

Wind wave regime of eastern European seas

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Aims & Tasks

The aim is an assessment of wind waves parameters and their multiannual variability on the Black Sea, Baltic Sea and Caspian Sea

Tasks:

- Preparation of a digital terrain model of the sea's bottom and coasts
- Preparation of a meteorological dataset
- Simulation of wind waves on the seas
- Evaluation of seasonal average and extreme parameters
- Evaluation of multiannual trends
- Analysis and interpretation of results

Data & methods

Computational grid

- ❖ *Basis - nautical charts*
- ❖ *Digitized by Golden Software MapViewer*
- ❖ *Matrices with 5 km spatial resolution*

NCEP/NCAR reanalysis

- ❖ *Timespan from 1948 to 2010*
- ❖ *1,875° × 1,9046° spatial resolution*
- ❖ *6 h timestep*

SWAN wind-wave model

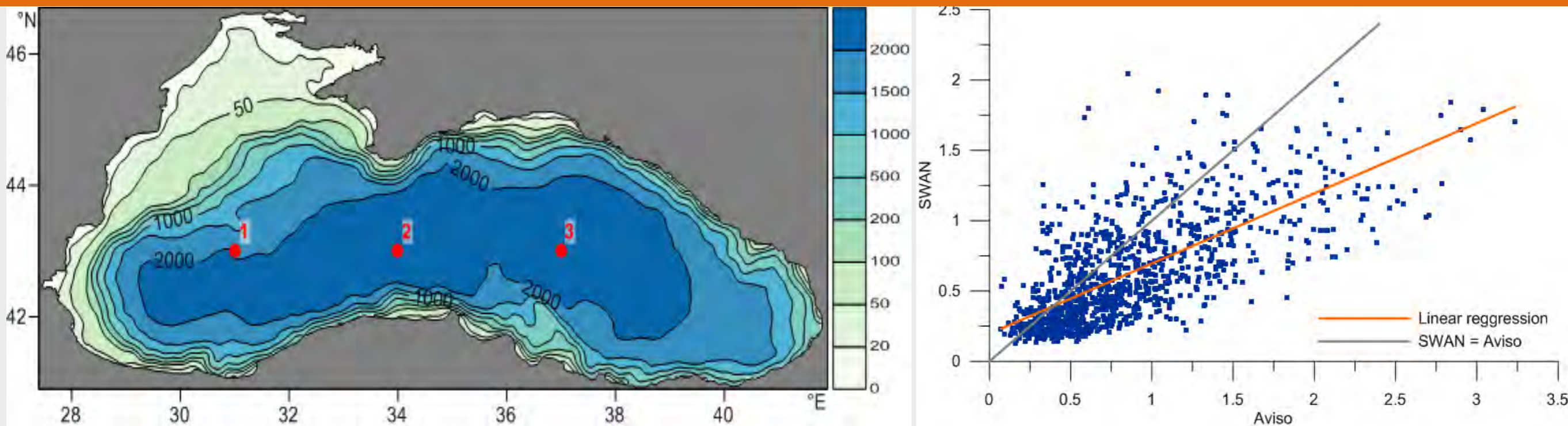
- ❖ *Exponential wave growth [Komen et al., 1984]*
- ❖ *JONSWAP bottom friction [Hasselmann et al., 1973]*
- ❖ *Triad wave-wave interactions*
- ❖ *Diffraction*
- ❖ *Directional resolution - 1°*
- ❖ *30 min timestep*



