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# **Webinar MetOcean deskstudy and database for Hollandse Kust (noord) WFZ**

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# Welcome

- › Introduction speaker and panel
- › Goal of this webinar
- › Agenda





# Have a successful meeting!



# Metocean Desk Study & Database

## Dutch Wind Farm Zones

With focus on Hollandse Kust (noord)

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# Objectives of this study

- Provide metocean condition to serve as input for design, installation and maintenance of OWF structures at Hollandse Kust (noord)
- Establish web-based database to include metocean data and analysis over Dutch Offshore Wind Farm area
- Analysis was based on advanced long-term numerical models
  - State-of-the-art methods
  - In accordance with offshore standards
- This study includes all design information and the wind resource assessment shall be used for yield analysis

# Agenda

- Deliverables
- Establishment of MetOcean Data/Models
  - Wind
  - Water levels and Currents
  - Waves
- Normal and Extreme Conditions
- Database and it's user interface <https://www.metocean-on-demand.com/>

# Project team – DHI Panel

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# DHI who?



# DHI & Offshore Renewables

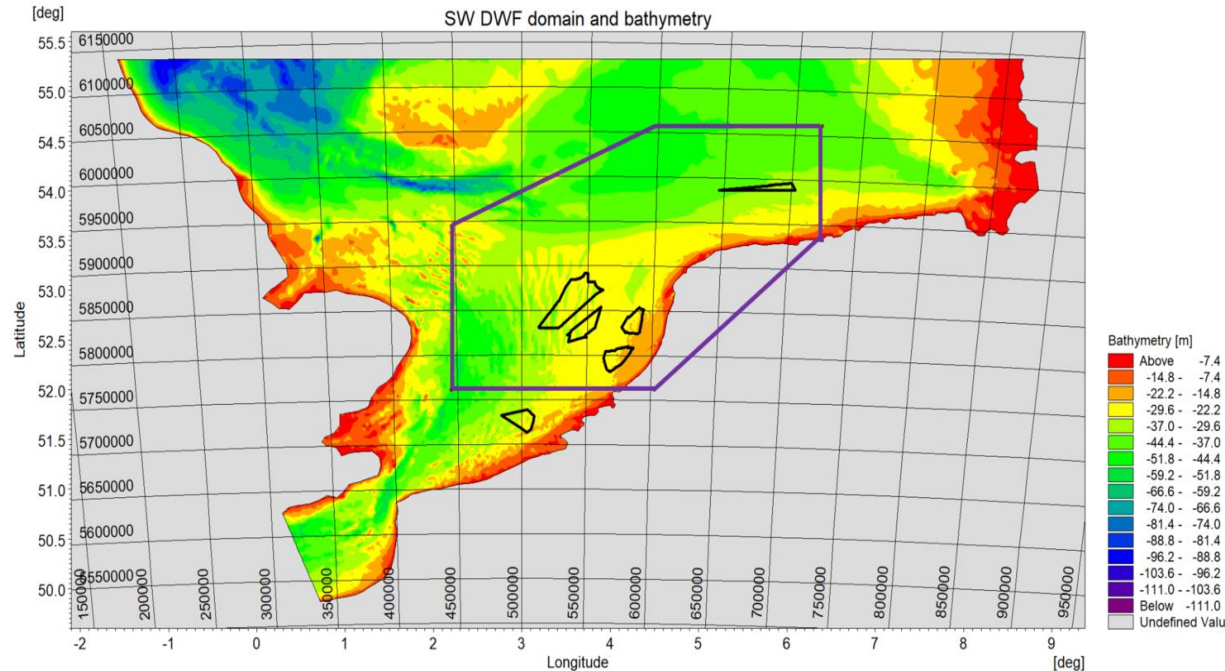
- We're an independent, private and not-for-profit organisation
- Our knowledge represents 50+ years of dedicated research  
20% of our resources are allocated to R&D to enhance our knowledge and innovation
- Since 1991, world's first offshore wind farm was constructed in Denmark
- DHI has contributed to more than 85% of the commissioned European offshore wind farms



# Deliverables - Report

- MetOcean Report

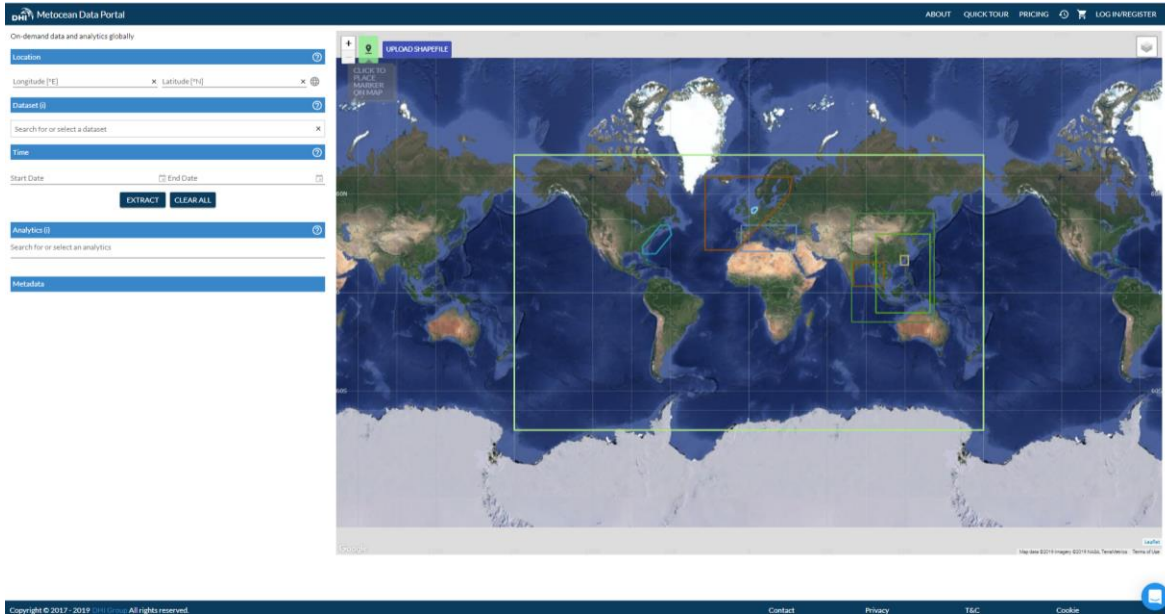
- ✓ Methodology and background data
- ✓ Numerical models and their calibration/validation
- ✓ Detailed analysis at one point per site (normal conditions)
- ✓ Detailed analysis at five points per site (extreme conditions)



Map showing the area that is covered in the database (shown in purple) along with bathymetry (mMSL)

# Deliverables – Web-based Database

- Web-based digital database
  - ✓ Access to time series and spectral data
  - ✓ Instant access to Extreme conditions and NSS tables
  - ✓ Map of normal and extreme conditions over the Dutch North Sea
  - ✓ On-the-fly analysis such as Weather-windows, scatter tables, altimeter comparison, rose plots etc.
  - ✓ Following GDPR regulations

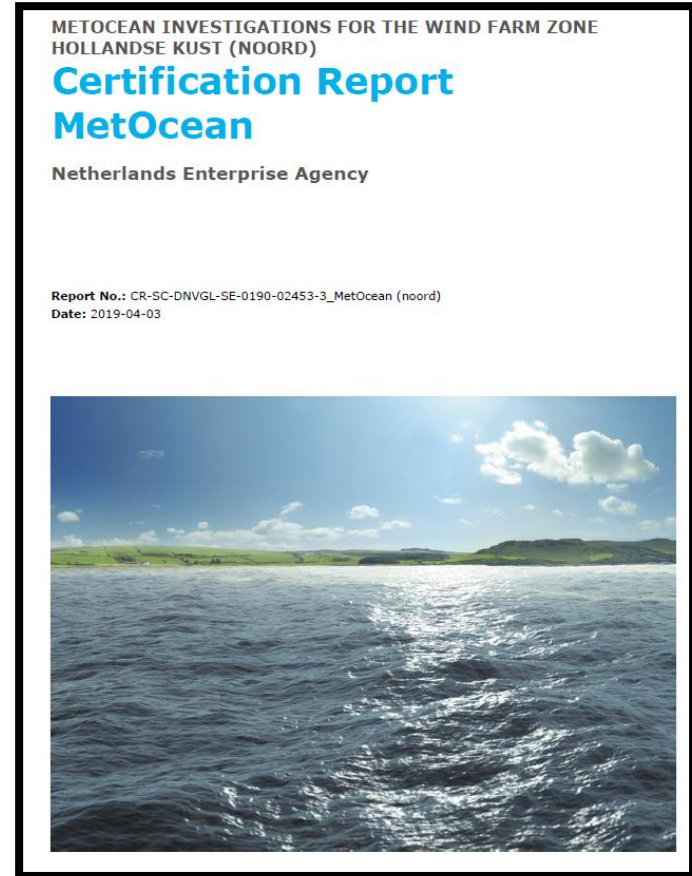


MetOcean-On-Demand Data Portal  
<https://www.metocean-on-demand.com>



# Quality Assurance of the project deliverables

- Extensive quality control procedure by DHI
- Reviewed and approved by RVO experts
- Review of the wind extreme value estimates by KNMI on behalf of RVO
- Certified by DNV-GL and distinguished as “state-of-the-art”
- Aligned with the WRA study performed by Oldbaum et al.



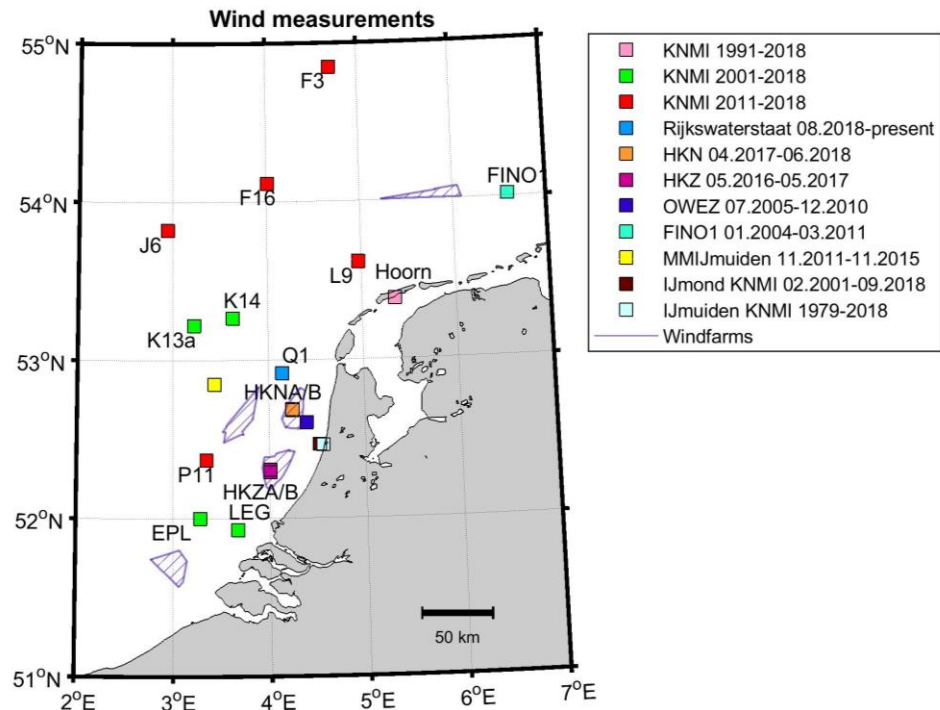
# Make a good foundation!

Get the right and fit-for-purpose data!



# In-situ observations - Wind

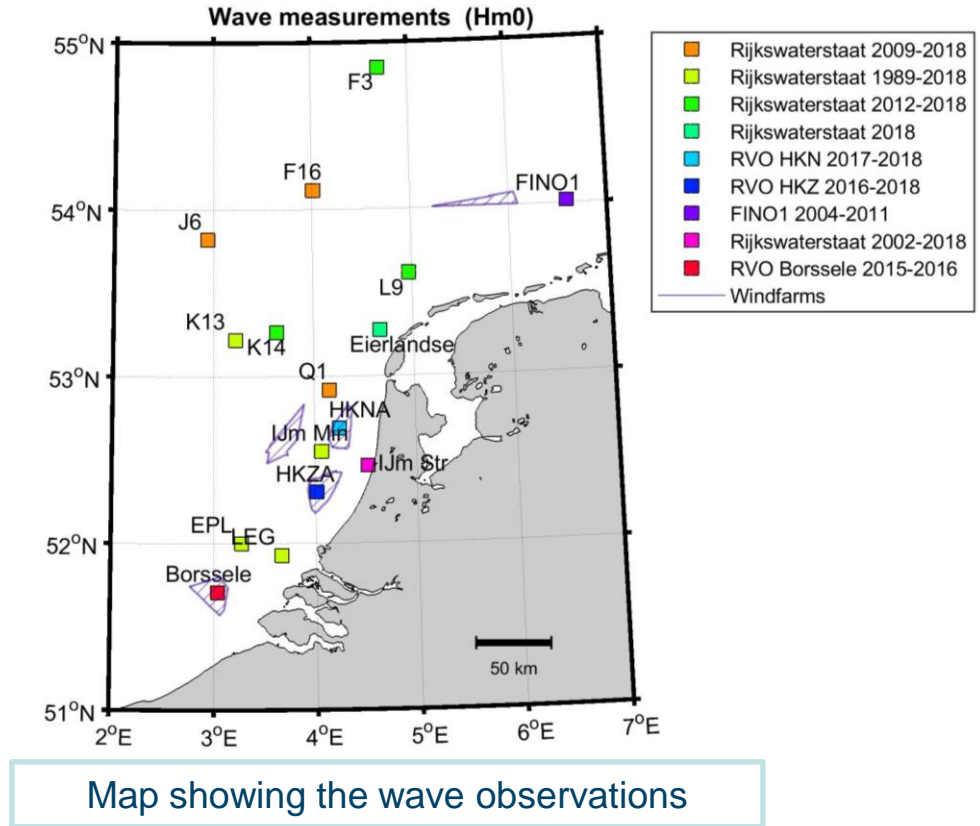
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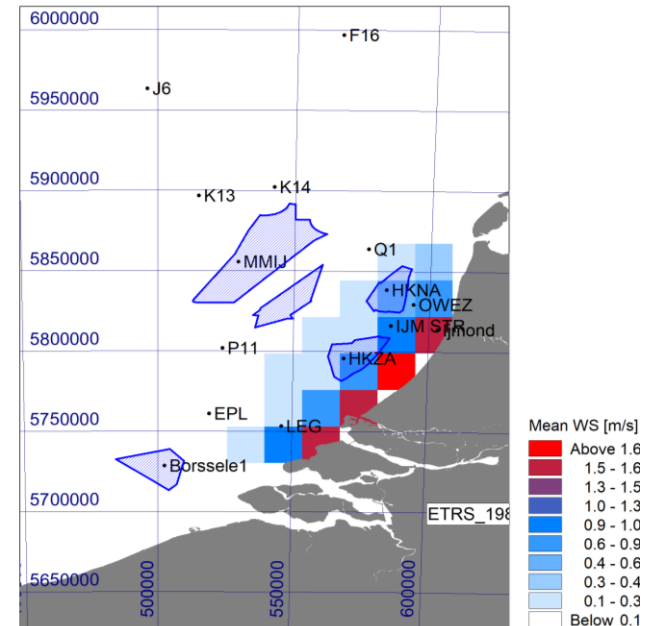


