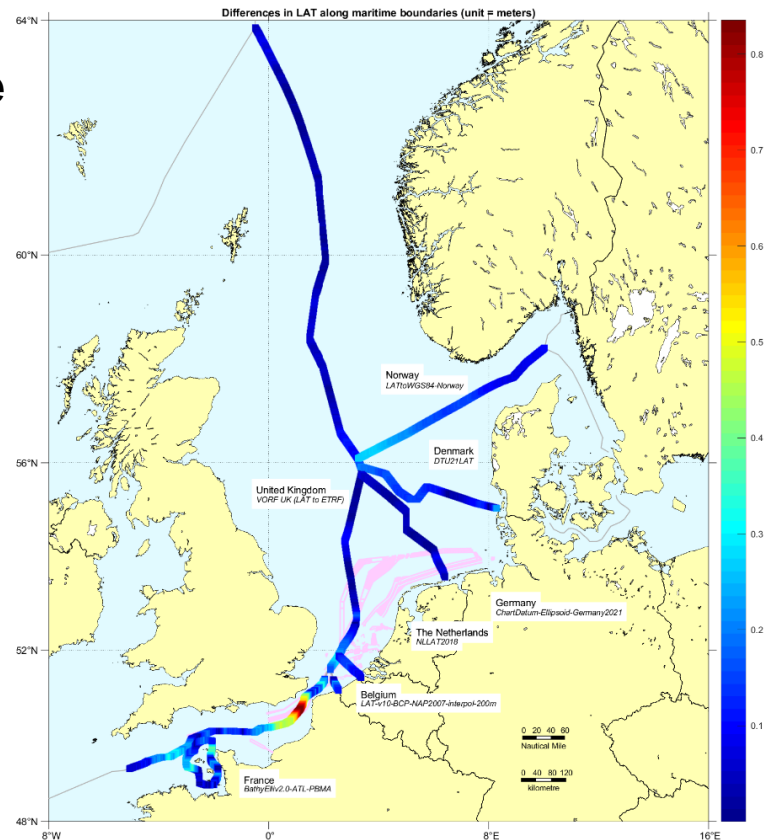


ANALYSIS OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN VORF (UK) AND BATHYELLI (FR) SURFACES ALONG THE MARITIME BOUNDARIES

Comparison of LAT surfaces along maritime boundaries

Differences > 80 cm between UK and FR in the eastern Channel



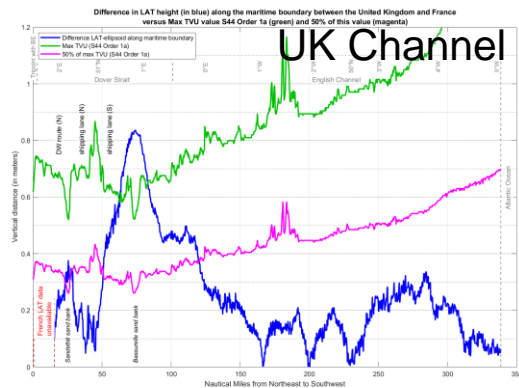
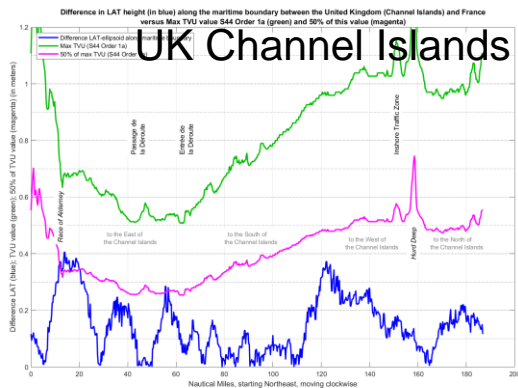
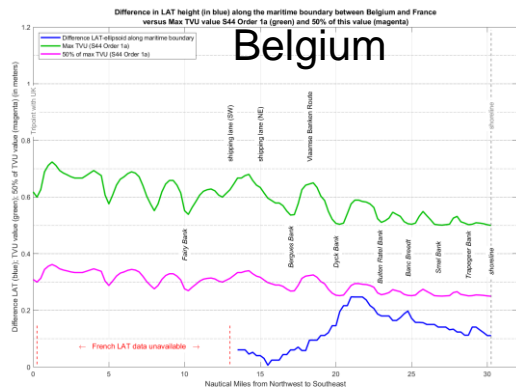
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Common boundaries with

