

Intercomparison of operational wave forecasting systems against
in-situ observations: data from BoM, DMI, DWD, ECCO,
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NZMS, PRTOS, SHNSM, UKMO.

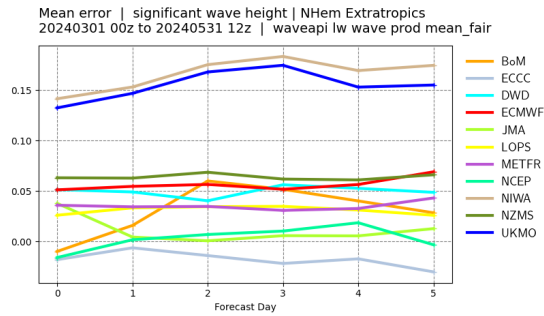
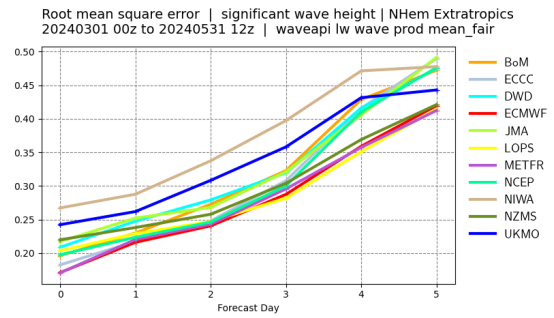
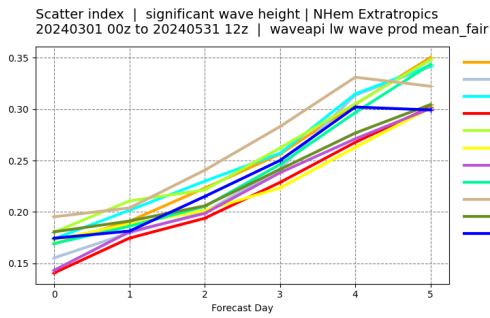
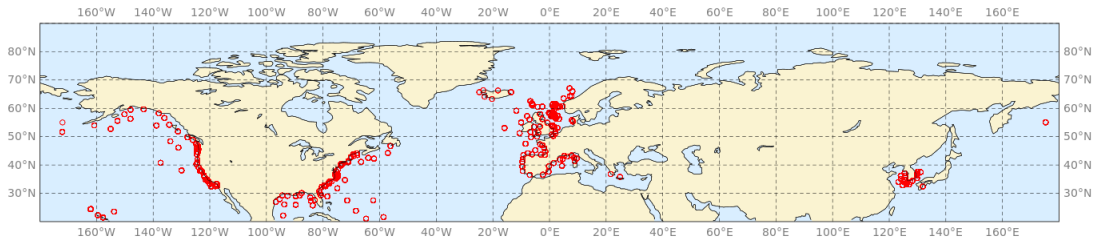
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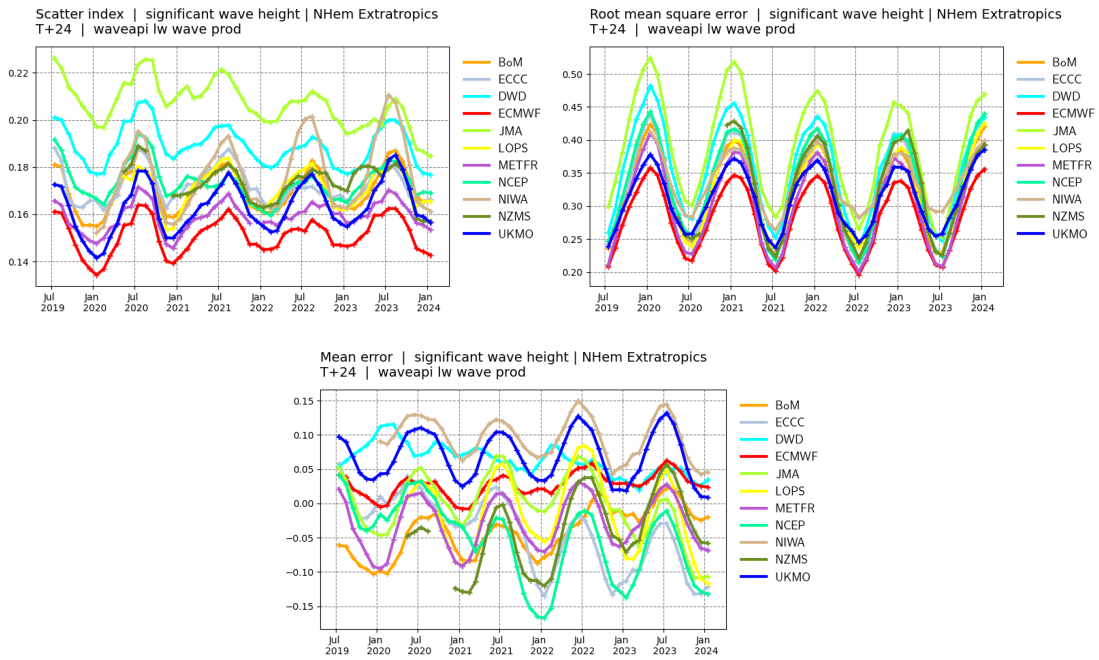
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PART I: significant wave height (SWH)

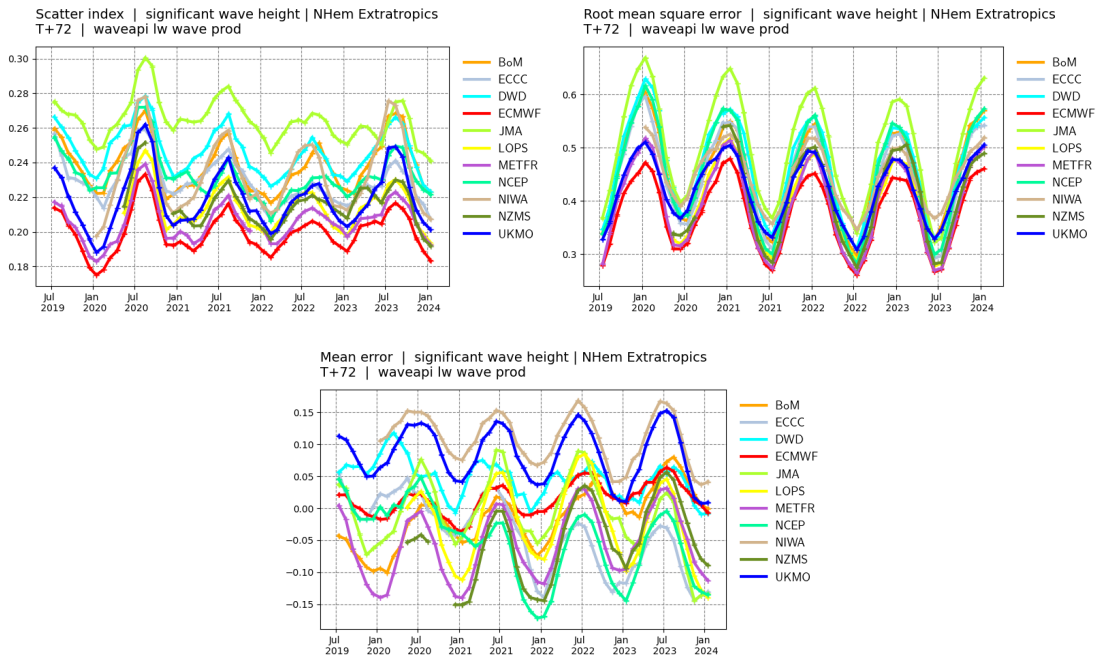
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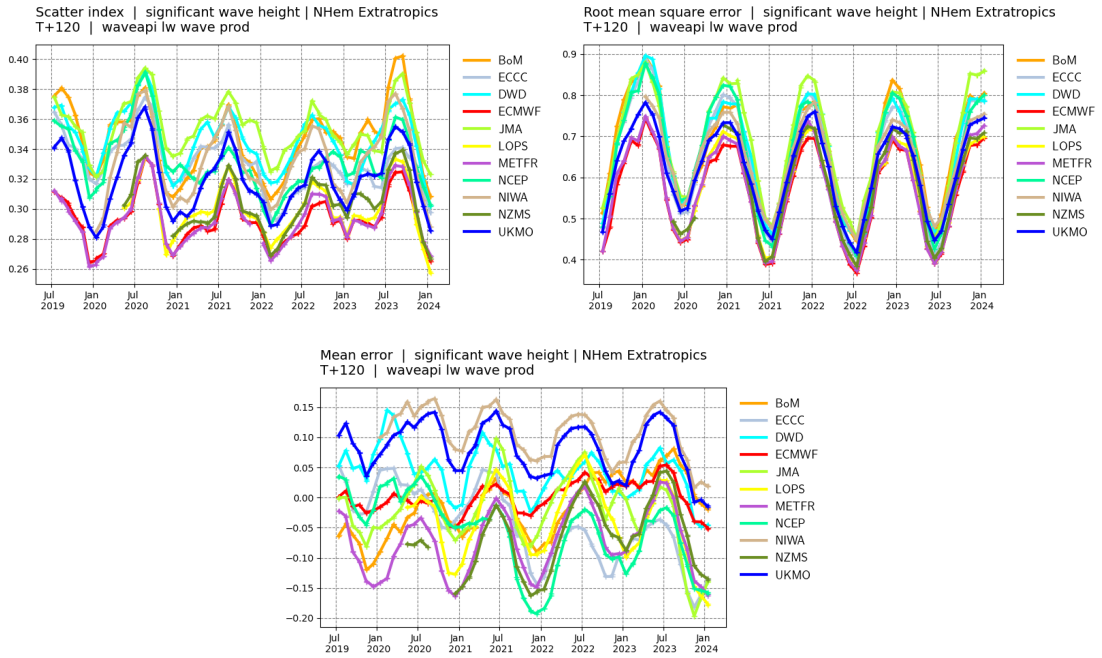
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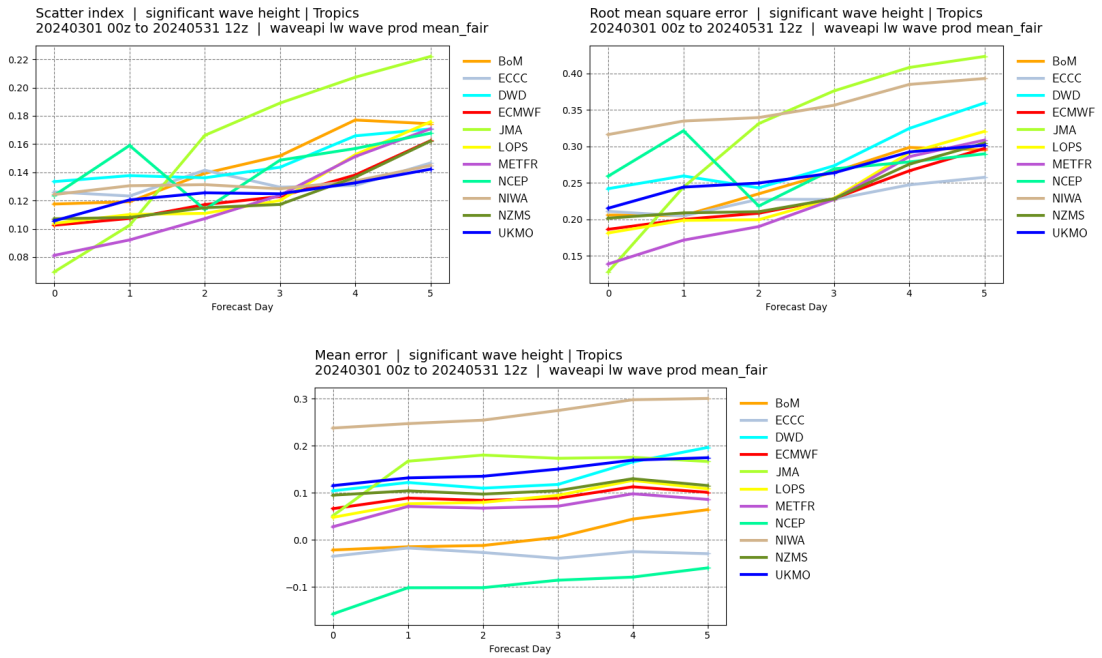
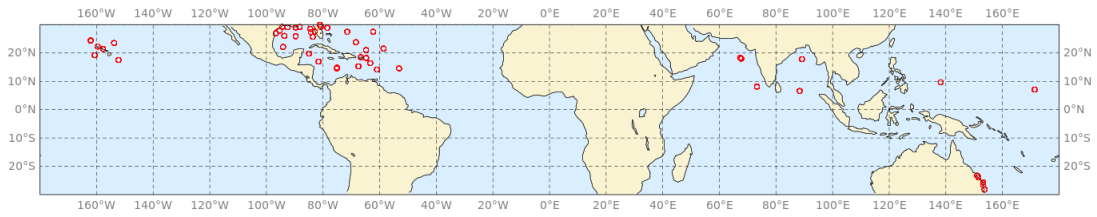


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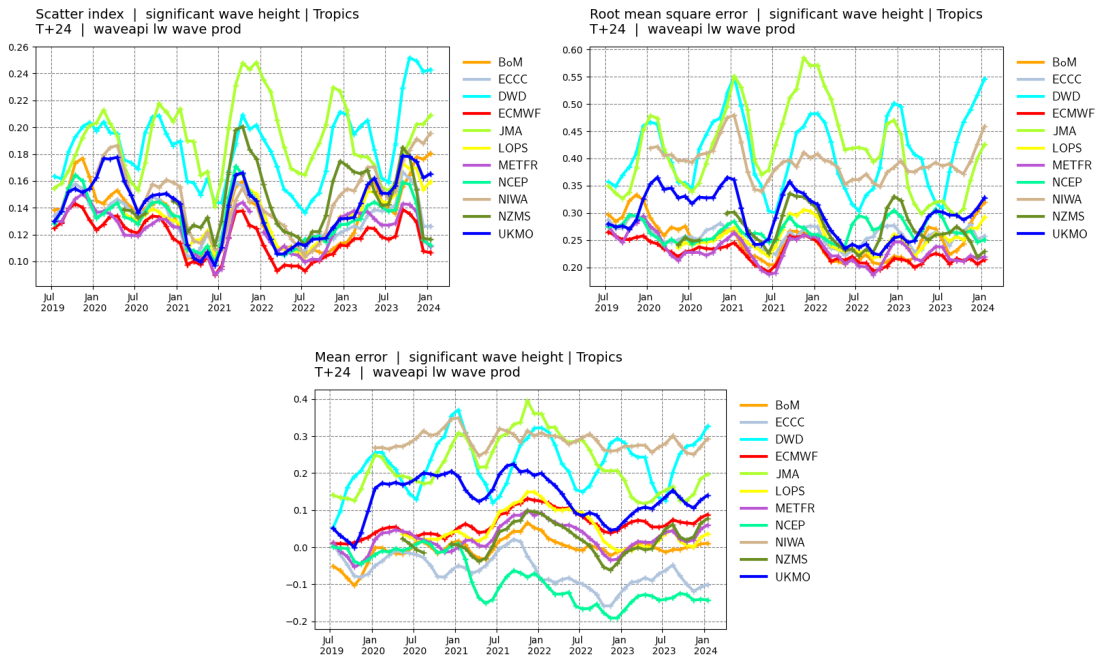


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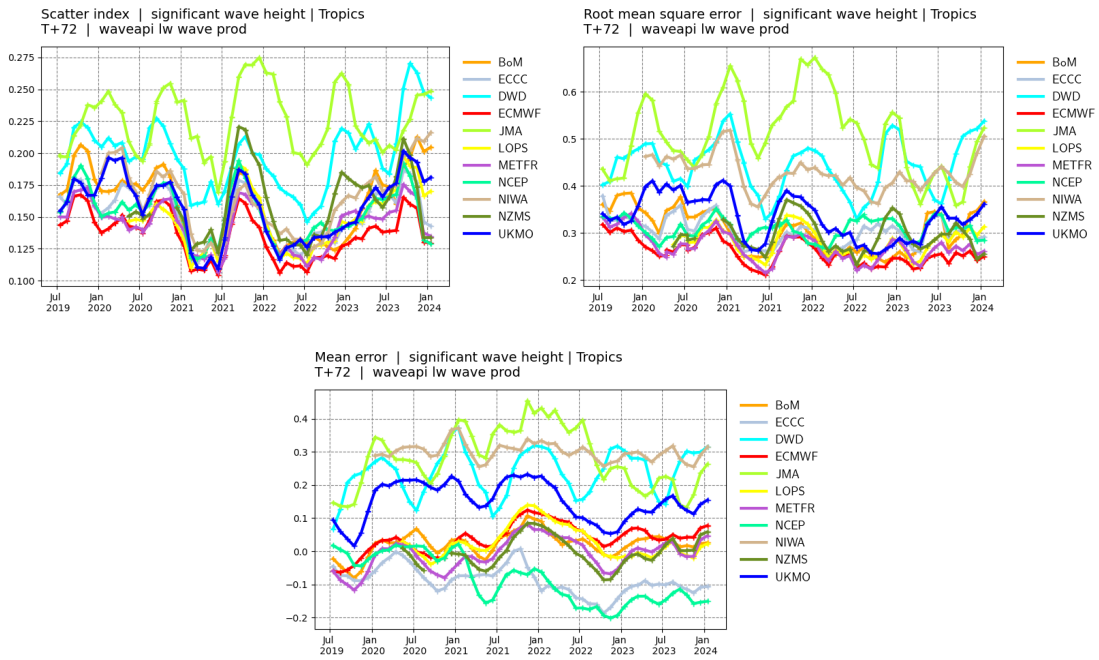
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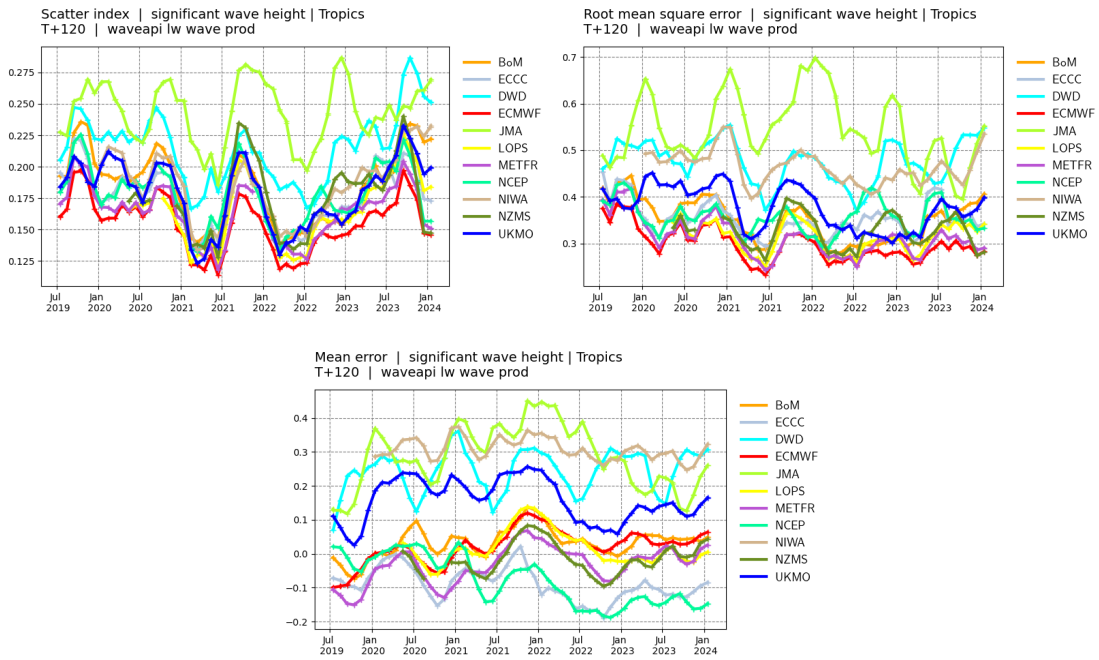
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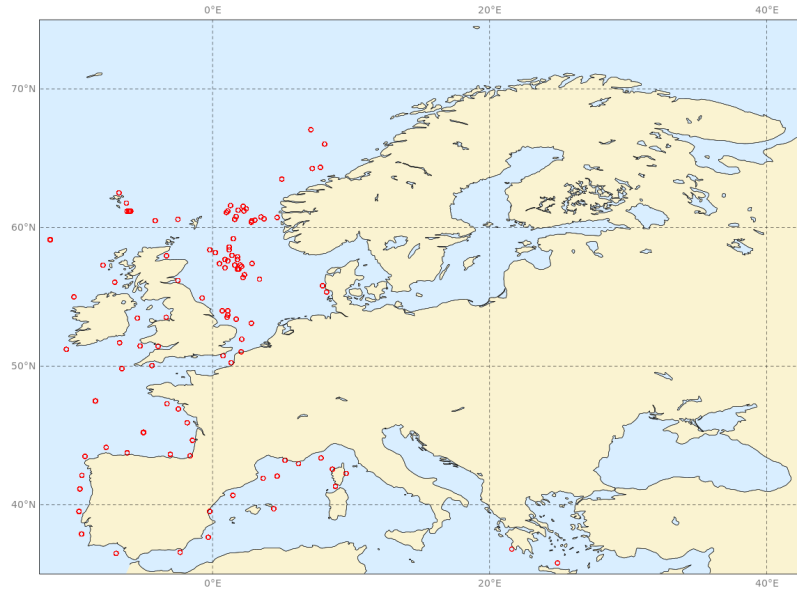


