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## Supplementary Materials

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## **Seasonal behaviour of tidal damping and residual water level slope in the Yangtze River estuary: identifying the critical position and river discharge for maximum tidal damping**

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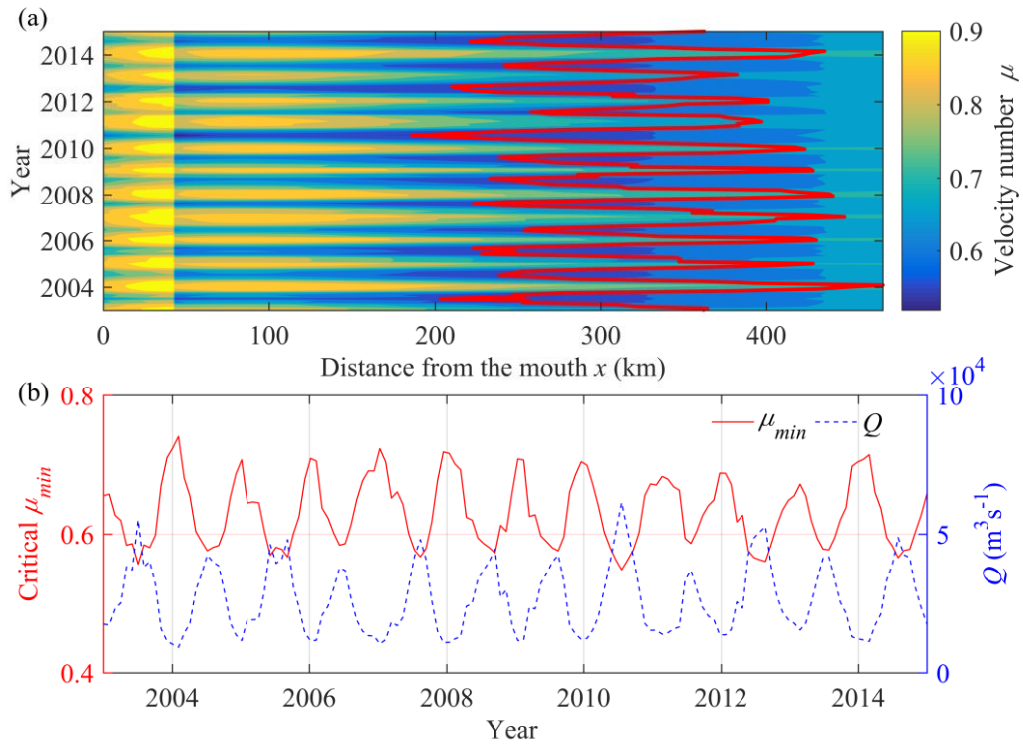
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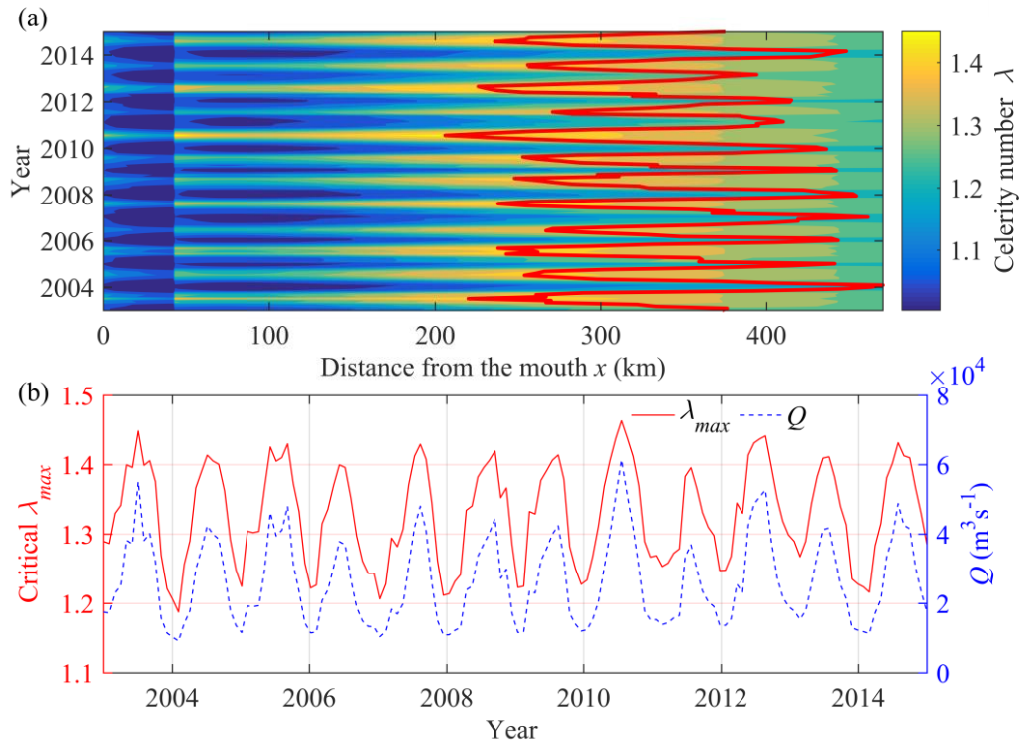
Figures S1-S3 show the seasonal behavior of the velocity number  $\mu$ , the celerity number  $\lambda$  and the phase lag  $\varepsilon$  under a wide range of tidal and riverine forcing conditions in the Yangtze River estuary.

