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Product Overview: RBRsolo³D

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Loggers



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RBRsolo³ D

Compact depth logger (self contained memory + battery)

Range: 0 to 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 750 dbar (1000, 2000, 4000, 6000, 10 000 dbar in titanium)

±0.05% FS accuracy

<0.001% resolution

1Hz sampling = ~400 days / ~34 million readings on a single AA battery

2Hz sampling = >2 month / ~11 million readings on a single AA battery

5s sampling = 4.9 years / ~32 million readings on a single AA battery

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Compact depth logger versions

- RBRsolo³ D – shallow (1,000m) with ≤ 2 Hz sampling



- RBRsolo³ D|fast8 (16Hz or 32Hz) – shallow with fast sampling
- RBRsolo³ D|tide16 or |wave16 – with tide and/or wave averaging
- RBRsolo³ D|deep – deep (10 000m) with above options



- RBRduet³ T.D – as above with addition of thermistor (standard / fast)



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Inside the RBRsolo³ D

Ruskin v2.10.4.202007161249

simRBRsolo³ 903898

Configuration Information Calibration Parameters

Schedule

Status: **Not enabled**

Clock: 2020-08-14 15:50:49+10:00 UTC Local

Start: 2020-08-14 2:00 PM Now

End: 2021-09-15 **397 days** **+367 days**

Power

Battery: Lithium thionyl chloride Fresh

Memory used: 0%

Schedule is valid

Sampling

Mode: Continuous

Speed: Rate 1Hz



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Big Sister

- RBRvirtuoso³ D
- RBRduo³ D
 - 8x AA batteries
 - ~240 million readings
 - Twist Activation
 - WiFi ready
 - External communications options



Upcoming Webinars

Future Webinars



Measuring the pore pressure response in sandy beaches using RBRsolo³ Ds

Nina Stark (Virginia Tech)

August 26, 2020 at 12PM EDT (GMT-4)



Surf zone monitoring at the Palm Beach artificial reef using nine RBRduet T.Ds

Evan Watterson (Bluecoast Consulting Engineers)

August 27, 2020 at 11AM AEST (GMT+10)

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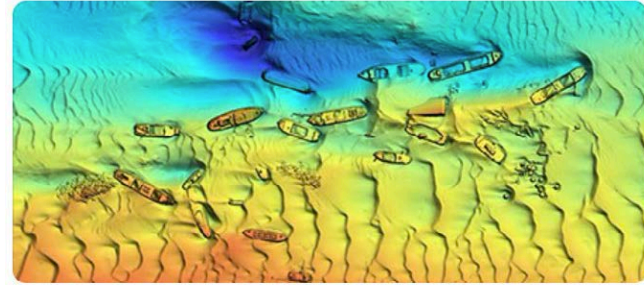
Future Webinars



Observing beach breaching in Carmel, CA

Mara Orescanin (Naval Postgraduate School)

September 2, 2020 at 12PM EDT (GMT-4)



Tidal measurements to support hydrographic operations in Queensland

Giles Stimson (Port of Brisbane Ltd)

September 3, 2020 at 11AM AEST (GMT+10)



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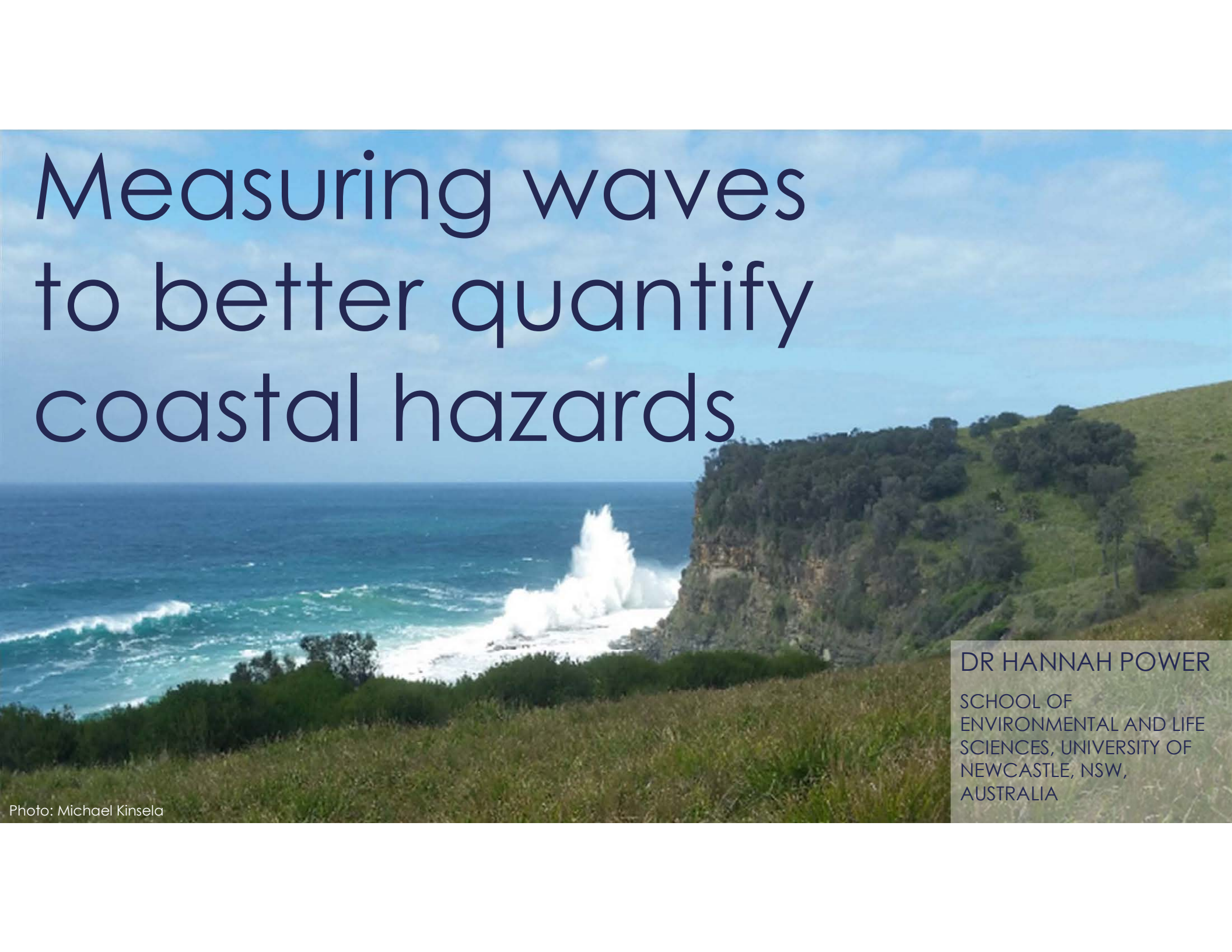
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Measuring waves to better quantify coastal hazards

