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# JOINT STOCHASTIC SIMULATION OF EXTREME COASTAL AND OFFSHORE SIGNIFICANT WAVE HEIGHTS

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The characterisation of future extreme wave events is crucial because of their multiple impacts, covering a broad range of topics such as coastal flood hazard, coastal erosion, reliability of offshore and coastal structures. The main goal of this paper is to propose and study a stochastic simulator that, given offshore conditions (peak direction  $D_p$ , peak period  $T_p$  and moderately high significant wave heights  $H_s$ ), produces jointly offshore and coastal extreme  $H_s$ , a quantity measuring the wave severity and which represent a key feature in coastal risk analysis. For this purpose, we rely on bivariate Peaks over Threshold and a nonparametric simulation scheme of bivariate GPD is developed. From this joint simulator, a second generator is derived, allowing for conditional simulations of extreme  $H_s$ . Finally, to take into account non-stationarities, the extended generalised Pareto model is also adapted, letting the parameters vary with specific sea state parameters  $T_p$  and  $D_p$ . The performances of the two proposed generators are illustrated on simulated data and then applied to the simulation of new extreme oceanographic conditions close to the French Brittany coast using hindcast sea state data. Results show that the proposed algorithms successfully simulate future extreme  $H_s$  near the coast in a nonparametric way, jointly or conditionally on sea state parameters from a coarser model.

**1. Introduction.** French coastlines have been particularly affected by extreme maritime events in the past (Nicolae Lerma et al., 2015). Co-occurrence of high tidal coefficients, atmospheric surge conditions and specific sea states can lead to extreme maritime events. These events are particularly crucial for assessing flooding risks and their consequences (Genovese and Przulski, 2013; Bertin et al., 2012). According to the special IPCC report (see Collins et al. (2019)), extreme wave heights, which contribute to these extreme maritime events, have increased over the past few years. The recent IPCC report (Seneviratne et al., 2021) indicates, with high confidence, an increase in the occurrence and magnitude of such coastal events in the future. More specifically, Caires and Sterl (2005) showed that the most extreme wave conditions were expected to occur in the North Atlantic, which includes the Bay of Biscay, our study area.

Sea surface elevation over a geographical area results from the superposition of waves generated by local winds and by remote swell (generated in distant regions). The characterisation of this complex surface is called a sea state and to describe it, various parameters are available. In this work, we will focus on three variables: the significant wave height denoted  $H_s$  [m], the peak period,  $T_p$  [s], and the peak direction,  $D_p$  [°] (see e.g. Holthuijsen (2007) for more details).

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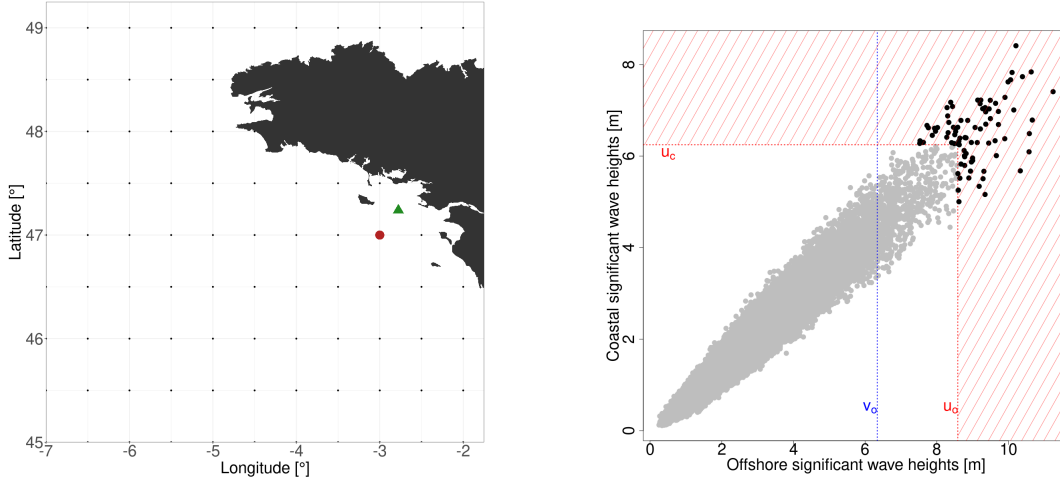


Fig 1: (left) Portion of IOWAGA hindcast database grid, the red dot corresponds to the "off-shore" point (data extracted from the IOWAGA database) and the triangular green dot corresponds to the "coastal" point (data extracted from the HOMERE database). (right) Scatter plot of the coastal significant wave heights versus the offshore significant wave heights with the different thresholds considered. The dark dots belong to the region of the data used for simulation.

From a coastal risk point of view, a fundamental question is to determine how moderately high offshore significant wave heights can produce large coastal  $H_s$ . Peak direction and peak period influence the relationship between coastal and offshore  $H_s$ . In this context, our main goal is to propose and study a stochastic simulator that, given offshore conditions ( $T_p$ ,  $D_p$ ,  $H_s$  moderately high), produces jointly offshore and coastal extreme significant wave heights. Note that in this study, we assume the availability of offshore  $T_p$  and  $D_p$ , but we could also consider an appropriate bivariate generator of  $(T_p, D_p)$  (based, for example, on Heredia-Zavoni and Montes-Iturrizaga, 2019). Hereinafter,  $H_c$  (resp.  $H_o$ ) will denote the coastal (resp. offshore) significant wave heights. The left-hand side map of Figure 1 shows the two locations of interest.

From such a stochastic generator (first goal), many products can be derived. In particular our second objective is to propose a conditional simulation model (second goal). The framework for each step of this study is summarised in Table 1. In order to make the two simulation models as flexible as possible, nonparametric algorithms are derived using resampling techniques (or nonparametric bootstrap (Efron, 1979)). While this study focuses on simulation of extreme  $H_s$ , and as illustrated by the numerical simulations in Section 4, the two nonparametric algorithms developed could be applied to a broad range of data.

In multivariate extreme value analysis, one is often interested in the joint behaviour of the variables as they become large. As illustrated by the right-hand side of Figure 1, which depicts a scatter plot between  $H_o$  and  $H_c$ , large values tend to occur simultaneously. For this

Table 1: Summary of available data for each step of this study. A tick  $\checkmark$  (resp. a cross  $\times$ ) indicates the availability (resp. non-availability) of the data.

		$H_c$	$H_o$	$D_p$	$T_p$
	Inference	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
First Goal:	Joint simulation	$\times$	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Second Goal:	Conditional simulation	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

specific type of dependence, called asymptotic dependence (Coles, 2001), models from the class of multivariate Extreme Value Theory (EVT) can be used. To achieve the two objectives (first Goal and second Goal), we will therefore propose two simulation algorithms based on multivariate Peaks over Thresholds (Sec. 8.3.1 Beirlant et al., 2004). Note that to assess whether data fall within the class of asymptotic dependence or not, summary statistics have been developed such as the dependence measures  $\chi$  and  $\bar{\chi}$  (Coles, Heffernan and Tawn, 1999) and, for our specific dataset, these measures do not point toward the case of asymptotic independence between  $H_o$  and  $H_c$  (see Figure 11 in Appendix A).

For independent extremes, conditional models based on Heffernan and Tawn (2004) should be favoured to deal with our second goal, see for example Towe et al. (2017); Shooter et al. (2019); Tendijck et al. (2021). In particular, if the distance between the two locations increases, the dependence is likely to decrease and other specific models should be used to address such issues (e.g. Shooter et al., 2019, 2021a).

Before modelling the joint behaviour of large values, it is necessary to model margins (Beirlant et al., 2004). To visualise this task with respect to our data, the empirical histograms displayed in Figure 2 indicate that, given  $\{H_o > v_o\}$  (moderately high offshore significant wave heights), a traditional univariate extreme value approach based on fitting a generalised Pareto distribution (GPD) to the exceedances (Coles, 2001) is not appropriate. Indeed, the clear increase from zero to the mode in the left-hand histogram of Figure 2 cannot be reproduced by the probability density function (pdf) of the GPD that is a strictly decreasing function. To tackle this issue, we use the extended generalised Pareto distribution (EGPD) introduced by Naveau et al. (2016) which handles this type of setting (see also Papastathopoulos and Tawn (2013)), more details are given in Section 3.

