



Wave overwash on a rock platform: remote sensing and pressure sensor observations



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Wave overwash on rock platforms

- Open ocean rocky shore platforms are typically exposed to high wave energy
- They are often the location of recreational activities from sightseeing and walking to fishing
- Typically a high level of risk for those who use the rock platform
- In Australia, 19% of coastal fatalities occur on rock coasts
 - Microtidal semi-horizontal platforms
- Hazard management approaches differ from sandy beaches due to typically remote sites

Figure Eight Pools Rock Platform

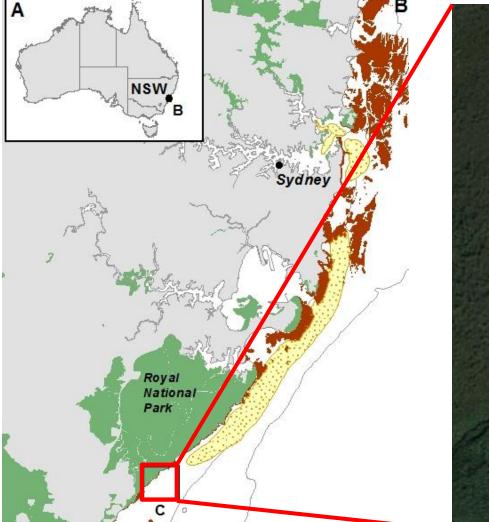




Figure Eight Rock Pool

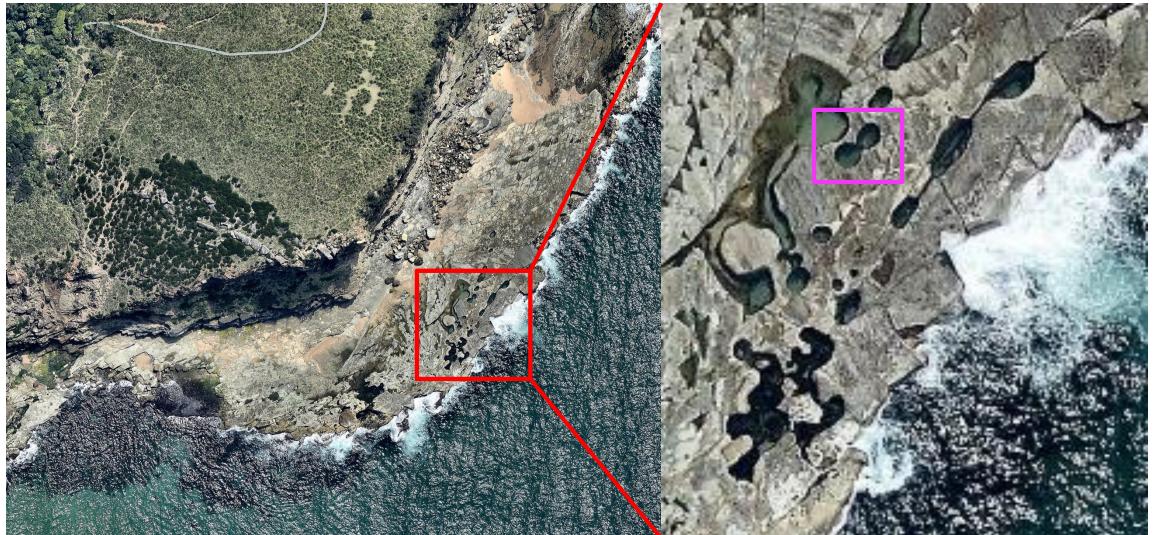
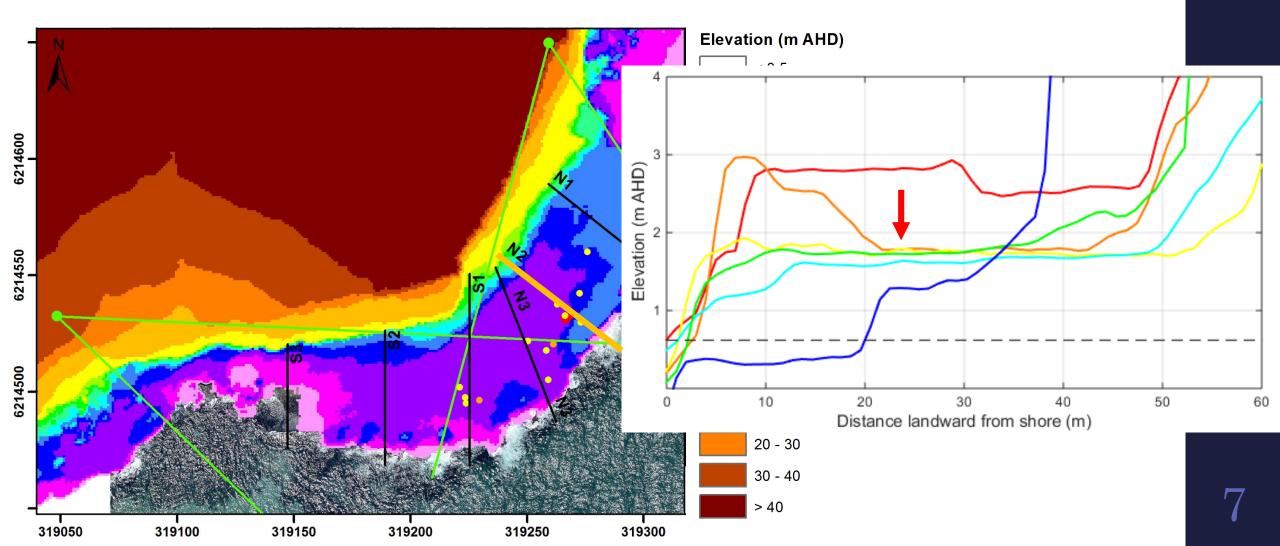