A scenic coastal view featuring a steep, grassy cliffside on the right. The ocean is a deep blue-green, with white-capped waves crashing against the base of the cliff, creating a large splash of white foam. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The foreground is filled with tall, green grass.

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Coastal wave hazards

- ▶ Sandy beaches:
 - ▶ Wave runup



- ▶ Rock platforms:
 - ▶ Wave overwash/overtopping



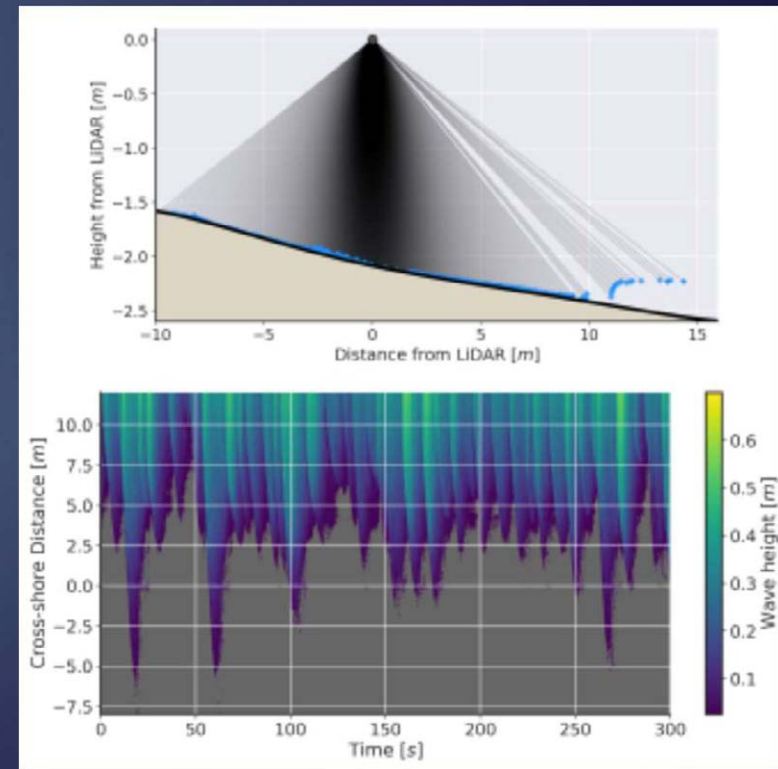
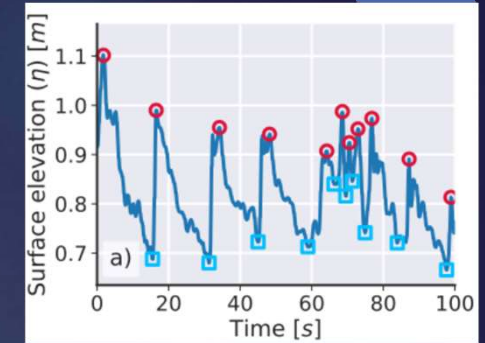
Wave runup

Key research questions:

- ▶ What processes drive extreme wave runup?
- ▶ Can we better predict wave runup?

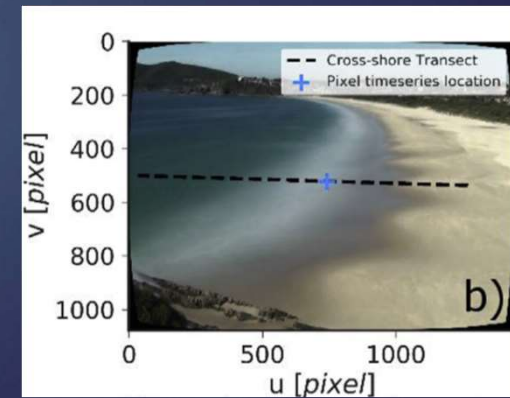
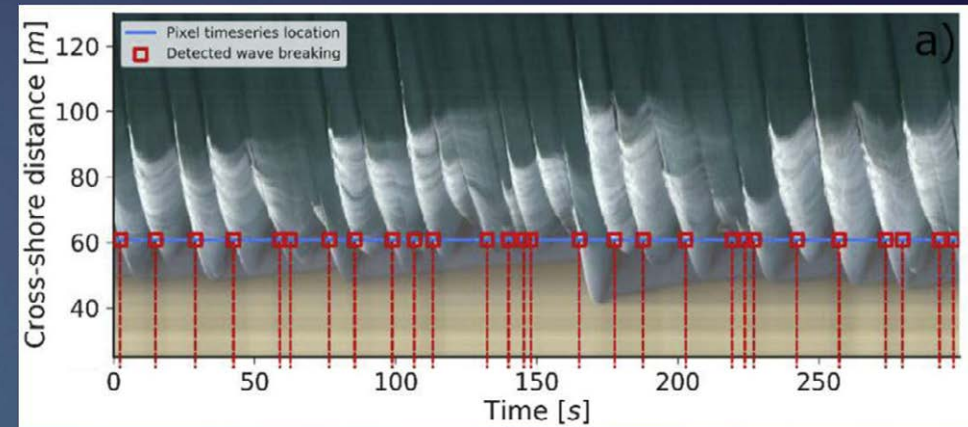


