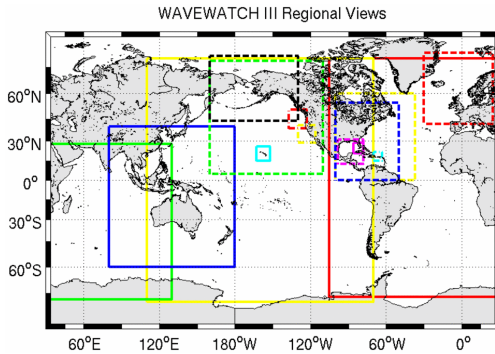
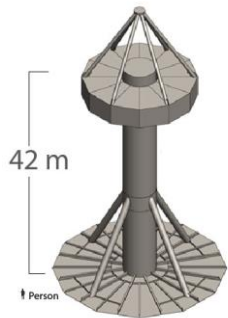


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Classification systems for wave energy resources and WEC technologies

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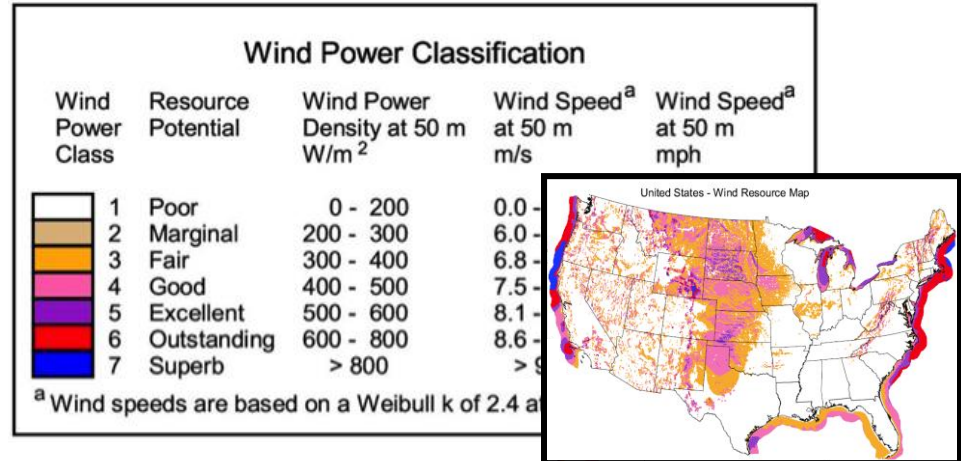


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Motivation

- Resource classification
 - Reduce time and costs for siting, scoping studies and project planning
- Technology classification
 - Reduce design and manufacturing costs

Wind Resource Classification



Wind Turbine Classification

Wind turbine class		I	II	III	S
V _{ref}	(m/s)	50	42.5	37.5	Values specified by designer
A	I _{ref} (-)		0.16		
B	I _{ref} (-)		0.14		
C	I _{ref} (-)		0.12		

TC88 Design document, 61400-1 Ed. 3, © IEC:2005

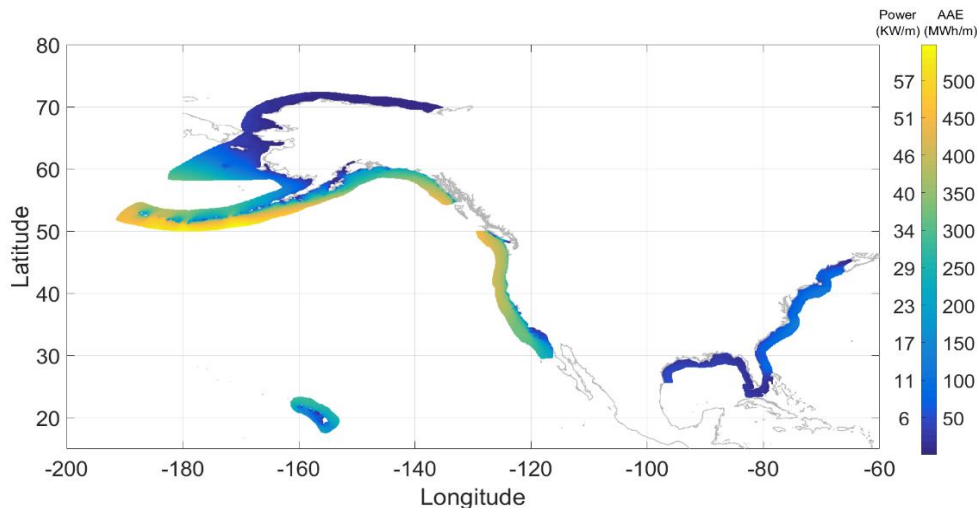
Resource classification: Wave power density

- Omni-directional power density – *opportunity for wave energy extraction*

$$J = \frac{\rho g}{16} H_s^2 C_g(T_e, h) \quad [\text{KW/m}]$$

- Annual available energy (AAE) density

$$AAE = J(8766h/year) \quad [\text{KW-h/m}]$$



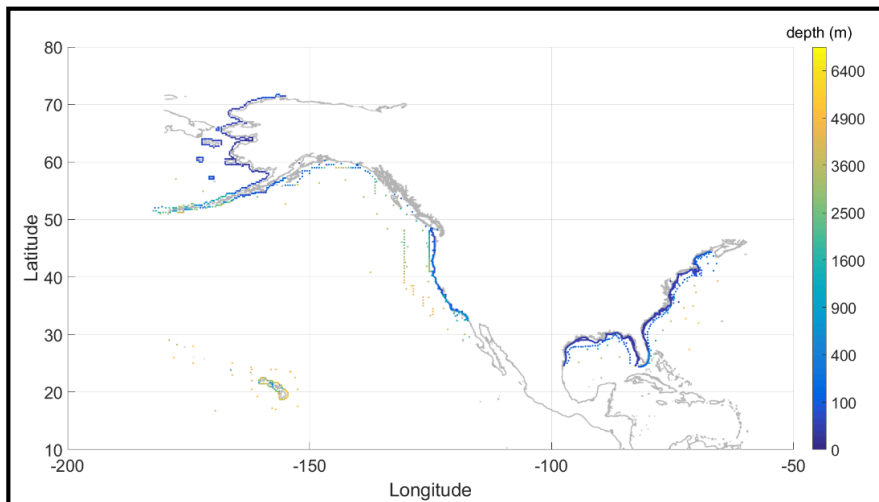
Resource classification: Data source

Source : NOAA's 30-year WWIII hindcast (Chawla et al., 2013)

