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## Summary

Menter Mon Morlais Limited (MMML) is developing the Morlais Demonstration Zone (MDZ), situated to the west of Holy Island on the Isle of Anglesey. The MDZ will incorporate multiple tidal current device array projects from different project owners and with different technologies. HR Wallingford has undertaken a detailed study of the effects of the MDZ on currents, waves and sediment transport. This is described in HR Wallingford Report DER6261\_RT001-R02-00. MMML has requested that further information be provided from the study regarding the effect of the proposed scheme on the direction and strength of the tidal currents, to assist it with discussions with stakeholder parties including kayakers. This note presents predicted changes in current speeds and directions at hourly intervals throughout a Mean Spring Tide cycle. In general there is a reduction in current speeds due to the tidal current scheme although the tidal stream is also diverted around the development causing a shift in the location of the tidal stream between the development area and the coast at some states of the tide. The pattern of the tidal eddy around North Stack Head is also changed.

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# 1. Introduction

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MMML has requested that further information be provided from the study regarding the effect of the proposed scheme on currents, to assist it with discussions with stakeholder parties. This note presents predicted changes in currents throughout a Mean Spring Tide cycle.

## 1.2. Report Structure

The remainder of this report includes two further sections. Section 2 briefly describes the devices considered in the study. Section 3 details changes in currents throughout a Mean Spring tide.

# 2. Characteristics of devices considered in the study

The HR Wallingford study (Reference 1) considers the worst case scenarios for the impact on the : 620 seabed-mounted devices, 112 electrical seabed hubs, 8 surface piercing electrical hubs and rock bag protection along 9 cable routes.

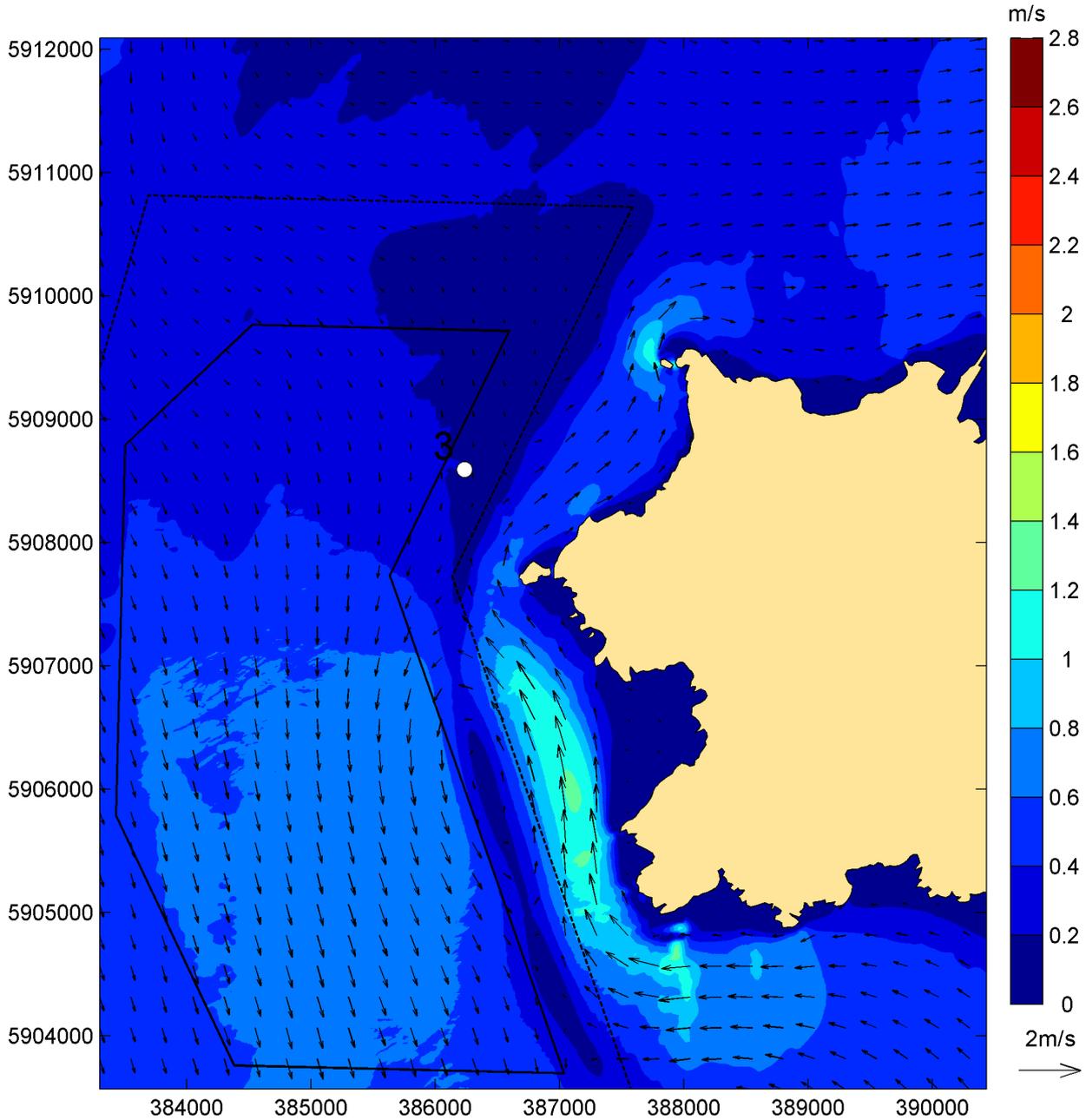
The seabed turbine characteristics assumed in the study are given in Table 2.1 below.

Table 2.1: Sea bed Turbine Characteristics

Characteristic	Assumed Value
Rotor diameter (D)	16.13 m
Rated flow speed	2.015 m/s
Cut-in flow speed	0.5 m/s
Rated mechanical (electrical) power	429 kW (387 kW)
Power Curve	Variable with flow speed
Thrust Curve	Variable with flow speed
Position in water column	Mid depth

### 3. Flow conditions

The following figures illustrate the flow conditions for a Mean Spring Tide from High Water minus 6 hours to High Water plus 6 hours at 1-hour intervals. For each time, there are 3 figures, one for the existing case, one for the scheme and one showing vectors for both, with blue arrows for the existing case and red arrows for the scheme. Point 3 is marked on these figures. This is one of the key points of interest referred to in Reference 1.



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Figure 3.1: Existing flow velocity. High Water minus 6 hours

Source: HR Wallingford

Note: Extent of Morlais Demonstration Zone (dashed line). Area within which surface devices may be present (continuous line)

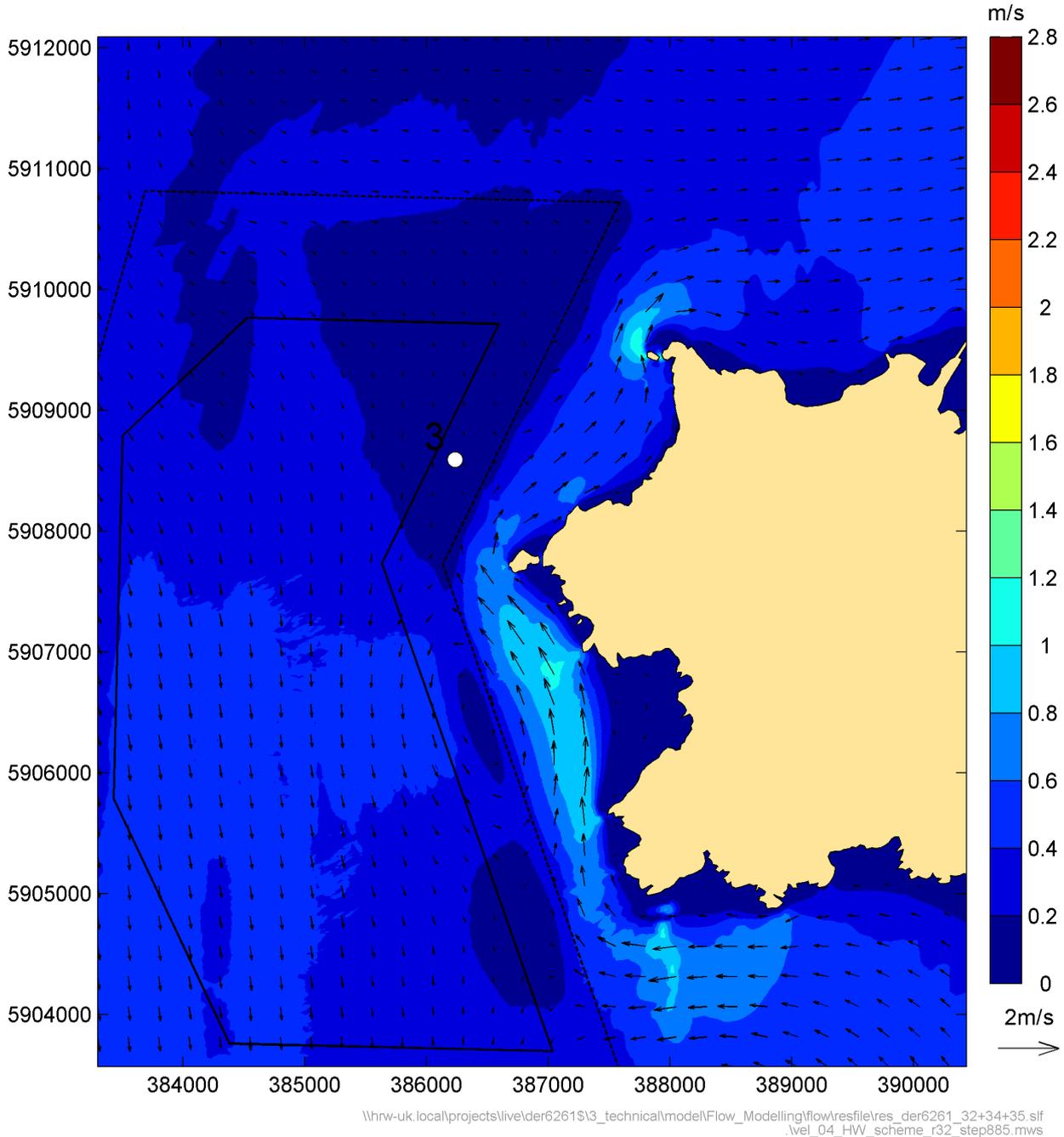
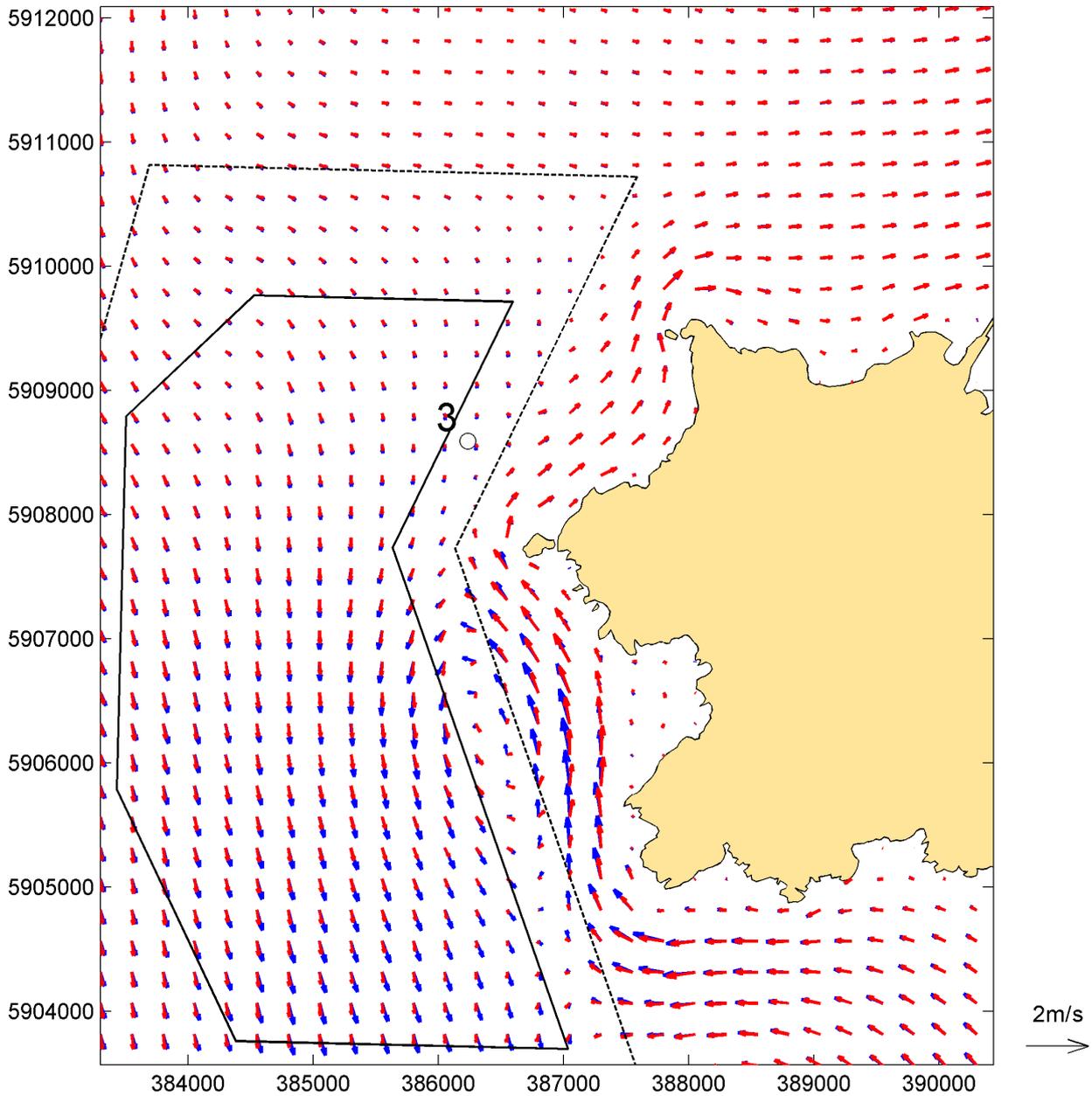


Figure 3.2: Scheme flow velocity. High Water minus 6 hours

Source: HR Wallingford

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Figure 3.3: Existing (blue) and Scheme (red) flow velocity. High Water minus 6 hours

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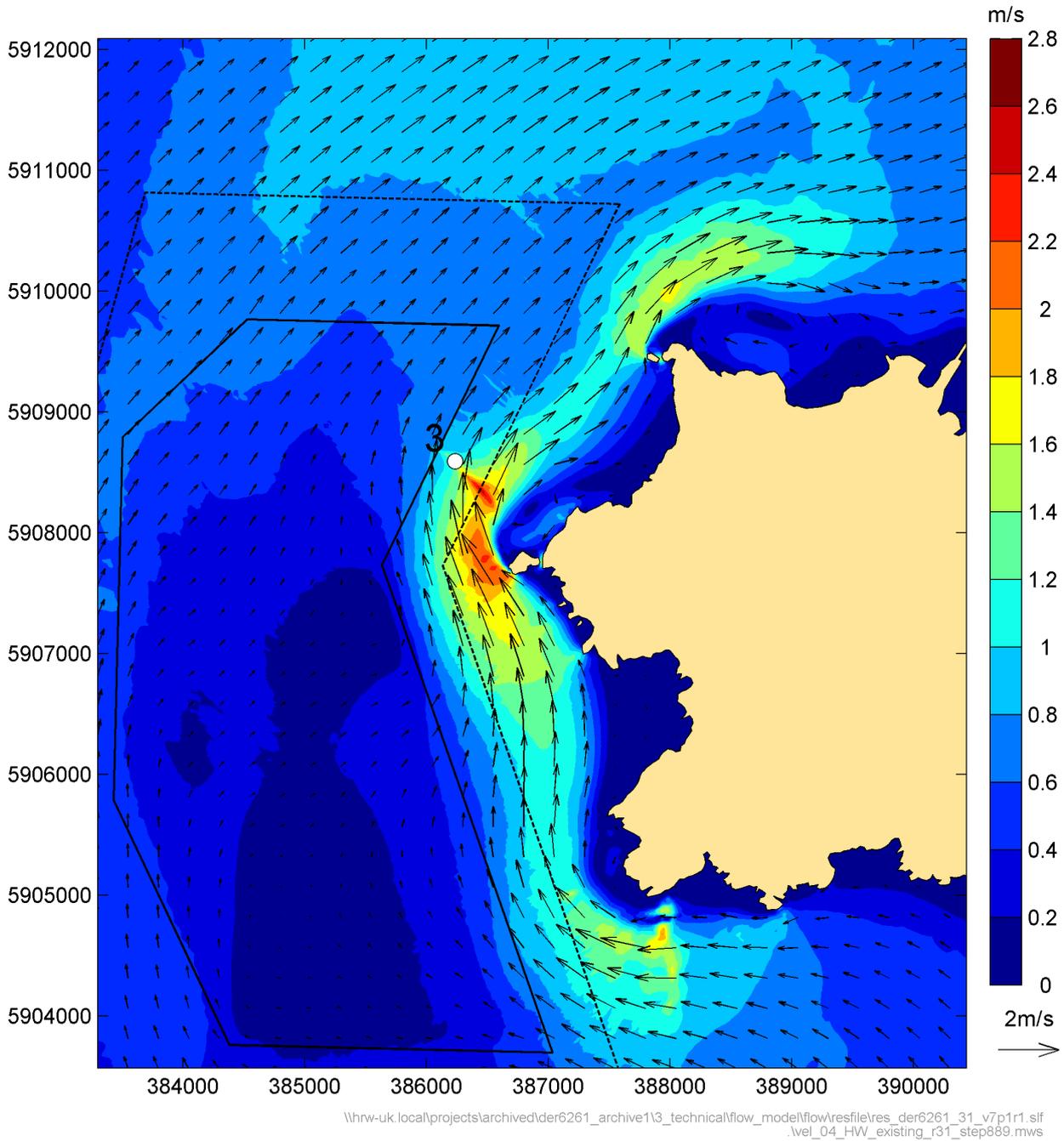


