## Tidal work at the Norwegian Hydrographic Service

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## How we are organised

The Norwegian Hydrographic Service (NHS) is a division in the Norwegian Mapping Authority.

Other divisions are the Geodetic Institute and the Land Mapping Service.



### **Tidal work in the NHS**

- Run a network of 23 tide gauges
- Quality control of the data
- Drifting a tidal database
- Analyse the data
- Calculate tidal predictions and produce tide tables
- Distribute tidal data and tidal information

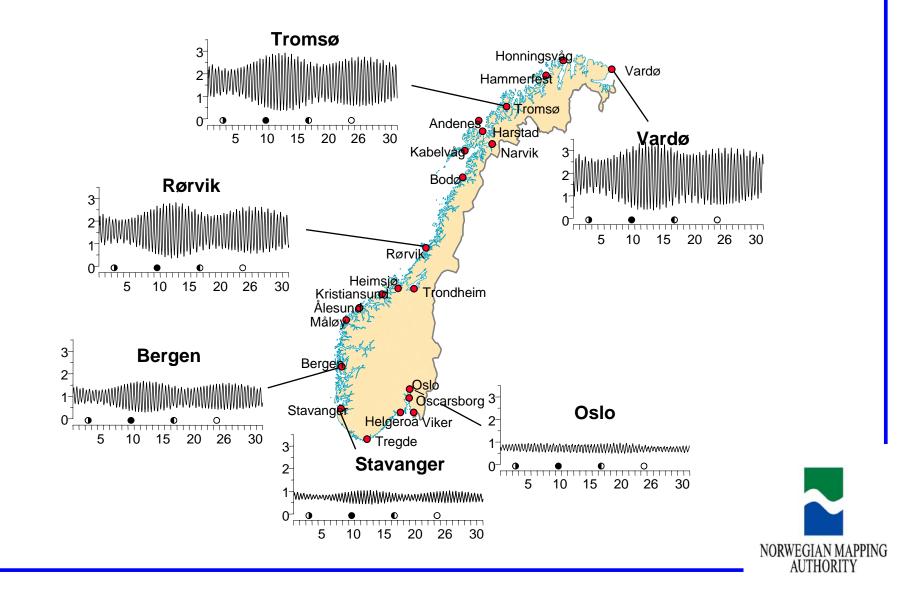


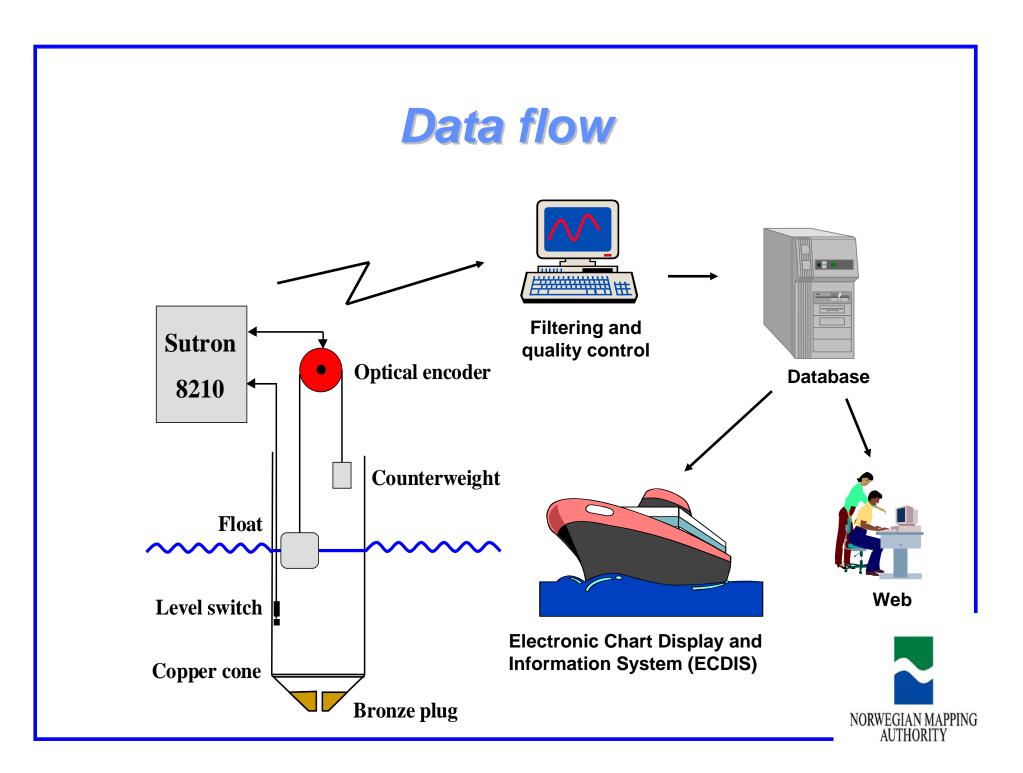


#### The Norwegian tide gauge network

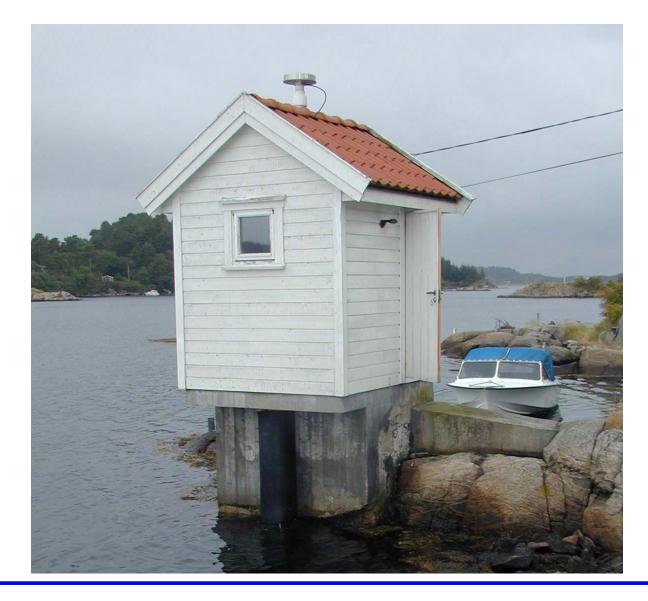


## **Differences in tidal range**



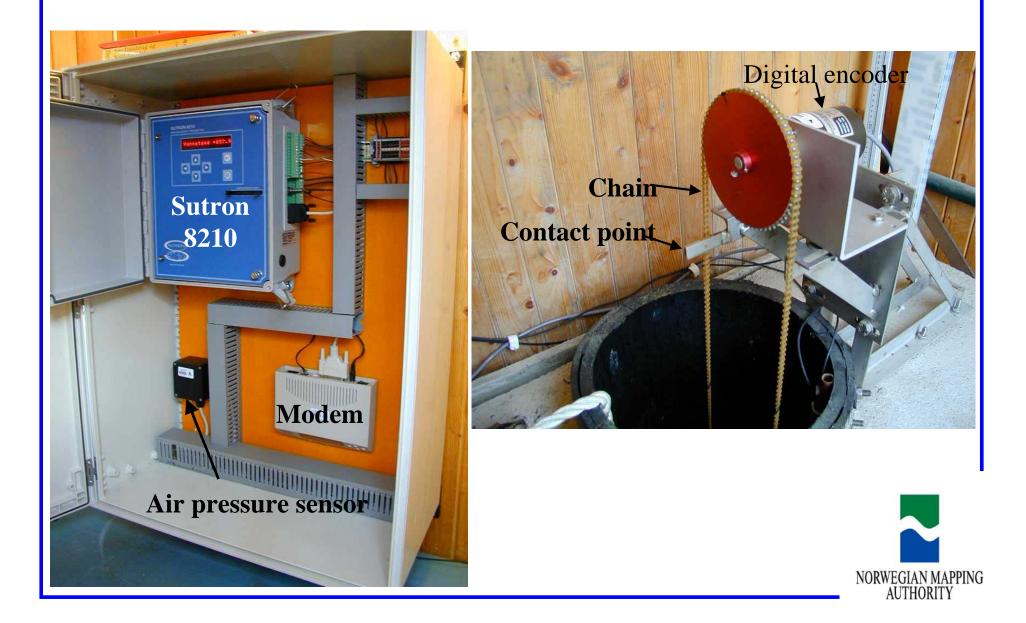


