Slocum Flight Simulations on NAGA1 and NAGA2

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The code for this is available at <https://github.com/mousebrains/GliderFlightSimulator>

This work uses data supplied by Javier for his ROMS simulations off Vietnam for 2013-01-01 through 2022-12-31.

I have a “simplistic” glider simulator which steps from surfacing to surfacing, calculating a depth averaged current from Javier’s data. I also include a surface drift. The simulation was run for each day in the ROMS dataset, except for the final 30 days, 2013-01-01 through 2022-12-01. This is 3600+ simulations in each direction for a set of initial conditions.

There are three navigation models:

1. Fly a constant heading, either +90 to fly east to west or +270 to fly west to east.
2. Use current correction models to fly to the end point. This is equivalent to a single waypoint the glider is flying towards.
3. Try and stay on the line. The priority is staying on the line, not making headway. So sometimes the glider gets blown the wrong way. (This would require shoreside dynamic generation of waypoint files.)

The flight parameters were:

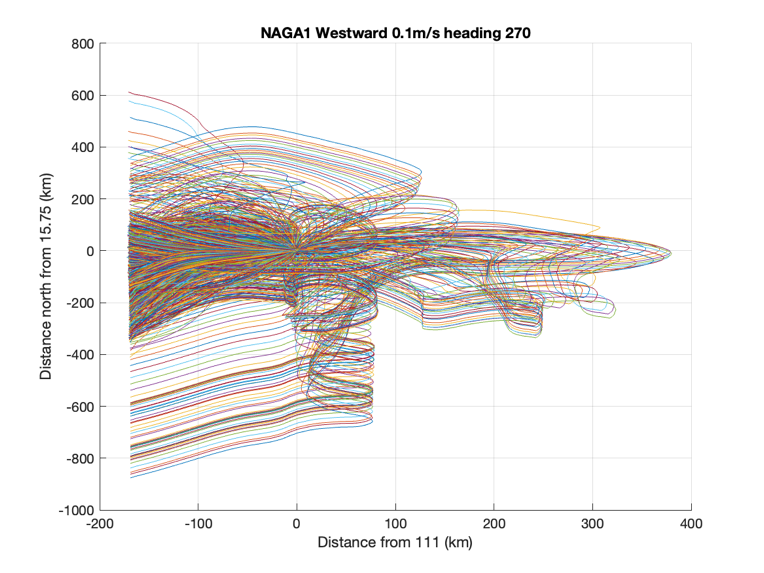
* Pitch = 26 degrees
* AOA = 2.5 degrees
* dzdt is the vertical speed (0.1m/s is “normal”, 0.2m/s is high speed, and 0.3m/s is thruster speed)
* horizontal speed = dzdt/sin(pitch + AOA)
* Number of yos between surfacing, 3

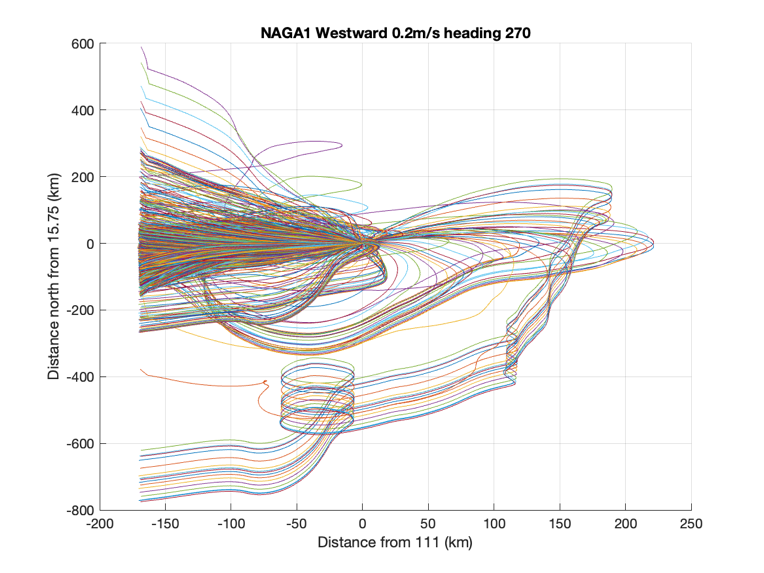
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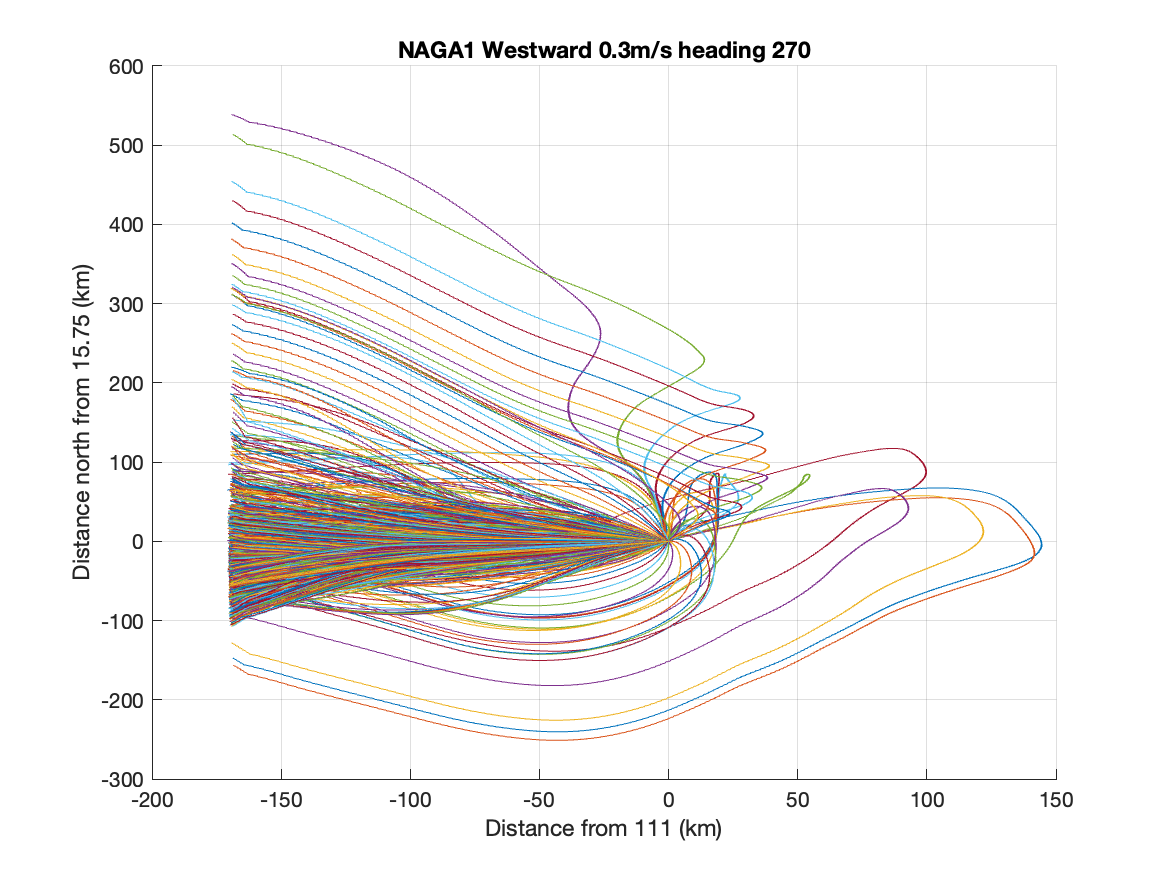
* No latitude dependence in the ROMS data.
* No stochastic behavior is included anywhere.
* No compass inaccuracies are included.
* The bathymetry is not used, so on the shelf the glider’s depth in simulation is shallower than it would be in reality.