Figure 3.4: Existing flow velocity. High Water minus 5 hours

Source: HR Wallingford

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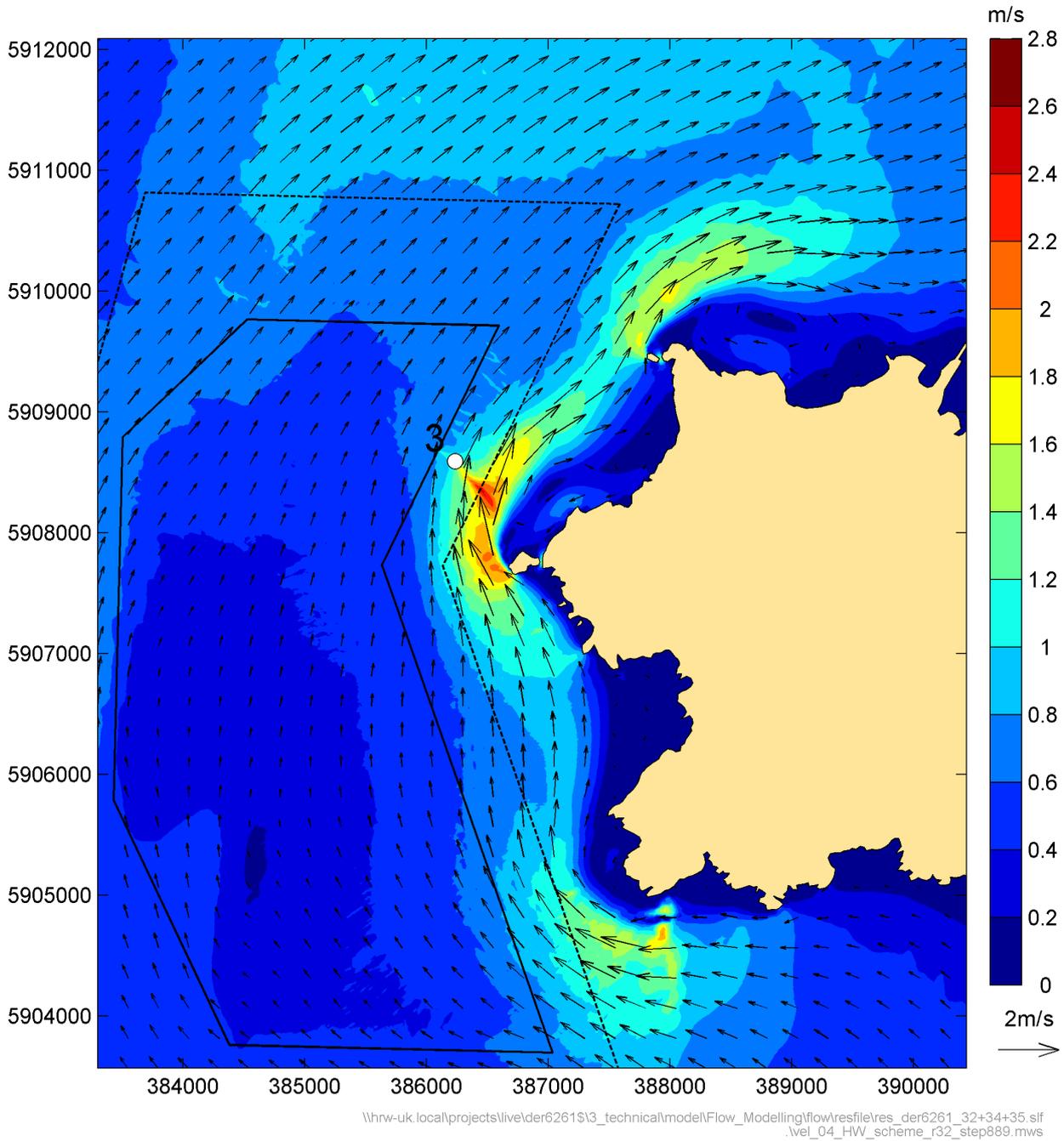


Figure 3.5: Scheme flow velocity. High Water minus 5 hours

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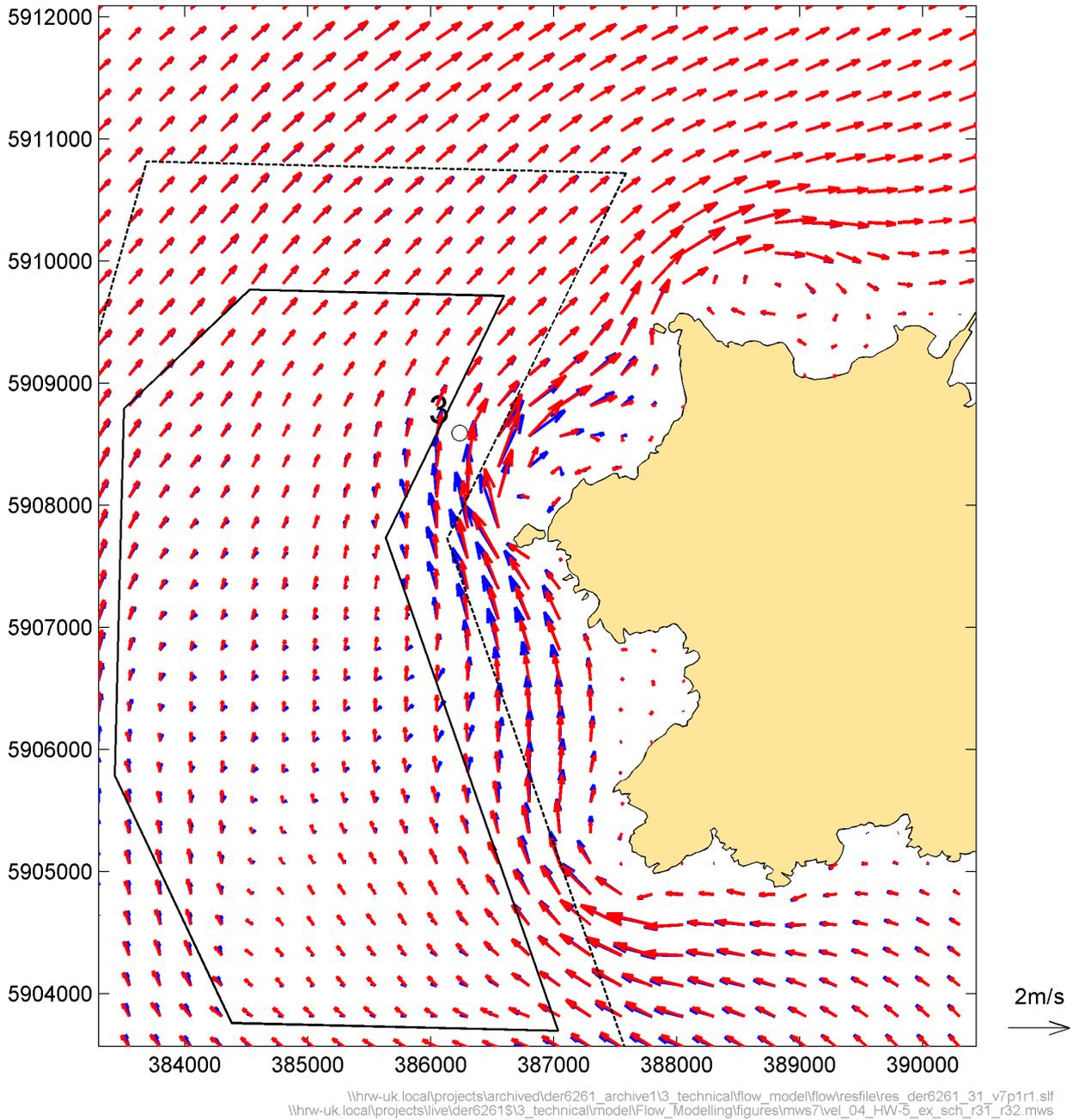


Figure 3.6: Existing (blue) and Scheme (red) flow velocity. High Water minus 5 hours

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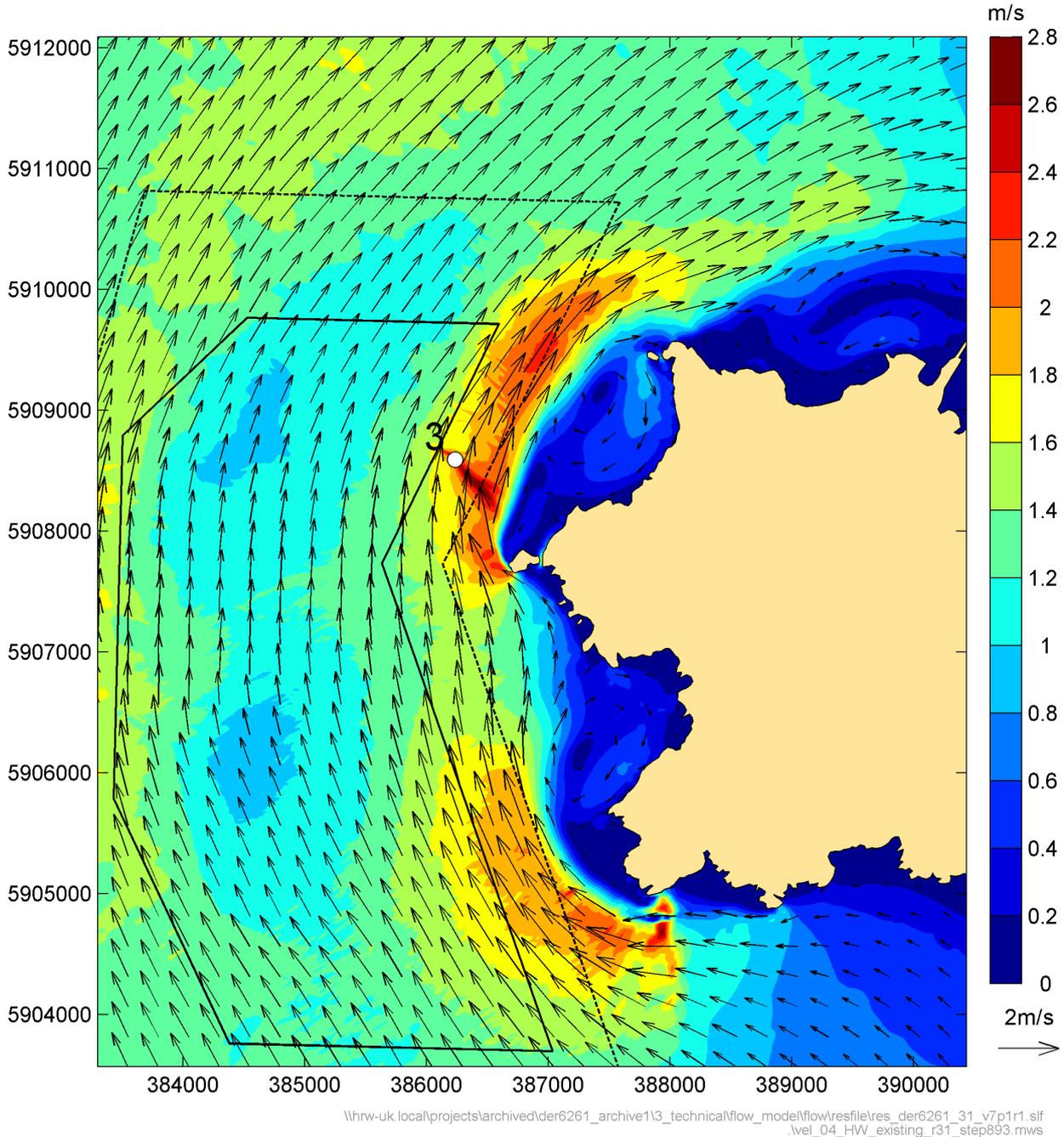
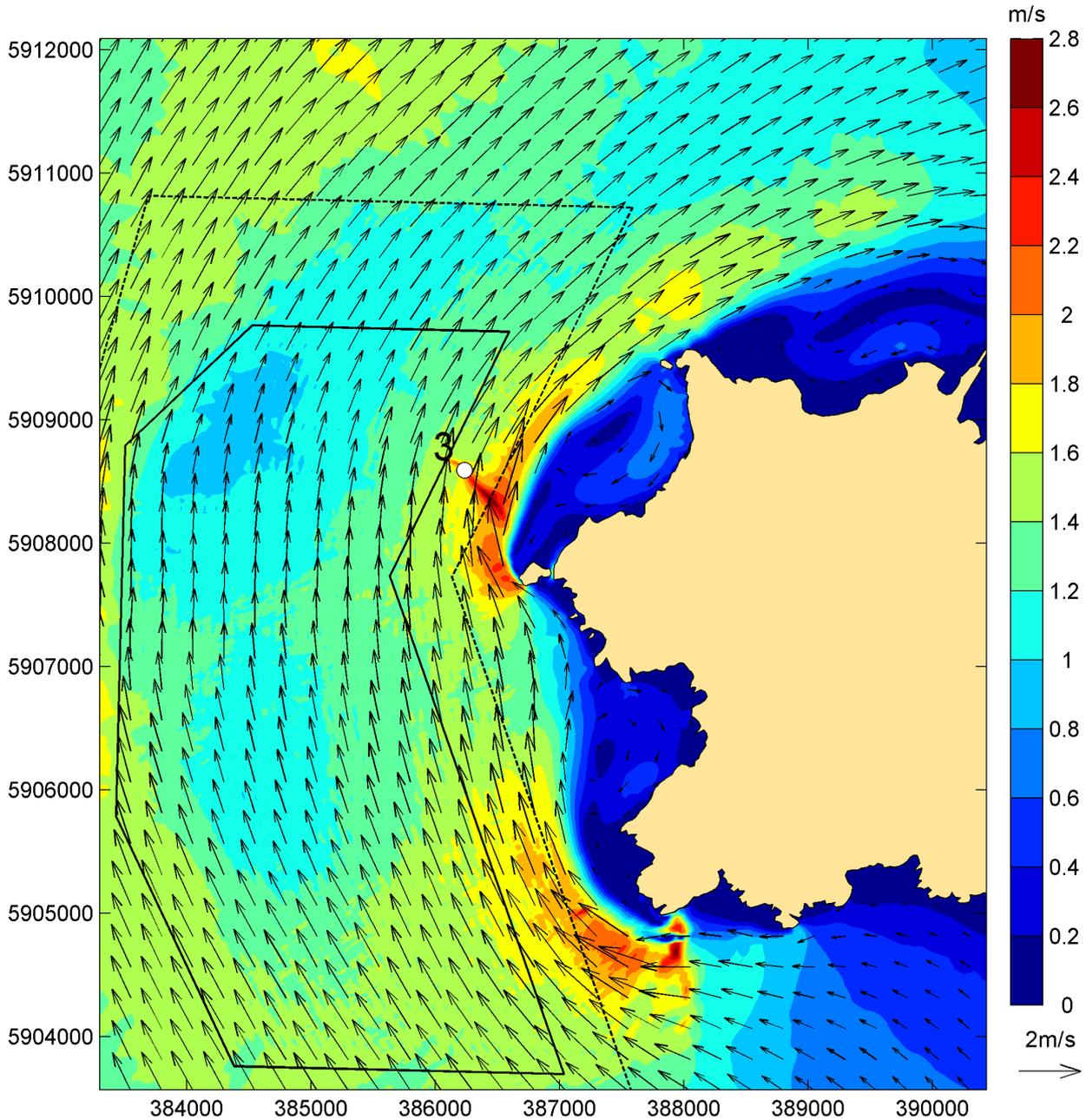


Figure 3.7: Existing flow velocity. High Water minus 4 hours

Source: HR Wallingford

Note: Extent of Morlais Demonstration Zone (dashed line). Area within which surface devices may be present (continuous line)



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Figure 3.8: Scheme flow velocity. High Water minus 4 hours

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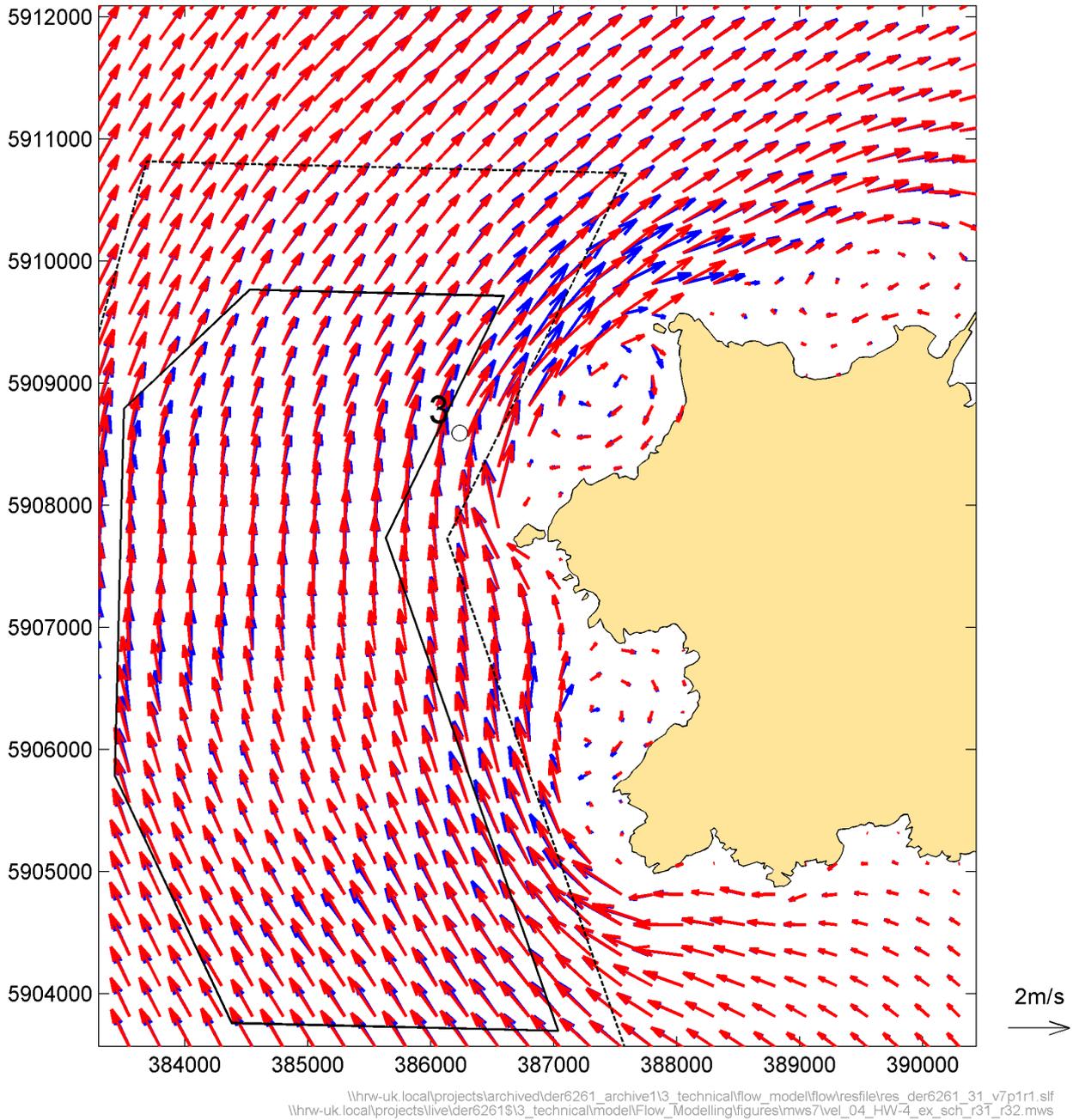
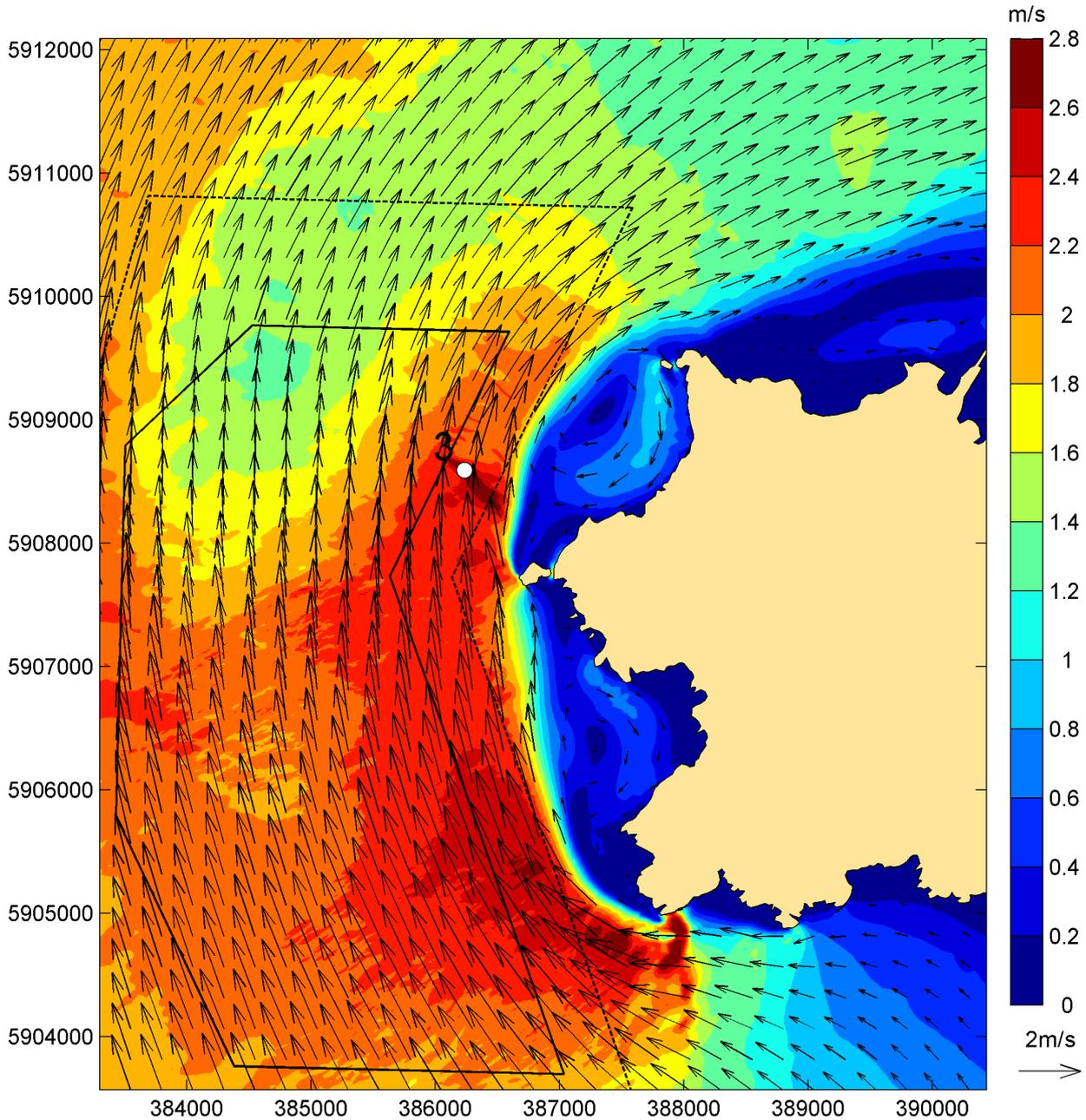