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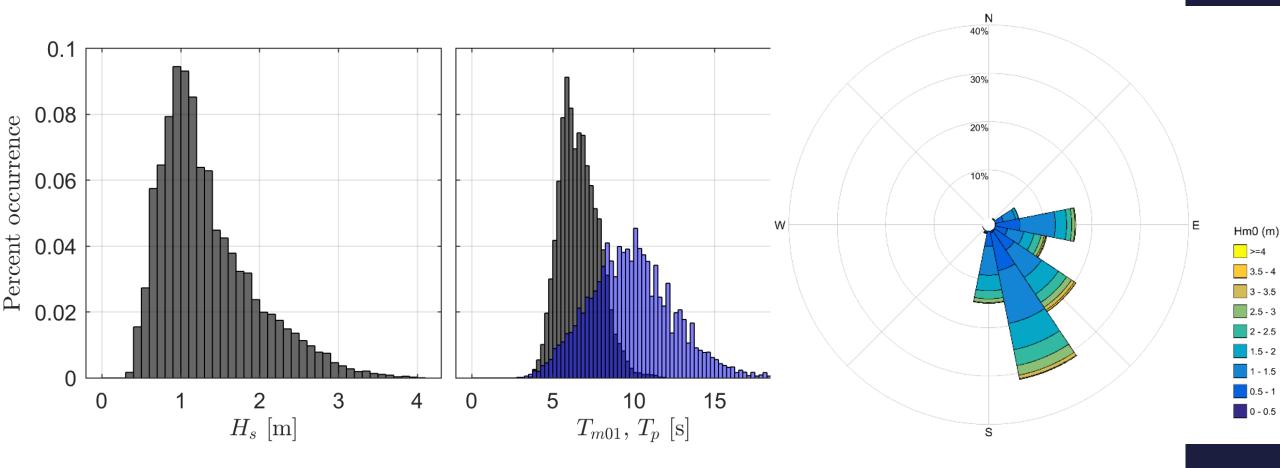




