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1 Sea level rise inducing tidal modulation along the coasts of Bengal delta

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11 Abstract

12 The Bengal delta, the largest delta on the Earth, is subject to a marked coastal flooding
13 hazard and associated with widespread vulnerability. The situation will expectedly deteriorate
14 in the ongoing context of sea level rise. This sea level rise will not only have a direct effect on
15 the coastal flooding, but will also have indirect effects, through the alteration of the coastal
16 hydrodynamics. In the present study, we investigate the impact of sea level rise on tide, which
17 is the largest source of variability of sea level along the macro-tidal coast of Bengal delta.
18 Through a comprehensive modelling framework comprising the coastal delta, major estuaries,
19 as well as the intricate hydraulic network of the delta, we assess the future changes of tidal
20 properties to be expected for various sea level rise scenarios, representative of the end of the
21 21st century and beyond. It is found that the effect is large, and regionally dependent. Over
22 both the south-western and south-eastern parts of the delta, the amplitude of the tide is
23 expected to increase when the sea level is higher, which is bound to aggravate the tidal
24 flooding hazard. In contrast, the central part of the delta will potentially experience massive
25 flooding of river banks and adjoining lands in the scenarios exceeding 0.5m of sea level rise.
26 Consequently, this flooding induces a decay of the tidal amplitude in the central part. Our
27 study shows that the tidal modulation is a significant ingredient that needs to be accounted for
28 in the evolution of the future hydrodynamics of the Bengal delta. The friction-dominated and
29 regionally contrasting damping and amplification mechanism also underscores the potential
30 application of managed realignment strategy for a sustainable delta management in the future.

31 1. Introduction

32 Based on tide-gauge records, the global sea level has risen at a rate of about 1.1mm/year
33 on average over the 20th century (Dangendorf et al. 2017). The advent of altimetry revealed a

34 marked acceleration over the last decades, with a sea level rise reaching 3.58mm/year over the
35 2006-2015 period (Oppenheimer et al. 2019). According to IPCC, the projected median sea
36 level rise (SLR) to be expected in 2100 ranges from 0.43m (0.29-0.59m, likely range;
37 RCP2.6) to 0.84m (0.61-1.10m likely range; RCP8.5) above pre-industrial level
38 (Oppenheimer et al. 2019). Recently, several studies projected even more extreme scenarios,
39 suggesting that an increase of order 2m should be considered as plausible (e.g. Sweet et al.
40 2017; Bamber et al. 2019; De Dominicis et al. 2020). Moreover, SLR is *virtually certain* to
41 continue beyond 2100 with an estimated rise of 1-3m for each 1° temperature increase
42 (Church et al. 2013). These numbers are alarming, as the coastal population settled in low-
43 lying areas will exceed 1 billion by 2060 (Neumann et al. 2015).

44 SLR is of even greater concern for the low-lying subsiding delta areas (Tessler et al. 2015;
45 Oppenheimer et al. 2019; Becker et al. 2020). The Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna (GBM)
46 delta is a characteristic example of such subsiding deltas for which coastal flooding can be
47 greatly enhanced by SLR (Becker et al. 2020). It is located at the northern head of the Bay of
48 Bengal, covering an area larger than 100,000km² (Figure 1). The region is densely populated
49 and the delta area sustains more than 150M people. The typical topography is less than 3m
50 above mean sea level (Krien et al. 2016) and contains a dense network of rivers and channels.
51 The delta is macrotidal, with a typical tidal range in excess of 4m (Krien et al. 2016; 2017a;
52 Tazkia et al. 2017). The climate is dominated by the Indian monsoon. During each summer
53 monsoon season, about 1GT of sediment gets flushed through the river network (Goodbred
54 and Kuehl 1999), although in recent years a decreasing trend was reported by Rahman et al.
55 (2018). In this sediment-laden fertile area, agriculture is the dominant land-use. To promote
56 agriculture and manage the saline water intrusions, 126 polders (i.e. low-lying areas
57 surrounded by embankments) were built during the period 1960 to 1990 (World Bank 2005).
58 These polders occupy the southern-central part of the delta (Figure 1). These polders,
59 however, restrict sediment distribution over land and infilling of tidal channels (Auerbach et
60 al. 2015). While the regional estimate of the subsidence ranges from 1 to 7mm/year (Krien et
61 al. 2019; Becker et al. 2020), Auerbach et al. (2015) report land subsidence as high as
62 20mm/year within some polders. This implies that the relative SLR poses a major threat for
63 the ongoing century. In contrast, over the natural part of the GBM delta in the south-central
64 region, the siltation may be able to cope with the effect of SLR (Bomer et al. 2020).

65 As the tidal sea level is a prominent ingredient of coastal flooding over the GBM delta
66 (Krien et al. 2016; 2017a), the long-term evolution of the tide deserves specific attention. The
67 objective of the present study is to analyse the long-term evolution of the tide expected in the

68 Bengal delta, as a response to SLR. Indeed, tidal characteristics such as tidal range and tidal
69 phase are known to respond to change in mean sea level (MSL), with strongest impacts in the
70 near-shore ocean (Haigh et al. 2019; Talke and Jay 2020). From a quasi-global tide-gauge
71 data archive, Woodworth (2010) reported significant changes of tidal range in several areas
72 and suggested that the changes are probably already occurring globally. The imprint of SLR on
73 tidal characteristics is largely dependent on the region considered, amplifying tidal range in
74 some locations, and reducing the tidal range in others (Idier et al. 2017; 2019). This is
75 explained by the various mechanisms through which the mean sea level can affect the
76 propagation of the tidal waves, in particular the frictional and non-frictional processes (Haigh
77 et al. 2019; Talke and Jay 2020). Pickering et al. (2017) produced a global modelling of the
78 projected tidal range under various SLR scenarios, ranging from +0.5m to +10m above
79 current level. Over the northern Bay of Bengal, they suggested that a +2m SLR would induce
80 a contrasted change, with an increase of the tidal range in the eastern part of the GBM
81 coastline, and a decrease in its central-western part. As the modelling initiative of Pickering et
82 al. (2017) was global, it could not represent the details of the geometry of the GBM delta nor
83 its intricate river network. From a limited set of observational sea level records located along
84 the GBM delta shoreline, Pethick and Orford (2013) concluded that the tidal range has been
85 increasing in the central part of the delta in the recent decades, at rates of order 5 to 30 mm/y,
86 which lies well above the trends of eustatic sea level rise. Hence it is important to investigate
87 this process regionally, in the current context of SLR and associated increased exposure of the
88 coastal areas to the flooding hazard.

89 The regional dependency of the impact of SLR on tidal characteristics, combined with the
90 dearth of reliable, long-enough tidal records over the Bengal delta, naturally calls for
91 numerical modelling as an appropriate means to investigate the future evolution of tide over
92 this area. The aim of the present study is to draw firm conclusions on the impact of sea level
93 rise on tides using a regional, high-resolution tidal model of the GBM delta.

94 In Section 2, we present the observational dataset and long-term trend of the tidal range
95 observed in the central part of the GBM delta. Section 3 features our numerical tidal model
96 and its performance analysis. Section 4 presents the projected changes modelled under the
97 various scenarios we simulated. We present the analysis of our results in Section 5 and we
98 conclude our study in Section 6.

99 **2. Observed trend in tidal range: the example of Hiron Point**

100 In order to illustrate the current trends over the GBM, we will present the signal observed
101 at Hiron Point (89.47°E, 21.78°S, see Figure 1), in the south-central delta. As pointed out by
102 Pethick and Orford (2013), a major hurdle in the GBM delta is the lack of long, consistent in
103 situ tidal records. Although Hiron Point station stands out as the best documented over the
104 GBM, these authors could only analyse 20 years of hourly records there. Here we analyse an
105 updated, enhanced version of Hiron Point record. The Hiron Point tide gauge is situated in a
106 relatively undisturbed region and maintained by Mongla Port Authority. The tide-gauge
107 dataset is maintained and distributed by the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority.
108 Our timeseries is 40 year long (1977-2017), with few missing years in 2004-2005, 2011-2012,
109 2014-2016. We computed the daily (25 hours) low-water level, daily high-water level and
110 daily tidal range from the hourly water level observations. We then computed monthly (28
111 days) averages of these quantities to remove the spring-neap cycle. As suggested by
112 Woodworth (2012) we refrained from computing and removing the nodal tide from our
113 timeseries.

114 Figure 2 shows the long-term changes and evolution of tidal characteristics in the record of
115 Hiron Point tide gauge. We recall that, being restricted to one unique station, and keeping in
116 mind the regional dependency of the long-term trends of tidal characteristics evidenced by
117 Pickering et al. (2017) along the GBM coastline, this analysis should be considered as a
118 qualitative illustration of the currently observed changes. It may certainly not be considered as
119 representative of the long-term change of tidal characteristics over the whole GBM delta.
120 What is more, Hiron Point tide gauge is located in a narrow creek, and its vertical land
121 motions have not been monitored.

