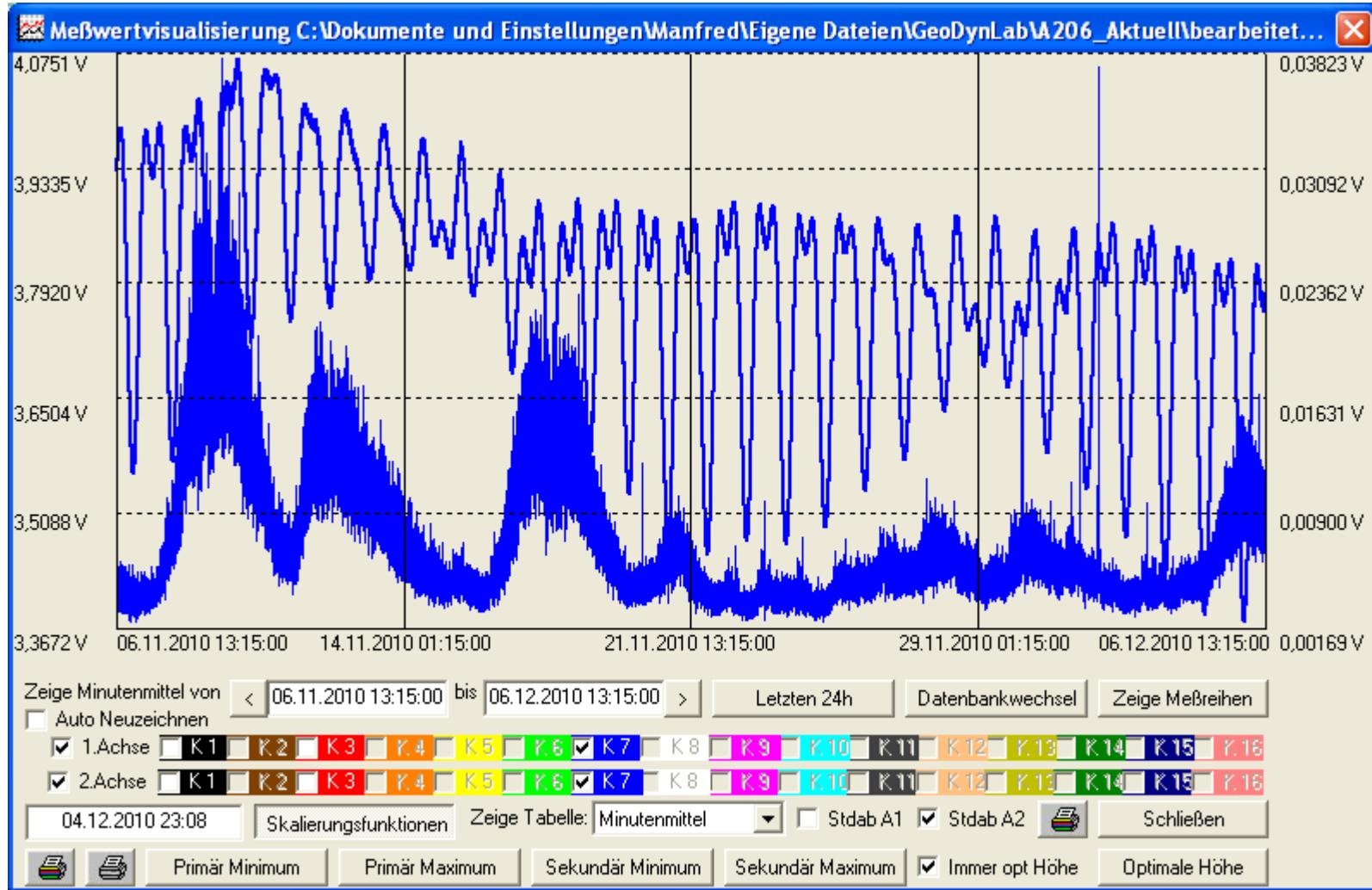


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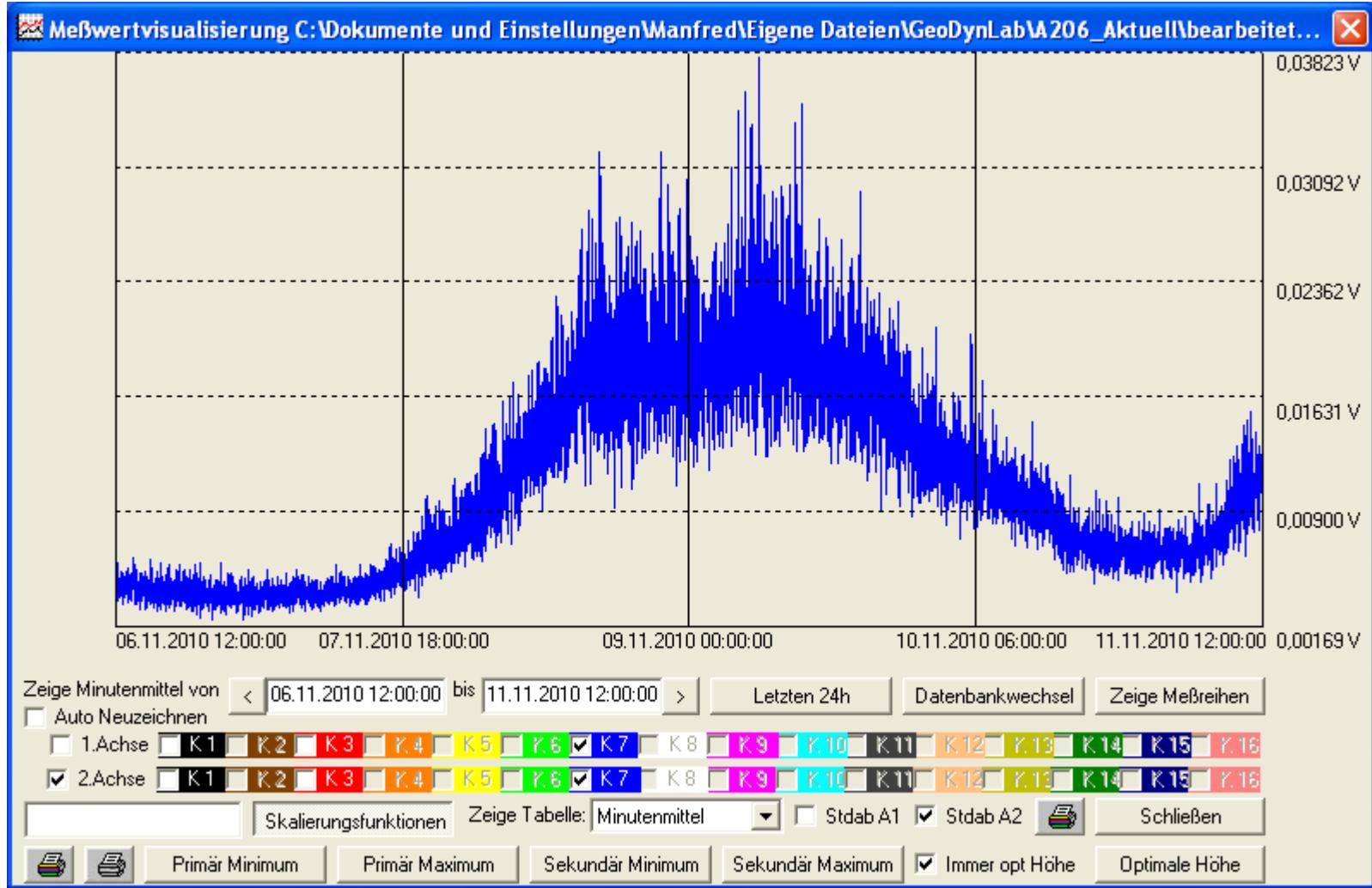
# Prediction of Gravimetric Noise for Western Europe

Extended Abstract

In Western Europe the chronological sequence of gravimetric noise exhibits pronounced variations. Noise sourcing reveals a strong influence of the sea state close to and along the European coasts.



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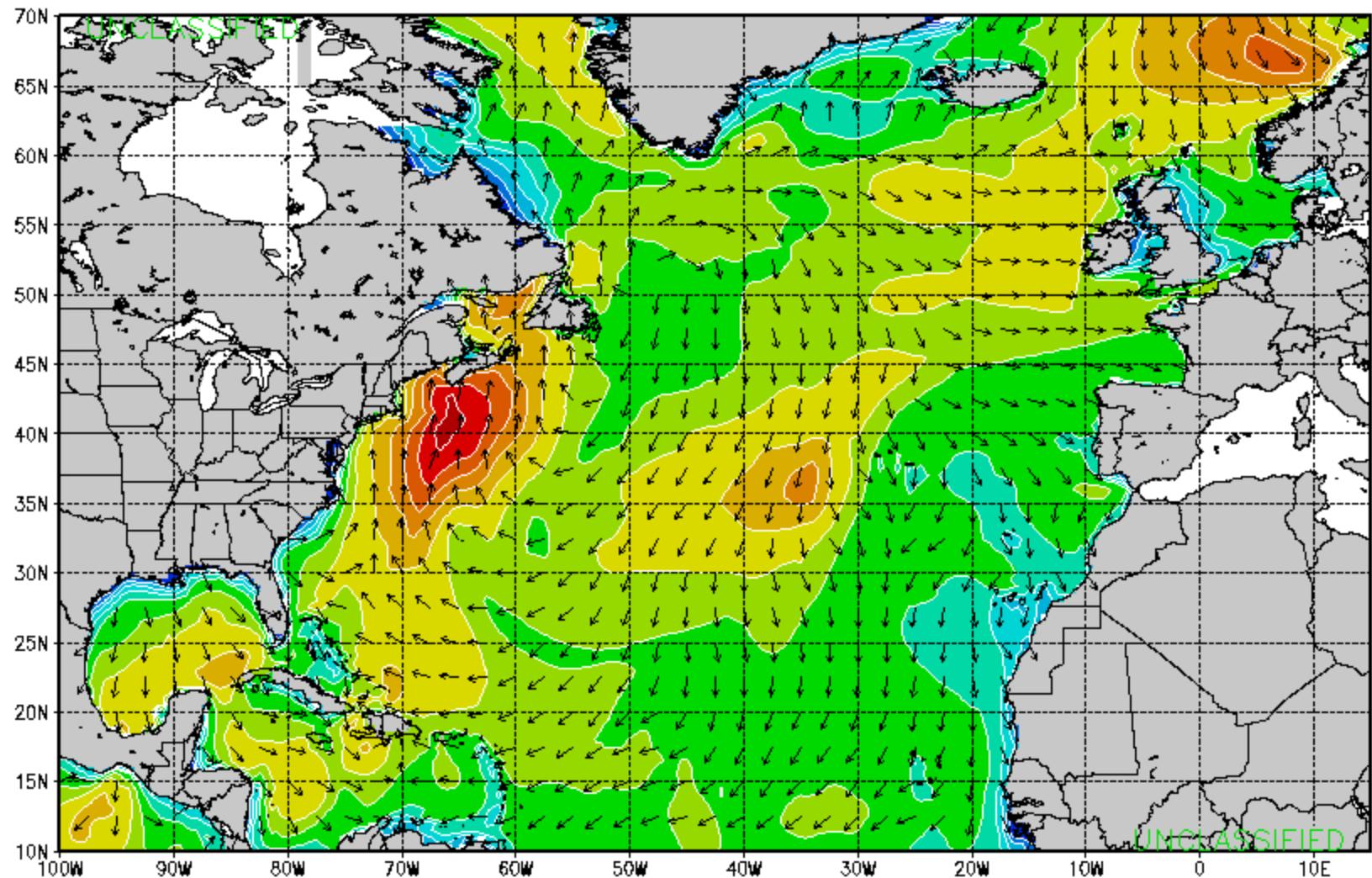
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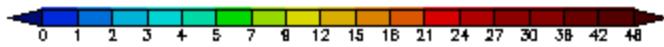
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**Significant wave height and direction**

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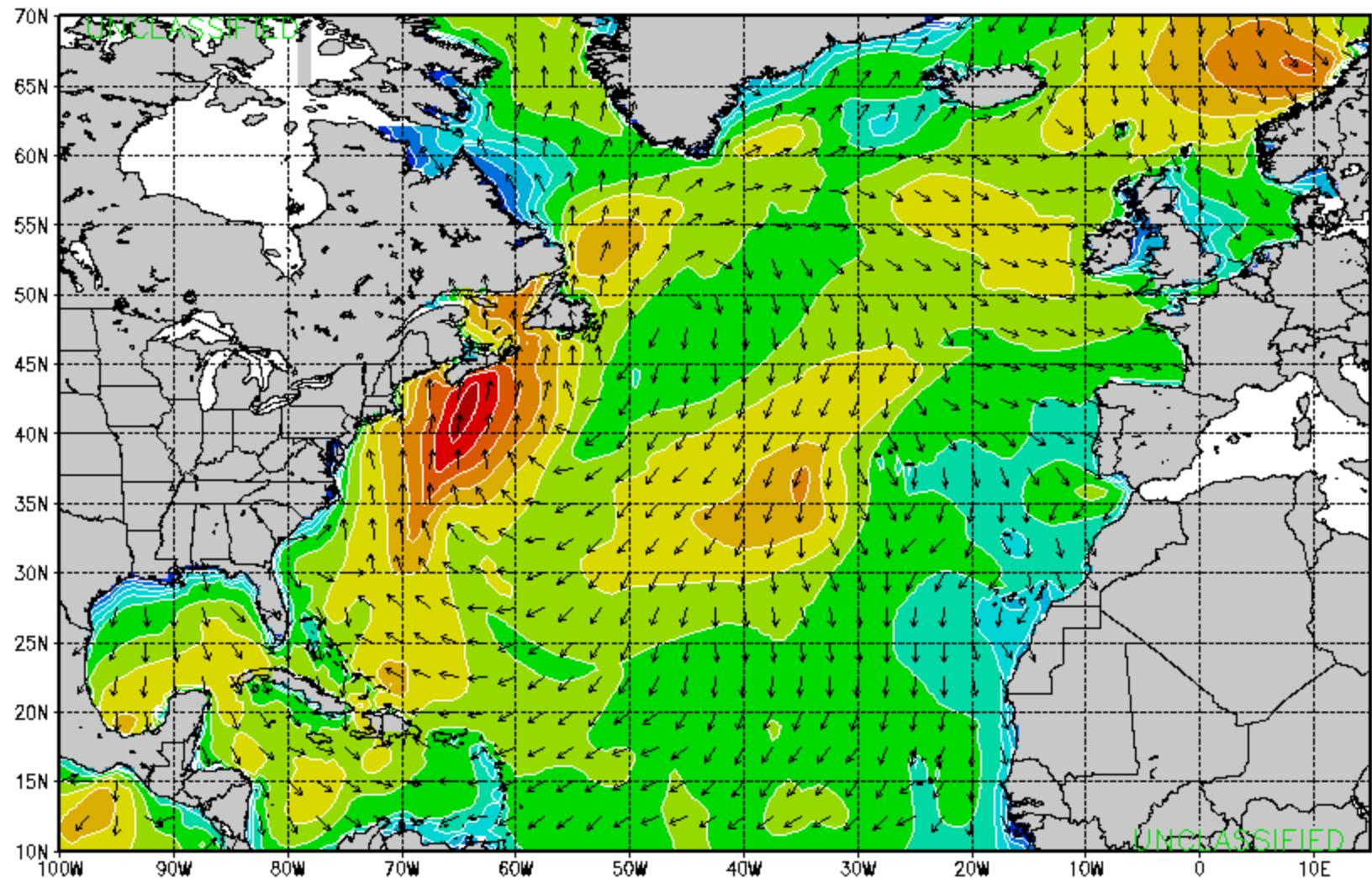


