

## MODELLING THE INTERNAL TIDE OVER THE WEST-IBERIAN MARGIN (MITIC)

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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. Bay of Biscay
2. West-Iberian

## Project:

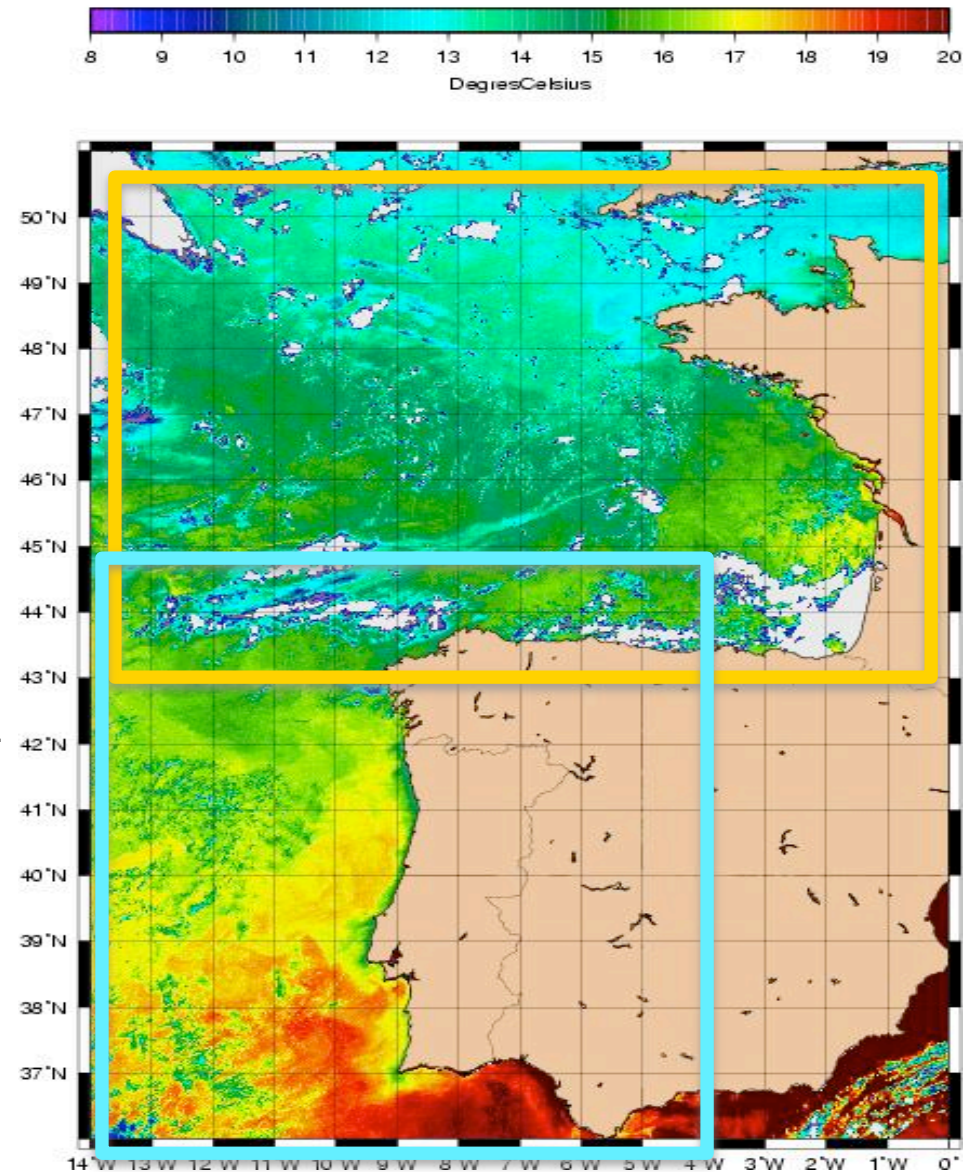
Started as a **SHOM** operation program

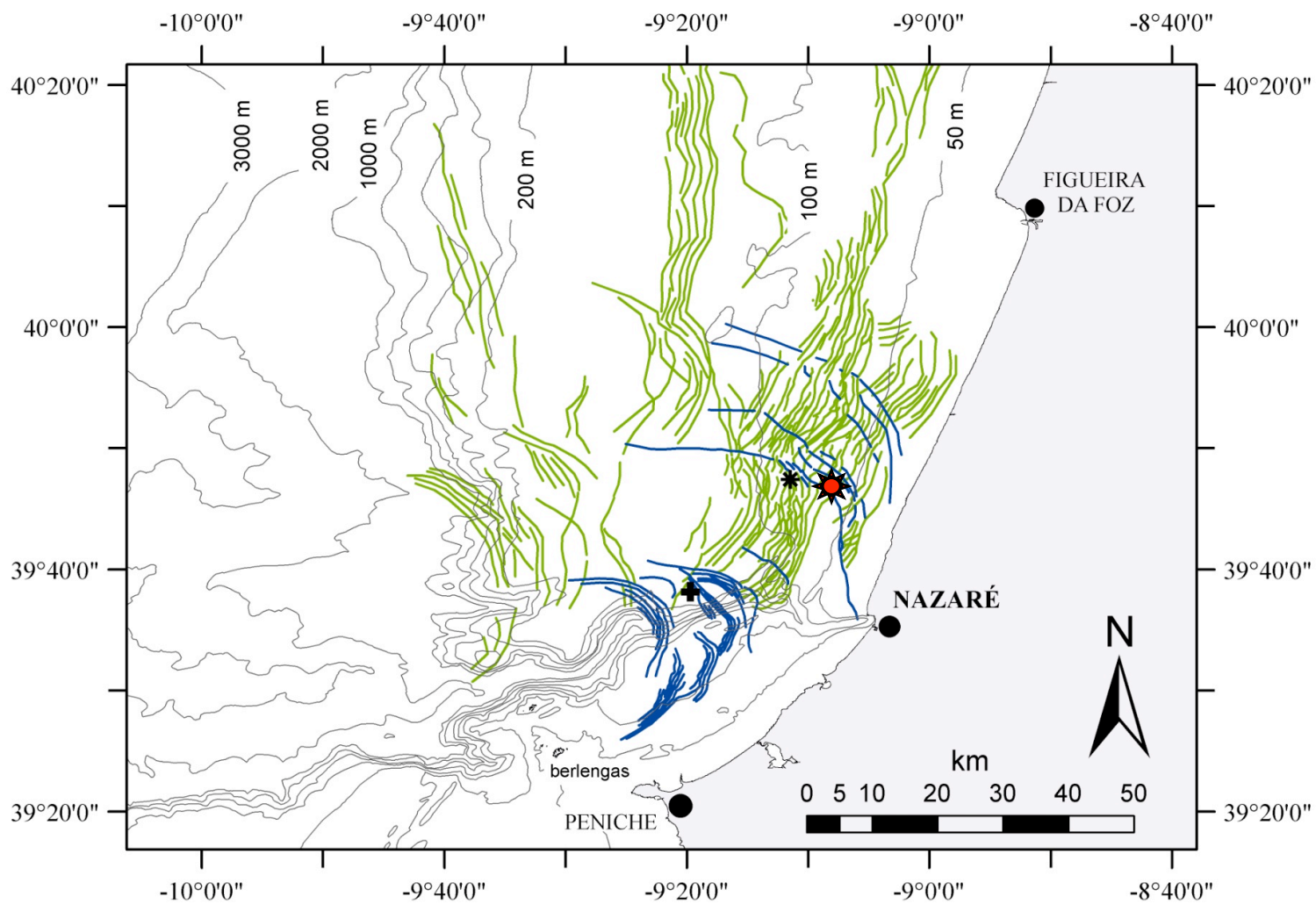
MOUTON (2001-2008) PROTEVS

(2009-2017) EPIGRAM(2008-2012);