# Wind Data Establishment



# Climate Forecast System Reanalysis (CFSR)

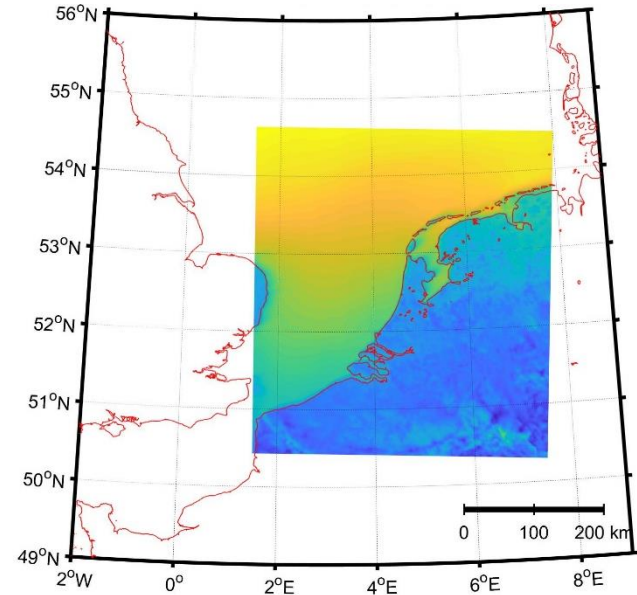
- Climate model 1979-2018, stability corrected
- Spatial resolution 0.3° (<2011) and 0.2° (>2011)
- Wind at 10mMSL
- Correction of **coastal (land) effects**
  - (1) Directional correction of wind speed based on observations at OWEZ
  - (2) Shift of grid cells from offshore to onshore (only in domain of interest)
- Validations at different altitudes
  - ✓ In-situ measurements (offshore + nearshore)
  - ✓ Satellite measurements (scatterometer)



Map showing the difference of wind speed between shifted-corrected and original CFSR (2017)

# KNMI North Sea wind – KNW atlas (Harmonie)

- Atmospheric model 1979-2018
- Spatial resolution 2.5km
- Wind at 10mMSL, 20mMSL, 40mMSL, 60mMSL, 80mMSL, 100mMSL, 150mMSL and 200mMSL

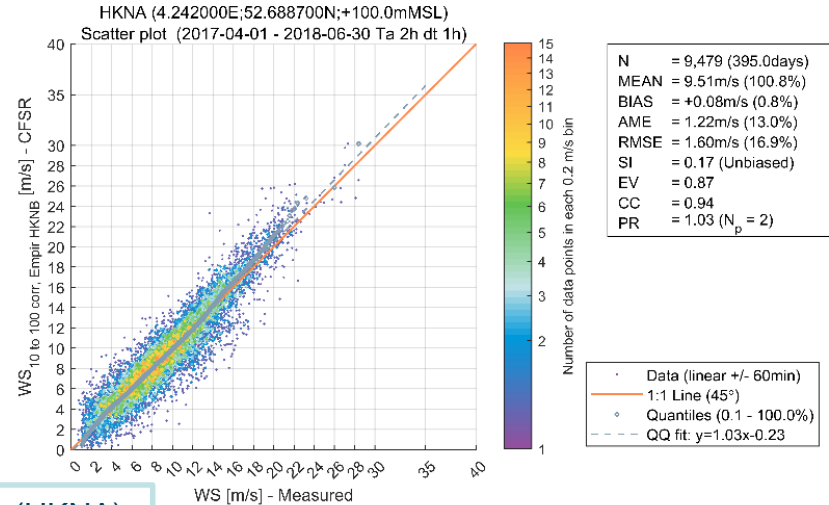
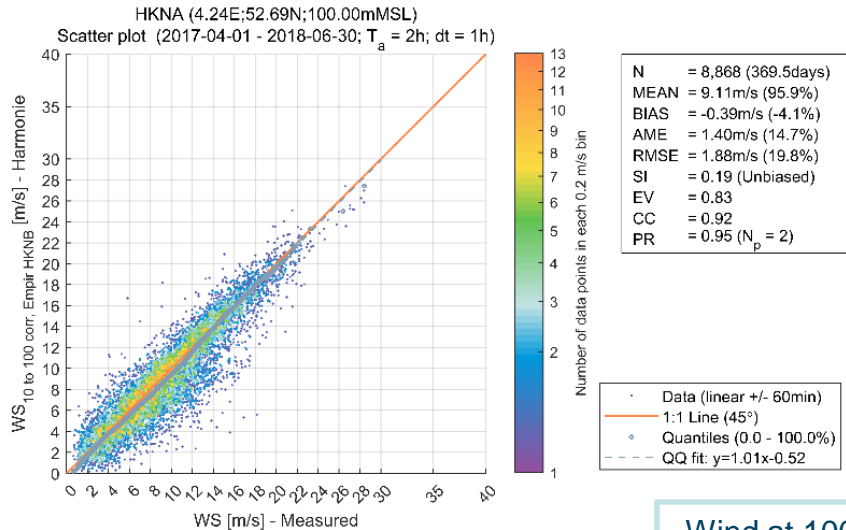


Map showing the domain of Harmonie



# CFSR vs Harmonie

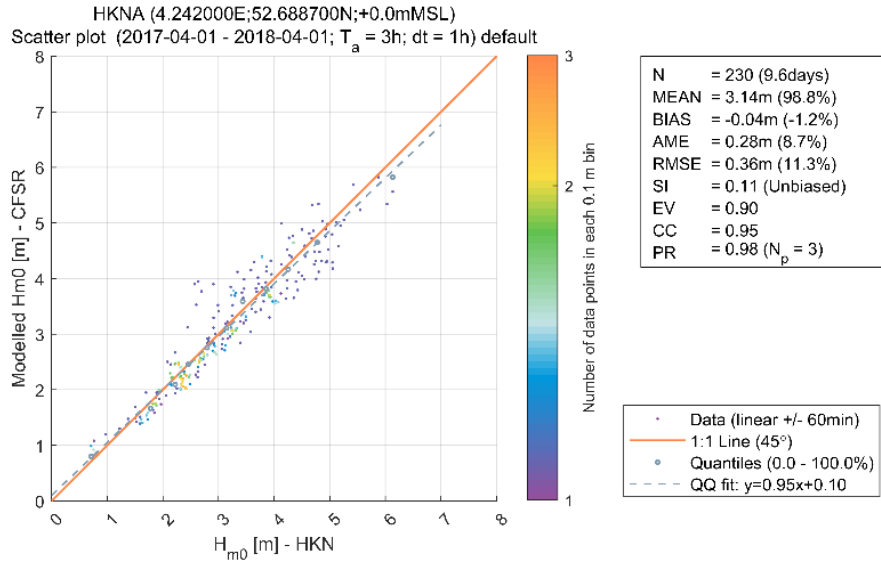
- Similar performance for offshore winds
- Harmonie wind better near the coast (lower bias and RMSE)
- Better reproduction of waves in MIKE with CFSR



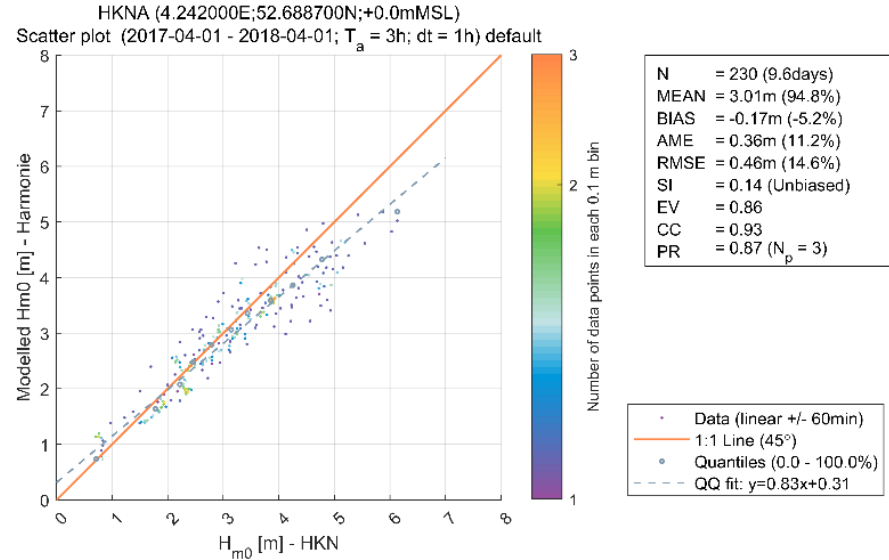
Wind at 100m (HKNA)

# CFSR vs Harmonie

CFSR was selected to force the numerical models



Modelled waves (HKNA) using CFSR

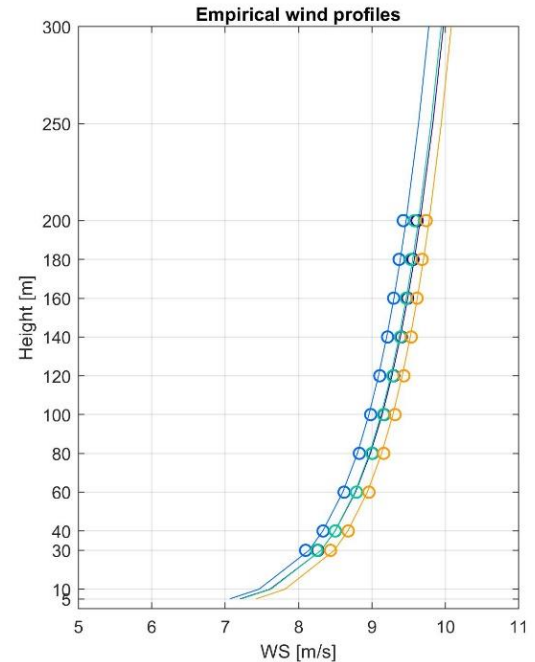


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# Vertical wind speed profiles

- Based on LiDAR measurements at HKZ and HKN (30m to 200m height)
- Empirical profiles less conservative than Frøya profile (used in the HKZ study of 2017)
- Normal conditions => shear of 0.074 (HKNB)
- Extreme conditions => shear of 0.1 (ratio of 1.25 between 100m and 10m wind speed - from KNMI)

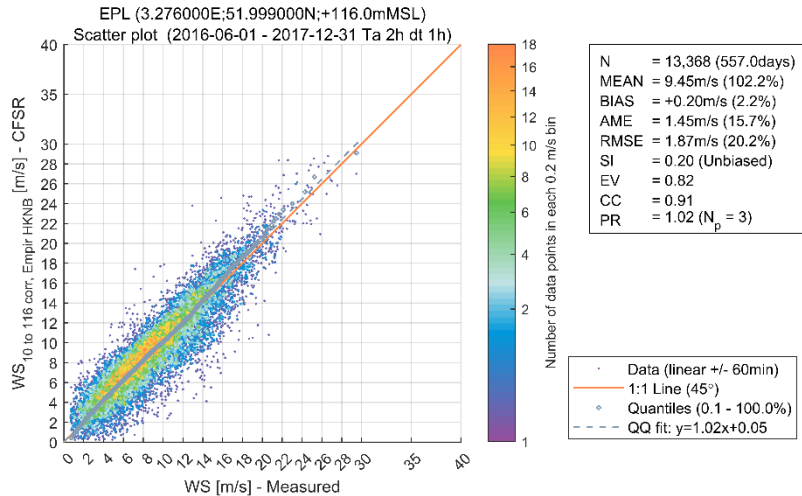
$$U_{z2} = H_2 / H_1^\alpha U_{z1}$$



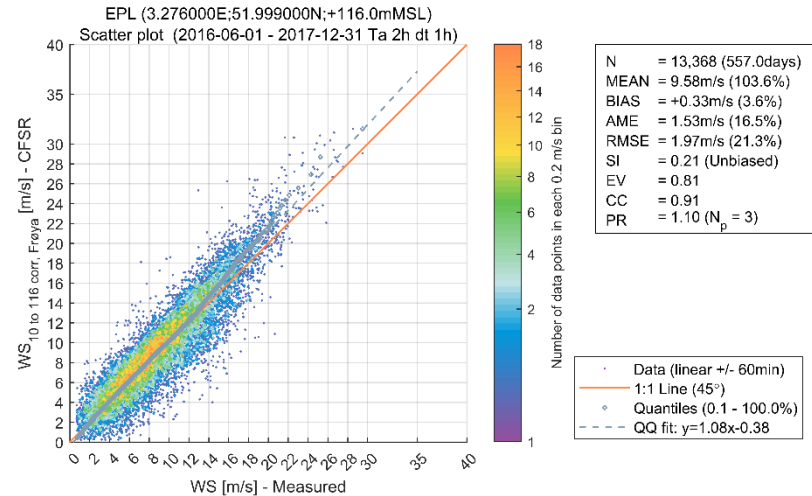
Empirical wind speed profiles at HKZA, HKZB, HKNA and HKNB

