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# Optical and SAR remote sensing for marine applications (oil spill and ship detection)

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# Old space

- Few, big, expensive satellites
- Government initiatives
- Few countries
- Hardware
- Traditional engineering
- Space is empty
- Satellites are nice to have
- Satellites are unassailable

# New space

- Many, small, cheap satellites
  - Low cost of technology
- Commercial initiatives
  - Venture capital, low interest rates
- Many countries
- Software
- New manufacturing (digital, 3D print)
- Orbits and RF spectrum congested
- Crucial for economy, military
- Anti-satellite weapons

# Functions of space

- Science & exploration
- Exploitation
  - Moon, Mars, Asteroid mining
- Observation
  - Earth monitoring, intelligence
- Positioning, Navigation & Timing
  - GPS, others
- Communication
  - Oceans, air, remote areas, 5G

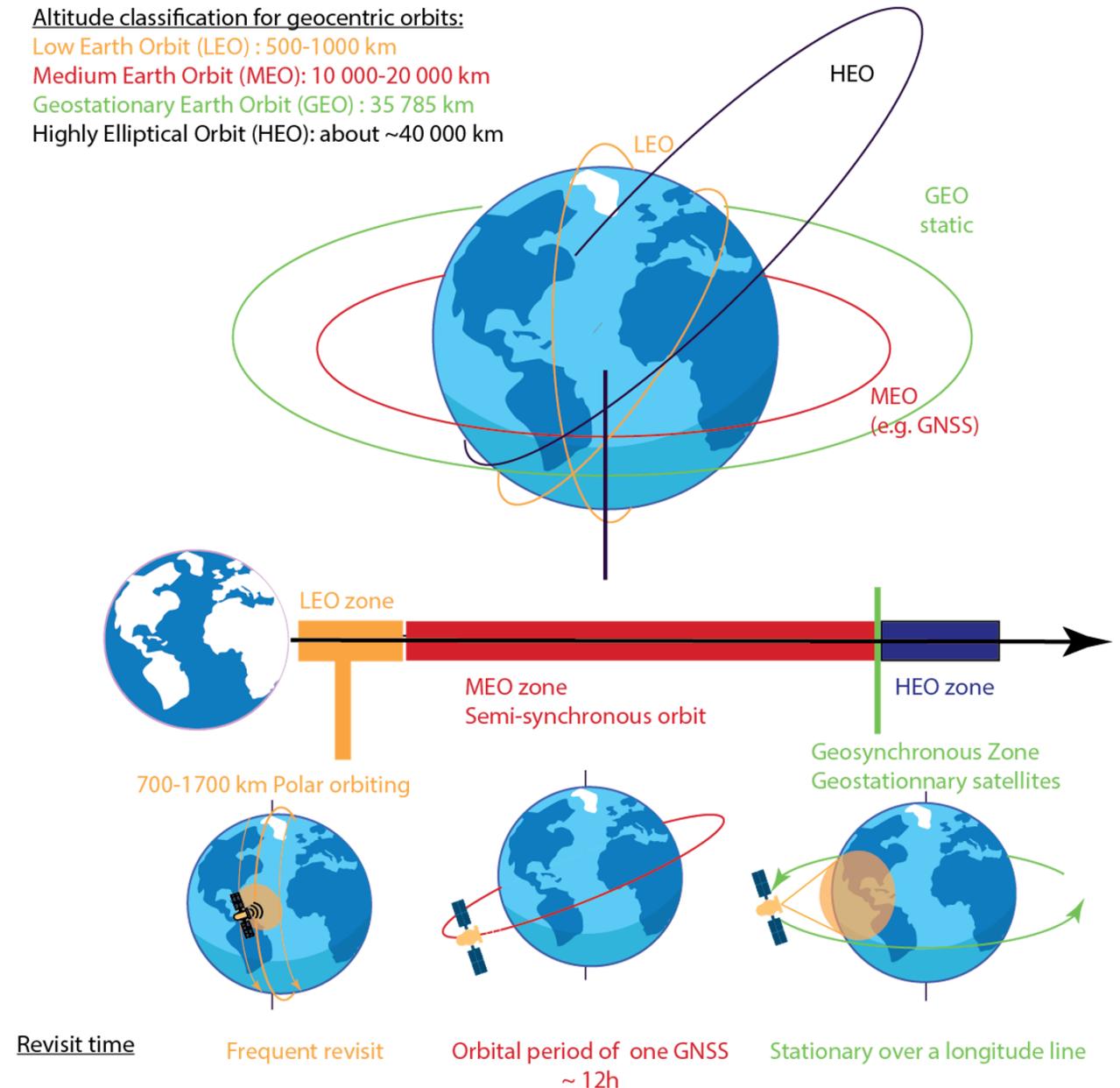
Altitude classification for geocentric orbits:

Low Earth Orbit (LEO) : 500-1000 km

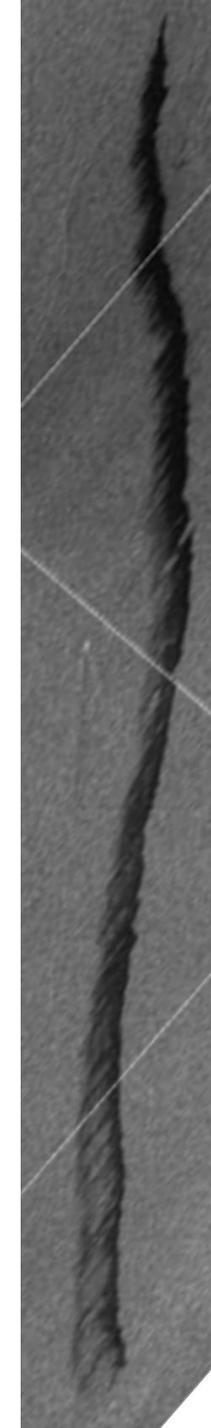
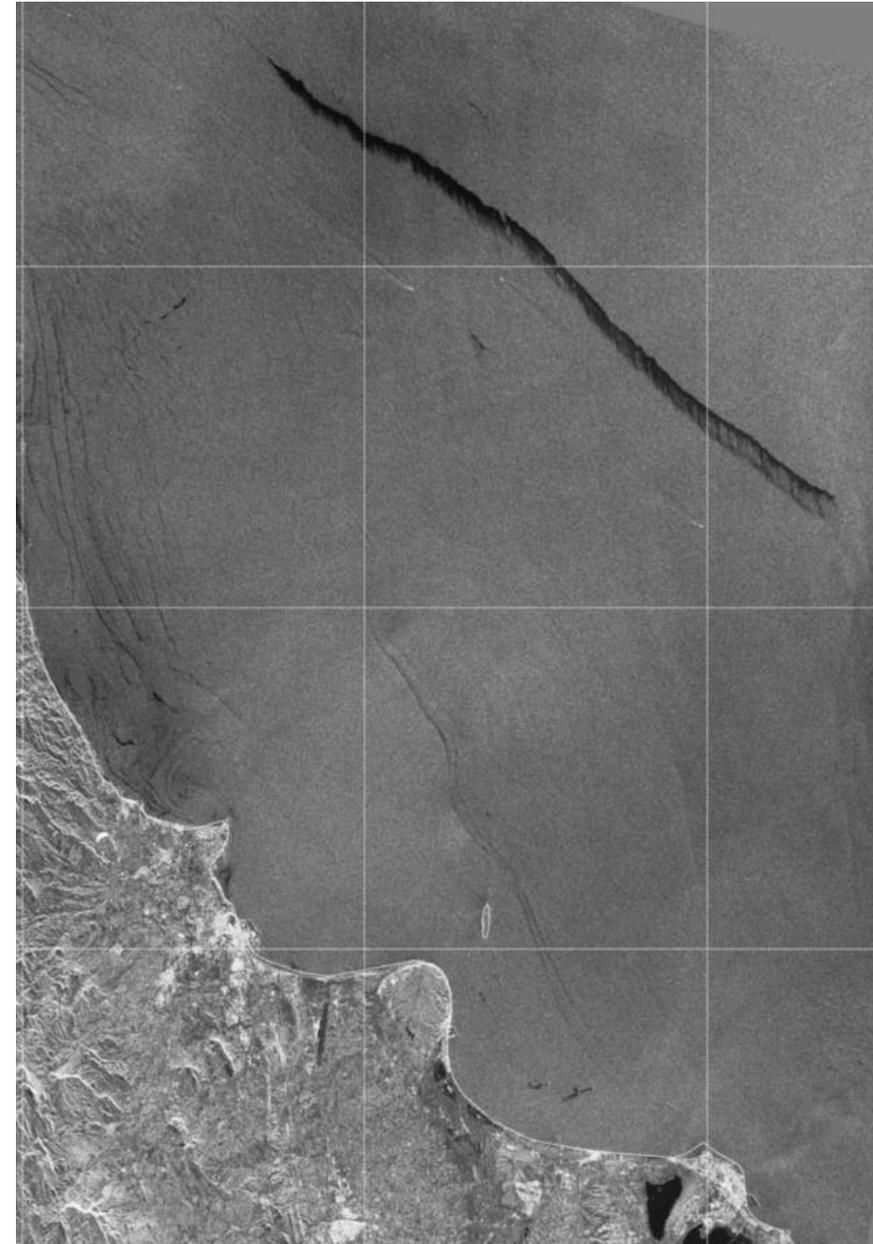
Medium Earth Orbit (MEO): 10 000-20 000 km

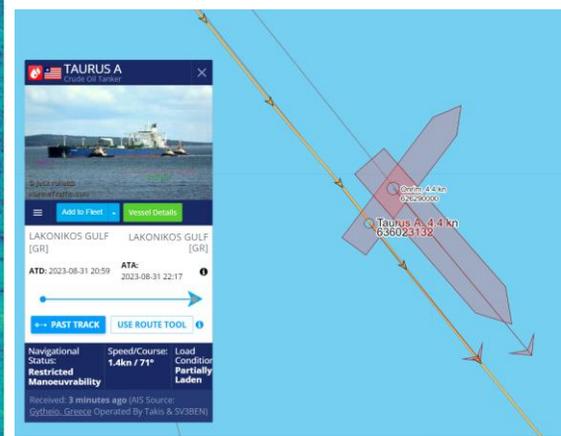
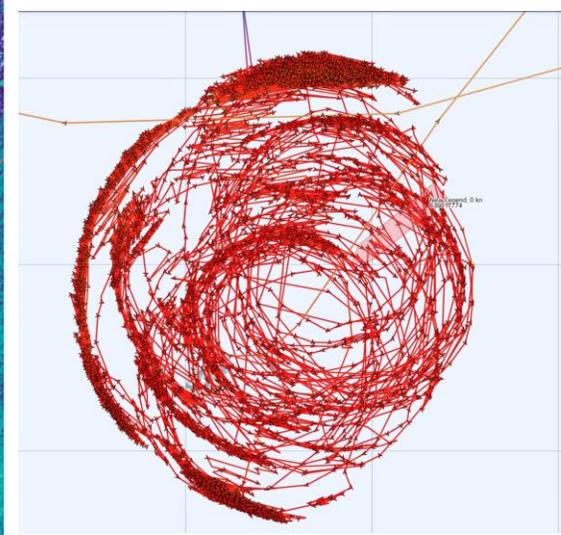
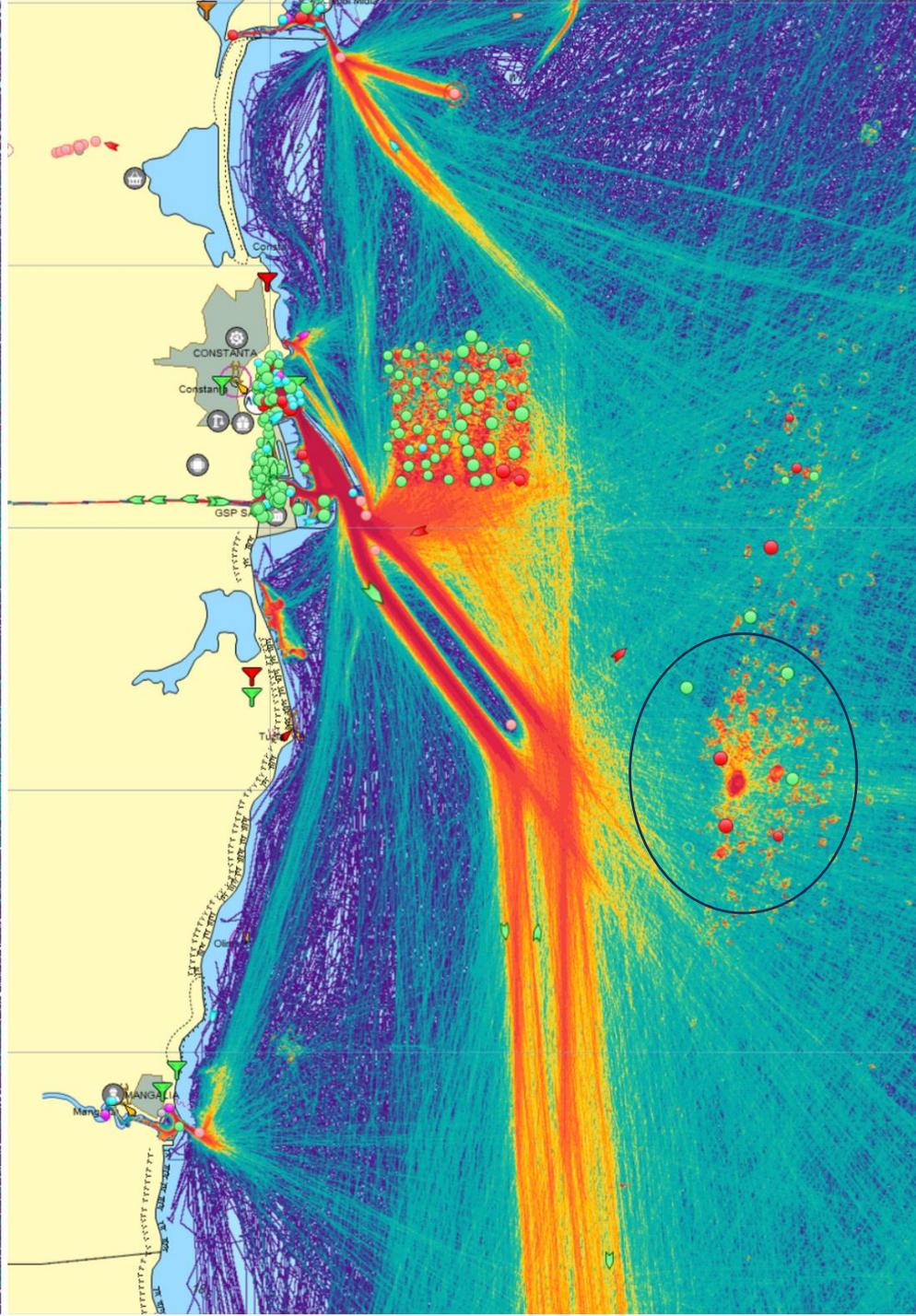
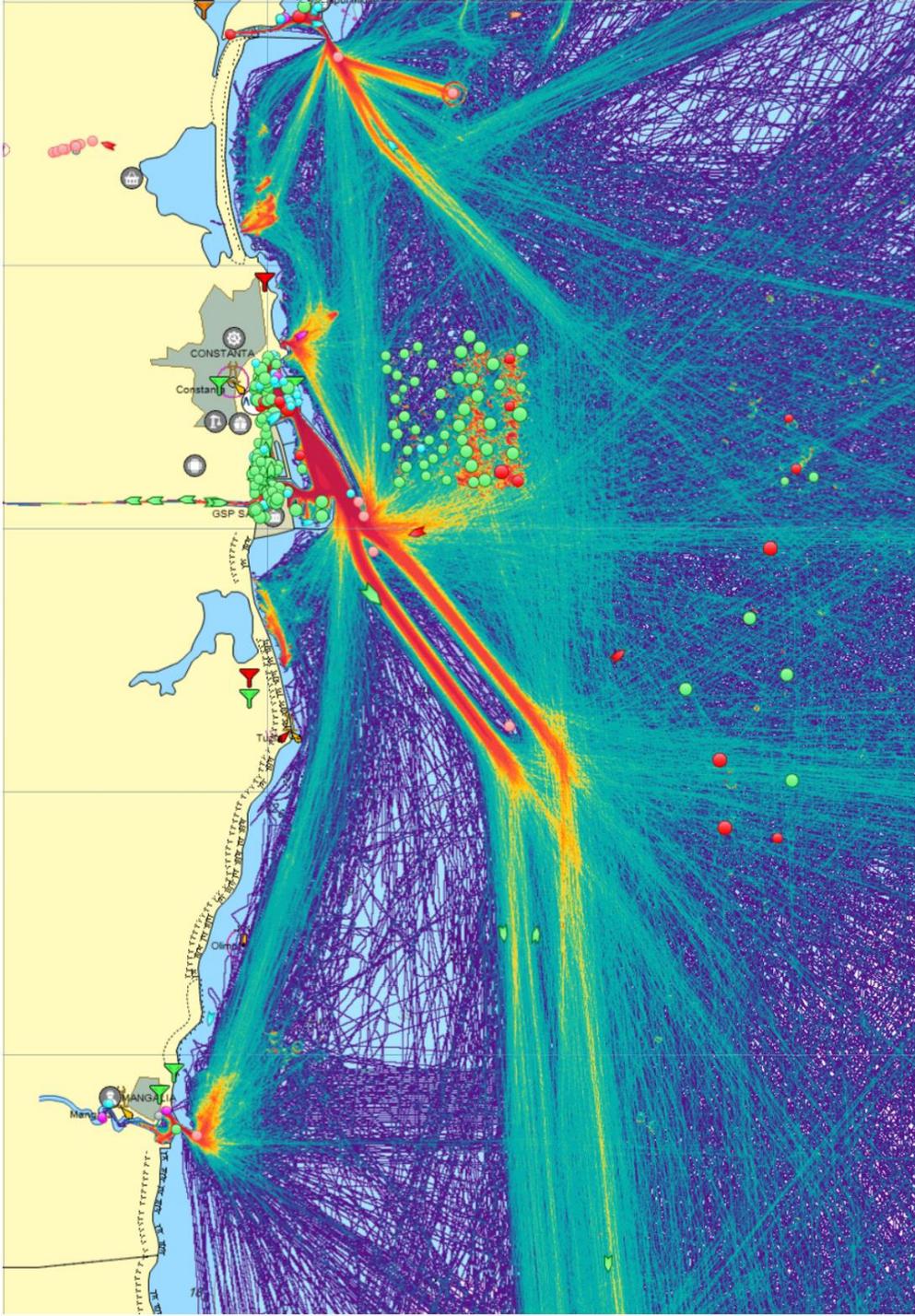
Geostationary Earth Orbit (GEO) : 35 785 km

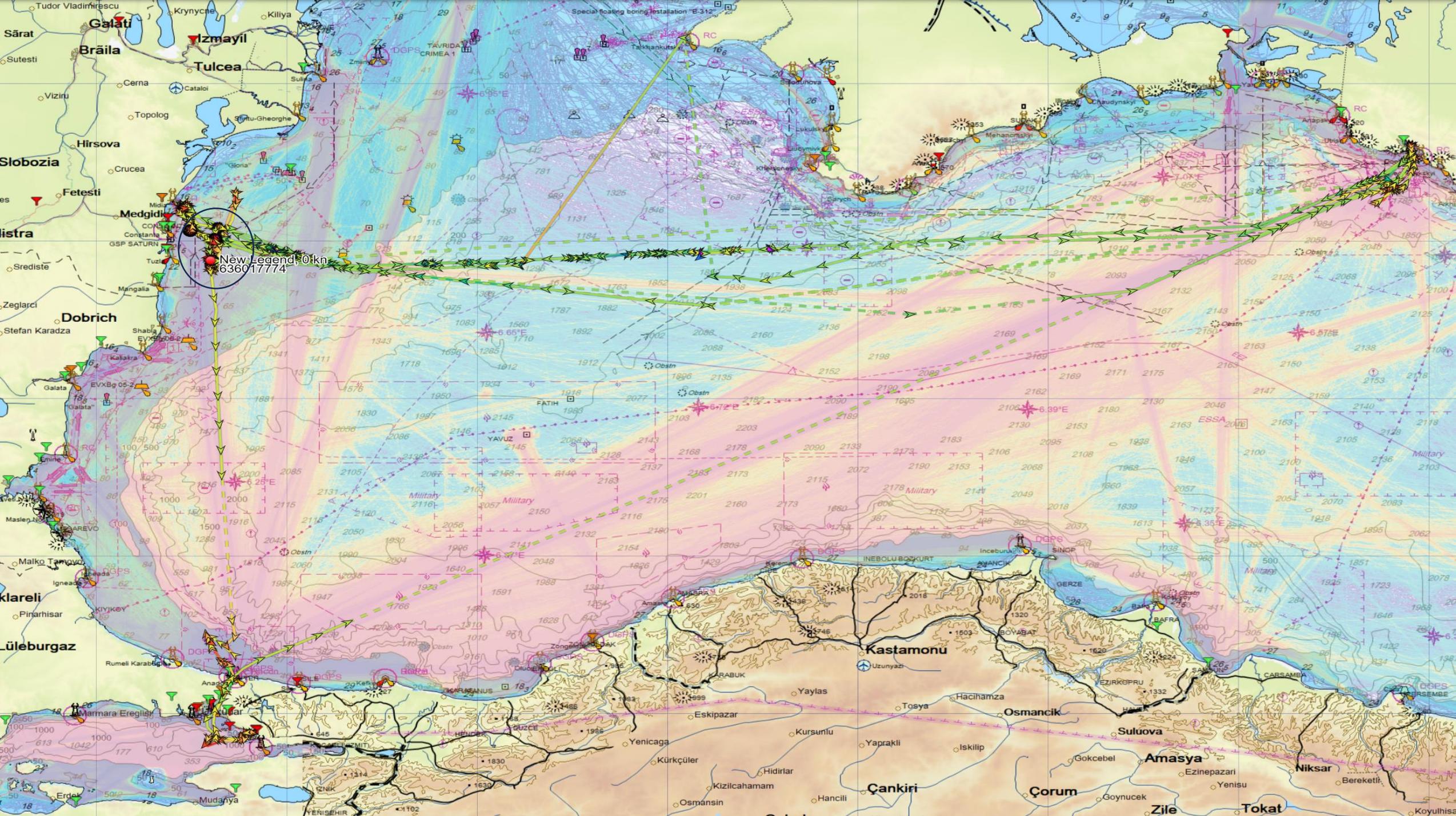
Highly Elliptical Orbit (HEO): about ~40 000 km



# Maritime Situational Awareness







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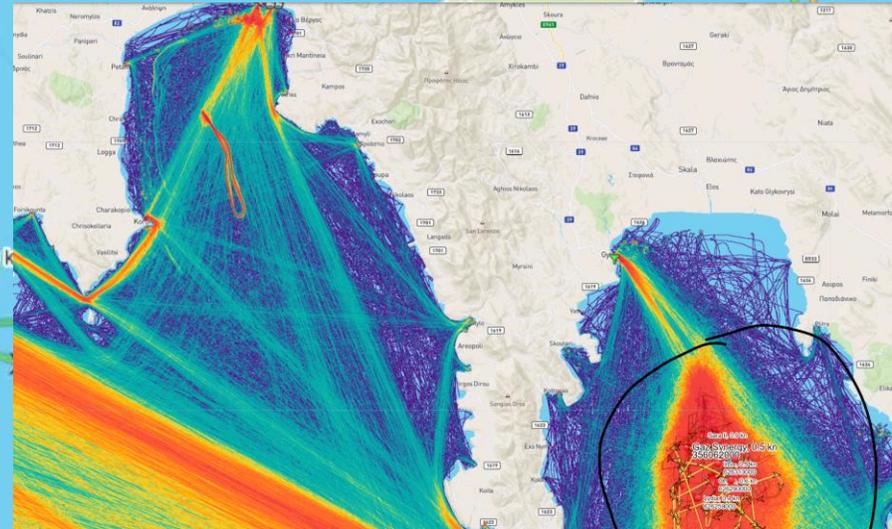
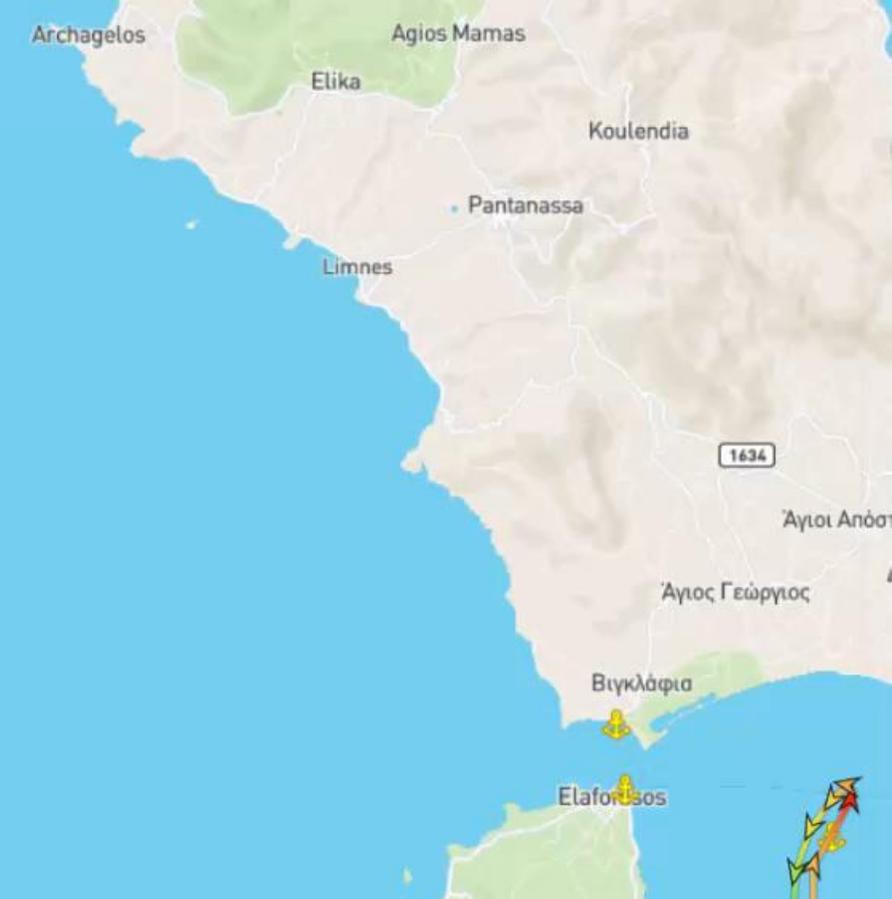
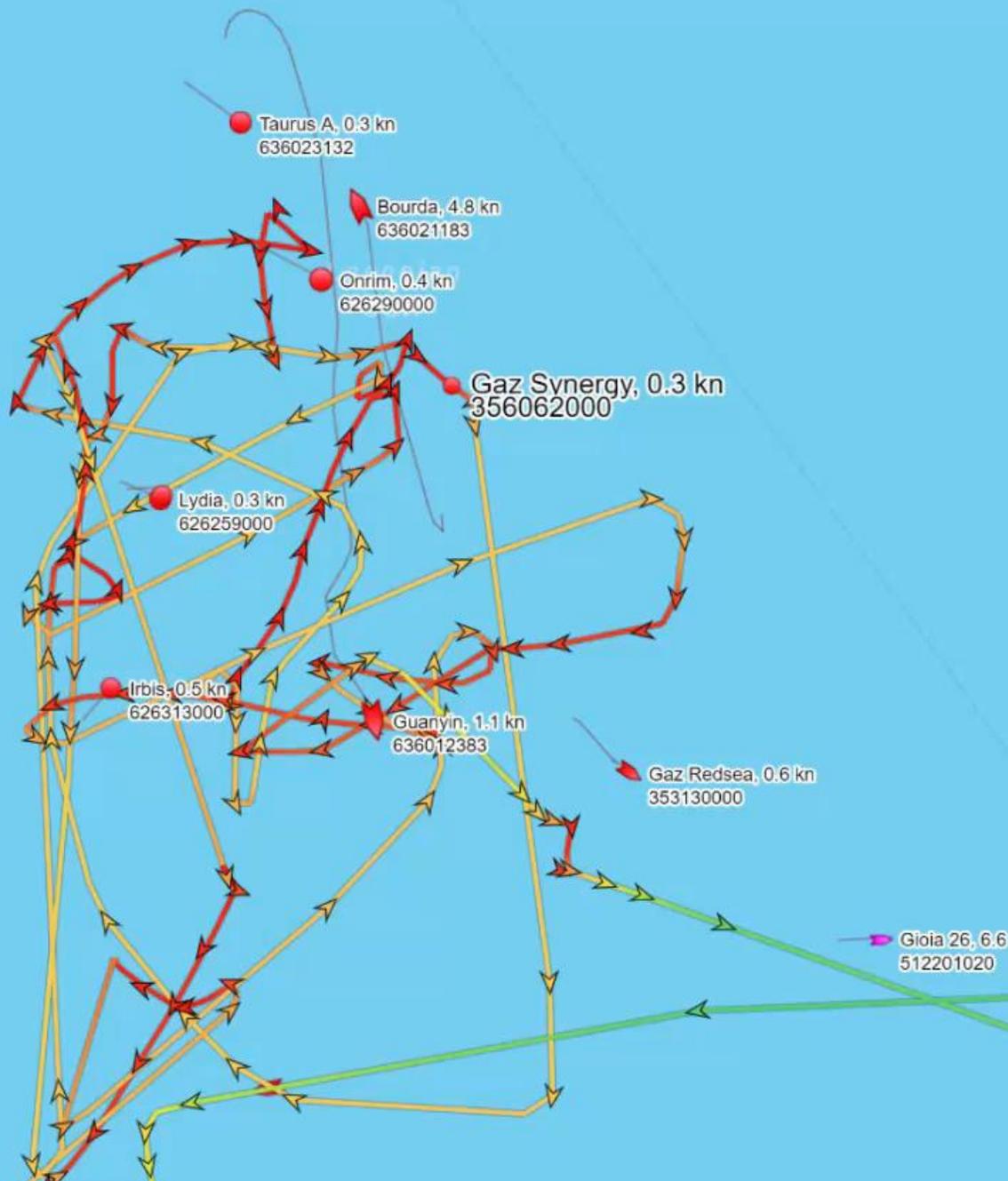
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# The number of vessels transporting sanctioned oil is booming and the consequences can be felt across the world – from Iran, to China, to Ukraine

Iran's oil exports hit an estimated five-year high in August 2023



**Despite the tough sanctions, UANI calculates that thanks to the shadow fleet, [Iranian monthly oil exports hit a five-year-high in August of this year.](#)**



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# Tracking Dark Vessels

- How a burnt out, abandoned ship reveals the secrets of a shadow tanker network: [How a burnt out, abandoned ship reveals the secrets of a shadow tanker network | Oil | The Guardian](#)
- **FINDING DARK SHIPS VIA SATELLITE**, [Finding Dark Ships Via Satellite | Hackaday](#)
- **Satellite dark vessel detection for maritime domain awareness**; [Satellite dark vessel detection for maritime domain awareness | Starboard Maritime Intelligence](#)
- [Satellites are hunting "dark vessels" that evade sanctions at sea \(qz.com\)](#)

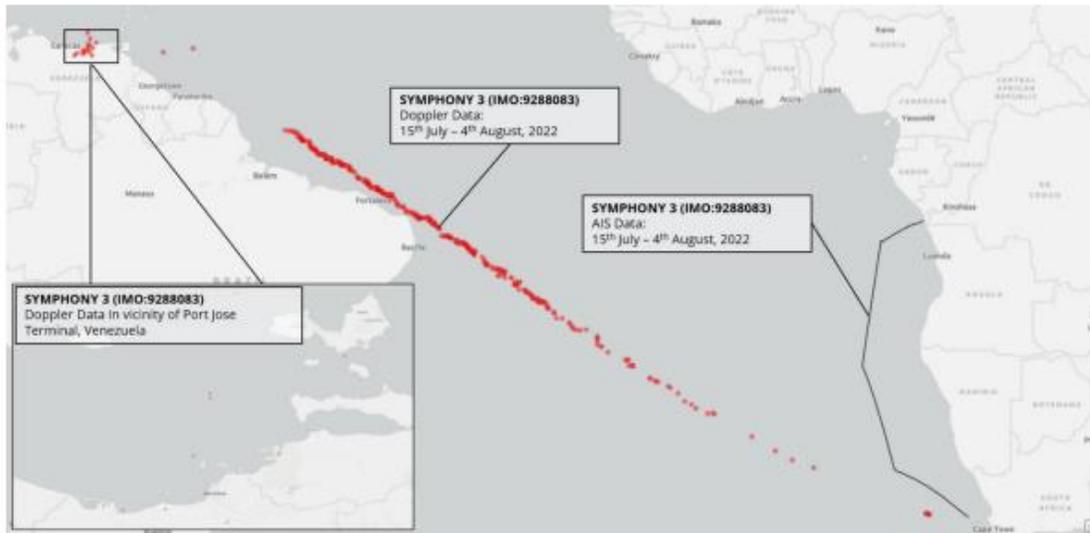


Figure 3: AIS Positions (Black Line) and Doppler Data (Red Dots) of the Symphony 3 from July 15th to August 4th, 2022

