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# MODELLING THE NORTH-EASTERN ATLANTIC SHELF HYCOM

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# MODELLING THE NORTH-EASTERN ATLANTIC SHELF WITH HYCOM

## Object:

To model EUROPE's SW coastal-margin:

Channel, Bay of Biscay,

West Portugal and gulf of Cadiz.

## Sub-domains division:

1. Golfe de Gascogne

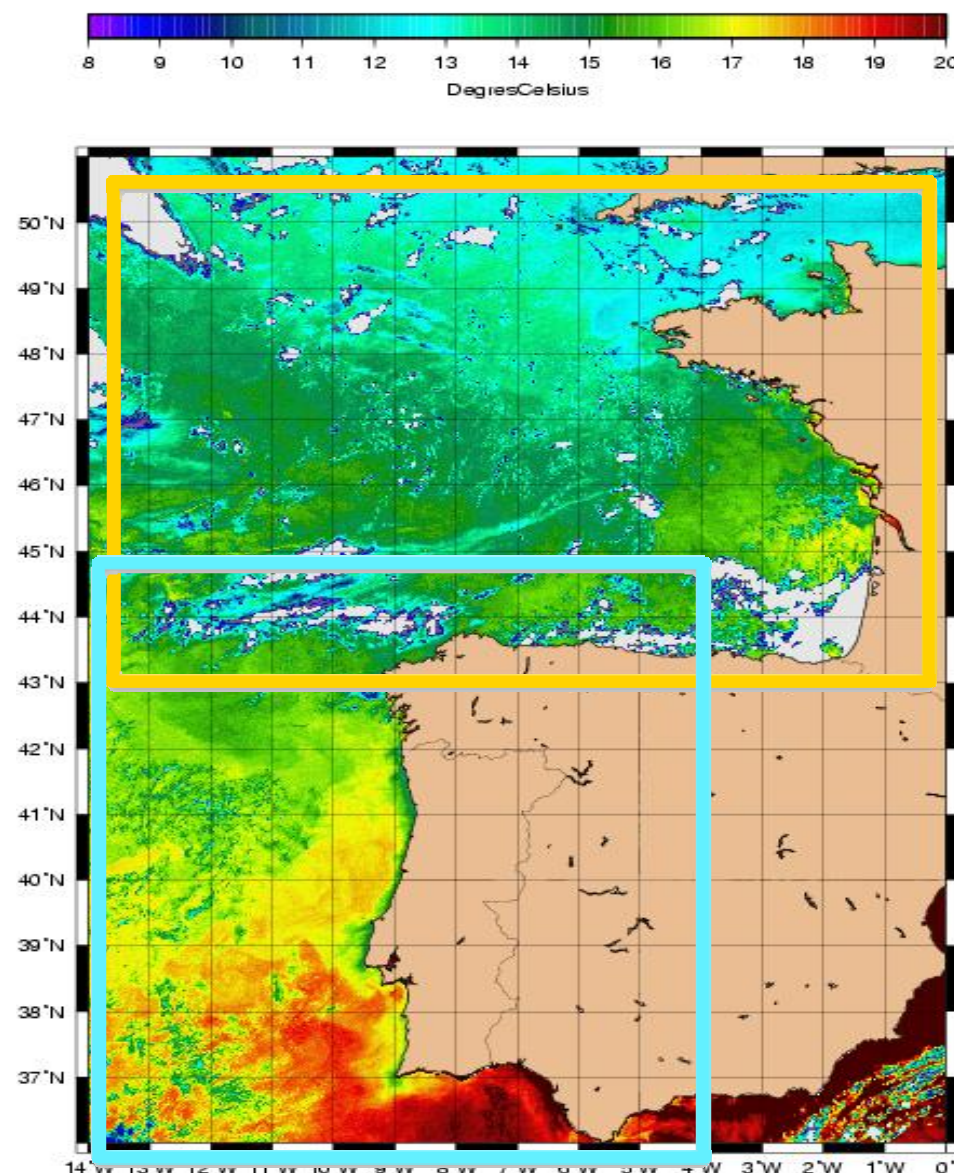
2. **West-Iberian**

## Project:

Started as a **SHOM** operation program  
MOUTON (2001-2008) PROTEVS (2009-  
2017) EPIGRAM(2008-2012);

Partnership with **HIDROGRAFICO** at  
the south Sub-domain

(MITIC (2009-2011);



### NUMERICAL DEVELOPMENTS

- Wetting drying version of HYCOM
- New boundary conditions  
(based on flux control)
- Time varying mixed layer scheme for  
(manage seasonal thermocline)
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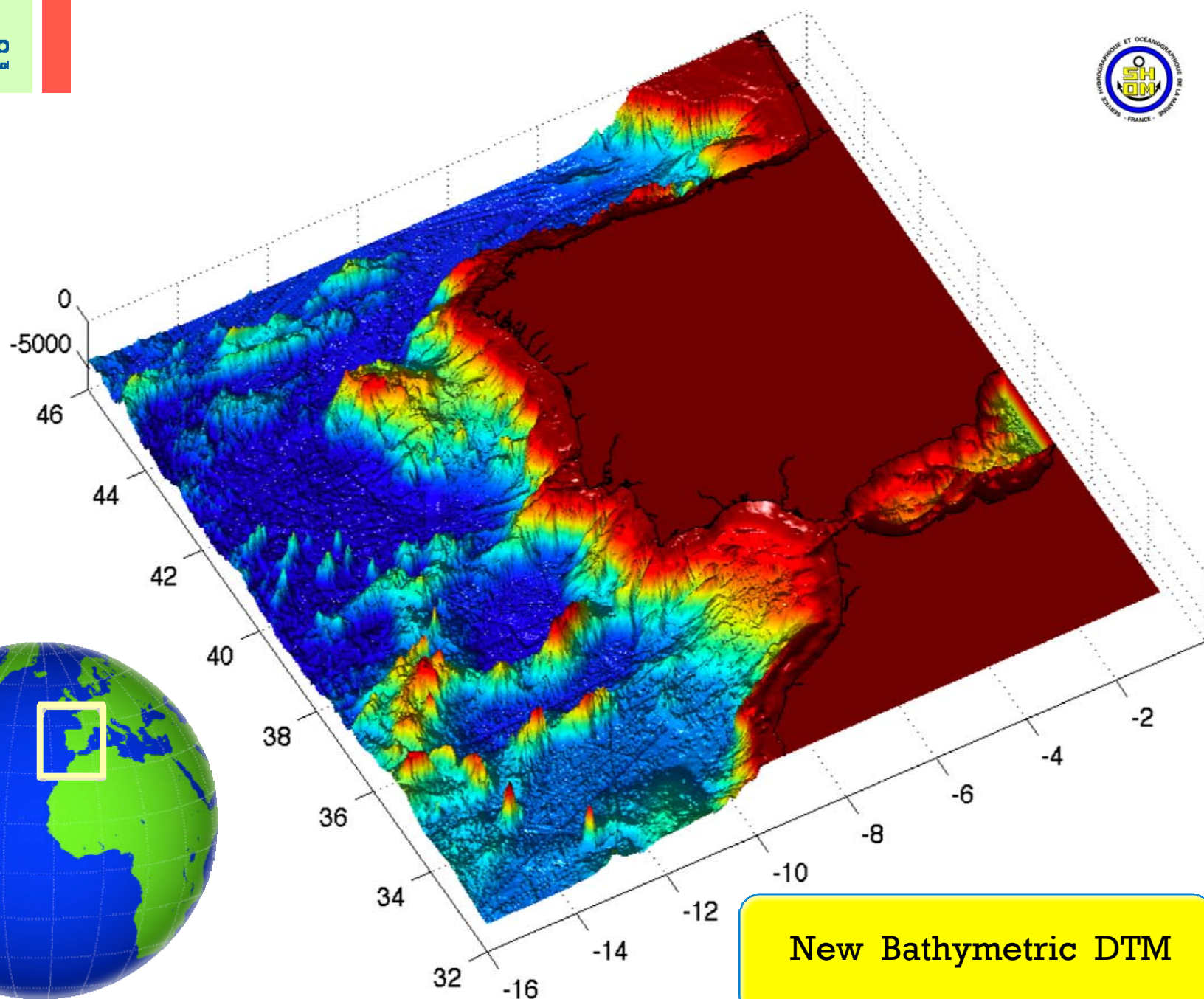
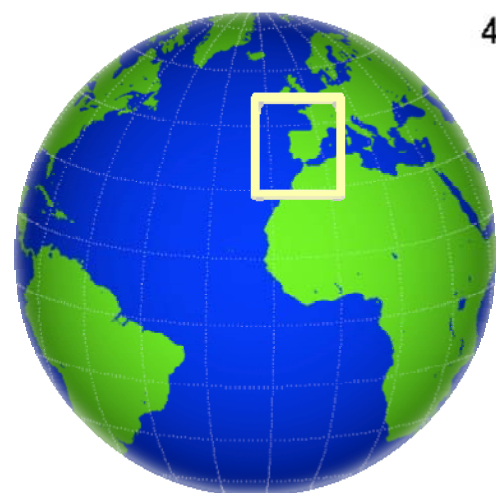
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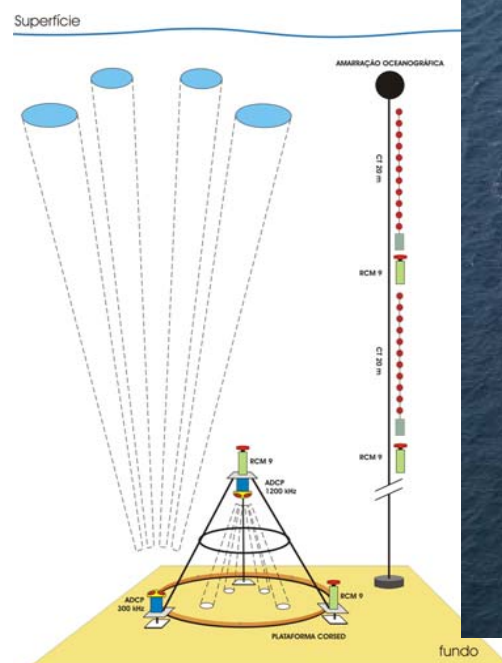
ARPEGE vs ALADIN (wind)





New Bathymetric DTM

# Observation campaigns at sea to validate and improve numerical results



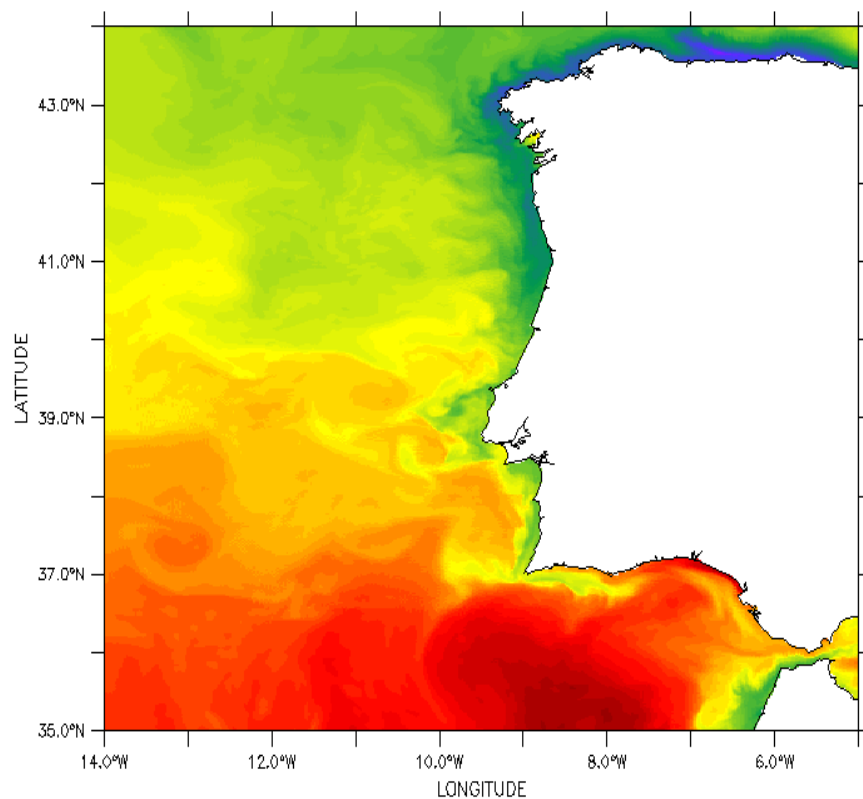


# Satellite images to validate numerical results

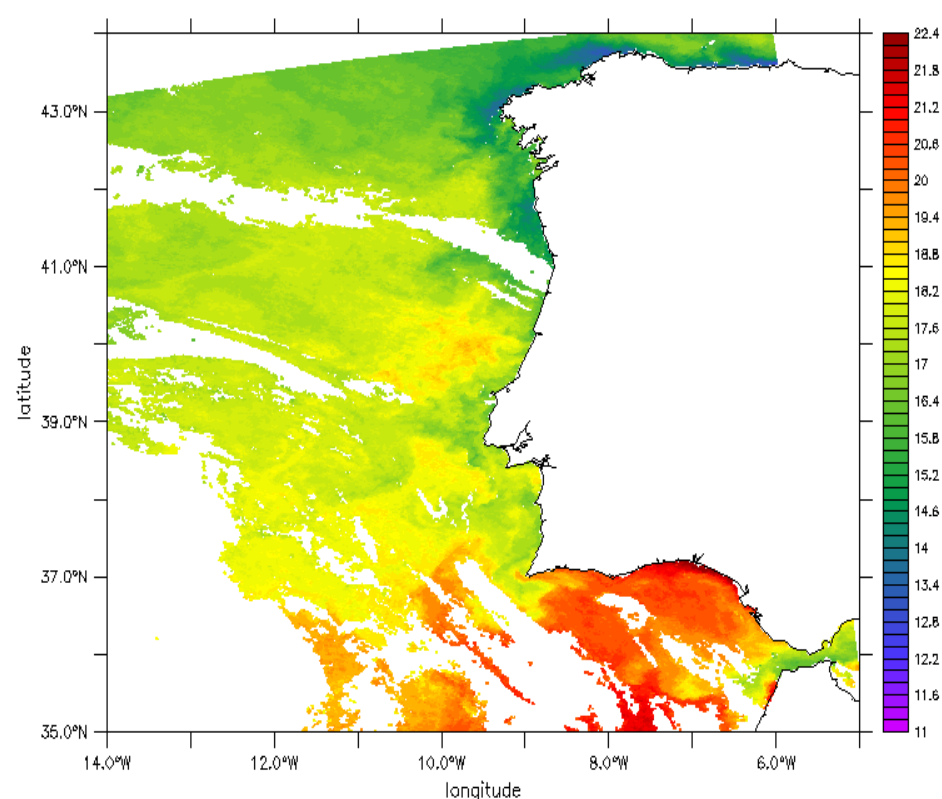
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DATA SET: temp\_modelo\_OPGIB.nc

