

From multidisciplinary data to
integrated information for coastal areas

Inspired by NatureCoast

Process Field data

- GPS drifters
- Topography: wheel & quad
- Algae analysis dune lake vs lagoon (Arnaud)
- Drone photogrammetry
- CTD

Integrating data and more!

Examples from NatureCoast

- Interdisciplinary hypotheses
- Multidisciplinary field campaign
- Data management
- Interdisciplinary research



Morphology

Dune formation

Geochemistry

Hydrology

Hydro-dynamics

Terrestrial ecology

Marine ecology

Governance

Interdisciplinary work sessions

Exploring interdisciplinary hypotheses at IMARES Yerseke (feb 2014) and tuning of monitoring



Coastal zones:

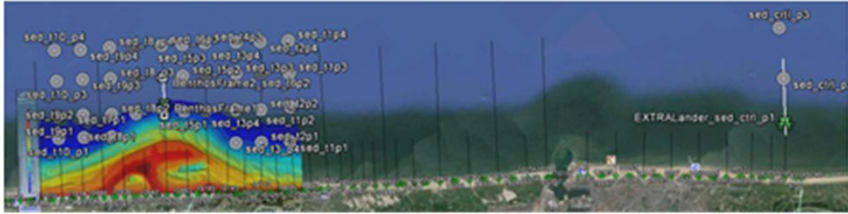
- Dry beach + dunes (Marinka)
- Inter-tidal area (Max)
- Middle shoreface (Saulo)

Interdisciplinary themes:

- Remote sensing (Corjan)
- Sediment composition (Bas Hui)
- Hydrology / moisture (Sebastian)

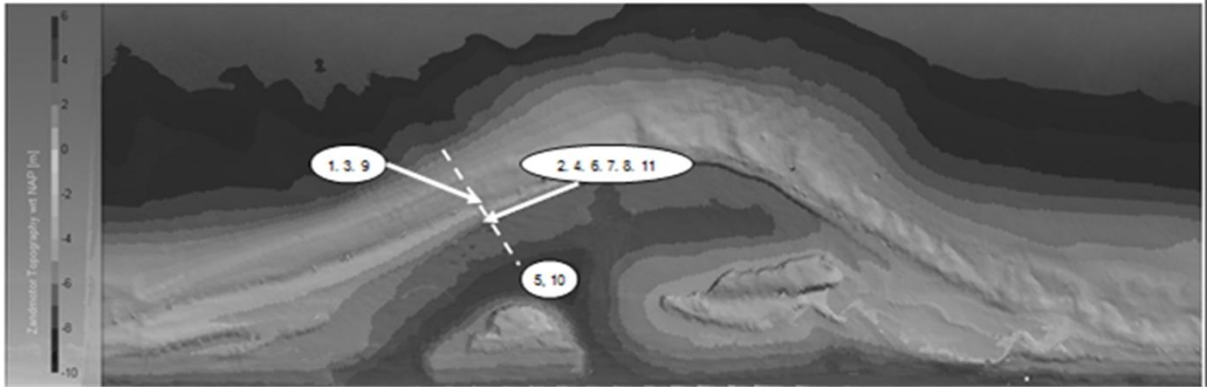
Interdisciplinary hypotheses

Middle shoreface

| Items | Description |
|---|--|
| Hypothesis | The Sand Engine (<u>Zandmotor</u>) creates a discontinuity in the natural sand transport pathways which introduces a spatial heterogeneity in the bed composition. The resulting spatial heterogeneity in bed composition affects the benthos distribution along the <u>Zuid-Holland</u> coast. |
| Goal of the measuring campaign | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hydrodynamics throughout the water column (including high resolution measurement near the bed). - Bed sediment characteristics. - Stratigraphy of the composition of the bed - Sediment concentration profile - Benthos distribution. - Benthos-induced hydrodynamics perturbation (bed roughness). - Change in sediment mobility due to biotic environment. |
| Describe the setup of the measuring campaign (incl. sketch) |  |

Interdisciplinary hypotheses

Intertidal zone

| Items | Description |
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| Hypothesis | In the intertidal zone, the main interaction between hydrodynamics and aeolian processes takes place through sediment sorting. Hydrodynamics supply, stir and sort sediment grains during high tide, such that fine grains become available for Aeolian transport during low tide. |
| Goal of the measuring campaign | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Investigate the role of hydrodynamic and aeolian processes in sediment sorting2. Investigate the influence of hydrologic conditions on the initiation of aeolian transport |
| Describe the setup of the measuring campaign (incl. sketch) |  |

Interdisciplinary hypotheses

Terrestrial

MegaPex experiment on the Sandmotor

Interdisciplinary research on the Terrestrial part of the Sandmotor

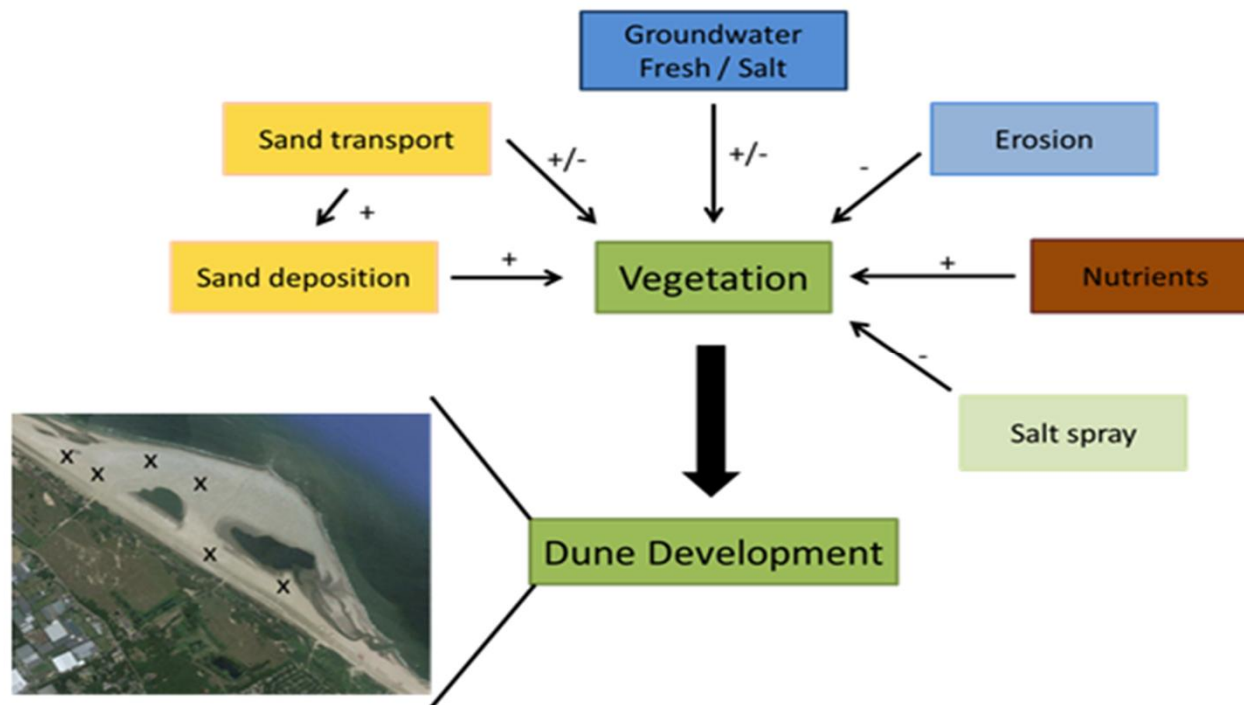


Figure 1 This scheme shows the abiotic conditions that influence vegetation and can therefore influence dune development. On the Sandmotor all these different abiotic conditions will be measured and related to vegetation growth. From this data we can predict dune development and create a map where on the Sandmotor dunes could develop in the future.

MEGAPEX2014

MEGA Perturbation EXperiment

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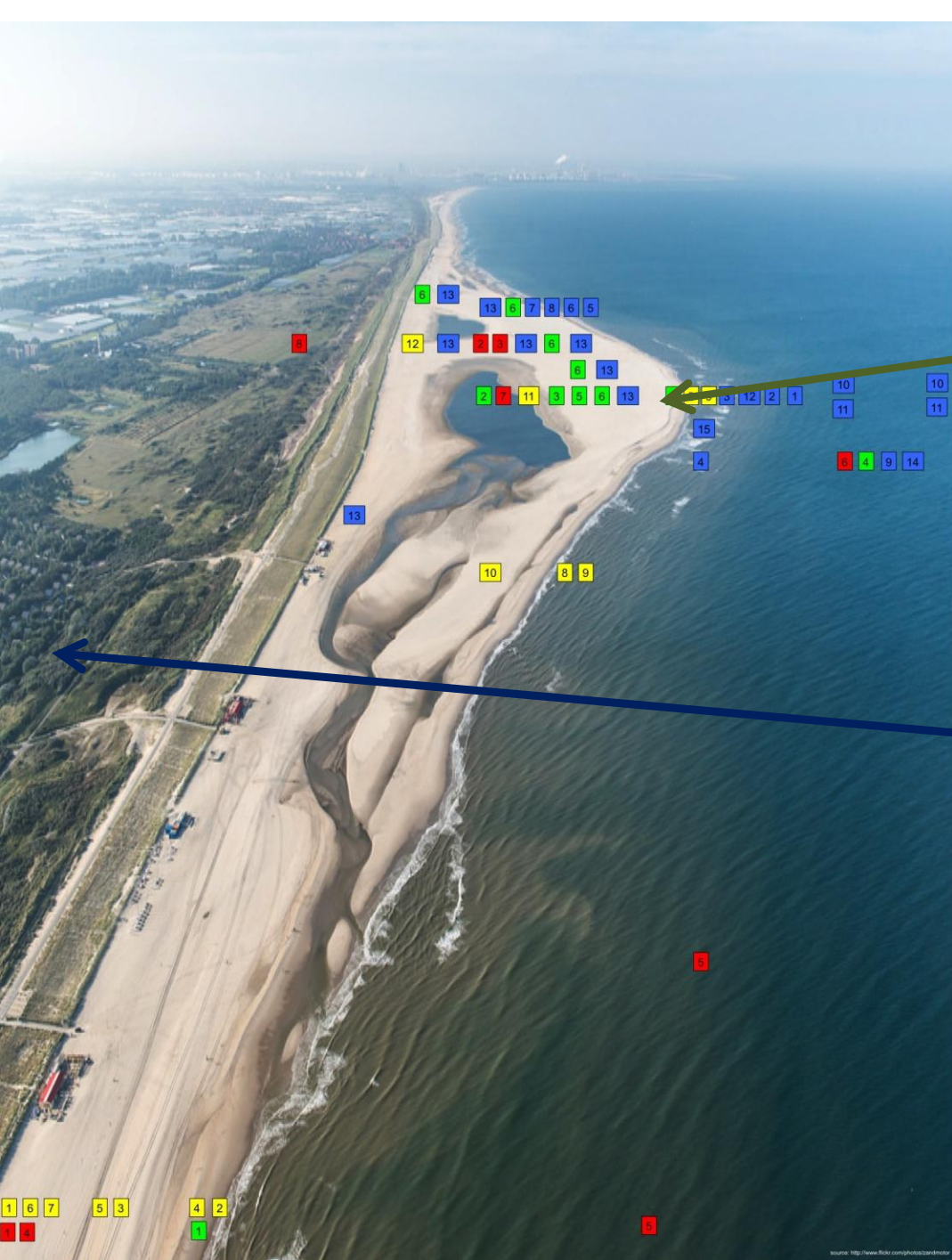
- Multidisciplinary Experiment

