Seaford Directional Waverider Buoy

Location

OS: 546444E 98367N

WGS84: *Latitude:* 50° 45.984' N *Longitude:* 00° 04.517' E

Water Depth

~11 m CD

Instrument Type

Datawell Directional Waverider Mk III

Data Quality

Recovery rate (%)	Sample interval
99	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	1.06	6.0	4.1	216	8.7	30
February	0.55	7.6	3.9	208	5.8	29
March	0.45	8.4	3.9	210	7.7	31
April	0.84	6.1	3.8	207	9.9	30
May	0.44	5.2	3.5	208	11.8	31
June	0.88	5.9	3.9	218	15.1	29
July	0.77	5.7	3.7	225	16.8	31
August	0.67	5.7	3.6	221	18.5	31
September	0.75	5.2	3.6	222	17.3	30
October	0.91	7.0	4.1	213	14.2	31
November	1.06	6.2	4.1	215	11.2	30
December	1.29	6.8	4.4	220	8.6	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)
25-Nov-2012 06:00	4.39	9.1	6.6	218	0.63	HW -2	3.7	0.28	0.58
03-Jan-2012 12:00	4.33	8.3	6.7	221	-0.81	HW +7	2.7	0.42	0.44
05-Jan-2012 03:30	3.74	8.3	6.2	228	-0.87	HW -5	3.2	0.03	0.66
25-Apr-2012 11:30	3.58	7.7	6.2	179	1.80	HW -2	5.0	0.28	0.62
24-Sep-2012 15:00	3.57	8.3	6.2	233	0.57	HW -3	3.0	0.31	0.49

* *Tidal information is obtained from the nearest recording tide gauge (the National Network gauge at Newhaven). 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	4.20	3.53	3.15	2.79	2.30	1.80	10-Mar-2008 10:30	4.48+
2009	3.87	3.28	3.00	2.72	2.23	1.80	14-Nov-2009 14:00	4.53+
2010	4.06	2.94	2.62	2.25	1.71	1.33	11-Nov-2010 13:00	4.82+
2011	3.87	2.99	2.71	2.46	2.04	1.75	13-Dec-2011 03:00	5.21+
2012	4.27	3.22	2.92	2.59	2.14	1.73	25-Nov-2012 06:00	4.39

** i.e. 5 % of the H_s values measured in 2008 exceeded 2.30 m*

+ *Note that waves were breaking at the buoy during this storm; where breaking waves were clearly present in the measured time series, the parameters have been omitted. Accordingly, there may have been short periods where measured significant wave heights exceeded this value.*

Distribution plots

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

- Annual time series of H_s (red line is 3.5 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 January 2008, at which time the magnetic declination at the site was 1.8° west, changing by 0.14° east per year.

