



# Update on activities - Chair in Emerging Technologies in Intelligent & Resilient Ocean Engineering (IROE)

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Professor Gourvenec will address technology gaps at each stage of the life cycle of ocean structures, from forecasting seafloor behaviour to operating novel platforms for ocean facilities.







## MOTIVATION



Current ocean engineering design is outdated and outpaced to meet the current demands of ocean engineering



## **CHALLENGE**

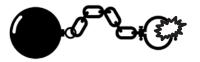


To reinvent ocean engineering design to enable greater use of ocean resources –

sustainably and economically







# **VISION**

# Emerging Technologies

Robotics Autonomy Sensors Big Data

#### Intelligent & Resilient Ocean Engineering Solutions

Characterisation
Stationkeeping
Sensing
Design

#### **Applications**

Energy
Food & Biomass
Trade
Communications
Environmental Protection

### RESEARCH GOALS



Characterisation - Create intelligent site characterisation tools for autonomous deployment or operation to upscale capability without upscaling cost



**Stationkeeping** - Create smart mooring and anchor systems for efficient and stable platforms in increasingly harsh environments



**Sensing** - Create living designs by embedding intelligent sensing in engineered ocean systems that inform on system health and ultimately self-certify



**Design** – Create next gen concepts and methodologies, enabling modular mass produced resilient systems, performance-based design and optimal life-cycle cost



Vardy et al. 2017

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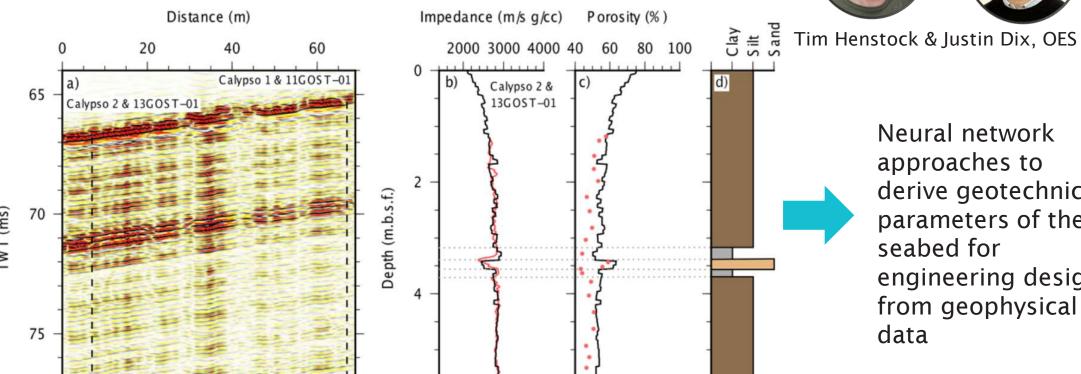




Mark Vardy





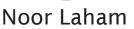


Neural network approaches to derive geotechnical parameters of the seabed for engineering design from geophysical data



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Yusuke Suzuki







Katherine Kwa **Dave White** 

Characterisation of seabed response for whole-life design

Soil properties change during design life due to the geotechnical response to external actions. Hardening and softening.

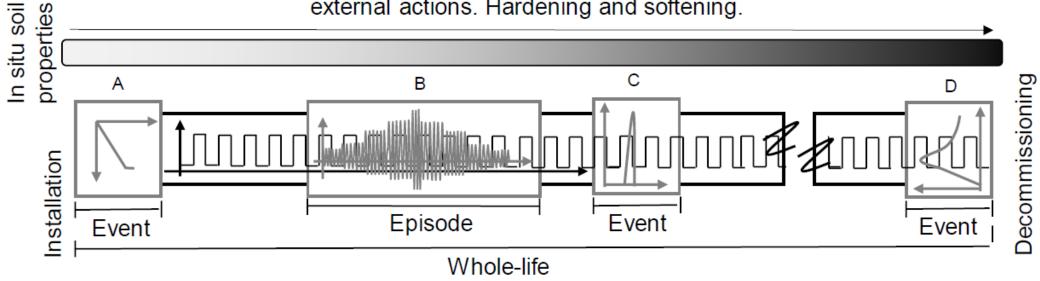


Fig. 1. Temporal spectrum of actions over the design life of a structure (Gourvenec 2018a)