MODEL VALIDATION

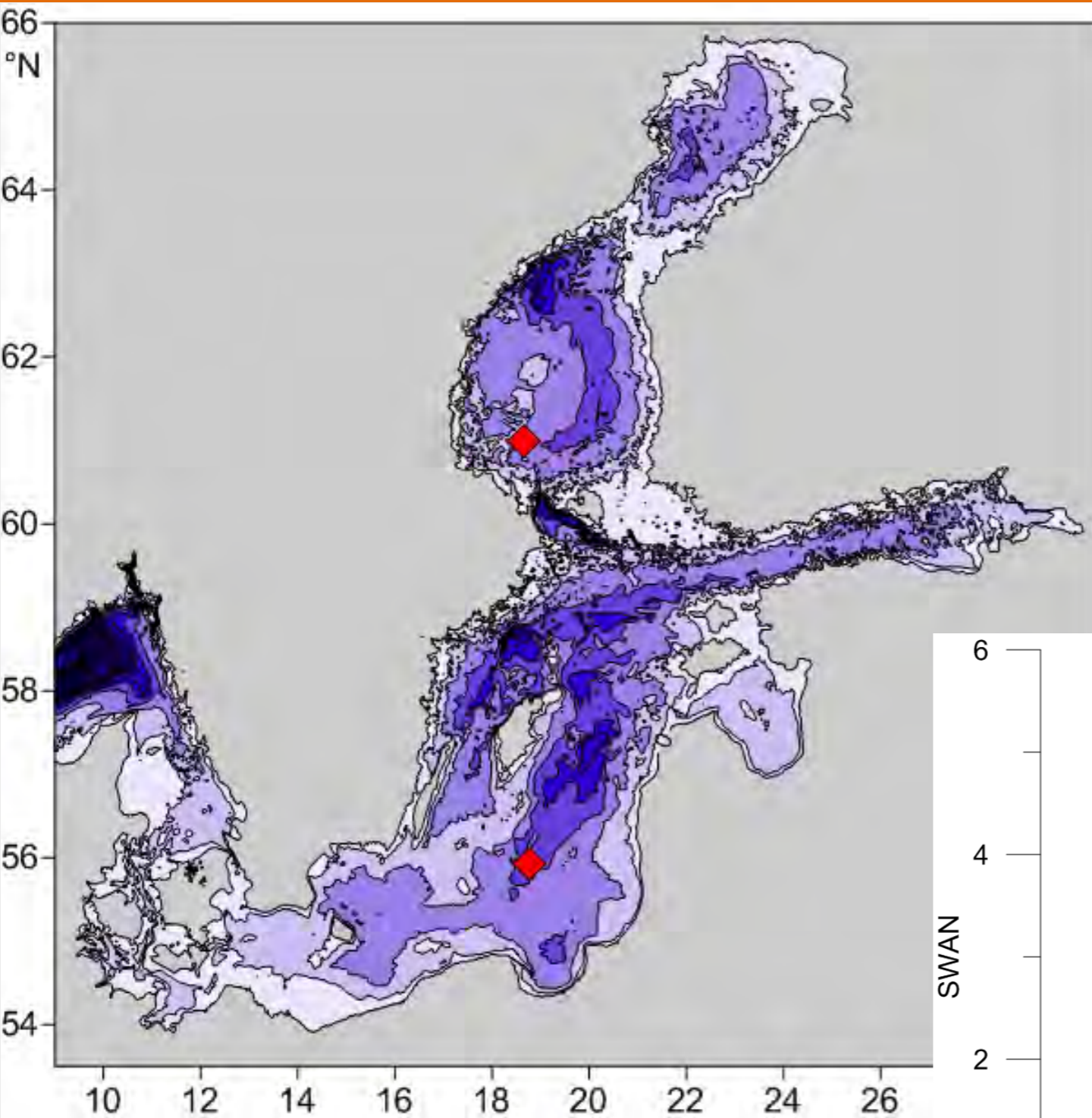


SWAN vs AVISO

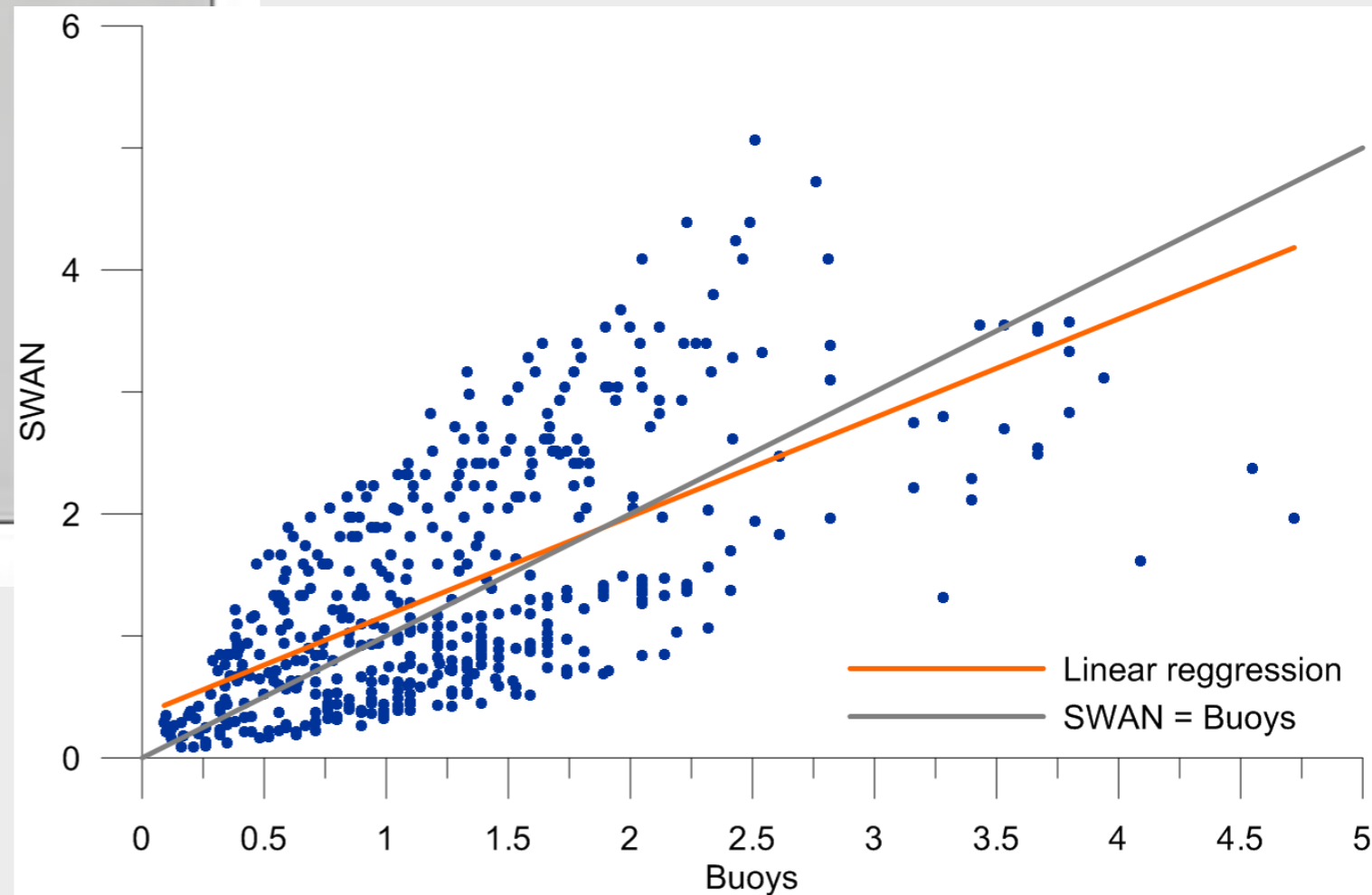


Point #	1	2	3	
Coordinates	43° N, 31° E	43° N, 34° E	43° N, 37° E	
Maximal observed 5-day average SWH	3.2363	2.8370	2.6223	
Maximal calculated 5-day average SWH	1.9205	2.0455	1.5582	
Average observed 5-day average SWH	0.8908	0.8569	0.8211	
Average calculated 5-day average SWH	0.6368	0.6576	0.5745	
Minimal observed 5-day average SWH	0.0708	0.1293	0.1389	
Minimal calculated 5-day average SWH	0.1300	0.1427	0.1568	
Deviation between observed and calculated 5-day average SWH	Maximal	1.6690	1.5245	1.5400
	Average	0.3423	0.3144	0.3256
	Standard deviation	0.3061	0.2817	0.3006
	Minimal	0.0007	0.0039	0.0017
Correlation coefficient (95% confidence)	0.7258	0.7149	0.7022	

SWAN vs buoys



Deviation between modelled and observed SWH	Maximal	2,76
	Average	0,63
	Std. deviation	0,45
	Minimal	0,01

