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Application of Triple Collocation Technique to Wave Resource Assessments and Wave Energy Converter Energy Production

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WEST COAST WAVE INITIATIVE

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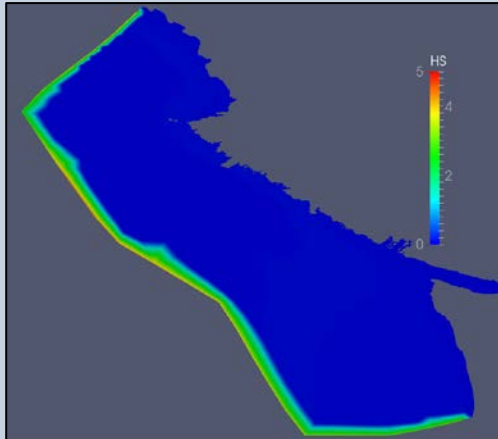
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Resource Assessment

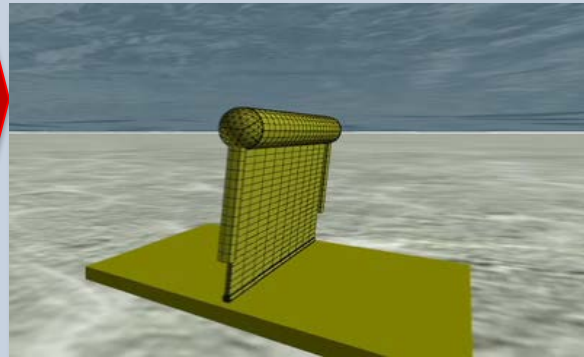
- Unstructured SWAN Model
- 4 Directional Wave Buoys
- 4km – 50m spatial resolution
- 11 yr Hindcast & 48 hr Forecast
- ECMWF wave / COAMPS wind



GROSS RESOURCE

Technology Modeling

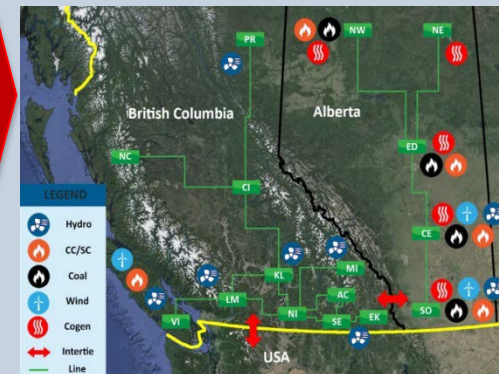
- Complete 6 DOF Motions
- Flexible time domain, fully coupled simulations.
- Mechanics, hydrodynamics, PTO feedback, moorings



NET RESOURCE

Grid Integration

- KW: Diesel offset / Remote Electrification
- MW: Energy Security / Small Markets
- Large: Carbon pricing, policy



USABLE RESOURCE

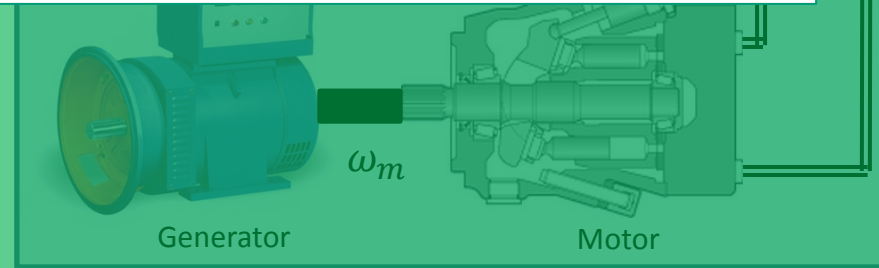
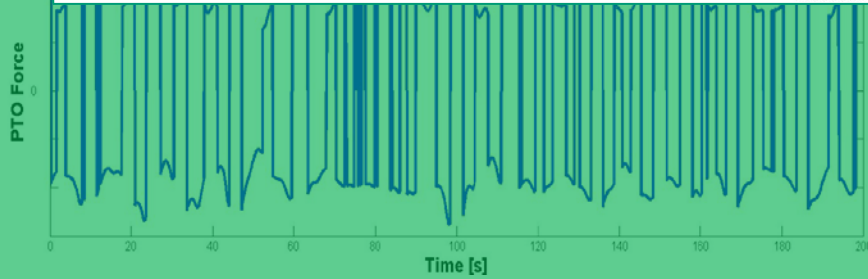
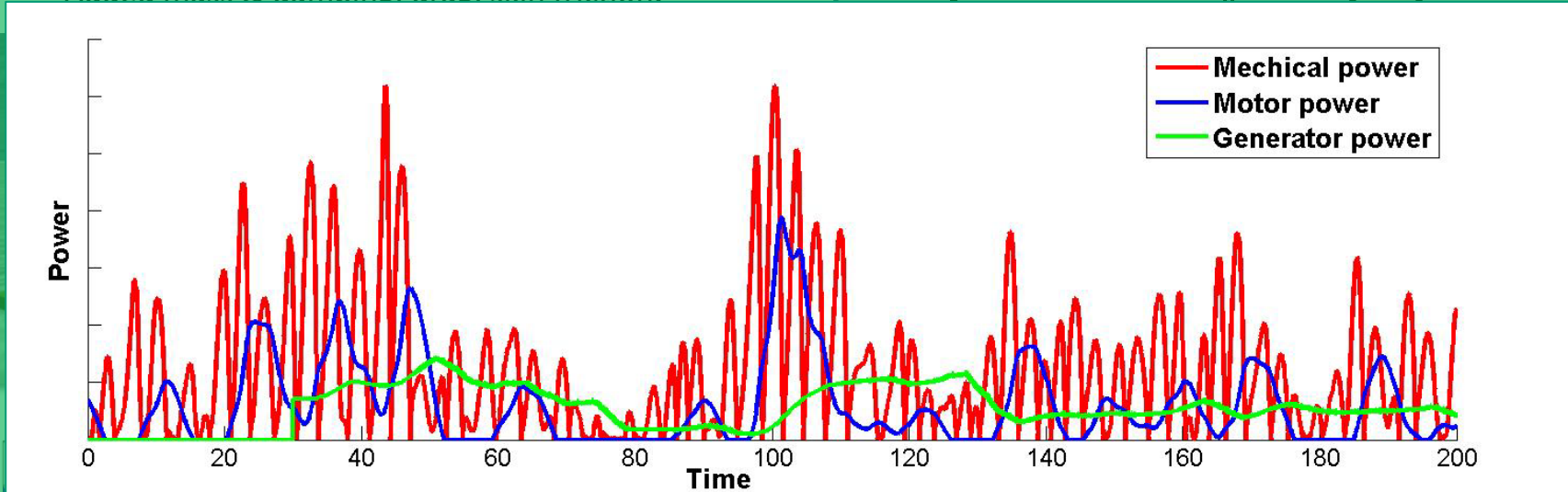


Wave Energy Conversion – PTO Modelling

Motivation & objectives | Gross resource | Net resource | Usable resource

Proteus DS:

- Waves
- Wind, tides
- Mooring forces
- Added mass & damping, drag, skin friction.