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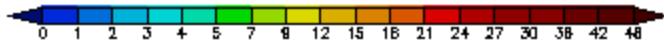
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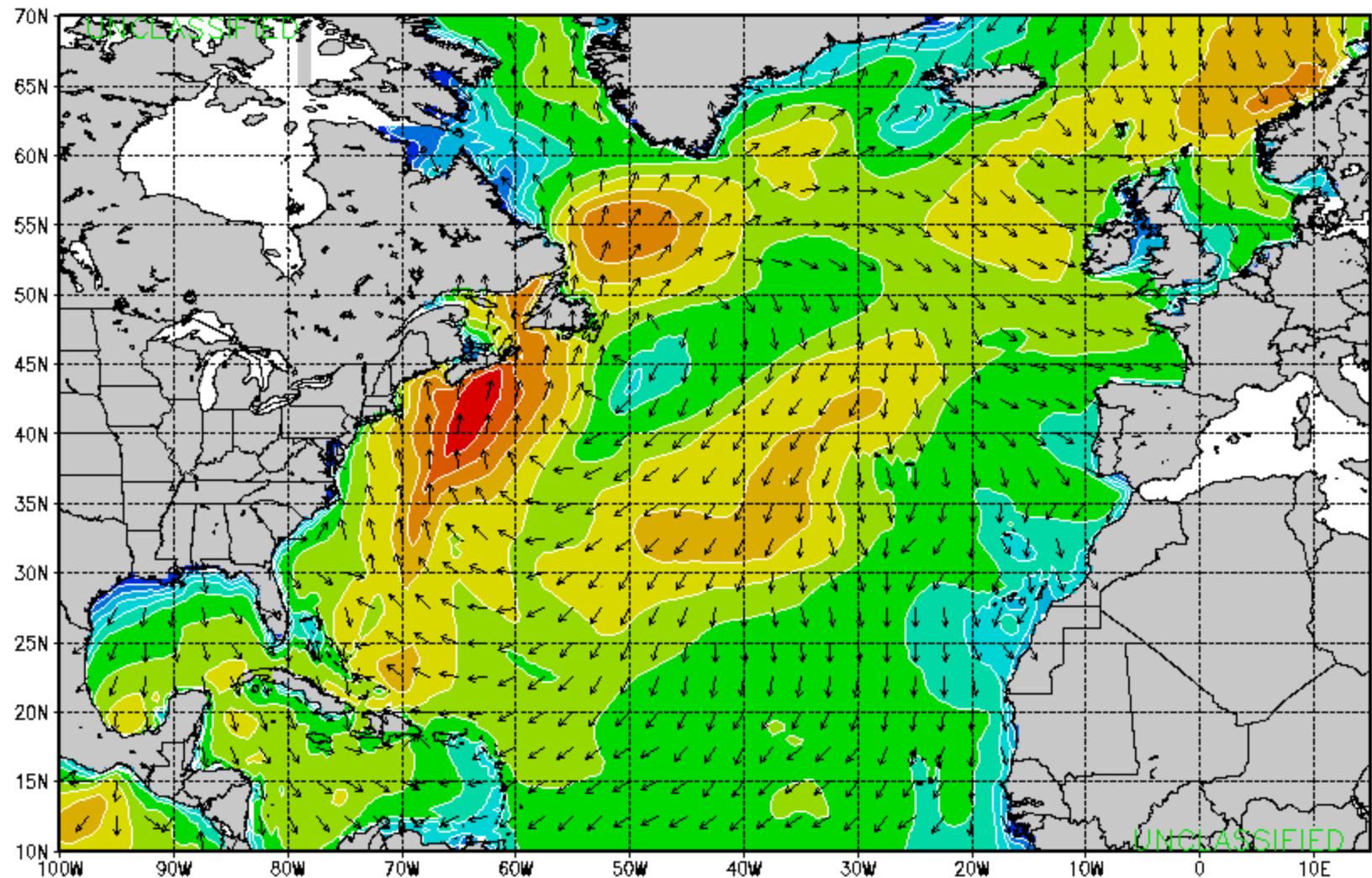


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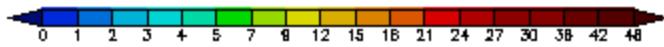
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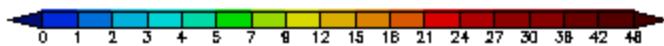
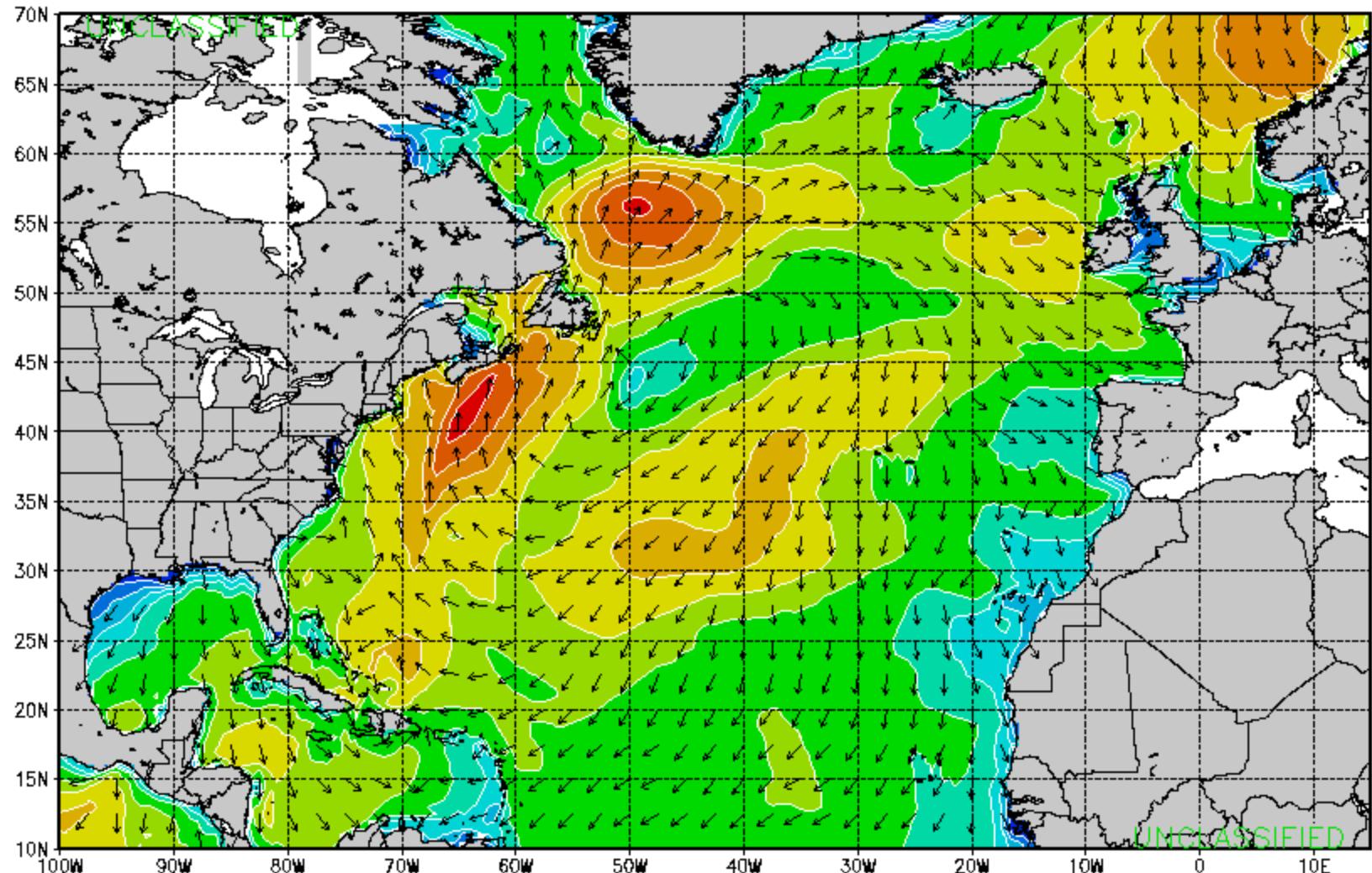


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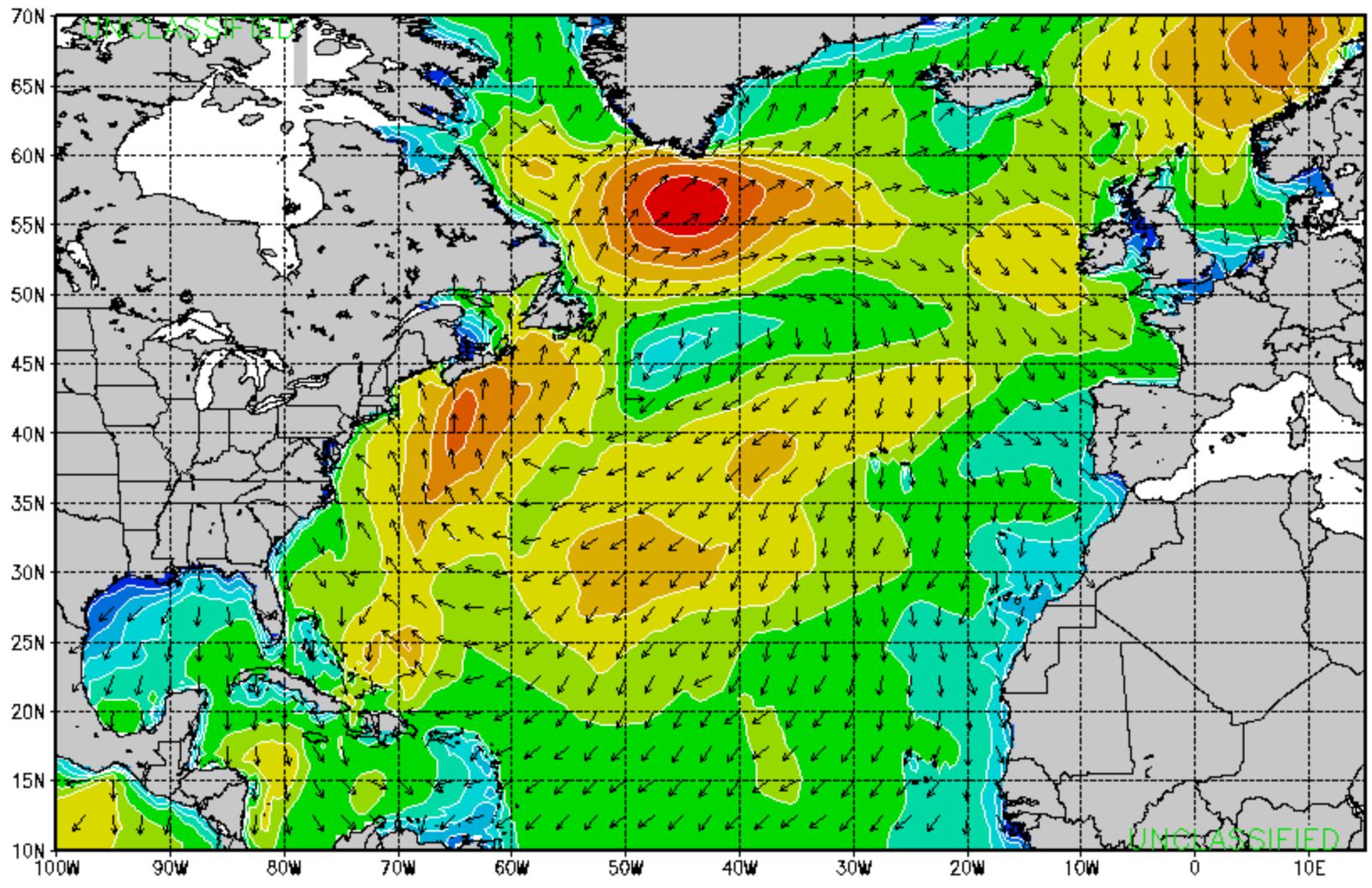


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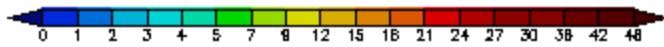
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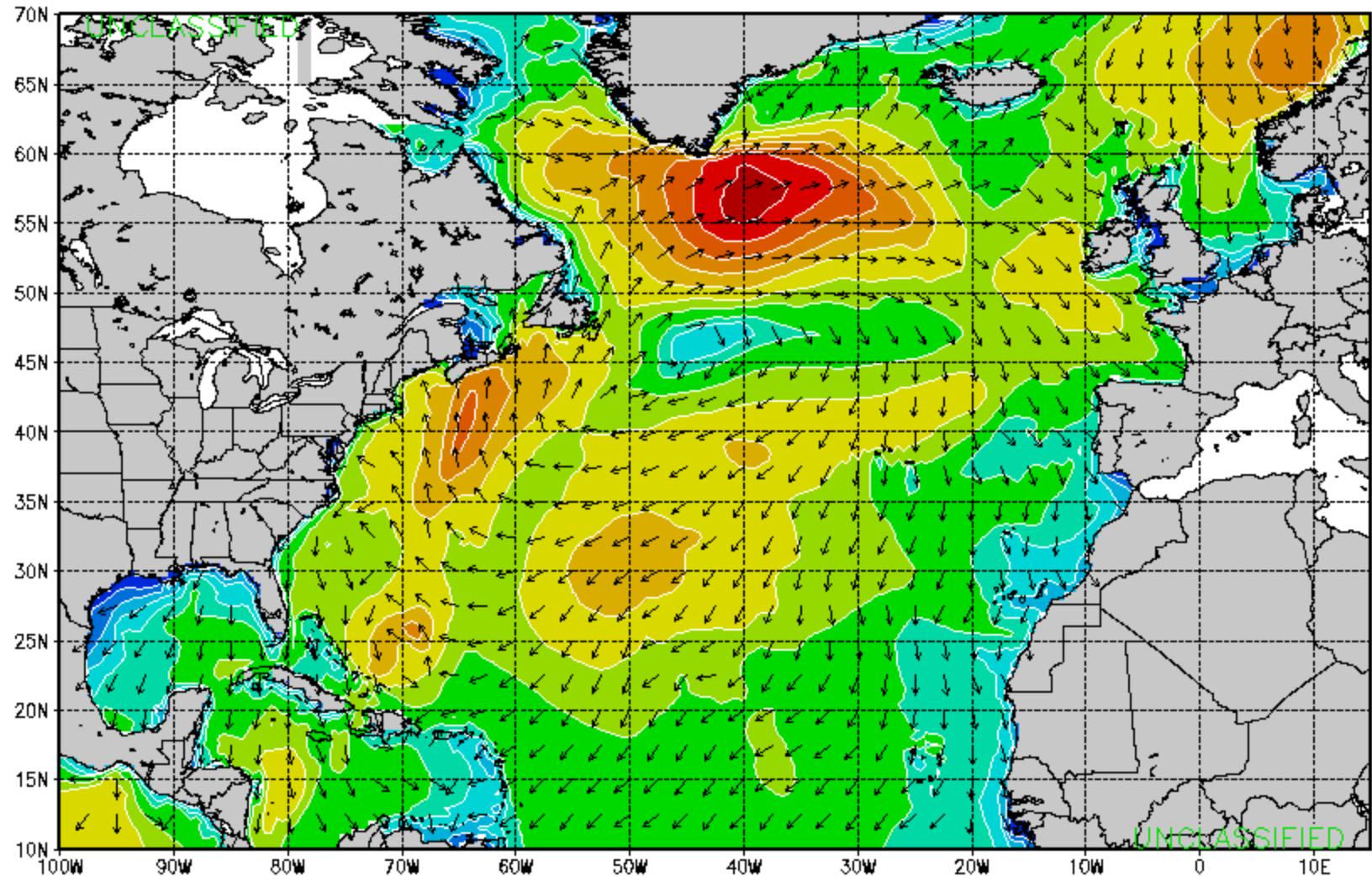
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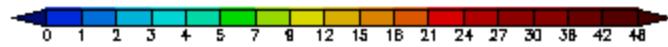


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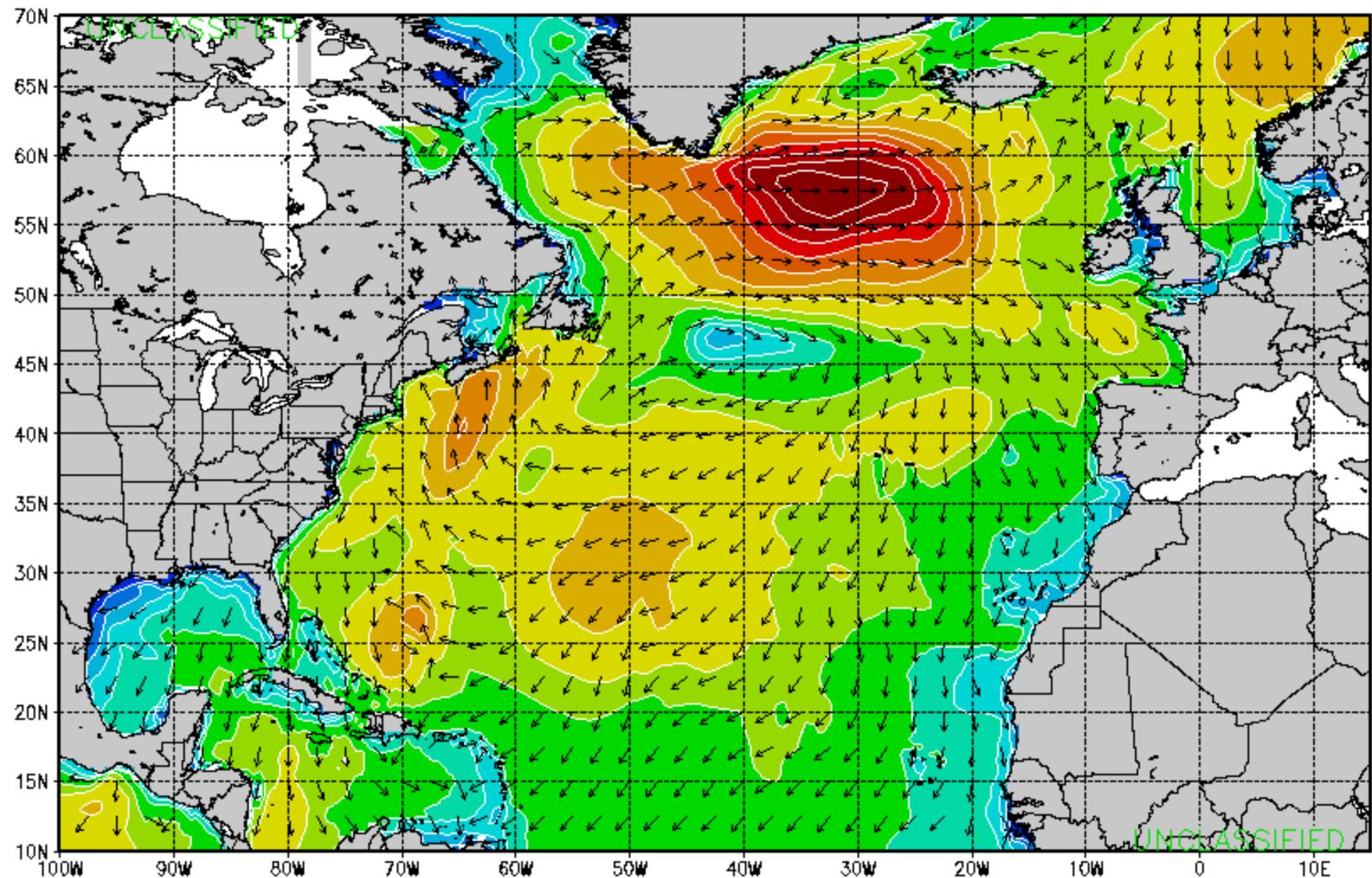


