

# From small scales to large scales –The Gulf of Finland Science Days 2017

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**Climate change: is there a focal point**



# Climate change: is there a focal point?

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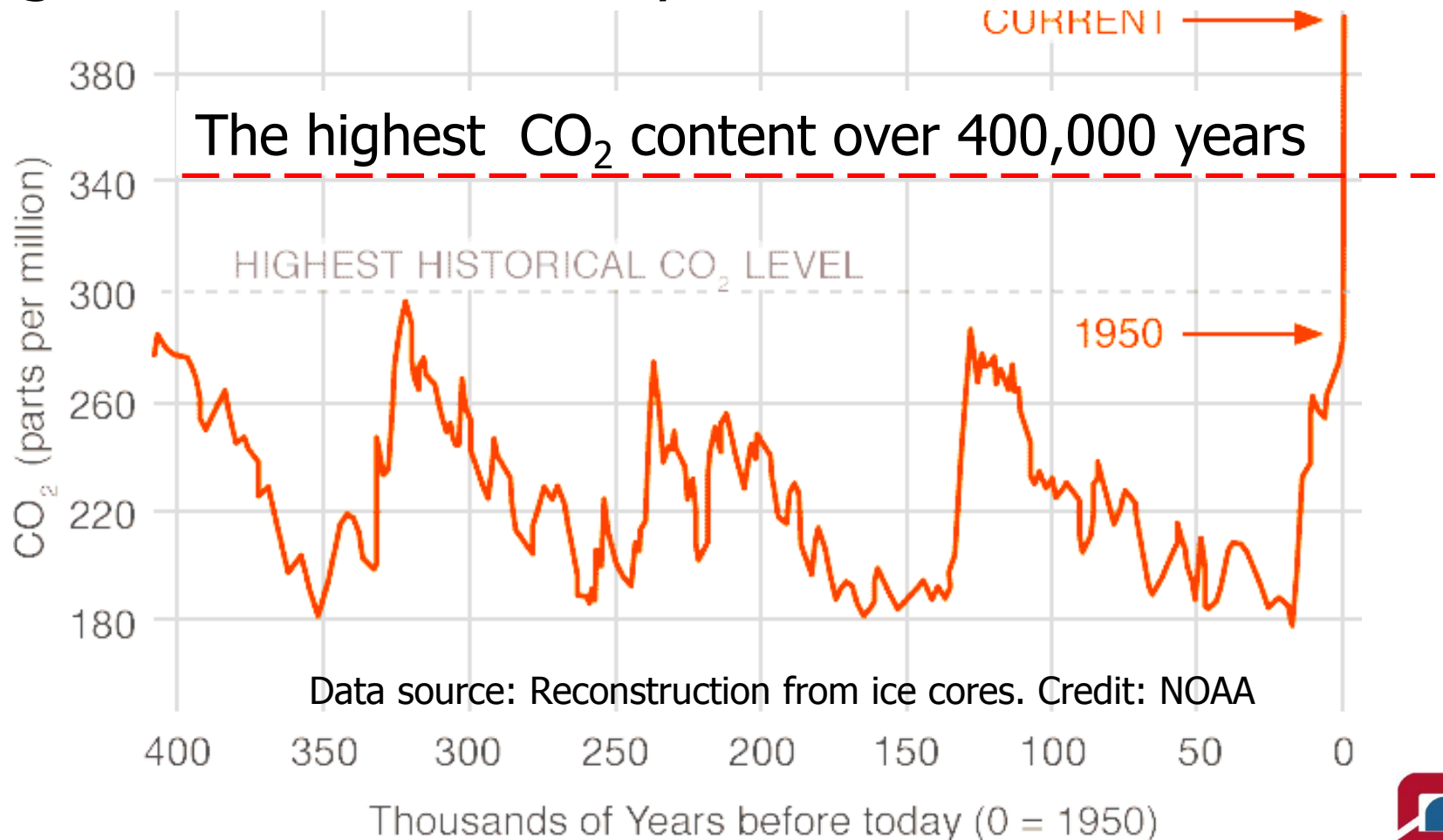
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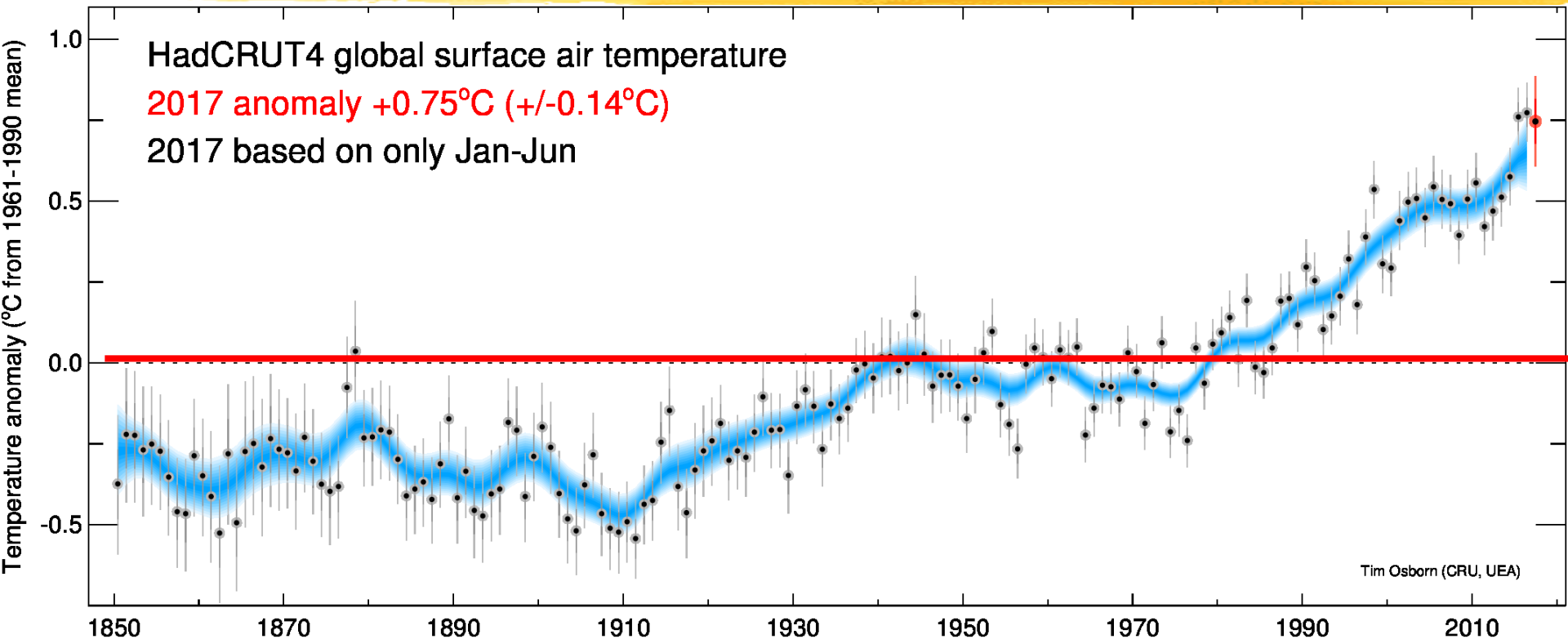
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# The messages about changes are massive

## CO<sub>2</sub> content in the atmosphere: highest over 1,000,000 years



# The average temperature increases

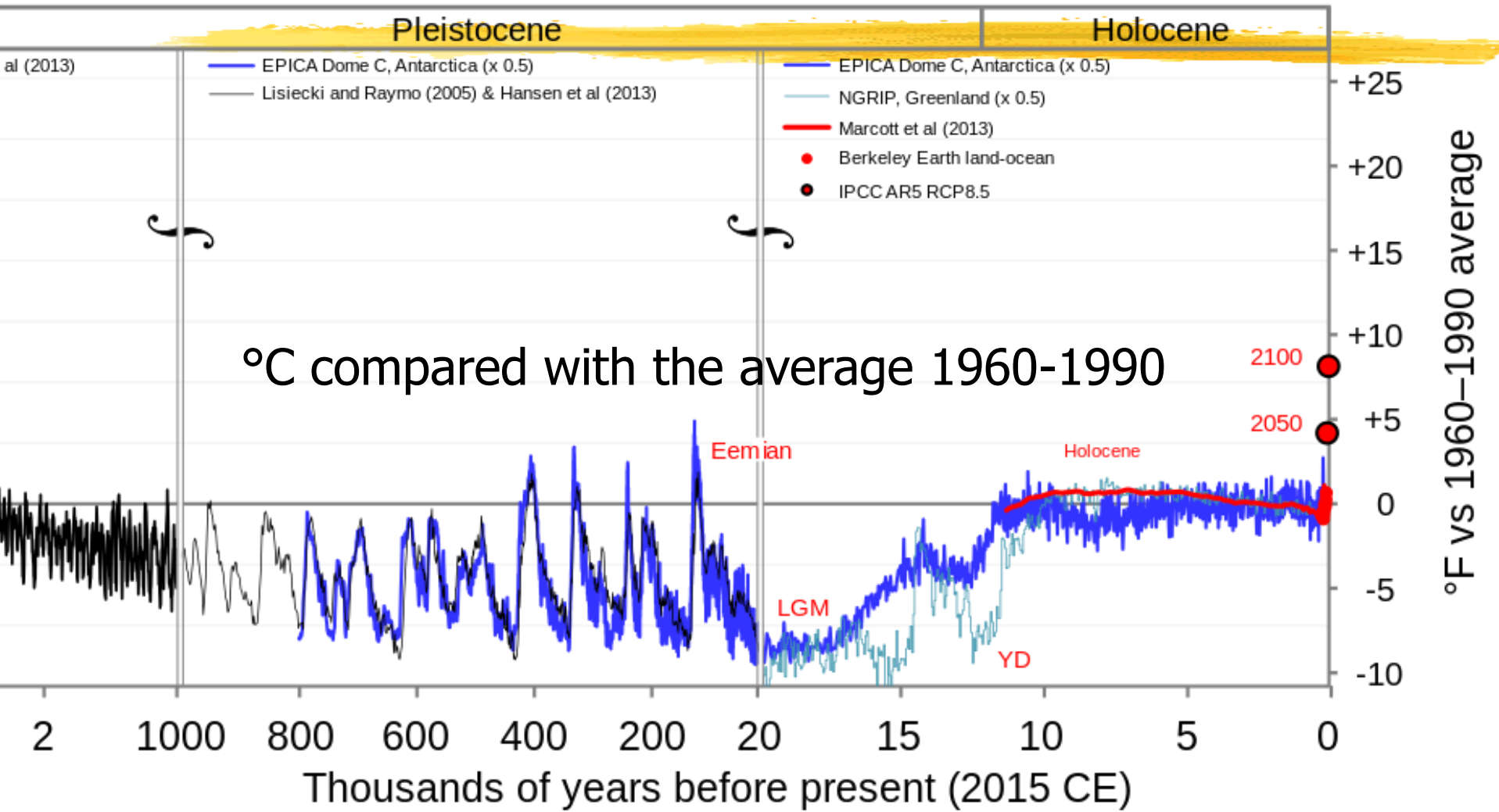




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# The typical state of the Earth: frozen



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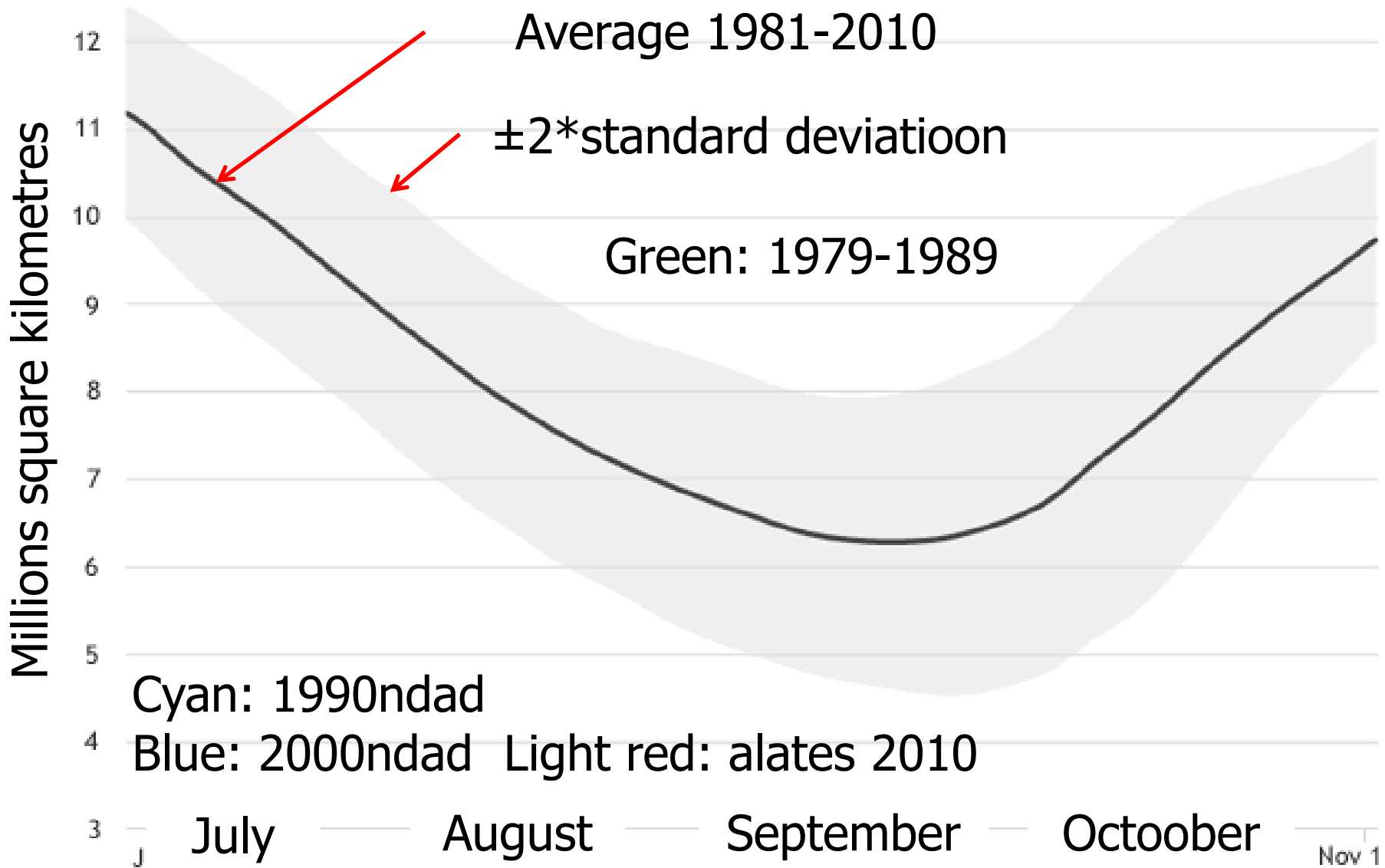


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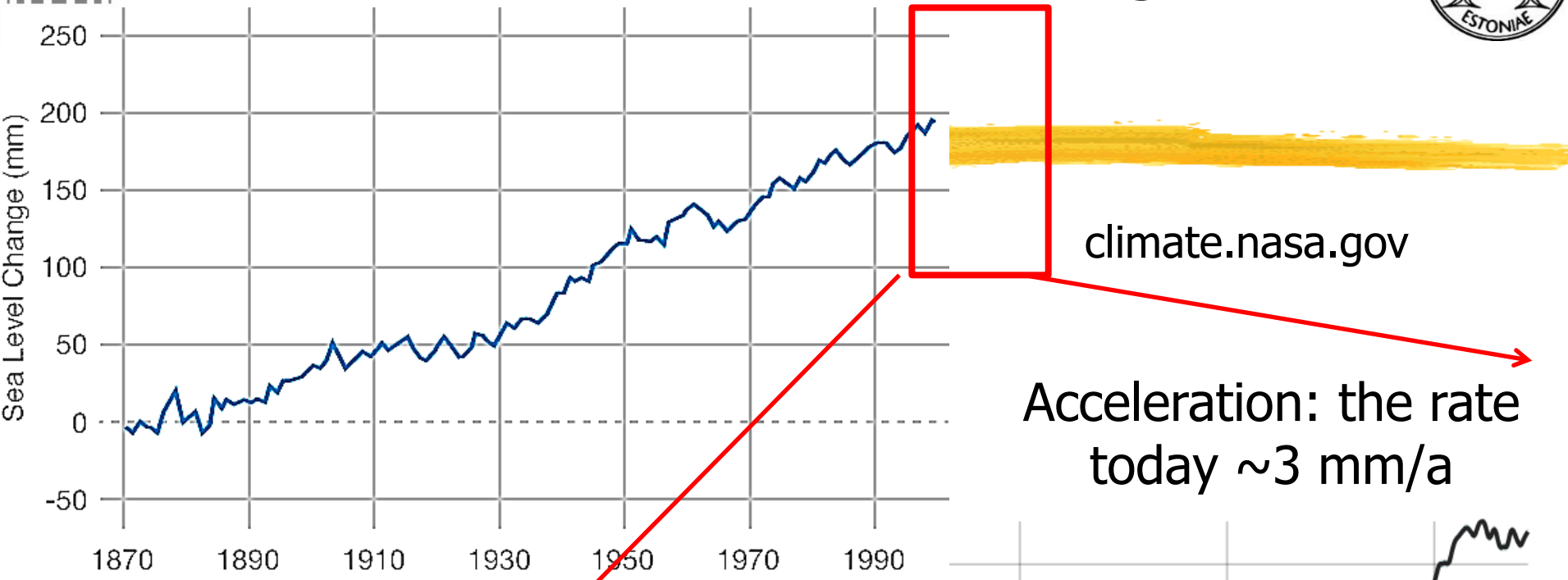


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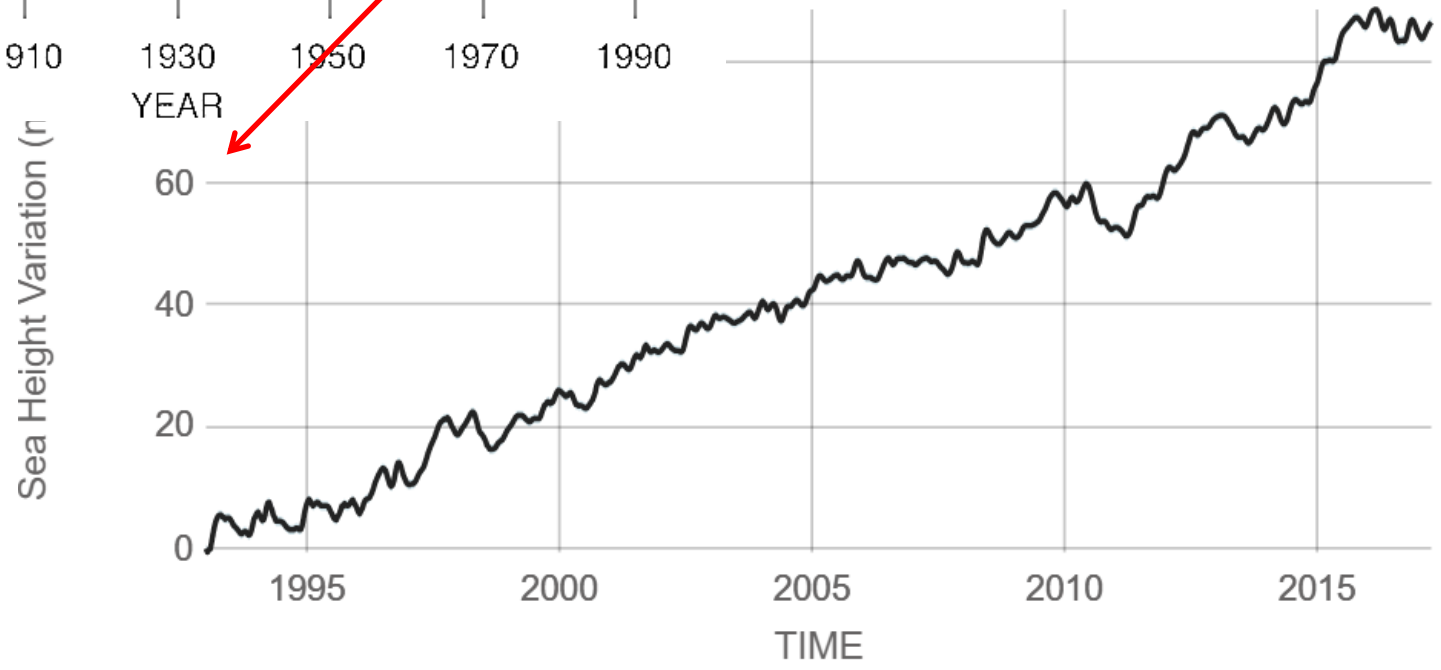




# Sea level in World Ocean is rising



Acceleration: the rate today  $\sim 3$  mm/a



# The role of the sea or where the extra heat has gone / is located since 1970

- Heating of water masses: 93%
- Melting of ice (glaciers, sea ice): 3%
- Heating of land: 3%
- Heating of the atmosphere: **1%**

Before 1970: insufficient data (IPCC, 2013)

A dramatic scene at Merivälja jetty. A large, powerful wave is crashing over a structure, creating a massive splash of white water. Three people are running away from the viewer on a path, their silhouettes dark against the bright, hazy background. The sky is filled with a golden glow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. Bare tree branches are visible in the foreground, framing the scene. The overall atmosphere is one of raw natural power and human vulnerability.

The power of the sea:  
in motions of water

Merivälja jetty

# Sometimes it happens



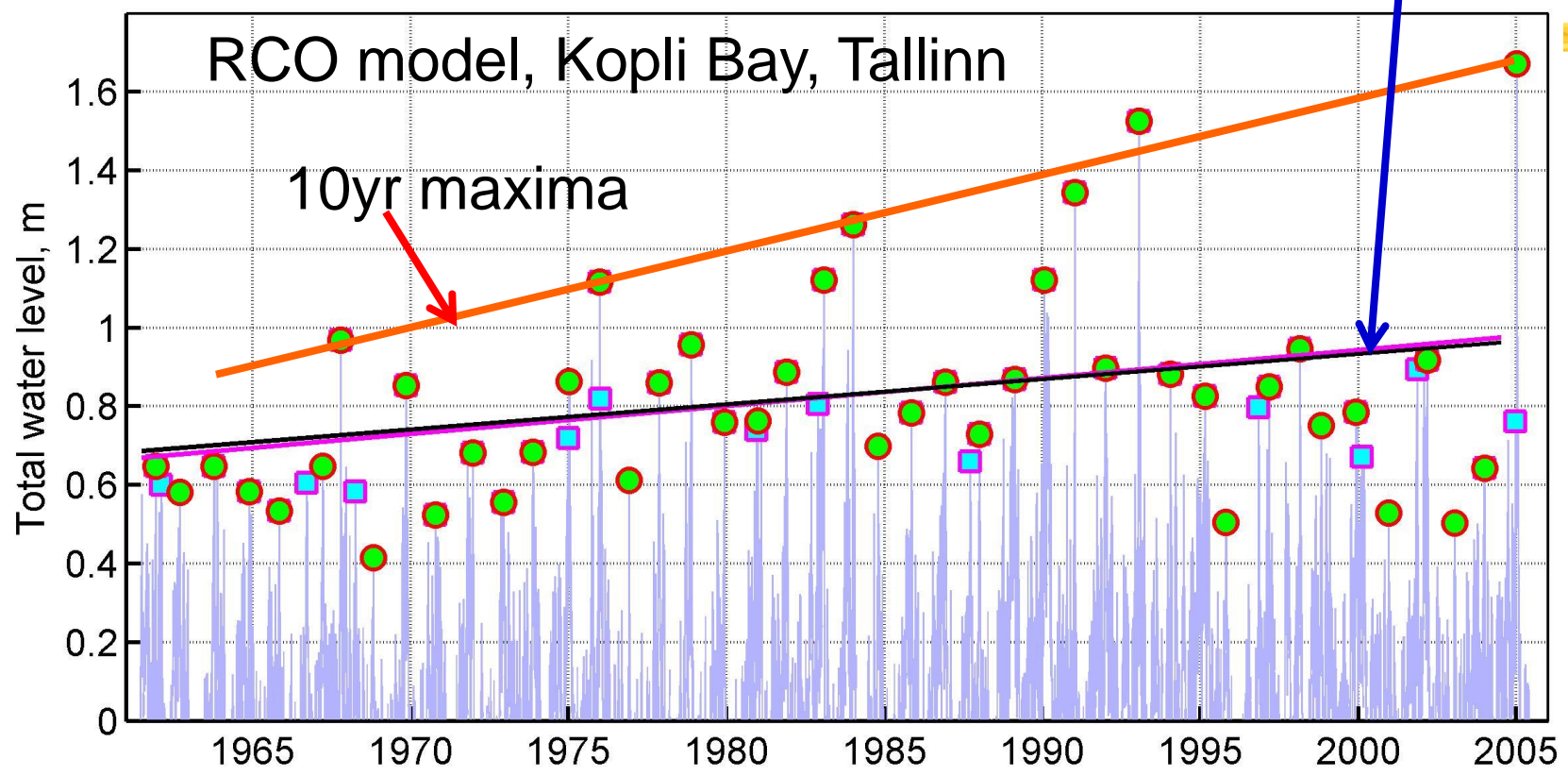
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# The urgent problem: extreme water levels are increasing

Annual maxima



Two important numbers about global sea level:

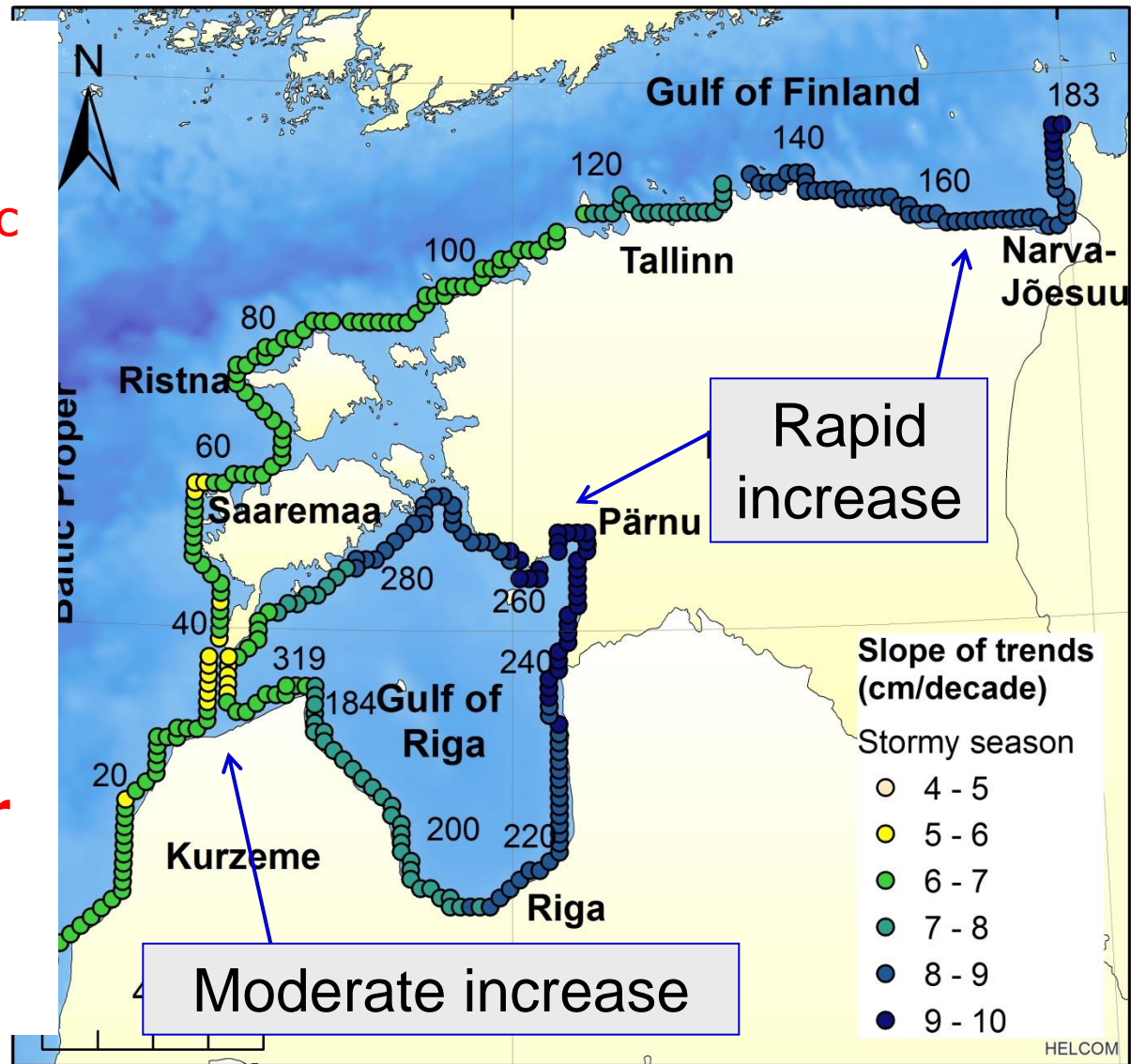
- Increase in the last 100yrs: **1-2 mm/yr**
- Last 20 yrs: **3 mm/yr**



# A simple question: how rapid is the increase in my home city?

Soomere & Pindsoo 2016, *Continental Shelf Research*

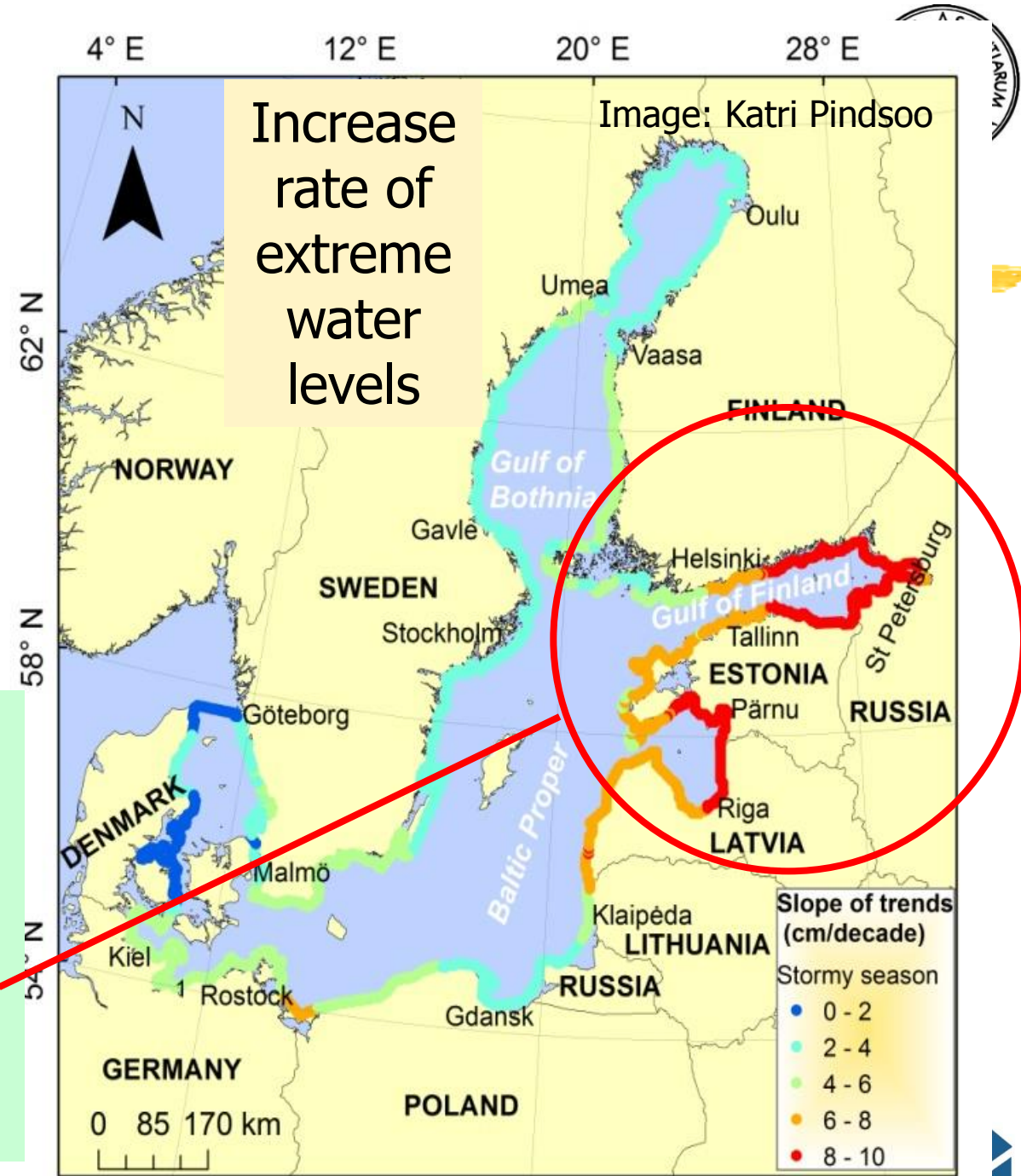
- Moderate increase  
~4 mm/yr
  - Open part of the Baltic Sea
- Typical increase 6-7 mm/yr
- Rapid increase: 9-10 mm/yr
  - Eastern bayheads
- **Up to 5 times faster than on the open ocean coasts(!?)**



What happens in the rest of the **Baltic Sea**?

A simple answer: almost nothing

A (non-scientific) conclusion: The focal point of climate changes is the Gulf of Finland



Thank you  
and have a nice forum!



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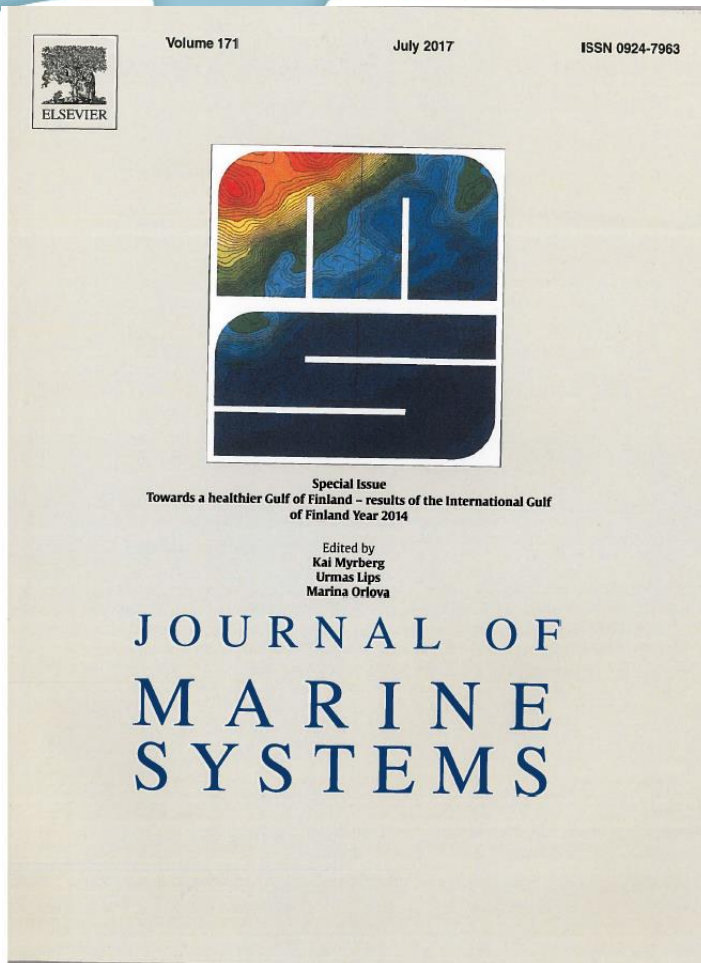
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# Coordination committee meeting March 2017



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- Acceptance of the expert group members
- Monitoring programme
  - Data exchange will continue as before
- Road Map was acknowledged
- Events for 2017 were acknowledged





# GoF declaration



- Declaration signed by the ministers of Environment of Estonia, Finland and Russia in spring 2016
- Declaration:
  - Co-operation program
  - Monitoring program
  - Road Map (regular updates)



# Trilateral Expert Group



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# Road Map



## Research themes:

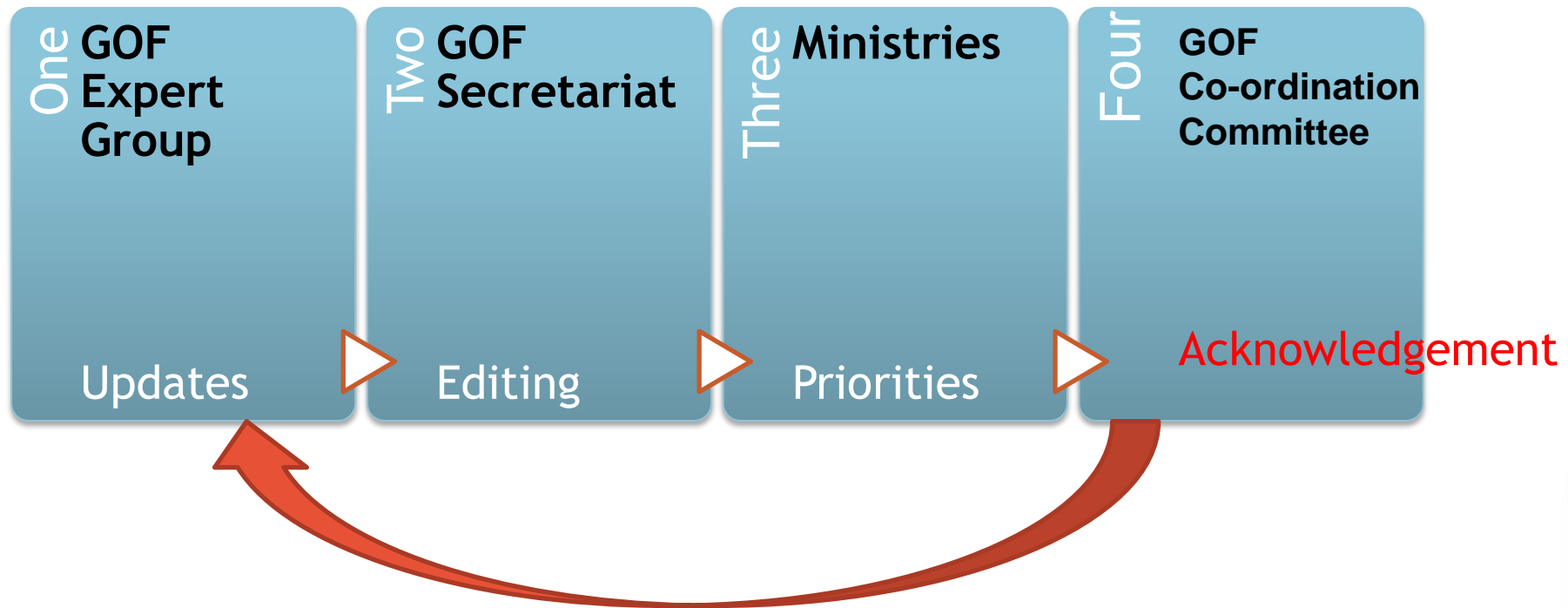
- Eutrophication
- Biological and geological diversity
- Pollution and Ecosystem Health
- Fish and fisheries
- Maritime safety
- Maritime spatial planning
- Climate change
- Monitoring

Main findings of the  
research themes

Recommendations  
based on the GOF  
assessment (incl.  
monitoring)

Road Map  
lists the  
concrete  
steps to  
improve  
the state  
of the GOF

# The Road Map is a living document - the 2<sup>nd</sup> version March 2017



# Monitoring programme will ensure...



- Data exchange between the three countries
- Based on the jointly collected monitoring data, a joint report will be issued every second year and results will be presented to the Trilateral Co-ordination Committee
- Inter-calibration of measurement methods is carried out on regular basis

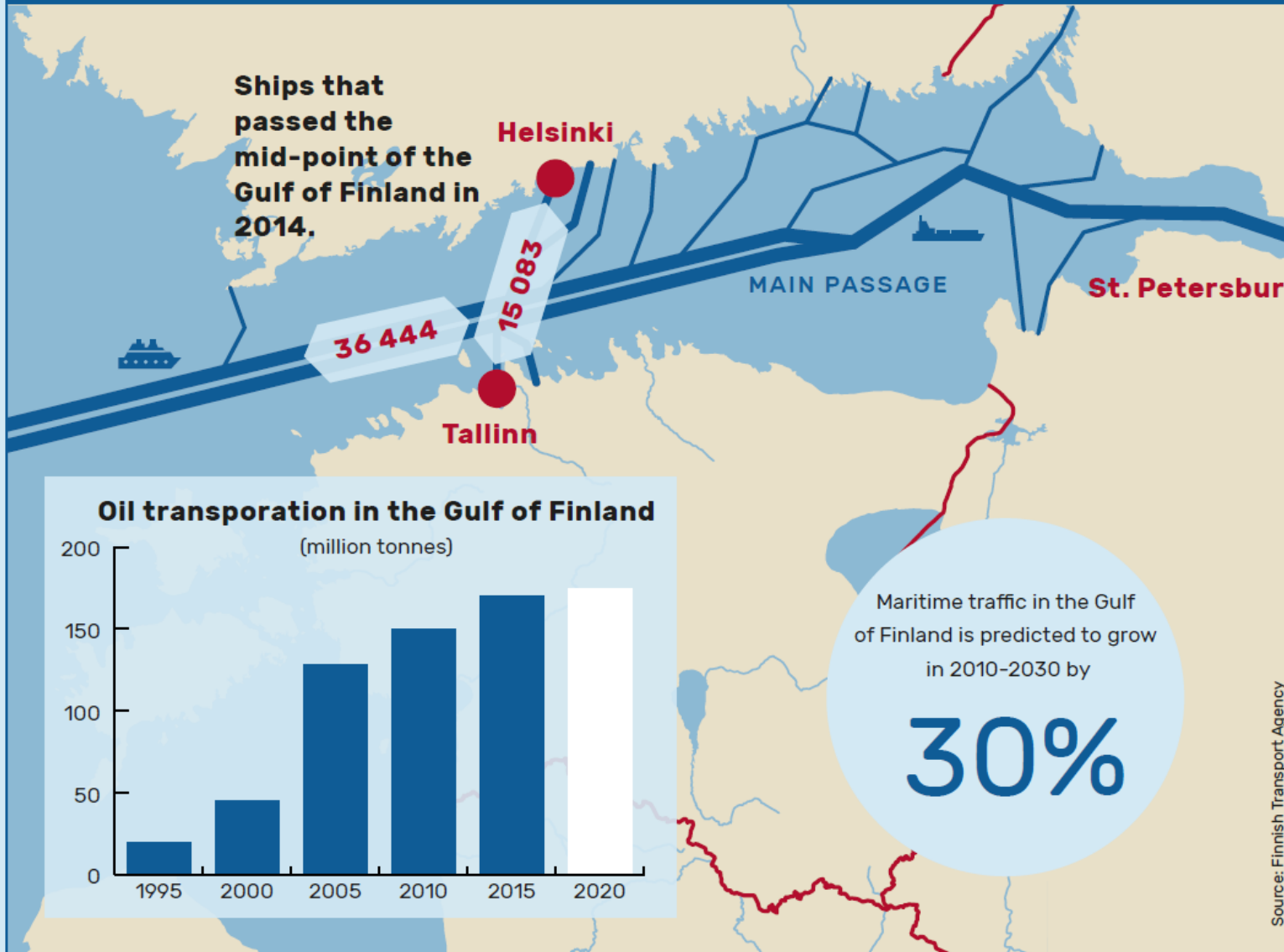


# Maritime traffic continues to grow in the Gulf of Finland

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Passenger ferry traffic between Helsinki and Tallinn as well as the crossing oil and cargo traffic along the Gulf form together a densely trafficked area.

Maritime traffic constitutes the biggest environmental threat for the Gulf regardless of advanced surveillance systems monitoring the traffic in the Gulf.



# Events 2017



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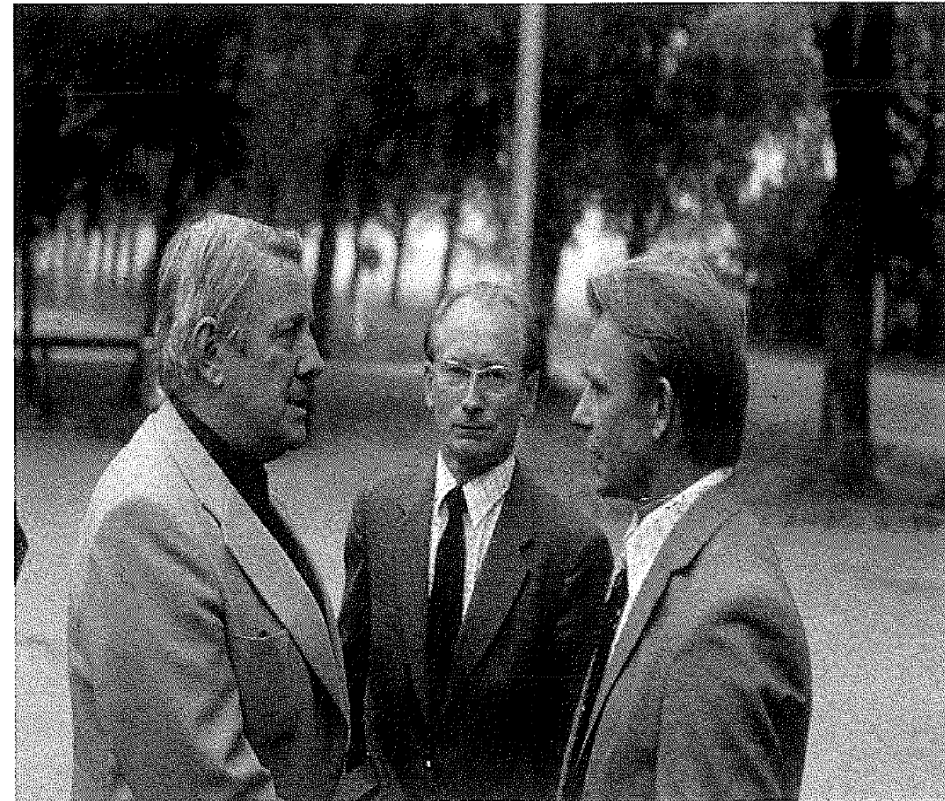
- The **nature documentary** Matka Merelle (by Jouni Hiltunen) devoted to the Gulf of Finland had its premiere in February with a Reception of the Mayor of Helsinki
- **Aranda VIP-cruise** for decision-makers was organised in May to make public the info graphs
- Info graphs were made available for citizens during the **Kotka Maritime festival** in July in the Baltic Sea village
- **Environmental Camp** was organised in July at the Island of Aegna
- **GoF Science days** in Tallinn
- **GoF expert group meeting** in November/December in Helsinki



# Trilateral work in the next year



- The trilateral cooperation has its **50 years Anniversary** in 2018 which will be celebrated by a specific event
- An inquiry among the GoF network will be carried out
- The trilateral team will participate to the **Baltic Sea Day** in St. Petersburg
- **Coordination committee** meeting will be held
- Infographs will be presented during Helsinki International Boat Show
- Expert group meetings
- **GoF Science Days** in St.Petersburg?





09.30  
Welcome words  
Jari Parkkinen, Executive Director of The Regional Council of North Savo  
Pekka Korhonen, Executive Director of the Institute of the North  
Juha Korhonen, CEO Lantti Region Development JARRE Ltd



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Thank you!

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Kiitos!

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## **Modelling of Internal Waves in the Baltic Sea**

# Modelling of Internal Waves in the Baltic Sea

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# Outline

**1. Observations**

**2. Theory**

**3. Modelling**

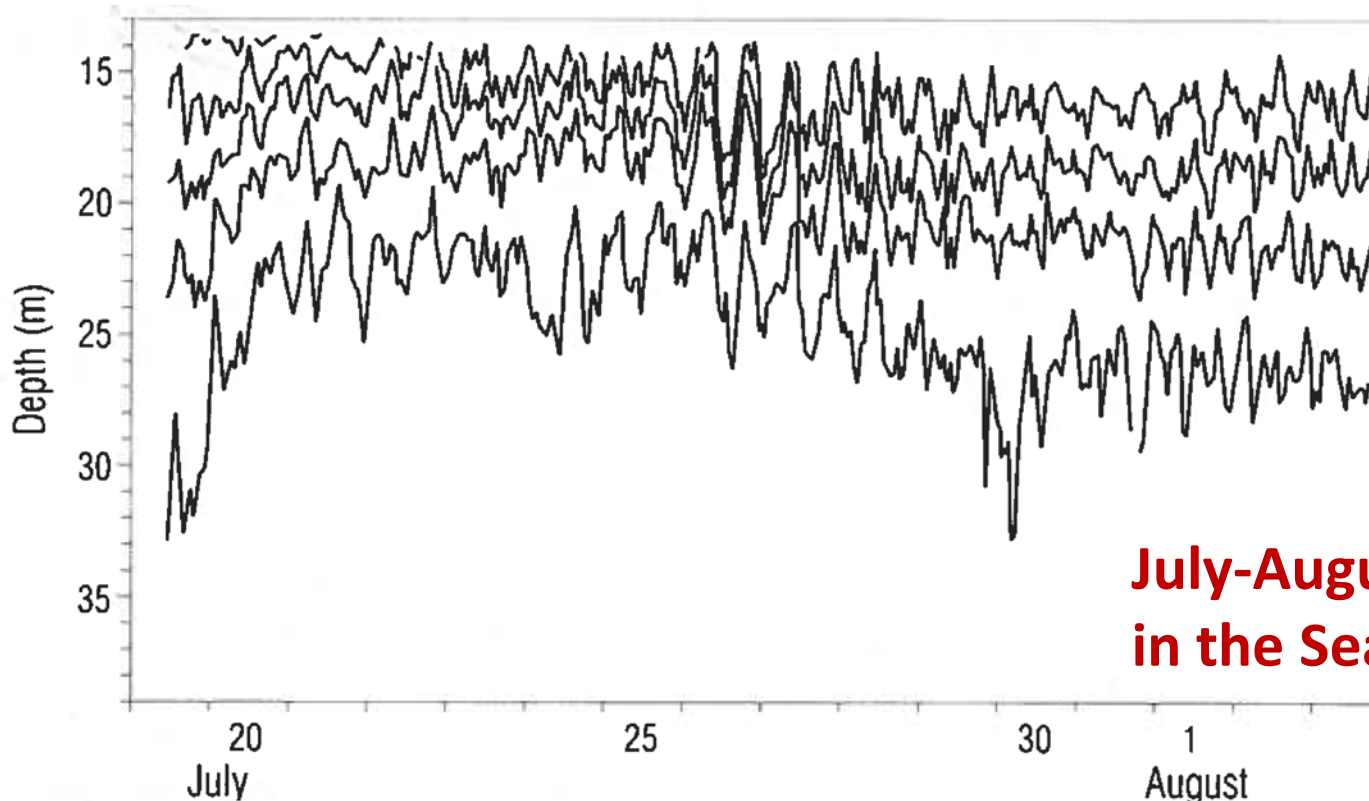
# Observations of Internal Waves (IW)

Since the stratification of the Baltic Sea is stable, IWs must be a common feature there, even though the number of studies into such waves is relatively small (Leppäranta and Myrberg, 2009). Several kinds of IWs can exist in this water body because of the variety of forcing factors and the complexity of its bathymetry. The relevant field data are limited. In the existing studies the generation of IWs in the Baltic Sea is mainly explained by the strong winds.

Tidal oscillations of the Baltic Sea level are extremely small: from 4 cm (Klaipeda) up to 10 cm in some sections of the Gulf of Finland (Alenius et al. 1998). The associated current speed, however, cannot be neglected. It reaches about 10 cm/s in the middle of the Gulf of Finland (Lilover, 2012) but still remains much below the level of motions driven by IWs.

Generation of IGWs in microtidal seas is possible due to several other dynamic processes such as the development and relaxation of coastal upwelling, vortices of different scales, surge phenomena, oscillations of hydrological fronts, etc. Several studies are devoted to in situ observations and numerical modelling of the generation and propagation of short-period IWs in microtidal and nontidal seas, based on experimental data obtained by contact probes (Vlasenko et al., 1998).

**In-situ measurements** in the Baltic Sea show fluctuations in current velocities and motions of isotherms on different timescales (*Leppäranta and Myrberg, 2009*). Periods of 1–30 min have been observed in the Kiel Bight, while periods of 5–6 h have been reported from the Gulf of Finland, the Arcona Basin and the Darss Sill area. The resulting temperature and velocity variations can be quite large.



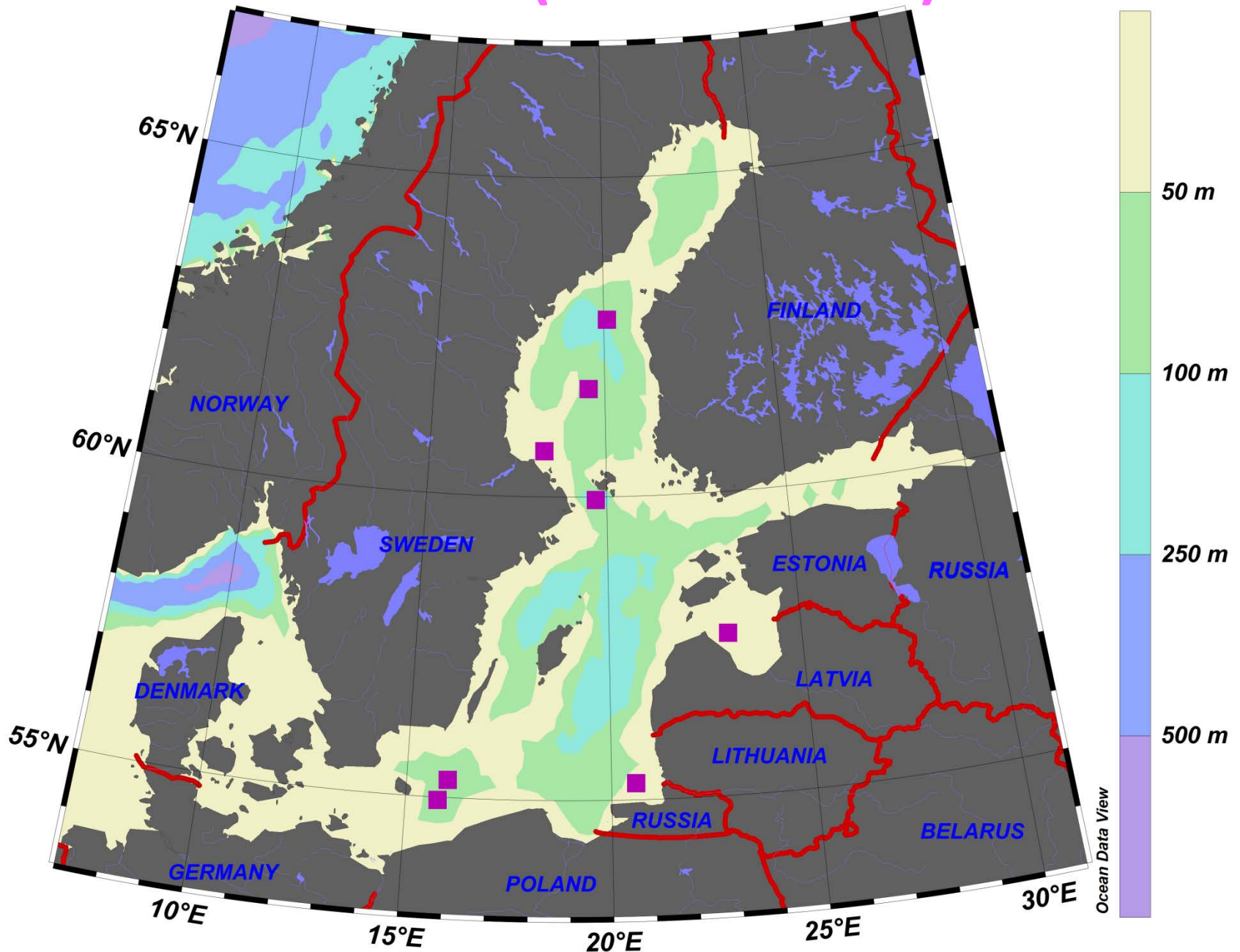
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in the Sea of Bothnia**

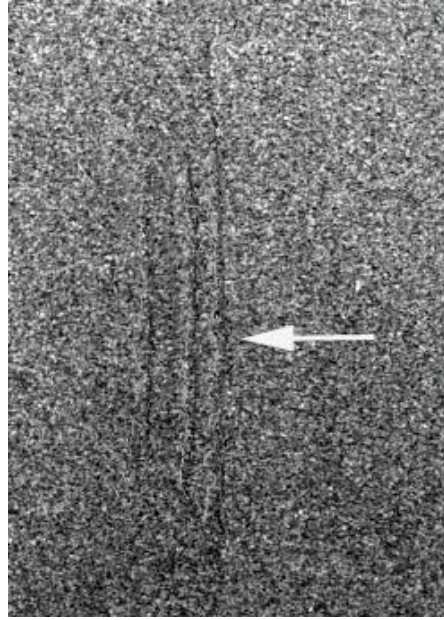
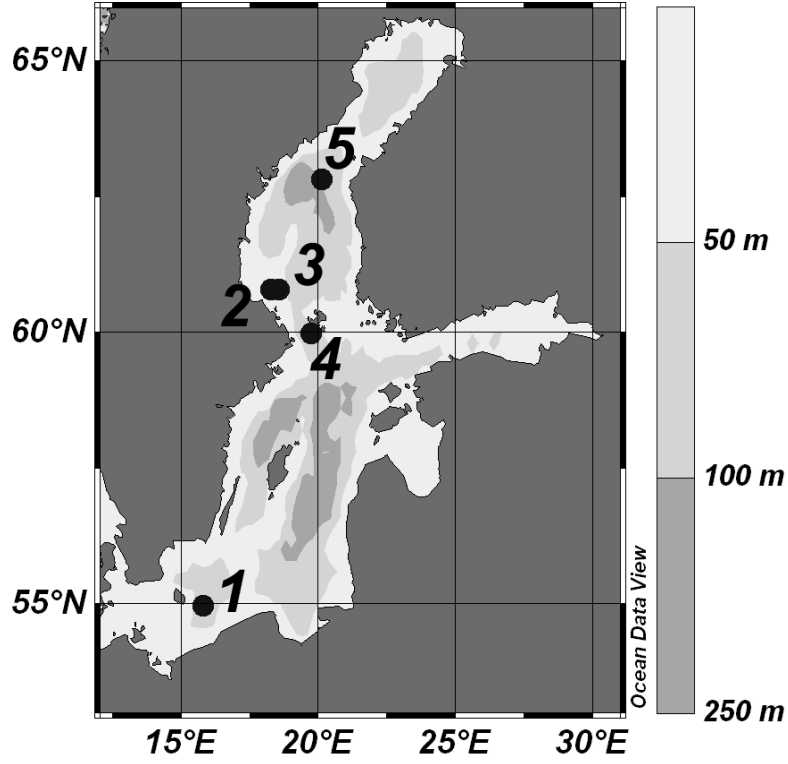
Cyclones providing winds of 10–15 m/s in the Baltic Sea cause the generation of IWs with amplitudes of 11–15 m. The associated current velocities in the upper layer are about 11–15 cm/s and in the lower layer about 5–8 cm/s (Chernysheva, 1987). The characteristics of IWs and internal seiches measured in the Baltic Sea are given in (Kol'chitskii et al., 1996; Golenko and Mel'nikov, 2007). In particular, IWs with periods of 0.1–1 h, observed in the central part of the Gotland Deep formed IW trains with duration of several hours and current amplitudes of about 3 cm/s. IWs in the inertial frequency range can induce currents reaching 20 cm/s.

**Internal waves in the Baltic Sea cannot be described by the Garrett-Munk spectrum. From *“State and evolution of the Baltic Sea, 1952-2005”* by R Feistel, G Nausch, N Wasmund - 2008**

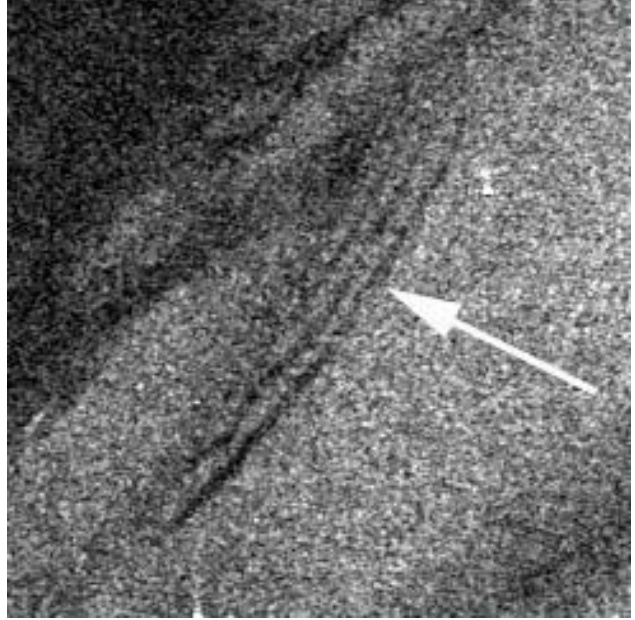


# Satellite observations (Lavrova et al)

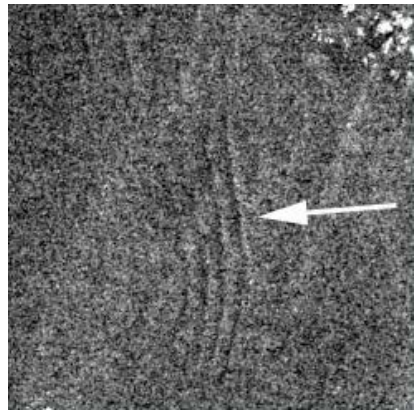
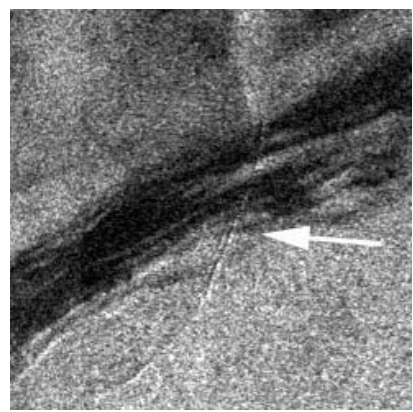




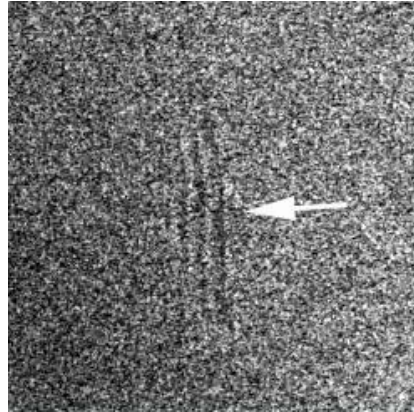
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**Envisat SAR Images**

Lavrova et al. (2010) detected 11 events of surface manifestations of IWs in the **Baltic Proper** and in the **Gulf of Bothnia** and 12 events in the **Danish Straits** in 2009–2010. The IWs in the Danish Straits are generated by tides. The number of waves in the trains was usually , maximal wavelength did not exceed 1 km, and the length of the leading wave front was less than 25 km. In July 2010 surface manifestations of IWs were periodically detected in the southern part of the Gulf of Bothnia and to the north and north-west of Gotland.

SAR observations of surface manifestations of IWs over the Baltic Sea area are quite difficult because of unstable meteorological conditions. A number of factors such as intensification or weakening of wind (calm, windless regions), development of choppiness, rough sea, algal blooms, heavy precipitation, passage of sharp atmospheric and wind fronts or appearance of atmospheric IWs undermine the identification of surface manifestations of sea IWs. They can be masked by the processes in the near-water layer of the atmosphere (Mityagina and Lavrova, 2010). Therefore **it is not surprising that events of surface manifestations of IWs are relatively rare for the Baltic Sea, and that only a few of them were detected from satellite SAR images.**

# Theory of Nonlinear Internal Waves

The asymptotic theory model used for horizontally variable background is based on the Gardner equation

$$\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial x} + (\alpha \zeta + \alpha_1 \zeta^2) \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} + \beta \frac{\partial^3 \zeta}{\partial t^3} = 0$$

Equation is written in the reference system  $t, x-ct$

$\zeta$  is vertical displacement of water particles on the mode  $\Phi$  maximum level, coefficients  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha_1$  and  $\beta$  are determined by horizontally variable stratification, depth and vertical mode structure.

## Eigenvalue problem for $\Phi$ and $c$

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left[ (c - U(z))^2 \frac{d\Phi}{dz} \right] + N(z)^2 \Phi = 0,$$

$$\Phi(0) = \Phi(H) = 0$$

$$\Phi_{\max} = 1$$

# Nonlinear Correction to Mode Structure

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left[ (c - U)^2 \frac{dT}{dz} \right] + N^2 T =$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \frac{d}{dz} \left[ (c - U)^2 \left( \frac{d\Phi}{dz} \right)^2 \right] - \alpha \frac{d}{dz} \left[ (c - U) \frac{d\Phi}{dz} \right]$$

$$T = 0 \quad \text{where } z = 0, H$$

$$T = 0 \quad \text{where } \Phi(z) = 1$$

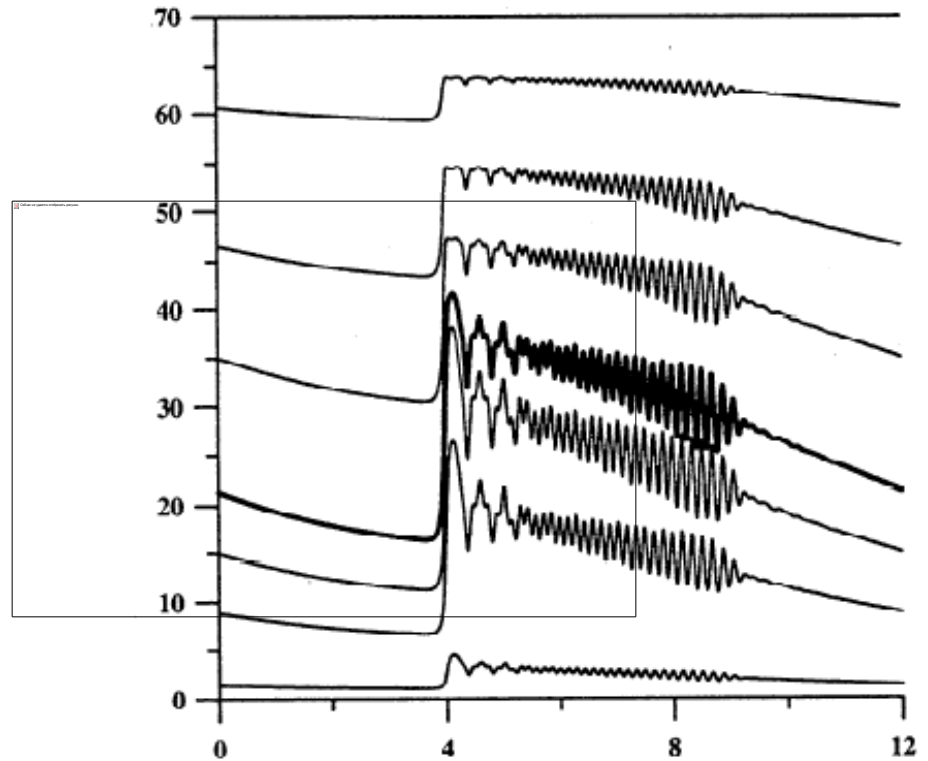
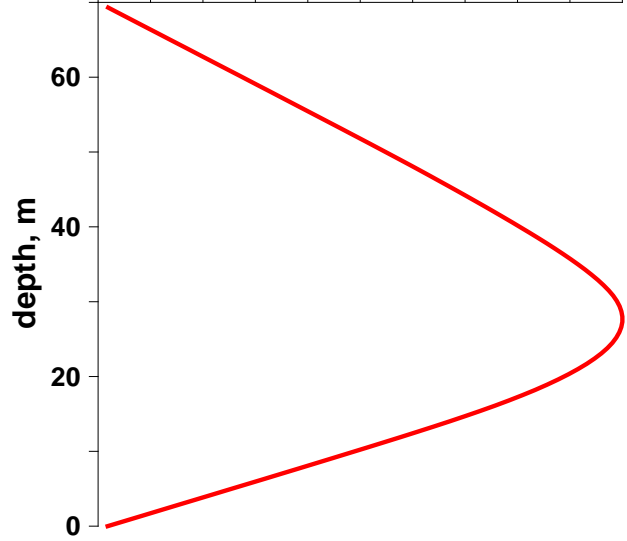
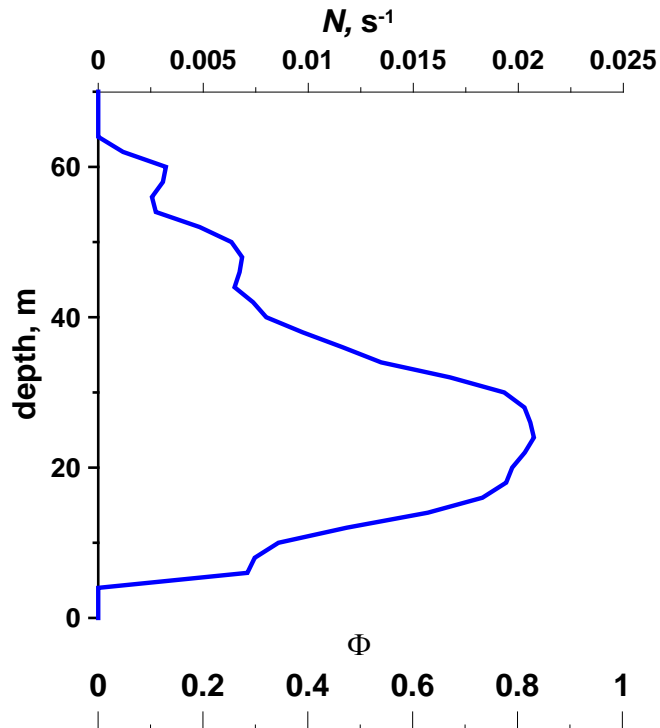
$$\zeta(z, x, t) = \zeta(x, t)\Phi(z) + \zeta^2 T(z)$$

# Mode structure

Brunt-Vaisala Frequency

$$N^2(y) = -\frac{g}{\rho_0(y)} \frac{d\rho_0}{dy}$$

The first mode



# Model Coefficients

Dispersion

$$\beta = \frac{\int (c - U)^2 \Phi^2 dz}{2 \int (c - U) (d\Phi / dz)^2 dz}$$

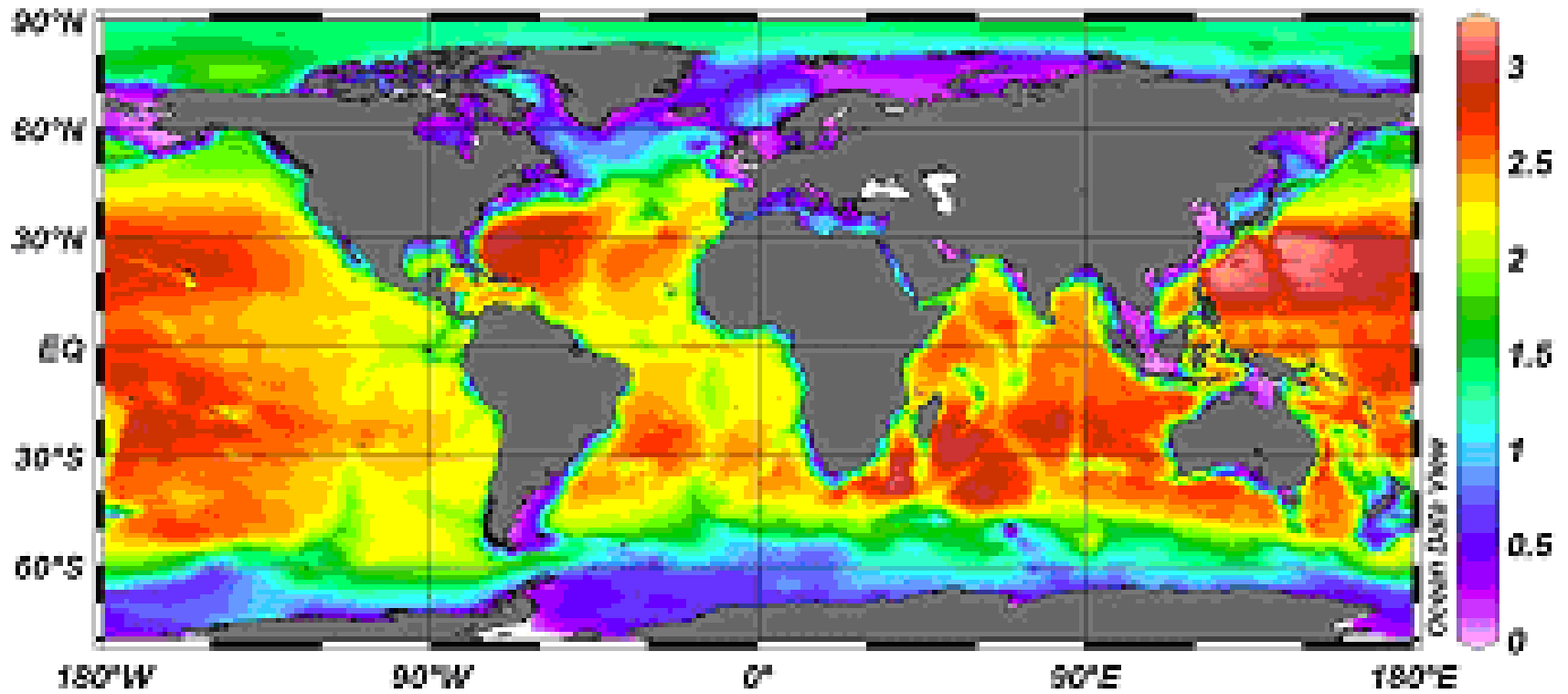
Quadratic Nonlinearity

$$\alpha = \frac{3 \int (c - U)^2 (d\Phi / dz)^3 dz}{2 \int (c - U) (d\Phi / dz)^2 dz}$$

Cubic nonlinearity

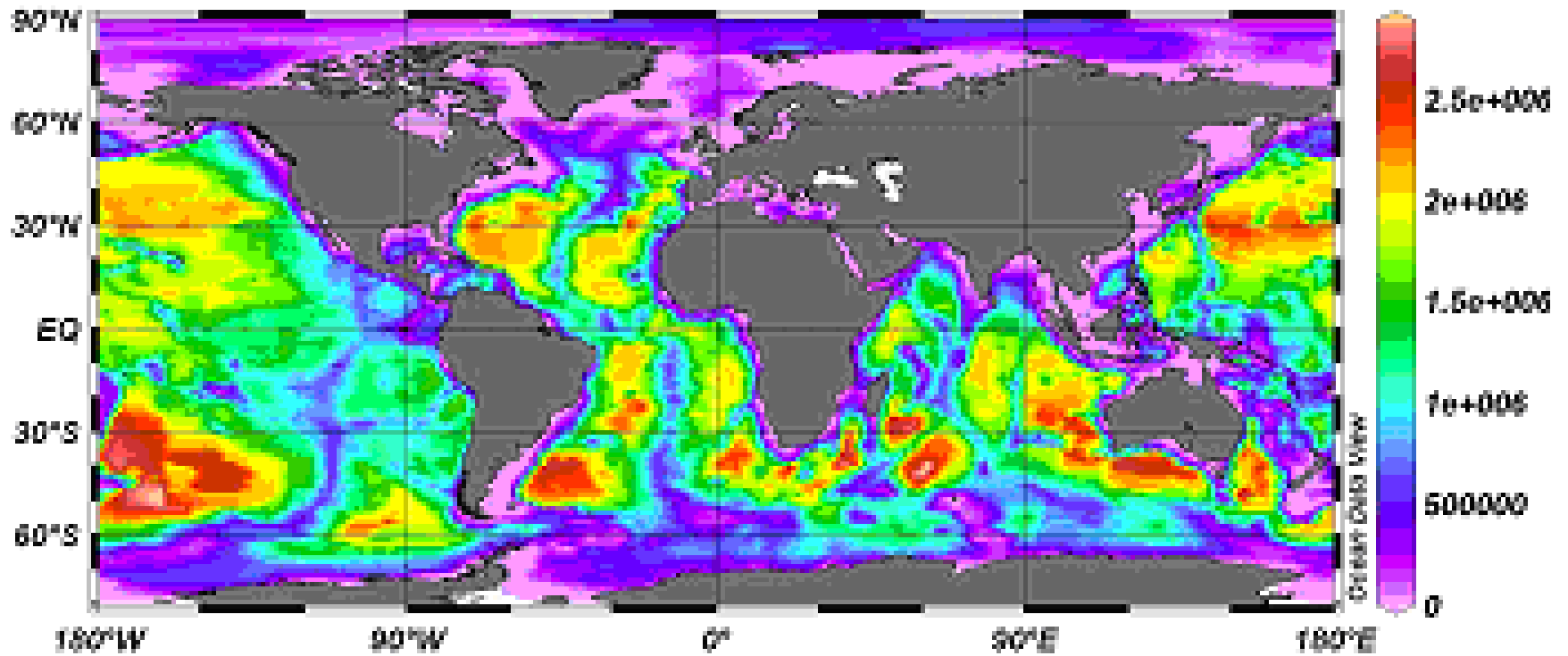
$$\alpha_1 = -\frac{3 \int \Theta dz}{2 \int (c - U) (d\Phi / dz)^2 dz}$$

$$\Theta = (c - U)^2 (d\Phi / dz)^2 \left[ 2(d\Phi / dz)^2 - 3(dT / dz) \right] -$$
$$-\frac{\alpha}{3} (c - U) (d\Phi / dz) \left[ 5(d\Phi / dz)^2 - 4(dT / dz) \right] + \frac{\alpha^2}{3} (d\Phi / dz)^2$$

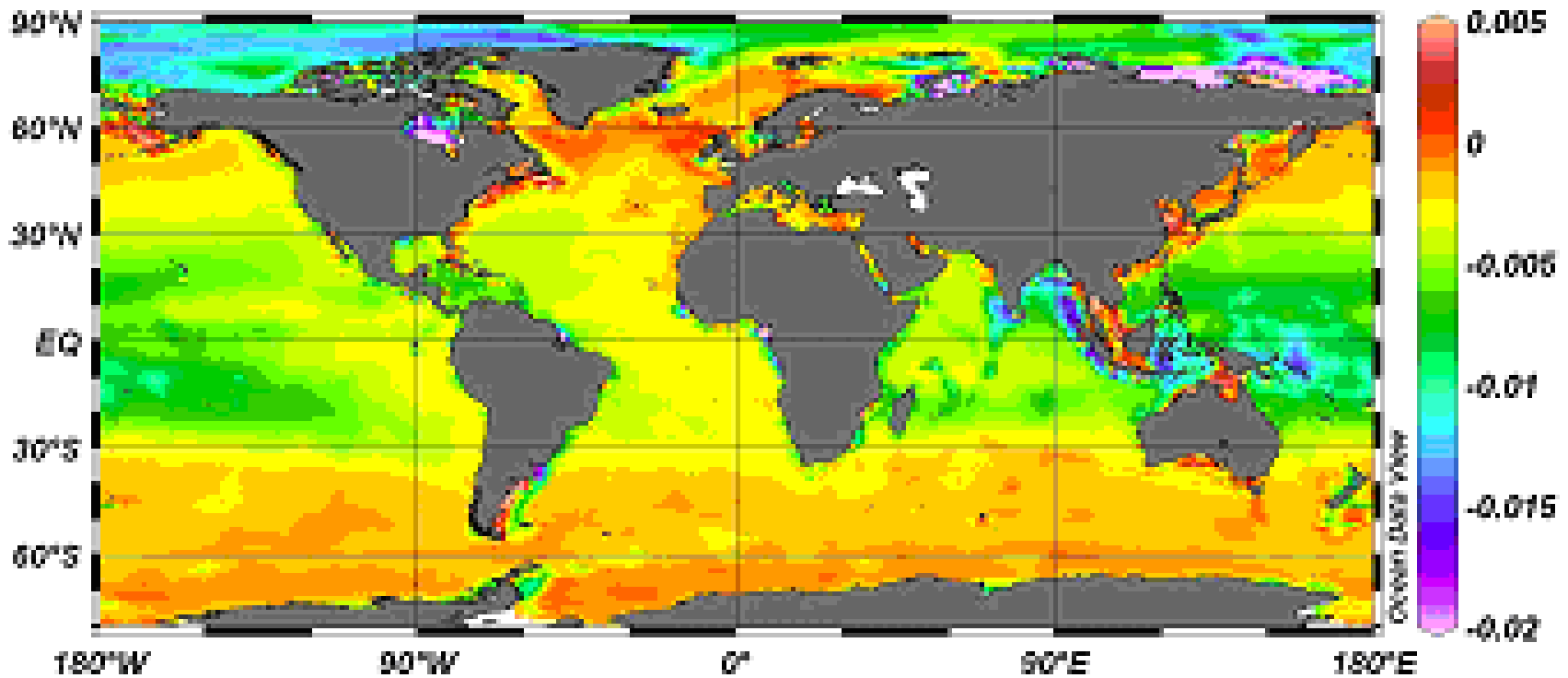


Linear Long Internal Wave Speed,  $c$



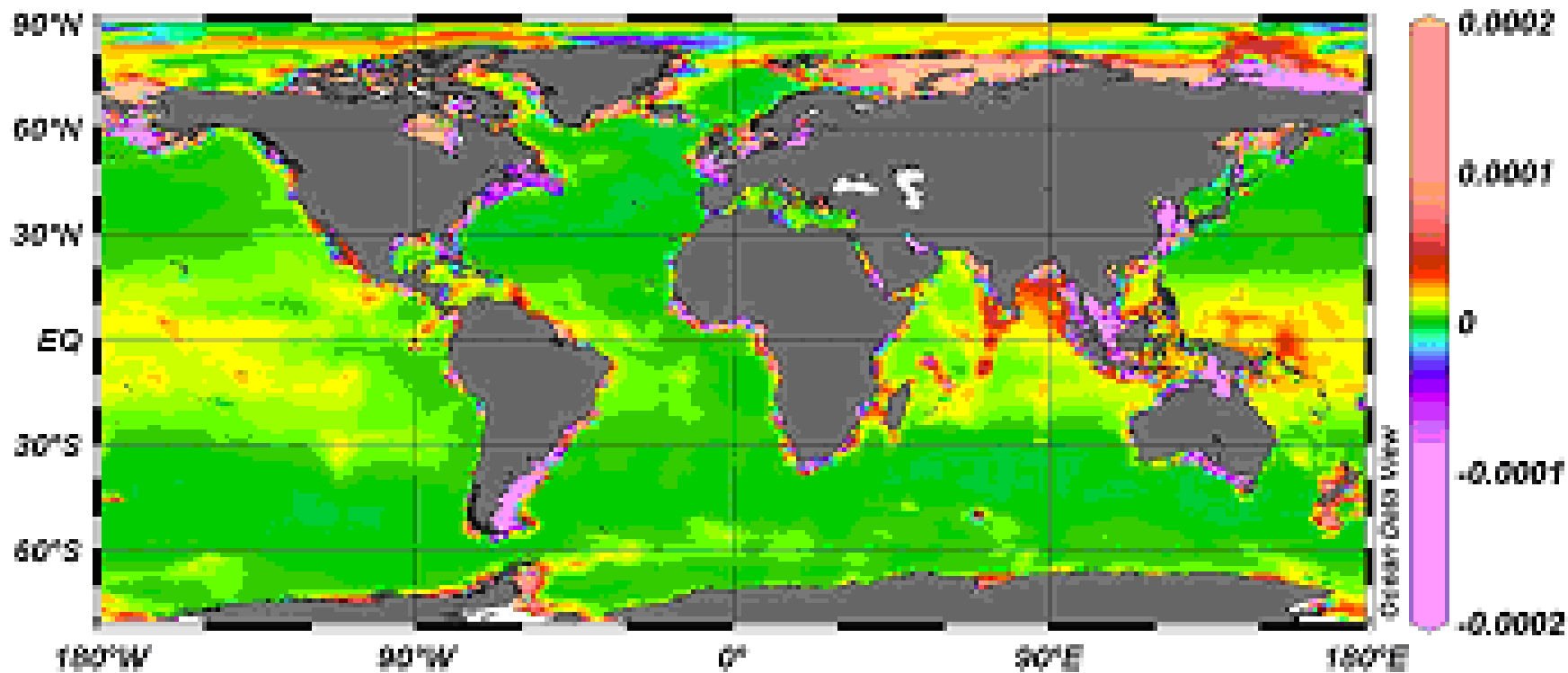


Dispersion Coefficient



Quadratic Nonlinear Term

*Varied Sign!*



## Cubic Nonlinear Term

*Varied Sign!*

# Gardner's Solitons

$$u(x, t) = \frac{A}{1 + B \operatorname{ch}(\gamma(x - Vt))},$$

$$\alpha_1 < 0$$

Limited amplitude

$$a_{\text{lim}} = -\alpha / \alpha_1$$

$$\alpha_1 > 0$$

Two branches of solitons of both polarities,  
algebraic soliton  $a_{\text{lim}} = -2\alpha / \alpha_1$

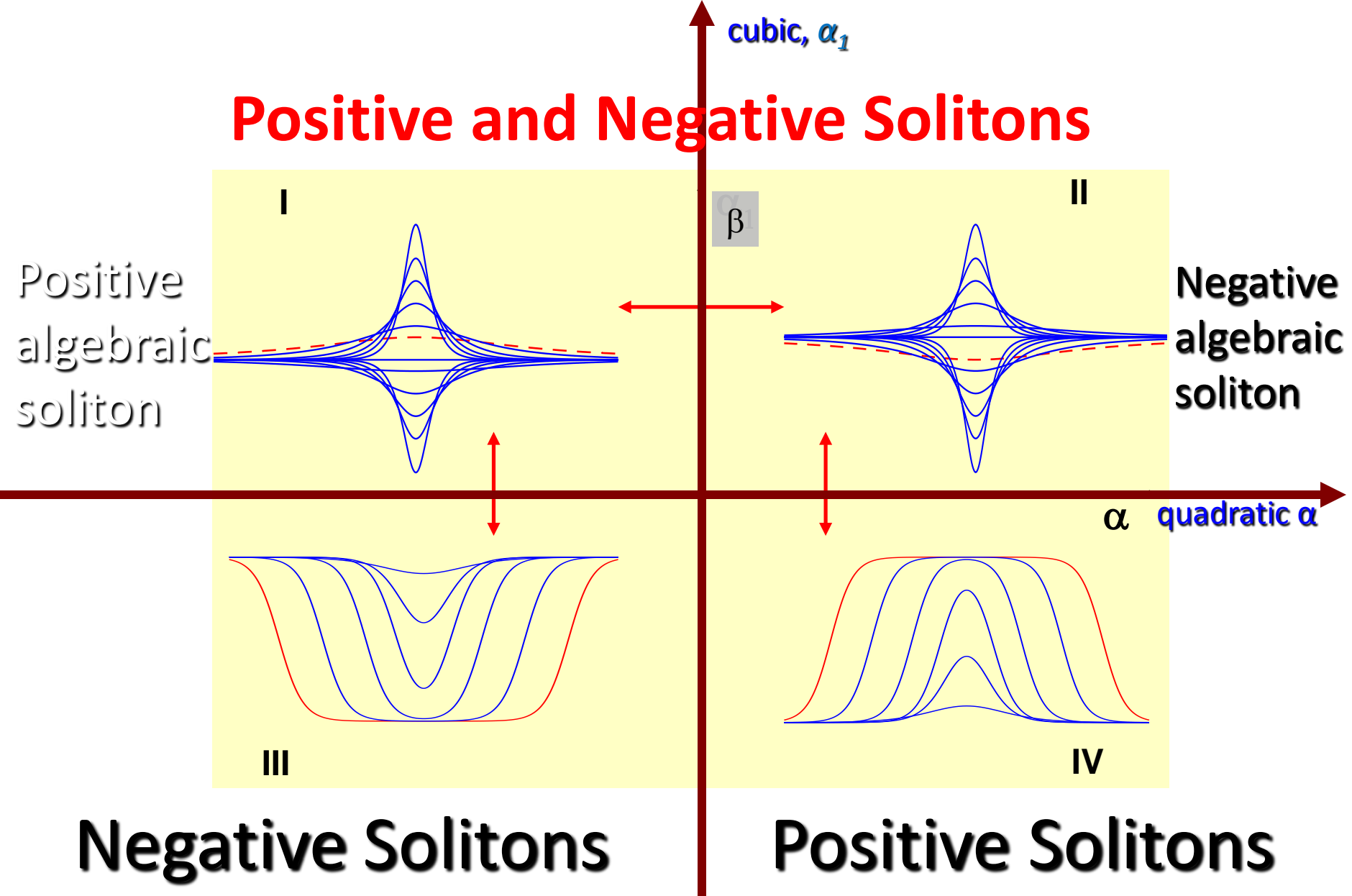
$$A = \frac{6\lambda\gamma^2}{\alpha},$$

$$B^2 = 1 + \frac{6\alpha_1\lambda\gamma^2}{\alpha^2},$$

$$V = \lambda\gamma^2$$

$$a = \frac{A}{1 + B}$$

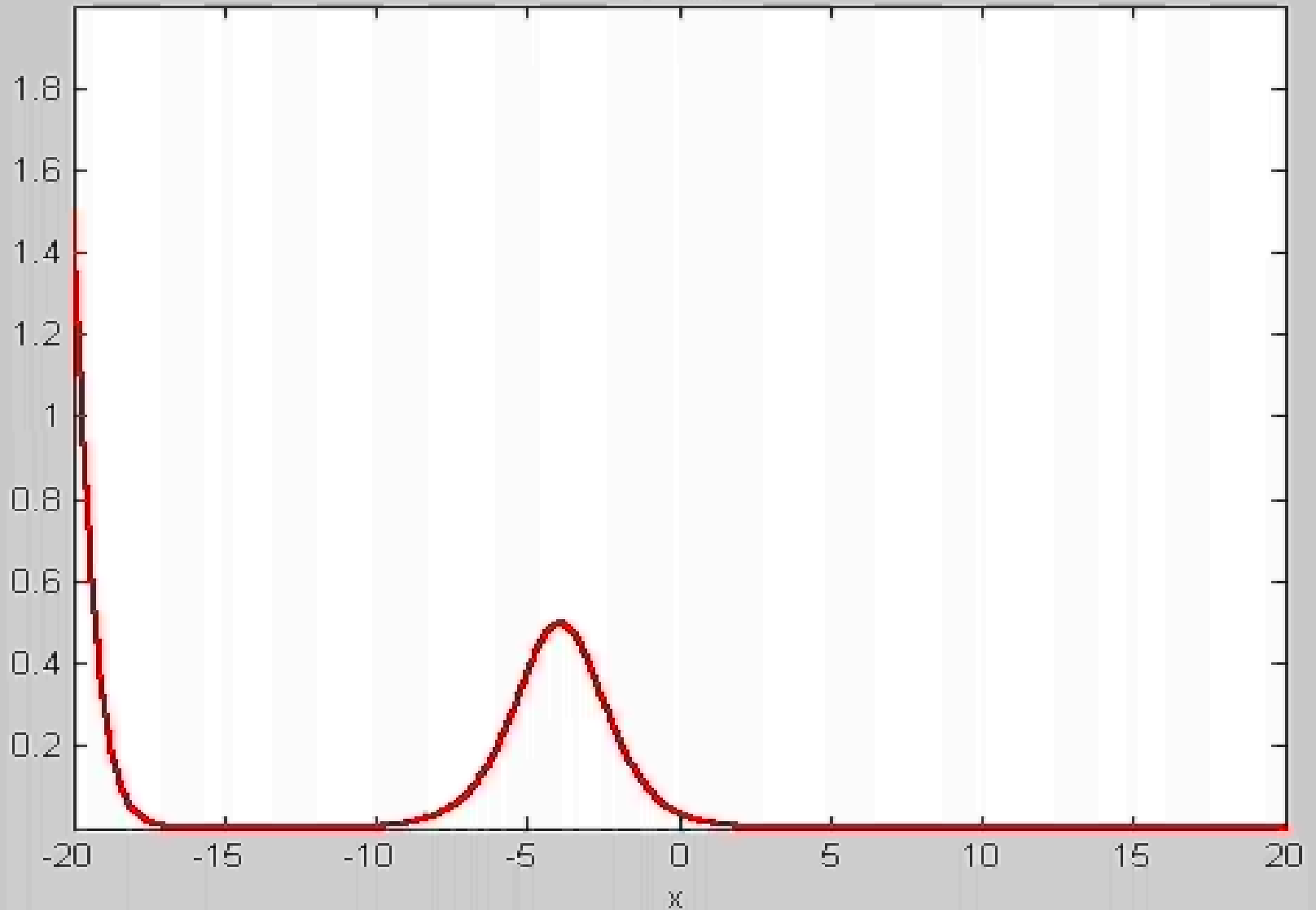
# Positive and Negative Solitons



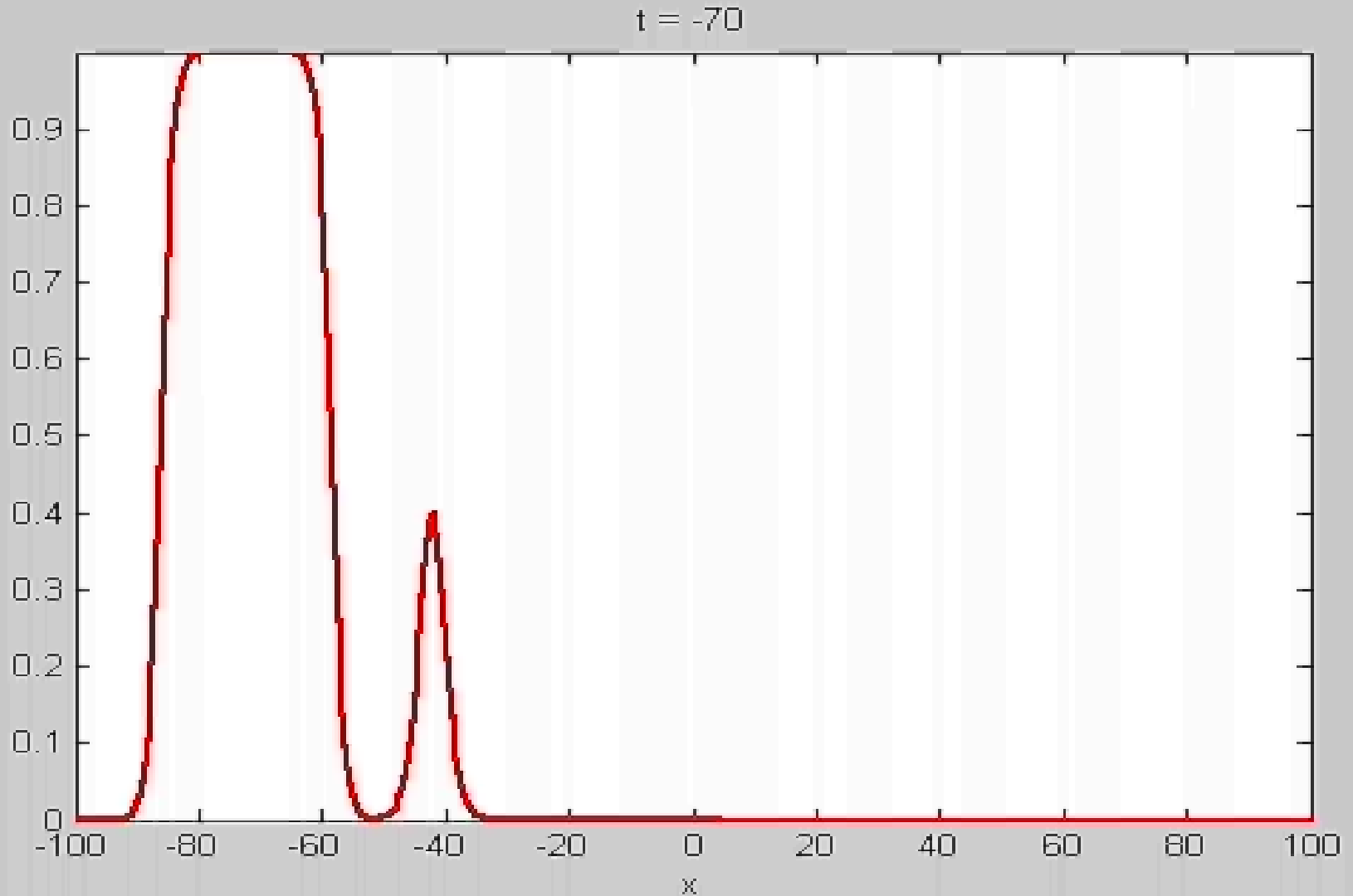
Sign of the cubic term is principal!

