

OCEAN-ATMOSPHERE COUPLING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: ROLE OF OCEANIC EXCHANGES AT THE STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR

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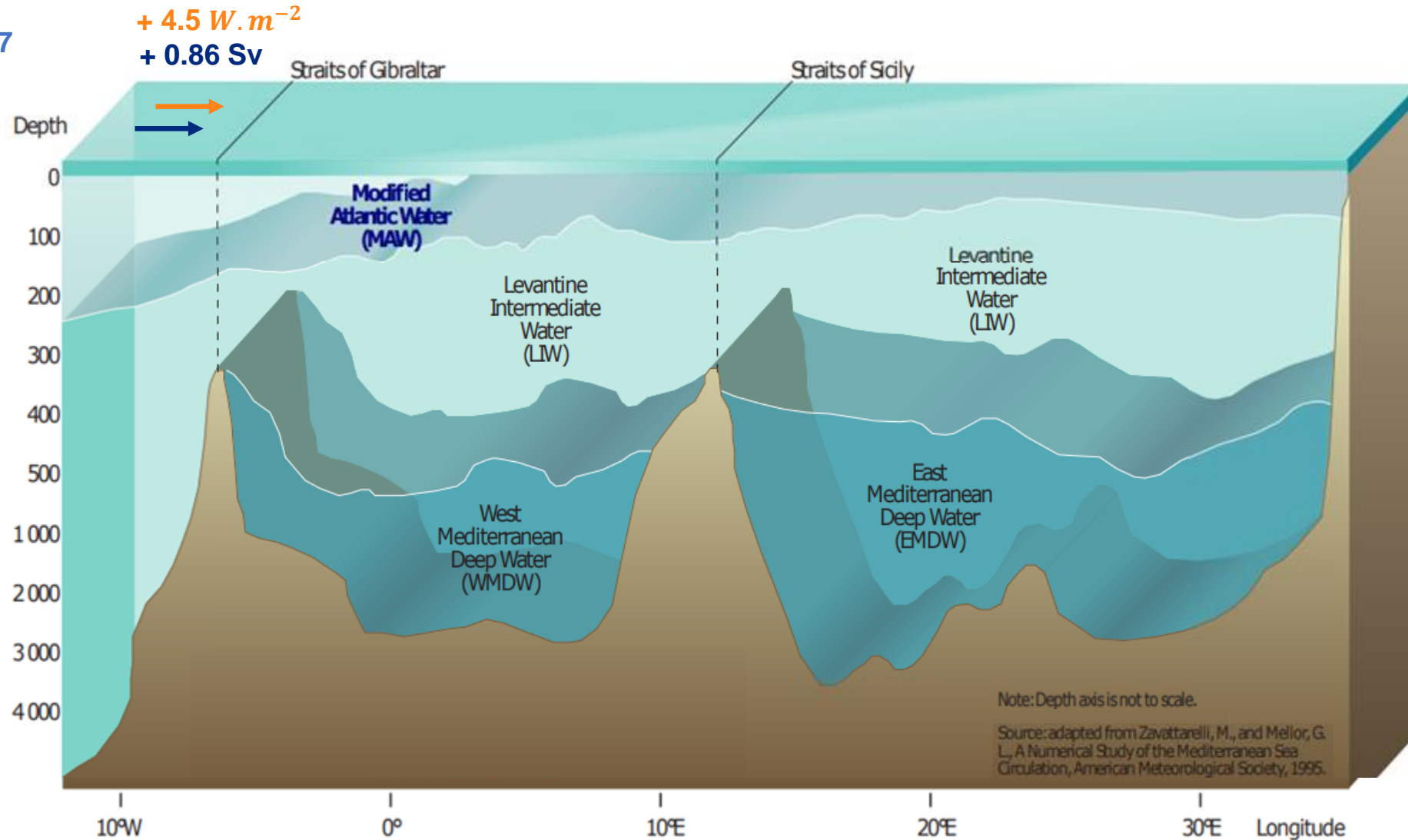
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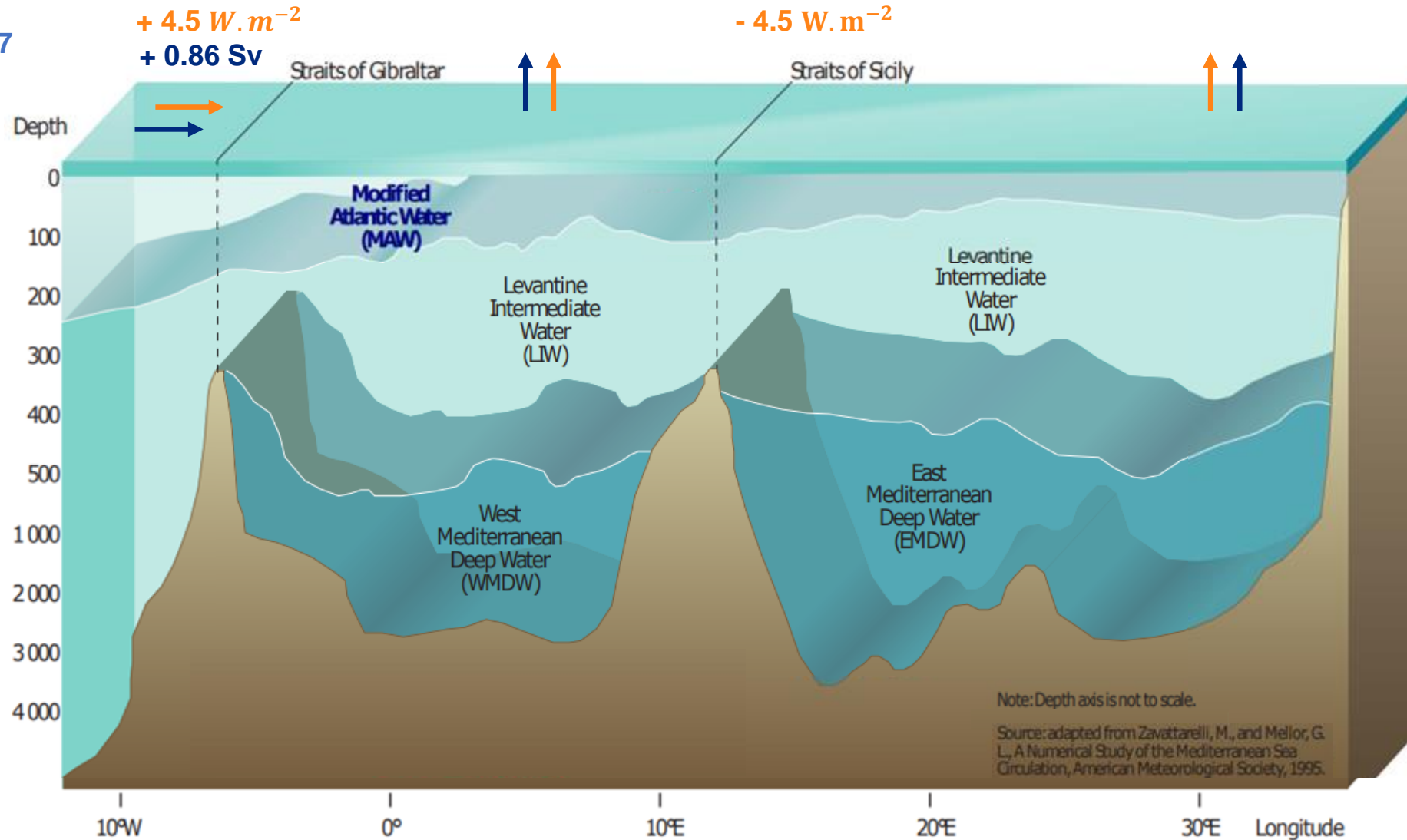


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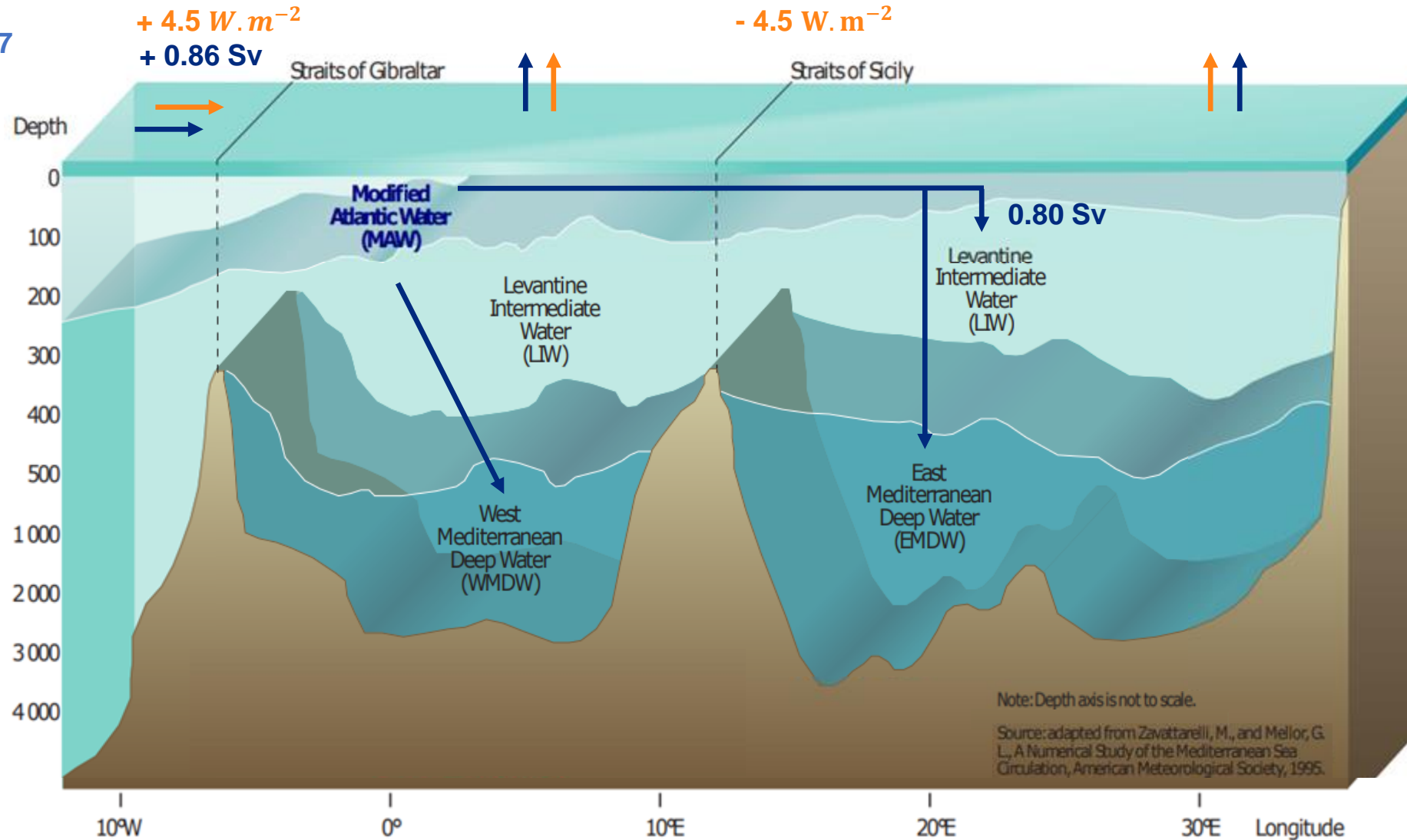


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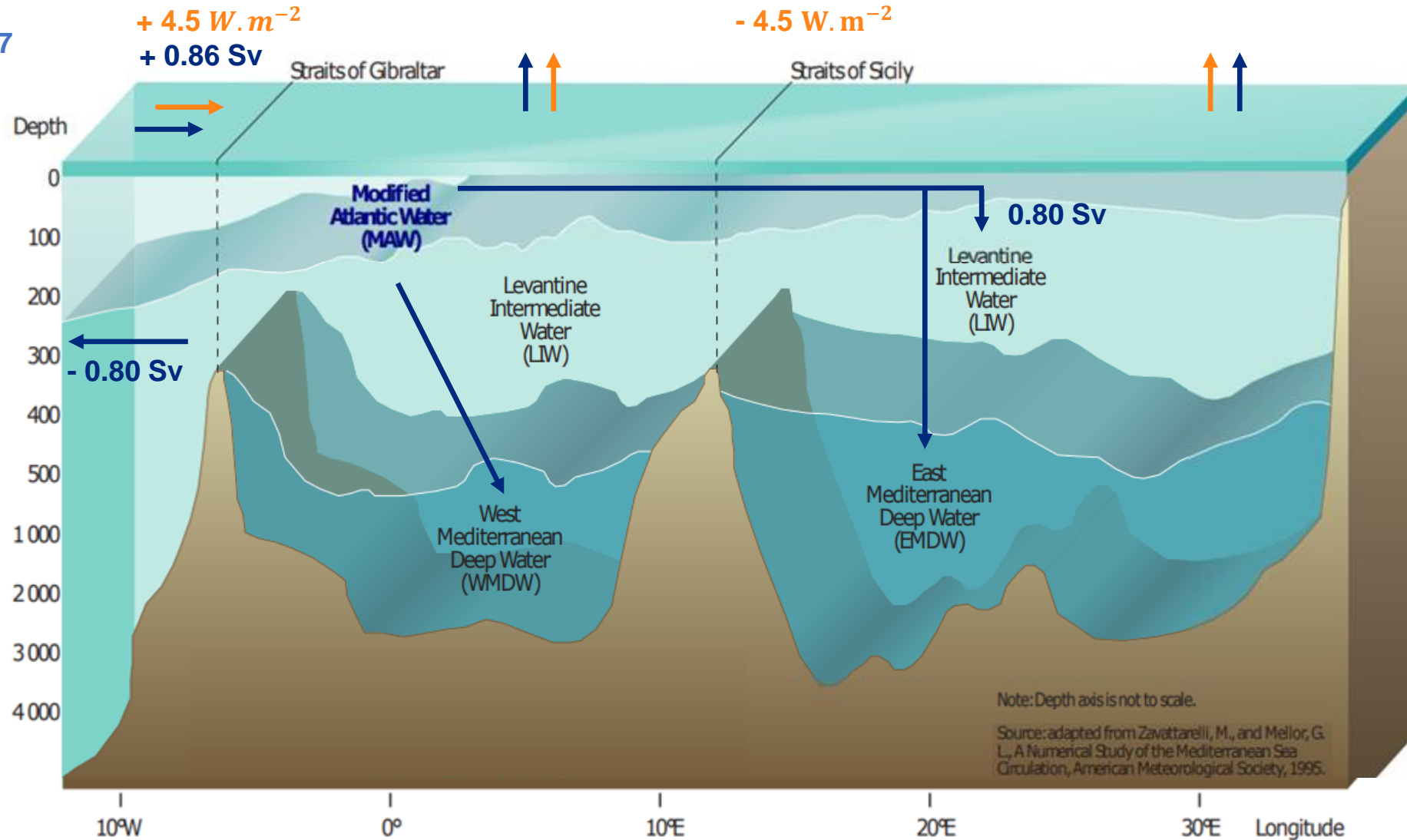


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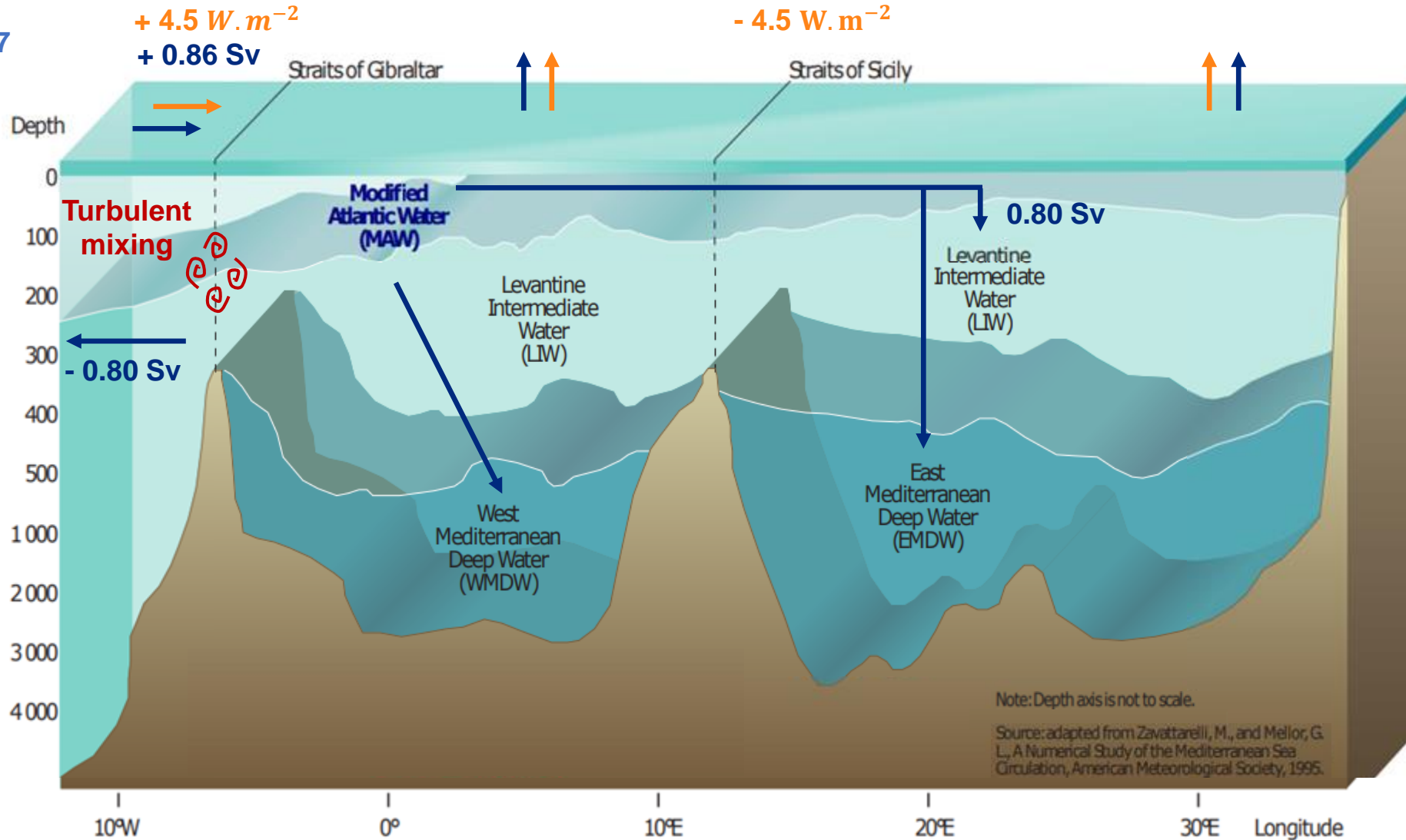


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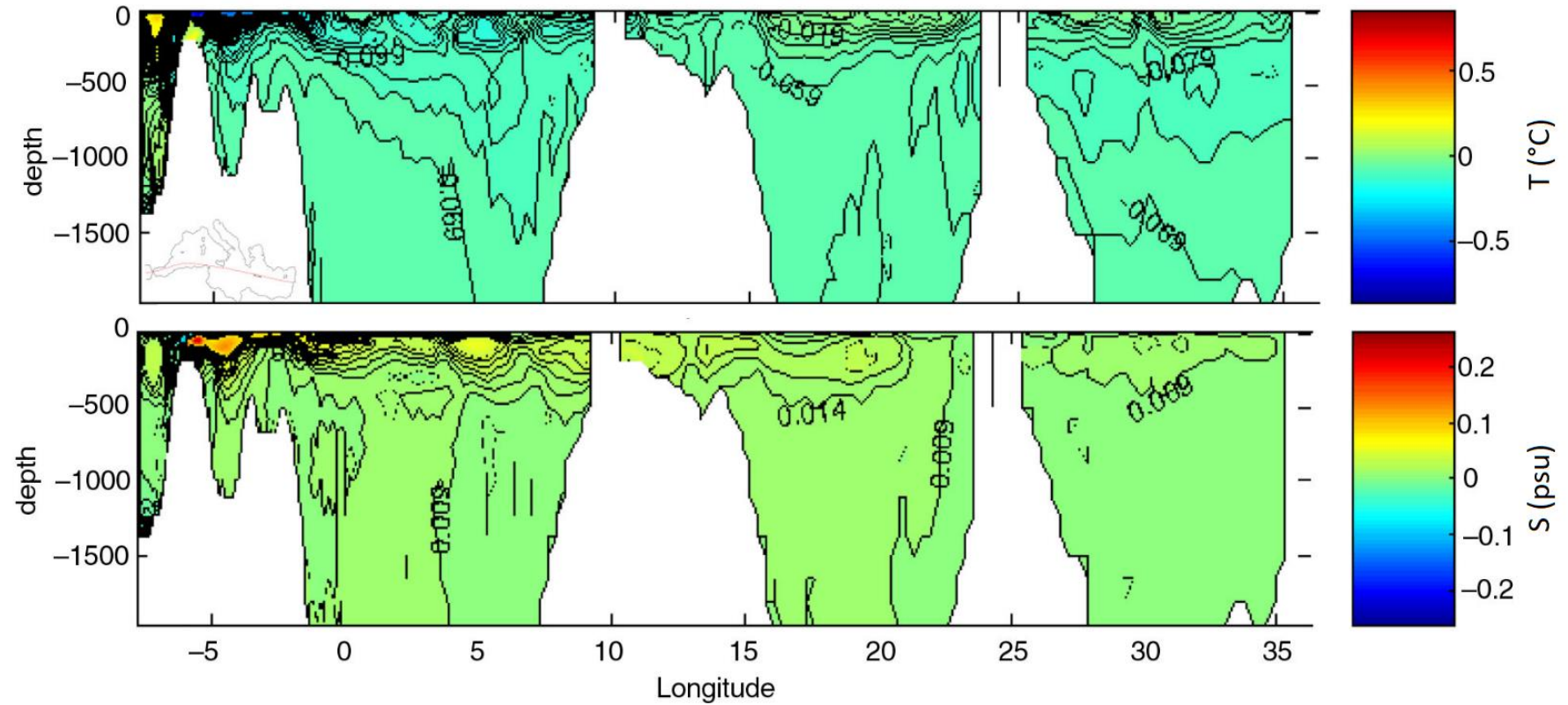
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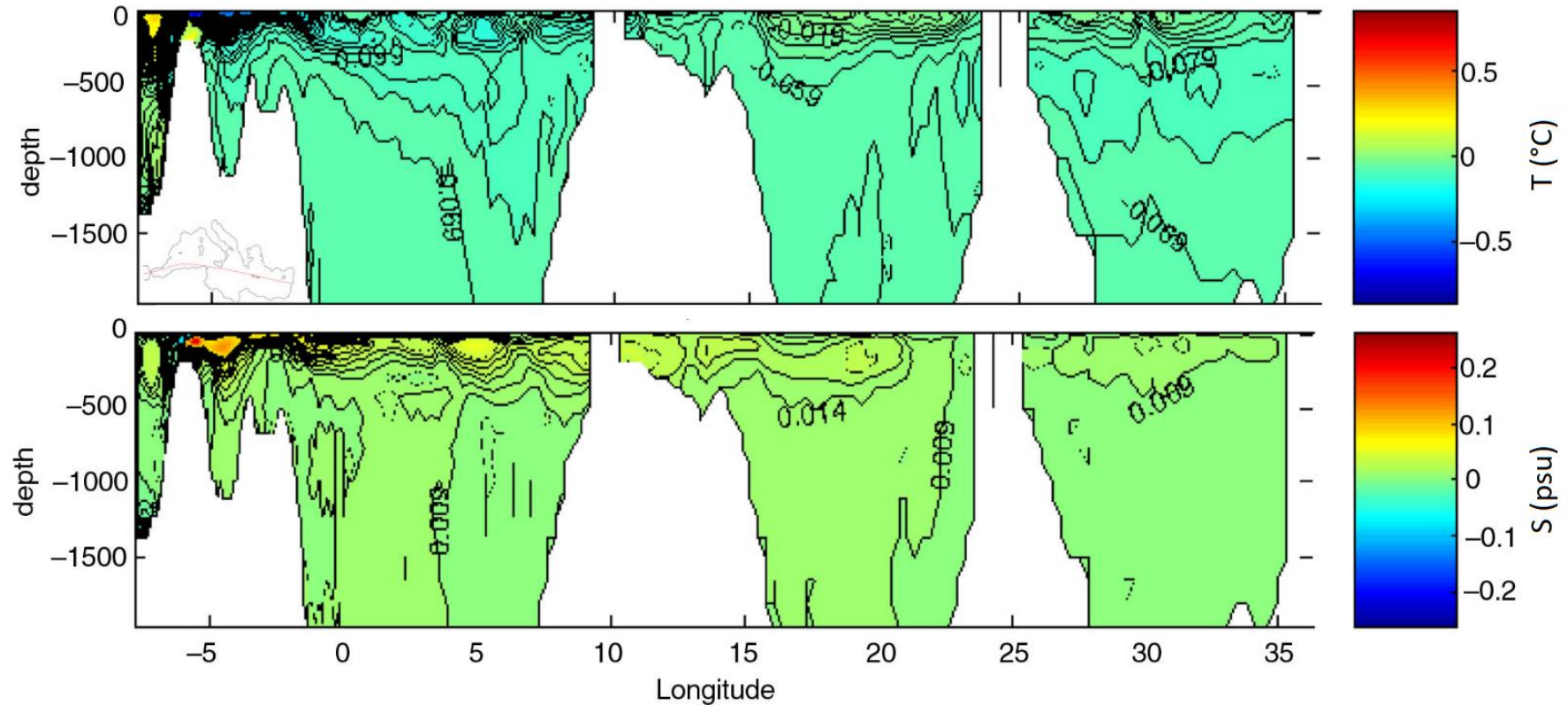


