

# Wave-in-Deck Assessment for Fixed Offshore Structures

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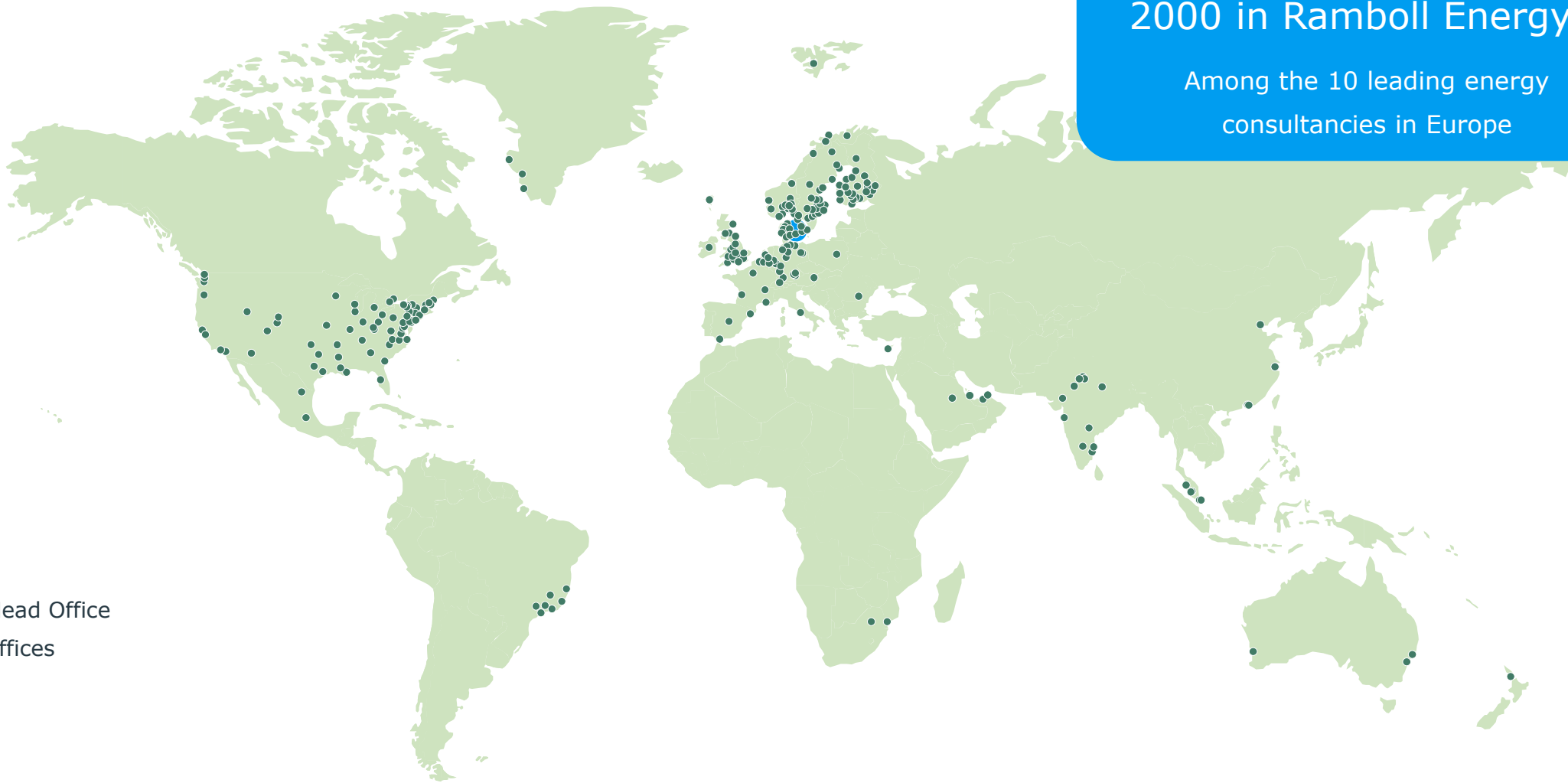
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# Agenda

- Ramboll in short
- Wave-in-Deck Assessment for Fixed Offshore Structures
- Crest Elevation Calculation



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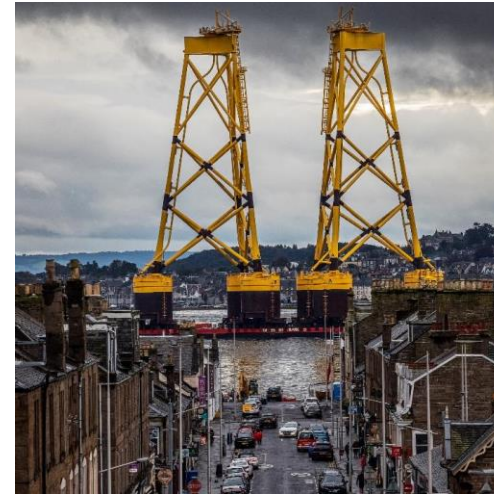
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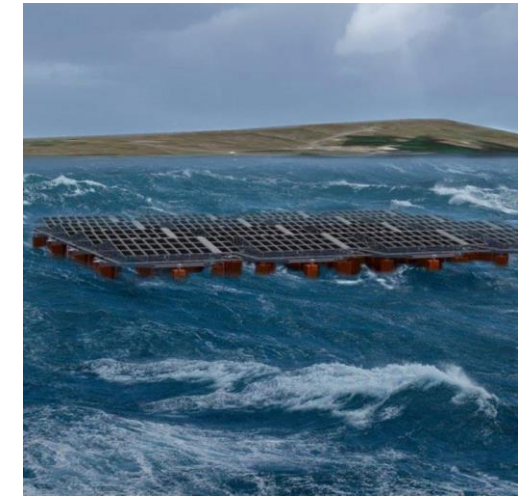
Risk, Safety – Cost reduction



New types of projects



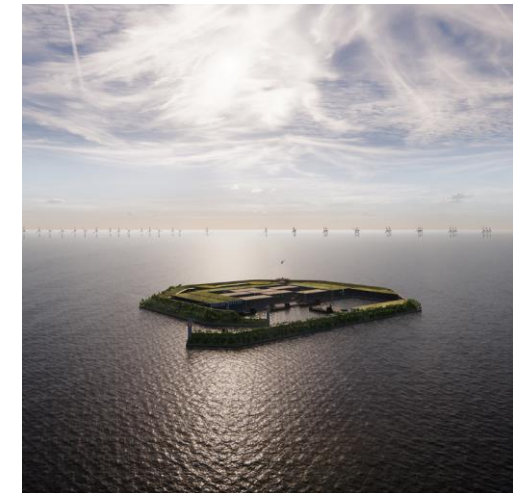
**Wind** Seegreen Wind Farm  
TotalEnergies, Scotland



**Solar** Floating Solar Power Plant  
Equinor, Norway



**CCS** Carbon Capture & Storage  
INEOS, North Sea



**P2X** Energy Island  
Energinet, North Sea

# Wave-in-Deck Assessment for offshore structures

## Objective

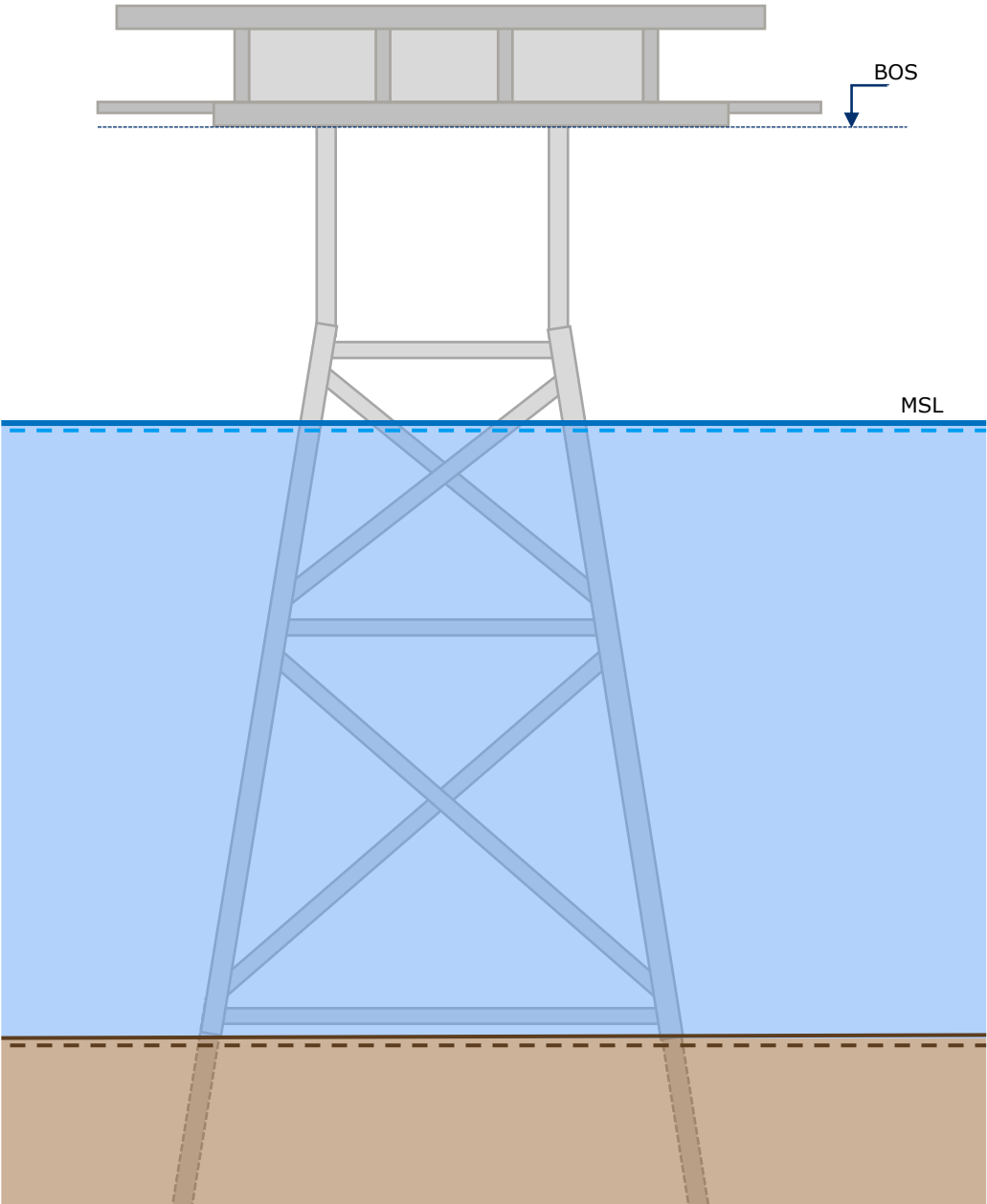
Give a wide overview of likelihood for wave-in-deck on Norwegian bottom fixed offshore structures

## Scope of work

1. Calculation of wave crest elevation for 100-, 1,000- and 10,000 year return period
2. Collection of platform data and calculate platform topside air gap
3. Evaluate on different methods and compare against other projects and measured storm data