122 We have calculated the monotonic trend in various quantities of our timeseries using Sen
123 slope (Sen 1968). The significance of our trend is estimated using the Mann-Kendall trend
124 test (Mann 1945; Kendall 1975). As shown by Tazkia et al. (2017), there exists a strong
125 seasonality of the tidal range along the Bengal shoreline. This seasonality is a response to the
126 seasonal cycle of the Bay of Bengal sea level, which is itself a manifestation of the monsoonal
127 forcing of the thermohaline stratification of the Bay of Bengal (Shankar et al., 1996;
128 McCreary et al., 1996; Benschila et al., 2014). We have applied the technique proposed by
129 Hirsch et al. (1982) to test the significance of our trend for a seasonally varying timeseries.
130 Similarly, the amplitude of the trend is calculated using the modified method suggested by
131 Hipel and McLeod (1994).

132 From our monthly (28-day) average mean sea level, we found that the relative MSL has
133 increased by 4.2mm/year. This value, although based on the sole, long enough pointwise in
134 situ record we could access, appears representative of the magnitude of SLR observed from
135 spaceborne altimetry over the Northern periphery of the Bay of Bengal during the past three
136 decades (Not shown here, see [https://www.aviso.altimetry.fr/es/data/products/ocean-](https://www.aviso.altimetry.fr/es/data/products/ocean-indicators-products/mean-sea-level.html)
137 [indicators-products/mean-sea-level.html](https://www.aviso.altimetry.fr/es/data/products/ocean-indicators-products/mean-sea-level.html)).

138 Similar to the MSL, a daily (25h) maximum and minimum is calculated, and then averaged
139 over a month (28 days) to derive the monthly mean high water (MHW) and mean low water
140 (MLW) timeseries. We have found that the MLW has increased at a much lower rate, at
141 1.0mm/year, which is statistically not significant at 95% confidence interval and reported here
142 as “no trend”. In contrast, the MHW has increased at a much faster rate, 7.0mm/year. As a
143 result, the tidal range has also increased by 6.4mm/year. Except the MLW, all other quantities
144 are significant at 95% confidence interval.

145 These trend estimates essentially confirm and strengthen the findings of Pethick and
146 Orford (2013), that the tidal range in Hiron Point is rising, probably in association with the
147 significant sea level rise observed in the northern Bay of Bengal. The rate we report for the
148 increase in MHW is around twice as large as the one for the MSL. This implies that the long-
149 term changes in tidal characteristics can be a prominent ingredient in the evolution of the
150 flooding hazard in the GBM, in addition to the long-term SLR. Hence the understanding of
151 the underlying processes deserves careful consideration. As there does not exist any other
152 consistent long in situ tidal record over the region, with duration sufficient to address the
153 long-term trends, we hereafter restrict our analysis to numerical modelling, to gain insight on
154 the future evolution of the tidal characteristics at the scale of the whole GBM delta.

155 **3 Tidal model in the Bay of Bengal**

156 The numerical model used in this study, SCHISM (Semi-implicit Cross-scale
157 Hydroscience Integrated System Model, Zhang et al. 2016), is a derivative code of SELFE
158 (Semi-implicit Eulerian-Lagrangian Finite Element) model, originally developed by Zhang
159 and Baptista (2008). It solves the 3D shallow-water equations using finite-element and finite-
160 volume schemes, and was designed to model barotropic as well as baroclinic circulation for a
161 broad range of spatial scales, spanning from the open ocean (e.g. Krien et al. 2016) to the very
162 shallow lagoons and estuaries (e.g. Bertin et al. 2014). The model allows for wetting and
163 drying. Our model set-up and the numerical grid are similar to the version used by Krien et al.
164 (2016) and Tazkia et al. (2017), who investigated the tidal characteristics over the GBM delta

165 and their seasonal variability, respectively. In the present study, however, the domain extends
166 throughout the Bay of Bengal, with a southern boundary located along 11°N (Figure 3a).

167 SCHISM is used here in depth-averaged barotropic mode. Our bathymetry is developed
168 over the one published by Krien et al. (2016). Their bathymetry is composed of soundings
169 digitized from navigational charts published by Bangladesh Navy over the near-shore zone,
170 digitized soundings from Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), a high-resolution
171 (50m) inland topography of the south-central part of the delta from the Center for
172 Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS), and cross-sectional data of the
173 inland rivers from Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB). The bathymetry used in
174 this study was updated with digitization of about 77'000 additional points collected from a set
175 of 34 recent nautical charts of the Bangladesh Navy (http://bnhoc.navy.mil.bd/?page_id=165)
176 scattered around the model domain. In the deeper part of the ocean and over the rest of the
177 inland areas we complemented our dataset with GEBCO2014
178 (https://www.gebco.net/data_and_products/gridded_bathymetry_data/) and SRTM
179 (<https://www2.jpl.nasa.gov/srtm/cbanddataproducts.html>) digital elevation model (as appear
180 in GEBCO dataset) respectively. The grid resolution varies from 15km in the central Bay of
181 Bengal to 250m in the most upstream part of the estuaries, which results in about 600'000
182 nodes and 1M elements in total.

183 The bottom friction in our model is formulated through a regionally-varying Manning
184 coefficient n . The spatial distribution of Manning coefficient is similar to Krien et al. (2016)
185 with $n = 0.02$ for the deep ocean (depth $\geq 20\text{m}$) and $n=0.013$ over the continental shelf (depth
186 $< 20\text{m}$). Manning value of 0.01 is set for the rivers, and 0.02 for inland areas (Figure 3b).

187 The simulations used in the present study were carried out over a 14-month period, from
188 01/12/2009 to 31/01/2011. We discarded the first 15 days to let the model flow being spun up,
189 and analysed the subsequent period for tidal analysis. A time-varying discharge was imposed
190 for the Ganges and Brahmaputra rivers (Figure 3), using observations of the Bangladesh
191 Water Development Board. We have imposed a monthly climatology of discharge for
192 Hooghly river (Mukhopadhyay et al. 2006) and Karnaphuli river (Chowdhury and Al Rahim
193 2012). At the upstream limit of Meghna and Rupnarayan rivers, a radiative open boundary
194 was prescribed (Flather 1987). Tidal elevations from FES2012 global model (Carrère et al.
195 2013) were prescribed at the southern open ocean boundary from the global model for the 26
196 dominant harmonic constituents (M2, M3, M4, M6, M8, Mf, Mm, MN4, Msf, MU2, N2,
197 NU2, O1, P1, Q1, R2, S1, S2, S4, SSA, T2, K2, K1, J1, and 2N2). As regards to the tidal

198 boundary conditions, the same modelling strategy was followed both for the current-epoch
199 simulations and for the future-scenarios simulations.

200 The future scenarios are simply defined by superimposing an offset on the model MSL as
201 regards to the current-epoch. Our choice of forcing the model at its southern open boundary
202 with a present-day tidal solution was motivated by the findings of Pickering et al. (2017), who
203 concluded that in the future SLR scenarios, the tidal amplitude remains practically unchanged
204 in the southern part of the Bay of Bengal. This forcing strategy will be validated in Section 4,
205 where we will conclude to a good consistency of our modelled changes and the one reported
206 by Pickering et al. (2017) throughout the coastal part of the northern Bay of Bengal.

207 As we have significantly upgraded the bathymetry of our model compared to the past
208 studies conducted with it, it is important to assess the realism of the tide simulated. The tidal
209 analysis of the model outputs was achieved through the COMODO software (Allain 2016).
210 Table 1 presents the model performance, expressed in terms of amplitude, phase and complex
211 error of the four dominant tidal constituents (M2, S2, K1 and O1) against observed values.
212 Wherever possible, we also present our model performance against four state-of-the-art global
213 tidal atlases, as follows:

- 214 • FES2012, the finite-element model (Carrère et al. 2013) built upon altimetry-
215 derived harmonic constant assimilation;
- 216 • FES2012-Hydro, the hydrodynamic version of FES2012 (without data
217 assimilation);
- 218 • GOT4.8 (Ray 1999; 2013) and TPXO7.2 (Egbert and Erofeeva 2002), two inverse
219 tidal models derived from satellite altimeter data.

220 We found that, in line with Krien et al. (2016), the tide simulated by our model is far more
221 realistic than the tide of any of the global atlases available. The benefit in terms of mean
222 complex error amounts to an improvement by a factor of 2 to 6, typically. This can largely be
223 explained by our refined resolution and improved regional bathymetry. Moreover, our new
224 model outperforms the representation of the tide compared to our previous study by Krien et
225 al. (2016), by 10 to 50% typically, depending on the station considered. The residual errors
226 we obtain range from 5cm to 23cm, for the coastal stations as well as for the estuarine stations
227 located further upstream in the GBM delta. This level of realism is unprecedented over our
228 area. Given that we use a similar numerical setup as Krien et al. (2016), with an identical
229 forcing strategy, similar mesh resolution and identical bottom friction coefficient, this means
230 that our improved bathymetry has a prominent impact on the quality of the simulated tide.
231 One exception concerns the Chittagong station, where our model, although far more realistic

232 than the global atlases, does not perform better than the previous version. This could be due to
233 the inclusion of an open boundary in the estuary instead of a closed boundary as in Krien et
234 al. (2016).