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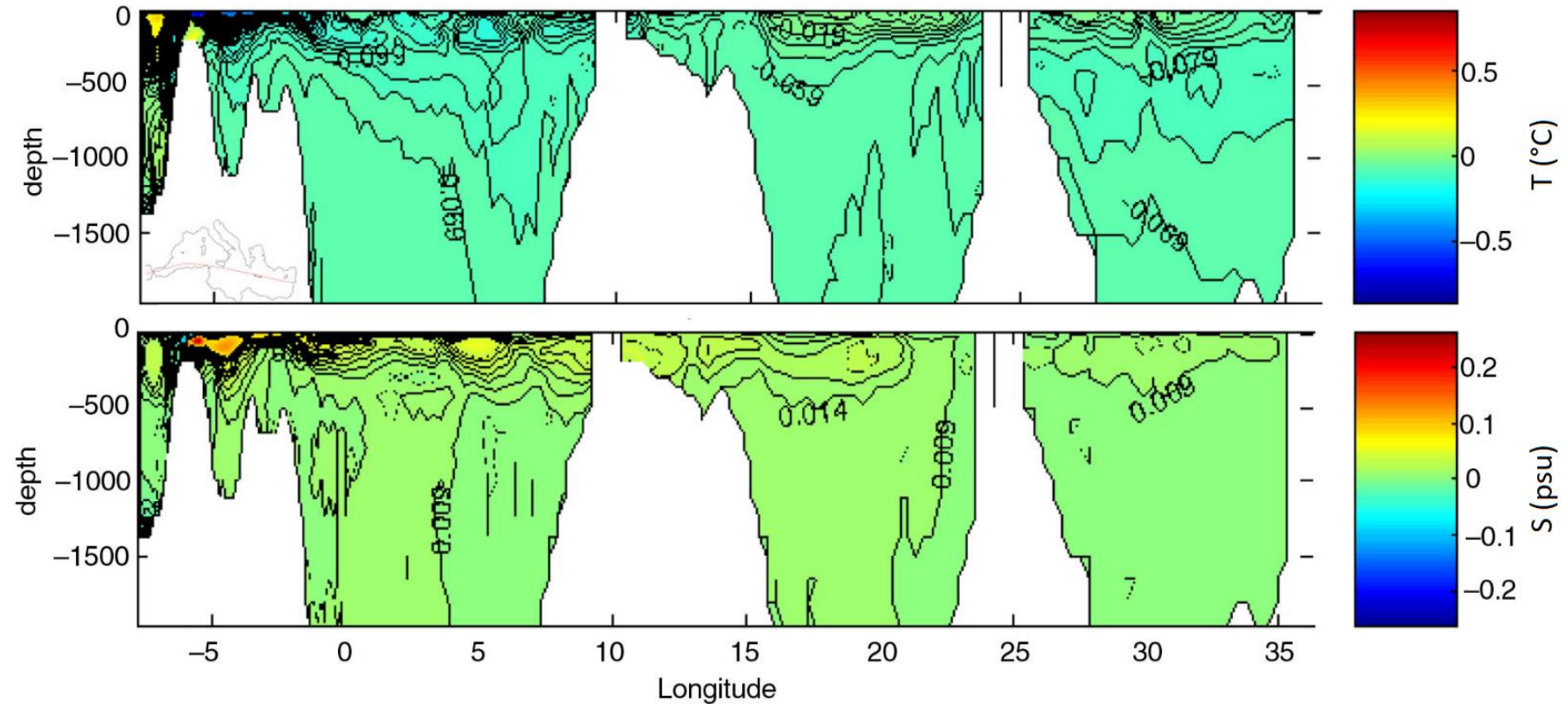