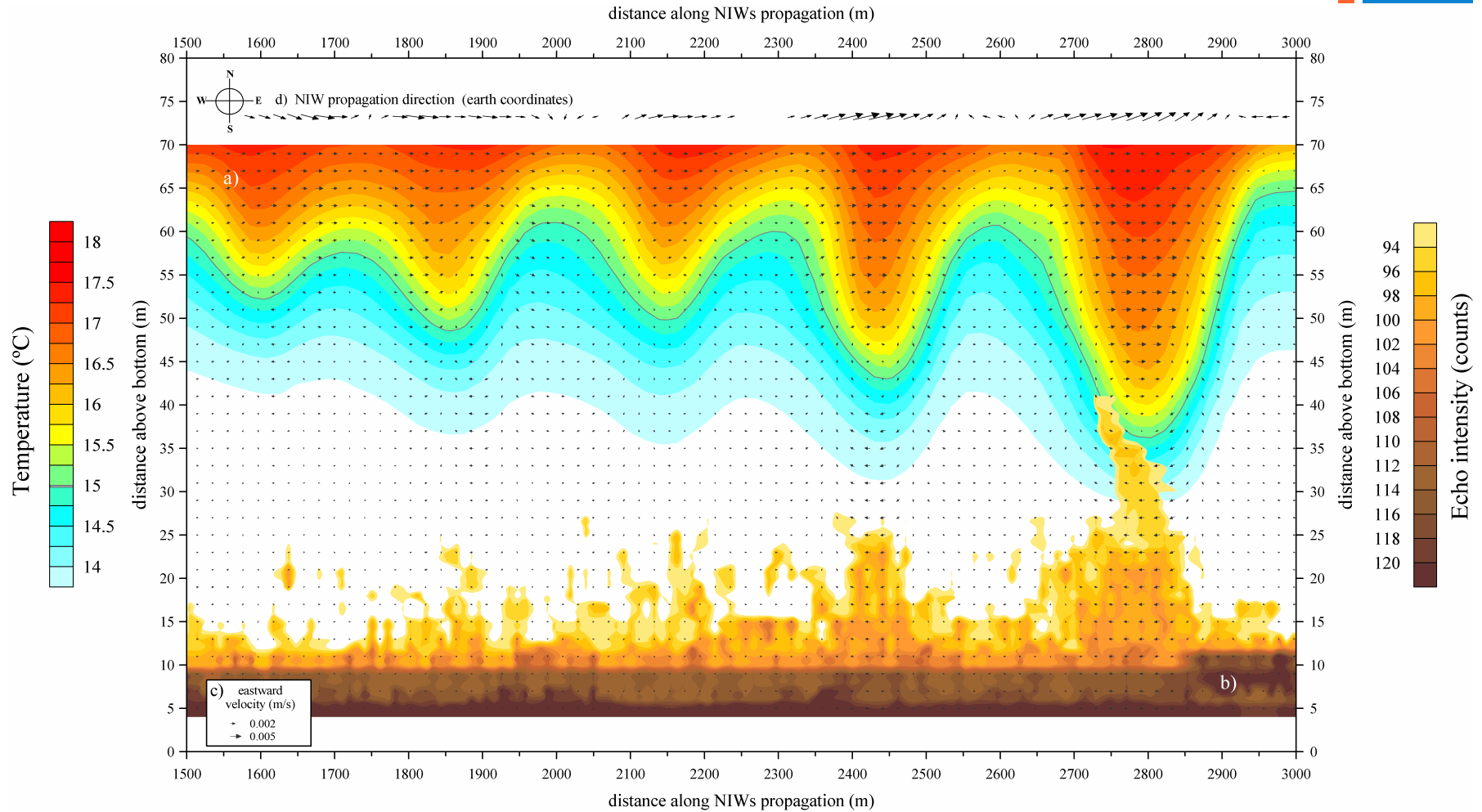
Partnership with **HIDROGRAFICO**

at the south Sub-domain (**MITIC 2009-2011**)

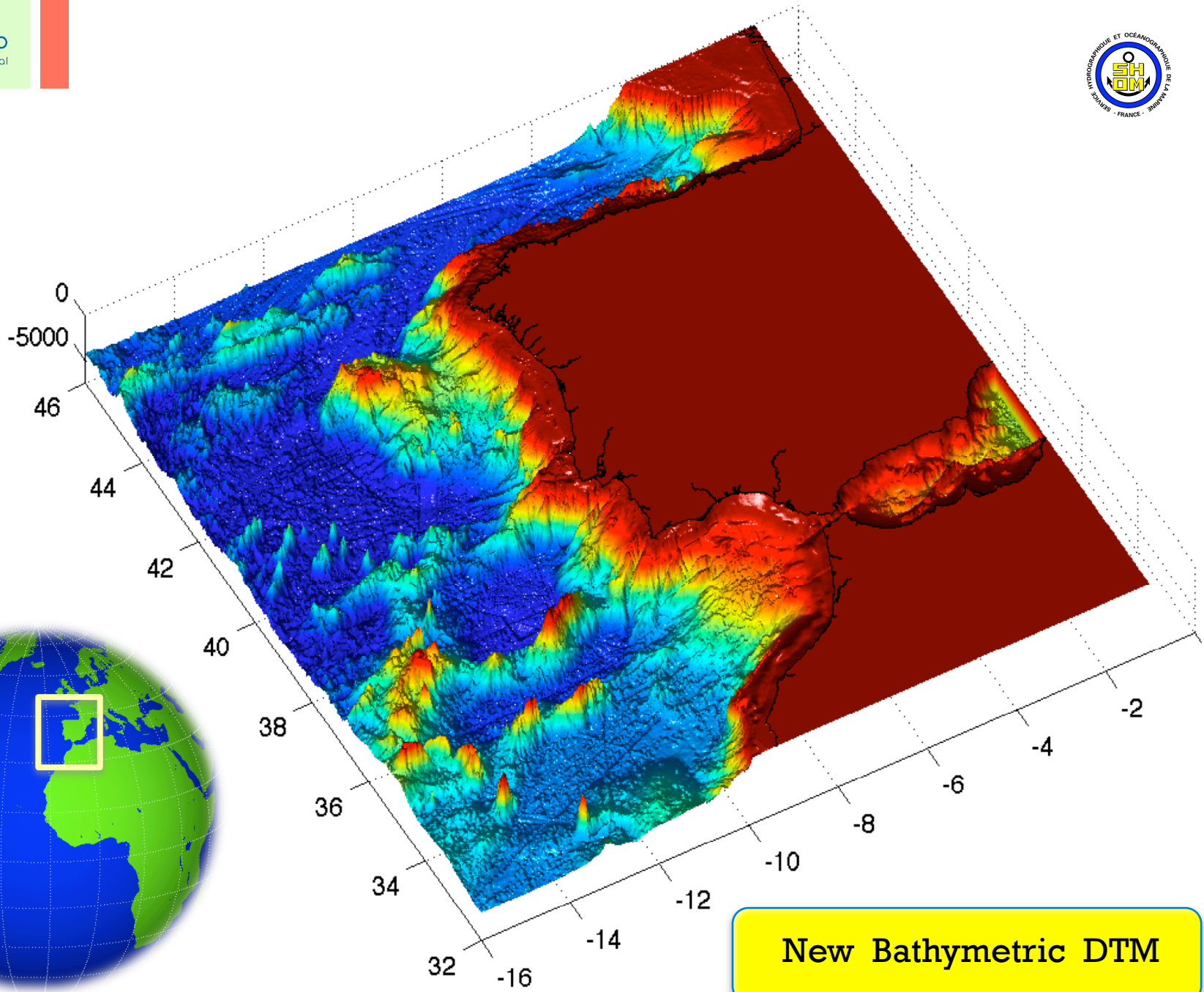
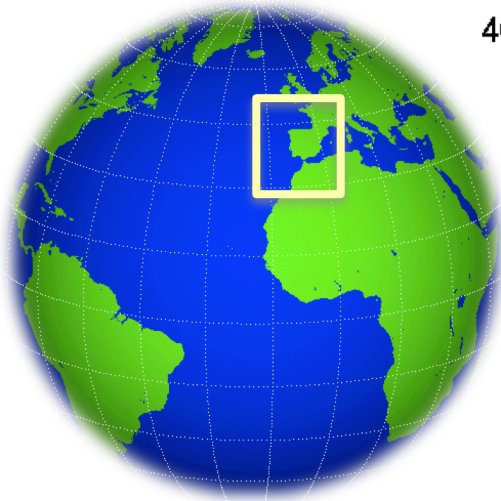




# Internal tidal solitons over the shelf (observations)



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



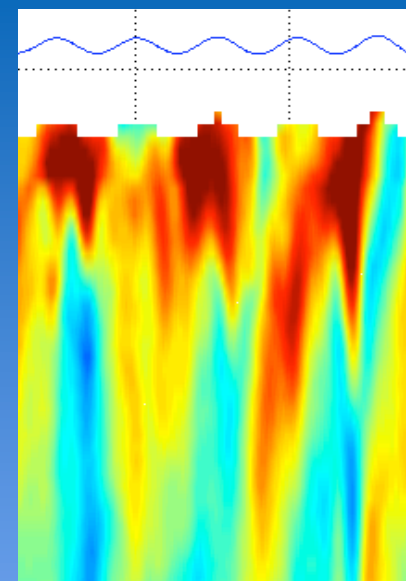
New Bathymetric DTM



**BAROTROPIC TIDE**  
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**FORCING TERM**  
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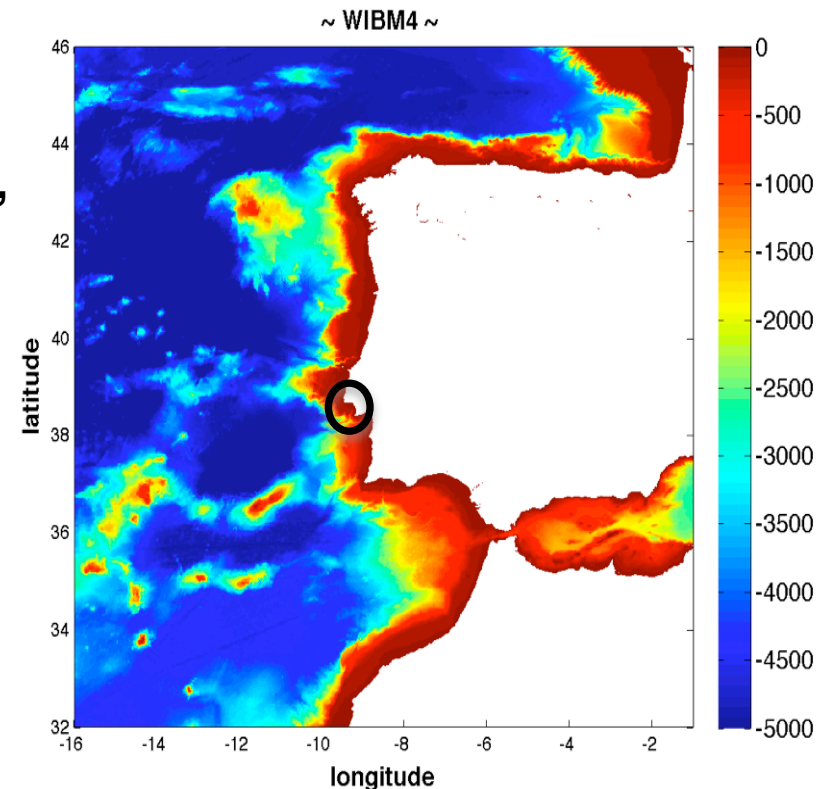
1. Vertical structure: **Barotropic (1 homogeneous level)**
2. Spatial resolution: **~ 1.8 km (Mercator projection)**
3. Initial state and boundary conditions forced by:

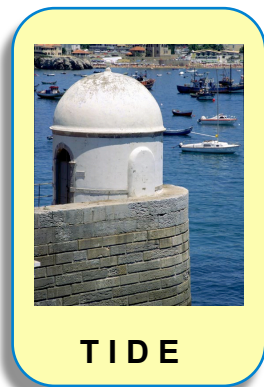
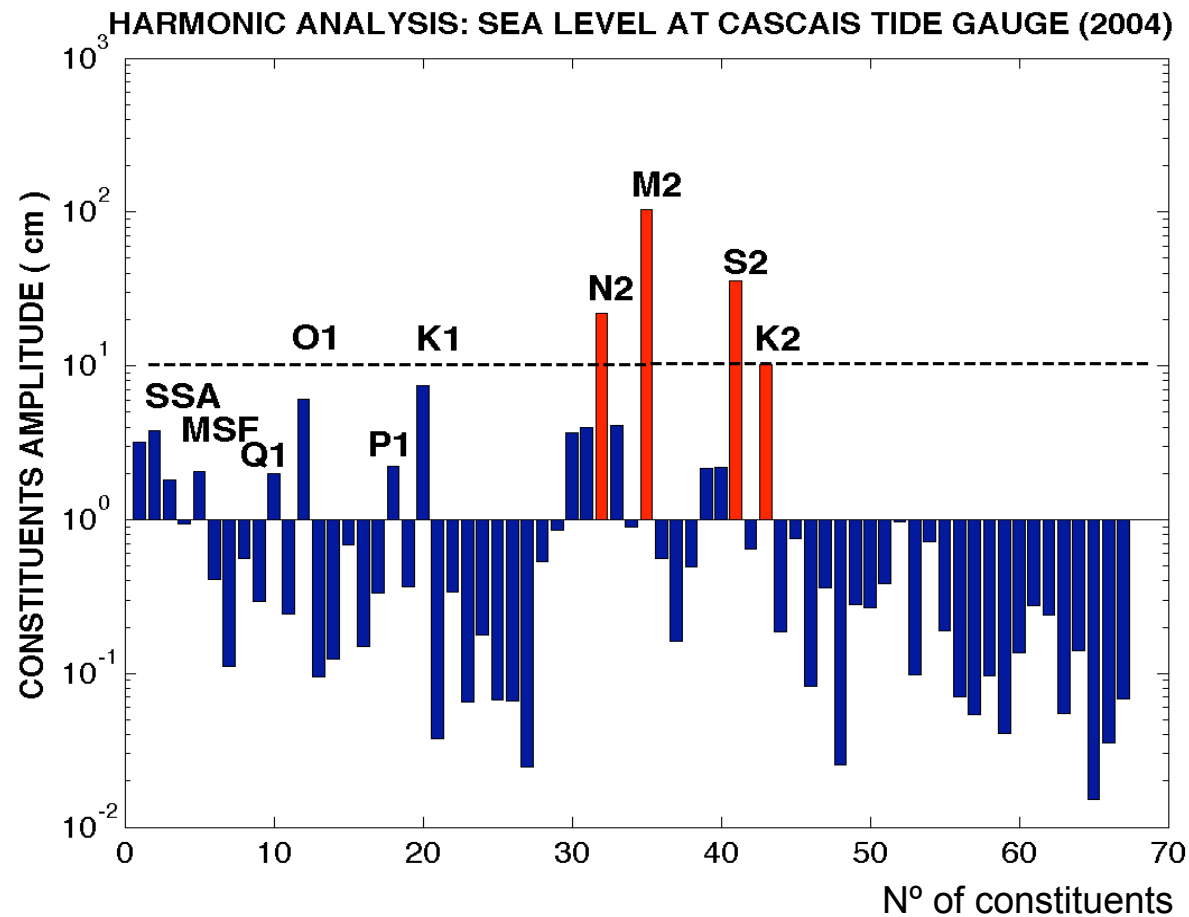
Tide: **MOG2D** (LEGI spectral model),  
by the main semi-diurnal tidal  
harmonics (M2, S2,N2,K2).

4. **Free run** (no assimilation),
5. Time period : **2004**



TIDE





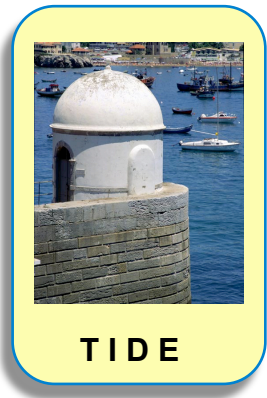
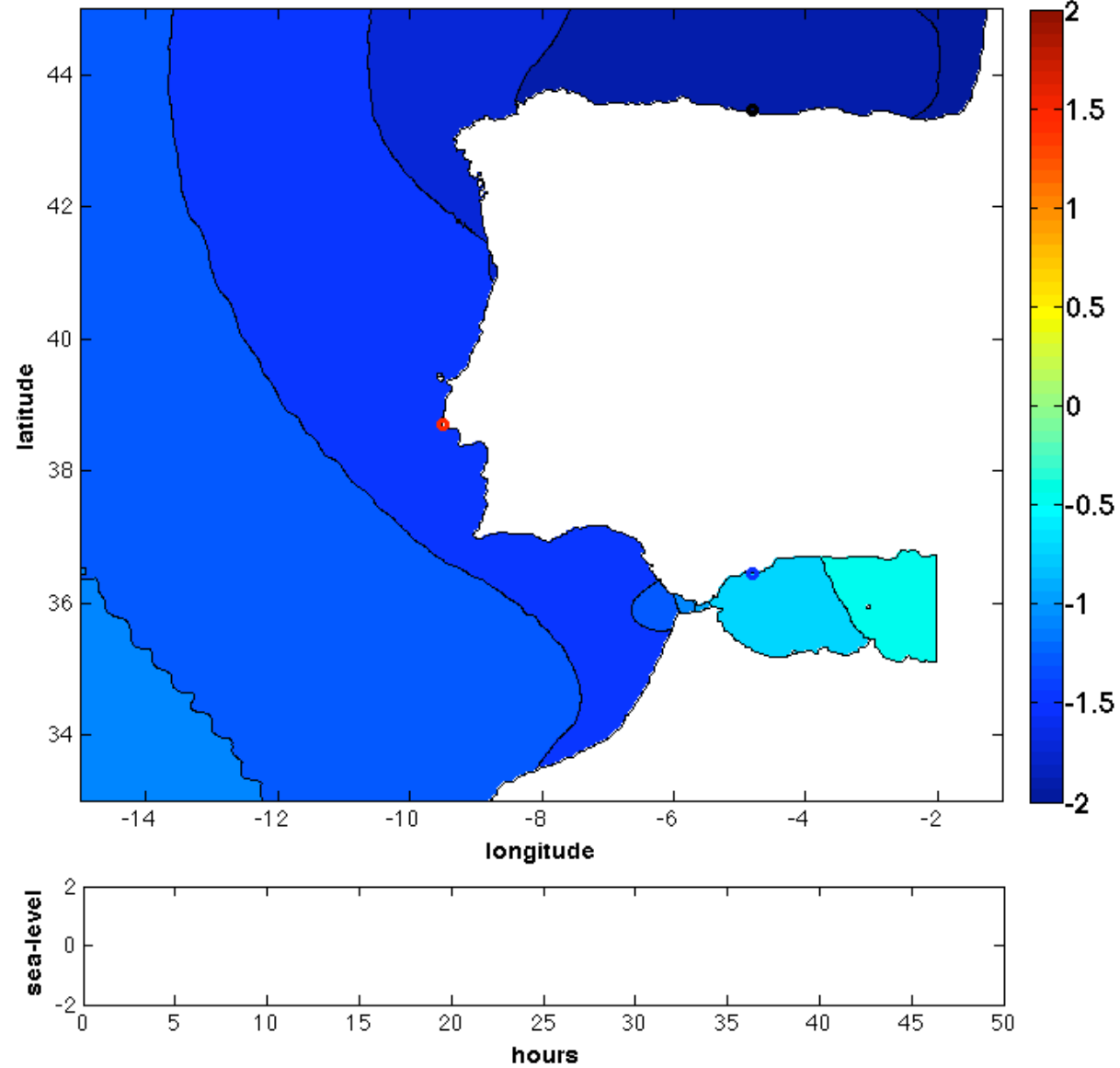
**TIDE**

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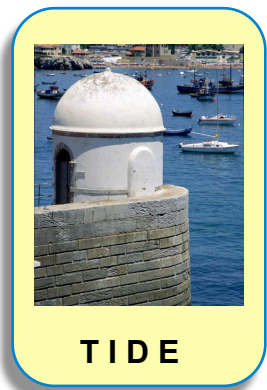
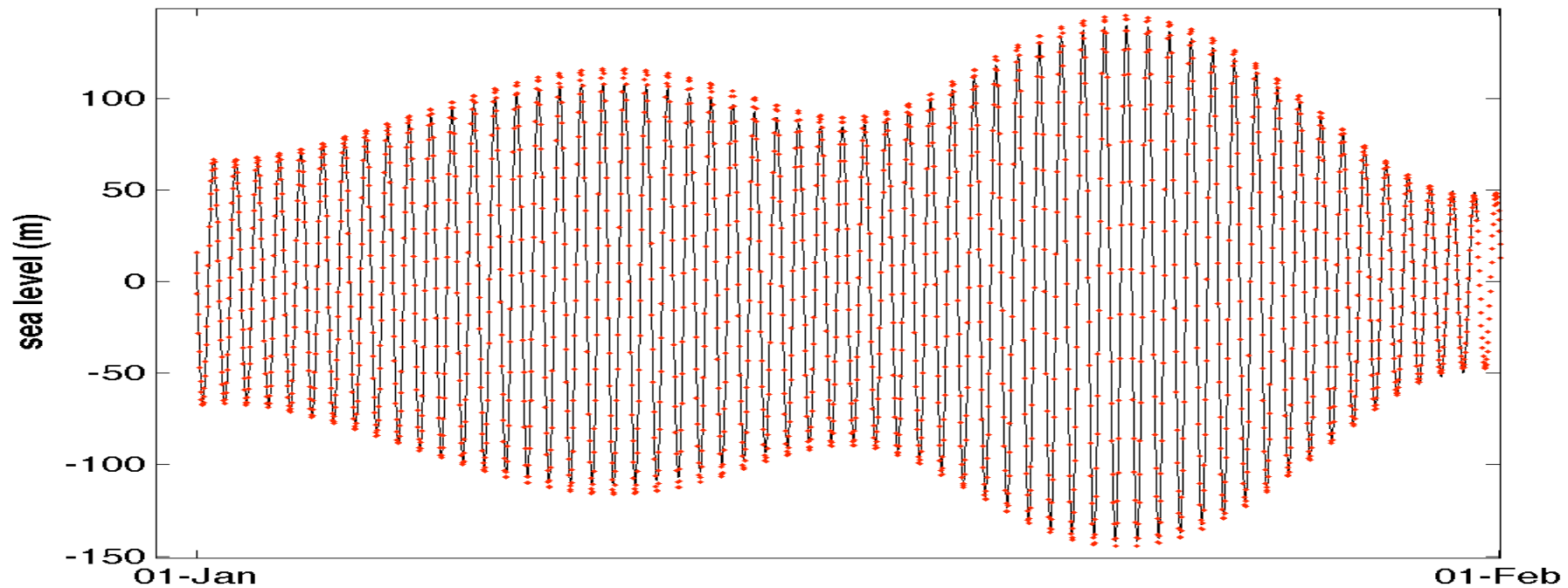
The 4 main semi-diurne + 4 main diurne constituents represent more than **82%** of the Tidal amplitude