# Exact Two Soliton Solutions: **KdV**

$t = -5$



# Exact Two Exact 2 GE (negative cubic term ): $\alpha_1 < 0$



# Gardner's Breathers

cubic,  $\alpha_1 > 0$

$\lambda = 1$ ,  $\alpha = 12q$ ,  $\alpha_1 = 6$ , where  $q$  is arbitrary)

$$u = 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \operatorname{atan} \frac{l \operatorname{ch}(\Psi) \cos(\theta) - k \cos(\Phi) \operatorname{sh}(\kappa)}{l \operatorname{sh}(\Psi) \sin(\theta) + k \sin(\Phi) \operatorname{ch}(\kappa)}$$

$\theta$  and  $\kappa$  are the phases of carrier wave and envelope

$$\theta = k(x - wt) + \theta_0, \quad \kappa = l(x - vt) + \kappa_0$$

propagating with speeds

$$w = -k^2 + 3l^2, \quad v = -3k^2 + l^2$$

There are 4 free parameters:  $\theta_0$ ,  $\kappa_0$  and two energetic parameters

Pelinovsky D&Grimshaw, 1997

$$\Phi + i\Psi = \operatorname{tg}^{-1} \left[ \frac{l + ik}{2q} \right]$$

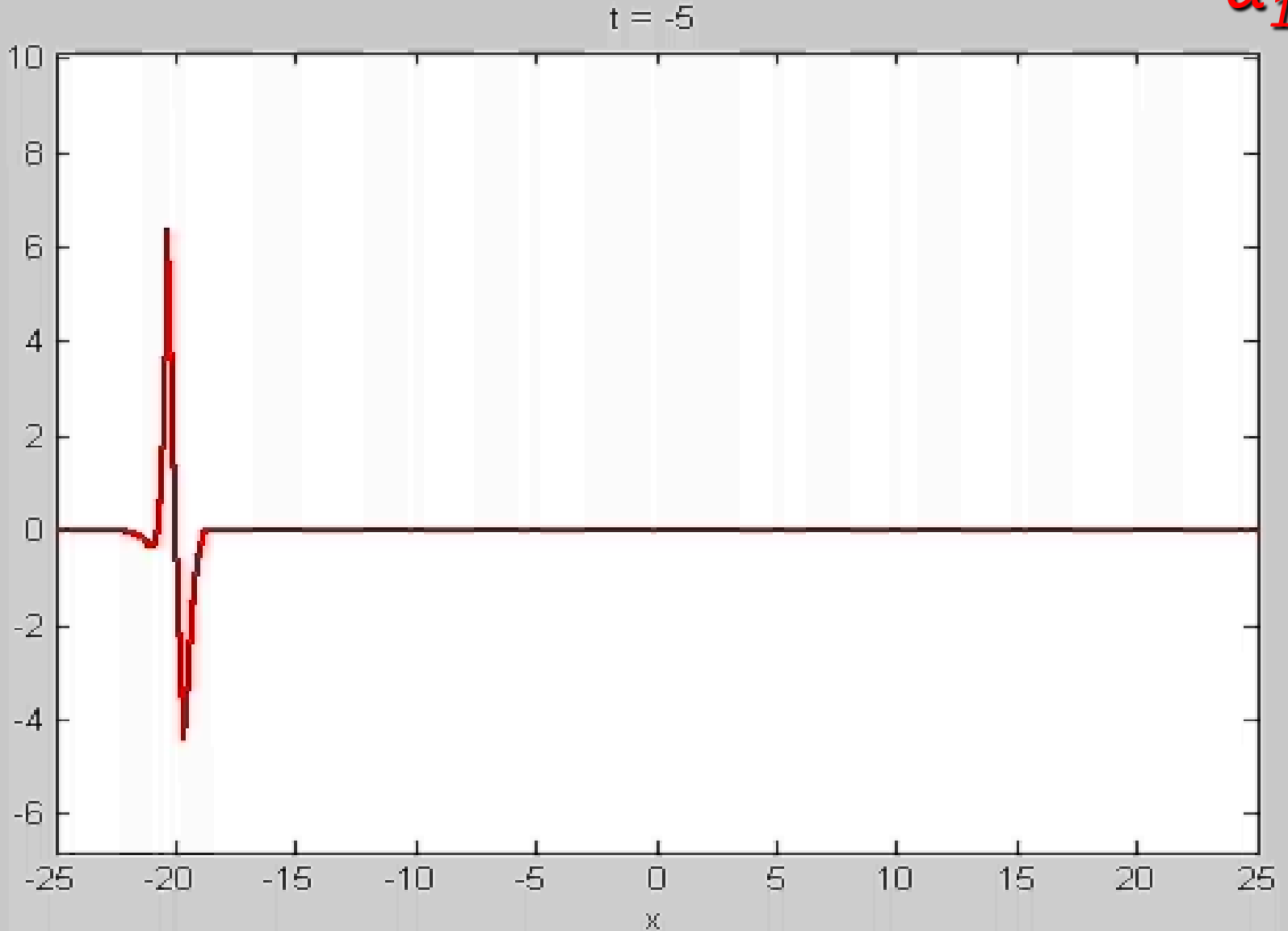
$$k = q \frac{\operatorname{sh}(2\Psi)}{\cos^2(\Phi) \operatorname{ch}^2(\Psi) + \sin^2(\Phi) \operatorname{sh}^2(\Psi)}$$

$$l = q \frac{\sin(2\Phi)}{\cos^2(\Phi) \operatorname{ch}^2(\Psi) + \sin^2(\Phi) \operatorname{sh}^2(\Psi)}$$

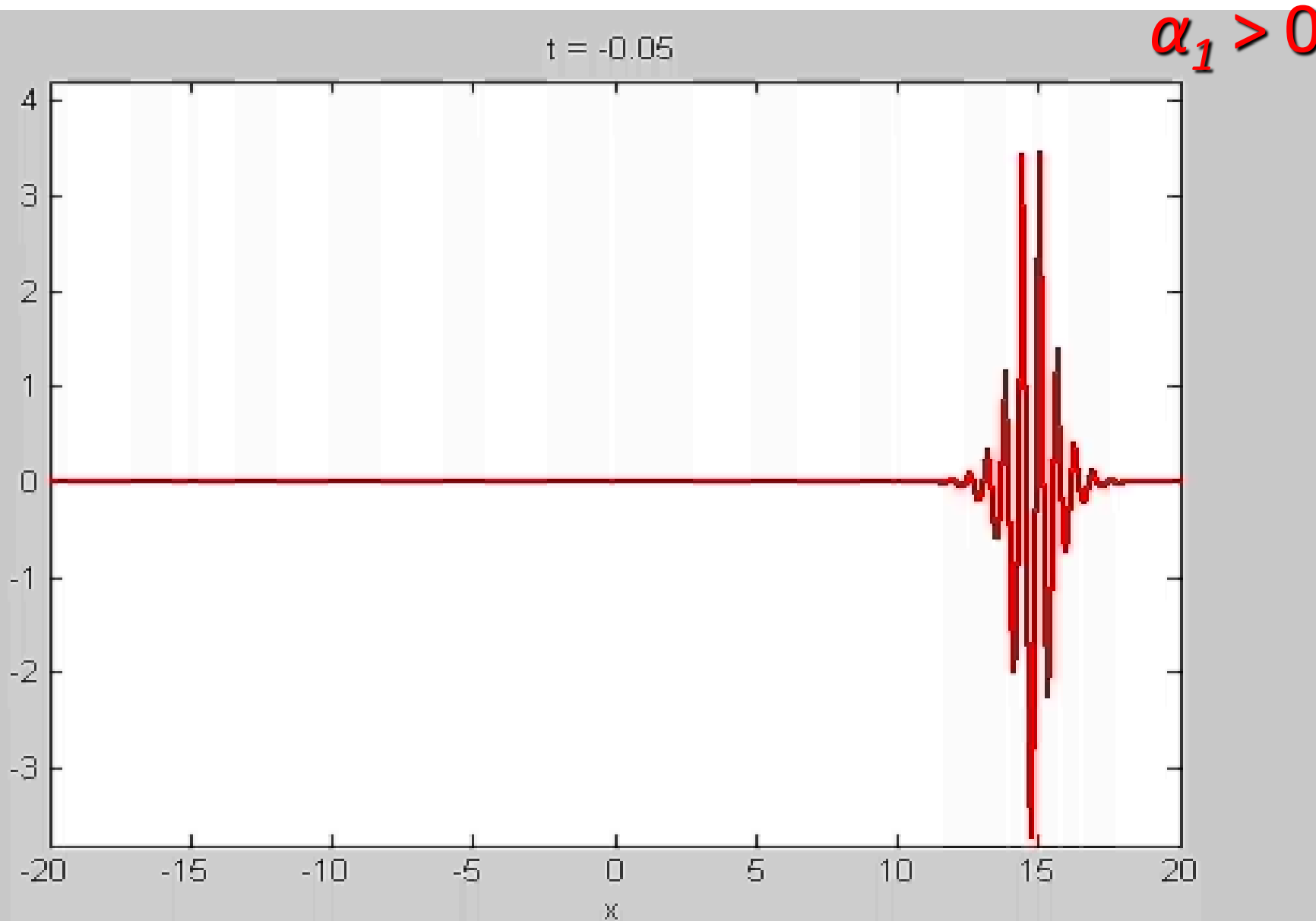


# Breathers: positive cubic term

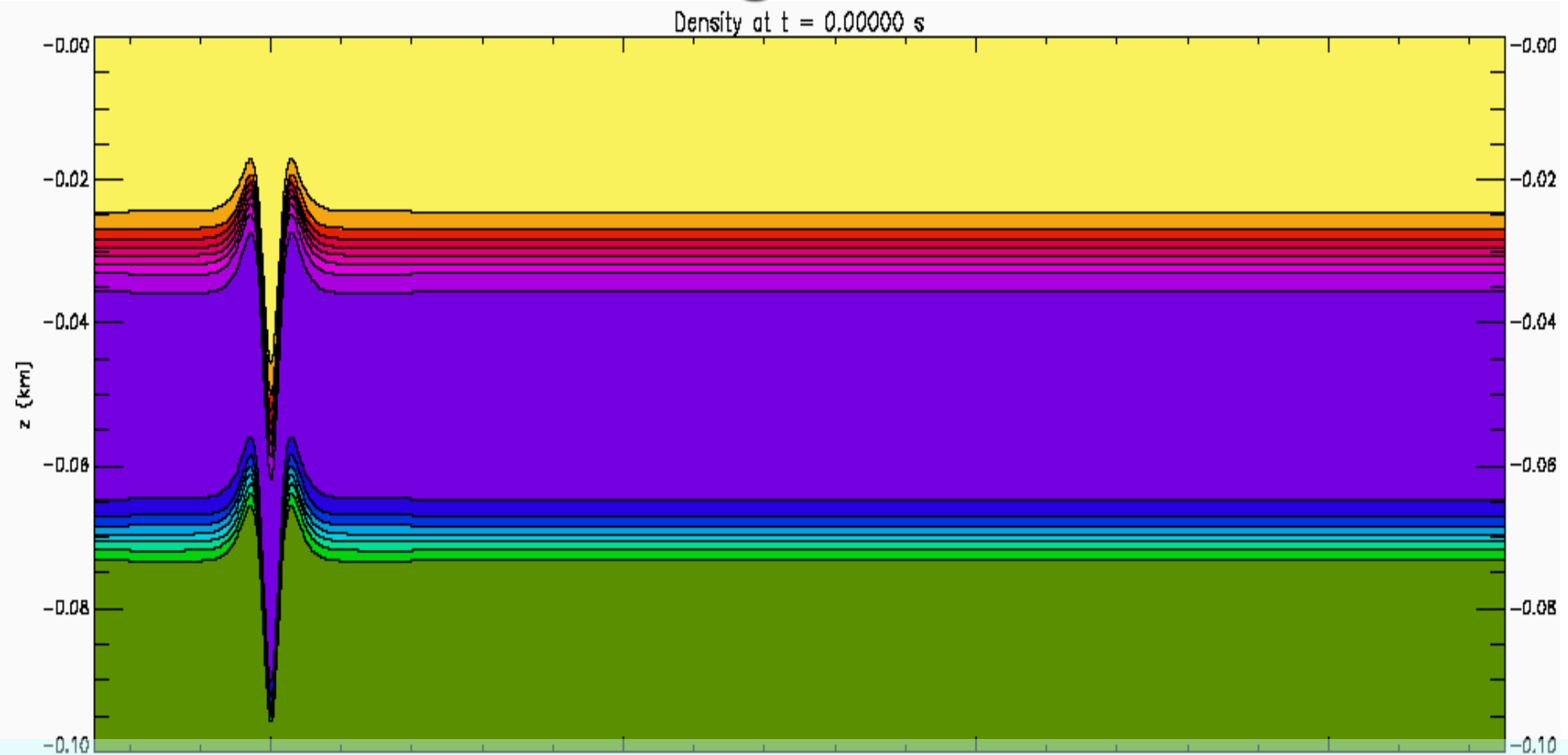
$$\alpha_1 > 0$$



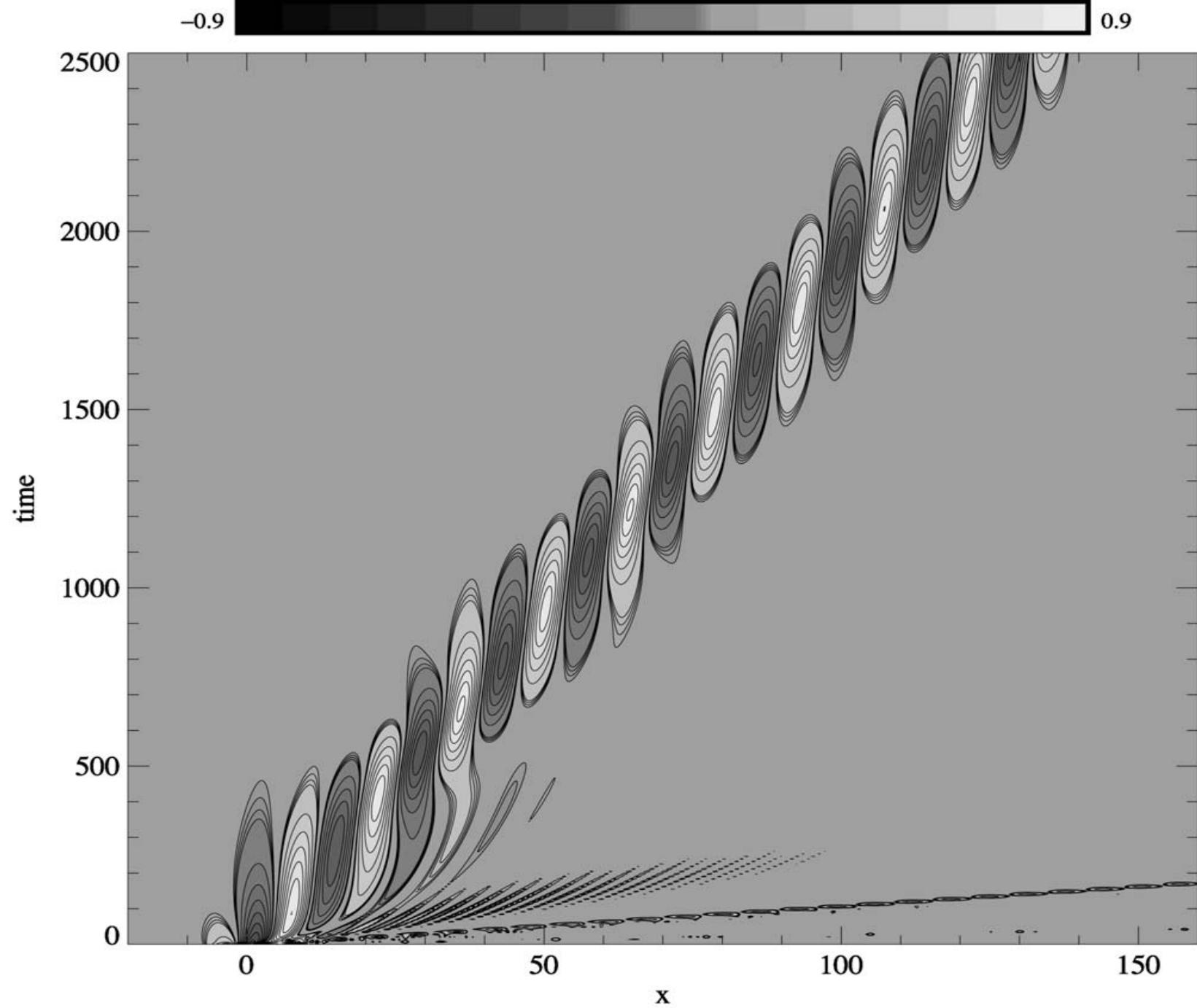
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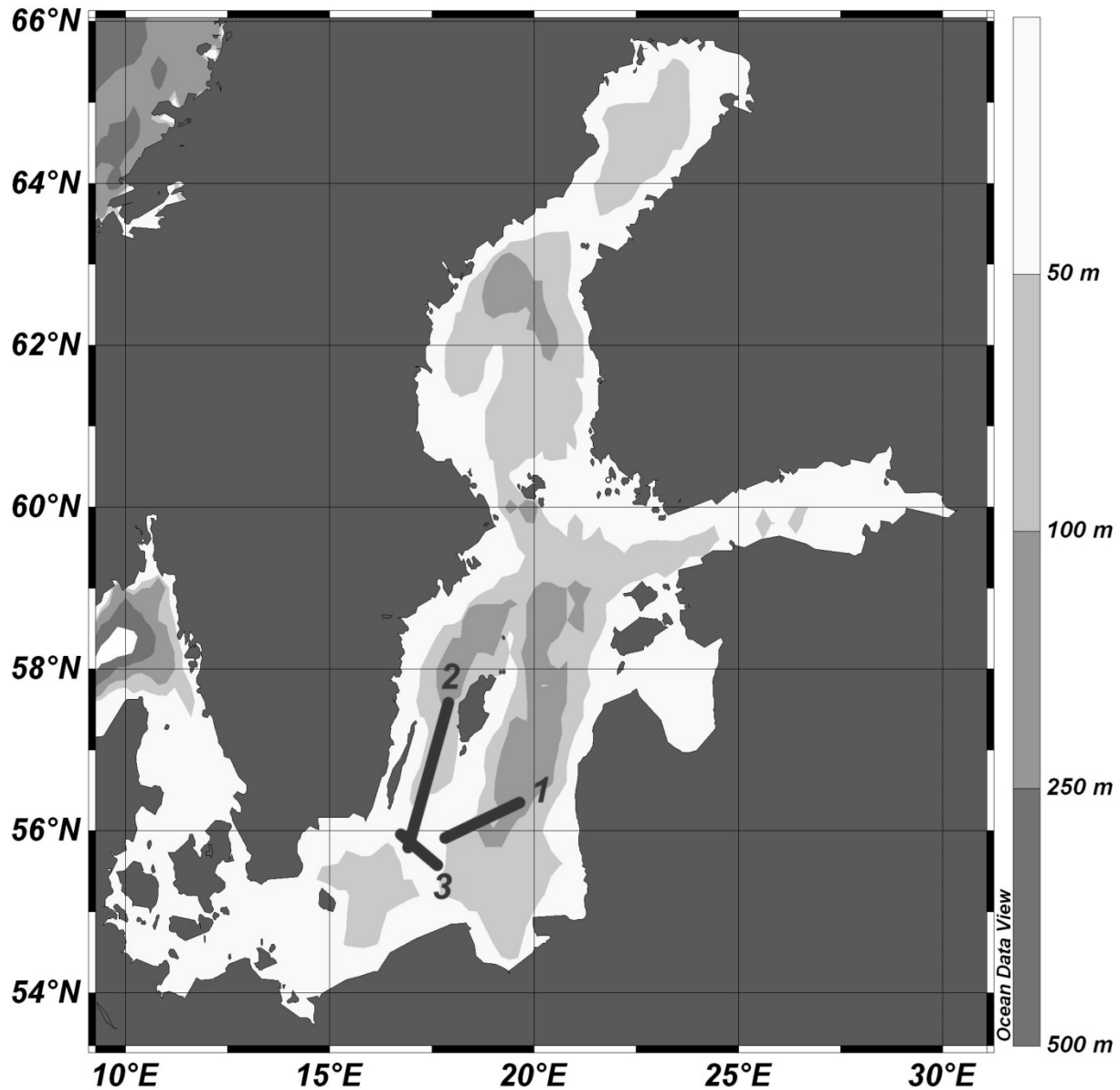
# Numerical (Euler Equations) modeling of breather



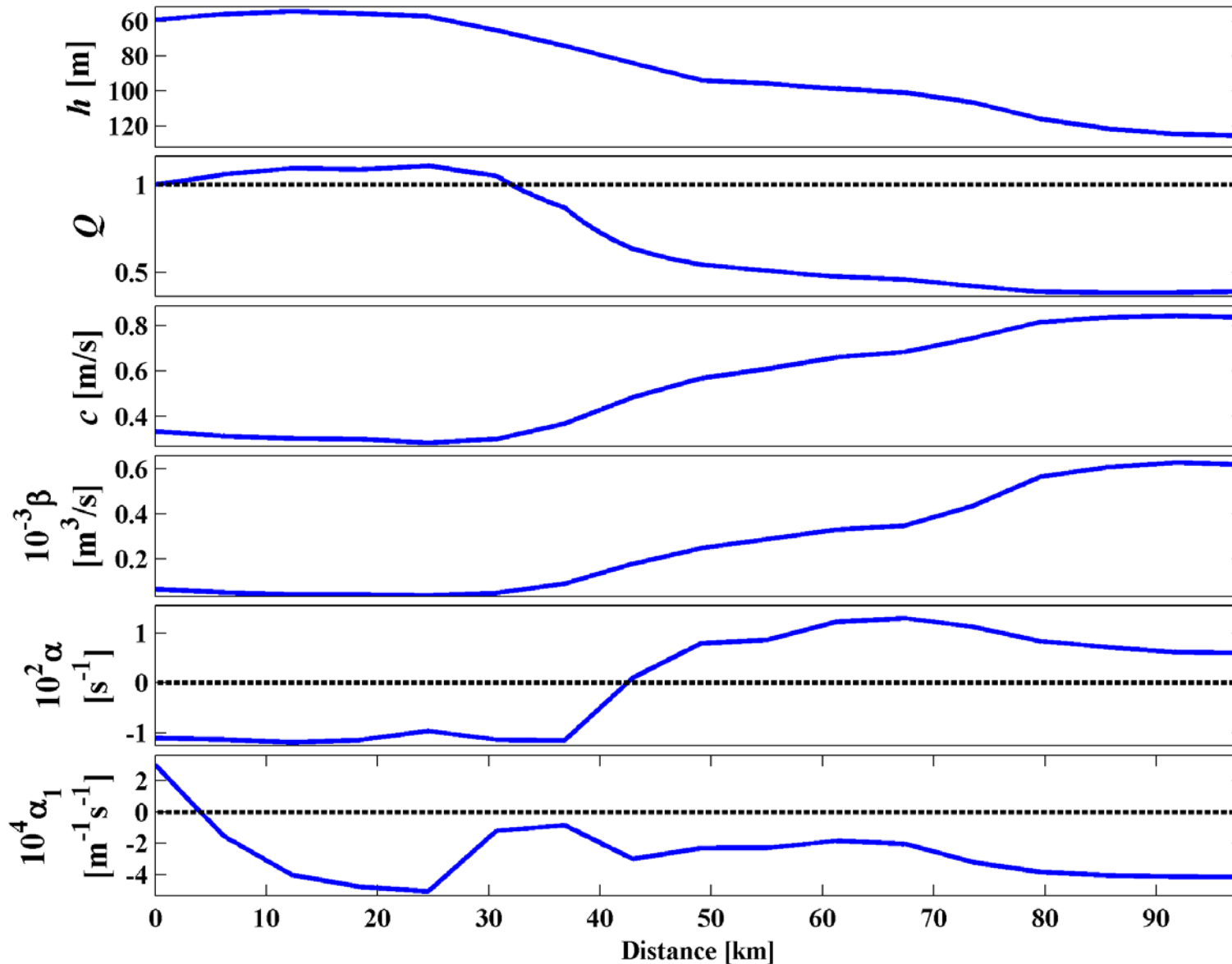
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# Modelling of internal solitons and breathers

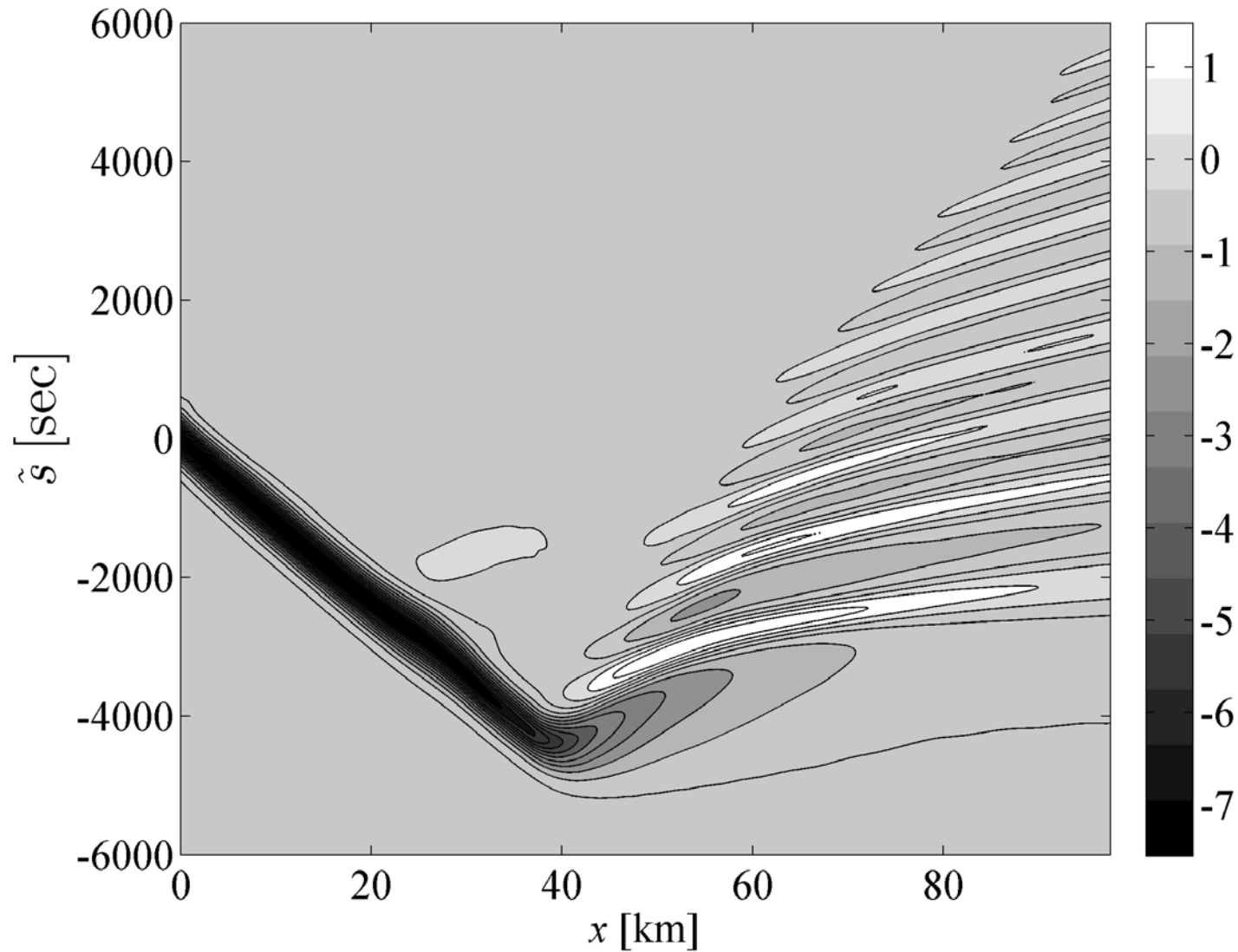


# Coefficients, section 1

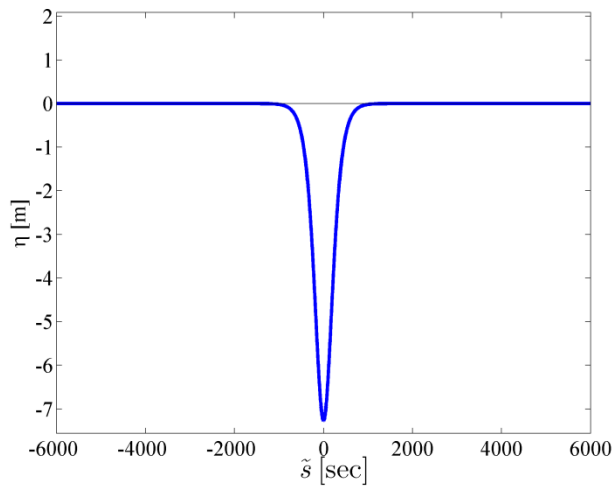


**Change  
Signs!!!**

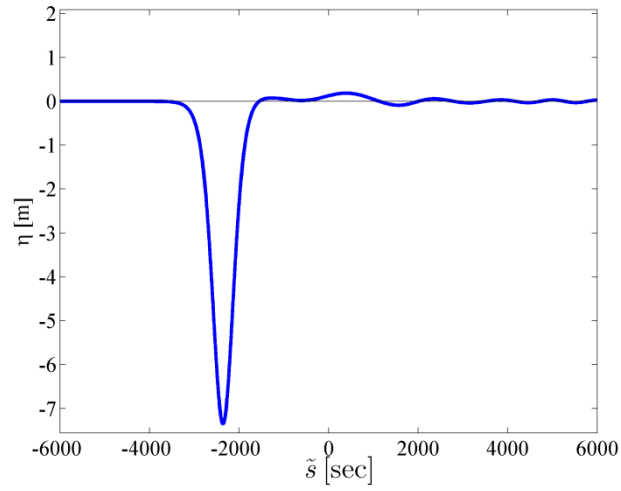
# x-t diagram. Soliton into Breather



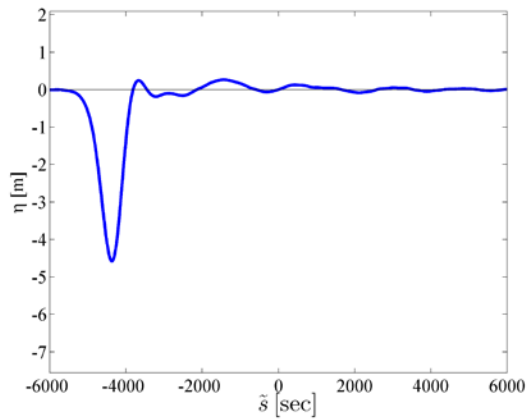
$x = 0$  km



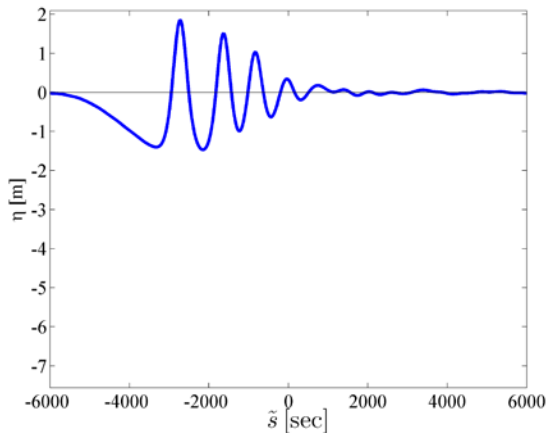
$x = 20$  km



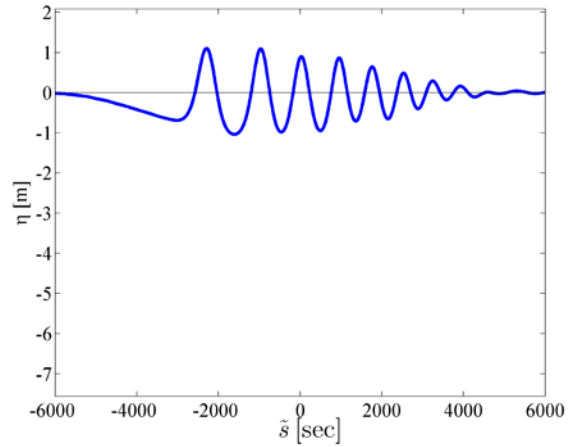
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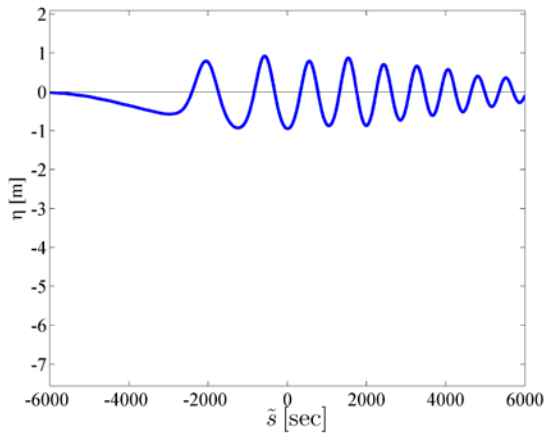
$x = 60$  km



$x = 80$  km

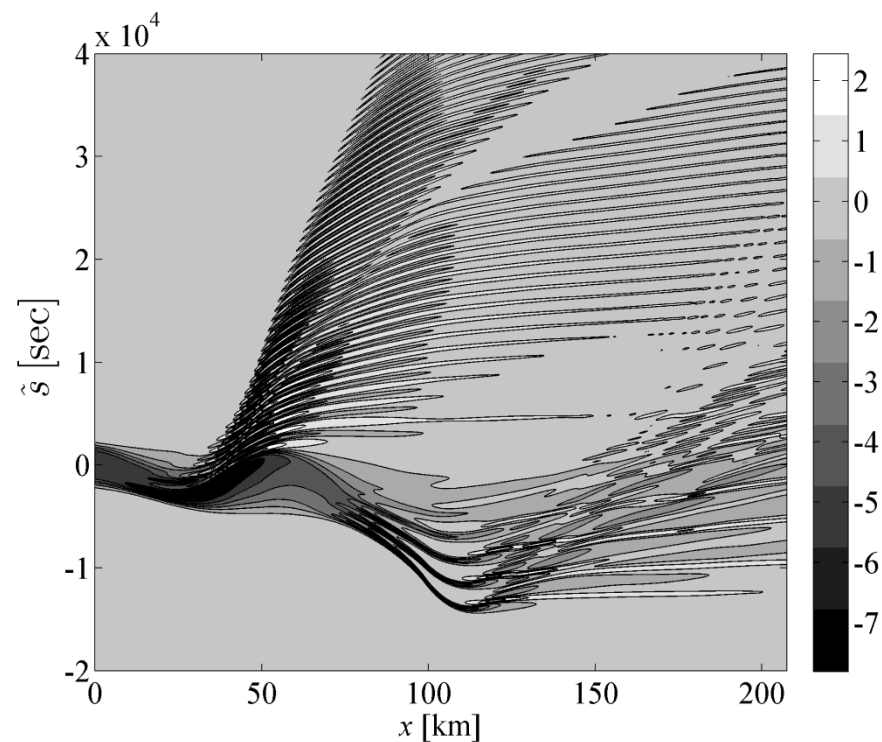
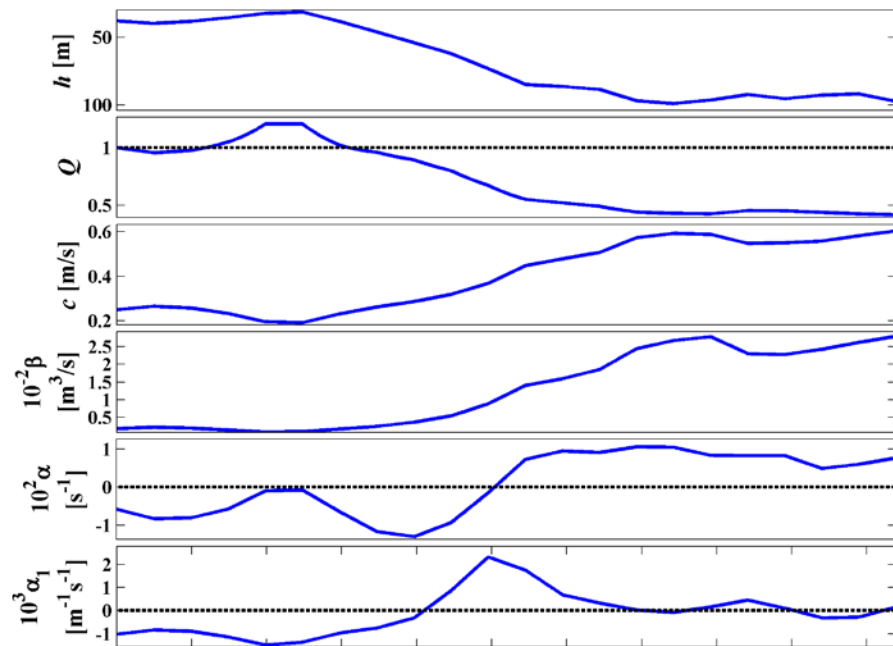
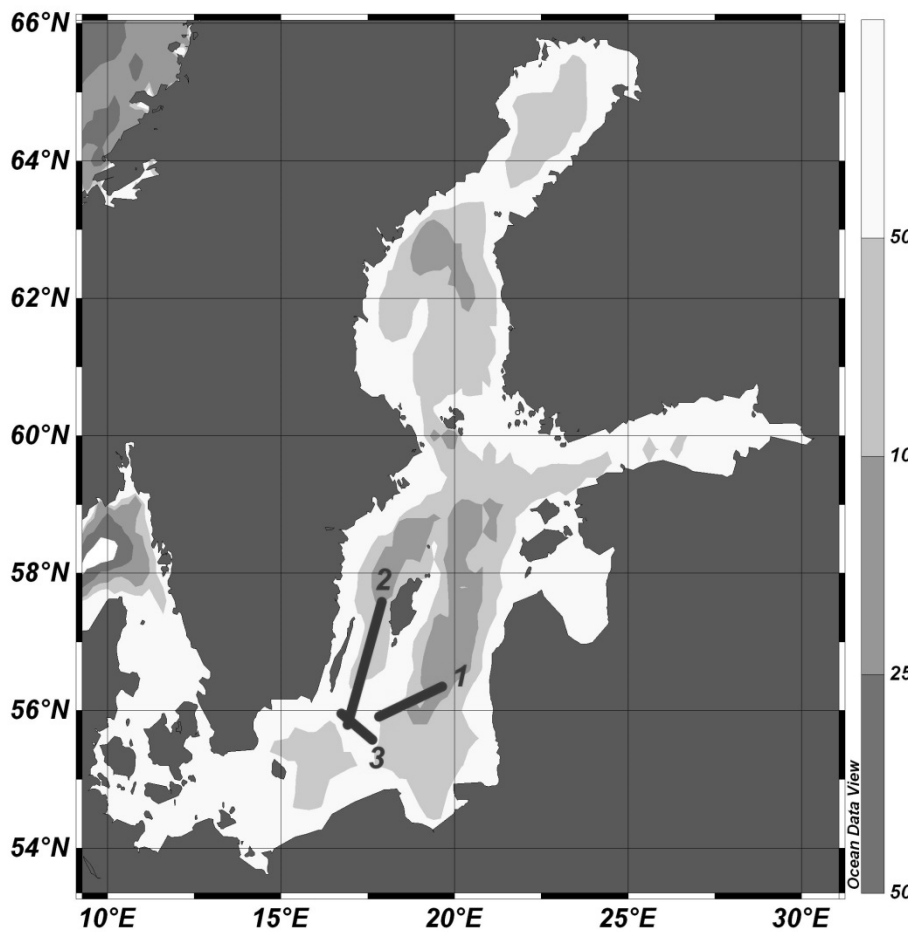


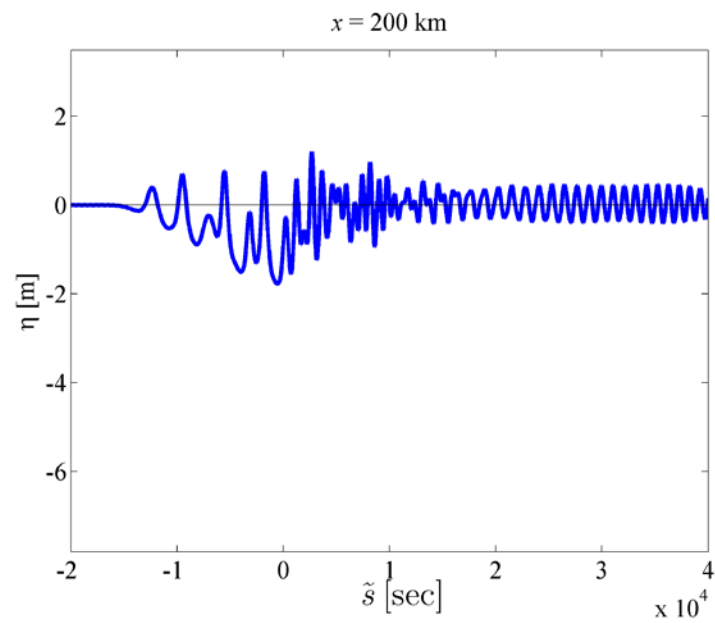
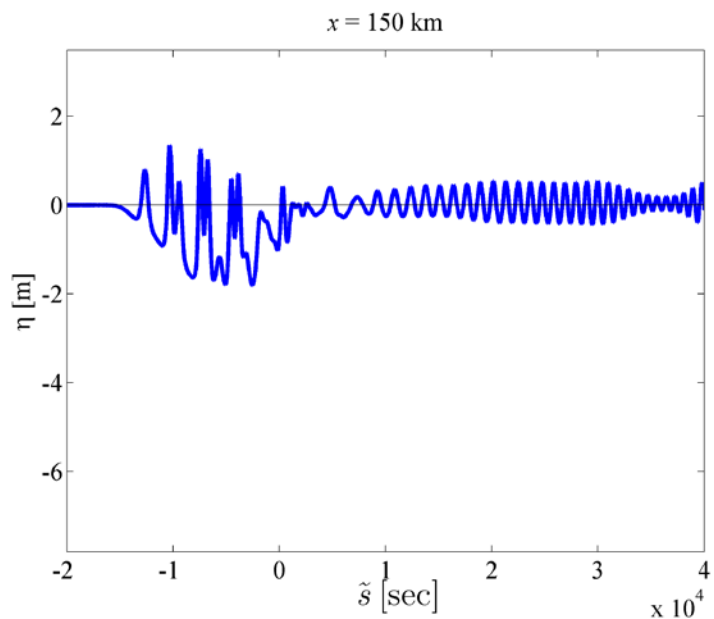
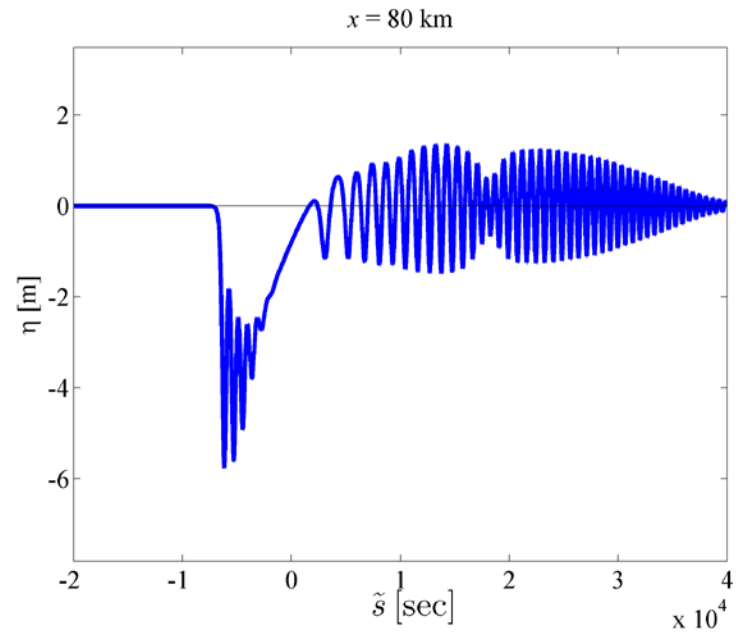
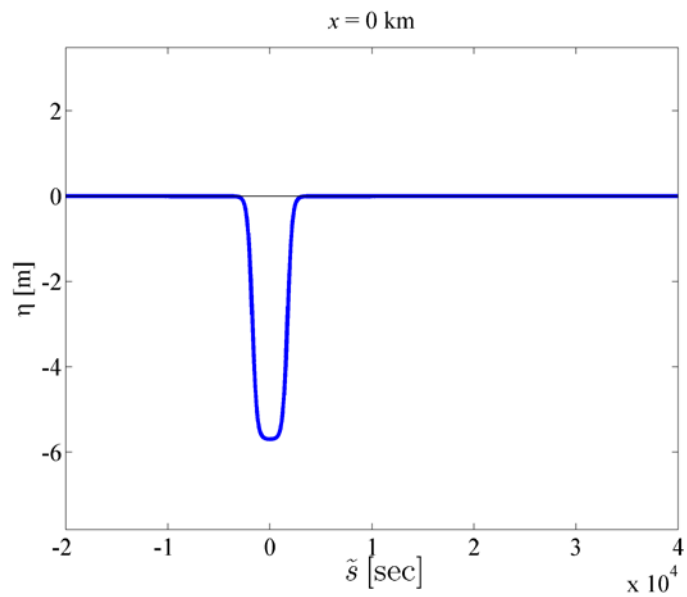
$x = 97$  km



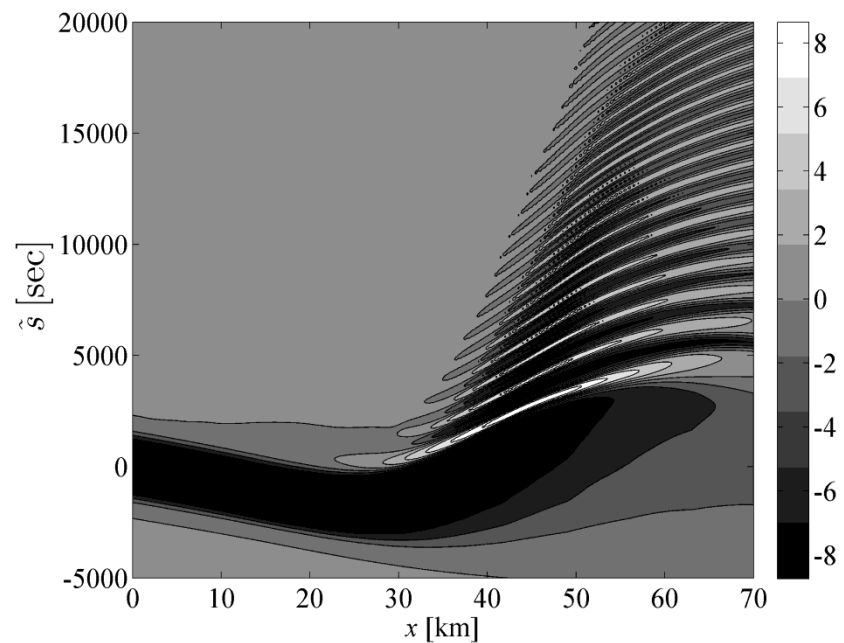
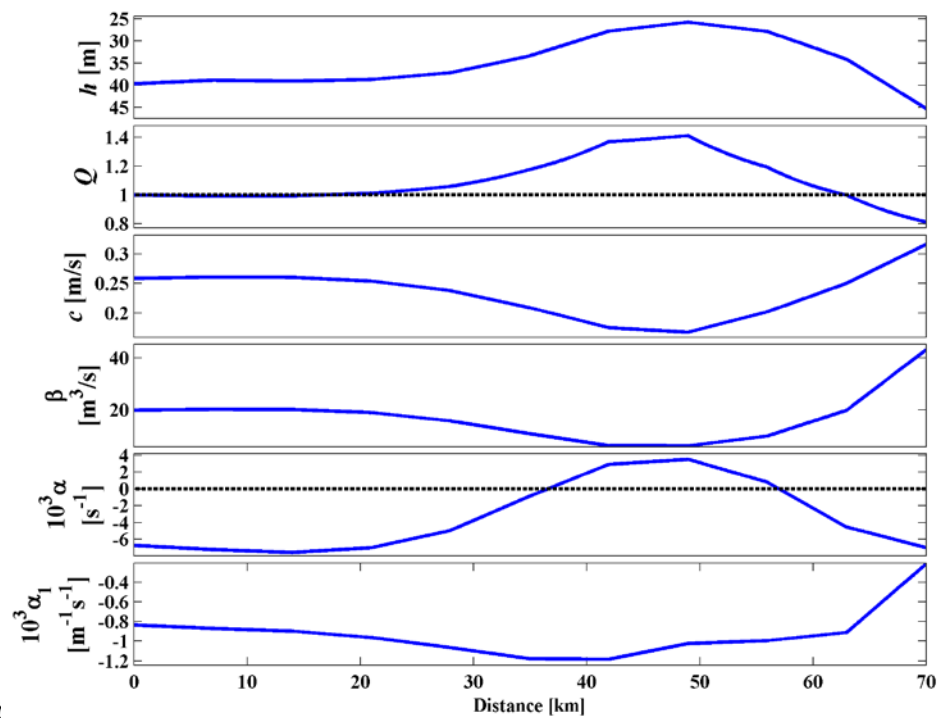
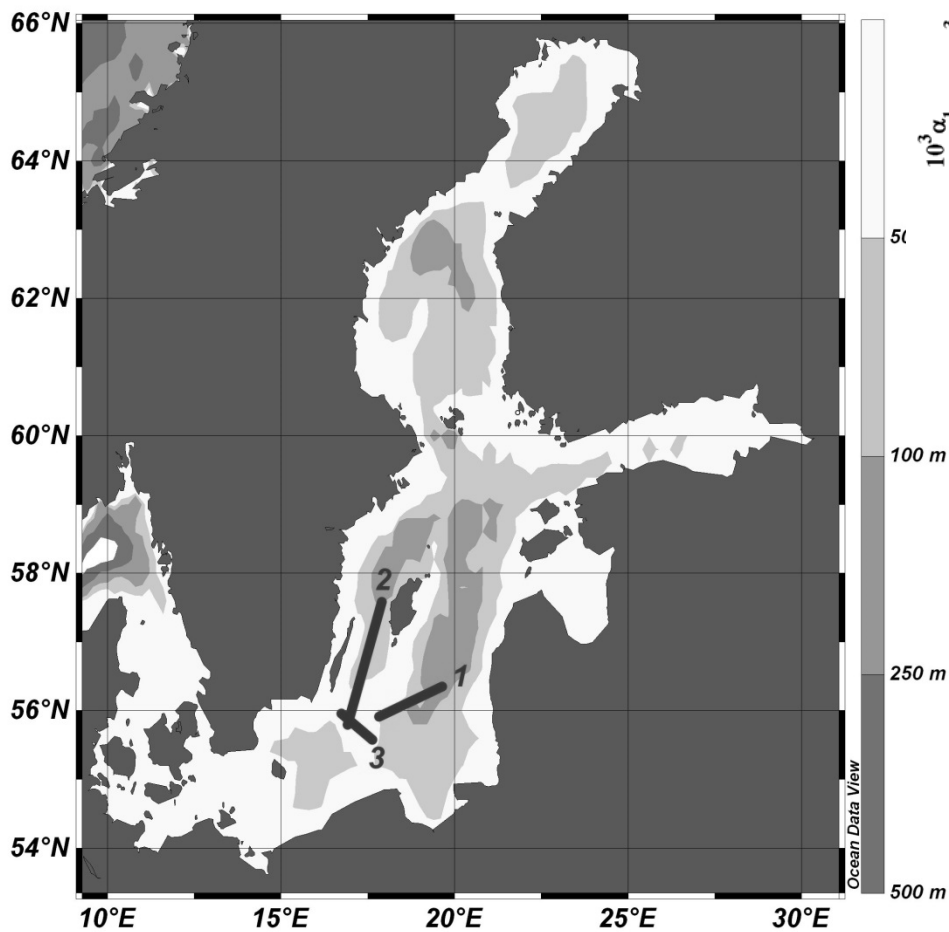


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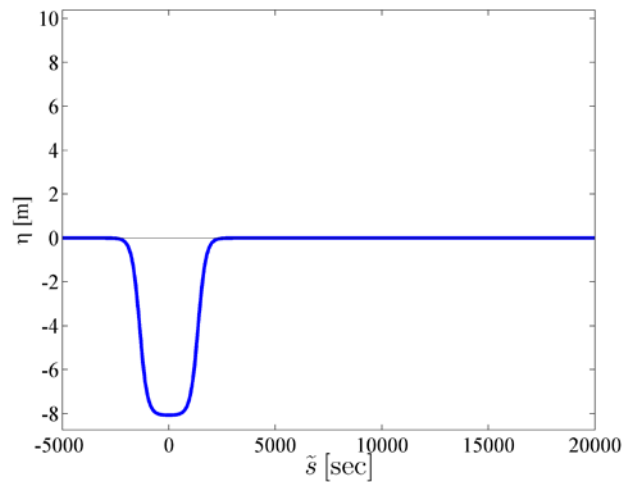




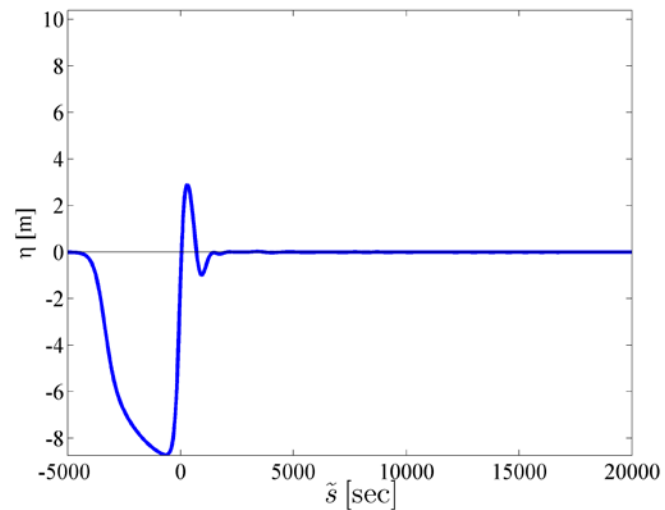
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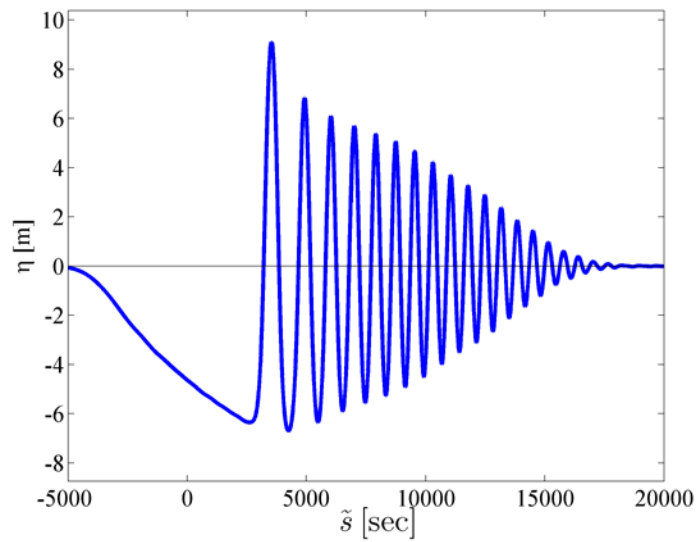
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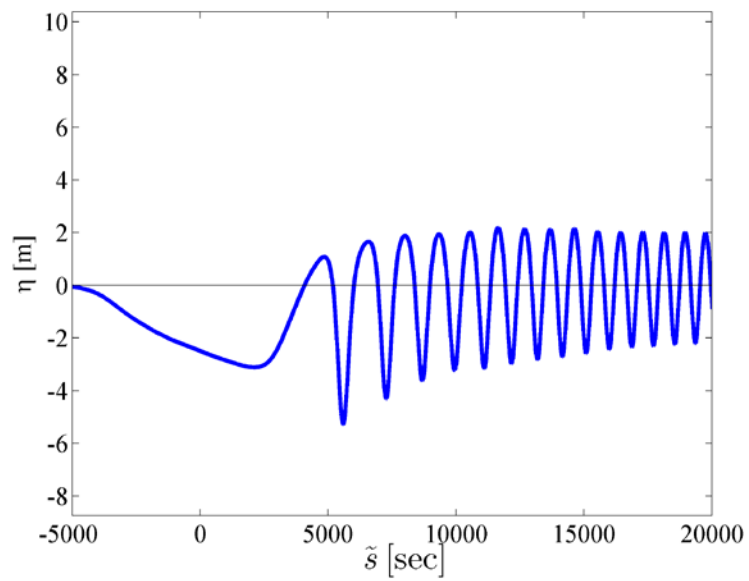
$x = 30$  km



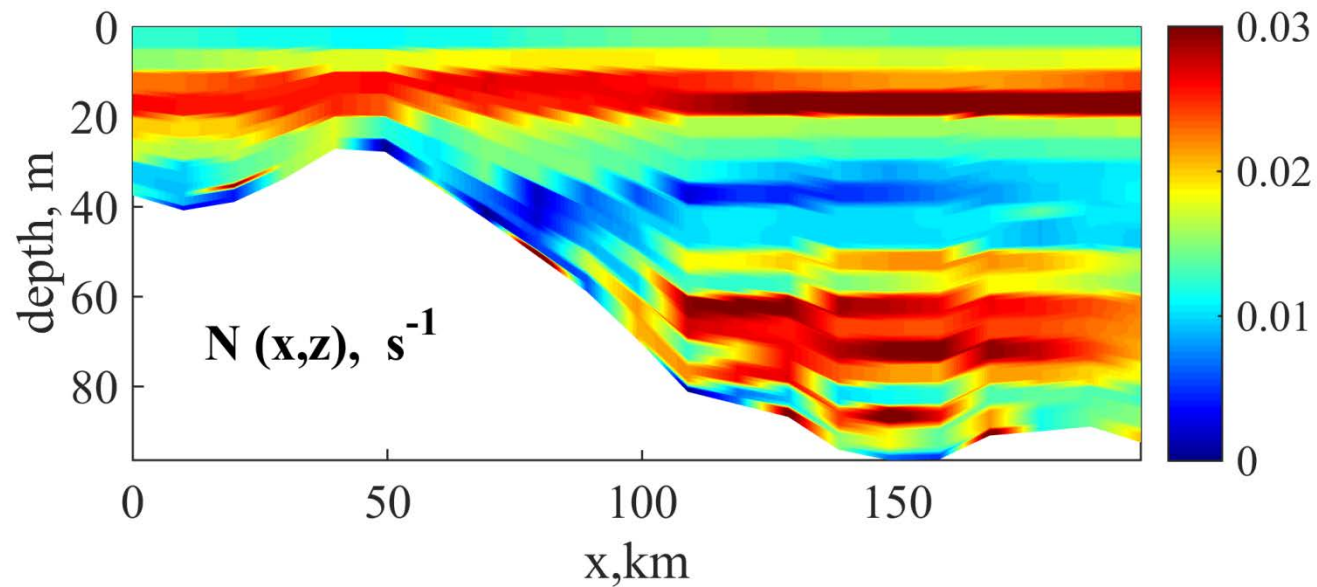
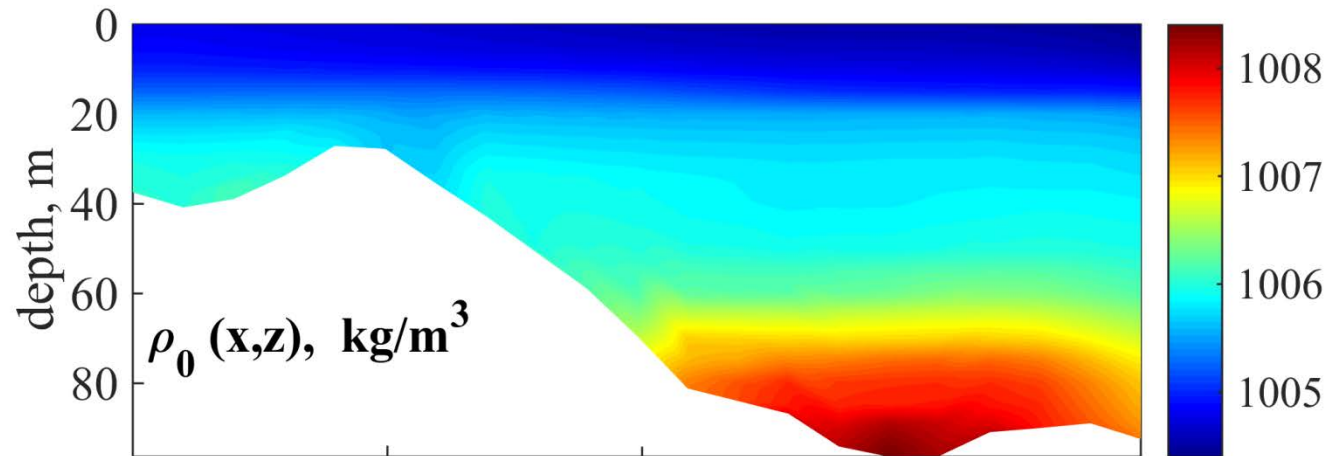
$x = 50$  km



$x = 70$  km

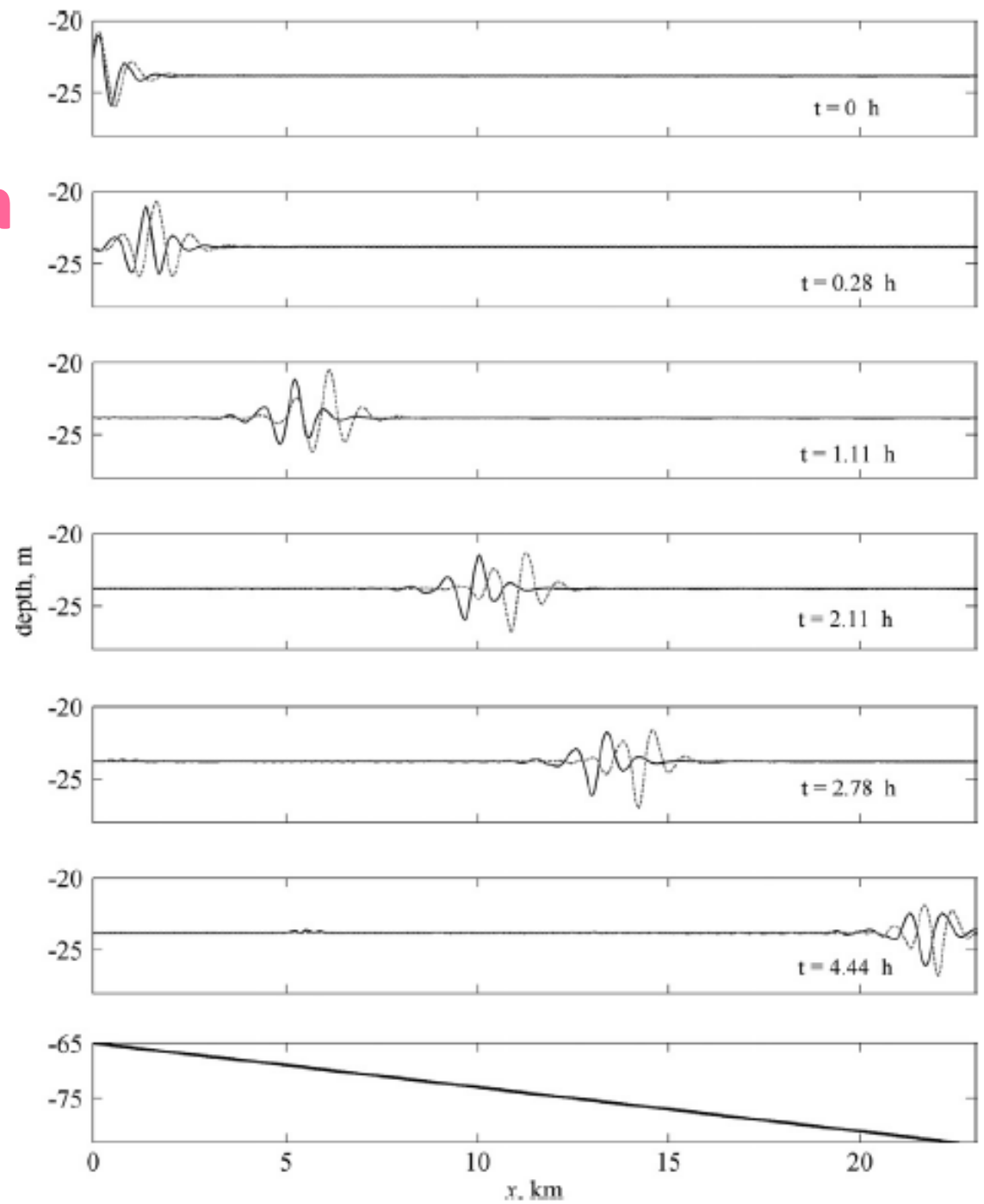


# Euler Equations



# Breather transformation

*Euler – solid*  
*Gardner - dashed*



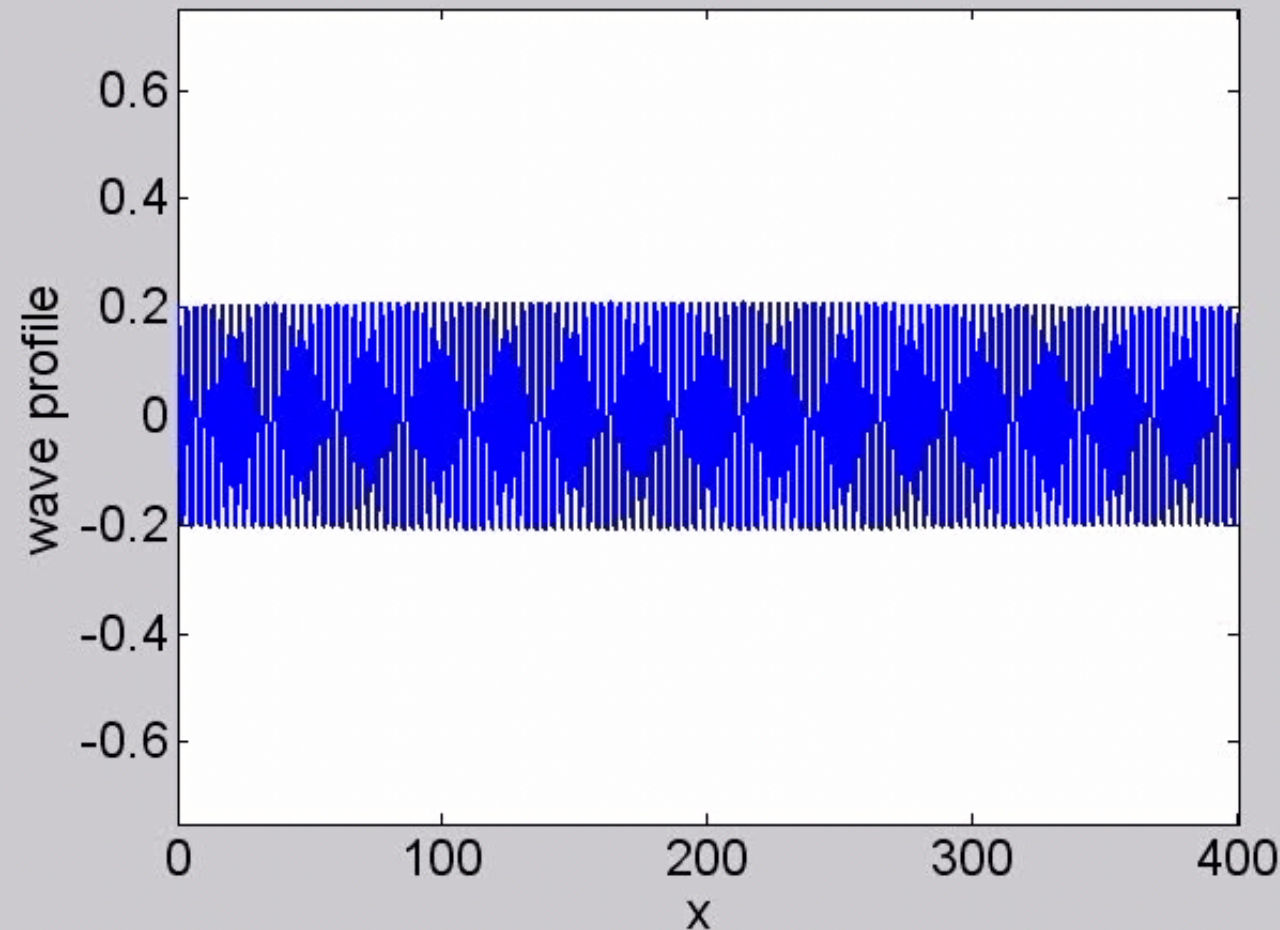
# Bendjamin- Feir instability in the Gardner framework

$$\alpha = 0$$

$$\alpha_1 > 0$$

$$\eta(x,0) = a(1+m\cos Kx)\cos kx$$

$\eta(x, t = 3)$

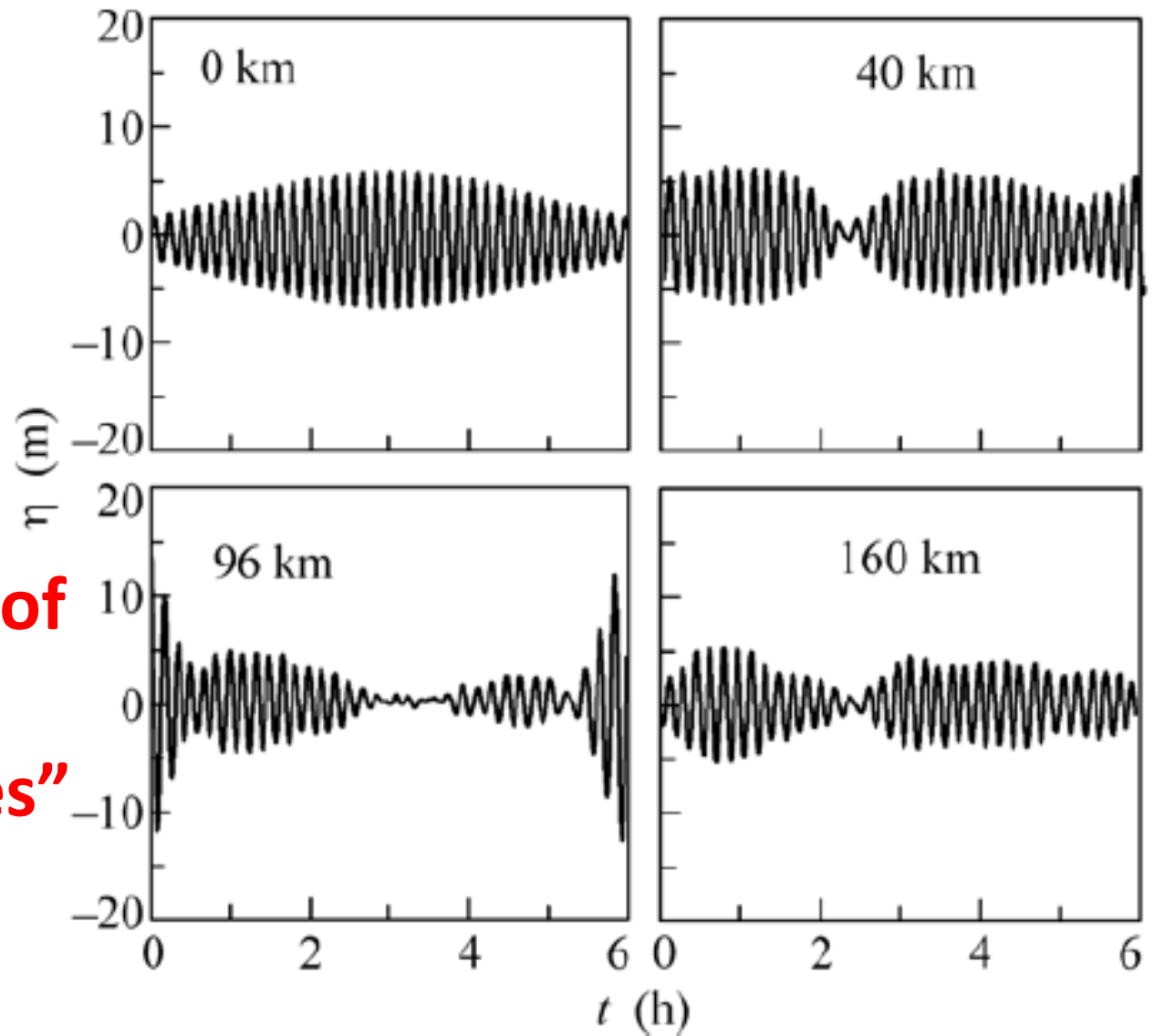


$a = 0.2$   
 $m = 0.05$   
 $k = 1.884$   
 $K = 0.00785$

amplification  
factor is between  
3 to 3.5

# Modulation Instability

leads  
to formation of  
Internal  
“Rogue Waves”





# Conclusions:

1. No big data of internal waves
2. Many sources of their generation
3. No uniform model and mapping for Baltic Sea
4. Many expected phenomena: solitons.  
breathers, rogue waves
5. Too much work for Baltic Internal Waves...

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HELCOM HOLAS II eutrophication status assessment

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# HELCOM, BSAP and eutrophication

The Helsinki Convention was initiated in 1974, includes all Baltic Sea coastal states



Baltic Sea Action Plan ratified in 2007, modifications in 2010

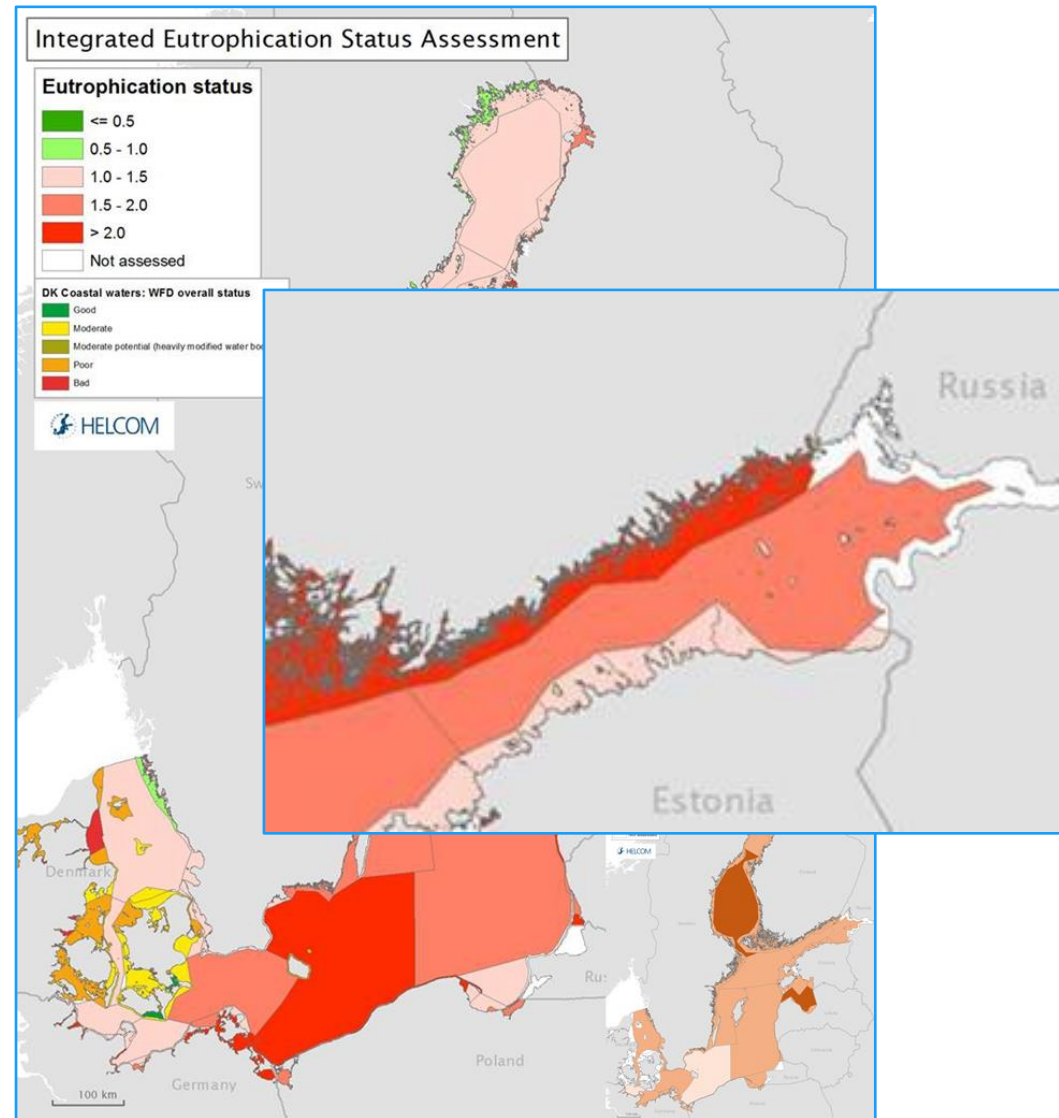
- an agreement
- ecosystem-based management of human actions, adaptive management

HELCOM eutrophication status assessment

- common monitoring programme (COMBINE) since 1979
- first quantitative eutrophication status assessment in 2009
- following response to nutrient load reductions

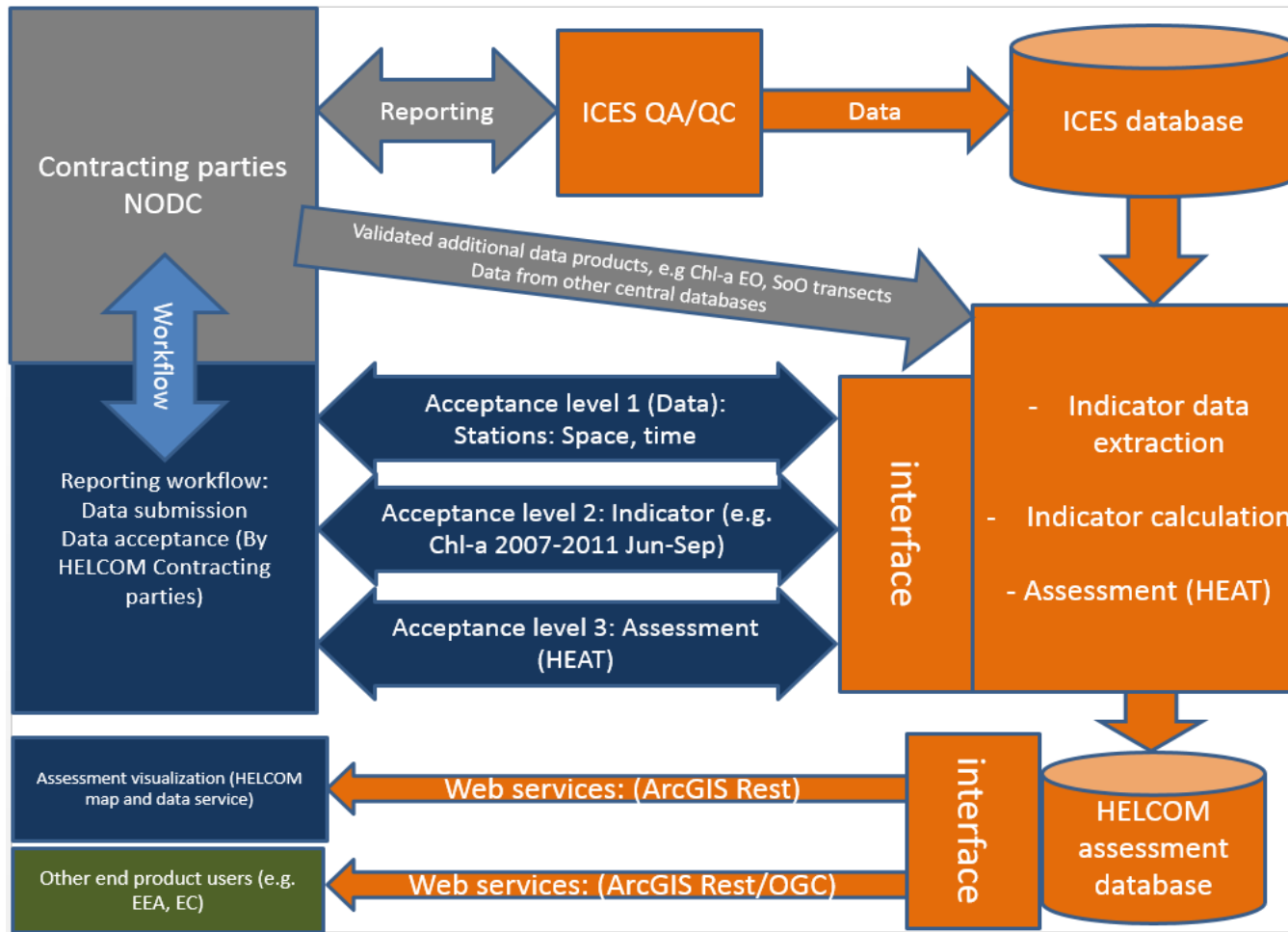
# HELCOM Eutrophication status assessment

- Made for 6-year periods, present assessment: 2011-2016
- Open sea: data reported to ICES by contracting parties, indicators updated by algorithms
- Coastal areas: contracting parties report indicator results
- Overall assessment is produced automatically according to common agreement
- Assessment products are checked and accepted by contracting parties
- Coordination and development: HELCOM IN-Eutrophication expert network



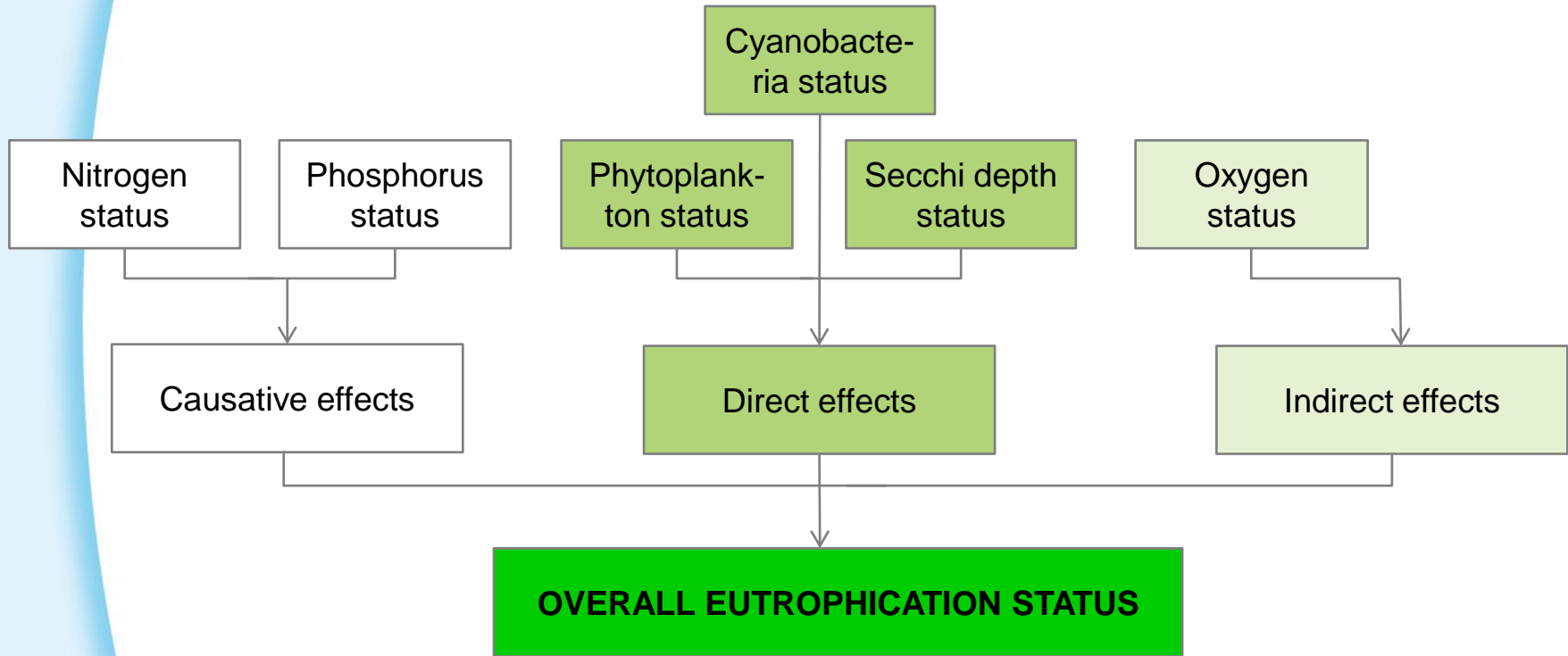
HELCOM HOLA II (1st stage), eutrophication status

# Eutrophication assessment data and information flow



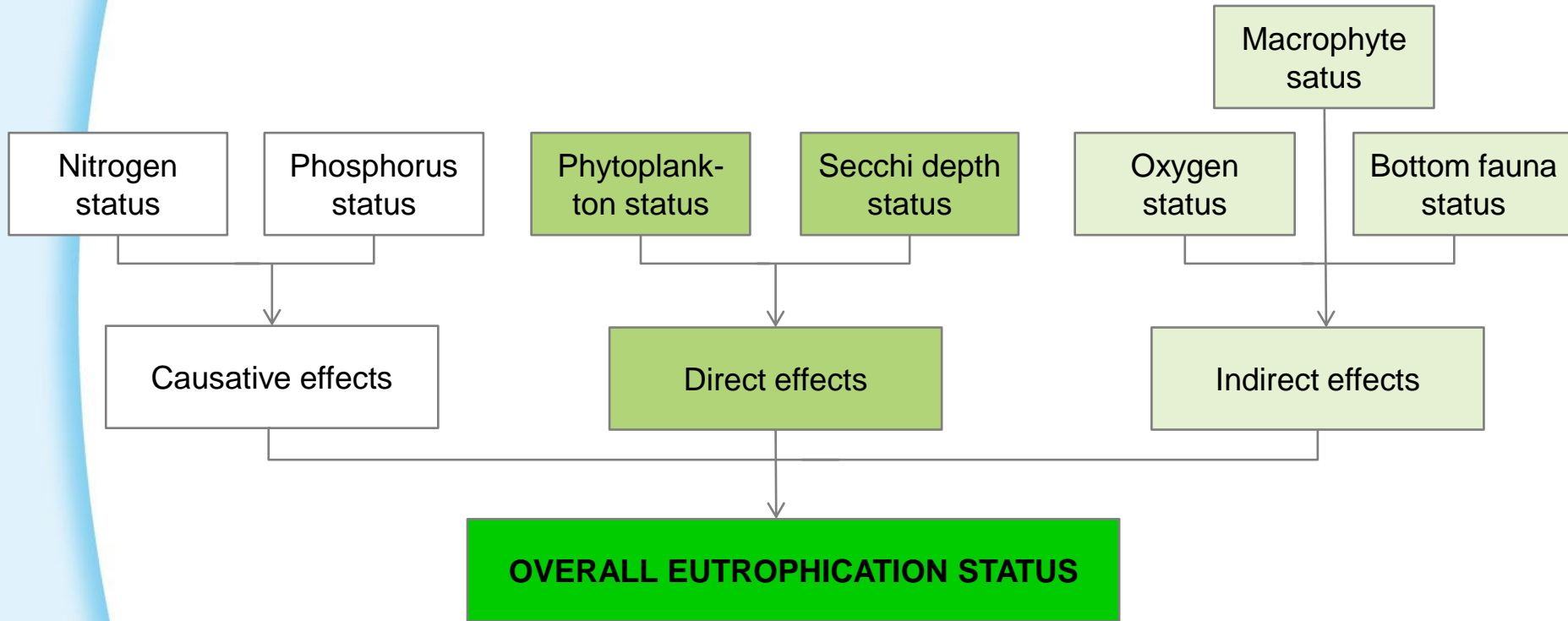
Host: Grey = Contracting Parties,  
 Blue = HELCOM portal at the HELCOM Secretariat,  
 Orange = ICES,  
 Green = Other end-users

# Indicators are combined to an assessment



Eutrophication indicators used in the open Gulf of Finland

# Indicators are combined to an assessment



Coastal indicators vary depending on reporting country



# Indicators communicate the status of key features

## Abilities of a good environmental indicator

Shows fidelity to the assessed feature and process

Reacts robustly to change

Responds to environmental pressures caused by humans

Is applicable in different geographical areas and at different times

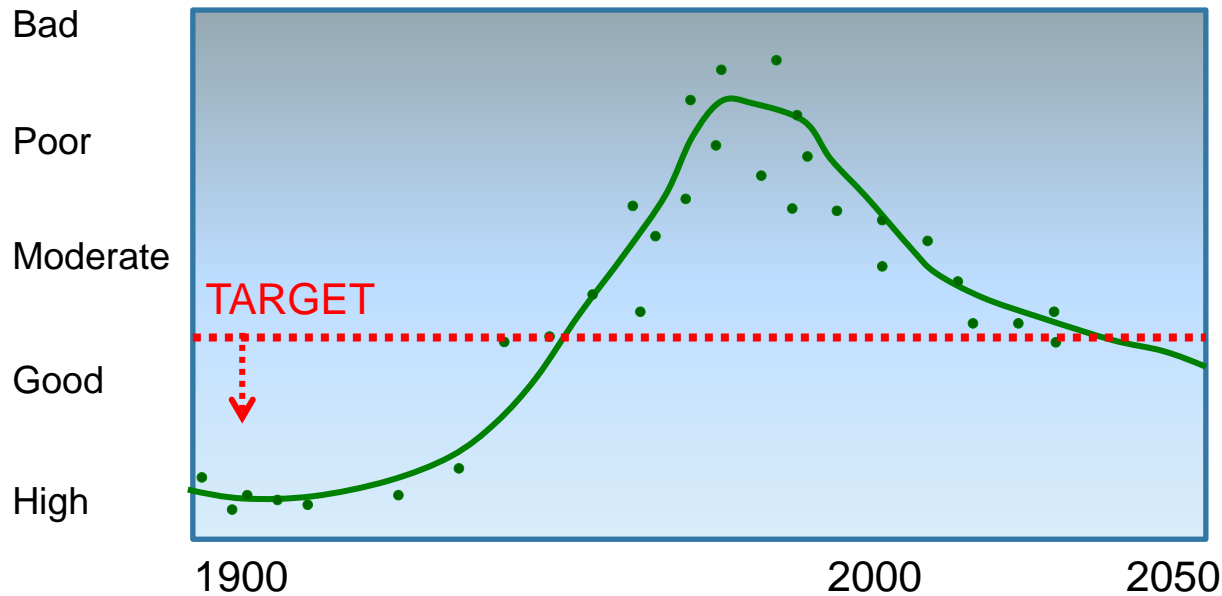
Understandable, also to non-experts

Can be monitored and easily updated

Well documented and scientifically based

*"As opposed to regular metrics, indicators are supposed to tell us more than what they actually measure" (Daan 2005)*

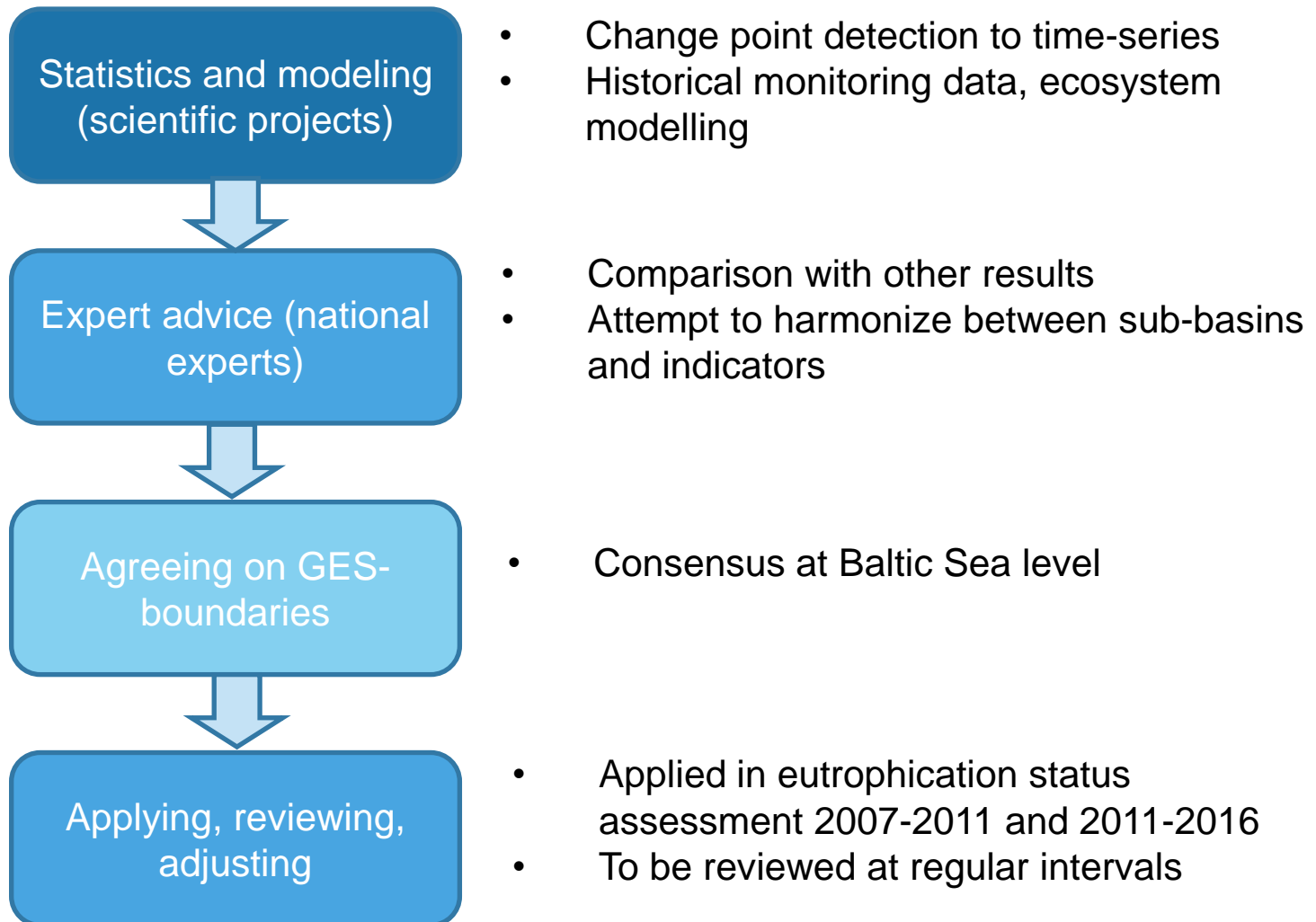
# Indicator status is estimated in relation to a target level



*The Baltic environment can cope with pressures from human activities, but only to a certain extent*

- Define good status
- Aim at sustainable use of seas, not at a level without human activities
- Operational goal, actions shall be taken when level is exceeded
- Scientifically based, commonly agreed

# Setting the GES boundaries



# Conclusions

- Most important: Setting the key parameters to assess eutrophication as a whole – a political decision relying ecological expertise
- All assessment information is a compromise between availability, confidence and usability
- Learning process: the assessment methodology is under constant improvement, adapting to increased scientific knowledge
- Challenge: to create a transparent system where all developmental and update phases are accepted by all contracting parties – and keep it labour-efficient

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# Eutrophication assessment

## Eutrophication indicators

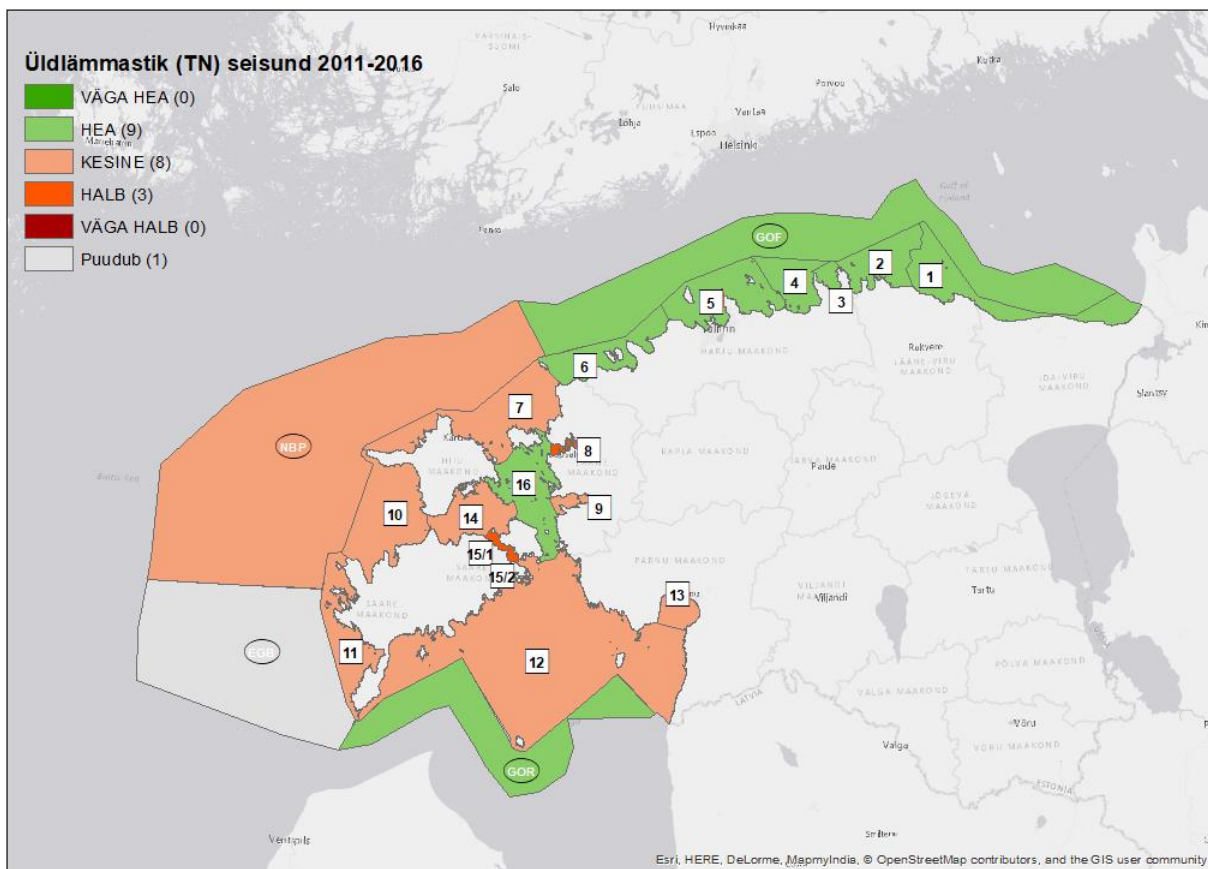
- Nutrients – dissolved inorganic nitrogen, dissolved inorganic phosphorus, total nitrogen, total phosphorus
- Direct effects – chlorophyll-a, phytoplankton biomass, water transparency, surface blooms of phytoplankton
- Indirect effects – oxygen conditions, bottom vegetation, soft-bottom macrofauna

HEAT (HELCOM Eutrophication Assessment Tool) – measured value / threshold value

### Aims of this presentations:

- Preliminary results of eutrophication status assessment for Estonian waters
- To test different oxygen indicators and try to separate anthropogenic effects from hydrography using high resolution data from autonomous profilers – oxygen debt, oxygen consumption and hypoxic area

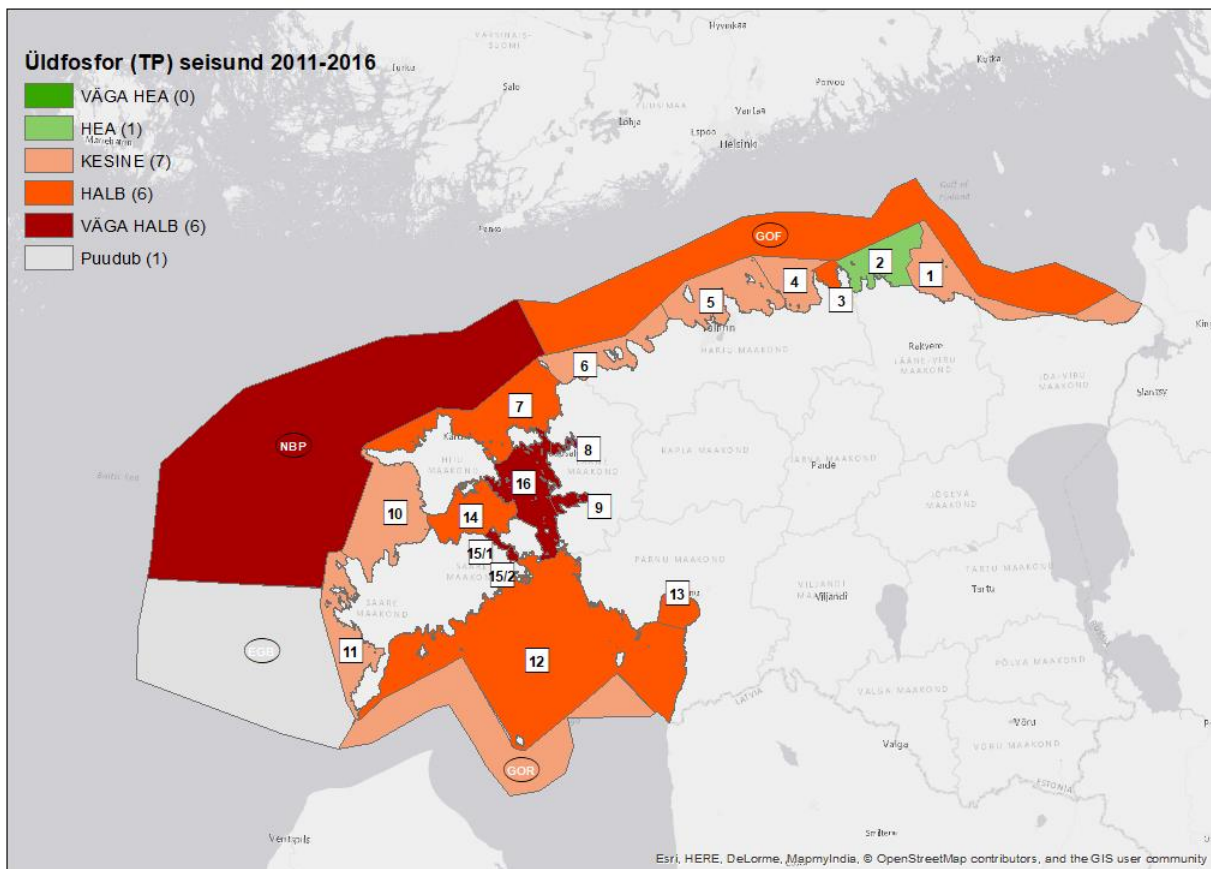
# Eutrophication assessment – total nitrogen



| Area    | Threshold value (uM) | Mean (period 2011-2016) | EQR  | Result  |
|---------|----------------------|-------------------------|------|---------|
| EE_1    | 26,8                 | 23,30                   | 0,87 | GES     |
| EE_2    | 26,8                 | 20,80                   | 0,78 | GES     |
| EE_3    | 22,8                 | 21,26                   | 0,93 | GES     |
| EE_4    | 22,8                 | 19,71                   | 0,86 | GES     |
| EE_5    | 22,8                 | 20,65                   | 0,91 | GES     |
| EE_6    | 22,8                 | 19,67                   | 0,86 | GES     |
| EE_7    | 18,3                 | 19,94                   | 1,09 | Sub-GES |
| EE_8    | 21,0                 | 35,65                   | 1,70 | Sub-GES |
| EE_9    | 21,0                 | 26,46                   | 1,26 | Sub-GES |
| EE_10   | 18,3                 | 23,90                   | 1,31 | Sub-GES |
| EE_11   | 18,3                 | 23,31                   | 1,27 | Sub-GES |
| EE_12   | 23,7                 | 26,62                   | 1,12 | Sub-GES |
| EE_13   | 29,2                 | 32,32                   | 1,11 | Sub-GES |
| EE_14   | 21,0                 | 21,52                   | 1,02 | Sub-GES |
| EE_15/1 | 21,0                 | 31,89                   | 1,52 | Sub-GES |
| EE_15/2 | 23,7                 | 38,91                   | 1,64 | Sub-GES |
| EE_16   | 21,0                 | 19,99                   | 0,95 | GES     |
| GOF     | 21,3                 | 20,87                   | 0,98 | GES     |
| GOR     | 28,0                 | 23,34                   | 0,83 | GES     |
| NBP     | 16,2                 | 19,57                   | 1,21 | Sub-GES |
| EGB     | -                    | 19,17                   | -    | -       |