# Empirical vs Frøya - Vertical wind speed profile

- Best performance with the empirical wind speed profile, mainly for high wind speeds



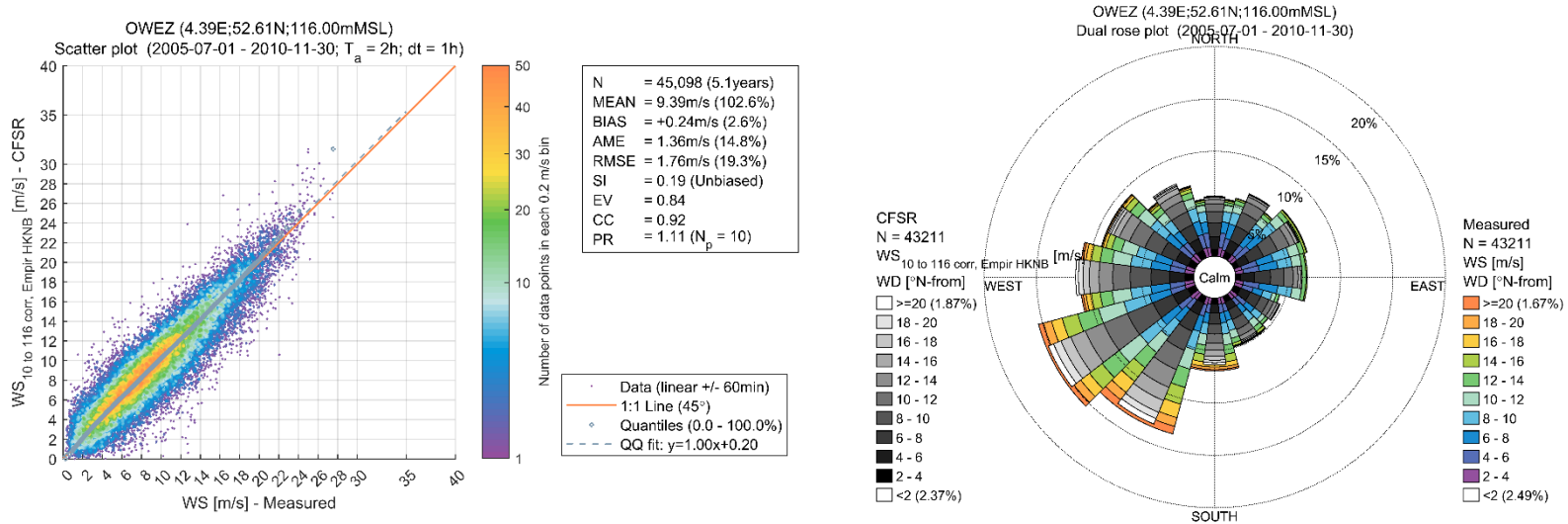
Empirical at EPL (116mMSL)



Frøya at EPL (116mMSL)

# Validation of wind input with observations (1)

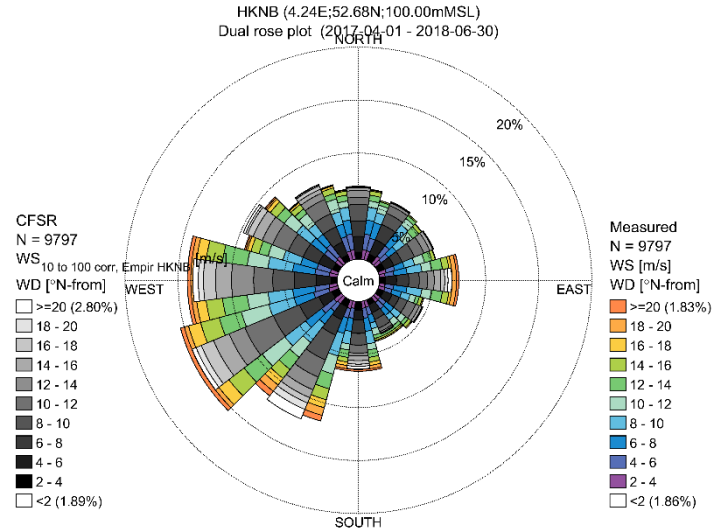
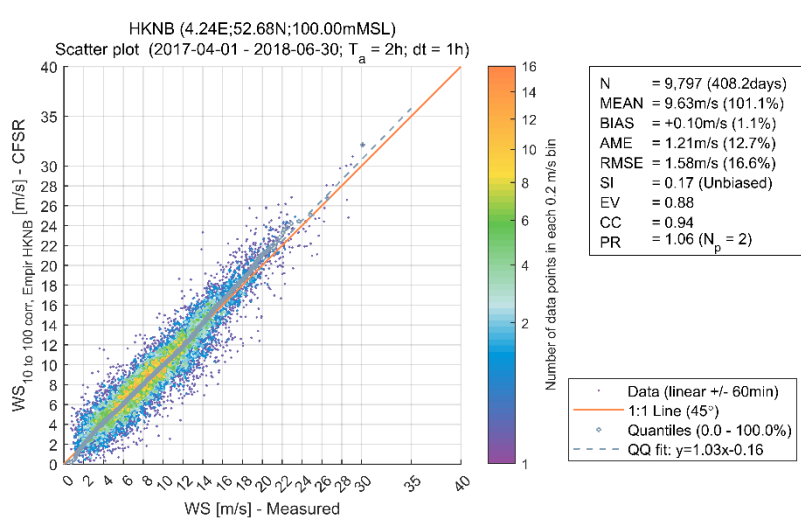
- CFSR vs observations



At OWEZ (116mMSL) 2005-2010

# Validation of wind input with observations (2)

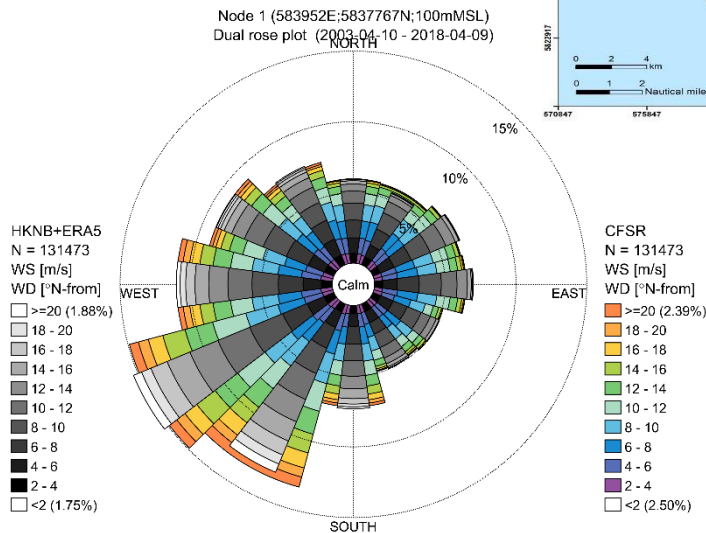
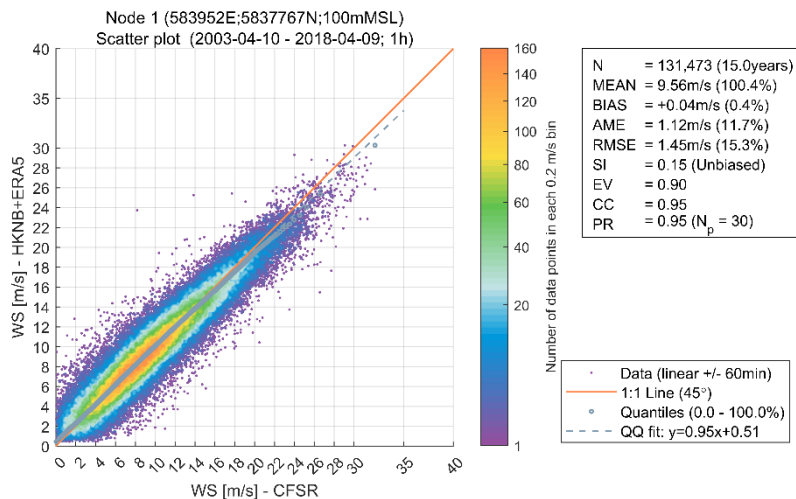
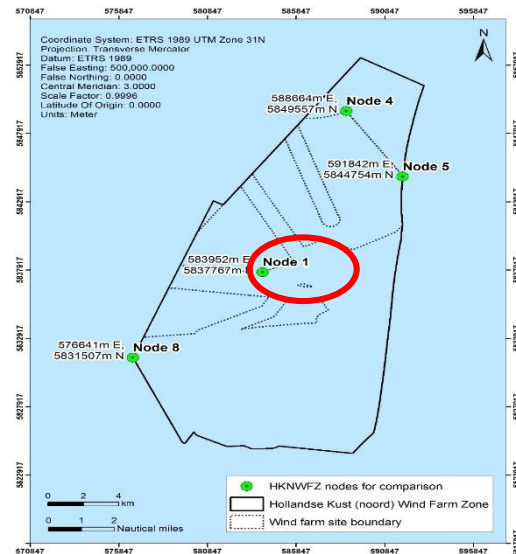
- CFSR vs observations



At HKNB (100mMSL) 2016-2017

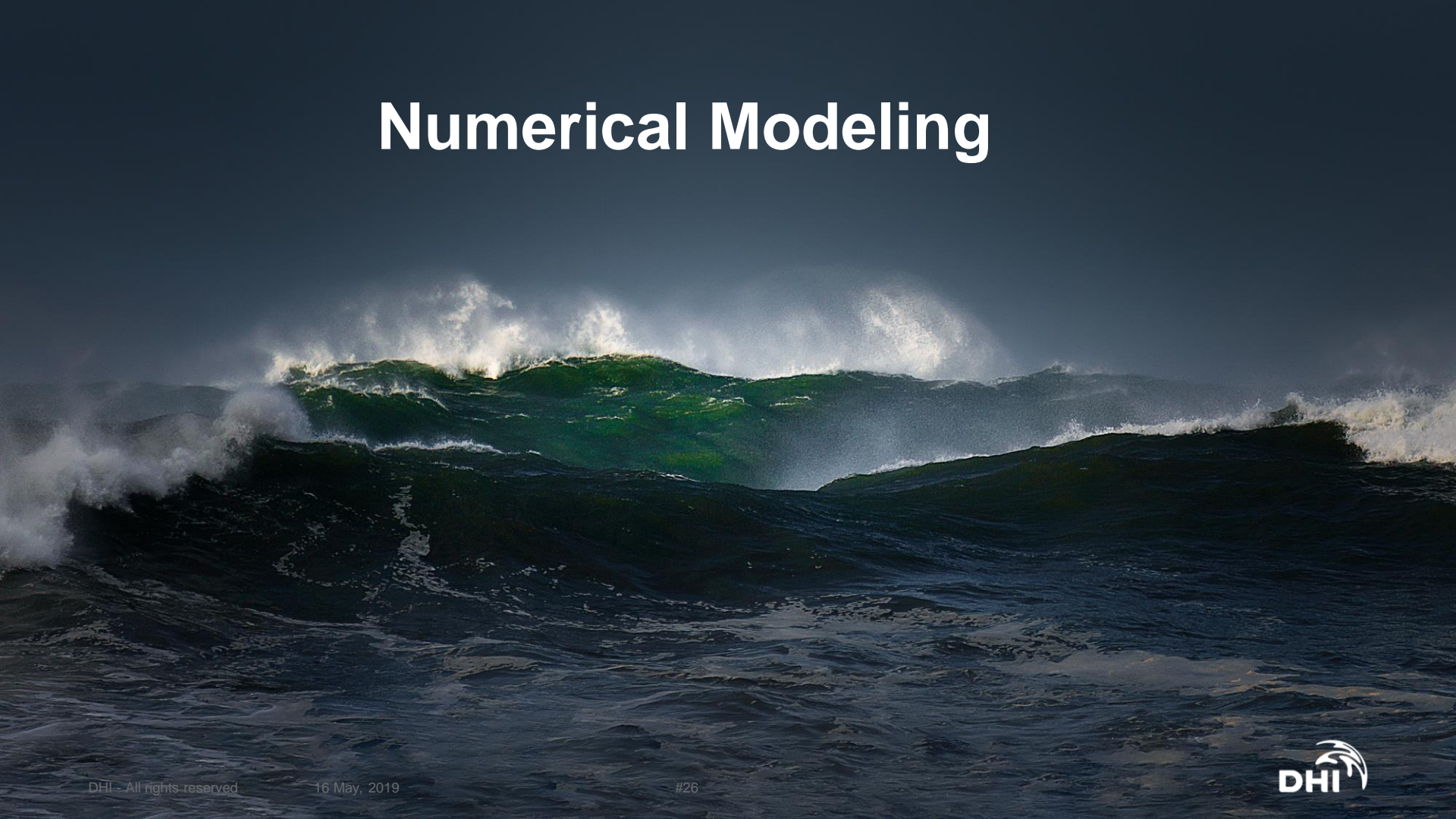
# Wind Resource Alignment

- Comparison of 100mMSL wind between CFSR corrected (DHI) and HKNB+ERA5 (Oldbaum consortium)
- 15 years comparison [2003-2018] at 4 nodes
- Mean wind speed 9.5m/s (**DHI**=> intended for wind farm design) and 9.6m/s (**Oldbaum**=> intended for wind farm modelling and yield analysis)