235 **4. Projected changes in tidal range in the Bengal delta**

236 **4.1 Current tidal range**

237 The mean daily tidal range over 2010 simulated by our model over the GBM delta is
238 shown in Figure 4. As expected, it is consistent with the known patterns (Sindhu and
239 Unnikrishnan 2013; Krien et al. 2016; Tazkia et al. 2017). Two maxima of the tidal range are
240 seen in the western part of the delta (Hooghly estuary) and in the eastern part (mouth of
241 Meghna estuary and the north-eastern corner of the Bay of Bengal), with mean tidal ranges
242 reaching 3.2m and 4.8m, respectively. In the central part of the coastal GBM from 89°E to
243 91°E, the mean tidal range is smaller, with values inferior to 2.4m. On account of the flatness
244 of the delta topography, the tide is seen to propagate far upstream in the various estuaries,
245 beyond 100km inside Hooghly estuary and inside the various branches of the central delta,
246 and beyond 250km in the GBM main stream.

247 **4.2 +1m SLR**

248 Various approaches have been adopted in the past to model the effect of future SLR on the
249 coastal ocean. Some have assumed an unchanged topography (e.g. Krien et al. 2017b;
250 Rahman et al. 2019). In this case, whatever continental areas along the coastal strip currently
251 lying below the elevation of imposed SLR plus the tidal amplitude will get flooded. Opposed
252 to this approach, other studies have assumed that the coastline will remain unchanged under
253 SLR scenarios. Numerically, unchanged coastline under SLR scenarios amounts to assuming
254 that high enough structures protecting the shoreline are implemented consistently everywhere
255 in the model domain, along the current coastline (as done for instance in De Dominicis et al.
256 2020). A wide range of intermediate, more refined scenarios can be thought of, so as to take
257 into account the spatial structure of vertical land motions (Pickering et al. 2017), the
258 regionally-dependent erosion/accretion pattern of sedimentary plains (Auerbach et al. 2015;
259 Bomer et al. 2020), or regionally-dependent coastal defence enhancement strategies (Feng et
260 al. 2019). Pickering et al. (2017) evidenced a sensible impact of the approach selected among
261 these, on the long-term evolution of tidal characteristics, in some areas of the world ocean
262 (including in the deep ocean). In the absence of definite knowledge of the future evolution of
263 coastal defences in the GBM, nor of the regional pattern of vertical land motion expected to
264 take place over the GBM, and for the sake of simplicity, we assumed an unchanged

265 topography in the present study. In this sense, our coastline can be seen as a soft shoreline: the
266 low-lying coastal areas are freely inundated when the sea level rises. This choice is, we
267 believe, the most reasonable one can make over our region.

268 In our first future-scenario numerical simulation, we impose a 1m SLR by imposing a Z0
269 tidal constituent of null frequency and 1m amplitude, along the southern open boundary.
270 Numerically, this is equivalent to offsetting downward the model topography/bathymetry by
271 1m. We then run the model in the same fashion as in the reference simulation, starting it on
272 1/12/2009, spinning it up during 15 days, and retaining the subsequent 13.5 months period for
273 analysis. Figure 4 illustrates the change in mean daily tidal range calculated over one-year
274 period simulated by the model in this +1m SLR scenario, as compared to the reference
275 simulation. It is seen that the effect is sensible over the whole delta, with contrasted values. In
276 both the western and eastern parts of the coastal GBM, from 87.8°E to 88.8°E, and from
277 89.8°E to 92°E, the coastal mean tidal range increases, by values of order 10-30cm. This
278 increase extends upstream in the estuaries outflowing in these two regions, with a particularly
279 enhanced increase in some of them (for instance up to 40cm in the Hooghly and up to 70cm at
280 the mouth of Meghna). In contrast, the central part of the delta, from 88.8°E to 89.8°E,
281 exhibits a decrease of the mean tidal range, with values between -3cm and -6cm along the
282 coastline, and stronger values, up to -30cm, in the upstream part of the estuaries.

283 To gain further understanding on the modelled changes, we analysed separately the change
284 in tidal amplitude for the two main tidal constituents over the GBM, M2 and S2. This was
285 done by subjecting the 13.5 months of model outputs to the same harmonic analysis, both for
286 the reference simulation and for the +1m SLR experiment, through COMODO software. The
287 results are displayed on Figure 5.

288 In our reference simulation, M2 and S2 amplitude pattern is in agreement to past studies,
289 showing two local maxima on the east- and the west- corner with a central trough (Sindhu and
290 Unnikrishnan 2013; see their Figure 15 for M2 and Figure 10 for S2). We observe a stronger
291 gradient in amplitude compared to theirs with ranges of spatial scale. It is expected given the
292 high resolution of our model, as well as the inclusion of estuaries.

293 From Figure 5, It is seen that both tidal constituents contribute to the observed change in
294 tidal range in the +1m SLR scenario, with a decrease of tidal amplitude along the coastal part
295 of the delta between 88.8°E and 89.8°E. The decrease remains weak along the open coastline
296 (less than 5cm or 5% for M2, less than 2cm or 5% for S2) but it extends upstream in the
297 estuaries for both constituents. Both to the west as well as to the east of this central region, the
298 model shows an increase of both M2 and S2 amplitudes along the coastline. In the western

299 part, at the mouth of Hooghly, the increase amounts to 5cm (5%) for M2 and 2cm (5%) for
300 S2, and is enhanced northward inside the Hooghly estuary, to about 22.5°N, 100km upstream
301 of the mouth, for both constituents. In the eastern part of the coastal delta, the increase in tidal
302 amplitude rises eastward, up to extreme values of 15 to 20cm (15 to 20%) at the mouth of
303 Meghna for M2. Similarly, the increase in S2 amplitude also increases eastward, up to values
304 of 10cm (20%) at the mouth of Meghna. This increase extends northward in the Meghna
305 estuary, and remains in excess of 20cm for M2 and in excess of 6cm for S2 up to the
306 bottleneck of Chandpur (23.2°N, 90.6°E).

307 If we closely look at the central part of the delta shoreline, between 89°E and 90.5°E, what
308 is striking is the contrasted impact of SLR to the west of 89.8°E vs. to the east of 89.8°E, with
309 a decrease of tidal amplitude to the west of this longitude, and an increase to the east of it.
310 However, the tidal range in the reference simulation is fairly homogeneous across this central
311 region. Similarly, the cross-shore variation of bathymetry appears alike, as both sides of this
312 central region sit in the area of narrow submarine delta, with a 15m isobath located typically
313 not more than 50km offshore. In this regard, keeping in mind that the delta is both low-lying
314 and very flat in this south-central region, it is relevant to examine the effect of the 1m SLR on
315 the extent of tidal flooding. Figure 6 presents the spatial structure of the frequency of wetting
316 in the current conditions as well as in the +1m SLR scenario. It is seen that under the +1m
317 SLR scenario a large fraction of the central delta gets submerged more than 75% of the time,
318 whereas the tidal flooding is minor in the reference conditions. The tidal flooding is
319 widespread in particular in the coastal belt located between 89°E and 89.8°E, where the tidal
320 range is seen to decrease under this SLR scenario. The tidal flooding extends far inland there,
321 up to the edge of the model grid, 75km upstream or so. A prominent tidal flooding also
322 appears in the inner part of the delta, between 90°E and 90.6°E, to the north of 22.4°N, up to
323 23°N. To the south of this region, and over the rest of the coastal delta, the currently dry land
324 remains essentially dry in the +1m SLR scenario, thanks to the embankments present there
325 (Figure 1).

326 **4.3 Robustness of the projected changes under other SLR scenarios**

327 As the projected SLR by the end of the 21st century has a large uncertainty bound, it is
328 important to get an idea of the linearity of the response of tidal amplitude change to SLR.
329 Beyond the issue of regional dependency of the sign of the expected change in tidal range
330 (positive vs negative) presented in section 4.2, the past modelling studies of Pickering et al.
331 (2017) and Feng et al. (2019) concluded that a significant fraction of the world coastlines

332 exhibit a non-proportional response, prominently under severe SLR scenarios (typically +2m
333 and beyond), with some regions being above proportional and others being below
334 proportional. We simulated two more severe SLR scenarios (+1.5m and +2m), as well as one
335 moderate scenario (+0.5m) to gain insight into this question over the GBM. The same
336 modelling strategy as for the +1m SLR simulation was followed for these sensitivity
337 experiments, with SLR imposed at the southern open boundary of the model, with 15 days of
338 spin-up and 14 months long simulation. The simulations were similarly subjected to harmonic
339 analysis. We considered the evolution of M2 tidal constituent, as it dominates the tidal signal.
340 Figure 7 illustrates the results for three stations located in the eastern part of the GBM,
341 spanning the region of increased tidal range under SLR. Hiron Point is located in the western
342 part of this sub-region as already mentioned in Section 2, Charchanga is located in the central
343 part of this sub-region at the mouth of Meghna, and Chittagong is located in the eastern part
344 (Figure 1). It is seen that this sub-region shows distinct behaviours from one place to another.
345 The amplitude of M2 appears above-proportional in Charchanga, at the mouth of Meghna,
346 throughout the range of scenarios we tested. While the +0.5m SLR scenario yields a +1.7cm
347 amplitude increase (about +2%), the four-fold +2m SLR scenario shows a +17cm amplitude
348 increase (20%, or ten-fold the rate of the +0.5m scenario). In Hiron Point, the change in tidal
349 range shows a non-linear decreasing behaviour, at a similar rate but of opposite sign of
350 Charchanga. In Chittagong, at the eastern edge of the delta, the response in tidal range
351 increase appears roughly proportional, over the whole range of scenarios we tested.