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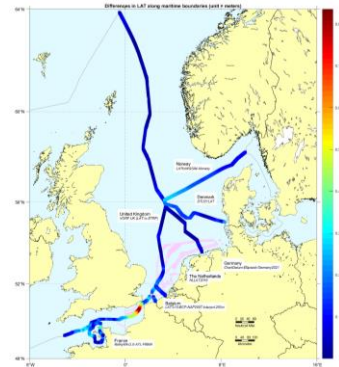
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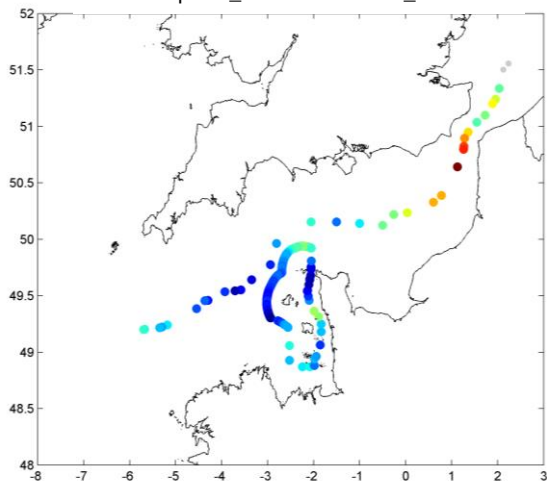
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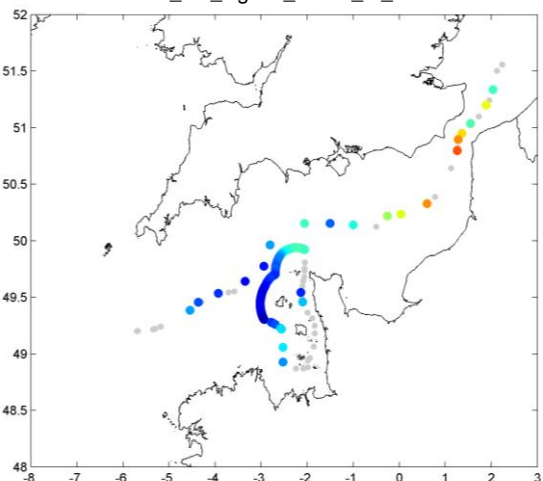
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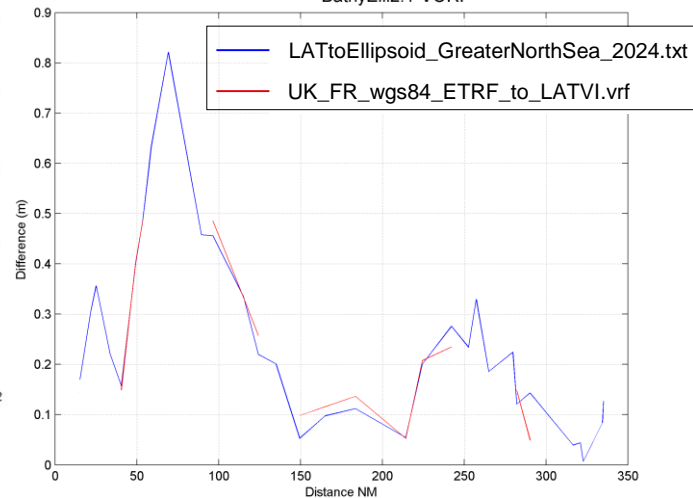
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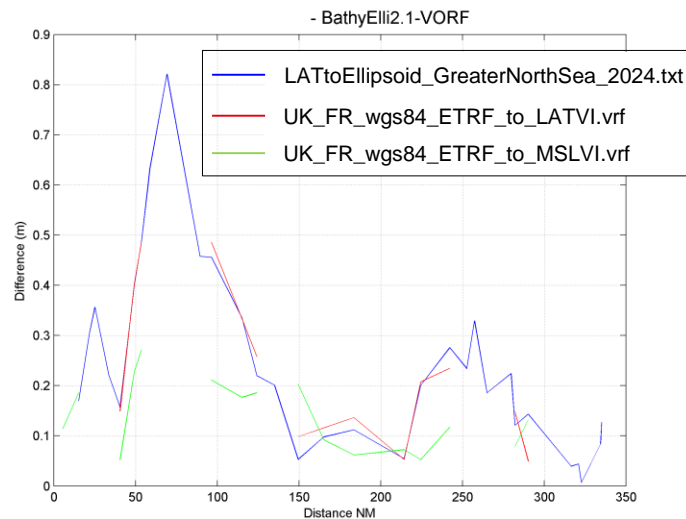
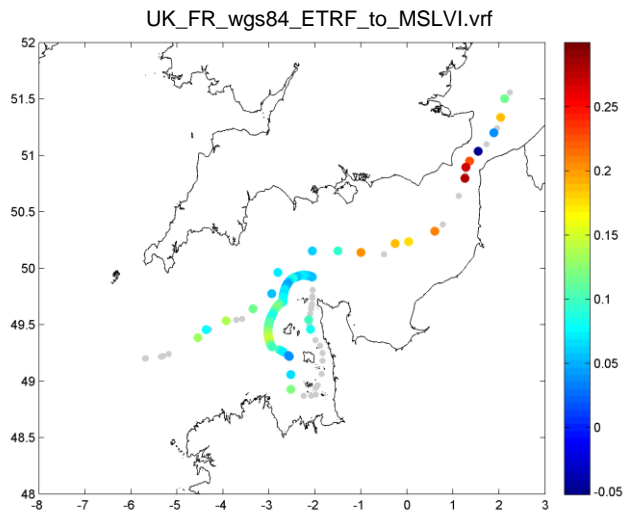
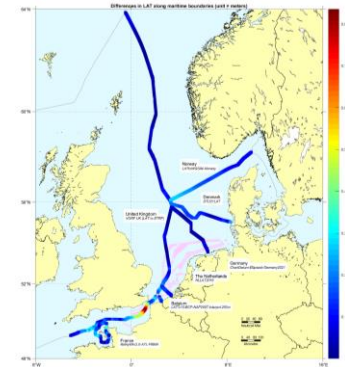
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To understand where these differences come from.