TIME : 09-JUN-2005 02:00

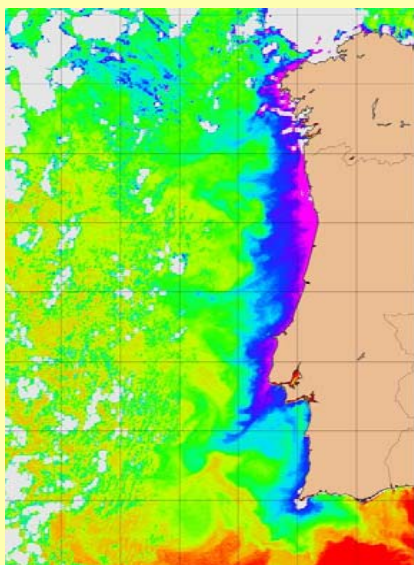


SST hycom (degC)

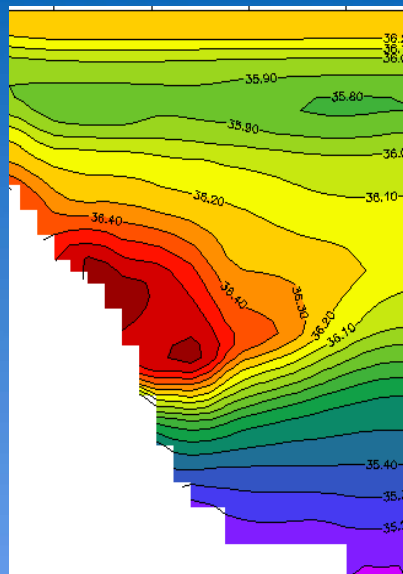


SST image (degC)

# Modelling 3 important oceanic processes



**UPWELLING**



**MEDITERRANEAN  
OUTFLOW**



**TIDE**  
(internal tide)



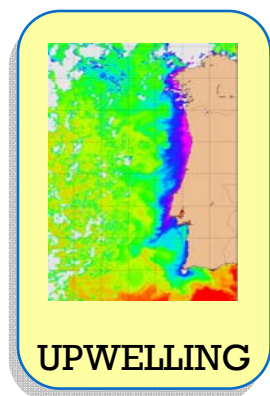
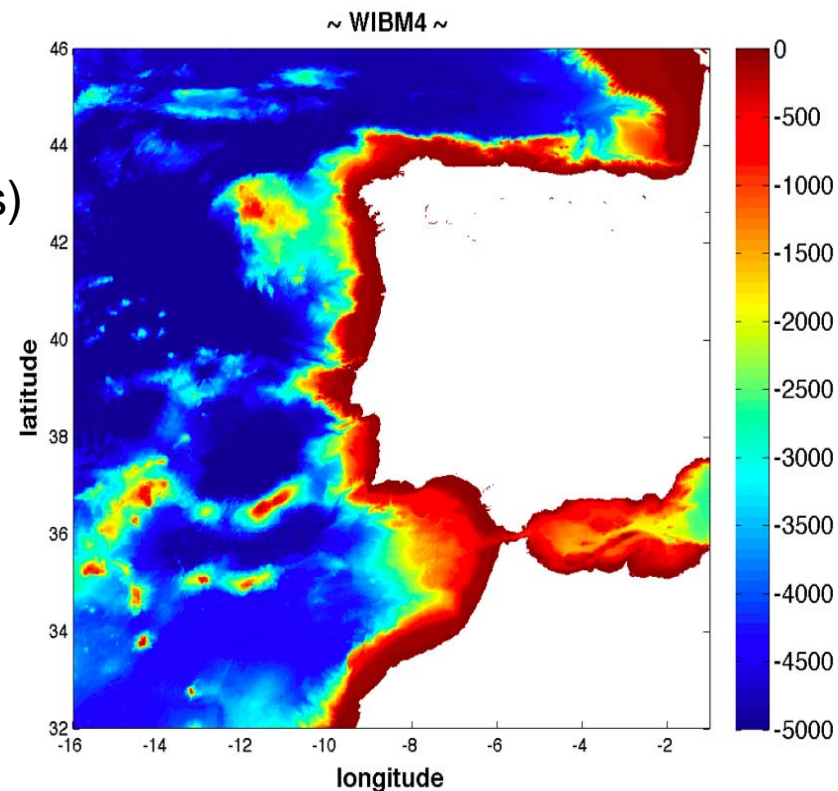
1. Vertical structure: **32 vertical levels (sigma2)**
1. Spatial resolution: **~ 1.8 km (Mercator projection)**
2. Initial state and boundary conditions forced by:

Stratification: **MERCATOR** (every 7 days)

Wind: **ARPEGE** (every 6 hours)

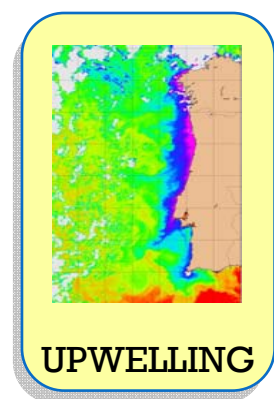
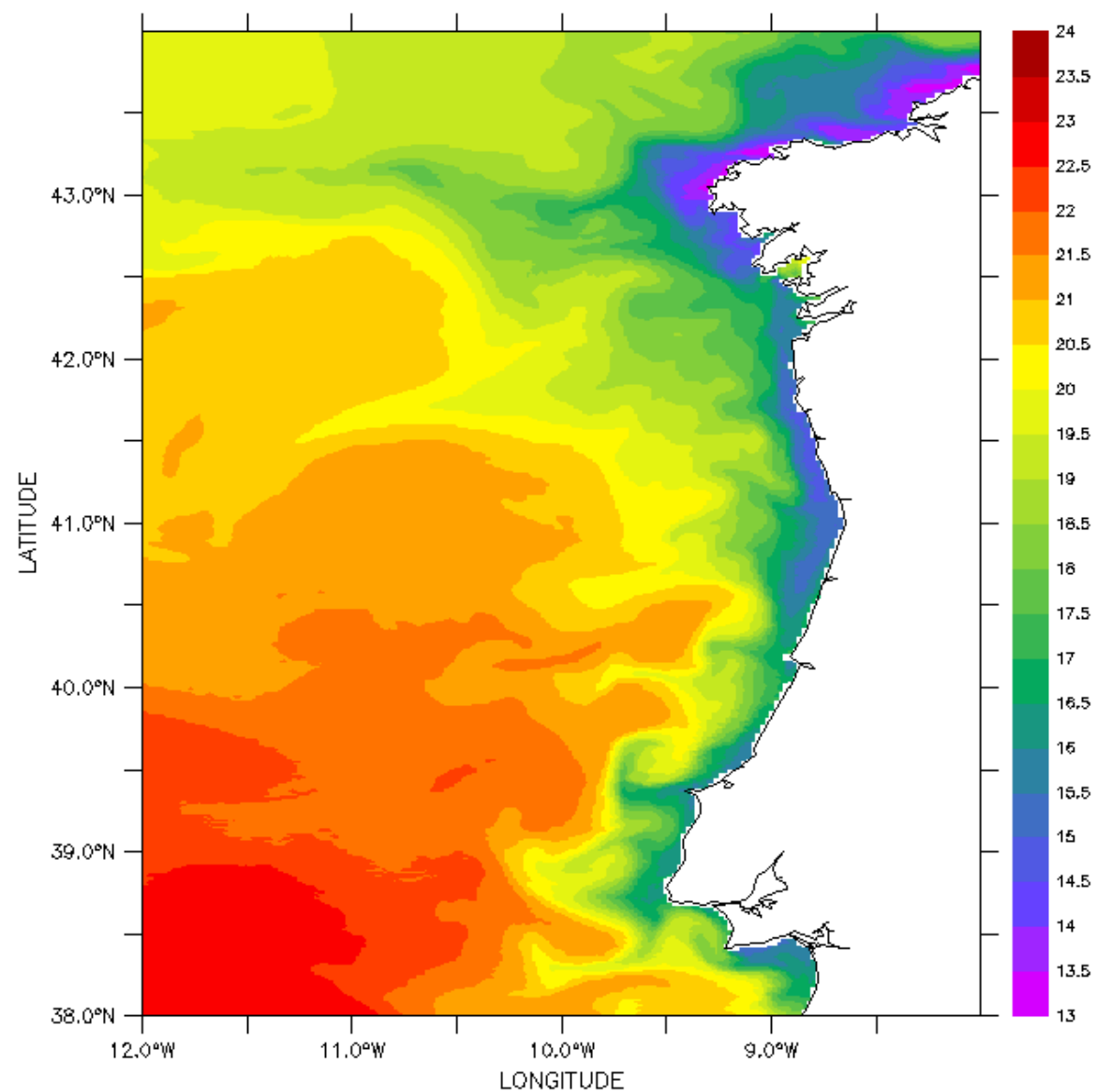
4. **Free run** (no assimilation, no correction of atmospheric fluxes)

5. Time period : **2005**



TIME : 21-JUL-2005 00:00

DATA SET: sst\_modelo.nc



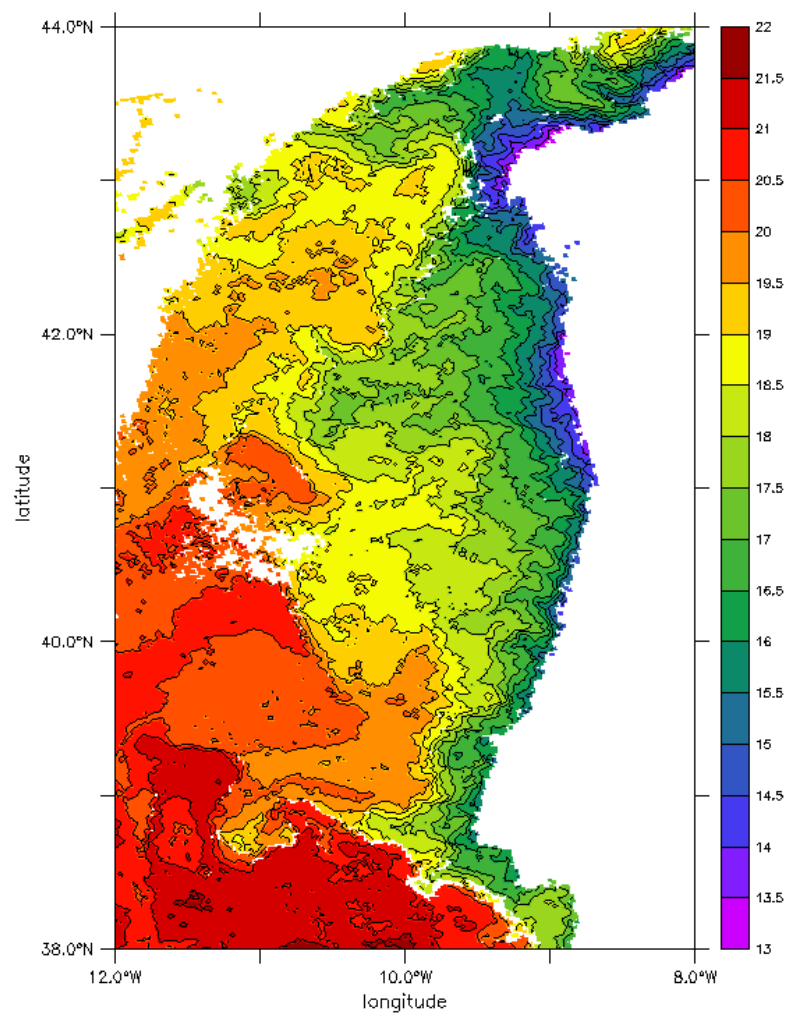
UPWELLING

SST (degC)

## Observation

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NOAA/PNGL TRAP  
May 7 2008 10:01:37

TIME : 19-SEP-2005 02:00



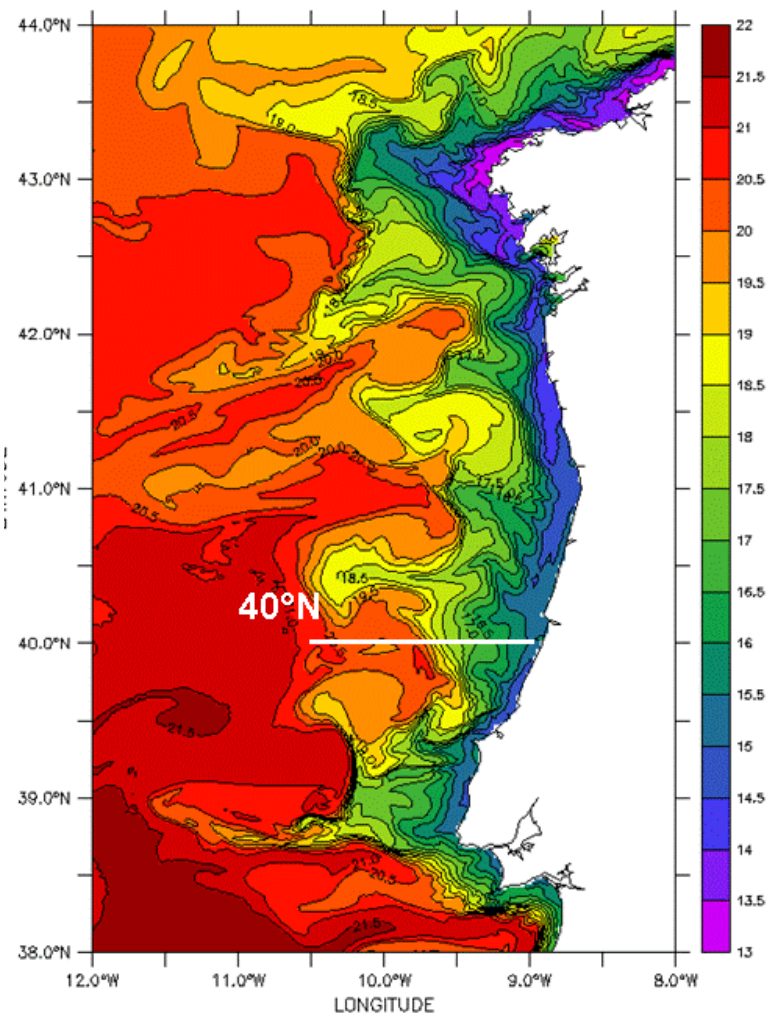
SST image (degC)