Measuring wave runup



Source: Stringari (2020)

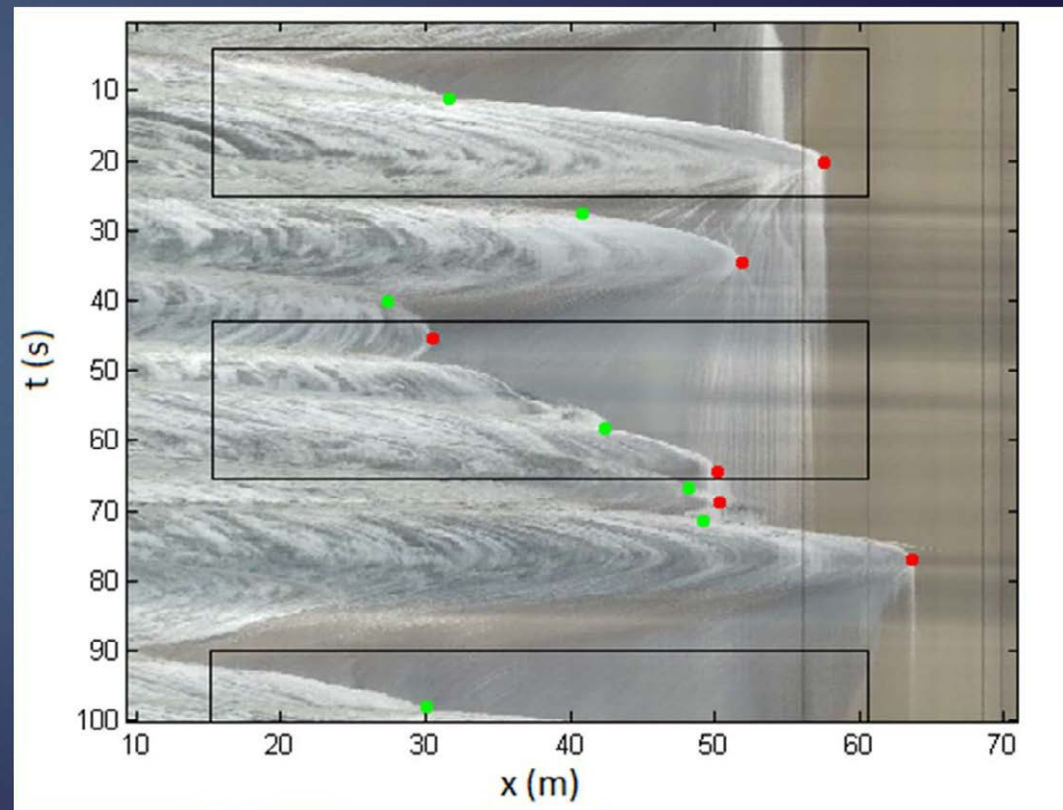
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Source: Stringari et al. (2019)

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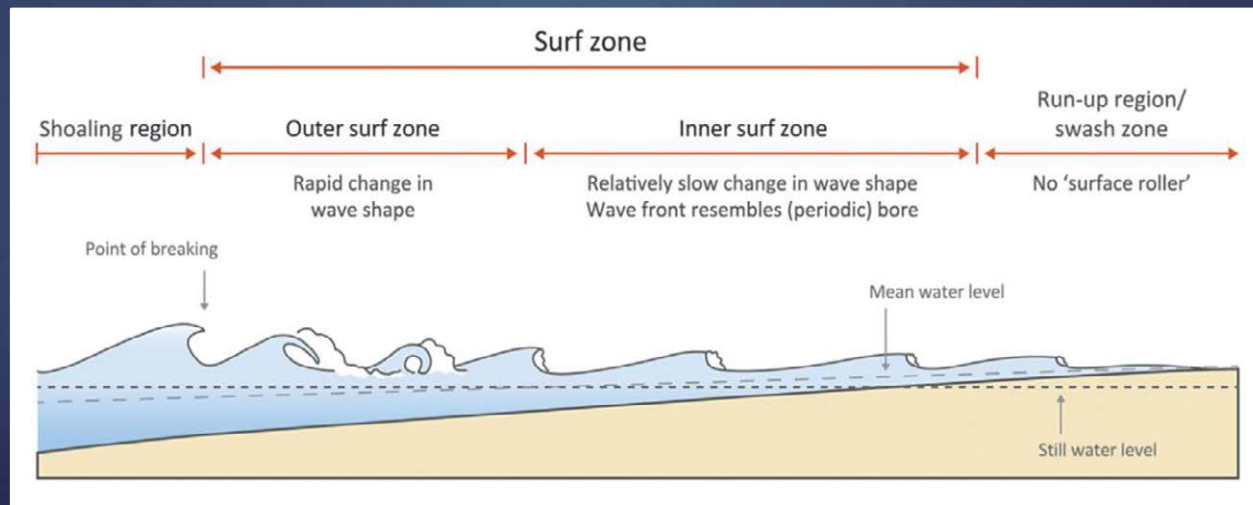
- ▶ Capture runup maxima via video or lidar
- ▶ Obtain elevations
- ▶ Calculate statistical descriptors
 - ▶ $R_{2\%}$
 - ▶ R_{\max}



Source: Power et al. (2013)

What processes drive extreme wave runup?

