

# Tides/HF session summary

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*Fewer presentations than usual, to be understood as complementary with 20YPRA's presentations on these topics (G. Egbert, B. Arbic, M. Cancet...)*

**Improving the dynamic atmospheric correction for mean sea level and operational applications of altimetry**, L. Carrère et al., CLS/CNES/ESA

**59-Day Oscillations,  $\beta'$ , and All That– or –Subtle S2 Errors from Satellite Altimetry**, Richard Ray, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

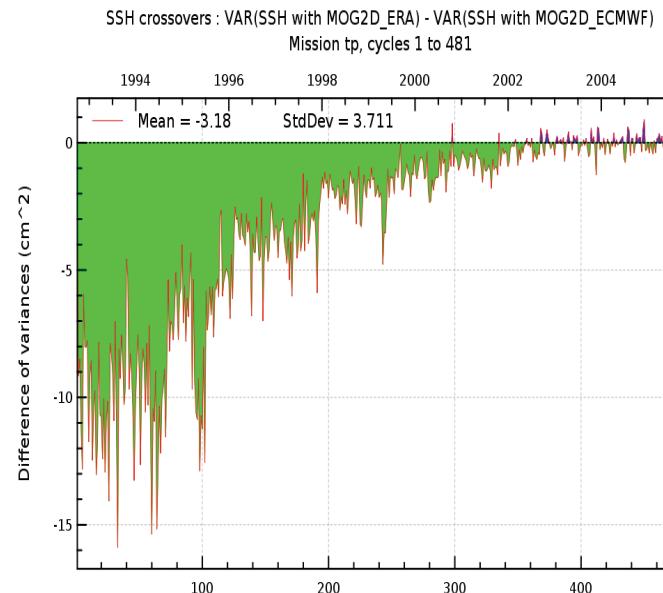
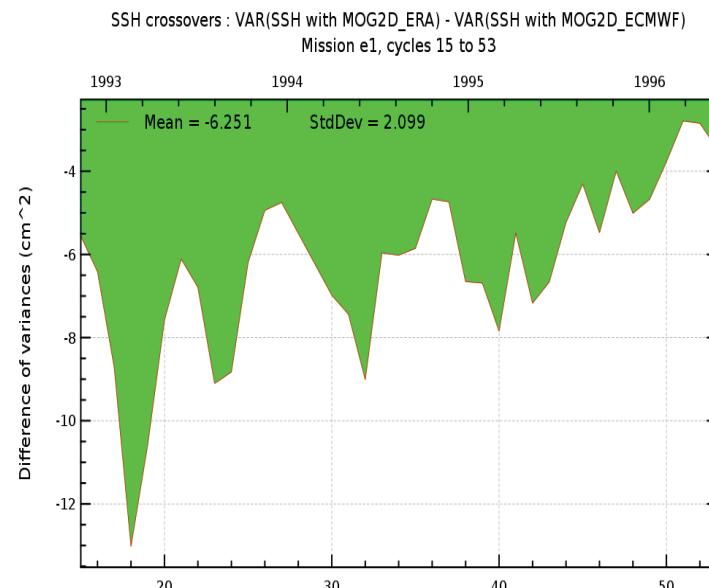
**Evaluation of CTOH new along-track tidal constants database for dealiasing coastal altimetry over the North-West European continental shelf**, Laurent Roblou et al., CTOH/CNRS/LEGOS

**FES 2012 : a new tidal model taking advantage of nearly 20 years of altimetry measurements**, L. Carrère et al., CNES/CLS/Noveltis/LEGOS

**Evaluation of Contemporary Ocean Tide Models**, C.K. Shum, Hoksum Fok, Yuchan Y, *Division of Geodetic Science, School of Earth Sciences Ohio State University, USA*

