

# Tussenstand Wozep feb 2017

Dit document is een compilatie van presentaties die gehouden zijn op 21 februari 2017 i.k.v. het project Wozep (wind op zee ecologisch programma). De rapporten, behorende bij deze presentaties, zullen na afronding eveneens op het Noordzee Loket verschijnen.

Ingeborg van Splunder, projectleider Wozep



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## Wind op Zee ecologisch programma - WoZep

*Tussenstand 2016-2017*  
21 februari 2017 - Utrecht



## Waar staan we nu

- 2016 aantal voorbereidende onderzoeken (no regret)
- Vaststellen doelen en kennisvragen
- Vaststellen Meerjarenprogramma WoZep 2017-2021
- Vertalen MJP naar onderzoek
- Inzoomen en uitzoomen



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## Tussenstand WoZep 2016

- Wind op zee ecologisch programma 2016-2021
- Eerste bijeenkomst delen van resultaten
- Opdracht EZ t.b.v. ecologische effecten windparken op zee
- Waar staan we nu

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## Doelen WoZep:

- Reduceren onzekerheid aannames MERren, PB'n en het KEC voor betere besluiten
- Effectiviteit mitigerende maatregelen (kostenreductie)
- Reduceren onzekerheid opschaling Windparken na 2023



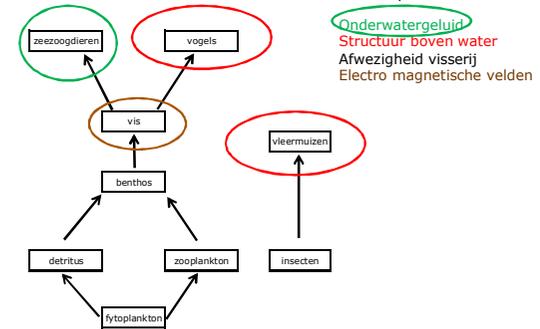
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## Wozep en z'n omgeving

- Oude onderzoeklijnen oppakken in Wozep-verband
- Samenwerking met windparkeigenaren
- Samenwerking met buitenlandse partijen en - onderzoeksprojecten
- Verbinding zoeken met dossiers zoals KRM, Natuur inclusief bouwen, doorvaart en medegebruik
- In context van cumulatieve effecten nationaal en internationaal

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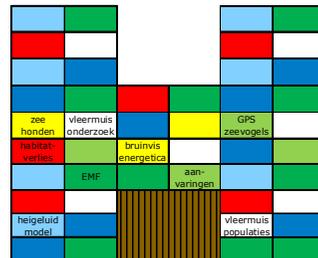
## Windparken op zee



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## Tussenstand 2017:

### de eerste lego-blokjes



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## Programma

9:30	Inloop	
10:00	Ingeborg van Splunder (RWS)	Welkom
10:15	Maarten Platteeuw (RWS)	Displacement van vogels door offshore windparken Review van systemen voor detectie van aanvaringen/sterfte onder vogels en vleermuizen
10:35	Sjoerd Dirksen (SDE)	
10:55	Pauze	
11:15	Ruben Fijn (BuWa)	Inventarisatie GPS-gegevens zeevogels
11:35	Roelant Snoek (Waterproof)	Effecten van elektromagnetische velden op vis
11:55	Christ de Jong (TNO)	Validatie TNO heigeluidmodellen
12:15	Lunch	
13:15	Sander Lagerveld (WMR) Herman Limpens	Vleermuisonderzoek met radiotelemetrie en warmtebeeldcamera's Onderzoek vleermuispopulaties
13:50		
14:10	Pauze	
14:30	Geert Aarts (WMR)	Ontwikkeling zeehondenkaart
14:50	Ron Kastelein (Seamarco)	Energetica van de bruinvis
15:10	Einde	

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## Review van systemen voor detectie van aanvaringen/sterfte en metingen fluxen van vogels en vleermuizen

Sjoerd Dirksen

opdracht RWS WVL in kader Wozep  
uitgevoerd door  
Sjoerd Dirksen Ecology

## waarom is dit relevant?

- op land gedaan, offshore nog (vrijwel) niet; ooit zal gebruik van getallen 'ordegrootte land' voor offshore met veldmetingen verantwoord moeten worden
- huidige generatie CRM's (Collision Risk Modelling) is gevoelig voor waarden van sommige invoer-parameters: nauwkeurige(r) veldvalidatie is gewenst, zeker voor cumulatieve effecten huidige omvang plannen Wind op Zee (Nederland) en Noordzee als geheel

- Wozep 2016, onderdeel 5A
- Fase 1 inventarisatie en review methoden/technieken/systemen om te meten:
  1. sterfte / aanvaringslachtoffers
  2. flux op 3 schaalniveaus: buiten windpark, in windpark en in RSA (rotor swept area)
- voor vogels en vleermuizen

rapport is af en zal binnenkort beschikbaar zijn

## dit is niet de eerste review...

In 2012 concludeerden Collier, Krijgsveld & Dirksen (Bureau Waardenburg) in een rapport voor SOSS (Crown Estate, UK) over systemen voor aanvaringsdetectie van vogels:

*'Currently, no system offers all the requirements specified in [...] and only two are known to be undergoing testing at offshore turbines'*

Gelukkig is de handschoen opgepakt!

## detectie sterfte onder vogels en vleermuizen

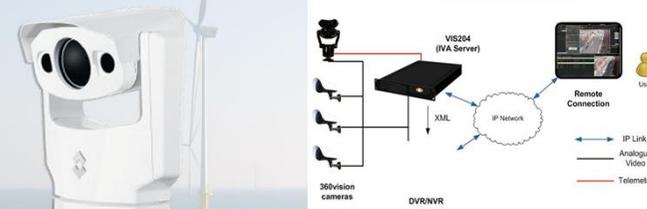
verschillende sensoren als basis van systemen:

- geluid/trillingen: microfoons, acoustische sensoren, accelerometers – WT-Bird, ID-Stat, Oregon State University
- beeld/beweging: camera's (daglicht, warmtebeeld) – TADS, VARS, DT-Bird, ATOM, ACAMS, WMR

altijd remote toegankelijk

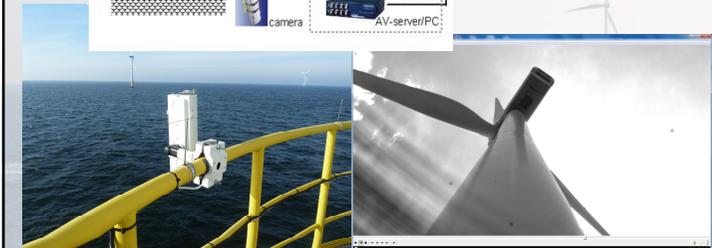
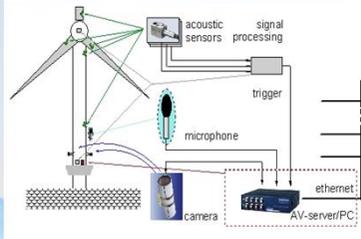
software die sensors stuurt tot 'triggers'

## Thermal Animal Detection System – TADS ORJIP: NIRAS, DHI, Birdlife DK



2 warmtebeeldcamera's en een daglichtcamera gekoppeld aan software die positie registreert, koppeling aan radar mogelijk

## WT-Bird, ECN (NL), field tests in close co-operation with Bureau Waardenburg



## Visual Automatic Recording System –VARS, IfAÖe (D)



camera net achter rotor  
software detecteert vogels, exacte flux  
Band-model voor collision rate

## andere systemen met camera's als centrale sensor

DT-Bird, Liguen (E)

Acoustic and Thermographic Offshore  
Monitoring – ATOM, Normandeau Ass. (USA)

Aerofauna Collision Avoidance Monitoring  
System – ACAMS, Biodiversity Research  
Institute en HiDef (USA)

## en hoe zat het nu met vleermuizen?

- sommige systemen kunnen ook slachtoffers onder vleermuizen detecteren, maar geschiktheid en bruikbaarheid verschillen
- bijvoorbeeld ATOM specifiek op getest, Oregon State University ontwikkelt
- in ontwikkeling: Wageningen Marine Research – Sander Lagerveld vanmiddag!

## in ontwikkeling

Oregon State University - combinatie van sensoren:  
accelerometers, contact microfoons, daglicht en IR  
camera's, bioacoustics microfoons

ID-Stat, Calidris (F) - microfoons

## fluxmetingen

- systemen gebaseerd op camera's zijn in principe geschikt voor metingen fluxen – maar alleen op kortere afstanden
- radar is zeer geschikt voor meten fluxen, ook op grote(re) afstanden, maar niet vlakbij windturbine (RSA)
- conclusie is dat voor meten fluxen op 3 schaalniveaus eigenlijk altijd combinatie van systemen noodzakelijk is

## geautomatiseerde vogelradars geschikt voor gebruik offshore

- 3D Flex, Robin Radar (NL)
- Merlin Bird and Bat Radar, DeTect Inc (USA)
- BirdScan MR1, Swiss Birdradar (CH)
- Birdtrack, Strix (P)
- DHI Bird Detection System with Scanter 5000 or LAWR 25, DHI (DK)

## Merlin Bird and Bat Radar



combinatie van horizontale S-band radar en verticale X-band radar  
 algorithmes selecteren vogels, tracken deze en slaan data op in database

## 3D Flex Robin Radar

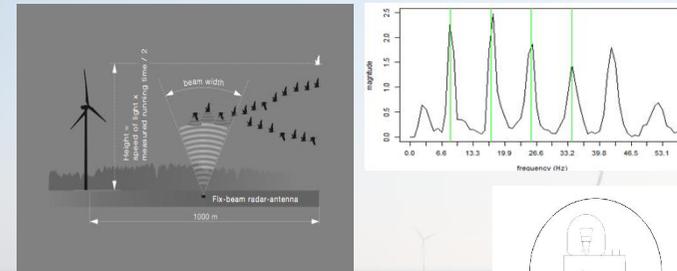


horizontaal:  
 grotere vogels en groepen tot c. 10 km  
 kleinere vogels tot 4,5 km

verticaal:  
 tot max. 2 km

S-band horizontale radar gecombineerd met FMCW radar voor verticaal: tracks, fluxen, vlieghoogtes  
 algorithmes selecteren vogels, tracken deze en slaan data op in database

## Birdscan MR1



vertically directed conically shaped wide aperture beam with a nutating movement

## overige vogelradars in review

Birdtrack, Strix (P)

DHI Bird Detection System with Scanter  
5000 or LAWR 25, DHI (DK)

	collisions		flux	
	birds	bats	birds	bats
WT-Bird	+			
TADS	+	+	A(B)	A
VARS	+	+	A(B)	A
DT-Bird	+			
ATOM	+	+	A	A
3D Flex Robin Radar			BC	B?
Merlin Bird and Bat Radar			BC	B?
BirdScan MR1			BC	B?
Birdtrack			BC	B?
DHI Scanter 5000			BC	B?
DHI LAWR 25			BC	B?
<b>in development, tests ongoing</b>				
ACAMS	+	+	AB	A
Oregon State	+	+	A	A
<b>in development</b>				
ID-Stat	+			
Wageningen Marine	+	+	A	A

A: RSA B: in windpark C: buiten windpark

## fluxmetingen vleermuizen

- camera-systemen: flux in RSA, mogelijk flux in windpark
- radar-systemen: mogelijk flux in windpark, maar leveranciers hebben hier nog werk te doen

## kanttekeningen, disclaimers enzovoort

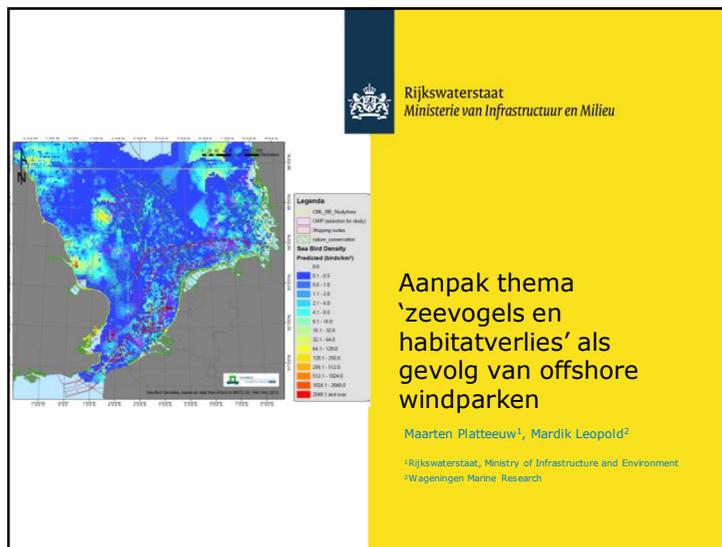
- van systemen die gebruikt zijn in projecten of waarmee veldtesten zijn uitgevoerd vandaag geen resultaten gepresenteerd
- systemen niet systematisch vergeleken, niet alle kenmerken en beperkingen
- systemen voortdurend in ontwikkeling
- rapport lezen geeft eerste indruk, maar ieder project is anders en voor ieder concreet project zul je zelf de leveranciers om specificaties en mogelijkheden moeten vragen

## conclusies

- aanvaringsslachtoffers vogels kunnen worden gedetecteerd, net als sterfte vleermuizen
- fluxen op verschillende schaalniveaus kunnen worden gemeten
- meeste technieken/apparaten/systemen hebben limiteringen (grootte, soortspecifiek meten, detectiebereik etc.)
- systemen worden nog steeds verbeterd en nieuwe zijn in ontwikkeling
- door gebruik te maken van combinatie komen we een flinke stap op weg naar uiteindelijke doel, en bandbreedte in voorspellingen kan dan al flink omlaag

vragen welkom,  
ook in pauze

na vandaag:  
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Hoe is hier tot dusver mee omgegaan?

- Vanwege voorzorgsbeginsel 'worst case' scenario's geschetst
- 100% verstoring aangenomen voor ieder (bestaand en aan te leggen) OWP en een buffer van enkele kilometers
- Aangenomen dat die verstoring optreedt gedurende gehele levensduur van OWP (c. 30 jaar)
- Dichtheden ter plaatse vóór OWP doorgerekend naar aantallen verstoorte dieren
- Aanname: 10% verstoorte vogels sterft

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Inleiding; wat is het knelpunt?

- Bepaalde soorten zeevogels herkennen offshore windparken (OWP'en) niet als leefgebied en wijken uit
- Kan bij verdere uitrol van wind op zee (WoZ) leiden tot structureel verlies van leefgebied (habitatverlies)
- Gevolg kan zijn: afname individuele fitness
- Hierdoor kunnen negatieve trends in substantiële delen van populaties optreden

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Welke onzekerheden zijn benoemd?

- Exacte mate van verstoring door OWP niet bekend
- Invloed van onderlinge afstand tussen turbines op mate van verstoring onbekend
- Mate waarin, op populatieniveau, 'gewenning' kan optreden onbekend (en ook: gedragen dieren in OWP zich anders dan daarbuiten)
- Exacte invloed van verlies aan leefgebied op individuele fitness en overige factoren die dat beïnvloeden
- Verband reductie individuele fitness en populatietrends

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### Hoe kunnen die onzekerheden worden verkleind?

- Betere kwantificatie van invloed OWP'en en ruimtelijke configuratie ervan op verspreiding/gedrag vogels
- Weten welke broedpopulaties waar op zee pleisteren
- Identificatie van meetbare parameters die helpen effecten op niveau van (sub)populatie beter te voorspellen
- Vervolgens meten van die parameters en modellen verbeteren via iteratieslagen



... en dan hebben we eind 2021 hopelijk...

Een behoorlijk betrouwbare modellering populatie-effecten van habitatverlies door WoZ op zeevogels !!