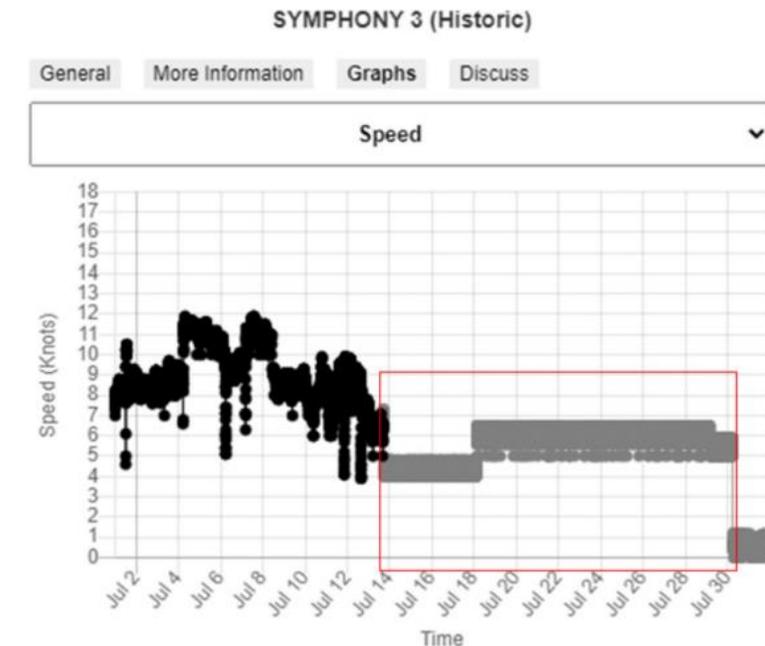
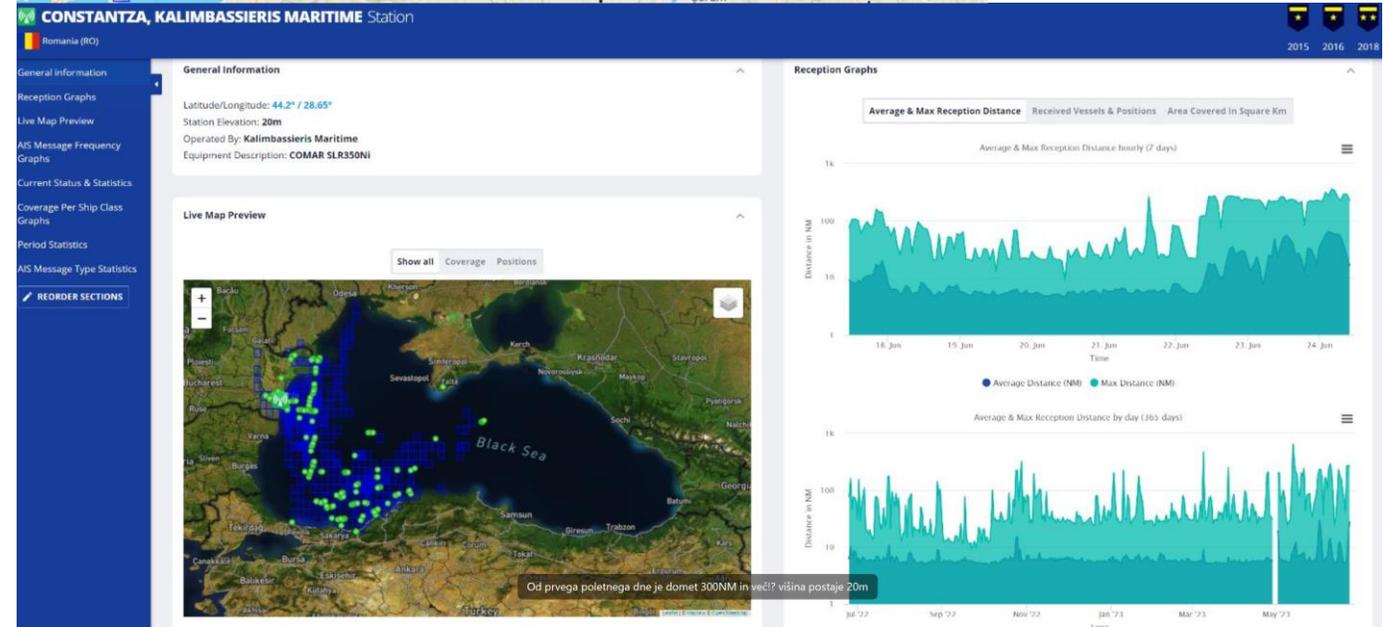
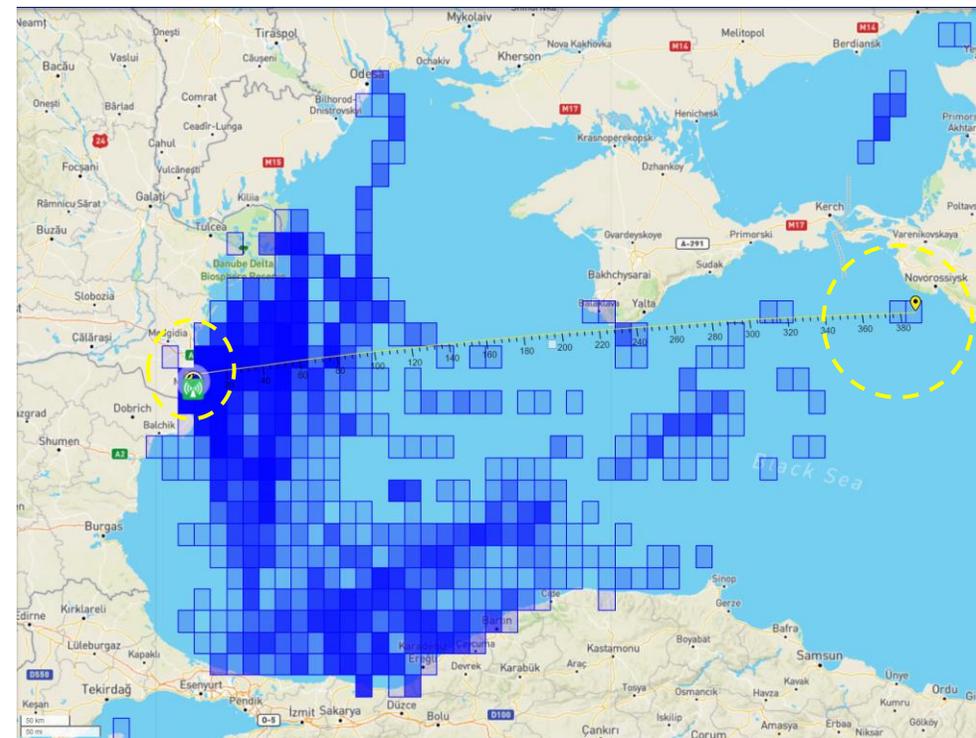
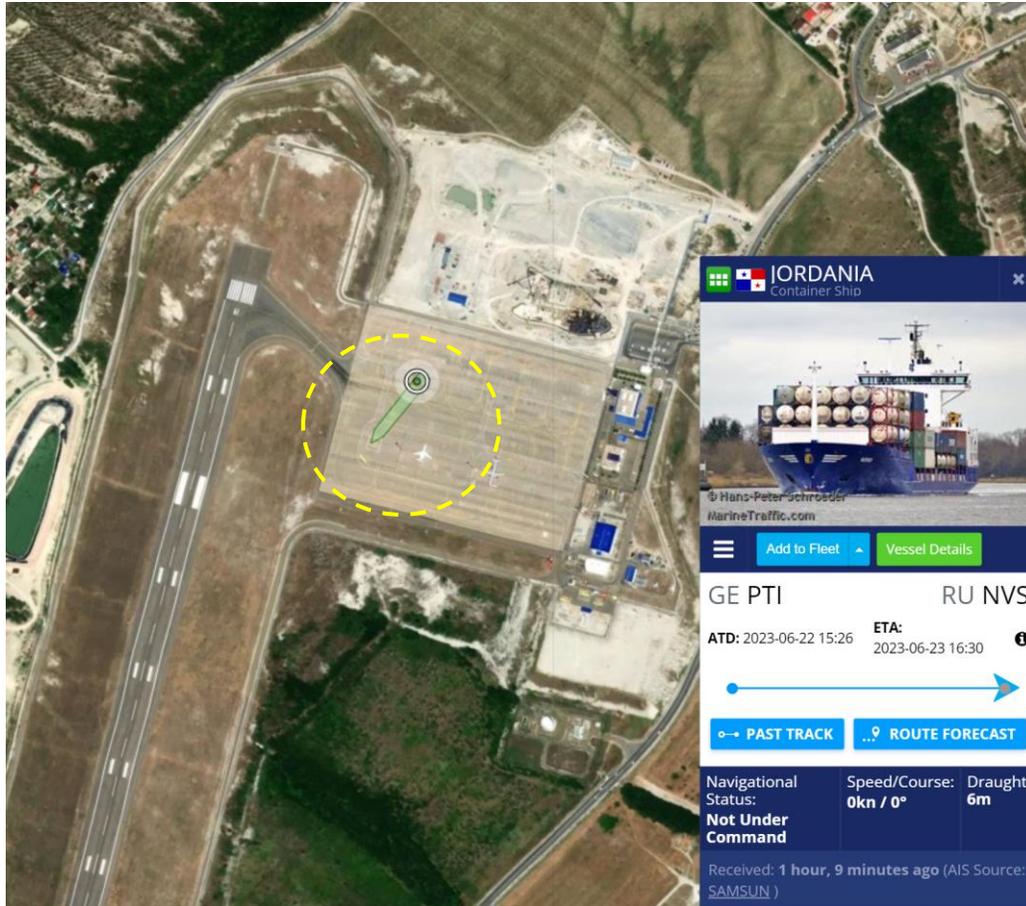
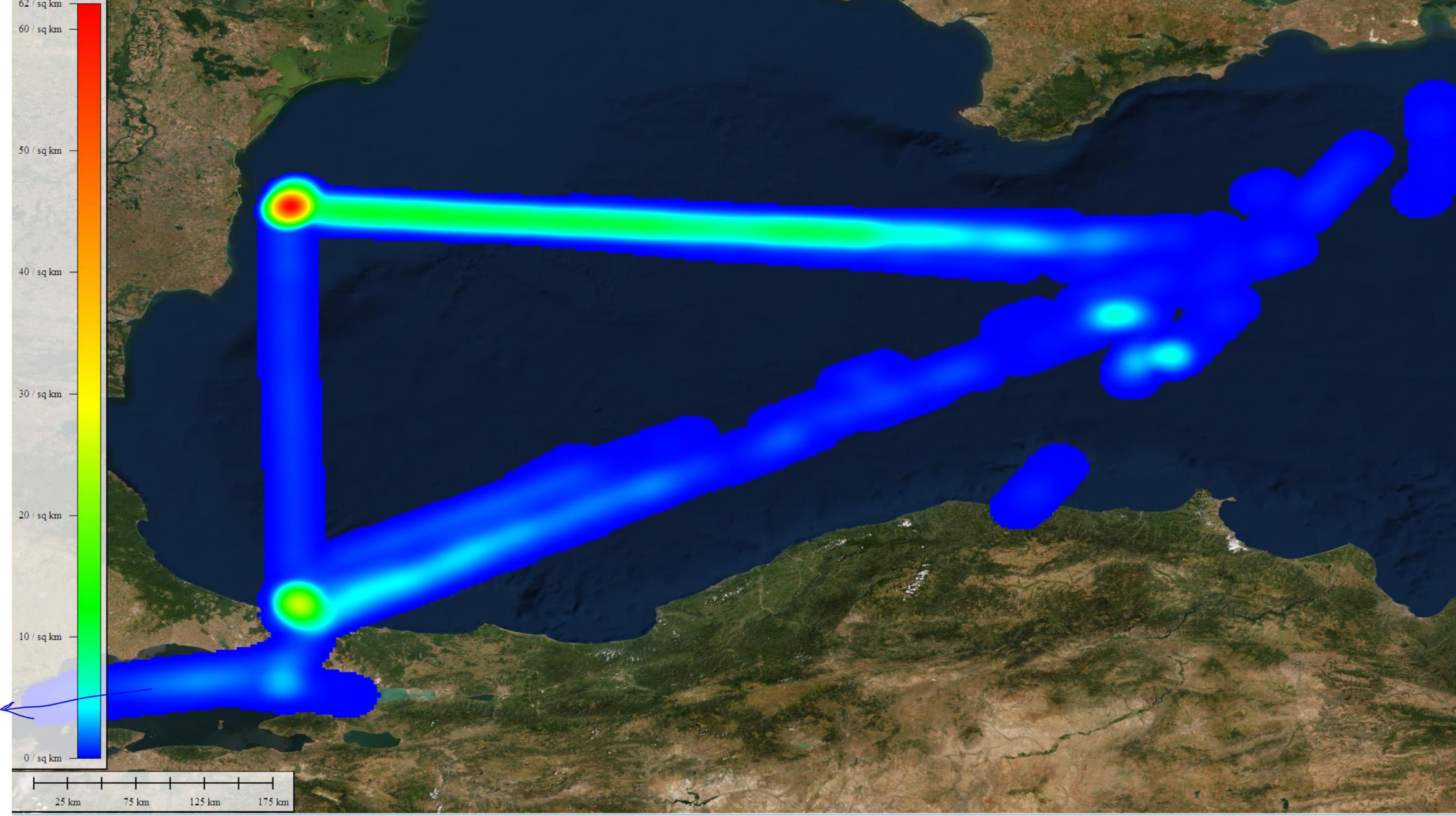


Figure 2: Speed Record of the Symphony 3 for July 2022

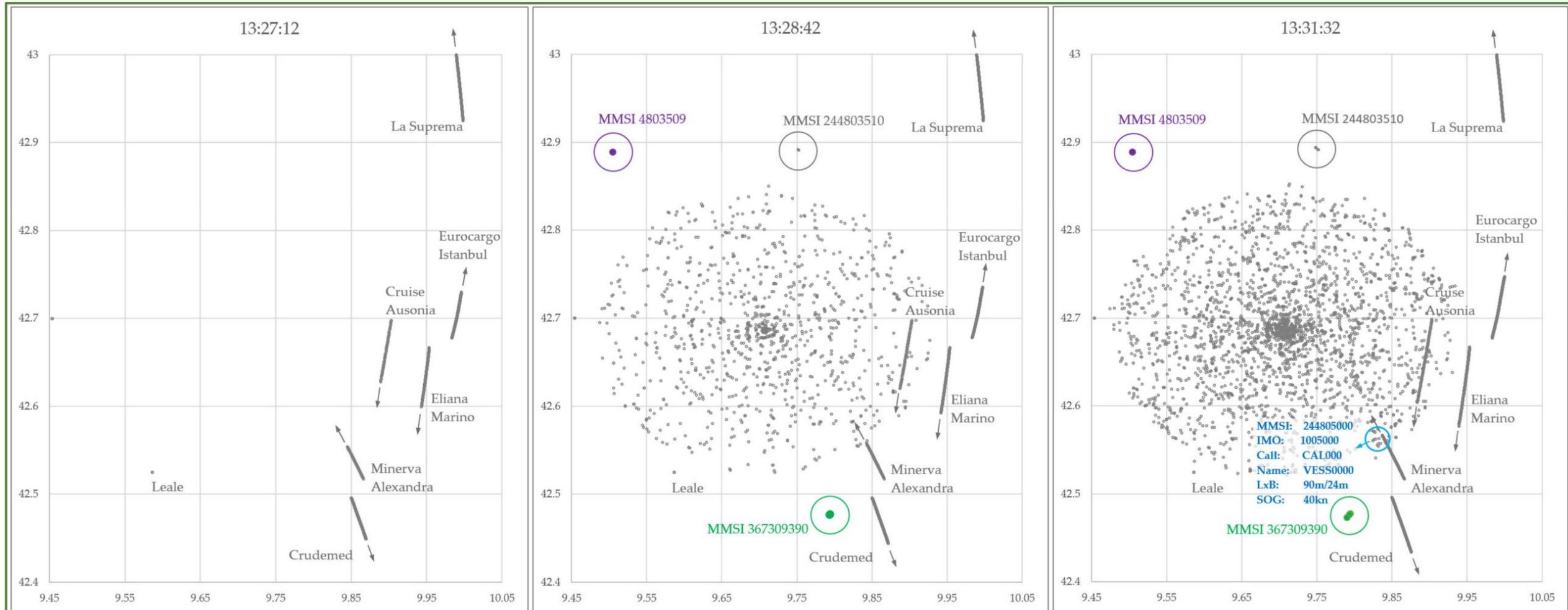
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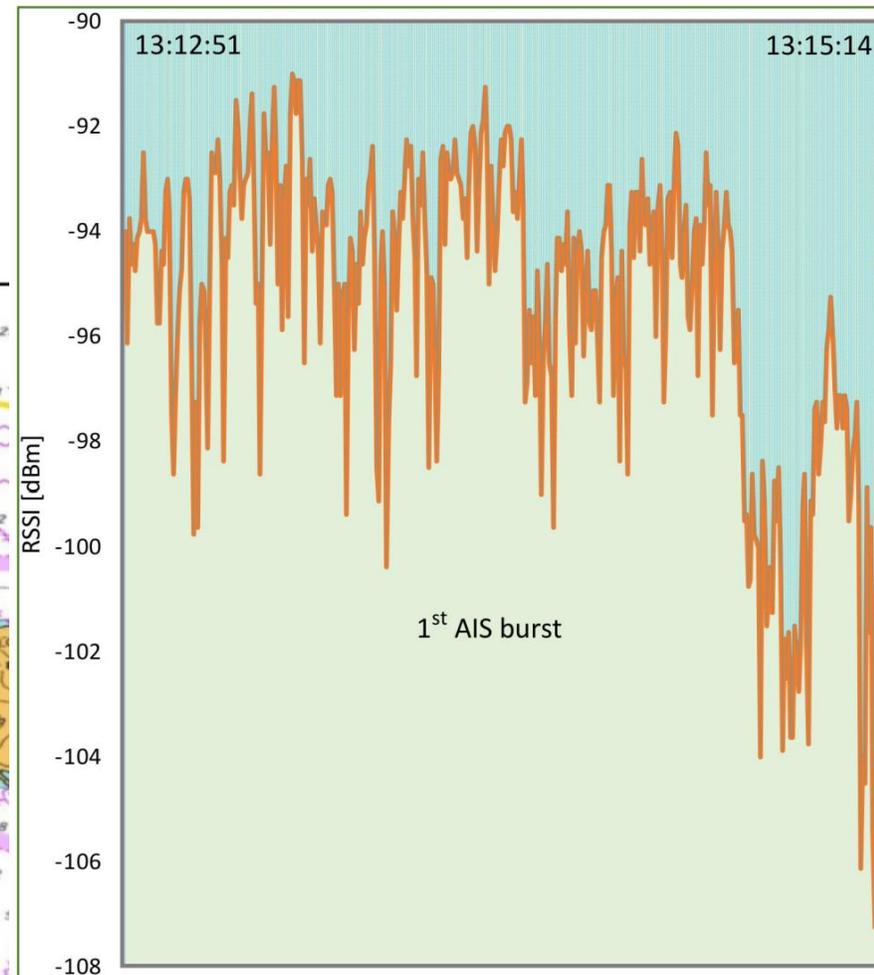
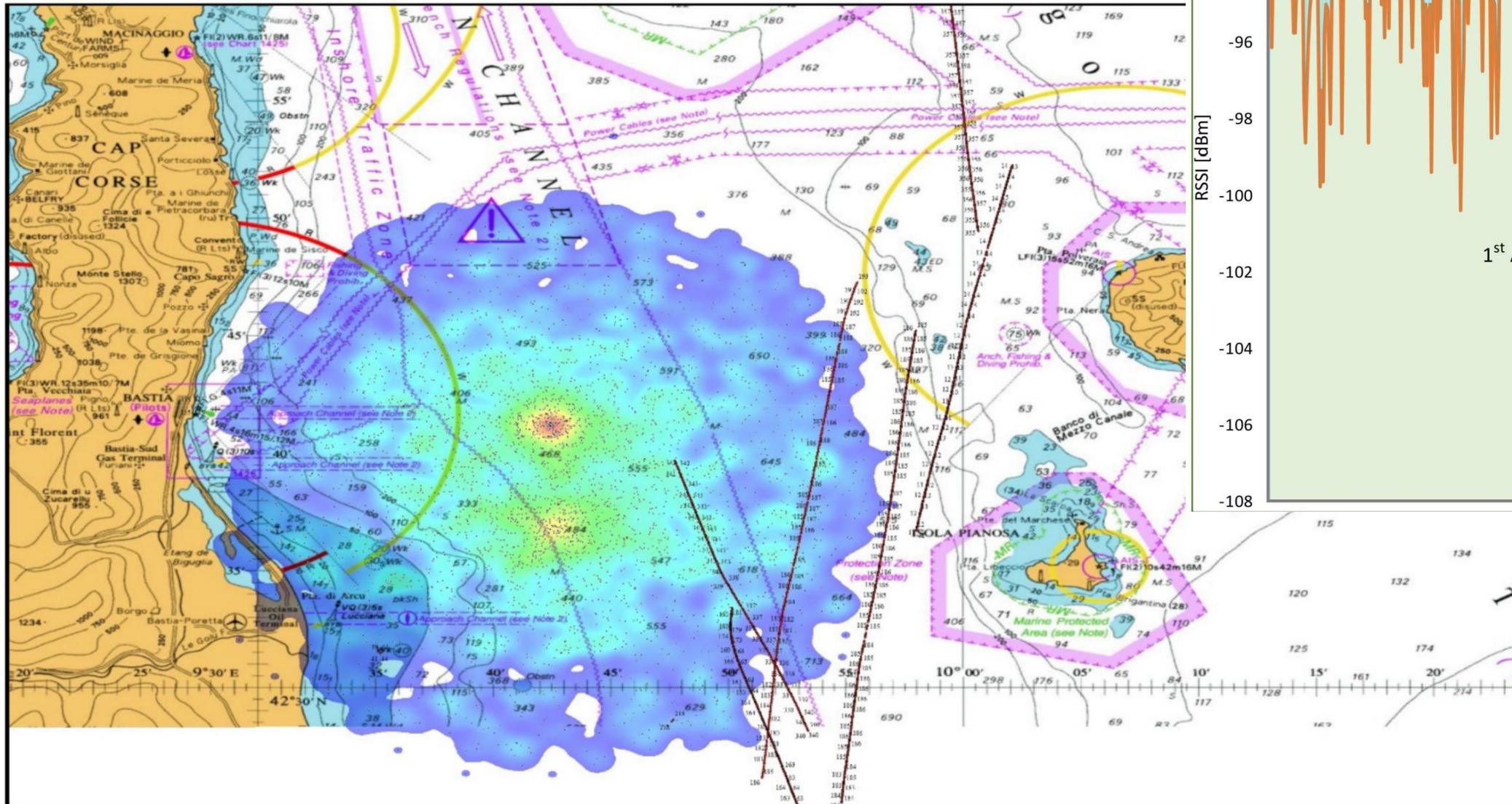


# Spoofing – Elba Case

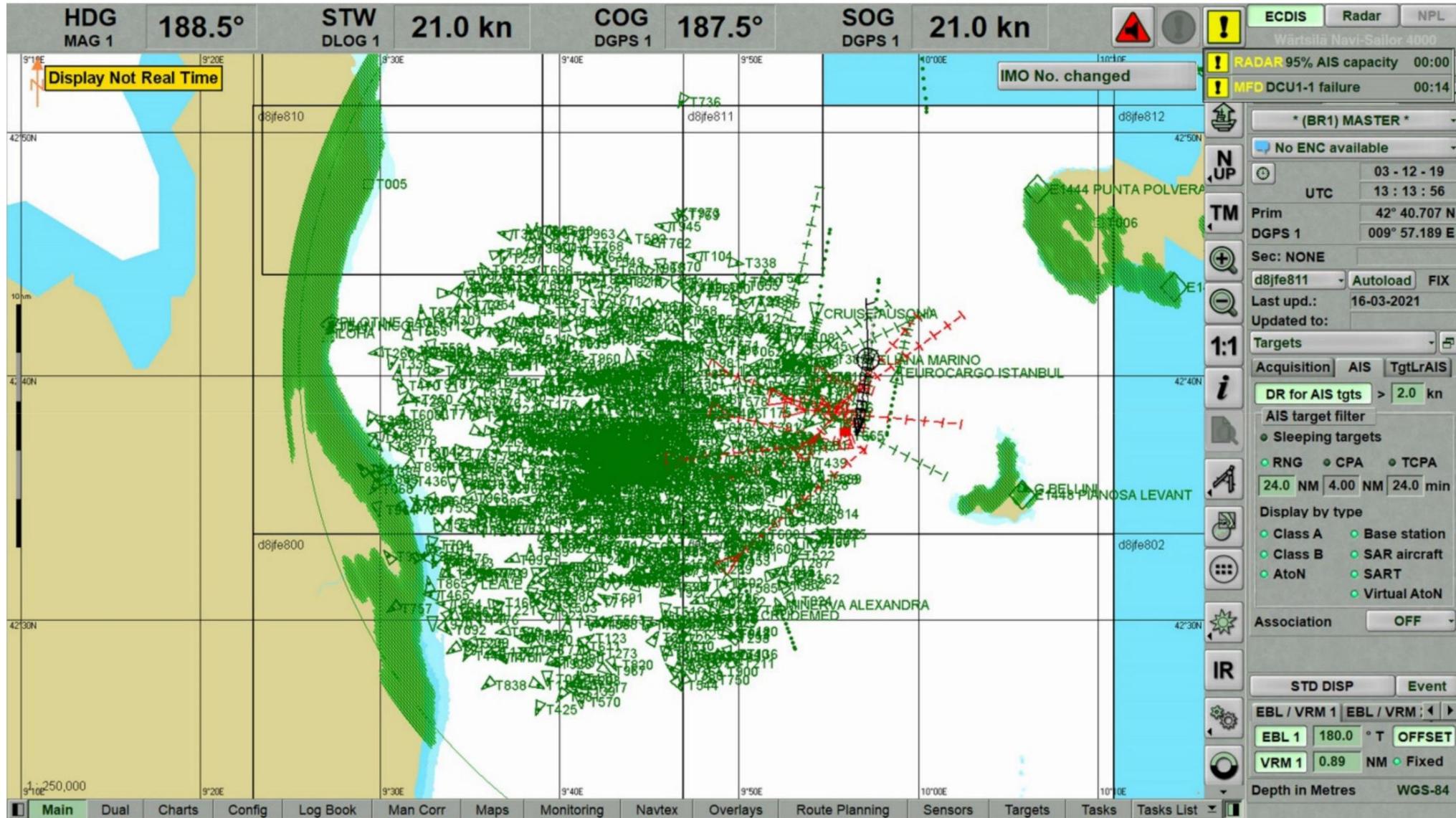
AIS Data Vulnerability Indicated by a Spoofing Case-Study



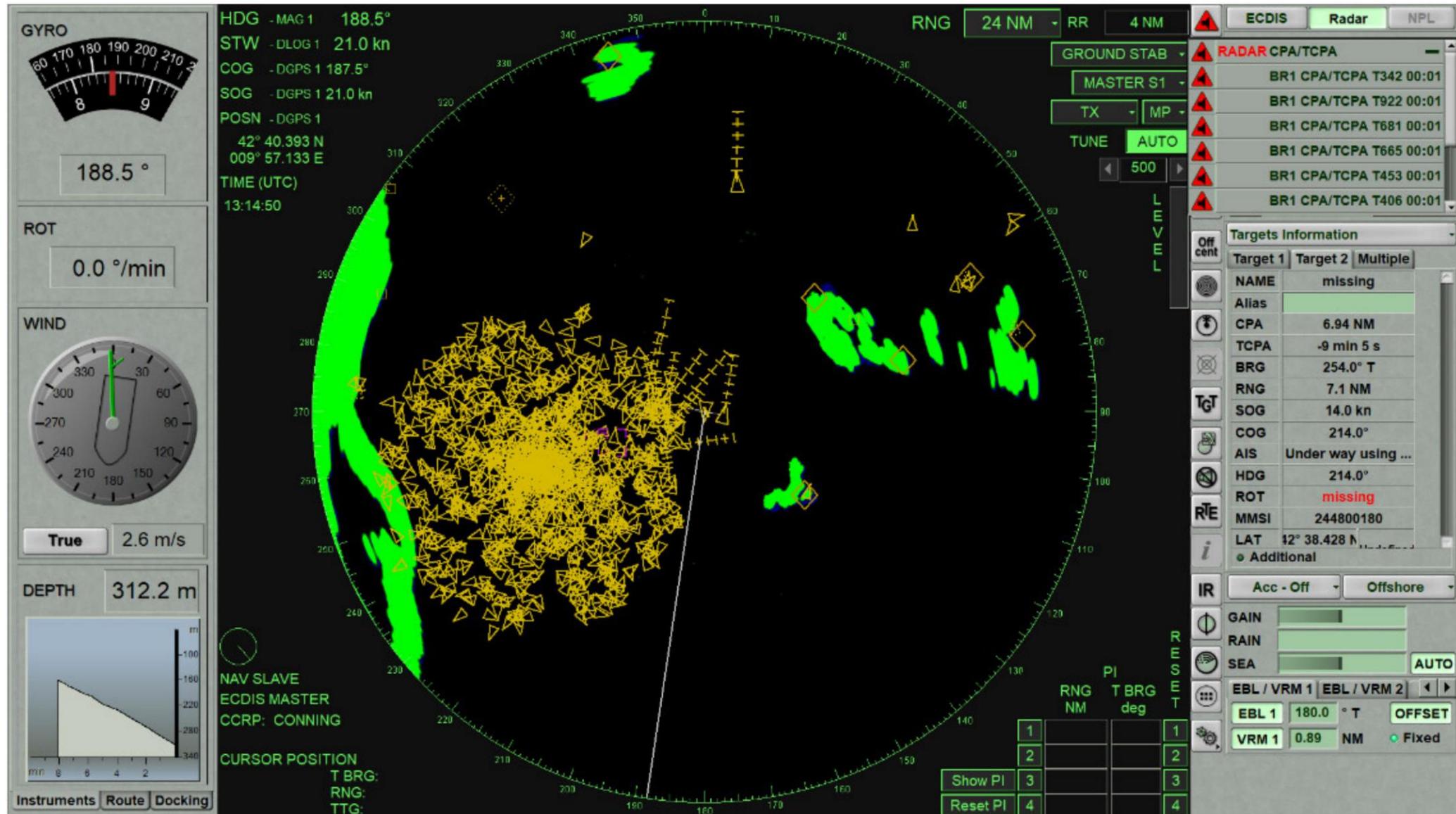
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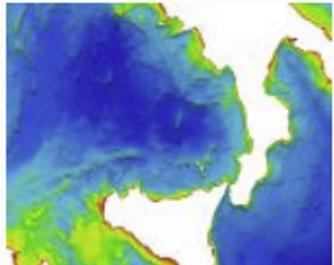
- European Marine Observation and Data Network
- Network with secretariat, funded by European Commission
- Maritime data portal

“Your gateway to marine data in Europe”

<http://www.emodnet.eu/>

EMODnet provides access to European marine data across seven discipline-based themes:

• Bathymetry



• Geology



• Seabed habitats



• Chemistry



• Biology



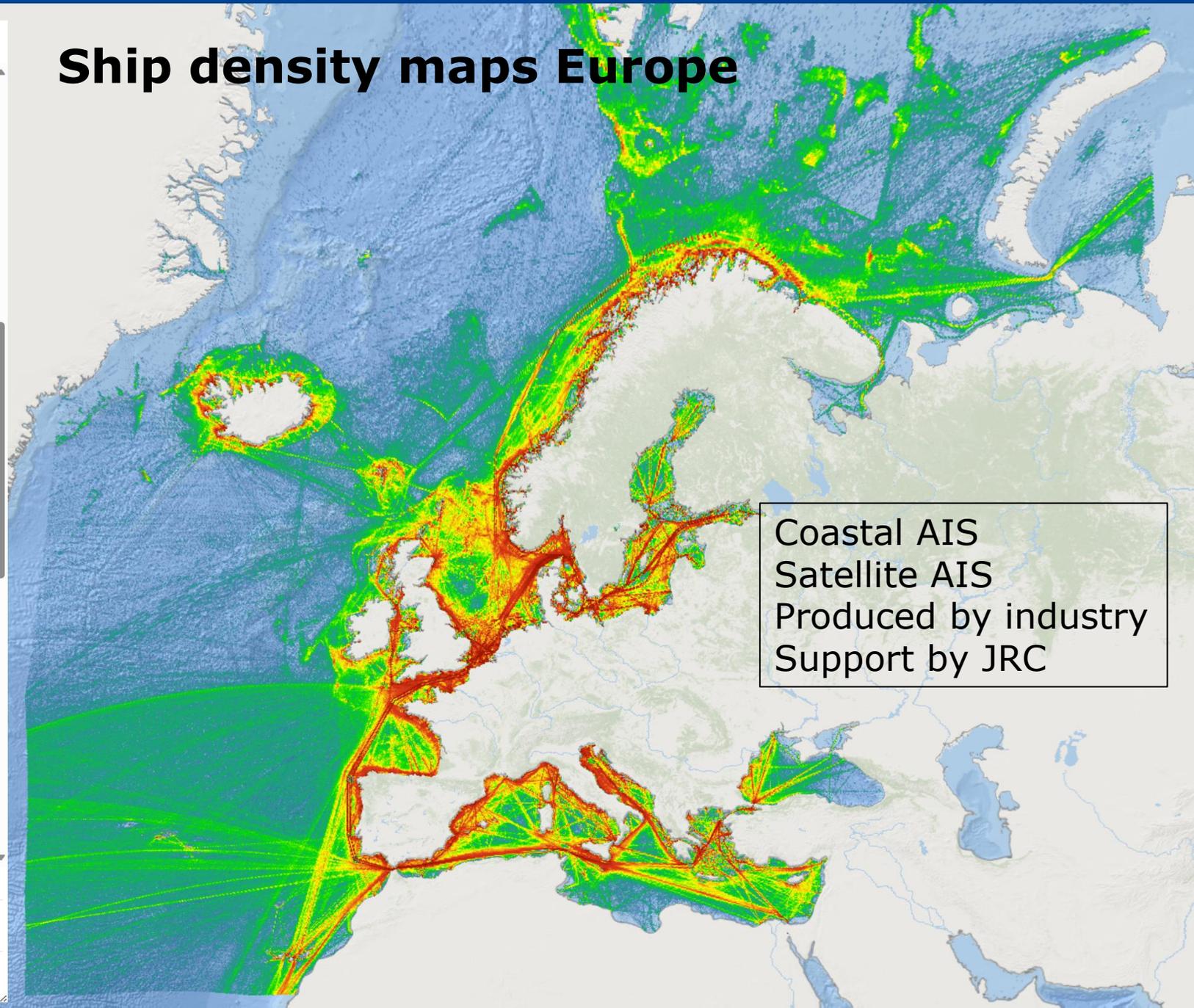
• Physics



• Human activities



# Ship density maps Europe



Coastal AIS  
Satellite AIS  
Produced by industry  
Support by JRC

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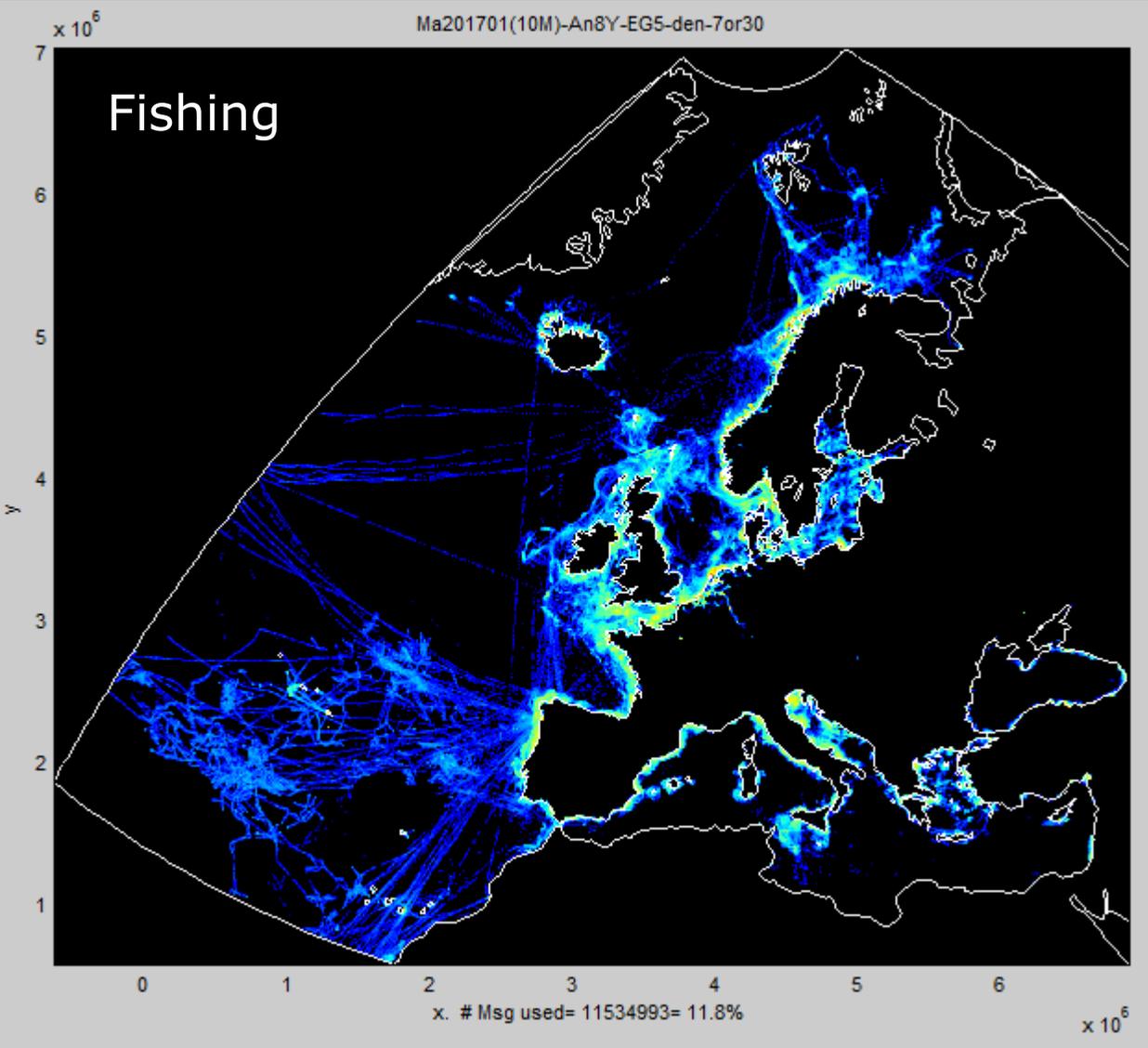
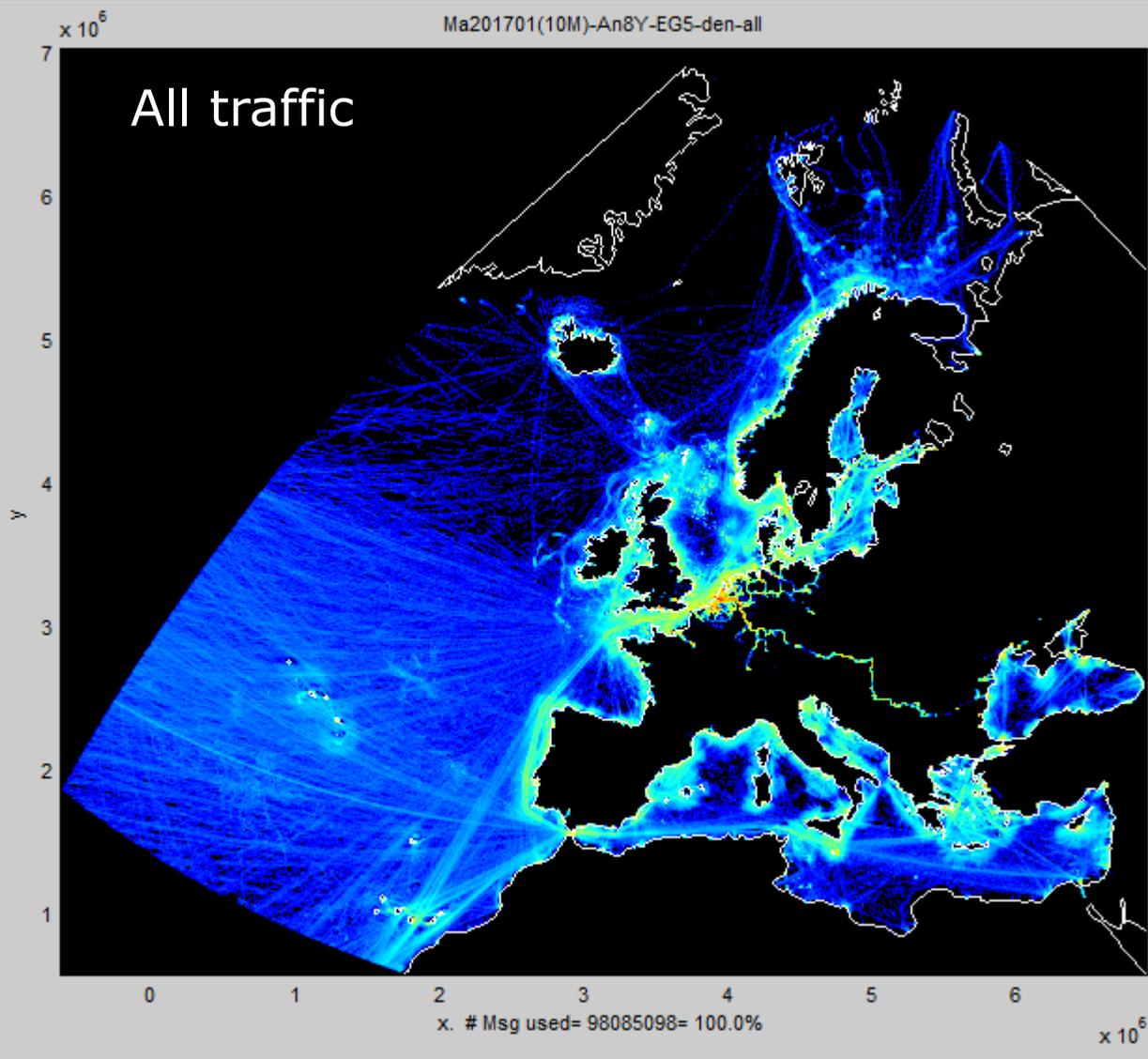
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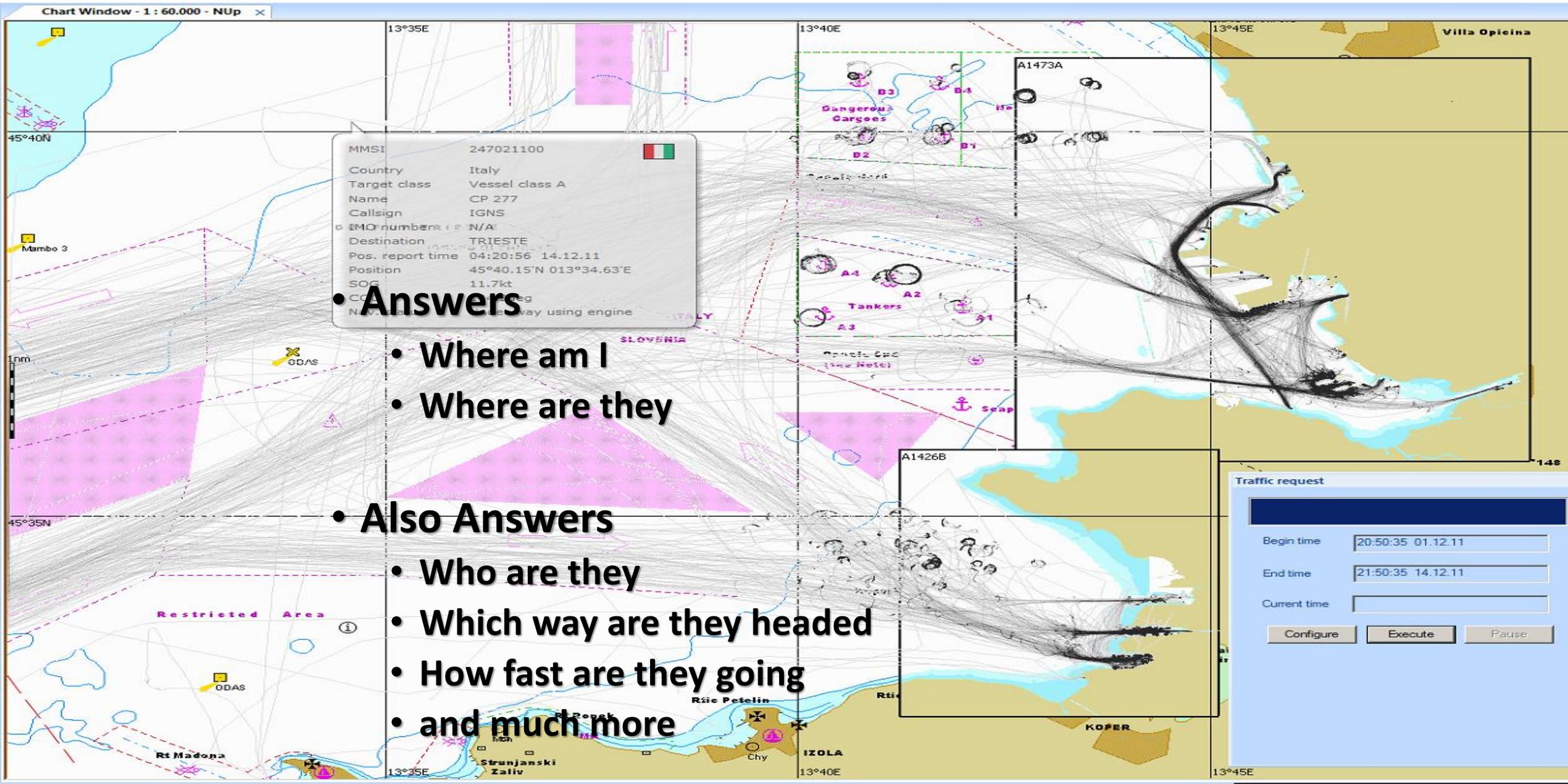
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**Change basemap** Esri.Ocean ▾

# Ship density Jan 2017



# Automatic Identification System



- **Answers**

- Where am I
- Where are they

- **Also Answers**

- Who are they
- Which way are they headed
- How fast are they going
- and much more

# AIS information's update rates

The data is autonomously sent at different update rates:

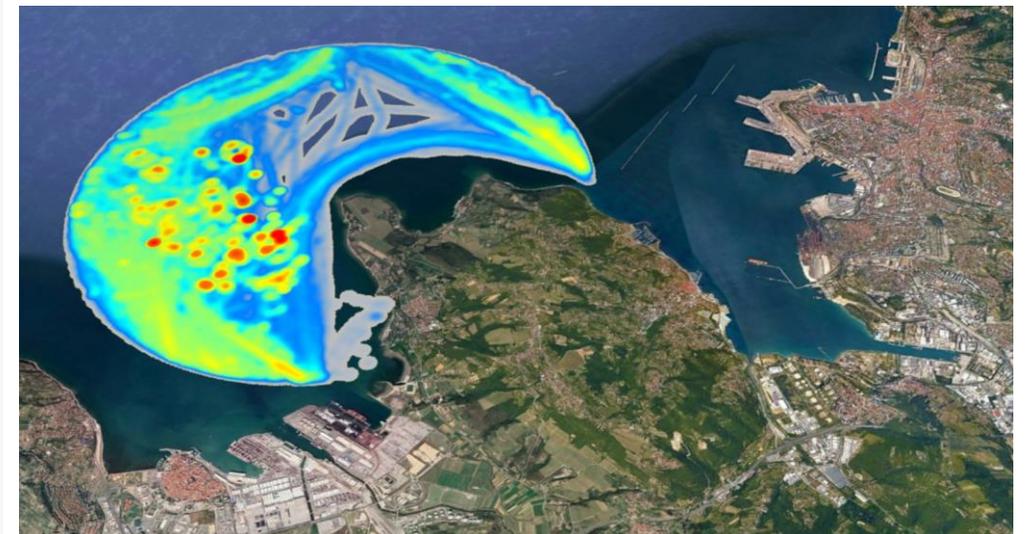
1. dynamic information dependent on speed and course alteration,
2. static and voyage-related data every 6 minutes or on request (AIS responds automatically without user action).