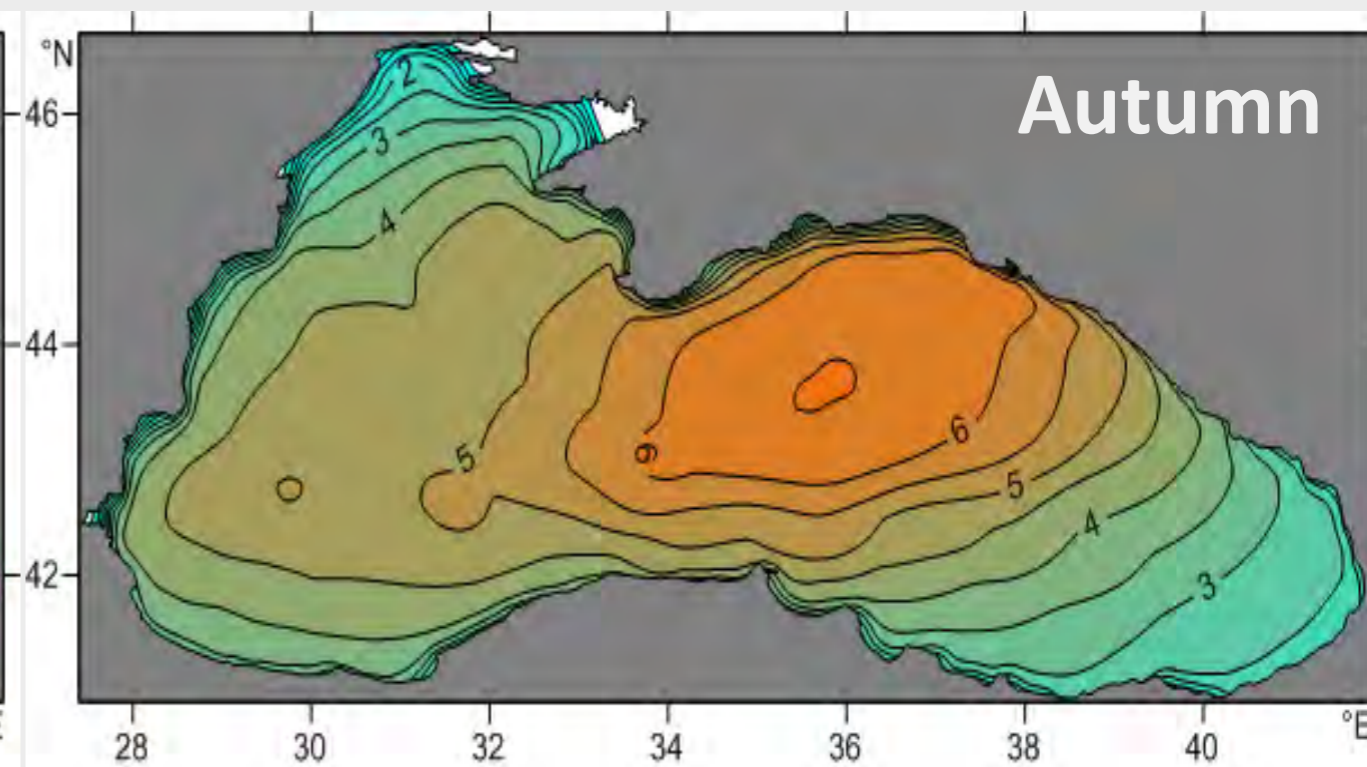
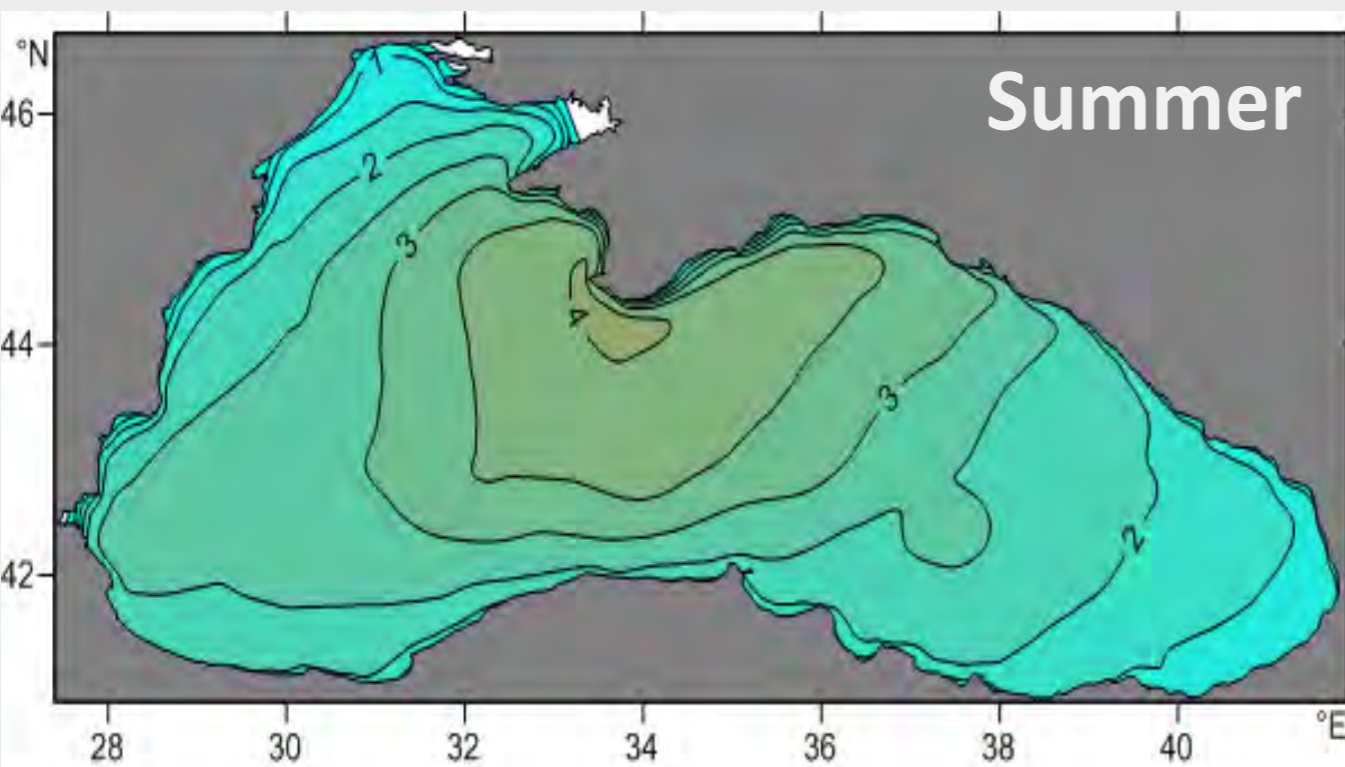
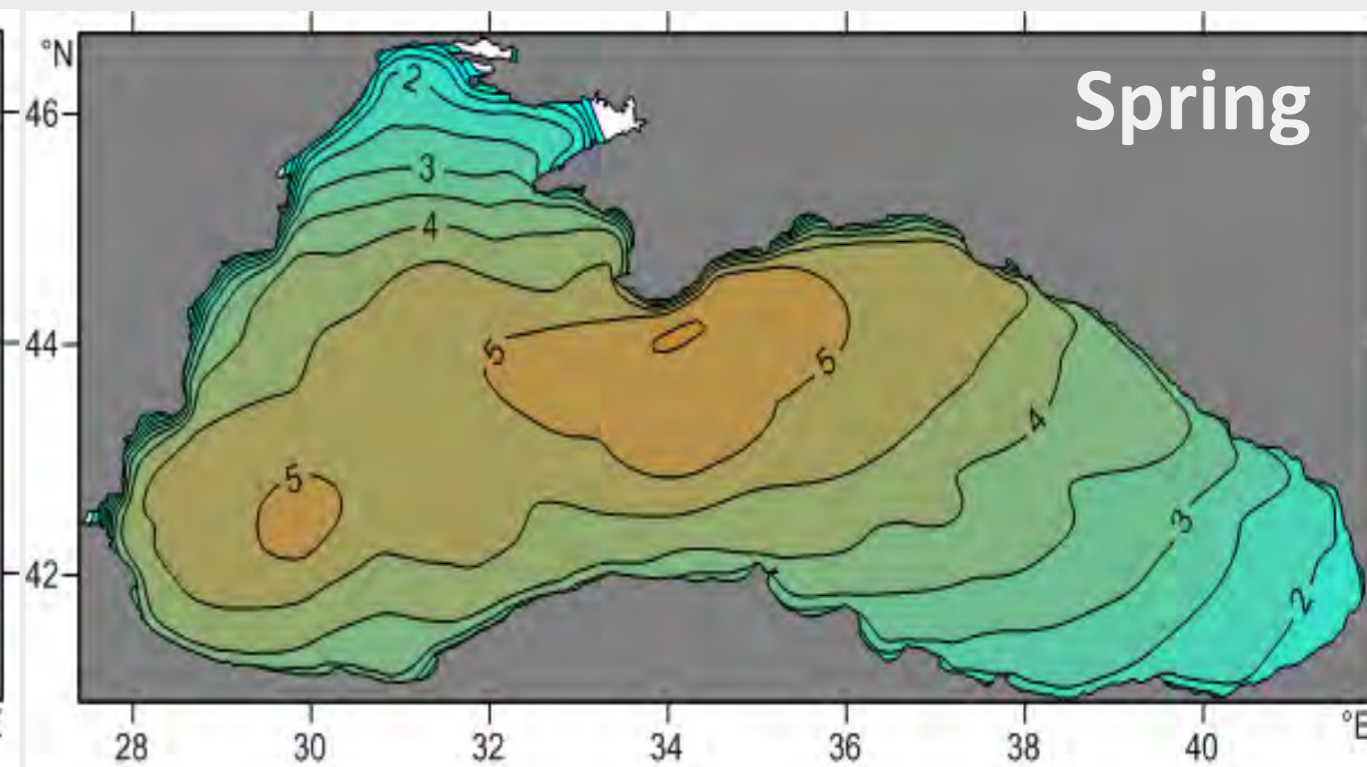
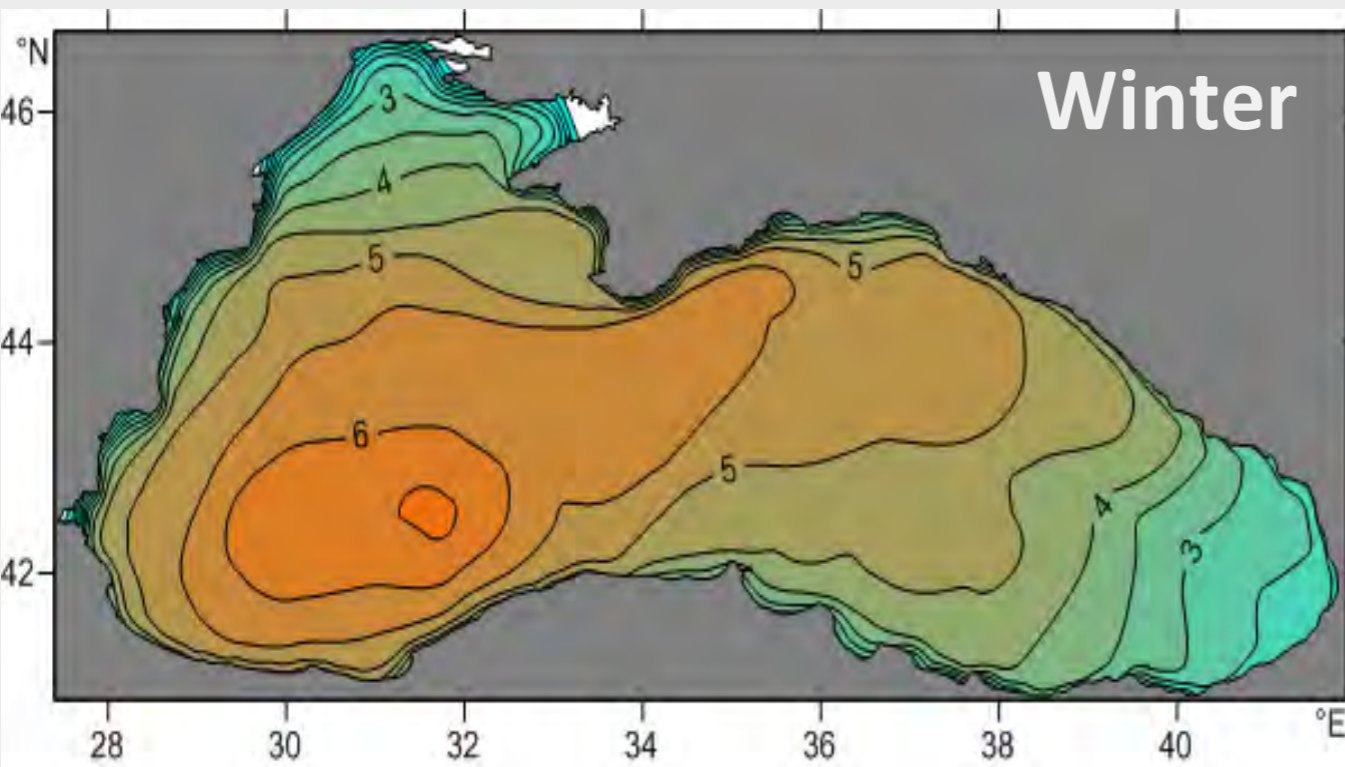




