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MATEMATICO SOPRAORDINARIO

DELLO STUDIO DI PISA.

E Filosofo, e Matematico primario del

SERENISSIMO

GR.DVCA DI TOSCANA.

Due ne i congressi di quattro giornate si discorre
fopra i due

MASSIMI SISTEMI DEL MONDO
TOLEMAICO, E COPERNICANO;

*Proponendo indeterminatamente le ragioni Filosofiche, e Naturali
tanto per l'una, quanto per l'altra parte.*

CON PRI



VILEGI.

IN FIRENZA, Per Gio:Batista Landini MDCXXXII.

CON LICENZA DE' SUPERIORI.



THE FOURTH DAY

SAGREDO. I do not know whether you are really arriving later than usual for our accustomed discussion or whether it just seems so to me because of my desire to hear Salviati's thoughts on such an interesting matter. I have been watching through the window for a long time, hoping from one moment to the next to see the gondola come into view which I sent to fetch you.

SALV. I believe it is only your imagination that has made the time drag, rather than any tardiness on our part. But in order not to stretch it still further it will be good for us to get to the matter in hand without wasting any more words.

Let us see, then, how nature has allowed (whether the facts are actually such, or whether at a whim and as if to play upon our fancies) — has allowed, I say, the movements that have long been attributed to the earth for every reason except as an explanation of the ocean tides to be found now to serve that purpose too, with equal precision; and how, reciprocally, this ebb and flow itself coöperates in confirming the earth's mobility.†

Up to this point the indications of that mobility have been taken from celestial phenomena, seeing that nothing which takes place on the earth has been powerful enough to establish the one position any more than the other. This we have already examined at length by showing that all terrestrial events from which it is ordinarily held that the earth stands still and the sun and the fixed stars are moving would necessarily appear just the same to us if the earth moved and the others stood still. Among all sublunary things it is only in the element of water (as something

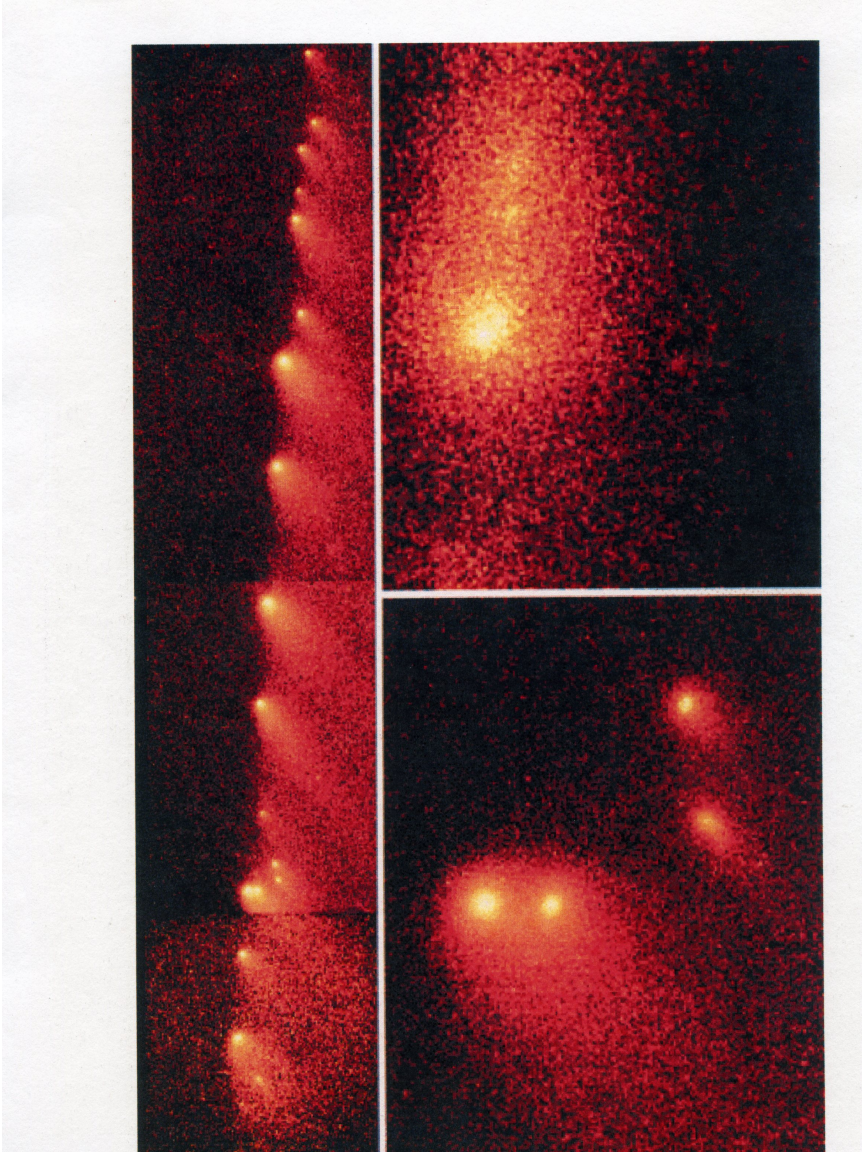
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which is very vast and is not joined and linked with the terrestrial globe as are all its solid parts, but is rather, because of its fluidity, free and separate and a law unto itself) that we may recognize some trace or indication of the earth's behavior in regard to motion and rest. After having many times examined for myself the effects and events, partly seen and partly heard from other people, which are observed in the movements of the water; after, moreover, having read and listened to the great follies which many people have put forth as causes for these events, I have arrived at two conclusions which were not lightly to be drawn and granted. Certain necessary assumptions having been made, these are that if the terrestrial globe were immovable, the ebb and flow of the oceans could not occur naturally; and that when we confer upon the globe the movements just assigned to it, the seas are necessarily subjected to an ebb and flow agreeing in all respects with what is to be observed in them.

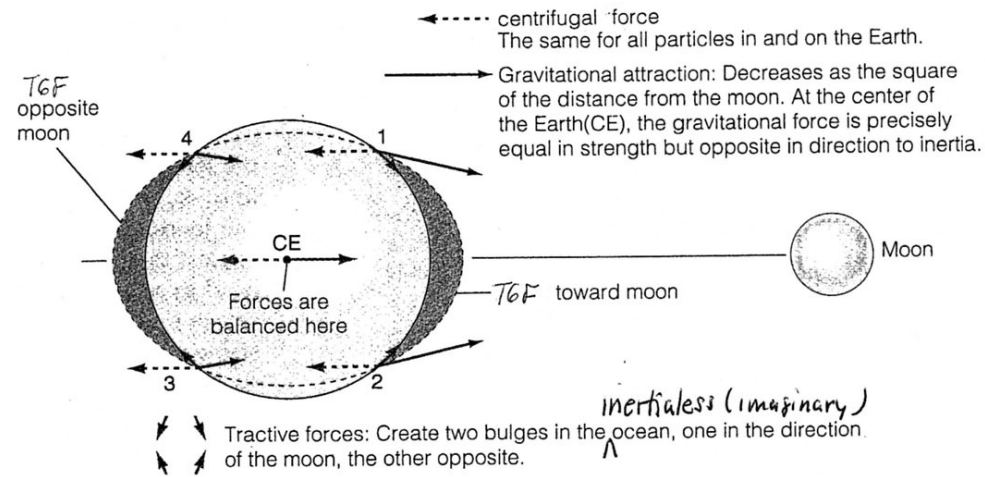
Nature's whim to make the flow and ebb of the seas endorse the earth's mobility.

The tides and the earth's mobility reciprocally confirm one another.

All terrestrial events except the ocean tides are impartial as to the earth's motion or rest.