Separation of MSL and LAT

Use VORF LAT data extracted on the boundary : UK_FR_wgs84_ETRF_to_MSLVI.vrf

MSL/Ellipsoid => ~30 cm

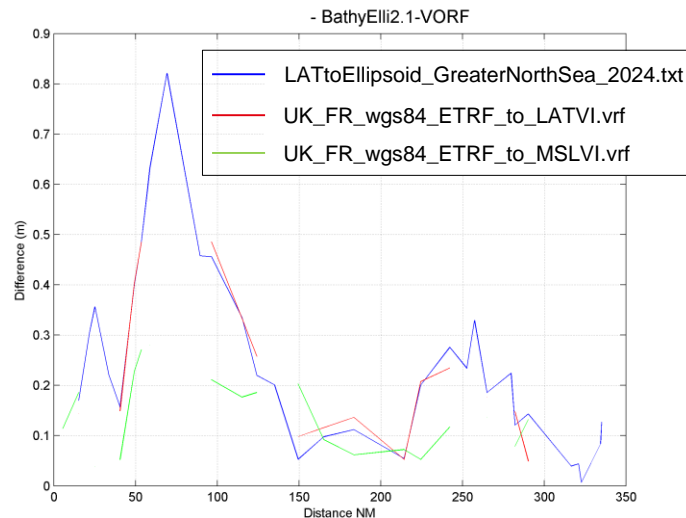
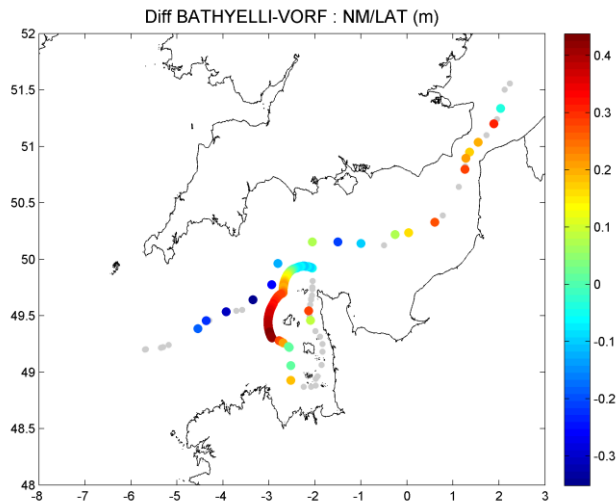