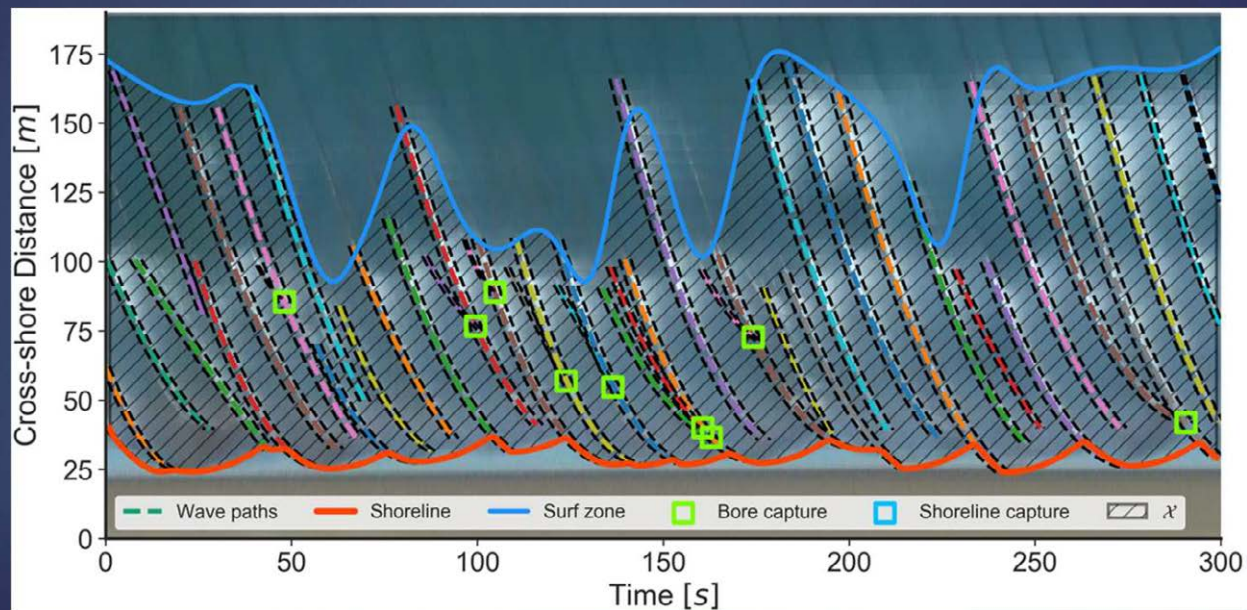
- ▶ Offshore wave conditions, local conditions
 - ▶ Wave height, wavelength, wave direction
 - ▶ Beach slope and morphology
- ▶ Need to consider what happens to a wave prior to a runup event



Source: Power (2020)

How do surf zone processes affect wave runup?

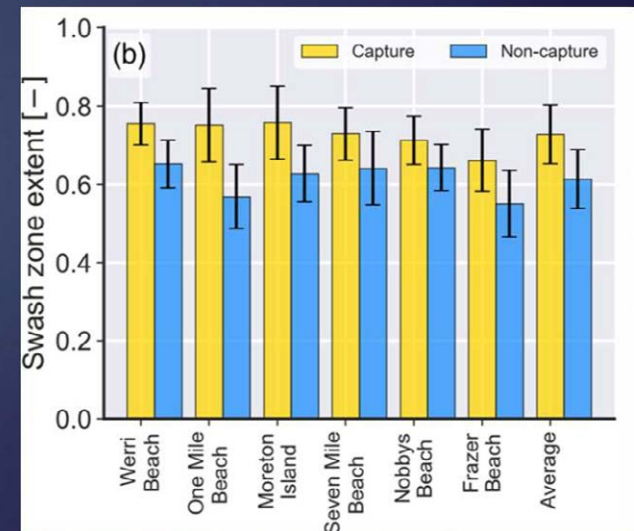
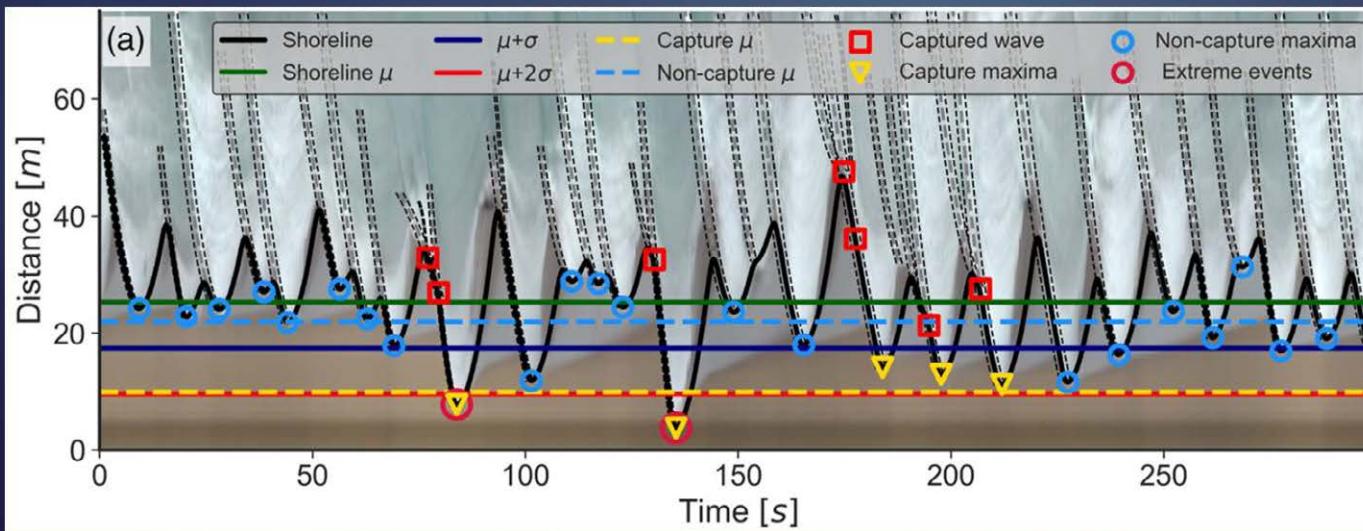
- ▶ Wave merging, bore-bore capture, wave overrunning occurs in the surf zone



Source: Stringari & Power (2020)

How do surf zone processes affect wave runup?

