



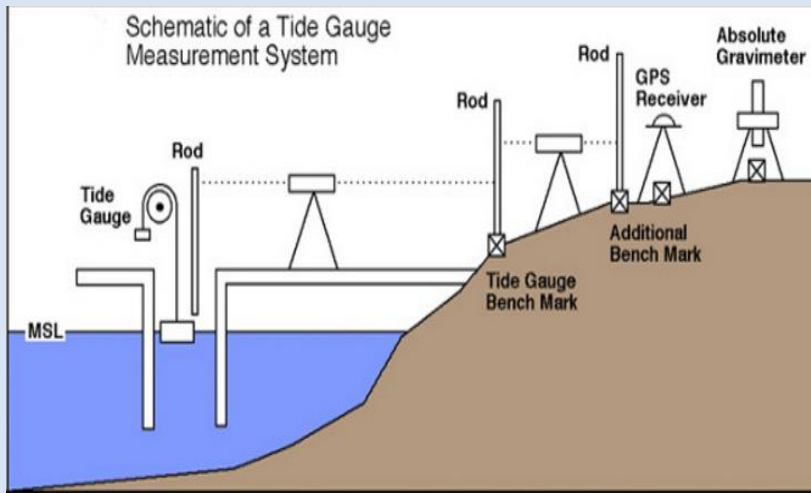
On Virtual Tide Gauge (VTG)

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A VTG Is Not An RTG

RTG (Real Tide Gauge)



50K to build a new RTG and 5k annually maintenance

VTG (Virtual Tide Gauge)

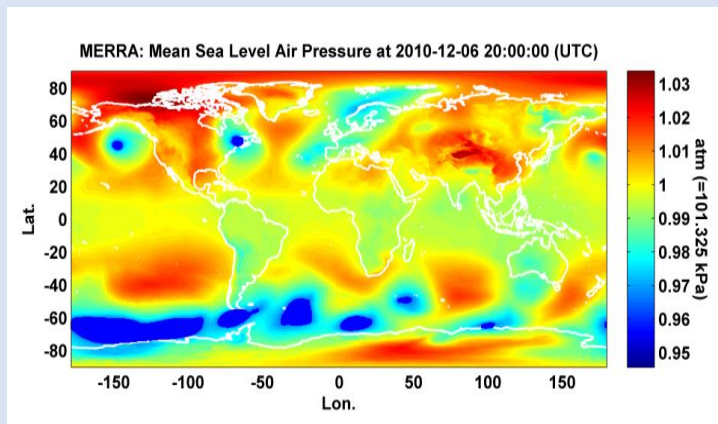
- A VTG does not reside in oceans, it is in a computer on internet.
- It is a good supplement or backup to RTG.

What is a Virtual Tidal Gauge (VTG)?

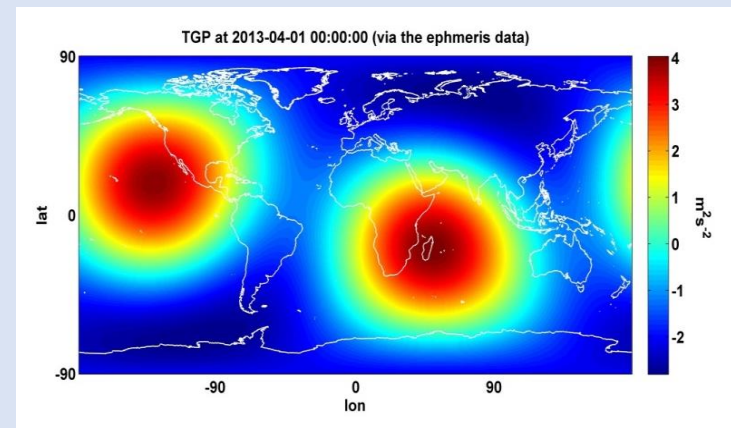
- A VTG is a mathematical transfer function to transfer astronomical and atmospheric global forcing fields to a time series of water level responses at a point of interest (POI);
- Its parameters are trained by observed data.

Two Forcing Fields

Atmospheric Forcing Field F_{atm}



Astronomic Forcing Field F_{tide}



$$\eta = \mathbf{G} * (\mathbf{F}_{atm} + \mathbf{F}_{tide})$$

$$\eta = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{s}$$

G All Source Green's Function (ASGF, Xu 2007); An MISO system.

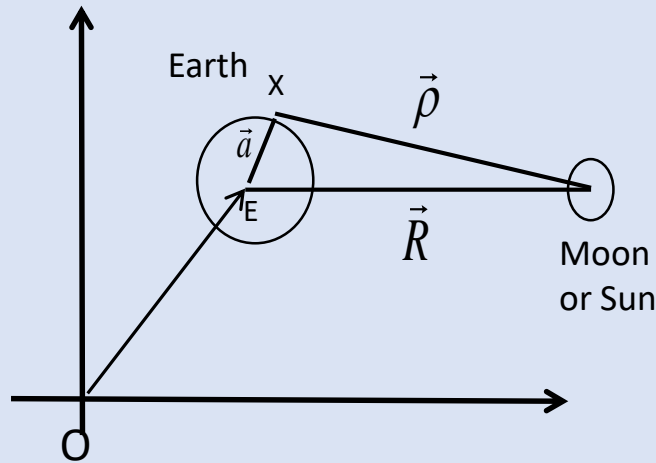


C Regression Model (Xu, 2015a,b)
Regression Parameters

s

Tidal Forcing

What's its definition?



$$\mathbf{B}_i(\mathbf{E}) = \mu \frac{M_i \cdot 1}{R_i^2} \left(\frac{\vec{R}_i}{R_i} \right), \quad \mathbf{B}_i(\mathbf{X}) = \mu \frac{M_i \cdot 1}{\rho_i^2} \left(\frac{\vec{\rho}_i}{\rho_i} \right)$$

$$\vec{\rho} = \vec{R} - \vec{a}$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \vec{OE} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{B}_i(\mathbf{E}), \quad \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \vec{OX} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{B}_i(\mathbf{X}) + \mathbf{G} + \mathbf{F}$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} (\vec{OX} - \vec{OE}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{B}_i(\mathbf{X}) - \mathbf{B}_i(\mathbf{E})) + \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{F}$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \vec{EX} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{T}_i(\mathbf{E}) + \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{F}$$

Tidal Forcing: the difference of gravitational forces on a point of interest and on the center of the earth exerted by astronomical bodies.

Time Range of JPL ephemerides

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[1549-12-31 00:00:00 to 2650-01-25 00:00:00]
- De431.bin=
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MERRA and GEM4 Model Solutions as Atmospheric Forcing Field

1. MERRA/MEERA2:

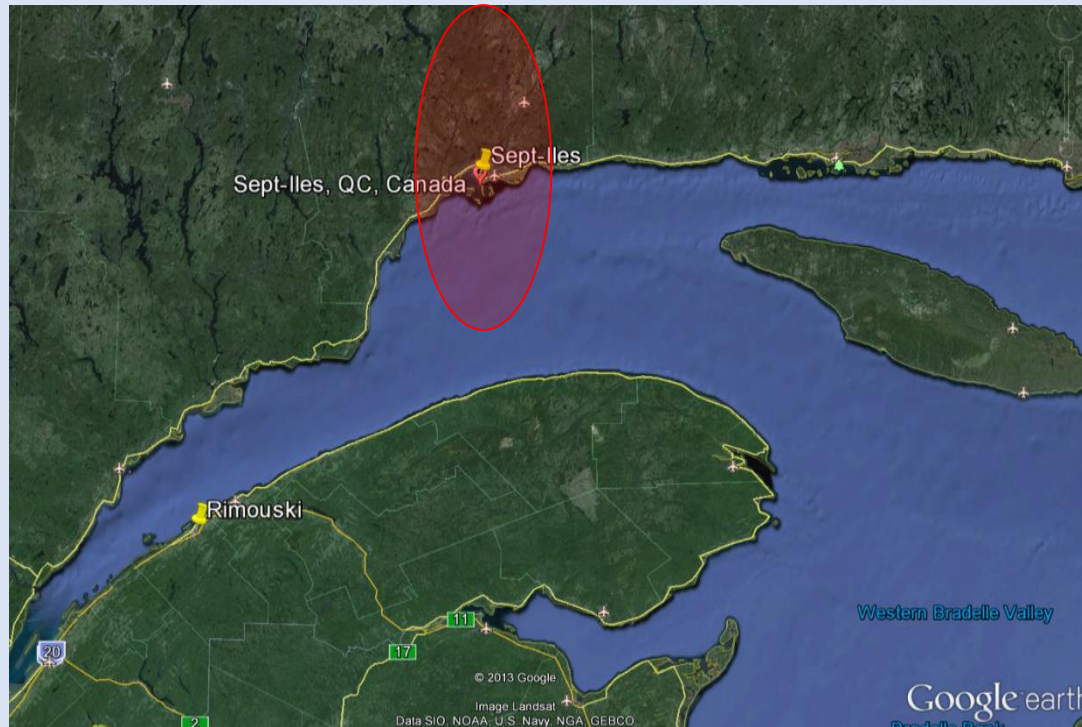
- MODERN-ERA RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS FOR RESEARCH AND APPLICATIONS
- NASA reanalysis using a major new version of the Goddard Earth Observing System Data Assimilation System Version 5 (GEOS-5).
- Time Range: January 1, 1979 up to last month