Platform morphology



Wave climate



Low-cost camera system



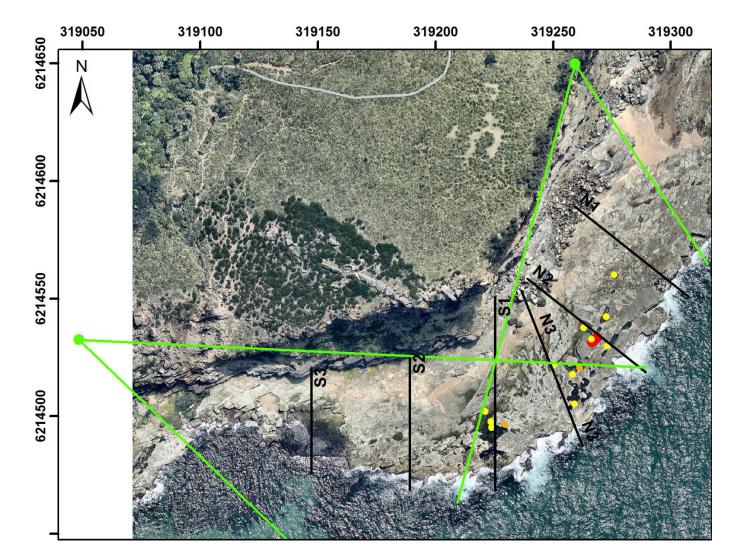








Camera locations and FOV



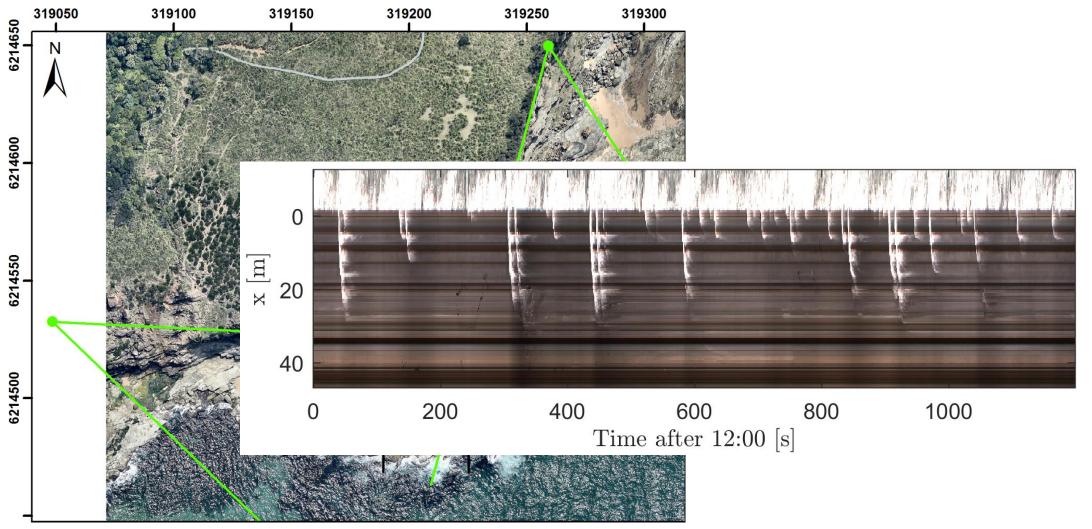