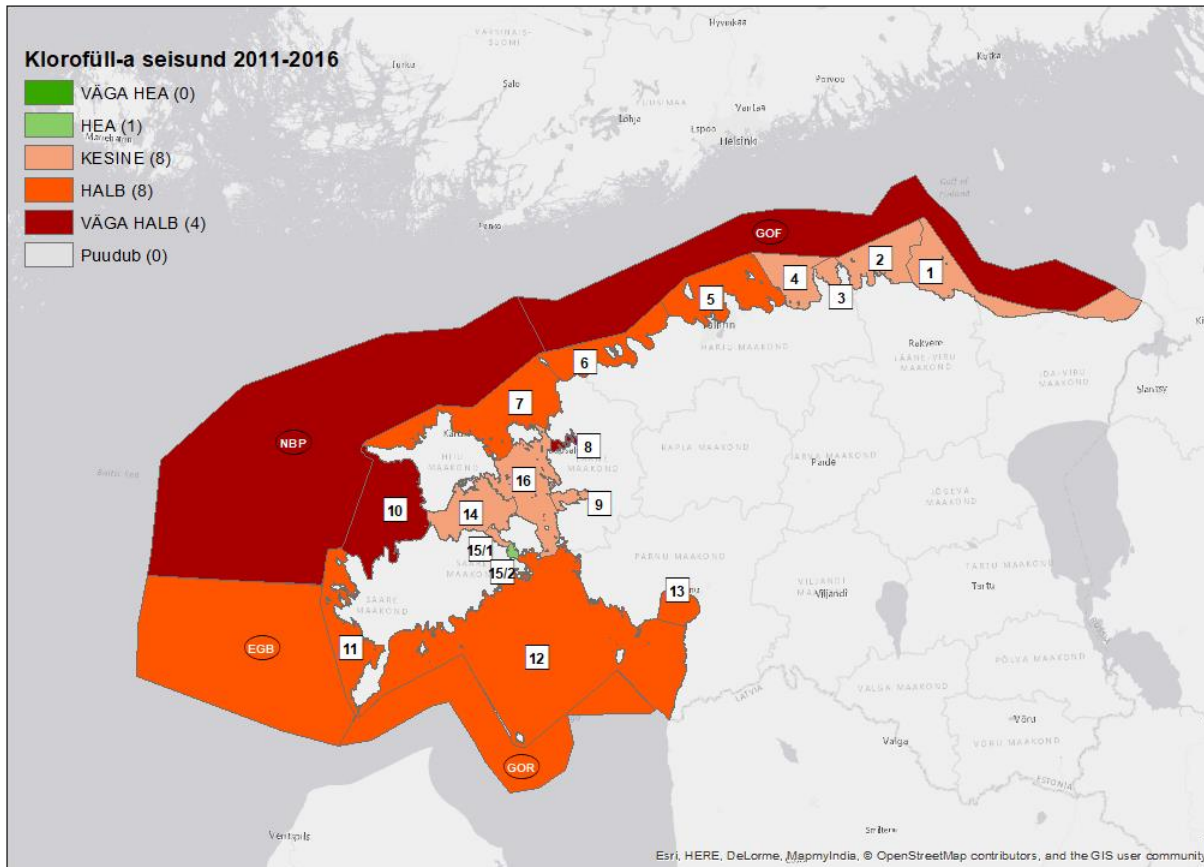


# Eutrophication assessment – total phosphorus



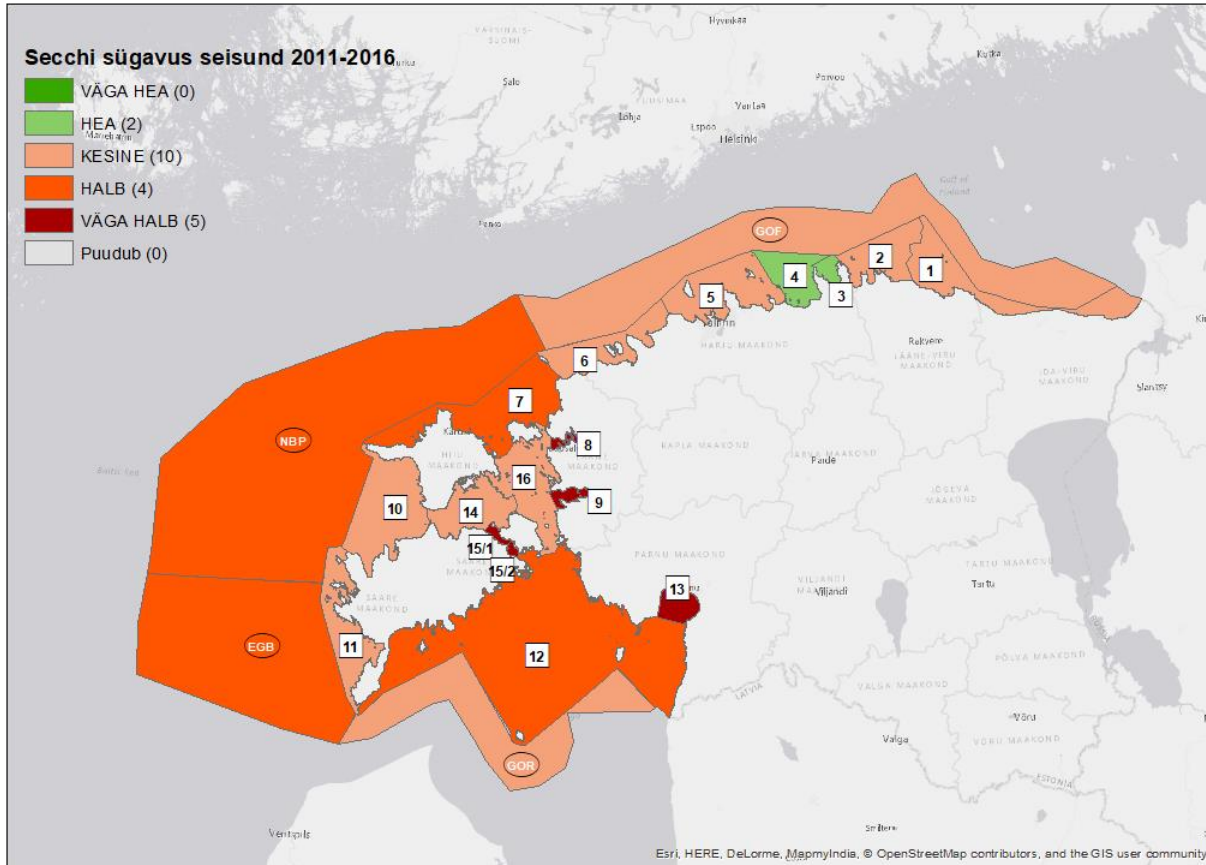
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|---------|----------------------|-------------------------|------|---------|
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| EE_2    | 0,84                 | 0,52                    | 0,62 | GES     |
| EE_3    | 0,72                 | 1,16                    | 1,61 | Sub-GES |
| EE_4    | 0,72                 | 0,91                    | 1,26 | Sub-GES |
| EE_5    | 0,72                 | 0,90                    | 1,24 | Sub-GES |
| EE_6    | 0,72                 | 0,80                    | 1,10 | Sub-GES |
| EE_7    | 0,42                 | 0,80                    | 1,91 | Sub-GES |
| EE_8    | 0,30                 | 1,57                    | 5,25 | Sub-GES |
| EE_9    | 0,30                 | 0,65                    | 2,18 | Sub-GES |
| EE_10   | 0,42                 | 0,57                    | 1,37 | Sub-GES |
| EE_11   | 0,42                 | 0,61                    | 1,46 | Sub-GES |
| EE_12   | 0,50                 | 0,94                    | 1,88 | Sub-GES |
| EE_13   | 0,67                 | 1,12                    | 1,67 | Sub-GES |
| EE_14   | 0,30                 | 0,45                    | 1,51 | Sub-GES |
| EE_15/1 | 0,30                 | 1,16                    | 3,85 | Sub-GES |
| EE_15/2 | 0,50                 | 1,41                    | 2,81 | Sub-GES |
| EE_16   | 0,30                 | 0,82                    | 2,75 | Sub-GES |
| GOF     | 0,55                 | 0,89                    | 1,61 | Sub-GES |
| GOR     | 0,70                 | 0,94                    | 1,35 | Sub-GES |
| NBP     | 0,38                 | 0,85                    | 2,23 | Sub-GES |
| EGB     | -                    | 0,80                    | -    | -       |

# Eutrophication assessment – chlorophyll-a



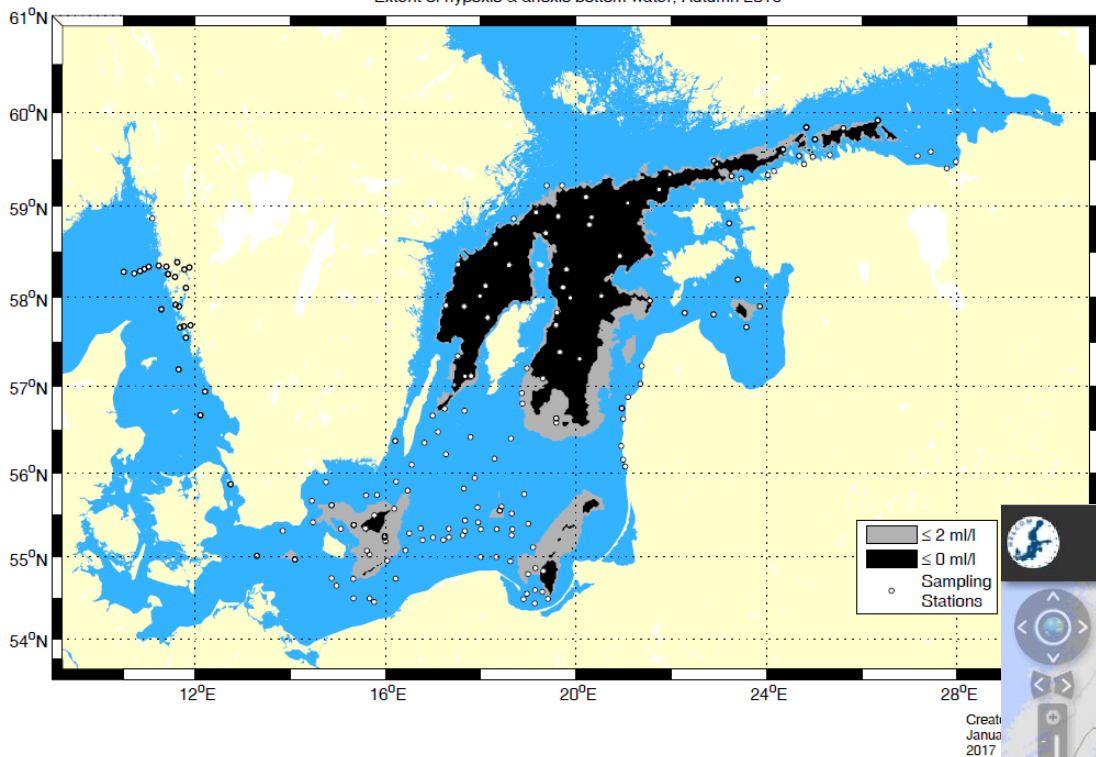
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| EE_2    | 3,7                    | 5,03                    | 1,36 | Sub-GES |
| EE_3    | 2,7                    | 2,90                    | 1,07 | Sub-GES |
| EE_4    | 2,7                    | 3,68                    | 1,36 | Sub-GES |
| EE_5    | 2,7                    | 4,41                    | 1,63 | Sub-GES |
| EE_6    | 2,7                    | 4,21                    | 1,56 | Sub-GES |
| EE_7    | 1,6                    | 2,75                    | 1,72 | Sub-GES |
| EE_8    | 2,4                    | 9,55                    | 3,98 | Sub-GES |
| EE_9    | 2,4                    | 3,50                    | 1,46 | Sub-GES |
| EE_10   | 1,6                    | 4,08                    | 2,55 | Sub-GES |
| EE_11   | 1,6                    | 2,50                    | 1,56 | Sub-GES |
| EE_12   | 3,0                    | 4,88                    | 1,63 | Sub-GES |
| EE_13   | 4,5                    | 7,31                    | 1,63 | Sub-GES |
| EE_14   | 2,4                    | 2,67                    | 1,11 | Sub-GES |
| EE_15/1 | 2,4                    | 3,13                    | 1,30 | Sub-GES |
| EE_15/2 | 3,0                    | 3,13                    | 1,04 | Sub-GES |
| EE_16   | 2,4                    | 2,43                    | 1,01 | Sub-GES |
| GOF     | 2,0                    | 4,08                    | 2,04 | Sub-GES |
| GOR     | 2,7                    | 4,21                    | 1,56 | Sub-GES |
| NBP     | 1,7                    | 3,80                    | 2,23 | Sub-GES |
| EGB     | 1,9                    | 3,40                    | 1,79 | Sub-GES |

# Eutrophication assessment – Secchi depth



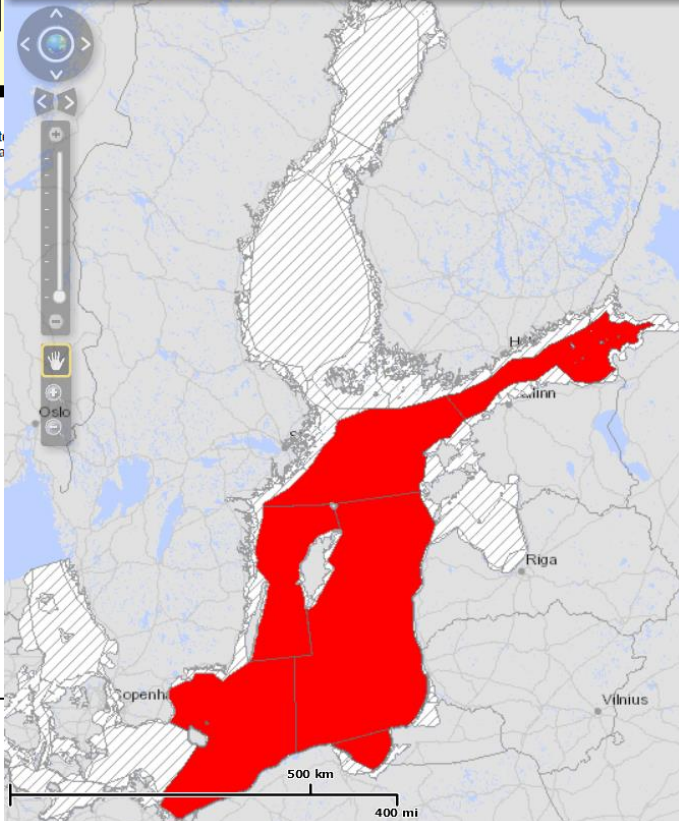
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|---------|---------------------|-------------------------|------|---------|
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| EE_2    | 3,6                 | 3,55                    | 1,01 | Sub-GES |
| EE_3    | 4,5                 | 4,54                    | 0,99 | GES     |
| EE_4    | 4,5                 | 4,56                    | 0,99 | GES     |
| EE_5    | 4,5                 | 3,80                    | 1,18 | Sub-GES |
| EE_6    | 4,5                 | 3,56                    | 1,27 | Sub-GES |
| EE_7    | 6,5                 | 3,45                    | 1,88 | Sub-GES |
| EE_8    | 4,9                 | 1,70                    | 2,89 | Sub-GES |
| EE_9    | 4,9                 | 1,60                    | 3,07 | Sub-GES |
| EE_10   | 6,5                 | 5,40                    | 1,20 | Sub-GES |
| EE_11   | 6,5                 | 5,81                    | 1,12 | Sub-GES |
| EE_12   | 4,2                 | 2,61                    | 1,61 | Sub-GES |
| EE_13   | 3,2                 | 1,27                    | 2,51 | Sub-GES |
| EE_14   | 4,9                 | 4,41                    | 1,11 | Sub-GES |
| EE_15/1 | 4,9                 | 1,85                    | 2,65 | Sub-GES |
| EE_15/2 | 4,2                 | 1,85                    | 2,27 | Sub-GES |
| EE_16   | 4,9                 | 3,35                    | 1,46 | Sub-GES |
| GOF     | 5,5                 | 3,77                    | 1,46 | Sub-GES |
| GOR     | 5,0                 | 3,48                    | 1,44 | Sub-GES |
| NBP     | 7,1                 | 4,59                    | 1,55 | Sub-GES |
| EGB     | 7,6                 | 4,59                    | 1,66 | Sub-GES |

Extent of hypoxic & anoxic bottom water, Autumn 2016

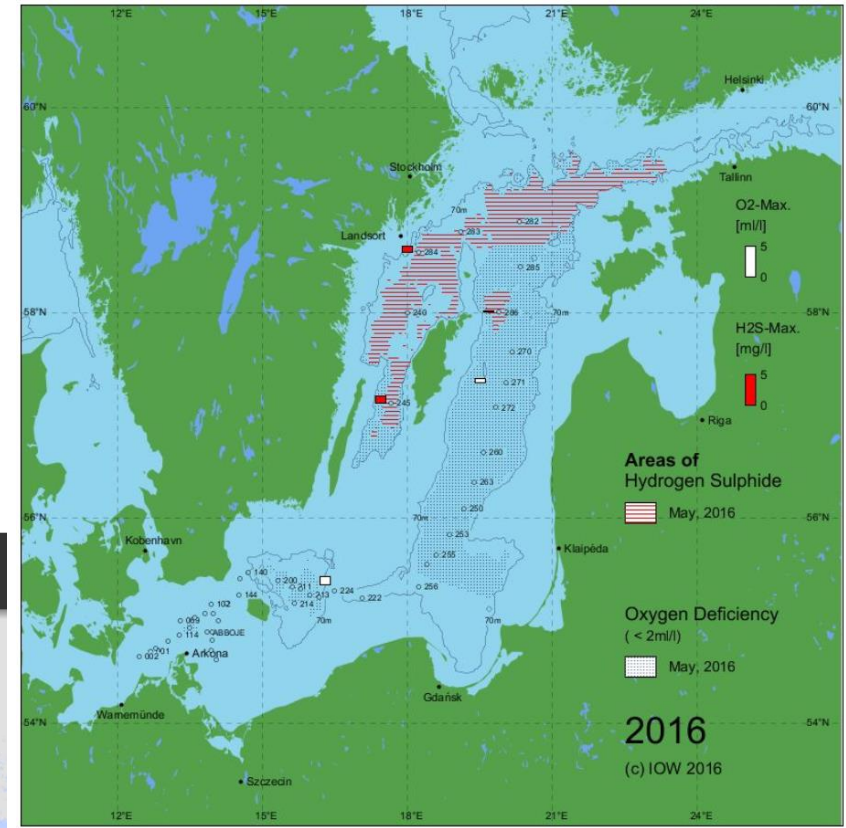


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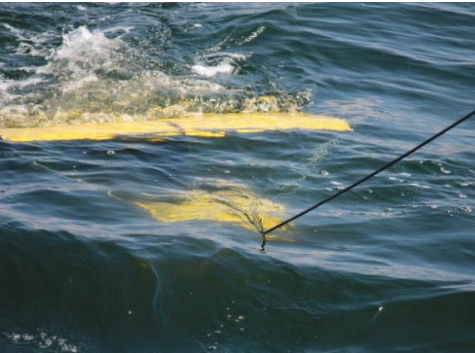
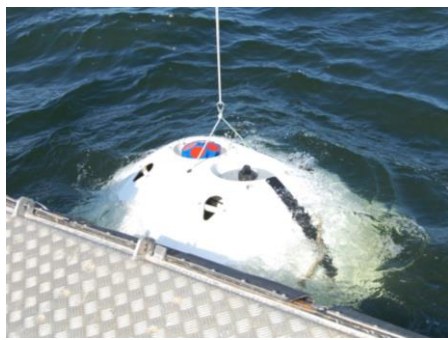
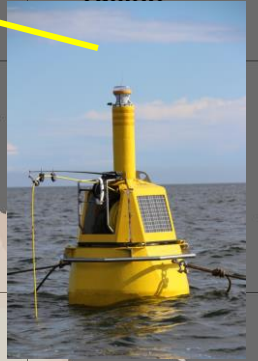
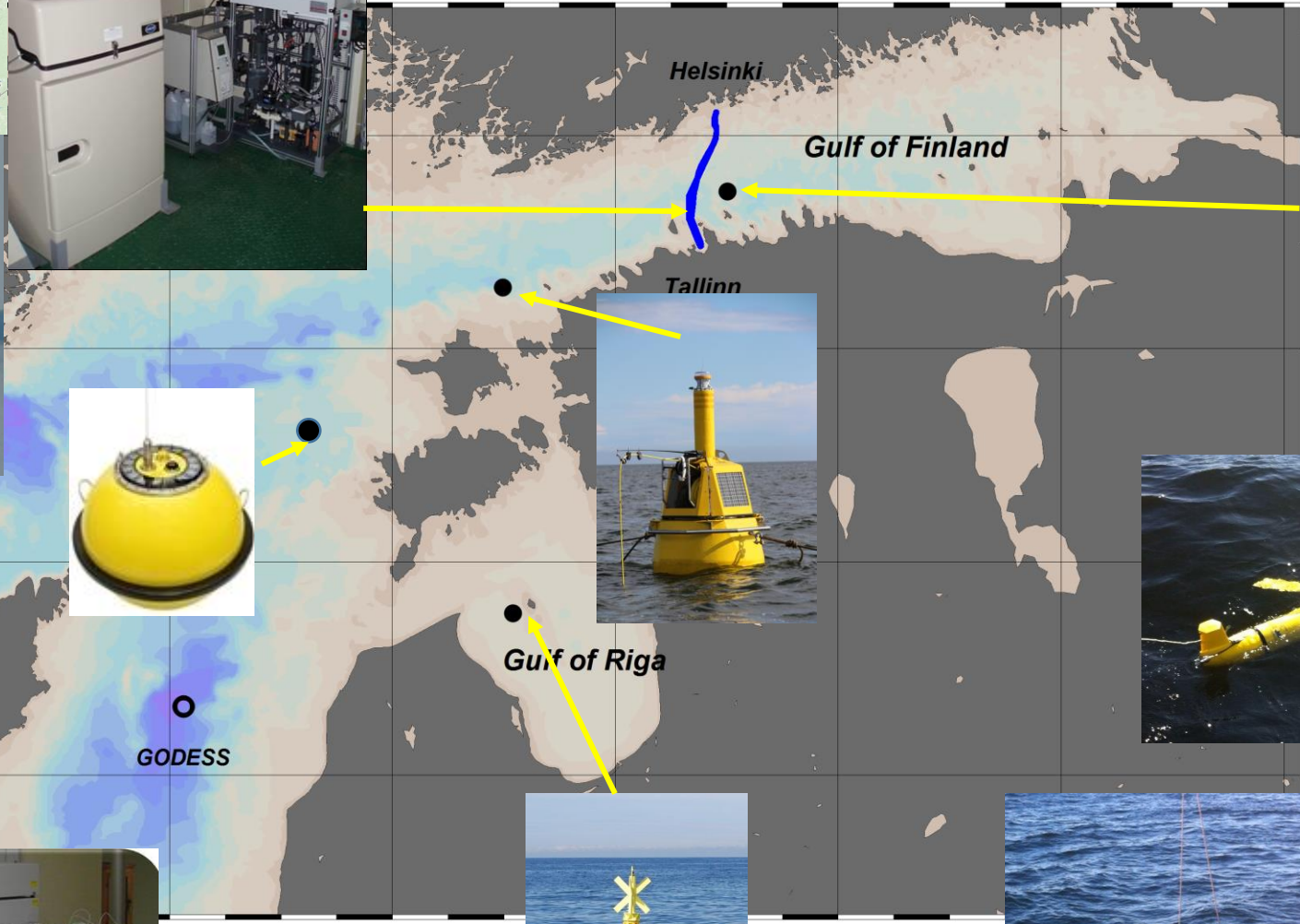


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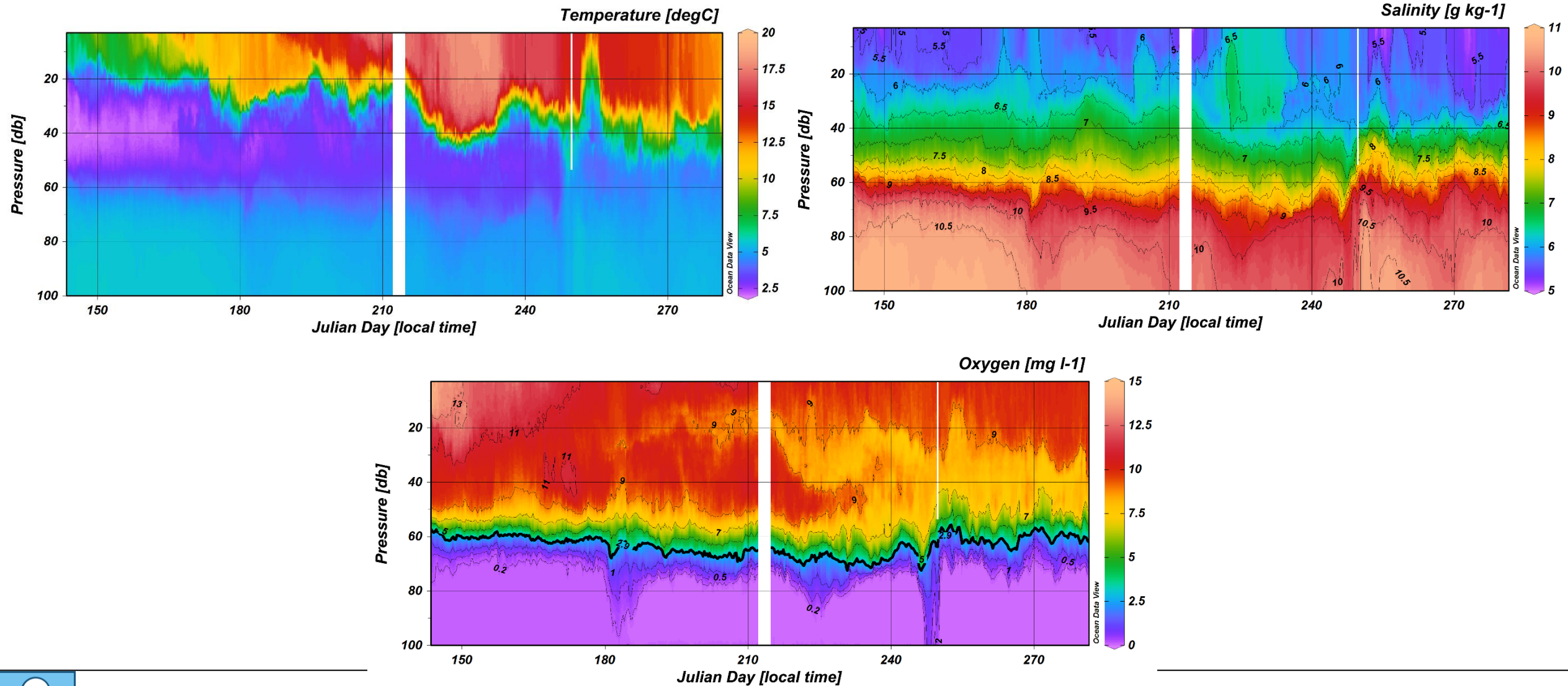
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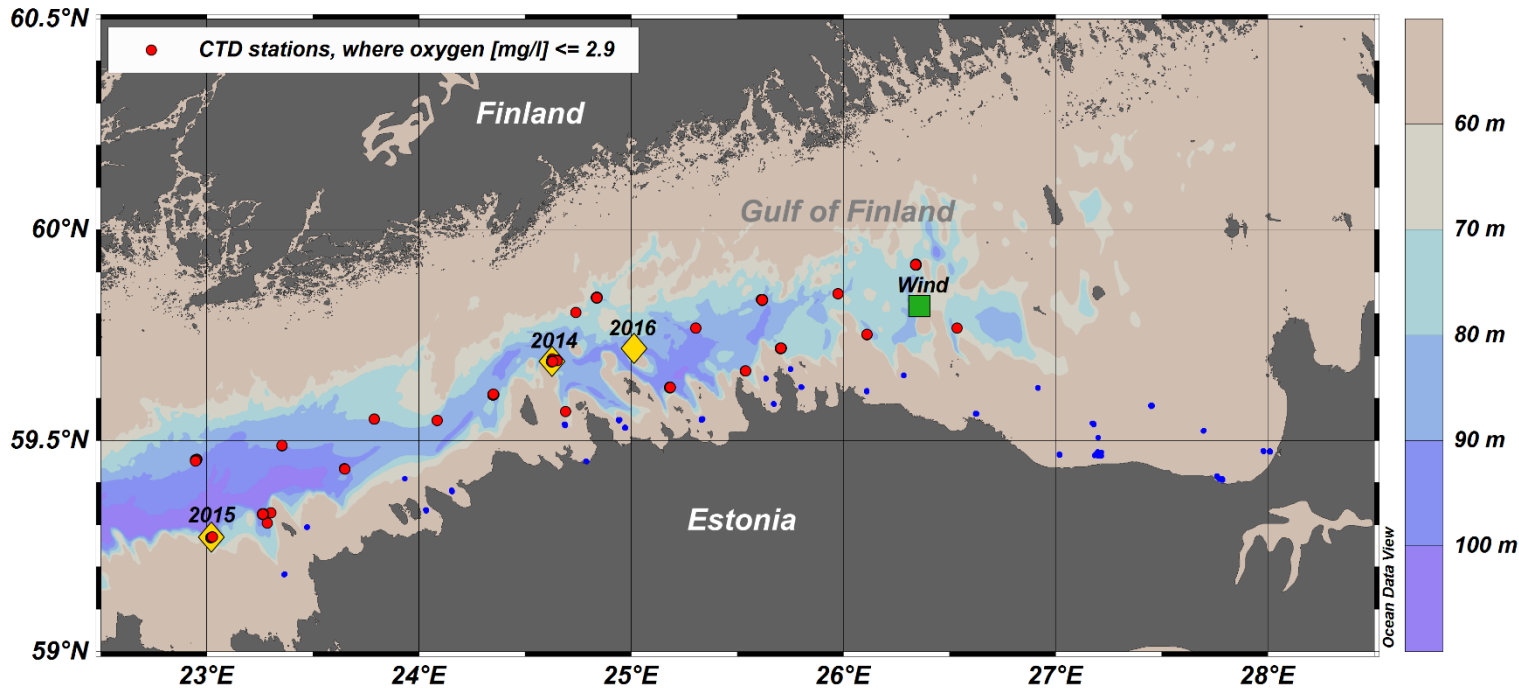
# TTU off-shore measurement systems



# GOF deep water dynamics as observed at Keri in 2017



# Monitoring stations used in the analysis



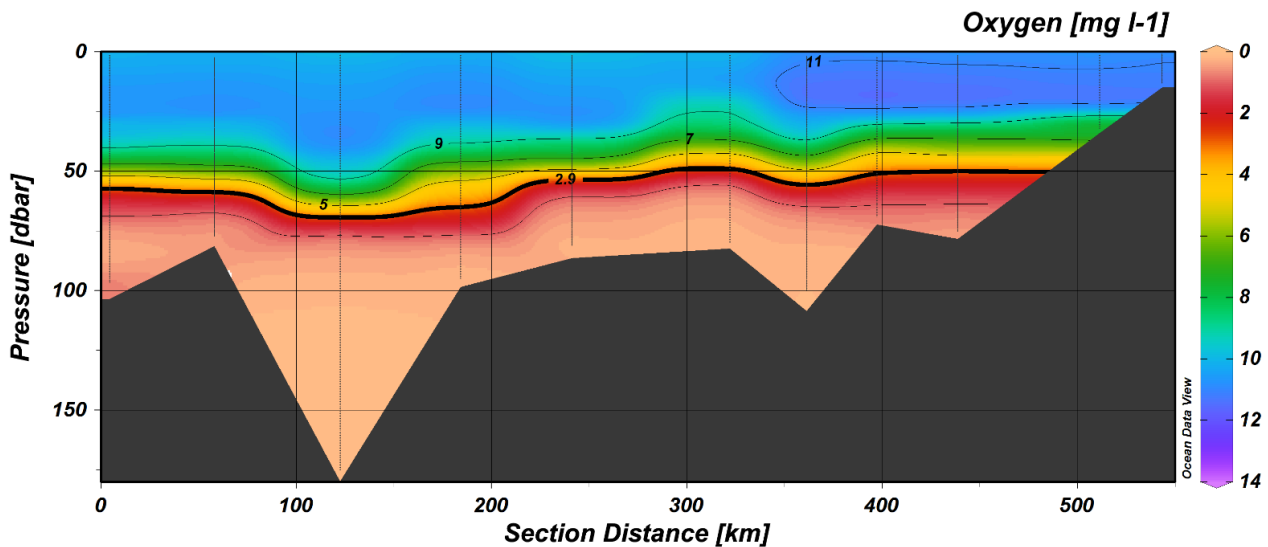
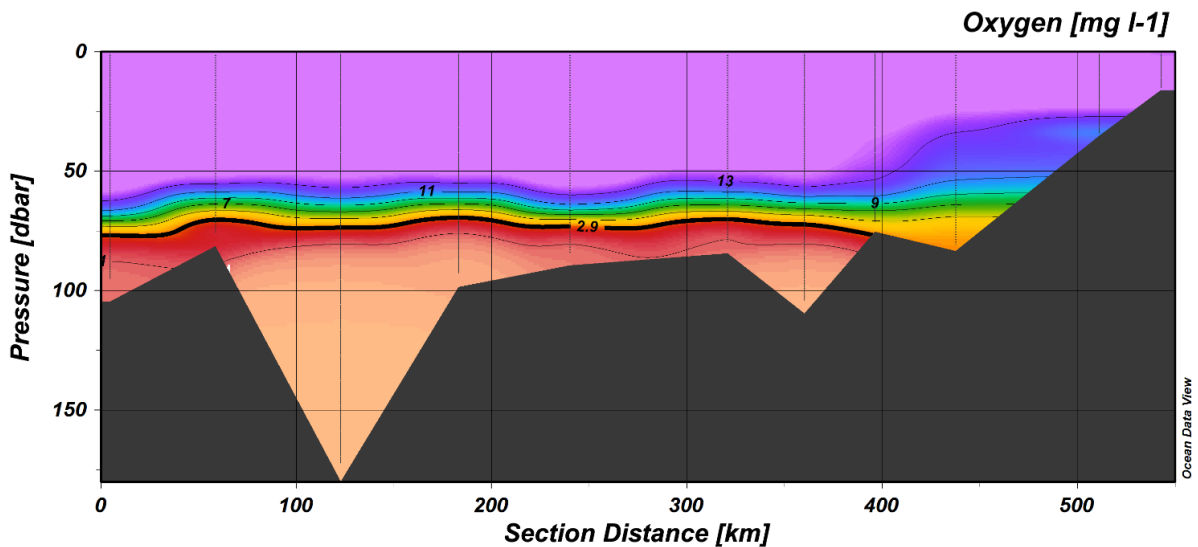
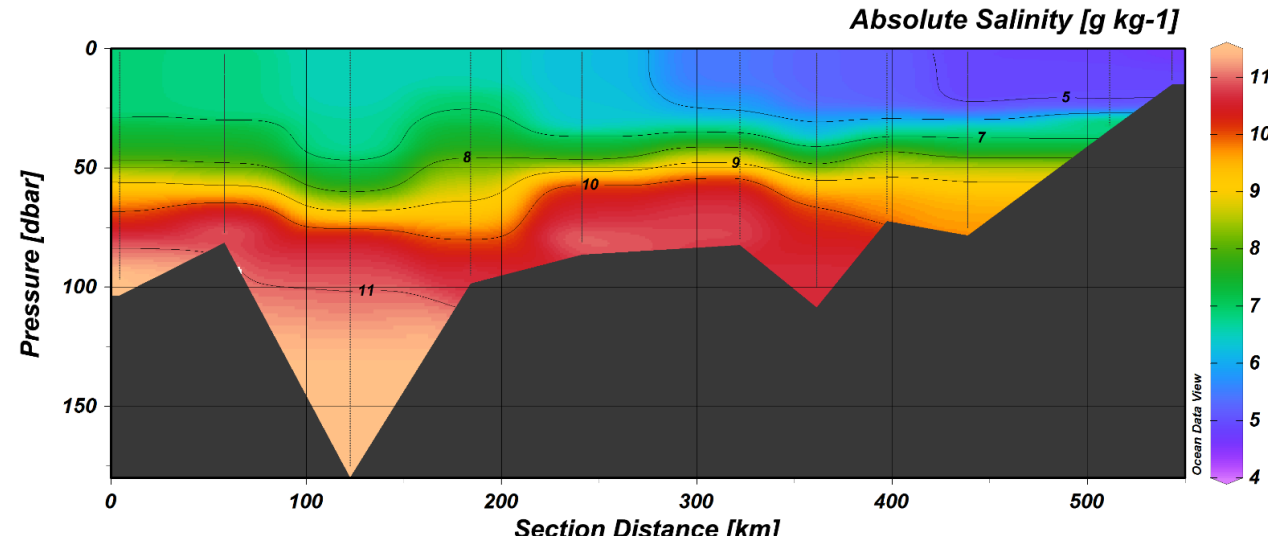
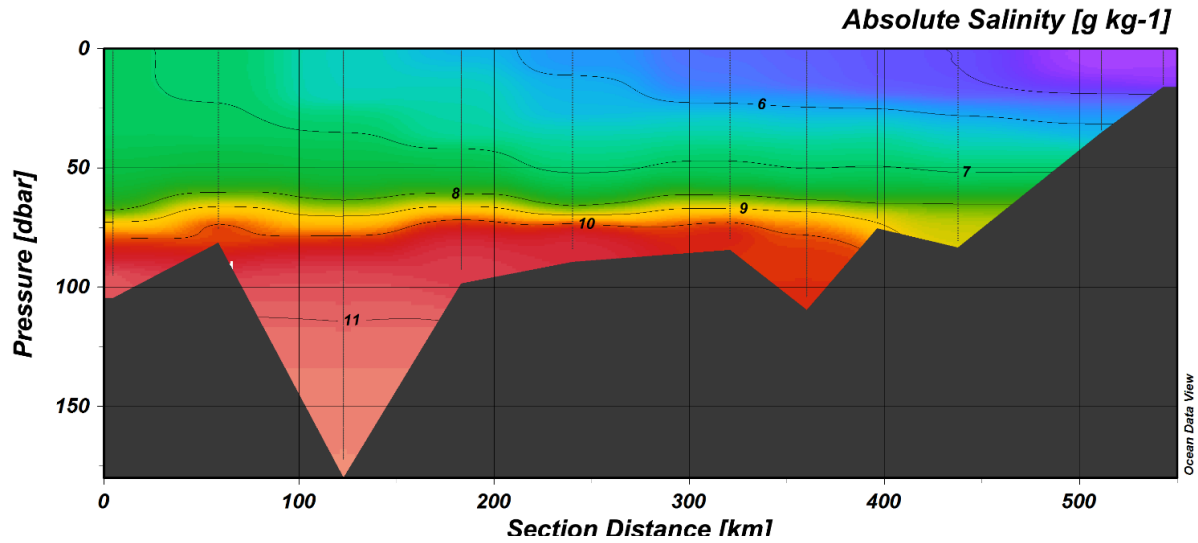
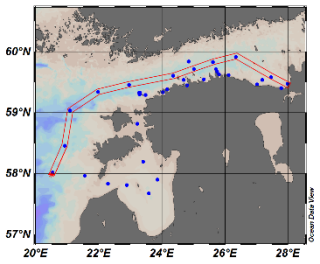
- CTD measurements by Department of Marine Systems, Tallinn University of Technology. 2014 - national monitoring and the Gulf of Finland year 2014 programmes. 2016 - national monitoring.
- Wind data from Estonian Environmental Agency. Wind direction and speed was measured at 10 m height every hour and displayed as average values of the last 10 minutes of every hour.



The number of profiles measured:

|                    | 2014 profiler | 2014 CTD   | 2016 profiler | 2016 CTD   |
|--------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| January            | -             | 19         | -             | -          |
| February           | -             | -          | -             | -          |
| March              | -             | -          | 125           | -          |
| April              | 96            | 15         | 119           | 25         |
| May                | 209           | 55         | 96            | 7          |
| June               | 172           | 3          | 117           | 23         |
| July               | 177           | 23         | 113           | 27         |
| August             | 7             | 60         | 119           | 30         |
| September          | 173           | -          | 117           | -          |
| October            | 137           | -          | 96            | 22         |
| November           | -             | 27         | 10            | -          |
| December           | -             | -          | 17            | -          |
| <b>ALL YEAR</b>    | <b>971</b>    | <b>202</b> | <b>929</b>    | <b>134</b> |
| April to September | 834           | 156        | 681           | 112        |

# GOF salinity and oxygen in April and October 2016





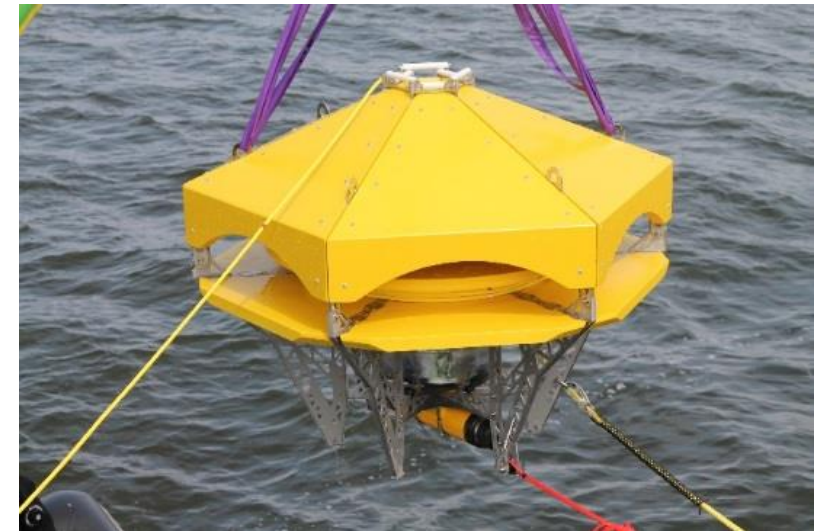
# Autonomous profiling stations

- Developed by Flydog Solutions Ltd. (Estonia)
- Main measurement device - OS316plus CTD probe (Idronaut s.r.l., Italy) with Idronaut oxygen sensor
- Temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen content etc. at the rate of 9Hz while moving down (in 2014) or up (in 2016) with an average speed of  $10 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$

2014 – Buoy based profiler

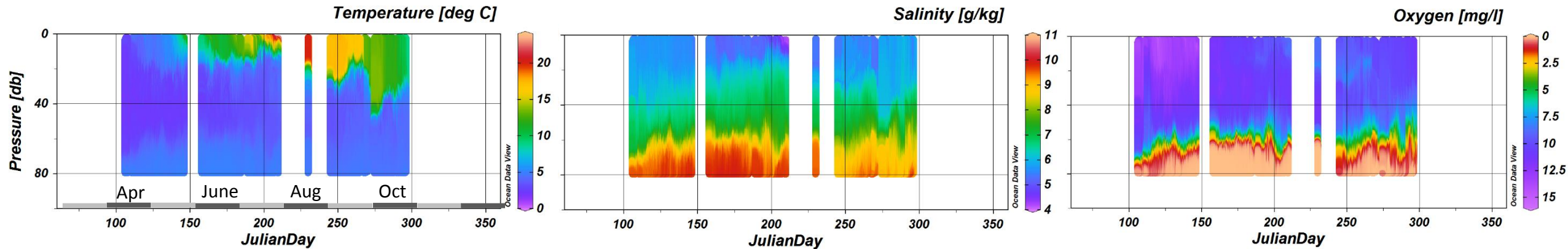


2016 – Bottom mounted profiler

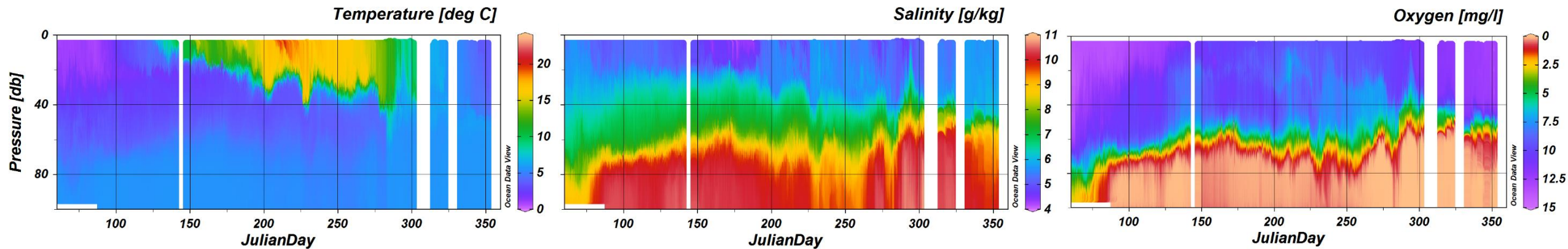


# Variability of vertical distributions of temperature, salinity and oxygen in 2014 and 2016

2014 profiler

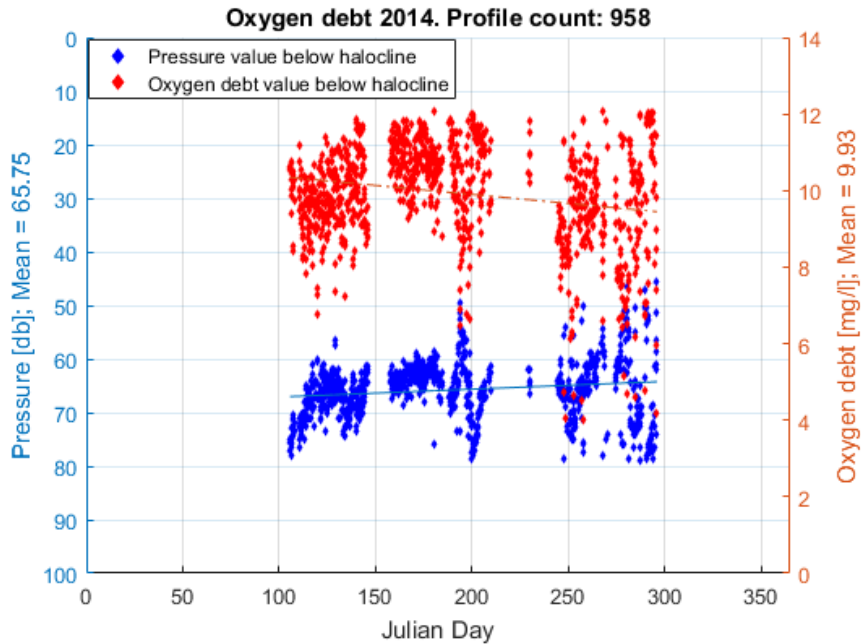


2016 profiler



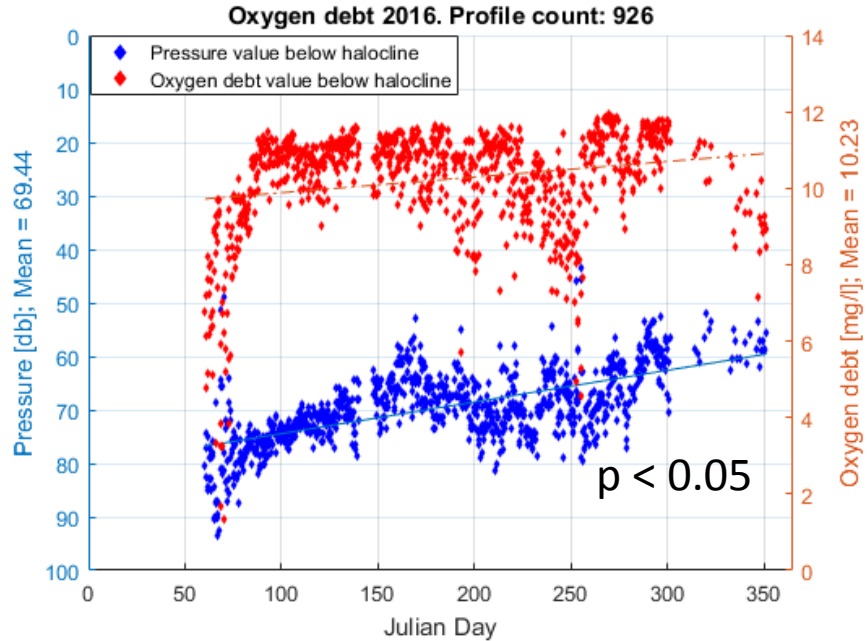
# Oxygen debt

- Oxygen debt = Saturated oxygen content – Measured oxygen value
- Value below halocline (salinity gradient  $\geq 0.07$  g/kg per meter)
- GOF threshold value – **8.66 mg/l**



Halocline found in 98.7% of profiles

|                 | Below halocline 2014 pressure | Oxygen debt April-September | Oxygen debt whole year |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Minimum         | 45.5                          | 4.0                         | 4.0                    |
| 5th percentile  | 56.0                          | 8.2                         | 7.5                    |
| <b>Mean</b>     | <b>65.8</b>                   | <b>10.1</b>                 | <b>9.9</b>             |
| 95th percentile | 75.5                          | 11.66                       | 11.7                   |
| Maximum         | 79.0                          | 12.07                       | 12.1                   |



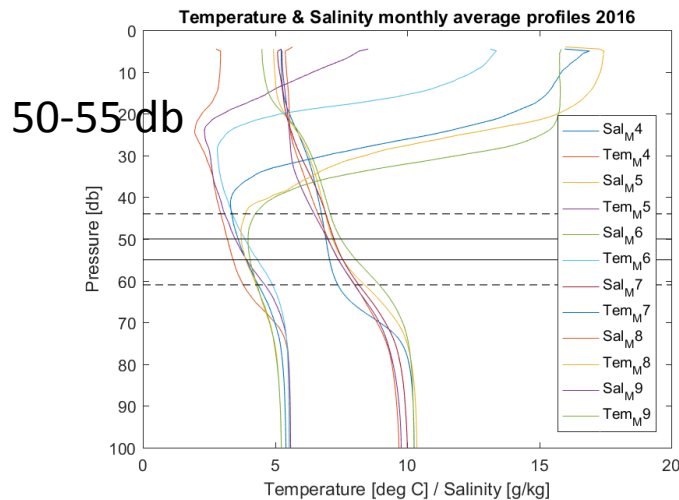
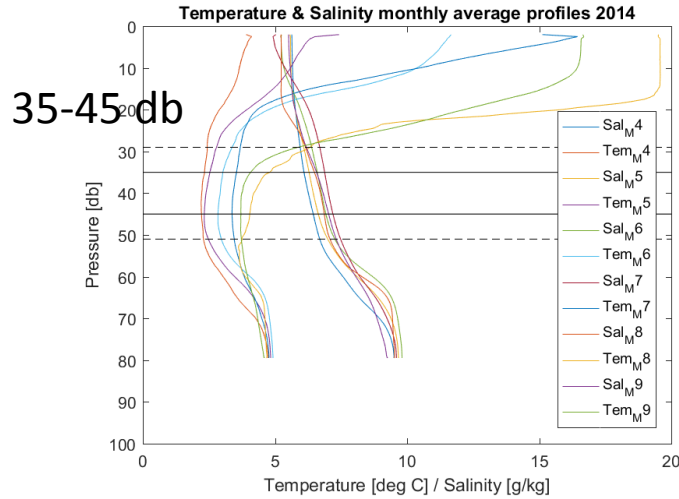
Halocline found in 99.7% of profiles

|                 | Below halocline 2016 pressure | Oxygen debt April-September | Oxygen debt whole year |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Minimum         | 43.5                          | 4.6                         | 1.3                    |
| 5th percentile  | 58.0                          | 8.4                         | 7.6                    |
| <b>Mean</b>     | <b>69.4</b>                   | <b>10.5</b>                 | <b>10.2</b>            |
| 95th percentile | 79.8                          | 11.6                        | 11.6                   |
| Maximum         | 93.5                          | 12.0                        | 12.0                   |

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2007-2011:  
GoF – 10.542  
(mg/l)

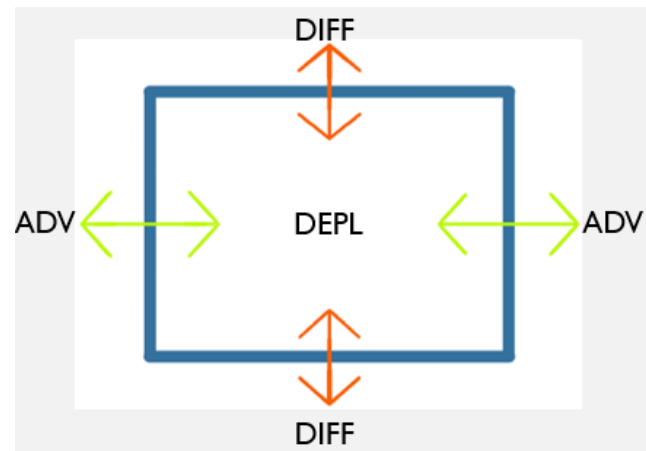
# Oxygen Consumption

Oxygen consumption for the summer season below the productive layer but above the halocline – ‘stagnant layer’



$$ADV_{(Sal)} = DEPL_{(Sal)} - DIFF_{(Sal)}$$

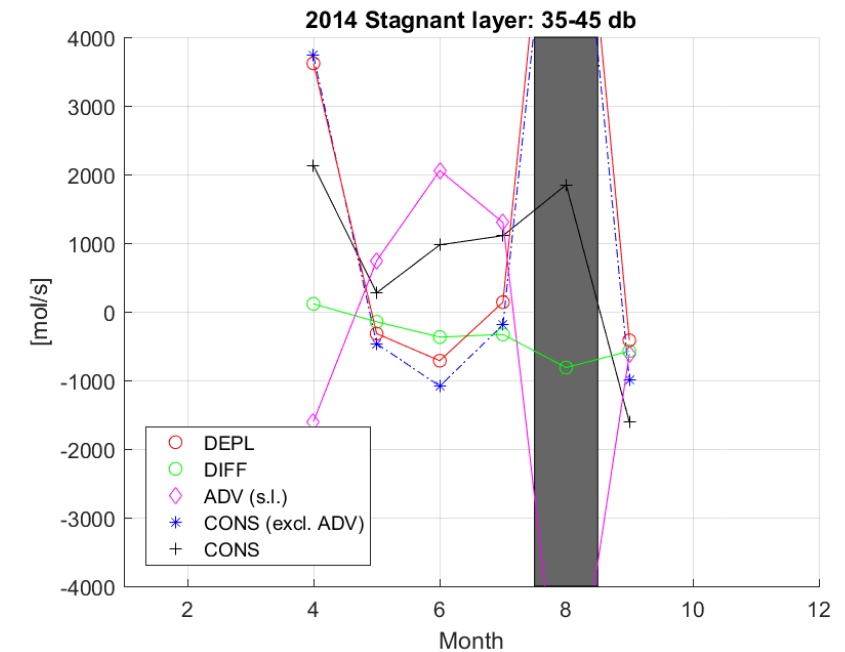
$$ADV_{(O_2)} = (a * ADV_{(Sal)} + b) / 32$$



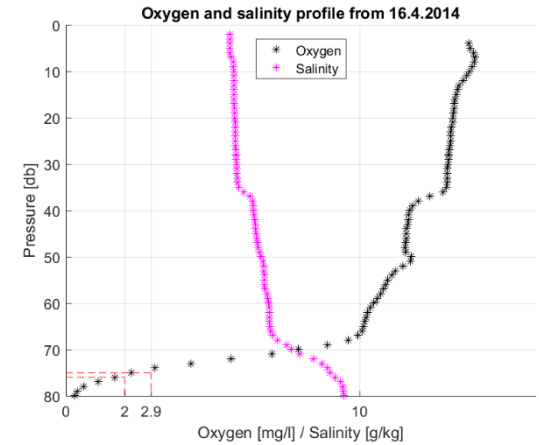
| [V* mol/s]         | 2014 mean  |
|--------------------|------------|
| Depletion          | 1946       |
| Diffusion          | -353       |
| Advection (s.l.)   | -803       |
| <b>Consumption</b> | <b>790</b> |

$$CONS = DEPL + DIFF + ADVb$$

If advection is not taken into account, the consumption could be a negative value

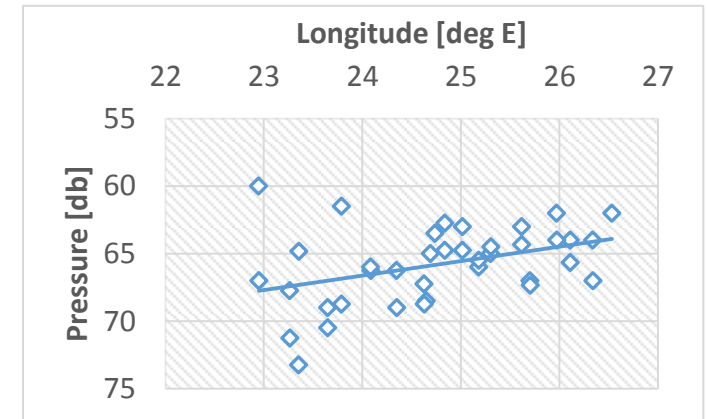
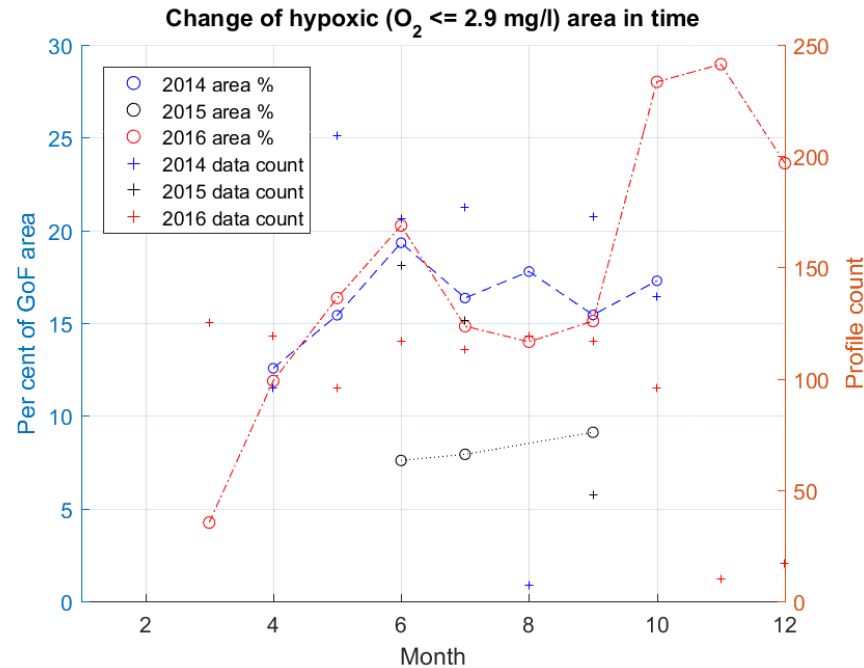
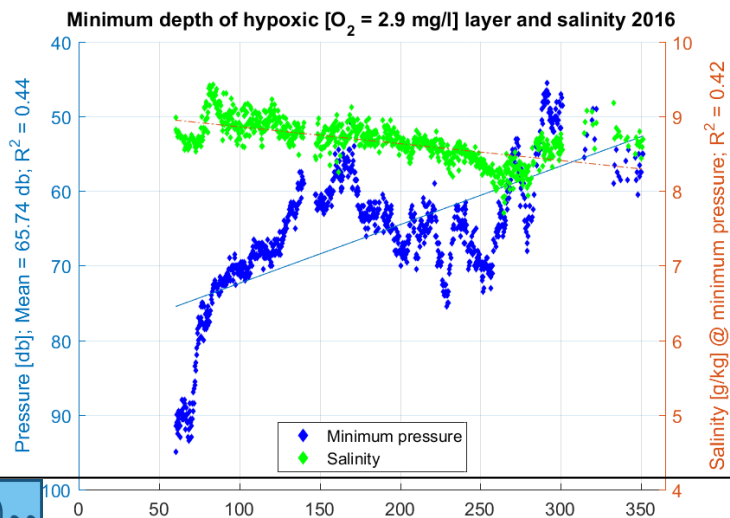
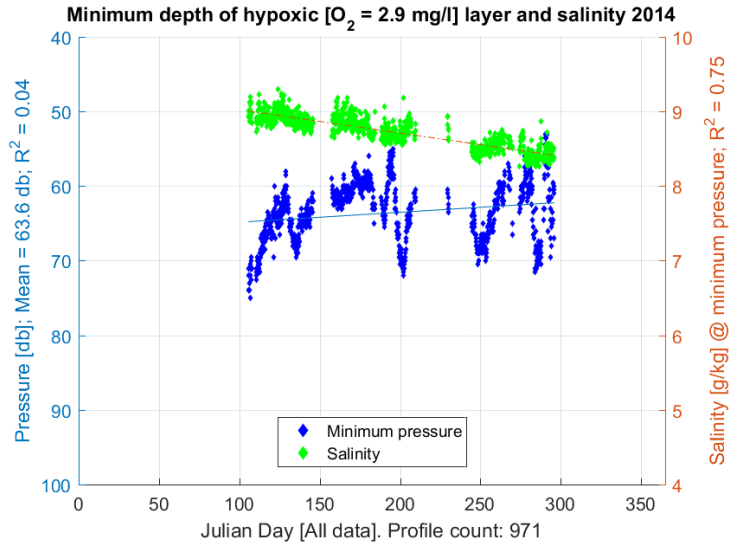


# Hypoxic area



2.9 mg l (= 2.00 ml/l = 89.3 μmol/l)

On average, about **15%** of GoF bottom is hypoxic

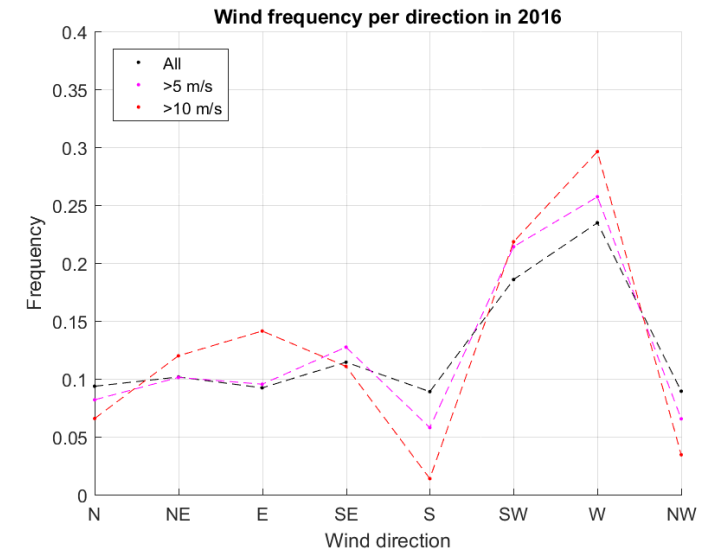
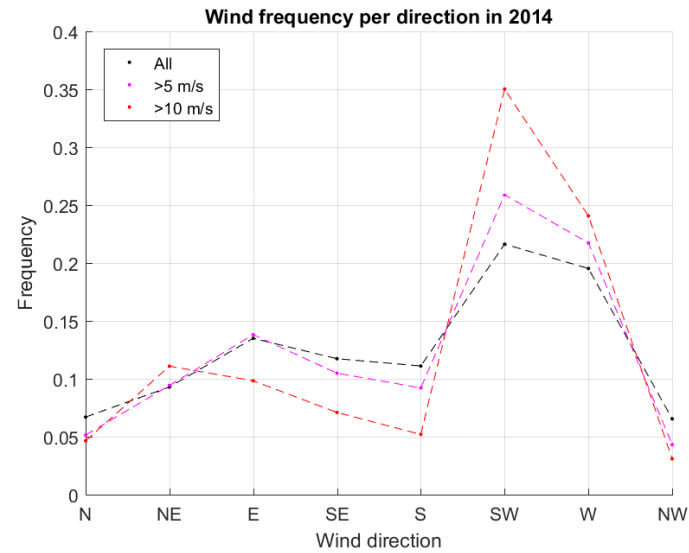
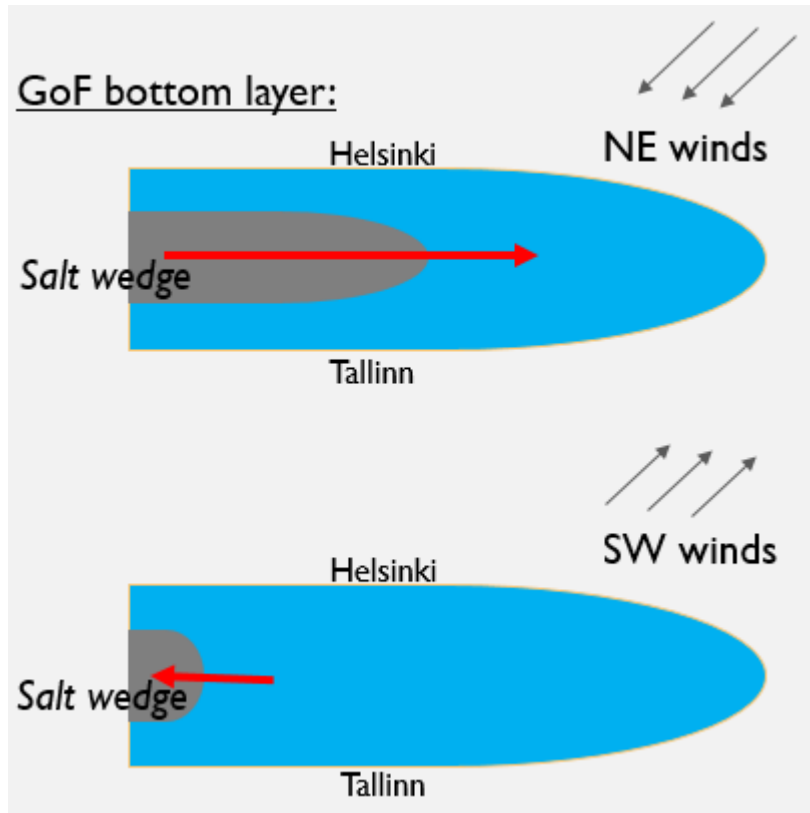


CTD May & August 2014  
 Inclination: -1.07 db/degE  
 (-1.91 db/100 km)  
 N = 38; R<sup>2</sup> = 0.16; p = 0.012

# Wind conditions

Since the extent of the near-bottom salt wedge in the GoF depends on the wind forcing (enhancing or acting against the estuarine circulation), the prevailed wind conditions have to be taken into account

Average along gulf wind component from ENE (70°) was calculated to relate the along-gulf movement of the salt wedge to the wind forcing



# Conclusions and future outlook

- Analysis of behaviour of indicators in relation to loads and natural variability still has to be carried out using all available data and modelling, e.g.,
  - is it reliable to assess the status only based on one year of monitoring?
  - how to take into account the impact of the natural variability in near-bottom conditions on nutrient concentrations?
- Better coordination of development of indicators and threshold values at a regional level (between the countries and between the HELCOM and contracting parties) to reduce the mismatch between the coastal and open sea threshold values
- Development of an oxygen indicator is not an easy task – hydrographic conditions influenced by salt water inflows and wind generated circulation have to be taken into account
- Oxygen consumption indicator is complicated to use even having high-resolution profile data available – no such „stagnant layer“ exists
- Automated high-frequency observations have to be applied to get natural variability due to hydrographic conditions

# Thank you for your attention!

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## **Social aspects of maritime spatial planning**



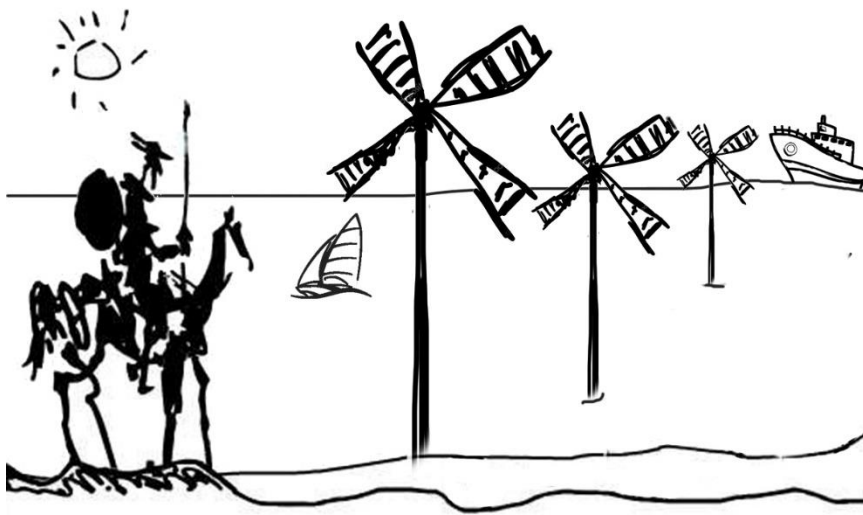
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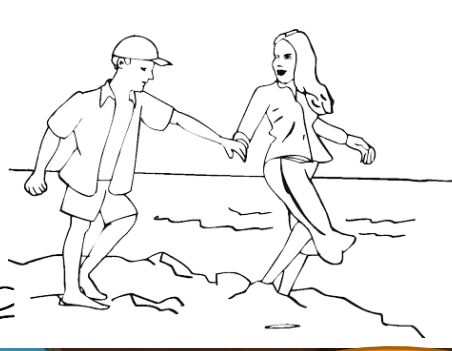
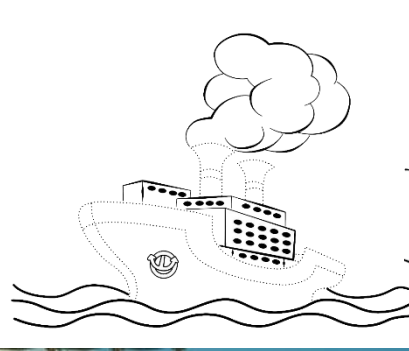


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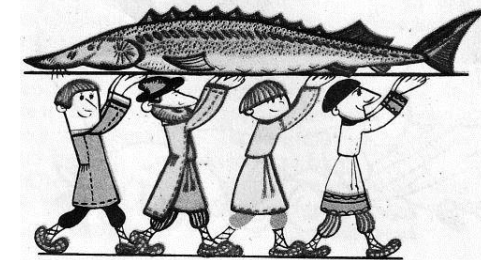
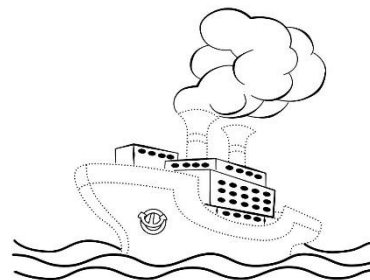
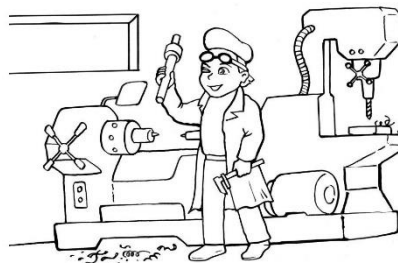
# Coastal areas of the Gulf of Finland

Приморские территории Финского залива



## How many people work in the sectors related to the sea use?

Сколько человек работают в отраслях, связанных с морем?



### FAMILY RATIO:

For large cities - 3-3,2

For medium-sized cities - 2.5

For small and rural settlements - 2,1-2,2

Working population =

$(P1/300 + P2/250 + P3/210) \times 100 =$

**3.5-4 million people**

Working population in the sectors related to the sea use (near 50%):

**1,5-2 million people**

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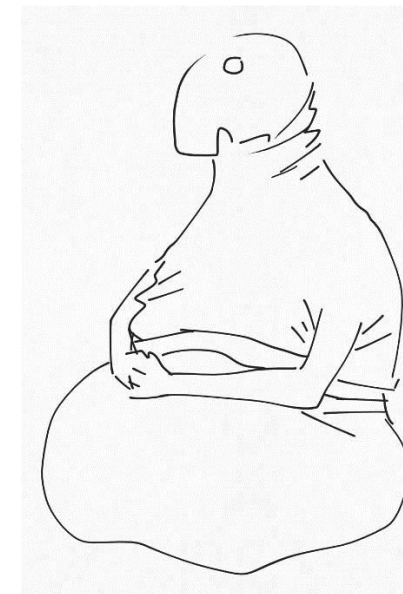
P2 - Population of medium-sized cities

P3 - Population of small towns and rural areas

## Problems of coastal regions of the North-West Federal District of Russia. Imbalance.

Проблемы приморских Субъектов СЗФО РФ. Дисбалансы.

- ❖ the structure of personnel training and value orientations of the working population do not correspond to the structure of demand for skilled labor;
- ❖ The geography of work places does not correspond to the settlement pattern;
- ❖ Investment proposals do not correspond to the needs of infrastructure development;
- ❖ the population's expectations of quality of life do not correspond to the possibilities of the area;
- ❖ inadequate administrative support for a business, focused on the innovative sectors.



# Strategy for smart sustainable and comprehensive growth.

Стратегия умного устойчивого и всеобъемлющего роста.

## Directive 2014/89/EU on MSP

“(4) Maritime spatial planning supports and facilitates the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, which aims to deliver high levels of employment, productivity and social cohesion, including promotion of a more competitive, resource-efficient and green economy. The coastal and maritime sectors have significant potential for sustainable growth...”

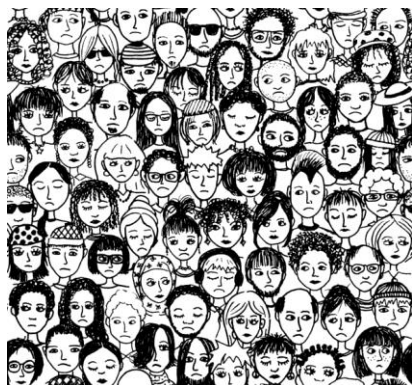
## Strategic directions of development of St. Petersburg and Leningrad region of Russian Federation:

- Ensuring sustainable economic growth;
- Development of human capital;
- Improving the quality of the urban environment;
- Ensuring the effectiveness of management and the development of civil society.



## Socio-economic indicators of coastal areas and cities proposed for MSP of The Gulf of Finland.

Социально-экономические показатели приморских районов и городов, предлагаемые к учету в МПП Финского залива.

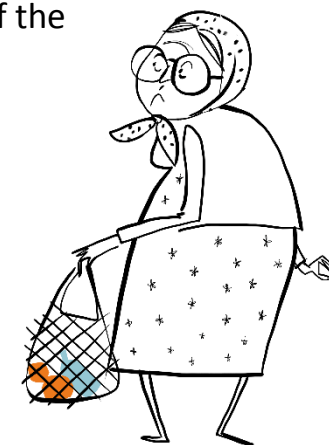


### SOCIAL INDICATORS:

- Population;
- income per capita;
- the proportion of the population working in the stabilizing sectors of the Blue Economy;
- indicators of the natural movement of the population (natural increase / decrease in life expectancy, average number of children);
- indicators of mechanical movement of the population (migration);
- indicators of morbidity, disability and physical development of the population.

### ECONOMIC INDICATORS:

- GRP;
- share of marine activities in GRP;
- level of employment;
- unemployment rate;
- quality of life (degree of satisfaction of material, spiritual and social needs of a person)





## Socio-ecological development of coastal regions and sanitary and hygienic living conditions.

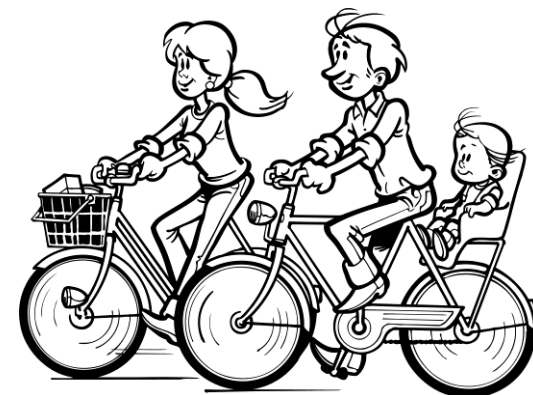
Социально-экологическое развитие приморских регионов и санитарно-гигиенические условия проживания.

### MEDICAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS:

- total infant mortality;
- life expectancy;
- natural increase (loss) of the population.

### THE TASKS OF INCREASING THE INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP HEALTH STATUS OF THE POPULATION:

- - optimization of demographic situation;
- - Improvement of health;
- - reliability of life support systems.



## Statement of the project task

Постановка задачи

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Pan-Baltic comprehensive and sectoral projects:  
**BaltScope, Baltic LINES, BaltRIM**

Regional projects on the Gulf of Finland:

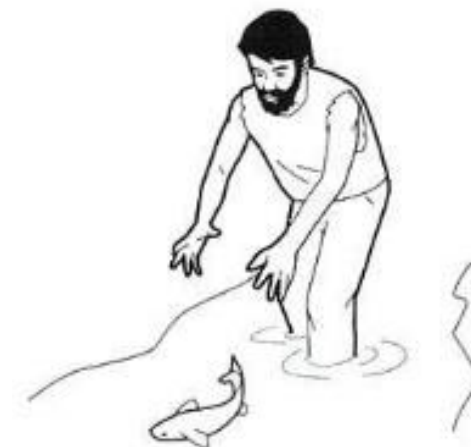
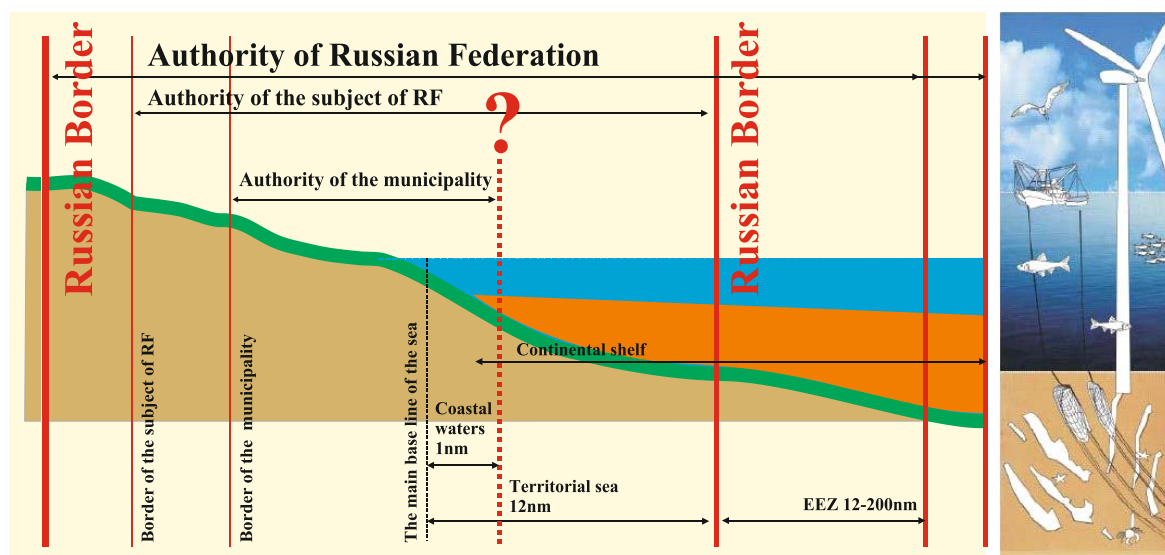
**30 miles + 30 milesFinRus + 30 milesEstRus  
= Yachting tourism on the GoF**

**Plan4Blue + PlanGoF + Plan(GoFEstRus?) =  
MSP of the GoF**

# The boundaries of powers of authorities of different levels

Границы полномочий органов власти различных уровней

Boundaries of powers of the RF authorities of different levels (proposal)



## Federal Level

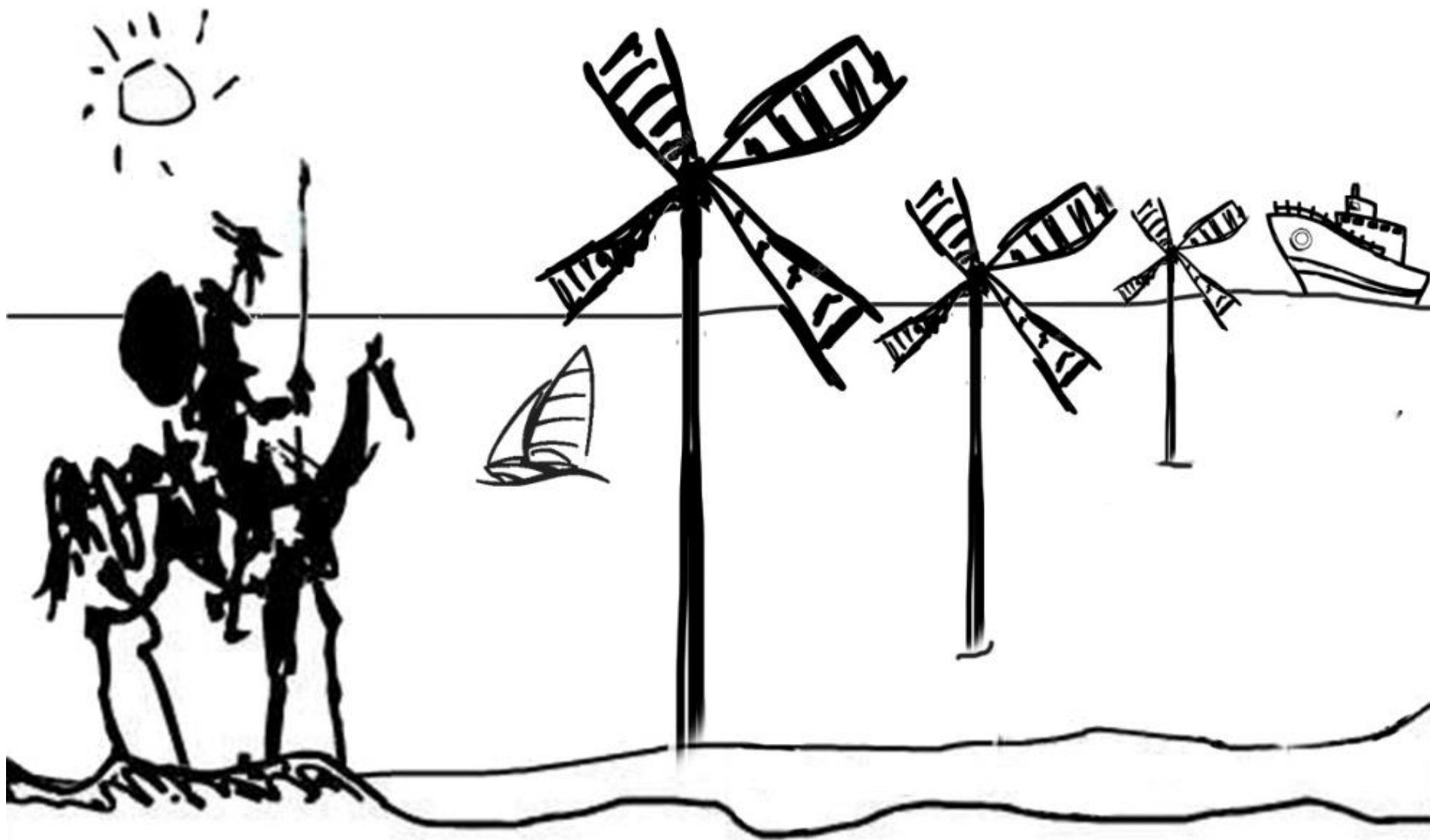
From the border of the exclusive economic zone (the continental shelf) to the land borders of the Russian Federation

## Regional Level

From the boundary of the territorial sea (12 miles) to the border of the Subject of the Russian Federation in relation to the powers of the subject;

## Municipal Level (district)

From the conventional boundary of the coastal zone (one mile) to the border of the municipality



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## **Towards harmonisation of monitoring hazardous substances**



# Towards harmonisation of monitoring hazardous substances

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# Gulf of Finland, Road Map 2017

## Pollution and Ecosystem Health

### This presentation highlights:

#### Improved monitoring of hazardous substances

- Assessment **threshold values** for hazardous substances and their effects should be **harmonized**
  - ➔ enable harmonised **status assessments**
- **A set of regional priority substances** for the monitoring of both “old” and “emerging” substances is needed

#### Other topics within monitoring:

- The methods used for the assessment of **biological effects** should be harmonised
- An **expert group** for the harmonisation and optimisation
- A joint **open-access database** for the available monitoring data

#### Other issues in Road Map

**Reduced emissions** of hazardous substances to air, land, and water

- More accurate **emission inventories** of hazardous substances
- **Better technologies** for hazardous substance removal

**Targeted research** on emerging problems; **pharmaceuticals, microplastics**

**Dredging of contaminated sediments** to be minimized and performed in an environmentally acceptable manner

# Published results 2016

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## The Gulf of Finland assessment

Mika Raateoja and Outi Setälä (eds)

### HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

#### Hazardous substances

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State of the Baltic Sea 2017 | Biodiversity | Eutrophication | **Hazardous substances** | Maritime | Environment fact sheets

Latest status

Indicators

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Pharmaceuticals

Radioactivity

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## HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE CORE INDICATORS



Browse the HELCOM hazardous substance core indicators

- Brominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE)
- Perfluoroalkyl substances (PFOS, other PFAS)
- Dioxins (PCDD/F) and dl-PCB
- Trace metals (Hg, Cd, Pb)
- Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCDD)
- TBT and imposex
- PAHs and their metabolites
- Radioactive substances (Cs-137)

Risk for "bad status"

Not assessed  
in this presentation

# Risk based prioritisation and assessment

## EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT

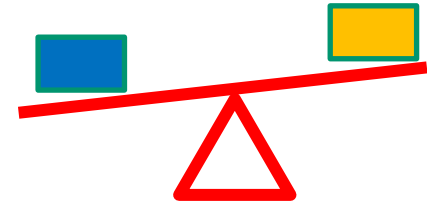
- Subst. usage & pattern
- emissions
- persistence
- accumulation
- mobility

## EFFECTS ASSESSMENT

Toxicity to biota:

- "traditional effects"
- endocrine effects
- Other adverse effects (?)

measured conc.  
threshold



**RELATIVE RISK =**  
Are the  
concentrations  
higher than the  
treshold value ?

# Hazardous Substances Indicators

| HELCOM "CORE" and Finnish indicators (perch and herring) | EQS, QS or GES boundary in BIOTA                             |   |
|--|--|---|
|  | µg/kg wet wt.  |   |
| <b>PBDE</b>  | EQS 0,0085 < QS 44   | EQS based on human health protection          |
| <b>PCDD/F + dl-PCB</b>                                   | EQS 0,0065 TEQ > QS 0,0012                                   |   |
| <b>PFOS<br/>HBCDD</b>                                    | EQS 9,1 < QS 33<br>167                                       |   |
| <b>Organochlorine pesticides<br/>PCB</b>                 | 10 (HCB), 55 (HCBd) not CORE<br>75 (not CORE)                | EQS based on secondary poisoning of predators |
| <b>Mercury</b>   | 20 (Finland 20+180 backgr.)<br>(food 500, EFSA)              |   |
| <b>Radioactivity Cs-137)<br/>(fish, sedim, water</b>     | 2.5 Bq/kg (fish)<br>1640 Bq/m2 (sedim)<br>14.6 Bq/m3 (water) |   |

- Black = WFD substances with EQS in biota

# Haz Subst indicators cont.

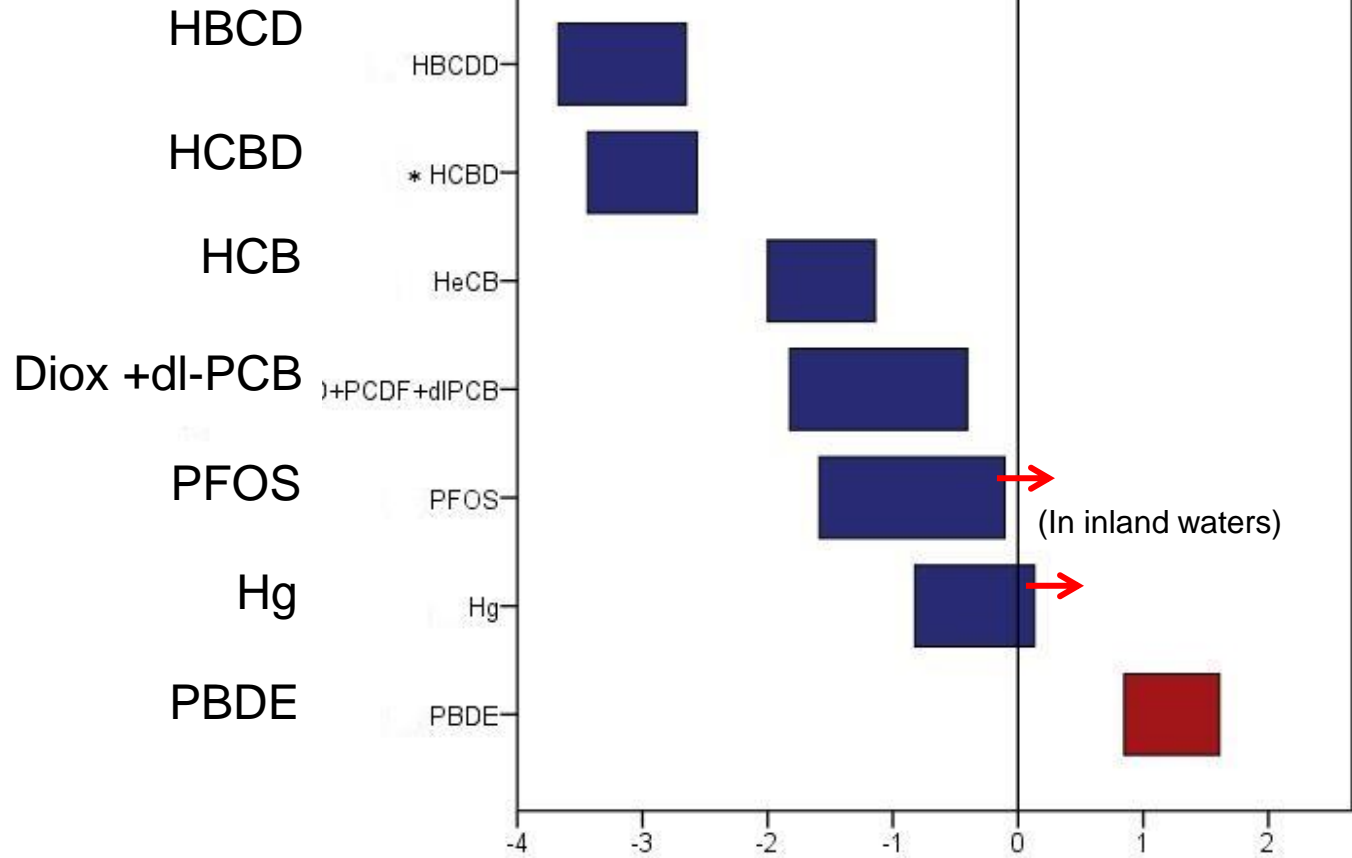
| Indicators  | EQS, QS or GES Boundary in BIOTA                                     | EQS or GES <i>In WATER</i>                                     | STATUS                               |
|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>I</b>  | <b>µg/kg wet wt.</b>   | <b>µg/l</b>  |                                      |
| <b>Cadmium</b> <b>Cd</b><br><b>Lead</b> <b>Pb</b>   | <b>160</b> (in food 50)<br><b>120</b> mg/kg (sedim)<br>(in food 300) | EQS 0,2<br>EQS 7,2<br>(bioavailable 1,3)<br>20 (bioavail. 4,0) | CORE<br>CORE                         |
| <b>Nickel</b> <b>Ni</b><br><b>Arsenic</b> <b>As</b> | In food 500-1000   |  | not HELCOM indic<br>not HELCOM indic |
| <b>TBT</b><br>TBT, TPhT, DBT, DOT                   | 2 (TBT in sedim)   | 0,0002   | CORE<br>secondary GES                |
| <b>LMS biomarker</b><br>(perch liver)               | 10 min.  |  | Pre-core                             |
| <b>PAH-substances</b>                               | <b>5 (BaP) molluscs</b>  |  | CORE                                 |
| <b>Algal toxins</b><br>(fish, plankton, water)      | 800 (food, neurotox)   | 1 (WHO, liver tox)   | National indicator                   |

- **Black** = WFD substances with EQS in water (except PAH)

# Contaminants in fish in Finnish coastal/open sea areas 2010-2016

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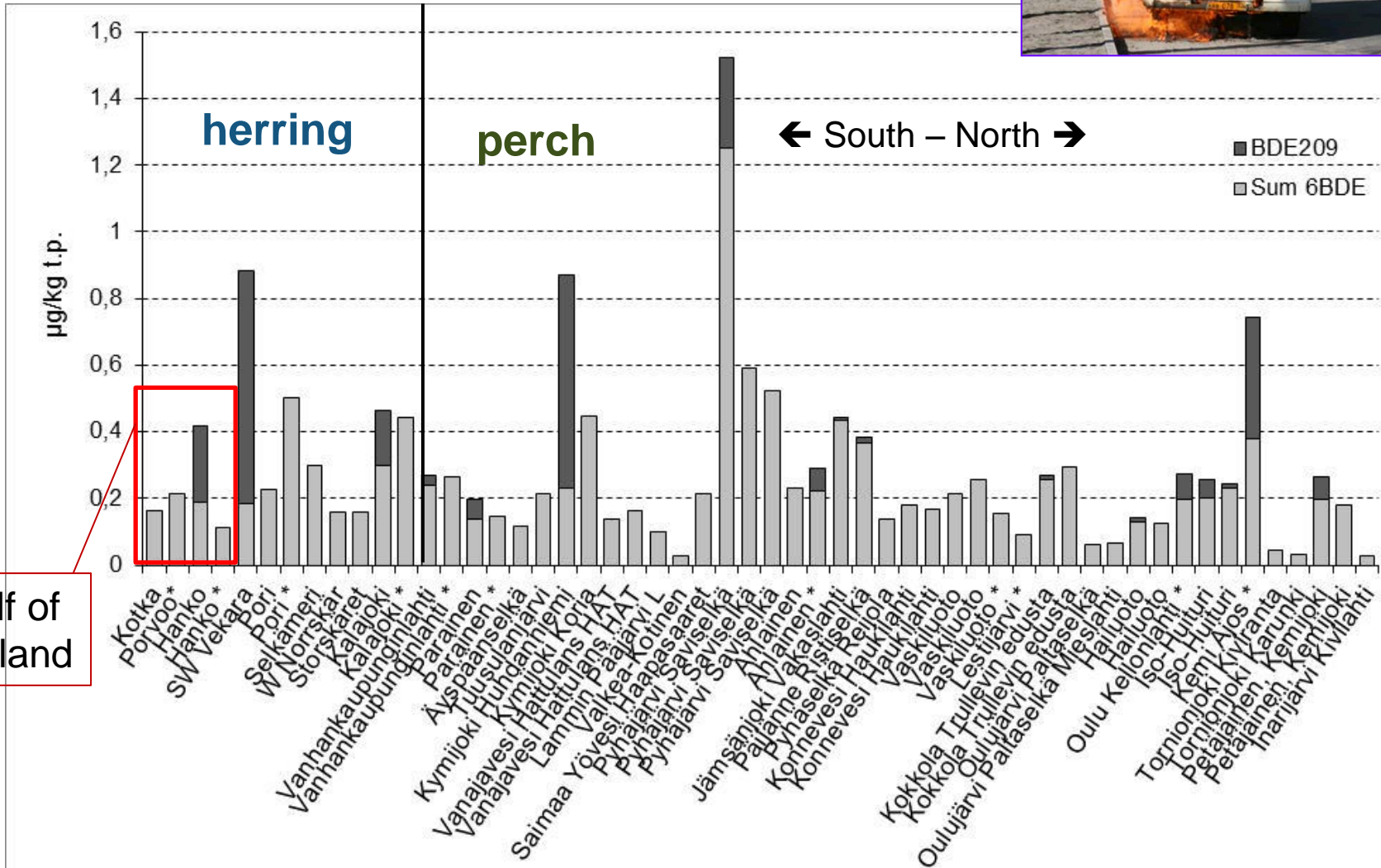
New results:



- perch + herring muscle
- Contaminant risk ratio (measured conc. in fish / HELCOM threshold)
- (10 ja 90 percentile, logarithmic scale)
- Red bar: average conc. >HELCOM threshold

# PBDEs in fish in Finland 2010-2016



- PBDE; Brominated flame retardant

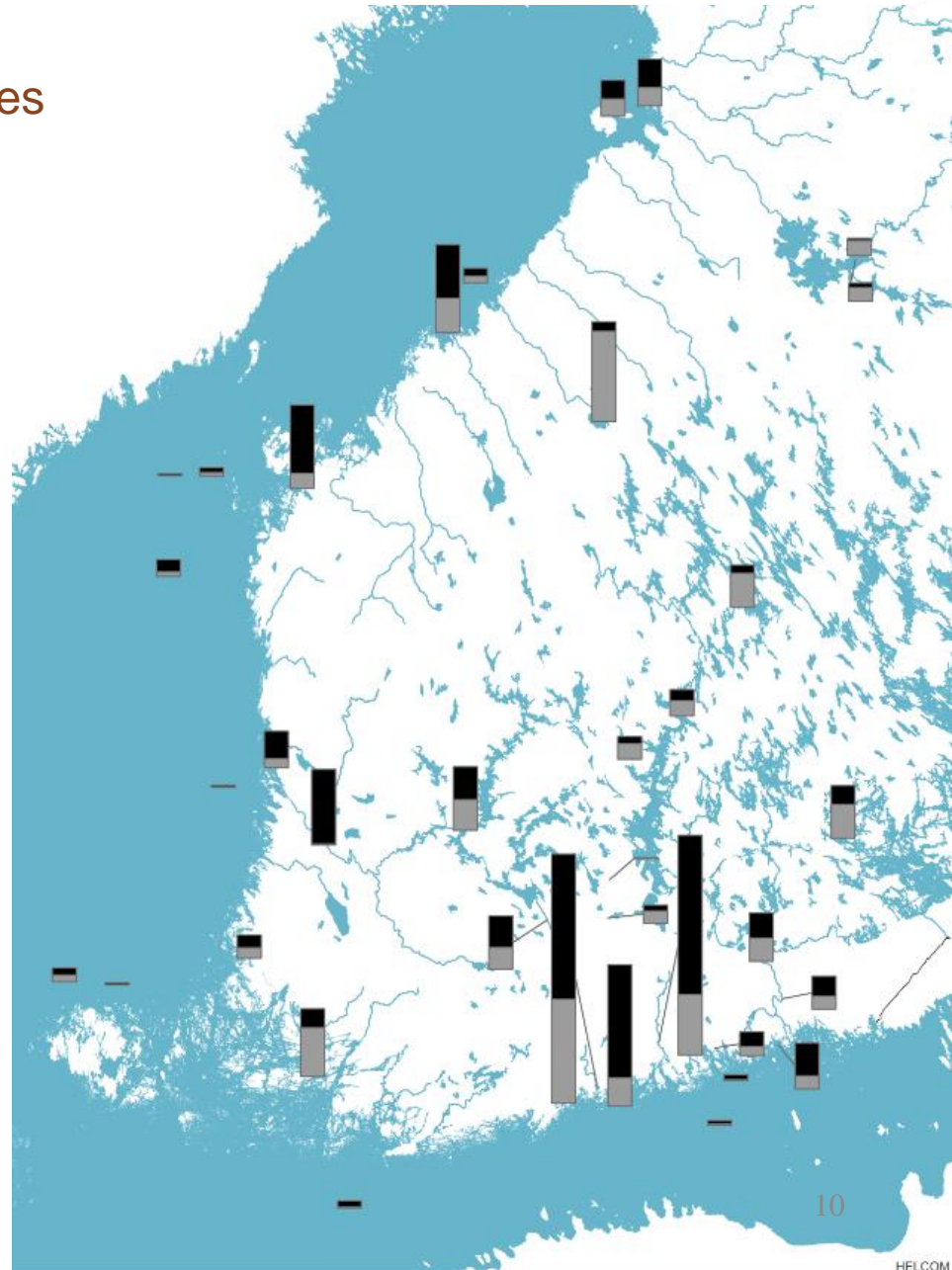


# PFAS in perch and herring muscle (2012 – 2016)

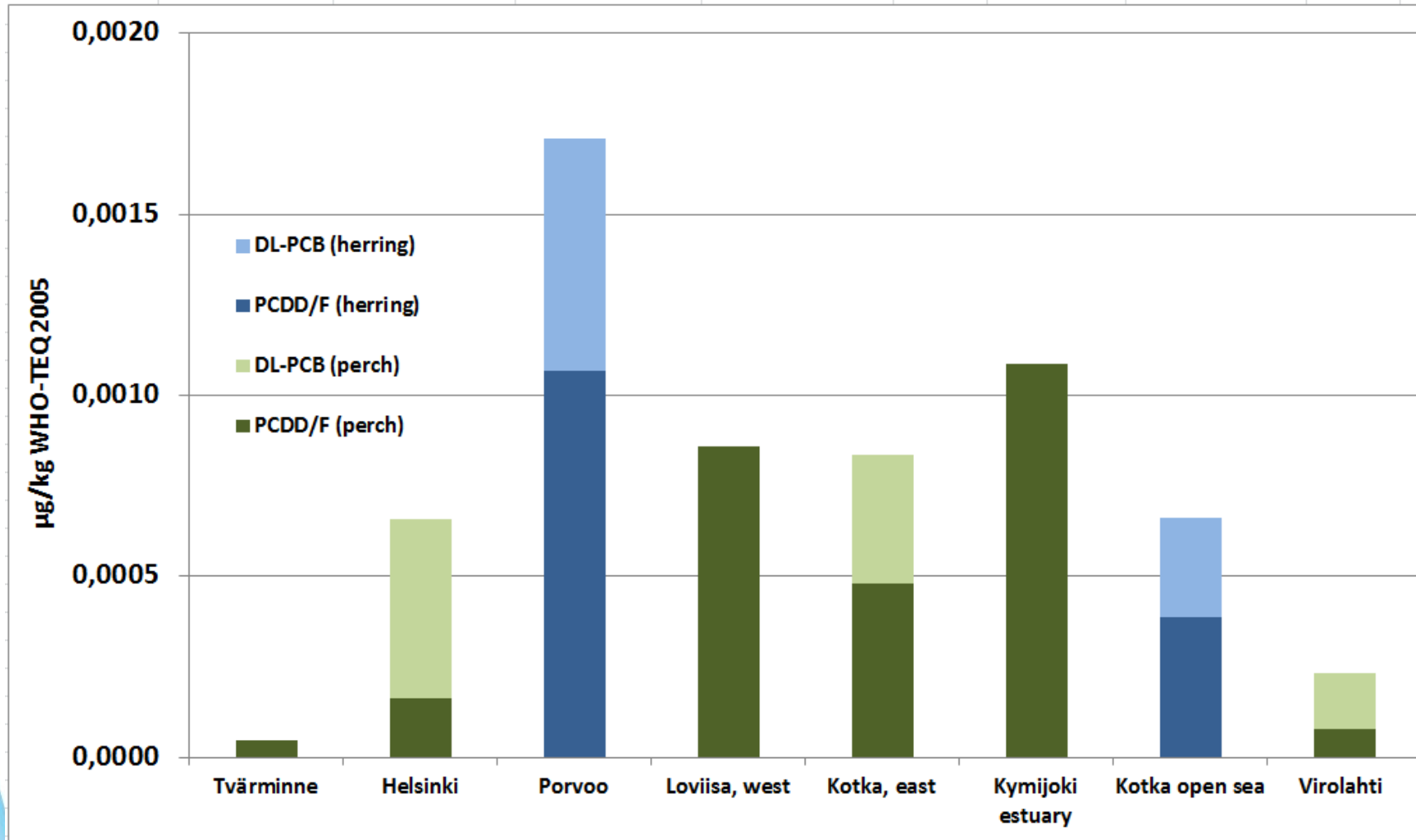
- Perfluorinated, surface active substances
  - Fire fighting foams
  - Textiles
  - Coatings, etc.



