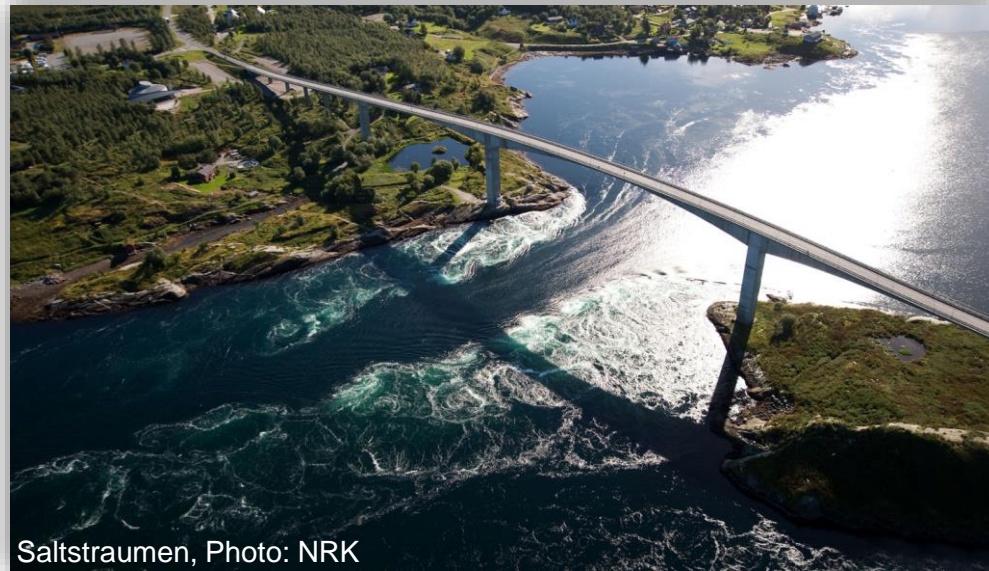


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Adjusting global tidal forcing for use in high-resolution fjord models



Saltstraumen, Photo: NRK

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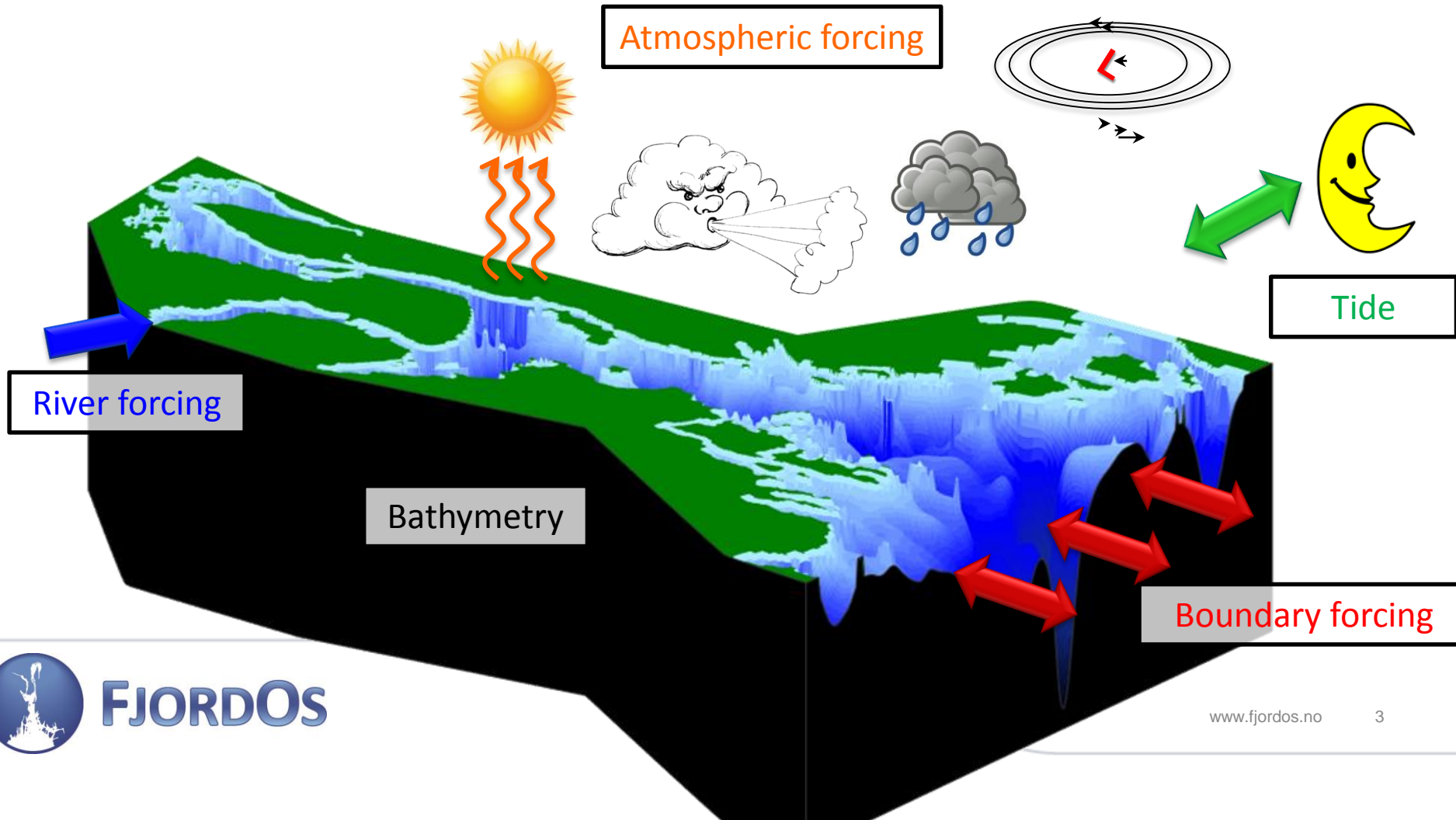
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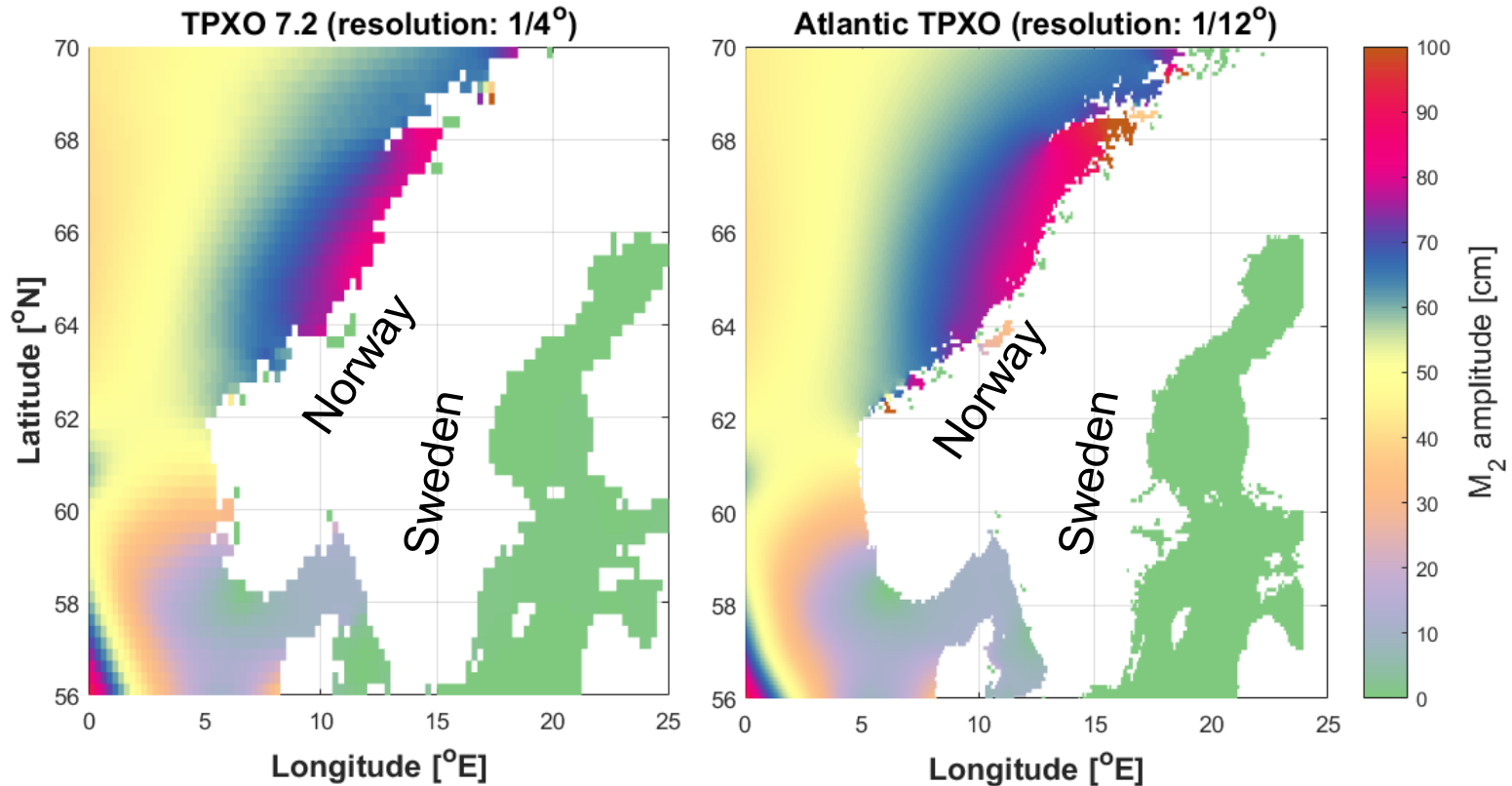
Motivation

