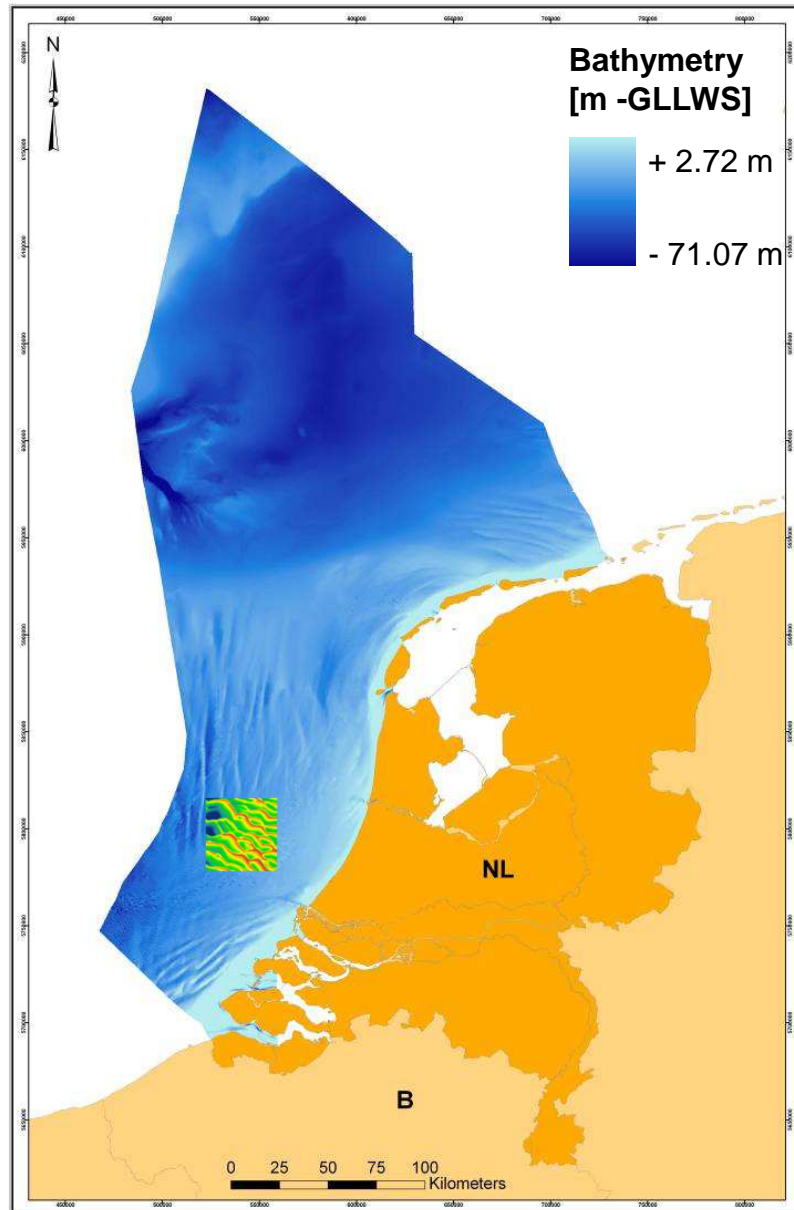


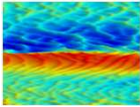
# Quantitative seabed dynamics from bathymetric time series and shipping risk assessment, Netherlands Continental Shelf

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22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2016

# Relevance of seabed dynamics



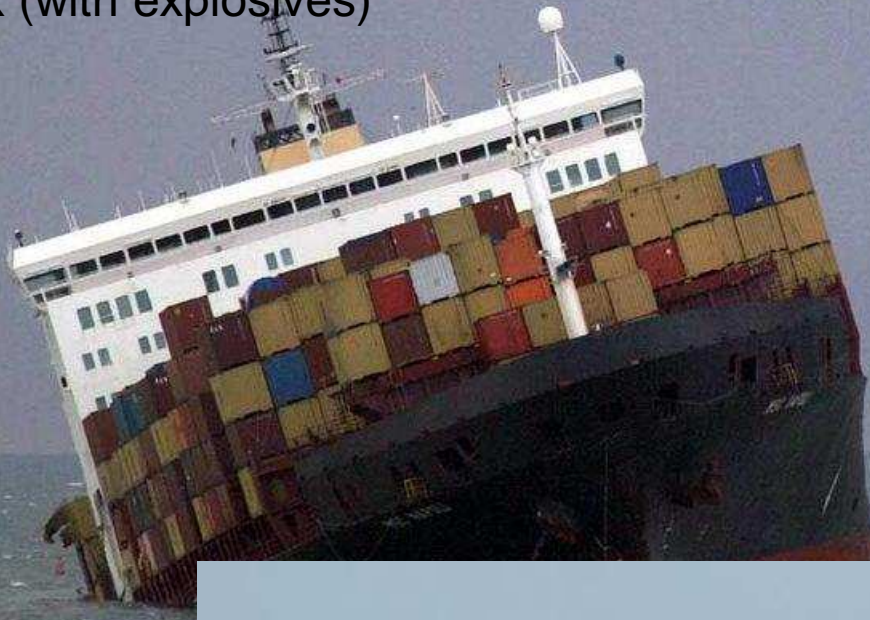
- Dynamic bedforms 
- Safe navigation
- Monitoring and maintenance policies (risk-based resurveying, dredging, nourishments)
- Offshore and coastal engineering (wind farms, cables & pipe lines, nature-based solutions)

*Bathymetry NCS*  
(TNO, 2004)

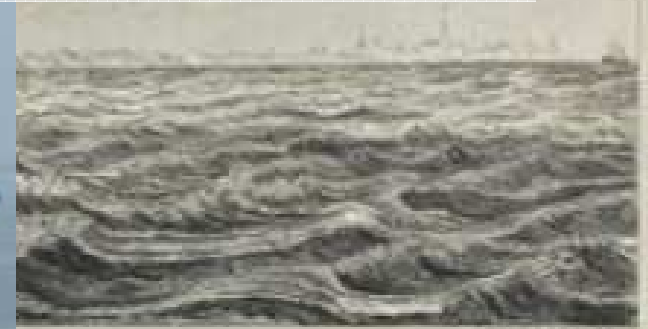
# Relevance of seabed dynamics

MSC Napoli, off the coast of Devon,  
UK (with explosives)

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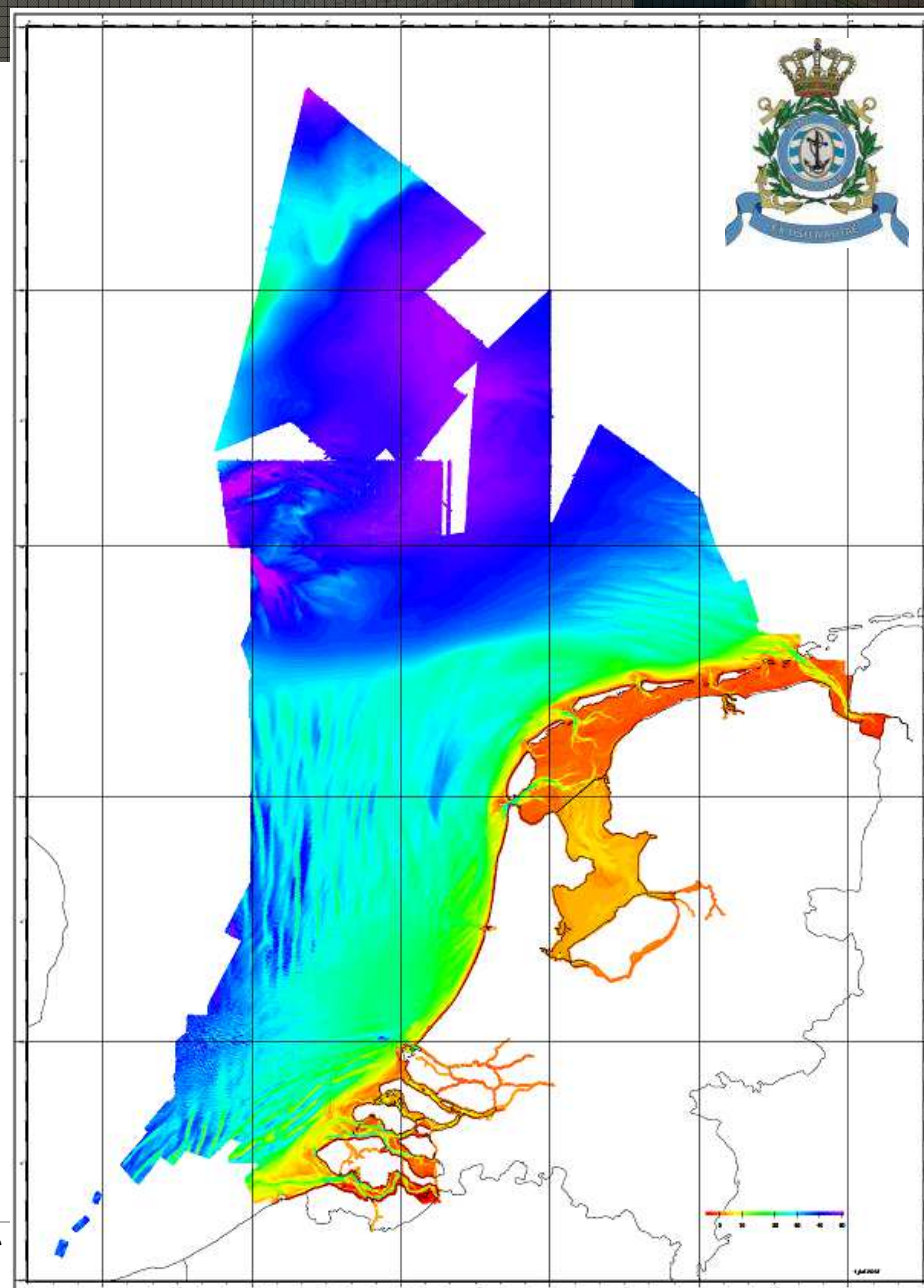
- Shipping: critical water depths
  - Safety
  - Environment
  - Large economic benefit transport: 15 cm extra draught
- Marine Spatial Planning: e.g. adjustment traffic separation schemes (TSS)