**PFOS threshold** (9,1 µg/kg)  {  
- **exceeded in some sites**  
No threshold for other PFAS 



# Dioxins in perch and herring muscle, Gulf of Finland (2012 – 2016)





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**Mercury in fish is above HELCOM threshold value**

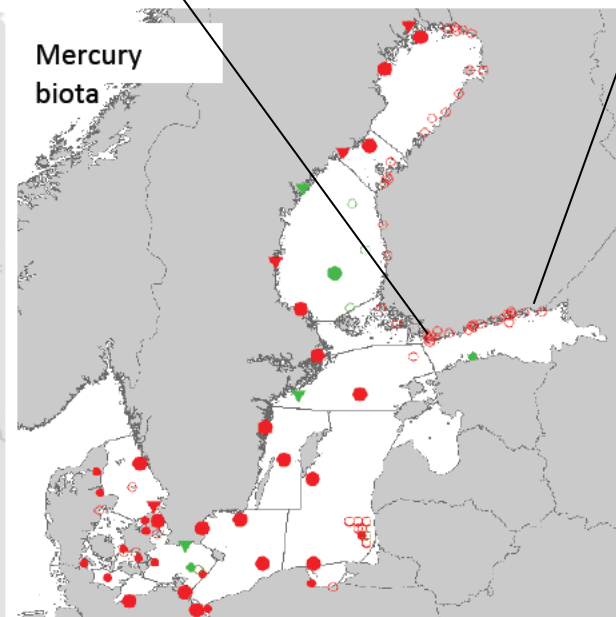
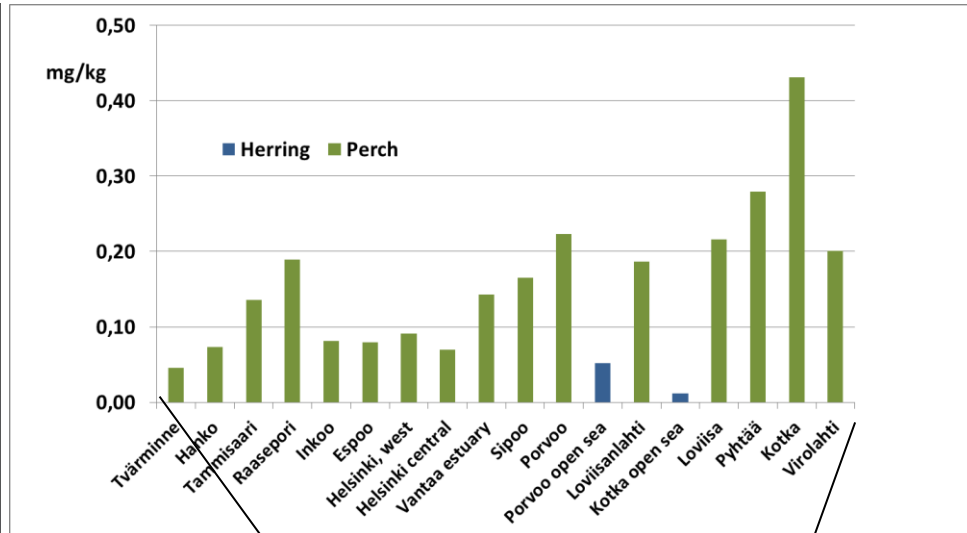
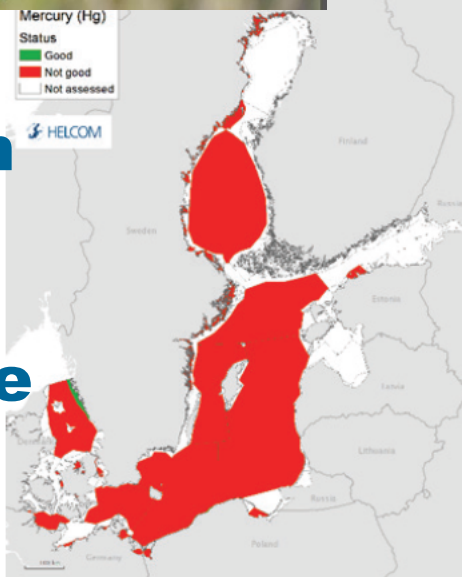


Figure 14. Assessment result for mercury (left) and underlying status calculated per station for the fish muscle (right). Small open circles indicate 'initial status assessment' data (only 1-2 years of data), small filled circles indicate that there is not enough data to assess a trend, large filled circles that concentrations have been stable during the whole monitoring period and the filled arrow that there is an upward or downward trend during the monitoring period, pointing in the direction of the arrow.

# TBT concentration in surface sediment is decreasing

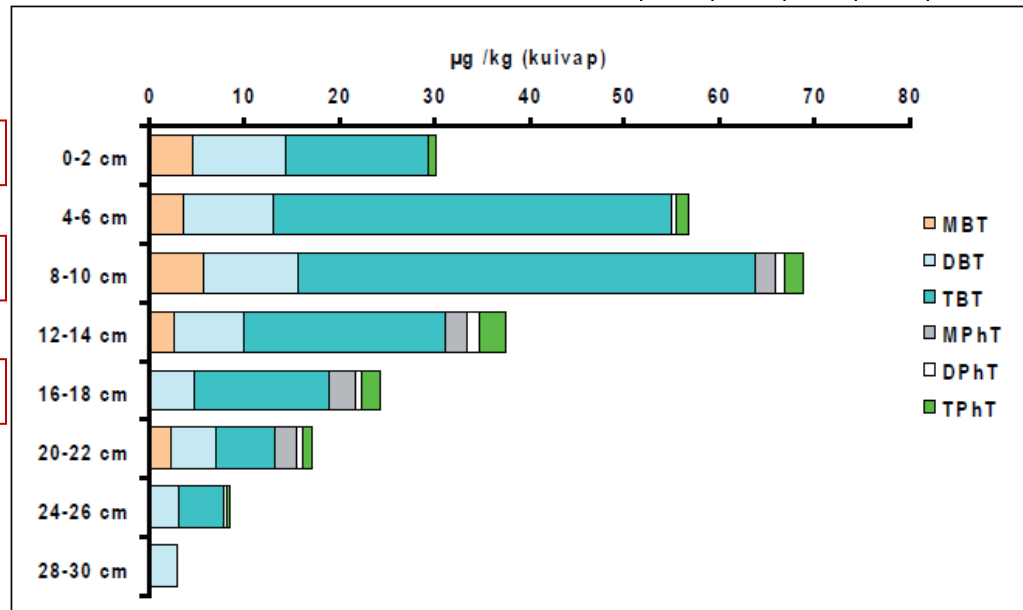
– but still exceeding the threshold value



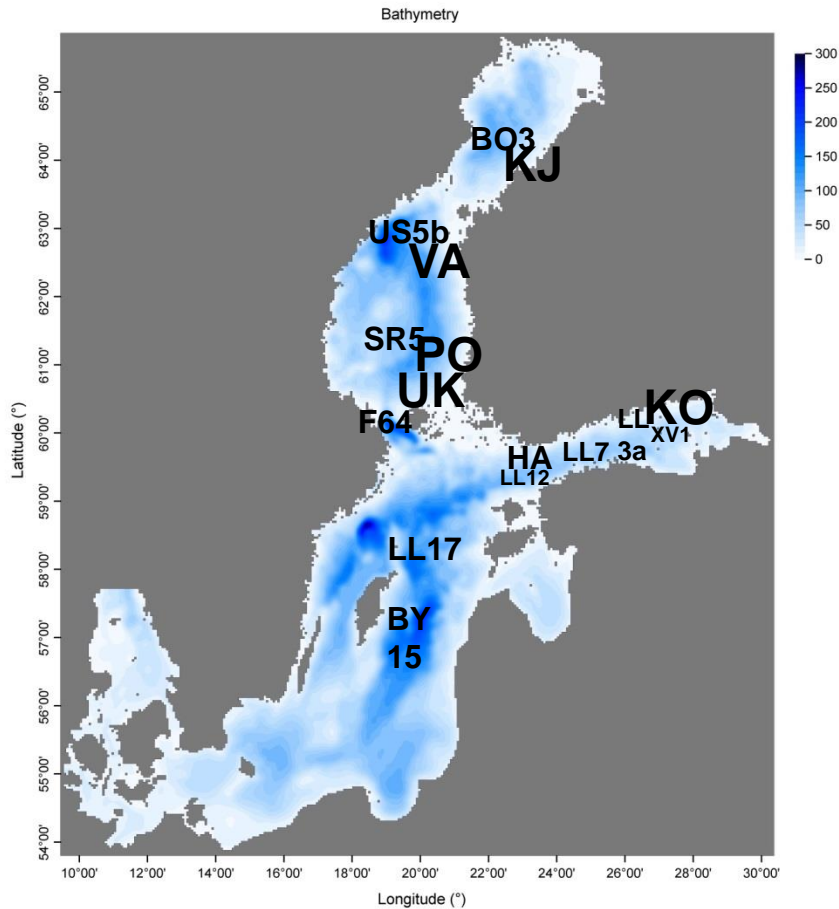
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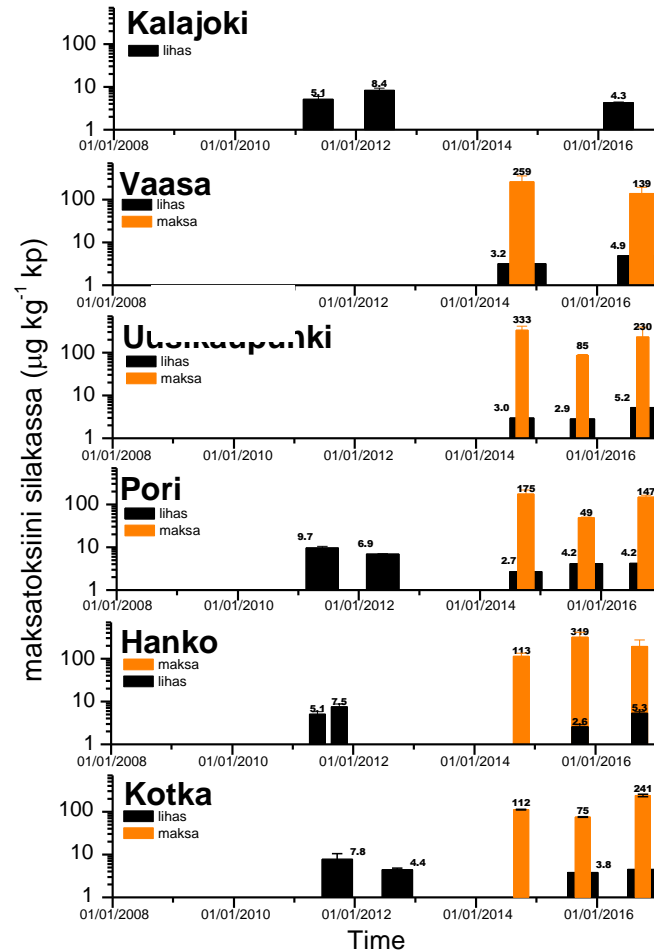
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# Example of National Indicator: hepatotoxins 2009-2016

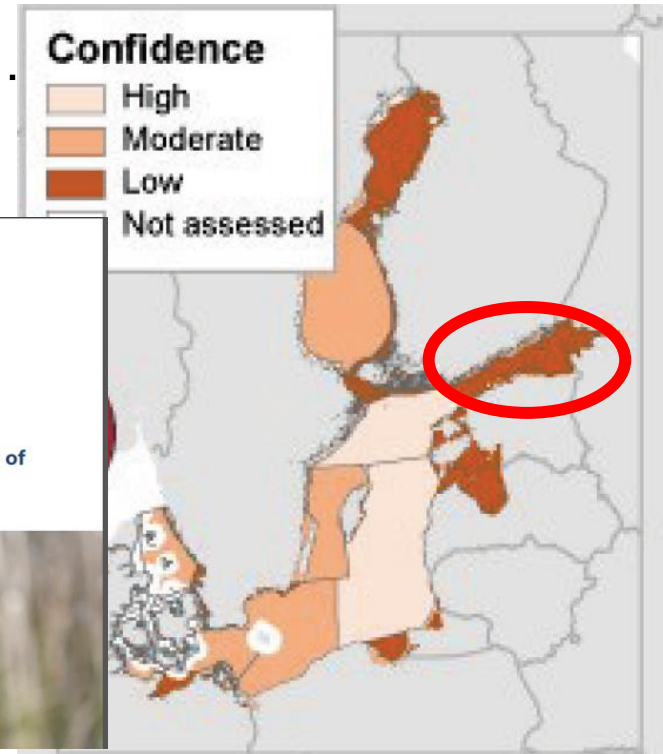


Herring:  
Muscle ~ 3 – 10 µg/kg  
Liver ~ 50 – 300 µg/kg



# Conclusions

- **Threshold values do exist!**
  - For all BSAP Hazardous Substances and their **indicators**
  - Mostly **for fish** (biota), few for sediments, some for water
- **Gulf of Finland data lacking!**
  - Compared to other Baltic Sea regions
  - ...ICES database not easy for uploading...
  - → **With too little data, confidence is low**





**I DEFINE THE  
GOOD  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
STATUS!**

**And we!**



**We also ?!**



# Thank you

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## **Ecosystem-based Maritime Spatial Planning –impact on navigational safety from offshore renewable energy developments**

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# Ecosystem-based Maritime Spatial Planning – impact on navigational safety from offshore renewable energy developments

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Coherent Linear Infrastructures  
in Baltic Maritime Spatial Plans







**Project's lifetime:** March 2016 – February 2019

**Total project budget:** € 3 409 458;

**European Regional Development Fund:** € 2 674 451,50.

**The overall objective of the Project:** to increase transnational coherence of shipping routes and energy corridors in Maritime Spatial Plans (MSP) in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR). This prevents cross-border mismatches and secures transnational connectivity as well as efficient use of Baltic Sea space. Thereby Baltic LINES helps to develop the most appropriate framework conditions for Blue Growth activities (e.g. maritime transportation, offshore energy exploitation, coastal tourism etc.) for the coming 10-15 years increasing investors' security.

### **The main project activities include:**

- Developing requirements for MSP in relation to the shipping and energy sector in BSR;
- Harmonizing BSR MSP data infrastructure for shipping routes and energy corridors, drafting guidelines for MSP data exchange and dissemination;
- Identifying and agreement on transnationally coherent planning of linear infrastructures;
- Providing recommendations for a formalized BSR agreement on transboundary consultations on linear infrastructure within the MSP process.

# Outline

- **Maritime Spatial Planning and identification of transnational, cross sectoral planning issues**
- **Interactive Boundaries**
- **Marine traffic survey information**
- **Simulations based analysis in progress**
- **Conclusions**

# Maritime Spatial Planning

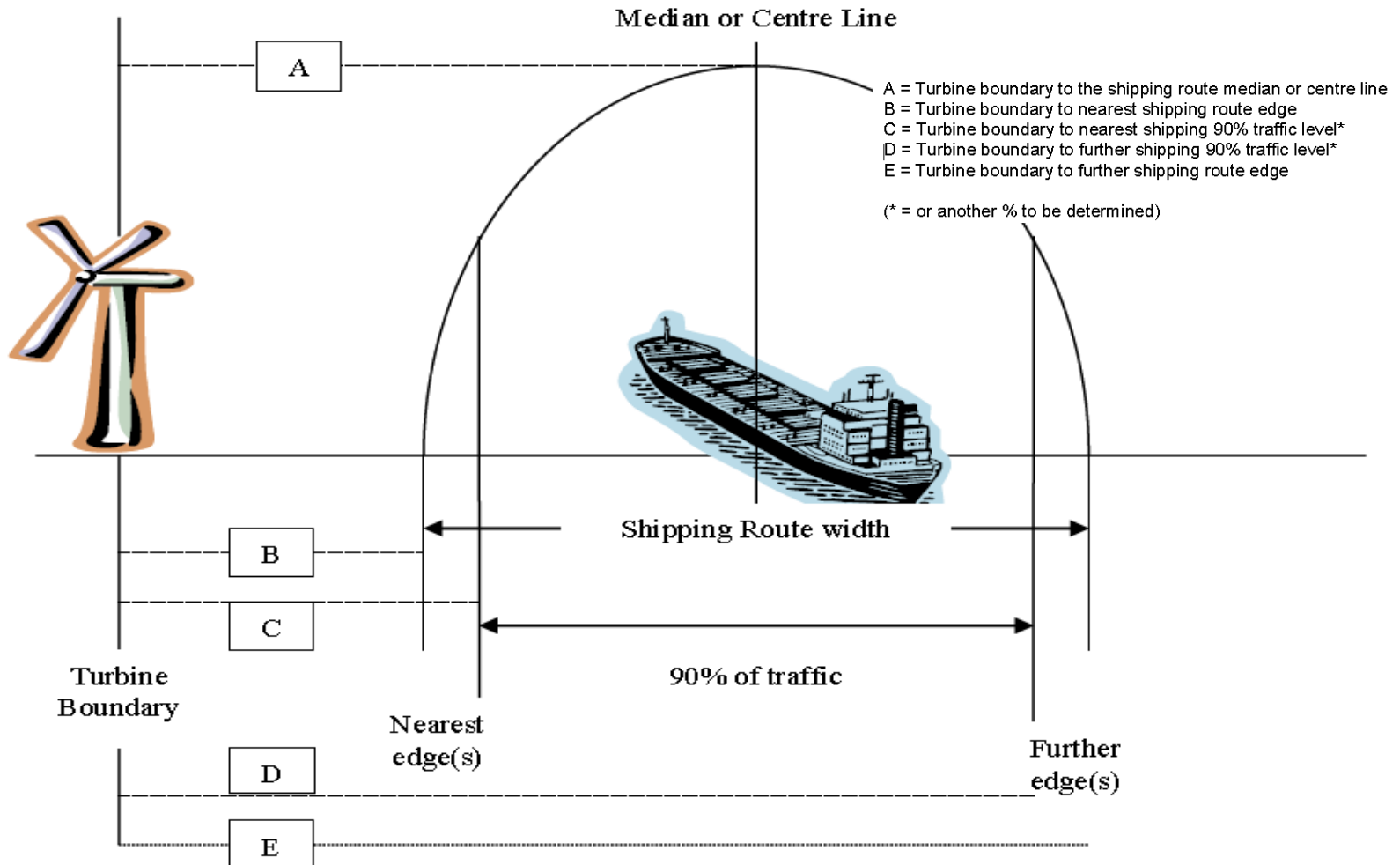
- According to EU Directive establishing a framework for Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) the main purpose of MSP is to promote sustainable development and to identify the utilization of maritime space for different sea uses as well as to manage spatial uses and conflicts in marine areas
- The offshore wind energy production is considered to be one of the main drivers of MSP in the Baltic Sea Region

## Identification of transnational, cross sectoral planning issues

- Potential impact on navigational safety from offshore renewable energy installations (OREI) is identified as one of the **critical transnational and cross sectoral planning issues**
- Issue is exemplified by addressing the **potential impact on navigational safety of planned Hiiumaa OREI developments**

# Interactive Boundaries

[UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency, MGN 543 (M+F), 2016]



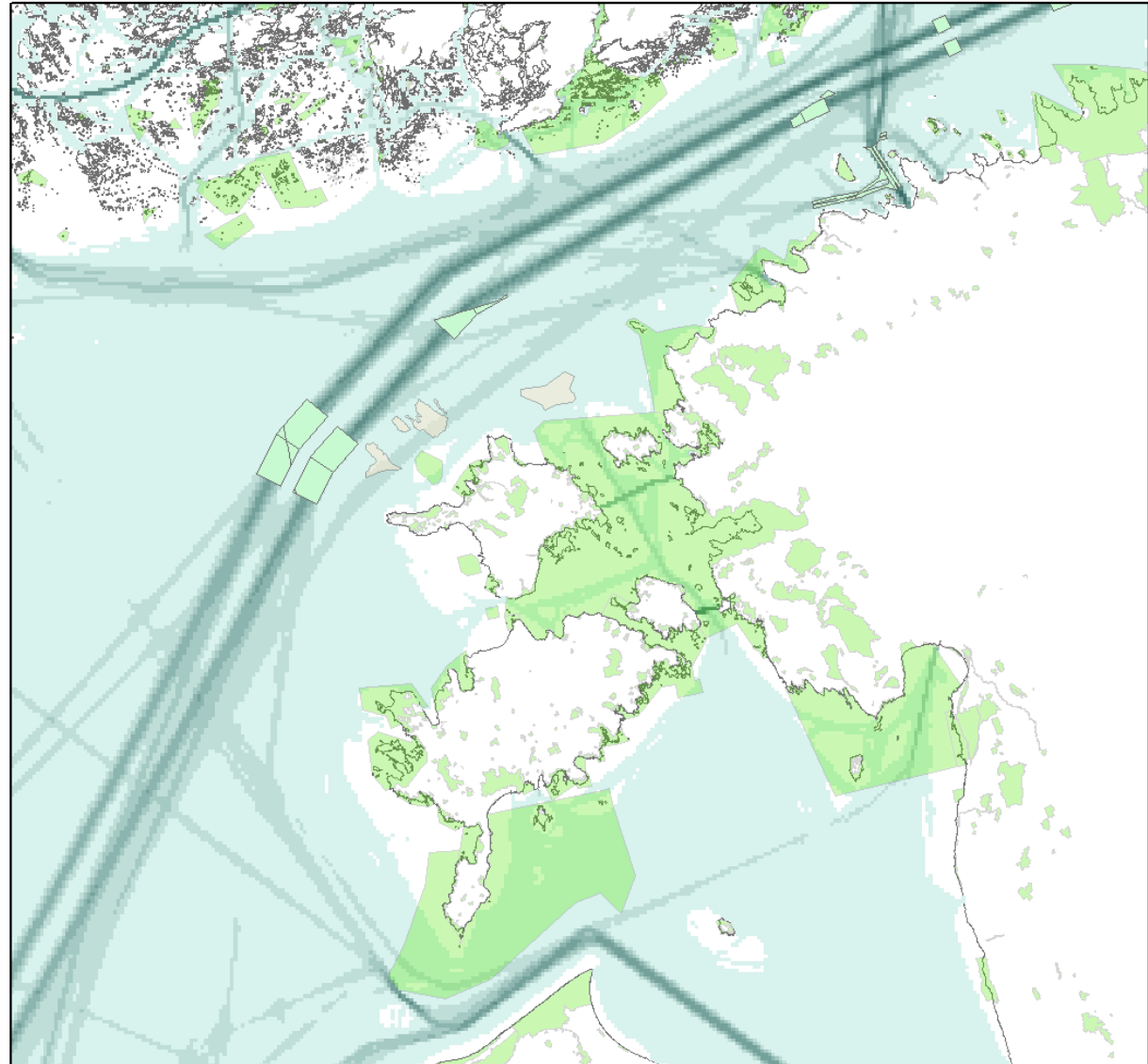
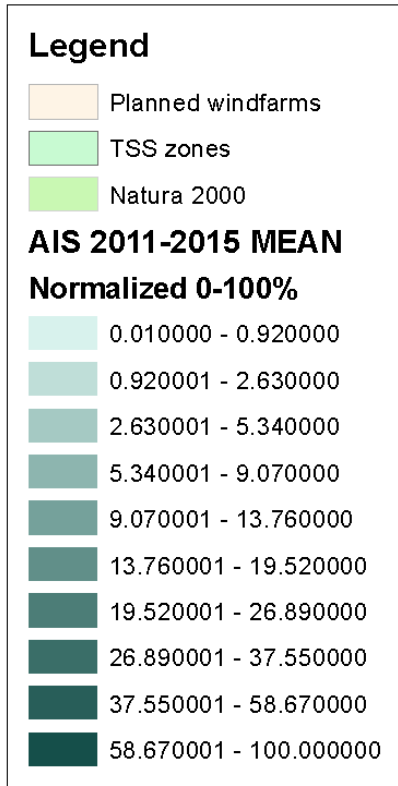
# Interactive Boundaries

[UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency, MGN 543 (M+F), 2016]

| Distance of turbine boundary from shipping route (90% of traffic, as per Distance C) | Factors for consideration   | Tolerability   |
|--|---|--|
| <p>&lt;0.5nm<br/>(&lt;926m)</p>  | <p>X-Band radar interference<br/>Vessels may generate multiple echoes on shore based radars</p>   | <p><b>INTOLERABLE</b></p>  |
| <p>0.5nm – 3.5nm<br/>(926m – 6482m)</p>  | <p>Mariners' Ship Domain (vessel size and manoeuvrability)<br/>Distance to parallel boundary of a TSS<br/>S Band radar interference<br/>Effects on ARPA (or other automatic target tracking means)<br/>Compliance with COLREG</p> | <p><b>TOLERABLE IF ALARP</b><br/><b>Additional risk assessment and proposed mitigation measures required</b></p> |
| <p>&gt;3.5nm<br/>(&gt;6482m)</p>   | <p>Minimum separation distance between turbines opposite sides of a route</p>   | <p><b>BROADLY ACCEPTABLE</b></p>   |

# Marine traffic survey information is required to inform Interactive Boundaries




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







# Container ships

## Legend

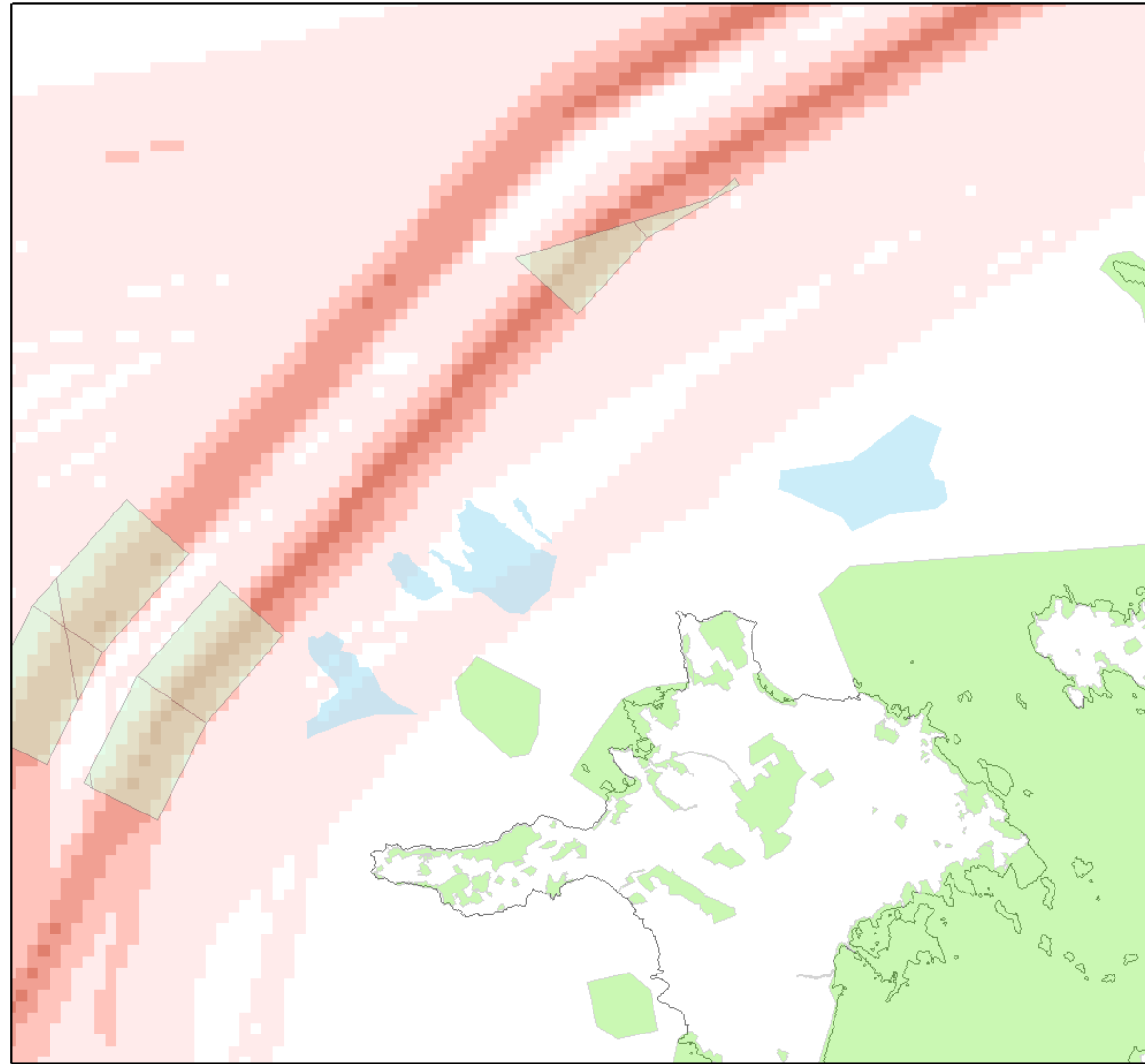
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## Shipping traffic intensity

times crossing




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-  1 747,00000001 - 20 000

|      |        |
|------|--------|
| SUM  | 764.00 |
| MEAN | 9.55   |
| MIN  | 0.00   |
| MAX  | 31.00  |
| STD  | 8.76   |











# Cargo vessels

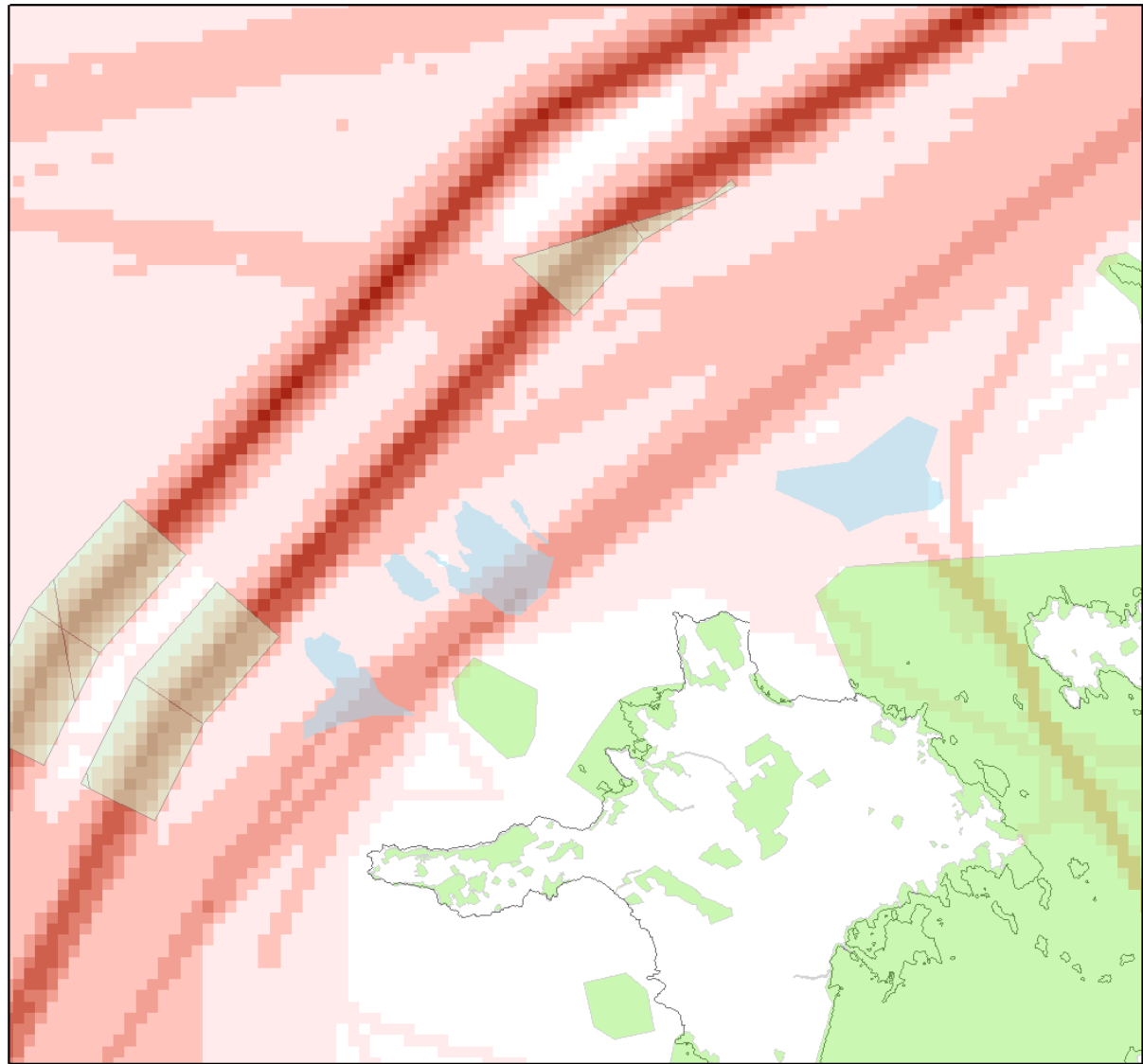
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


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






# Passenger ships

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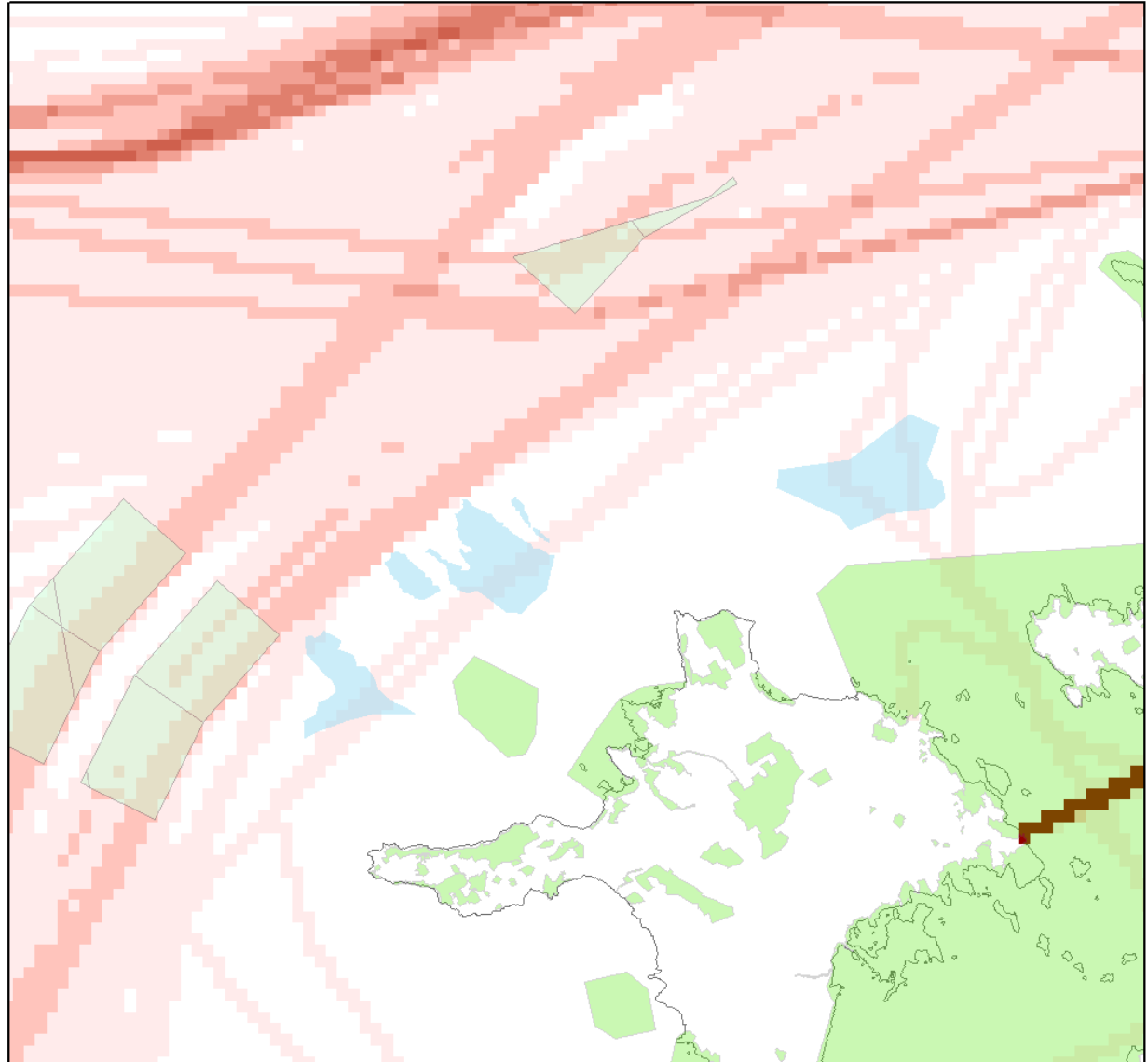
-  Planned windfarms
-  TSS zones
-  Natura 2000

## Shipping traffic intensity

times crossing




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-  1 747,00000001 - 20 000

|      |        |
|------|--------|
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| MEAN | 4.42   |
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









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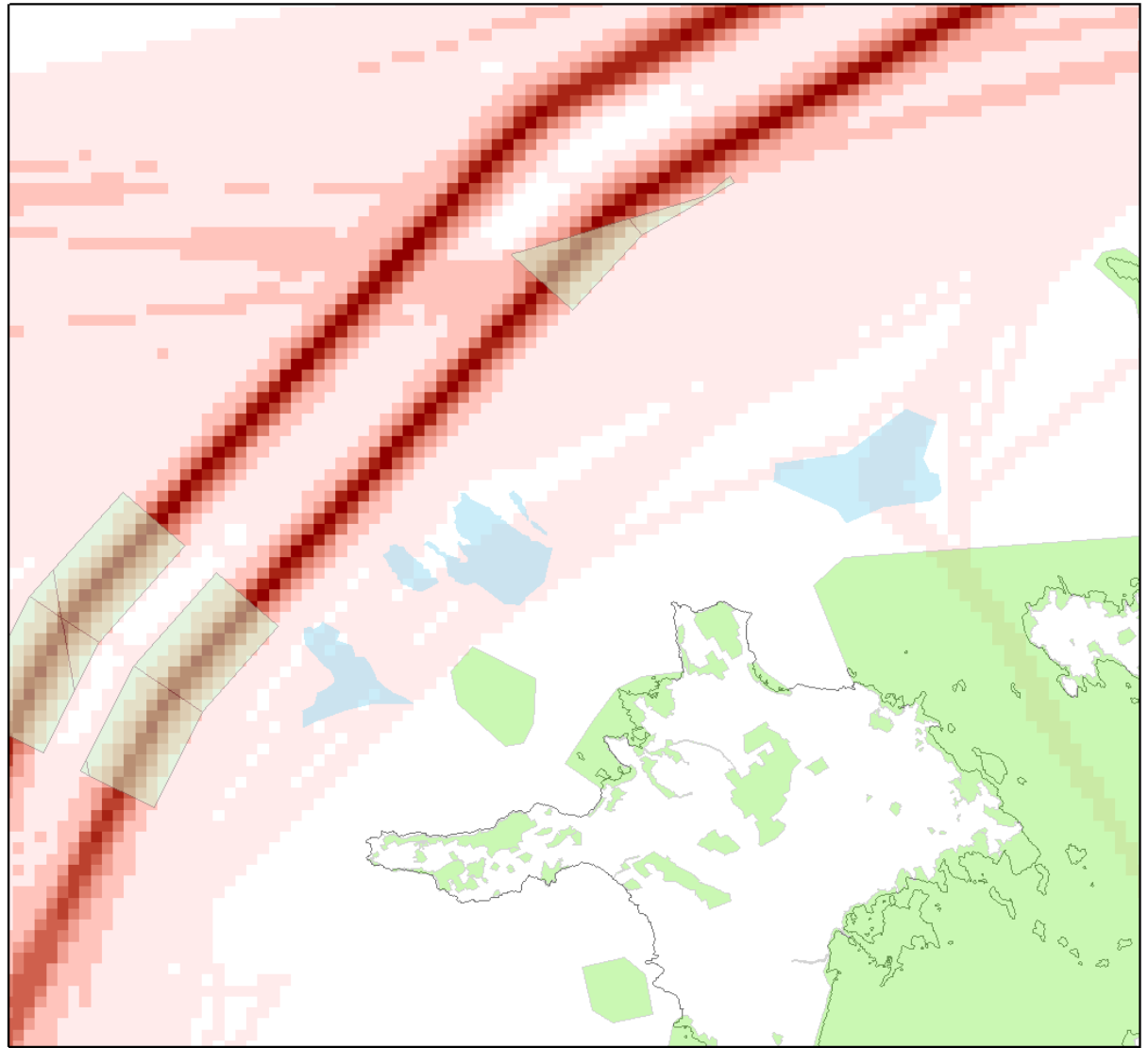
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|      |        |
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| SUM  | 666.00 |
| MEAN | 4.86   |
| MIN  | 0.00   |
| MAX  | 23.00  |
| STD  | 5.40   |



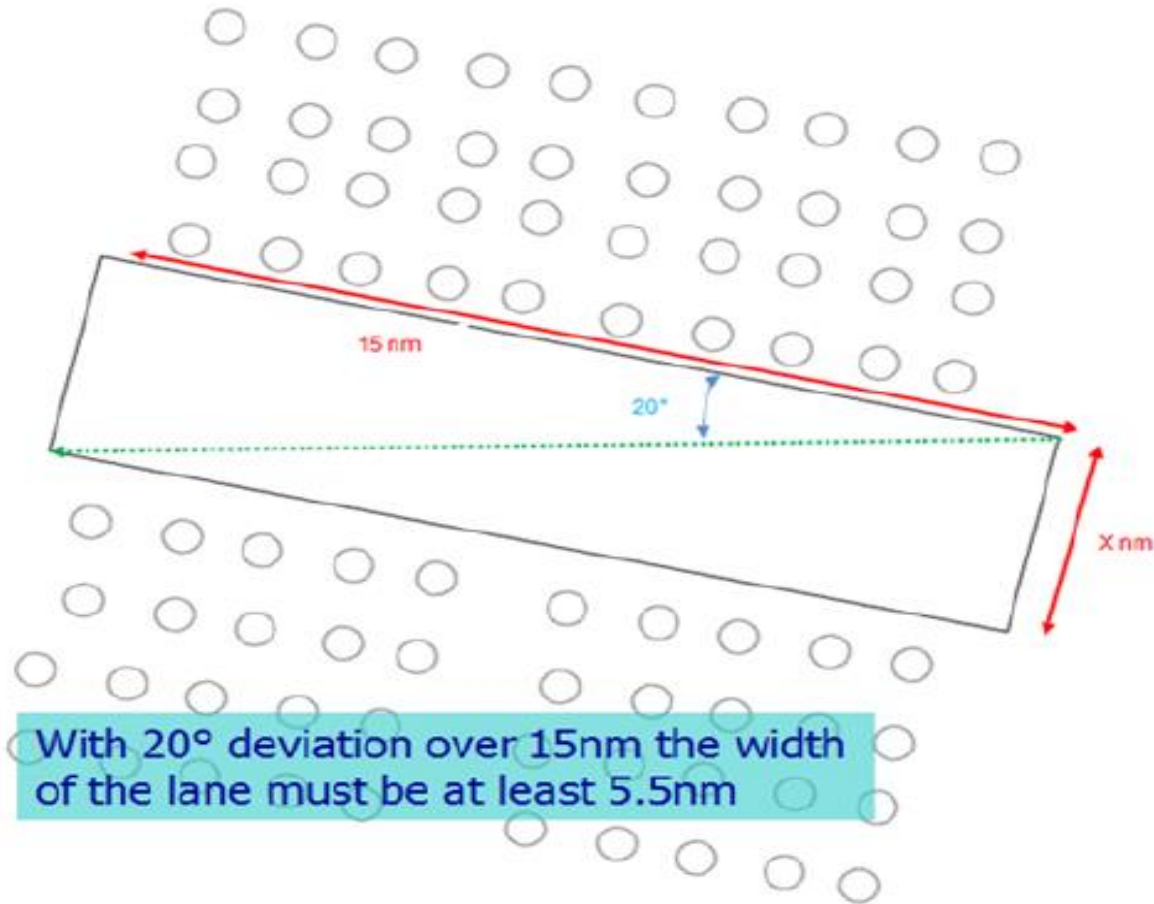
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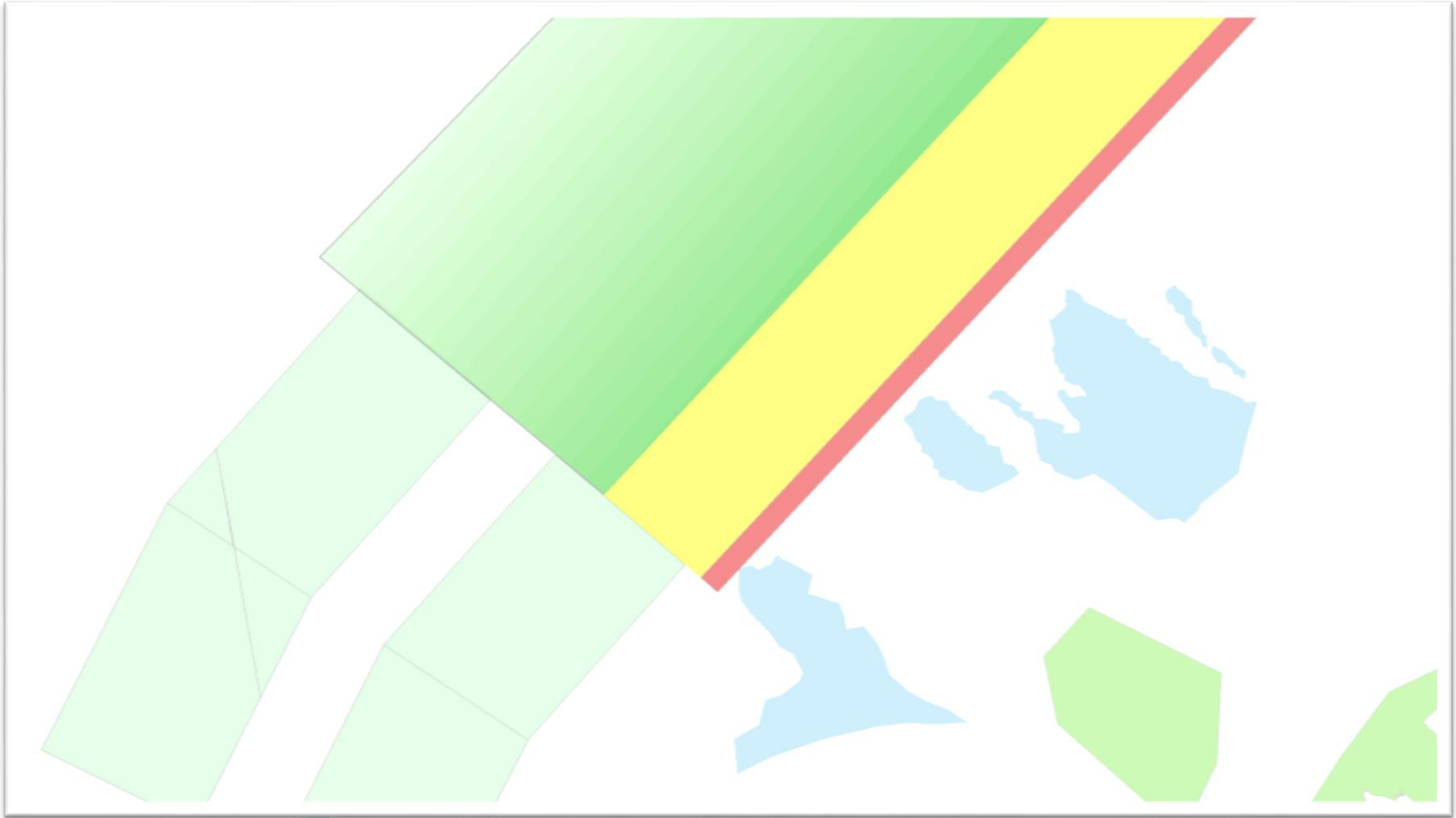
- Where larger OREI developments have to provide corridors between sites to allow safe passage of shipping a detailed assessment is required to establish the minimum width of the corridor
- Ship's deviations from track by as much as 20°, or more, are common and are used as the baseline for calculating corridor widths contained in the OREI shipping route template

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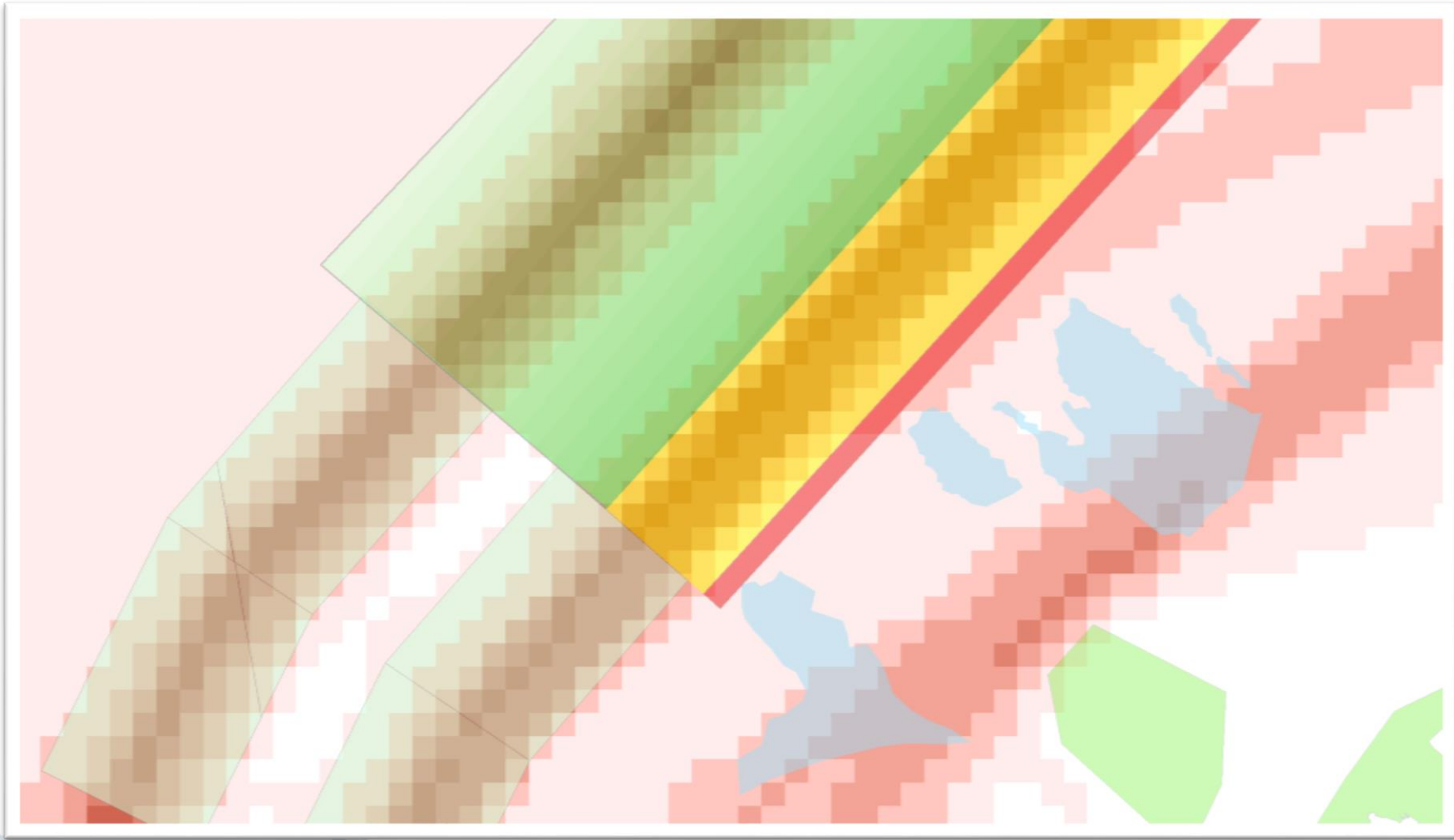
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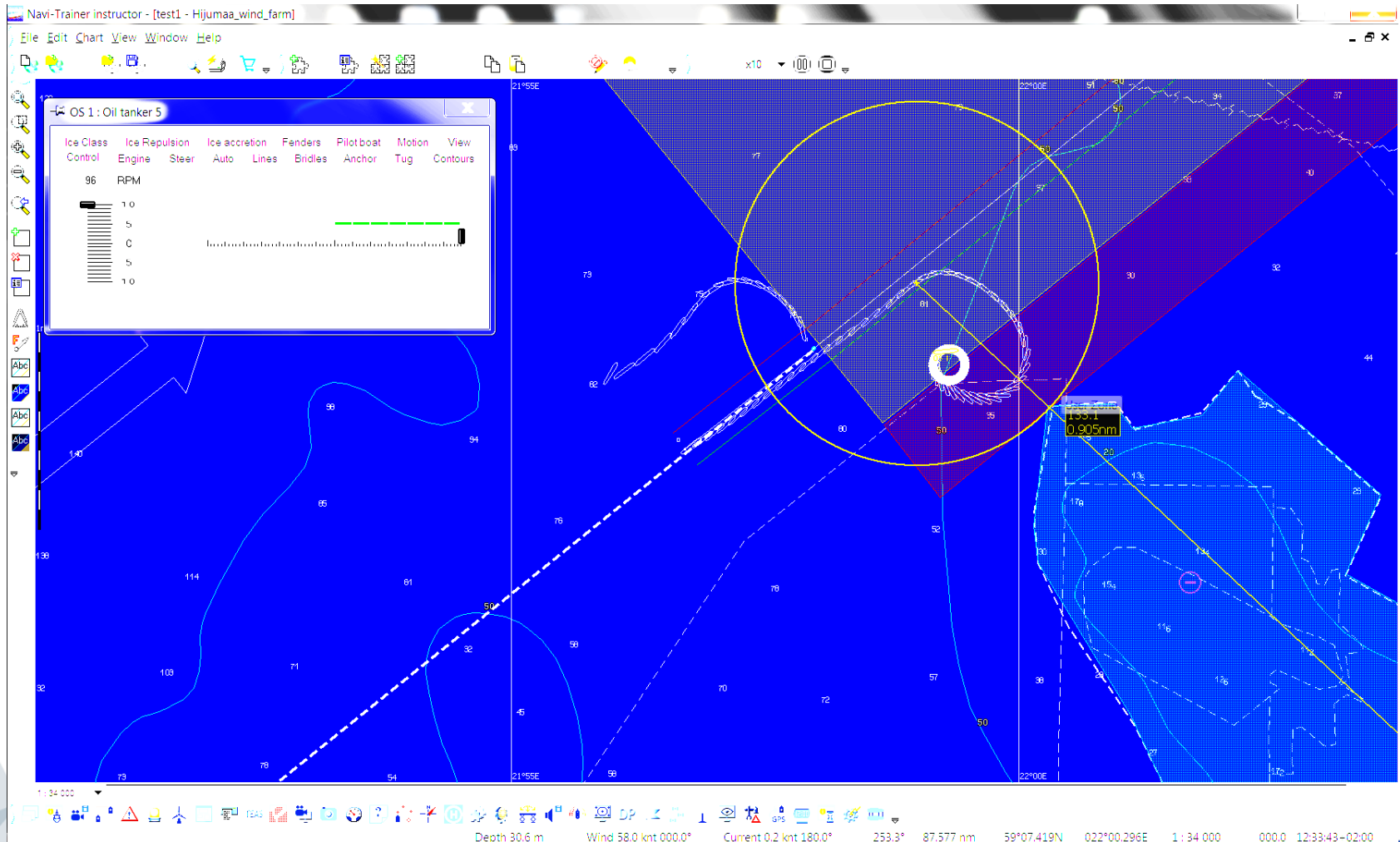


HELCOM Secretariat, based on HELCOM AIS data



# Simulations based analysis in progress of the potential impact on navigational safety from planned offshore wind parks off the Hiiumaa Island in the Baltic Sea

# TRANSAS NTPro 5000 - Simulations



# Submarine cables and other obstructions

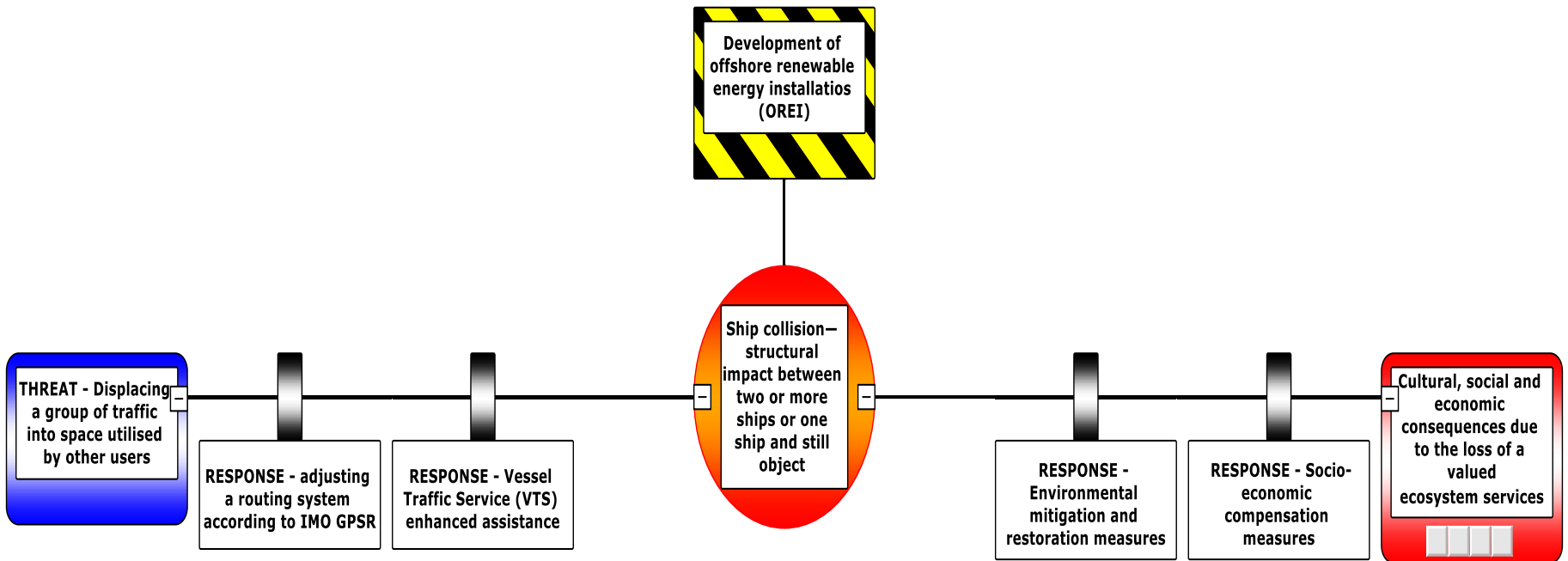
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**The existence of submarine cables or other seabed obstructions (e.g. gas pipelines) may affect the ability of a vessel to anchor safely away from other traffic and this may be another consideration when assessing sea room requirements**

# Maritime traffic safety issue

**Planned offshore wind parks off the Hiiumaa Island are likely displacing a group of maritime traffic into space utilised by other users where available sea room is already confined**

# Bow-tie conceptual representation – Driver, Threat, Event (ship collision), Consequences and the Response measures



# Conclusions

**According to preliminary results of this study in progress the assessments should be made of the planned OREI caused potential consequences of ships deviating from normal routes and recreational or fishing vessels entering shipping routes in order to avoid proposed OREI sites**

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## **Environmental vulnerability profile and HELCOM Baltic Sea Pressure Index as tools in site selection of offshore wind parks**



# Environmental vulnerability profile and HELCOM Baltic Sea Pressure Index as tools in site selection of offshore wind parks

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# Introduction

- **Human use of marine and coastal areas is increasing worldwide, resulting in conflicts between different interests for the space and resources and environmental sustainability**
- **To successfully support blue growth, while also preserving the capacity of ecosystems to provide valued services, marine spatial planning (MSP) processes are in a need of spatial data on nature values and human pressures to minimize the potential harm on ecosystem.**



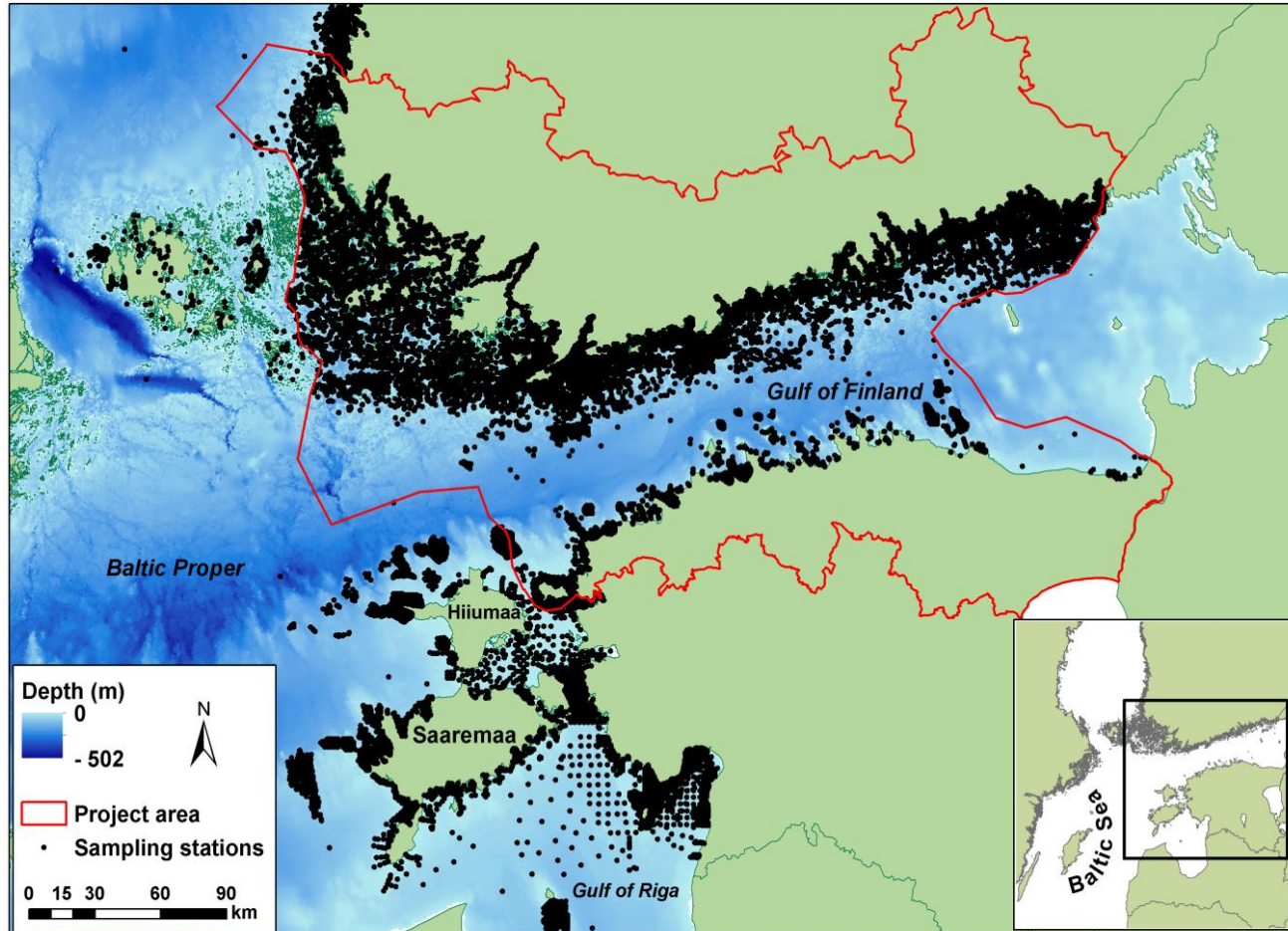
# The aim of this study was to...

... develop cross-border environmental vulnerability profile (EVP) of the Gulf of Finland, which can be used for ecosystem based MSP processes in Estonia and Finland, in order to find solutions that lead to sustainable use of resources and to improved planning and management of the marine and coastal areas.

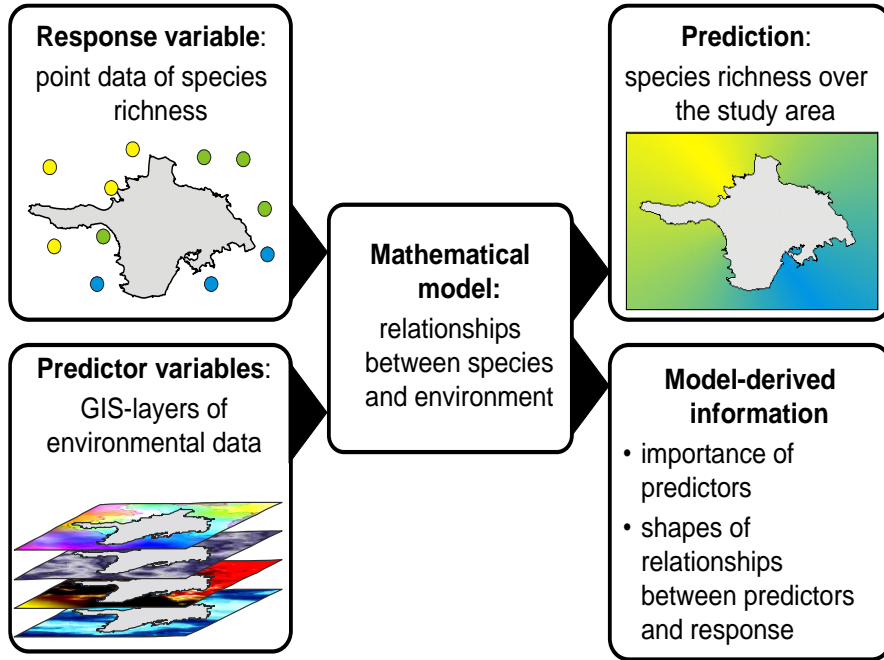


# Methods

## Study area



# Modeling



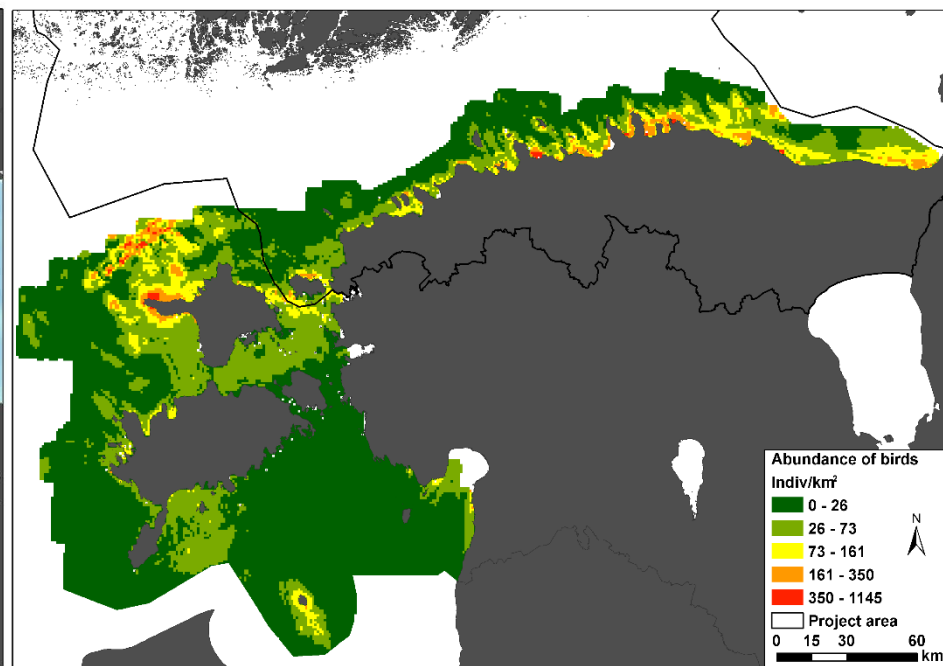
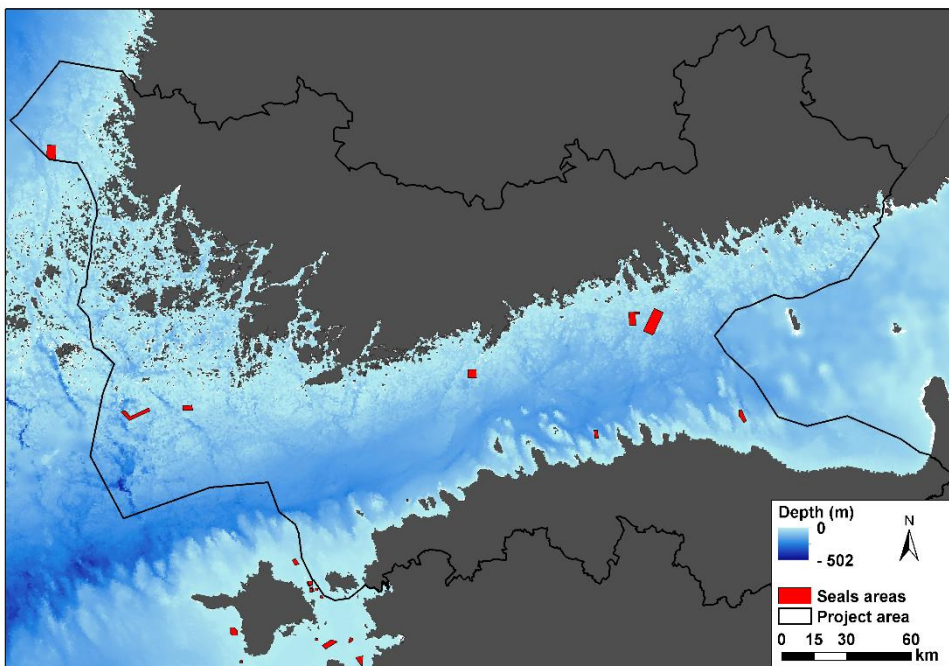
18 Estonian and 23 Finnish environmental variables

## Nature values (NV):

- *Fucus vesiculosus*,
- *Furcellaria lumbricalis*,
- Filamentous algae,
- Epibenthic bivalves (*Mytilus trossulus*, *Dreissena polymorpha*),
- Vascular plants (excluding *Zostera marina*),
- *Zostera marina*,
- Charophytes (*Chara* spp., *Tolypella nidifica*),
- Infaunal bivalves (*Limecola balthica*, *Cerastoderma glaucum*, *Mya areanaria*),
- Benthic biodiversity
- **Sea birds**
- **Seals**



# Seals and sea birds



## Nationally protected moulting, resting, and breeding areas of seals.

Finnish seal data that was used in this project, originated from Parks & Wildlife Finland and was issued by the “Government Decree 736/2001”.

Estonian seal data that was used in this project, originated from EELIS (Estonian Natura Information System) – Estonian Environmental Register: Estonian Environment Agency.

## Total abundance of wintering birds based on aerial survey and modeling study by Luigujõe and Auniņš (2016) that was used as an input in the current study.

Luigujõe L and Auniņš A (2016) Talvituvate lindude rahvusvaheline lennuloendus. Report.

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# Environmental variables

|  |
|--|
| Water depth  |
| Average water depth in 2000 m radius   |
| Slope of seabed  |
| Slope of seabed in 2000 m radius   |
| Salinity   |
| Wave exposure based on simplified wave model                                       |
| Chlorophyll a content of sea surface based on satellite imagery                    |
| Water transparency estimated as attenuation coefficient based on satellite imagery |
| Ice coverage   |
| Water temperature in cold season   |
| Water temperature in warm season   |
| Current velocity   |
| Orbital speed of water movement at seabed induced by wind waves                    |
| Proportion of soft sediment  |
| Secchi depth   |
| Concentration of ammonium  |
| Concentration of nitrates  |
| Concentration of phosphates  |

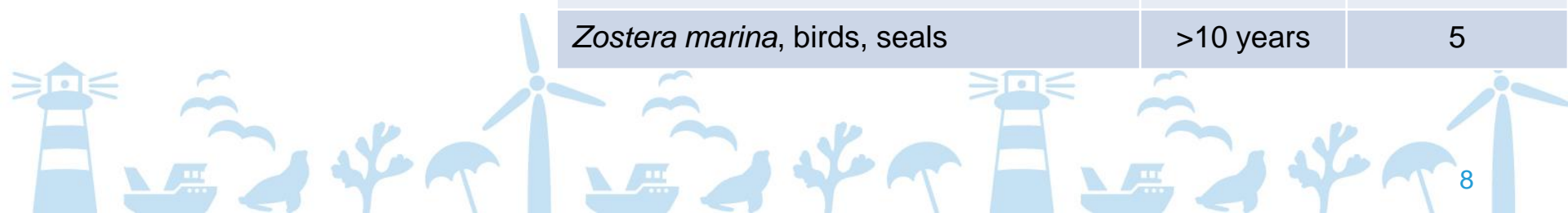
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| Bathymetric Position Index (BPI) 100x4000 |
| Bathymetric Position Index (BPI) 1200x500 |
| Bathymetric Position Index (BPI) 20x100   |
| Bathymetric Position Index (BPI) 300x1000 |
| Concentration of humic substances         |
| Concentration of oxygen on the bottom     |
| Concentration of phosphorus on the bottom |
| Coverage of rock                          |
| Coverage of sand                          |
| Coverage of stones and boulders           |
| Depth attenuated wave exposure            |
| Distance to sandy shore                   |
| Euphotic depth                            |
| Maximum temperature on the bottom         |
| Minimum temperature on the bottom         |
| Natural habitats                          |
| Salinity on the bottom                    |
| Salinity on the surface                   |
| Share of the sea area (1 km radius)       |
| Share of the sea area (10 km radius)      |
| Share of the sea area (5 km radius)       |
| Slope of seabed                           |
| Water depth                               |

# Sensitivity of nature values (NV)

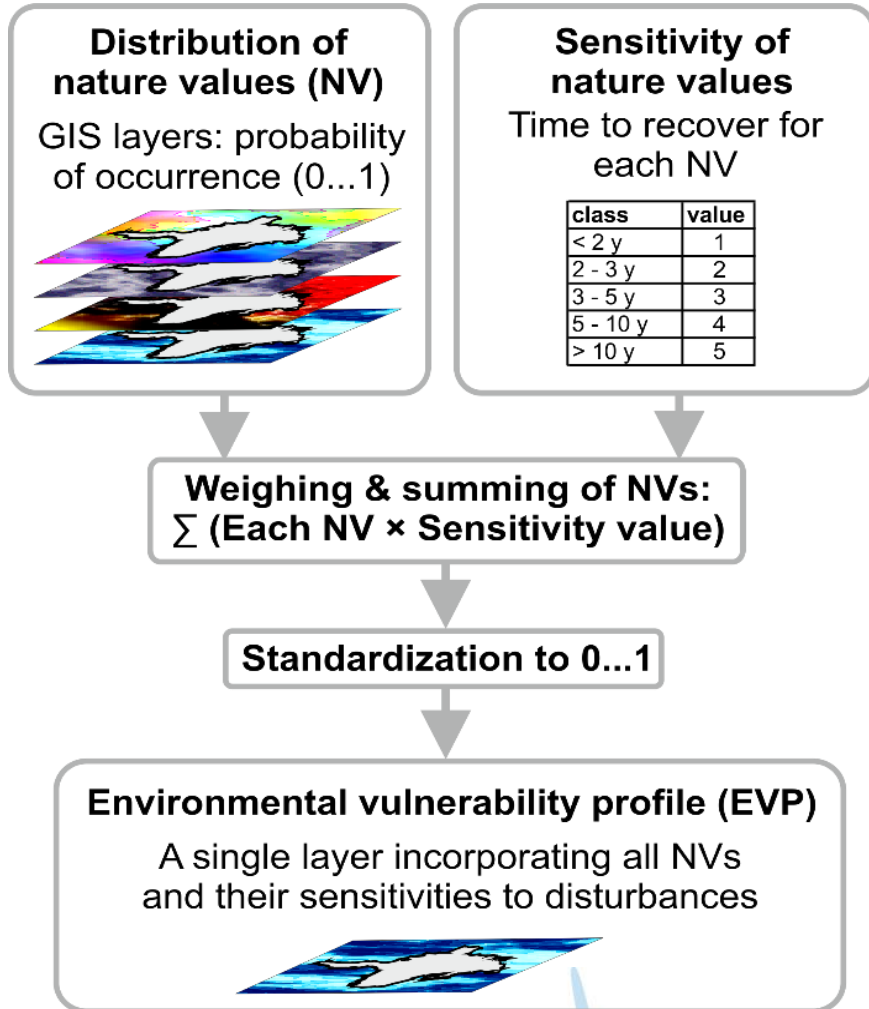
- There is a lack of empirical knowledge to quantitatively formalize species sensitivity as functions of environmental variables.
- A practical approach – recovery potential of an environmental value that is measured in time that is needed to recover from a destruction after an impact has ceased

- Recovery estimations are based on literature

| NV  | Recovery class | NV coefficient |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| filamentous algae   | <2 years       | 1              |
| <i>Fucus vesiculosus</i> , charophytes, infaunal bivalves | 2-3 years      | 2              |
| Vascular plants and epibenthic bivalves                   | 3-5 years      | 3              |
| <i>Furcellaria lumbricalis</i>                            | 5-10 years     | 4              |
| <i>Zostera marina</i> , birds, seals                      | >10 years      | 5              |



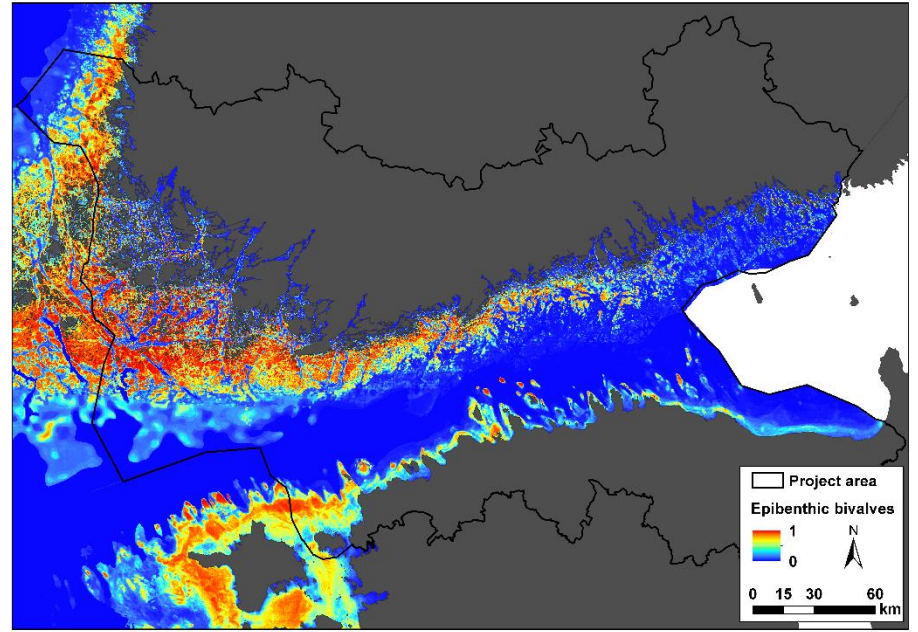
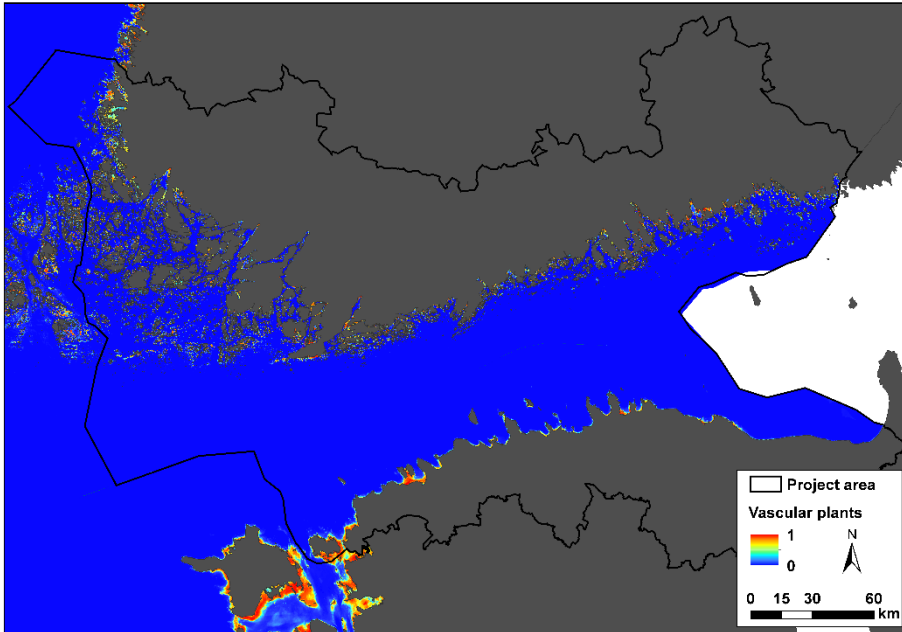
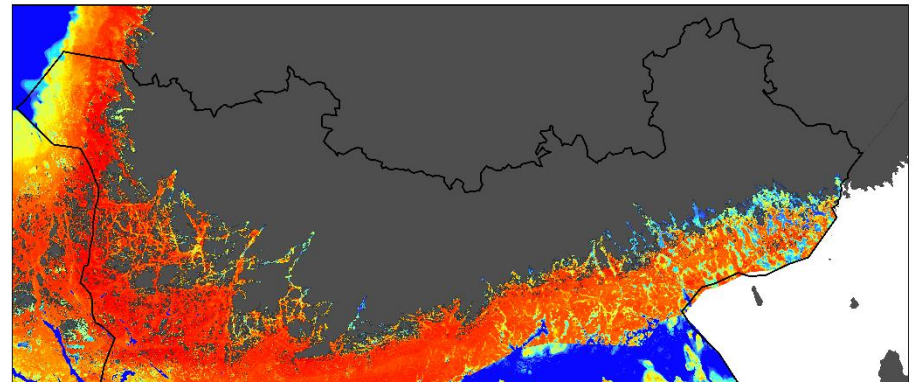
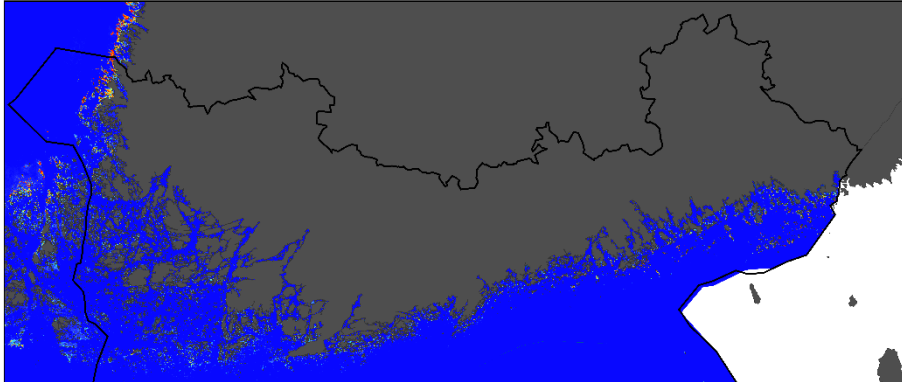
# Calculation of EVP



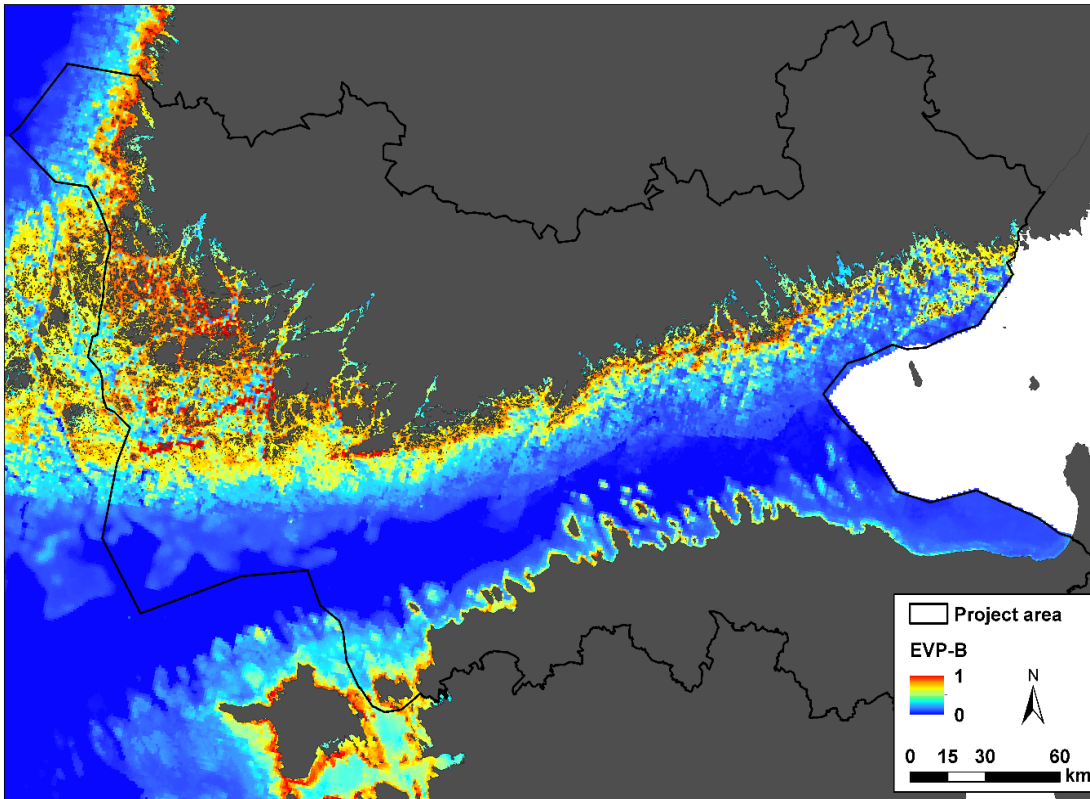
- The spatial analyses were based on the European Environmental Agency's 1 km rectangular grid
- the 1 km × 1 km cells were the units of calculation.

- In each cell mean and maximum values of the nature values were calculated using the modelled GIS layers that were produced in the previous step

# Results



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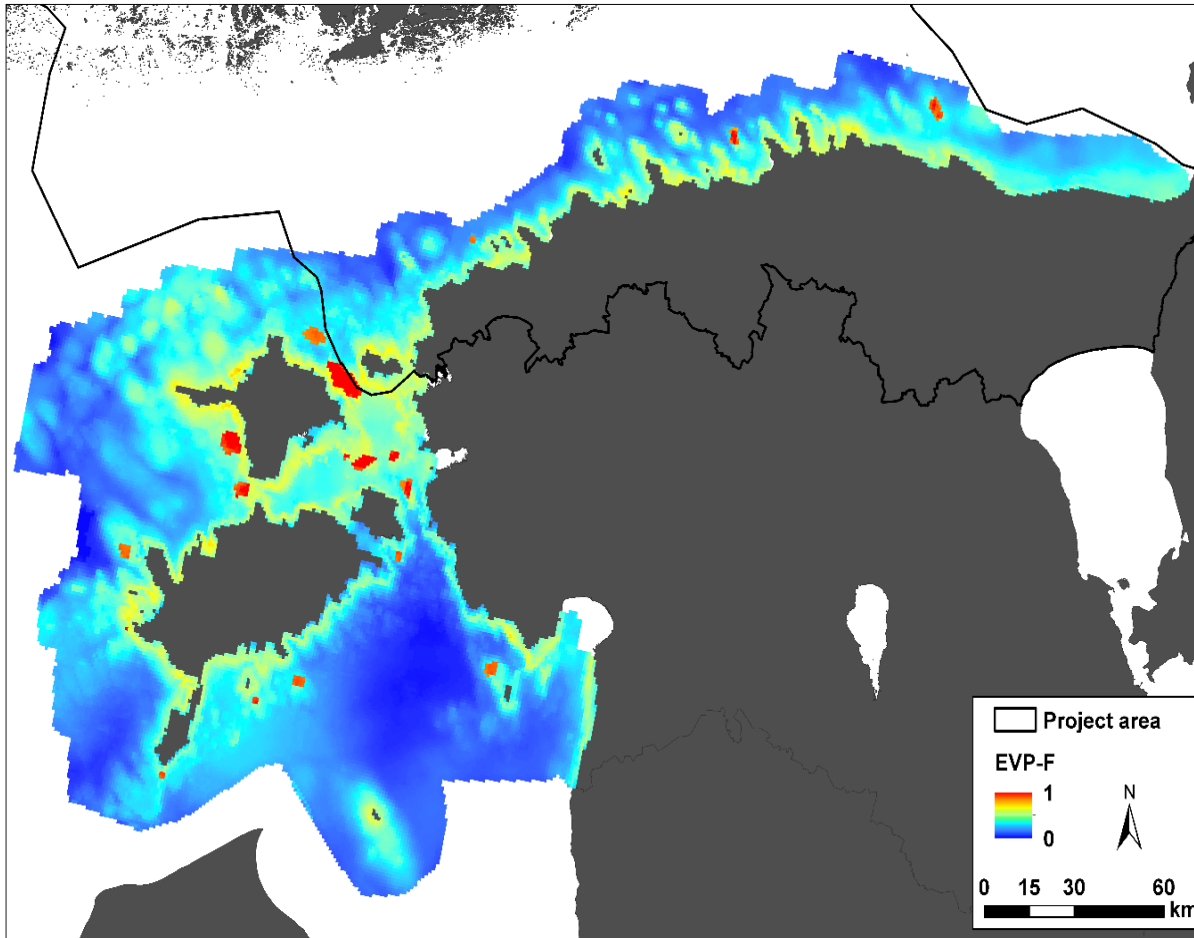


## Main products:

- For the whole area: EVP-B
- ✓ EVP-B: consists only benthic species



# Results



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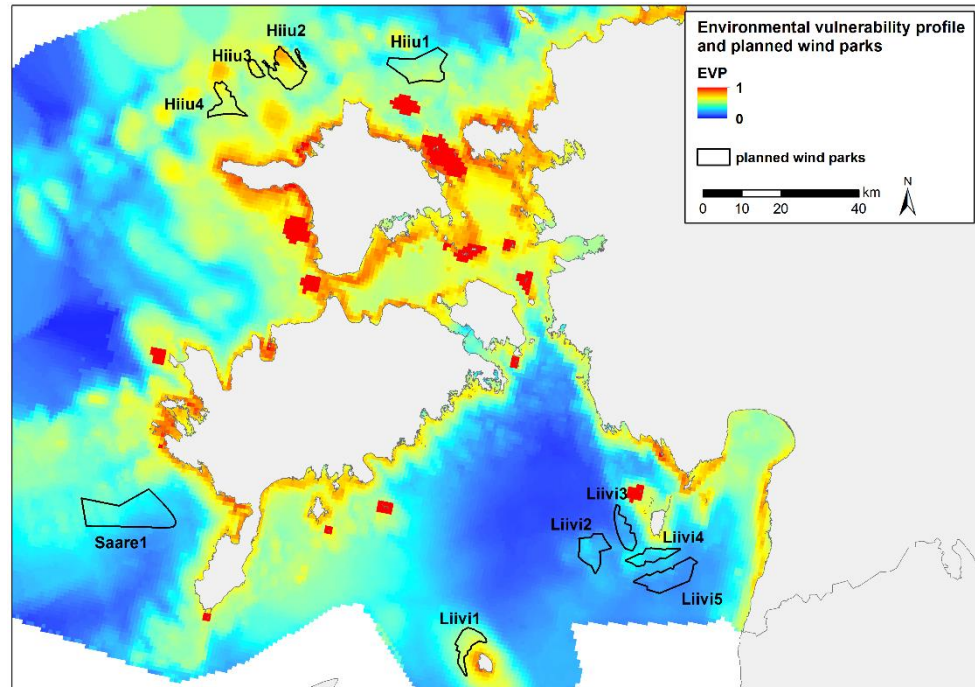
- Estonian area: EVP-F
- ✓ EVP-F: consists of bird, seal and benthic data

# Use case: Study area

There were three WP areas:

- Liivi area (five sites) in the Gulf of Riga
- Saare area (one site) west of Island Saaremaa
- Hiiu area (4 sites) north of Island Hiiumaa

The depth range over all WP sites was 4 -38 m





# Methods

1. All pixel values of EVP and ERP raster that overlapped with the wind park polygons were extracted and stored in a table
2. All pixel values of all the other pixels not overlapping with WPs (hereafter “no WP”) were also extracted
3. The “no WP” pixels were filtered to include only those points that fell into the depth range of WPs (4 – 38 m).
4. After depth filtering the WP and “no WP” tables were merged for further plotting and testing of differences

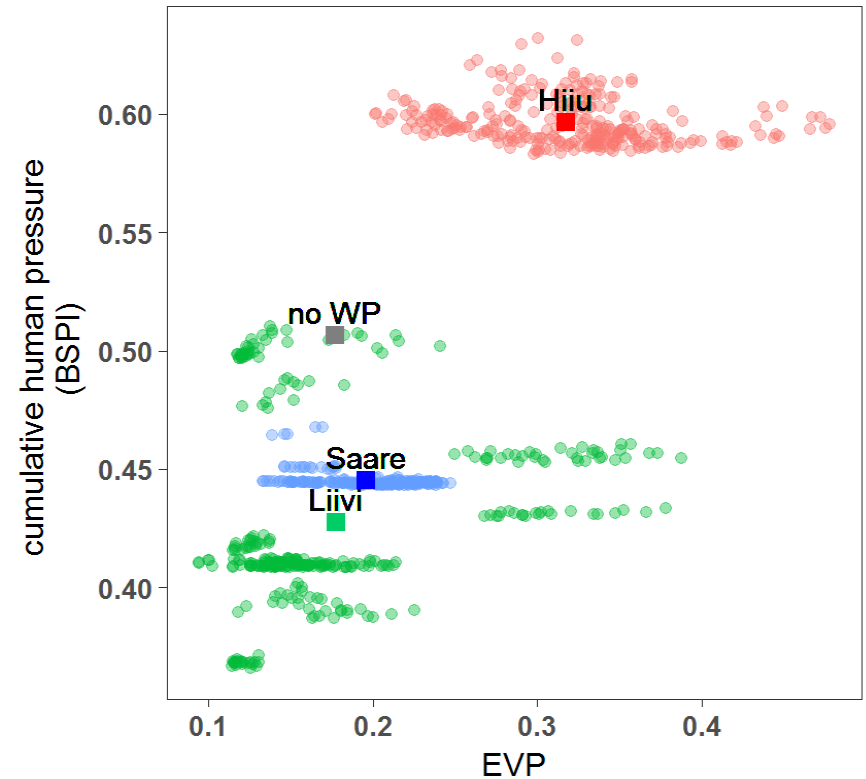
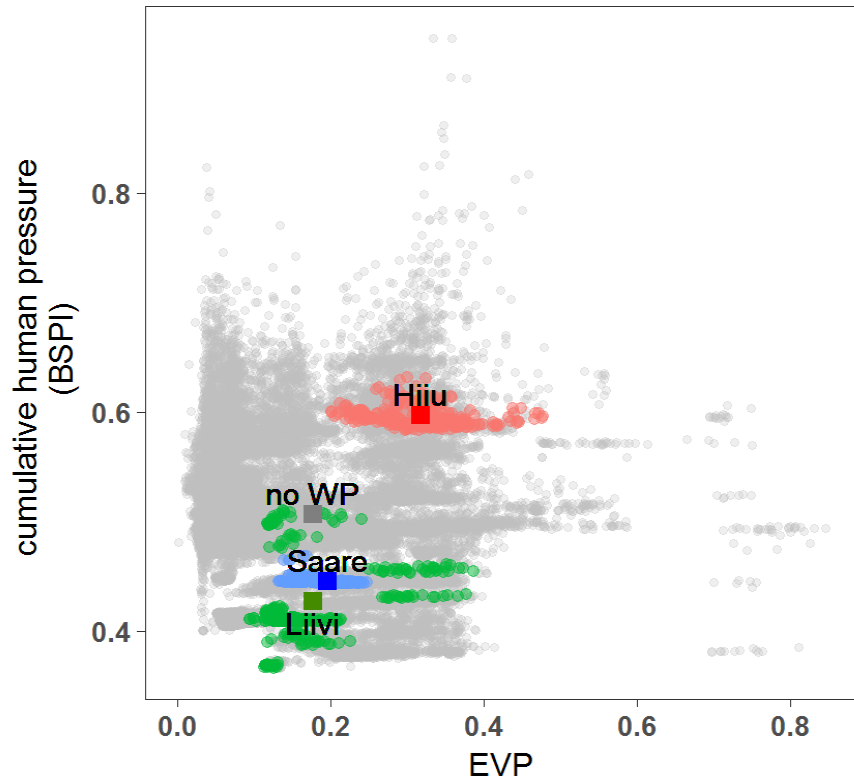


## Methods: Analysis

- Two-dimensional scatterplots of pixel values with EVP on the horizontal axis and cumulative human pressures (HELCOM BSPI) on the vertical axis were produced to visualize the differences between WP areas, WP sites and “no WP”.
- ANOVA test followed by Tukey post-hoc pairwise comparison was used to test for the differences between WP areas and sites

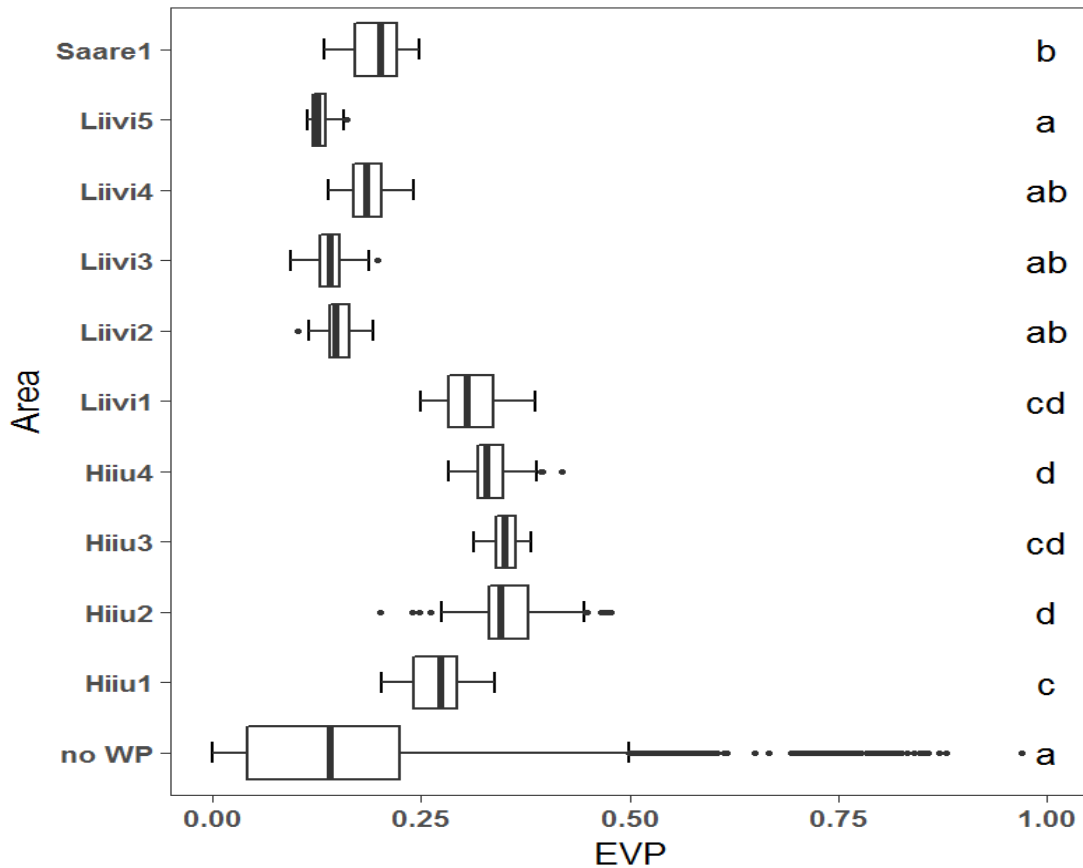
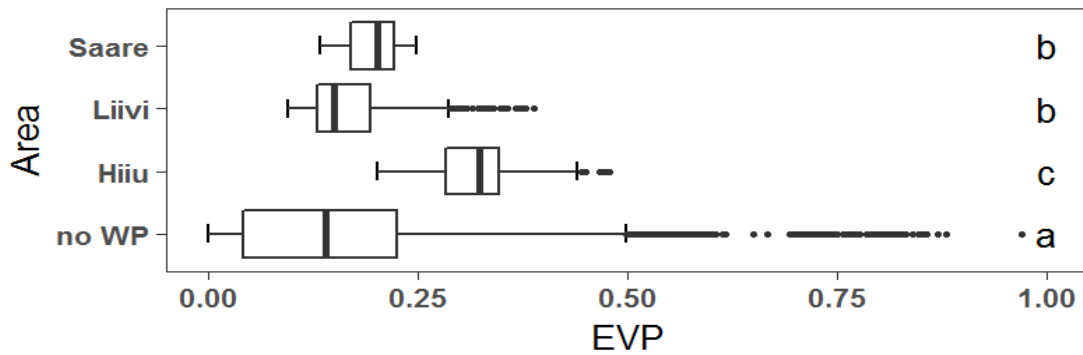


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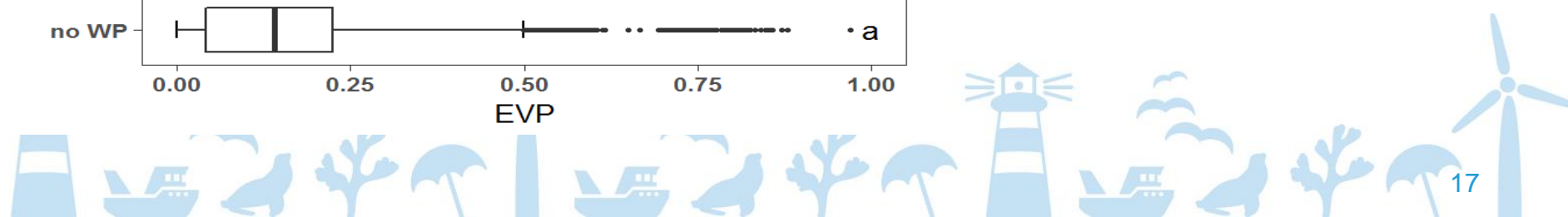


The mean values of inside WP areas and outside WP areas (“no WP”) are shown with rectangles. Colors indicate WP areas: red – Hiiu, blue – Saare, green – Liivi, gray – no WP. The left side panel shows all pixels; the right side panel is focused on the WP areas and only mean value is shown for “no WP”.





Boxplots of EVP values in WP areas (upper panel), WP sites (lower panel), and in the area outside of WPs (“no WP”). The letters on the right sides of plots indicate ANOVA post-hoc pairwise differences: areas are significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ) in case they do not have any letters in common.



