

Folkestone Directional Waverider Buoy

Location

OS: 619265E 133907N

WGS84: Latitude: 51° 03.756' N Longitude: 01° 07.671' E

Water Depth

~13 m CD

Instrument Type

Datawell Directional Waverider Mk III

Data Quality

Recovery rate (%)	Sample interval
97	30 minutes

Statistics - 2011

All times are GMT

Month	H _s (m)	T _p (s)	T _z (s)	Dir. (°)	SST (°C)	No. of days
January	0.68	5.3	3.8	143	6.3	30
February	0.70	6.7	3.6	163	6.8	28
March	0.41	5.0	3.3	125	7.2	28
April	0.35	5.8	3.4	135	10.4	30
May	0.52	5.0	3.3	164	12.9	31
June	0.57	4.5	3.3	166	14.7	29
July	0.42	5.1	3.5	135	16.7	26
August	0.50	4.4	3.3	165	17.9	31
September	0.61	4.5	3.3	170	17.0	30
October	0.68	4.9	3.5	168	15.7	31
November	0.69	5.5	3.5	157	13.6	30
December	0.78	6.3	3.8	173	10.0	31

Storm Analysis

Date/Time	H _s (m)	T _p (s)	T _z (s)	Dir. (°)	Water level elevation* (OD)	Tidal stage (hours re. HW)	Tidal range (m)	Tidal surge* (m)	Max. surge* (m)
13-Dec-2011 01:30	3.11	7.7	5.3	181	2.25	HW +1	5.3	-0.20	-0.27
01-Dec-2011 03:00	2.65	6.7	4.9	187	-	-	-	-	-
11-Jan-2011 06:00	2.61	7.1	5.3	174	0.45	HW +3	4.2	-0.01	-0.28

* Tidal information is obtained from the nearest recording tide gauge (the National Network gauge at Dover). 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)
2003	-	2.23	2.03	1.75	1.37	1.16	29-Nov-2003 13:30	3.07
2004	2.91	2.30	1.97	1.75	1.44	1.18	08-Jan-2004 12:00	3.25
2005	2.90	2.15	1.81	1.54	1.25	0.97	30-Dec-2005 14:00	3.15
2006	2.55	2.08	1.84	1.68	1.42	1.17	03-Dec-2006 09:00	3.13
2007	2.56	2.06	1.83	1.59	1.34	1.11	08-Dec-2007 17:00	2.86
2008	2.98	2.40	2.10	1.85	1.44	1.16	10-Mar-2008 10:30	3.58
2009	2.65	2.14	1.88	1.68	1.39	1.12	22-Jan-2009 08:30	2.98
2010	2.66	1.95	1.69	1.42	1.15	0.94	08-Nov-2010 12:00	2.92
2011	2.91	1.99	1.73	1.52	1.31	1.09	13-Dec-2011 01:30	3.11

* i.e. 5 % of the H_s values measured in 2003 exceeded 1.37 m

Distribution plots

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

- Annual time series of H_s (red line is 2.7 m storm threshold)
- Wave roses (Direction vs. H_s and vs. T_p) for all measured data from 01 April 2004
- Percentage of occurrence of H_s , T_p , T_z and Direction for 2011
- Incidence of storm waves for 2011. 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

Significant wave height return periods

Return periods for significant wave height can be calculated since the buoy has been deployed for more than 5 years. The return periods are based on 3-hourly records and are calculated for periods up to 10 times the record length, using a Weibull distribution.

