

Supplementary for “Underestimation of extremes in sea level surge reconstruction”

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SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE 1 – Main features of tide gauge records used in this study : station name, time span, number of years with data.

| | Station name | Time span | Nb of years |
|----|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | Vigo | 1943-2015 | 73 |
| 2 | St-Jean de Luz | 1942-2018 | 52 |
| 3 | St-Nazaire | 1821-2020 | 134 |
| 4 | Brest | 1846-2021 | 165 |
| 5 | Newlyn | 1915-2021 | 107 |
| 6 | Holyhead | 1964-2021 | 51 |
| 7 | Cherbourg | 1943-2020 | 50 |
| 8 | Calais | 1941-2021 | 56 |
| 9 | Hoek van Holland | 1900-2018 | 89 |
| 10 | Cuxhaven | 1917-2018 | 102 |
| 11 | North Shields | 1946-2021 | 68 |
| 12 | Lerwick | 1959-2021 | 63 |
| 13 | Tregde | 1927-2020 | 94 |
| 14 | Maloy | 1943-2020 | 76 |

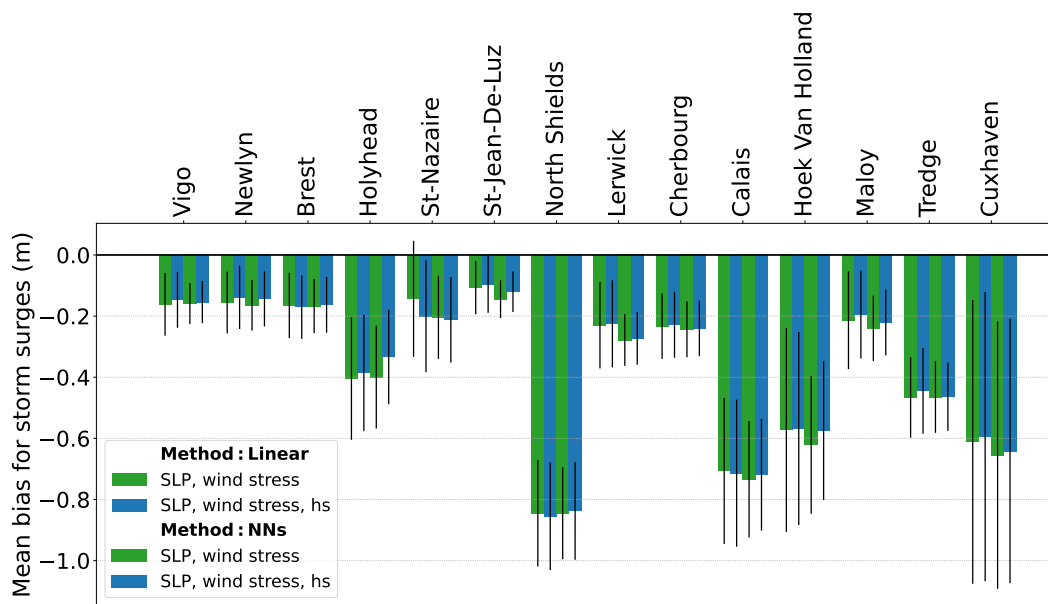


FIGURE S1 – Mean bias for storm surges (i.e., larger than the 99.9th percentile) computed over the period 1994-2020 at the 14 stations. Two different models are depicted : Multiple Linear Regression (solid bars) and NNs (hatched bars), and various predictors are used : SLP combined with wind stress (green) and SLP combined with wind stress and significant wave heights (blue). The error bars (black lines) indicate the standard deviation.