Figure S4 shows the seasonal behavior of the three components ( $S_t$ ,  $S_r$ ,  $S_{tr}$ ) that contribute to the development of the residual water level slope  $S$ .



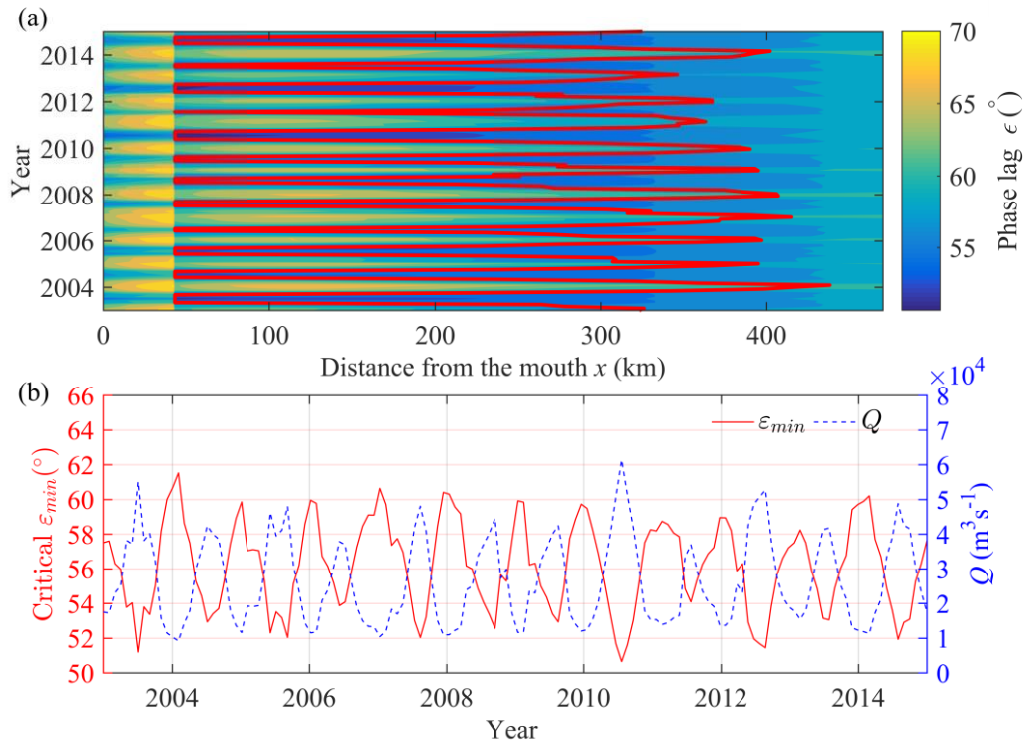
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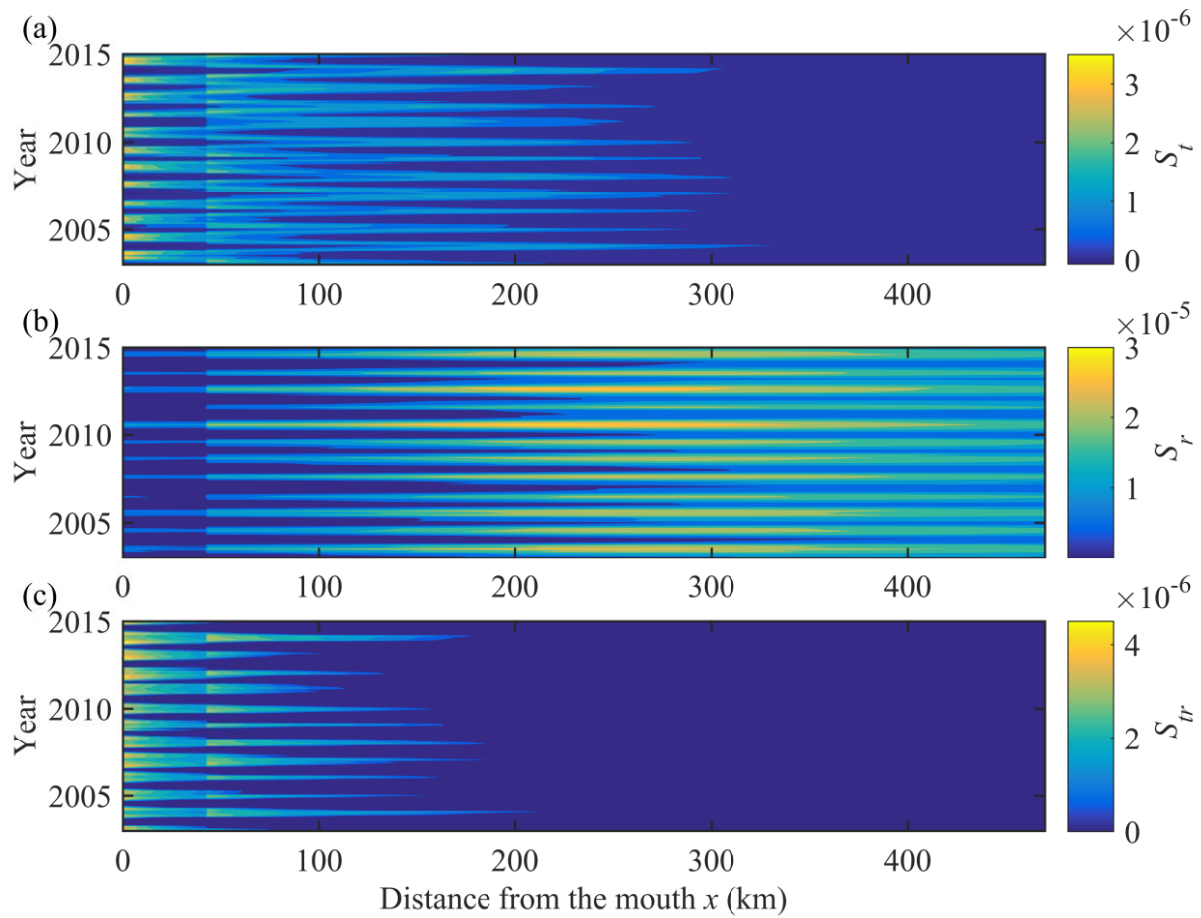
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