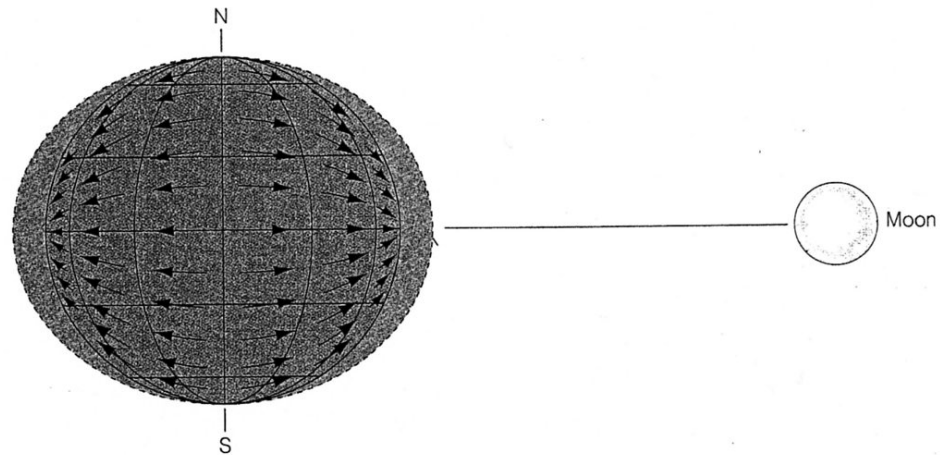


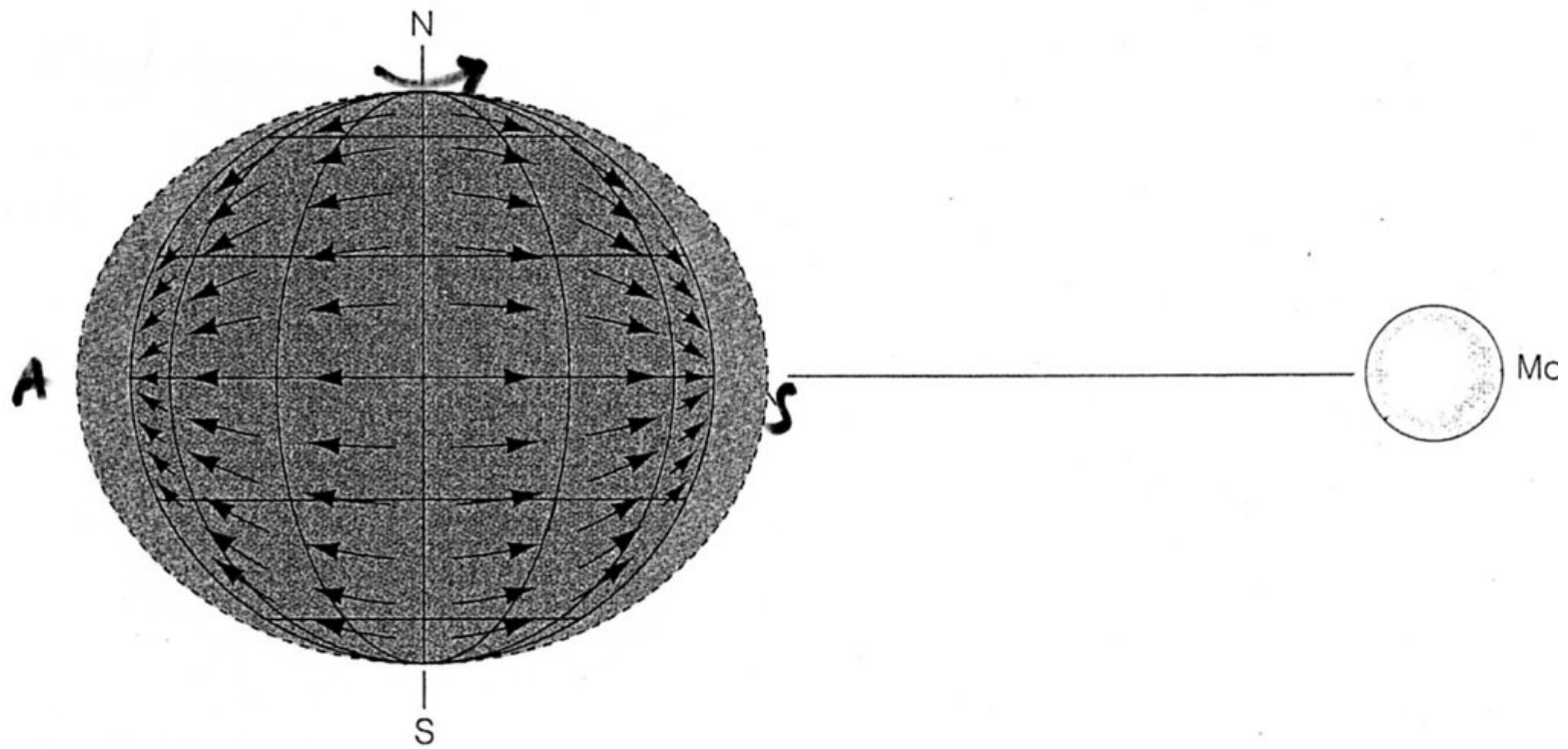


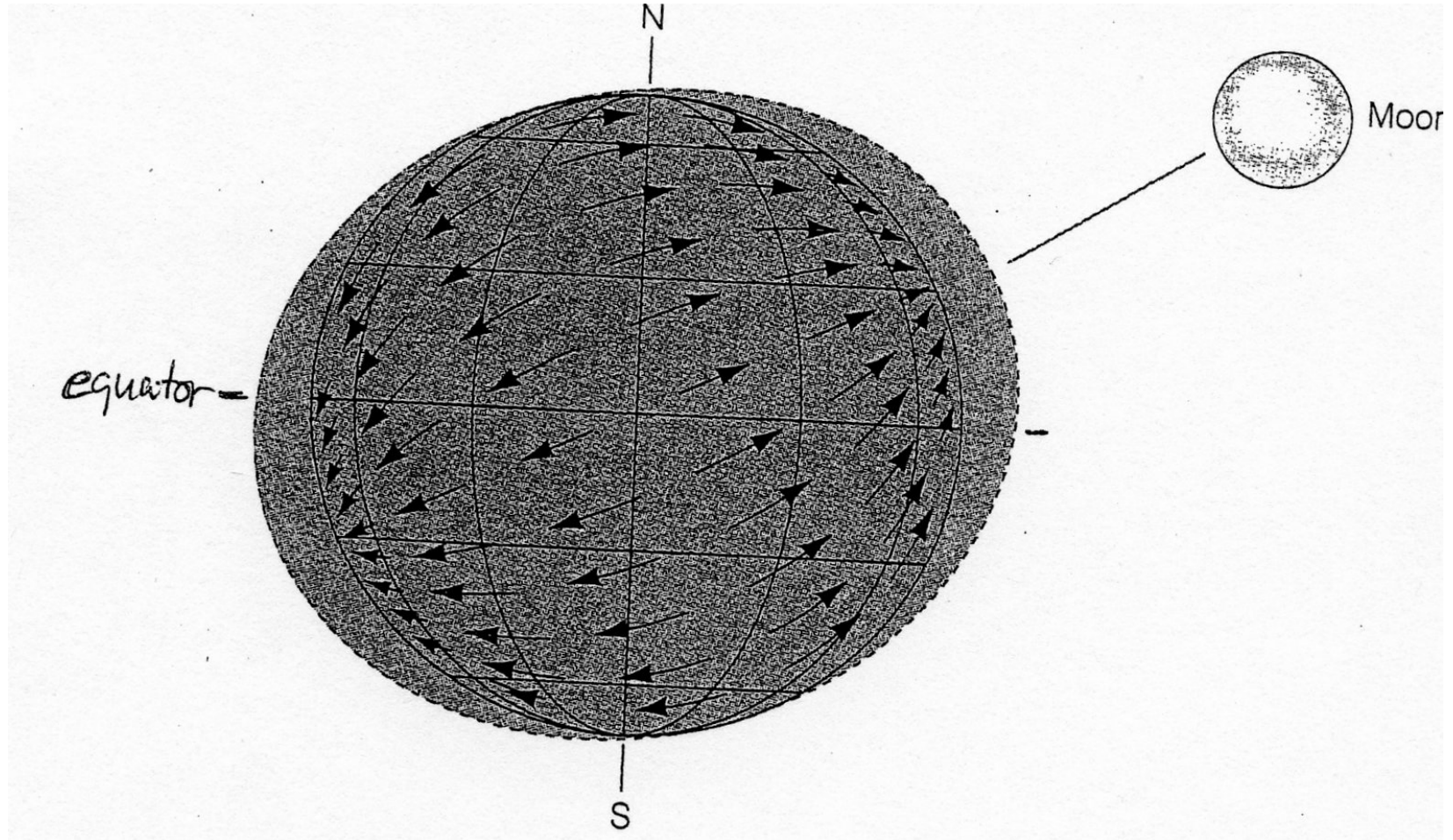


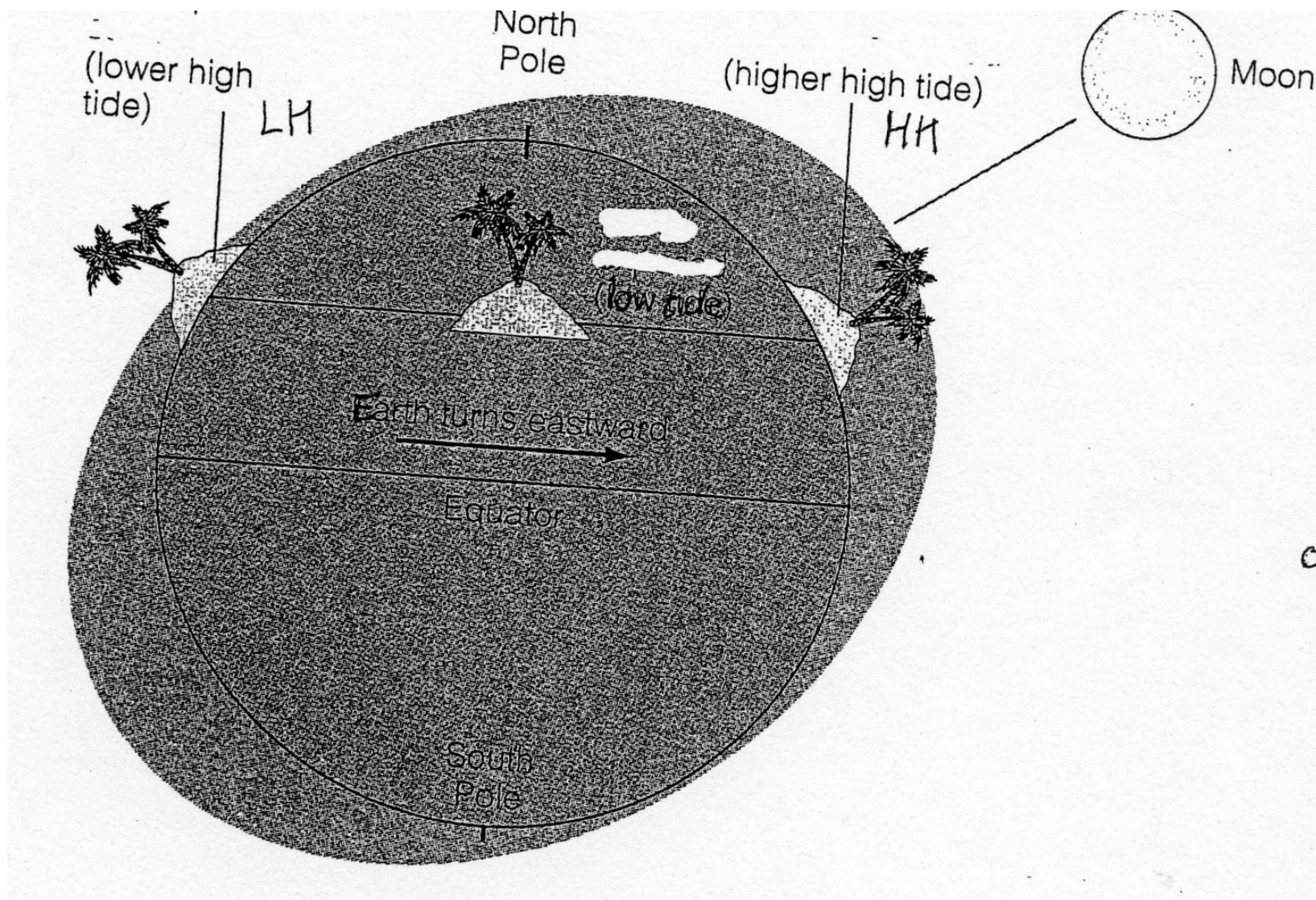
The two forces that can move the ocean are balanced only at the center of Earth (point CE). Elsewhere the net imbalance is a small force that causes ocean water to converge into two equal "bulges," as shown.

