

What level of wave data is needed for ship motion analysis?

A ship hydrodynamics point of view

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Small vessels

- **Simple wave criteria are appropriate**
- **E.g. tugs: safe operation up to $H_s = 2.0$ m**



Medium-size vessels

- **Recognition that wave period is important**
- **Standard spectra used for analysis**
- **Operability criteria normally based on H_s**

Service Class	Operational				
	Sig. Wave Height (m)	Average Zero Up Crossing Period Range (sec)	Sea State	Wind Speed	
				Design (knots)	Nom (B'fort)
Ocean Unlimited	6.0	5.2-11.6	6	70	9
Ocean Limited	6.0	5.2-11.6	6	60	8
Offshore	4.0	4.2-9.5	5	50	7
Restricted Offshore	2.5	3.3-7.5	4	40	6
Protected Waters	1.25	2.4-5.3	3	30	5
Smooth Waters	0.5	1.5-3.3	2	30	5

**Table 4.2 – Operational Environment
RAN seakeeping standards**

Cargo ships in short-period seas Negligible wave-induced motions

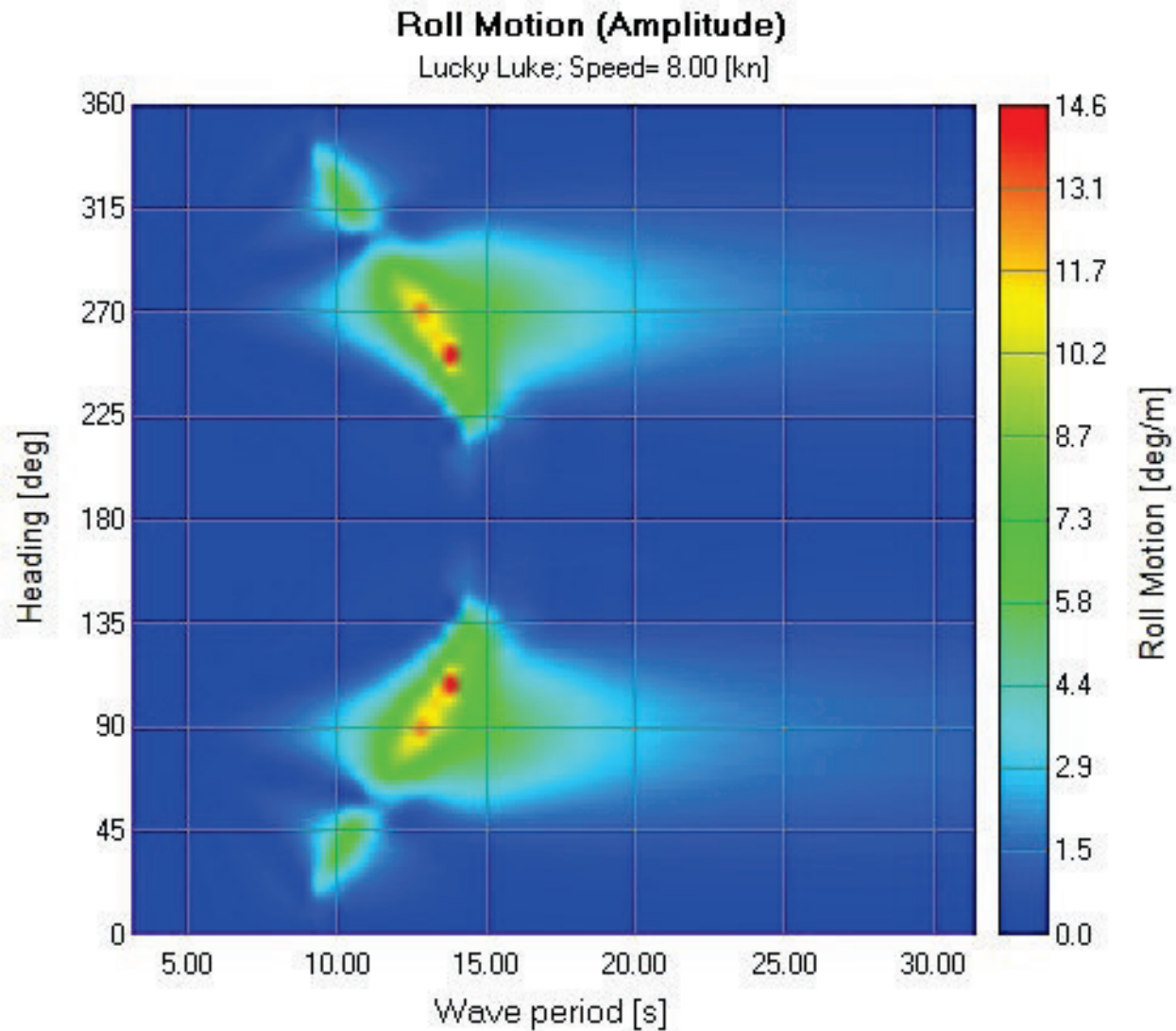


MV Sea Diamond, Geraldton

$H_{S(\text{swell})} = 1.5\text{m}$, $H_{S(\text{sea})} = 0.5\text{m}$



Linear ship motions: RAOs

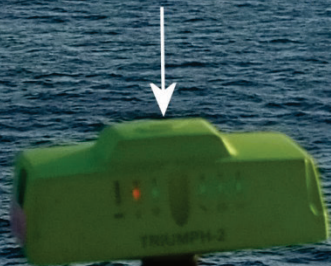


Combining RAOs with wave spectra

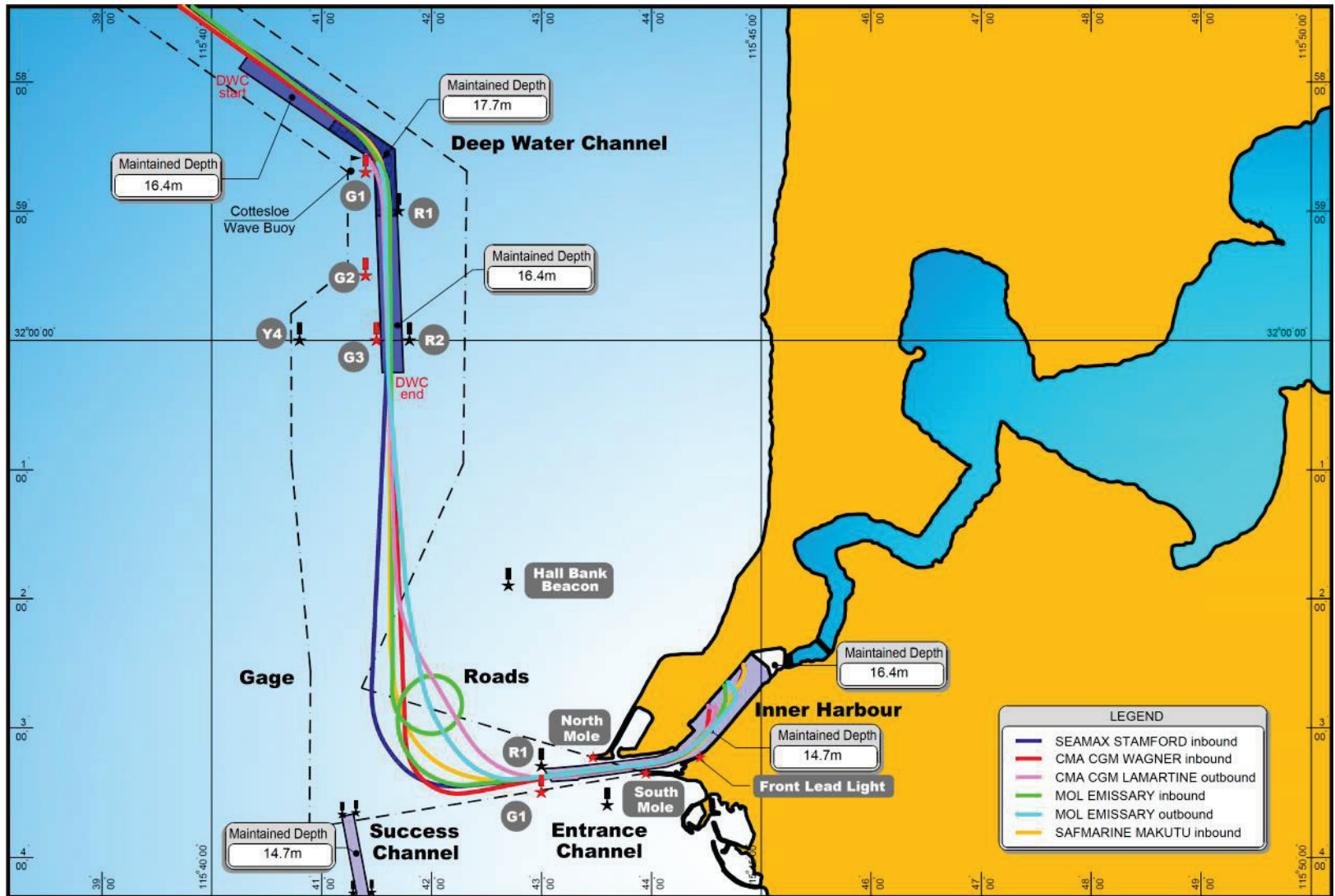
GNSS receiver on ship

Cottesloe directional waverider buoy

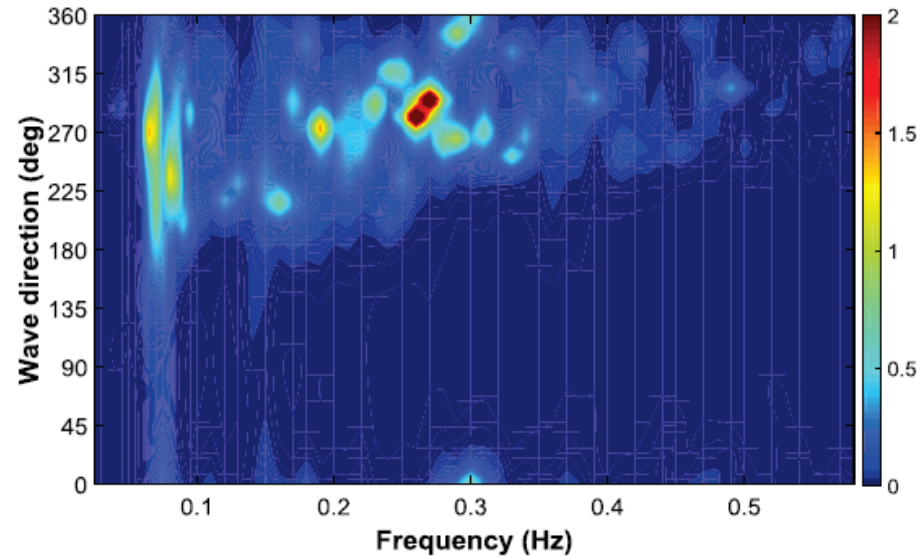
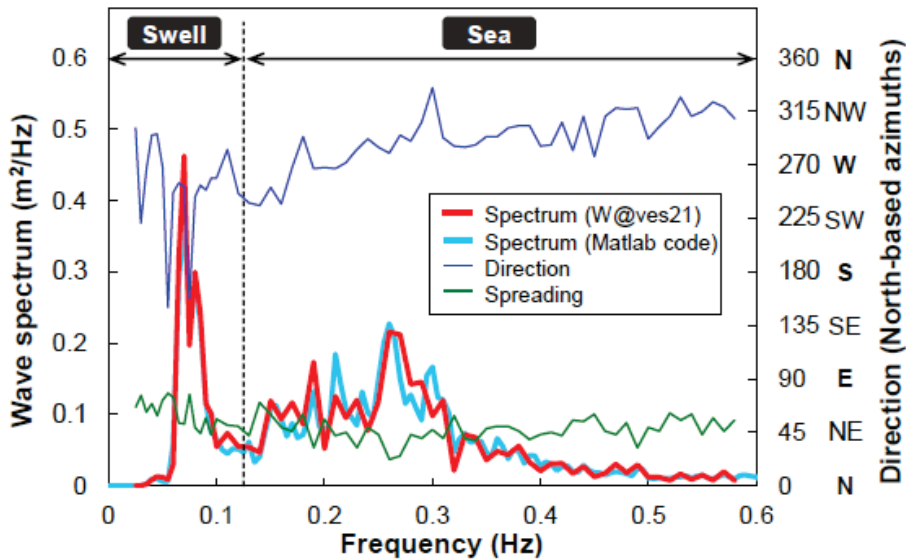
Fremantle channel marker