Coastal safety, dune formation, marine & terrestrial ecology, hydrology, geochemistry, and more...

- On, near, inside or above the Sand Engine

- September - October 2014

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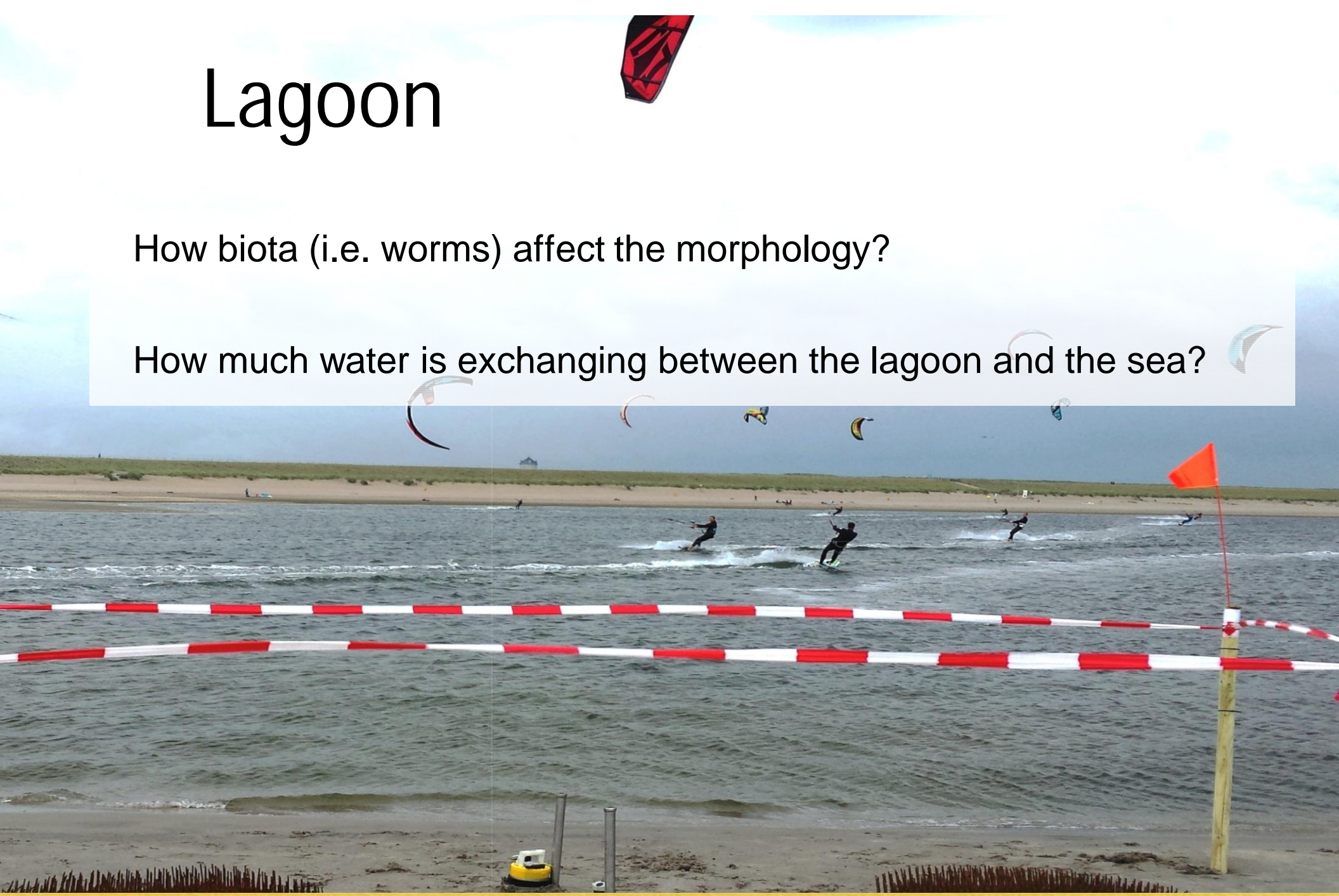
Lagoon



Lagoon

How biota (i.e. worms) affect the morphology?

How much water is exchanging between the lagoon and the sea?



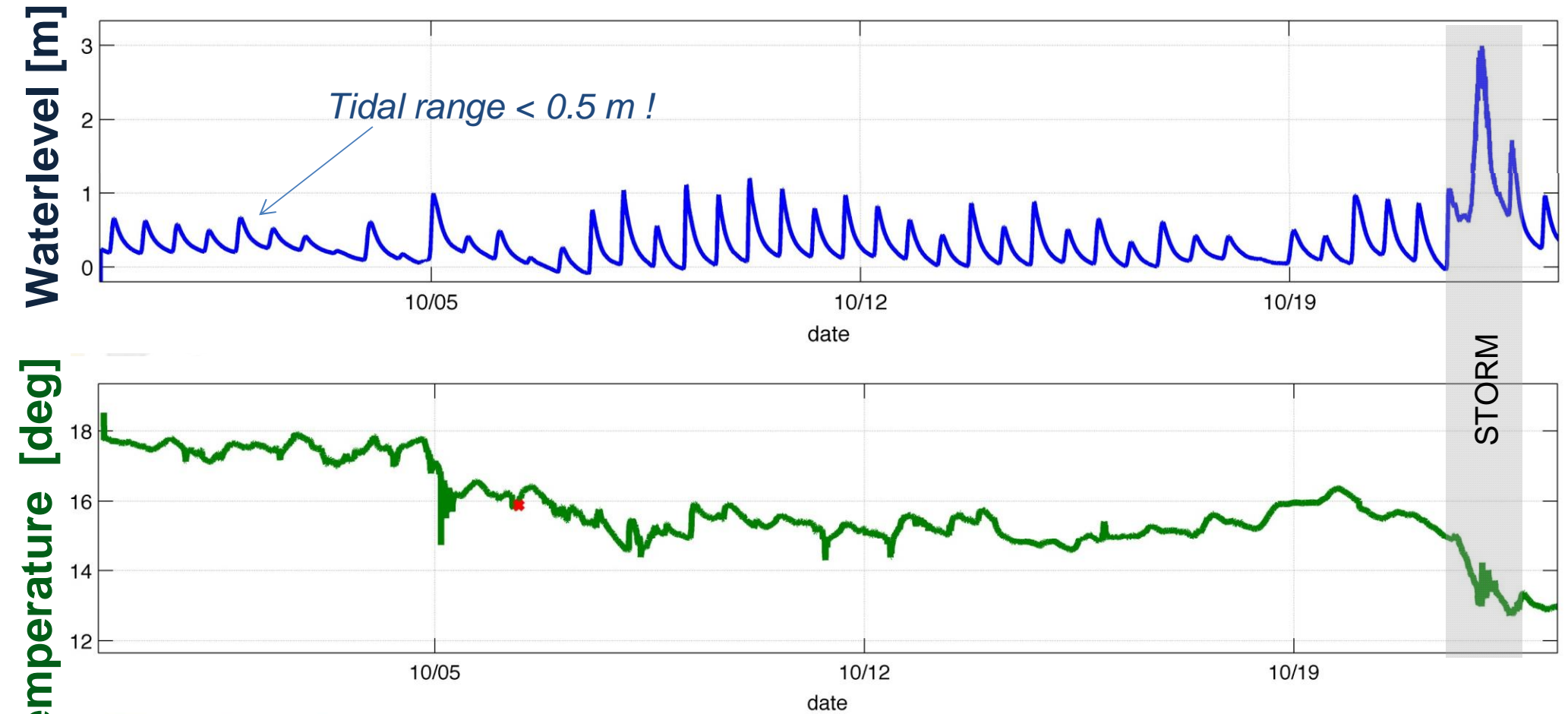
Lagoon

Artificial tube building worm field



Lagoon

Waterlevel, Salinity & Temperature



Offshore



Offshore

Is the transport on the lower shoreface onshore or offshore?

What is the influence of the Rhine fresh water plume?