Furthermore, like many other environmental data, extreme  $H_s$  are nonstationary with respect to covariates (Jonathan and Ewans, 2013) and marginal models need to take into account this nonstationarity (e.g. Ewans and Jonathan, 2008; Méndez et al., 2008; Casas-Prat, Wang and Sierra, 2014). To incorporate nonstationarities, Chavez-Demoulin and Davison (2005) proposed to let the parameters of an extreme value model vary as smooth functions of covariates. This has been intensively applied to oceanographic data (e.g. Feld et al., 2014;

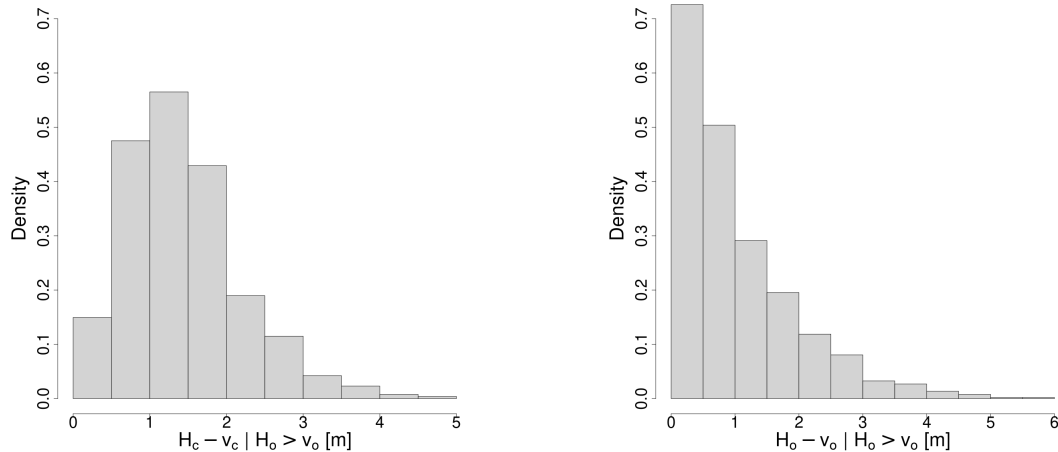


Fig 2: (left) Empirical histogram for the coastal significant wave height threshold exceedances and (right) similarly for the offshore significant wave heights threshold exceedances, illustrating that fitting a generalised Pareto distribution (Coles, 2001) is not suitable for the coastal data. The coastal marginal threshold is defined by  $v_c := \min(H_c; H_o > v_o)$ .

Jonathan, Ewans and Randell, 2014; Ross et al., 2017). However, there are only a few papers dealing with nonstationary EGPD (de Carvalho et al., 2022; Haruna, Blanchet and Favre, 2022). In this study, and as illustrated in Figure 3, the marginal EGPD models parameters will be described as smooth functions of the covariates  $T_p$  and  $D_p$ .

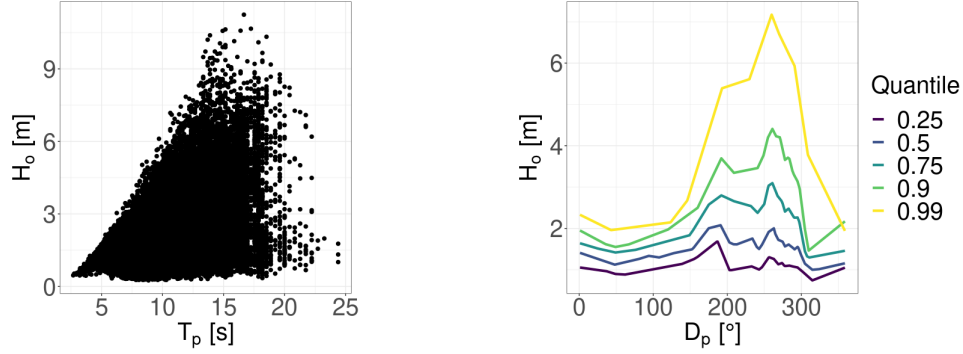


Fig 3: *Dependence of  $H_s$  with respect to  $T_p$  and  $D_p$  (left) Offshore significant wave heights  $H_o$  given peak period  $T_p$ . (right) Estimated quantiles of  $H_o$  given the peak direction  $D_p$  for different quantile levels  $q \in \{0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 0.9, 0.99\}$ , estimation is performed using smoothed quantile regression (Koenker, Ng and Portnoy, 1994).*

The key steps of our study are the following: (1) marginal regression modelling within the class of EGPD, (2) transformation of the data to common exponential margins, (3) modelling extremal dependence between the variables using multivariate generalised Pareto model (hereafter MGP models) (Rootzén and Tajvidi, 2006), (4) nonparametric simulation of bivariate extreme  $H_s$  within the class of MGP distributions. In our modelling scheme, different steps are novelties. To our knowledge, little attention has been paid in the literature to the modelling of multivariate nonstationary extremes using EGPD and to the nonparametric simulation within the MGP class.

Our paper is organised as follows. In Section 2, the sea state data are presented and the marginal inference incorporating covariates in the EGPD modelling is described in Section 3. In Section 4, the nonparametric method to simulate MGP vectors is presented and some numerical experiments are shown. Two algorithms are outlined, one for bivariate simulations and a second one for conditional simulations. Both algorithms are applied in Section 5 to the sea state data. The R codes along with the data used in this study can be found in the Supplementary Material A (Legrand et al. (2023)).

**2. Sea state data.** Our study is carried out in the northern part of the Bay of Biscay in France. The specificity of this region is that it is exposed to the Atlantic Ocean and therefore subject to complex superpositions of wind generated waves and swell. The data are extracted from two different wave hindcasts provided by IFREMER and consist of simulations of sea states by a numerical model. First, the IOWAGA database (Ardhuin and Accensi, 2014) corresponds to sea states parameters that are generated by the wave model WAVEWATCH-III and forced by CFSR winds on a Global grid ( $0.5^\circ$  resolution grid in latitude and longitude). HOMERE is the second database (Accensi and Maisondieu, 2015), also based on WAVEWATCH-III model and forced by IOWAGA on the wet boundaries, but on an unstructured grid covering only the English Channel and the Bay of Biscay, more refined close to the coast and with the inclusion of currents and water levels.

As mentioned in the introduction, we restrict our attention to two specific locations: an offshore grid point ( $47^\circ\text{N}$ ,  $3^\circ\text{W}$ ) from the IOWAGA database and a coastal point from the HOMERE database, near the French coast ( $47^\circ24\text{N}$ ,  $2^\circ78\text{W}$ ) corresponding to the SEM-REV sea test site (Mouslim et al., 2009) (see Figure 1). Among all the sea states parameters, the significant wave heights  $H_s[m]$  from the two locations, the peak period  $T_p[s]$  and the peak direction  $D_p[^\circ]$  only from the offshore location are used. Data are available at 3-hour intervals spanning from 1994 to 2016. More precisely, the original HOMERE database has a 1-hour resolution time step but the IOWAGA database is sampled every 3 hours, so to obtain data at the same time scale a sub-sampling of the HOMERE database every 3 hours is performed. Recall that  $H_c$  (resp.  $H_o$ ) correspond to the coastal (resp. offshore) significant wave heights. A scatter plot between  $H_c$  and  $H_o$  can be found in Figure 1, highlighting a strong dependence structure between the variables. Data are then split into two sets:

- Set 1 contains the first 70% of the data and is used for the inference of the marginal regression models and the preliminary steps for the simulation of  $H_s$  (see Section 5);
- Set 2 contains the remaining 30% of the data and is used for the simulation of extreme  $H_s$ .

In order to propagate the uncertainties from the marginal modelling to the bivariate simulations, a bootstrap resampling is also adopted by repeating the combined marginal and bivariate analysis for 100 resamples of the Set 1. Note that Set 2 is not involved in the bootstrap procedure.

### 3. Marginal regression analysis.

*3.1. Marginal regression.* In this section, only the data from Set 1 are considered. A regression model for  $H_c$  and  $H_o$  is chosen. We pre-select the extremes by considering, within the Set 1, data such that  $H_o > v_o$ , i.e. belonging to the right rectangular region in Figure 1, where  $v_o$  is defined as the 0.98 quantile of  $H_o$ . A common choice when someone is interested in extreme values is to work with the class of the generalised Pareto distributions (GPD) (e.g. Coles (2001)). However, this type of model always raises questions on the choice of the threshold and the GPD approximation holds true only for the very high values. In our case we want to model all the data that are to the right of the vertical blue line in Figure 1, this means that values are not necessarily extremes. To overcome such problems, Naveau et al. (2016) proposed a new class of extreme value distributions, called extended generalised Pareto distributions (EGPD). The EGPD class is suitable for modelling the entire range of data, not only the most extreme values, and avoids the need for careful threshold selection. It also ensures that both lower and upper tails are in compliance with univariate EVT. In Naveau et al. (2016), four parametric models are proposed. We restrict ourselves to the first and simplest one (corresponding to the EGP3 model introduced by Papastathopoulos and Tawn (2013)), which appears to be flexible enough, and whose cumulative distribution function is of the form

$$(1) \quad F(x) = \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \frac{\xi x}{\sigma} \right)^{-1/\xi} \right)^\kappa.$$

The model has three parameters: scale  $\sigma > 0$ , shape  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$  and an additional parameter  $\kappa > 0$  which controls the shape of the lower tail. In Naveau et al. (2016), the authors developed the EGPD for non-negative shape parameter  $\xi$ . Indeed, the main applications were the modelling of daily rainfall (e.g. Naveau et al., 2016; Tencaliec et al., 2019; de Carvalho et al., 2022; Rivoire, Martius and Naveau, 2021), which are heavy-tailed ( $\xi > 0$ ). In our case, as reported in Jonathan and Ewans (2013), extreme  $H_s$  data are generally described by upper-bounded tail distributions. Still, the case  $\xi < 0$  can be handled by model (1).

