

On the inversion of submesoscale information to correct mesoscale velocity

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Outline

- 1 Context
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- 3 Studies on several areas

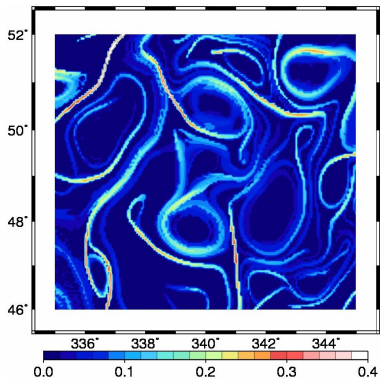
The objective is to explore the feasibility of using tracer information at the sub-mesoscale to control ocean dynamic fields

- Use of Lyapunov exponents as a proxy to compare velocity fields and Chlorophyll or Sea Surface Temperature images
- Inversion of submesoscale FSLE images to mesoscale velocity
- Comparison of FSLE and Chlorophyll or SST patterns (d'Ovidio et al, 2004)
- In progress : Inversion of submesoscale SST images to mesoscale velocity

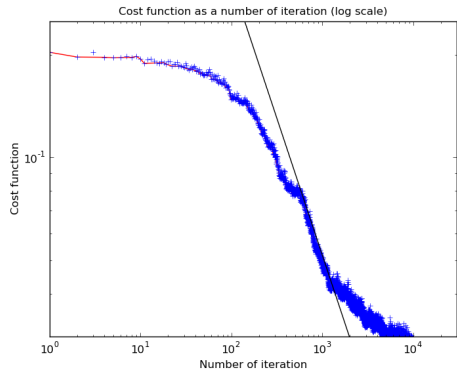
Velocity fields: Aviso altimeter Data

Tracer images: SST and Chlorophyll from MODIS captor

Previous results: Pomme area

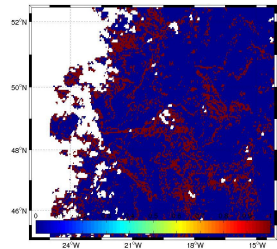
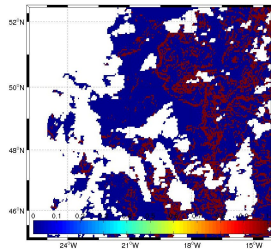
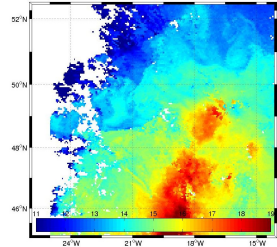
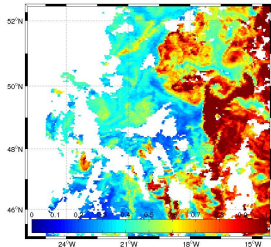


FSLE, Pomme area, January 09, 2002



*Cost function as a function of Iteration,
Pomme area, January 09, 2002*

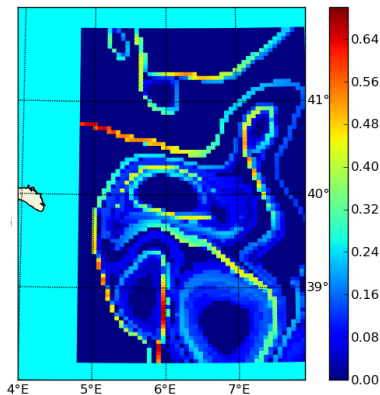
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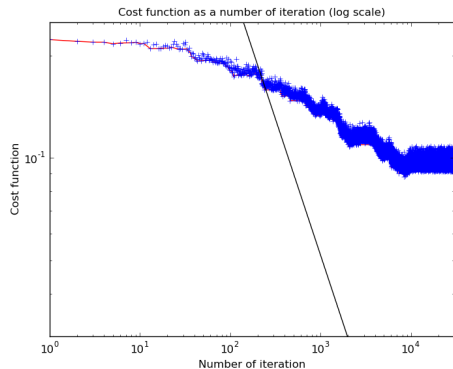
*Binarized chlorophyll gradient from
Modis captor, June 03, 2007*

*Binarized SST gradient from Modis
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Previous results: Mediterranean area



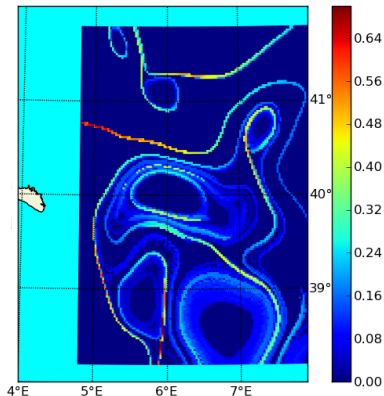
*FSLE, Mediterranean Sea, small area,
August 14, 2002*