Offshore

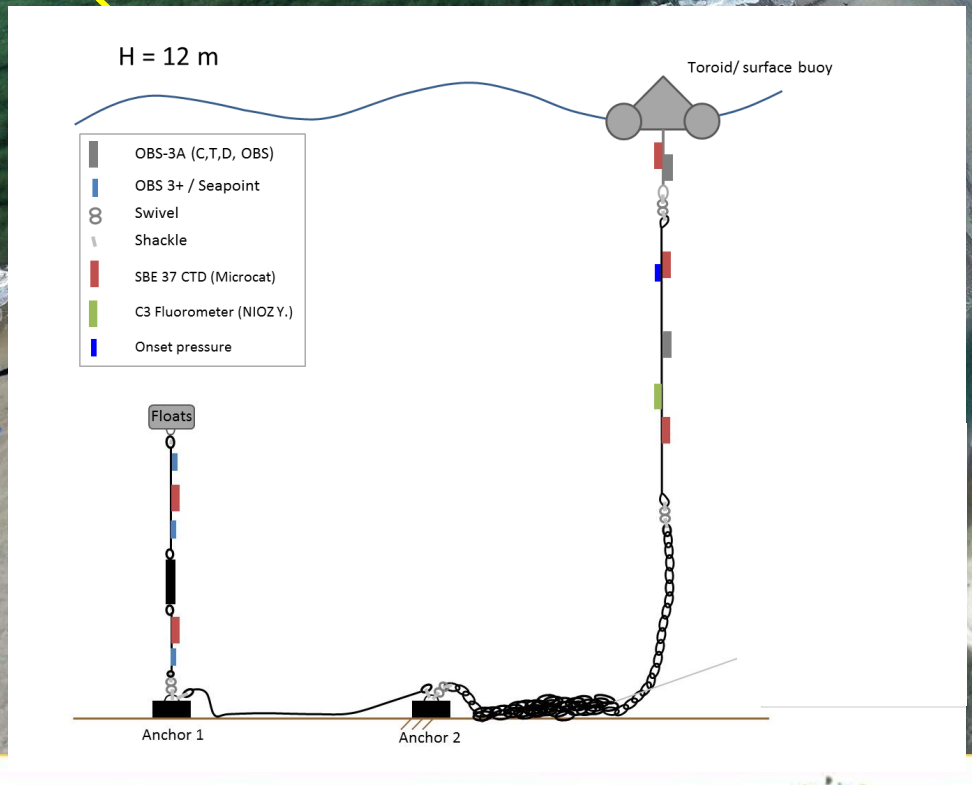
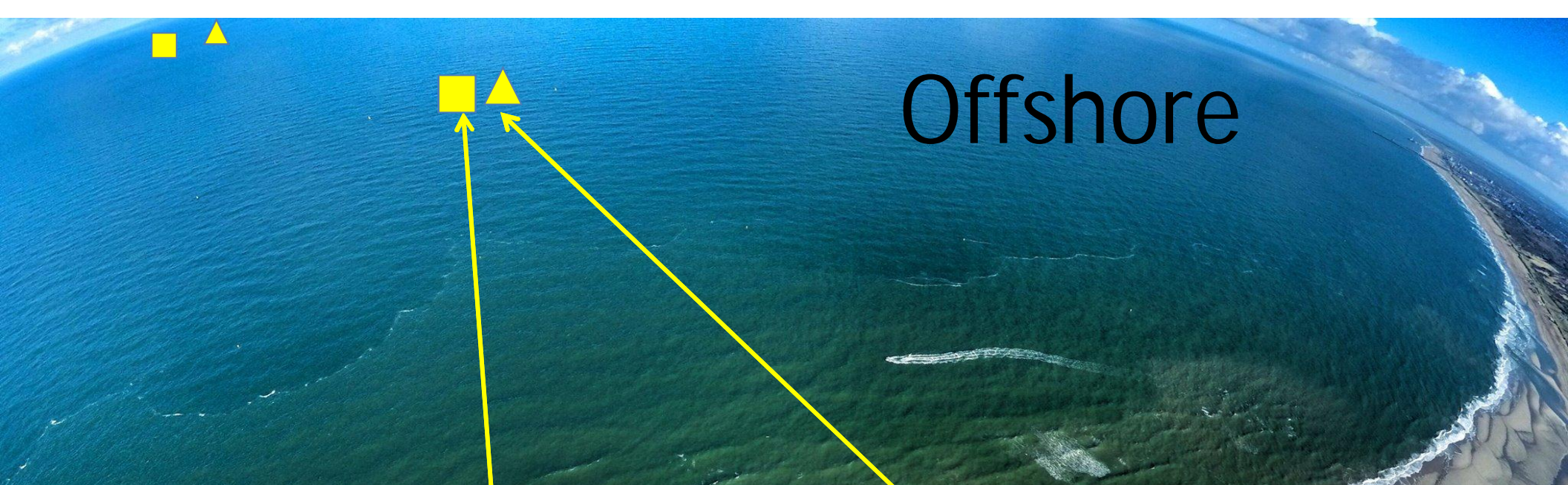
Fresh water



Salt water



Offshore



Nearshore



Nearshore

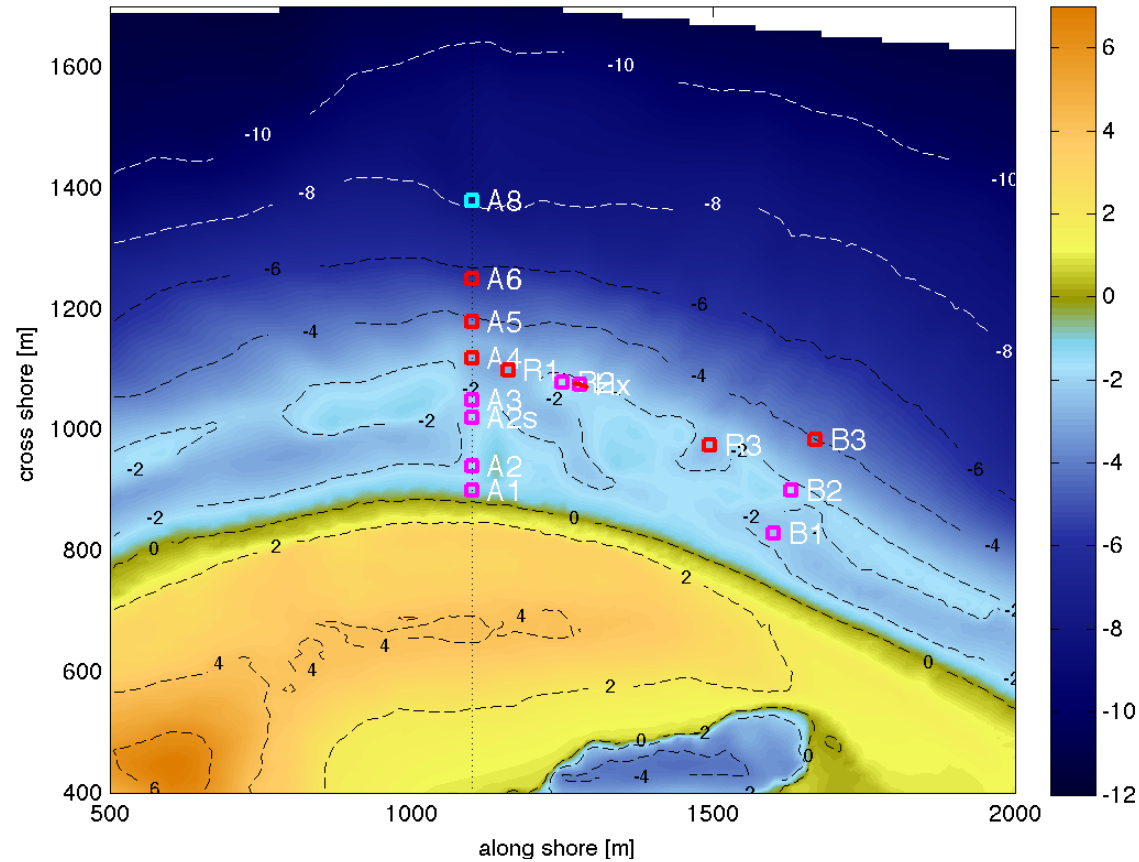
Are large circulations or eddies present at the Sand Engine?

How do seafloor ripples change under different conditions?



