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**Challenging wind and waves**

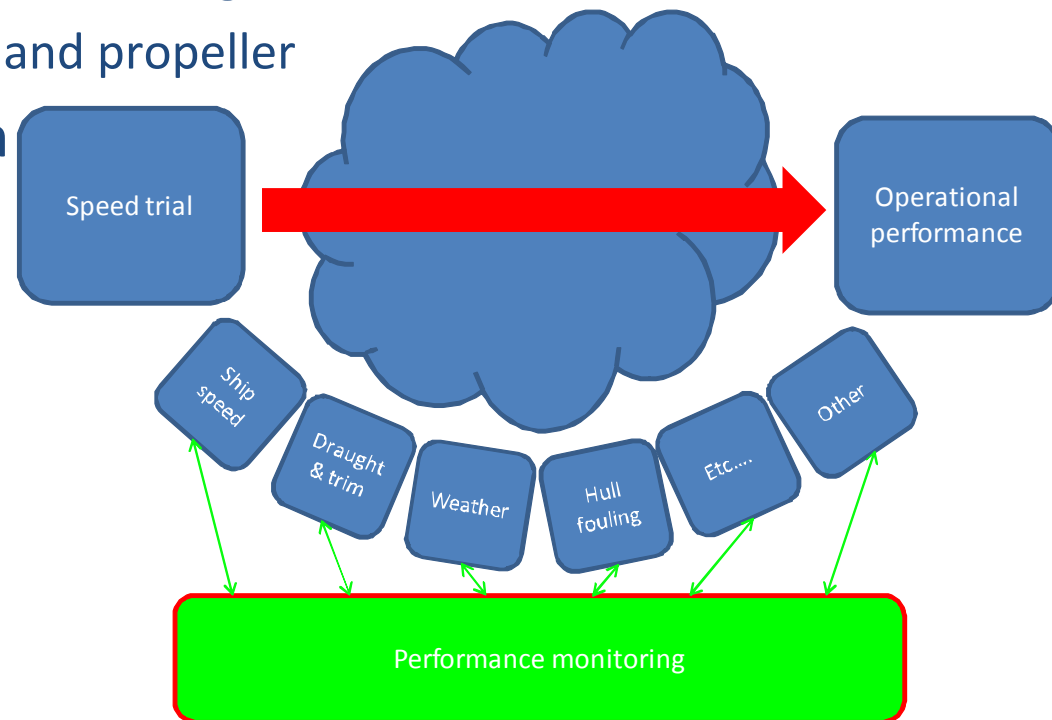
Linking hydrodynamic research to the maritime industry

# APPROACHES TO MEASURING HULL AND PROPELLER PERFORMANCE

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# OBJECTIVE OF PERFORMANCE MONITORING

- Fuel saving
- Hull and propeller condition monitoring
  - Planning of propeller and hull cleaning
  - Recognised damage to hull and propeller
- Performance optimisation
  - Trim
- Contract validation
  - Charter contracts
  - performance guarantee



# DO OBJECTIVES INFLUENCE APPROACH?

YES! But how:

- Required accuracy
  - -> approach to performance monitoring
- Required output
  - -> approach to performance monitoring
  - -> approach for performance analysis
- Other influences:
  - Person in charge of performance monitoring
  - Available resources
  - Operational profile of the ship
  - Ship type