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Wave Energy Conversion – A Study in Parametrization

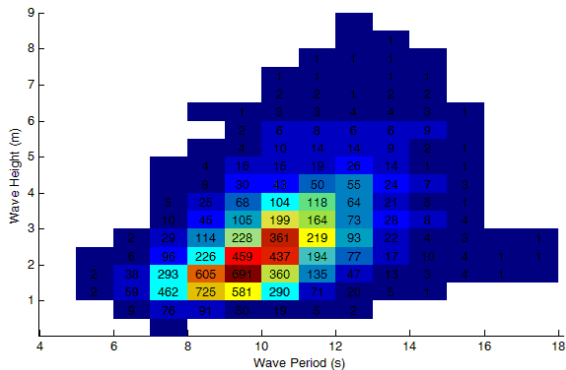
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Resource Assessment

kW/m
Hours

$$T_e = \frac{m_{-1}}{m_0}$$



GROSS RESOURCE

Technology Modeling

Device Width
Efficiency

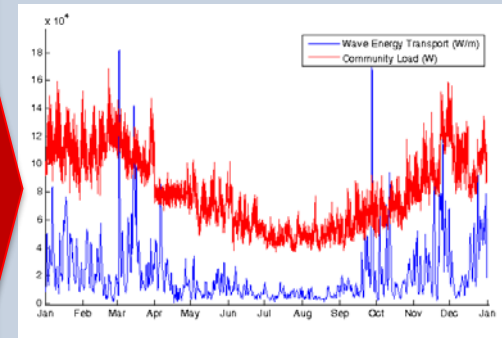
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3.75	0	0	0	0	256	245	240	238	0	0	0
4.25	0	0	0	0	0	270	263	264	253	0	0
4.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	265	272	0	0	0
5.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	251	0	0	0	0
5.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Height

NET RESOURCE

Grid Integration

KW/hr



USABLE RESOURCE



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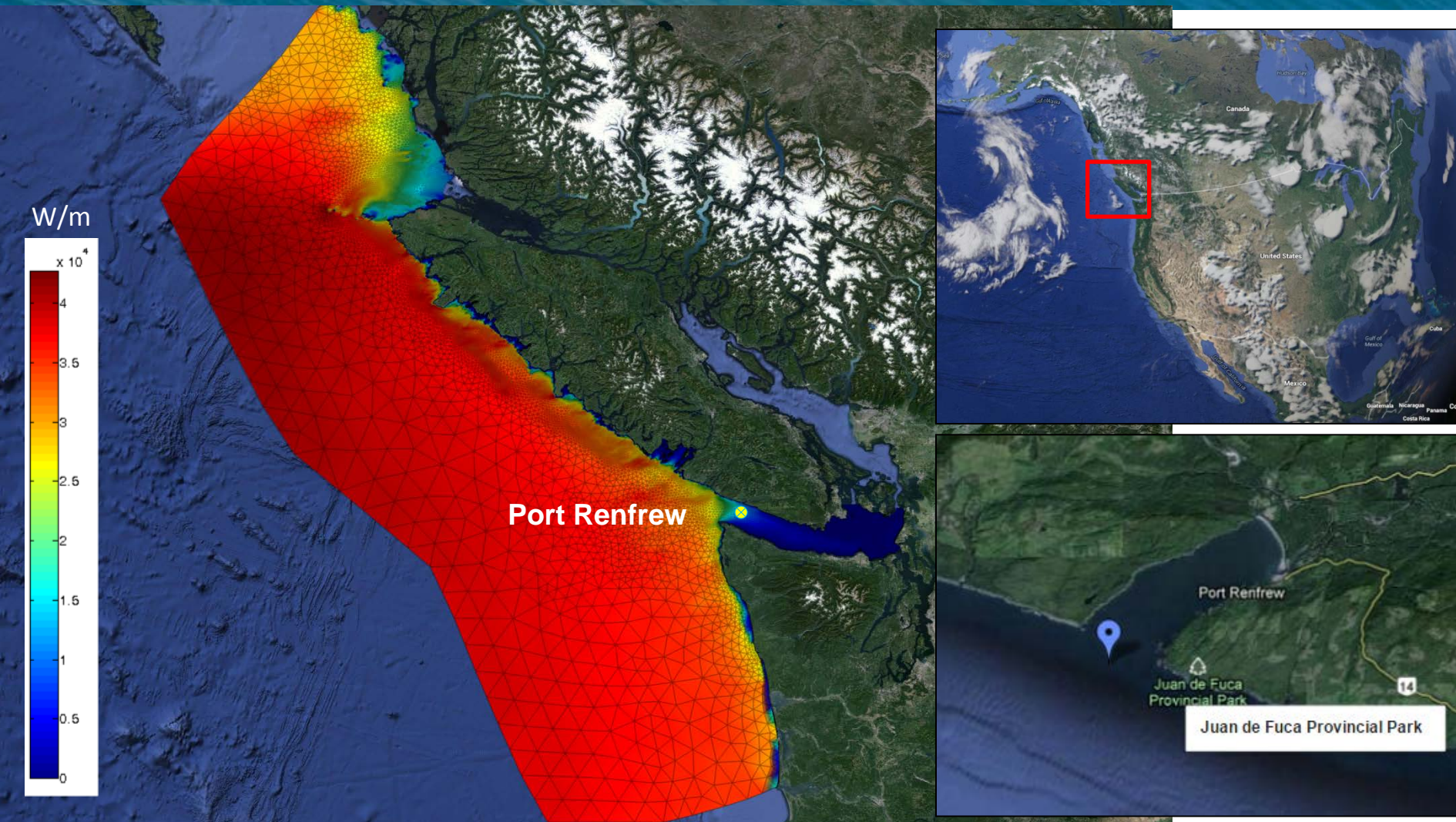
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Port Renfrew, British Columbia

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WCWI Buoys, AWAC and SWAN Model

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SWAN Model:

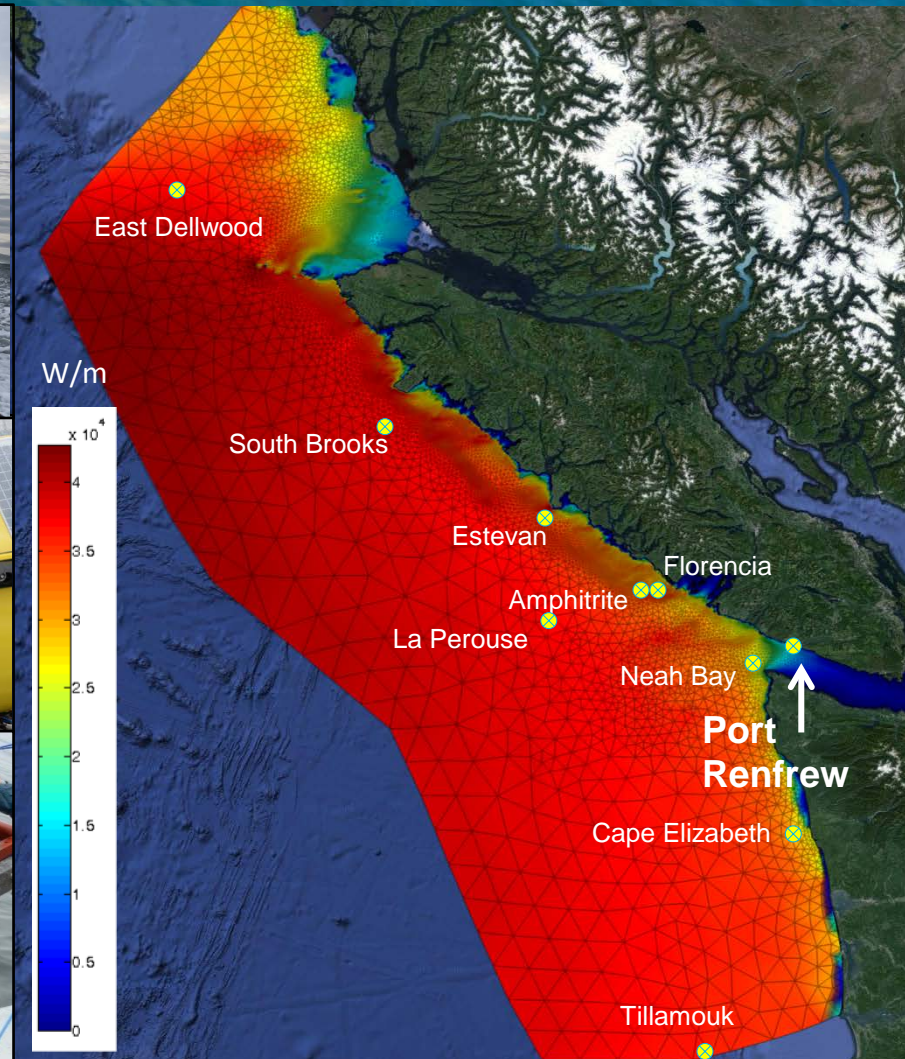
- Unstructured grid with 50m nearshore resolution
- Grid resolution dependent on slope and depth
- Sensitivity Study: ECMWF / COAMPS boundary conditions
- 11 year hindcast @ 3 hr resolution
- 36 freq. & 10° wave spectrum.
- Validated against NDBC, EC and WCWI buoys

TriAxys Wave Buoy:

- ~27m deep (shallow)
- 1 yr w/ hourly measurements
- 0.005 Hz and 3° resolution
- SE Validation point for SWAN numerics.

Nortek AWAC:

- Collocated with buoy (~27m)
- **Sept – Dec 2014**
- Hourly data
- 0.01 Hz and 2° resolution



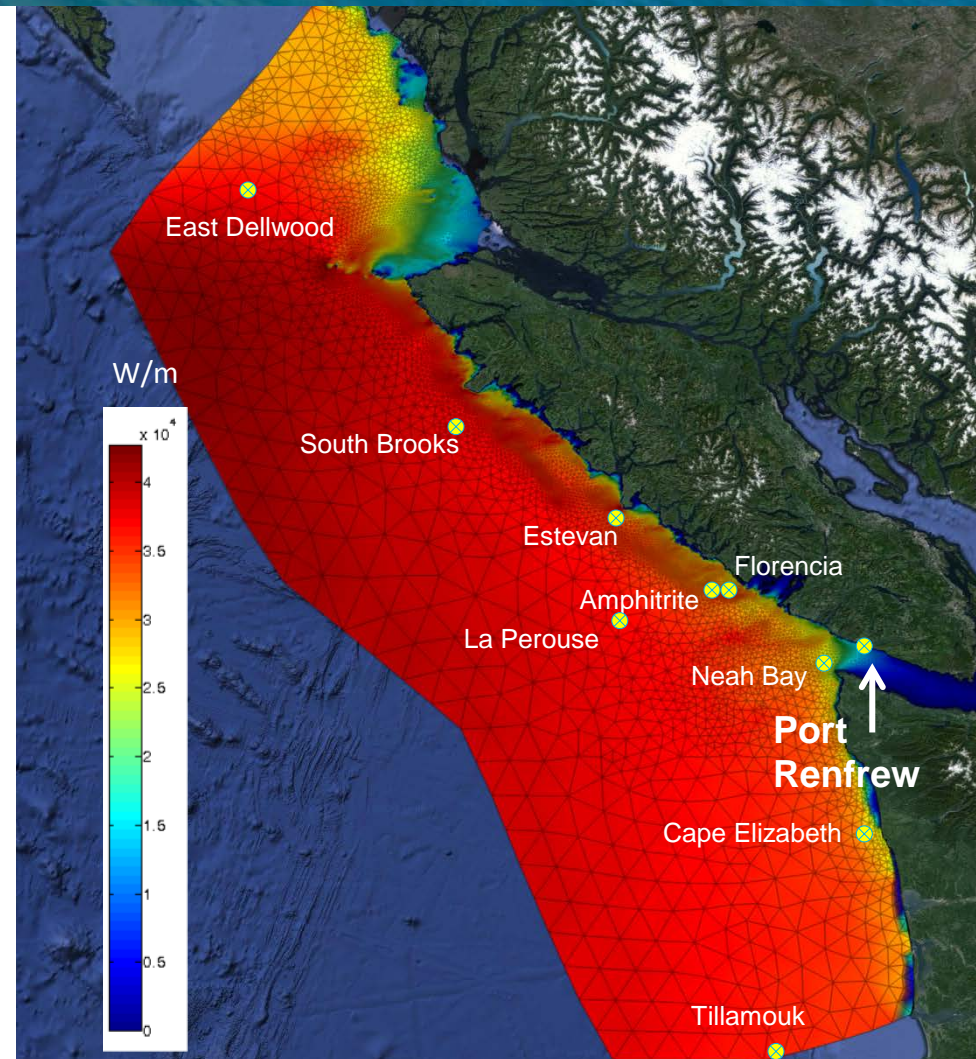
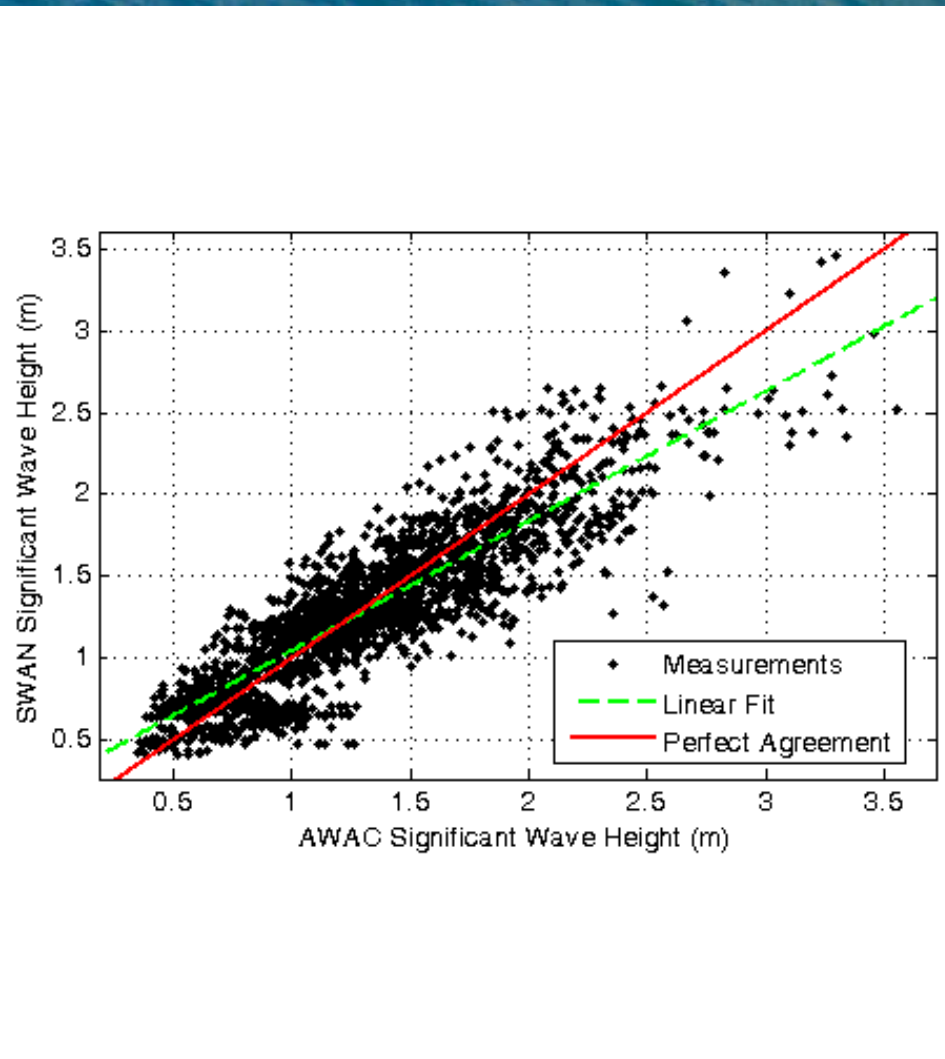
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Triple Collocation Technique