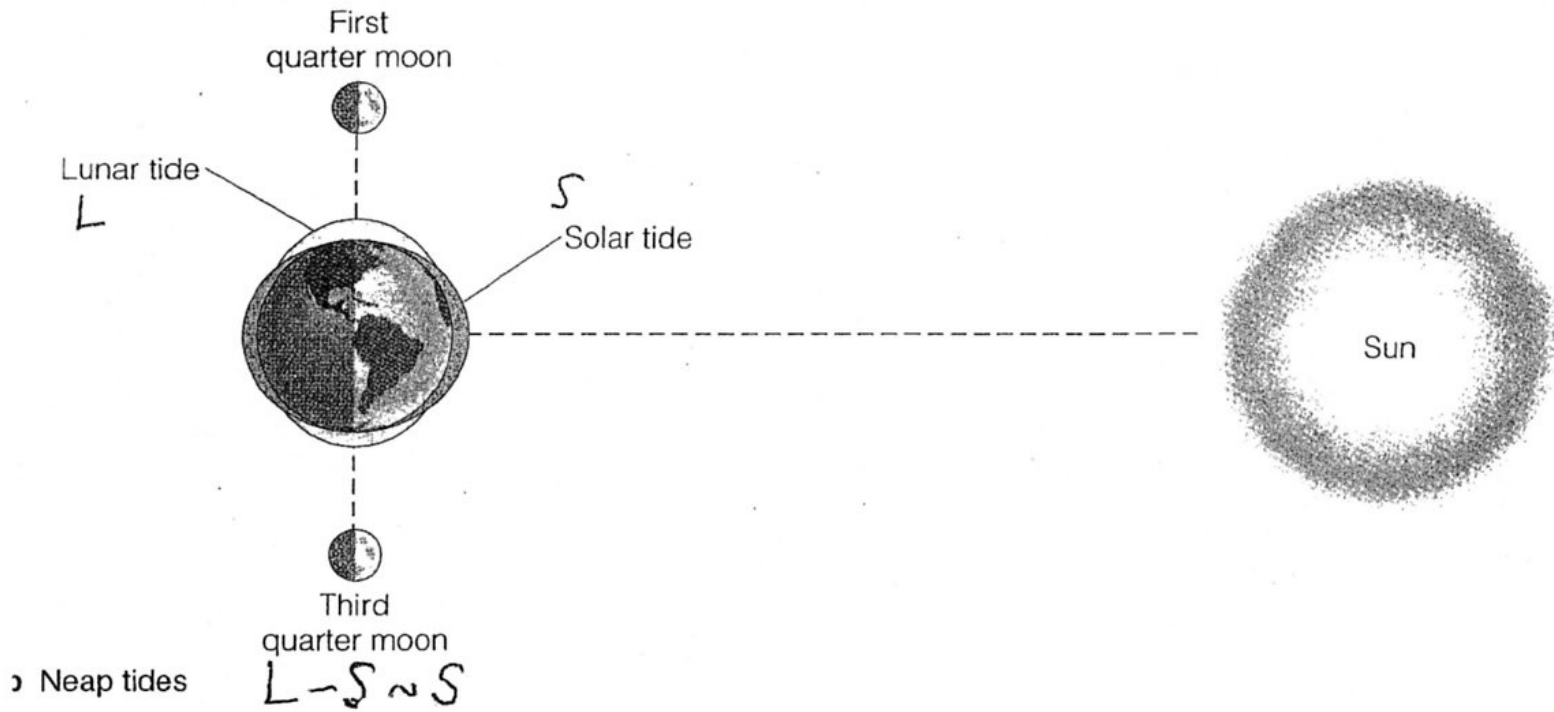
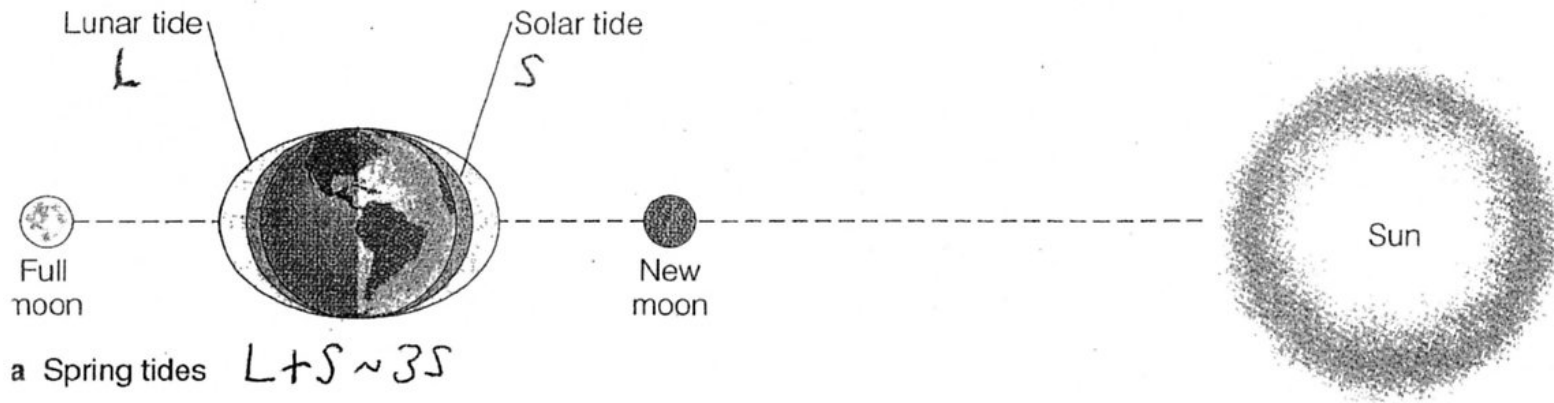
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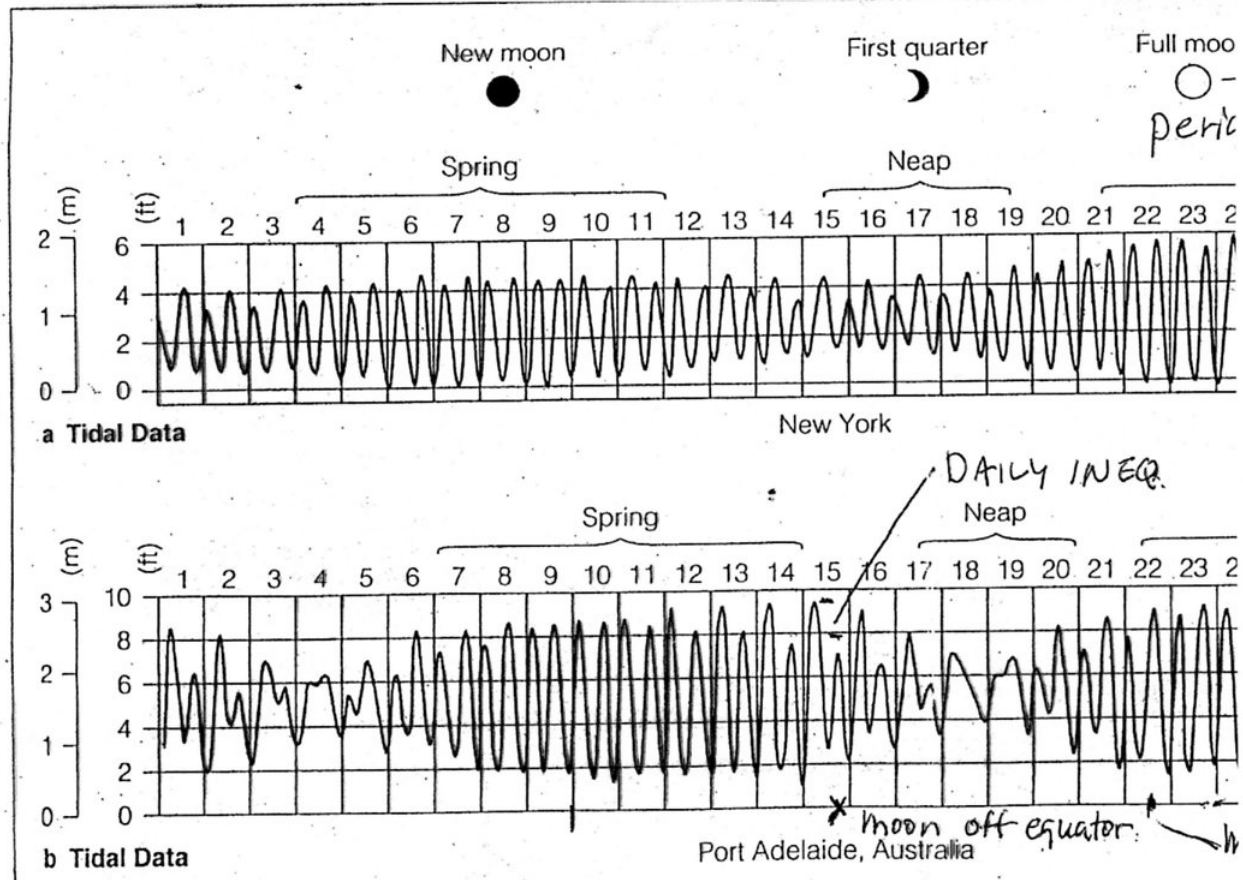