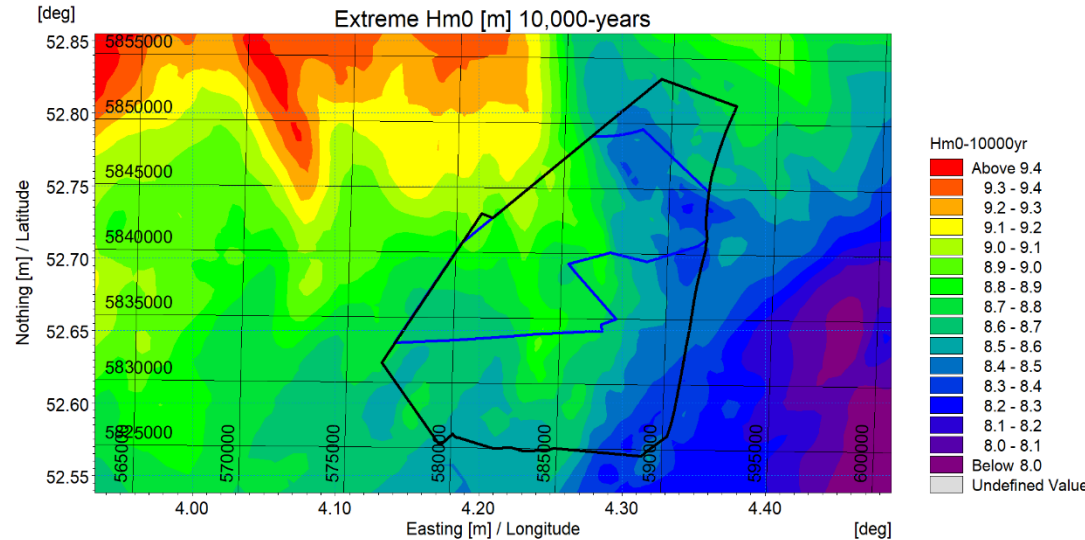


# Numerical Modeling



# Numerical Modelling Overview

- Simulation period covered the period 1979-01-01 to 2018-10-01
- Both Hydrodynamic and Wave models were forced with shifted-corrected CFSR wind
- The database provides data at all elements for the same period



10,000-year Hm0 across the HKN area

# Numerical Modelling Overview

For more than **25** years

**MIKE Powered by DHI**

has been the preferred choice of water professionals around the world



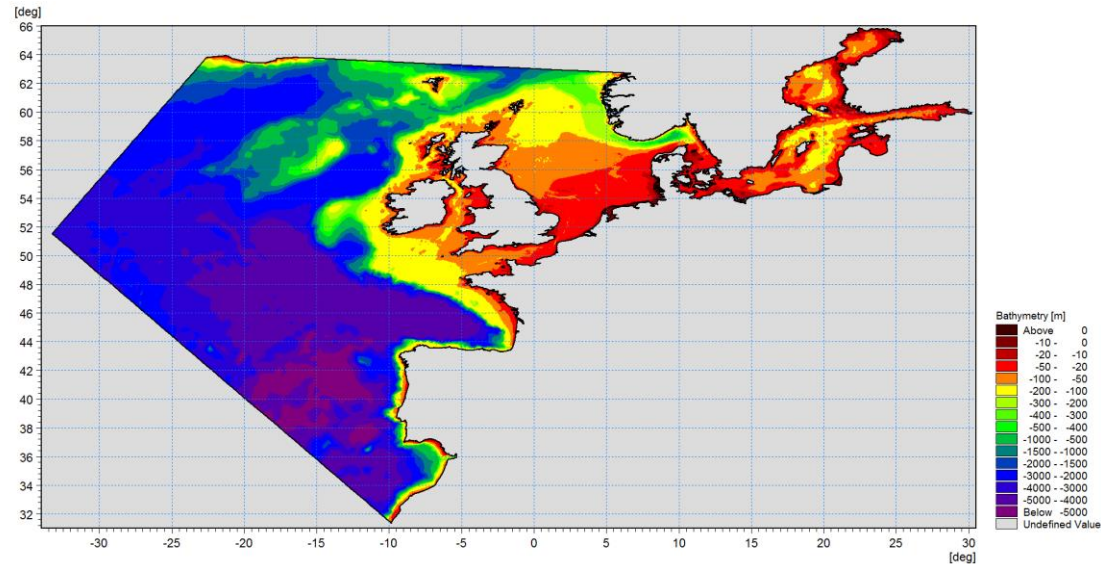


# Hydrodynamic Modeling



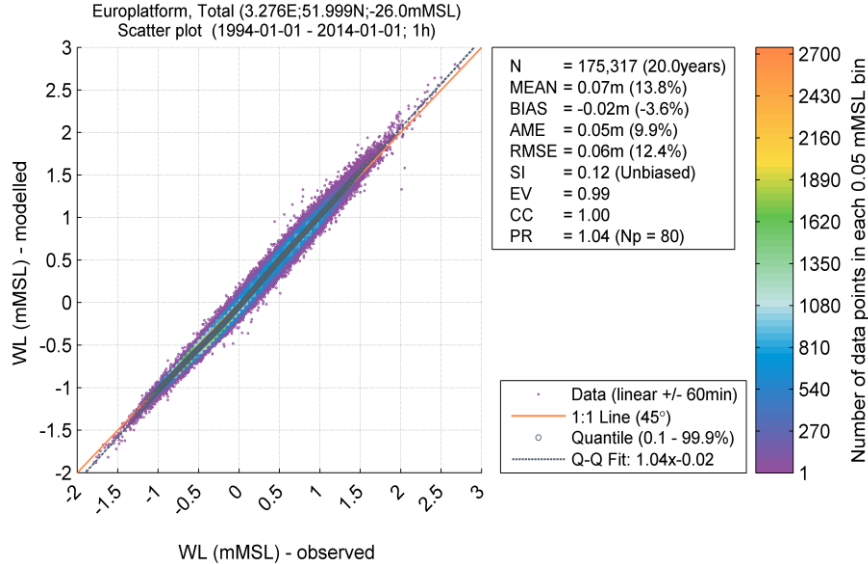
# Water level and current modeling – Regional Model

- DHI's dedicated North Atlantic Hydrodynamic Model (HD-DA,NA)
  - High Resolution
  - Excellent Quality
- Assimilation in the period 1994-2017
- Used as the boundary conditions for the local model
- Validated against multiple stations in the North Sea, English Channel and Baltic Sea and Inner Danish Waters

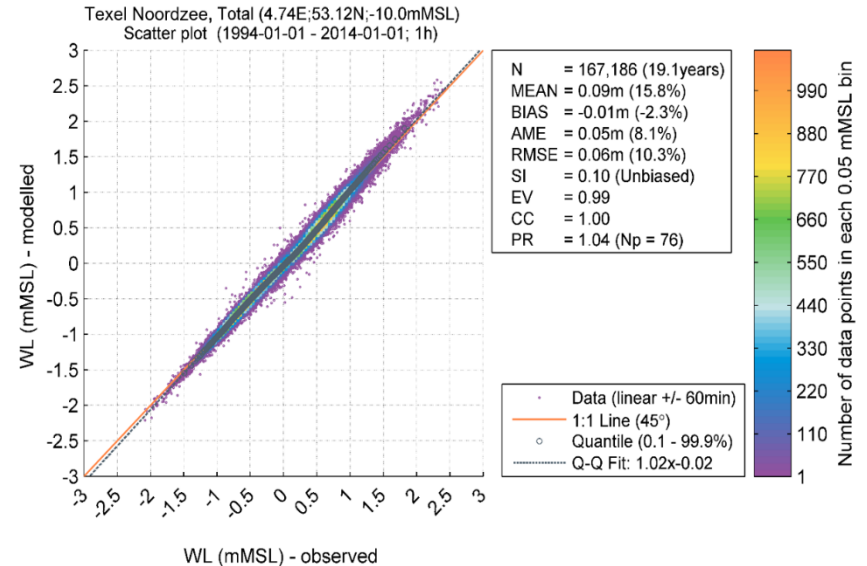


Regional Hydrodynamic Model Domain and bathymetry

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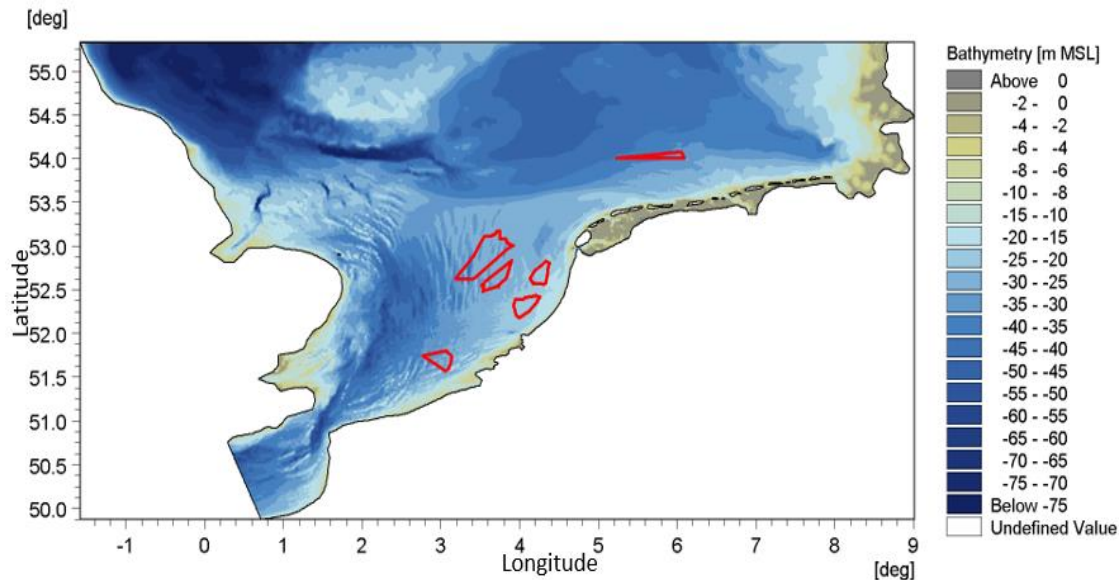
Validation at EPL (1994-2014)



Validation at Texel Noordzee (1994-2014)

# Water level and current (HD) modeling – Local Model

- Local high-resolution hydrodynamic MIKE 21 FM HD (HD - DWF)
- Resolution varies from ~4-5km to ~200 meters
- Bathymetry
  - ✓ RVO/Fugro
  - ✓ Vaklodingen
  - ✓ EMODnet
  - ✓ Existence of sand dunes
- Takes the boundary from the Regional HD model (HD – DA, NA)
- Assimilation was not included in the local model

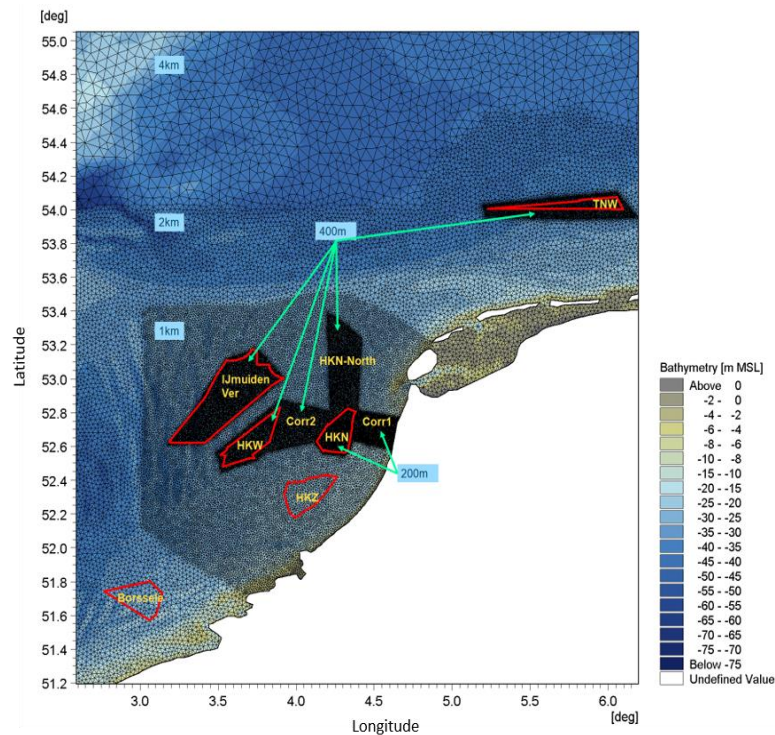


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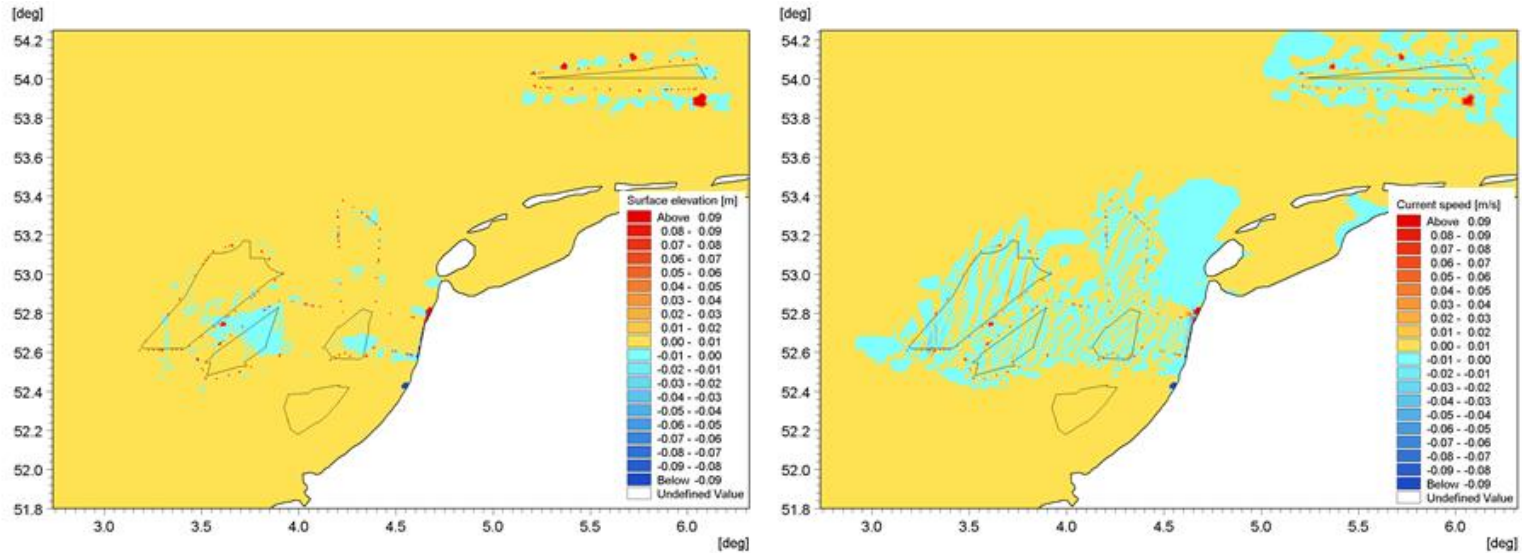
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Zoom of the final mesh used in the hindcast HDDWF modelling close to Hollandse Kust (noord), Hollandse Kust (west), IJmuiden Ver and Ten Noorden van de Waddeneilanden