Table 2: *Estimated parameters for the regression marginal models. Point estimates and 95% asymptotic and bootstrap confidence intervals are given in brackets.*

Parameter	Estimate	Asymptotic CI	Bootstrap CI
$\xi_c$	-0.11	[-0.15, -0.07]	[-0.21, -0.09]
$\kappa_c$	4.11	[3.57, 4.64]	[3.02, 4.84]
$\xi_o$	-0.10	[-0.16, -0.04]	[-0.17, -0.04]
$\kappa_o$	1.16	[1.05, 1.26]	[1.05, 1.28]

As mentioned in the Introduction,  $H_s$  data are nonstationary (see Figure 3), see also Jonathan, Ewans and Randell (2014); Feld et al. (2014); De Leo et al. (2021). Therefore, we regress  $H_s$  on the peak direction  $D_p$  and the peak period  $T_p$ . We choose here to put the dependency on the scale parameter. The regression marginal models can then be written as follows

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} \mathbb{P}(H_o - v_o \leq x | H_o > v_o, T_p, D_p) = \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \frac{\xi_o x}{\sigma_o(T_p, D_p)} \right)^{-1/\xi_o} \right)^{\kappa_o}, \\ \mathbb{P}(H_c - v_c \leq x | H_o > v_o, T_p, D_p) = \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \frac{\xi_c x}{\sigma_c(T_p, D_p)} \right)^{-1/\xi_c} \right)^{\kappa_c}. \end{cases}$$

The coastal marginal threshold  $v_c$  introduced in (2) is defined by  $v_c := \min(H_c; H_o > v_o)$  so that the minimum of  $H_c - v_c$  is equal to zero. This definition of  $v_c$  allows to keep a large amount of data for the simulations (see Section 5) and the use of the EGPD ensures that extreme values of  $H_c$  are still well modelled.

Note that in classical EVT, incorporating a varying threshold in a extreme value model often leads to improved marginal modelling (see for example Northrop and Jonathan (2011) for a spatially varying threshold to model extreme  $H_s$ ). However, in Equation (2), the thresholds  $v_c$  and  $v_o$  should not be confused with the usual EVT thresholds. For example, going back to the left panel of Figure 2, the histogram clearly highlights a mode around 1.5. In this case, a classical EVT approach would have probably been based on varying thresholds greater than 1.5. The parameter  $\kappa$  of the EGPD allows us to capture the lower tail behaviour. This additional parameter appears to bring the necessary flexibility to fit well this particular dataset, see Figure 12, without the need of a varying EVT threshold. If needed, one could integrate covariate in  $\kappa$  (Le Carrer, 2022).

The regression marginal models (2) are estimated using the R package `gamlss` (Stasinopoulos, Rigby and Akantziliotou, 2008) with the EGPD family (Le Carrer, 2022). The inference is performed using maximum penalised likelihood estimation (note that the model fitting is achieved with the CG algorithm (Cole and Green, 1992)). In our model (2), we assume that the parameters  $\sigma_o$  and  $\sigma_c$  vary smoothly with  $T_p$  and  $D_p$ . This is achieved using tensor product of cubic regression splines. The parameter estimates for the regression marginal models are reported in Table 2. Both asymptotic 95% confidence intervals (CI), derived from the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix of the fitted models, and bootstrap 95% CI for each parameter are given in brackets. Both procedures produce similar results.

Both estimated shape parameters are negative but close to zero, which suggests light-tailed or bounded distributions. This is in accordance with previous studies and the physical behaviour of wave heights in shallow waters (Castillo and Sarabia, 1992; Vanem and Fazerres-Ferradosa, 2022). Regarding the lower tail parameter  $\kappa$ , looking at Equation (1) one can check that less mass is put at zero for large values of  $\kappa$ . Thus looking at the empirical histograms in Figure 2, the estimates of  $\kappa$  seem reasonable. Goodness-of-fit plots of the model (2) are shown in Appendix B.

3.2. *Covariate effects.* The covariate effects on the scale parameters can be seen on the top panels in Figure 4. Regarding the effect of  $D_p$ , we find that the biggest storms come from the WSW and with strong similarities between the coastal and the offshore model. There are more differences between the two locations if we look at the effect of  $T_p$ , which might be due to a greater loss of energy during the propagation of waves with large period. This is in particular the case for swells generated well offshore, corresponding to a large peak period, and coming from the NW, which are filtered at the coast due to the islands. To visualise in an alternative way the effect of the covariates on the scale parameters, we also choose to consider the theoretical expectation of the fitted EGPD models. As can be seen from Equation (3) (and similarly for  $H_o$ ), the theoretical expectation of model (2) is directly proportional to the scale parameter (see Naveau et al. (2016)):

$$(3) \quad \mathbb{E}(H_c | H_o > v_o, T_p, D_p) = \sigma_c(T_p, D_p) \frac{1}{\xi_c} [\kappa_c B(\kappa_c, 1 - \xi_c) - 1],$$

where  $B$  denotes the Beta function defined by

$$B(a, b) = \int_0^1 t^{a-1} (1-t)^{b-1} dt.$$

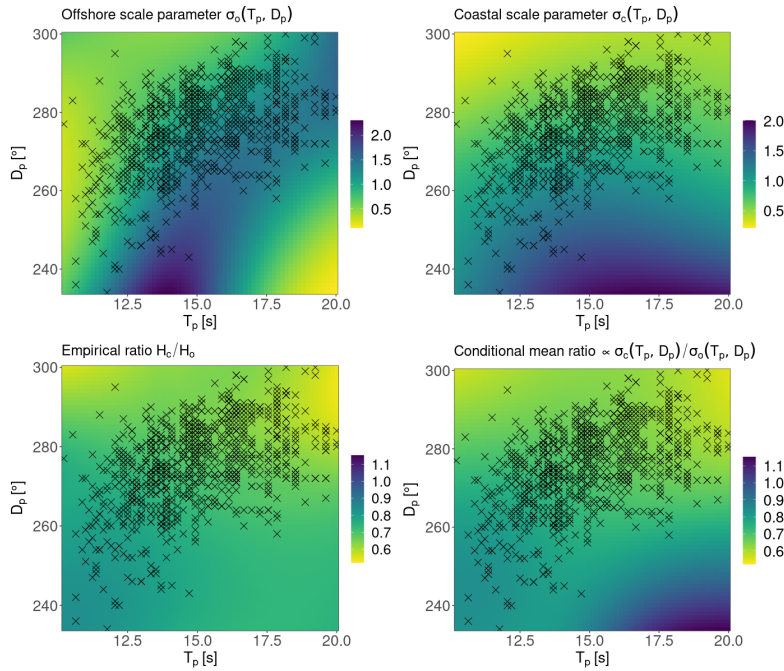


Fig 4: (top left) Estimated offshore scale parameter conditionally to the offshore peak direction  $D_p$  and the offshore peak period  $T_p$ . (top right) Identical to the top left panel but for the coastal scale parameter. (bottom left) Interpolated ratio of empirical extreme coastal significant wave heights  $H_c$  and extreme offshore significant wave heights  $H_o$ . The interpolated surface between the data points is performed using local polynomial interpolation of degree 2. (bottom right) Ratio of the predicted conditional expectations of extreme coastal significant wave heights  $H_c$  and extreme offshore significant wave heights  $H_o$ , conditionally to the offshore peak direction  $D_p$  and the offshore peak period  $T_p$ . On the four plots, observed data points are superimposed.



The bottom left panel in Figure 4 represents the empirical ratio  $H_c/H_o$  given  $T_p$  and  $D_p$  values. Local polynomial interpolation (LOESS, Cleveland and Devlin (1988)) is performed between the observed data points to get values on a regular grid of  $D_p$  and  $T_p$ , ranging from 230 to 300 degrees for the peak direction and from 10 to 20 seconds for the peak period. This first panel is then compared to the estimated ratio of the two conditional expectations (bottom right panel in Figure 4), which, from Equation (3), is proportional to

$$\hat{\sigma}_c(T_p, D_p) / \hat{\sigma}_o(T_p, D_p).$$

This ratio can give us an idea of the propagation of the wave energy from the offshore to the coast as a function of the covariates. These results can be physically interpreted: the loss of wave energy between the offshore and the coast is lower for small periods but also for waves coming from the SW rather than the NW due to the bathymetry (see the map on Figure 1).

Using the estimated  $\hat{\sigma}_c(T_p, D_p)$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_o(T_p, D_p)$ , the  $H_s$  data are then transformed to common exponential scale using the probability integral transform

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} H_o^E &:= -\log \left\{ 1 - \hat{F}_o[(H_o - v_o) / \hat{\sigma}_o(T_p, D_p)] \right\}, \\ H_c^E &:= -\log \left\{ 1 - \hat{F}_c[(H_c - v_c) / \hat{\sigma}_c(T_p, D_p)] \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\hat{F}_o$  (resp.  $\hat{F}_c$ ) is the fitted  $EGPD(\hat{\xi}_o, \hat{\kappa}_o, 1)$  cdf's (resp.  $EGPD(\hat{\xi}_c, \hat{\kappa}_c, 1)$ ) from Equation (2).