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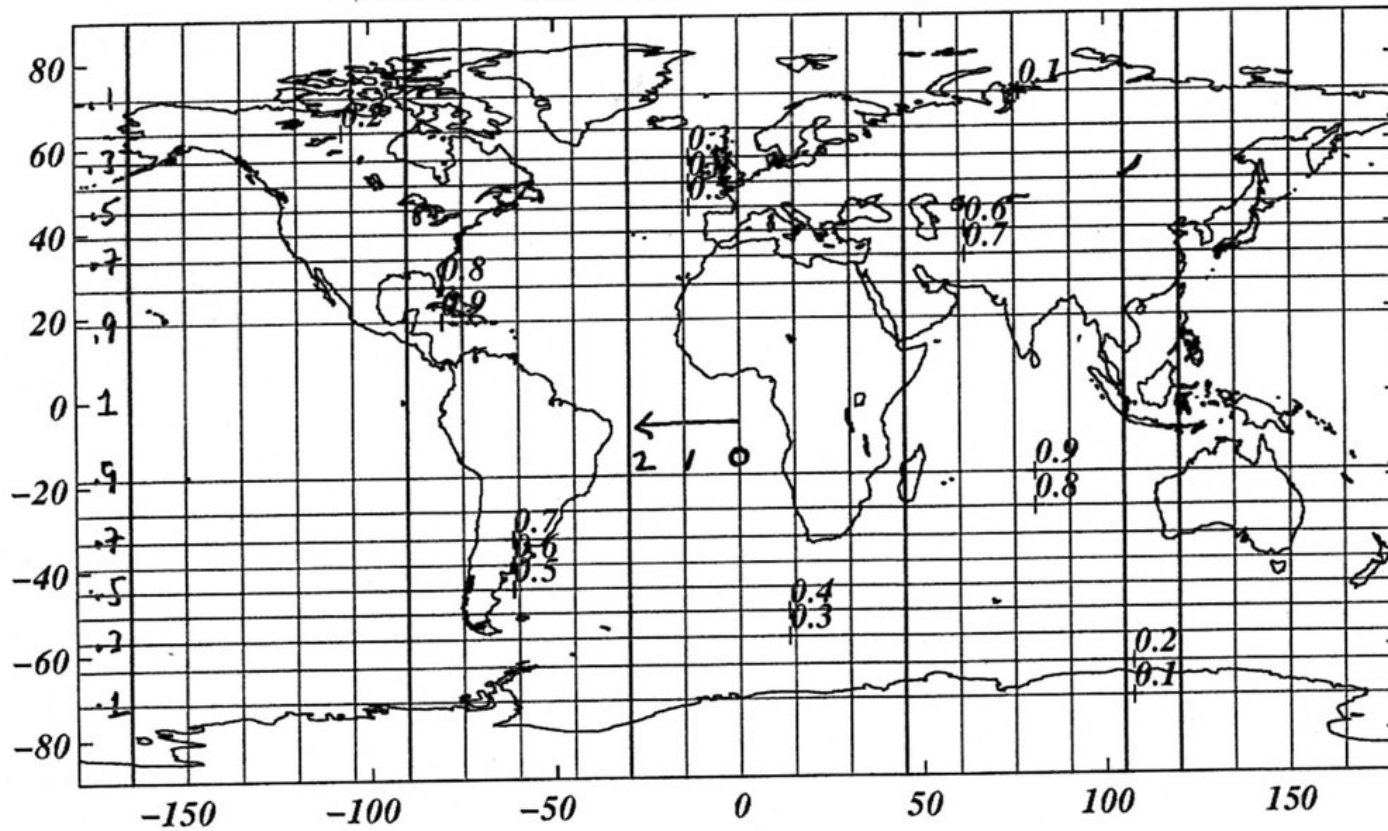
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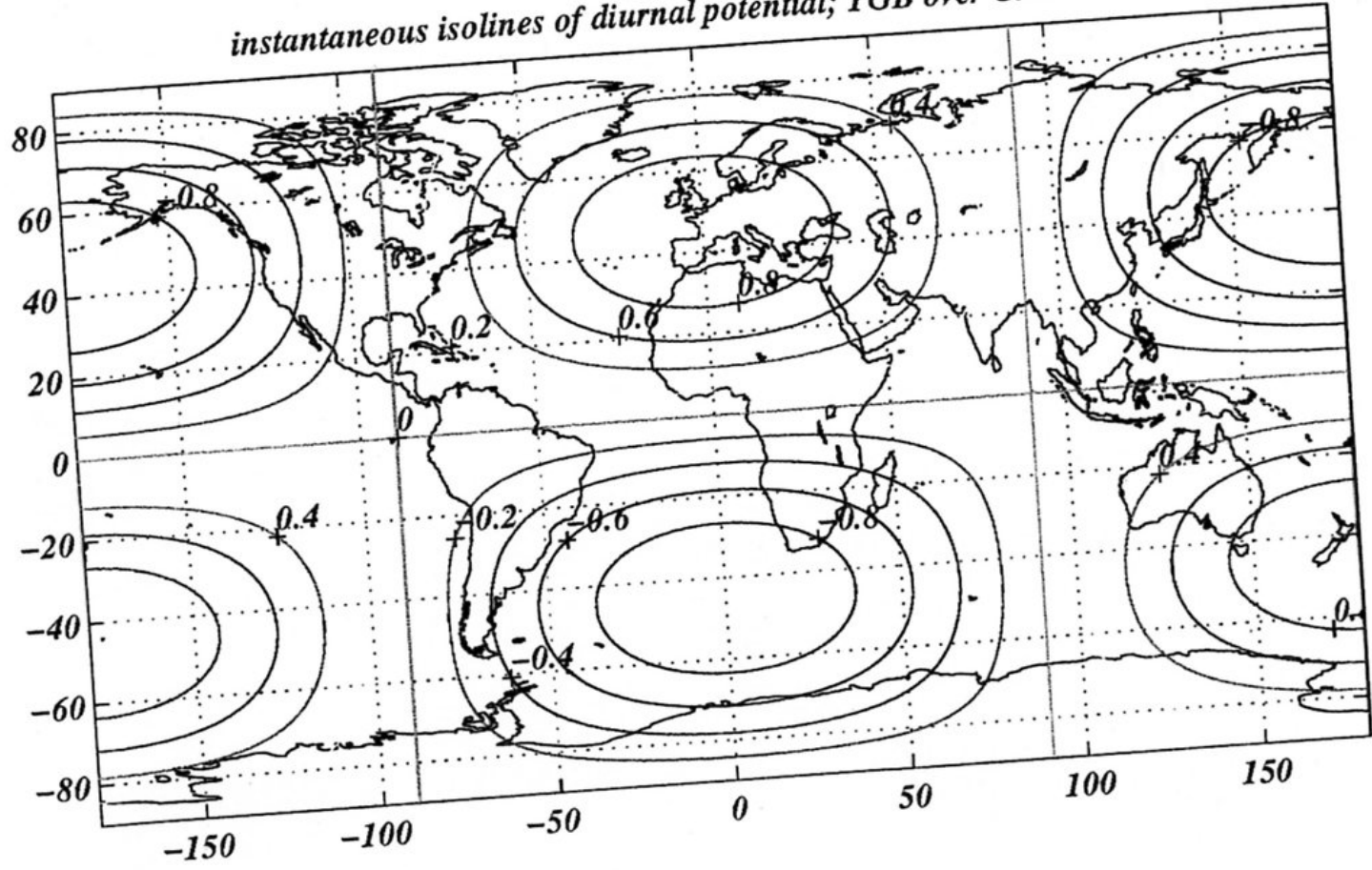