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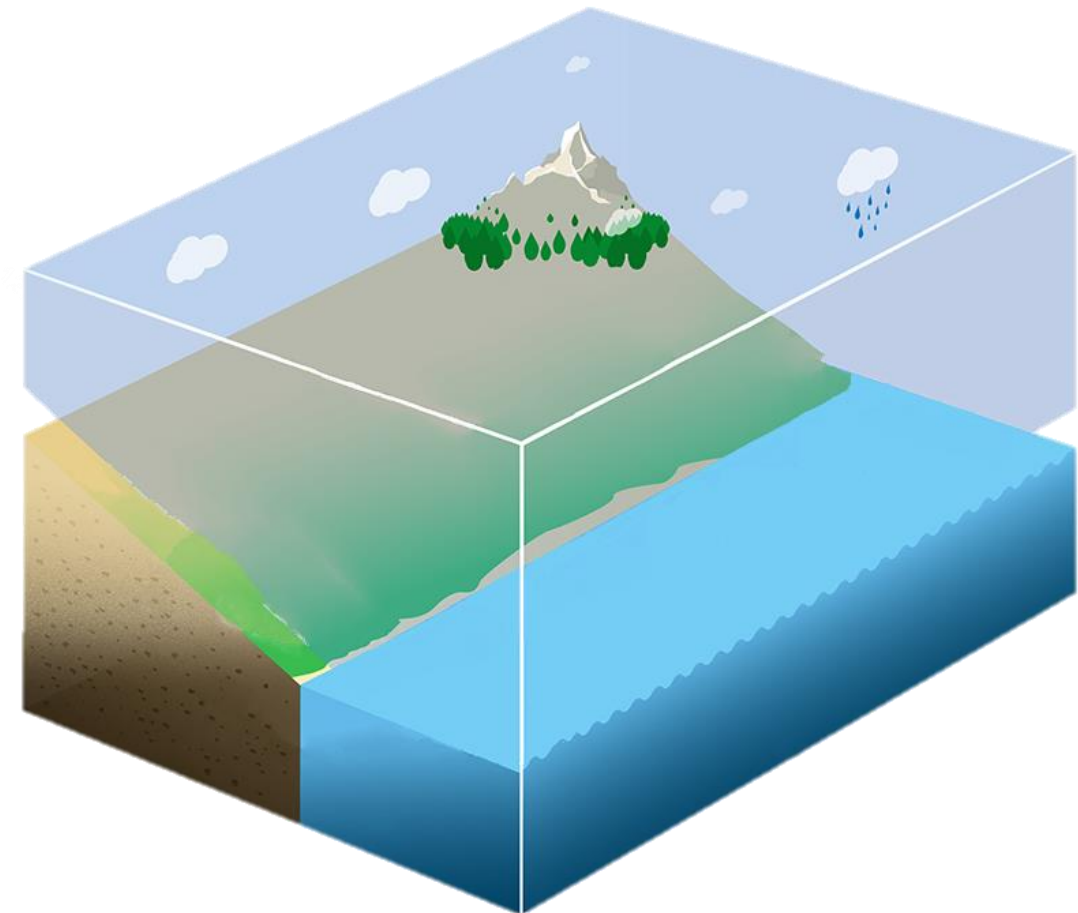
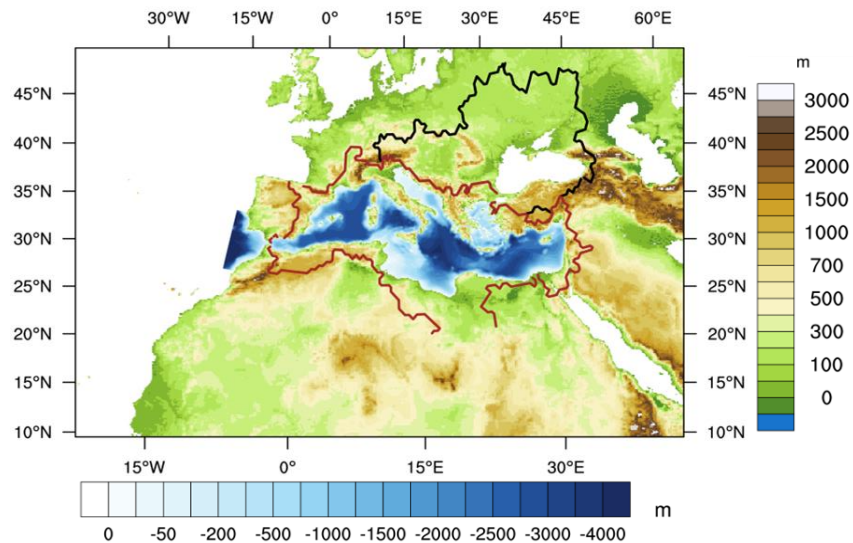
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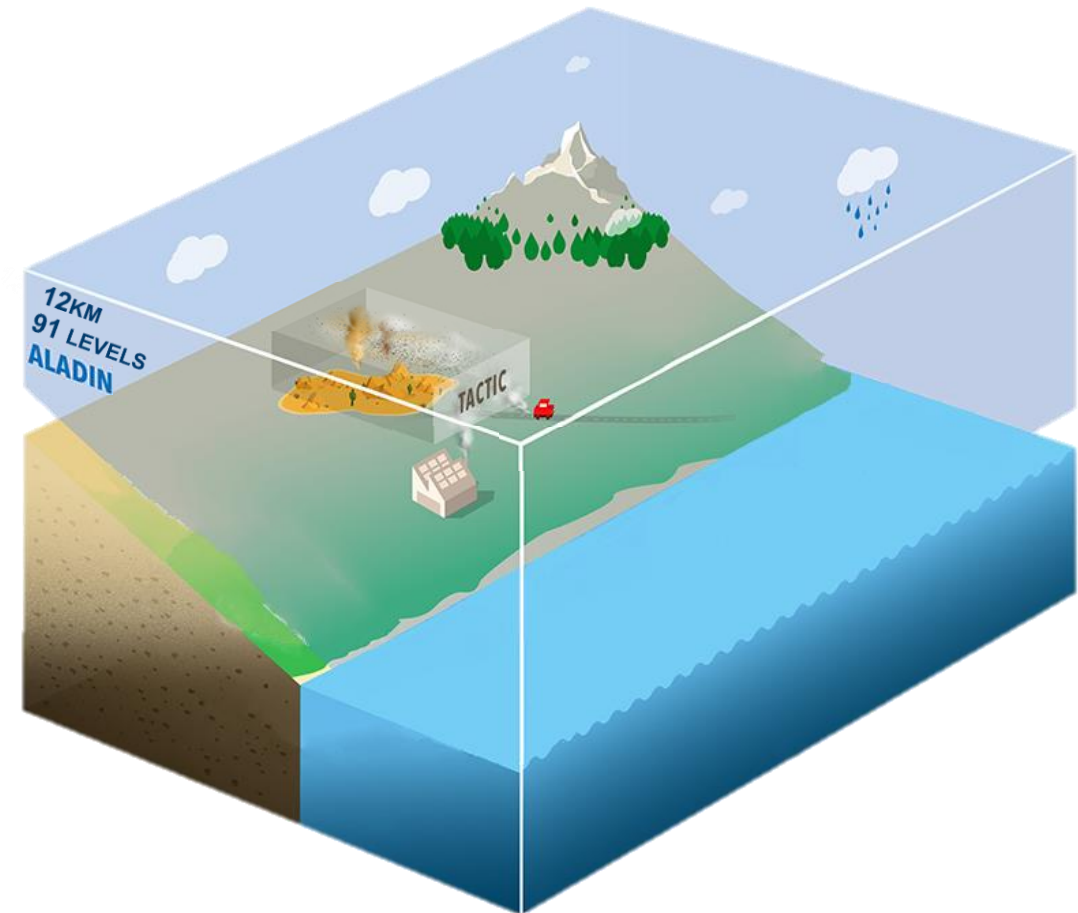
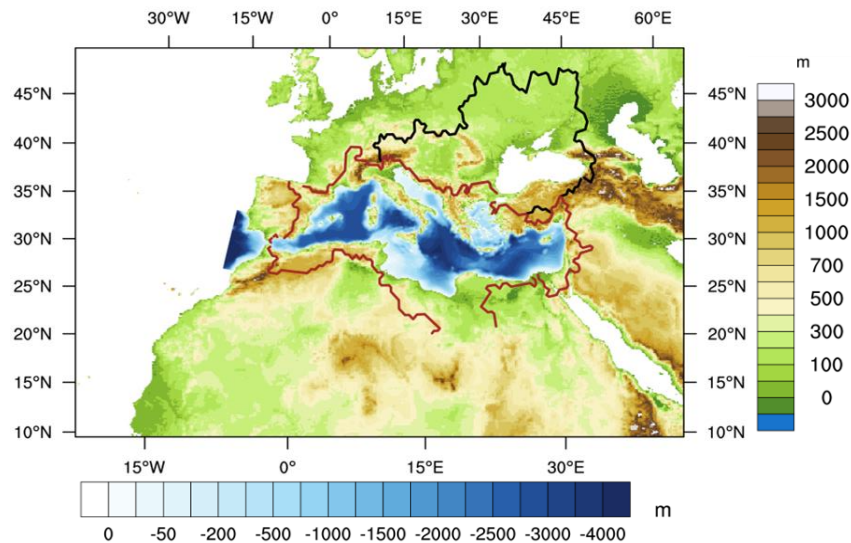
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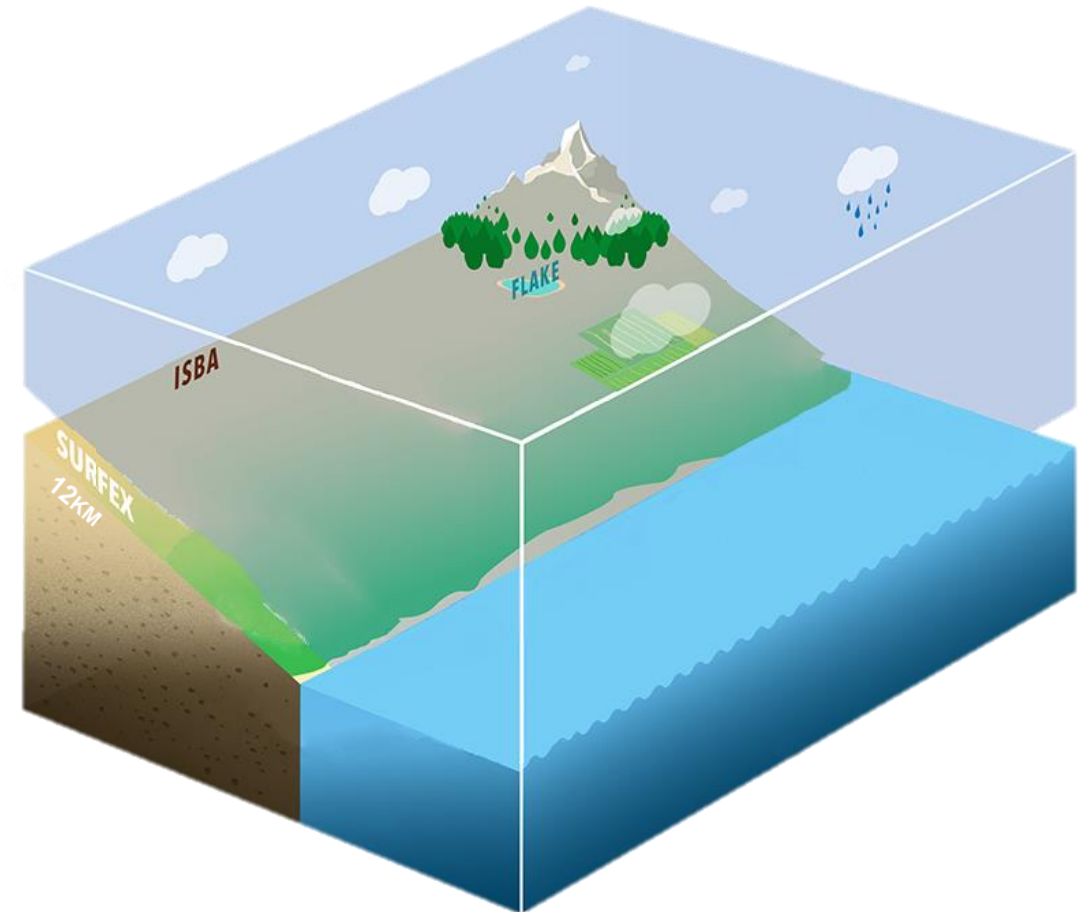
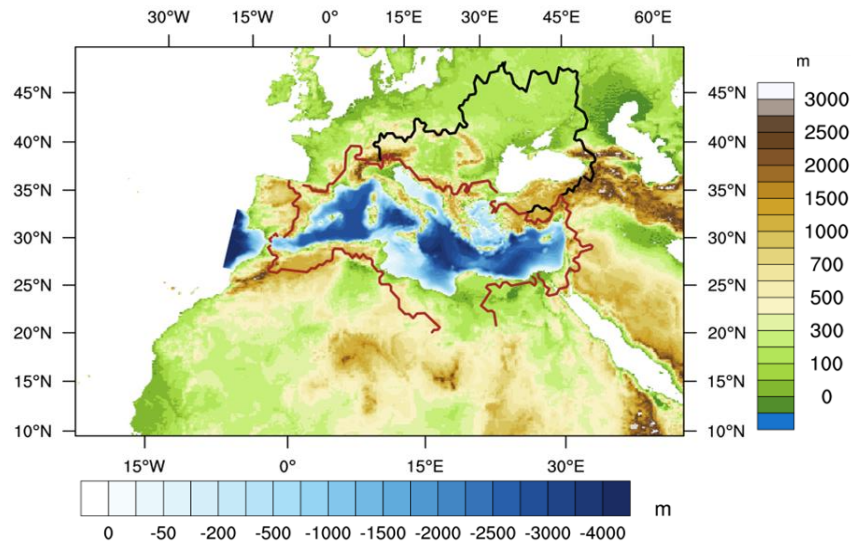
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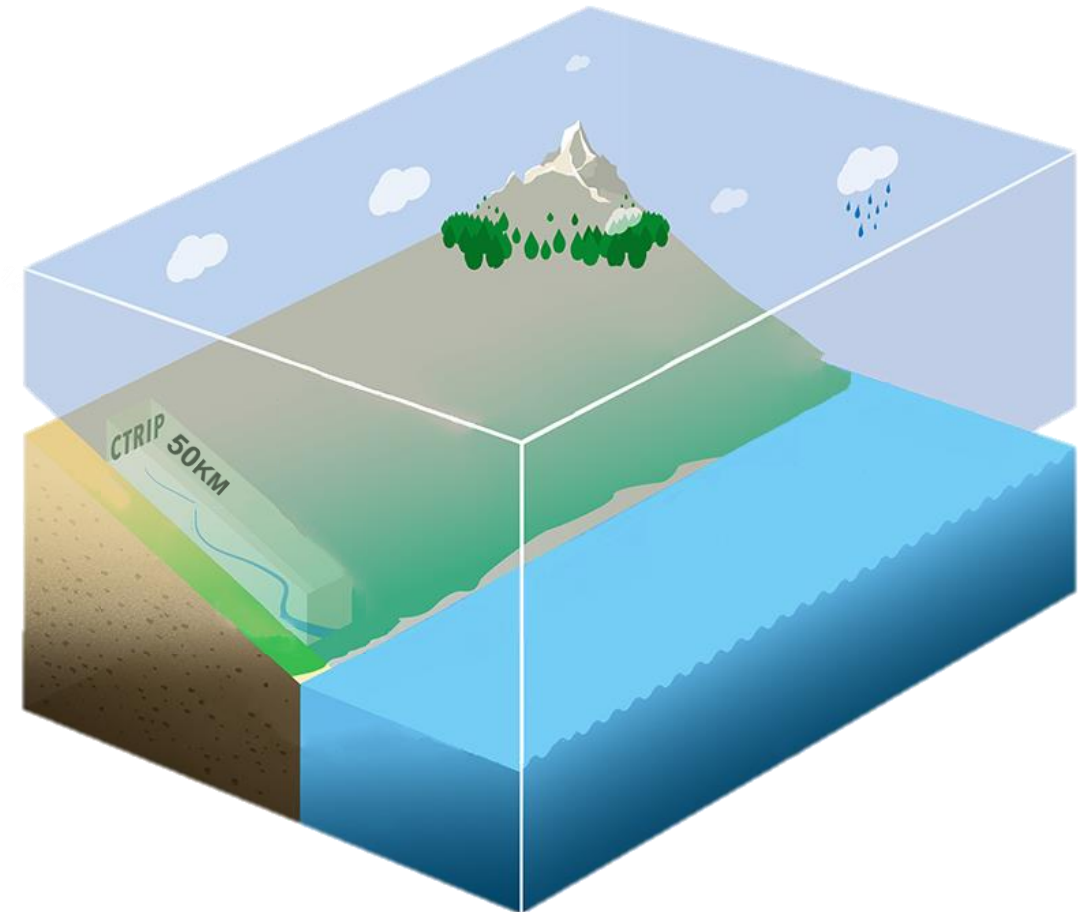
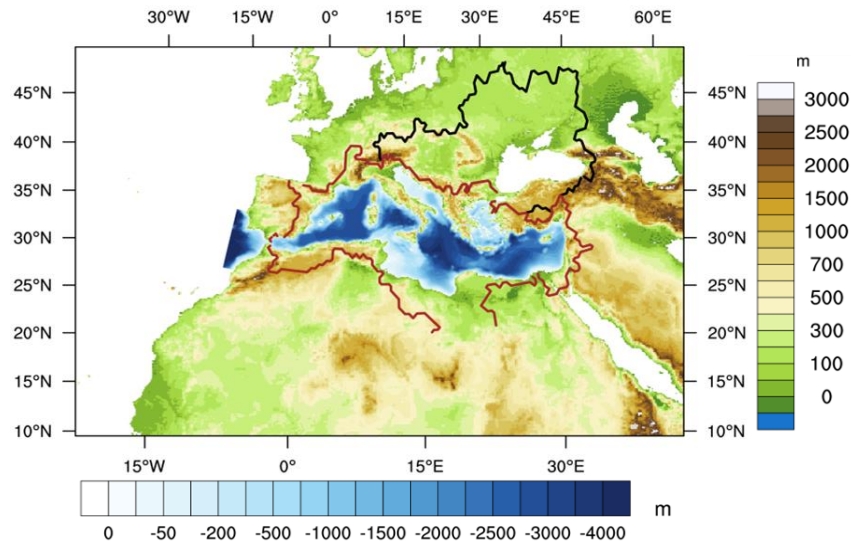
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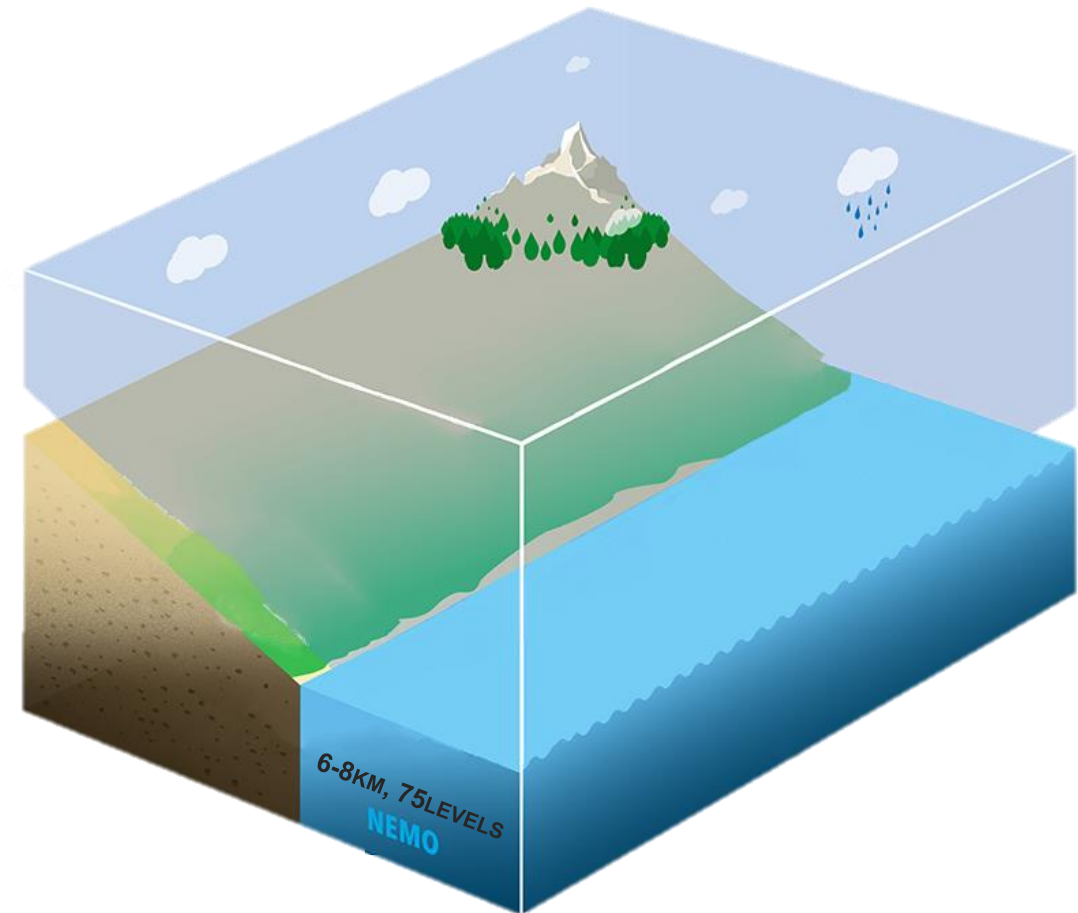
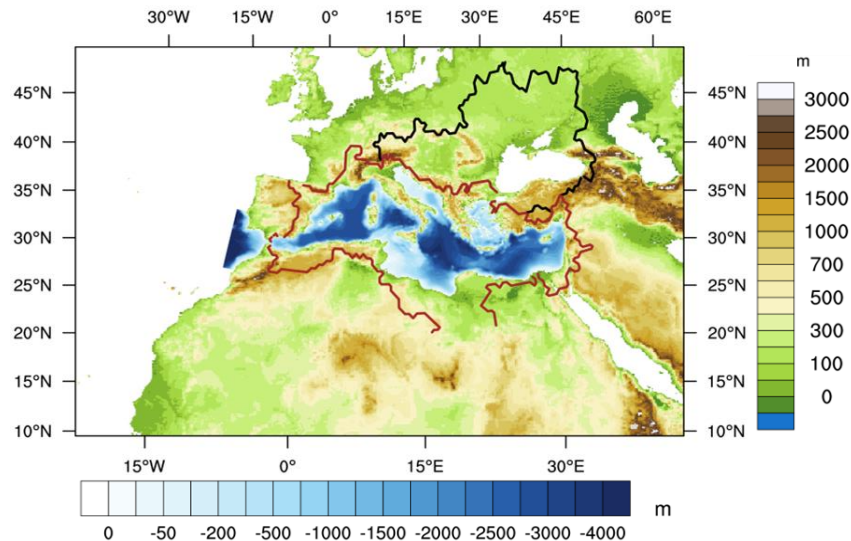
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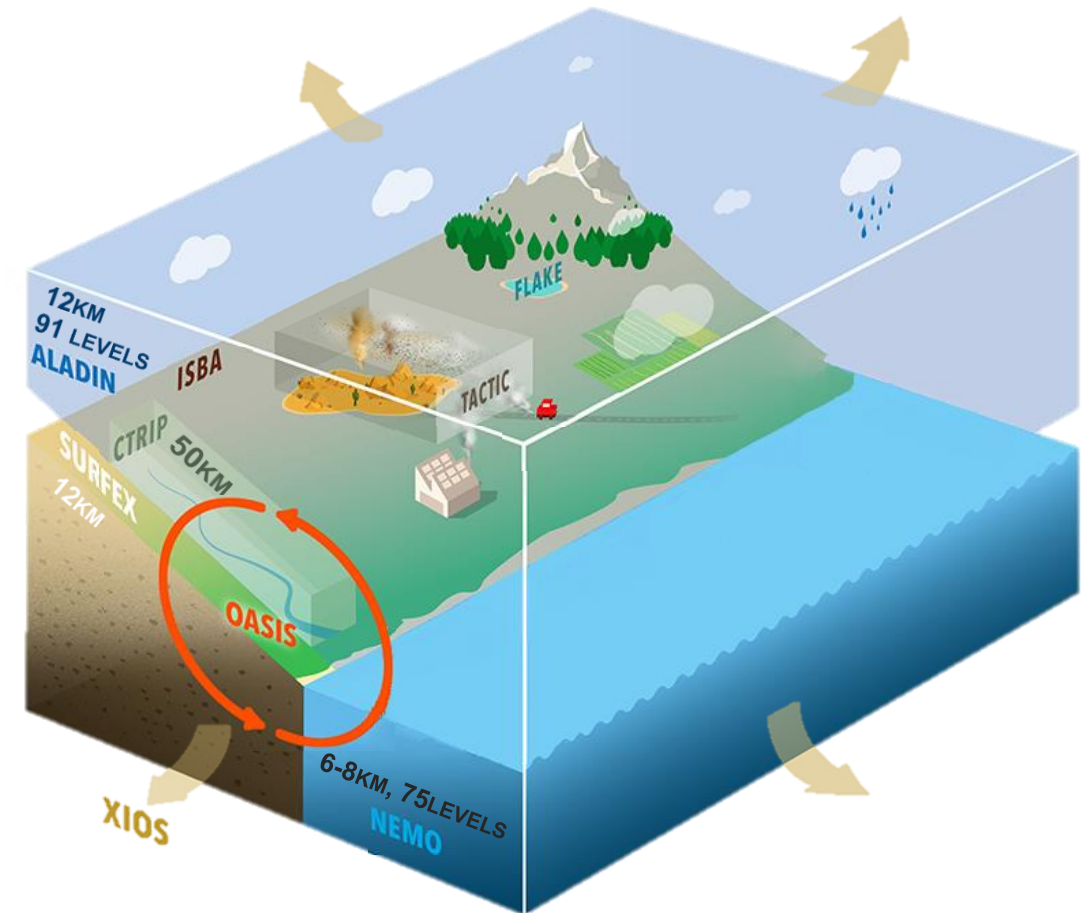
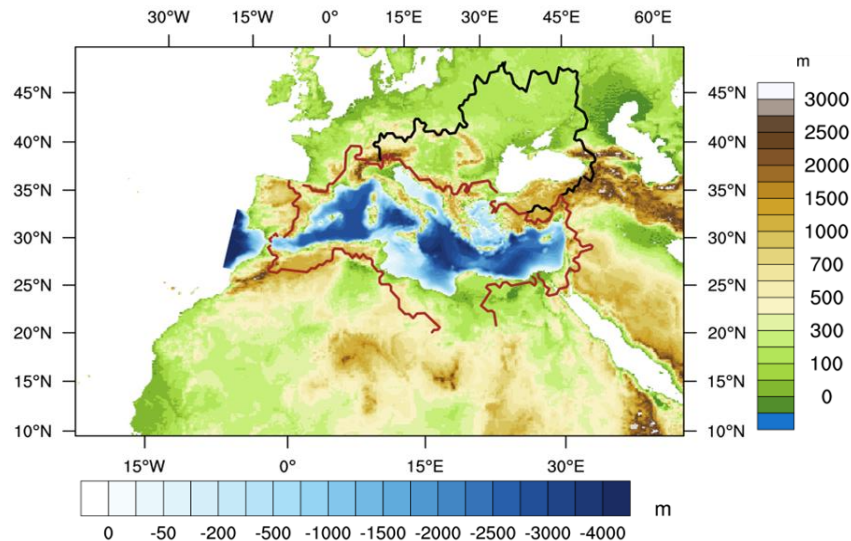
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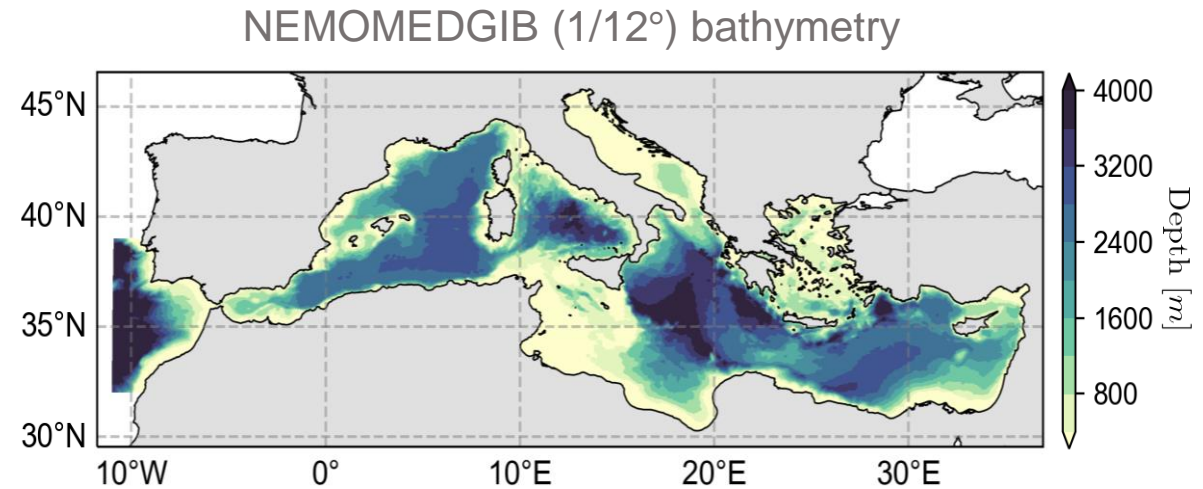
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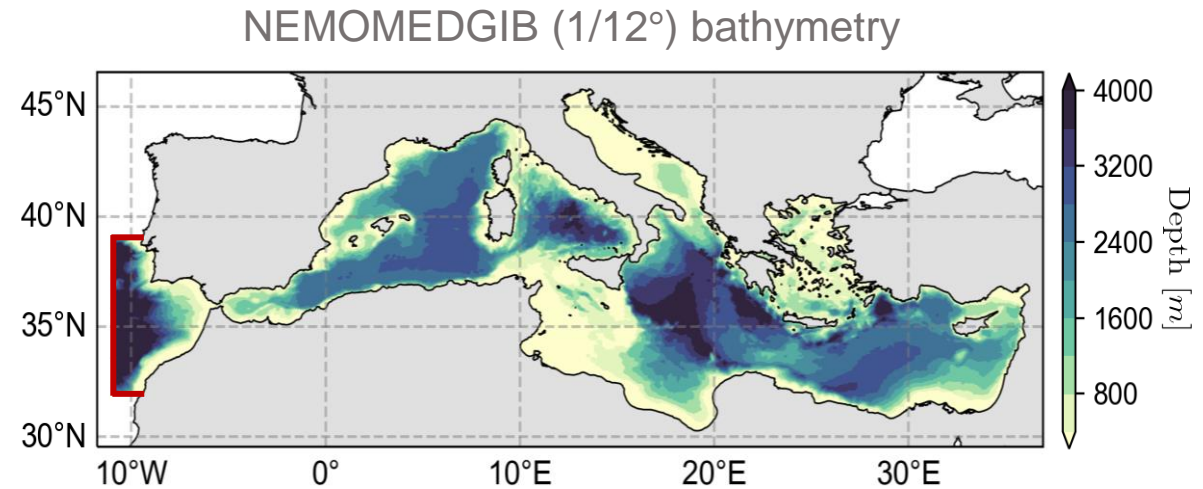
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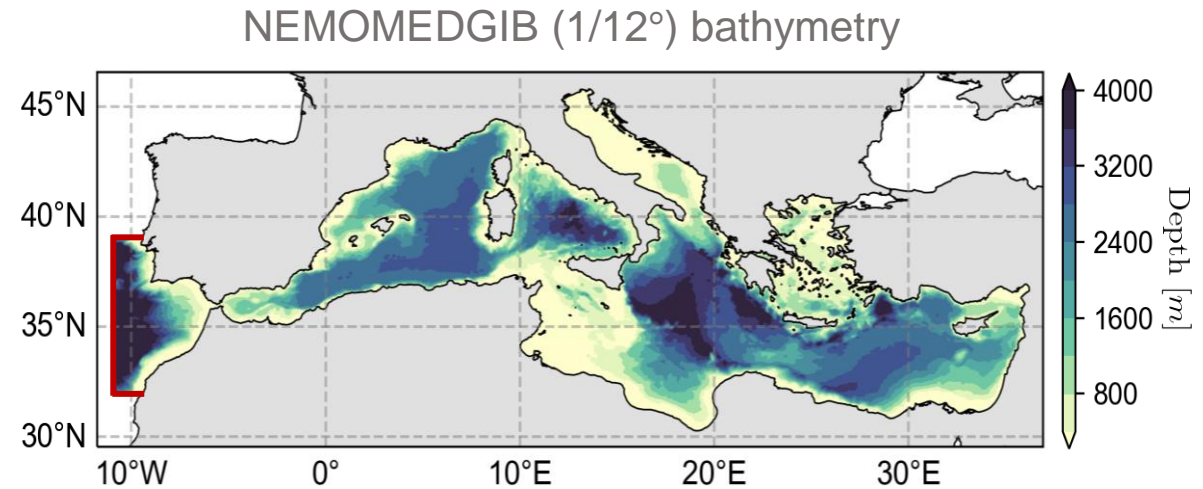
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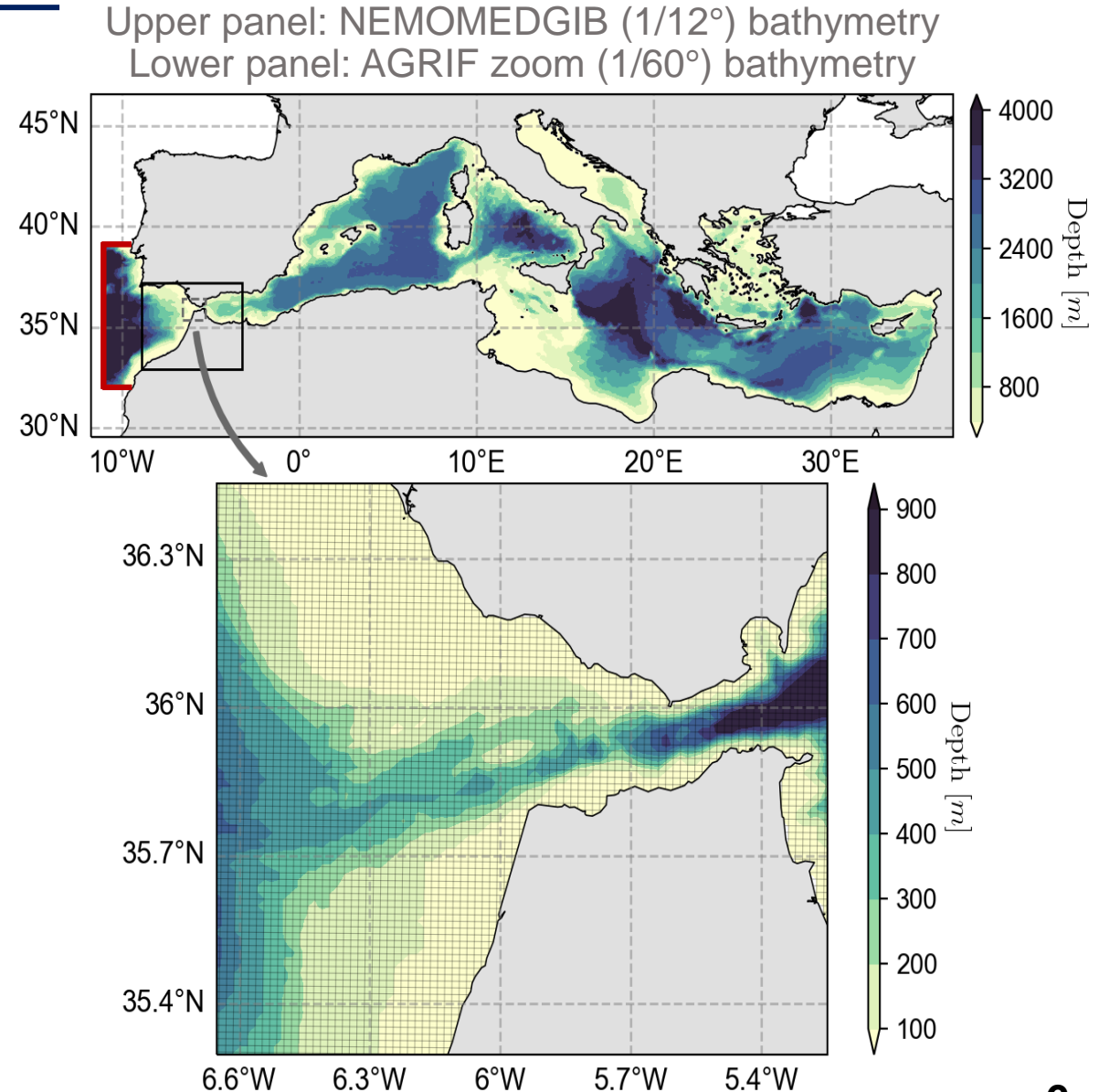