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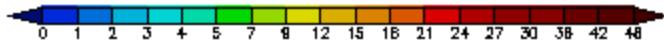
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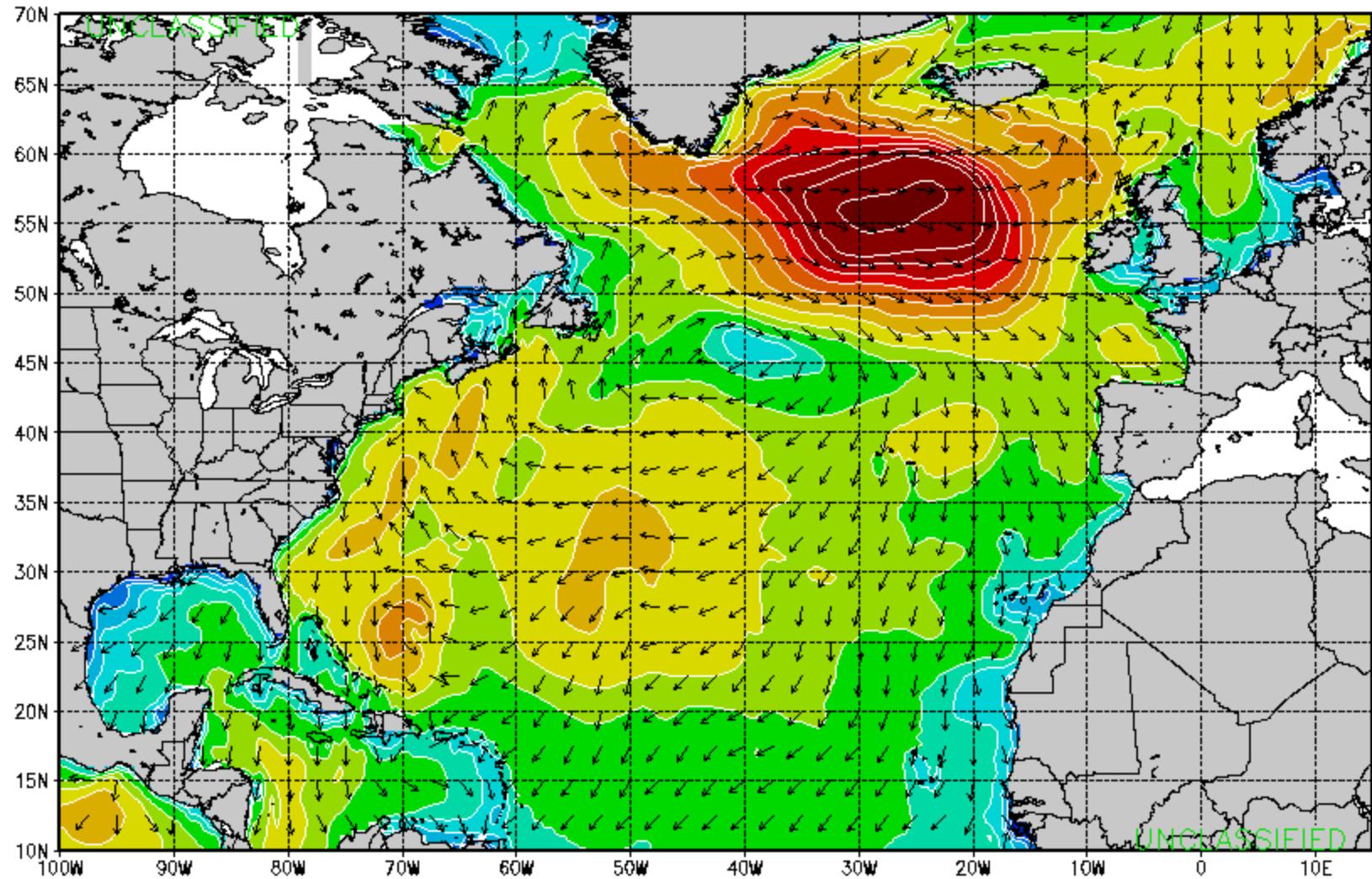


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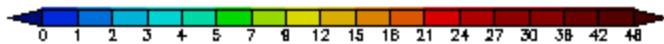
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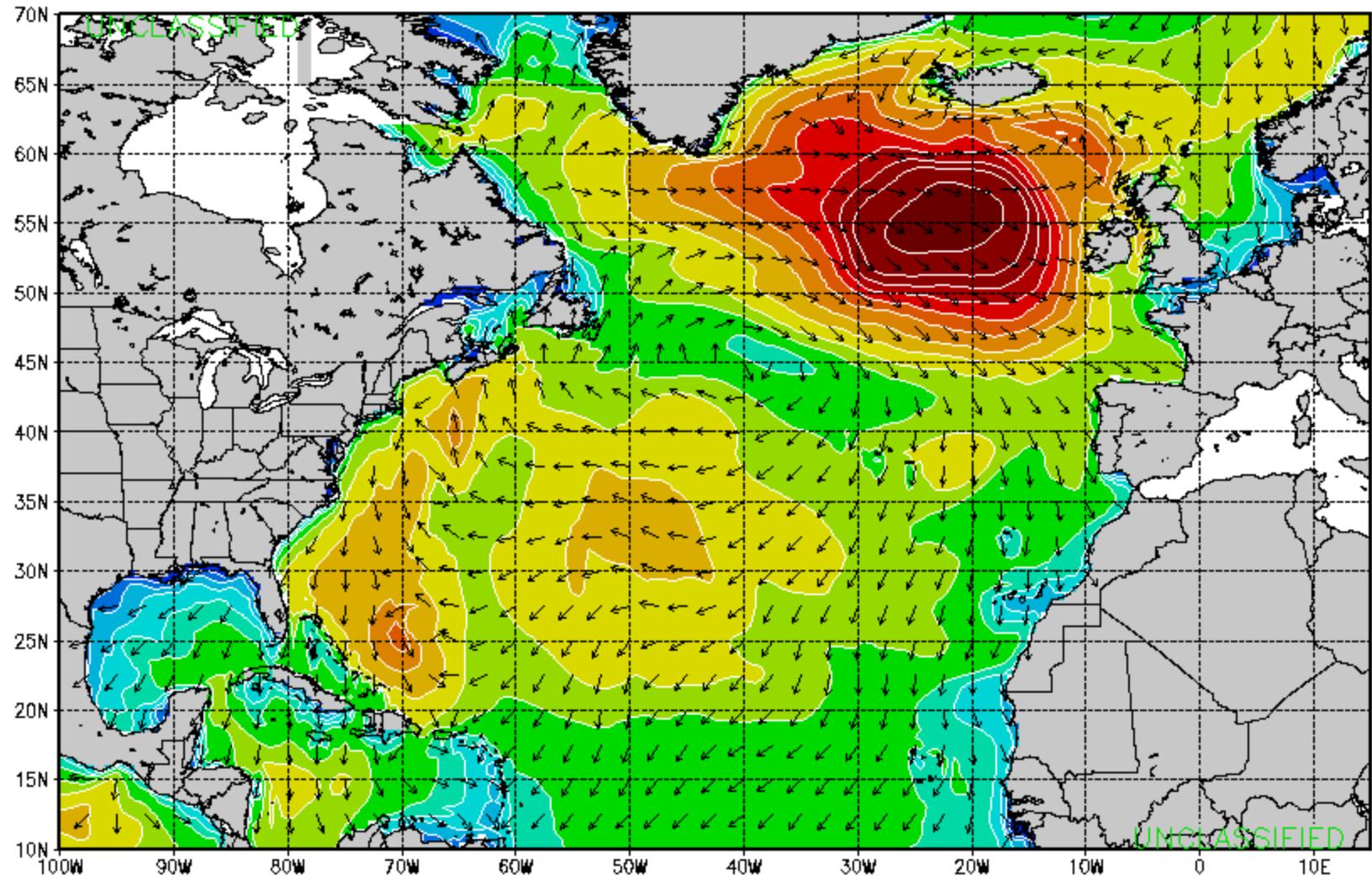