# Conclusions

- **The results reveal variation and differentiation of environmental vulnerability and cumulative human pressure (BSPI) among the potential WP development areas**
- **EVP and BSPI based analytical framework can be successfully used as a decision support tool for efficient ecosystem-based evaluation of WP site selection**



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- **STAMP-Mar - safety management of eco-socio-technical maritime navigation systems**
- **System Theoretic Process Analysis (STPA)**
- **Ships' routing design - important safety-critical element of ecosystem-based transboundary MSP solutions**
- **Rapid developments in ship intelligence**
- **Future work - towards STAMP-Mar based sustainable marine management**

# The Gulf of Finland

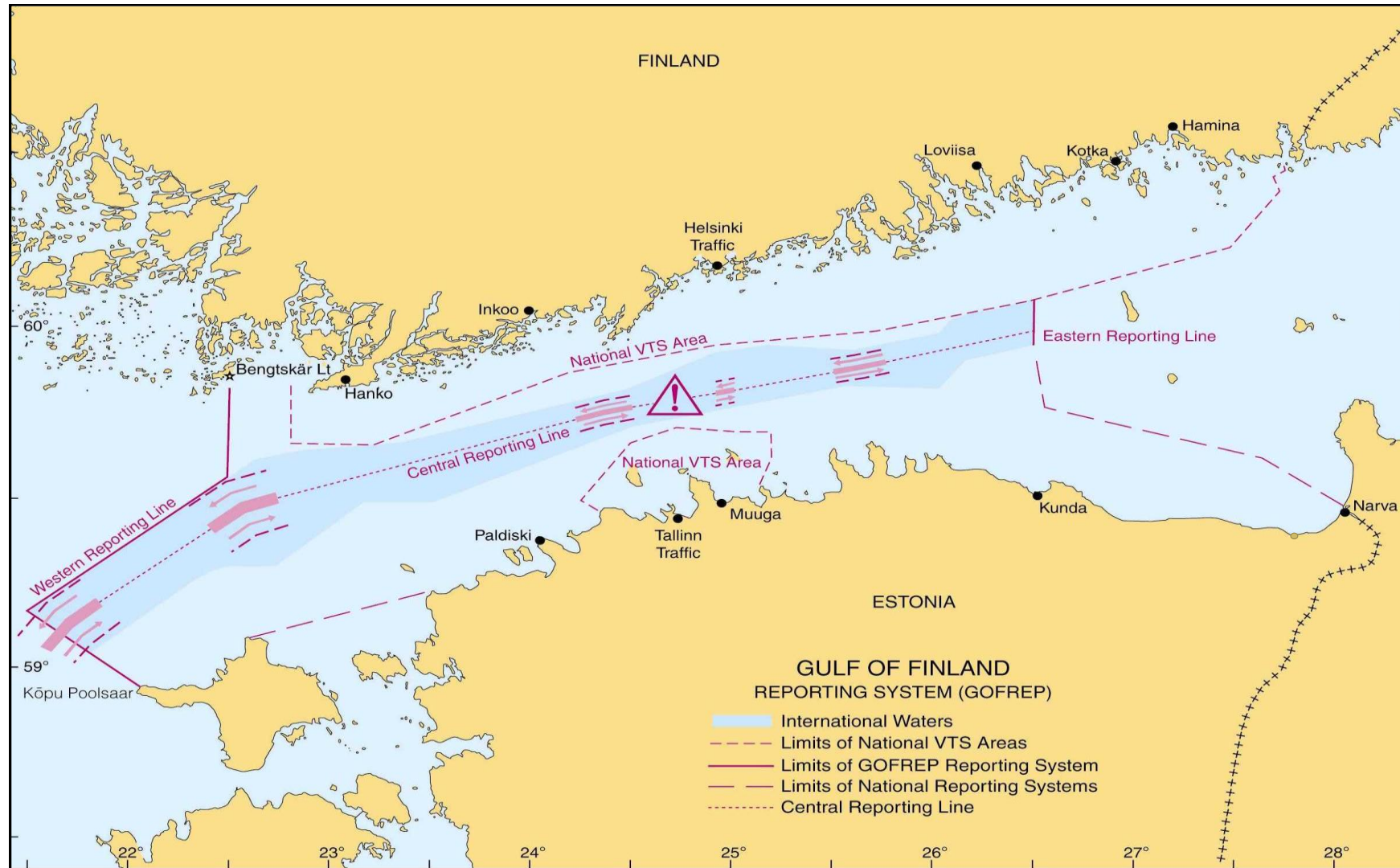


## Study area

- According to International Maritime Organization (IMO) the Baltic Sea Area has some of the densest maritime traffic in the world. The Baltic Sea was designated as a **Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA)** at IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee's 53rd session in July 2005
- The **Mandatory Ship Reporting System in the Gulf of Finland Traffic Area (GOFREP)** was established by IMO in 2003 and has been in efficient operation since 2004

# The mandatory ship reporting system in the Gulf of Finland - GOFREP

(source: Estonian Maritime Administration)



# System Theoretic Accident Modelling and Processes (STAMP)

- STAMP considers **safety an emergent property of the system**, arising from the interaction of system components within a given environment
- Rather than focusing on particular errors or component failures as in traditional engineering risk analysis, **STAMP focuses on safety constraints, hierarchical control structures and control loops**
- **In STAMP the safety is viewed as a control problem**, and safety is managed by a control structure embedded in an adaptive socio-technical system while the system itself is viewed as interrelated components that are kept in a state of dynamic equilibrium by feedback loops of information and control

Leveson, 2011

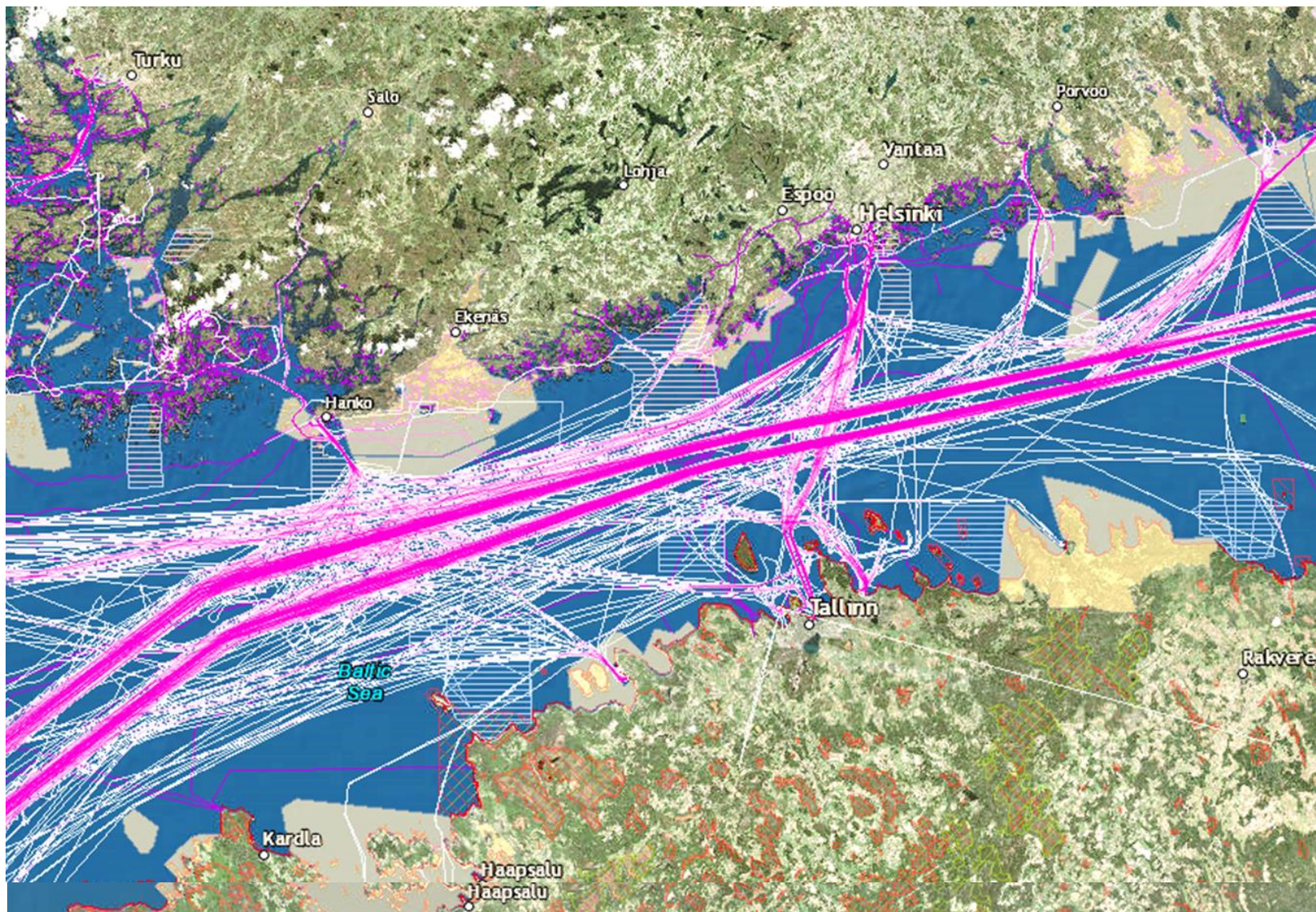


# System Theoretic Accident Modelling and Processes (STAMP)

- **Control processes operate between levels to control the processes at lower levels in the hierarchy and these control processes enforce the safety constraints for which the control process is responsible**
- **Accidents occur when these processes provide inadequate control and the safety constraints are violated in the behaviour of the lower-level components**

Leveson, 2011

# GOFREP area - sensitive environment and heavy maritime traffic



# Safety management of eco-socio-technical systems

- **Systems Theoretic Accident Models and Processes (STAMP)** is extended beyond the area of socio-technical systems safety into realm of complex eco-socio-technical systems safety
- The integrated safety management of holistic eco-socio-technical system builds on the monitoring of environmental performance of maritime traffic and port operations including accident response activities, and on the feedback based appropriate corrective management actions

Aps et al., 2015

# The STAMP-Mar research concept

- The STAMP-Mar research concept and application positions under development are aimed at **dynamic safety management of eco-socio-technical maritime navigation system** that will network existing systems, systems already under development, and systems to be developed to meet the system safety requirements and to enable high levels of joint connectivity, situational awareness and understanding.

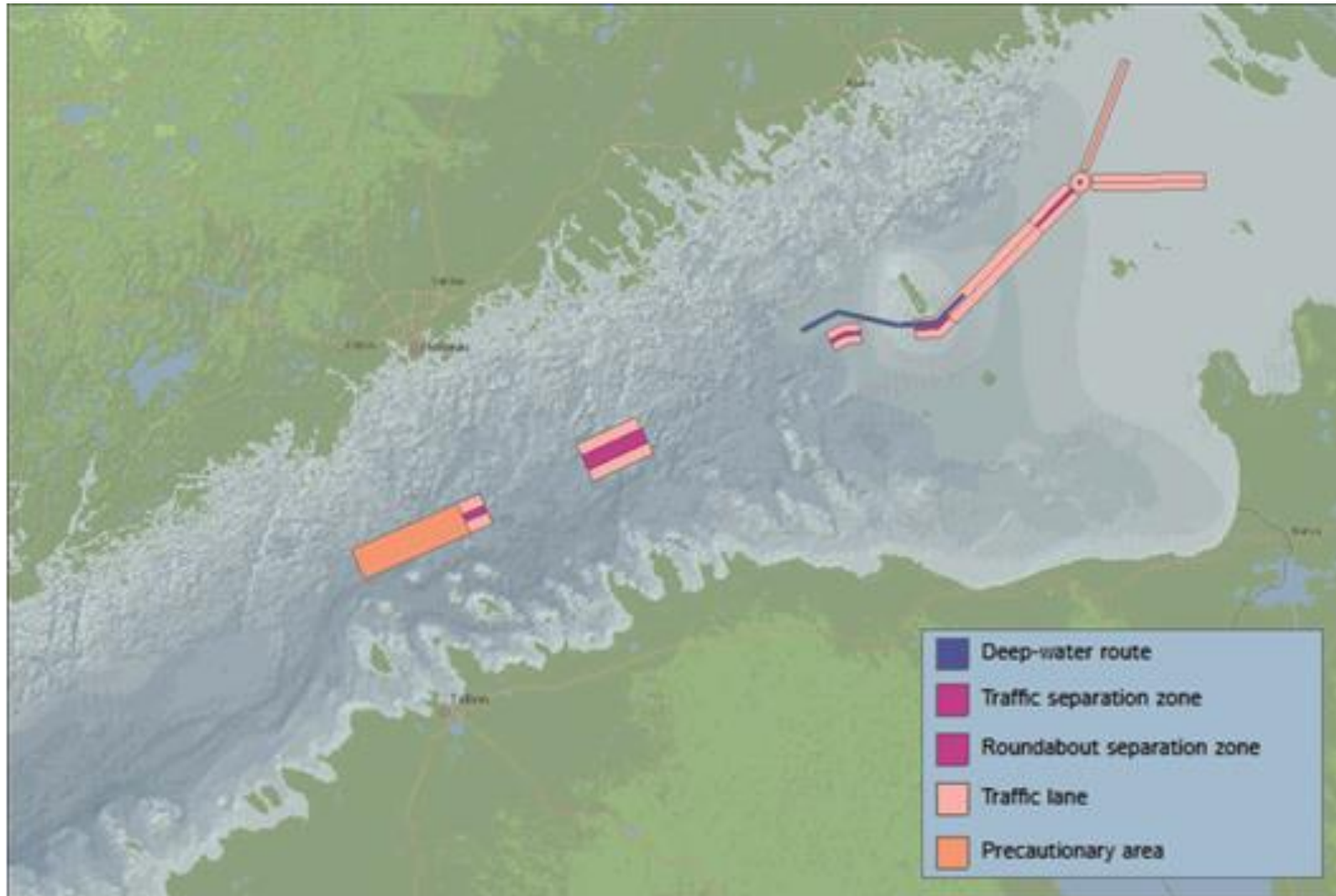
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# IMO General Provisions on Ships' Routing

According to International Maritime Organizations' (IMO) General Provisions on Ships' Routing (GPSR) the purpose of ships' routing is to improve the safety of navigation in converging areas and in areas where the density of traffic is great or where freedom of movement of shipping is inhibited by restricted sea-room, the existence of obstructions to navigation, limited depths or unfavorable meteorological conditions

# Ships' routing measures established in the GOFREP sea area

(source: HELCOM <http://maps.helcom.fi/website/mapservice/>)



# Systems-Theoretic Process Analysis (STPA)

- According to John Thomas (2012) the Systems Theoretic Process Analysis (STPA) is a **powerful new hazard analysis method built on STAMP** and designed to go beyond traditional safety techniques—such as Fault Tree Analysis (FTA)—that overlook important causes of accidents like flawed requirements, dysfunctional component interactions, and software errors

# Ships' routing design - important safety-critical element of ecosystem-based transboundary MSP solutions

In this study in progress the ships' routing design is considered to be an important safety-critical element of ecosystem-based transboundary MSP solutions in the Gulf of Finland sea area

The STPA hazard analysis methodology is applied to identify ships' routing design related system level hazards, corresponding safety constraints and the potentially unsafe control actions that may lead to ships' routing hazardous design

- The ships' routing design not meeting the IMO General Provisions on Ships' Routing (GPRS) safety requirements is identified as the **system-level hazard** and
- The IMO GPRS design criteria are considered to be the **system safety constraints to be imposed on the ships' routing design**



**As the first step of STPA, the potentially unsafe control actions that may lead to the ship's routing hazardous design are identified**

## The second step of STPA hazard analysis

- The second step of STPA hazard analysis is performed on a **STAMP-Mar functional control diagram of the ships' routing design processes** with aim to identify the causal factors for potentially hazardous control actions based on expert interviews and discussions
- It was suggested by experts that without systems approach the hazard analysis may sometimes be performed after the major design decisions on ships' routing design have been done and as a consequence not all potential and hidden hazards are identified and designed out of the system
- Therefore it is suggested to use STPA in a proactive way guiding the ships' routing design by integrating the design and hazard analysis into the safety-guided design processes

# Rapid developments in ship intelligence

- The rapid developments in ship intelligence are transforming the future of marine operations and are adding the new complexity to maritime transportation safety management including the amendment of existing and development of new ships' routing measures being ecosystem based and meeting also the requirements of unmanned shipping operations
- These are the external factors shown in the STAMP-Mar functional control diagram of the ships' routing safety-guided design processes

# The future work

# STPA based safety-guided MSP solutions

- Based on results of this study it is suggested to use STPA in a proactive way guiding the maritime spatial planning processes including the ships' routing design by integrating the planning options hazard analysis into the safety-guided MSP solutions including the requirements of emerging unmanned, remote-controlled or autonomous shipping operations
- It is further suggested to use the *Ten tenets of Elliott (Elliott, 2017)* for integrated, successful and sustainable maritime management as the safety constraints to be satisfied in a course of ecosystem based development and implementation of the integrated transboundary maritime planning solutions in terms of environment, legislation, policies, governance, cultural, social, economic, and technological considerations

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opportunities before they became a  
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**Stig Löfberg**

# **The sustainable marine management as the feedback based control process**

**Where to from here?**

**Towards STAMP-Mar based sustainable  
marine management – the future is now!**



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## **Developing the guidelines for the ecological post-spill monitoring of the accidental chemical spills**

# Developing the guidelines for the ecological post-spill monitoring of the accidental chemical spills



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## The main aim

- The main purpose of the EKOMON project is to make guidance for such post-spill environmental monitoring of spilled chemicals and their ecological effects.
- The EKOMON-project is a follow-up to the Environmental Administration Guidelines 6/2012: The Ecological effects of Oil Spills in the Baltic Sea; The National Action Plan of Finland.
- The basic principles are generally developed to enable a wide use of the guidance in the Baltic Sea and also in other cold waters

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## Why?

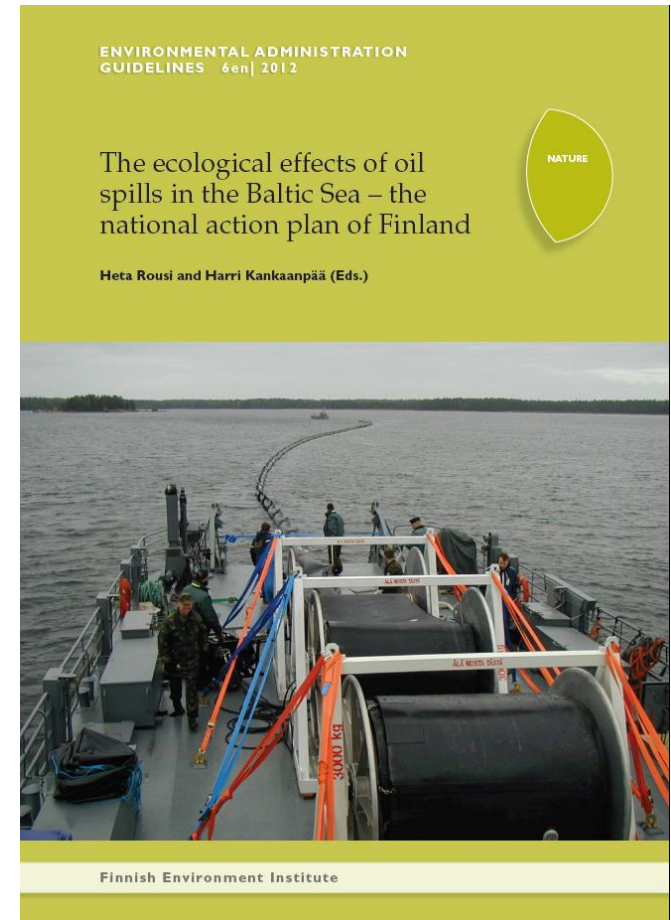
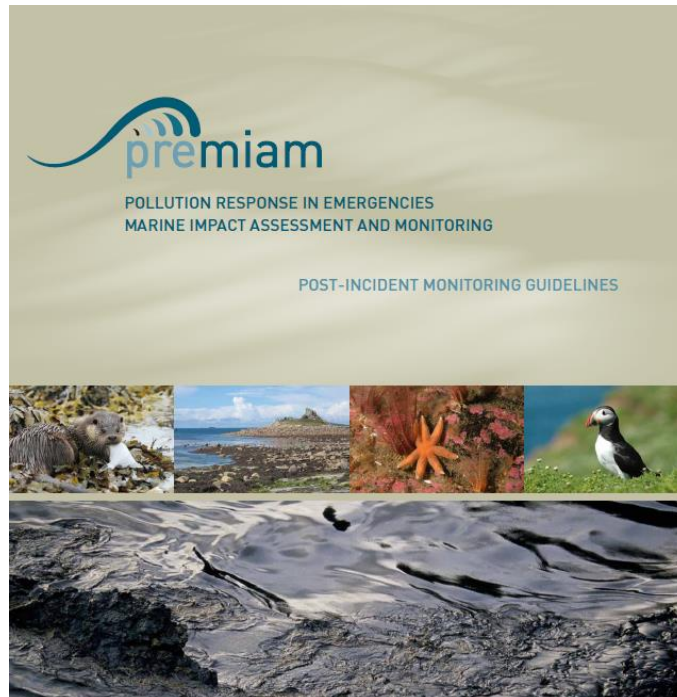
- The assessment of the environmental impact is crucial for the decision-making process over the selection and implementation of a prominent response and restoration plans
- In addition, from a legal standpoint, the development of adequate monitoring tools are of chief importance, since they can be used to demonstrate ecological damage and economic losses in the context of spill-related claims and compensations.

Studies of the ecological impacts of the incident are usually conducted in parallel with measurement of the concentration of the chemical in order to establish a pathway between the observed damage and the spilled chemical components.

Post-incident studies might also include surveys of members of the public who make use of the affected area for outdoor recreational for example, bathing, recreational fishing, boating, hiking, etc., to determine the extent of restrictions imposed upon them by the spill

Monitoring do not require that the monitoring continues until environments have fully recovered but until it can be demonstrated that the process of recovery has been comprehensively established. In fact, because of the high natural variability that exists in the marine environment it may be quite difficult to recognise conclusively when the environment has fully recovered.

# Other existing guidelines





# CHEMBALTIC - project

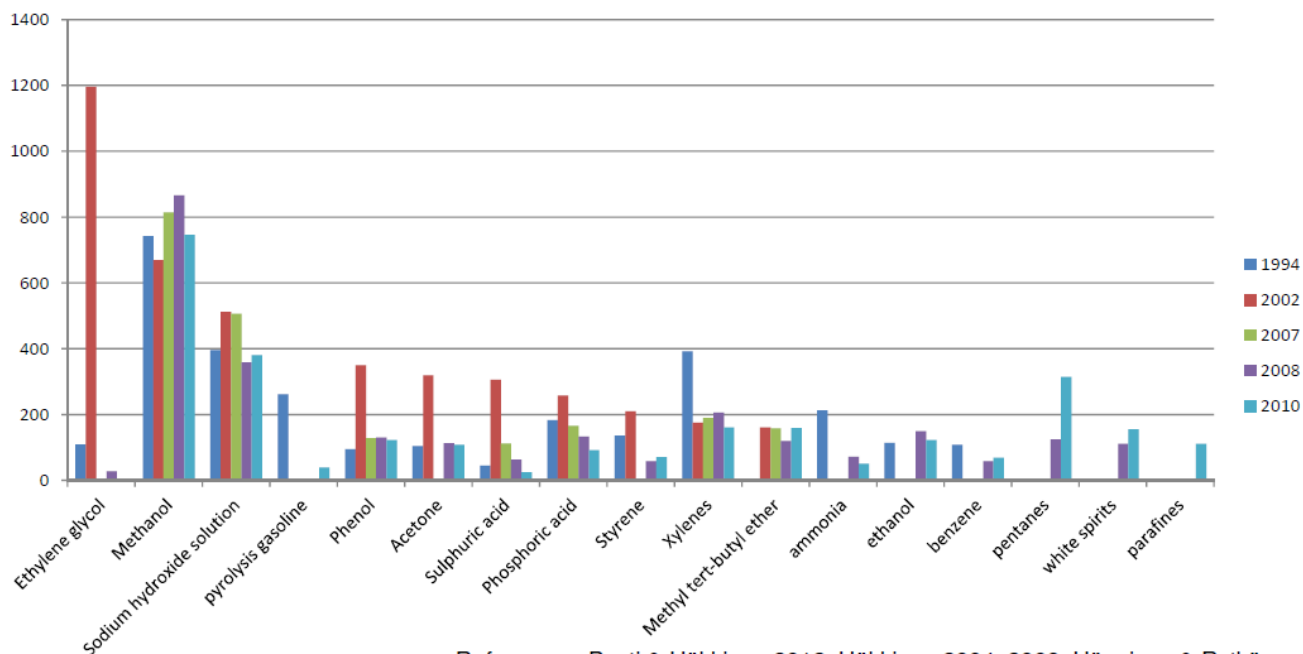
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## Chemicals handled in Finnish Ports

| 2008  |         |
|---|---------|
| Methanol  | 866,323 |
| Sodium hydroxide solution                             | 359,424 |
| Xylenes   | 206,558 |
| Ethanol and ethanol solutions                         | 149,535 |
| Phosphoric acid                                       | 133,147 |
| Pentanes  | 124,548 |
| Methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE)                        | 119,539 |
| Phenol + acetone                                      | 119,065 |
| Aromatic free solvents (e.g. white spirit and NESSOL) | 111,479 |
| Propane   | 107,260 |
| Ethyl tert-butyl ether (ETBE)                         | 73,646  |
| Phenol  | 73,040  |
| Ammonia   | 72,088  |
| Propylene   | 66,818  |
| Sulphuric acid  | 62,822  |

| 2010  |         |
|---|---------|
| Methanol  | 746,141 |
| Sodium hydroxide solution                             | 380,331 |
| Pentanes  | 315,978 |
| Xylenes   | 161,894 |
| Methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE)                        | 159,660 |
| Aromatic free solvents (e.g. white spirit and NESSOL) | 155,363 |
| Ethanol and ethanol solutions                         | 122,018 |
| Parafines   | 111,079 |
| Phosphoric acid                                       | 91,797  |
| Phenol  | 87,359  |
| Propane   | 84,027  |
| Acetone   | 73,815  |
| NExBTL  | 73,298  |
| Phenol + acetone                                      | 72,427  |
| Styrene   | 71,934  |
| Benzene   | 69,240  |
| Formic acid   | 68,427  |
| Butanoles   | 67,890  |
| Hexafluorosilicic acid                                | 56,006  |
| Ammonia   | 51,632  |
| Ethylene  | 45,166  |
| Pyrolysis gasoline                                    | 39,426  |
| Butadiene   | 38,852  |
| Coal tar  | 36,114  |
| Propylene   | 29,919  |
| Sulphuric acid  | 25,172  |
| Tert-amyl ethyl ether (TAEE)                          | 23,186  |
| Nexbase   | 20,401  |
| Hydrogen peroxide                                     | 20,059  |
| Ethyl tert-butyl ether (ETBE)                         | 19,273  |
| Nitric acid   | 16,838  |
| CO <sub>2</sub>                                       | 13,592  |
| VERSENEX 80/100                                       | 12,968  |
| ETBE + TAEE   | 12,200  |

Most handled chemicals in Finnish ports (thousand tonnes)



## IMO list of the top 20 chemicals likely to pose the highest risk of being involved in an HNS incident Itopf tip17 ” response to marine chemical incidents”

| Rank | Chemical                        | Behaviour                     | Main hazard  |
|------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1    | Sulphuric acid                  | Sinker/dissolver              | Corrosive / exothermic reaction with water / fumes |
| 2    | Hydrochloric acid               | Sinker/dissolver              | Corrosive / exothermic reaction with water / fumes |
| 3    | Sodium hydroxide / caustic soda | Sinker/dissolver              | Corrosive / exothermic reaction with water         |
| 4    | Phosphoric acid                 | Sinker/dissolver              | Corrosive / exothermic reaction with water / fumes |
| 5    | Nitric acid                     | Sinker/dissolver              | Corrosive / exothermic reaction with water / fumes |
| 6    | LPG/LNG                         | Gas (transported as a liquid) | Flammable / explosive                              |
| 7    | Ammonia                         | Gas (transported as a liquid) | Toxic  |
| 8    | Benzene                         | Floater/evaporator            | Flammable / explosive                              |
| 9    | Xylene                          | Floater/evaporator            | Flammable / explosive                              |
| 10   | Phenol                          | Dissolver/evaporator          | Toxic / flammable                                  |
| 11   | Styrene                         | Floater/evaporator            | Flammable / toxic / polymerisation                 |
| 12   | Methanol                        | Floater/dissolver             | Flammable / explosive                              |
| 13   | Ethylene glycol                 | Sinker/dissolver              | Toxic  |
| 14   | Chlorine                        | Gas (transported as a liquid) | Toxic  |
| 15   | Acetone                         | Floater/evaporator/dissolver  | Flammable / explosive                              |
| 16   | Ammonium nitrate                | Sinker/dissolver              | Oxidizer / explosive                               |
| 17   | Urea                            | Sinker/dissolver              | Irritating   |
| 18   | Toluene                         | Floater/evaporator            | Flammable / explosive                              |
| 19   | Acrylonitrile                   | Floater/evaporator/dissolver  | Flammable / toxic / polymerisation                 |
| 20   | Vinyl acetate                   | Floater/evaporator/dissolver  | Flammable /toxic / polymerisation                  |

▲ Table 2: IMO list of the top 20 chemicals likely to pose the highest risk of being involved in an HNS incident, not including crude oil, liquid distilled crude oil products or vegetable oils (source: MEPC/OPRC-HNS/TG 10/5/4, see [www.imo.org](http://www.imo.org)).



# Dangerous diversity

Transport and handling of hazardous and noxious substances (HNS) have significantly increased during the past 20 years. It is estimated that about 37 mln different chemicals are used worldwide and 2,000 of these are transported regularly by sea.

**H**NS are transported either in bulk or in packaged form, and their transportation differs significantly. Packaged HNS are carried using many different types and sizes of vessels, including e.g. general cargo ships, container ships and ro-ro cargo ships. Unlike bulk transport, packaged HNS are carried together with non-hazardous goods. The same transport unit (e.g. a container) can also contain numerous, different HNS, which can mix with each other and form destructive compounds. In addition, packaged HNS are very commonly transported together with passengers on board (e.g. ro-ro vessels) causing a considerable risk to human health. Because of these reasons, it is very important to be aware of what kinds of packaged hazardous and noxious substances are handled in ports and transported by sea.

## Packaged HNS in Finnish ports

The Centre for Maritime Studies at the University of Turku and the North European Logistics Institute examined the handlings of packaged hazardous and noxious substances in Finnish ports by using a Finnish, nationwide vessel traffic system called PortNet. The study showed that packaged HNS were handled in 16 Finnish ports in 2012. These ports handled about 1,020 different packaged HNS which altogether totalled approx. 820,000 tn. Of the total volume, 53% constituted export and 47% – import. 16 types of substances were handled in an amount of more than 10,000 tn, 84 substances – 1,000-10,000 tn each, 148 substances – 100-1,000 tn each, and 770 substances in an amount of less than 100 tn each.

The IMDG classes transported most often were: class 3 flammable liquids (256,000 tn), class 9 miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles (204,000 tn), and class 8 corrosives (187,000 tn). Many of the HNS handled most often were refined compounds or similar combinations of unspecified chemicals.

Tab. 1. Top 20 packaged HNS handled in Finnish ports in 2012 (import & export)

| No. | UK number | Name of HNS   | Total turnover [tn] |
|-----|-----------|---|---------------------|
| 1   | 3077      | Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s.  | 77,984              |
| 2   | 1263      | Paint or paint-related material   | 68,161              |
| 3   | 1779      | Formic acid   | 52,974              |
| 4   | 2211      | Polymeric beads   | 47,629              |
| 5   | 1866      | Resin solution  | 44,971              |
| 6   | 3257      | Elevated temperature liquid, n.o.s.   | 30,489              |
| 7   | 3082      | Environmentally hazardous substance, liquid, n.o.s.   | 27,345              |
| 8   | 3496      | Batteries, nickel-metal hydride   | 22,564              |
| 9   | 1202      | Gas oil, diesel fuel or heating oil, light  | 22,473              |
| 10  | 2014      | Hydrogen peroxide, aqueous solution   | 16,004              |
| 11  | 1495      | Sodium chlorate   | 14,845              |
| 12  | 1993      | Flammable liquid, n.o.s.  | 14,824              |
| 13  | 3166      | Engine internal combustion or vehicle flammable gas powered or vehicle flammable liquid powered | 14,095              |
| 14  | 1942      | Ammonium nitrate  | 13,446              |
| 15  | 2312      | Phenol, molten  | 12,996              |
| 16  | 1750      | Chloroacetic acid, solution   | 11,957              |
| 17  | 3264      | Corrosive liquid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s.   | 9,806               |
| 18  | 1203      | Motor spirit or gasoline or petrol  | 9,613               |
| 19  | 1268      | Petroleum products and distillates, n.o.s.  | 9,137               |
| 20  | 1170      | Ethanol or ethanol solution   | 9,110               |
|     |           | Other HNS (about 1,000 pcs) total   | 286,400             |
|     |           | <b>ALL HNS TOTAL</b>  | <b>816,822</b>      |

solution of hydrogen peroxide, sodium chlorate, ammonium nitrate, phenol, and chloroacetic acid solution. All of these were handled in an amount of more than 10,000 tonnes in Finnish ports in 2012.

A ro-ro ship was the vessel type most frequently used (over half of the total volume in 2012). The next in rank were passenger/car ferries (27%), container vessels (14%) and dry cargo vessels (8%). A container (41% share), in turn, was the most commonly used transport unit, followed by a truck (33%) or trailer (16%).

## Statistics do not tell the whole truth

HNS have a high diversity of hazardous properties, which makes them a risk that is difficult to control. However, that is not the whole picture. In addition to the

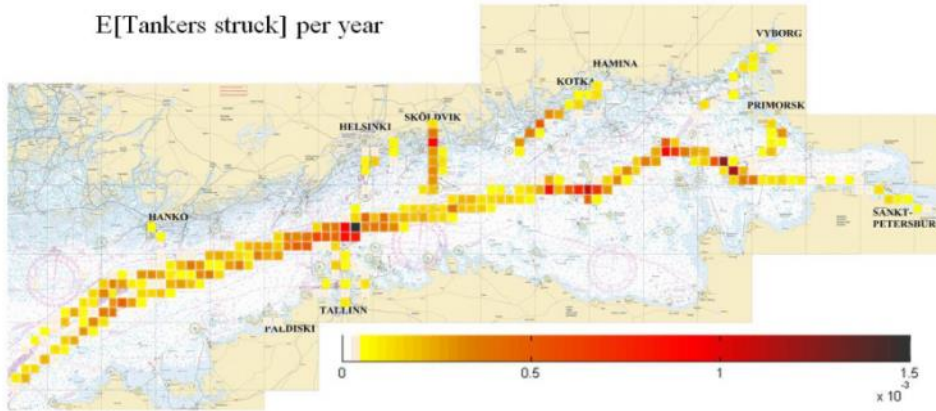
packaged HNS reported correctly in transport documents, HNS are surprisingly often transported in vessels without any markings in the documents or symbols on the transport units, or they may be reported incompletely. These kinds of undeclared and partly reported cargoes pose a huge safety risk to all involved in the related transport operation. If there is no knowledge about the presence of HNS, the cargo may not be handled, stowed and transported correctly in the transport chain. The fire and explosion on the container vessel *Sea-Land Mariner* in 1998, the fire on the container vessel *Sea Elegance* in 2003, and the explosion and fire on the containership *Zim Haifa* in 2007, just to mention a few, are regrettable real-life examples of what could be in store.

International regulations, training and education, as well as increasing general knowledge play a key role in improving safety when transporting dangerous goods. All parties in the transport chain should understand how activities conducted early in the transport chain affect it all. Therefore, it is important to find means to identify undeclared HNS from the other cargo. These means will be studied in the next step of the NOSE project. ■

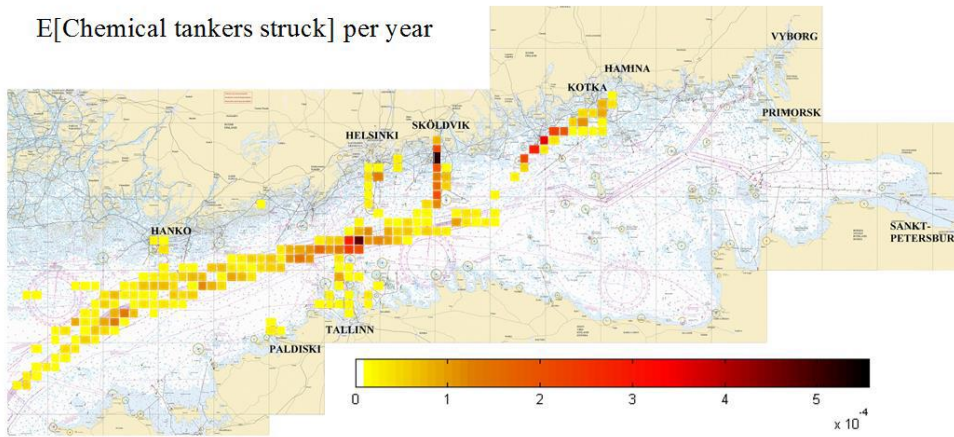
# Modelling the scenario - tankers traffic in the GoF

The collision probability - Division of GoF into 5 x 5 km squares

E[Tankers struck] per year



E[Chemical tankers struck] per year



The expected collision return period is once every 17 years for all tankers and once every 77 years for chemical tankers

The expected number of tanker groundings per year calculated in this manner is once every 6.54 years for HaminaKotka and once every 3.41 years for Sköldvik

However, both the spill probability in case of an accident as well as the average chemical spill size are larger for collisions than for groundings

Source: O. Sormunen 2016

Expected number of struck chemical tankers per year using causation factors (AI). Map: © Finnish Transport Agency licence no. 1803/1024/2010..

# Risk of the tankers traffic in the GoF

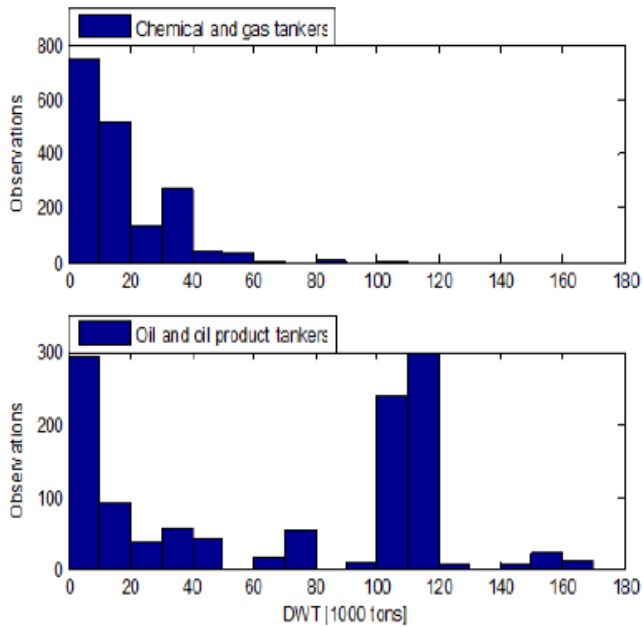
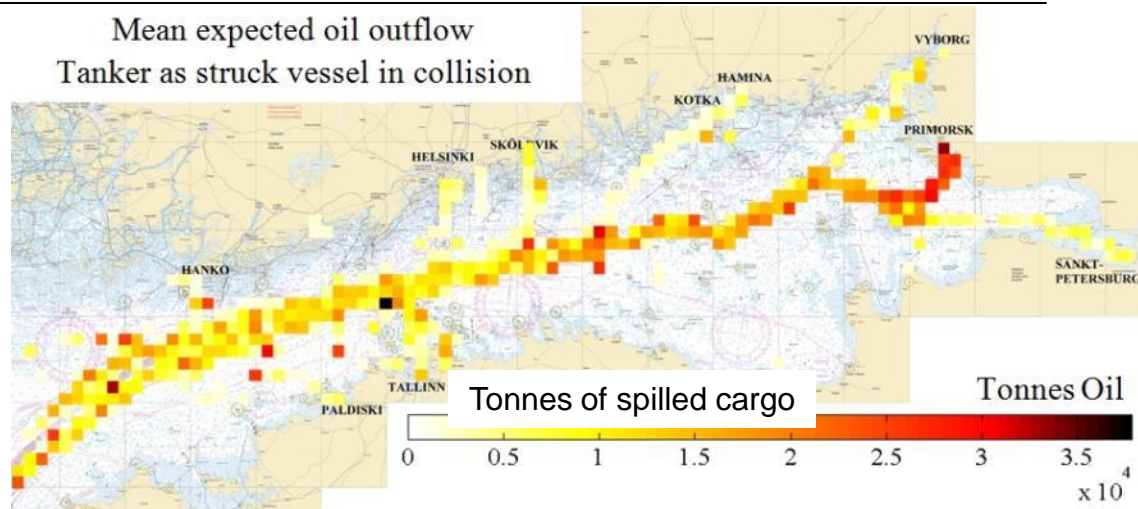
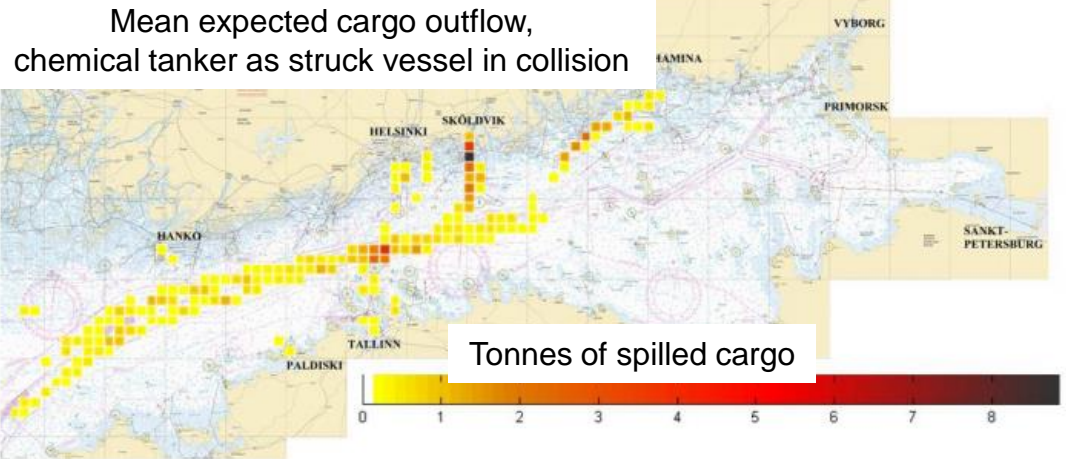


Fig. 3. Histograms of chemical and gas tankers and oil and oil product tankers in 2007 (adapted from Sormunen 2011)



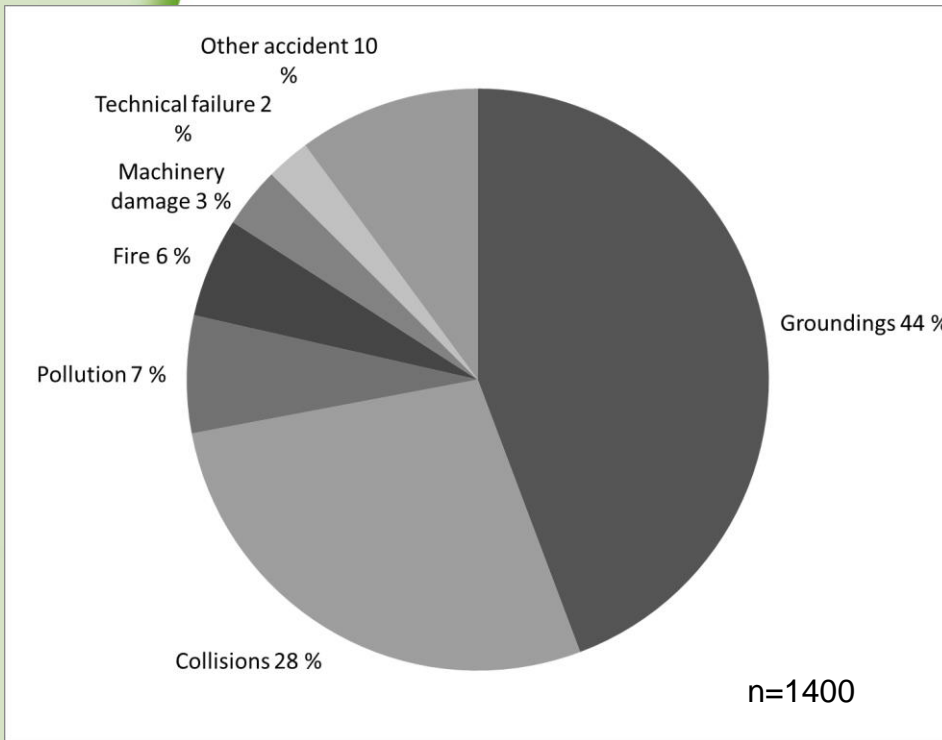


Figure 1. Vessel accidents in the Baltic Sea in 1989–2010 by accident types. (Häkkinen and Posti 2013 based on HELCOM 2012)

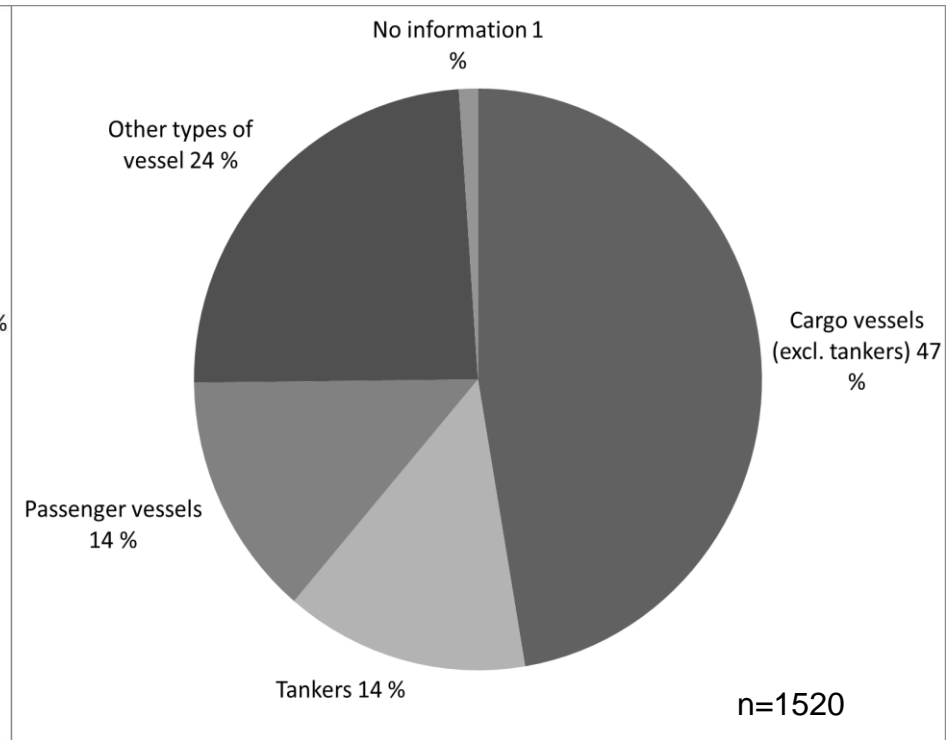


Figure 2. Vessel accidents in the Baltic Sea in 1989–2010 by vessel types. (Häkkinen and Posti 2013 based on HELCOM 2012)

- Collisions and grounding main types of accident/incidents.
- Human factor main cause, followed by technical reasons
- No major chemical spills nor oil accident like Erika, Prestige have happened etc.
- The latest severe oil spill in the Baltic Sea was in 2001: The Bulk Carrier Tern and the tanker B collided. Appr. 20,000 seabirds were contaminated
- Antonio Gramsci 1987, grounding, spill 650 tonnes

| Ship               | Place and year               | Chemical involved   |
|--------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Grandcamp          | Texas City, USA, 1947        | ammonium nitrate  |
| Ocean Liberty      | France, 1947                 | ammonium nitrate  |
| Mundogas Oslo      | Finland/Sweden 1966          | Ammonia (2000 t)  |
| Poona              | Sweden, 1971                 | Sodium chlorate and rapeseed oil                              |
| Amalie Essberger   | Sweden, 1973                 | Phenol  |
| Yoyo Maru N°10     | Japan, 1974                  | Propane, butane and naphtha                                   |
| Lindenbank         | Hawaii, 1975                 | Sugars, foodstuff and vegetable oils (palm and coconut oil)   |
| René 16            | Sweden, 1976                 | Anhydrous ammonia   |
| Stanislaw Dubois   | Netherland, 1981             | Calcium carbide + caustic soda                                |
| Brigitta Montanari | Yugoslavia, 1984             | Vinyl chloride monomer (VCM)                                  |
| Castillo De Salas  | Spain, 1984                  | Coal (100000 t)   |
| Puerto Rican       | USA, 1984                    | Caustic soda  |
| Anna Broere        | Netherland, 1988             | Acrylonitrile and Dodecylbenzene                              |
| Ocean Spirit       | Malta, 1988                  | Lead concentrate  |
| Val Rosanda        | Italy, 1990                  | Propylene   |
| Alessandro Primo   | Italy, 1991                  | Acrylonitrile and Dichloroethane                              |
| Continental Lotus  | Eastern Mediterranean, 1991  | Iron ore  |
| Erato              | Algeria, 1991                | Phosphate and bunker fuel                                     |
| Kimya              | UK, 1991                     | Sunflower oil   |
| Nordfrakt          | Germany, 1992                | Lead sulphur (1600 t)   |
| Weisshorn          | Spain, 1992                  | Rice  |
| Grape One          | UK, 1993                     | Xylene  |
| Cynthia M          | New Jersey, USA, 1994        | Caustic soda  |
| Infiniti           | Curacao, 1995                | Rice  |
| N°1 Chung Mu       | China, 1995                  | Styrene   |
| Fenes              | France, 1996                 | Wheat   |
| Formosa Eight      | Japan, 1996                  | Acrylonitrile   |
| Igloo Moon         | USA, 1996                    | Butadiene   |
| Kira               | Greece, 1996                 | Phosphoric acid   |
| Kowloon Bridge     | USA, 1996                    | Iron ore  |
| Albion II          | Bay of Biscay, France, 1997  | 10 dangerous chemicals (IMO code) and 11000 tonnes of styrene |
| Allegra            | France, 1997                 | Palm nut oil  |
| Bow Panther        | Japan, 1997                  | Xylene  |
| Panam Perla        | Atlantic, 1998               | Sulphuric acid  |
| Bahamas            | Brazil, 1998                 | Sulphuric acid  |
| Champion Trader    | Mississippi River, USA, 1998 | Palm oil  |
| Multi-Tank Ascania | UK, 1999                     | Vinyl acetate   |
| Jessie Maersk      | Gibraltar, 1999              | Ammonia   |
| Young Chemi        | South Korea, 1999            | Chloroform  |

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## Chemical fears after tanker sinks



The Ievoli Sun sank whilst being towed to safety

An Italian tanker carrying 6,000 tonnes of toxic chemicals has sunk in the English Channel, prompting fears of an environmental catastrophe.

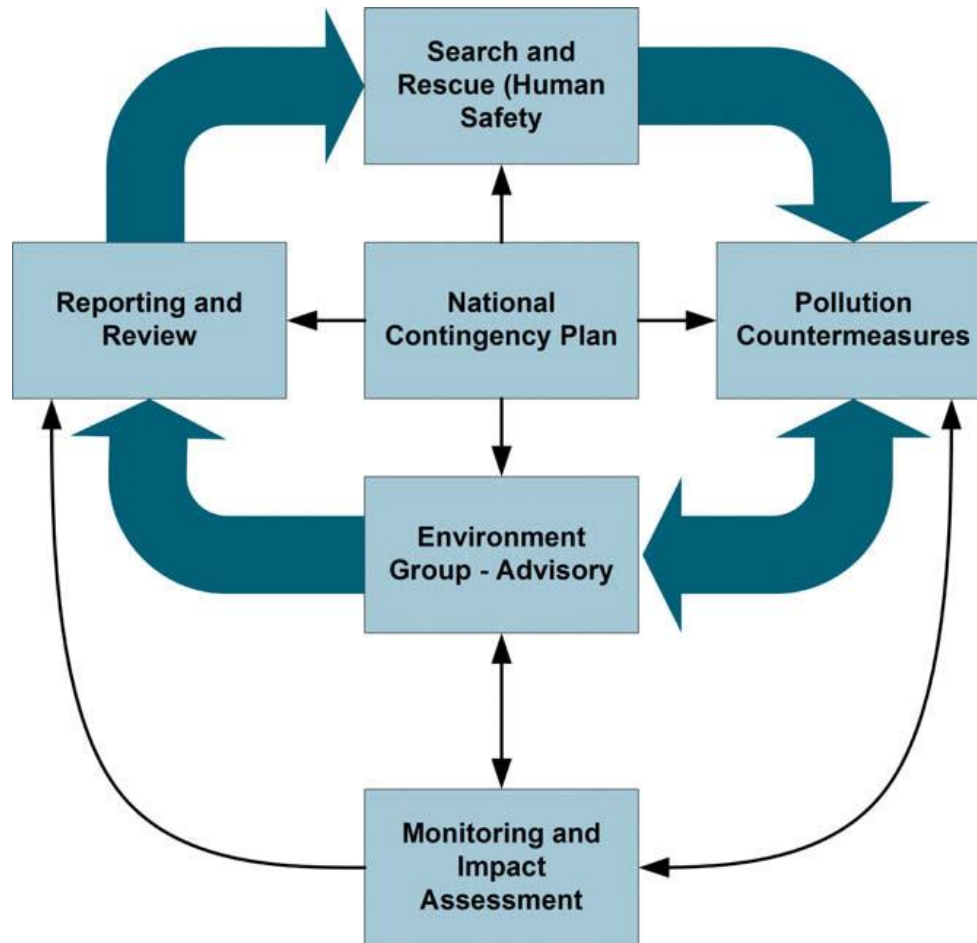
The Ievoli Sun, whose 14 crew were rescued by helicopter on Monday, got into difficulties in heavy seas and sank 11 miles (18 km) north-west of the Channel island of Alderney.

The stricken vessel was carrying 6,000 tonnes of chemicals, including 4,000 tonnes of styrene, a highly toxic substance used for making synthetic plastics.



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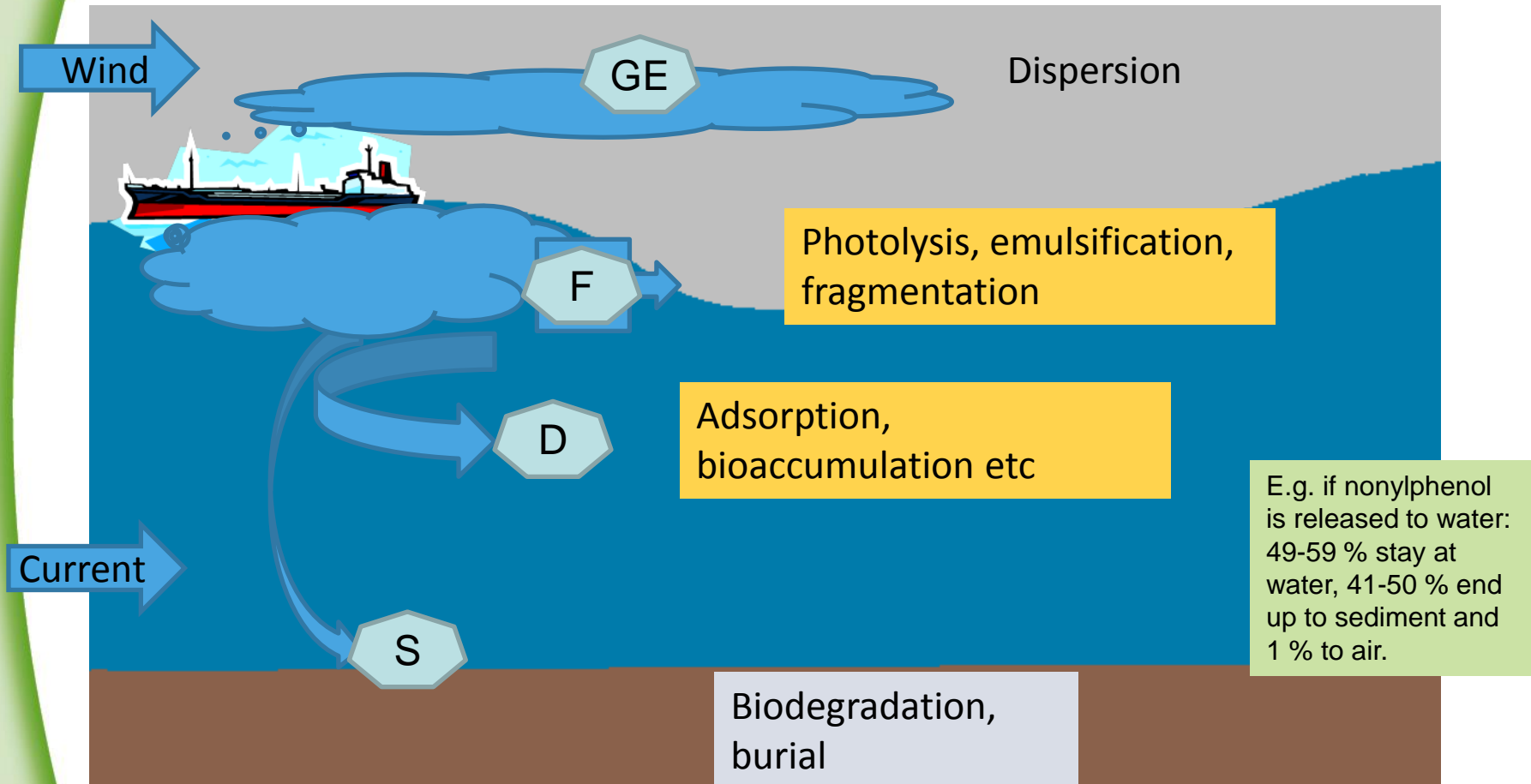
# Post-spill environmental monitoring



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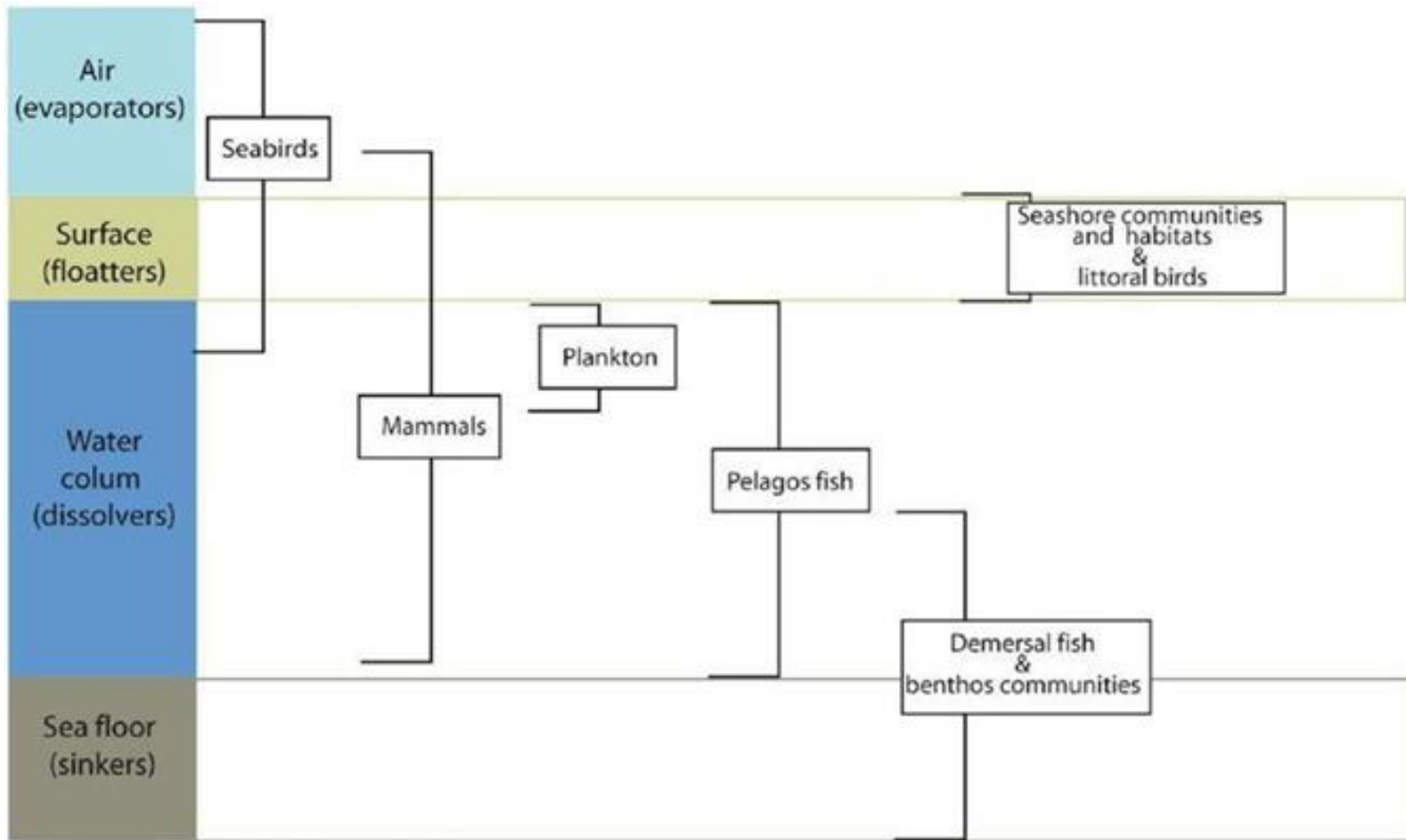


# Fate of chemical



E.g. if nonylphenol is released to water: 49-59 % stay at water, 41-50 % end up to sediment and 1 % to air.

| Main Category  | Gas (G)<br>(methane)             | Evaporator (E)<br>(benzene)              | Floater (F)<br>(palm oil)  | Sinker (S)<br>(coal tar)                  | Dissolver (D)<br>(phosphoric acid)          |
|----------------|----------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Sub-categories | GD<br>Gas/Dissolves<br>(ammonia) | ED<br>Evaporates/<br>Dissolves<br>(MTBE) | FD<br>Floats/Dissolves<br>(butanol)<br>FE<br>Floats/Evaporates<br>(xylenes)<br>EED | SD<br>Sinks/Dissolves<br>(dichloroethane) | DE<br>Dissolves/<br>Evaporates<br>(acetone) |



## Based on real accident cases

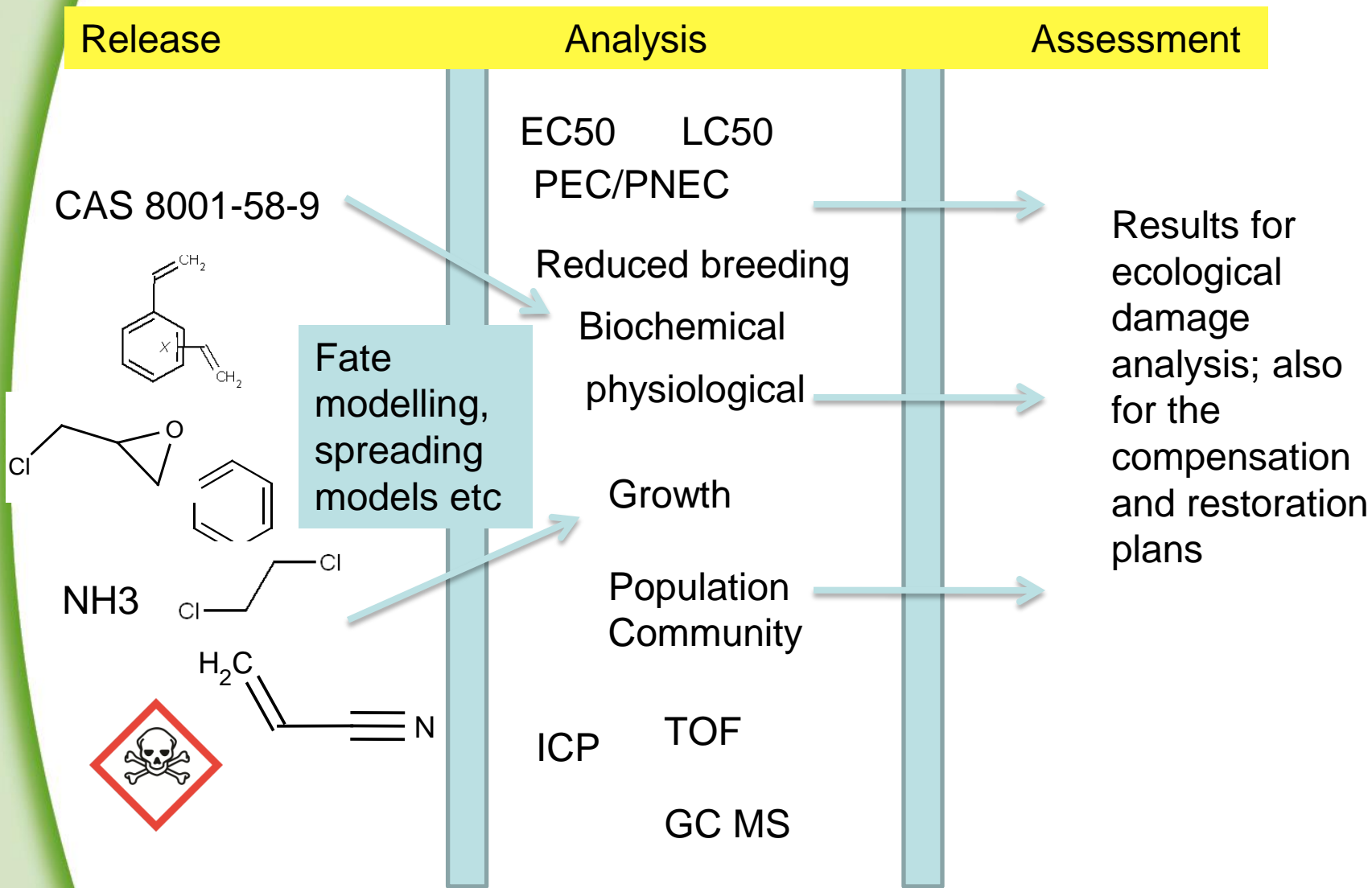
three common types of scientific approaches were identified:

(A) Chemical contamination monitoring: measurement of the chemical concentration in the various marine compartments.

(B) Biological monitoring – responses at sub-individual and individual level: physiological and epidemiological markers, biomarkers of exposure/effect and/or biological responses in ecotoxicological assays.

(C) Ecological monitoring: monitoring studies at population or community level (population dynamic and/or community structure parameters). (Neuparth et al. 2012)

# Post-spill monitoring?



## Where do we monitor?

- Impacted areas
- Unimpacted areas nearby, which may be impacted later
- Unimpacted areas nearby, likely to remain so, as reference sites
- Use of fate and transport modelling to predict chemical behaviour helps to identify sites likely and unlikely to be impacted later.  
(Premium report 2011)

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# Challenges

- Chemical dependent what you monitor
- Also need for modelling
- For many chemicals no baseline data exists
- Carefully chosen reference sites
- Choose the indicator species and sensitive species
- Need for laboratory and field testing as well as chemical and biota sampling
- Many endpoints: SSD curves, Hazard quotient (PEC/PNEC), biomarkers, bioindicators, acute and chronic toxicity and ecosystem/community level changes. Also recovery rates important.
- Have to demonstrate strong causal relationship for claims
- Good quality reporting all the way
- In case of major accident may take months or even years
- HNS convention not ratified yet



## Activities related

- SYKE will arrange an international seminar on the topics of the project in connection with the MOSPA exercise in March 2018 as well as an arctic oil spill conference.
- For the final evaluation of the guidelines SYKE asks for national ecological and chemical experts to take part in a correspondence group that will be established later on.
- The project is also interested to know if any national guidelines for monitoring and assessment of contamination and ecological effects are prepared and available in other countries.

# 7-8 MARCH, 2018

## Scandic Hotel/Kinopalatsi Oulu, Finland

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Opening session  
9-12

Arctic Council's priorities in oil spill response in the Arctic (Arctic council, EPPR, MOSPA agreement)  
Session coordinated by:

Session I  
13-17

Search and Rescue in the Arctic areas  
Session coordinated by:

Session II  
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Ecological consequences of oil spills in the arctic  
Session coordinated by:

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Session IV  
9-16

Technology for oil in ice response (Mechanical, In situ burning, Dispersants)  
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Session V  
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Ice management and weather services in the Arctic (Ice monitoring, Ice breaking, Weather forecasts)  
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Session VI  
13-16

Latest research ... tms (Grace, App4Sea, Stormwinds)  
Session coordinated by:

Final session

Closing of the seminar (Closing remarks, main conclusions, way forward)  
Session coordinated by:

Participation is free of charge...  
Speakers are called to...  
Registrations...etc.

**EKOMON-seminar on Ecological Consequences of Chemical Spills will be held simultaneously. Schedule and information available at XXX.**

**The international MOSPA oil spill response exercise held in the Bothnian Bay will be broadcasted.**



**EKOMON SEMINAR**  
**Ecological Consequences of Marine Chemical**  
**Spills**  
**7-8 MARCH, 2018**  
**Oulu, Finland**

Concurrent event with the  
MOSPA-seminar!

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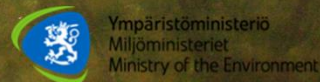
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

- 9:00 Opening speech of the EKOMON-seminar in the  
MOSPA-seminar opening session
- 9-12 EKOMON-session:  
- The fate and behaviour of different HNS in  
case of sudden spill  
- EKOMON - The guidelines for the post-spill  
monitoring of the accidental chemical spills in the  
Baltic sea and cold waters.  
- National approaches to post-incident monitoring.  
- Ecological monitoring and risk assessment of  
accidental pollution.  
- Protocols for HNS environmental impact  
assessment.
- 13-17 Participating MOSPA-seminar Session II: Ecological  
consequences of oil spills in the arctic

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

- 9-12 EKOMON-workshop/session:
- 13-16 Participating MOSPA-seminar session VI: Latest  
research
- 16-17 Closing of the seminar (Possibly together with  
MOSPA-seminar)

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## **A novel leisure boating index reveals the supply and demand of services for boaters in the Finnish marine area**



# A novel leisure boating index reveals the supply and demand of services for boaters in the Finnish marine area

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FINLAND

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- How much boating is there on the Finnish coast and how is it dispersed?
- What kind of services are there for sailors and do they meet the boating spatially?



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# Boating in Finland

- Boating is a prevalent activity in Finnish waters
- Its related economy is significant
  - 627 mil € / year (Trafi, 2017)

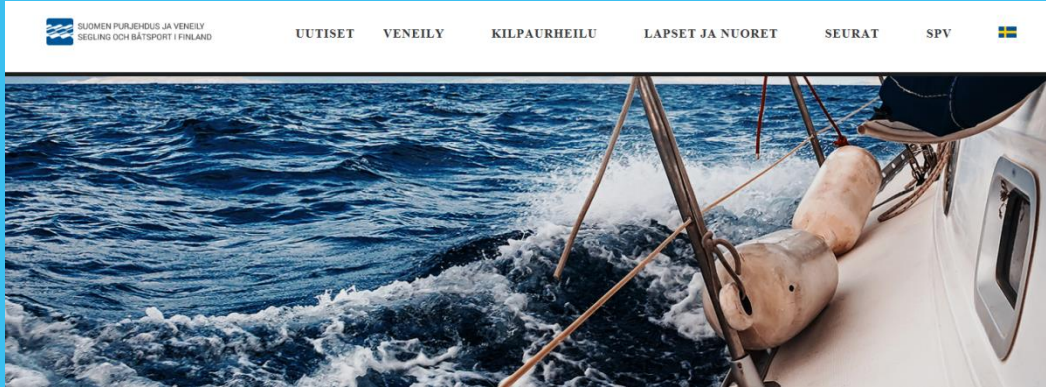
The services available for boaters are important

- To the boating
- To the economy of the area



# Suomen purjehdus ja veneily

Finnish Sailing and Boating Association



An umbrella organization for Finnish sailing and boating clubs

- 330 clubs
- 60 000 enthusiasts

<http://spv.fi/>

# Essential and important services

1. Drinking water
  2. Electricity
  3. Food: Cafe, grocery store or kiosk, restaurant
  4. Fuel
  5. Septic tank emptying
  6. Shower or sauna
- Barbeque grill
  - Boat ramp
  - Bus
  - Dock
  - Doctor
  - Engine repair
  - Ferry
  - Info board
  - Laundry
  - Marina
  - Marina forklift
  - Medic First Aid
  - Nature trail
  - Pharmacy
  - Playground
  - Taxi
  - Trash can
  - WC

# Other services

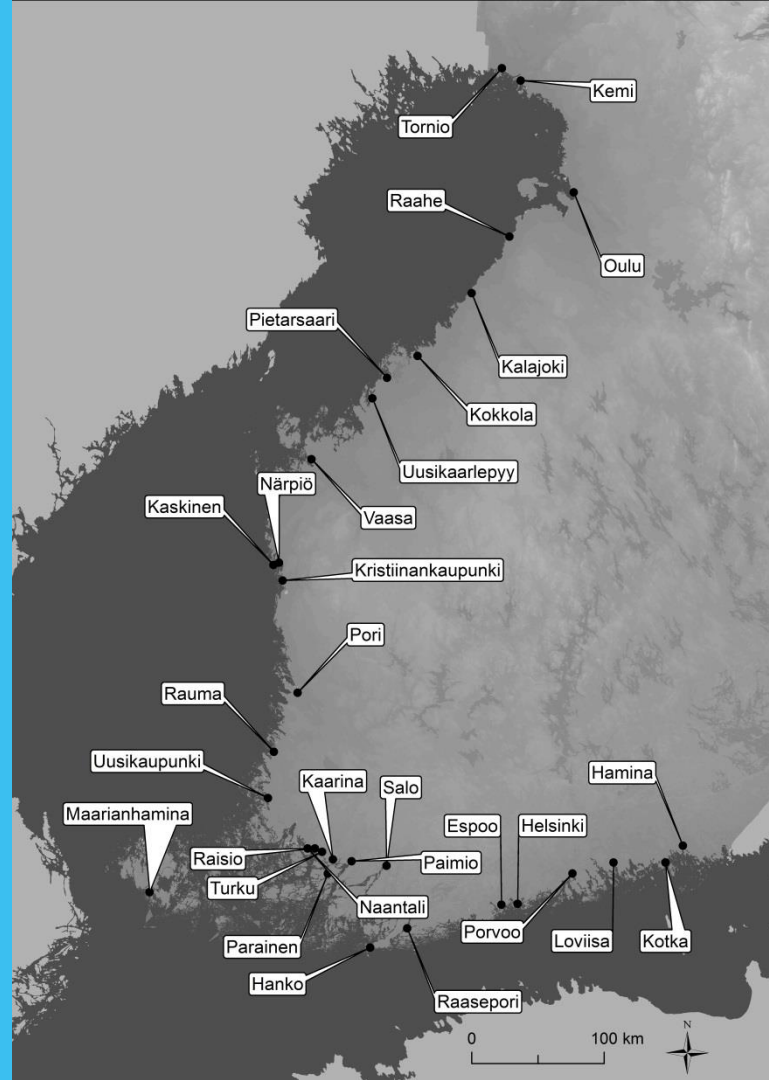
- Alko
- Veterinarian
- Dentist
- Entertainment
- Accommodation
- Other maintenance
- Other service
- Sightseeing
- Bank
- Post
- Market
- Beach

# Distribution of boats

- SPV: 209 sailing clubs
  - 18 306 boats
- Cities
  - 27 212 boats
- Summer cottages
  - 59 832 boats

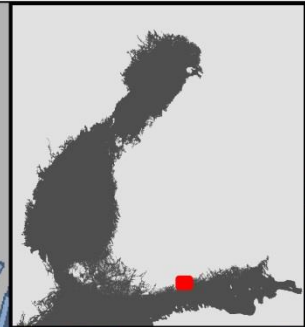
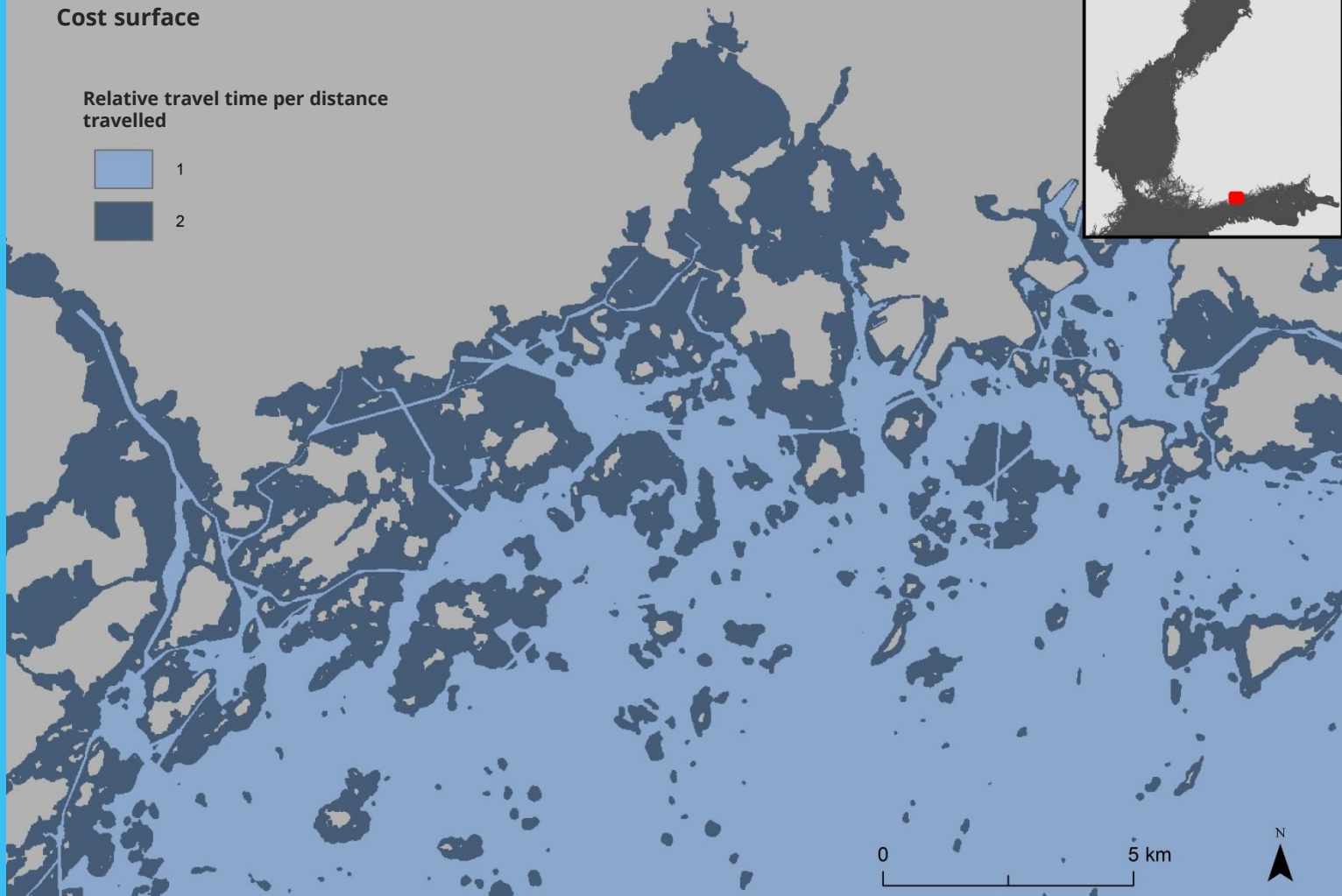
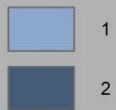


105 350 boats



## Cost surface

Relative travel time per distance travelled



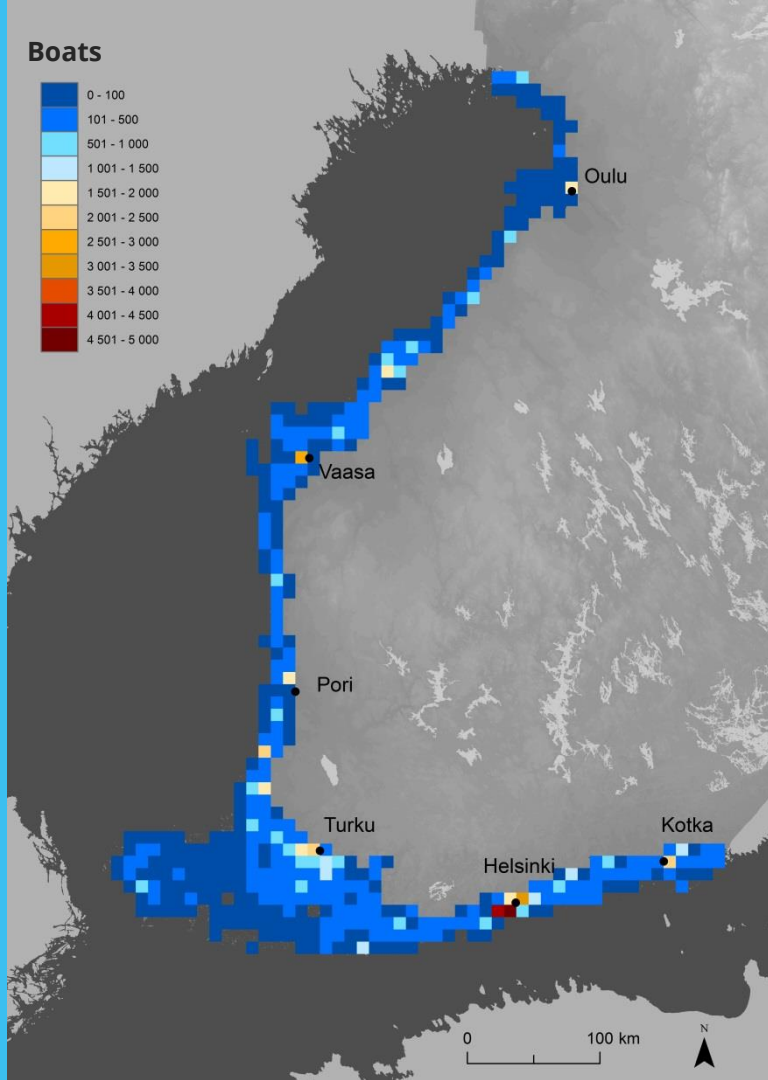
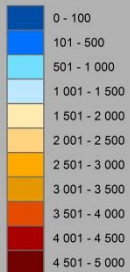
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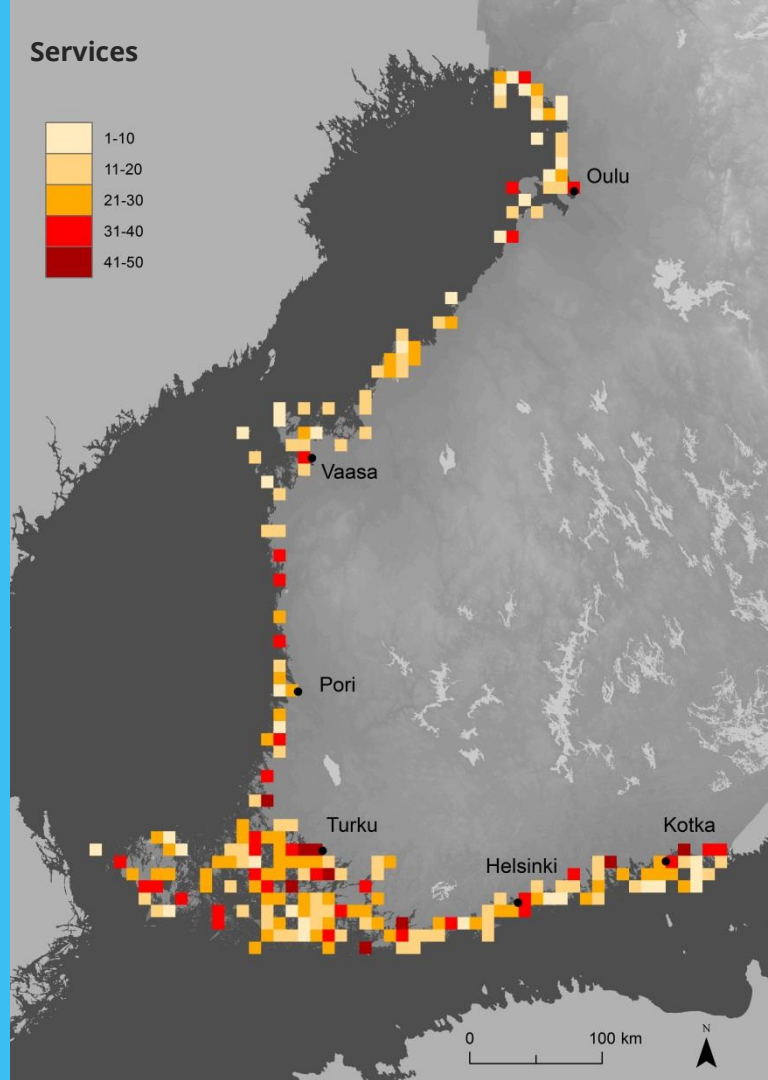
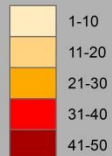


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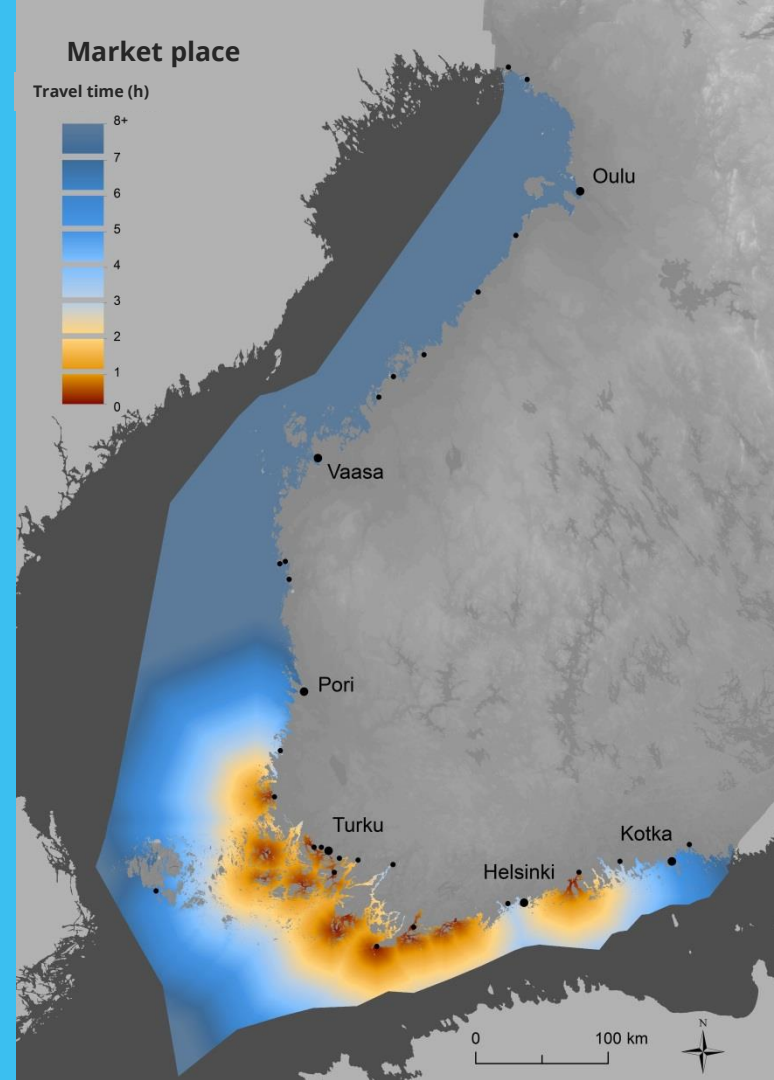
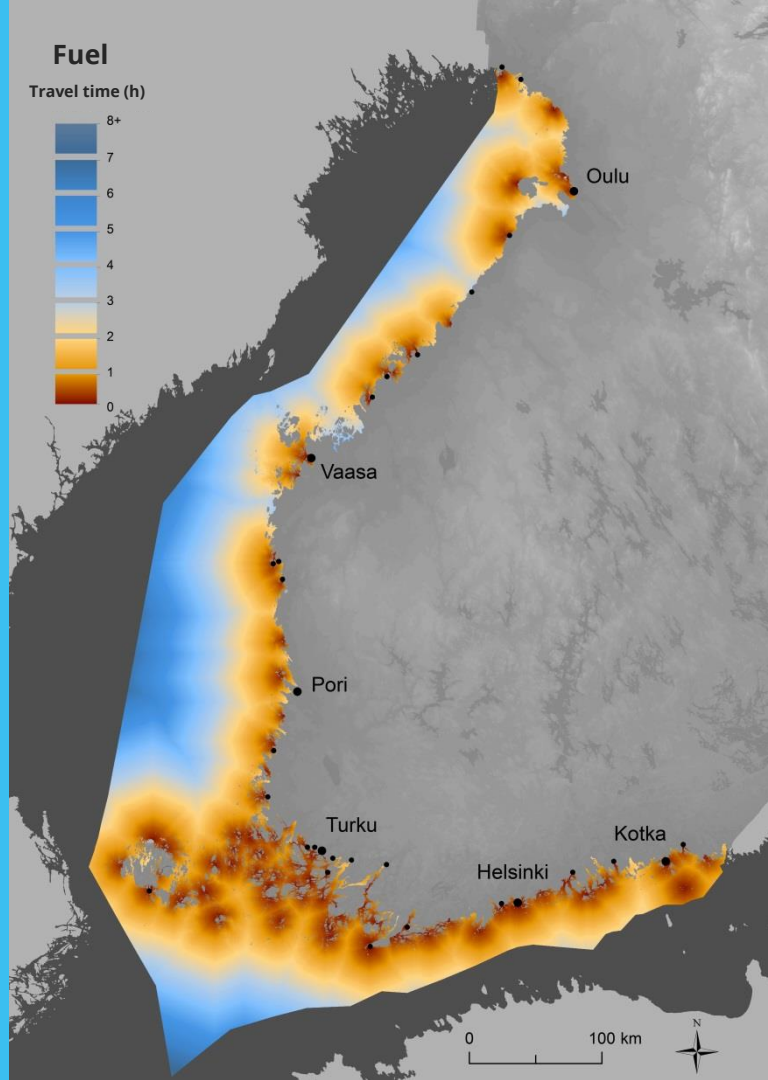
## Boats



## Services

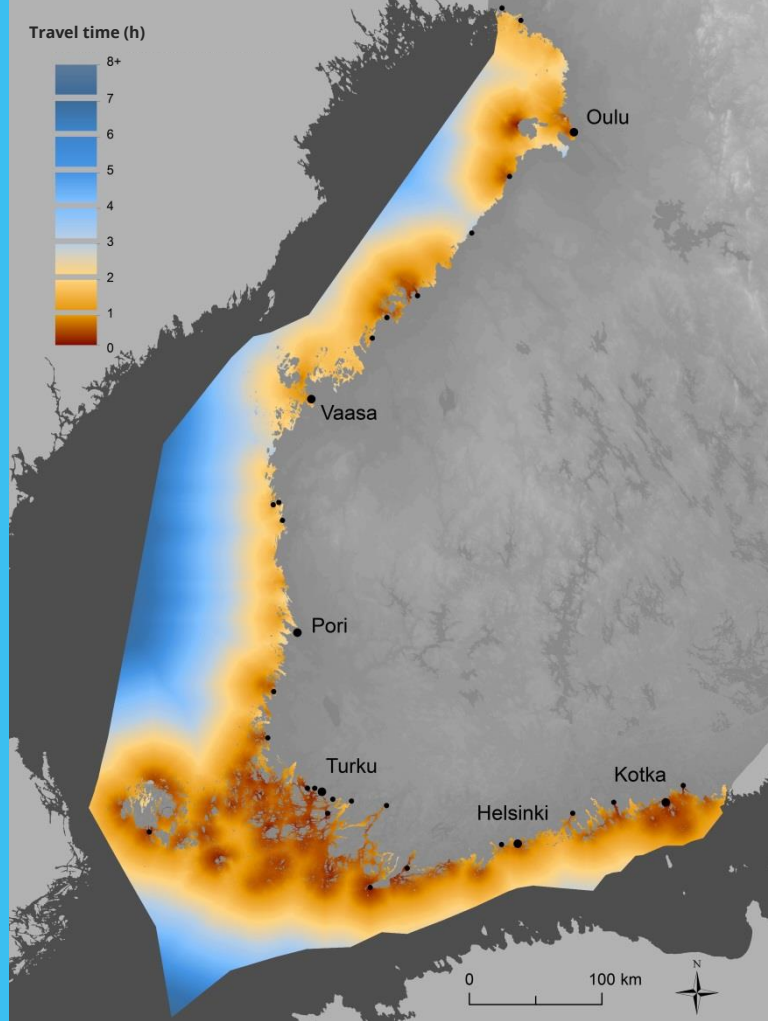
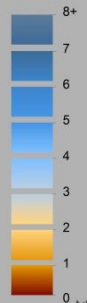






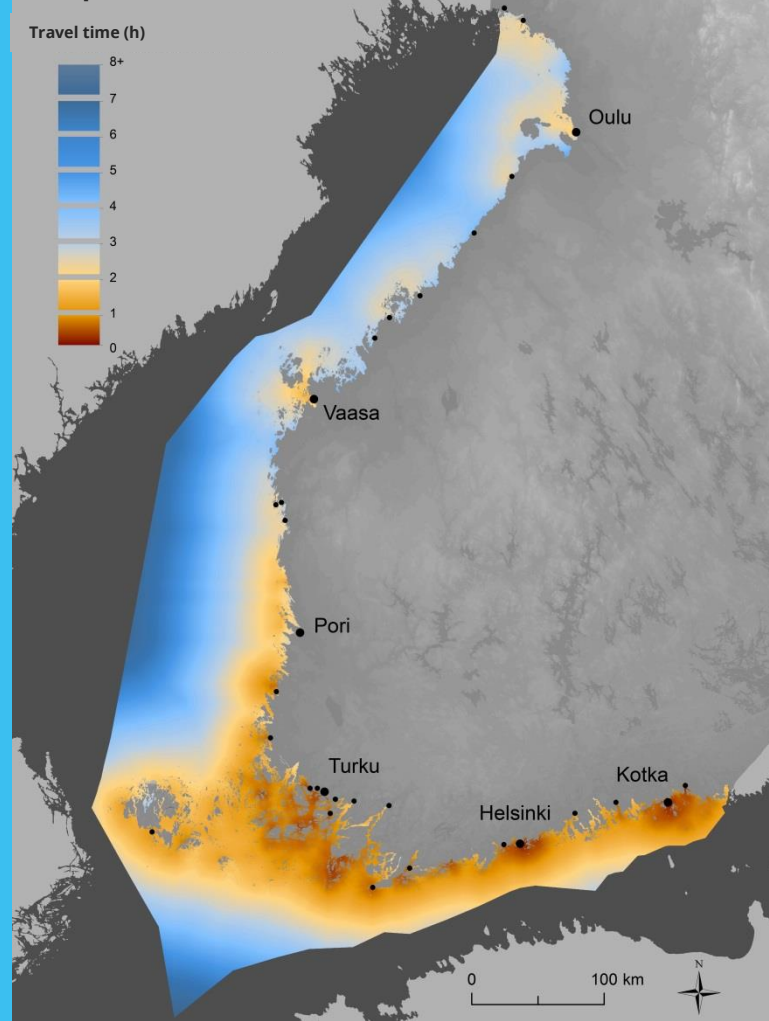
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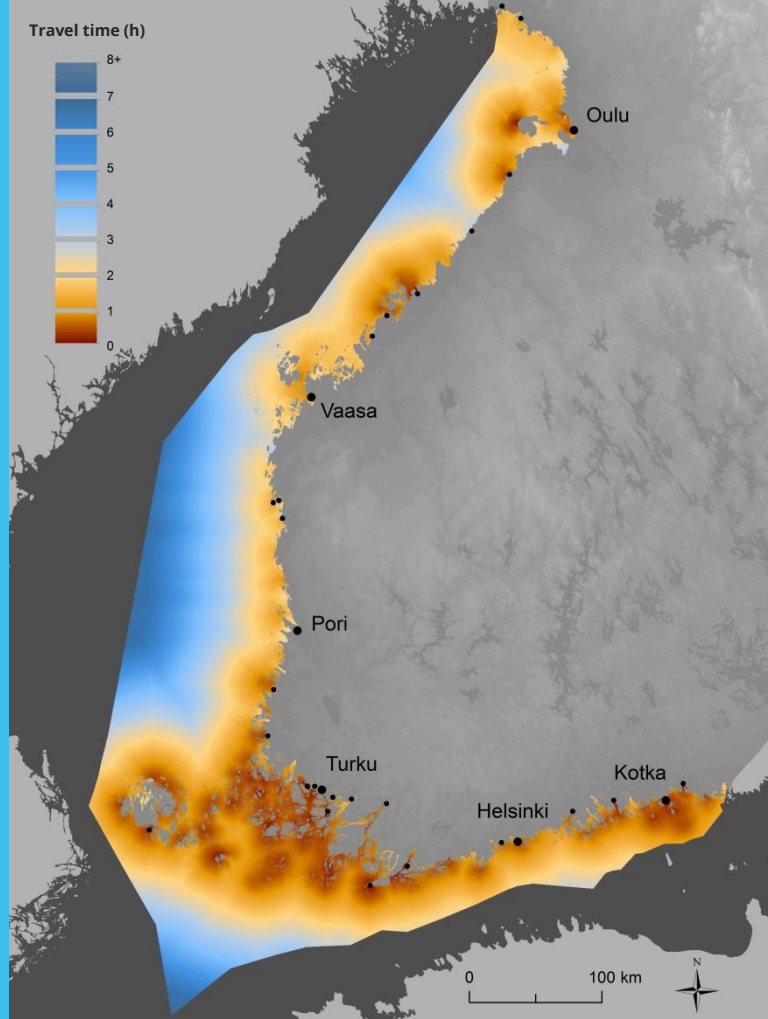
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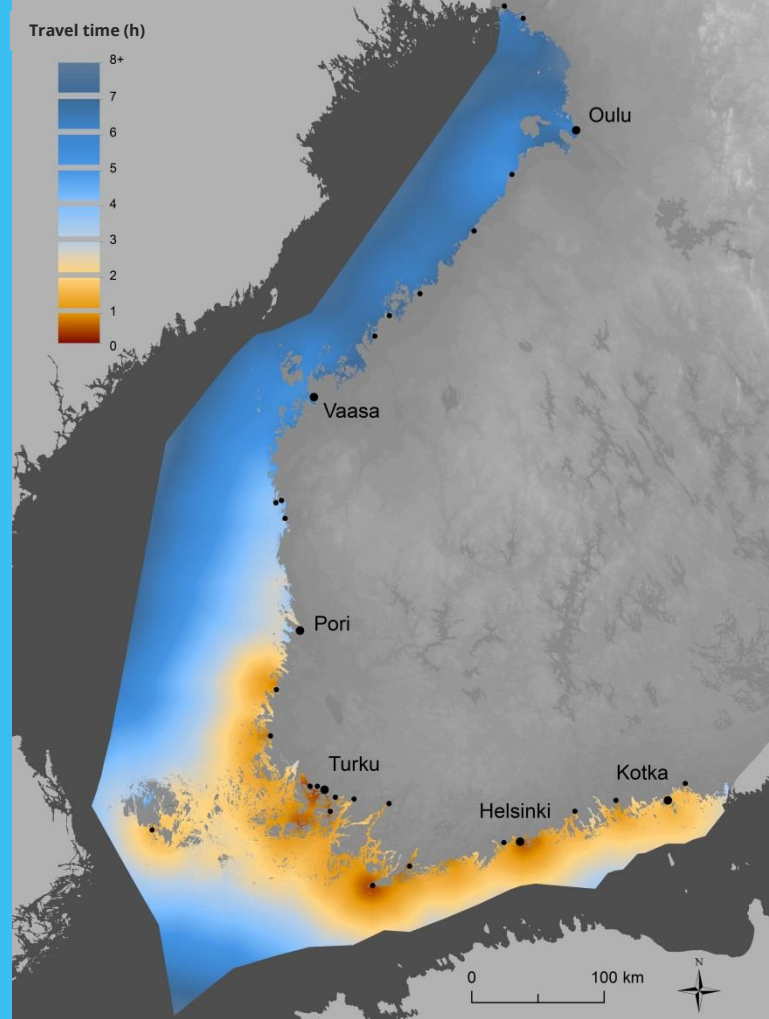
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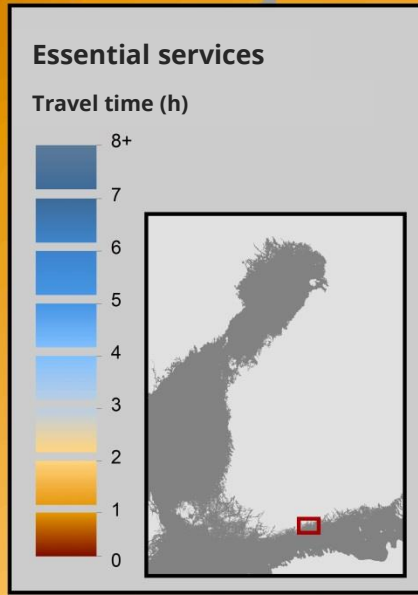
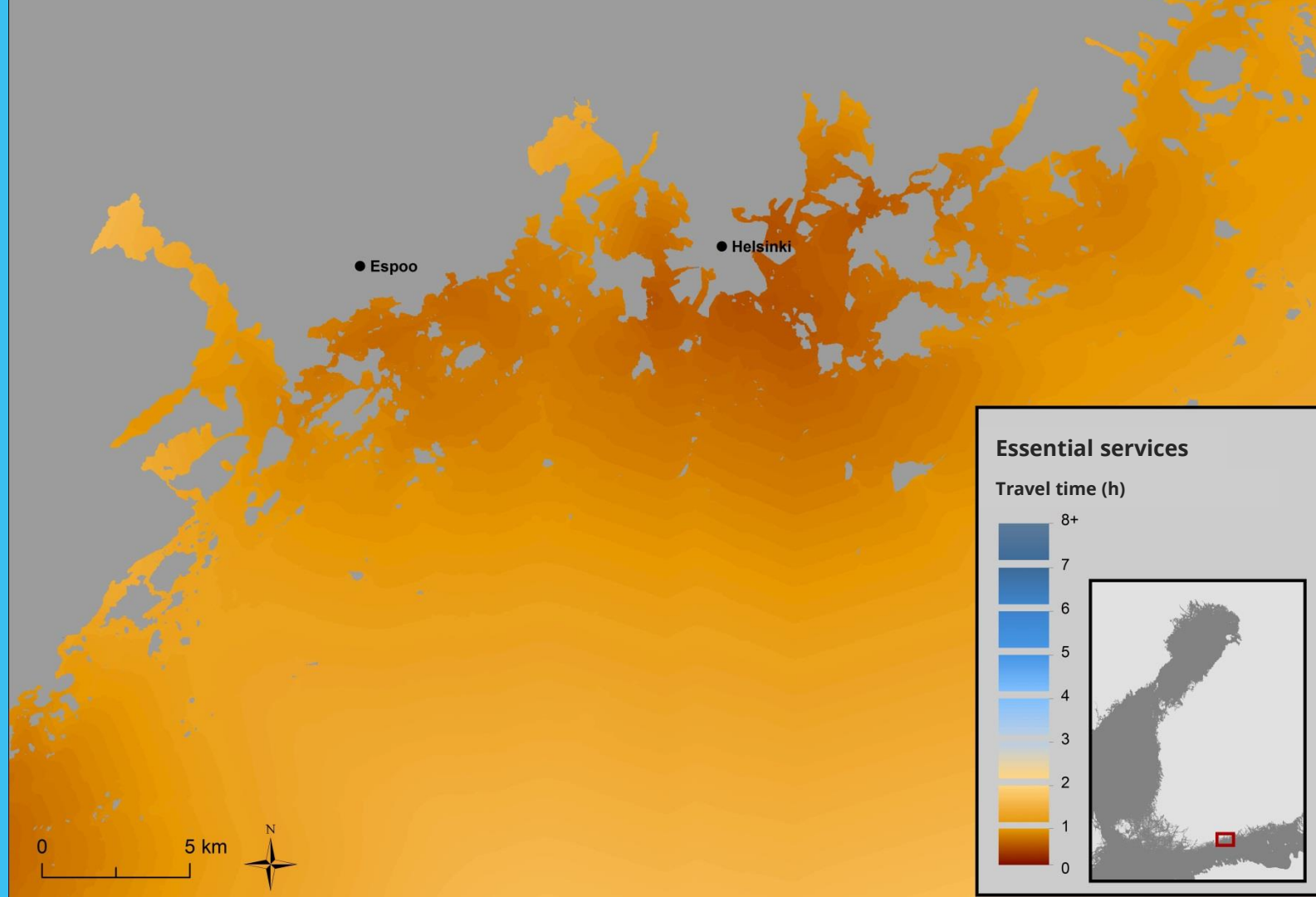
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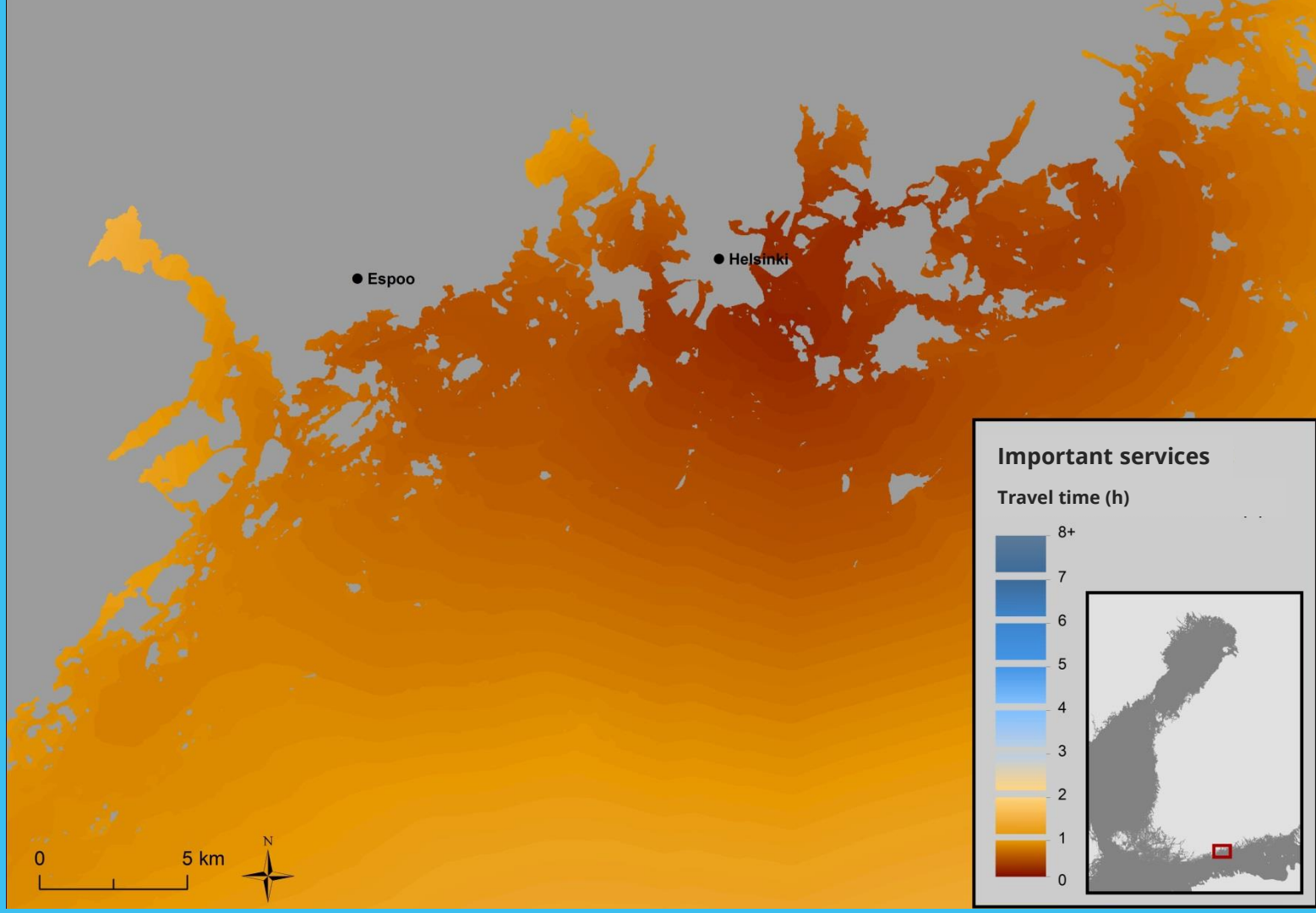