AIS Class A Transponder-Ships Dynamic Conditions	Dual-Channel	Single-Channel
Ship at anchor or moored	3 min	6 min
SOG 0–14 knots	10 s	20 s
SOG 0–14 knots and changing	3.3 s	6.6 s
SOG 14–23 knots	6 s	12 s
SOG 14–23 knots and changing course	2 s	4 s
SOG > 23 knots	2 s	4 s
Ship static information	6 min	12 min
AIS Class B Transponder-Ships Dynamic Conditions	Dual-Channel	Single-Channel
SOG < 2 knots	3 min	6 min
SOG > 2 knots	30 s	1 min
SOG		
Ship static information	6 min	12 min

$$D = 2.5 \left( \sqrt{h_1} + \sqrt{h_2} \right)$$

$$D = 2.5 \left( \sqrt{1028 \text{ m}} + \sqrt{30 \text{ m}} \right) = 93.85 \text{ NM}$$

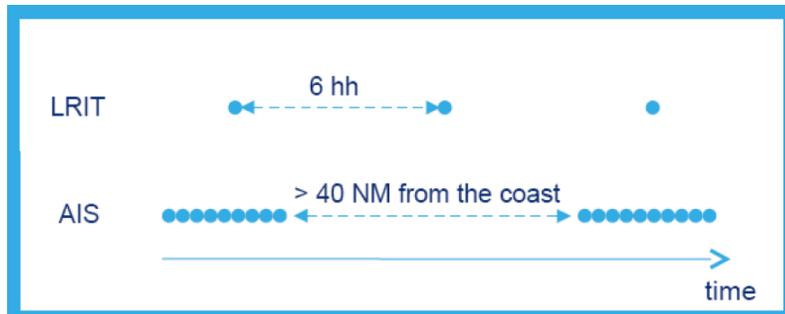
$$2250 \text{ min}^{-1} = \frac{9600 \text{ bit/s}}{256 \text{ bit}} \cdot 60 \text{ s}$$



# AIS ship reports (collection)

**"BIG DATA"**

- ~150,000 ships carry transponders
- each may send 10,000 messages / day

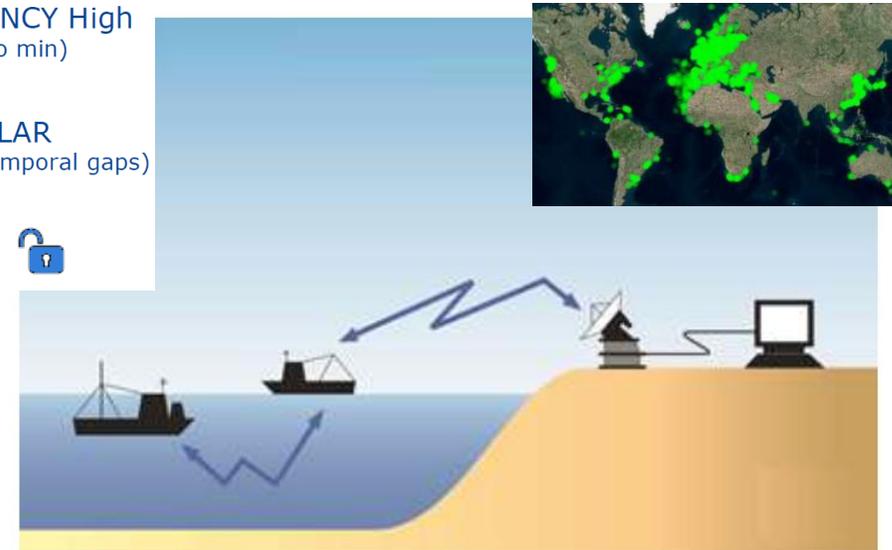


## Automatic Identification System (AIS)

FREQUENCY High  
(few sec to min)

IRREGULAR  
(spatial/temporal gaps)

ACCESS Free



## Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT)

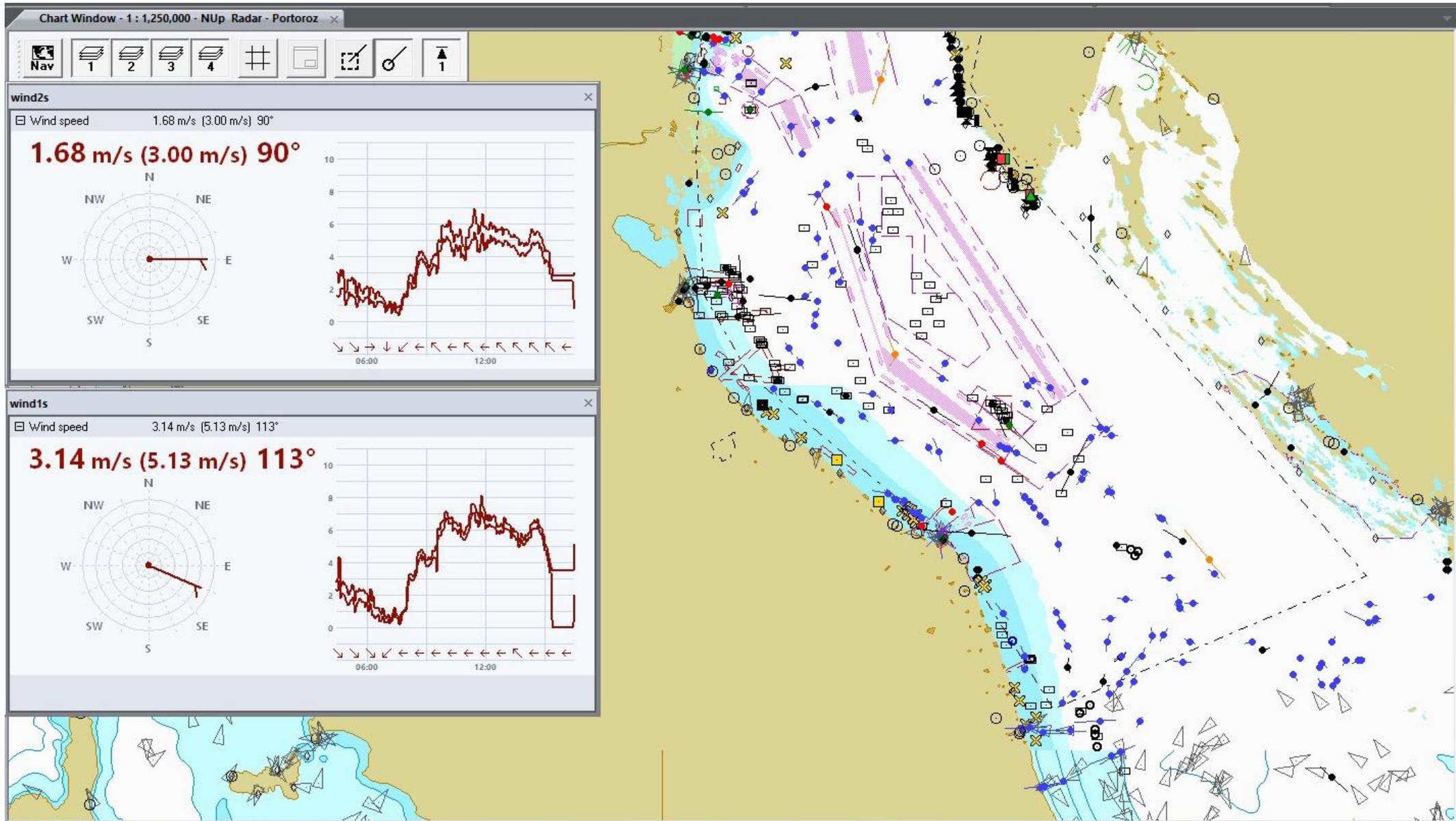


FREQUENCY Fix  
(to 6 hours)

REGULAR  
(space and time)

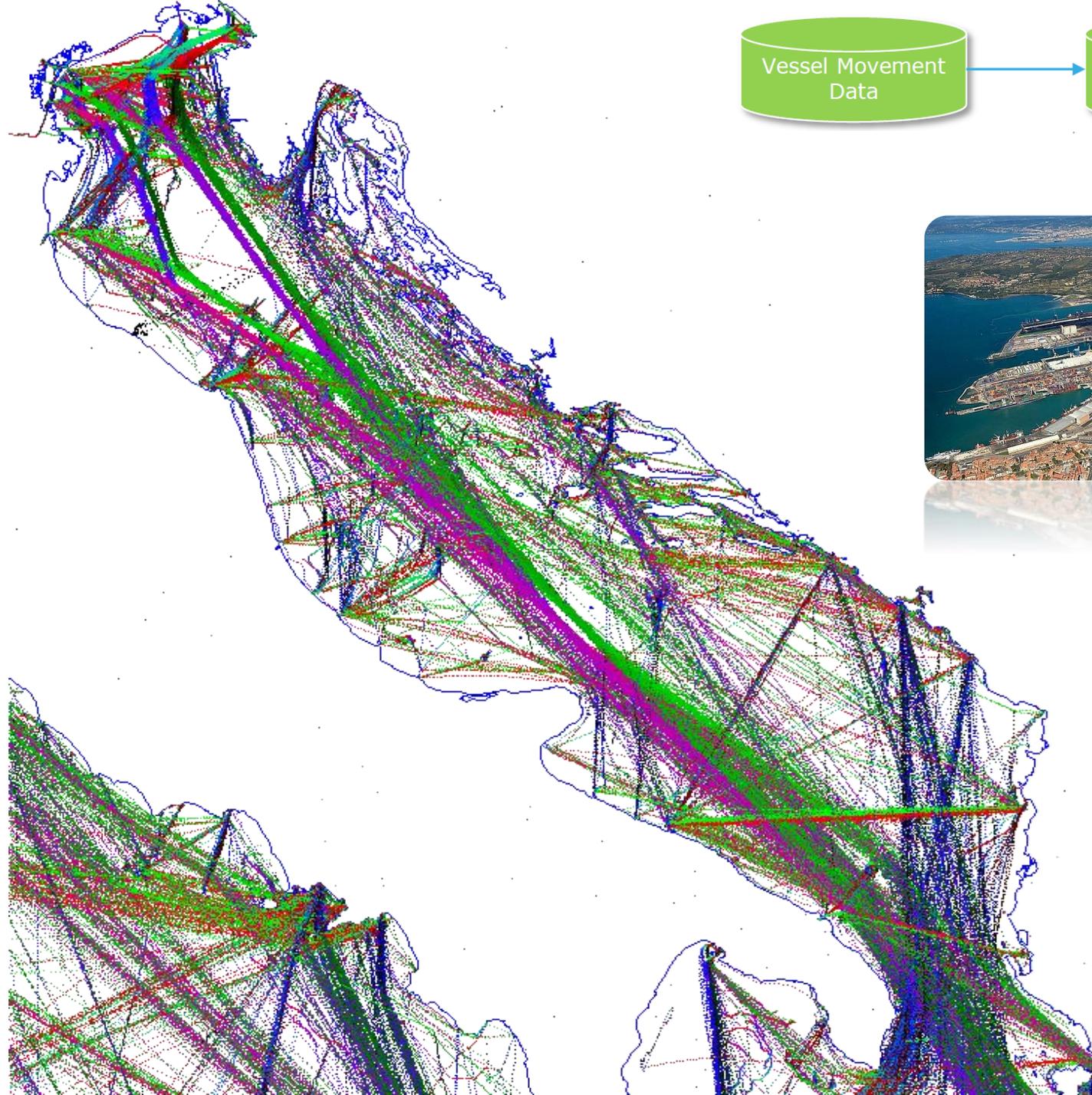
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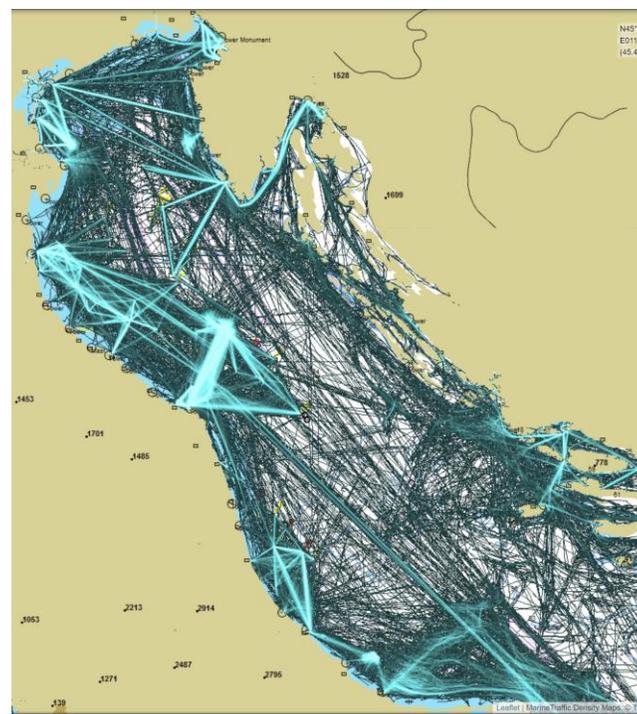
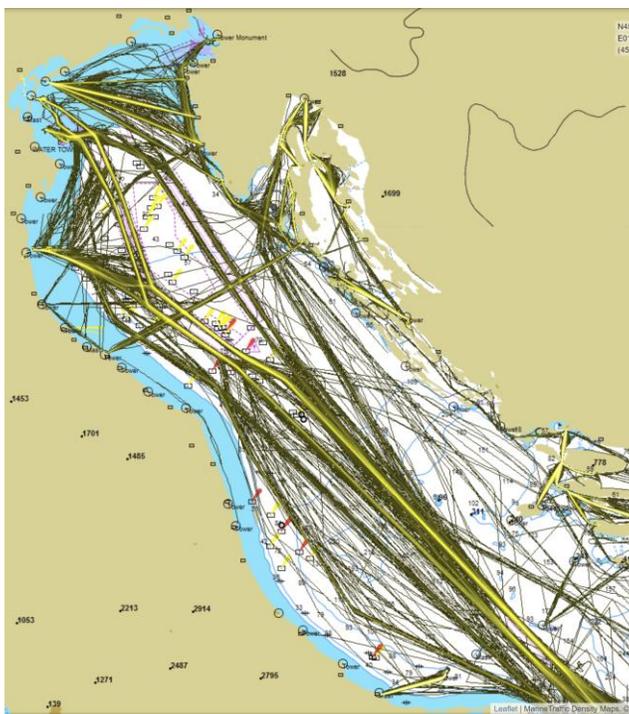
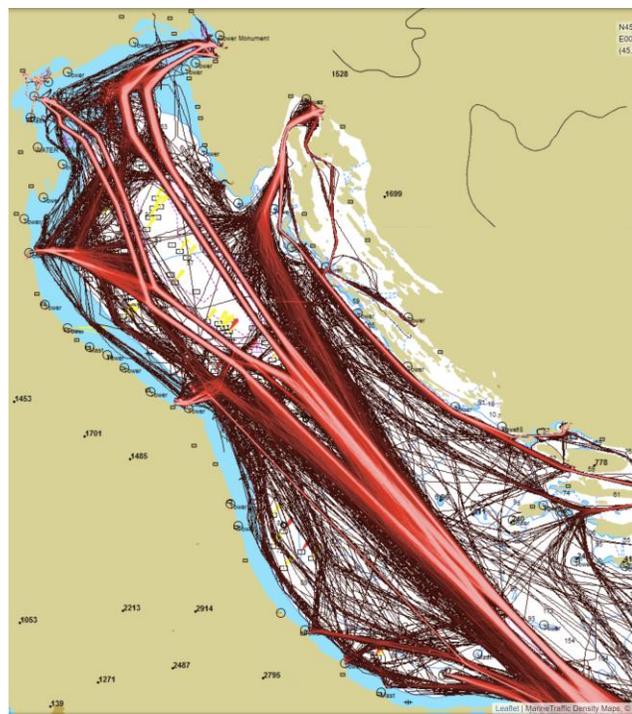
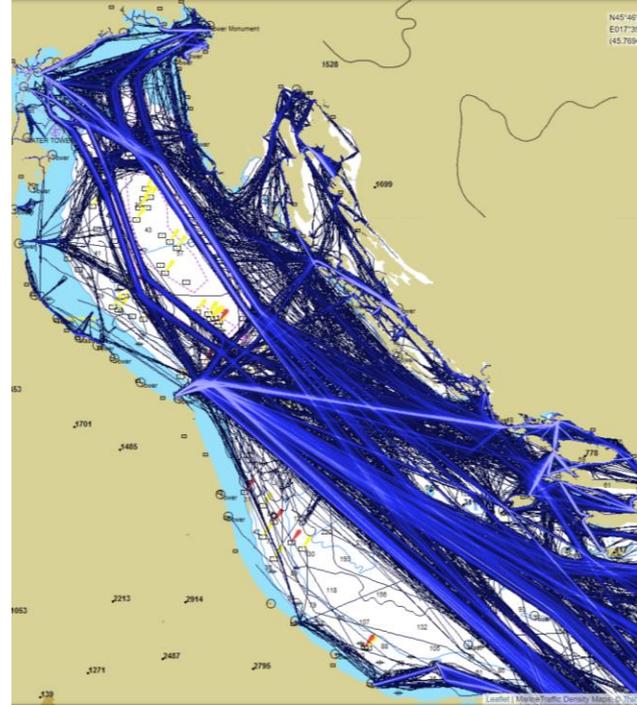
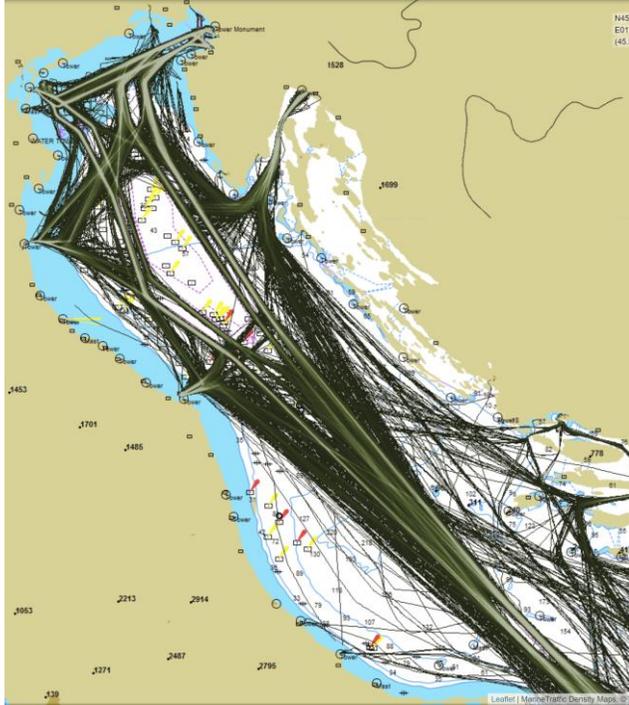
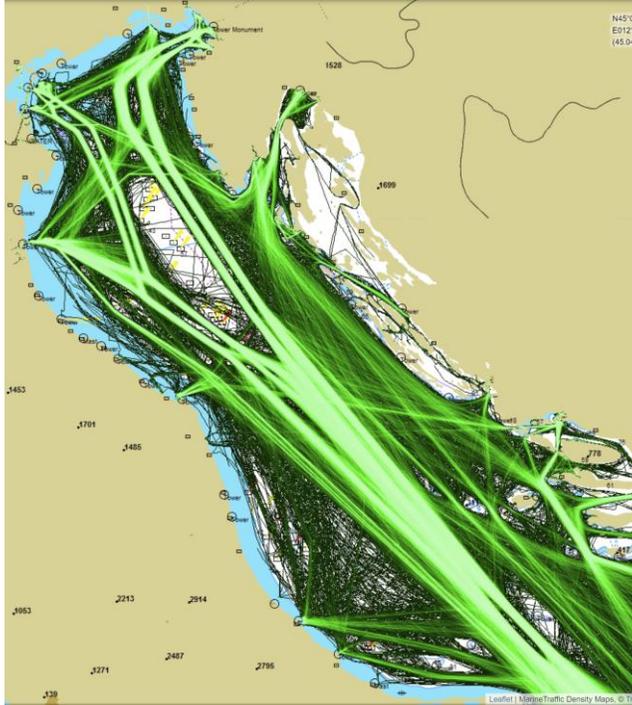
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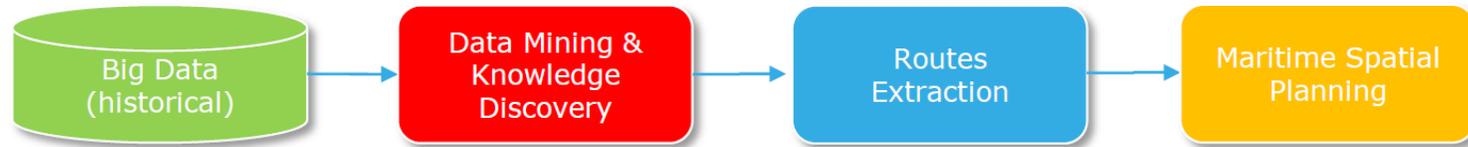


# Tracking and Traffic Routes

Adriatic Sea;  
Traffic AIS density

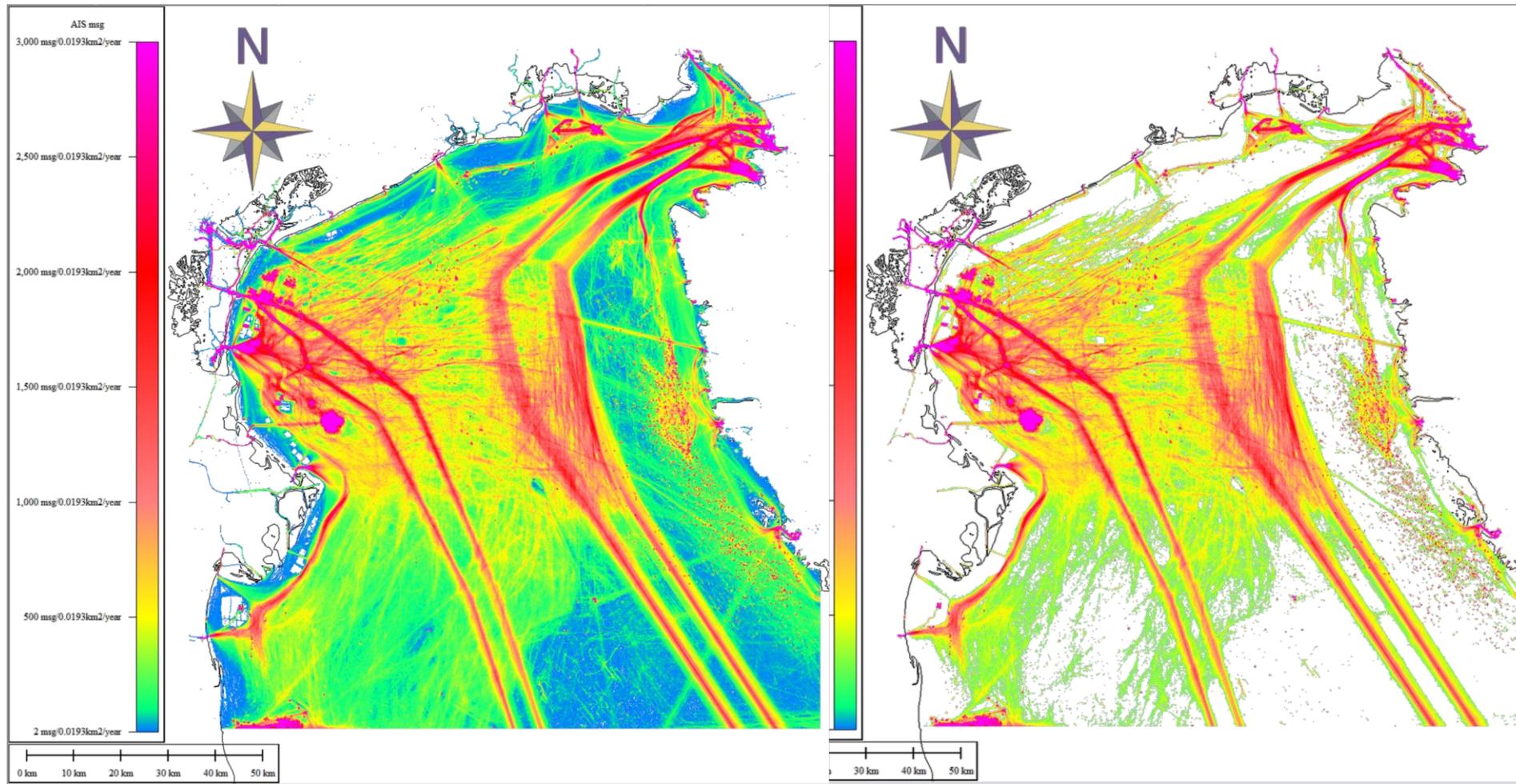


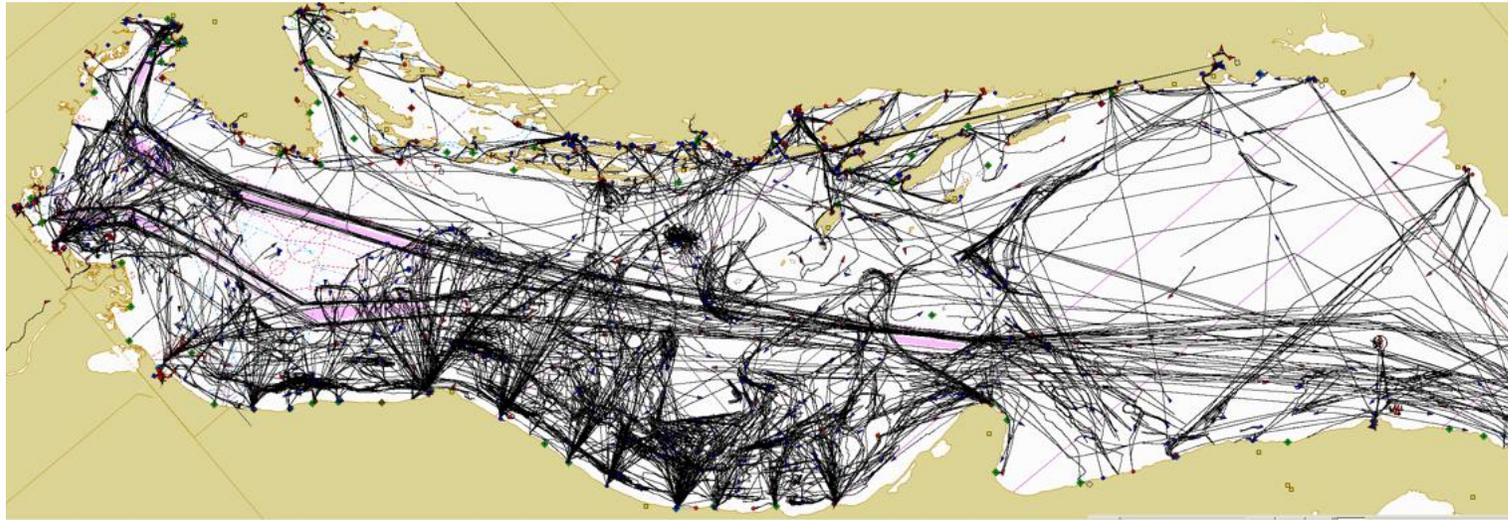
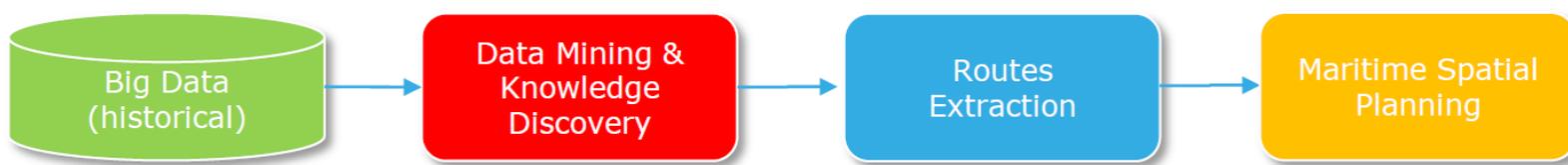




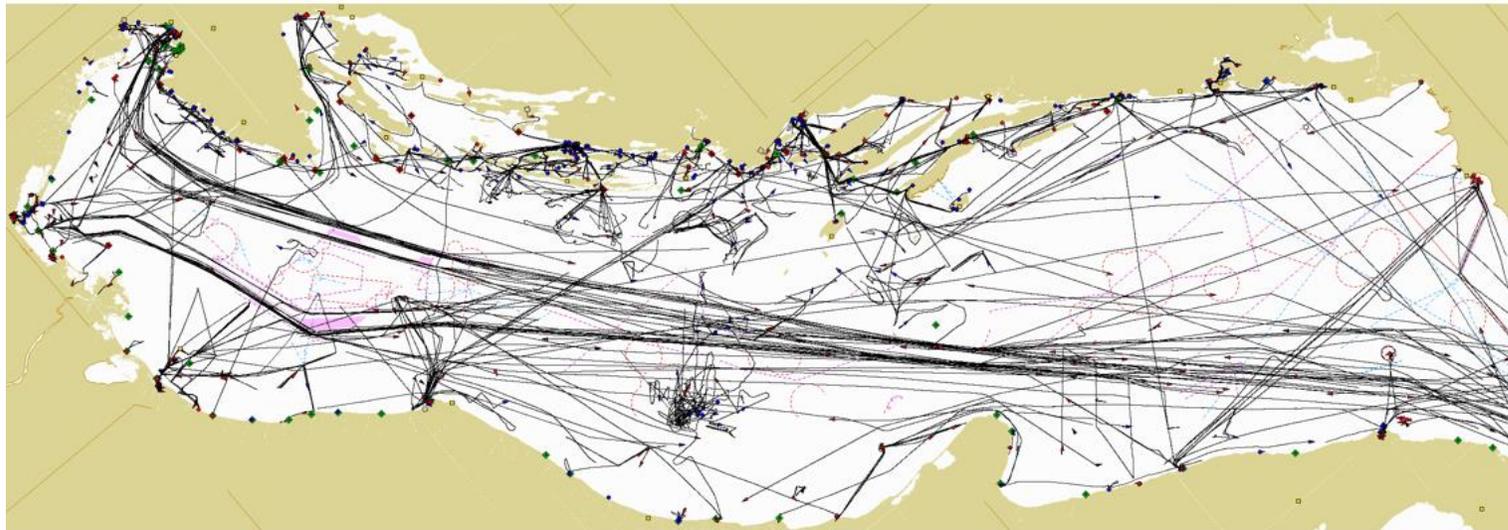
# AIS 2017

(“all” reports vs. dense area reports)