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Triple Collocation Technique:

- Applied to many problems - only applying in differing regimes and to a different problem.
 - Caires & Sterl (2003), Janssen et al. (2006), Muraleedharan et al. (2006), Portabella & Stoffelen (2009), ...
- 3 Measurements, 3 Errors and Ability to Calibrate the SWAN Output
- X, Y, Z are three differing measurements, α_x is the y-intercept or bias, β_x the calibration constant and e_x the residual error component.
- Assumptions:
 - Linear dependence between truth and measurement
 - Independent, uncorrelated errors
 - Normally distributed errors.
- Previous works have removed the y-intercept; we have kept it in and will discuss further in later slides.

$$\begin{aligned}X &= \alpha_x + \beta_x T + e_x \\Y &= \alpha_y + \beta_y T + e_y \\Z &= \alpha_z + \beta_z T + e_z\end{aligned}$$



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Application Regime #1 and # 2

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Application Regime #1: Single Value Calibration

- Caires and Sterl (2003):
 - Annual Variation, Latitude Dependence.
- Port Renfrew over 3 month = single set of coefficients and errors.

	Test	Bias (m)	Beta	Variance (m ²)	Normalized SD (%)
AWAC	AWAC	0	1	3.46e-04	1.45
	SWAN	0.032	0.99	5.41e-02	18.0
	Buoy	0.002	1.00	2.60e-04	1.26
SWAN	AWAC	-0.032	1.01	3.42e-04	1.45
	SWAN	0	1	5.37e-02	17.9
	Buoy	-0.031	1.01	2.60e-04	1.26
Buoy	AWAC	-0.150	0.99	3.47e-04	1.46
	SWAN	0.030	0.99	5.42e-02	18.0
	Buoy	0	1	2.60e-04	1.26

Month	Test	Bias (m)	Beta	Variance (m ²)
October	AWAC	0	1	1.60e-04
	SWAN	4.01e-02	0.982	5.91e-02
	Buoy	8.81e-04	1.00	3.13e-04
November	AWAC	0	1	5.02e-04
	SWAN	-1.63e-03	0.983	4.66e-02
	Buoy	6.62e-03	1.00	1.94e-04
December	AWAC	0	1	4.52e-04
	SWAN	2.20e-02	1.00	5.50e-02
	Buoy	1.90e-03	1.00	1.96e-04

Application Regime #2: Monthly Calibration

- Janssen, Abdalla, Hersbach & Bidlot (2003):
 - Monthly dependence.
- Port Renfrew over 3 month = 3 set of coefficients and errors.
- AWAC defined as reference dataset.

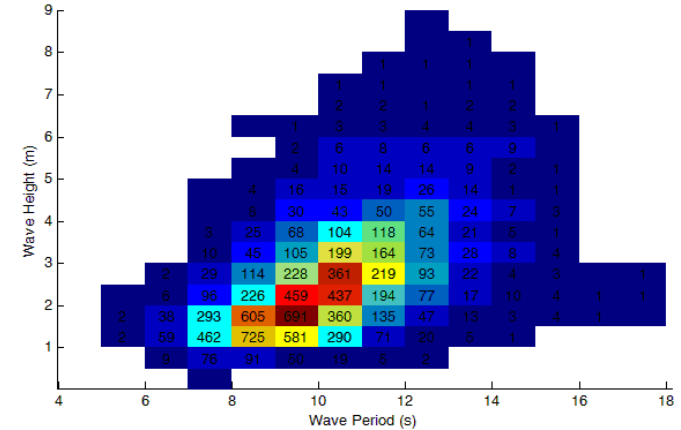


Application Regime #3: Bivariate Calibration

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Application Regime #3: Bivariate Calibration

- International Electro-technical Commission (IEC) is establishing standards around the assessment for wave resources for energy generation – bivariate histogram.
- Significant wave height and energy period dependent coefficients and error variances.



