

Manual

How to adjust in-situ locations considered in the sea state module

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1 Introduction

The **seastate module** is a MATLAB-Toolbox that provides a real-time overview of the significant wave height in the German Bight based on data from high resolution coastal wave forecast models ([Behrens 2025](#), [DWD OpenData](#)) and quality controlled in-situ measurements ([BSH - Seegang](#)). The information at the in-situ locations is extracted from the grid-based data and the so-called *scaling factor* is calculated as ratio between the numerical and measuring data. The scaling information is interpolated between the in-situ locations on discretized lines, which serve as the basis for creating an interpolation matrix. However, not all locations are connected with each other; individual connections must be deselected manually. For example, a line between FN3 (NNW) and NOR (SSE) would not make sense, as there are several in-situ sites and the island of Heligoland in between (Figure 1).

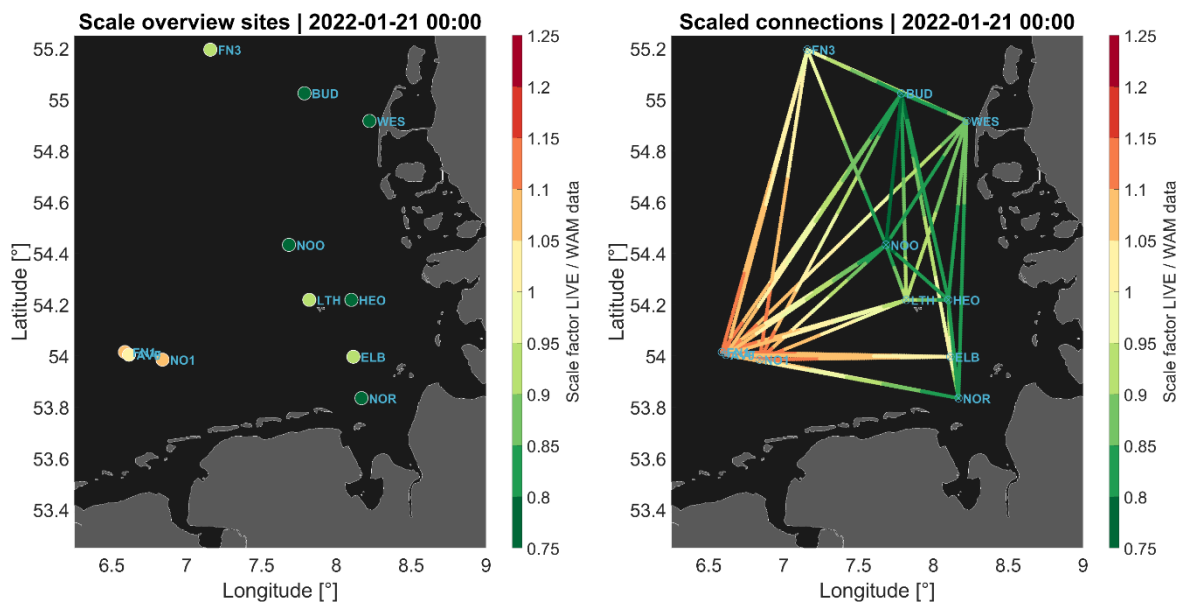


Figure 1 - Scale factors and interpolation lines between in-situ locations

2 Set siteConnections via .xlsx

The overview of all existing in-situ locations with information regarding latitude, longitude, water depth and installed sensors can be found here ...\\10_inputFiles\\30_siteOverview\\siteOverview.xlsx. This file is mandatory for the tool execution and must be kept up to date.

The file *siteConnections.xlsx*, which is located in the directory ...\\10_inputFiles\\30_siteOverview, is used to set the siteConnections. The symmetry matrix shown here (Figure 2) specifies whether an interpolation line should be created between the sites (→ 1) or not (→ 0). Only the top-right half needs to be filled in, the rest is completed automatically. Cells that should not be changed are also password-protected. In case of fundamental changes / adjustments, the protection can be removed with the password *orExclude* (**not recommended!**).

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
1																	
2			AV0	BO1	BUD	DBU	ELB	FN1	FN3	HEL	HEO	LTH	NO1	NOO	NOR	WES	
3		AV0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	
4		BO1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	
5		BUD	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	
6		DBU	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	
7		ELB	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	
8		FN1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	
9		FN3	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	
10		HEL	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	
11		HEO	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	
12		LTH	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	
13		NO1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	
14		NOO	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	
15		NOR	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
16		WES	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
17																	

Figure 2 – Setting site connections via symmetry matrix

2.1 How to add a new site?

If you want to add a new in-situ site to be considered in the module, adjustments at three locations are necessary:

- ...\\10_inputFiles\\30_siteOverview\\siteOverview.xlsx
- ...\\10_inputFiles\\30_siteOverview\\siteConnections.xlsx
- ...\\30_execution\\seastateInput.bat