Figure 3.9: Existing (blue) and Scheme (red) flow velocity. High Water minus 4 hours

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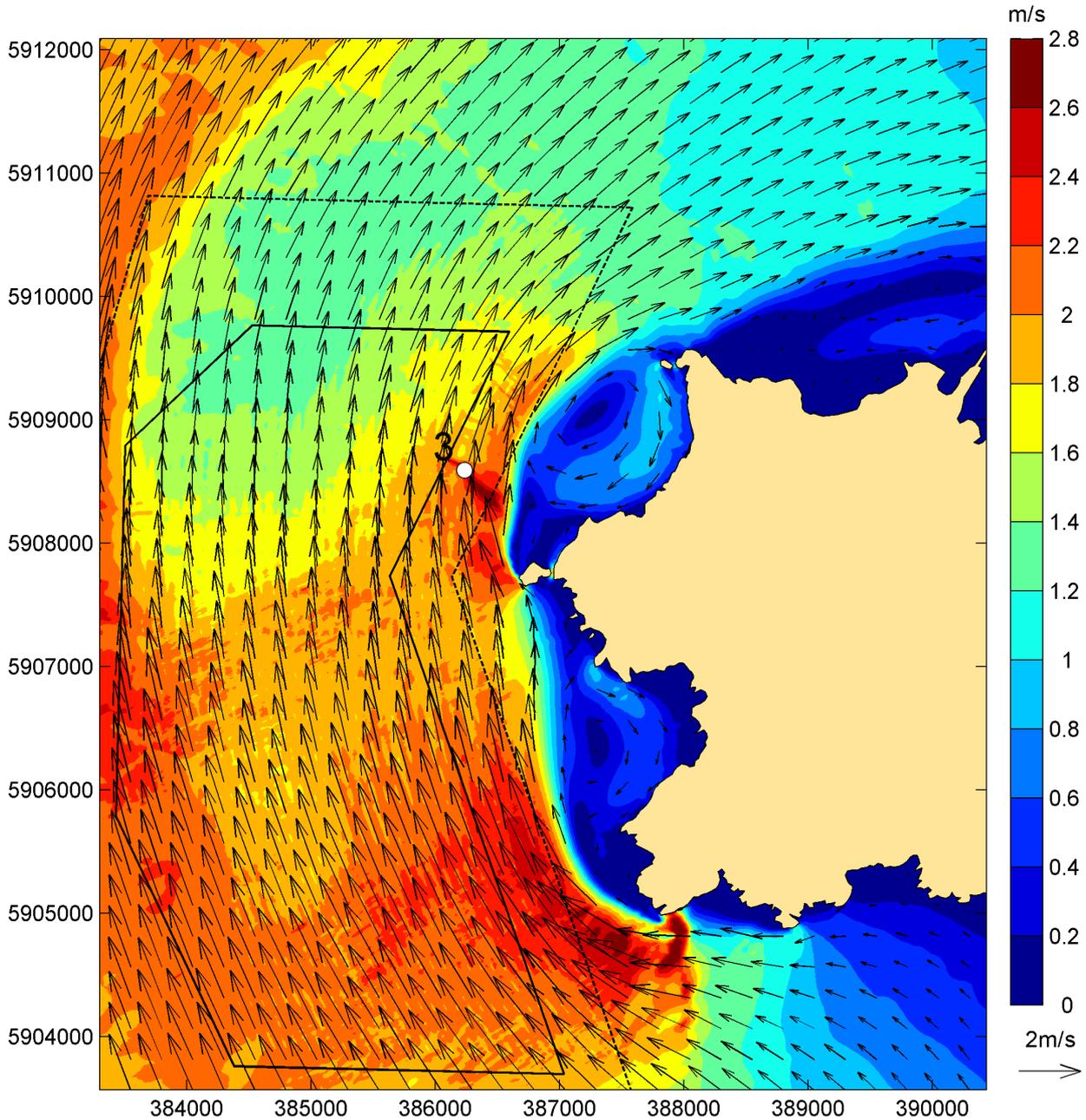


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Figure 3.10: Existing flow velocity. High Water minus 3 hours

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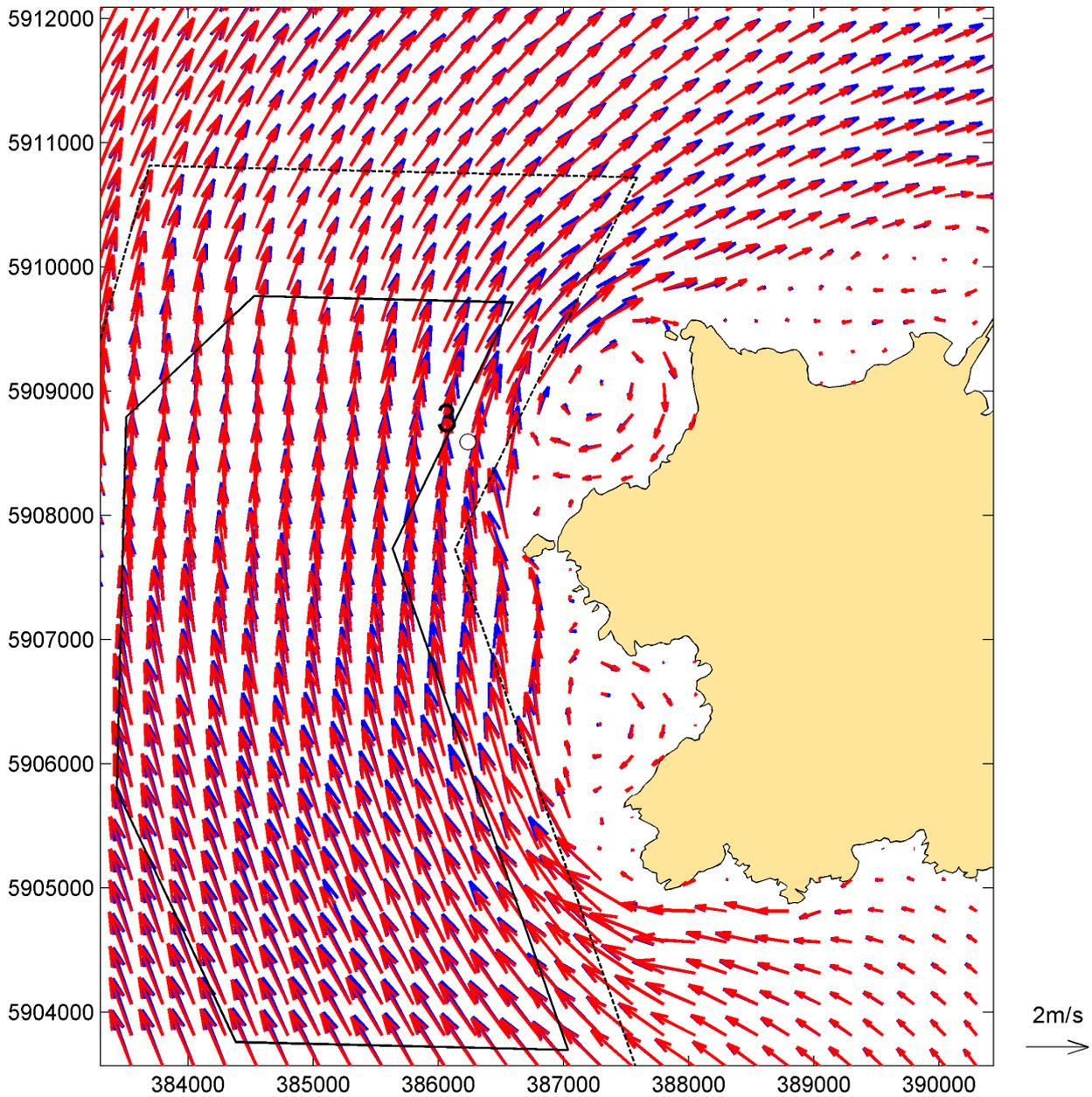


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Figure 3.11: Scheme flow velocity. High Water minus 3 hours

Source: HR Wallingford

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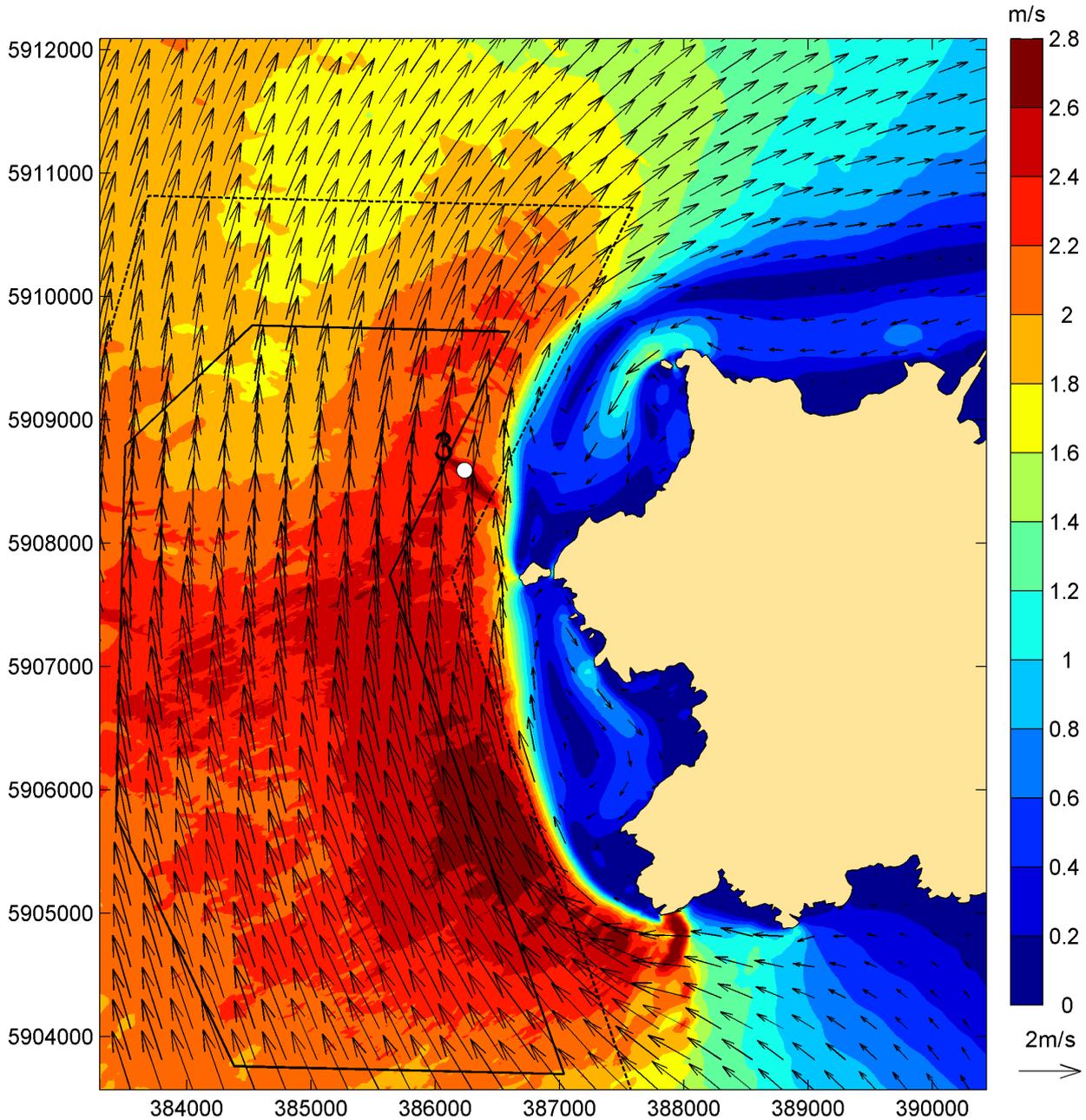


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Figure 3.12: Existing (blue) and Scheme (red) flow velocity. High Water minus 3 hours

Source: HR Wallingford

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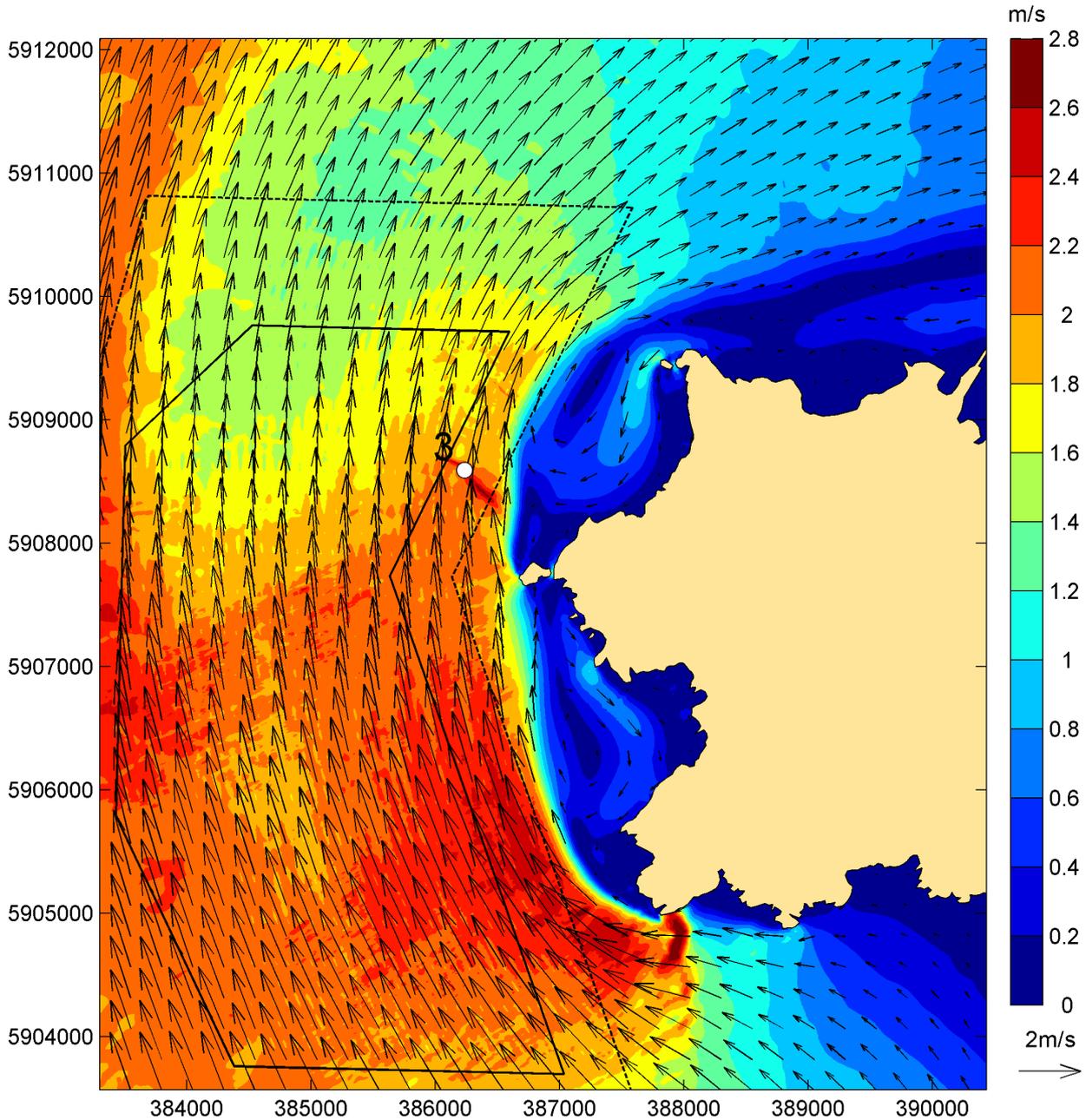


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Figure 3.13: Existing flow velocity. High Water minus 2 hours

Source: HR Wallingford

Note: Extent of Morlais Demonstration Zone (dashed line). Area within which surface devices may be present (continuous line)



