

1 **Formulation of a new explicit tidal scheme in revised LICOM2.0**

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21 **ABSTRACT**

22 Tides play an important role in ocean energy transfer and mixing, and provide major energy for
23 maintaining thermohaline circulation. This study proposes a new explicit tidal scheme and
24 assesses its performance in a global ocean model. Instead of using empirical specifications of
25 tidal amplitudes and frequencies, the new scheme directly uses the positions of the Moon and
26 Sun in a global ocean model to incorporate tides. Compared with the traditional method that has
27 specified tidal constituents, the new scheme can better simulate the diurnal and spatial
28 characteristics of the tidal potential of spring and neap tides as well as the spatial patterns and
29 magnitudes of major tidal constituents (K1 and M2). It significantly reduces the total errors of
30 eight tidal constituents (with the exception of N2 and Q1) in the traditional explicit tidal scheme,
31 in which the total errors of K1 and M2 are reduced by 21.85% and 32.13%, respectively.
32 Relative to the control simulation without tides, both the new and traditional tidal schemes can
33 lead to better dynamic sea level (DSL) simulation in the North Atlantic, reducing significant
34 negative biases in this region. The new tidal scheme also shows smaller positive bias than the
35 traditional scheme in the Southern Ocean. The new scheme is suited to calculate regional
36 distributions of sea level height in addition to tidal mixing.

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38 **1. Introduction**

39 Diapycnal mixing plays a crucial role in the interior stratification of global oceans and
40 meridional overturning circulation. To sustain the mixing, a continuous supply of mechanical
41 energy is needed (Huang 1999; MacKinnon 2013). It has been suggested that the breaking of
42 internal tides is a major contribution to diapycnal mixing in deep seas (Wang et al., 2017),
43 whereas the breaking of internal waves generated by surface wind is a major source within the
44 upper ocean (Wunsch and Ferrari 2004). Through the analysis of observational data and
45 numerical model simulations, previous studies have shown that tides can provide about 1TW of
46 mechanical energy for maintaining the thermohaline circulation, accounting for about half of the
47 total mechanical energy (Egbert and Ray, 2003; Jayne and Laurent, 2001). Local strong tidal
48 mixing also affects ocean circulations on a basin scale. For instance, tidal mixing in both the
49 Luzon Strait and South China Sea has a pronounced impact on water mass properties and, in the
50 South China Sea, has intermediate–deep layer circulation features (Wang et al., 2017). Due to
51 interactions with sea ice, tidal mixing in the Arctic seas could modify the salinity budget, which
52 further affects the deep thermohaline circulation in the North Atlantic (Postlethwaite et al., 2011).
53 Therefore, it is necessary to fully consider the effects of tidal processes in state-of-the-art ocean
54 models.

55 Tides were omitted in the early ocean general circulation models (OGCMs) in which the
56 “rigid-lid” approximation is applied to increase the integration time steps of the barotropic
57 equation for computational efficiency, which filtered out the gravity waves including the tides.

58 Free surface methods were later introduced to ocean models (e.g., Zhang and Liang, 1989;
59 Killworth et al., 1991; Zhang and Endoh, 1992), but tides were often neglected since the focus of
60 many studies has been on the variations in large-scale ocean general circulations on much longer
61 time scales than tides. With the development of theories of ocean general circulations and the
62 recognition of the importance of tides on large-scale circulations, the effects of tides have begun
63 to be considered in OGCMs in the last twenty years.

64 The tidal processes are typically incorporated into OGCMs in two different ways. One is in
65 an implicit form and the other is in an explicit form. The implicit form uses an indirect
66 parameterization scheme that does not simulate the tides themselves (Laurent et al. 2002). It
67 enhances mixing, especially for deep seas and coastal areas, to represent the tidal effects. This
68 type of mixing scheme was first applied in a coarse-resolution OGCM by Simmons et al. (2004),
69 and their results show that the biases of ocean temperature and salinity are substantially smaller.
70 Saenko and Merryfield (2005) reported that this type of parameterization scheme contributes to
71 the amplification of bottom-water circulation especially for the Antarctic Circumpolar Current
72 and deep-sea stratification. Yu et al. (2017) pointed out that the tidal mixing scheme has a
73 significant effect on the simulation of the Atlantic meridional overturning circulation (AMOC)
74 intensity in OGCM. This parameterization type is mainly used for internal-tide generation, in
75 which the resultant vertical mixing is ad hoc, with an arbitrarily prescribed exponential vertical
76 decay (Melet et al., 2013).

77 The explicit form incorporates the tidal forcing into the barotropic equation of free-surface
78 OGCMs. The typical tidal forcing consists of four primary diurnal (K1, O1, P1 and Q1) and four
79 primary semidiurnal (M2, S2, N2 and K2) constituents. Each of the constituents is determined by
80 a prescribed amplitude, frequency and phase (Griffies et al. 2009). The explicit tidal forcing has
81 been implemented in several OGCMs in recent decades (Thomas et al., 2001; Zhou et al., 2002;
82 Schiller, 2004; Schiller and Fiedler, 2007; Müller et al., 2010). Arbic et al. (2010) reported the
83 first explicit incorporation of tides into an eddy-resolving OGCM that led to a drastic
84 improvement in the interaction between tides and mesoscale eddies.

85 The purpose of this study is to propose a new explicit tidal scheme in a CMIP6 class of
86 OGCMs (Phase 6 of the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project) and assess its performance.
87 The scheme is directly based on the actual position of the Sun and Moon relative to the Earth and
88 calculates precise gravitational tidal forcing instead of applying the empirical constants of tidal
89 amplitudes and frequencies.

90 The structure of this paper is as follows: the new explicit tidal scheme is introduced in
91 section 2. The model configuration, numerical experiment design and data used in this study are
92 described in section 3. Section 4 presents the results of the numerical experiment. Section 5
93 contains a summary and discussion.

94 **2. The new explicit tidal forcing**

95 Tidal forcing is mainly the result of the combination of the gravitational pull exerted by the
96 Moon and Sun and inertial centrifugal forces generated by the Earth's rotation. First, we only

97 take the Moon as an example for simplicity (Fig. 1); the vertical tidal force can be ignored,
 98 which is far less than the gravity, and is part of the force in the hydrostatic balance. Assuming
 99 that the Earth is a rigid body, the horizontal tide-generating force is (Cartwright, 1999; Boon,
 100 2004):

$$F_{tide,m} = \frac{GM_m}{L^2} \sin(\theta_m + r) - \frac{GM_m}{D_m^2} \sin \theta_m \quad (1)$$

101 where $F_{tide,m}$ represents the horizontal tide-generating force generated by the moon, the first
 102 term on the right-hand side is the horizontal gravitational force at the surface, and the second
 103 term is the horizontal gravitational force at the center that should be equal to the inertial
 104 centrifugal force. G is the universal gravitation constant which can also be denoted as $g \frac{a^2}{E}$
 105 (where g is gravitational acceleration, E is the mass of the Earth, and a is the radius of the Earth),
 106 M_m is the mass of the moon, r is the angle between the Moon pointing to the center of the Earth
 107 and point X, L and θ_m are the distance and zenith angle of the Moon and an arbitrary position X
 108 on the Earth (Fig. 1). Therefore, $F_{tide,m}$ can be considered the deviation of the horizontal
 109 gravitational force at the surface from that at the center of the Earth.