### ... en wat gaan we dan concreet doen?

- Opstellen modellen habitatgebruik en populatiedynamica zeevogels
- Inzet bestaande en toekomstige zeevogelmonitoring (verspreiding in relatie tot OWP'en) voor vullen modellen
- Kwantificering mate van verstoring (internationale workshop zeezoeten, april 2017)
- Meten verspreiding en gedrag zeevogels binnen en buiten OWP



### Wat kunnen we met betere voorspellingen?

- Beter doorrekenen wat de cumulatieve effecten zijn van de uitrol van WoZ op andere tijd- en ruimteschalen dan de huidige
- Daardoor beter kunnen inbedden van WoZ in Marine Spatial Planning
- Meer inzicht in vraag of 'sluipende' effecten van habitatverlies werkelijk populatie-effecten (kunnen) hebben
- Mogelijk zelfs kansen in beeld voor effectieve mitigatie, bv. door OWP'en anders vorm te geven?



## Tracking data voor betere aanvaringsberekeningen

*Ruben Fijn, Abel Gyimesi, Mark Collier*

*Project in progress...*



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Table 1 Species highlighted in the KEC study (Rijkswaterstaat 2015) as having an expected collision probability higher than 1% of the potential biological removal (PBR). Size of the species is indicated as mean weight (g; source: BTO Birdfacts), where ranges are given for species with distinctive differences between males and females. Species in bold are discussed in present study.

Species group	Species	% Collision of PBR	Mean weight (g)
Wildfowl	<b>Bewick's Swan</b>	42%	5300-6400
	<b>Pink-footed Goose</b>	2%	2500
	<b>Brent Goose</b>	2%	1500
	<b>Common Shelduck</b>	4%	1000-1200
	<b>Greater Scaup</b>	3%	1000
	<b>Tufted Duck</b>	1%	760
Waders	<b>Curlew</b>	57%	770-1000
	<b>Bar-tailed Godwit</b>	6%	300-370
	<b>Woodcock</b>	1%	280
	<b>Lapwing</b>	3%	230
	<b>Knot</b>	10%	140
	Redshank	4%	110-130
	Turnstone	2%	120
	Snipe	2%	110
Terns	Black Tern	50%	73
	Sanderling	20%	59
Passerines	Starling	12%	78
	Skylark	3%	35-42



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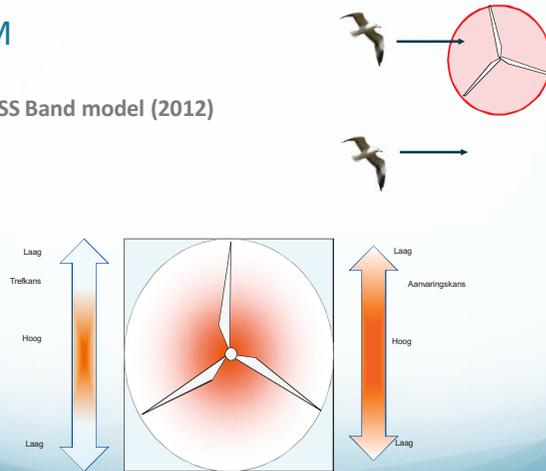
## Aannames CRM

- Dichtheid van vogels
- Uitwijking
- Vogelgrootte
- Vliegsnelheid
- Vlieghoogte
- Vliegactiviteit



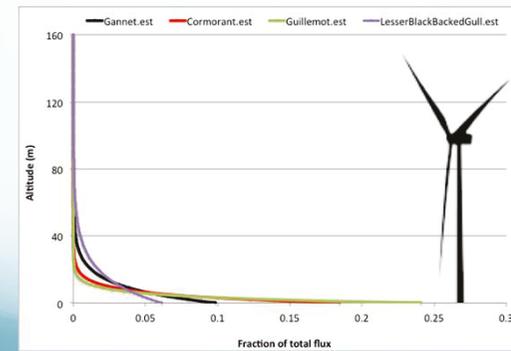
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- **CRM**
- **Review aannames**
  - Vlieggedrag zilver- en kleine mantelmeeuwen
  - Vlieggedrag overige soorten



## Welke soorten?

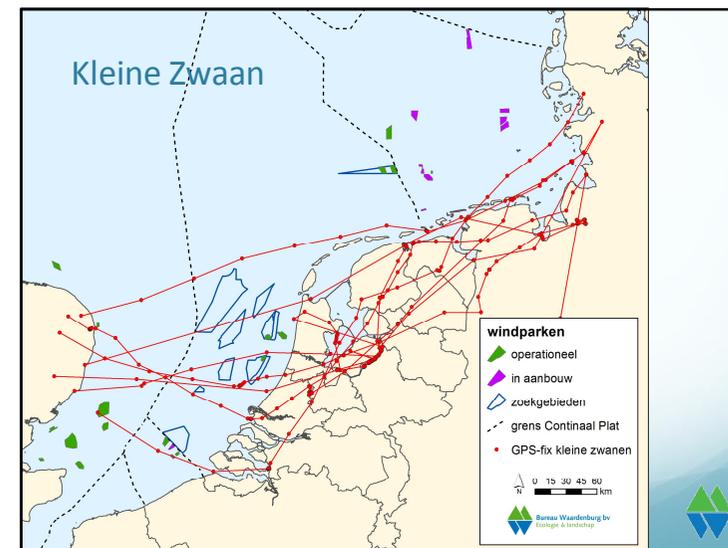
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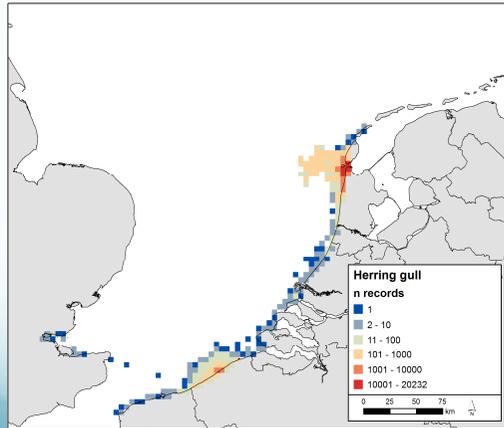


## Daarom

- **Bureau Waardenburg**
  - Review on tracking studies to delineate migration routes, flight speed and flight altitude of birds at the Southern North Sea
- **Doel**
  - Review van gepubliceerde literatuur en ongepubliceerde datasets met daarin relevante data
  - Analyse van beschikbare data om parameters te bepalen.



## Zilvermeeuw



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Intermediate data over de Zuidelijke Noordzee

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- Bergeend - BEL
- Wulp - FRA, GER
- Houtsnip - UK
- Kanoet - NIOZ
- Grote Mantelmeeuw - UK, DK, SWE
- Grote Jager - UK, NOR

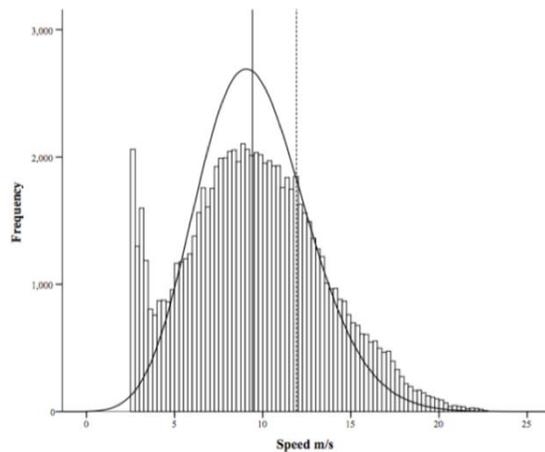


Figure 3.4a Frequency distribution (number of occasions) of flight speed of Herring Gulls at sea. Vertical solid line reflects the median of the measurements, vertical dashed line the flight speed determined by Alerstam et al. (2007). Curve shows Poisson distribution.

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Beperkte of geen data over de Zuidelijke Noordzee

- Topper - USA
- Kulfeend - absent
- Rosse Grutto - Alaska >> NZE
- Kievit - absent
- Dwergmeeuw - absent

## Toekomst

- Validatie van aannames
- Realistischere schattingen van aanvaringslachtoffers
- Betere inschattingen van effecten
- Kennislacunes invullen door aanvullend onderzoek
  - Gedrag meeuwen binnen windparken
  - Tracking data voor bv dwergmeeuw, wulp, Kievit



## Project in progress....

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- *Job de Jong (BuWa)*
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# Elektromagnetische velden

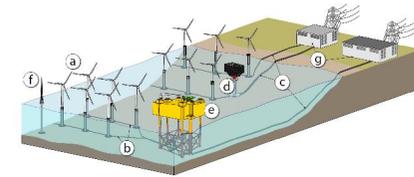
Verkenning potentiële effecten in de Nederlandse Noordzee

Roelant Snoek



## Introductie

- Toename Wind op Zee
- Stroomkabels transporteren stroom van zee naar land
  - Kabels generen elektromagnetische velden (EMFs)
- Effecten EMFs op mariene ecosysteem onbekend



Roelant Snoek  
Rinse de Swart



Karin Diddenen  
Malenthe Teunis

## Doel

Inzicht verkrijgen in de potentiële effecten van EMFs van offshore stroomkabels op soorten in de Nederlandse Noordzee (haaien, roggen, bruinvissen).



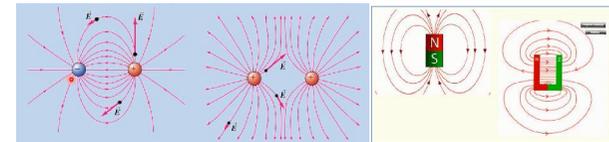
## Onderzoeksvragen

- 1) Wat zijn EMFs, in welke sterktes komen ze in de Noordzee voor en welke factoren beïnvloeden ze?
- 2) Hebben EMFs in de Noordzee mogelijk een negatieve invloed op het mariene leven? Zo ja, welke soorten worden dan vooral beïnvloed en kan dit tot gevolgen op populatieniveau leiden?
- 3) Is zinvol onderzoek hiernaar mogelijk?

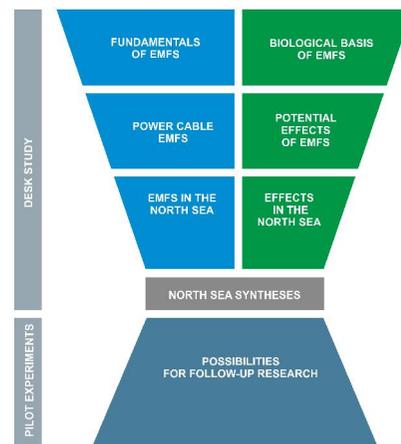


## Resultaten

- Offshore stroomkabels creëren elektrische velden (EFs) en elektromagnetische velden (EMFs)
- Door afscherming van de kabels bereiken alleen EMFs het mariene milieu

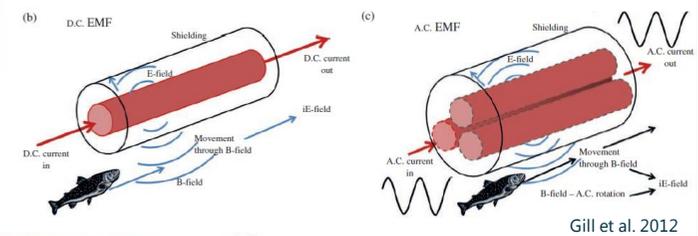


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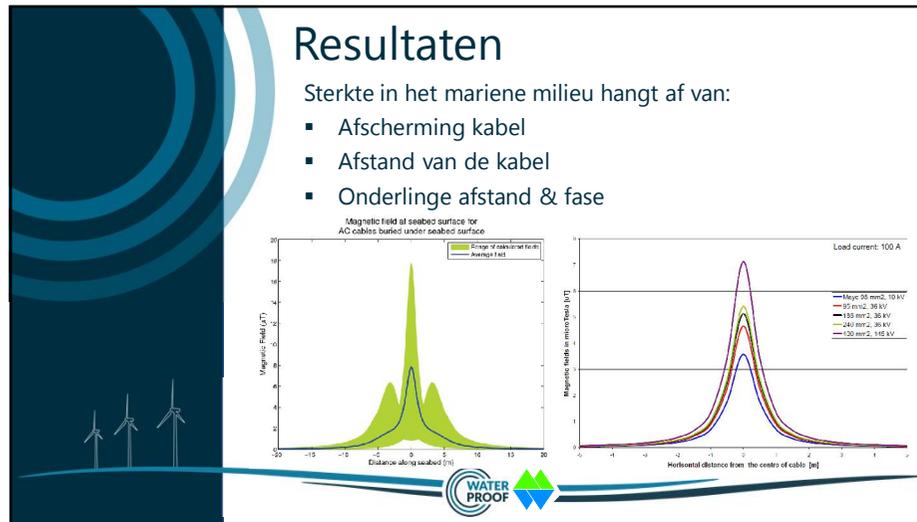
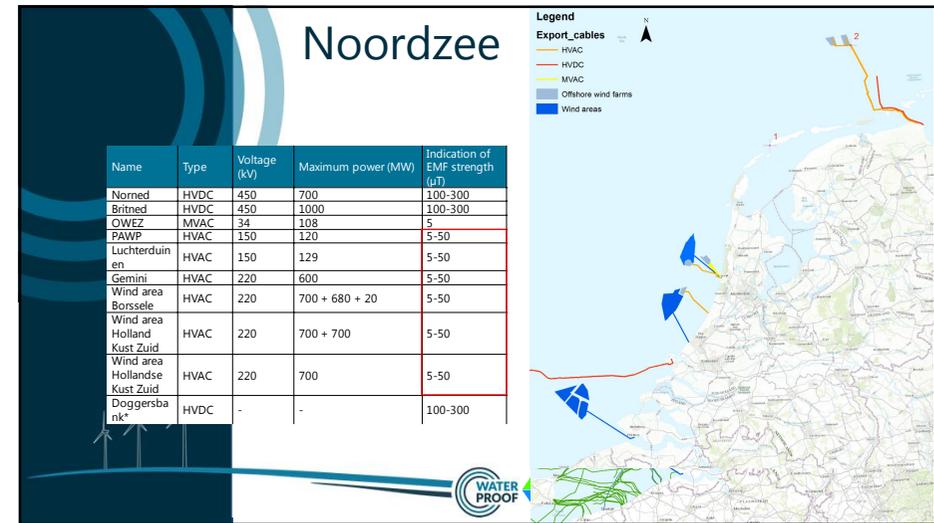
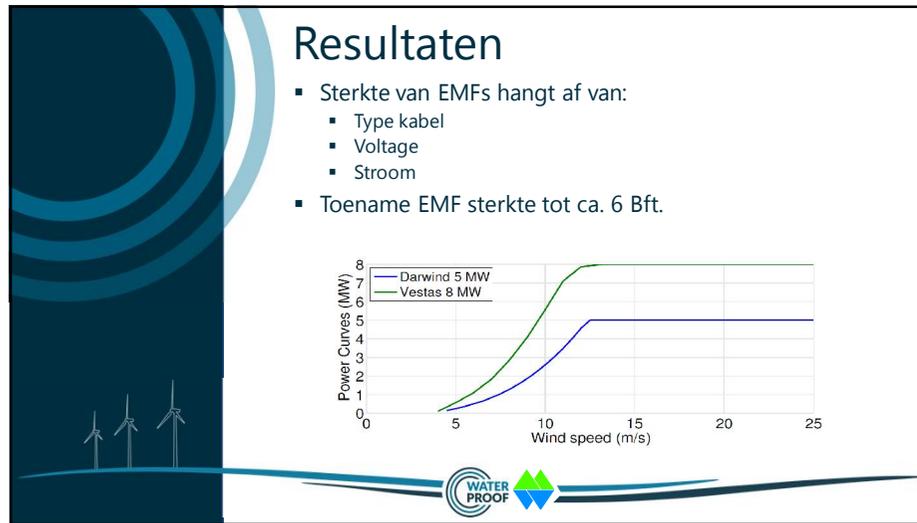
## Resultaten

- AC stroomkabels genereren lage, variabele EMFs
- DC stroomkabels genereren sterke, statische EMFs
- Bewegingen in EMFs induceren iEFs
- WoZ: momenteel alleen AC kabels relevant



Gill et al. 2012

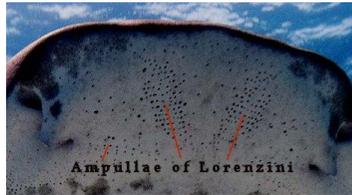




## Effecten



- Algemeen bekend in literatuur dat mariene soorten gebruik maken van EMFs
  - Elasmobranchs (haaien en roggen)
  - Zeezoogdieren (bruinvis)
  - Benthos
- Effecten nog grotendeels onbekend



## Noordzee



Samengevat:

- Veel soorten in Noordzee gevoelig voor EMFs (beperkt zich niet tot haaien en roggen)
- Voldoende bewijs over potentiële effecten van EMFs op mariene soorten, echter:
  - beperkt aantal studies met realistische EMF waarden
  - doorvertaling populatieniveau niet mogelijk
- Lagere EMF waarden hebben niet per definitie minder effect
- Exacte effect van het type EMF (statisch, variabel) is grotendeels onbekend

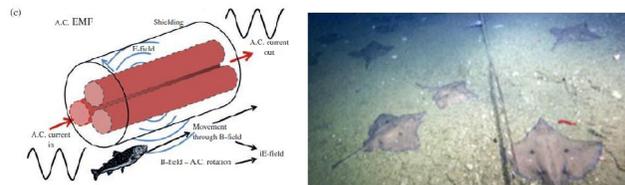


## Effecten



Belangrijkste potentiële effecten:

- Verstoring van gedrag en beweging (aantrekking, vermijden)
- Verstoring van navigatie en migratiegedrag
- Verstoring van roofdier/prooi interacties en verspreiding van prooi
- Verstoring van de embryonale en cellulaire ontwikkeling



Longnose skate aggregation near MARS cable in 2008 (source: Barry et al., 2008).