## Model

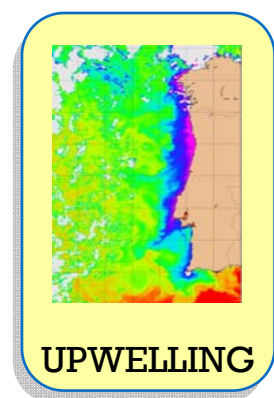
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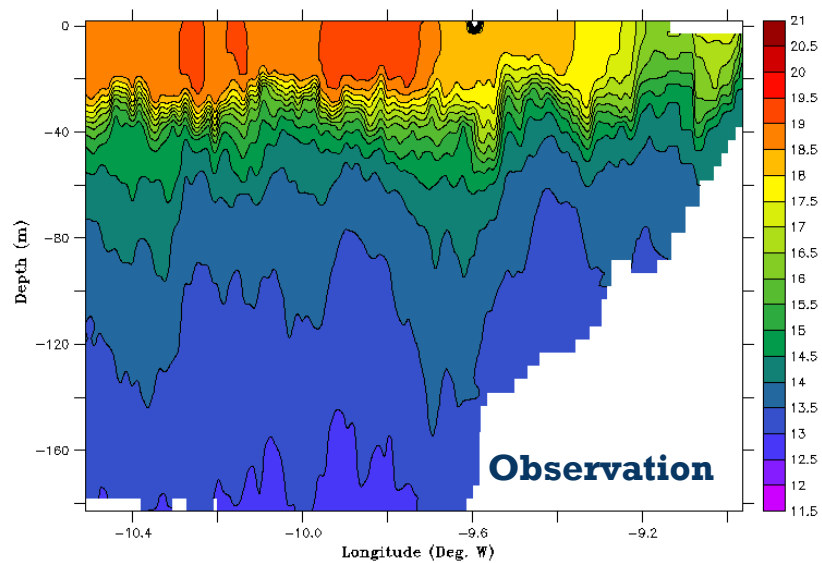


SST hycom (degC)

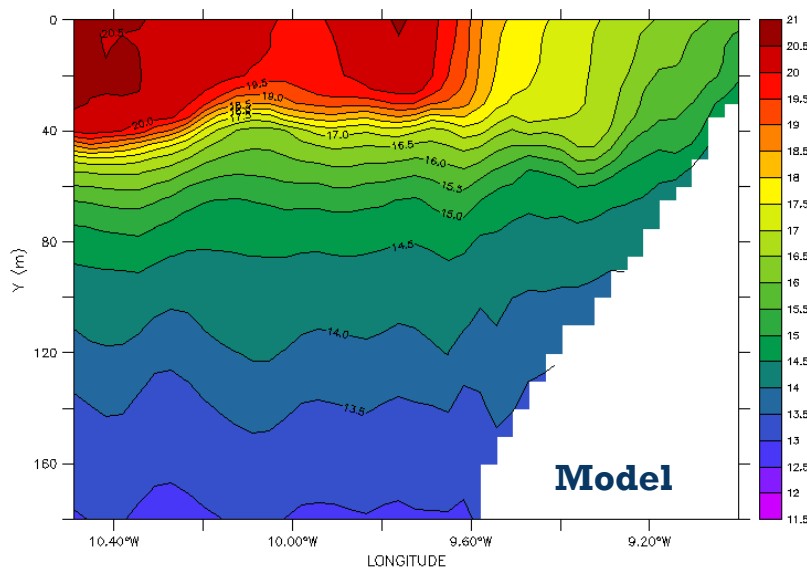




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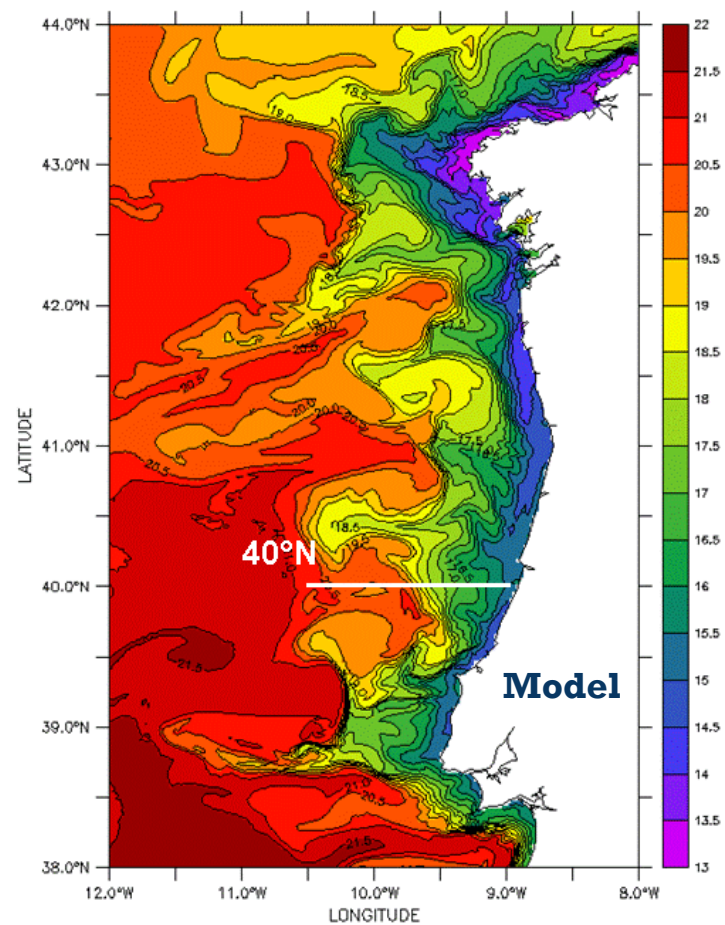
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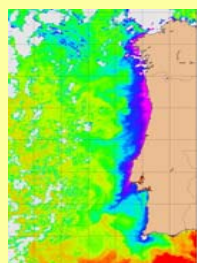
Temperature HYCOM - EXP2

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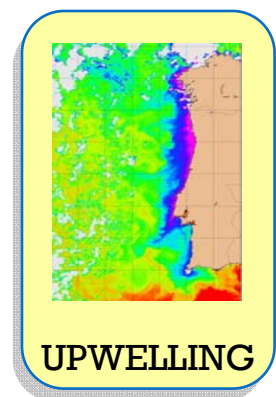
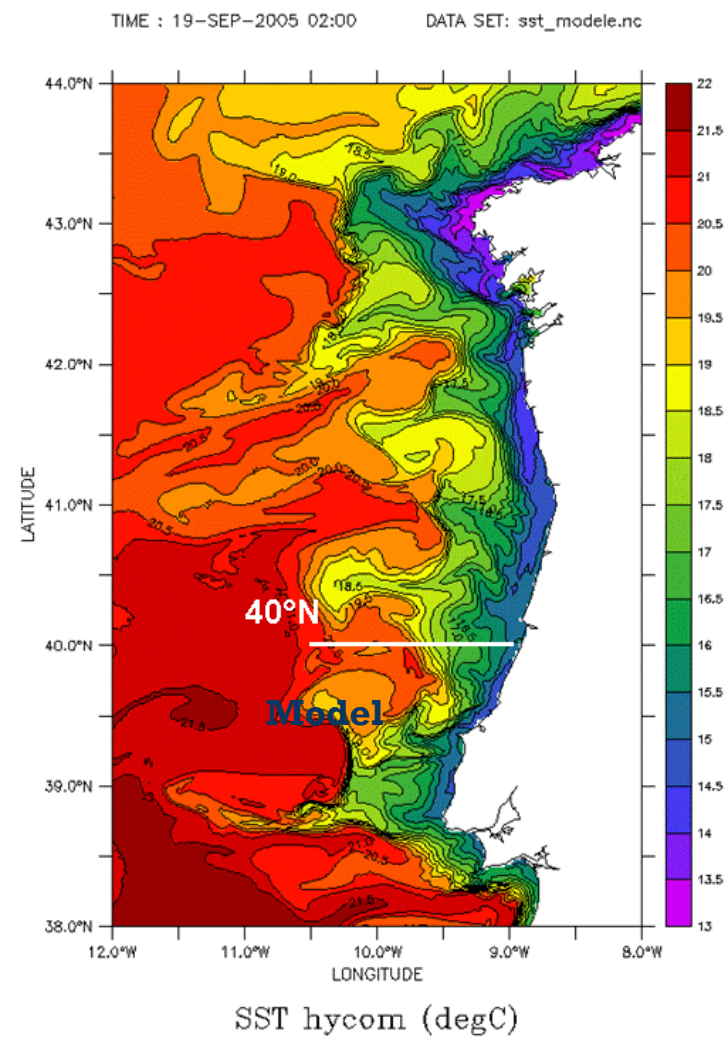
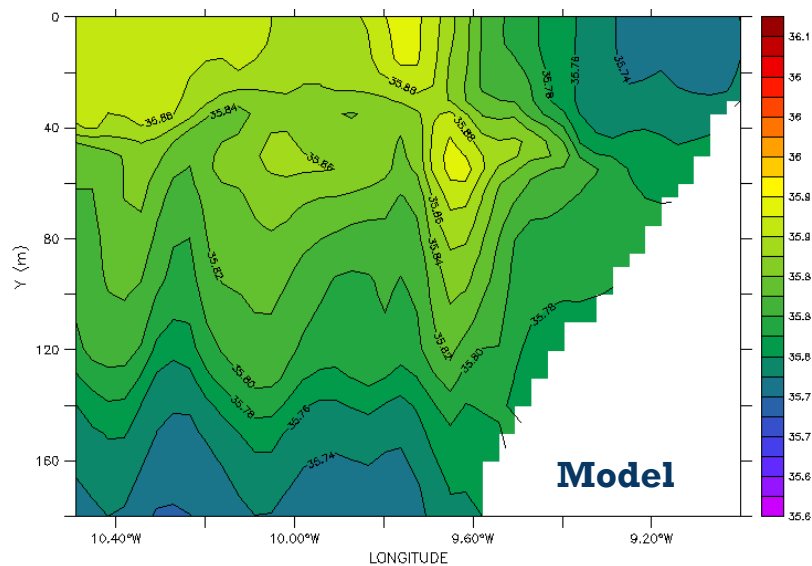
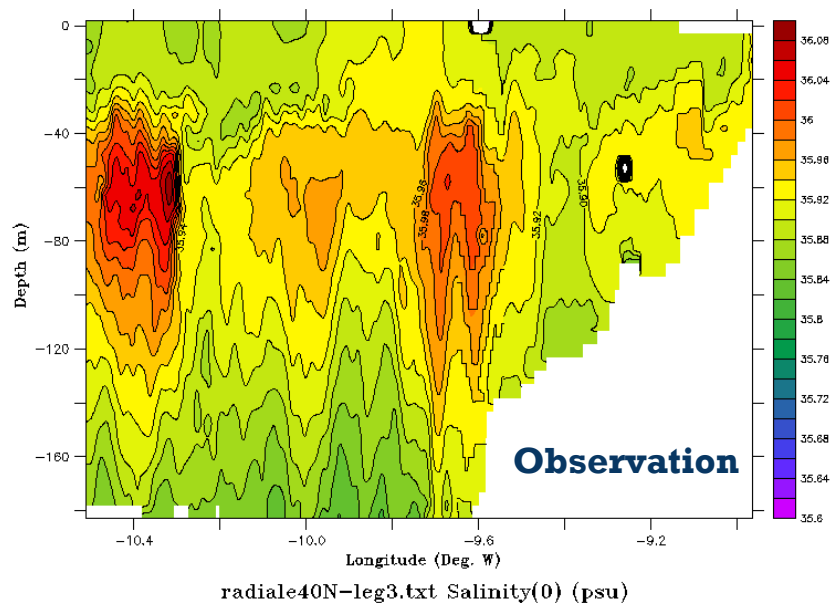
DATA SET: sst\_model.nc



SST hycom (degC)



UPWELLING



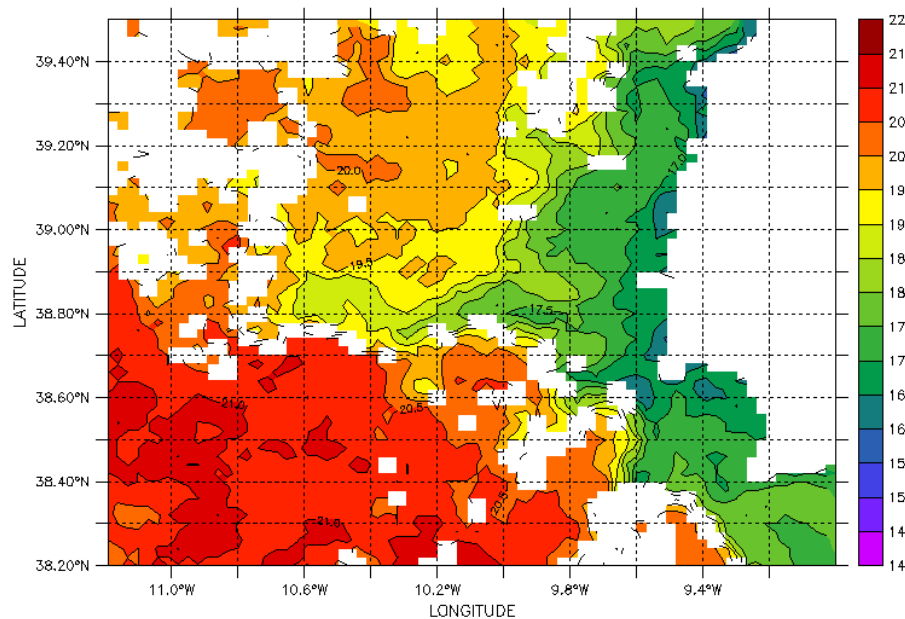
## Observation - SST

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NAR SST



Temperature de surface (degC)