110 According to analytic geometry and the law of cosines, we can obtain:

$$\sin(\theta_m + r) = \frac{D_m \sin \theta_m}{L} \quad (2)$$

$$L^2 = D_m^2 + a^2 - 2aD_m \cos \theta_m \quad (3)$$

111 Where, D_m is Earth-Moon distance. Based on the above three equations, equation (1) can be
 112 written as (see Supplement):

$$F_{tide,m} \approx \frac{3}{2} \frac{M_m}{E} \left(\frac{a}{D_m} \right)^3 g \sin 2\theta_m \quad (4)$$

113 To compare with the traditional explicit tidal forcing formula of the eight most important
 114 constituents of the diurnal and semidiurnal tides, the instantaneous tidal height (tidal potential)
 115 caused by moon due to equilibrium tides is diagnosed by the spatial integration of equation (4):

$$\eta_{tide,m} = \int_{\Theta}^{\theta_m} (F_{tide,m} \cdot a) d\theta_m \quad (5)$$

116 Where, Θ is the zenith angle of the zero potential energy surface. With the global total tidal
 117 height at zero, $\cos^2 \Theta = 1/3$. Therefore, the instantaneous tidal height is:

$$\eta_{tide,m} = \frac{M_m}{E} \frac{a^4}{D_m^3} \frac{h}{2} (3\cos^2 \theta_m - 1) \quad (6)$$

118 where the love number h is introduced to represent the reduction in tidal forcing caused by the
 119 deformation of the solid Earth. It is usually set equal to 0.7 (Wahr, 1981; Griffies 2004), which is
 120 adopted here.

121 Therefore, the tidal potential after taking into account tidal forcing due to both the Moon
 122 and Sun is as follows:

$$\eta_{tide} = \frac{M_m}{E} \frac{a^4}{D_m^3} \frac{h}{2} (3\cos^2 \theta_m - 1) + \frac{M_s}{E} \frac{a^4}{D_s^3} \frac{h}{2} (3\cos^2 \theta_s - 1) \quad (7)$$

123 The zenith angle θ_m is calculated as follows:

$$\cos \theta_m = \sin \varphi \sin \varphi_m + \cos \varphi \cos \varphi_m \cos(\lambda_m - \lambda) \quad (8)$$

124 where φ and λ are the latitude and longitude of the position X on the Earth, respectively; φ_m and
 125 λ_m are the latitude and longitude of the projection point of the Moon on the Earth, respectively,
 126 and are both functions of universal time (Montenbruck and Gill, 2000). The zenith angle θ_s is
 127 similarly calculated.

128 Finally, explicit tidal forcing is introduced into the equation of barotropic mode motion:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla_h p_{as} - g' \nabla_h (\alpha \eta - \eta_{tide}) + \bar{P} + f \vec{k} \times \vec{V} + \tau_{tide} \quad (9)$$

129 where \vec{V} is the barotropic velocity, $\nabla_h = (\partial/\partial x, \partial/\partial y)$; p_{as} is the sea surface air pressure; $g' =$
130 $g\rho/\rho_0$ and $\alpha = 0.948$ represent the self-attraction of the Earth and the correction generated by
131 full self-attraction and loading (SAL) (Hendershott, 1972), which refers to the redistribution of
132 the sea surface height between the Earth and the ocean due to the existence of tide-generating
133 potential. SAL treatment is a scalar approximation in order to make the calculation feasible.
134 Currently, many tidal studies have applied SAL treatment (Simmons et al., 2004; Schiller and
135 Fiedler, 2007; Griffies 2008; Arbic et al., 2010). η is the sea surface fluctuation and η_{tide} is the
136 instantaneous sea surface height due to equilibrium tides. \bar{P} represents the force from the
137 vertically integrated baroclinicity in the ocean columns, and the last term on the right side of the
138 equation (10) is the vertically integrated Coriolis force. Introduction of tidal forcing leads to
139 disrupt the dynamical balance of the ocean circulation in the original OGCM (Sakamoto et al.,
140 2013), and Arbic et al (2010) pointed out the global tidal simulations must include parameterized
141 topographic wave drag in order to accurately simulate the tides, we added a drag term τ_{tide} , in
142 barotropic equation, including parameterized internal wave drag due to the oscillating flow over
143 the topography and the wave drag term due to the undulation of the sea surface (Jayne and
144 Laurent, 2001; Simmons et al. 2004; Schiller and Fiedler, 2007).

145 **3. Model description, numerical experimental design and data**

146 **3.1 Model**

147 The OGCM in this study is the second revised version of the LASG/IAP's (State Key
148 Laboratory of Numerical Modeling for Atmospheric Sciences and Geophysical Fluid
149 Dynamics/Institute of Atmospheric Physics) climate system ocean model (LICOM2.0) (Liu et al.,
150 2012; Dong et al., 2021), which adopts the free surface scheme in η -coordinate models and offers
151 the opportunity to explicitly resolve tides. The model domain is located between 78.5°S and
152 87.5°N with a 1° zonal resolution. The meridional resolution is refined to 0.5° between 10°S and
153 10°N and is increased gradually from 0.5° to 1° between 10° and 20°. There are 30 levels in the
154 vertical direction with 10m per layer in the upper 150m. Based on the original version of
155 LICOM2.0, key modifications have been made: (1) a new sea surface salinity boundary
156 condition was introduced that is based on the physical process of air–sea flux exchange at the
157 actual sea–air interface (Jin et al., 2017); (2) intra-daily air–sea interactions are resolved by
158 coupling the atmospheric and oceanic model components once every 2h; and (3) a new
159 formulation of the turbulent air–sea fluxes (Fairall et al., 2003) was introduced. The model has
160 been used as the ocean component model of the Chinese Academy of Sciences Earth System
161 Model (CAS-ESM 2.0) in its CMIP6 simulations (Zhang et al., 2020; Dong et al., 2021; Jin et al.,
162 2021).

163 **3.2 Numerical experimental design**

164 To investigate the effect of tidal processes on the simulation of the ocean climate, three sets
165 of experiments were conducted in the present study. The control experiment used the default
166 LICOM2.0 without tidal forcing (denoted as “CTRL” hereafter); Exp1 used the traditional

167 explicit tidal forcing formula of the eight most important constituents of the diurnal and
168 semidiurnal tides proposed by Griffies et al. (2009), and Exp2 used the new tidal forcing scheme.

169 For the control experiment, the Coordinated Ocean-ice Reference Experiments-I (CORE I)
170 protocol proposed by Griffies et al. (2009) was employed, and the repeating annual cycle of
171 climate atmospheric forcing from Large and Yeager (2004) was used. The model was firstly
172 spun up for 300 years in order to reach a quasi-equilibrium state. All three experiments started
173 from the quasi-equilibrium state (300th year) of the spin-up experiment and are integrated for 50
174 years under the same CORE I forcing fields. The diapycnal mixing of Laurent et al. (2002) and
175 Simmons et al. (2004) was also applied to the baroclinic momentum and tracer equations. The
176 hourly output of sea surface height in the last 10 years of the two tidal experiments was used to
177 conduct the harmonic analysis and obtain the spatial information of tidal constituents.

178 **3.3 Data**

179 TPXO9v2 is the assimilated data from a hydrodynamic model of the barotropic tides
180 constrained by a satellite altimetry (Egbert and Erofeeva, 2002). To verify the effect of the two
181 tidal schemes for high tidal amplitude regions, we also used two tidal stations, Yakutat (59.54°N,
182 139.73°W) and the Diego Ramirez Islands (56.56°S, 68.67°W), where the spectrum analysis was
183 carried out. The station observations are from the sea level Data Assembly Center (DAC) of the
184 World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE) (Ponchaut et al., 2001). The data obtained from
185 the Archiving, Validation and Interpretation of Satellite Oceanographic data (AVISO)
186 (Schneider et al., 2013) are used in the observation of the dynamic sea level (DSL).

187 **4. Result**

188 **4.1 Tidal forcing**

189 Tides include spring tides, which are on the same line with the Sun, the Earth and the Moon,
190 and neap tides, which are when the Sun, the Earth and the Moon are not aligned. Figure 2 and
191 Figure 3 show the spatial distributions of spring and neap tidal height η_{tide} calculated by the two
192 tidal schemes. As expected, the two types of tides in Exp1 and Exp2 both have significant
193 diurnal variations and exhibit a phase shift from east to west (Fig. 2). Both experiments
194 simulated similar positions of the positive centers for spring tides, which are consistent with the
195 overlap of the projected positions of the Moon and the Sun. It is important to note that the
196 negative regions of the spring tide simulated in Exp2 exhibit large non-closed circular bands,
197 which represents the elliptic model of the equilibrium tide theory (Schwiderski, 1980), and this is
198 absent in Exp1 where the traditional explicit eight tidal constituents scheme is used.