2. GEM4 Real-time Forecast Data

- Download Twice a day. 48 Hours forecast.
- We archived it from January 1, 2016

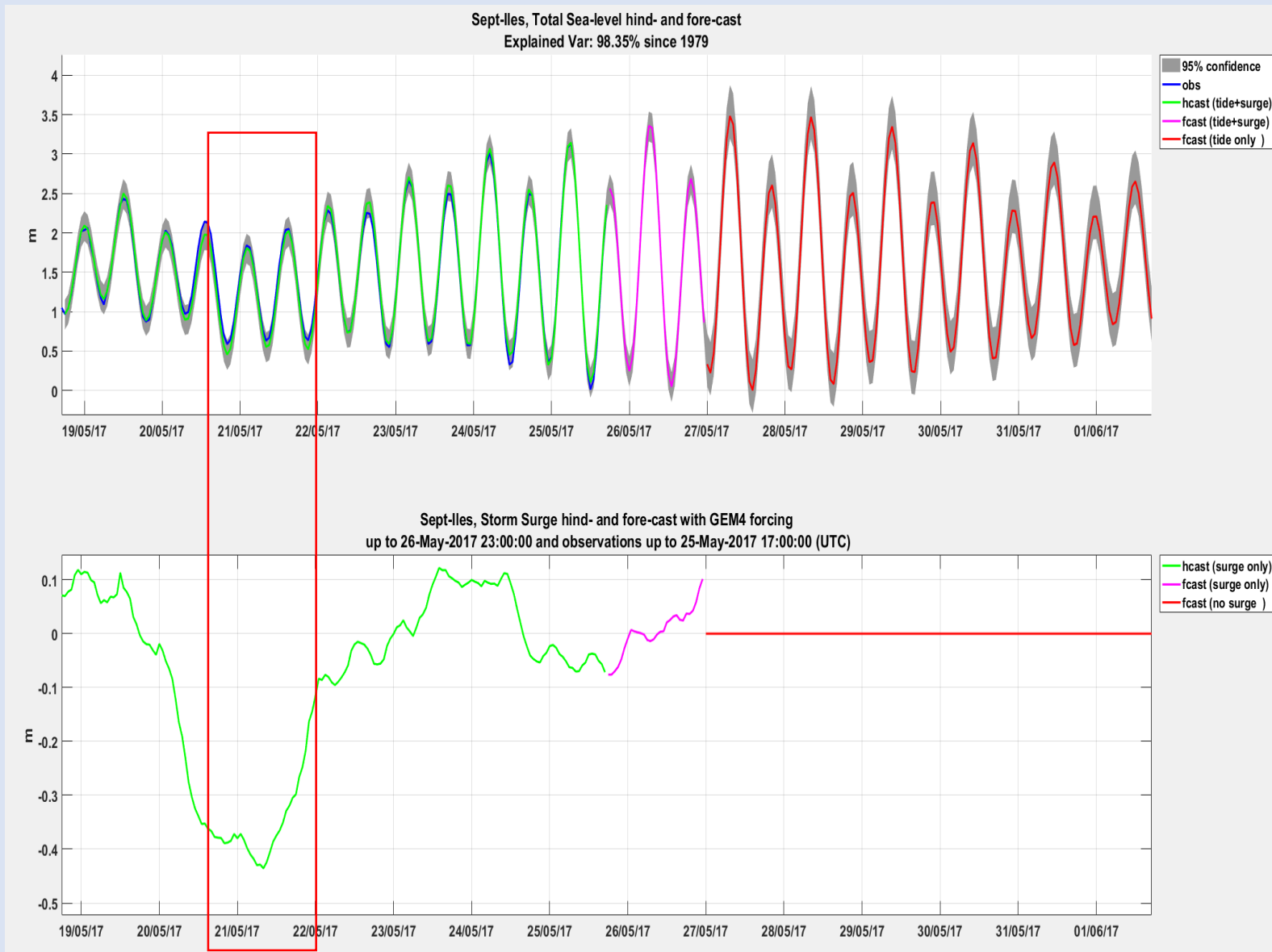


A Demo VTG for Sept-Iles



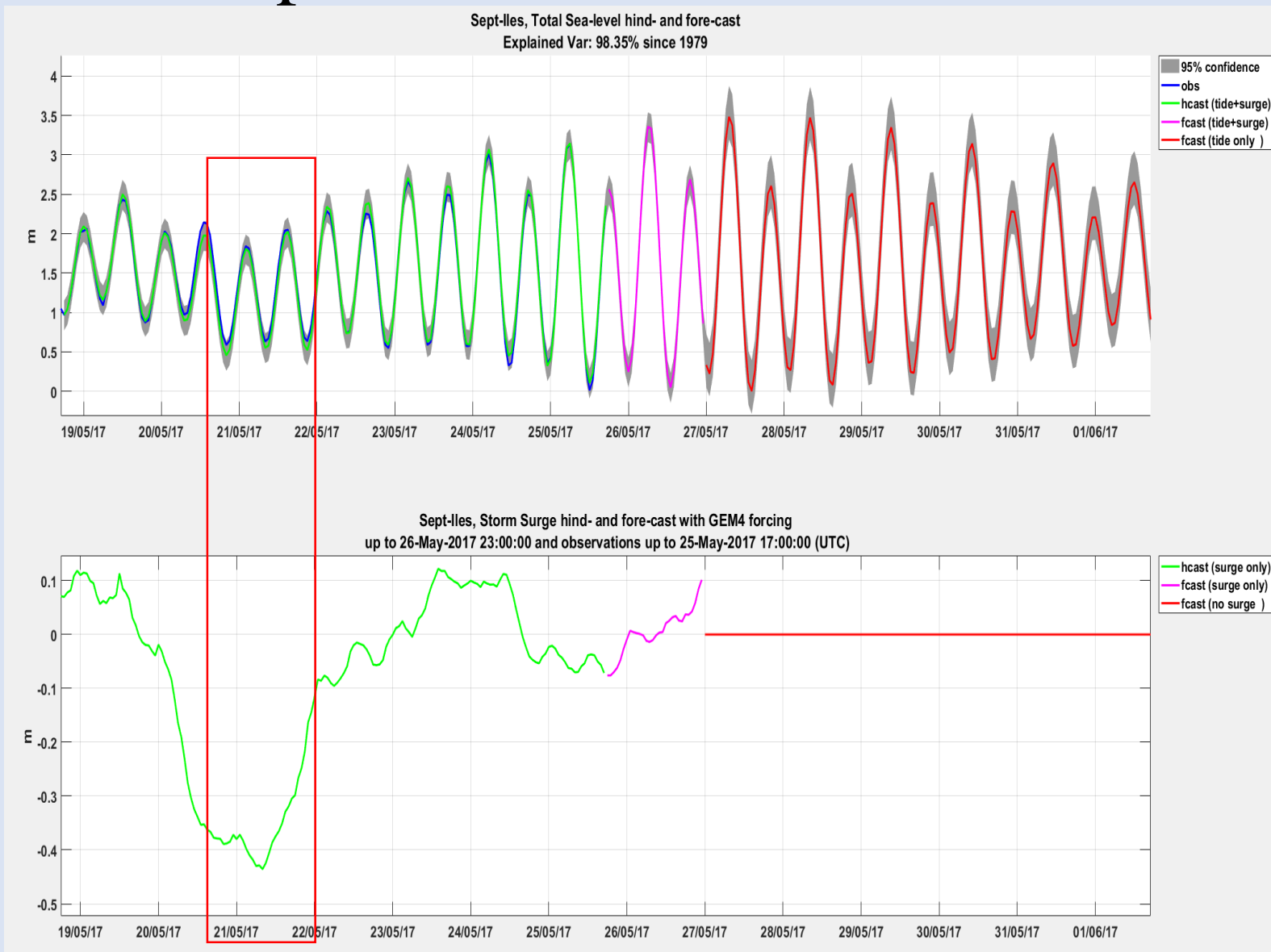


Demo VTG for Sept-Iles running in real-time



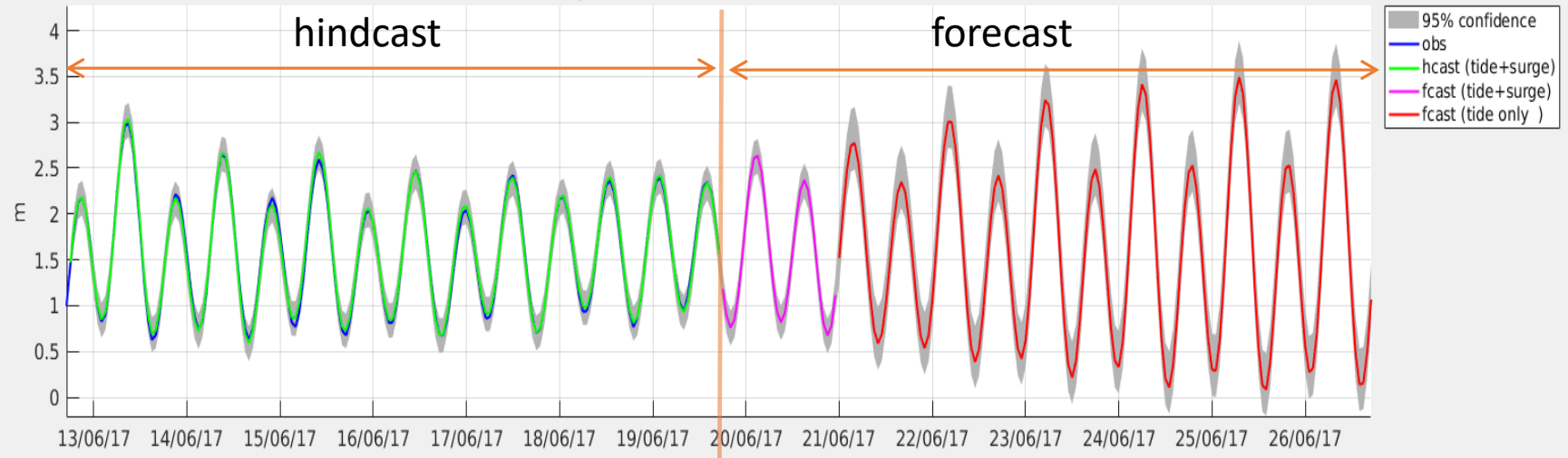


Explained Variance: 98.35%



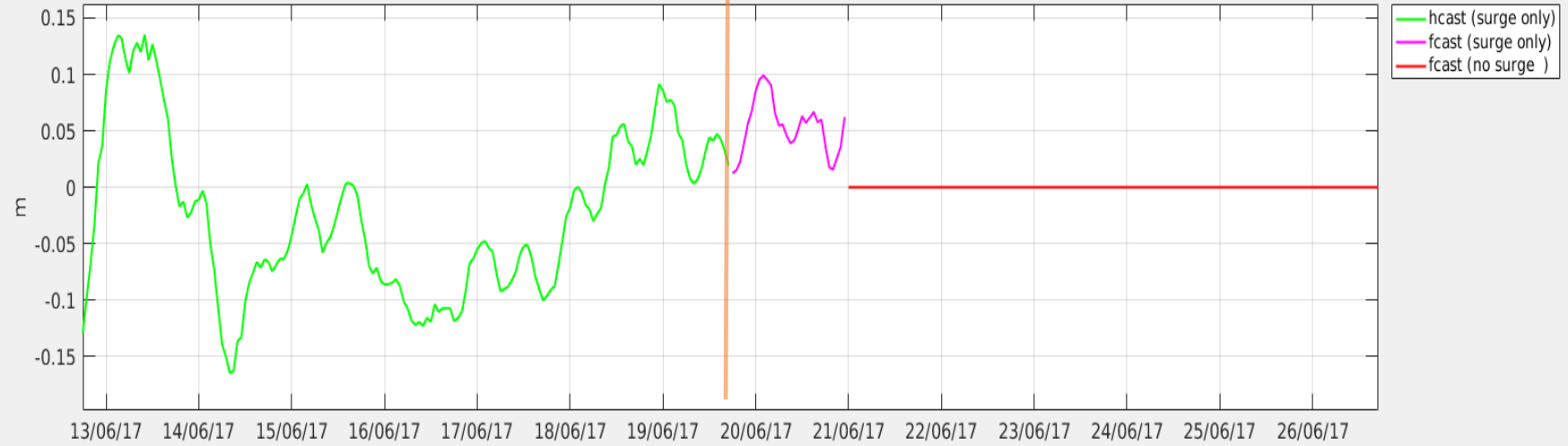


Sept-iles, Total Sea-level hind- and fore-cast
Explained Var: 98.35% since 1979



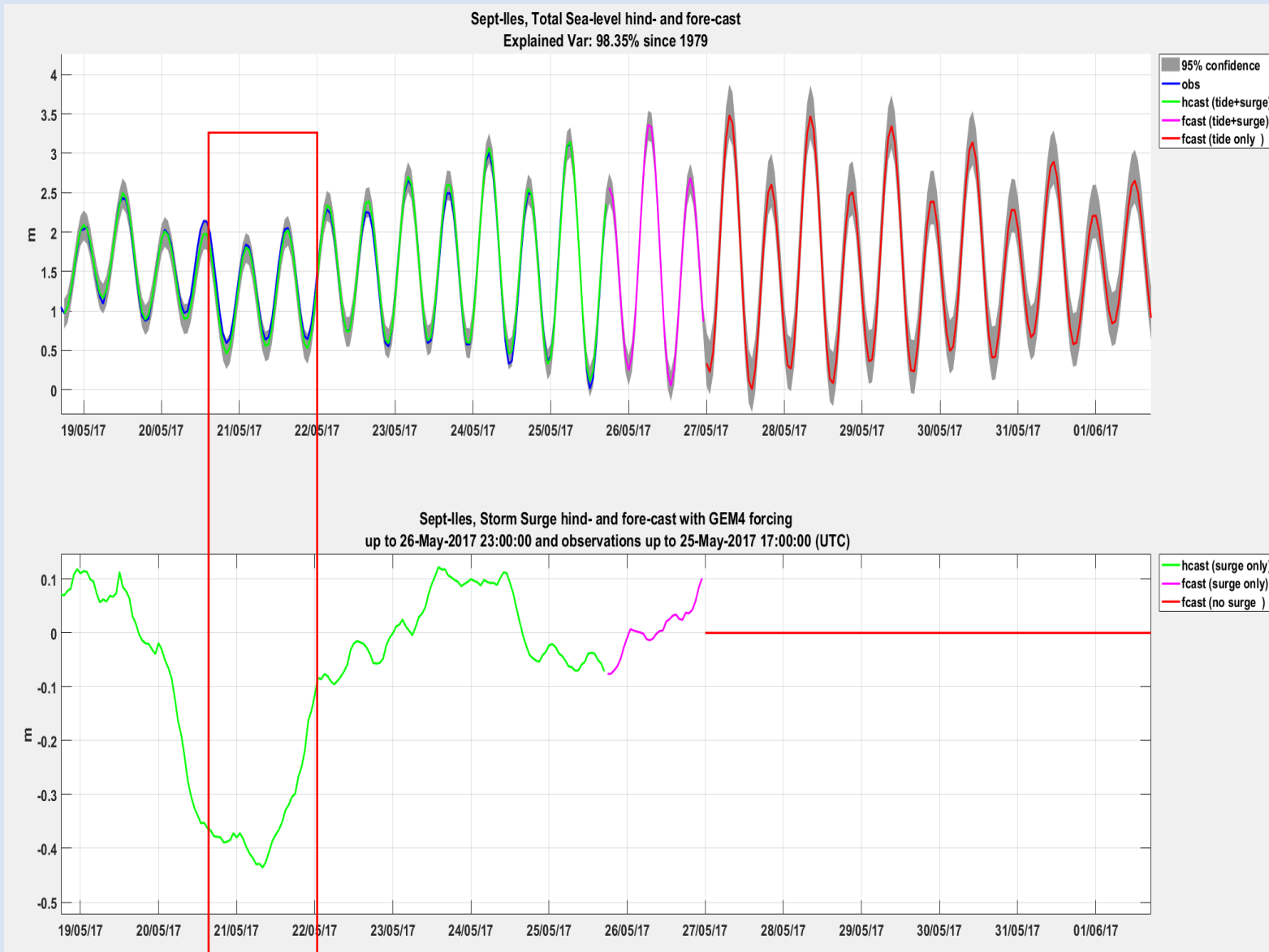
An RTG only records up to now.

Sept-iles, Storm Surge hind- and fore-cast with GEM4 forcing
up to 20-Jun-2017 23:00:00 and observations up to 19-Jun-2017 17:00:00 (UTC)



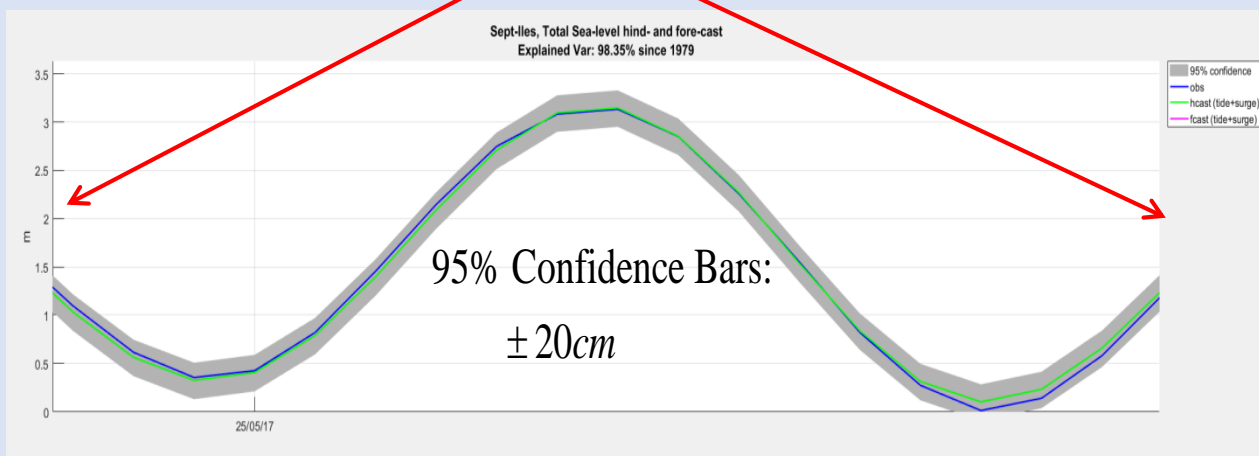
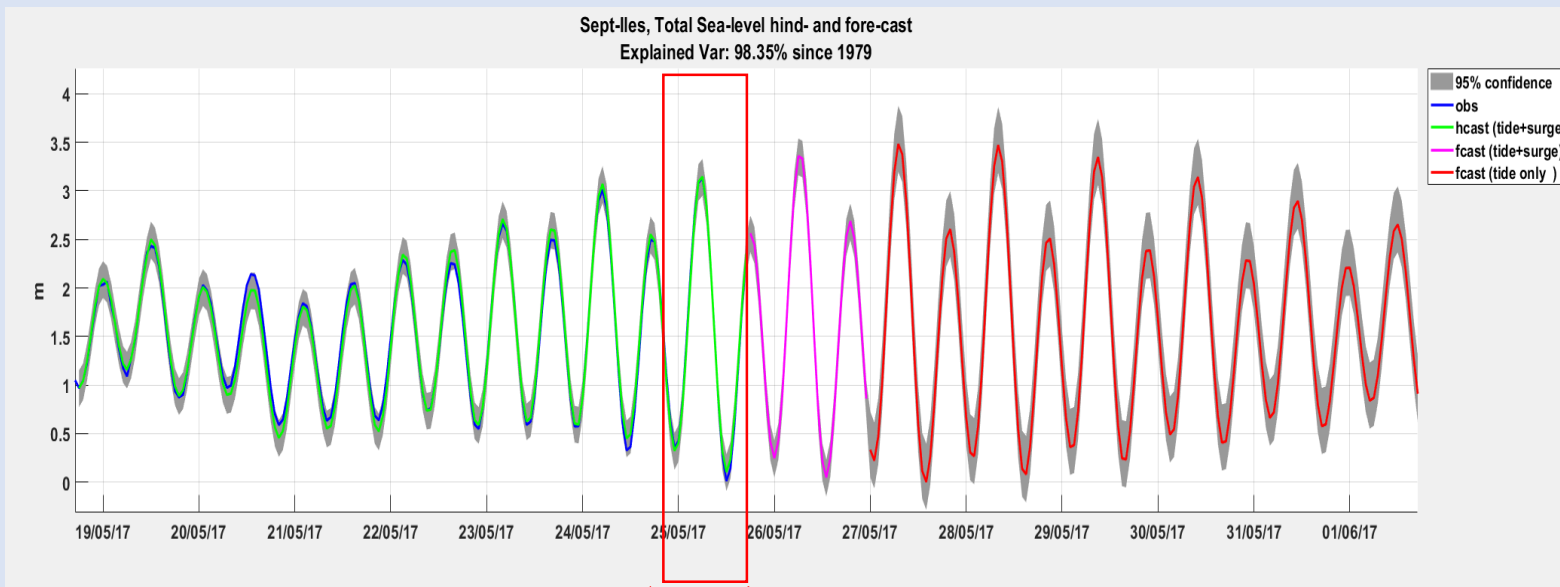


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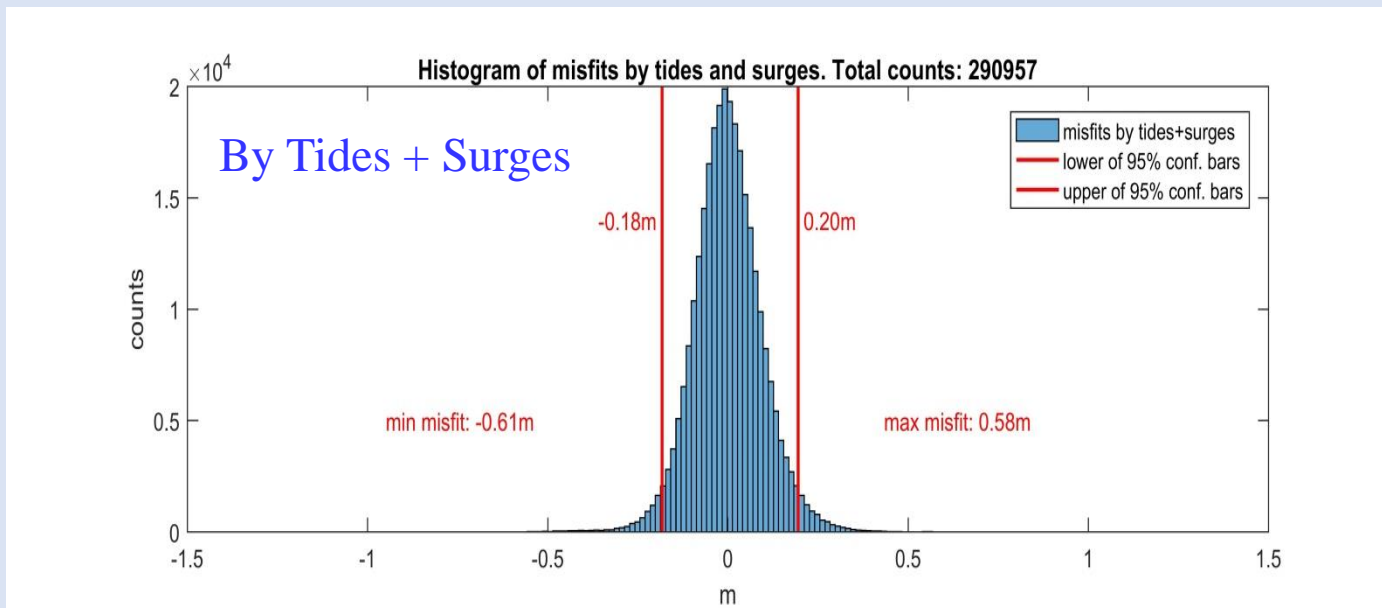