~ SSH (m) : WIBM TIDE (M2,S2,N2,K2) ~



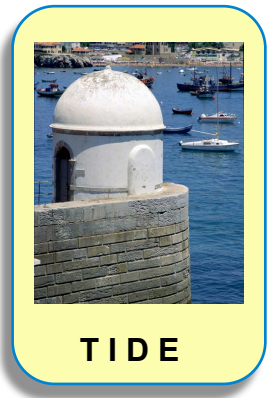
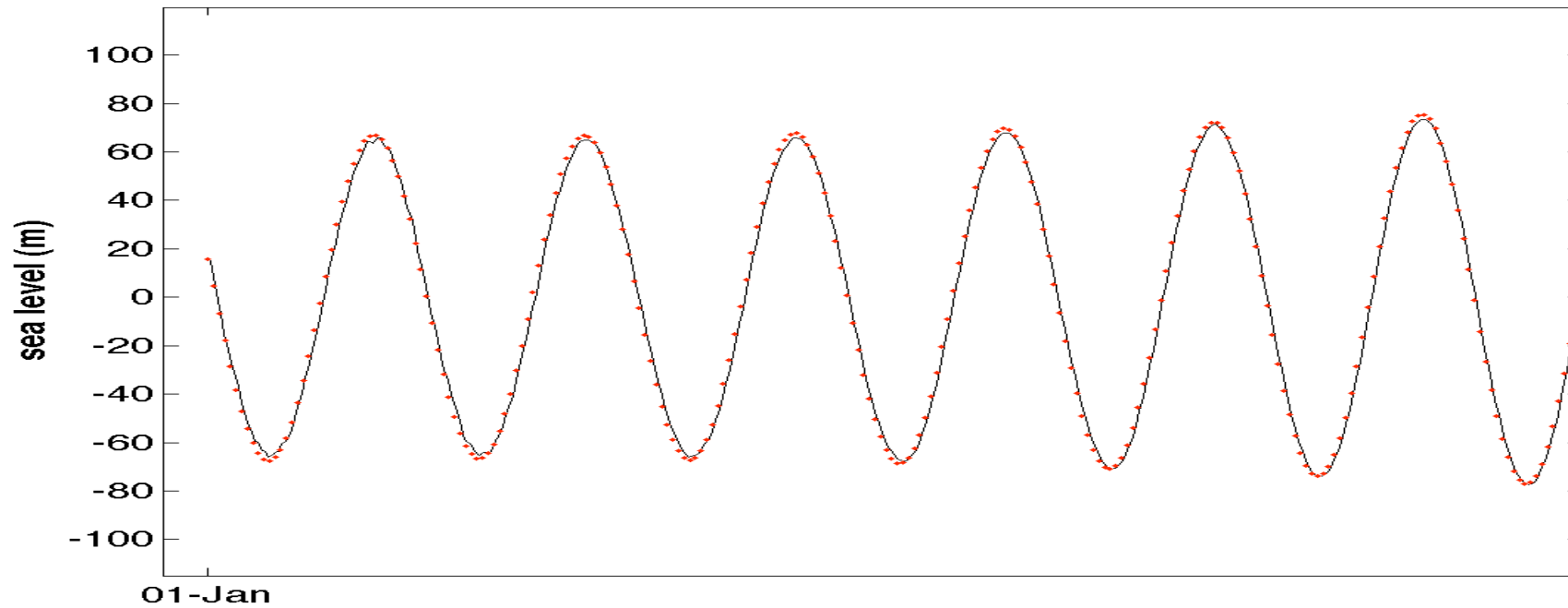
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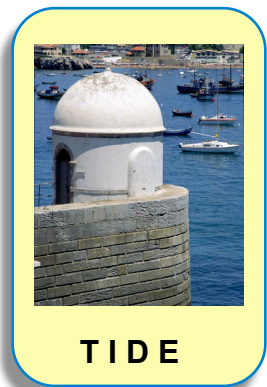
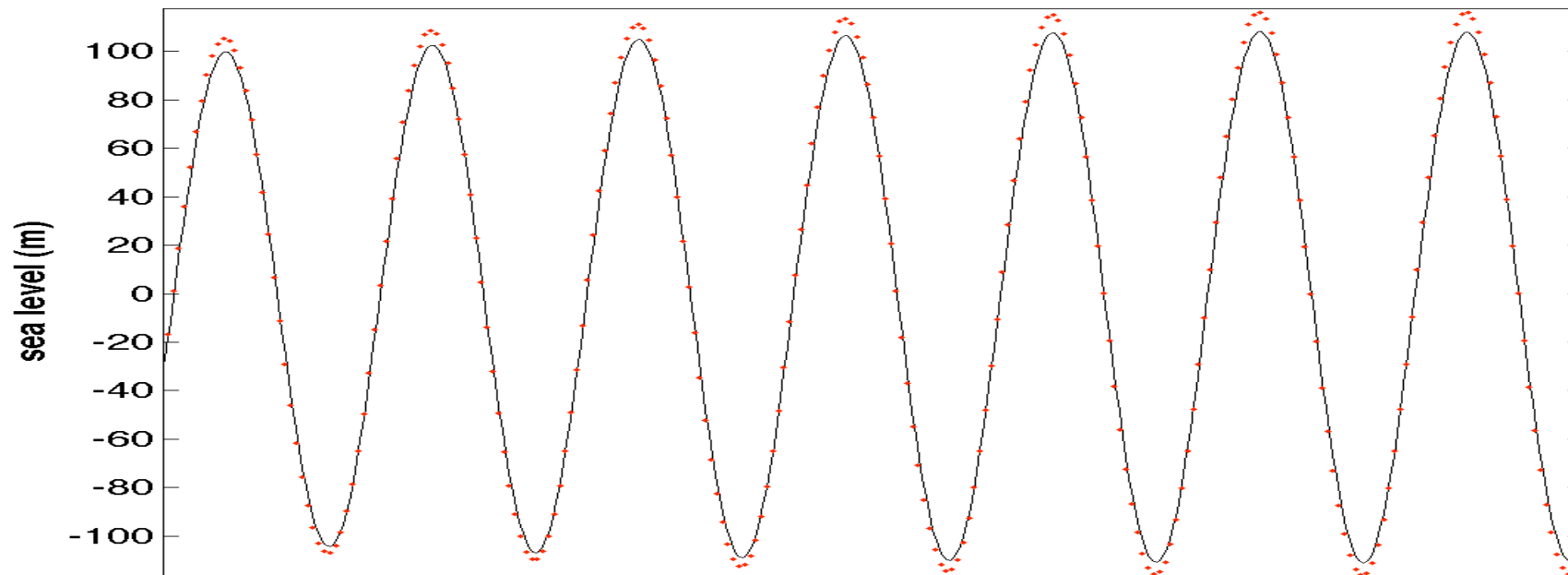
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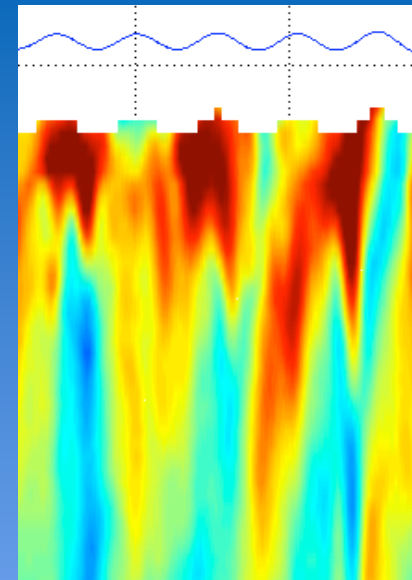
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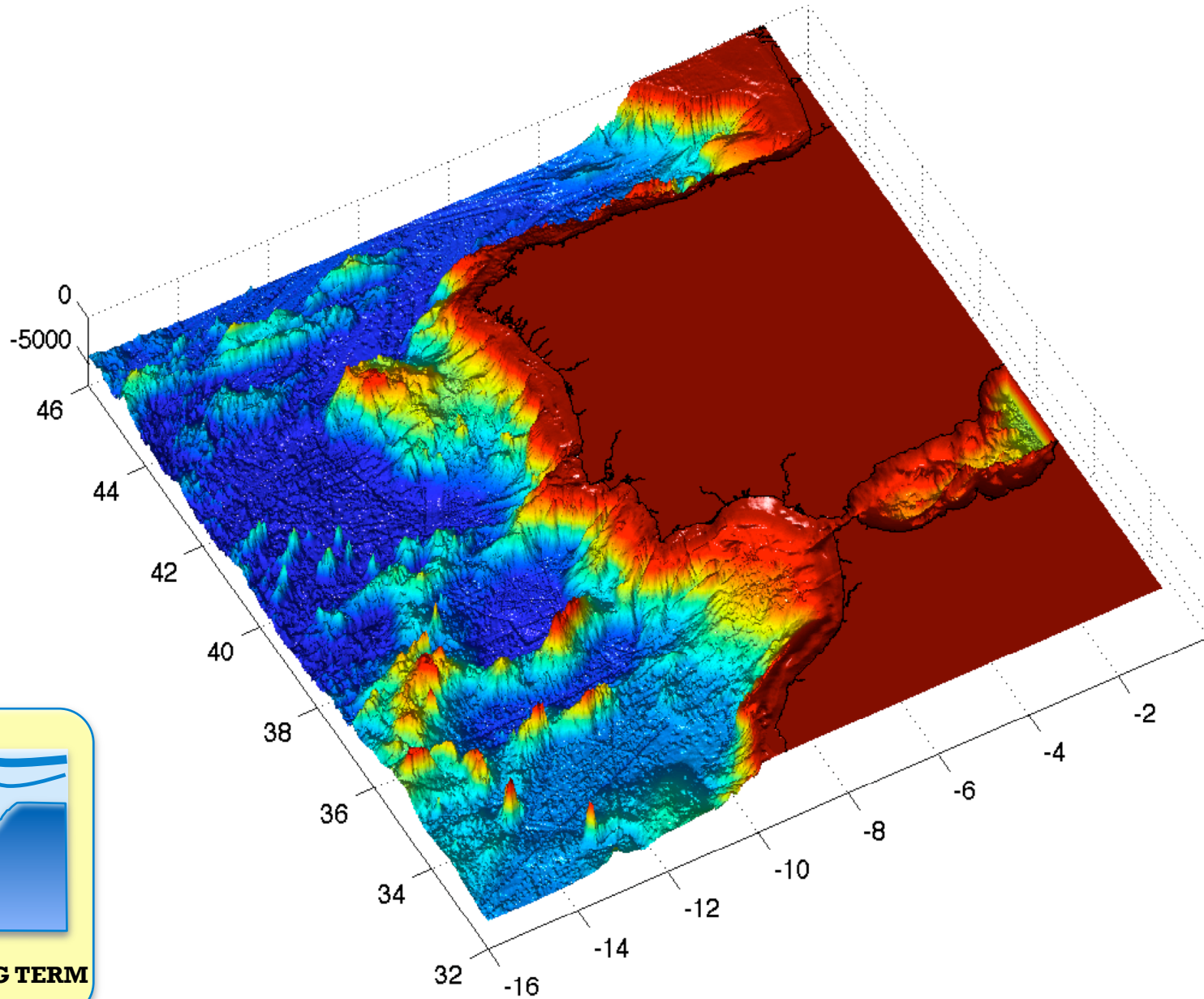