199 There are pronounced differences in neap tides between Exp1 and Exp2 (Fig. 3). The neap
200 tide simulated in Exp2 shows a larger meridional variation, the positive regions are mainly
201 concentrated in the middle and low latitudes, the negative regions are mainly concentrated in the
202 high latitudes of the two hemispheres, because the projection positions of the Sun and Moon are
203 located in the middle and low latitudes, resulting in the relatively weaker tidal potential in the
204 high latitudes farther away from the projection position, which is consistent with the results of
205 Gill (2015). However, Exp1 presents a larger zonal variation (positive-negative-positive-negative
206 pattern), and the negative regions are concentrated in the middle and low latitudes rather than the

207 high latitudes, and the tidal potential in the polar regions is even higher than the negative regions
 208 in low latitudes, which means that the projection position of the sun is incorrect, locating at high
 209 latitudes rather than at low latitudes. Therefore, the new tidal scheme can better represent the
 210 position of the Sun compared to the traditional scheme.

211 **4.2 Tidal constituents**

212 The harmonic analysis of the hourly sea surface height data simulated by the two tidal
 213 schemes is carried out in order to obtain the amplitude and phase of each major tidal constituent.
 214 TPXO9v2 is used as the observed data (Egbert and Erofeeva, 2002). In this study, we mainly
 215 focus on the amplitudes and phases of the two largest constituents among the eight tidal
 216 constituents, including a full diurnal constituent of K1 and a half-diurnal constituent of M2. To
 217 quantitatively compare the simulations of tidal constituents by the two schemes, we calculated
 218 the mean square error following Shriver et al. (2012):

$$total\ error^2 = \left[\frac{1}{2} (A_{model} - A_{TPXO})^2 \right] + [A_{model} A_{TPXO} (1 - \cos(\phi_{model} - \phi_{TPXO}))] \quad (11)$$

219 where A_{model} and A_{TPXO} are simulated and observed amplitudes, respectively, and ϕ_{model} and
 220 ϕ_{TPXO} are simulated and observed phases, respectively. The total error in each tidal constituent
 221 can be divided into amplitude error and amplitude-weighted phase error (phase error); the former
 222 is the first term on the right side of equation (11), and the latter is the second term on the right
 223 side of equation (11).

224 Figure 4 shows the respective amplitudes and phases of K1 for the observation, Exp1, and
 225 Exp2, the total errors for the two experiments against the observation, and the difference in the

226 total errors between the two experiments. The amplitudes and phases of K1 simulated in both
227 Exp1 and Exp2 are similar to the observation (Fig. 4a–4c). The large values of the amplitudes of
228 K1 are located in the North Pacific Ocean, Indonesia, Ross Sea and Weddell Sea. However,
229 Exp1 simulated a larger amplitude of K1, and the extent of the large amplitude is too excessive,
230 especially for the North Pacific Ocean and Southern Ocean, compared to the extent of the large
231 amplitude in the observation and Exp2, which is consistent with the results of Yu et al. (2016).
232 The simulated amplitude of K1 by Exp2 is significantly improved and closer to the observation.
233 The global mean values of K1 are 11.58cm, 14.74cm and 10.50cm for the observation, Exp1 and
234 Exp2, respectively.

235 The total error patterns of K1 in Exp1 and Exp2 show similar distributions (Fig. 4d and 4e);
236 large values are located in the Southern Ocean and the North Pacific. The total error of K1 in
237 Exp2 is smaller than in Exp1 in most regions except for the Arabian Sea, especially for the
238 Southern Ocean, the North Pacific and the eastern equatorial Pacific (Fig. 4f). The global mean
239 total errors of the K1 in Exp1 and Exp2 are 7.43cm and 6.28cm, respectively. According to
240 formula (11), the total error of K1 is divided into amplitude error and phase error (Fig. 5).
241 Compared with Exp1, the amplitude error of K1 is significantly improved in most regions,
242 especially for the large amplitude of K1 regions, which is the main reason for the smaller total
243 error of K1 in Exp2, although the phase error is also slightly reduced; this suggests that the new
244 tidal scheme leads to a better simulation of the amplitude and phase of K1, especially for the
245 amplitude simulation. The global mean of the amplitude errors in Exp1 and Exp2 are 4.97cm and

246 3.73cm, respectively, and the corresponding phase errors in both experiments are 5.52cm and
247 5.06cm, respectively.

248 M2 is known to be the largest tidal constituent (Griffies et al. 2009). Figure 6 shows the
249 respective amplitudes and phases of M2 for the observation, Exp1, and Exp2, as well as the total
250 errors for the two experiments against the observation and the difference in the total errors
251 between the two experiments. Both Exp1 and Exp2 can reasonably simulate the overall spatial
252 distribution patterns of M2's amplitude and phase (Fig. 6a–6c). The maximum values of the
253 amplitude are located in the Bay of Alaska, the eastern equatorial Pacific, Sman sea and the
254 North Atlantic. The amplitudes of M2 simulated in both Exp1 and Exp2 are larger than the
255 observation, especially for Ross Sea and Weddell Sea, though Exp2 exhibits some alleviation of
256 the bias when compared to Exp1. The global mean values of M2 are 33.30cm, 42.76cm and
257 38.29cm for the observation, Exp1 and Exp2, respectively.

258 The total error patterns of M2 in Exp1 and Exp2 also show similar features (Fig. 6d and 6e);
259 the large values are located in the large amplitude of M2 regions, noting the smaller magnitude
260 of the total error of M2 in Exp2 relative to Exp1 in most regions. The global mean of total error
261 in Exp2 (24.42cm) is obviously lower than in Exp1 (37.21cm). In addition, the amplitude error
262 and the phase error of M2 in Exp2 are both improved, the global mean of amplitude errors in
263 Exp1 and Exp2 are 14.77cm and 12.86cm, respectively, and the corresponding phase errors in
264 Exp1 and Exp2 are 34.16cm and 20.76cm, respectively. Inconsistent with K1, the smaller total
265 error of M2 in Exp2 relative to Exp1 is mainly the result of the phase error; in particular, the

266 phase errors of Exp2 are almost eliminated in the Indian Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean (Fig. 7).
267 This indicates the new tidal scheme results in the better simulation of M2, especially for the
268 phase simulation. Compared with Exp1, the total errors of K1 and M2 in Exp2 are reduced by
269 21.85% and 32.13% respectively.

270 Furthermore, we also investigate the amplitudes and total errors of the remaining six tidal
271 constituents (O1, P1, Q1, S2, N2 and K2) simulated using two schemes. For amplitudes, the
272 global means of the three constituents (O1, P1 and K2) in Exp2 are closer to the observed values
273 relative to Exp1. The global mean observed values for the O1, P1, Q1, S2, N2 and K2 are
274 8.34cm, 3.62cm, 1.76cm, 13.35cm, 7.08cm and 3.75cm, respectively, and the corresponding
275 values in Exp1 (Exp2) are 10.59cm (9.79cm), 13.49cm (9.47cm), 1.62cm (2.19cm), 12.45cm
276 (9.85cm), 7.74cm (9.79cm) and 10.89cm (7.33cm), respectively (Table 1). For the total errors,
277 the global mean total errors for the remaining six constituents in Exp2 (with the exception of Q1
278 and N2) are smaller than those in Exp1, and the global mean total errors of the remaining six
279 constituents in Exp1 (Exp2) are 8.89cm (5.34cm), 9.53cm (6.26cm), 1.29cm (1.47cm), 11.26cm
280 (9.40cm), 5.84cm (6.76cm) and 10.32cm (6.55cm), respectively. Compared to Exp1, the
281 improved total errors of O1 and S2 in Exp2 are mainly the result of the smaller phase errors, and
282 the improvement of the total error of P1 in Exp2 is predominantly due to the lower amplitude
283 error. The global mean amplitude errors of O1, P1, S2, and K2 in Exp1 (Exp2) are 3.28cm
284 (3.16cm), 9.18cm (5.58cm), 5.11cm (5.68cm) and 6.50cm (3.72cm), respectively, and the
285 corresponding phase errors are 8.26cm (4.30cm), 2.57cm (2.84cm), 10.04cm (7.49cm) and

286 8.01cm (5.39cm), respectively (Table 1). The above results indicate that the new formulation of
287 the tidal scheme can better simulate more constituents of tides relative to the traditional method
288 of eight tidal constituents with empirical amplitudes and frequencies.