# use of ERA Interim – impact on mesoscale

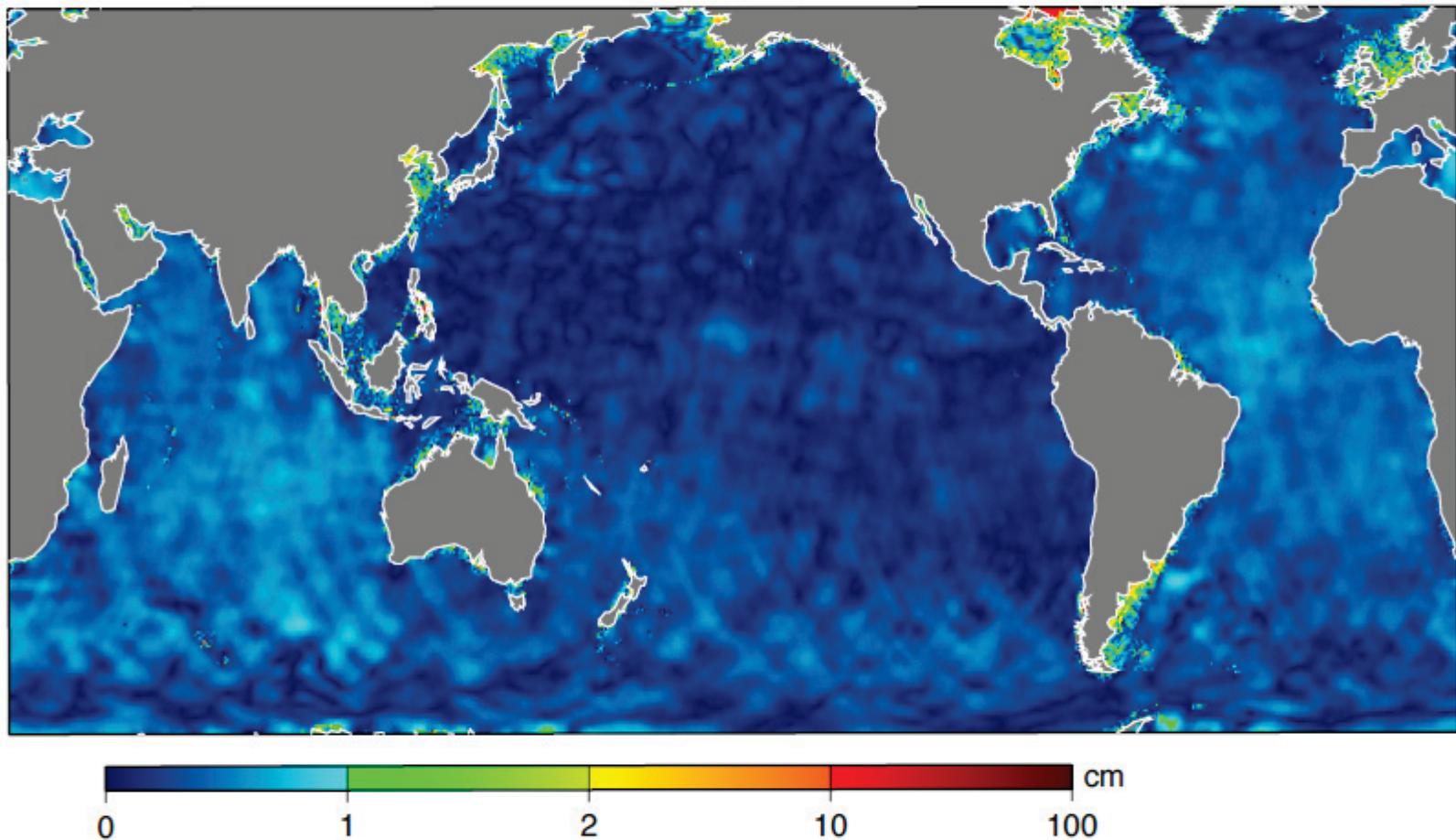
## Temporal evolution of the mean variance difference at Xovers when using ERA-interim DAC instead of operational DAC, for E1 and TP ( $\text{cm}^2$ )