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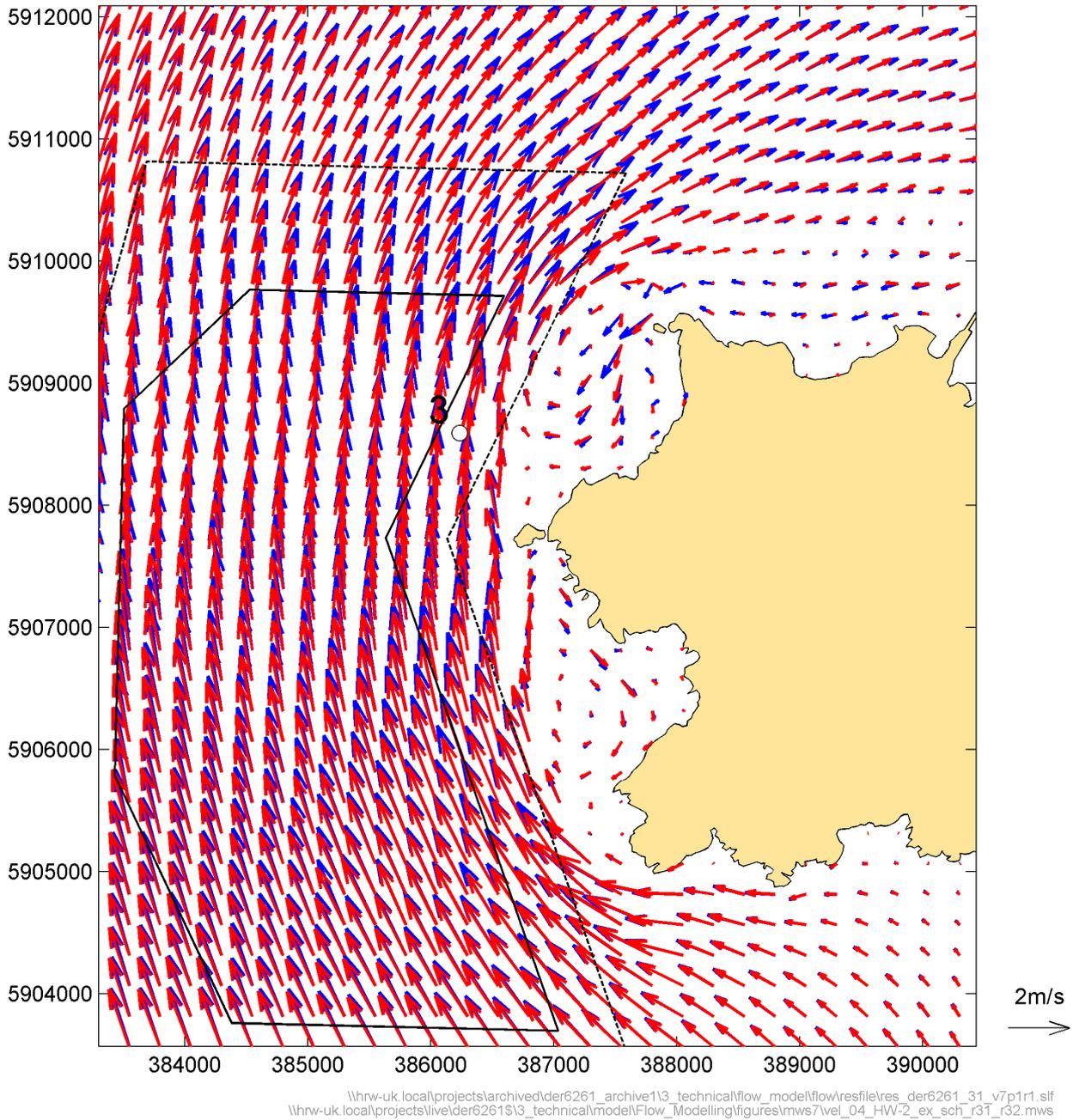


Figure 3.15: Existing (blue) and Scheme (red) flow velocity. High Water minus 2 hours

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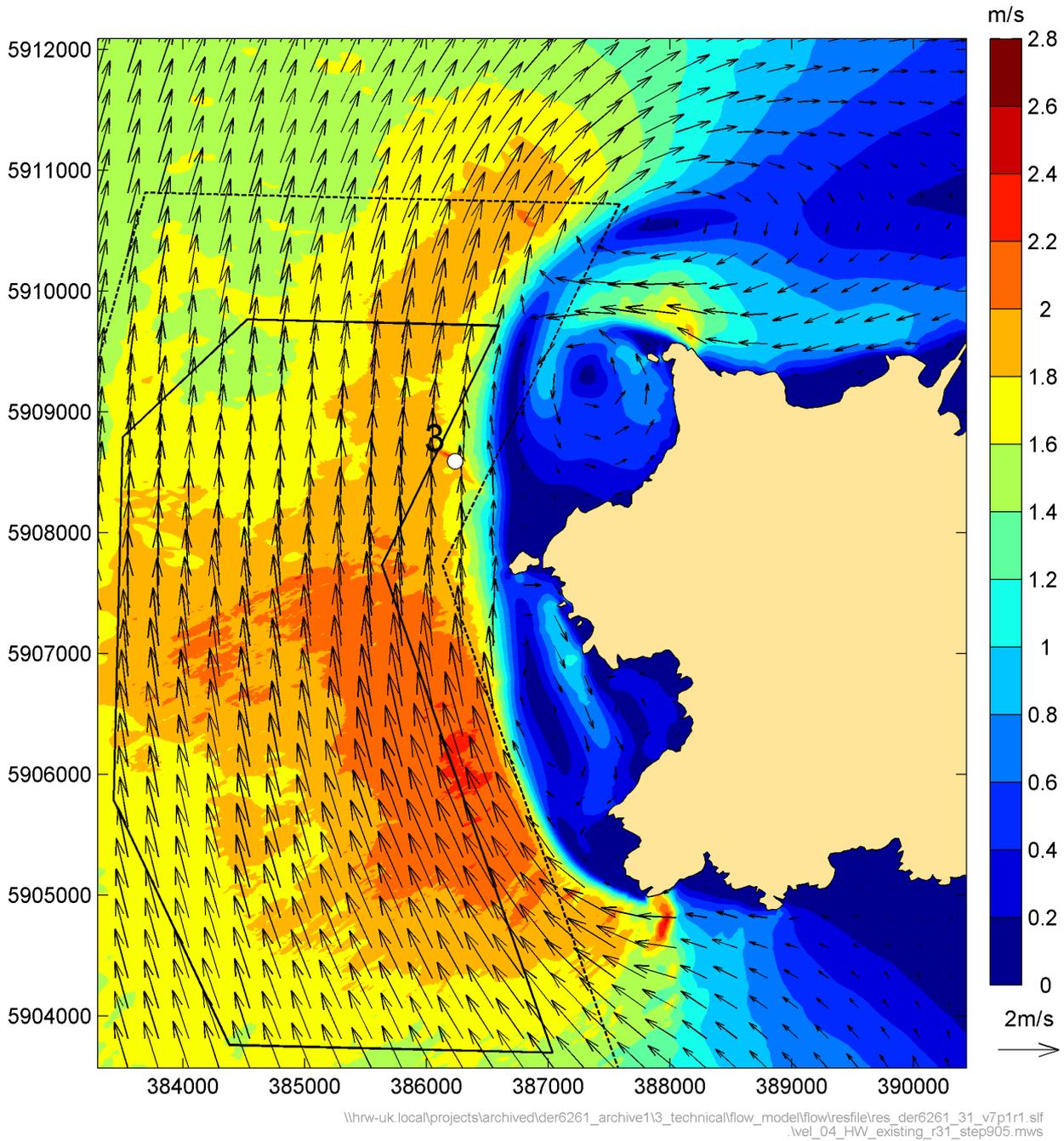


Figure 3.16: Existing flow velocity. High Water minus 1 hour

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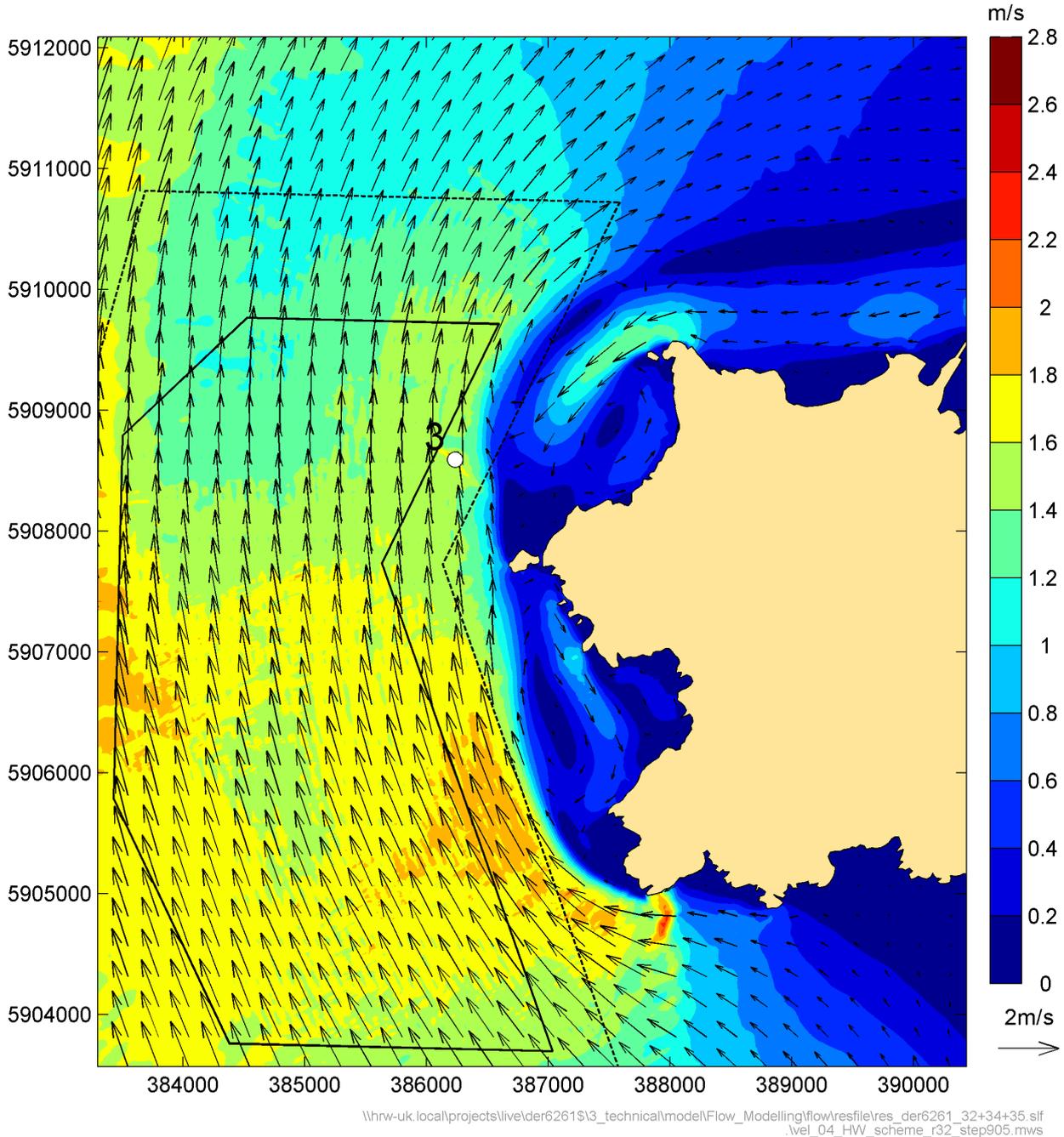
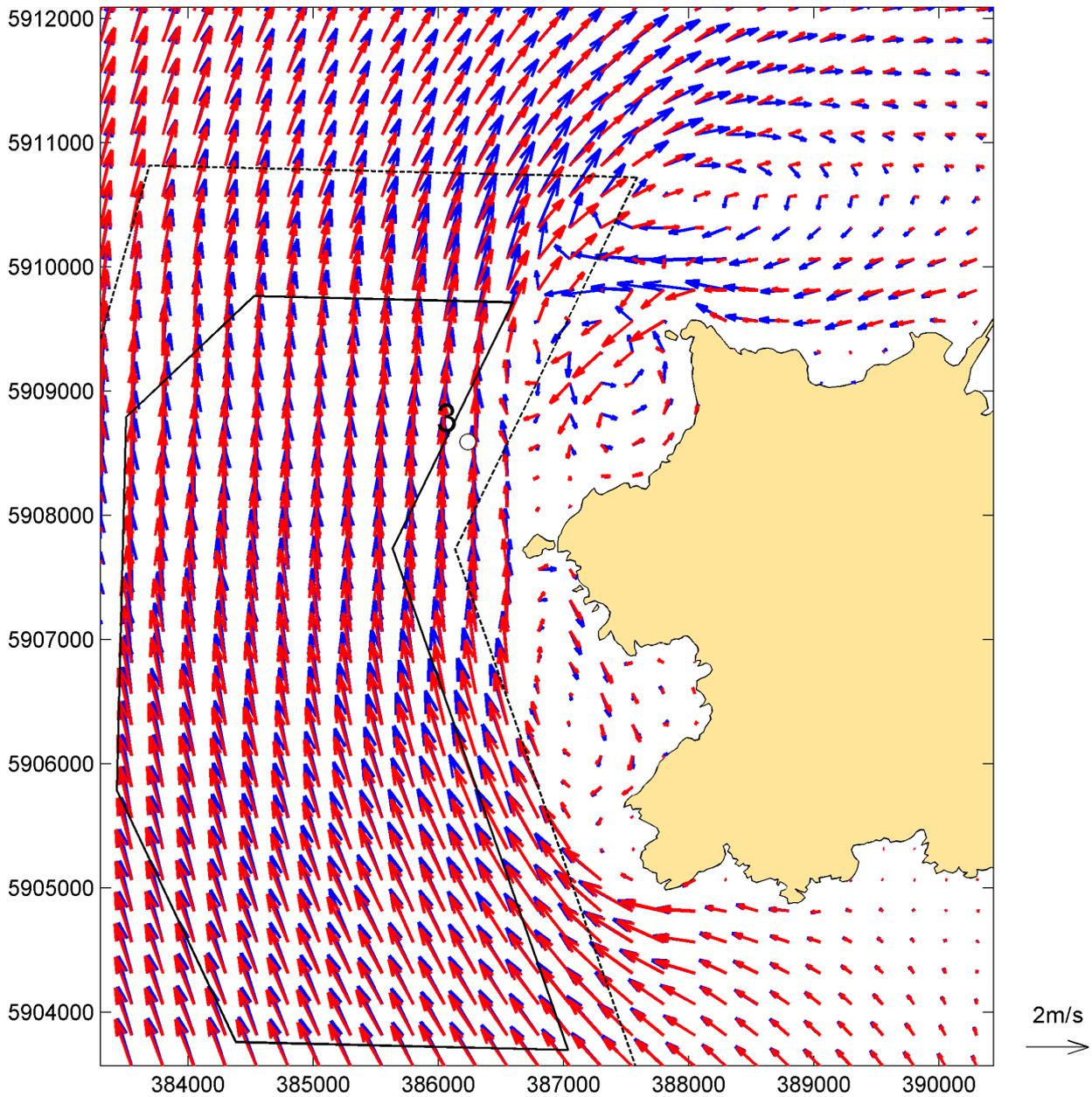


Figure 3.17: Scheme flow velocity. High Water minus 1 hour

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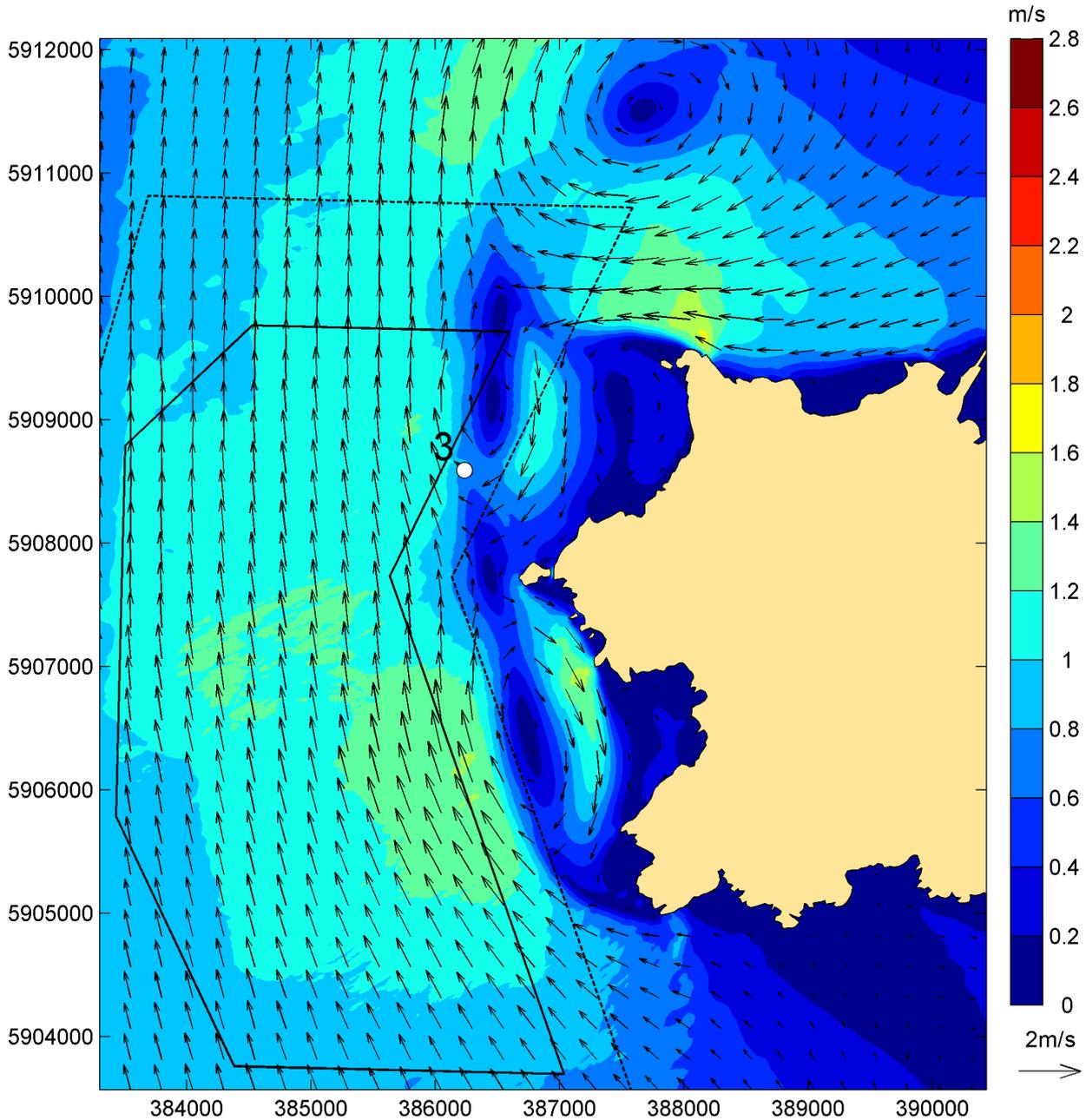


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Figure 3.18: Existing (blue) and Scheme (red) flow velocity. High Water minus 1 hour

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Figure 3.19: Existing flow velocity. High Water