Fremantle port approach



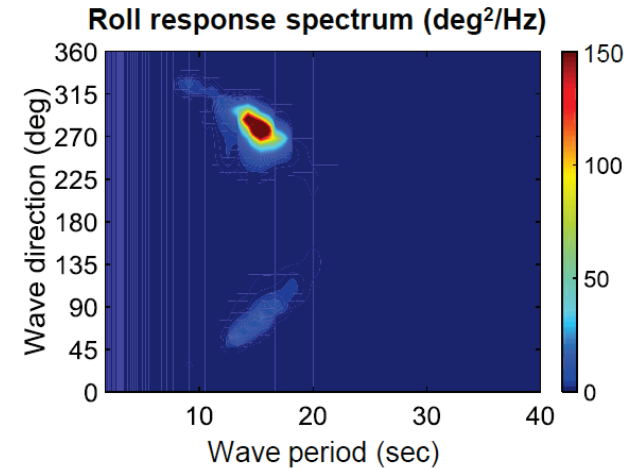
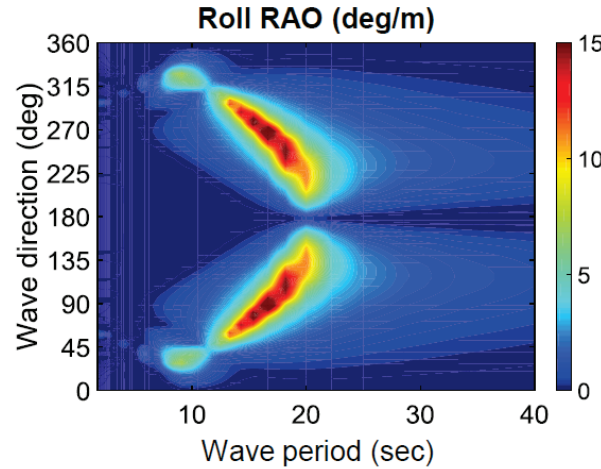
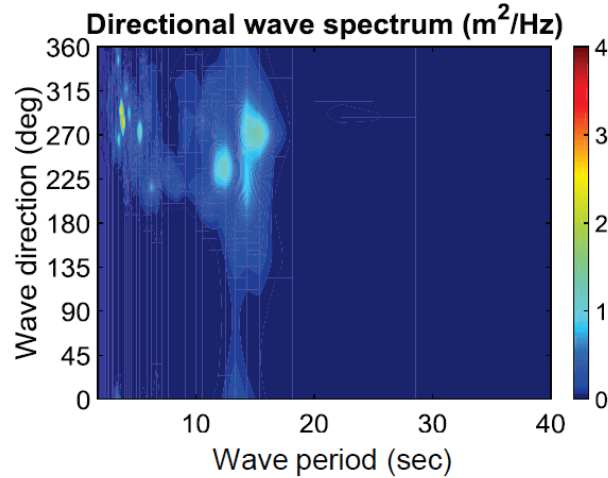
Non-directional and directional wave spectra