**NAGA1 East to West at a constant heading of +270 degrees:**

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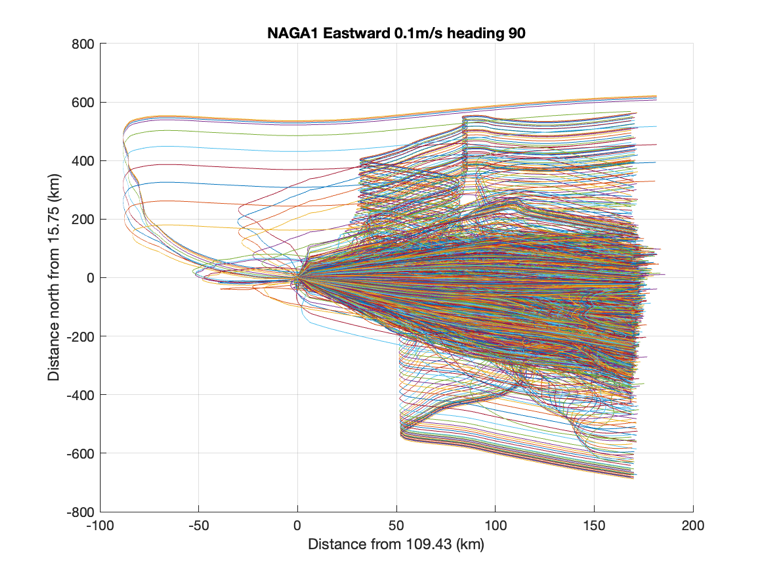
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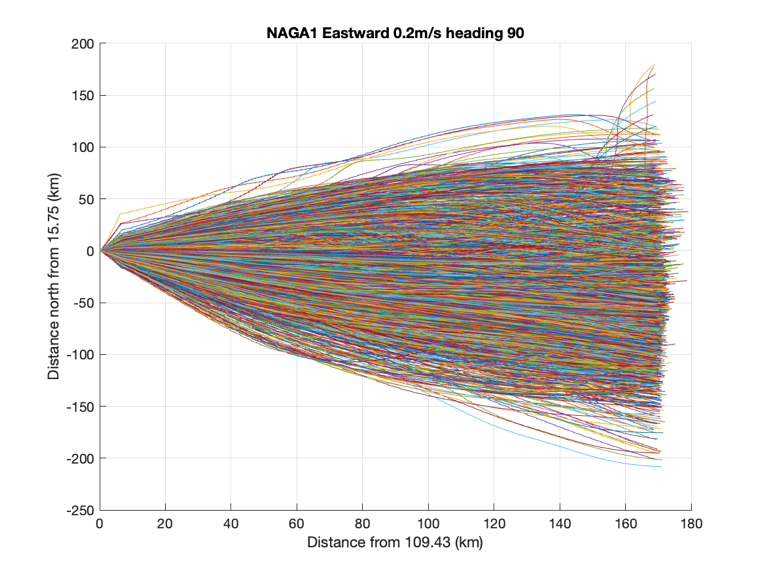


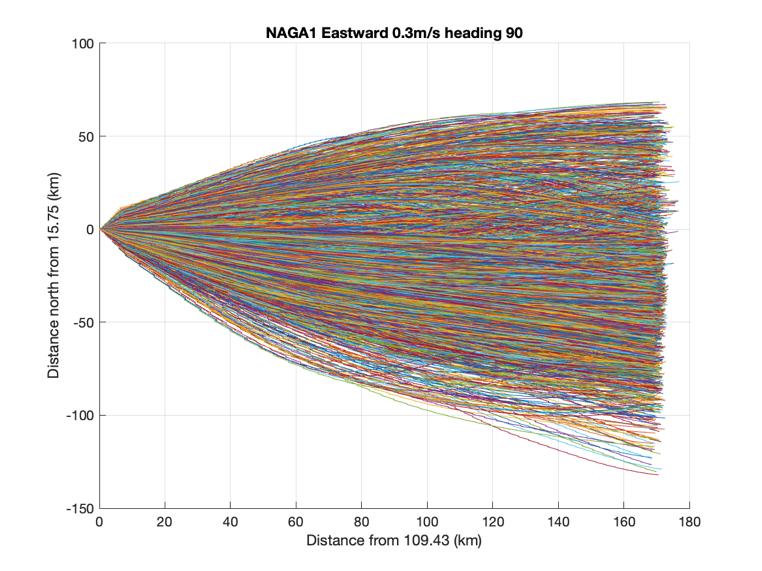


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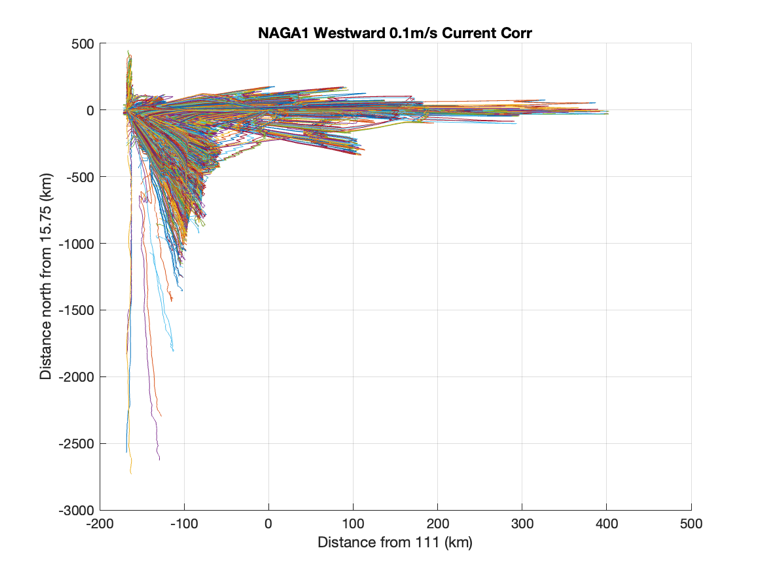
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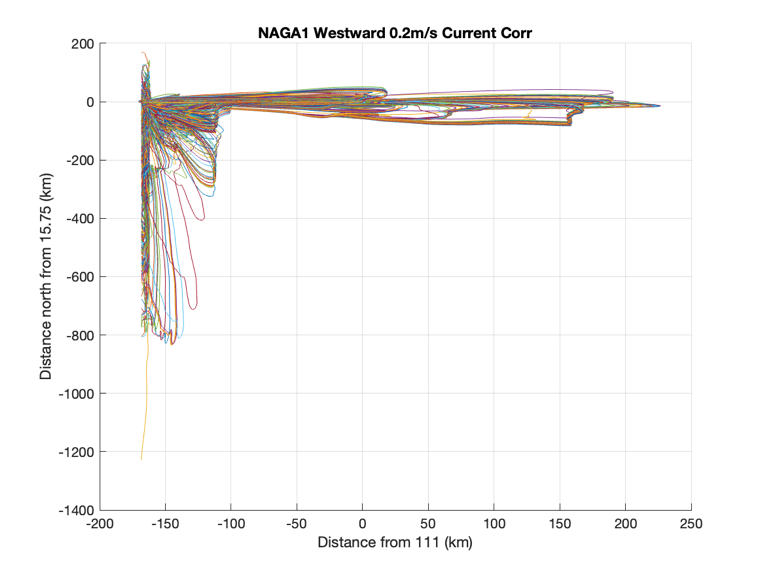