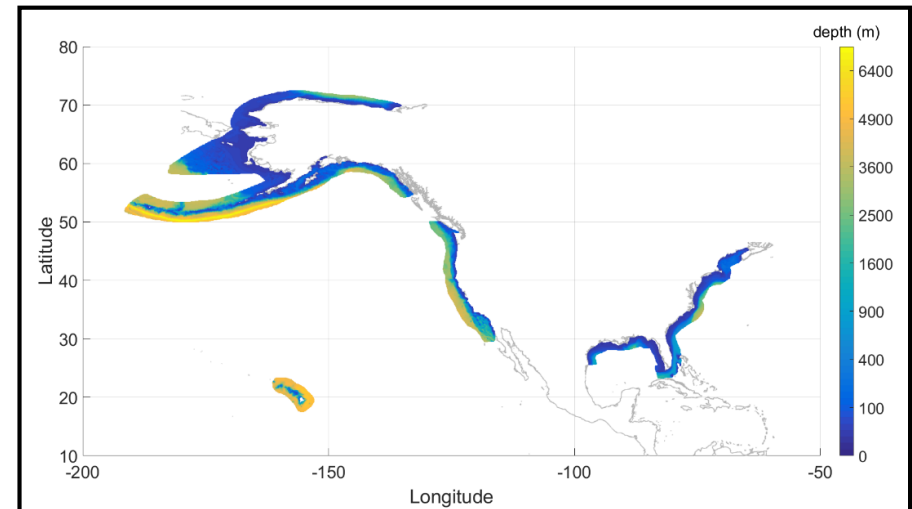
Third generation, spectral wave model providing wave hindcasts
(4min resolution \approx 7km)

- Data** :
1. Complete directional wave spectra $S(f, \theta)$ at limited grid points
 2. Bulk and partition wave parameters (H_s , T_p , θ_m , at each grid point)

Spectra $S(f, \theta)$ - 1,951 locations



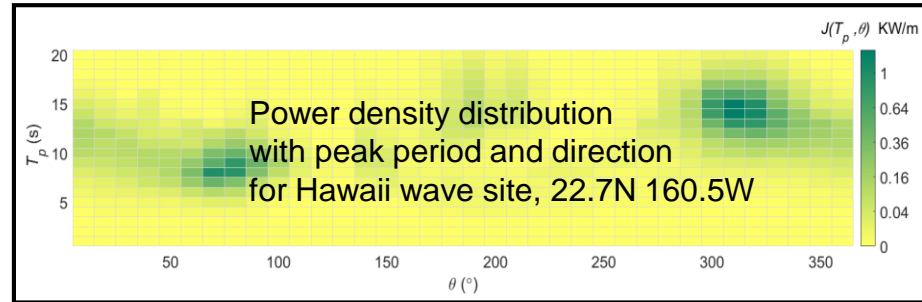
Partition - 70,386 locations



Resource classification: Partitioned J

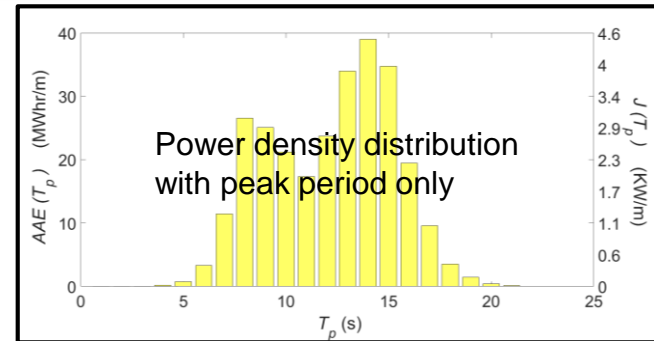
1. Calculate partition wave power densities in peak period and direction bins

$$J(T_p, \theta)$$



2. Sum all direction bins

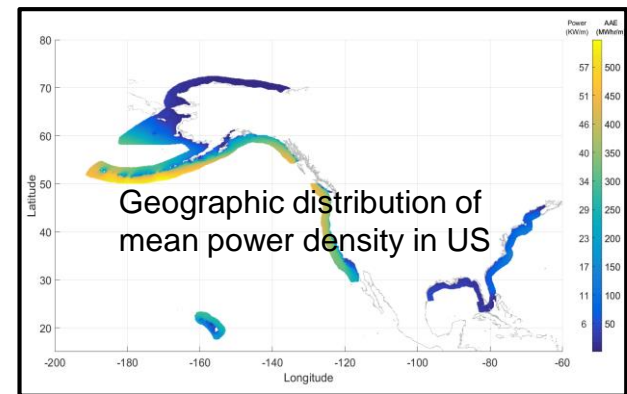
$$J(T_p) = \sum_{\theta} J(T_p, \theta)$$



3. Sum all to get total J and annual available energy (AAE) density

$$J = \sum_{T_p} J(T_p) \quad \text{and} \quad AAE = T_{year} * J$$

T_{year} = number of hours in a year (8,766 hrs)

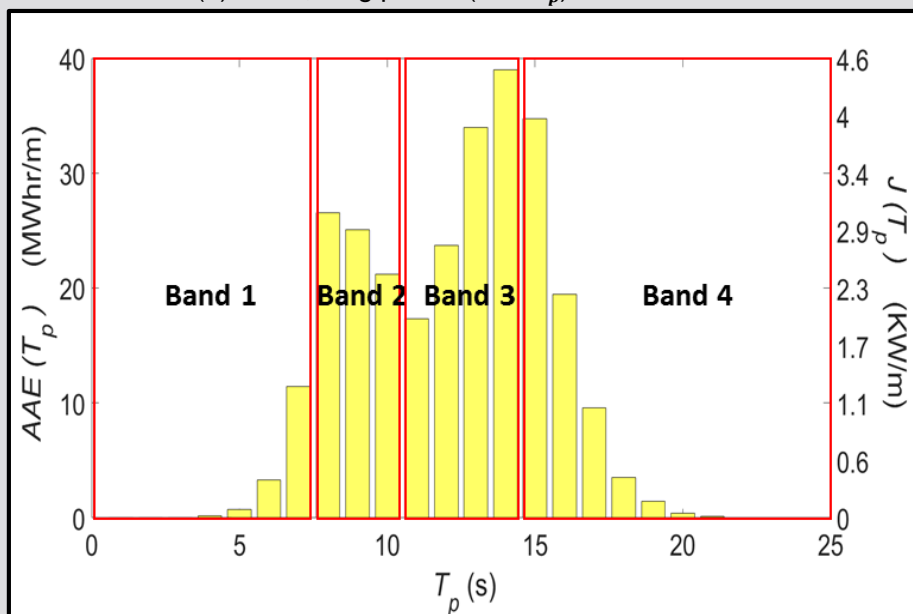


Resource Classification: Class delineation

Frequency/period band classes (4)