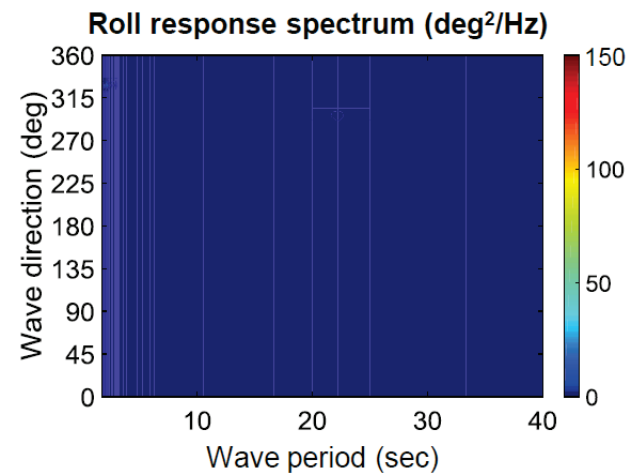
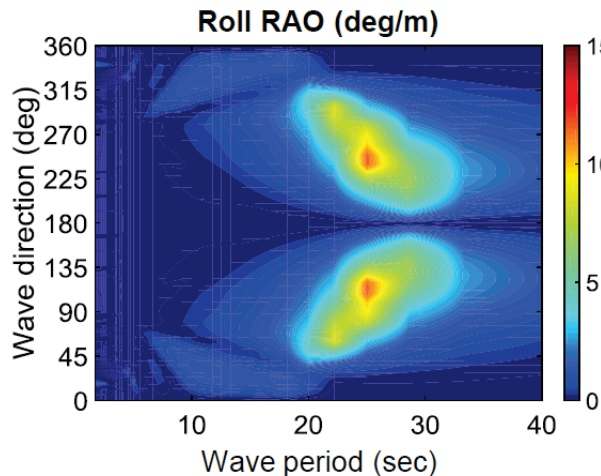
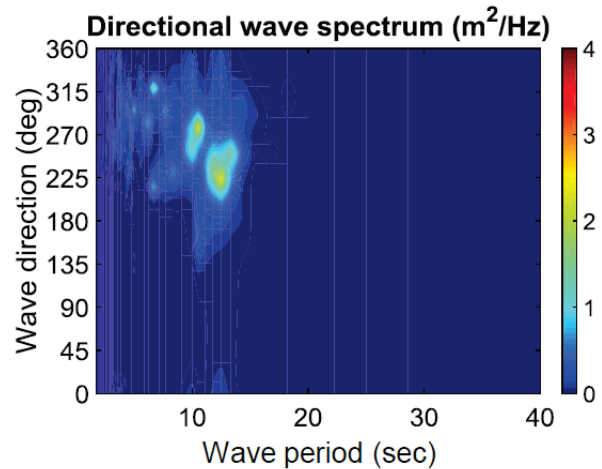
Wave spectrum measured at waverider buoy at time of CMA CGM Wagner passing waverider buoy