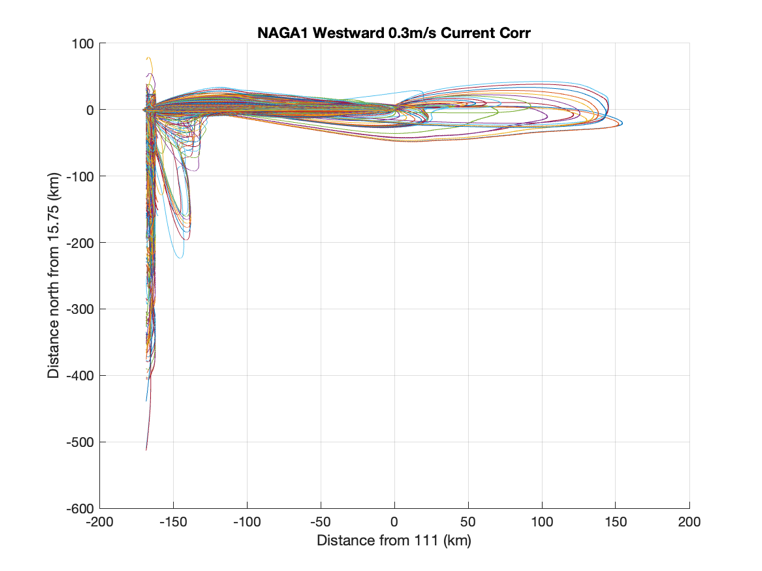


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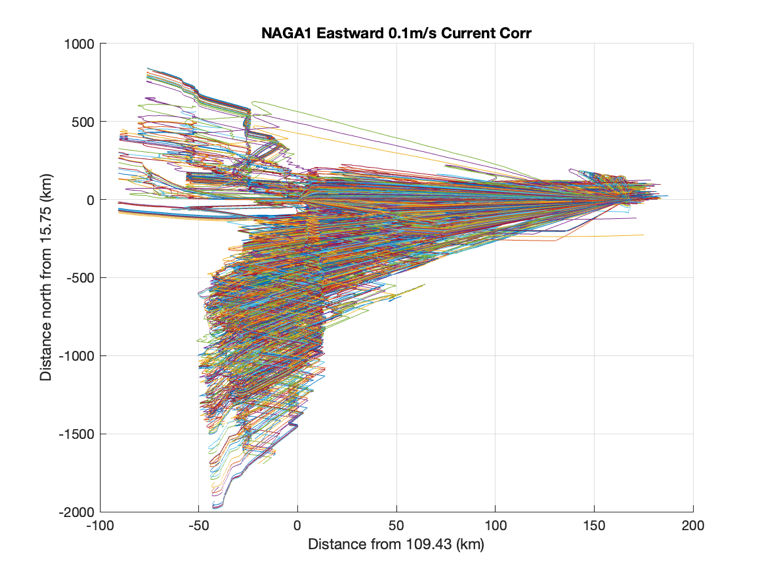
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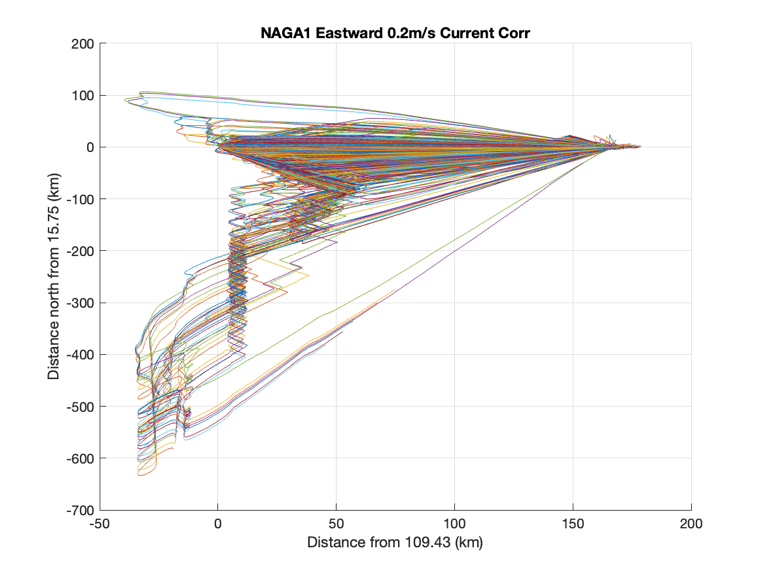