Band	Band 1 (local wind sea)	Band 2 (short, moderate and long period swell)	Band 3	Band 4
Period, T_p	$0 < T_p < 7$	$7 < T_p < 10$	$10 < T_p < 14$	$14 < T_p$
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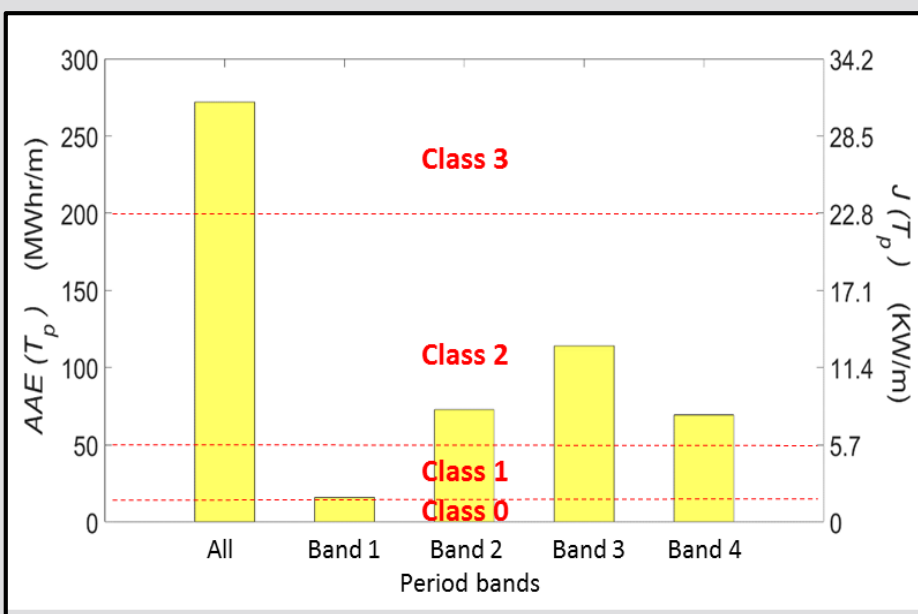
- (1) Local wind sea, period ($0 < T_p < 7$)
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- (3) Swell, moderate period ($10 < T_p < 14$)
- (4) Swell, long period ($14 < T_p$)



Power classes (4)

Class	0	1	2	3
Power(KW/m)	$J < 1.14$	$1.14 < J < 5.7$	$5.7 < J < 22.8$	$22.8 < J$
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- 0 – small ($P < 10$ KW), homes, farms, remote
 1 – intermediate (10 – 500 KW), village, hybrid systems, distributed
 2, 3 – intermediate to large ($P > 500$ KW), commercial, utility scale



Resource Classification: matrix

		Power Class			
		0, $J < 1.1$	1, $1.1 < J < 5.7$	2, $5.7 < J < 22.8$	3, $22.8 < J$
Period Band Class	1, $0 < T_p < 7$	0(1)	1(1)	2(1)	3(1)
	2, $7 < T_p < 10$	0(2)	1(2)	2(2)	3(2)
	3, $10 < T_p < 14$	0(3)	1(3)	2(3)	3(3)
	4, $14 < T_p$	0(4)	1(4)	2(4)	3(4)

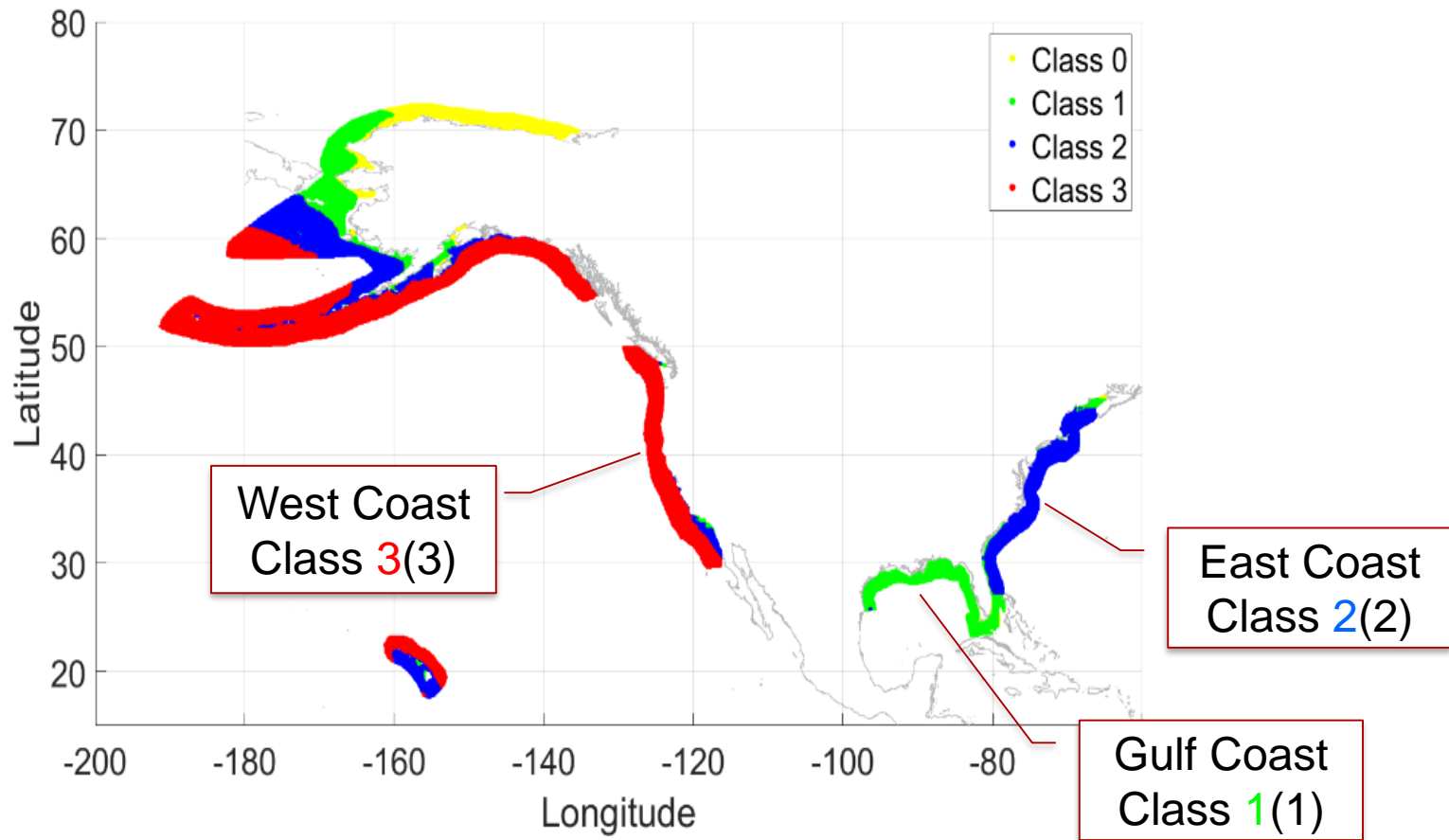
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- Four period band classes