Nearshore

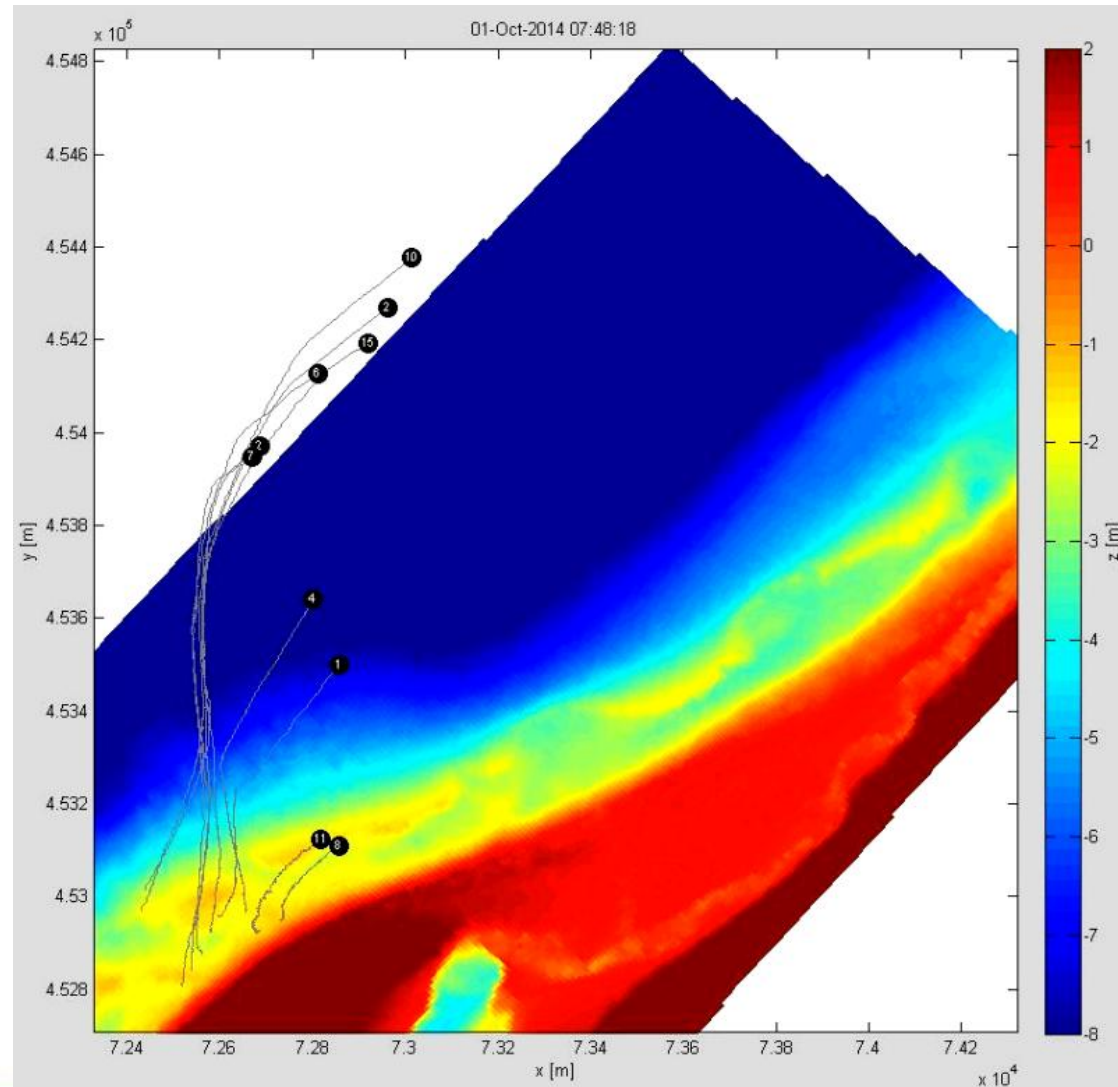
Flow around the tip



Nearshore

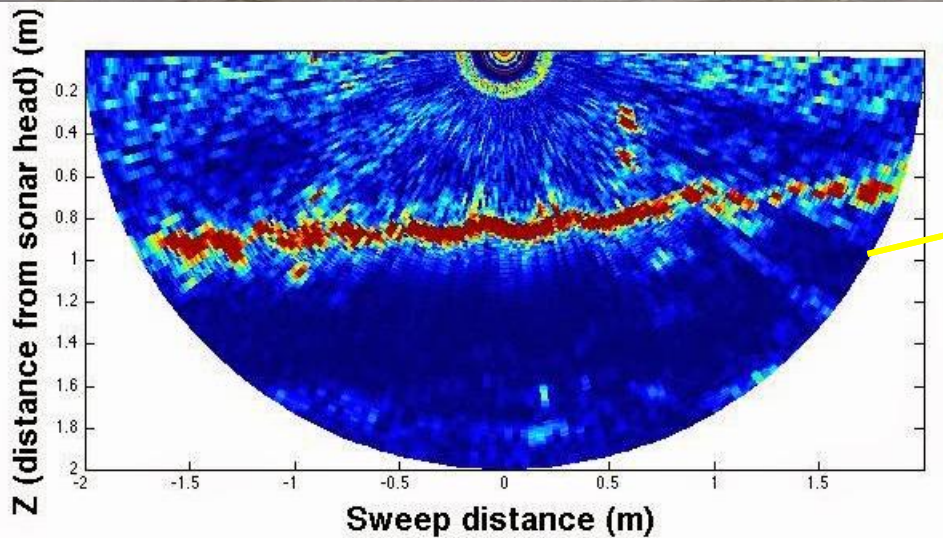
Flow around the tip

Are there large scale eddies?



Nearshore

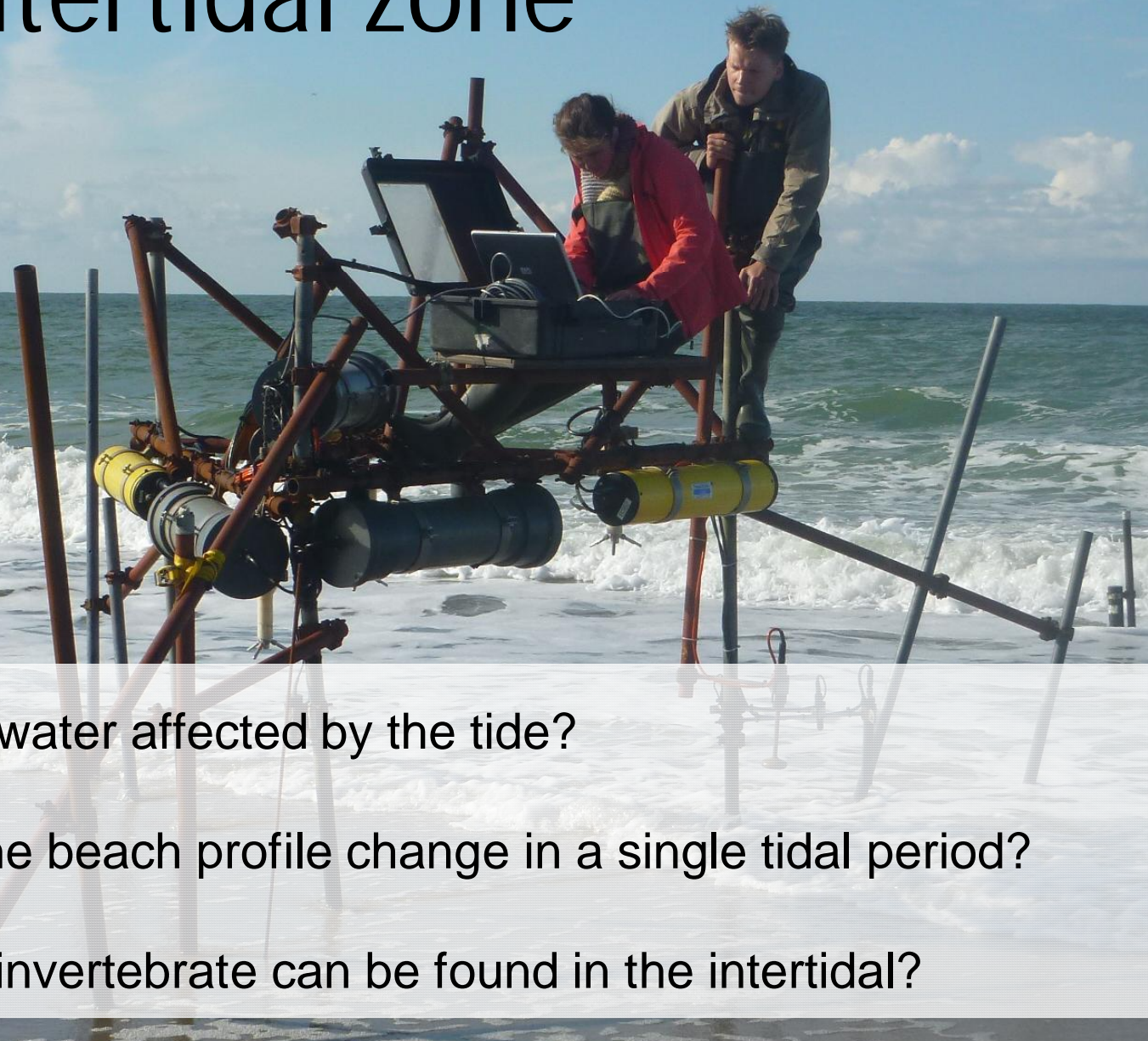
Ripple behavior



Intertidal zone



Intertidal zone



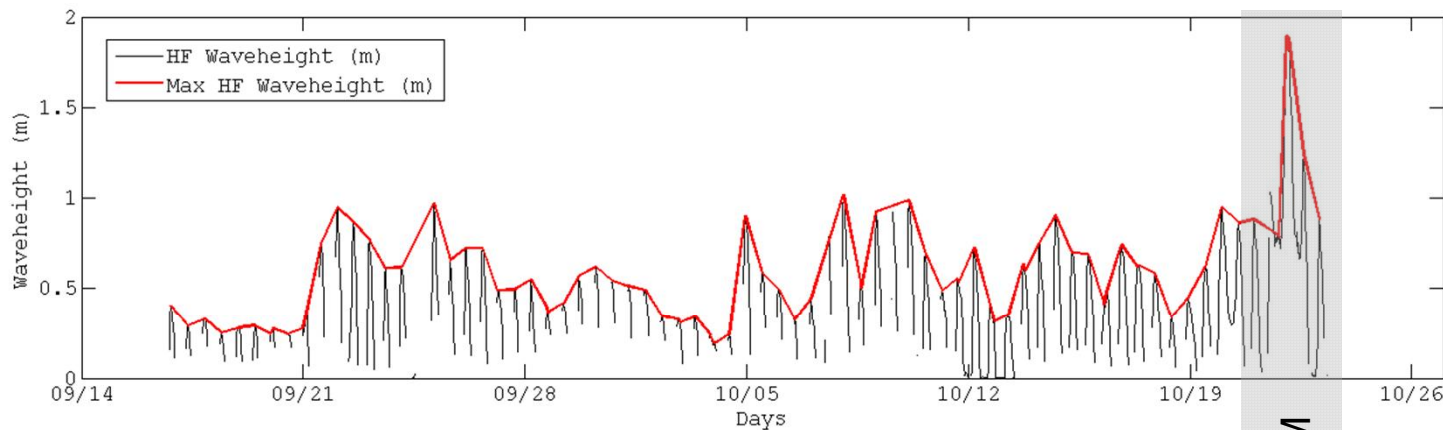
How is the groundwater affected by the tide?