Confidence Zone



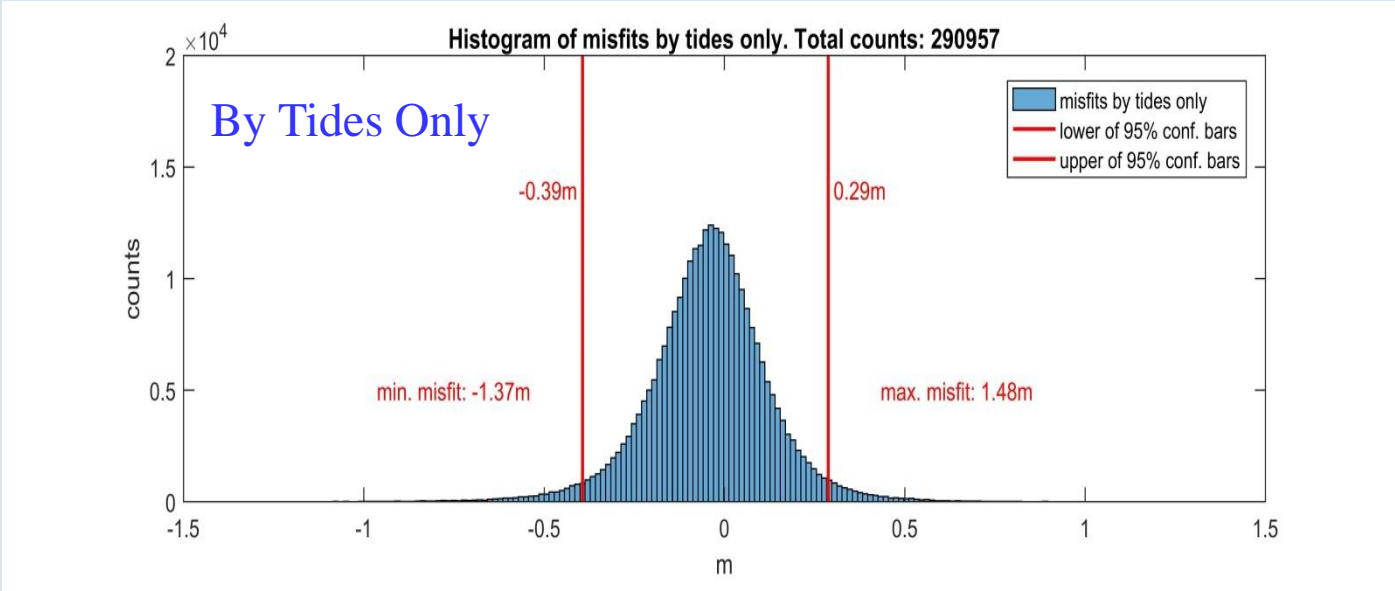
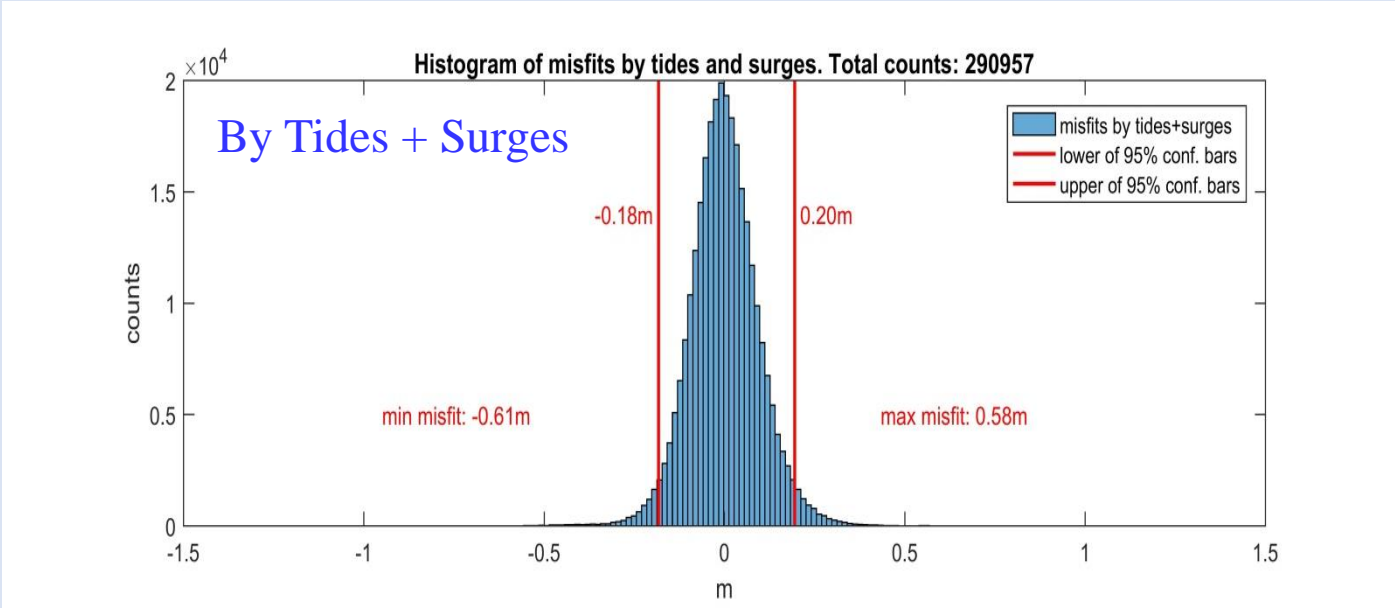


Stats of Misfits



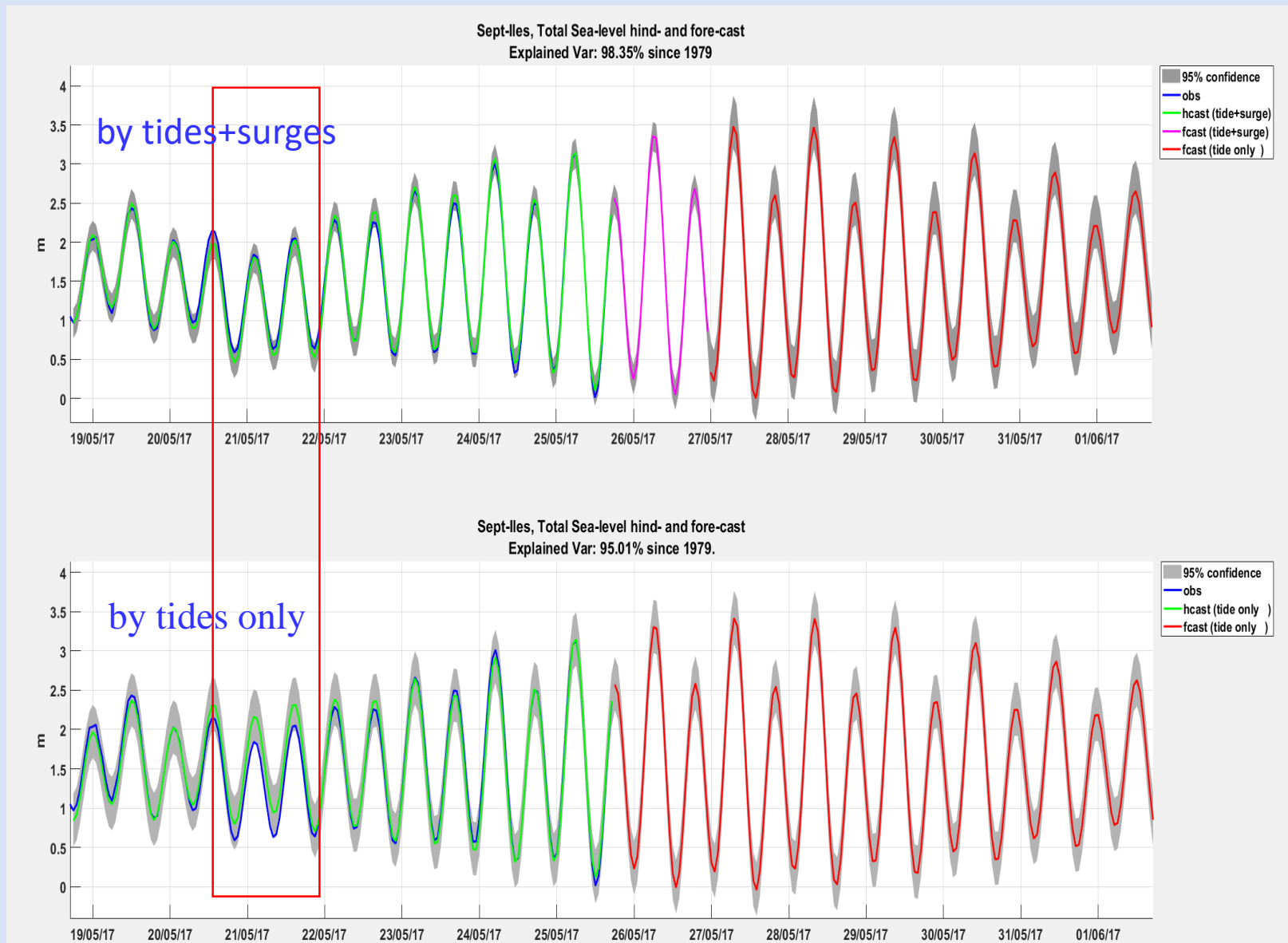


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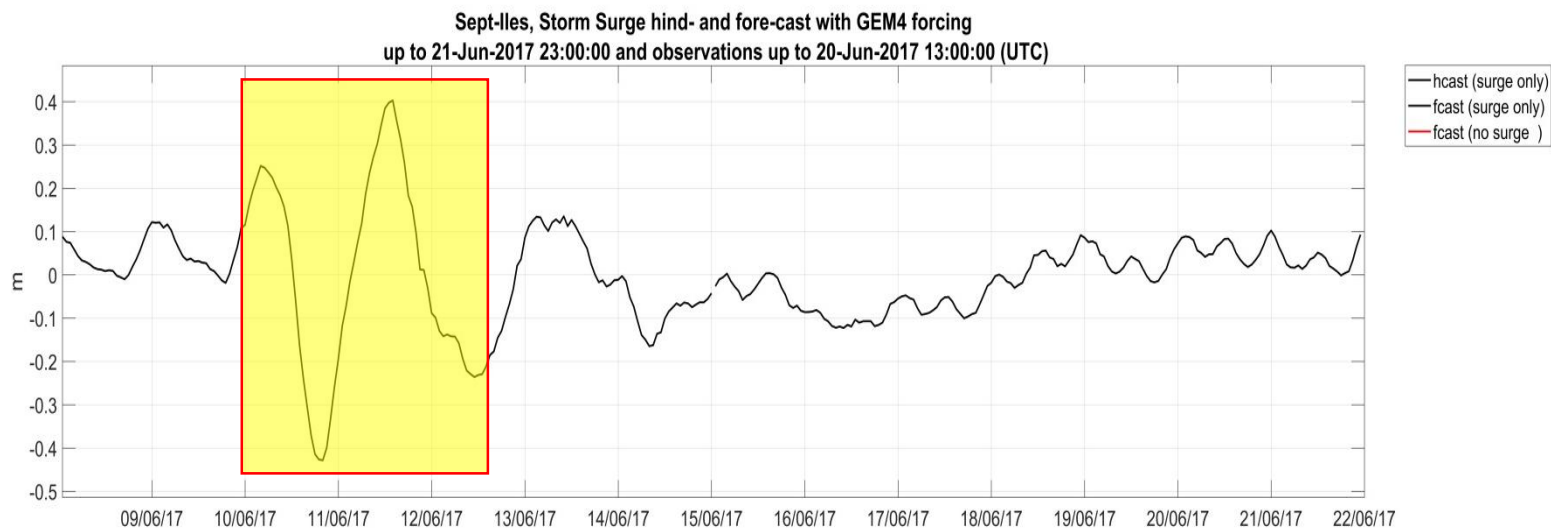
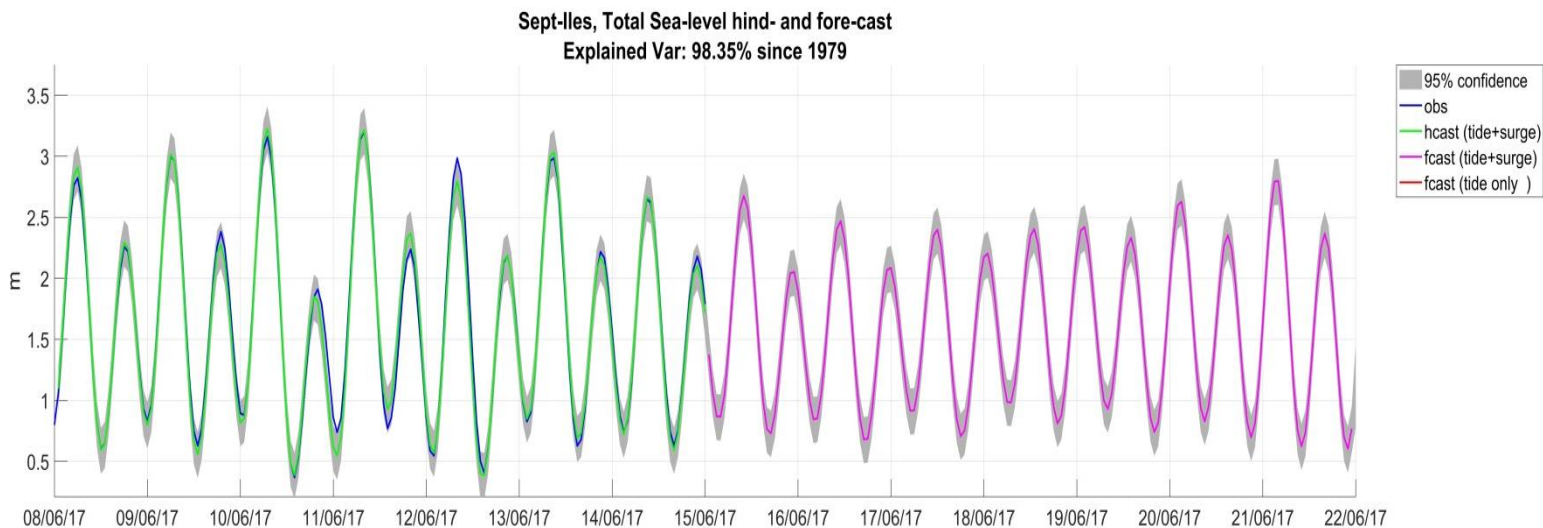


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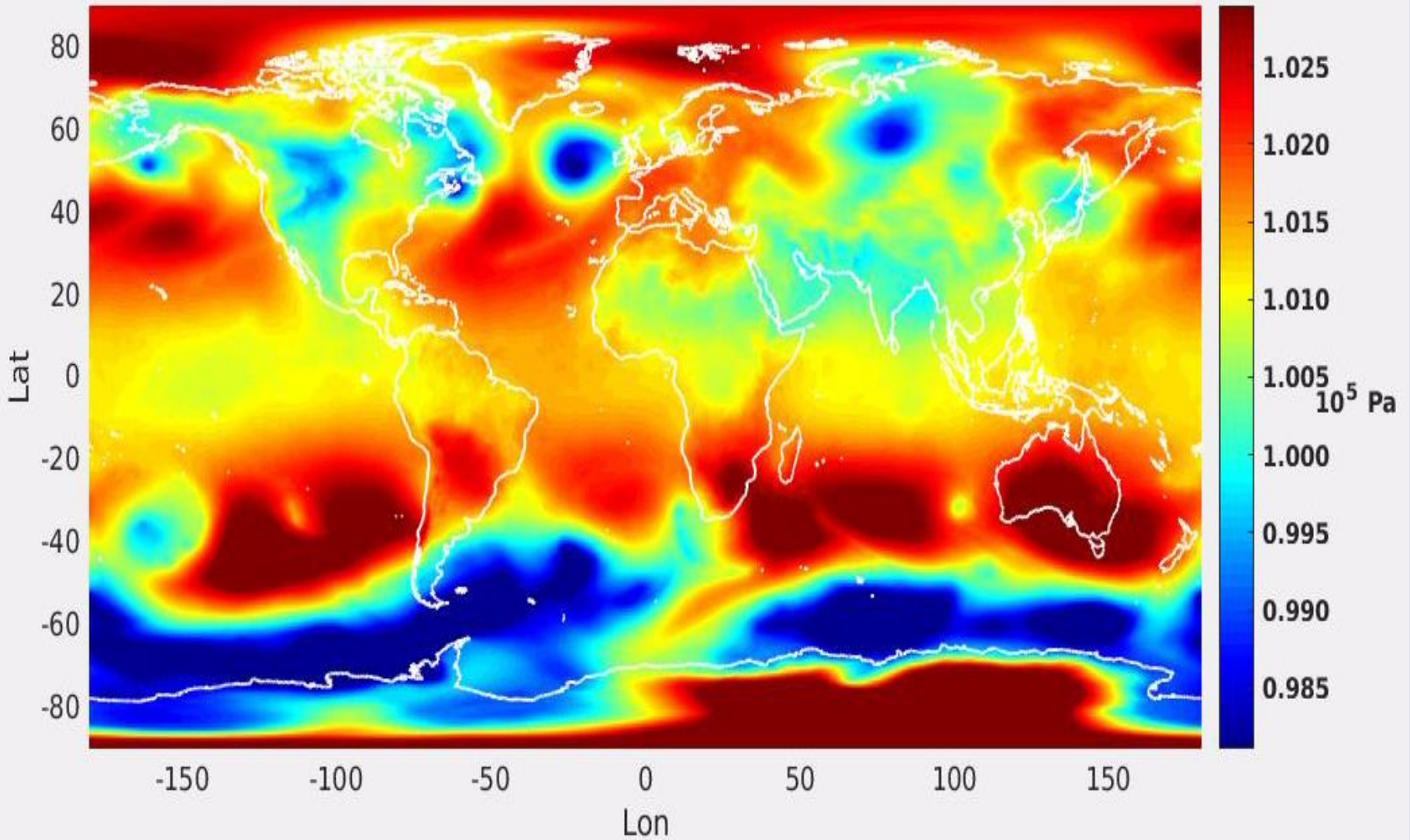