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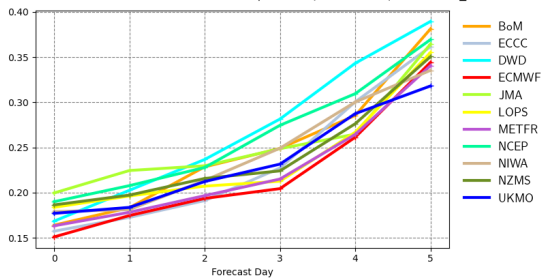


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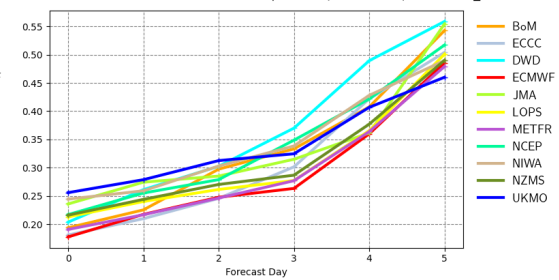
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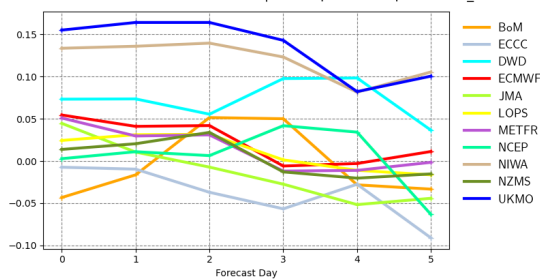
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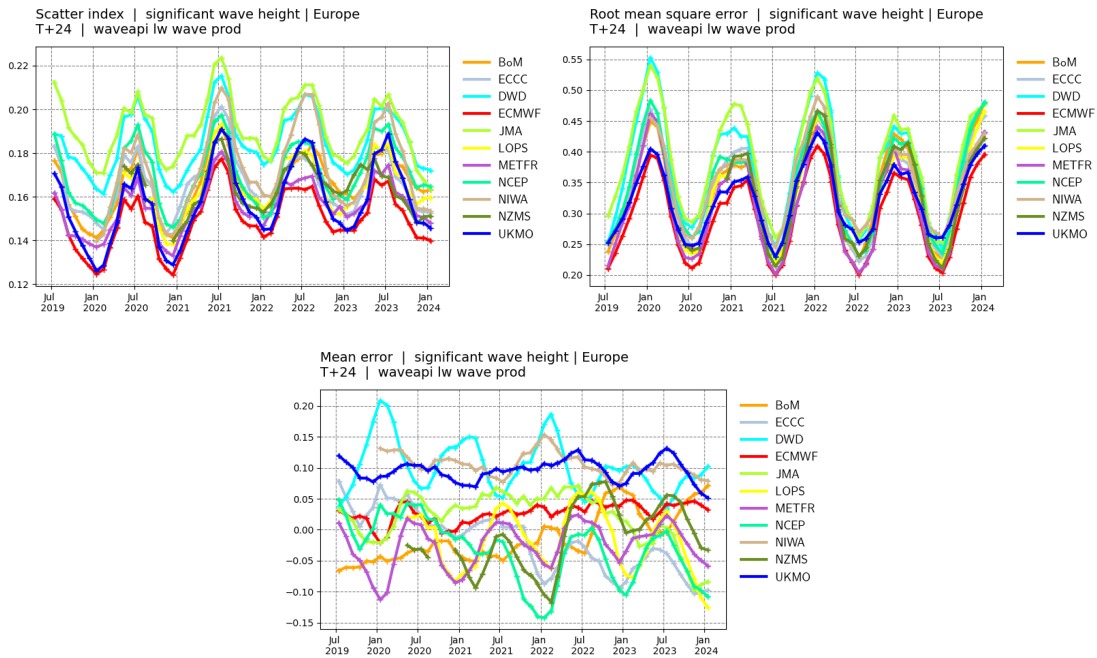
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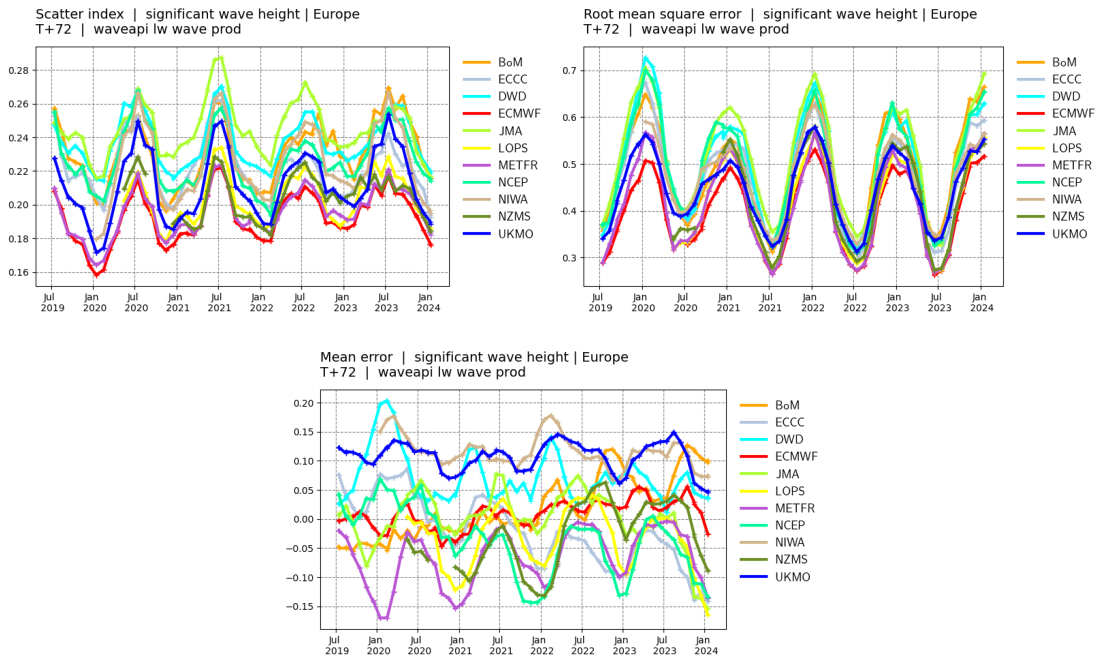
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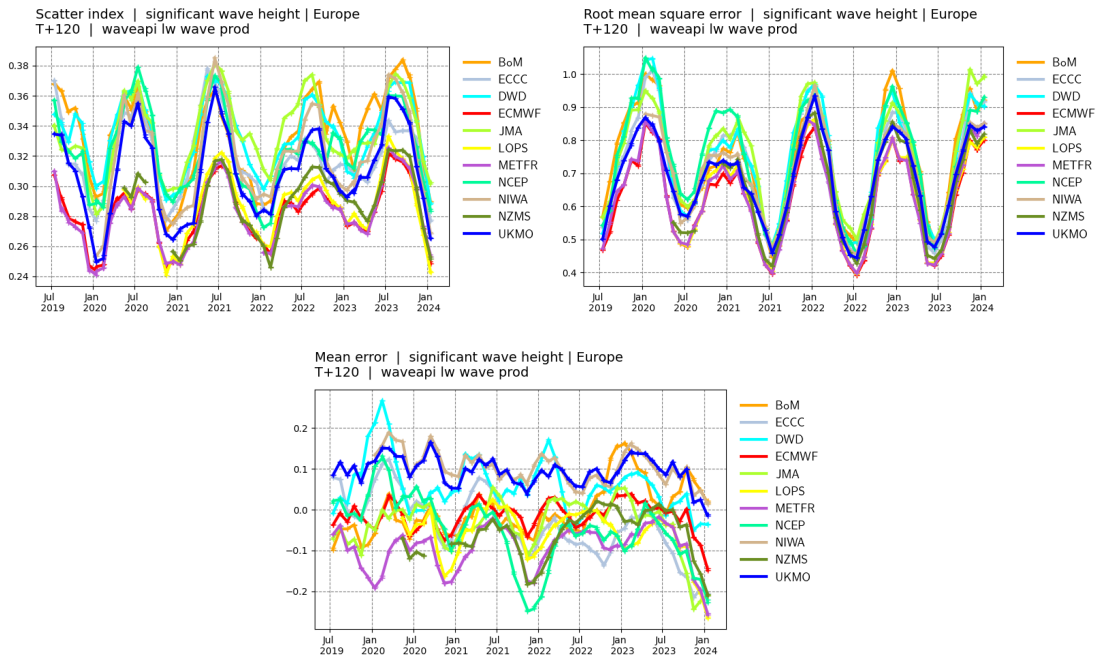
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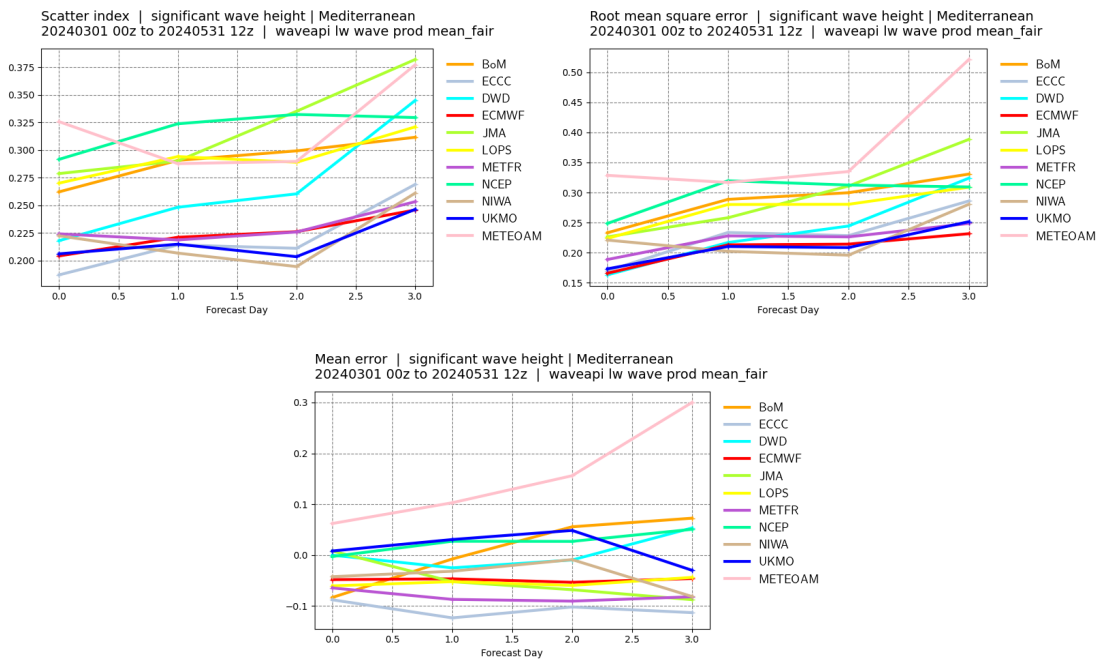
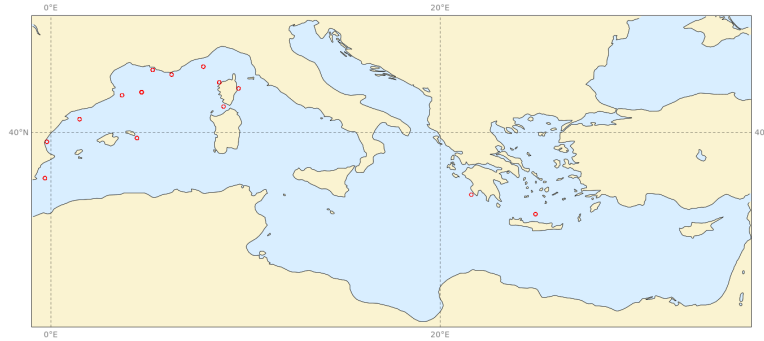


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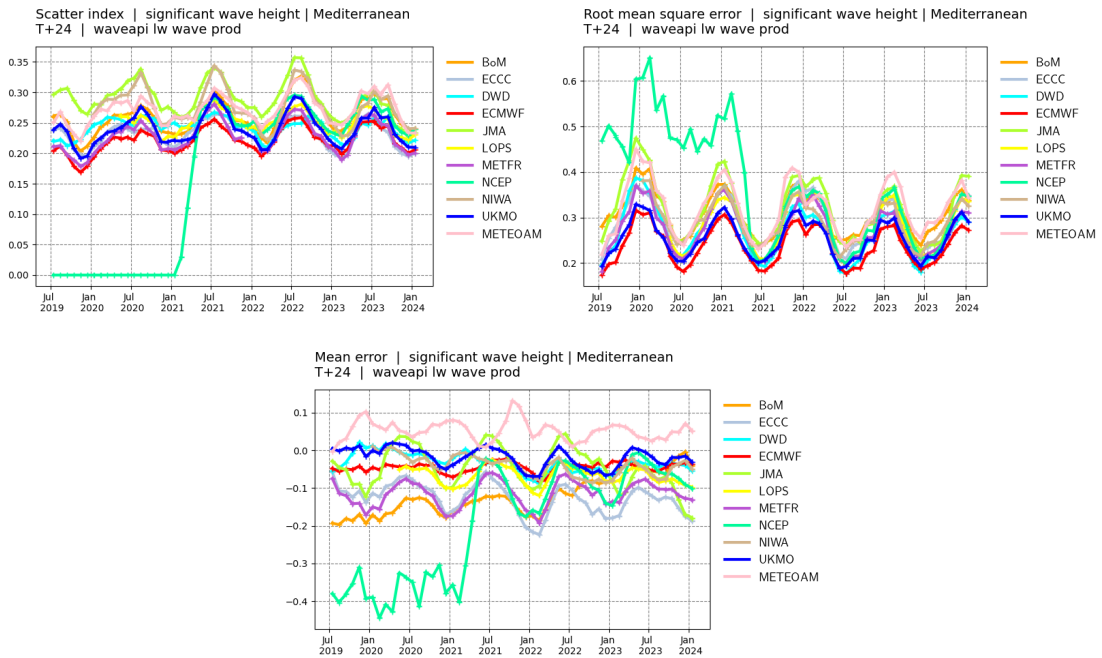