## Vervolg mogelijkheden

Is zinvol onderzoek naar EMFs mogelijk?

Uitgevoerde verkenning:

- Ontwikkeling meetinstrument EMF onderwater
- Benthos experimenten met verschillende veldsterktes (krabben, alikruiken)



## Meten van EMFs

Ontwikkeling meetinstrument EMF onderwater

- 1) Werkt boven water
- 2) Testen onder water
- 3) Towed systeem & duikers



## Conclusies



- EMF niveaus in Noordzee zijn sterk genoeg om tot effecten op mariene soorten te leiden
- Range aan effecten mogelijk (migratie, predatie,...)
- Door gebrek aan kennis kunnen effecten (op populatieniveau) niet worden uitgesloten / bevestigd
- Zinnige vervolgonderzoeken zijn mogelijk
  
- Gezien de toename van WoZ, kennisopbouw EMFs essentieel



## Vervolg mogelijkheden

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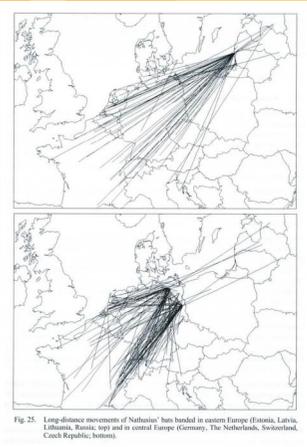
- Belangrijkste kennishiaten;
  - EMF sterktes in het veld
  - Daadwerkelijke effecten van EMFs op Noordzee soorten
  - Mitigatiemogelijkheden & effectiviteit
- Onderzoek effecten van realistische EMF waarden op soorten.



# Vragen?

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**Prototype estimator  
migrating bats**

**case study:  
Pipistrellus nathusii**

Fig. 25. Long-distance movements of Nathusius' bats banded in eastern Europe (Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, top) and in central Europe (Germany, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Czech Republic, bottom).



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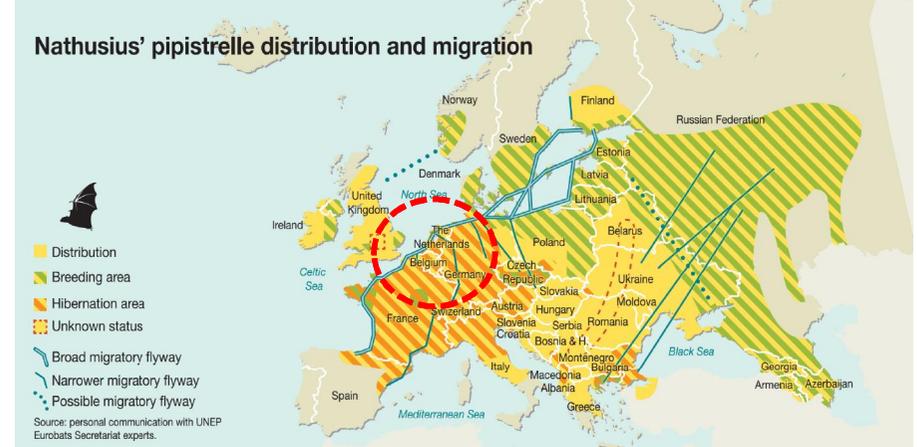
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Population size migrating bats?



This image is not representing the actual situation, but sketches the difference between eastern/north eastern European areas with maternity sites and western/southwestern regions with predominantly territorial males and hibernation. UK and ROI have maternity sites, territorial sites and hibernation.

# Population size migrating bats?

Which bat species occur on sea (southern North Sea)?

Are they foraging?  
Are they migrating? .... combination?

Do they suffer a fatality risk near off shore wind turbines?

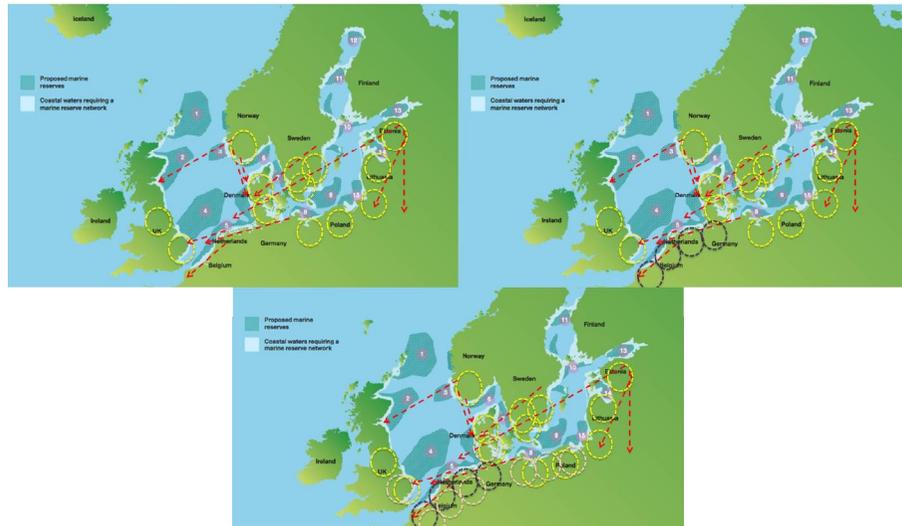
What is the size of the population migrating over e.g. SNS?

What is the size of the **source population** of the migrating population?  
+ **target**

There is a relation between off shore wind parks and bats. But there are more questions than answers

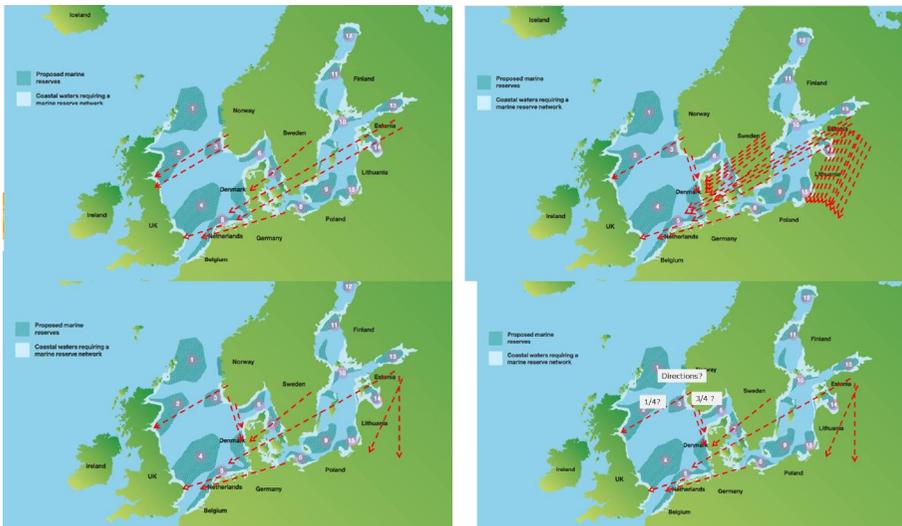
# Estimator population size migrating bats?

Where are source populations, intermediate populations/populations of territorial males, and hibernating populations?

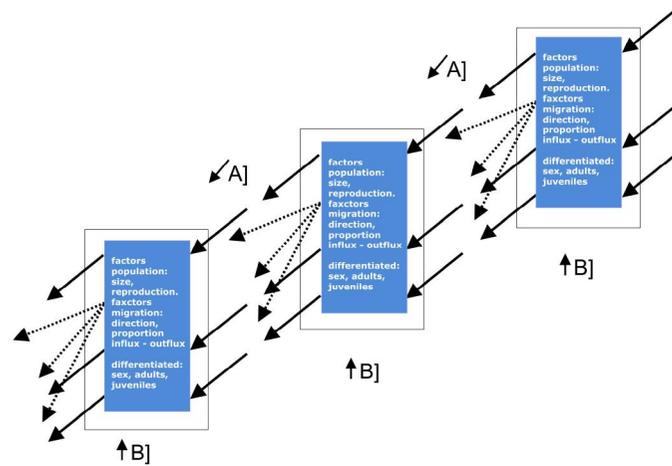


# Estimator population size migrating bats?

Migration directions? Quantitative distinction? Specific flyways? Fronts? Funneling?



# Estimator population size migrating bats?



Basic model for assessment of basic data B] and estimation of migration flow A].  
Are basic data on occurrence, population size, dynamics dynamics and migration direction available for the different countries?



Table 1: Questionnaire to collect data on bat maternity roosts/colonies.

MATERNITY COLONIES	
<b>occurrence</b>	
is the species present in your country?	
can you give an already existing estimate of the population size (EHD/EUROBATS reporting e.g. all individuals year round)?	
please add sources and publications	
<b>maternity colonies/roosts (colony = network of roosts)</b>	
Are there maternity colonies (network of roosts)?	
can you give an estimate of how many maternity colonies exist?	
can you give an estimate of the number or proportion of 'investigated' maternity colonies?	
can you give an estimate of the average number of individuals (females) in one colony (network of roosts)? If only the number of total individuals (females and offspring) is known, please indicate so under remarks	
can you indicate whether the number of juveniles per female differs from 1? -if known	
<b>population estimates / your expert interpretation of above information</b>	
estimate of population (females) based on numbers of maternity roosts and average number in maternity roosts	
Does this number provide a good estimation of the population number (of females) in your expert opinion? If not: what would be a good number?	
<b>Area's if possible</b>	
can you describe preferable foraging grounds for the species?	
can you give an estimate of the average area ([foraging] home range) used by one colony?	
can you give an estimate (hectares or %tage region/country) of the available area that could be qualified as habitat (roosts and foraging) for the species?	
please add a sketch/sketches on a map where appropriate?	
please add sources and publications	



Example of questionnaire for assessment of basic data..?



Table 2: Example of the estimation of a source population. The numbers in the table are just examples for the calculation.

Approach to quantification of source population for a specific region		
Maternity colonies (network of roosts) / summer roosts		
<b>Cross checks</b>		
	B*C	E/D*C
Is B*C roughly similar to E/D*C ?	3000 - <b>10.500</b> - 24.000	6.250 - <b>18.750</b> - 31.250
If the numbers chosen for this example would be true numbers/sub-estimates, this comparison indicates the need for more information and adjustment of the estimates.		
Is (A+B)*D roughly similar to E ?	(A+B)*D	E
	360 - <b>1.260</b> - 2.880	500 - <b>1500</b> -2500
If the numbers chosen for this example would be true numbers/sub-estimates, this comparison indicates a reasonable similarity.		
(A+B)*C → source population :	4500 - <b>16.000</b> - 36.000	



## Estimator population size migrating bats?



Table 2: Example of the estimation of a source population. The numbers in the table are just examples for the calculation.

Approach to quantification of source population for a specific region		
Maternity colonies (network of roosts) / summer roosts		
A estimate # known maternity colonies:	15 - <b>35</b> - 60	roughly 1/3
B estimate # unknown maternity colonies:	30 - <b>70</b> - 120	roughly 2/3
C estimate average # individuals/colony:	100 - <b>150</b> - 200	
preferable foraging grounds for the species: Wetlands, shores, broadleaved forest,....		
D estimate average area ([foraging] home range) one colony?	8 - <b>12</b> - 16 km <sup>2</sup>	
E estimate available area qualified habitat (roosts and foraging)?	500 - <b>1500</b> -2500	
(A+B)*C → source population :	4500 - <b>16.000</b> - 36.000	

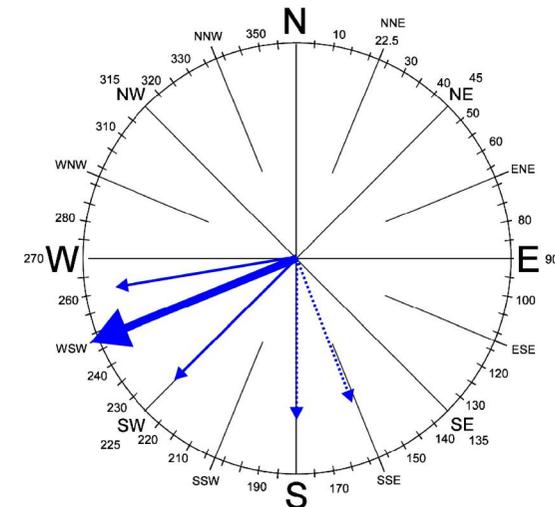
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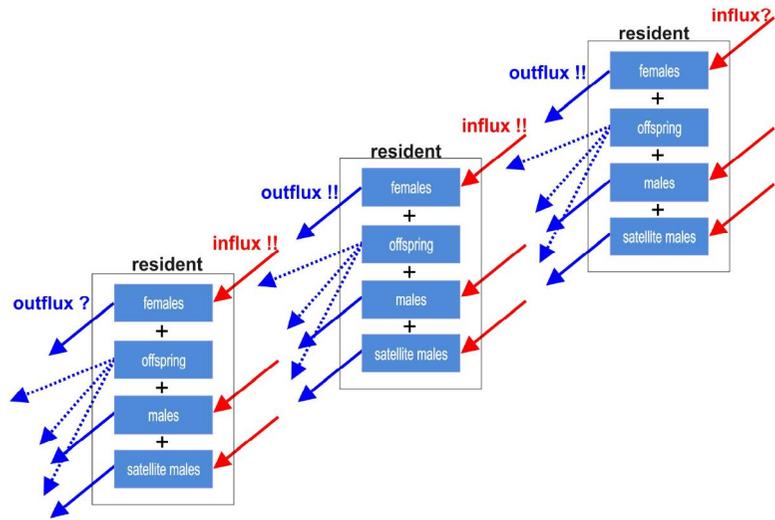


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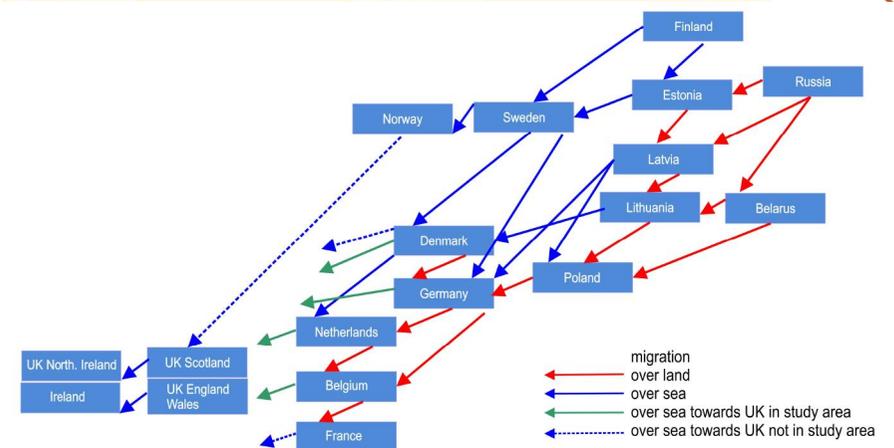


Team input regarding (known info on) migration directions





Basic model for using basic data for estimation of migration flow [A].