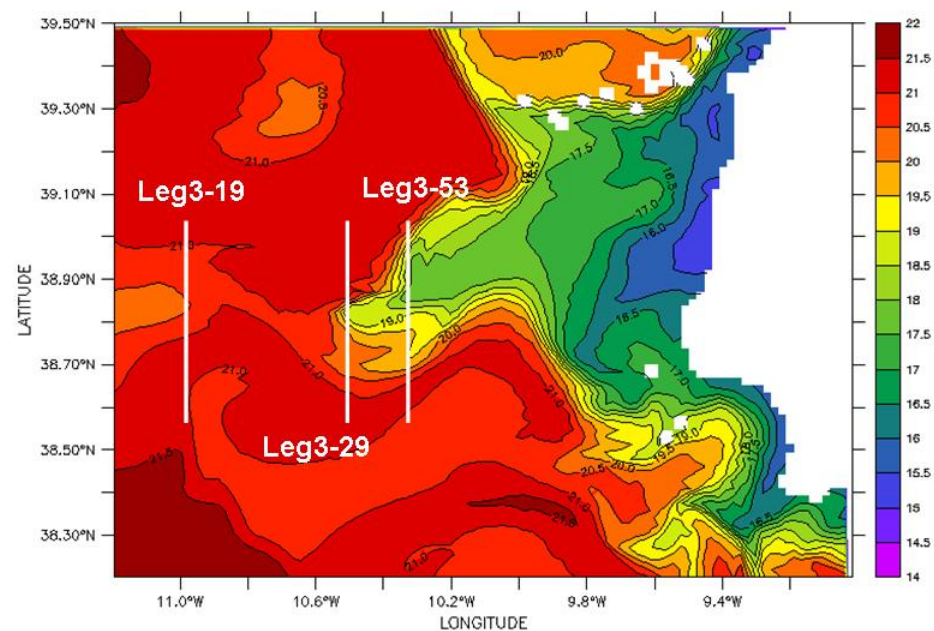
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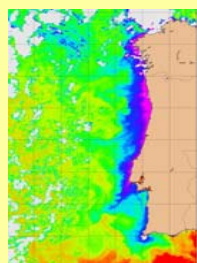
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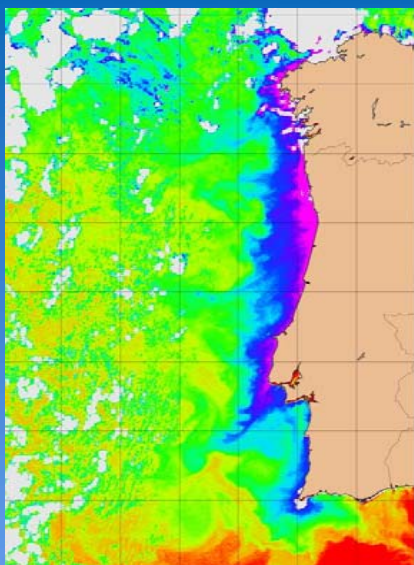


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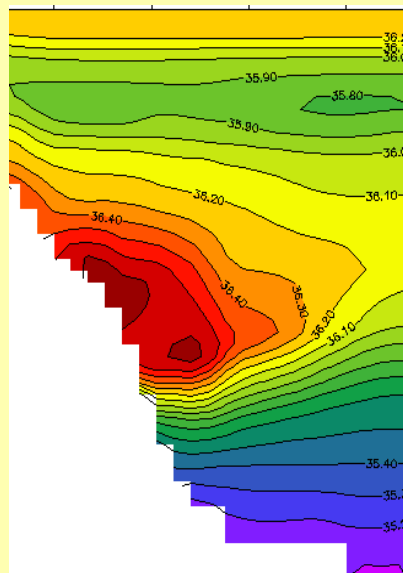


UPWELLING





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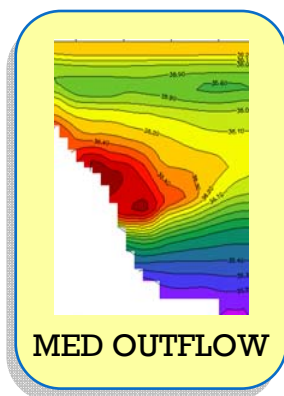


**TIDE**  
(internal tide)

1. Vertical structure: **32 vertical levels (sigma2)**
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2. Vertical mixing: **KPP + Xu et al. (2006) for gravity current**
3. Initial state and boundary conditions forced by:

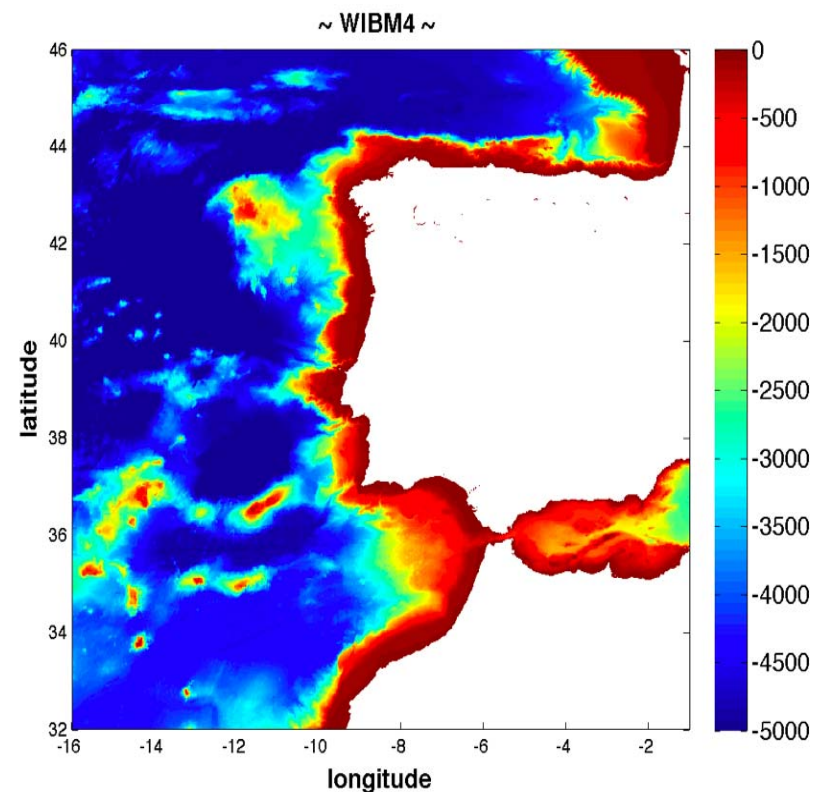
Stratification: **MERCATOR** (Atlantic)  
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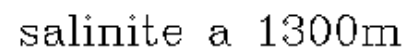
Wind: **ARPEGE**



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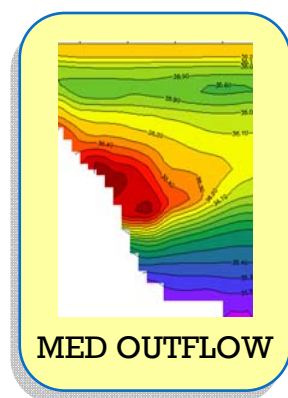
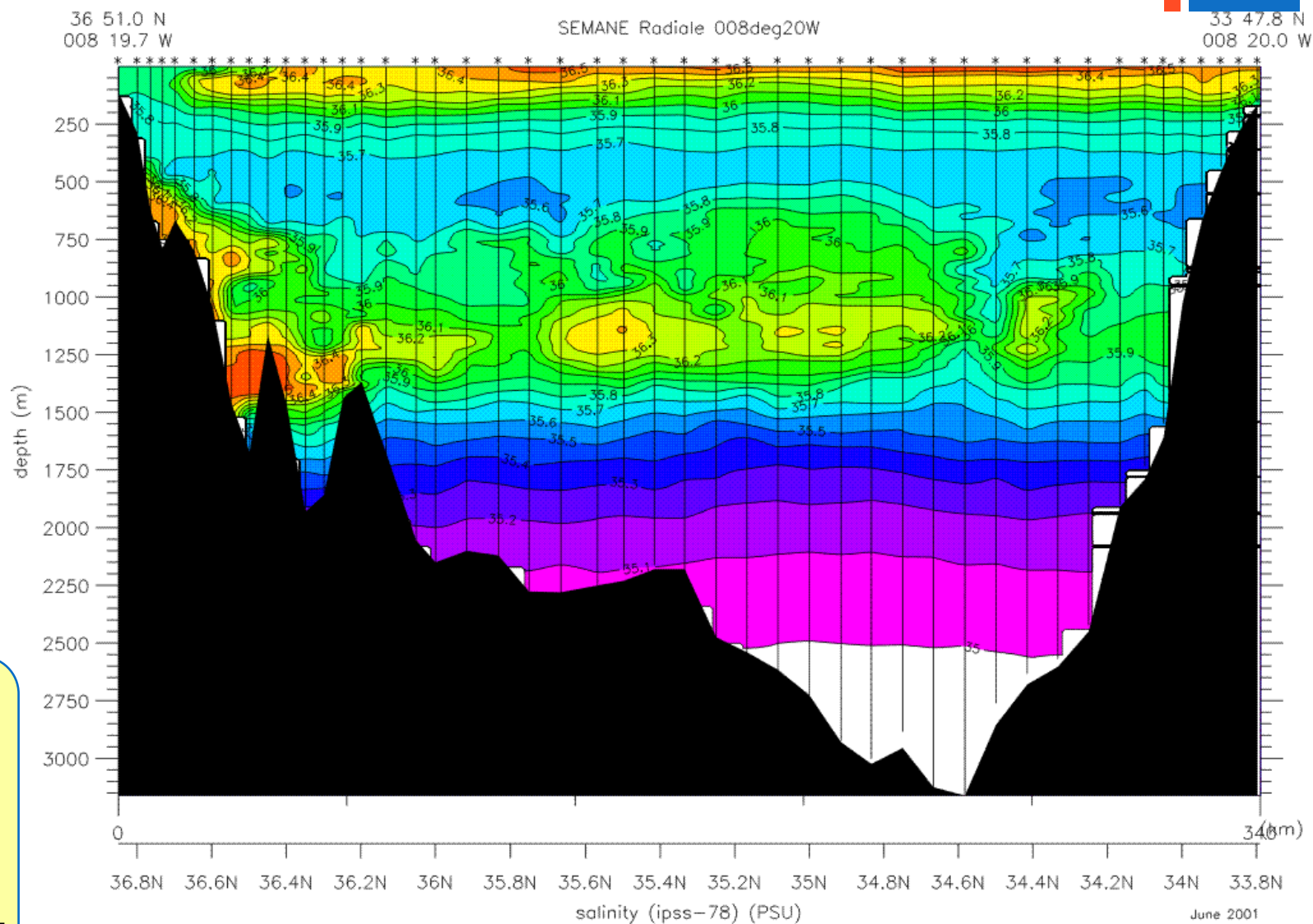
6. Time period : **2005**

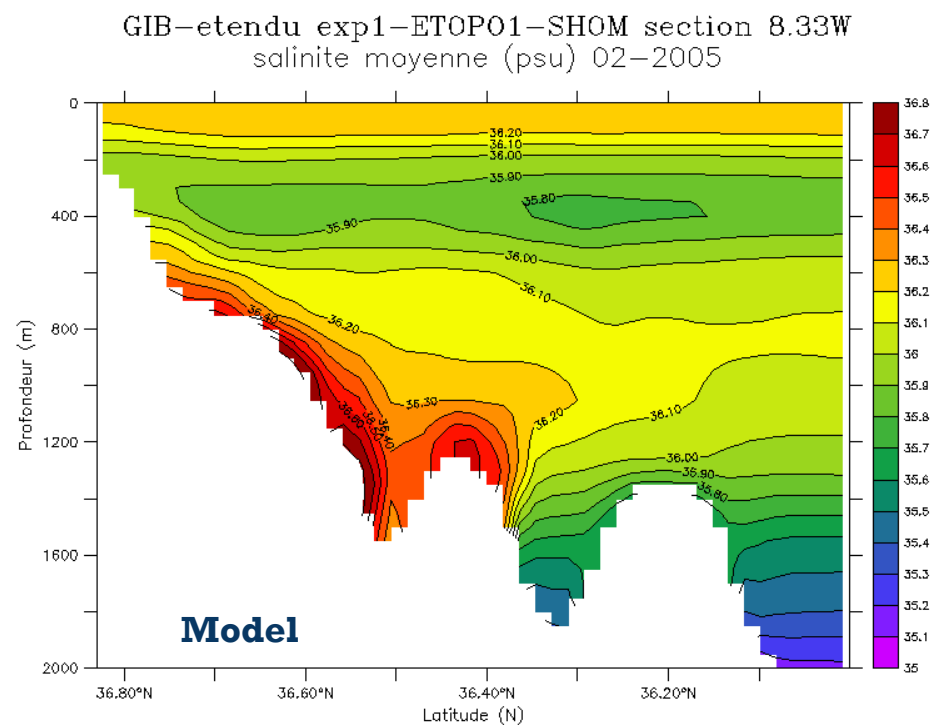
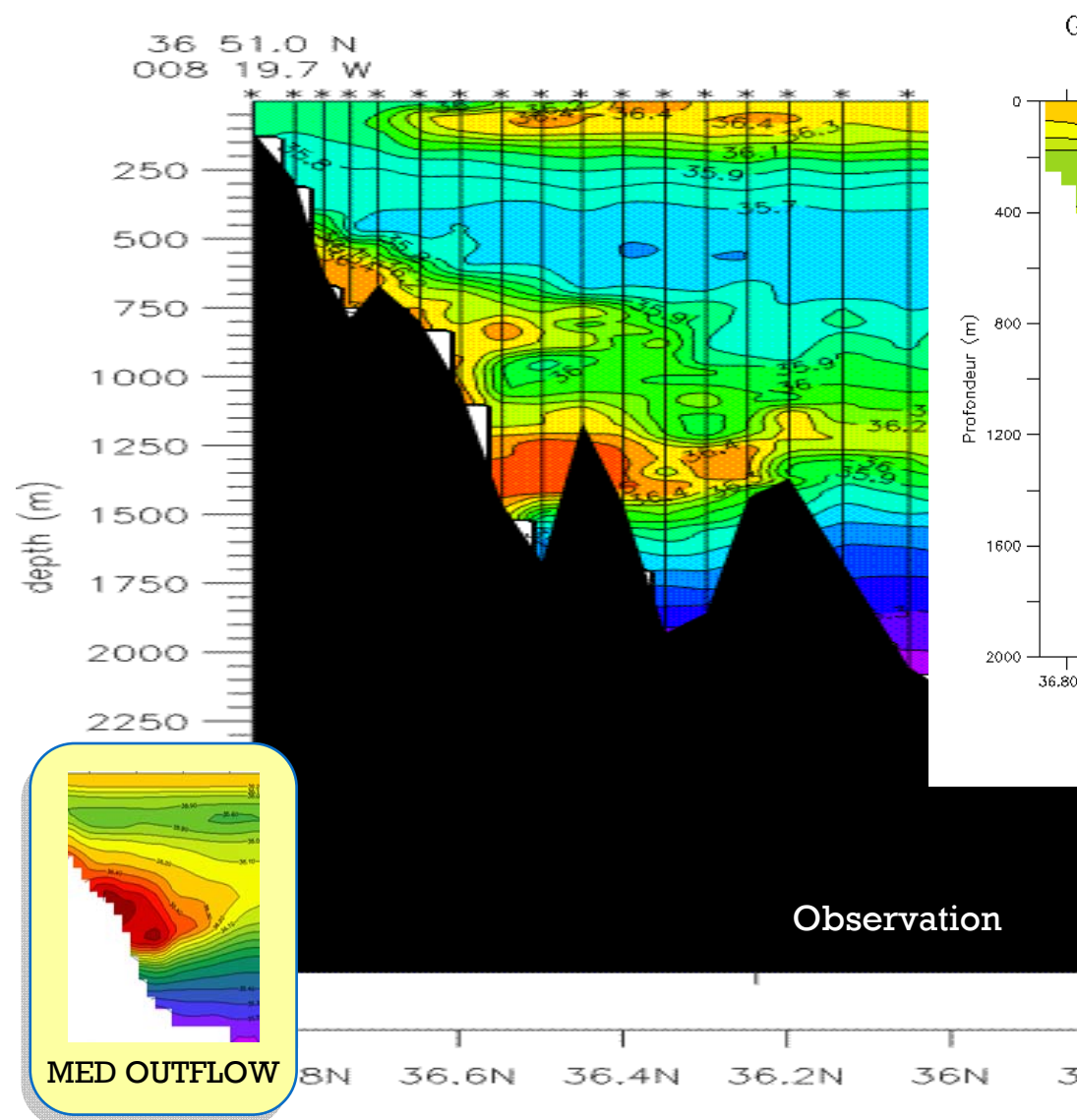