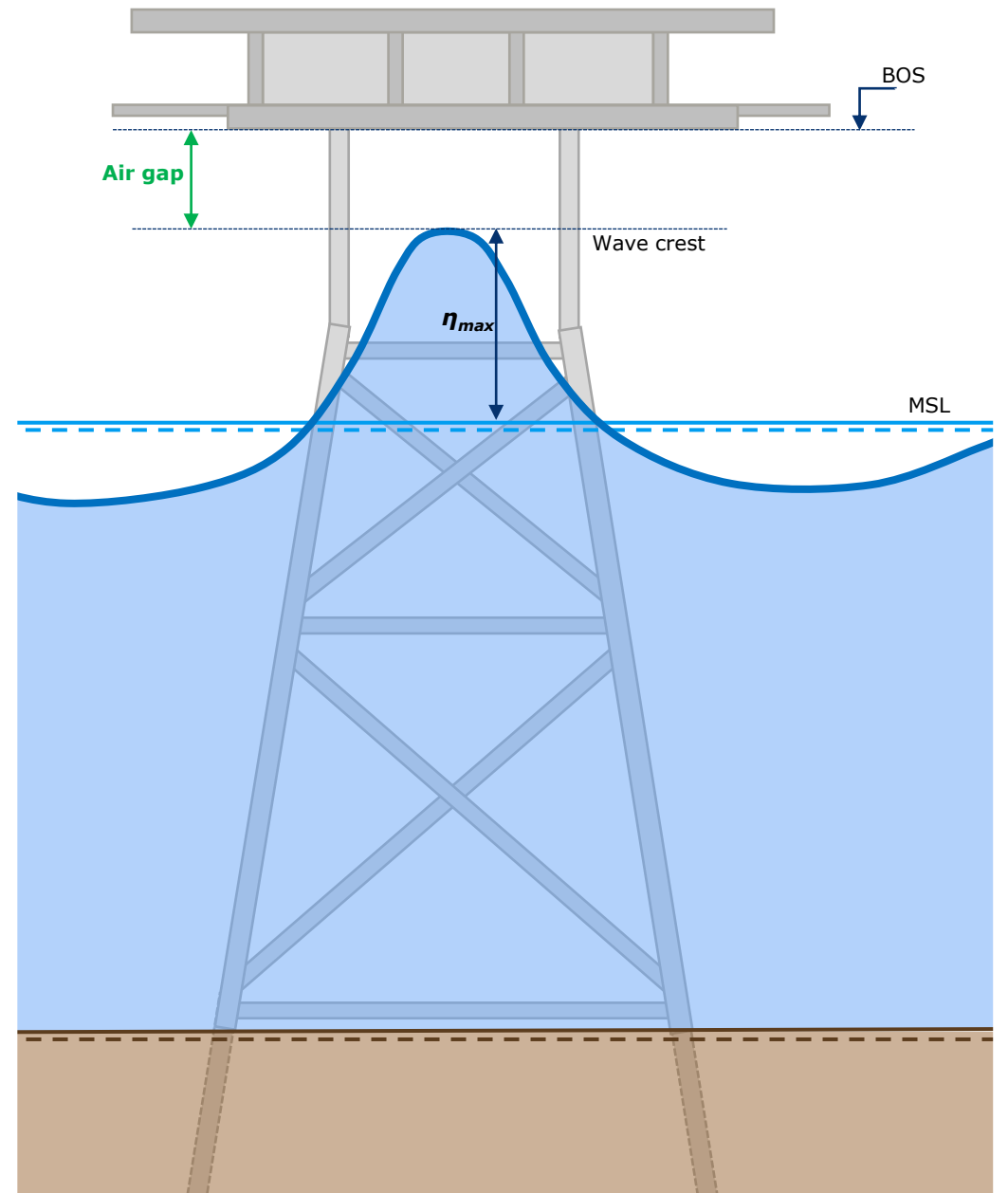


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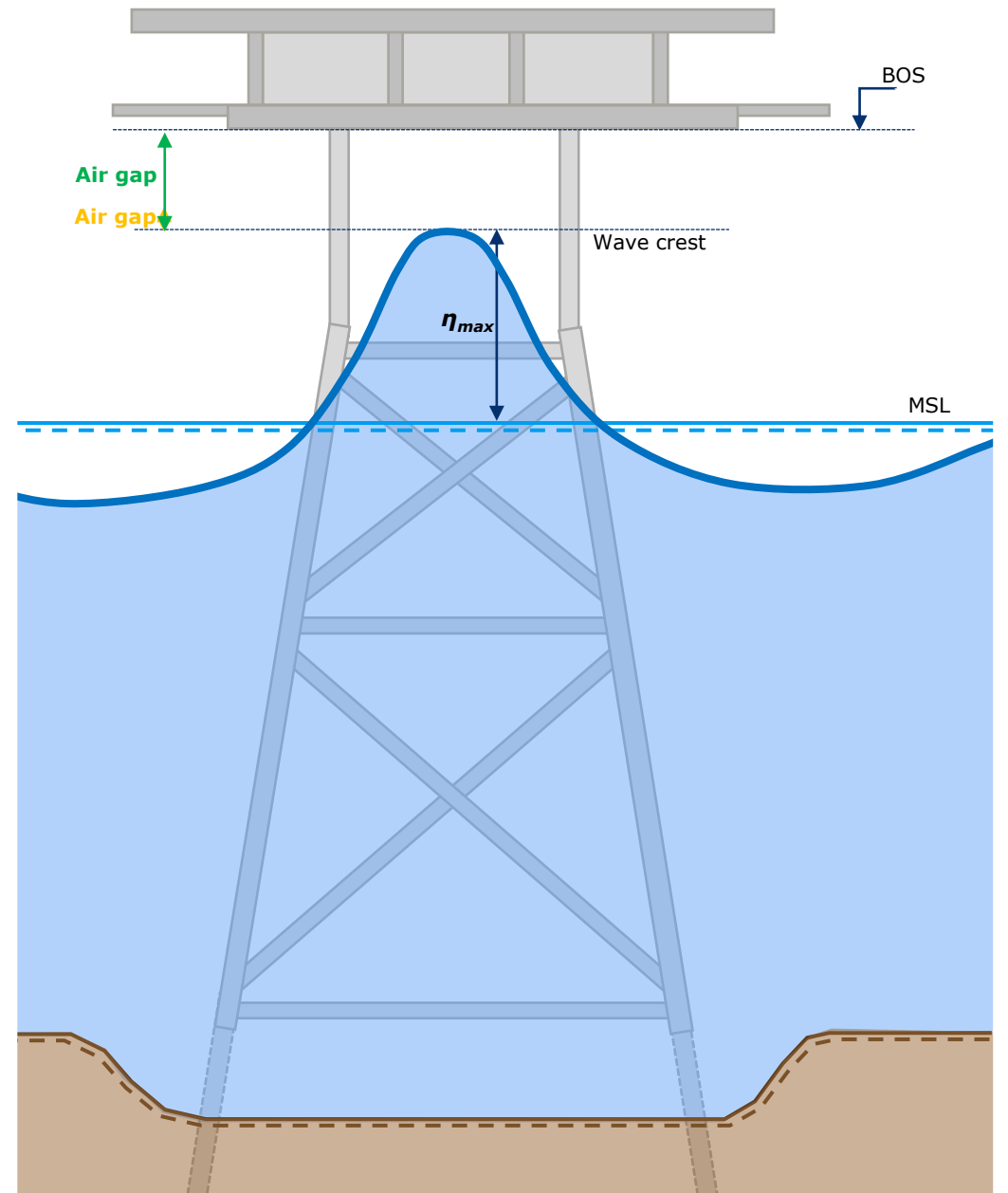
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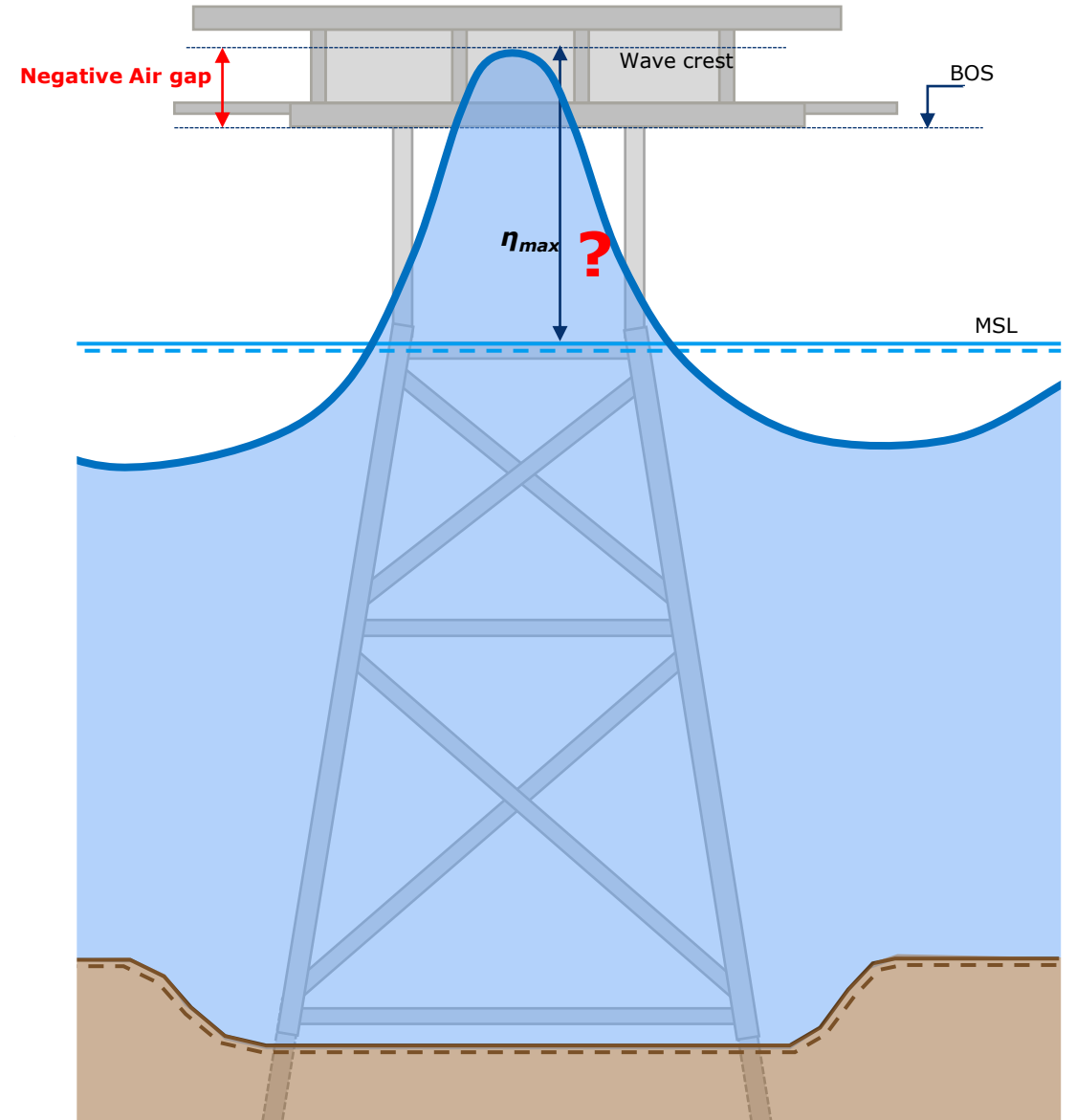
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3. Extreme event



# Platform Overview

- North Sea and Norwegian Sea
- In total 59 jackets in operation, split between 5 operators:



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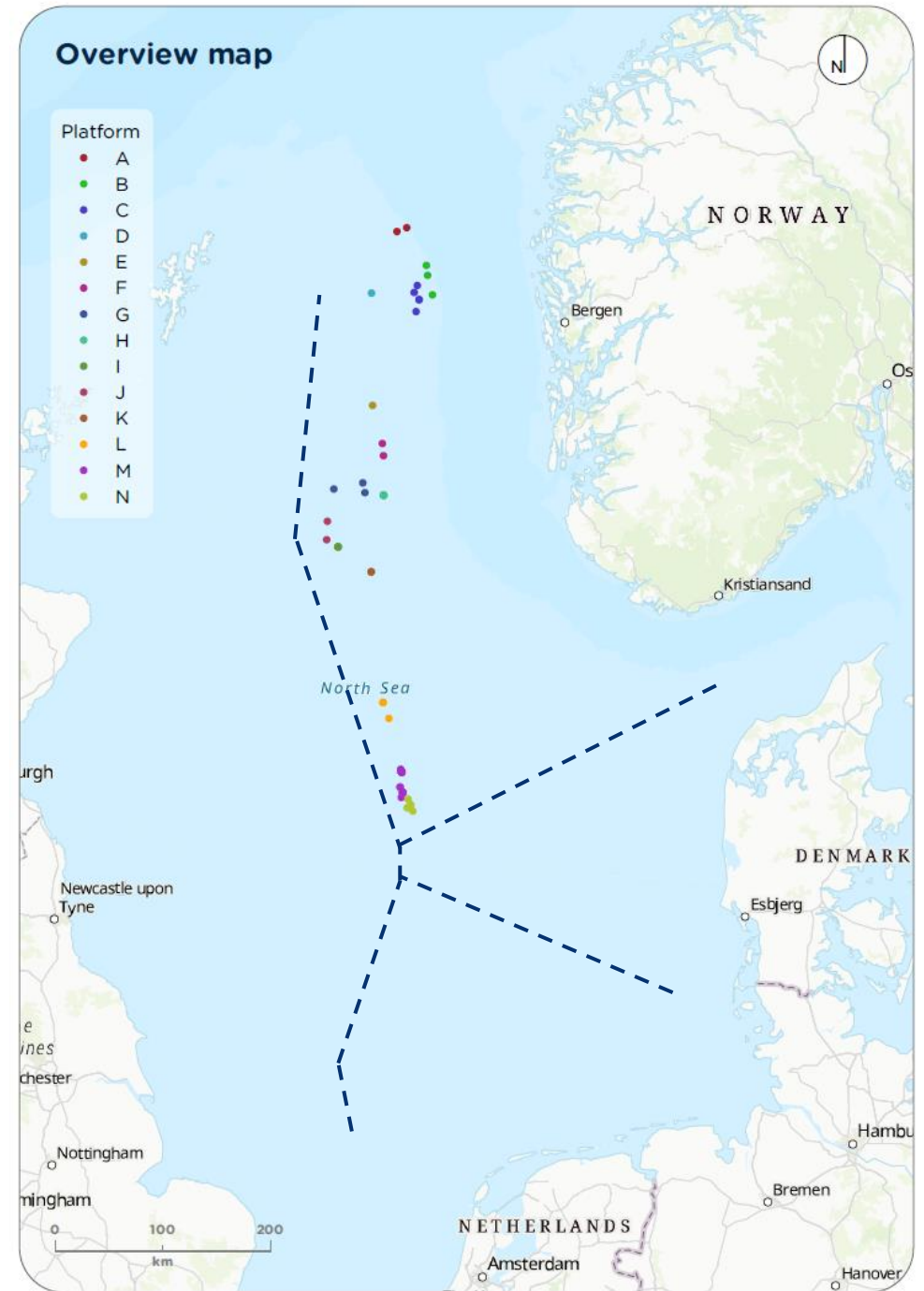
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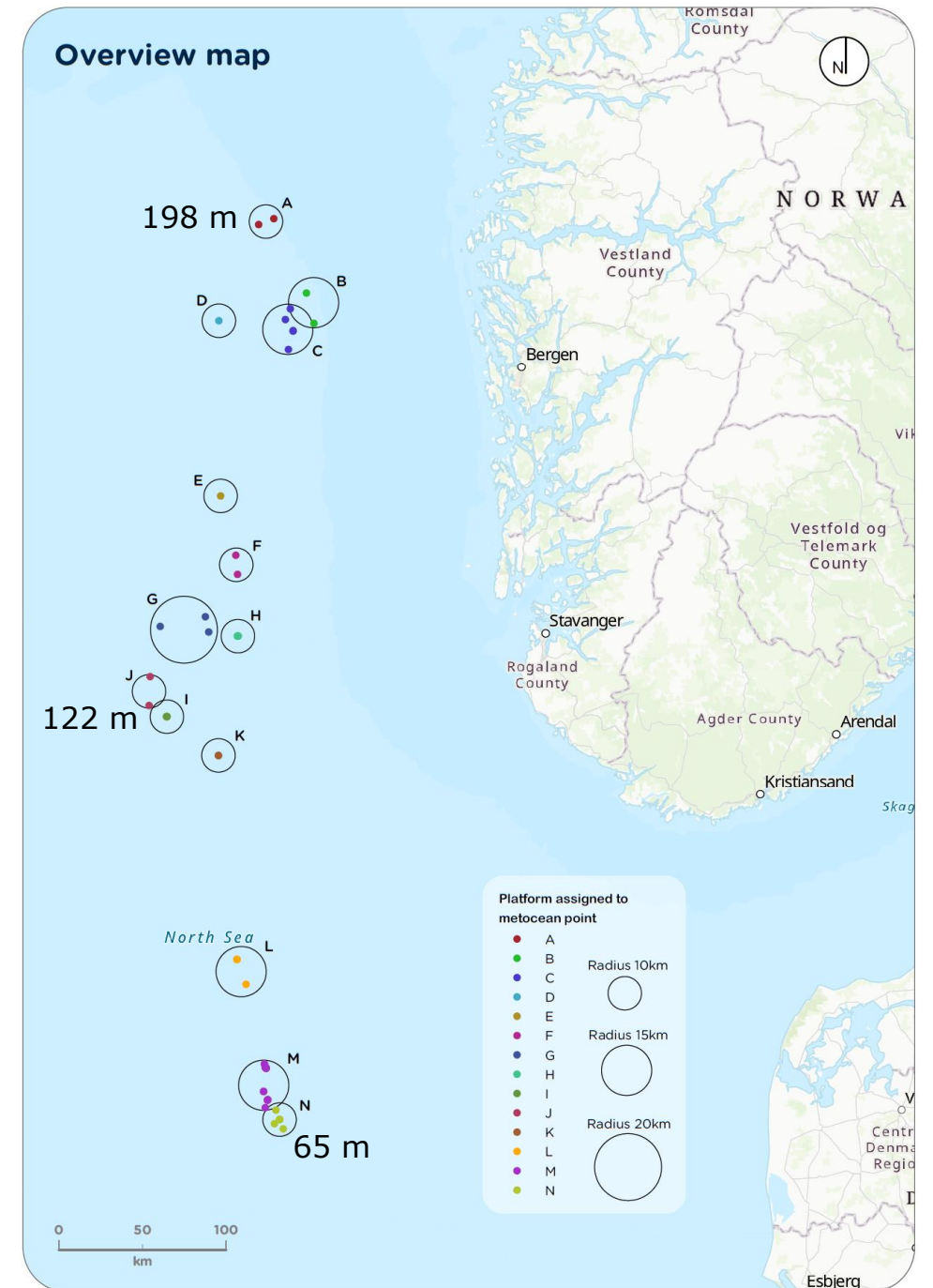
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- Similar wave crest assessment has been done for platforms in Danish and British part of the North Sea.



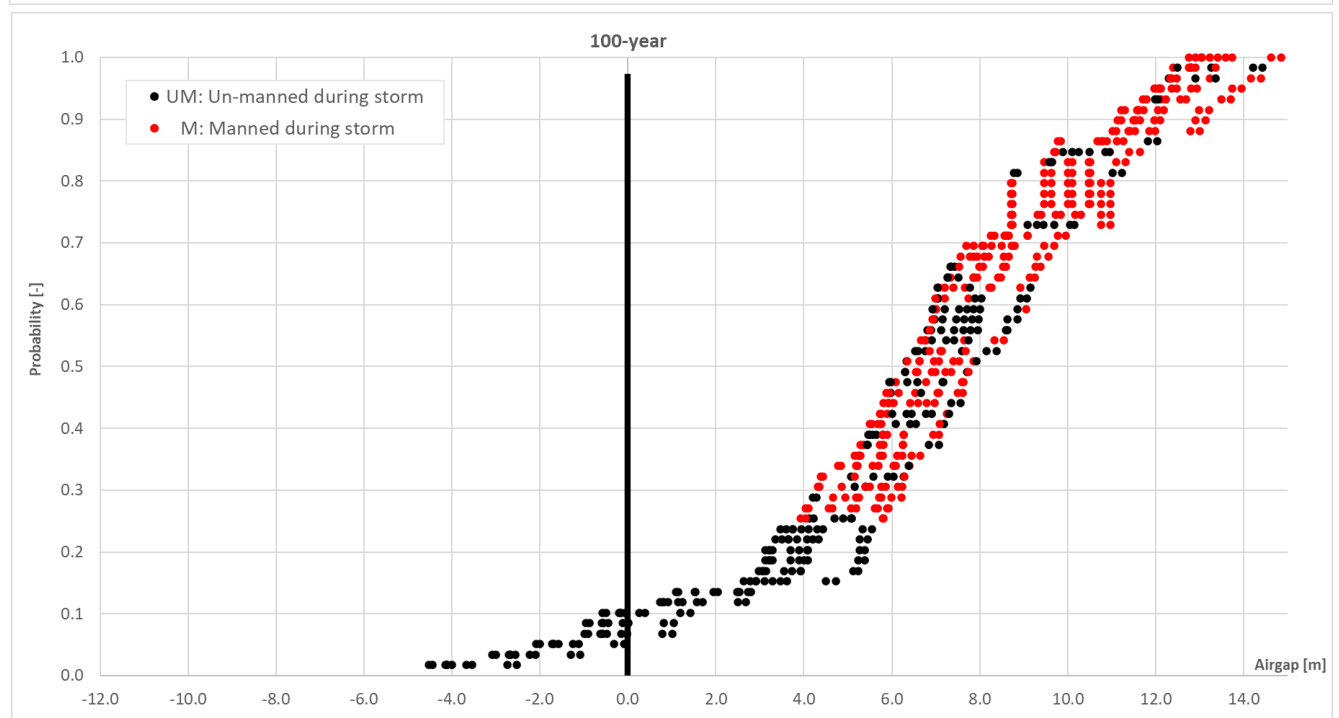
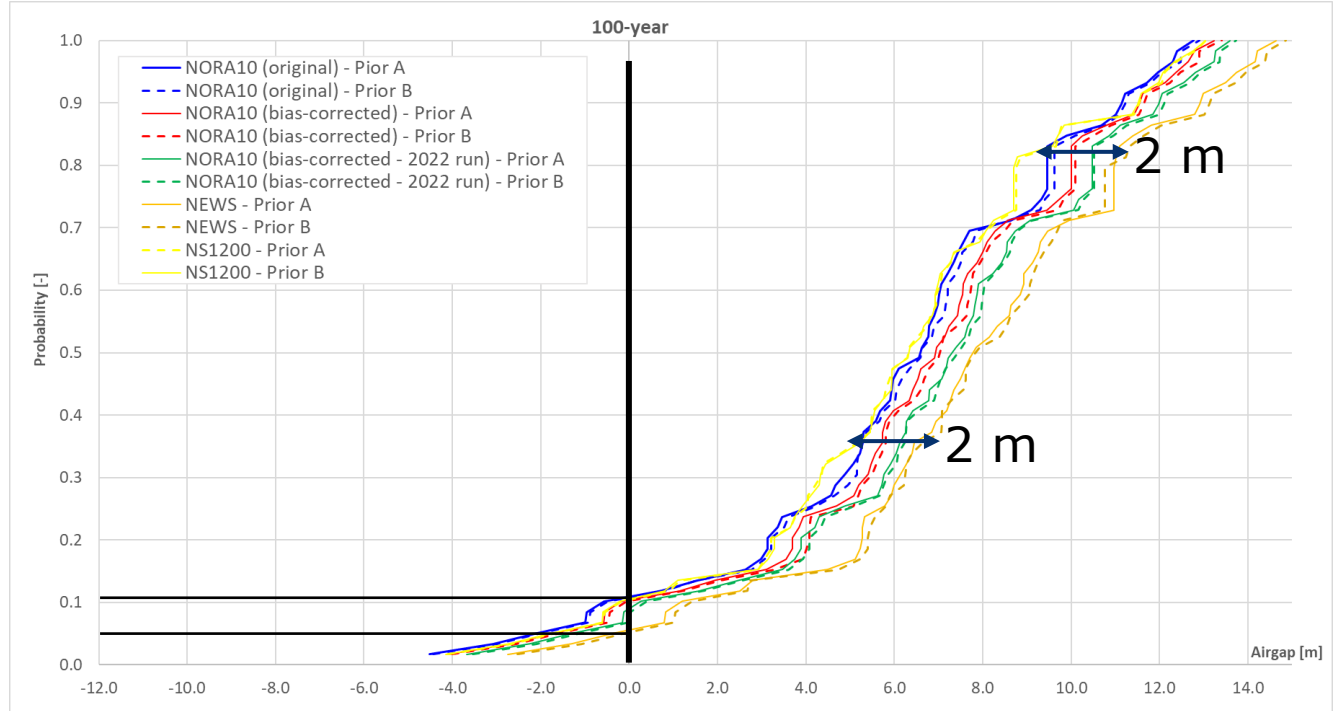
# Metocean analysis

- 14 locations on water depth 65-198 m
- 10 methods for calculating elevations
  
- Note that results are point-statistic results, i.e. for a platform assessment, e.g. point-to-area corrections should be considered to account for topside size.
  
- Combining results with platform data...