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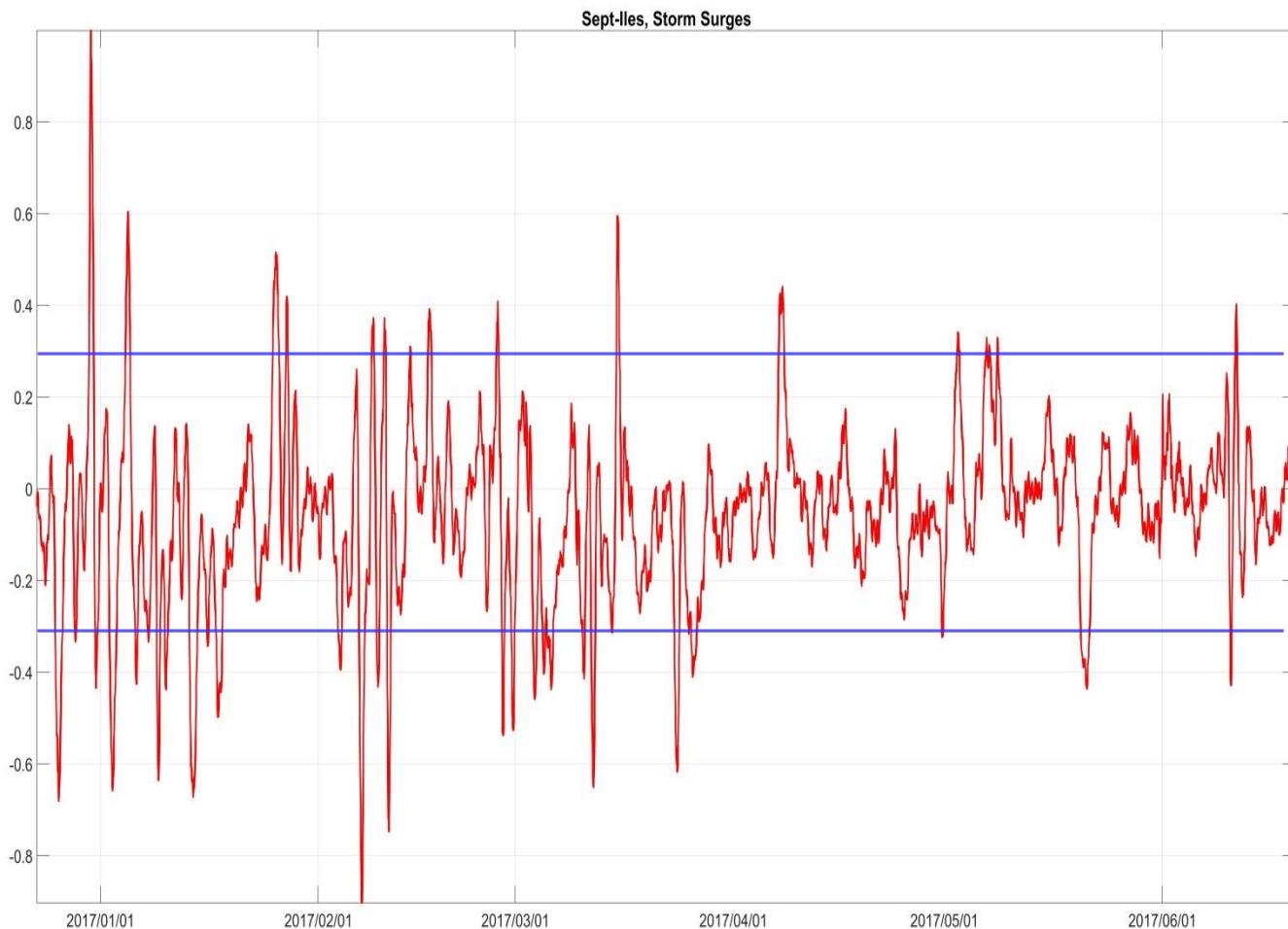


2017-06-10 00:00:00 (UTC), GEM4: Mean Sea Level Air Pressure



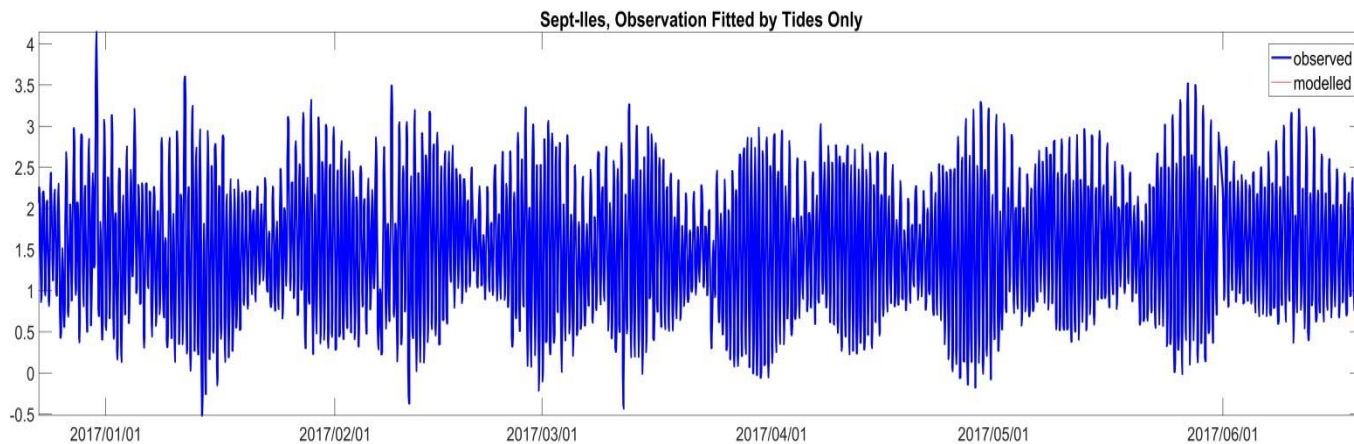
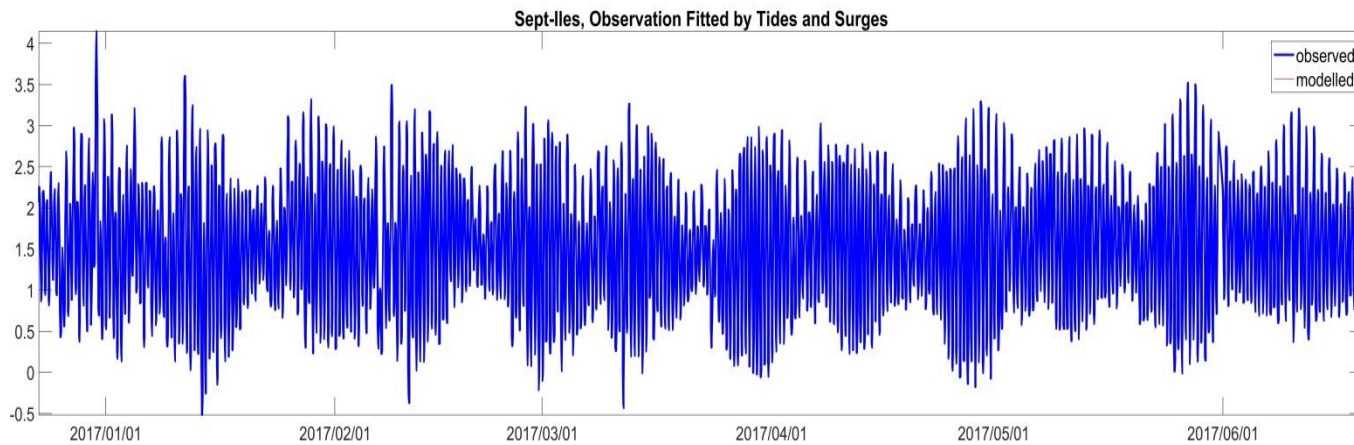


Storm Surges at Sept-Iles, 2016/12/23 to 2017/06/20



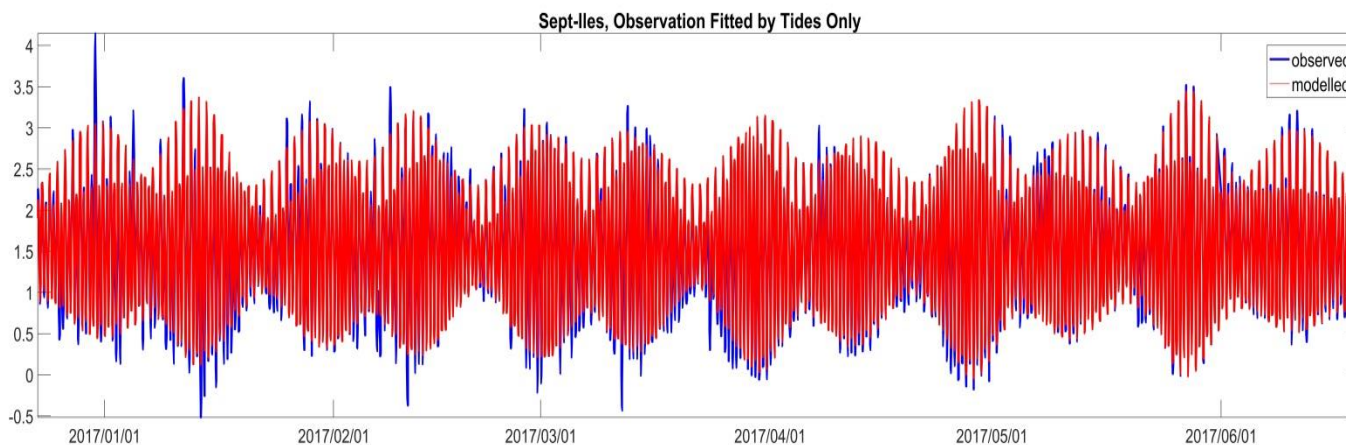
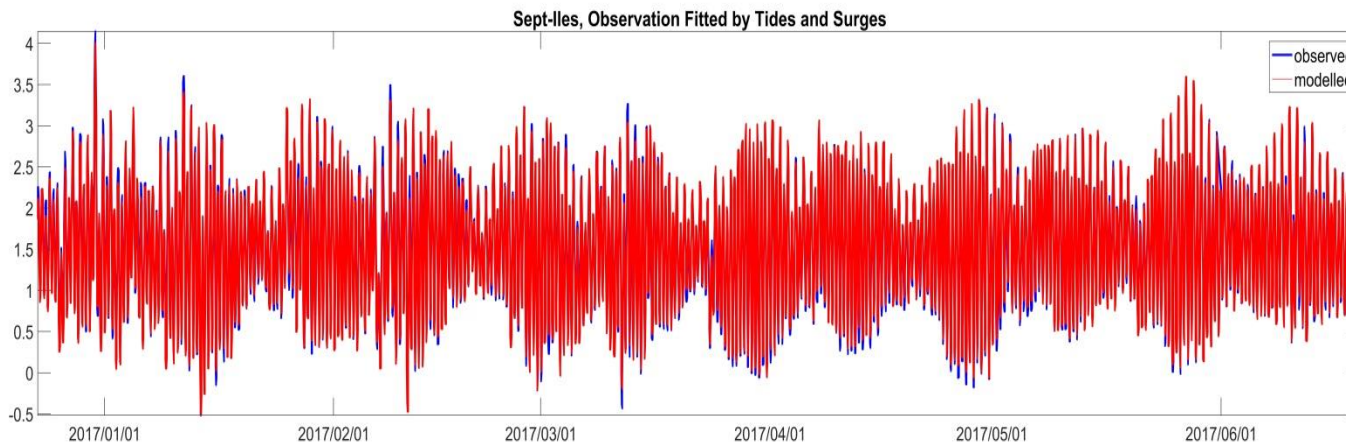


Observations at Sept-Iles, 2016/12/23 to 2017/06/20



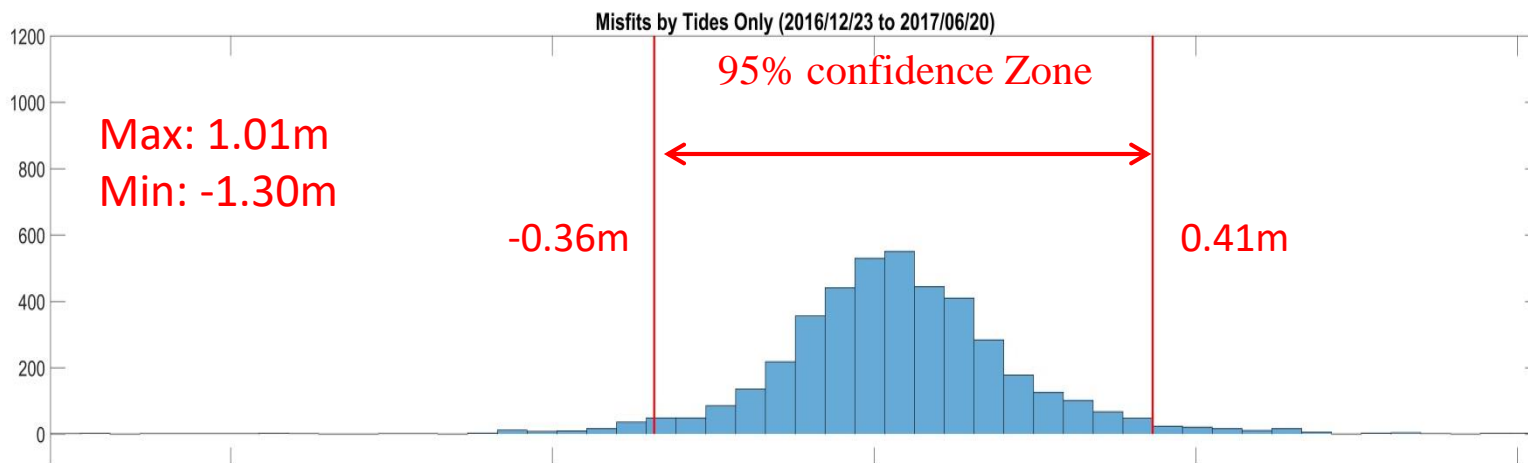
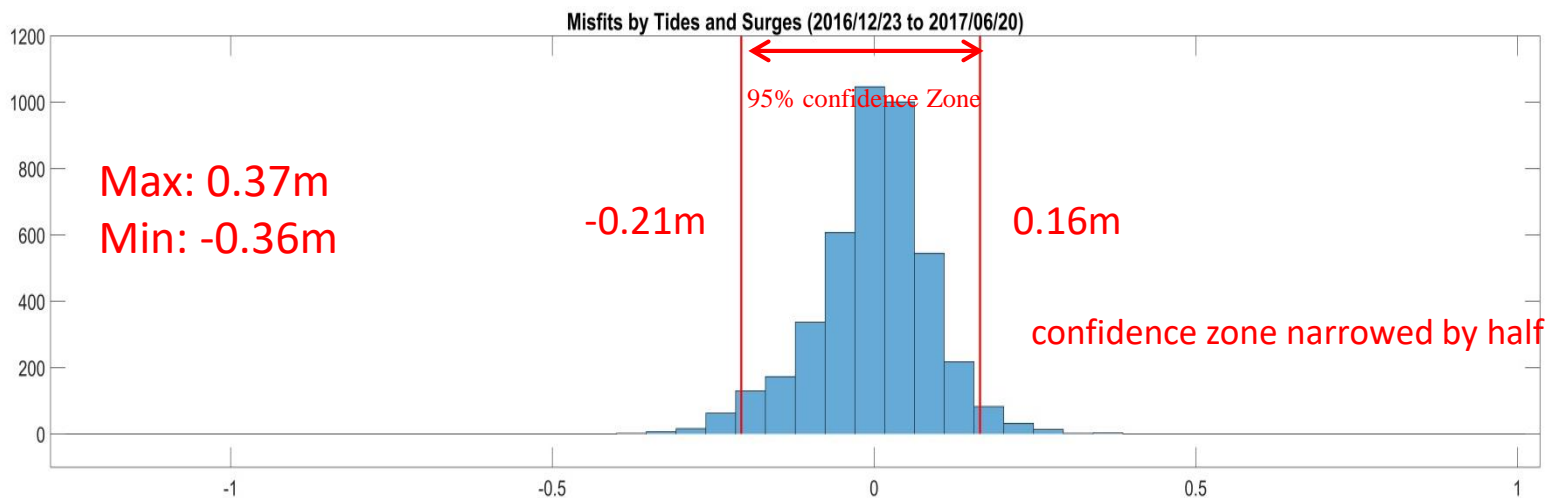