## **Tide gauge at Tregde**





### Stilling well and data logger



## **Radar Tide Gauge**







## **Old and new system**



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- Automatic quality control of water level data
- Mean Sea Surface at the Norwegian Coast.
- Tidal model for the North Sea, the Norwegian Sea and the Barents Sea.
- Improving the web-pages http://vannstand.statkart.no
- Mareano



### **Automatic Quality control**

- Is required if the data will be used in near real time.
- The program must be able to find constant values, gaps, spikes and jumps.
- False values must be removed and gaps interpolated (if possible).
- Changes made to the data must be "flagged".
- Bad data must not be published.

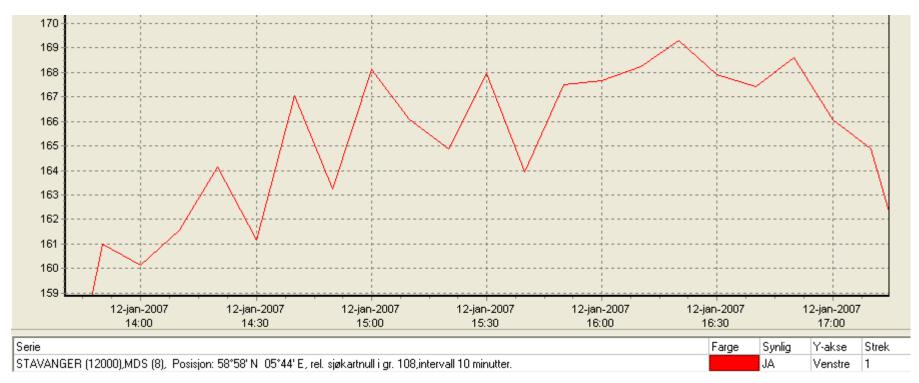