# Air gap results – 100y

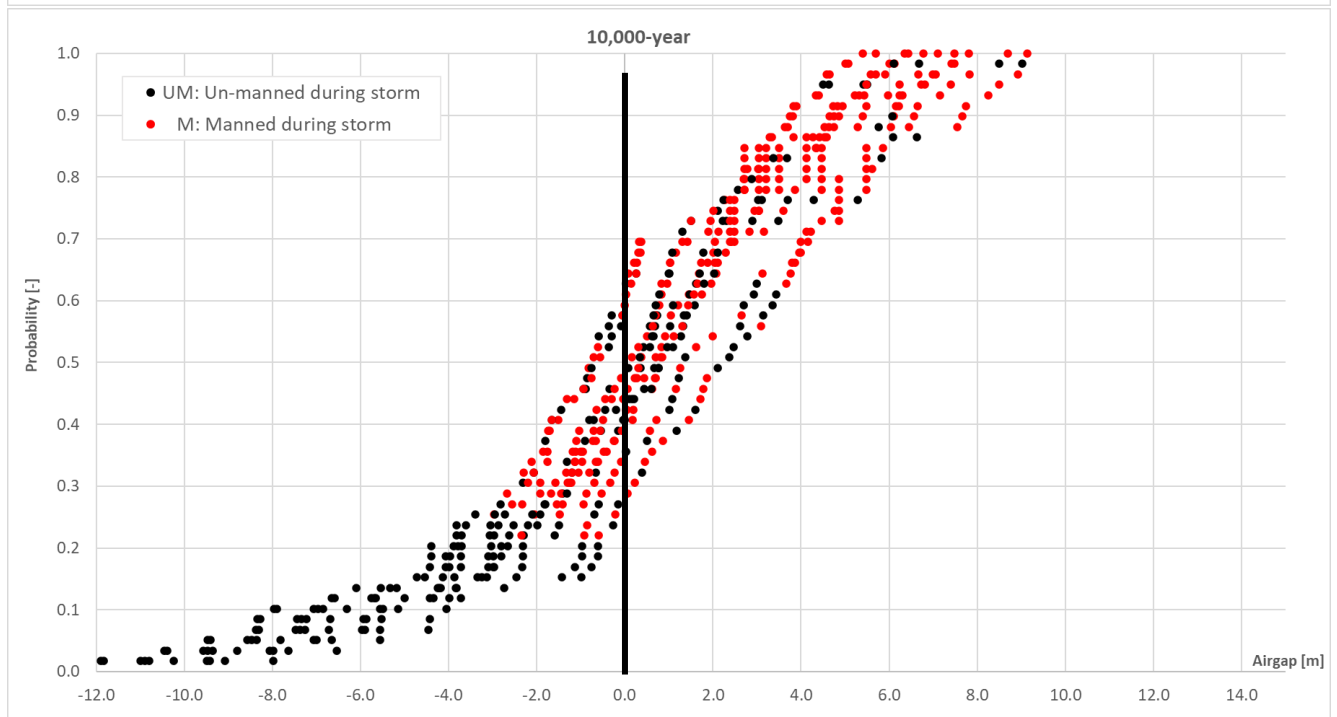
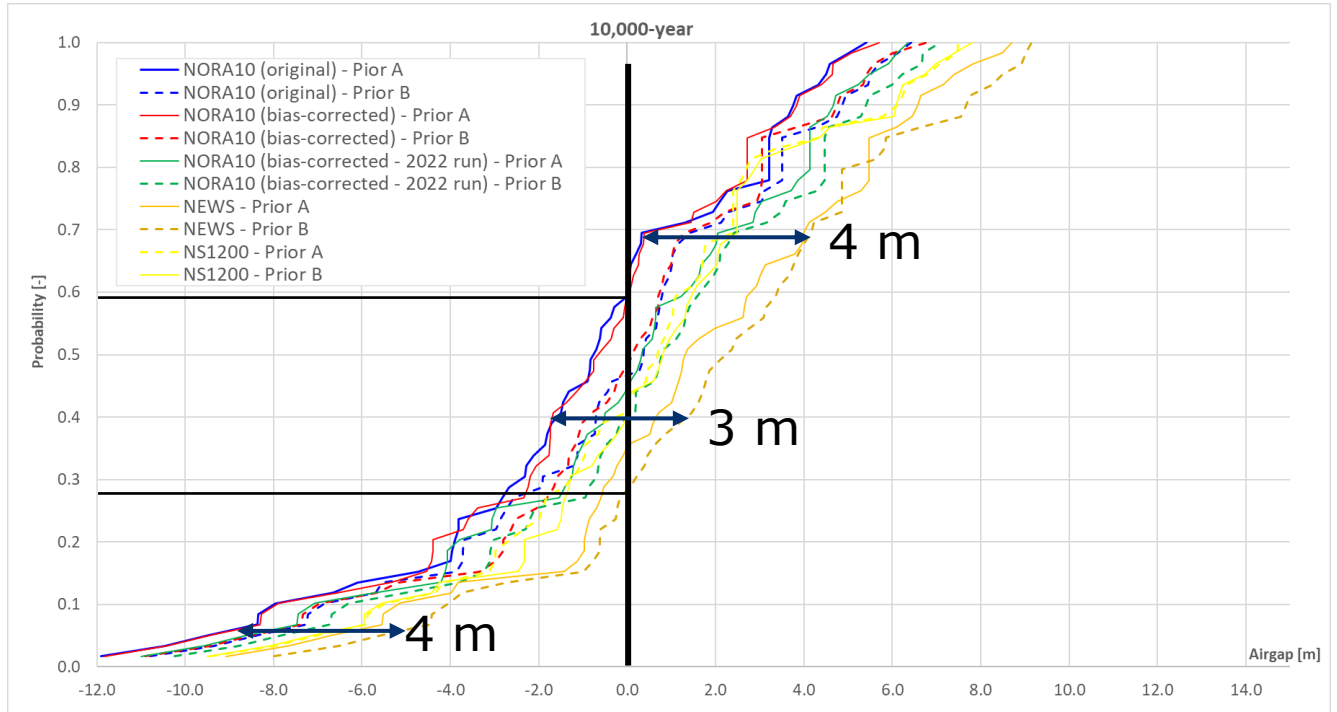
- One line for each metocean calculation method
- Results from the analysis method used varies approx. 2 m for all locations
- 5-10% of all platforms the annual probability for negative air-gap is higher than  $10^{-2}$
- All platforms with negative air gap are already planned to be un-manned during storms (Operator's inputs)





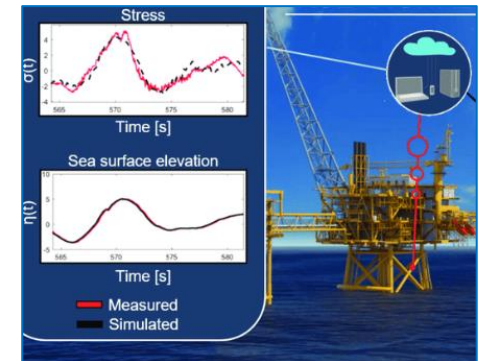
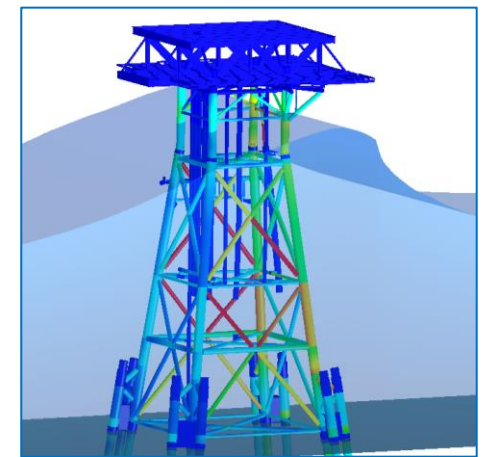
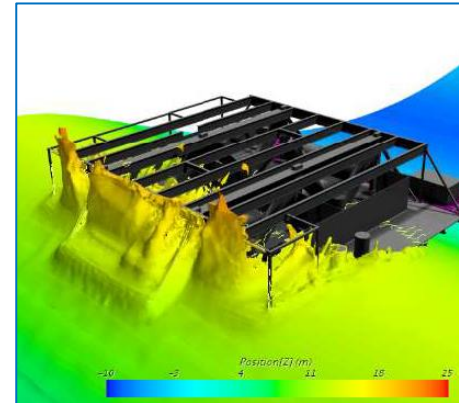
# Air gap results – 10,000y

- Results from the analysis method used varies approx 3-4 m depending on the location
- For 25-60% of all platforms the anual probability for negative air-gap is higher than  $10^{-4}$
- Multiple platforms are planned manned during storm and is expected to have negative air gap for a 10,000-year occurrence



# Critical?

- Acceptance criteria for the platforms will be different
- Wave-in-Deck load calculation
- Structural resistance evaluation
- Reinforcements
- Monitoring of platforms



# Wave crest height calculation

## Objective

Calculate wave crest elevation with return periods up to 10,000 years using latest best-practice

## Scope of work

1. Calculate long-term sea state distribution using best-practice statistical methods
2. Convolve with higher-order wave crest height distribution
3. Assess sensitivity of end results



# Long-term Maximum Crest Height Distribution

$$P(\eta_{c,max}) = \int_{\Omega} P(\eta_{c,max}|\Omega)p(\Omega)d\Omega$$

where

$\Omega = (H_s, T_p, \dots)$ : Sea state parameters

$P(\eta_{c,max}|\Omega)$ : Probability distribution of maximum crest height conditional on sea state

$p(\Omega)$ : Probability density of sea state parameters

# Extreme value analysis of sea state distribution – Background

- Shell/Lancaster Univ. in 00'es:
  - Covariates (directional- and seasonal- rather than omni-distributions)
  - Generalised Pareto distribution tails (rooted in Extreme Value Theory)
  - 'Extrapolation' uncertainty acknowledged and included
- Shell/Lancaster approach adopted by:
  - Mærsk Oil (Tyra as-is/AWARE) (2015-)
  - LOADS JIP (2016-)
  - UK HSE (Extreme wave study – 2020-2022)
  - bp (2019-)
  - Aker BP (Valhall)
  - TotalEnergies (2021-)



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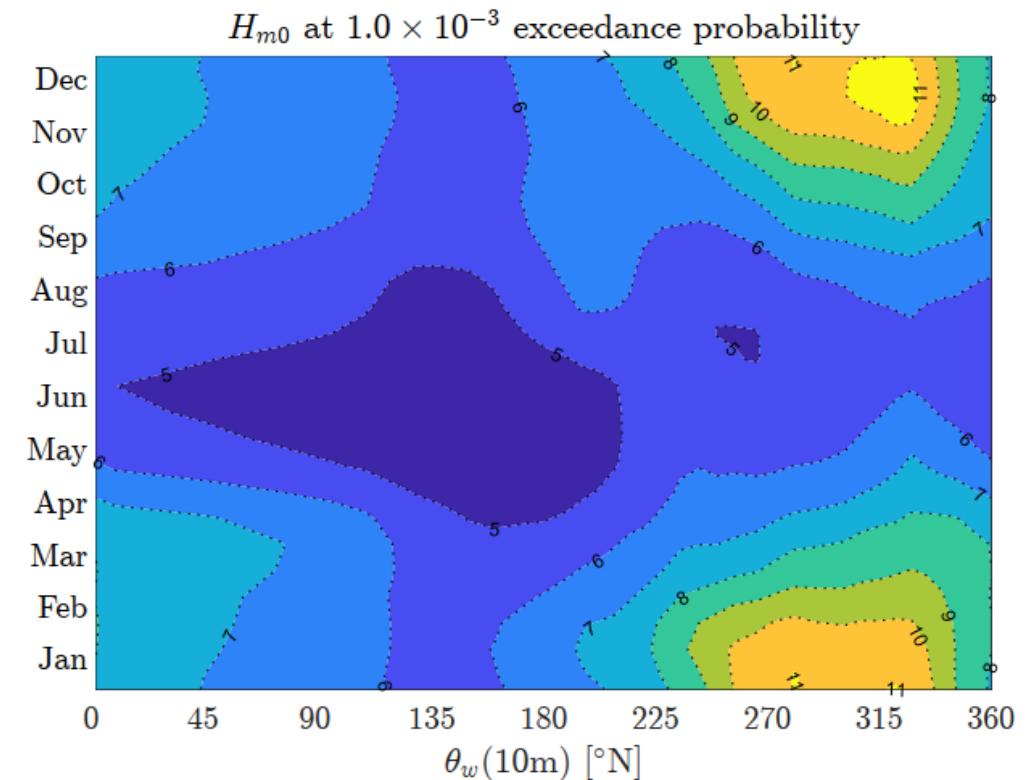
- Long time series of  $H_s, T_p$ , etc. required for extreme value analysis
  - NORA10 hindcast
    - Meteorologisk institutt Norge - 65 years hindcast 1957-2022
  - NEWS hindcast
    - Ocean Weather hindcast 1979-2022
  - NS1200 synthetic simulation
    - Climate model simulation of 1200 years worth of present climate

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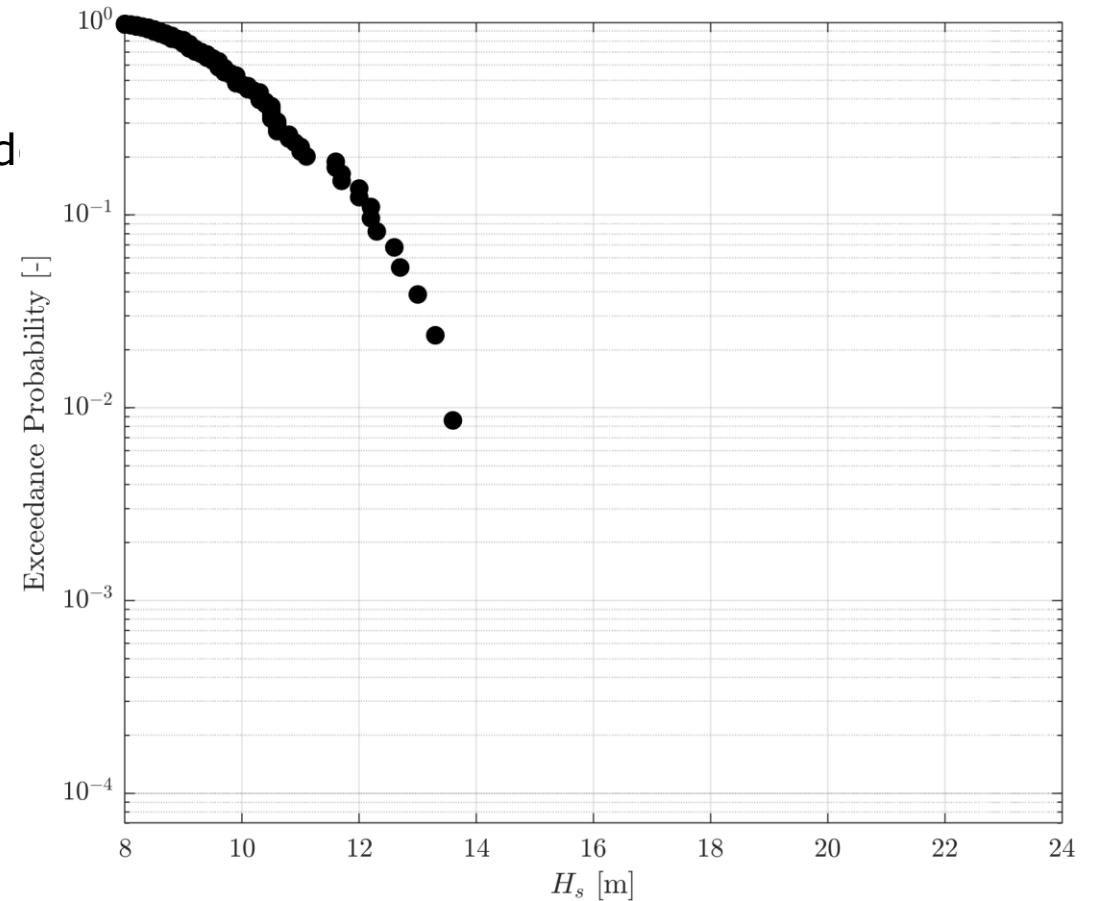


