Bracklesham Bay Directional Waverider Buoy

Location

OS: 482207E 92091N

WGS84: *Latitude:* 50° 43.358' N *Longitude:* 00° 50.204' W

Water Depth

~10 m CD

Instrument Type

Datawell Directional Waverider Mk III

Data Quality

Recovery rate (%)	Sample interval
97	30 minutes

Statistics - 2012

All times are GMT

Month	H_s (m)	T_p (s)	T_z (s)	Dir. (^{o})	SST (^{o}C)	No. of days
January	0.96	7.8	4.1	207	8.4	30
February	0.53	9.3	4.2	207	6.0	28
March	0.48	10.2	4.3	205	8.6	30
April	0.79	7.3	4.0	202	10.4	30
May	0.43	5.8	3.5	208	12.7	31
June	0.87	7.0	4.1	208	15.6	29
July	0.68	6.1	3.8	215	17.3	30
August	0.69	6.9	3.9	209	18.8	30
September	0.65	6.2	3.5	215	17.2	29
October	0.86	7.7	4.2	210	14.2	30
November	0.92	7.4	4.2	212	11.1	29
December	1.21	9.0	4.7	207	8.3	30

Storm Analysis

Date/Time	H_s (m)	T_p (s)	T_z (s)	Dir. (^{o})	Water level elevation* (OD)	Tidal stage (hours re. HW)	Tidal range (m)	Tidal surge* (m)	Max. surge* (m)
03-Jan-2012 09:00	3.67	10.0	6.7	212	0.76	HW +3	1.9	0.35	0.50
25-Nov-2012 06:30	3.61	9.1	6.3	200	0.61	HW -2	2.5	0.21	0.48
05-Jan-2012 05:00	3.47	10.0	6.8	194	-0.08	HW -3	1.9	-0.09	0.44
08-Jun-2012 14:00	3.36	7.7	6.1	211	1.92	HW	3.6	0.05	0.48

* *Tidal information is obtained from the nearest recording tide gauge (the National Network gauge at Portsmouth). The surge shown is the residual at the time of the highest H_s. The maximum tidal surge is the largest surge during the storm event.*

Annual Statistics

Year	Annual H_s exceedance* (m)						Annual Maximum H_s	
	0.05%	0.5%	1%	2%	5%	10%	Date	A_{max} (m)
2008	-	2.83	2.51	2.25	1.90	1.56	09-Nov-2008 23:00	3.28
2009	3.60	2.97	2.70	2.37	1.96	1.58	23-Nov-2009 13:00	3.83
2010	3.15	2.56	2.23	1.85	1.47	1.17	31-Mar-2010 09:30	3.46
2011	3.32	2.59	2.39	2.13	1.76	1.50	13-Dec-2011 00:00	3.64
2012	3.42	2.8	2.58	2.31	1.9	1.52	03-Jan-2012 09:00	3.67

** i.e. 5 % of the H_s values measured in 2008 exceeded 1.90 m*

Distribution plots

The distribution of wave parameters are shown in the accompanying graphs of:

- Annual time series of H_s (red line is 3.0 m storm threshold)
- Wave roses (Direction vs. H_s and vs. T_p) for all measured data
- Percentage of occurrence of H_s, T_p, T_z and Direction for 2012
- Incidence of storm waves for 2012. Storm events are defined using the Peaks-over-Threshold method. The highest H_s of each storm event is shown
- Joint distribution of all parameters for all measured data, given as percentage of occurrence

General

The buoy was first deployed on 22 August 2008, at which time the magnetic declination at the site was 2.1° west, changing by 0.14° east per year.