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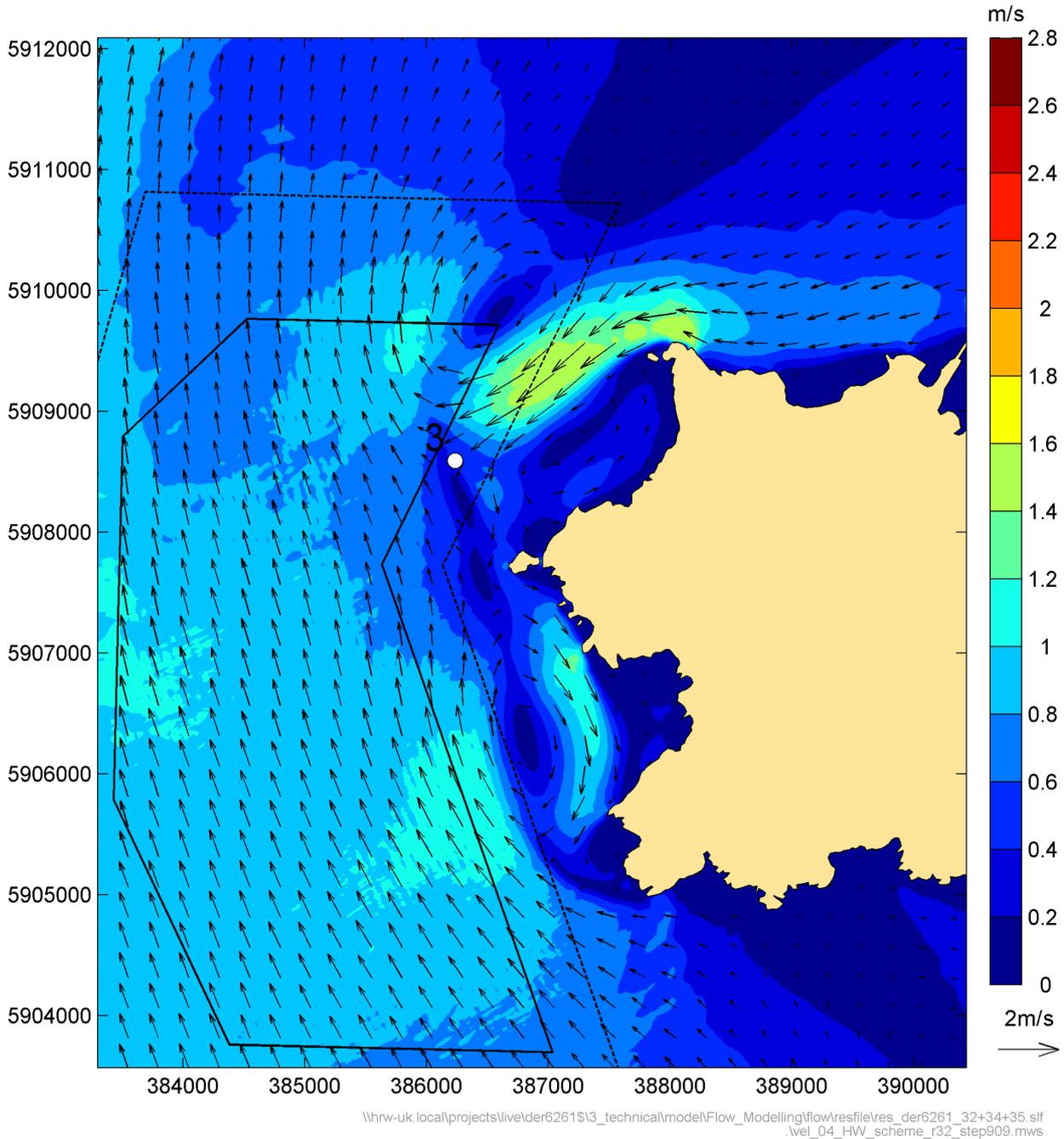


Figure 3.20: Scheme flow velocity. High Water

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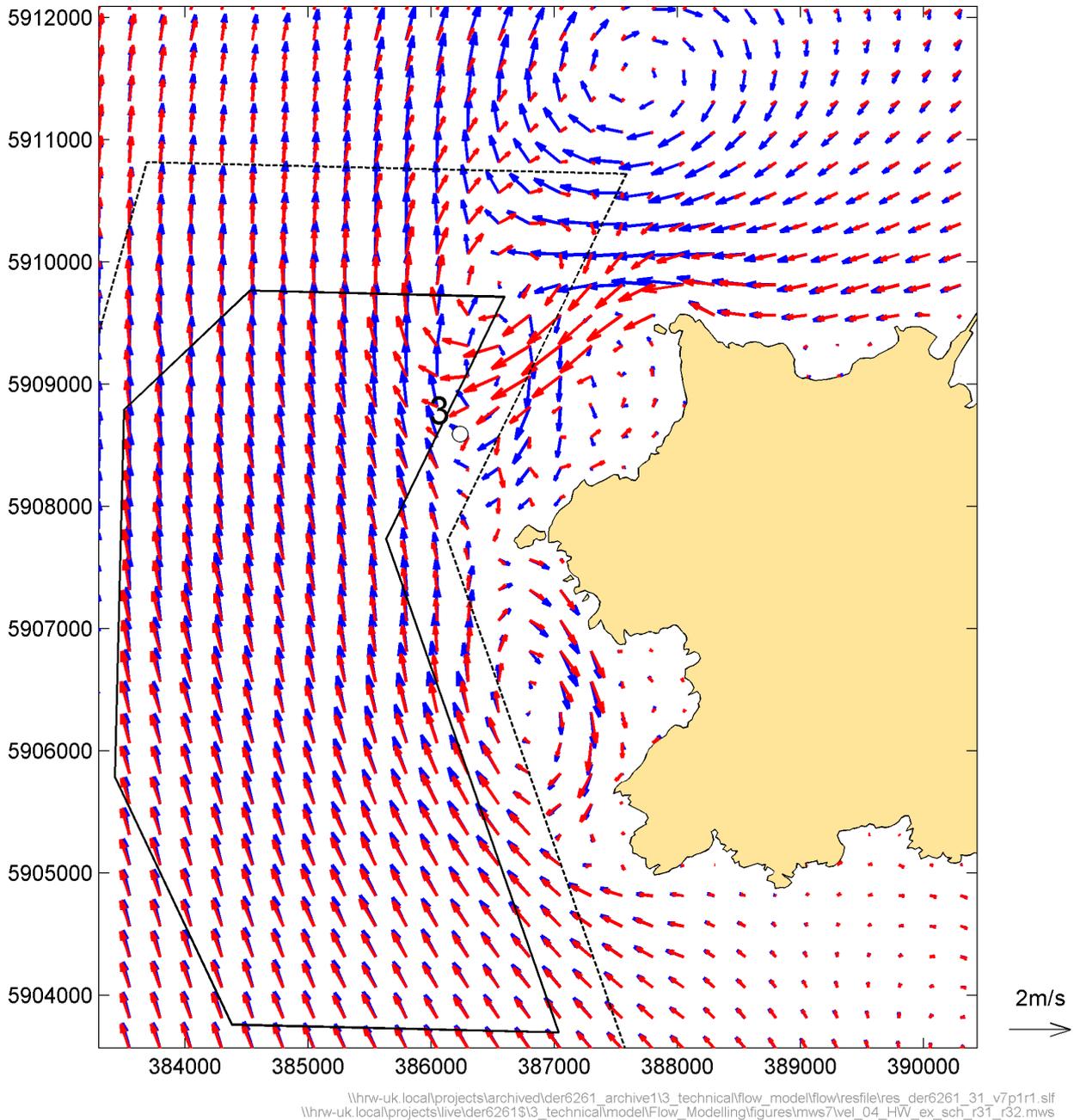
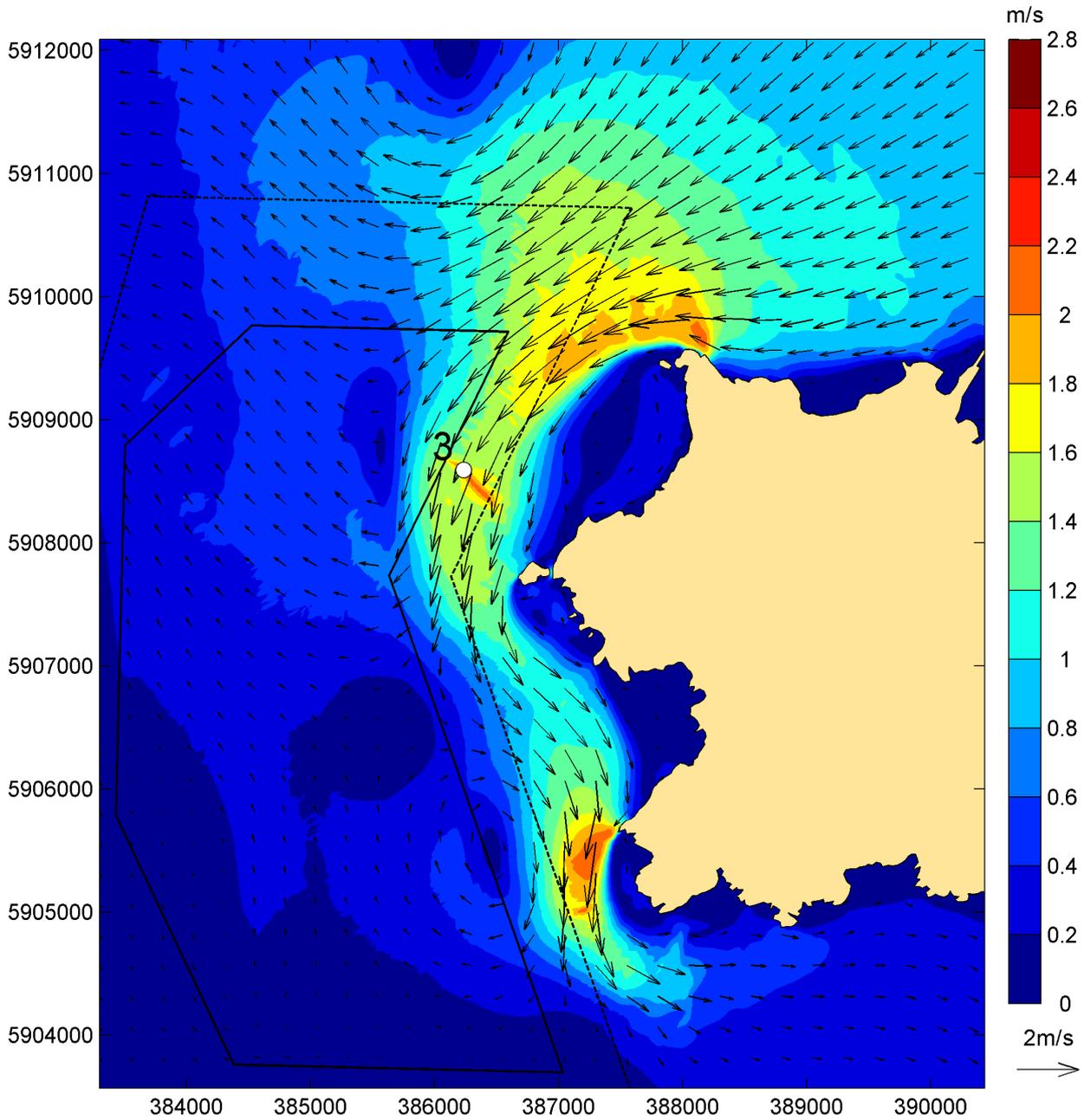


Figure 3.21: Existing (blue) and Scheme (red) flow velocity. High Water

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Figure 3.22: Existing flow velocity. High Water plus 1 hour

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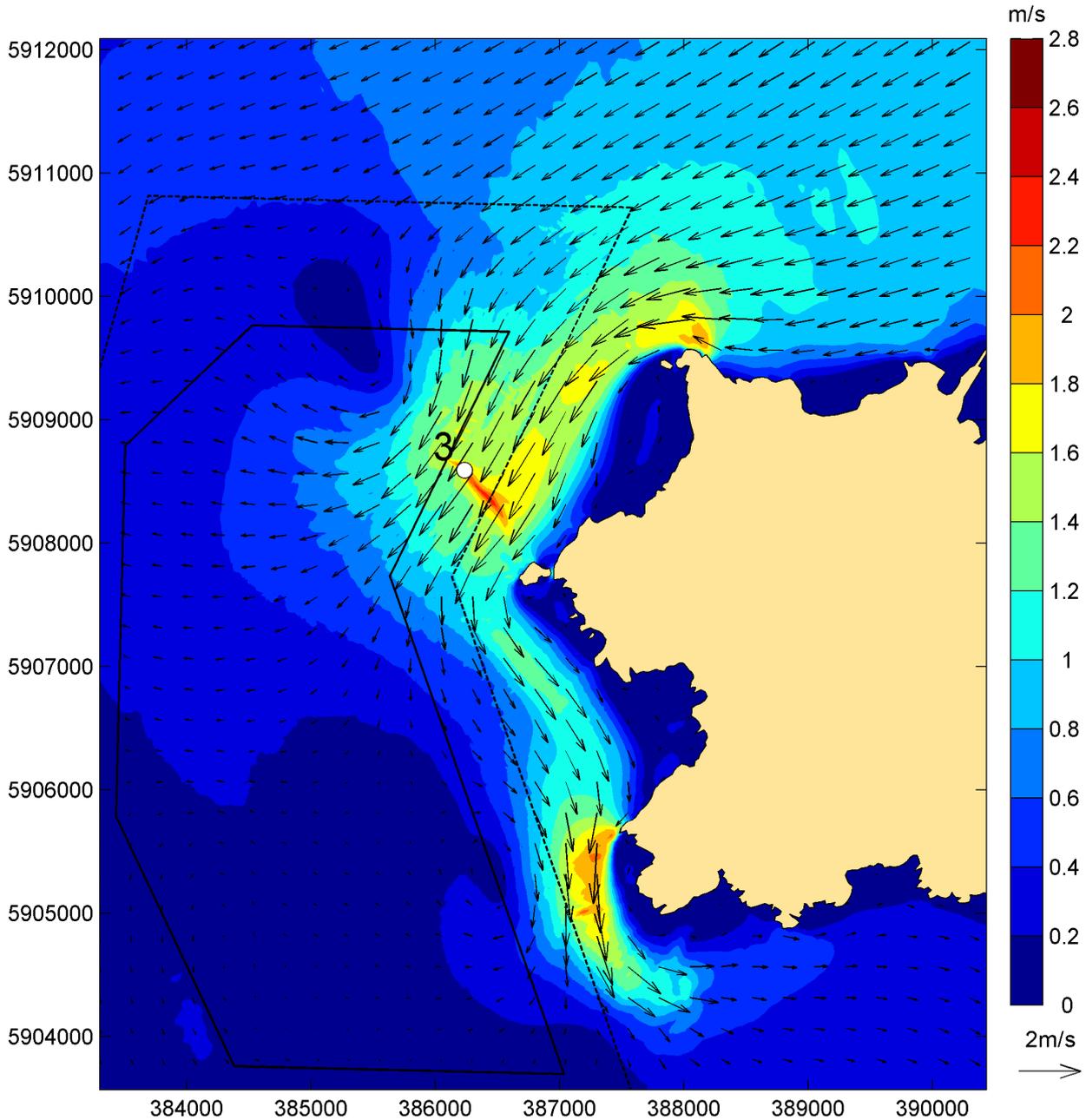


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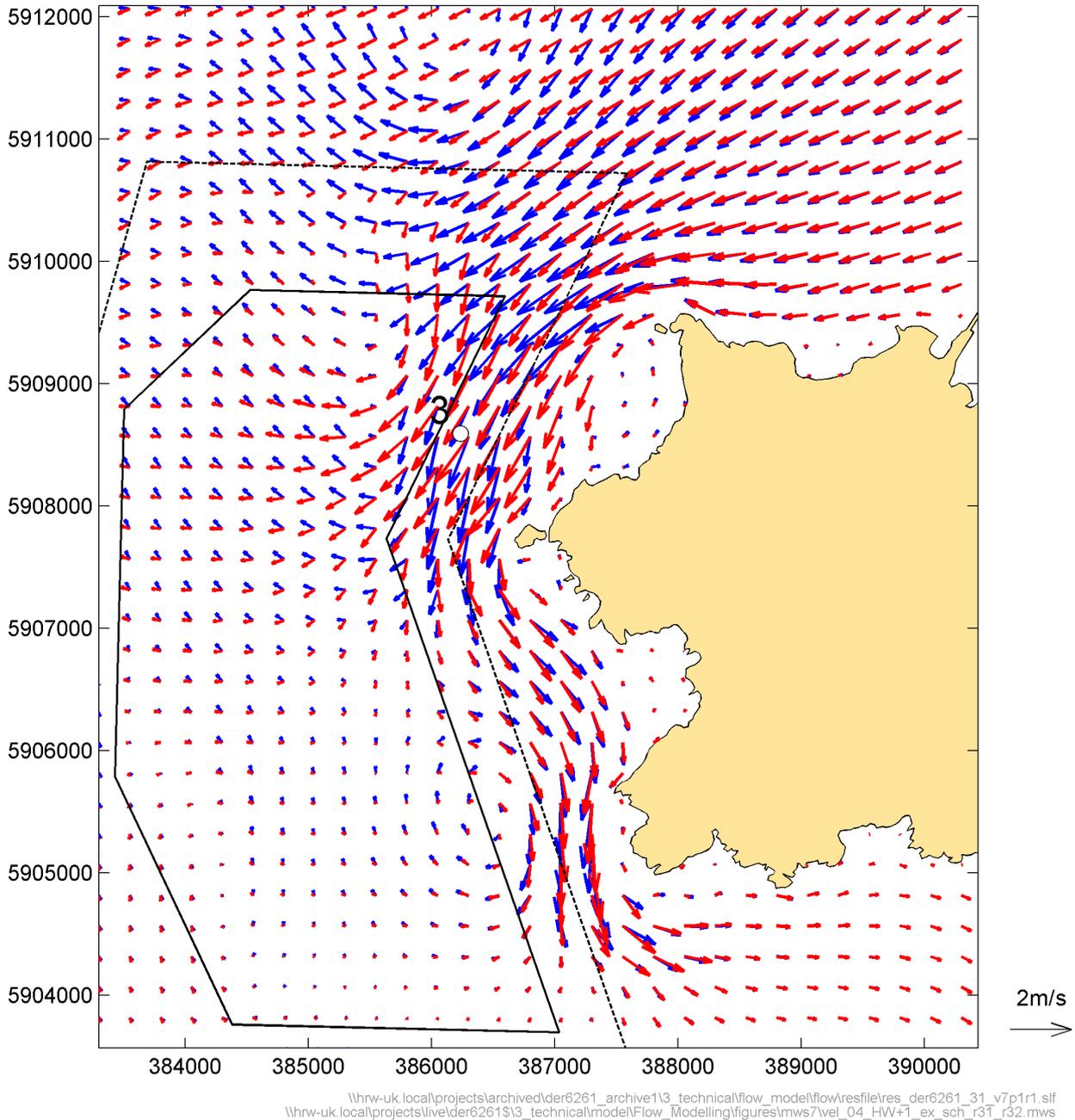
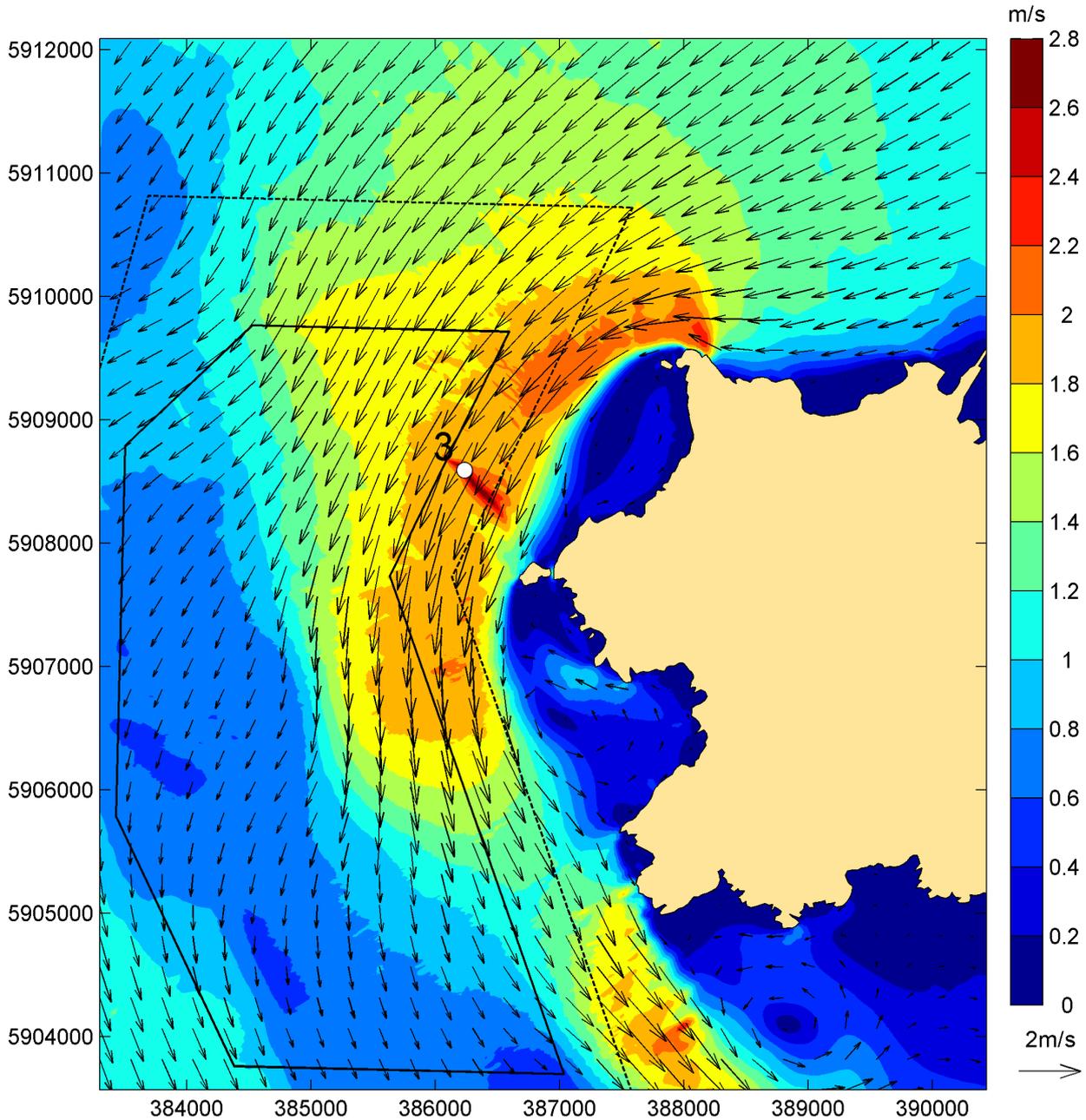