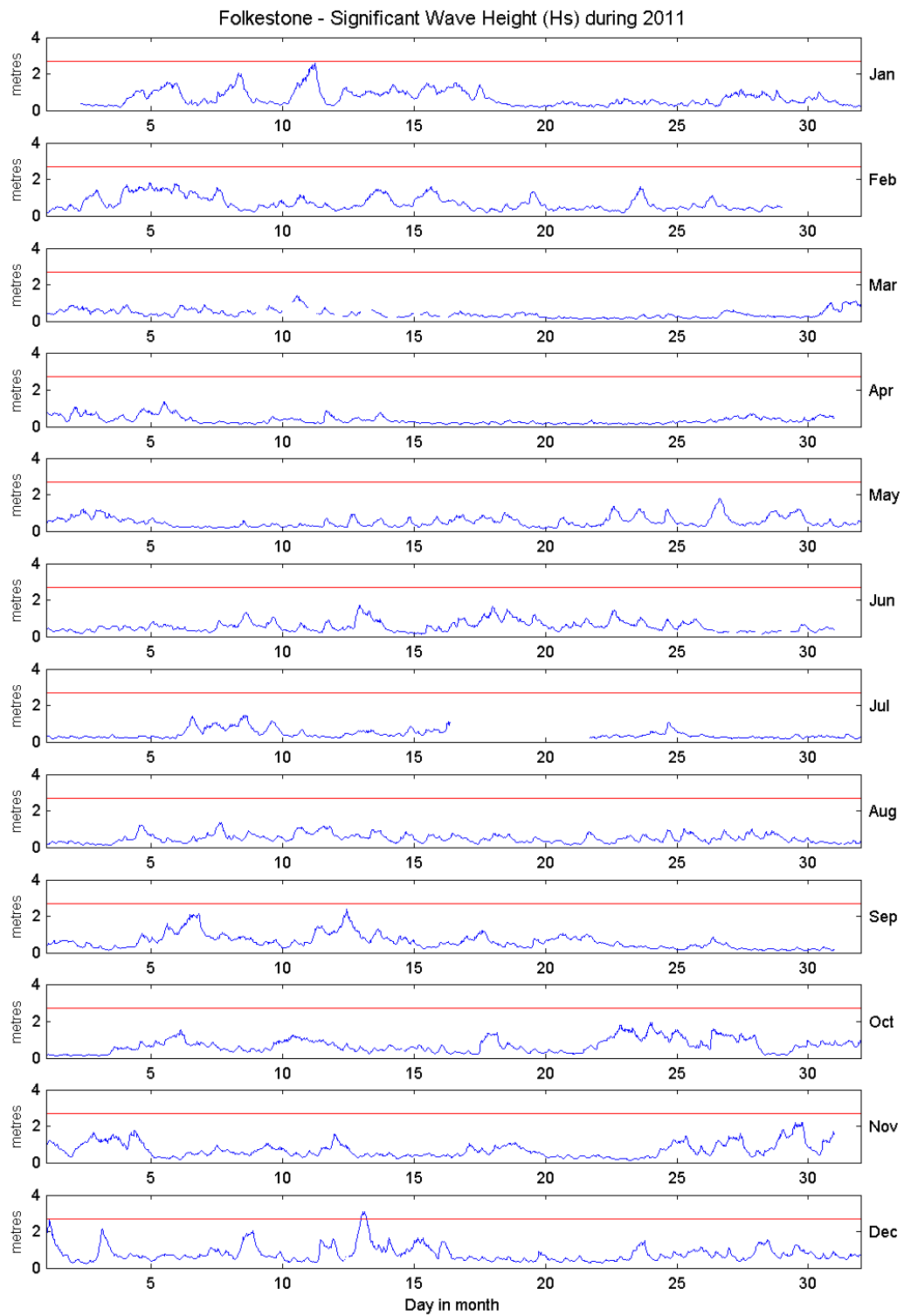
Return period (years)	Significant wave height (m)	Comments
1	3.02	No depth-limitation
2	3.17	
5	3.37	
10	3.52	
20	3.66	
50	3.84	