289 To further evaluate the simulation of the eight tidal constituents by using the two tidal
290 schemes, we also made a spectrum analysis at the Diego Ramirez Islands (56.56°S, 68.67°W)
291 and Yakutat (59.54°N, 139.73°W) tidal stations, which are located in regions with large tidal
292 amplitudes (Fig. 8). Both Exp1 and Exp2 can reasonably reproduce the amplitudes and
293 frequencies of the eight main tidal constituents at the Diego Ramirez Islands and Yakutat stations,
294 although most of the simulated amplitudes in Exp1 are much larger than the observed data. The
295 larger amplitude biases of the eight main tidal constituents at both stations (except for the Q1
296 constituent at the Diego Ramirez station) are all significantly improved in Exp2 (Table 2). For
297 instance, the amplitude of M2 in Exp1 at the Yakutat station is 141.58cm, and it is reduced to
298 130.65cm in Exp2, which is closer to the observed data (101.24cm). The amplitude of K1 in
299 Exp1 at the Diego Ramirez station is 26.13cm, and it is reduced to 17.59cm in Exp2, which is
300 closer to the observed data (18.82cm). On the basis of these preliminary evaluations, compared
301 to the traditional explicit eight tidal constituents scheme, the new tidal scheme can better
302 reproduce the spatial patterns of the amplitude of tidal constituents and tidal forcing, especially
303 for the magnitude of the amplitude. Furthermore, we conduct two experiments (one using
304 traditional tidal scheme, the other applying new tidal scheme) by also adopting the practical
305 scheme following Sakamoto et al. (2013), we found the errors (including the phase error and

306 total error) of all the eight tidal constituents of the experiment using the new tidal scheme are
307 less than that applies the tradition tidal scheme (Table S1 in supplement).

308 **4.3 Dynamic sea level (DSL)**

309 Figure 9 shows the spatial distributions of DSL that is defined as the sea level associated
310 with the fluid dynamic state of the ocean (Griffies and Greatbatch, 2012; Griffies et al., 2016) for
311 the observation, CTRL and the bias in CTRL, Exp1 and Exp2 relative to the observations as well
312 as the difference between Exp2 and Exp1. The observation is obtained from the Archiving,
313 Validation and Interpretation of Satellite Oceanographic data (AVISO) (Schneider et al., 2013).
314 The DSL simulated by CTRL shows a low DSL located in the Labrador Sea, the Nordic Seas and
315 the Southern Ocean, and a high DSL in the tropical and subtropical Pacific and Indian Oceans
316 (Fig. 9b), which is consistent with the observed data (Fig. 9a). Therefore, the ocean model,
317 LICOM2.0, without a tidal process can reproduce the basic pattern of DSL, but large biases also
318 exist (Fig. 9c); there is a dipole pattern bias located across the Antarctic Circumpolar Circulation
319 (negative bias to the north and positive bias to the south), a striking negative bias in the North
320 Atlantic and a slightly positive bias in the western equatorial Pacific.

321 The DSL in both Exp1 and Exp2 are improved and the striking negative bias for the North
322 Atlantic is reduced (Fig. 9d and 9e), which can be attributed to the improvement of the path of
323 the North Atlantic Gulf Stream due to the effects of tides, as pointed out by Müller et al. (2010).
324 There are some significant differences between Exp1 and Exp2. Compared to Exp1, Exp2
325 exhibits a striking latitudinal distribution feature (Fig. 9f), which shows a decreasing spatial

326 pattern from the equator to the poles, with positive values in the tropic region and a negative
327 pattern in high latitudes. This is because Exp2, in applying the new formulation of the tidal
328 scheme, can consider the positions of both the Sun and Moon relative to Exp1. Compared to
329 Exp1, the positive bias in the Southern Ocean simulated by CTRL is improved in Exp2, as
330 exhibited by the negative difference between Exp2 and Exp1 at high latitudes. This is because
331 Exp2 applying the new formulation of the tidal scheme can reasonably consider the positions of
332 both the Sun and Moon relative to Exp1, which makes the higher DSL in low latitude compared
333 to that in high latitude due to the effect of gravity.

334 **5. Summary**

335 In this paper, a new explicit tidal scheme is introduced to a global ocean model. The scheme
336 uses the positional characteristics of the Moon and the Sun to calculate the tides directly instead
337 of applying empirical specifications, such as the amplitudes and frequencies of tides, which were
338 used in traditional methods. The new tidal scheme has some unique advantages: It can accurately
339 provide instantaneous tidal potentials, since both astronomers and oceanographers have well
340 established models for determining the exact position of the sun and the moon by Julian and for
341 calculating the instantaneous tidal potential by their projected positions. Traditional tidal scheme
342 does not guarantee the correct transient tidal potential at any given time, as described in Section
343 4.1. Traditional method does not cover all tidal constituents, so it is more suitable to study only
344 one specific tidal constituent rather than the full real tidal process in the OGCM. Besides, in the
345 traditional scheme, the tidal potential is introduced in the form of sine wave, so that the climate

346 state of tidal potential is zero at any position. The new tidal method does not impose this
347 particular time variation.

348 Compared with the traditional explicit eight tidal constituents scheme, we found that the new
349 tidal scheme can better simulate the spatial characteristics of spring and neap tides. It
350 significantly reduces the biases of larger amplitudes in the traditional explicit tidal scheme, and
351 better reproduces the spatial patterns of tidal constituents than the traditional method. In theory,
352 this scheme is also better suited than the traditional method to simulate sea level height at
353 regional scales which may not all be captured by the small number of prescribed constituents.

354 Furthermore, we study the total errors of the eight tidal constituents, including amplitude
355 errors and phase errors. The total errors of the eight tidal constituents simulated by the new tidal
356 scheme, with the exception of N2 and Q1, are all smaller than those simulated by the traditional
357 method. Compared to the traditional method, the improved total errors of M2, O1 and S2
358 simulated by the new tidal scheme are mainly the result of the better phase simulation (the
359 smaller phase errors); the reduction in the total errors of K1 and P1 are predominantly due to the
360 improvement in the amplitude simulation (with fewer amplitude errors); and the smaller total
361 error of K2 is associated with both the improvements in the amplitude and phase simulation
362 (both the smaller phase and amplitude errors).

363 The influence of tidal forcing on the simulation of DSL is also investigated. We found both
364 tidal schemes can significantly improve the simulation of DSL, and the striking negative bias for
365 the North Atlantic in CTRL is reduced. Compared with the traditional explicit eight tidal

366 constituents scheme, the new tidal scheme exhibits a latitudinal variation of DSL with a positive
367 difference in the tropics and a negative pattern in high latitudes, which improves the significant
368 positive bias of the Southern Ocean in CTRL.