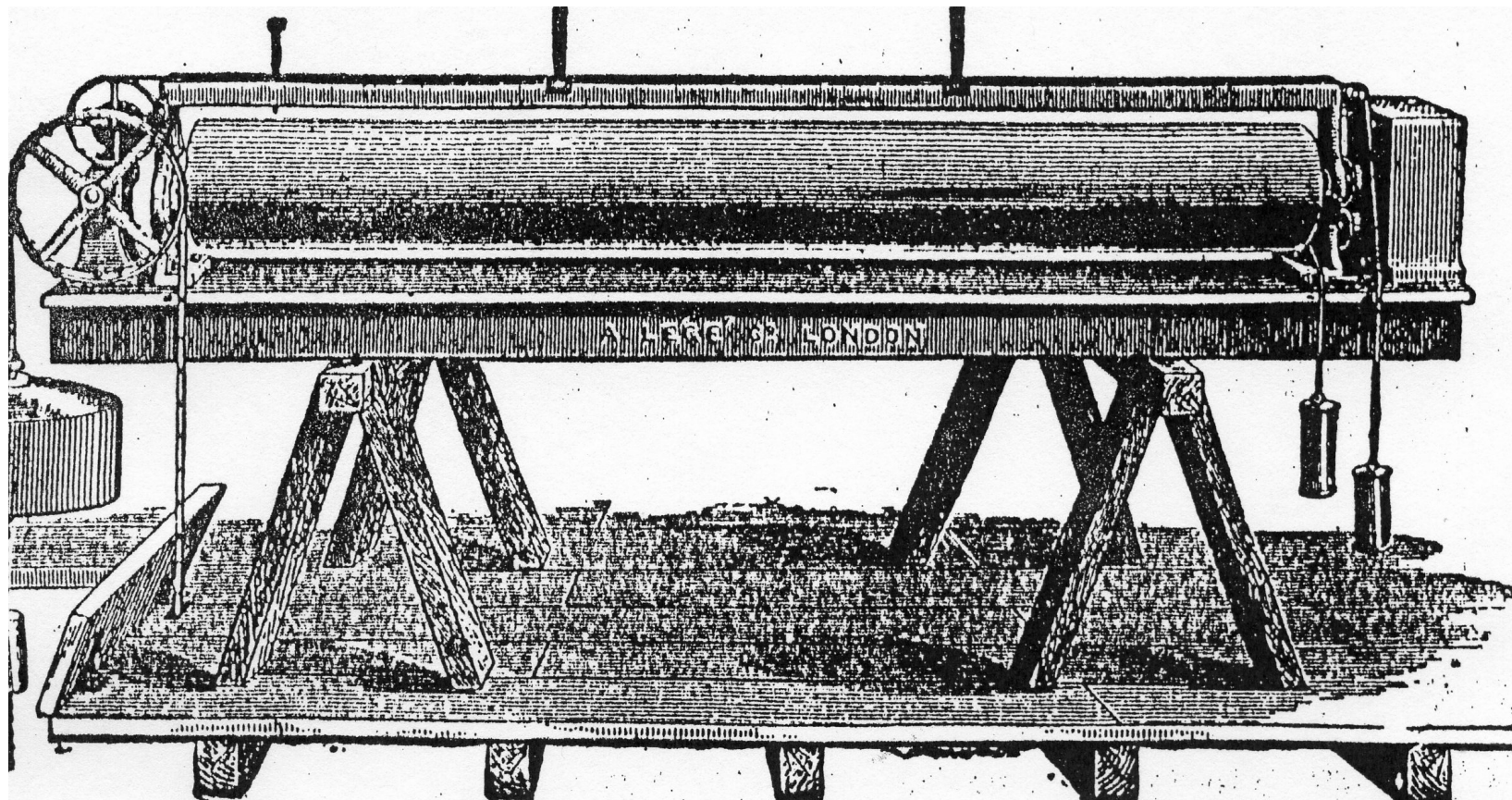
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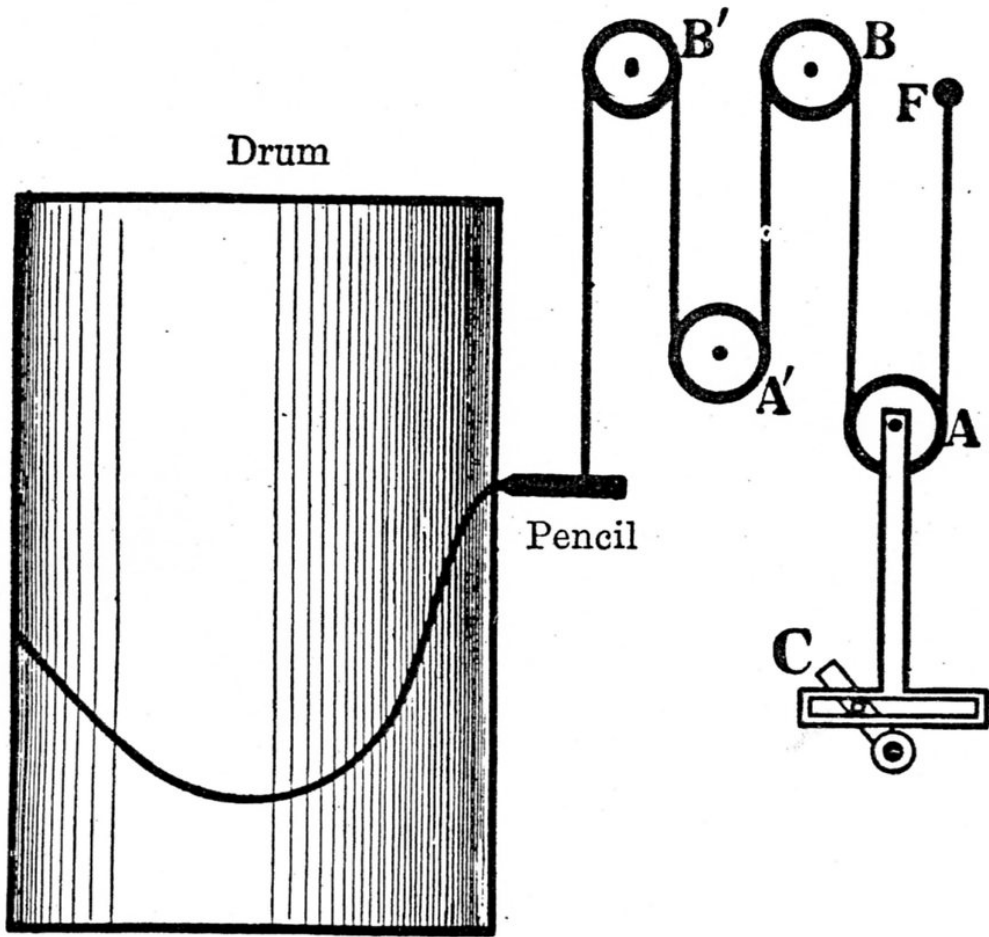


