

GETM

A General Estuarine Transport Model

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Coastal modelling challenges I

- **Drying and flooding algorithm** for simulation of Wadden Sea areas.
- **Bottom-fitted coordinates** for better representing near-bed currents.
- **Surface-fitted coordinates** for fine near-surface resolution at high tidal range.
- **General vertical coordinates** for better fitting the model grid to internal structures.

Coastal model challenges II

- **Flexible horizontal coordinates** for better representing complex bathymetry and higher resolutions of specific regions without nesting.
- **Monotone high-order advection schemes** for better representing fronts and stratification.
- **Higher order turbulence models** for good representation of vertical mixing.

Why a new 3D model?

	Vertical discretisation	Horizontal discretisation	Barotropic time-stepping	High-order turbulence closures	Drying/Flooding	Public Domain
MOM-4	z	CU	MSP	N	N	Y
POM	s	CU	MSP	Y	N	Y
ROMS	s	CU	MSP	Y	N	Y
POL3DB	s	CA	MSP	Y	N	Y
GHER-M	$2 - \sigma$	CA	MSP	Y	N	Y
COHERENS	σ	CA	MSP	Y	N	Y
TRIM-3D	z	CA	IMP	N	Y	N
MIKE-3	z	CA	ADI	Y	N	N
TELEMAC-3D	σ	FE	IMP	Y	Y	N
ECOM	s	CU	IMP	Y	Y	Y
MOHID	s	CA	ADI	Y	Y	Y
GETM	s	CU	MSP	Y	Y	Y

Turbulence Models in GETM

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General Ocean Turbulence Model

GOTM is a one-dimensional numerical model developed and supported by a [core team](#) of ocean modellers. GOTM aims at simulating accurately [vertical exchange processes](#) in the marine environment where [mixing](#) is known to play a key role. GOTM is freely available under the [GPL](#) (Gnu Public License).

The interested user can download the [source code](#), a set of [test cases](#) (Papa, November, Flex, ...) and a comprehensive [report](#).