## Other services

Travel time (h)







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● Helsinki

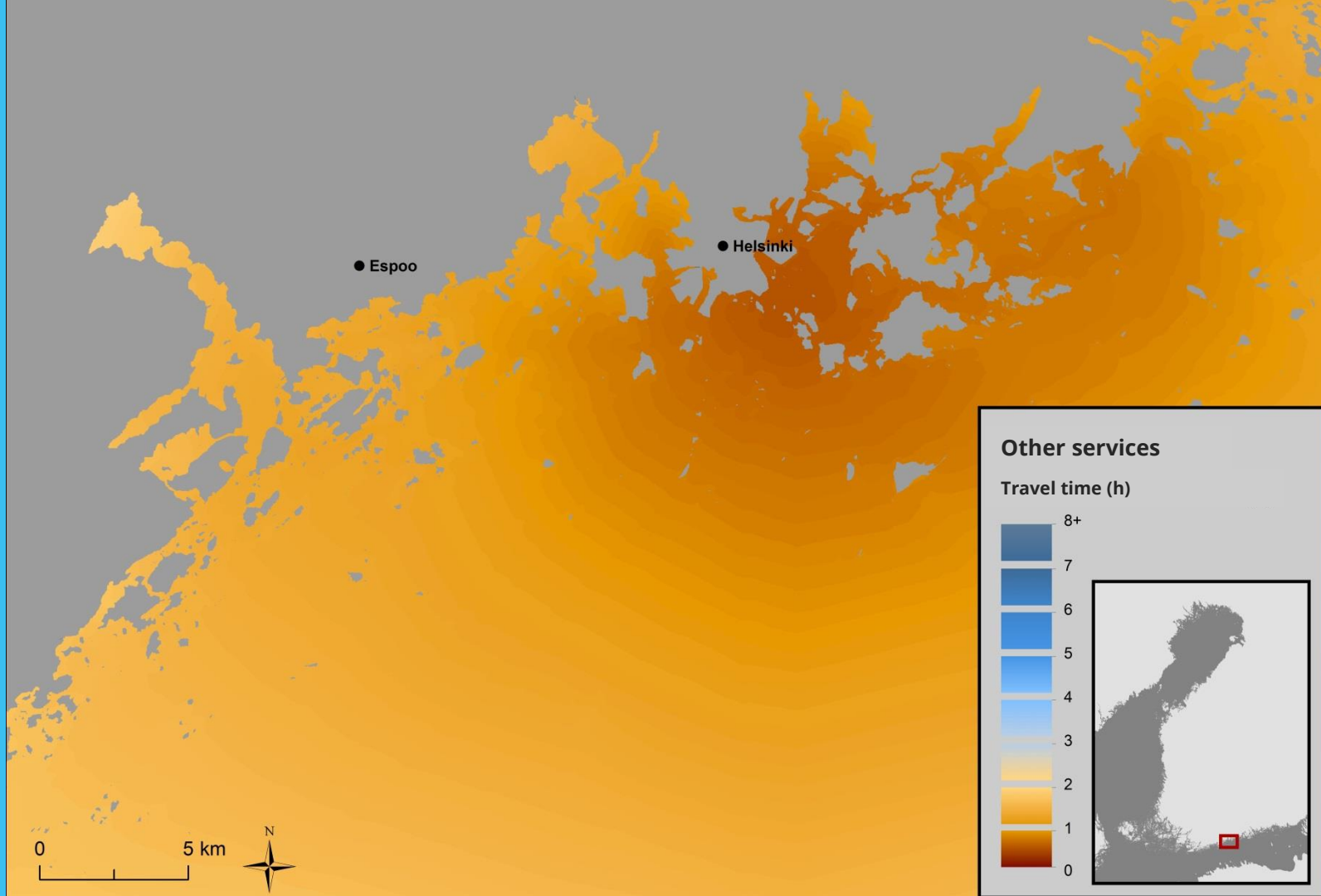
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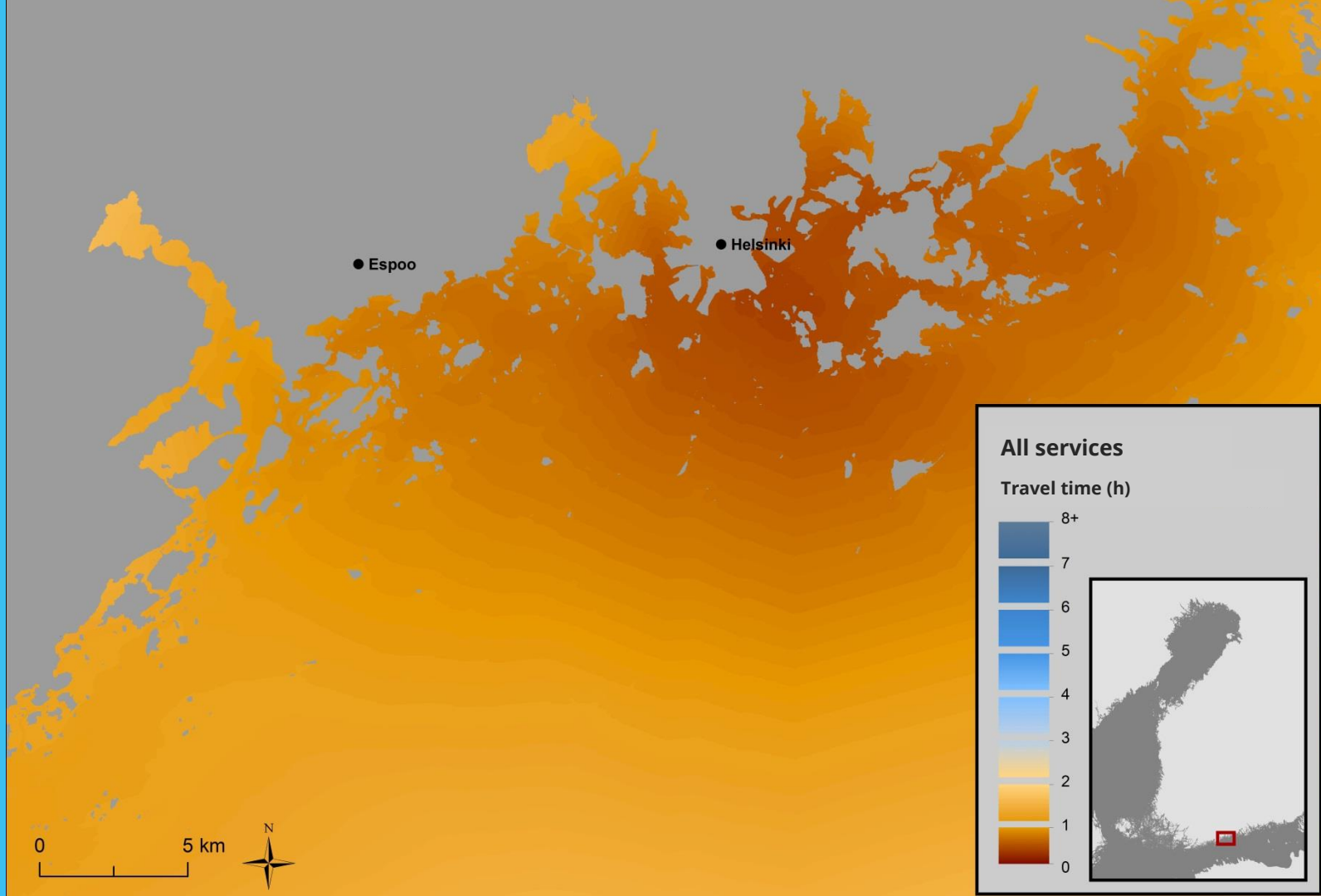
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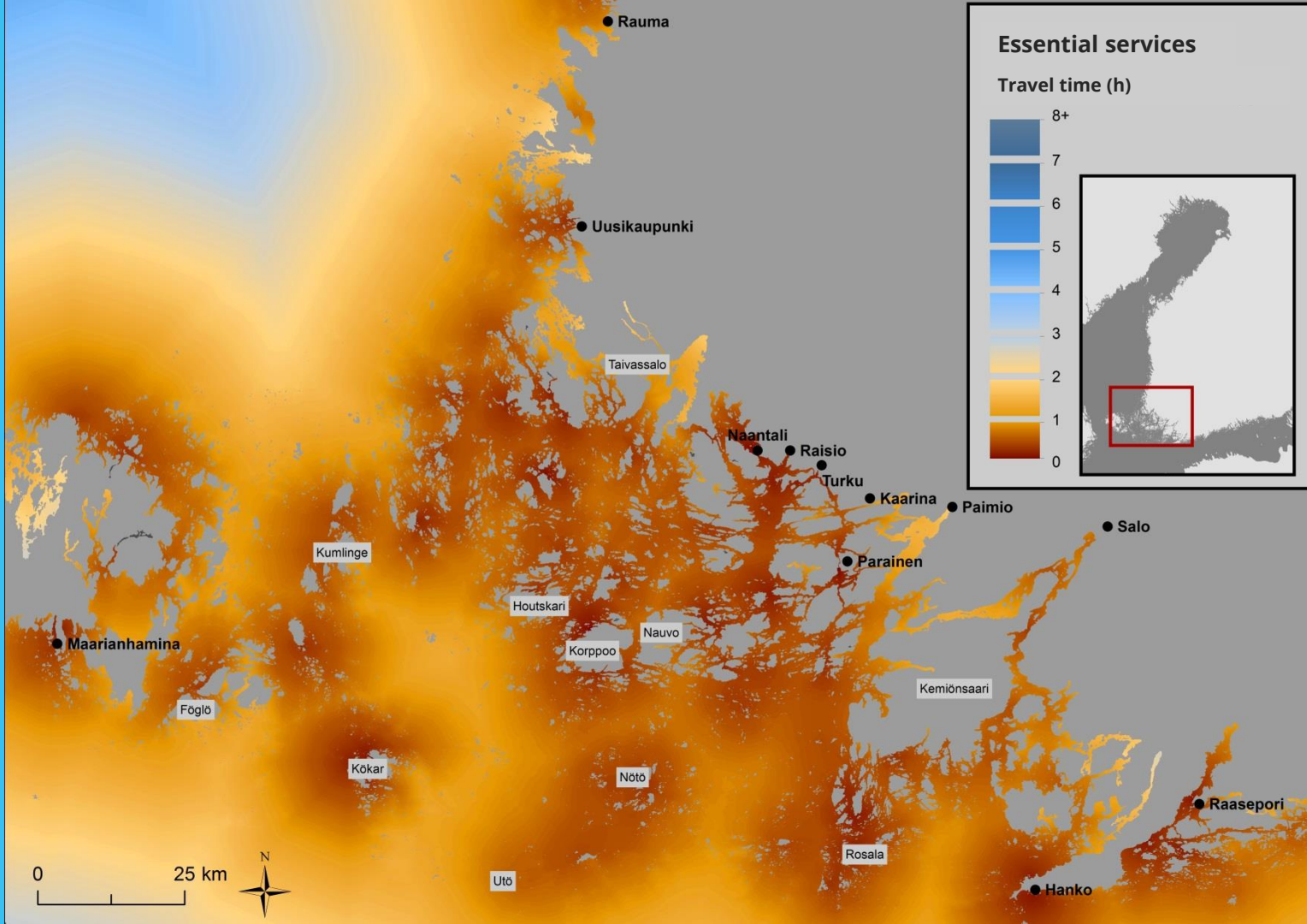


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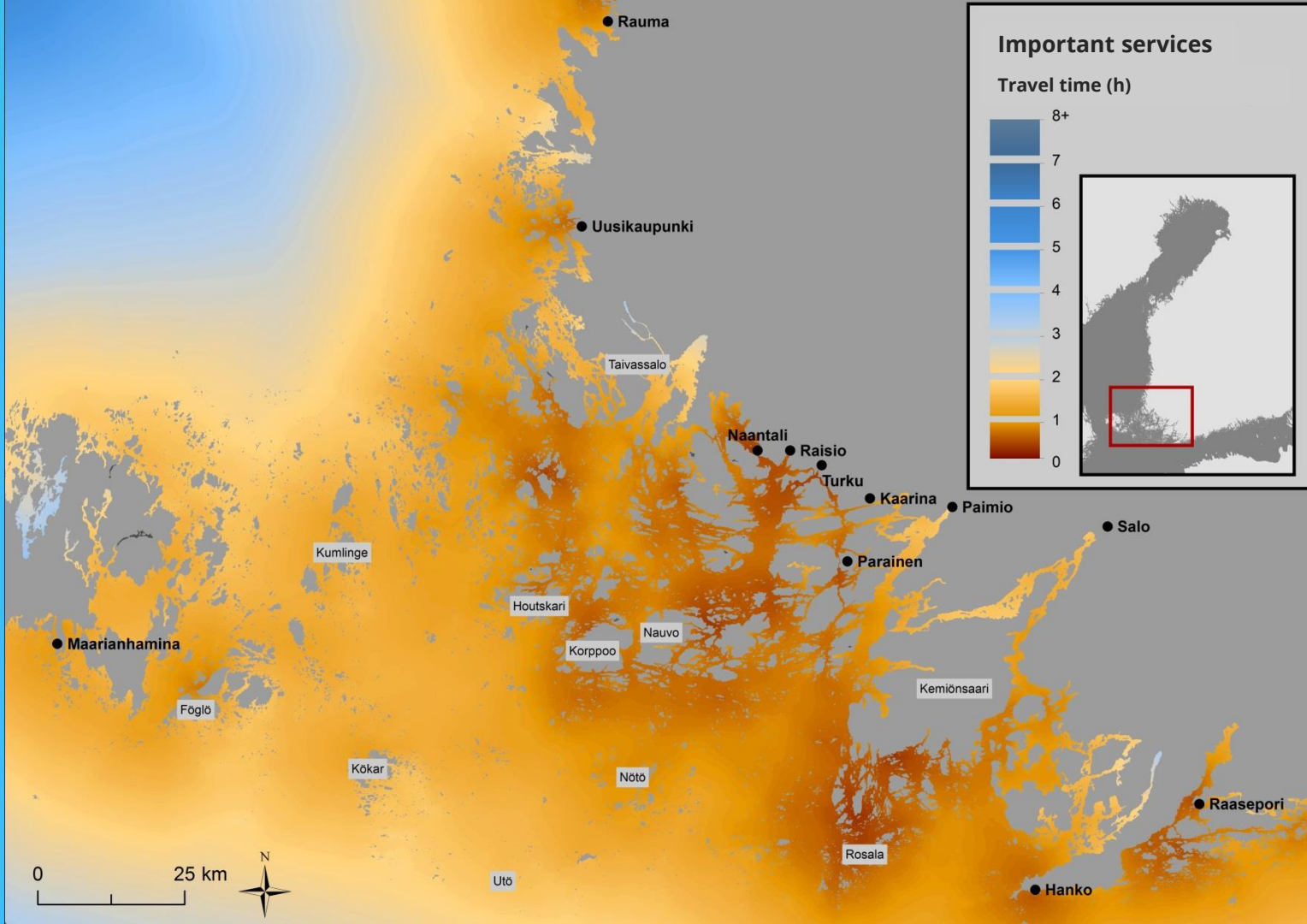


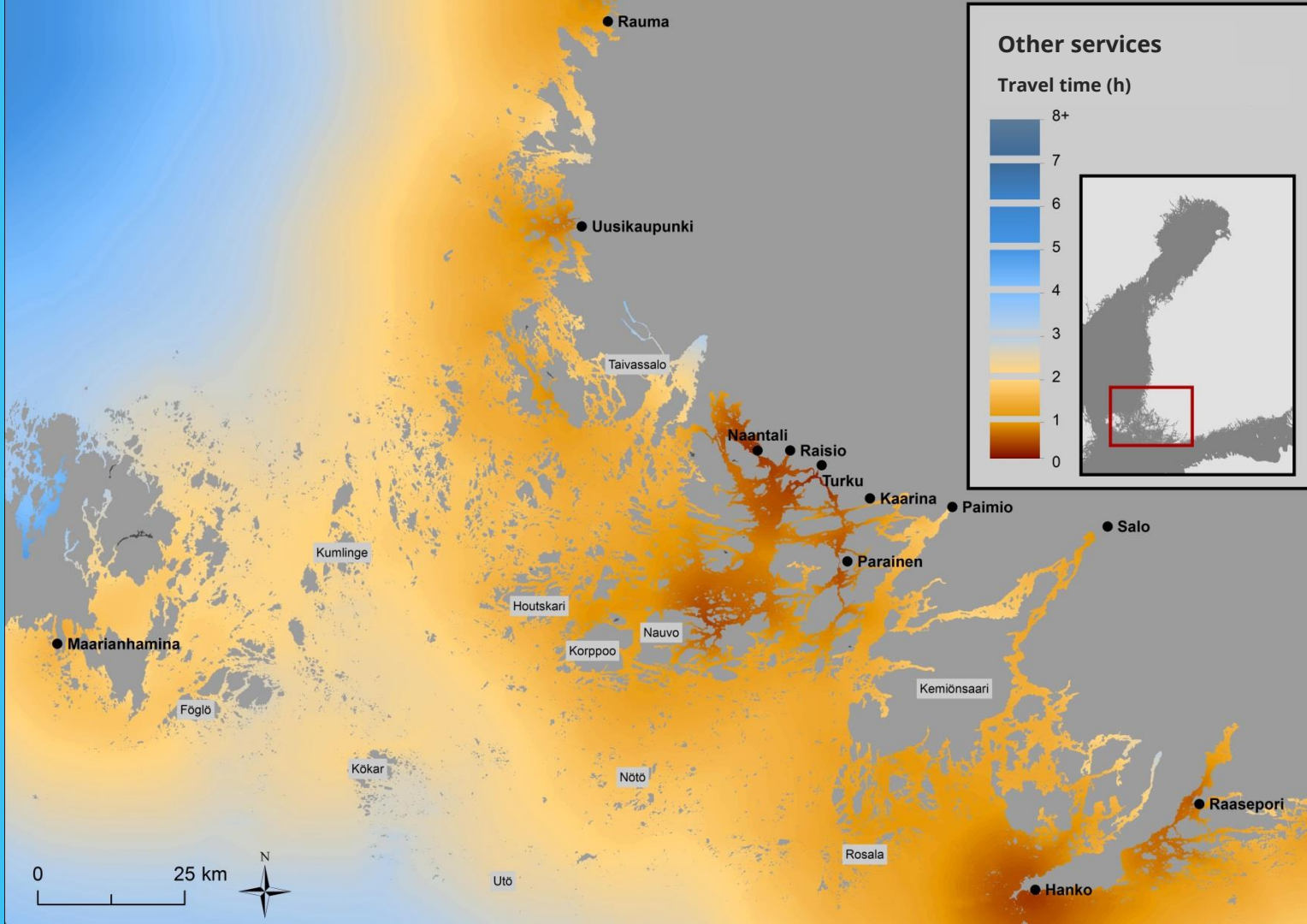


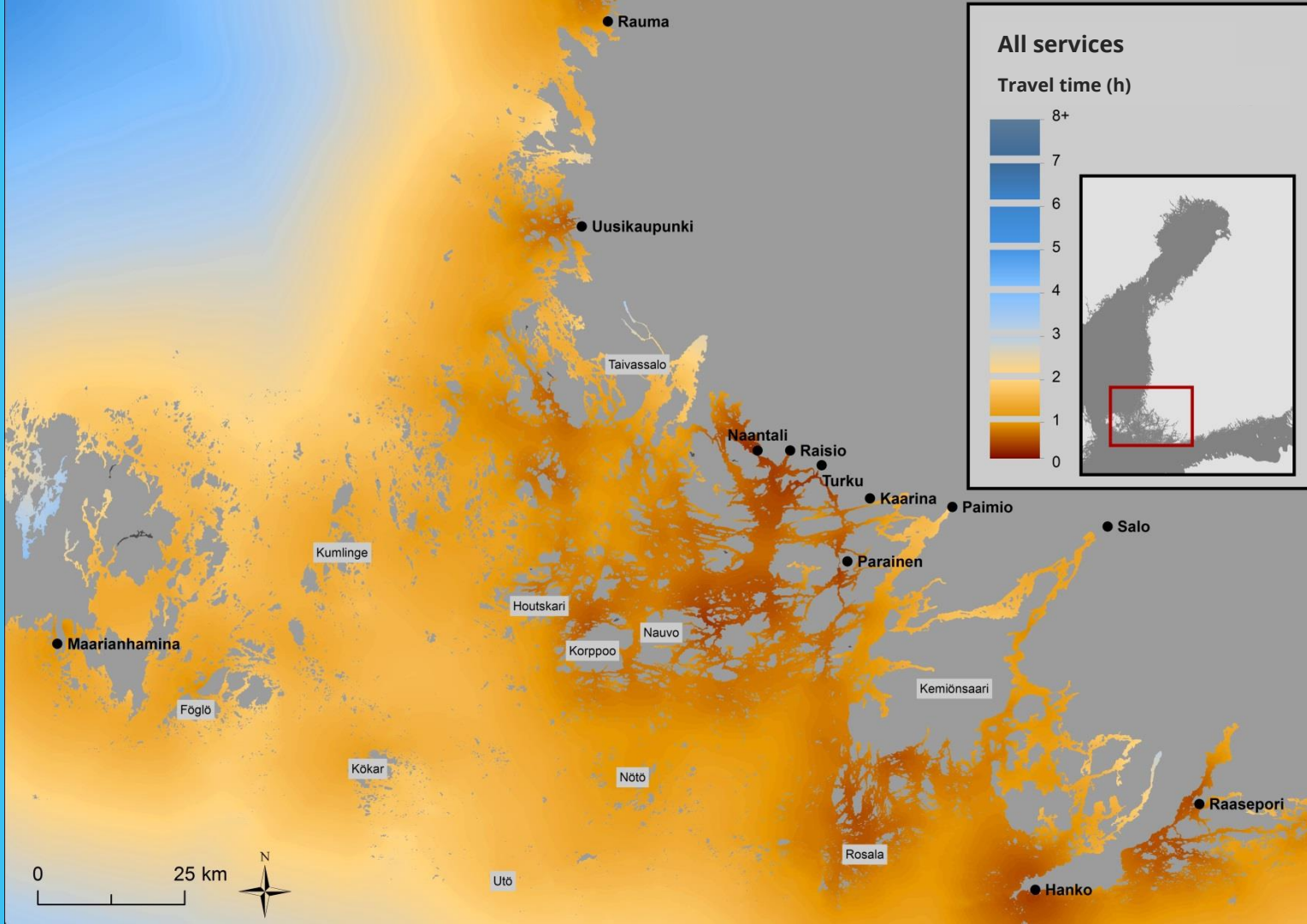














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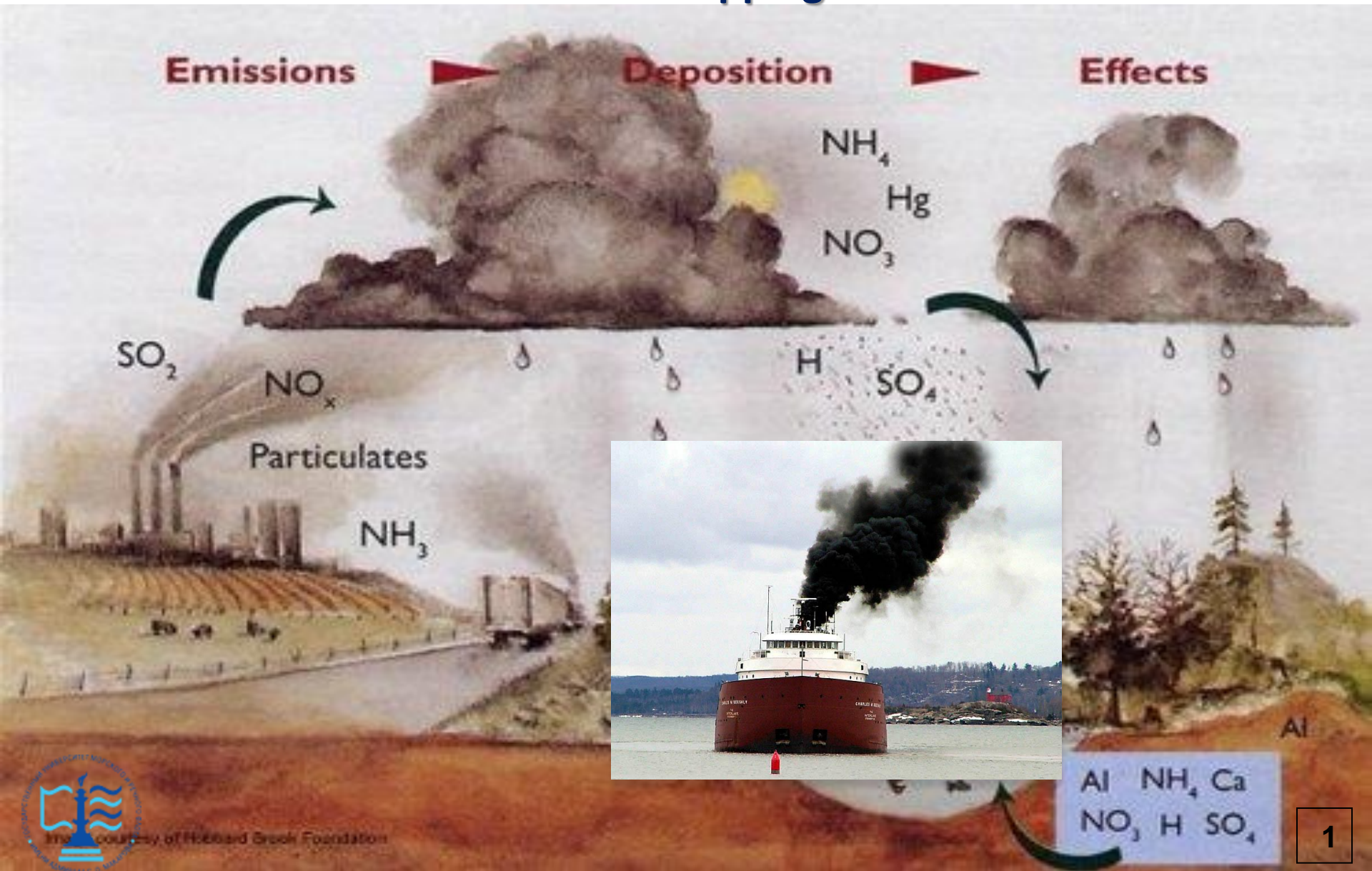
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# The model for calculating the concentration of harmful impurities in the area of shipping traffic



$$C_i = \frac{Q_i}{\sqrt{2\pi} \times 2\sigma_z u f(\theta)} \left[ \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{Z-H}{\sigma_z}\right)^2\right\} + \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{Z+H}{\sigma_z}\right)^2\right\} \right] \times$$

$$\times \left\{ \operatorname{erf}\left[\frac{\sin\theta\left(\frac{L}{2}-Y\right) - X\cos\theta}{\sqrt{2} \times \sigma_y}\right] + \operatorname{erf}\left[\frac{\sin\theta\left(\frac{L}{2}+Y\right) + X\cos\theta}{\sqrt{2} \times \sigma_y}\right] \right\}$$

$Q_i = N \sum \frac{N_i}{N} q_i$  - the emission power of the i-th harmful substance mg / m.

**N** - is the number of vessels;

**N<sub>i</sub>** - number of vessels of individual projects;

**q<sub>i</sub>** - specific emission of harmful substances vessel mg / m;

**V** - wind speed, m / sec;

**θ** - angle between the direction of the wind and the channel;

**H** - height of the exhaust pipe, m;

**L** - length of the channel, m;

**x; y; z** - independent coordinates across the fairway, along the fairway and in the vertical direction, respectively;

$\sigma_z = \left[ a + b \frac{X}{f(\theta)} \right]^c$  - standard deviation in z direction;  $\sigma_y = \frac{X}{d + lf(\theta)}$  - standard deviation in y direction

**erf** - probability interval.





# The method of investigation of harmful substances from diesel ships standing in ports of the MGO Voeikov

$$C_i = \frac{A_{mn} MF_\eta}{H^2} \sqrt[3]{\frac{N}{V_i \Delta T}}$$

where:

**A** - coefficient of temperature stratification of the atmosphere under unfavorable meteorological conditions;

**M** - total pollutant emission, g / s;

**H** - height of exhaust pipe, m;

**V<sub>i</sub>** - the volume of exhaust gases from each source (pipe), m<sup>3</sup> / s;

**T** - temperature difference between gases and atmosphere air, °C;

**m** and **n** are dimensionless coefficients, depending on the rate of gas escape from the exhaust pipe;

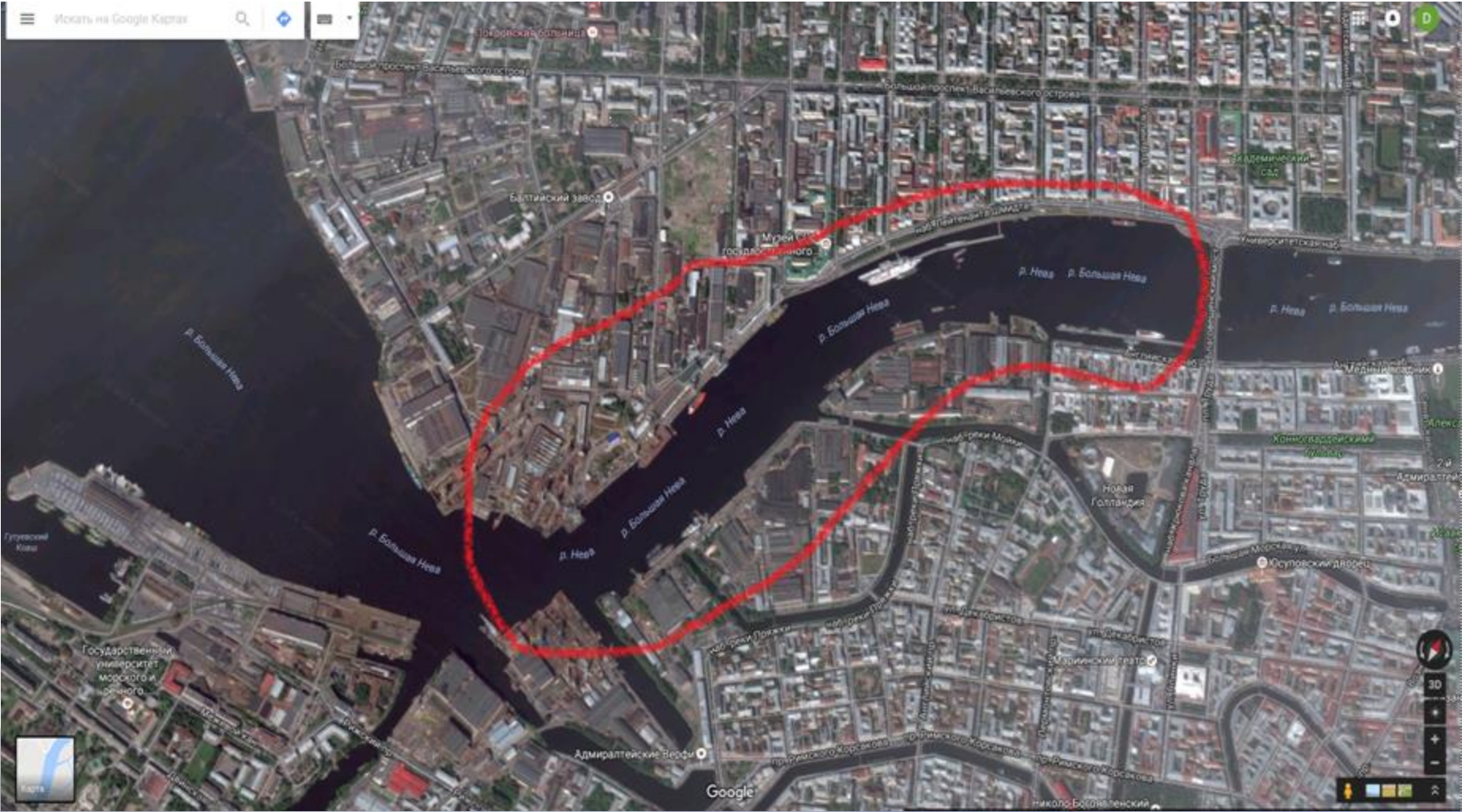
**F** - is a dimensionless coefficient that takes into account the deposition rate of solid particles;

**N** - number of exhaust pipe;

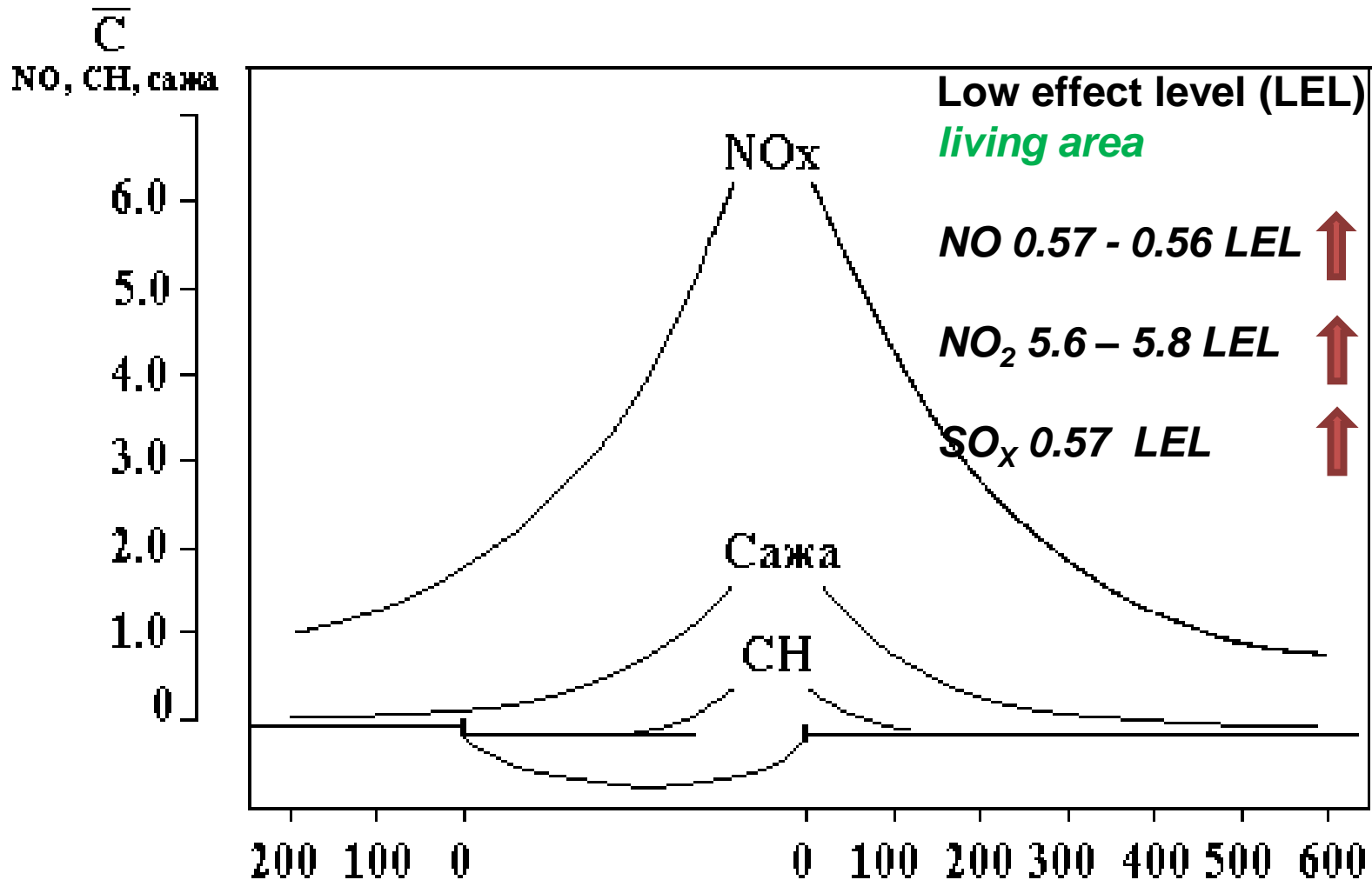
**n** - dimensionless coefficient that takes into account the influence of terrain.



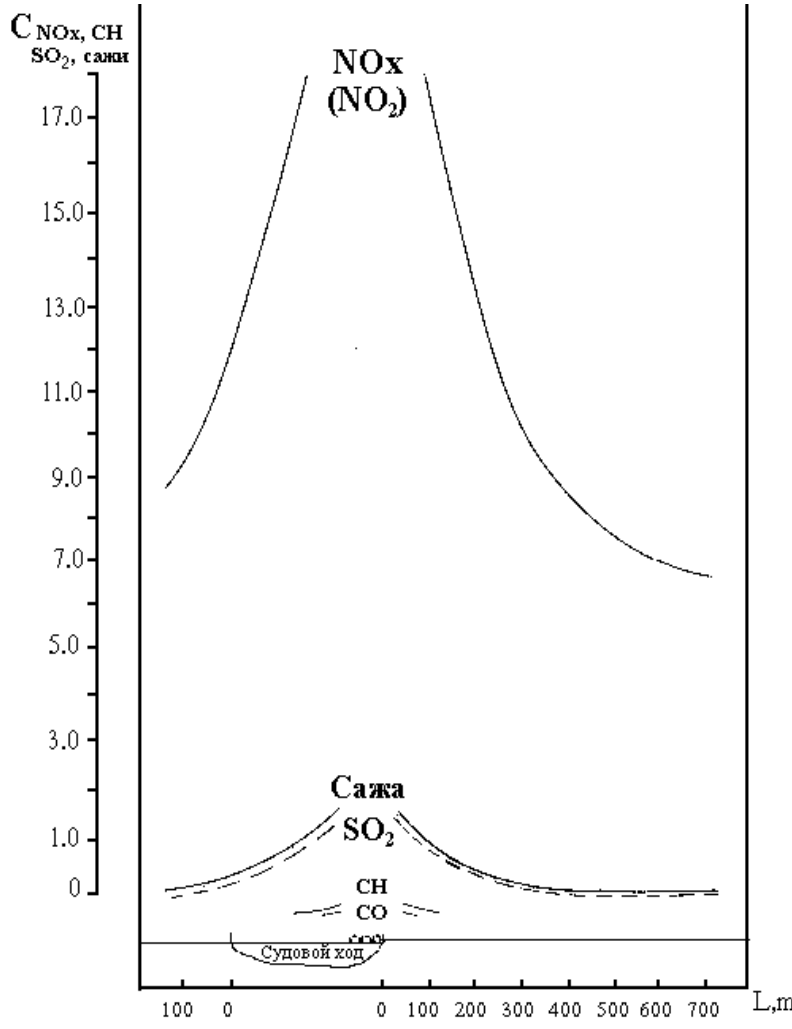
# Scheme for investigating area



# Changing concentrations of NO<sub>x</sub>, soot or CH in the atmosphere at the main engines stopped and the most adverse weather conditions



# Changes concentrations of NO<sub>x</sub>, CH, CO, SO<sub>2</sub> and soot in the atmosphere in the port area



Low effect level (LEL)

*work area*

**NO 0.01 - 0.03 LEL**



**NO<sub>2</sub> 0.05 - 0.06 LEL**

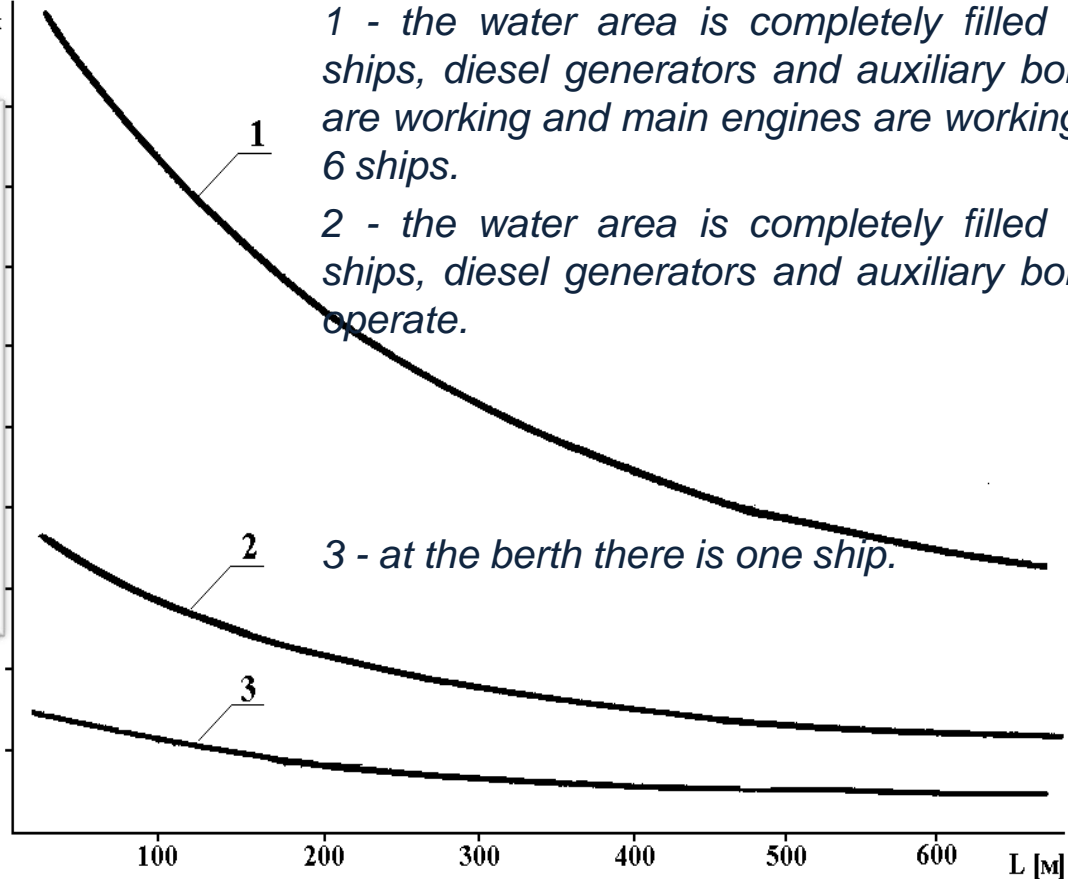
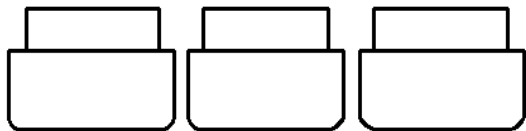


**SO<sub>x</sub> 0.17 LEL**

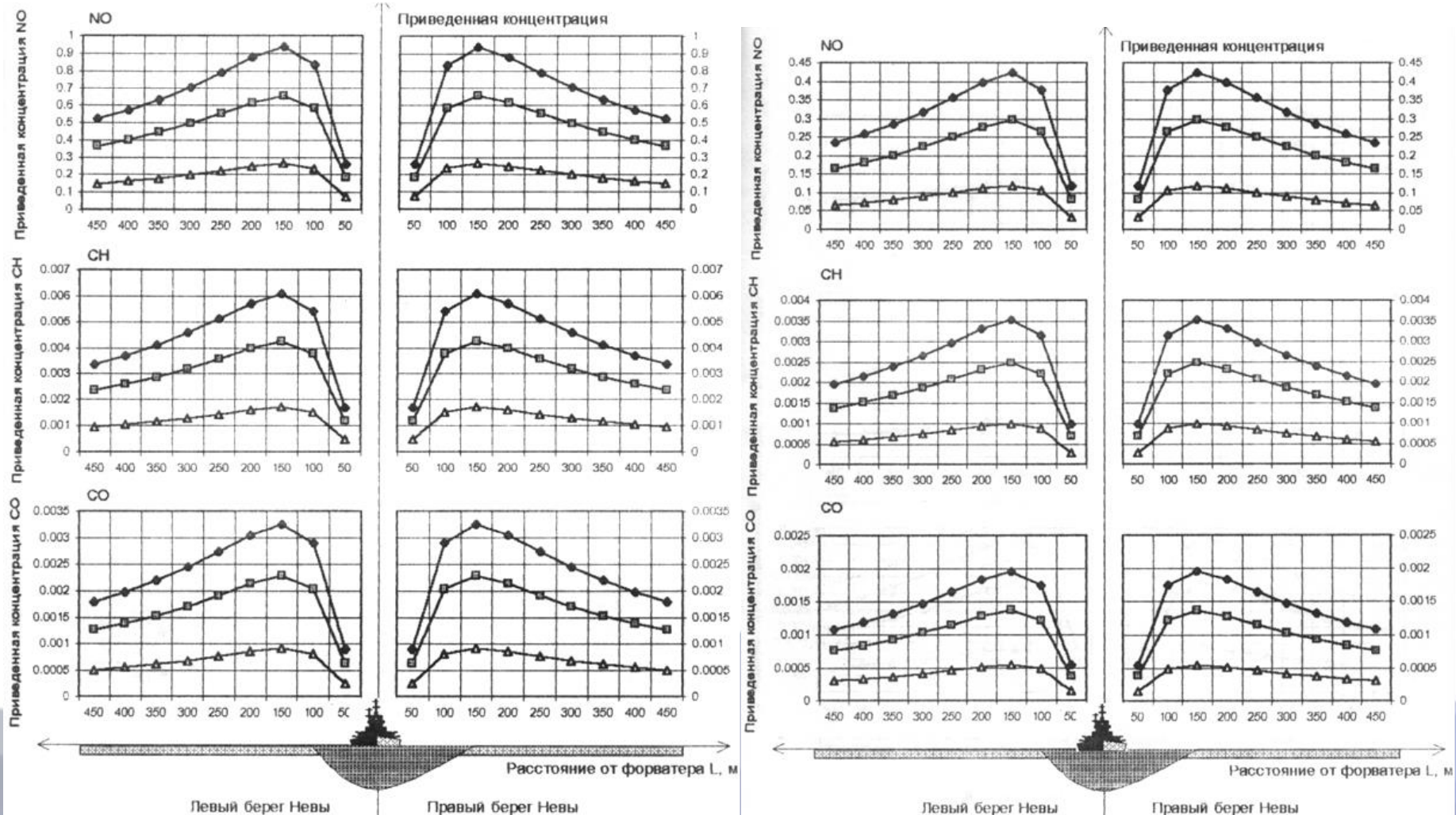


# Calculation of surface concentrations of NO<sub>x</sub> for various filling of the water area by ships

$C_{NO_x}$   
[ $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ]



# The change concentration of harmful substances in the atmosphere at different wind speeds



## CONCLUSION:

- 1. The materials show that by regulating the filling of the water area by ships, it is possible to provide the required quality of the atmosphere in the port area.***
- 2. Problems of improving the design of ship power plants, improving the environmental performance of engines, remain relevant for all types of vessels.***
- 3. Questions of objective environmental impact assessment of ship fairways and vessel traffic management are very important.***

*Thank you for attention !*





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## **Nitrogen dioxide over the Gulf of Finland**

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# View to St-Petersburg from the Gulf



5 November 2007

# **NO<sub>2</sub> — nitrogen dioxide**

Extremely hazardous substance in the US

Directives regulating ambient air quality – EU

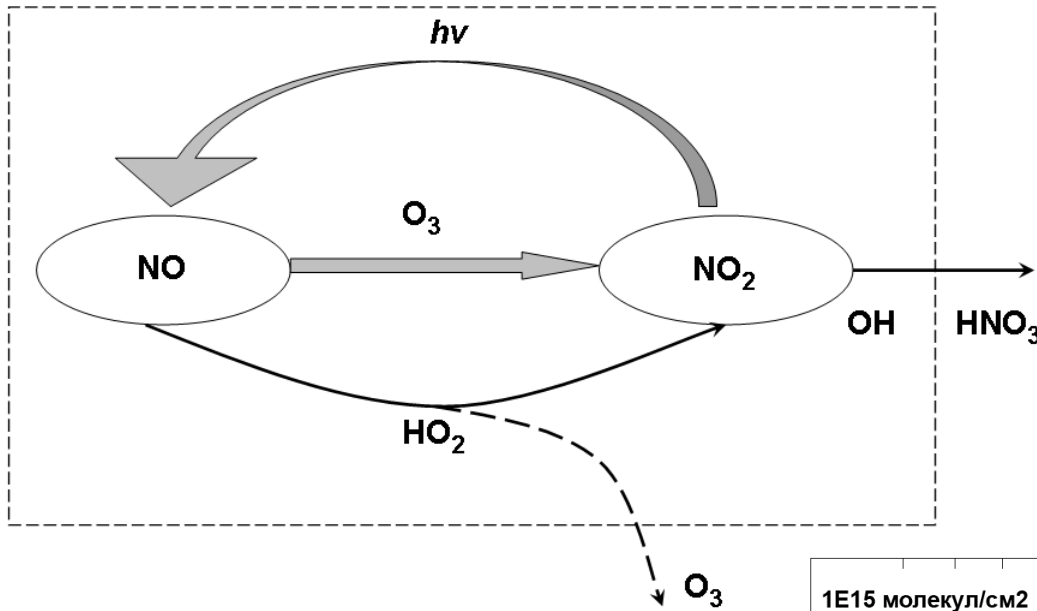
2<sup>nd</sup> class danger in Russia



|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Average concentration in atmosphere</b>      | <b>0.4–9.4 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in nature<br/>20–90 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in cities</b> |
| <b>The threshold limit value(daily average)</b> | <b>40 µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>   |



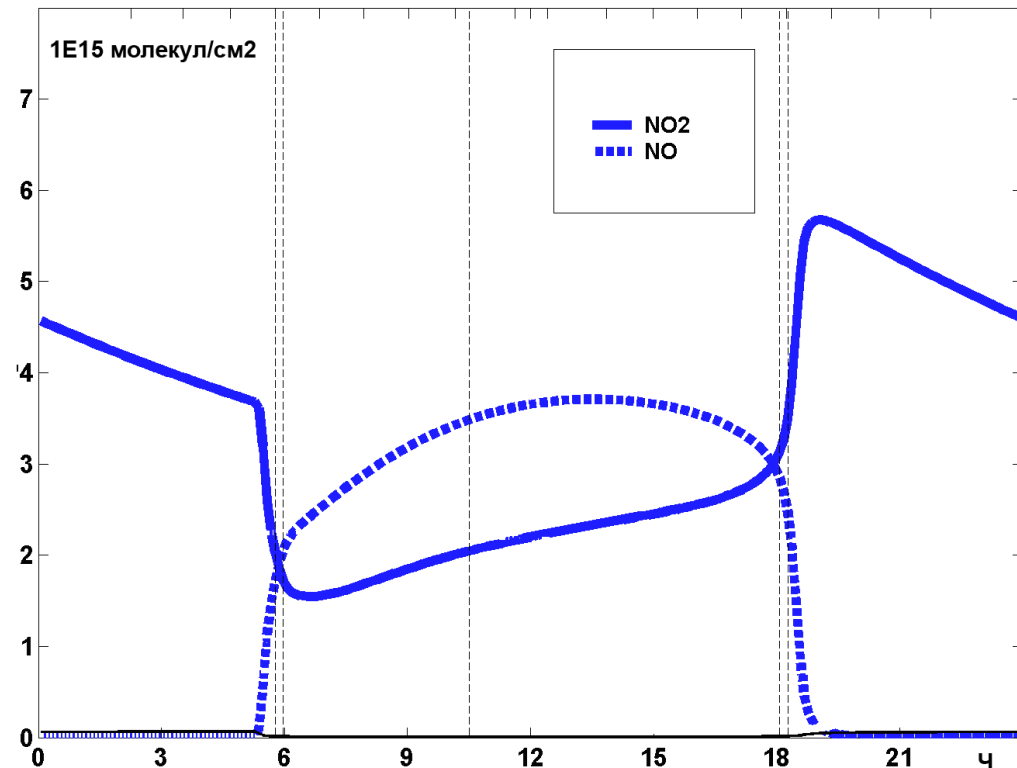
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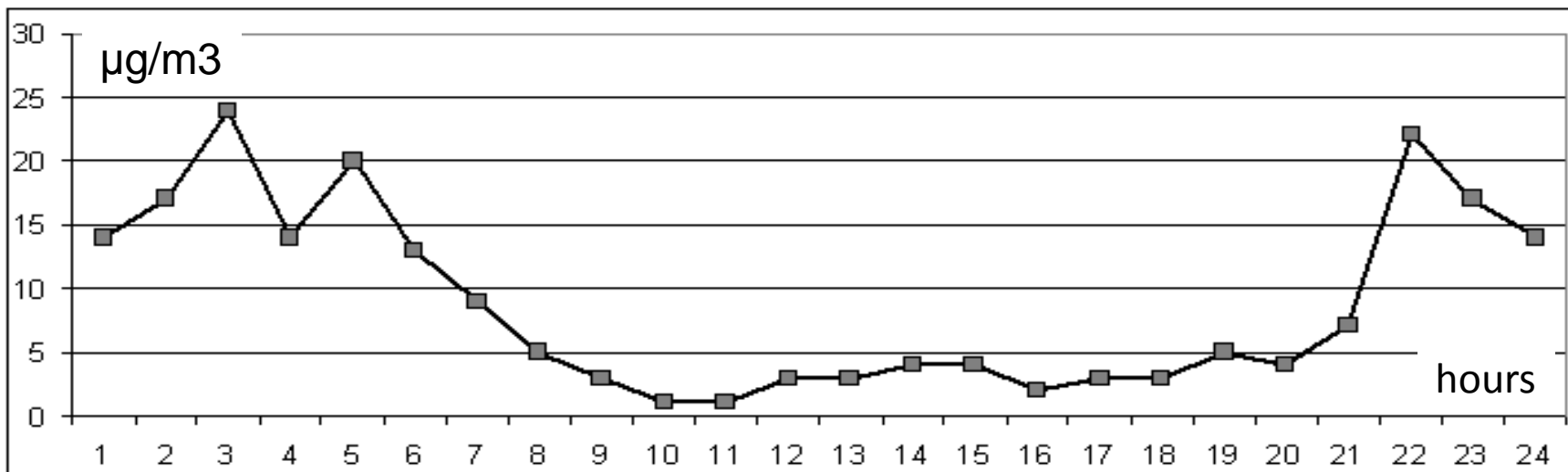


Transformation cycle of NO<sub>x</sub> in atmosphere

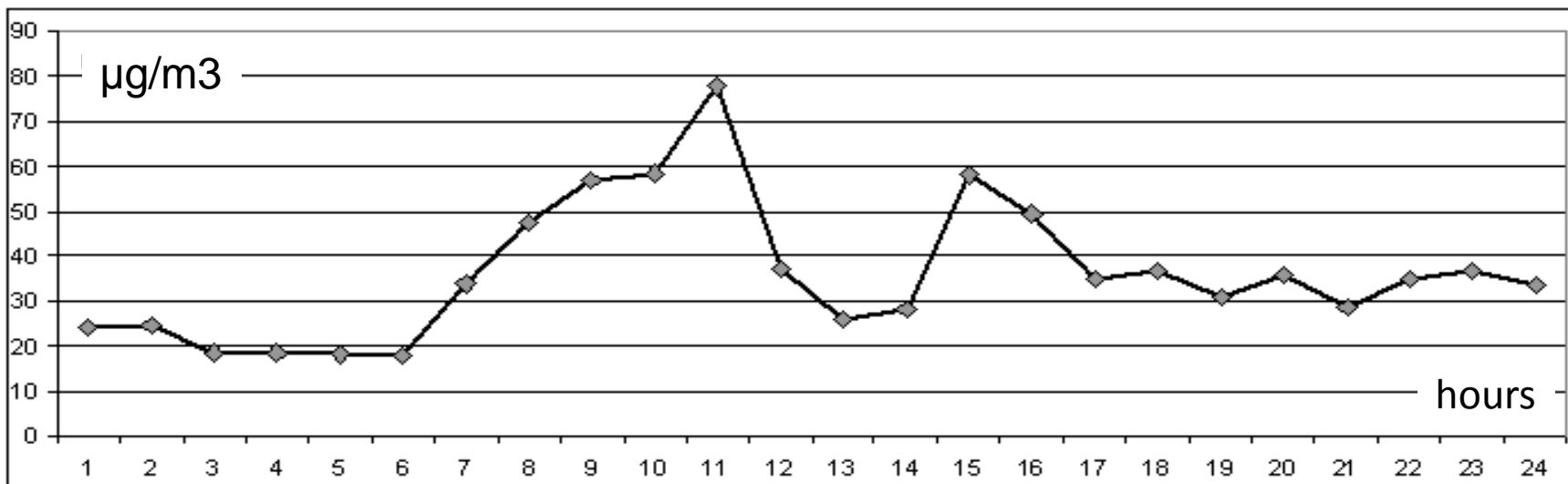
Model of NO<sub>x</sub> concentration in transformation cycle of NO<sub>x</sub> in temperate latitudes atmosphere

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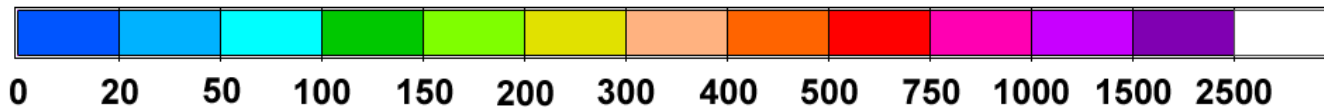
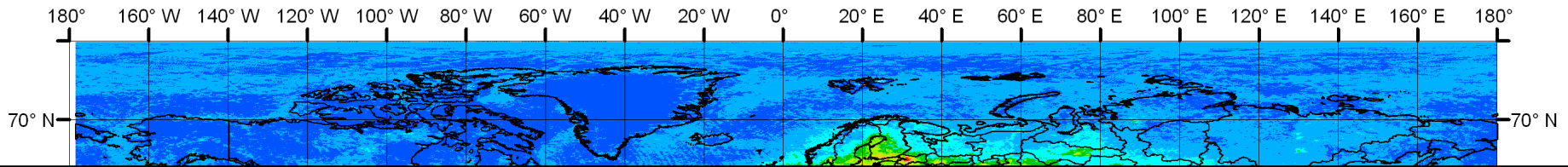


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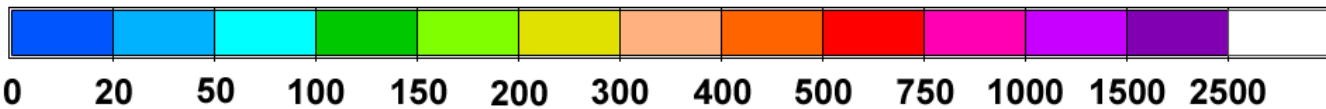
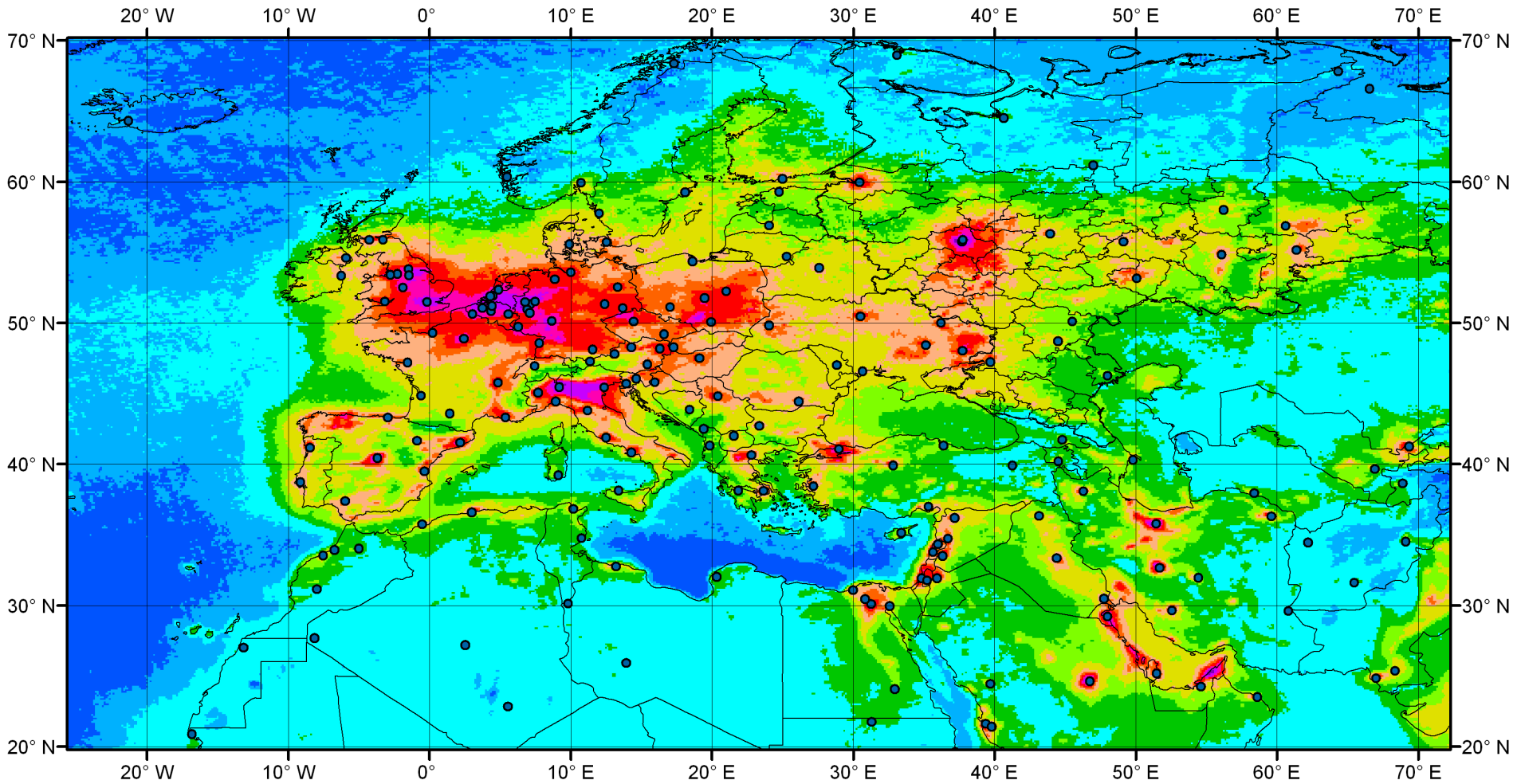
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## Year average gas content in 2007



$10^{13}$  molecules/cm<sup>2</sup>

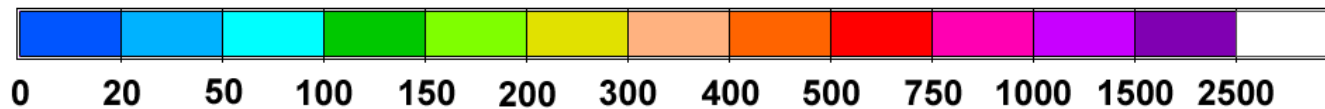
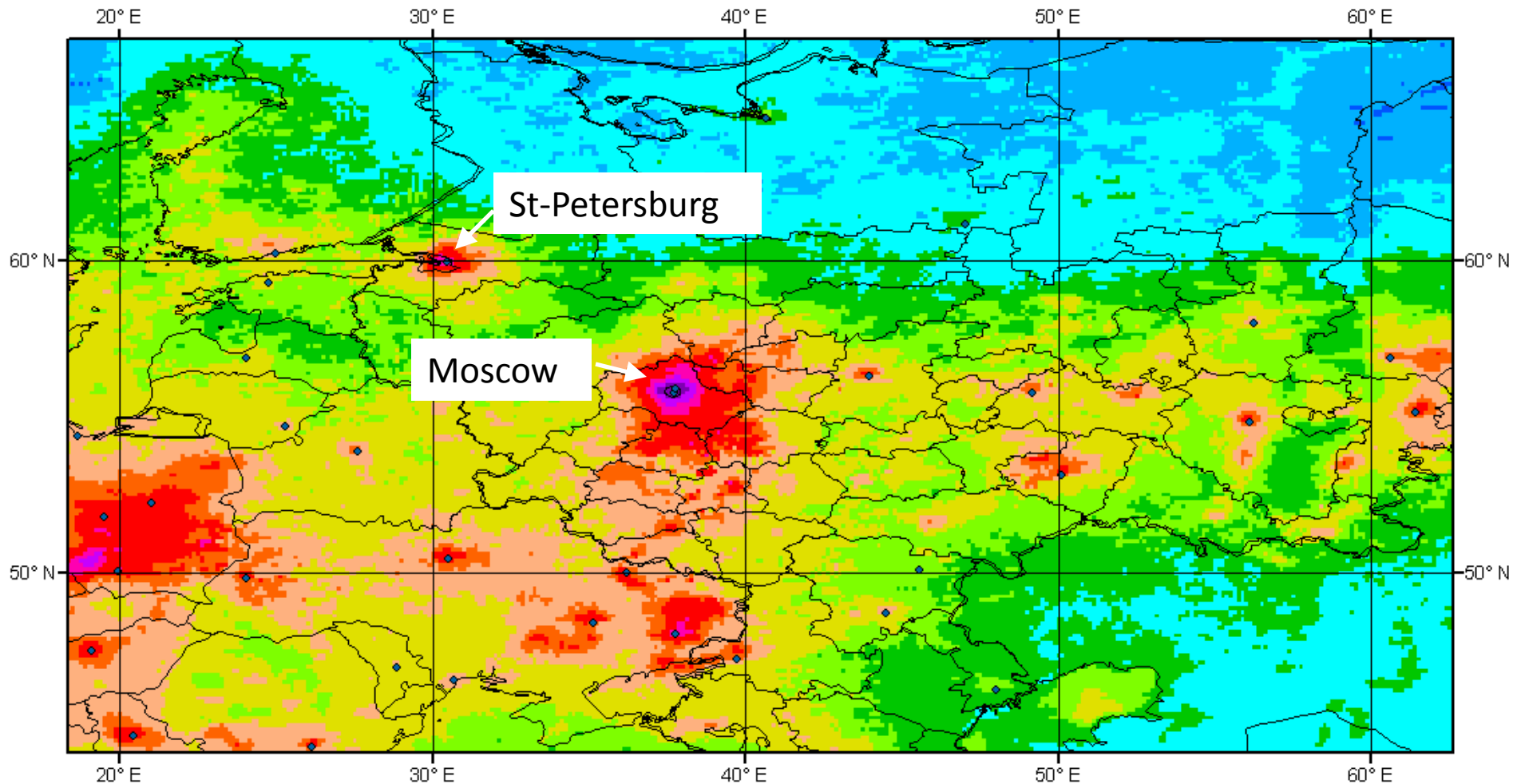
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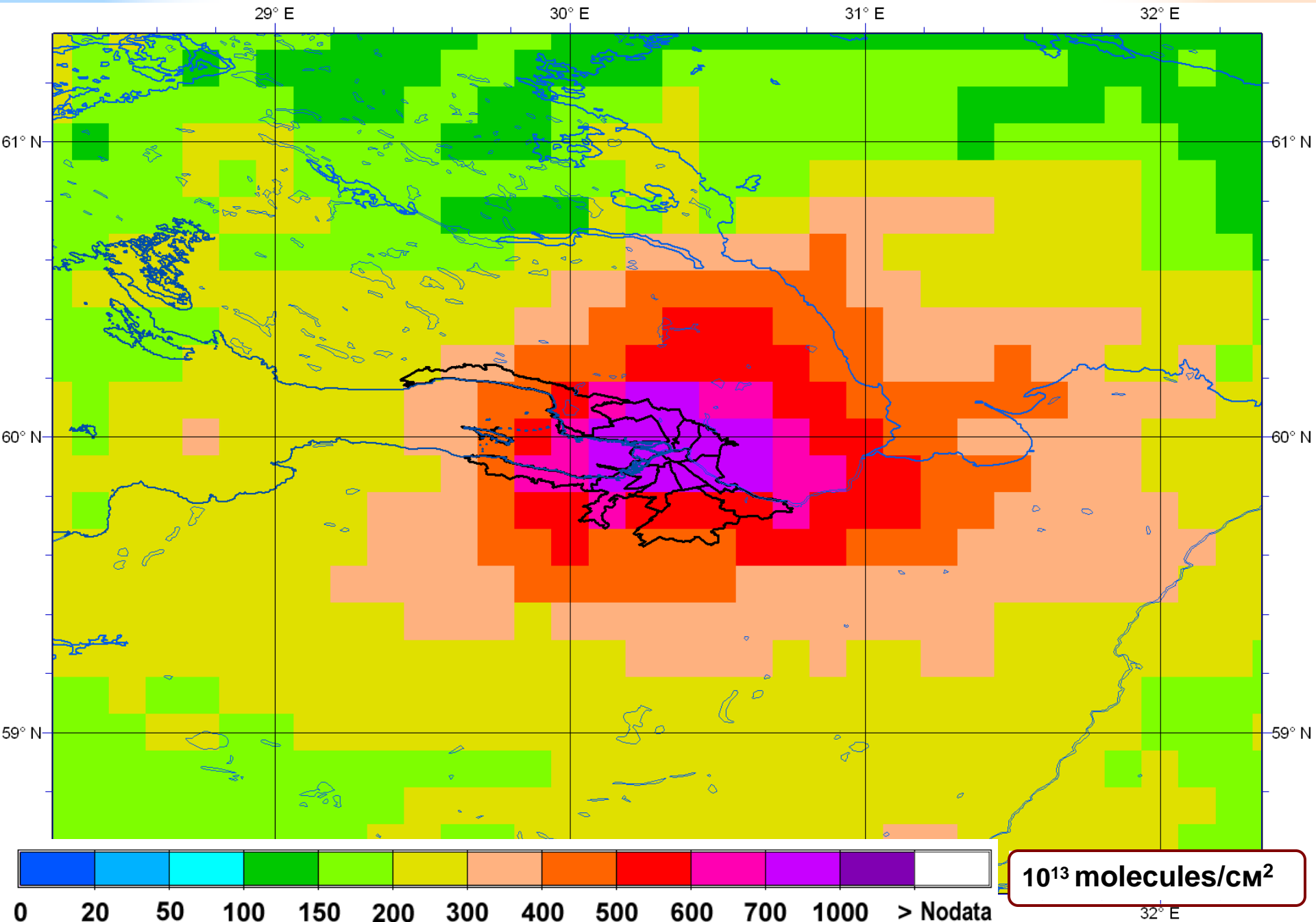
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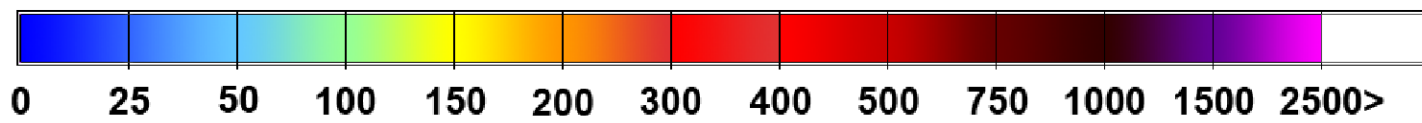
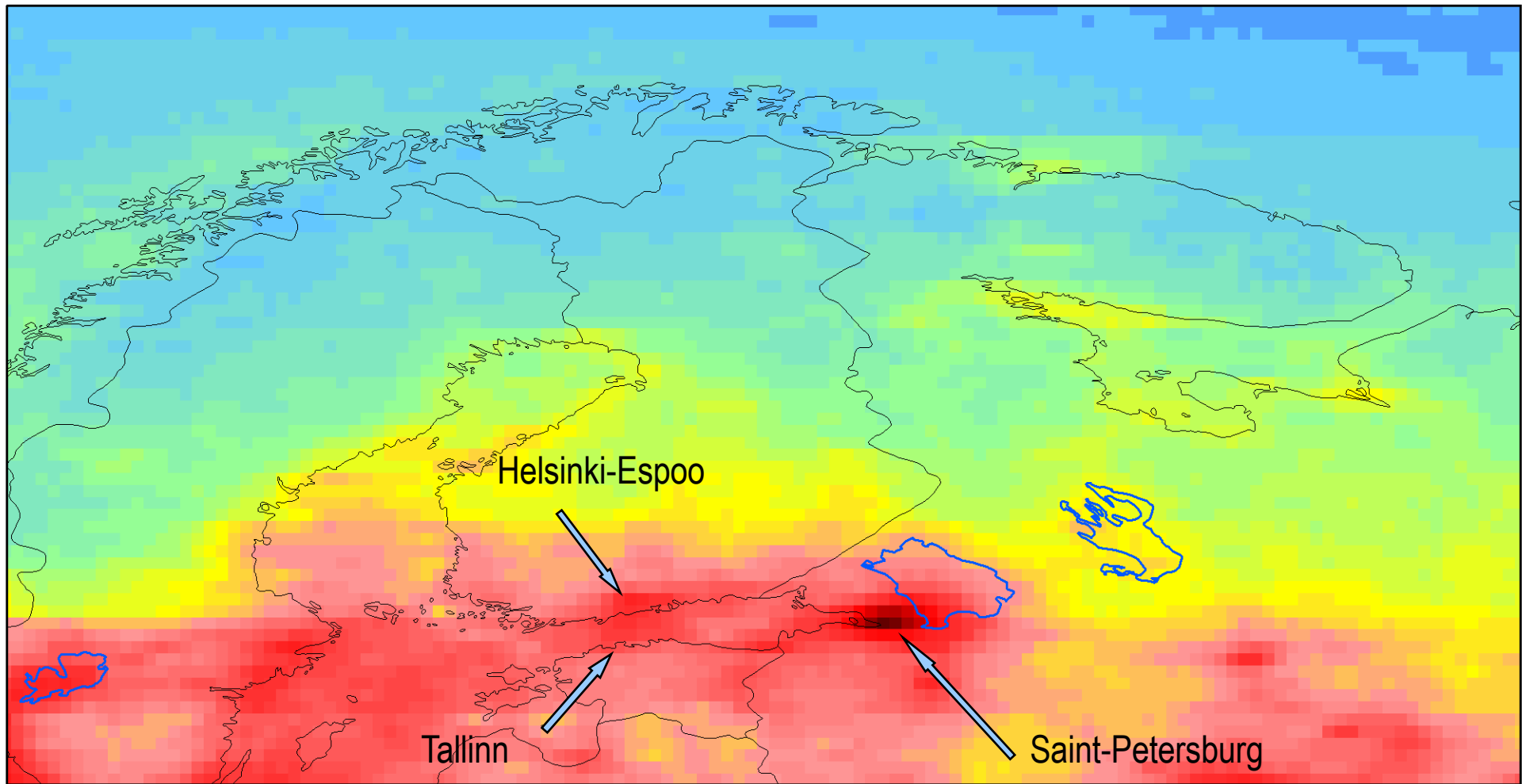
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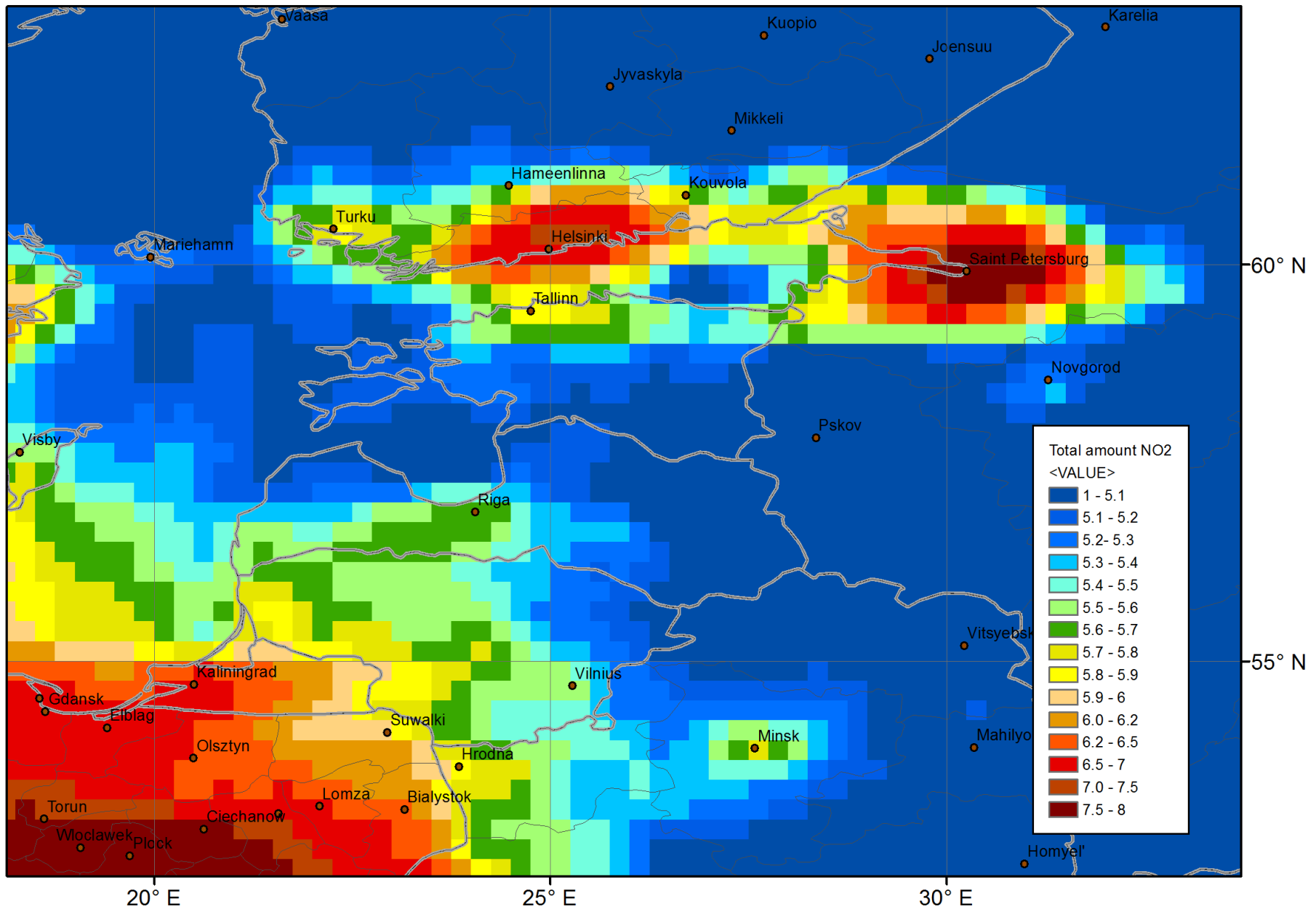
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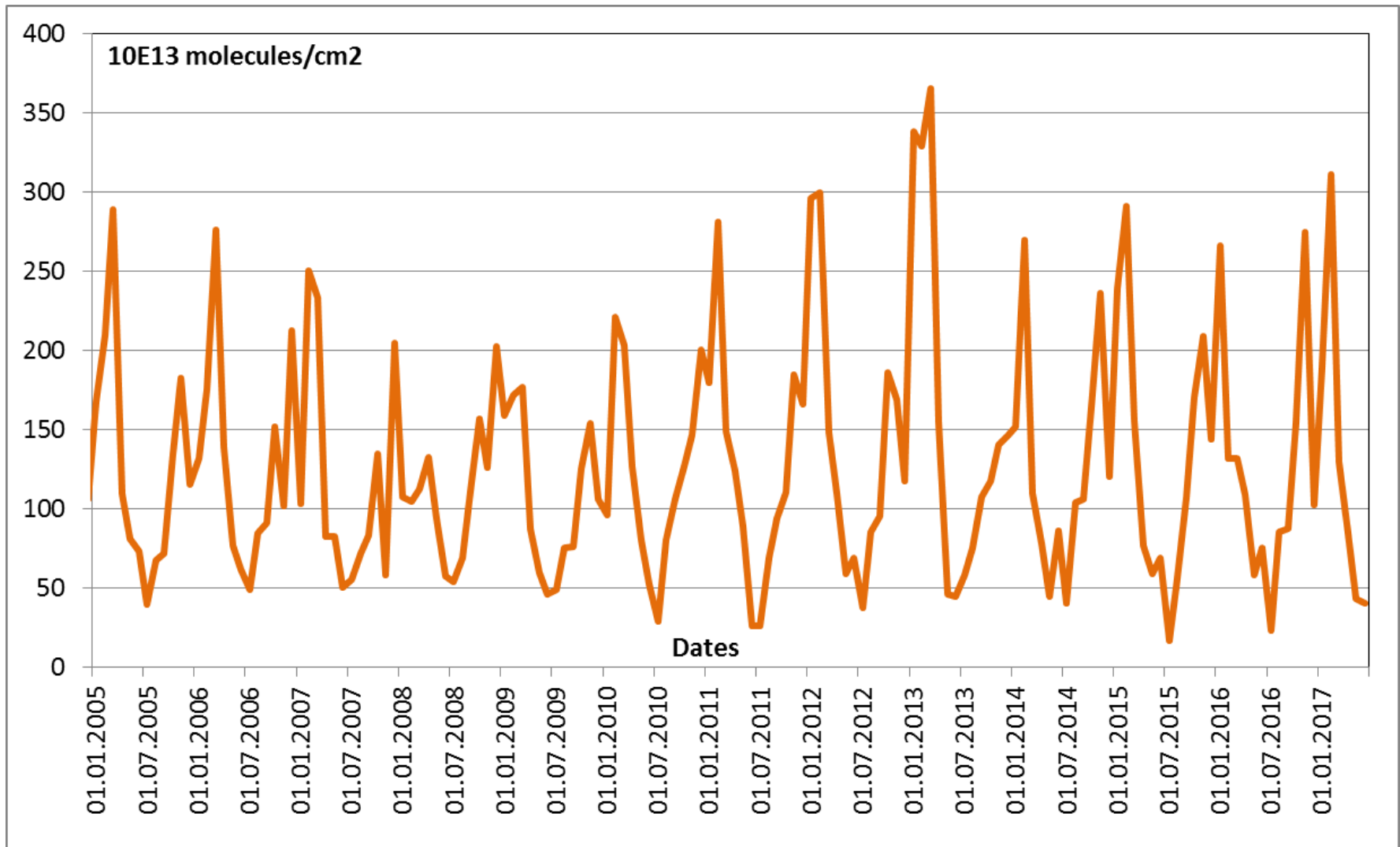
# Mean nitrogen dioxide concentrations 2004-2014

## The Gulf of Finland



# Monthly mean nitrogen dioxide concentrations 2005-2017

## The Gulf of Finland



# NO<sub>2</sub> observation problem in our latitudes

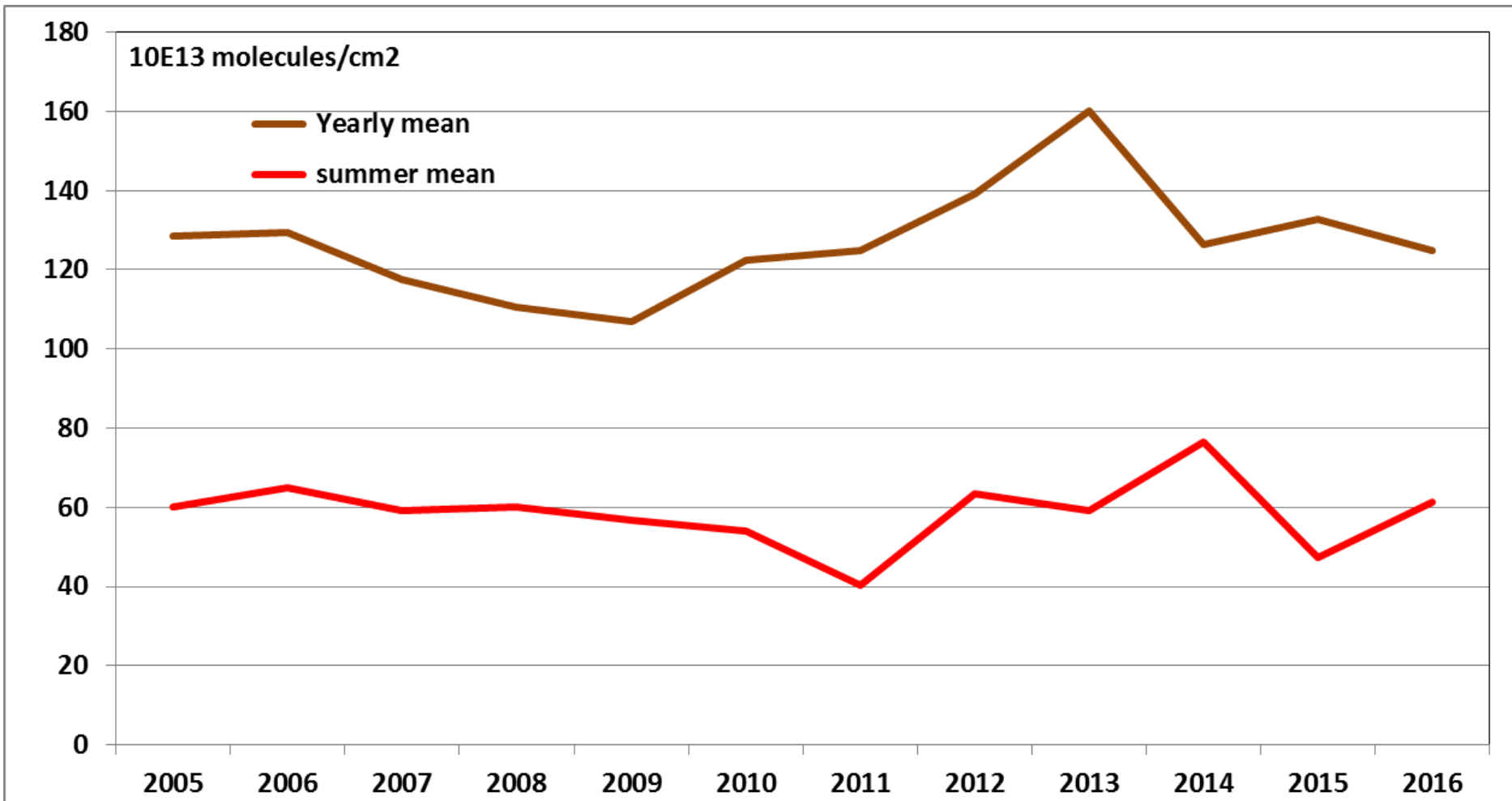
## Winter

- **High gas concentration**
- The lack of sunlight
- Continuous clouds
- **Low data reliability**

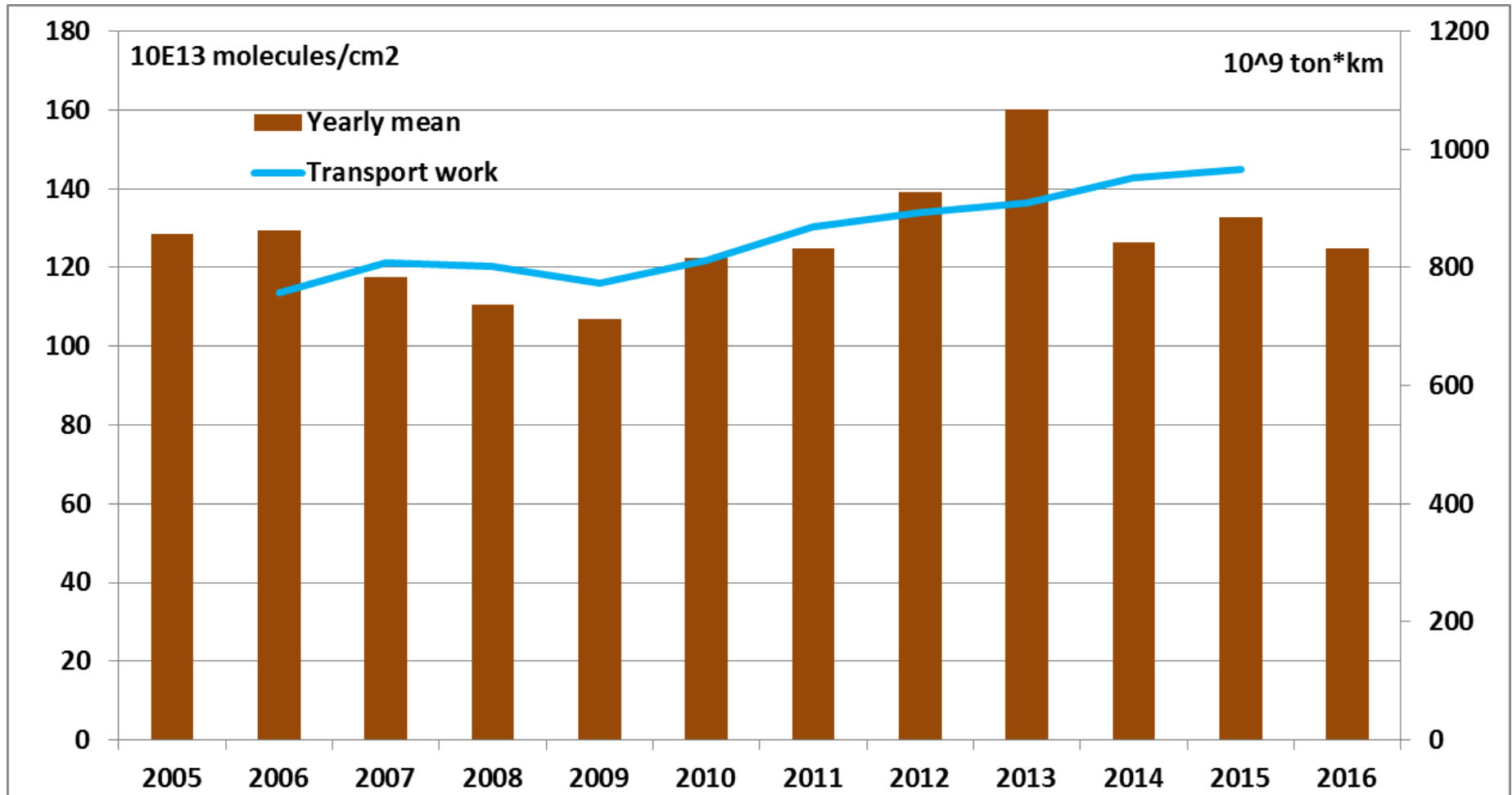
## Summer

- **Low gas concentration**
- White nights
- Usual clouds
- **High data reliability**

# Yearly and summer mean nitrogen dioxide concentrations The Gulf of Finland

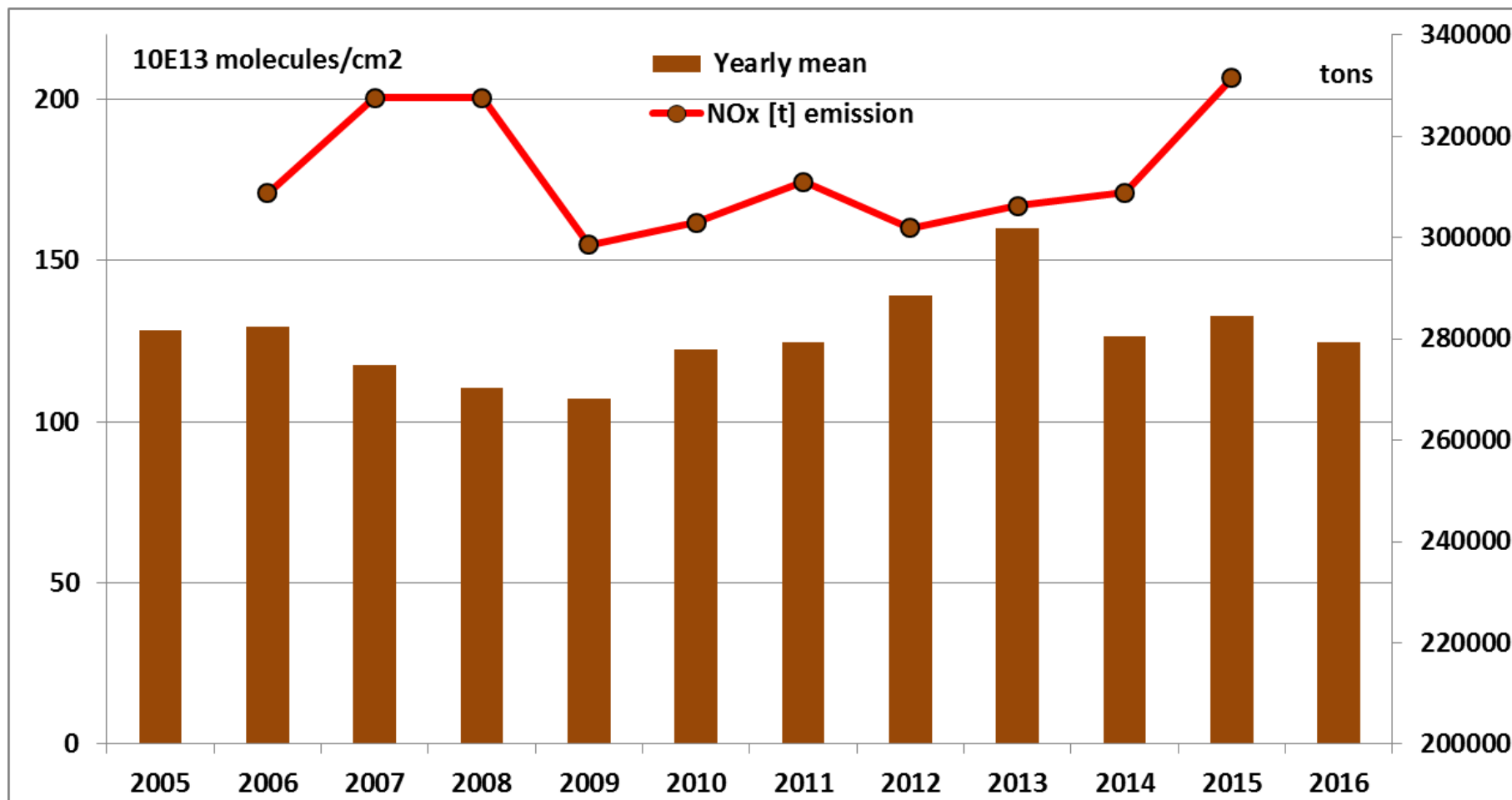


# Yearly mean nitrogen dioxide concentrations and transport work The Gulf of Finland

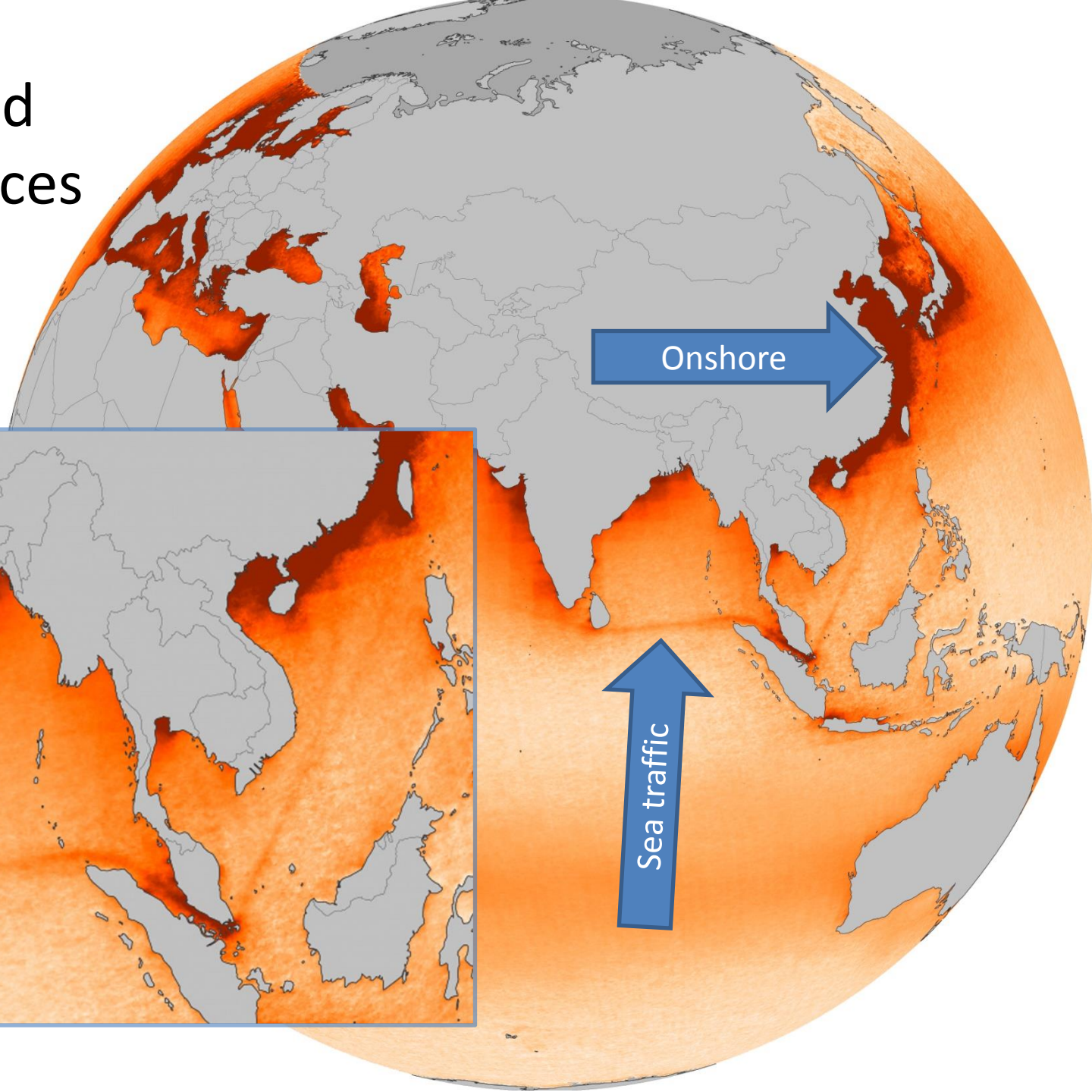




# Yearly mean nitrogen dioxide concentrations and NOx emission from all vessels. The Gulf of Finland

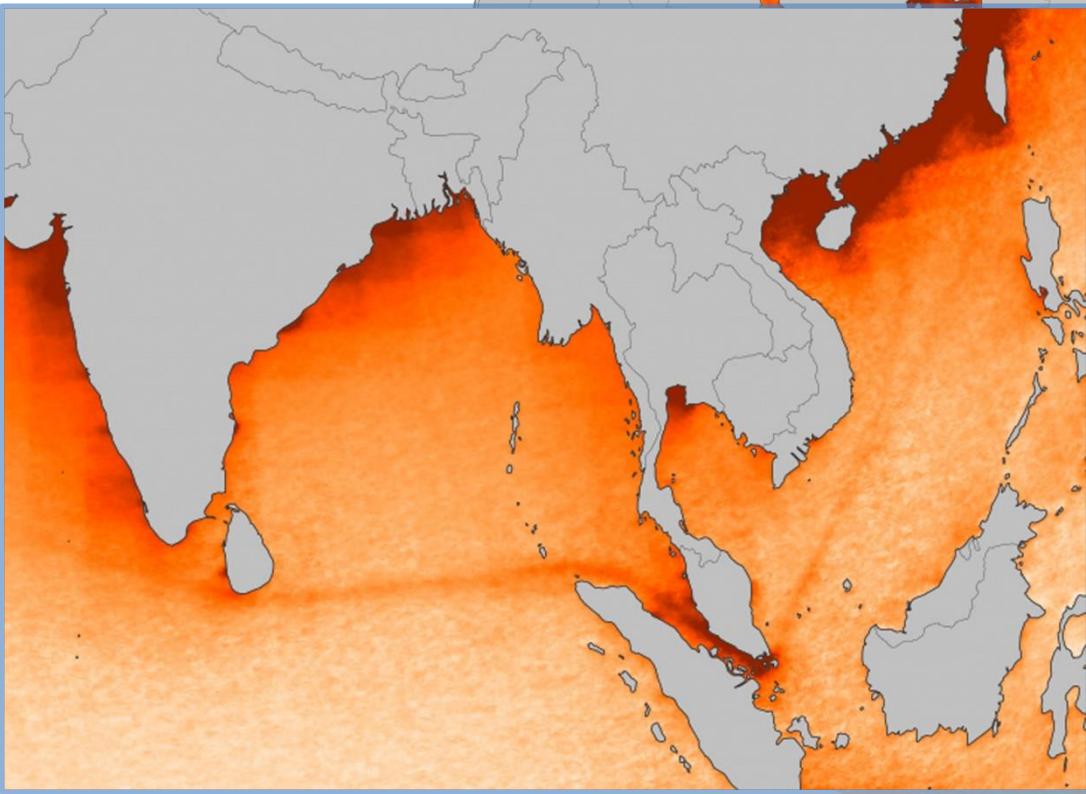


# Onshore and offshore sources



Onshore

Sea traffic



# Conclusions

- nitrogen dioxide concentrations over the Gulf of Finland keep stable last decade
- comparison with volumes of transport work and estimated NO<sub>x</sub> emission by HELCOM Baltic Sea Environment Fact Sheets do not indicates evident correlations
- Highest gas concentrations related with cities: St-Petersburg, Helsinki and Tallinn

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# The increase of carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere has led to global warming in recent decades

To mitigate the negative effects of GW we should reduce the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere by lowering anthropogenic emissions.