Countries connected in flow model [A] to generate an output for migration flow on Southern North Sea

Table 5: components of the flow model A] for the migration population of *Pipistrellus nathusii* relevant for the estimation of the population migrating on the southern North Sea.

<b>summer population</b>	+	<b>reproduction</b>	+	<b>immigration</b> influx	-	<b>emigration</b> Outflux	=	<b>hibernation population</b>
resident females resident males + floating population = SM/M ratio*		females males		# females # males # juveniles		% females % males % juveniles		# females # males # juveniles
		J/F ratio		# are % from different neighbouring countries		% of # to neighbouring countries		ratio migrating / non migrating ratio different countries
		Ratio f/m = approx. 1						
factors per country		% flow to ... (over sea)						
		% flow to ... (over land)						
bandwidth migration out of country		- males - females				Juveniles follow J/F ratio**		

= Estimate (lower, upper) per country      Expert judgement + Input expert team contributors  
 = General parameter (lower, upper) , set for all countries  
 = Result calculation by model

\*\* SM/M ratio = satellite males/male ratio  
\*\*J/F ratio = juvenile/female ratio

Detail of flow model A] for estimation of migration flow

**NETHERLANDS**

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NOTE: please give your sources: expert judgement - or - literature

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Summer population in	Ad male	Source	Ad female	Sources	Juv	Sources	Ad male m	Sources	Ad female	Sources	Juv min	Sources	Ad male m	Sources	Ad female	Sources	Juv max
Maternity colonies			100		60		3.176		0		0		340.200		1.000		800
Male roosts (late summer)	6.646						636						283.500				
Satellite adult males	36.900																
Total	55.350		100		60		3.816		0		0		340.200		1.000		800
Migration from	Ad male	Source	Ad female	Sources	Juv	Sources	Ad male m	Sources	Ad female	Sources	Juv min	Sources	Ad male m	Sources	Ad female	Sources	Juv max
Denmark to Netherlands (over sea)	21.026		44.200		26.520		181		222		89		346.234		882.212		705.770
Germany to Netherlands	21.090		44.672		26.803		182		226		90		349.872		889.326		711.461
Total																	
Migration to	Ad male	Source	Ad female	Sources	Juv	Sources	Ad male m	Sources	Ad female	Sources	Juv min	Sources	Ad male m	Sources	Ad female	Sources	Juv max
Netherlands to UK (over sea)	4.777		8.395		5.037		50		14		6		86.259		222.582		178.065
Netherlands to Belgium	14.332		25.184		15.110		150		42		17		258.777		667.745		534.198
Total	19.110		33.579		20.147		200		56		23		345.036		890.326		712.261
balance male			balance female		balance juveniles		balance male min		balance female min		balance juv min		balance male max		balance female max		balance juv max
Winter population in	57.330		11.193		6.716		3.798		189		68		345.036		0		0
Water roosts																	

note: '0' mean that all individuals would migrate out of f

balance check	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Netherlands to UK (over sea)	0.250
Netherlands to Belgium	0.250
total = 1	

bandwidth migration Netherlands	min	max
males	0.050	0.250
females	0.250	0.250

max = equal or smaller 1  
min = equal or smaller 1

note: these values, %flow / outflux and bandwidth, are values where the regional/country expert should give feedback however, when you have data/expert judgment regarding your influx (= outflux country north/northeast) please give your input

Example of table to assess data for flow model A]

# Estimator population size migrating bats?



**DENMARK**

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Summer population	Ad male	Sources	Ad female	Sources	Juv	Sources	Ad male m	Sources	Ad female	Sources	Juv min	Sources	Ad male m	Sources	Ad female	Sources
Maternity colonies			2.500		1.500				750		100				25.000	
Male roosts (late summer)	900						50						84.300		88.875	
Satellite adult males	1.000						10						25.200			
Total	1.500		2.500		1.500		60		250		100		30.000		25.000	

Migration from	Ad male	Sources	Ad female	Sources	Juv	Sources	Ad male m	Sources	Ad female	Sources	Juv min	Sources	Ad male m	Sources	Ad female	Sources
Sweden to Denmark (over sea)	1.305		2.234		4.341		13		51		21		84.300		88.875	
Lithuania to Denmark (over sea)	288		2.059		1.235		1		30		12		6.943		28.403	
Total	1.093		9.293		5.576		14		82		33		91.250		117.278	

Migration to	Ad male	Sources	Ad female	Sources	Juv	Sources	Ad male m	Sources	Ad female	Sources	Juv min	Sources	Ad male m	Sources	Ad female	Sources
Denmark to UK (over sea outside study area)	128		943		566		1		7		3		7.275		14.228	
Denmark to UK (over sea within study area)	128		943		566		1		7		3		7.275		14.228	
Denmark to Netherlands (over sea)	64		472		283		0		3		1		3.638		7.114	
Denmark to Germany	958		7.076		4.245		6		50		20		54.563		106.708	
Total	1.277		9.434		5.661		7		66		27		72.750		142.278	

Winter population	Ad male	Sources	Ad female	Sources	Juv	Sources	Ad male m	Sources	Ad female	Sources	Juv min	Sources	Ad male m	Sources	Ad female	Sources
Winter roosts	1.316		2.359		1.415		87		286		106		48.500		0	

balance check: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

% flow to UK (over sea outside study area): 0,100

% flow to UK (over sea within study area): 0,100

% flow to Netherlands (over sea): 0,250

% flow to Germany: 0,250

total = 1

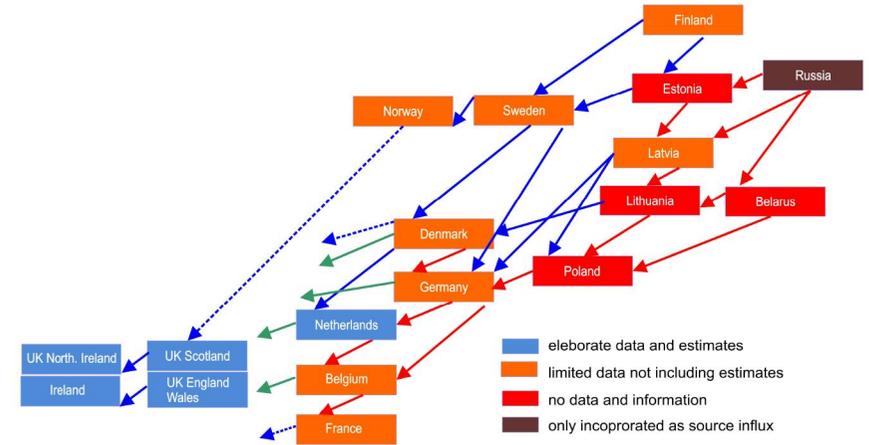
bandwidth migration Denmark	males	min	max
		0,100	0,400
		0,200	0,800

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Example of table to assess data for flow model A]

# Estimator population size migrating bats?

Overview of availability of basic data B] for estimation of national population sizes.

# Estimator population size migrating bats?



RELEVANT FOR CURRENT STUDY

TOTAL # FOR SOUTHERN NORTH SEA

	Ad male	Ad female	Juv	Ad male lower	Ad female lower	Juv lower	Ad male upper	Ad female upper	Juv upper
Denmark to UK (over sea within study area)	128	943	566	1	7	3	7.275	14.228	11.382
Germany to UK (over sea)	1.402	2.947	1.768	12	15	6	23.082	38.814	47.051
Netherlands to UK (over sea)	4.777	8.395	5.037	50	14	6	86.259	222.582	178.065
Belgium to UK (over sea)	3.121	6.941	4.165	17	8	3	46.888	225.775	180.620
total	9.428	19.226	11.536	80	43	17	163.504	521.399	417.119

now with default choice

	Estimate	min	max
Number of juv per female per year	0,60	0,40	0,80
Number of satellite males (adults) per territorial male	2,00	0,20	5,00

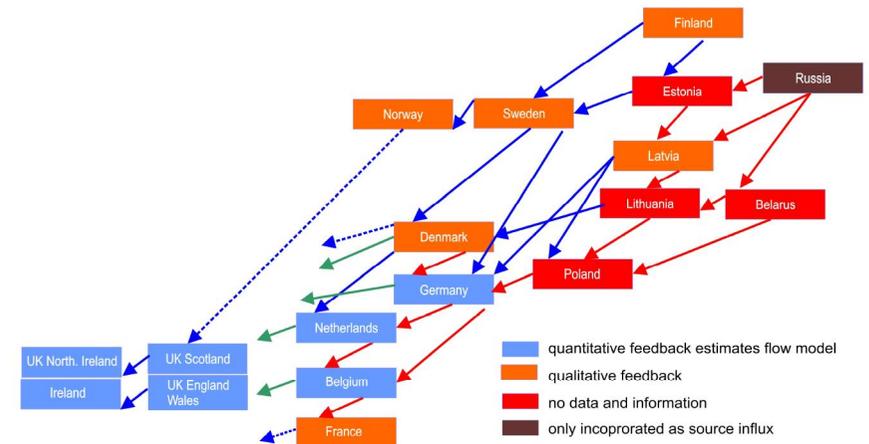
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TOTAL # FOR NORTHERN NORTH SEA

	Ad male	Ad female	Juv	Ad male lower	Ad female lower	Juv lower	Ad male upper	Ad female upper	Juv upper
Denmark to UK (over sea north of study area)	128	943	0	1	7	3	7.275	14.228	11.382
Norway to UK Scot (over sea north of study area)	170	4.050	2.430	6	14	3	2.255	4.500	3.600
Norway to UK Eng/Wal (over sea north of study area)	13	450	270	1	2	1	251	500	400
total	317	5.443	2.700	7	22	9	9.780	19.228	15.382

Example output of flow model A]  
Note: these are results of test runs with currently available limited data!

# Estimator population size migrating bats?

Overview of availability data to give input estimates of population sizes for flow model A] sizes.

# Estimator population size migrating bats?



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Example output of flow model A] for different settings for juvenile/female and sat male/male  
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Table 7: overview estimated summer population per country = source population(s) for migration.  
 M= males, MS= Male satellites, F= Females, J= Juveniles

	central			lower			upper		
	Male + sat	fem	juv	male	fem	Juv	male	fem	Juv
Finland	1.500	5.000	3.000	150	50	20	30.000	50.000	40.000
Estonia	900	1.800	1.800	36	300	120	18.000	30.000	24.000
Belarus	3.000	10.000	6.000	120	1.000	400	6.000	100.000	80.000
Latvia	1.500	5.000	3.000	60	500	200	30.000	50.000	40.000
Lithuania	1.500	3.000	1.800	60	300	120	30.000	30.000	24.000
Poland north-western	4.500	10.000	6.000	120	1.000	400	60.000	100.000	80.000
Sweden	300	1.000	600	12	10	4	60.000	10.000	8.000
Denmark	1.500	2.500	1.500	60	250	100	30.000	25.000	20.000
Germany northern	48.000	5.000	3.000	4.800	500	200	384.000	50.000	40.000
Netherlands	55.350	100	60	3.816	0	0	340.200	1.000	800
Belgium	30.000	50	30	1.200	25	10	24.000	100	80
<b>sub total</b>	<b>148.050</b>	<b>43.450</b>	<b>26.790</b>	<b>10.434</b>	<b>3.935</b>	<b>1.574</b>	<b>1.012.200</b>	<b>446.100</b>	<b>356.880</b>
Norway	252	5.000	3.000	25	50	20	2.505	5.000	4.000
UK Scot	150	0	0	6	0	0	3.000	0	0
UK Northern Ireland	3.000	8.000	4.800	120	2.000	800	60.000	14.000	11.200
UK England/Wales	6.000	5.000	3.000	600	2.000	800	30.000	10.000	8.000
RO Ireland	3.200	10.000	6.000	700	2.000	800	9.000	18.000	14.400
<b>sub total</b>	<b>12.602</b>	<b>28.000</b>	<b>16.800</b>	<b>1.451</b>	<b>6.050</b>	<b>2.420</b>	<b>104.505</b>	<b>47.000</b>	<b>37.600</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>160.652</b>	<b>71.450</b>	<b>43.590</b>	<b>11.885</b>	<b>9.985</b>	<b>3.994</b>	<b>1.116.705</b>	<b>493.100</b>	<b>394.480</b>
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sub Relevant for SNS	218.290			15.943			1.815.180		
sub Northwest/West SNS	57.402			9.921			189.105		
Total	275.692			25.864			2.004.285		
Calculated with the following settings and bandwidth	Estimate	lower	upper						
Number of Juv per female per year	0,60	0,40	0,80						
Number of satellite males (adults) per territorial male	2,00	0,20	5,00						
Number of Males per Female (not yet used as variable)	1,00	0,90	1,10						

Example output of flow model A] regarding summer populations.  
 Note: these are results of test runs with currently available limited data!

# Estimator population size migrating bats?



Table 8: the current preliminary estimate for the number of Nathusius' pipistrelle potentially migrating across the southern North Sea.

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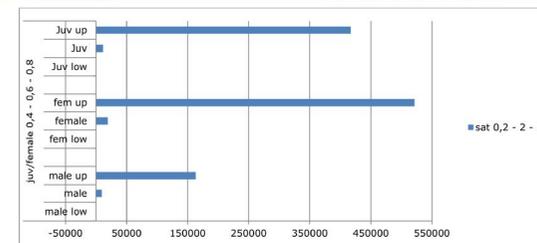



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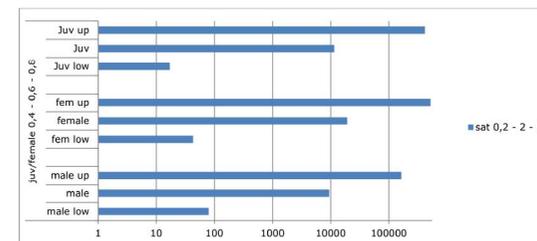


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Table 3: overview of **bandwidth factors** of the output of the test runs for estimations of the migrating population of the Nathusius' pipistrelle over the southern North Sea, status January 2017 (see excel table, sheet estimates overview rearranged). Presented are bandwidth factors which inform how many times, upper is higher than lower, upper is higher than central and central is higher than lower.

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	lower	central		upper
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<b>F</b>		<<<		1200
<b>J</b>		<<<		16.000 - 18.500
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<b>M</b>	<<<	60 - 90	<<<	10 - 14
<b>F</b>	<<<	450	<<<	27
<b>J</b>	<<<	520 - 565	<<<	30 - 33
<b>T</b>	<<<	130 and 270	<<<	22 - 26

Example output of bandwidth factors of flow model A]

Note: these are results of test runs with currently available limited data!



# Estimator population size migrating bats?



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# Flight behaviour of migrating bats

## Technical Feasibility studies

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## Bat migration over the North Sea

- Bats regularly migrate over sea, as shown by studies with ultrasonic recorders, findings at oil rigs and ships, ringing recoveries and sightings during surveys at sea and coastal bird migration counts
- Risk for barotrauma / collision with offshore wind turbines
- Population effects not excluded for at least Nathusius' Pipistrelle, Noctule and Particoloured Bat (Leopold et al. 2014)
- Bats are relevant in (spatial) planning and operating of offshore wind farms

## Contents

- Introduction
- Feasibility study telemetry
- Feasibility study analysis of bat flight around wind turbines
- Conclusions

## Assessing the overall effect

1. Population size of source populations
2. Which part of these (sub)populations migrate over sea, and which part over land?
3. Are bats migrating over sea attracted to offshore wind farms, and if so, up to what distance, and what is their travelling speed?
4. What is the flight behaviour of bats in the vicinity of offshore wind turbines, i.e. how long do they stay, at which heights and at what distances from the rotor blades?
5. What is the risk of individual bats to collide with an offshore wind turbine or become victim of barotrauma?