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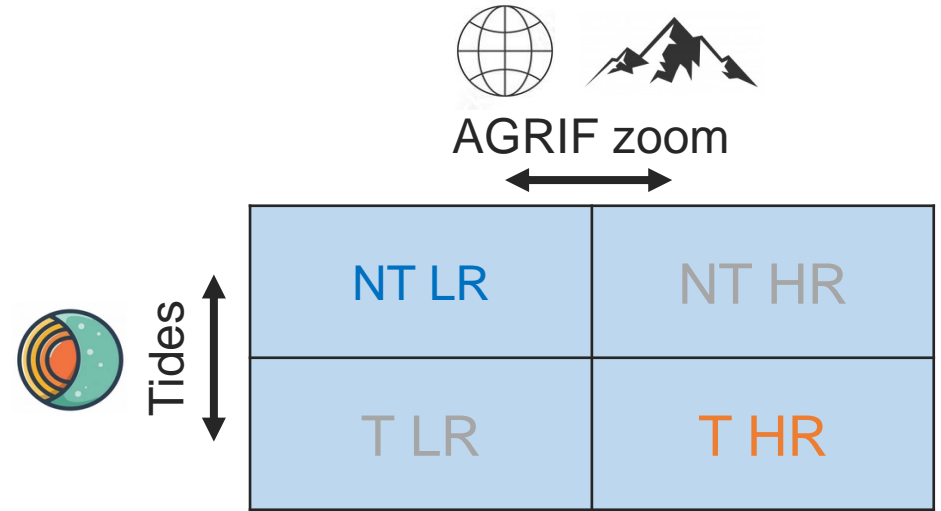
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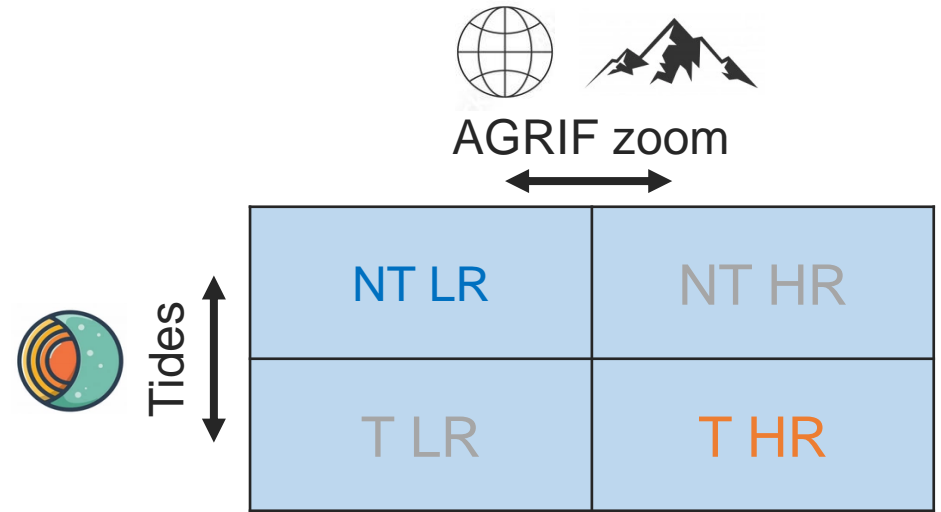
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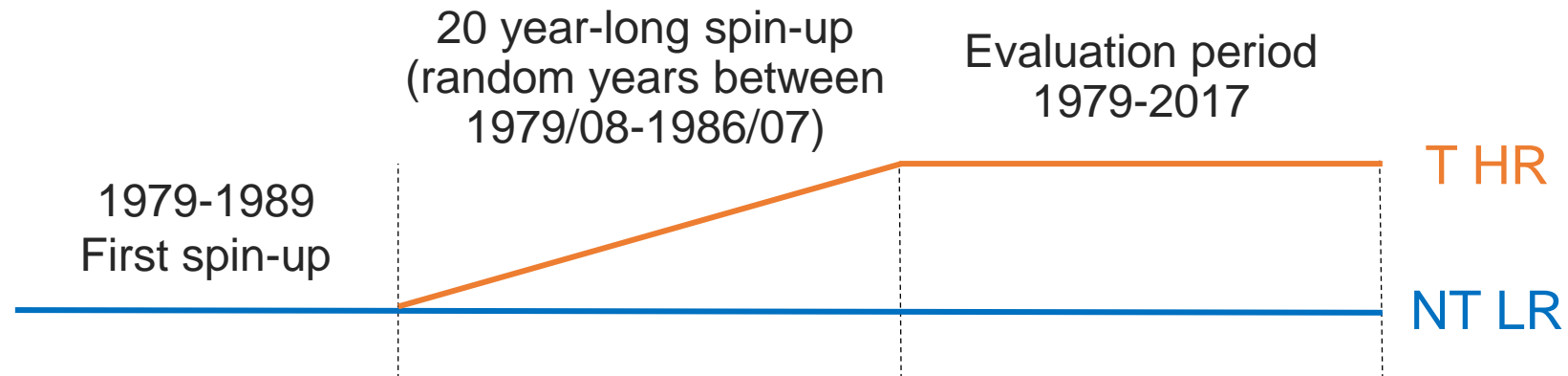
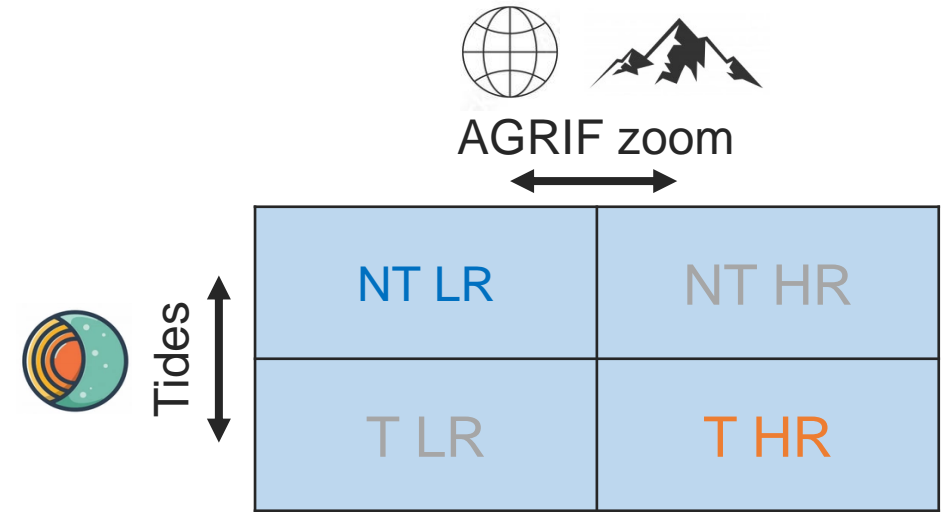
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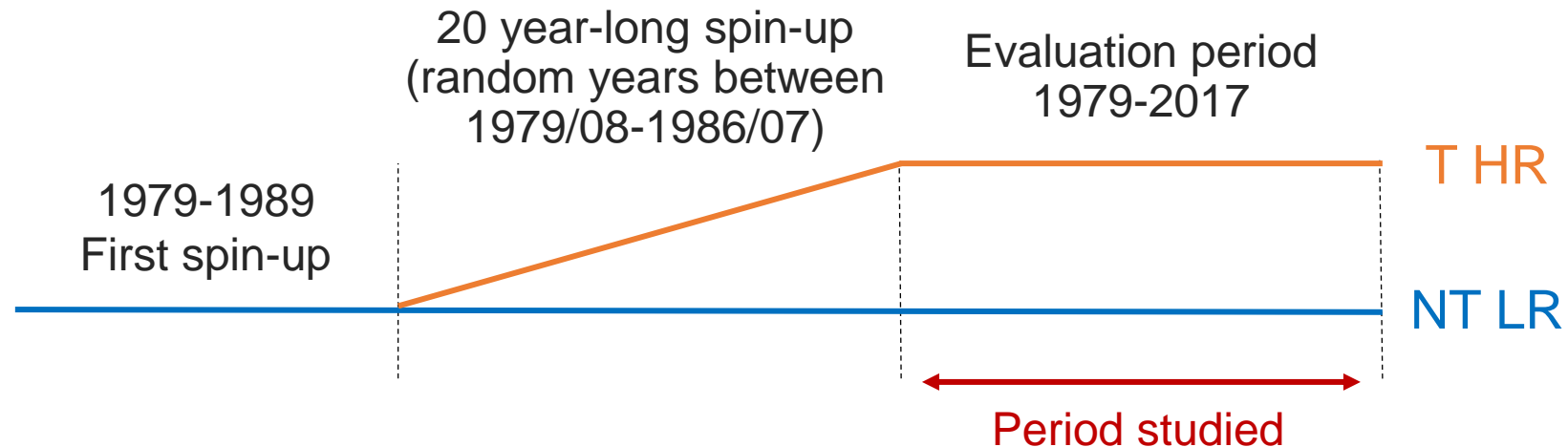
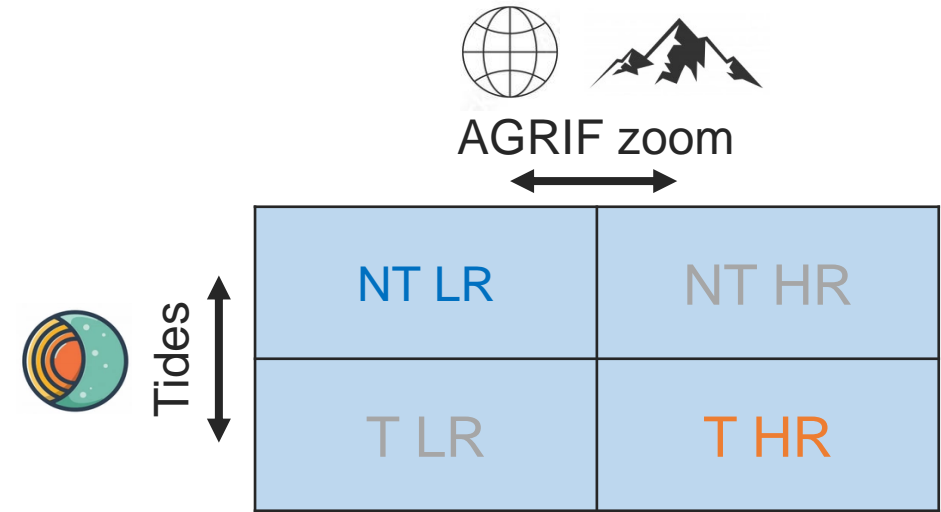
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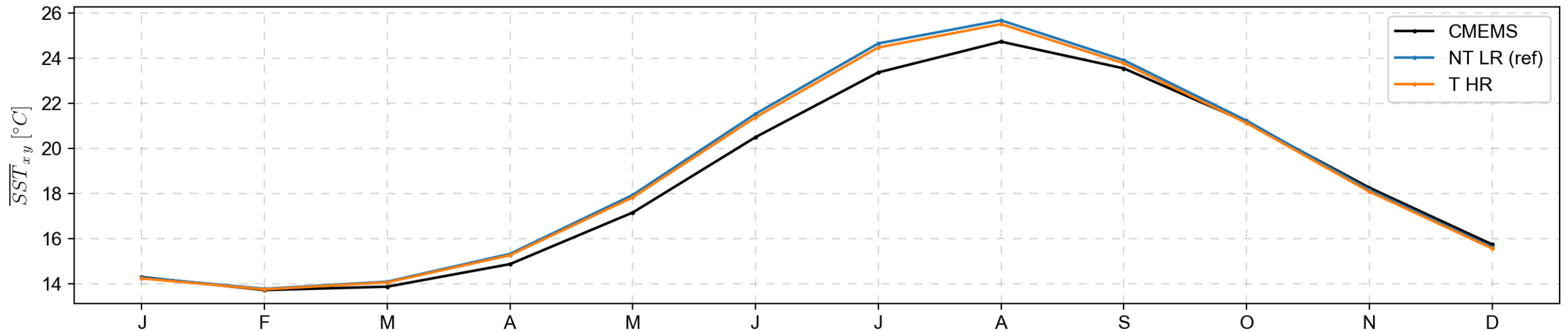
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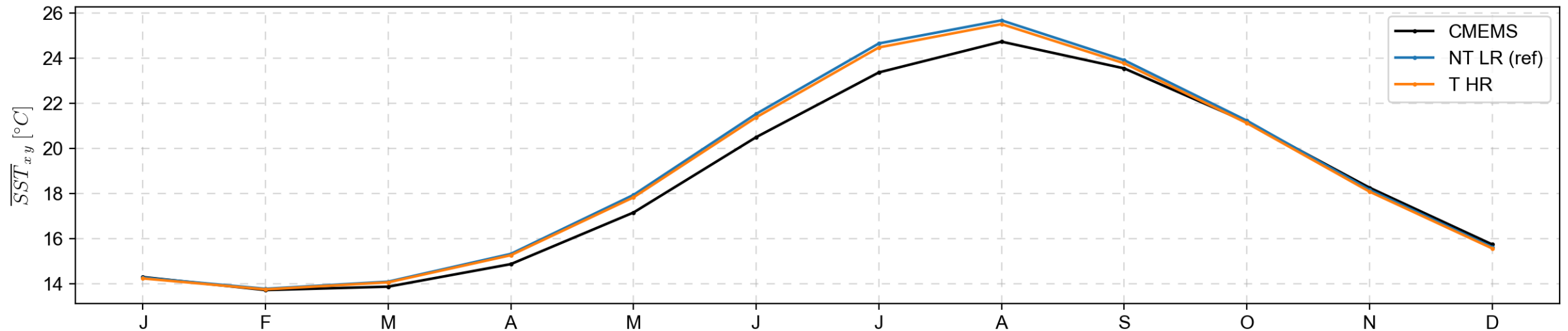
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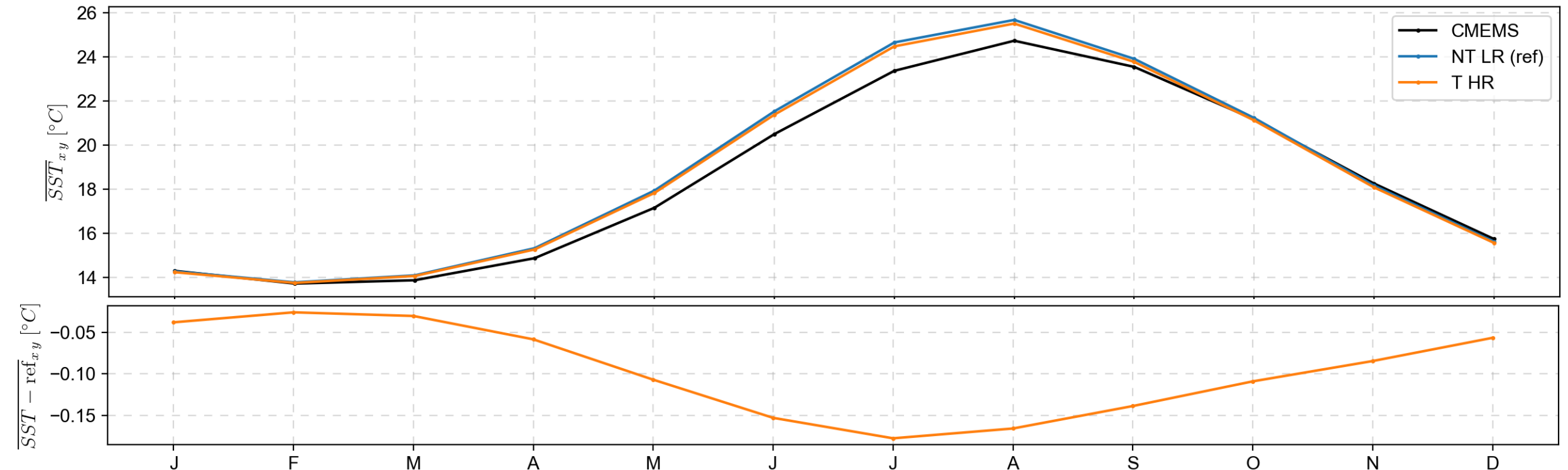
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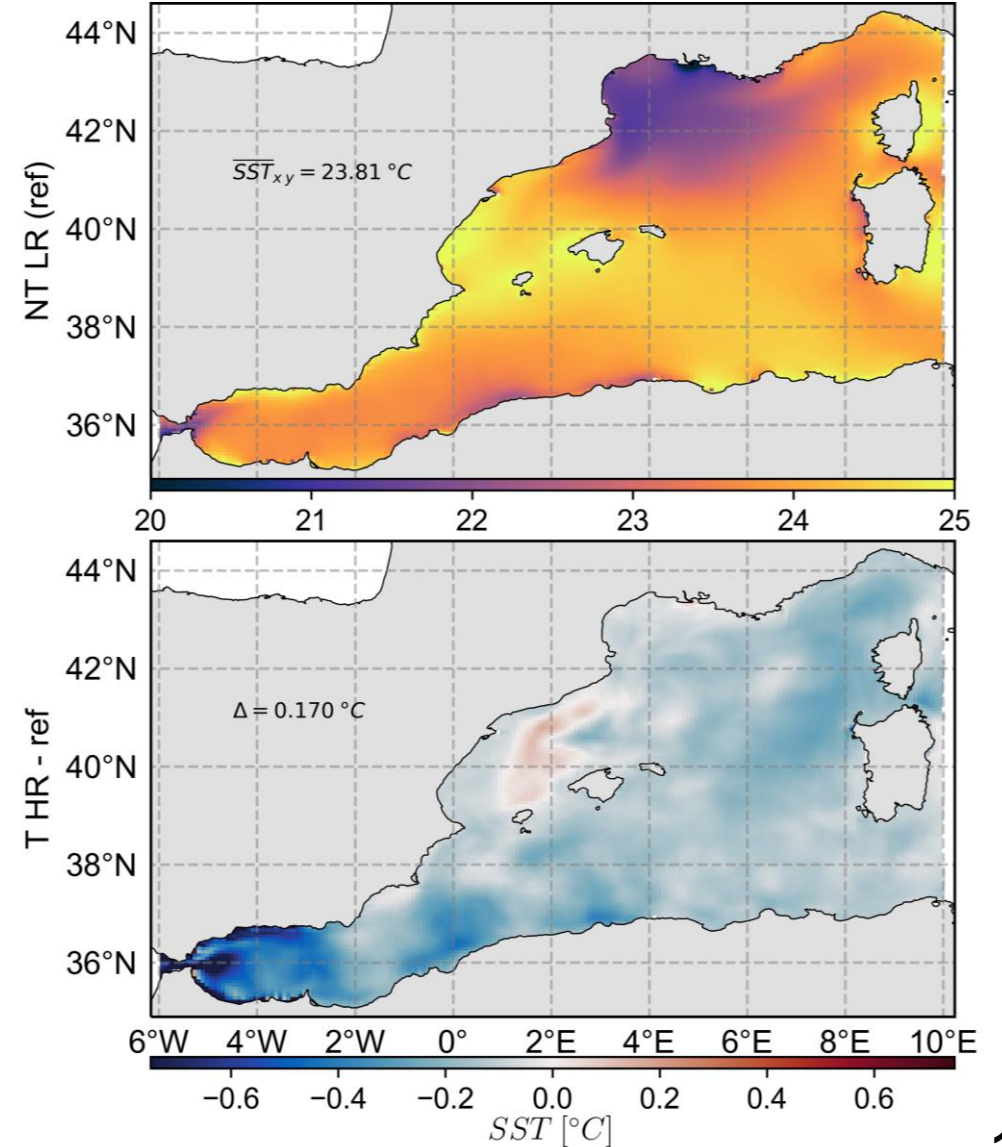
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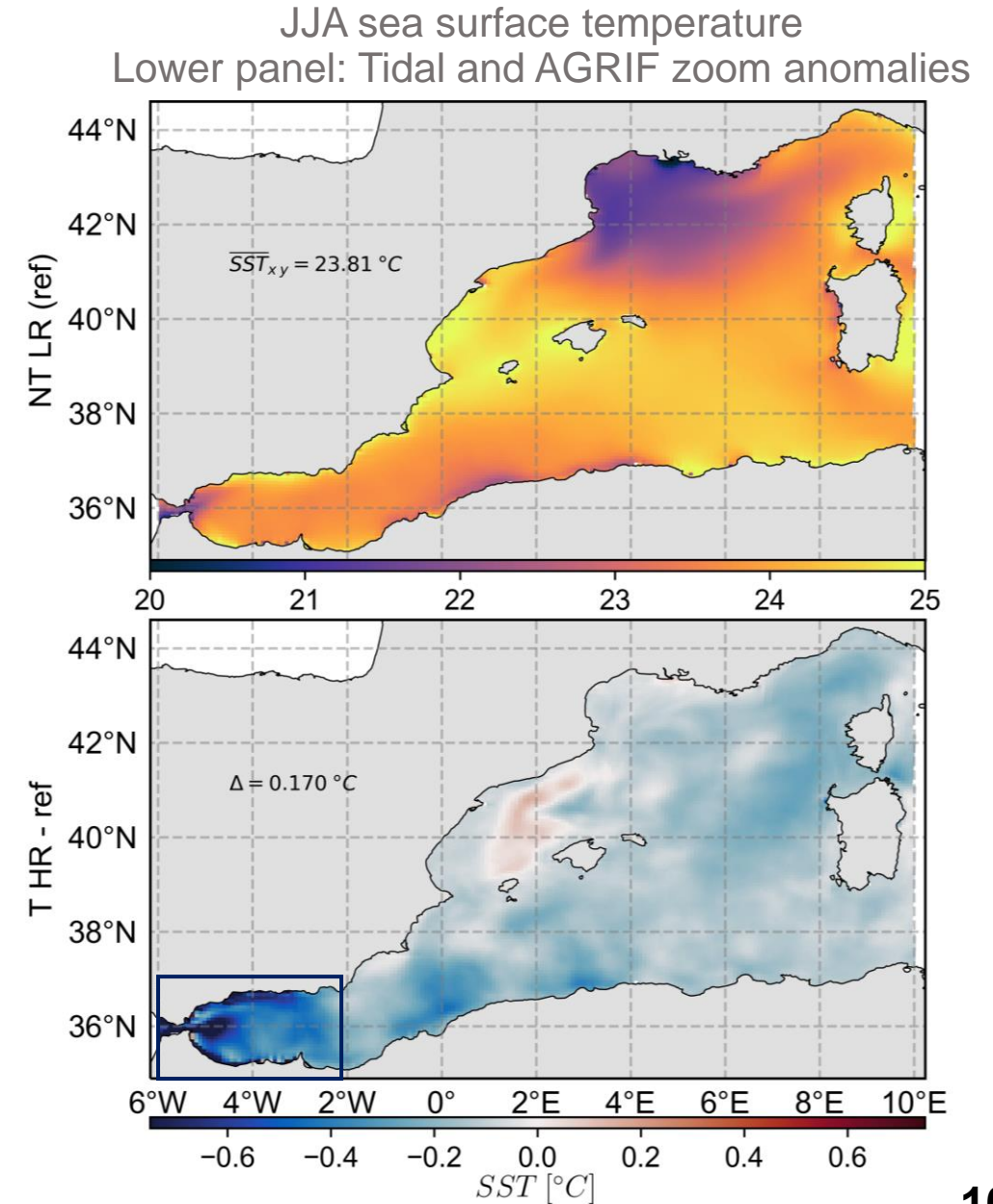
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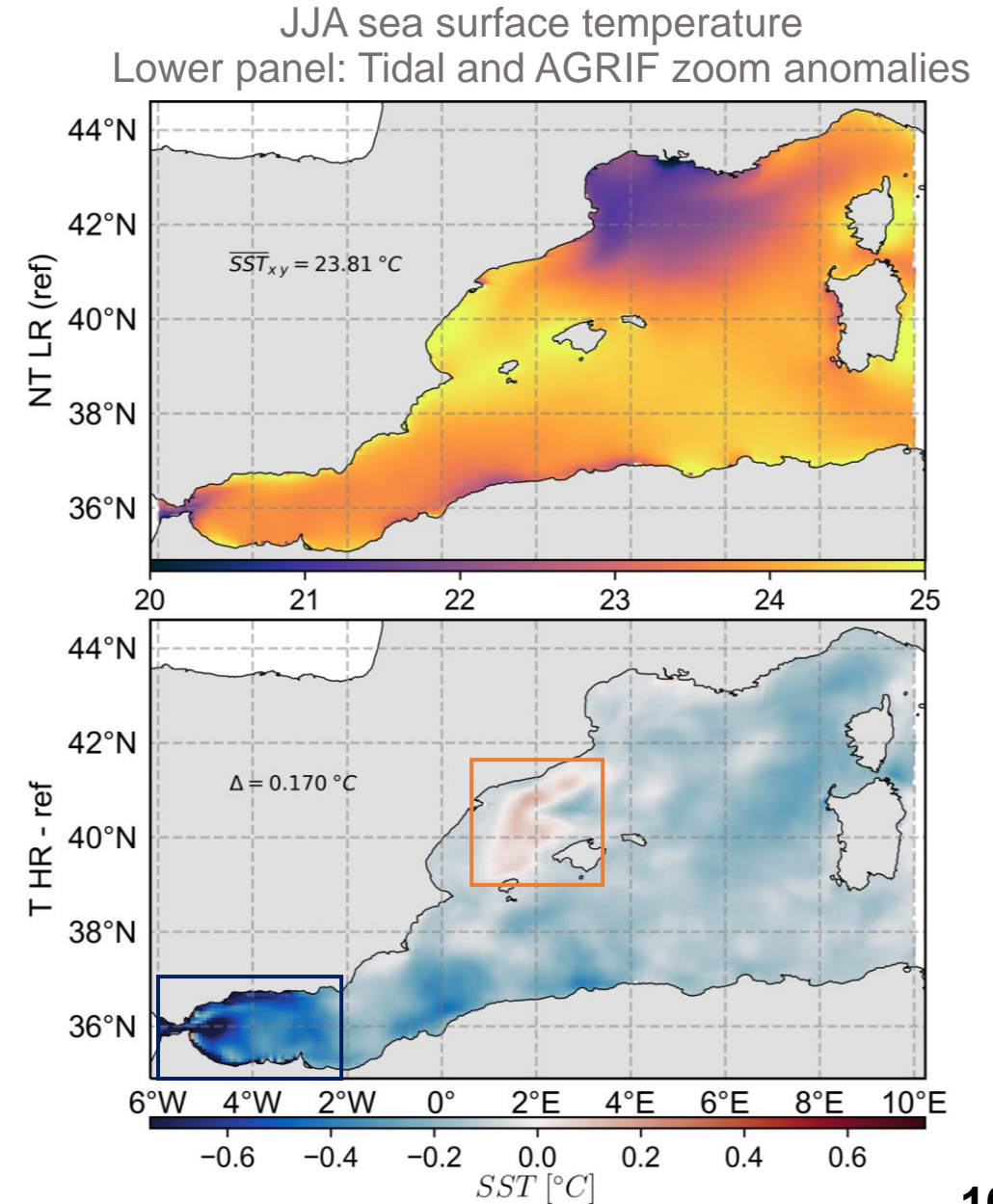
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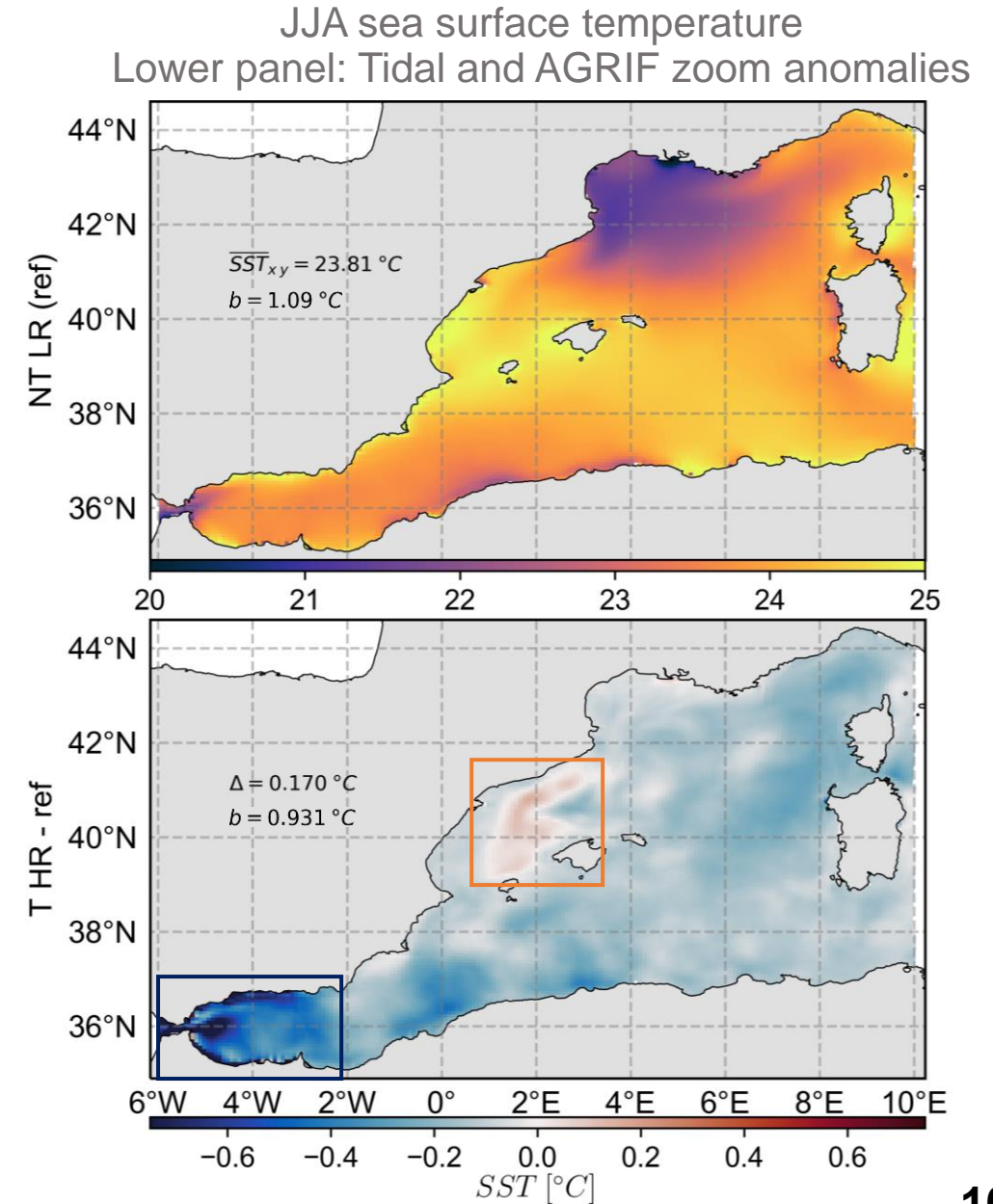
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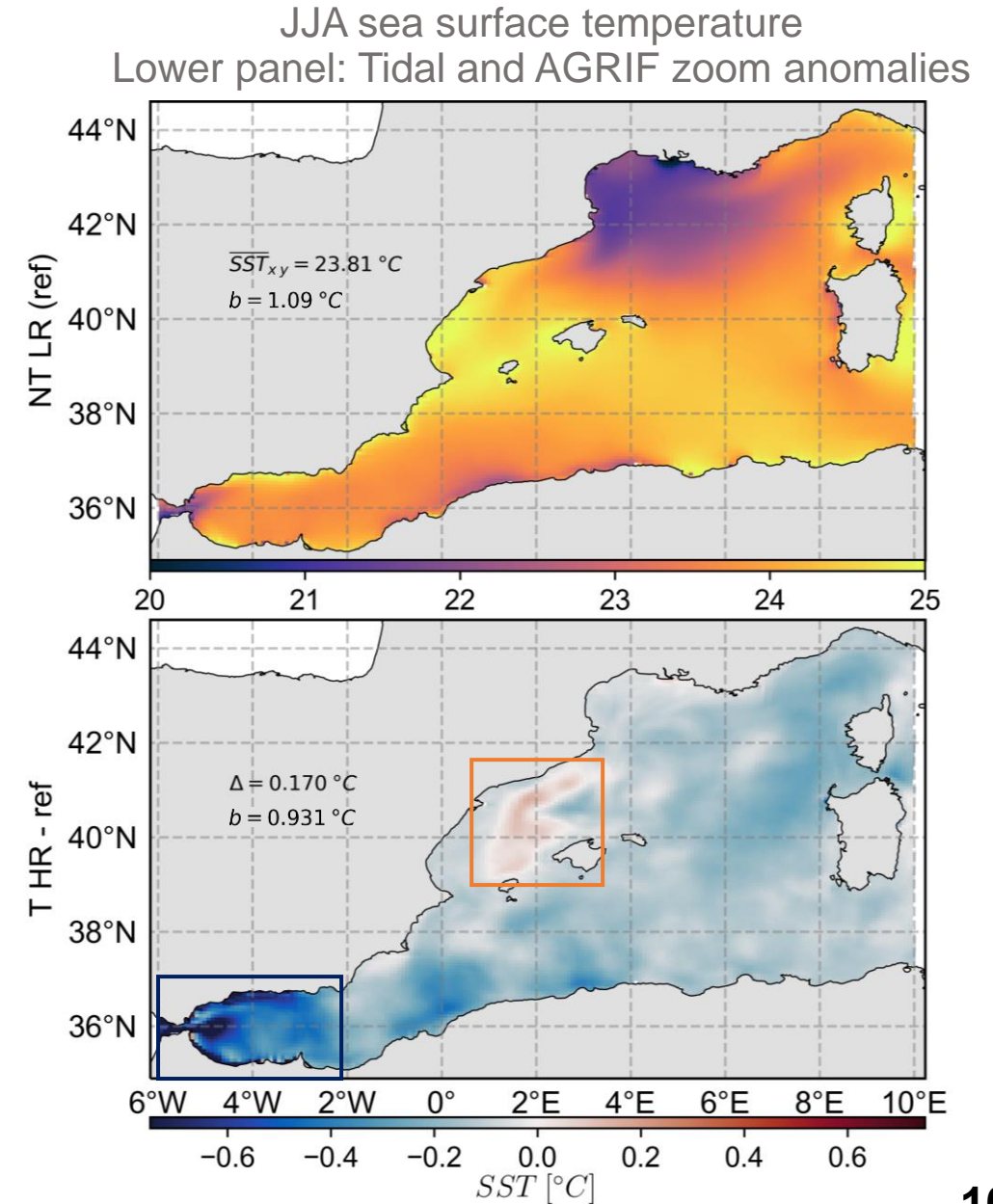