- (1) Local wind sea, period ($0 < T_p < 7$)
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Resource Classification: Regional trends

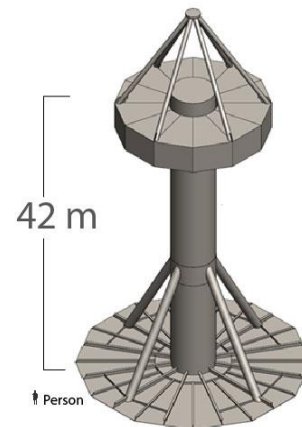
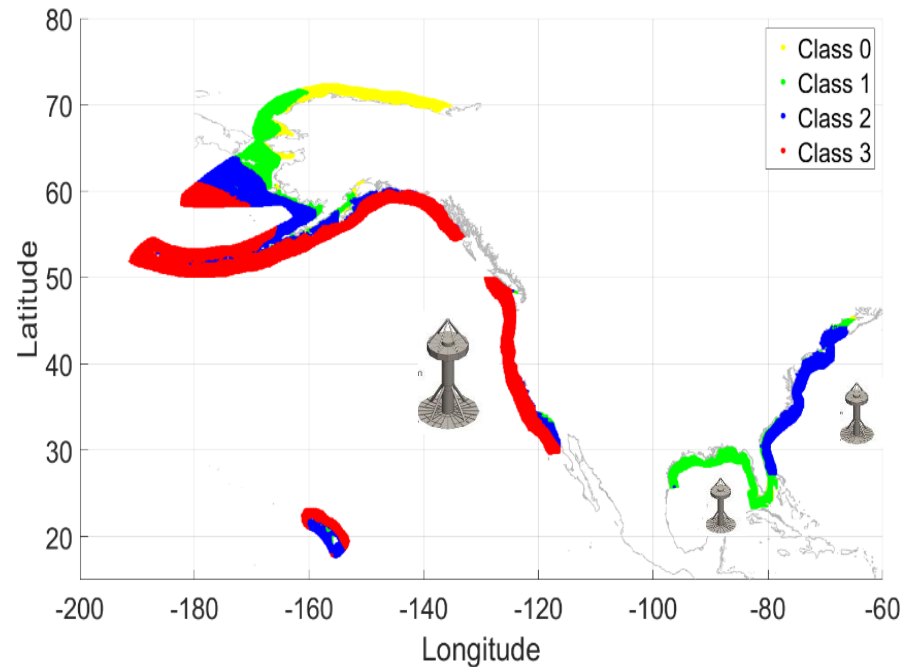


Geographic distribution of wave power classes:

Class 0 (AAE<10 MWh/m)	Class 1 (10<AAE<50 MWh/m)	Class 2 (50<AAE<200 MWh/m)	Class 3 (200<AAE MWh/m)
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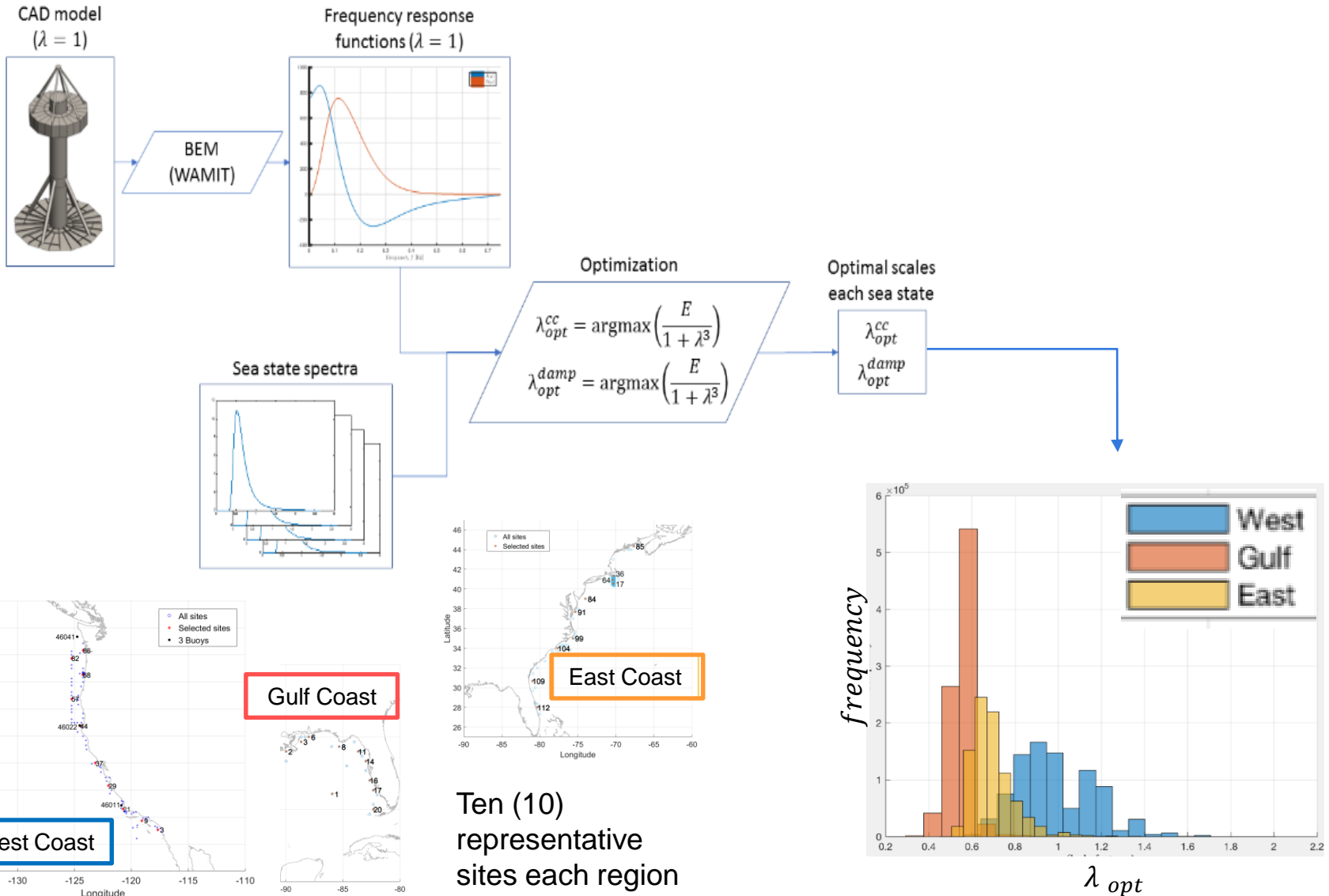
Technology Classification: Feasible?