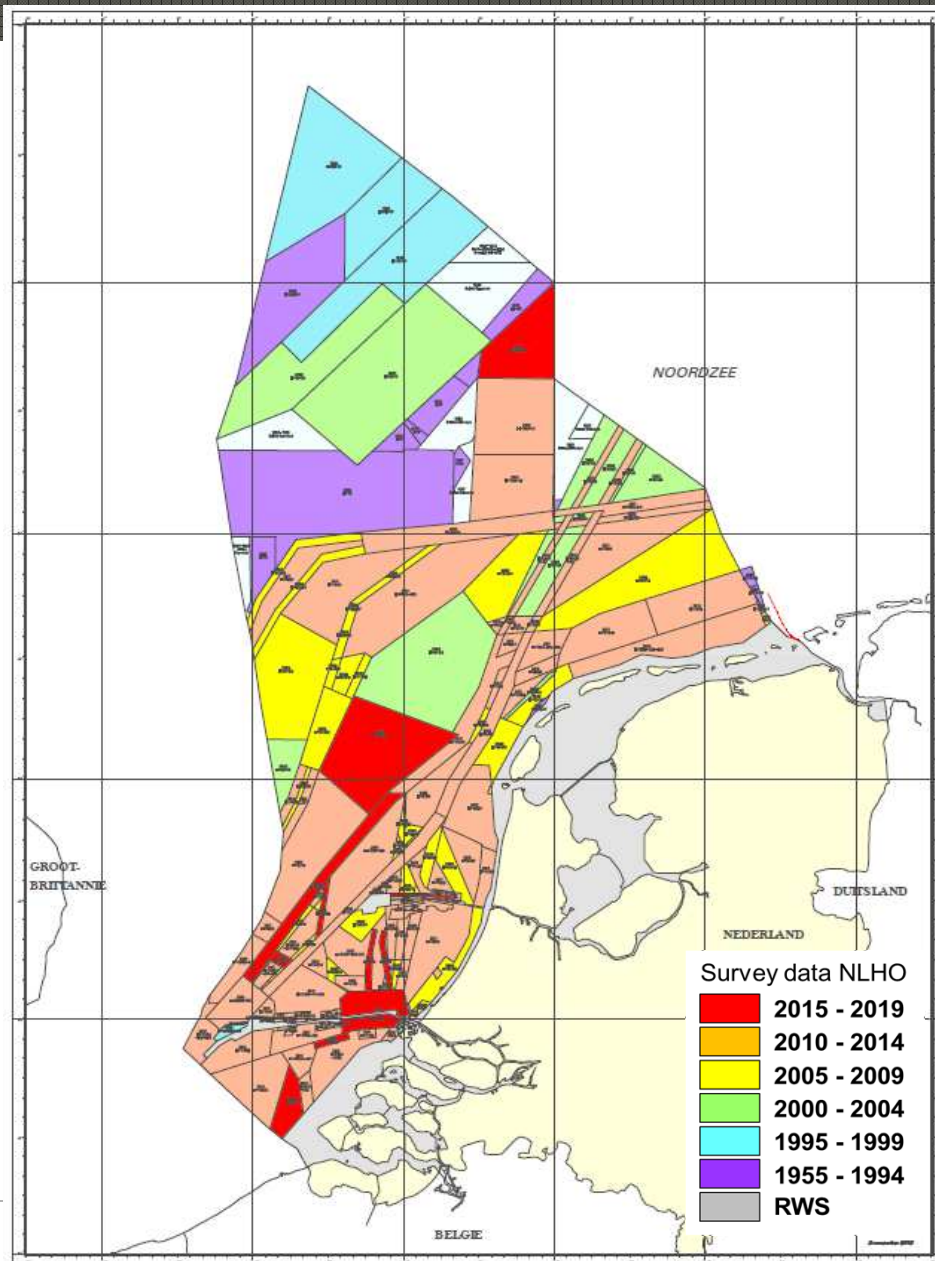
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# Available data NCS

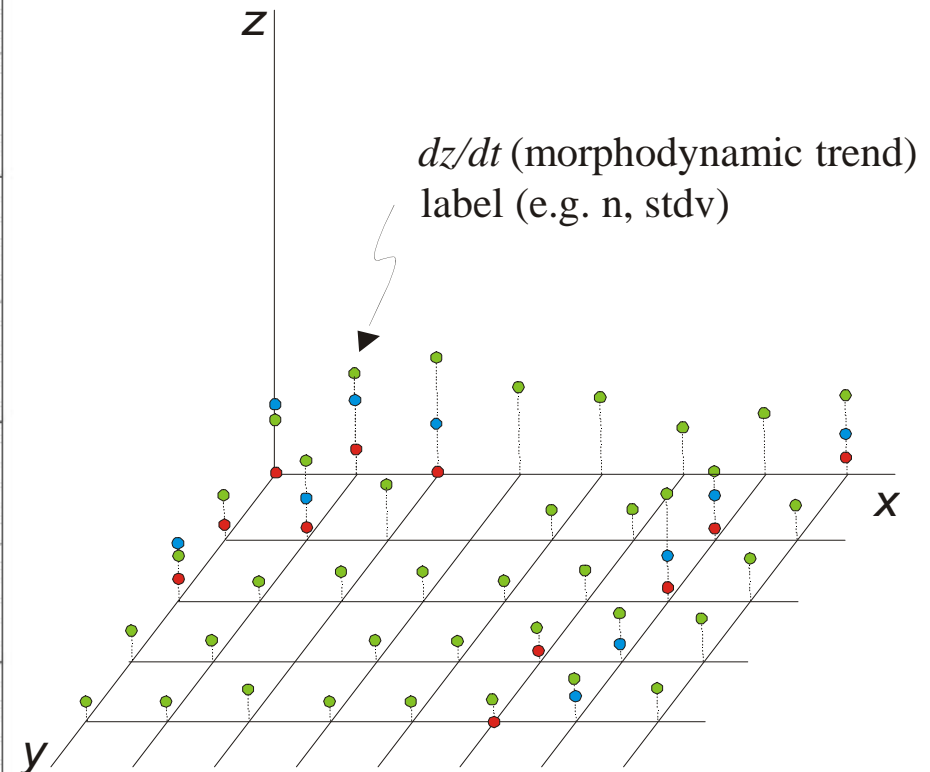
- All bathymetric data in NLHO's Bathymetric Archive System (BAS)
  - NLHO & RWS
  - SBES & MBES
  - Late 1980s – 2015
- Non-digital data (fair sheets)
- Wrecks/Objects point data set (NLHO & RWS)
- Maritime data (AIS-database)
- Seabed sediments (TNO & Deltares digital map)
- Hydrodynamics (MATROOS-database)



# Quantification vertical dynamics NCS



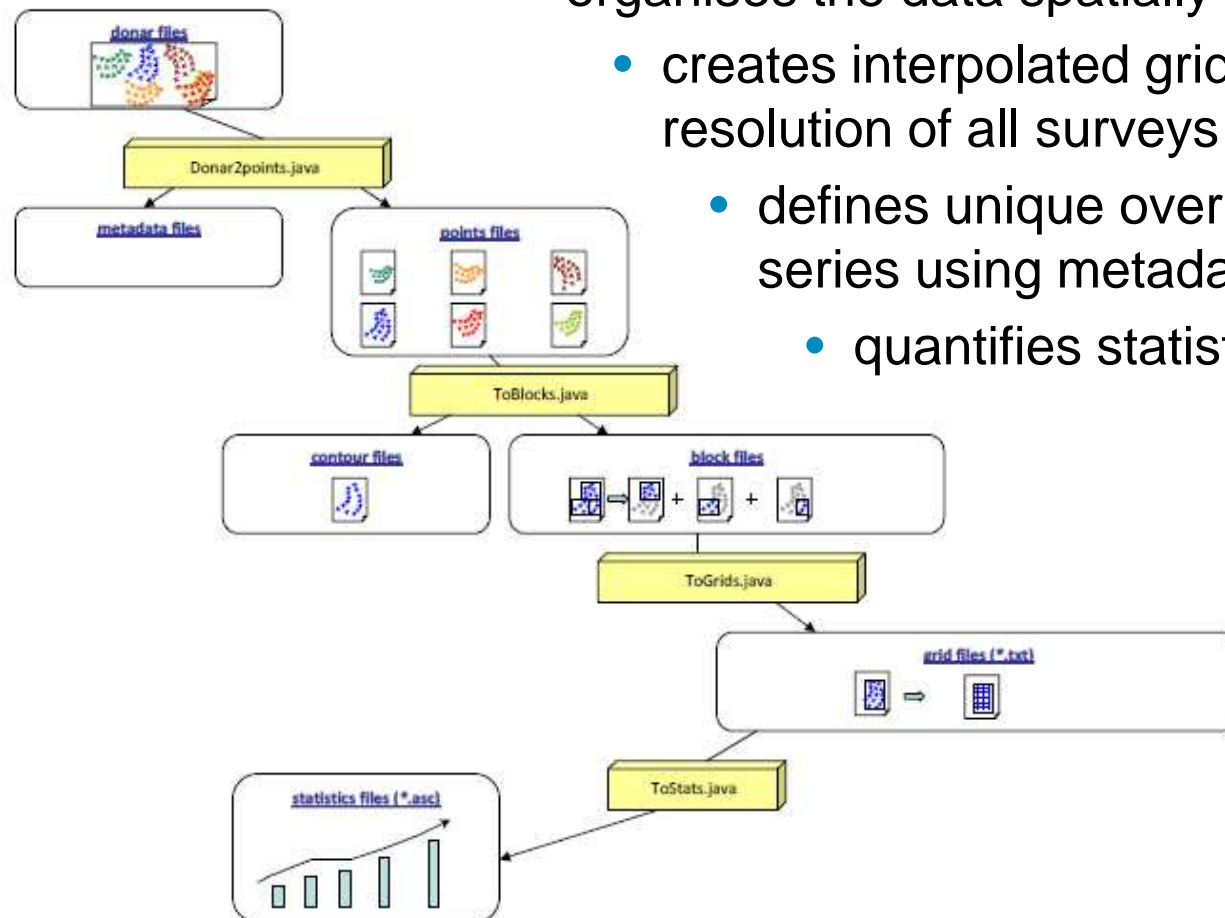
- Surveys in time series
- Digital Elevation Models (DEMs) (now online on [www.OpenEarth.nl](http://www.OpenEarth.nl))
- Vertical bed dynamics,  $dz/dt$  (m/yr)



# Quantification vertical dynamics NCS

- Fully-automated method for the quantification of vertical bed dynamics. The method can deal with large data sets and high-resolution data.