## HOW DO WE DEFINE PERFORMANCE?



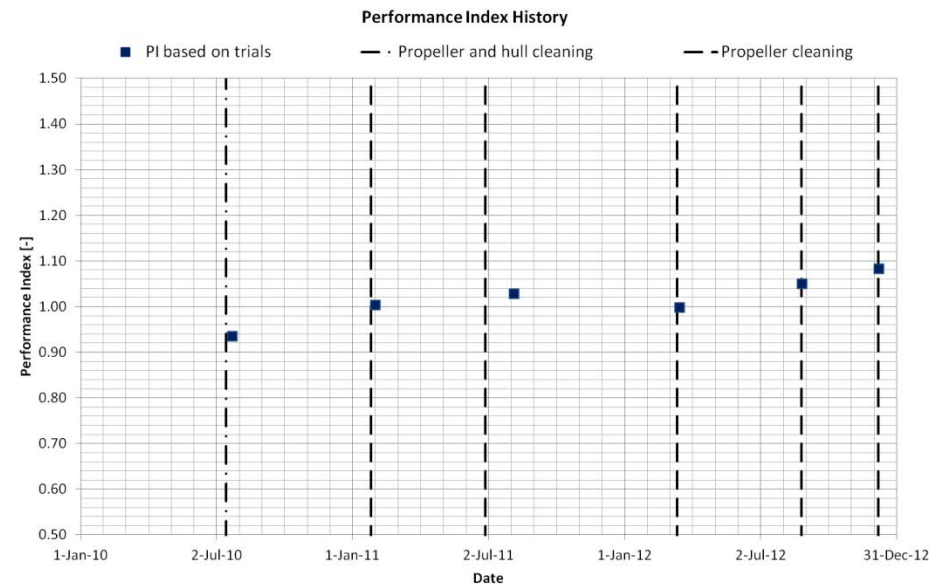


# PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT APPROACH

- Dedicated speed trials
  - Only for performance decay over time
  - Interesting effects may be missed due to time between trials
  - Most accurate measurement and analysis procedure
- Continuous monitoring
  - Less accurate analysis than dedicated speed trials
  - Large dataset containing valuable information
  - Large dataset containing inexplicable performance deviations
- Noon reports
  - Not accurate due to human interference
  - Time between 'measurement points' very large

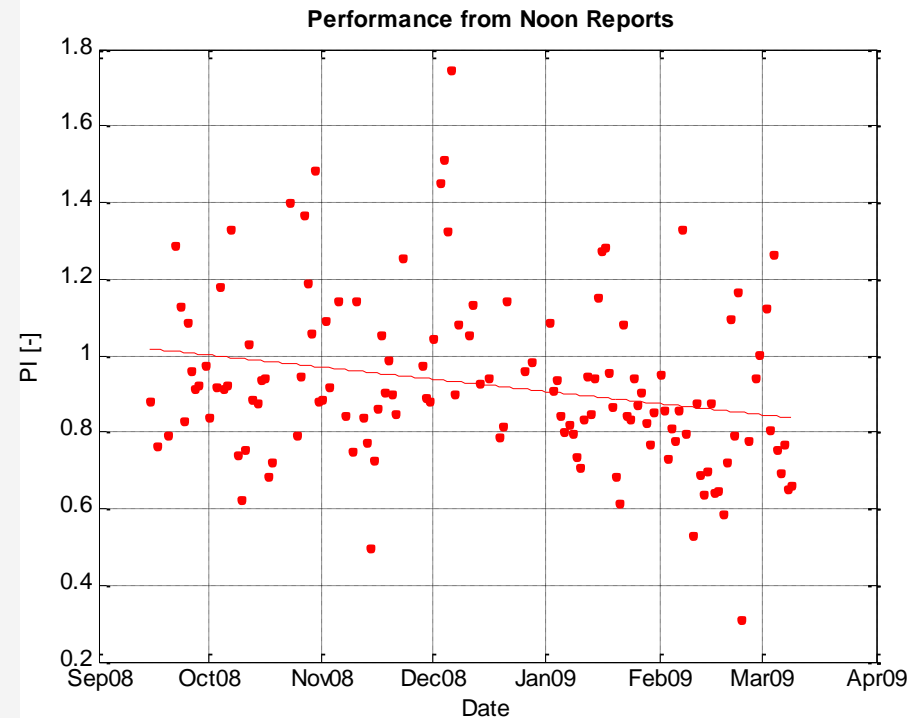
# DEDICATED SPEED TRIALS

- Challenges:
  - Dedicated manoeuvres
  - Constant loading condition
  - Limited amount of data
- Advantages:
  - High accuracy
  - Understandability of results



# NOON REPORTS

- Challenges Noon reports:
  - Changing weather conditions over 24 hours
  - Acceleration and deceleration of vessel
  - Combining 24 hour average (speed, fuel consumption) with snap shot (weather, power)
  - Manual input from crew
- Advantages:
  - Easy implementation
  - Data is already there