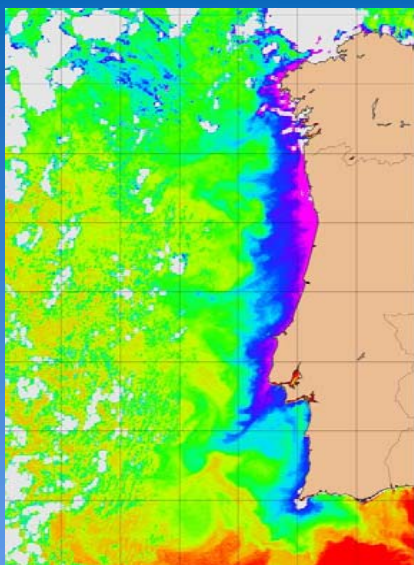


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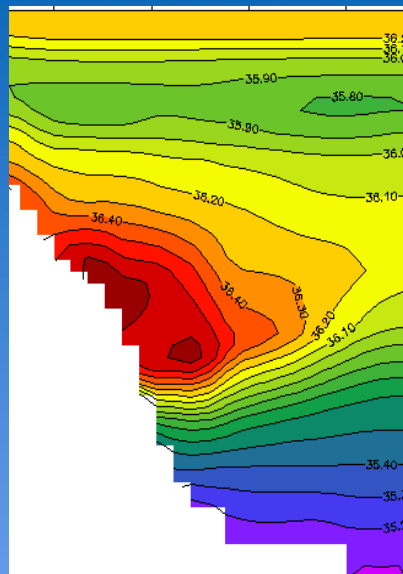




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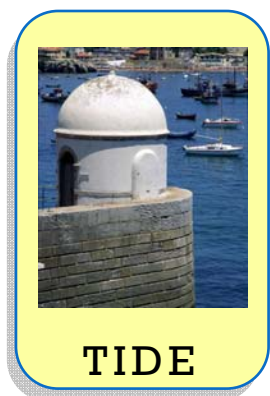
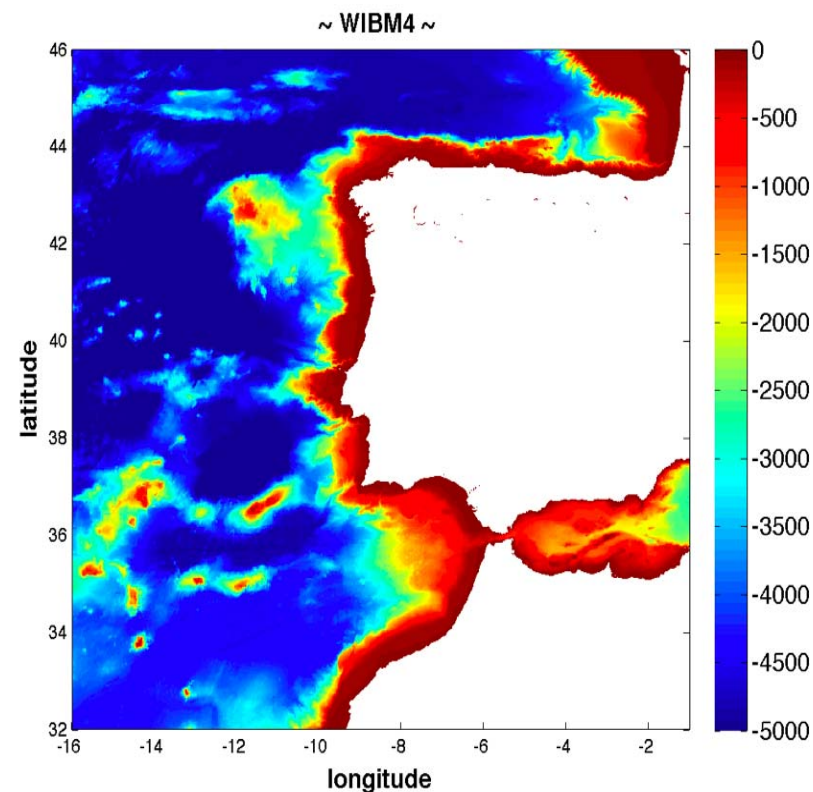
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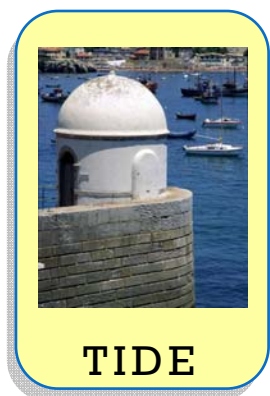
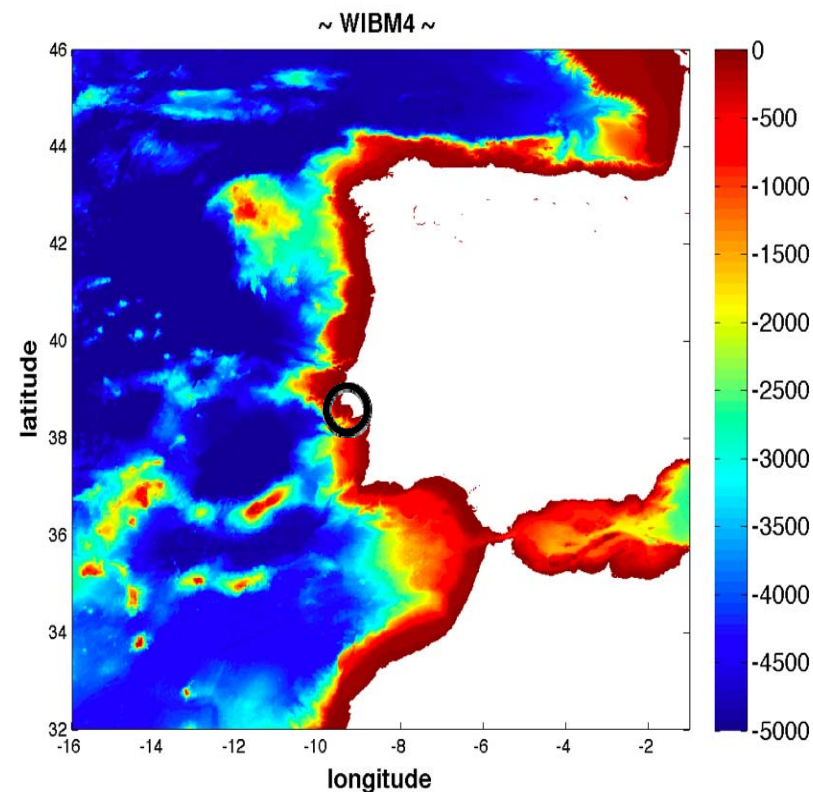
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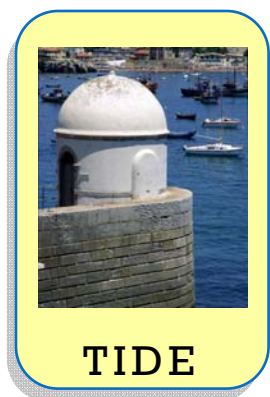
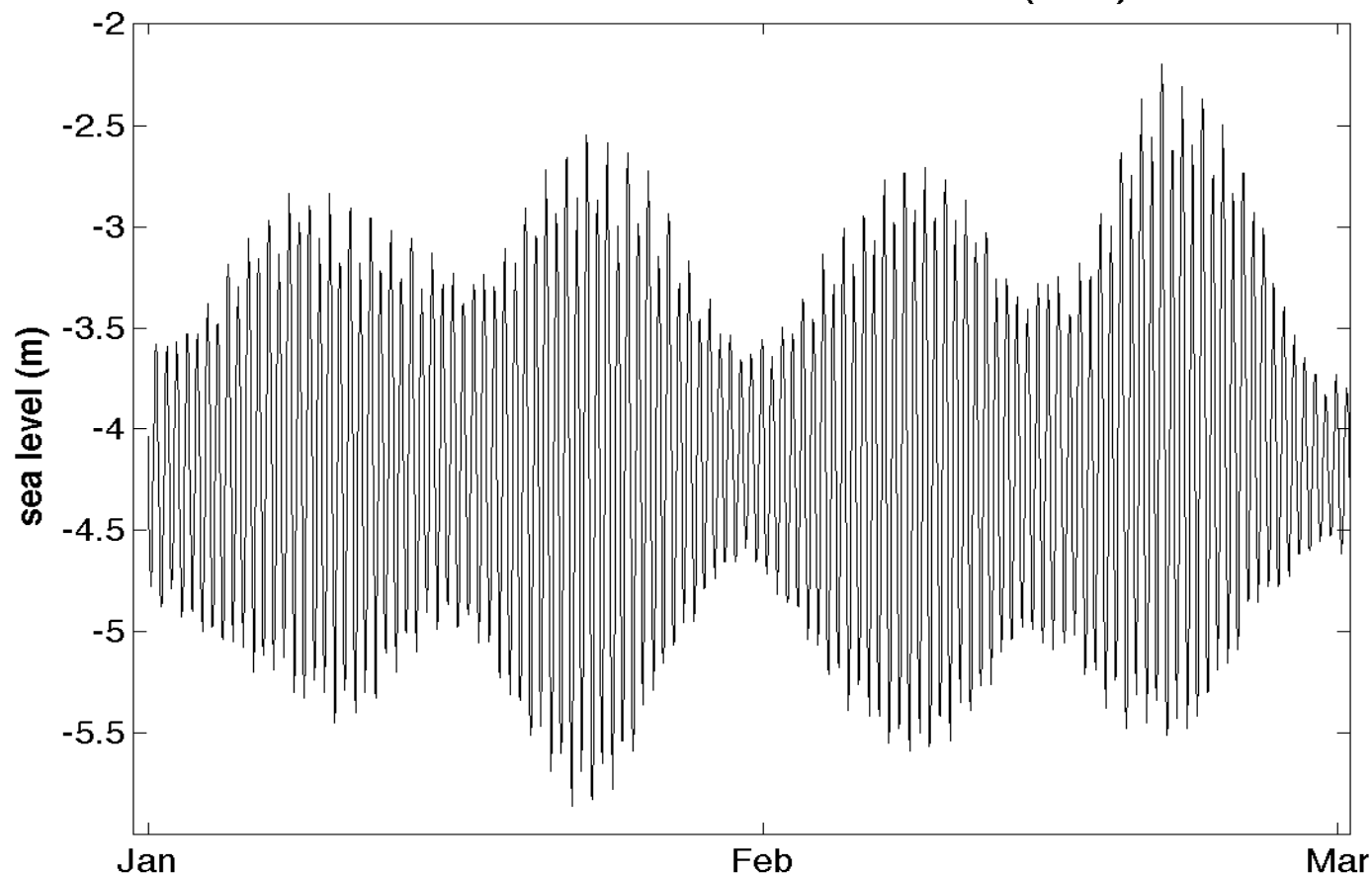
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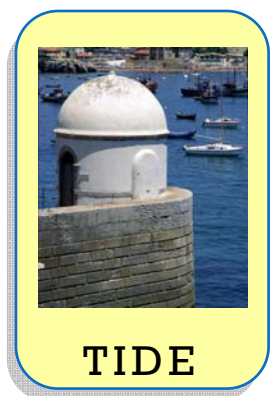
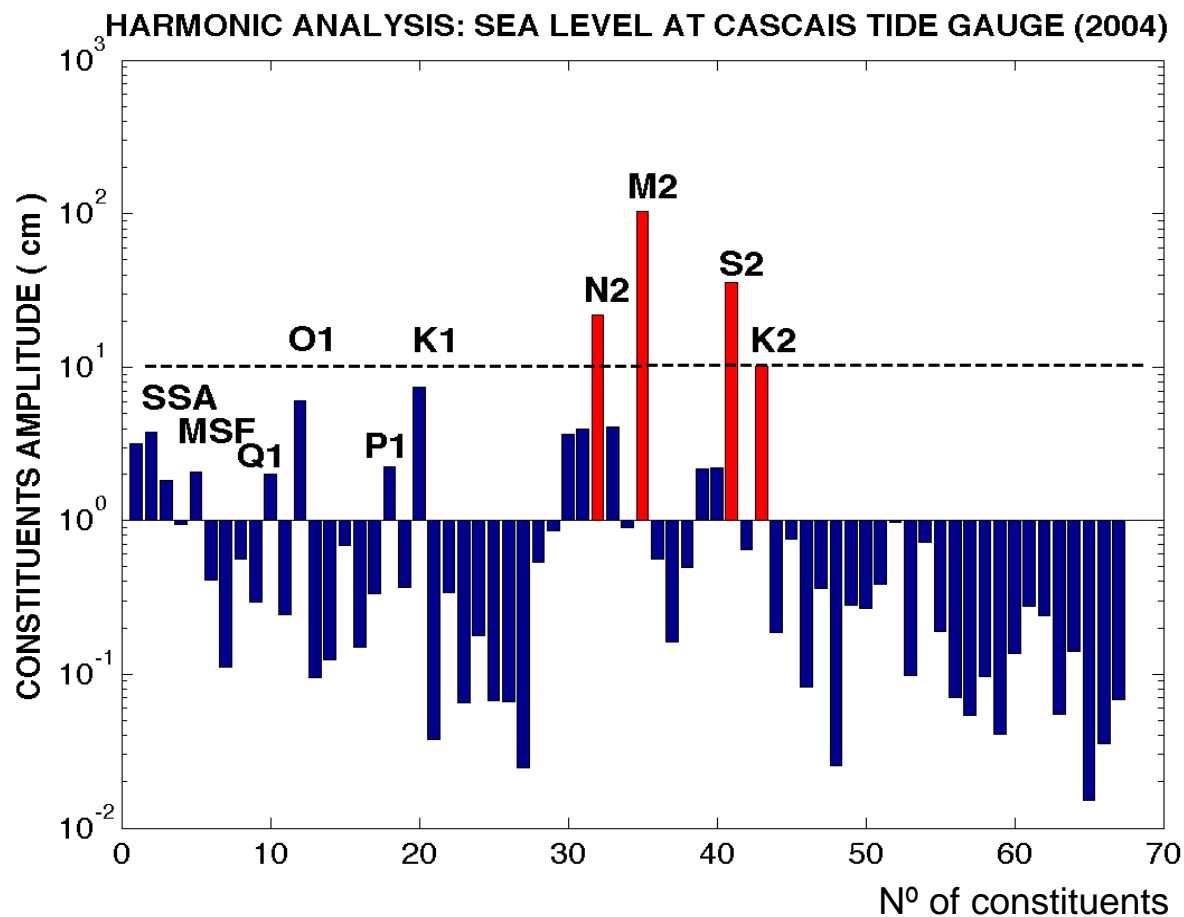