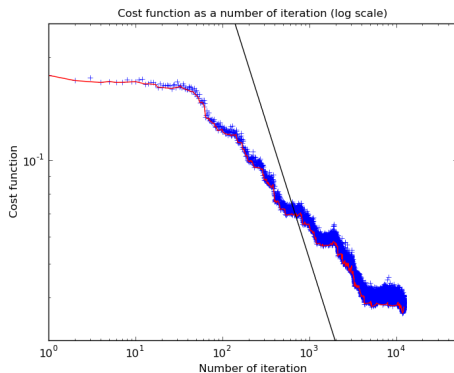
*Cost function as a function of number of
iteration, $T=200$, neof=075*

Problems when minimizing the cost function

Resolution of FSLE divided by two in Mediterranean area



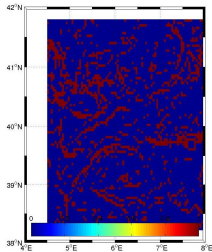
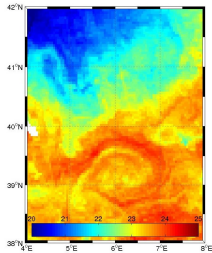
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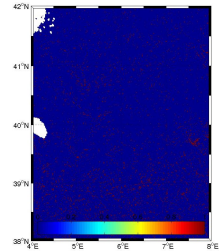
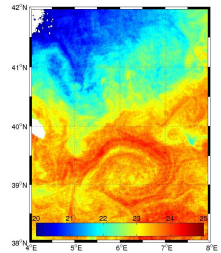
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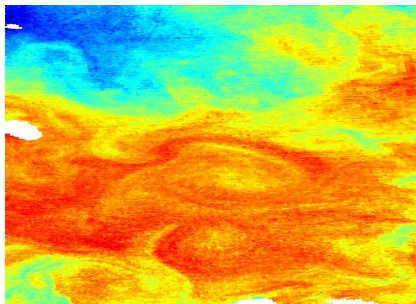


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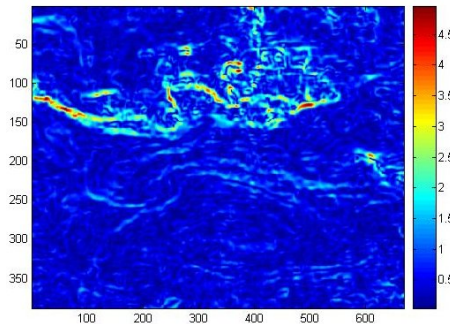


High Resolution

Tests from Didier Auroux



SST in Mediterranean area

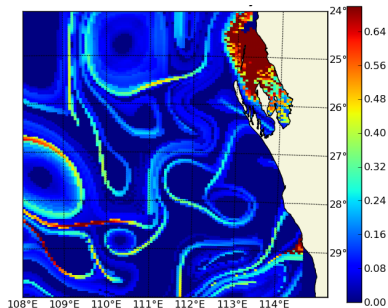


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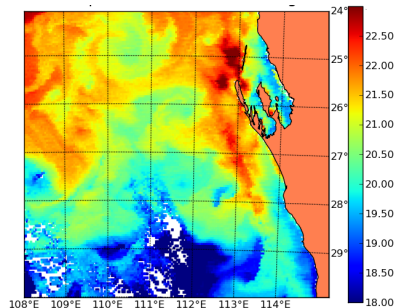
Previous difficulties

- FSLE are not accurate near the coast
- Find the simulating annealing factors that make the minimization of the cost function possible
- Find an area with few clouds, presence of passive tracers and mesoscale stirring
- Structures highlights by binarization not continuous

Leeuwin Current



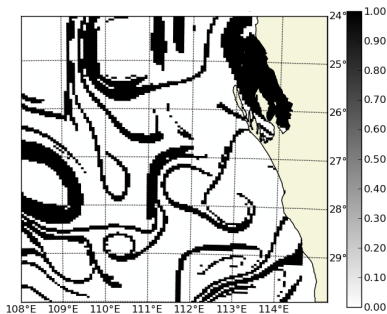
FSLE, Leeuwin Current



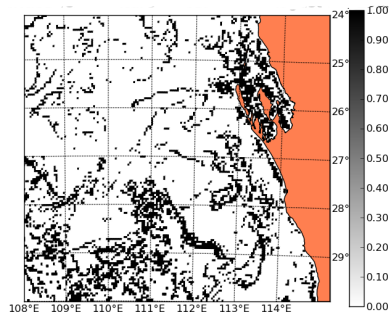
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Mesoscale structures visible, no submesoscale activity found in the literature
Unaccurate in the vicinity of the coast