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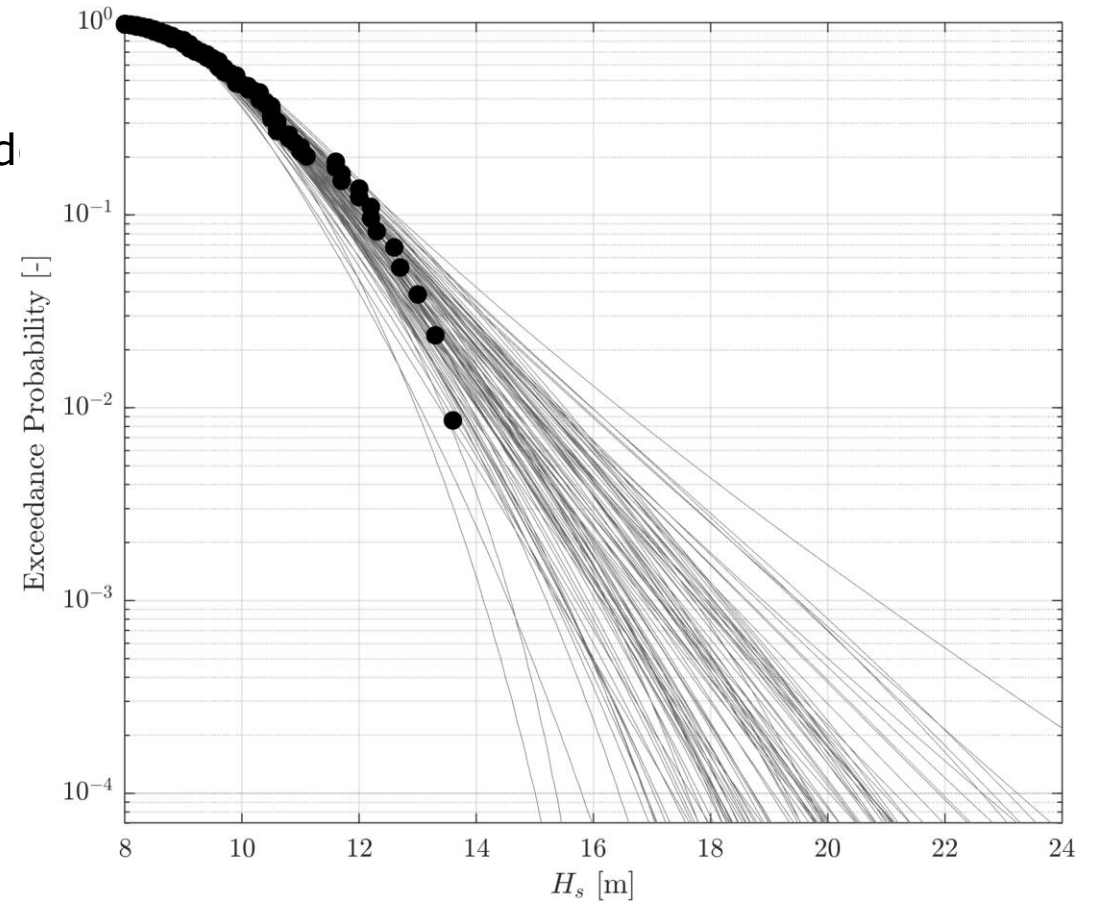
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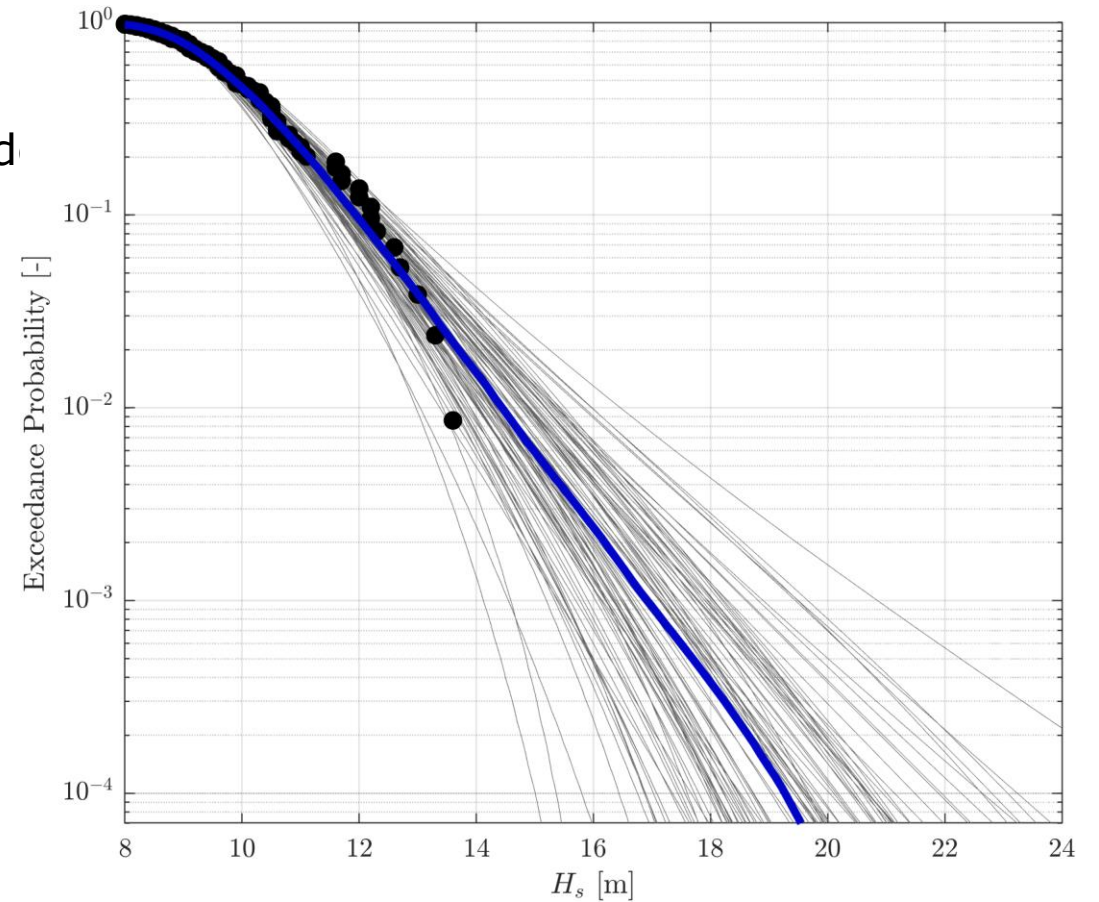
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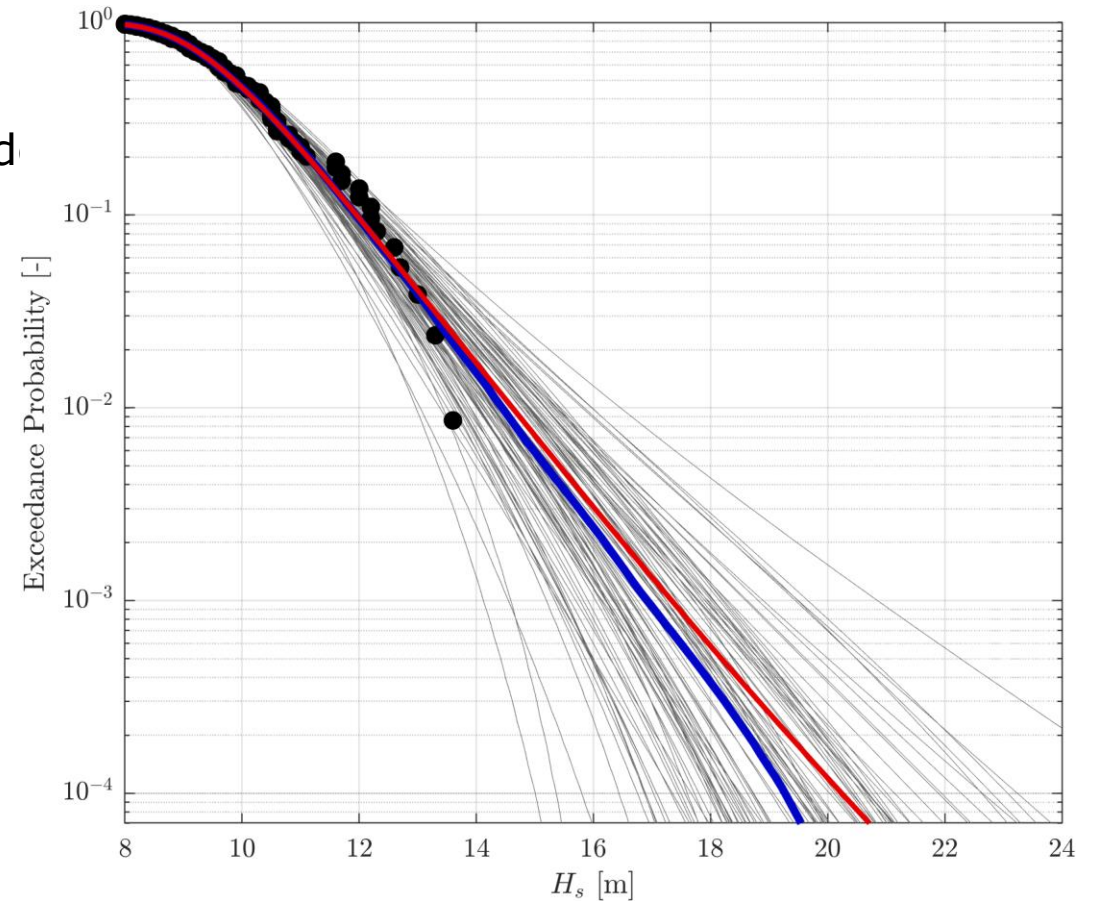
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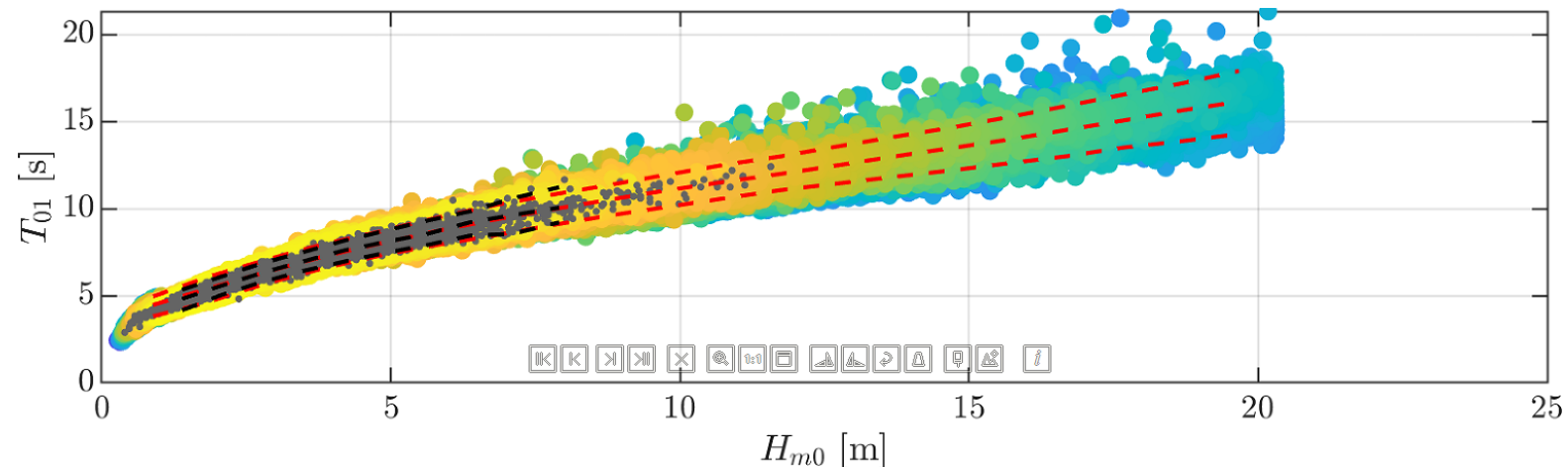
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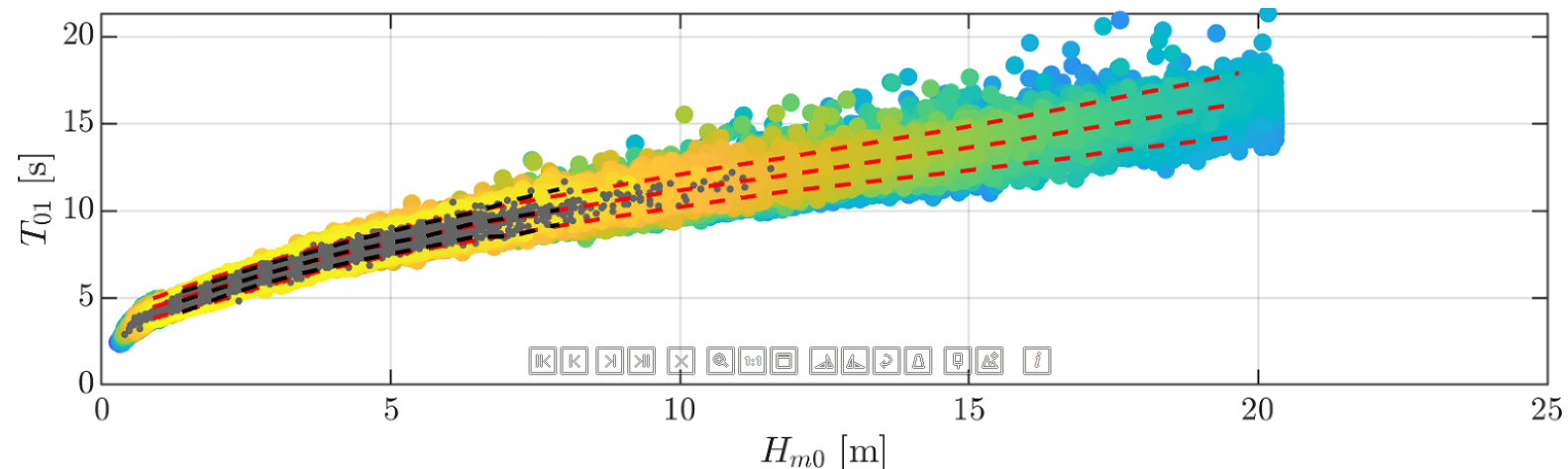
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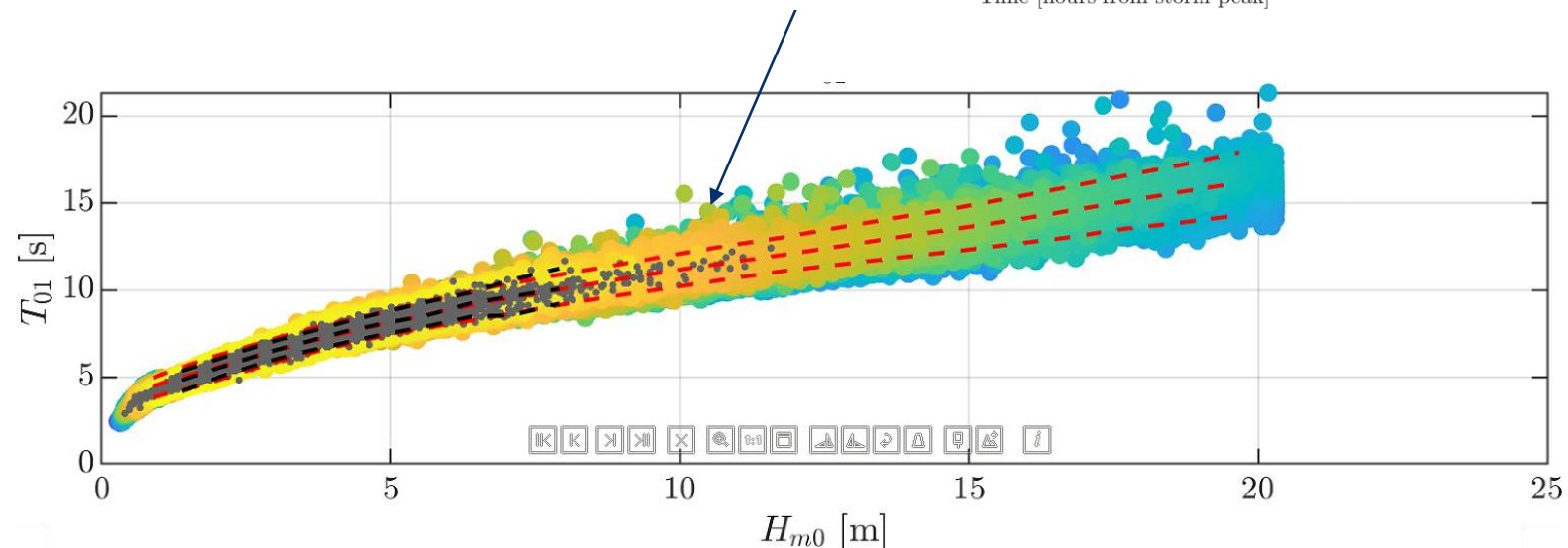
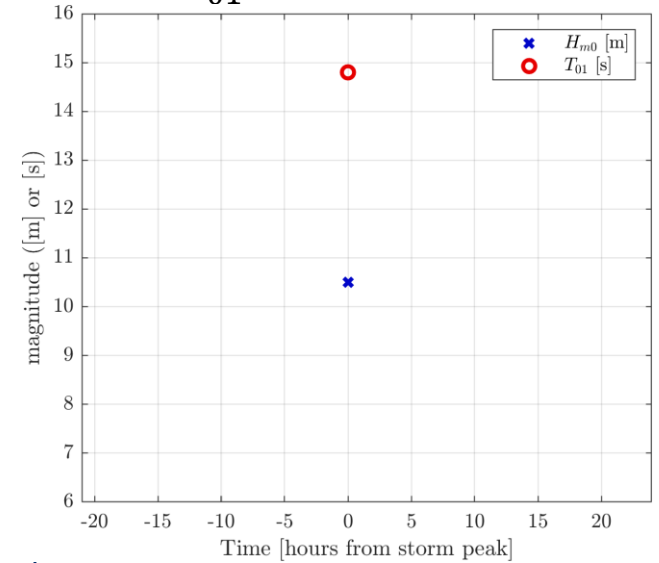
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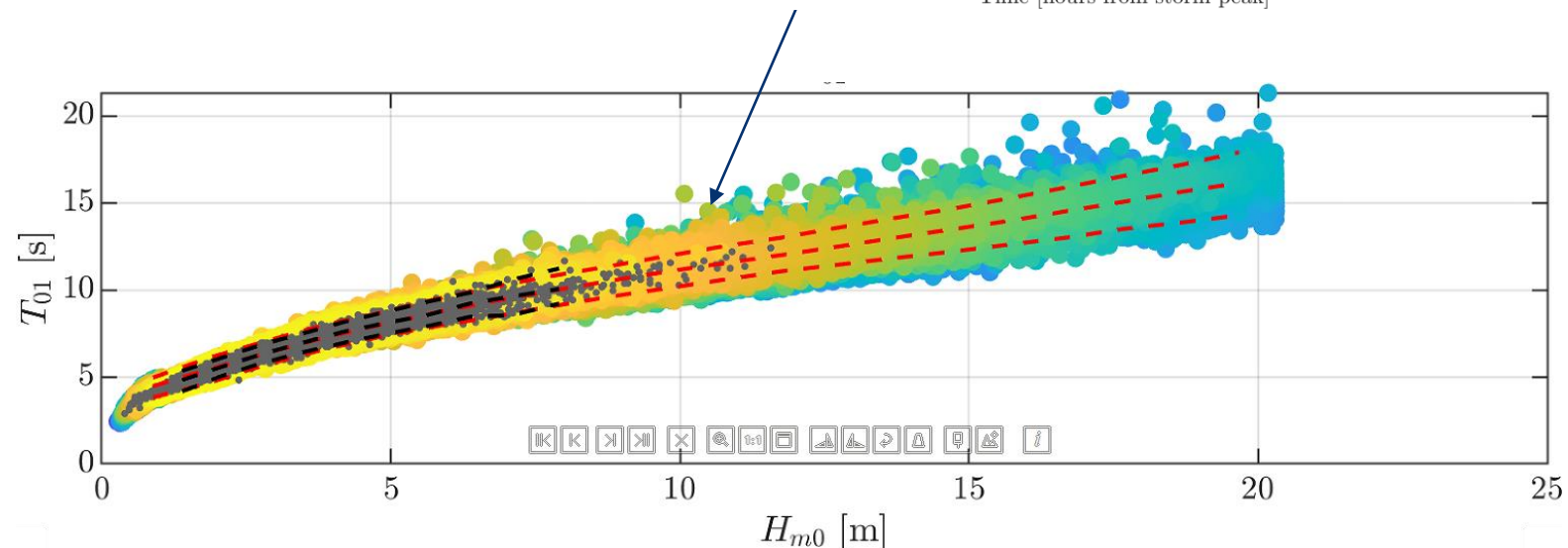