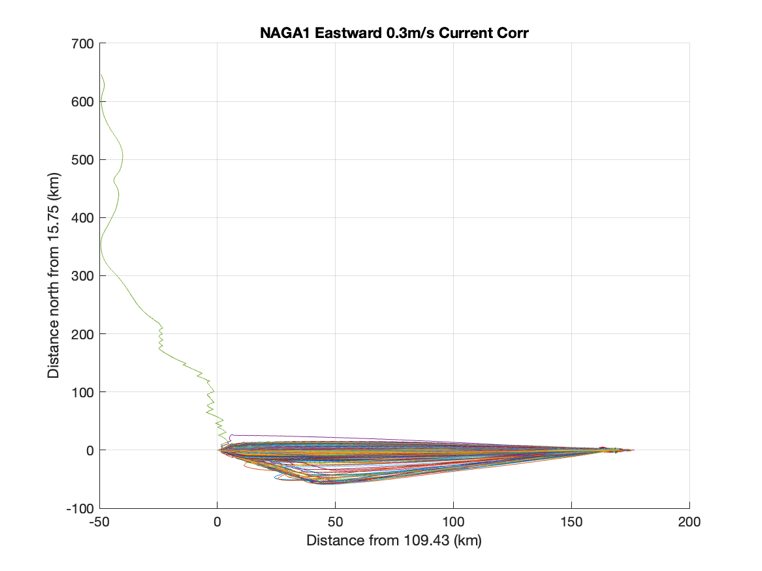


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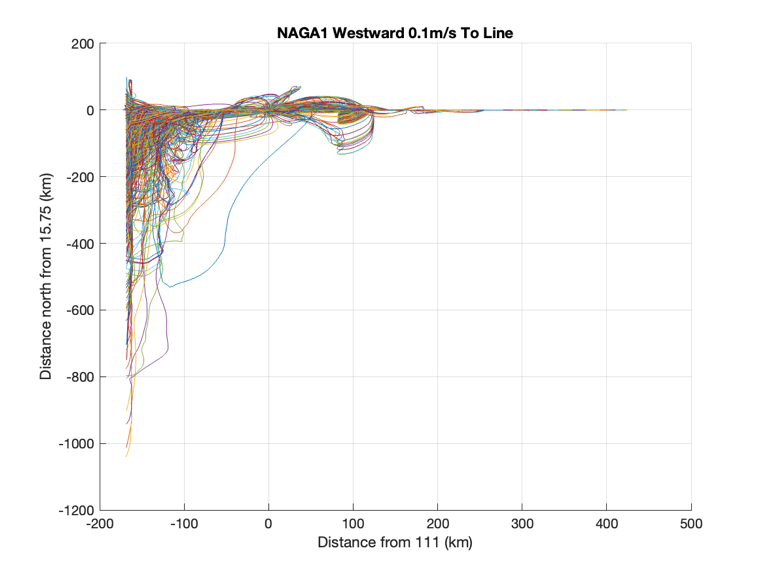
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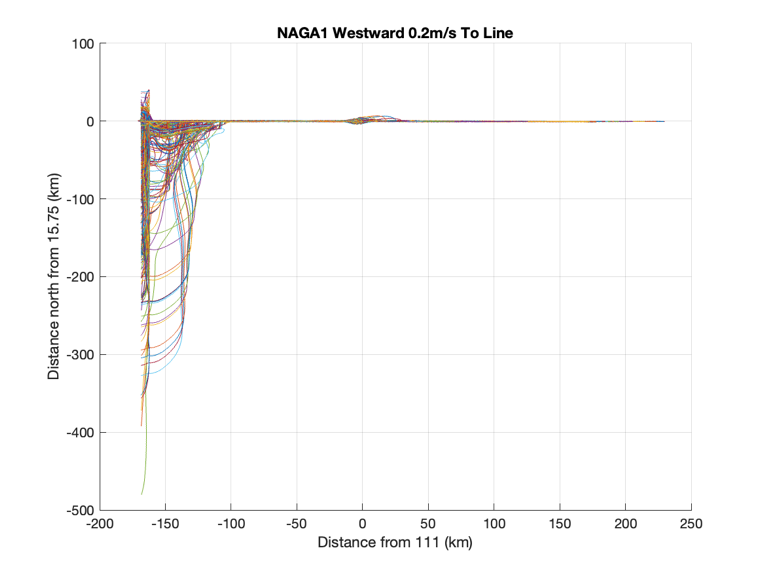


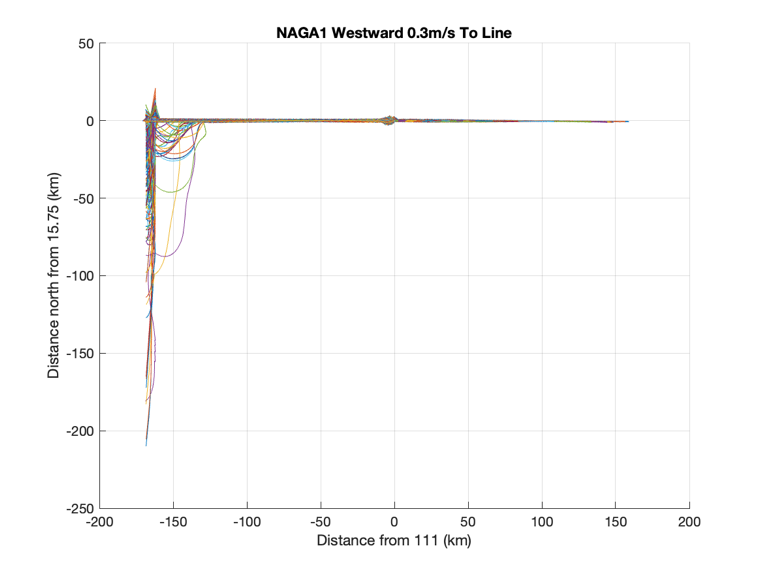


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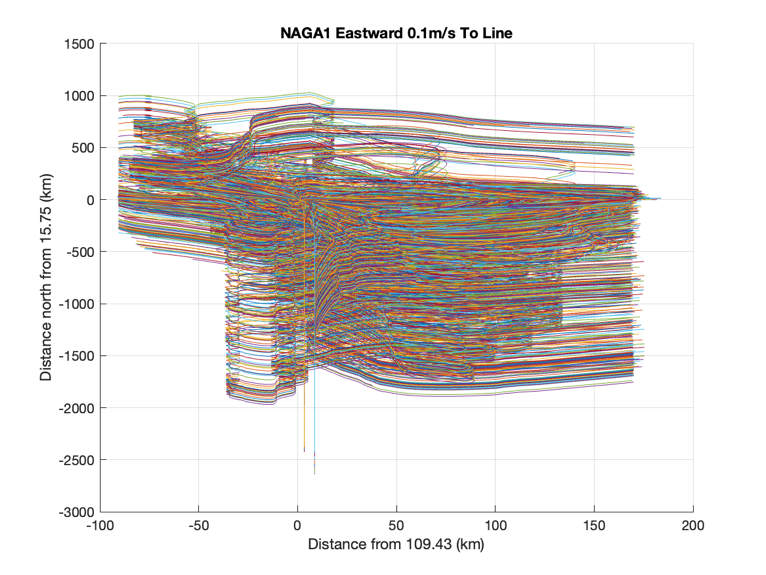
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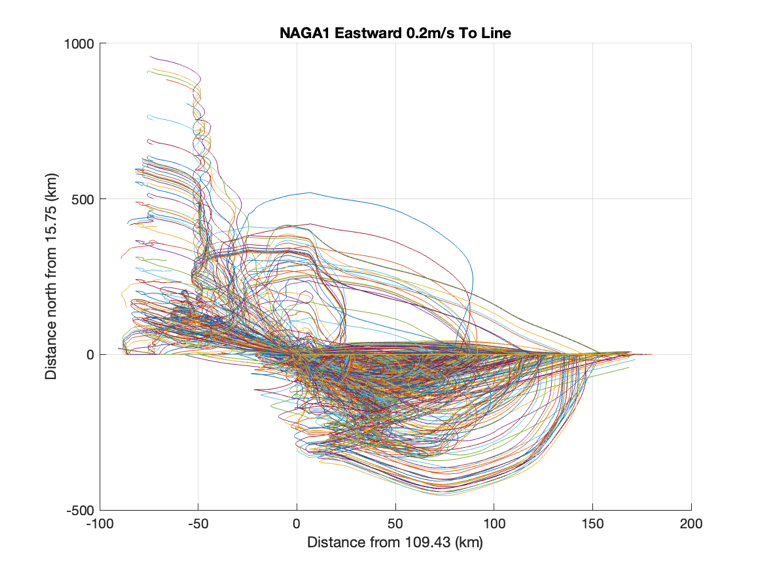