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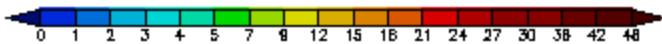
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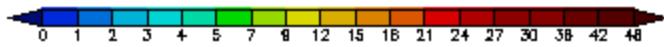
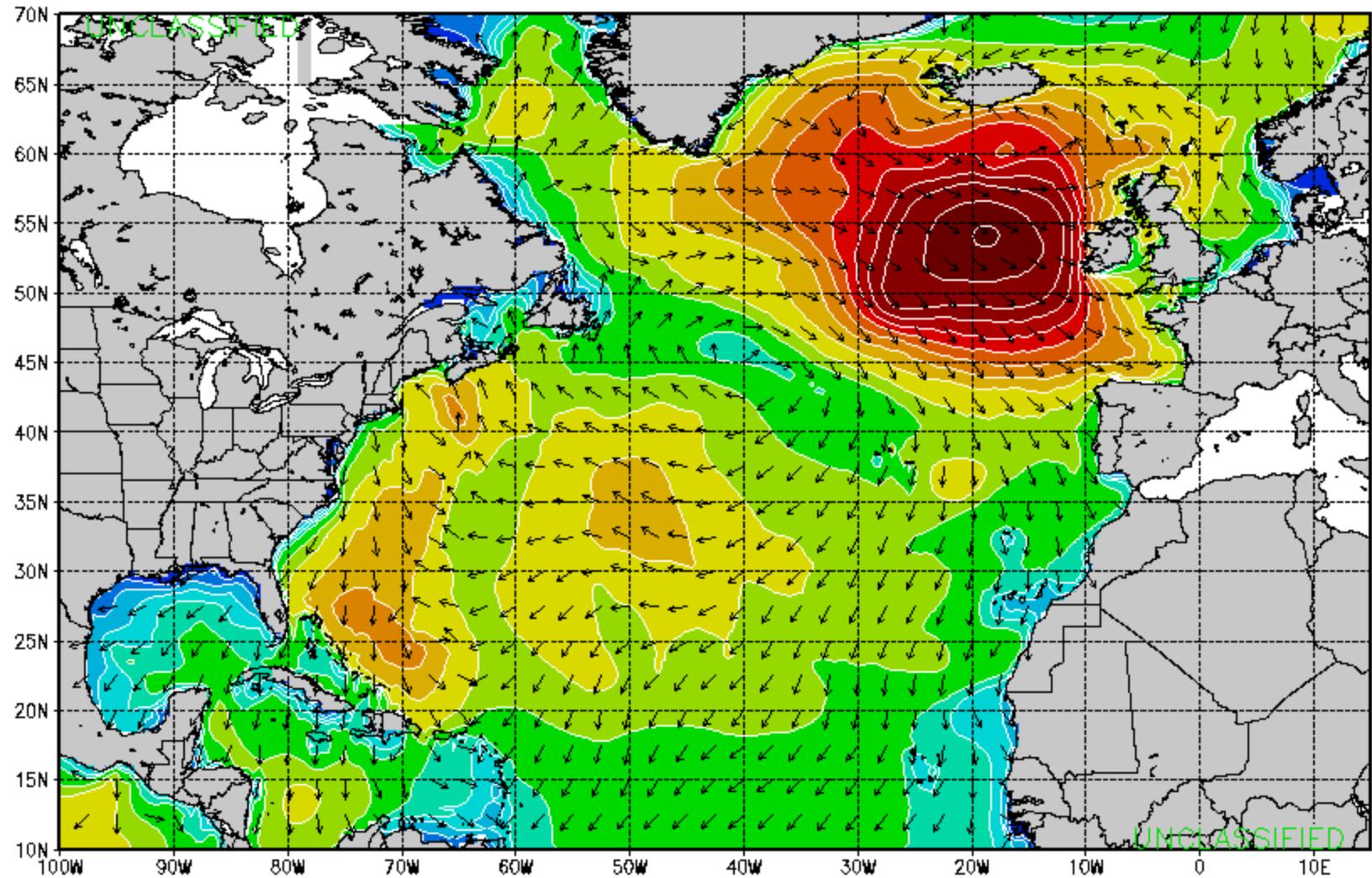
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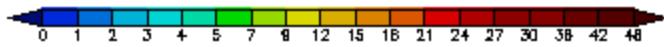
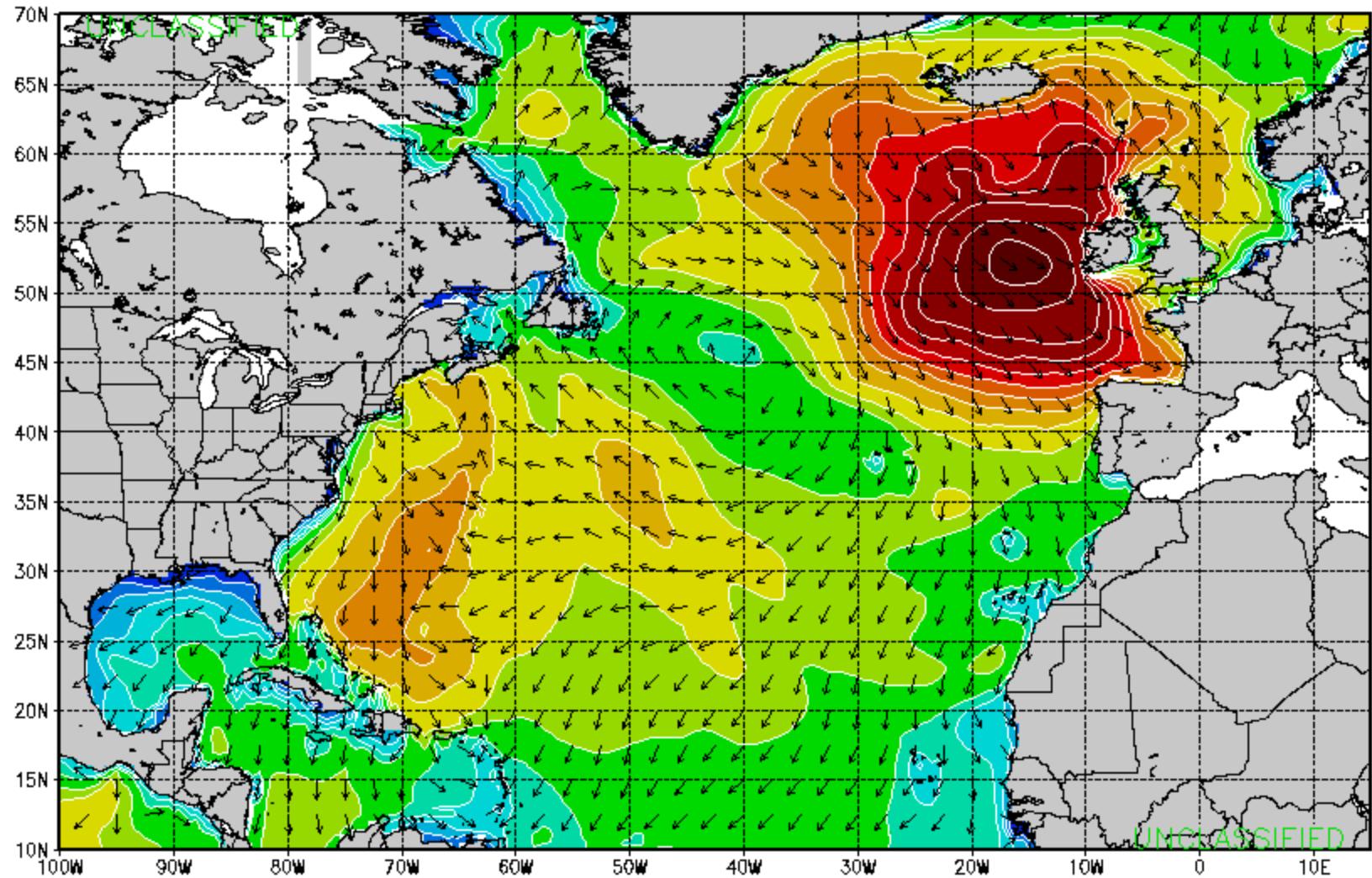
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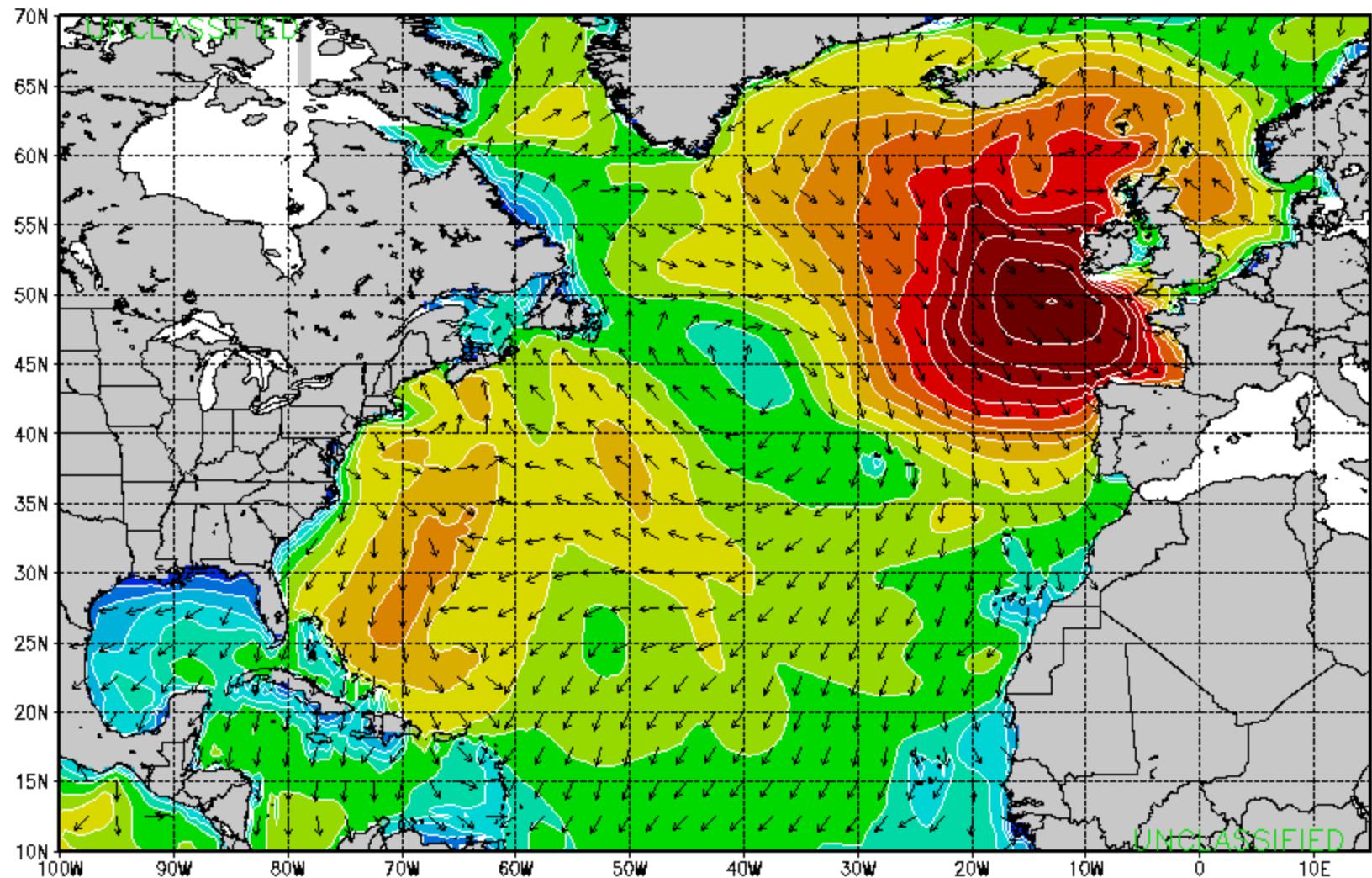
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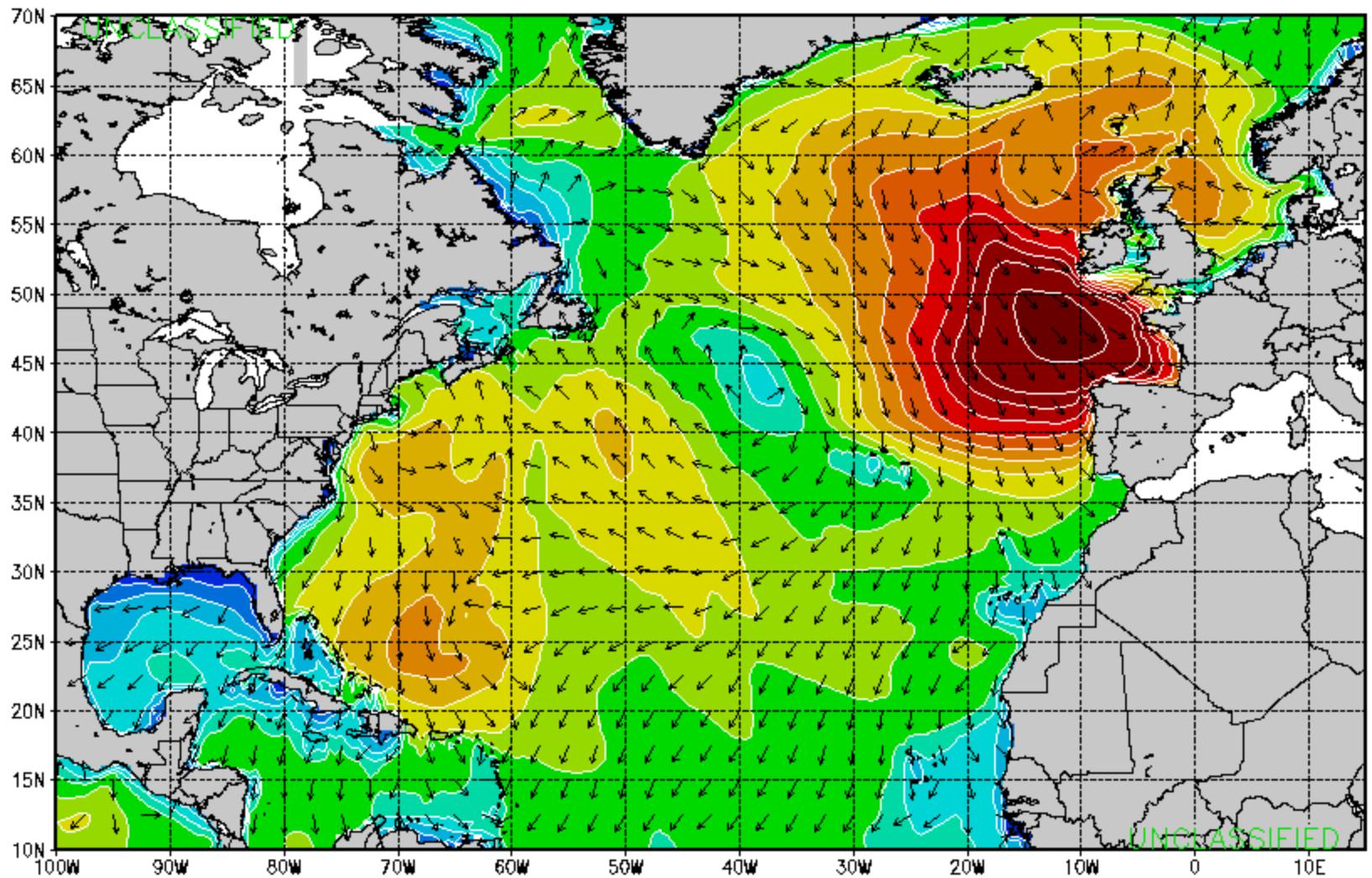
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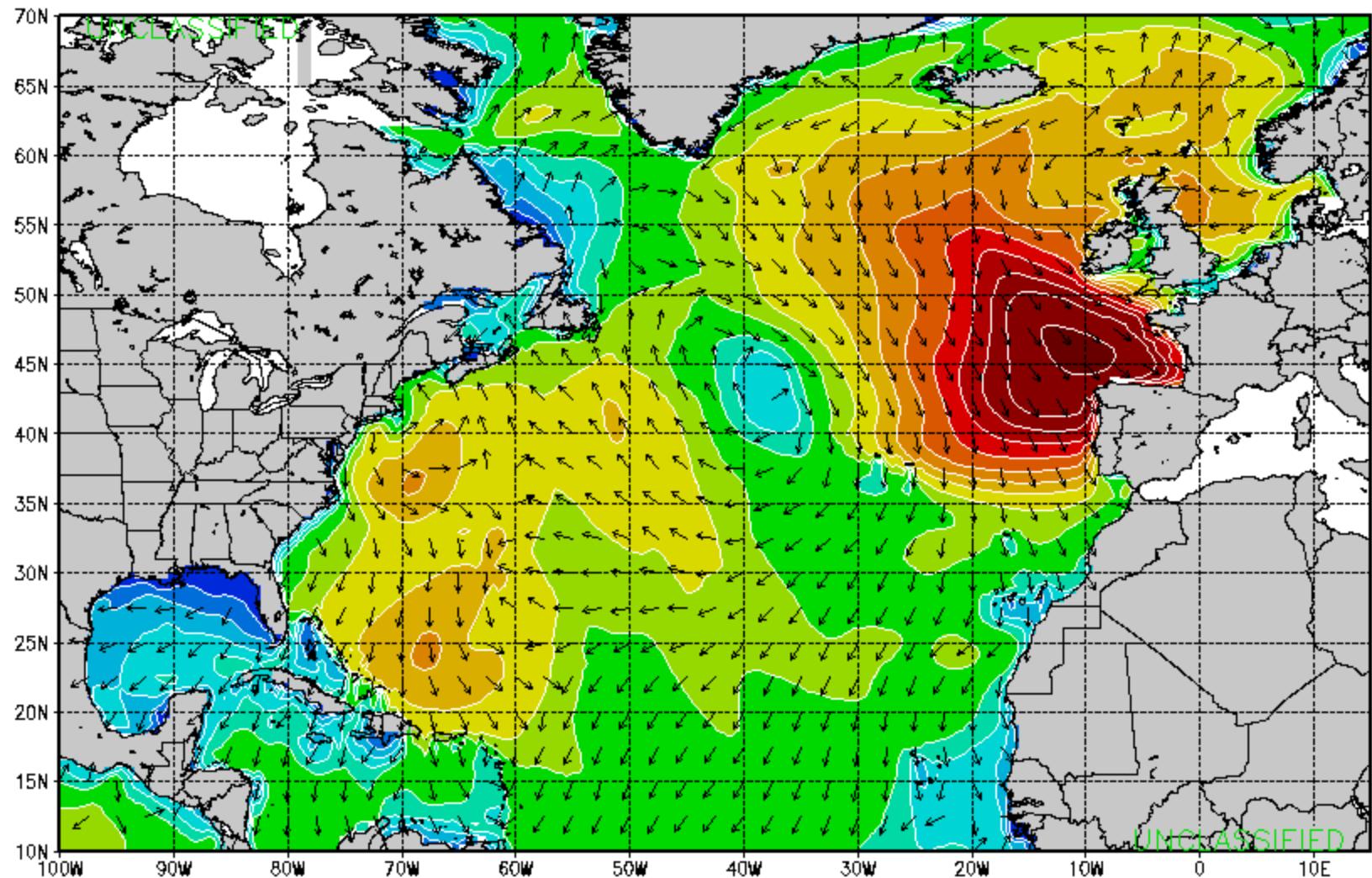
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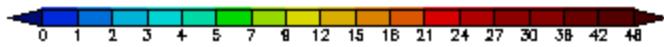


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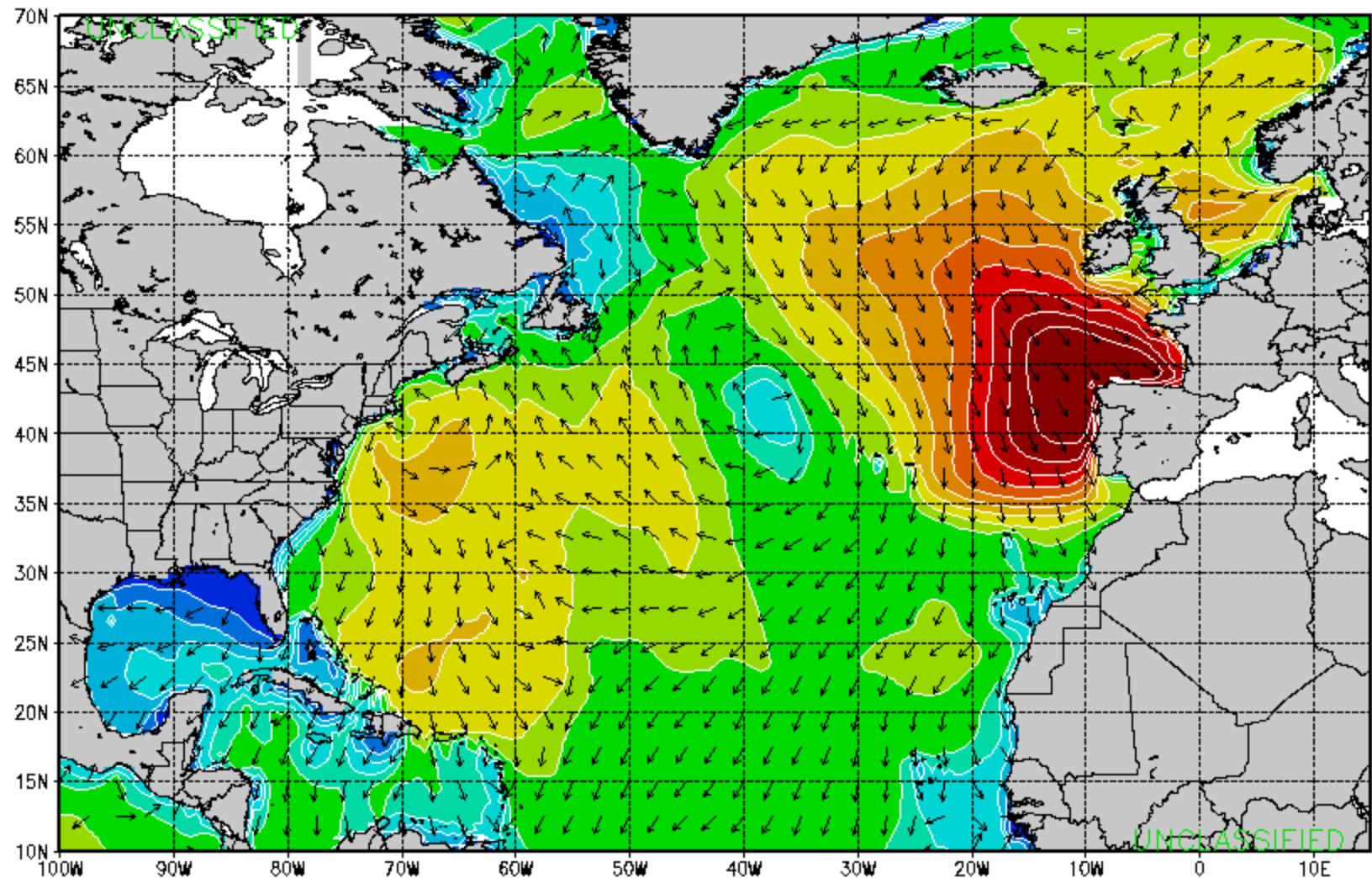


