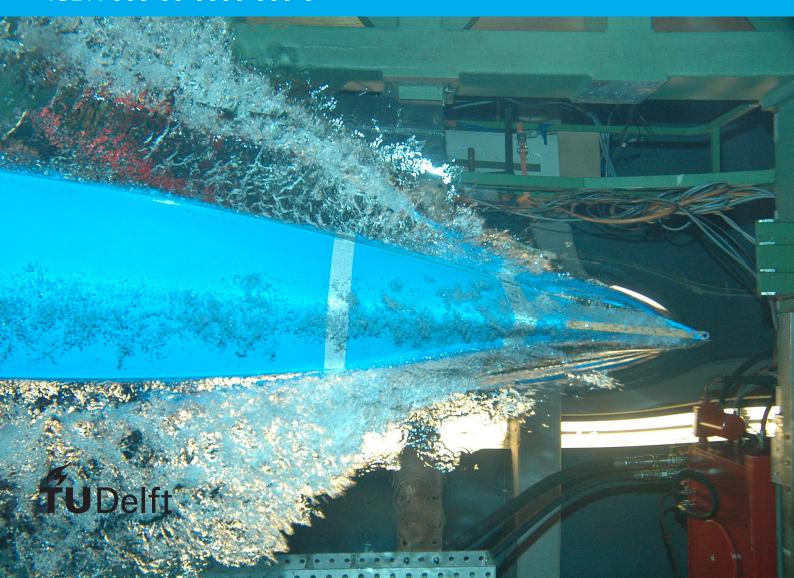
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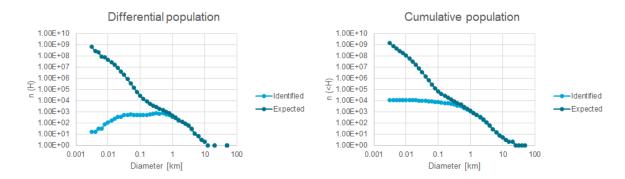


Figure 1.1: State of asteroid identification progress as of August 2014, compared to the expected number of asteroids per diameter. Harris and D'Abramo, 2015

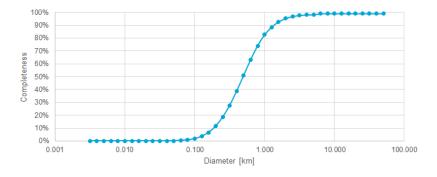


Figure 1.2: Expected survey completeness as a function of near-Earth asteroid diameter. Harris and D'Abramo, 2015

1.2. Identification of NEA's

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