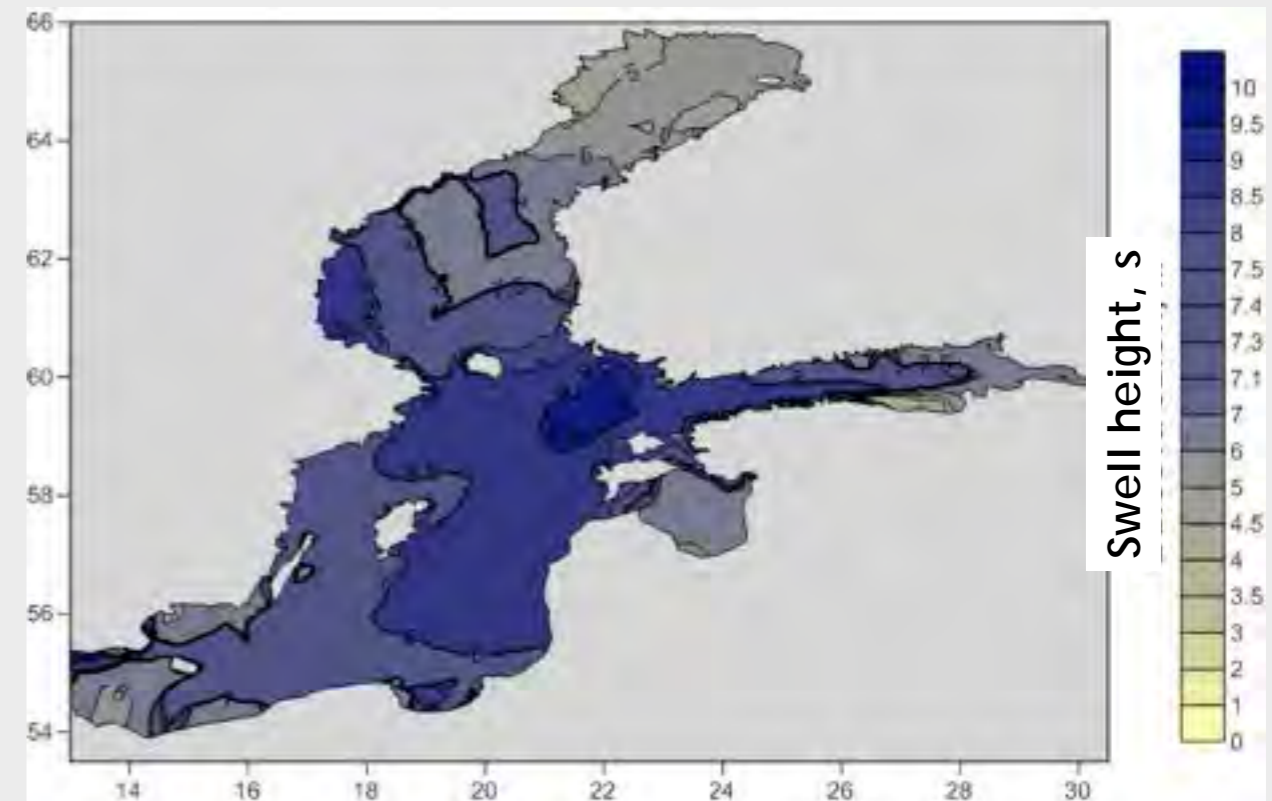
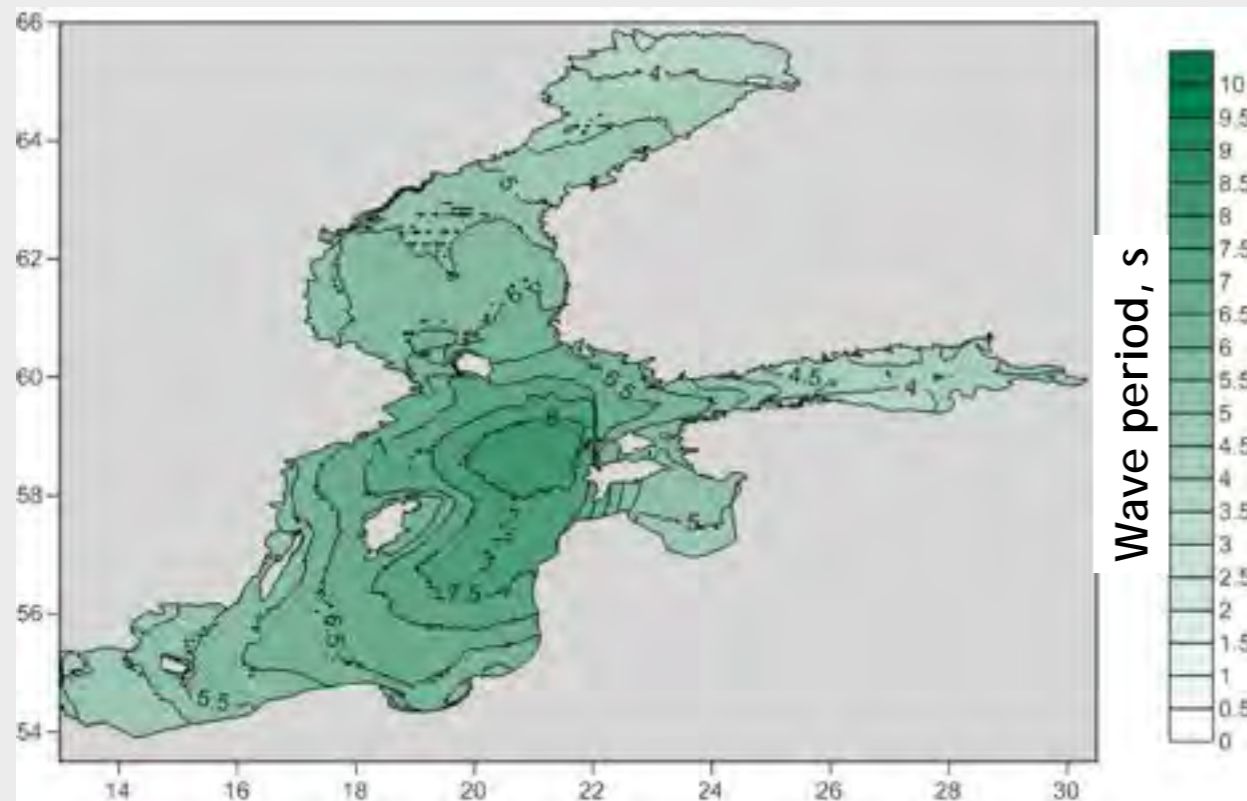
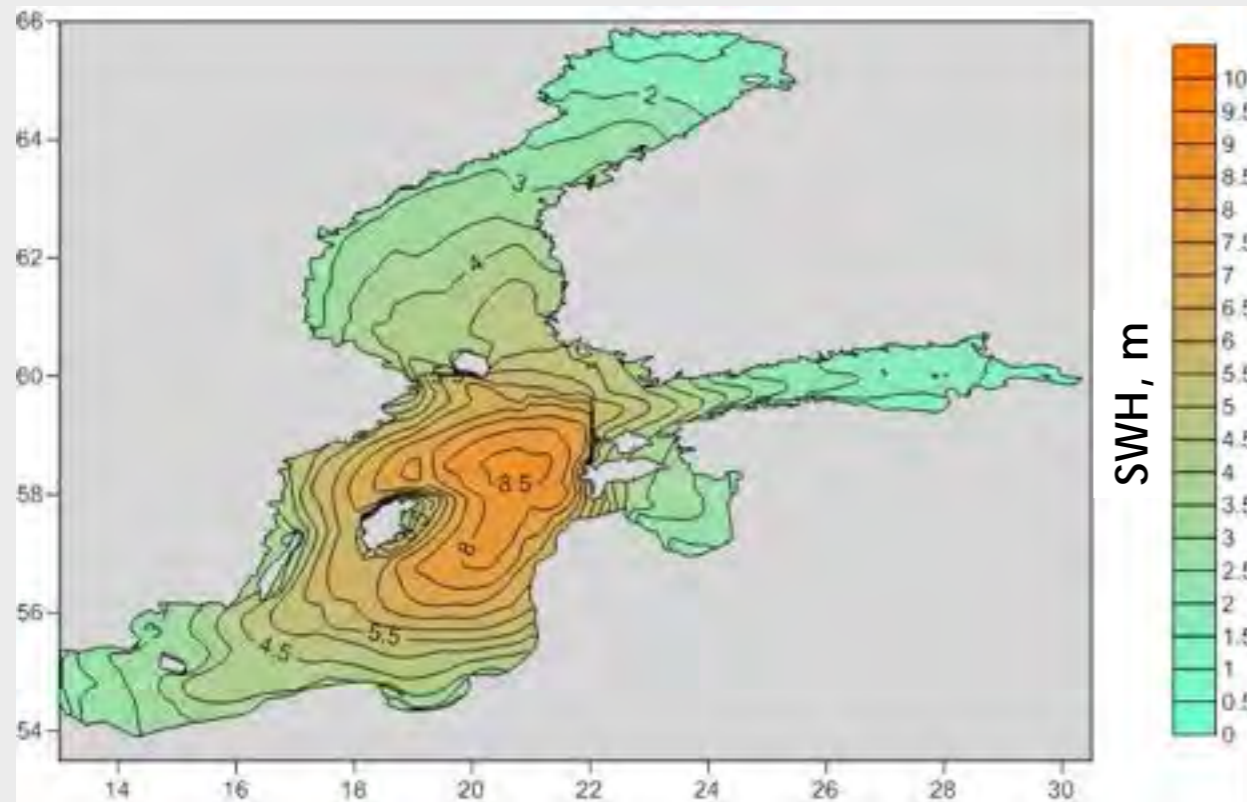
RESULTS