DIAGRAM OF TIDE-PREDICTING INSTRUMENT

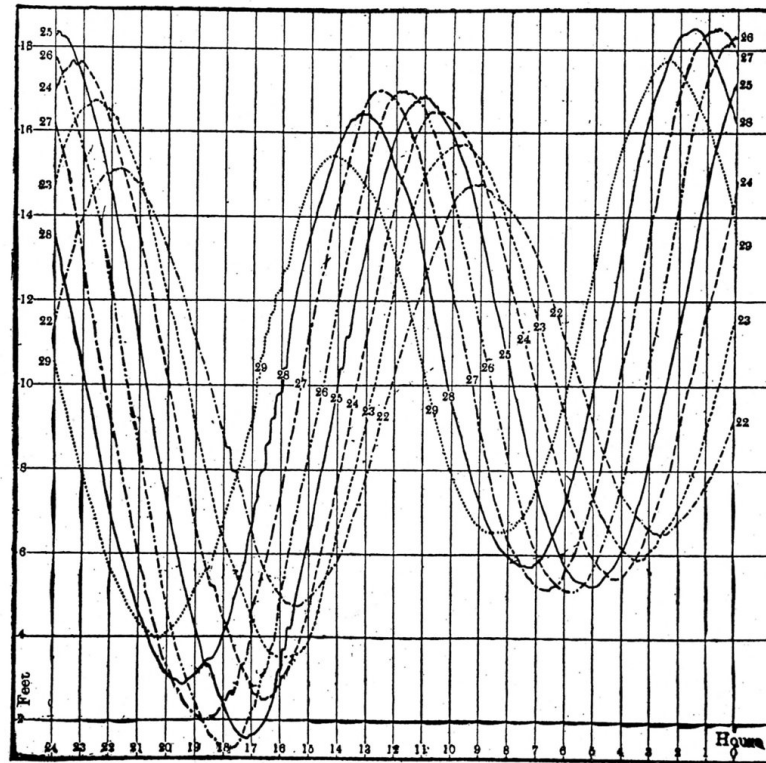


FIG. 5.—BOMBAY TIDE-CURVE FROM NOON, APRIL 22,
TO NOON, APRIL 30, 1884

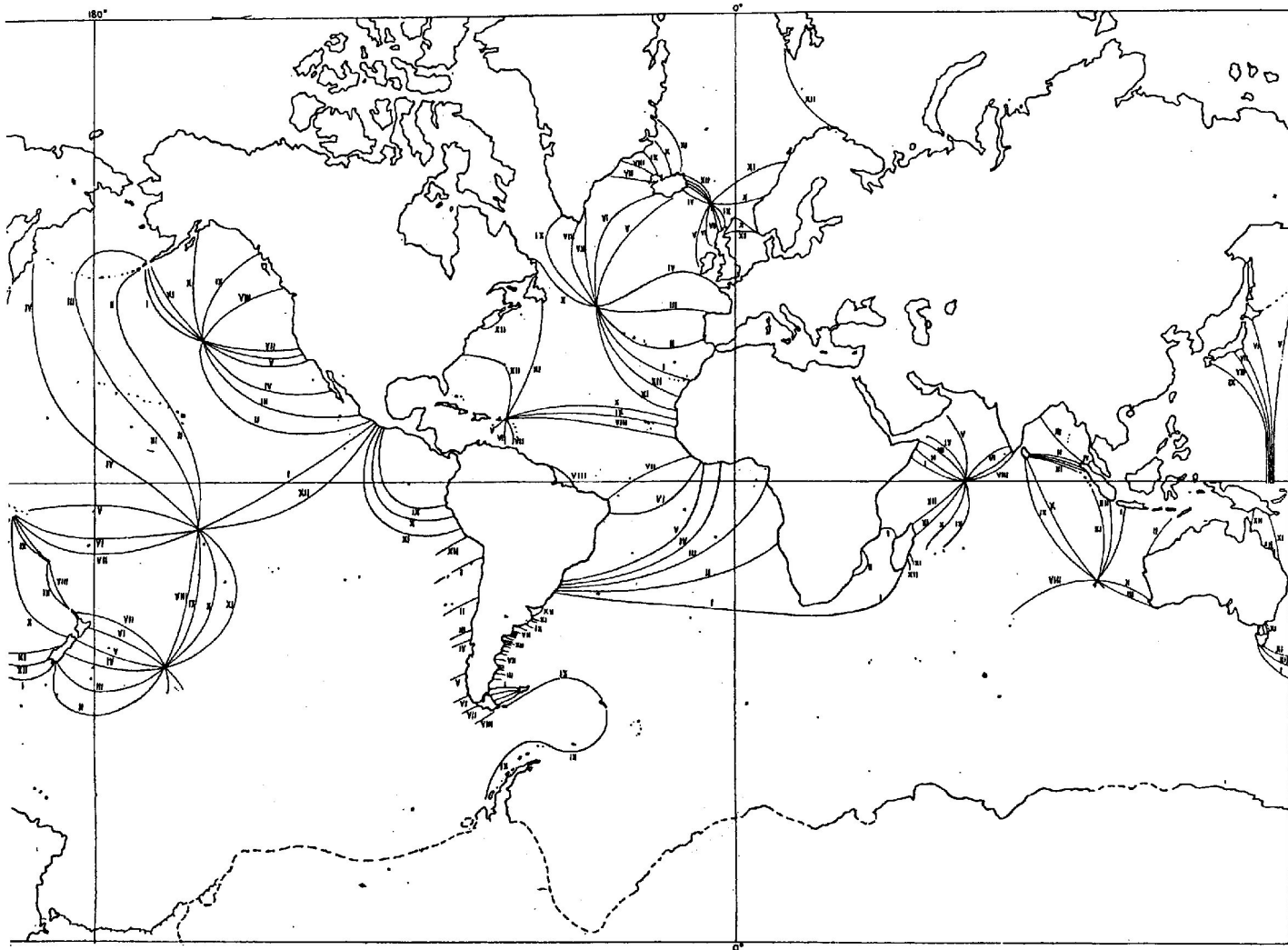
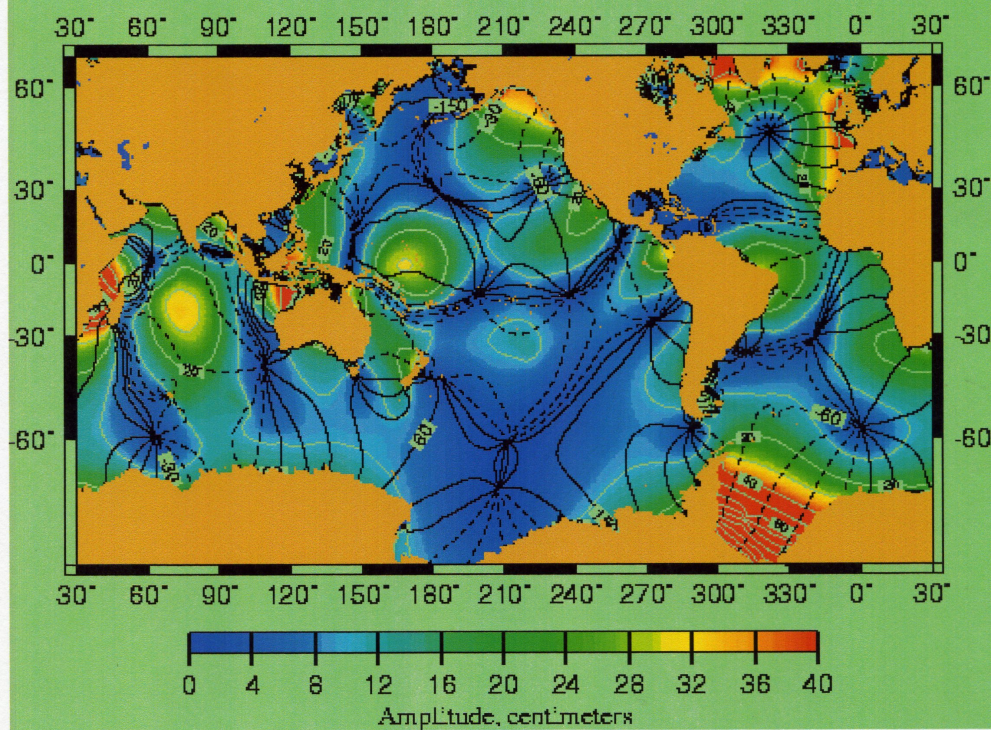
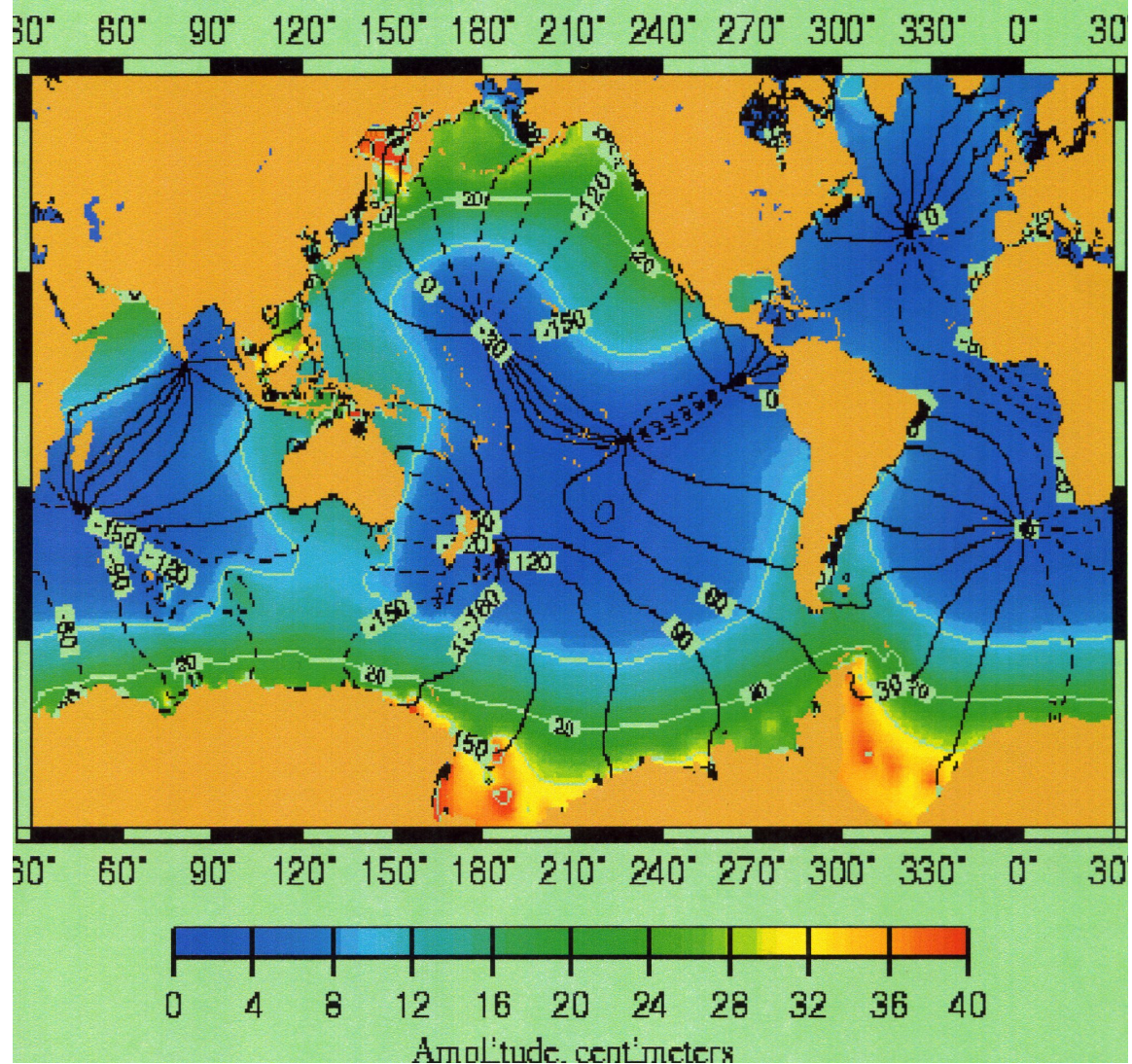


Figure 10.22 Cotidal lines for M_2 (in lunar hours relative to moon's transit over Greenwich). (Villain, 1952.)

