Most of the responses to my comments are satisfactory. Thanks.

The very last one, 30 km as a cut-off distance for altimetry data in this study may not be the best choice. The main reason is not about the availability of along-track data, rather it is the quality of the altimetry data in shallow area that may be a concern. For example, on the wide West Florida Shelf, 30 km offshore may be around 30 m isobath. In this shallow area, the global tide model for altimetry data tidal correction may not be reliable in this shallow area. That is why the coastal altimetry product is preferred (and was tested in previous studies, e.g., Liu et al., 2012) for the shallow water area, not the conventional altimetry product. This can be discussed in the paper.

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