## Behavioural research at two spatial scales

- At the scale of a wind farm and beyond with telemetry (2 & 3)
- At the scale of an individual turbine and its immediate surroundings, using thermal imaging cameras and bat detectors (4 & 5)

=> Two technical feasibility studies as a first step

## Telemetry – approach/technology

- Radio (VHF) transmitter tags; other devices would exceed the 5%-weight threshold (Aldridge & Brigham 1988, O'Mara et al. 2014)
- A stationary network of SensorGnome receivers (Janssen et al. 2016)



<http://motus.org>

## Telemetry

Main questions:

- Which approach/technology?
- Exchange of data (detections by others)?
- Detection range?
- Assessing spatial locations of detections?
- Reconstruct flight paths?

## Telemetry – exchange of data



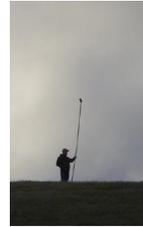
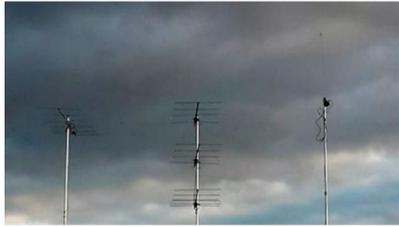
- Motus is a system to track the movements of animals equipped with a radio transmitter (tag).
- It has a central data repository for users all over the world and facilitates the exchange of data amongst its users.

- Motus is operated by Bird Studies Canada

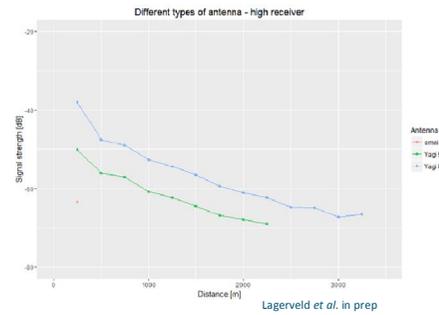


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## Telemetry – detection range

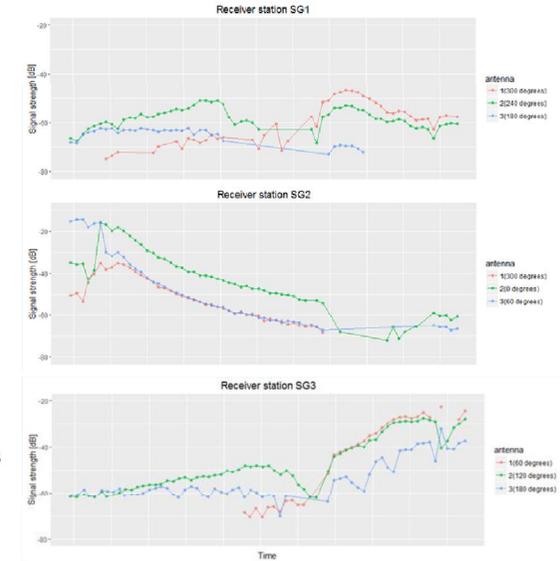
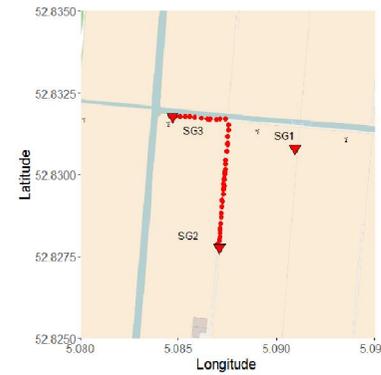


- Depends on numerous factors (antennas, receiver, angle, height, terrain, weather)
- Range in optimal conditions up to 10 km, otherwise less

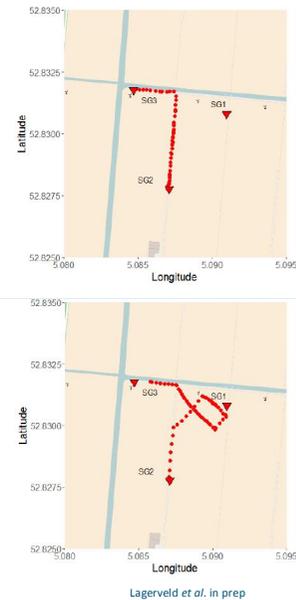


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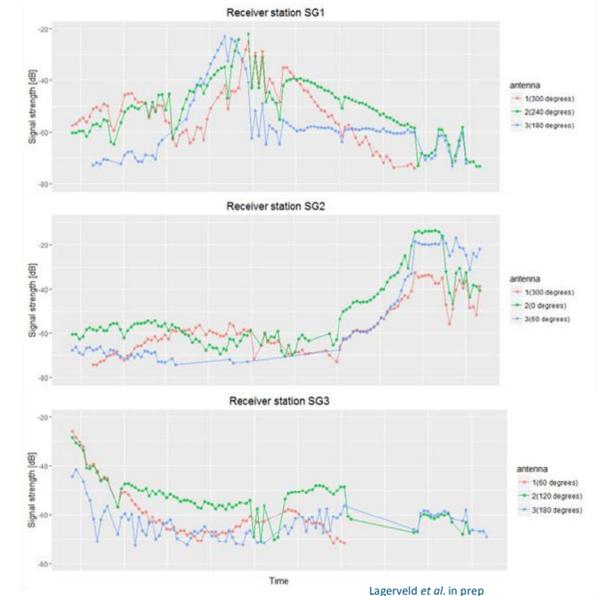
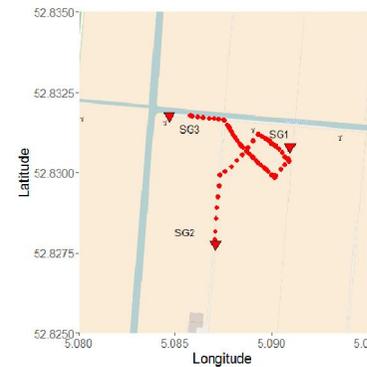


## Telemetry – assessing spatial locations

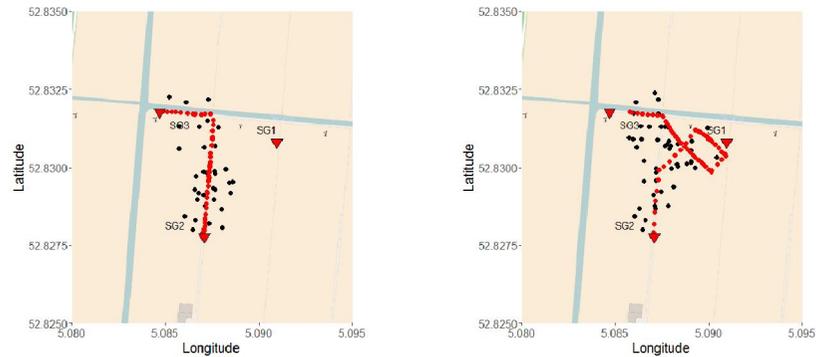


## Telemetry - signals per receiver/antenna

### Track 2



## Telemetry - estimated locations



- Accuracy on average 104 and 119 m respectively
- Improvements likely
- Determine flight path by state-space model (to be developed)

## Bat flight analysis around wind turbines

### Approach:

- Assess 3D flight paths with thermal cameras and computer vision algorithms
- Verification 3D flight paths and species identification with acoustic measurements by bat detector

## Conclusions telemetry

- Technology: coded radio (VHF) transmitter tags in combination with stationary receivers
- International exchange of data (detections) through Motus
- Estimating locations is possible; accuracy likely to be improved
- Estimating flight paths with a state-space model
- No objections to large-scale implementation!

## Study area

- Wind Turbine Test Site Wieringermeer
- Nordex N80: hub height and rotor 80 m, 2.5 MW

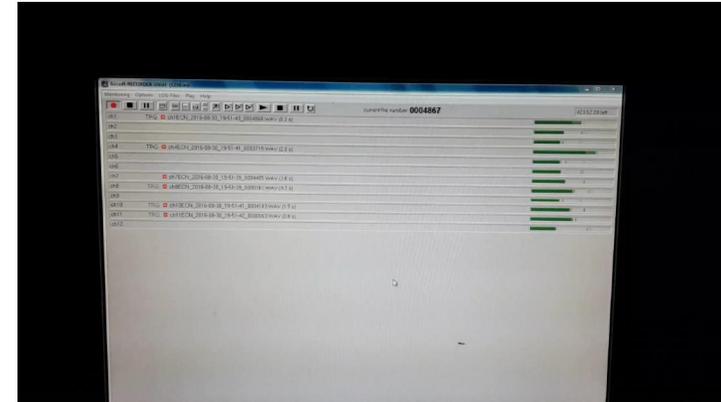


## Acoustic monitoring - requirements

- The immediate surroundings of the wind turbine should be monitored acoustically as complete as possible
- The recordings at different locations at/near the wind turbine should be synchronized in time
- Weatherproof (storm, rain, frost)
- No interference with operating systems wind turbine
- Remote access (monitoring data & performance)
- Suitable for automated identification of bat calls



## Acoustic monitoring - results



> 170.000 recordings 25 Aug – 1 Dec 2016 (c. 80% bats)



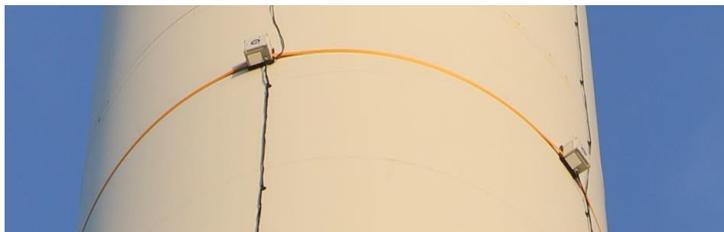
## Acoustic monitoring - equipment

- 12 channel Avisoft-UltraSoundGate



<http://www.avisoft.com/>

- Ultrasound microphones in four different directions at three different heights (5, 35 & 65 meter)



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## Thermal cameras – stereo set

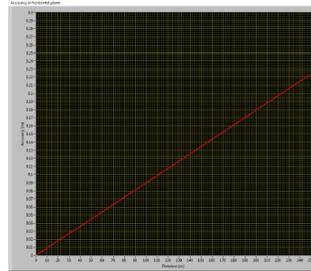
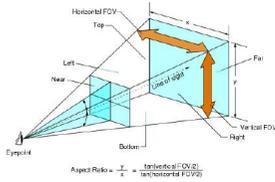
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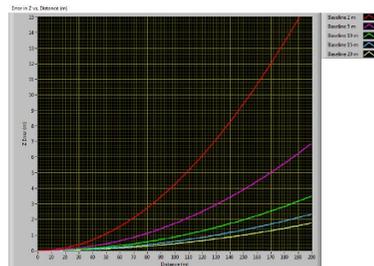
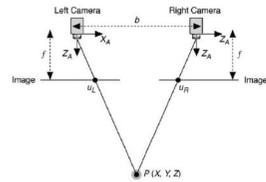
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# Thermal cameras - accuracy

## XY direction



## Z direction



# 2D tracking

- Match objects in multiple consecutive frames

- 2D trajectories in the left and right camera images



# Thermal cameras – calibration

## Intrinsic calibration

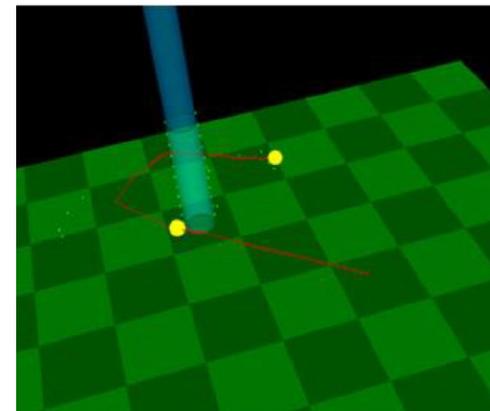
- Radial distortion (deformations in the lens)
- Tangential distortion (misalignments sensor)



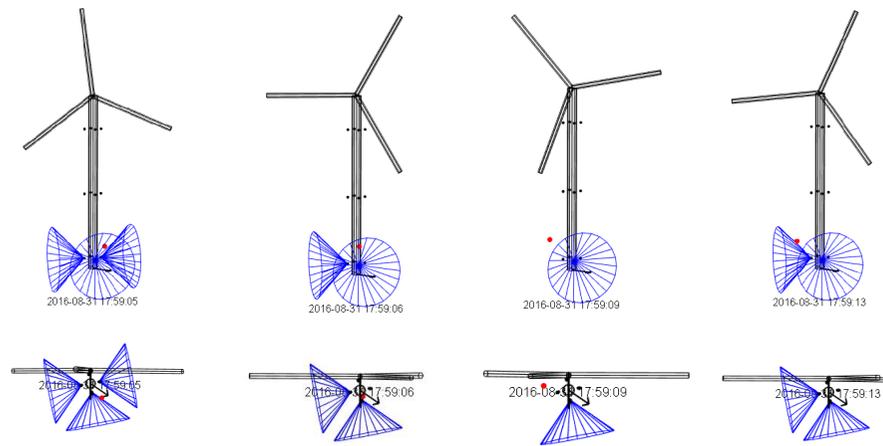
## Stereo calibration

# 3D tracking

- 3D position can be determined by corresponding points in left and right camera (still manually at this moment)



## 3D flight path and acoustic measurements



## Conclusions bat flight analysis

- The results of the feasibility study are very promising, but improvements are necessary before application at sea:
  - automatic selection of 3D bat tracks (and not of the insects and/or clouds)
  - Monitoring the entire RSA with multiple cameras
  - Synchronisation of cameras and bat detector
  - Offshore proof
- Possibly also applicable for birds

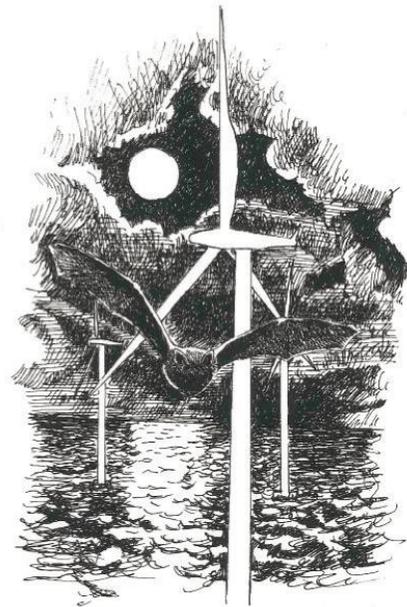
## Comparison of 3D flight path and acoustic measurements



## In collaboration with:

Thanks for your attention!

Any questions?