- Energy capture/cost: Evaluate distribution of optimal designs within each resource class
- Extreme loads: Evaluate the distribution of extreme WEC load responses within each region

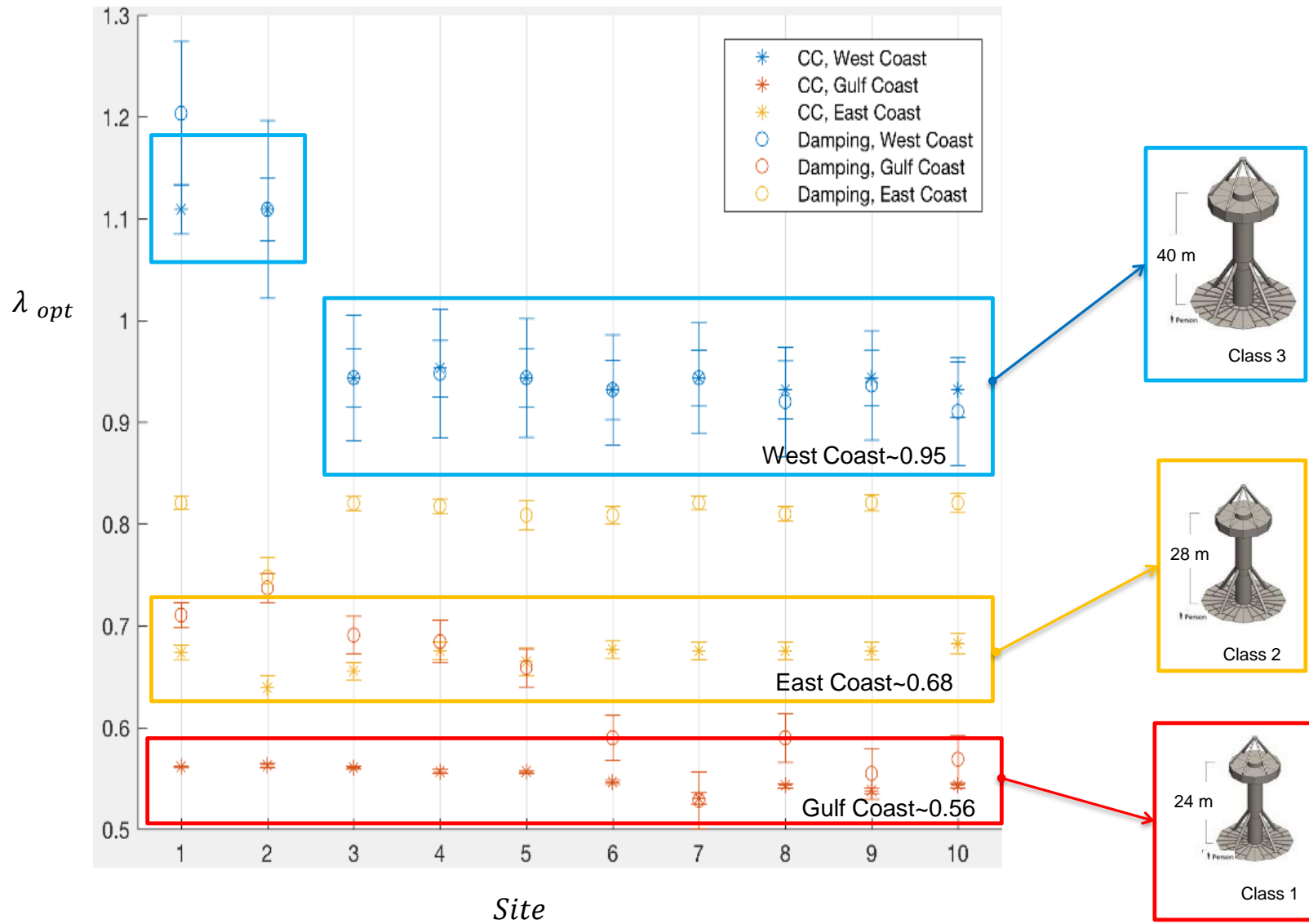


RM3 Point Absorber
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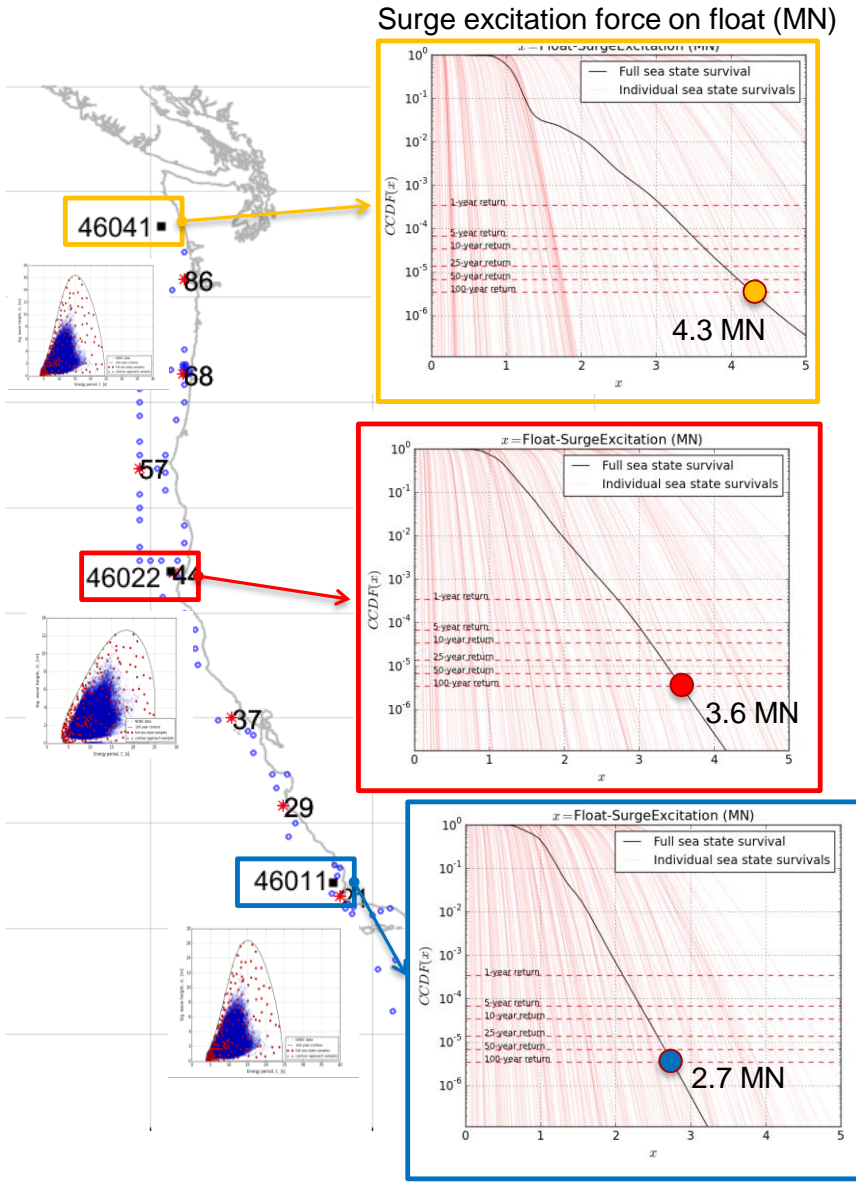
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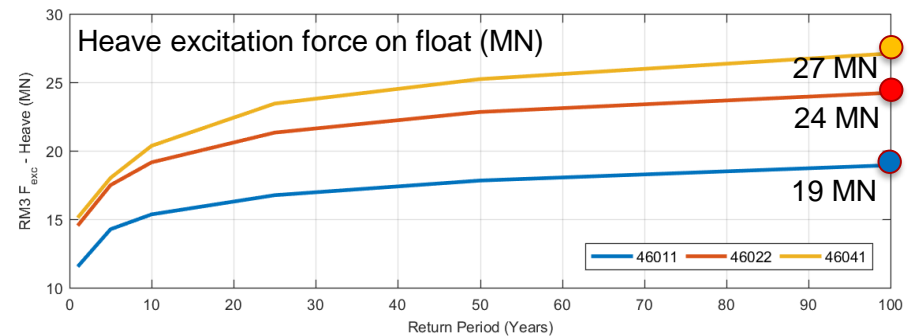
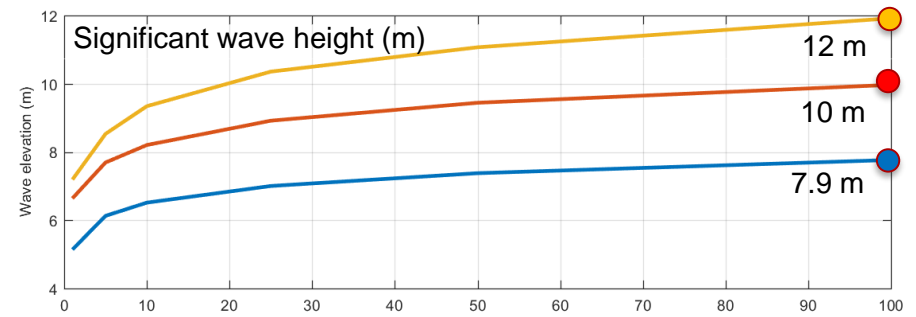
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Technology Classification: WEC load response