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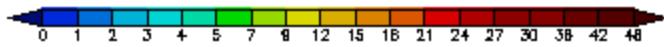
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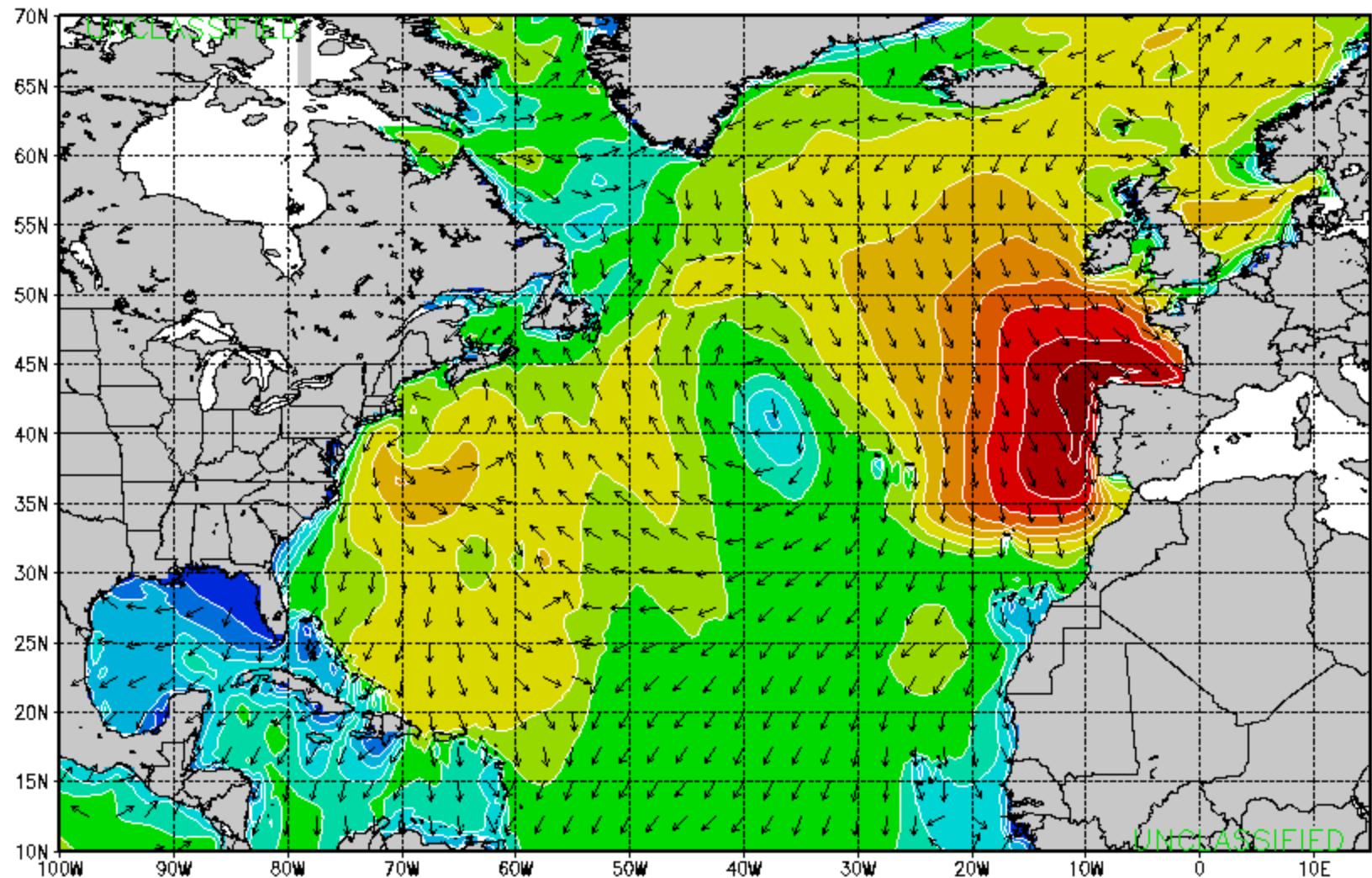


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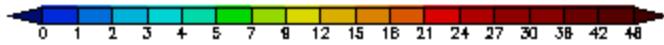
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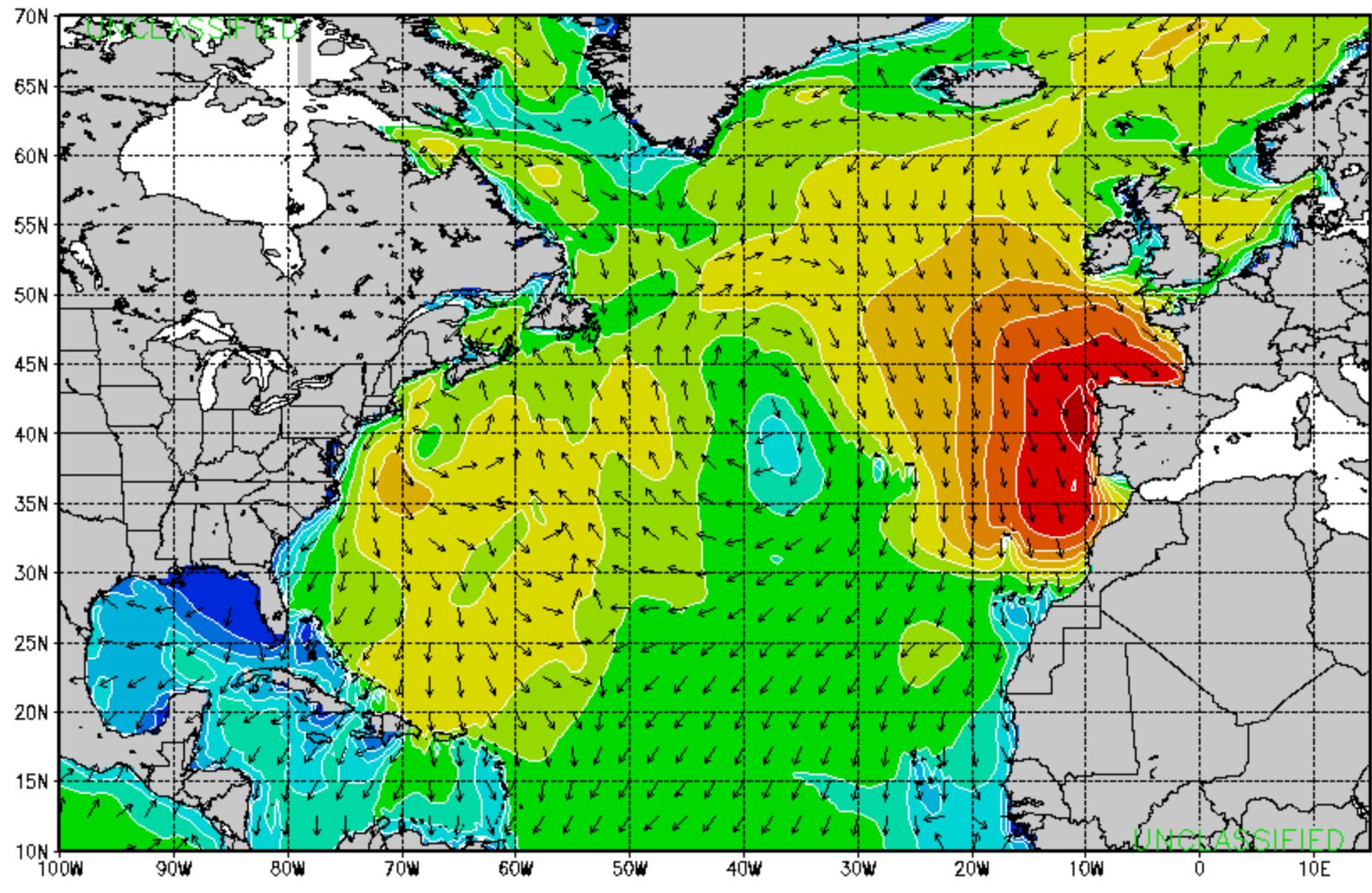
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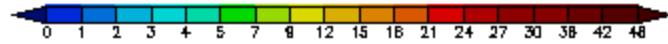
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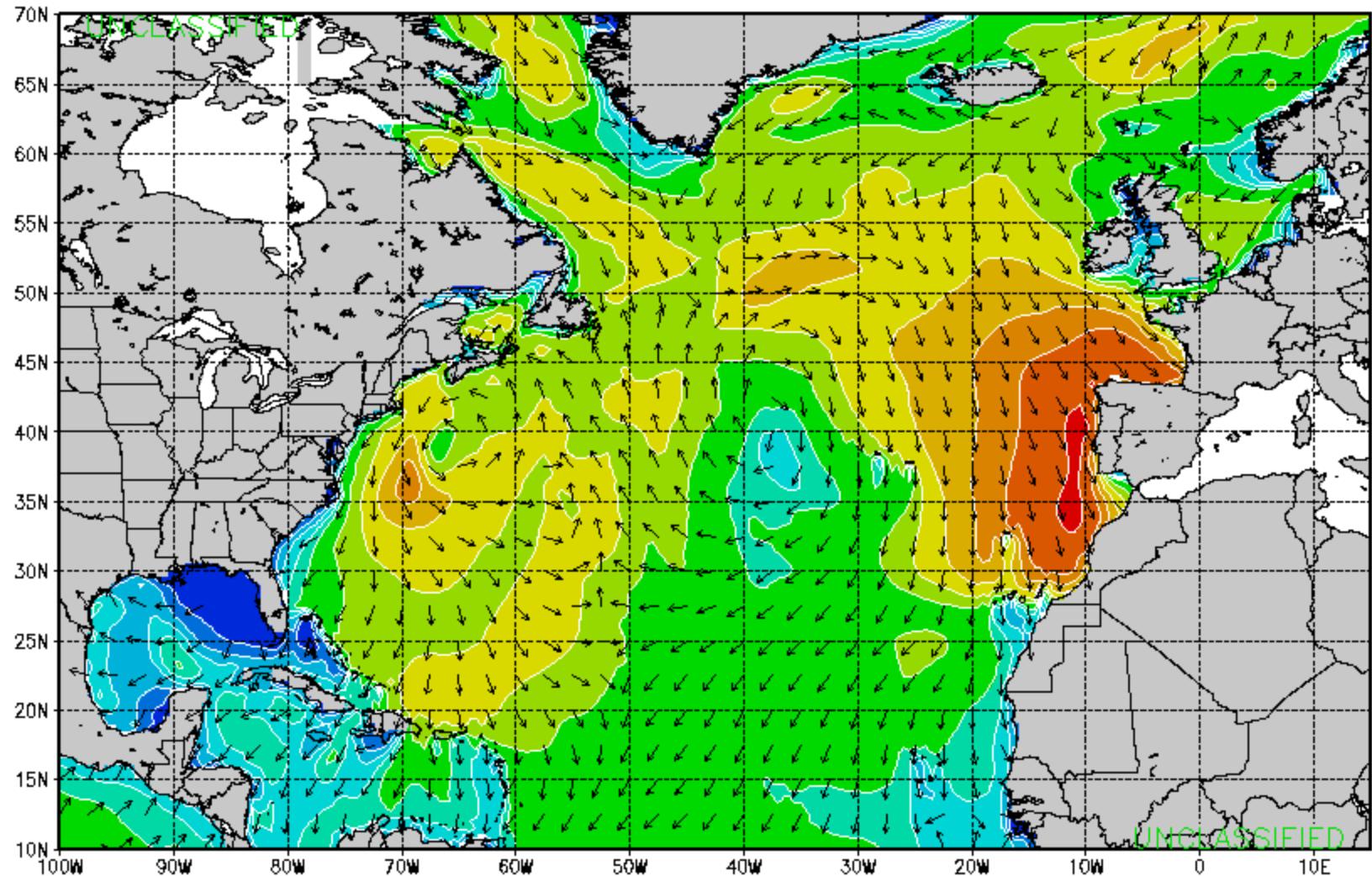


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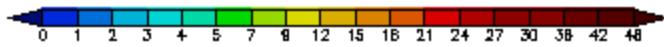
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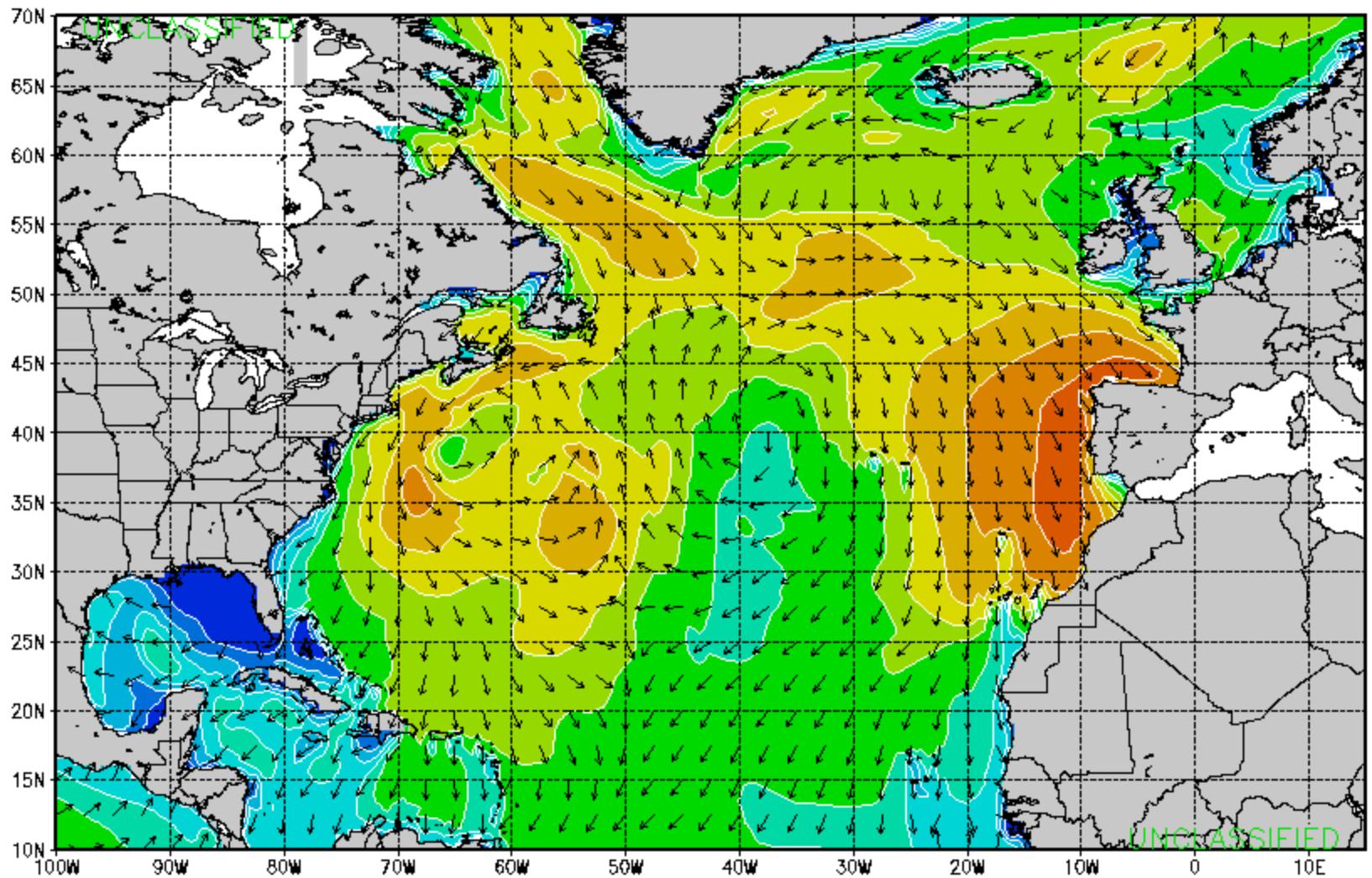
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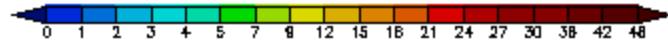
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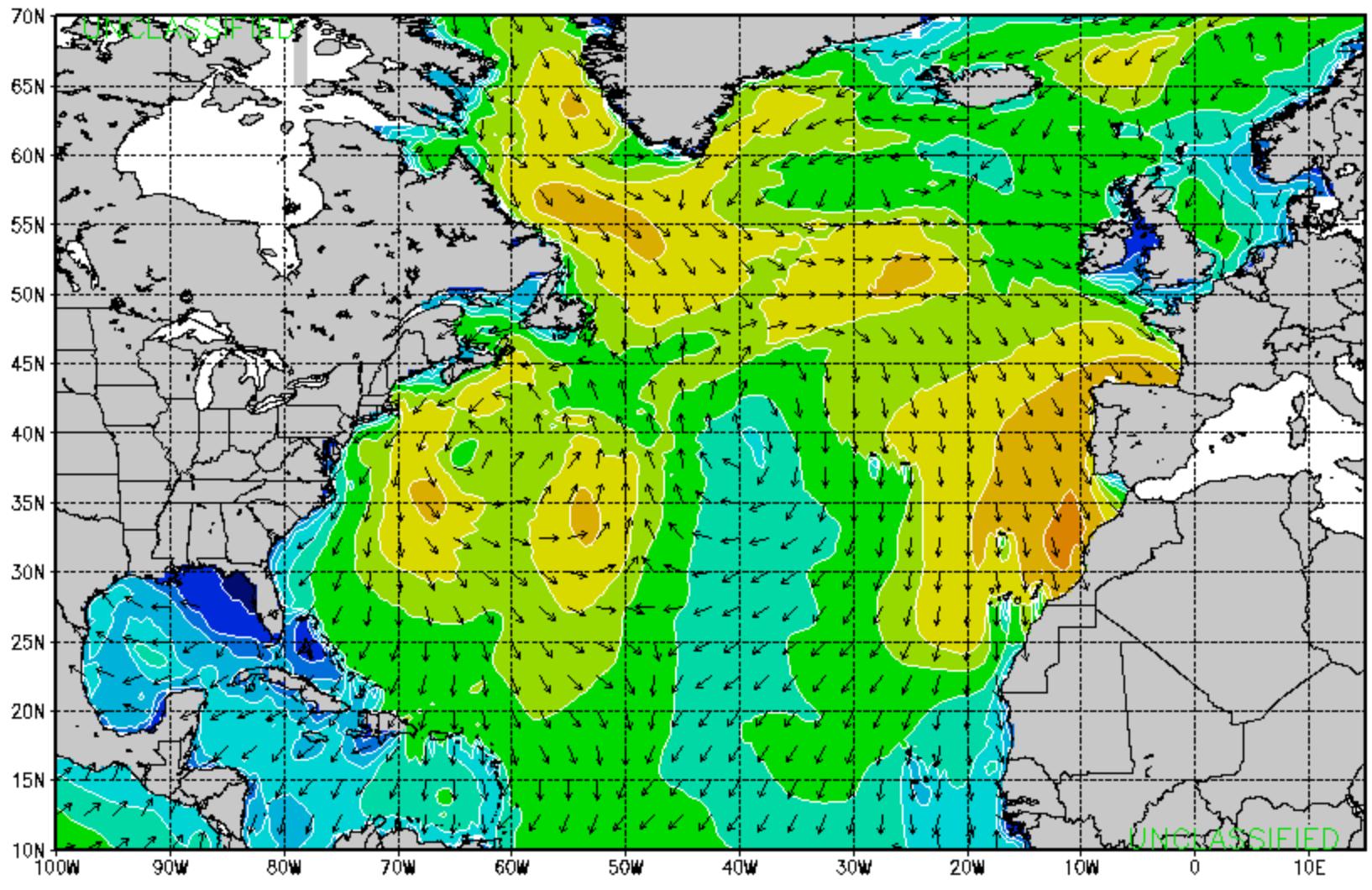
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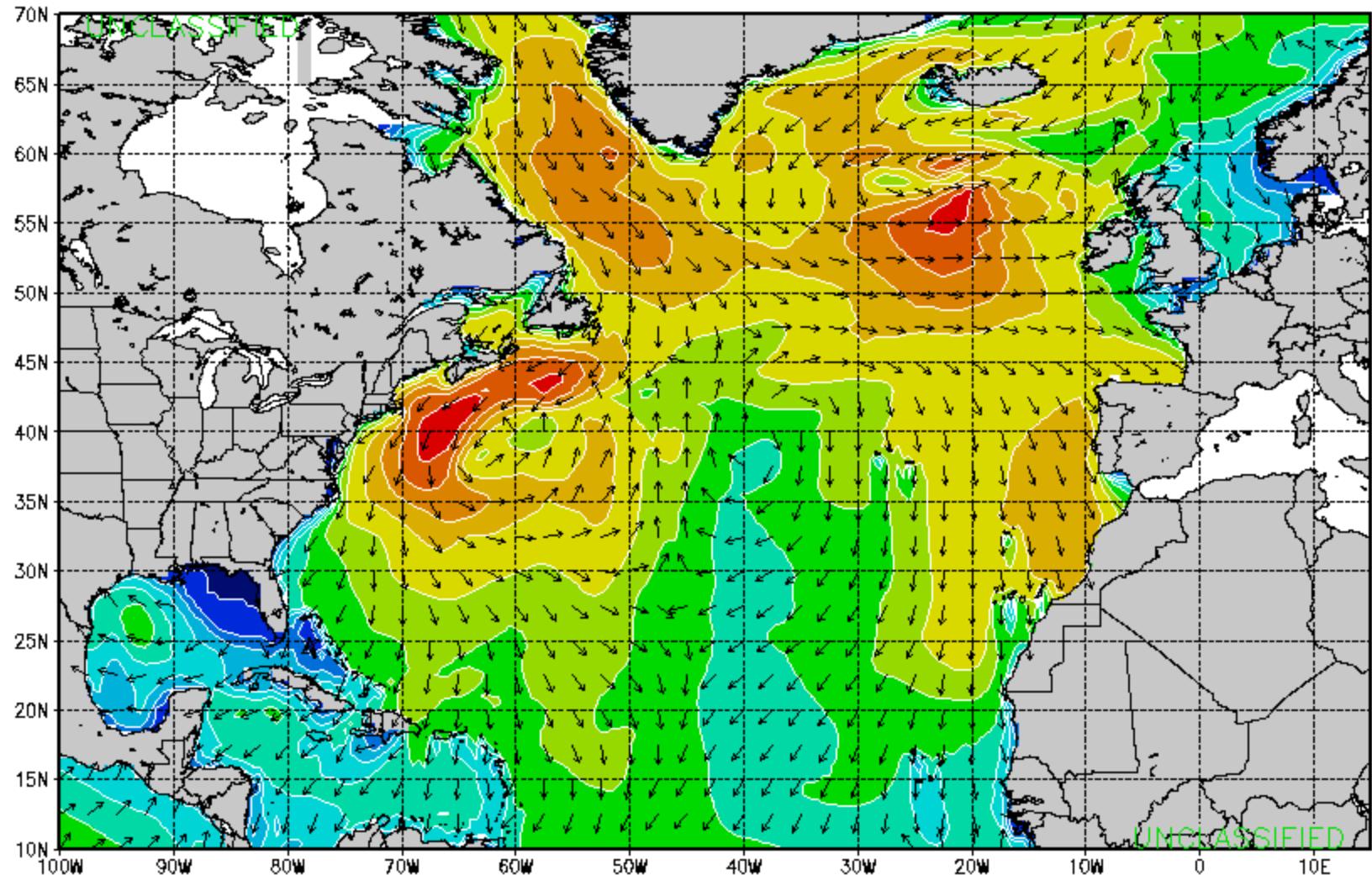