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## Spatial distribution and habitat preference of harbour seals (*Phoca vitulina*) in the Dutch North Sea

Geert Aarts, Jenny Cremer, Roger Kirkwood, Jan Tjalling van der Wal, Jason Matthiopoulos & Sophie Brasseur



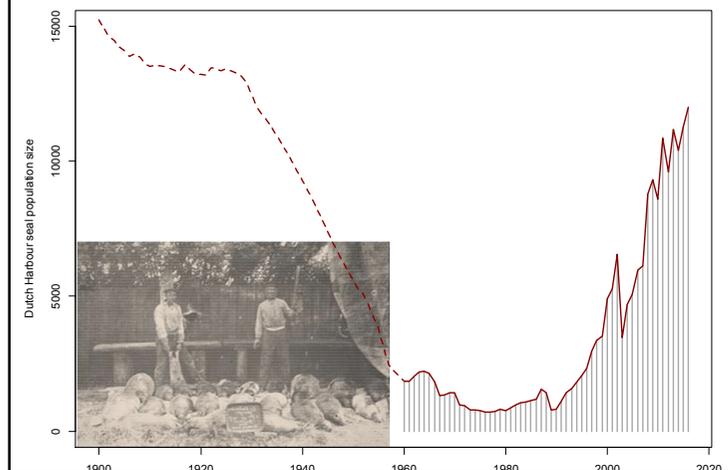
## Harbour seal natural history

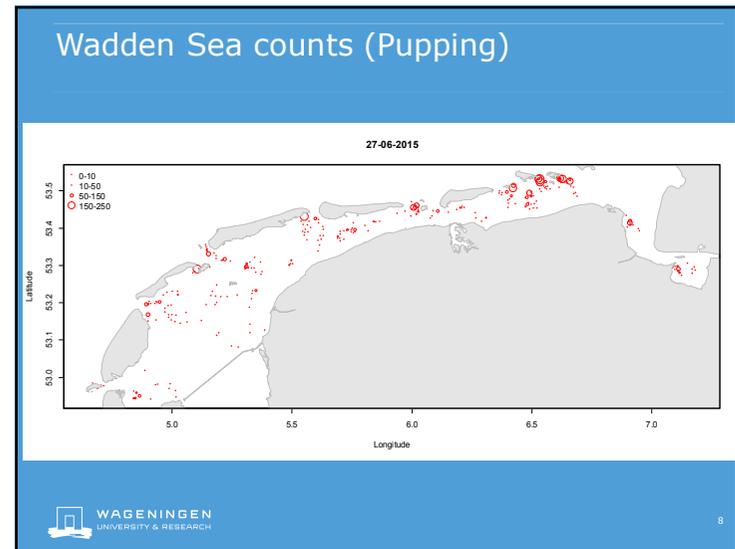
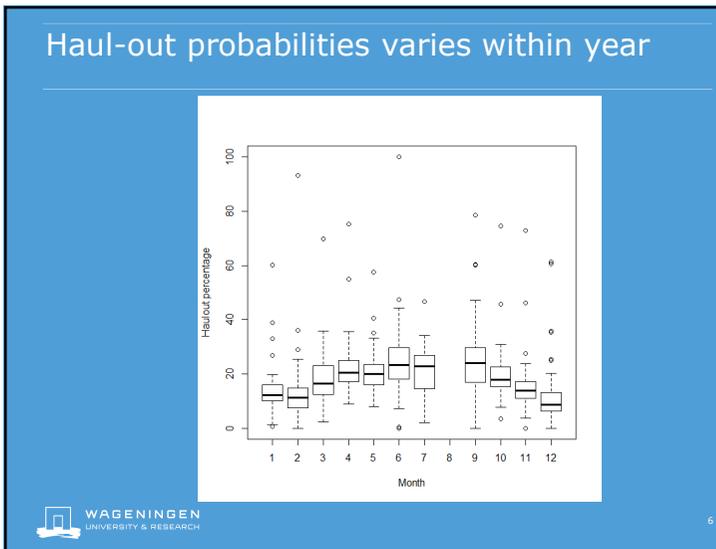
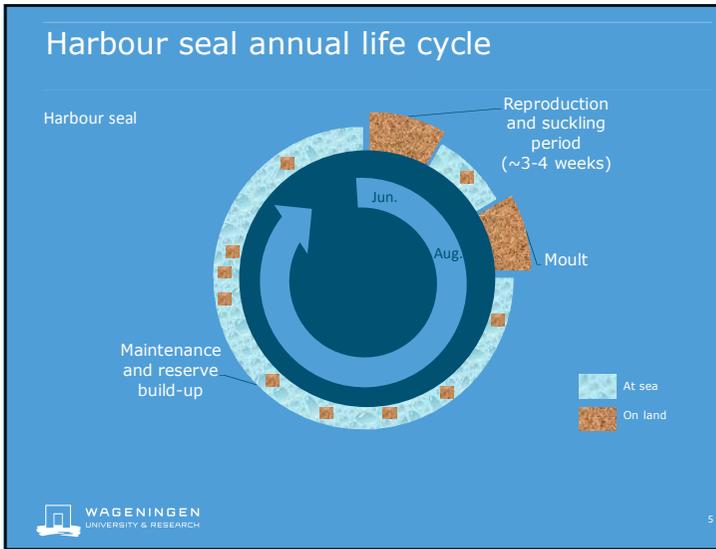


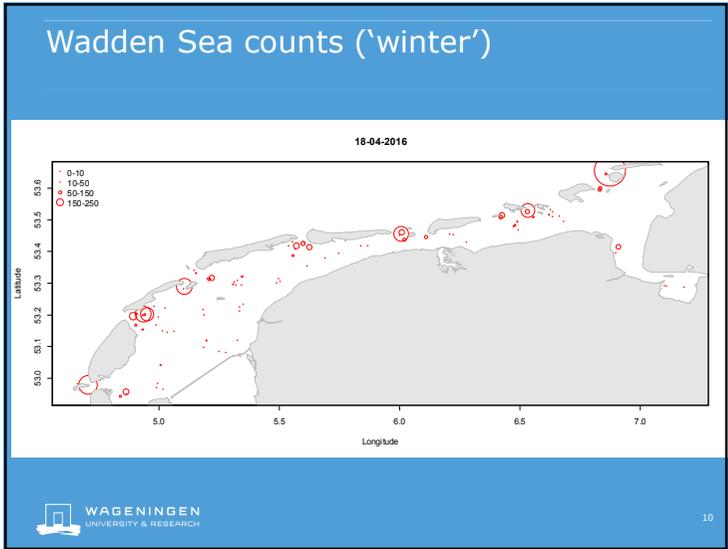
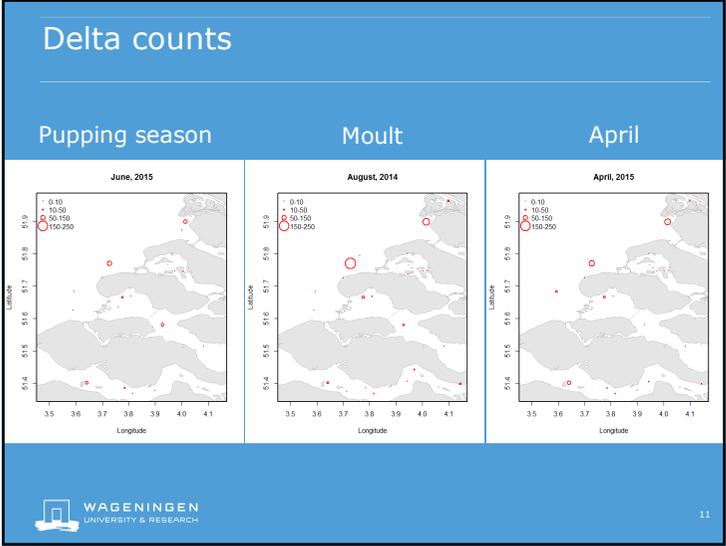
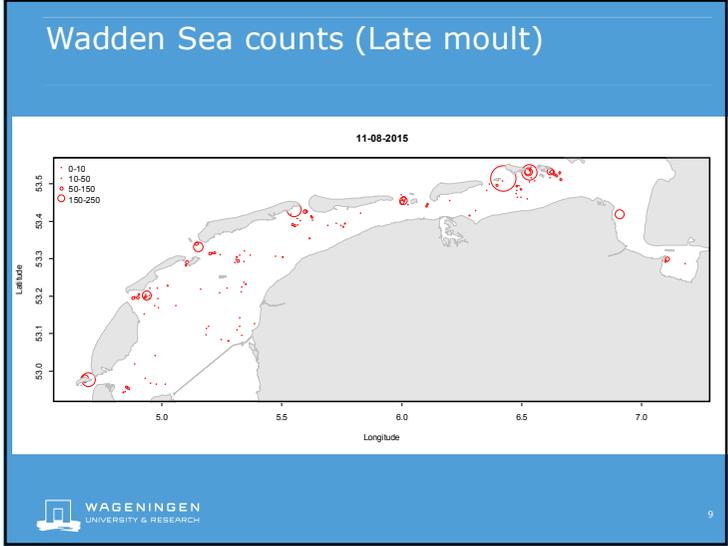
## Why is knowledge on spatial distribution relevant?

- Spatial planning: Where to (or not to) build windfarms?
- Impact assessment: How many seals are impacted?
- Mitigation: When, where and how to mitigate against negative effects.
  
- Ecology: where do seals feed or travel?

## Development harbour seal population







### Making trips from haul-out sites

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### Biased sampling effort

Latitude

Longitude

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### Distribution of **all** tracked harbour seals

Latitude

Longitude

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### Habitat model, why and how?

Why:

- Correct for unequal sampling effort
- Predict for places with seals present, but no tracking data

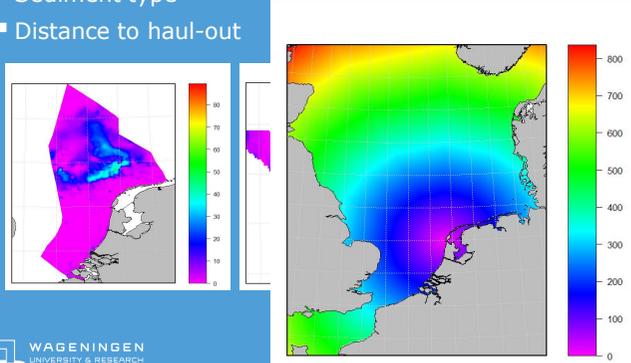
How:

- Model seal density as function of environmental variables
- Use model and aerial counts to predict distribution of all seals

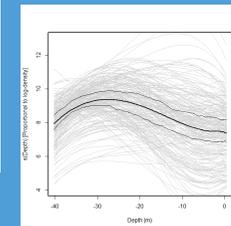
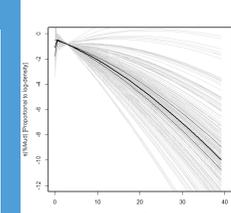
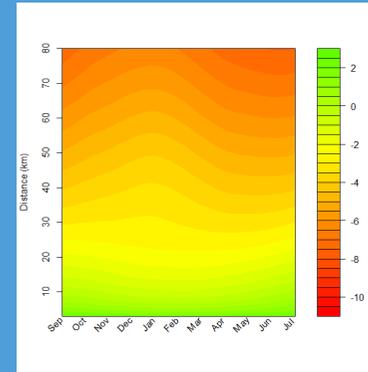
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### Environmental variables

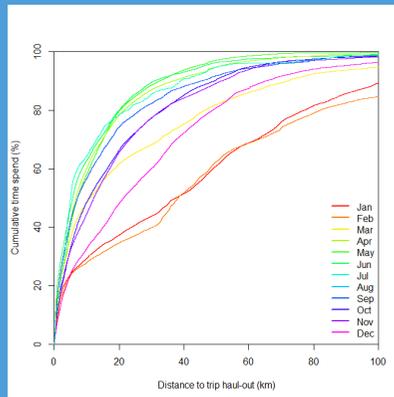
- Depth
- Sediment type
- Distance to haul-out



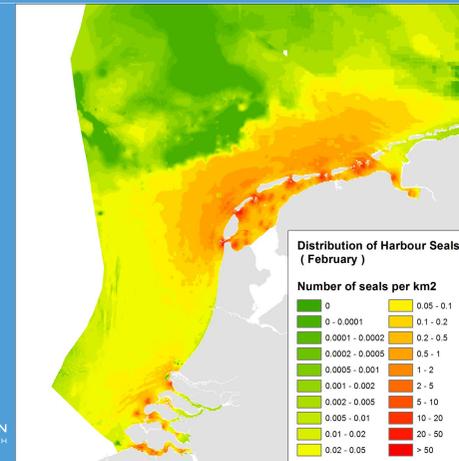
### Results: Habitat model



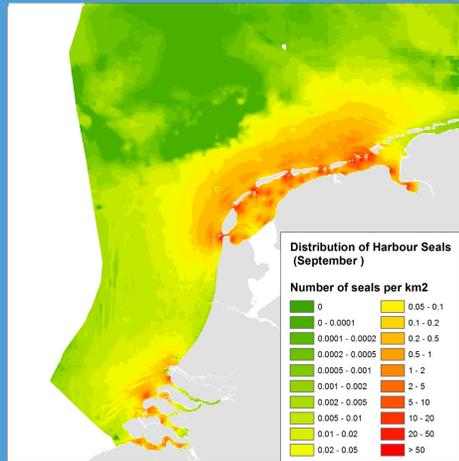
### Seasonal variation in distance to haul-out?



### Predict absolute distribution (February)



### Predict absolute distribution (September)

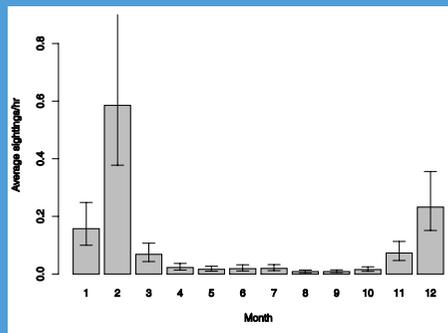


### Discussion

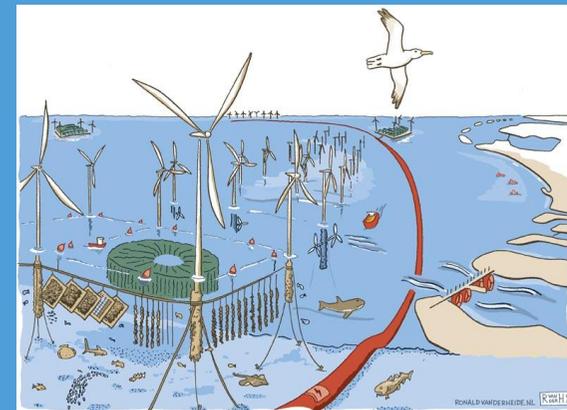
- Model estimates **absolute** density of seals at sea
- Most variation in seal distribution explained by distance to the haul-outs.
- Also preference for regions of ~30 m deep, and low mud-content.
- Harbour seal distribution varied between seasons: In winter (Dec-Feb) further away from the haul-out sites, and less time at haul-out sites.
- Habitat model describes density/time spent = more important?
- Model describes current situation, possibly influenced by human use, how does this change?

### In winter: harbour seals venture further away from haul-out sites

Harbour seal sightings from North Sea coast



### What next?



## What we need

- Model framework that can include
  - short and long-term impact of human activities
  - both natural and human processes
  - **cumulative effect**

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  - cumulative effect
- **Monitoring and basic (ecological) research to understand what is happening**

## Example of importance cumulative effects

Baiji river dolphin (Extinct 2006)



- Hunting (historically)
- Habitat degradation (e.g. construction of dams)
- Pollution
- Disturbance (e.g. heavy shipping)
- **Bycatch in local (illegal) fishing**

## Future research

- Development individual-based model
- Understanding role of food availability and density dependence
- Continue monitoring population trend & changes in habitat use in relation to developments

Other proposed research

- Cumulative effect, e.g. also effect of shipping.
- What are pups doing?
- Understanding energy and time budget
- Monitoring program to validate individual-based model

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## Duration versus severity



Thanks for listening

Questions?