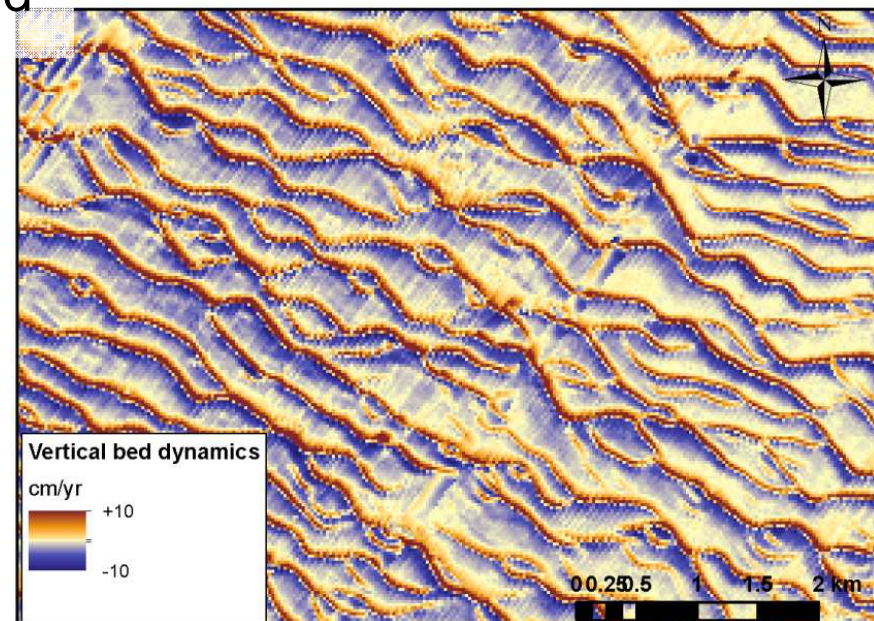
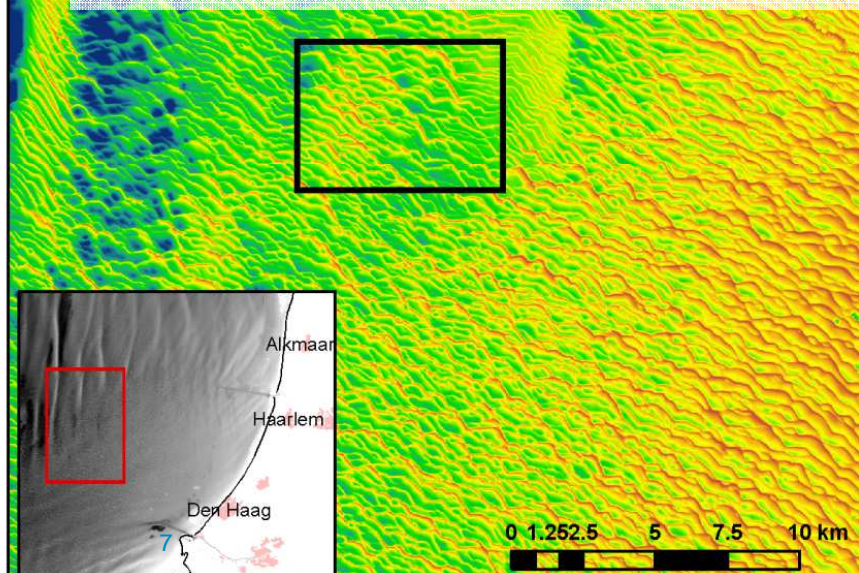
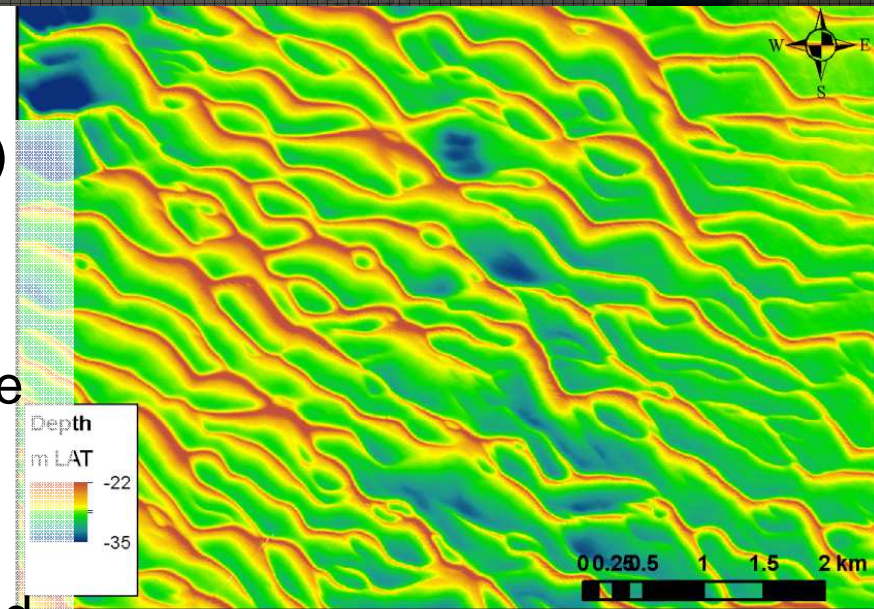
- organises the data spatially per survey,
  - creates interpolated grids (DEMs) at user-defined resolution of all surveys in time,
  - defines unique overlaps of surveys in time series using metadata and
  - quantifies statistics per grid node, e.g.



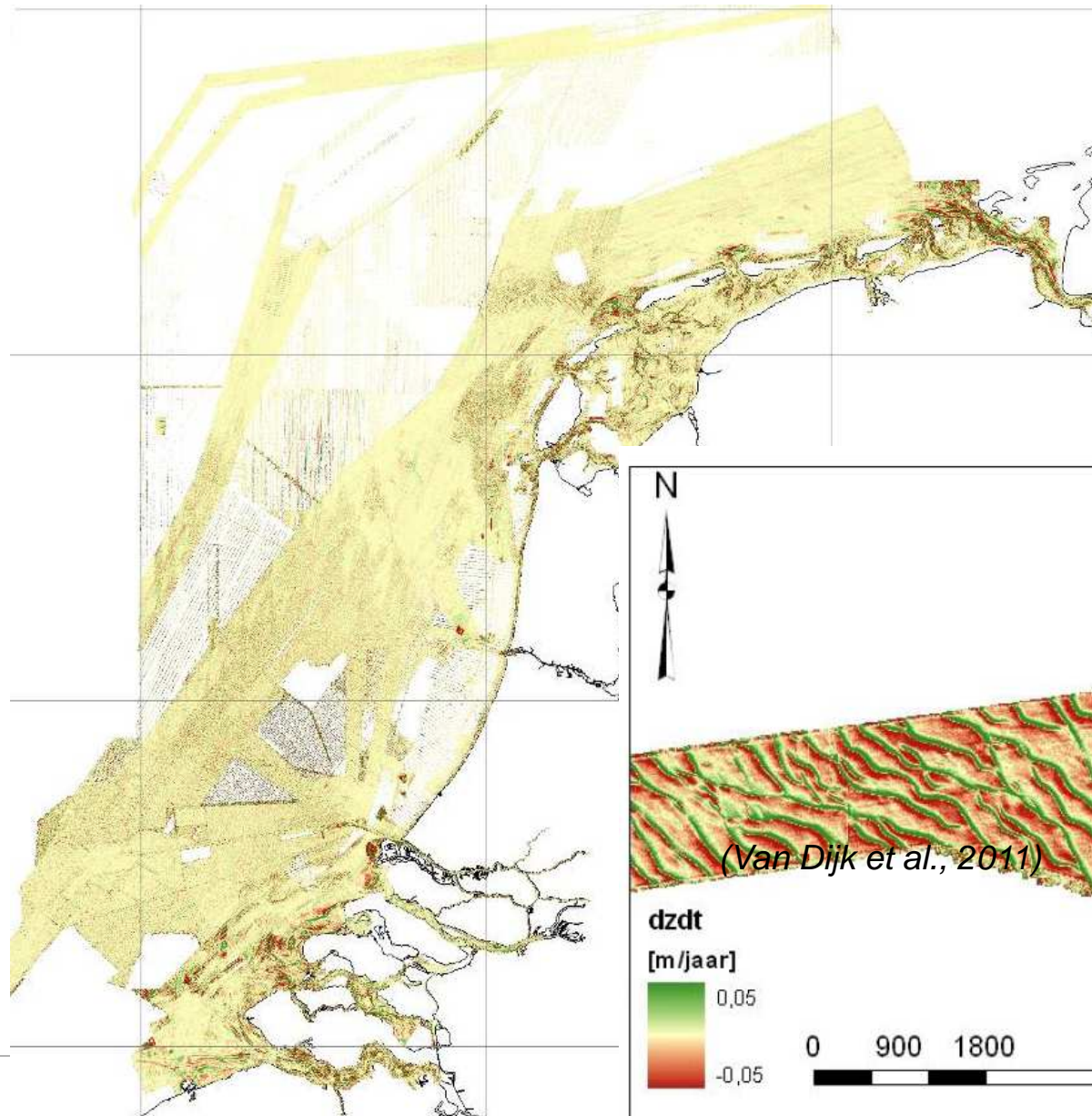
- mean  $z$
- min  $z$ , max  $z$
- $dz/dt$

# Results: high-resolution statistics (per node)

- most recent depths (bathy map)
- $\min\_z$ ,  $\max\_z$ ,  $\max\_diff$
- standard deviation of  $z$
- number of surveys per grid node
- $dz/dt$  (m/yr)
- $dz/dt\_corrected$  (m/yr)
- goodness of fit of the linear trend