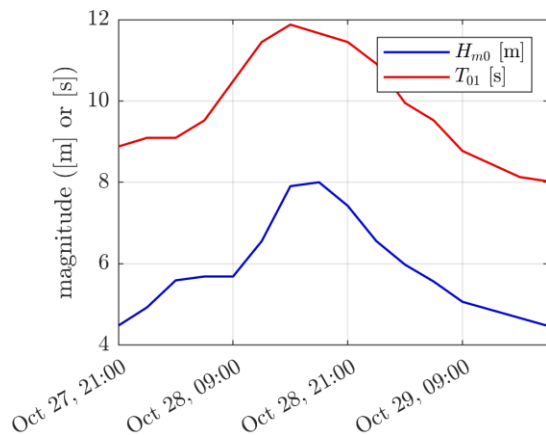
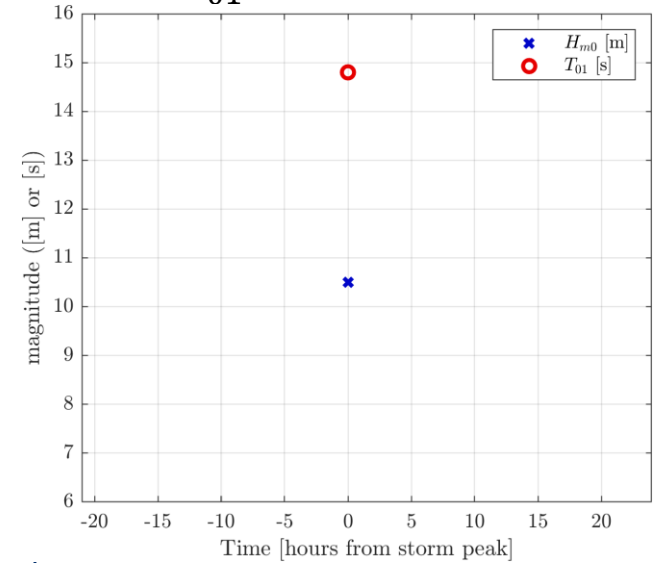
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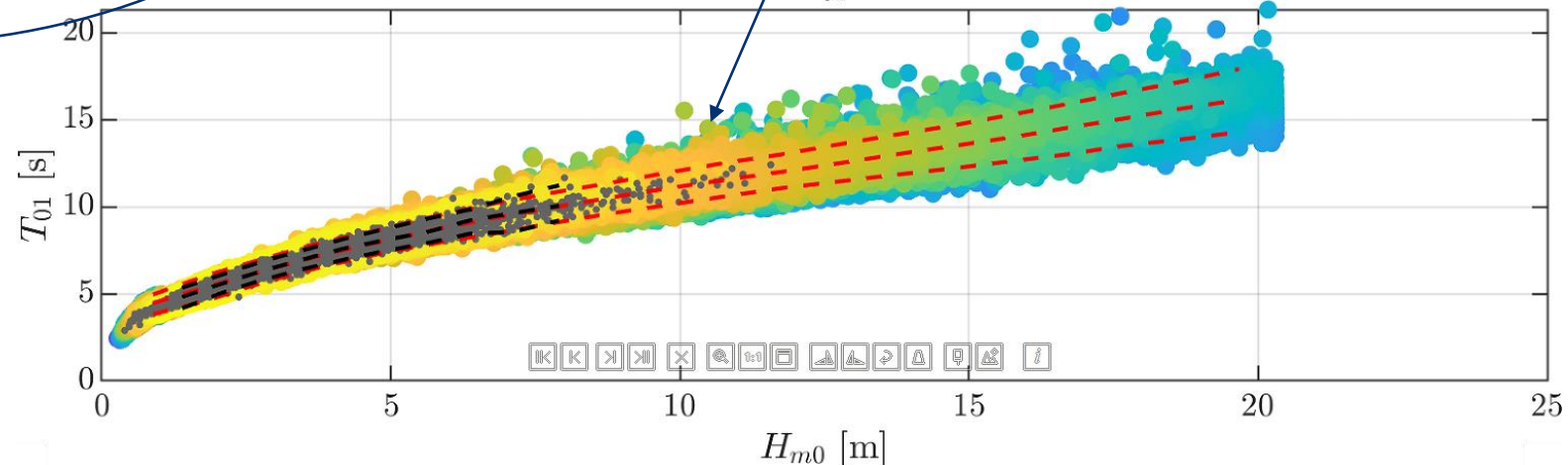
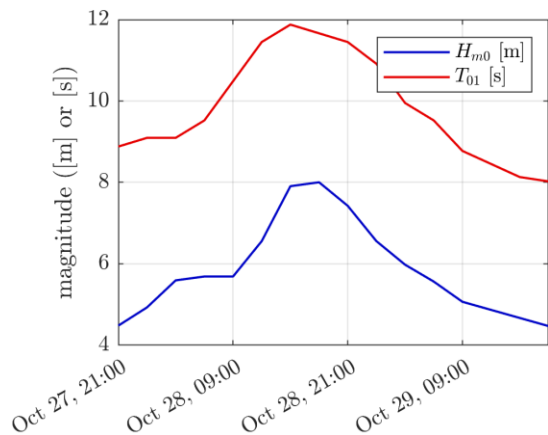
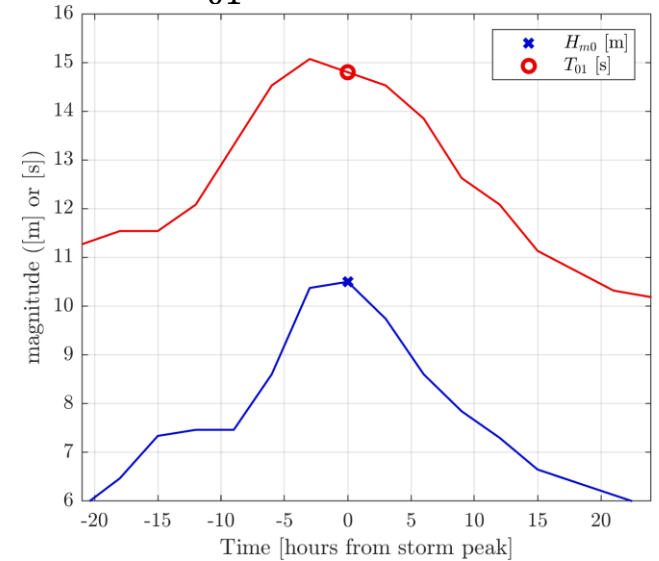
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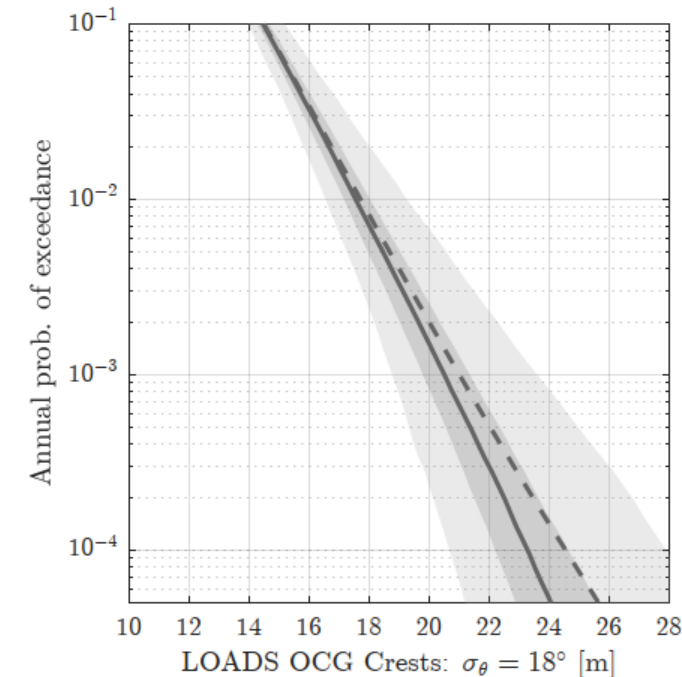
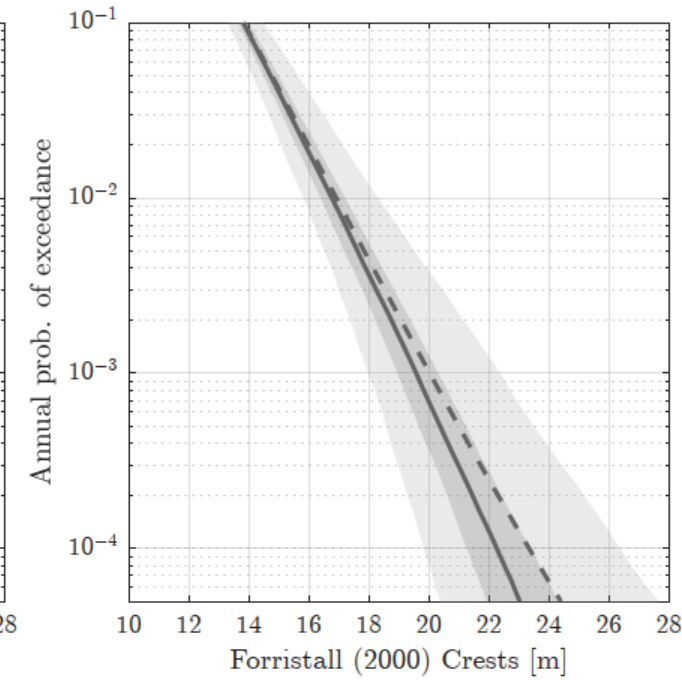
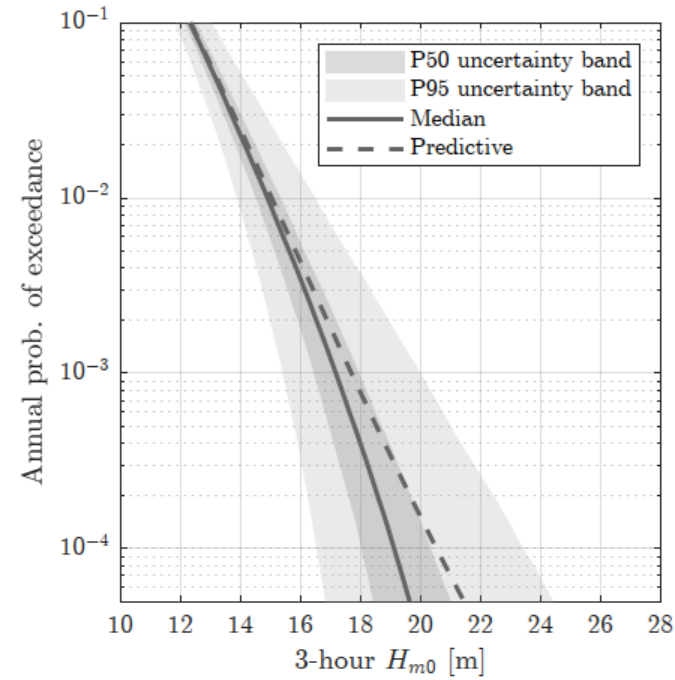
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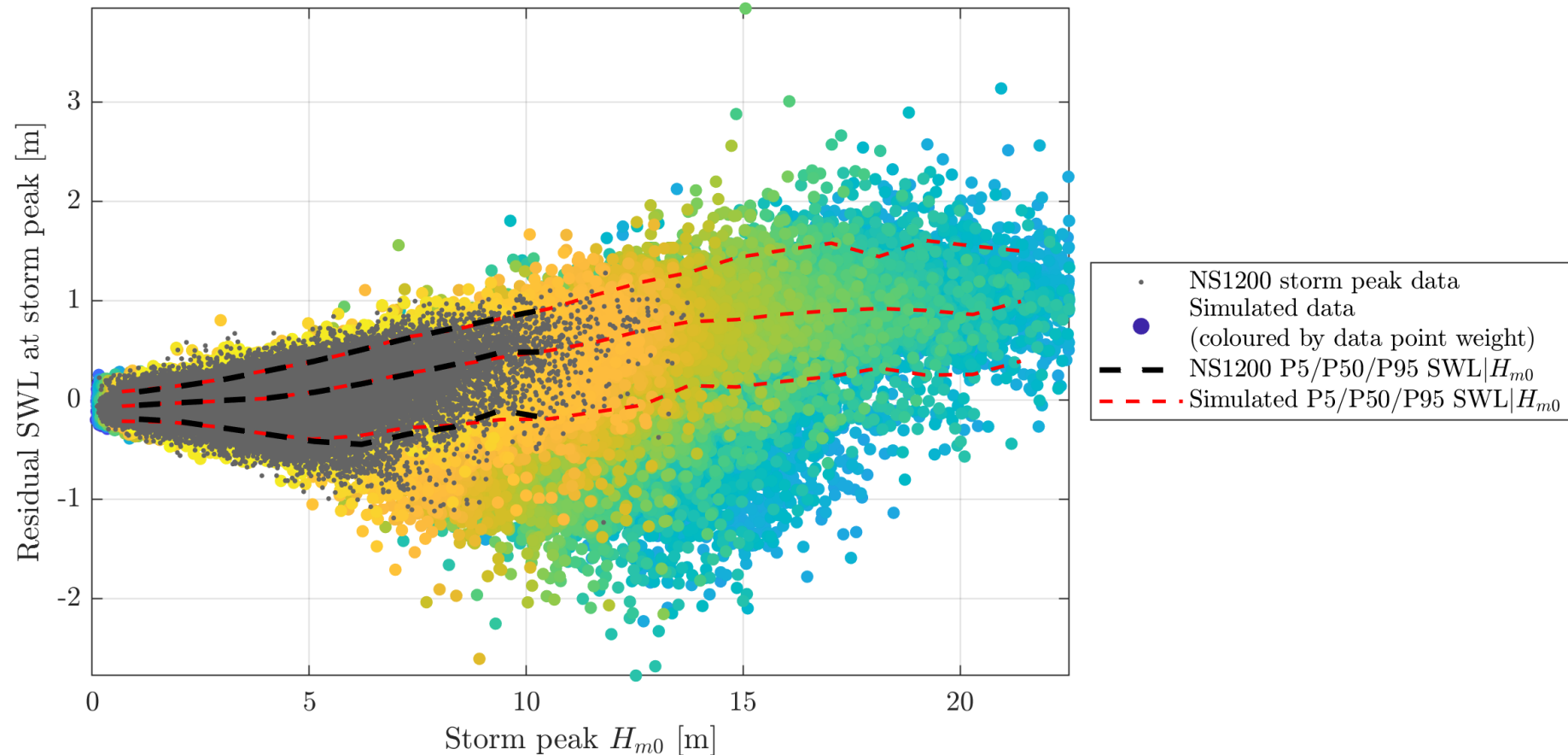
- Folding with short-term distributions
- Forristall distribution (for reference)
- LOADS OCG distribution