Accurate tidal forcing crucial for fjord models



Motivation

Global tidal forcing to coarse for fjord modelling



Method

1. Run model with global tidal forcing
2. Compare simulated and observed water level for each tidal component close to boundary

$$c^n = \frac{a_{obs}^n}{a_{sim}^n}, \quad \Delta\phi^n = \phi_{obs}^n - \phi_{sim}^n$$

3. Adjust tidal forcing for both water level and currents

$$a_{tf,new}^n = c^n \times a_{tf,old}^n, \quad \phi_{tf,new}^n = \phi_{tf,old}^n + \Delta\phi^n$$

4. Rerun the model with adjusted tidal forcing
5. Check results

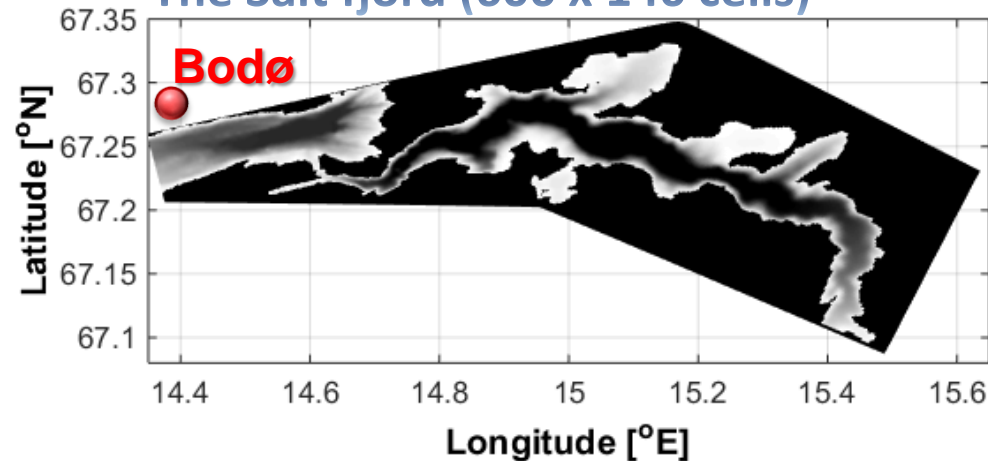
Two test areas



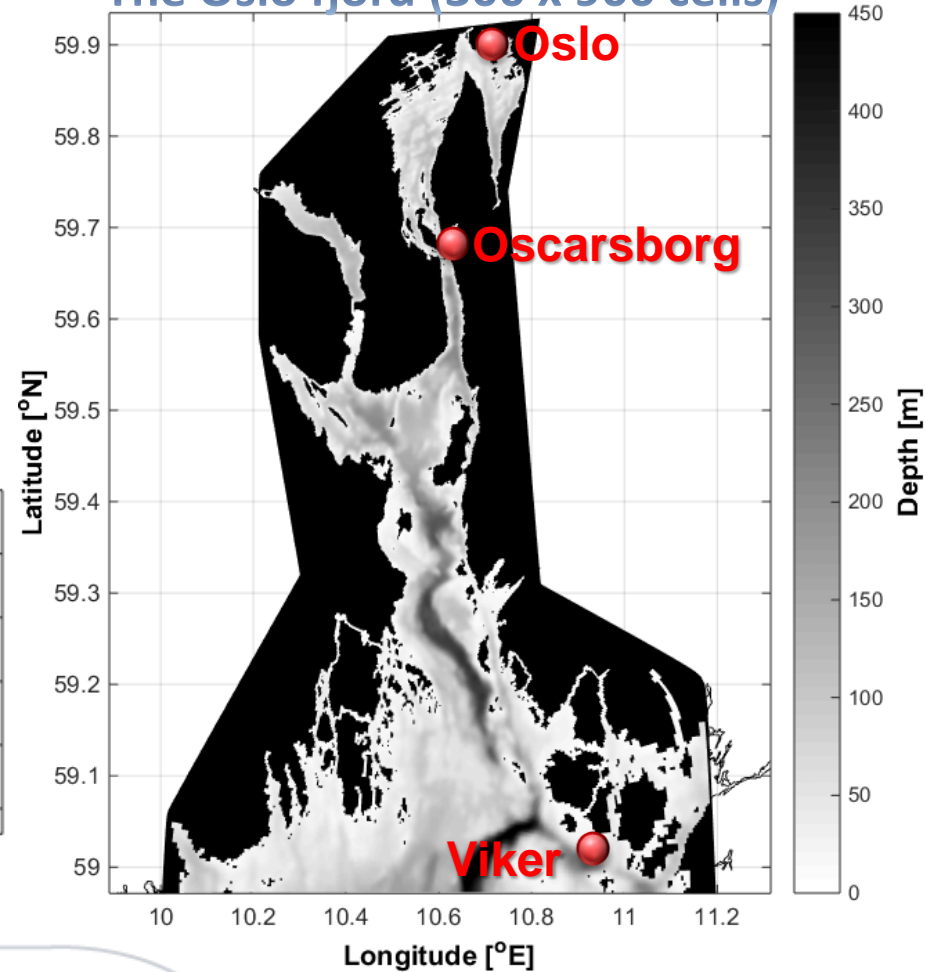
Initial model setup

- ROMS (42 layers)
- Curvilinear grids
- Coarse tidal forcing

The Salt fjord (600 x 140 cells)