- Improvement evolves with time
- Maximum on the first years of altimetry, where quality of operational ECMWF analysis was not as good as today
- ERA Interim and operational DAC have similar results from 2002-2003

S2

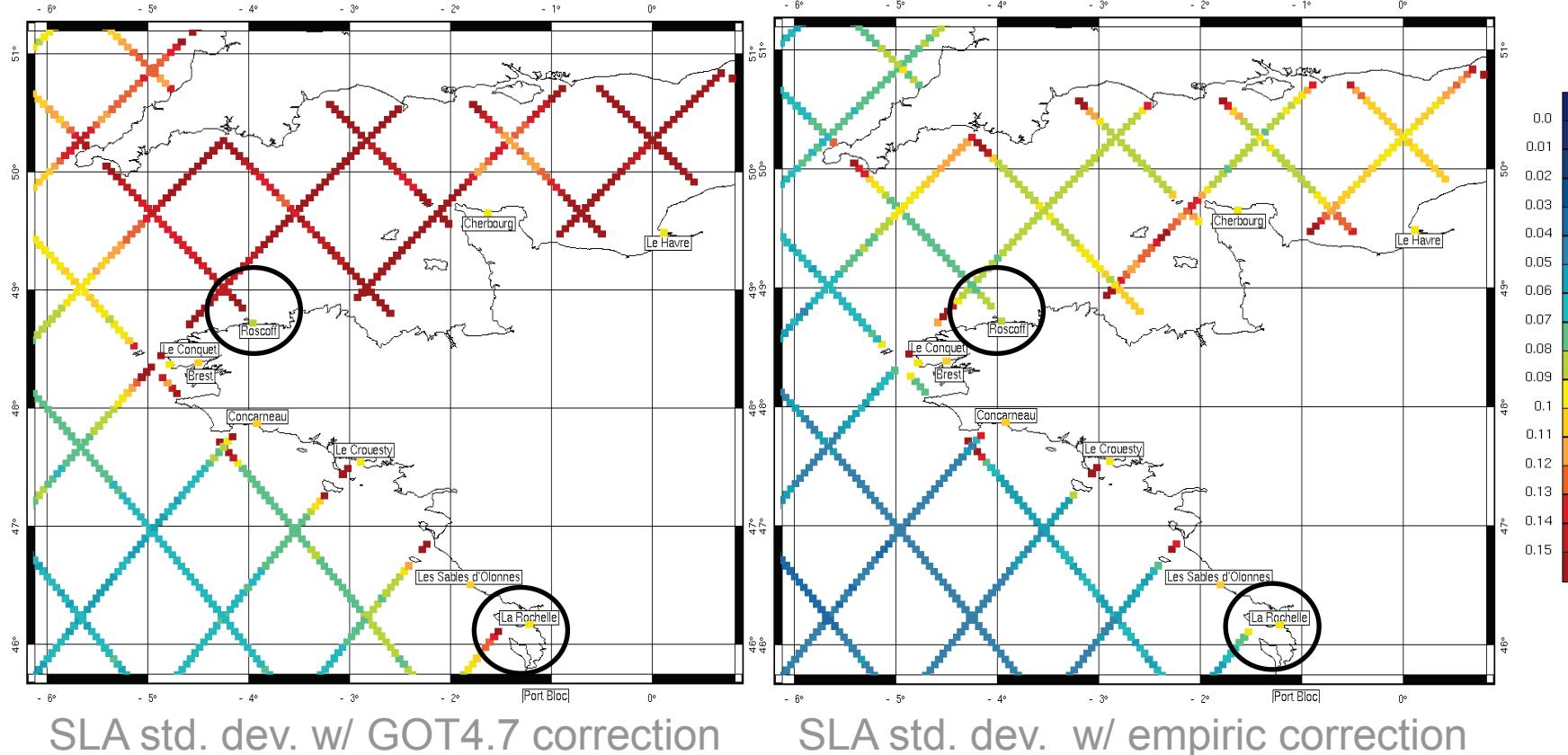
## S2 Vector Differences GOT4.8 - GOT4.10