## Harbor porpoise energetic studies for WOZEP

Ron Kastelein  
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WOZEP progress meeting  
Utrecht  
21 February 2017

## Background

Harbor porpoise research so far focused on:

- Effect of pile driving sound on hearing (TTS)
- Effect of sound on behavior (dose-response)

Research on the effect of sound on individuals

Ultimate goal: Effect sound on population dynamics

- PCOD model developed to estimate effects on populations
- Effect of sound on fitness, longevity and reproduction
- Important input parameter for PCOD model: energetics

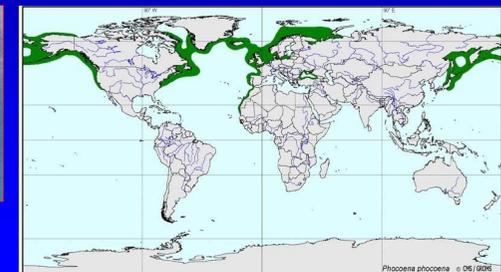
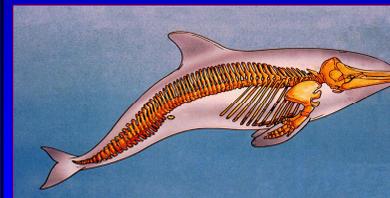
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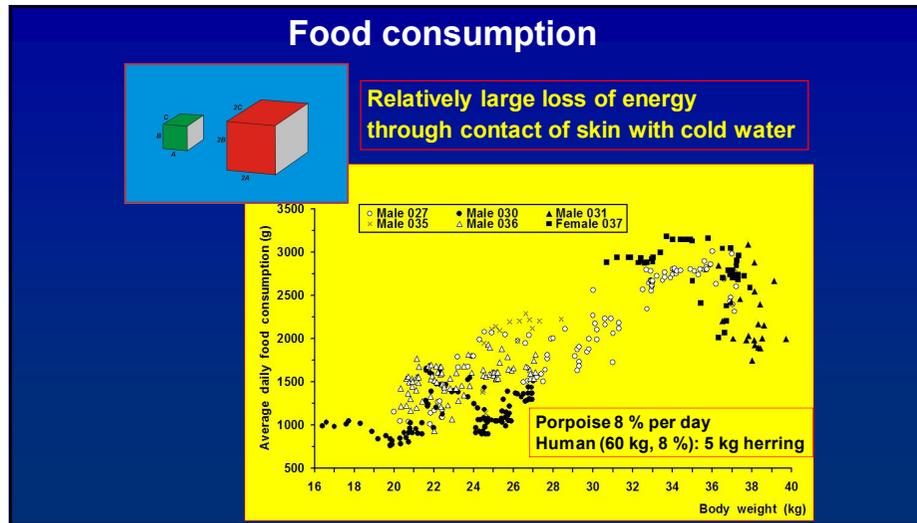
- Background
- Food consumption & growth in a harbor porpoise (2016, completed)
- Effect of 24-hour fasting on harbor porpoises (2016-2017, ongoing)
- Potential future energetic studies for WOZEP



## Why focus on the harbor porpoise ?

- 1) Occurs in large numbers in the North Sea
- 2) Small odontocete (37 °C). Very unfavorable body weight/body surface ratio
- 3) Requires a very high food intake (high metabolism)
- 4) A disturbance affecting food intake can have quick and large repercussions





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Remote, quiet location & pools designed for acoustic research.  
Water and air temperatures similar to those of areas in which wild porpoises occur (i.e., on the other side of the dyke)

### Food consumption and growth in a harbor porpoise (2016, completed)

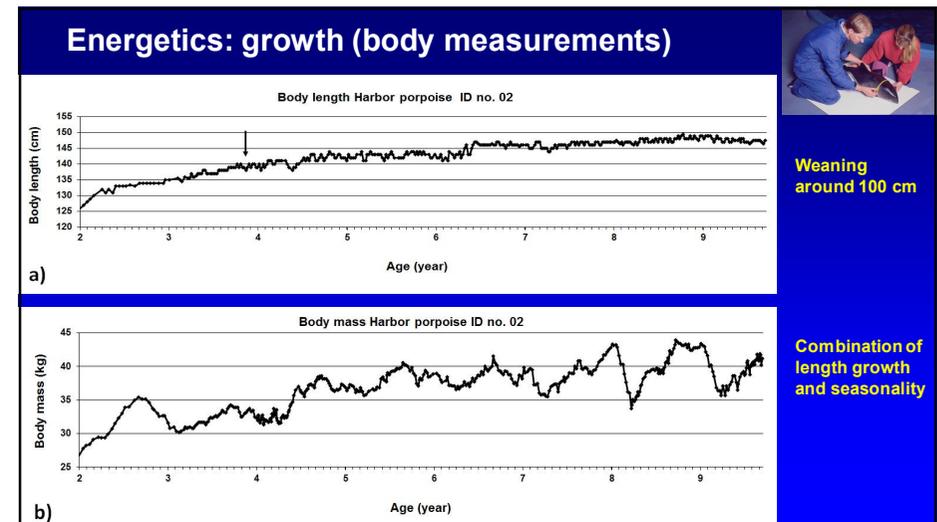
9 years of husbandry data of a male harbor porpoise housed in water & air temperatures similar as those experiences by conspecifics in the wild

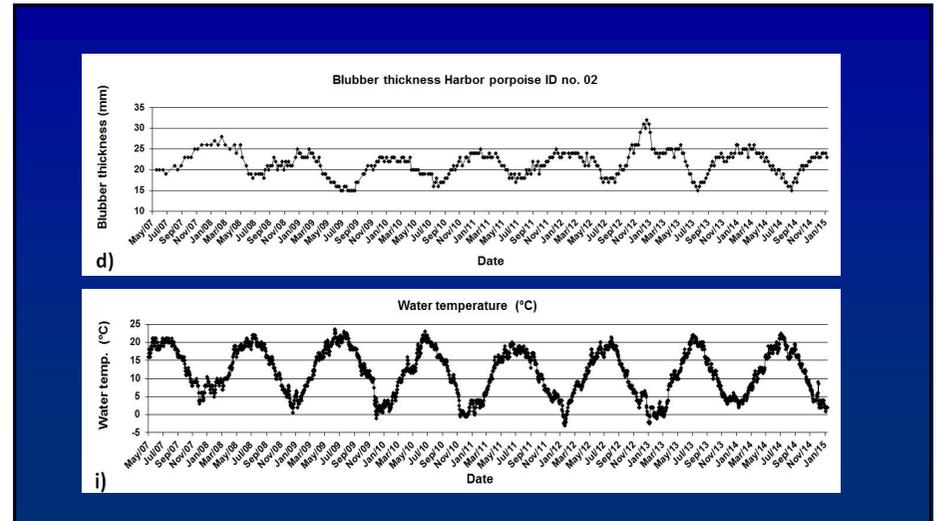
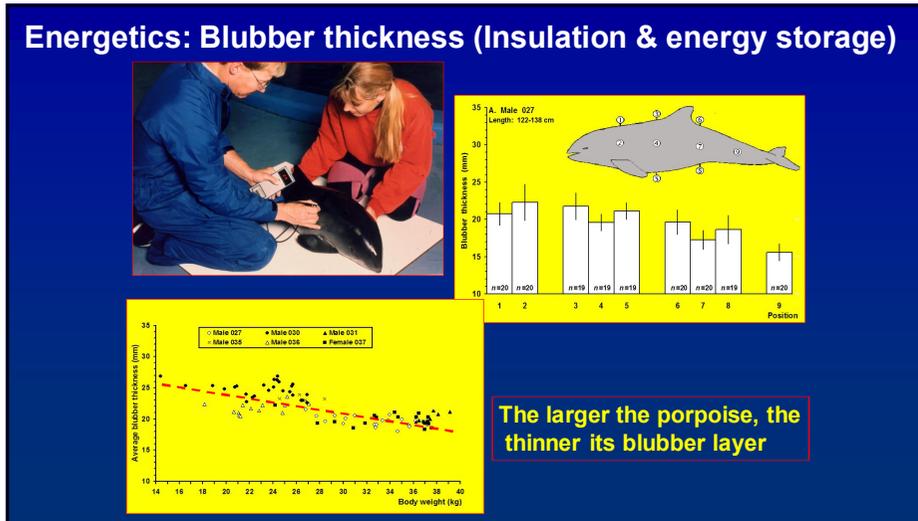
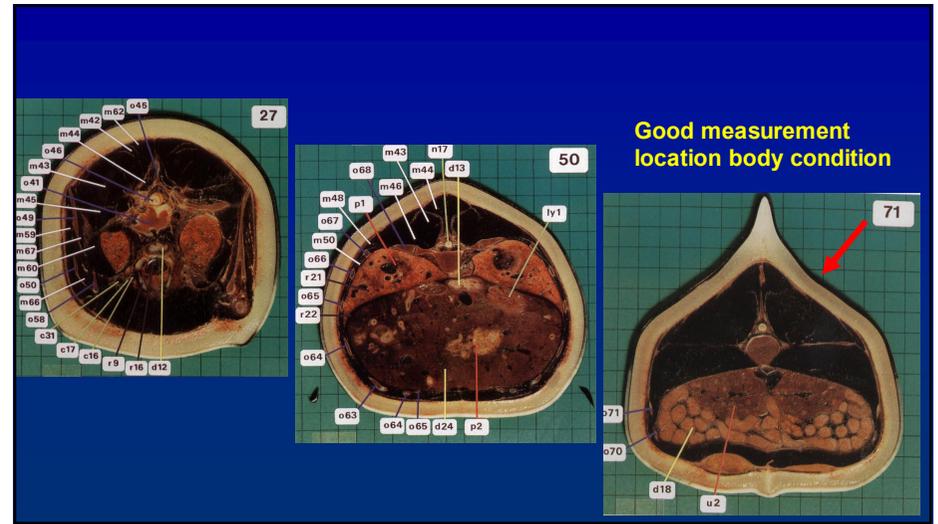
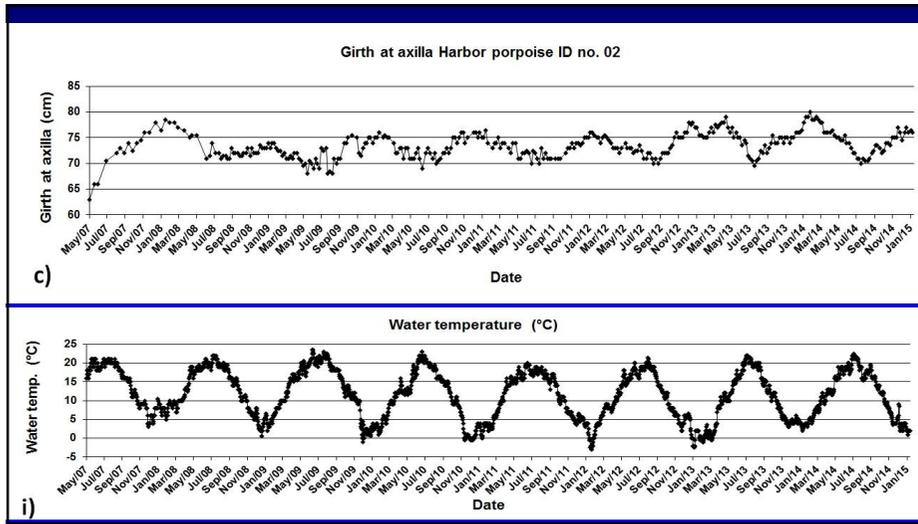
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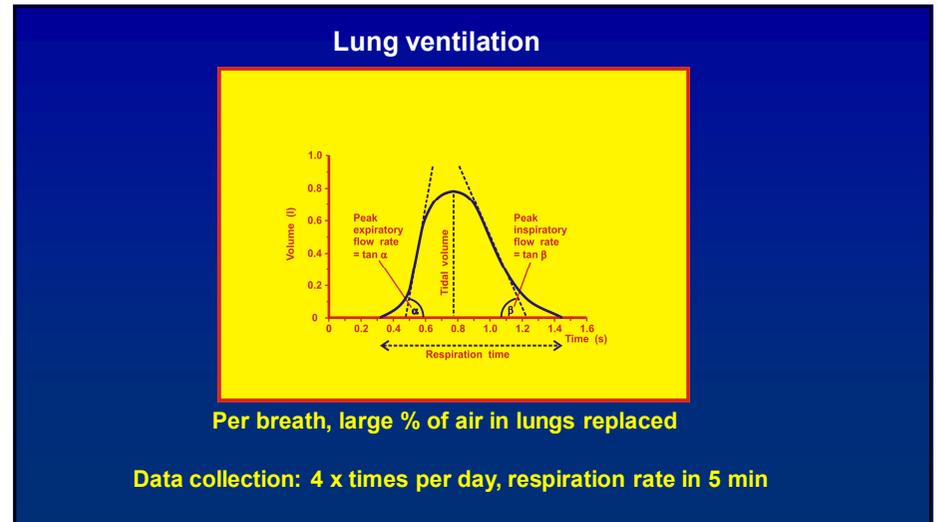
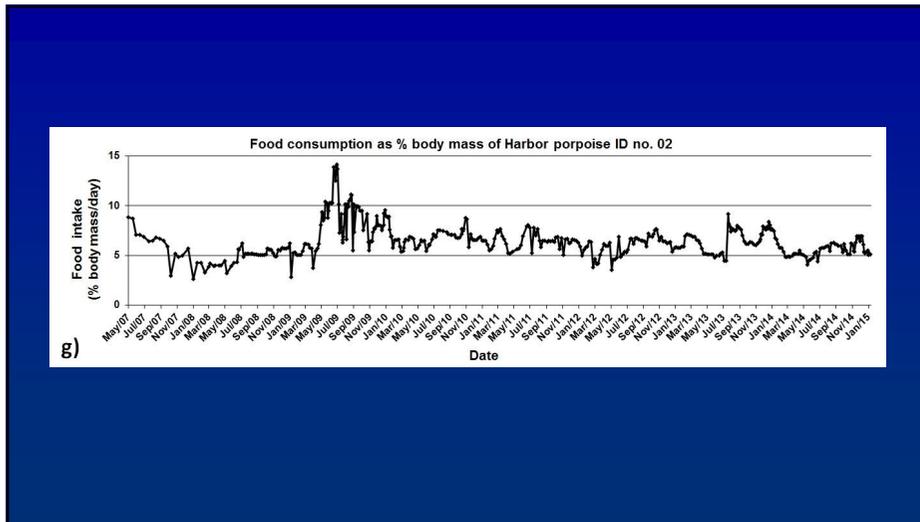
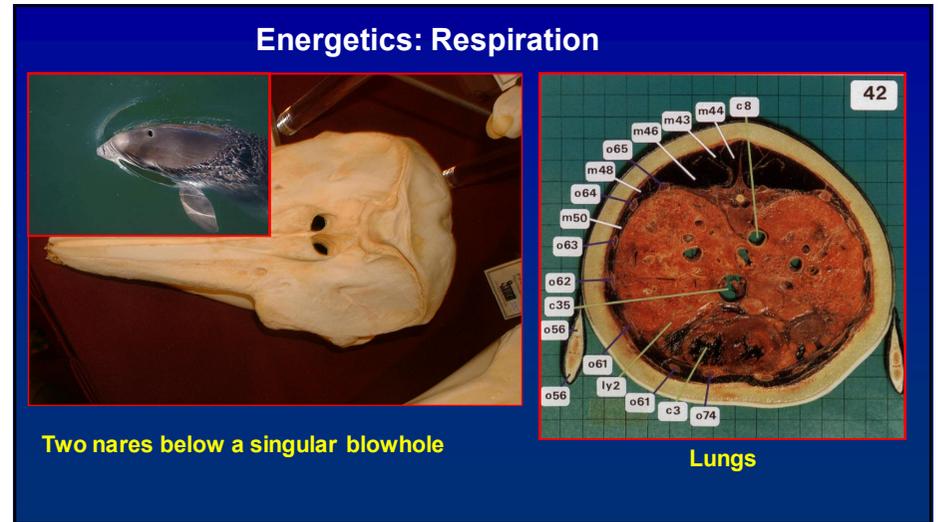
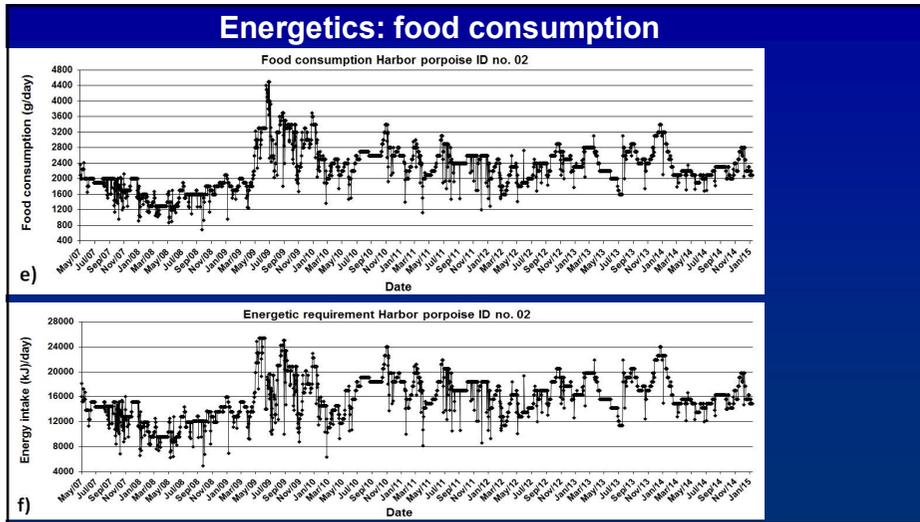
- Air temperatures
- Water temperatures
- Food consumption
- Respiration rates (4x)