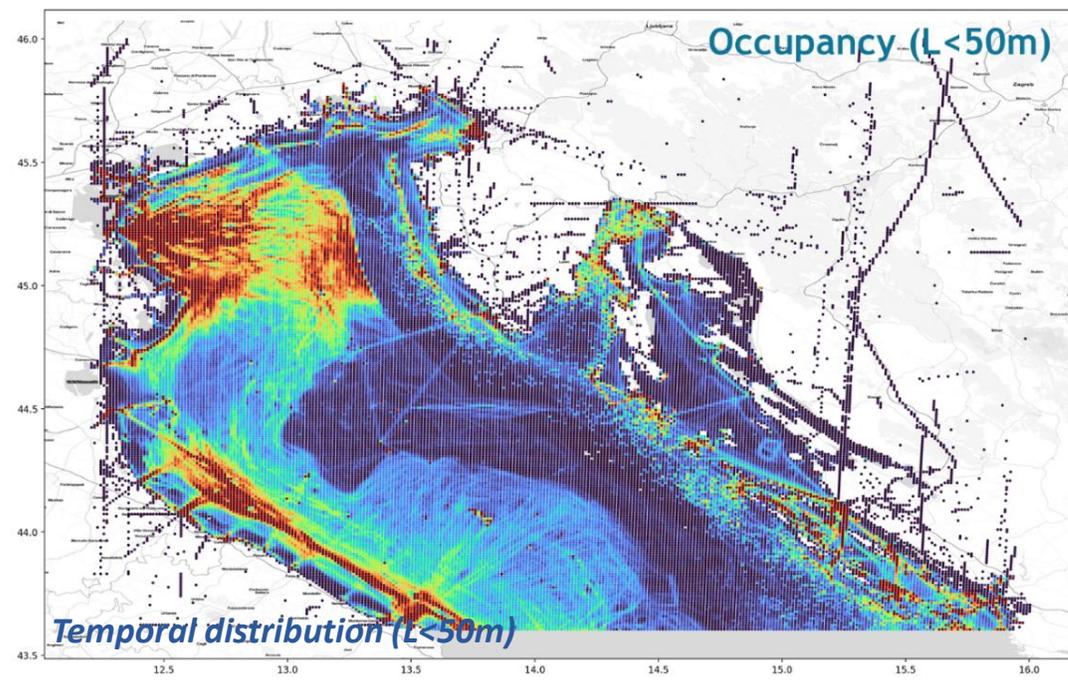
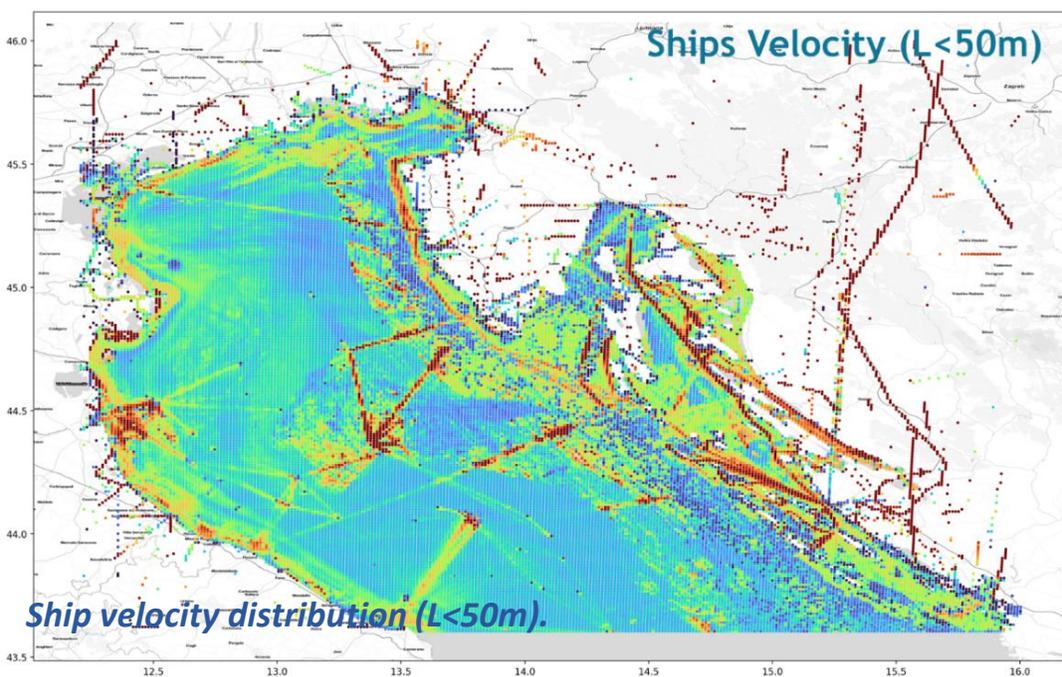
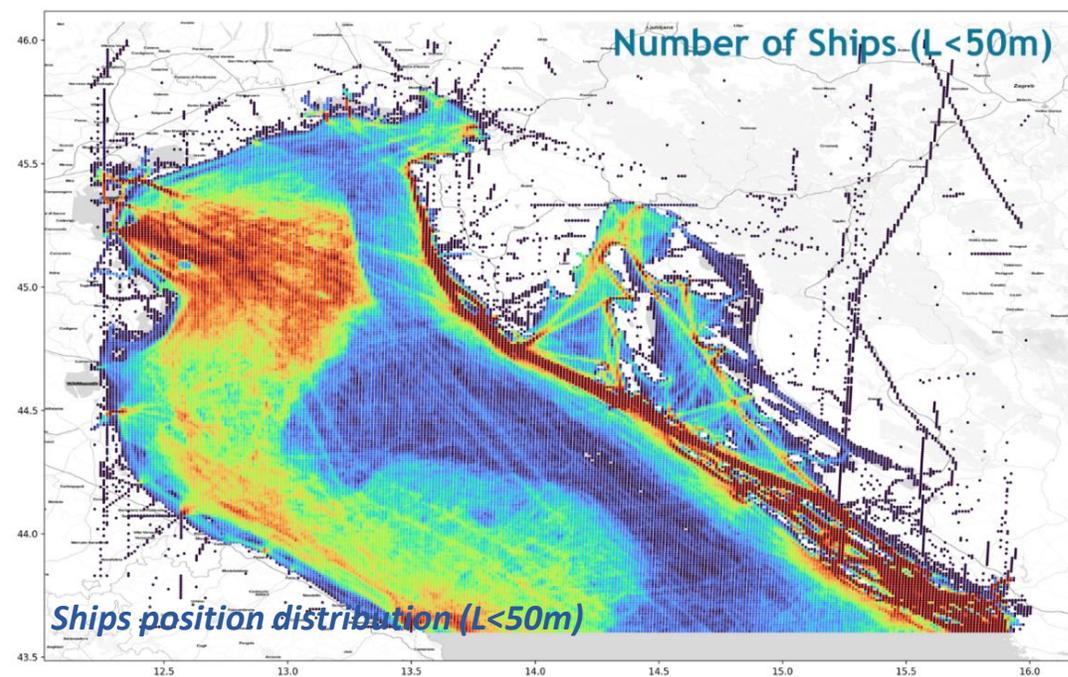
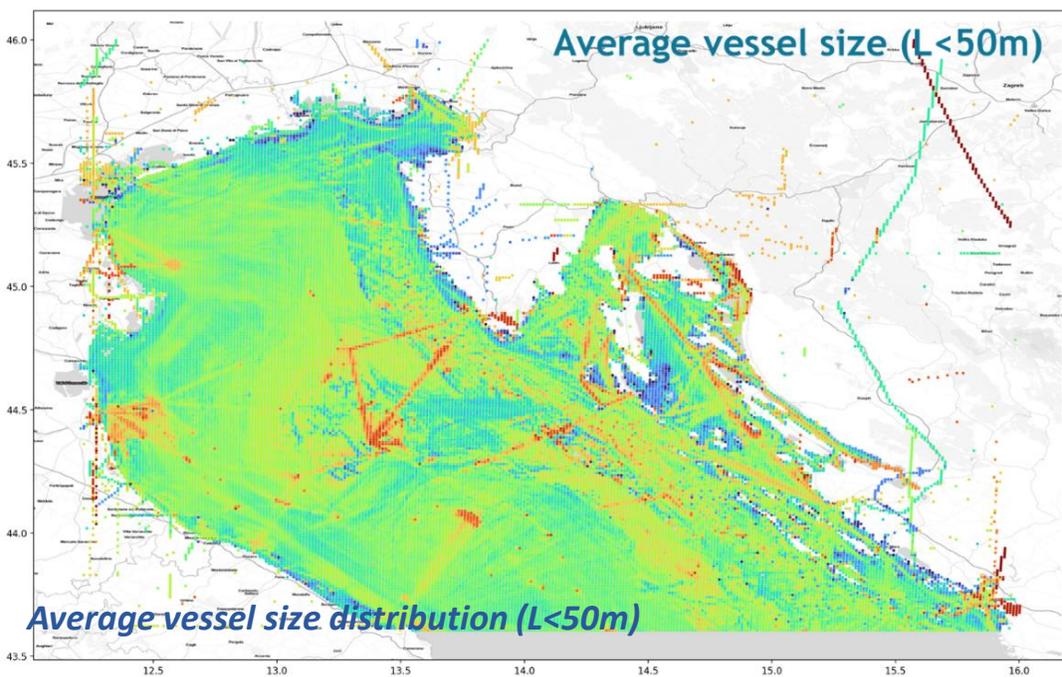




Daily shipping activities in the Adriatic on weekdays (up to 1400 vessels)

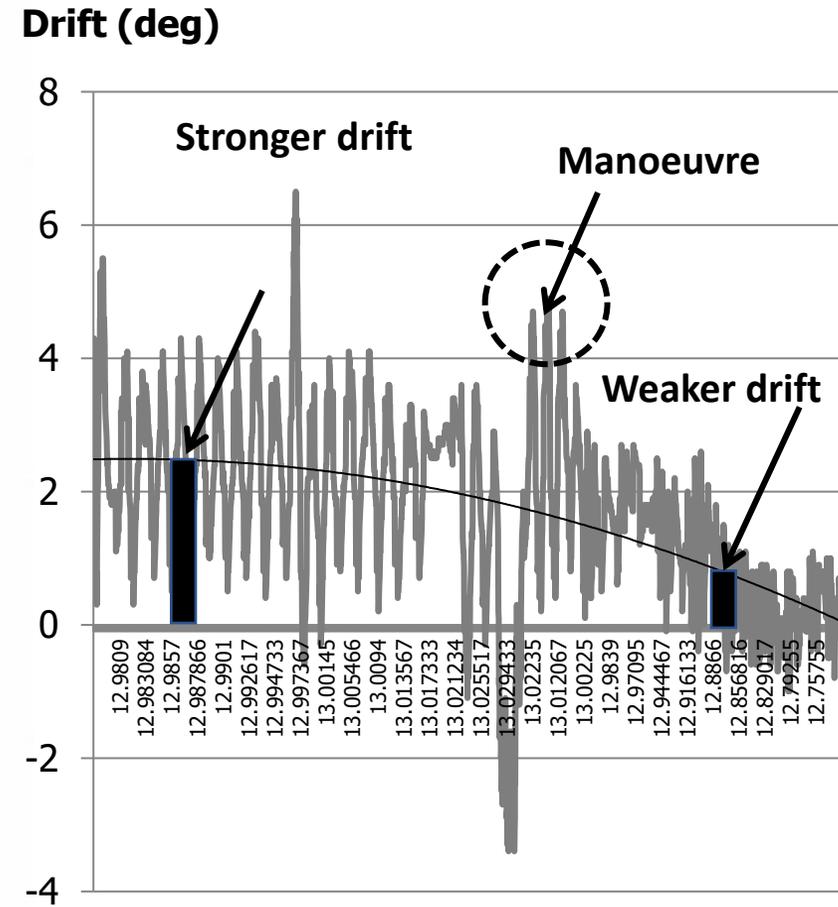
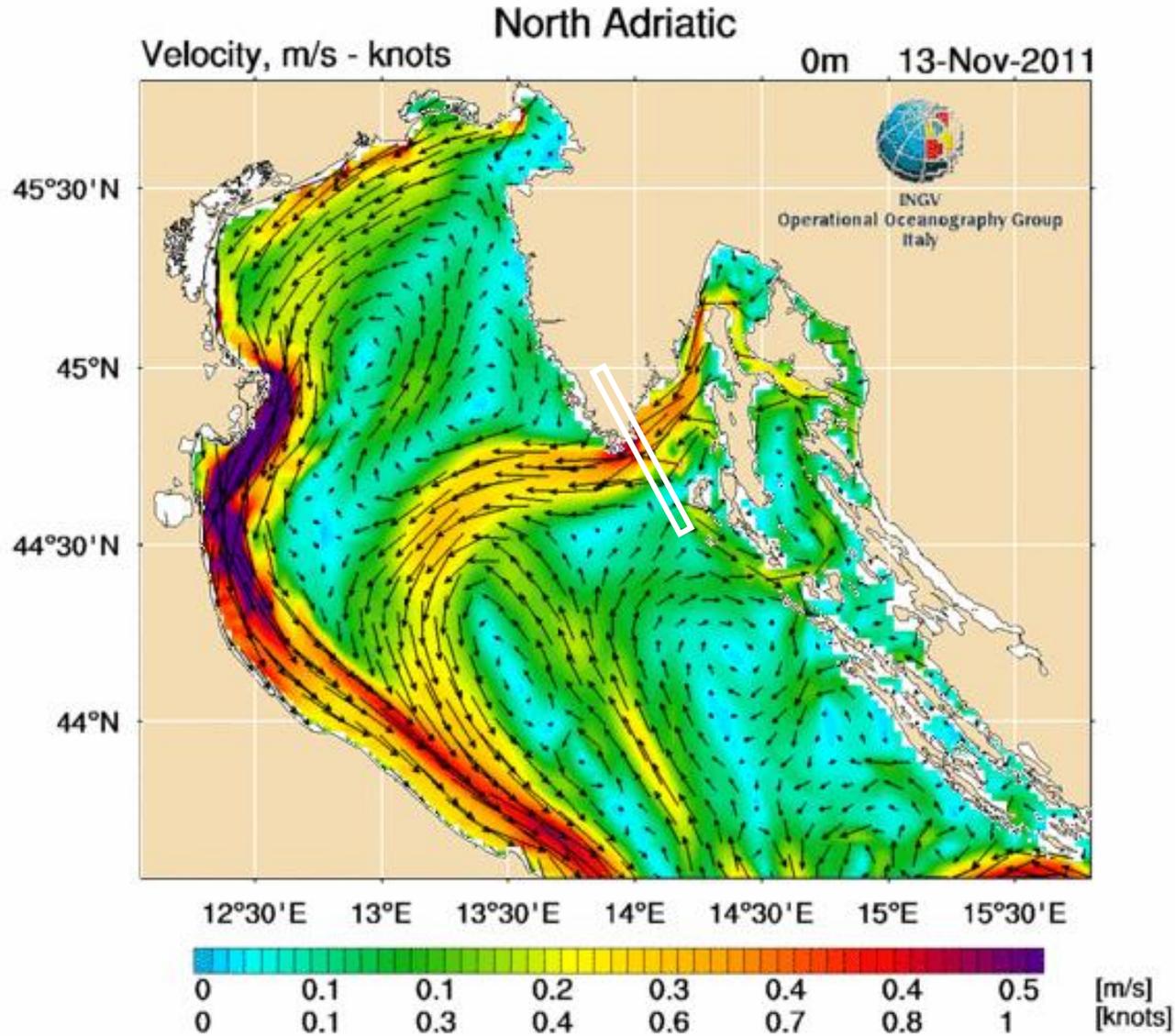


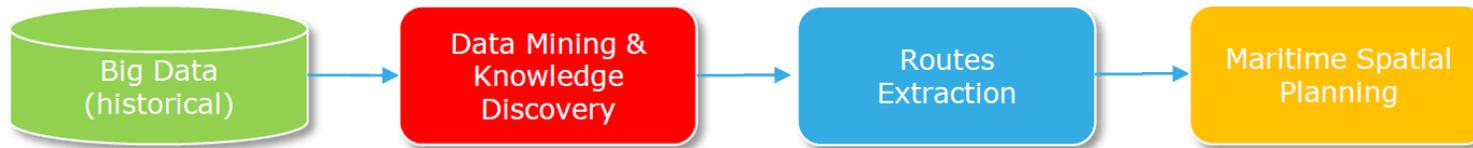
Daily shipping activities in the Adriatic on (up to 950 vessels).



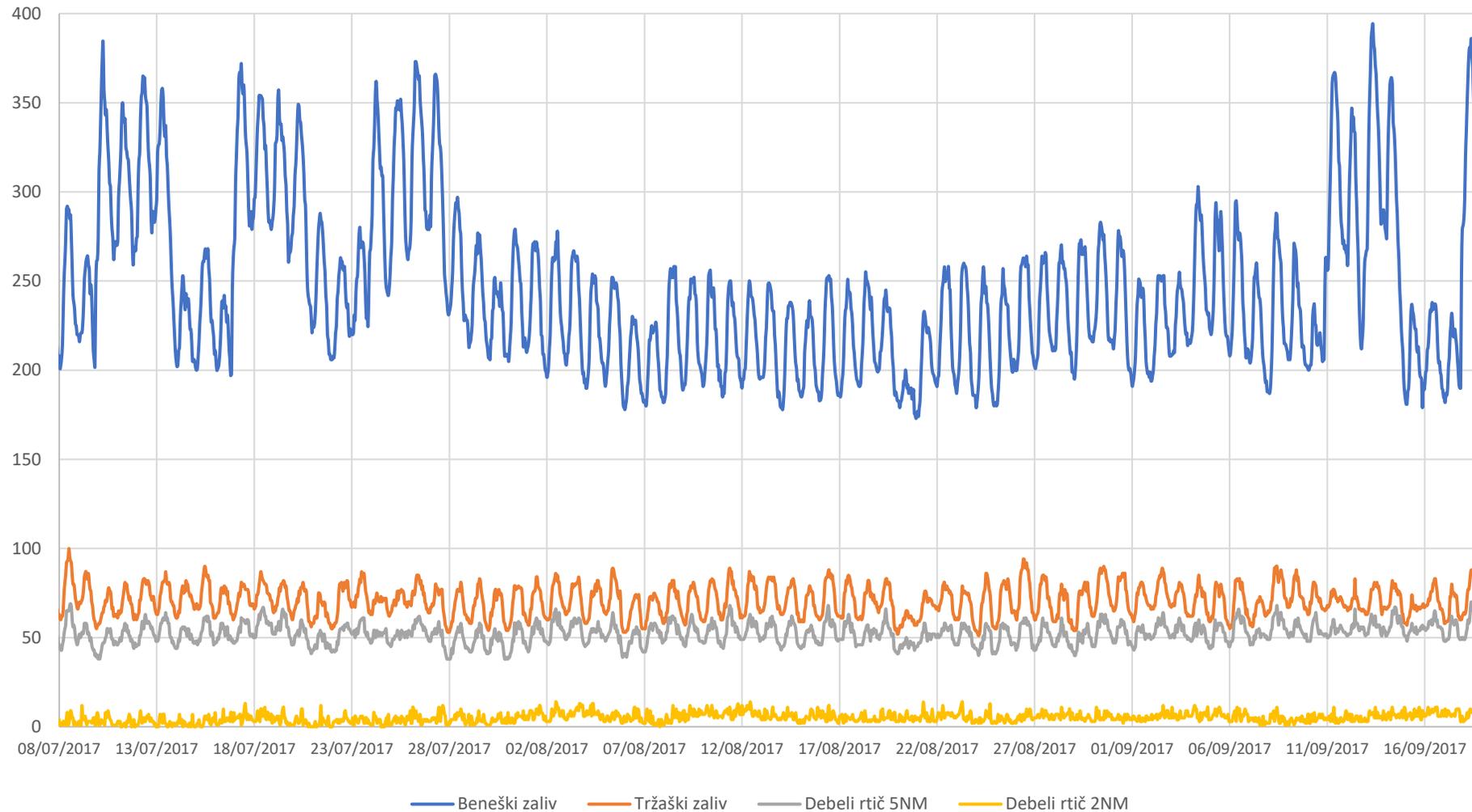


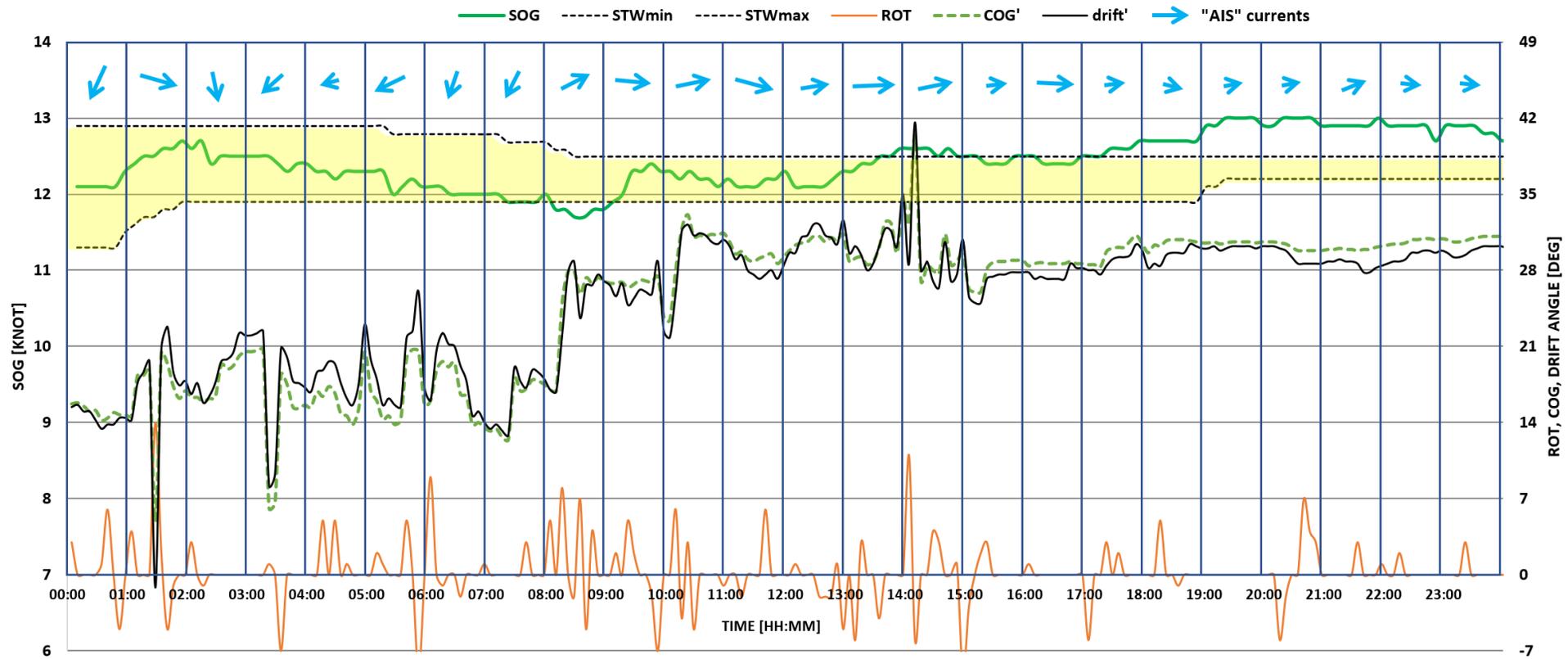
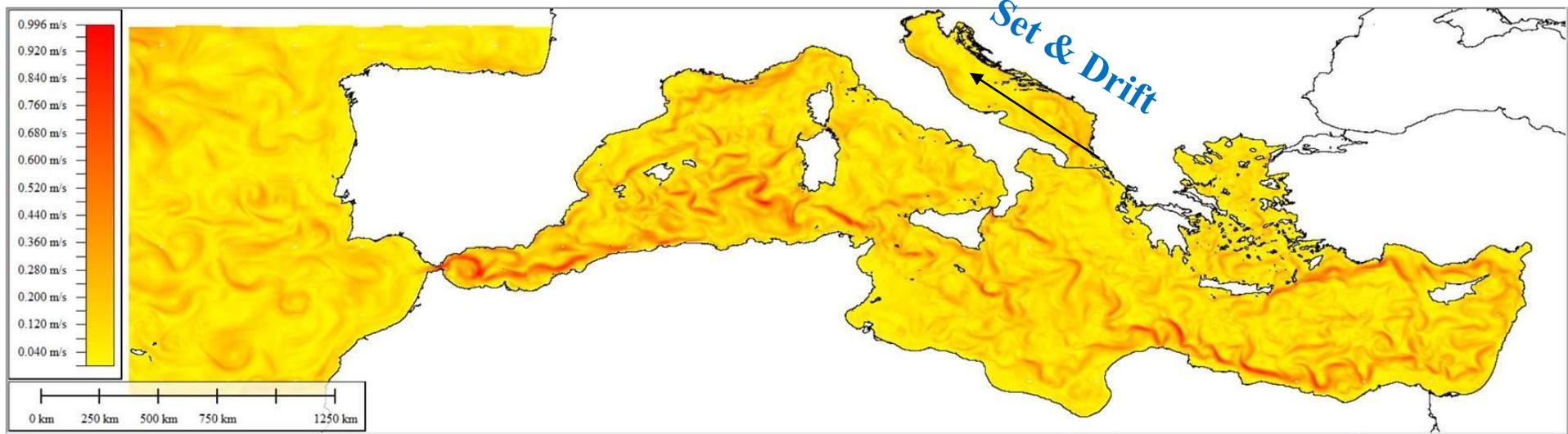
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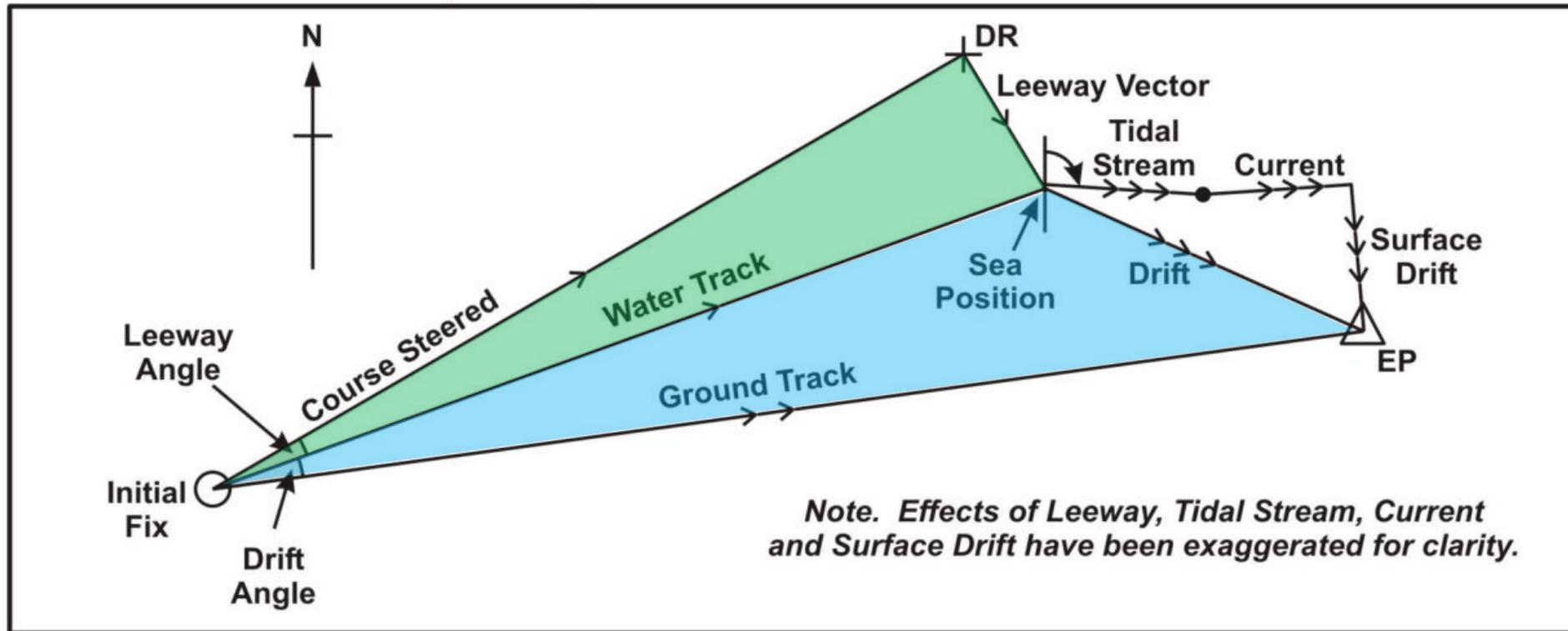


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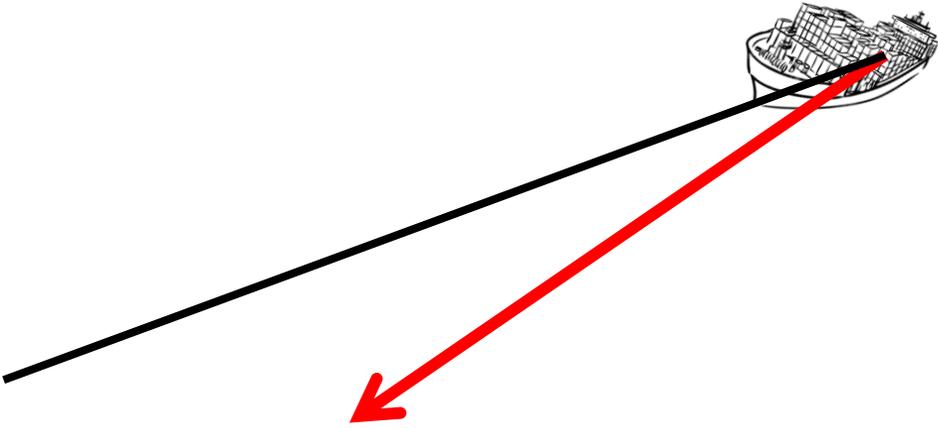
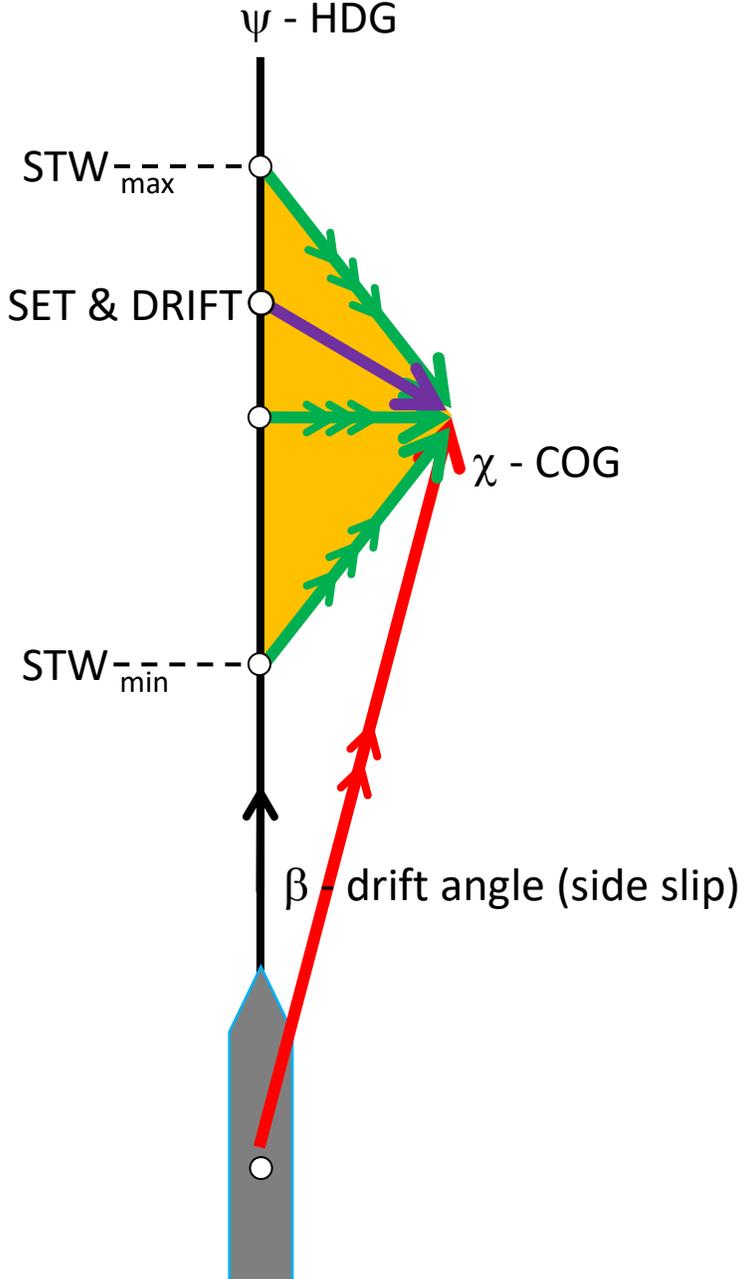


# Leeway and Set & Drift



American Practical Navigator (Bowditch)

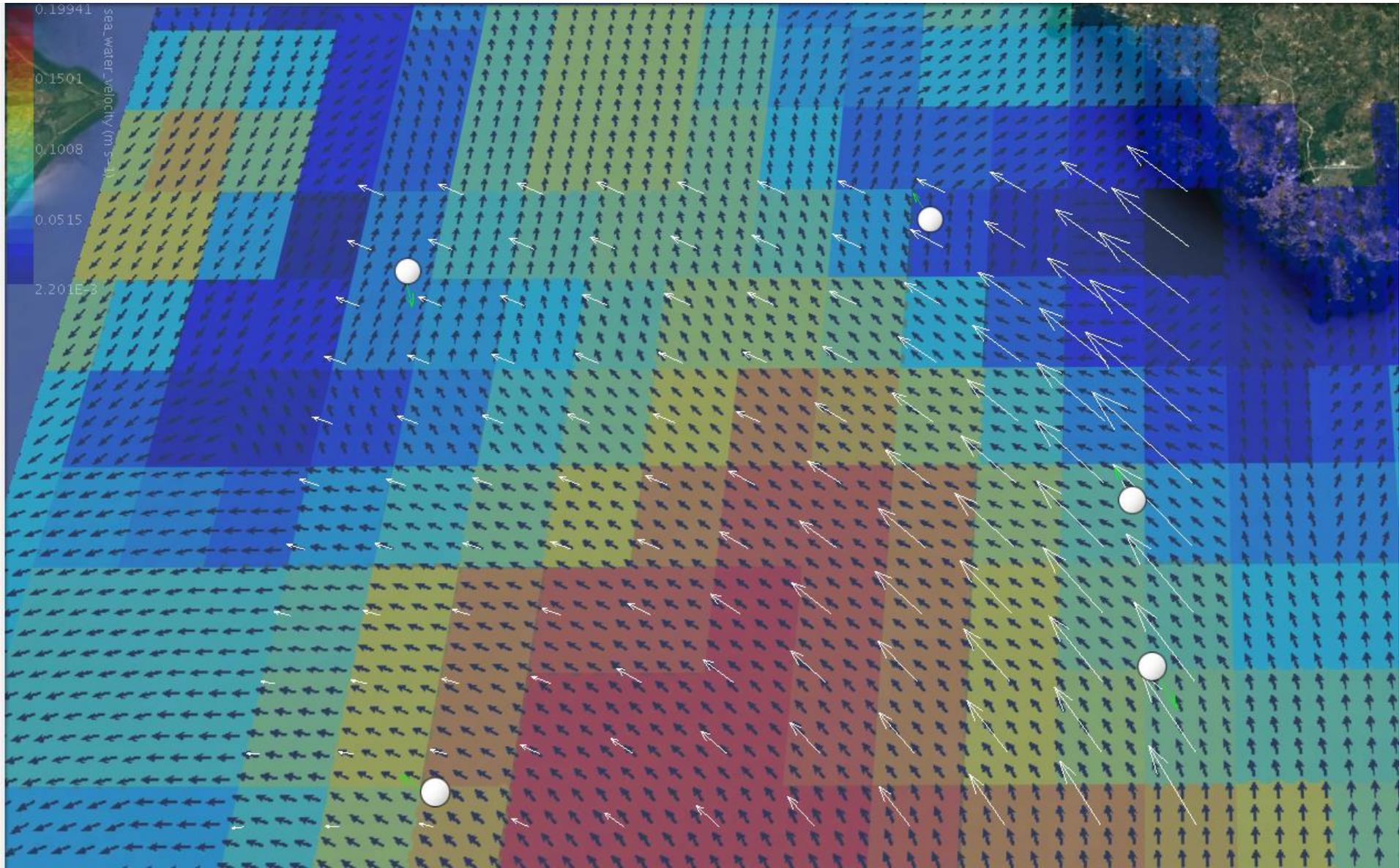
# Sailing in current





# Multiple vessel drifting approach towards metocean validation

Surface currents model analysis data vs “AIS currents”



# Oil Pollution; Categories (vectors) of oil pollution

## U.S. National Academy of Sciences

average total worldwide annual release of petroleum (oils) from all known sources to the sea has been estimated at 1.3 million tonnes

1. natural seeps: 46%
2. discharges from consumption of oils (operational discharges from ships and discharges from land-based sources): 37%
3. accidental spills from ships; 12%
4. **Operational spills; 8%**
5. extraction of oil: 3%

## Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association

1. Land-based sources (urban runoff and discharges from industry): 37%
2. Natural seeps: 7%
3. The oil industry - tanker accidents and offshore oil extraction: 14%
4. **Operational discharges** from ships not within the oil industry: **33%**
5. Airborne hydrocarbons: 9%

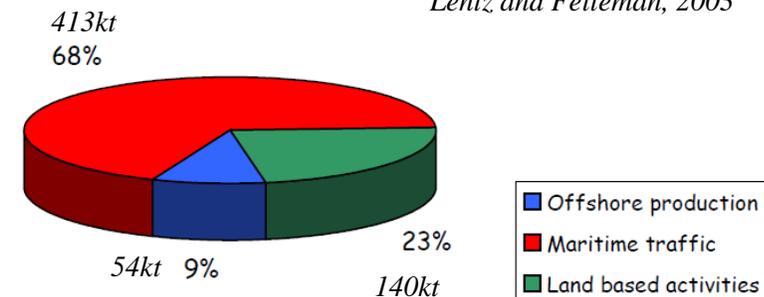
## Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection-GESAMP

estimated a total input of oils at 2.3 million tonnes per year and ranked the sources:

1. Land-based sources (urban runoff, coastal refineries): 50%
2. Oil transporting and shipping (**operational discharges**, tanker accidents): **24%**
3. Offshore production discharges: 2%
4. Atmospheric fallout: 13%
5. Natural seeps: 11%