How much does the beach profile change in a single tidal period?

How many macro invertebrate can be found in the intertidal?

Intertidal zone

Measurements of cross-shore hydrodynamics and sand suspension in the intertidal zone

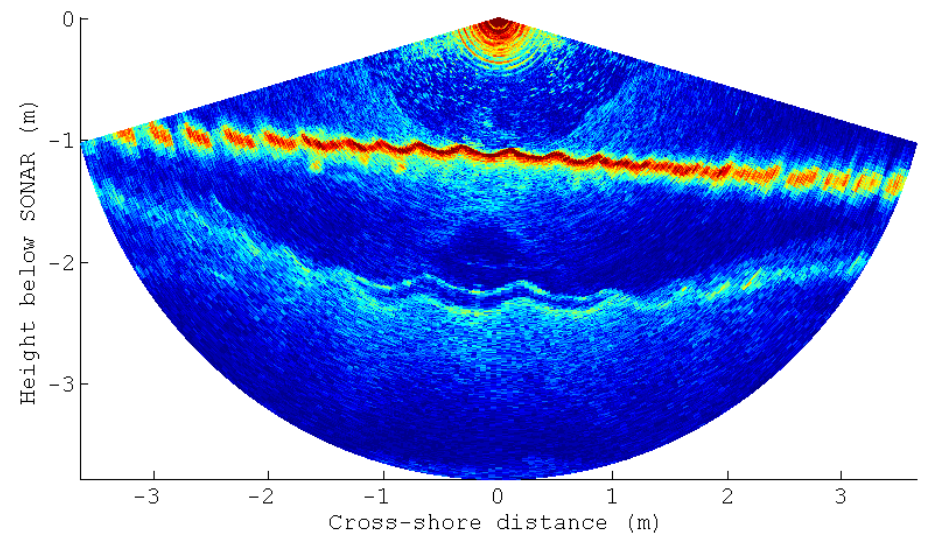


*During the storm:
waveheight in the
intertidal zone up to
1.8m,
infragravity
waveheight up to
60cm!!*



Intertidal zone

Detailed measurements of turbulence and sediment suspension beneath breaking waves and above ripples



Intertidal zone

Morphology



Surface moisture content



Intertidal variability in groundwater levels and surface moisture content

- *measured using groundwater wells,*
- *manual conductivity probes and*
- *laserscans*



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Intertidal zone

Macro invertebrate sampling



Beach & Dunes



Beach & Dunes

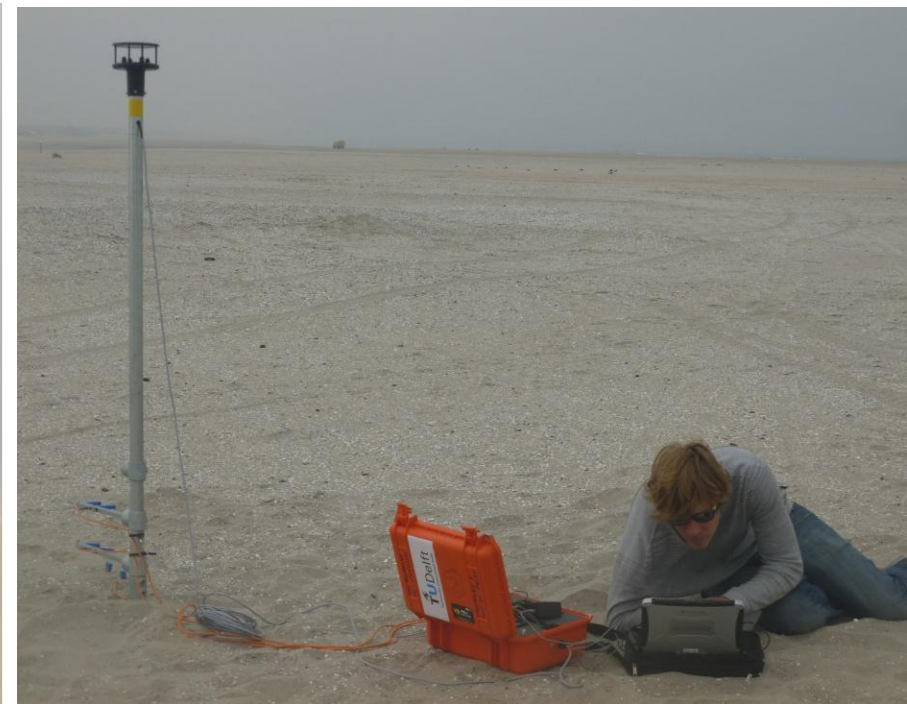
Which part of the beach is the Aeolian sand eroded from?

How important is surface moisture?

Can we estimate this transport with the Argus camera images?

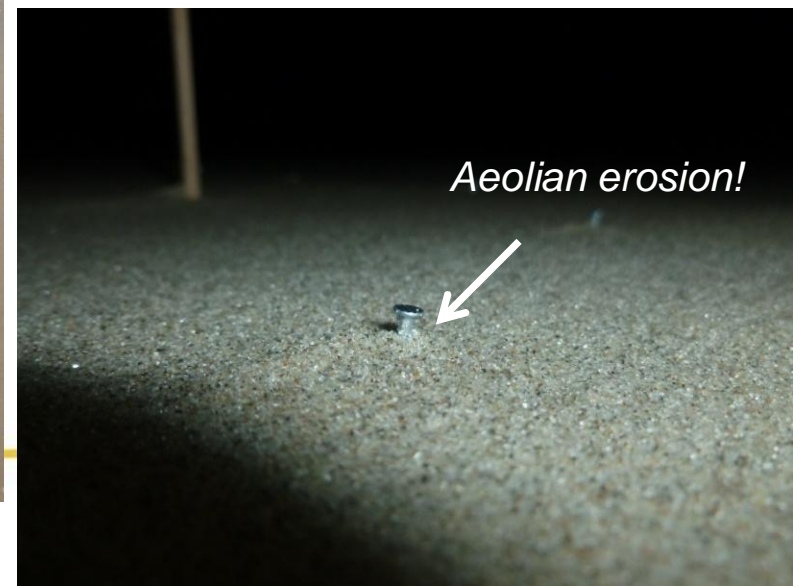
Beach & Dunes

Sediment transport measurements across the beach



Beach & Dunes

Erosion rates in a tidal cycle

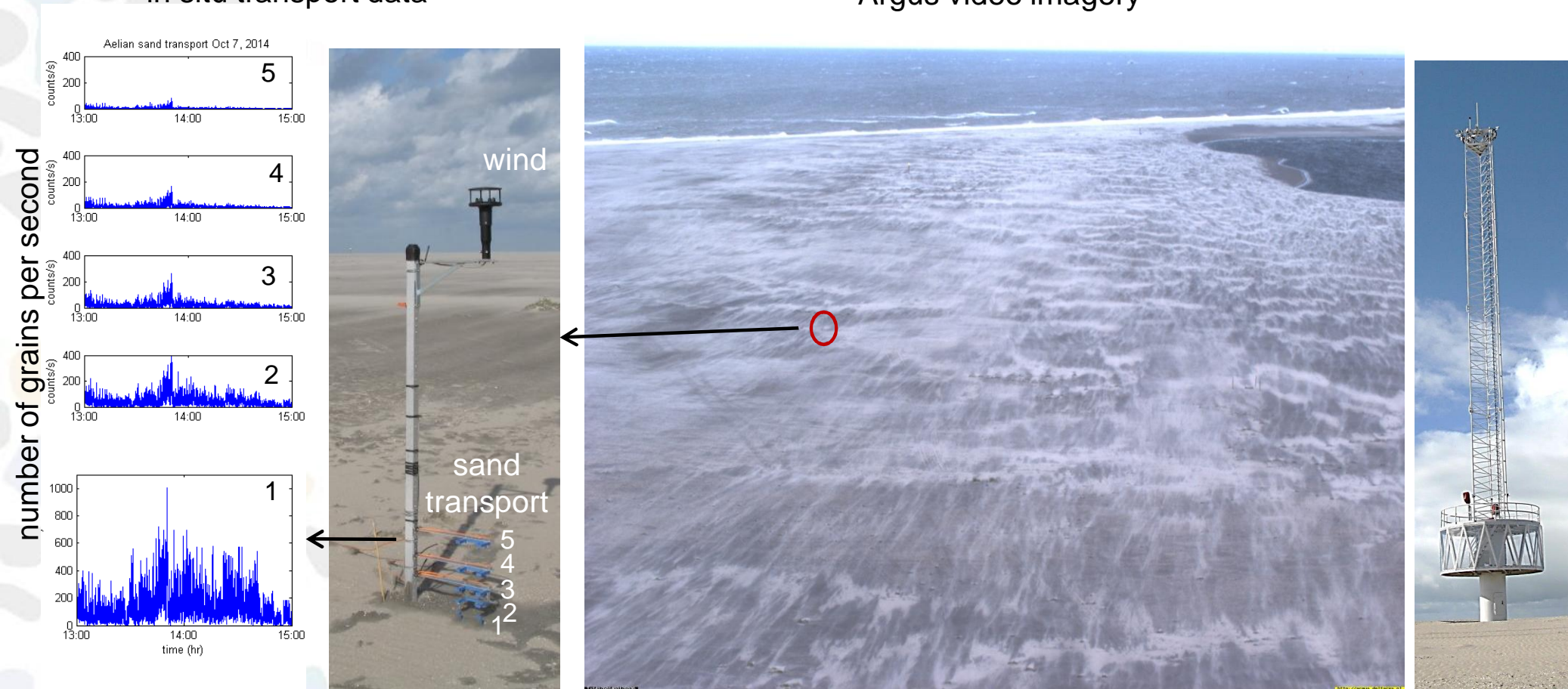


Beach & Dunes

Connection camera images and in situ measurements of transport

in situ transport data

Argus video imagery



Dune vegetation - Aeolian dynamics



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Dune vegetation - Aeolian dynamics

What is the effect of species on sand deposition and transport?