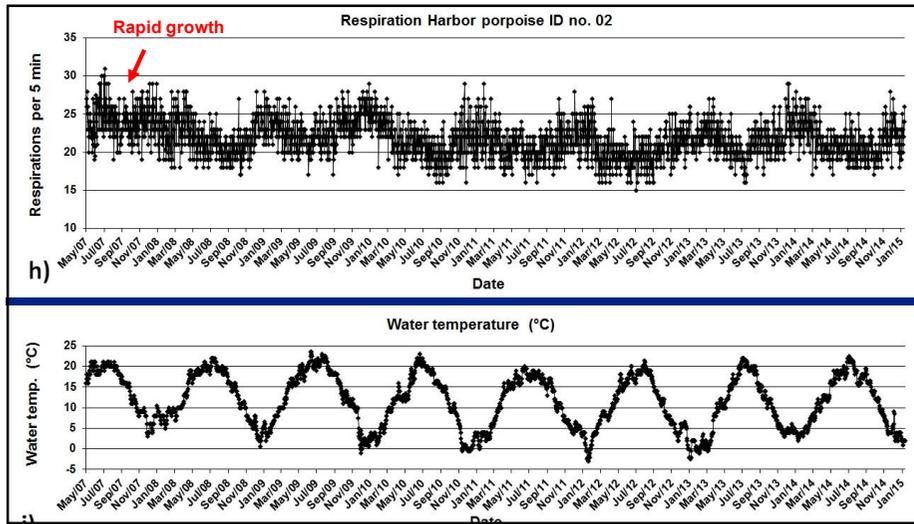
Weekly:

- Body length
- Body mass
- Blubber thickness
- Girth at axilla









**Effect of fasting in harbor porpoises (2016-2017, ongoing)**



**Porpoise lift (trained behavior)**

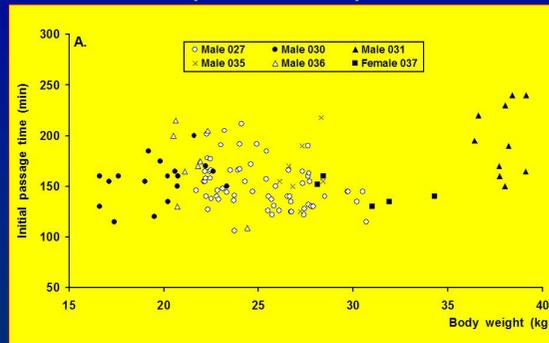
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**SEAMARCO has similar food consumption, body mass and growth data are available for 2 harbor seals (13 years)**

**Weighing platform**

**This is usually done once a week**

## Energetics: Food passage time (Carmine red)



After 2.5 to 3 hours food has passed the digestive tract  
Start weight loss ~ 3 hrs after last meal

## Potential studies on harbor porpoise energetics



- Food consumption & growth (now of 1 male)
  - Seasonal fluctuation
  - Effect maturation
  - Effect water temperature
  - Effect of food deprivation (weight loss, blubber thickness)
- Food preference
- Maximum food intake after food deprivation
- Digestive efficiency of various fish species
- Metabolism (respiration rate, oxygen consumption)
- Swimming speed during pile driving sound
- Swimming and diving energetics
- Effect pile driving sound on foraging efficiency (pelagic fish, bottom fish) Proposals available

## Potential future studies in WOZEP by SEAMARCO (apart from some remaining acoustic studies)



Harbor porpoises



Harbor seals

## Potential studies on harbor porpoise reproduction



- Fertilization
- Gestation (duration, weight gain mother, blubber thickness changes)
- Birth
- Suckling (times/day, duration suckling period)
- Milk composition changes during suckling period
- Onset and duration transition to solid food (fish)
- Echolocation development
- Development fish catching technique
- Growth calf



**Research to reduce environmental impacts of human activities at sea**



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## MODELLEREN HEIGELUID

- › 2009-2015 studies: data puntbron (Q7) & 'Aquarius 1.0' propagatiemodel
- › 2010-2011 'short list Wind op Zee':
  - › Gedetailleerd bronmodel geluiduitstraling heipaal (Zampolli et al.)
  - › Experimentele validatie testpaal IHC
- › 2012-2015 'VUM':
  - › 'Aquarius 2.0' propagatiemodel
  - › Verificatie in internationale workshop 'COMPILE' (organisatie TUHH & TNO)
- › 2015-2016:
  - › Experimentele validatie (ENECO Luchterduinen & Gemini)



## VALIDATIE HEIGELUID MODELLEN

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## INLEIDING

- › Kader Ecologie en Cumulatie t.b.v. uitrol Windenergie op Zee:
  - › Redeneerlijn voor het bepalen van cumulatieve effecten van impulsief onderwatergeluid op zeezoogdierpopulaties
- › Stap 1: Bereken geluidverspreiding per heiklap
  - bruinvisverstoringdagen
  - populatie-effect
  - geluidsnorm in kavelbesluit
- › Hoe nauwkeurig is Stap 1?

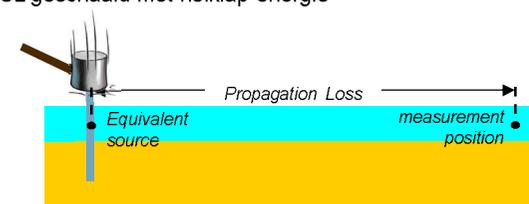
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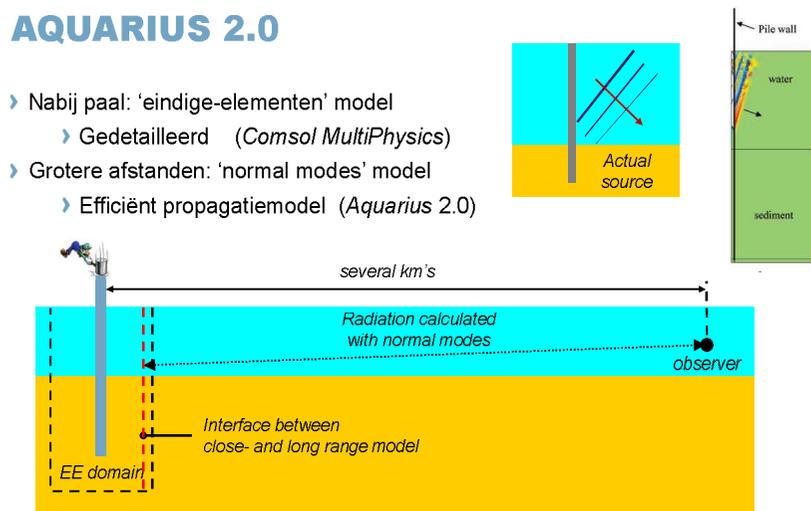
$$SEL = SL_E - PL$$

- › Propagatiemodel berekent propagatieverlies (PL)
  - › 1.0: Weston 'flux' model
  - › 3.1 'SOPRANO' propagatiemodel (NWO-ZKO onderzoek Özkan Sertlek)
- › Bronsterkte (SL) voor een 'equivalente puntbron'
  - › Uit metingen bij aanleg Prinses Amaliawindpark (Q7)
  - › SL geschaald met heiklap-energie



## AQUARIUS 2.0

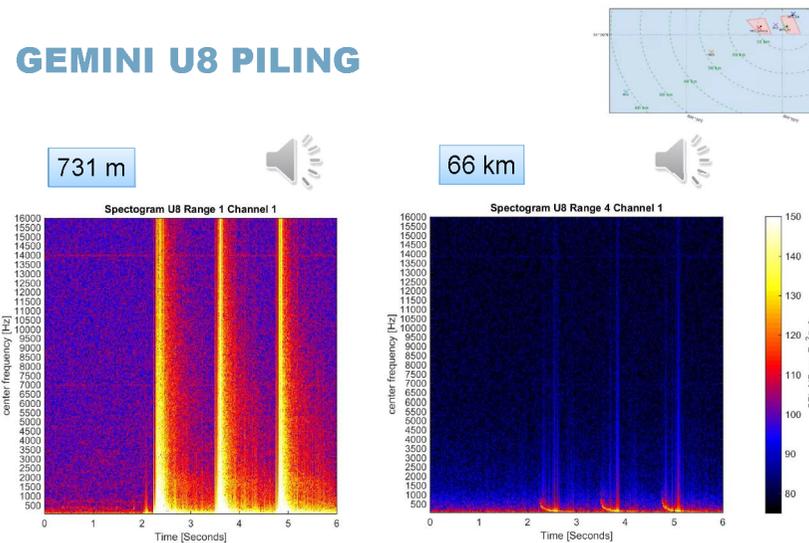
- › Nabij paal: 'eindige-elementen' model
  - › Gedetailleerd (*Comsol MultiPhysics*)
- › Grotere afstanden: 'normal modes' model
  - › Efficiënt propagatiemodel (*Aquarius 2.0*)



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## GEMINI U8 PILING



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## VALIDATIE

- › AQUARIUS 1: data OWEZ/PAWP, maximale afstand 5.6 km
- › AQUARIUS 2: data IHC testpaal, haven Kinderdijk, < 100 m
- › **Nieuwe data** (gemeten door ITAP):



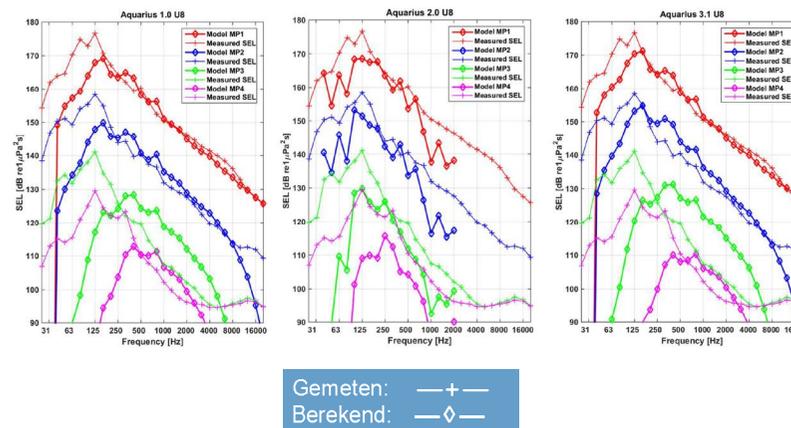
windpark	#	jaar	MP1	MP2	MP3	MP4
Luchterduinen	2	2014	750 m	5 km	13 km	47 km
Gemini	3	2015	700-900 m	4-7 km	20-31 km	54-66 km

- › WOZEP project:
  - › Vergelijken metingen met modelberekeningen
  - › Analyse van verschillen

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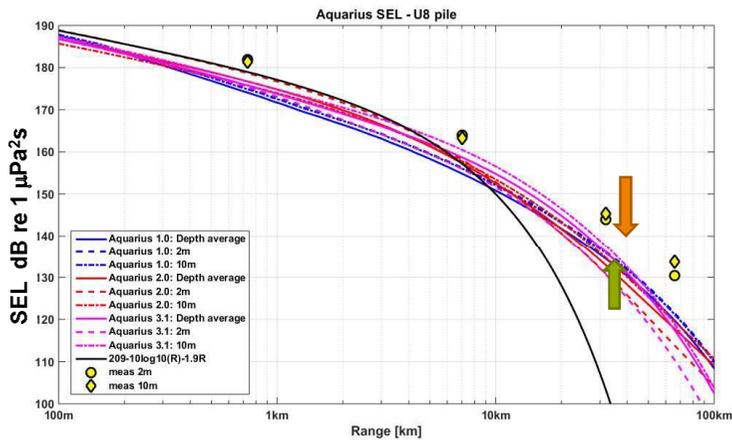
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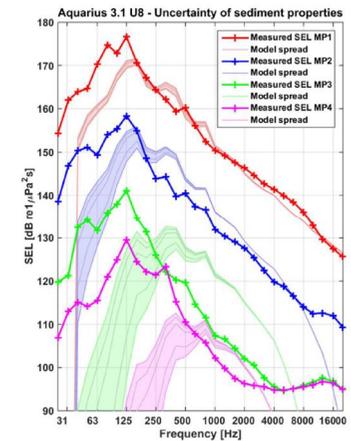


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## VERSCHILLEN MODEL – METING: SEDIMENT

- › Sediment-modellering bij lage frequenties:
  - › onzekerheid parameters ?
  - › gelaagdheid bodem?



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## VERSCHILLEN MODEL – METING: BRON

### Bronbeschrijving:

- › Aquarius 2.0 beschrijft de fysica (Mach-cone) beter (> ~200 Hz, < ~10 km)
- › Aquarius 1.0/3.1 bronspectrum (Q7: 4m paal diameter) onderschat gemeten spectra voor de 5-7 m diameter palen bij Gemini / LUD  
→ *schalen met hamerklapenergie én diameter*
- › Aquarius 2.0 input: aanstootkrachtspectrum (niet direct gemeten)  
→ *verbeteren hamermodel*

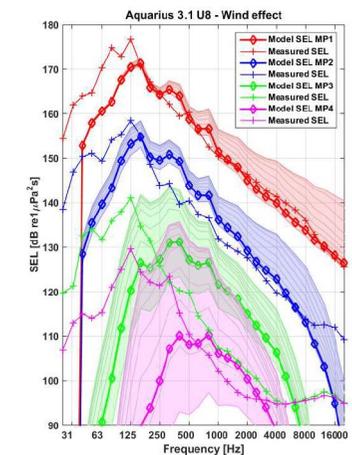


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## VERSCHILLEN MODEL – METING: ZEEWATER EN WIND

- › Geluidsnelheidsprofiel en absorptie in water ~OK
- › Effect van wind (golven en luchtbelletje bij wateroppervlak) is overschat
- › Lijkt Aquarius 1.0/3.1 onderschatting door punt ipv lijnbron te compenseren



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## CONSEQUENTIES?

- › LF (< ~200-400 Hz) SEL onderschatting:
  - › bron onderschat en propagatieverlies overschat → *relevant* ?
- › HF (> ~200-400 Hz) SEL overschatting: → *conservatief* ?
- › Frequentieweging bij effectbepaling?

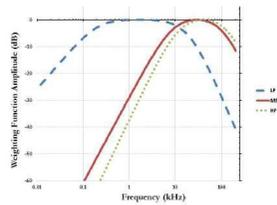
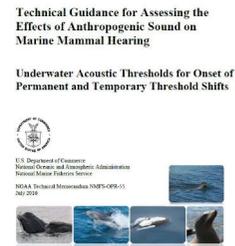


Figure ES1: Auditory weighting functions for low-frequency (LF), mid-frequency (MF), and high-frequency (HF) cetaceans.

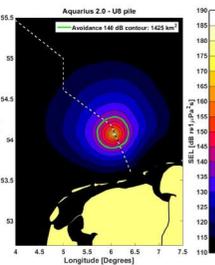
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## VERVOLG ...

- › Verbeteren bronbeschrijving:
  - › Schaling met paaldiameter (Aquarius 3.1 puntbron)
  - › Hamermodel of schaling met meetdata (Aquarius 2.0)
- › Verbeteren propagatiemodellering:
  - › Sediment en wind
- › Uitbreiden met mitigatie ('mantel', 'bellenscherm', ...)
- › Uitbreiden naar trillen en operationeel geluid
- › Uitbreiden naar deeltjessnelheid en bodemtrilling (benthos)
- › Valorisatie: 'Aquarius' tools voor derden?



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