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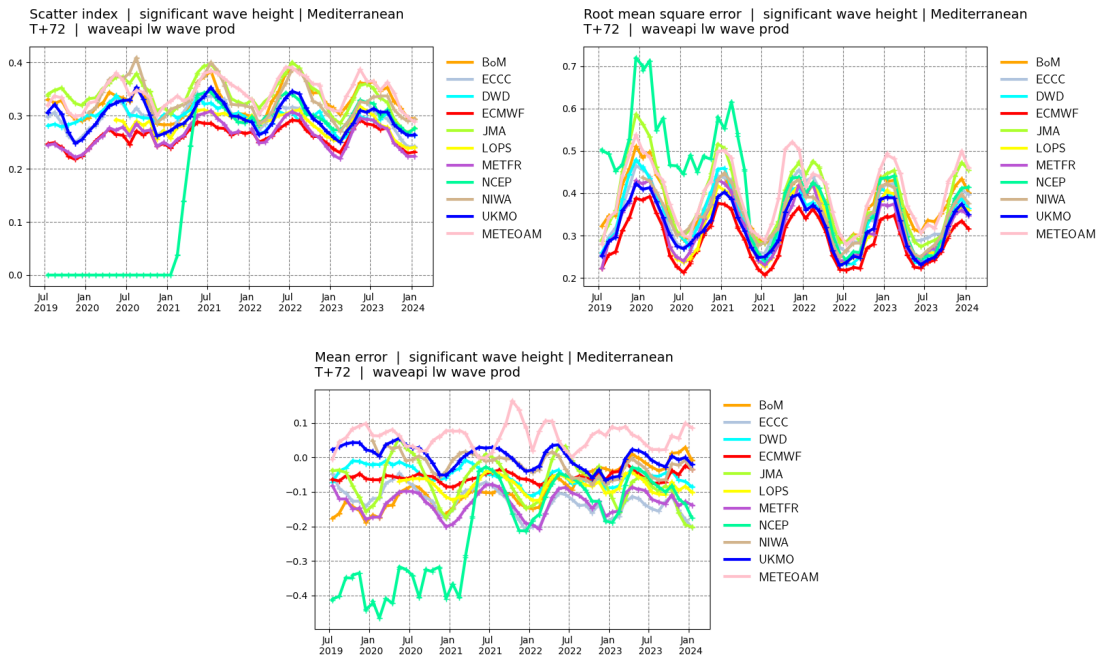
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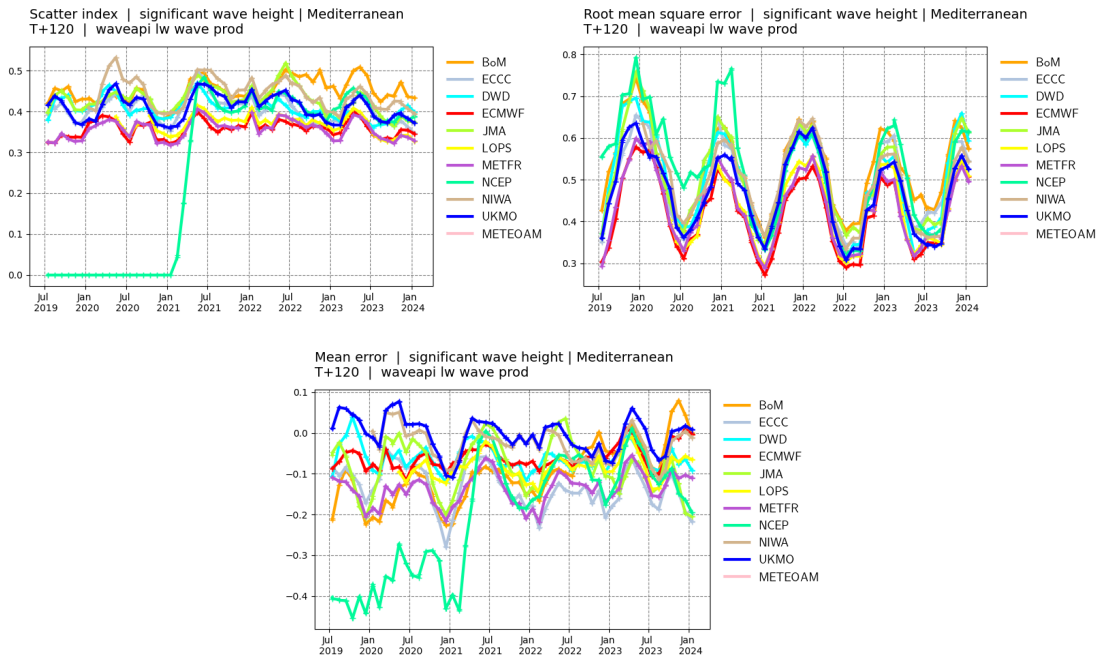
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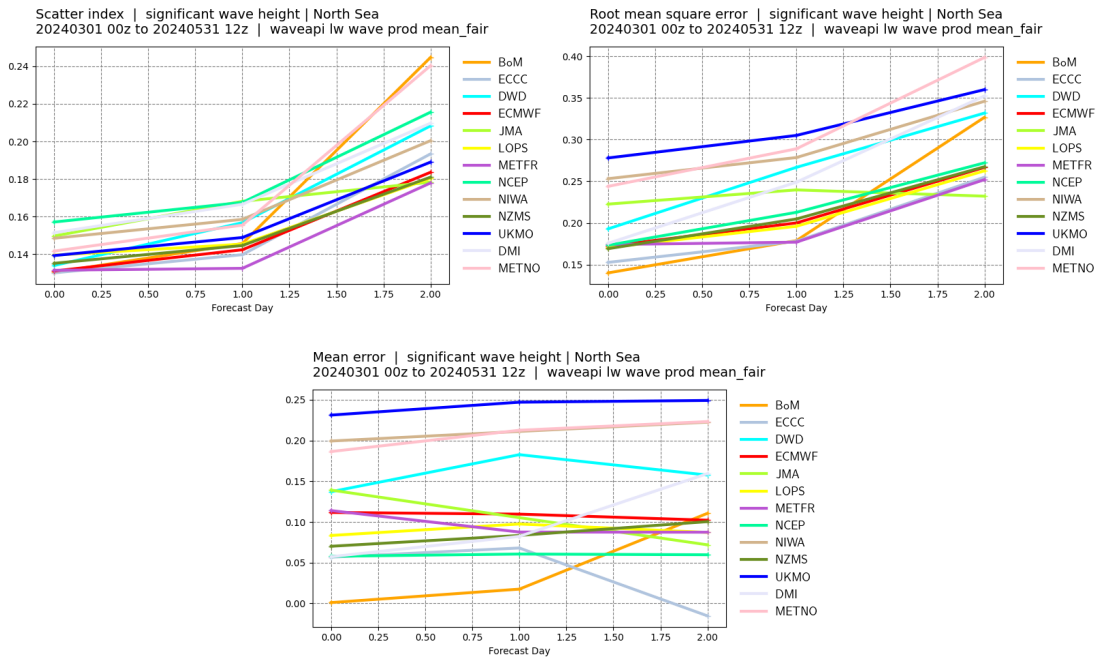
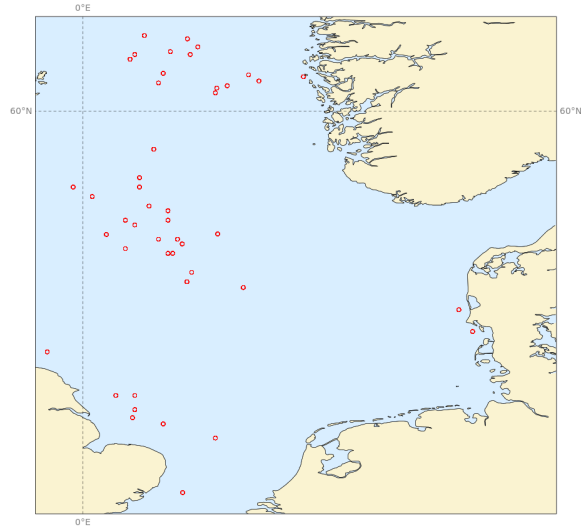


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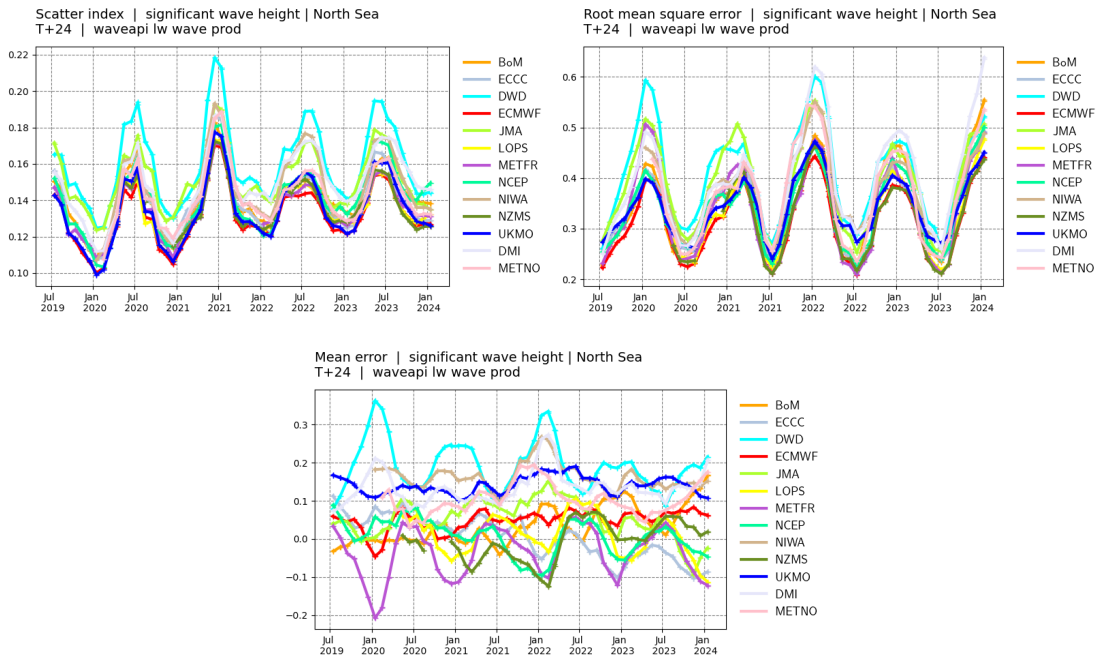


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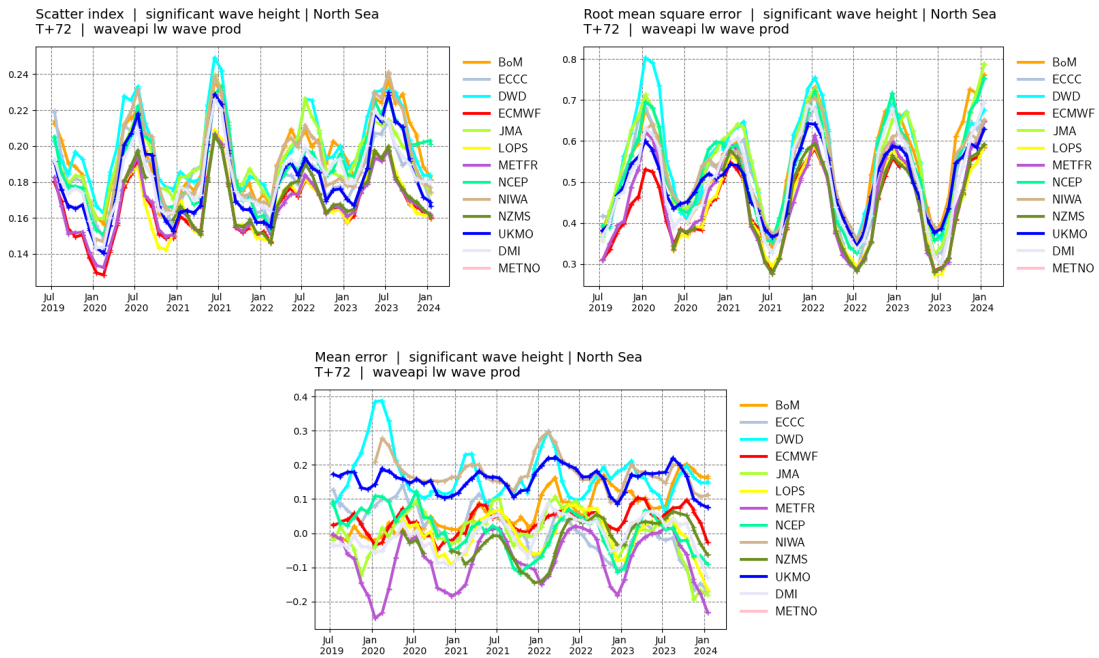
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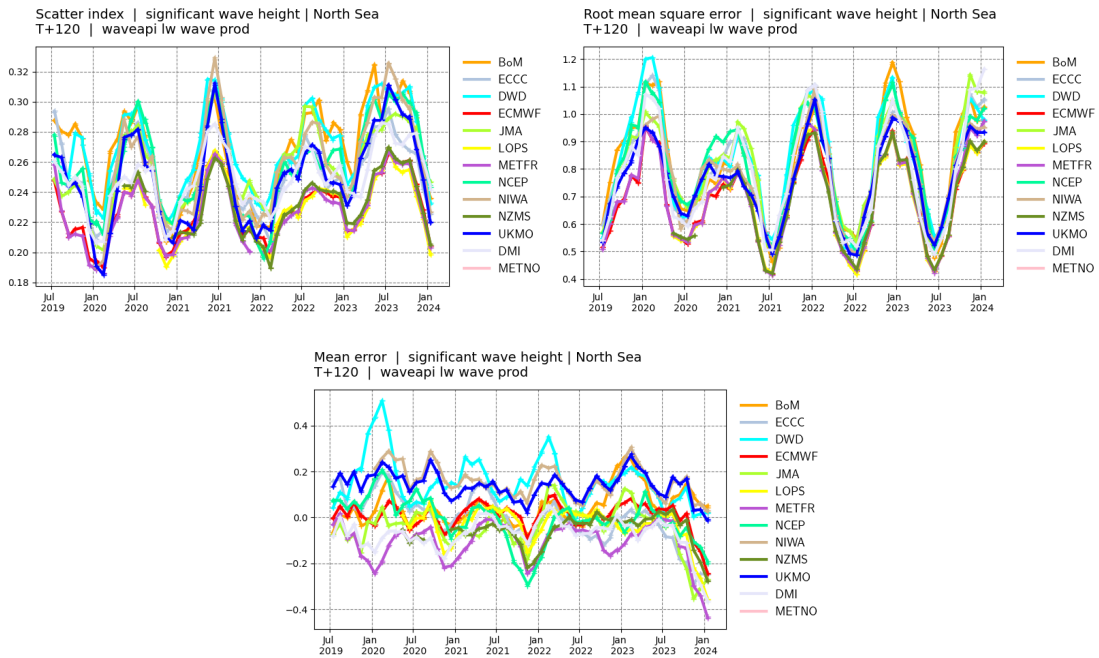
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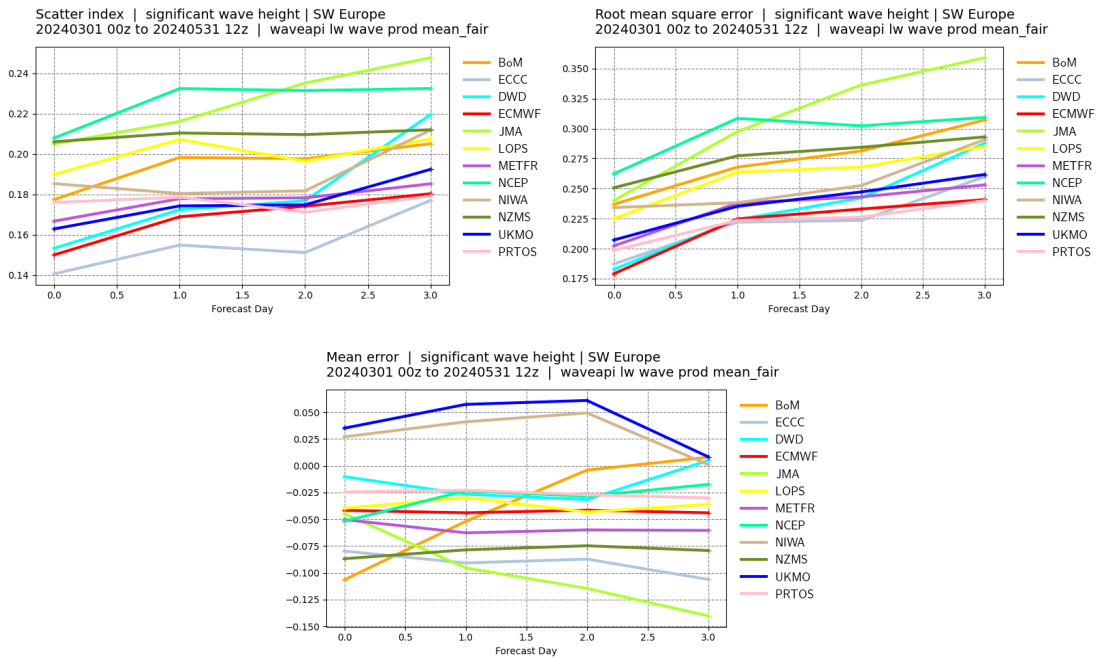
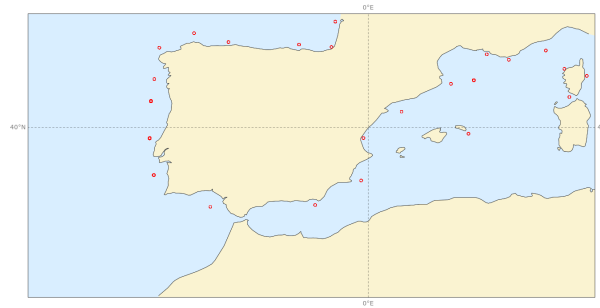


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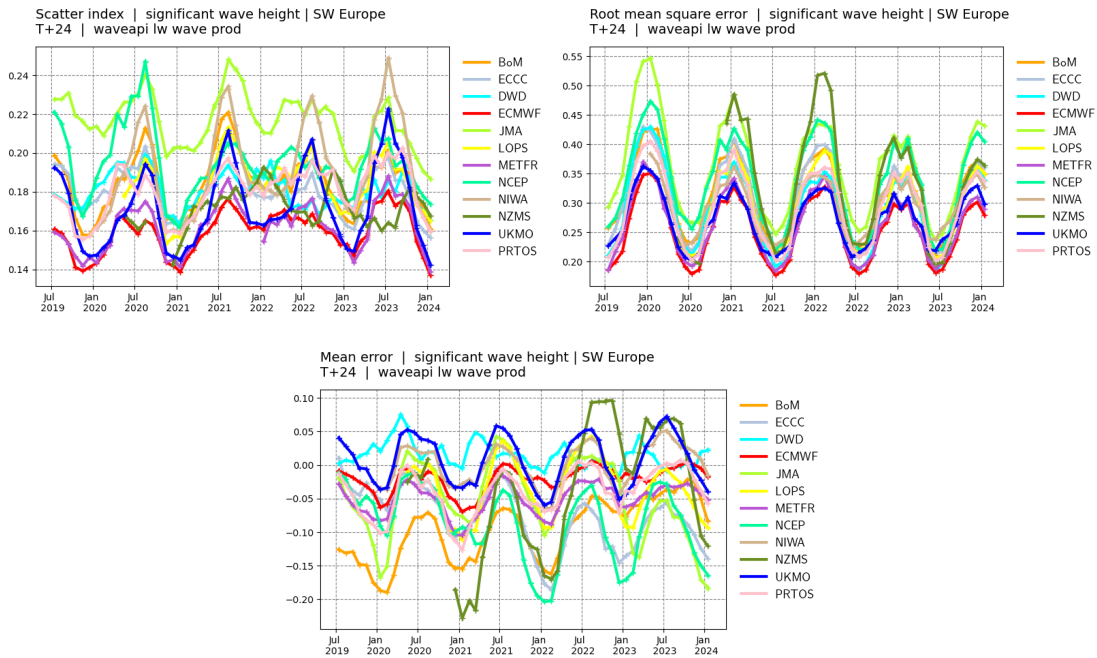