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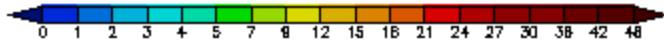
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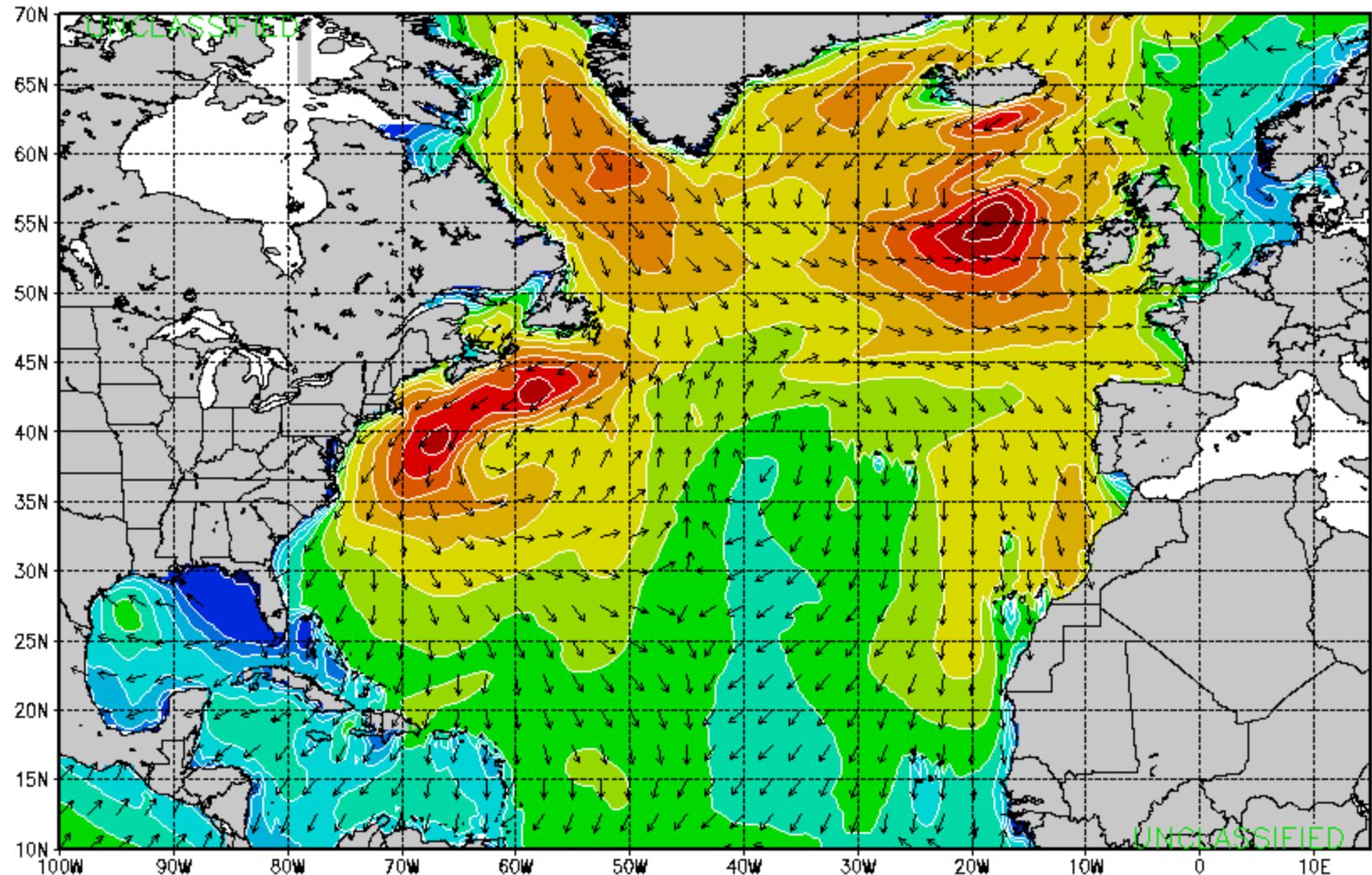
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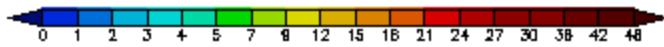
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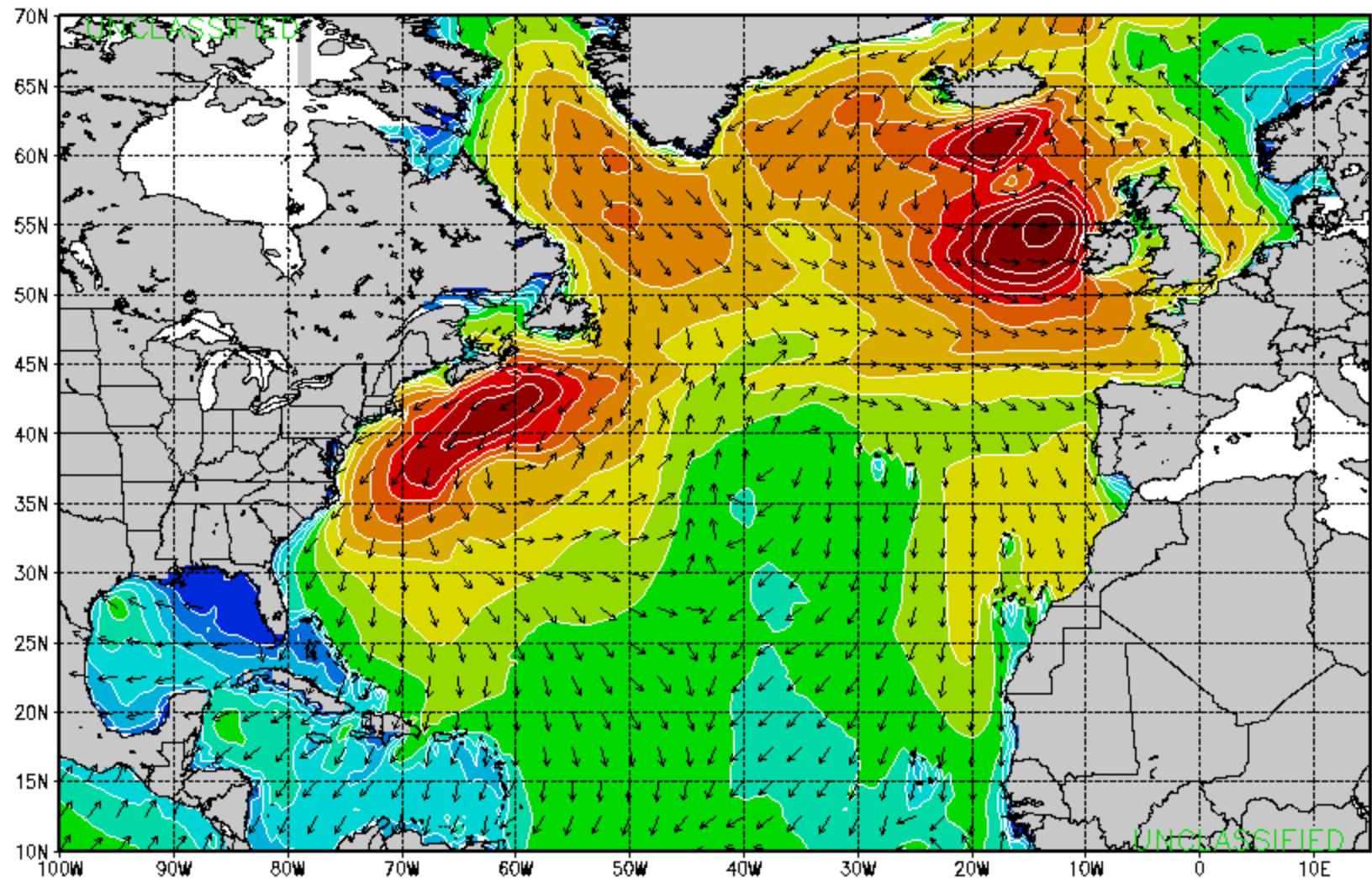


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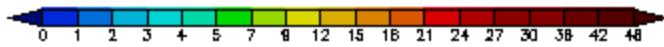
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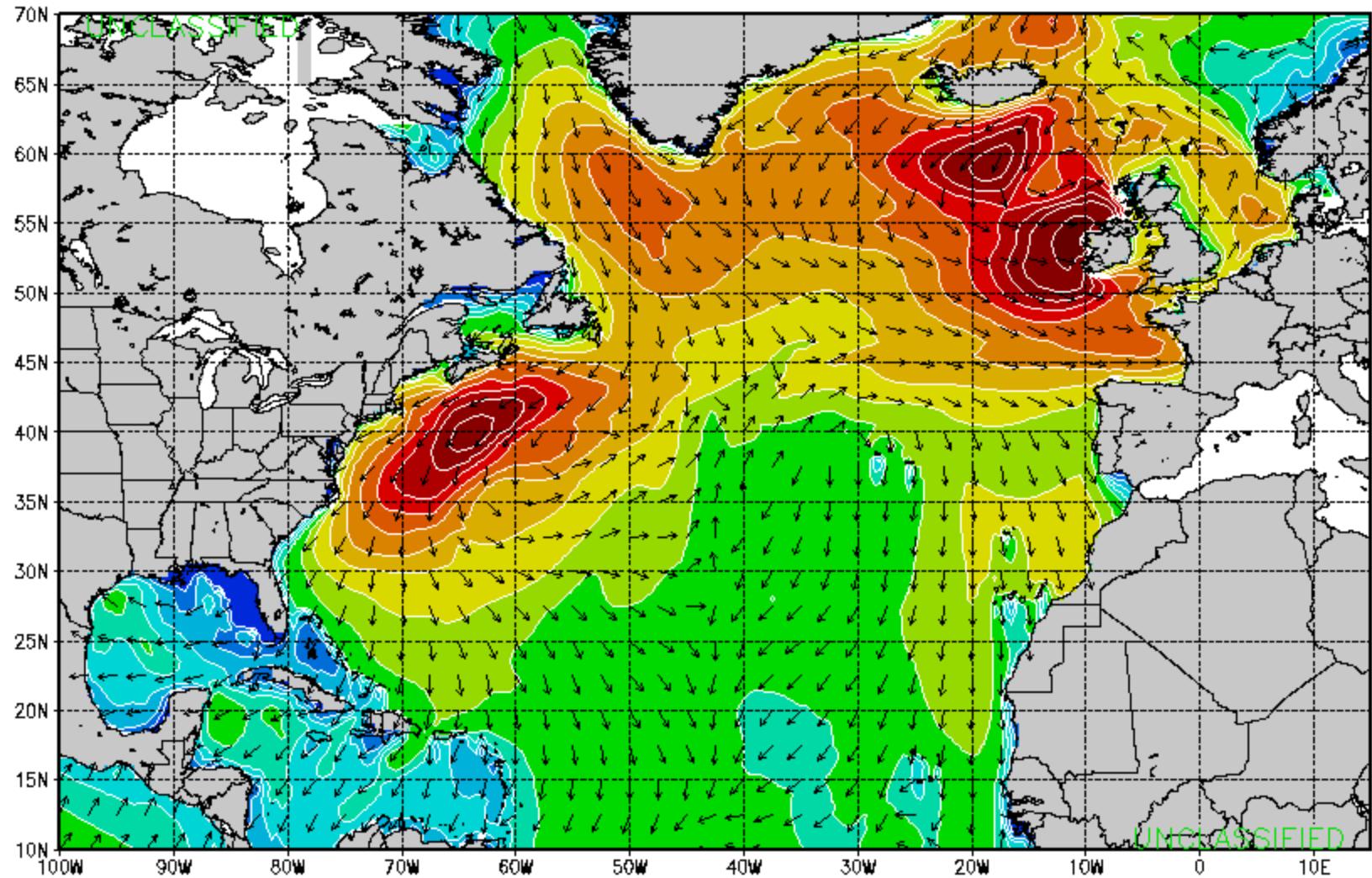