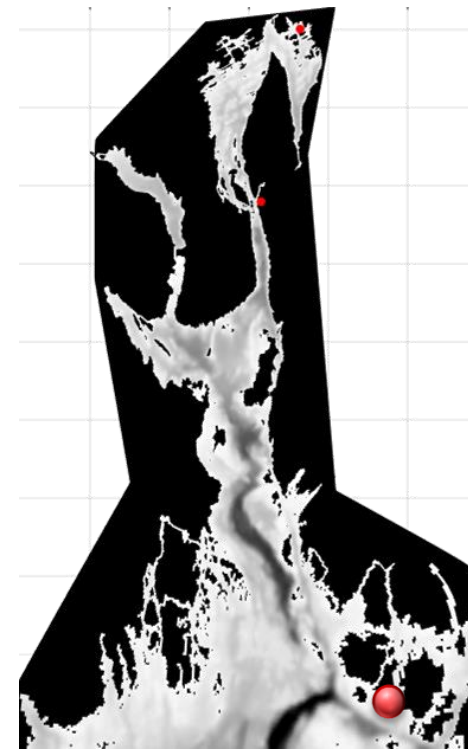


The Oslo fjord (300 x 900 cells)

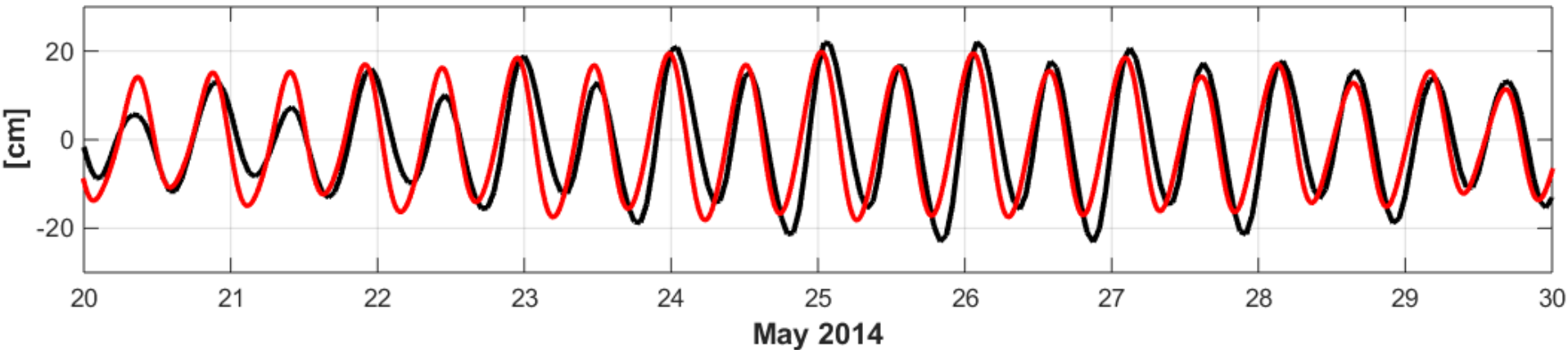


Analyse water level

- Tides analysed using `t_tide`
(Pawlowicz, R., Beardsley, B., & Lentz, S., 2002)
- Observed and simulated tidal water level close to open boundary:



Viker



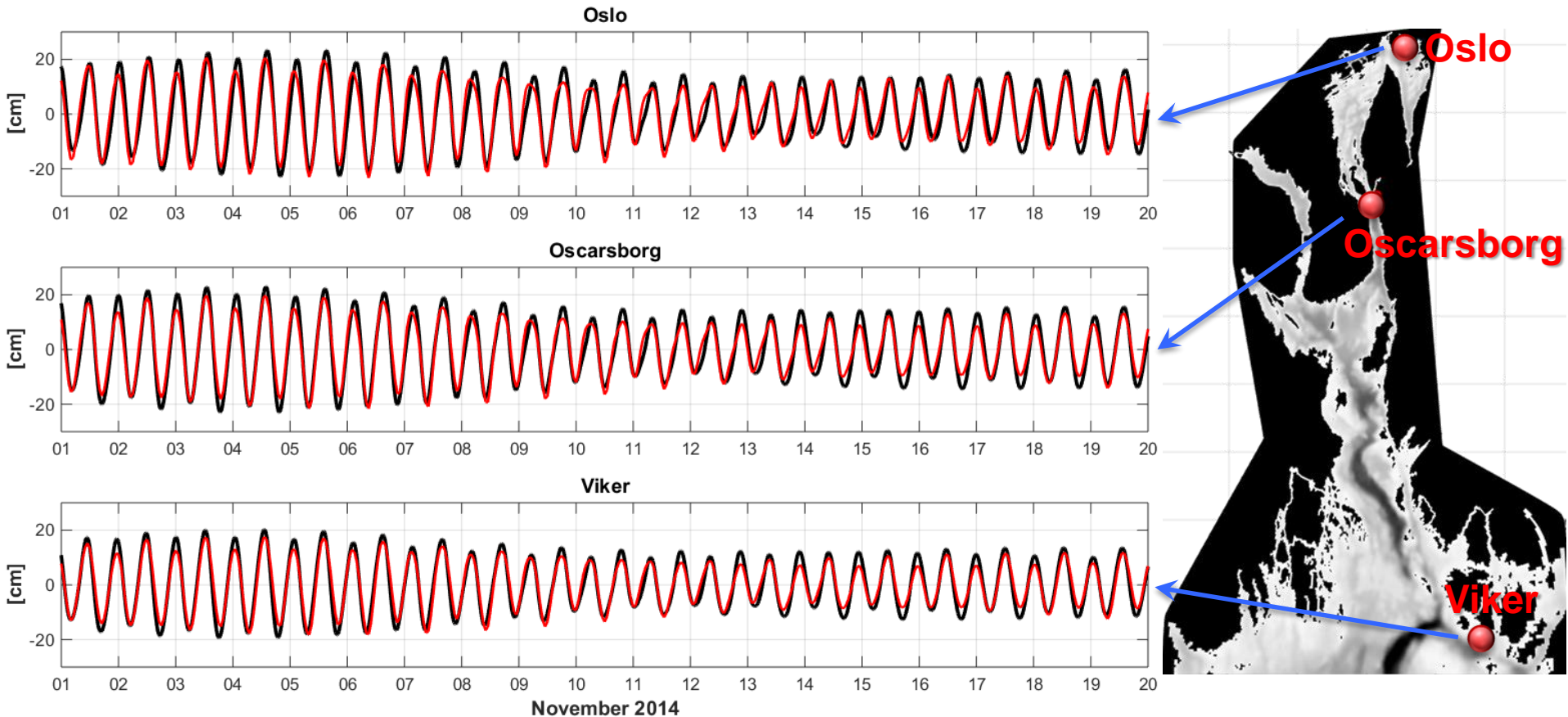
Compare tidal phase and amplitudes at Viker