**4. Multivariate Pareto model.** In this section, the threshold exceedances of  $H_s$  transformed to common exponential margins are modelled. This vector is denoted  $\mathbf{H}^E := (H_c^E, H_o^E)$  in the following. For that, we adapt the definition of Rootzén and Tajvidi (2006) of bivariate threshold exceedances given as

$$(5) \quad [\mathbf{H}^E - \mathbf{u} | \mathbf{H}^E \not\leq \mathbf{u}]$$

where  $\mathbf{u} := (u_c, u_o) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2$  and  $\mathbf{H}^E \not\leq \mathbf{u}$  means that  $H_c^E > u_c$  and/or  $H_o^E > u_o$ , that is to say we are extreme in at least one of the two components. Then multivariate EVT theory states that (5) can be well approximated by a multivariate generalised Pareto (MGP) distribution (Rootzén and Tajvidi, 2006). Note that there are different equivalent definitions for multivariate threshold exceedances (see Section 8.3 of Beirlant et al. (2004)).

Rootzén, Segers and Wadsworth (2018) derived a stochastic representation of standard MGP vectors considering that a bivariate random vector  $\mathbf{Z}$  follows a standard MGP distribution if, and only if,

$$(6) \quad \mathbf{Z} = E + \mathbf{T} - \max(\mathbf{T}),$$

with  $\mathbf{T}$  a random vector and  $E$  a unit exponential random variable independent of  $\mathbf{T}$ . In the above equation, the addition should be interpreted component-wise and the scalars  $E$  and  $\max(\mathbf{T})$  are repeated twice if  $\mathbf{Z}$  is a bivariate random vector. Note that the standard MGP distribution is supported by the set  $L := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d; \mathbf{x} \not\leq \mathbf{0}\}$ .

In our study, Equation (6) is adapted to  $\mathbf{Z} = (Z_1, Z_2)$  defined as

$$(7) \quad \begin{cases} Z_1 := H_o^E - u_o | H_o^E > u_o \text{ or } H_c^E > u_c, \\ Z_2 := H_c^E - u_c | H_o^E > u_o \text{ or } H_c^E > u_c. \end{cases}$$

**Algorithm 1** Nonparametric bootstrap MGP simulation

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- 1: **input** A sample  $(Z_{1,i}, Z_{2,i})_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  from a MGP distribution
  - 2: **output** A simulated sample  $(Z_{1,k}^{(m)}, Z_{2,k}^{(m)})_{1 \leq k \leq m}$ , potentially with  $m \neq n$
  - 3: **procedure**
  - 4:   Define  $\Delta_i := Z_{1,i} - Z_{2,i}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$
  - 5:   Generate  $m$  realisations  $E_k^{(m)} \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ , independently of  $(\Delta_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ , for  $1 \leq k \leq m$
  - 6:   Bootstrap  $m$  realisations  $\Delta_k^{(m)}$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq m$ , from  $(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_n)$
  - 7: **end procedure**
  - 8: **return**  $Z_{1,k}^{(m)} := E_k^{(m)} + \Delta_k^{(m)} \mathbb{1}_{\Delta_k^{(m)} < 0}$  and  $Z_{2,k}^{(m)} := E_k^{(m)} - \Delta_k^{(m)} \mathbb{1}_{\Delta_k^{(m)} > 0}$ , for  $1 \leq k \leq m$
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4.1. *Simulation of bivariate standard generalised Pareto distributed vectors.* Kiriliouk et al. (2019) established several parametric MGP models by setting explicit densities for  $\mathbf{T}$  in a multivariate setting. In the following, we consider only vectors of dimension 2, *i.e.*  $\mathbf{Z} = (Z_1, Z_2)$  and  $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, T_2)$ . To bypass the choice of the underlying distribution for  $\mathbf{T}$ , we start from the following rewriting of Equation (6),

$$(8) \quad \begin{cases} Z_1 = E + \Delta \mathbb{1}_{\Delta < 0}, \\ Z_2 = E - \Delta \mathbb{1}_{\Delta \geq 0}, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Delta := Z_1 - Z_2 = T_1 - T_2$  and  $\mathbb{1}_A$  denotes the indicator function, equals to 1 if  $A$  is true and 0 otherwise.

Equation (8) is the basis for our simulation algorithms. From this equation, we see that we need to simulate values of  $\Delta$  and  $E$  independently, instead of  $(T_1, T_2)$ . Generating independent, and identically distributed, unit exponentials is trivial, so the main difficulty is to simulate  $\Delta$ . This can be achieved by bootstrapping (see Efron (1979)). Our approach is then described in Algorithm 1 and a theoretical proof can be found in Appendix C.

4.2. *Numerical experiments.* In the following, we simulate MGP vectors  $\mathbf{Z} = (Z_1, Z_2)$  from the representation (6) with different parametric models on  $(T_1, T_2)$  and we compare with our simulation algorithm. The different experiments are reported in Table 3 and some graphical results are shown in Figure 5 which displays for each model a scatter plot of the data, the measure of extremal dependence  $\chi(u)$  for increasing values of  $u$ , and the marginal quantile-quantile plots. We use the measure  $\chi(u)$  which gives a measure of asymptotic dependence between two variables  $X$  and  $Y$  (for more details see *e.g.* Coles, Heffernan and Tawn (1999)) and which is defined by

$$(9) \quad \chi(u) := \mathbb{P}(Y > F_Y^{-1}(u) \mid X > F_X^{-1}(u)), \quad u \in (0, 1).$$

In Table 3, (a) and (b) are two bivariate Gaussian models with same correlation coefficient  $\rho < 1$  but with  $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$  for (b), leading to asymmetry. Model (c) corresponds to the Type I bivariate logistic distribution proposed by Gumbel (1961). For model (d) we consider two independent Gumbel distributed variables with different scale parameters. And lastly, (e) corresponds to a bivariate exponential distribution as defined in Marshall and Olkin (1967).

As seen in Figure 5, Algorithm 1 successfully simulates draws from the parametric simulations in terms of the marginals  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$ , but also recovers well the dependence structure when looking at the measure of dependence  $\chi(u)$ .

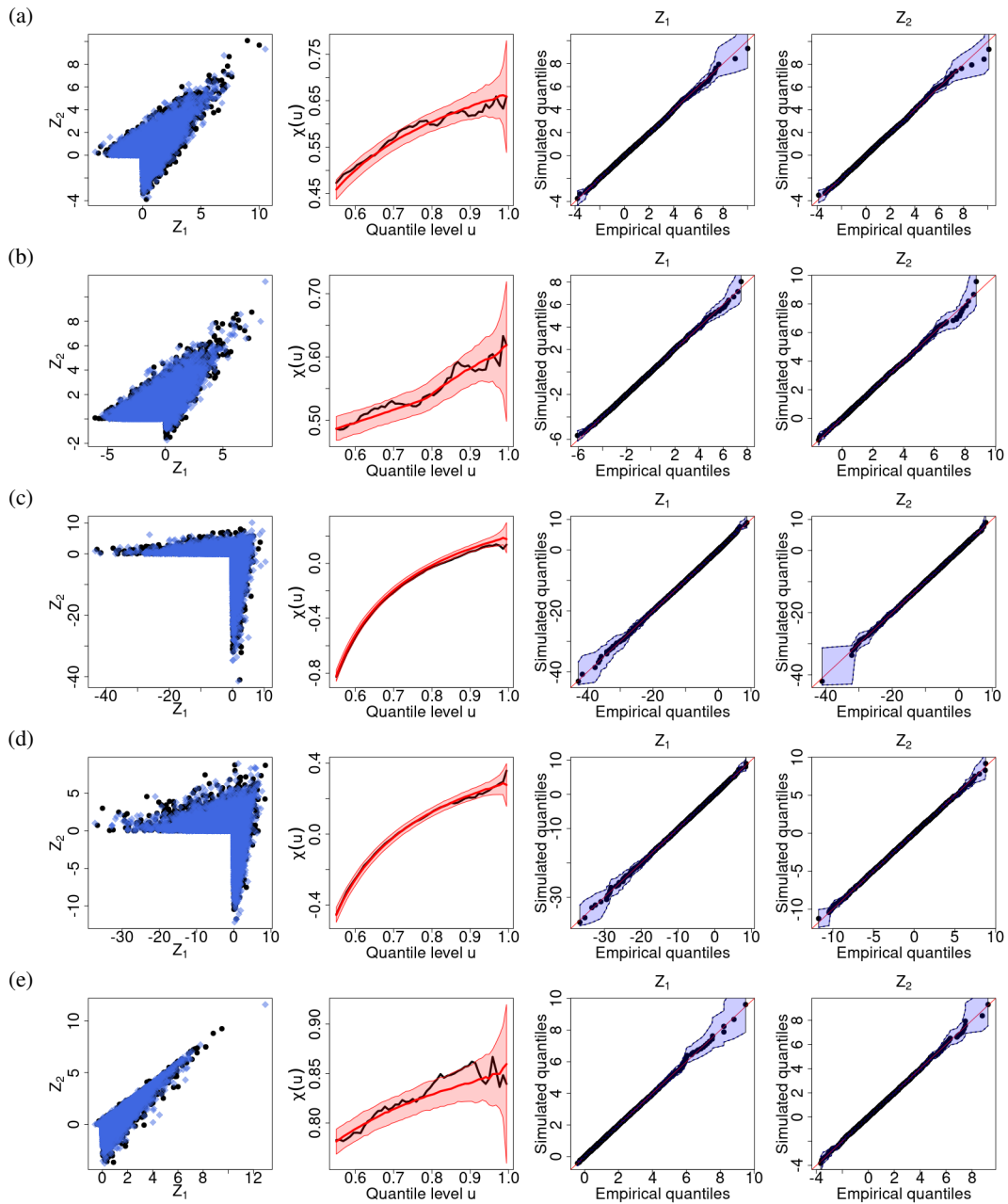


Fig 5: Each panel line corresponds to one of the parametric model (a) to (e), and shows from left to right: (1) Scatter plot of simulated data with the parametric model with sample size  $n = 10000$  (black dots) and sampled data from one simulation using Algorithm 1 with sample size  $m = 10000$  (blue diamond-shaped dots); (2) Empirical estimates of the measure of asymptotic dependence  $\chi(u)$  for the simulated data with the parametric model (black line) and for the sampled data from Algorithm 1 (red line), with associated 95% pointwise confidence intervals based on 1000 bootstrap replications; (3) and (4) Quantile-quantile plots for  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  with associated 95% pointwise confidence intervals based on 1000 bootstrap replications.