Relative importance of oil polluting sources -  
Worldwide average 1990-1999

Lentz and Felleman, 2003



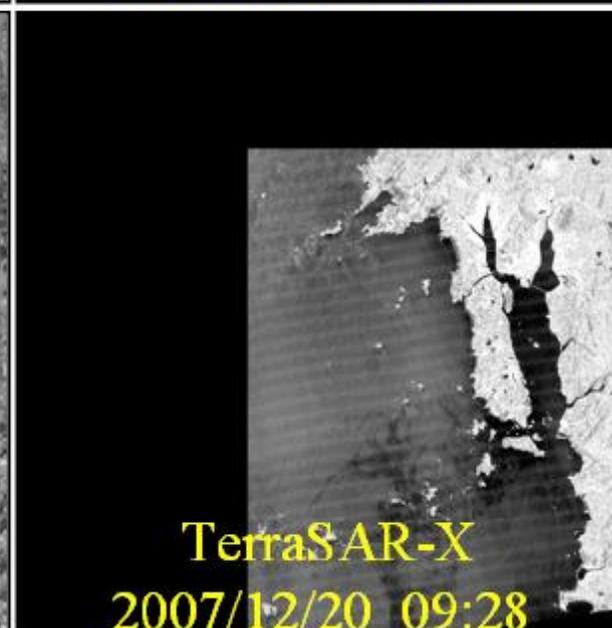
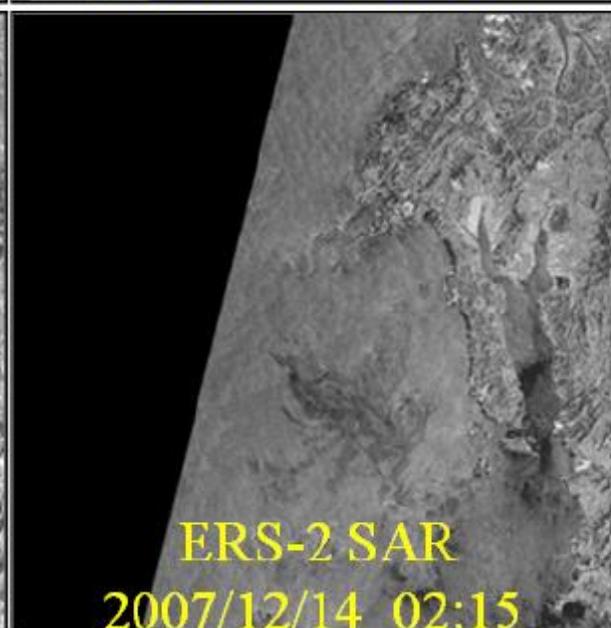
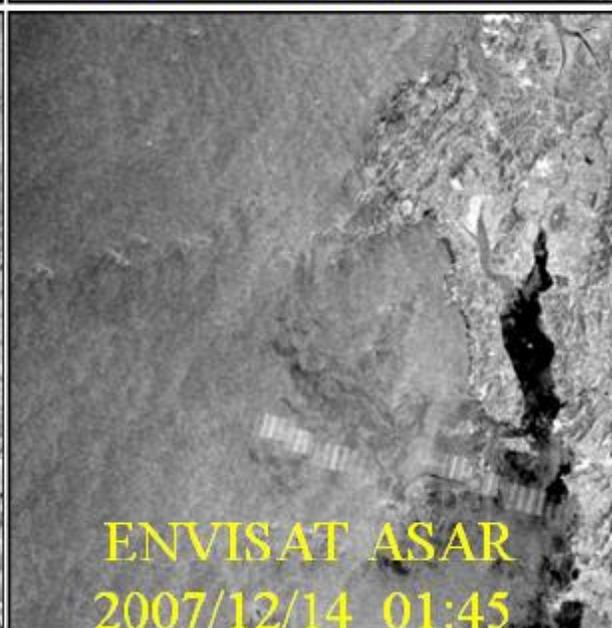
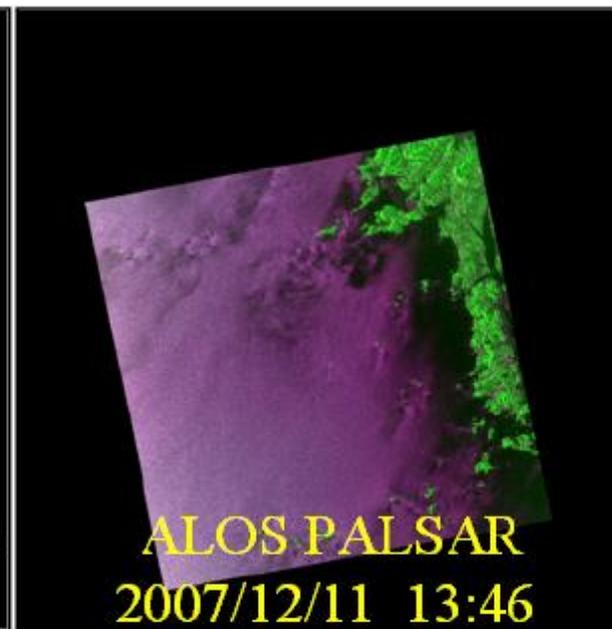
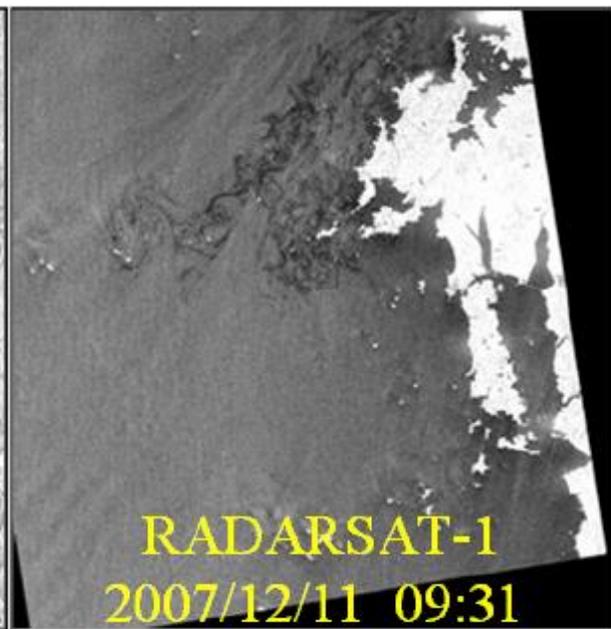
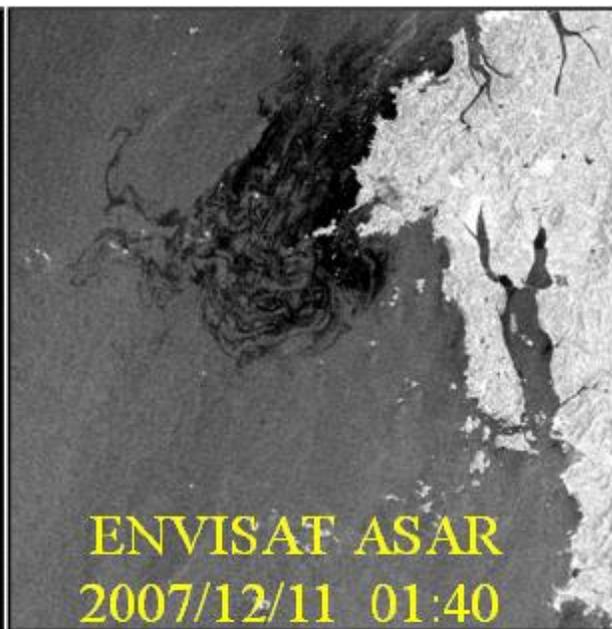
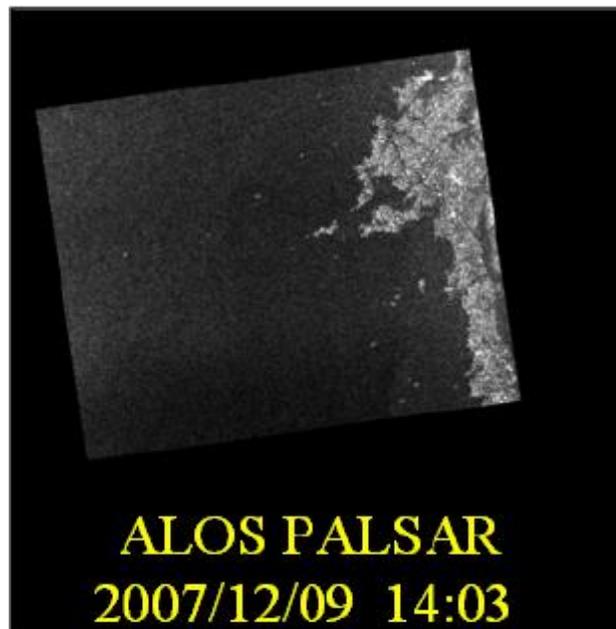


## MT Hebei Spirit, 2007, South Korea – TAEAN port

Thousands of tons of oil spilled into the Yellow Sea off the western coast of South Korea Friday after an oil tanker collided with a barge carrying a crane, the Maritime Ministry of Korea reported. About 10,000 tons of oil gushed out of the Hebei Spirit after the crane punctured holes in the side of the tanker around 7:15 a.m. local time (5:15 p.m. Thursday). The flow had stopped by Friday evening as efforts continued to contain the spill. "Because of the current wind and wave movements the maritime ministry is not expecting to see much environmental damage on the west coast of Korea," the ministry said. The spill is the largest in South Korean history, a police spokesman said, according to South Korea's Yonhap news agency. The previous record was set in 1995 when the Sea Prince struck a reef, releasing more than 5,000 tons of oil into waters off the southern coast.



# Disaster Management “South Korea Case”



## 12 December - Norway: An oil spill has been

observed on Wednesday in the Norwegian sector of North Sea near the Statfjord oilfield operated by StatoilHydro. "This could be the second largest spill in Norwegian oil history," the Petroleum Safety Authority's (PSA) spokeswoman Inger Anda said. She said the spill was estimated at 3,840 cubic meters of oil, which corresponds to 24,154 barrels of oil. The biggest oil spill ever off Norway occurred in the Bravo blowout in 1977 when around 12,000 cubic meters of oil were spilled, Anda said. StatoilHydro information director Ola Morten Aanestad confirmed that the company had had a spill at its Statfjord Alpha platform, about 200 kilometers west of Bergen, near the border of the British continental shelf. StatoilHydro said the spill was about 4,000 cubic meters, and occurred in connection with the tank ship "Navion Britannica" loading aboard oil from a loading buoy. StatoilHydro spokesman Vegar Stokset said the cause of the spill was not immediately known but the loading had immediately been stopped. "It is a significant amount and we are taking it seriously," said Stokset, adding that production from the field was not affected because tanker loading is a separate operation. The Norwegian Rescue Coordination Center South had been notified and planes and helicopters from the Norwegian Pollution Control Authority (SFT) were deployed to get an overview of the extent of the spill. Weather in the area is poor, with **45 knot** (51.8 pmh) **winds and choppy seas**. Meteorologist Hilde Holdhus at the Storm Weather Center said the conditions were good for seabirds, as they would prevent the oil being blown inland. The winds will make it more difficult for aircraft to get an overview of the situation.

## Statfjord Alpha

## Second largest spill in Norwegian oil history



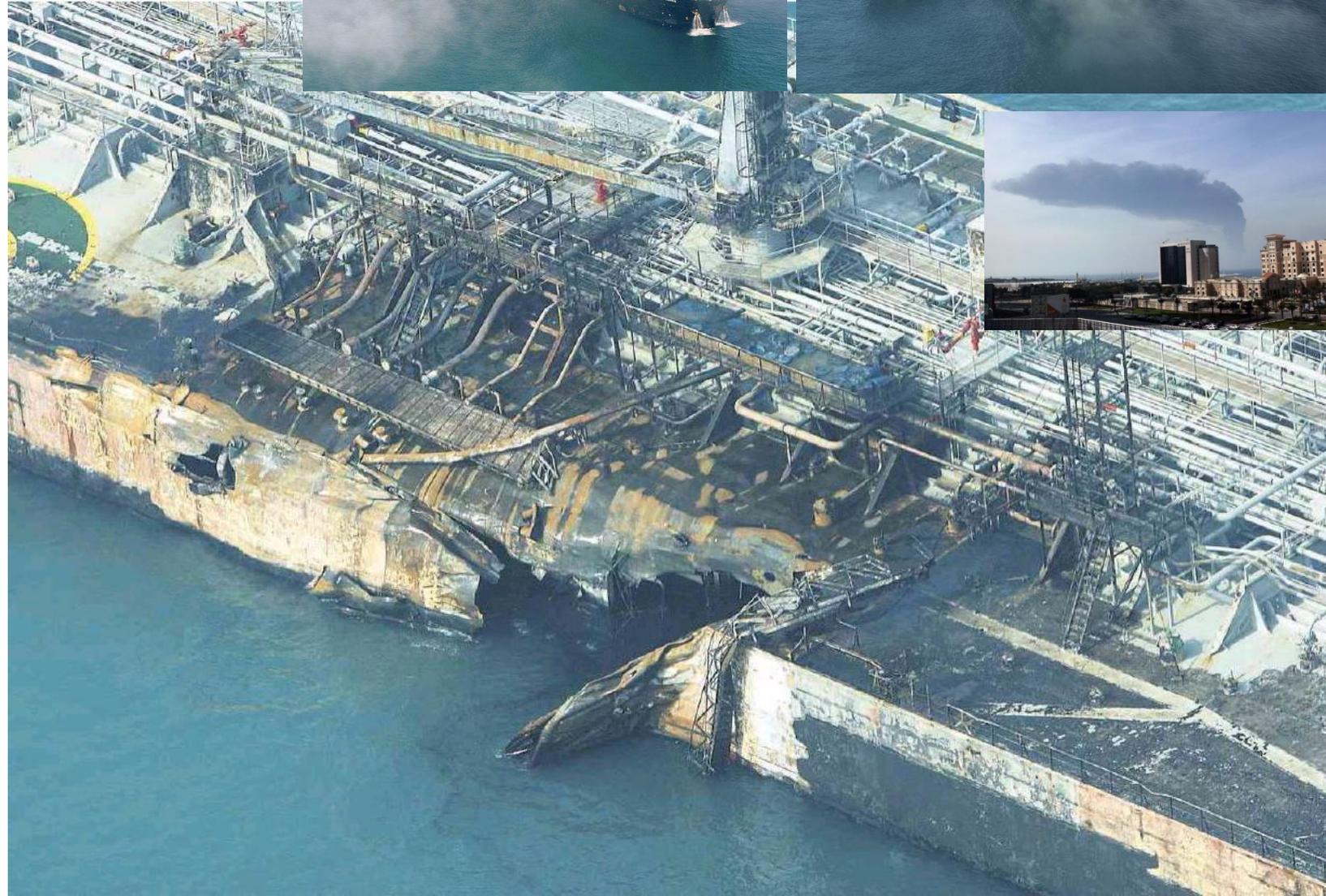
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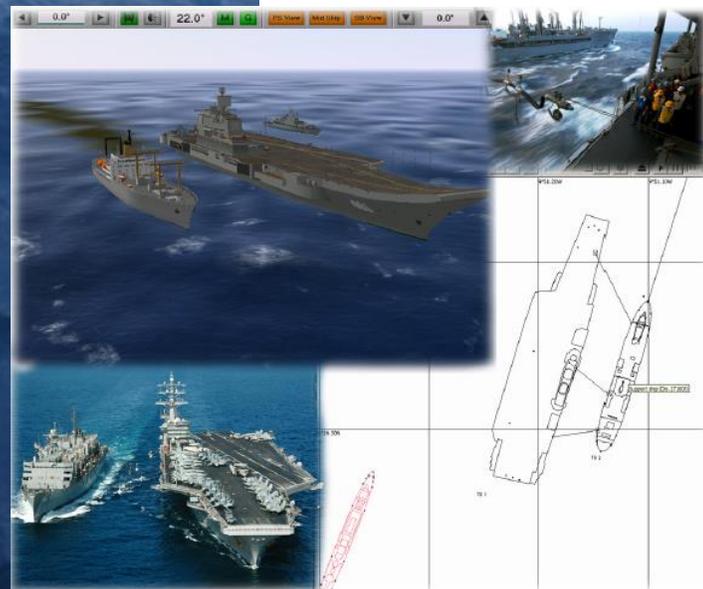
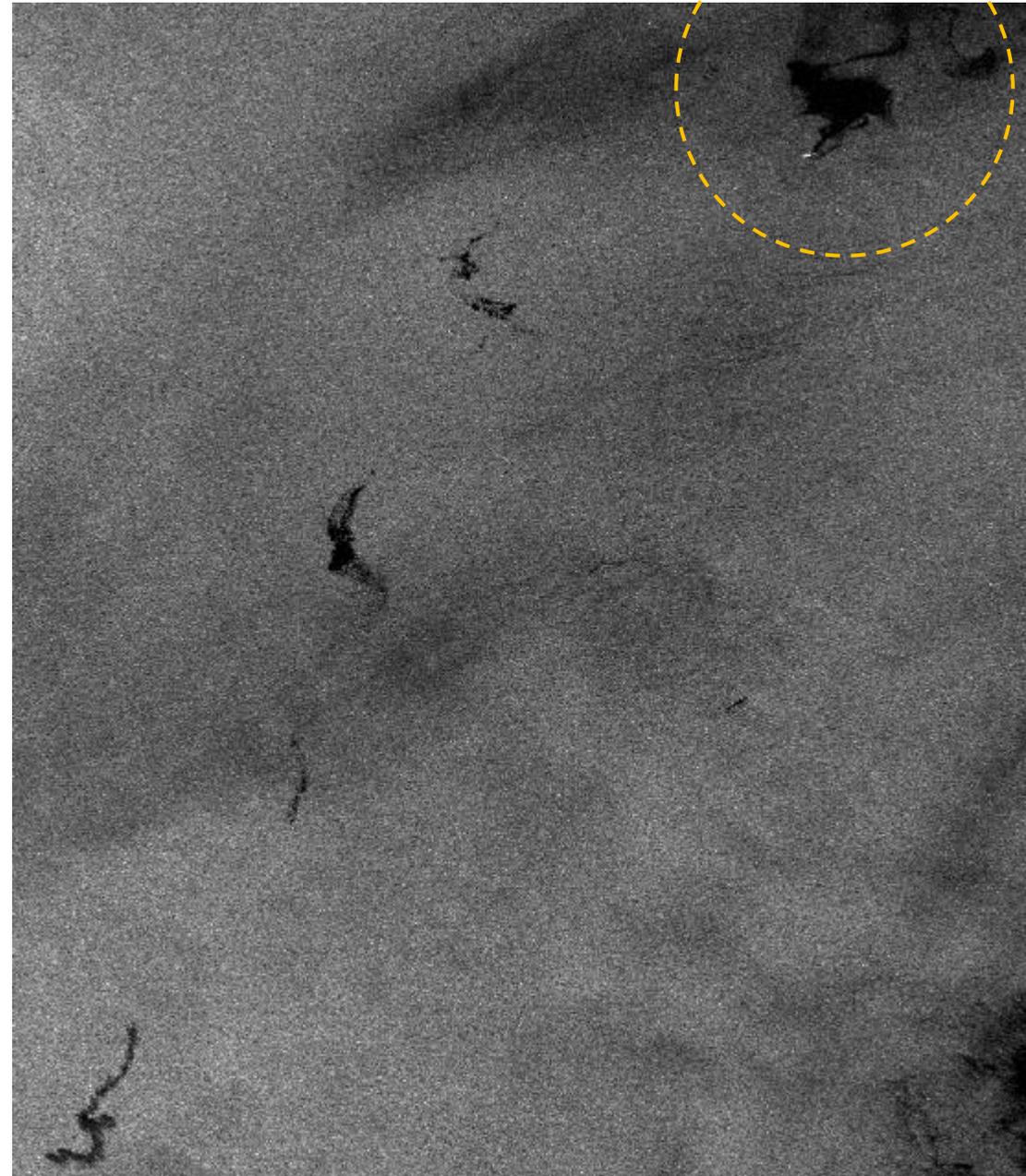
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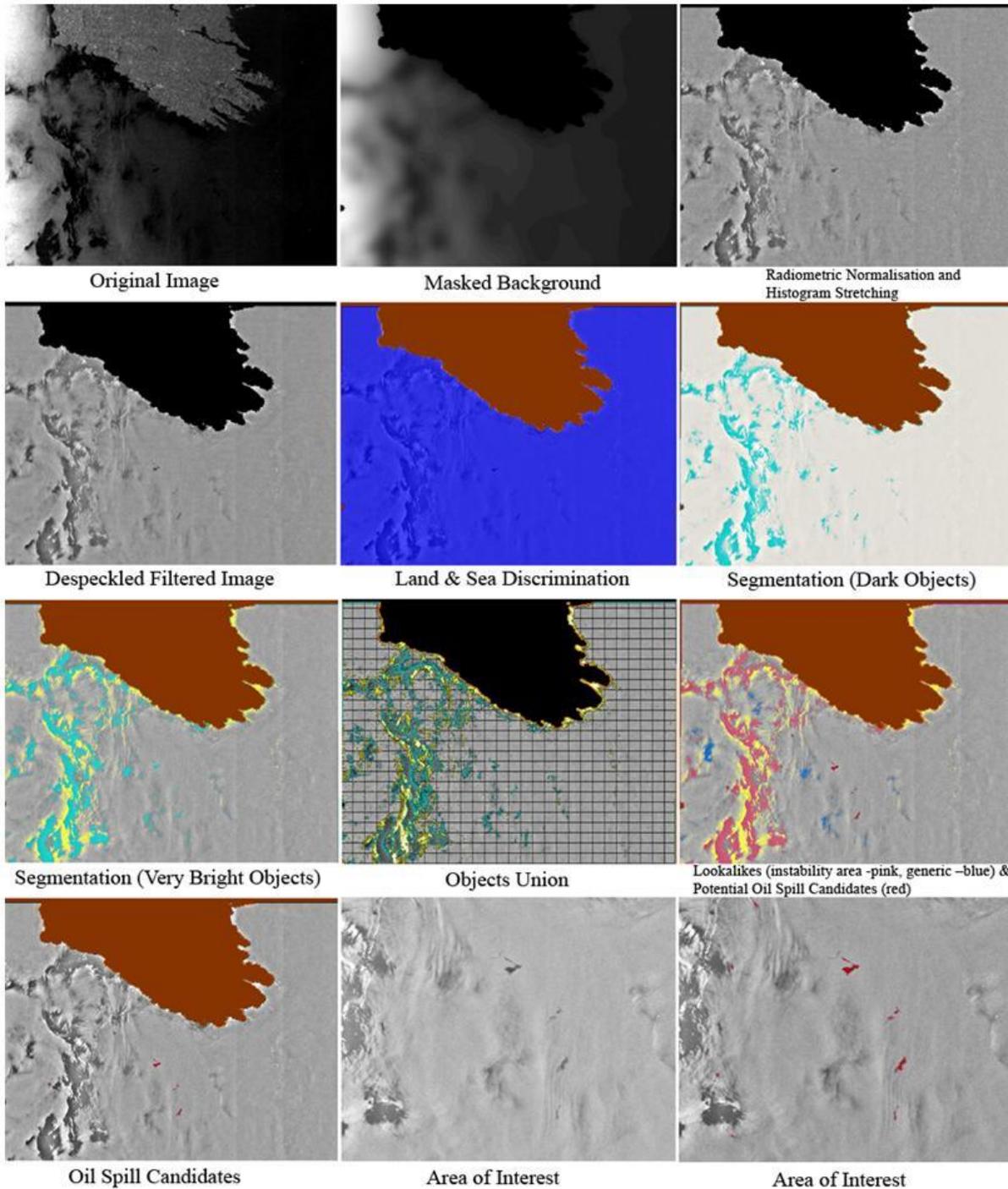


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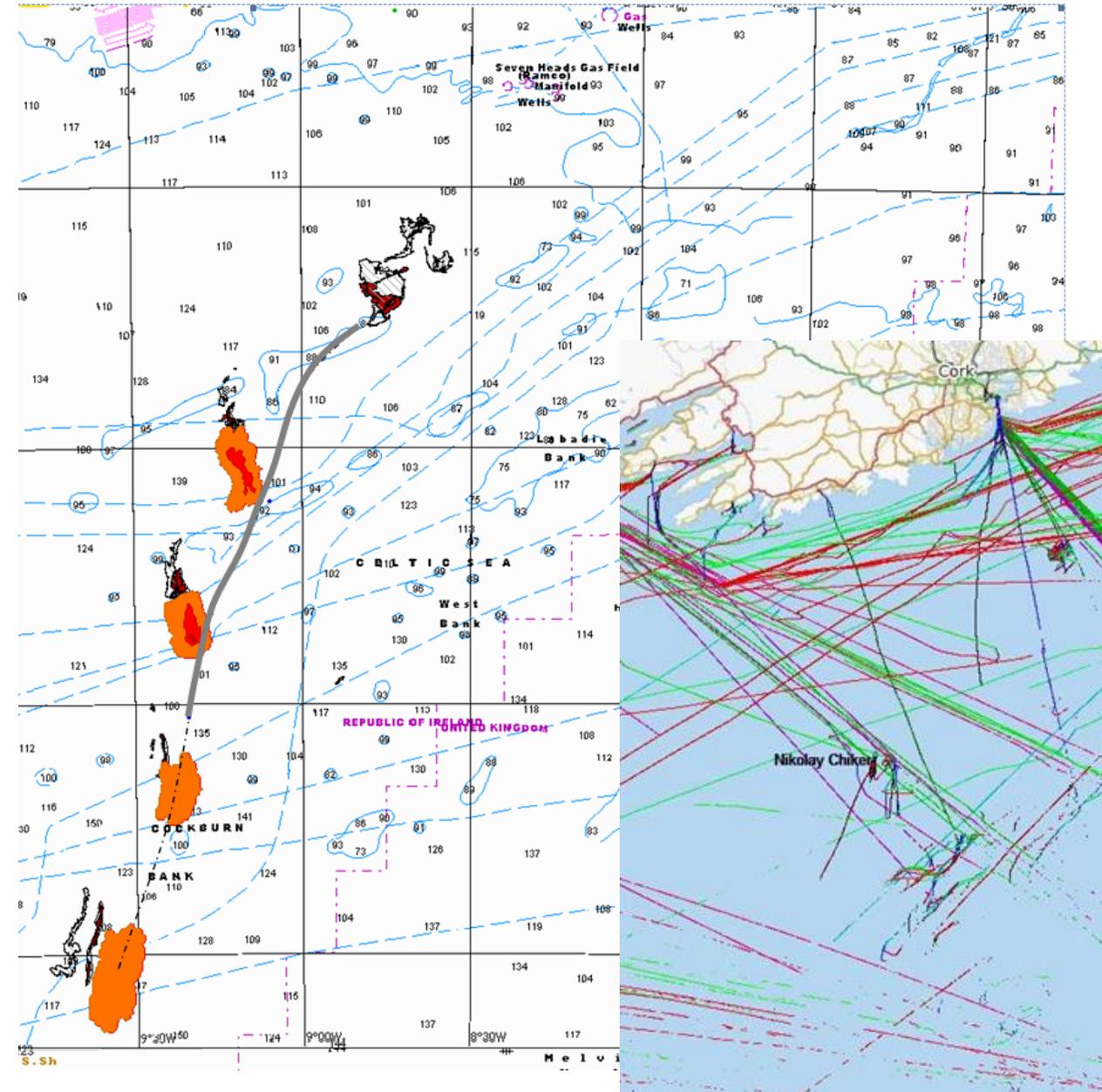


# Russian Navy; Underway fuel replenishment (Bunker) accident off the southern Irish coast.





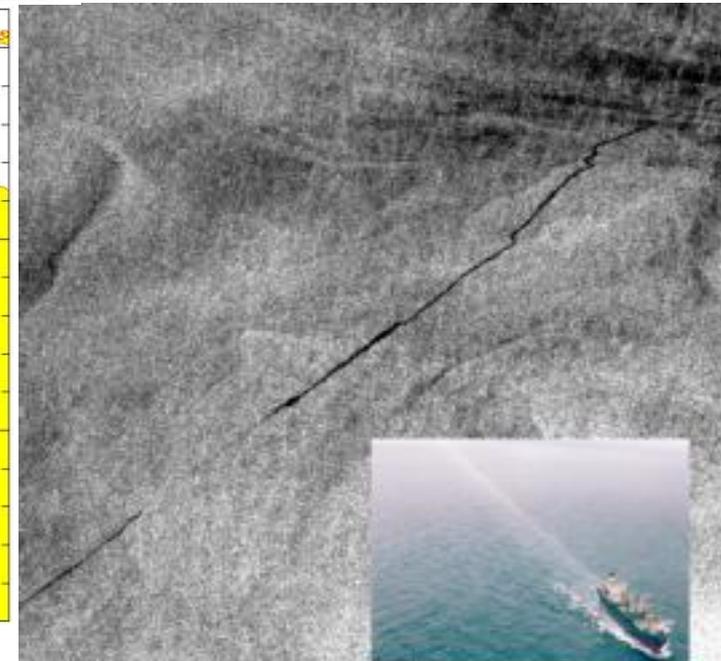
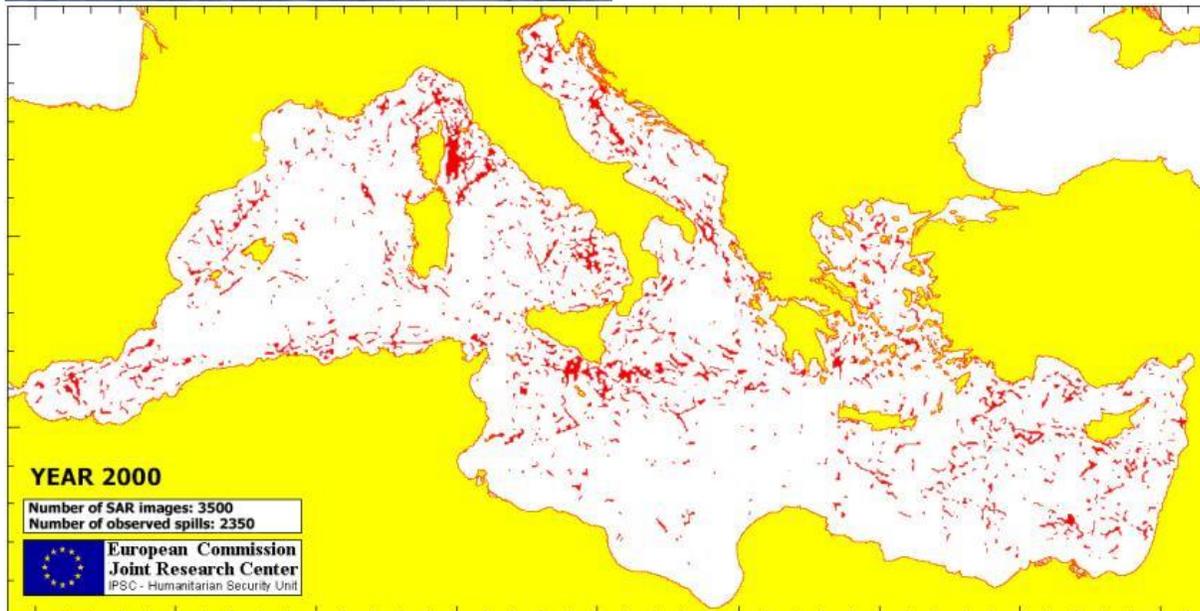
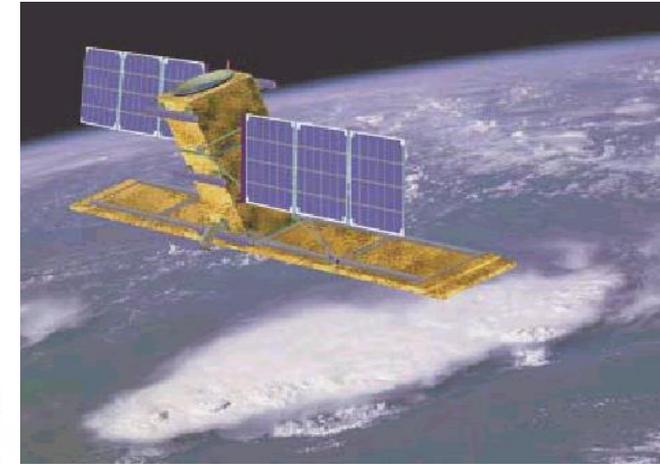
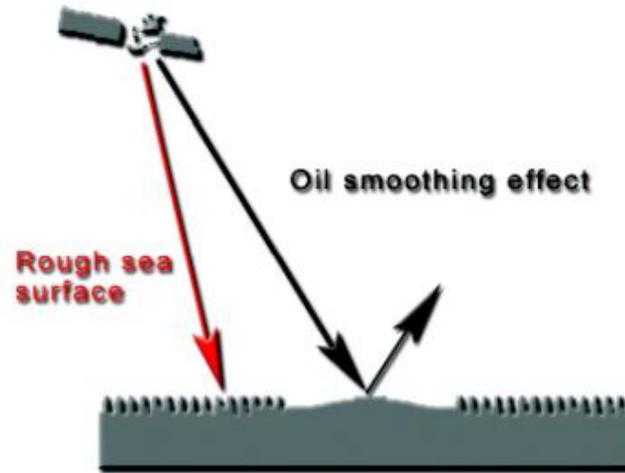
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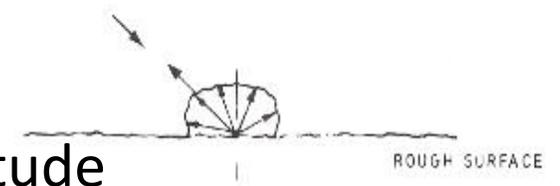
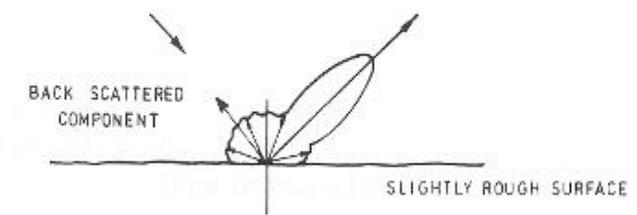
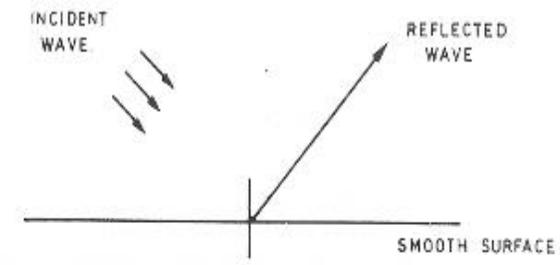
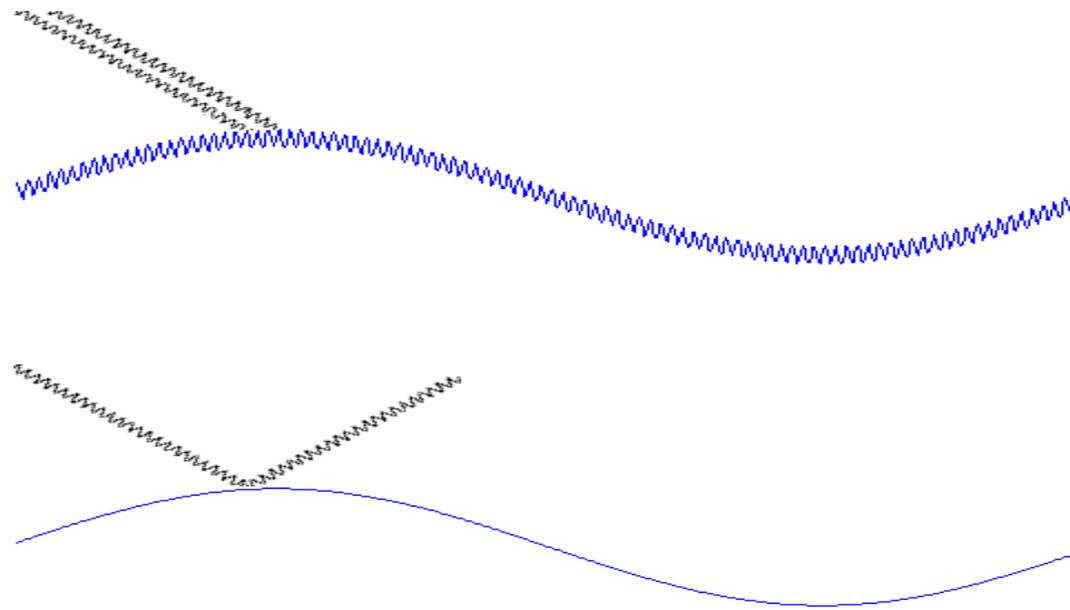
# Operational pollution

reduction/elimination; can navigational/informational and surveillance technology contribute?