352 **5. Tidal range evolution along the estuaries**

353 As we have seen, the dominant changes in tidal range induced by SLR over the GBM
354 delta, whether positive or negative, are located inside the estuaries. In this section, we
355 examine closely the response predicted by the model in three estuaries, two exhibiting an
356 amplification (Hooghly and Meghna-Brahmaputra-Ganges) and one exhibiting a dampening
357 (Pussur) of tidal range. Figure 8 presents the profiles of tidal range extracted along the three
358 estuaries, for the present conditions as well as for the various SLR scenarios we tested, from
359 +0.5m to +2.0m. For convenience, the tidal range has been normalized by its value at the
360 mouth of the estuary for all cases.

361 For the Meghna-Brahmaputra-Ganges (Figure 8b), in present conditions, one can see a
362 decay of the tidal range over the first 50km of the estuary, with a minimal value amounting to
363 70% of the value at the mouth, located 50km upstream of the mouth. Then further upstream
364 the range raises mildly up to 90% at 160km upstream of the mouth. This location corresponds

365 to the choke point of Chandpur, where the width of the channel abruptly decreases from 6km
366 to 1km. There the tidal range collapses sharply. Beyond this choke point, further upstream,
367 the tidal range remains around 30% over more than 100km. The decreasing-then-increasing
368 profile seen in the downstream part is expected in this kind of long estuary (Dronkers 1964;
369 Du et al. 2018). All SLR scenarios we tested show a similar profile to the present one, though
370 with an upward shift, all along the estuary. The upward shift appears fairly similar for the first
371 three scenarios (+0.5m, +1.0m and +1.5m), with about 10% of excess tidal range for each
372 0.5m step of SLR over the lower part (downstream of Chandpur bottleneck) and about 5% of
373 excess tidal range again for each 0.5m step, upstream of the bottleneck. When considering the
374 most extreme scenarios though (+1.5m and +2.0m), the upward shift of tidal range is more
375 modest, around 2% for each 0.5m step of SLR, from 130km to 300km from the mouth. This
376 non-proportionality of the response echoes to the behaviour noted at Hiron Point coastal
377 station (Section 4).

378 In Hooghly estuary (Figure 8f), in present conditions we observe a steep increase of tidal
379 range from the mouth up to 60km upstream, with values 25% higher there than the tidal range
380 at the mouth. Further upstream (60km to 110km) the tidal range decreases, but remains
381 superior to the value at the mouth. Upstream of 110km, the tidal range increases again. Just
382 like for Meghna-Brahmaputra-Ganges, the SLR scenarios show a similar profile to the
383 present-day profile for all cases, with an upward shift. The shift also appears quite
384 proportional to the value of SLR we considered from +0.5m to +1.5m, with an additional 5%
385 of tidal range per 0.5m SLR step. From +1.5m to +2.0m SLR, we also note a reduction of the
386 tidal range increase, with values at +2.0m exceeding the values at +1.5m by 2%. For this
387 estuary as well, which is notably shorter than the Meghna-Brahmaputra-Ganges, such a
388 profile of consistently higher tidal range inside the estuary compared to the mouth is also
389 consistent with the theoretical cases of Dronkers (1964) or Du et al. (2018). This can be
390 explained by the length of the Hooghly that is closer to its resonant length (amounting to one-
391 fourth of the tidal wavelength), compared to the Meghna-Brahmaputra-Ganges. Indeed, these
392 estuaries have comparable bathymetry (around 10m throughout, Figure 8), which results in
393 similar tidal wavelength (180km for the Meghna-Brahmaputra-Ganges and 140km for the
394 Hooghly for the semi-diurnal constituents; not shown). For these estuaries, the resonant
395 length thus amounts to about 35-45km.

396 For the Pussur estuary (Figure 8d), the profiles markedly differ from the other two. For
397 present conditions first, we can see a regular increase of tidal range throughout the estuary, up
398 to values 60% above the amplitude of the mouth, 100km upstream of it. This consistent

399 increase is also in line with the past studies (e.g. Du et al. 2018) being an estuary closer to
400 resonance compared to the two others. Indeed, the semi-diurnal tidal wavelength amounts to
401 160km there, yielding a resonant length of 40 km. What is also completely different from the
402 other two estuaries, expectedly, is the decrease of tidal range in all future SLR scenarios, that
403 we had already seen in the +1m SLR scenario (Section 4). Each 0.5m step of SLR yields a
404 decrease of 2% to 10% of tidal range when considering the region located 60km upstream of
405 the mouth. The decrease is larger for the upper steps of SLR (from +1.5m to +2.0m). The
406 most extreme scenario we considered, +2.0m of SLR, yields a profile of tidal range that
407 remains close to the range at the mouth throughout the first 60km, with a moderate increase
408 further upstream up to 25% of the value of the mouth, hereby strongly lowering the effects of
409 estuarine tidal resonance seen in the present conditions.

410 This contrast between increased tidal range in the Meghna and Hooghly, and decreased
411 tidal range in the Pussur, remains intriguing, as no obvious morphological difference can be
412 seen among these estuaries – all are 3 to 5 times longer than the resonant length, about 10m
413 deep throughout, weakly convergent, and probably filled with similar sediment, having
414 similar bottom roughness properties. Figure 6 already provided a clue about the possible role
415 of new intertidal flats in dissipating the tidal energy in the Pussur, in the future SLR scenarios
416 exceeding +1.0m. Du et al. (2018) investigated the tidal response to SLR in idealized
417 estuaries, using a numerical model very similar to ours. They considered the cases of solid
418 boundaries along the estuaries, as well as the case of flat floodable banks, that get submerged
419 in SLR scenarios. Our estuaries have geometries that reasonably look like some of their
420 various idealized cases, both in terms of depth and length. Expectedly, it is seen that the
421 behaviour of our three estuaries are in line with theirs, with reduced tidal range for the
422 overflowing Pussur consistent with the response of their "low-lying flat banks" case, and
423 increased tidal range of both Meghna and Hooghly matching their "V-shape channel".

424 Although our modelling framework, just like that of Du et al. (2018), is dynamically
425 complex (in particular accounting for the non-linearities of the hydrodynamics), and in our
426 case, accounting for the actual geometry of the estuaries at fine scale, it is instructive to
427 interpret our regionally contrasted results in light of the simpler academic cases published in
428 the past studies. The recent review of Talke and Jay (2020) synthesized the idealized
429 framework of constant depth, constant width estuaries, where the tide is subject to linear
430 bottom friction (see their equations 1-2). If we apply this idealized formalism to our three
431 estuaries, we obtain the following. For the Meghna estuary, the semi-diurnal tidal wave (that
432 dominates the tidal signal) has a wavelength of 180km (not shown). The depth of the estuary

433 lies around 10m throughout the lower part (south of Chandpur). The length of the estuary,
434 from the mouth to the choke point of Chandpur, amounts to 80km, that is 40% of the tidal
435 wavelength. Given the Manning coefficient of $0.01\text{s.m}^{-1/3}$ in the estuaries in our model (Krien
436 et al. 2016), this yields a drag coefficient C_d of 5.10^{-4} s^{-1} . The ratio r/ω introduced by Talke
437 and Jay (2020) in their equation (2d) is the linearized friction coefficient normalized by the
438 angular frequency of the tidal wave. As the amplitude of the tidal current amounts to about
439 0.6 m.s^{-1} (not shown), we get a r/ω ratio of about 0.2. These parameters put the estuary in the
440 category of the long (i.e., much longer than the resonant length) and weakly damped channels.
441 The analytical solution of Talke and Jay (2020) indicates that the tidal amplitude would
442 increase by 4% of the SLR magnitude. As we saw in Figure 8b, our model predicts a tidal
443 increase amounting to 20% of the SLR in the lower part of the estuary, in qualitative
444 agreement with the theoretical value. If we apply the same theoretical considerations to the
445 Pussur and Hooghly estuaries, we also find that they fall in the same category of long and
446 weakly damped channels, with predicted increase of the tidal range amounting to 10% for
447 Pussur and 4% for Hooghly. Whereas the value for Hooghly is in line with the 8% increase
448 predicted by our model (Figure 8f), the value for Pussur is not, as our model predicted a
449 *decrease* of the tidal amplitude there, of -15%. This implies that the constant geometry, linear,
450 frictional hydrodynamics of the theoretical model of Talke and Jay (2020) can be invoked to
451 explain the tidal increase for both Meghna and Hooghly estuaries, but it has to be ruled out to
452 explain the tidal decrease in Pussur estuary. One fundamental assumption in the analytical
453 formulation is the constant width, which is certainly not the case in the Pussur at +1m SLR
454 and beyond, given the massive intertidal flooding seen in Figure 6. These additional tidal flats
455 will act as a sink of momentum for the tidal wave, which results in an overall decrease of the
456 tidal amplitude. The contrasted behaviour of Meghna and Hooghly estuaries on the one hand,
457 and Pussur estuary on the other hand, appears in line with the findings of Holleman and
458 Stacey (2014). In their modelling of San Francisco Bay, Holleman and Stacey (2014) indeed
459 concluded to a decrease of the tidal amplitude as a response to extended flooding of near-
460 shore diked areas, under future SLR scenarios; however, they modelled an increase of the
461 tidal amplitude if they assumed a rigid shoreline.