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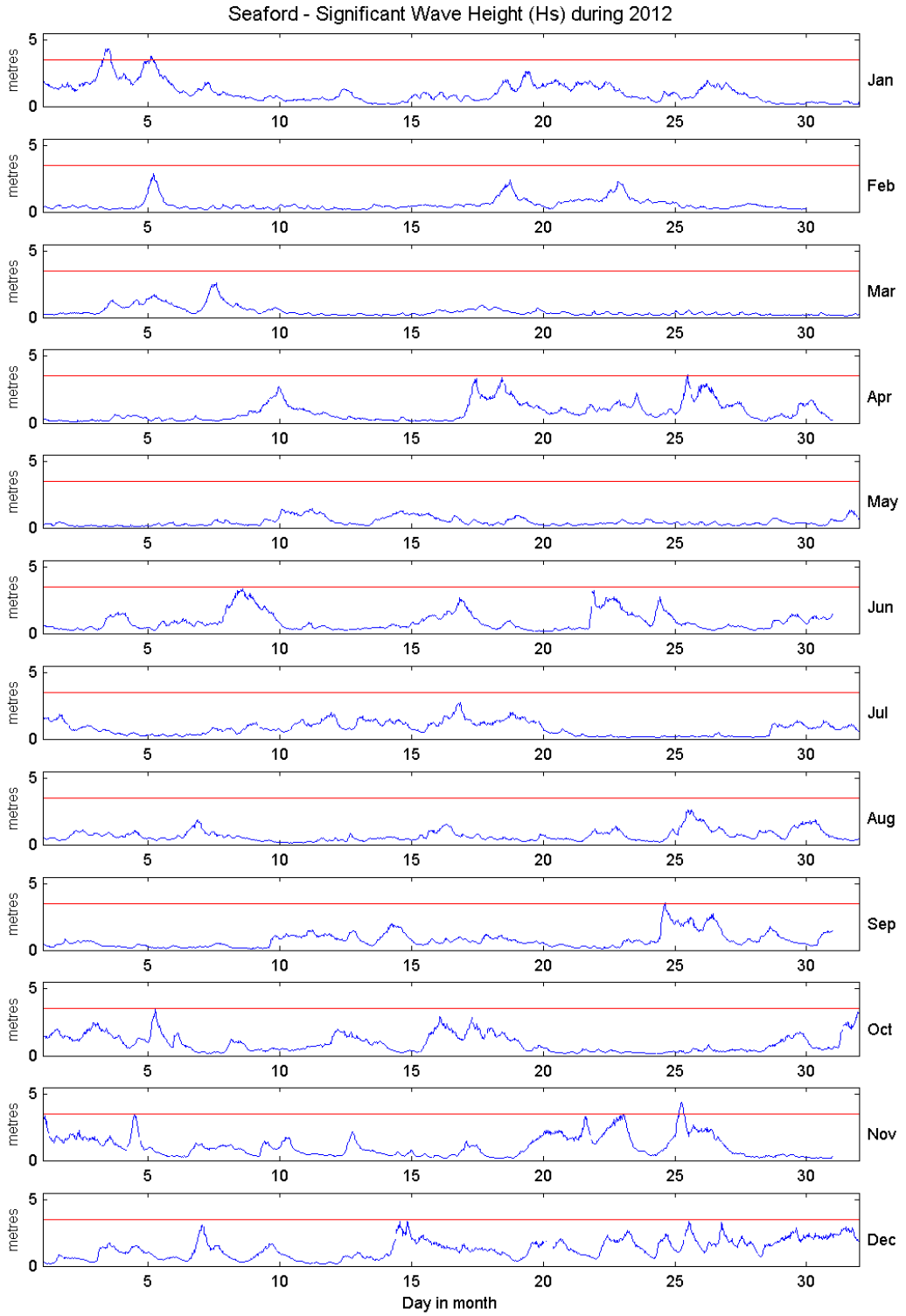
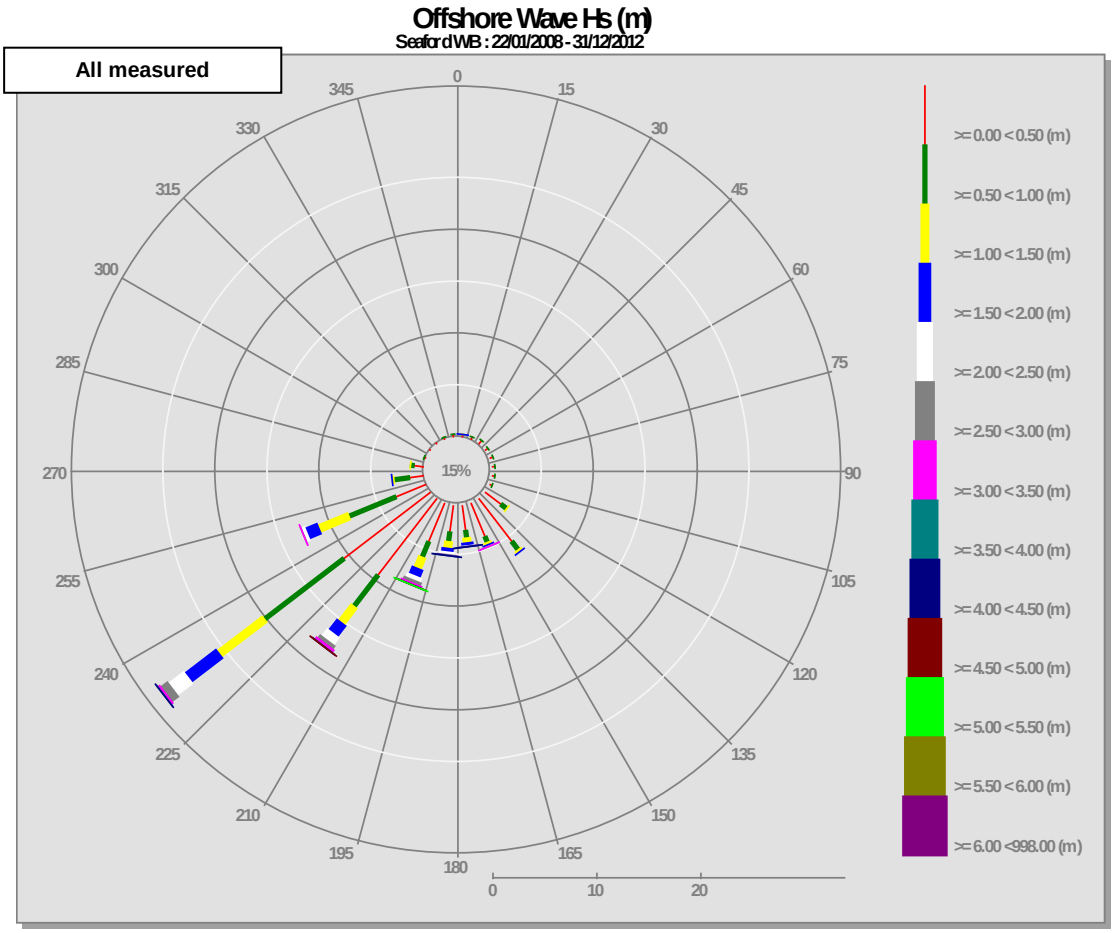