369 It should be noted that the wave drag term formula proposed by Schiller and Fiedler (2007)
370 and the drag from internal wave generation (Jayne and Laurent, 2001; Simmons et al. 2004) are
371 adopted in the present study to decay the tidal energy, which is likely too strong in both tidal
372 experiments, especially with the traditional tidal forcing formula. Implementing a more
373 appropriate tidal drag parameterization in an OGCM still needs to be carried out. In addition, the
374 explicit introduction of tides into an OGCM is only a step towards upgrading ocean modeling. A
375 more detailed investigation into the impacts of the new tidal scheme on simulated ocean
376 circulations will be our future work, especially in an OCGM with a finer resolution and in a fully
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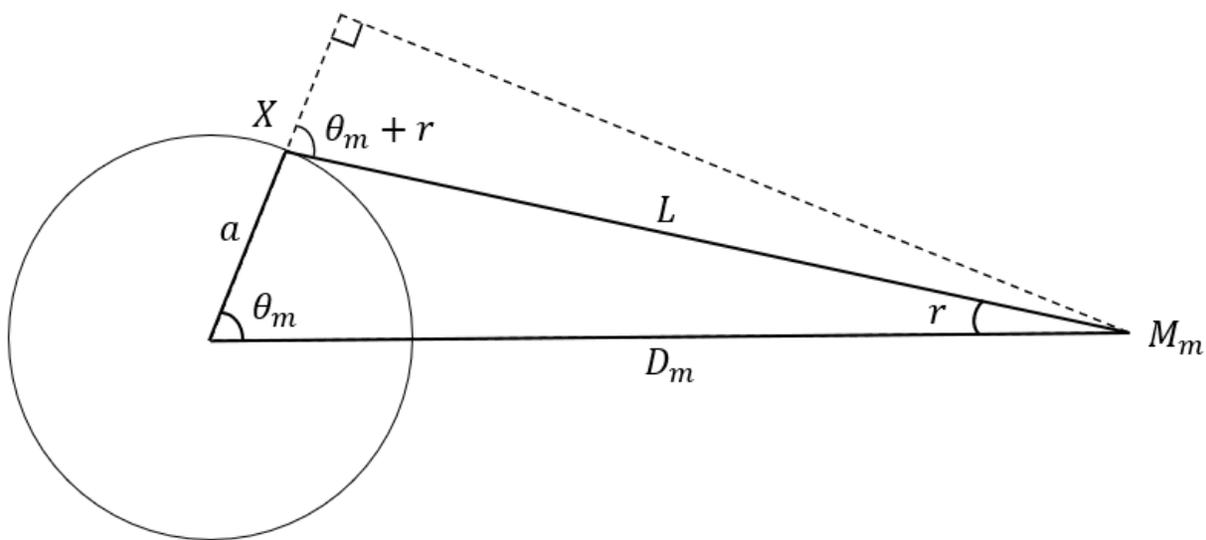
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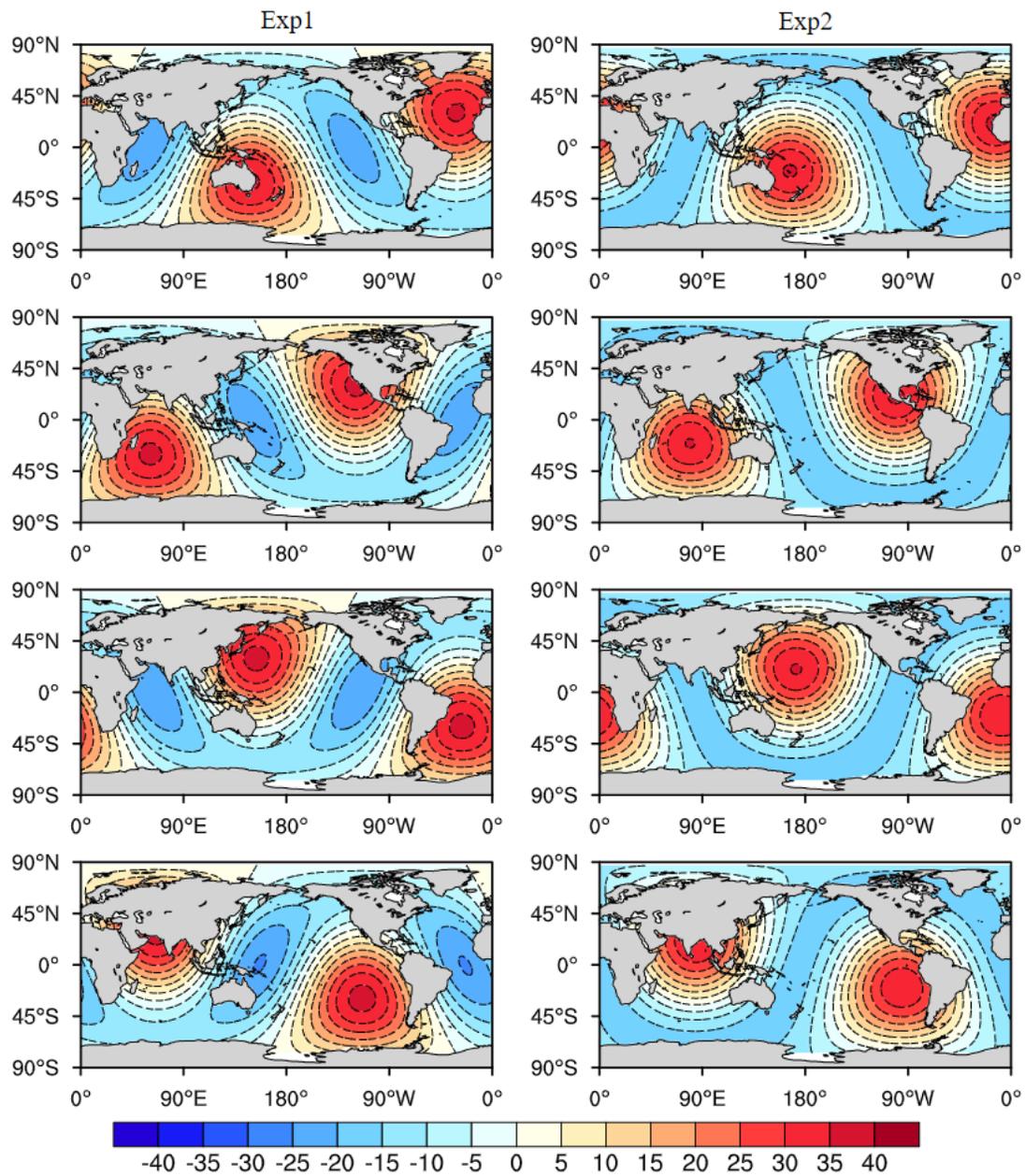
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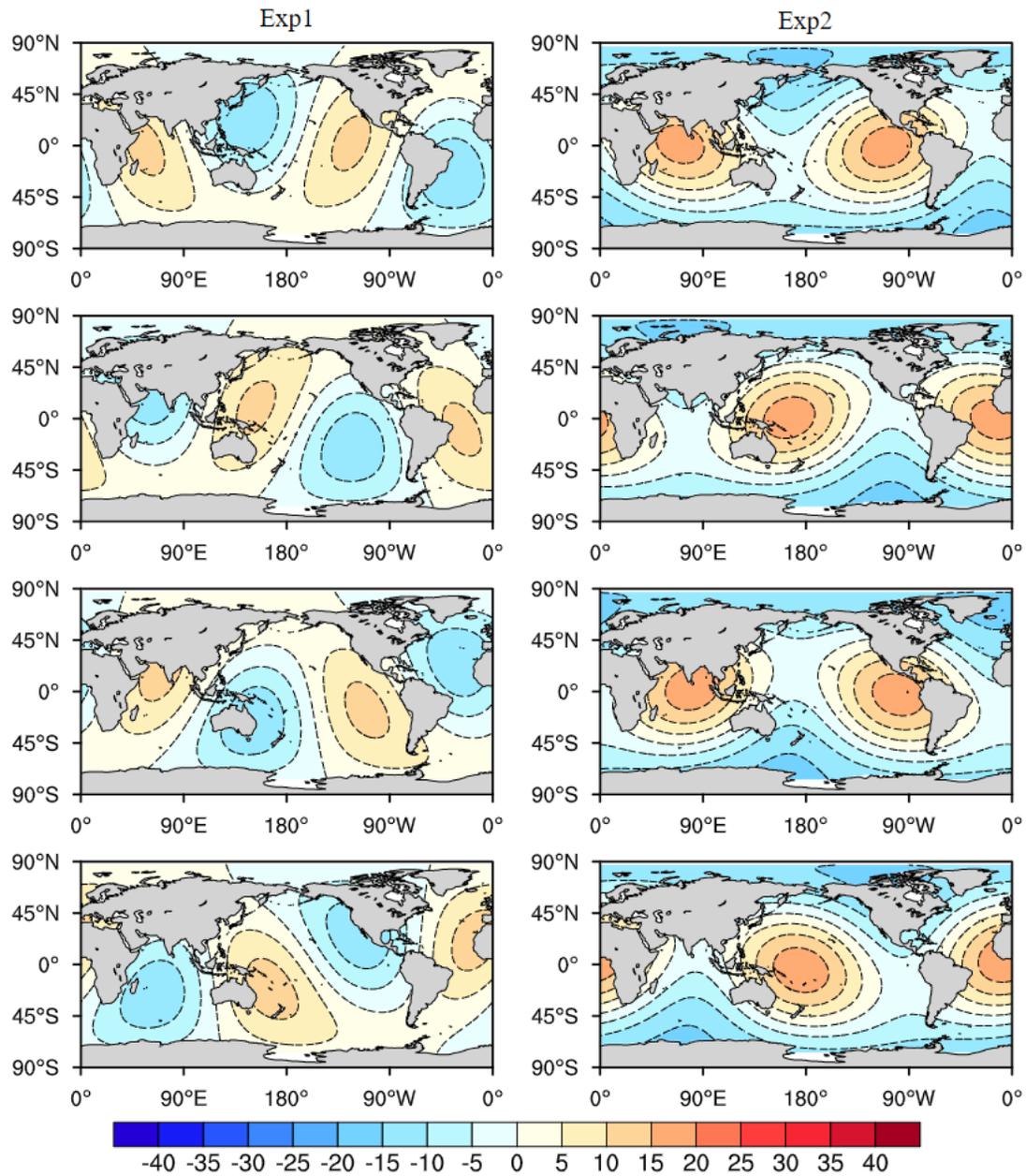
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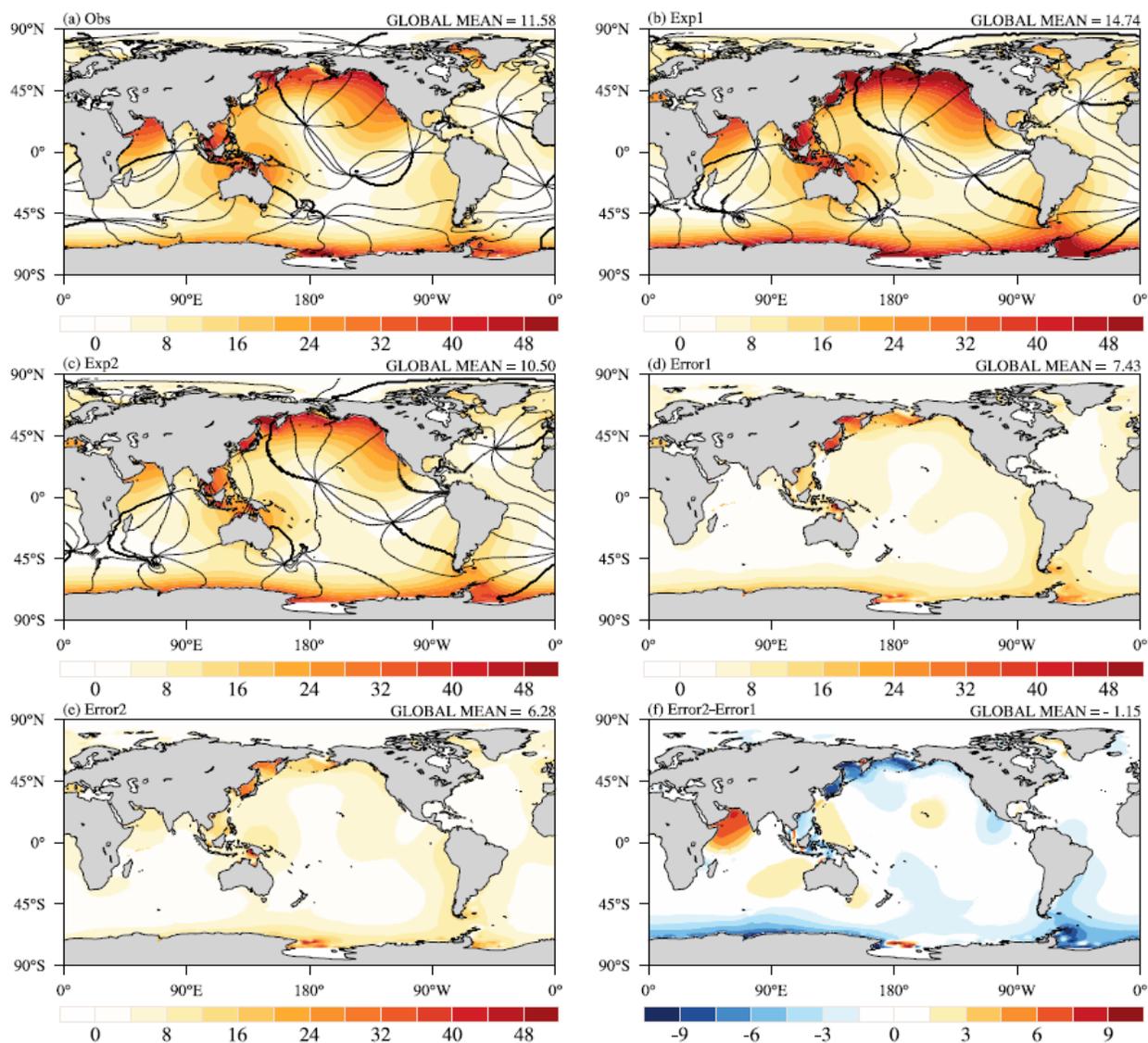