462 **6. Discussion**

463 The tidal range in the GBM is seen to evolve significantly under future SLR scenarios, but
464 in diverse ways, depending on the location. The contrasted pattern we obtain, with decreased
465 amplitude in the western and central part of the continental shelf and slope, and increased

466 amplitude in the north-eastern part of it, is qualitatively consistent with the findings of
467 Pickering et al. (2017). We remind that the two forcing strategies are rather different, as they
468 use a global, coarse tidal model, and we use a regional, high-resolution model, with present-
469 day tidal conditions imposed at our open boundary along 11°N. This suggests that the long-
470 term tidal changes to be expected in the Northern Bay of Bengal are prominently generated
471 regionally, in the northern Bay of Bengal itself. This also proves that our southern open
472 boundary, located in the southern Bay of Bengal along 11°N, is far enough from the GBM
473 coast to allow the free development of tidal anomalies in the inner domain of the model, as a
474 response to SLR.

475 Along the coastline, it is seen that the tidal changes along the open-ocean part of the shore
476 are stronger (positive) both in the eastern and western sides of the delta. This finding is
477 consistent with the seasonal variability of tidal range analysed by Tazkia et al. (2017) using a
478 modelling framework similar to ours. In their study, they concluded that the seasonal changes
479 of M2 amplitude in these two regions were essentially driven by the seasonal variability of the
480 seasonal mean sea level, the wintertime sea level being 0.7m lower than summertime sea
481 level. They pointed towards the reduced bottom friction as the factor responsible for the
482 stronger tidal amplitude seen at higher water level. As a consequence, one may also point
483 towards the reduced frictional effect of the ocean bottom in the generation of the tidal
484 increase in our SLR scenarios, in these two regions.

485 In the central part of the delta, in contrast, the widespread negative pattern of tidal trend
486 corresponds closely to the extent of the tidal flooding induced by SLR. This points towards
487 the increased frictional effect of the tide over these additional extended flooded areas as the
488 process responsible for the decay of tidal amplitude.

489 Inside the estuaries, our model predicts that the tidal changes will be much larger than
490 along the open ocean shoreline in our SLR scenarios, both in terms of absolute magnitude and
491 in terms of percentage of change with respect to current values. Two factors are apparently
492 competing in the frictional behaviour of the estuaries, under SLR conditions – the decreased
493 bottom friction that tends to enhance the tidal amplitude, and the increased sink of dissipation
494 of newly flooded areas that conversely tends to decrease the tidal amplitude. The latter effect
495 dominates the evolution of the dynamical balance in the south-central part of the GBM delta.
496 In contrast, over the rest of the delta, the former factor takes over. In the south-eastern part of
497 the delta in particular, the ubiquitous dikes protecting the polderized land act as rigid
498 boundaries, across the range of SLR scenarios we considered, resulting in a strong tidal
499 amplification there. Thus, the tide appears as an aggravating factor of SLR over both the

500 western and eastern parts of the GBM delta. In contrast, tide stands as a mitigating factor in
501 the south-central delta. In both cases, we make it clear that future studies aiming towards an
502 assessment of the effects of SLR over the GBM delta and associated vulnerability may not
503 leave apart the intricate relationship between tides and SLR. Under a +1m SLR scenario, the
504 aggravating effect of tidal range exceeds 0.3m in the Hooghly estuary around 22.5°N, where
505 the city of Kolkata is located. This mechanically implies that the tide will enhance by about
506 15% of the SLR existing in the ocean, in terms of high-tide water level there. Keeping in
507 mind the socio-economic assets already present in this megacity with 15-million inhabitants
508 (expected to exceed 33 millions by 2050 according to Hoornweg and Pope 2017), the
509 aggravating effect we report in the present study is worth considering in the design of future
510 adaptation policies. The tide will induce a similar aggravation throughout the lower Meghna,
511 with expectedly similar relevance with regards to the local vulnerability. In contrast, the
512 negative trends seen in the tide in the southern and central parts of the delta, associated with
513 prominent tidal flooding across the area in future scenarios, will act as a mitigating factor of
514 SLR. In some places of the inner delta, this mitigation can reach -0.3m of tidal amplitude, or -
515 0.15m of high tide water level, amounting to -15% of the +1.0m SLR we considered. This
516 amount is considerable, in a context where each centimetre will matter in the evolution of the
517 flooding hazard, and associated vulnerability and risk. This points towards managed re-
518 alignment (Esteves 2014) as an engineering policy that deserves consideration, in the
519 geographical context of the Bengal delta.

520 Although the water level extremes are expected to respond in a non-linear way to the
521 superimposition of surges and altered tides in future SLR scenarios, it has to be expected that
522 the increased tidal range will increase the probability of tidal and storm surge flooding in this
523 future scenarios, compared to a situation where one would solely consider the SLR process
524 (Idier et al. 2019). Similarly, the seasonal pluvial and compound flooding can be aggravated
525 in the delta due to an amplified tide, particularly during a synchronized peak of the Ganges
526 and Brahmaputra rivers as seen during 1988 and 1998 monsoon food (Mirza 2002).

527 One limitation of our study resides in our assumption of fixed topography in our future
528 scenarios. It is hard to project what will be the policy implemented in the course of the 21st
529 century over the Bengal delta, in terms of coastal defences. But this policy will certainly have
530 a significant effect on the projections reported here. We also did not account for the vertical
531 land motions nor morphodynamic changes expected to take place over the GBM delta.
532 Although they are not expected to be negligible at centennial timescales, the lack of
533 consistent, synoptic knowledge of the spatial pattern of these vertical motions, precluding a

534 thorough analysis at present, will call for a revisit of our conclusions once such estimates
535 become available.

536 **7. Conclusions**

537 In this study we explore the impact of sea level rise on the tidal properties along the
538 shoreline and estuaries of Bengal delta. From an updated long-term observed timeseries we
539 confirmed that the sea-level along Bengal coast is increasing at a rate of 4mm/year. We also
540 show that the tidal range can increase at a faster rate compared to the mean sea level. From a
541 set of comprehensive modelling exercises using a high-resolution tidal model we show that
542 there is a large, and regionally-dependent response in tidal properties to future sea level rise
543 scenarios. Regionally the tidal range increases with increase in sea level over the south-
544 western and south-eastern part of the delta. This amplification can significantly aggravate the
545 tidal flooding over these densely populated embanked regions. The tidal amplification is
546 particularly strong along the upstream parts of the estuaries in these two regions. In contrast,
547 over the central part of the delta with extended mangrove area, our model suggests a decrease
548 in tidal range. Being free from man-made embankments, this area experiences extended
549 inland inundation which induces a tidal decay through dissipation. The results presented here
550 shows the presence of a strong regionally-dependent non-linear relationship between sea level
551 rise and tidal properties. We conclude that tidal modulation is a significant factor that needs to
552 be accounted for in the analysis of future hydrodynamics, flooding hazard assessment, as
553 well as in delta management policies.

