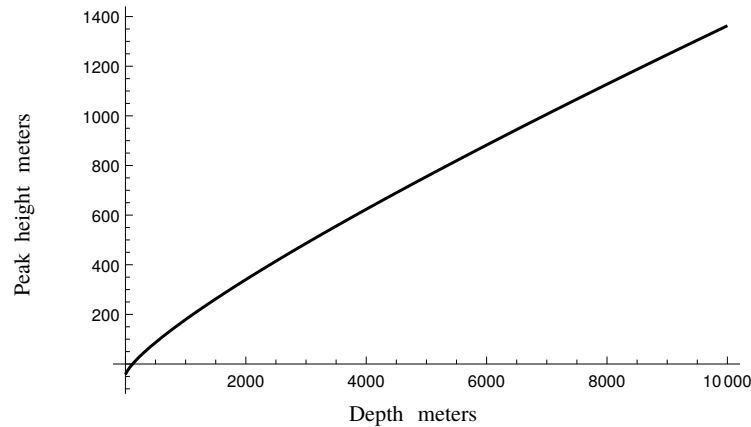


Figure 3: Ideal error - peak height by depth

Peak height associated with depth, defined by the Error width scale at a given depth. Calculated by inputting equation 8 into equation 5. Note the negative values on the curve have no meaning.

The E_x equation was also calculated using the R statistical program (R Core Team 2014), version 3.1.2, using the package Lambert W version 0.6.4. The two programs (R & Mathematica) produced ~ 0.01 to 0.1 meter discrepancies in predicted wavelength when a non systematic comparison for abyssal depth values was undertaken. This error was considered acceptable. This may be relevant as R is more heavily utilized by ecologists and biologists than Mathematica.

Incorporation of Ideal Error

This section includes a hypothetical error which warrants further investigation, in order for non-specialists to better utilize modeled global topography. The equations for ideal error features outlined here are simple enough to be applied to gridded modeled data, without having to conduct analysis of raw satellite data. For example the current gravity anomaly data accuracy in polar regions is closer to $3 \times 10^{-5} m/s^2$ (Sandwell et al. 2013) which can be substituted into equation 7, to produce a current regional ideal error. Correlation of topography to gravity however relies on increased sampling (see background chapter), and regional values would need to be obtained from appropriate agencies and individuals. Resources listed prior give various estimates for the correlation of gravity to bathymetry, indicating a low correlation between topography and gravity anomalies at wavelength values similar to ideal error width calculated here.

The boundaries of abyssal provinces were calculated using, an older version than the currently available global satellite derived bathymetry, and data quality should increase with each new release. It would be useful if boundaries were calculated via open source software tools and methods to update with new input, whether bathymetric, biological or abiotic data.

3500 meters is the upper depth bounds for abyssal provinces. The peak height calculated for the ideal error at a regional depth of 3500 meters is ~ 555 meters (with a ideal feature of ~ 8.8 kilometers in base diameter). If this number is used as an approximate error for depth, errors in assumed bathymetry may have significant import on the location of province boundaries. Habitat heterogeneity at mid-ocean ridge boundaries likely being less well sampled by ships than continental margins. Importantly the complex topography of the two major boundaries of most provinces are obscured by issues inherent in satellite altimetry. While the attenuation errors are more pronounced an the lower bounds, of the 6500 meter abyssal depth delineations, in reality the limited coverage of trench areas globally, the higher use of ship based measurements, and the greater slope of depth increase in those locations, make the ideal error less applicable at lower bounds than upper bounds of the abyss.

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