Seasonal SWH maxima on the Black Sea

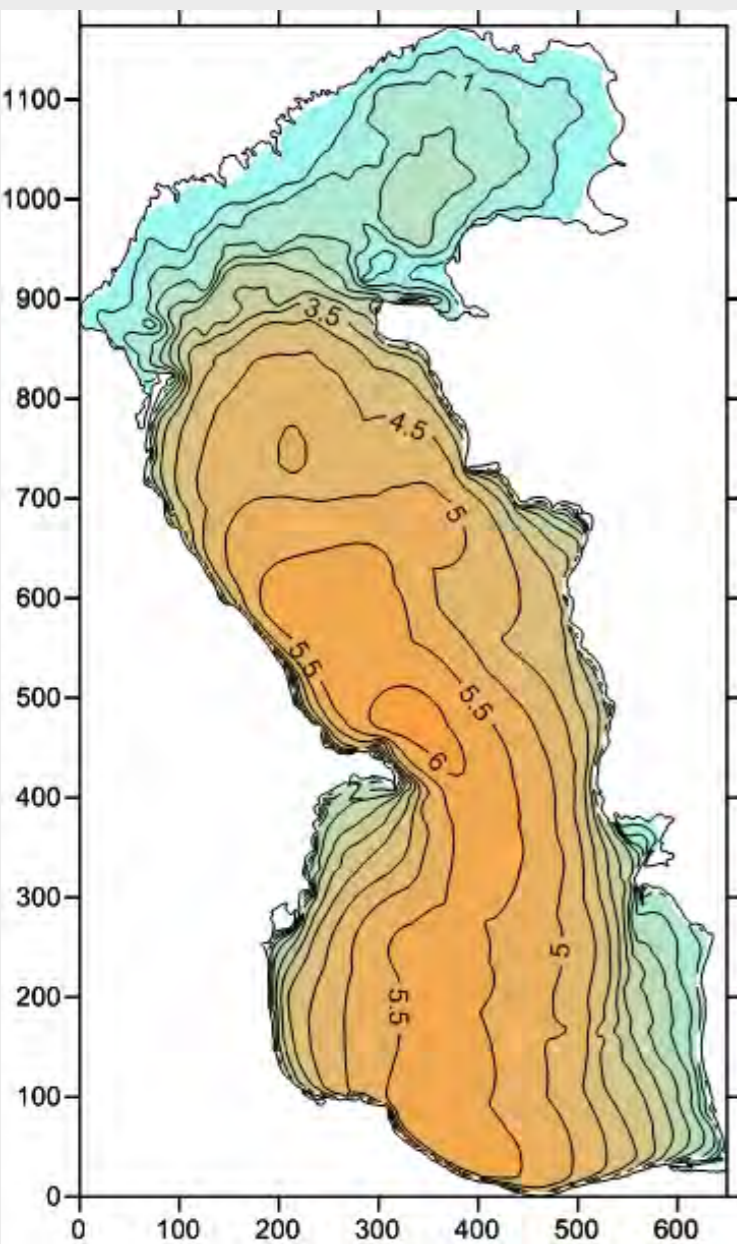


Total maxima on the Baltic Sea

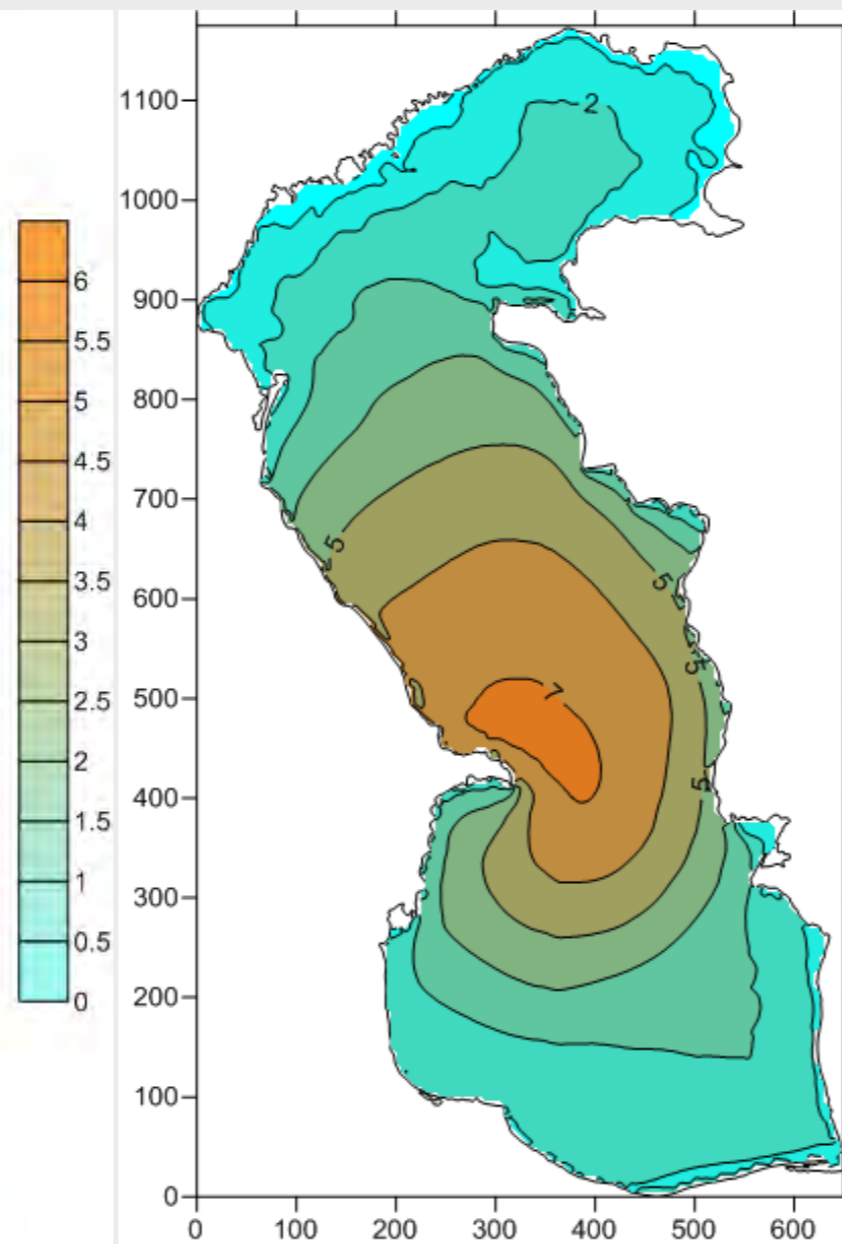


Total maxima on the Caspian Sea

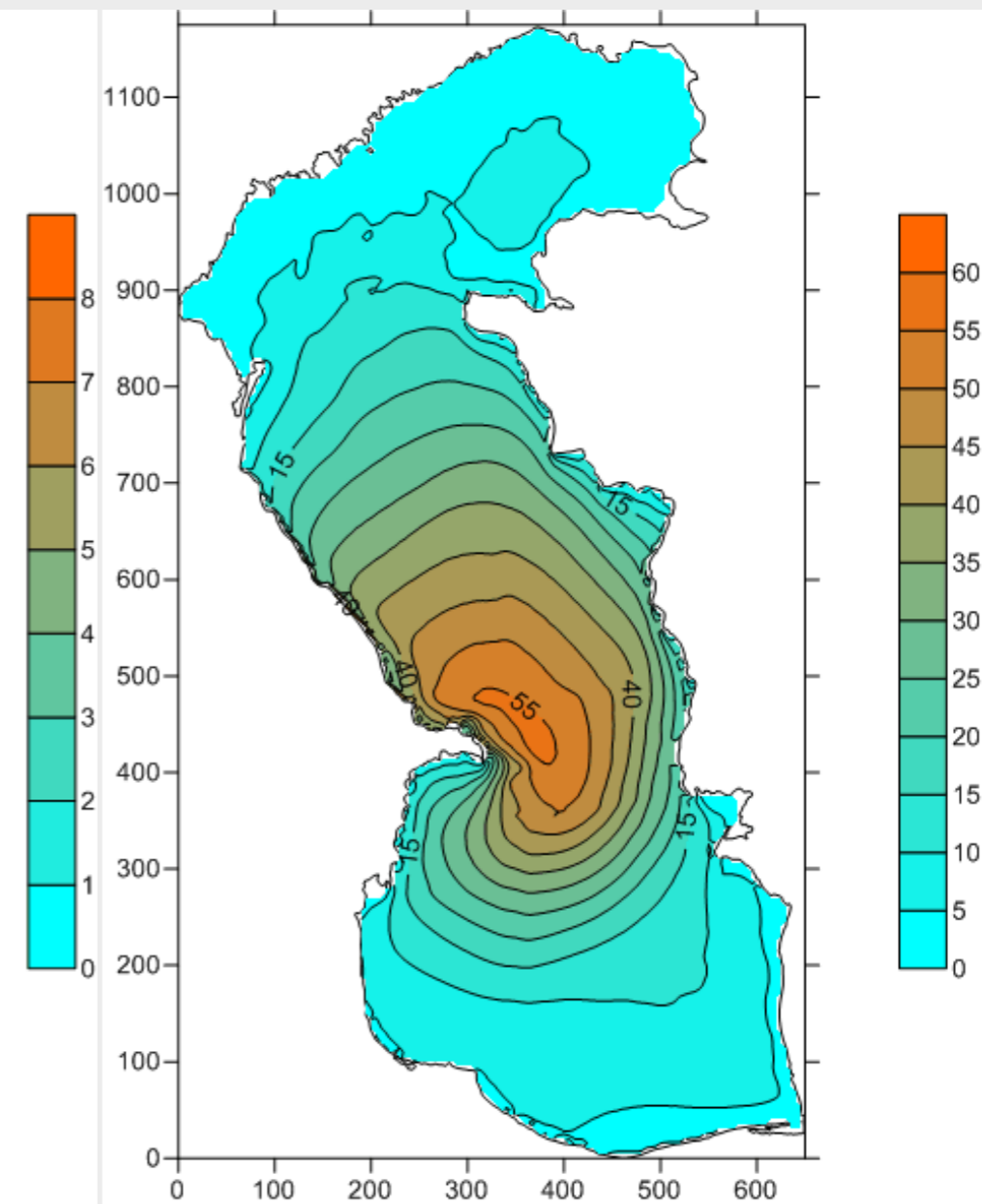
SWH, m



Wave period, s



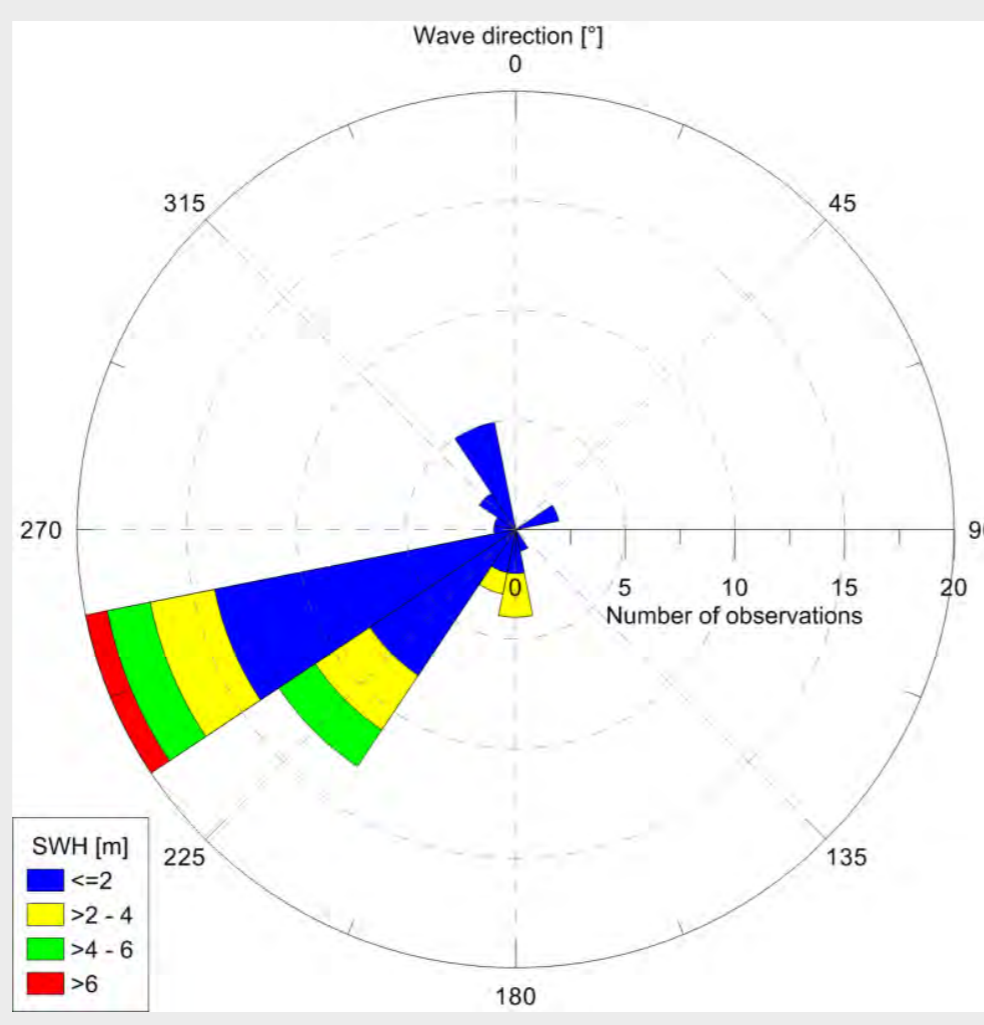