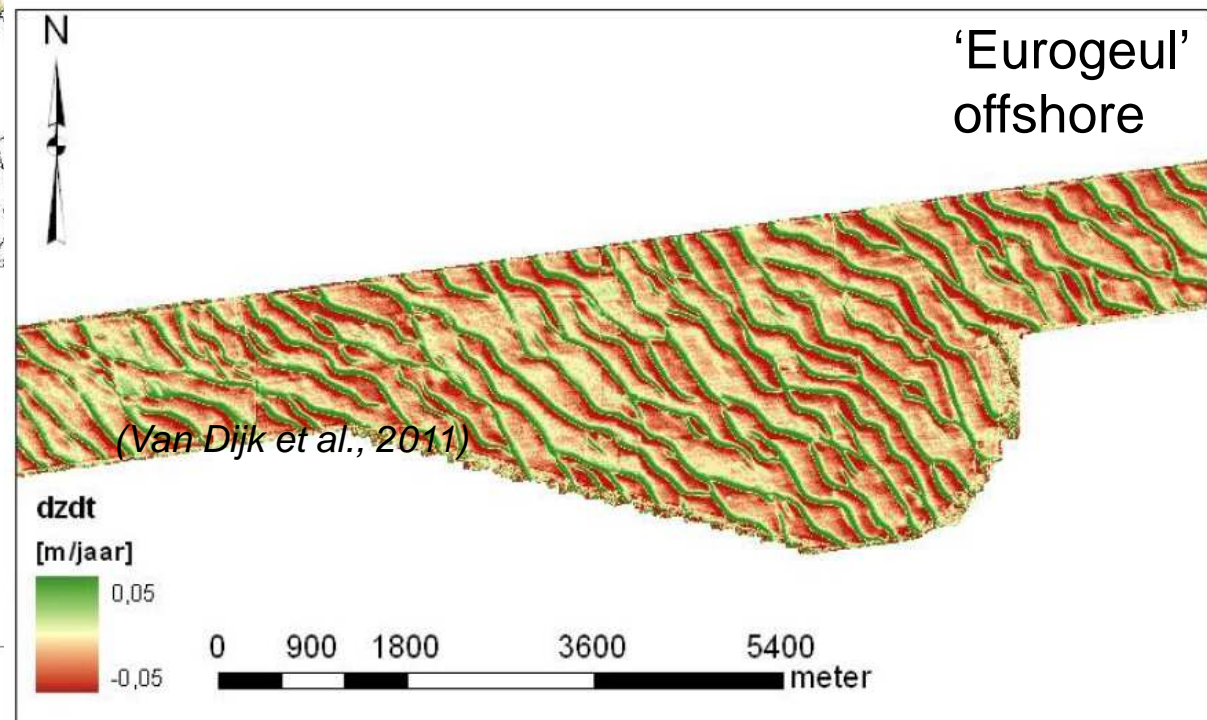


# Results: Vertical nodal dynamics NCS (m/yr)



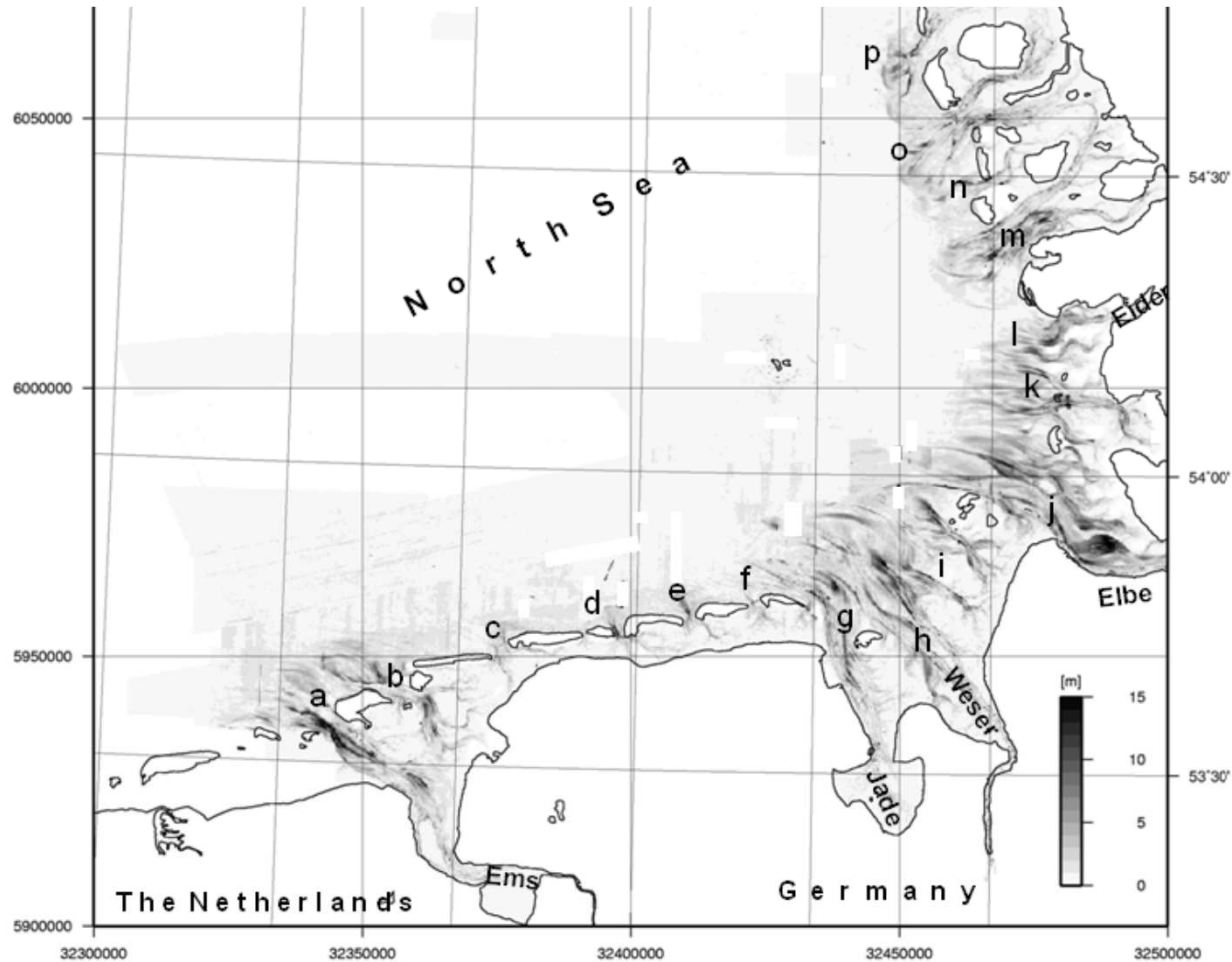
Coast is dynamic:

- coastal erosion and tidal reduction effects
- estuaries





# Comparison to study of German Bight

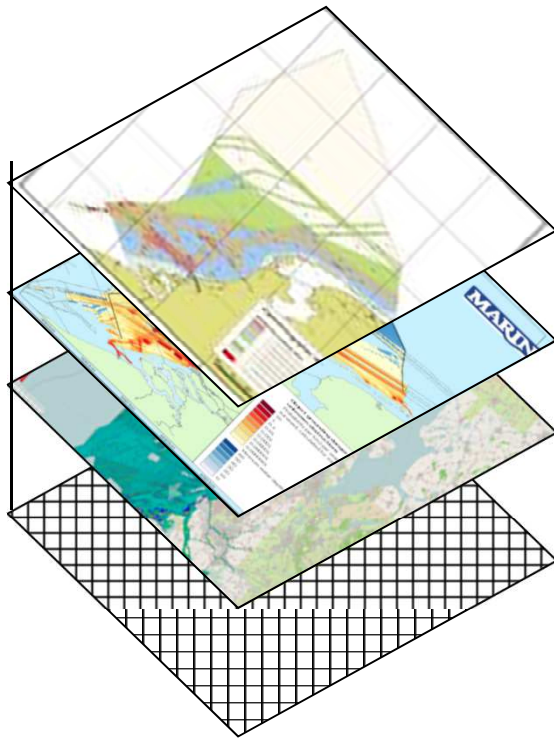


- Bed elevation range (m)
- data 1982 - 2004

(Winter, 2011)

# Risk-based resurvey policy

- Aim: validation & optimisation of re-survey policy NLHO



GIS-overlay method:

- re-survey policy
- combined grounding dangers for ships (based on AIS-data)
- morphodynamics ( $dz/dt$ ) as predicted water depths



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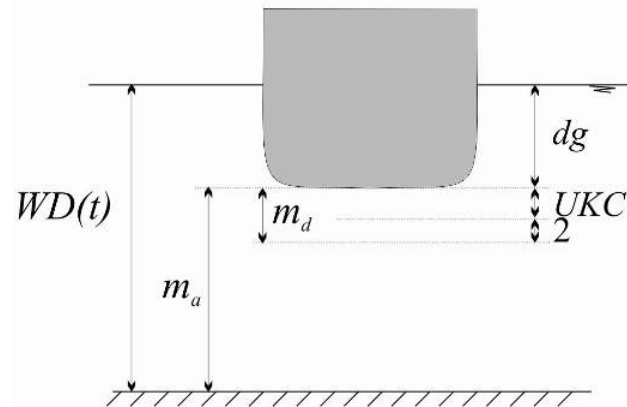
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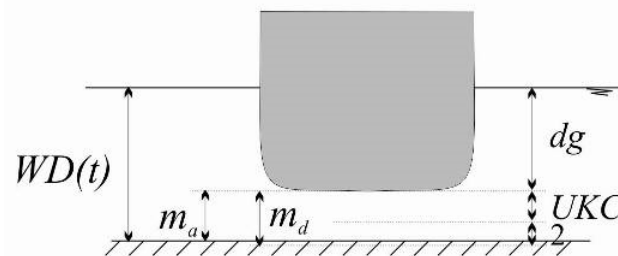
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# Risk-based resurvey policy