		Energy Period - Te (s)															
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Hs (m)	0-0.5	0	0	0	0	8	8	8	20	30	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0.5-1	0	0	0	1	86	91	85	192	142	48	10	2	0	0	0	0
	1-1.5	0	0	0	0	39	39	45	79	225	209	80	40	4	2	0	0
	1.5-2	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	33	111	119	101	62	29	10	4	0
	2-2.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14	28	51	40	27	9	5	1	0
	2.5-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	8	4	0	6	2	1	0
	3-3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	2	2	2	3	0	0
	3.5-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

Hs % Uncertainty		Energy Period (s)										
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
Hs (m)	0-0.5											
	0.5-1			19.48	15.28	14.72						
	1-1.5			16.38	11.84	13.82						
	1.5-2				15.01	18.76	13.04	10.17				
	2-2.5					16.75						
	2.5-3											

SWAN Bias		Energy Period (s)										
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
Hs (m)	0-0.5											
	0.5-1			0.0083	0.0089	0.0121						
	1-1.5				0.0060	0.0058	0.0079					
	1.5-2					0.0015	0.0023	0.0039	0.0021			
	2-2.5						0.0011					
	2.5-3											

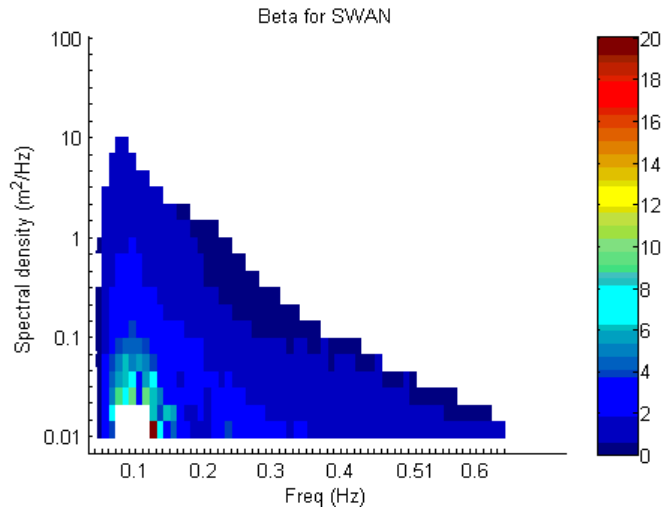


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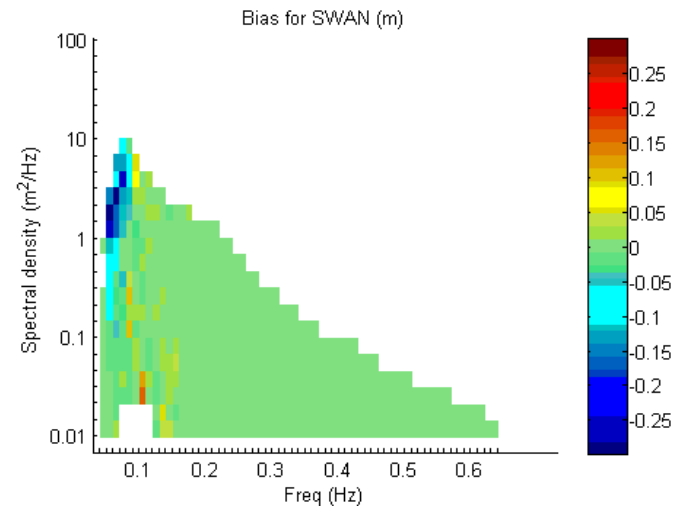
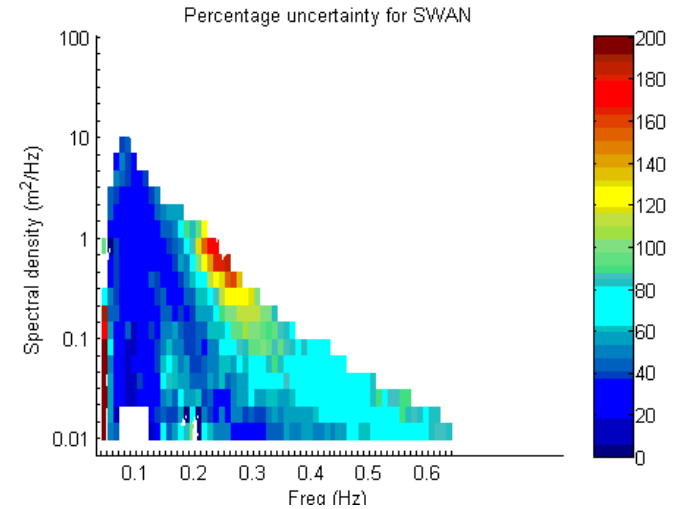
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Application Regime #4: Spectral Calibration

- Lack of data dominates ability to do anything !
- Attempt to calibrate the variance density within each frequency band of the frequency domain wave spectrum...
- Error was greatly magnified
- Created significantly computational effort (compared to other methods)



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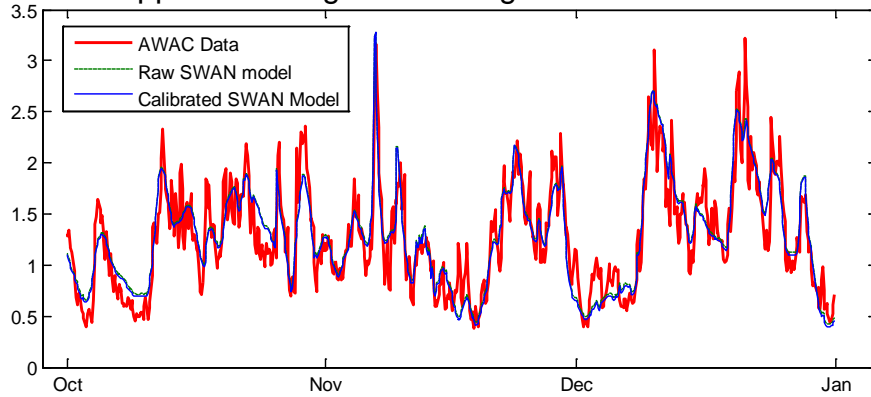
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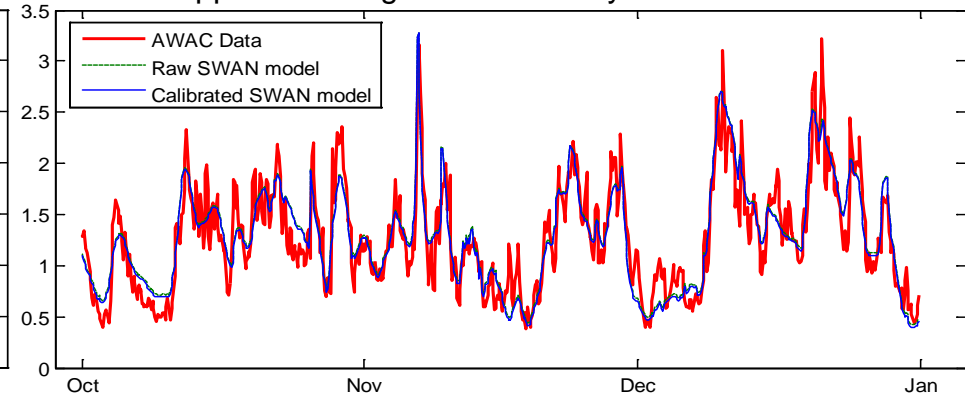
Regime #1 & #2: Calibration Results.