*Monitoring (EMSA – CleanSeaNet Service)*



# Sea surface backscatter



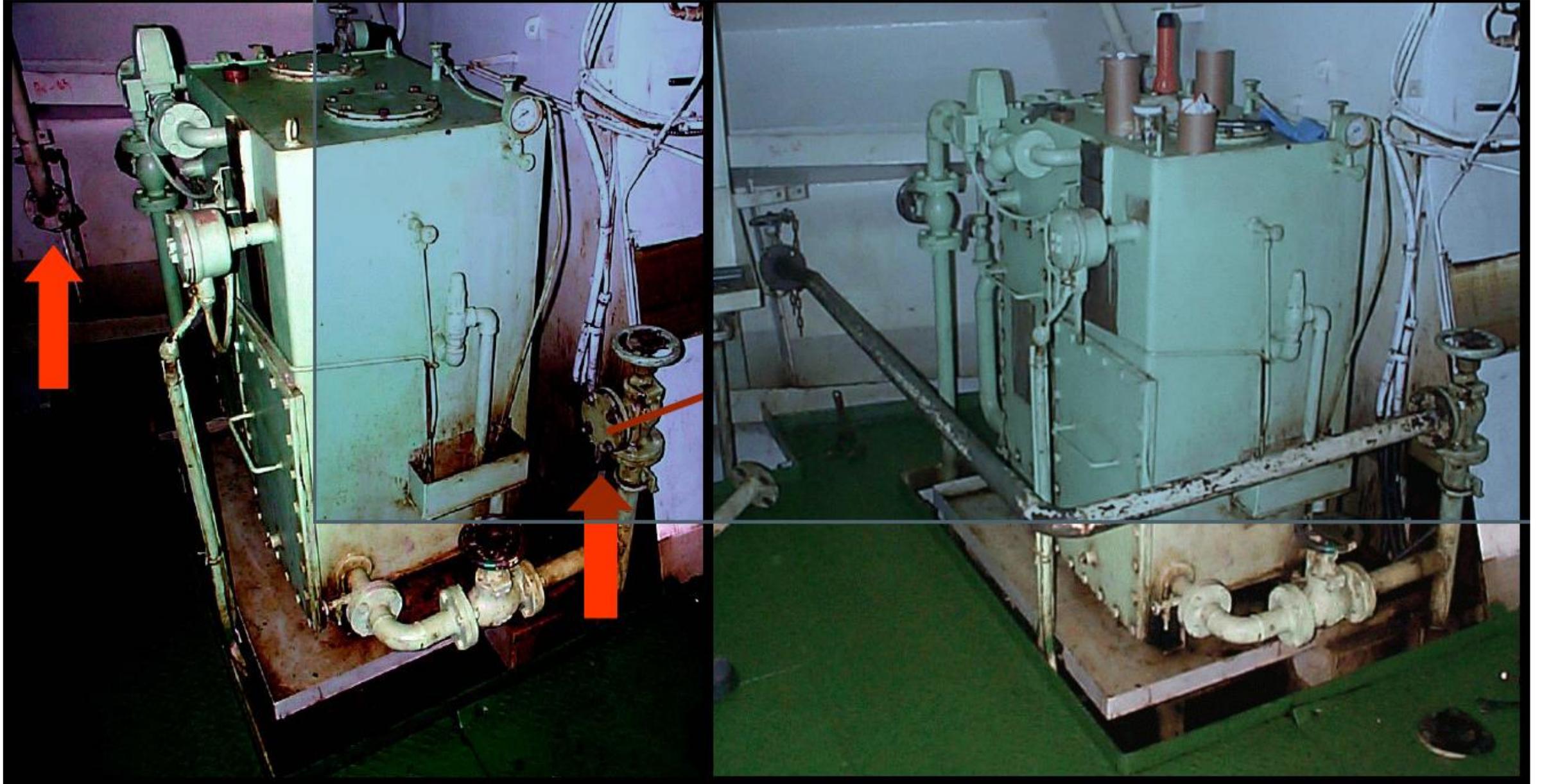
- Backscatter when surface roughness has wavelength of the same order as radar wavelength (5 cm)
- Backscatter proportional to roughness amplitude
- “Bragg backscattering”



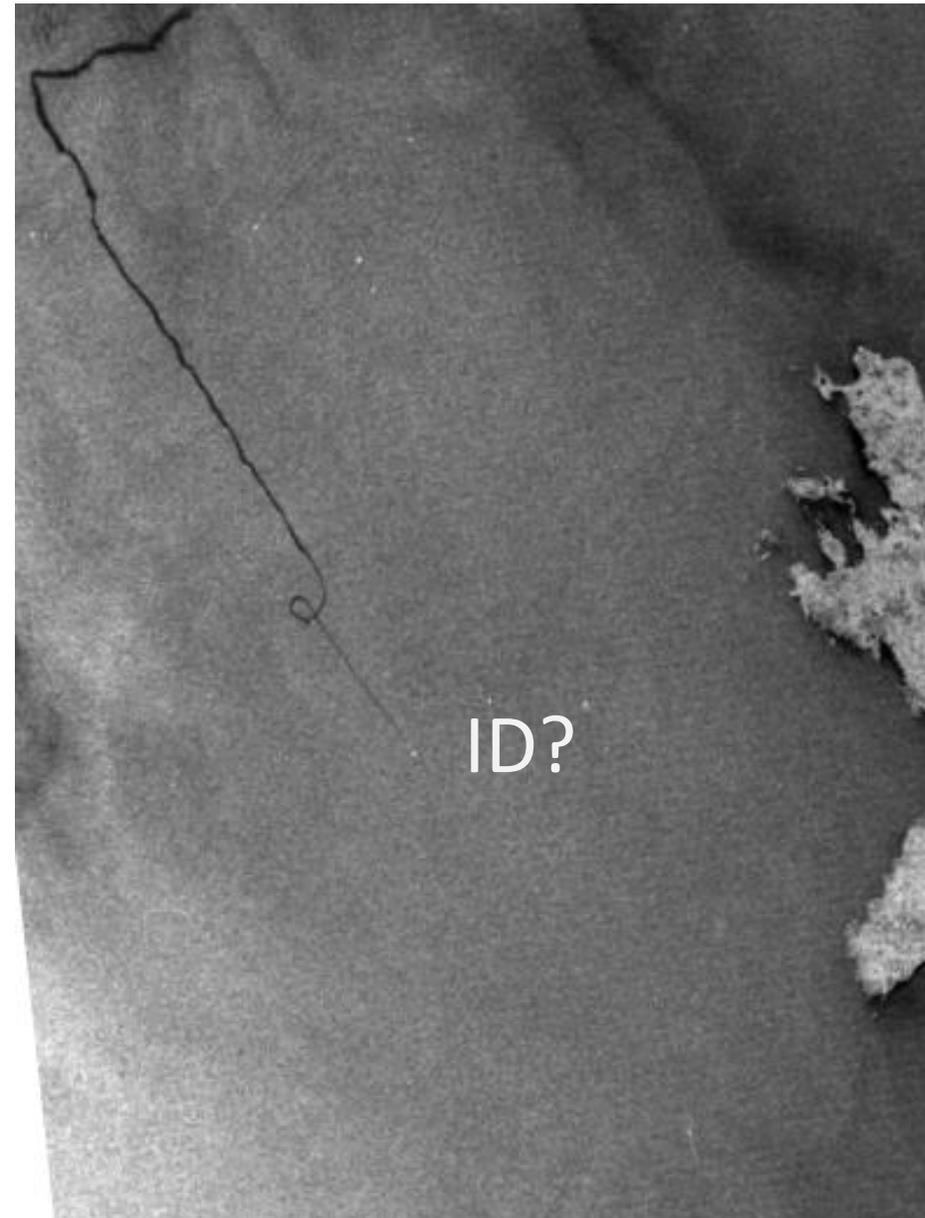
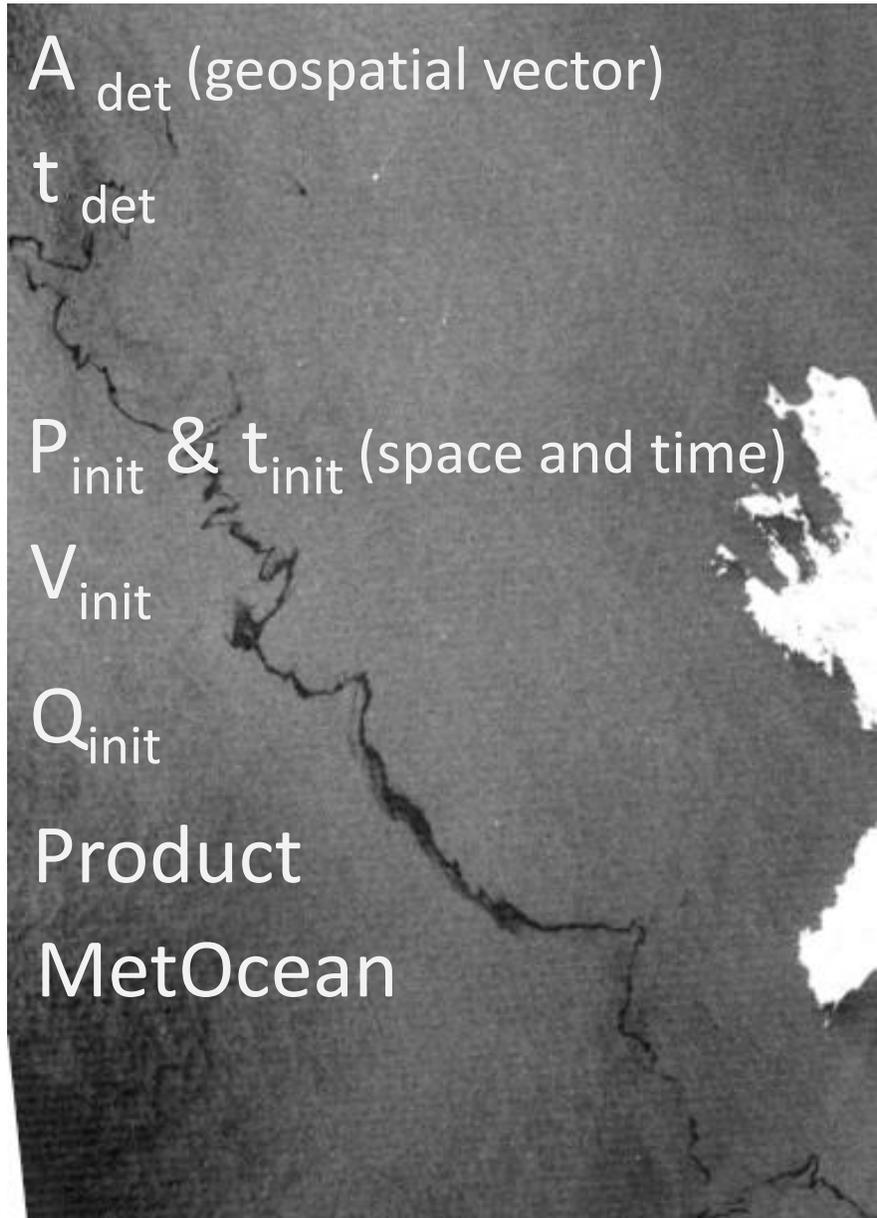


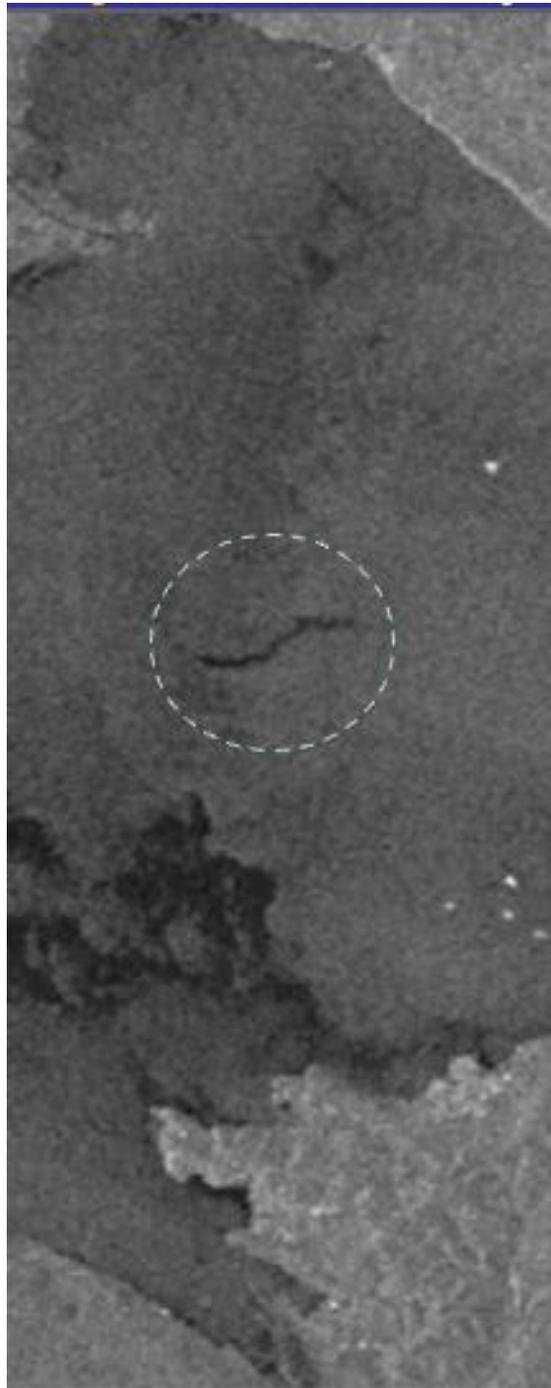
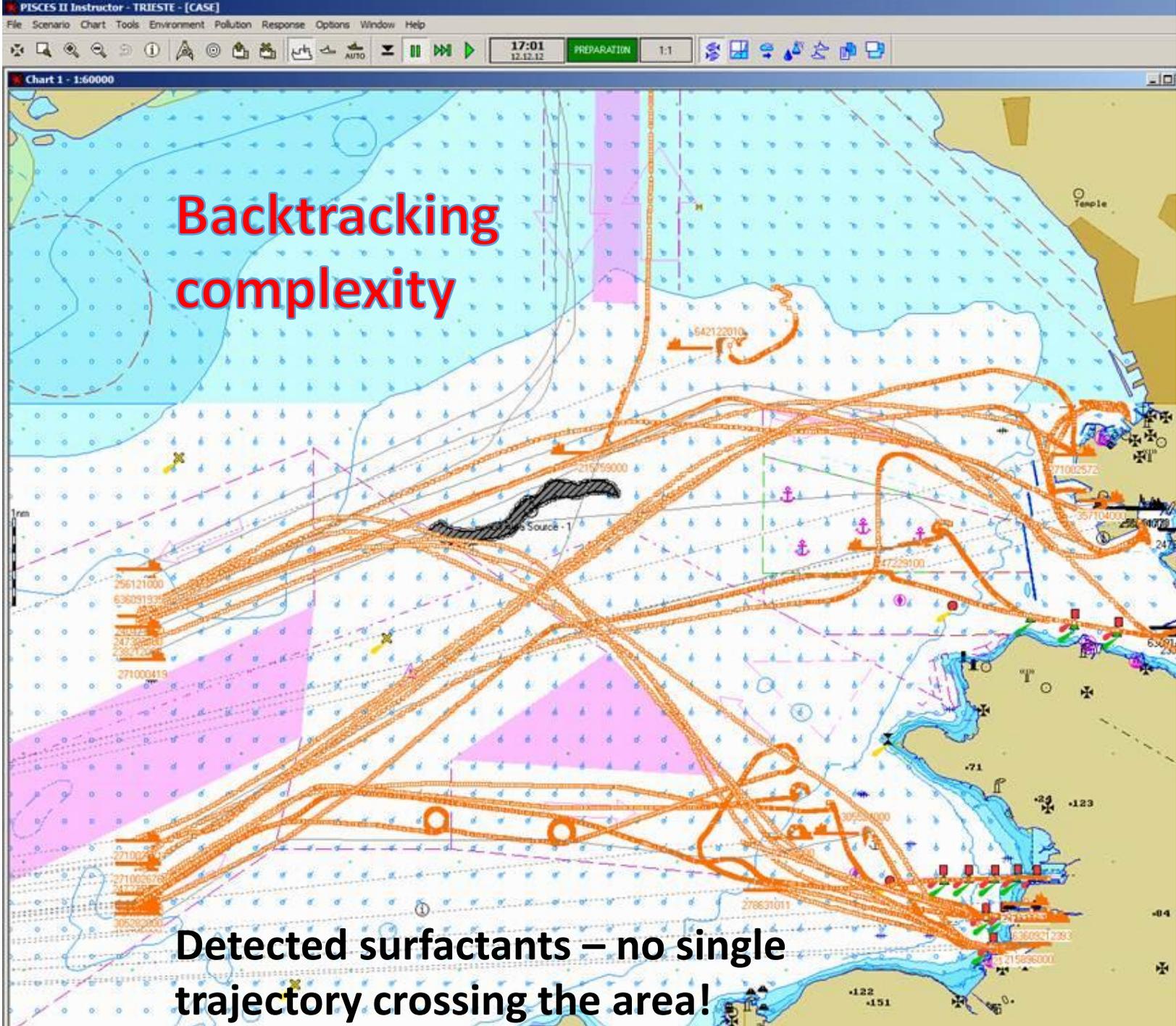


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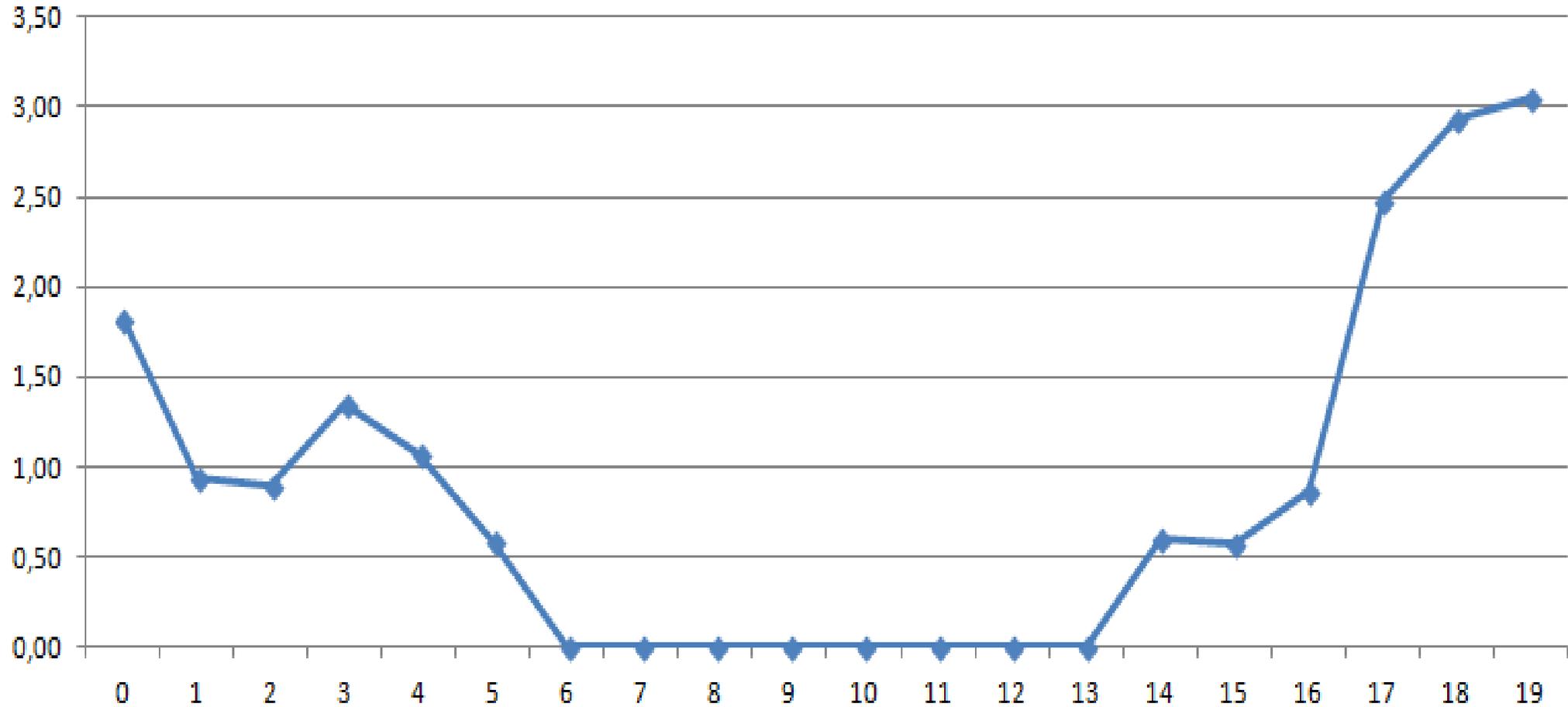


## Operational pollution and polluter identification challenges'

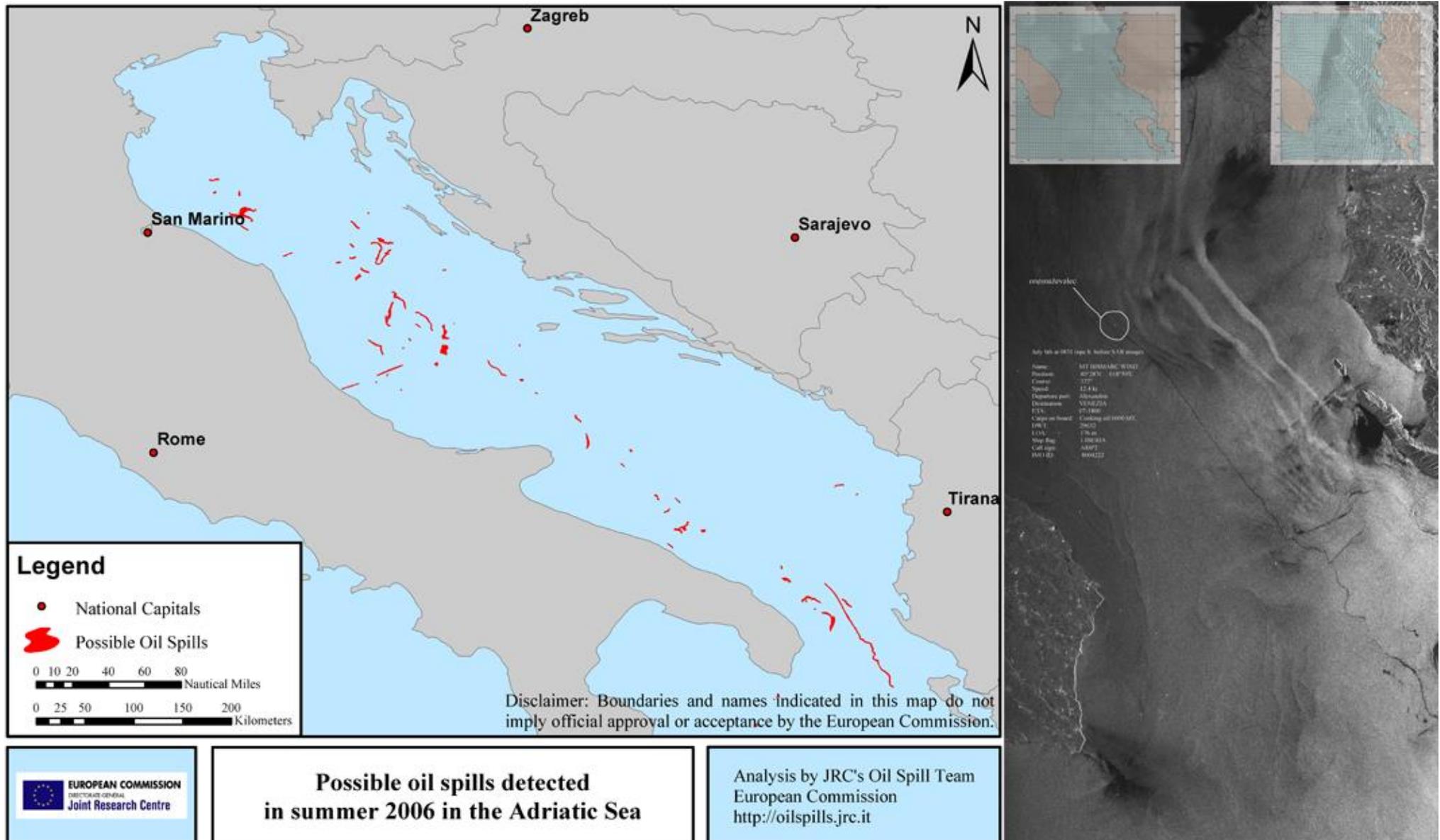




## Redhanded/100 fh vs TAKE-OFF time (UTC)



# Simple identification “red handed case”; without AIS



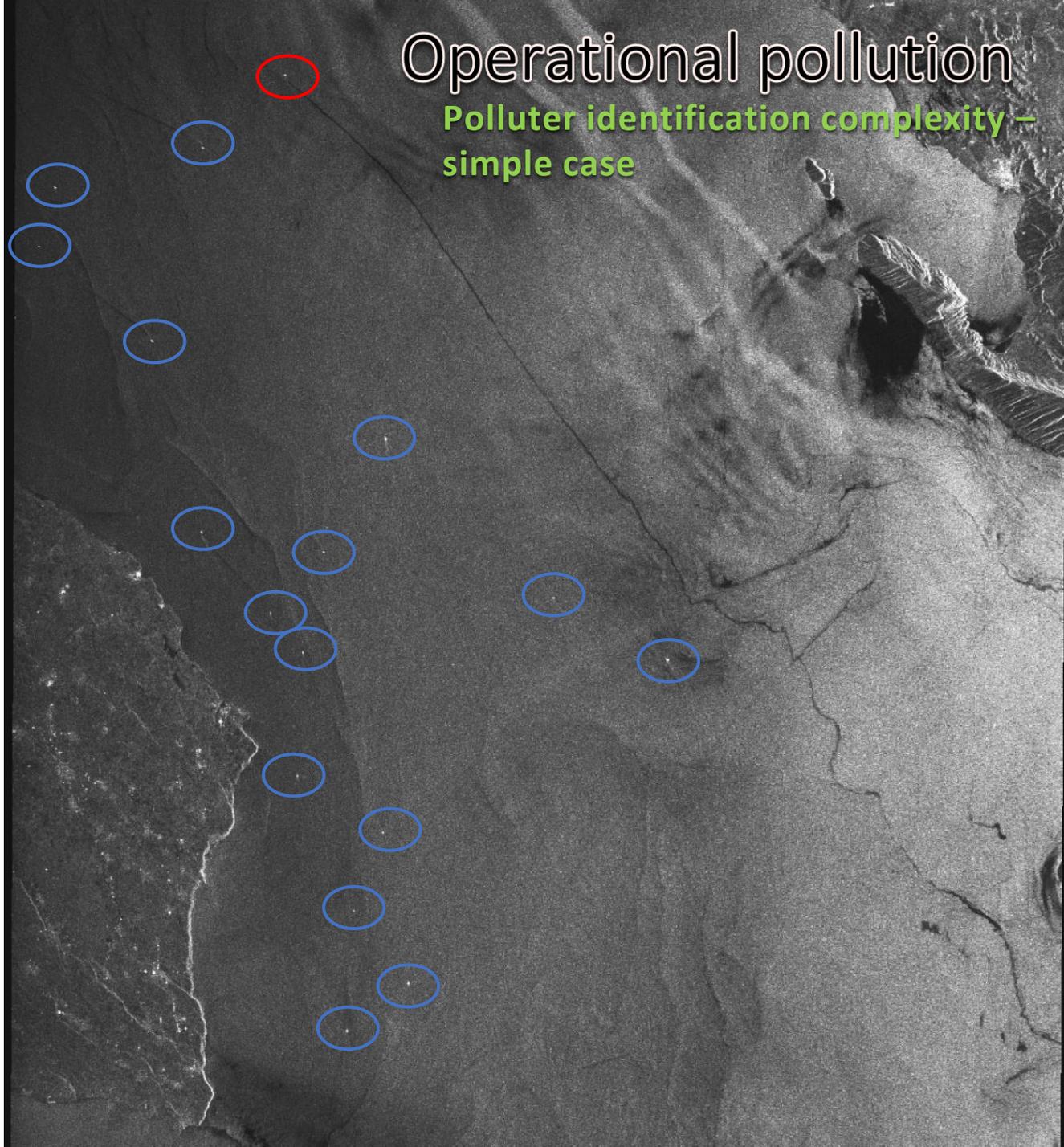
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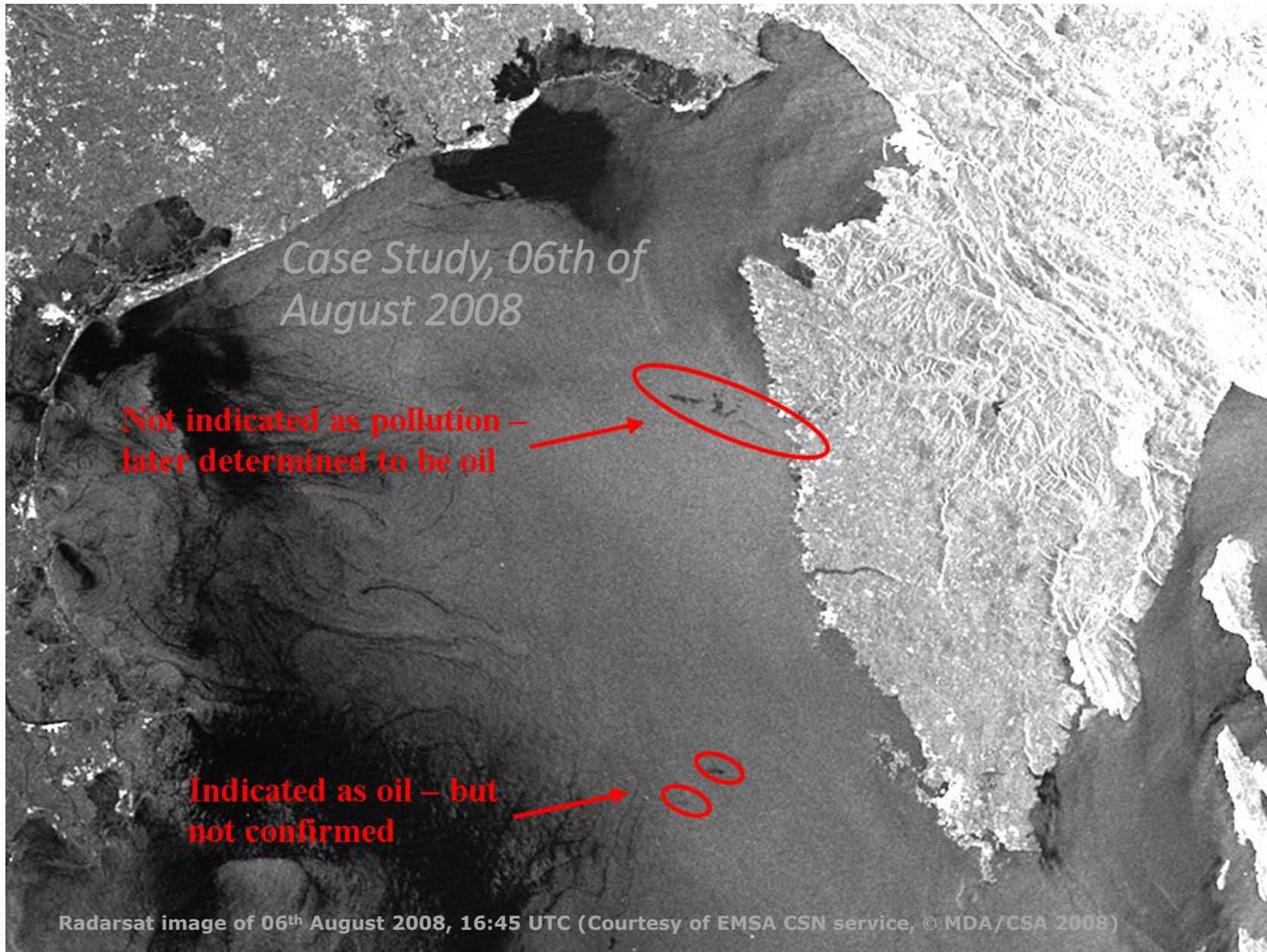
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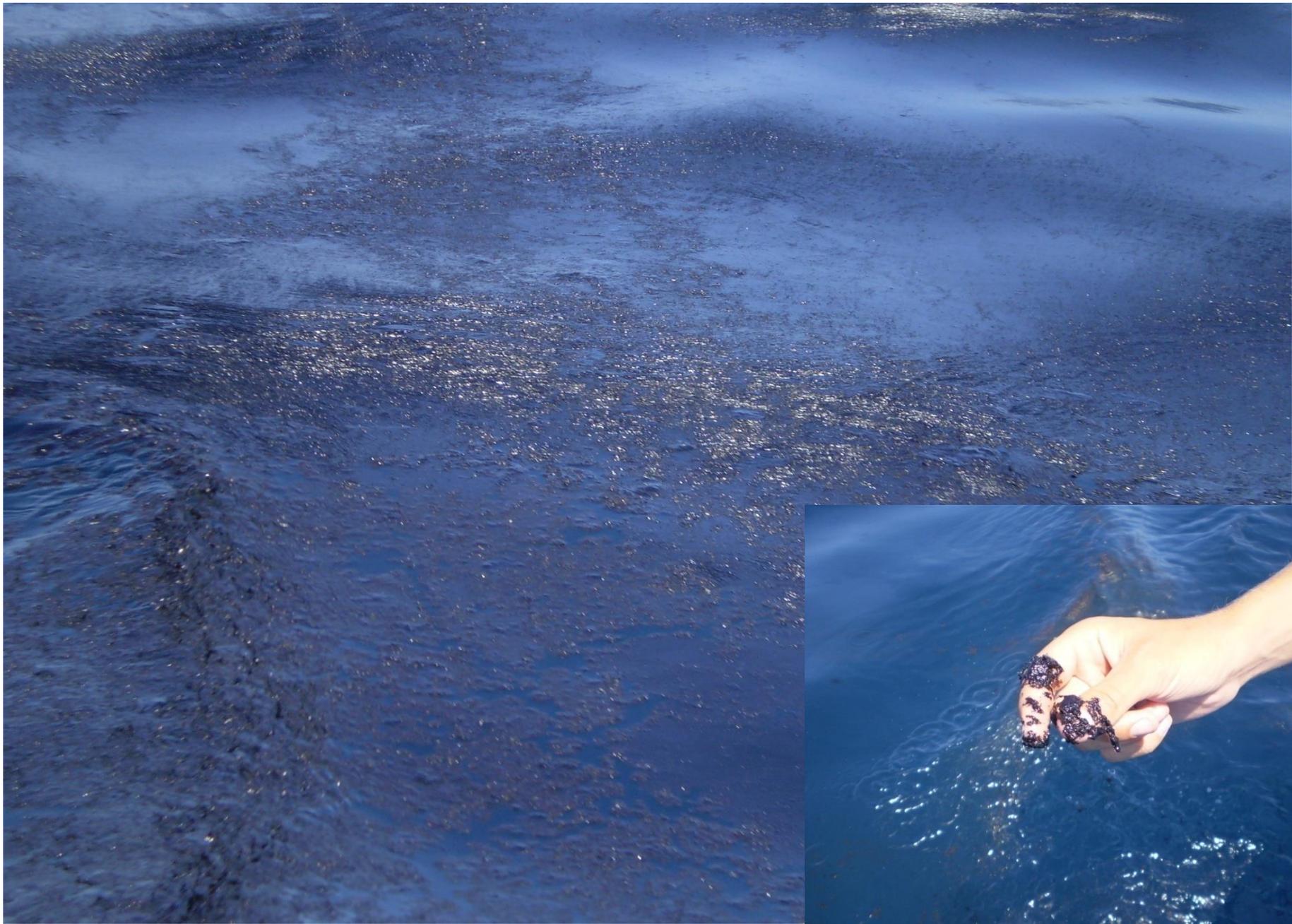
Operational pollution

Polluter identification complexity –  
simple case

**Identification of  
„potential“ polluter -  
integration of ADRIREP  
information system with  
SAR image**



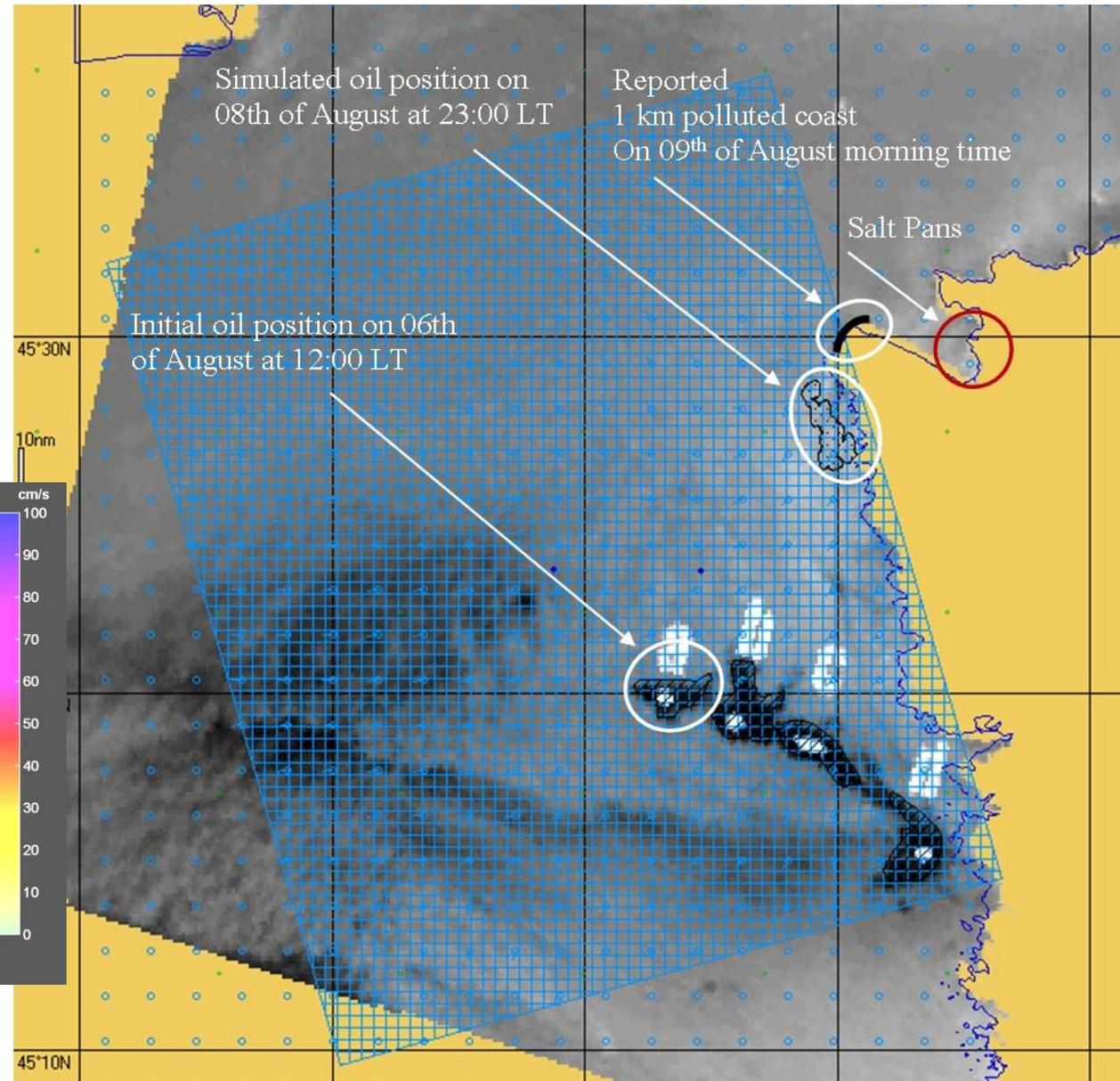
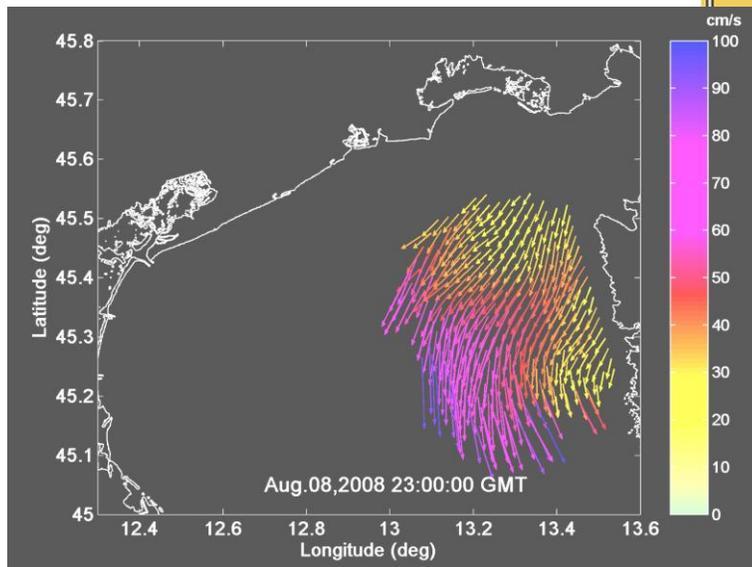




Highly weathered oil slick  
Respond and backtracking issue “dt 60 h”

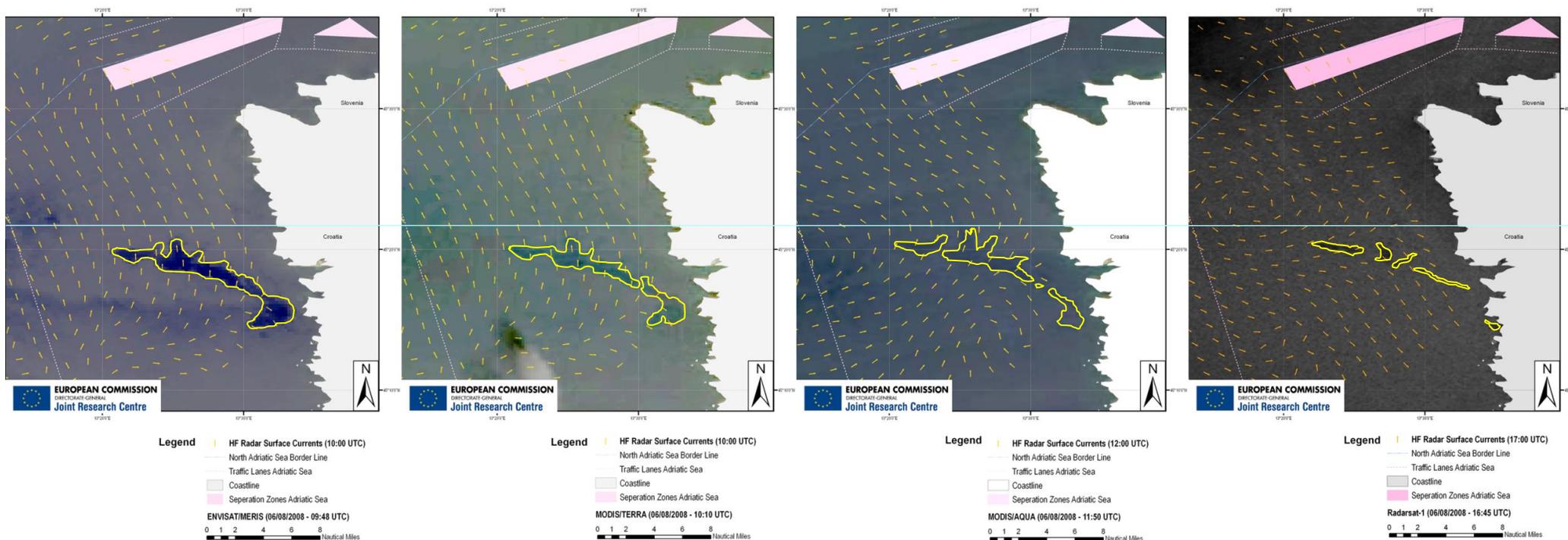
Identification feasible with:

- HF currents,
- Accurate AIS,
- Low wind area,
- Persistent oil,
- Uniform salinity...