- Inter-regional variation of extreme loads (surge-excitation, $r = 100$ -years) 2.7-4.3 MN



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Conclusions

- Resource classification
 - Distinct regional trends in wave energy characteristics (deep and intermediate depths only)
- Technology classification
 - Energy/cost optimization indicates standard design classes suitable for broad regional wave climates
 - Extreme load response study for only 3 sites, but shows large inter-region variation
 - Limited to point absorber

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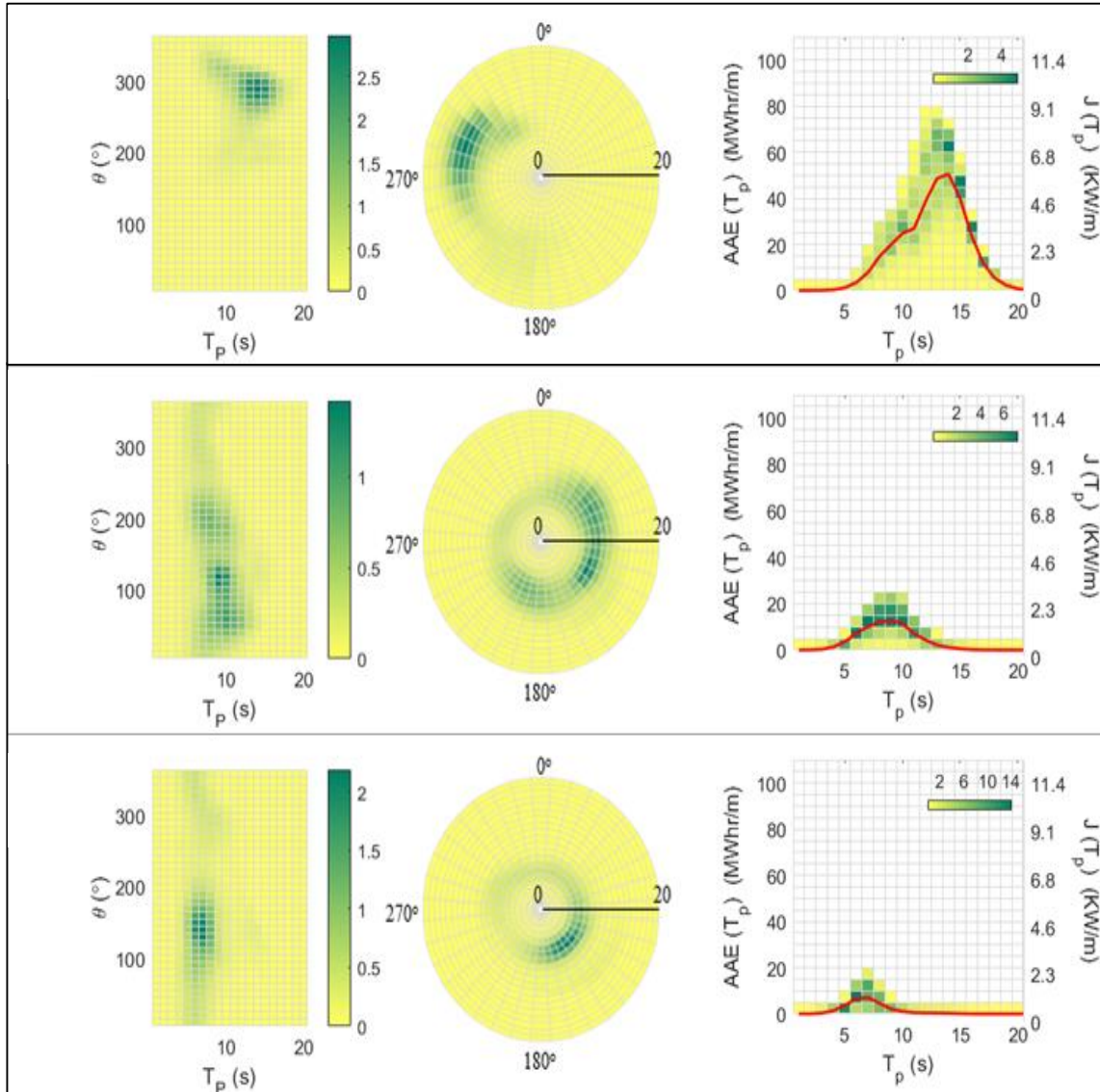
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EXTRA SLIDES

Resource classification: Regional trends



West Coast

Class 3(3)