Table 3: Overview of the different experiments carried-out given the joint distribution of  $\mathbf{T}$ . For each, we give the joint distribution  $F(x_1, x_2)$  when it can be written easily or the survival function  $S(x_1, x_2)$ . In the third column, we give the different parameters values used in the numerical experiments.

Bivariate model	Joint distribution of $\mathbf{T}$	Parameters
(a) Gaussian symmetric	$\mathcal{N}\left((\mu_1, \mu_2), \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$	$\mu_1 = 0$ $\mu_2 = 0$ $\rho = 0.4$
(b) Gaussian asymmetric	$\mathcal{N}\left((\mu_1, \mu_2), \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$	$\mu_1 = 0$ $\mu_2 = 2$ $\rho = 0.4$
(c) Logistic	$F(x_1, x_2) = \left(1 + e^{-x_1/\sigma_1} + e^{-x_2/\sigma_2}\right)^{-1}$	$\sigma_1 = 1$ $\sigma_2 = 5$
(d) Gumbel	$F(x_1, x_2) = \exp[-\exp\{-x_1/\sigma_1\}] \exp[-\exp\{-x_2/\sigma_2\}]$	$\sigma_1 = 1$ $\sigma_2 = 4$
(e) Exponential	$S(x_1, x_2) = \exp\{-\lambda_1 x_1 - \lambda_2 x_2 - \lambda_3 \max(x_1, x_2)\}$	$\lambda_1 = 2$ $\lambda_2 = 10$ $\lambda_3 = 1$

4.3. *Conditional simulation within the MGP class.* From an application perspective, we also want to be able to simulate conditionally on one of the two variables. In this section we describe the conditional simulation algorithm for the MGP model.

From Equation (6) we can derive

$$(10) \quad Z_2 = Z_1 + T_2 - T_1 = Z_1 - \Delta.$$

From Equation (10), we can design a simulation strategy but caution is required because  $\Delta$  and  $Z_1$  are not necessarily independent. But for some values of  $Z_1$ , this will be the case. To see this, one can compute the conditional distribution of  $\Delta$  given  $Z_1 = z_1$  starting from the joint distribution function of  $(Z_1, Z_2)$  which is given by

$$f_{(Z_1, Z_2)}(z_1, z_2) = e^{-\max(z_1, z_2)} f_{\Delta}(z_1 - z_2) \mathbf{1}_{(z_1, z_2) \in L}, \text{ for } z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $f_{\Delta}$  denotes the distribution function of  $\Delta$ .

*First case: If  $z_1 > 0$ .* In this case, noting that if  $z_1 > 0$  then  $\mathbf{1}_{(z_1, z_2) \in L} = 1$ , the marginal distribution of  $Z_1$  is given as follows

$$f_{Z_1}(z_1) = e^{-z_1} K,$$

where  $K := \int_{-\infty}^0 e^u f_{\Delta}(u) du + \int_0^{\infty} f_{\Delta}(u) du$  and does not depend on  $z_1$ .

Therefore, the conditional distribution of  $Z_2$  given  $Z_1 = z_1$  when  $z_1 > 0$  is given by

$$f_{Z_2|Z_1}(z_2 | z_1) = \frac{1}{K} [f_{\Delta}(z_1 - z_2) \mathbf{1}_{z_1 \geq z_2} + e^{z_1 - z_2} f_{\Delta}(z_1 - z_2) \mathbf{1}_{z_1 < z_2}]$$

From this, the conditional distribution of  $\Delta$  given  $Z_1 = z_1 > 0$  can then be deduced:

$$(11) \quad f_{\Delta|Z_1}(\delta | z_1) = \frac{1}{K} [f_{\Delta}(\delta) \mathbf{1}_{\delta \geq 0} + e^{\delta} f_{\Delta}(\delta) \mathbf{1}_{\delta < 0}].$$

This shows that, conditionally on  $Z_1 > 0$ ,  $\Delta$  does not depend on  $Z_1$ .

*Second case: If  $z_1 < 0$ .* Then, noting that  $\mathbf{1}_{(z_1, z_2) \in L} = \mathbf{1}_{z_2 > 0}$  if  $z_1 < 0$ , we get

$$f_{Z_1}(z_1) = e^{-z_1} K(z_1),$$

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**Algorithm 2** Nonparametric conditional MGP simulation
 

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1: input A sample  $(\Delta_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ ; a realisation  $z_1$  of  $Z_1$ 
2: output A simulated sample  $(Z_{2,k}^{(m)})_{1 \leq k \leq m}$  conditionally on  $Z_1 = z_1$ , potentially with  $m \neq n$ 
3: procedure
4:   if  $z_1 > 0$  then
5:     Define  $\Delta_{|Z_1^+}$  the subset of  $(\Delta_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  such that  $Z_1 > 0$ 
6:     Bootstrap  $m$  realisations  $\Delta_k^{(m)}$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq m$ , from  $\Delta_{|Z_1^+}$  independently of  $Z_1$ 
7:   else
8:     for  $1 \leq k \leq m$  do
9:       Sample one realisation  $\Delta_k^{(m)}$  from  $(\Delta_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  independently of  $Z_1$ 
10:      Generate a random number  $u \in [0, 1]$ 
11:      while  $u > \exp(\Delta_k^{(m)}) \mathbb{1}_{\Delta_k^{(m)} < z_1}$  do
12:        Repeat steps 9 and 10
13:      end for
14: end procedure
15: return  $Z_{2,k}^{(m)} := z_1 - \Delta_k^{(m)}$  for  $1 \leq k \leq m$ 

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where  $K(z_1) := \int_{-\infty}^{z_1} e^u f_{\Delta}(u) du$ . And we can derive the conditional distribution of  $Z_2$  given  $Z_1 = z_1 < 0$  as follows

$$f_{Z_2|Z_1}(z_2 | z_1) = \frac{1}{K(z_1)} e^{z_1 - z_2} f_{\Delta}(z_1 - z_2) \mathbb{1}_{z_2 > 0}.$$

The conditional distribution of  $\Delta$  given  $Z_1 = z_1 < 0$  is then given by

$$(12) \quad f_{\Delta|Z_1}(\delta | z_1) = \frac{1}{K(z_1)} e^{\delta} f_{\Delta}(\delta) \mathbb{1}_{\delta < z_1}.$$

From Equations (11) and (12) we derive the conditional simulation algorithm described in Algorithm 2, where the simulation procedure is split into two cases:

1. If  $z_1 > 0$ , we can sample values of  $\Delta$  independently of  $Z_1$ ,
2. otherwise, if  $z_1 < 0$ , we use a rejection sampling approach to approximate the targeted conditional density in Equation (12).

Similarly, we could also derive a simulation scheme of  $Z_1$  given  $Z_2 = z_2$ .

*4.4. Numerical experiment continued.* As for the bivariate simulations, we can illustrate Algorithm 2 with numerical experiments. We choose here to show the results only for Model (a) (Symmetric Gaussian) since for this specific model we have an explicit form for the theoretical distribution of  $\Delta$ . The results are presented in Figure 6 where we simulated the conditional distribution of  $Z_2$  for eight different conditioning values. The sampled and theoretical conditional distributions appear to be in close conformity.

**5. Application to extreme significant wave height.** The methodology presented in Section 4 is applied to the joint and the conditional simulations of extreme significant wave heights. For that, the sample of bivariate threshold exceedances  $(Z_1, Z_2)$  defined in Equation (7) is used as input data for Algorithm 1 or Algorithm 2. The thresholds  $u_o$  and  $u_c$  in (7) are defined as the 0.8 quantile of  $H_o^E$ , or equivalently of  $H_c^E$ . This quantile has been selected following the stability plot approach proposed in Kiriliouk et al. (2019).