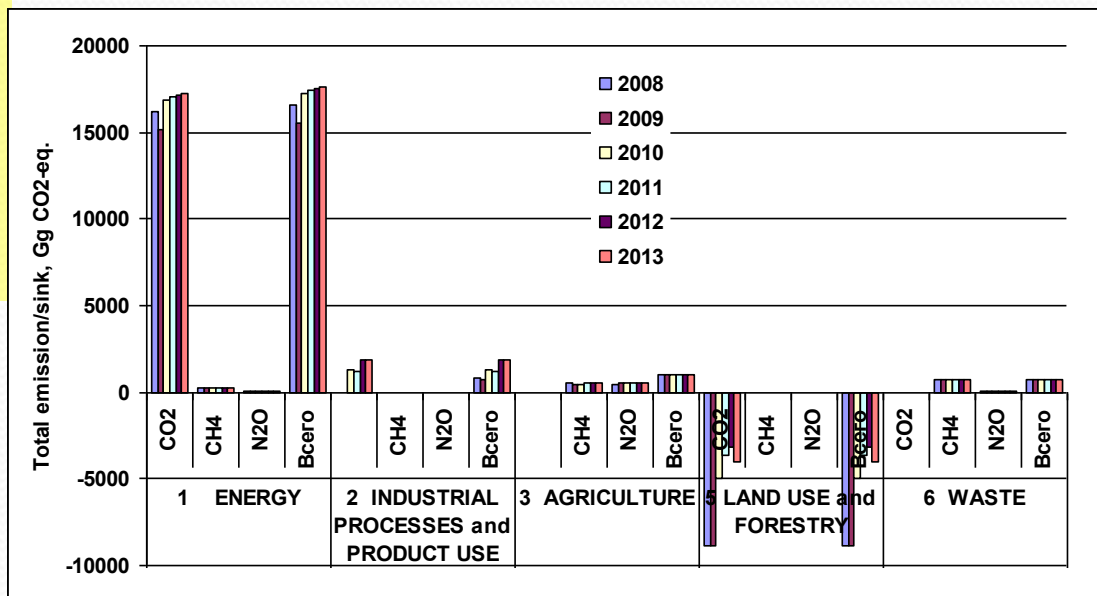
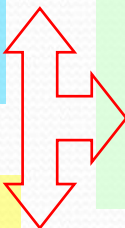
“The Concept of monitoring, reporting and verification of greenhouse gas emissions system in the Russian Federation” was introduced by the order of the Government of the Russian Federation dated 22.04.2015 N 716-R.

Figure 1–The contribution of the economic sectors to the emission of greenhouse gases (CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O)

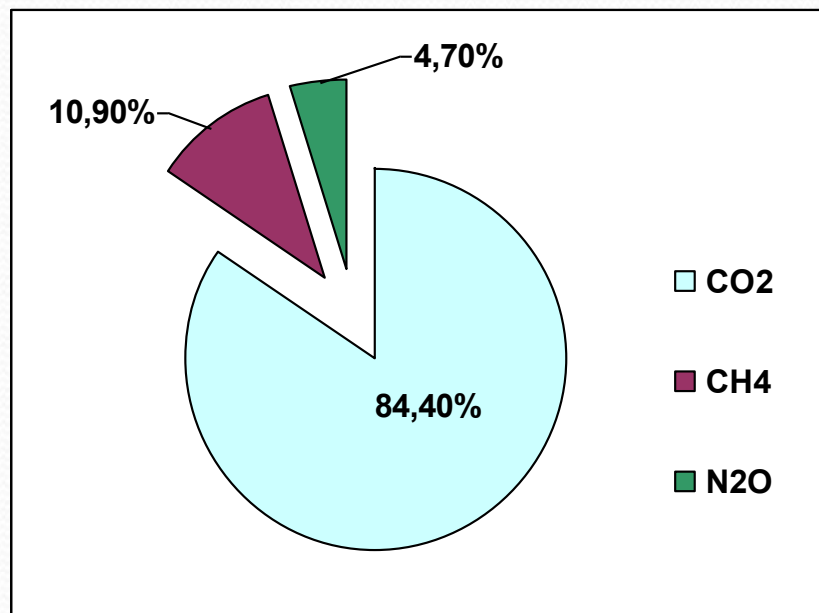
*In the framework of international agreements and the RF Concept for the first time for the Leningrad region there has been held GHG Inventory for the sectors:*

- Energy*
- Industrial processes and product use*
- Agriculture*
- Land use, land-use change and forestry*
- Waste*

*for the 2008 - 2013*



# *Carbon dioxide is the absolute leader among contributors to greenhouse gases*



**Figure 2** □ - The contribution of CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O in total greenhouse gas emissions in the Leningrad region over 2008-2013



# The distribution of greenhouse gases emissions by source categories of the relevant five sectors 2008-2013

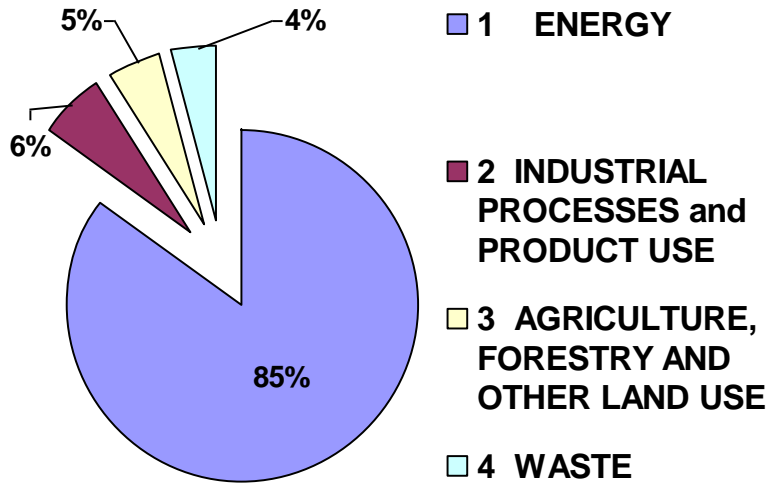


Figure 3—The contribution of the economic sectors in Leningrad region to the emission of greenhouse gases

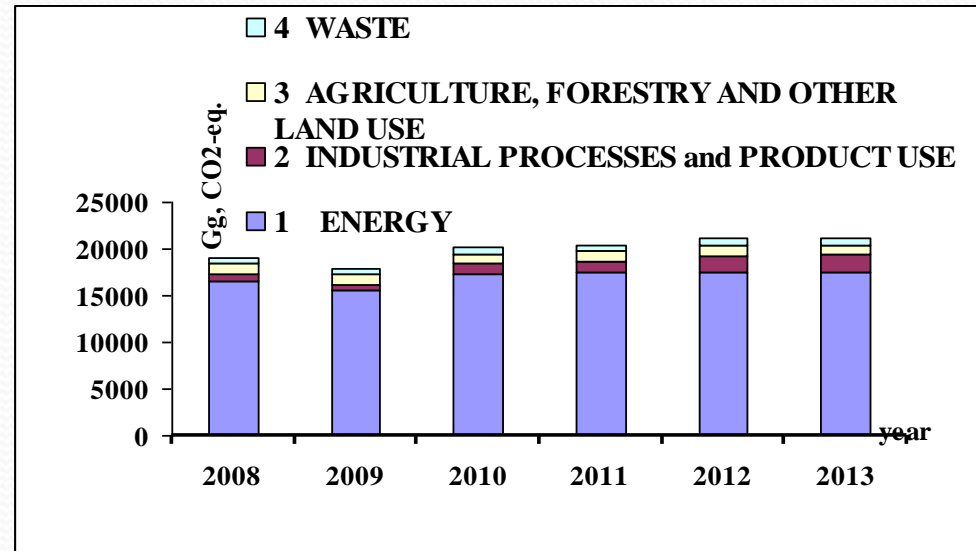


Figure 4— The dynamics of greenhouse gas emissions for the period of 2008-2013.

The greatest contribution to greenhouse gas emissions gives the “Energy” sector (85%), (Fig.3) on the background of positive dynamics for the entire period (Fig. 4)



# The Energy sector makes the greatest contribution to greenhouse gas emissions, so it is important to assess the dynamics in this industry over the available period (since 1993)

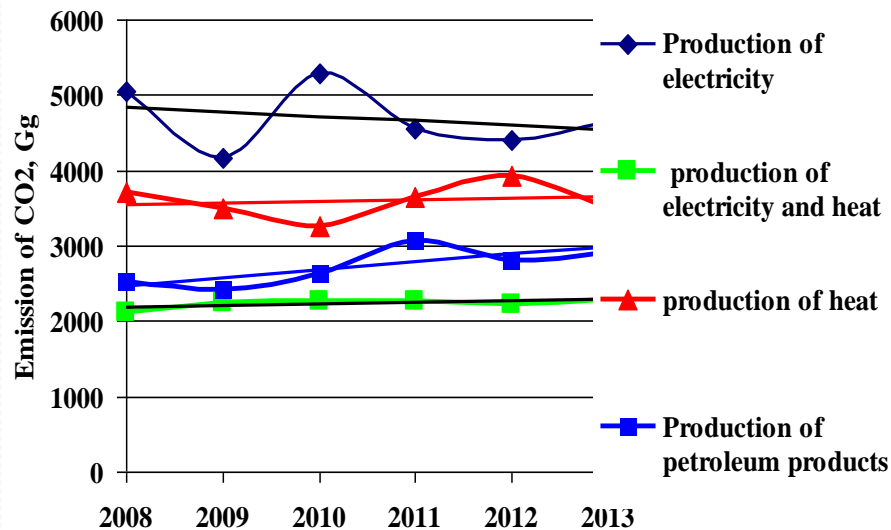


Figure 5 – Dynamics of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for source category of the Energy in the Energy industry

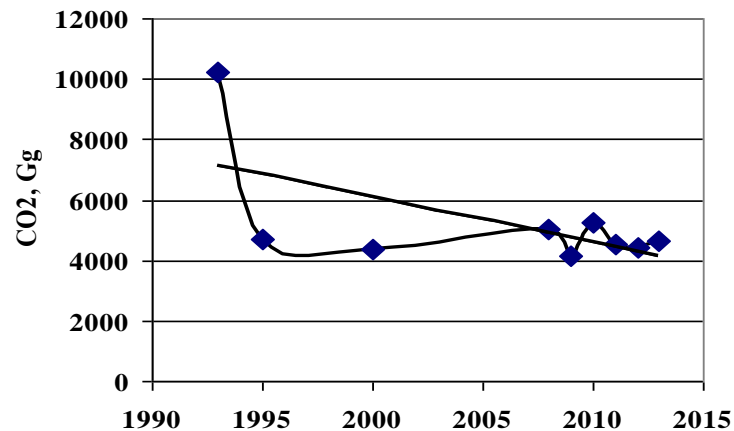


Figure 6 – Dynamics of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by source electricity production.

*The emission of GHG shows:*

- largest emissions derive from the sources of electricity Production with greatest fluctuations and negative trend over six-year period.
- a steady growth in the sources of Production of petroleum products
- the lack of dynamics in the sources of Production of heat and Production of electricity and heat.

**CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by source electricity production have significantly decreased, particularly from 1993 to 1995**

# The estimates of carbon dioxide absorption by forests for the sector "Land use, land use change and forestry" and its temporal dynamics

- Emissions/sinks for the sector Land use, land use change and forestry should not be calculated when compiling regional inventories, as outlined in the new guidance (2015). This sector is accounted for only at the national level for the whole territory of the Russian Federation.
- However, these calculations were performed with the inventory of emissions and removals of source category Forest lands, since forest is the most important absorber of carbon dioxide and generates carbon dioxide balance (Emissions-sinks )
- This sector is the carbon dioxide absorbent, with a total annual value of absorption from 3000 to 9000 Gg in different years.

*The absorption of carbon dioxide compensates for approximately 28% of greenhouse gas emissions for the territory of Leningrad region.*

*"Forest land" in the Leningrad region is carbon dioxide sink*

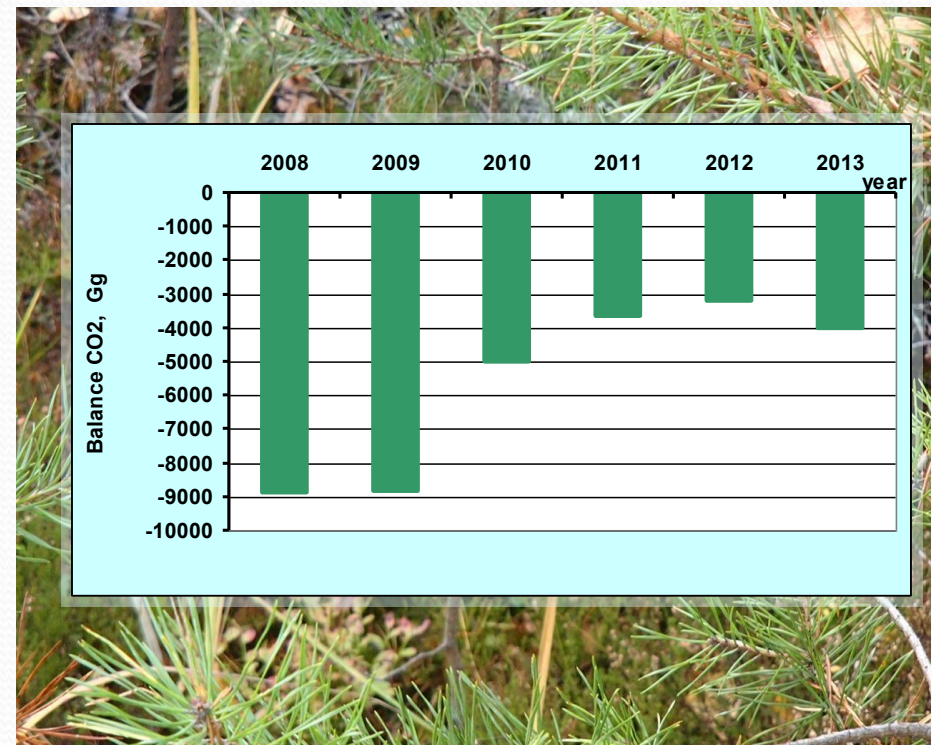


Figure 4 – the CO<sub>2</sub> Balance (Gg) for the sector Land use, land-use change and forestry.

# *In conclusion,*

*this work is of great importance for the Leningrad region, as obtained Inventory can become the basis for strategic planning of economic development of the region:*

- *Improvement of the efficiency of energy consumption*
- *More extensive use of noncarbon and renewable sources of energy*
- *Development of new environmentally friendly, innovative low-carbon technologies;*
- *Reforestation, as forests are natural sinks of carbon dioxide.*



***The most promising way of reducing greenhouse gas emissions which gets in line with the scares environmental resources and current structure of the economy of the region is switching to the use of natural gas as a more environmentally friendly type of fuel in production of heat and energy***

*Such projects for transformation of coal and oil-fired boiler plants to gas use have already being implemented in the Gatchinsky and Slantsevsky districts of the Leningrad region.*



# We need specialists on inventory now

- An important aspect of the project is training of specialists for the operating of monitoring system and the performing of regional inventory. For this purpose we have developed a special graduate programme "Greenhouse gas Inventory for the regions of Russia"
  - St. Petersburg Institute of nature management, industrial safety and environmental protection  
<http://www.ipkecol.ru>.

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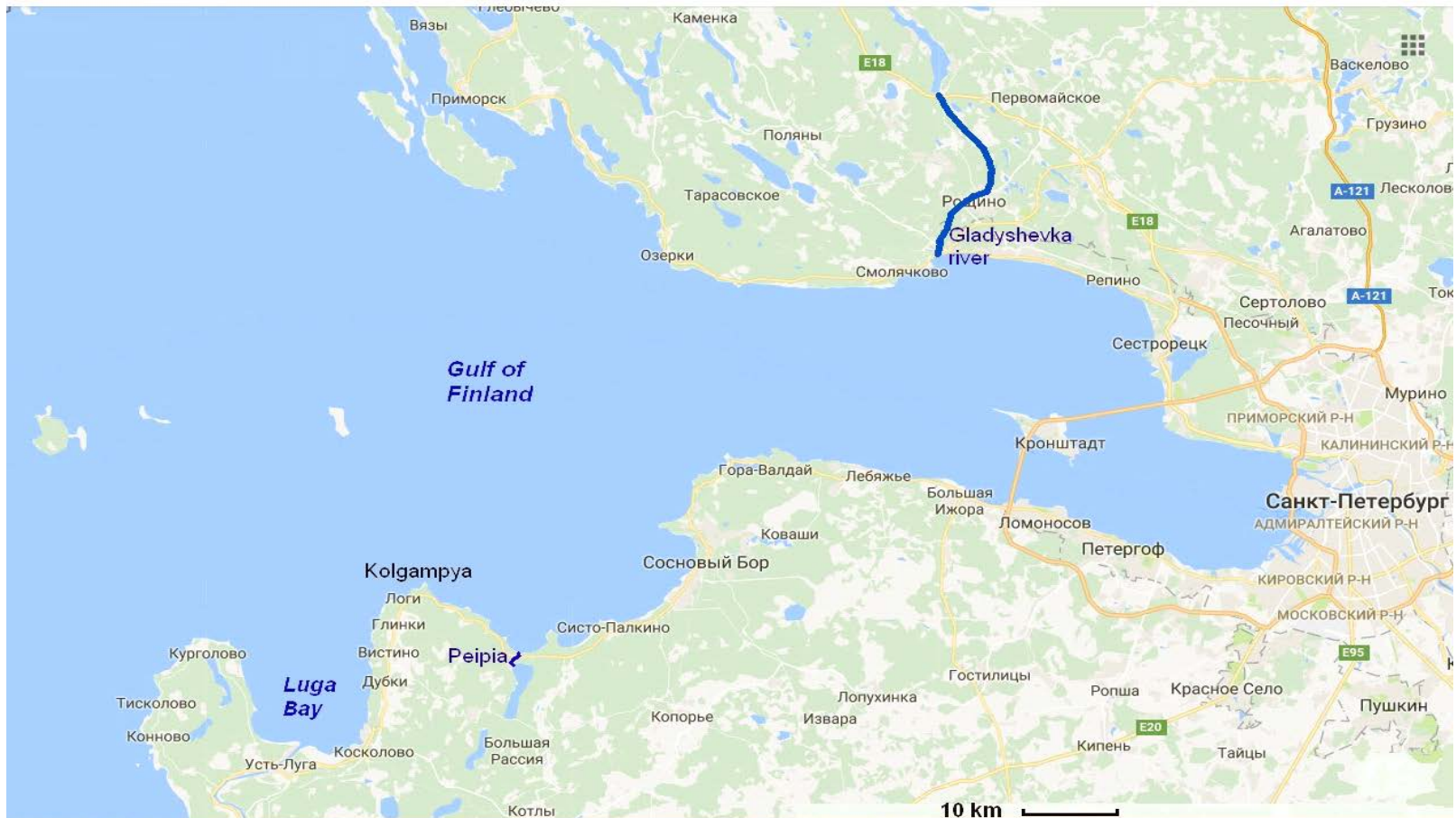
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# The life circle of European pearl mussel



The strict linkage of it with salmonids (fig. Vihrev, Mahrov, 2016)



# Material and methods. Aquascope



## Material and methods. Snorkelling surveys



# Material and methods. Electric fishing



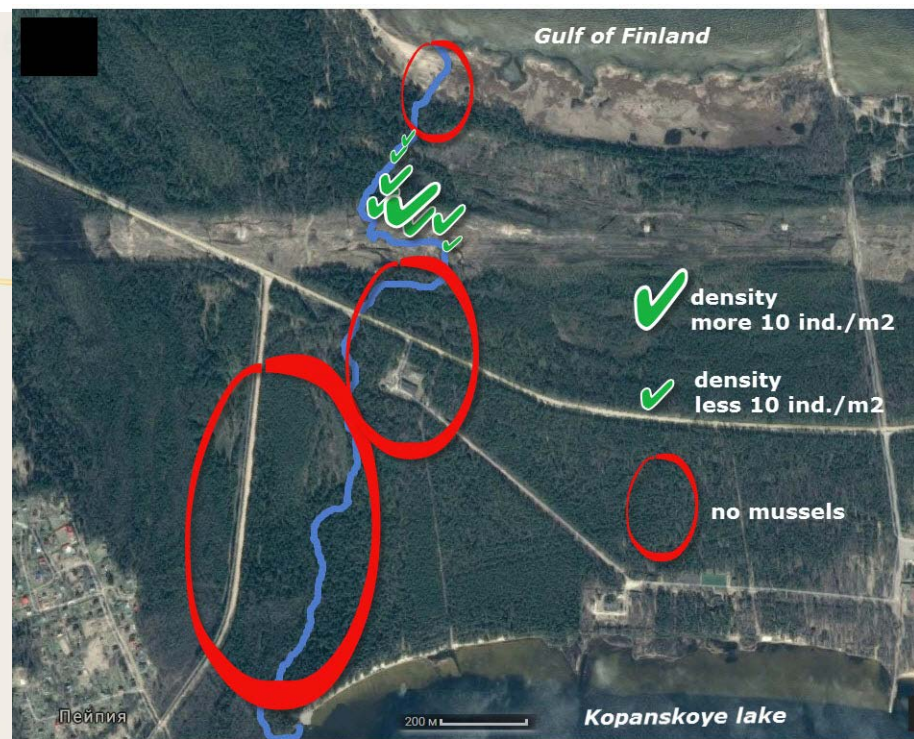
# Material and methods. Fish investigations (and release back)



# Peipia river



Geographical position



Pearl mussels distribution

**Peipia population is represented by mature mussels of 40-60 years old and more (close to natural death age). No young ones.**



Shell length 120 mm

# Peipia drying off because of beaver's dams



Beaver's dams in a middle part of the river

Residual "stream" downstream dams

## Moving mussels try to find a “deep water”, at least 10-20 cm to survive

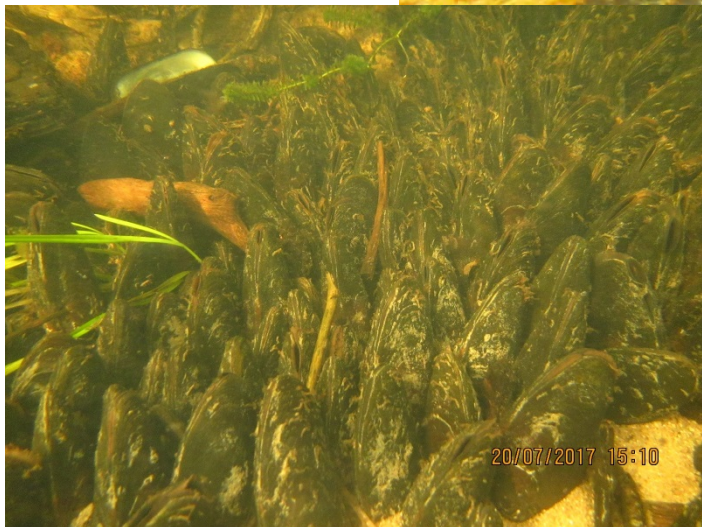


The depth is about 3 – 5 cm. Some little pools were separated and already dried out together with mussels (4/11/2015)



# Most dense known in the world aggregation of *M. margaritifera*

Up to  
200 ind.m-2  
of the settlement  
(in the aggregation)



Totally the resources of mussels in Peipia river  
were calculated as 4700 individuals

# The composition of fish fauna in two rivers

\*R. Gladyshevka

R. Peipia

|  |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| <b>Salmon <i>Salmo salar</i> L.</b>              | <b>+</b> | <b>—</b> |
| <b>Sea trout <i>Salmo trutta</i> L.</b>          | <b>+</b> | <b>—</b> |
| <b>Stone loach <i>Barbatula barbatula</i> L.</b> | <b>+</b> | <b>+</b> |
| <b>Burbot <i>Lota lota</i> L.</b>                | <b>+</b> | <b>+</b> |
| <b>Minnow <i>Phoxinus phoxinus</i> L.</b>        | <b>+</b> | <b>+</b> |
| <b>Gudgeon <i>Gobio gobio</i> L.</b>             | <b>+</b> | <b>+</b> |
| <b>Bleak <i>Alburnus alburnus</i> L.</b>         | <b>+</b> | <b>+</b> |
| <b>Roach <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> L.</b>           | <b>+</b> | <b>+</b> |
| <b>Perch <i>Perca fluviatilis</i> L.</b>         | <b>+</b> | <b>+</b> |
| <b>Pike <i>Esox lucius</i> L.</b>                | <b>+</b> | <b>+</b> |
| <b>Lamprey <i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i> L.</b>    | <b>+</b> | <b>+</b> |

\* *additionally 5 other species*

# During the last several years not a single trout parr has been caught in the Peipia River



in spite of numerous nice spawning and nursery areas in the River

# Gladyshevka River.

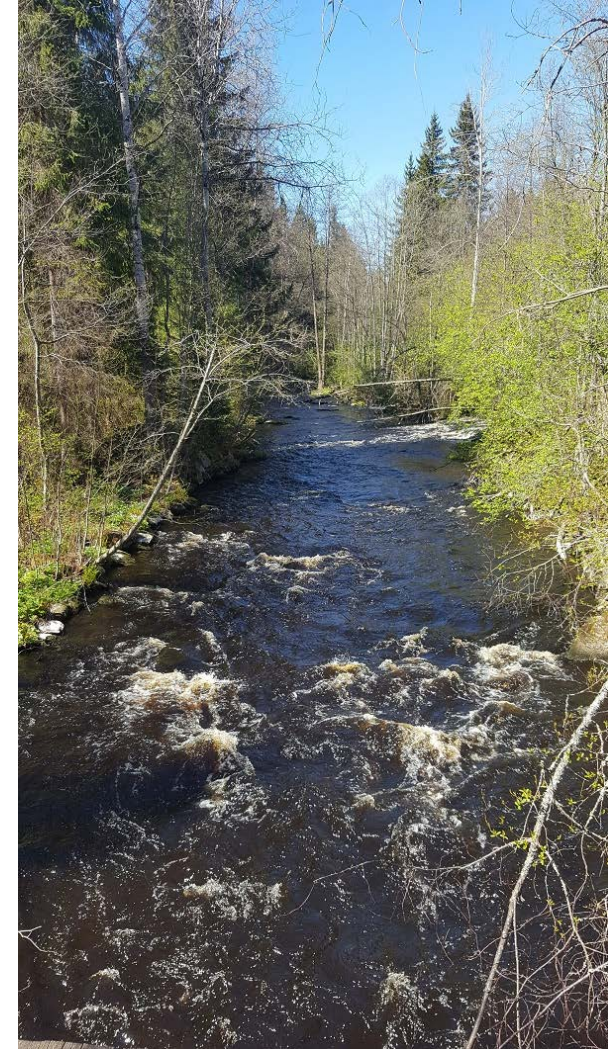
## Annual artificial support for salmon reproduction (May, 2017)



Containers with young fish



Marked salmon parr



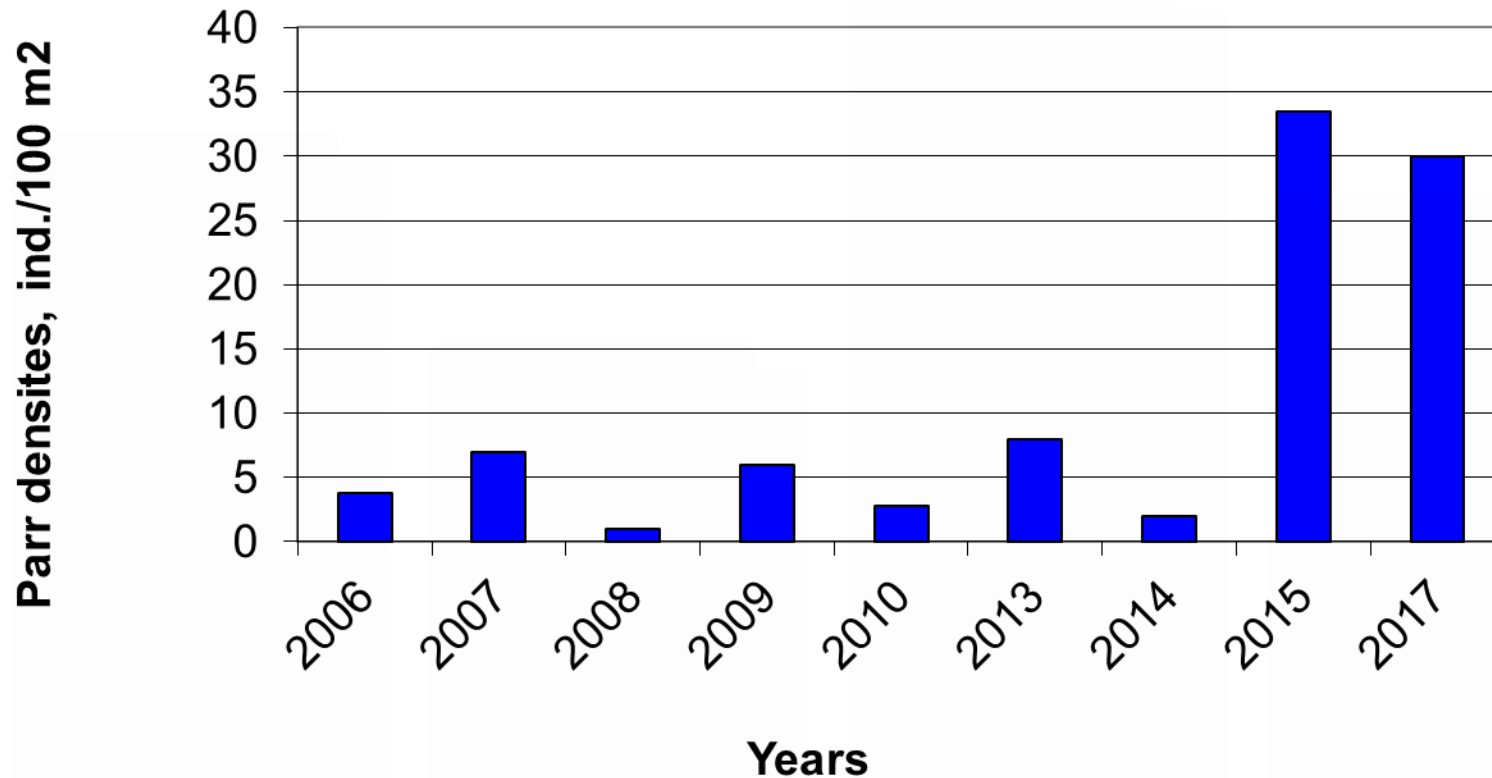
One of rapids

# Reared salmon released to the Gladyshevka River



To reestablish the Atlantic salmon population more than 180 thousand reared Neva salmon were released into the Gladyshevka River since 2001.

# Wild salmon parr densities (ind./100 m<sup>2</sup>) in the Gladyshevka River



- Since 2005-2006 there is a stable reproduction of Atlantic salmon in the River. Densities of parrs has increased during the last years.

# Conclusions

## Peipia river

There is big local population of the European pearl mussels still exist in the very small Peipia river (4700 individuals; mature ones only, no juveniles). No salmonid fish were registered. Population is extremely endangered to be extinct soon.

## Gladyshevka river

Last several years 7 individuals of the European pearl mussels were found and none in 2017 year.

The population of mussels is already extinct there (may be few singles still left). Both species of salmonids (*Salmo salar* & *S. trutta*) are common in the river thanks to special effective artificial support for fish reproduction.

## General

Restoration of salmonid (*S. trutta*) local population by artificial reproduction is urgently needed in Peipia river.

Mussels from Peipia may serve as mother population for introductions to river Gladyshevka, where suitable environmental conditions are provided.

## Recommendations

- To support the natural population of Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) by annual releasing of reared salmon into the Gladyshevka River during some next years.
- To support the European pearl mussels of the Peipia River, the Trout (*Salmo trutta*) population should be reestablished. It is recommended to release 500-1000 trout parr annually (the donor population – trout from the Luga hatchery plant). An artificial «spawning nests» may be created as well.
- To use mussels from Peipia as a donor population for restoration of Gladyshevka River former mussels population.



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## **Aerial estimating abundance of ringed seals in the Russian part of the Gulf of Finland on April 2017**

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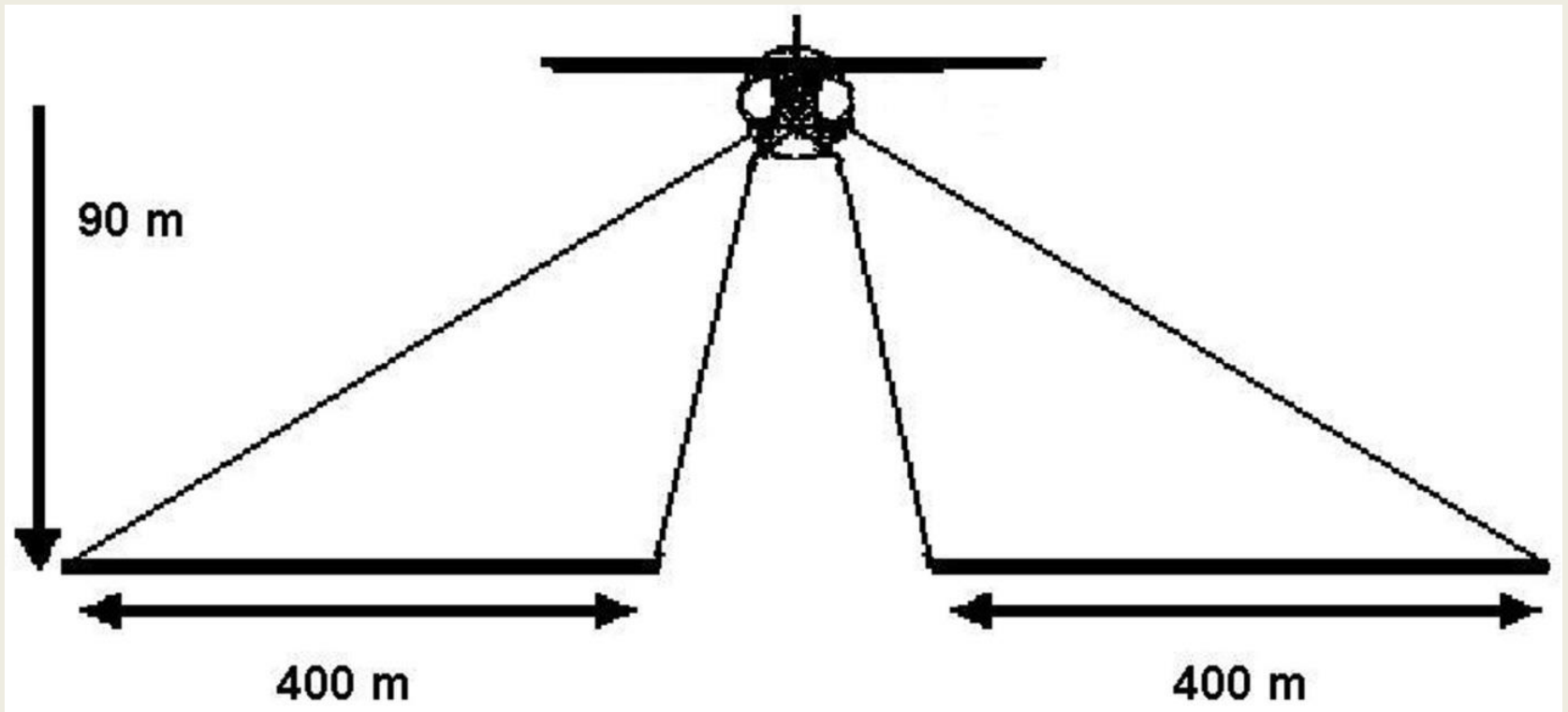


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The Cessna 182 aircraft prepared to the ringed seals survey on April 11th and 15th 2017. The red arrows indicate the observation sector, which at a flight altitude of 90 m corresponds to the 400 m band. Orange arrows indicate the position of visual marks on the wing's frame.



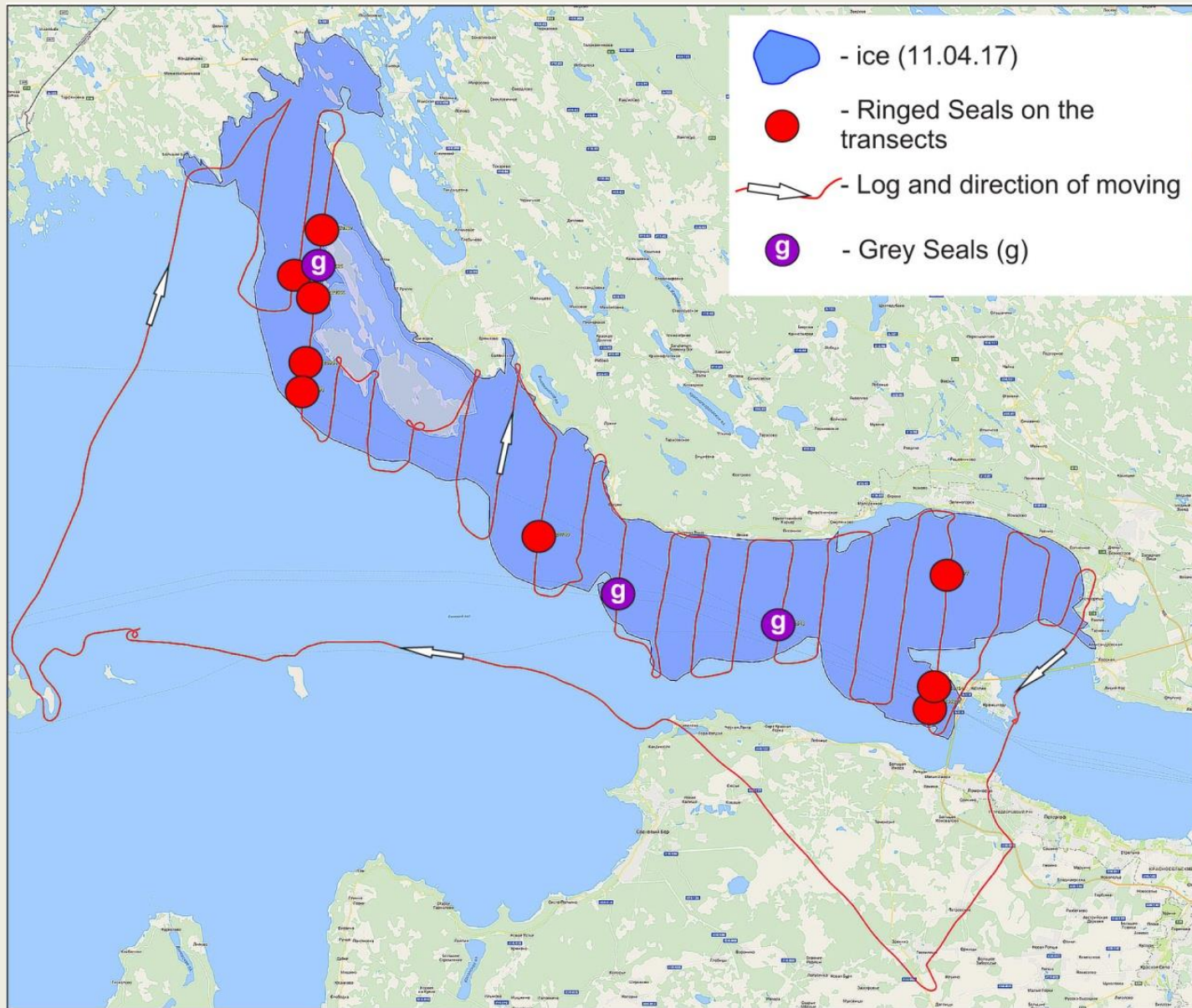
The scheme of observation sectors for both boards of aircraft.  
Two bands of 400 m are shown, according to the HELCOM  
method (Härkönen & Lunneryd 1992, Galatius et al., 2014).



Satellite image of the ice cover on the Russian part of the Gulf of Finland according to NASA satellite data on April 11th, 2017.



Schematic map of the aerial survey on April 11th with meeting points of Baltic ringed seals (red points) and grey seals (g).

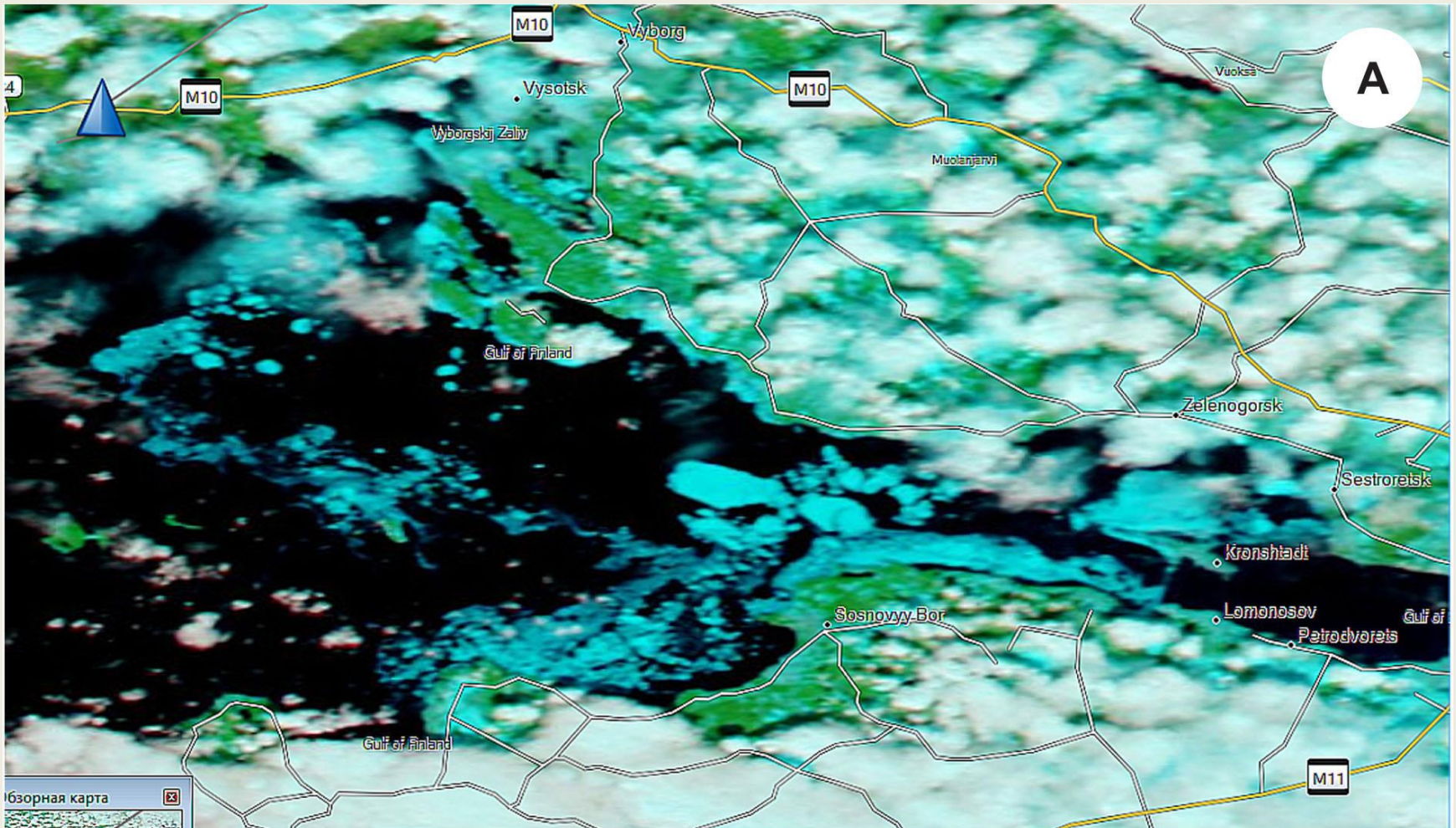


# The result of the survey on the 11 of April

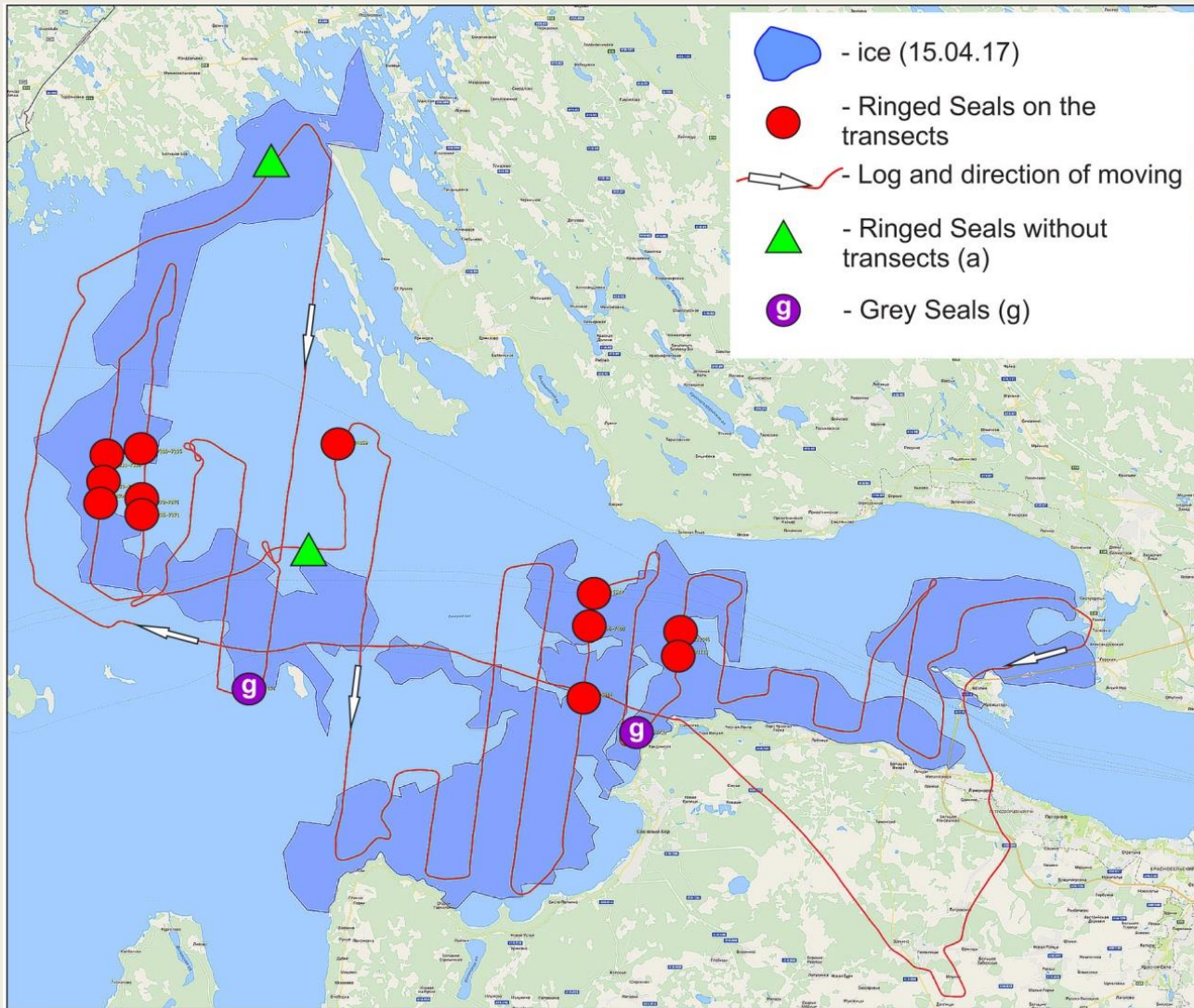
- On April 11th between 10:30 and 14:30 a total of 1 639.84 km<sup>2</sup> was surveyed; the length of the flight route was 361.199 km. In total 22 transects of meridional direction were worked out; the average distance between transects was 4.5 km. The actual studied area was 289 km<sup>2</sup>, which corresponds to the number of elementary segments of the route (1 segment = 1 km<sup>2</sup>). The total number of the met animals was nine specimens. Relative spatial density of individuals per 1 segment (= 1 km<sup>2</sup>) of the route was  $0.031 \pm 0.004$  ( $m \pm 95\%$  confidence interval),  $SD = 0.17$ . The expected number of ringed seals within the studied area was 51 individuals, with a 95% confidence interval of 44 to 57 individuals.



Satellite image of the ice cover on the Russian part of the Gulf of Finland according to NASA satellite data on April 15th, 2017.



Schematic map of the aerial survey on April 15th with meeting points of Baltic ringed seals (red points) and grey seals (g); light-green triangles are meeting points of ringed seals without the transects.



# The result of the survey on the 11 of April

- On April 15th between 9:16 and 14:11 a total area of 2451 km<sup>2</sup> was surveyed; the length of the flight route was 490.2 km. In total 21 transect of meridional direction were worked out; the average distance between transects was 5 km. The actual studied area was 392.16 km<sup>2</sup>, which corresponds to the number of elementary segments of the route. 15 individuals were recorded, but the calculation included only 13, two meeting points were excluded from the calculation of the relative density, because these animals were marked outside the transect. The relative density of individuals per 1 segment was  $0.033 \pm 0.004$  ( $m \pm 95\%$  confidence interval),  $SD = 0.19$ . The expected number of ringed seals within the studied area was 81 individuals, with a 95% confidence interval from 71 to 90 individuals. The number of Baltic ringed seals in the Russian part of the Finland Gulf from 2012 to 2017 stably remains low, and amounts to approximately 71–90 individuals (maximum up to 95–100 individuals).

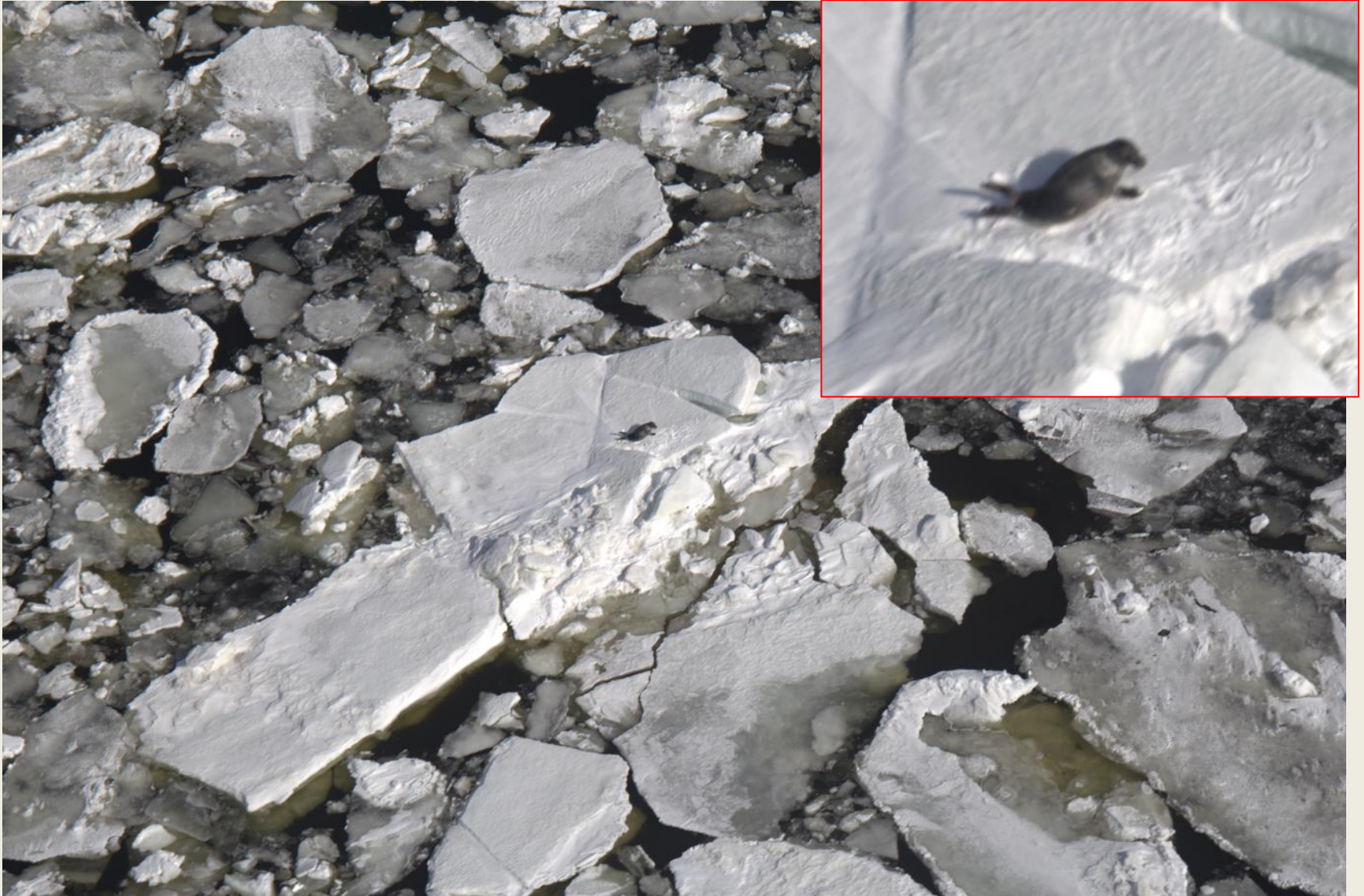
The Baltic ringed seals on April 15th 2017 (point time 10:40:08)  
on the open ice of the Gulf of Finland



The adult Baltic grey seal on April 11th 2017 on the open ice of the Gulf of Finland .







The young Baltic grey seal on April 11th 2017 (point time 10:46:54) on the open ice of the Gulf of Finland .

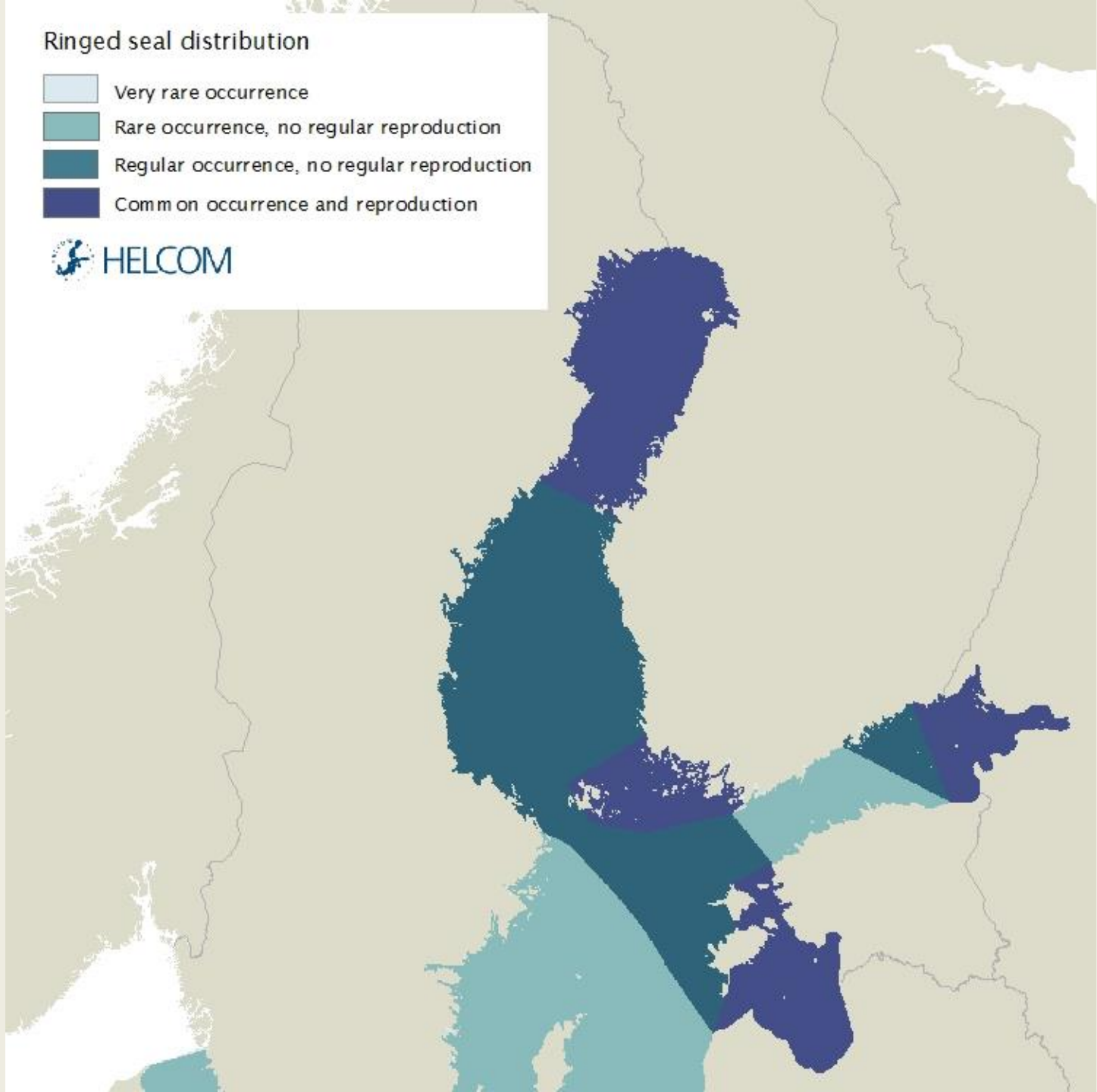


# Results of abundance estimation of ringed seal from 2010 to 2017

| Year | Length of the route (km) | Observed area (km <sup>2</sup> ) | Total ice covered area (km <sup>2</sup> ) | Percent of ice surface surveyed | Ringed seal |                   |
|------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
|      |                          |                                  |   |                                 | specimens   | number on the ice |
| 2010 | 347,5                    | 278                              | 1193                                      | 23.3                            | 6           | 16–34             |
| 2012 | 642,2                    | 517                              | 3916                                      | 13,2                            | 12          | 72–94             |
| 2017 | 361,2                    | 289                              | 1640                                      | 17,7                            | 9           | 44-57             |
|      | 490,2                    | 392                              | 2451                                      | 16                              | 13          | 71-90             |

## Ringed seal distribution

-  Very rare occurrence
-  Rare occurrence, no regular reproduction
-  Regular occurrence, no regular reproduction
-  Common occurrence and reproduction





# Conclusions:

- 1. The number of Baltic ringed seals in the Russian part of the Gulf of Finland from 2012 to 2017 stably remains low, and amounts to approximately 71-90 individuals (maximum up to 95-100 individuals).
- 2. The number of this pagophilous species is closely related to the ice situation in the waters of the Gulf of Finland. Soft winters, marked since the beginning of the 21st century, stabilized the number of ringed seals at low abundance. Reducing the mass of ice in the future may lead to a further reduction in the population size, respectively.
- 3. To assess the breeding potential of the local Baltic ringed seal population in the eastern part of the Gulf of Finland in the future, it is required to record the pups on ice.

The survey have been done with the support of  
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## **Assessing the environmental impacts and nutrient removal potential of mussel farms in the Northeastern Baltic Sea**

# ASSESSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND NUTRIENT REMOVAL POTENTIAL OF MUSSEL FARMS IN THE NORTHEASTERN BALTIC SEA

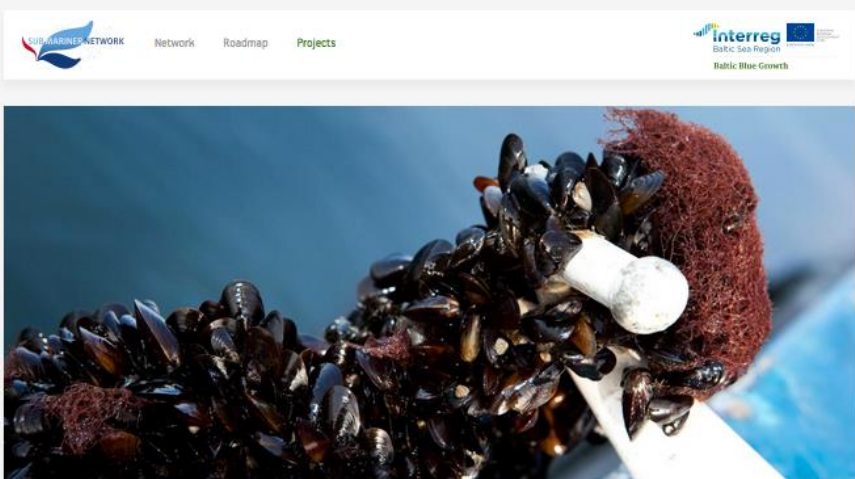
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# Baltic Blue Growth project

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Cultivating and harvesting blue mussels in the Baltic Sea can substantially improve the water quality as mussels take up nutrients through their food intake.

It can contribute to blue growth by providing new business models for the feed industry, which can use mussel meal as an ingredient in animal feed, replacing e.g. imported fish and soybean meal.



**Initiating full scale mussel farming in the Baltic Sea**

Baltic Blue Growth establishes fully operational mussel farms to counteract eutrophication and create new blue growth opportunities.

**The challenge**

Cultivating and harvesting blue mussels in the Baltic Sea can be an effective measure to counteract eutrophication by removing nutrients from the water. At the same time, it can contribute to blue growth by providing new business models for the feed industry, which can use mussel meal as an ingredient in animal feed, replacing e.g. imported fish and soybean meal.

Mussel farming in the Baltic Sea has so far not gone beyond experimental scale.

To build up a commercially viable mussel farming value chain, it is not only necessary to develop suitable farming techniques for Baltic Sea conditions, but also to develop accepted mechanisms to compensate the ecosystem services provided by mussel farming.

**What we want to achieve**

Our aim is to advance mussel farming in the Baltic Sea from experimental to full scale. More specifically, we want to achieve...

- ...the recognition of blue mussels as an efficient way of counteracting eutrophication,

- ...acceptance of a compensation scheme for the ecosystem service provided by the mussels,
- ...the establishment of mussel farming as an attractive market for entrepreneurs,
- ...the production of mussel meal as an ingredient in animal feed.

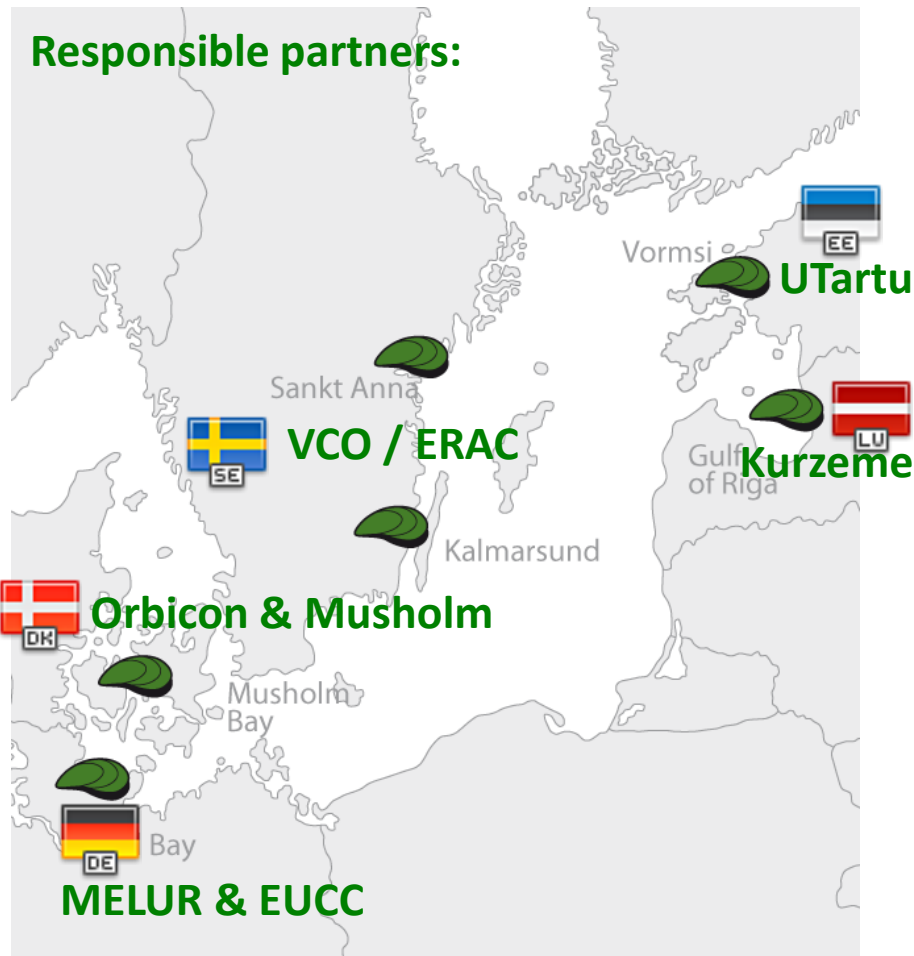
**Outputs to be produced**

To pave the way for full-scale mussel farming, the project partners will clarify environmental, legal and regulatory aspects of mussel farming.

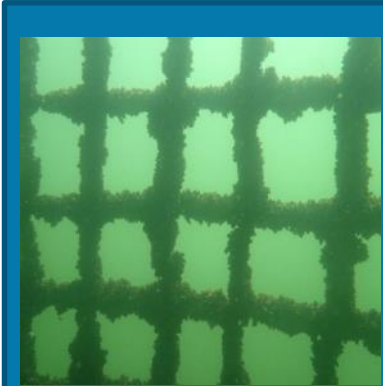
Based on data and experiences collected at the fully operational mussel farms to be established by Baltic Blue Growth, the project's main outputs will include:

- Models and functional decision support tools on suitable farming sites and their production potential,
- Business plans and farming manuals for large scale mussel farms,
- A demonstration line for processing mussels into fish and poultry feed,
- A guide on licensing processes for mussel farming in the Baltic Sea Region,
- Recommendations on harmonised maritime spatial planning and ecosystem service compensation measures.

# Regional mussel coordination groups



# +Associated mussel farmers:



**Åland fish farmers association**



**Kiel Marine farm**



**Vormsi Agar**



**Västervik municipality**

**Hasselo island local fish protection and administration**



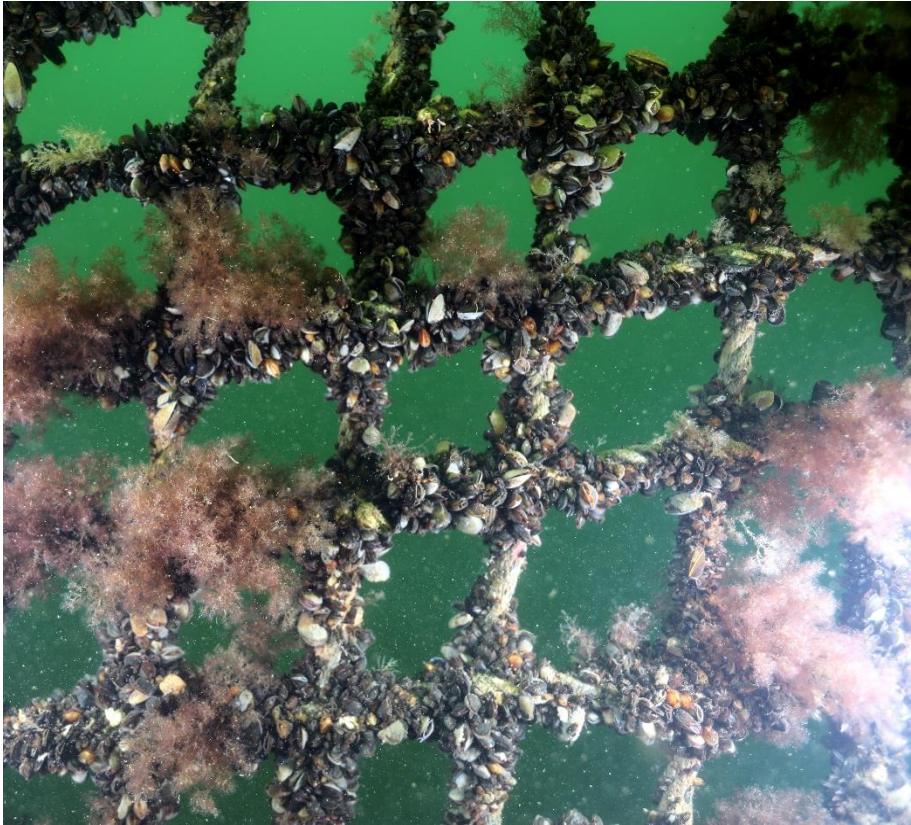
**Jan Anderssons dykeri**



# What is special with the Baltic Sea?

- **Low salinity: Smaller and more slow-growing mussels than sold on today's European market**
- **Risk for ice-cover and drift ice**
- **Blue mussels make up 80% of invertebrate biomass**
- **High nutrient levels: mussel cultivation is a rewarding tool for diffuse nutrient removal**

# Why not use mussel farms to combat eutrophication?



<https://www.smhi.se/en/theme/algal-blooms-in-the-baltic-sea-1.11006>

# Environmental issues under BBG

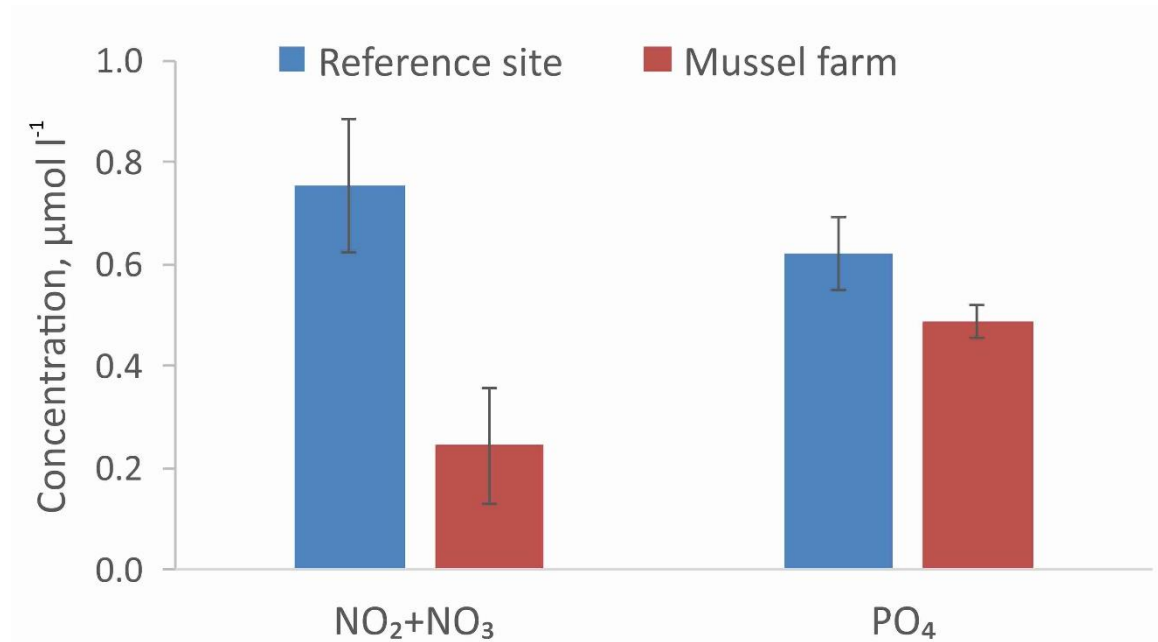
- Identify areas in the Baltic Sea having environmental **conditions** conducive to mussel production
- Quantify the potential environmental **impacts** of mussel farms.
- Communicate this to stakeholders and thereby support balanced and **environmentally friendly mussel farming** in the Baltic Sea.

# The Vormsi Agar farm (EE)

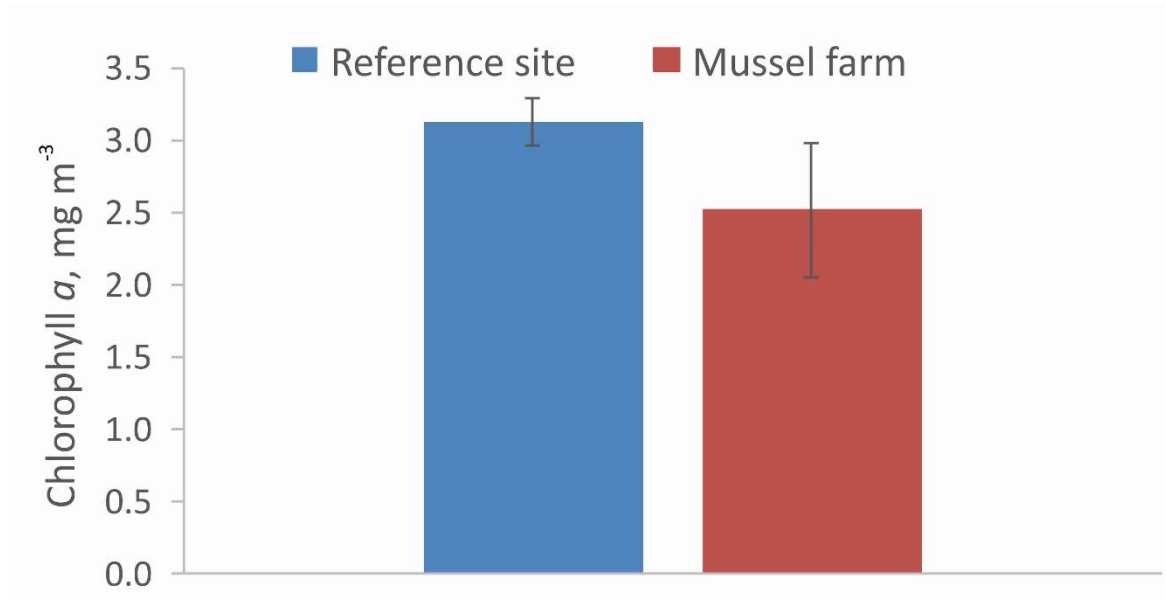


- Private company
- From 2015
- Net strings, 45mm mesh size

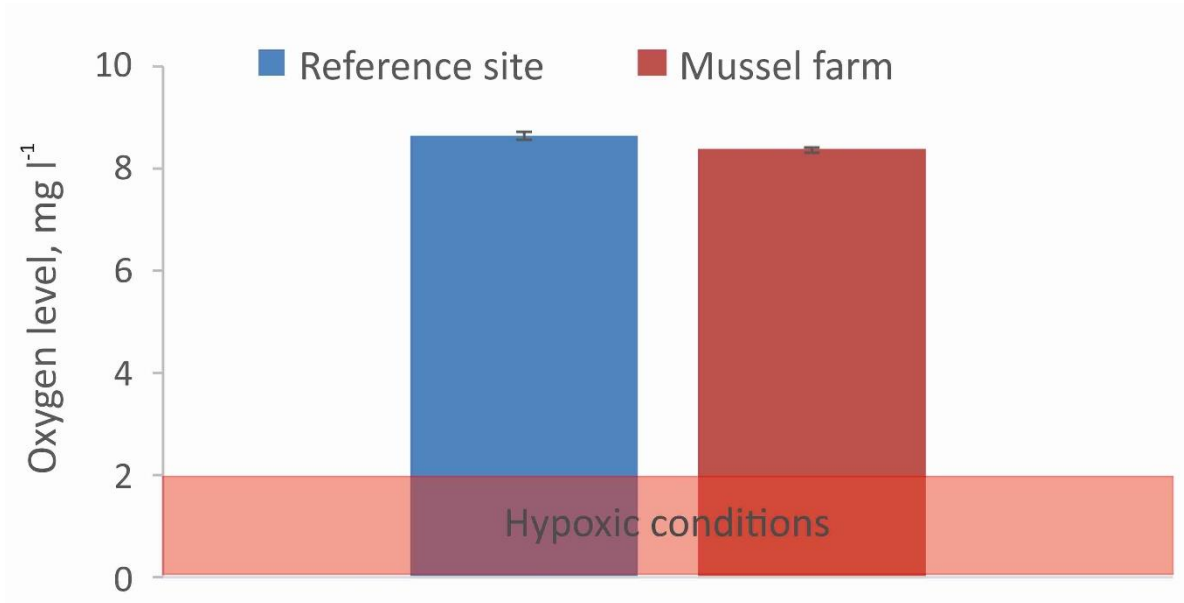
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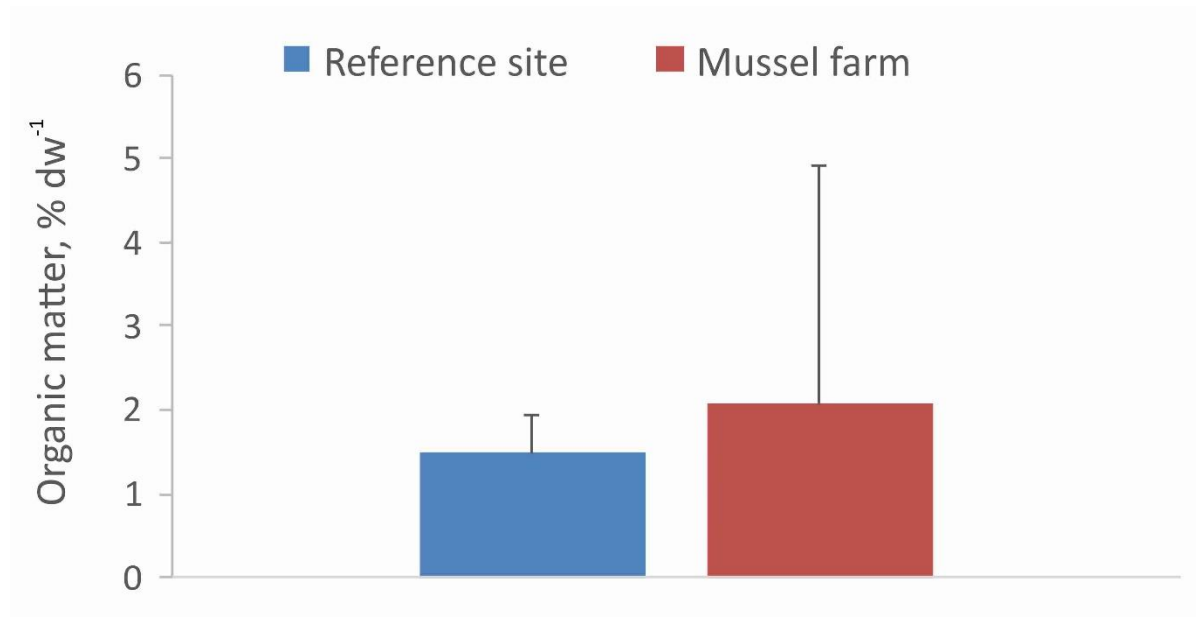
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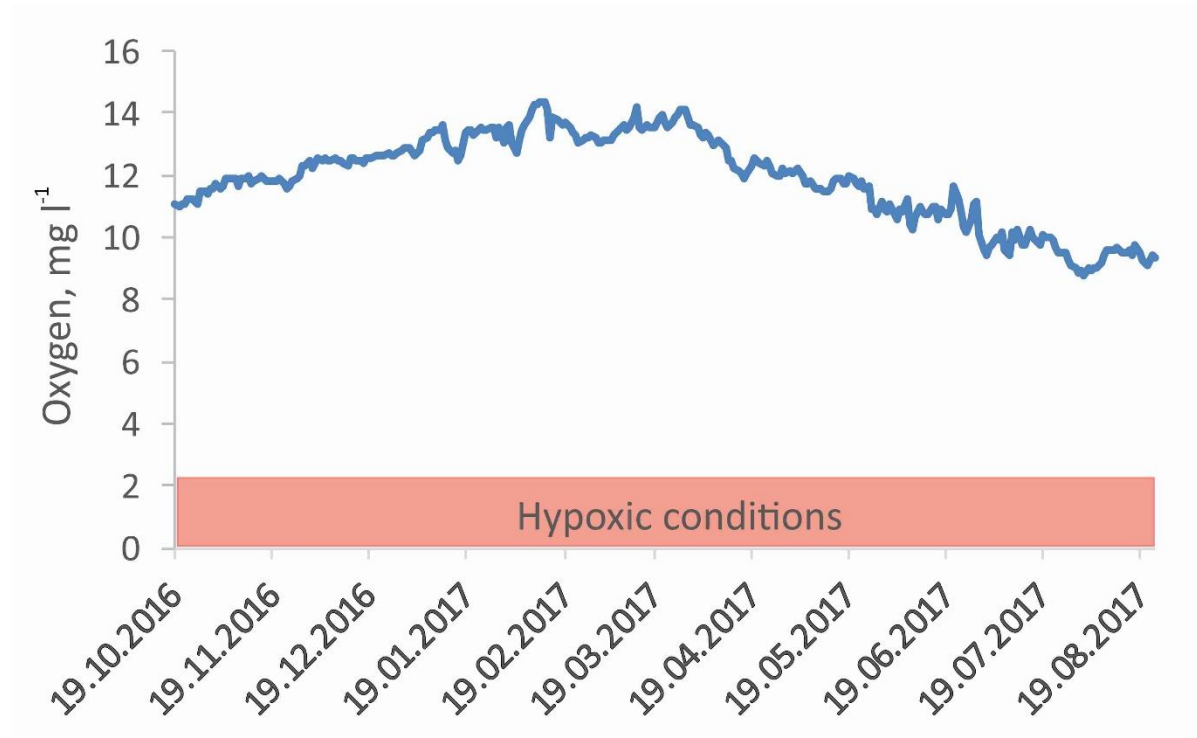


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**Continuous measurement of oceanographic conditions under mussel farm**



# What did we learn so far?

- **Mussel farm has no adverse environmental impacts.**
- **Mussel farm significantly reduces nutrient concentrations in the water column.**

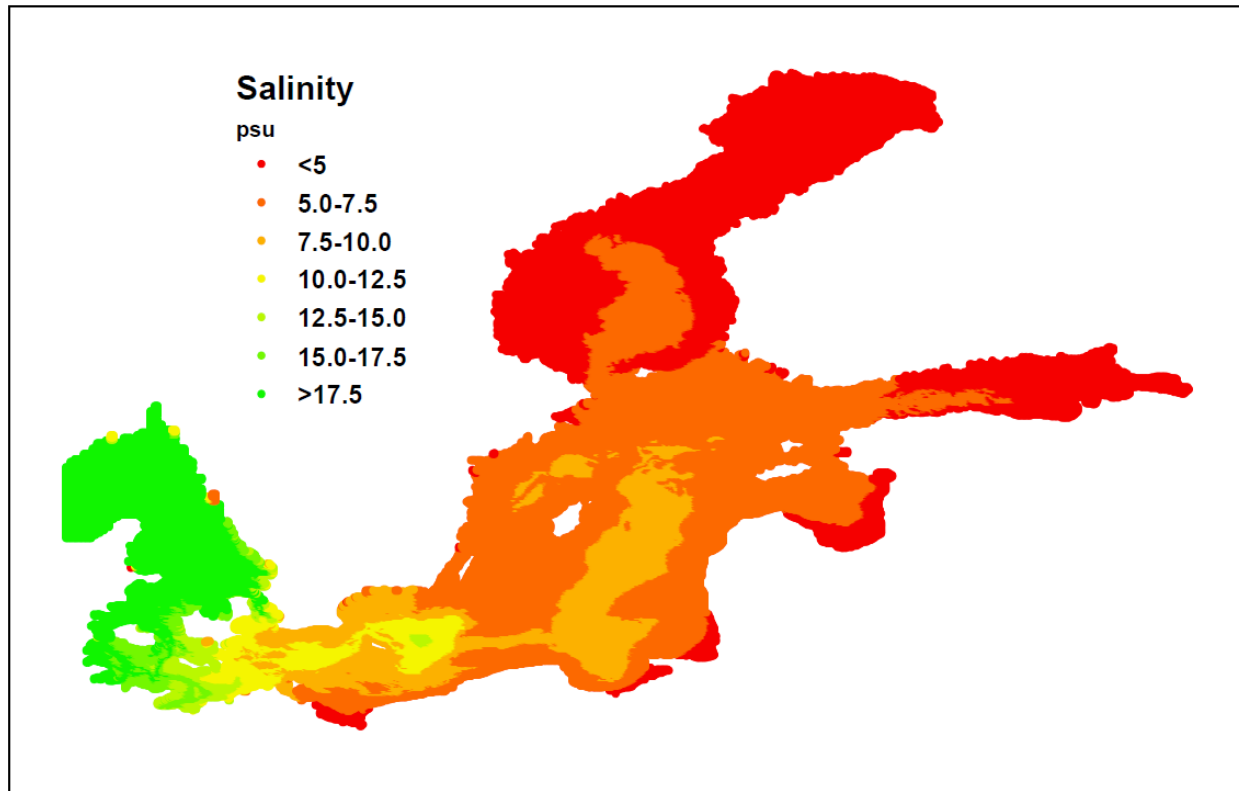
# Modelling nutrient removal by farmed mussels

- Estimate of nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P) removal per metre rope
- Produce estimates for project farms and the whole Baltic
- Rely on published equations and relationships as much as possible
- Use Copernicus pan-Baltic environmental data to force model
- Calibrate against real farm mussel measurements

# Constraints to mussel growth

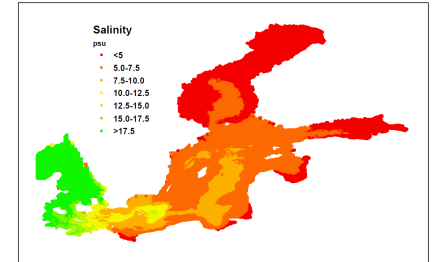
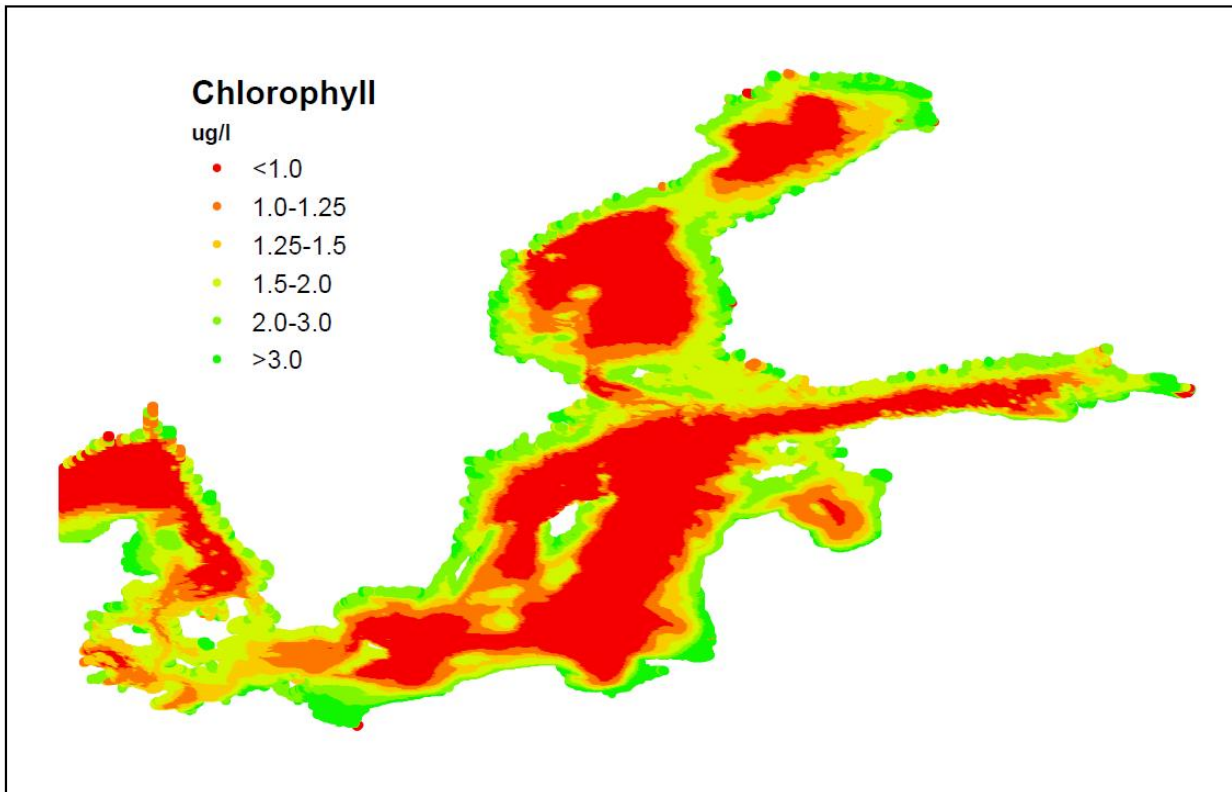
- **Salinity**
- **Food availability (chlorophyll)**
- **Temperature**
  - Crowding
  - Other factors (e.g. predation, algae, etc.)

# Limits to mussel growth - salinity



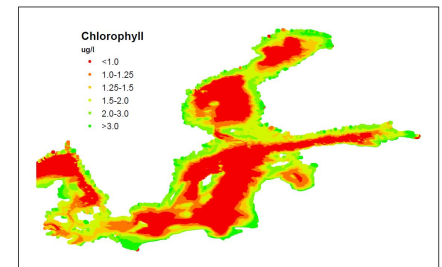
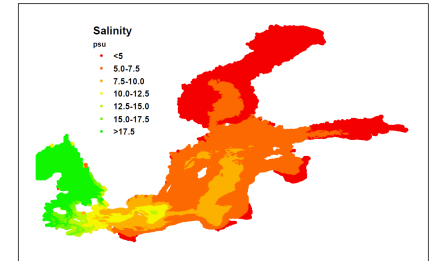
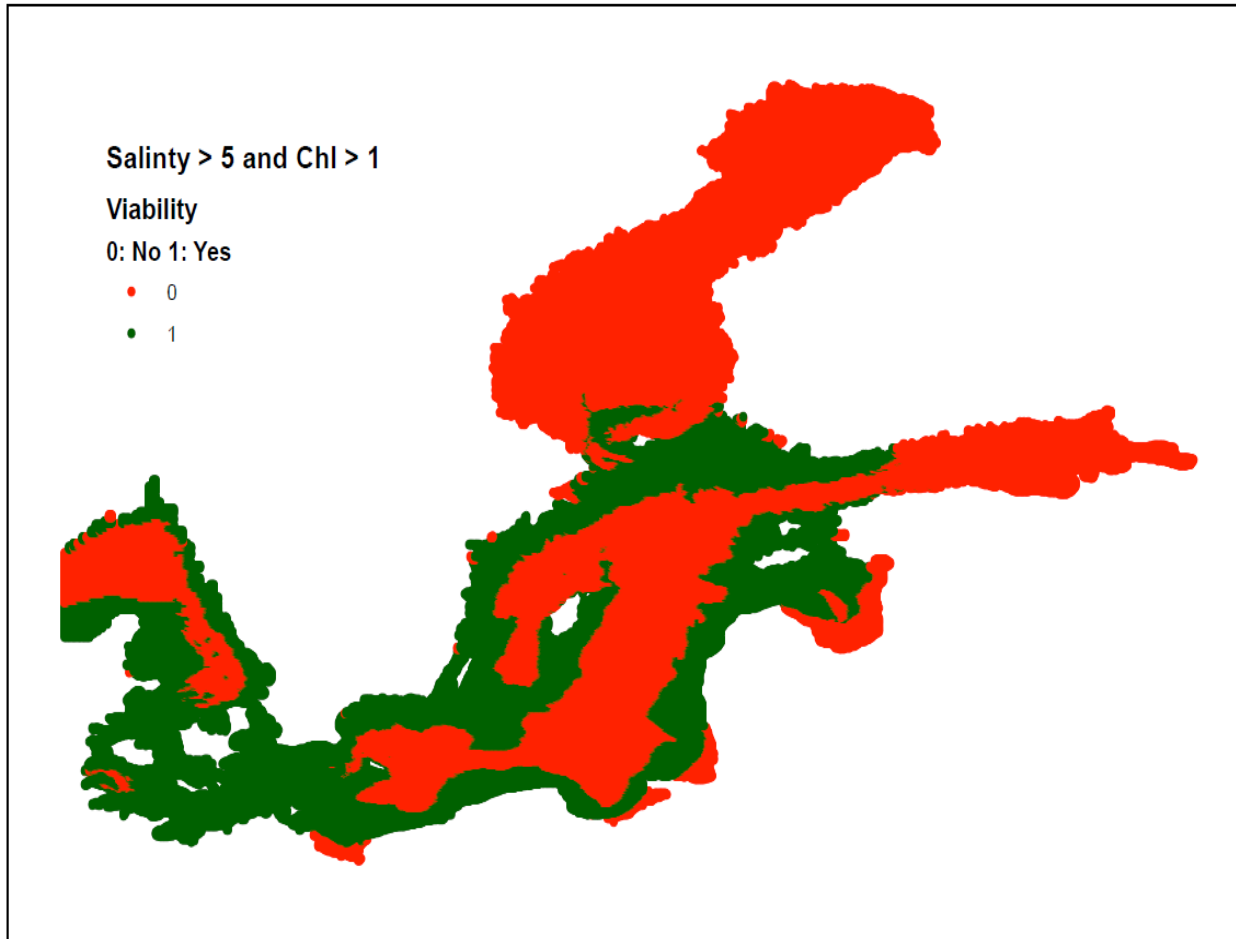
**Blue mussel cannot survive salinities below 4 psu**

# Limits to mussel growth - chlorophyll



**Elevated chlorophyll a concentration improves growth rates of blue mussel but too high concentrations are no good**

# Viable regions for mussel growth from farming perspective



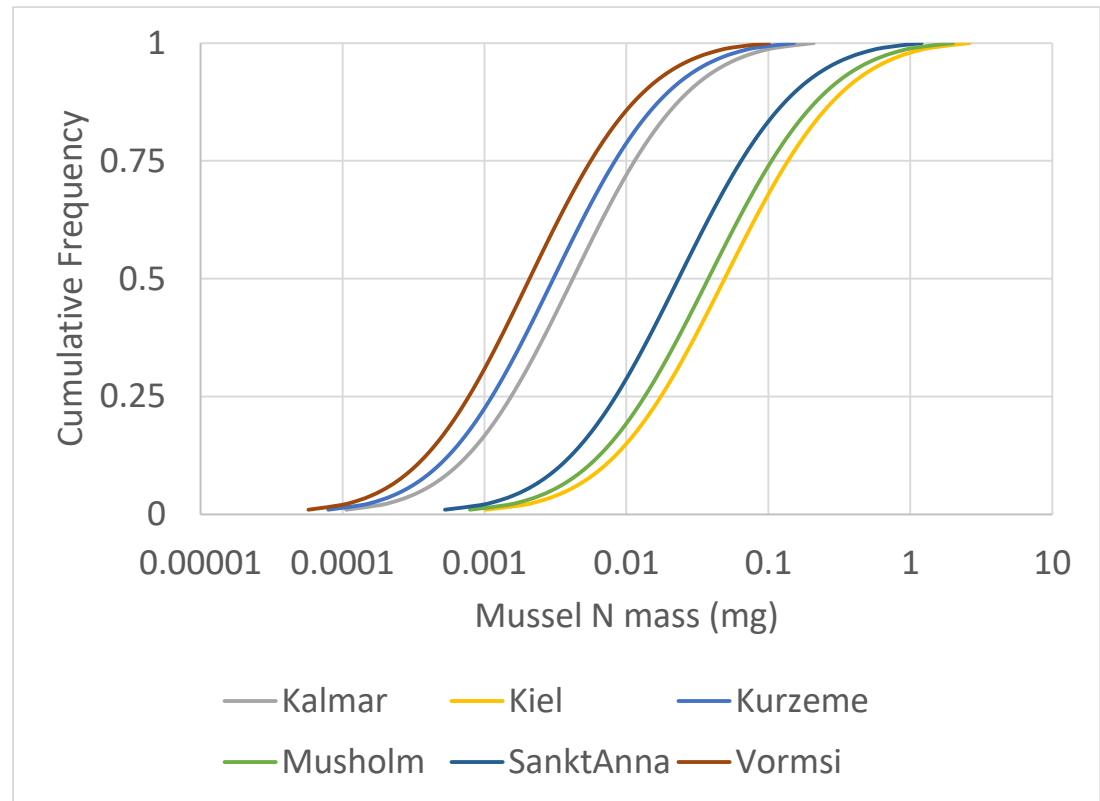
# Stoichiometry: elemental composition of soft tissues



| Element      | Percent |
|--------------|---------|
| Nitrogen     | 7.79    |
| Phosphorus   | 0.54    |
| Carbon, etc. | 91.67   |



# Modelled N removal per individual



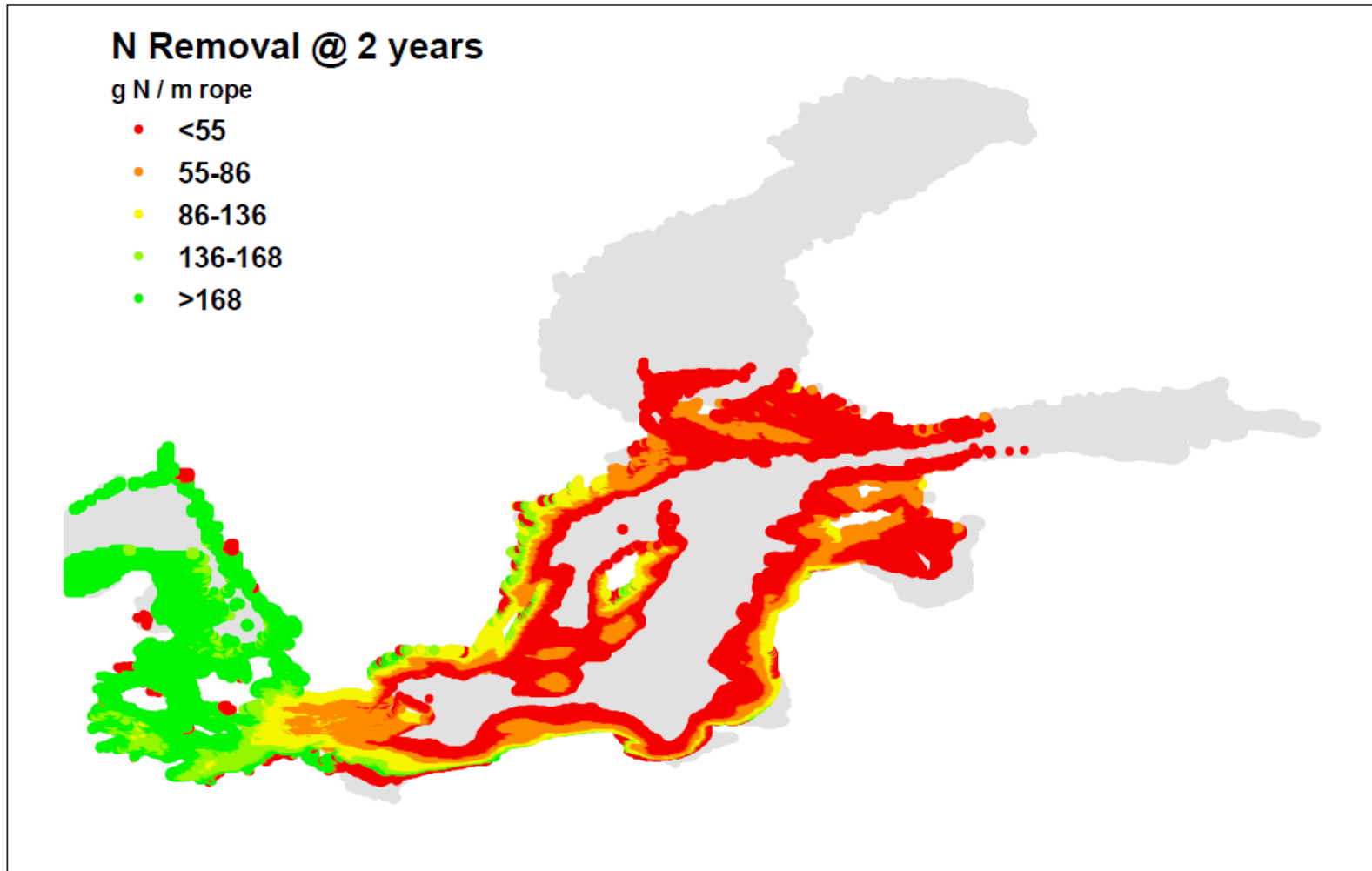
# Upscaling



| Farm       | N   | P    |
|------------|-----|------|
| Kiel       | 230 | 16.0 |
| Musholm    | 200 | 14.0 |
| Sankt Anna | 150 | 10.5 |
| Kalmar     | 60  | 4.0  |
| Kurzeme    | 50  | 3.5  |
| Vormsi     | 40  | 3.0  |

g N or P per metre rope during 2 years of incubation

# Preliminary Estimates of N removal



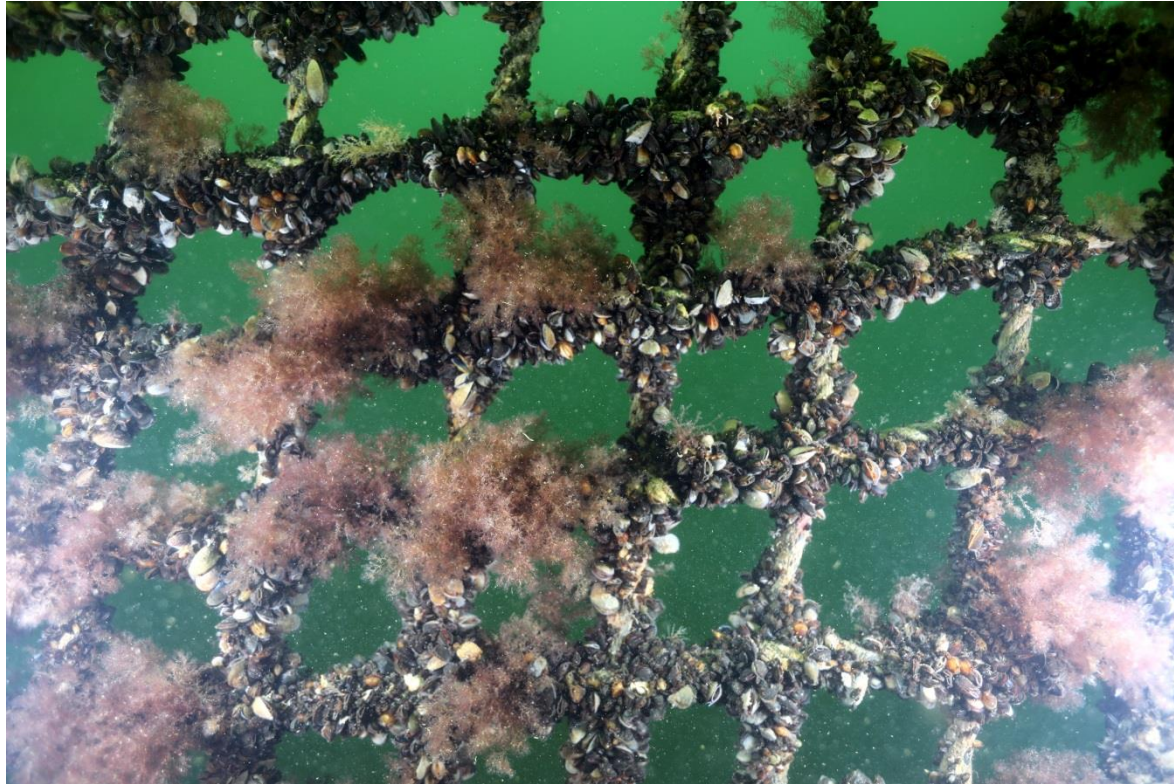
# What did we learn so far?