Component		Observation		Simulation		Tidal forcing		Adjustment	
Name	Period [h]	a_{obs} [cm]	ϕ_{obs} [deg]	a_{sim} [cm]	ϕ_{sim} [deg]	a_{tf} [cm]	ϕ_{tf} [deg]	Ratio c	Phase diff. $\Delta\phi$
S ₂	12.0000	3	43.9	5.1	81.2	2.7	0.6	0.588	-37.37
M ₂	12.4206	11.8	110.1	9.7	122.1	10.3	3	1.225	-11.98
N ₂	12.6584	3.4	61.8	5.7	81.3	2.8	1.6	0.595	-19.45
K ₁	23.9345	0.7	138.2	1.2	211.7	0.9	2.2	0.552	-73.48
P ₁	24.0659	0.5	68.6	1.2	211.7	0.6	1.6	0.421	-143.12
O ₁	25.8193	2.2	281.5	3.7	19.3	0.9	1.8	0.591	262.13
MN ₄	6.2692	0.4	272.4	1	140.8	0.2	3.6	0.37	131.65
M ₄	6.2103	1.2	284.2	0.7	25.4	1	3	1.737	258.77
MS ₄	6.1033	0.3	357.7	1.1	110.8	0.7	2.3	0.272	246.95

$$c = \frac{a_{obs}}{a_{sim}}$$

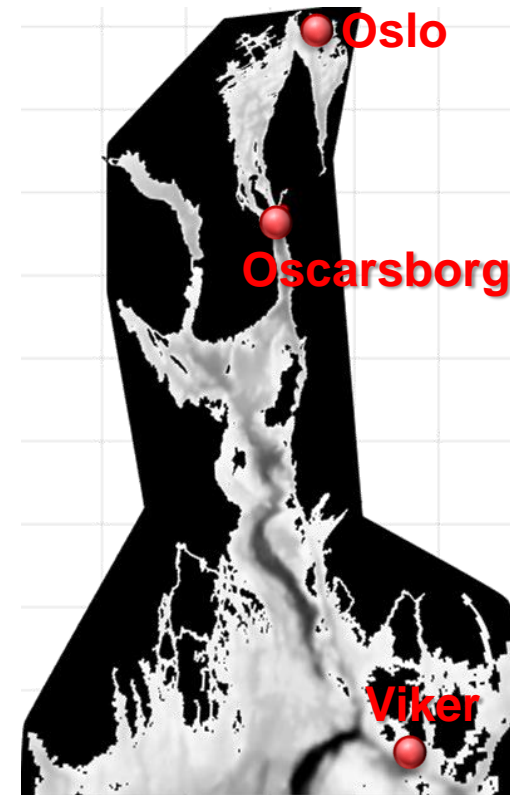
$$\Delta\phi = \phi_{obs} - \phi_{sim}$$

Rerun with adjusted tidal forcing

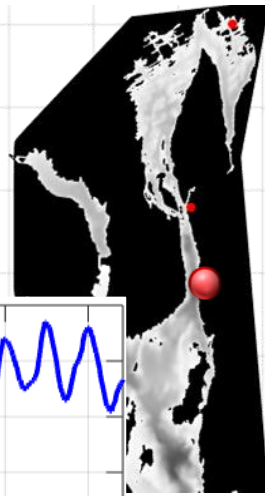


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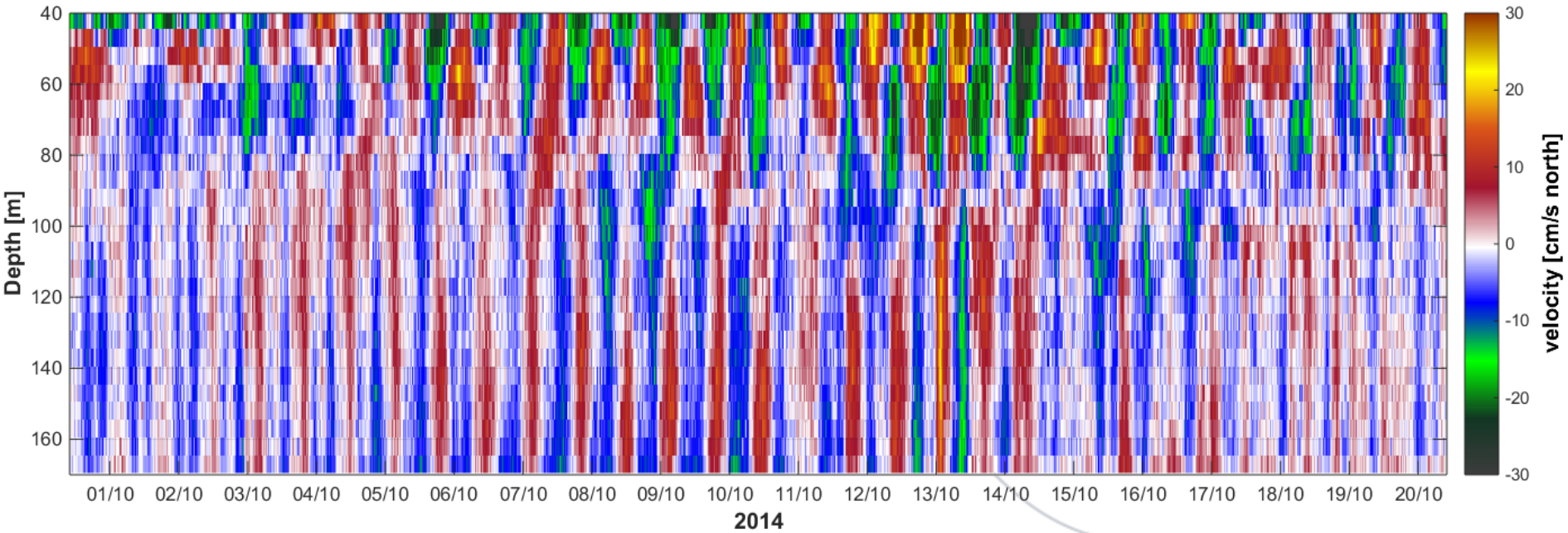
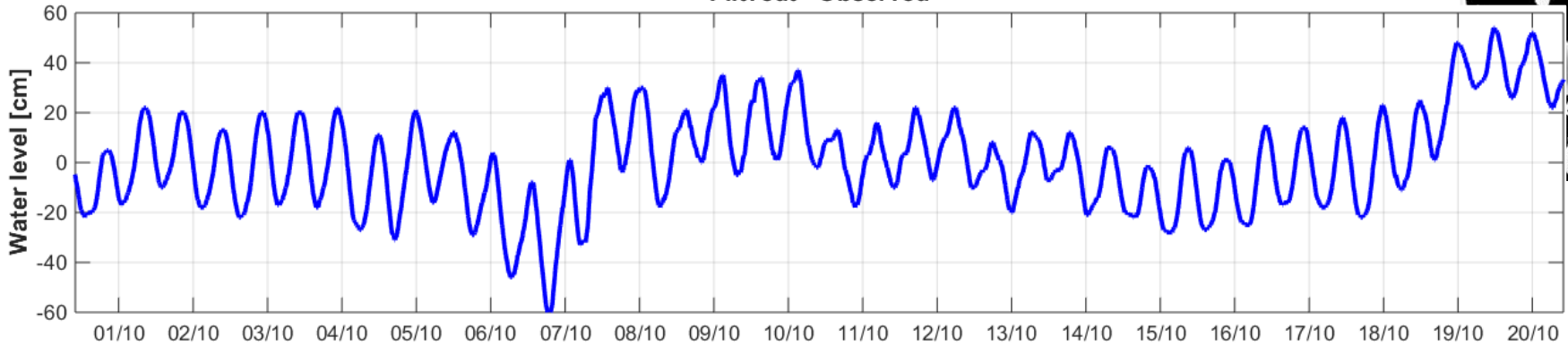
		Oslo		Oscarsborg		Viker	
		Amp [cm]	Fase [deg]	Amp [cm]	Fase [deg]	Amp [cm]	Fase [deg]
K2	Observed	1.4	57	1.7	59	1.4	40
	Simulated	2.3	12	2.1	10	1.7	7
S2	Observed	3.7	65	3.6	59	3	39
	Simulated	4.1	68	3.8	67	3.2	62
M2	Observed	14.2	123	13.7	121	11.8	105
	Simulated	13.5	110	12.7	109	11.1	102
N2	Observed	3.6	79	3.9	74	3.4	57
	Simulated	3.4	73	3.2	71	2.7	65
K1	Observed	0.9	124	0.9	138	0.7	136
	Simulated	0.1	146	0.1	163	0.1	192
P1	Observed	0.6	86	0.7	74	0.5	66
	Simulated	0.6	342	0.6	337	0.5	321
O1	Observed	2.6	281	2.4	281	2.2	279
	Simulated	3.4	339	3.4	339	3.1	338
MN4	Observed	0.7	304	0.6	307	0.4	263
	Simulated	0.5	33	0.4	30	0.2	4
M4	Observed	2.3	331	1.7	319	1.2	275
	Simulated	2.2	19	1.6	14	0.9	351
MS4	Observed	0.6	55	0.4	32	0.3	347
	Simulated	1.4	107	1.1	103	0.5	76