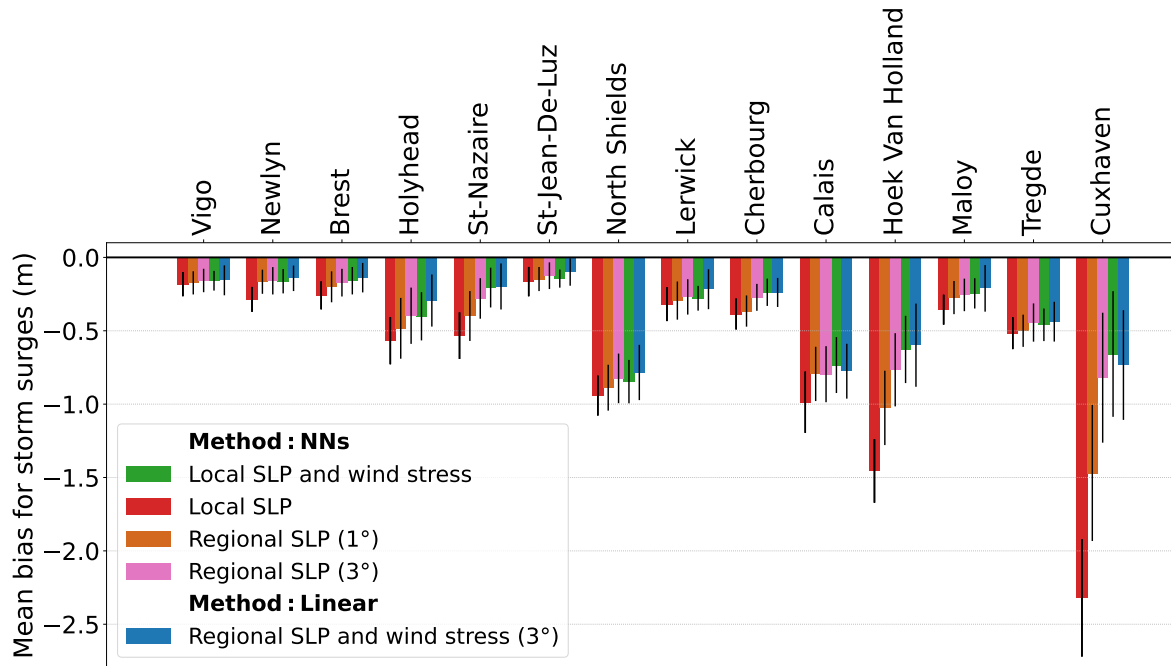


FIGURE S2 – Mean bias for storm surges (i.e., larger than the 99.9th percentile) computed over 1994-2020 at the 14 stations using both NNs (hatched bars) and linear models (solid bars). Predictors for NNs include local SLP (red), regional SLP at 1° (orange) and 3° (pink), as well as local SLP combined with wind stress (green). For the linear model, predictors are the 3° regional SLP and wind stress (blue). The error bars correspond to the standard deviation.

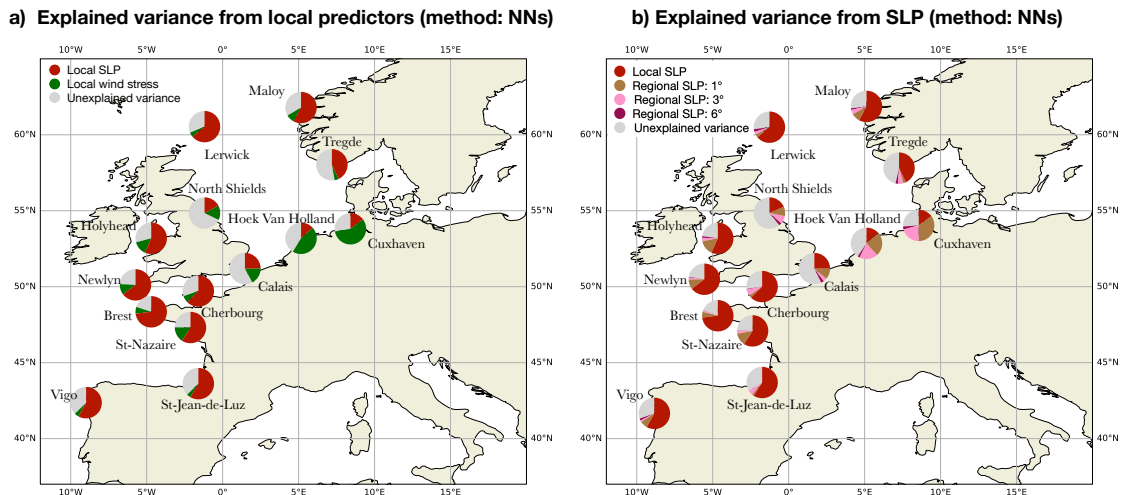


FIGURE S3 – Surges' explained variance from various predictors using NNs models : (a) locally extracted SLP and wind stress, (b) SLP alone extracted locally and regionally (within a 1°, 3° and 6° box around tide gauges). Map generated using Python Matplotlib 3.8.3 (<https://matplotlib.org/>).