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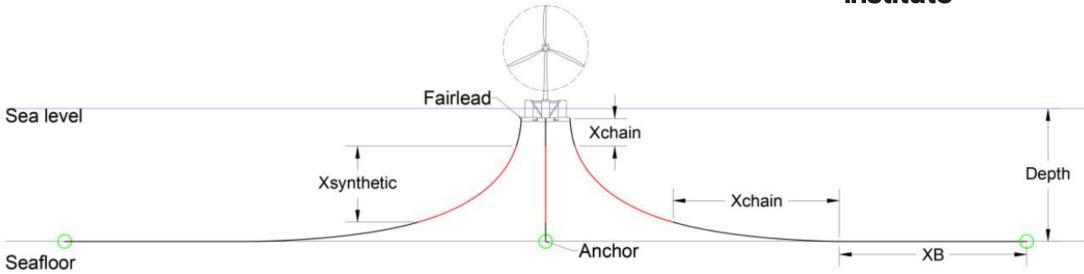






Gabe Weymouth

# The Alan Turing Institute



Responsive mooring systems to absorb peak loading + ML methods to optimize layout



Cost per anchor

£4,000,000

£3,500,000

£3,000,000

£2,500,000

£2,000,000

£1,500,000

£1,000,000

£500,000

Installation time:

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Anchorage system

■ Mooring line costs

43%

41%

16%

**Drag Anchors** 

8 hours

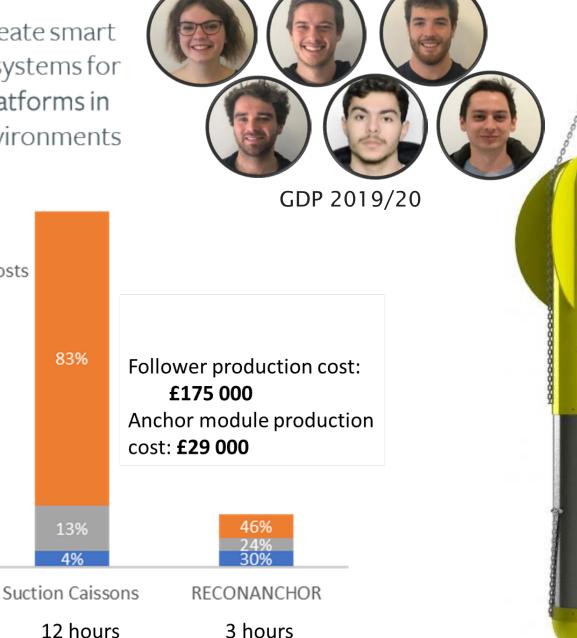
manufacturing cost

■ Marine operation costs

83%

13%

4%



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investigate the efficacy of frequent but spatially sparse data on mooring lines to assess mooring line integrity that will enable continuous monitoring and targeted intervention.





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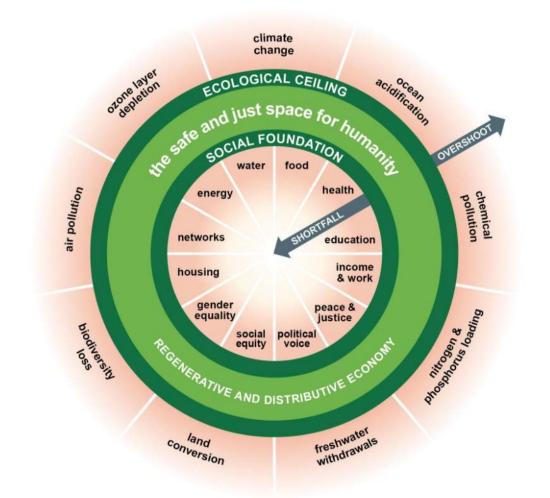
Rebecca Sykes

Humanity's 21st century challenge is to meet the needs of all within the means of the planet.

Raworth 2017, Doughnut Economics

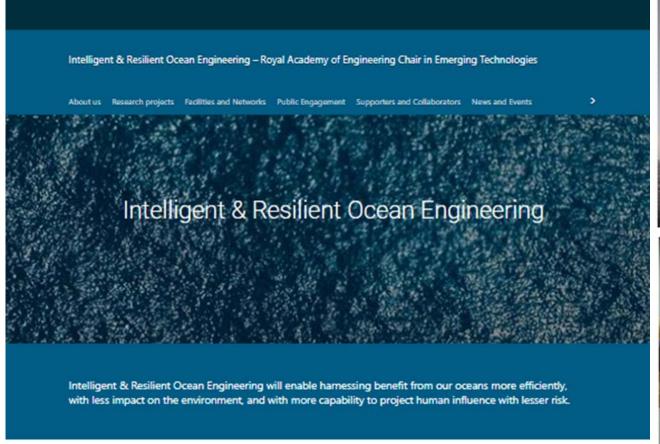
'Reimagining Ocean Development' through the Doughnut ... & role of emerging technologies as an enabler

Can we? Should we?



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