South camera



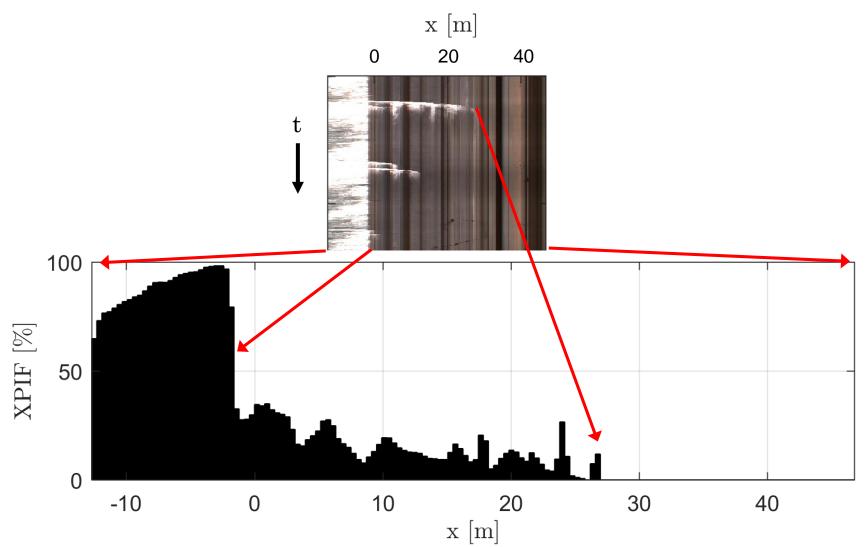
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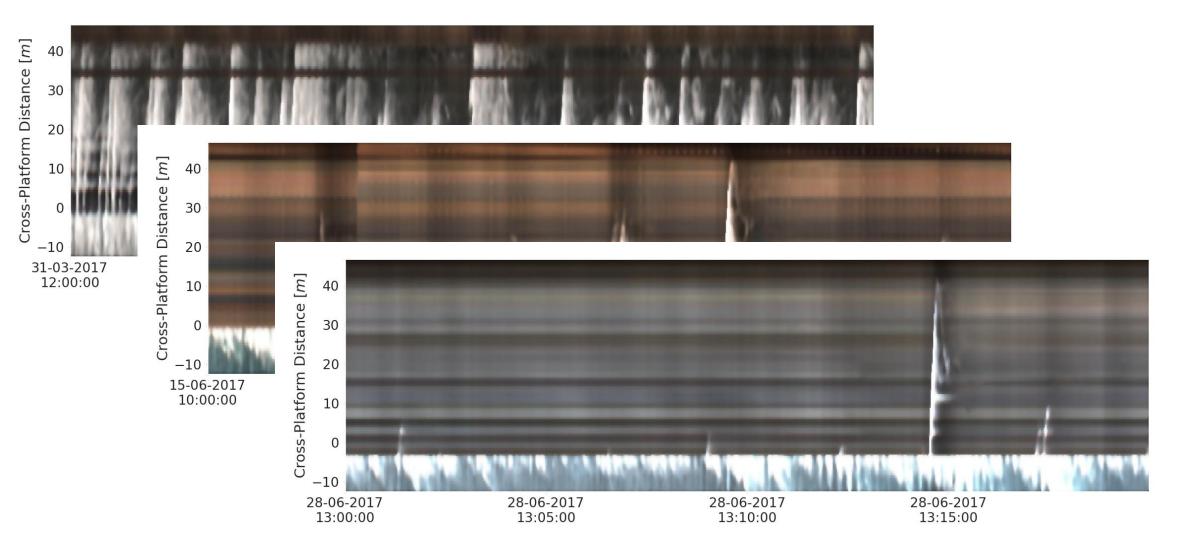
Wave overwash and inundation



