

# Climate Atlas view on sea level change in future

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## ‘Danish Climate Atlas’ – New national climate service initiative

- Informing municipal planning about climate variability and change, impacts, and response options
- DMI prepares a climate dataset for temperature, precipitation, extreme rainfall, sea level and storm surge
- The climate data is on the basis of the DMI's observational and operational dataset and climate scenarios based on IPCC reports
- The use of climate data will follow the guide ‘Vejledning i anvendelse af udledningsscenarier’ by DMI & Miljøstyrelsen, Sep 2018



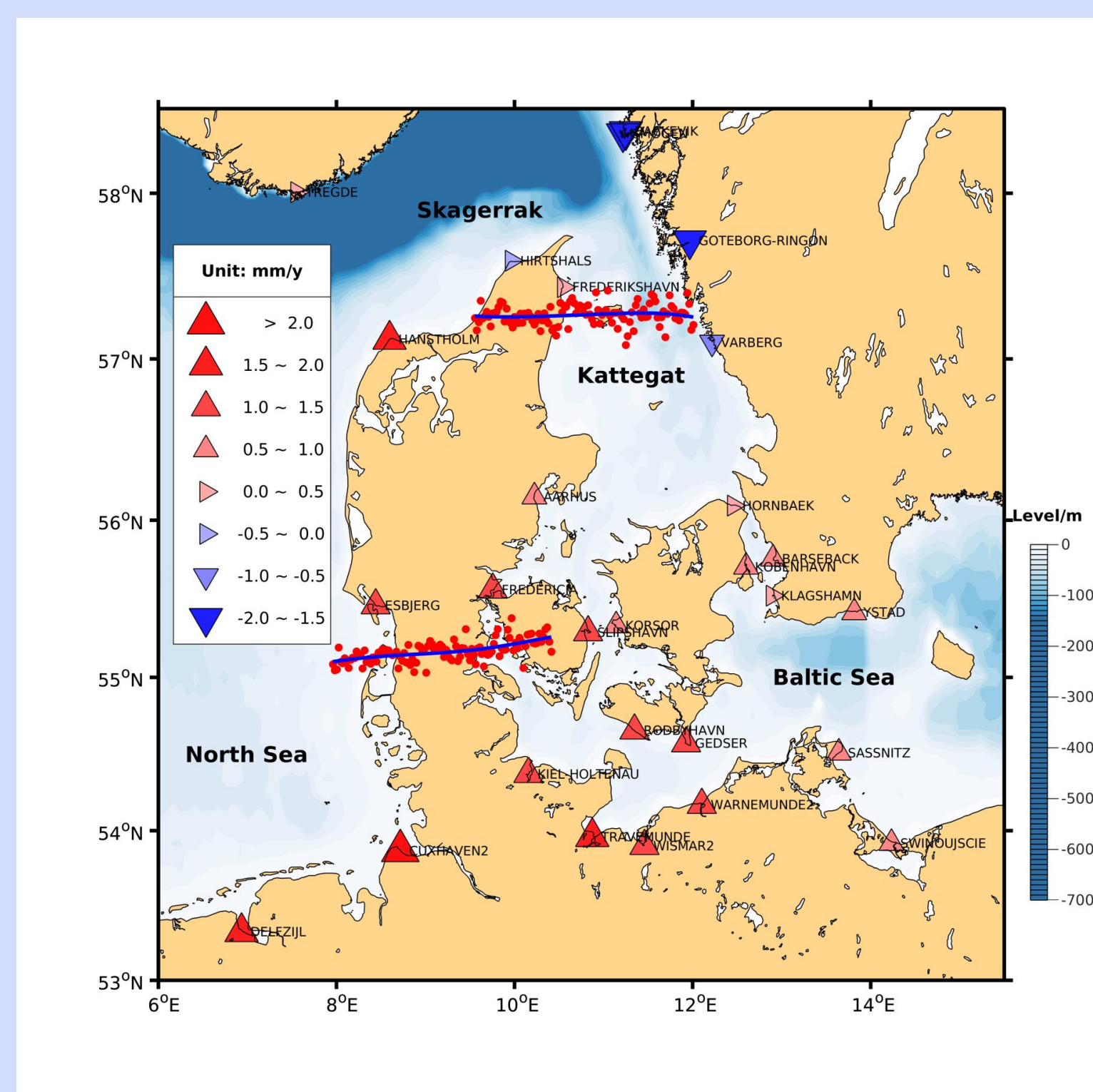
Storm surge wall in town of Lemvig, Denmark