Recall that in both cases, simulations are performed on the exponential scale. A final step of back transformation is then necessary to get simulations of  $H_s$  on the original scale. This

final step corresponds to part 3 (resp. 5) in the following procedure for the joint (resp. conditional) simulation of  $H_s$ . For the sake of clarity we now divide the joint and the conditional simulation scheme of  $H_s$  in two separate sections. Note that in the following two sections, simulations are performed given the marginal parameters estimates. The quantification of the uncertainty propagation from the marginal inference step to the bivariate estimation is postponed to Section 5.3.

*5.1. Joint simulation of significant wave heights.* The joint simulation scheme for extreme  $H_s$  is described hereafter. In the following we fix the pair value  $(t_p, d_p) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  which may be taken from Set 2.

1. Compute  $\hat{\sigma}_o(t_p, d_p)$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_c(t_p, d_p)$  from the marginal EGD models fitted on Set 1 (see Section 3).
2. Simulate  $m$  pairs of  $(z_1, z_2)$  applying Algorithm 1 with input data  $(Z_1, Z_2)$  as defined in (7). We therefore obtain  $m$  simulated pairs  $((z_{1,1}, z_{2,1}), \dots, (z_{1,m}, z_{2,m}))$  for a fixed value  $(t_p, d_p)$ .
3. Transform the simulated values to the original scale

$$h_{o,i} := \hat{\sigma}_o(t_p, d_p) \hat{F}_o^{-1}(1 - e^{-(z_{1,i} + u_o)}) + v_o \in \mathbb{R}^m,$$

$$h_{c,i} := \hat{\sigma}_c(t_p, d_p) \hat{F}_c^{-1}(1 - e^{-(z_{2,i} + u_c)}) + v_c \in \mathbb{R}^m,$$

where  $\hat{F}_o^{-1}$  (resp.  $\hat{F}_c^{-1}$ ) is the inverse cdf of the  $EGPD(\hat{\xi}_o, \hat{\kappa}_o, 1)$  (resp.  $EGPD(\hat{\xi}_c, \hat{\kappa}_c, 1)$ ) estimated in Section 3.

This procedure is then applied to four selected pairs  $(t_p, d_p)$  from the Set 2 corresponding to the four largest  $H_c$  of this dataset. Figure 7 depicts simulated pairs of offshore and coastal  $H_s$  with simulation sample size  $m = 1000$ .

Figure 7 shows that for these specific conditions, Algorithm 1 successfully generates extreme  $H_c$  and  $H_o$ . Note that since the four points considered are the largest observations, they are expected to be among the extremes of the simulated distributions.

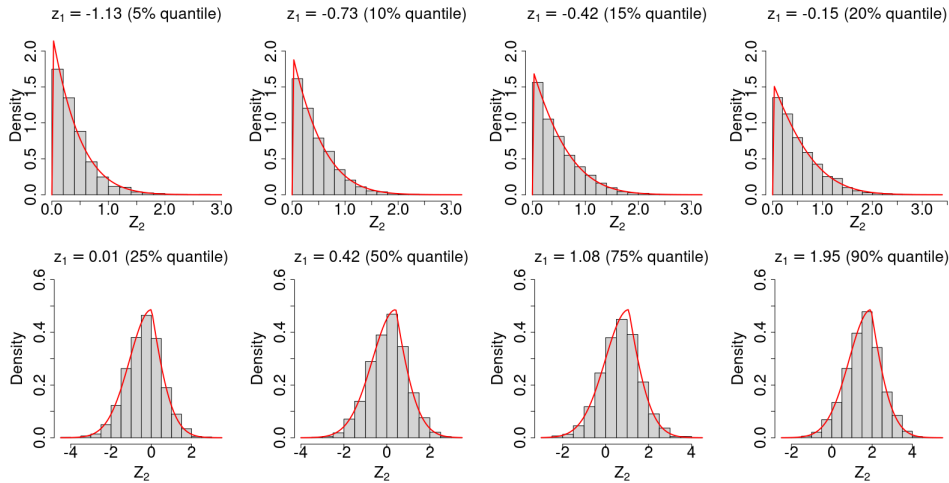


Fig 6: Sampled conditional distribution of  $Z_2$  given  $Z_1 = z_1$  using Algorithm 2 for the asymmetric Gaussian model with sample size  $n = 10000$ . Eight experiments are presented for different quantiles of  $Z_1$  whose values are reported in each panel title. The sample size for each simulation is  $m = 10000$ . The theoretical conditional density is superimposed in red.

Table 4 describes the eight largest  $h_c$  of Set 2, giving the time event and the corresponding  $h_o$ ,  $t_p$  and  $d_p$  values. The last column of Table 4 gives the empirical estimate of the joint survival probability defined as  $1/m \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbb{1}\{h_{o,i} > h_o, h_{c,i} > h_c\}$ , applying the above procedure with simulation sample size  $m = 1.10^6$ . This estimated probability quantifies the observations made with Figure 7: for the most extreme events, the associated joint probabilities are expected to be lower.

5.2. *Conditional simulation of coastal significant wave heights.* The conditional simulation scheme for extreme coastal  $H_s$  is described below. Note that the procedure is symmetrical for simulating offshore  $H_s$ . In the following we fix the triplet value  $(h_o, t_p, d_p) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  which may be taken from Set 2.

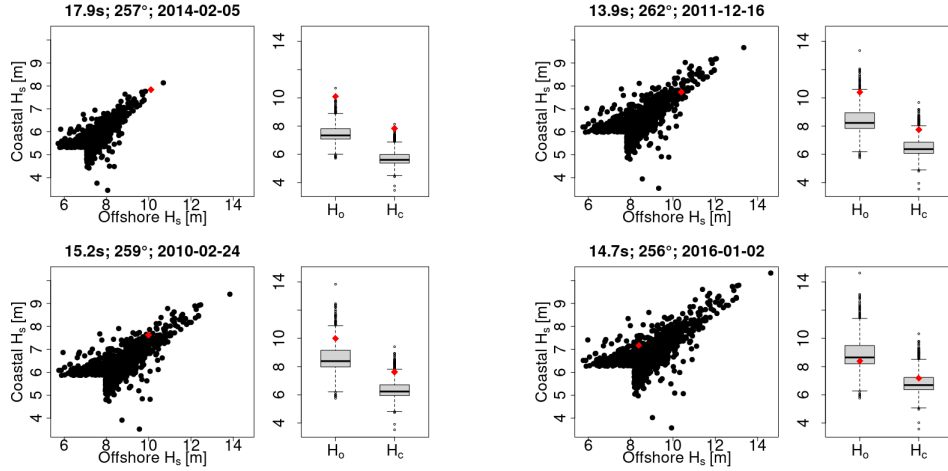


Fig 7: Sampled values of coastal versus offshore significant wave heights from Algorithm 1,  $m = 1000$  pairs of points are simulated. Each panel corresponds to a fixed value of  $(t_p, d_p)$  corresponding to the four largest  $H_c$  from Set 2 in decreasing order (recall that Set 2 contains the last 30% of the original dataset that have not yet been used). Next to each scatter plot, marginal distribution of simulated  $H_o$  and  $H_c$  are depicted with boxplots. On both the scatter plots and the boxplots, the red diamond-shaped points represent the true values of the coastal and offshore significant wave heights for the four pairs.

Table 4: Empirical joint survival probability of exceeding the observed extreme significant wave heights  $h_c$  and  $h_o$  for the eight largest coastal significant wave heights of Set 2. Only events from different storms are given (i.e. events separated by more than 3 hours). Estimation is performed using  $m = 10^6$  simulated pairs  $(h_{o,i}, h_{c,i})_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  for each largest event with Algorithm 1.

	Date-Time	$H_c$ [m]	$H_o$ [m]	$T_p$ [s]	$D_p$ [°]	Joint probability
1	2014-02-05 12:00:00 GMT	7.83	10.1	17.86	257	0.002
2	2011-12-16 03:00:00 GMT	7.74	10.4	13.89	262	0.045
3	2010-02-24 15:00:00 GMT	7.62	10.0	15.15	259	0.057
4	2016-01-02 06:00:00 GMT	7.18	8.4	14.71	256	0.277
5	2013-12-24 06:00:00 GMT	7.08	8.4	14.71	253	0.388
6	2014-02-14 21:00:00 GMT	7.06	8.3	14.08	248	0.691
7	2015-01-15 09:00:00 GMT	6.45	7.9	13.70	260	0.489
8	2016-03-28 03:00:00 GMT	6.30	7.6	14.08	256	0.762

1. Compute  $\hat{\sigma}_o(t_p, d_p)$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_c(t_p, d_p)$  from the marginal EGPD models fitted on Set 1 (see Section 3).
2. Transform  $h_o$  to the standardised space using the probability integral transform:

$$h_o^E = -\log \left\{ 1 - \hat{F}_o[(h_o - v_o)/\hat{\sigma}_o(t_p, d_p)] \right\}$$

where  $\hat{F}_o$  is the  $EGP(\hat{\xi}_o, \hat{\kappa}_o, 1)$  cdf's.