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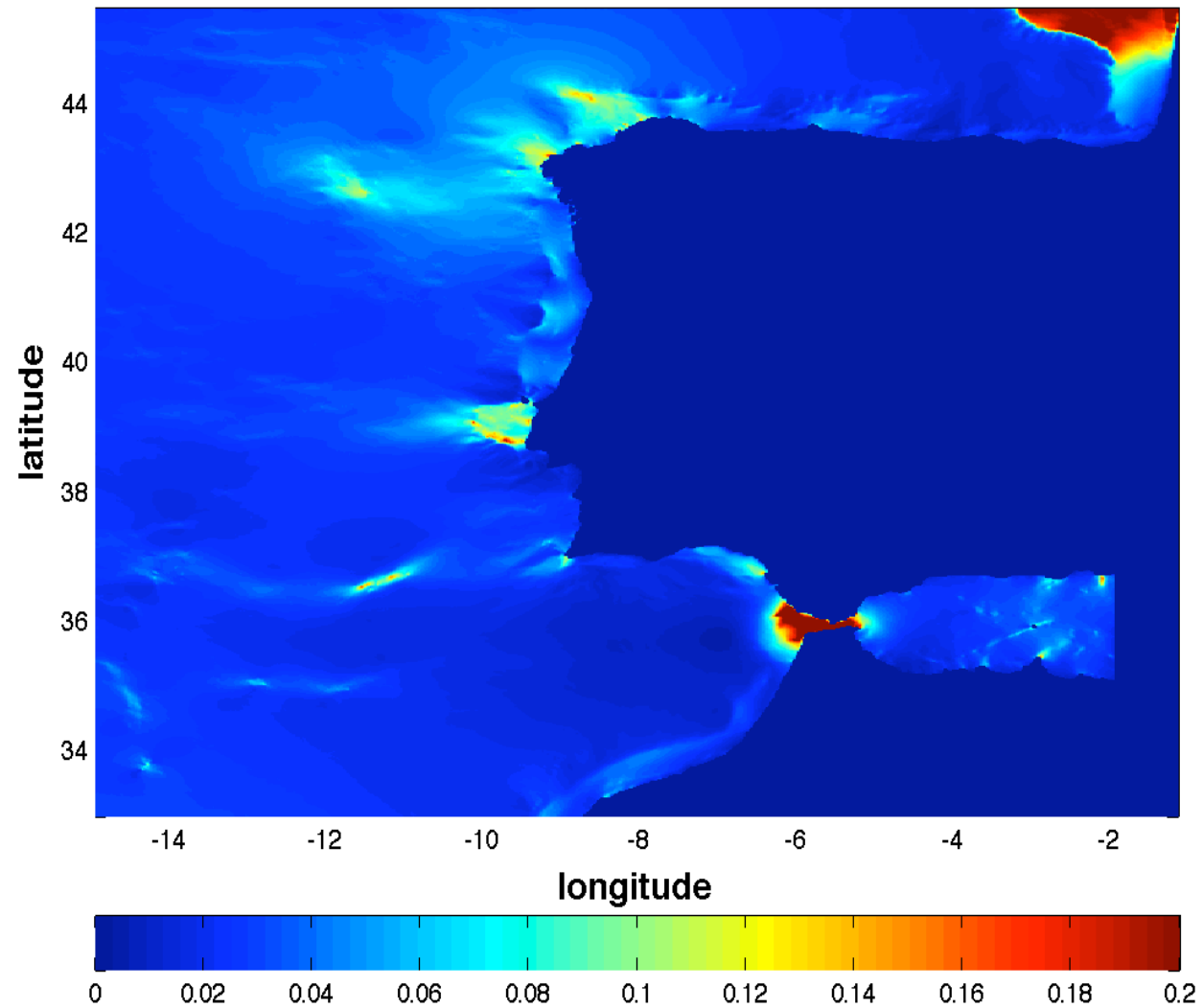


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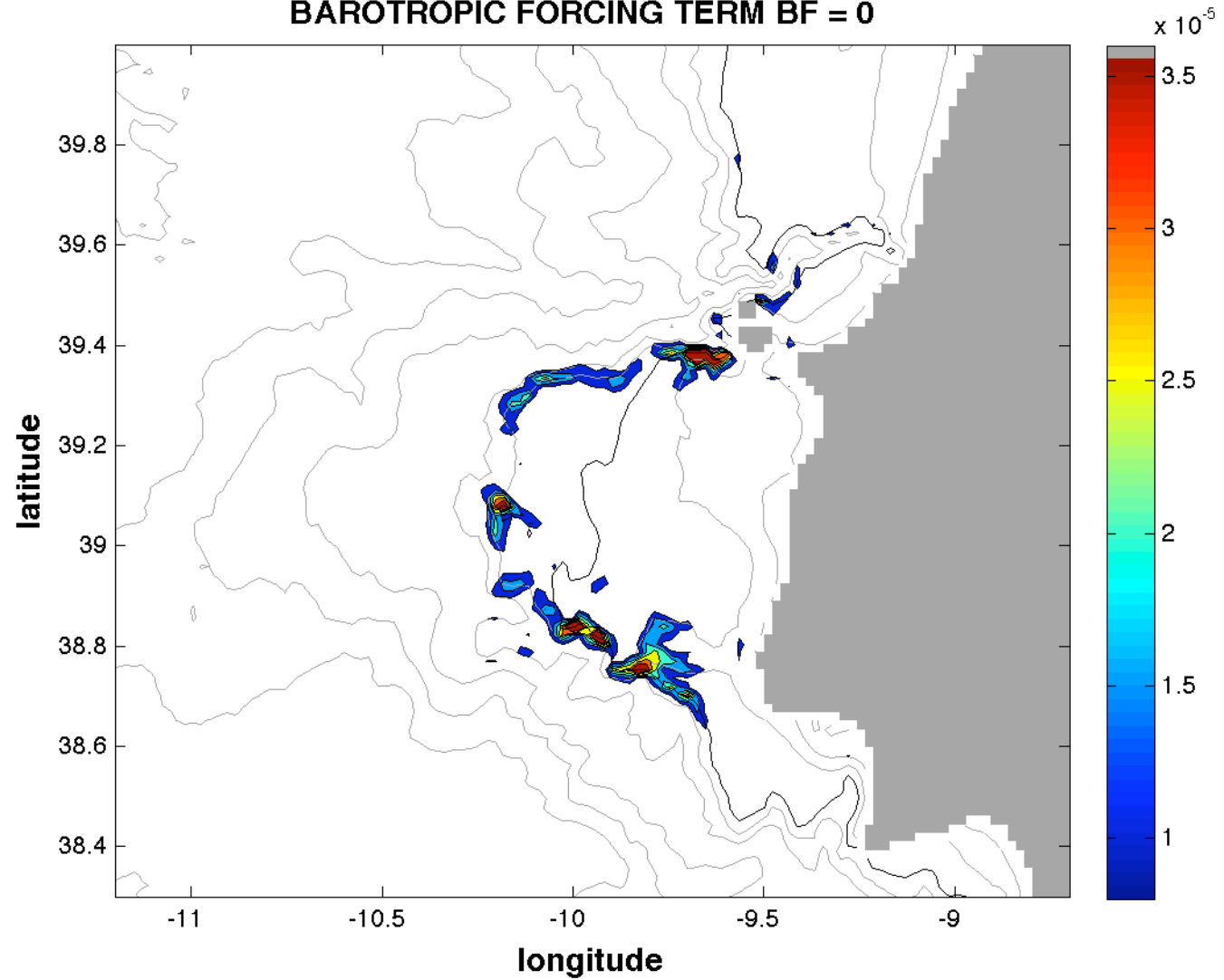
## MAXIMUM BROTRAP. TIDAL VELOCITY MAGNITUDE