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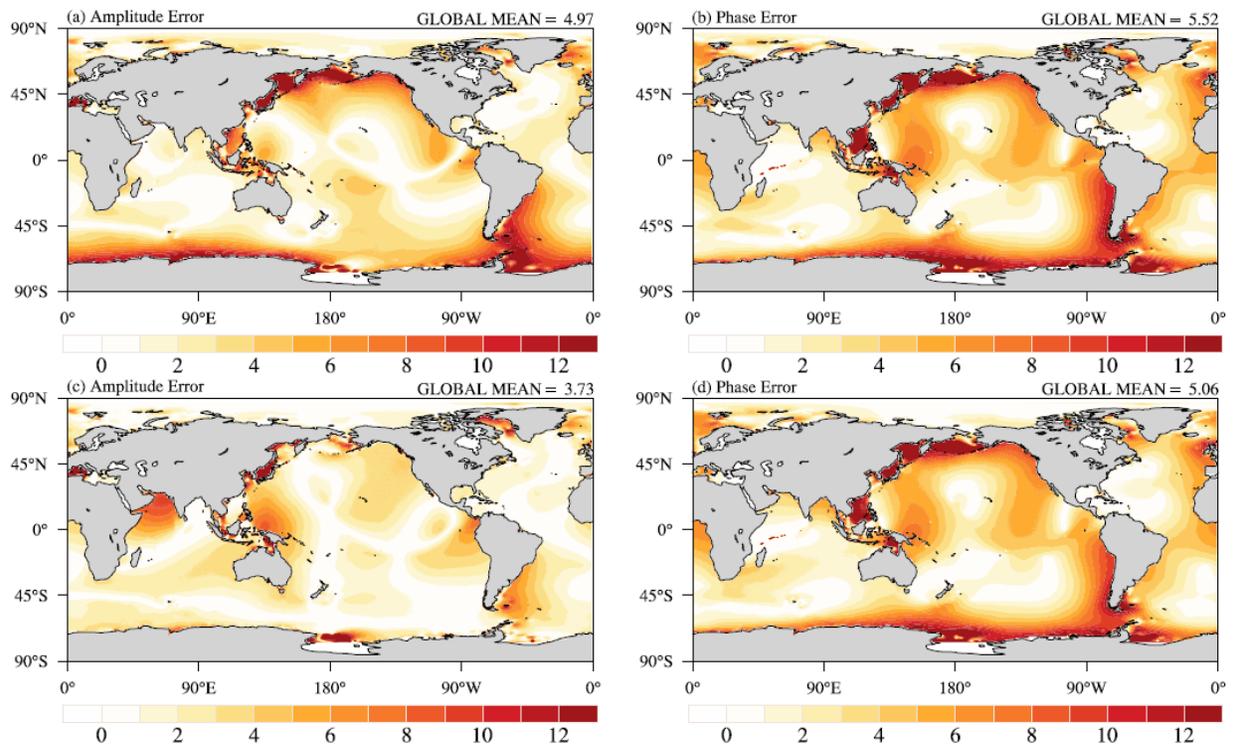
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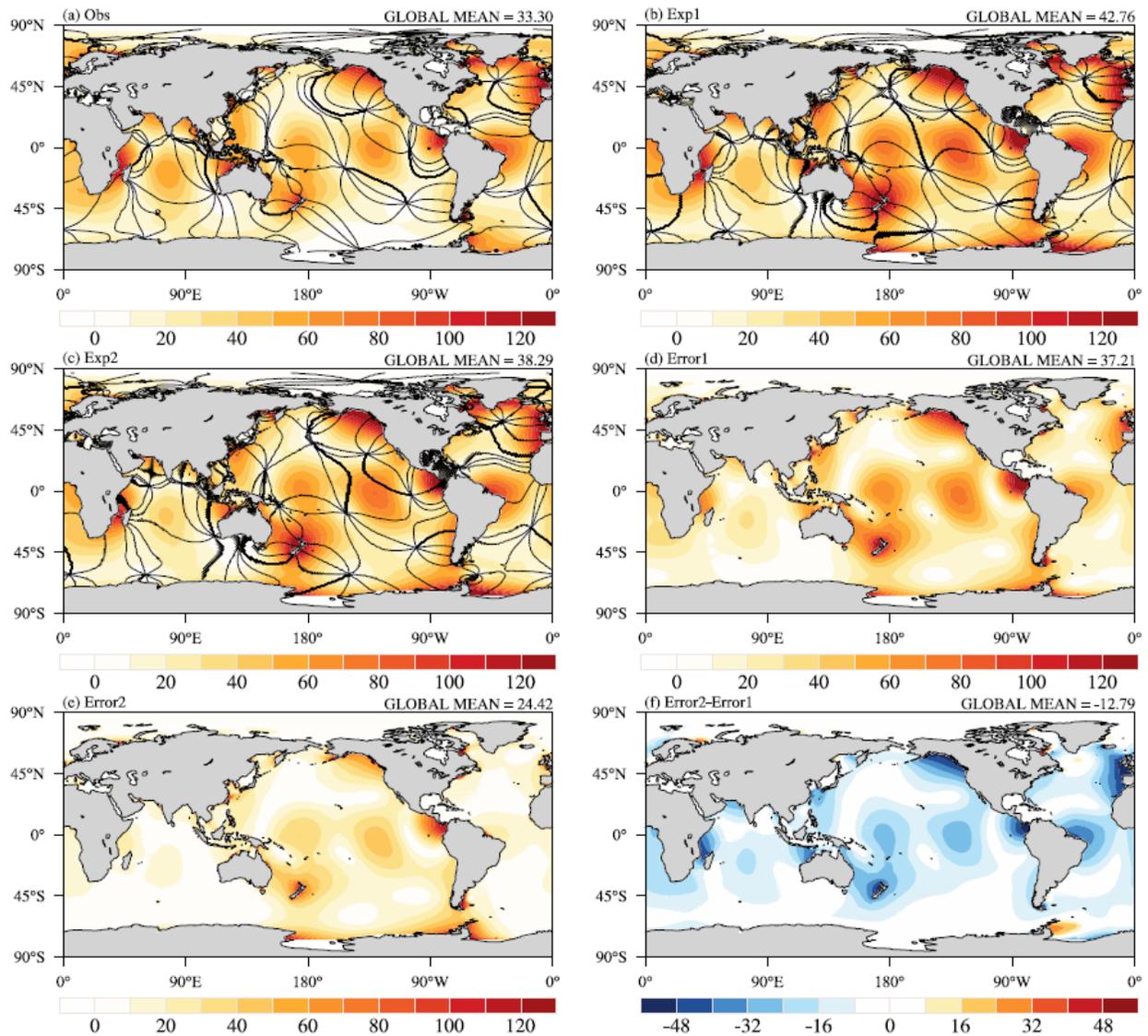
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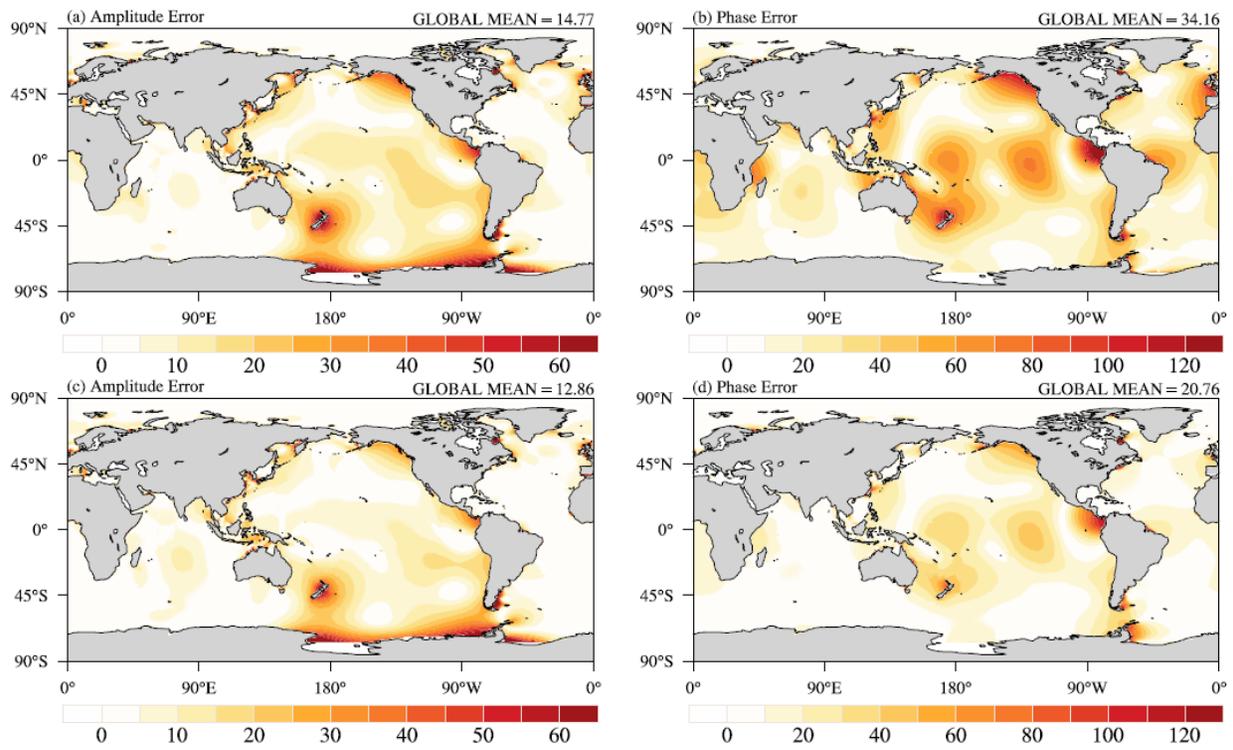
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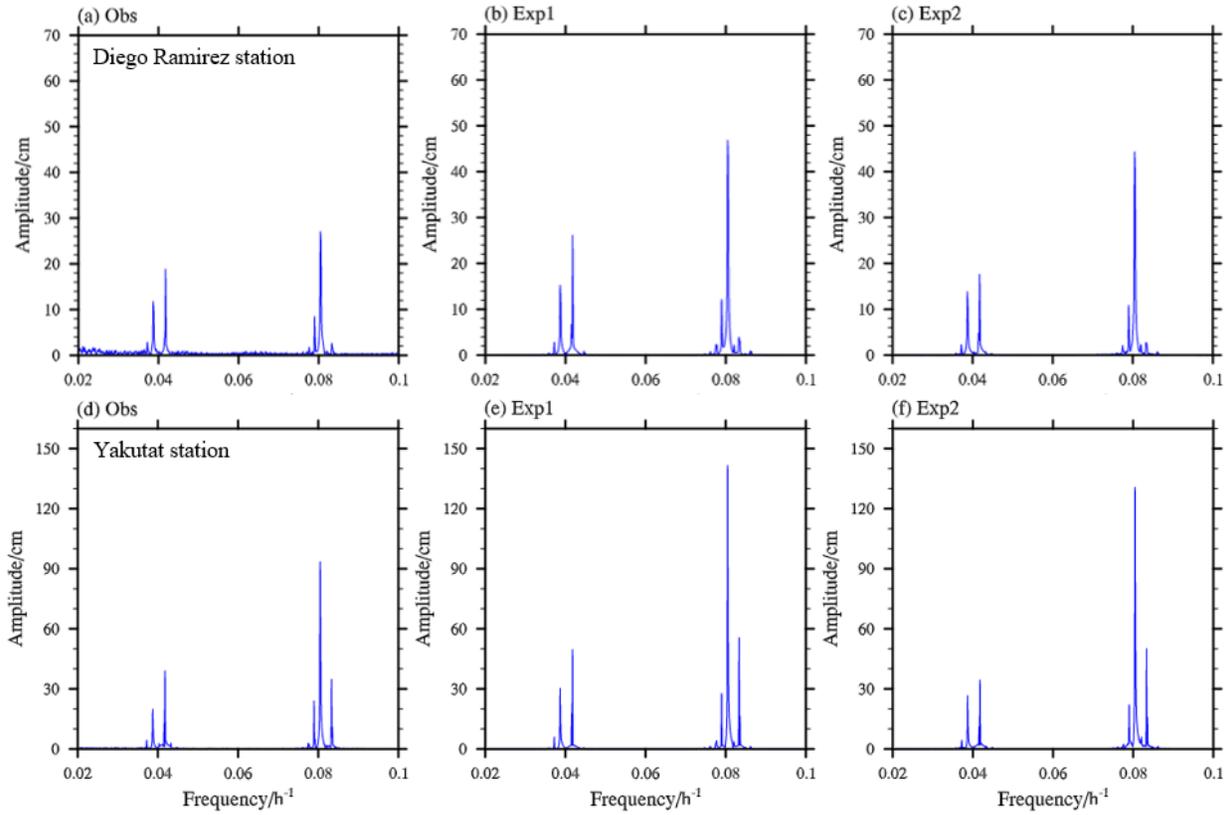
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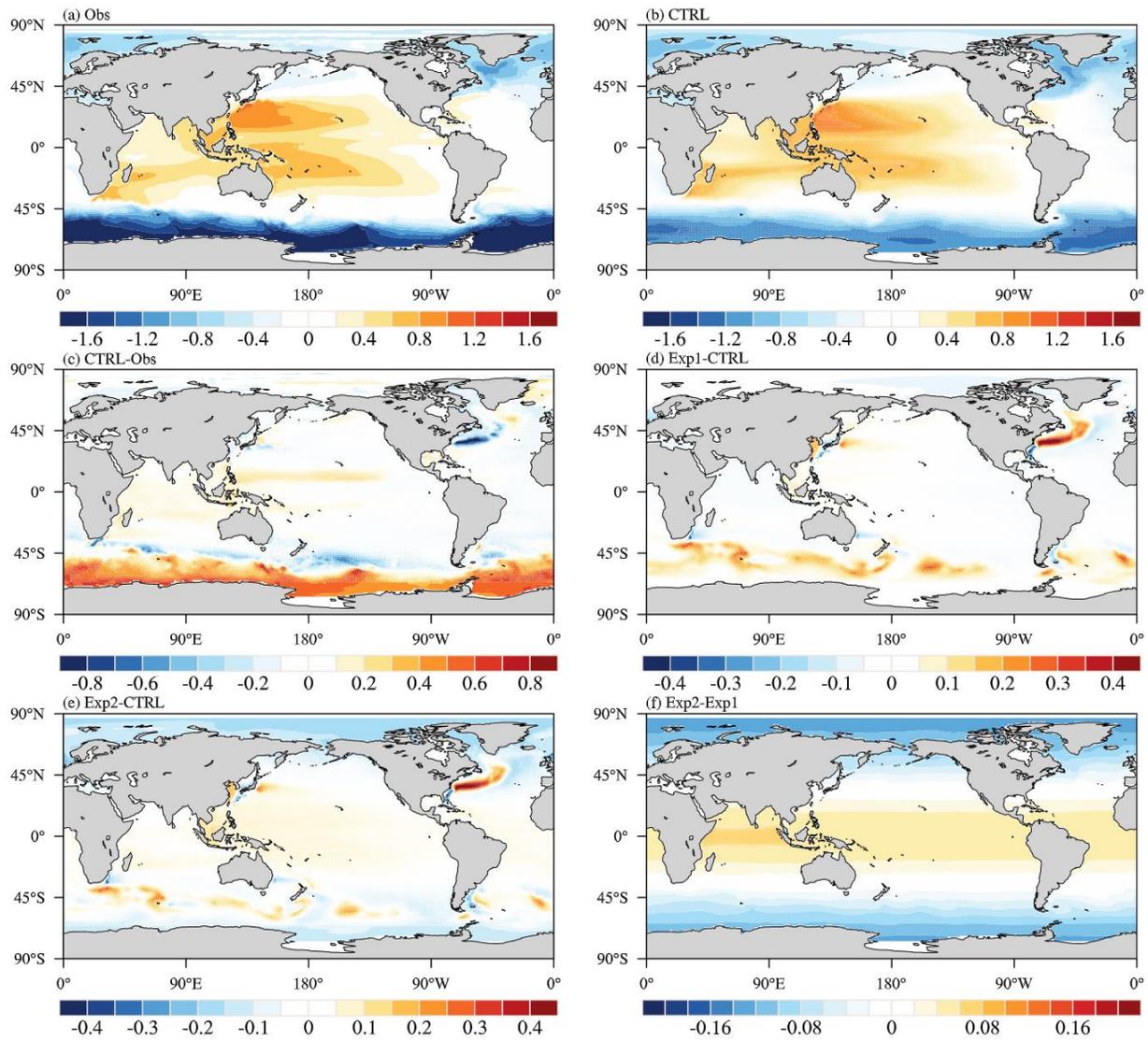
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614 observation is from AVISO (Schneider et al., 2013), and the units are m.