- Open *siteOverview.xlsx*, choose a suitable abbreviation for the new location (3 digits) and fill the lat, lon, depth and sensor column. Set 1 = true for available sensors and 0 = false for sensors that are not available at this site.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	name	lat	lon	depth	adcp	dwr	radac	radacSingle
2	AVF	54.004200	6.614430	29.00	0	0	0	0
3	AV0	54.004200	6.614430	29.00	1	0	0	1
4	BUD	55.024667	7.787000	18.00	0	0	1	0
5	BUH	54.788333	8.270000	10.00	0	1	0	0
6	DBU	54.302925	5.786058	38.00	0	0	1	0
7	ELB	53.996500	8.113667	25.00	0	1	0	0
8	FN1	54.014861	6.587639	28.00	1	1	1	0
9	FN3	55.195030	7.158161	22.00	1	1	1	0
10	HEL	54.159667	7.867667	25.00	0	1	0	0
11	HEO	54.218670	8.100570	27.00	0	1	0	0
12	LTH	54.218667	7.819167	25.50	0	1	0	0
13	NO1	53.985167	6.838667	30.00	1	0	1	0
14	WES	54.908170	8.221400	13.00	0	1	0	0
15	NOR	53.835000	8.168056	10.00	0	0	1	0
16	NOO	54.433330	7.683333	25.00	1	0	1	0
17	LAW	53.863300	8.127500	9.39	0	0	0	0
18	SYL	55.011000	8.412500	-24.70	0	0	0	0
19	UFS	54.179600	7.458700	0.00	0	0	0	0
20	BO1	54.356200	5.933600	20.00	0	1	0	0
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Figure 3 - siteOverview | Add new row

- Open *siteConnections.xlsx*, fill the chosen site abbreviations in first free column (Figure 4 – left), then set the corresponding connections to other sites. Set 1 for creating interpolation lines to this site and 0 for not creating an interpolation line.



Figure 4 - siteConnection | Add new site

- Open the batch file *seastateInput.bat* and add your site abbreviation as string to the insitu settings. Currently it's the parameter *i1* (Dependent on the version of the module, could be another *i** parameter in future versions).

```

29 %%%%%%%%%%% Insitu settings %%%%%%%%%%%
30 % Define sites that should be considered as cellstring (Matlab format). This input is initially recorded as 'char' in Matlab and converted to a cellstring in the Matlab function
31 % 'DBU' and 'BO1' not within cwam boundaries
32 % All sites:
33 % SET i1=('AV0', 'DBU', 'BUD', 'ELB', 'FN1', 'FN3', 'HEL', 'HEO', 'LTH', 'NO1', 'WES', 'NOR', 'NOO', 'BO1')
34 % CWAM default:
35 SET i1=('AV0', 'BUD', 'ELB', 'FN1', 'FN3', 'HEL', 'HEO', 'LTH', 'NO1', 'WES', 'NOR', 'NOO', 'ABC')
36 % EWM default:
37 % SET i1=('AV0', 'DBU', 'BUD', 'ELB', 'FN1', 'FN3', 'HEL', 'HEO', 'LTH', 'NO1', 'NOR', 'NOO', 'BO1')
38 % Which insitu seaste variable should be imported (as Cellstring, see above, default: 'VHM0')
39 SET i2=('VHM0')
40 % Minimum final quality flag for insitu seastate data (Default: 2)
41 SET i3=2
42 % Specify NAM dataset. Choose between <cwam> and <ewam>
43 SET i4=cwam

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Figure 5 - seastateInput | Add site abbreviation to cell string

2.2 How to remove a site?

If you want to remove an in-situ site from the module, adjustments at two locations are necessary:

- ...*10_inputFiles\30_siteOverview\siteConnections.xlsx*
- ...*30_execution\seastateInput.bat*

It's optional to also remove the site from the *siteOverview.xlsx* file. If you are sure, that the site will never used again for sensor deployment, you can also remove the corresponding row from this file.

- Open *siteConnections.xlsx* and remove the corresponding site abbreviation in Row 2. The abbreviation and connection values will be removed automatically in the bottom-left part of the matrix (Figure 6 – left). Next, you have to remove the defined sit connections in the top-right part of the matrix manually (Figure 6 – right)

	AVO	BO1	BUD	DBU	ELB	FN1	FN3	HEL	HEO	LTH	NO1	NOO	NOR	WES
AVO	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
BO1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
BUD	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
DBU	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
ELB	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
FN1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
FN3	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
HEL	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
HEO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
LTH	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
NO1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
NOO	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	AVO	BO1	BUD	DBU	ELB	FN1	FN3	HEL		LTH	NO1	NOO	NOR	WES
AVO	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
BO1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
BUD	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
DBU	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
ELB	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
FN1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
FN3	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
HEL	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
									1	0	1	0	0	0
LTH	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
NO1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
NOO	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
NOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Figure 6 - siteConnection | Remove site

- Open the batch file *seastateInput.bat* and remove your site abbreviation from the in-situ parameter *i1* (Dependent on the version of the module, could be another *i** parameter in future versions).

```

29 ***** insitu settings *****
30 :: Define sites that should be considered as cellstring (Matlab format). This input is initially recorded as 'char' in Matlab and converted to a cellstring in the Matlab function
31 :: 'DBU' and 'BO1' not within cwam boundaries
32 :: All sites:
33 :: SET i1=('AVO','BO1','BUD','ELB','FN1','FN3','HEL','HEO','LTH','NO1','WES','NOR','NOO','BO1')
34 :: CNAM default:
35 SET i1=('AVO','BUD','ELB','FN1','FN3','HEO','LTH','NO1','NOR','NOO')
36 :: ENAM default:
37 SET i1=('AVO','BO1','BUD','ELB','FN1','FN3','HEL','HEO','LTH','NO1','NOR','NOO','BO1')
38 :: Which insitu seaste variable should be imported (as Cellstring, see above, default: 'VHMB')
39 SET i2=('VHMB')
40 :: Minimum final quality flag for insitu seastate data (Default: 2)
41 SET i3=2

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Figure 7 - seastateInput | Remove site abbreviation from cell string



2.3 How to change available sensors at a site?

If the available sensors at a location change (e.g. no dwr available anymore, but a new radac system installed), just change the Boolean values in the corresponding columns in the file ...\\10_inputFiles\\30_site-Overview\\siteOverview.xlsx.