$(\text{Wave spectrum}) \cdot (\text{RAO})^2 = (\text{Response spectrum})$

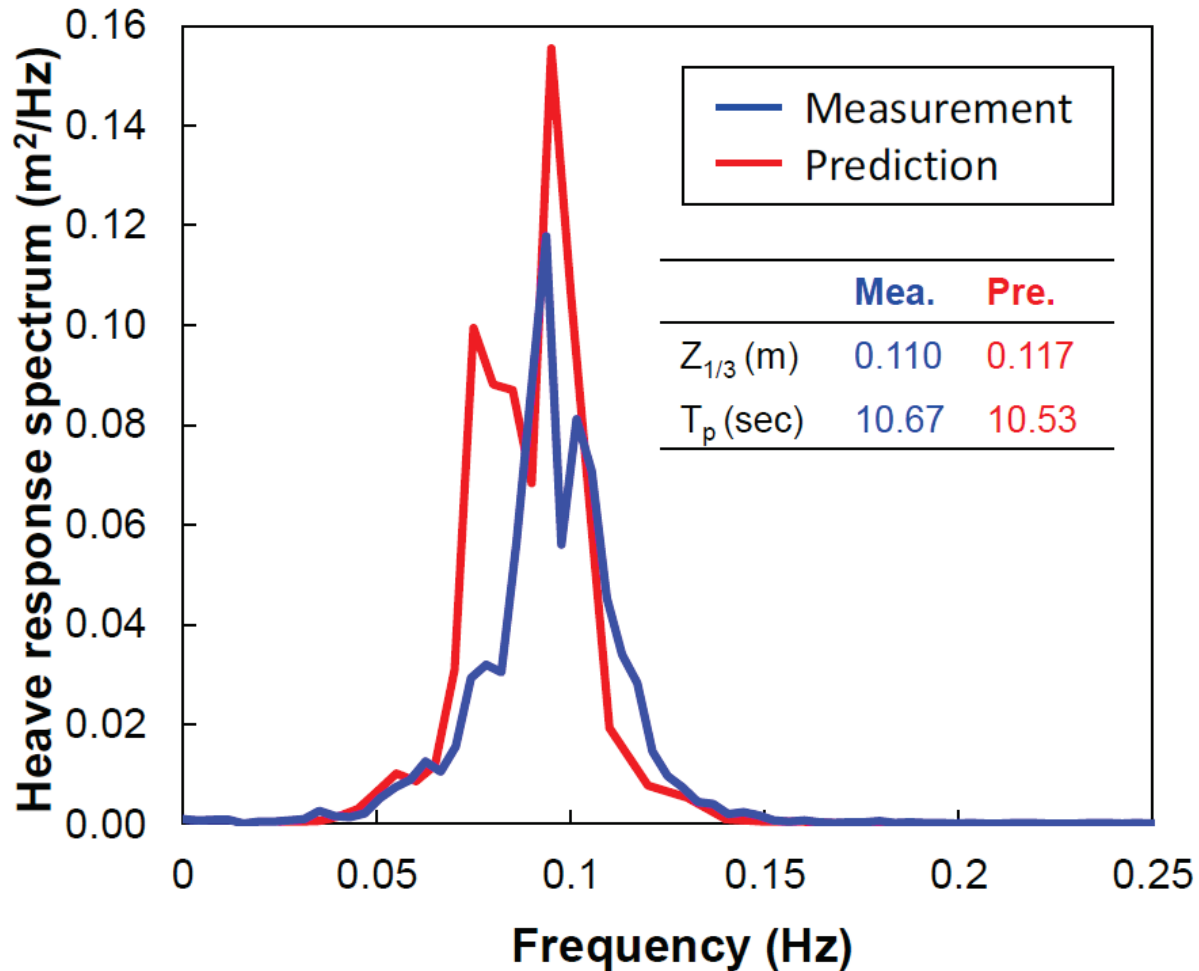
CMA CGM Wagner inbound



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Method validation



MOL Emissary inbound

Recommendations for supplying wave data for ship hydrodynamics

Good: Timeseries of ($H_{S(Swell)}$, $T_{P(Swell)}$), principal swell direction, spreading angle

Better: 2D array, e.g. Excel spreadsheet

- Across = frequency, down = time
- Extra columns of principal swell direction, spreading angle

Best: 3D array, e.g. Matlab or NetCDF file:

- Dim1 = frequency, Dim2 = direction, Dim3 = time

These can be supplied at multiple locations (e.g. along a shipping channel) as required.

Q & A