S2 Amplitude/Phase Map



O1 Amplitude/Phase Map



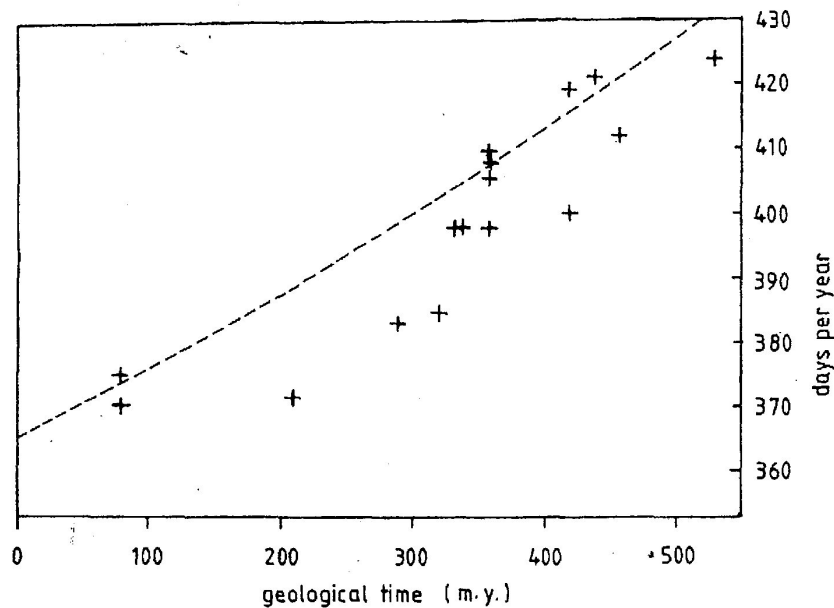


Fig. 1. Summary of paleontological data showing days per year. (After Scrutton 1978). The broken line extrapolates the present rate of deceleration

Figure 1 is taken from a review of Scrutton (1978) presented at the first Bielefeld meeting on tidal friction. It summarizes all paleontological data available and indicates that the length of the day (l.o.d.) has changed remarkably during the last 500 m.y. But the assumption of a constant lengthening of the day of 2 ms/century (about the present rate) can only roughly fit the data as shown by the dashed line. Instead, there is an indication of a relatively low dissipation rate during the last 300 m.y. (up to the Permian), whereas before that time a rate even somewhat higher seems reasonable.

Garrett Nature 1972

My calculations suggest that the Bay of Fundy and Gulf of Maine have a resonant period of 13.3 ± 0.4 h and that the present M_2 tide has a Q of 5.25 ± 1.5 . Smaller constituents have the same resonant period but a slightly smaller Q .

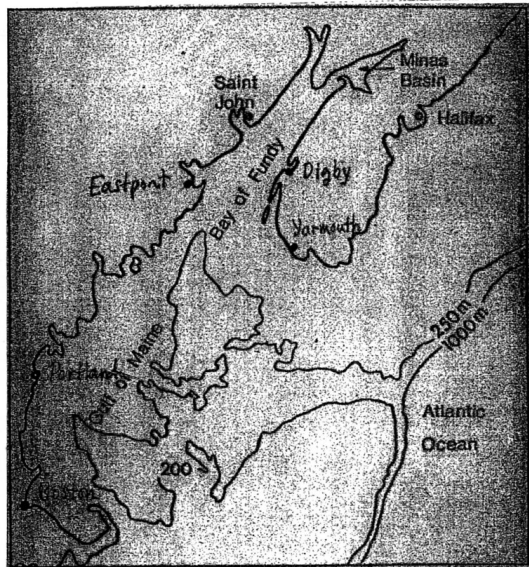
There can be little doubt that the resonant period is greater than the M_2 period of 12.42 h. Construction of barriers in the upper part of the Bay of Fundy for the generation of electrical power would change the tidal amplitude at any point in the Bay of Fundy chiefly by increasing ω_0 . Unless the change of geometry is drastic enough to put ω_0 further above ω_M than it is at present below it, a slight amplification of the tides appears likely.

Previous work on this problem^{6,15,17,18}, which predicted a decrease in tidal amplitude, considered too small a region and was based on the false assumption that the tidal amplitude at the outer boundary of the system would be unchanged by barrier construction, an assumption contrary to results from studies of analogous problems^{11,12}.

$T_{M_2} = 12.42h$

$T_{res} = 13.3h$

by decreasing
 T_{res} towards
 M_2



6. Dissipation of tidal energy

The observed discrepancies in the motion of Moon and Sun have fascinated philosophers and scientists alike. The role of tidal friction was proposed in 1754 by Kant in an essay 'Untersuchung der Frage, ob die Erde in ihrer Umdrehung um die Achse, wodurch sie die Abwechselung des Tages und der Nacht hervorbringt, eine Veränderung seit den ersten Zeiten ihres Ursprunges erlitten habe, und woraus man sich ihrer versichern könne.' Laplace rejected this suggestion because it implied a secular acceleration in the motion of the Sun and planets, as well as of the Moon, and this had not yet been observed. In 1865 Delaunay revived the hypothesis to account for the secular acceleration of the Moon, but not until 1905 did Cowell discover the prerequisite acceleration of the Sun. The first discussion of the role of oceanic tides appears in the *Treatise on Natural Philosophy* (Thomson and Tait, 1879, p. 191). In 1881 Frederick Engels* criticized Thomson and Tait, claiming that only bodily tides can account for the lunar discrepancy. Engels's critique is based on a misconception concerning the energetics of the situation.

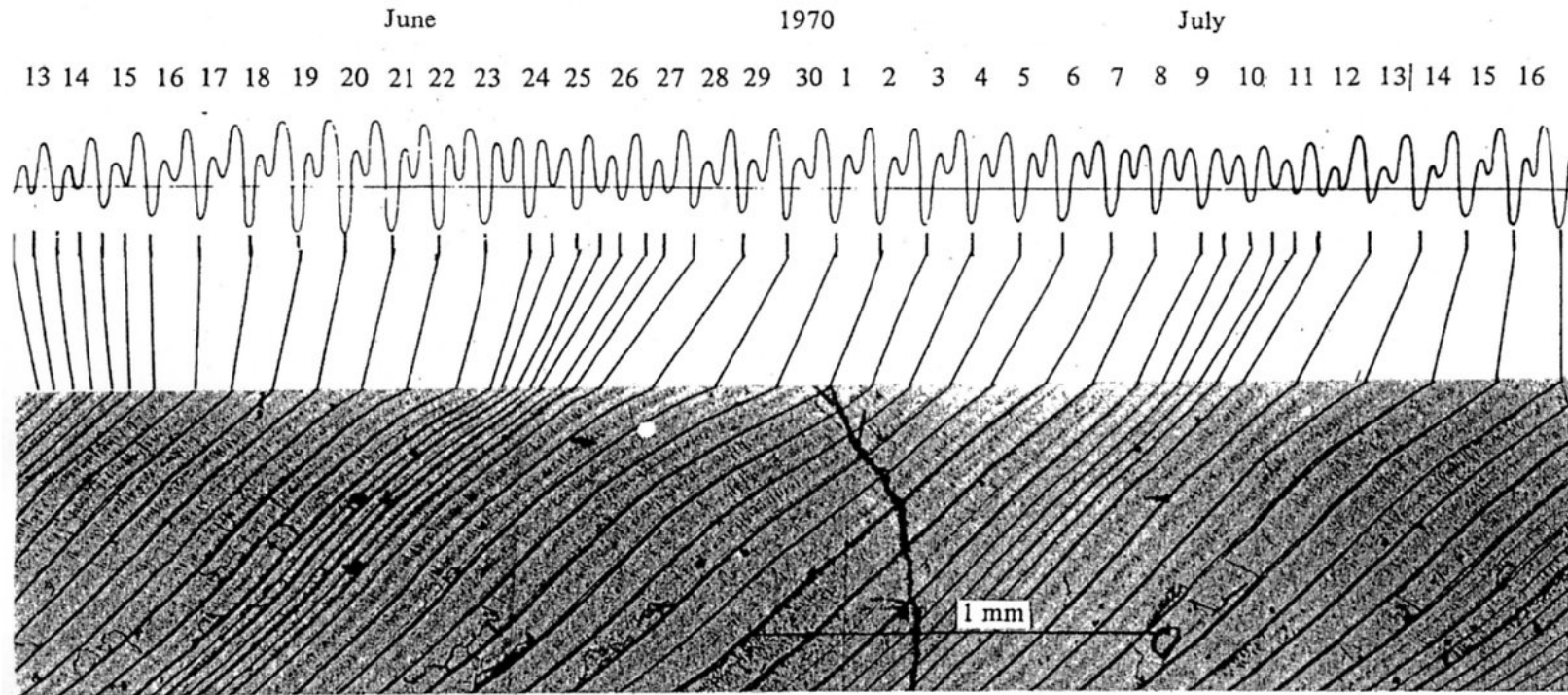


Figure 11.8. Internal growth lines in *Clinocardium nuttalli* compared with tidal predictions for the same period. The horizontal line drawn through the tide curve marks the intertidal position at which the specimen was found. Lines form when the tide drops below this position (from Evans 1972).