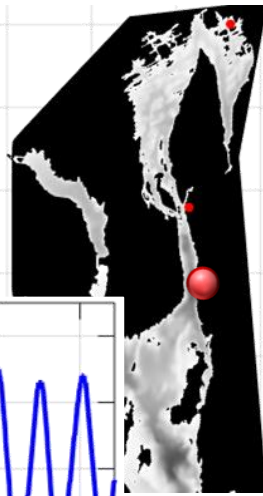
Observed water level and current



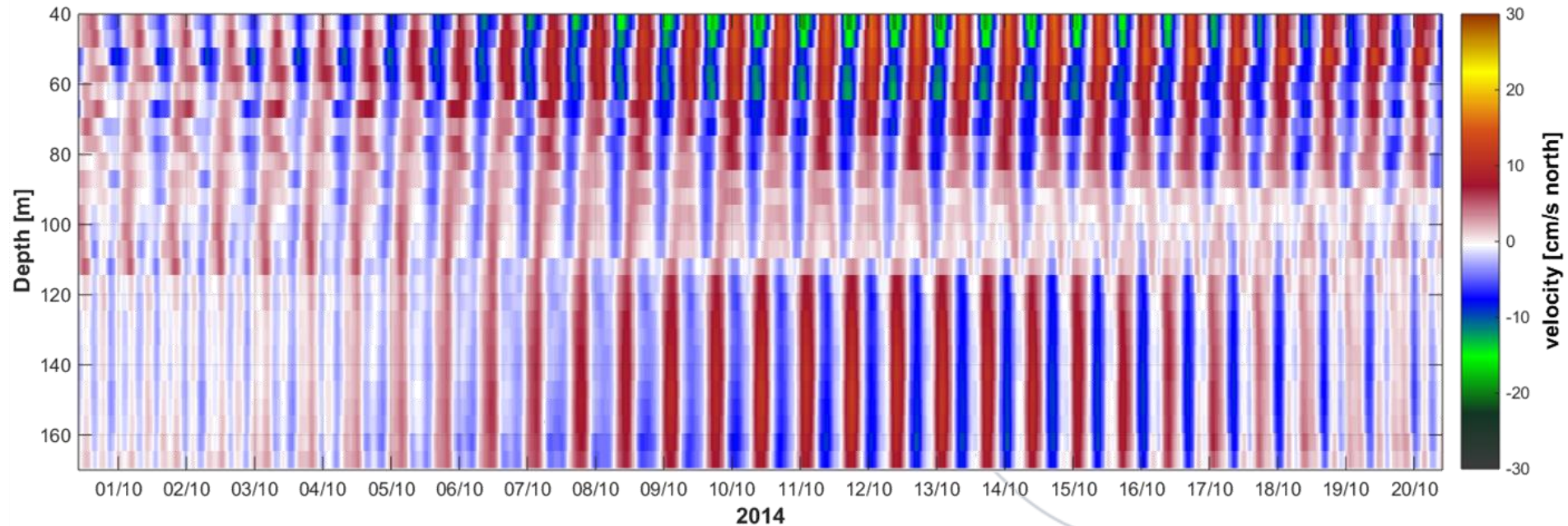
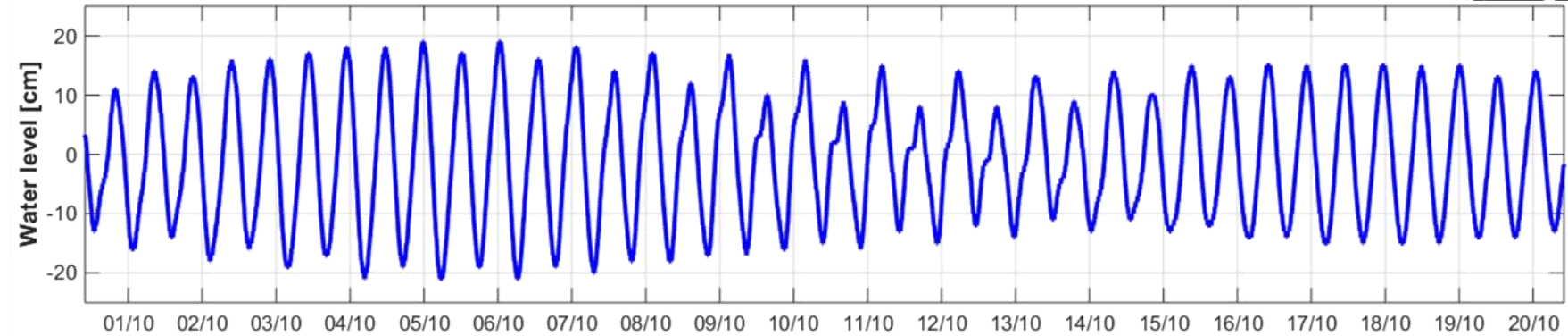
Filtvedt - Observed