- Regular grounding

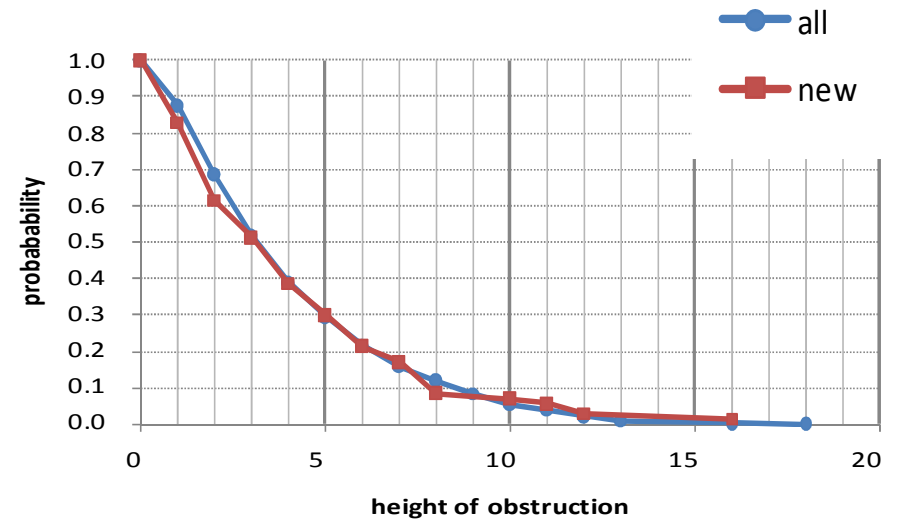


- If  $m_a > m_d$ , danger = 0
- If  $m_a < 0$ , runs aground



- Probability of running aground

- Object grounding

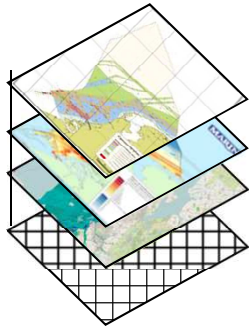


- All known objects
- New known objects
- ↓
- Unknown objects



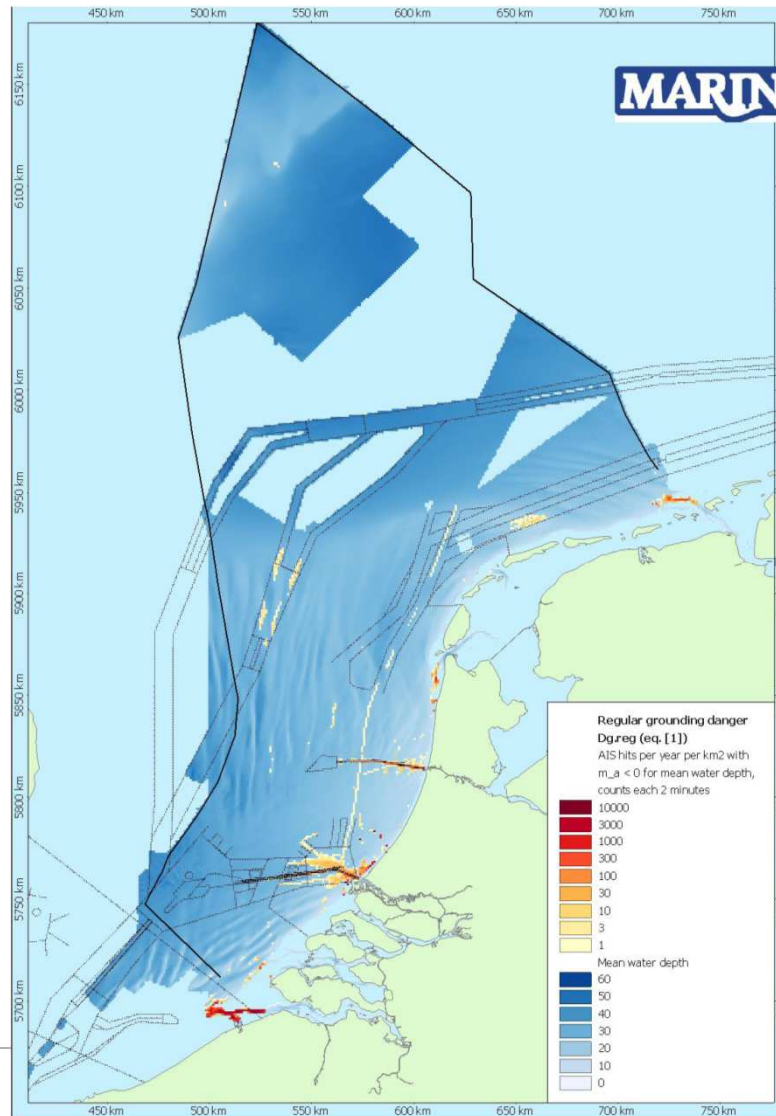
- AIS data
- 1x1 km

# Risk-based resurvey policy

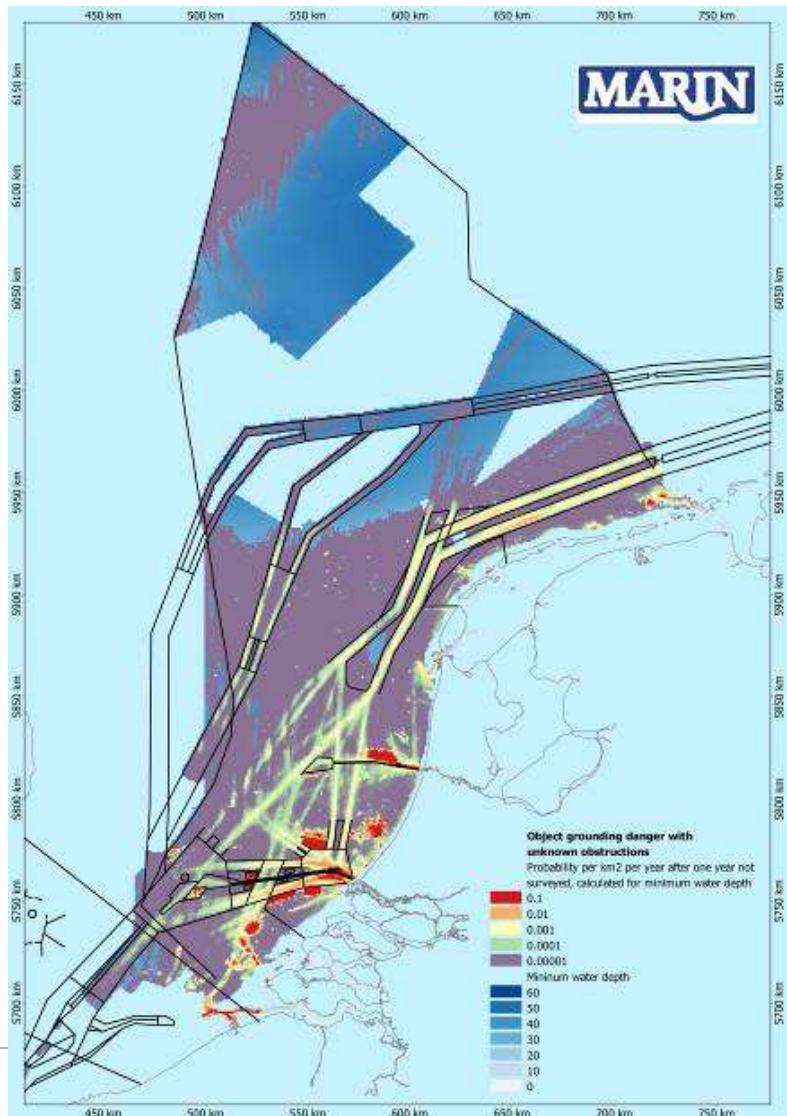


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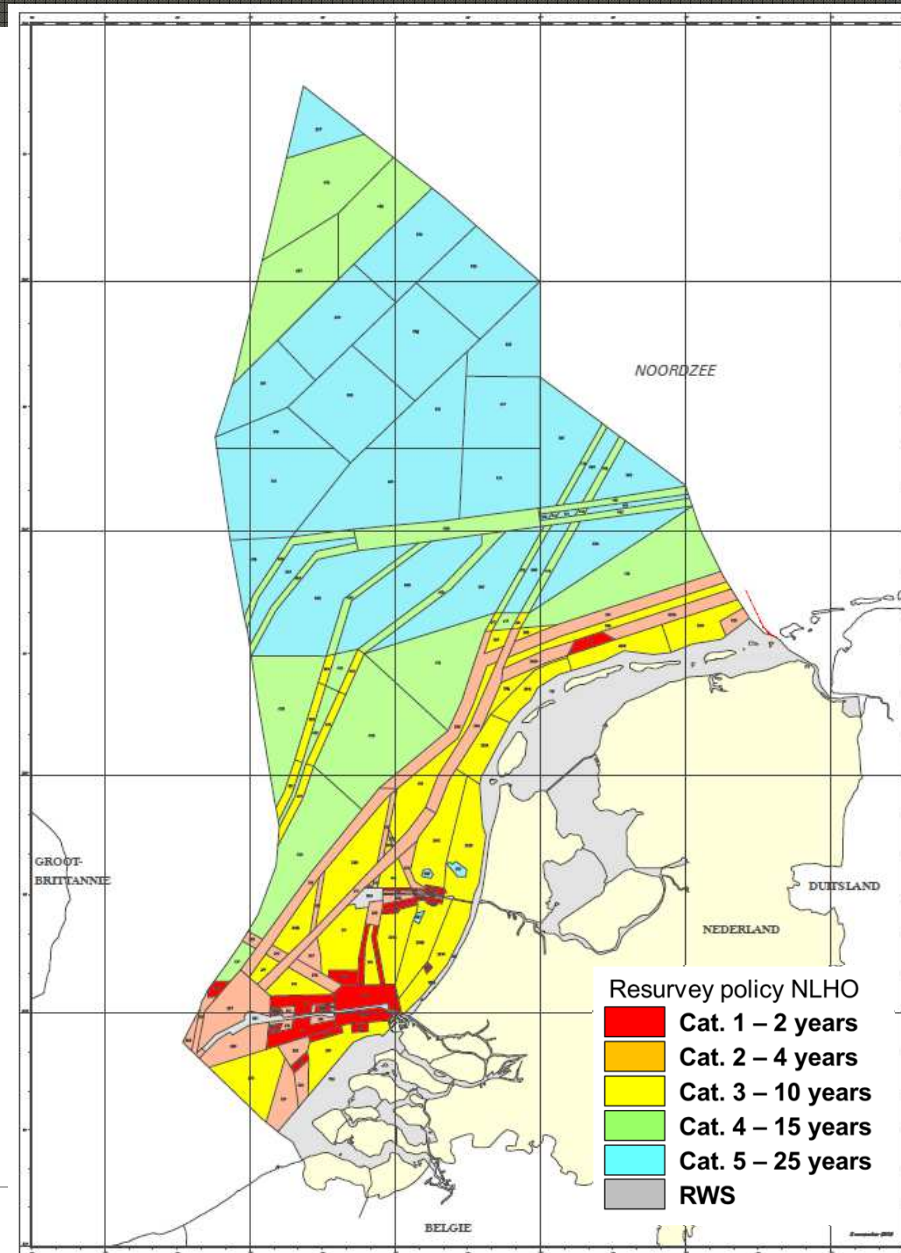
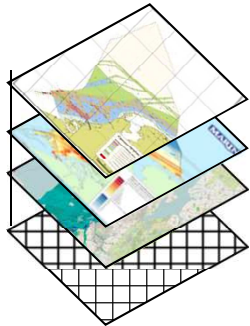
- Regular grounding