# HF currents validation

“finger print vs. sensor, time, respond and HF currents”



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10:10 11:50

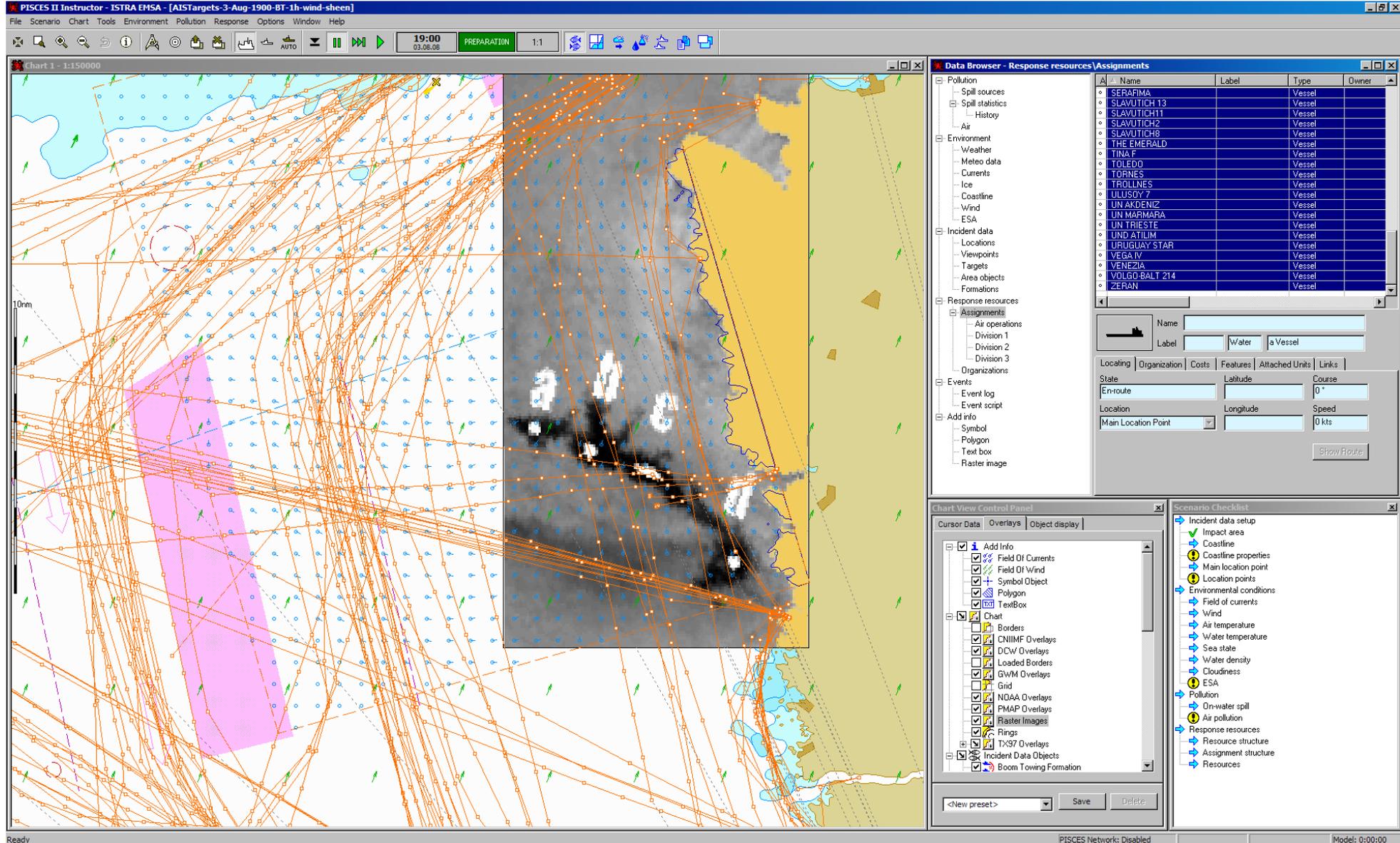
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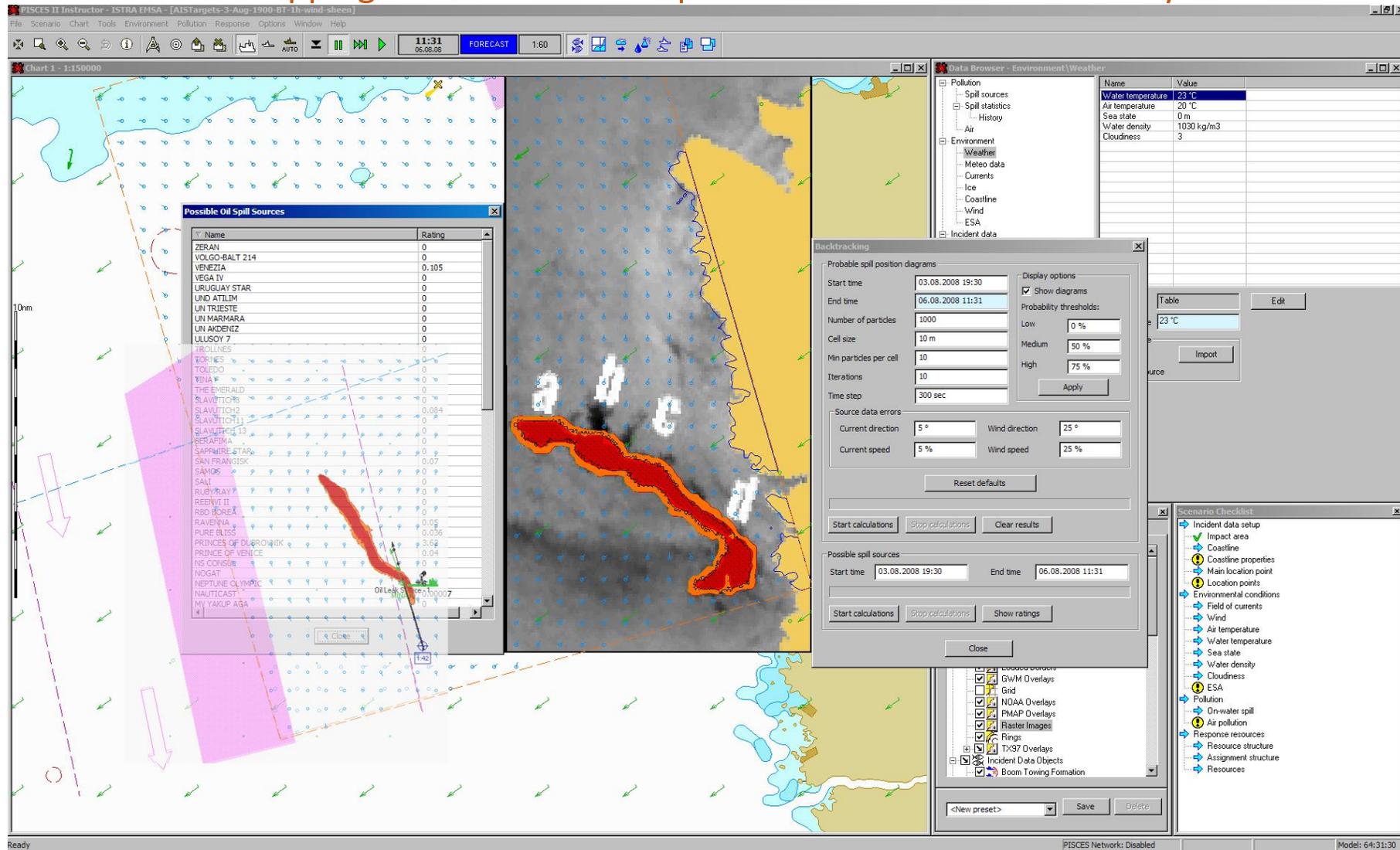
# INTEGRATION

Sat image, AIS shipping, HF currents and Wind Stress on top Navigational chart

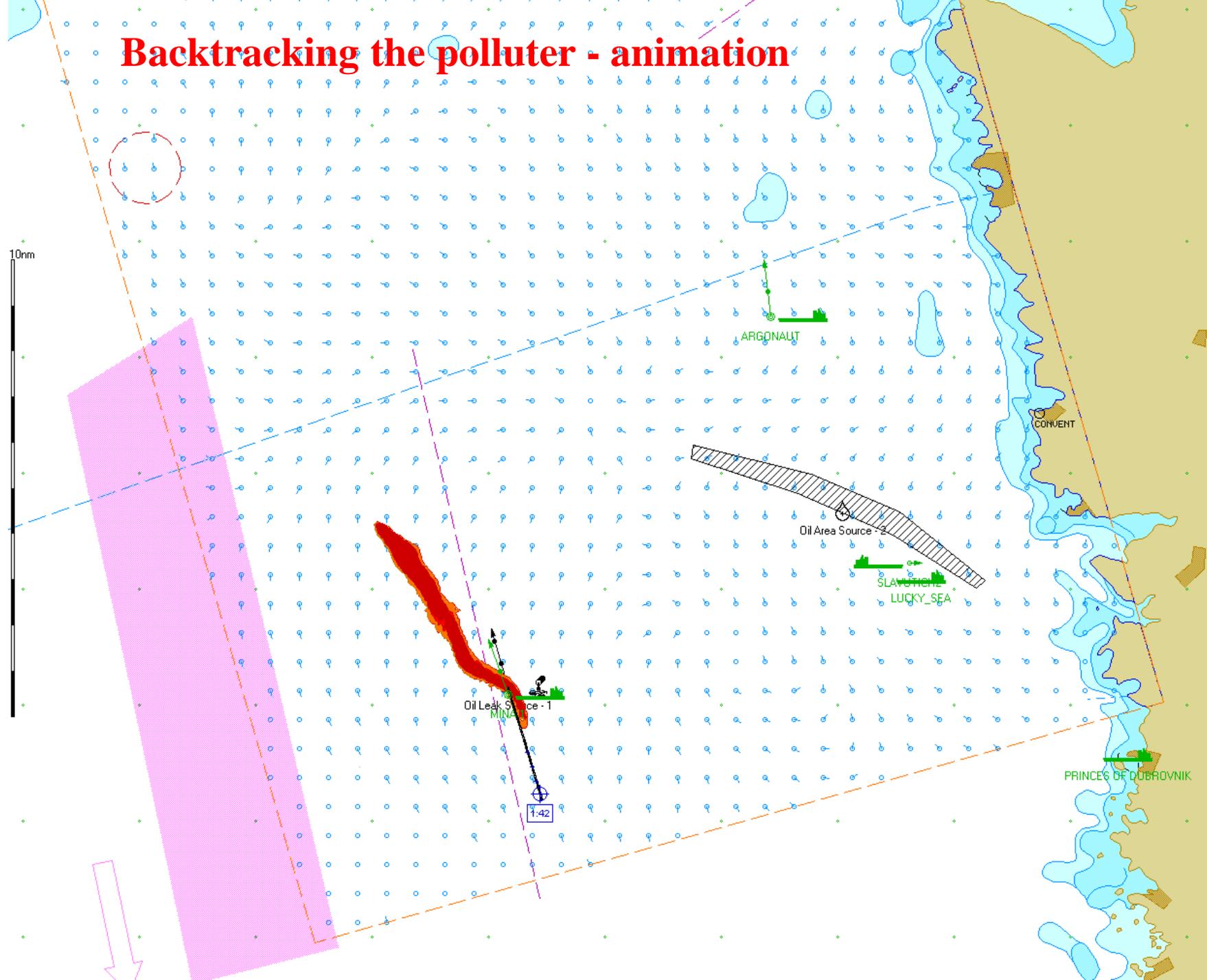


# Backward and Forward Simulation

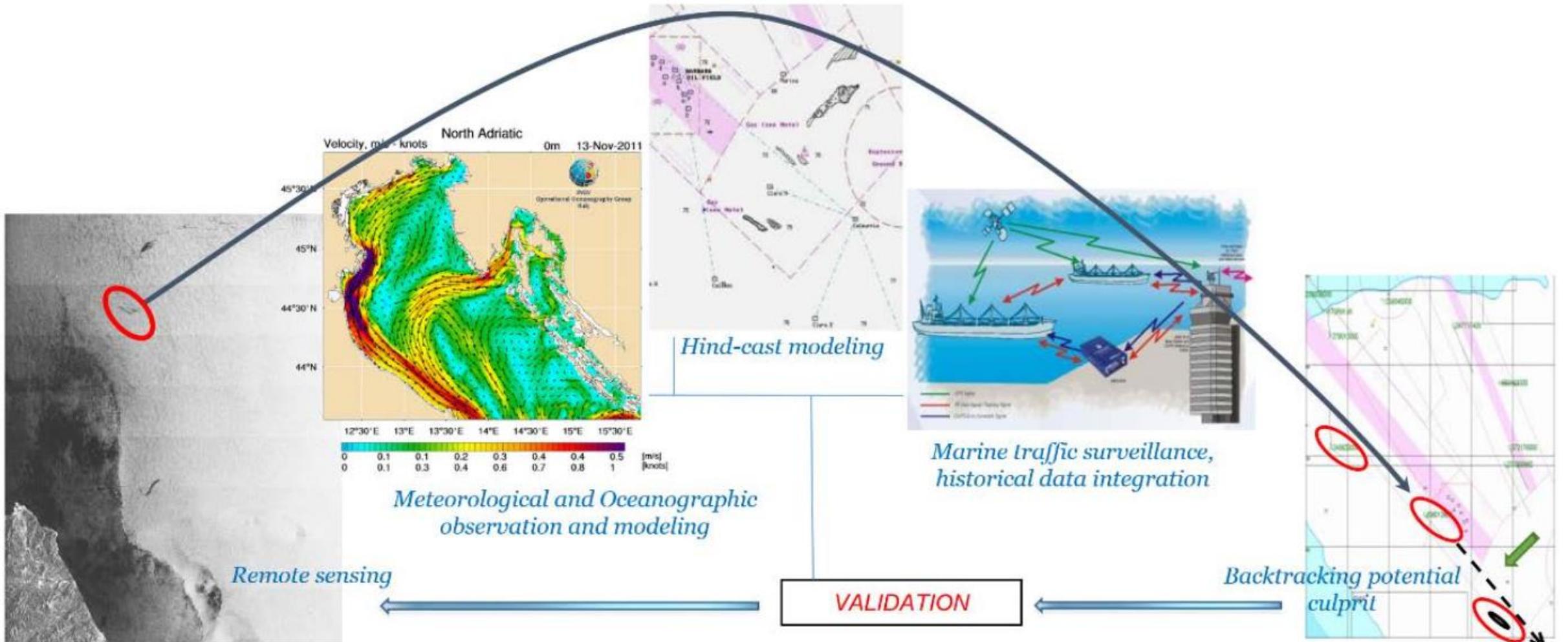
Backward (Hindcast) modeling and Forward Simulation based on HF Radars and VTS shipping database increase polluter identification feasibility!



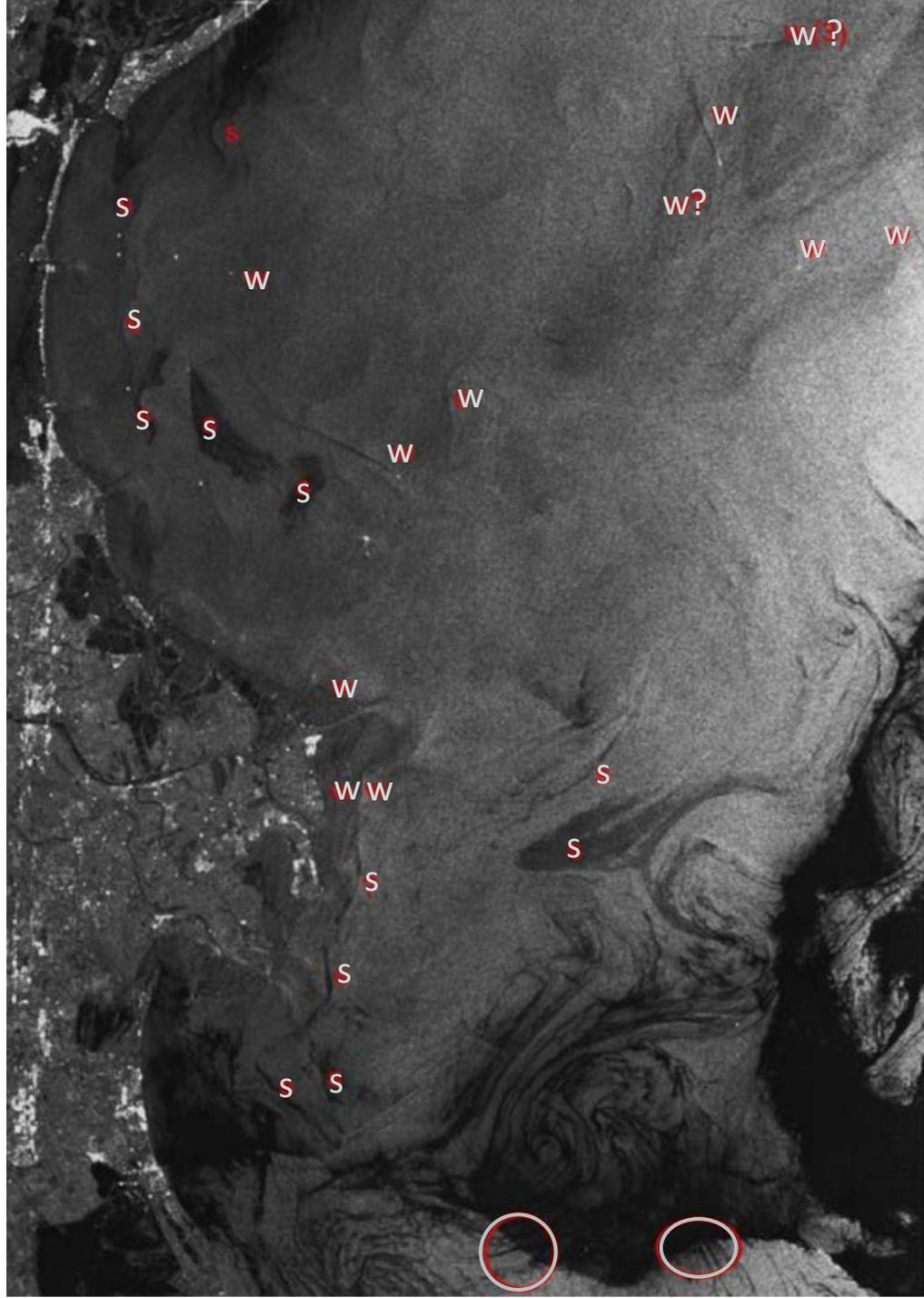
# Backtracking the polluter - animation



# Backtracking concept



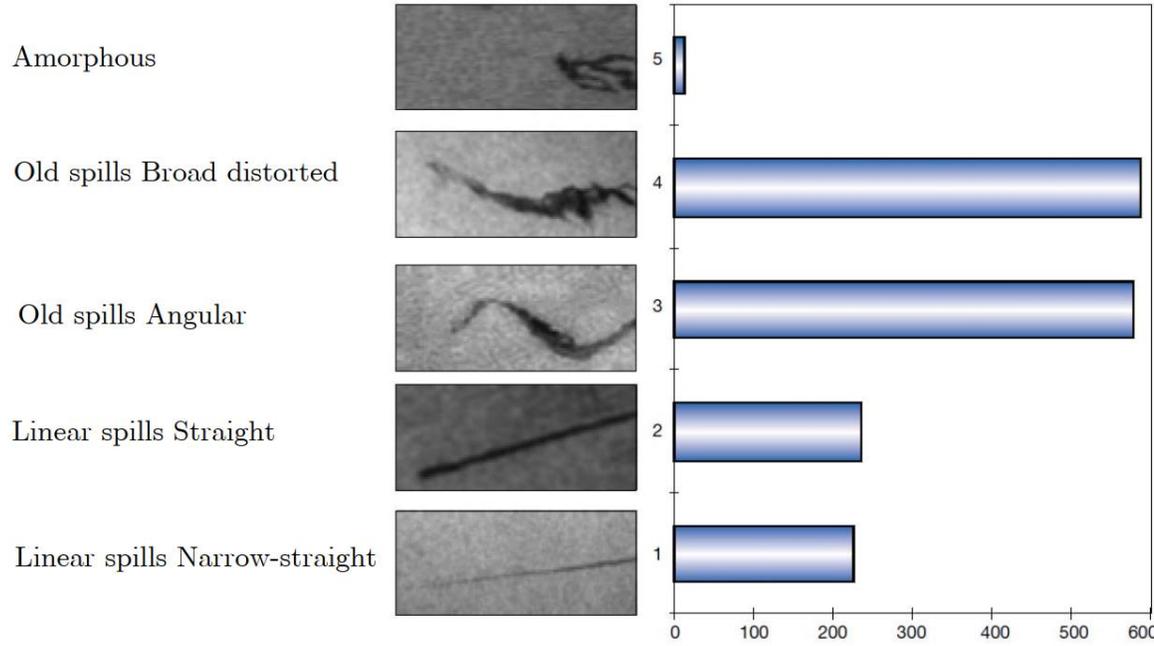
wind, waves and currents are needed



# Biogenic slicks



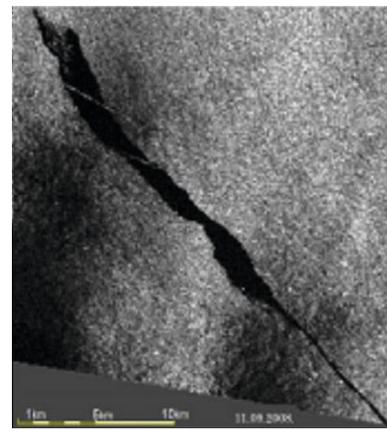
# Remote sensing and monitoring



# Spill signatures

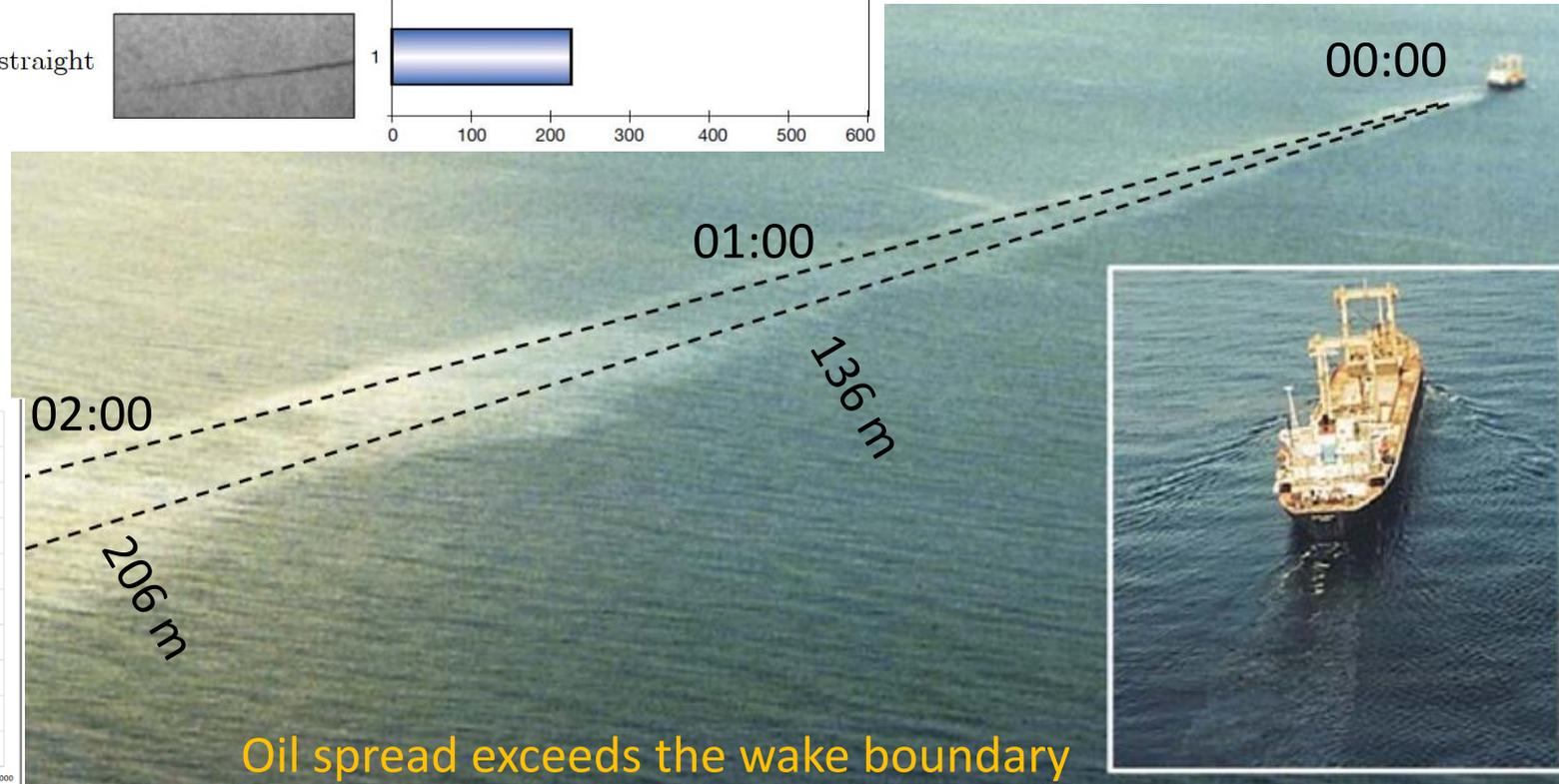
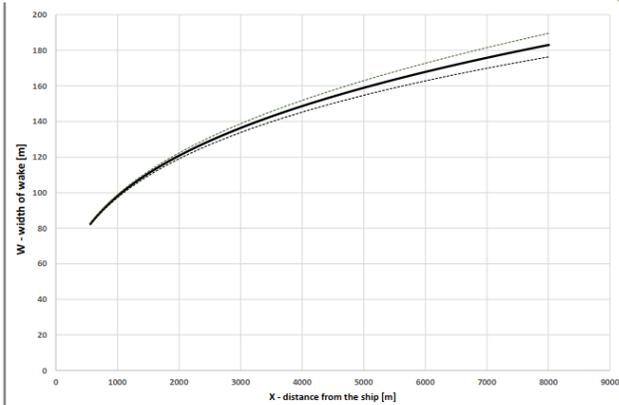
Small operational releases →

typical spreading rates equal to time raised to the 0.6 power ( $t^{0.6}$ )

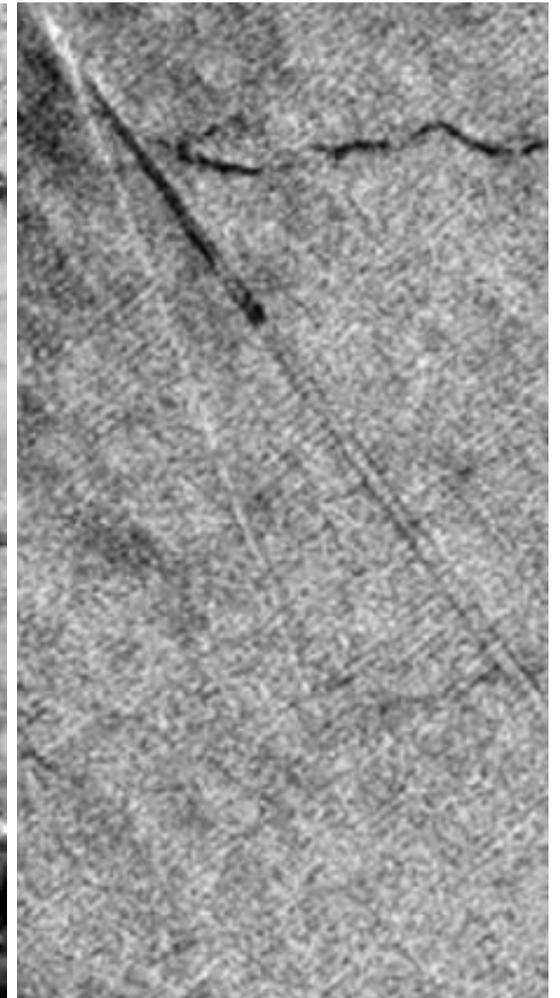


$$W = 17.986 X \left( \frac{\rho U^3 X^2}{P} \right)^{-0.44}$$

Ship wake width



Ship speed from SAR observation – wake signatures



$$\lambda_t = \frac{2\pi U^2}{g} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_c = \frac{4\pi U^2}{\sqrt{3g}}$$

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Experiments



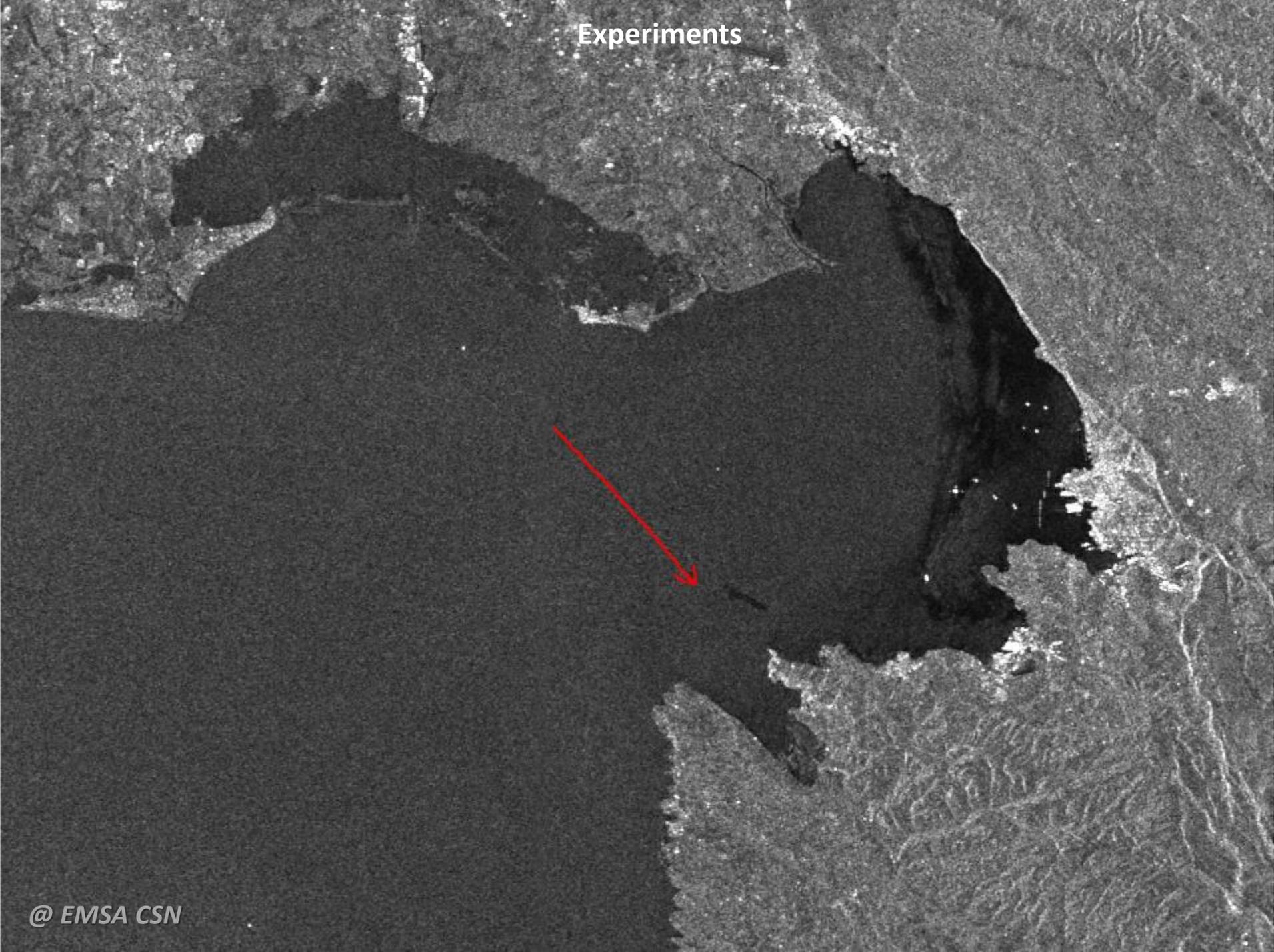
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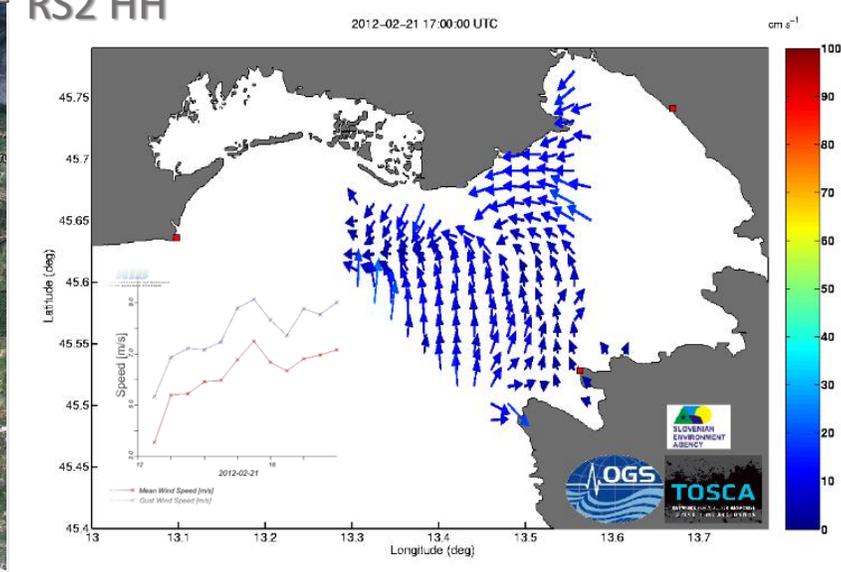
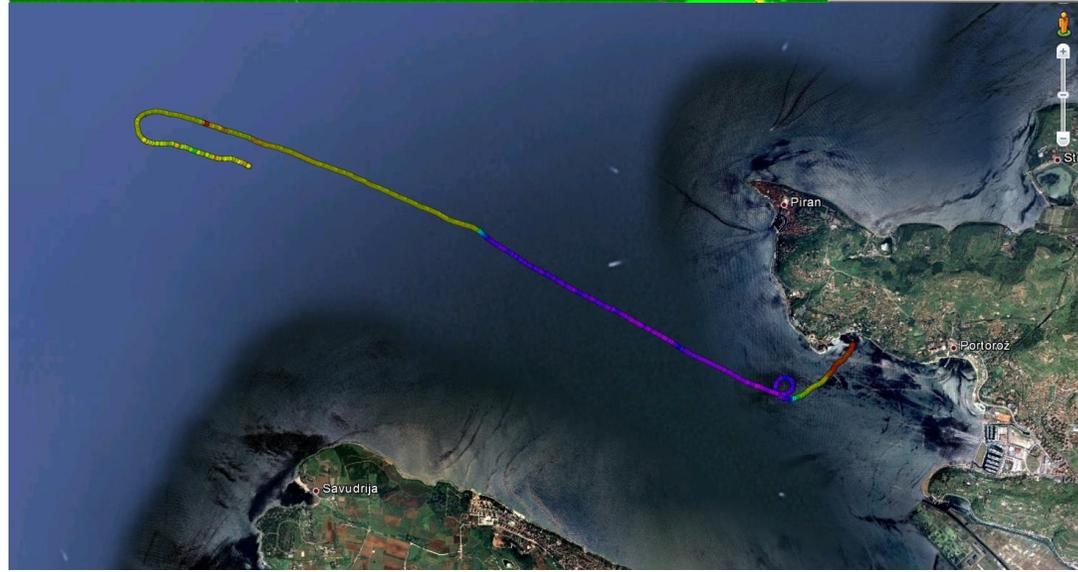
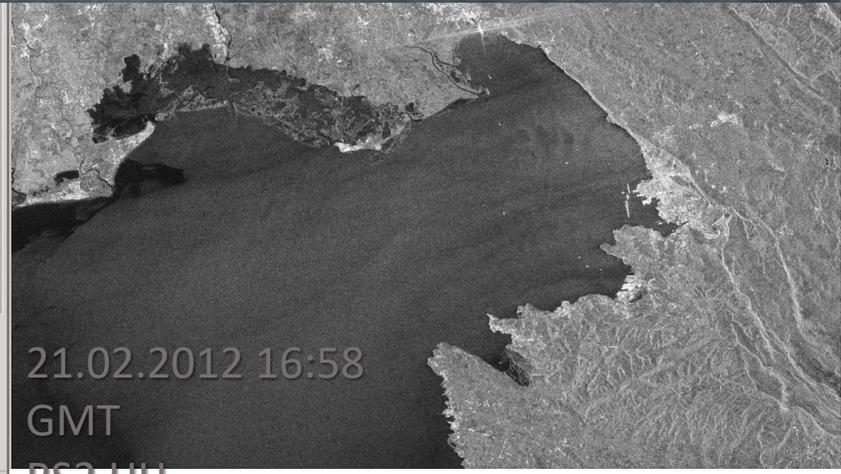
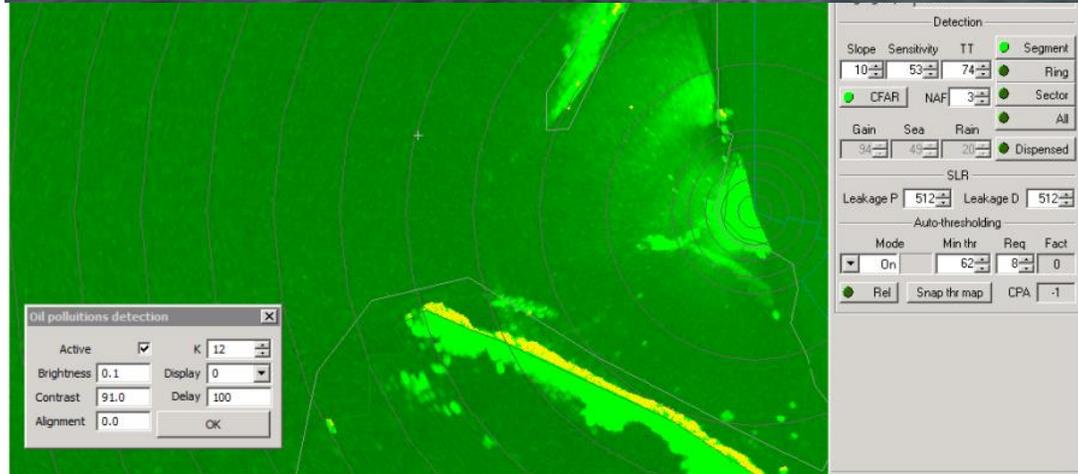