**Basin-scale differences approaching 1 cm.**

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# SLA standard deviation



Tide gauges sea level provided by SONEL (France) and Puertos del Estado (Spain) and processed consistently

- SLA standard deviation is dominated by a shelf-block pattern when applying GOT4.7 tide correction
- Coastal features emerge when applying the empirical tide correction

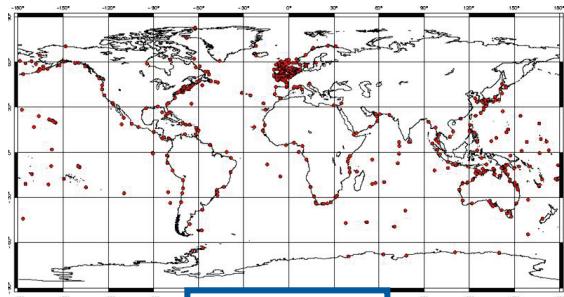
# Validation in spectral domain

## Performances vs tide gauge databases

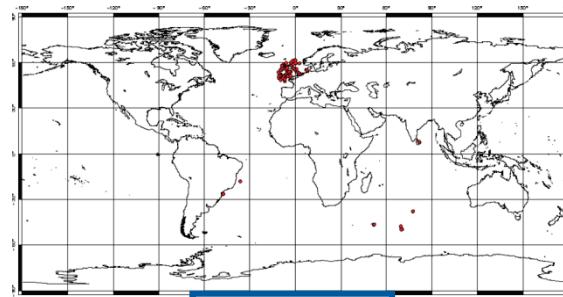
**Coastal** = BODC + WOCE + R. Ray database (shallow\_fes09) + SONEL

**Shelf** = GLOUP (shelf) + ROSAME

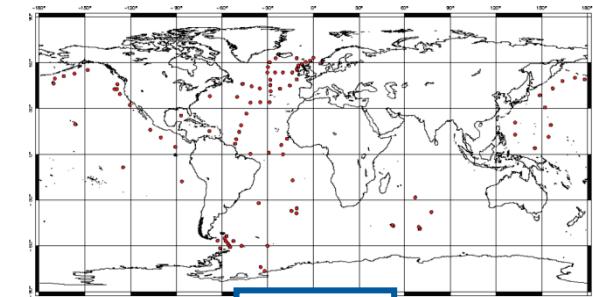
**Deep** = ACCLAIM + DART + GLOUP (open ocean)