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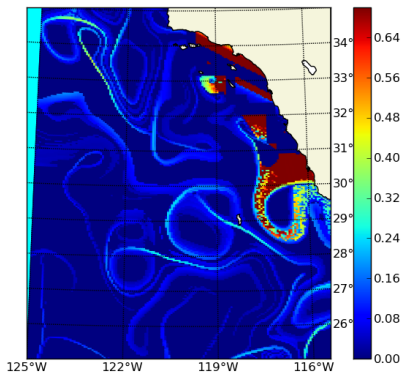
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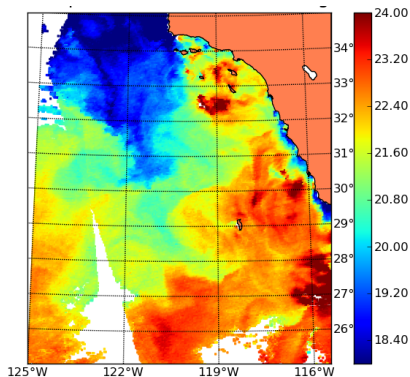
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Californian Current



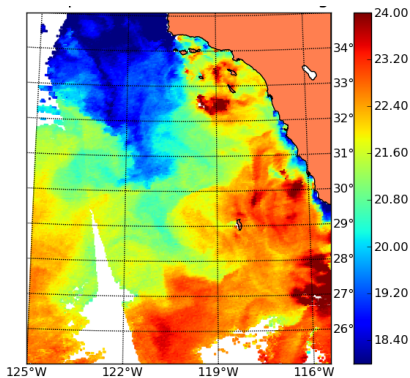
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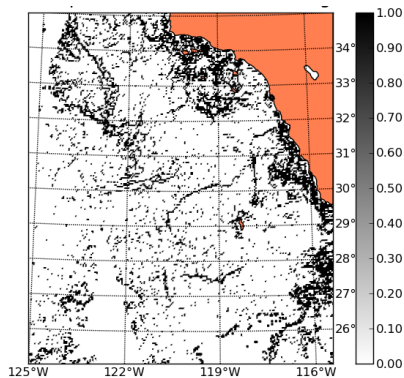
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Coastal current, the filaments are too close to the coast.

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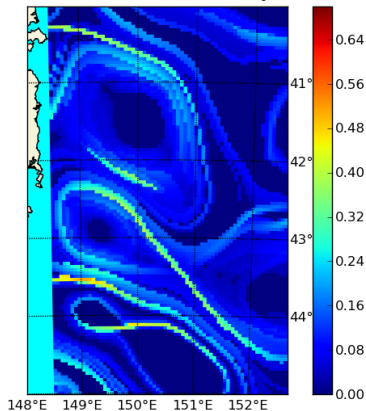


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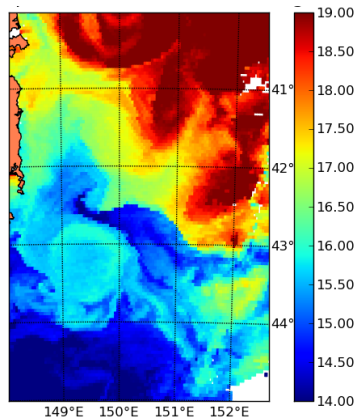