3. Set  $z_1 := h_o^E - u_o$ , where  $u_o$  is the threshold on the offshore  $H_s$  on the exponential scale.
4. Simulate  $z_2$  applying Algorithm 2, only in the case  $z_1 > 0$ . Here  $\Delta_{|Z_1^+}$  is defined from Set 1 through  $\Delta_{|Z_1^+} := (Z_1 - Z_2)\mathbb{1}\{Z_1 > 0\}$ , with  $Z_1, Z_2$  as defined in (7), and bootstrapped  $m$  times. We therefore obtain  $m$  simulations of  $z_2 = (z_{2,1}, \dots, z_{2,m})$  for a fixed triplet  $(h_o, t_p, d_p)$ , given  $z_1 > 0$ .
5. Transform the predicted values to the original scale

$$h_{c,i} := \hat{\sigma}_c(t_p, d_p) \hat{F}_c^{-1}(1 - e^{-(z_{2,i} + u_c)}) + v_c$$

where  $\hat{F}_c^{-1}$  is the inverse cdf of the  $EGPD(\hat{\xi}_c, \hat{\kappa}_c, 1)$  (see Section 3).

Note that in Step 4 above, the simulation is restricted to the case when  $z_1 > 0$  for convenience, since our focus is on the simulation of extreme  $H_s$ .

The pseudo-algorithm described above is applied with all the triplet values  $(h_o, t_p, d_p)$  from Set 2, with simulation sample size  $m = 1000$ . These conditional simulations of coastal significant wave heights are then compared to the true values of  $H_c$  from Set 2. The overall coverage probability (*i.e.* the number of times the actual value of coastal  $H_s$  is within the 95% range of the predicted distribution) is equal to 95% and the simulations are shown in Figure 8. The simulations and the true  $H_c$  values (red dots) are most of the time in good agreement. Since no declustering approach has been adopted, consecutive observations, which belong to the same storm event, are kept. They are depicted with identical colour, highlighting a temporal dependence structure between each storm cluster.

The effect of the covariates  $T_p$  and  $D_p$  in the conditional simulations is depicted in Figure 9, showing that the simulation model is able to simulate both the most intense and the more moderate  $H_c$ . This plot also highlights for which sea state conditions the simulations are far

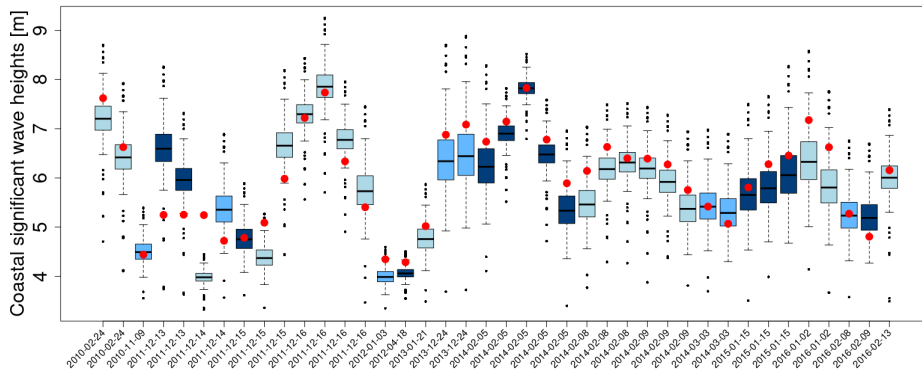


Fig 8: Boxplot of predicted  $H_c$  conditionally on  $(H_o, T_p, D_p)$  using Algorithm 2. The simulation sample size is equal to  $m = 1000$  for each observation. Red dots represents the observed  $H_c$  values from Set 2. The alternating colours depict different storms: consecutive boxes with same colour correspond to observations that belong to the same storm (*i.e.* separated by less than 3 hours).



from the observed values. It appears that the two predictions such that the observed  $H_c$  value does not fall within the 95% simulation range correspond to small  $H_c$  and  $H_o$ .

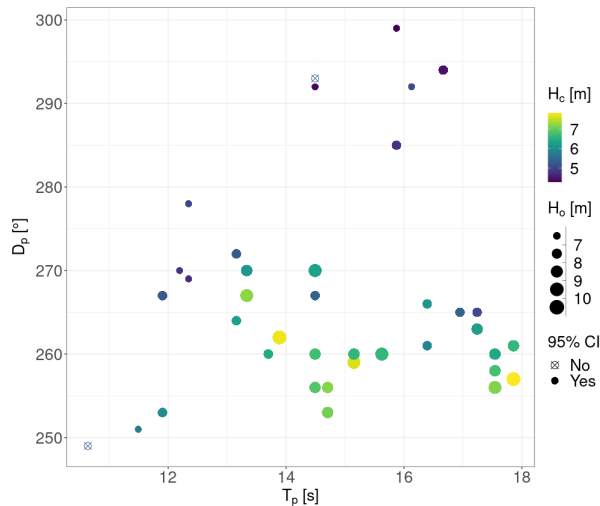


Fig 9: Scatter plot from Set 2 with the peak direction  $D_p$  on the y-axis and the peak period  $T_p$  on the x-axis. A dot's colour corresponds to the value of the coastal significant wave heights  $H_c$ . The size of the dots corresponds to the value of the offshore significant wave heights  $H_o$ . The shape indicates if the observed  $H_c$  falls within the 95% range of the predicted distribution from the conditional model where the simulation sample size is equal to  $m = 1000$  for each observation.

5.3. *Uncertainty quantification.* As mentioned in Section 2, in addition to these simulations, we also combined the marginal and the dependence analysis in a bootstrap scheme in order to accommodate for marginal uncertainties. Both Algorithm 1 and Algorithm 2 have been applied within the bootstrap procedure, leading to 100 bootstrap sample of joint and conditional simulations of  $H_s$ . Results of each iteration can be found in the Supplementary Material B (Legrand et al. (2023)), showing the reproduction of Figures 7 and 8 for each bootstrap sample. Overall, it seems that the performances are reasonably good within each resampling iteration. Also, regarding the conditional simulation algorithm, the mean coverage probability over the 100 bootstraps is equal to 93%.

**6. Discussion and conclusions.** Simulation of extreme events in a multivariate setting is of great interest to capture not only the statistical behaviour of the extremes, but also the dependence between large values of complex processes. Based on the multivariate EVT, this work presents two nonparametric simulation algorithms of bivariate generalised Pareto distributed variables, without assuming any specific parametric shape for the MGP model. Thanks to Algorithm 1, one can simulate joint extremes. As for Algorithm 2, it allows the simulation of conditional extremes. Both methods have been validated with numerical simulations.

We would like to point out that in the context of bivariate extremes, other simulation algorithms have been developed. For example Marcon, Naveau and Padoan (2017) proposed a simulation method with a semi-parametric structure for the extremal dependence function, but it was not based on a MGP model and did not cover nonstationarities. Michel (2006)

derived a nonparametric simulation framework of bivariate generalised Pareto variables using a different representation of MGP vectors than the one used in this paper.

For application purposes and as a by-product, a nonstationary marginal modelling with the EGPD was also developed, adding covariate effects on the scale parameter of the EGPD using smoothing splines.

We applied this work to the simulation of extreme significant wave heights near the Brittany coast given specific offshore sea state conditions  $(T_p, D_p)$  with compelling results. In both joint and conditional settings, thanks to the presented algorithms, we are able to simulate realistic extreme  $H_s$  events. Regarding the marginal models, other studies have considered extreme value models for  $H_s$  with both varying scale and shape parameters (e.g. Jonathan and Ewans, 2007; Feld et al., 2014). Incorporating effects of  $T_p$  and  $D_p$  on both parameters could certainly improve the models, but at the cost of computational limitations. Moreover, one could argue that for our specific dataset, the sea states could be considered as homogeneous since  $D_p$  has a constrained domain between  $[234^\circ, 300^\circ]$ .

Note that in possible extensions of this work to climate projections, it is assumed that data will not be available at the coastal location but only on a coarse grid, similar to the IOWAGA Global hindcast. This argument, which is illustrated in Table 1, motivates the first pre-selection of the  $H_s$  data through  $\{H_o > v_o\}$  for the marginal regression analysis (see Section 3).

Extensions to the multivariate case will be the subject of future works. Considering more than two locations raises different modelling issues. It would also be interesting to apply this methodology to other locations in order to ensure the proper generalisation of the methodology.

Finally, as already mentioned, a classical approach regarding extreme significant wave height simulations is the conditional extreme model of Heffernan and Tawn (2004). For example, Shooter et al. (2021b, 2022) applied this model in a spatial setting to characterise the behaviour of the extremal dependence structure between different metocean variables. One strength of our bivariate model (hereafter referred to as MGPD approach) is that a conditional sampling scheme can be easily produced from simulations of joint extremes. So, we can compare the MGPD approach to the traditional conditional model of Heffernan and Tawn (2004) for our data at hand. We consider hereinafter the conditional generation of extreme  $H_s$  on the standardised scales. In other words, we generated standardised coastal significant wave heights on the exponential scale with Algorithm 2 on the one hand and with the conditional extreme value model of Heffernan and Tawn (2004) on the other hand. We simulated  $n_{\text{sim}} = 1000$  samples of same length as the observation exceedances  $h_o^E > u_o$ . Figure 10 depicts one of these  $n_{\text{sim}}$  simulations of coastal  $H_s$  versus observed offshore  $H_s$  in the exponential space. One can see that for this specific simulated sample, the conditional extreme approach tends to simulate less extreme values of  $H_c$  than the MGPD approach. A first comparison has been made computing the mean absolute error between the observed data and the simulations for both models. Results are depicted in the right panel of Figure 10, showing slightly better results for the MGPD model.

