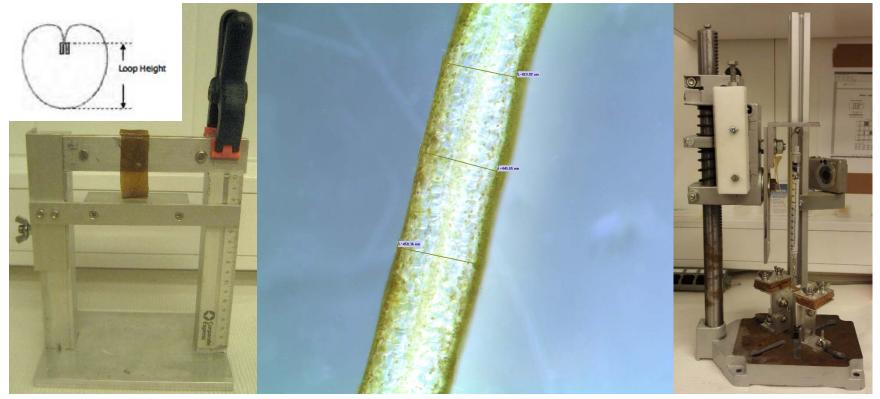


Mechanical properties (lab experiments)



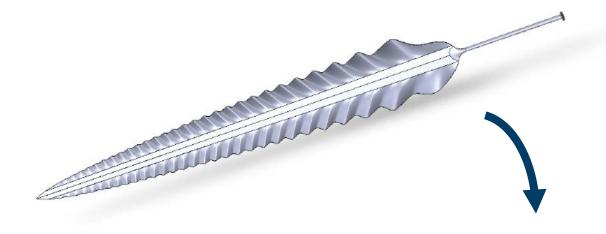
Blade bending modulus Heart loop test

Material thickness Stereo loupe

Stipe bending modulus Three-point bending



Artificial seaweed





(a) Flat blade



(b) Undulate blade



Polyurethane cast → expensive! Alternative: 4 mm PVC



Towing tank experiments

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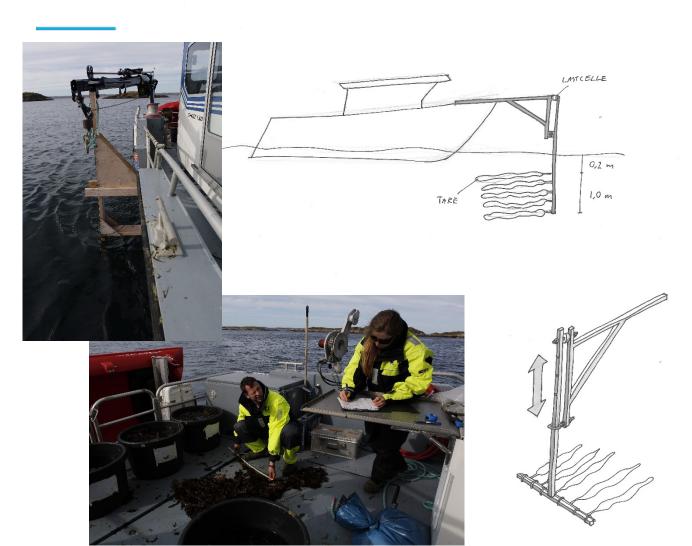
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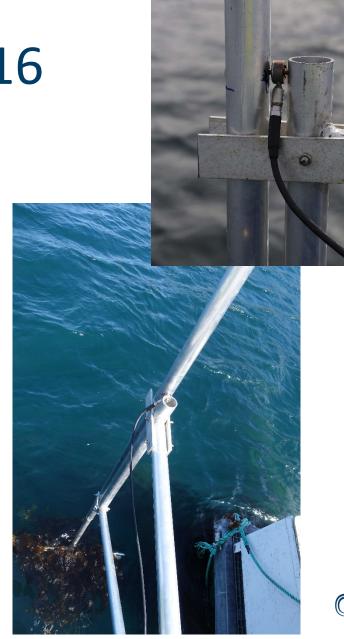


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Live seaweed experiments 2016







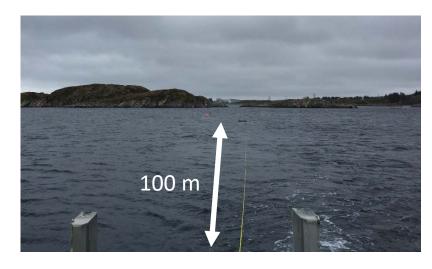
Need for more tests

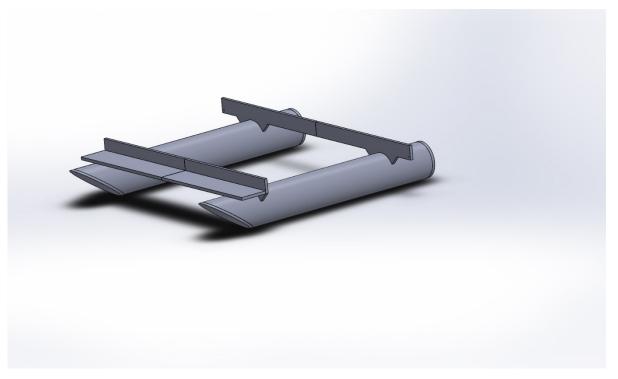
- Additional tests with live seaweeds needed
 - Test rig did not transfer forces correctly because of hinge





Live seaweed experiments 2017





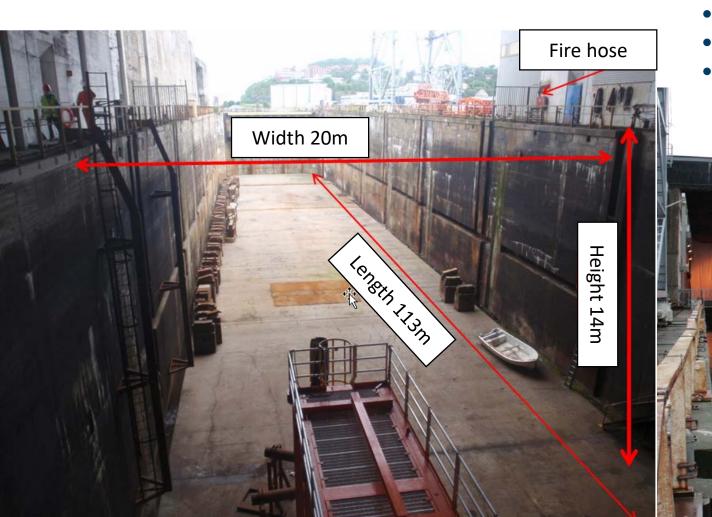






Planned activities

Dora subsea test centre towing experiments



Spring 2018

Live seaweed

 Compare live and artificial seaweed



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Numerical model

- Model development started based on conducted drag experiments
- Will be adjusted based on future experiments
- Simulate chosen cases

FhSim:

- Software for simulating and visualising marine systems and operations
- Developed by SINTEF Ocean
- Used for both research and as a basis for industrial tools and services







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