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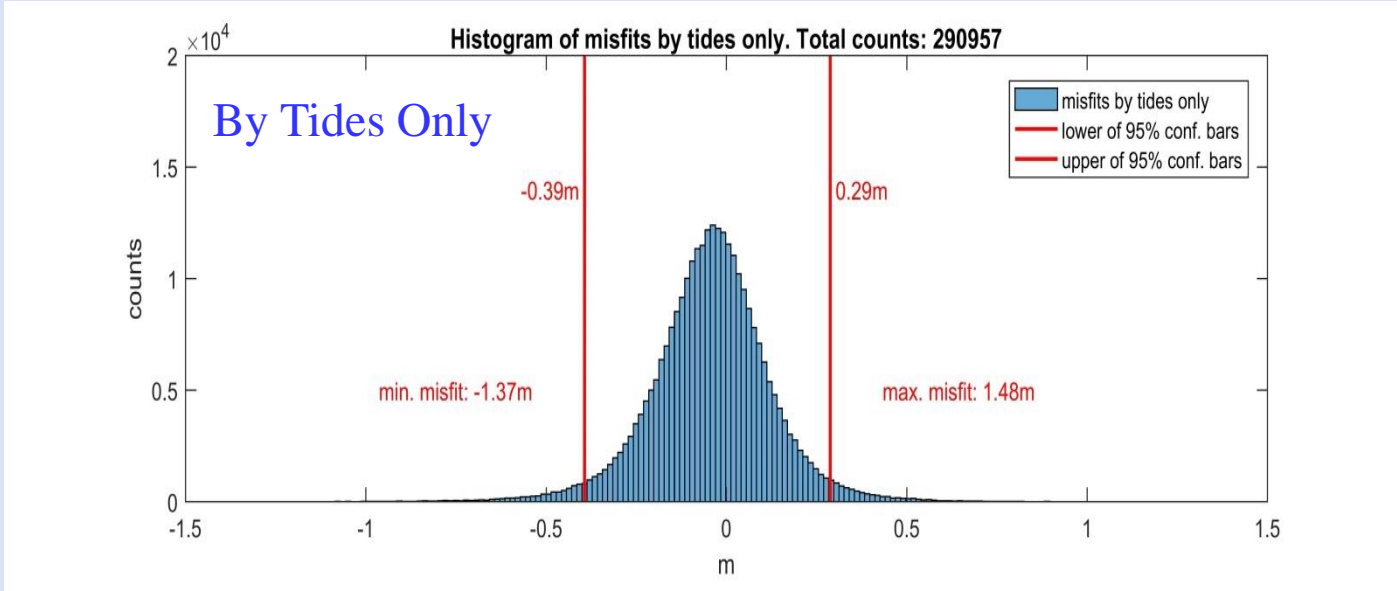
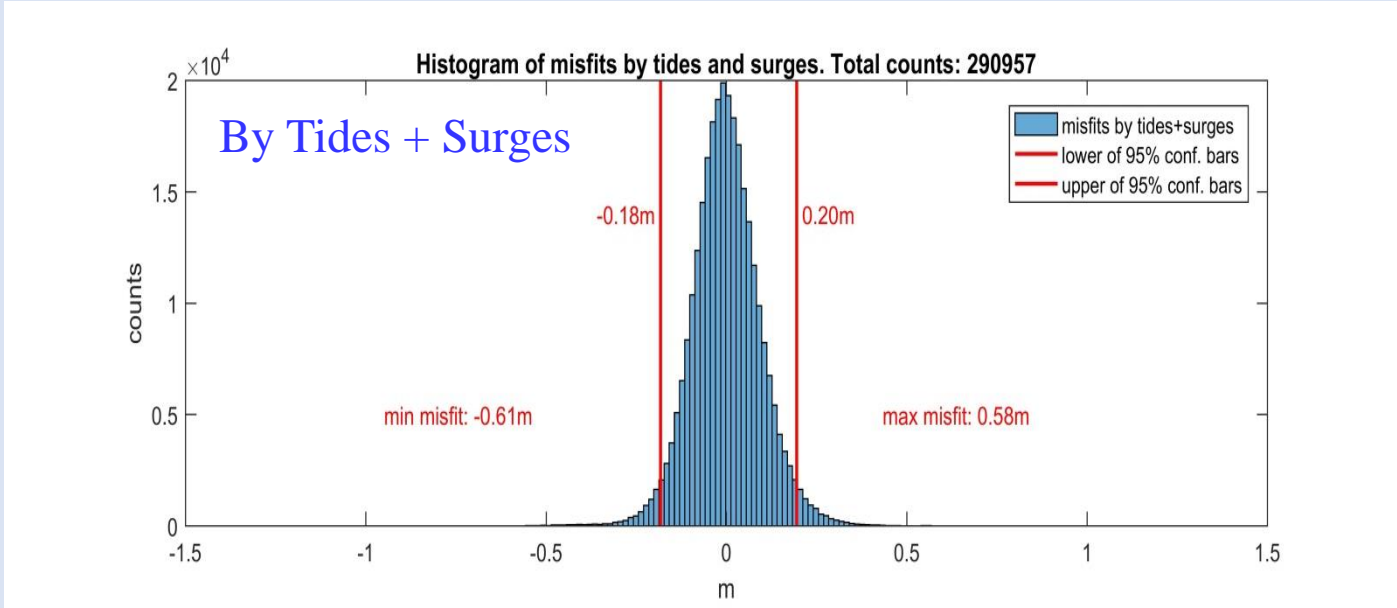


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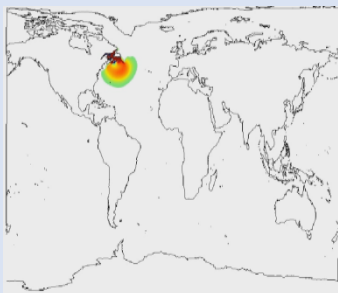
VTG is an Application of ASGF

- ASGF theory (Xu 2007, 2011)
- Application to tsunami problems (Xu 2007, Xu and Song 2013)
- Application to storm surge problems (Xu 2015a,b, Xu et al 2015)
- Application to tide + surge problems, VTG (Xu 2017)

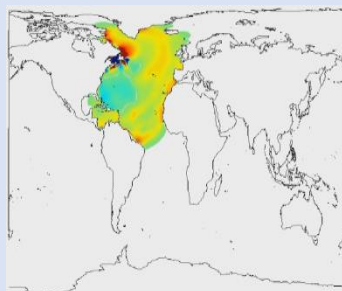


What is an ASGF?

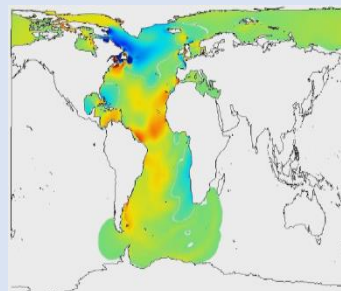
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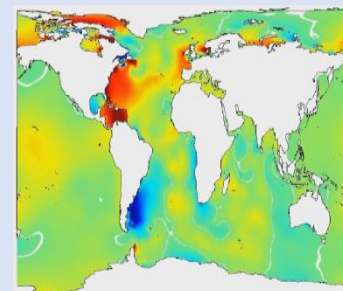
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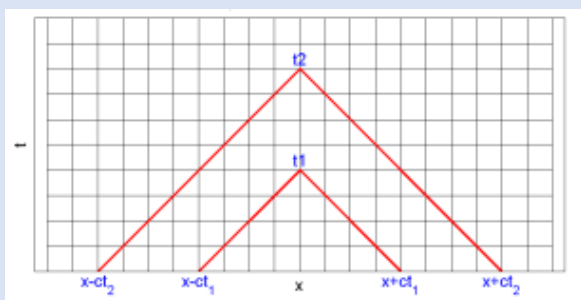
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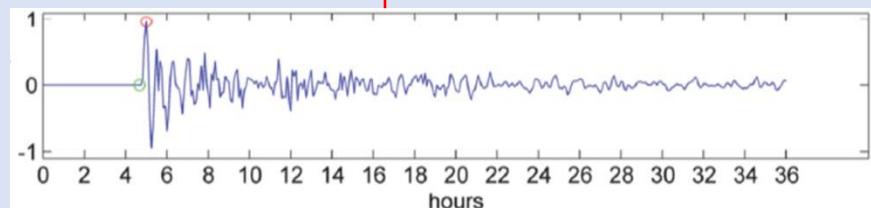


The rows are the domain of dependence.



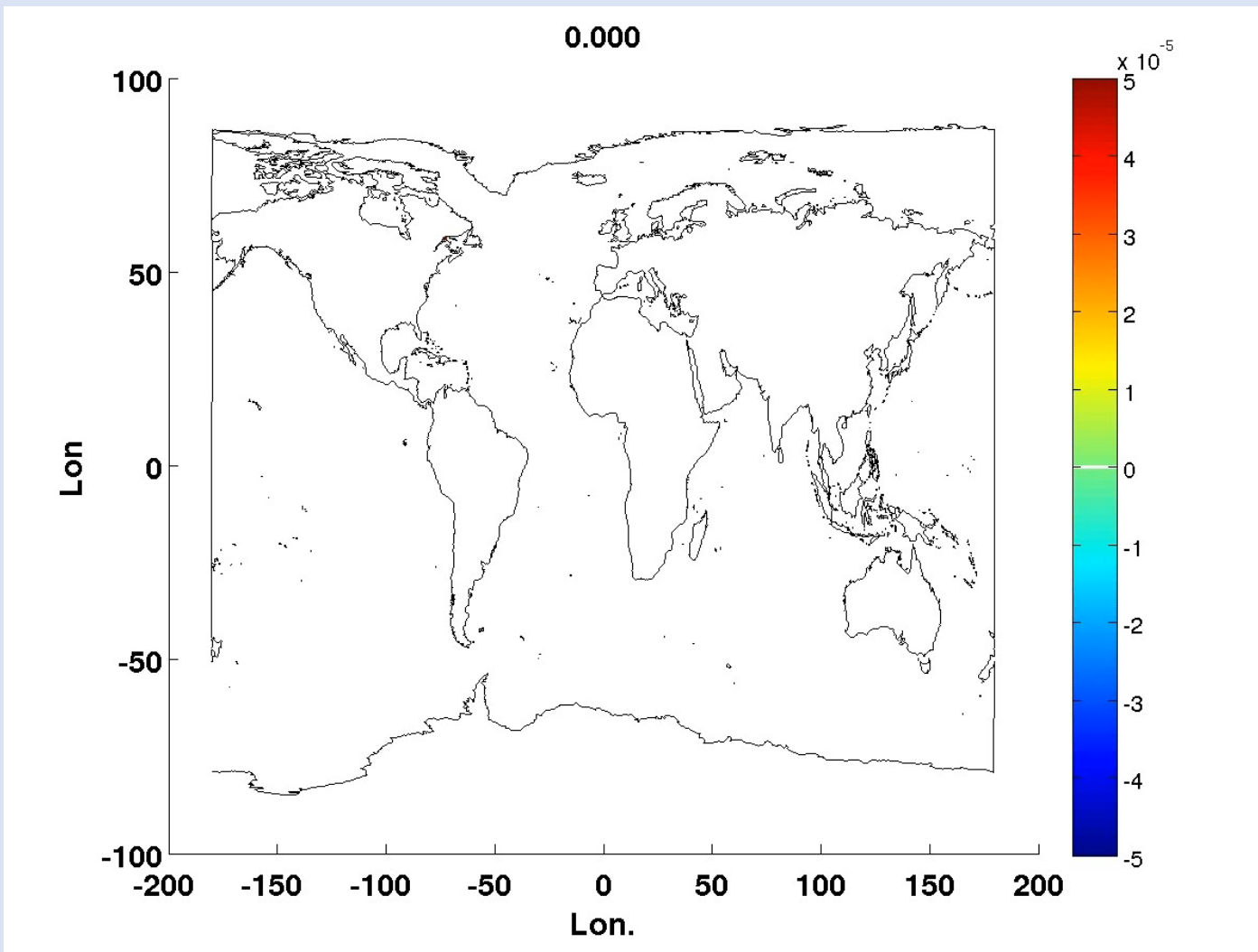
The columns are Green's functions for δ -forcings placed at different grid points.

$$\begin{matrix}
 \mathbf{G} \\
 m \times n
 \end{matrix}
 =
 \begin{matrix}
 \begin{matrix} \hat{e}_1 \\ \hat{e}_2 \\ \hat{e}_3 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{e}_m \end{matrix}
 \begin{matrix}
 g_{11} & g_{12} & \cdots & g_{1n} \\
 g_{21} & g_{22} & \cdots & g_{2n} \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
 g_{m1} & g_{m2} & \cdots & g_{mn}
 \end{matrix}
 \begin{matrix}
 \hat{u}_1 \\ \hat{u}_2 \\ \hat{u}_3 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{u}_n
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 \end{matrix}$$





All-Source Green's Function (ASGF)

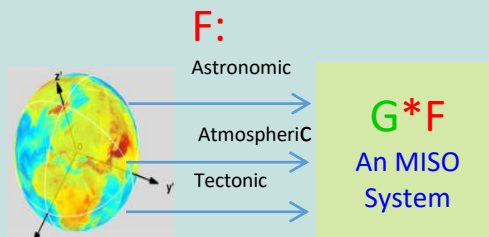
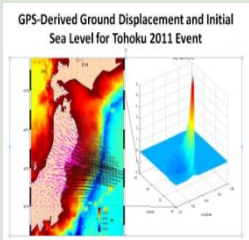
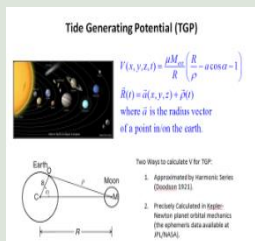
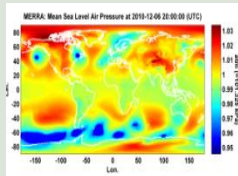




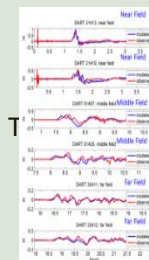
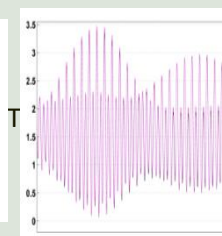
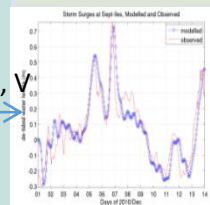
ASGF is also MISO

(Xu, 2007, 2011, 2013, 2015a,b)

ASGF: All-Source Green's Function



η, U, V



MISO: Multiple Inputs, Single Output



From ASGF to A Regression Model (1)

Xu, 2015a,b Ocean Dynamics

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{G}}_{72 \times 408550} = \underbrace{\mathbf{U}}_{72 \times 72} \underbrace{\mathbf{S}}_{72 \times 72} \underbrace{\mathbf{V}^T}_{72 \times 408550} \quad (9)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\eta} = (\mathbf{USV}^T) * \mathbf{f} \quad (10)$$

$$= (\mathbf{US}) * (\mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{f}) \quad (11)$$

$$= (\mathbf{US}) * \boldsymbol{\psi} \quad (12)$$



An ASGF Regression Model

5 From the ASGF convolution to a regression model

From Eq. (12), we have:

$$\boldsymbol{\eta} = (\mathbf{US}) * \boldsymbol{\psi} \quad (14)$$

which we can transform into:

$$\boldsymbol{\eta} = \mathbf{U} * (\mathbf{S}\boldsymbol{\psi}) \quad (15)$$

using the associative property shown in Eq. (B5) in Appendix 2.B2. The following relationship has been proved in Appendix 3:

$$\mathbf{U} * (\mathbf{S}\boldsymbol{\psi}) = (\mathbf{U} * \boldsymbol{\Psi})\mathbf{s} \quad (16)$$

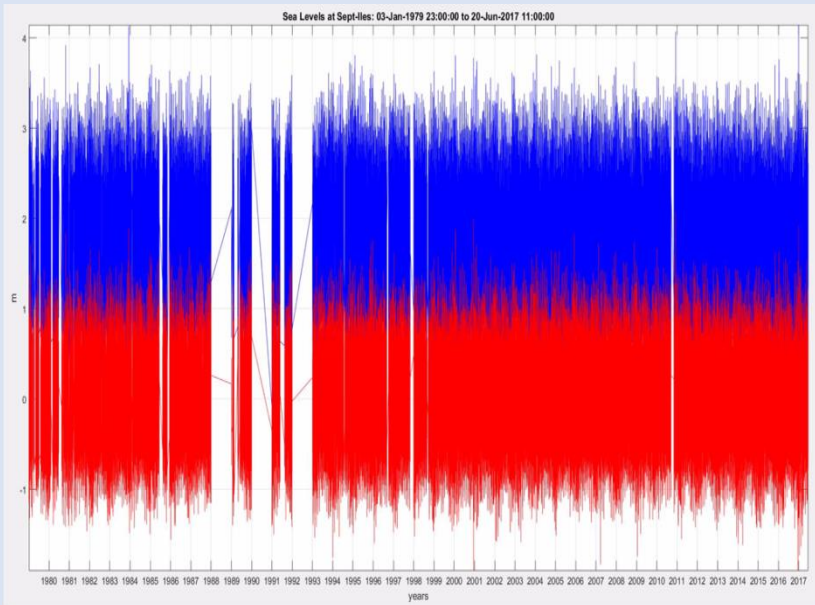
Xu, 2015a,b Ocean Dynamics

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{U} * \boldsymbol{\Psi} \quad (18)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\eta} = \mathbf{C} \mathbf{s} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \quad (19)$$