Figure 3.24: Existing (blue) and Scheme (red) flow velocity. High Water plus 1 hour

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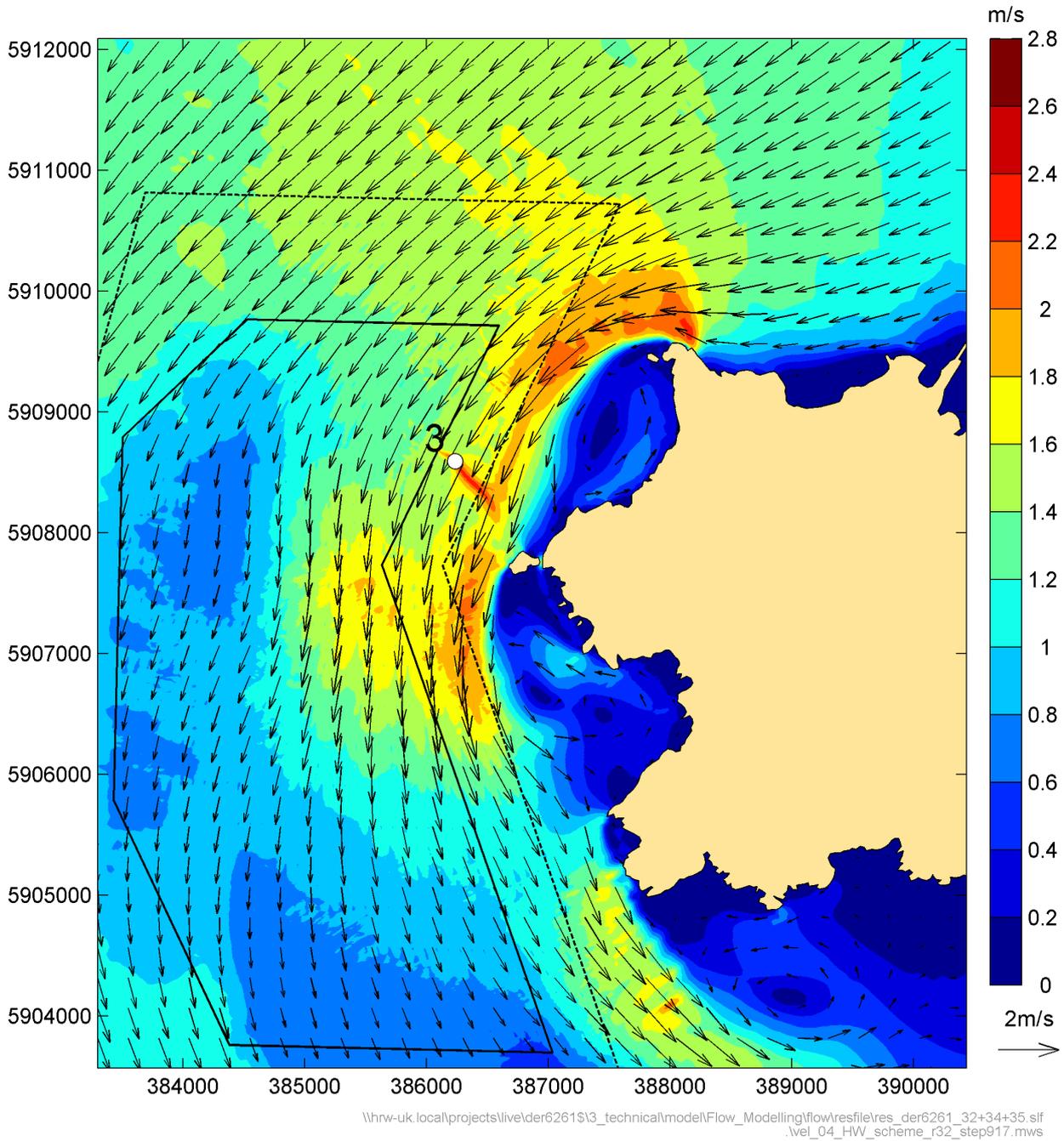


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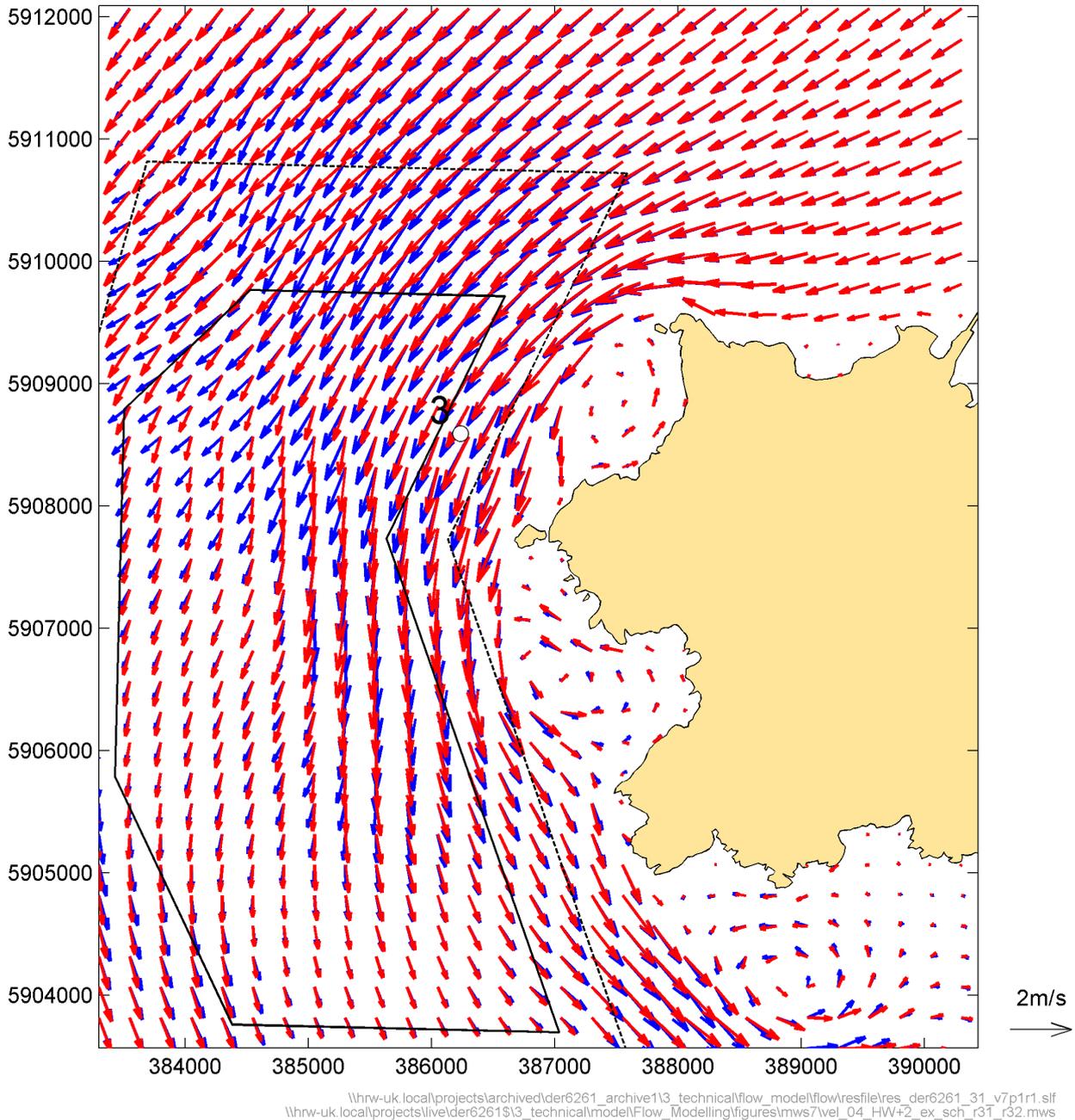
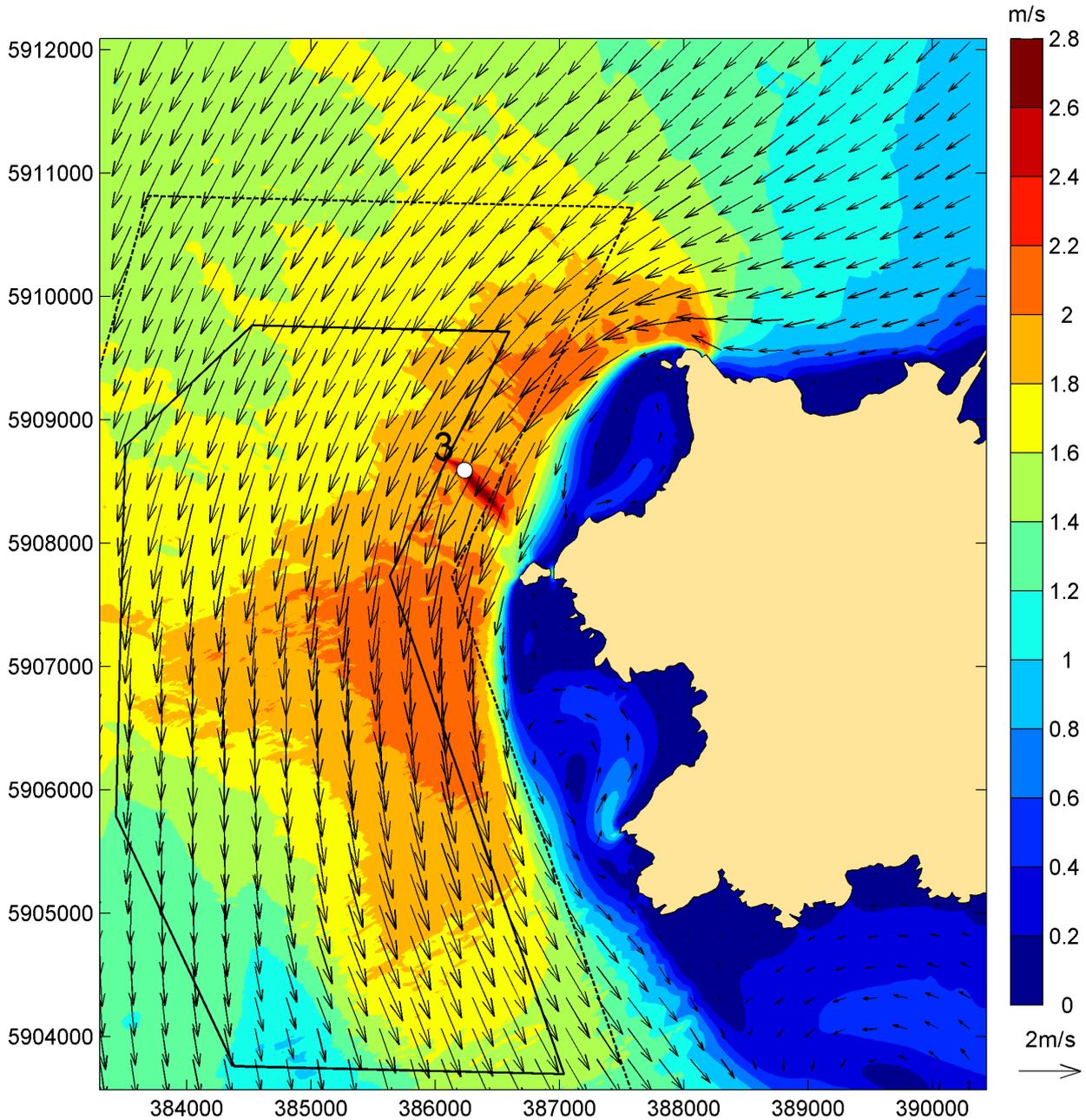


Figure 3.27: Existing (blue) and Scheme (red) flow velocity. High Water plus 2 hours

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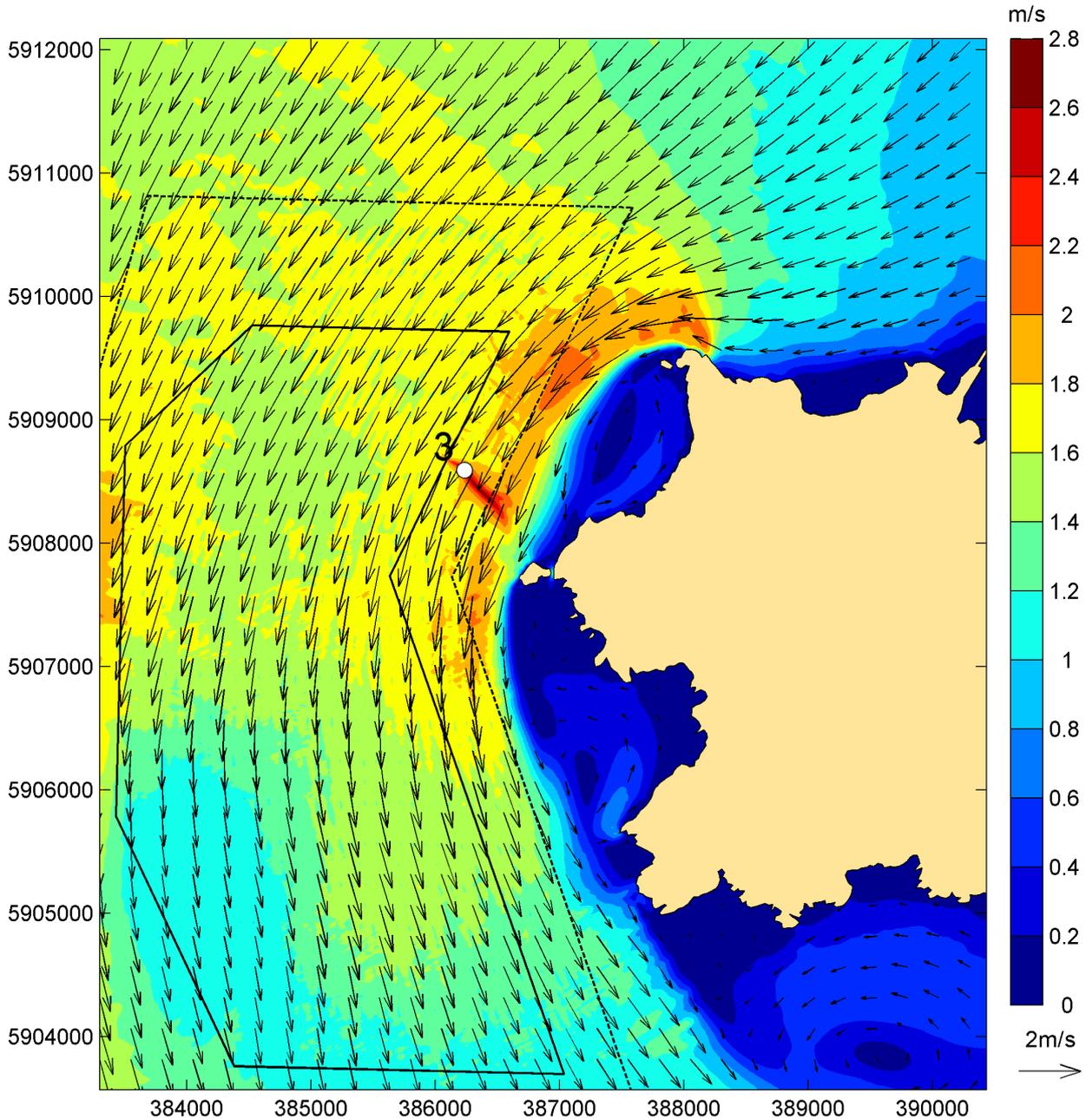


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Figure 3.28: Existing flow velocity. High Water plus 3 hours