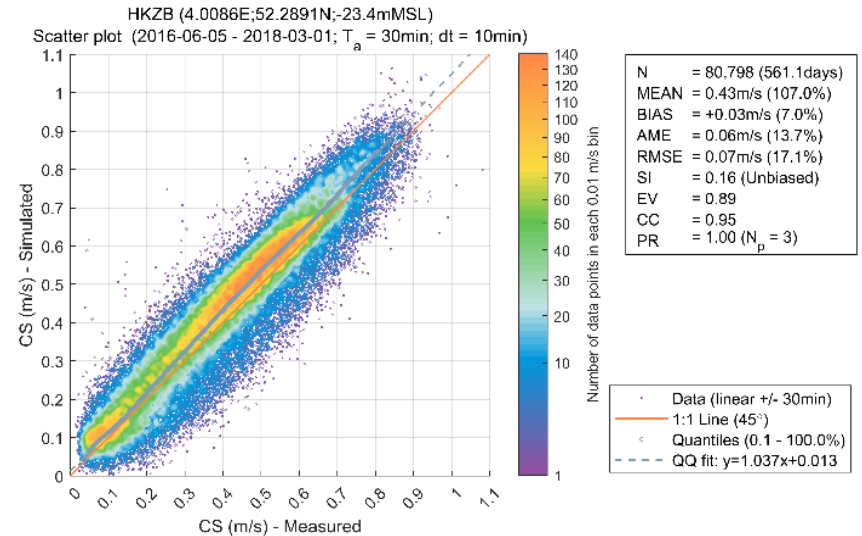
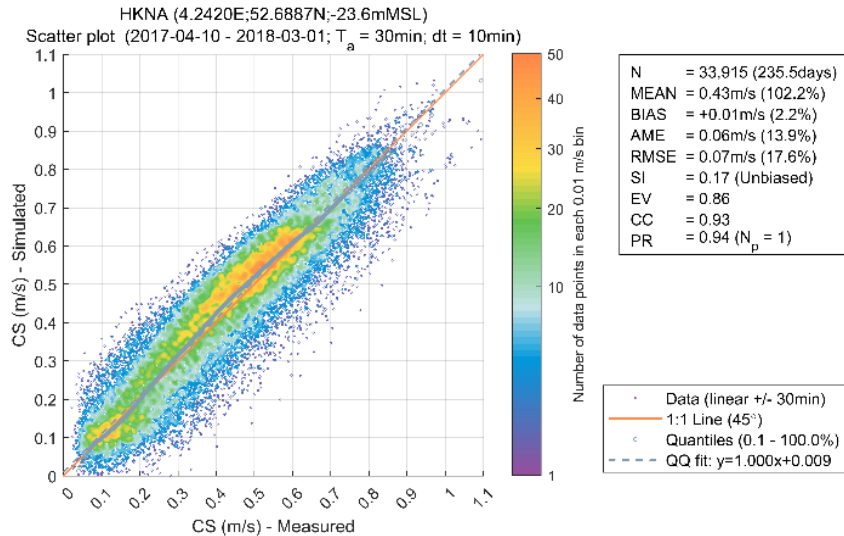
# HD Modeling - Calibrations

- Grid convergence (500m, 200m & 100m)
- Bed resistance
  - spatially-varying manning coefficient of  $35\text{m}^{1/3}/\text{s}$  for water depth less than -25m otherwise  $38\text{m}^{1/3}/\text{s}$
- Wind friction



Maximum difference in water level (left) and current speed (right) between medium (200m) resolution versus fine resolution (100m)

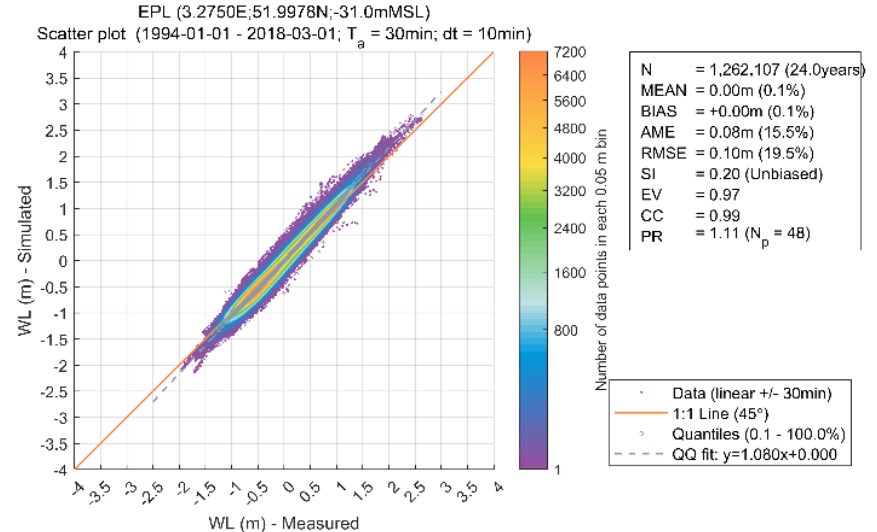
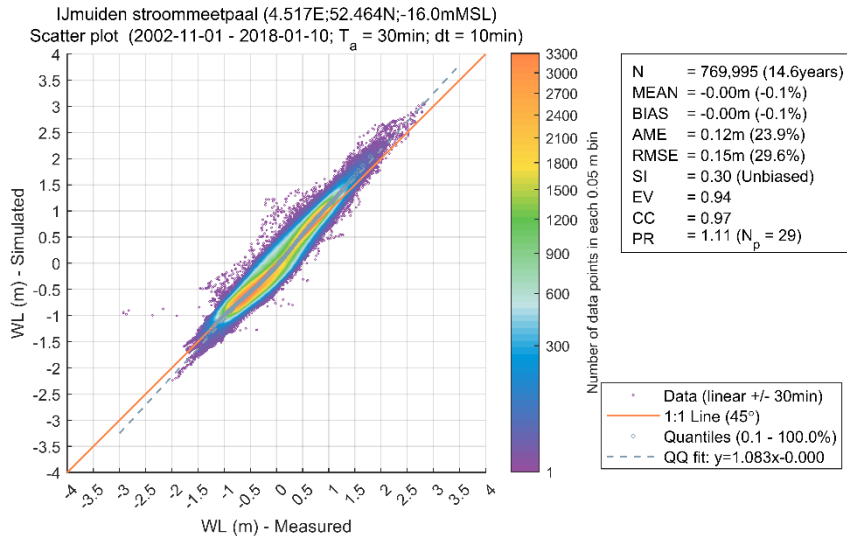
# HD modeling – Local Model Validation



Validation at HKNA (2017-2018)

Validation at HKZB (2016-2018)

# HD modeling – Local Model Validation



Validation at IJmuiden  
Stroommeetpaal (2002-2018)

Validation at EPL (1994-2018)

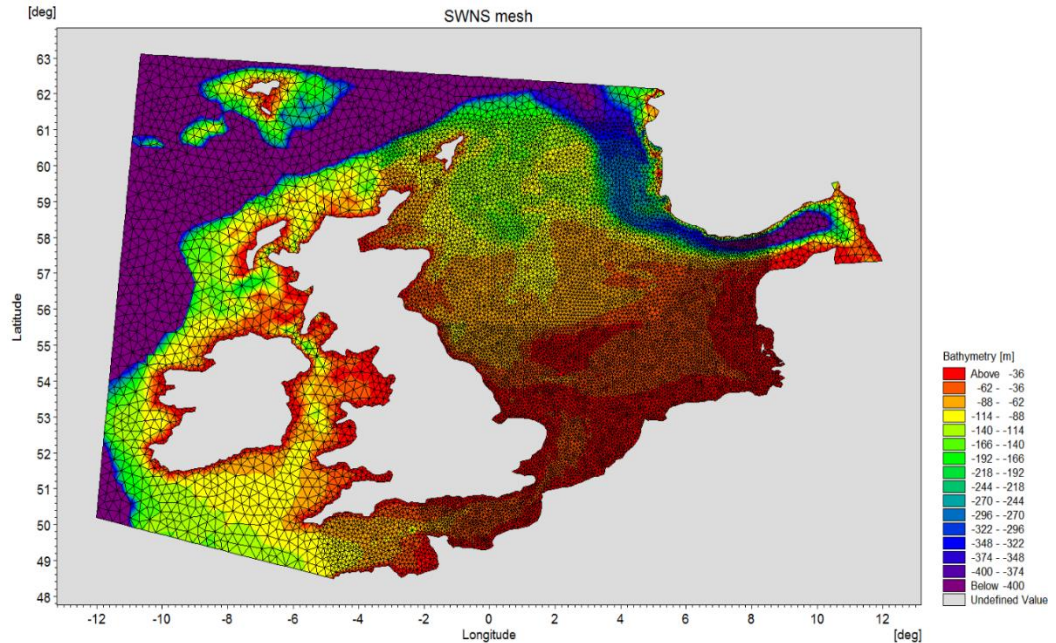


# State-of-the-art Wave Modeling



# Wave Modeling- Regional North Sea Model

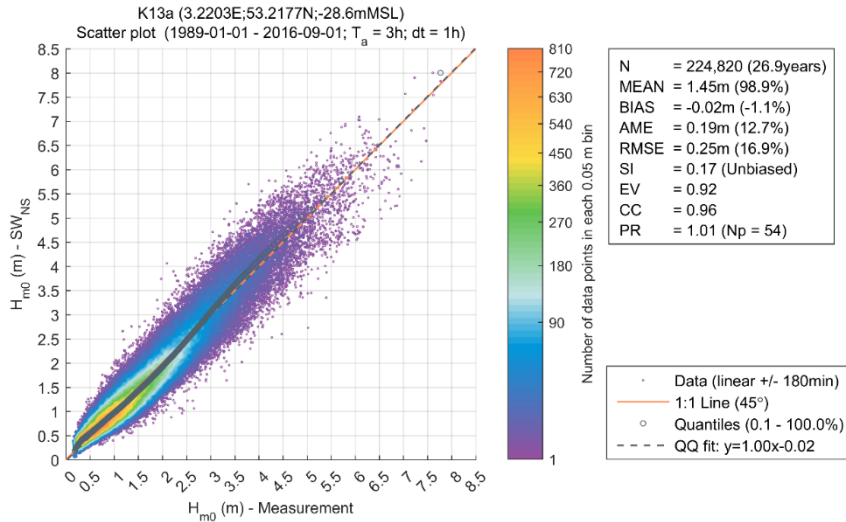
- Boundaries taken from DHI's Global Wave Model (GWM)
  - Spectral boundaries available on a 1500m resolution for this project
- ~16km resolution in North Atlantic down to ~5km resolution in the southern North Sea & English Channel
- 47 frequencies and 48 directions for spectral discretization
- Calibrated and Validated against several offshore measurements
- Validated against Altimeters



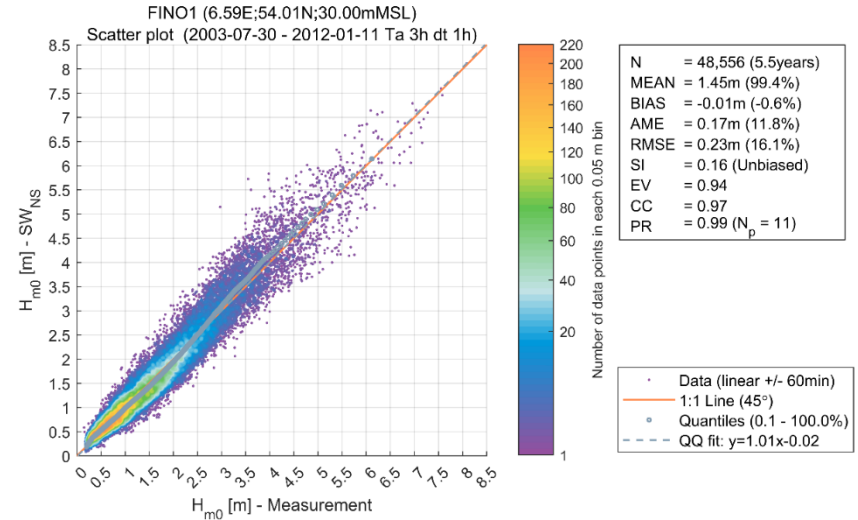
Regional Wave Model Domain and bathymetry

# Wave Modeling- Regional North Sea Model

- Extra calibration phase with focus on largest storms
- Results proved that the SW-NS model provides high quality boundary conditions for the local model
- Atmospheric Stability effects, Air-Sea density ratio, Surface currents and CAP on friction velocity