- Object grounding



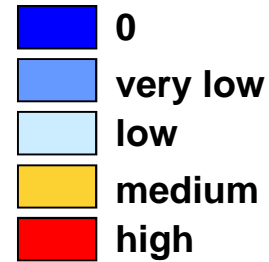
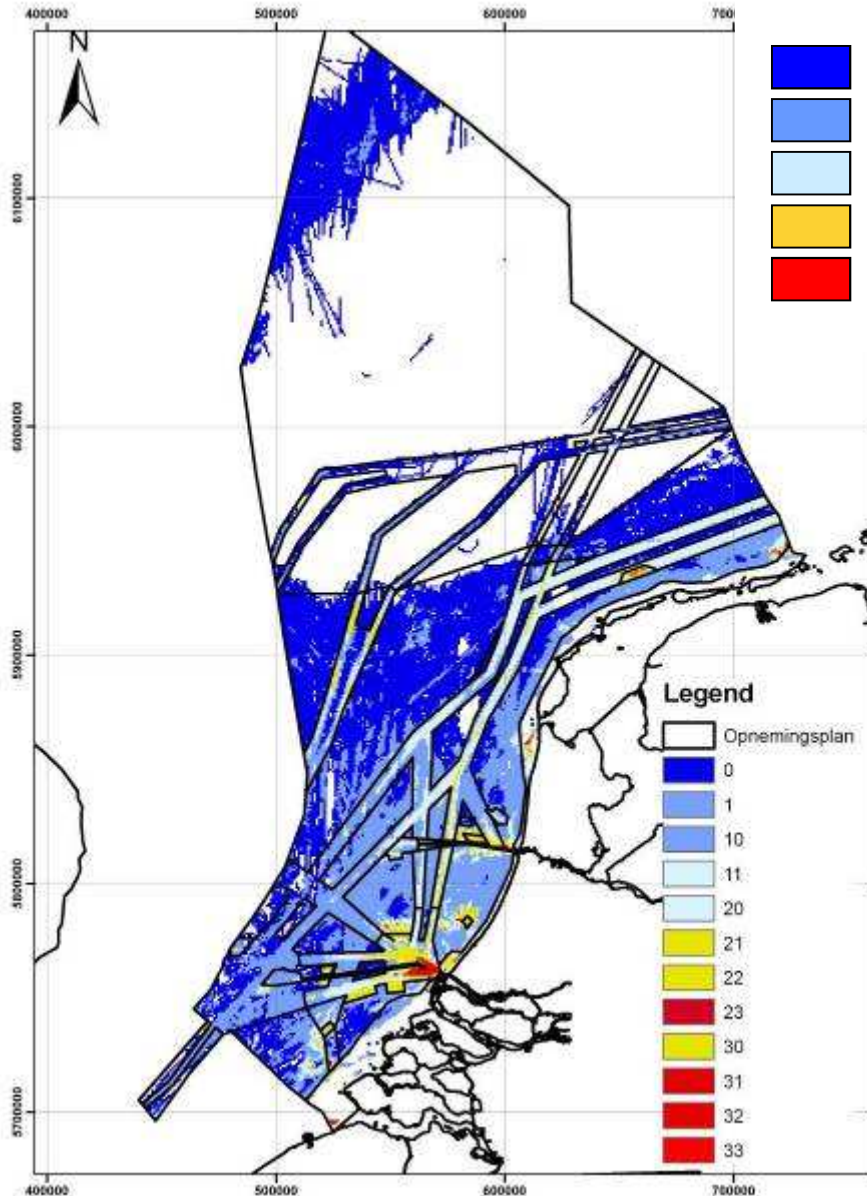
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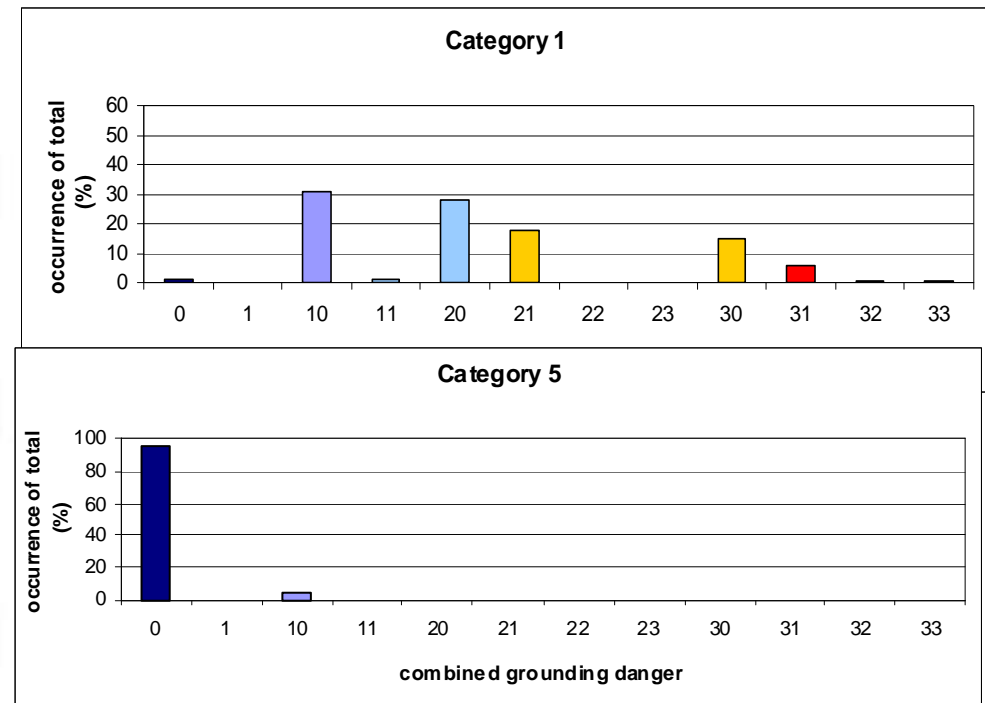
- NLHO's resurvey policy for the NCS, 2015

# Risk-based resurvey policy

CAT 1 – at least every 2 years  
 CAT 2 – 4 years  
 CAT 3 – 10 years  
 CAT 4 – 15 years  
 CAT 5 – 25 years



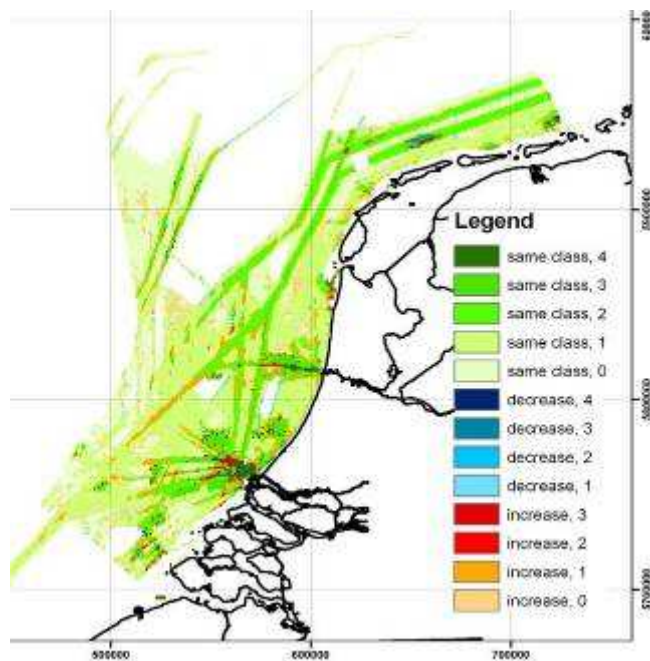
- Combined grounding dangers
- Validation
- Ideally, few classes per category



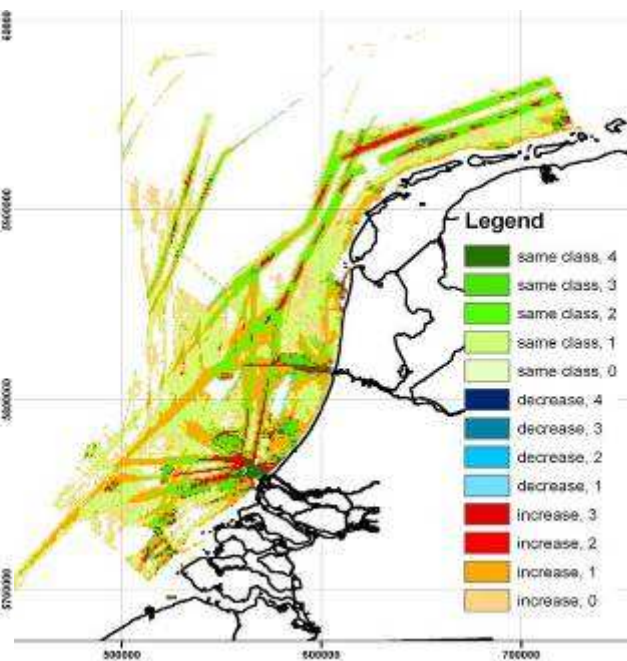
# Risk-based resurvey policy

- Development of combined grounding danger in the future based on predicted water depths identifies when areas need to be re-surveyed