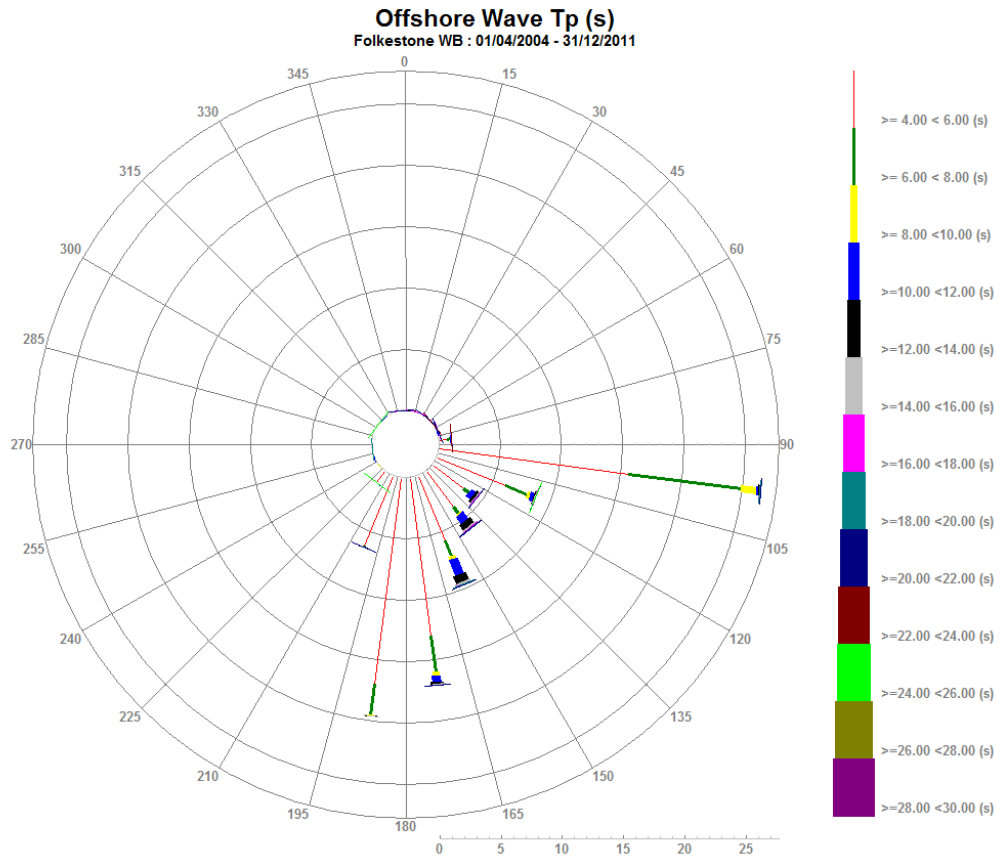
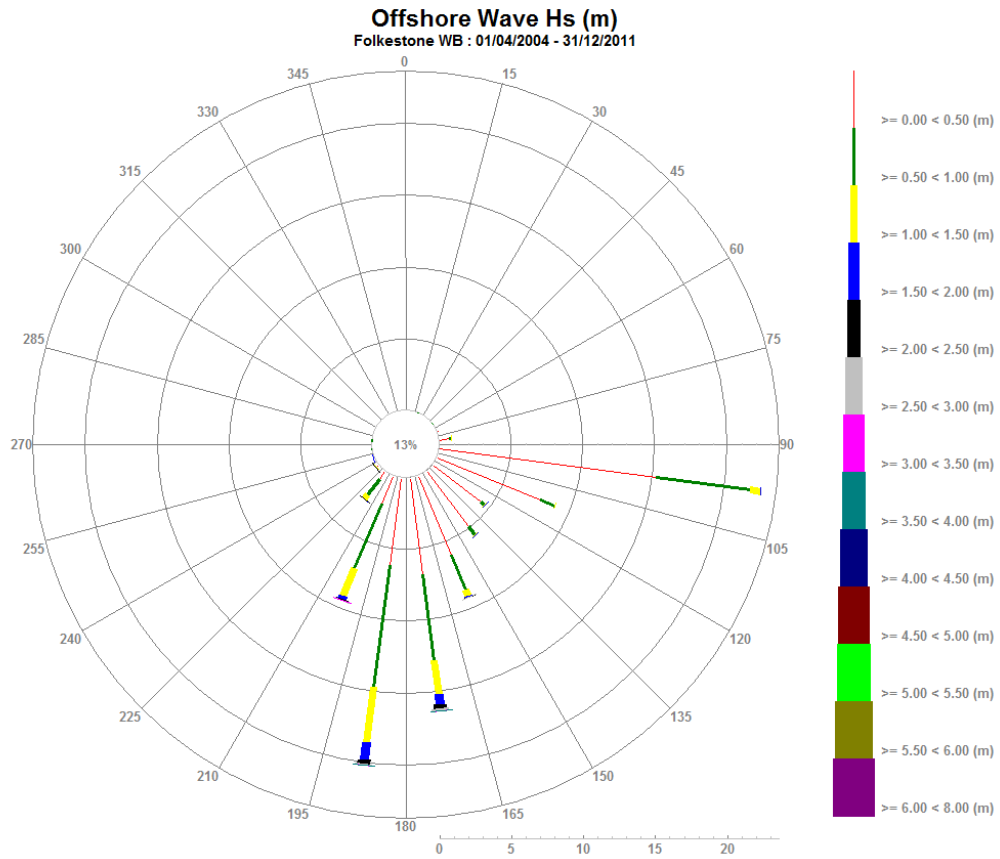
General

The buoy was first deployed on 1 June 2003.