$$\frac{U_{\max}}{H} \frac{dH}{dx} + \frac{V_{\max}}{H} \frac{dH}{dy}$$

# FORCING TERM

BAROTROPIC FORCING TERM BF = 0

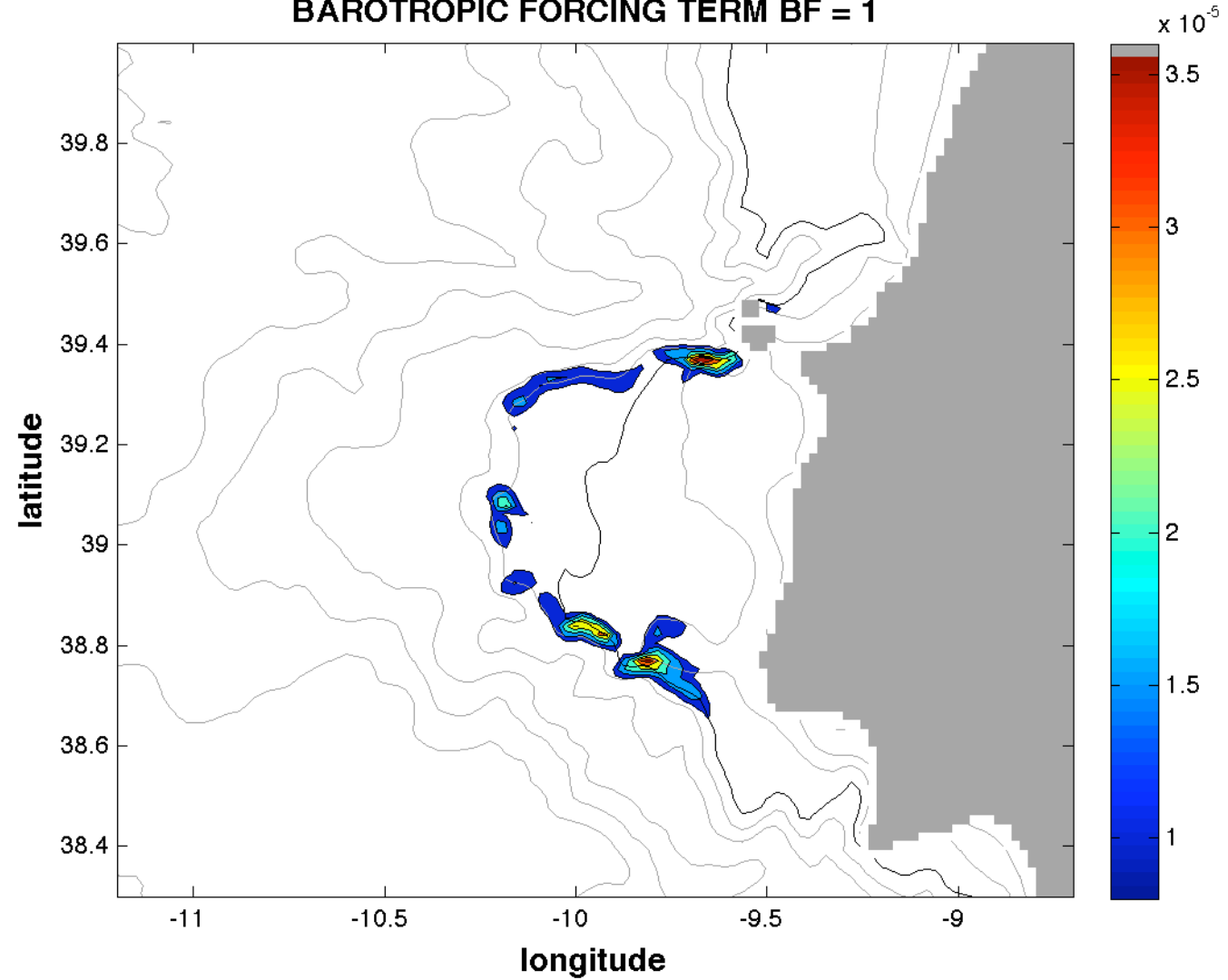




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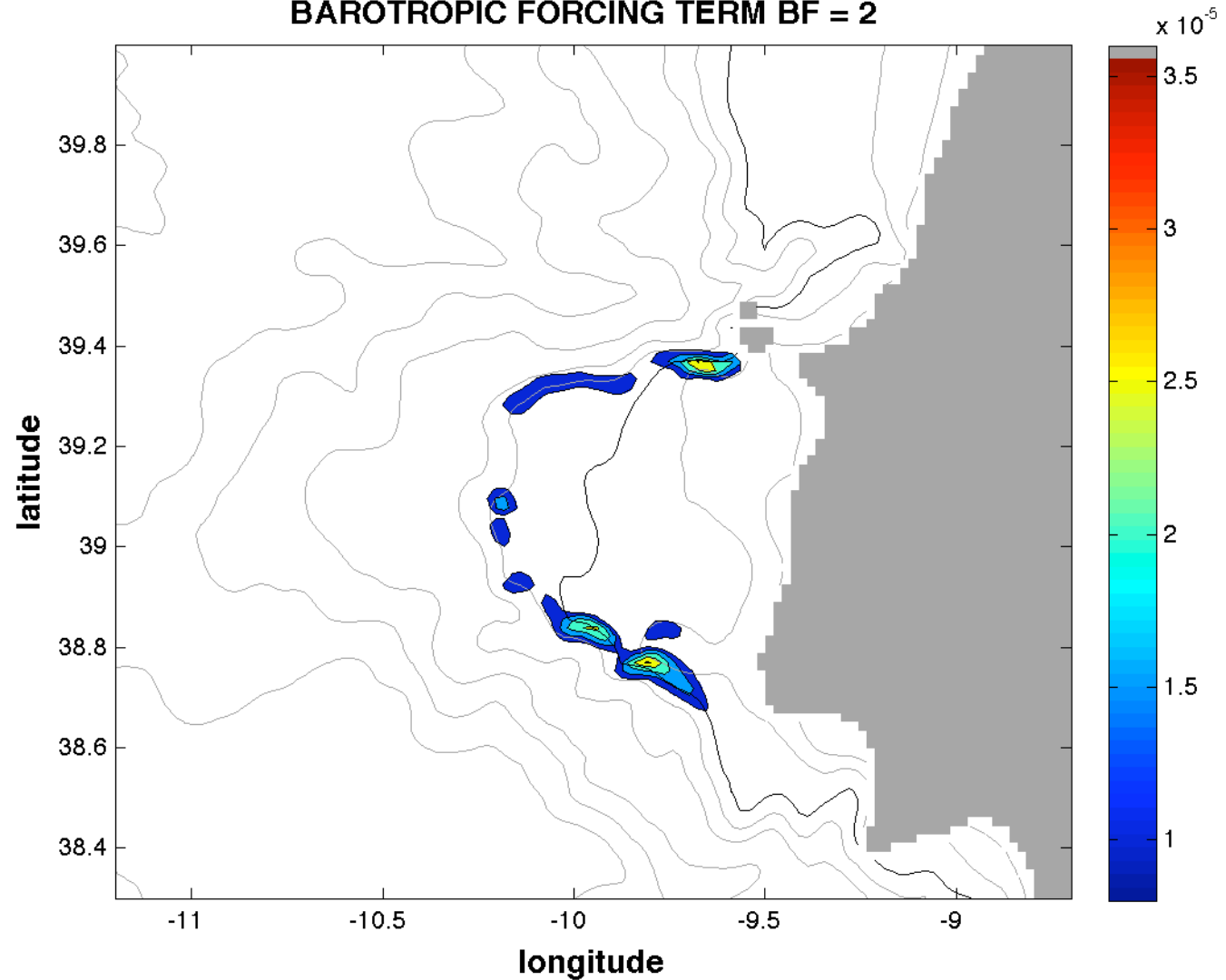
BAROTROPIC FORCING TERM BF = 1