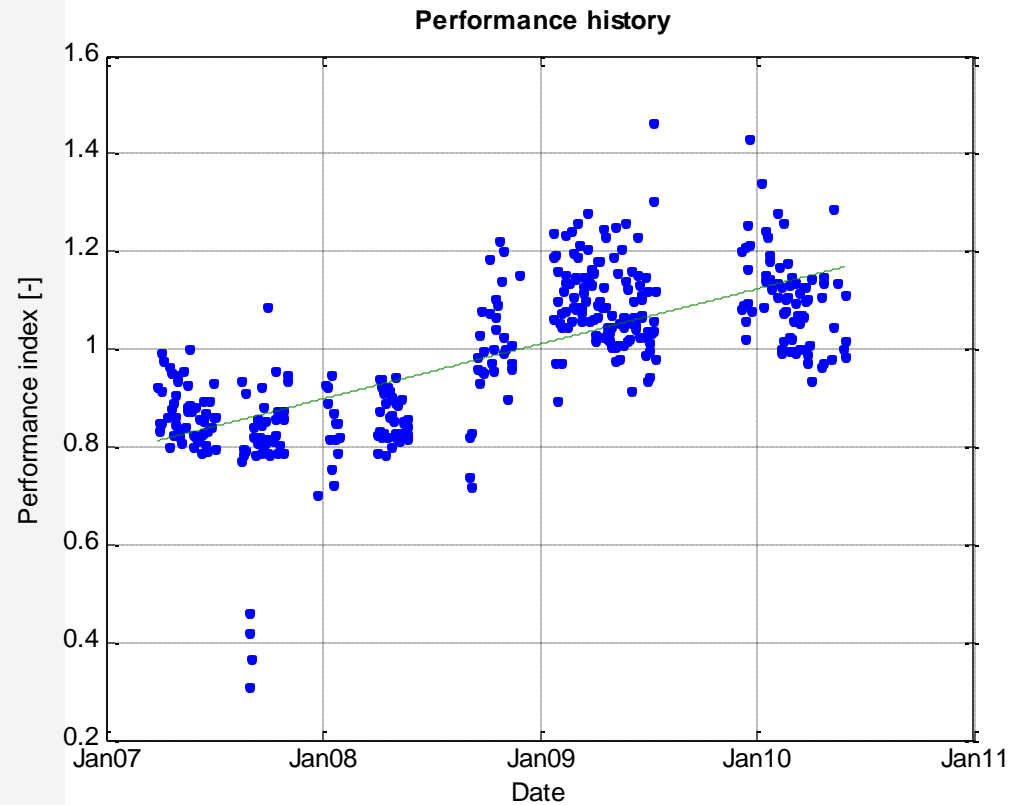
# CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE MONITORING

- Challenges:

- Measurement accuracy
- Analysis procedure
- Big volumes of data

- Advantages:

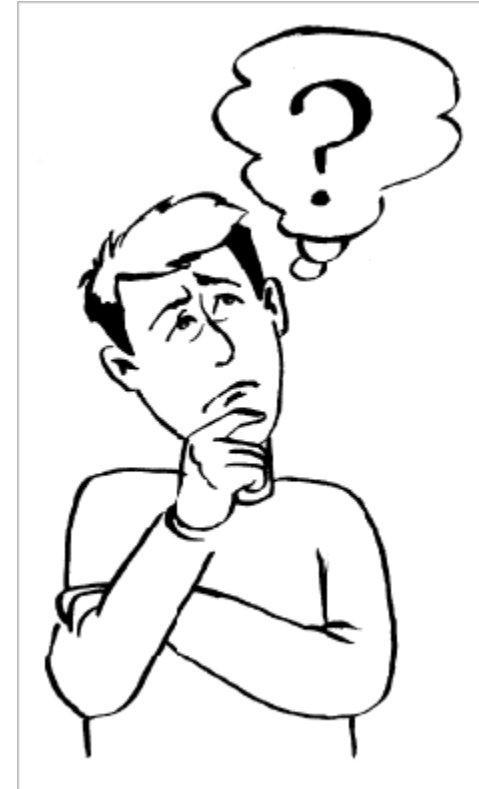
- Big volumes of data
- Detect short term changes in performance





# CONCLUSION MEASUREMENT PROCEDURE

- Dedicated speed trials
  - High accuracy
  - Long term
  - Available budget
- Noon reports
  - very long term
  - low required accuracy
- Continuous monitoring
  - Moderate accuracy
  - Short and long term
  - available resources