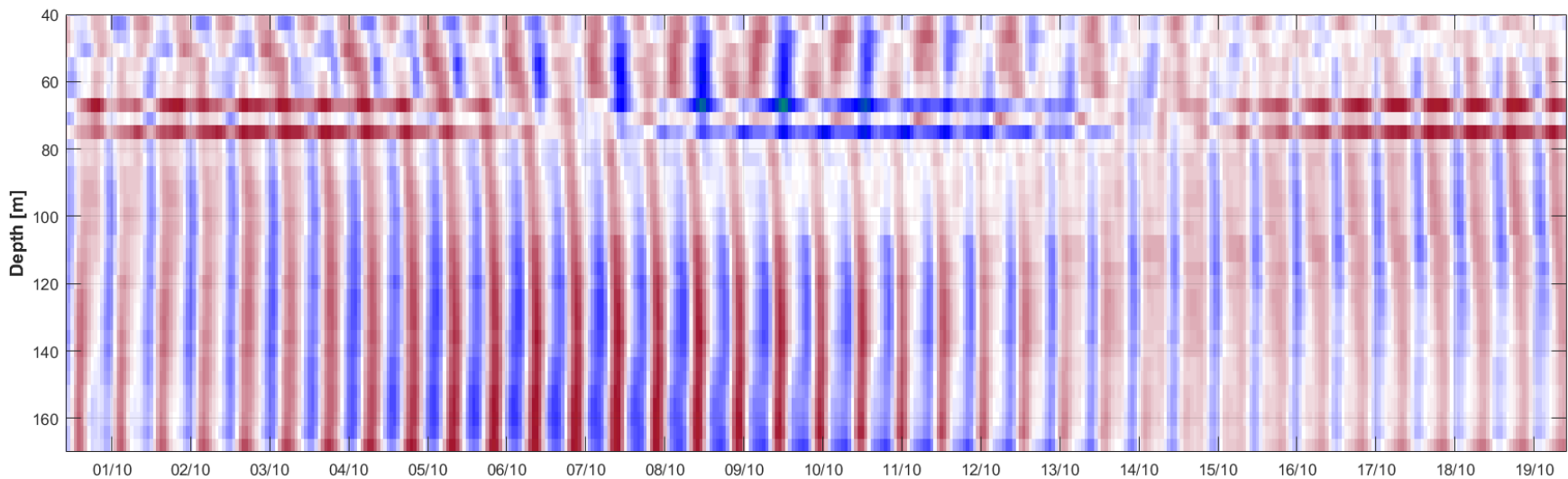
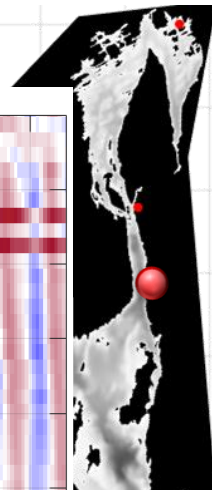
Observed tidal water level and current



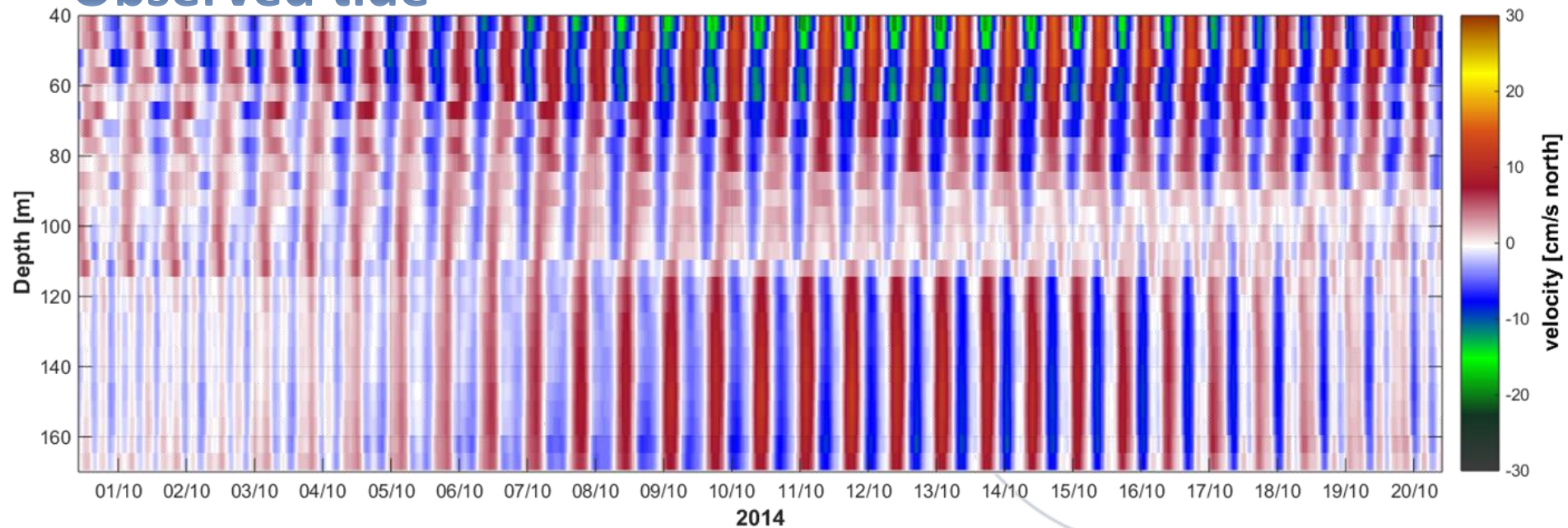
Filtvedt - Tide



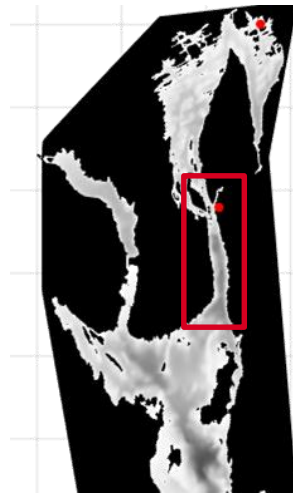
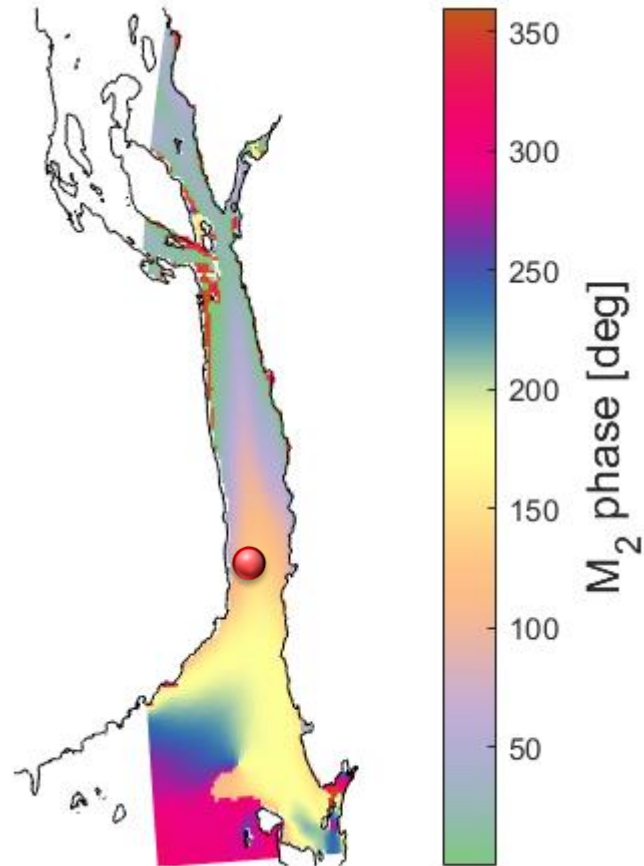
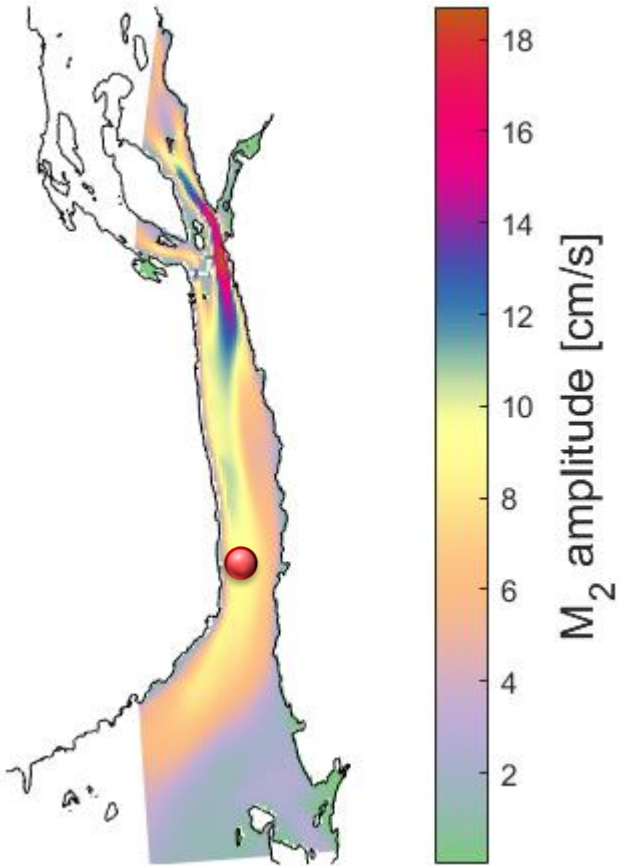
Simulated tide