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# FORCING TERM

BAROTROPIC FORCING TERM BF = 2

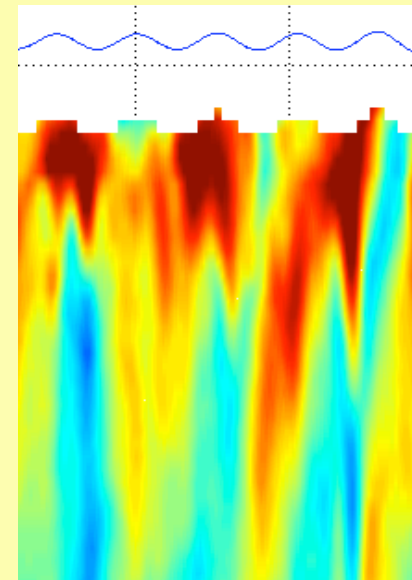




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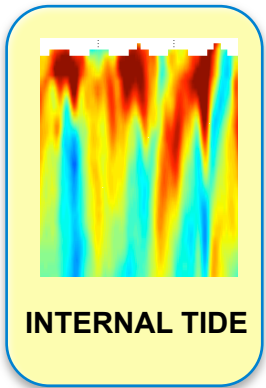
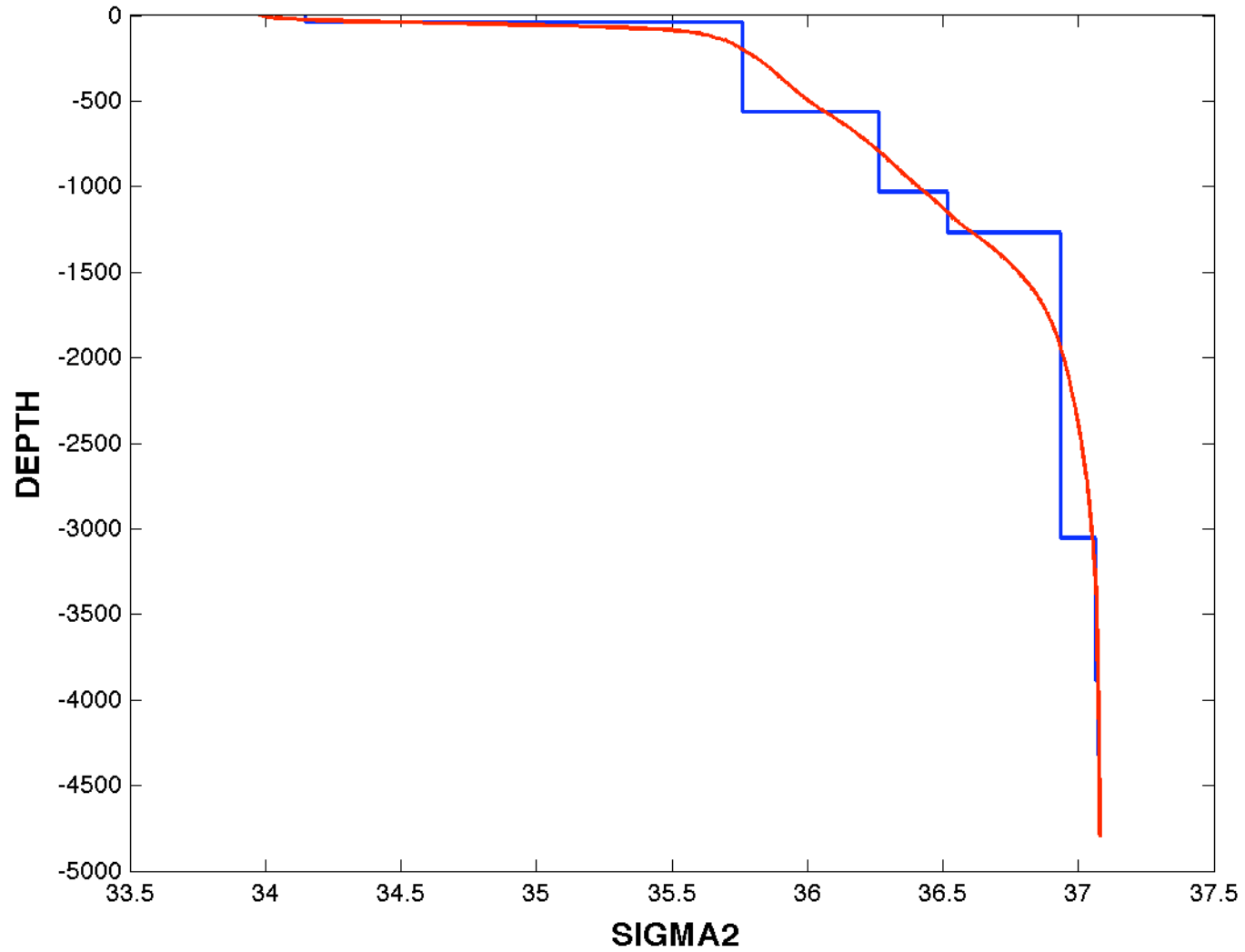


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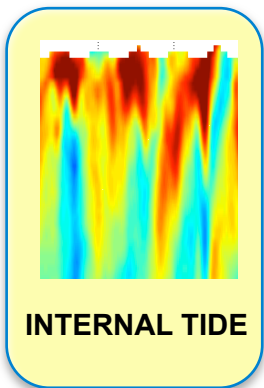
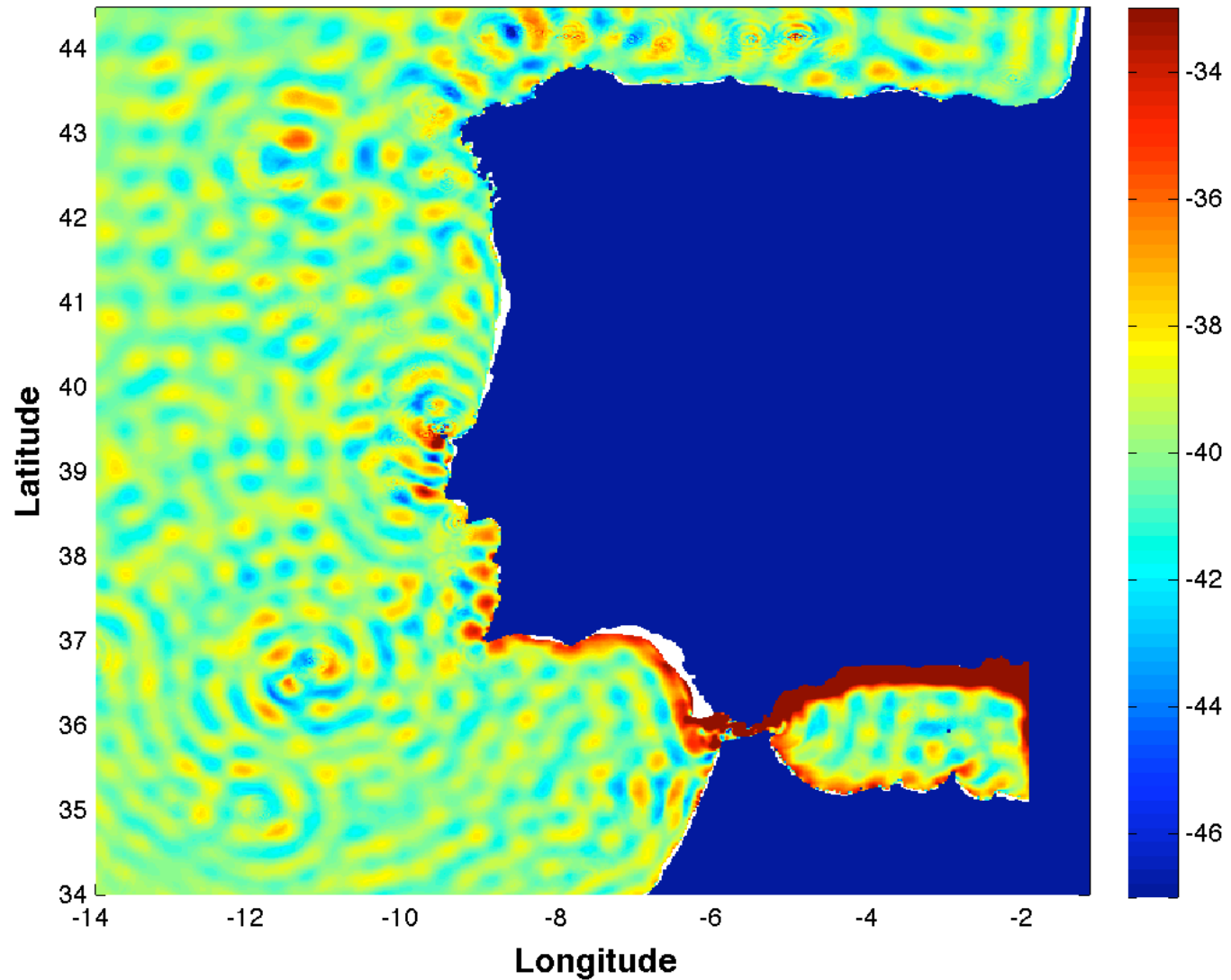


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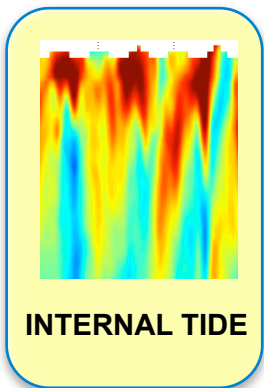
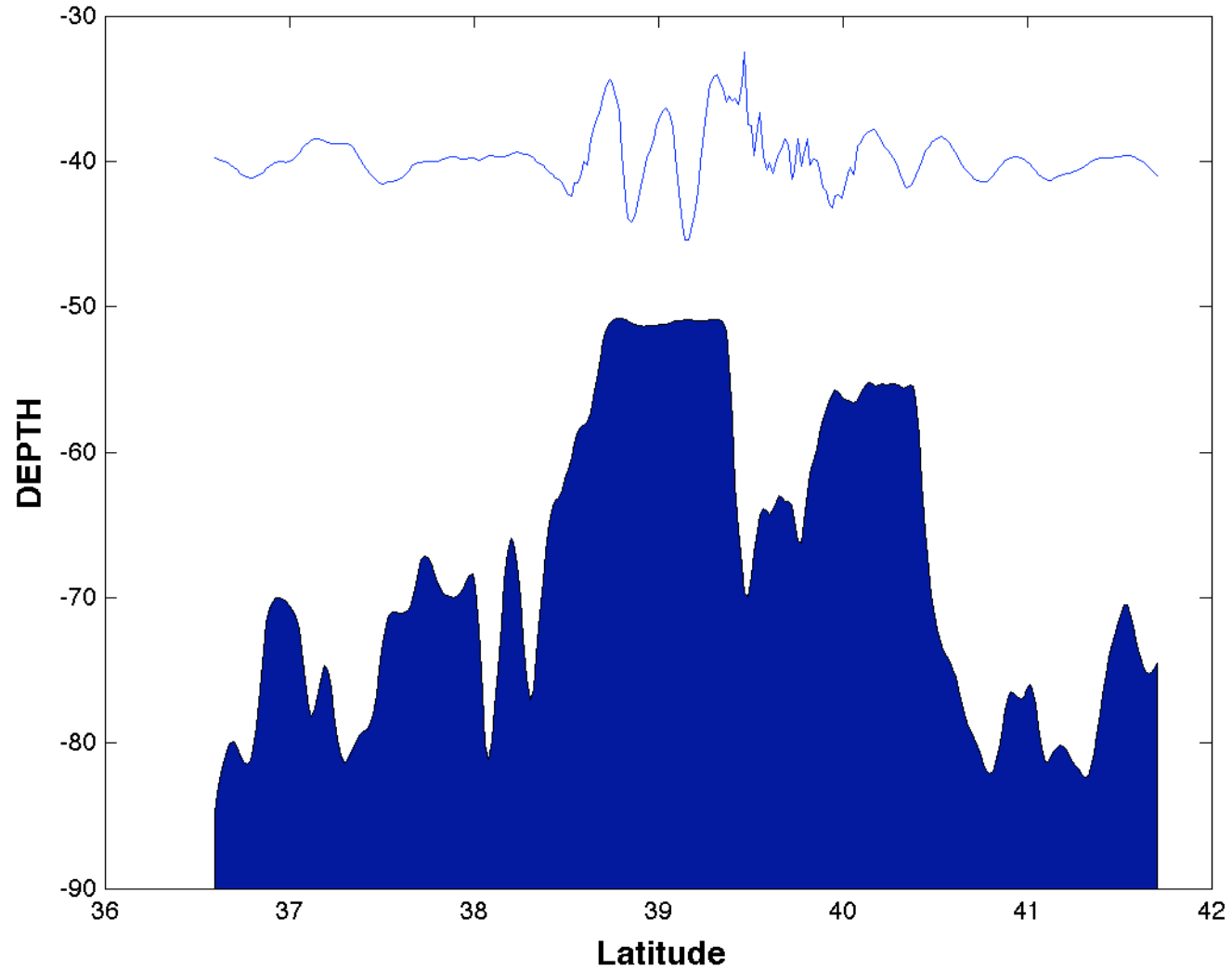
### SIMPLIFIED DENSITY PROFILE