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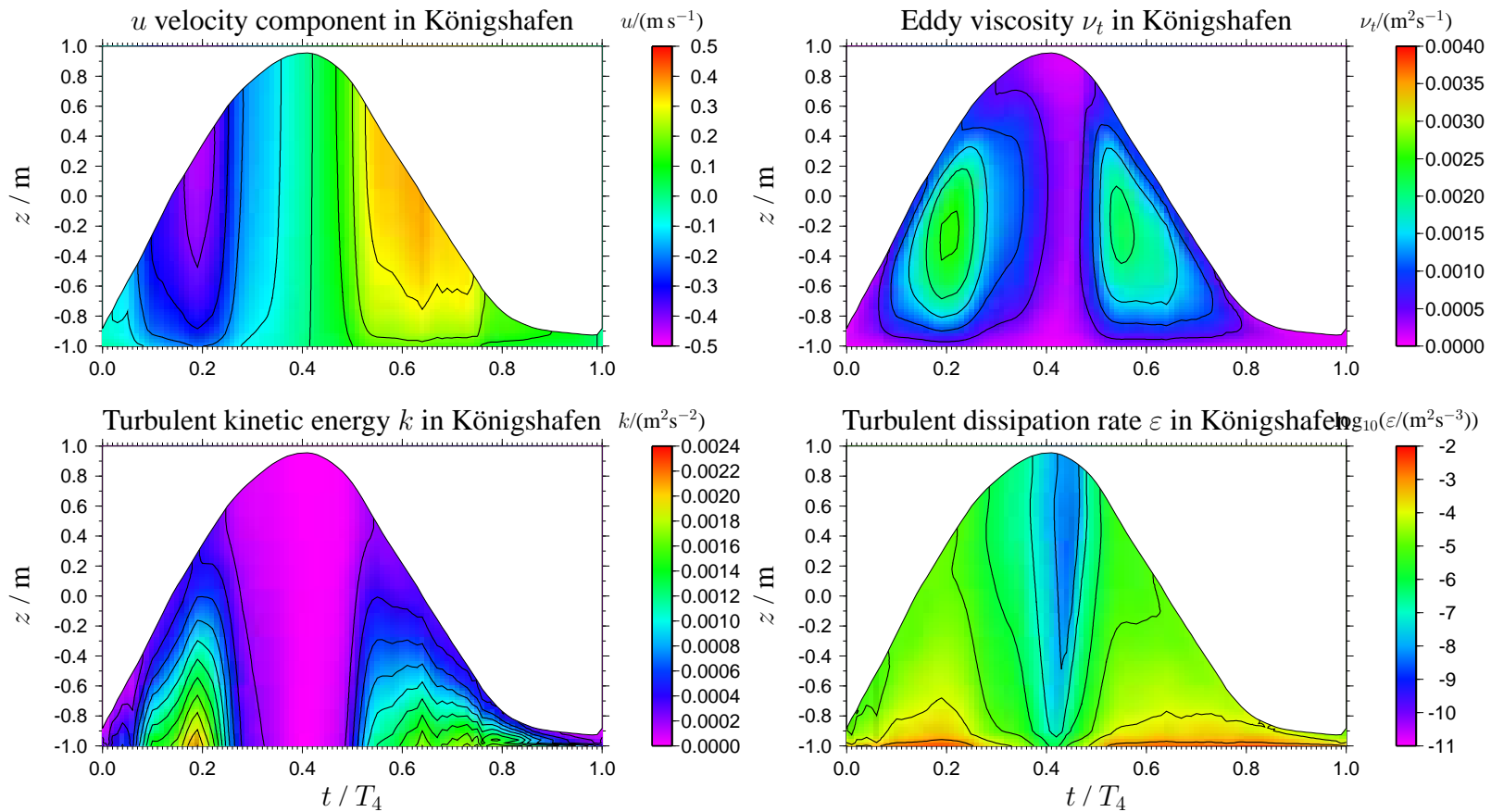
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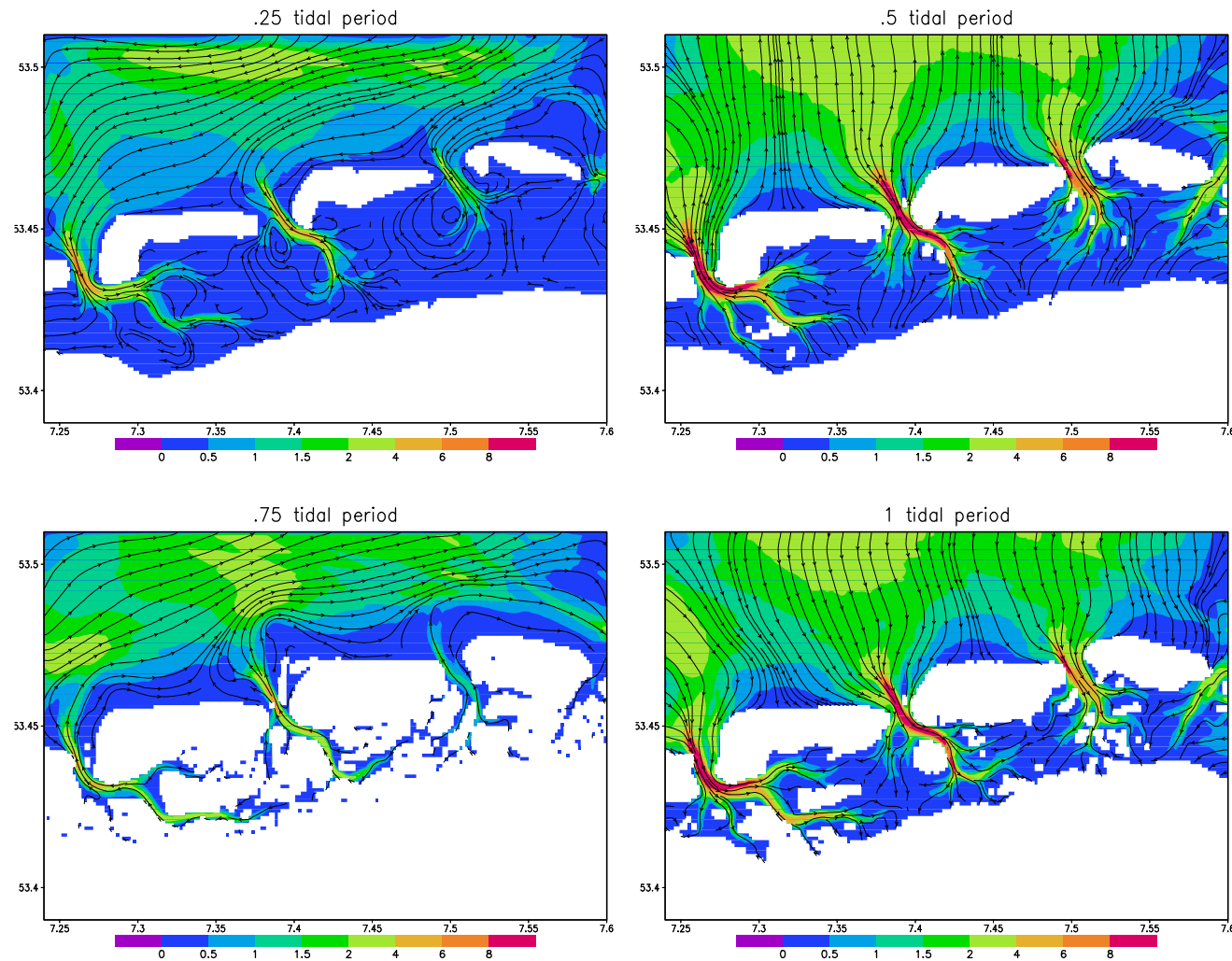
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Burchard and Bolding [2002]