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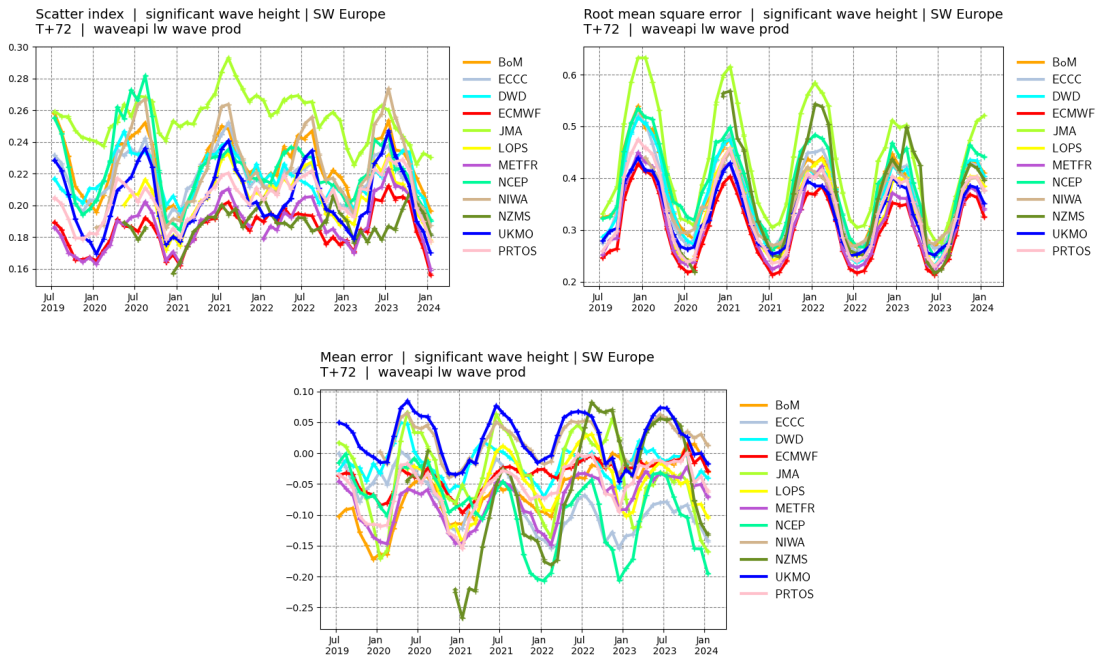
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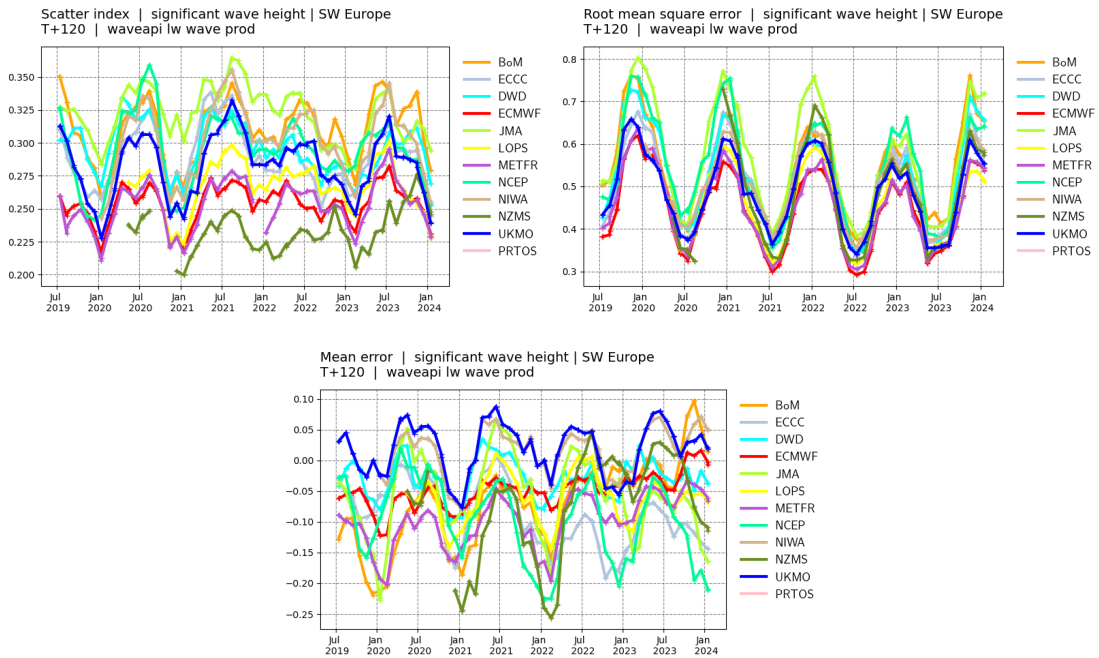
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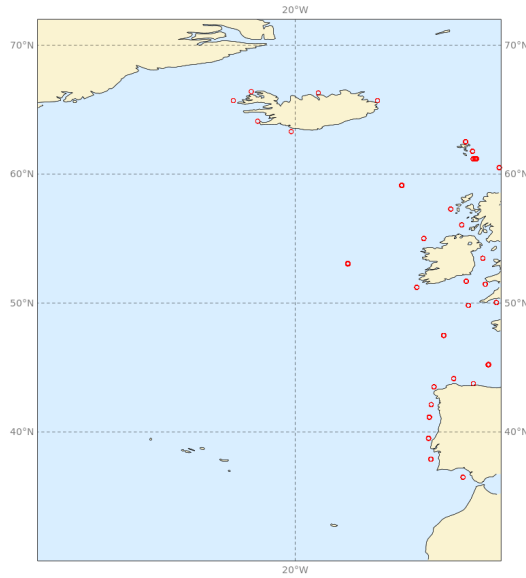


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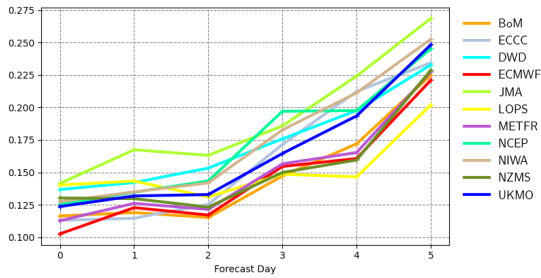


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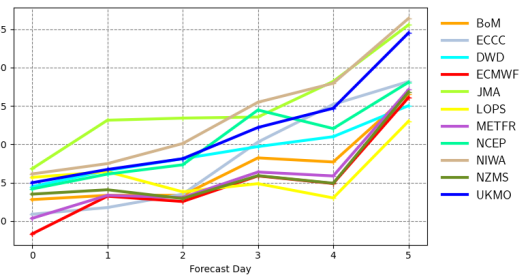
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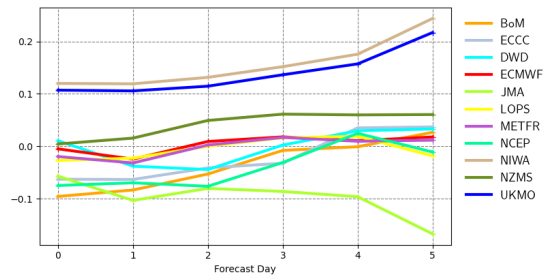
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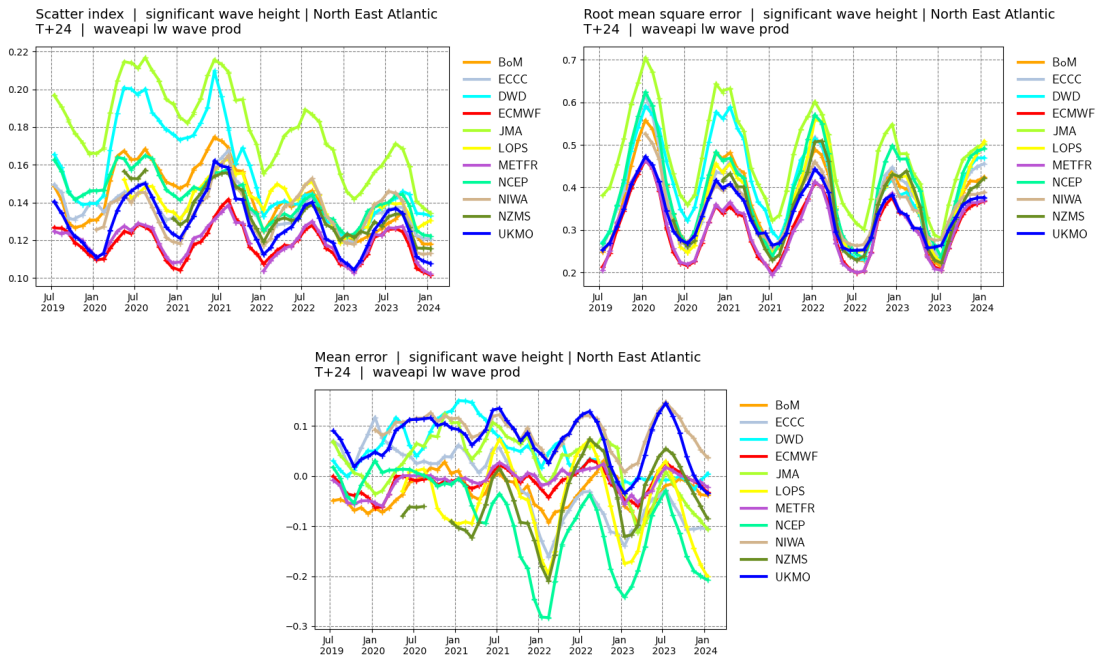
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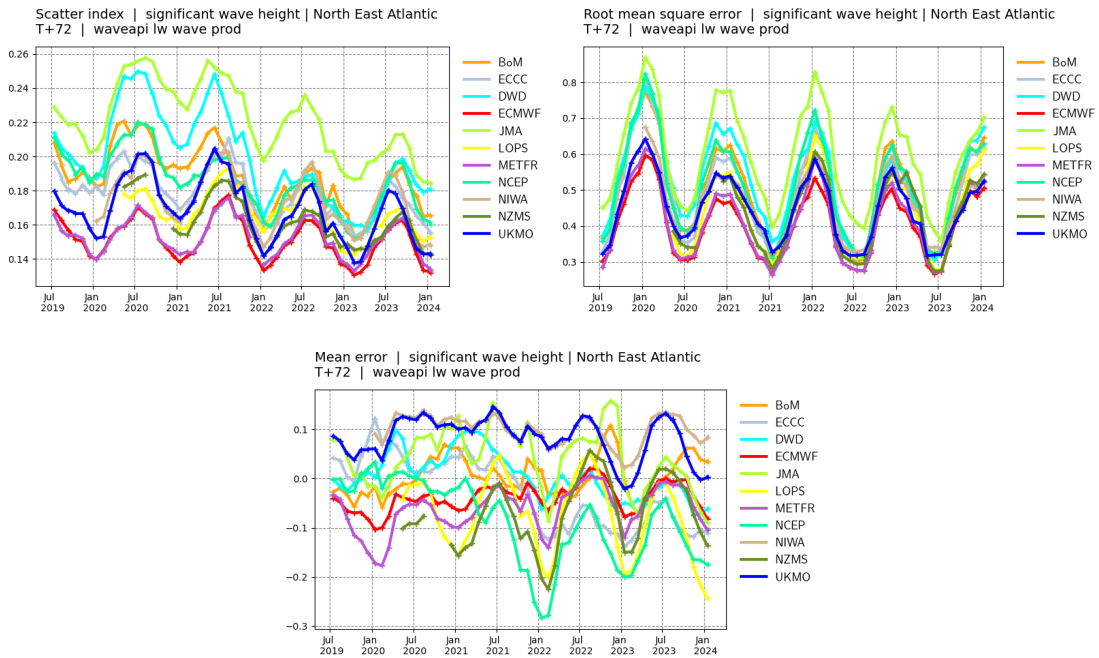
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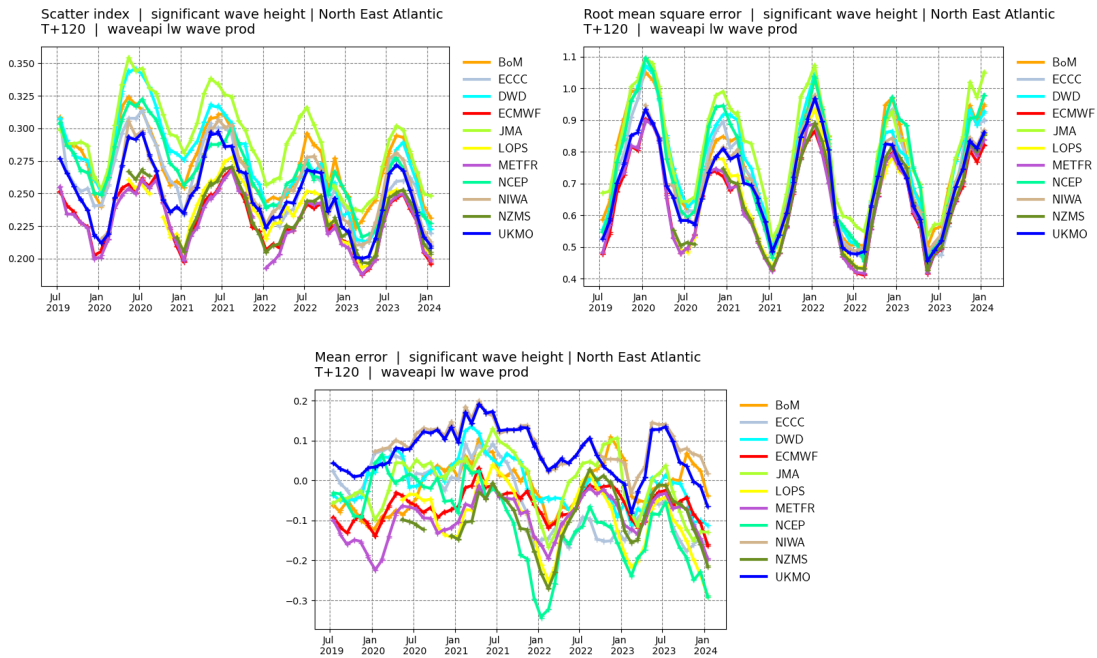
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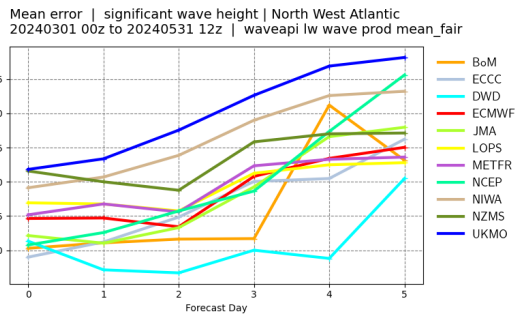
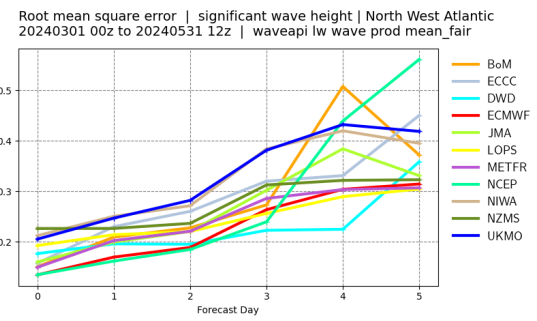
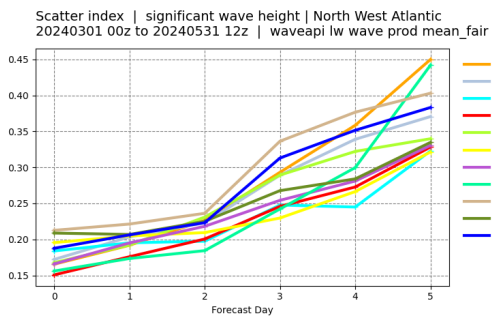
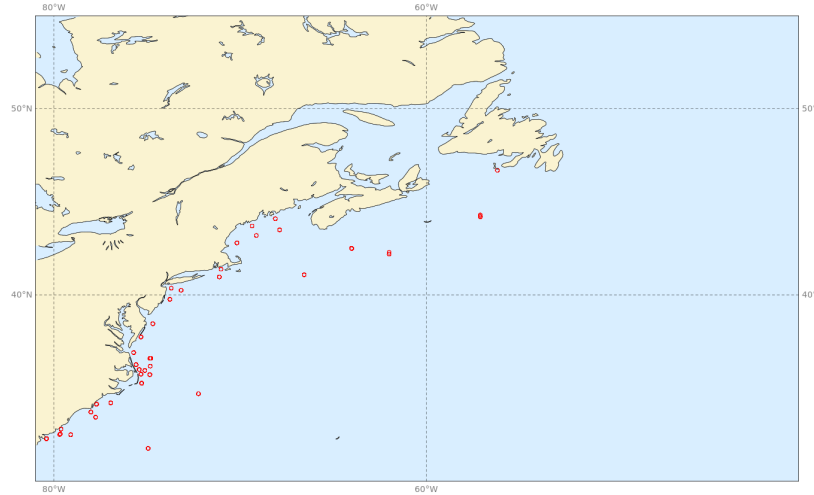


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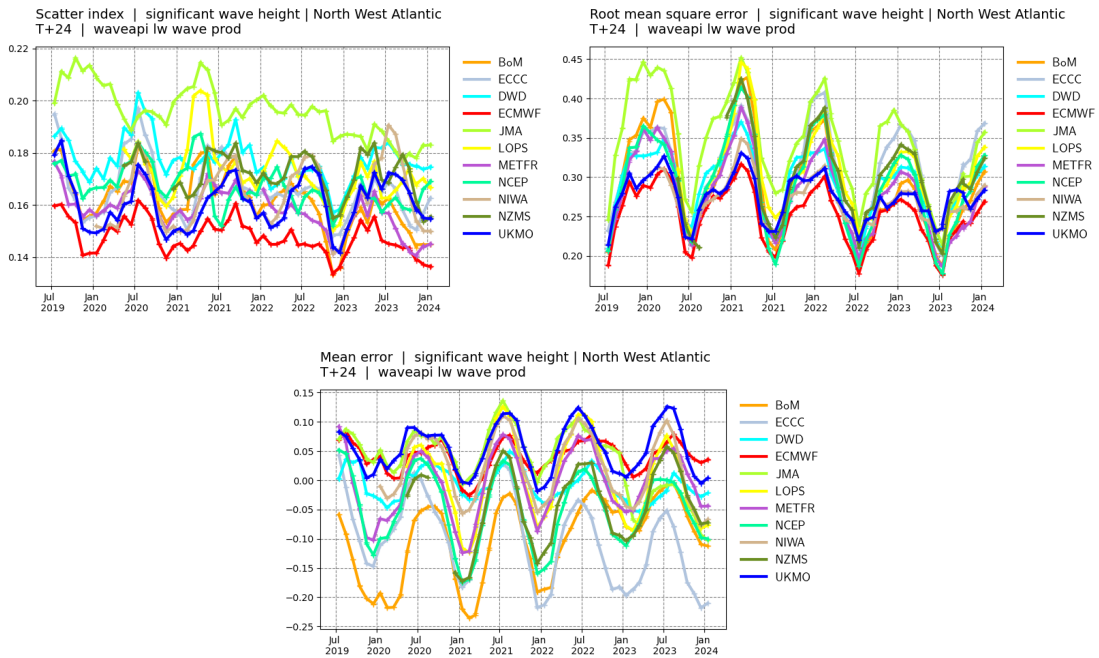