### **Close up of part of the series**

Stavanger, Norway 27. May. 2005 (3 hours), 1-minute values 0.78 0.76 Original 0.74 Mater Level [m] 0.72 0.68 0.66 1-minute values Filtered values 0.64 0.62 0.6 21:00 22:00 23:00 00:00 Time



# Water level observations with 10 minute intervals



The sensor is sampled every second for three minutes and the average is calculated.

We see a lot of noise, but is it noise?.



# Water level observations with 1 and 10 minute intervals

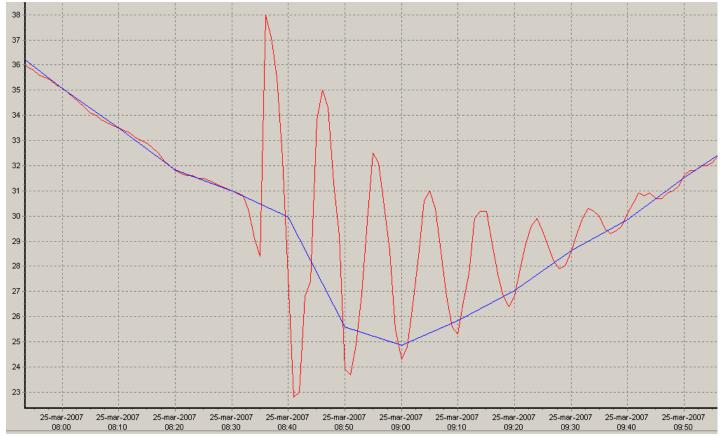


The 1 minute data are an average of 1 second samples for 60 seconds.

We see that the "noise" is nice oscillations with a period of approximately 20 minutes. The oscillations are probably only found in the harbour where the tide gauge is located.