TIDE

Along the Iberian coast the TIDE is mainly Semi-diurne

SEA LEVEL AT CASCAIS TIDE GAUGE (2004)

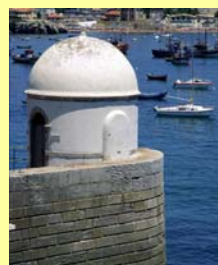
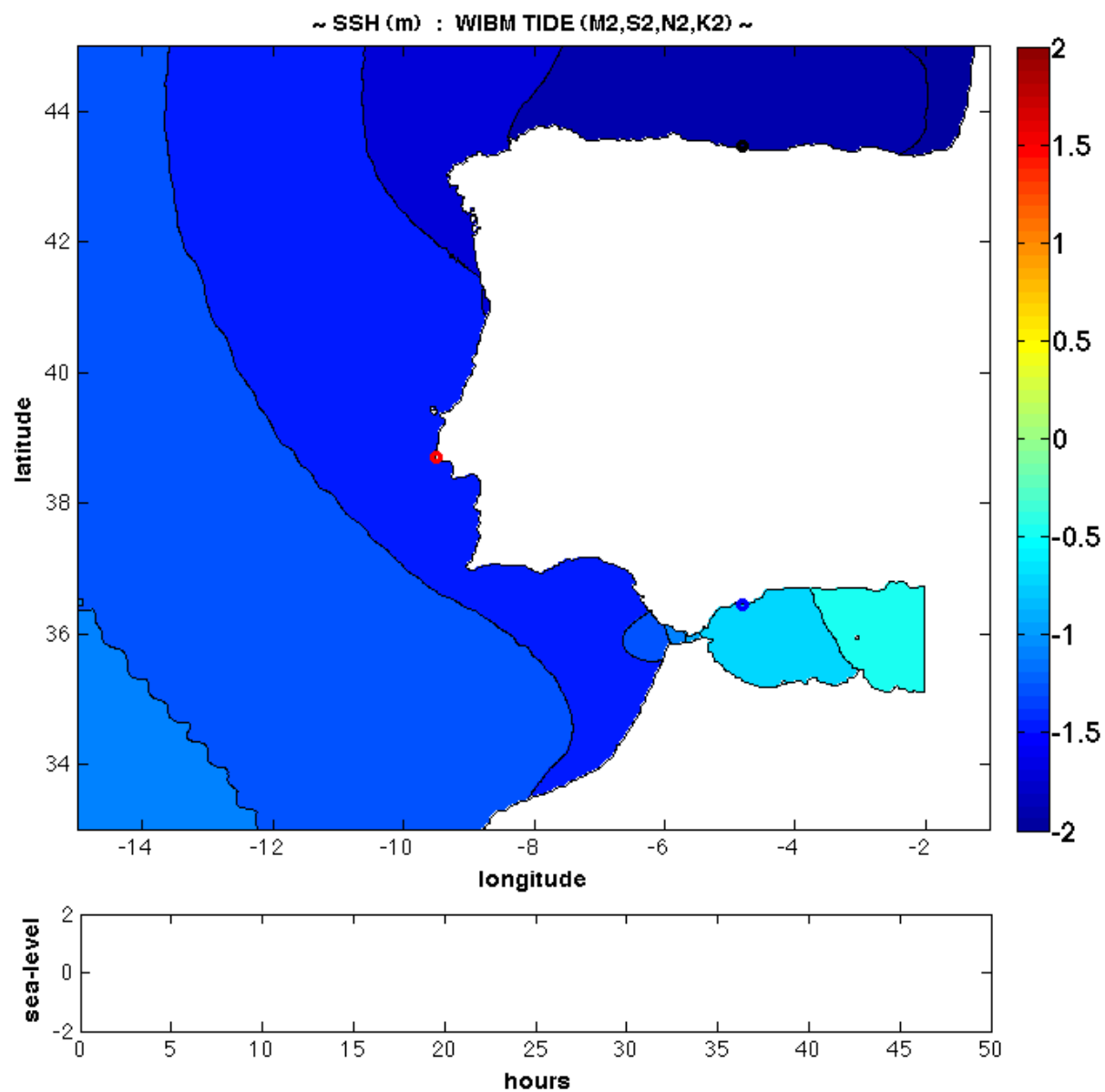




The 4 main semi-diurnal constituents represent more than **75%** of the Tidal amplitude

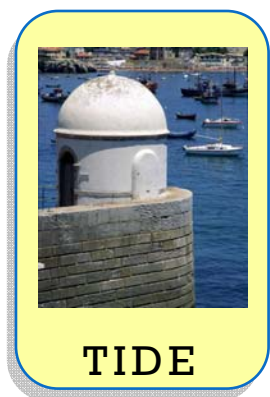
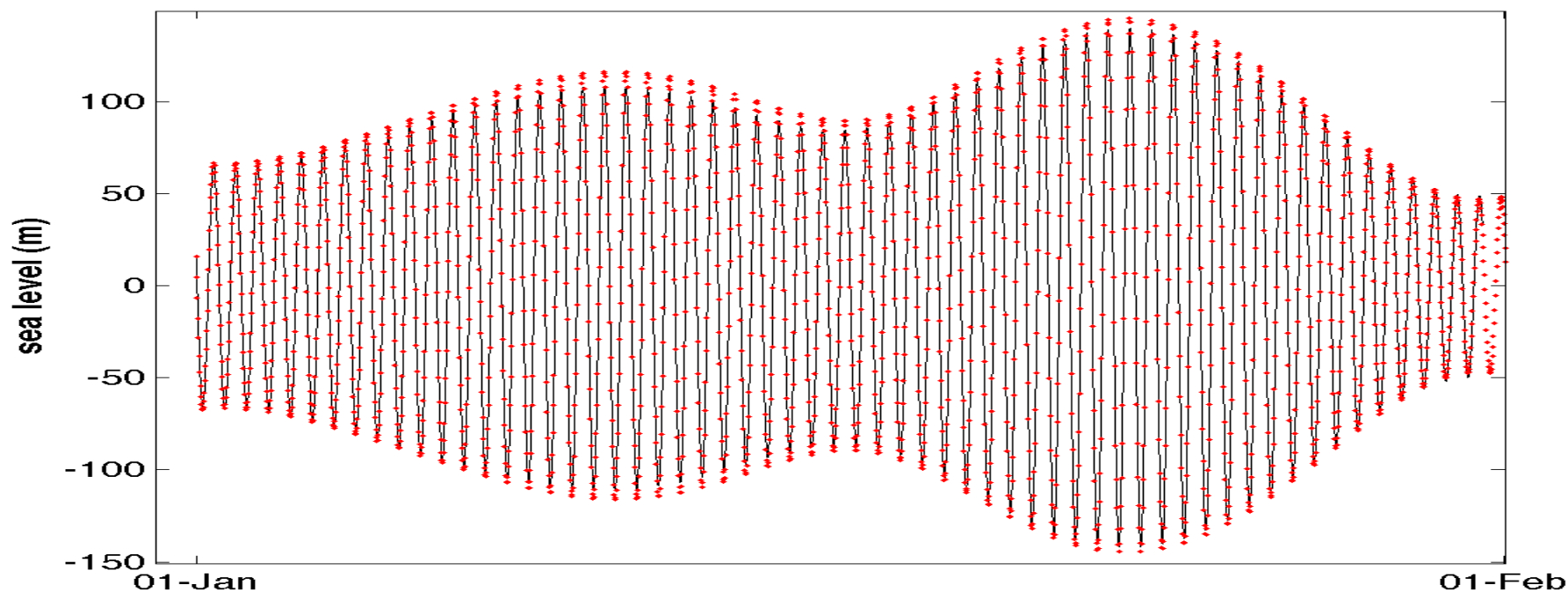
The 4 main semi-diurnal + 4 main diurnal constituents represent more than **82%** of the Tidal amplitude