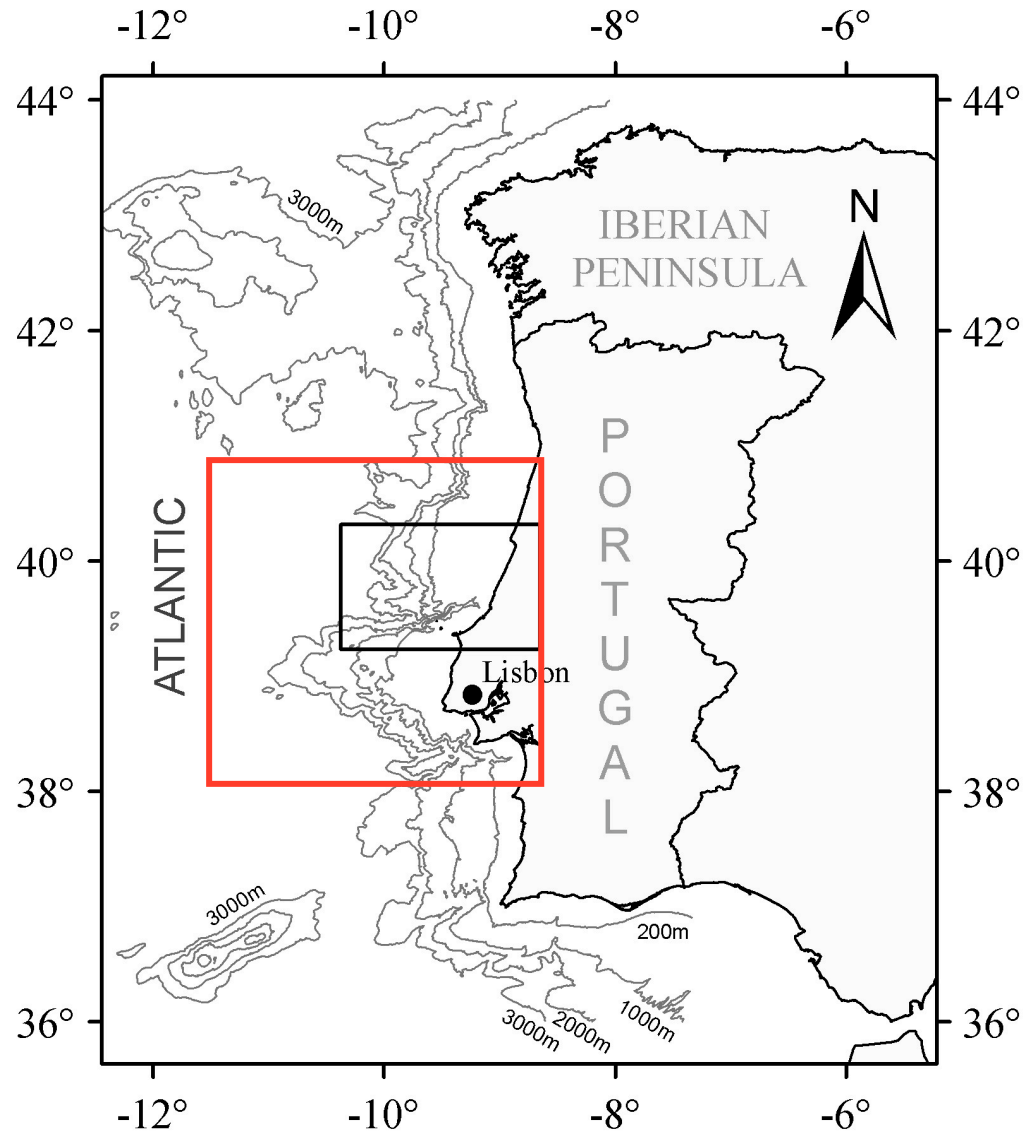
## SEASONAL TERMOCLINE .



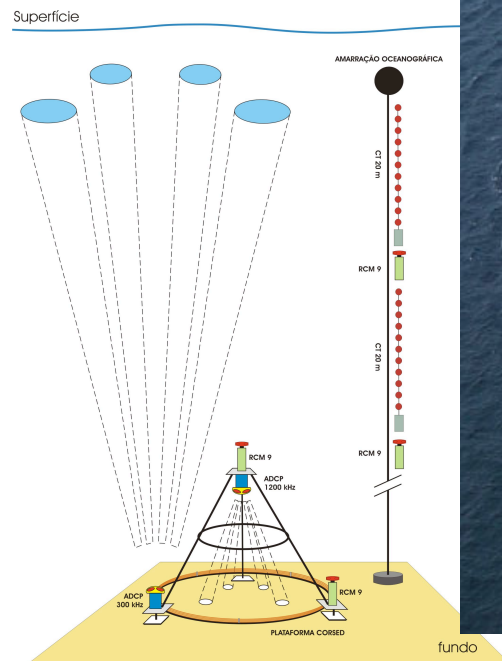
### SEASONAL TERMOCLINE MOVEMENT 9.7W



## Future work: High resolution coastal model

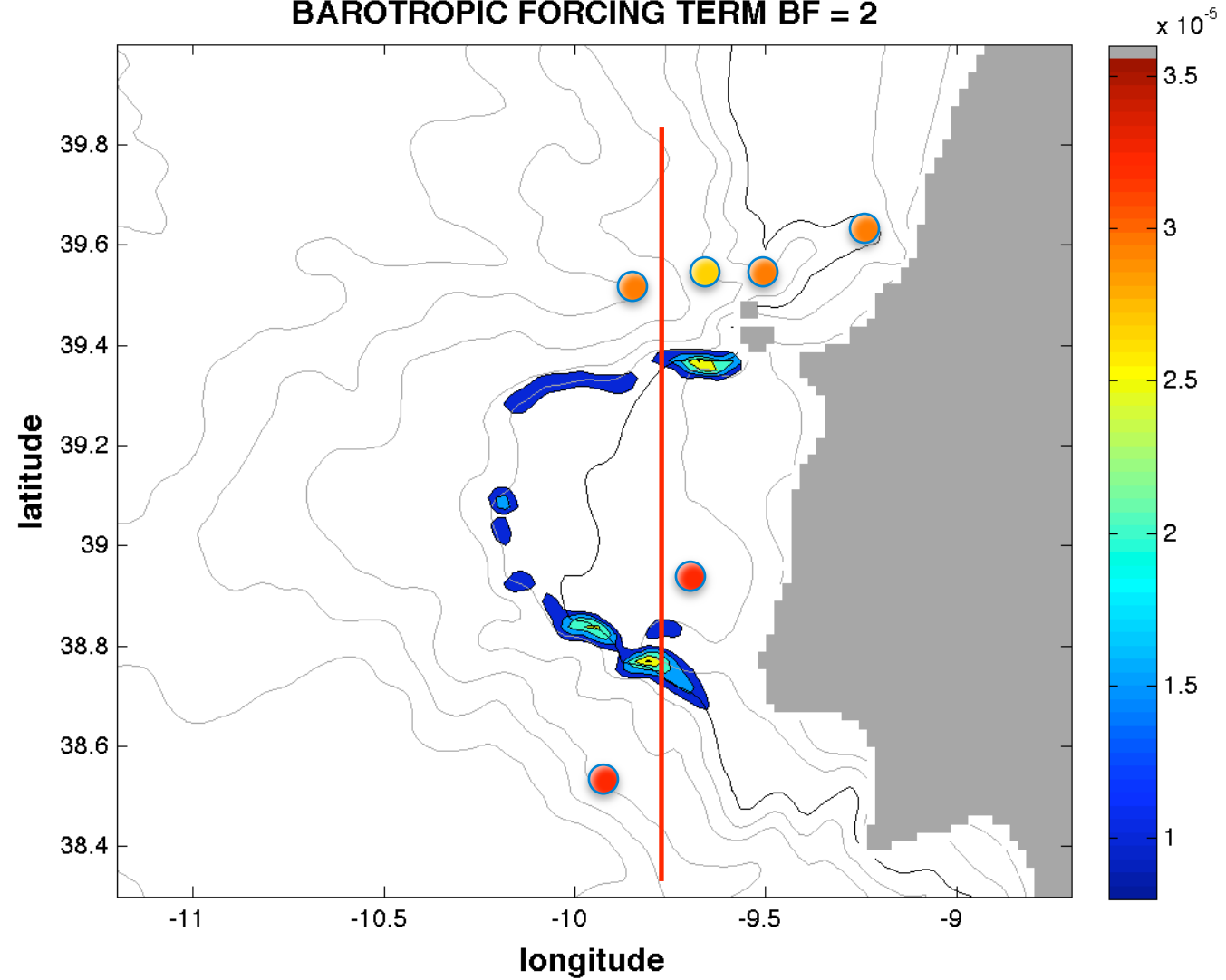


# Observation campaigns at sea to validate and improve numerical results





## BAROTROPIC FORCING TERM BF = 2



**OBSERVATIONS**