- Mussel farms are a rewarding (low cost) tool for nutrient removal, especially in highly eutrophicated embayments. In such environments higher temperatures and better food availability yield better mussel growth.
- An „average“ mussel farm with dimensions of 200-300 m in the northeastern Baltic Sea can remove 1-4 tons of nitrogen in each year.
- In order to achieve such a production potential, there is an utmost need to experimentally compare available methodologies in field as different sites require different approaches/cultivation techniques.
- To date, private companies still fail to develop such innovative capabilities only by themselves.

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**Interannual and long-term changes in the benthic communities:  
analysis of 30-years data series from the eastern Gulf of Finland**

# Interannual and long-term changes in the benthic communities: analysis of 30-years data series from the eastern Gulf of Finland

Alexey Maximov

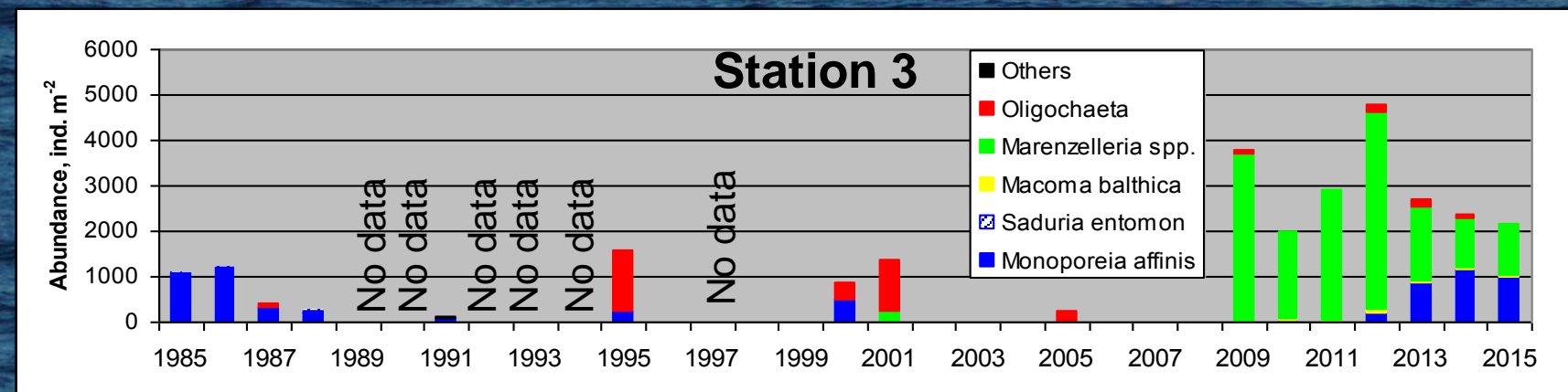
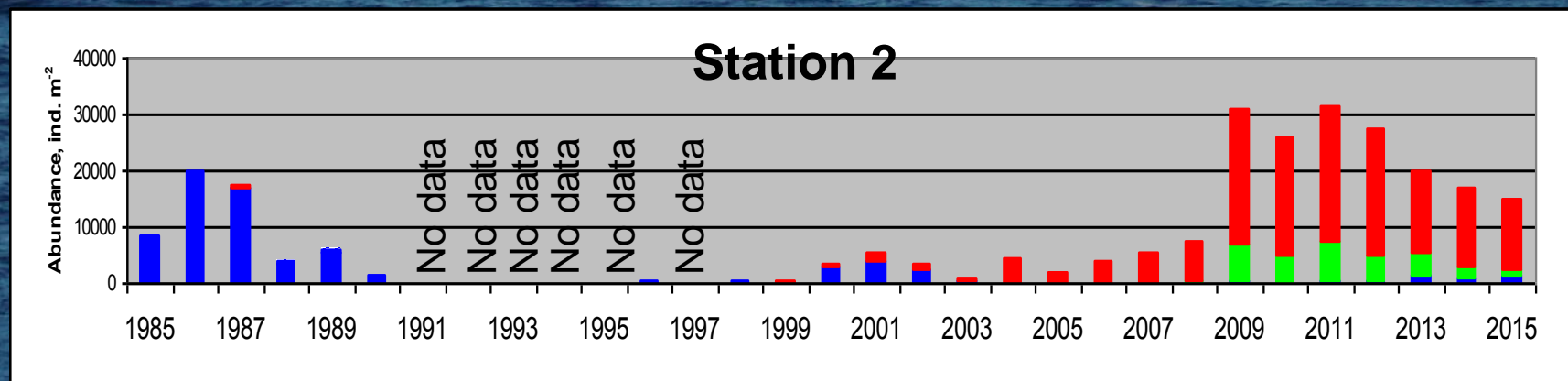
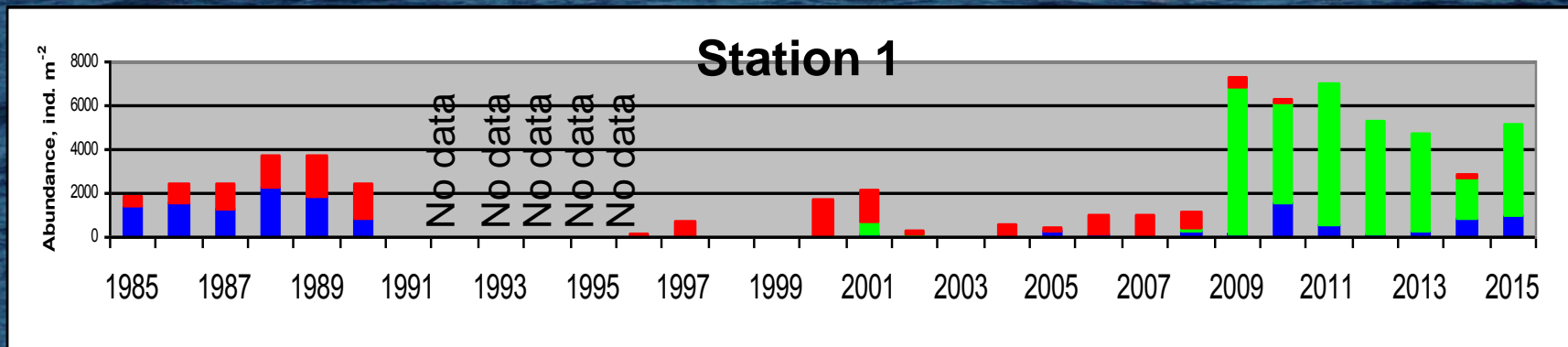
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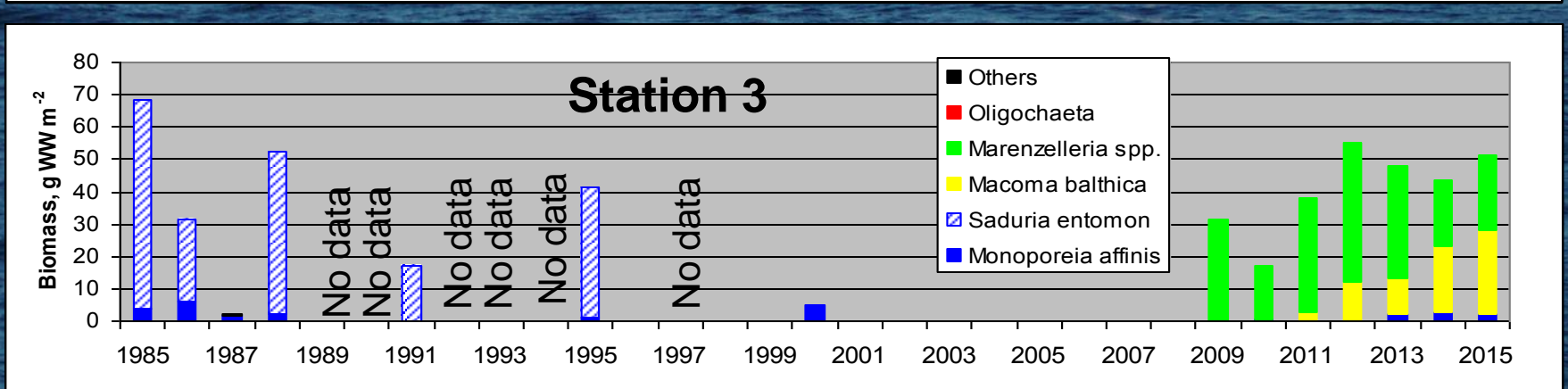
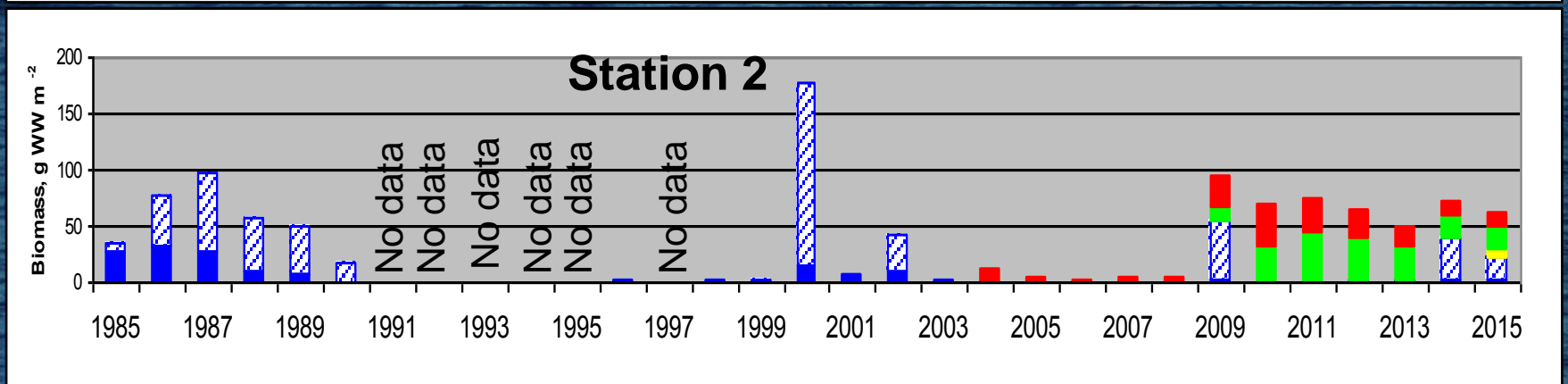
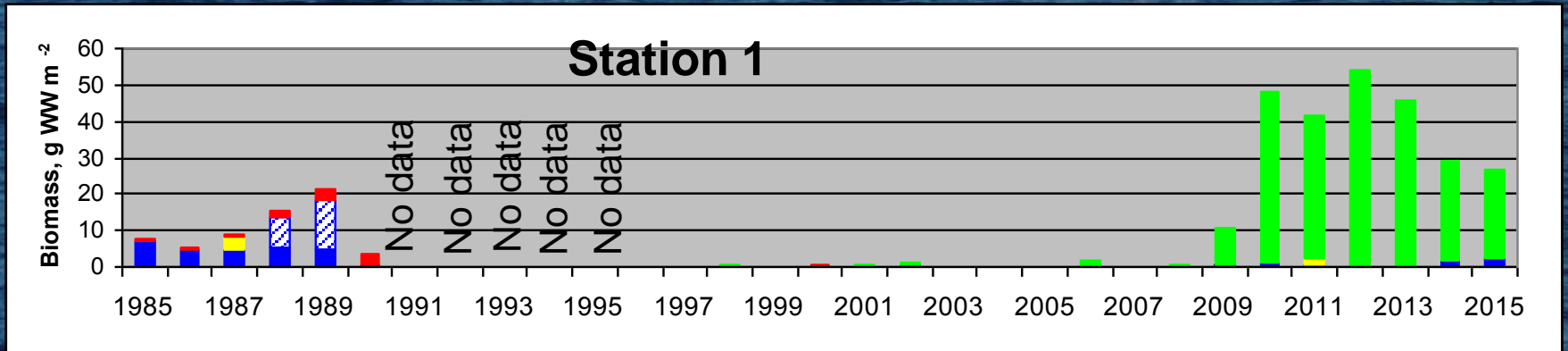




# Changes in abundance (ind. m<sup>-2</sup>) of macrobenthic species at study sites in 1985-2015 (July – August data).



# Changes in biomass (g WW m<sup>-2</sup>) of macrobenthic species at study sites in 1985-2015 (July – August data).



The great interannual fluctuations are very common for Baltic populations of glacial relict amphipods *Monoporeia affinis*. These fluctuations are cyclic (6-7 years) and are explained by intraspecific competition for limited food resources and density dependent factors (Sarvala, 1986; Lehtonen, Andersin, 1998; Wenngren, Ólafsson, 2002).

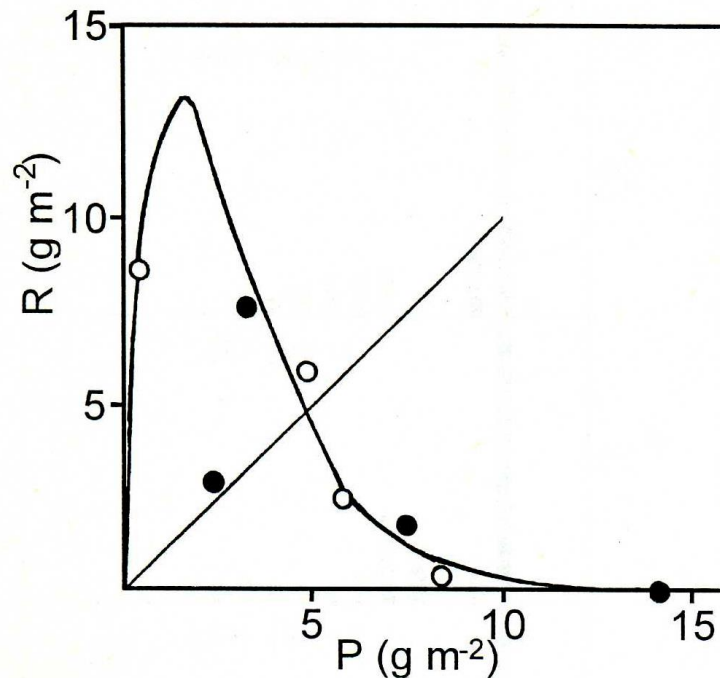


Figure 5. Reproduction curve. Biomasses of parental (P, g m<sup>-2</sup>) and filial (R, g m<sup>-2</sup>) generations before reproduction (biomass in September-October) at station No.1 (open circles) and station No.2 (filled circles). The equation is:  $R = P e^{3.2(1-P/4.7)}$ .

At sites 1 and 2 abundance fluctuations of *M. affinis* were specially studied in 1980s (Maximov, 1996,1997). This study confirmed the important role of intraspecific density-dependent factors in abundance regulation.

Competition results in negative relationship between biomass of parental and filial generations. This type of reproduction curve should generate 6-7 year population cycles (Ricker, 1975).

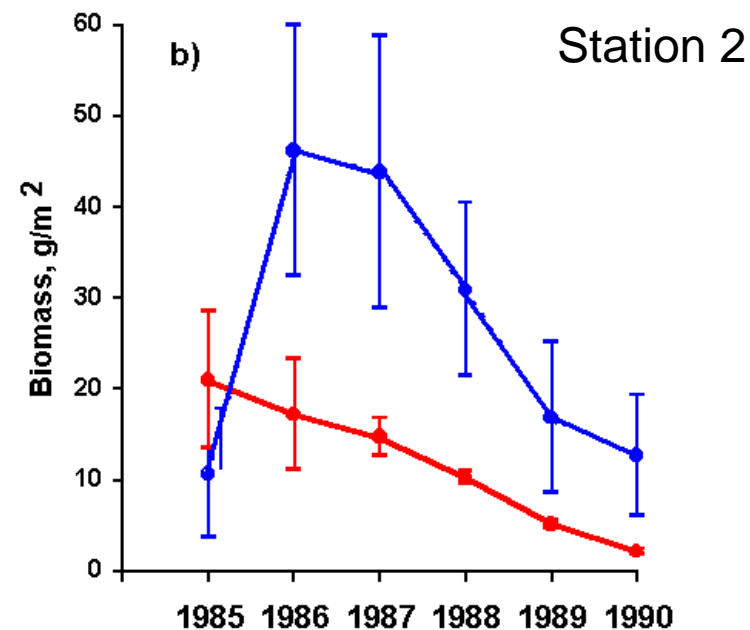
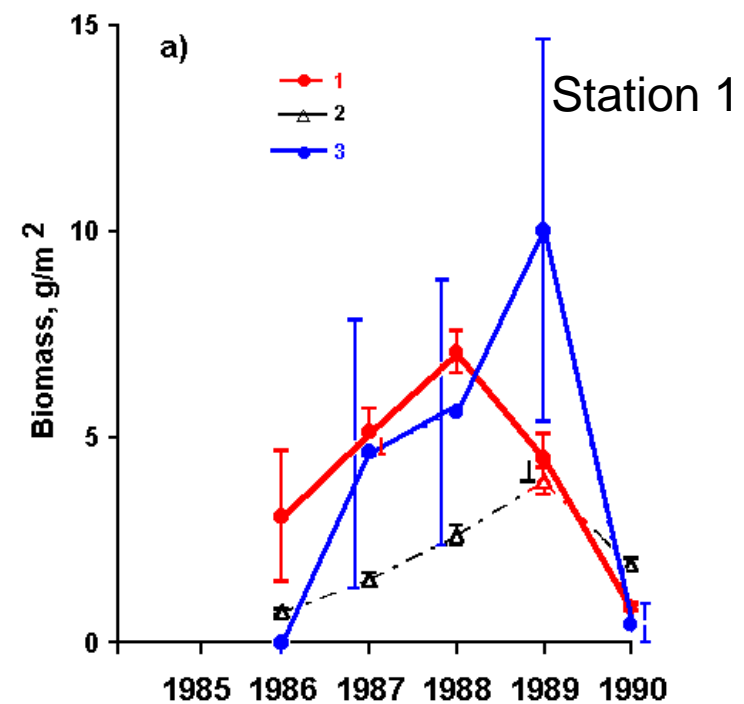
Maximov, 1996

Mean annual biomass ( $\pm$ S.E.) of main macrobenthic species at Station 1 (depth 30 m) and Station 2 (depth 36 m) in 1985 – 1990.

All dominant species exhibited similar trends: biomass of predatory *Saduria entomon* followed the changes of populations of its victims *Monoporeia affinis* resulting in considerable variations of biomass of whole macrobenthic community

- 1 – *Monoporeia affinis*
- 2 – Oligochaeta
- 3 – *Saduria entomon*

Maximov, 1997



Amplitude of interannual variations is significant. From 1985 to 1990 at study stations the mean annual biomass changed 4 – 6 times.

... but interannual variations are not synchronic at different sites

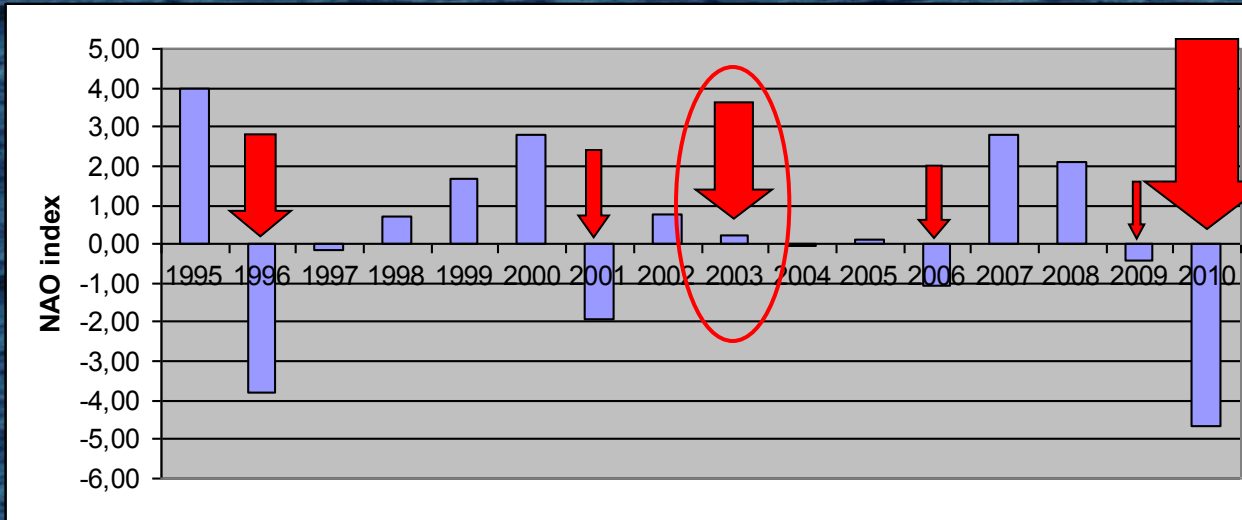
| Period  | Biomass<br>g m <sup>-2</sup> | Reference    |
|---------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1965-66 | 9                            | [285]        |
| 1969-72 | 27                           | [358]        |
| 1987    | 27                           | unpubl. res. |
| 1990    | 28                           | [610]        |
| 1991-92 | 25                           | unpubl. res. |
| 1995    | 21                           | unpubl. res. |

*Table 4.2.5 Average macrozoobenthos biomass values for the eastern Gulf of Finland*

Averaged data over more extensive water areas did not demonstrate considerable difference.

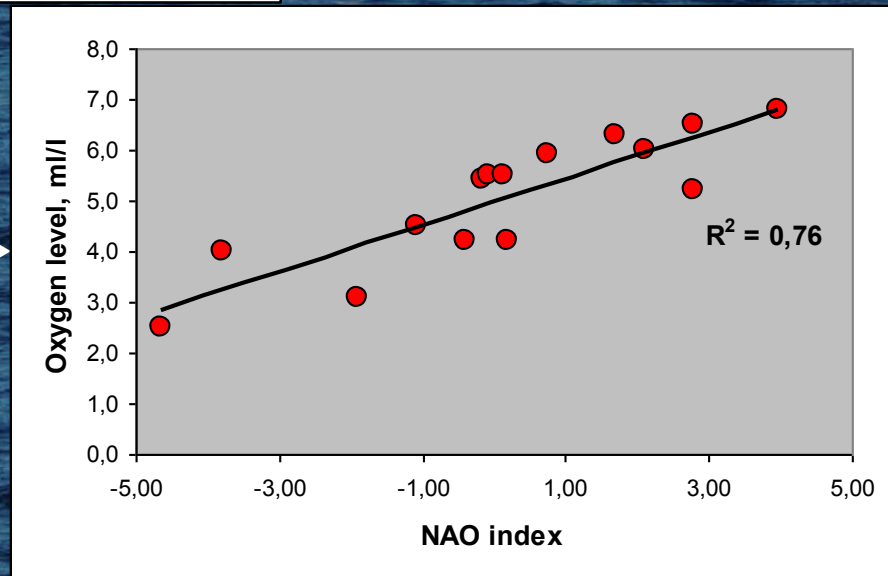
During almost 30-year period (1969 – 1995) the mean macrozoobenthos biomass values in the eastern Gulf of Finland varied within narrow range between 21 and 28 g WW m<sup>-2</sup>

The more long-term and large-scale changes were triggered by periodical hypoxic events leading to mass mortality of benthic organisms. These events were connected with basin-wide variations of hydrographic conditions in the Baltic Sea controlled by large-scale climatic factors



Winter Index (Hurrell, 1995) of the North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) and hypoxic events in the eastern Gulf of Finland (red arrows)

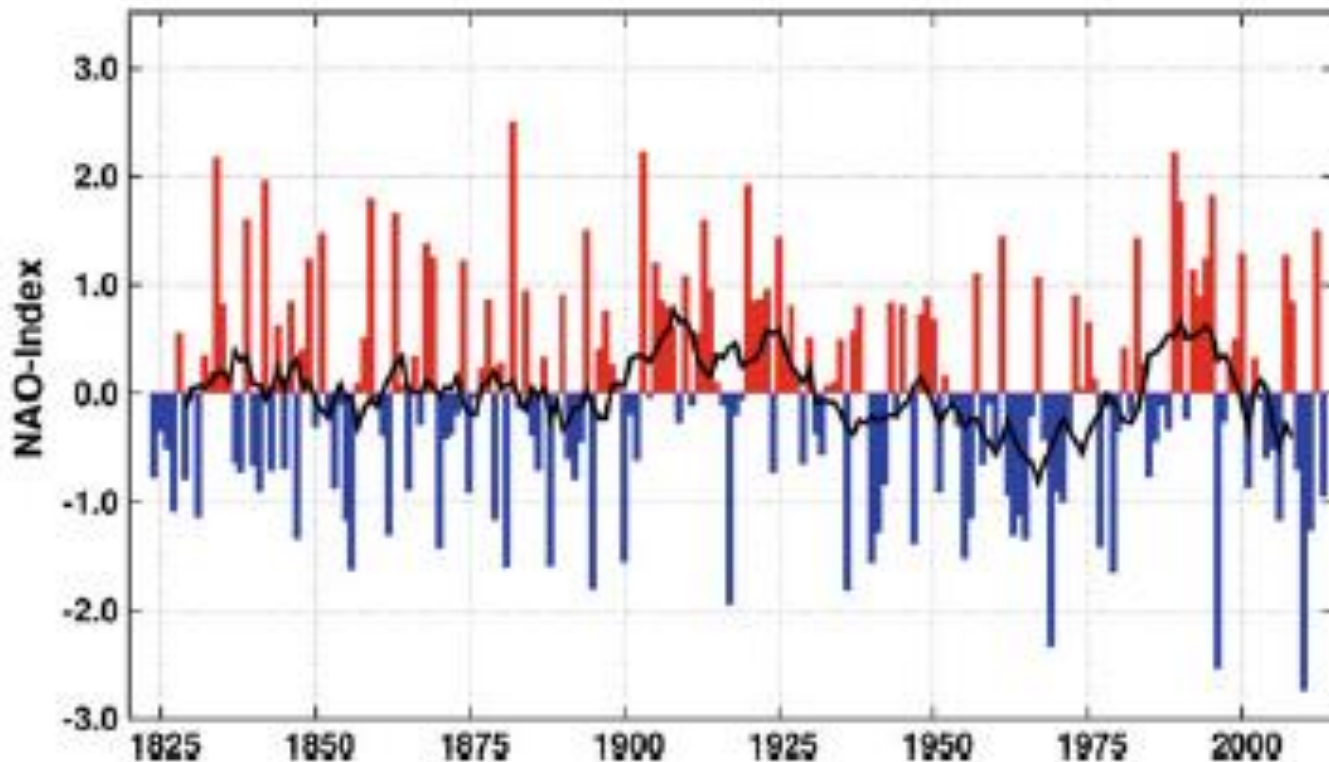
Correlation between mean oxygen level in the eastern Gulf of Finland (depth 40 m, 1995-2010) and winter index of the North Atlantic Oscillation



NAO Index data provided by the Climate Analysis Section, NCAR, Boulder, USA, Hurrell (1995)

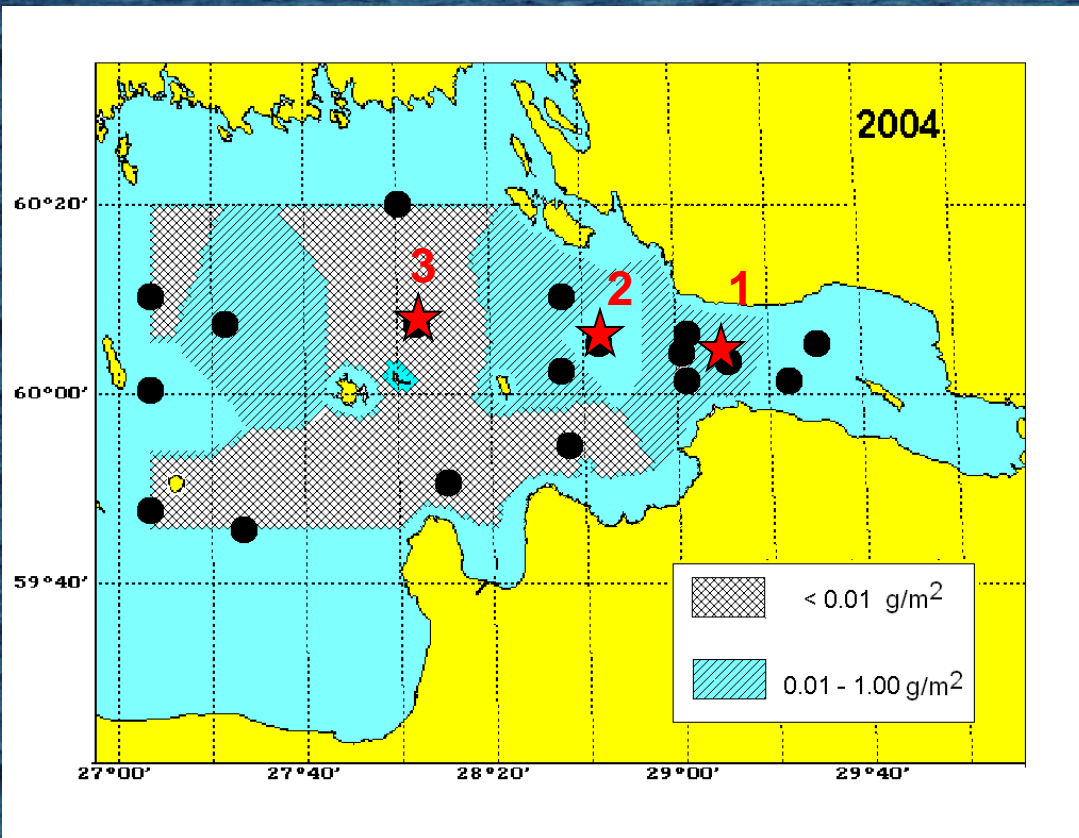
Eremina, Maximov, Voloshchuk, 2012

The NAO index demonstrates considerable inter-decadal variability. The first hypoxic event during study period coincided with return to the strong negative phase of the North Atlantic oscillation (NAO) in 1996 after 15yr period of positive-phase NAO conditions. The repeated hypoxic events in early 2000s led to strong impoverishment of benthic communities in areas that were affected by hypoxia.





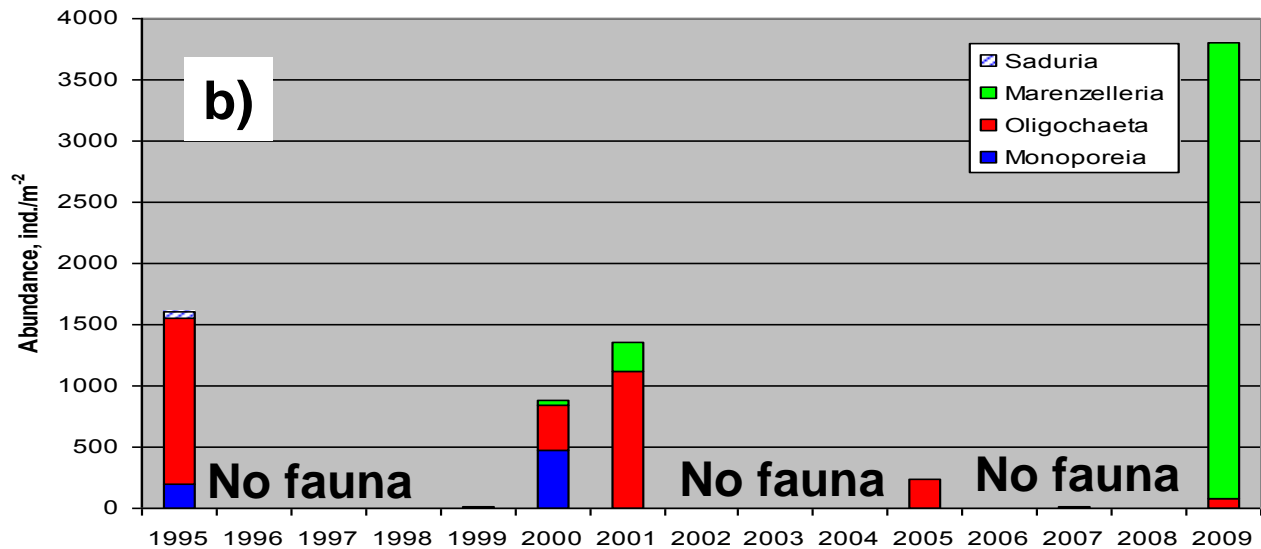
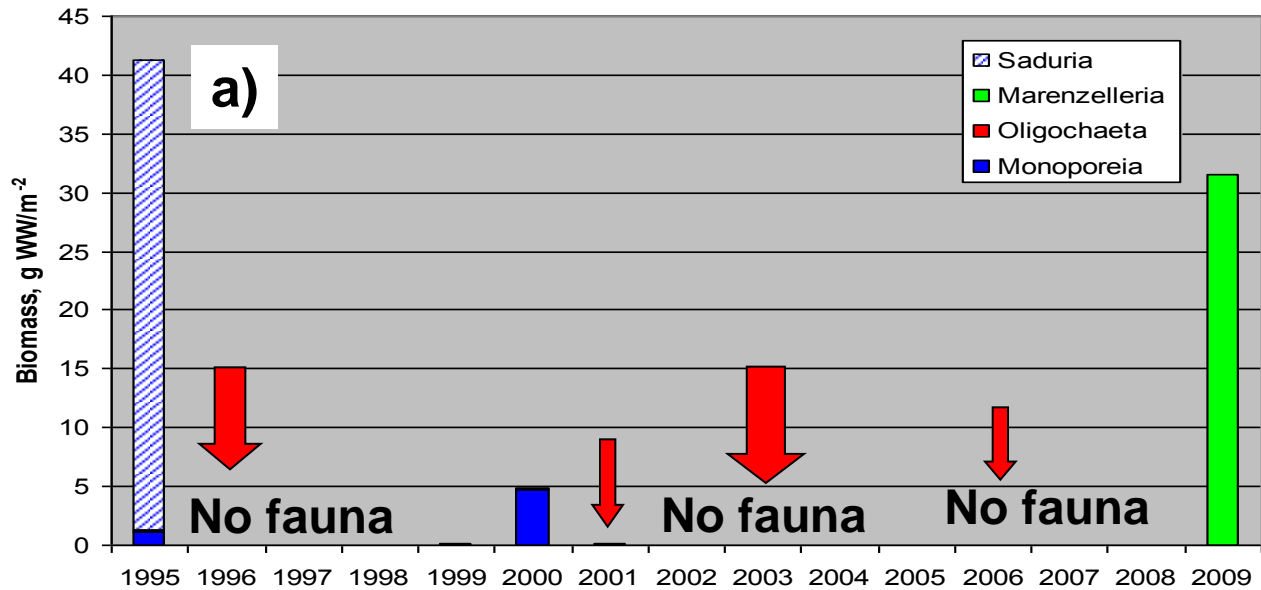
# The spatial scales of hypoxic events are large



The distribution of defaunated and impoverished benthic communities (biomass < 0,01 g WW m<sup>-2</sup>) in 2004

Hypoxic events led to the formation of extensive life-less or strongly impoverished bottom areas.

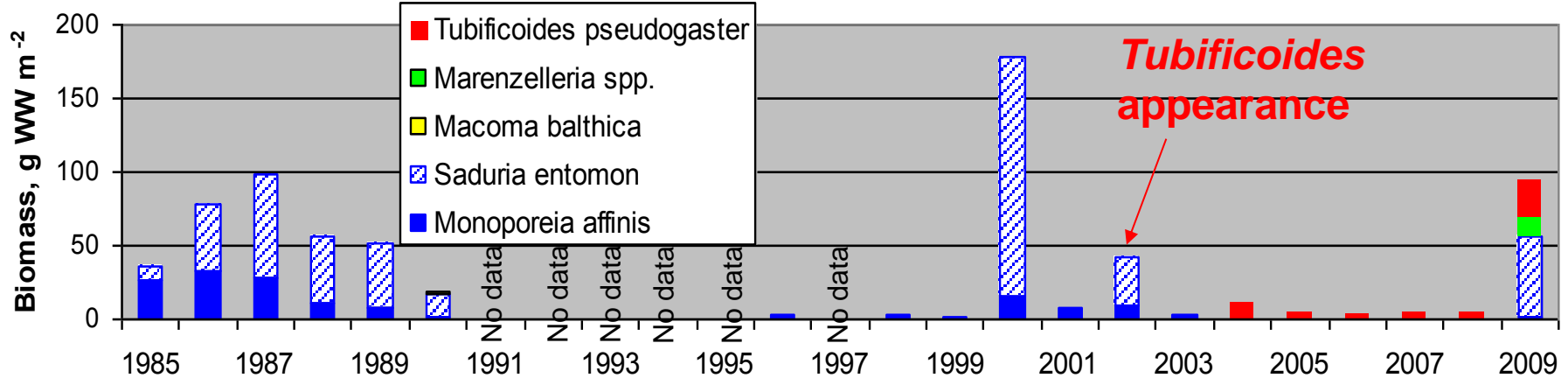
# Hypoxia-induced changes were the most considerable at the deepest study station 3 where total disappearance of macrofauna was recorded



Changes in biomass (a, g WW m<sup>-2</sup>) and abundance (b, ind.m<sup>-2</sup>) of macrobenthic species at station 3 (depth 50 m) in 1995-2009. Red arrows are hypoxic events.

On non-affected by hypoxia Station 2 the native crustaceans-dominated community was replaced by new for the Gulf of Finland species –oligochate *Tubificoides pseudogaster*

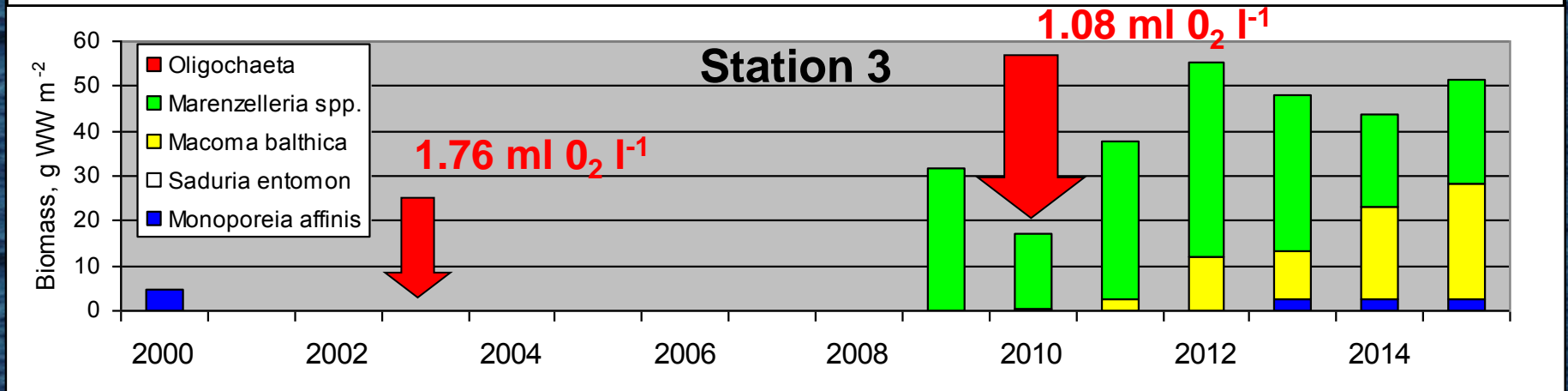
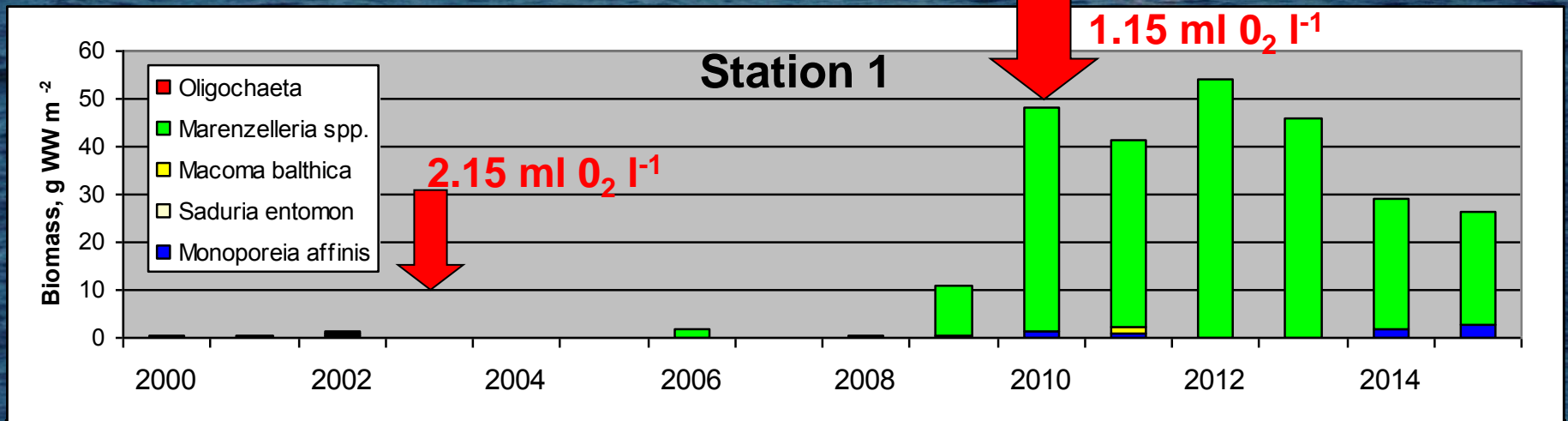
Changes in the biomass (g WW m<sup>-2</sup>) and composition of bottom macrofauna at station 2 (depth 36 m)



In 2009 this site was invaded by polychaete *Marenzelleria arctica*

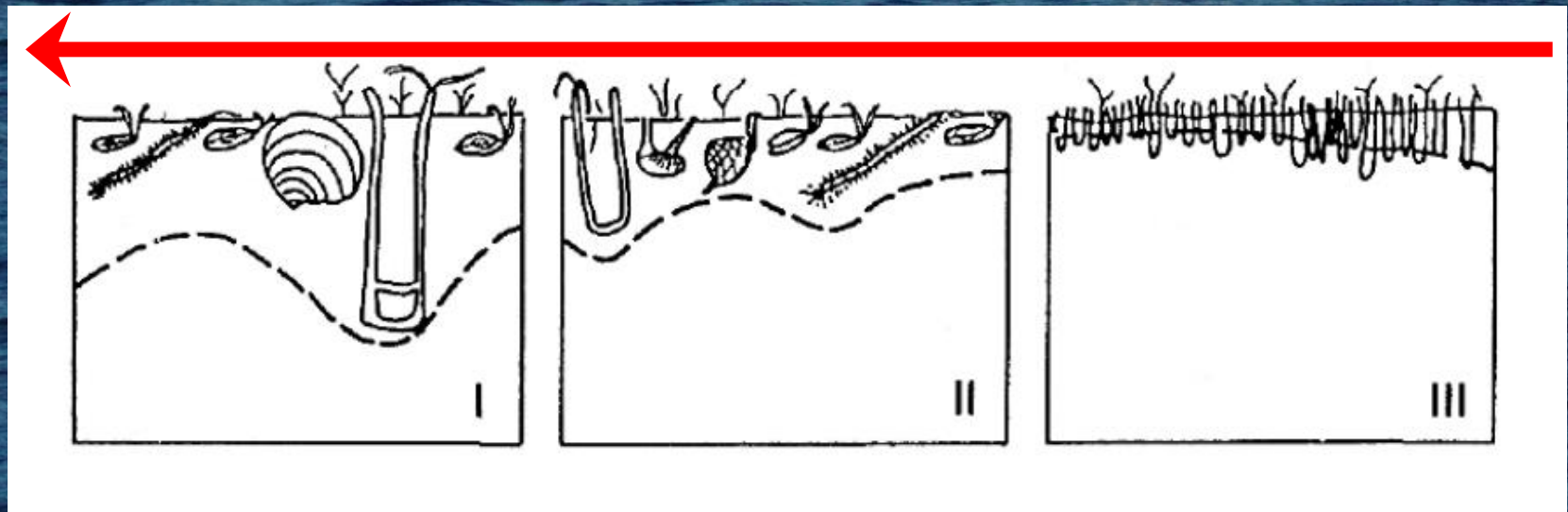
At sites, where macrofauna early was killed by oxygen depletion, introduction of hypoxic-tolerant polychaetes compensates for negative effects of hypoxia. Biomass increased drastically despite of the record low oxygen level in 2010

Changes in biomass (g WW m<sup>-2</sup>) of macrobenthic species at sites 1 and 3 in 2000-2015



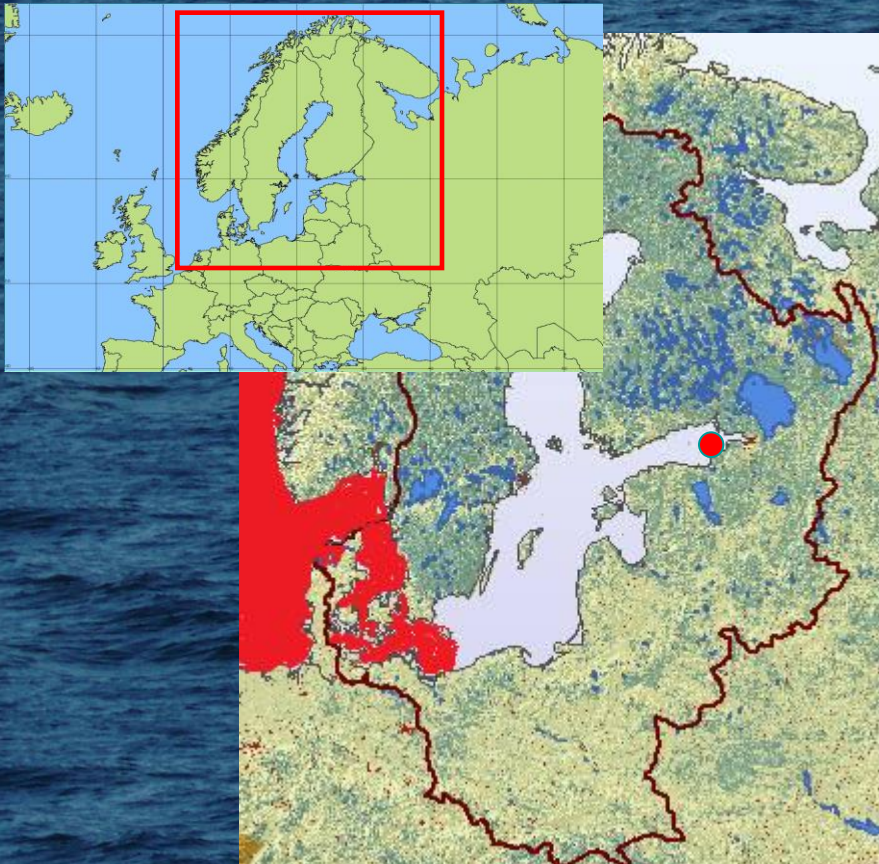
In contrast to the reversible population cycles and climate-driven variations invasion-induced changes can be characterized as irreversible regime shifts resulting in formation of new alternative communities.

This shift is consistent with the general model of zoobenthic succession in Baltic sedimentary habitats predicting a few successional stages with final “climax community” dominated by deep-burrowing species (Rumohr et al., 1996)



The appearance of new species is in line with the concept of continuing postglacial succession of the Baltic Sea (Bonsdorff, 2006). The both species are representatives of two main components of Baltic fauna.

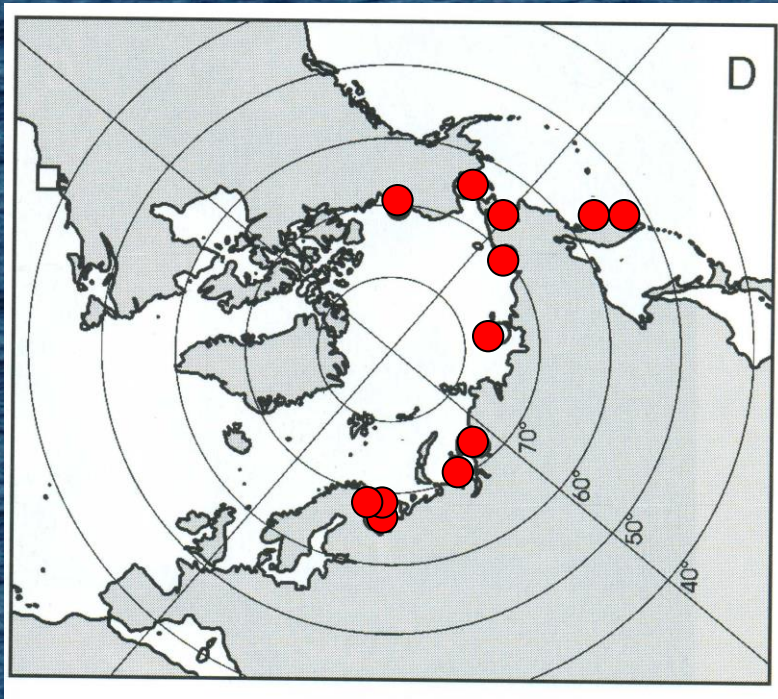
The majority of Baltic benthic species originate from estuaries and littoral zone of northwest Europe.



Distribution of *Tubificoides pseudogaster* in the Baltic Sea. Data source: HELCOM 2012

*T. pseudogaster* is one of the common and abundant macrobenthic species in the littoral zone and estuaries of the North Sea.

*Marenzelleria arctia* has arctic origin. It is species from estuarine arctic faunistic complex inhabiting mouth areas of large northern rivers.



← Distribution of *Marenzelleria arctia* in native area

*Sikorski, Bick, 2004*

In Arctic estuaries benthic communities are strongly dominated by polychaetes *Marenzelleria arctia*, crustaceans *Saduria entomon* and *Monoporeia affinis*, priapulids *Halicryptus spinulosus* and bivalves *Macoma balthica* (Denisenko et al. 1999)

Until recently, *Marenzelleria arctia* was the only species from this list that was absent in the Baltic Sea.



Fig. 2. The suggested role of the Siberian ice-lake of the maximum glaciation in the development and spread of glacial relicts. The extent of the lake at its highest level tentatively hatched. After Segerstråle 1957.

The immigration pathways of glacial relicts into the Northern Europe

Segerstråle, 1976

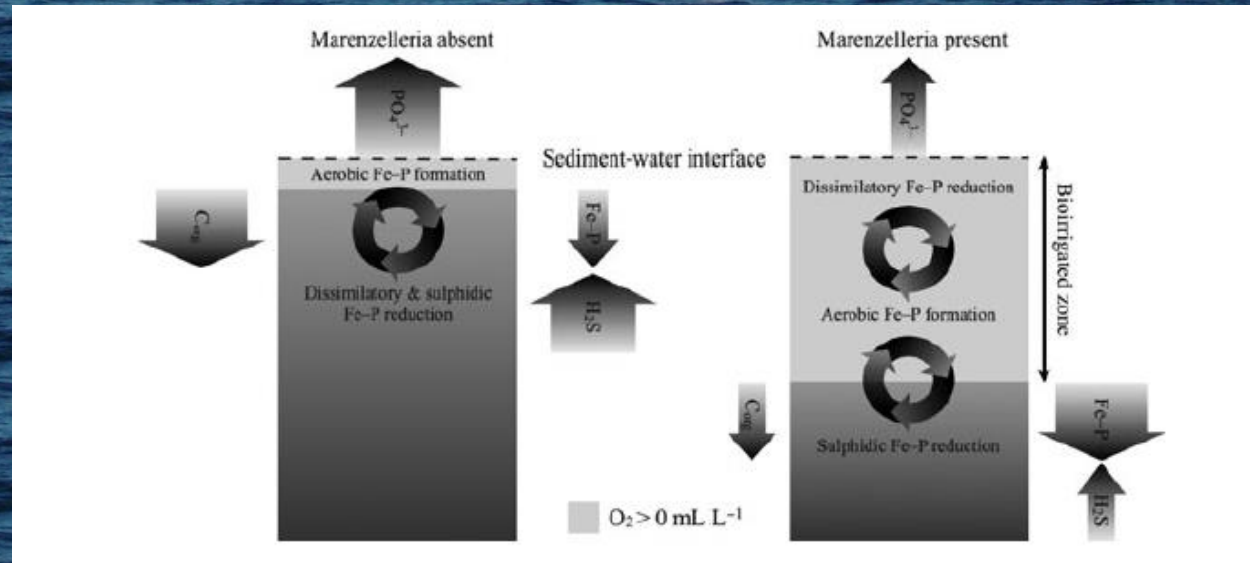
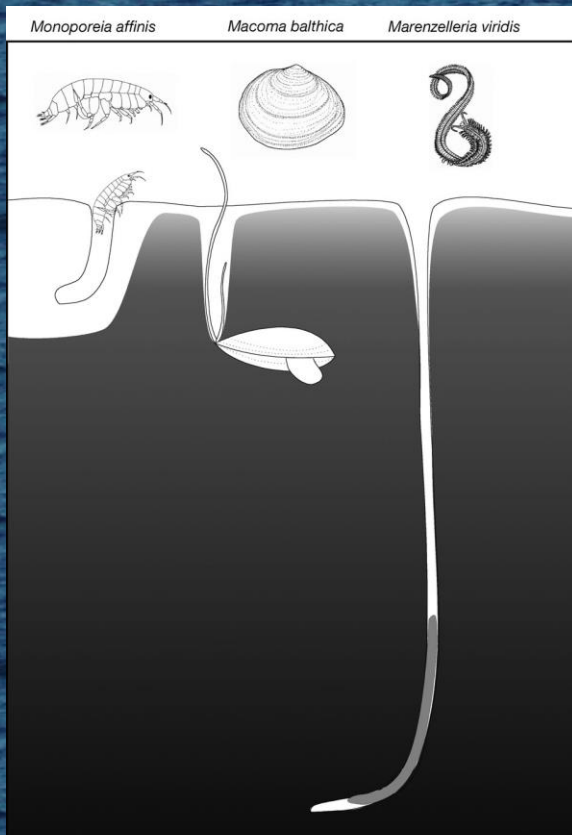
During the last Ice Age the other representatives of arctic estuarine complex (so-called “glacial relicts”) - crustaceans *Monoporeia affinis* and *Saduria entomon* - reached the Baltic Sea. It is suggested that the special role in this processes was played by large freshwater lake in Siberia. The polychaetes were not able to breed in freshwater conditions and remained in the old area.

The recent *Marenzelleria* invasion can be considered as logical completion of post-glacial expansion of arctic brackish water fauna to the Baltic Sea led to restoration of normal natural community destroyed by large-scale disturbance during Ice Age



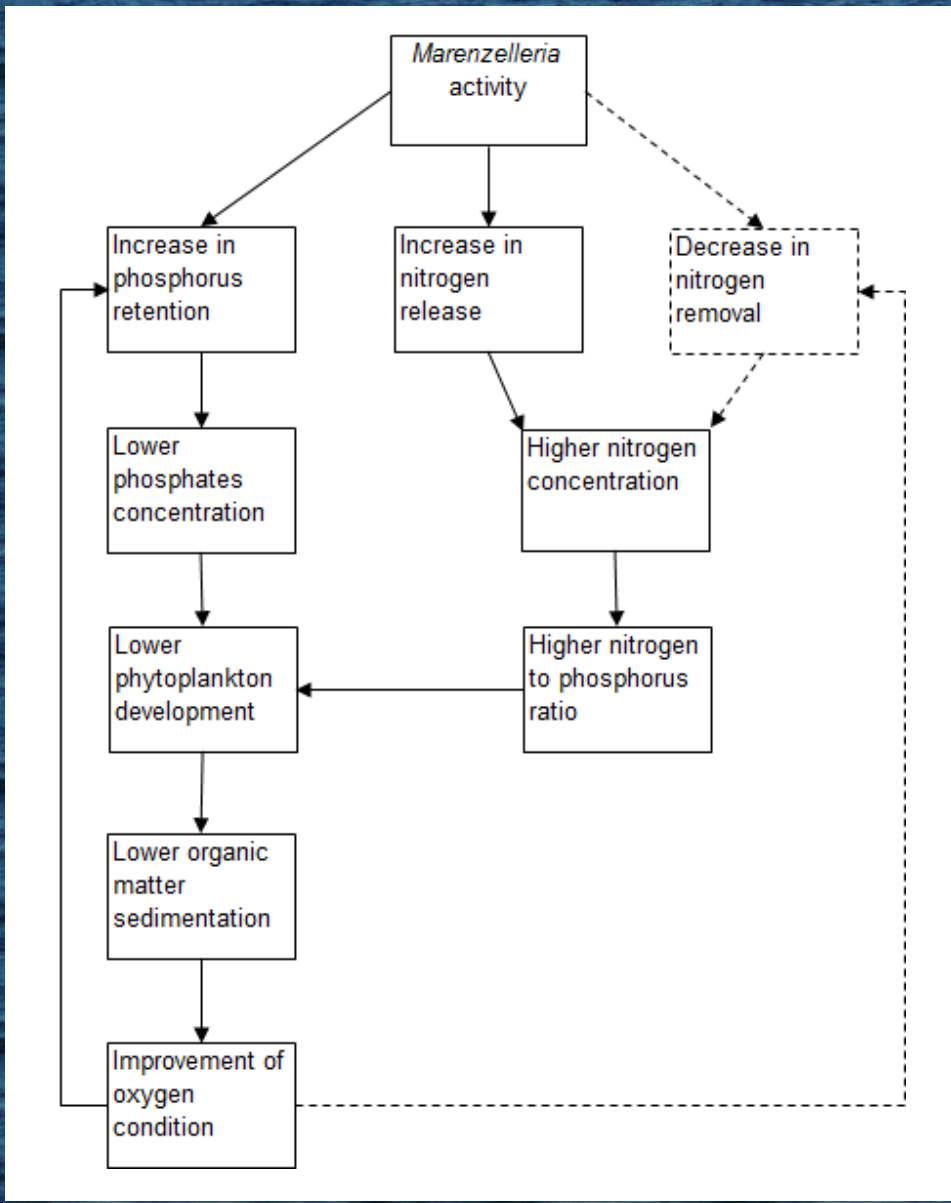
# Ecosystem-level consequences of *Marenzelleria* invasion

*Marenzelleria* spp. dig the bottom deeper than native Baltic species performing previously lacking ecosystem functions



Bioirrigation activity of *Marenzelleria* increases the phosphorus retention in sediments because of deeper oxygen penetration into sediments and formation of powerful oxidized layer. In the Stockholm area this activity of polychaetes result in decline of phosphates concentration

# **Marenzelleria spp. affect nutrient cycling and biogeochemical processes at the sediment – water interface enhancing some ecosystem services**



Potential effects of *Marenzelleria* spp. on nutrient cycling in the ecosystems of the Northern Baltic Sea. Dashed box and lines indicate a hypothesized process and effects with little data at this time.

# Summary

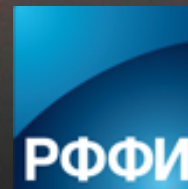
|                             | Space scale   | Time scale       | Organisation level      |
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| <b>Population cycles</b>    | local         | interannual      | Population              |
| <b>Hydrographic changes</b> | biotope-scale | interdecadal     | Community/<br>ecosystem |
| <b>Faunistic changes</b>    | gulf-scale    | Intercenturial ? | Ecosystem               |

**Factors controlling changes in macrobenthic communities are scale-dependent**

**Important at the small temporal, spatial and organizational scales factors are not significant in controlling of the large-scale processes**

**The most large-scale effects in the study area connected with invasion-induced changes in benthic biodiversity**

# Thank you for attention!



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- ① **Collate marine spatial knowledge**
- ① **Make data available**
- ① **European Commission**
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| Data on the concentration of nutrients, organic matter, pesticides, heavy metals, radionuclides and antifoulants in water, sediment and biota. | Data on temporal and spatial distribution of species abundance and biomass from several taxa. | Data on salinity, temperature, waves, currents, sea-level, light attenuation, and FerryBoxes. |
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| Human Activities   | Coastal Mapping                                      |
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|  |  |
| Data on the intensity and spatial extent of human activities at sea. | Building a Joint European Coastal Mapping Programme. |
| <a href="#">Read more</a> <a href="#">Portal</a>                     | <a href="#">Read more</a> <a href="#">Portal</a>     |



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# EMODnet Geology

## 3rd Phase

- ① Lead by GTK/Henry Vallius
- ① ~40 organisations/30 countries (~EurogeoSurveys)
  - ① Budget 4.5 milj. €/2 years + potentially 4.5 milj./€2years
- ① Themes:
  - Sea-bed substrate & Sediment accumulation rate
  - Sea-floor geology
  - Coastal behaviour
  - Mineral occurrences
  - Geological events and probabilities
  - Submerged landscapes
- ① DATA AVAILABLE At: <http://www.emodnet-geology.eu/>





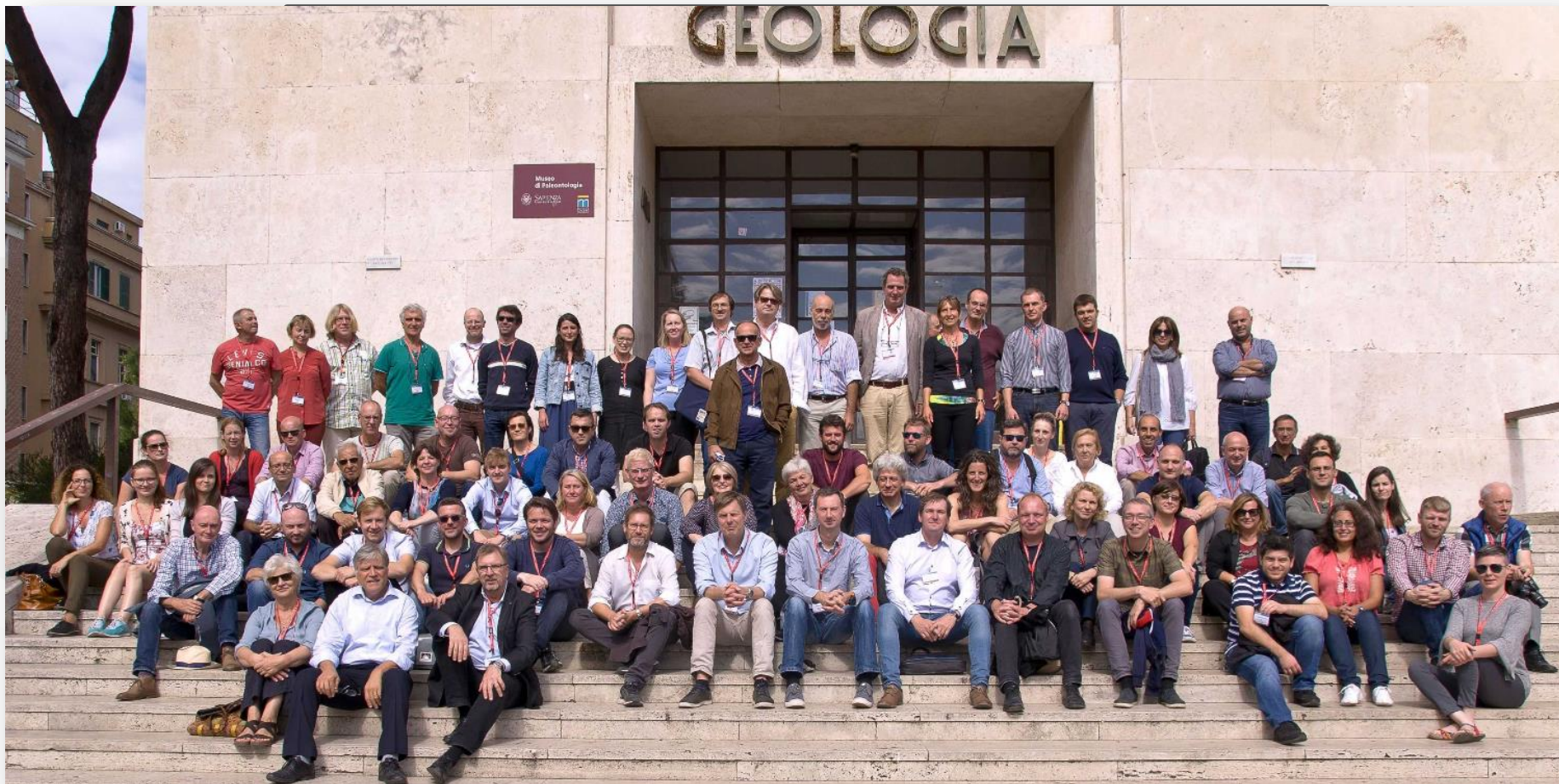
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**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> phase 2013 -**

# EMODnet Geology Data area



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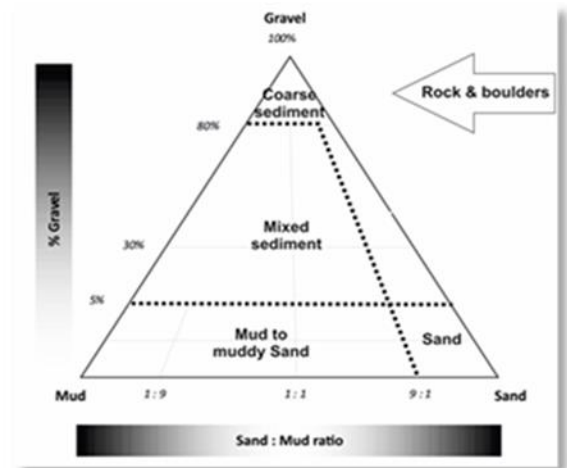
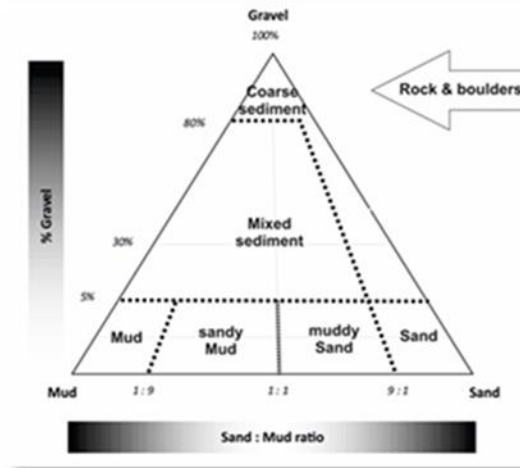
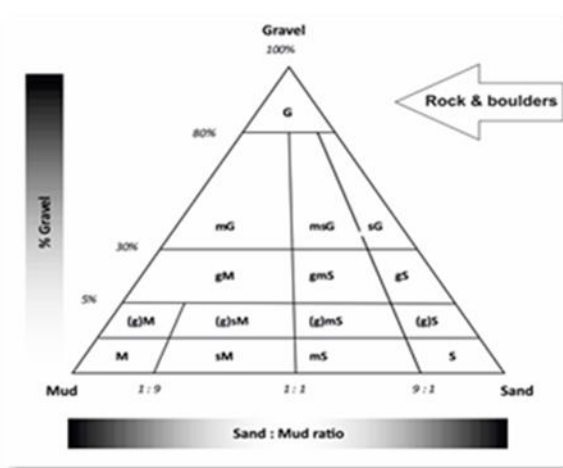
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# EMODnet Geology Seabed substrate

## Aims:

- Harmonised Seabed substrate information (~maps)
- Rate of accumulation/sedimentation on the sea floor

Folk Triangle/Hierarchy





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Scales:

1 M

250 k

100 k

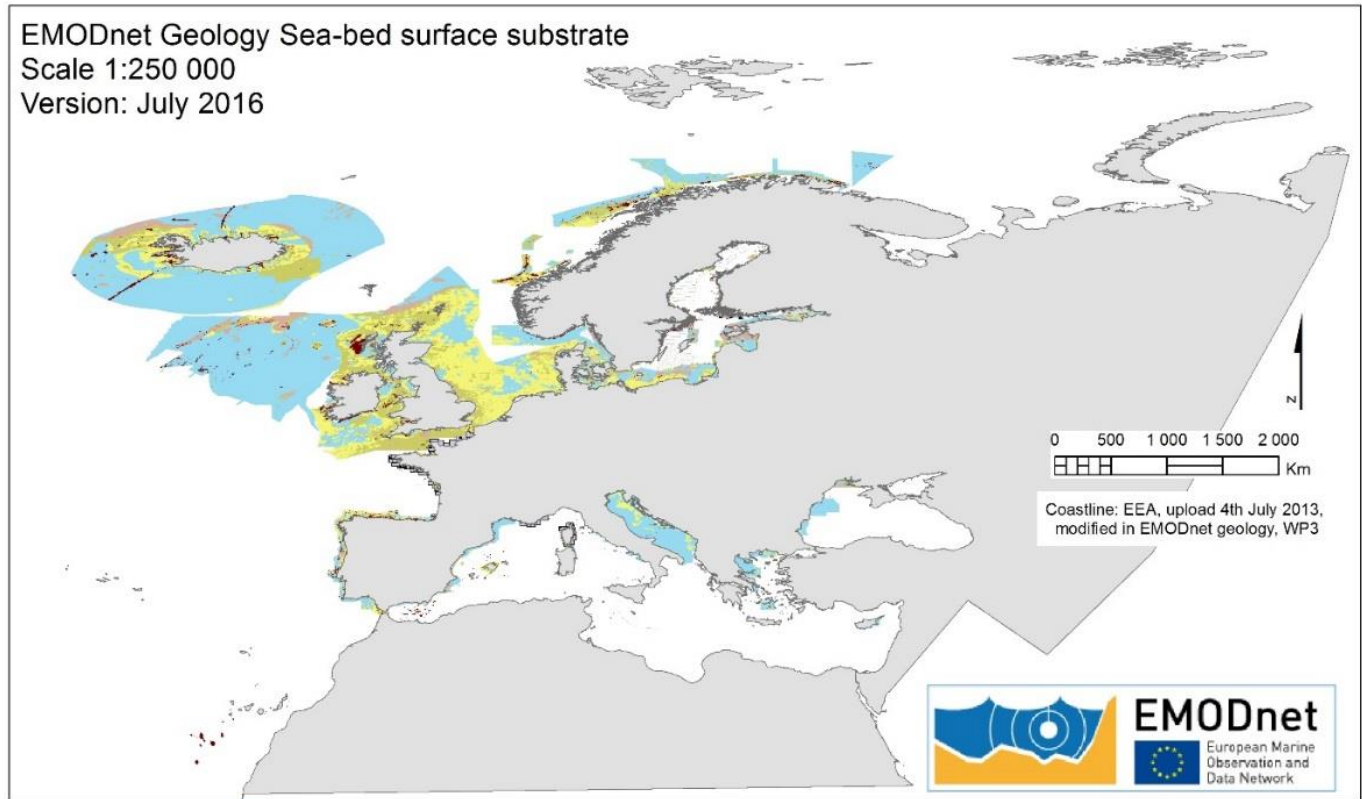
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# EMODnet Geology Seabed substrate

EMODnet Geology Sea-bed surface substrate

Scale 1:250 000

Version: July 2016



- |                      |                                  |                    |  |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| <b>Folk_4plus1</b>   |                                  |                    |  |
| 1. Mud to muddy Sand | 4. Mixed sediment                | 5. Rock & boulders |  |
| 2. Sand              | 6. No data at this level of Folk | 9. Restricted data |  |
| 3. Coarse substrate  |                                  |                    |  |





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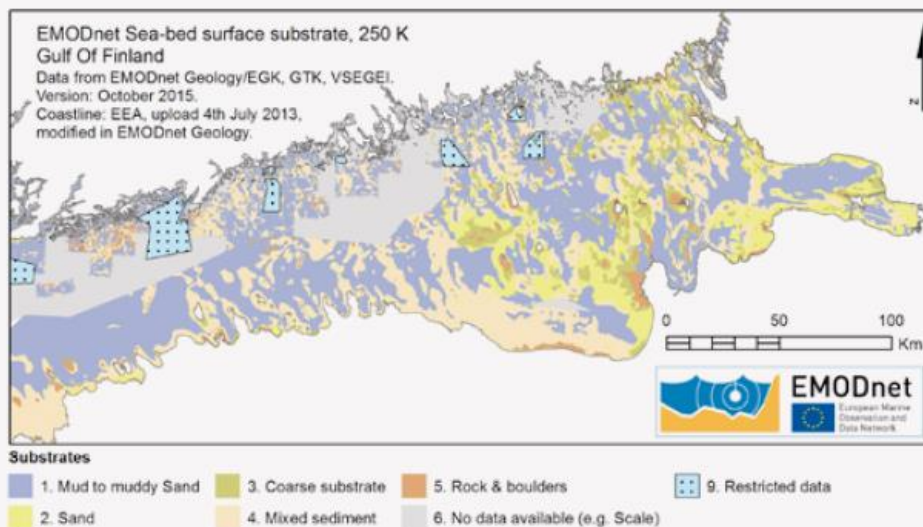
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### 3.3. Gulf of Finland assessment

The development of EMODnet standard classifications for the various categories of seabed substrate allowed a digital map layer covering Russian, Finnish and Estonian waters to contribute towards the Gulf of Finland assessment published in 2016. This was one of the most important outcomes of the Gulf of Finland Year arranged by the three countries in 2014. The map, which shows that erosion, transportation, and accumulation bottoms have combined to give a patchy substrate distribution, also formed the basis of the regional spatial plan for the sea area created by the Regional Council of Kymenlaakso.

*Seabed substrate map over the Gulf of Finland in scale 1:250.000*





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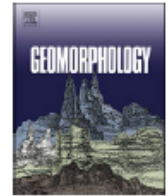


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**Geodiversity** = the natural range of geological, geomorphological, and soil features and their assemblages, relationships, properties, interpretations, and systems (Gray, 2004).



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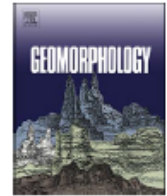
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## WHY?

- To VISUALIZE broad scale geological characteristics of the seafloor environment, which is largely invisible
- To provide SCIENCE-BASED SPATIAL knowledge for the ESBM
- To study contributing PROCESSES
- Linkage with Biodiversity



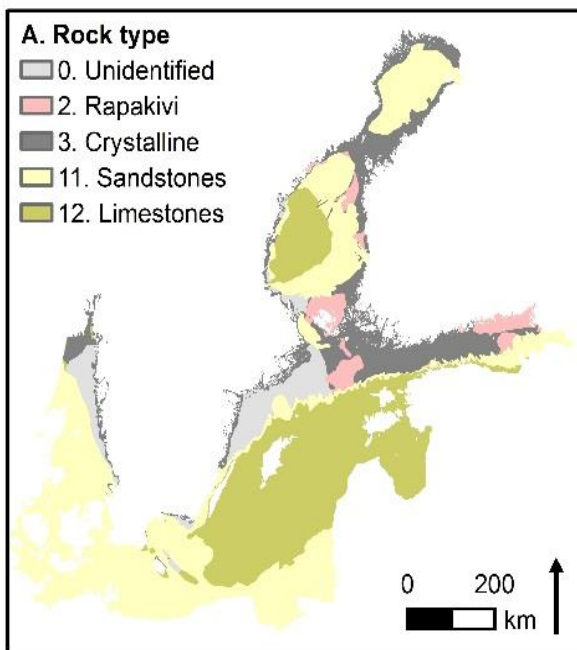
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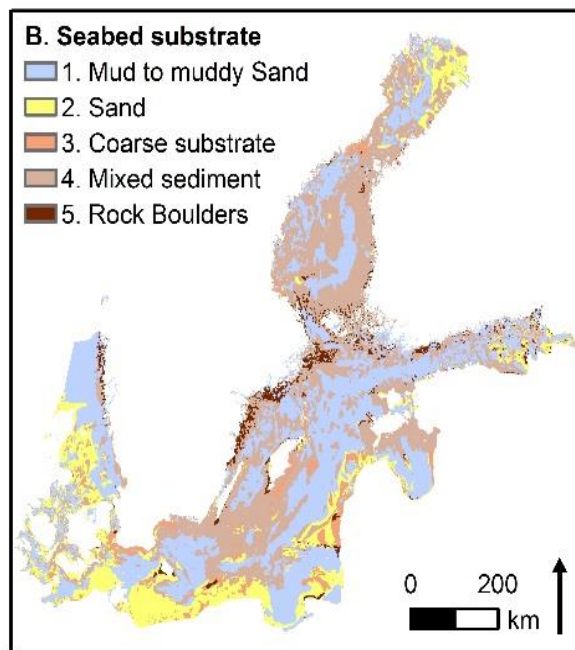
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# Seabed geodiversity Material

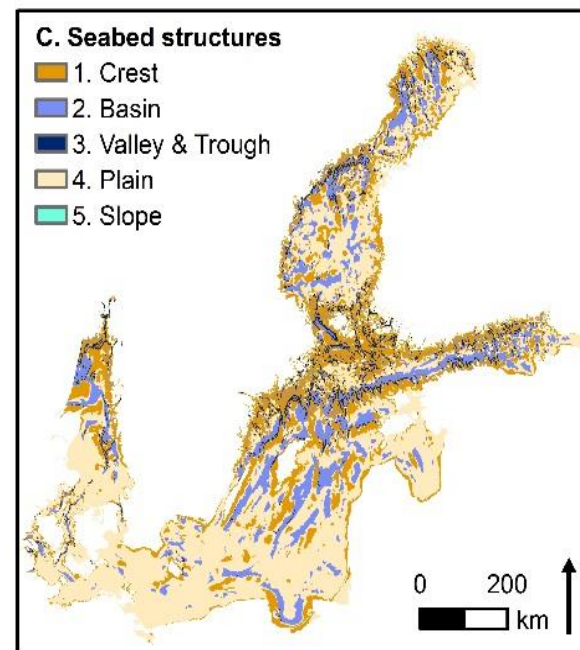
*(Kaskela & Kotilainen, 2017)*



Bedrock geology,  
Koistinen et al. 1 M



Seabed substrate,  
EMODnet Geology, 1M



Geomorphology:  
Seabed structures modelled

- Along Kaskela et al 2012
- EMODnet bathymetry



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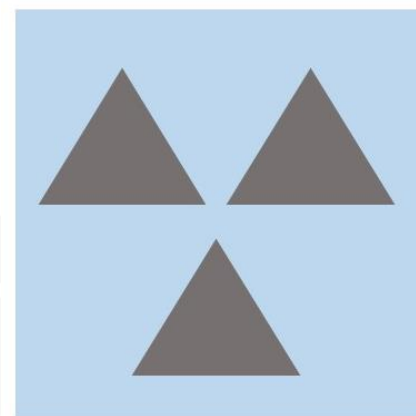


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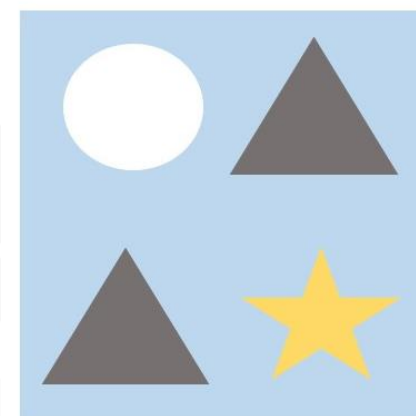
# How to quantify geodiversity?

(Kaskela & Kotilainen, 2017)

- 📍 Patchiness: Amount of all patches
- 📍 Patch Richness: Amount of patch types
- 📍 Geodiversity index:  $GD = EG \frac{R}{\ln S}$ ,  
*EG* = number of different patch types,  
*R* = roughness,  
*S* = surface area,  
*ln* = natural logarithm
- 📍 ArcGIS Spatial Analysis, Focal statistics
  - 📍 20 km analysis radius



P = 4  
R = 2



P = 5  
R = 4



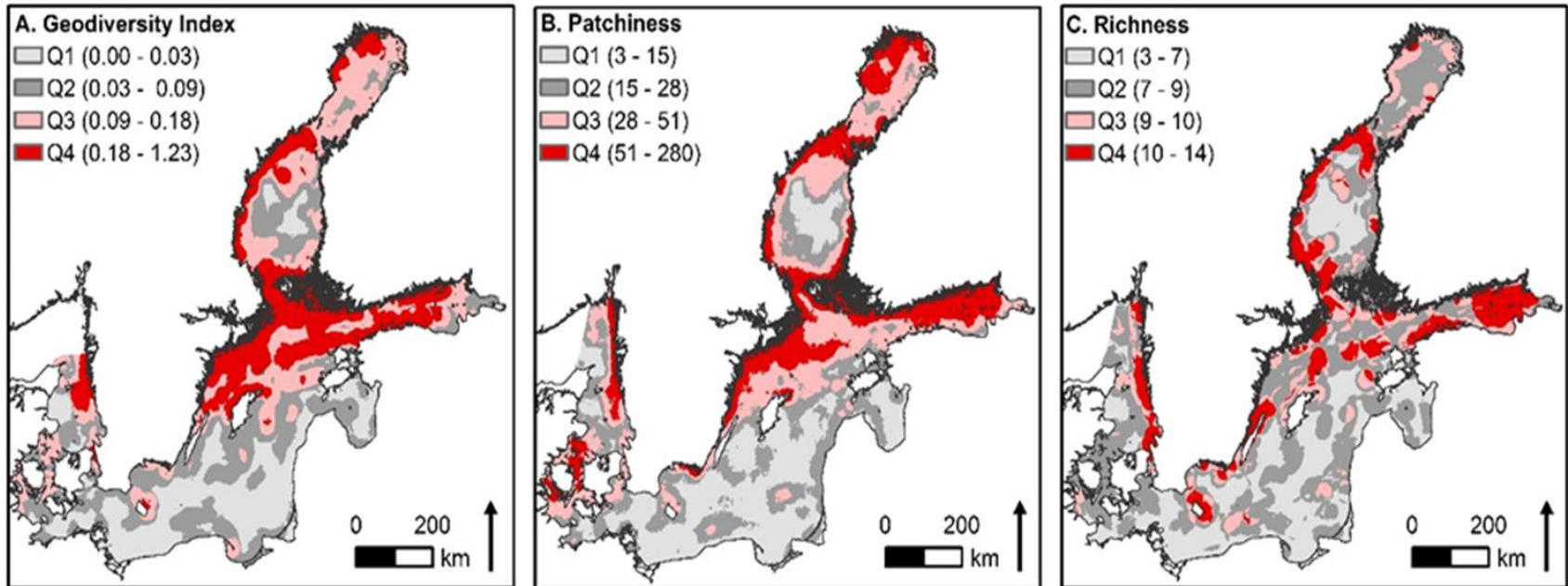


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# Geodiversity distribution

(Kaskela & Kotilainen, 2017)

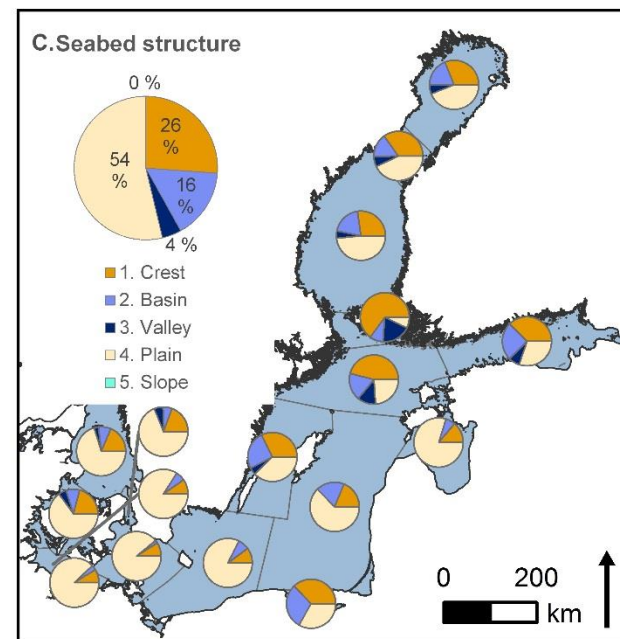
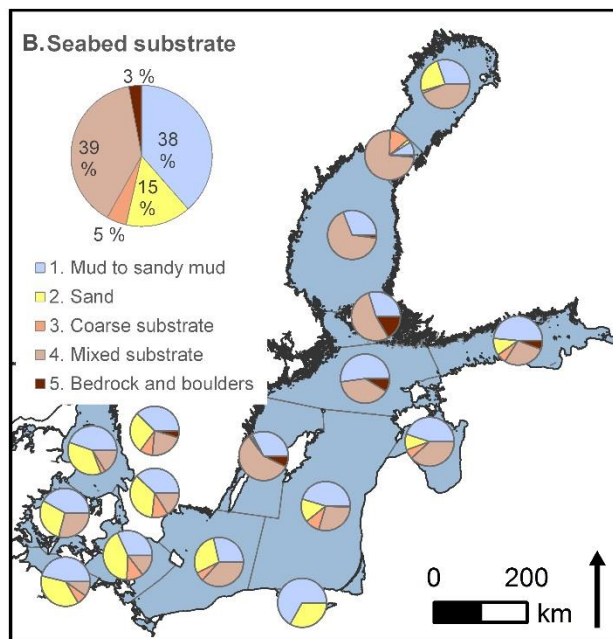
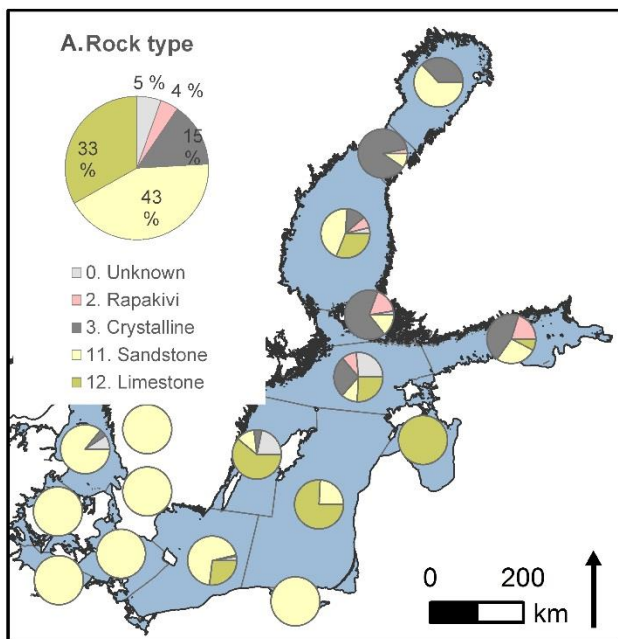




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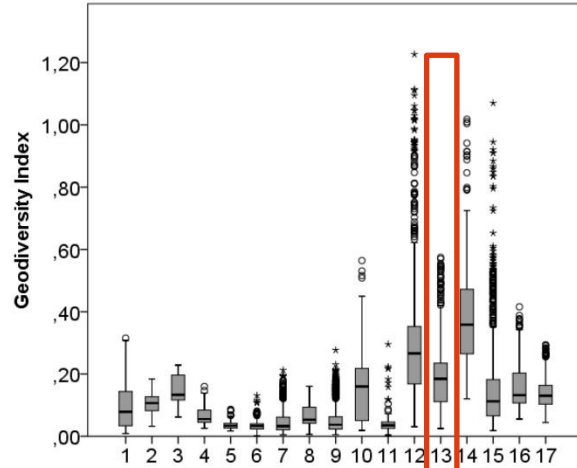
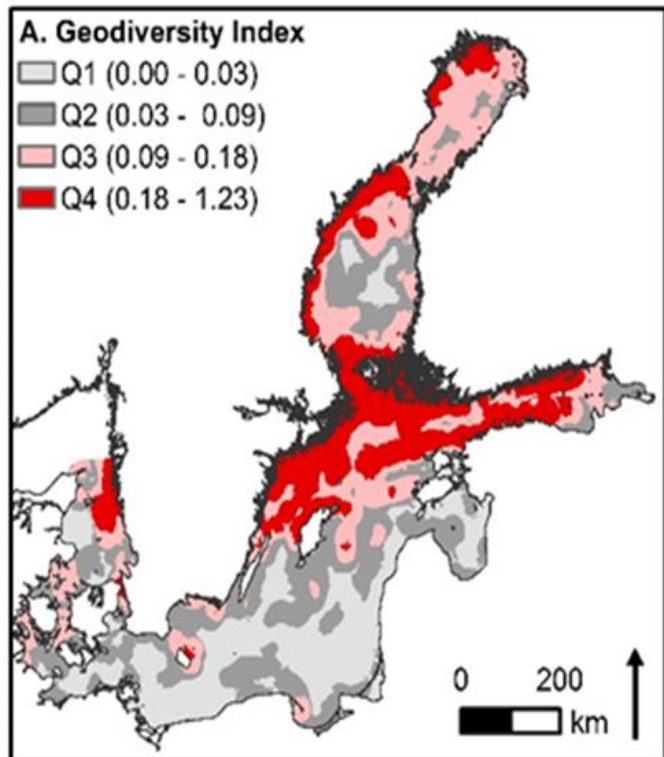
# Geodiversity distribution Gulf of Finland (Kaskela & Kotilainen, 2017)



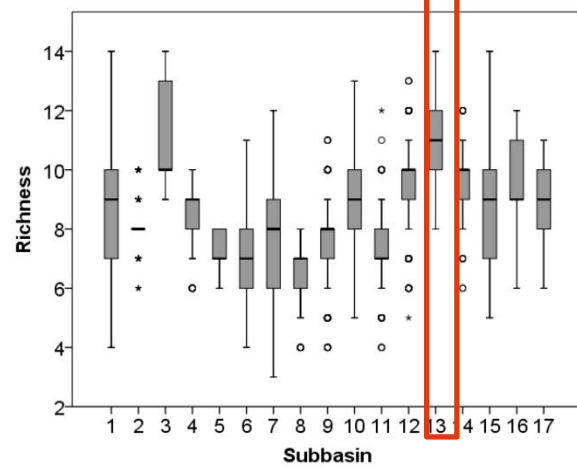
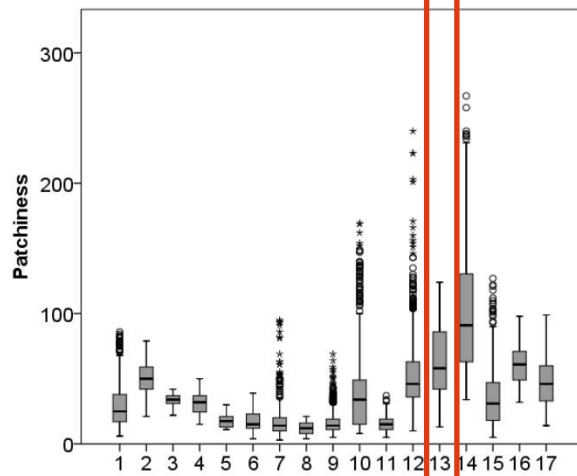
Subregions are different by their geological characteristics and geodiversity



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- Subbasins:
- 1 = Kattegat
  - 2 = Great Belt
  - 3 = Sound
  - 4 = Kiel Bay
  - 5 = Bay of Mecklenburg
  - 6 = Arkona Basin
  - 7 = Bornholm Basin
  - 8 = Gdansk Basin
  - 9 = E. Gotland Basin
  - 10 = W. Gotland Basin
  - 11 = Gulf of Riga
  - 12 = North Baltic Proper
  - 13 = Gulf of Finland
  - 14 = Åland and Archipelago S.
  - 15 = Bothnian Sea
  - 16 = Kvarken
  - 17 = Bothnian Bay



Geodiversity is high in the GoF in comparison to other subregions



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# CONCLUSIONS

-  EMODnet collects and harmonises marine data from Europe
  -  Geological data available at: <http://www.emodnet-geology.eu/>
- Seabed geodiversity
  - Informs about abiotic conservation values, seabed dynamics, and sustainable use of resources
  - Guides future surveys
  - Added value to broad scale/low resolution data
  - GoF High geodiversity area/Baltic Sea



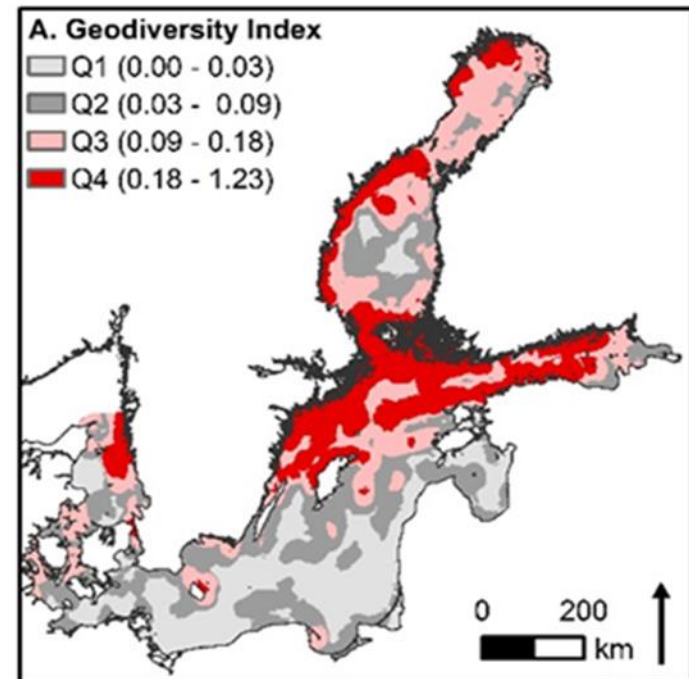
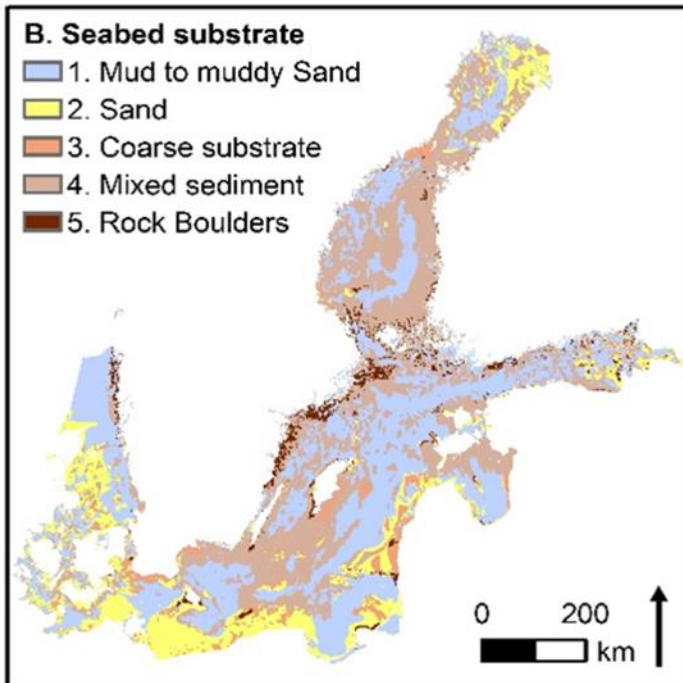
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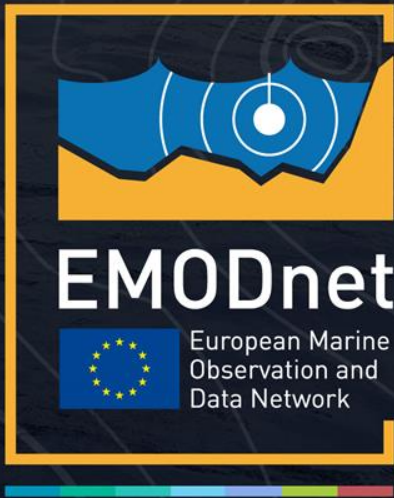


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