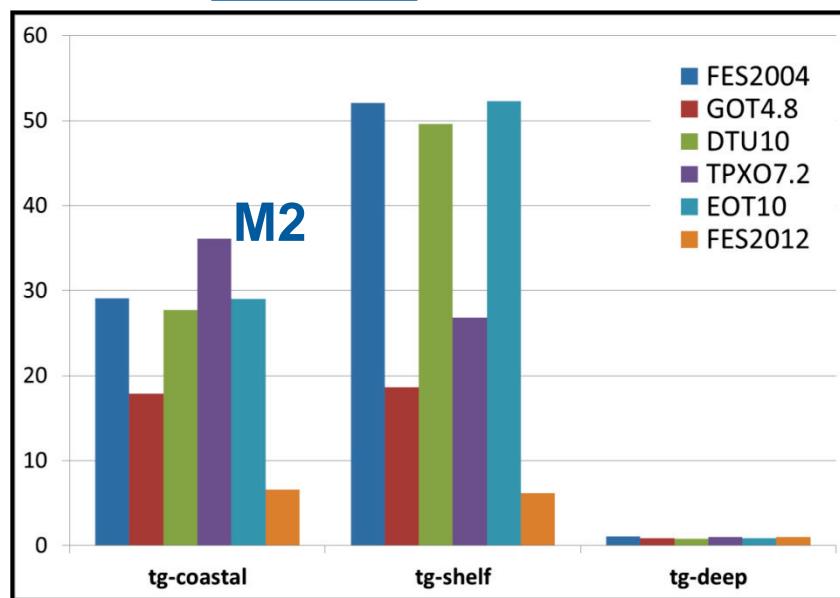
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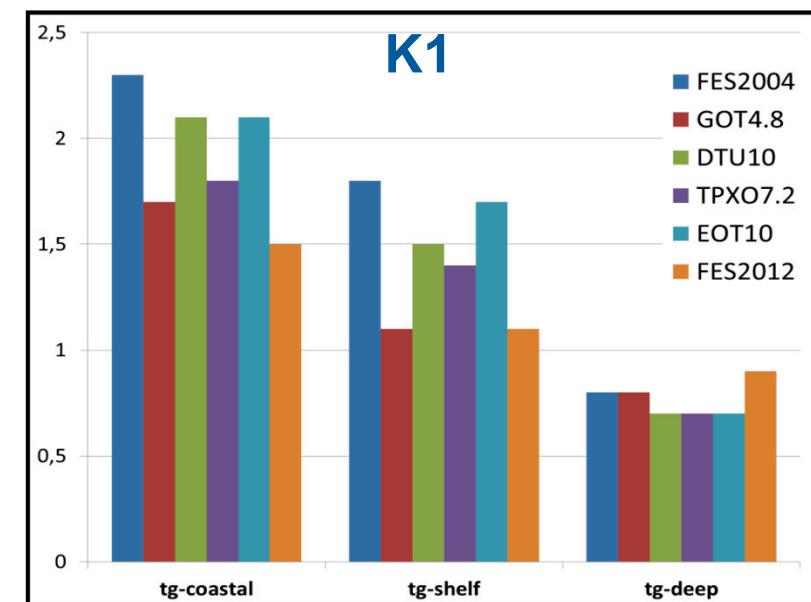
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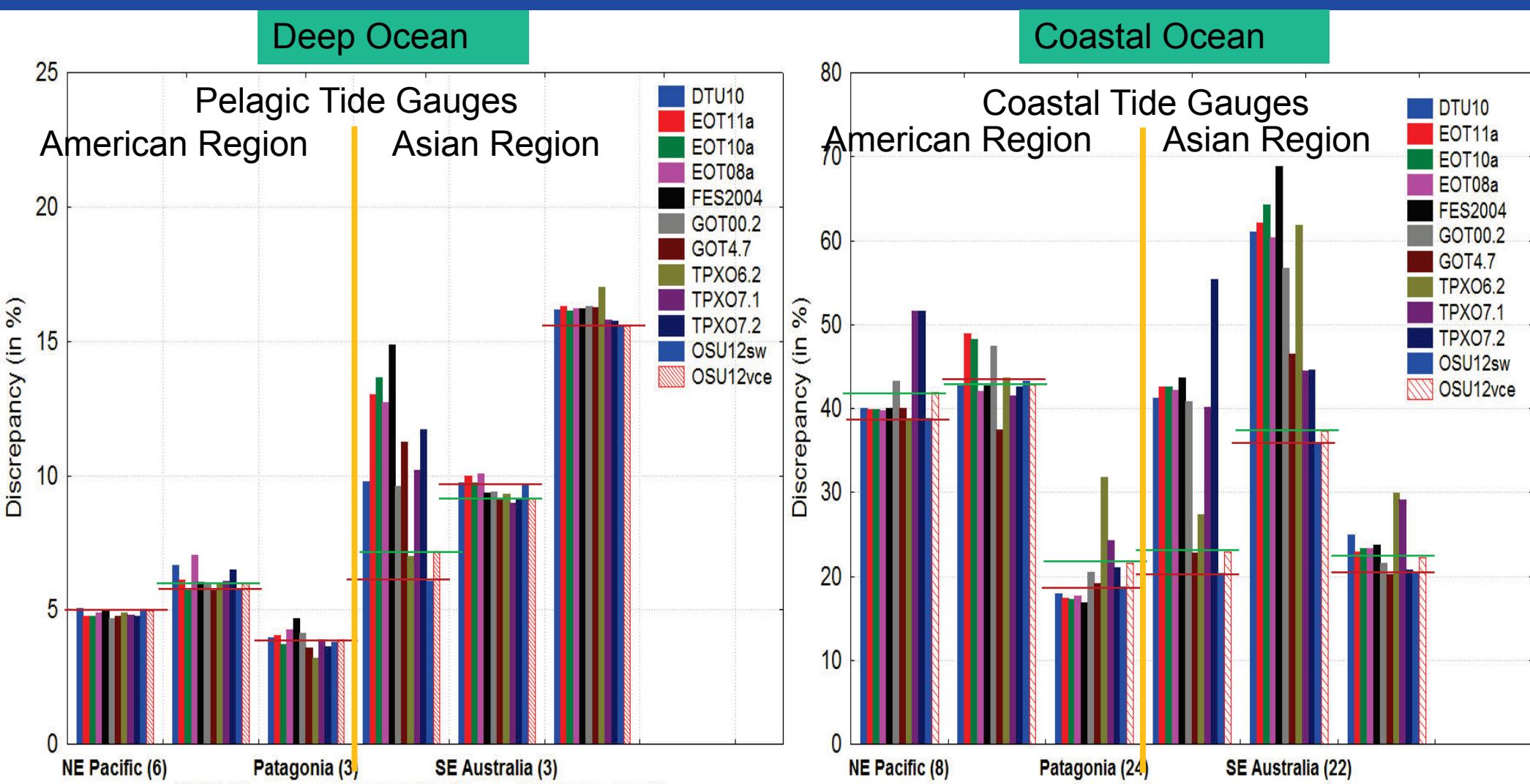
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Vector  
differences  
(cm)