SST, Californian Current

South Atlantic, East of Tasmania

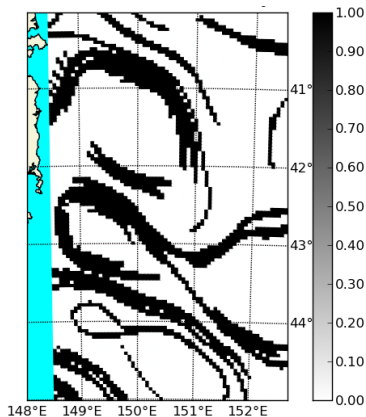


FSLE, South Pacific

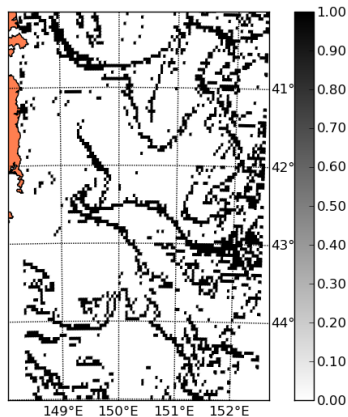


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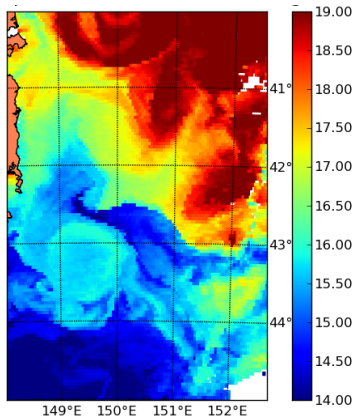


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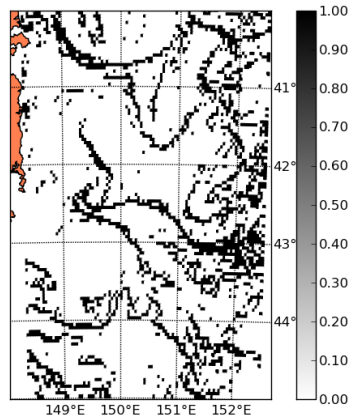


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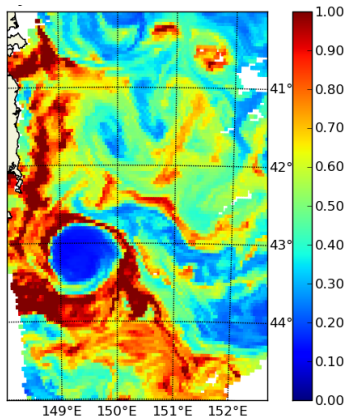


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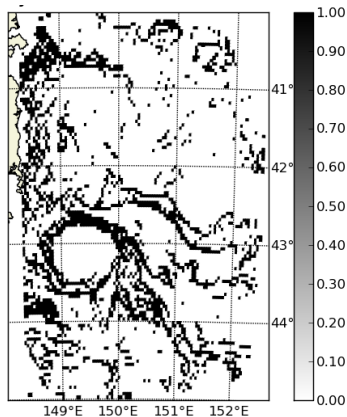


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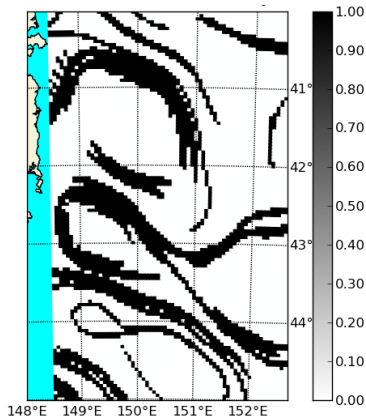


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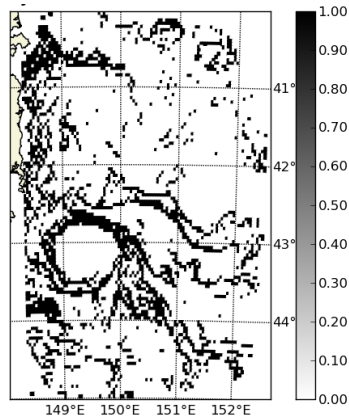


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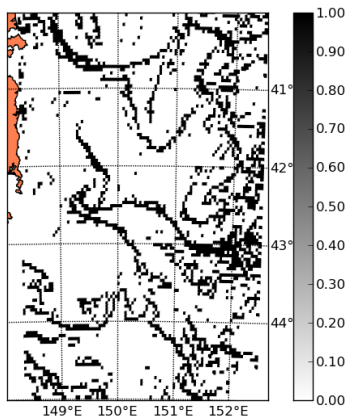


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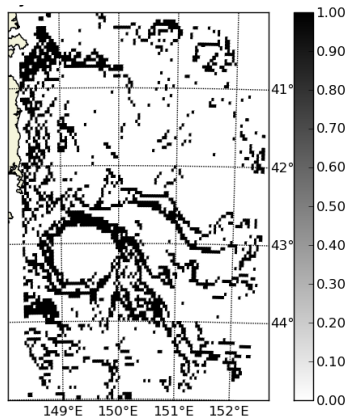


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SST, South Pacific



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TO DO LIST

- Inversion of FSLE images on Tasmania area
- Meeting with Francesco d'Ovidio
- Binarization method need to be improved
- Singularity Exponents?
- Choice of a model to study
- Meeting with Marina Lévy