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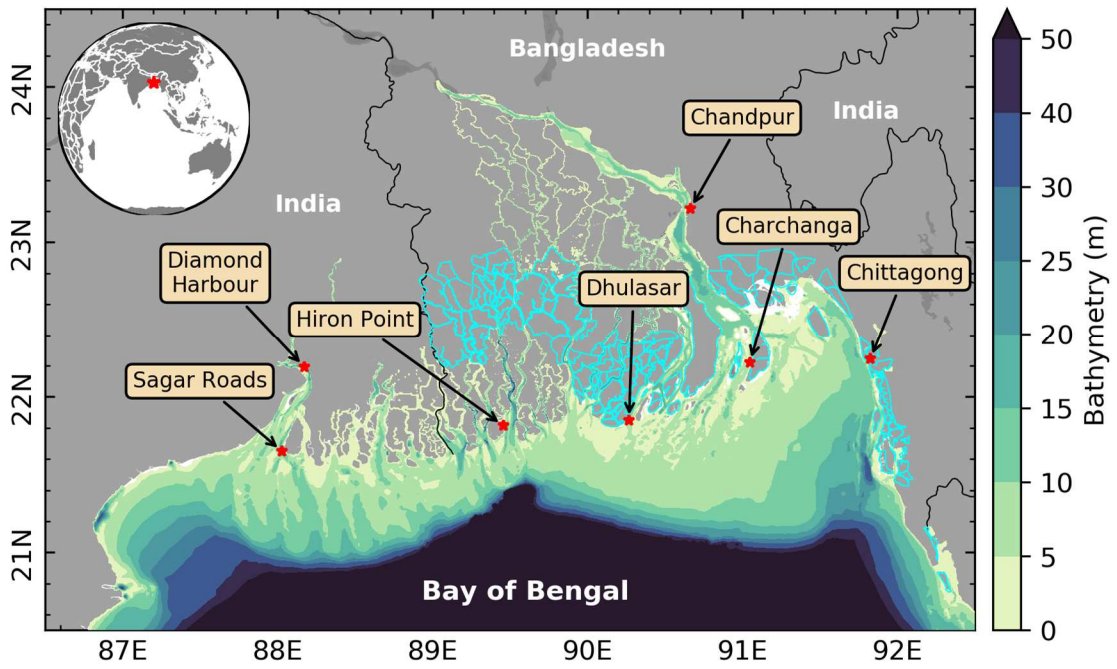
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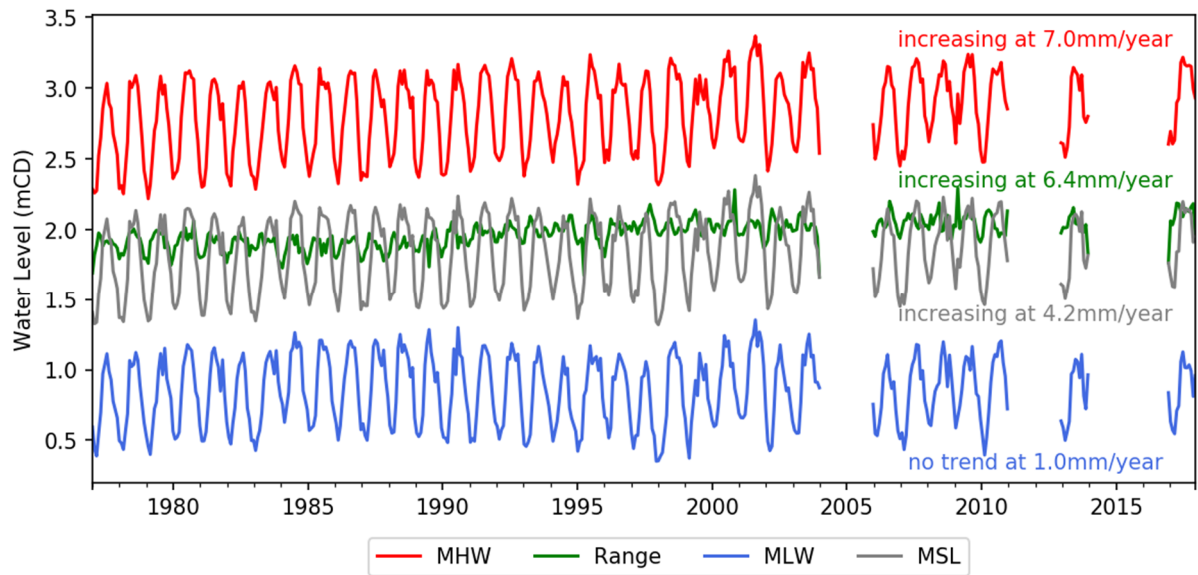
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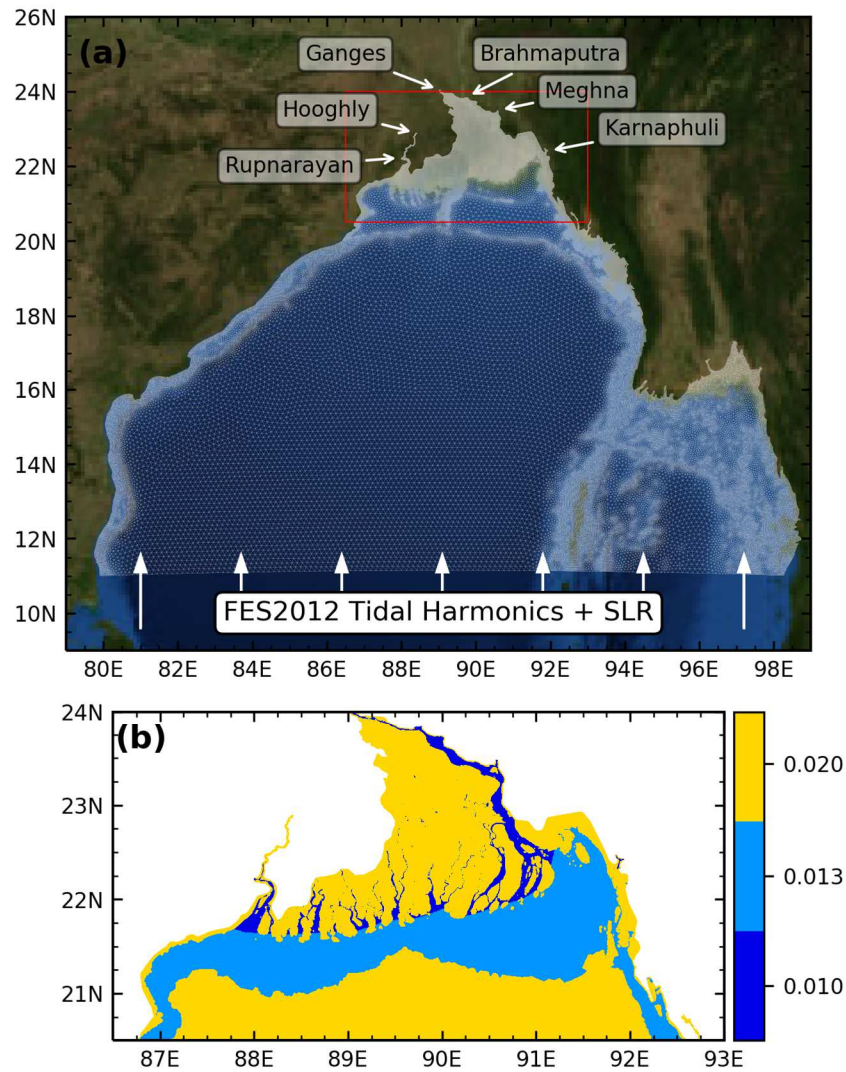
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 743 mapped associated with the color scale. The cyan lines show the limits of the existing polders.
 744 The red stars indicate the location of the main tide gauges stations.
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747 Figure 2 Monthly-mean (28-days) timeseries of observed water level at Hiron Point tide
 748 gauge. The red curve shows the mean high water (MHW), the blue curve shows the mean low
 749 water (MLW), the green curve shows the mean tidal range (Range), the grey curve shows the
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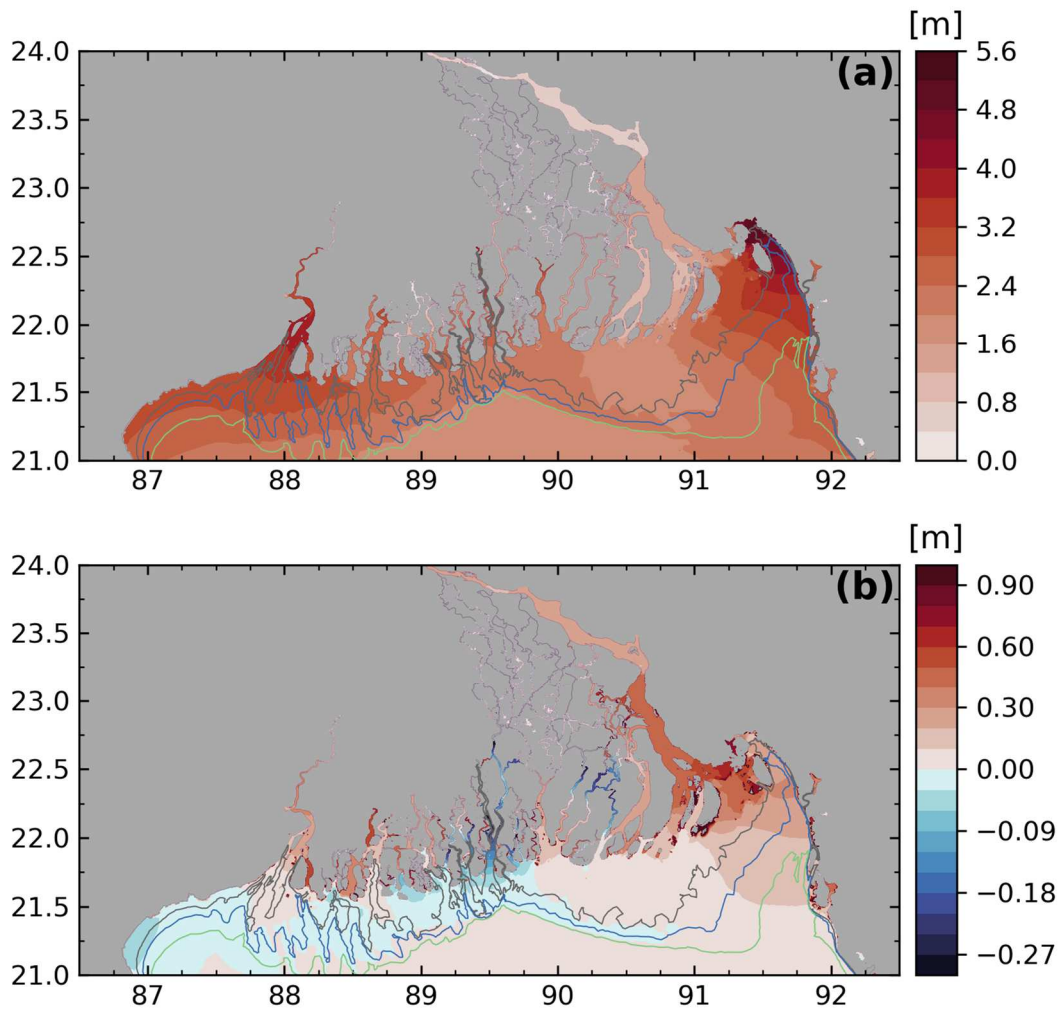
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753 Figure 3. (a) Model mesh over the computational domain with indication of the open
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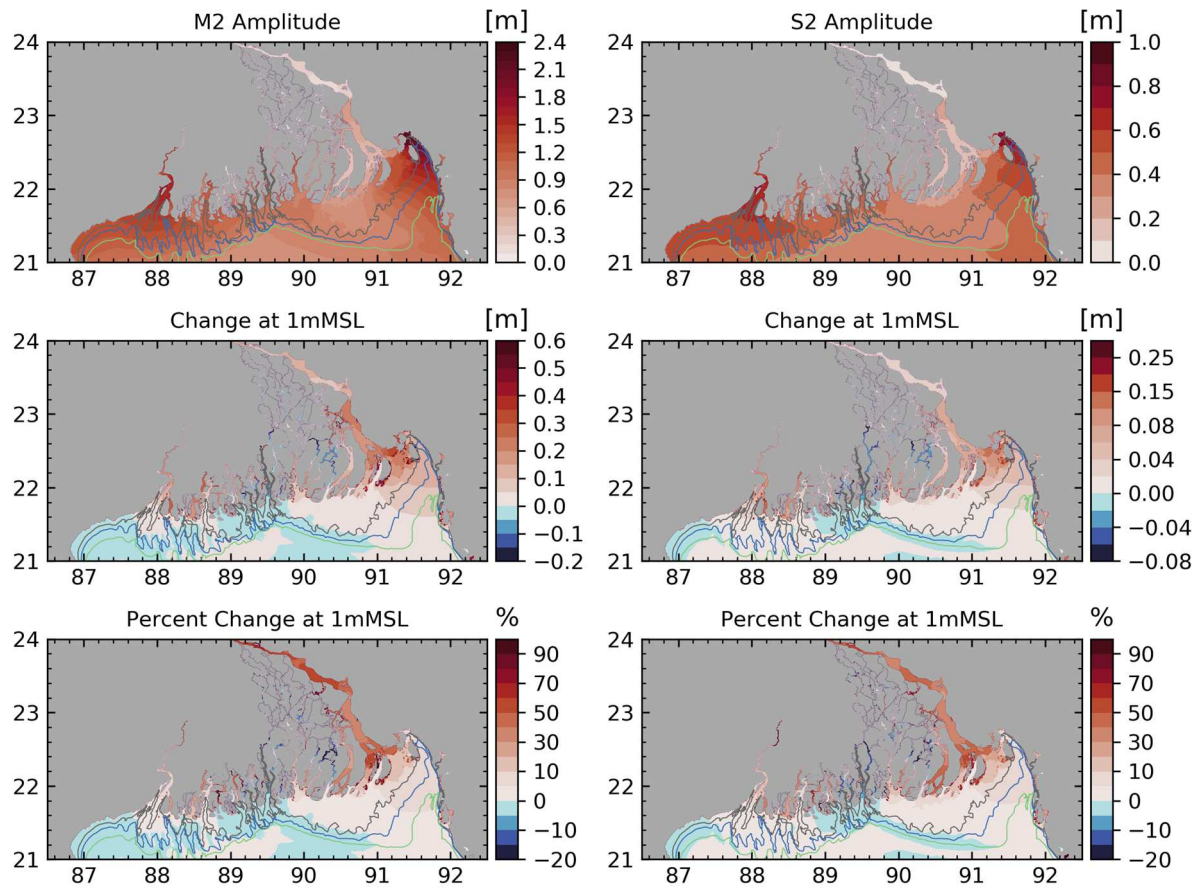