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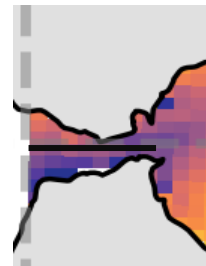


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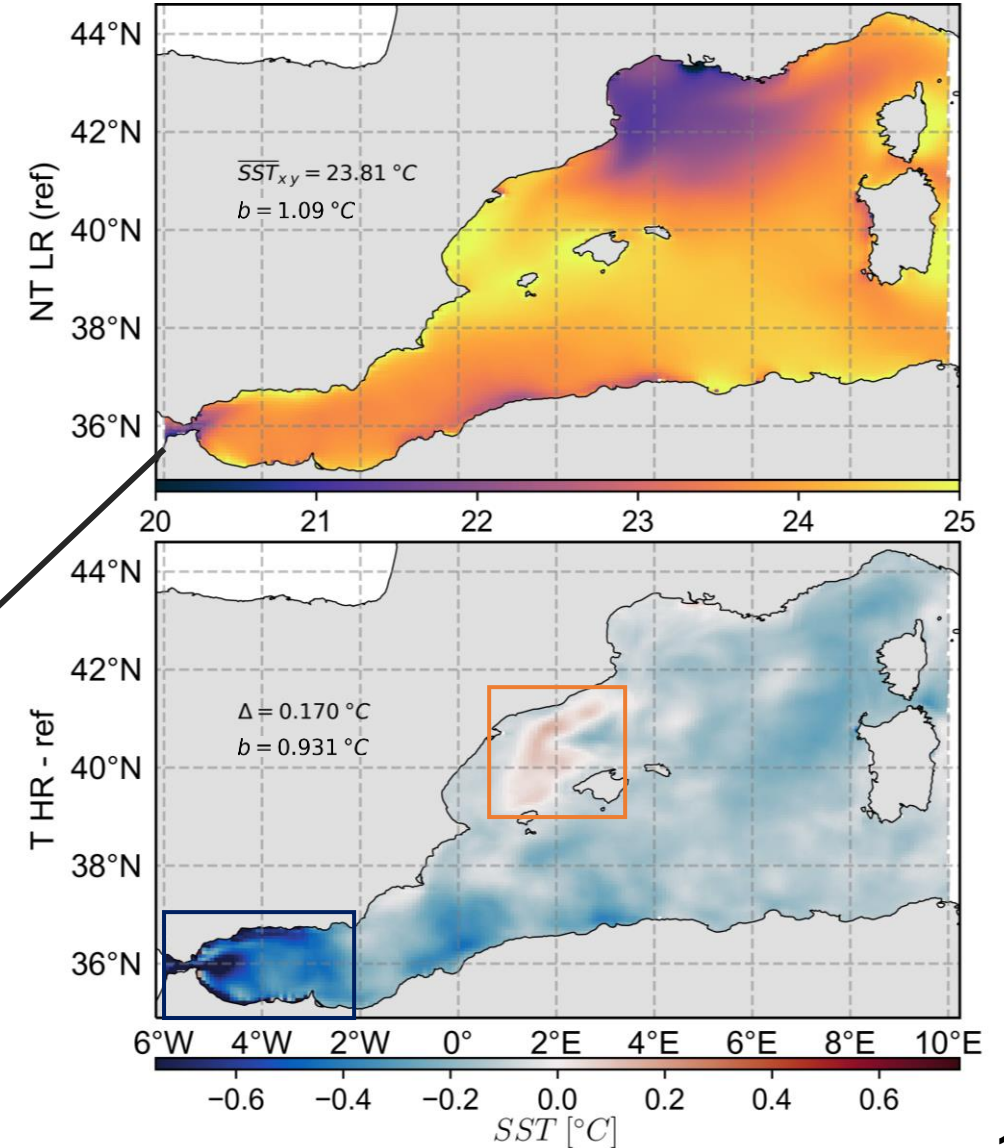
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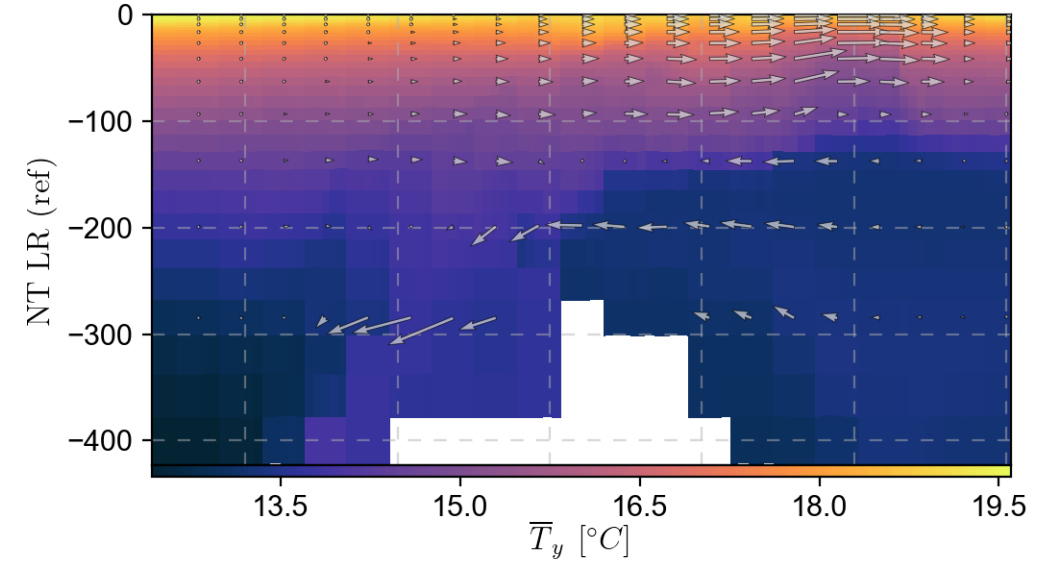
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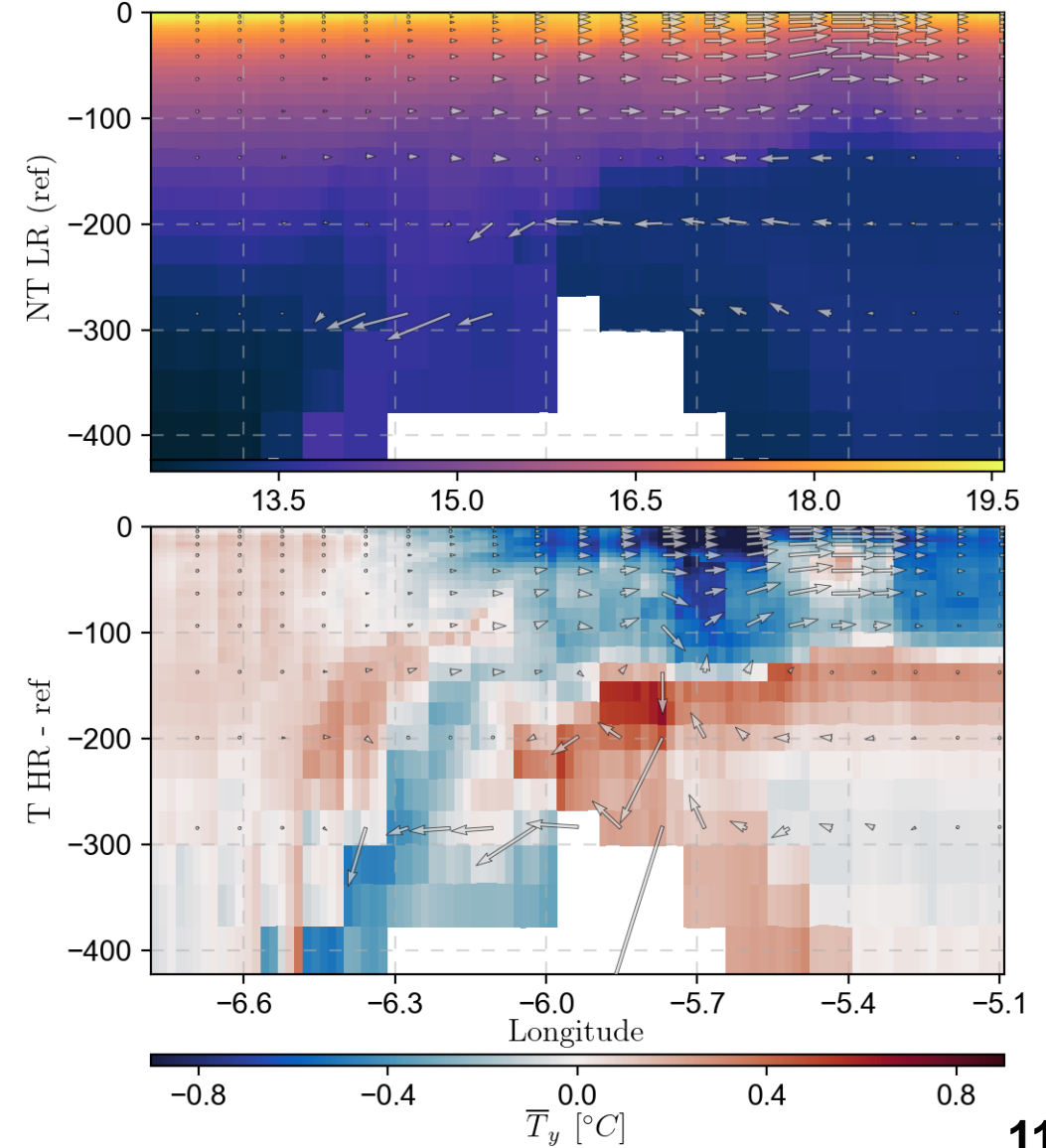
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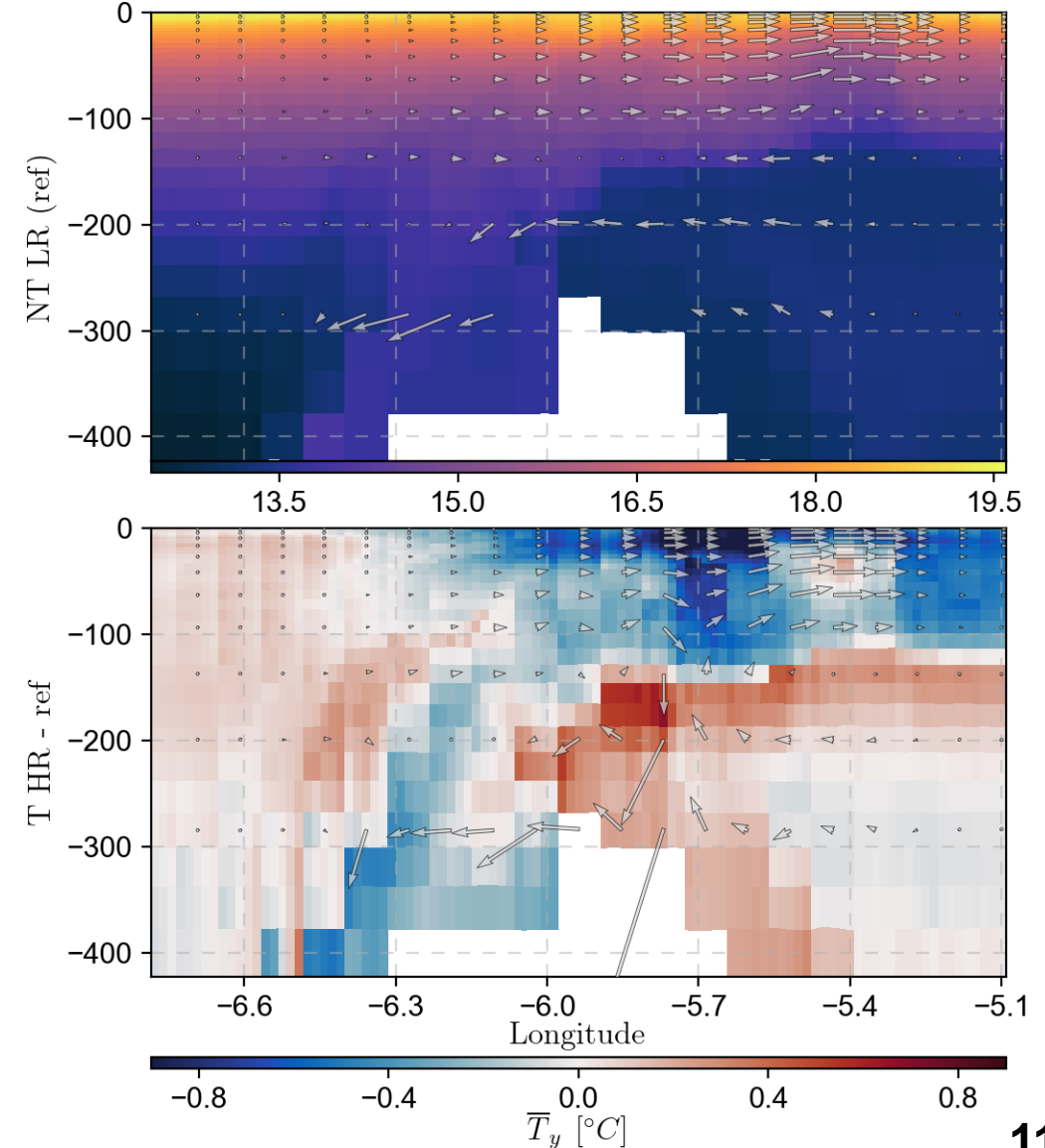


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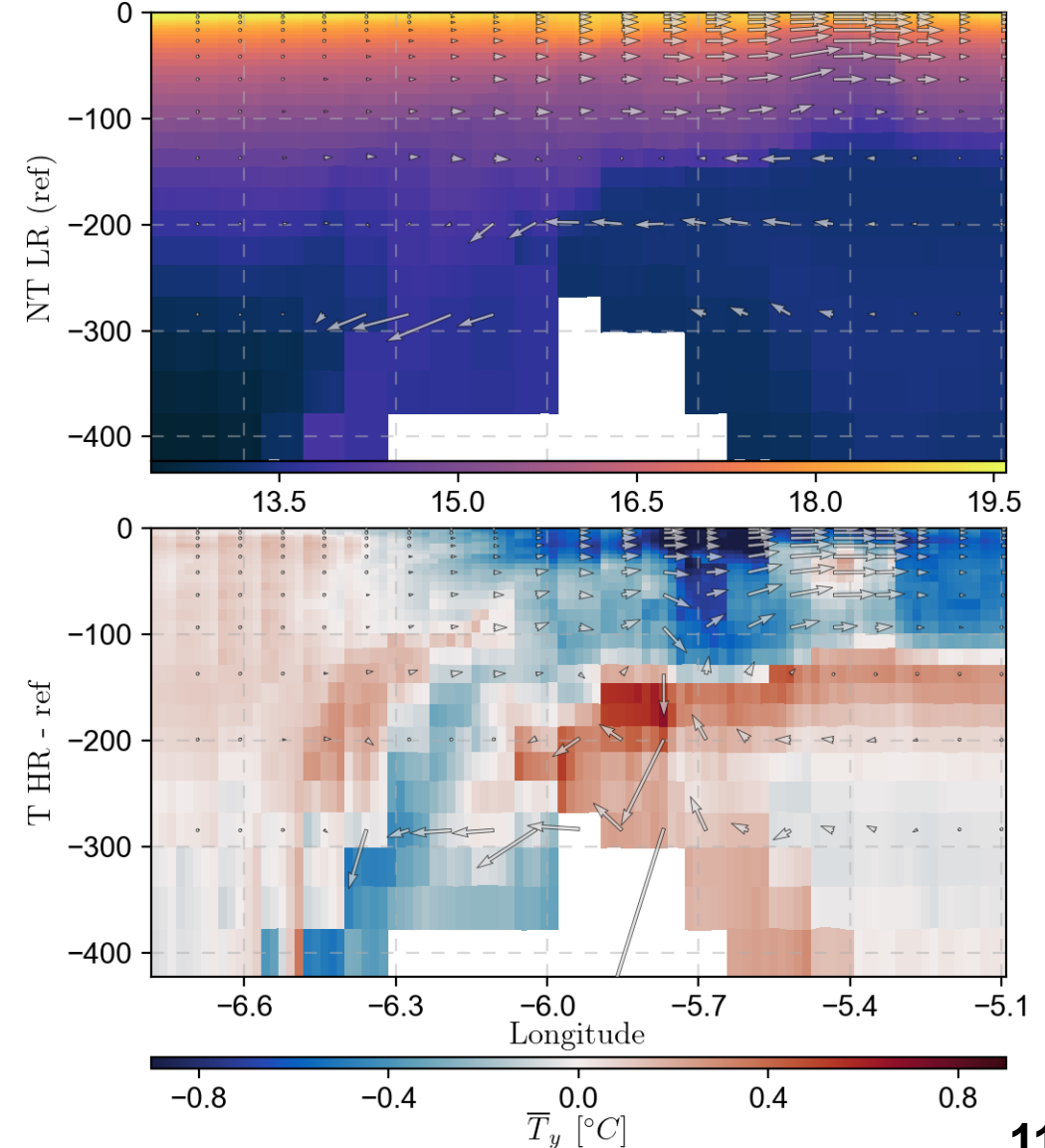


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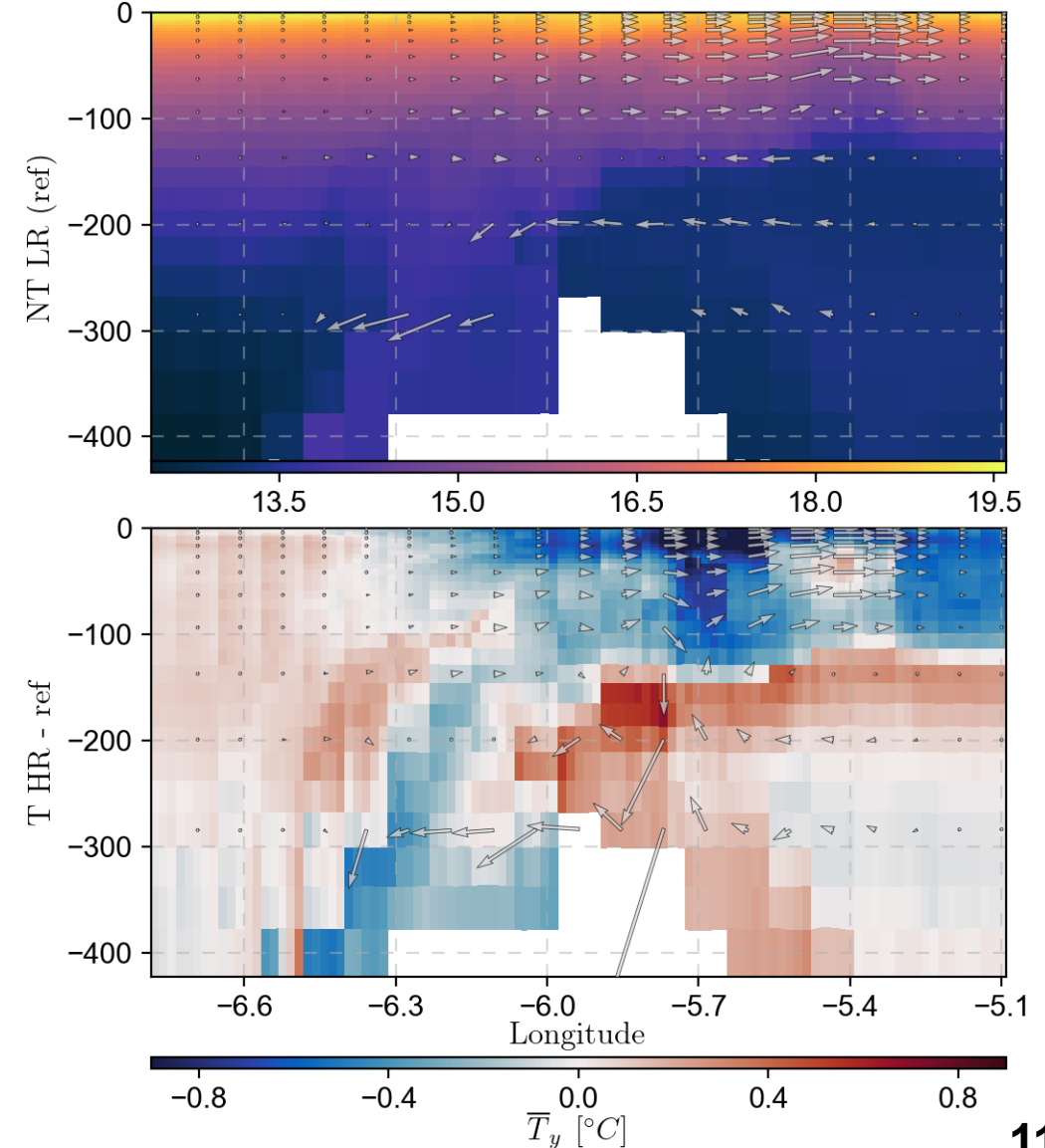


