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## RainGain - 5<sup>th</sup> Project meeting

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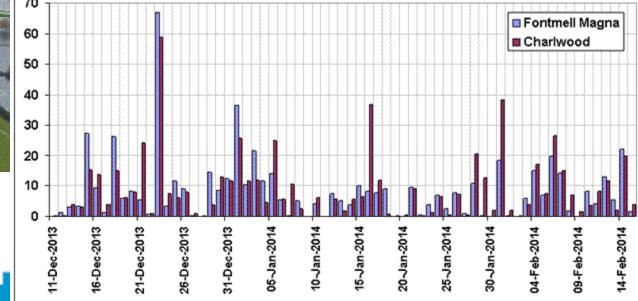


# UK Flouumb January – February 2014





Daily rainfall totals (mm) for two stations in southern England 11 December 2013 to 15 February 2014



## Floods alert in South-Est of France: interview to Emphoux and Aicardi (City of Antibes)

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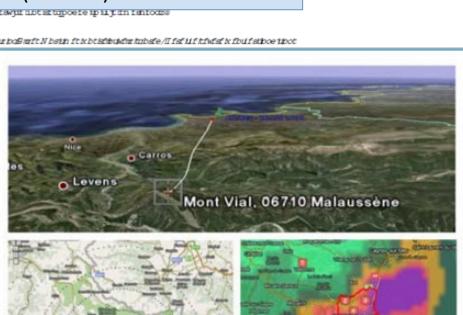
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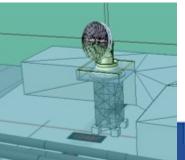
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### Progress to date:

- High resolution radars:
  - Leuven: new algorithms existing Xband radar, single pol
  - London: tests Xband radar, single pol
  - Paris: new, dual pol Xband radar constructed, installation later in spring
  - Rotterdam: new, dual pol Xband radar constructed, installation in spring









































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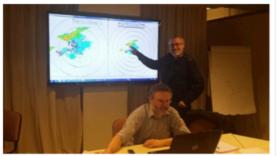
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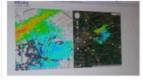
#### Technical meetings on the rain radar in Leuven

On 20 and 21 February **two days of technical meeting** took place at the University of Leuven (KU Leuven) to discuss about the upgrade of the Leuven radar. The event was attended by representatives from Aquafin, KU Leuven and the company that delivered the Leuven radar, DHI Water & Environment.

The objective of the meeting was to investigate the processing chain of the radar.

Furthermore the following technical issues were examinated: the removal of the clutter; the possibility to post-process polar files on a different server; the problem of the radar signal extenuation in case heavy rainfall occurs near to the radar, the issue of light rainfall intensities, setting of the radar constant, the possibility of setting up an online radar viewer.













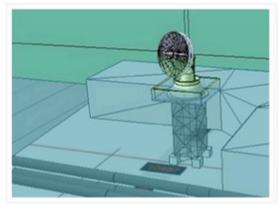
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#### Last updates on the installation of the French radar

Last week two important meetings were held at École des Ponts ParisTech.

On 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013, Daniel Schetzer, Ioulia Tchiguirinskaia and Patrick Elias met a representative from the engineering office that designed the building where the radar will be installed. The purpose of the meeting was to define the technical specifications of the structure supporting the radar. This structure is needed to gain at least 8 meters of height above the roof that will host the device, so that any surrounding obstacle to the radar emissions will be avoided.









In the afternoon a teleconference took place with attendees from École des Ponts ParisTech (Marne-la-Vallée) and Météo France (St-Mandé and Toulouse) to solve several questions of high importance for the implementation of the radar: the authorisations needed for future radar emissions, the storage of radar data and their validation through a comparison with data from the C-band radar of Trappes. From now on, meetings between these two French partners will take place on a regular base in order to rapidly progress in the definition of future management of radar data.