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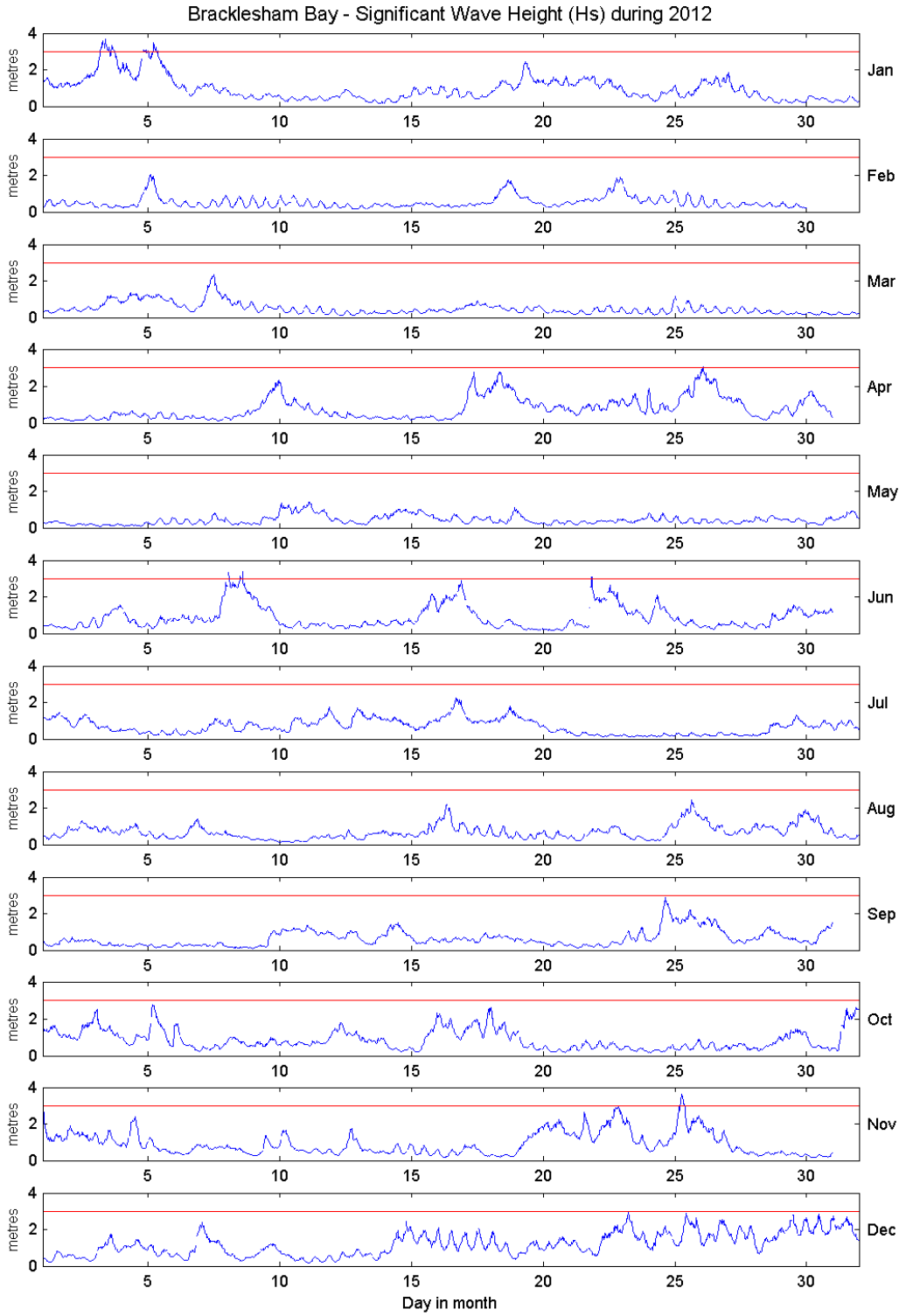
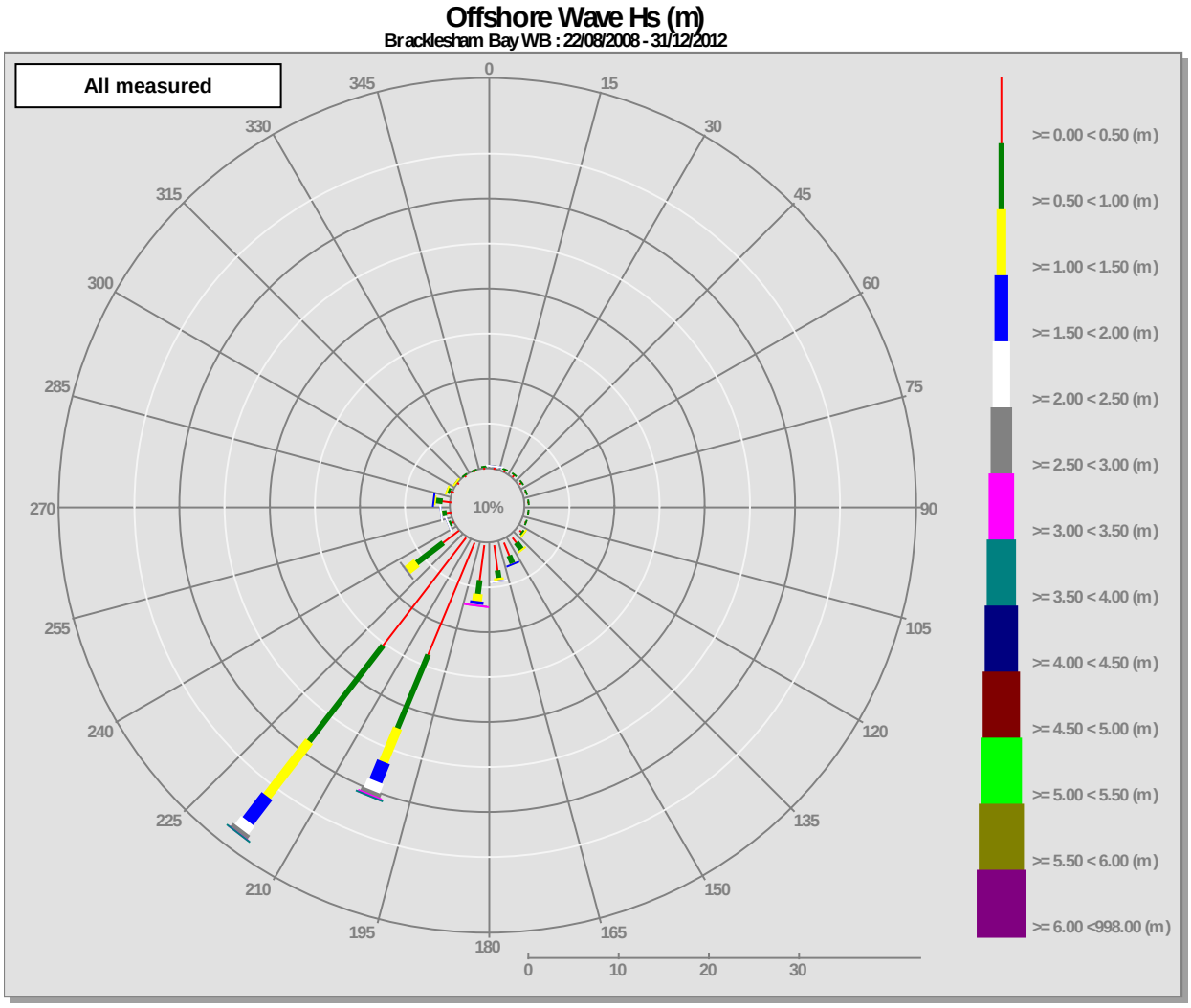