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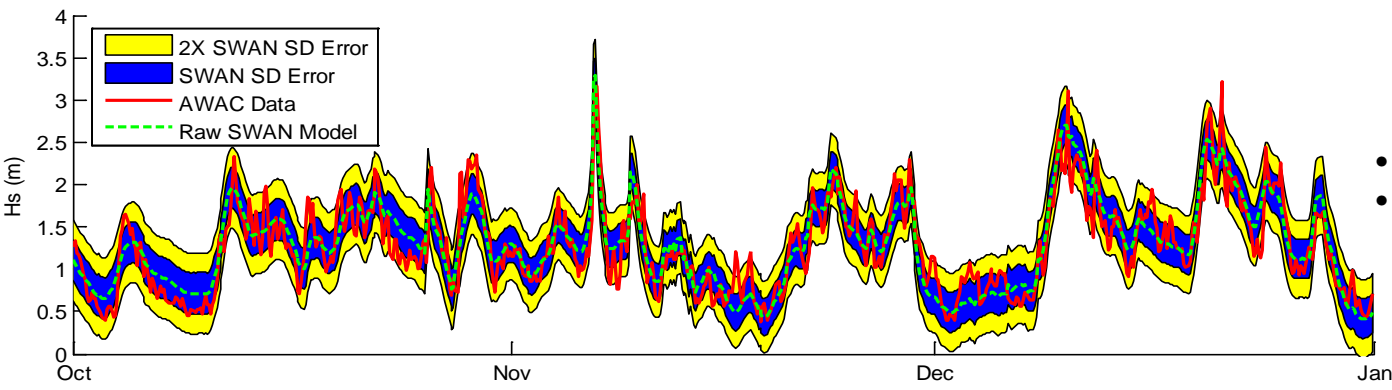
Application Regime #1: Single Value Calibration



Application Regime #2: Monthly Calibration



Result: Constant r and RMSE (0.90, 0.23m) = Nothing



Normal Distribution:

- 67 % SWAN (1 SD) = 71% AWAC
- 95 % SWAN (2 SD) = 94% AWAC



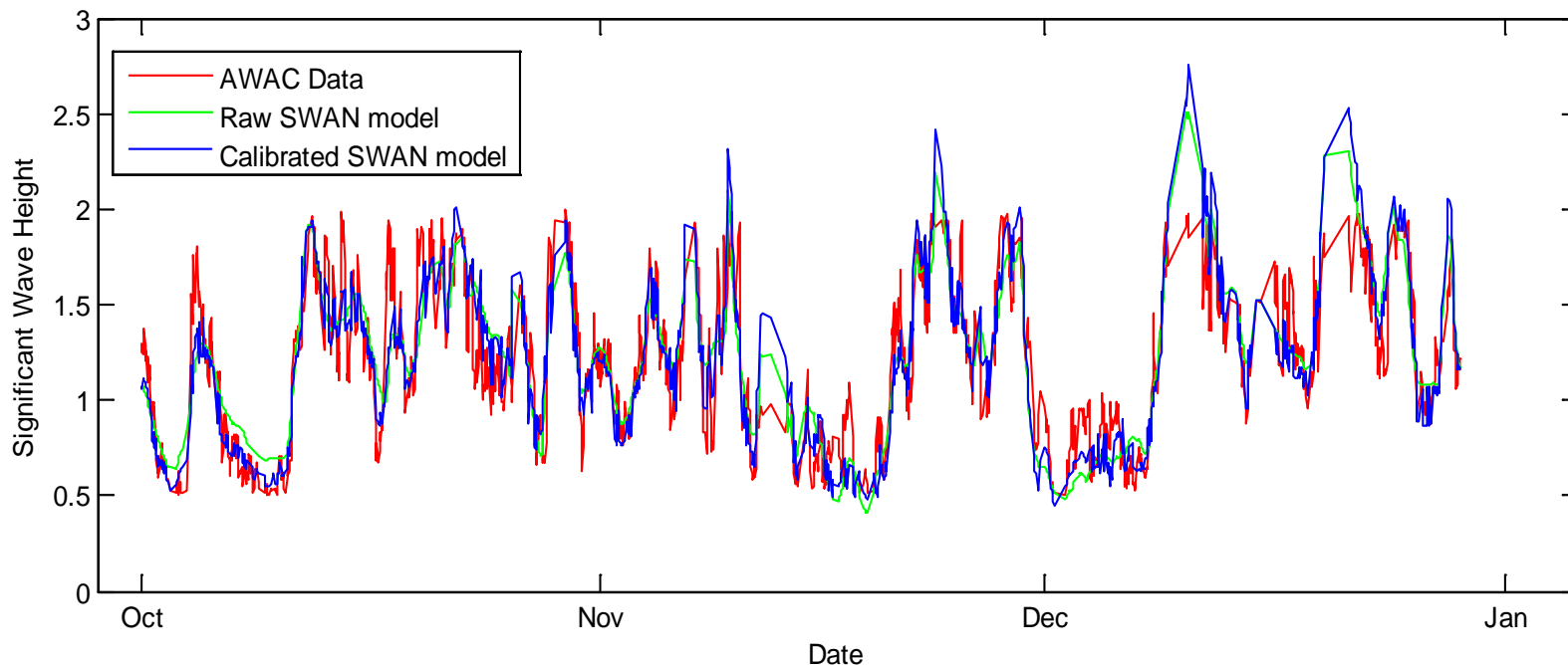
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Application Regime #3: Bivariate Calibration

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	SWAN Raw Vs AWAC	SWAN Calibrated Vs AWAC
	Significant Wave Height	
Mean	1.20	1.19
Bias	-0.010	0.00
RMSE	0.212	0.186
SI	0.176	0.156
r	0.856	0.900