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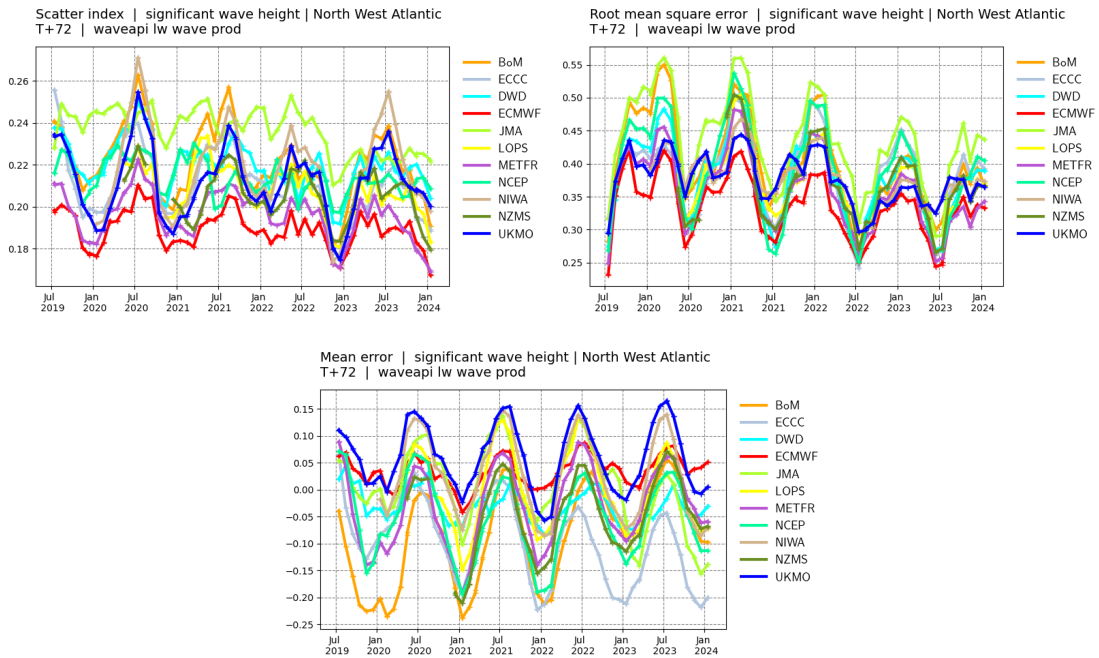
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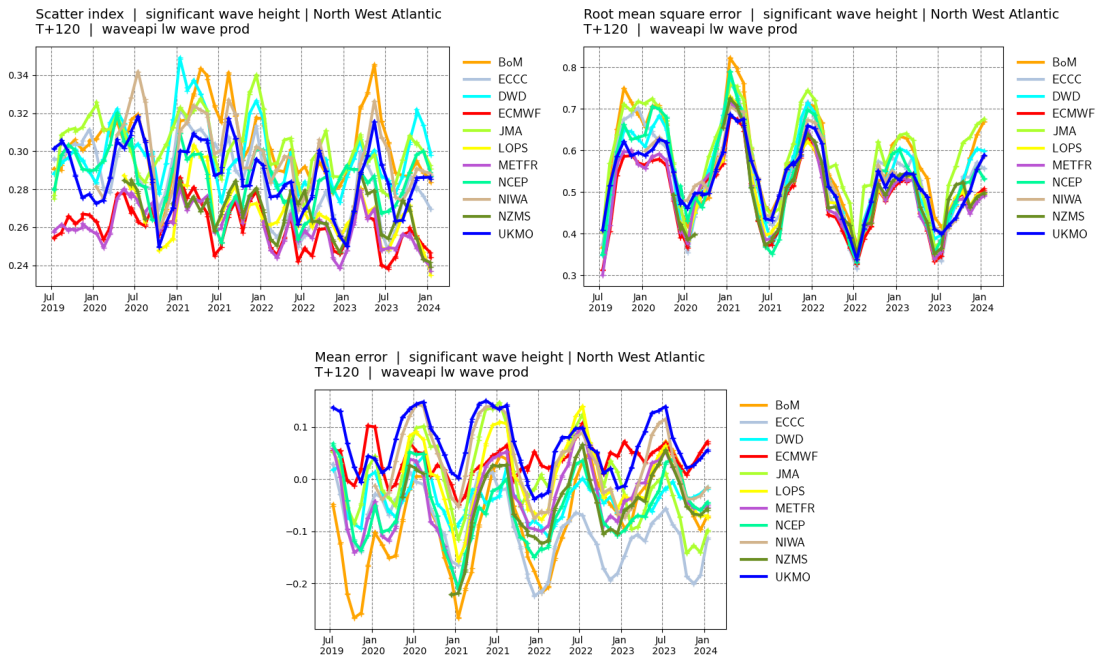
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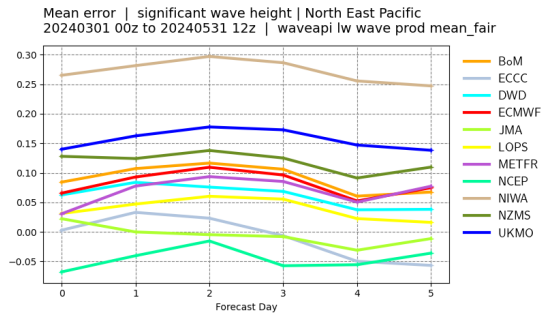
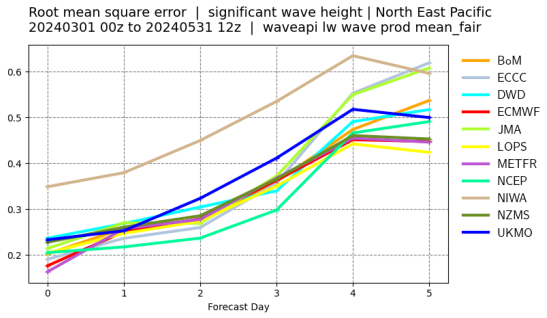
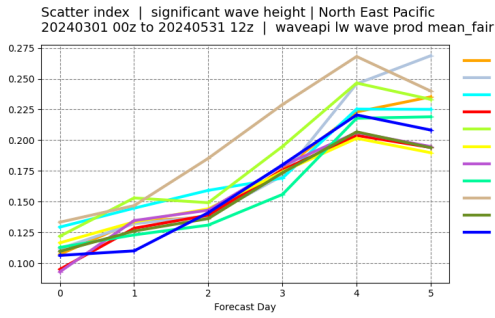
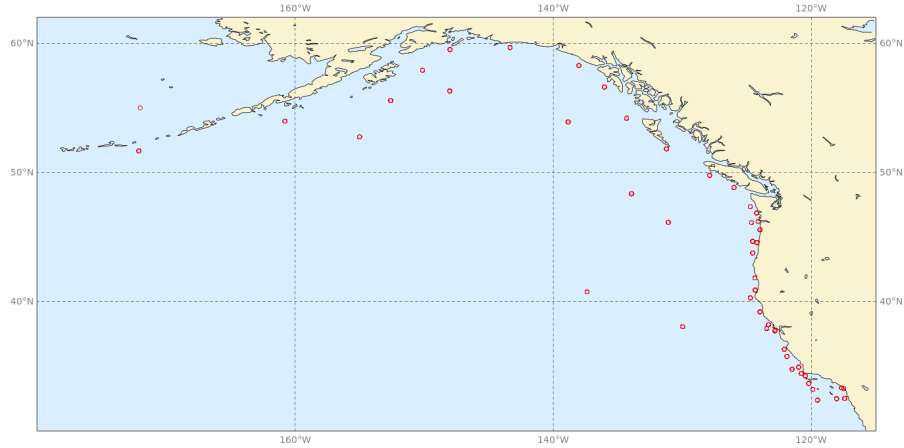


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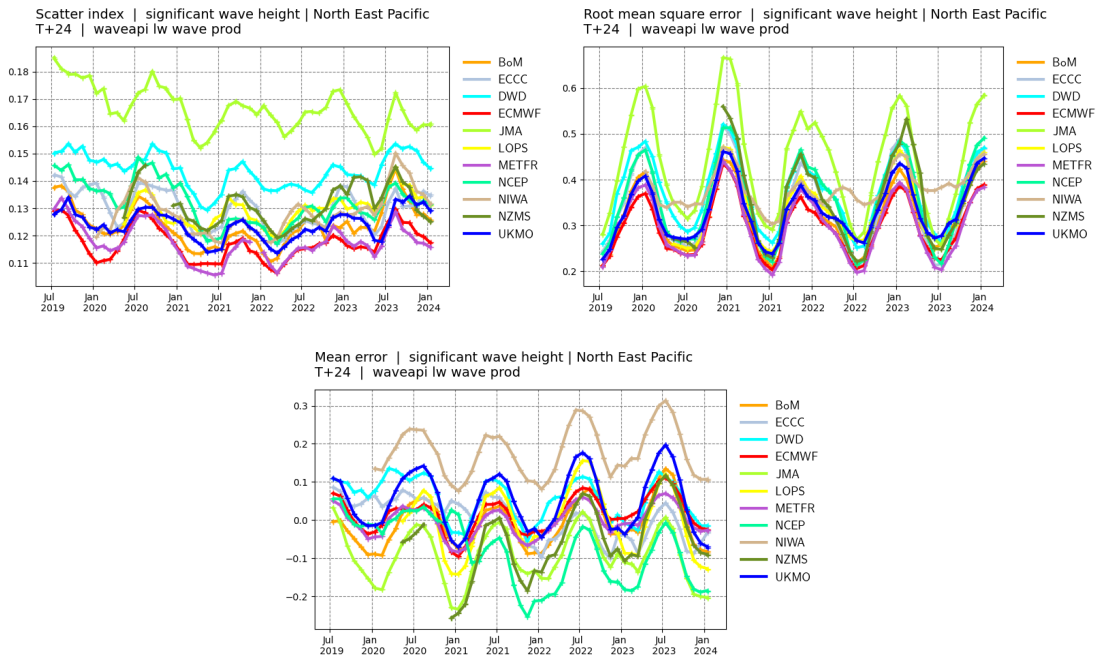


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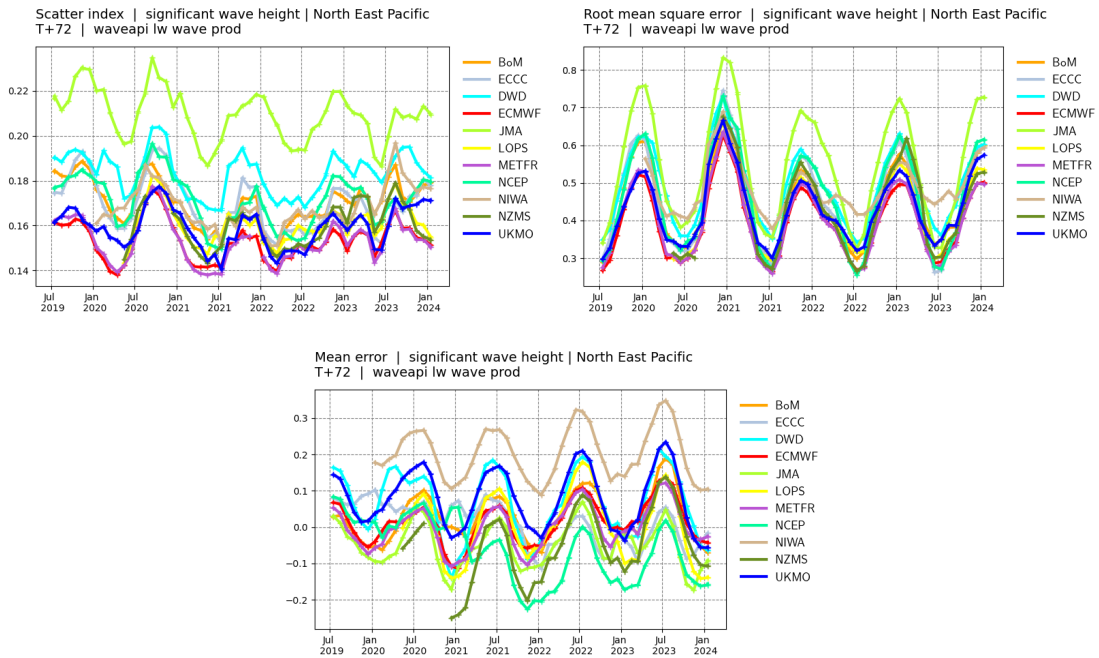
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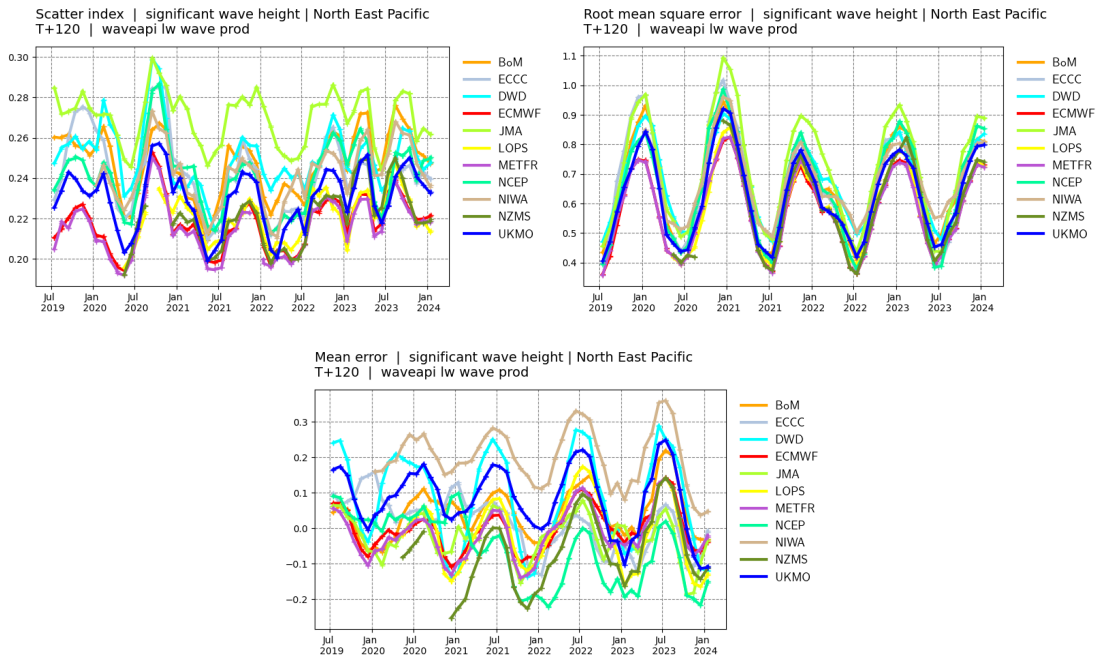
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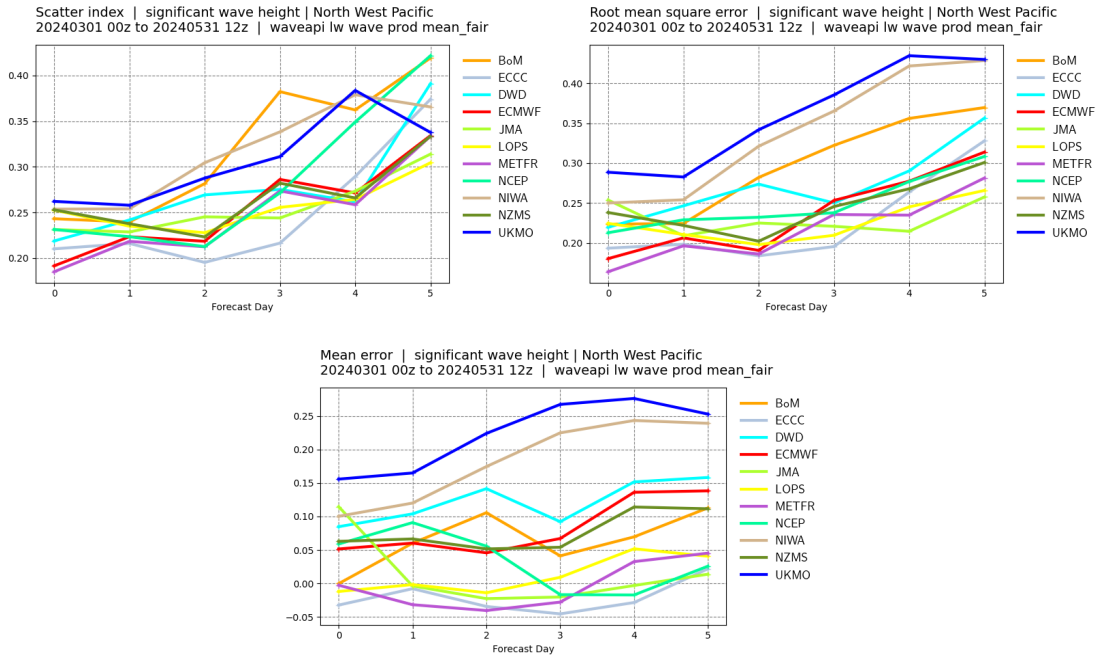
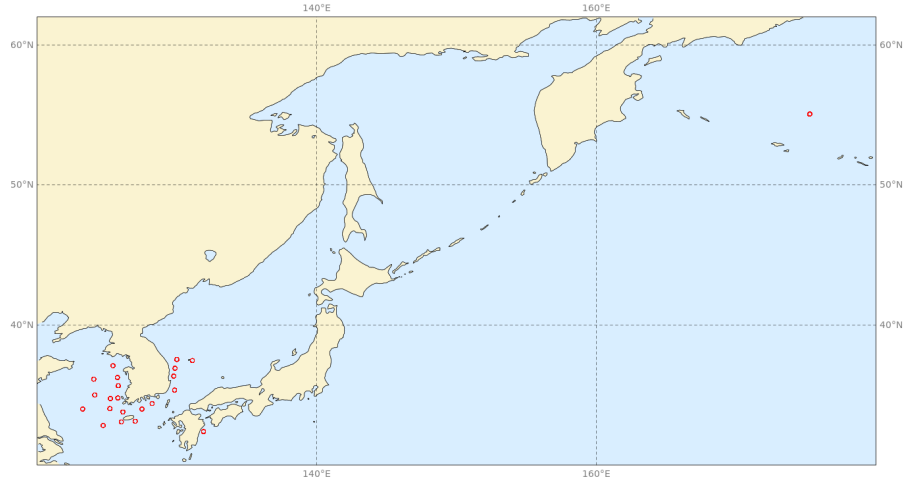