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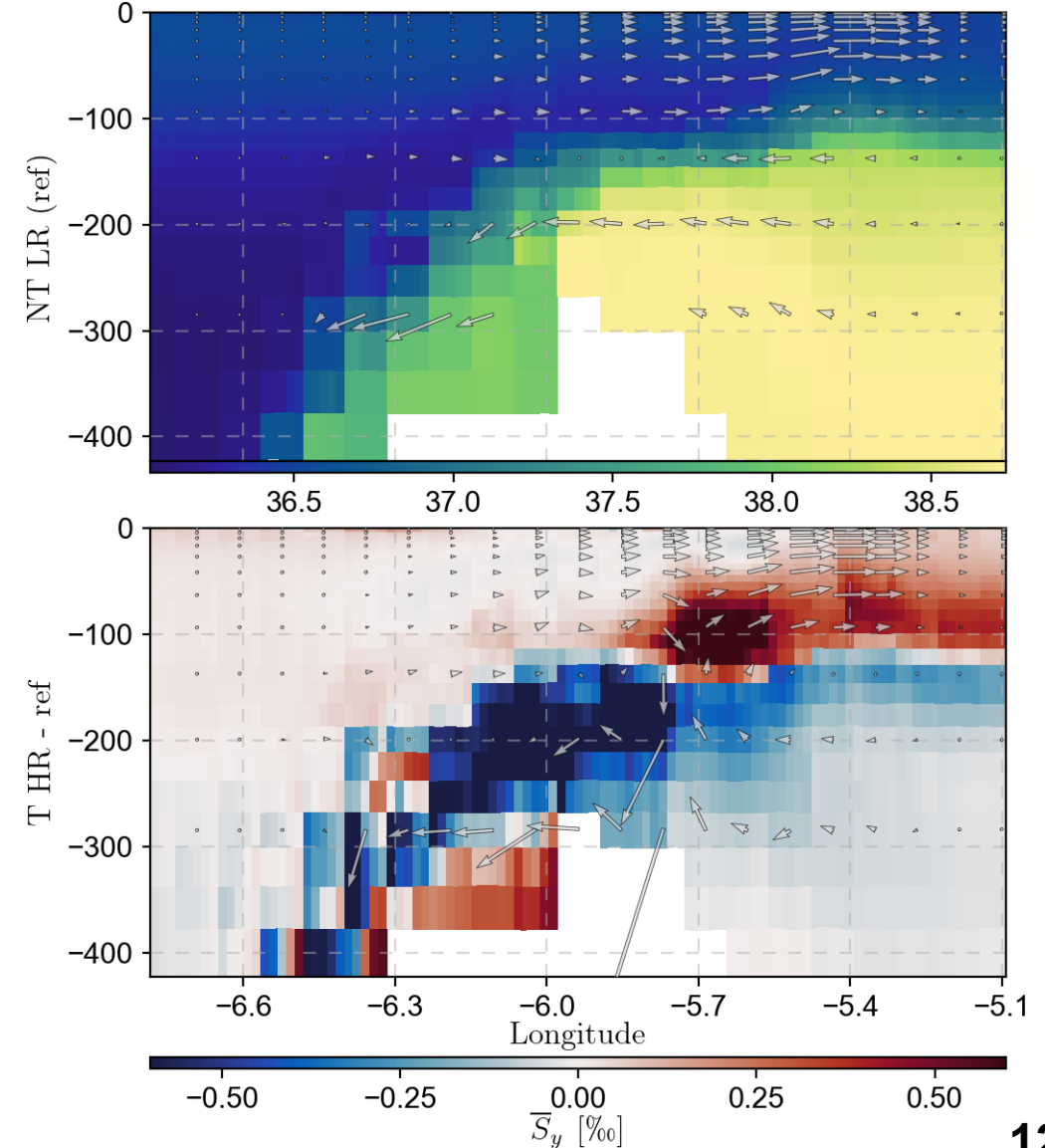


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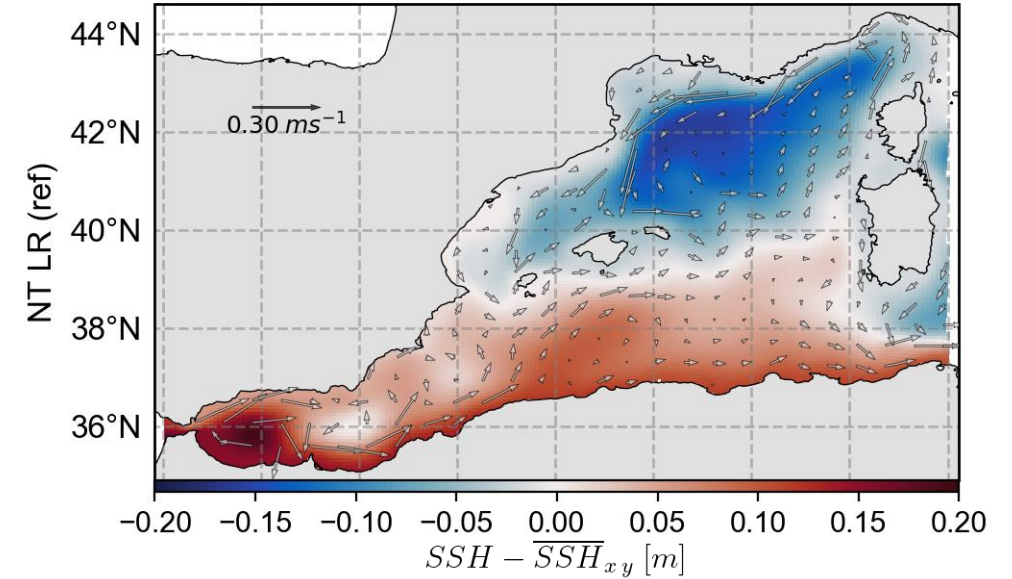
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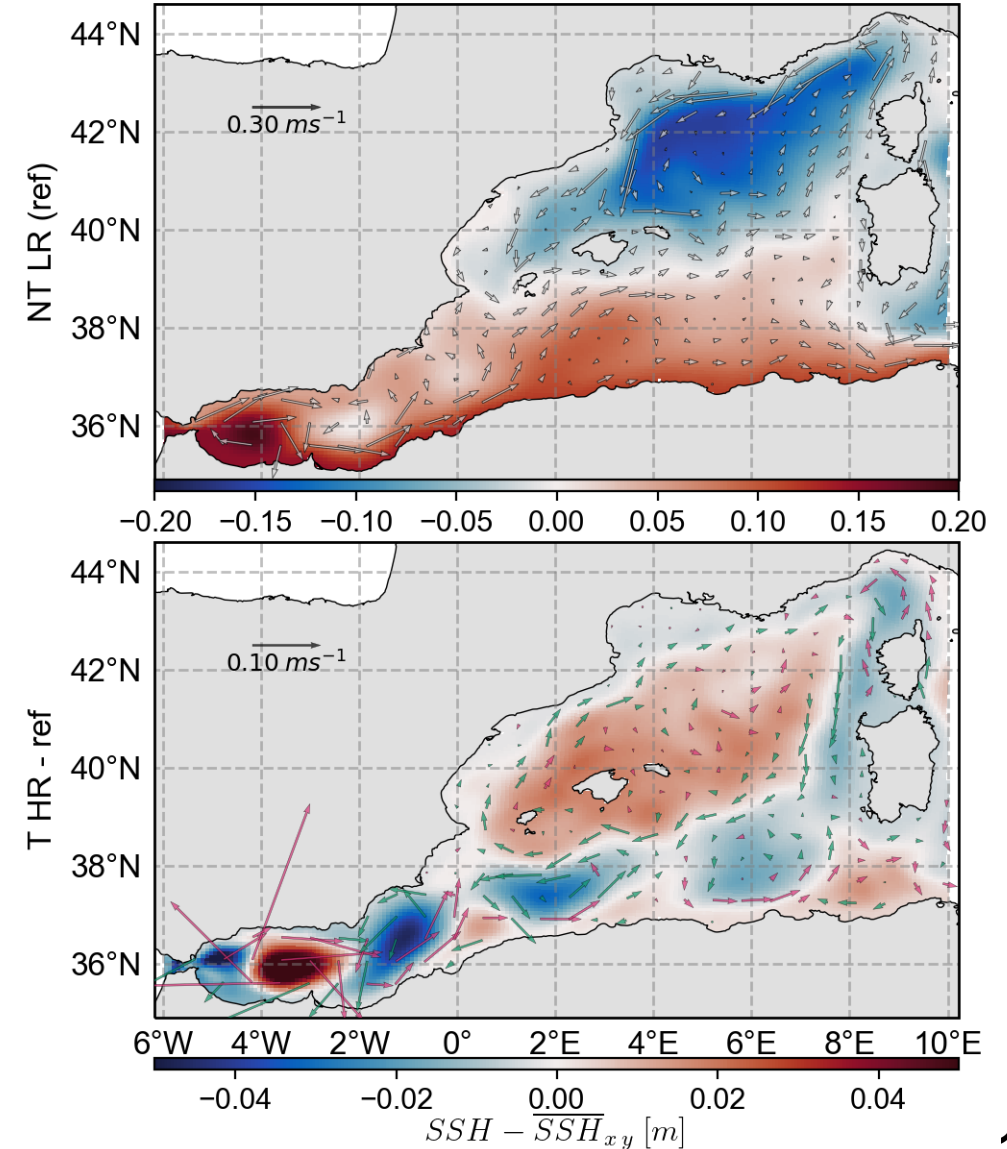
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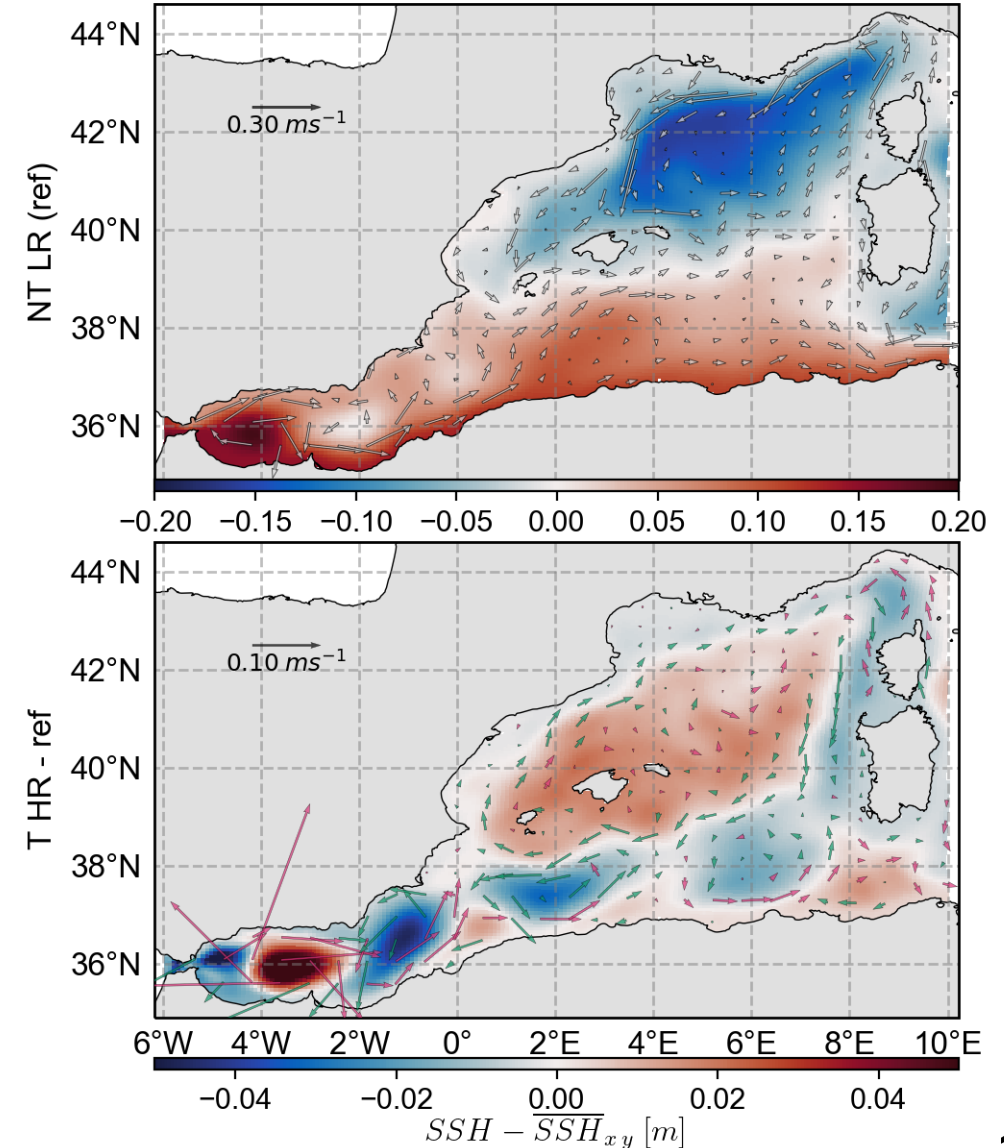


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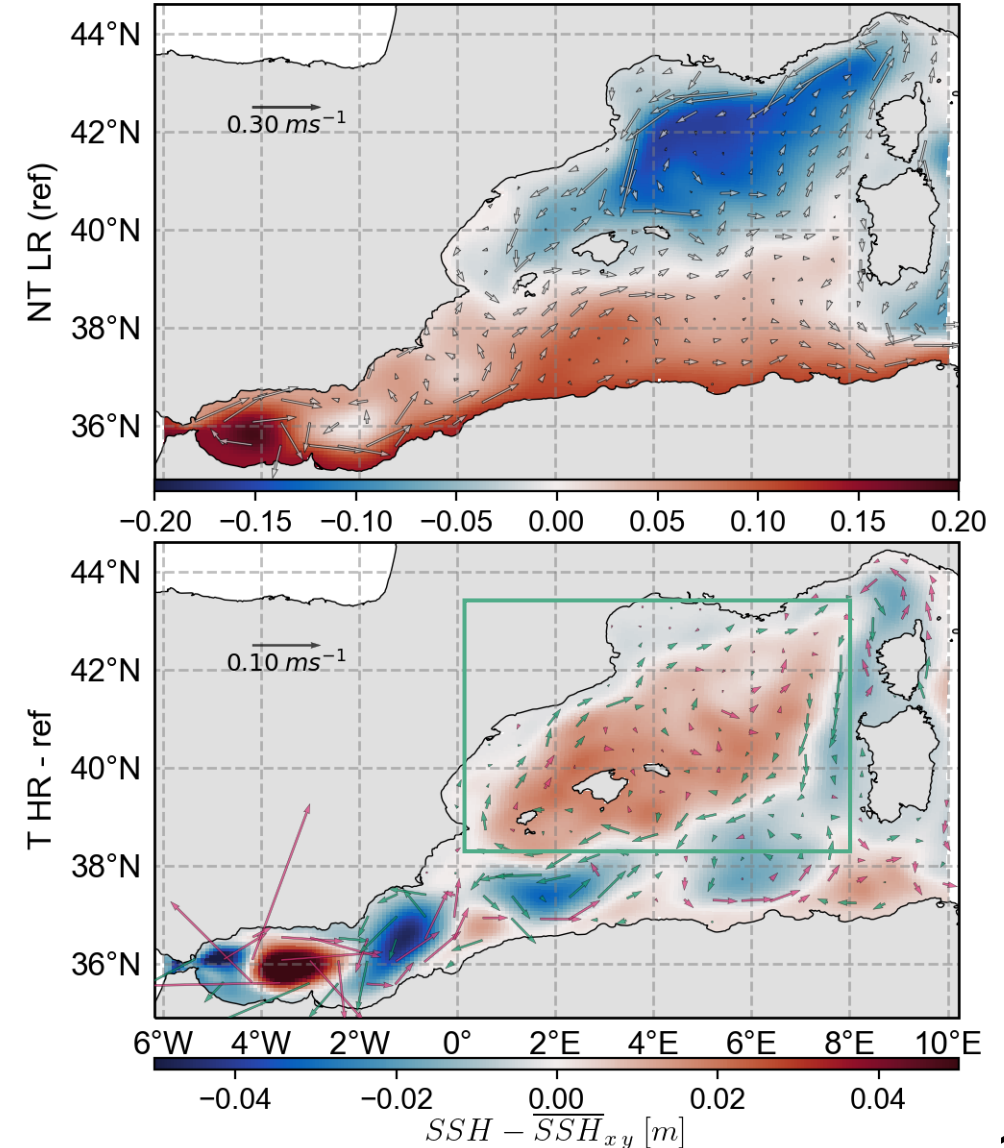


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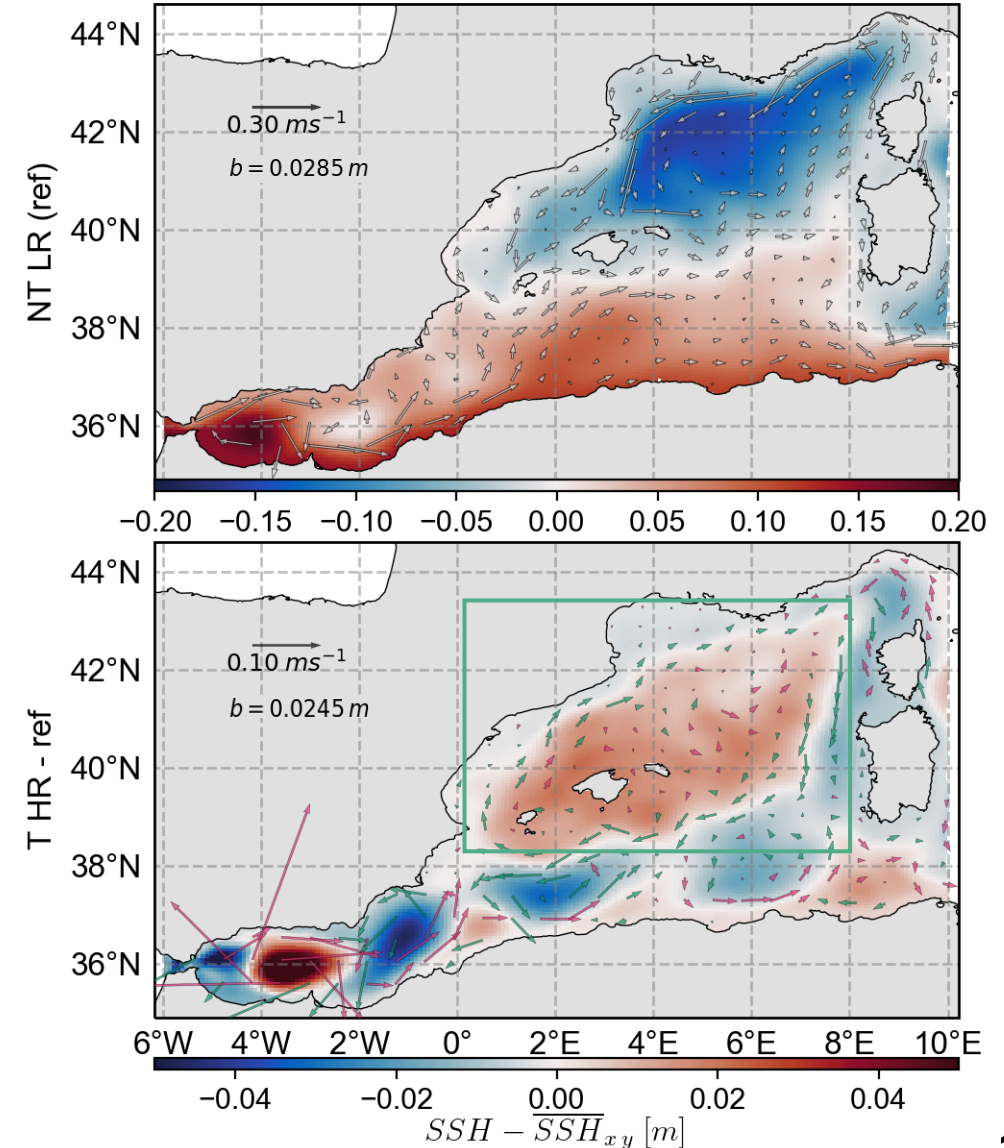


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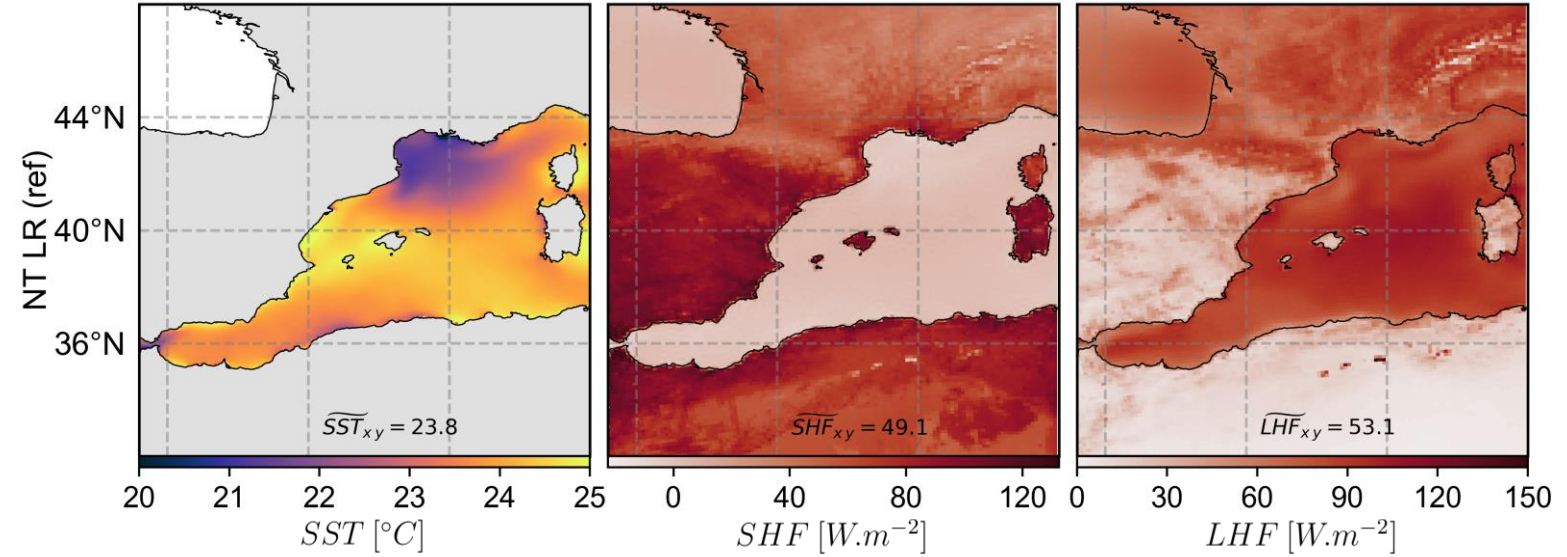
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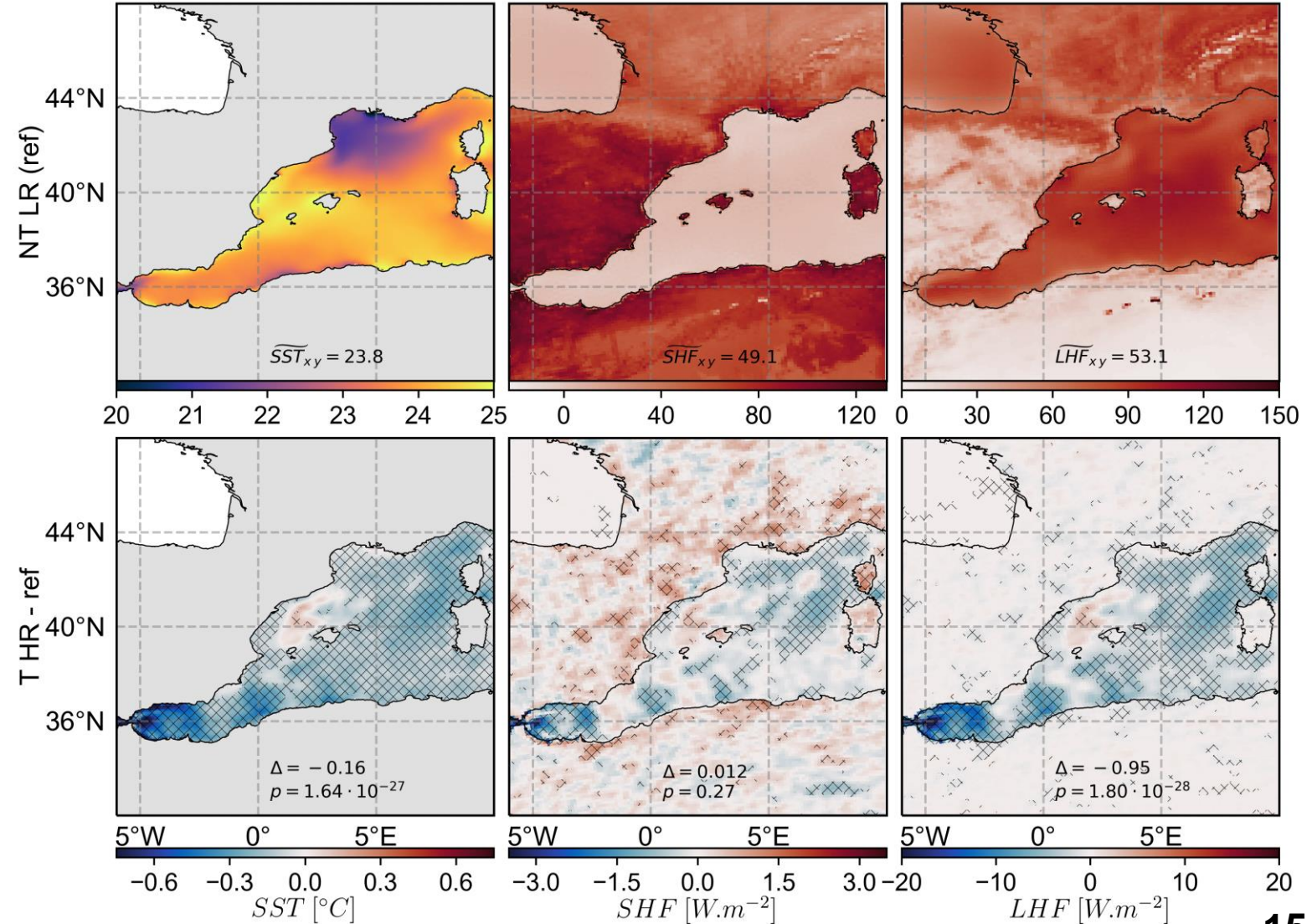