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### Progress to date:

- Rainfall data processing and forecasting:
  - International Workshop Rainfall Estimation: 16 April 2012
  - International Workshop Rainfall Nowcasting: 31 March 2014
  - Review document Fine-scale Rainfall Estimation **Methods and Procedures**



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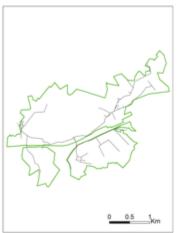
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### Progress to date:

- Urban flood modelling:
  - Flood Models in 10 pilot locations in BE, FR, NL, UK
  - Models in 4 pilots compared: response to fine-scale rainfall input (to be continued)

Cranbrook (UK) Morée-Sausset Herent (BE) Kralingen (NL)

































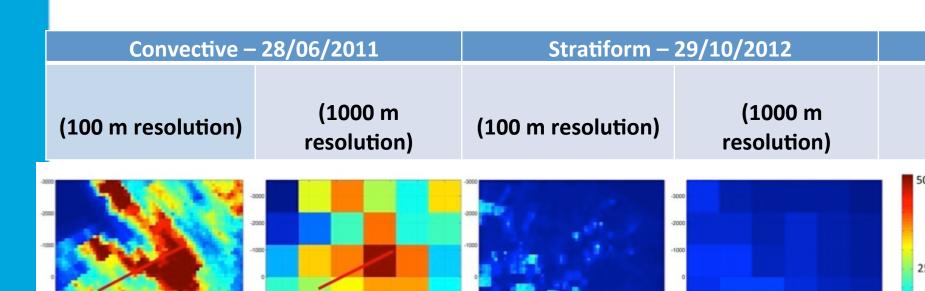




## Gain Example: Dual-pol X-band radar Cabauw

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## Weather radar for urban hydrological applications: lessons learnt and research needs identified from 4 pilot catchments in North-West Europe

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#### ABSTRACT

This study investigates the impact of rainfall esting outputs of the models of four of the EU Rain Gain p the Herent catchment (Belgium), the Morée-Sauss Netherlands)). Two storm events, one convective a radar located in Cabauw (The Netherlands) were 100 m and 1 min resolutions, were aggregated to a applied to the high-resolution semi-distributed hydr have similar size (between 5 and 8 km2), but characteristics. When doing so, methodologies comparable were implemented. The response of spatial resolution is analysed in the light of mod Rather surprisingly, the results show that for the two 100 m vs 1000 m) of rainfall inputs does not have a models. The present study will soon be extend resolutions, with the final aim of identifying criti modelling in relation to catchment and storm ever 13th International Conference on Urban Drainage, Sarawak, Malaysia, 7-12 September 2014

#### High resolution radar rainfall for urban pluvial flood control

Lessons learnt from 10 pilots in North-West Europe within the RainGain project

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION



#### ABSTRACT

Precipitation and catchment information needs to be available at high resolution to reliably predict hydrological response and potential flooding in urban catchments. While recent advances have been made in weather radar technology and availability of DTM for urban flood modelling, the question is whether these are sufficient to provide reliable predictions for urban pluvial flood control. The RainGain project (EU-Interreg IVB NWE) brings together radar technologists and hydrologists to explore a variety of rainfall sensors, rainfall data processing techniques and hydrodynamic models for the purpose of fine-scale prediction of urban hydrodynamic response. High resolution rainfall and hydrodynamic modelling



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### Progress to date:

Solutions for urban flood control:

Local Authorities meeting: 23 October 2013

Examples from France, Belgium, NL and UK

Discussion on insurance schemes for urban flooding

> locales sur la gestion de l'eau à haute résolution" a favorisé un échange sur les expériences des collectivités locales, la nécessité de données et modèles à haute résolution. Ce débat des acteurs concernés de France, du Royaume-Uni, des Pays-Bas et de Belgique contribuera à façonner les plans futurs du projet. Le programme détaillée et les présentations sont téléchargeables sur cette page (dans la colonne de droite).



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Visit Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) Interreg IVB NWE

- → Visit PM team to JTS in Lille, 17 February 2014
- → Visit JTS (Liza Lorentz, Isabelle Lecroart) to TU Delft, 13-14 March 2014
- → "learn from our experiences, assist us in solving problems, verify the management system and see some deliverables of the project"
- → Partnership cooperation, progress activities and outputs
- → Check financial admin for future audit