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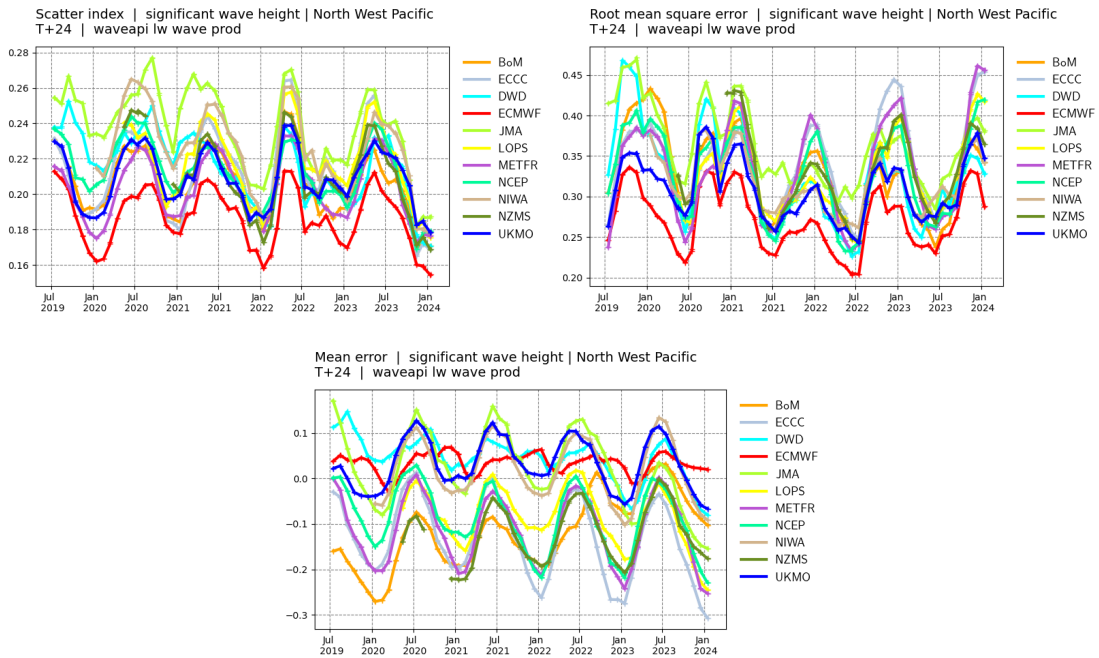


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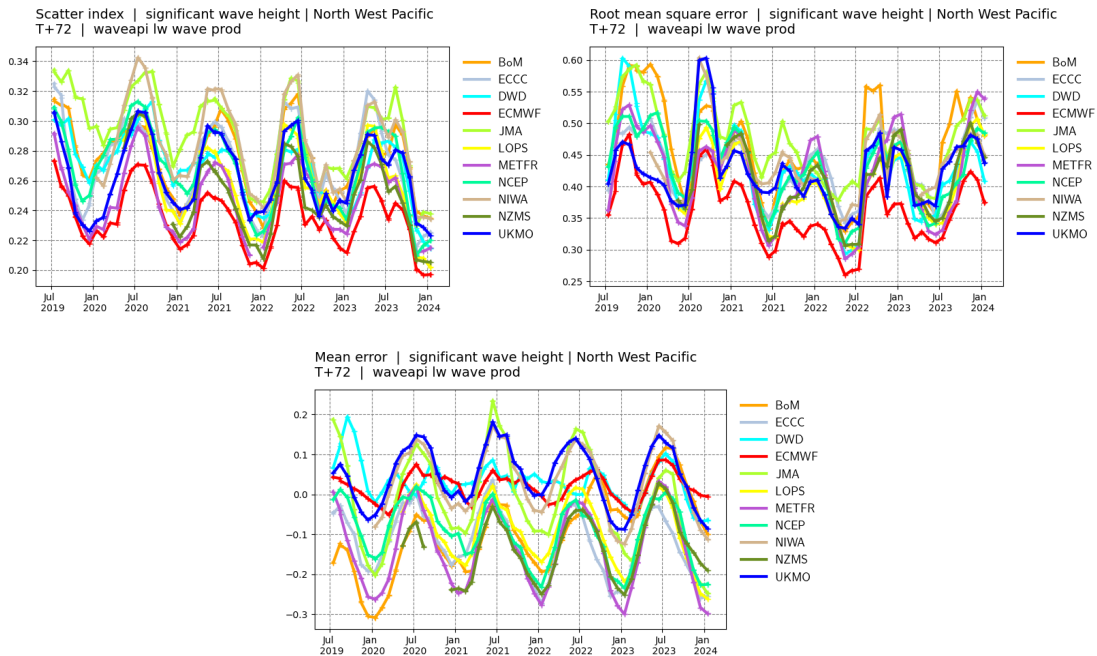
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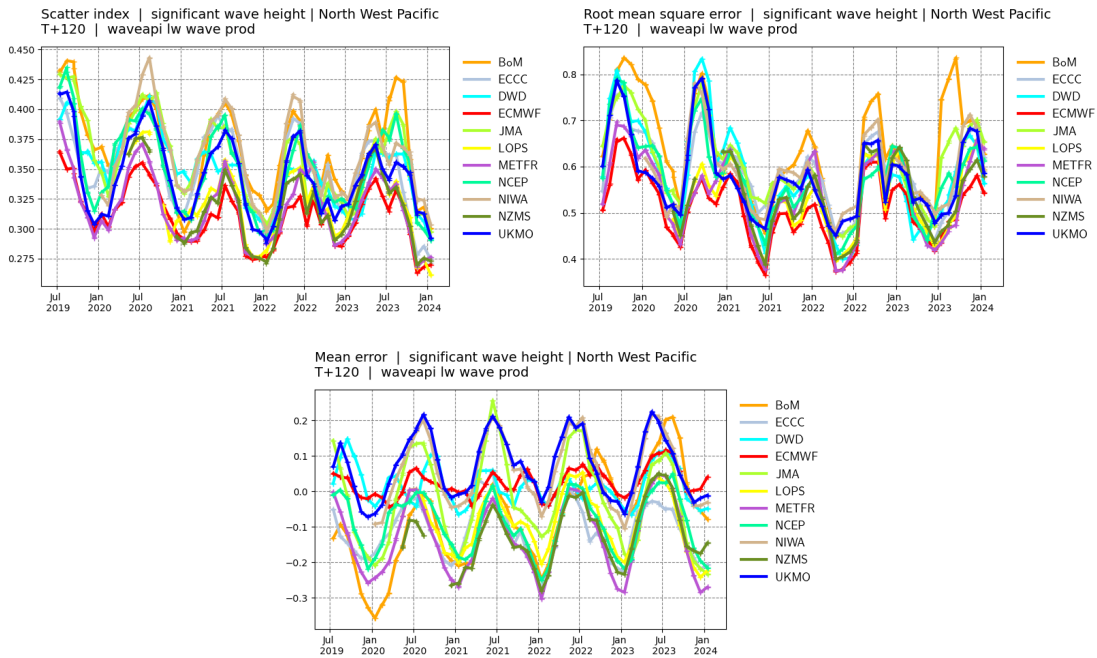
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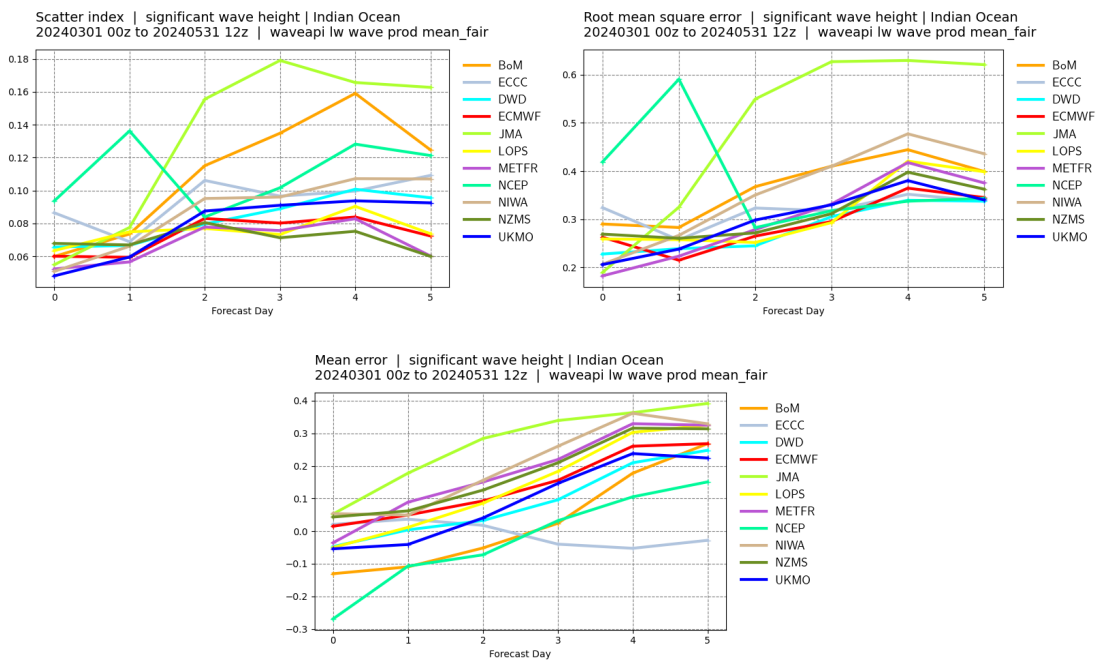
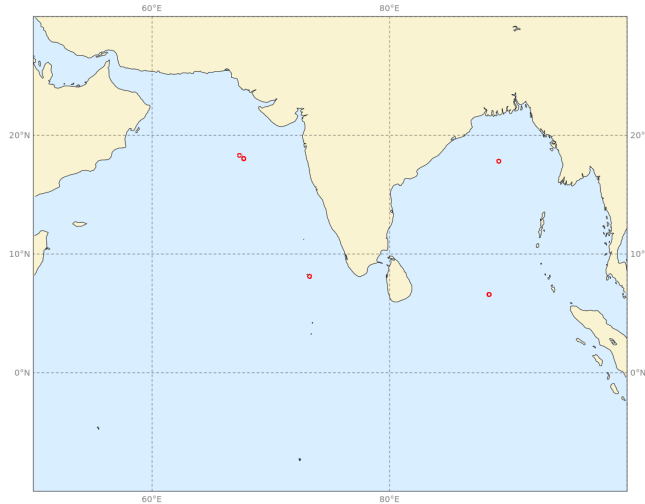


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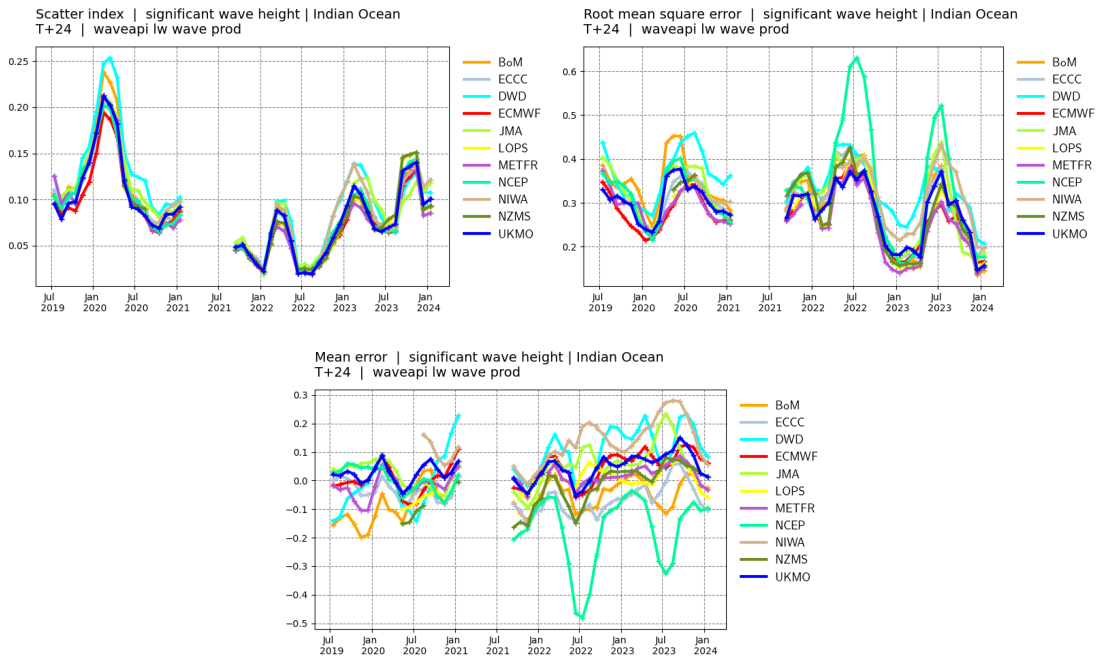


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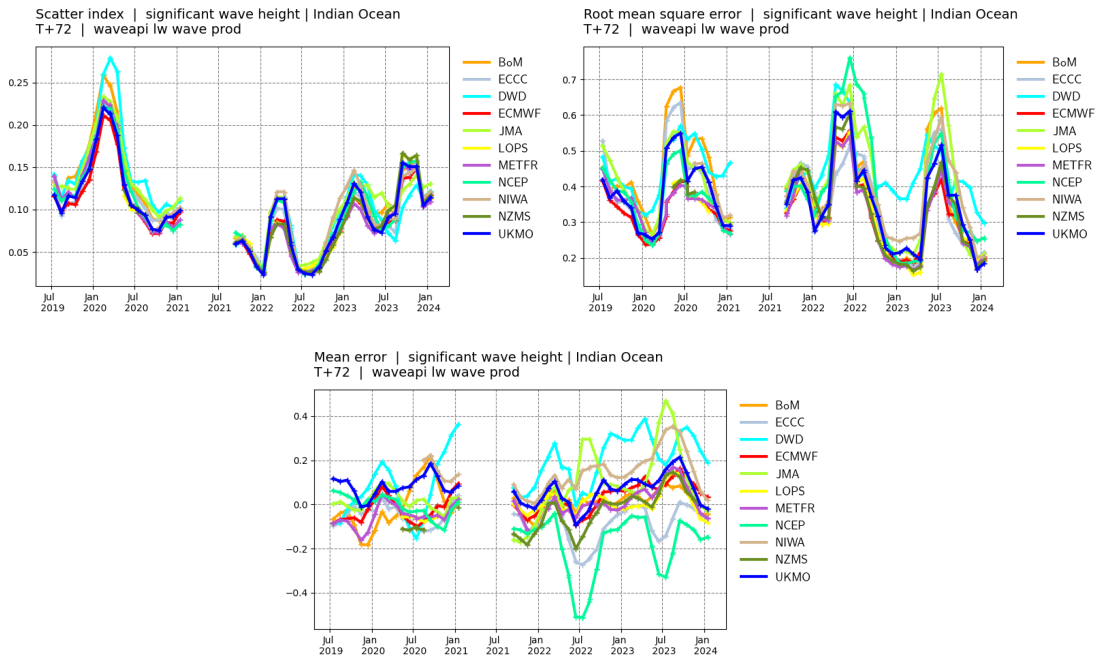
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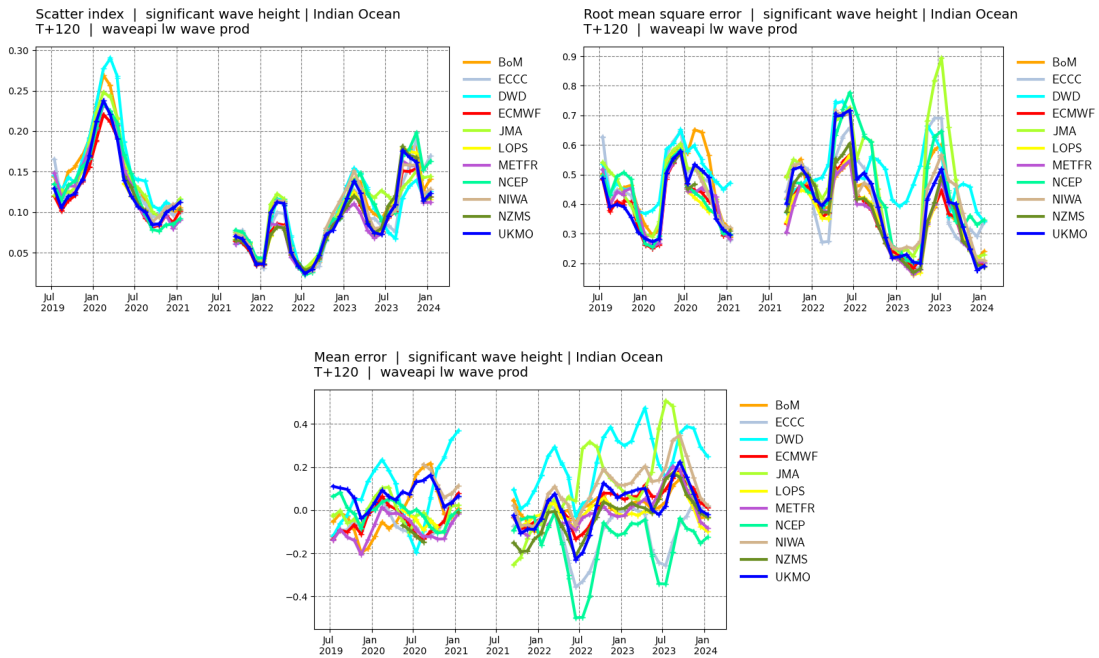
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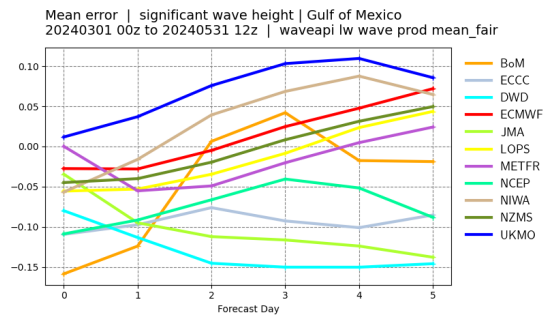
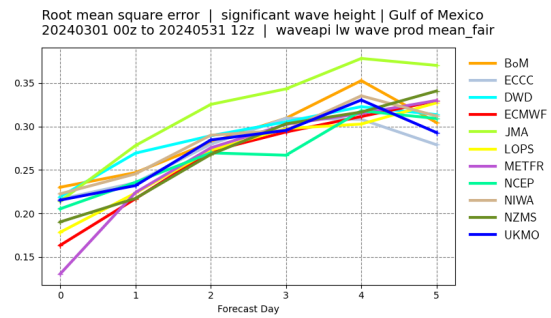
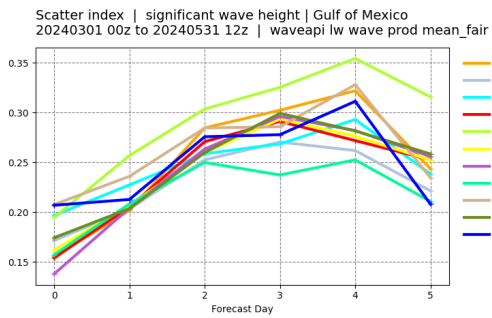
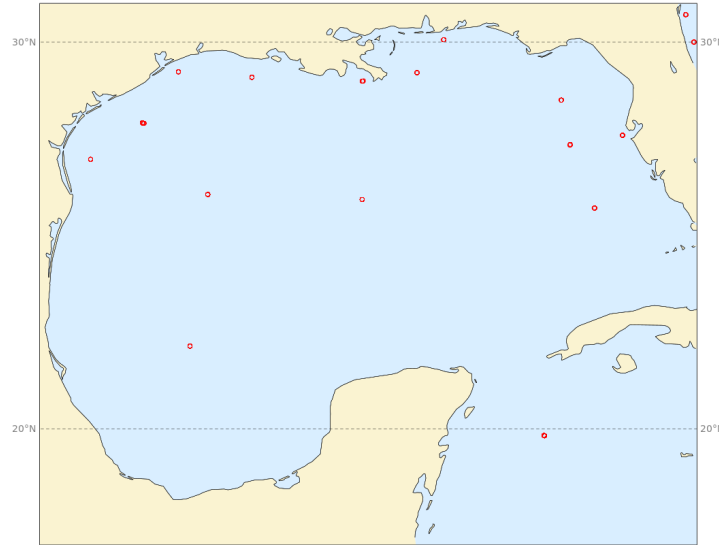