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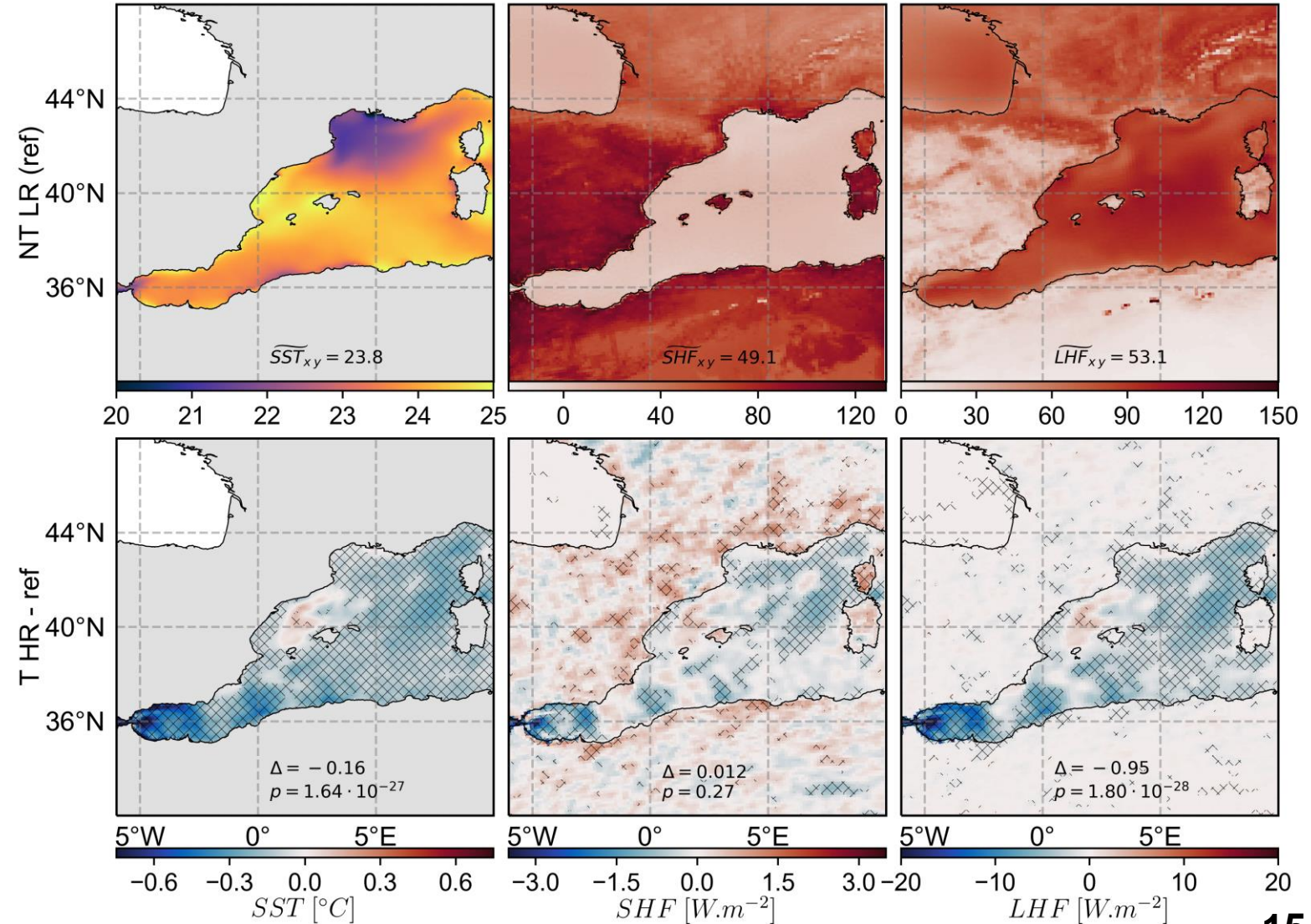
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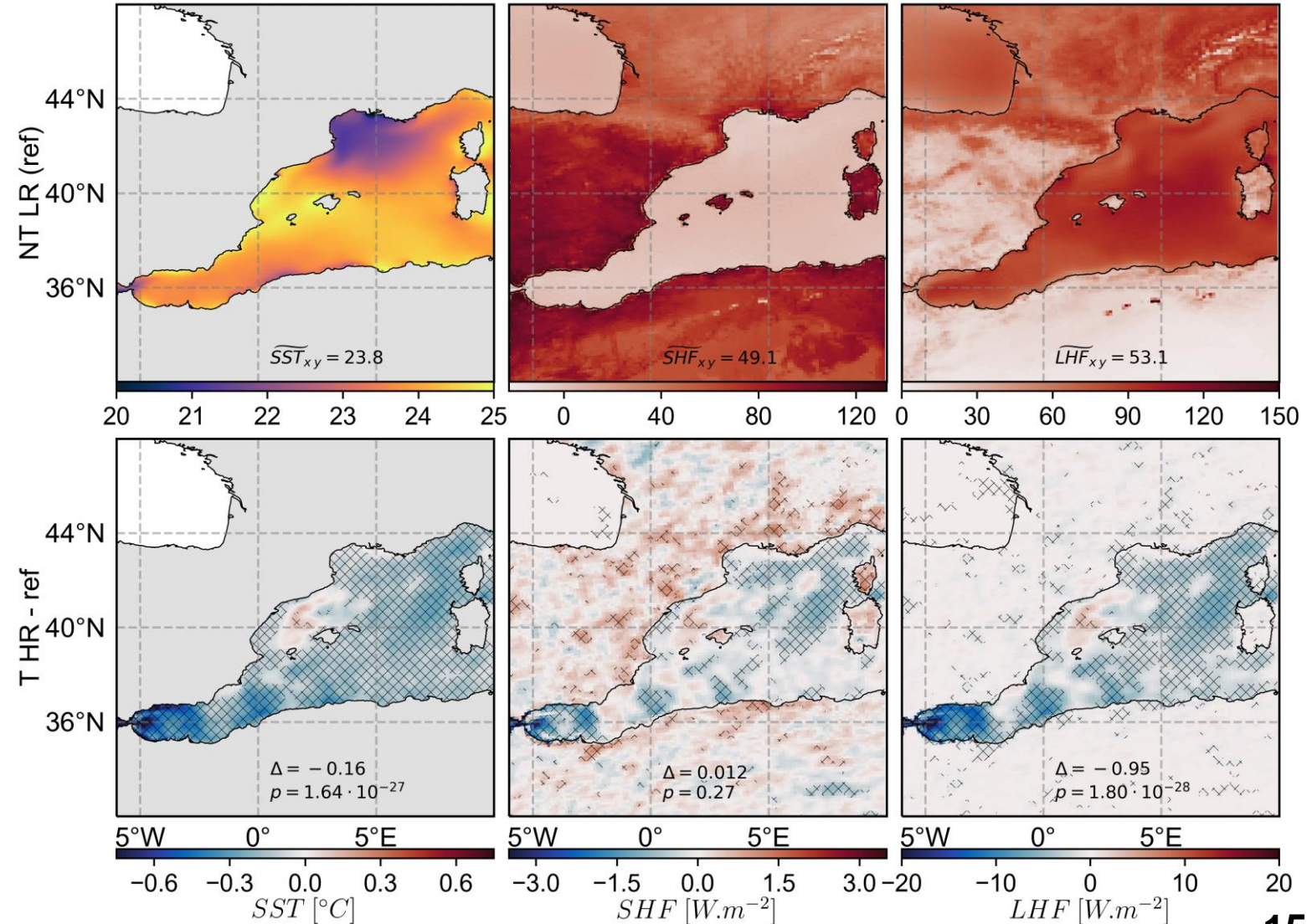
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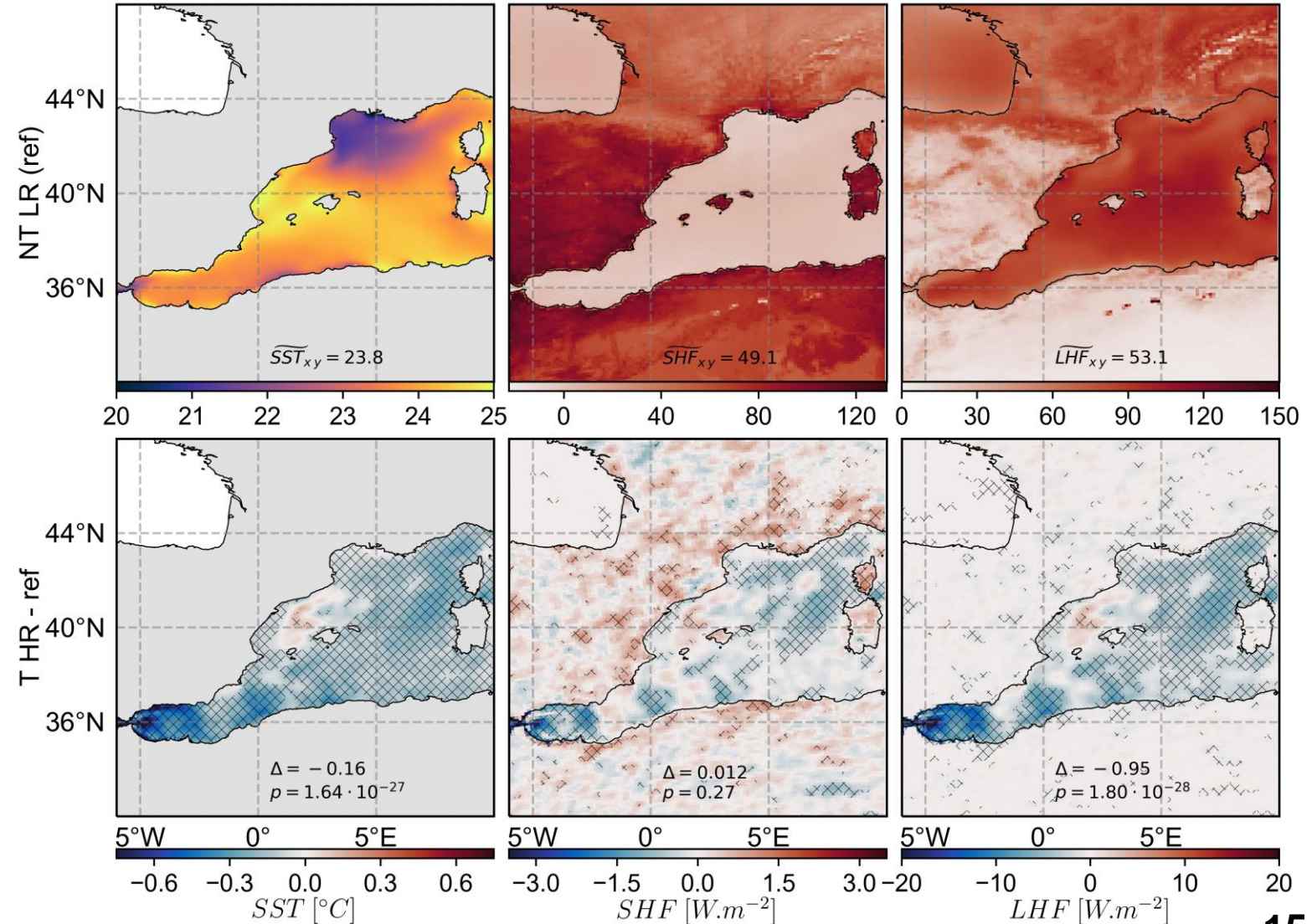
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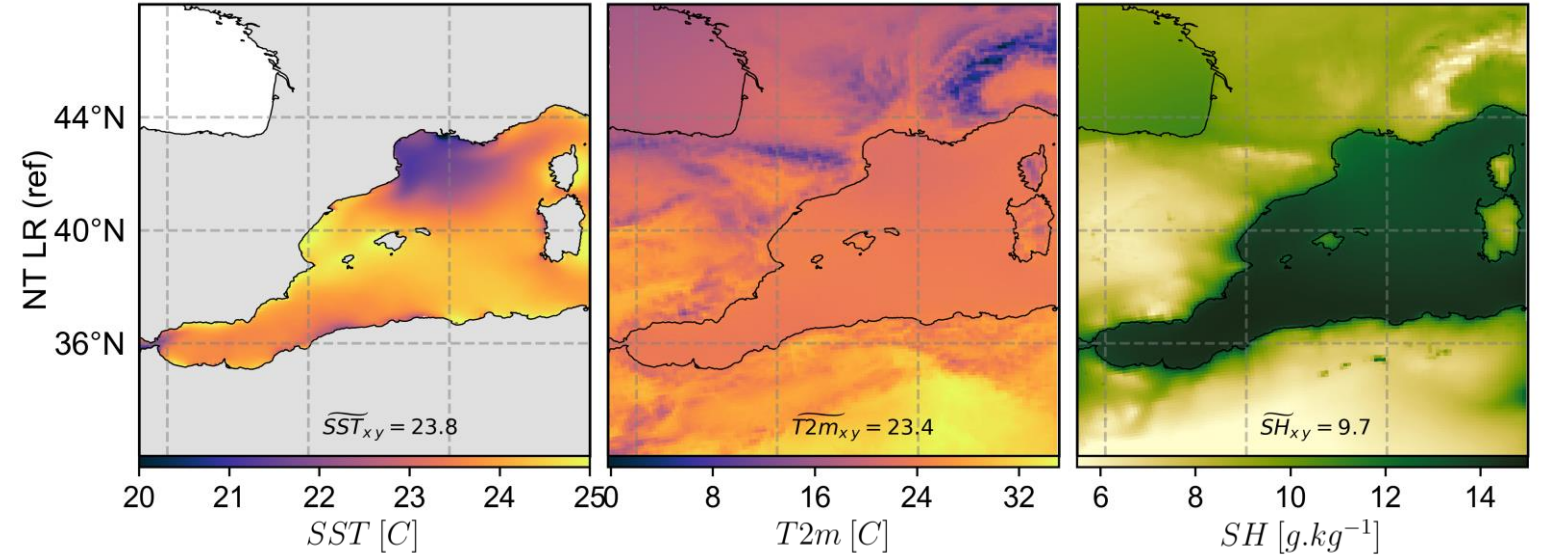


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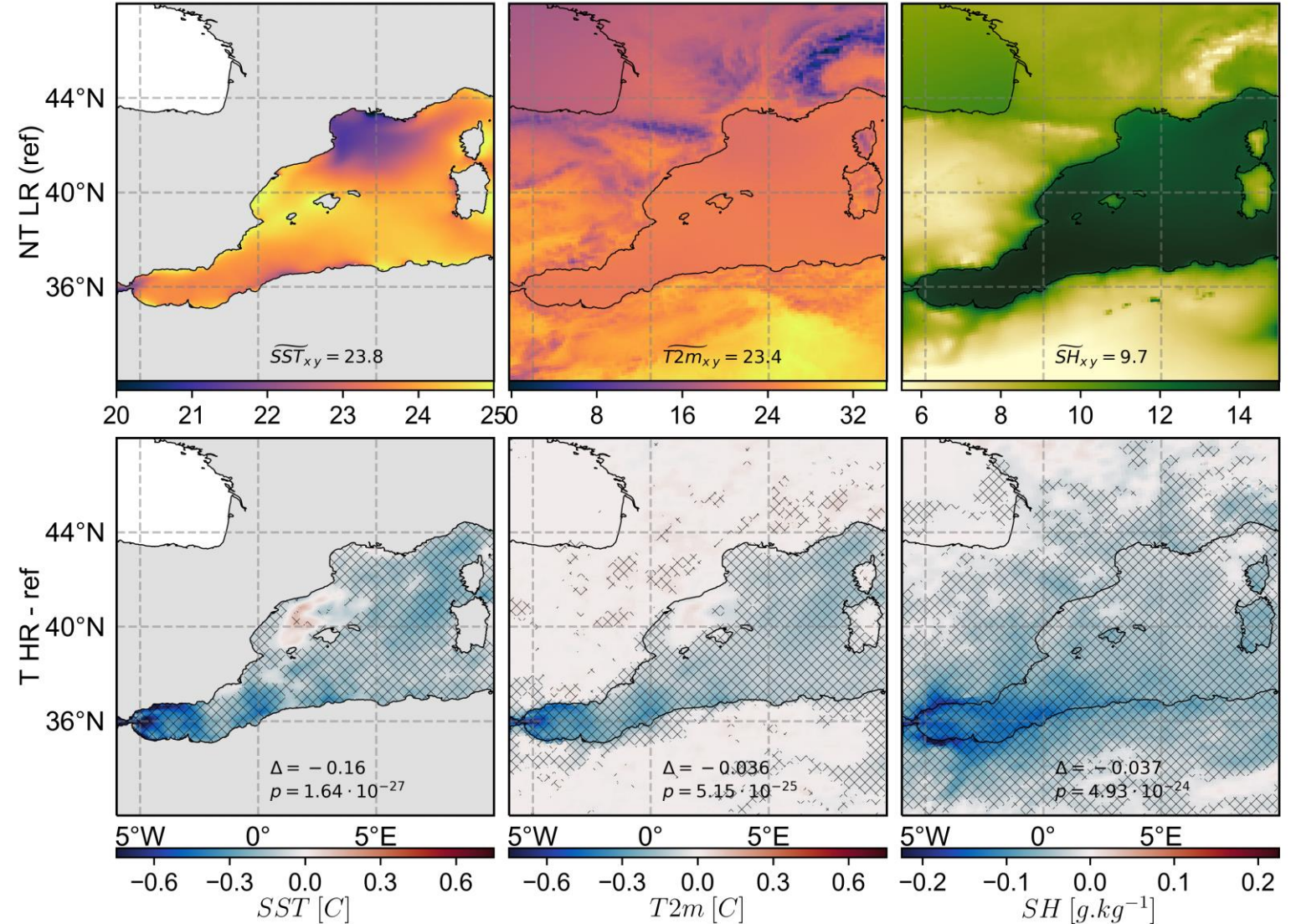