The datasets of sea level and storm surge

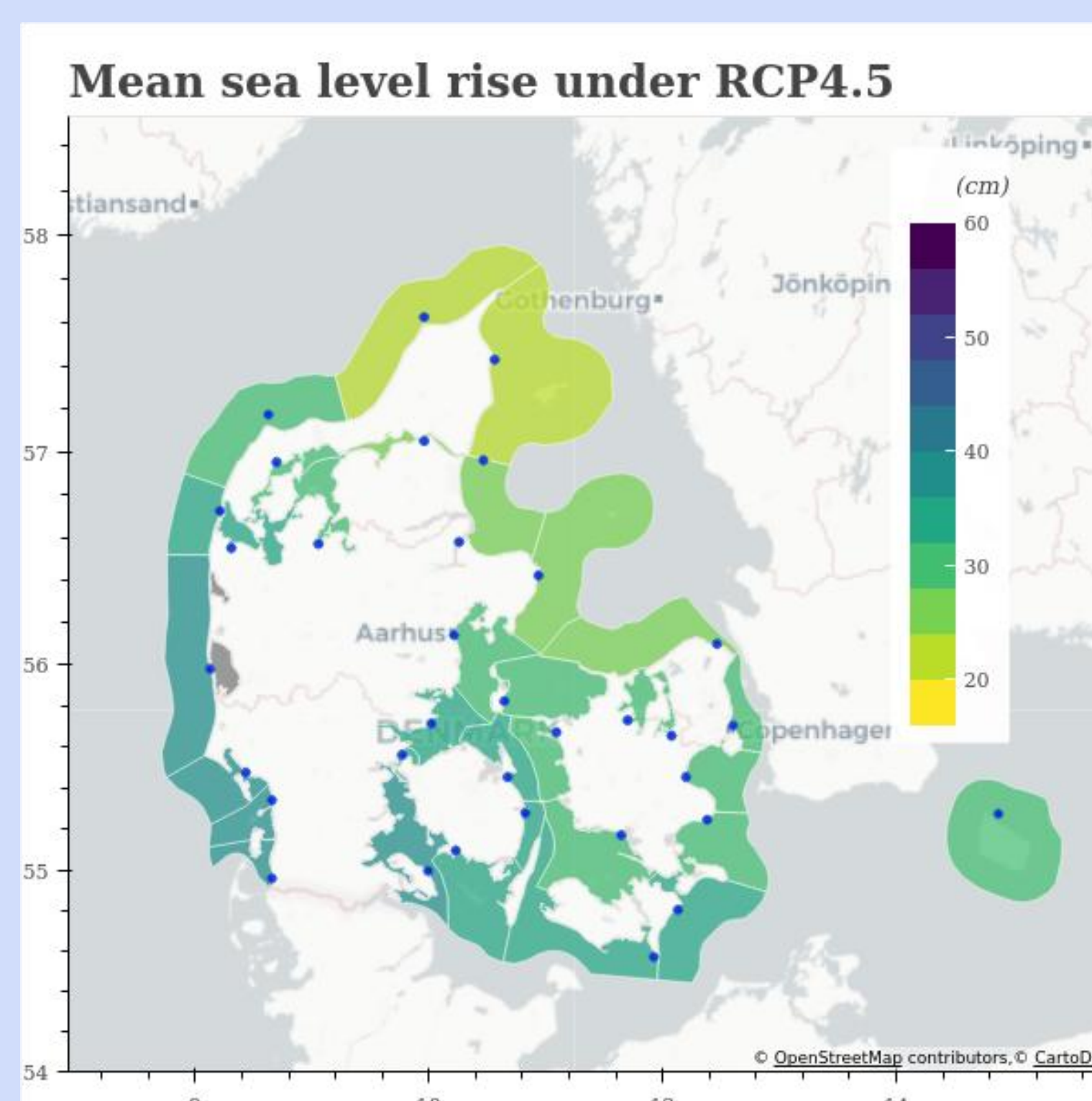
- Considering **regional variations, at mid-sea level**.
- Statistics for storm surges in the form of **20, 50, 100 and 10000-year return values**.
- In addition, the scope and statistics for **worst-case storm-flood events** are used in connection with securing the climate threat of particularly important infrastructure.
- **The uncertainty** of the storm surge estimation in future was calculated by ocean climate models, including, ensemble of RCMs, statistical methods and scenarios.