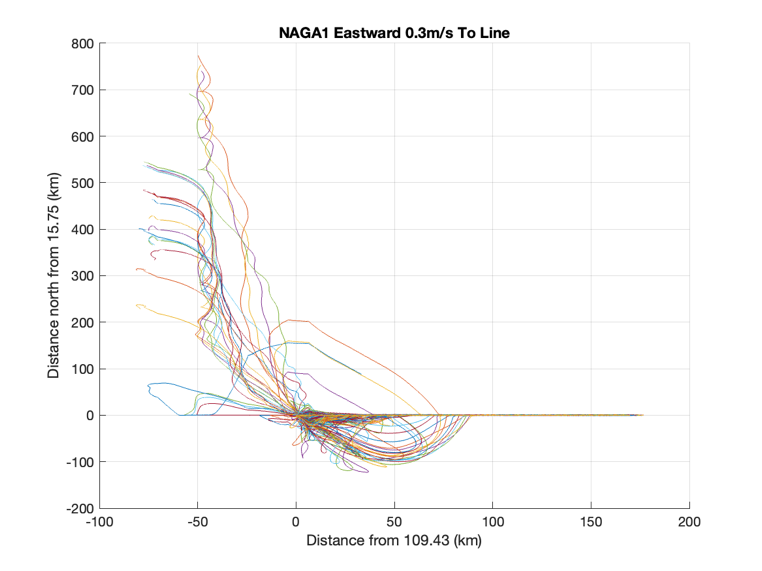


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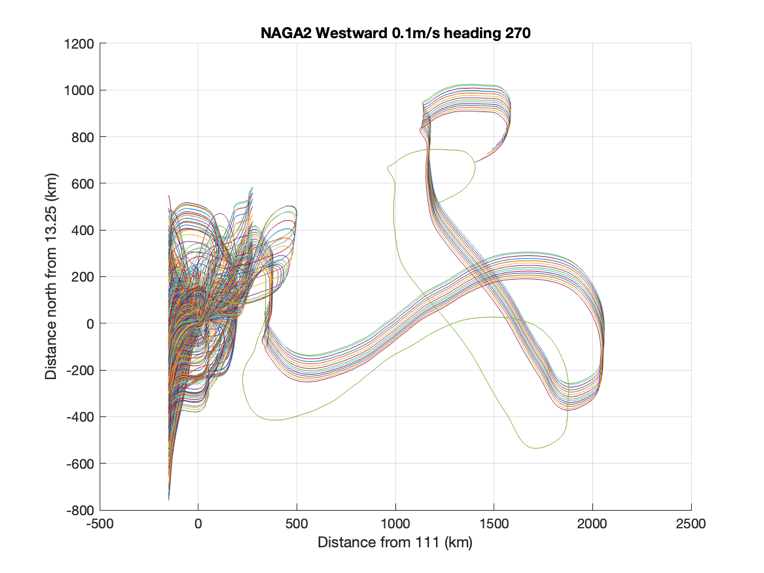
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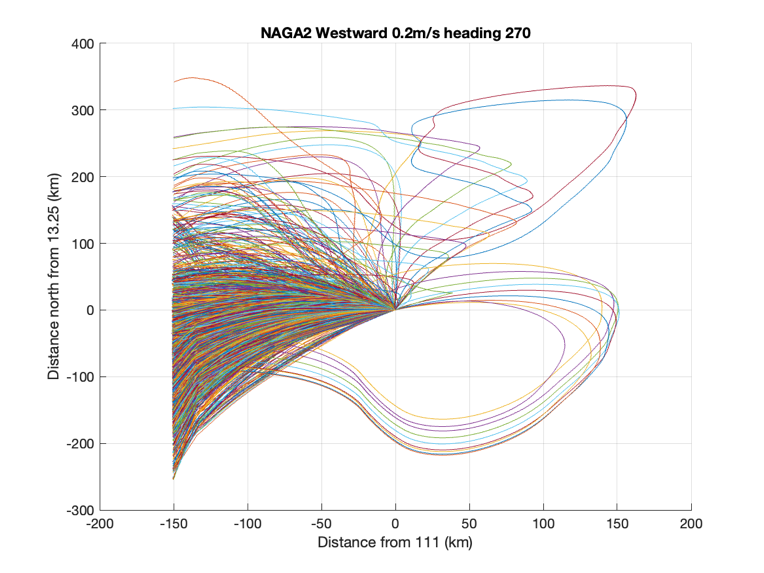