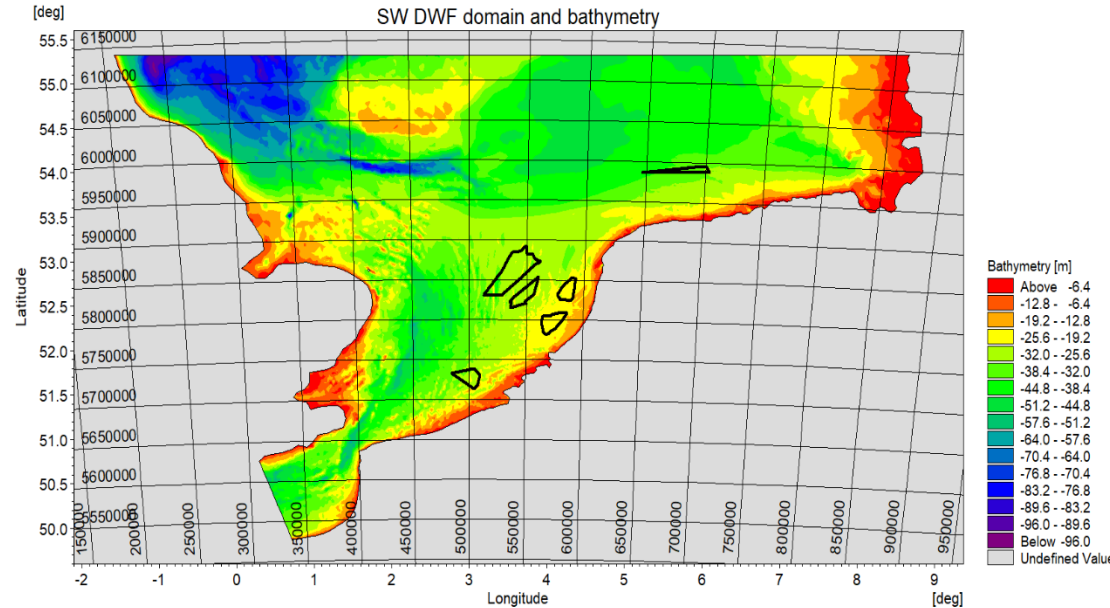
Validation at K13 (1989-2016)



Validation at FINO1 (2003-2012)

# Wave Modeling- Local DWF model

- Takes the spectral boundaries from Regional North Sea model
- Same domain as the local HD model
- ~4km-400m resolution
- Varying in time and domain water level and currents from the local HD model
- Fully Spectral in-stationary
- 40 frequencies and 41 directions for spectral discretization
- Simulation Period: 1979-01-01 to 2018-10-01

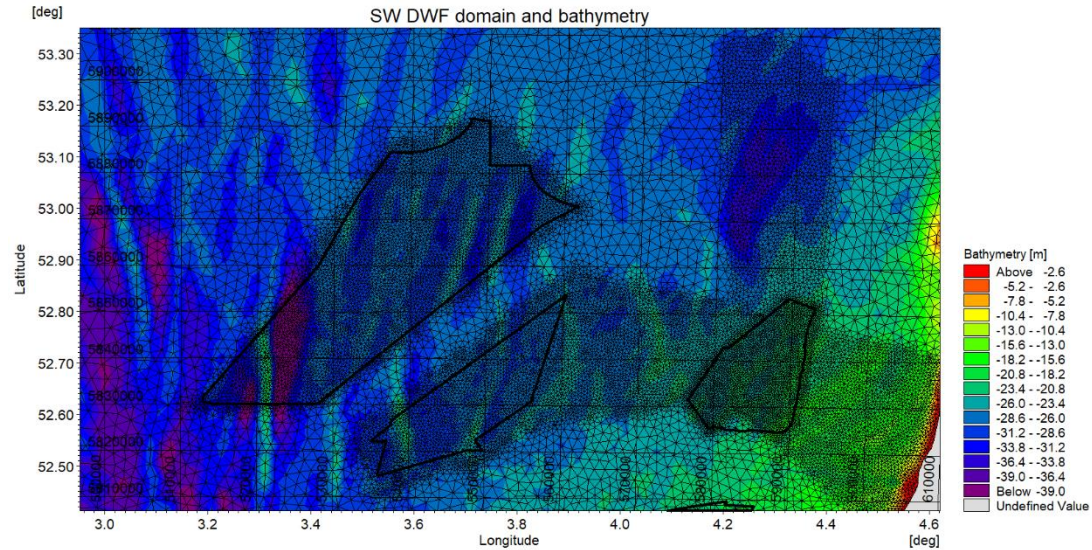


Wave Model domain and bathymetry



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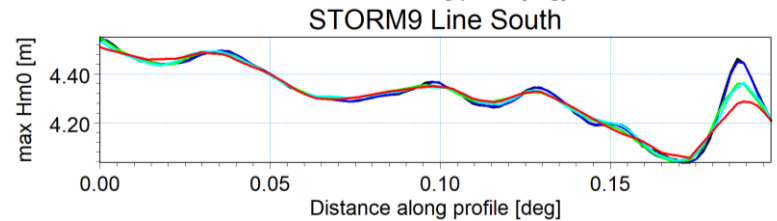
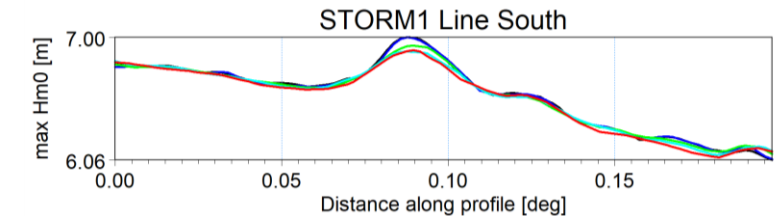
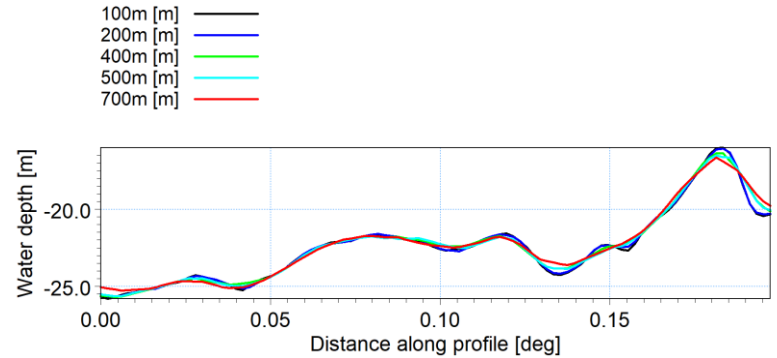
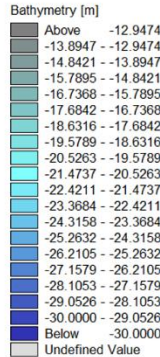
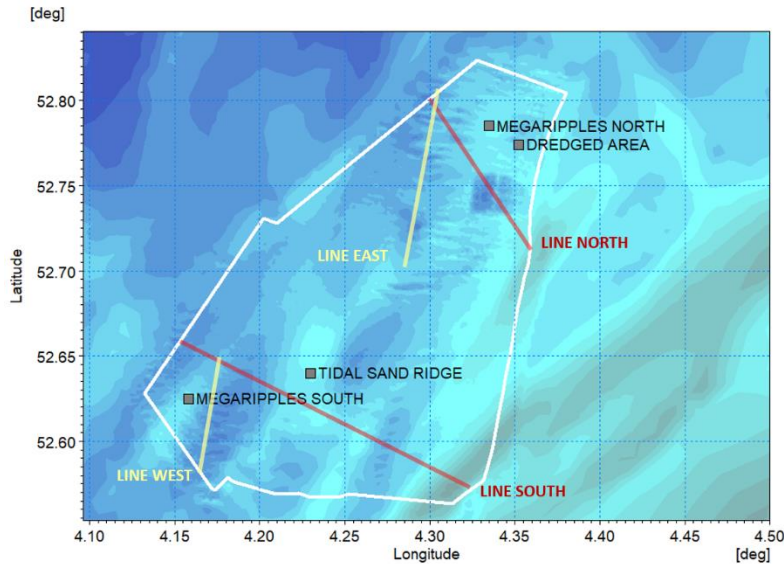
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Zoom in to the wave model mesh at Hollandse Kust (noord), (west) and IJmuiden Ver (in addition to cable corridors)

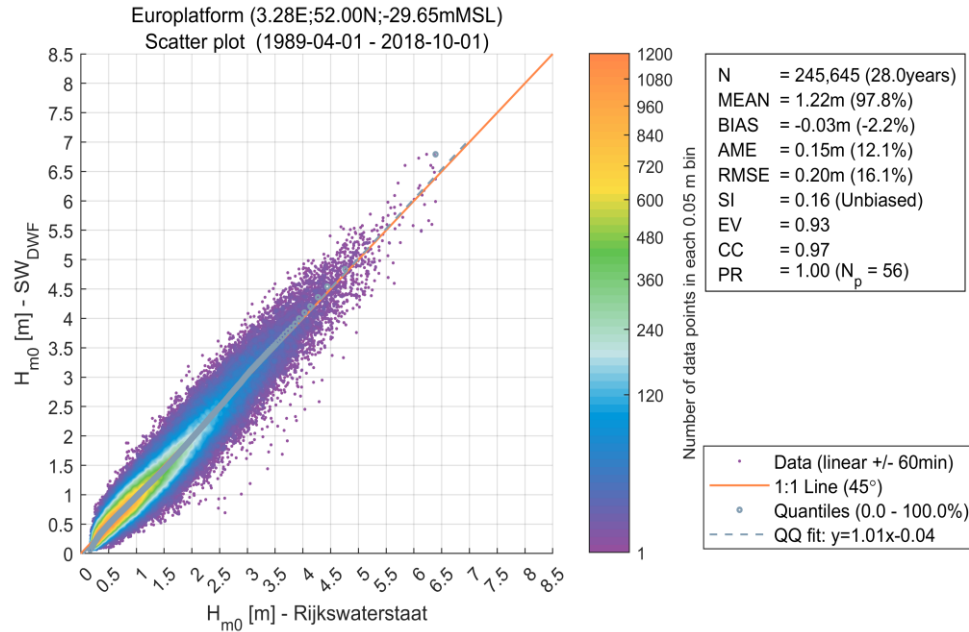
# Wave Modeling- Local DWF model – Mesh Convergence

- Fully spectral modelling of largest storms coming from three main sectors (9 storms in total)
- 100m, 200m, 400m, 500m & 700m resolutions
- Time series and spatial comparisons (at points and along cross sections)



# Wave Modeling- Local DWF model – Results

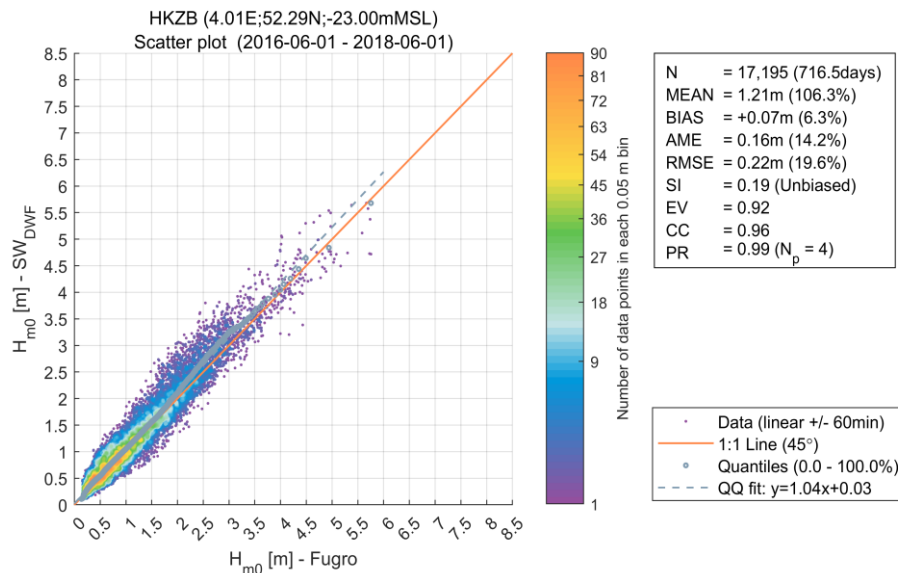
- Calibration was focused on:
  - the largest 53 storms (over the entire domain)
  - Winter 2016 & 2017 with measurements at HKN and HKZ
  - Largest 20 storms measured at HKN and HKZ
- Bottom friction and wind input were considered important
- Results showed excellent quality both for normal and extreme conditions at the site and areas nearby
- Result are considered an improvement over the previous DHI study at HKZ



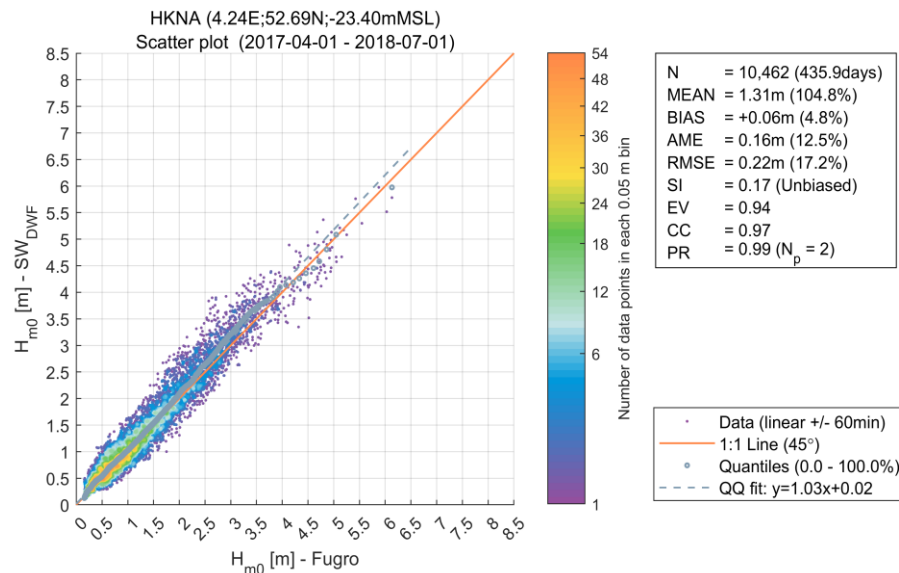
Validation at Europlatform (1989-2018)