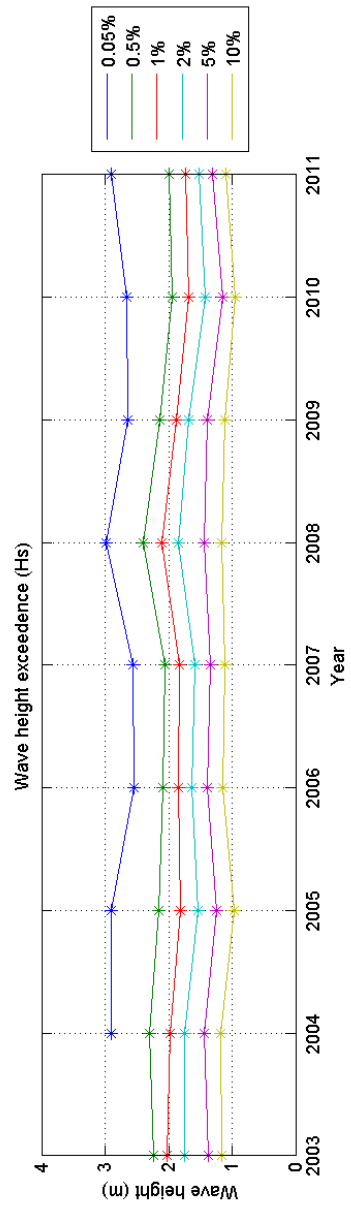
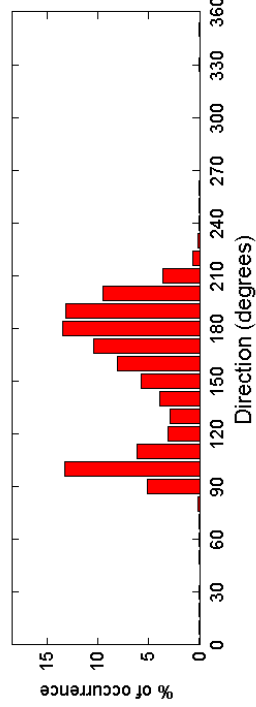
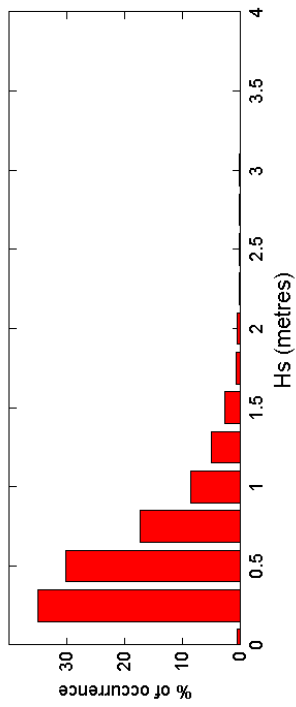
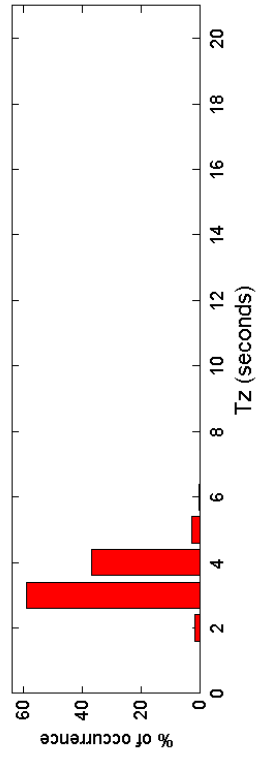
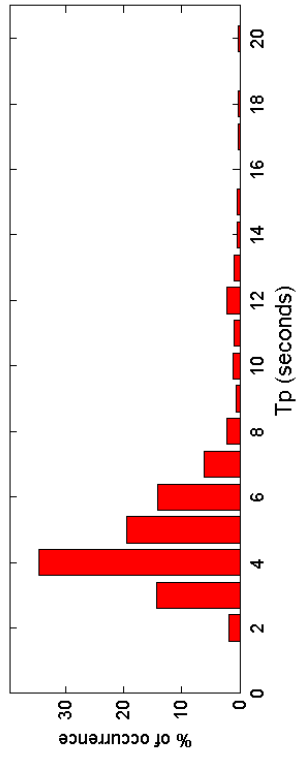