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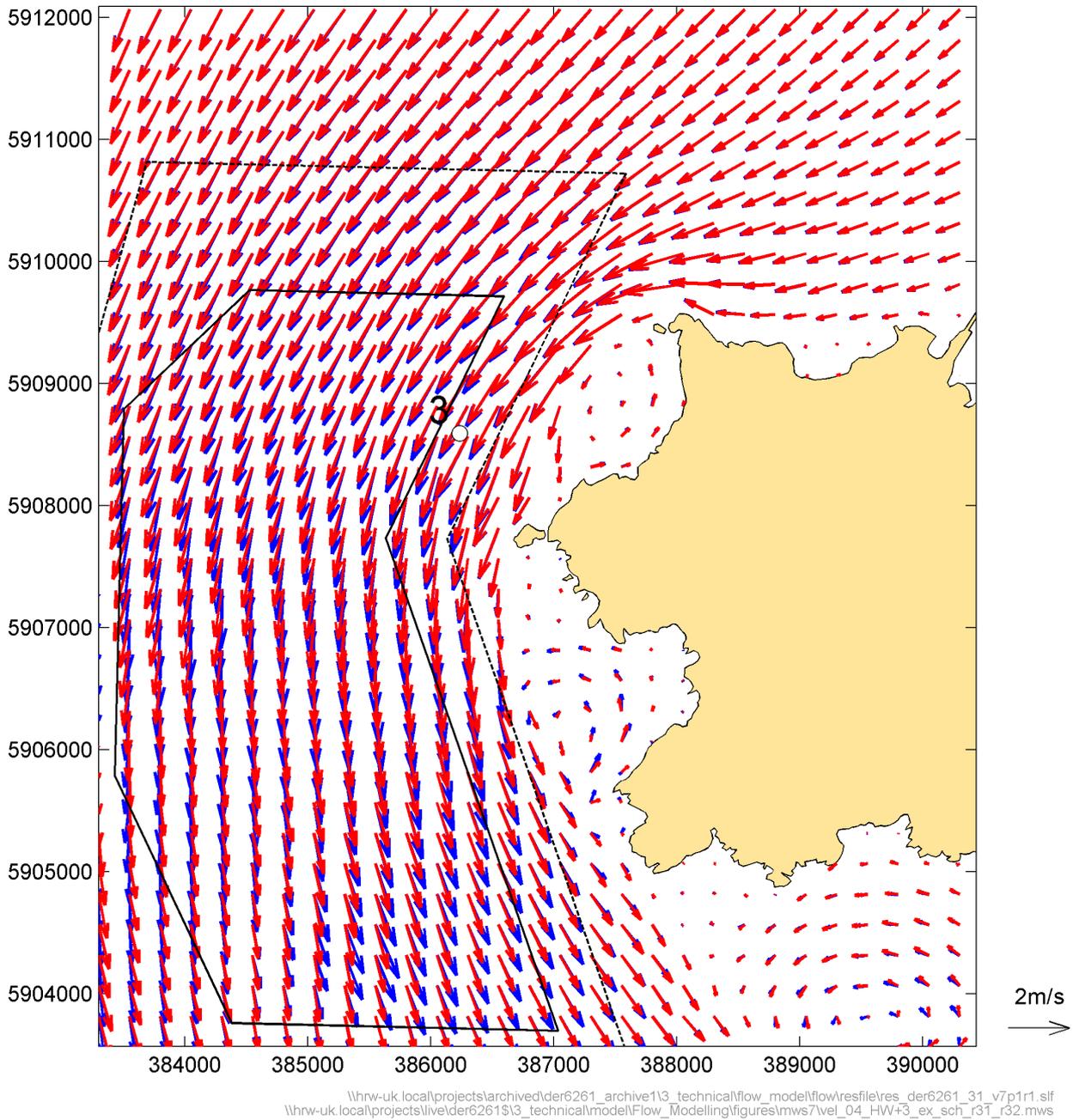


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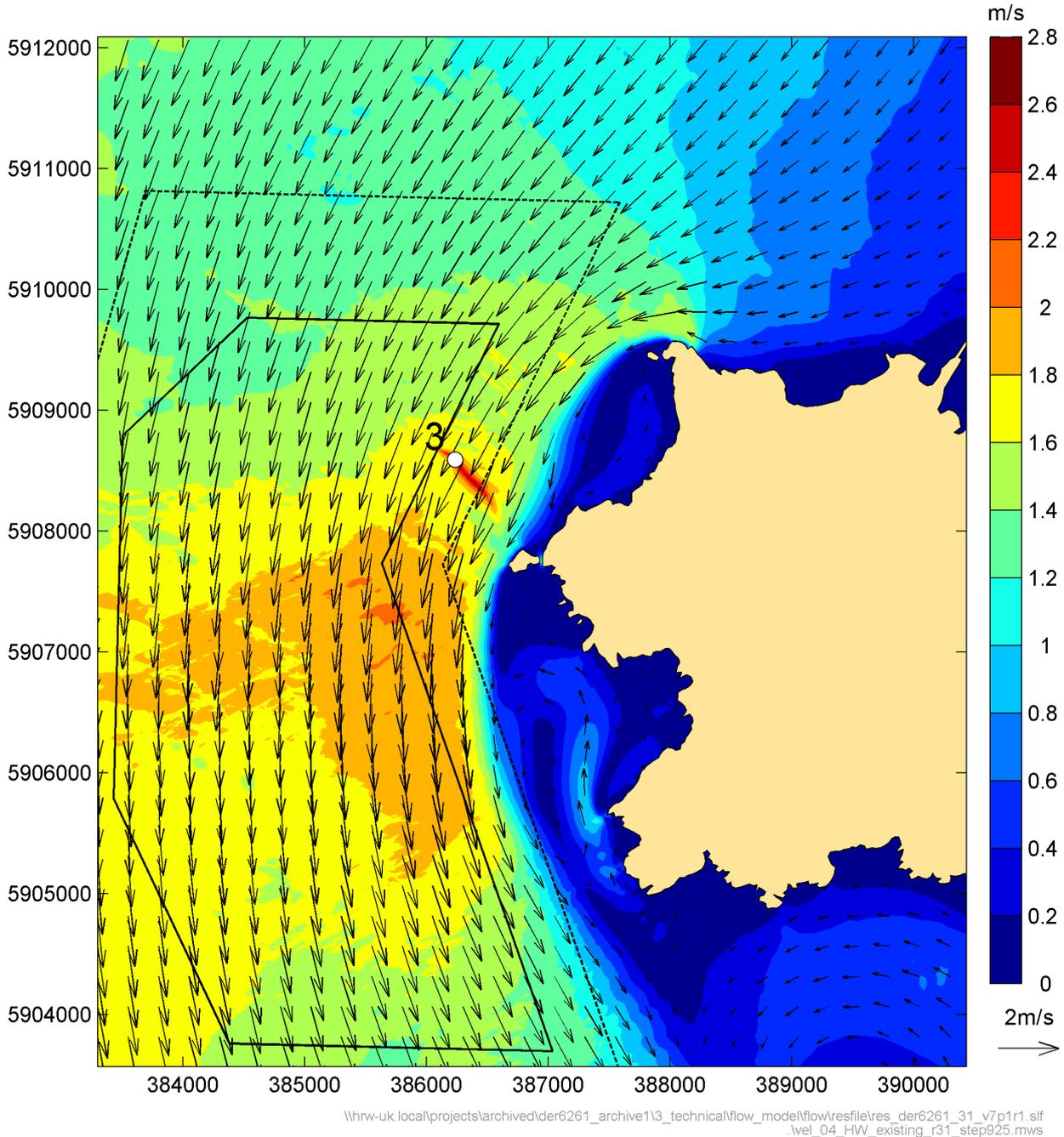


Figure 3.31: Existing flow velocity. High Water plus 4 hours

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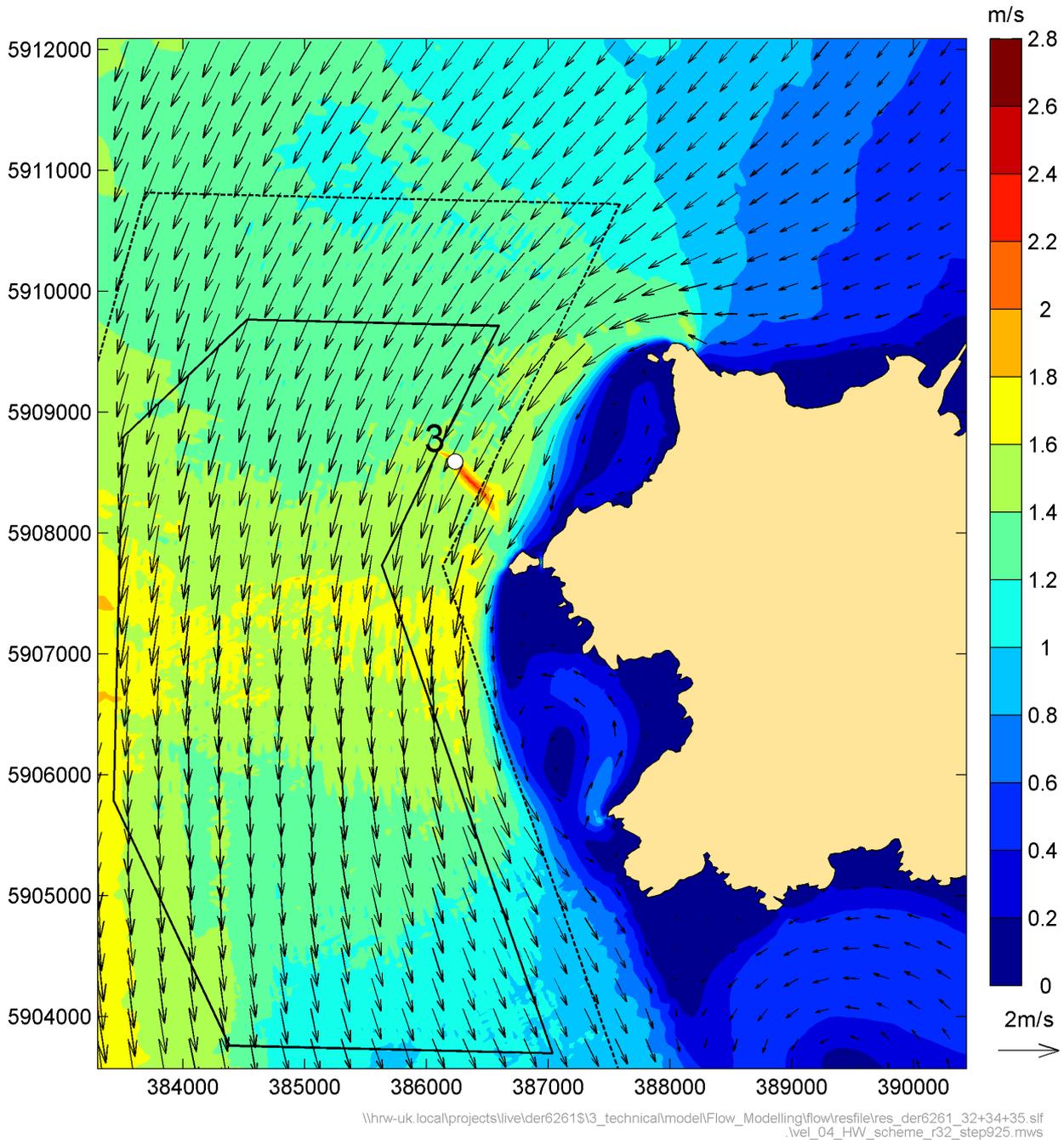


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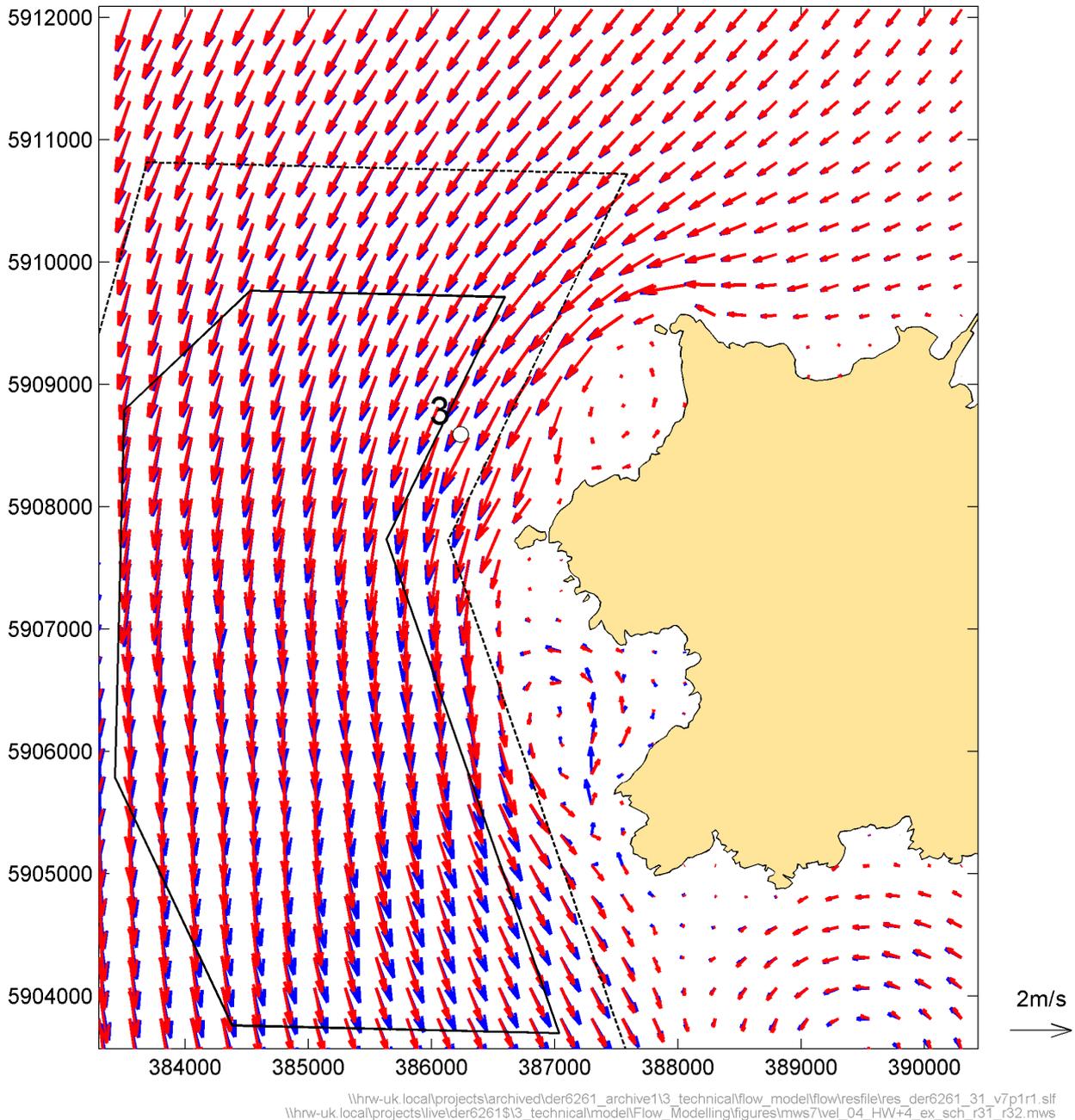


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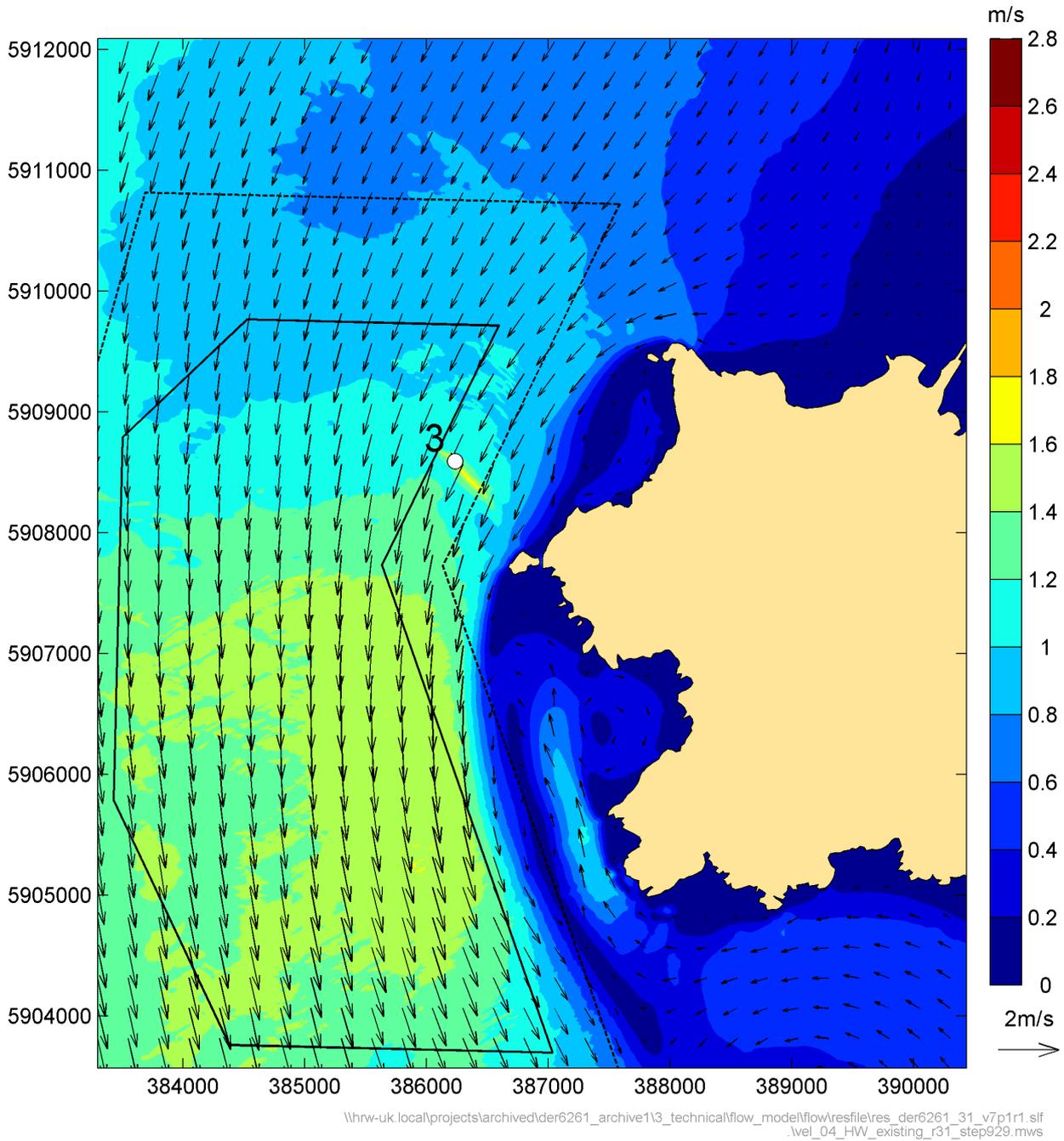


Figure 3.34: Existing flow velocity. High Water plus 5 hours

Source: HR Wallingford

Note: Extent of Morlais Demonstration Zone (dashed line). Area within which surface devices may be present (continuous line)