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	Global mean			Amplitude Error		Phase Error		Total Error	
	Obs	Exp1	Exp2	Exp1	Exp2	Exp1	Exp2	Exp1	Exp2
M2	33.30	42.76	38.29	14.77	12.86	34.16	20.76	37.21	24.42
S2	13.35	12.45	9.85	5.11	5.68	10.04	7.49	11.26	9.40
N2	7.08	7.74	9.79	2.20	3.34	5.41	5.88	5.84	6.76
K2	3.75	10.89	7.33	6.50	3.72	8.01	5.39	10.32	6.55
K1	11.58	14.74	10.50	4.97	3.73	5.52	5.06	7.43	6.28
O1	8.34	10.59	9.79	3.28	3.16	8.26	4.30	8.89	5.34
P1	3.62	13.49	9.47	9.18	5.58	2.57	2.84	9.53	6.26
Q1	1.76	1.62	2.19	0.57	0.76	1.16	1.26	1.29	1.47

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	Diego Ramirez			Yakubu		
	Obs	Exp1	Exp2	Obs	Exp1	Exp2
M2	27.01	46.84	44.28	101.24	141.58	130.65
S2	2.62	3.93	2.73	35.61	55.49	50.05
N2	8.49	12.10	10.84	24.48	27.71	22.04
K2	1.15	2.94	2.12	9.34	16.28	15.71
K1	18.82	26.13	17.59	39.33	49.53	34.37
O1	11.73	15.20	13.83	20.53	30.18	26.55
P1	3.75	6.66	4.80	11.94	17.70	11.05
Q1	2.82	2.81	2.28	2.79	5.96	4.37

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