What is the effect of density on sand deposition and transport?

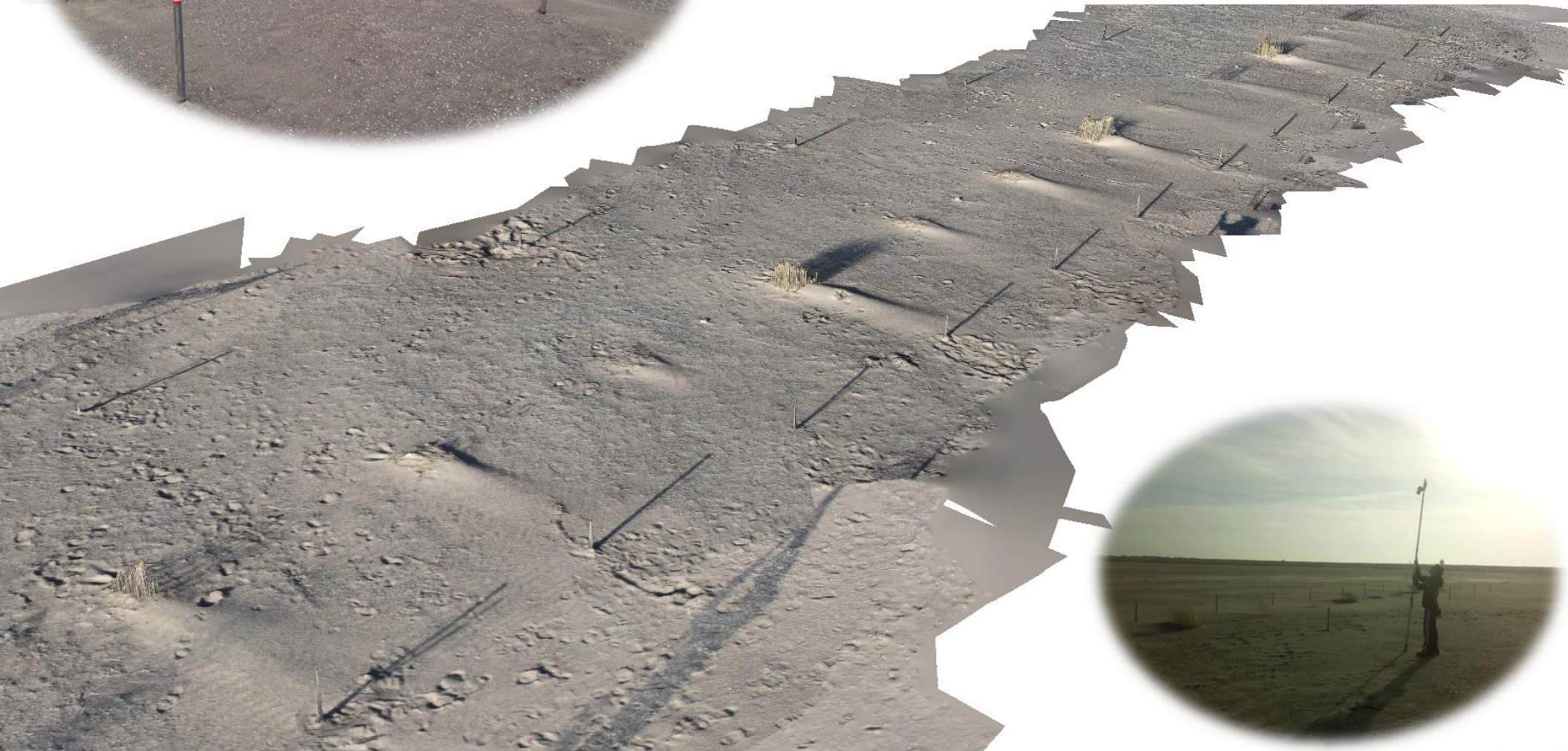


Methods

Erosion pins

Sand traps

Photogrammetry



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BUILDING WITH NATURE

Beach & Dunes

Mapping the beach & dunes

With:

- Drone
- Small plane
- and
- Kite



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Moreover

- Numerous other experiments (Sorry, if I passed over yours!)
- Intensified camera tower observations with Argus (with Rob Holman)
- Raw Radar data recordings
- Extra Rijkswaterstaat measurements : Wave bouy, 2 ADCPs, 13h ADCP cruise

Science Integration - MegaPEX

Unique collaboration

Multi-disciplinary data set

>40 researchers

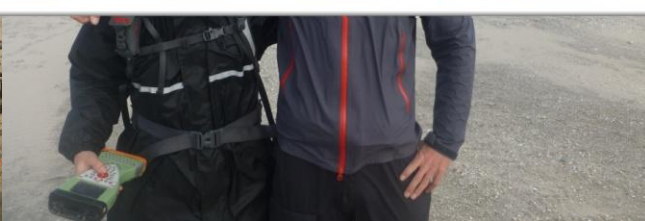
48 Days and 1 big storm!