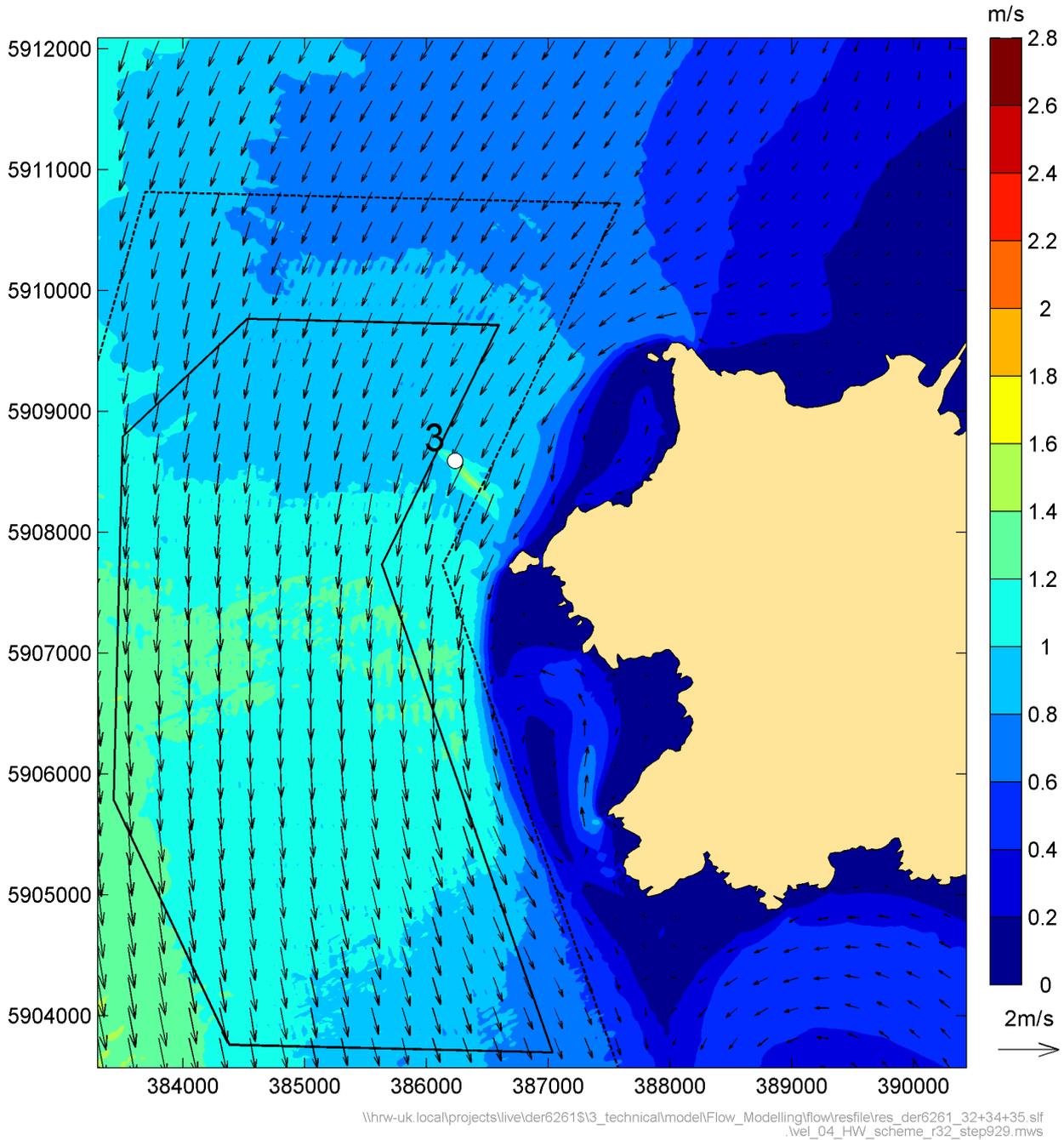


Figure 3.35: Scheme flow velocity. High Water plus 5 hours

Source: HR Wallingford

Note: Extent of Morlais Demonstration Zone (dashed line). Area within which surface devices may be present (continuous line)

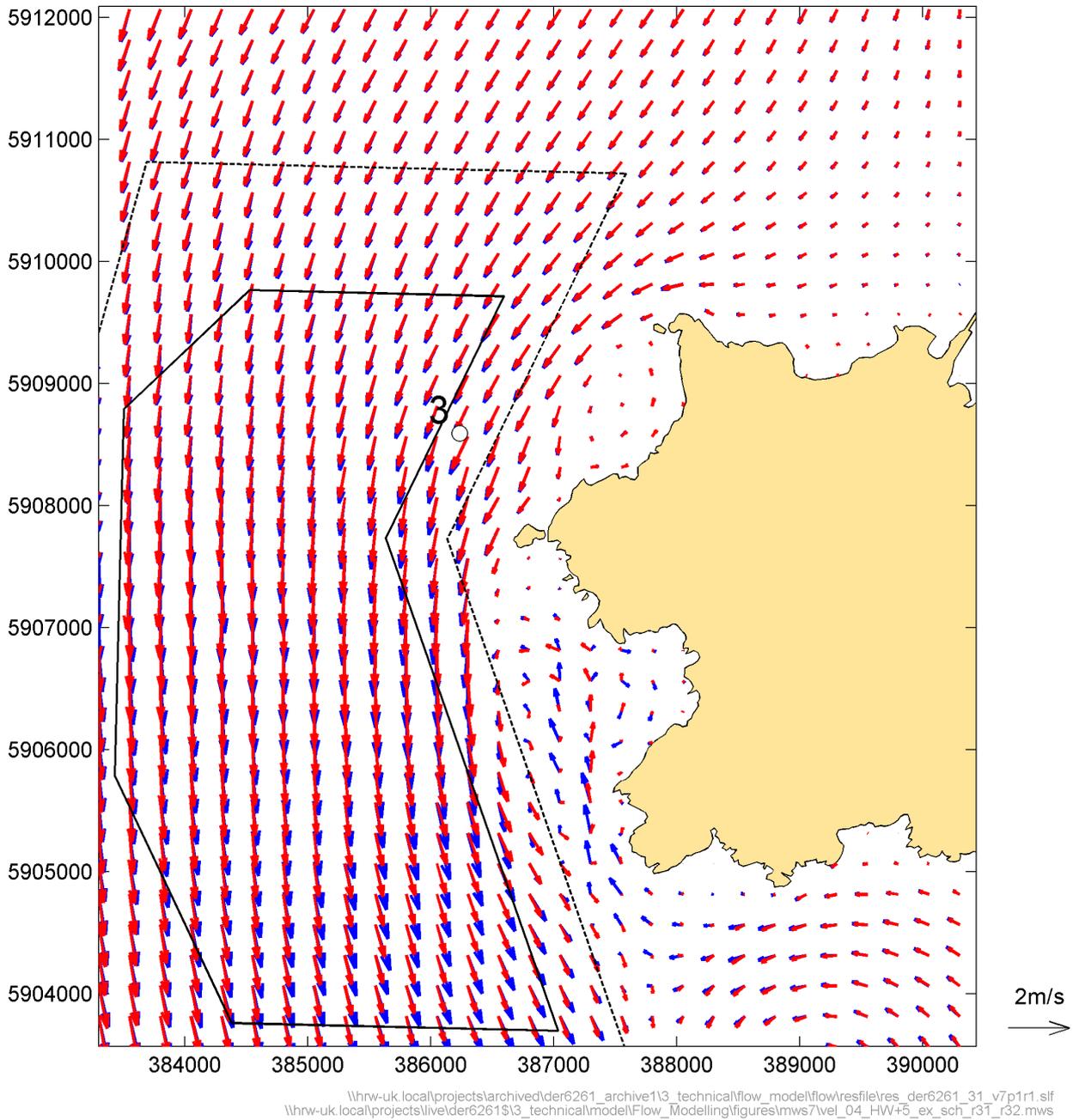


Figure 3.36: Existing (blue) and Scheme (red) flow velocity. High Water plus 5 hours

Source: HR Wallingford

Note: Extent of Morlais Demonstration Zone (dashed line). Area within which surface devices may be present (continuous line)

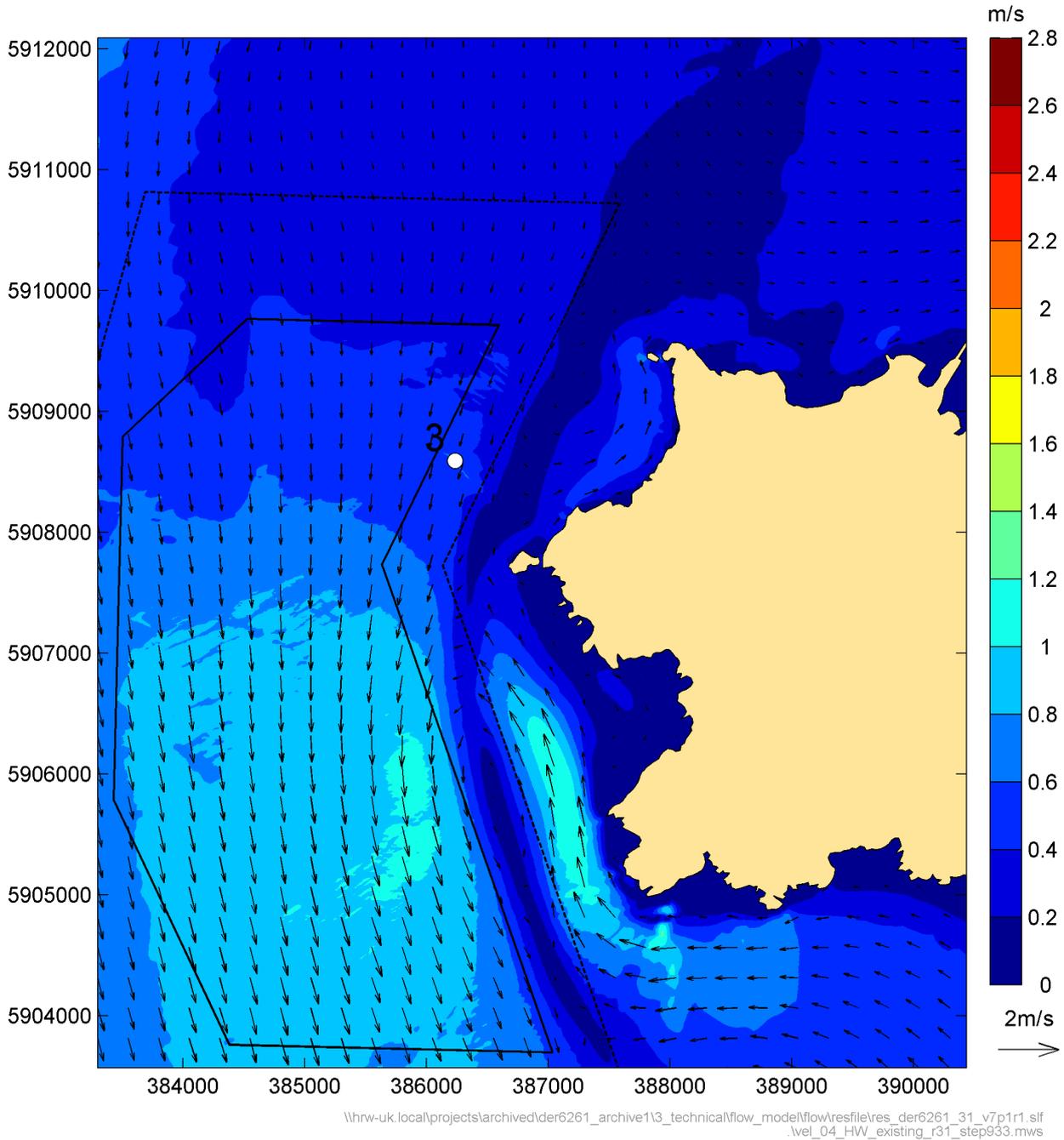


Figure 3.37: Existing flow velocity. High Water plus 6 hours

Source: HR Wallingford

Note: Extent of Morlais Demonstration Zone (dashed line). Area within which surface devices may be present (continuous line)

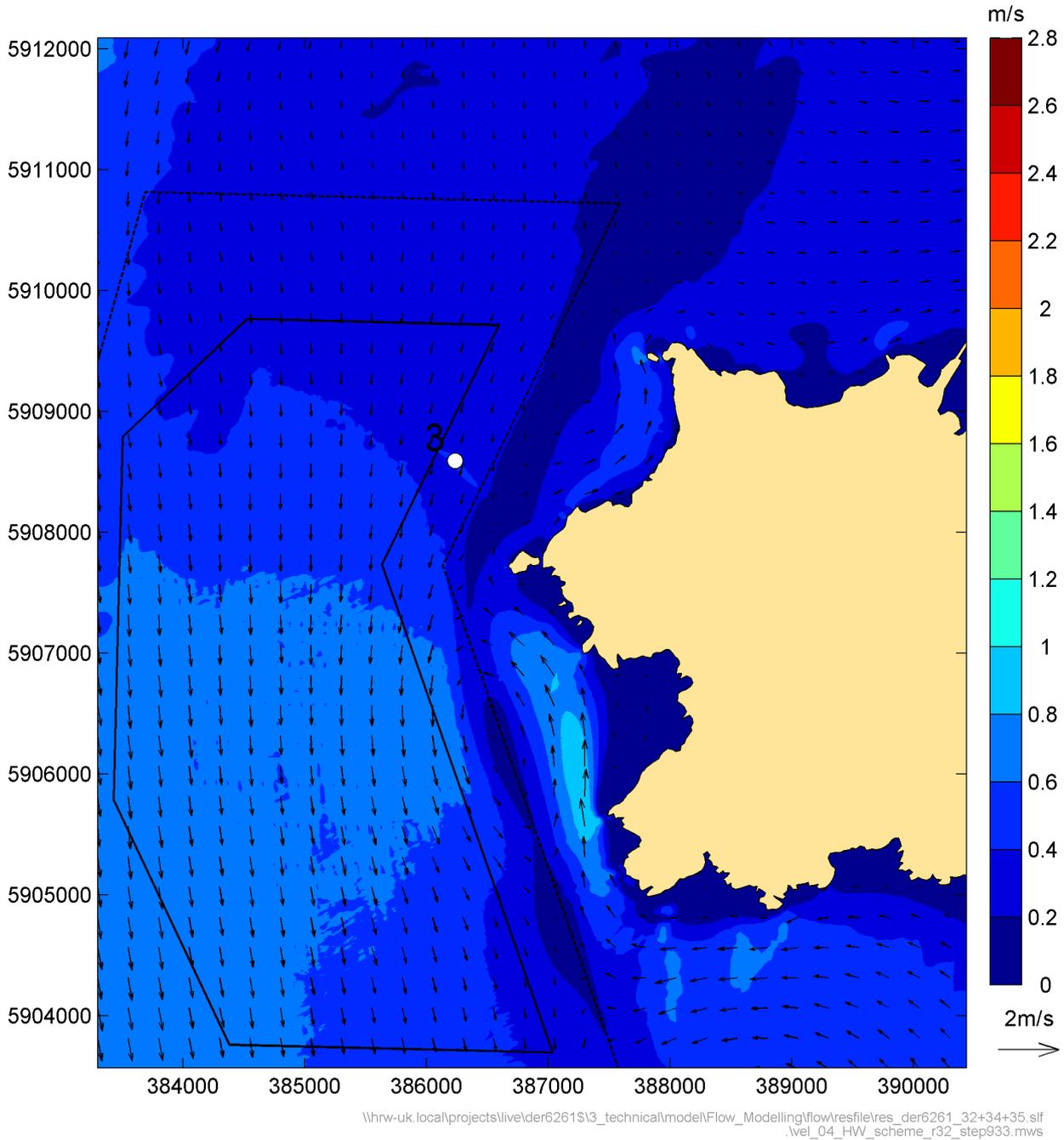
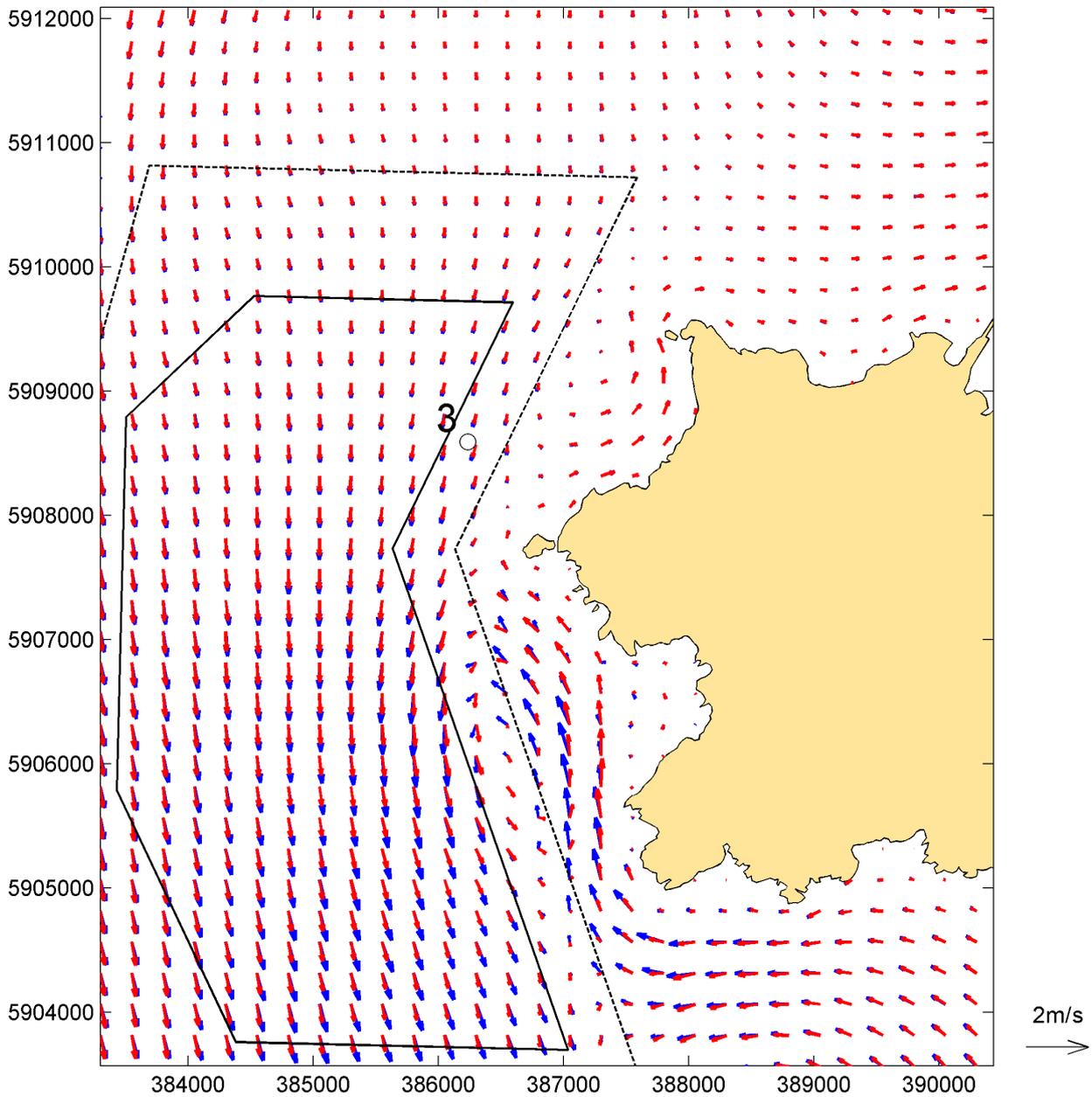


Figure 3.38: Scheme flow velocity. High Water plus 6 hours

Source: HR Wallingford

Note: Extent of Morlais Demonstration Zone (dashed line). Area within which surface devices may be present (continuous line)



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Figure 3.39: Existing (blue) and Scheme (red) flow velocity. High Water plus 6 hours

Source: HR Wallingford

Note: Extent of Morlais Demonstration Zone (dashed line). Area within which surface devices may be present (continuous line)

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