Metocean Point A – Model depth 198m - Prior B



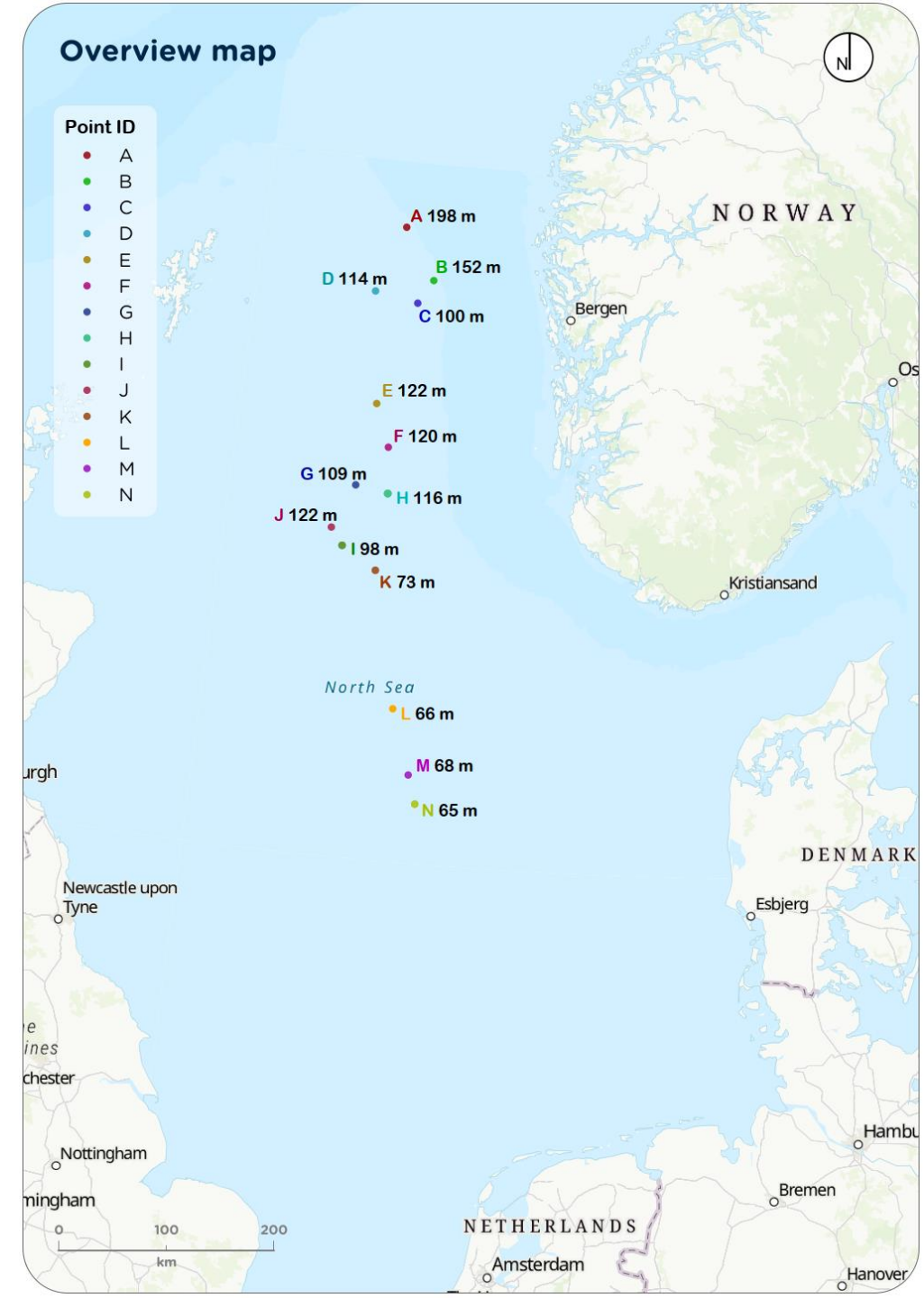
# Extreme Value Analysis – Associated storm surge