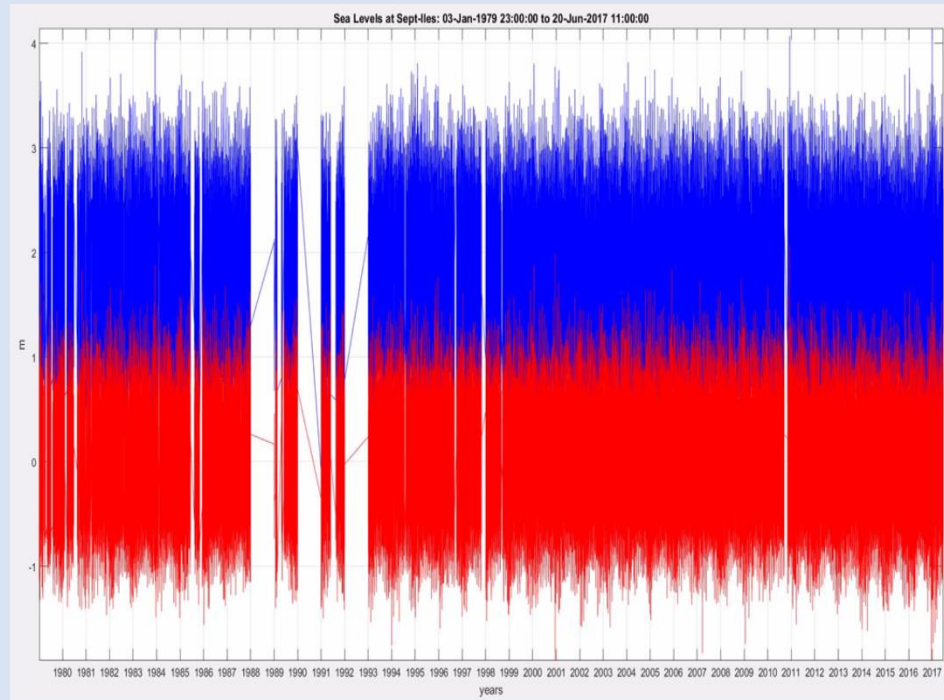
← ASGF Regression Model

Data Assimilation (Mode Training)

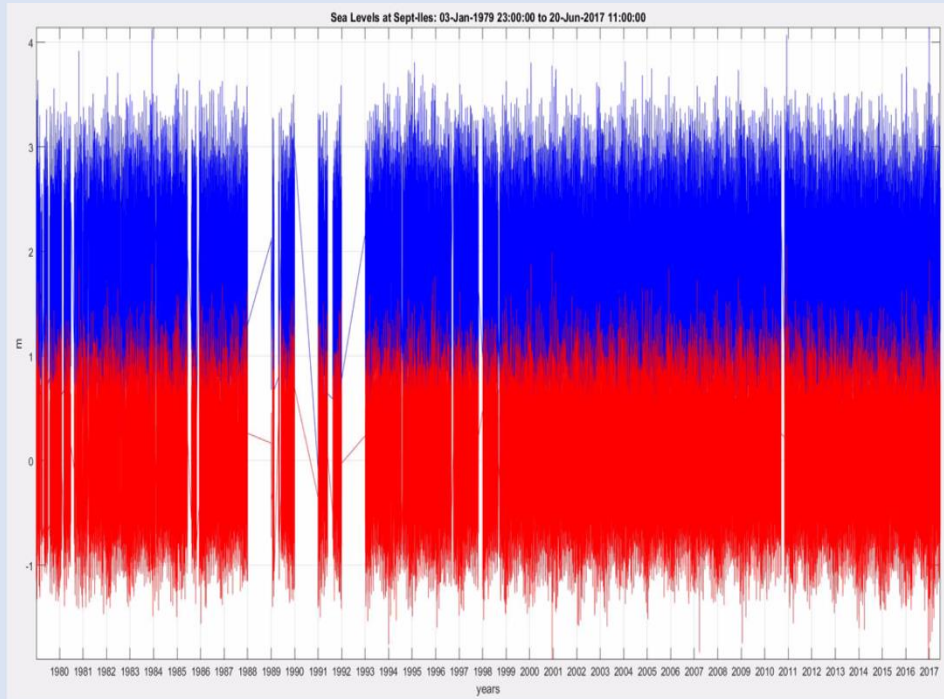


$$\eta_{obs} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_{linear} & \mathbf{C}_{tides} & \mathbf{C}_{surges} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_1 \\ S_2 \\ S_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\eta = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_{linear} & \mathbf{C}_{tides} & \mathbf{C}_{surges} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ S_{2,mod} \\ S_{3,mod} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ S_{2,\text{mod}} \\ S_{3,\text{mod}} \\ \eta_{\text{obs}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & & & \\ & \mathbf{I} & & \\ & & \mathbf{I} & \\ \mathbf{C}_{\text{linear}} & \mathbf{C}_{\text{tides}} & \mathbf{C}_{\text{surges}} & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_1 \\ S_2 \\ S_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



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Number of Mode Parameters

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{2 elements} \\
 \text{72 elements} \\
 \text{72 elements} \\
 \text{N elements,} \\
 \text{(N} \gg 1)
 \end{array}
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 S_{2,\text{mod}} \\
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2 colm
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K>> tic
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l=eye(numel(x0));
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H=[l; A]; d=[x0;b];
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P1=(H'*H)\l;
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x1=P1*(H'*d);
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y1=A*x1;
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toc
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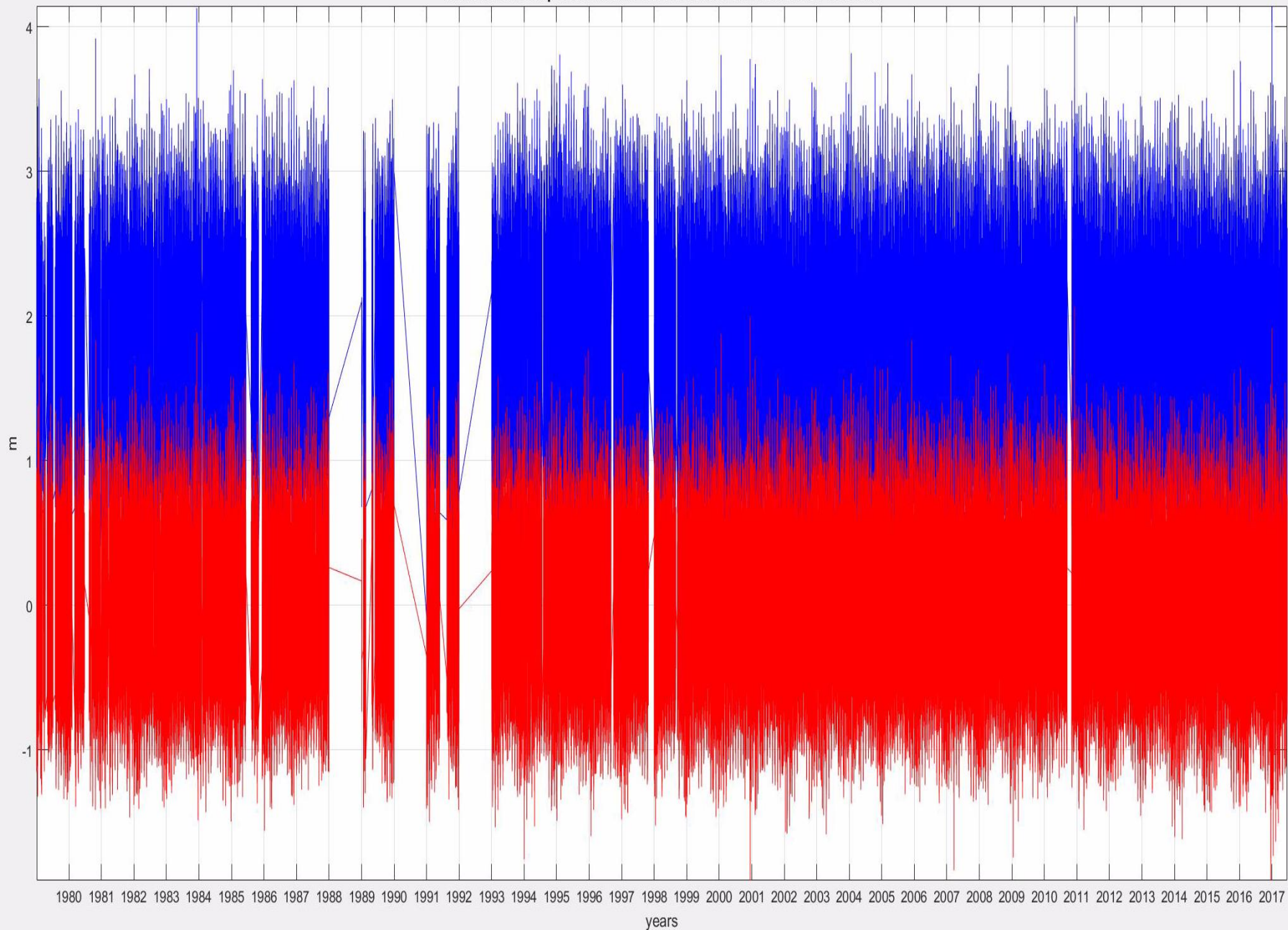
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Size of H: 292,632x146
(38 years of hourly data)

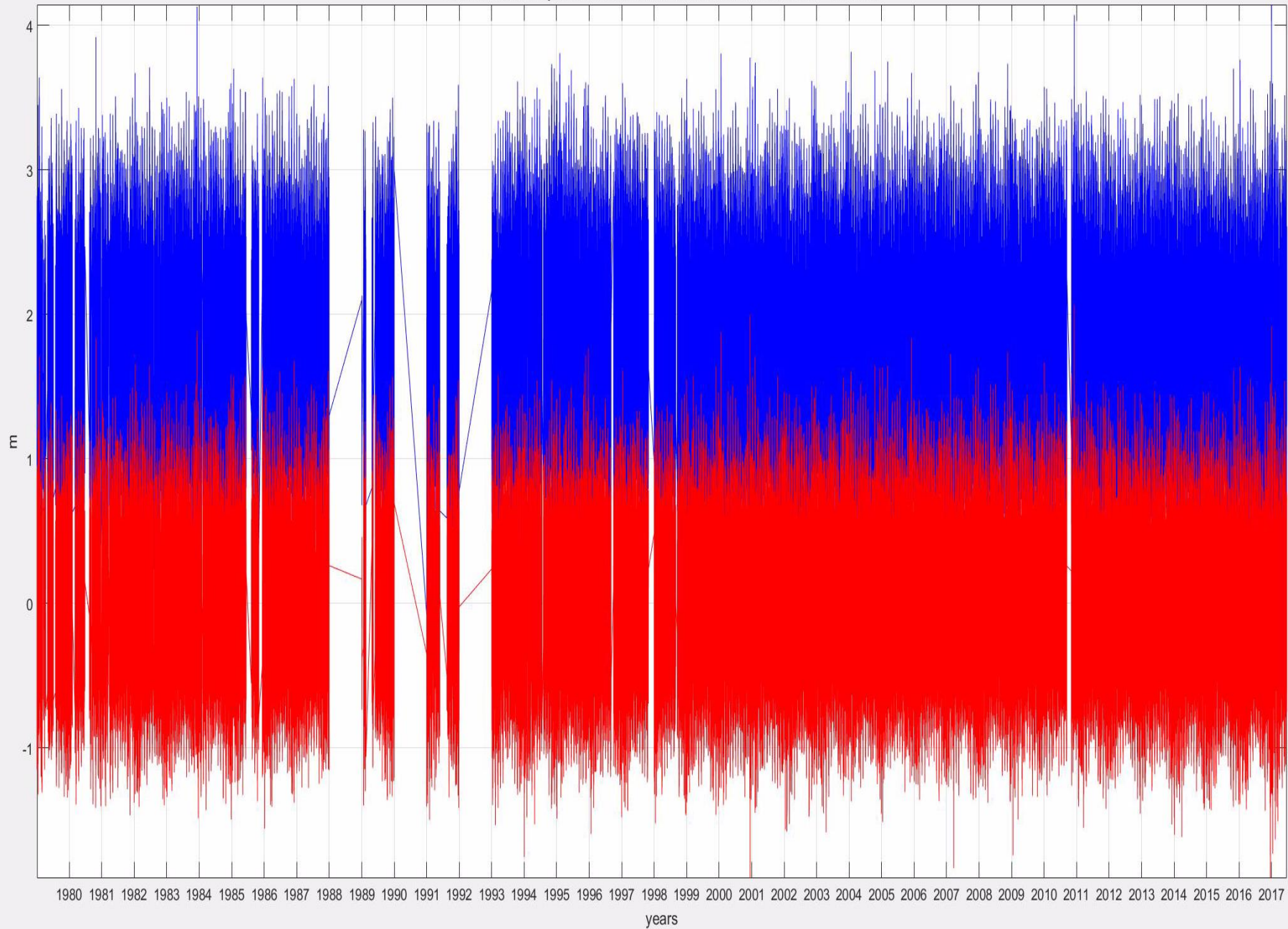
Why it works so fast and accurately?

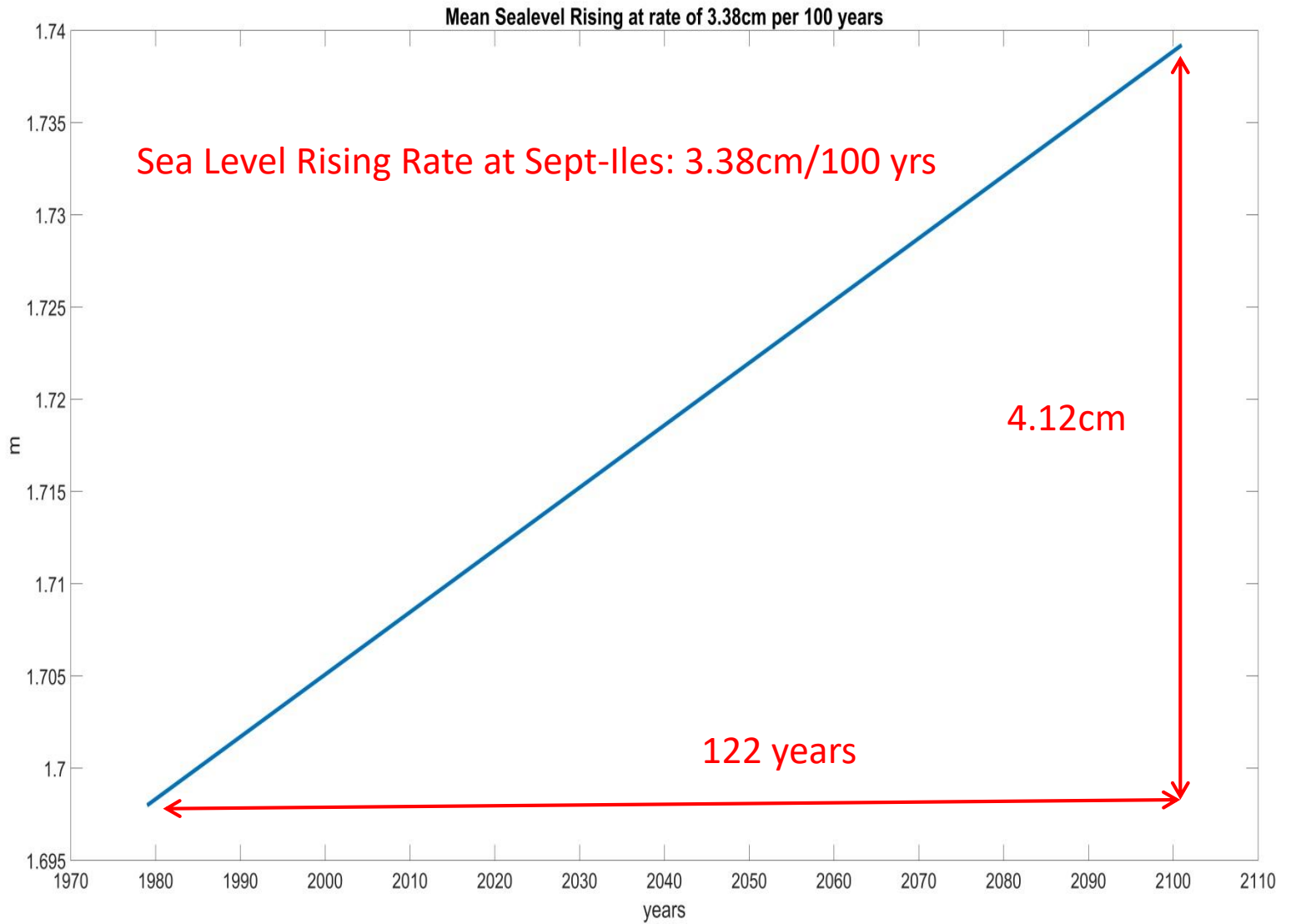
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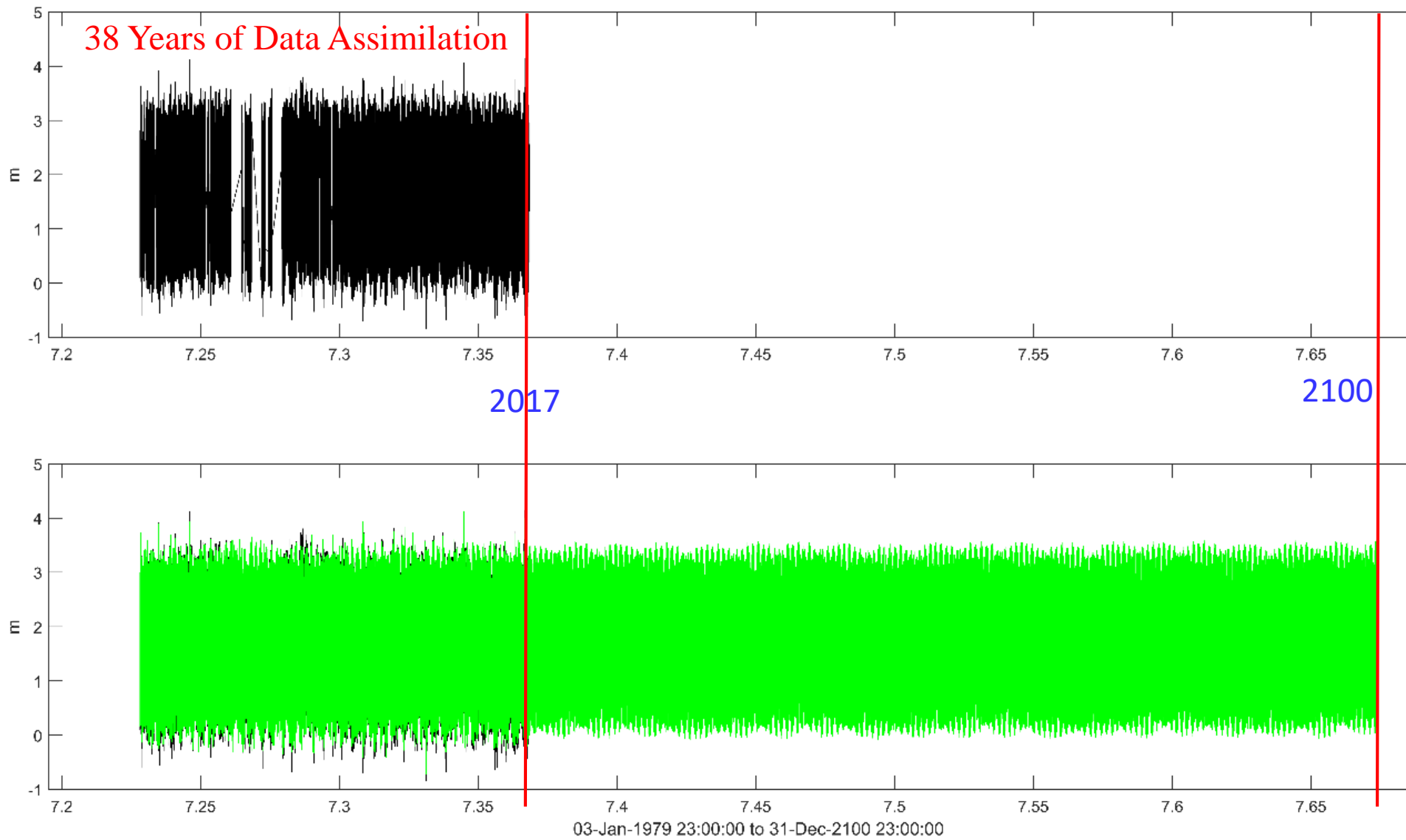
Sea Levels at Sept-Iles: 03-Jan-1979 23:00:00 to 20-Jun-2017 11:00:00