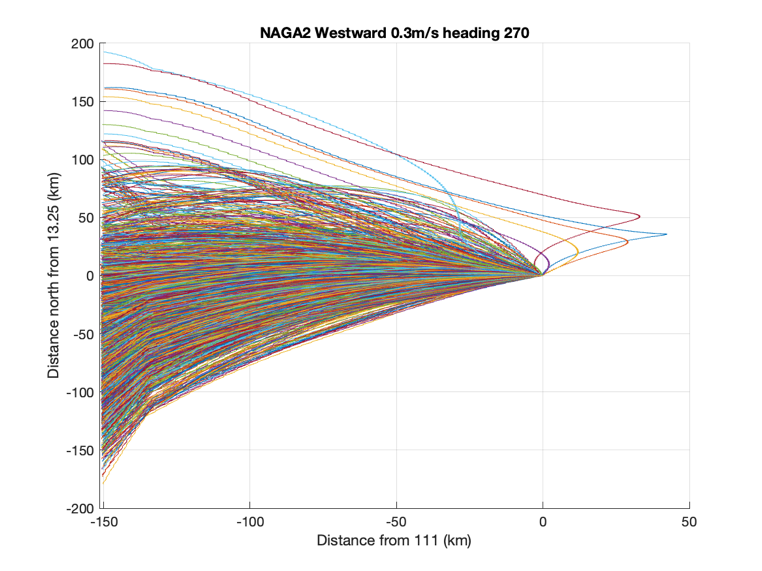


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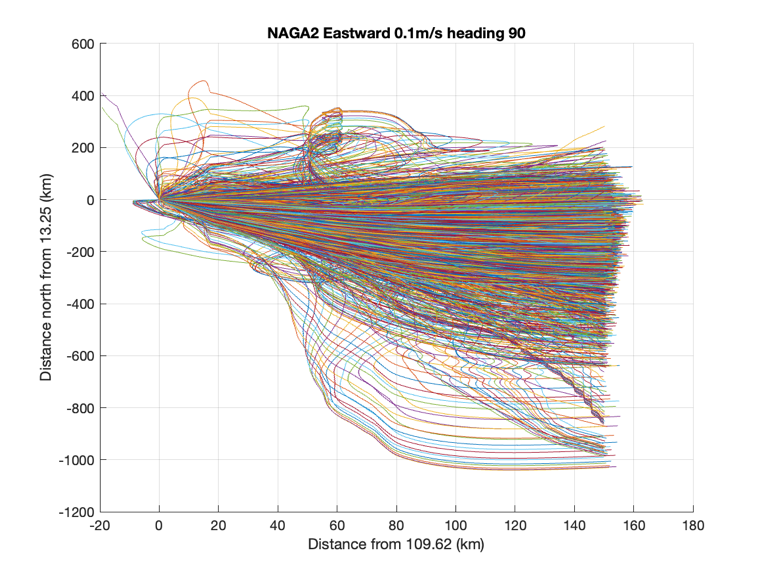
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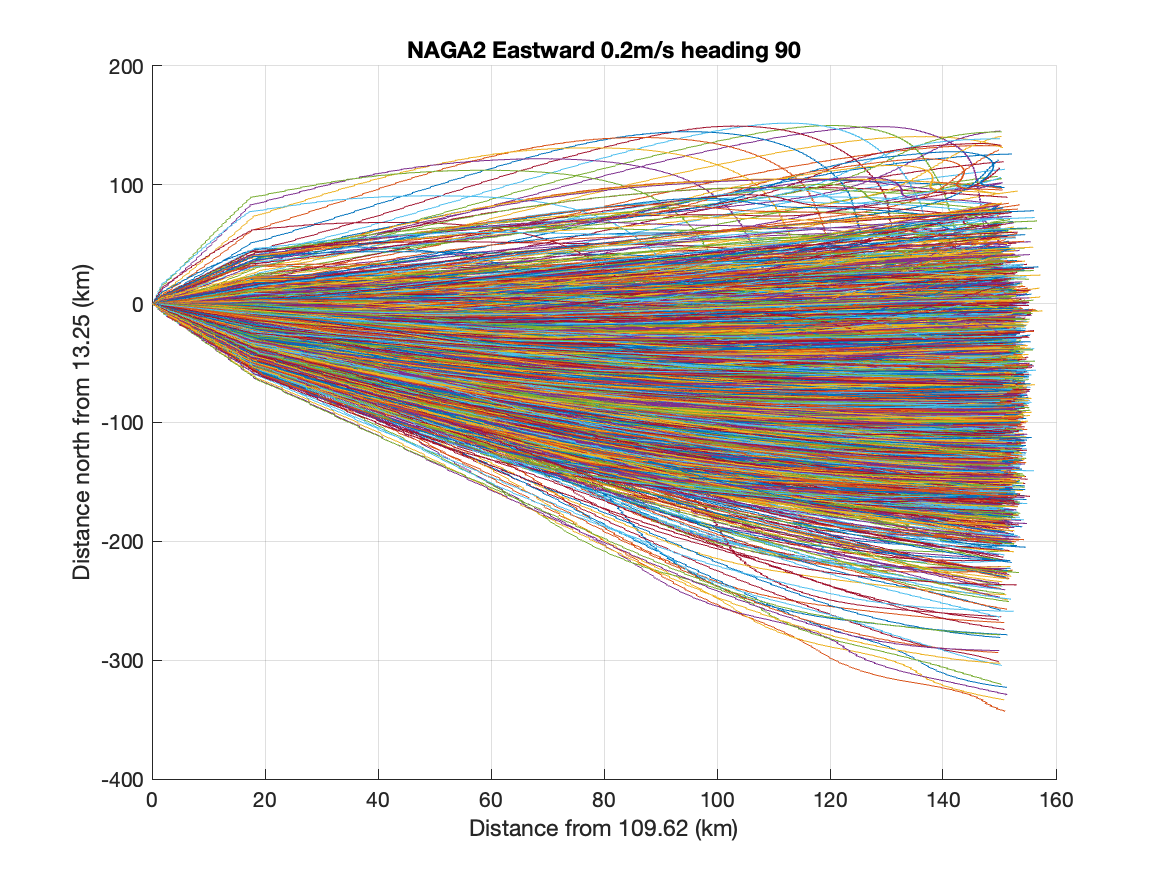