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758 Figure 4. (a) Mean tidal range for the reference simulation, corresponding to present-day
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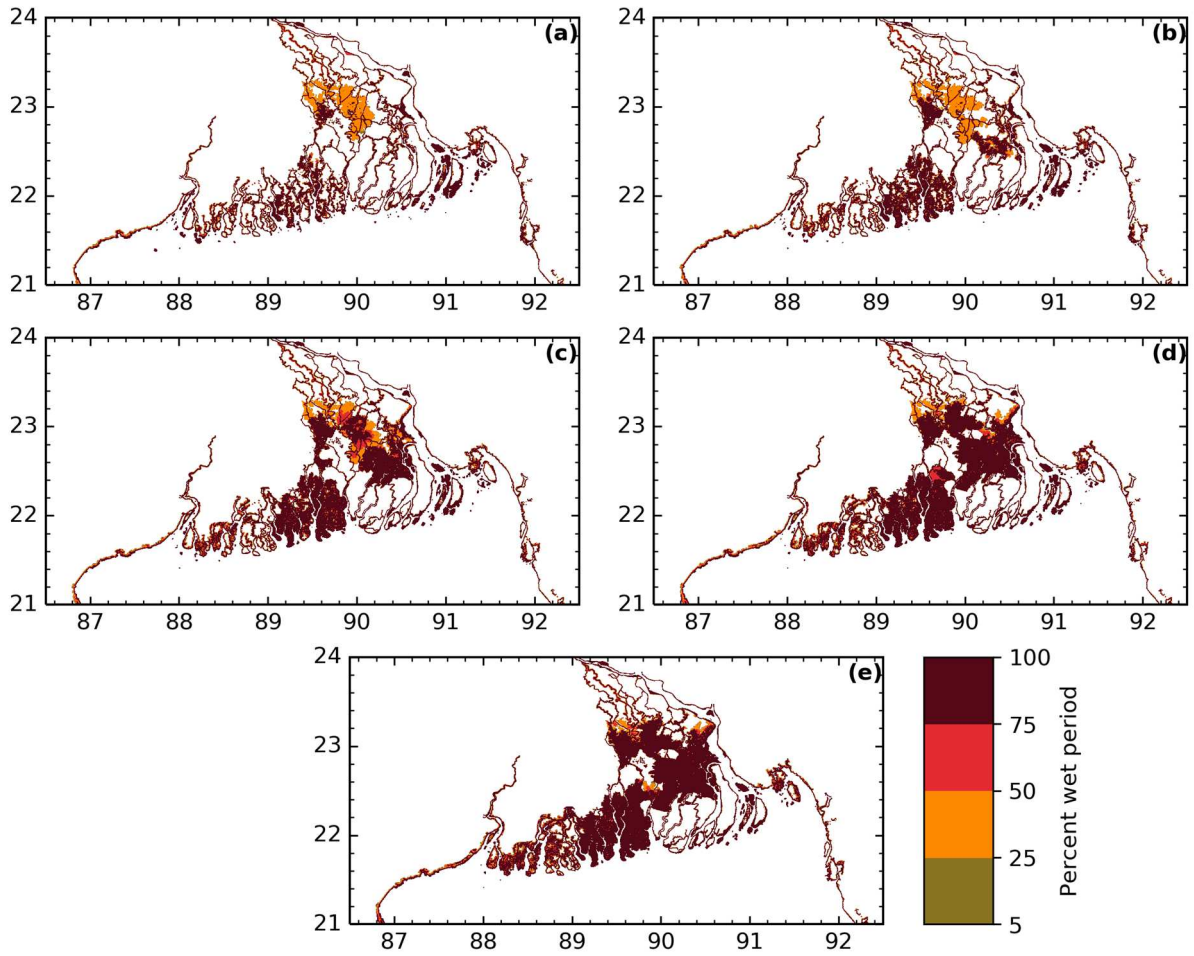
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Figure 5. Amplitude in the reference simulation and difference between the amplitude with +1m SLR and reference simulations of M2 tidal constituent (left) and for S2 tidal constituent (right). The bottom row shows the difference between the two simulations, expressed in percentage of the amplitudes in the reference simulation.