# Regional accuracy assessment – using tide gauge data



\* Note that **GOT00.2/4.7** model include several regional hydrodynamic models in **shallow and inland seas**, in addition to a-priori **FES** model (Ray, 1999)

# Tides/HF recommendations (I)

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## Tidal issues:

- ❑ Error assessment:
  - ❑ Shelf/coastal errors and accuracy
  - ❑ Deep ocean (large scale ?) residual errors (in particular 59 days oscillations : no clues yet on what to do)
- ❑ Internal tides (SWOT)
- ❑ Temporal variability (seasonal, interannual to secular) in tides: baroclinic AND barotropic

## Non tidal issues:

- ❑ How effective are the current non-tidal corrections at removing aliased variance?
  - ❑ Compare with high sampled data (tide gauges, BPRs), focus on strict variance metrics, address questions of scale,...
- ❑ Do we understand the structure and type of errors? Model errors (e.g., atmospheric forcing errors) or representation errors (e.g., lack of baroclinic processes)?
- ❑ Can we improve the removal of non-tidal high frequency variability?
  - ❑ Forcing fields
  - ❑ Added physics (baroclinicity, self-attraction and loading, parameterized dissipation, etc.)
  - ❑ Enhanced methodologies (optimization and data constraints, use of new data sets like GRACE) including NRT Products

# Tides/HF recommendations (II)

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**Encourage a wider range of presentations and audience:**

- **Global/regional tide-resolving ocean circulation models**
- **Specific internal tide related work, even if not using altimetry data, but of interest for internal tide correction issues and other satellite altimetry topics**
- **Use of OGCM's in estimating/removing non-tidal SSH signal at tidal aliased frequencies**
- **High-frequency data assimilation in OGCMs**
- **Satellite gravimetry tidal errors/analysis**