Collaboration



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A lot of (media) attention

Brochure

Excursions

Web blogs

Newspapers

Radio broadcasts

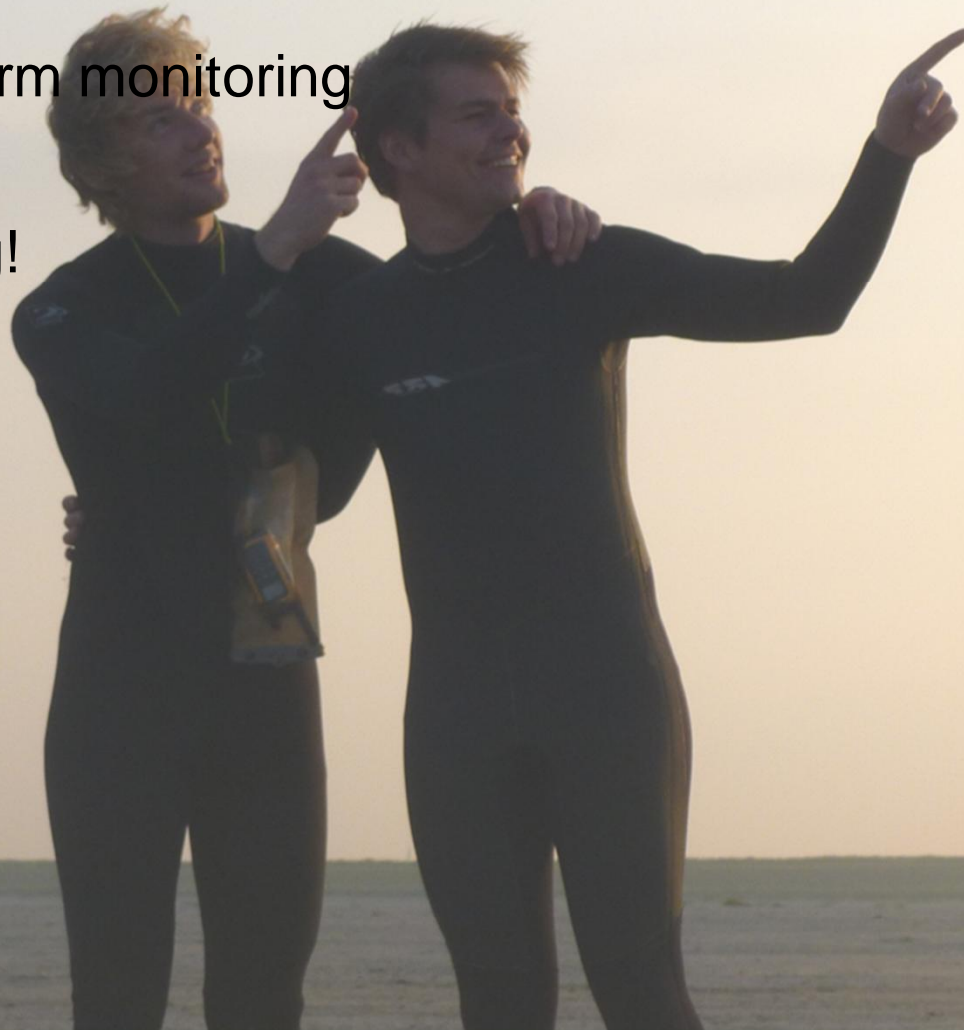
TV documentary

Nature coast MegaPEX movie

Outlook

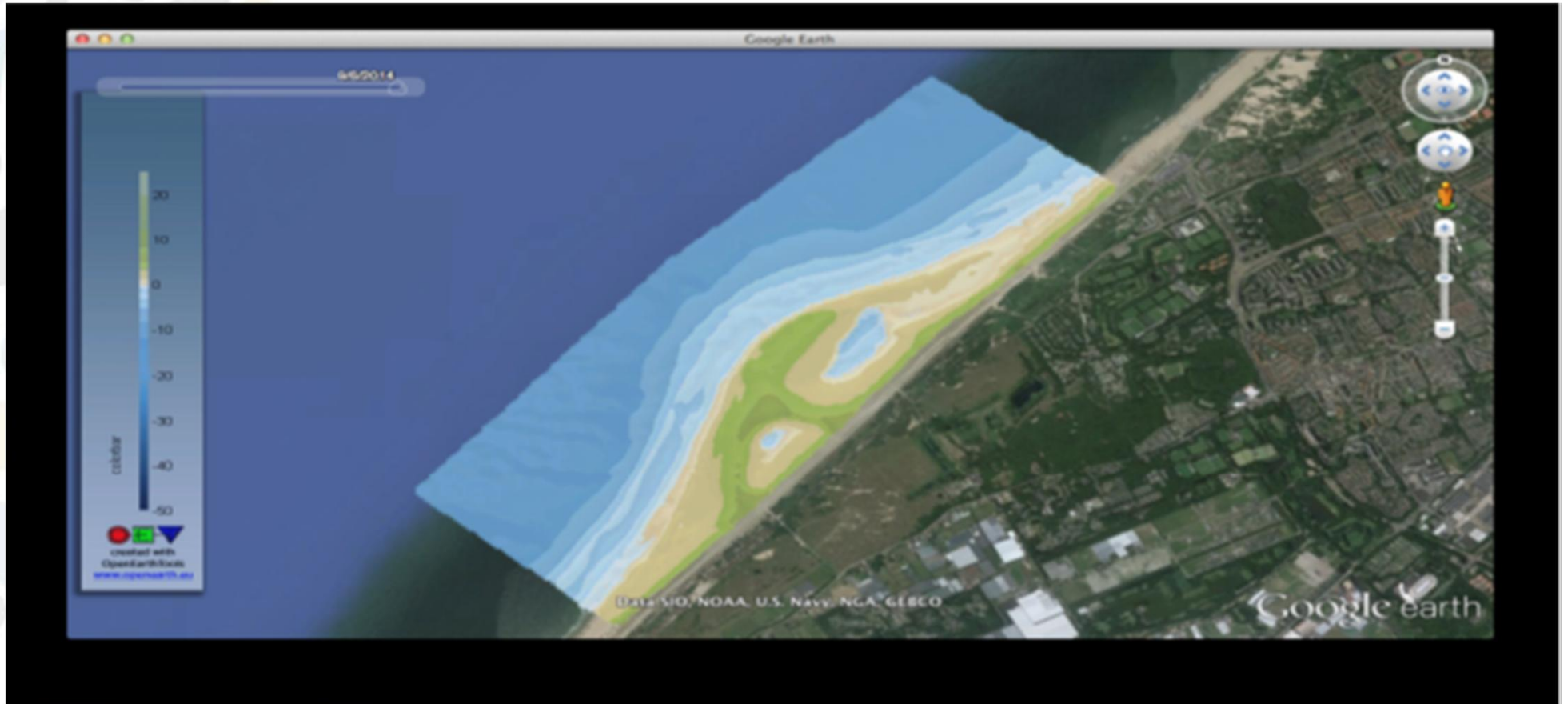
Continue the long term monitoring

And data processing!



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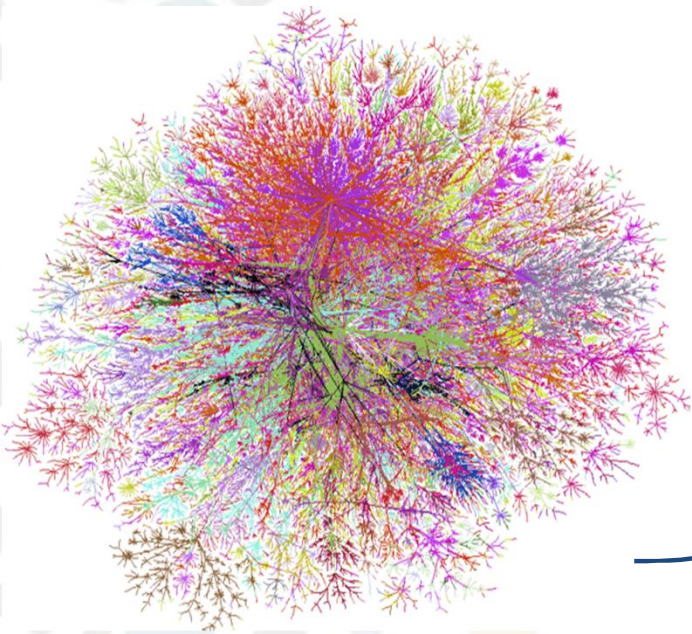
Data portal



Interdisciplinary research

Big data

1. Behavioral data
2. Process data

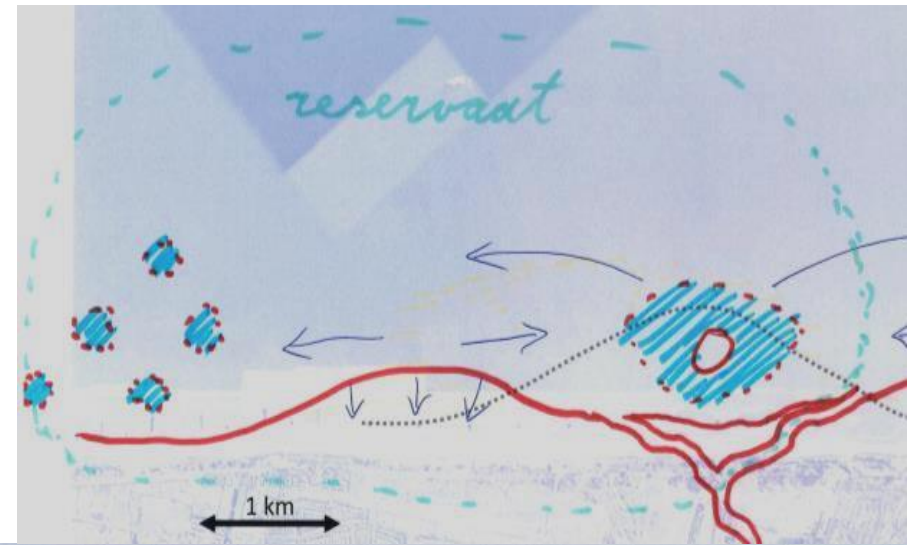
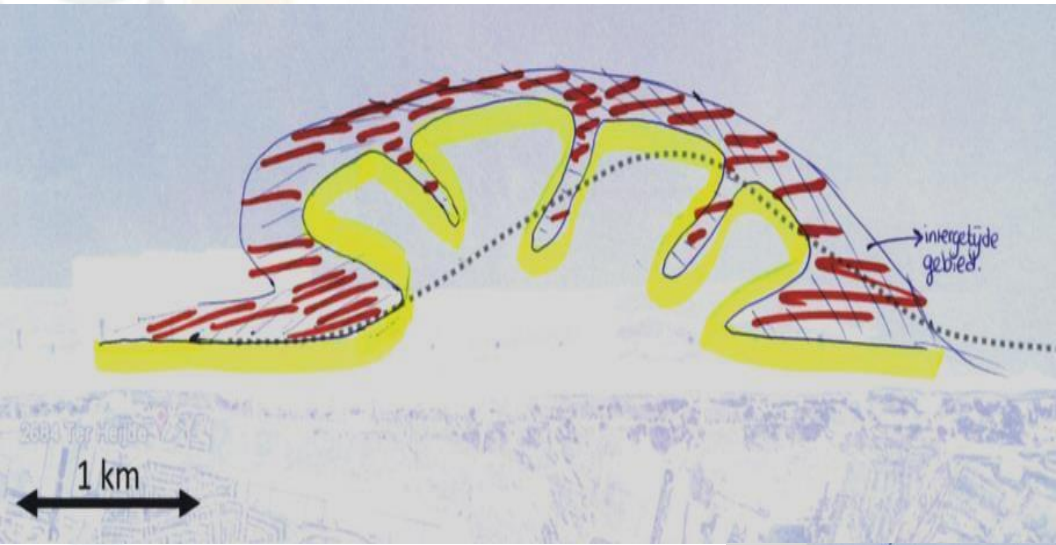


Interdisciplinary
knowledge
development

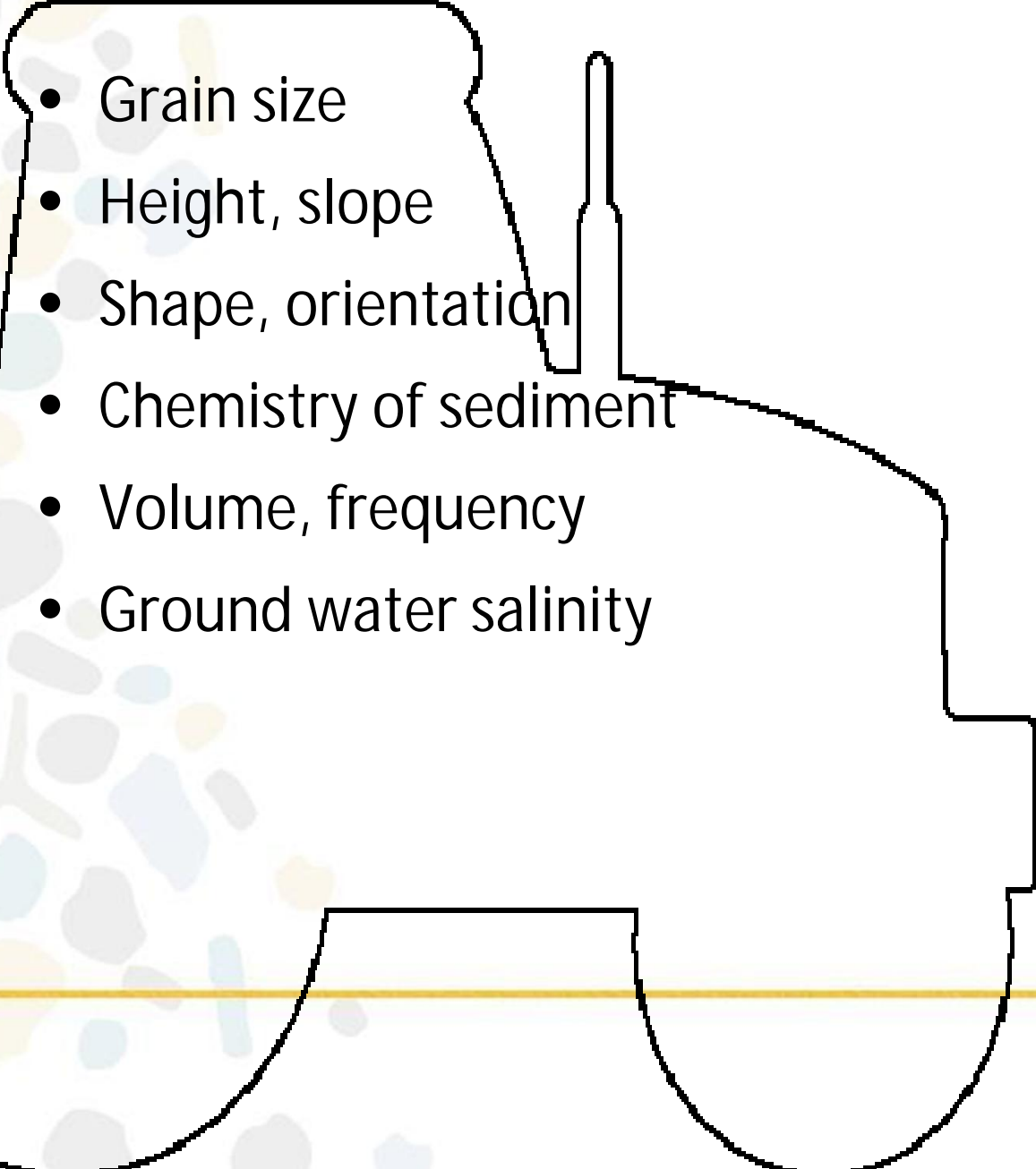
End-user ambitions that
require generic knowledge
usable for design