- Storm surge can correlate with waves -> extra contribution to total water level



# Results

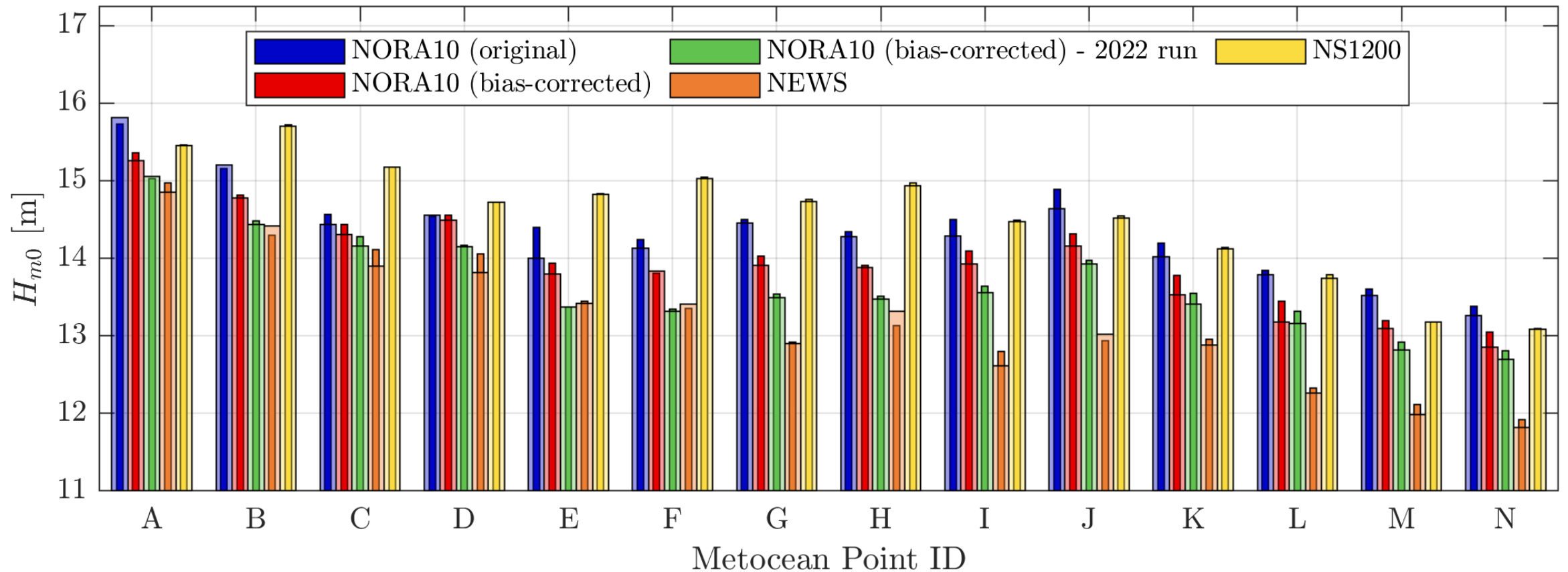
- Analysis at 14 points
- 10 different results at each point
  - 5 different data sets
  - 2 different priors





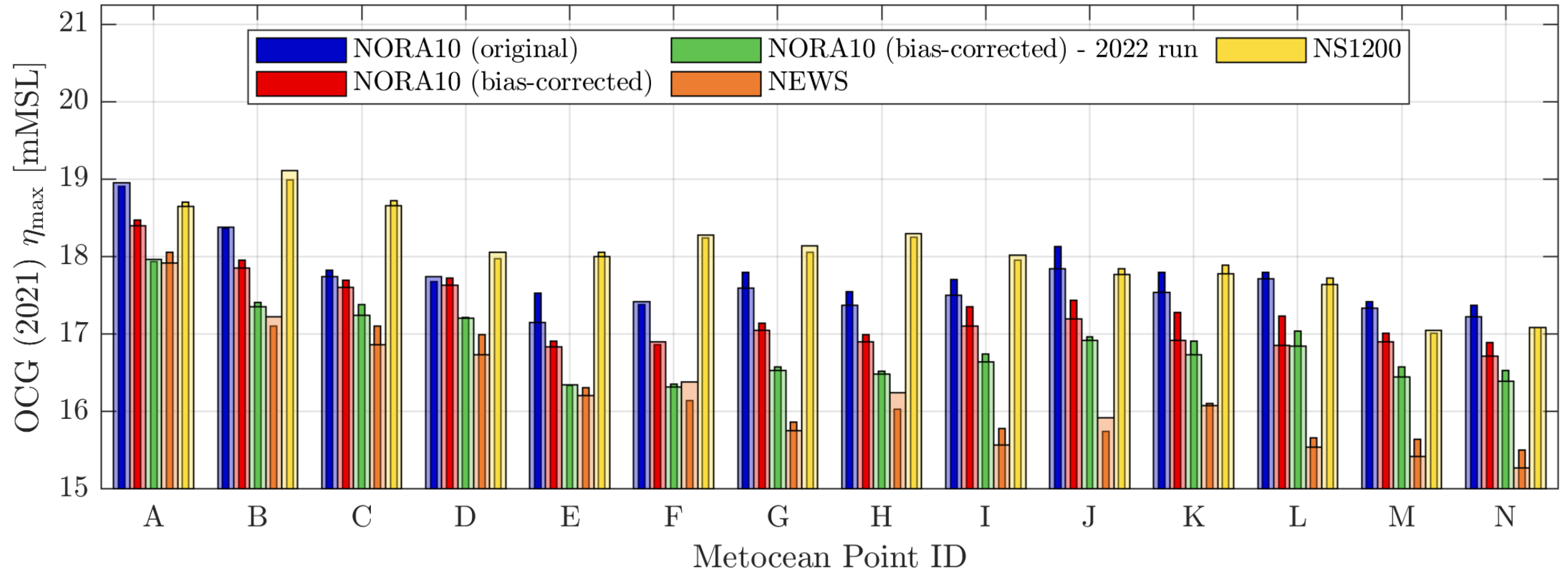
# Results – 100 year $H_{m0}$

$H_{m0}$  [m] – 100 year RP



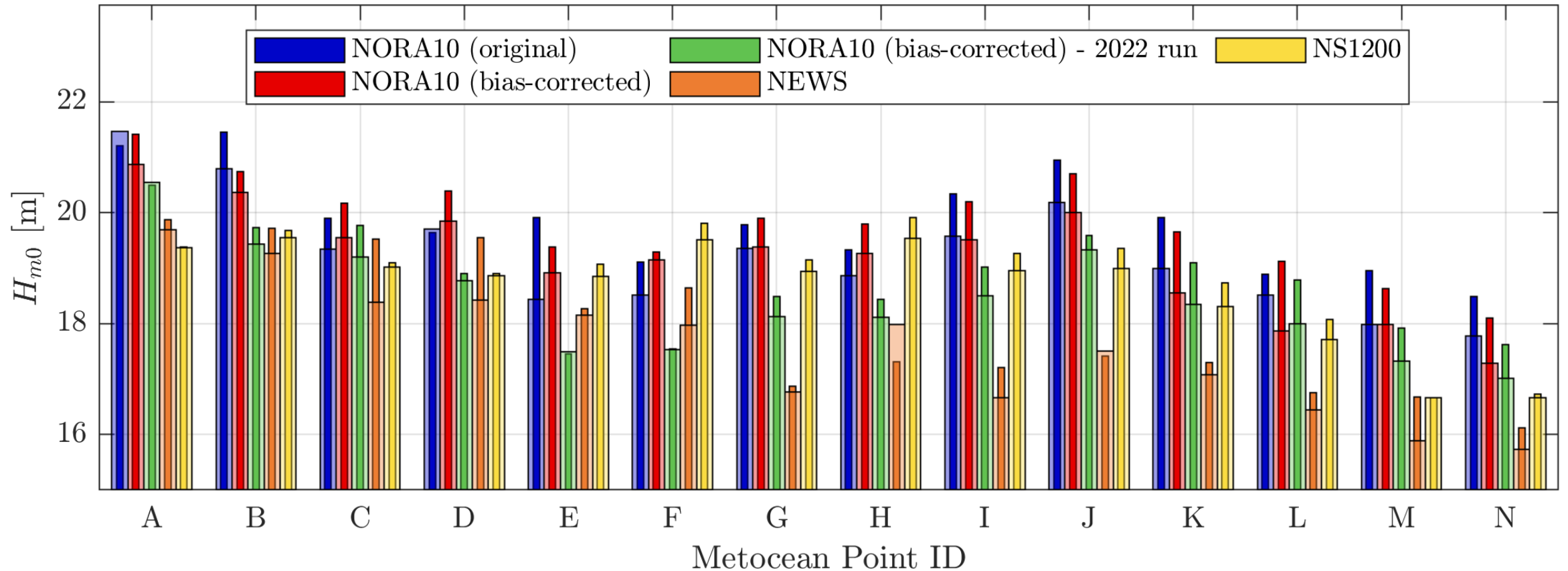
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OCG (2021)  $\eta_{\max}$  [mMSL] – 100 year RP



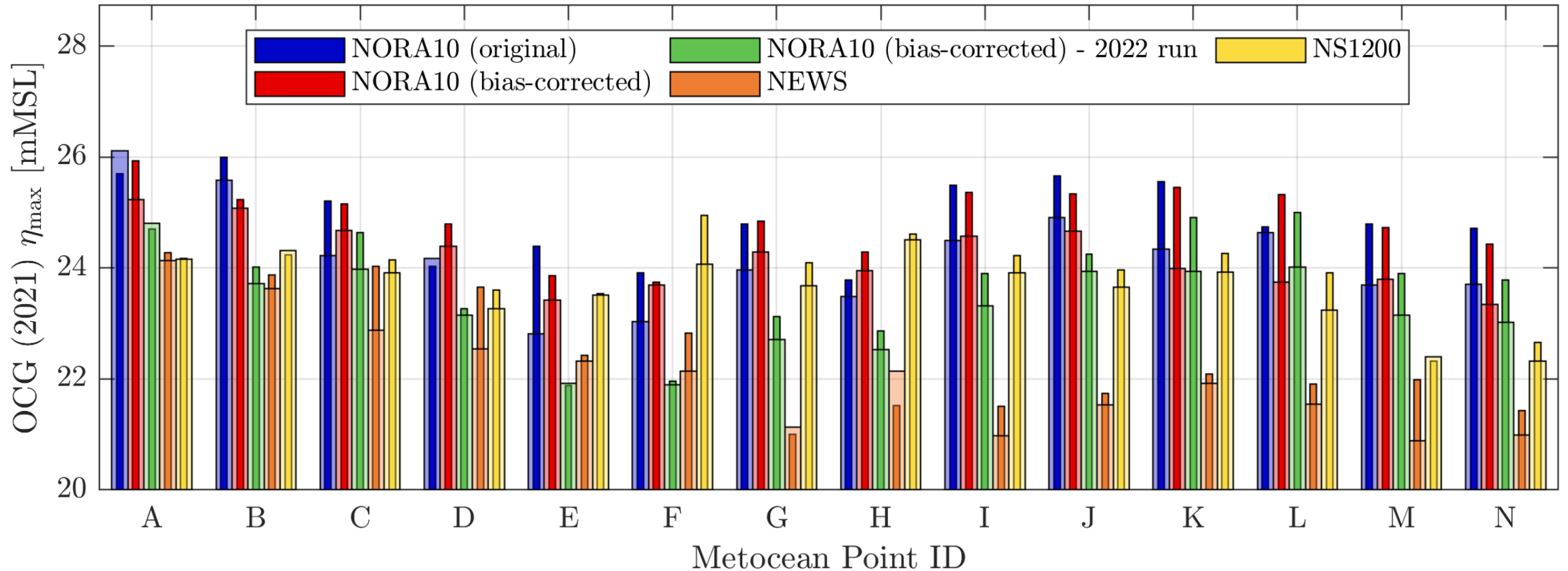
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# Conclusive remarks

- Range of 100 year crest elevation estimates (min-max) from 1.0 to 2.5 meter
- Range of 10,000 year crest elevation estimates (min-max) from 2.0 to 4.5 meter
- Differences due to
  - Input data differences
  - Extrapolation (priors, data set length)
- Uncertainties included
  - Extrapolation (threshold, parameter) uncertainty
  - LOADS OCG crest height distribution uncertainty
- Uncertainties not included
  - Measurement uncertainty and bias (field and basin)
  - Input data uncertainty (hindcast scatter)

# Thank you!

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# Questions?

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