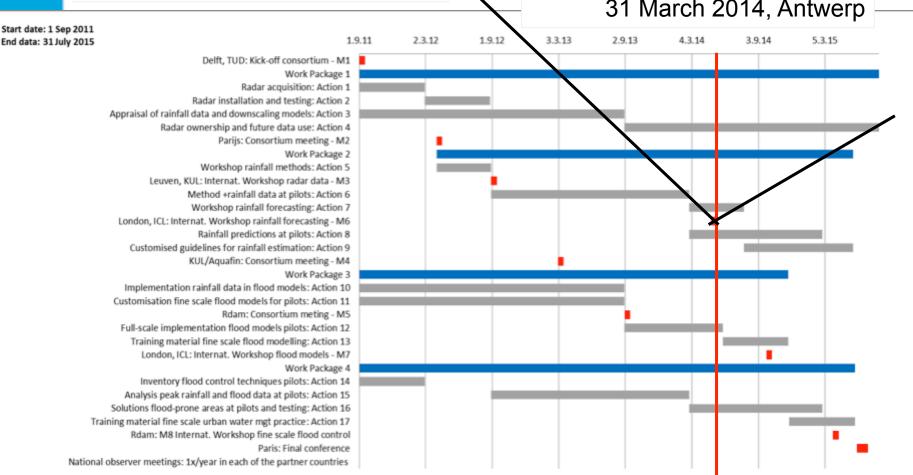


## RainGain Project Planning





Workshop Rainfall Forecasting: 31 March 2014, Antwerp



## Gaingain Gain - WPs and Actions

WP1

Radar acquisition

Radar installation and testing Appraisal of existing rainfall data

Downscaling techniques

National weather forecast

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WP2

Workshop rainfall data acquisition

Acquisition of rainfall data from radars

Workshop urban rainfall forecasting Local urban rainfall forecast Customised guidelines for pilot countries

Existing urban drainage models

WP3

Linkage of local rainfall data to flood models

Customisation of flood models for rainfall input

Full scale testing of pluvial flood models > at pilots

Training material and guidelines

WP4

State-of-the-art pilots for stormwater and flood control

Analysis of peak rainfall and flood events at pilots; weak spots Development of solutions to improve pluvial flood control pilots

Training on implementation of fine-scale rainfall and flood data+forecastin



## AGENDA 1 April



9.00	Introduction
9:10	Interactive discussion WP1
10.00	Summary Internat workshop + Interactive discussion WP2
10.50	Coffee break
11.20	Interactive discussion WP3 + joint papers
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Financial payment claim and Progress report
14.00	Interactive discussion WP4 + Education/training platforms
15.30	Coffee break
15.45	Communication
16.30	Steering Committee decisions
17.00	Closure
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## RainGain - In 2014 -



- Installation of radars in Paris and Rotterdam: spring 2014
- National Observer Groups (BE, FR, UK, NL) in March-June 2014
- International Workshop on Rainfall Nowcasting: Antwerp, 31 March 2014
- International Workshop on urban flood modelling: London, 6/7 October 2014
- RainGain@international events: Weather Radar and Hydrology Conference (WRaH, April 2014); EGU, Special session on Precipitation and Urban Hydrology (April 2014)
- RainGain@National events: VLARIO Day ("Flemish Sewers");
  Festival de l'Oh, Deltas and Climate Change etc.



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#### Precipitation and urban hydrology

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Abstract Submission Convener Login

Urban hydrological processes are characterised by high spatial variability and short response times resulting from a high degree imperviousness. Therefore, urban catchments are especially sensitive to space-time variability of precipitation at sma scales. High resolution precipitation measurement in cities is crucial to properly describe and analyse urban hydrological response. At the same time, urban vertical structure poses specific challenges to obtaining representative precipitation measurement, while horizontal variability does the same to characterisation of catchment properties.

This session focuses on high resolution precipitation measurement in cities and approaches to modelling urban catchment properties and hydrological response;

- Novel techniques for high resolution precipitation measurement in cities and approaches for merging remote sensing data with in situ measurements to obtain representation of urban precipitation fields;
- Novel approaches to modelling urban catchment properties and hydrological response, from physics-based models, fully and semi-distributed modelling to stochastic and statistical conceptualisation;
- Applications of measured precipitation fields in urban hydrological models to understand and characterise urban hydrological variability and predict hydrological response.



## RainGain - 2014 -



- Next project meeting: October 2014
  - International workshop rainfall forecasting Location: London
- Next project meeting: spring 2015
  - International workshop fine-scale flood control Location: Rotterdam
  - Date ?