High power density

Most energy btw. $10 < T_p < 14$

Moderate period swell (band 3)

Directionally focused

East Coast

Class 2(2)

Moderate power density

Most energy btw. $7 < T_p < 10$

Short period swell (band 2)

Directionally spread

Gulf Coast

Class 1(1)

Low power density

Most energy btw. $0 < T_p < 7$

Local wind sea (band 1)

Directionally spread

Resource: Class delineation

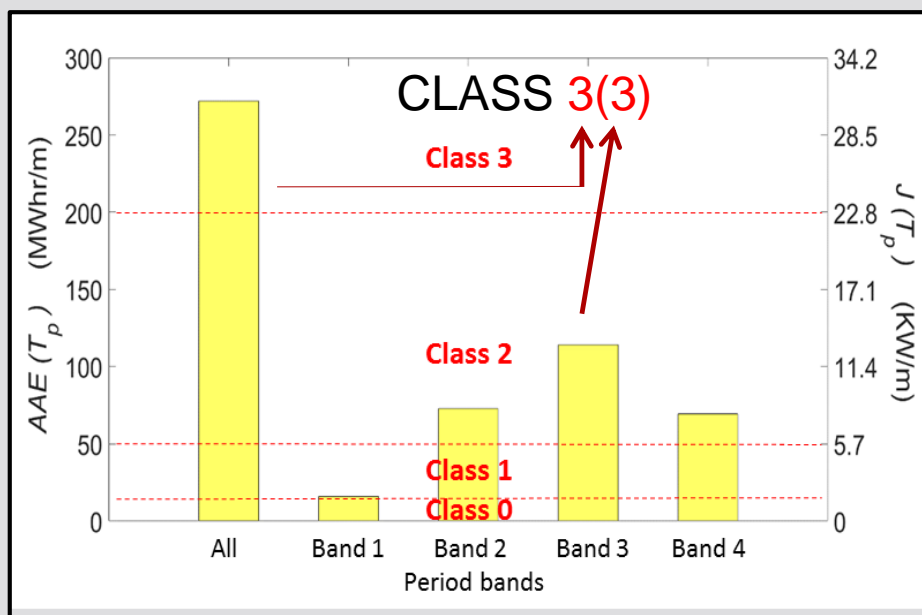
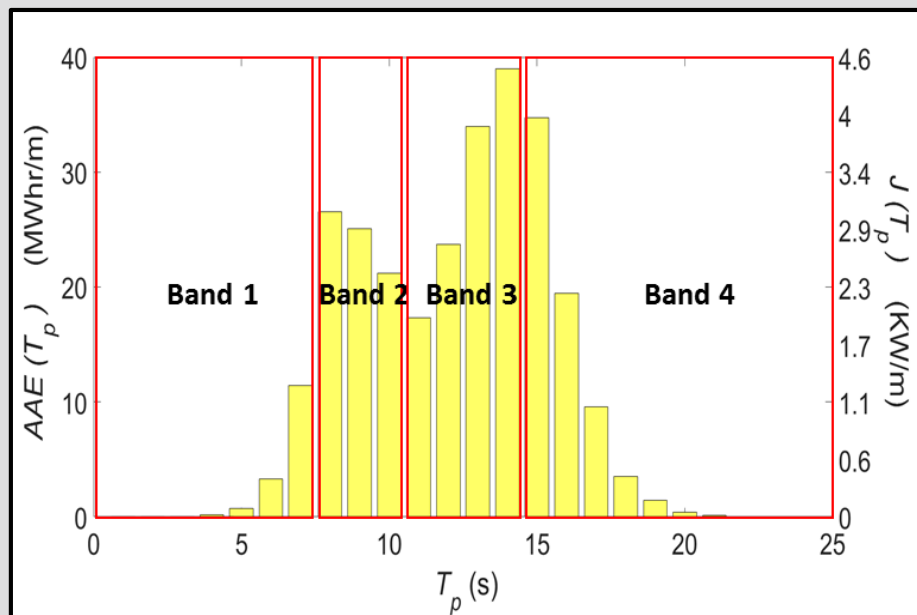
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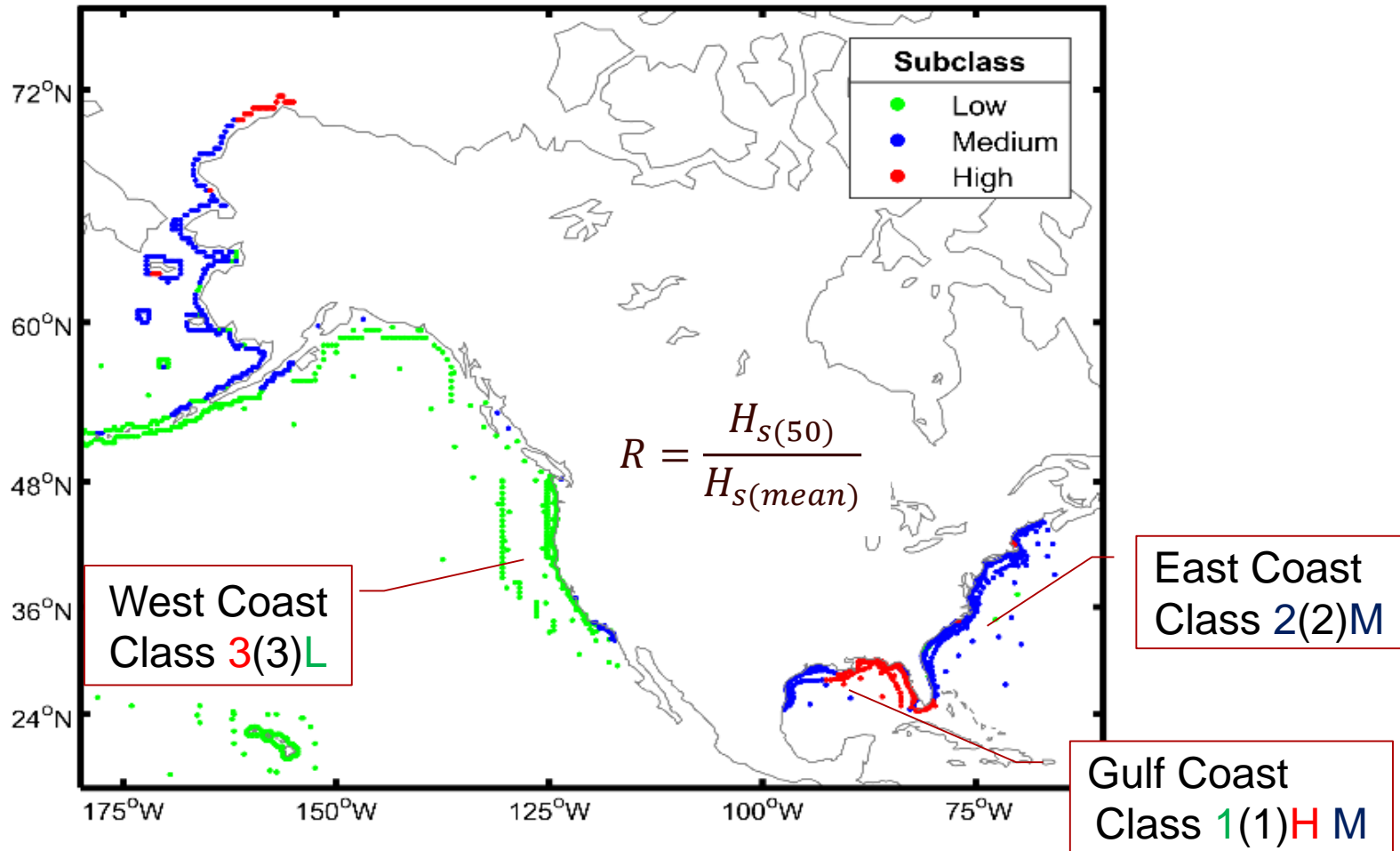