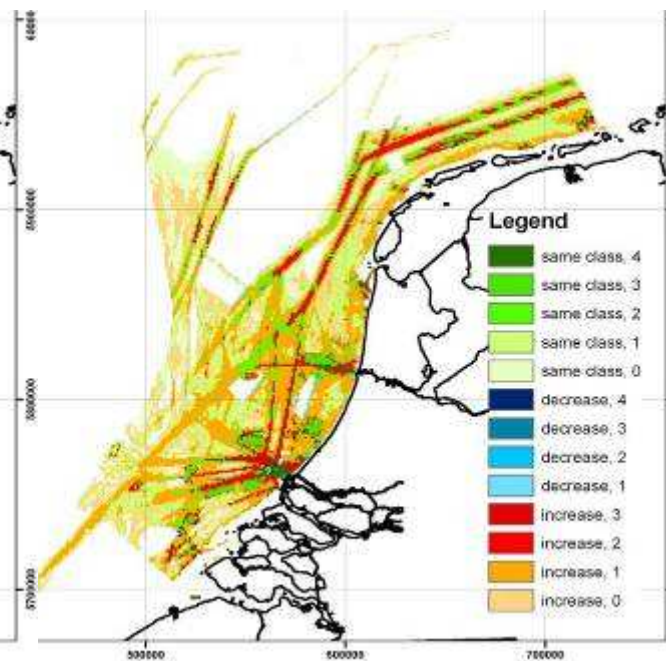
## 2010 to 2011



## 2010 to 2015

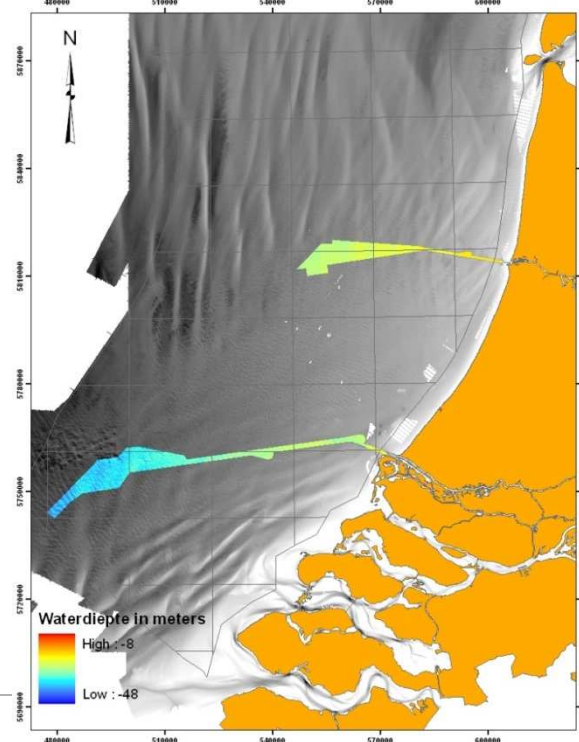
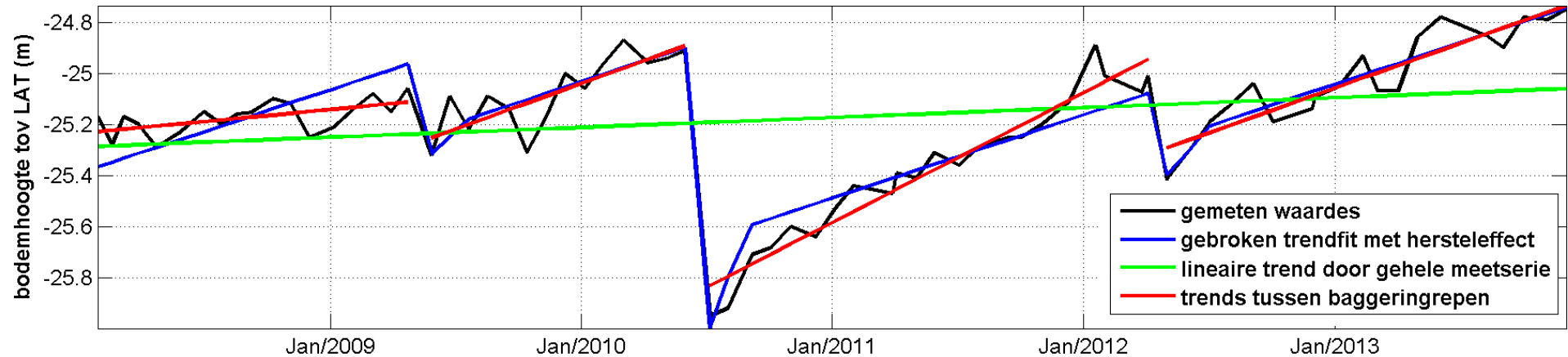


## 2010 to 2020



(Van Dijk et al., 2011)

# Vertical nodal dynamic trends in dredged areas

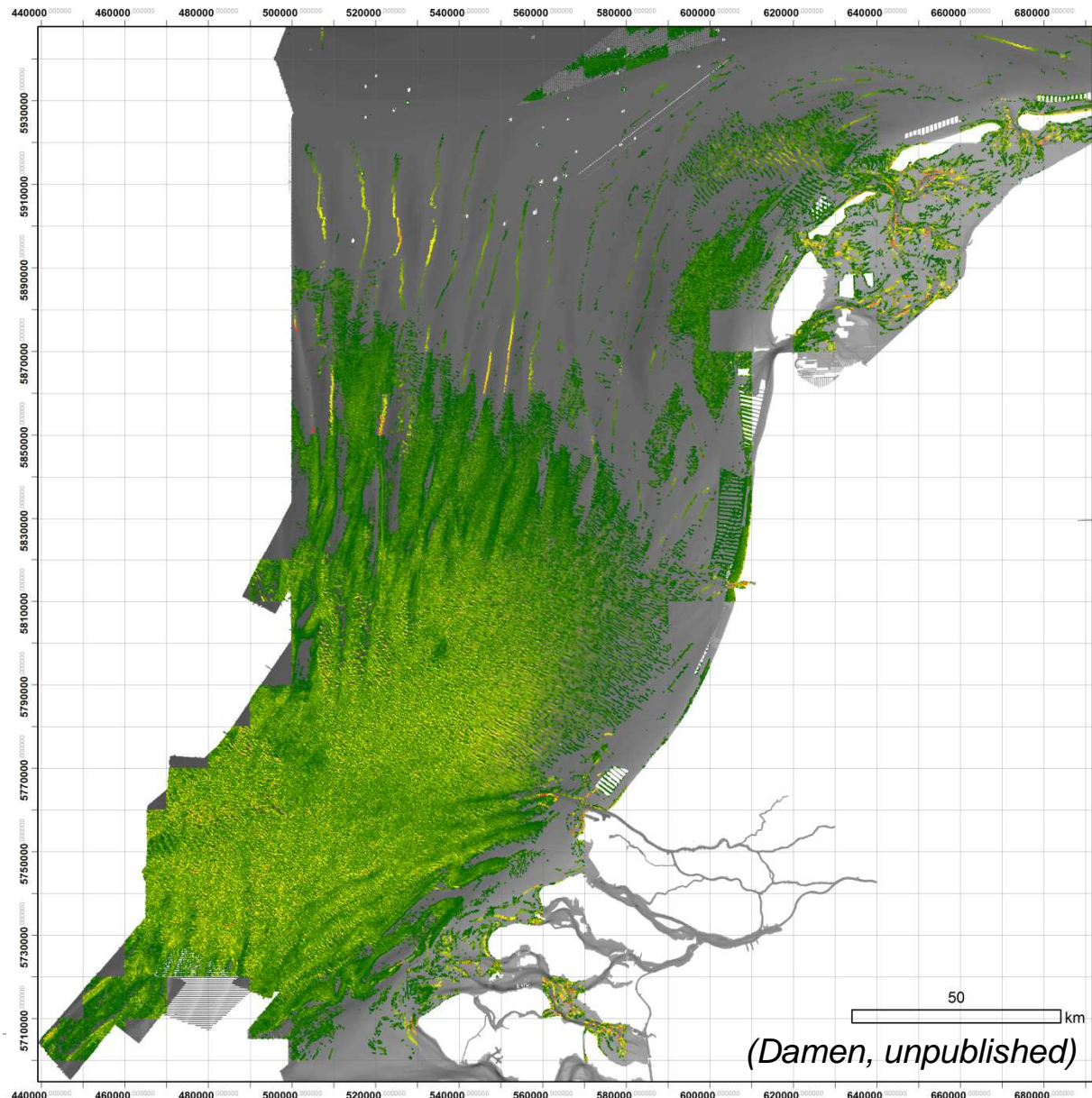


- Automated detection of dredging operations
- Nodal dynamic trends in between dredging operations (red lines) correspond well to autonomous trends in bed level
- Broken trend line algorithm (blue line): fits through increased bed level rise after dredging; applies one trend in each part
- $dz/dt$  through entire time series (green line) is not valid in dredged areas

(Van Dijk et al., 2014)



# Dynamics of individual bedforms



- NWO-STW project “SMARTSEA”  
U Twente & TU Delft  
3 PhD students  
(2014-2018)
- Sand wave dynamics & resurvey policy
- Environmental controls
- Quantified precisions