- ▶ Capture process drives extreme wave runup events:
 - ▶ >97% of extreme shoreline maxima driven by waves that had undergone bore-bore capture
 - ▶ Shoreline maxima driven by capture events extend further up the beach



Source: Stringari & Power (2020)

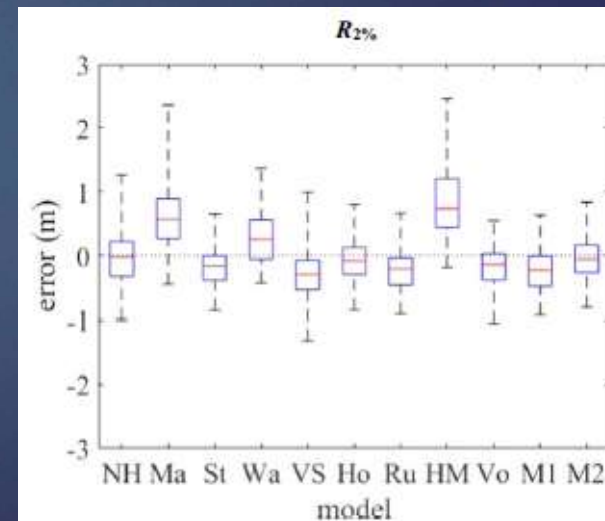
Can we better predict runup?

- ▶ Multitude of predictors for wave runup:

$$R_{2\%} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0.83 \tan \beta \sqrt{H_S L_p} + 0.2 H_S \\ 1.98 L_R + Z_{100\%}^{**} \\ L_R = 0.85 \tan \beta \sqrt{H_S L_S} \\ L_R = 0.085 \sqrt{H_S L_S} \\ 0.043 \sqrt{H_S L_p} \\ 1.1 \left(\frac{\sqrt{H_S L_p (0.563 \beta^2 + 0.004)}}{2} + 0.35 \beta \sqrt{H_S L_p} \right) \\ 0.53 \beta \sqrt{H_S L_p} + 0.58 \tan \beta H_S + 0.45 \\ 0.33 \tan \beta^{0.5} T_p H_S \\ 0.21 D_{50}^{-0.15} \tan \beta^{0.5} T_{m-1m0} H_S^{**} \\ 0.92 \tan \beta \sqrt{H_S L_p} + 0.16 H_S \end{array} \right.$$

Source: Power et al. (2019)

- ▶ Most are subject to large and variable errors if uncalibrated
- ▶ Best performing models have significant errors (NMSE 0.23) on unseen data



Source: Atkinson et al. (2017)

Can we better predict runup?

- ▶ Existing predictors can be optimised and calibrated
 - ▶ Requires local measured data
 - ▶ Results in equal or improved performance
 - ▶ On average: increase r^2 values by 0.06 and decrease RMSE and NMSE by 0.40m and 0.16
 - ▶ Uncertainty around value in this
- ▶ Machine learning techniques can result in more accurate predictors
 - ▶ Still may require data to test or calibrate

$$R_{25\%}/H_s = (x_2 + (((x_3 \cdot 3) / \exp(-5)) \cdot ((3 \cdot x_3) \cdot x_3))) + (((x_1 + x_3) - 2) \cdot (x_3 - x_2)) + ((x_2 - x_1) - x_3) + (((x_3 \cdot x_1) - (x_3 \cdot (1/3))) - (\exp(x_2) \cdot (x_1 \cdot x_3))) + \sqrt{((x_3 + x_1) - x_2) \cdot (x_2 + \log_{10}(x_3))} + (((x_2 \cdot 2) / (x_1 \cdot (1/3))) \cdot (x_1 \cdot (1/3))) - \sqrt{x_3} + ((x_2 + ((x_3 / x_1) \cdot (1/3))) + (\log(2) - (1 / (1 + \exp(-(x_2 + x_3)))))) + ((\sqrt{x_3} - ((3 \cdot 2) + 3) \cdot (x_2 \cdot 2)) \cdot 2) + (((x_3 \cdot 5) \cdot 2) \cdot 2) + (((x_3 + x_3) \cdot x_1) / (x_2 \cdot 2)) + \log(\sqrt{((x_2 \cdot 2) + (x_3 \cdot (1/3)))}) + ((x_2 + 3) \cdot (1/3))) + (((x_1 / x_3) \cdot (-5 \cdot 2)) \cdot (x_3 \cdot 2)) - \log_{10}(1 / (1 + \exp(-(x_2 + x_3)))) + (x_1 \cdot x_3) + \exp(-(((x_3 / x_1) \cdot \exp(4)) + (\exp(x_3 \cdot 3) \cdot 2)) + \exp((\log((x_2 - x_3)) - \log(\exp(-((-1 + x_1) \cdot 2)))))) + ((\sqrt{4} \cdot (((x_3 / x_2) - x_2) - (0 - x_1))) \cdot 2) + (2 \cdot (((-5 \cdot x_3) + x_1) \cdot (2 - x_3) - 2)) + ((\sqrt{4} \cdot (((x_3 / x_2) - x_2) - (0 - x_1))) \cdot 2) + (((-5 + x_1) - x_2) \cdot (x_2 - x_3)) \cdot ((x_1 - x_2) - (-4 \cdot 5))) + (\exp(-((x_2 + (-5 \cdot x_1) \cdot 2)) + ((x_2 + 5) \cdot (x_3 \cdot 2))) + \sqrt{1 / (1 + \exp(-((\exp(x_1) - \exp(-(x_3 + x_3) \cdot 2))) + ((x_1 \cdot x_3) - (x_3 \cdot 4)))))) + ((\exp(-(((\exp(-((sqrt(x_3) \cdot 4) + (1 / (1 + \exp(-(x_2 + 2)))) \cdot 2))) \cdot 2) + x_1 \cdot 2))) \cdot 3) \quad (9)$$