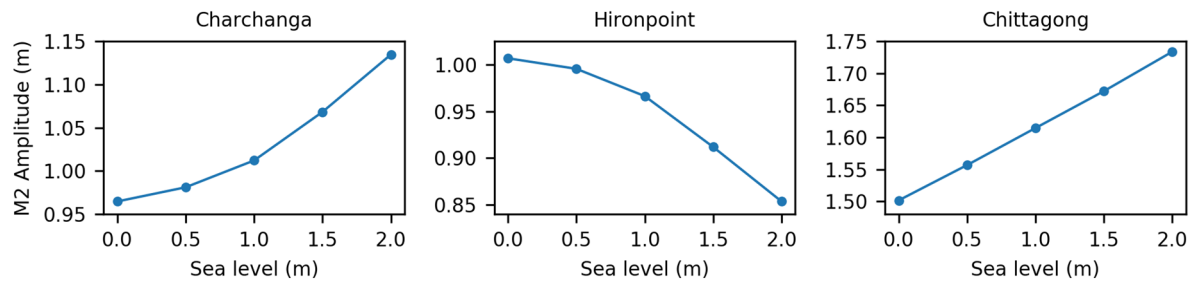


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769 Figure 6. Map of the frequency of inundation over the model domain, for the reference
 770 simulation (a) as well as for the various SLR scenarios we simulated, from +0.5m (b) to +2m
 771 (e) with 0.5m stepping. For the sake of readability, we did not shade the already permanent
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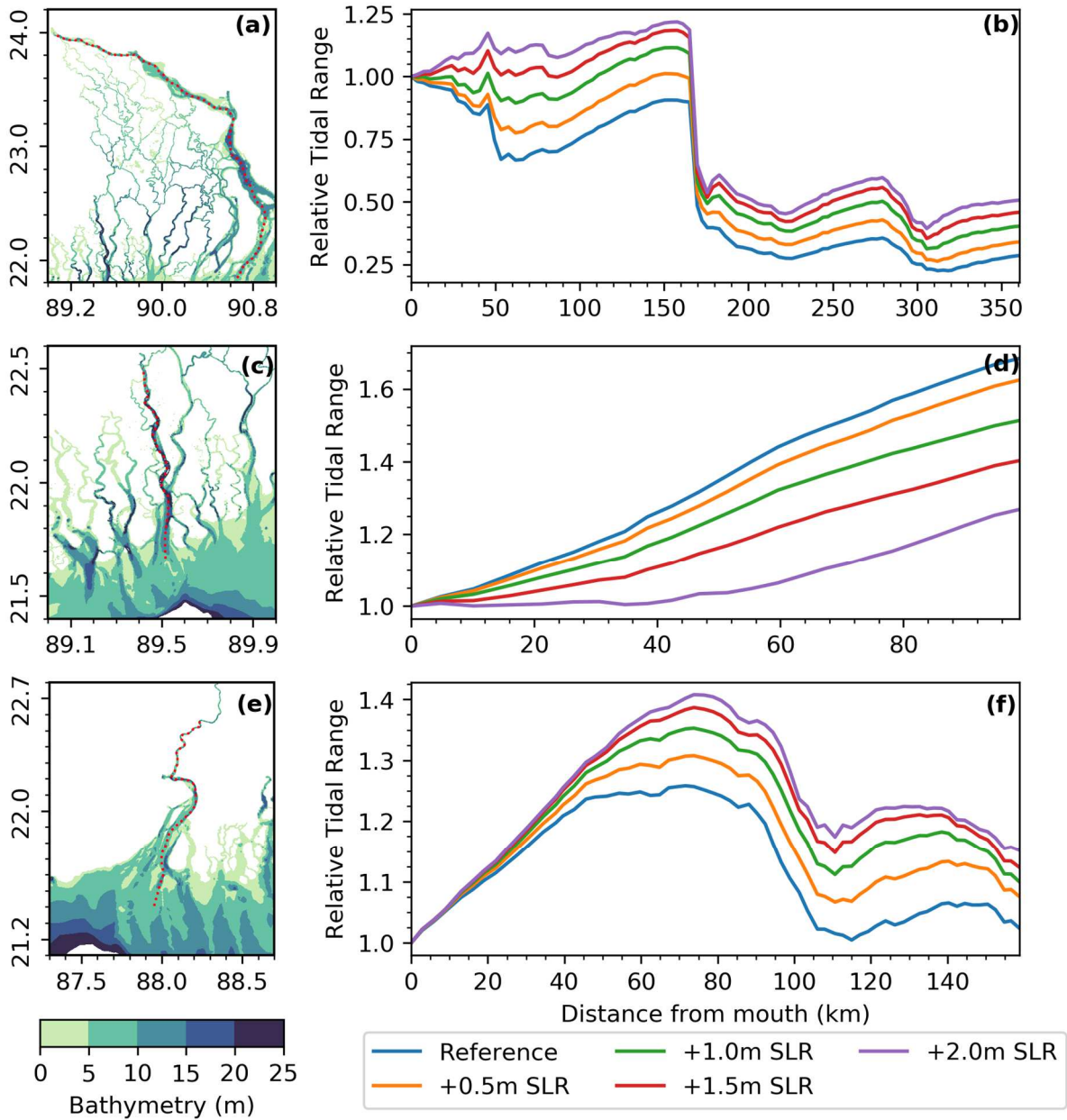


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776 Figure 7. M2 amplitude modelled at the location of Charchanga (left), Hiron Point (centre)
 777 and Chittagong (right), as a function of the magnitude of SLR we imposed in our model, from
 778 0m (reference simulation) to +2.0m (most extreme scenario).

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 782 Figure 8. Bathymetry of the three estuaries considered – Meghna-Ganges-Brahmaputra (a),
 783 Pussur (c), and Hooghly (e). Along-estuary profile of tidal range, normalized by the tidal
 784 range of the mouth of the Meghna-Ganges-Brahmaputra (b), Pussur (d), and Hooghly (f).
 785 Tidal ranges are shown for the reference simulation (blue) as well as for the SLR scenarios we
 786 considered (orange for +0.5m, green for +1.0m, red for +1.5m, violet for +2.0m). The paths
 787 of extraction are displayed in red in the maps.

788 Table 1. Amplitudes (A) and errors (σ_s) are in centimetres, phases (Φ) is in degrees. Because of their location far upstream in the estuaries,
 789 Diamond Harbour and Chandpur, are not represented in global tidal models (FES, GOT, and TPXO).

Station	Observation	FES2012-Hydro					FES2012			GOT4.8			TPX07.2			Krien2016			Current model		
		A ₀	Φ_0	A _m	Φ_m	Error	A _m	Φ_m	Error	A _m	Φ_m	Error	A _m	Φ_m	Error	A _m	Φ_m	Error	A _m	Φ_m	Error
Sagar Roads (88.0300°E, 21.6500°N)	M2	140	116	142	99	42	137	104	29	113	113	27	132	104	28	143	116	3	144	115	5
	S2	66	150	73	141	13	62	141	11	40	145	40	48	126	29	62	155	7	62	153	5
	K1	15	262	17	256	2	16	253	3	14	277	14	14	258	1	17	265	2	16	265	1
	O1	5	250	6	251	1	6	243	1	5	270	2	5	252	0.4	6	248	1	6	252	1
	σ_s					31			22			27			29			6			5
Diamond Harbour (88.1733°E, 22.1928°N)	M2	157	168												166	161	21	142	166	16	
	S2	68	210												68	207	4	58	209	10	
	K1	15	285												16	284	1	13	286	2	
	O1	7	258												5	253	2	5	258	2	
	σ_s																	15			14
Hiron Point (89.4780°E, 21.8169°N)	M2	81	127	86	88	56	87	91	52	80	88	53	104	110	35	81	115	17	100	115	27
	S2	34	159	45	121	28	40	122	24	37	118	25	37	136	14	35	148	7	42	151	9
	K1	13	268	15	250	5	16	252	5	14	248	5	14	261	2	15	265	2	15	266	2
	O1	5	258	6	244	2	6	238	2	5	244	1	5	256	0.3	6	245	1	6	255	1
	σ_s					44			40			42			27			13			20
Dhulasar (90.2700°E, 21.8500°N)	M2	73	158	68	114	52	80	117	53	79	117	54	86	121	51	51	156	22	68	143	19
	S2	35	193	39	141	33	39	142	32	39	146	29	35	135	34	20	194	15	29	180	10
	K1	13	286	15	262	6	16	256	8	15	260	6	15	255	8	12	297	3	13	288	1
	O1	4	278	6	256	3	6	243	3	6	256	3	6	250	3	5	280	1	6	274	2
	σ_s					44			44			44			44			19			15
Charchanga (91.0500°E, 22.2188°N)	M2	96	234	110	202	57	115	208	50	97	204	49	84	164	103	67	208	46	96	217	28
	S2	37.5	265	38	238	18	30	243	15	34	234	19	36	186	47	27	241	17	37	250	9
	K1	13	304	17	298	4	16	300	4	7	314	6	16	272	8	14	309	2	17	309	4
	O1	8	285	7	289	1	6	284	2	4	303	4	6	267	3	8	289	0	8	293	1
	σ_s					43			37			37			80			35			21
Chittagong (91.8274°E, 22.2434°N)	M2	173	196	118	193	56	126	200	49	120	192	54	89	153	123	156	198	18	149	195	24
	S2	64	229	41	230	23	33	236	31	43	227	21	40	160	62	58	235	9	55	226	10
	K1	19	278	17	294	6	17	295	6	9	300	11	16	258	7	20	289	4	19	285	2
	O1	8	263	7	285	3	6	280	3	4	289	5	6	252	2	8	269	1	8	267	1
	σ_s					43			41			42			98			14			18
Chandpur (90.6385°E, 23.2344°N)	M2	30	31																34	334	31
	S2	11	62																11	6	10
	K1	6	29																5	22	1
	O1	3	13																4	357	1
	σ_s																				23