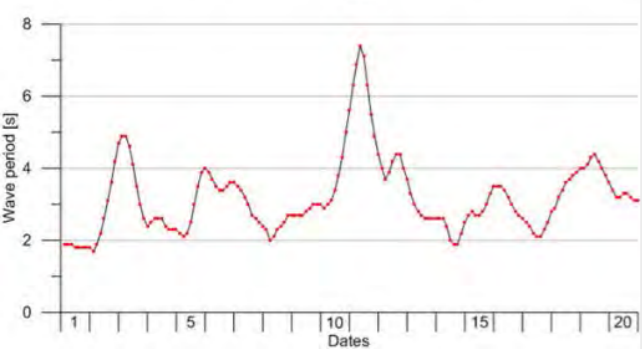
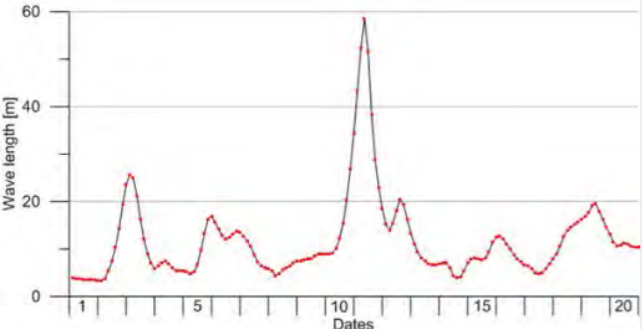
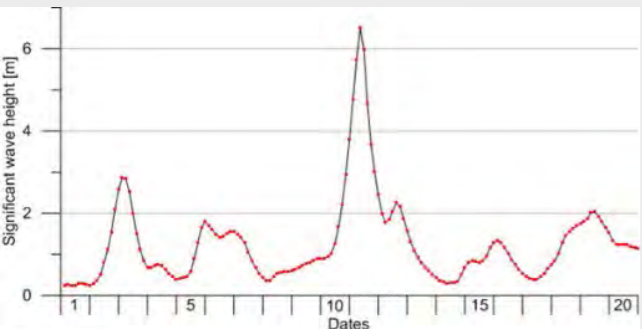
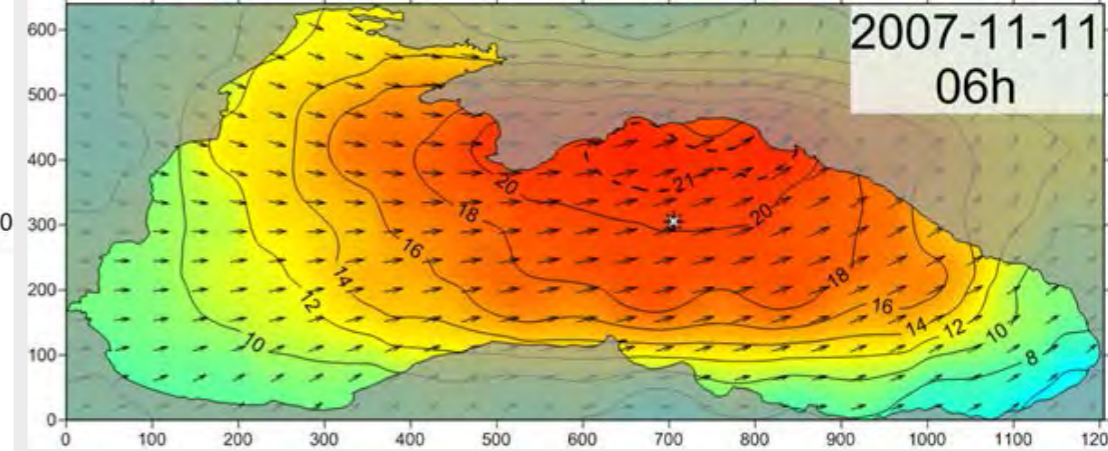
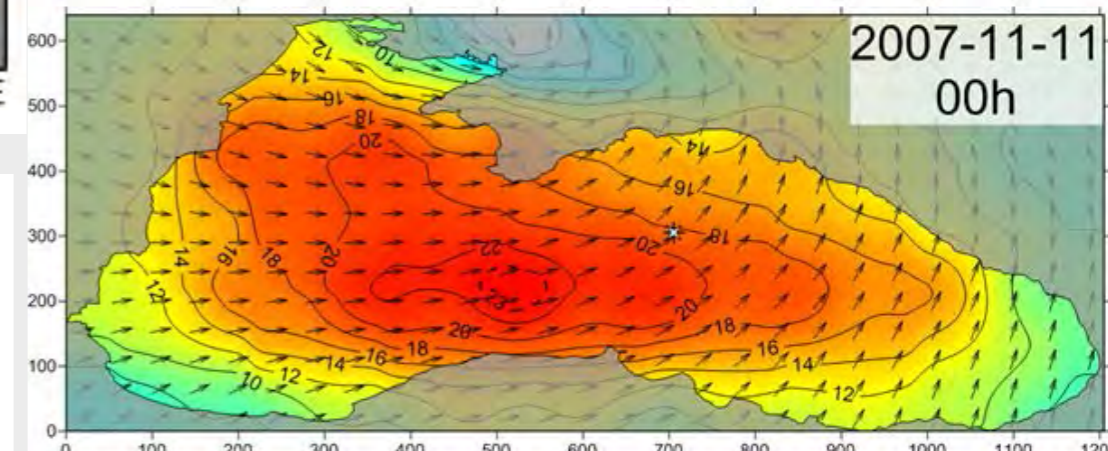
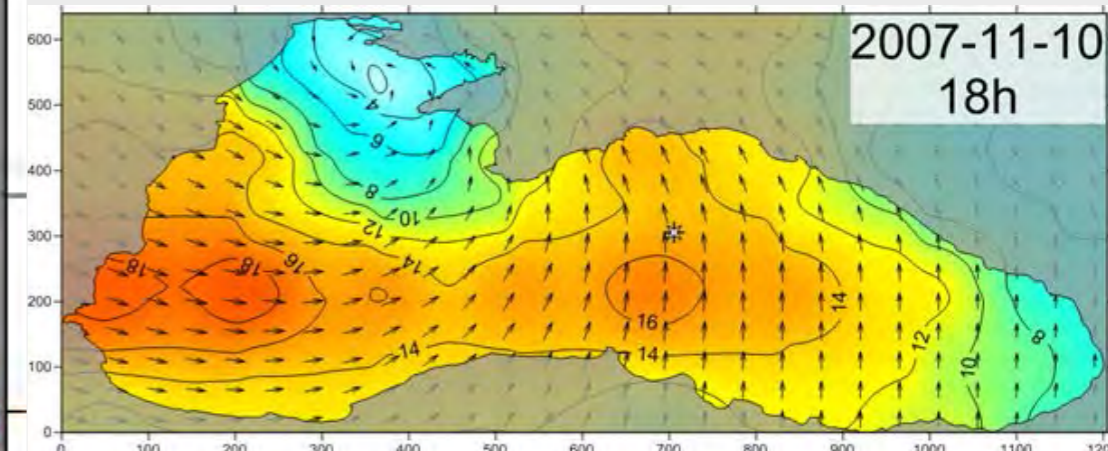
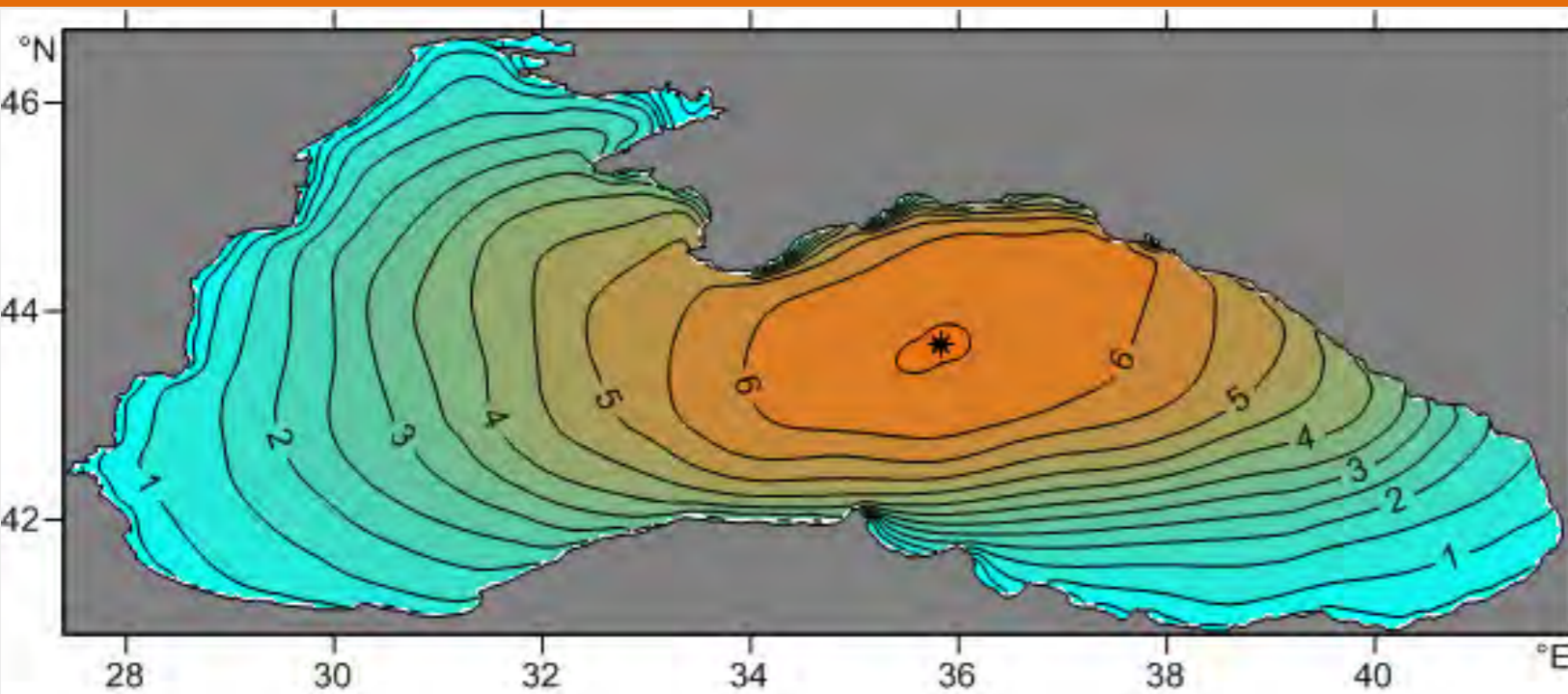
Wave length, m