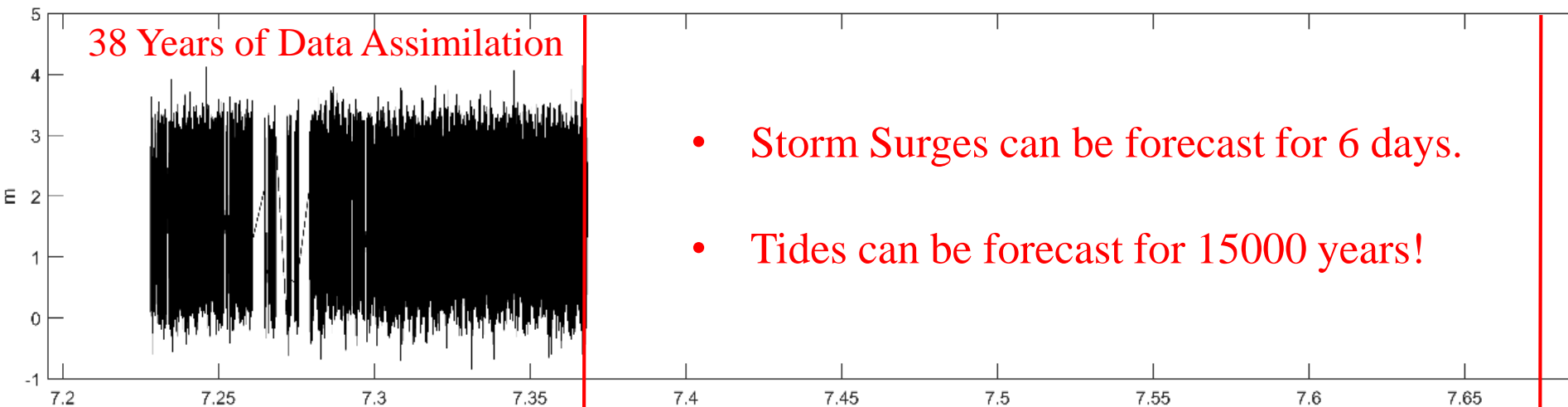


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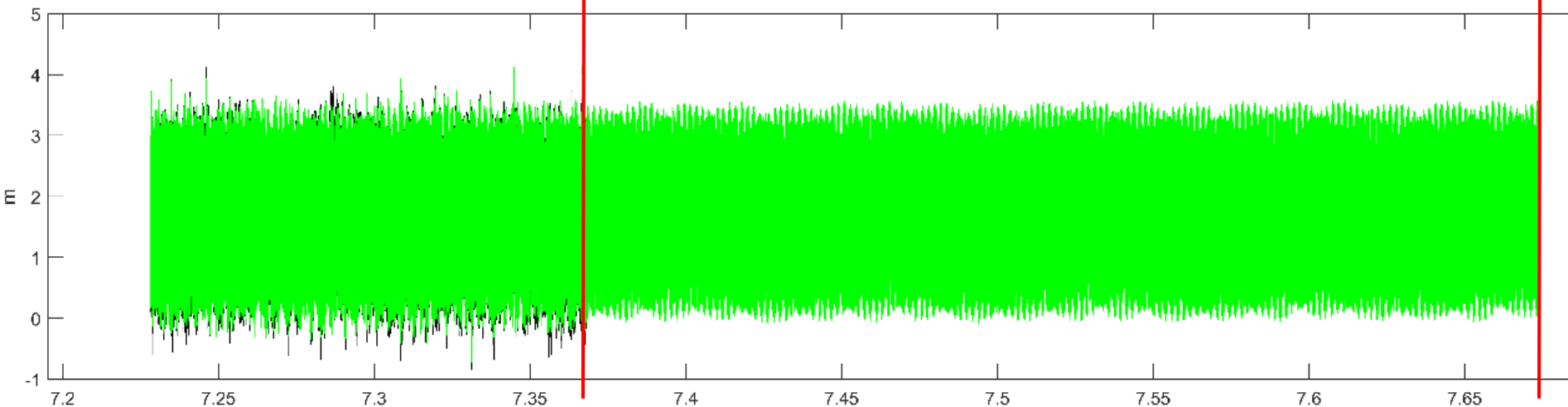


38 Years of Data Assimilation

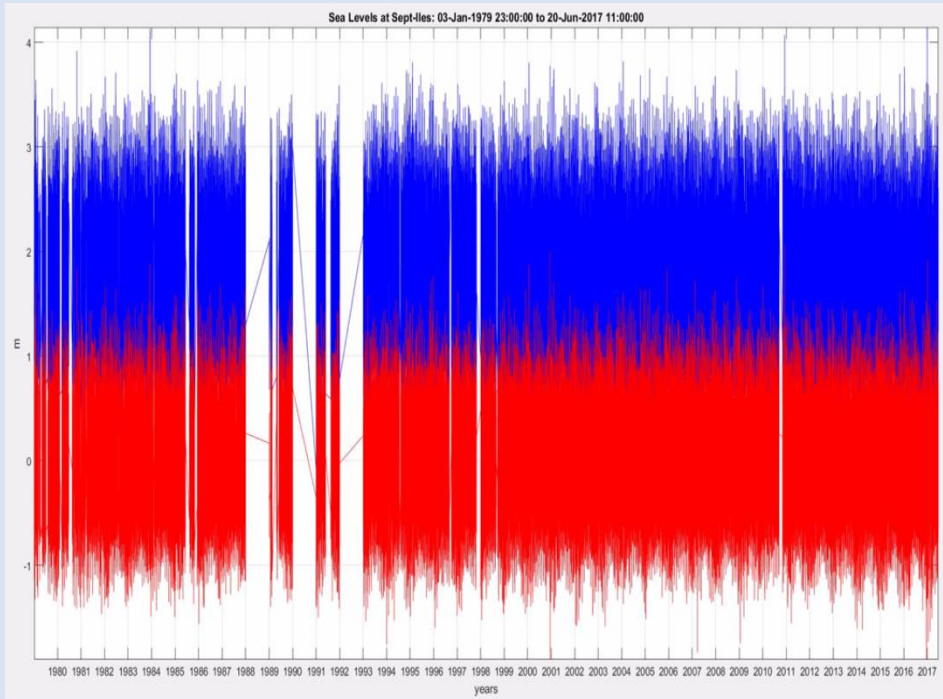
- Storm Surges can be forecast for 6 days.
- Tides can be forecast for 15000 years!

2017

2100



03-Jan-1979 23:00:00 to 31-Dec-2100 23:00:00

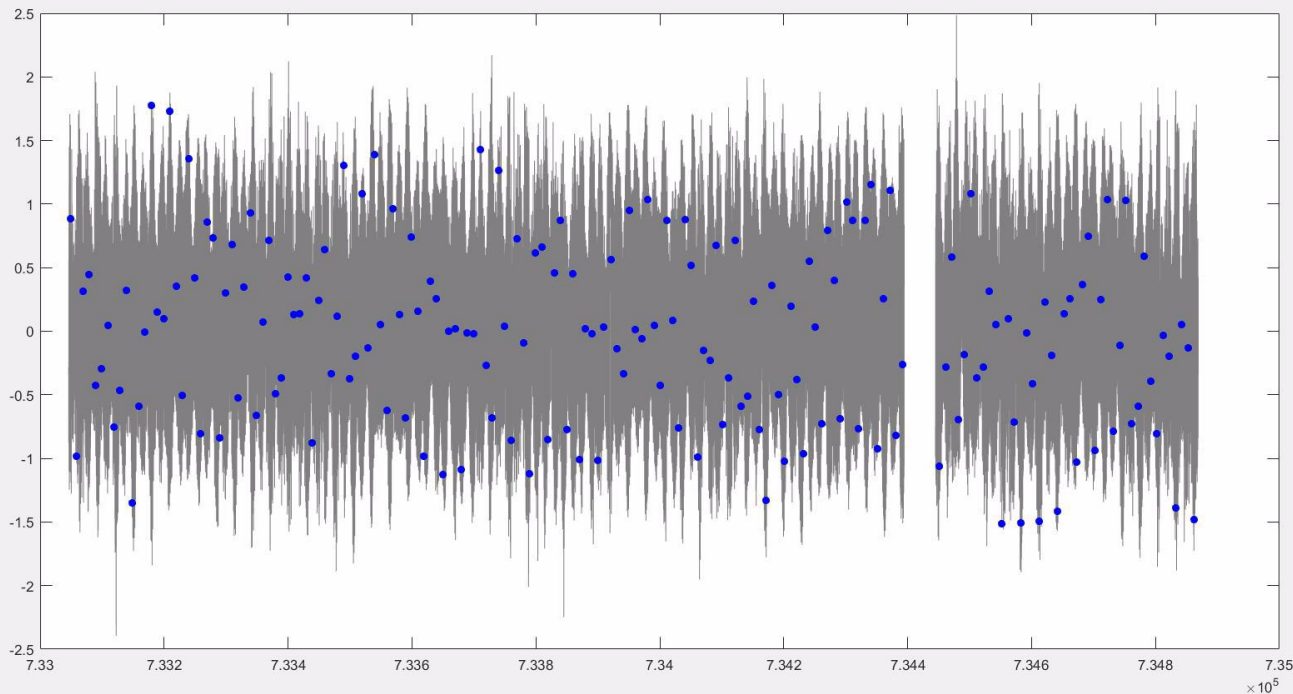


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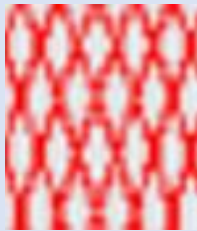
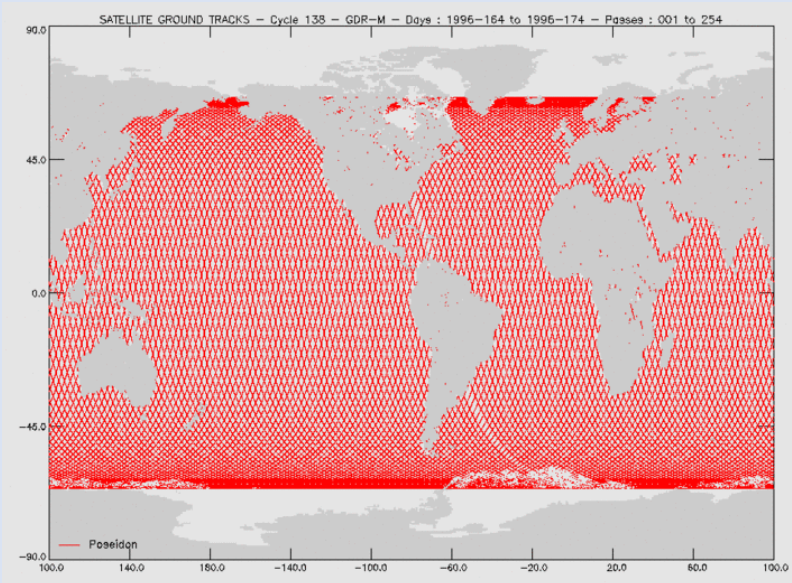


Recursive Regression using one data every ten days



De-tide Satellite Sea Surface Topography Data

- **Harmonic Analyses Method** (Doodson, 1921), challenged by large track repeating cycle (9.9156 days, compared to 0.5 or 1 day of tidal periods, and to Nyquist sampling rate, 0.25 days).
- **Local Green's Function Method (Response Method)** (Munk and Cartwright, 1966), challenged by a single source point (only local forcing).
- **All-Source Green's Function Method (ASGF; Xu, 2016)**





Development of Tidal Data Analyses

- Darwin (1897), Doodson's harmonic method (1921)
- Munk and Cartwright's Local Green Function Method (1966)
- Xu's Global All-Source Green Function Method (2016, 2017)



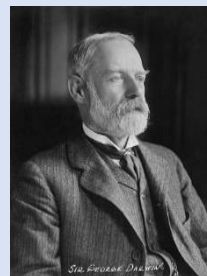
Frequency-based approach

Darwin 1897 Doodson 1921

$$V = \sum_{n=1}^N A_n \cos(\omega_n t + \phi_n)$$

where

$$N = \begin{cases} \infty, & \text{in theory} \\ 386, & \text{in practice (error, ~mm)} \end{cases}$$



Diurnal

Semi-, and Ter-Diurnal

Long term

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SCHEDULE O.

$G_0 = \frac{1}{2}G(1-3\sin^2\lambda)$, associated with coefficients of cosines to five decimals.
 $G_0' = 1.11803 G \sin \lambda (3-5 \sin^2\lambda)$, associated with coefficients of sines to five decimals.
 (When no geodetic coefficient is entered G_0 is understood.)

Argument-number.	Coefficient.	Argument-number.	Coefficient.	Argument-number.	Coefficient.
05 (or Ssa) group.					
005 555	50458	071 755	39	085 355	54
555	28411	072 555	91	455	2065
595	-6552	073 545	98	465	1241
575	54	585	1370	475	117
655	36	565	-88	555	38
066 554	16	655	15	565	24
554	1176	074 554	-17	675	-12
555	-61	559	48	086 454	26
007 555	78	546	12		
554	30	075 545	-36	09 group.	
555	12	355	677		
555	7287	365	-44		
595	-181	465	-74		
575	-40	465	12		
008 554	427	555	15642	091 555	20
009 553	17	565	6981	092 556	32
		575	697	566	18
		585	-13	093 555	25
06 (or Mm) group.					
062 556	68	555	478	094 555	20
063 445	-16	565	330	095 556	16
645	-113	575	19	096 555	896
655	1578	585	165	375	16
665	-103	365	16	455	11
07 (or Mf) group.					
064 454	51	08 group—contd.			
654	-10	081 655	42		
655	-14	082 456	16		
005 445	-14	083 455	39		
455	8254	666	11		
465	-558	088 446	22		
485	-24	545	317		
555	496	645	-14		
565	78	555	550		
555	-442	665	39		
066 554	-45	675	21		
067 455	-116	084 455	28		
465	-58	476	10		
		555	-16		

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SCHEDULE 1.