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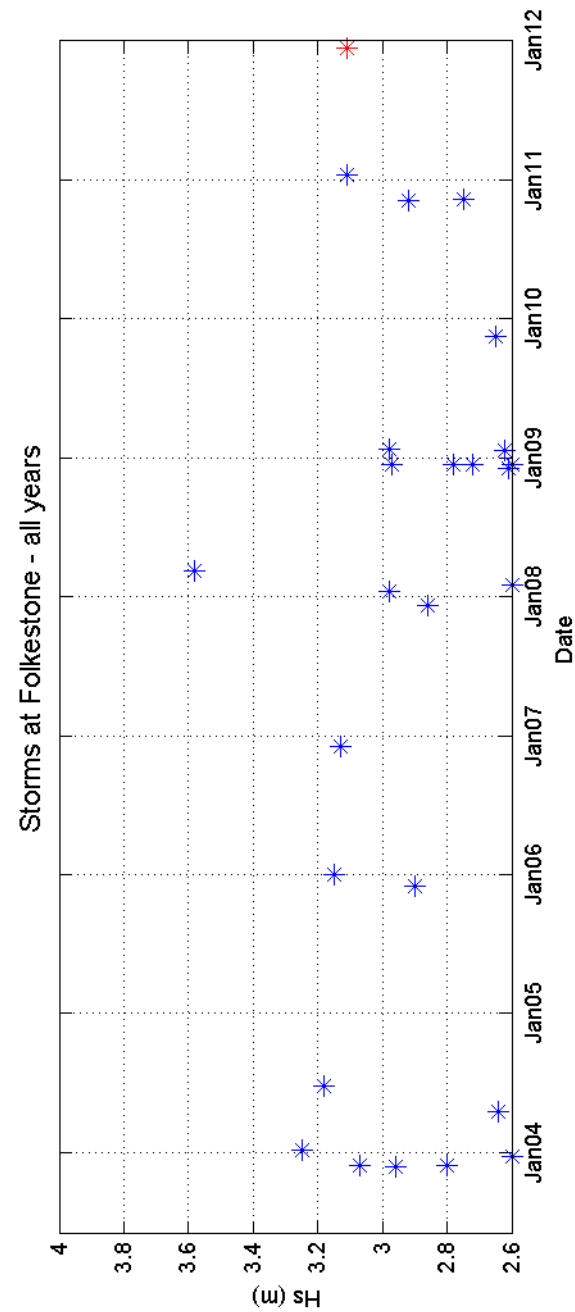
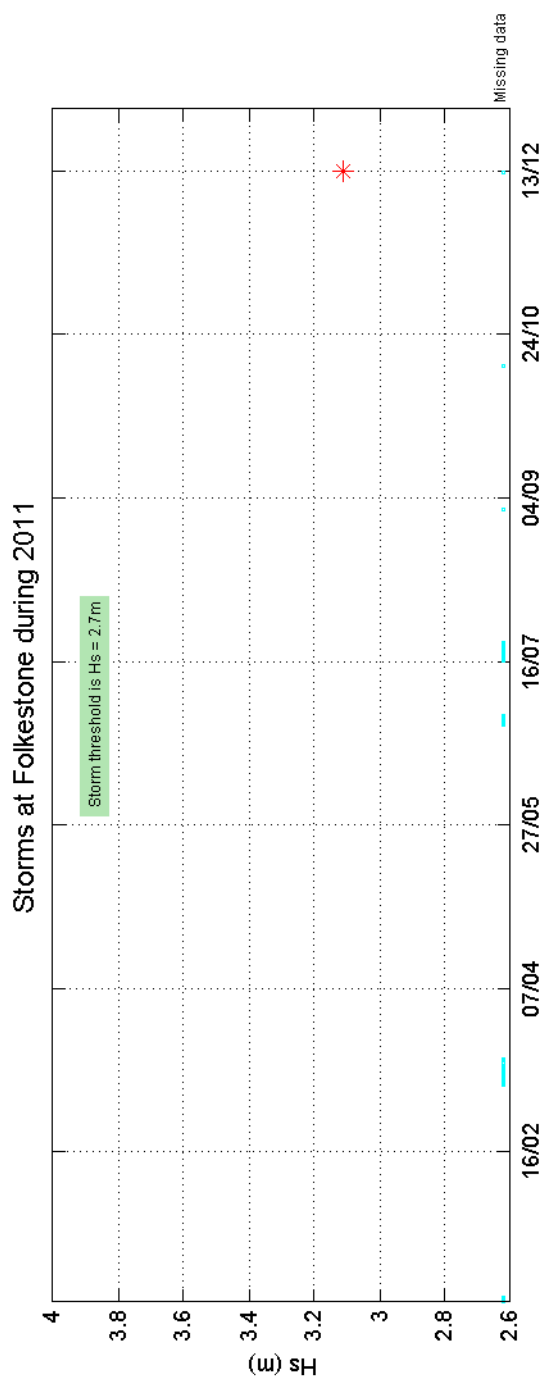
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Folkestone 2003 to 2011 - Joint distribution (% of occurrence)