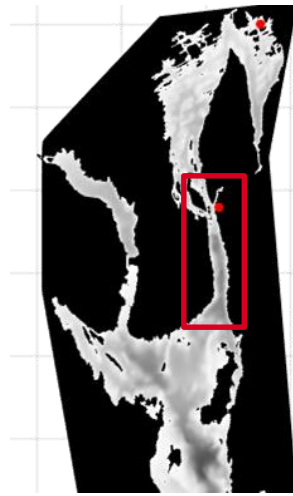
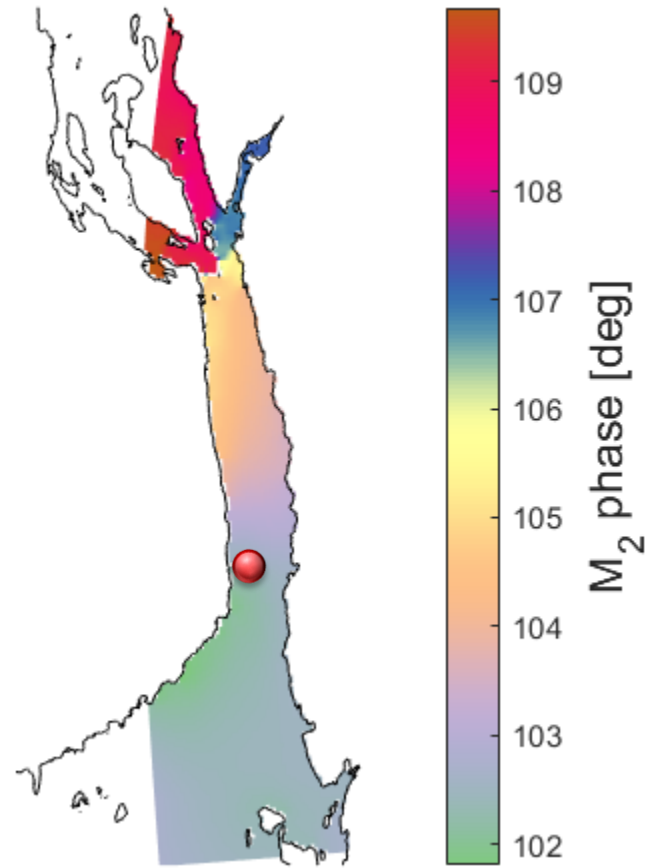
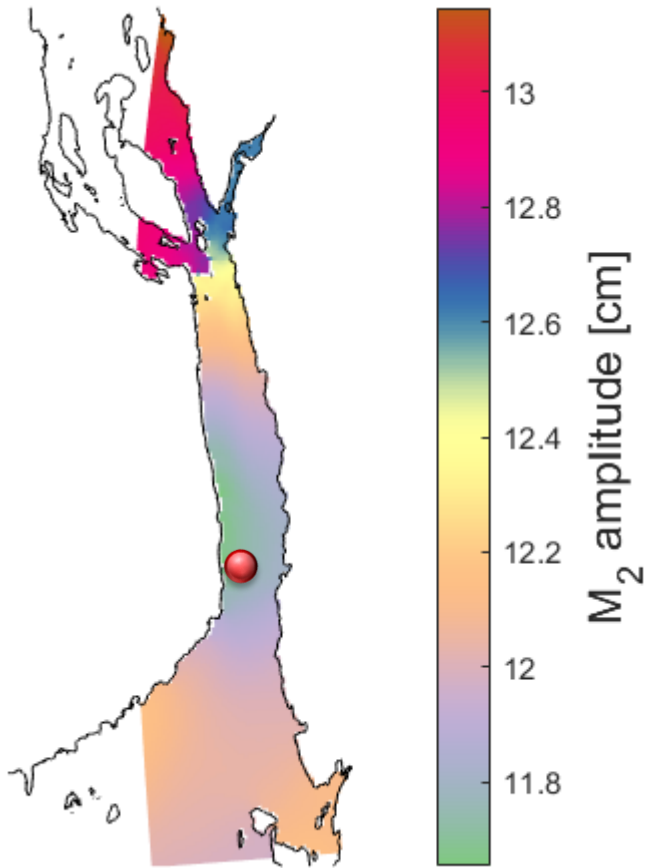
Observed tide