TIDE

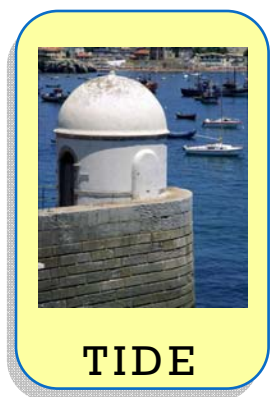
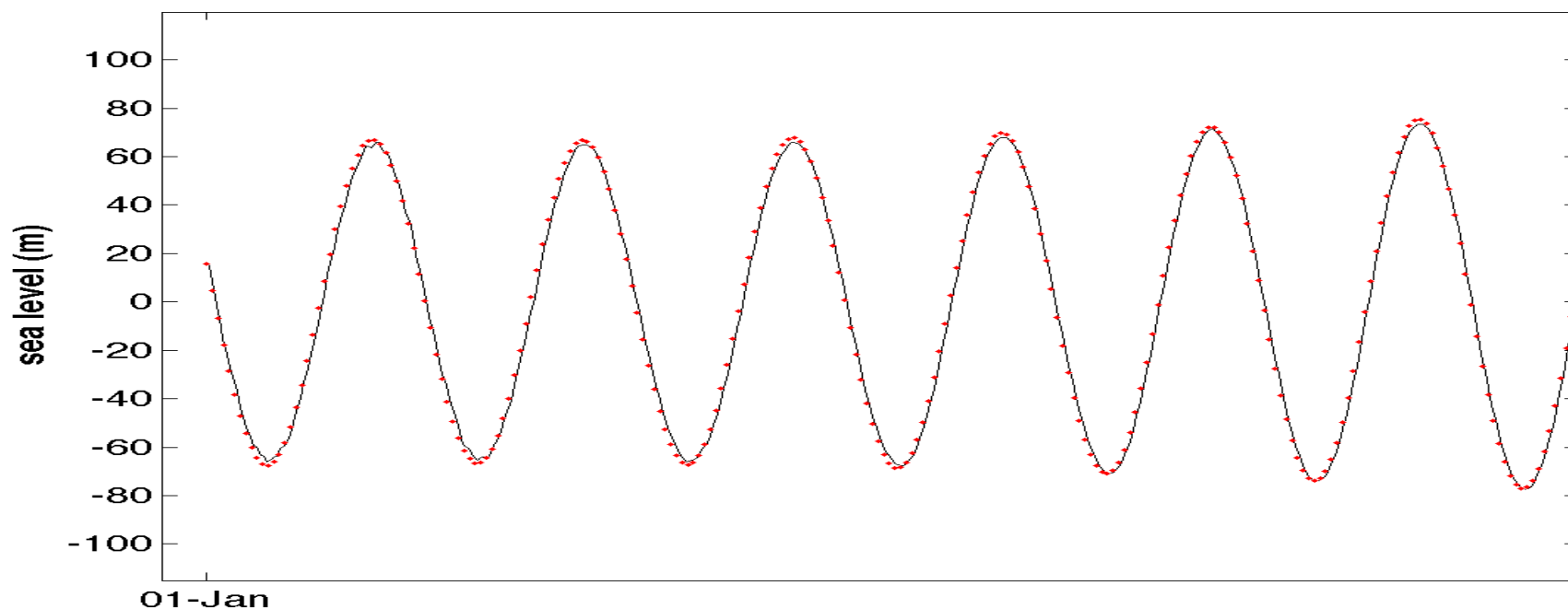
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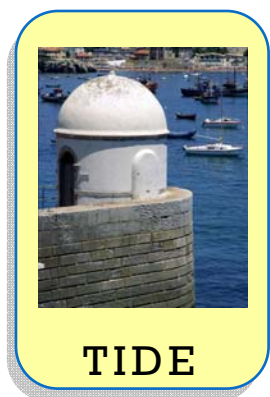
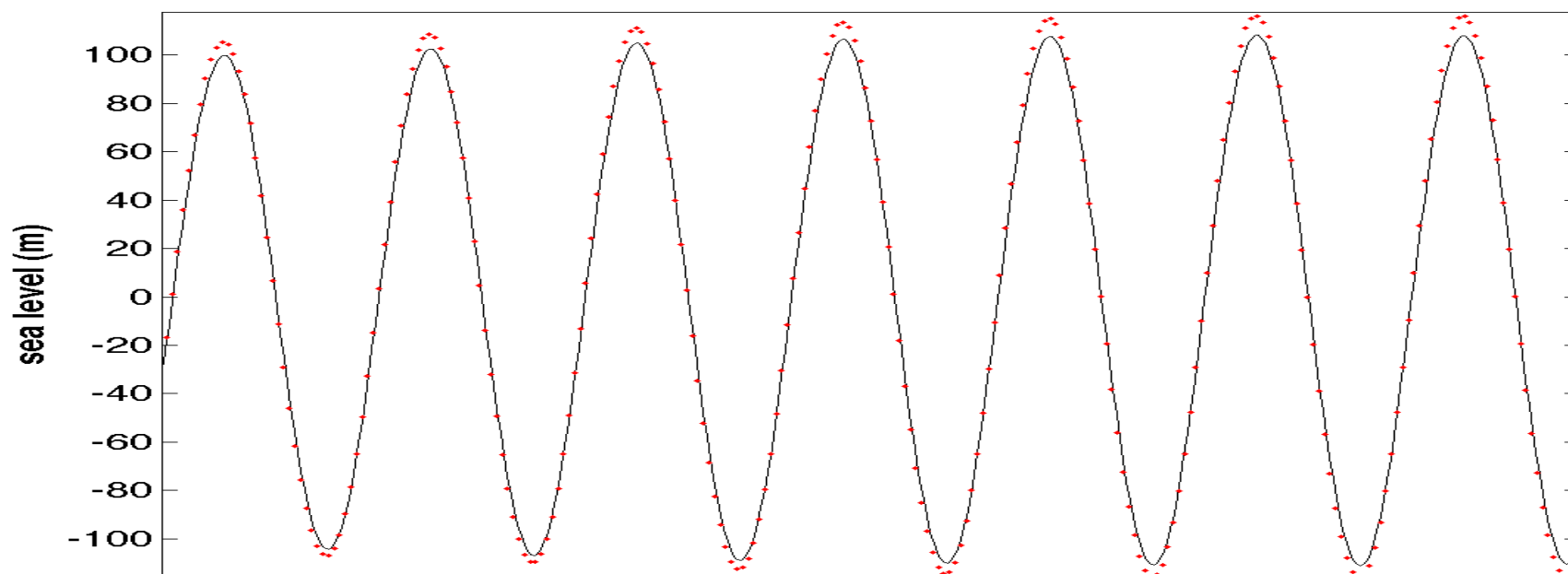
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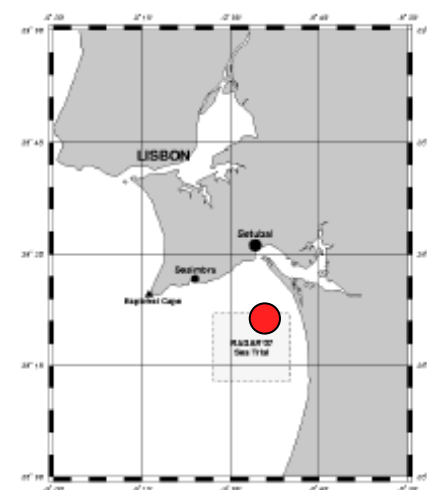
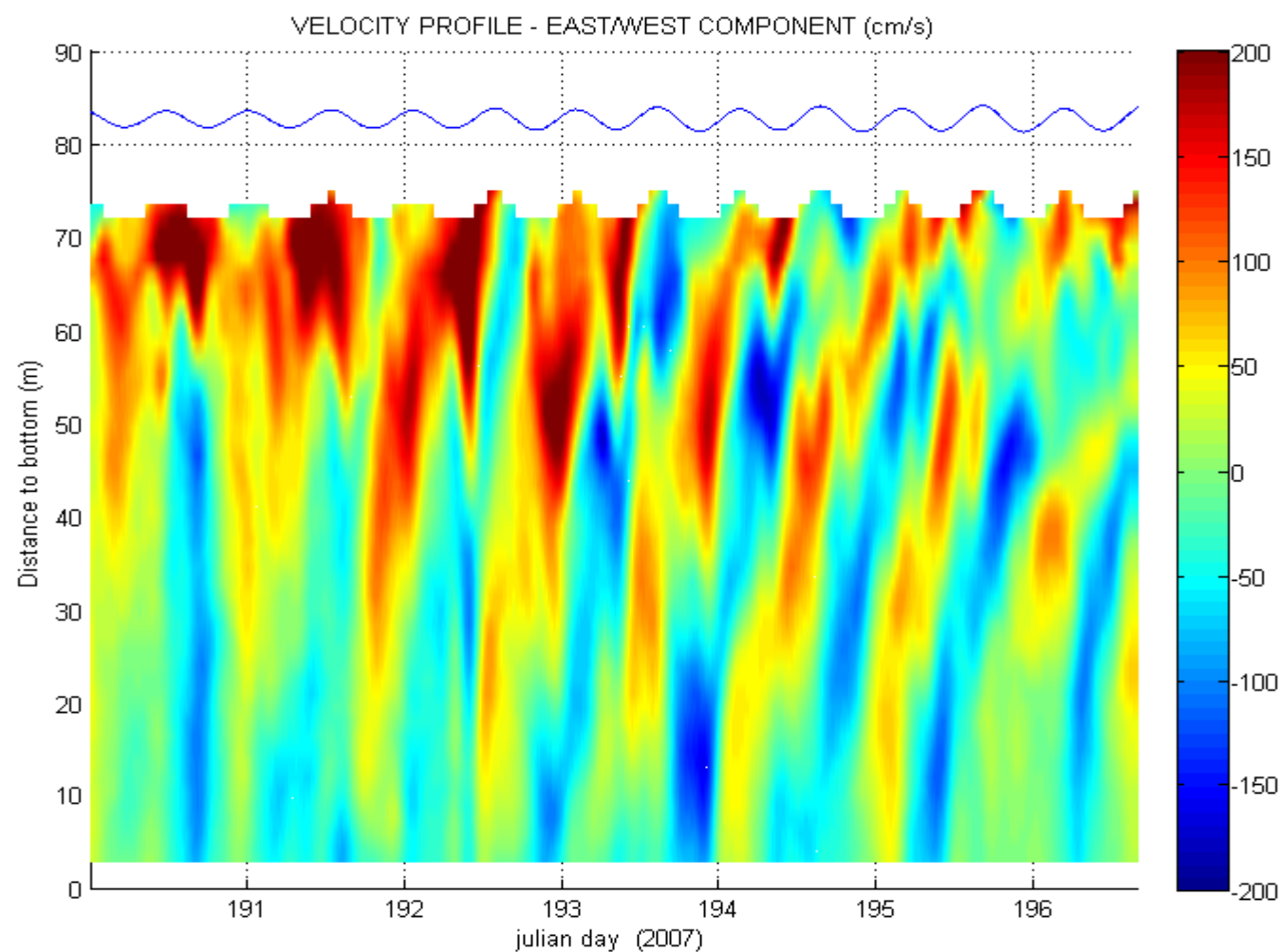
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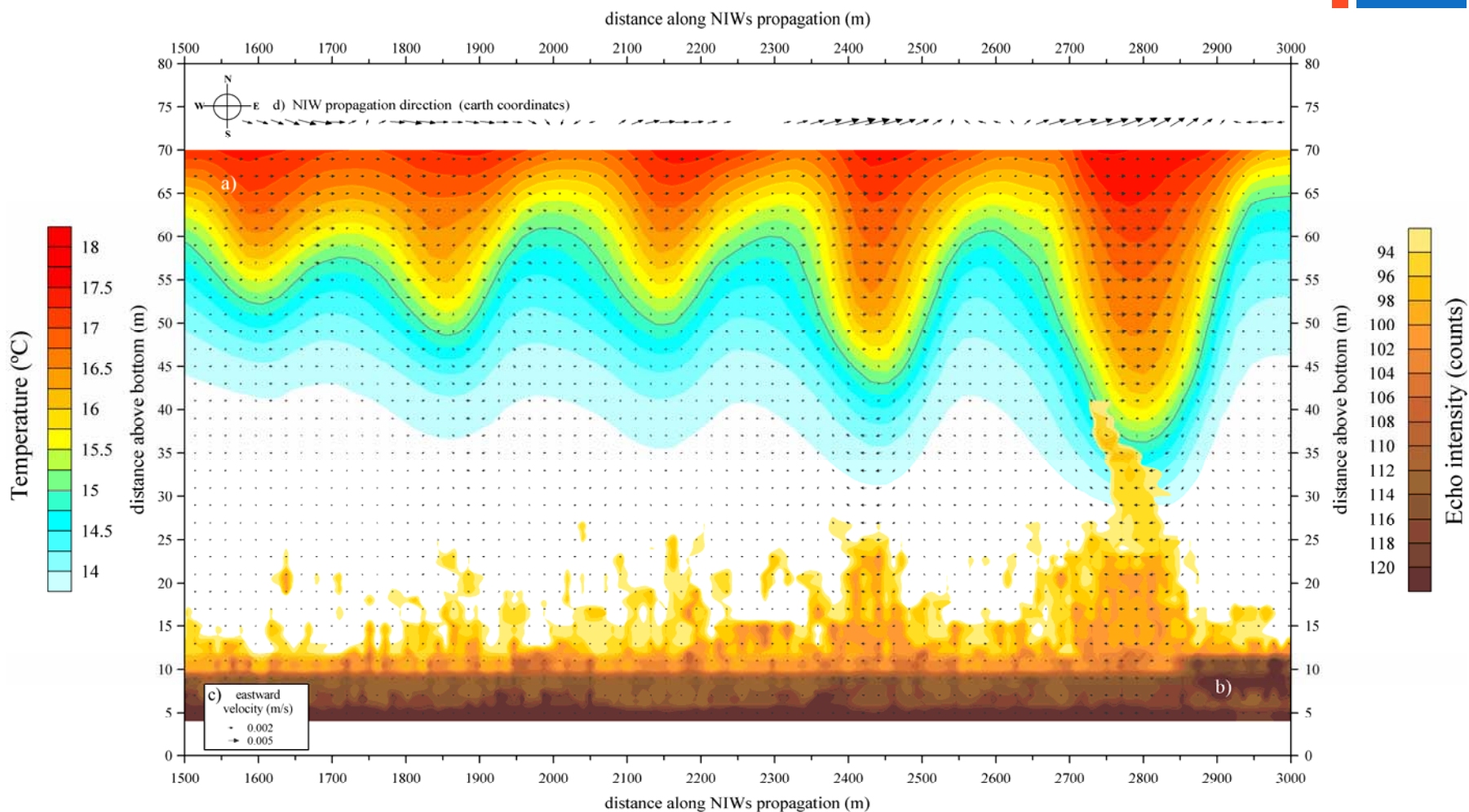
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## Internal tide over the shelf (observation)