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MSL/Ellipsoid => ~30 cm

A large part of the difference comes from the tidal model:

- MSL/LAT => ~50 cm

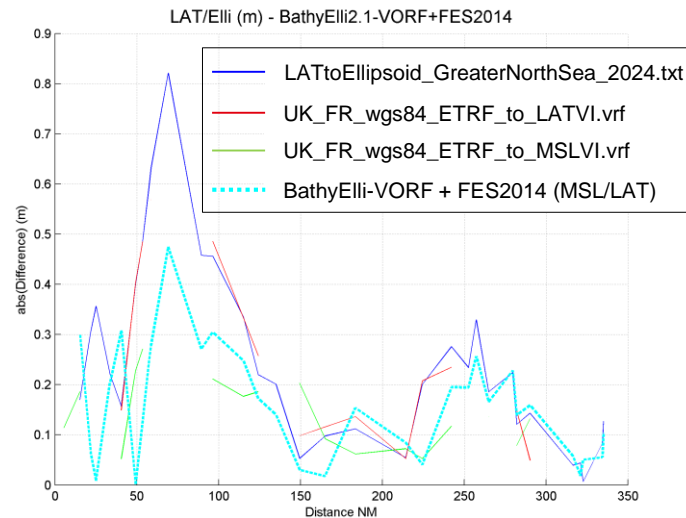
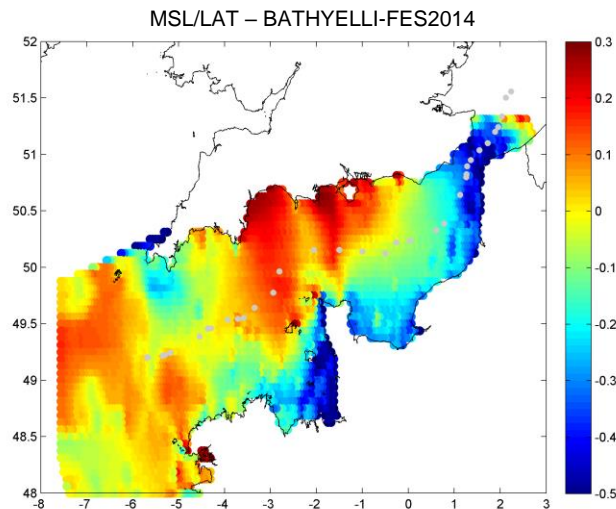
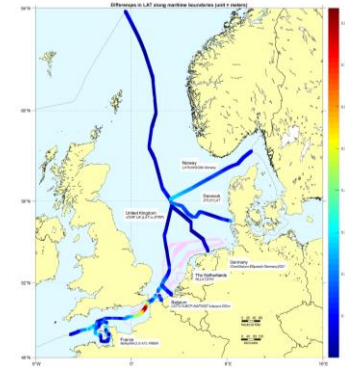