# TO NORMALISE OR NOT TO NORMALISE?

- Normalise for:
  - Wind condition
  - Wave condition
  - Loading condition
- Statistical approach:
  - Filter out bad weather
  - Filter out loading conditions
  - Assume normal distribution of effects of:
    - Wind
    - Waves
    - Drift
    - Loading condition



# NORMALISATION APPROACH

- Corrections for added resistance due to:
  - Wind
  - Waves
  - Water depth
- Strong points
  - Hydrodynamic meaningful output
- Challenges
  - Measurement accuracy
  - Unknown effects not accounted for (yet)

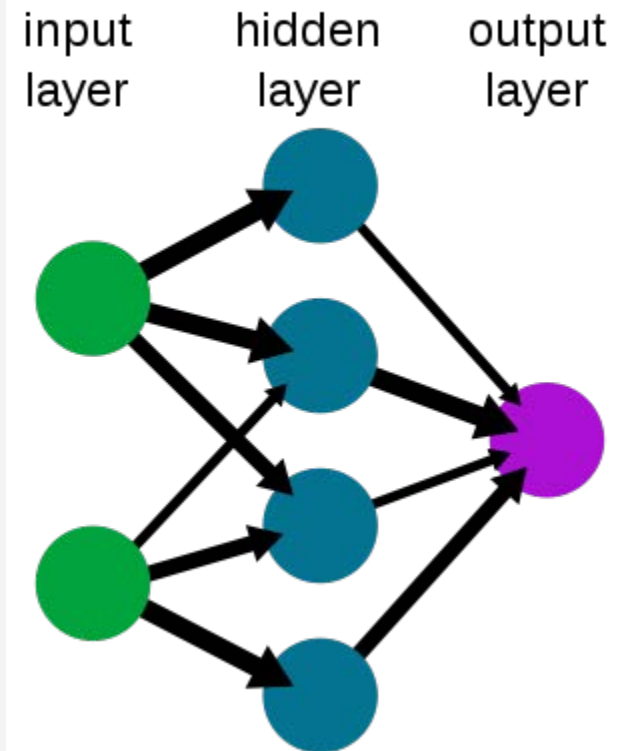
# STATISTICAL APPROACH

- Effects will average out over long period:
  - Added resistance due to wind
  - Added resistance due to waves
  - Effect of trim
  - Sea water and air temperature
- Strong points:
  - Easy to implement
  - Easy to understand
- Challenges
  - Lack of hydrodynamic meaning of result
  - Limited application



- Neural network
  - Links between parameters
  - Relation of links determined based on measurements
  - System updates when more data is available
- Strong points:
  - Accuracy
  - Ship specific
- Challenges:
  - Difficult to comprehend black-box approach
  - Knowledge of all influences of performance should be known

A simple neural network



# REQUIREMENTS

- Accuracy
  - Effect to be proven by monitoring
  - Limited by measurement and analysis accuracy
- Transparency
  - Understand how results are generated
  - Understand deviations in performance
- Understandability
  - Closely related to transparency
  - Output should have a hydrodynamic meaning

# COMBINED APPROACH

- Use filtering technique from statistical approach and normalise the remaining data
- Filter data based on hydrodynamic knowledge
- Filter bad weather conditions
- Exclude conditions which cannot be normalised
- Normalise for:
  - Wind
  - Waves
  - Loading condition

**Never filter out data without a solid explanation**

# AVAILABLE METHODS

- Jotun Hull Performance Measurement Method



- MARIN SPA method



- MACSEA Hull Medic



- Propulsion Dynamics CASPER



- BMT SMART<sup>POWER</sup>

- Etc. Etc. Etc.