Seaford - Significant Wave Height (Hs) during 2012
metres
Jan
Feb
Mar
Apr
May
Jun
Jul
Aug
Sep
Oct
Nov
Dec
0
5
10
15
20
25
30
Day in month


Offshore Wave Hs (m)
Seaford WB : 22/01/2008 - 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
15%
0
10
20
>= 0.00 < 0.50 (m)
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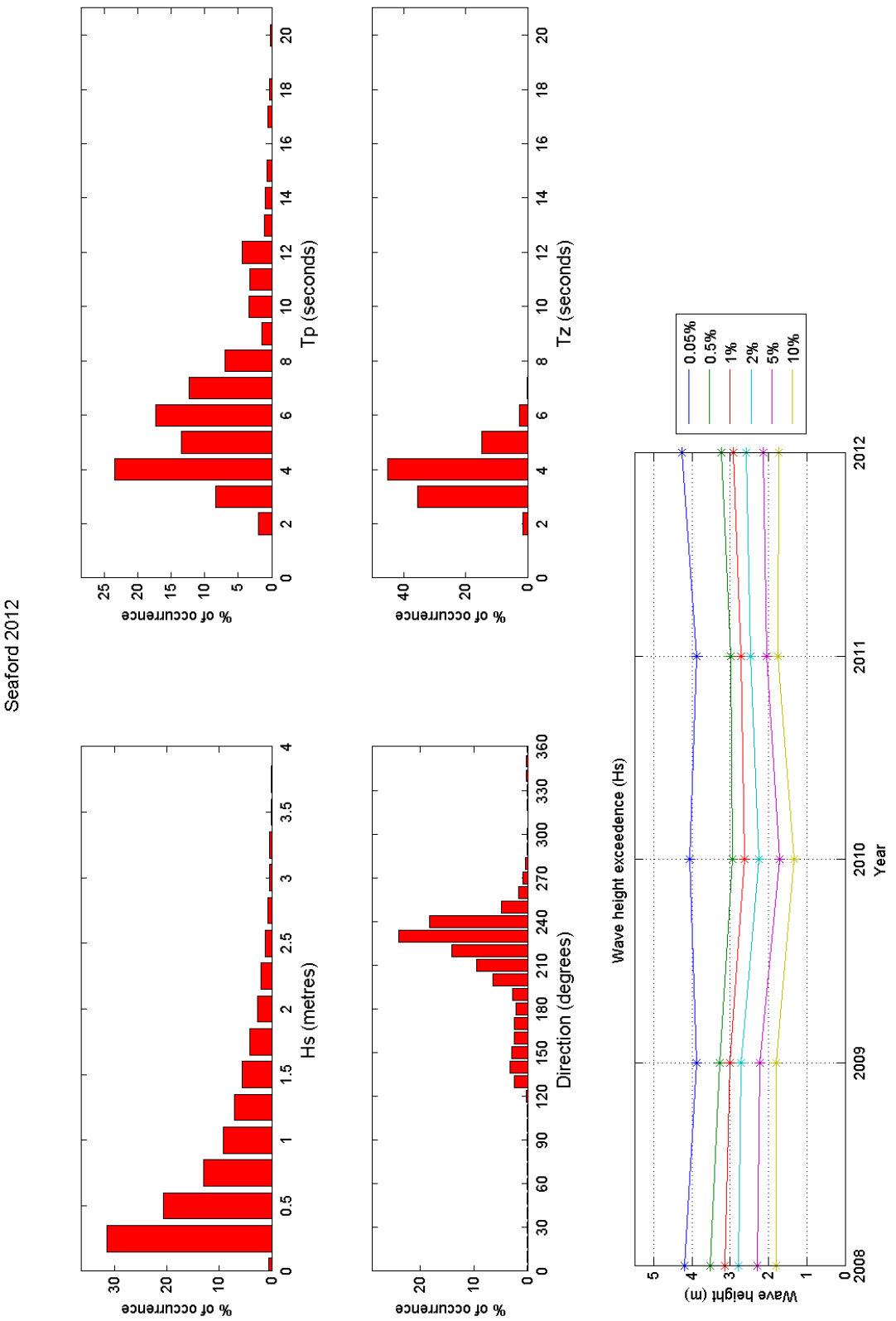
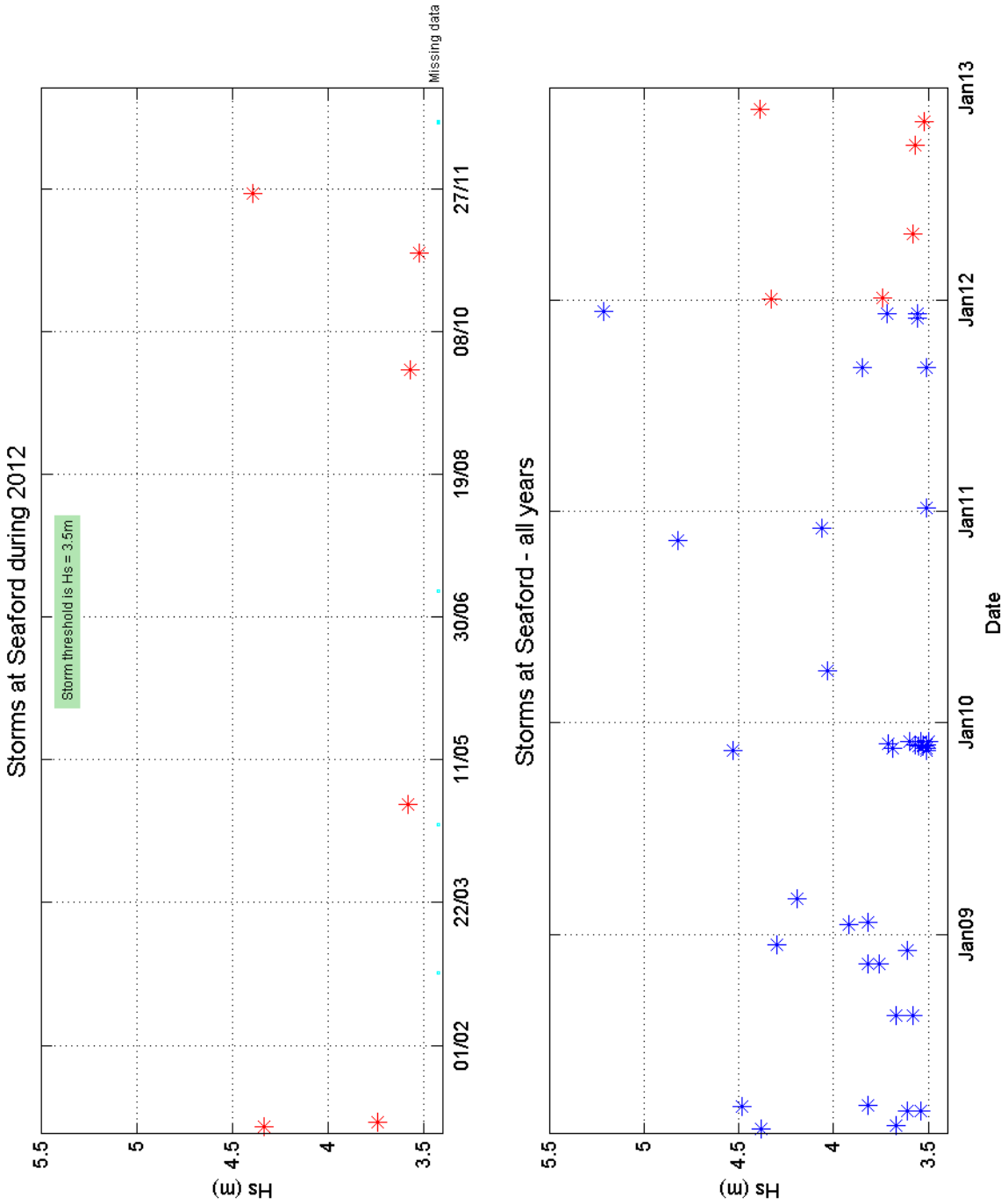
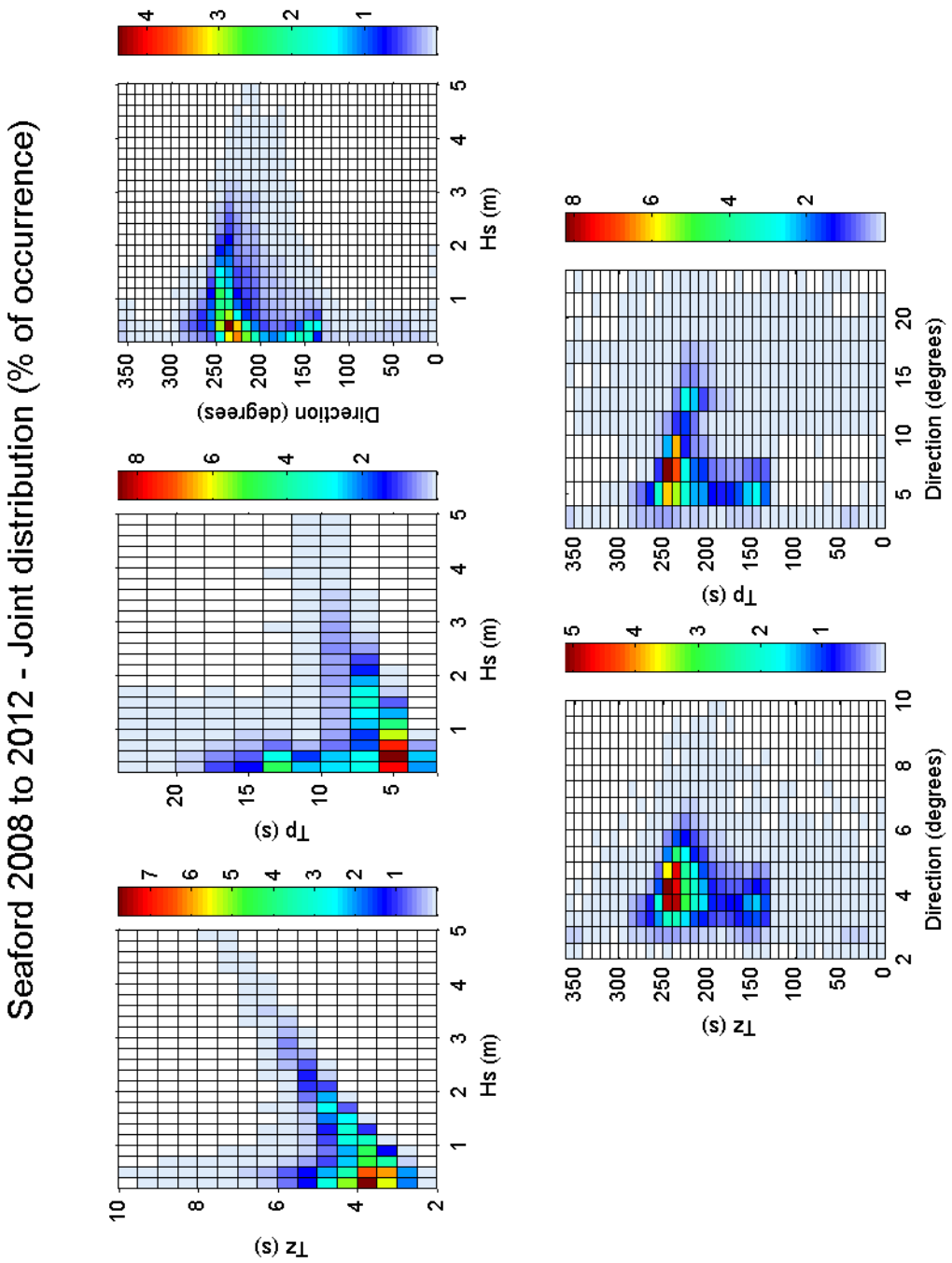

Seaford 2012
% of occurrence
Hs (metres)
Tp (seconds)
Tz (seconds)
Direction (degrees)
Wave height exceedence (Hs)
Wave height (m)
Year
0.05%
0.5%
1%
2%
5%
10%


Storms at Seaford during 2012
Storm threshold is Hs = 3.5m
Missing data
Hs (m)
5.5
5
4.5
4
3.5
01/02
22/03
11/05
30/06
19/08
08/10
27/11
Storms at Seaford - all years
Hs (m)
Jan09
Jan10
Jan11
Jan12
Jan13
Date


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