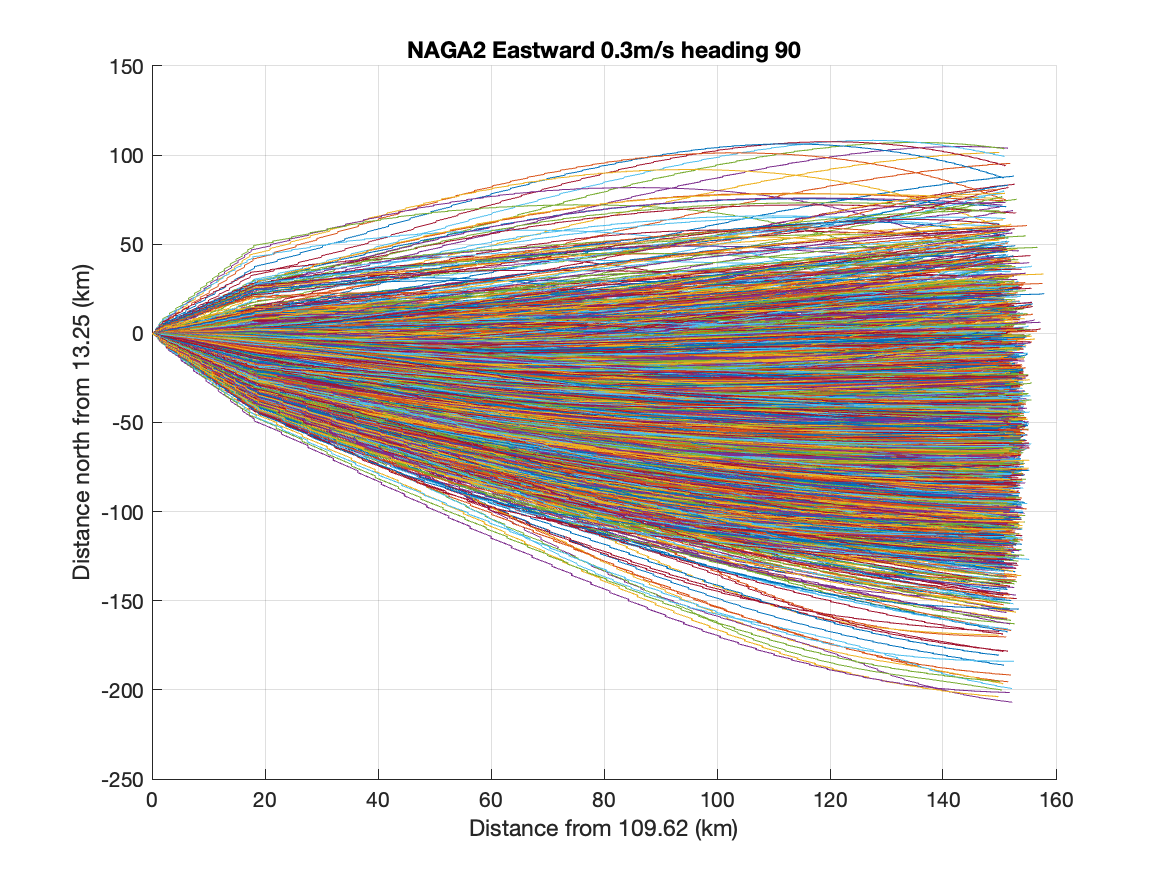


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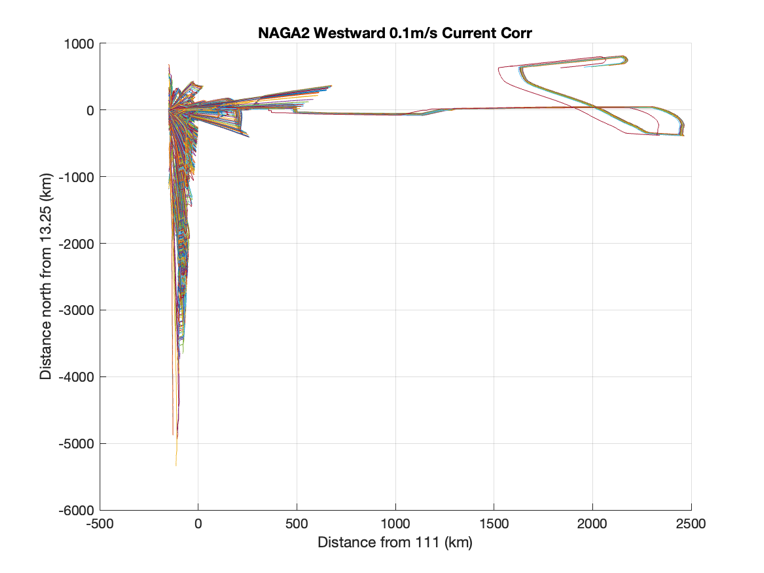
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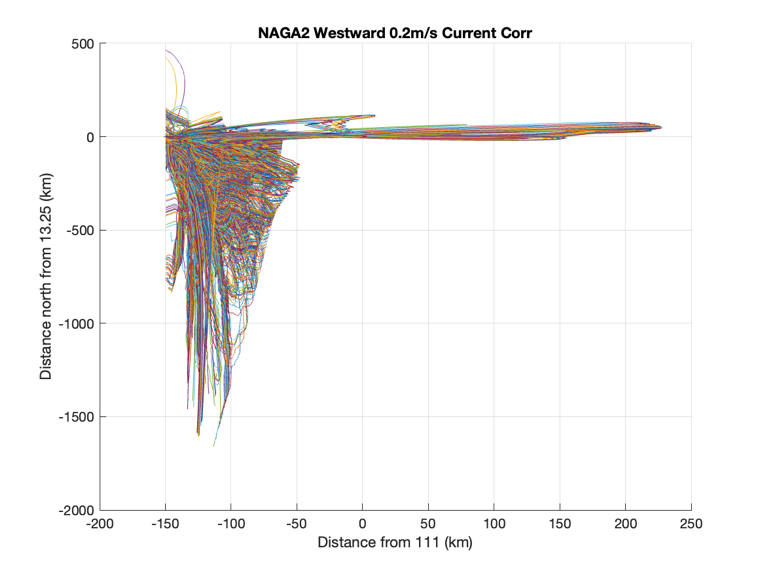


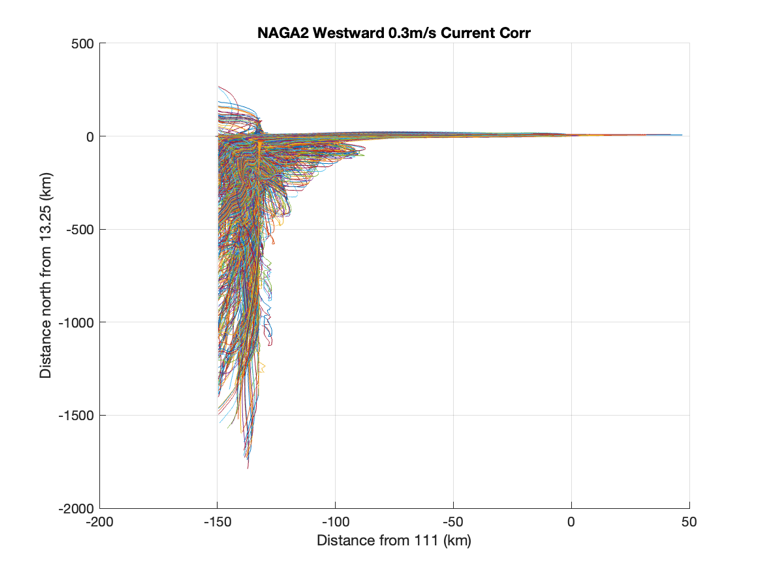


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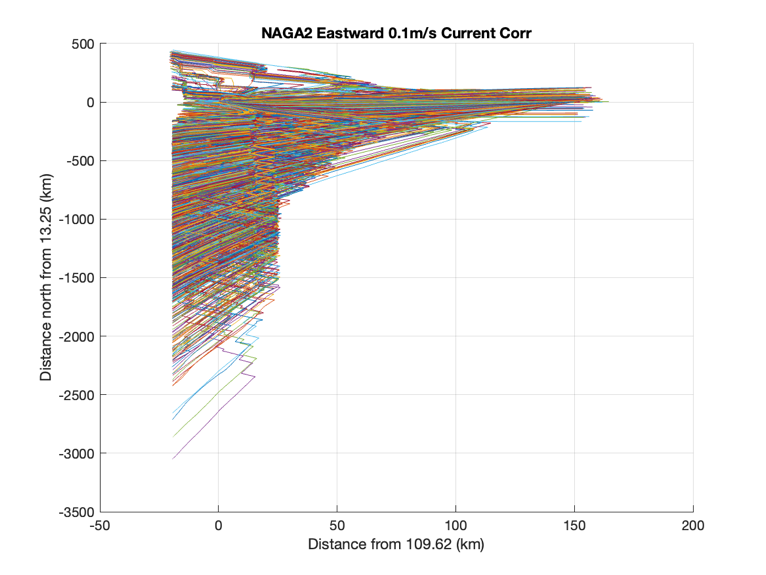
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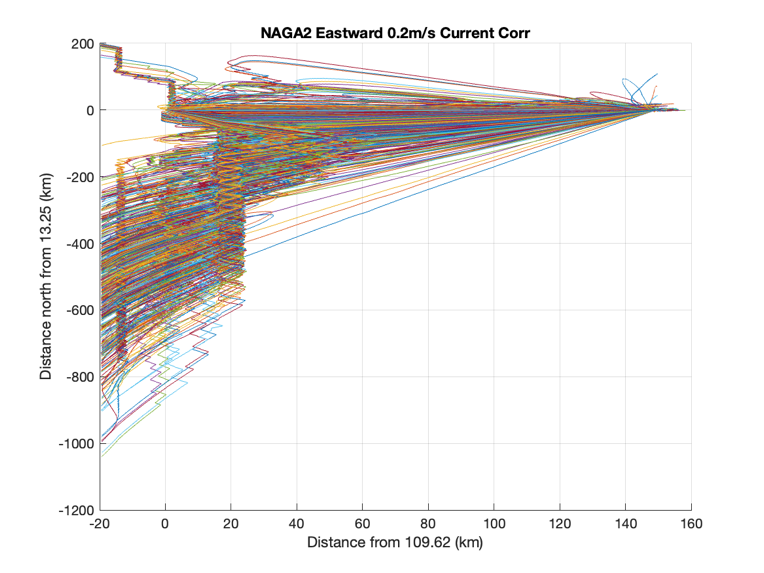