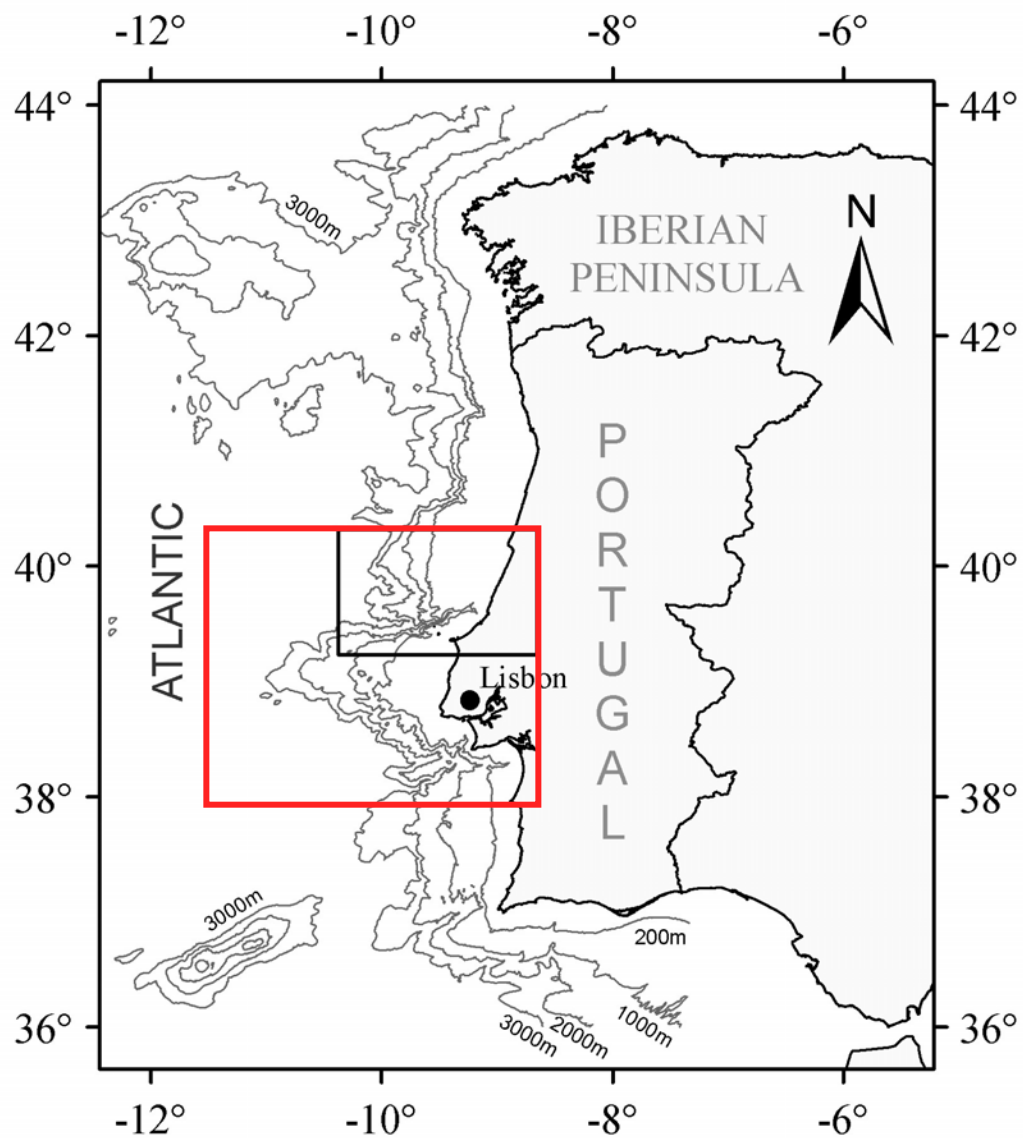


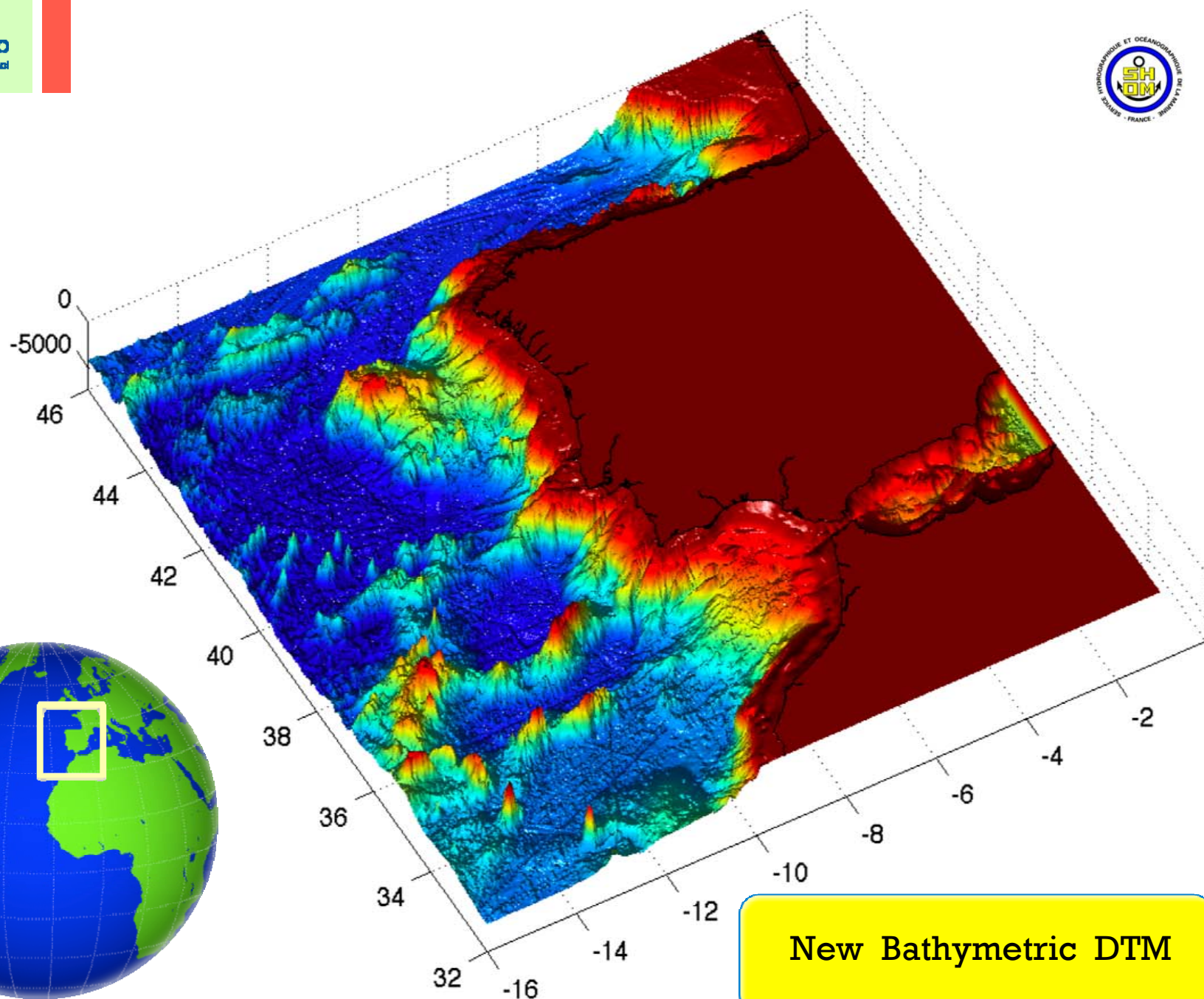
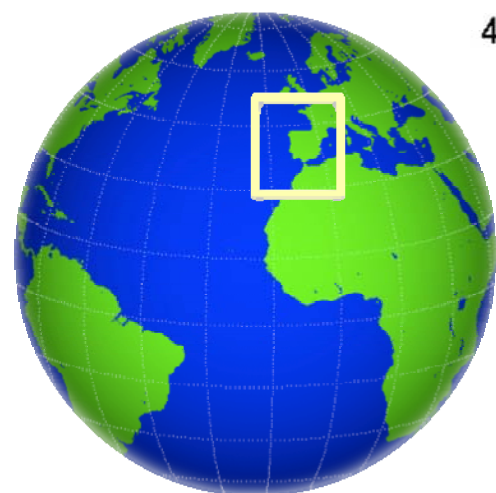
## Internal tidal solitons over the shelf (observation)



Quaresma 2007, Evidence of sediment resuspension by non-linear internal waves on the western Portuguese mid-shelf, *Marine Geology* 246, 123-143.

## Future work: High resolution coastal model

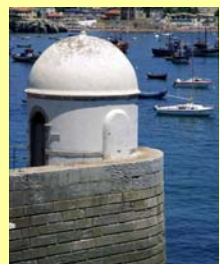
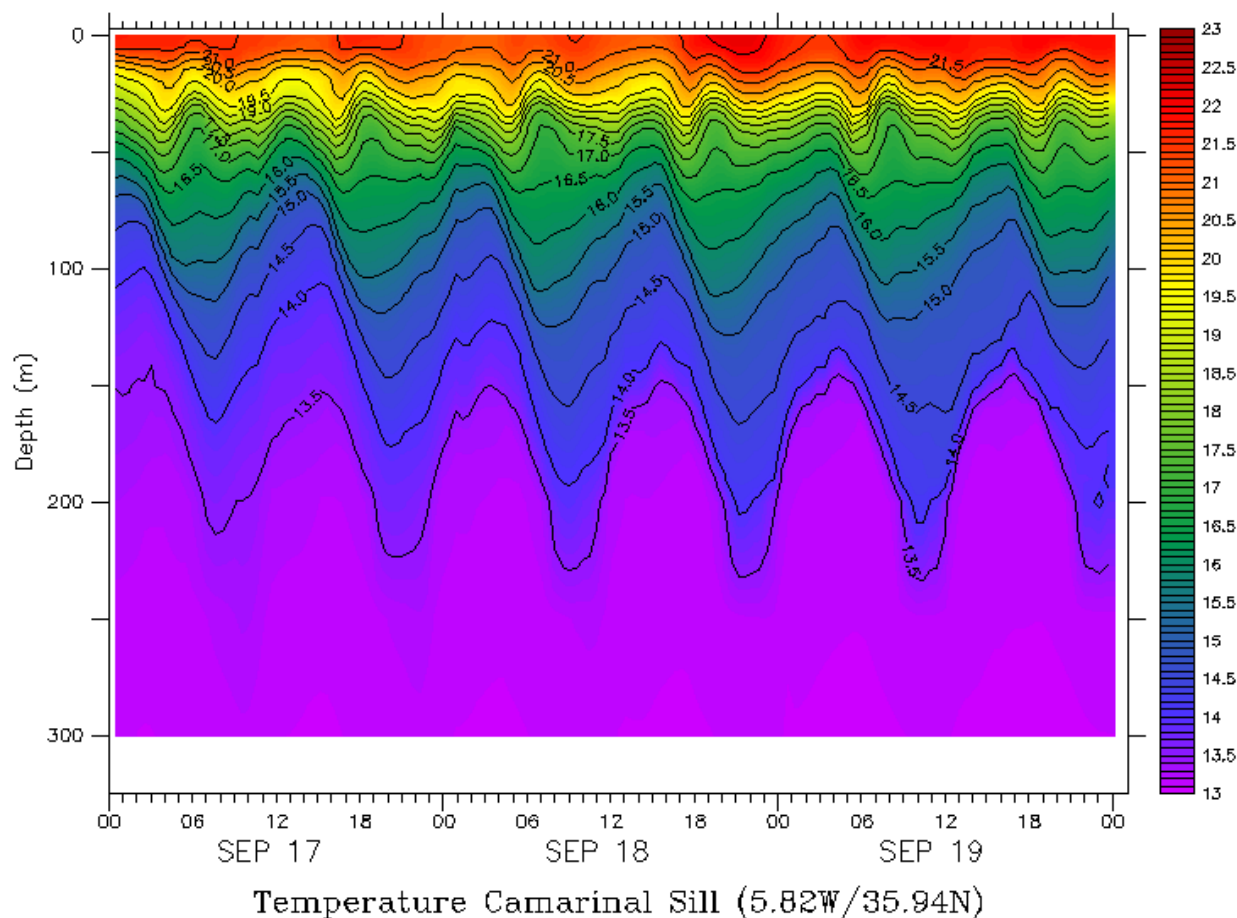




New Bathymetric DTM



## Internal tide at Gibraltar strait



TIDE

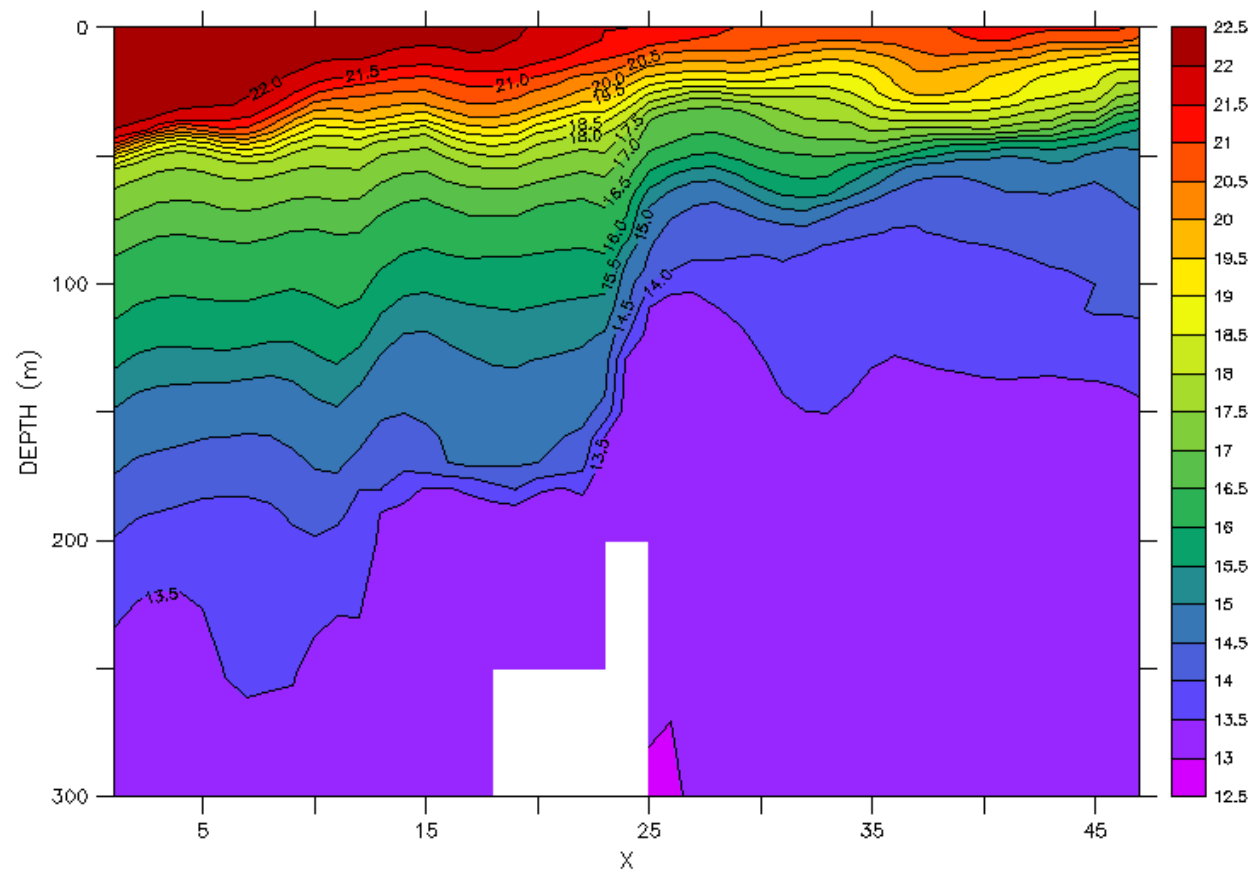
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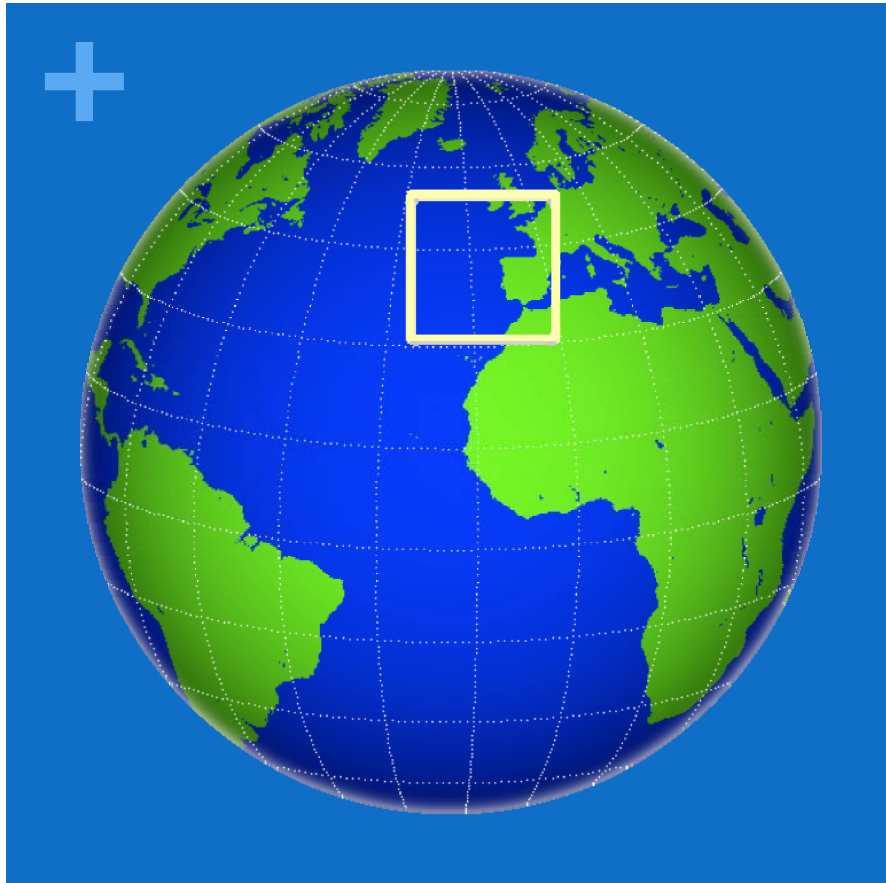
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