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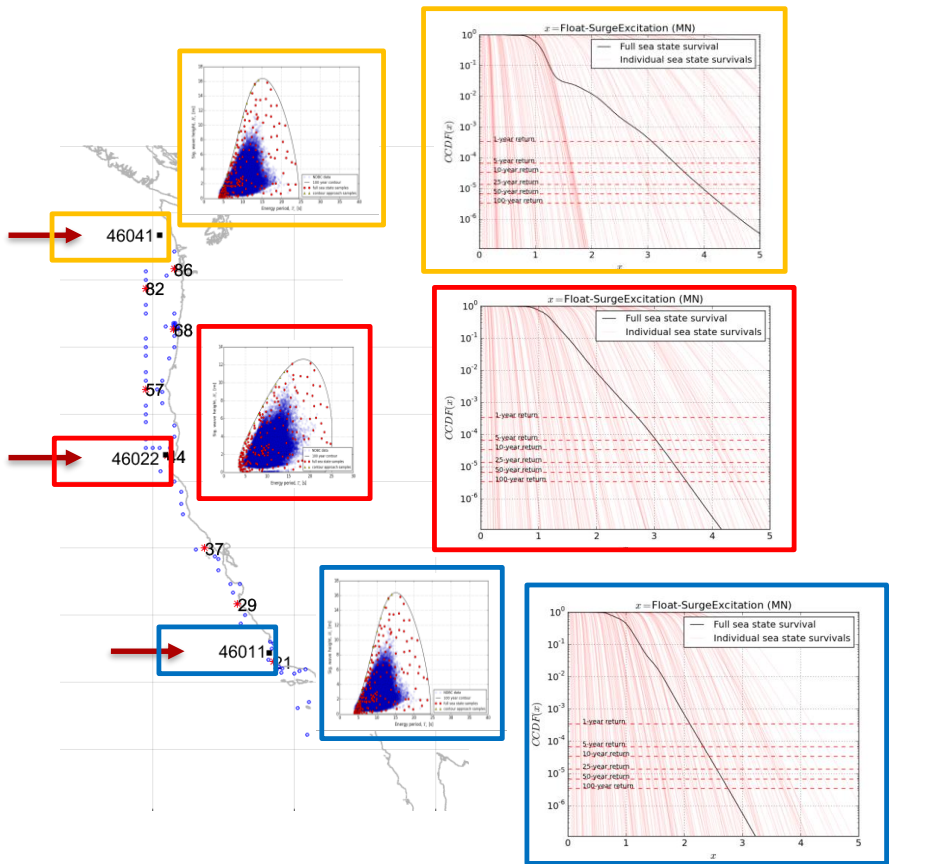


Resource: Regional trends



Geographic distribution of relative risk classes: low ($R \leq 5$), medium ($5 < R < 8$), high ($8 \leq R$).

Technology: Methods, load response



Survival response, surge excitation force on float

- Selected 3 buoy sites West Coast for inter-region comparison
- Full sea state approach – select 200 sea states to represent design load cases (DLC) for analysis
- WEC-Sim predicts WEC load response
- Generate extreme survival response functions

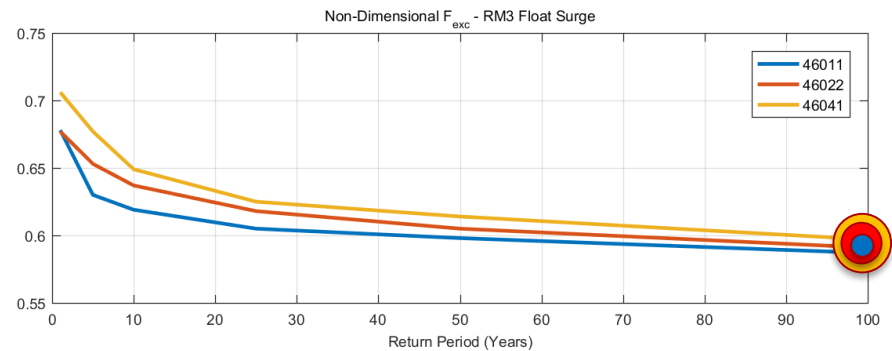
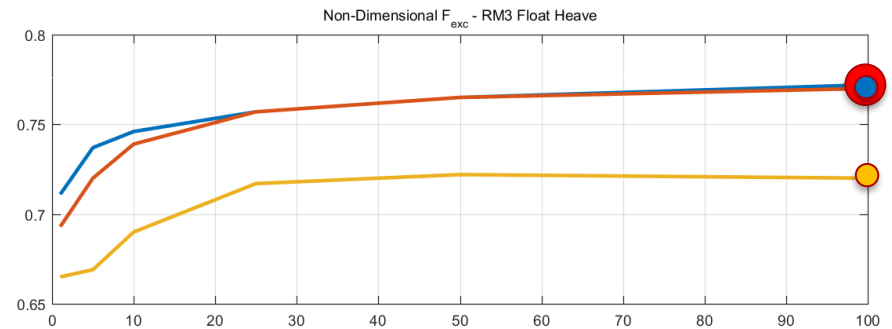
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Technology: Results, load response

Non-dimensionalized loads

$$F^* = \frac{F}{\rho g A_c \eta_r}$$

- ρ is the water density
- g is the constant of gravity
- A_c is the characteristic projected area of the device
- η_r is the r-yr return period value of the wave elevation



Next steps

- Resource classification
 - Extend to shallow sites (New DOE high-resolution hindcasts completed in 2019)
 - Review by industry (Marine Energy Council, US TAG: IEC, project steering committee)
- Technology classification
 - Extend the extreme load response study to thirty sites used in optimization study
 - Extend to other WEC archetypes