where: $x_1 = H_s / L_p$, $x_2 = \tan \beta$, and $x_3 = r / H_s$

Future work and considerations

- ▶ Majority of wave runup observations are from moderate storms/modal conditions
 - ▶ Can these be extrapolated to extreme storm events?
- ▶ Most work focusses on cross-shore processes
 - ▶ Need to consider alongshore factors
- ▶ Model predictive skill varies significantly
 - ▶ Between and within sites
 - ▶ Almost always improves with optimisation
 - ▶ Machine learning can provide some gains
 - ▶ Need to further understand processes to improve runup predictions

Wave overwash

Key research questions:

- ▶ What conditions drive overwash on rock platforms?
- ▶ Can we predict hazardous conditions?



Photo: Michael Kinsela

Figure 8 Pools



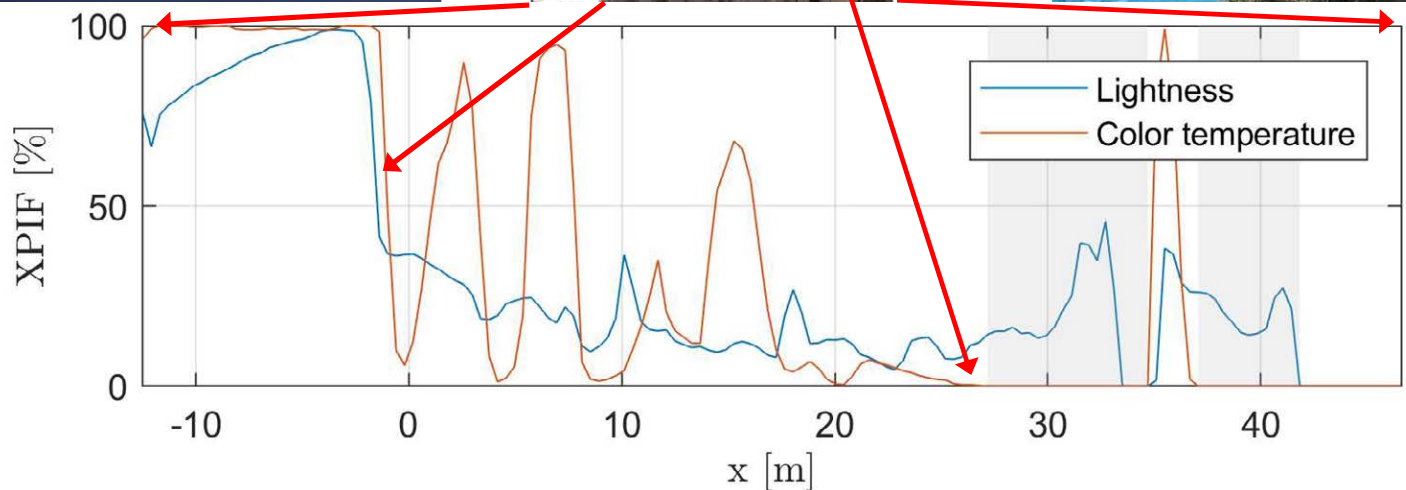
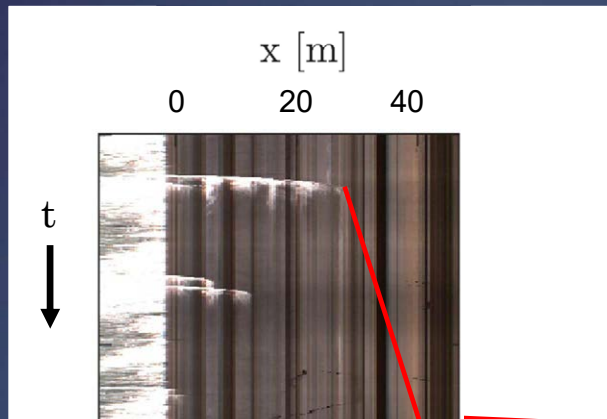
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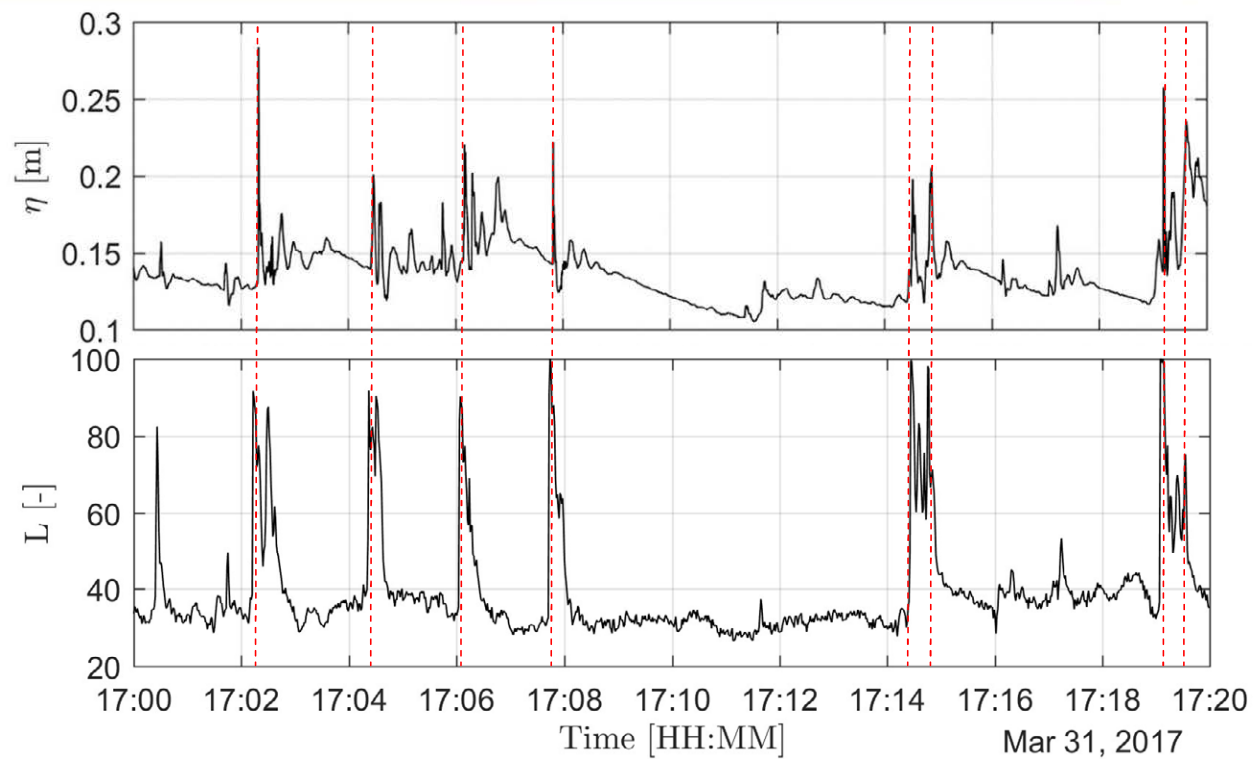