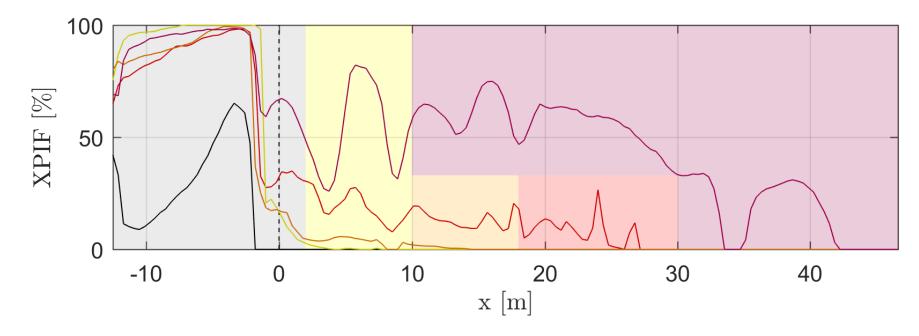
Quantifying inundation frequency



Wave overwash hazards

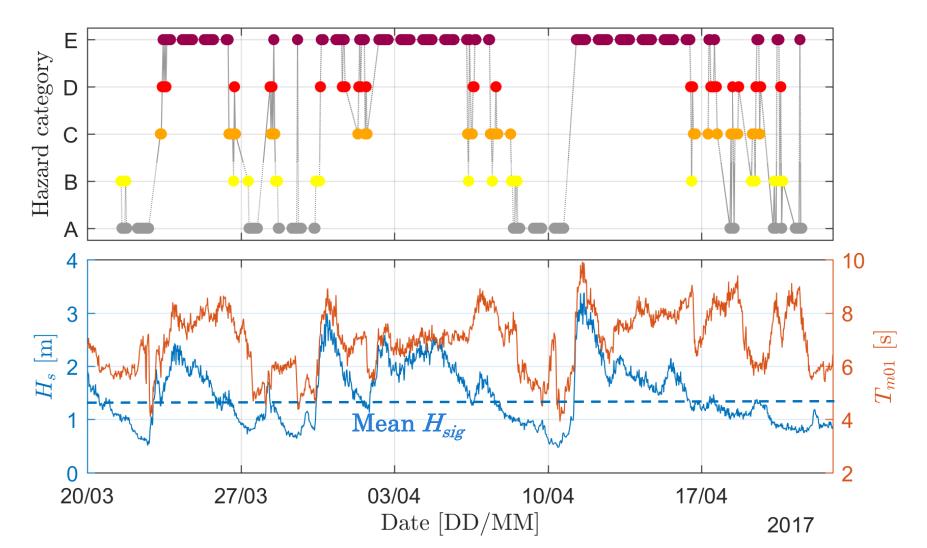


Hazard categories

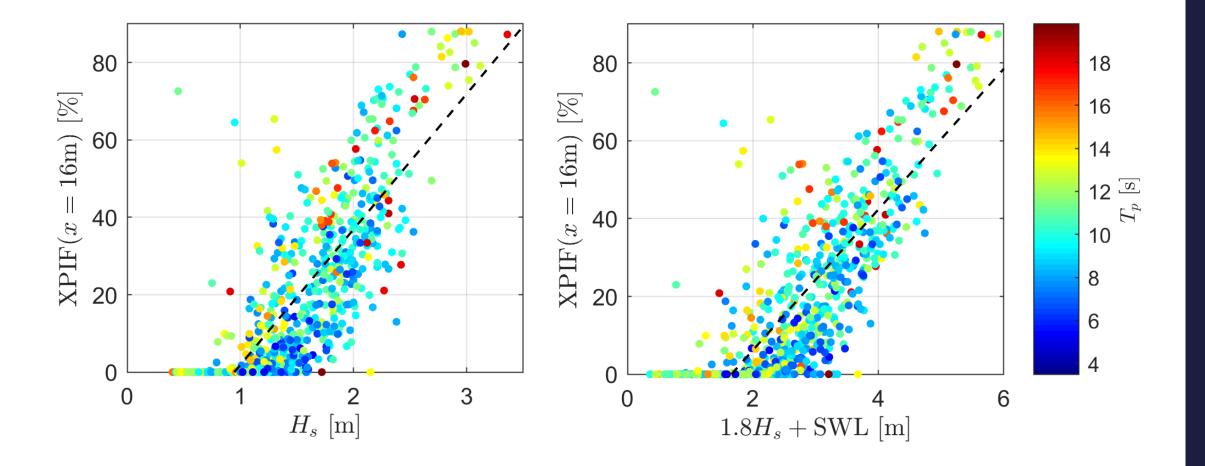


Category:	А	В	С	D	Е
Hazard	Low	Minimal	Moderate	Major	Extreme
name:		overwash	overwash	overwash	overwash