# Wave Modeling- Local DWF model – Results

- Results showed excellent quality both for normal and extreme conditions at Hollandse Kust (noord) and other areas within the Dutch Wind Farm zones



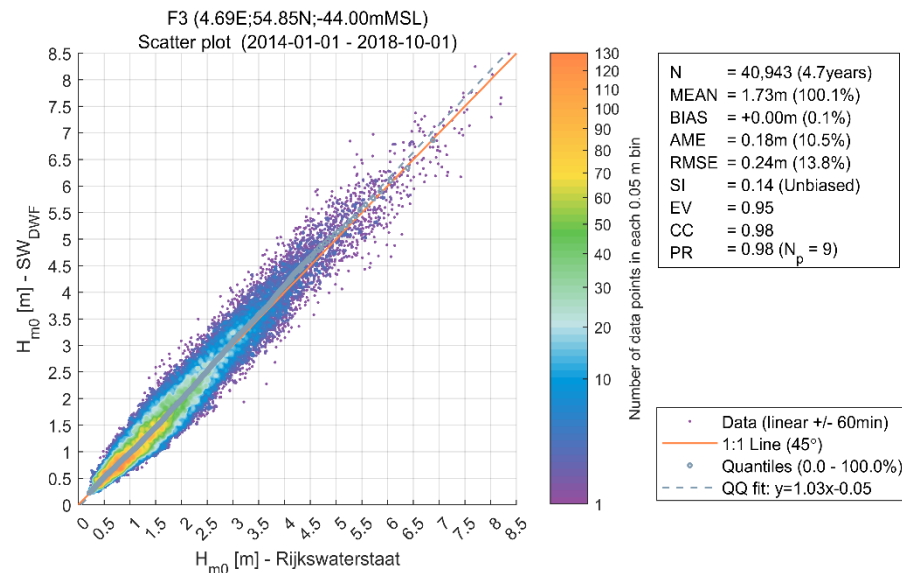
Validation at HKZB (2016-2018)



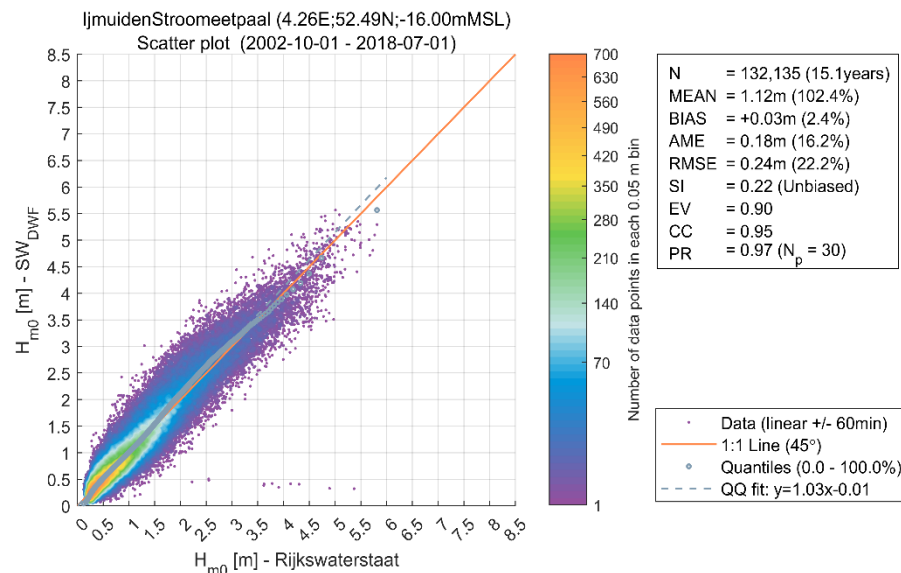
Validation at HKNA (2017-2018)

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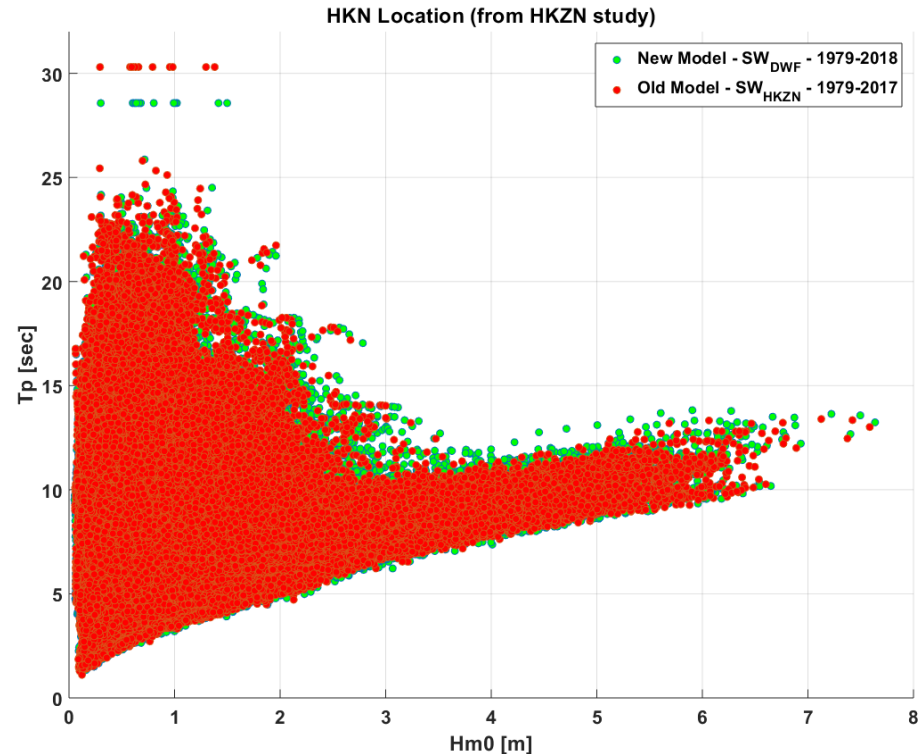
Validation at F3 (2014-2018)



Validation at Ijmuiden Stroommeetpaal (2002-2018)

# Comparison with DHI's 2016 study (HKZN)

- $SW_{DWF}$  uses local bathymetry data and higher resolution of  $\sim 400\text{m}$  at Hollandse Kust (noord) compared to  $\sim 600\text{m}$  in  $SW_{HKZN}$
- $SW_{DWF}$  uses corrected/shifted CFSR
- $SW_{DWF}$  is more comprehensively calibrated against the local measurements at Hollandse Kust (noord) and (zuid)
- Both models show very similar results



Scatter comparison of Hm0 vs. Tp between  $SW_{DWF}$  (green) and  $SW_{HKZN}$

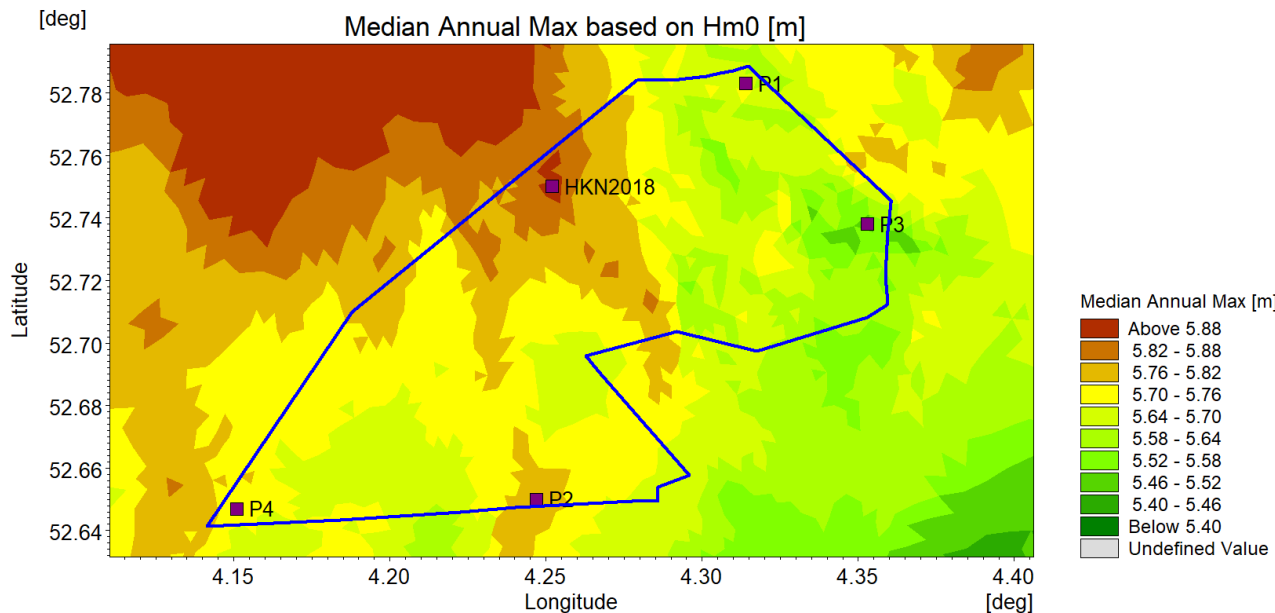


A photograph of an offshore wind farm at sea. In the foreground, a large white wind turbine is partially visible, with its nacelle and two blades extending towards the center. The background shows several other similar turbines spaced out across the calm, blue-grey water under a hazy, overcast sky. The overall scene is serene and industrial.

# Normal and Extreme Conditions at Hollandse Kust (noord)

# Analysis Points

- Detailed Normal conditions are presented at one point in the report
- Detailed Extreme conditions are discussed at 5 points in the report
- Based on median of the annual max  $H_{m0}$
- Spectral point was extracted from the 1km grid

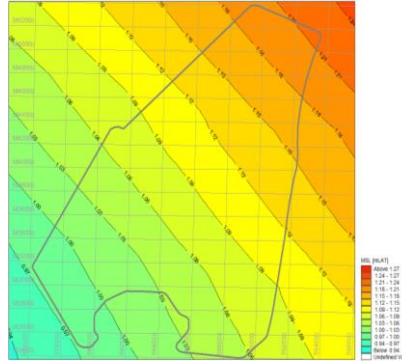


Location of the points selected for the analysis of extreme and normal conditions and annual median maximum  $H_{m0}$

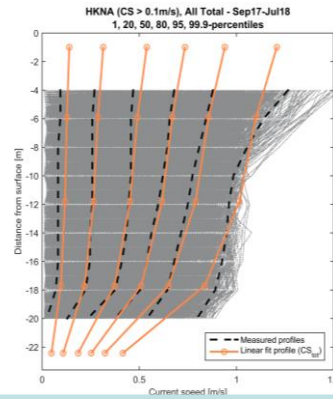
# Normal Conditions

## Common Parameters:

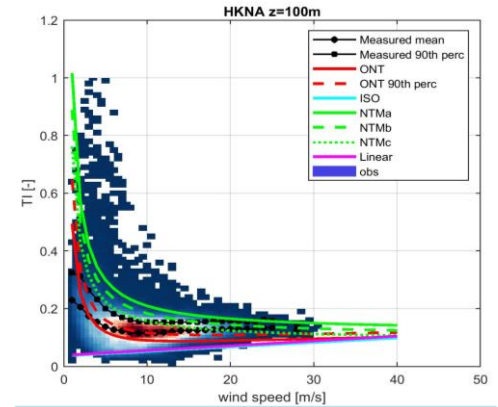
- Time series
- Rose plots
- Scatter diagrams
- Persistence (weather-windows)
- Misalignment
- Astronomical tide
- Weibull parameters
- Wind and wave spectra
- Surface maps
- Wind turbulence intensity
- Fatigue
- NSS tables
- Vertical current profile



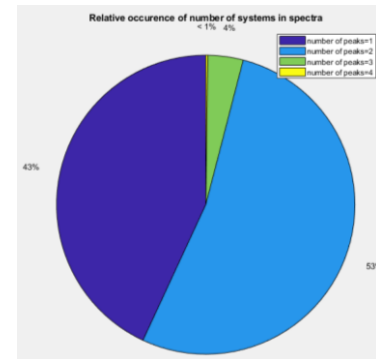
Surface map of MSL (mLAT)



Current vertical profiles



Turbulence intensity

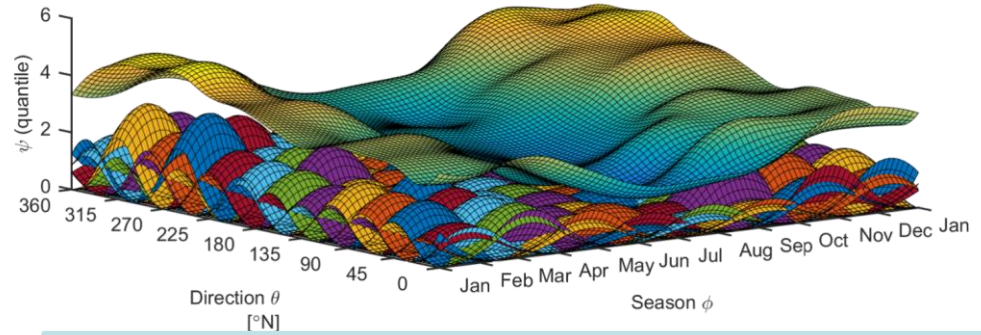


Sea/swell contribution

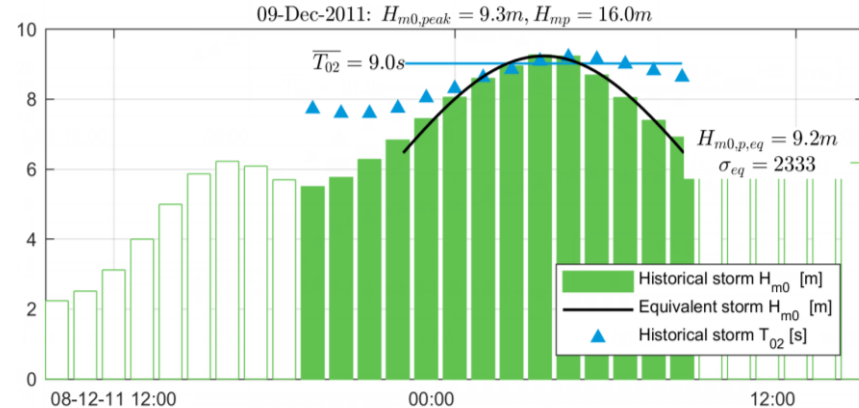
# Extreme Conditions

- J-EVA Statistical + Storm model
- Marginal and conditional distributions dependent on co-variates
  - Wind, wave and current directions
  - Seasons
- J-EVA simulations
  - In order of 10,000 to 50,000 years
  - For 10,000 year extremes, simulation are in order of 1-4 million years long