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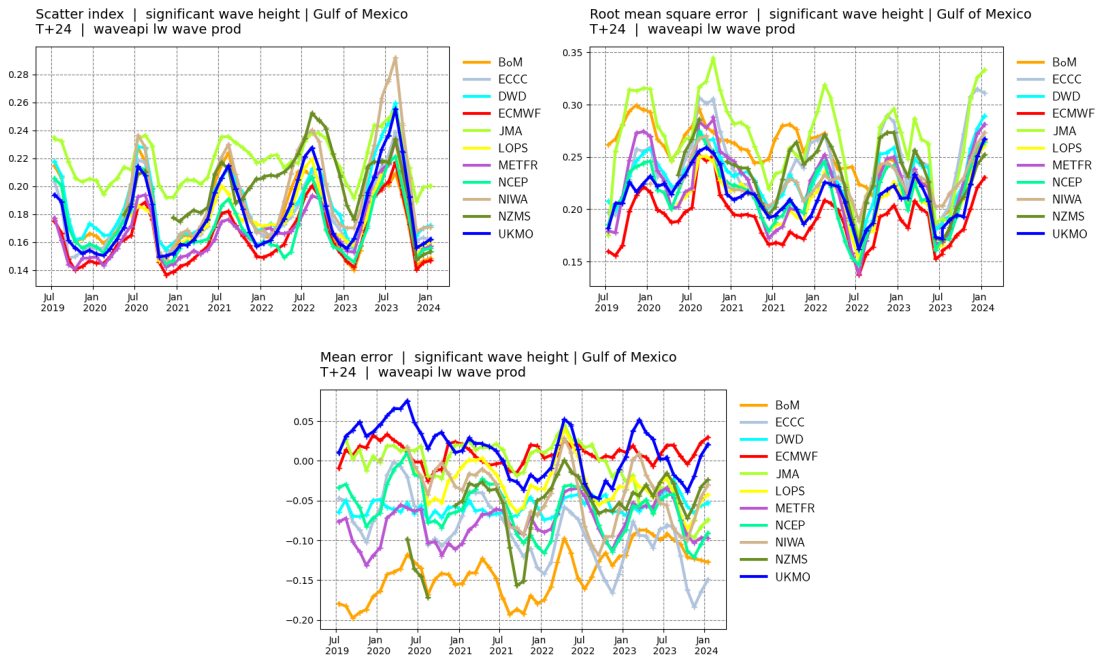


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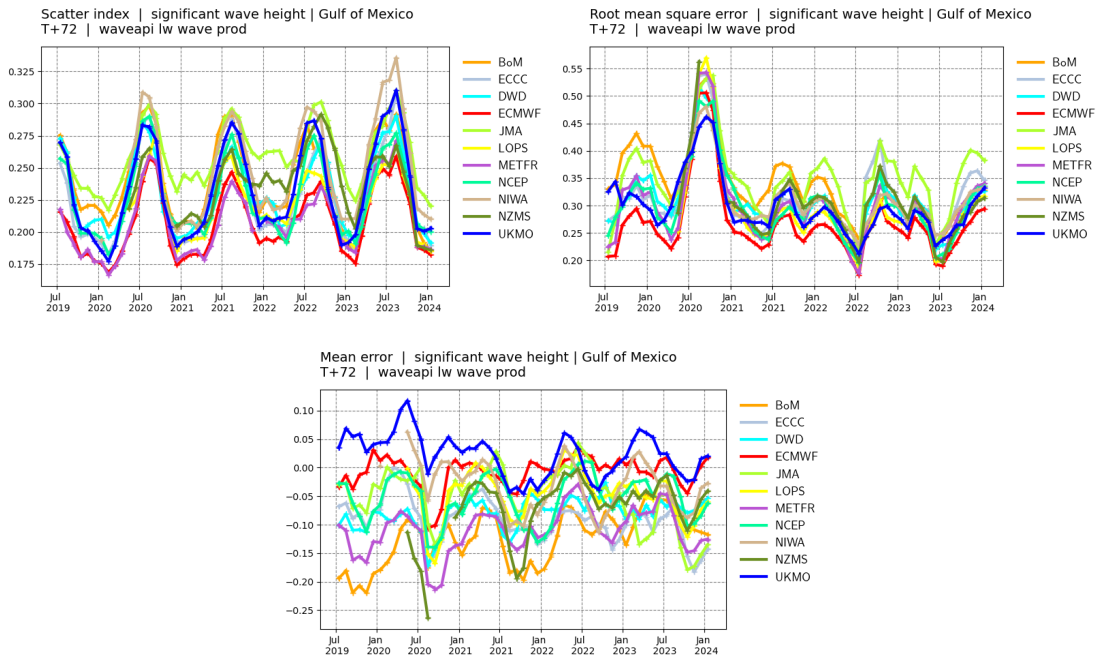
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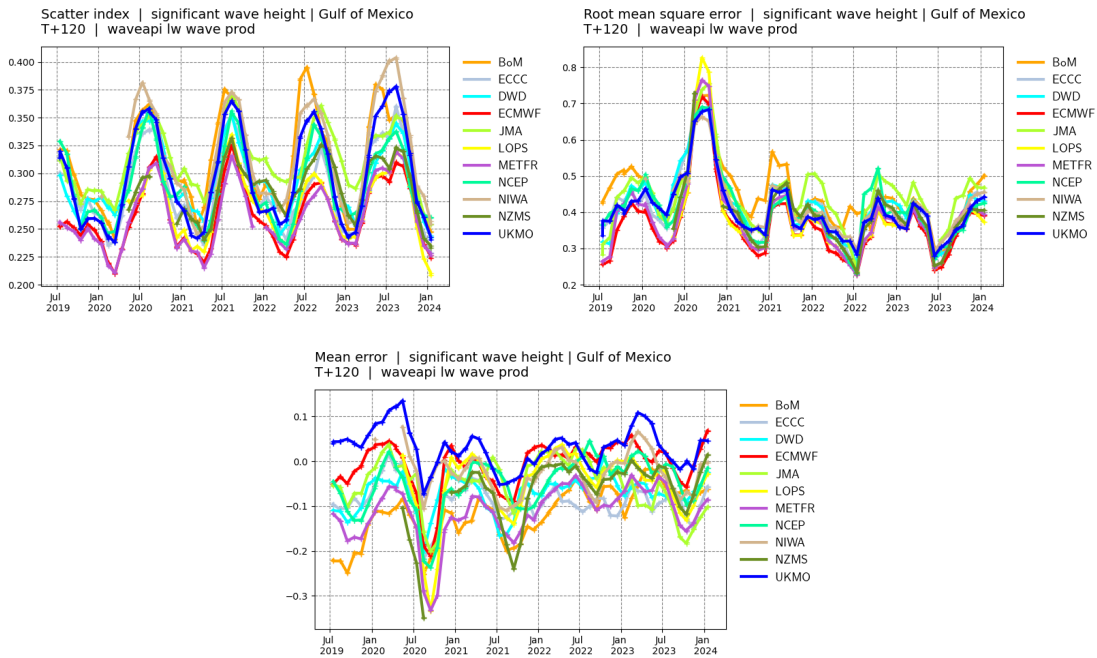
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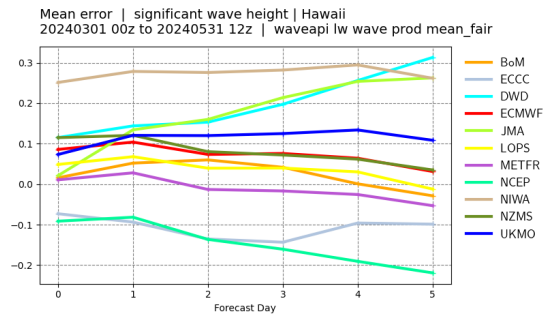
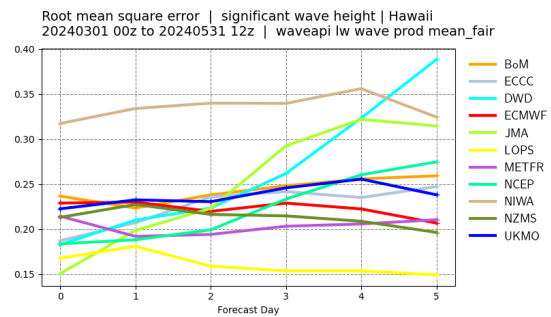
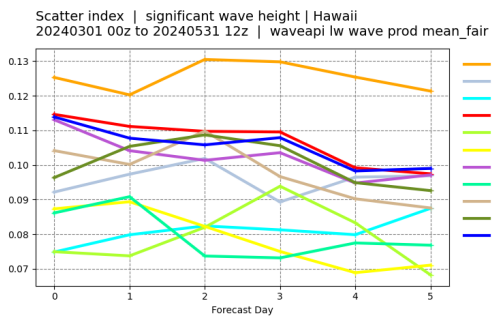
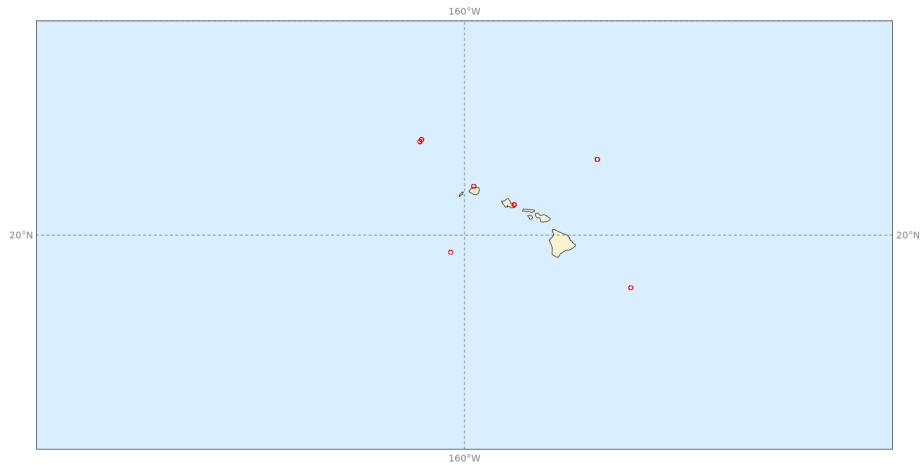


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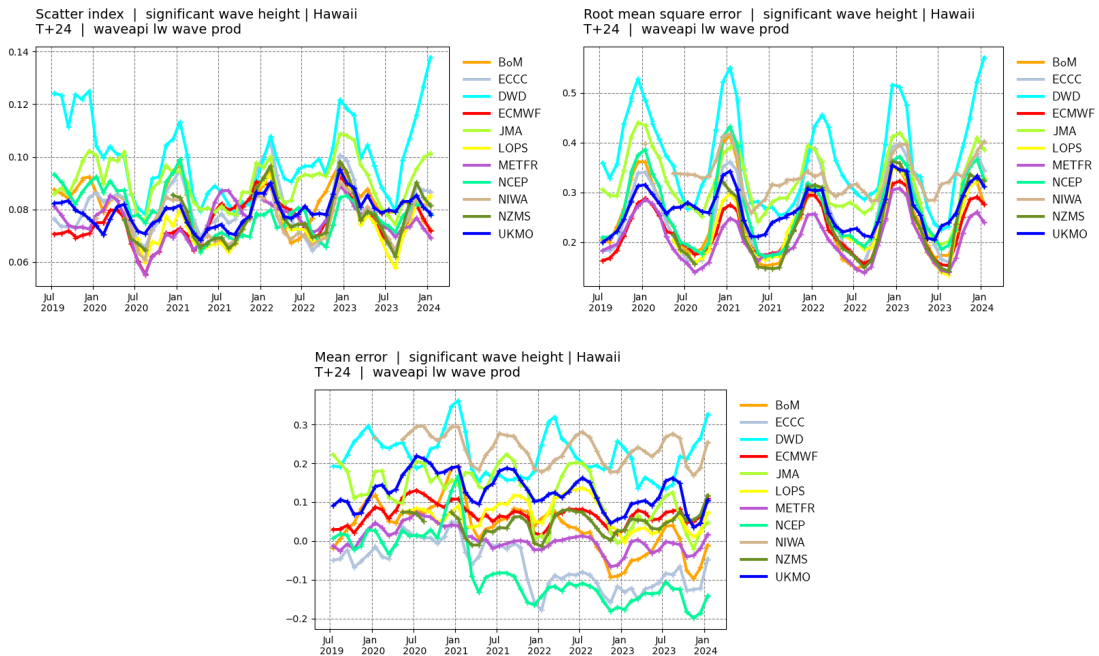


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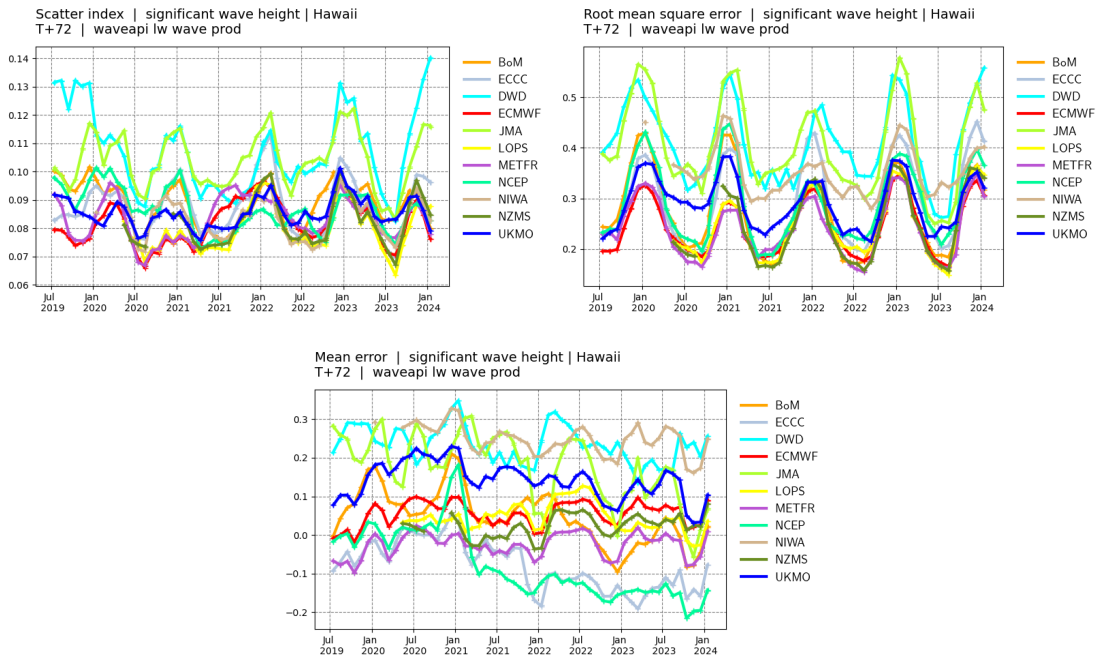
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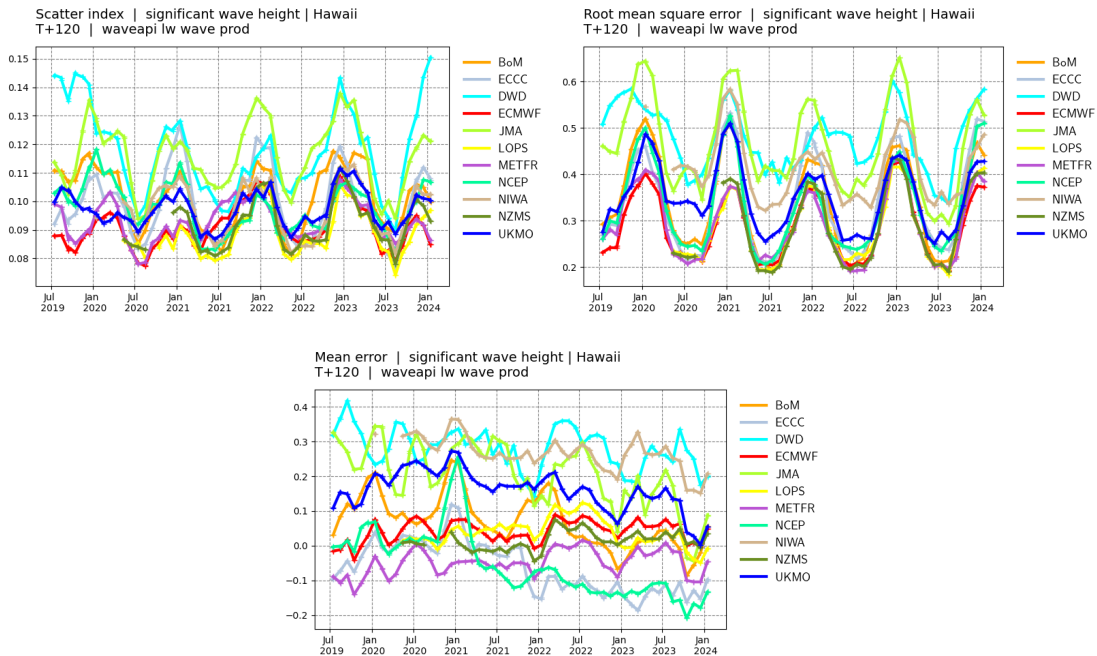
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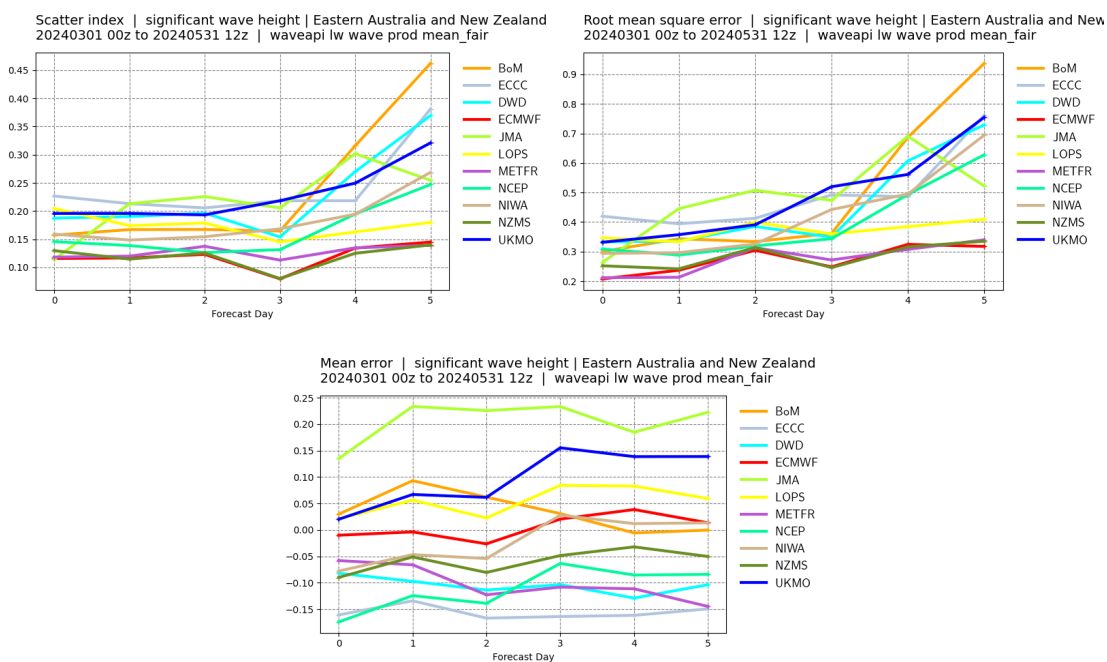
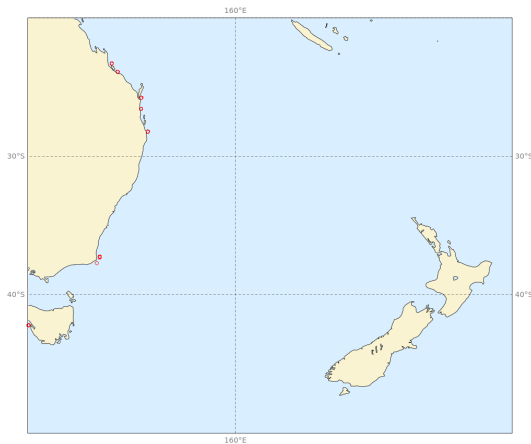