How to improve BathyElli surfaces

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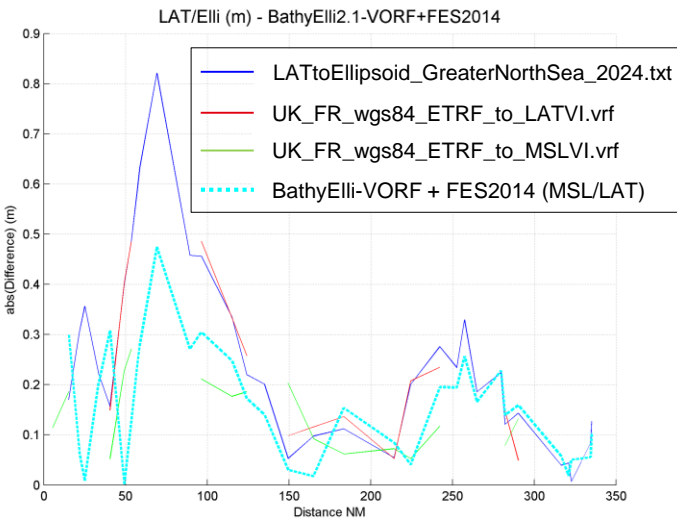
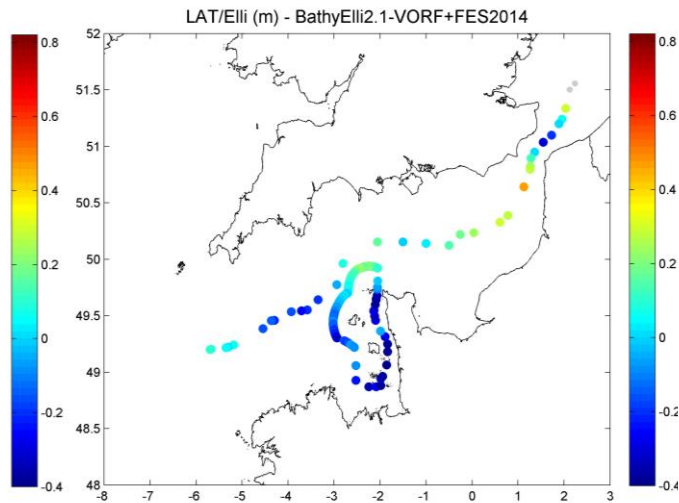
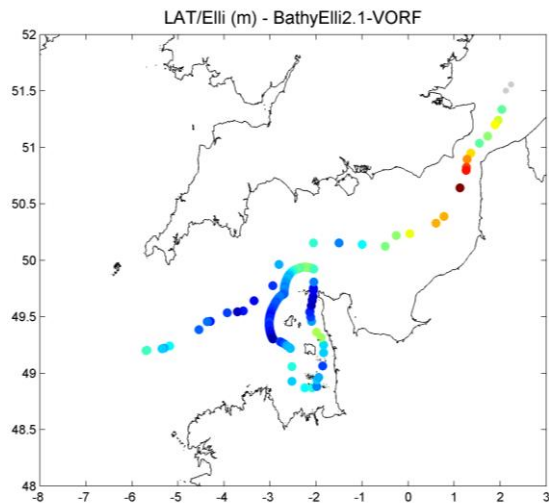
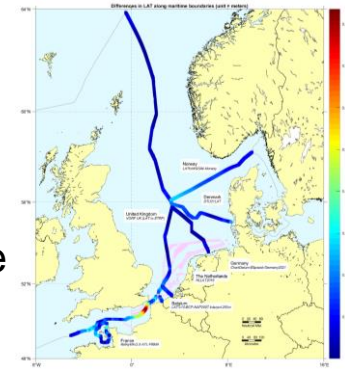
> Use FES2014 MSL/LAT surface



Improvement of BathyElli surfaces

> Use the FES2014 MSL/LAT surface instead of the BathyElli MSL/LAT surface

- LAT/Ellipsoid => ~50 cm



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English Channel - improvement

- LAT/Ellipsoid <50 cm

Channel Islands - degradation

- LAT/Ellipsoid >50 cm

