Hello Marcel,

As MH17 blogger you have a lot of influence in the public debate. You published information allegedly proving Russia shot down MH17 with a Buk missile. I have a few questions.

Question 1: Are you sure your claims 1 and 2 are correct?

Claim 1 - "You don’t need to be a master in mathematics to understand the surface of the missile when launched from Snizhne is much less than when launched from Zaroshchenske. So a lesser surface detected by radar means lesser reflection and thus detection." (source)

Claim 2 - "So if a missile was not detected when launched from Snizhne, it is far more likely that it actually was detected when launched from Zaroshchenske." (same source)

In another post you use the headline: "Zaroshchenske was picked for a good reason by Russian Federation".
(source)

You explain:

"The reason is radar detection. A radar detects objects which move relative to the radar antenna. An object which flies in a perfect circle around a radar antenna is not or very unlikely to be detected. The speed relative to the radar is called radial speed. A missile flying at 1000 meters/second in a perfect circle around the radar has a radial speed of 0 m/s. This means the missile is not detected. […] the missile flew almost exactly at the same distance to the radar during the whole flight!"

Question 2: Do you agree your explanation contradicts your own claim 1?

Claim 3 - "The Russian Federation claimed in a press conference at July 21, 2014 that if a BUK missile was launched, it was done by the Ukraine Army just south of a small village called Zaroshchenske." (source)

Question 3: Can you present evidence Russia at the July 21 2014 press conference not only claimed a Buk unit was positioned near Zaroshenskye but Russia also claimed a Buk missile was fired from that location?

Mit freundlichen Grüßen, Best regards, Met vriendelijke groet,
Max van der Werff