$G_1 = G \sin 2\lambda$, associated with coefficients of sines to five decimals.
 $G_1' = 0.72618 G \cos \lambda (1.5 \sin^2\lambda)$, associated with coefficients of cosines to five decimals.
 (When no geodetic coefficient is entered G_1 is understood.)

Argument-number.	Coefficient.	Argument-number.	Coefficient.	Argument-number.	Coefficient.
10 group.					
105 955	11	135 435	-28	152 556	-14
107 755	46	545	-84	153 645	-64
109 555	28	555	255	655	-278
		685	-42	154 956	15
		642	1360	155 435	17
		655	7240	445	-197
		755	-13	455	-1065
		855	-19	545	98
		865	-18	555	-661
		875	-13	565	86
		885	11	645	85
		895	-39	655	-2954
		905	278	665	-594
		915	458	675	17
		925	-18	685	-594
		935	-78	695	-18
		945	24	157 445	16
		118 954	21	158 444	11
		119 445	10	455	-566
		455	54	465	-124
				159 454	-24
				180 455	-14
11 group.					
115 755	-10	136 556	-13	153 555	16
845	21	555	-39	154 554	-18
855	108	644	11	645	85
117 555	-10	654	68	655	-2954
645	68	665	-594	665	-594
655	278	675	17	675	17
645	68	685	-18	685	-18
118 954	21	695	-78	695	-78
119 445	10	705	24	705	24
455	54	715	-14	715	-14
		138 444	11	157 445	16
		454	64	158 444	11
		139 455	-14	159 454	-24
12 group.					
124 756	-12	14 (or O ₁) group.			
125 645	-29	143 635	-17	161 557	42
655	-58	745	-20	162 556	1029
745	180	755	-113	545	-190
755	965	765	-15	555	30
130 556	-15	144 546	-15	565	17564
655	-11	754	15	575	-11
127 455	-11	145 556	-130	585	142
754	15	535	218	595	-25
555	1163	545	7165	164 554	-142
128 544	14	555	37689	596	-423
545	818	565	-218	605	-30
129 355	35	575	-108	615	1060
		585	-108	625	-423
		595	14	635	-16817
		605	-243	645	-30238
		615	755	655	-7182
		625	-40	665	154
		635	115	675	-13
		645	21	685	-423
		147 555	28	695	-26
		455	-21	705	-756
		545	14	555	35
		555	-401	565	-756
		565	107	575	14
		148 554	-33	585	-44
				168 554	-44

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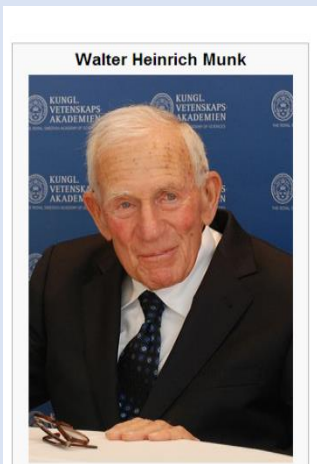
SCHEDULE 2—continued.

$G_2 = G \cos^2\lambda$, associated with coefficients of cosines to five decimals.

Argument-number.	Coefficient.	Argument-number.	Coefficient.	Argument-number.	Coefficient.
25 (or M ₂) group.					
252 756	-11	265 445	95	283 655	133
253 935	-40	455	-2097	665	54
755	-273	545	-31	284 445	-12
254 556	-314	555	535	455	643
655	14	565	39	465	280
255 355	32	645	-12	475	30
355	47	655	643	555	48
345	-3386	665	233	565	48
555	-90812	675	49	575	31
655	86	267 455	123		
665	16	465	59		
				29 group.	
				293 655	107
				295 355	46
				296 555	53
				297 355	23
				555	168
				655	146
				575	47
				27 (or S ₂) group.	
				271 557	101
				272 556	94
				555	-42386
				565	72
				575	-354
				585	93
				595	93
				605	92
				615	92
				625	92
				635	92
				645	-147
				555	7638
				565	3548
				575	3423
				585	3423
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				805	3423
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				825	3423
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				875	3423
				885	3423
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				905	3423
				915	3423
				925	3423
				935	3423
				945	3423
				955	3423
				965	3423
				975	3423
				985	3423
				995	3423
				1005	3423
				1015	3423
				1025	3423
				1035	3423
				1045	3423
				1055	3423
				1065	3423
				1075	3423
				1085	3423
				1095	3423
				1105	3423
				1115	3423
				1125	3423
				1135	3423
				1145	3423
				1155	3423
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				1175	3423
				1185	3423
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Time-domain Approach (Munk and Cartwright, 1966)



Munk

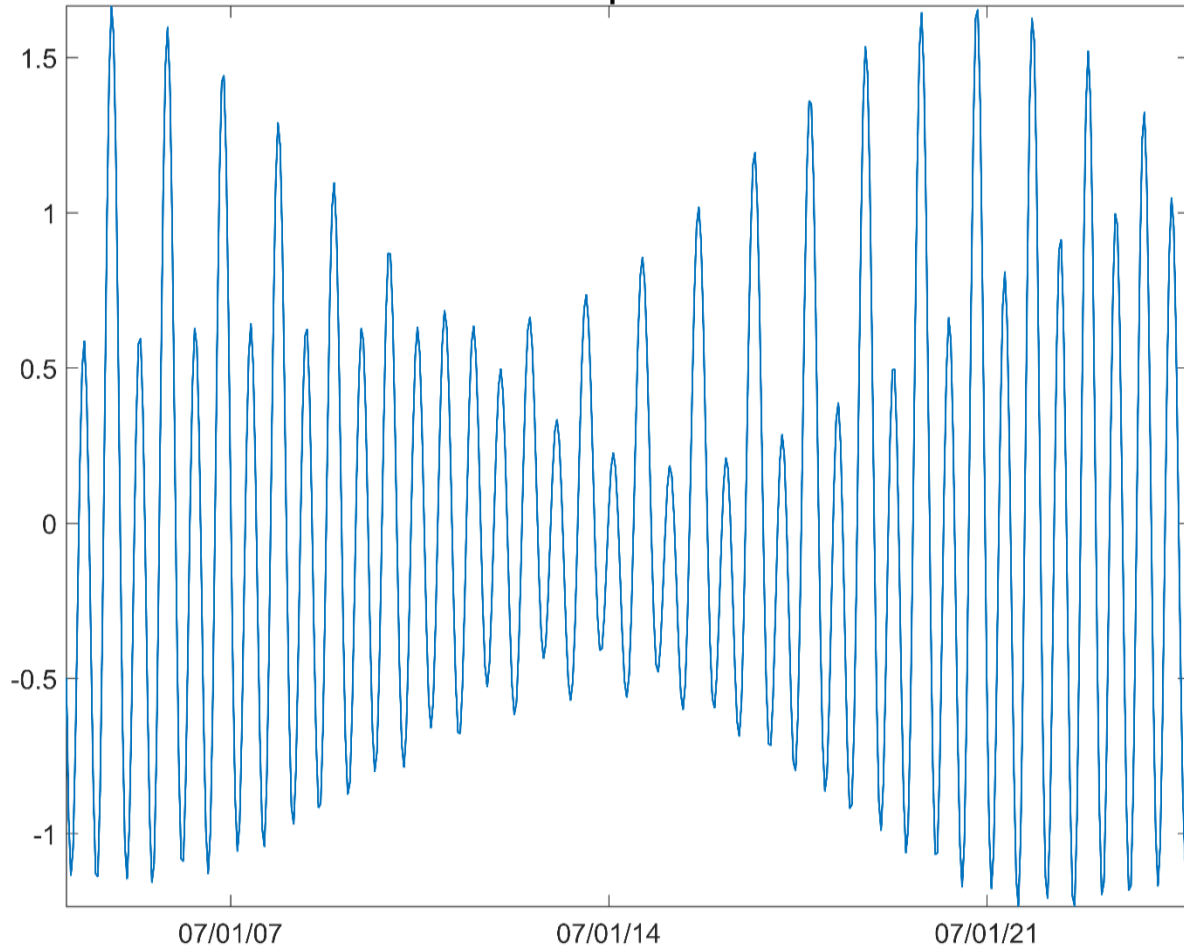


Cartwright

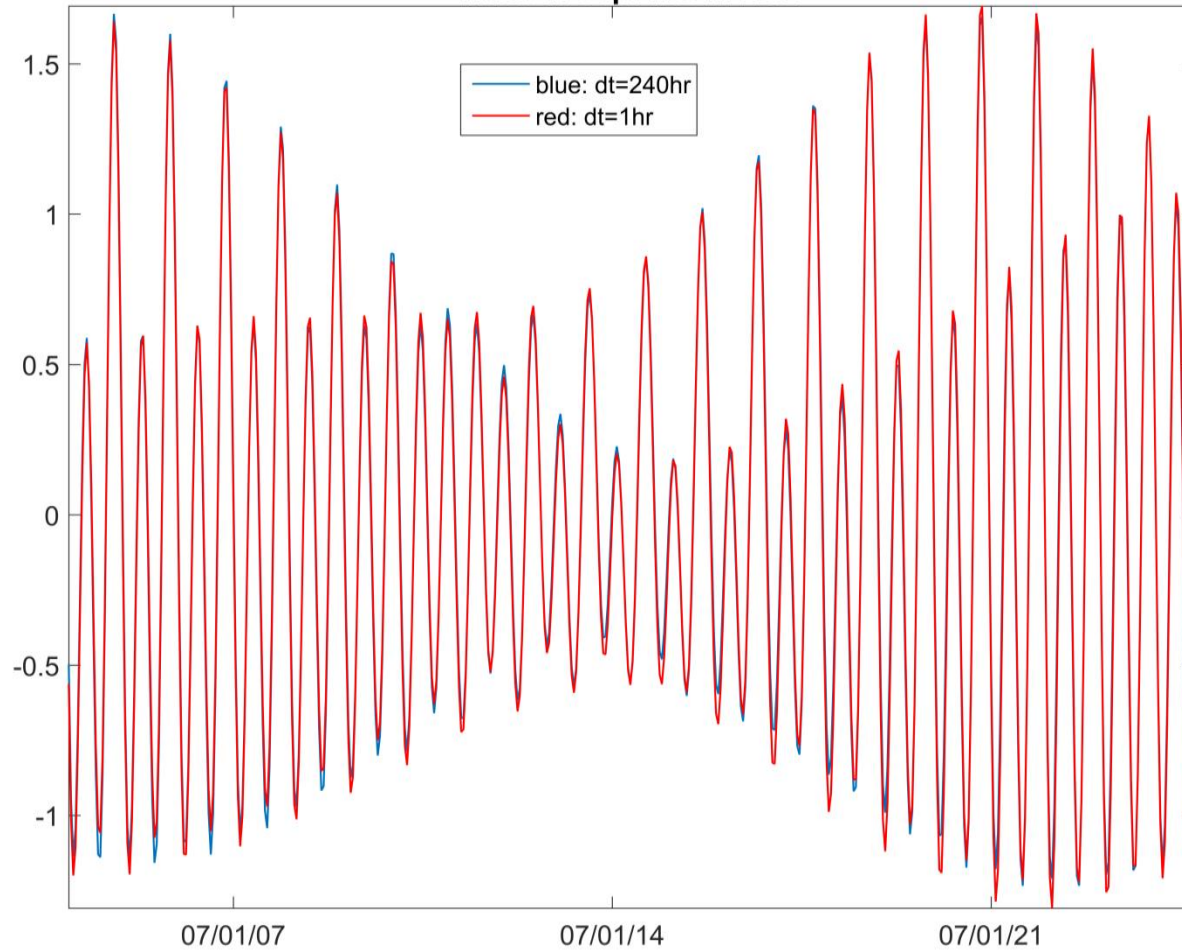
“We decided to take a new look at the tide records, **without astronomical prejudice** and freely allowing for the presence of noise. Modern methods of time series analysis seemed appropriate.

Nineteen years of hourly tide readings at Honolulu, Hawaii, and Newlyn, England, are analysed **without astronomical prejudice as to what frequencies are present, and what are not, thus allowing for background noise.”**

Tides at Sept-Iles in 2007



Tides at Sept-Iles in 2007



Unexplained Variance:
4.94% with dt = 10 days
4.59% with dt= 1 hour



Explained and Residual Variances

Explained:

$$\frac{(\eta - \bar{\eta})'(\eta - \bar{\eta})}{(\eta_{obs} - \bar{\eta}_{obs})'(\eta_{obs} - \bar{\eta}_{obs})} = 0.9507 = 95.07\%$$

Residual:

$$\frac{\varepsilon' \varepsilon}{(\eta_{obs} - \bar{\eta}_{obs})'(\eta_{obs} - \bar{\eta}_{obs})} = 0.0493 = 4.93\%$$

ASGF+SVD Method

Compared with the harmonic method (t_tide)

Harmonic Method

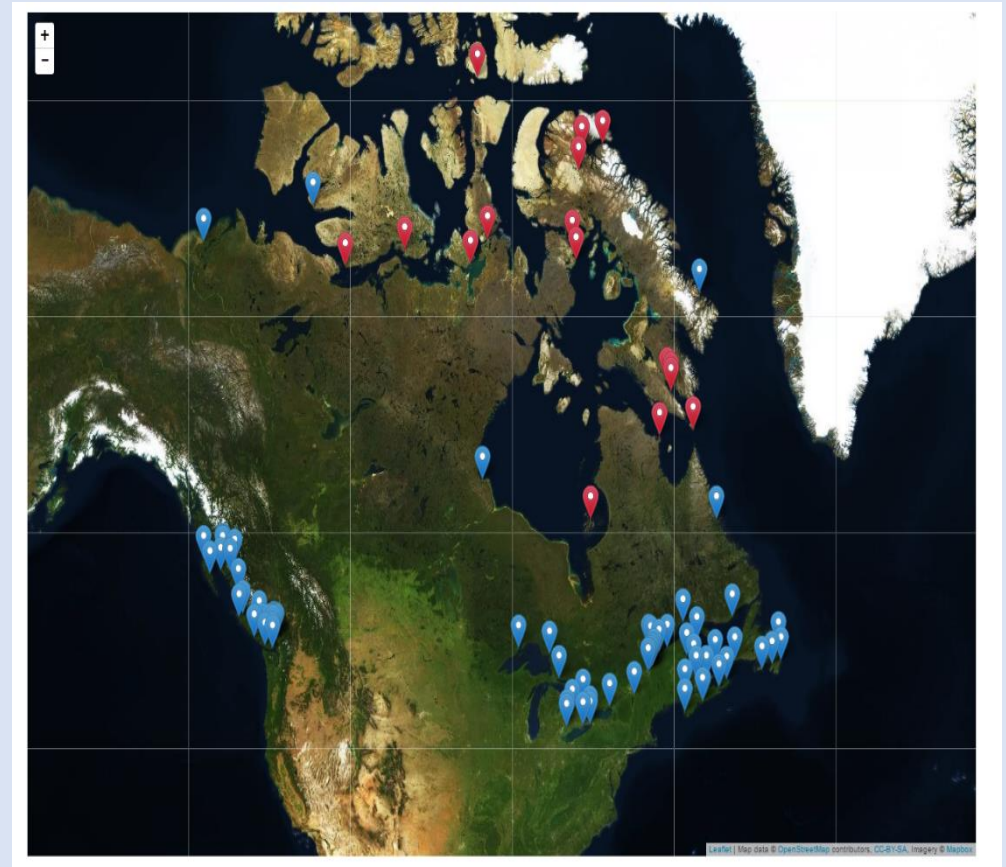
Decades	$\frac{\text{residual variance}}{\text{total variance}} \times 100\%$
1970-1980	5.19%
1980-1990	5.35 %
1990-2000	5.22 %
2000-2011	4.79 %
Mean	5.14%

VTG Work Plan

To establish a network of VTGs to cover three coasts in about 3 years:

- 1) To accompany the network of RTGs that are still operated by CHS.
- 2) To accompany the network of RTGs that have been abandoned by CHS.
- 3) To make good use of short term observations for VTG operations in Arctic.
- 4) To support OPP for additional POIs.
- 5) A VTG web page

Permanent and Temporary Tide Gauges





Locations of Tidal Measurement in Arctic Region (CHS Central & Arctic)

Permanent



Temporary, Bottom Pressure Sensor



Virtual Tide Gauge (VTG) Web Page:

<http://142.130.48.193/test/vtg.php>

<http://odylab.pagekite.me/test/vtg.php>

Summary

1. A VTG is a cutting-edge technology, integrating
 - a) All-Source Green's Functions and Data Assimilation
 - b) NASA/JPL ephemerides astronomic forcing
 - c) MERRA and GEM4 atmospheric forcing
 - d) Real-Time Tide Gauge Data Streams
 - e) Research and application come together tightly
2. A VTG is a good substitute or backup to an RTG, and costs much less!
3. A VTG provides good quality of hindcast and forecast. Uncertainty of predictions is reduced by 50% compared with traditional tidal harmonic forecasts.
4. A VTG webpage is being developed to distribute forecasts and hindcasts (requiring a public IP address!)

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