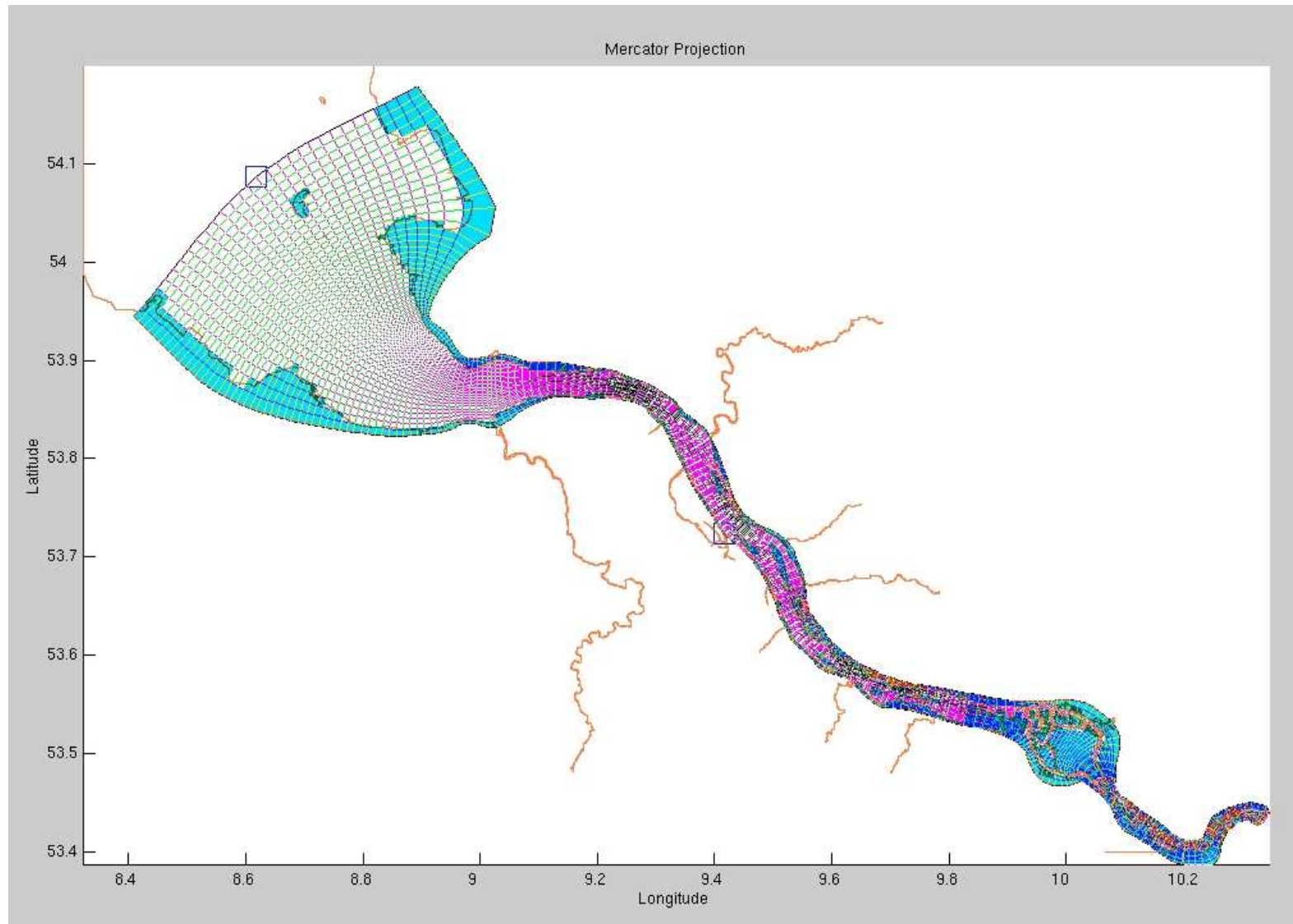
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VERTICALLY INTEGRATED VELOCITY