Design: building blocks of Sandy Solutions



Design for what, for whom?

- 
- Grain size
 - Height, slope
 - Shape, orientation
 - Chemistry of sediment
 - Volume, frequency
 - Ground water salinity

- Dune development
- Safety
- Recreation, Nature
- Innovation

Ecosystem services not targeted

- Fresh water provision
- Nursery for flatfish (and other animals?)
- Many different forms of recreation
- Inspiration for art
- Excursions to quintessentially Dutch location

The Sand Motor is (also) a cultural landscape

Towards engineering the Ecosystem Services (& other goals) of the Sand Motor (& beyond)



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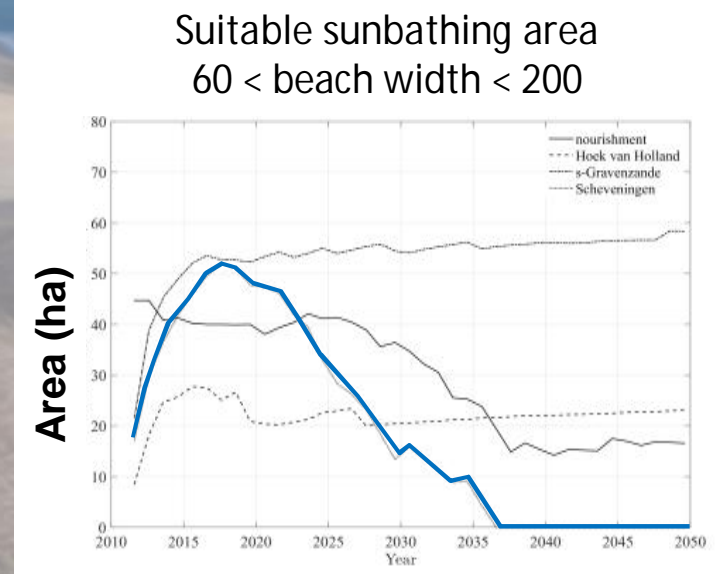
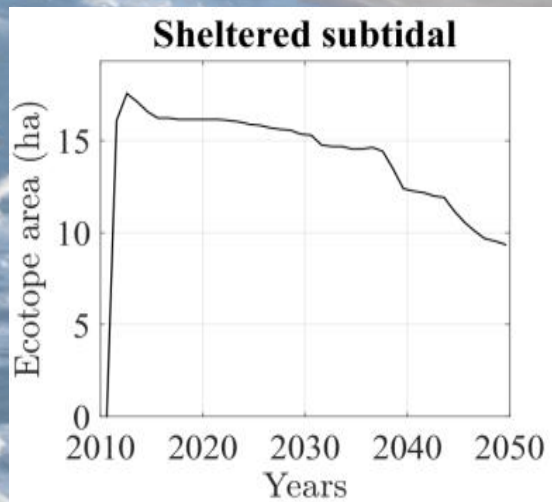
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G4P4



Integrated tools for ESS quantification

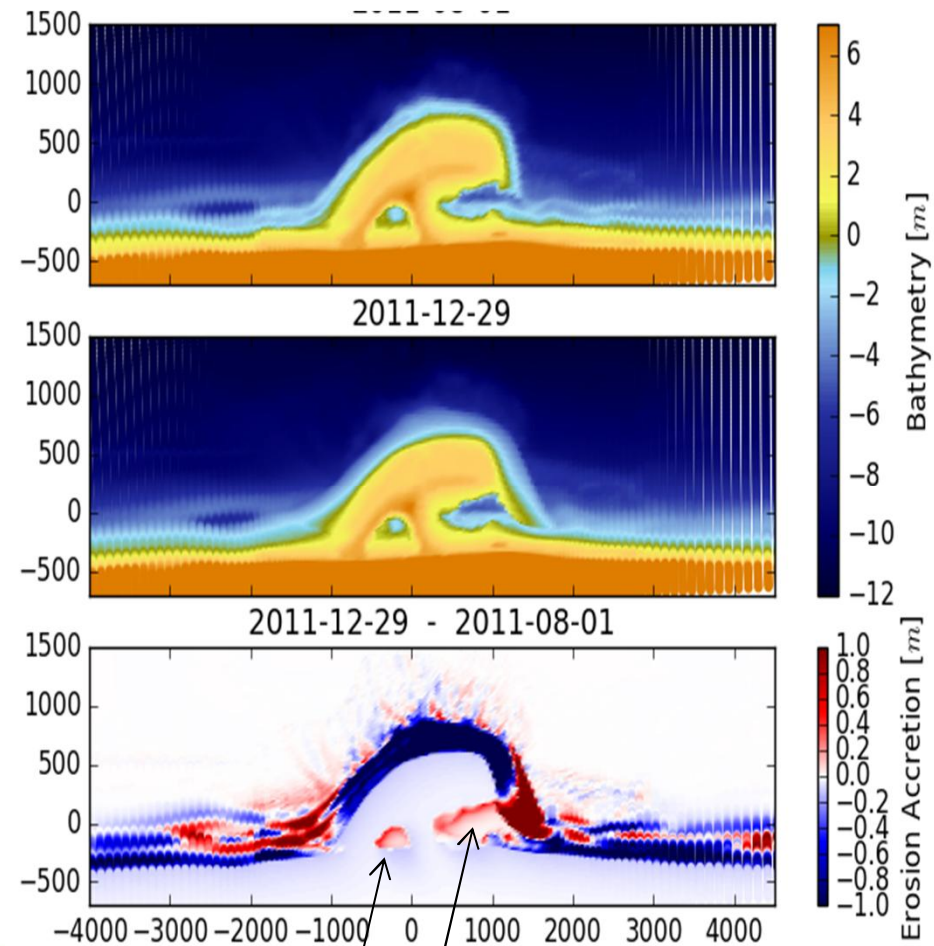
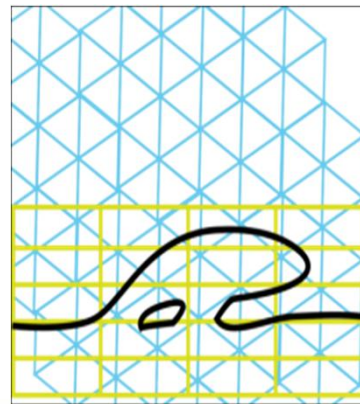
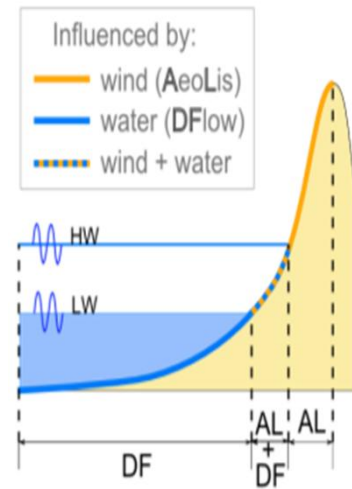
Towards engineering the ecosystem services of a mega-nourishment

- Coastal protection
- Recreation:
 - * kite surfing,
 - * strolling,
 - * sunbathing
- Habitat provision by dynamic ecotope mapping



Integrated morphodynamic model for the dry beach and subaerial

- Intertidal area is resolved by Delft3D and Aeolis model
- Deposition of dune lake and lagoon is now incorporated in the morphological simulation.



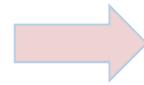
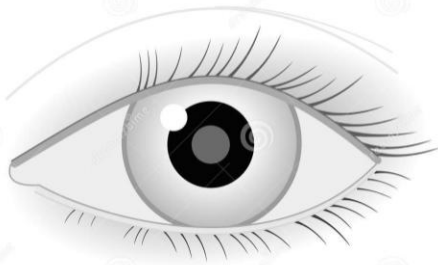
Arjen Luijendijk, Bas Hoonhout, Rufus Velhorst and Sierd de Vries,
Coastal Dynamics, 2017

Room for improvement

- Bridge governance & other NC research
 - Socio-economic research should be strongly embedded
- Emphasis on design (implications) earlier on
 - Key chapter for each PhD researcher
 - Actively involve end-users, sessions organized by them

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Monitor



Understand



Create