## Regional sea level rise

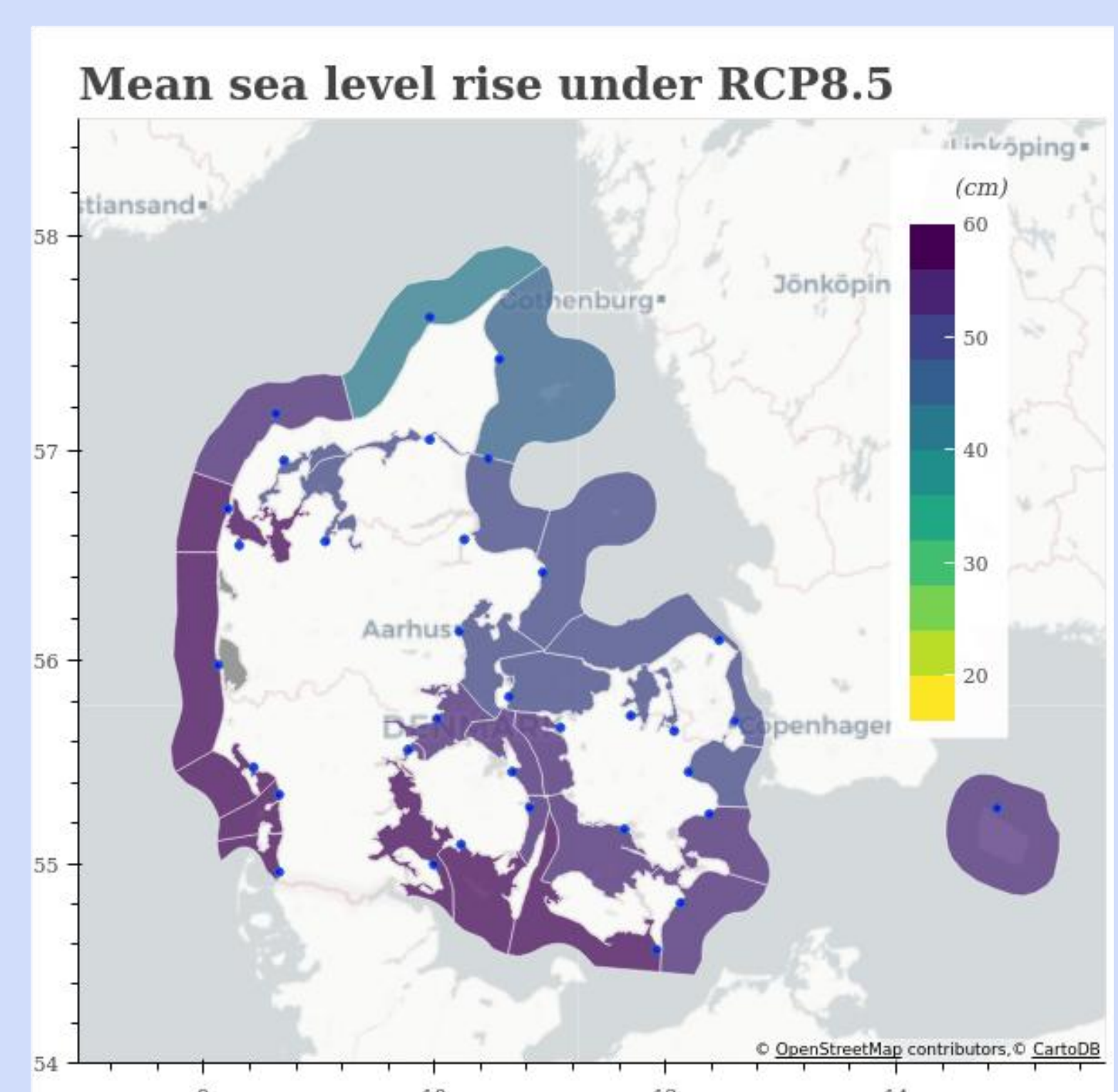
### Present climate



### End 21<sup>st</sup> century RCP4.5

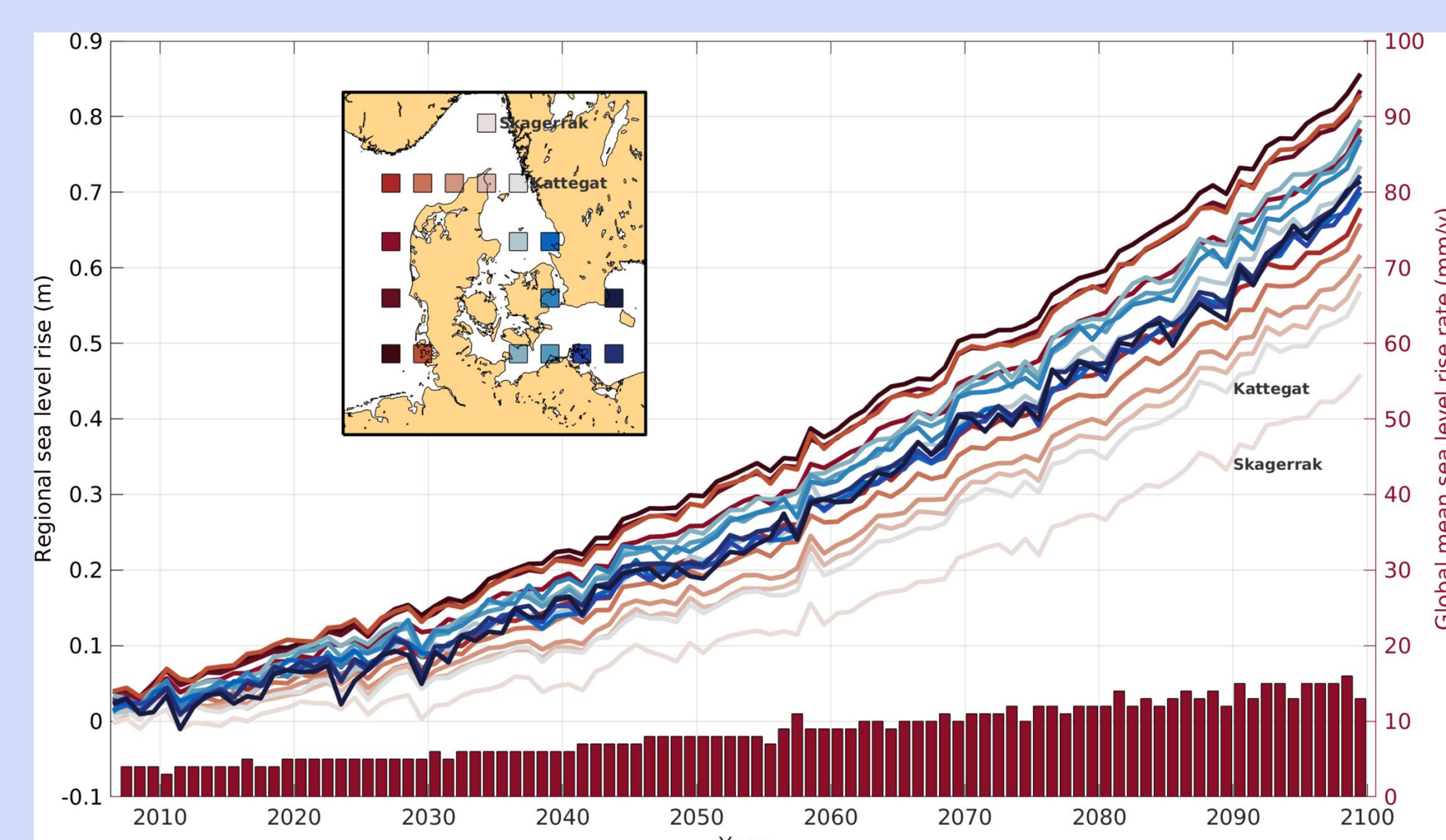


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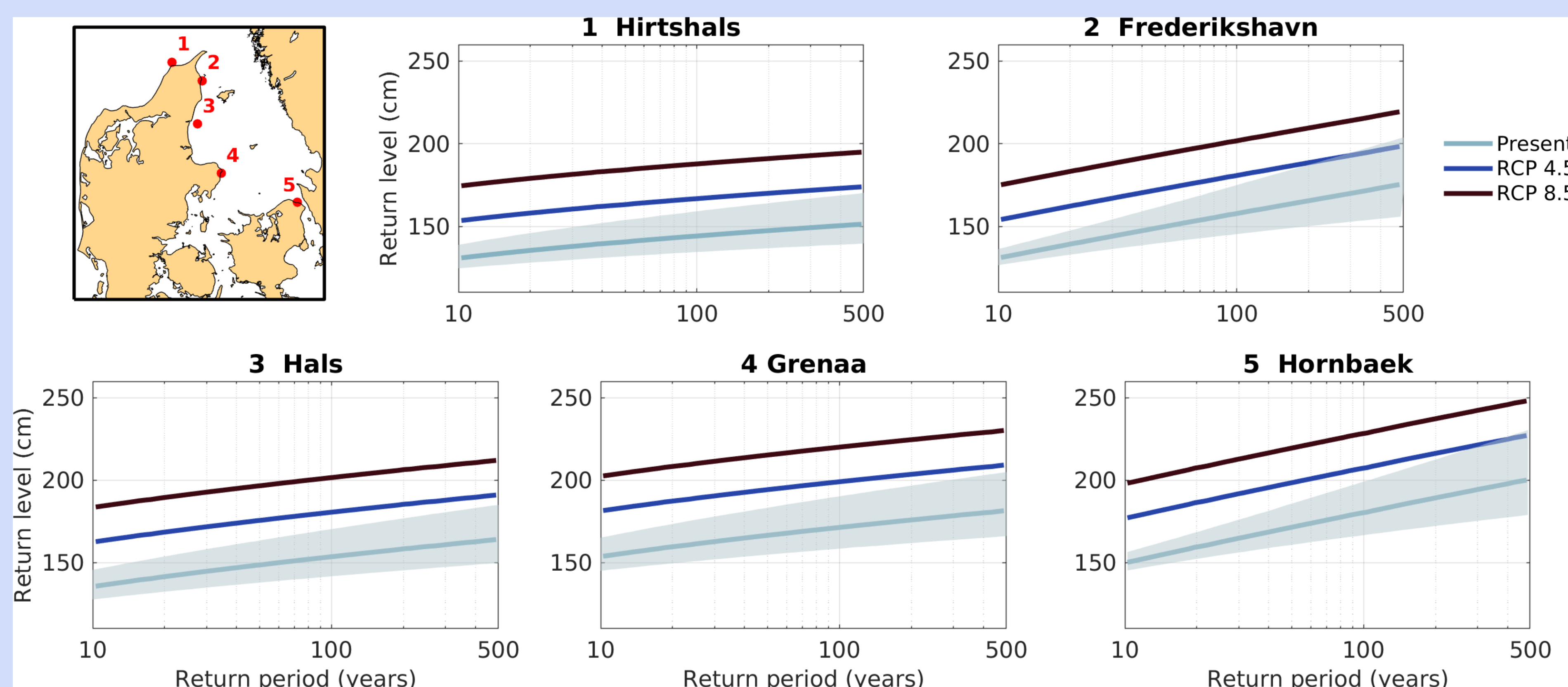


Using the dataset with **caution**:

- Ocean dynamics on local scales
- Land uplift in future
- Interpretation of extreme sea levels
- Uncertainty and next centuries.



## Storm surge in future



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The expected extreme sea level (ESL, cm) with the corresponding return period at 5 tide gauge locations in Skagerrak-Kattegat in present and future conditions (in 2070–2100). The gray lines are based on tide gauge observations, and the gray bands refer to the 5–95% uncertainty range in the fit of the extreme value distribution to observations from IPCC SROCC.