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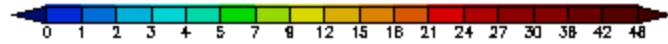
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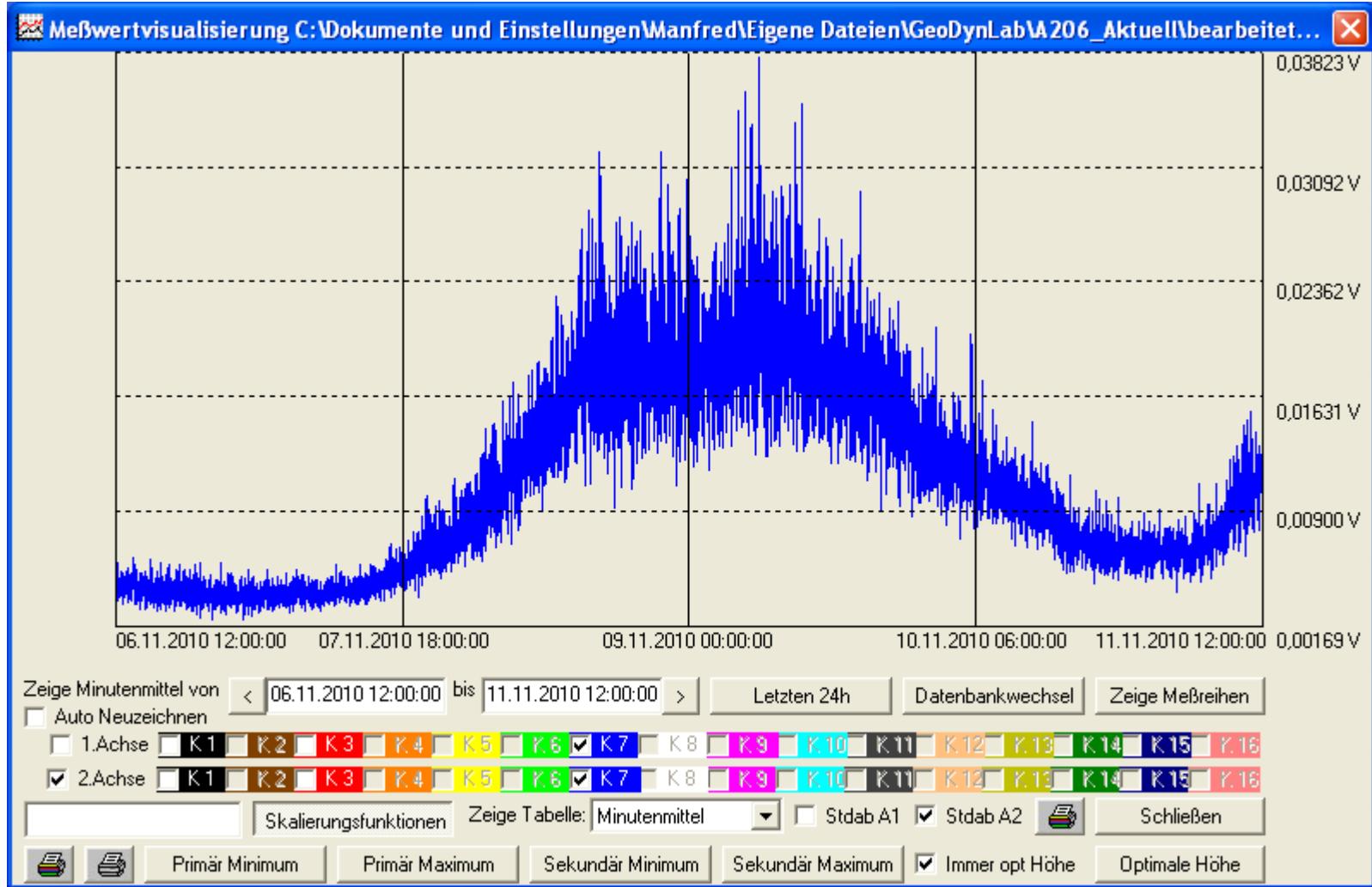
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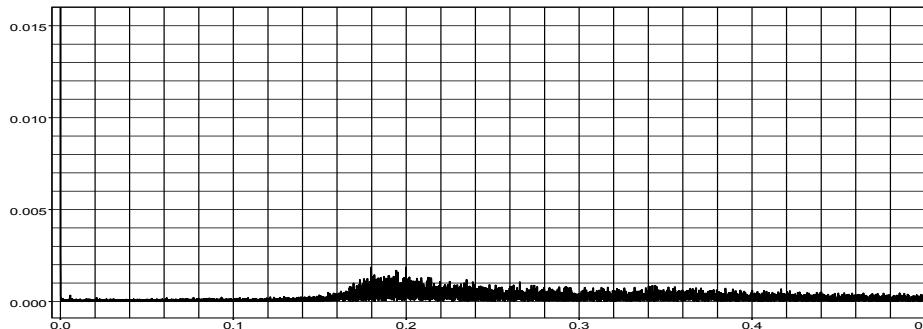
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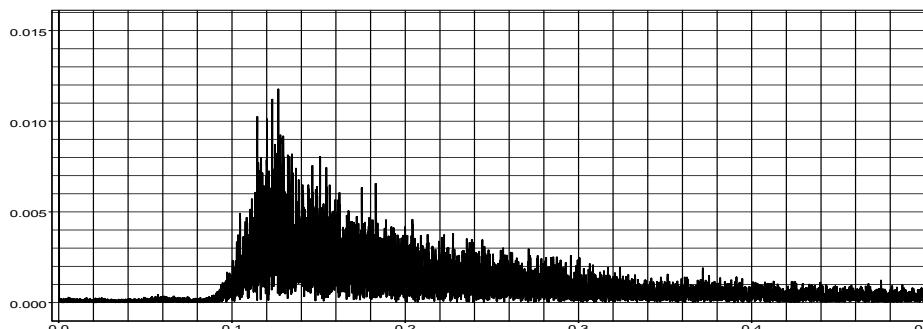
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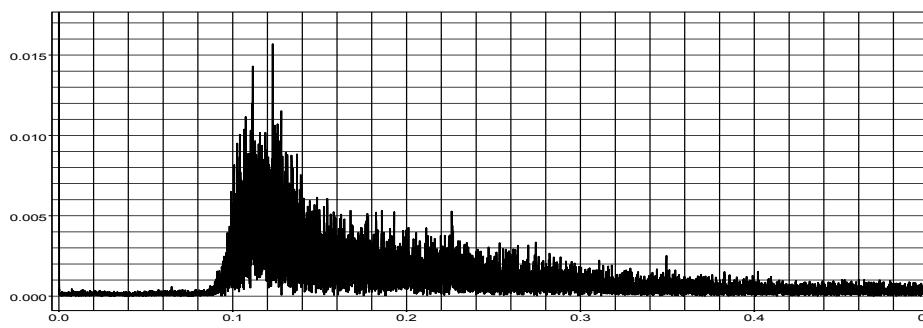
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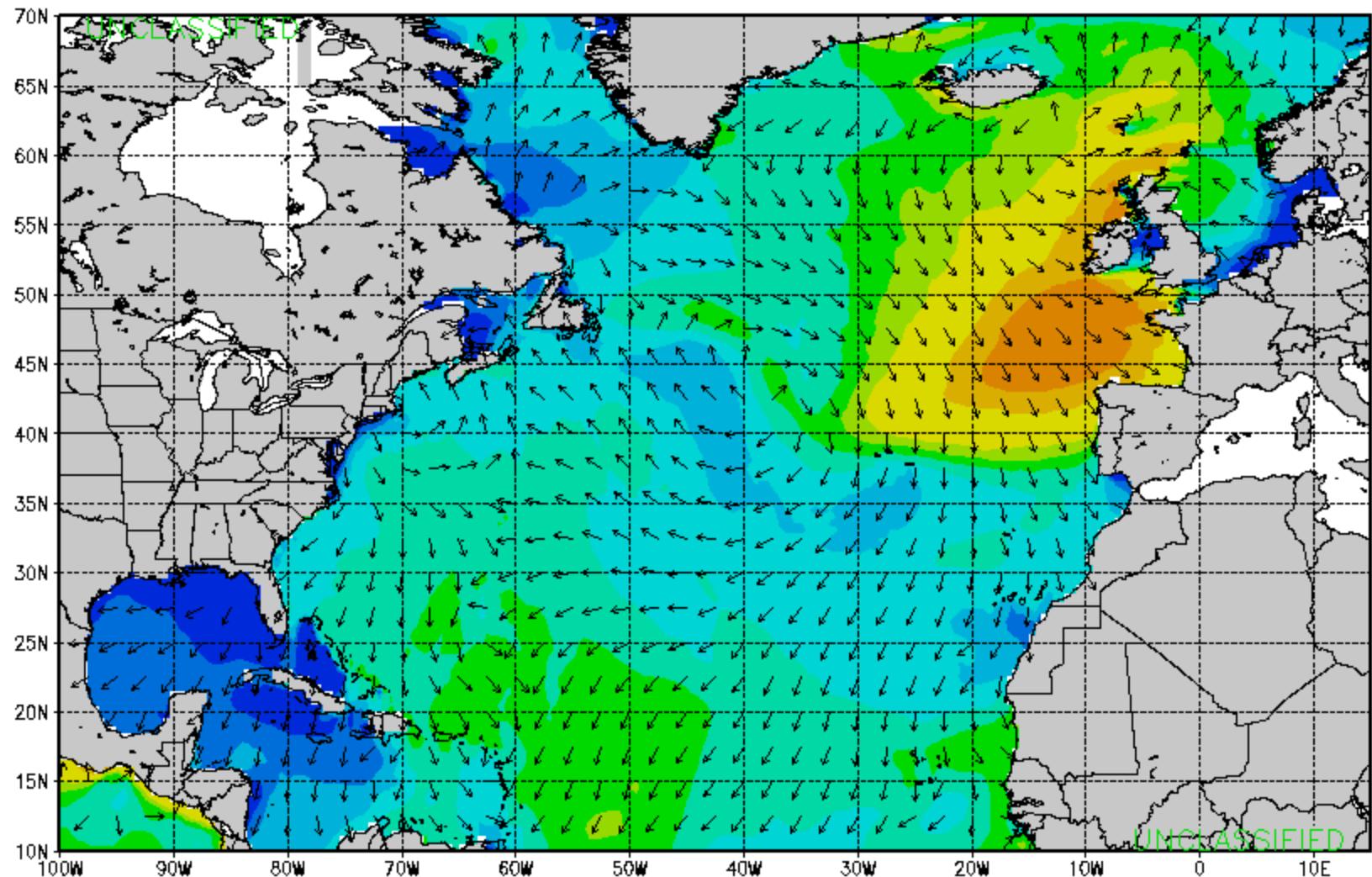
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Examples of wave periods and directions