First application of such advanced statistical methods in Offshore Wind industry



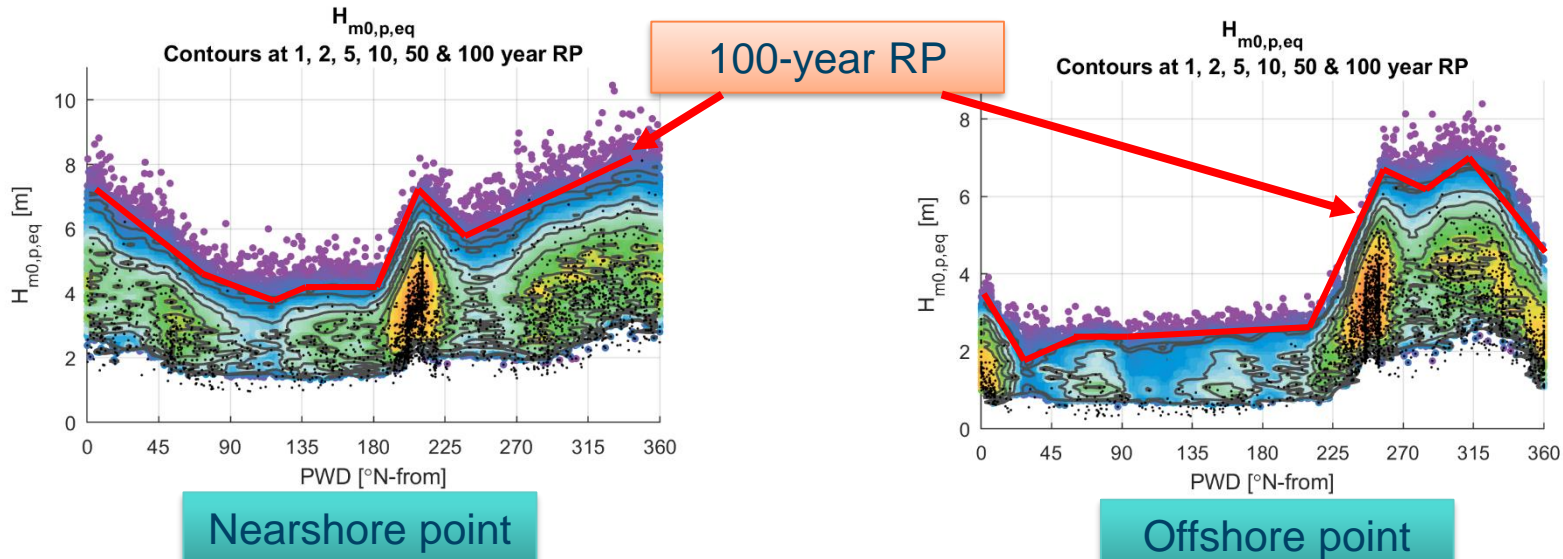
Bayesian P-splines for 2-dimensional description of model parameters



Examples of hindcast storms and storm model parameterization

# J-EVA tool

- Bayesian non-stationary extreme value analysis method applied (J-EVA)
  - Based on EVA methods developed at University of Lancaster (<https://www.maths.lancs.ac.uk/~tawn/>)
  - Matured in Oil&Gas industry over the last decade (<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/~jonathan/>)
  - Methods implemented and further developed by DHI for major Oil&Gas operator\*
  - Methods applied and 3rd party verified in re-assessment of structural integrity



J-EVA simulation of storm events based on 25,000 years

\* Hans Fabricius Hansen, David Randell, Allan Rod Zeeberg, Philip Jonathan, (2019), Directional-seasonal extreme value analysis of North Sea storm conditions, to be submitted for review



# Comparison with HKZN study

- More accurate and reliable results, particularly at Hollandse Kust (noord)
- Less conservatism in extreme values
- Better representation of directional and seasonal variability

	Extreme Hmax [m] - T <sub>R</sub> [years]							
	1	2	5	10	50	100	1000	10000
Omni - HKZN Study	10.7	11.5	12.5	13.2	14.6	15.2	17.3	19.9
Omni - New Study	10.4	11.1	12.0	12.6	13.9	14.6	16.2	18.1
Difference	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.7	-0.5	-1.1	-1.8

	Extreme Cmax [mSWL] - T <sub>R</sub> [years]							
	1	2	5	10	50	100	1000	10000
Omni - HKZN Study	6.8	7.4	8.1	8.6	9.6	10.0	11.5	13.5
Omni - New Study	6.6	7.2	7.8	8.3	9.3	9.8	11.1	12.7
Difference	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.8

Differences between HKZN study and this study (New Study) for extreme Hmax [m] and Cmax [mSWL] values at HKN for different return periods

# Comparison with HKZN study

- More accurate and reliable results, particularly at Hollandse Kust (noord)
- Less conservatism in extreme values
  - Verification performed by KNMI (U10=30m/s, U100=37m/s)
- Better representation of directional and seasonal variability

Differences between HKZN study and this study (New Study) for extreme 1hr wind speed at 10mMSL (top) and 100mMSL (middle) and 10-minute wind speed at 100mMSL (bottom) at HKN for different return periods

	Extreme 1hr Wind Speed @ 10mMSL [m/s] - T <sub>R</sub> [years]					
	1	2	5	10	50	100
Omni - HKZN Study	24.7	25.4	27.5	28.7	31.4	32.5
Omni - New Study	24.9	26.2	27.6	28.6	30.8	31.7
Difference	0.2	0.8	0.1	-0.1	-0.6	-0.8

	Extreme 1hr Wind Speed @ 100mMSL [m/s] - T <sub>R</sub> [years]					
	1	2	5	10	50	100
Omni - HKZN Study	31.7	32.7	35.6	37.4	41.2	42.8
Omni - New Study	31.0	32.5	34.4	35.5	38.2	39.4
Difference	-0.7	-0.2	-1.2	-1.9	-3.0	-3.4

	Extreme 10-minute Wind Speed @ 100mMSL [m/s] - T <sub>R</sub> [years]					
	1	2	5	10	50	100
Omni - HKZN Study	33.5	34.6	37.7	39.7	43.8	45.5
Omni - New Study	33.0	34.6	36.6	37.9	40.9	42.2
Difference	-0.5	0.1	-1.0	-1.7	-2.9	-3.3

# Report (<https://offshorwind.rvo.nl/windwaternh>)

- Data basis
- Modelling (setup, calibration & validation)
- Normal & Extreme Conditions
- Joint Metocean conditions
- Snow, ice accretion and sea ice conditions
- Air temperature, humidity, pressure & density (at various heights)
- Seawater temperature, salinity and density
- Visibility
- Lightning
- Marine Growth

Variable	Extreme values (omni) - Return Period [Year]					
	1	2	5	10	50	100
Wind speed, 100mMSL, 10-min [m/s]	33.1	34.8	36.7	38.1	41.0	42.1
Water level, Total, High [mLAT]	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.7	4.0	4.1
Water level, Total, Low [mLAT]	-0.5	-0.6	-0.7	-0.8	-1.0	-1.1
Water level, Residual, High [m]	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.6
Water level, Residual, Low [m]	-1.0	-1.1	-1.3	-1.3	-1.5	-1.6
Current Speed, Total, Depth-averaged [m/s]	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2
Current Speed, Residual, Depth-averaged [m/s]	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
Significant wave height, $H_{m0, 3h}$ [m]	5.6	5.9	6.4	6.7	7.3	7.6
Peak wave period, $T_p$ , ass. with $H_{m0, 3h}$ [s]	10.0	10.5	10.9	11.1	11.5	11.8
Maximum wave height, $H_{max}$ [m]	10.4	11.1	12.0	12.6	14.0	14.5
Wave period, $T$ , ass. with $H_{max}$ [s]	9.0	9.0	9.4	9.7	10.0	10.2
Maximum crest level, $C_{max}$ , SWL [mSWL]	6.6	7.1	7.7	8.2	9.2	9.6
Maximum crest level, $C_{max}$ , MSL [mMSL]	8.0	8.7	9.4	10.0	11.2	11.6
Maximum crest level, $C_{max}$ , LAT [mLAT]	9.1	9.8	10.5	11.1	12.3	12.7

Summary of extreme values at HKN2018

On-demand data and analytics globally

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Time

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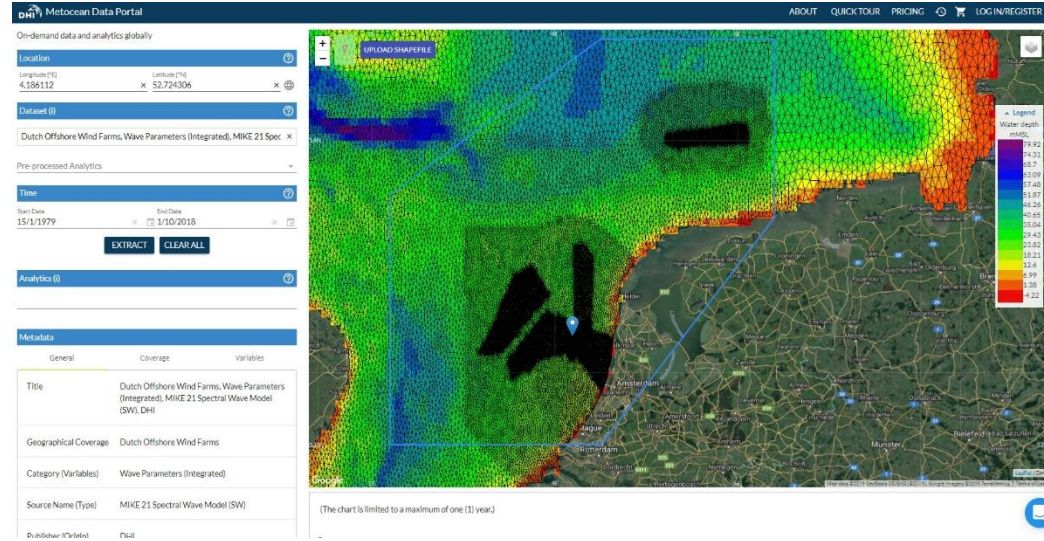
Metadata



**Web-based MetOcean Database**  
<https://www.metocean-on-demand.com/>

# Metocean Database Features

- World's first certified web-based metocean database
- Access to 40 years of time series at all elements
- Access to 40 years of spectral data within 1km grid (offshore wind farms) and 5km grid (offshore areas and cable corridors)
- Instant access to extreme conditions and NSS tables at all elements
- Map of normal and extreme conditions over the Dutch North Sea
- On-the-fly analysis such as weather-windows, scatter tables, altimeter comparison, rose plots etc.
- Following the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

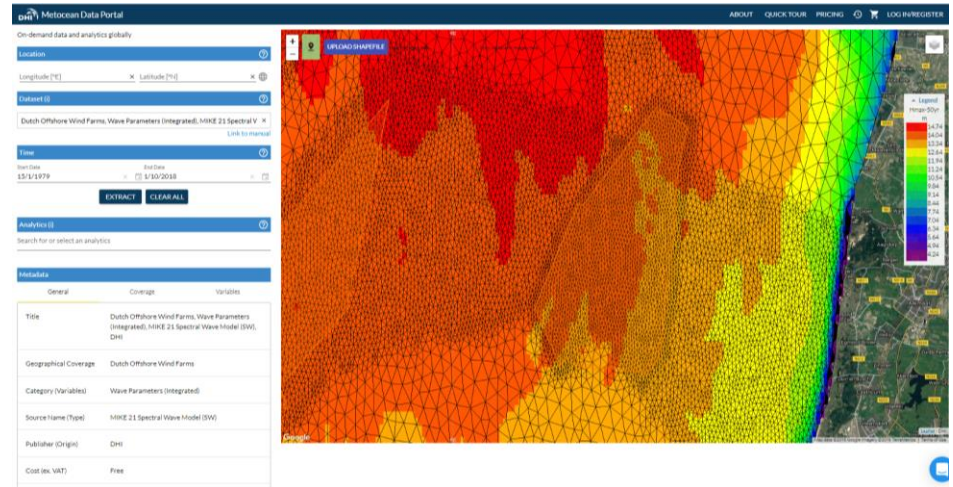


Metocean database covering the Dutch Offshore Wind Farm areas



# Metocean Database Application

- Certified data only at Hollandse Kust (noord) to be used for design
- Feasibility level data at Hollandse Kust (west), IJmuiden Ver, Ten Noorden van den Waddeneilanden and cable corridors
- Extreme values, NSS tables, Weather-windows (workability), scatter tables etc. available at all elements
- Possibility to add user defined shapefiles
- Possibility to input UTM and Long/Lat coordinates



Map of 50-year Hmax [m] values around Hollandse Kust (noord)



# Closing

- › Questionnaire
- › Lessons learned
- › Availability panel
- › Communications
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# Thank you very much!