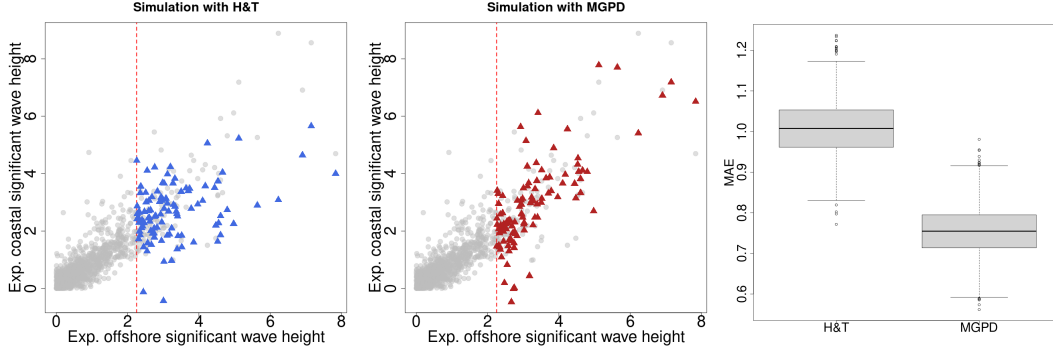


Fig 10: Scatter plots between coastal  $H_s$  and offshore  $H_s$  in the standardised space (exponential margins). The coloured triangle shaped points correspond to one simulation run with the conditional extreme model of Heffernan and Tawn (2004) (left) and with our MGLPD approach (middle). The vertical dashed line corresponds to  $u_o$ . (right) Mean absolute error over the  $n_{sim} = 1000$  simulations for both models: Heffernan and Tawn (2004) on the left - MGLPD approach on the right.

#### APPENDIX A: TAIL DEPENDENCE BETWEEN $H_s$ DATA

Figure 11 depicts the estimated tail dependence measures  $\chi(u)$  (see (9)) and  $\bar{\chi}(u)$  between the offshore and the coastal significant wave heights. Recall that the dependence measure  $\bar{\chi}(u)$  (e.g. Coles, Heffernan and Tawn, 1999) between two variables  $X$  and  $Y$  is define as

$$\bar{\chi}(u) = \frac{2 \log(1-u)}{\log \mathbb{P}(F_X(X) > u, F_Y(Y) > u)}, \quad u \in (0, 1).$$

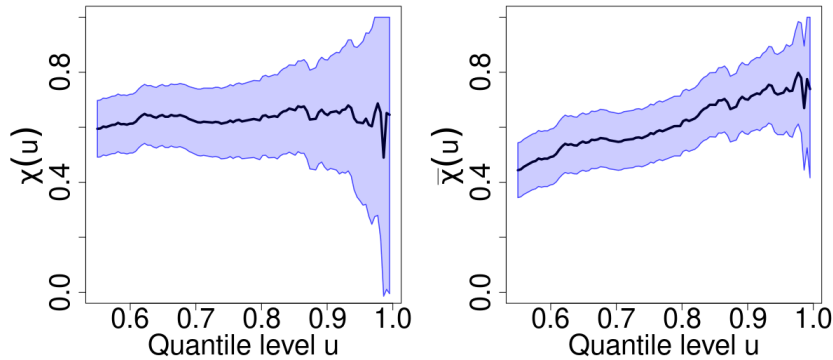


Fig 11: Empirical estimates of the measure of asymptotic dependence  $\chi(u)$  (left) and  $\bar{\chi}(u)$  (right) between  $H_o$  and  $H_c$ , with 95% pointwise confidence intervals.

#### APPENDIX B: MARGINAL REGRESSION MODELLING

We show here the goodness of fit for the marginal regression models defined in Equation (2). As our models depend on some covariates, the diagnostic plots presented here are built for the *standardised*  $H_s$  exceedances which are defined as  $(H_c - v_c) / \sigma_c(T_p, D_p)$  (and similarly for  $H_o$ ). From Figure 12, one can see that the fits seem to be fairly good, a slight discrepancy

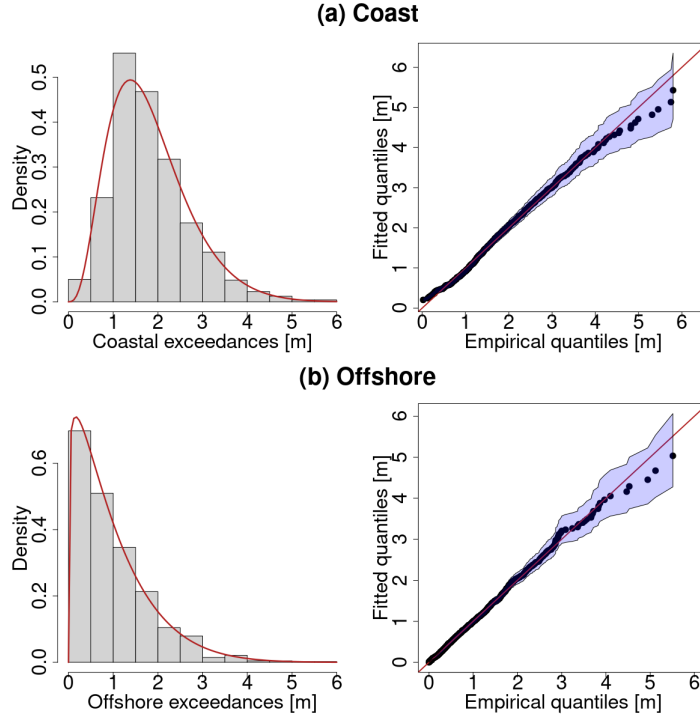


Fig 12: (left) Empirical histogram (grey) of the standardised extreme significant wave heights exceedances (a) at the coast and (b) offshore. The fitted EGD density is superimposed. (right) The corresponding quantile-quantile plots with associated 95% pointwise confidence intervals computed using parametric bootstrap.

in the lower values can be noticed for the coastal model but this is not a major issue as the interest lies mainly in the larger values.

### APPENDIX C: PROOF OF ALGORITHM 1

With the same notations as in Algorithm 1, let  $F$  be the common distribution function of  $\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_n$  and  $F_{nm}^{(m)}$  be the empirical distribution function of the bootstrap sample  $\Delta_1^{(m)}, \dots, \Delta_m^{(m)}$ .

LEMMA 1. If  $F_{nm}^{(m)}$  converges in distribution to  $F$ , as  $n$  and  $m$  tend to infinity, then  $(Z_{1,k}^{(m)}, Z_{2,k}^{(m)})_{1 \leq k \leq m}$  converge in distribution to a bivariate GPD  $G$  where  $G$  is the common distribution function of the sample  $(Z_{1,i}, Z_{2,i})_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ .

PROOF. As  $P(E \leq u) = 1 - \min(1, \exp(-u))$  for any  $u \in \mathbb{R}$  if  $E \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ , the bivariate distribution function of  $(Z_1^{(m)}, Z_2^{(m)})$  is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P} \left[ (Z_1^{(m)}, Z_2^{(m)}) \leq (z_1, z_2) \right] &= 1 - \mathbb{E} \left[ \min \left( 1, e^{-\min(z_1 - \Delta^{(m)} \mathbf{1}_{\Delta^{(m)} < 0}, z_2 + \Delta^{(m)} \mathbf{1}_{\Delta^{(m)} > 0})} \right) \right] \\ &= 1 - \mathbb{E} \left[ \min \left( 1, e^{-\min(z_1 - \Delta^{(m)}, z_2) - \max(\Delta^{(m)}, 0)} \right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

for any  $(z_1, z_2) \in \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2; \mathbf{x} \not\leq 0\}$ .

Then, one can show that the function  $x \mapsto \min(1, x)$ , defined for  $x \geq 0$ , is Lipschitz and bounded by 1. And applying the Portmanteau theorem, we have, letting  $\min(n, m) \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P} \left[ (Z_1^{(m)}, Z_2^{(m)}) \leq (z_1, z_2) \mid \Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_n \right] &\rightarrow 1 - \mathbb{E} \left[ \min \left( 1, e^{-\min(z_1 - \Delta, z_2) - \max(\Delta, 0)} \right) \right] \\ &= 1 - \mathbb{E} \left[ \min \left( 1, e^{\max(T_1 - z_1, T_2 - z_2) - \max(T_1, T_2)} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

This is the cumulative distribution function of the MGP vector  $(Z_1, Z_2)$  as defined in Rootzén, Segers and Wadsworth (2018) (Prop. 8).  $\square$

The assumption in Lemma 1 is linked to bootstrap asymptotic theory (e.g. Bickel and Freedman (1981)).

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## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

### Supplement A: R code and data

This supplement contains the R code and the data used in this study.

### Supplement B: Bootstrap simulations

This supplement file contains two movies showing the results of each  $n_{\text{boot}} = 100$  bootstrap for both algorithms iteration by reproducing Figure 7 and Figure 8 of the main paper.

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