**Swell Wave Period and Direction**  
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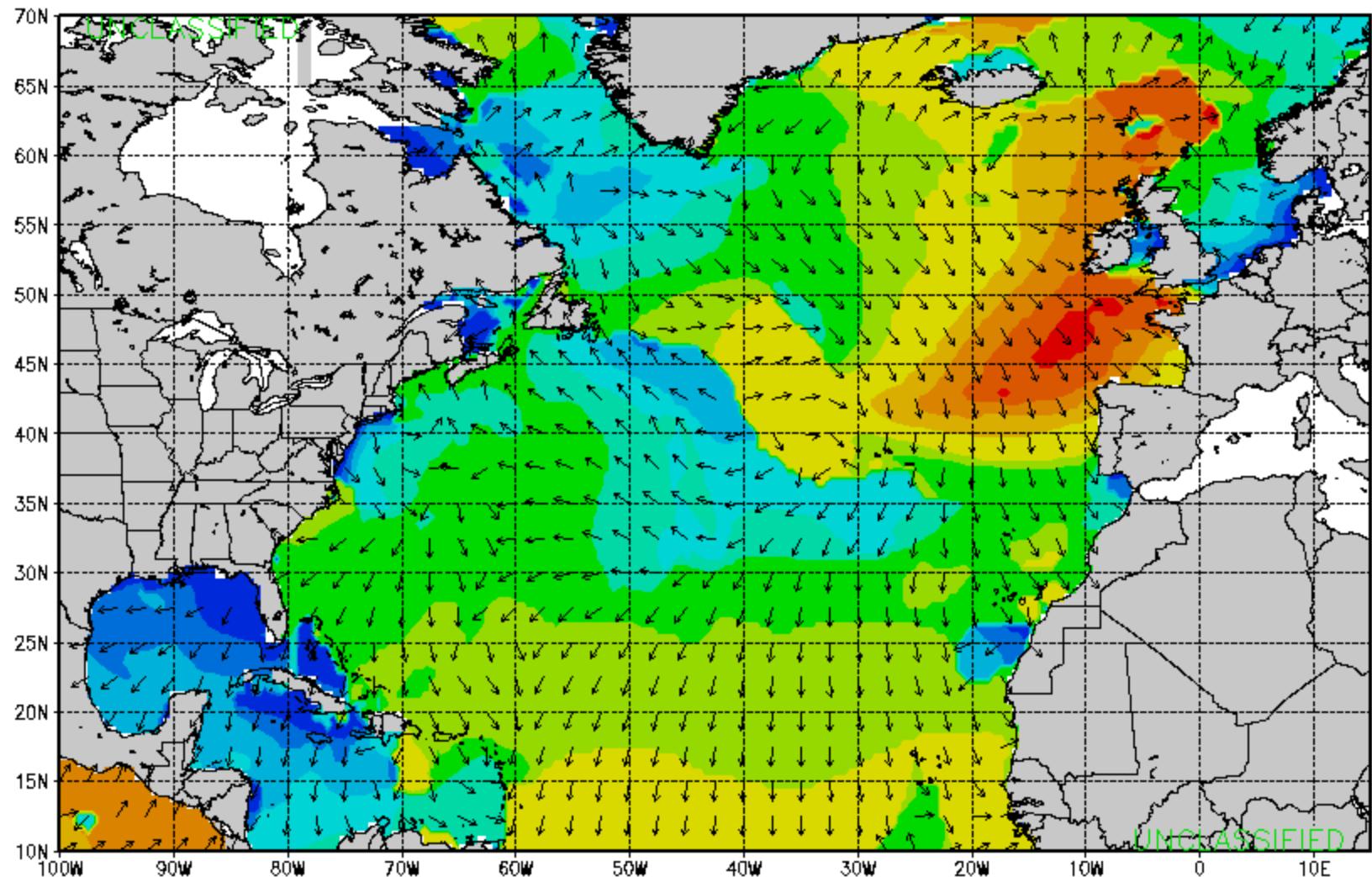
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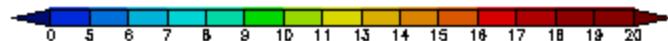
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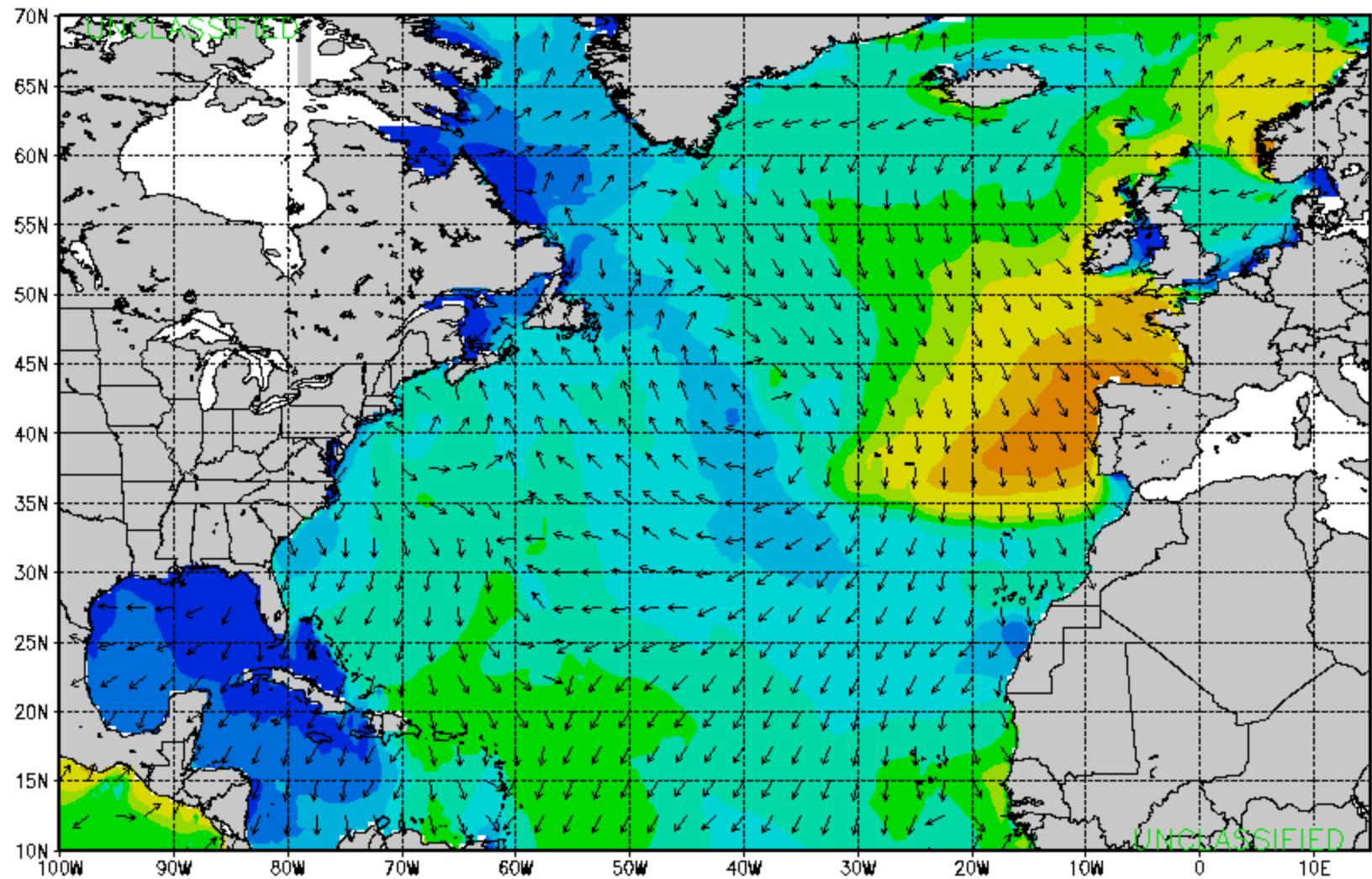
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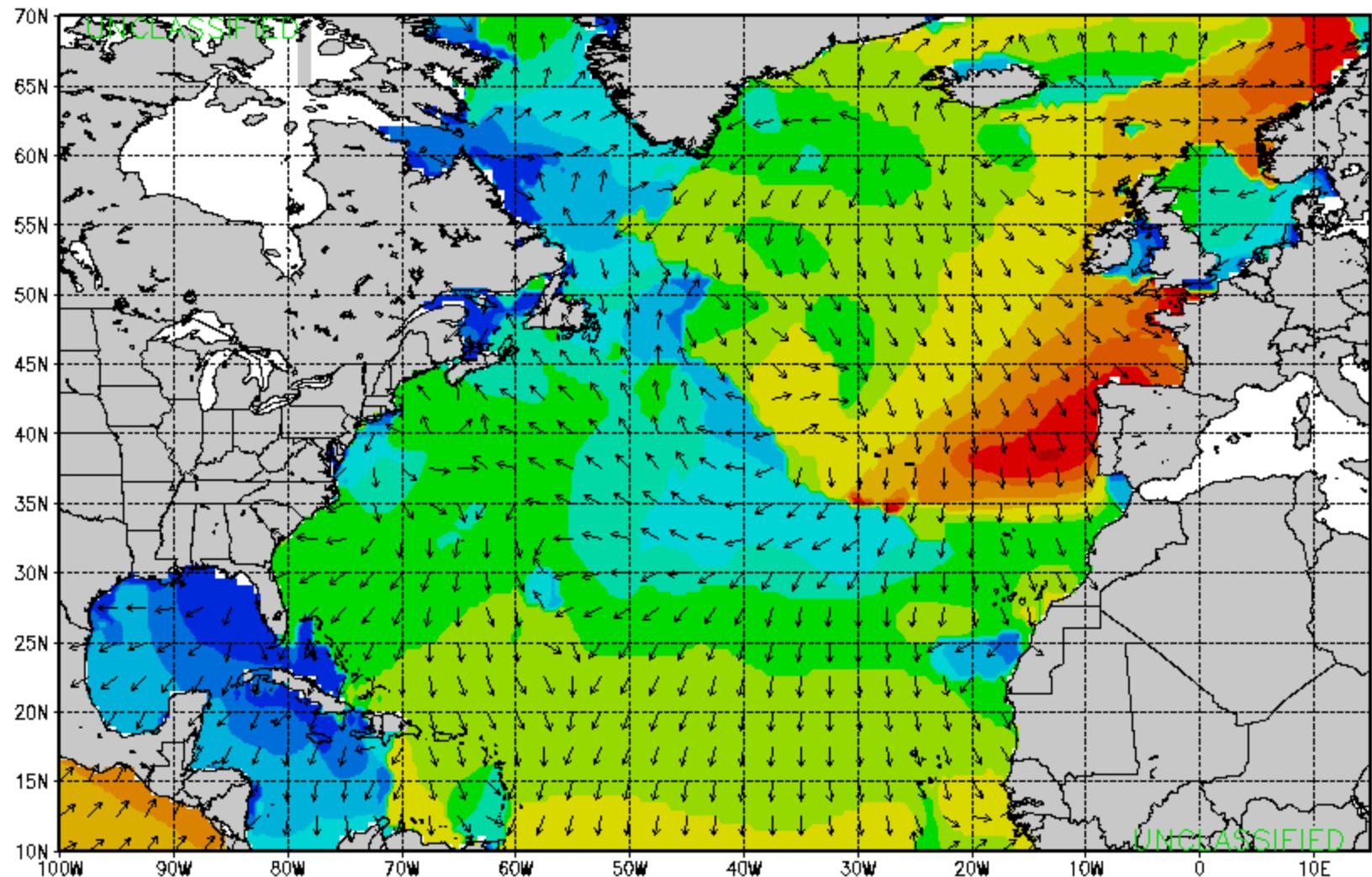
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## How to get sea state information

Consecutively, sea state models are provided by the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center (*FNMOC*) of the US Navy (<http://www.usno.navy.mil/FNMOC/>) with the special note “*Approved for public access. Distribution is unlimited*”.

For Western Europe particularly relevant are the charts of the *North Atlantic* with a actualisation rate of 6 hours

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and of the sea areas of Europe including the Mediterranean and Baltic seas with an actualisation rate of 12 hours

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Models Help

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Peak Wave Period & Direction		●	all	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
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●:Image from selected DTG. ○:12-Hour old image. □:24-Hour old image. ⊗:No image in last 2 model runs.

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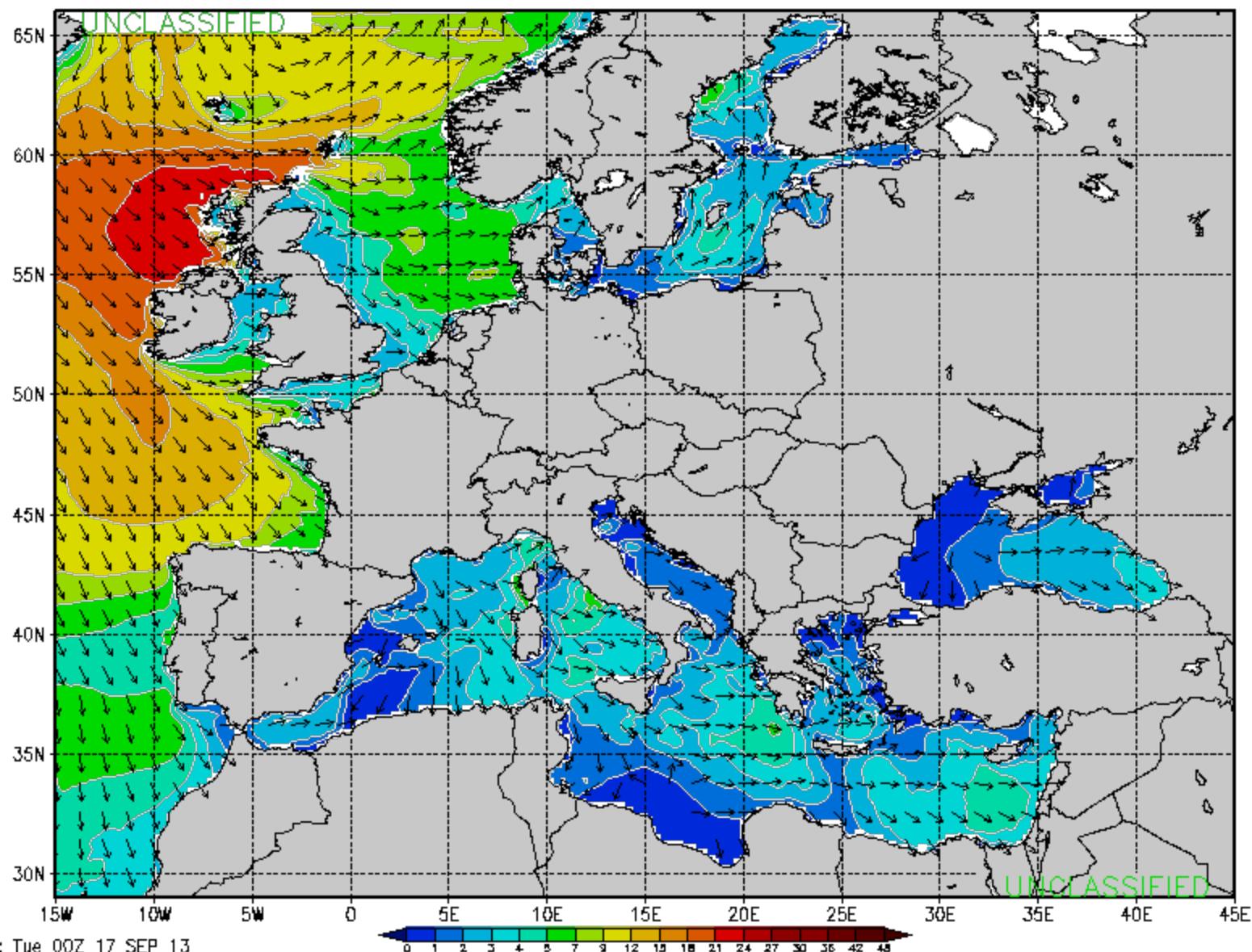
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Click on vertical “all” opens consecutive charts from „Significant Wave Height and Direction“ until “Peak Wave Period and Direction” (in the context “White Cap Probability” is not relevant)

Click on horizontal “all” opens, according to the selected option, consecutive charts from present sea state until predicted sea states up to 180 hours; of course the prediction significance decreases with the time distance from present time. Chart loop option!

Charts of the sea areas of Europe including the Mediterranean and Baltic seas with an actualisation rate of 12 hours.

**Swell Wave Height and Direction**  
**Swell Wave Period and Direction**

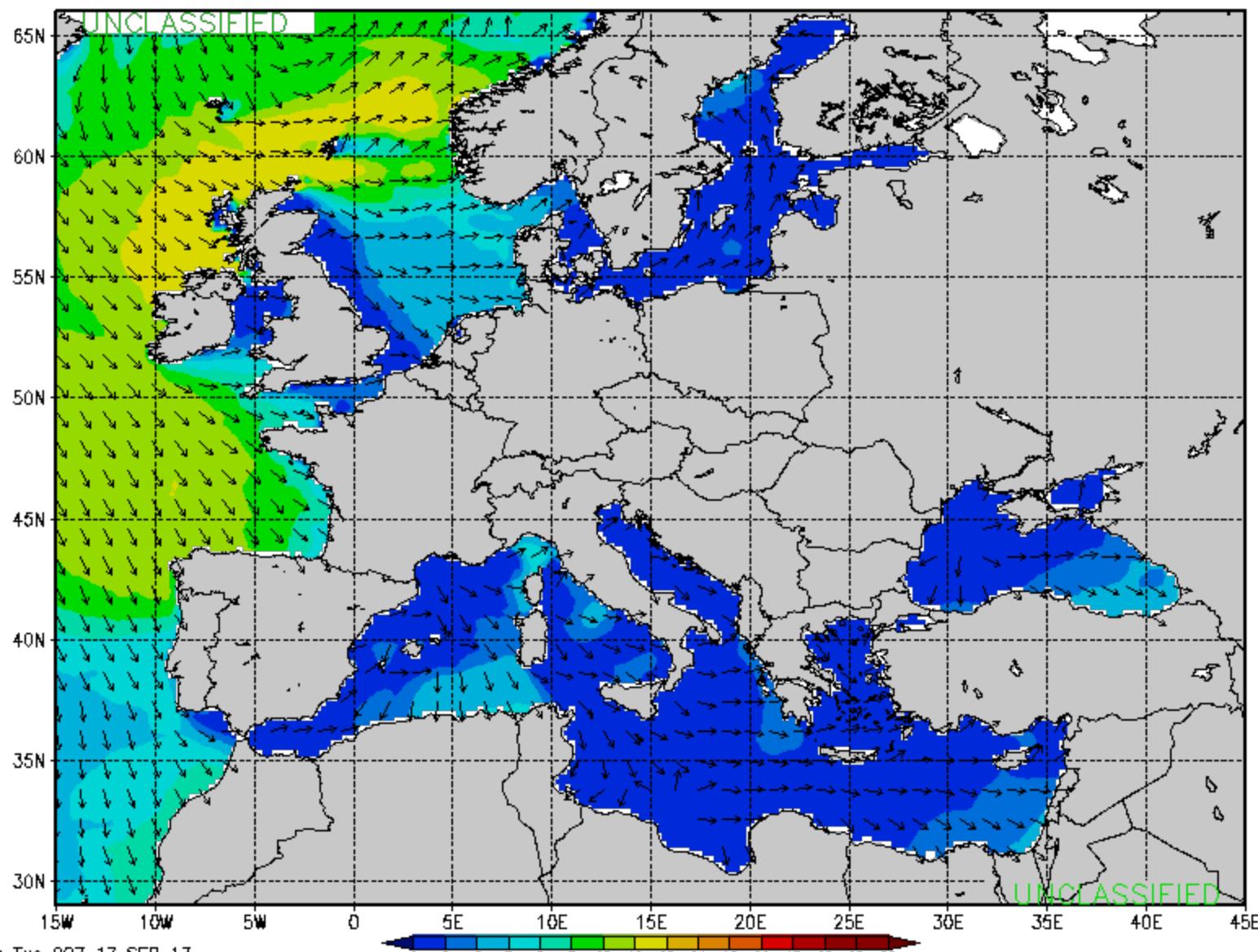


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FNMOC COAMPS (U): Swell Wave Height [ft] and Direction

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## Prediction of Gravimetric Noise

Once knowing that a significant interrelation exists between the sea state pattern and the associated gravimetric noise pattern, for any station in Western Europe the *sea state induced gravimetric noise* can be predicted, within certain limits. In many cases that noise component is dominating; the ratio between maximum and minimum sea state induced noise level can easily exceed the factor 20!

The physical cause of sea state induced noise are breaking waves along the West European coast lines and the associated energy transmission. Concerning the North Atlantic, the sea state forecasting horizon amounts up to one week when applying the *FNMO*C approach.

Since the noise can significantly affect the quality of an aiming gravimetric signal, certain measurements, including metrological investigations and measures, have necessarily to be performed under optimal noise conditions. Prediction facilitates planning and execution essentially. Different from instrumental noise, sea state induced noise is a physical phenomenon and can therefore only be minimised by selection of appropriate observation periods.

At present the size of the sea state induced gravimetric noise can a-priori be assessed on the basis of increasing experience regarding predicted wave heights and directions along the European sea coasts.

The evaluation of observed gravimetric data may be extended into the direction of a *modelling* (quantification) of the correlation between the sea state pattern along the West European coast lines and the noise observed in the respective station. Certainly, this is a complicated endeavour since one is concerned with a spatially extended noise source , instead of a point source. Additionally , the horizontal and vertical geometry of the respective coastal region has to be considered as well as local and regional geological structures.

Perhaps, the conversion processes of breaking waves energy into seismic energy and the transmission pattern contain geo-scientifically relevant information.

Anyway, even a rather qualitatively determined correlation between sea state and gravimetric noise can improve the chances of detailed *noise sourcing* when already knowing one major part of the noise origins.

In September 2010 the author started to establish a **North Atlantic Sea State data base** (sampling rate 6 hours) containing FNMOG charts for

- Significant Wave Heights and Direction
- Swell Wave Heights and Direction
- Wind Wave Height and Direction
- Swell Wave Period and Direction
- Wind Wave Period and Direction
- Peak Wave Period and Direction

In September 2012 the record was temporarily stopped and restarted in April 2013.

The data base is open for any user (refer to [geo.bonatz@t-online.de](mailto:geo.bonatz@t-online.de))