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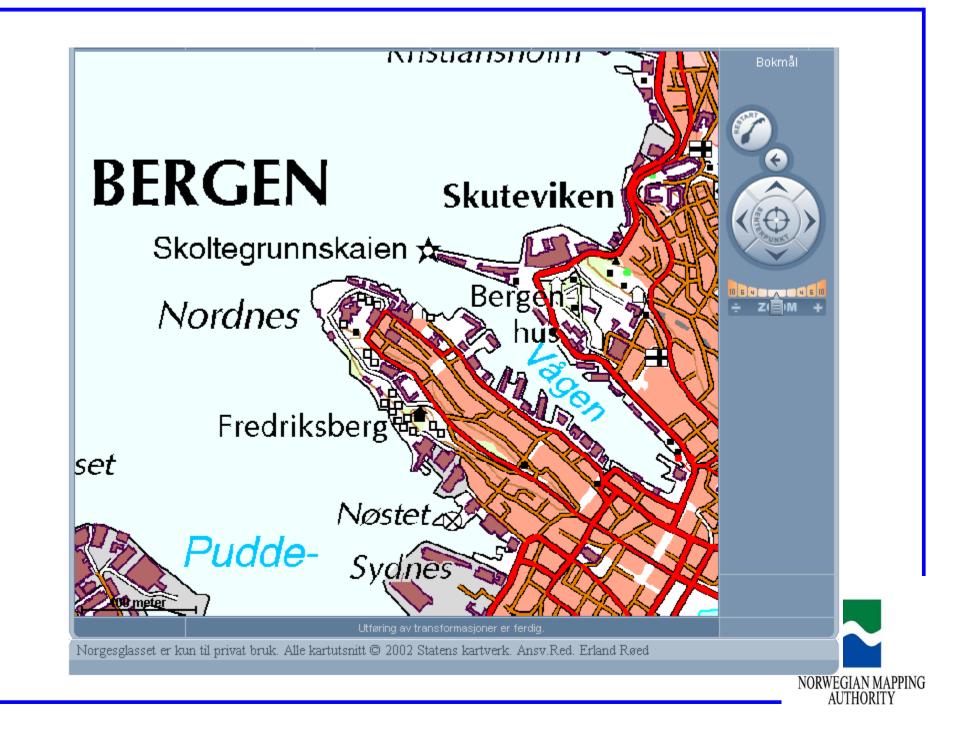
#### Water level observations from Bergen



Red line is 1-minute observations, blue line is 10-minutes observations.

A big ship is leaving the harbour. It creates oscillations at about 10 minutes and the 10-minute values shows to low water level.