- Statistical approach
  - Long term
  - Relative performance
  - Moderate accuracy
- Normalisation approach:
  - Short and long term
  - High required accuracy
  - Good understanding of hydrodynamics
- Self learning

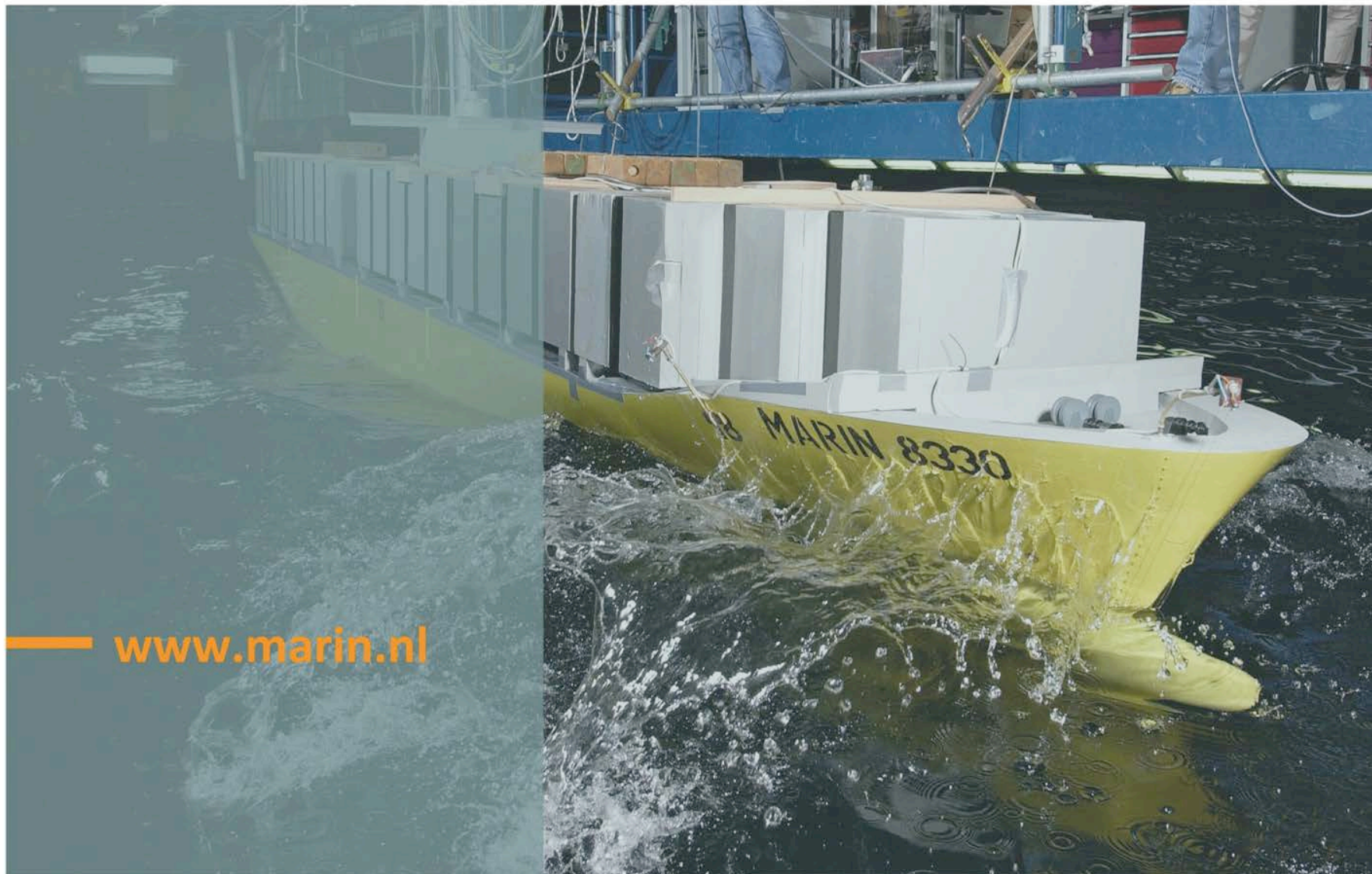
- Further development should focus on:
  - Improving measurement accuracy
    - Relative wind speed and direction
    - Speed log
  - Improving analysis accuracy
    - Understand missing effects on performance
    - Filter parameters
    - Improving empirical correction methods

- Choice measurement approach depends on monitoring objective
- Choice analysis approach depends also on experience
- One standard for performance monitoring is not possible
- Room for improvement of measurement and analysis methods
  - Too early to standardise

- Is it time for a standard?
- What should the standard focus on?
  - Data collection
  - Data analysis
  - Data collection and analysis
- What are the limits of the standard?
  - Engine performance
  - Hull and propeller



# THANK YOU!



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