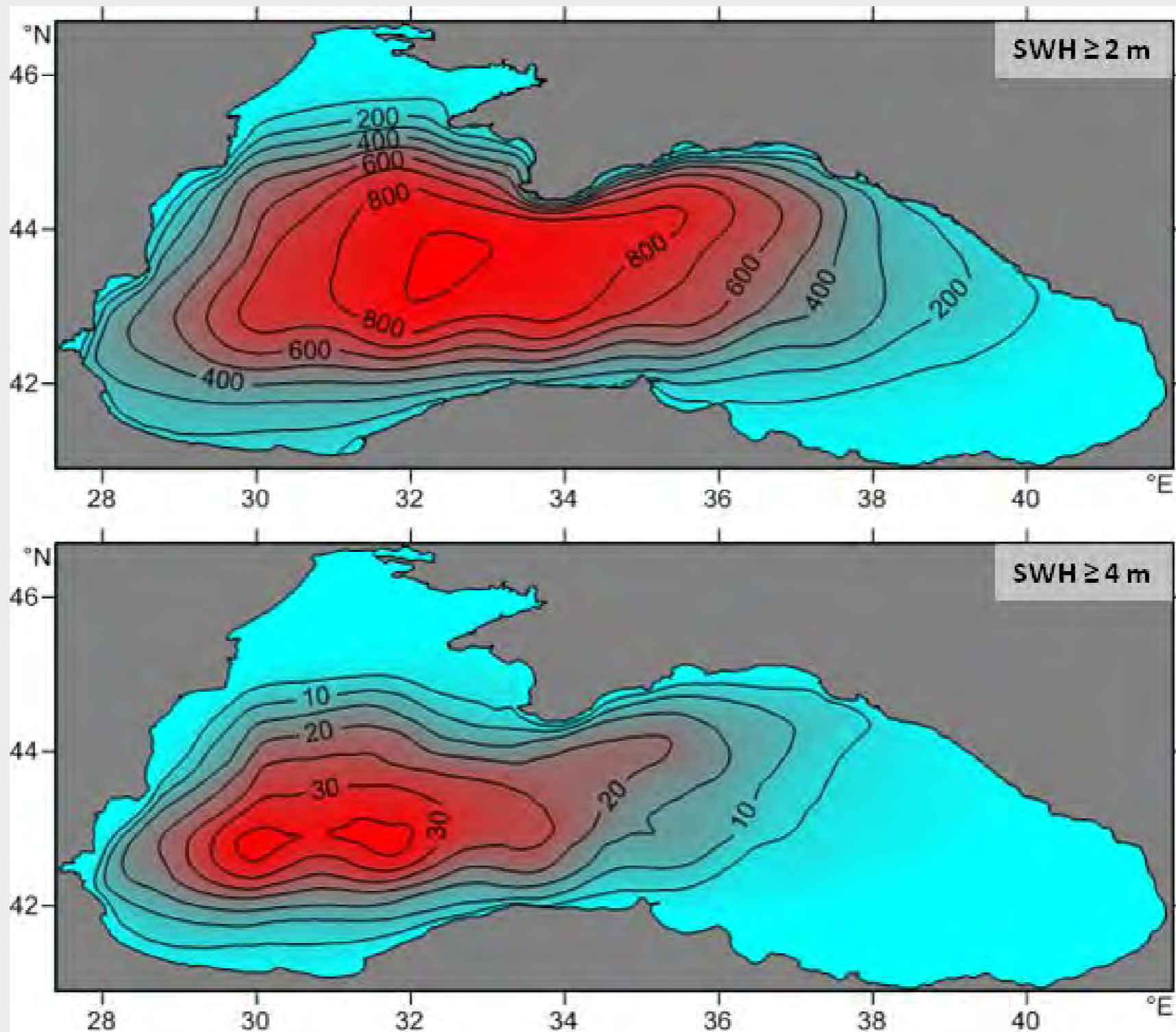
11 November 2007 storm



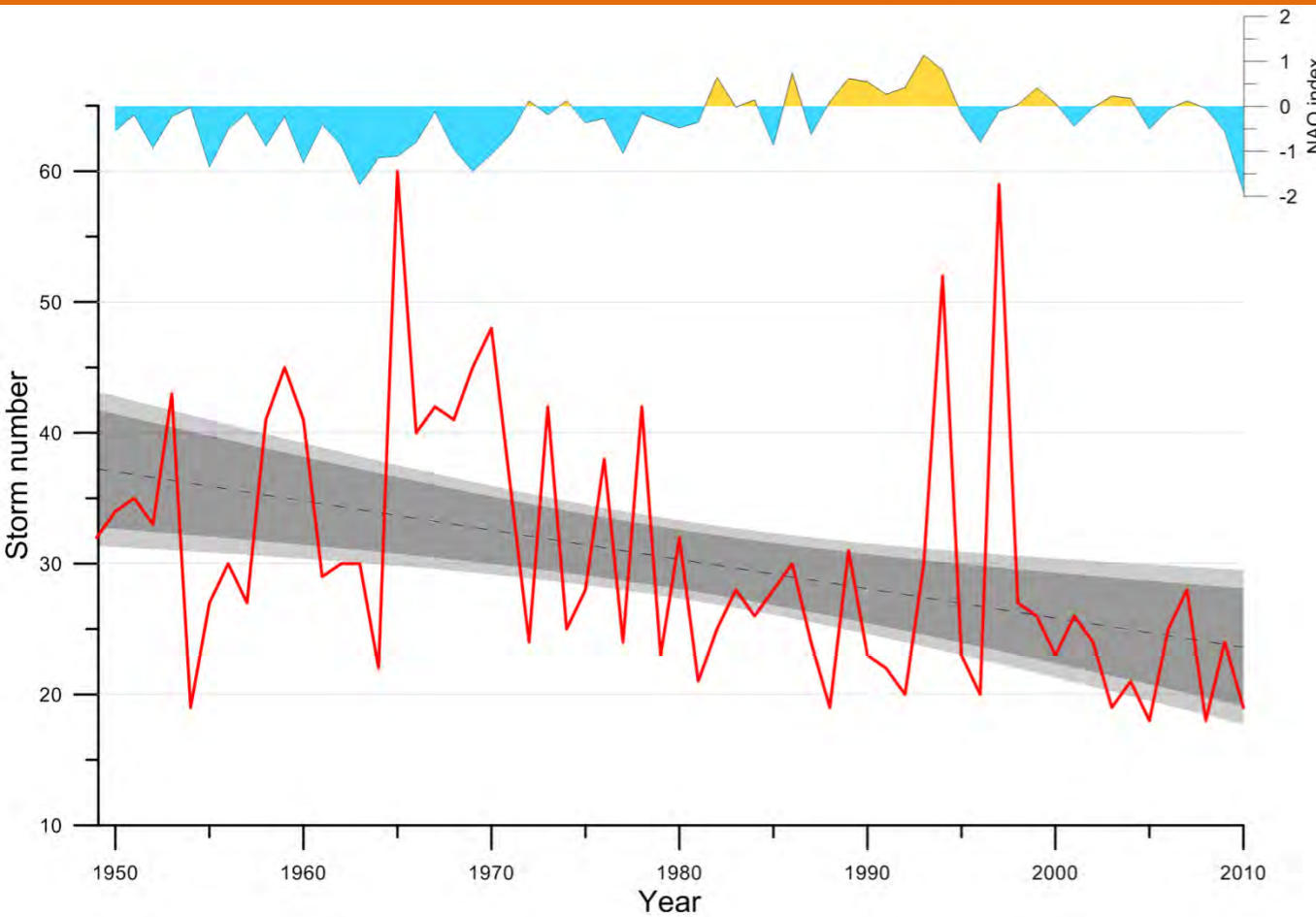
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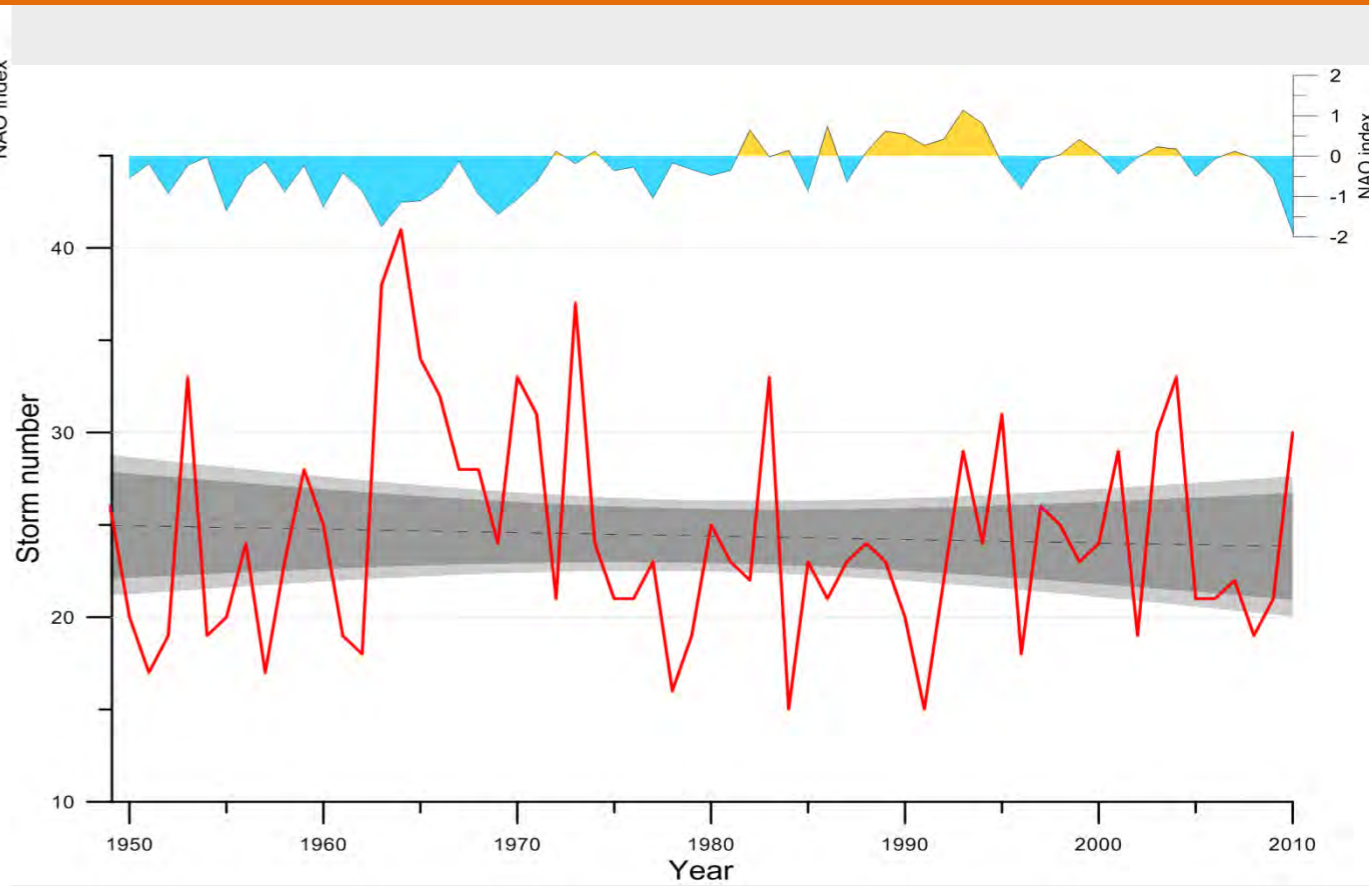
Total storm duration



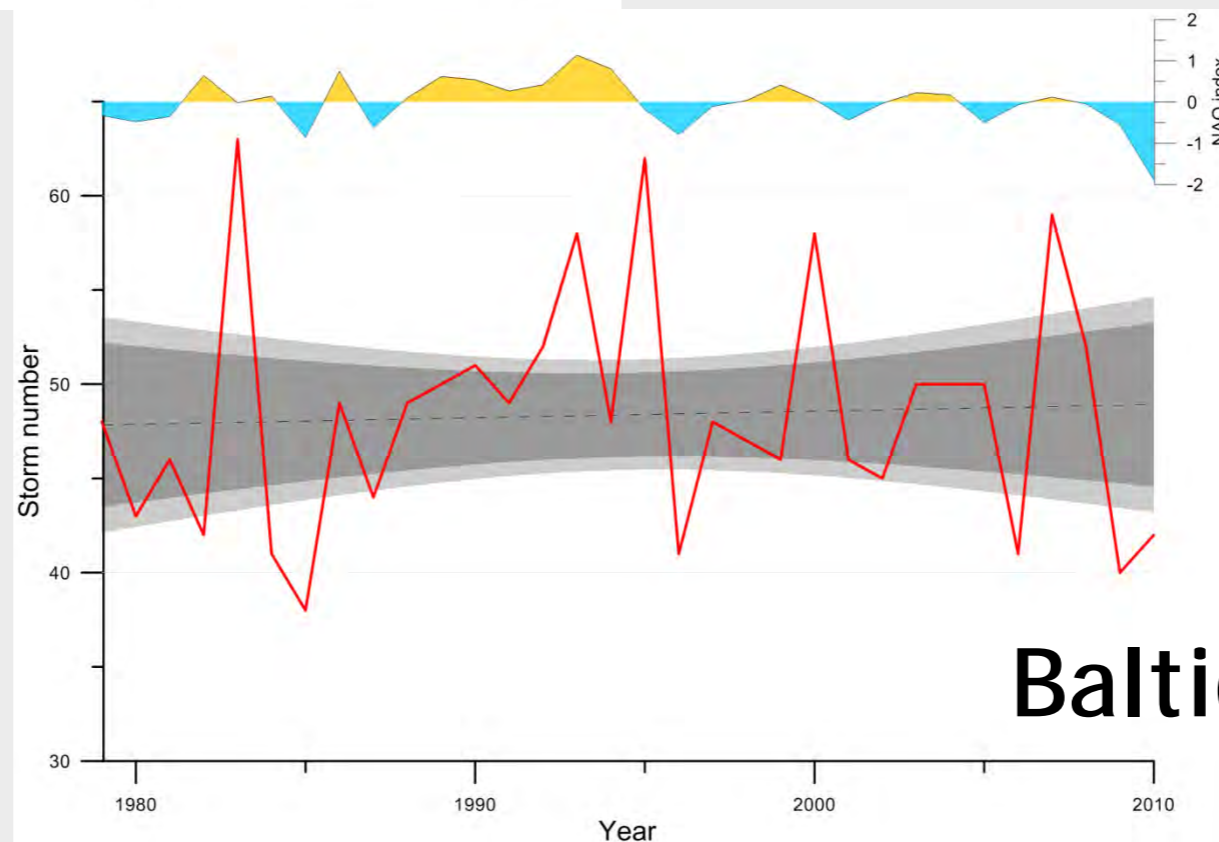
Interannual storminess variability



Caspian Sea



Black Sea



Baltic Sea

Conclusions

1. Wave parameters of the Black Sea, Baltic Sea and Caspian Sea were simulated continuously from 1948 to 2010.
2. Seasonal extreme wind parameters and their spatial distribution were assessed.
3. Trends of interannual storminess activity derived. Storminess decreases in the Caspian Sea, remains stable in the Black Sea and increases in the Baltic Sea.

Further reading

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