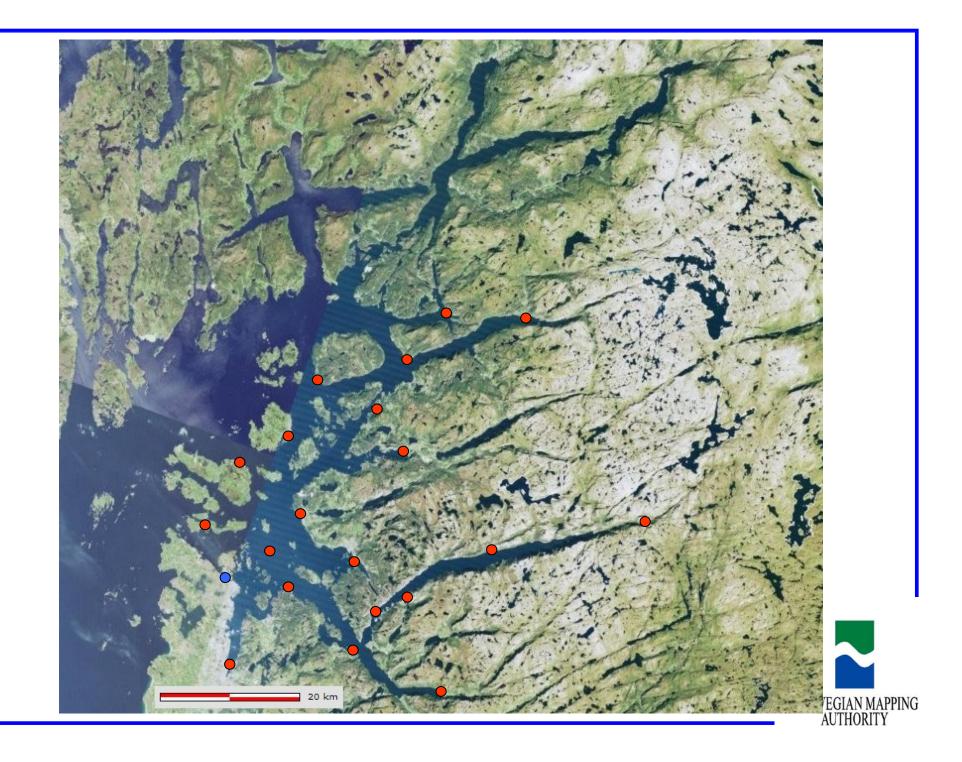




Mean Sea Level at the Norwegian Coast

- We want find a LAT surface relative to the ellipsoid inshore
- From our primary and secondary harbours we know "a lot" about LAT relative to the MSL
- We need the MSL relative to the ellipsoid, and this is our first and most difficult problem
- Our plan is to use cheap pressure gauges in the vicinity of the primary stations and "transfer" MSL to the measuring sites
- We must also measure with a GPS at each site