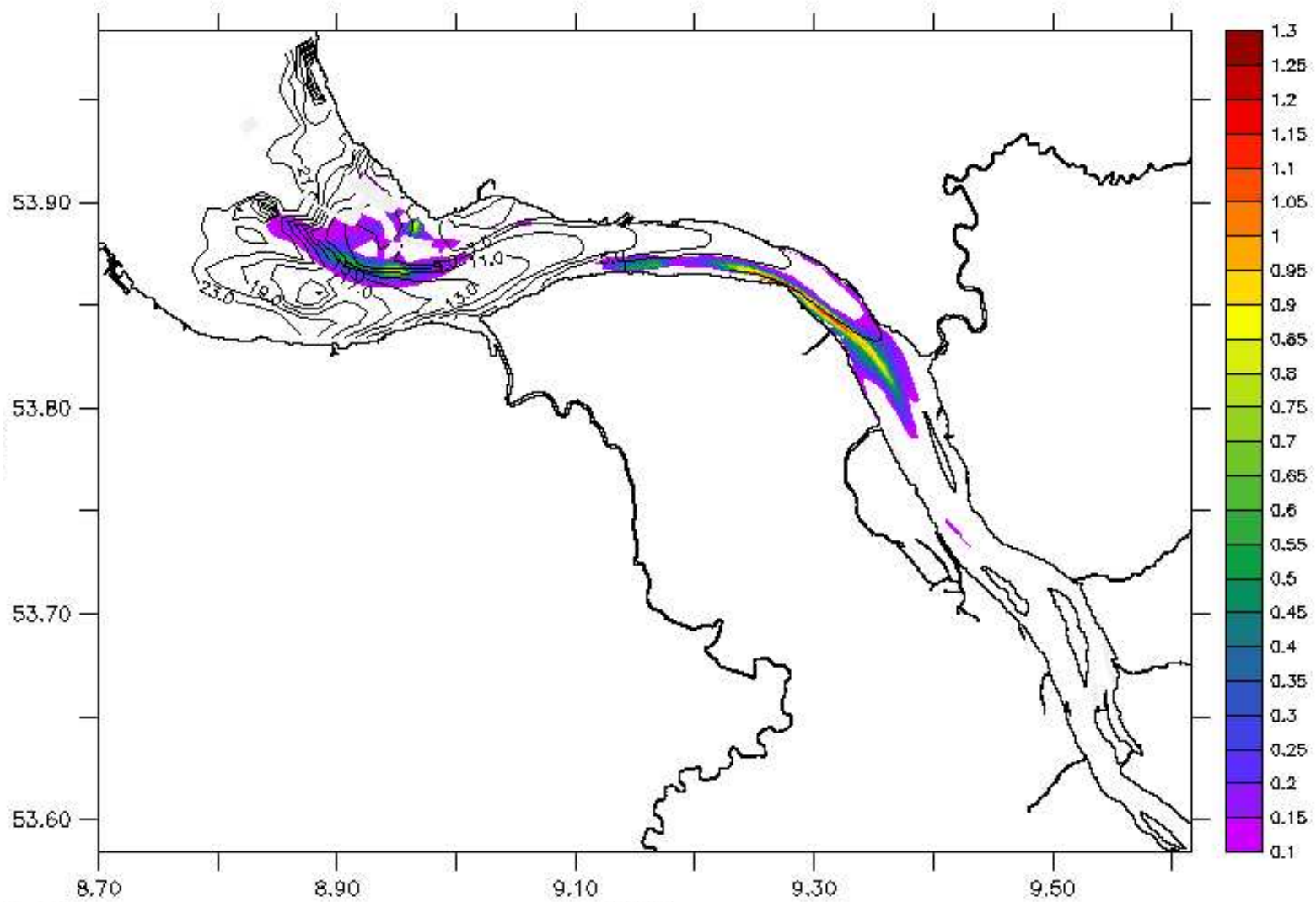


Stanev et al. [2003]

Tidal Elbe I



Tidal Elbe II



Suspended particulate matter concentration

Burchard et al. [2003]

Conclusions, literature

- GETM is one of the very few Public Domain models designed for small scale coastal and estuarine applications.
 - The study of coastal and estuarine dynamics is a challenge for Physical Oceanographers.
 - An OGCM with high resolution does not converge to a coastal or estuarine model.
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