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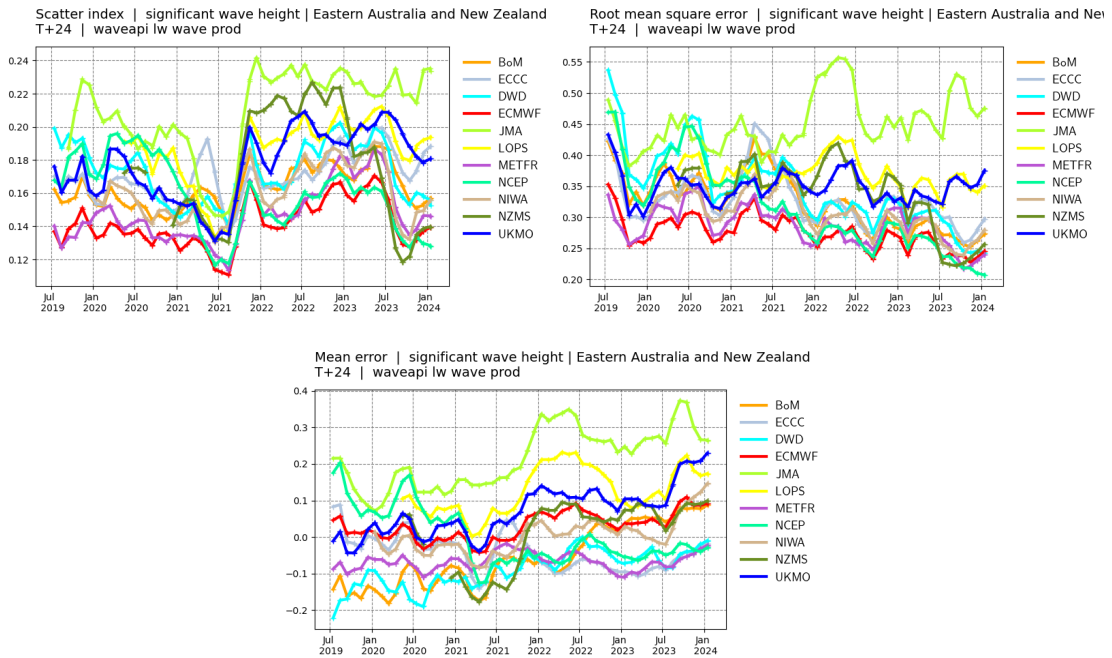


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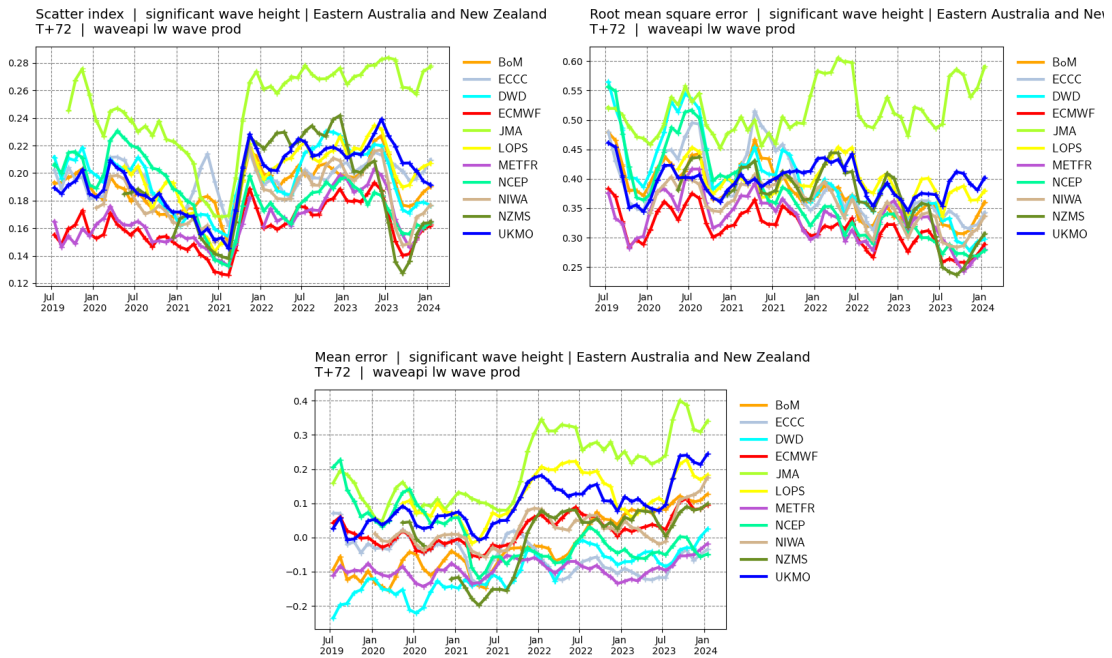
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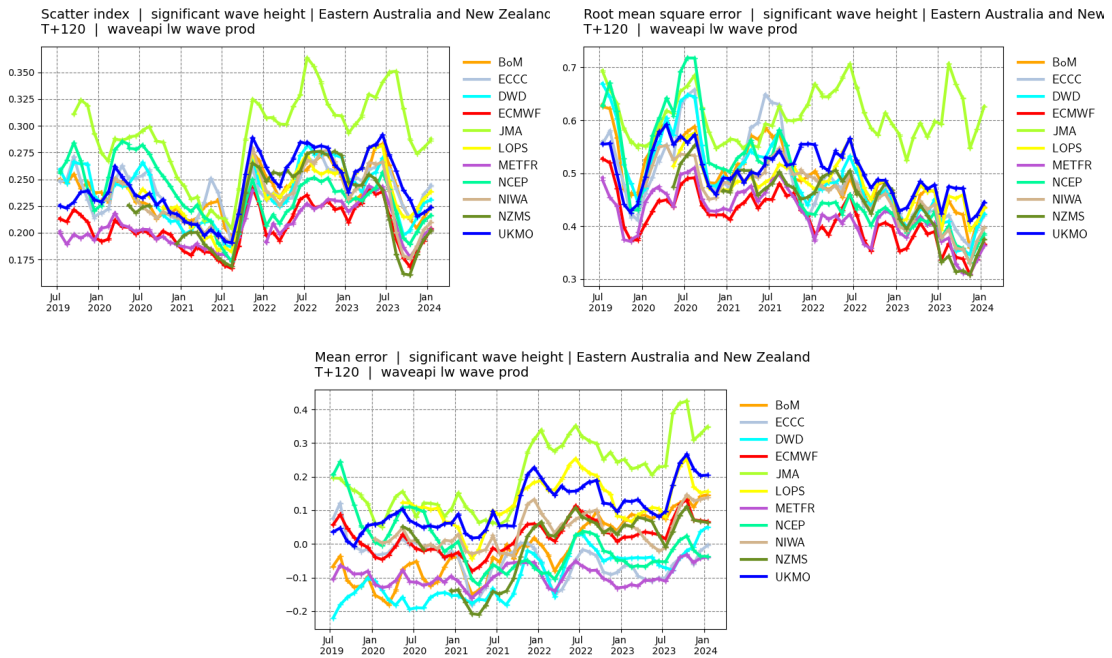
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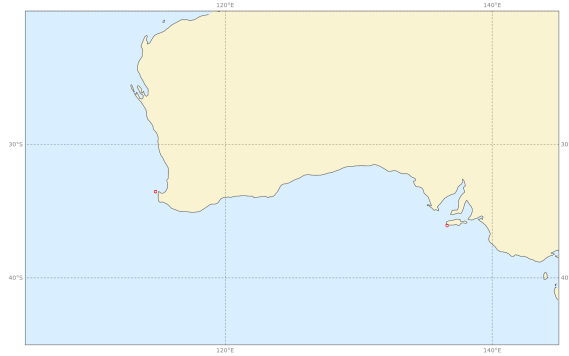


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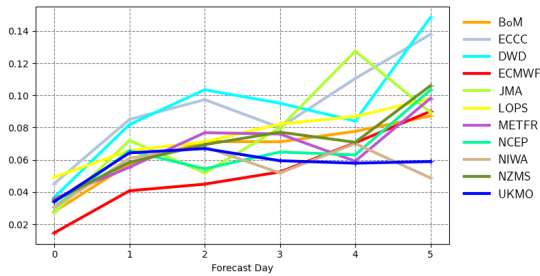


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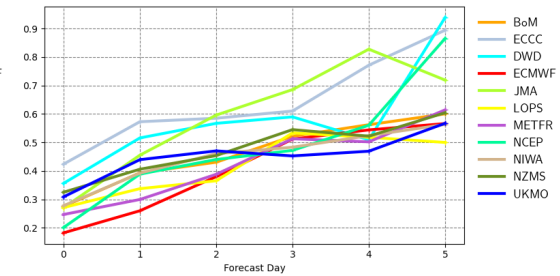
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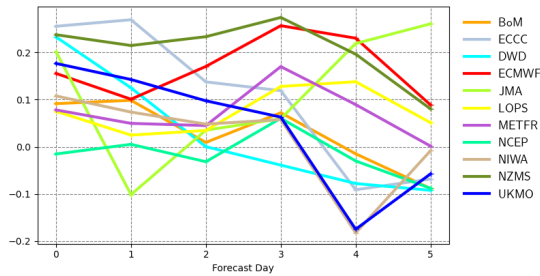
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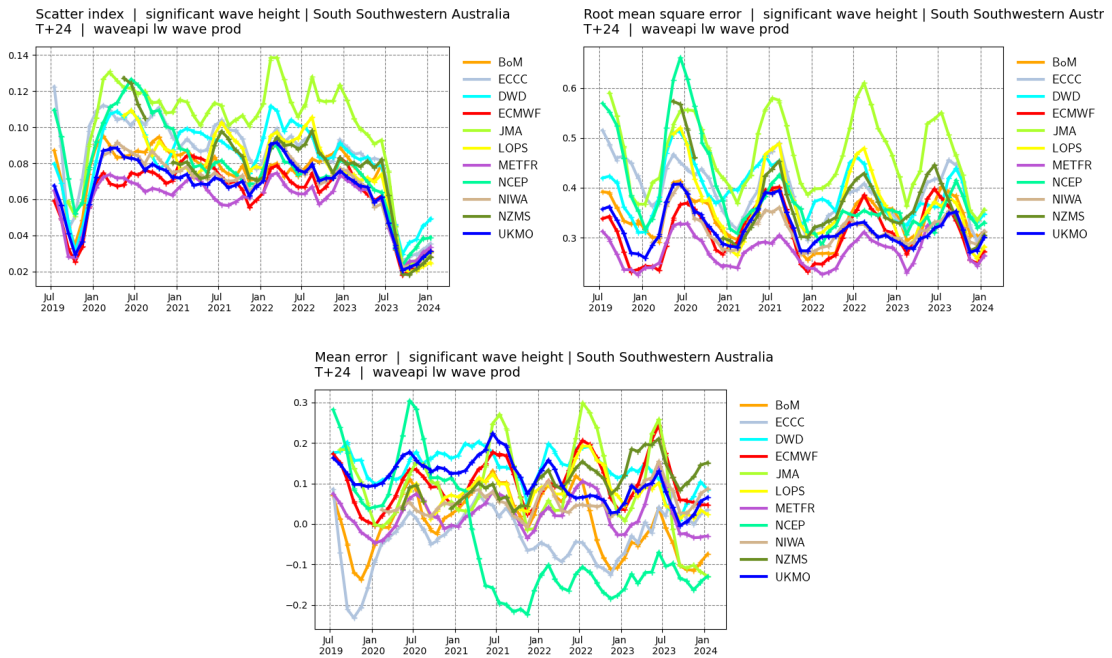
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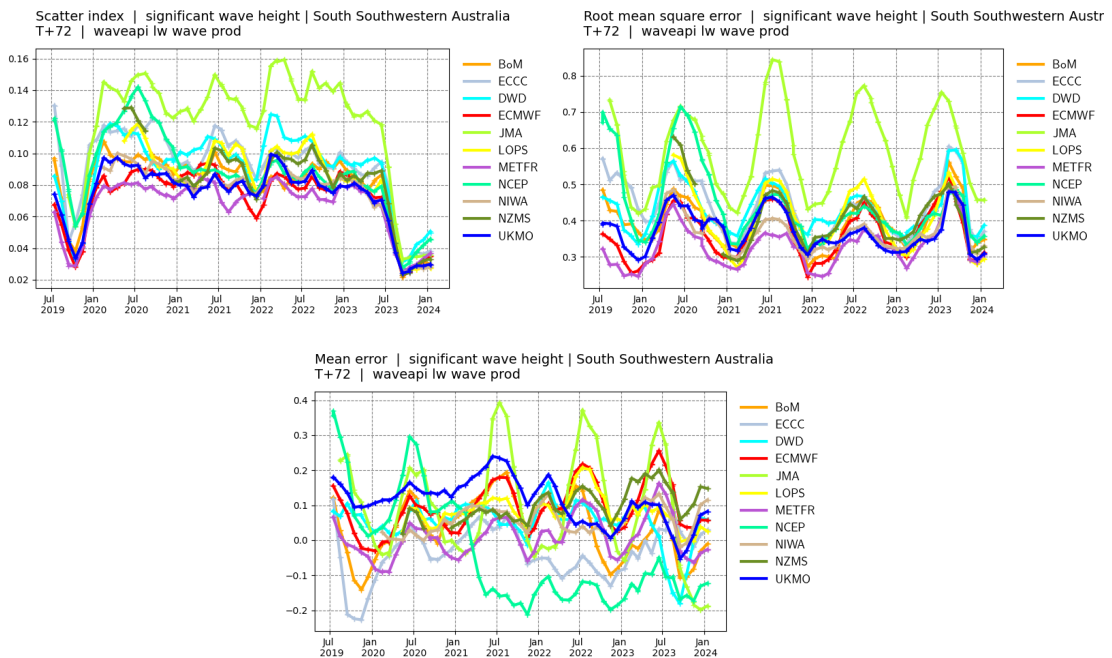
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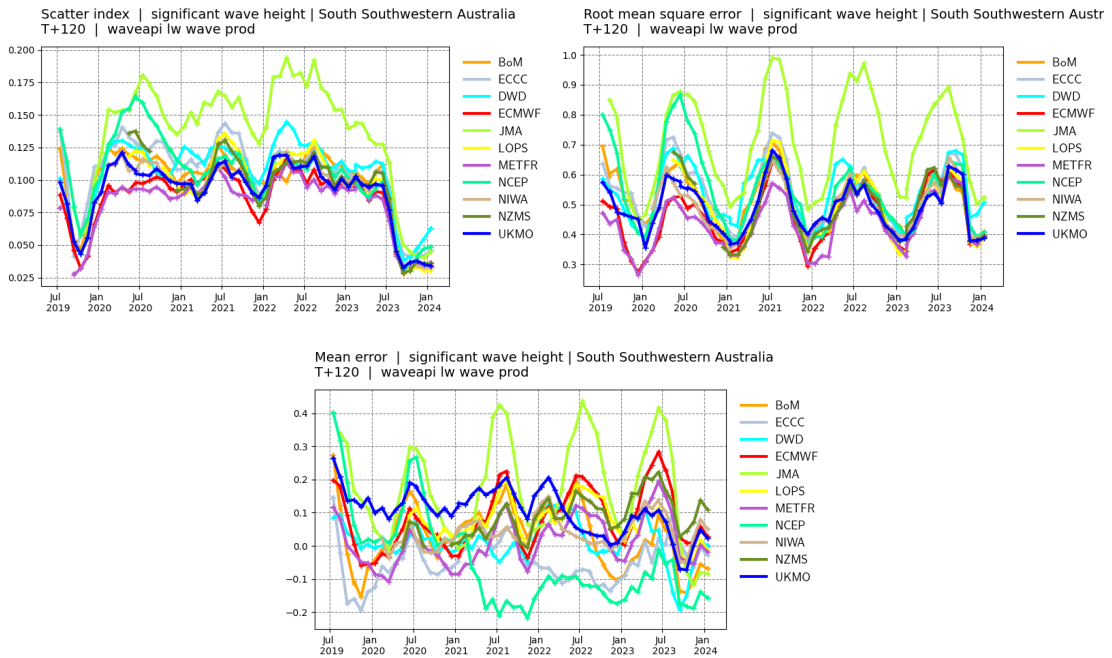
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