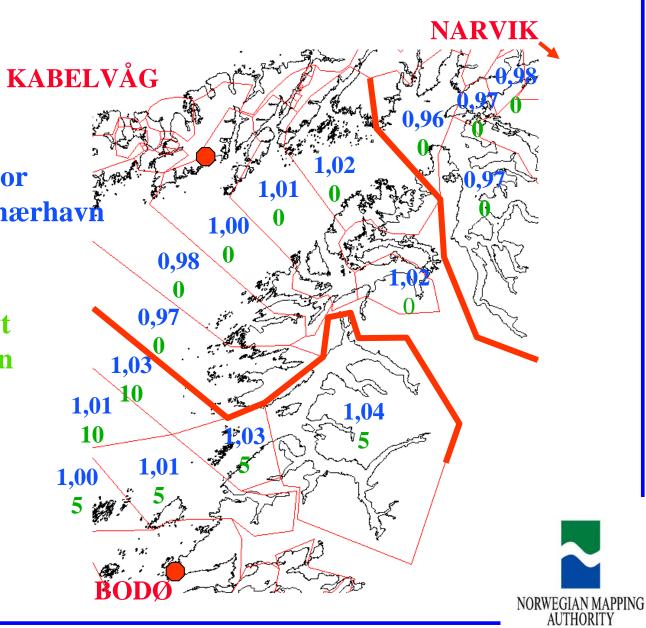


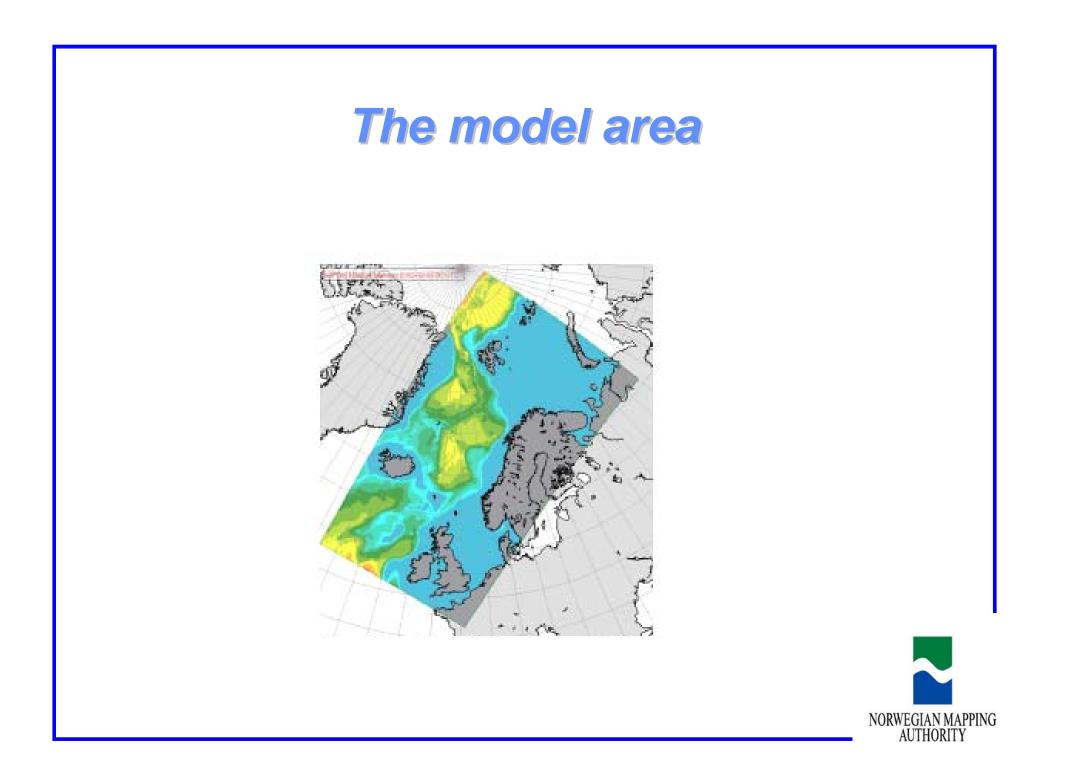


#### **Tidal zones**

Blå tall: Høydekorreksjonsfaktor relativt nærmeste primærhavn

Grønne tall: Tidskorreksjon relativt nærmeste primærhavn

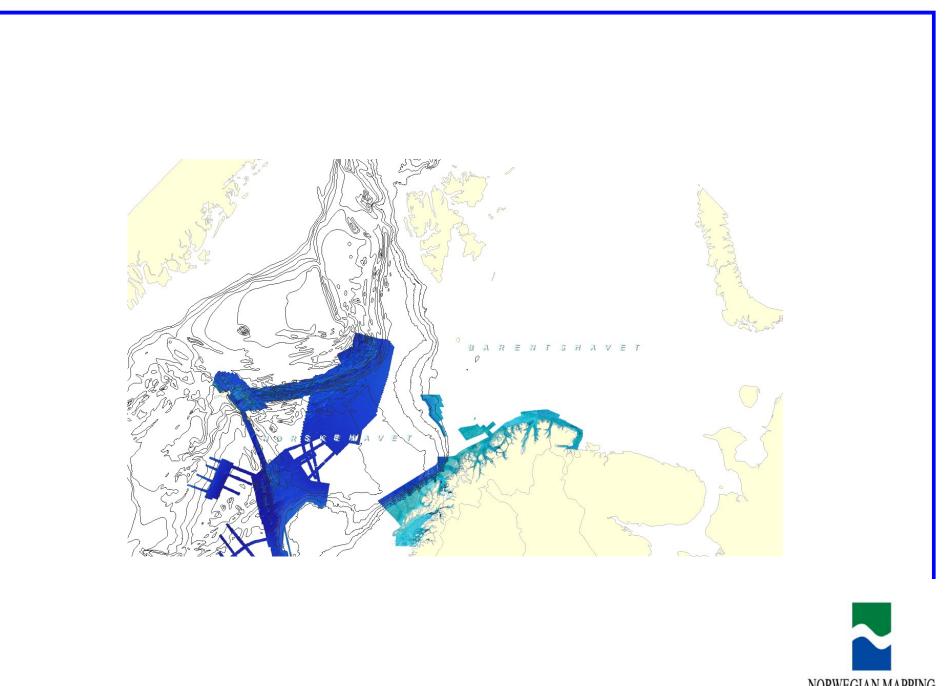




#### MAREANO Background

- The Barents Sea is getting more important (because of oil, gas and politics)
- A mapping project has started where the Norwegian Hydrographic Service does the hydrographic work and other institutions examine the geology and life on the bottom.
- The ellipsoide is used as the reference level and the GPS is used to find the water level.





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