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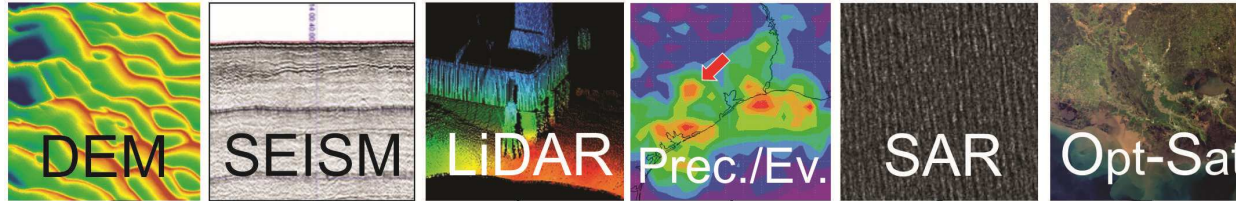
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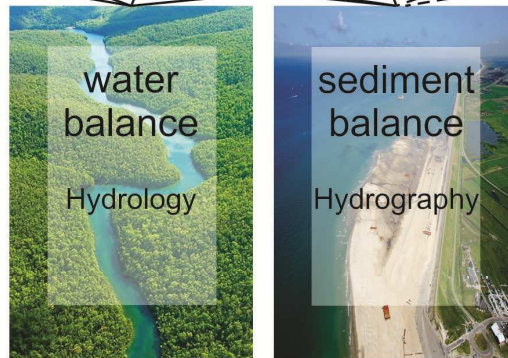
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# Data fusion in hydrology and hydrography

multi-source data fusion



proposed project



project outcomes and wider implications



- NWO ALW Topsector Water Call Proposal
- 2 PhD, 1 post-doc
- TU Delft & UTwente
- 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2016

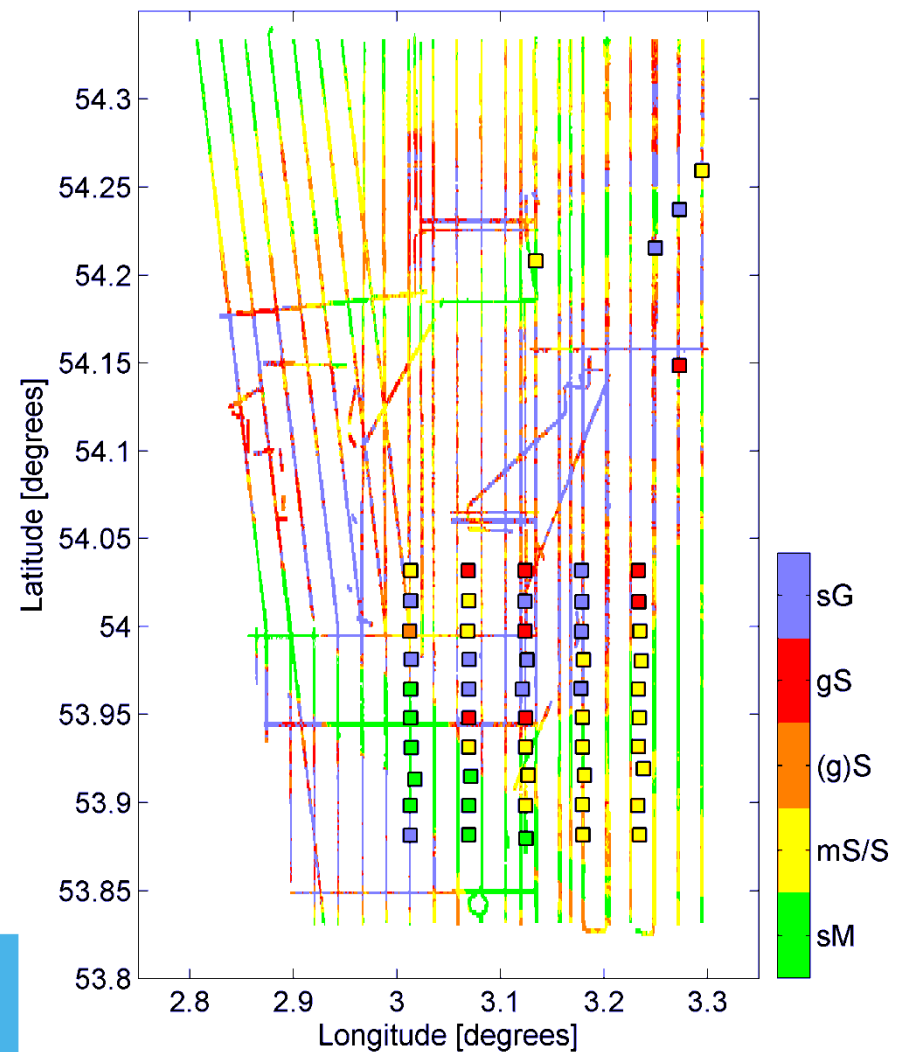


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# MBES knowledge network NLds

- MBES bathymetry
- Bed classification of sea-bed sediments based on MBES backscatter
- Cleaver Bank
- MBES 2013-2015



(Snellen et al., 2015)

# Conclusions

- Hydrographic time series allow for the quantification of seabed dynamics
- Bed dynamics are relevant to calculating grounding dangers (risk assessments) and resurvey policies
- Bathymetric time series are highly valuable to both applied and scientific projects
- Initiatives for data and results availability online are important
- storing MBES backscatter would be a great step forwards (NLds)

## Further information

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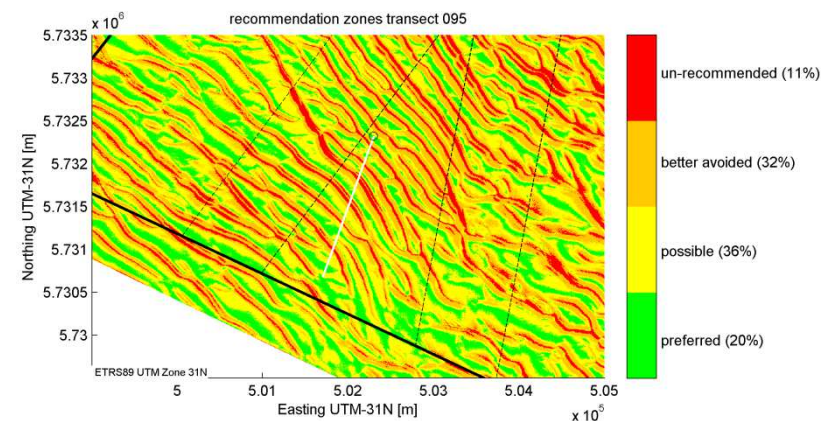
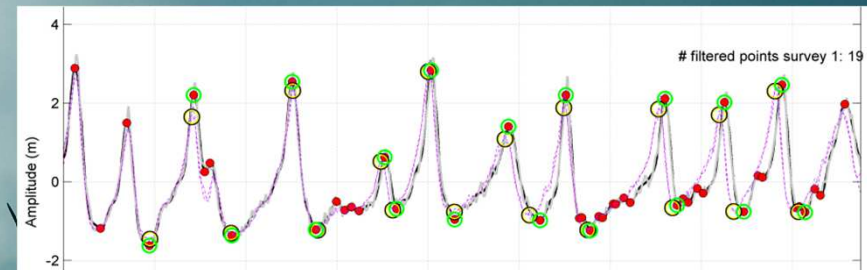
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# Applications of sea bed dynamics

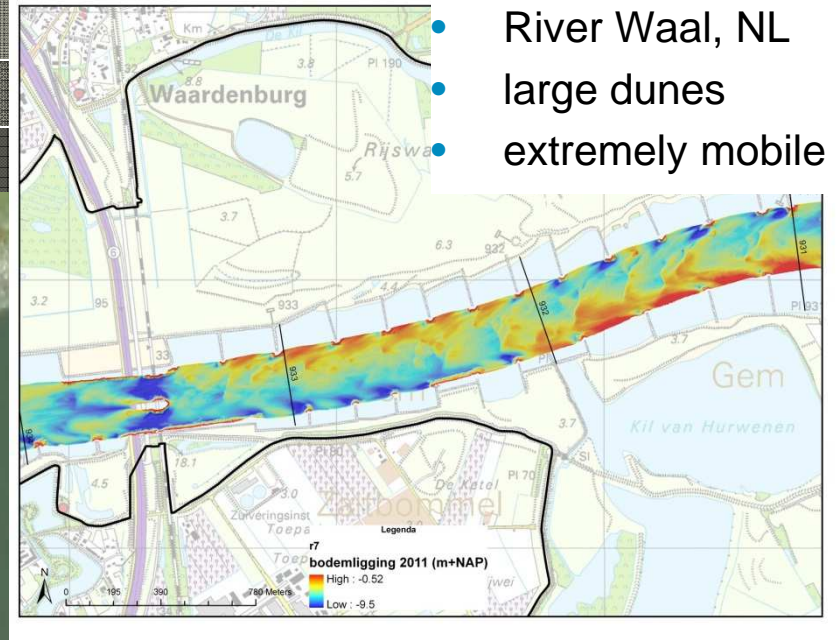
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  - Offshore wind farms: design and construction
  - Pipelines and cables
  - Anchors of rigs
  - Coastal constructions



# River beds

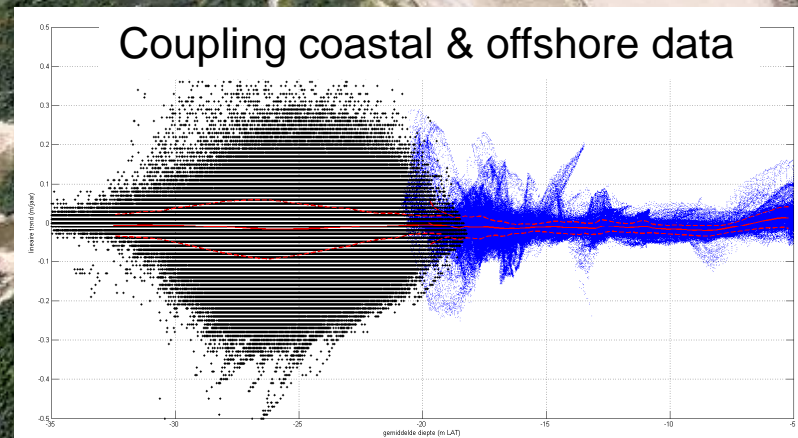
- Safe and economic navigation at critical water depths (in-land shipping)
- Monitoring and maintenance policies (charting, dredging, nourishments)

River IJssel, NL, 2015 ([rtvoost.nl](http://rtvoost.nl))



# Nature-based solutions

- Mega-nourishment “Zandmotor” (20 Mm<sup>3</sup>)
- Redistribution of sand by tide, waves and wind



- National applied research programme (KPP)  
Morphodynamic modelling
- Monitoring campaign
- Nature Coast  
*multidisciplinary science project:  
6 universities, 15 PhD students*