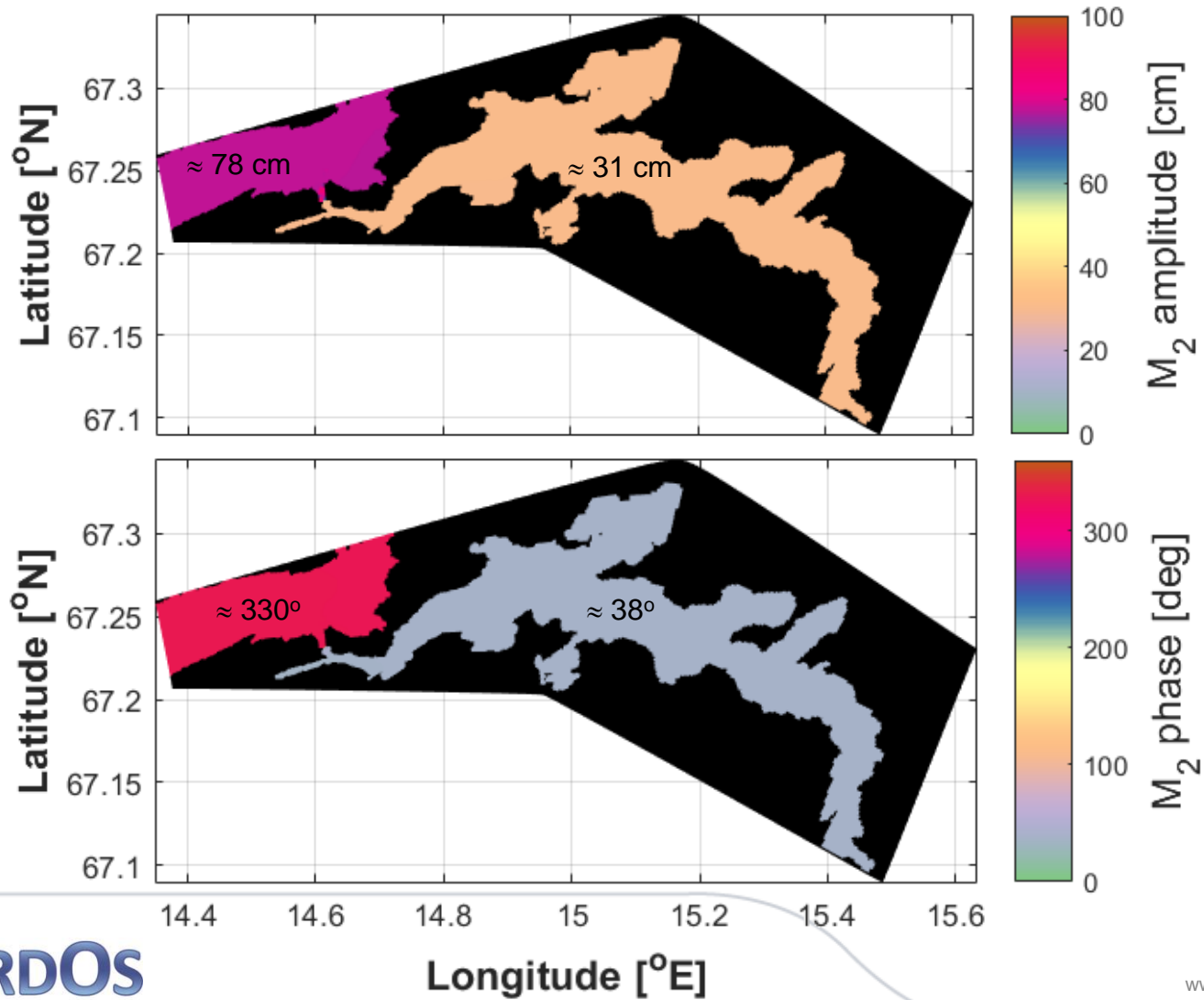
Spatial variation (surface current)



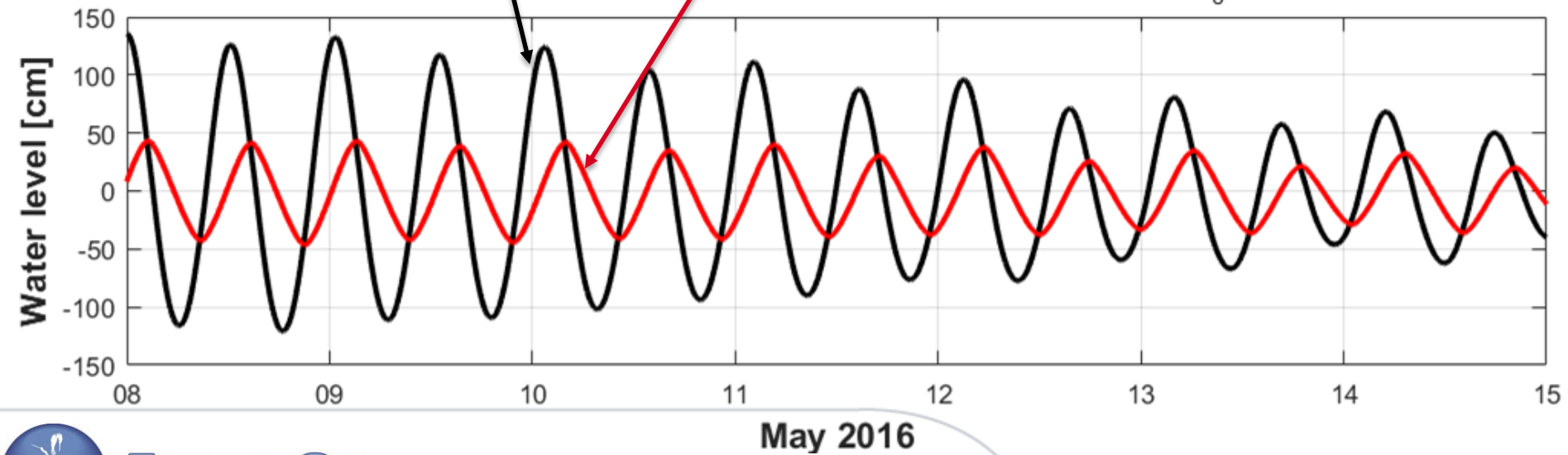
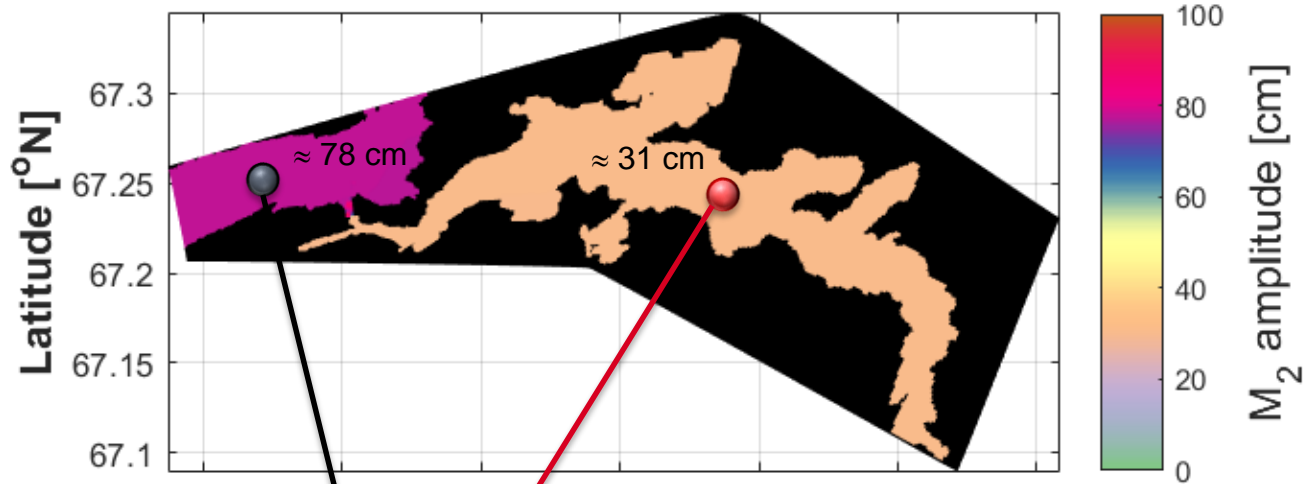
Spatial variation (water level)



Spatial variation in the Salt fjord



Spatial variation



Summary

- Accurate tidal forcing is important in fjord models
- We have proposed a new and simple method to adjust tidal forcing
- The method is tested on two different areas
- The results are promising