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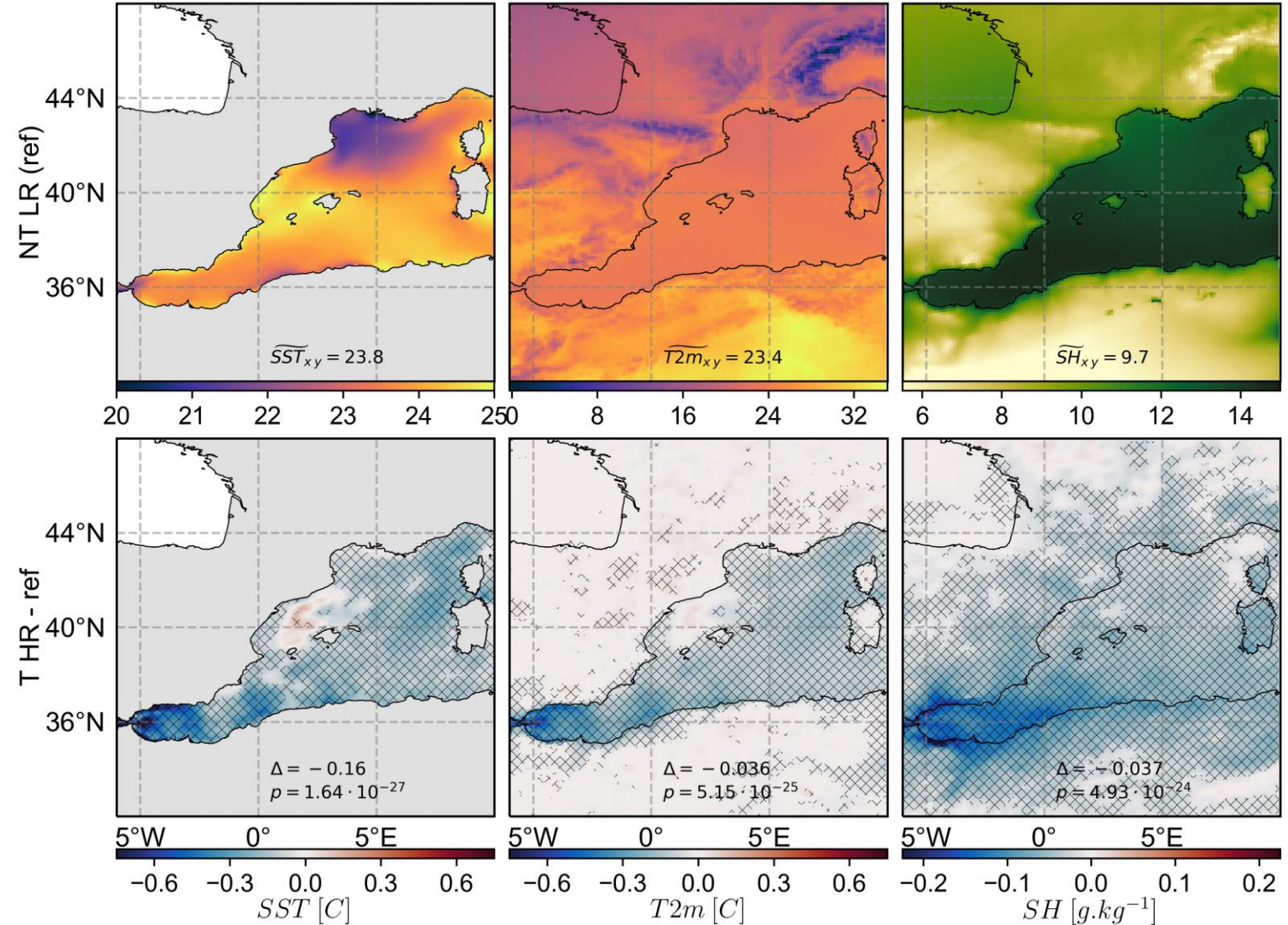
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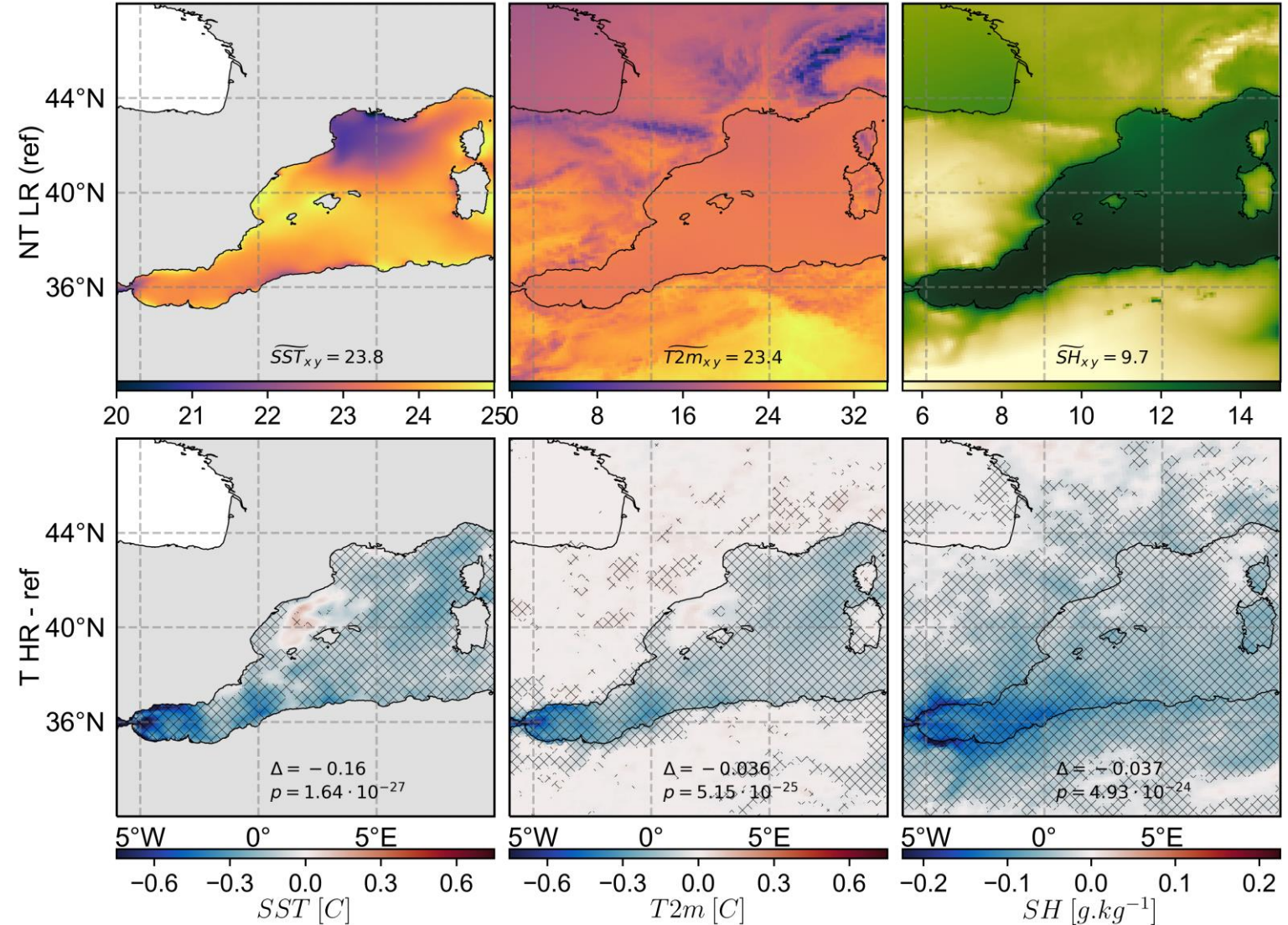
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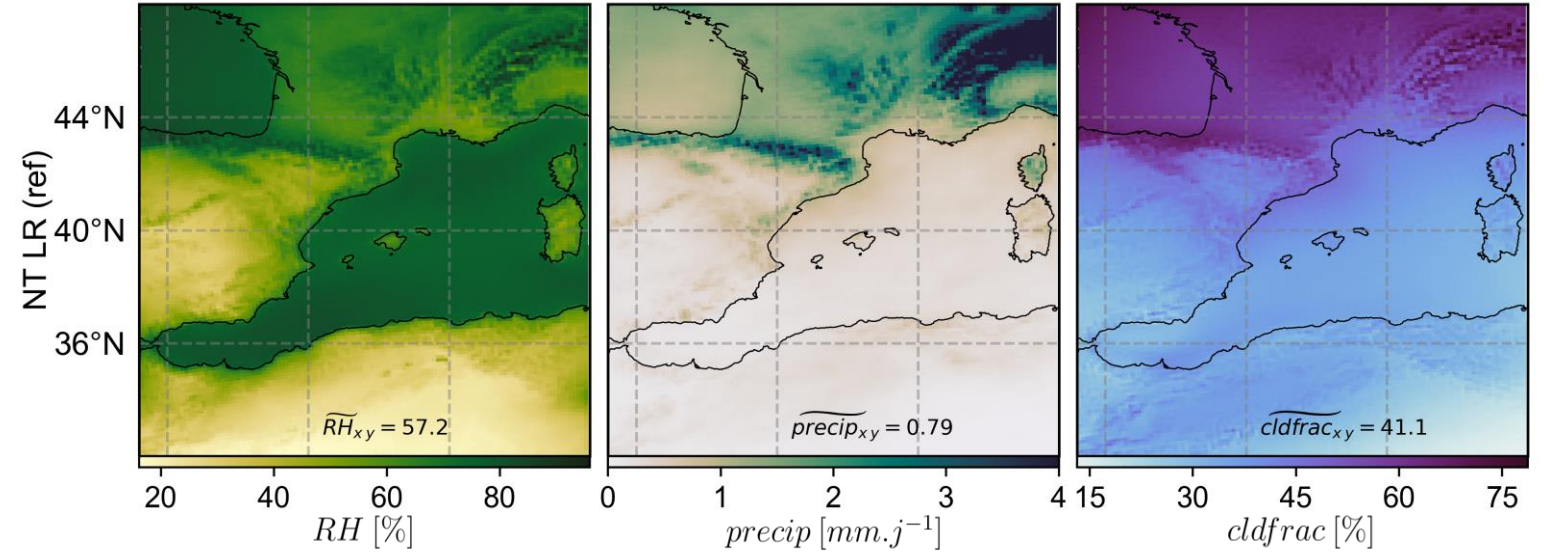


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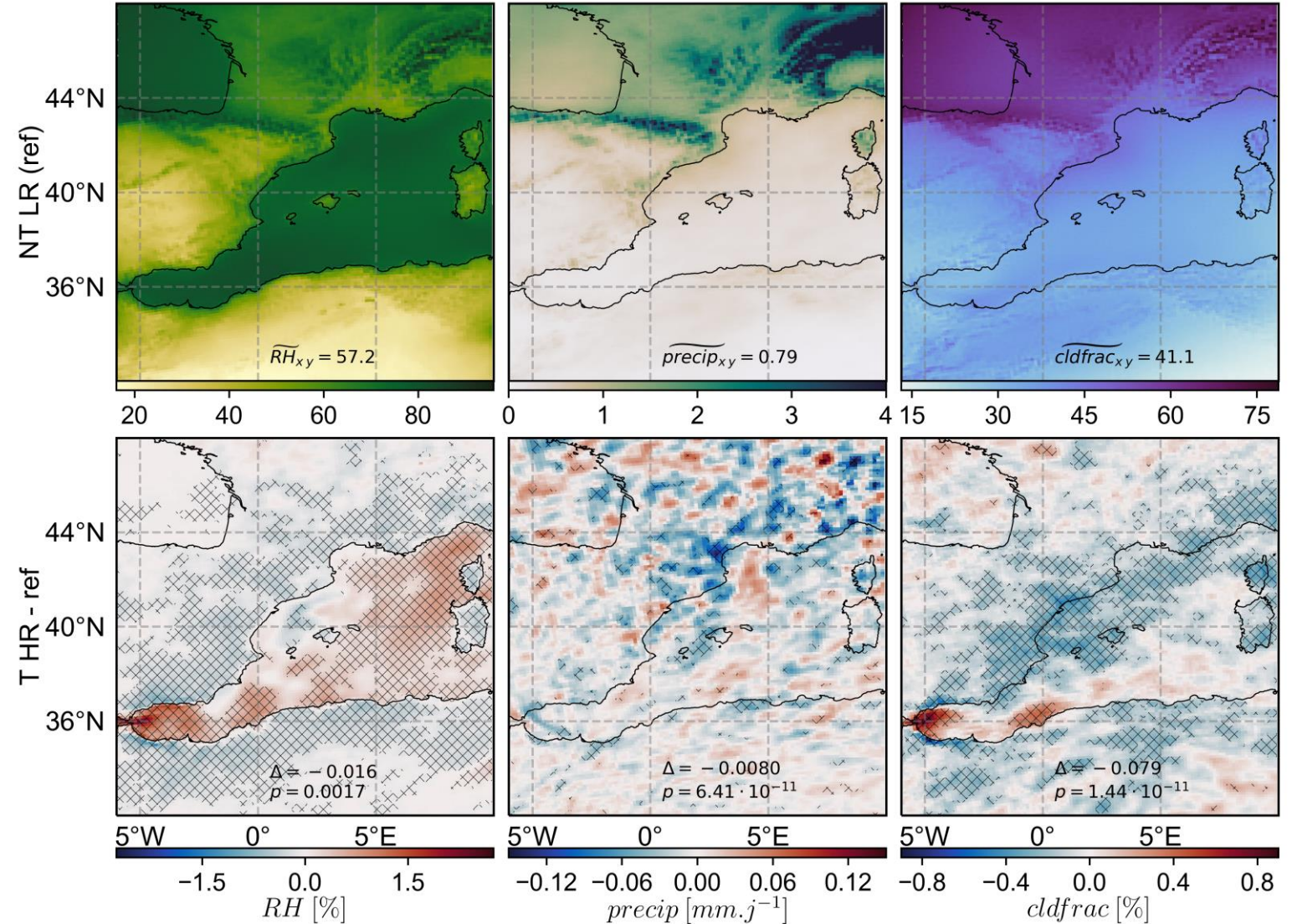


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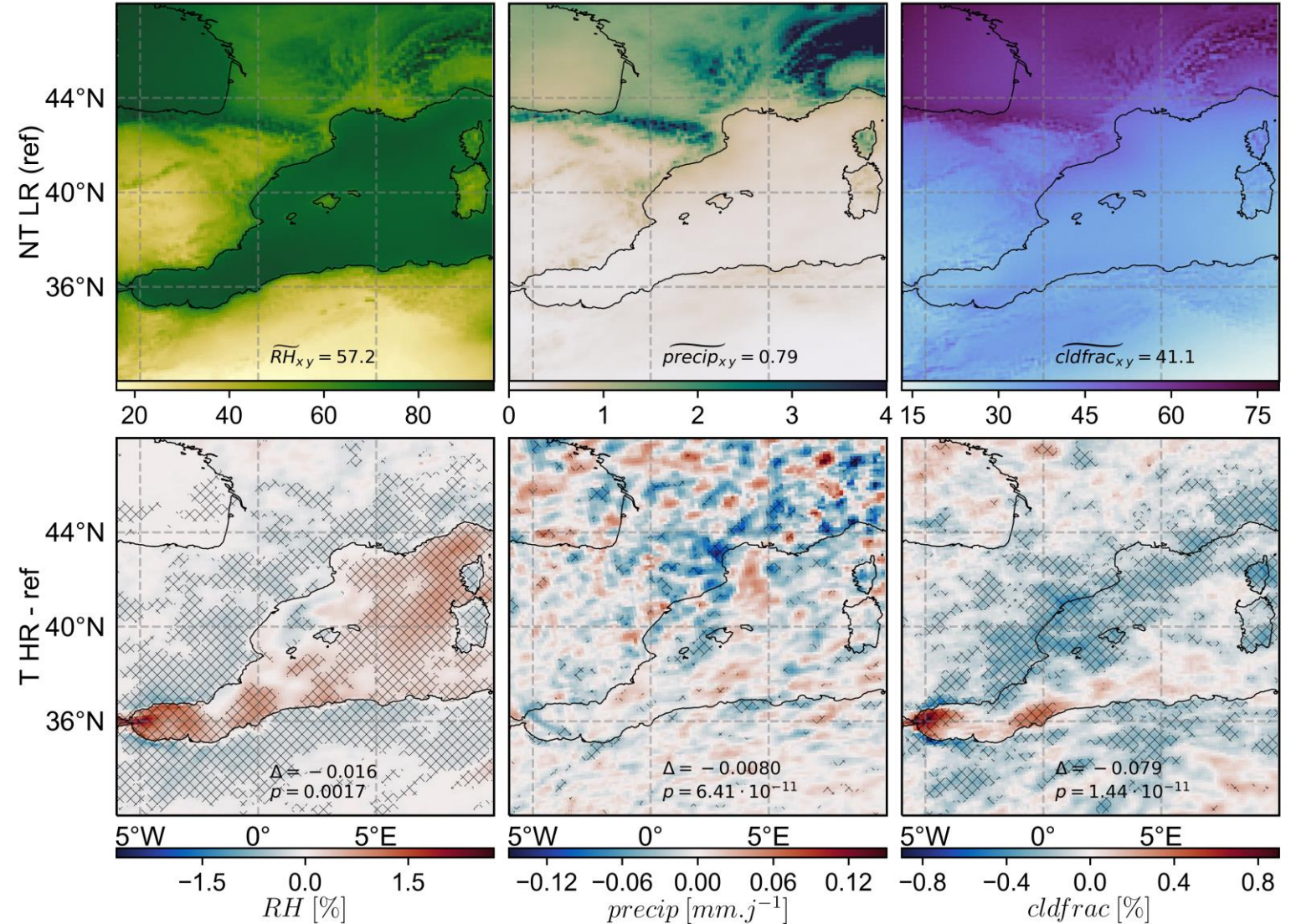
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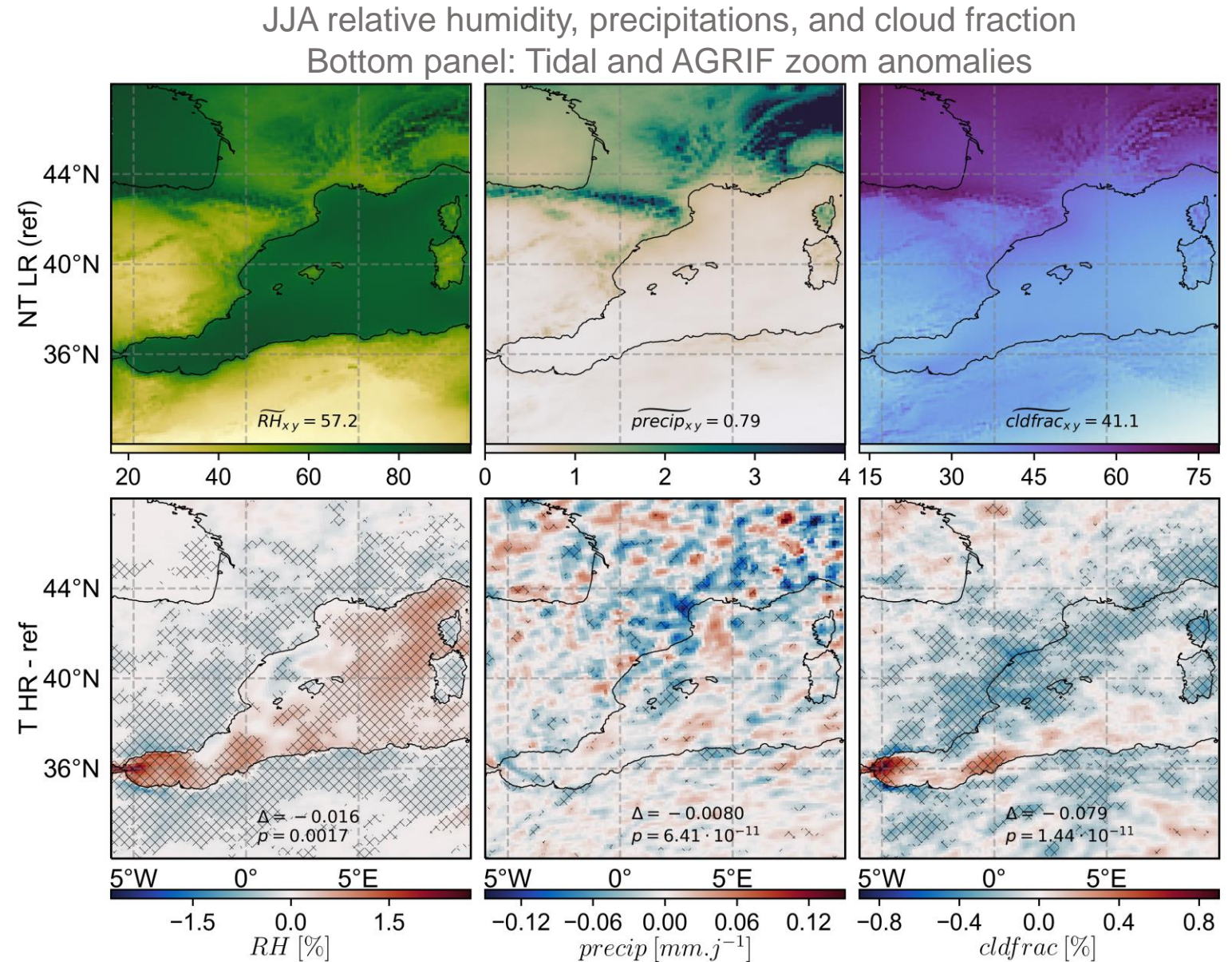
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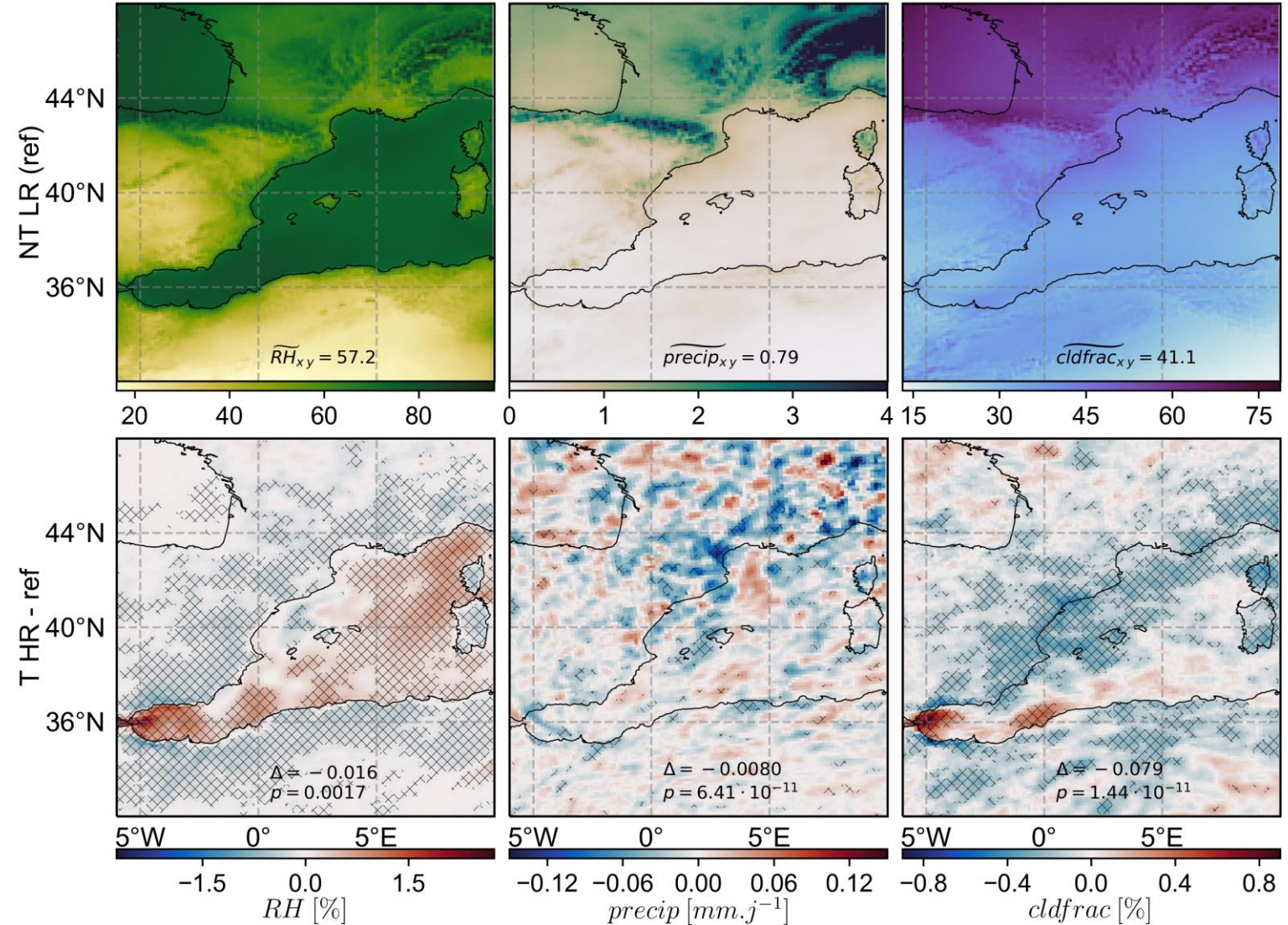
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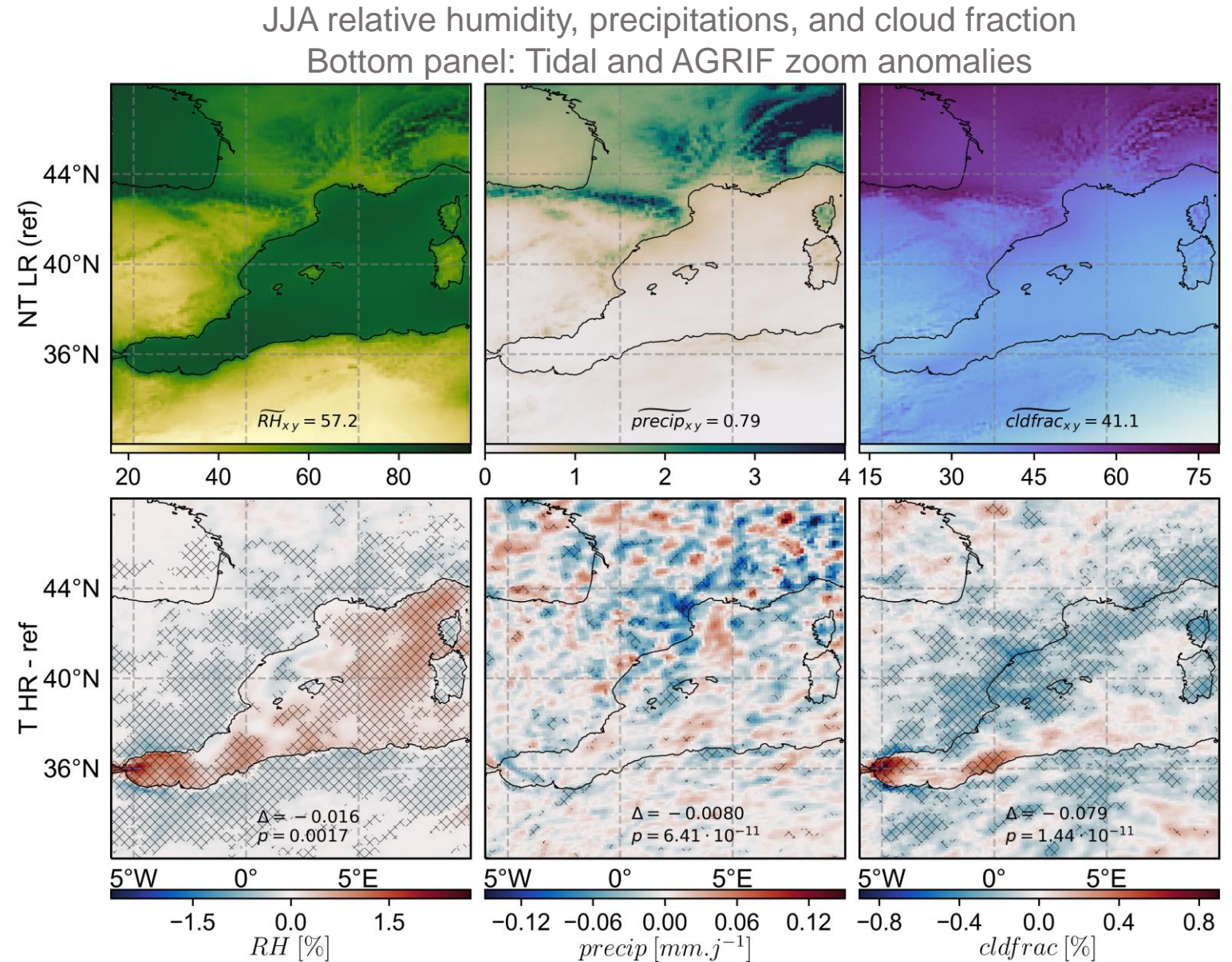
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