Bracklesham Bay - Significant Wave Height (Hs) during 2012
metres
Jan
Feb
Mar
Apr
May
Jun
Jul
Aug
Sep
Oct
Nov
Dec
Day in month


Offshore Wave Hs (m)
Bracklesham Bay WB : 22/08/2008 - 31/12/2012
All measured
0
15
30
45
60
75
90
105
120
135
150
165
180
195
210
225
240
255
270
285
300
315
330
345
10%
0
10
20
30
>= 0.00 < 0.50 (m)
>= 0.50 < 1.00 (m)
>= 1.00 < 1.50 (m)
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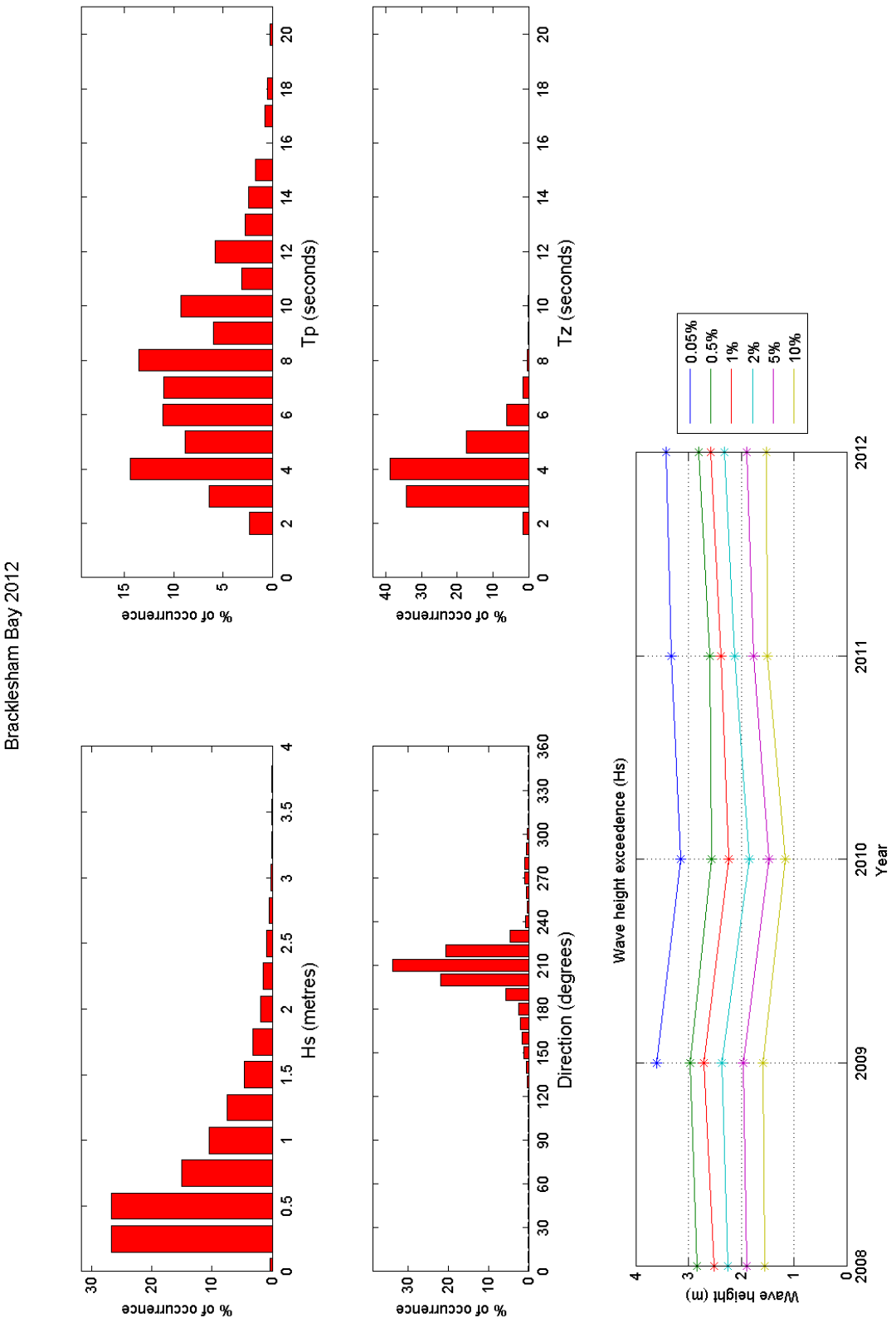
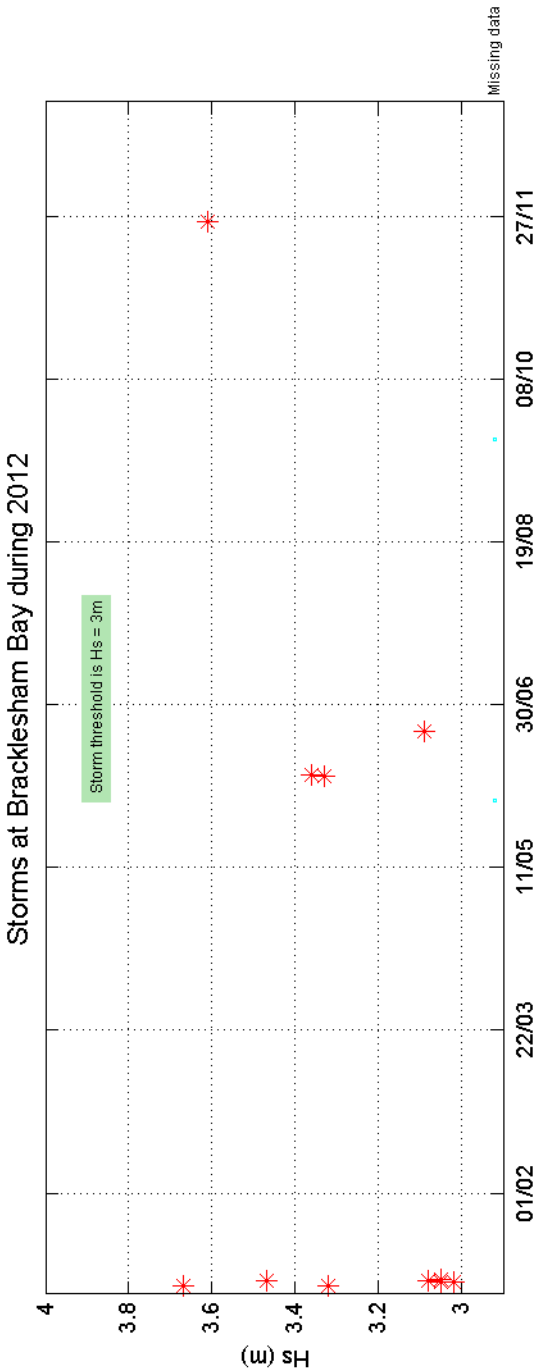
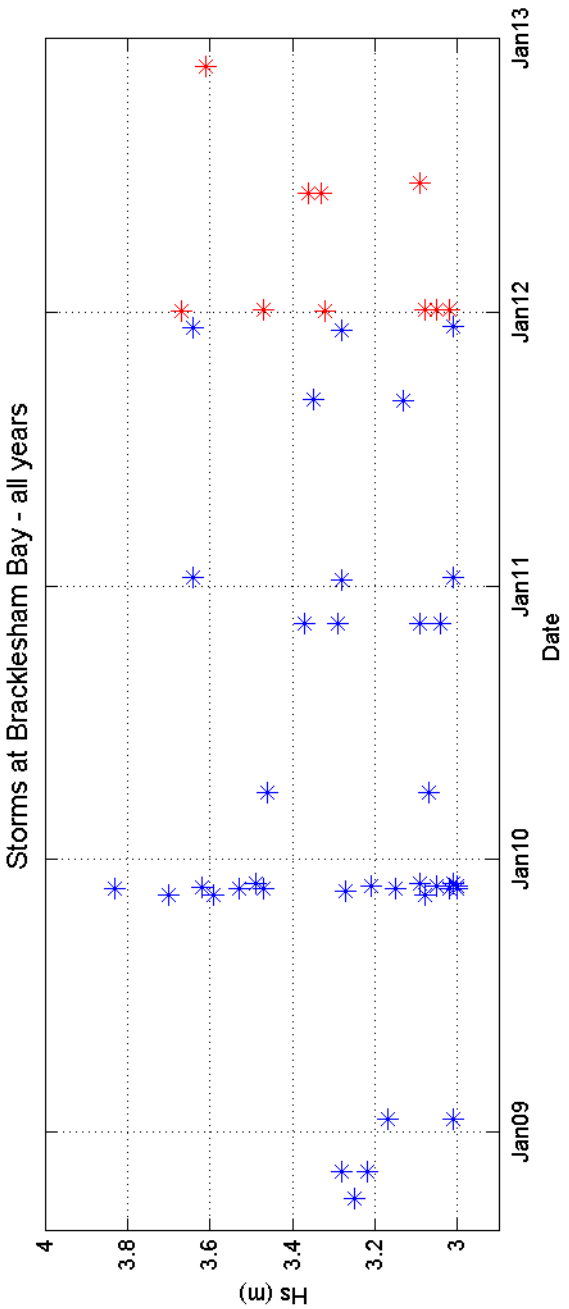
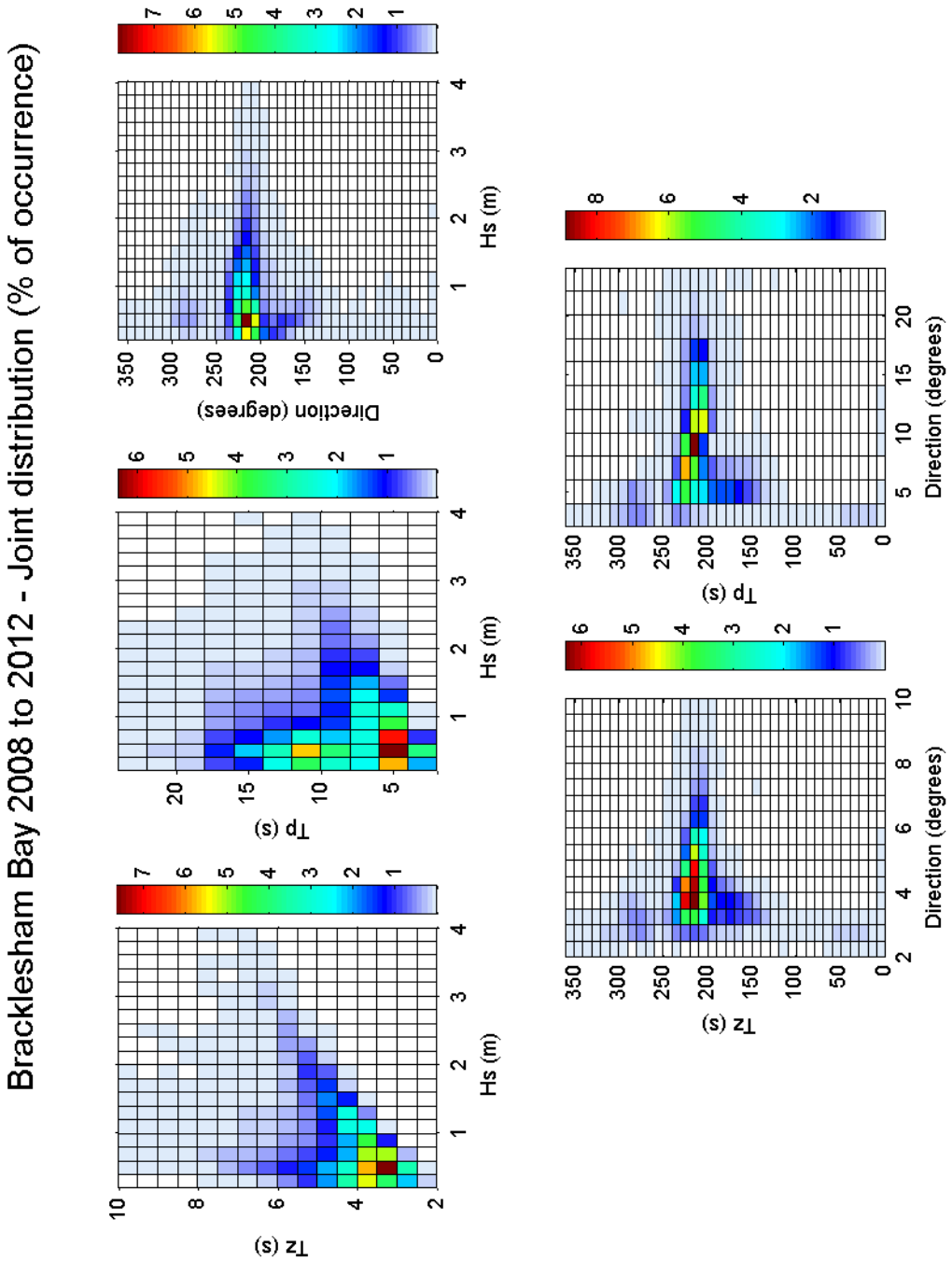

Bracklesham Bay 2012
% of occurrence
Hs (metres)
% of occurrence
Tp (seconds)
% of occurrence
Direction (degrees)
% of occurrence
Tz (seconds)
Wave height exceedence (Hs)
Wave height (m)
Year
0.05%
0.5%
1%
2%
5%
10%


Storms at Bracklesham Bay during 2012
Storm threshold is Hs = 3m
Missing data
Hs (m)
4
3.8
3.6
3.4
3.2
3
01/02
22/03
11/05
30/06
19/08
08/10
27/11


Storms at Bracklesham Bay - all years
Hs (m)
4
3.8
3.6
3.4
3.2
3
Jan09
Jan10
Jan11
Jan12
Jan13
Date


Bracklesham Bay 2008 to 2012 - Joint distribution (% of occurrence)
Direction (degrees)
Hs (m)
Tp (s)
Tz (s)
Direction (degrees)
Tp (s)
Direction (degrees)
Tz (s)