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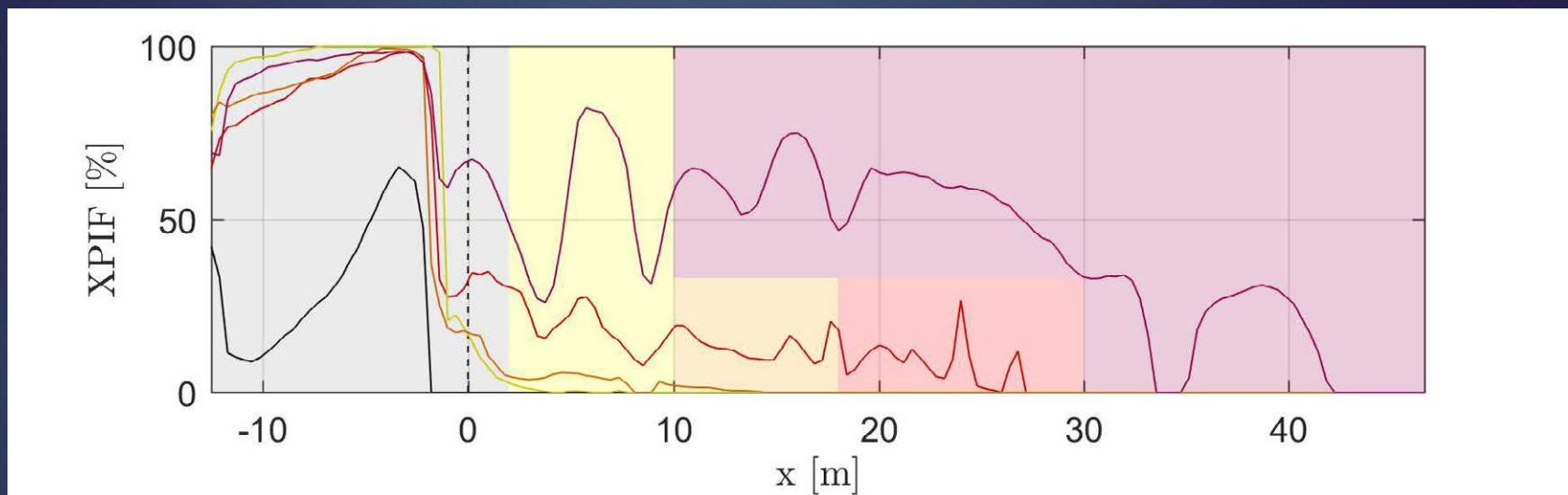
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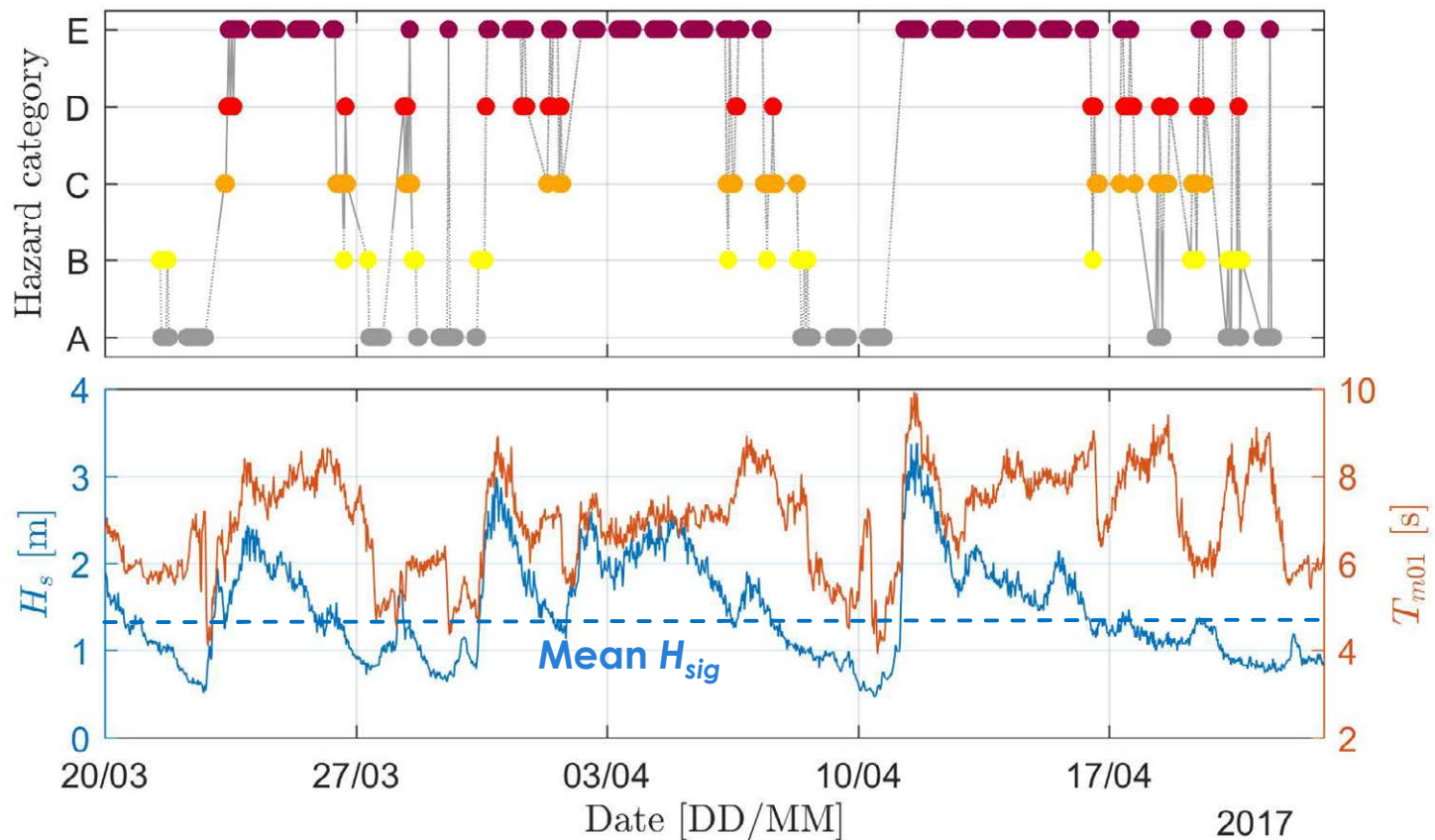