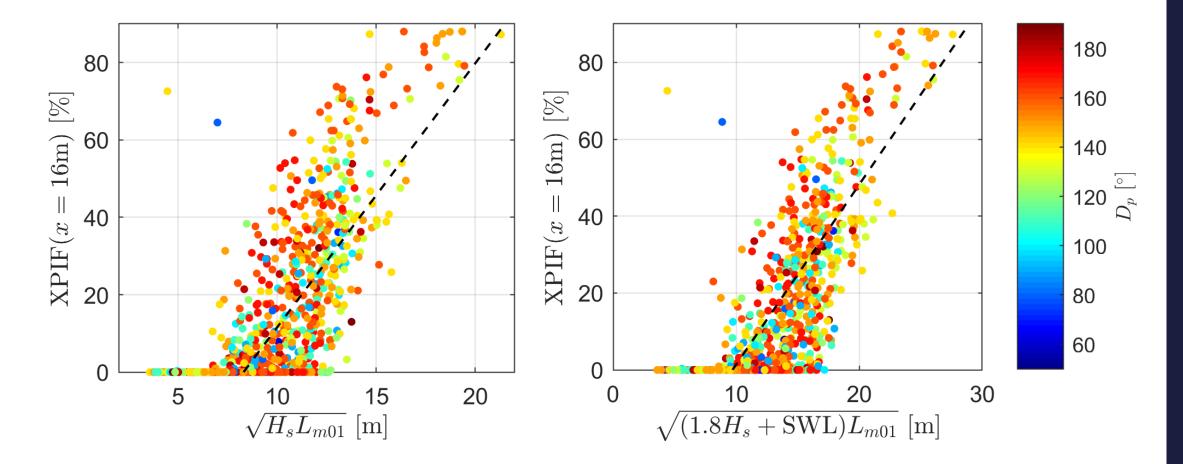
Hazard through time

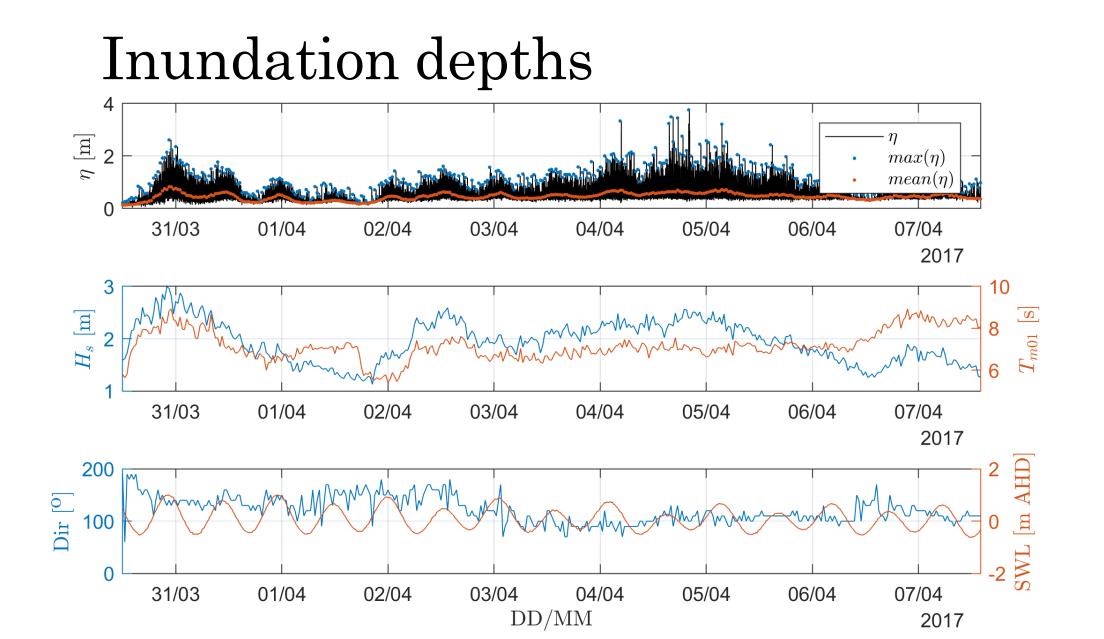


Inundation frequencies

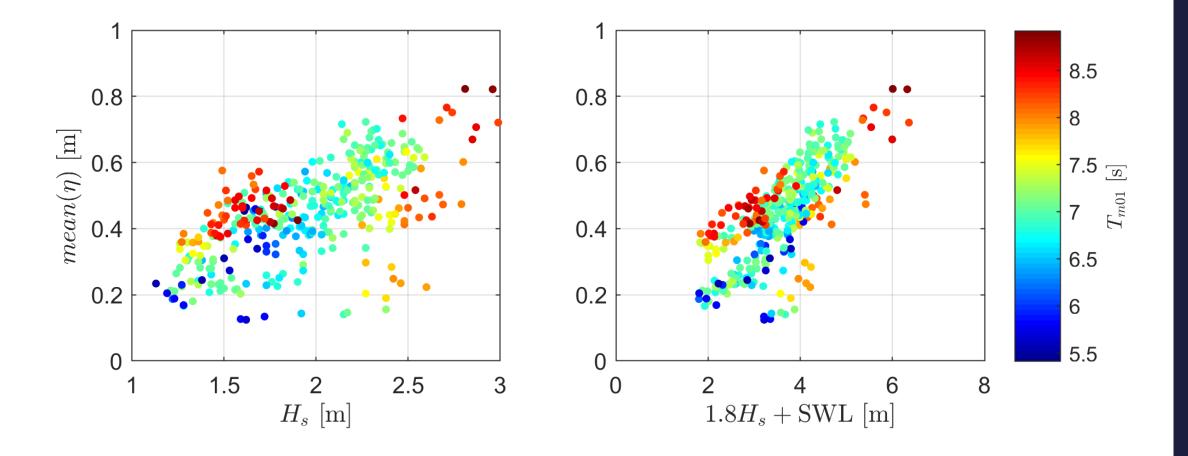


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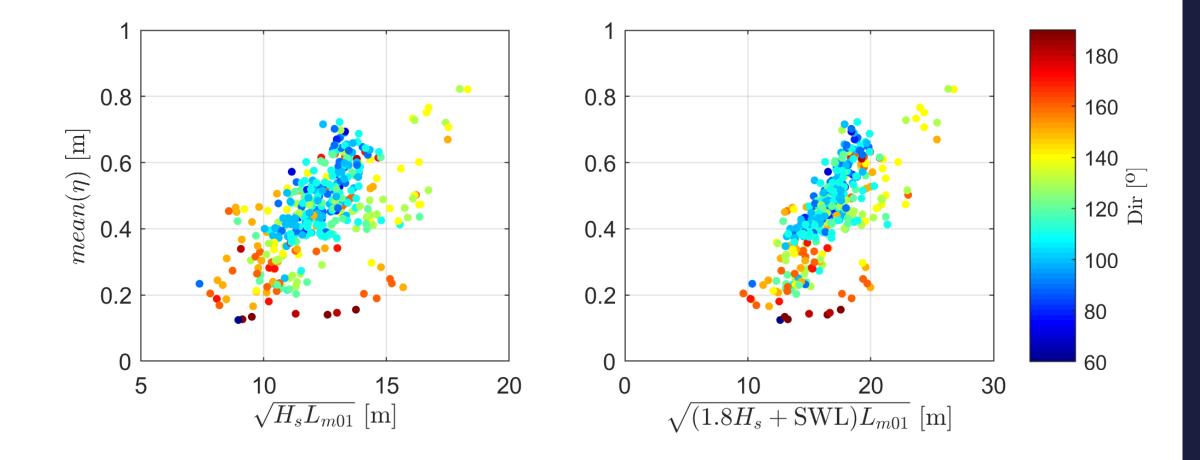




Inundation depths



Inundation depths



Conclusions

- Developed an effective low-cost camera system
- Pixel data correspond well to in situ depth measurements
- Wave height is primary driver of wave overwashing on platform
 - Wave period and direction also influence overwashing
- Figure Eight Pool Platform is highly hazardous site
 - Wave overwash commences at low energy (H_{sig} >1 m)
- Further work required to predict hazard level using wave height, period, tide level



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