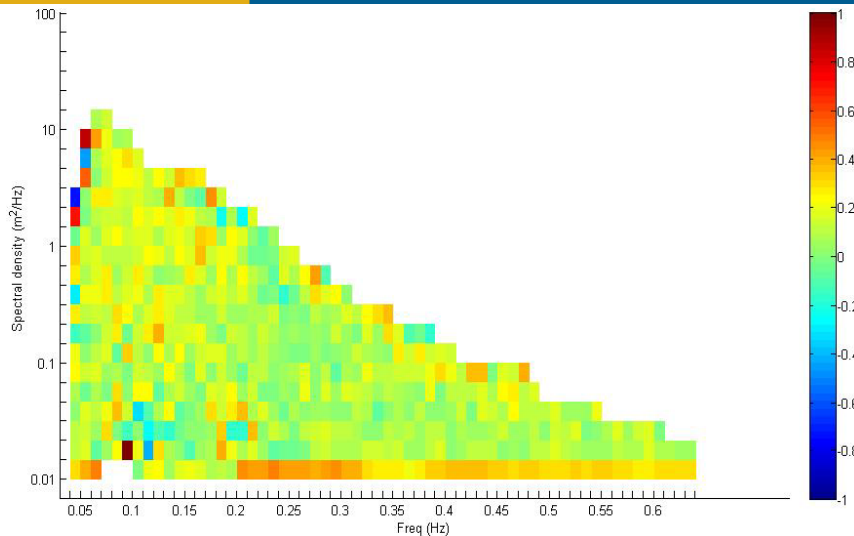
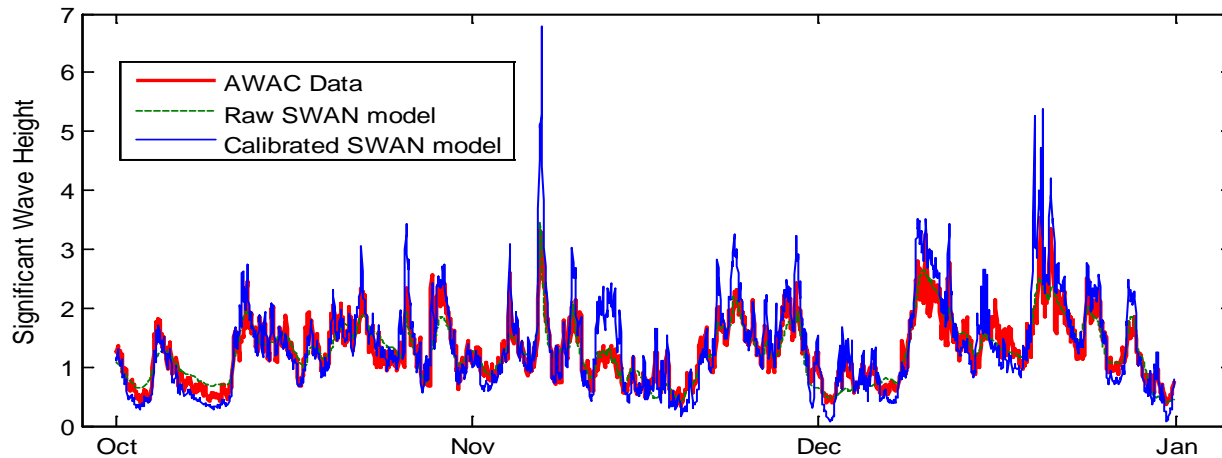
Only using data with convergence
(62% of dataset):

5.14% Improvement in correlation



Application Regime #4: Spectral Calibration

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	SWAN Un Vs AWAC	SWAN Cal Vs AWAC
	Significant Wave Height	
Mean	1.26	1.36
Bias	0.0199	-0.0786
RMSE	0.246	0.373
SI	0.196	0.275
r	0.891	0.921

3.37% improvement in correlation



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Impact of WEC Energy Production

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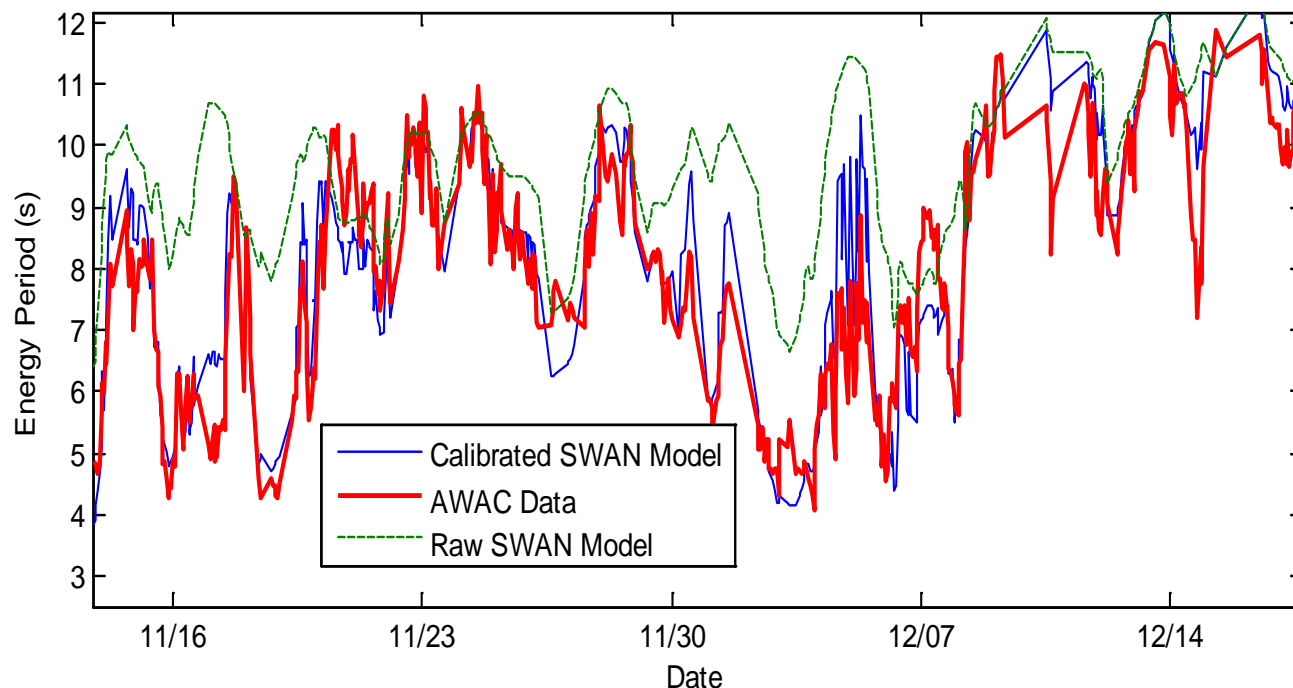
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Energy Period Calibration

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	SWAN Raw Vs AWAC	SWAN Calibrated Vs AWAC
	Energy Period	
Mean	9.50	8.48
Bias	-1.02	0.000
RMSE	1.57	0.673
SI	0.165	0.079
r	0.654	0.917

Only using data with convergence:

29.2% Improvement in correlation

Note: Model and device frequency binning effects



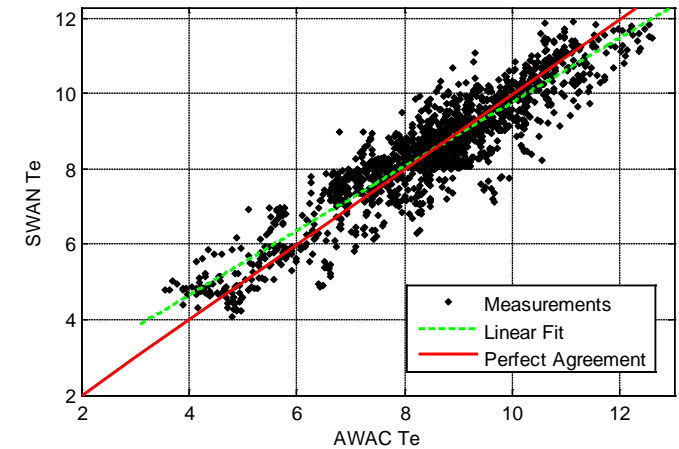
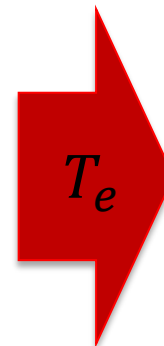
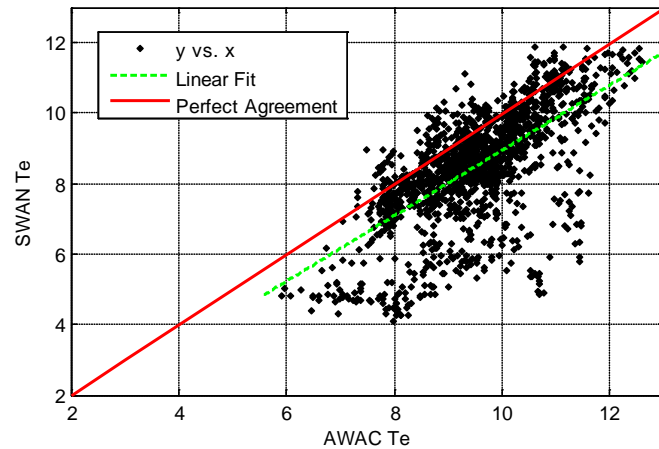
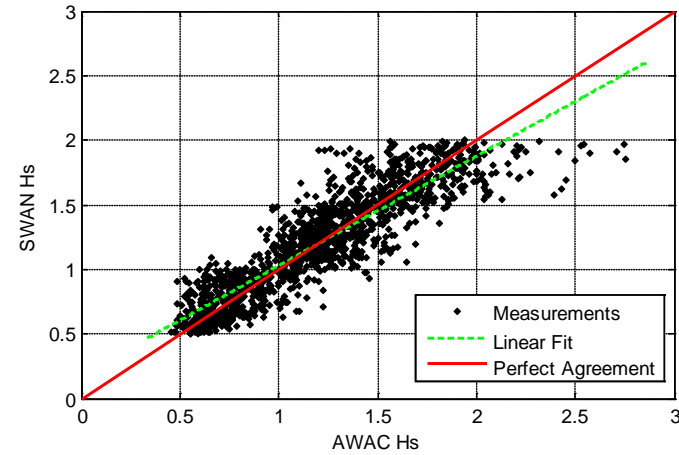
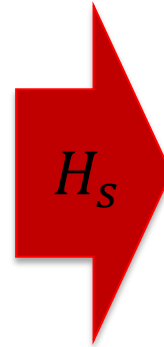
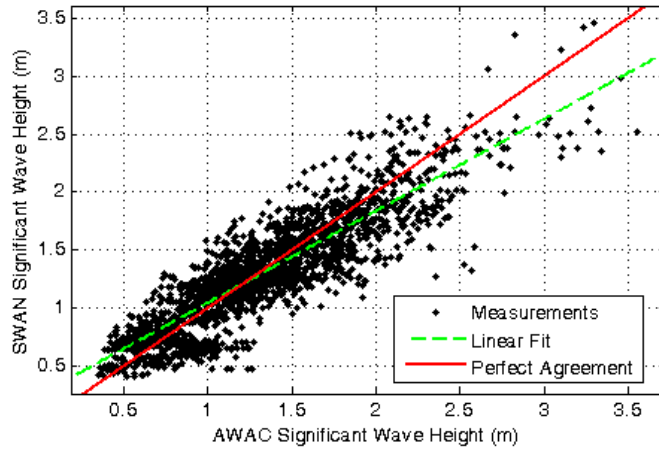
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Improvements through Calibration

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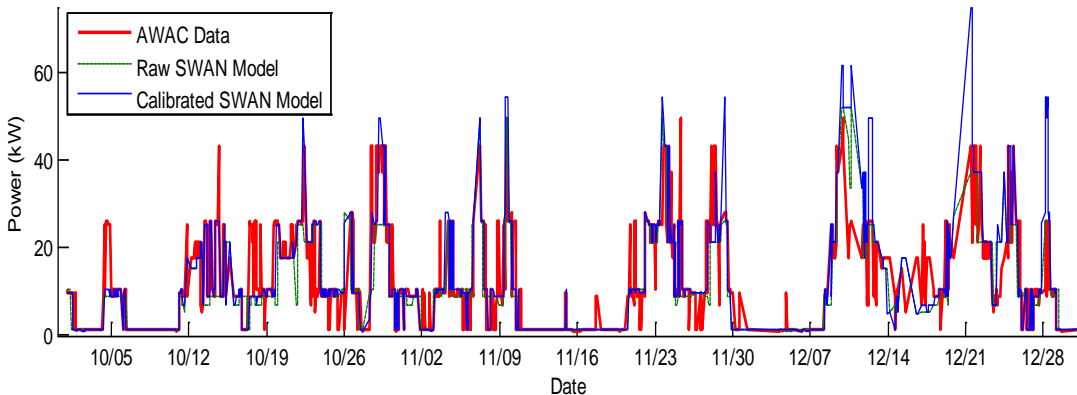
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Application to WEC Power & Energy

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Power (kW)		Te (s)																		
		4.5	5.5	6.5	7.5	8.5	9.5	10.5	11.5	12.5	13.5	14.5	15.5	16.5	17.5	18.5	19.5	20.5	21.5	22.5
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	7.75								394	426	447	127	255	252	116	84	103	68	79	73



	SWAN_Raw Vs AWAC	SWAN_Calibrated Vs AWAC
	Wave Power	
Energy	34.992 MWhr	36.583 MWhr
STD	12.572 kW	16.356 kW
Mean	22.991 kW	24.037 kW
Bias	0.519 kW	-0.526 kW
RMSE	9.893 kW	9.467 kW
SI	0.430	0.394
r	0.711	0.816

Results:

- 4.54 % Increase in 3-month energy production
- 30.1 % increase in the standard deviation - more power variability
 - 14.8 % increase in correlation



Conclusions

Motivation | Measurements & Theory | Application Regime | Calibration Results | Wave Energy Application

- “An Effort to Apply Powerful Techniques to Small Datasets” - Collect more data
- Application under single value or monthly regime confirmed the normal distribution of uncertainty but provided little additional improvement in calibrated SWAN predictions.
- Application of the triple collocation technique on a bivariate regime captures more of the uncertainty and may be applicable to other years or time periods.
- Bivariate calibration of H_s and T_e resulted increased correlation to AWAC signal (14.8%), increased WEC energy production (4.57%), yet increased the variability in WEC power production (30.1%).
- Triple collocation technique is extremely powerful and just scratching the surface...

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