Measuring wave overwash



Category:	A	B	C	D	E
Hazard name:	Low	Minimal overwash	Moderate overwash	Major overwash	Extreme overwash

What drives overwash on rock platforms?

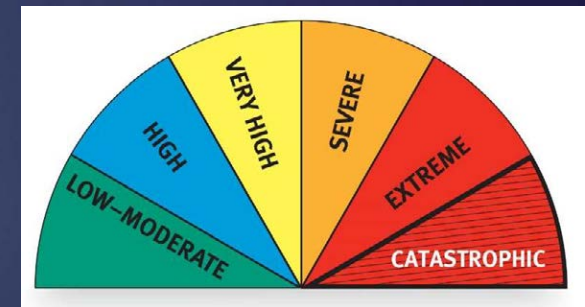
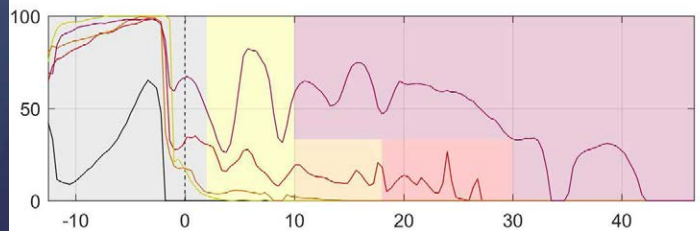
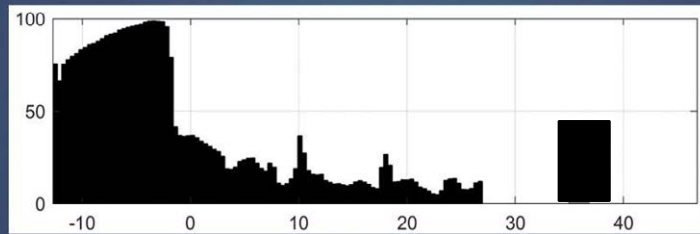


Predicting hazardous conditions

Forecast wave and tide conditions




Hazard thresholds from observations




Live wave risk forecast tool

Figure Eight Pools

Royal National Park

 Affected by closures, check [current alerts](#)


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Risk forecast

Today 19 August



Time	Risk Level
5am	Low
6am	Low
7am	Low
8am	Low
9am	Low
10am	Low
11am	Low
12pm	Low
1pm	Low
2pm	Low
3pm	Low
4pm	Low
5pm	Low
6pm	Moderate
7pm	Extreme
8pm	Moderate
9pm	Moderate

Risk rating guide

Extreme **High** **Moderate** **Low** **Very low**

- Do not visit. You can't see Figure Eight Pools because it's underwater. Waves are washing over the whole rock shelf.
- You can't get near Figure Eight Pools because waves are washing over the walking track from Burning Palms beach.
- If you're in the rock pools you'll be trapped and thrown against the rocks, before being washed out of the pools and dragged across the rock shelf.
- If you're standing on the rock shelf you'll be knocked over by waves and dragged across it. You could also be washed into the ocean.
- You'll risk severe injuries, including broken bones and head injuries.

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/lookouts/figure-eight-pools>

Future work and considerations

- ▶ Remote sensing offers excellent opportunities to obtain data in challenging environments
 - ▶ Always necessary to ground truth
 - ▶ Rock platforms far more challenging than sandy beaches for remote sensing
- ▶ It is possible to forecast wave risks on rock platforms
 - ▶ Site specific data is critical
 - ▶ Challenges lie in understanding these issues more generally

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