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First iteration (m16 - m17) - Horizontal Slices

First we consider an horizontal slice of model m16 taken at 2 km depth.



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Model m17 shows no differences at a first glance!



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But if we look at the model update...



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The same behavior can be observed at 10 km depth: this is model m16



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Horizontal slice of m17 taken at 2 km depth.



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Horizontal slice of m18 taken at 2 km depth.



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