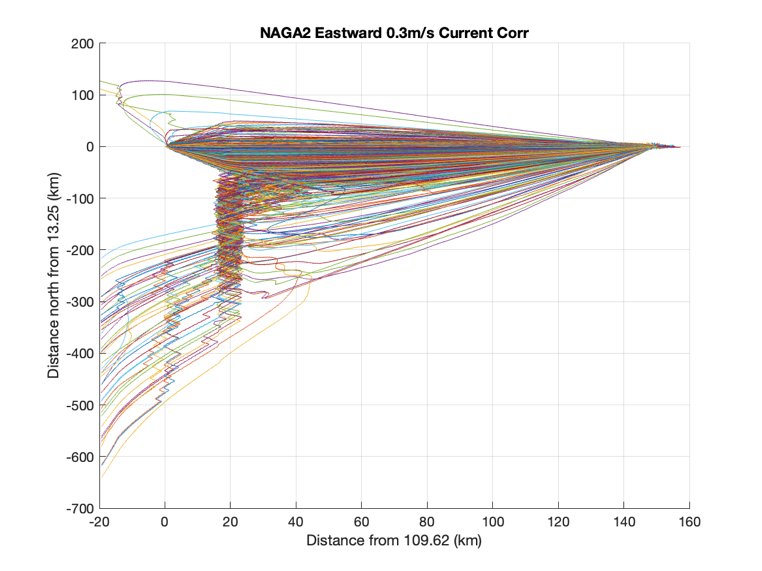


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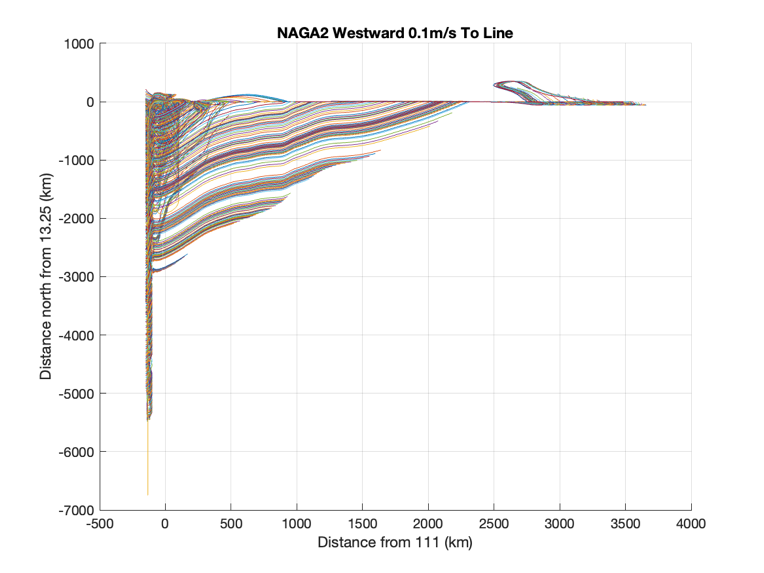
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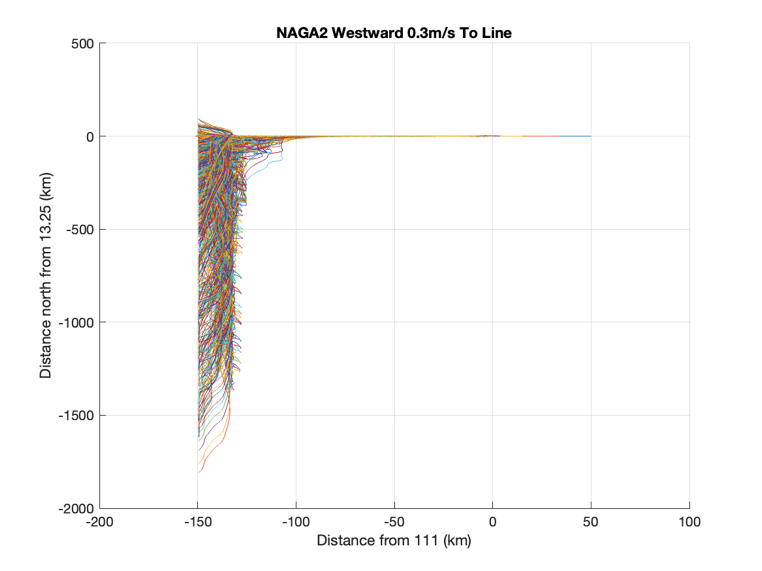


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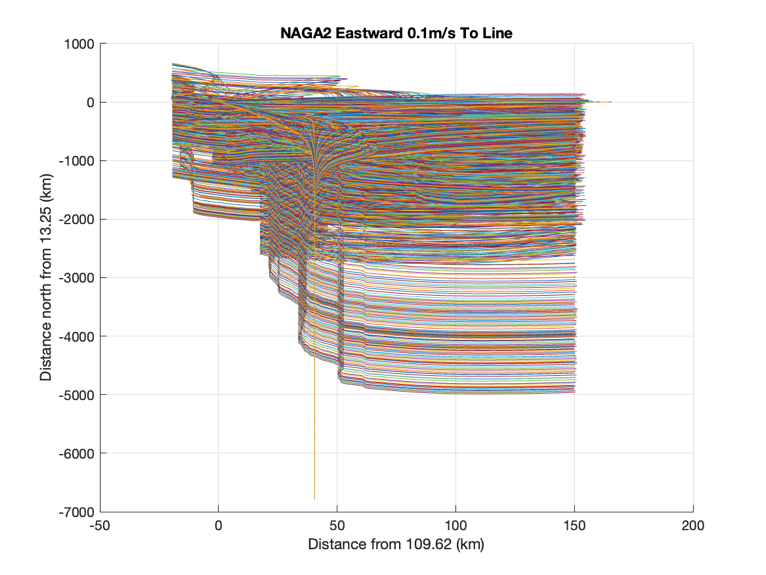
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