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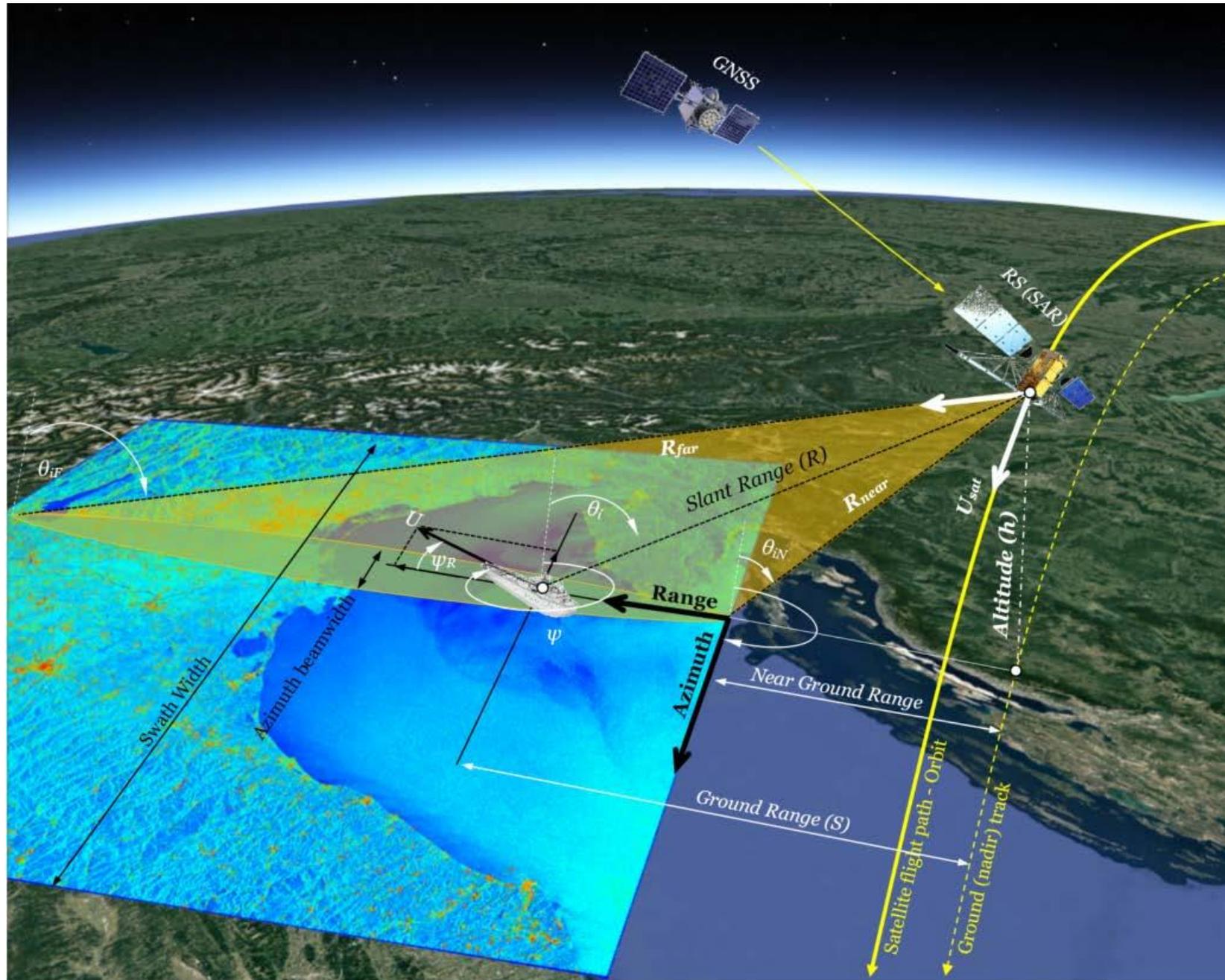
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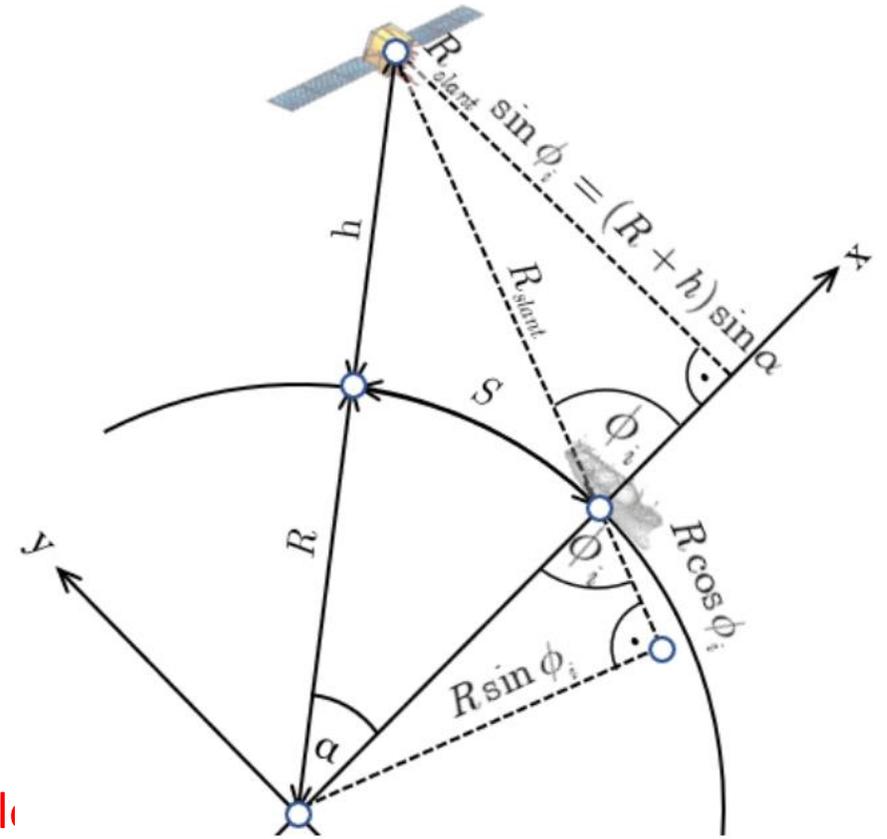
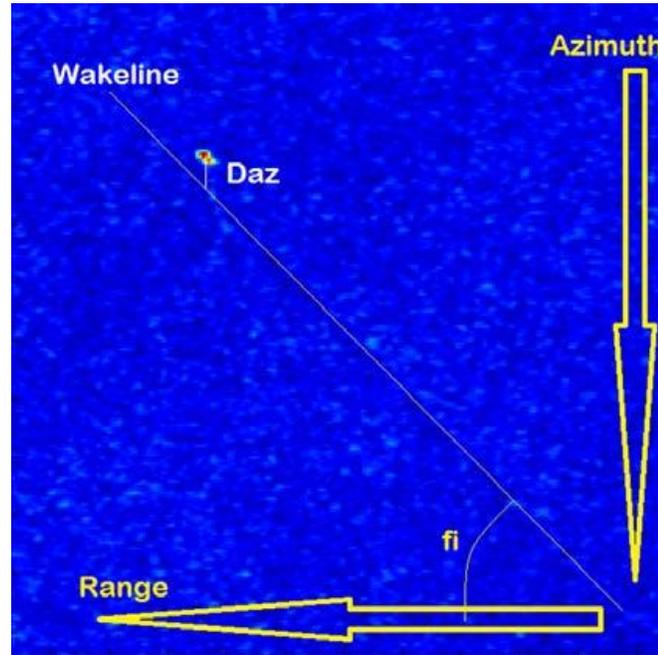
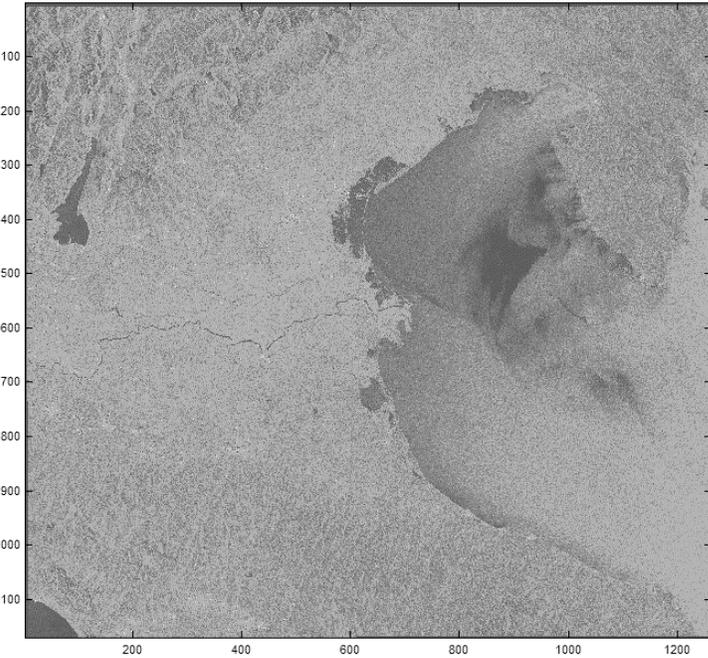
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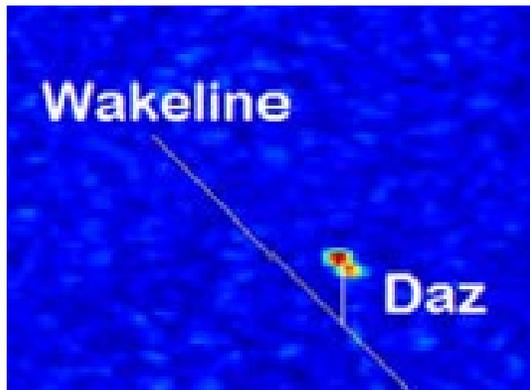
# Remote sensing and monitoring

## Ship speed from SAR observation – Doppler shift

## “Identification” of noncooperative vessels



The radius of Earth  $R$ , height  $h$  to satellite and near range slant angle



$$x^2 + y^2 = (R + h)^2$$

$$y = (x - R) \tan \phi_i \quad x = R \sin^2 \phi_i + \cos \phi_i \sqrt{(R + h)^2 - R^2 \sin^2 \phi_i}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{x}{R + h}$$

$$R_{slant} \sin \varphi = (R + h) \sin \alpha \quad R_{slant} = \sqrt{R^2 + (R + h)^2 - 2R(R + h) \cos \alpha}$$

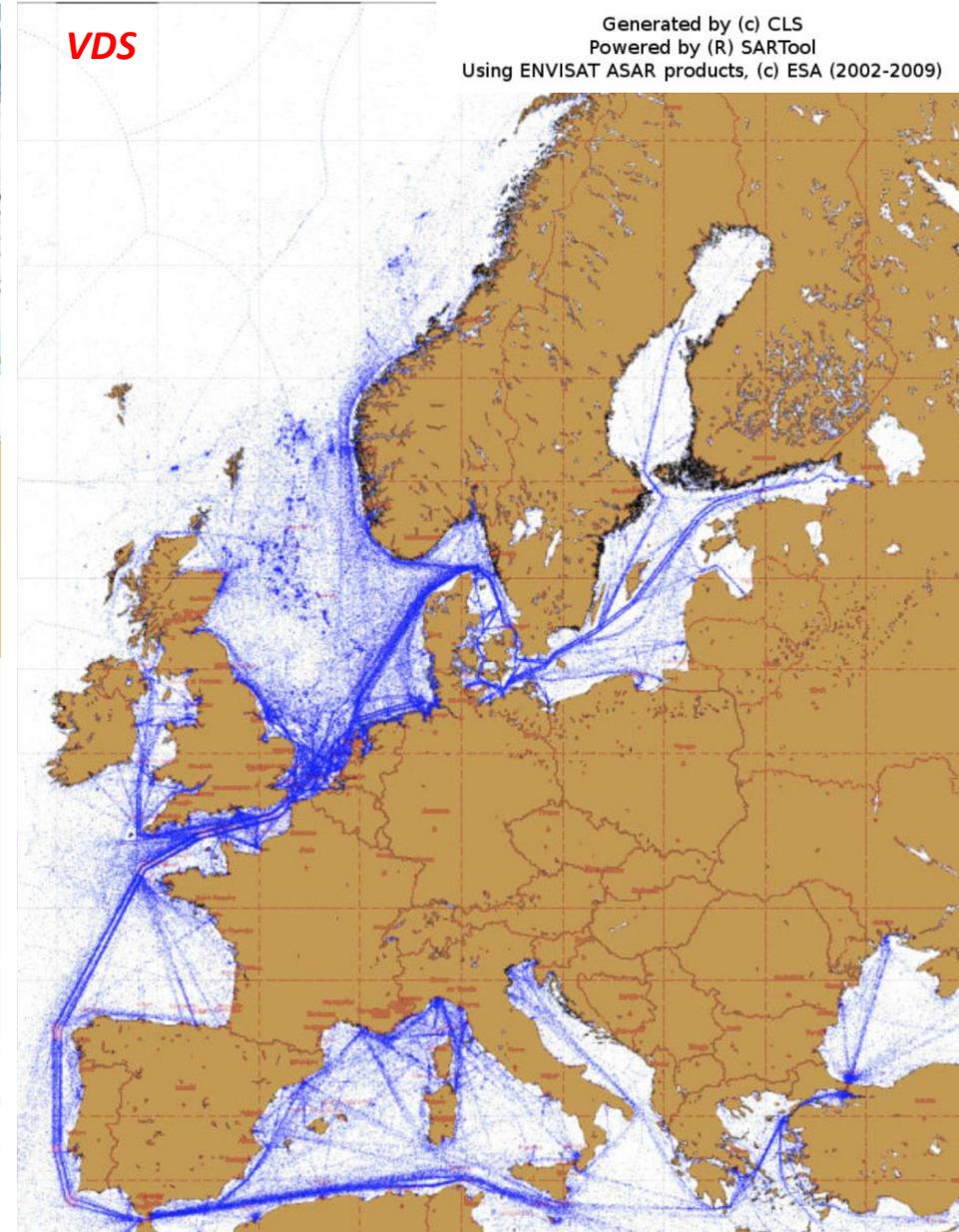
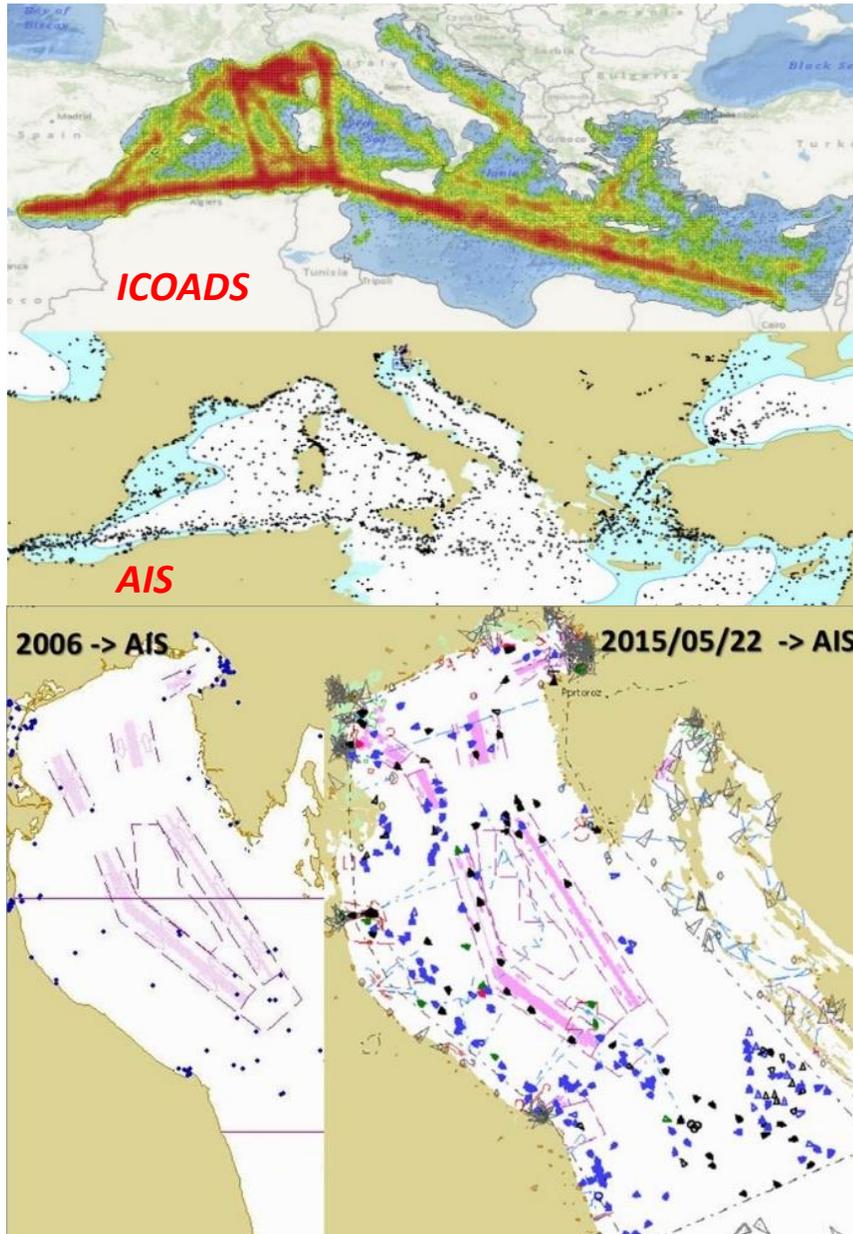
$$S = R \cdot \alpha$$

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{R_{slant}}{R + h} \sin \phi_i \right) \quad U = \frac{D_{az}}{R_{slant} \cdot U_{sat}^{-1} \cdot \sin \phi_i \cdot \cos \psi_R}$$

# Remote sensing and monitoring

# “Identification” of noncooperative vessels

## Vessel positions shown using ICOADS, VDS and AIS



# Remote sensing and monitoring

## Vessel positions using AIS “triangulation” i.e., trilateration



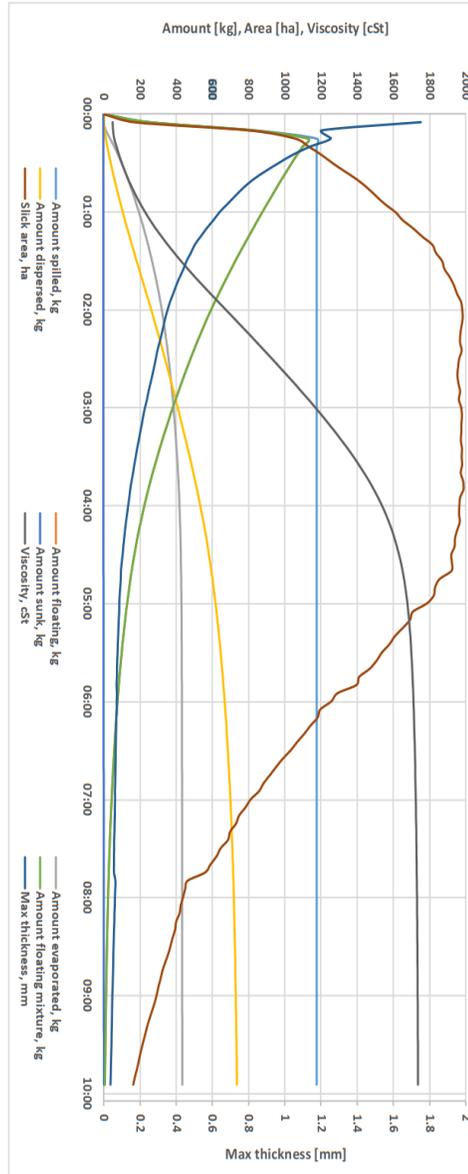
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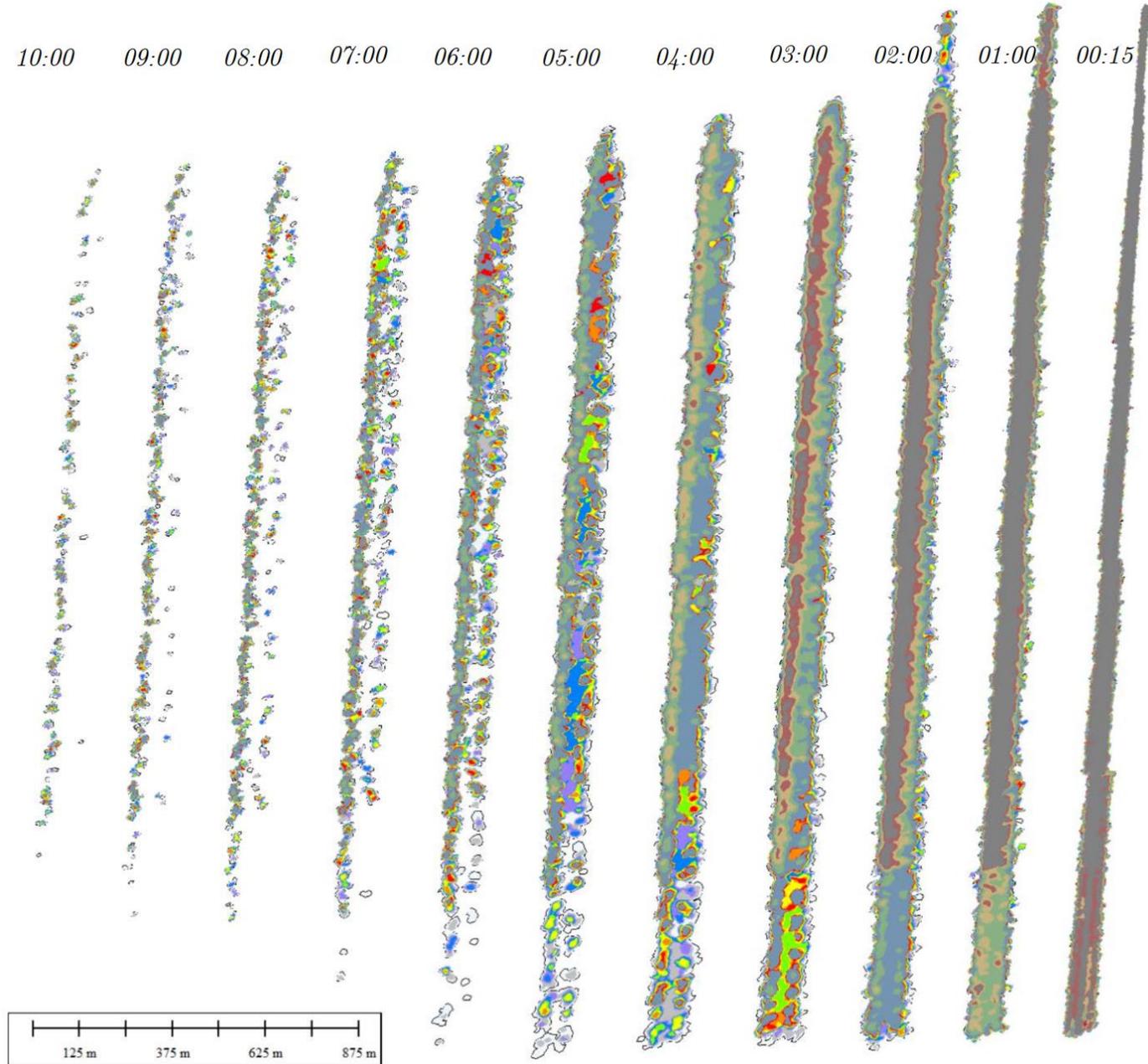
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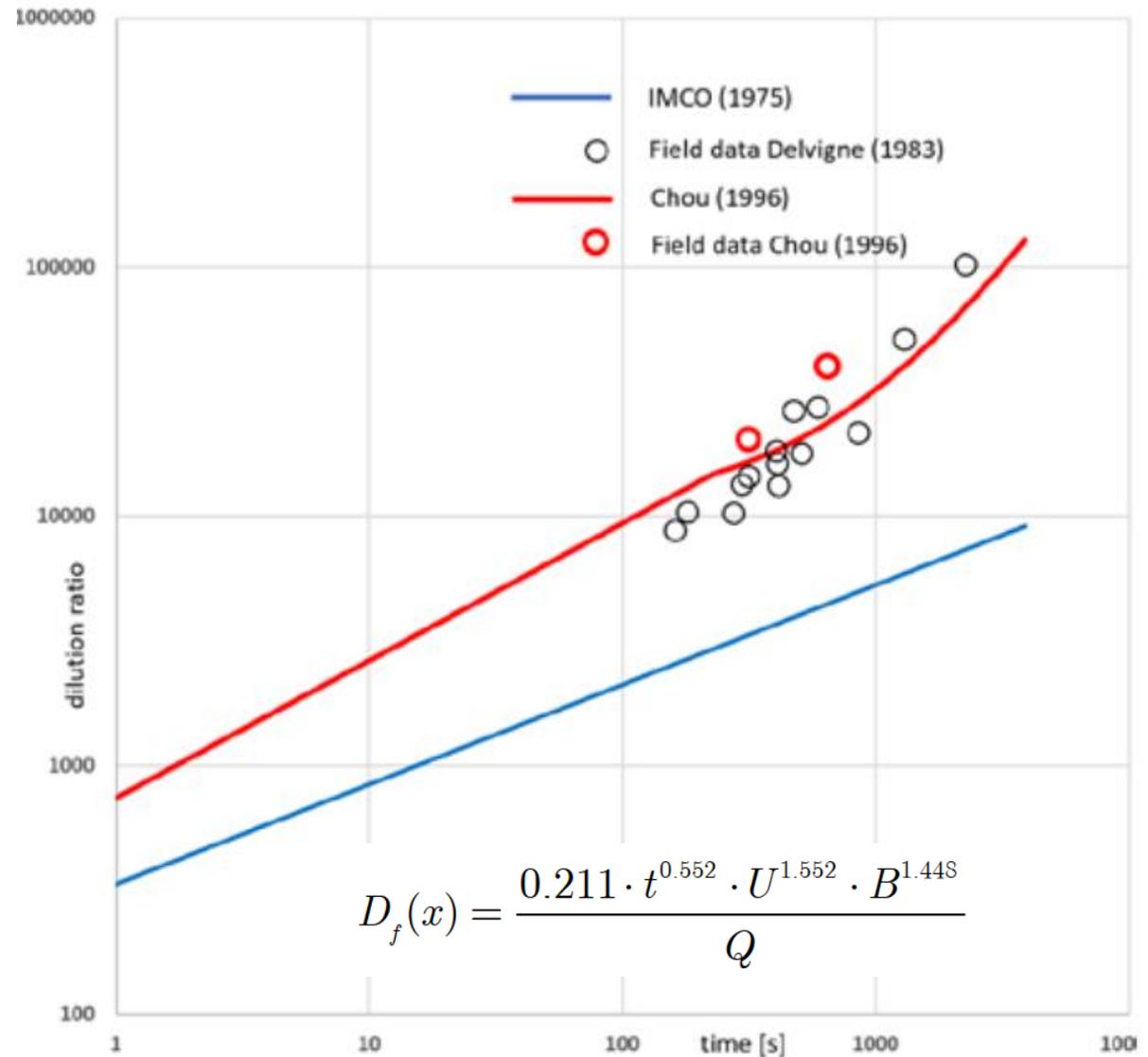
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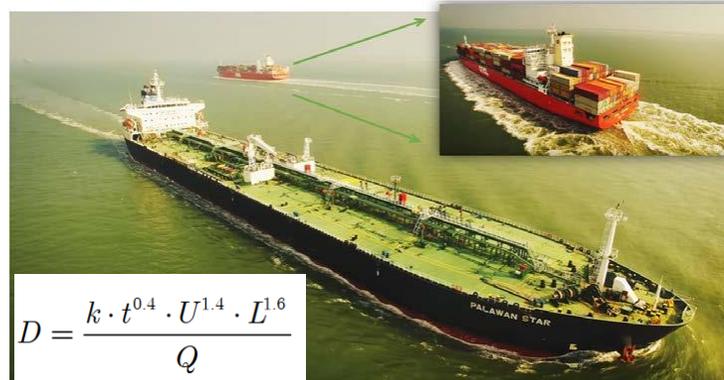
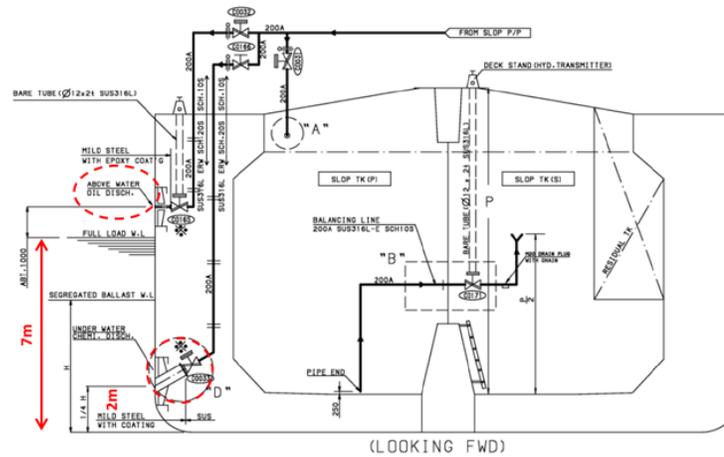
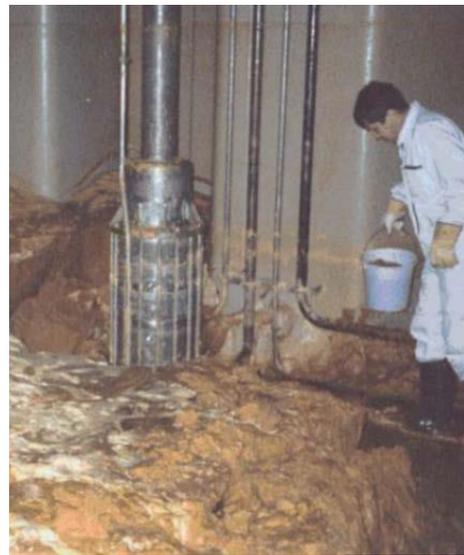
### *Dilution and concentration at a point in the wake*

IMCO - dilution effected in three different stages:

- (i) turbulent mixing in the ship's boundary measurable in seconds,
- (ii) in the second stage - after about 20 minutes - due to the turbulent mixing, the concentration is declining rapidly, and
- (iii) dilution due to subsequent diffusion into the surrounding sea will occur.



some detected pollutions are not necessarily illegal



$$D = \frac{k \cdot t^{0.4} \cdot U^{1.4} \cdot L^{1.6}}{Q}$$

Requirement	MARPOL Annex II (1/7/1986)				MARPOL Annex II (1/1/2007)			
	A	B	C	D	X	Y	Z	
Pollution Category <sup>[2]</sup>	Major Hazard	Hazard	Minor Hazard	Recognizable Hazard	Major Hazard	Hazard	Minor Hazard	
Maximum Residue After Stripping	MARPOL Annex II				Ship Details			
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X <sup>[1]</sup> < 1/7/86 (BCH Ships)	Not Applicable	300 +50* liters <sup>#</sup>	900 +50* liters <sup>#</sup>	No minimum	300 +50* liters <sup>#</sup>	300 +50* liters <sup>#</sup>	900 +50* liters <sup>#</sup>	If "Z" and in IBC Ch.18, empty to maximum extent
1/7/86 ≤ X <sup>[1]</sup> < 1/1/2007 (IBC Ships)		100 +50* liters <sup>#</sup>	300 +50* liters <sup>#</sup>	No minimum	100 +50* liters <sup>#</sup>	100 +50* liters <sup>#</sup>	300 +50* liters <sup>#</sup>	If "OS" and in IBC Ch.18, not applicable
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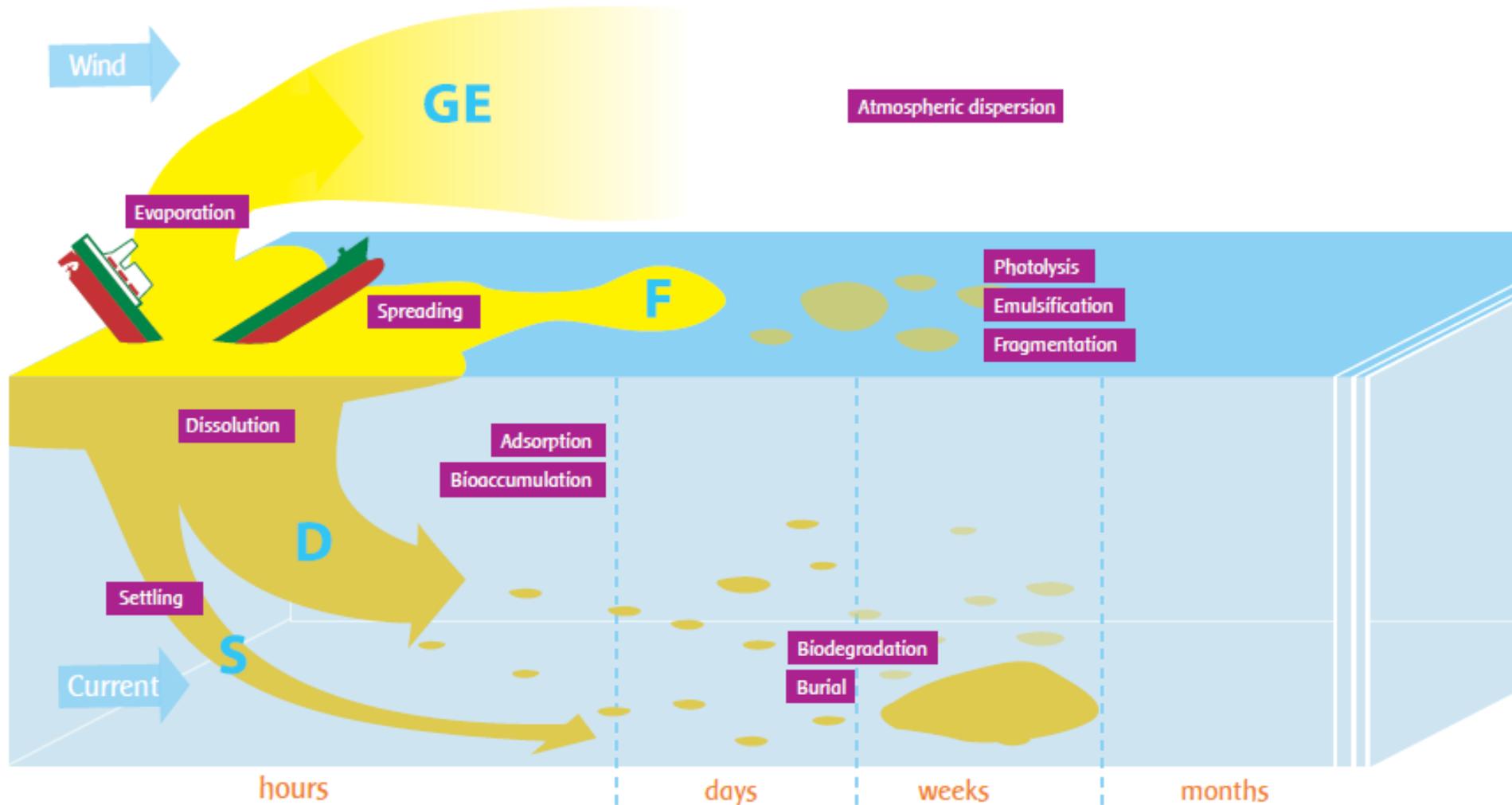
\* performance test tolerance # performance test required

Discharge	MARPOL Annex II (1/7/1986)			MARPOL Annex II (1/1/2007)			
Concentration	Any residue to reception facility, except 0.1% by weight or below.	≤ 1 ppm in the wake astern of the ship	≤ 10 ppm in the wake astern of the ship	≤ 1 part NLS to 10 parts water	Any residue to reception facility, except 0.1% by weight or below.	Any residue to sea	Any residue to sea
En route	≥ 7 Knots			≥ 7 Knots			
Piping Outlet Location	Underwater	Not Applicable		Underwater (not mandatory for ships with X [1] < 1/1/2007 carrying Cat. Z)			
Nearest land	≥ 12 nautical miles and water depth ≥ 25m			≥ 12 nautical miles and water depth ≥ 25 m			

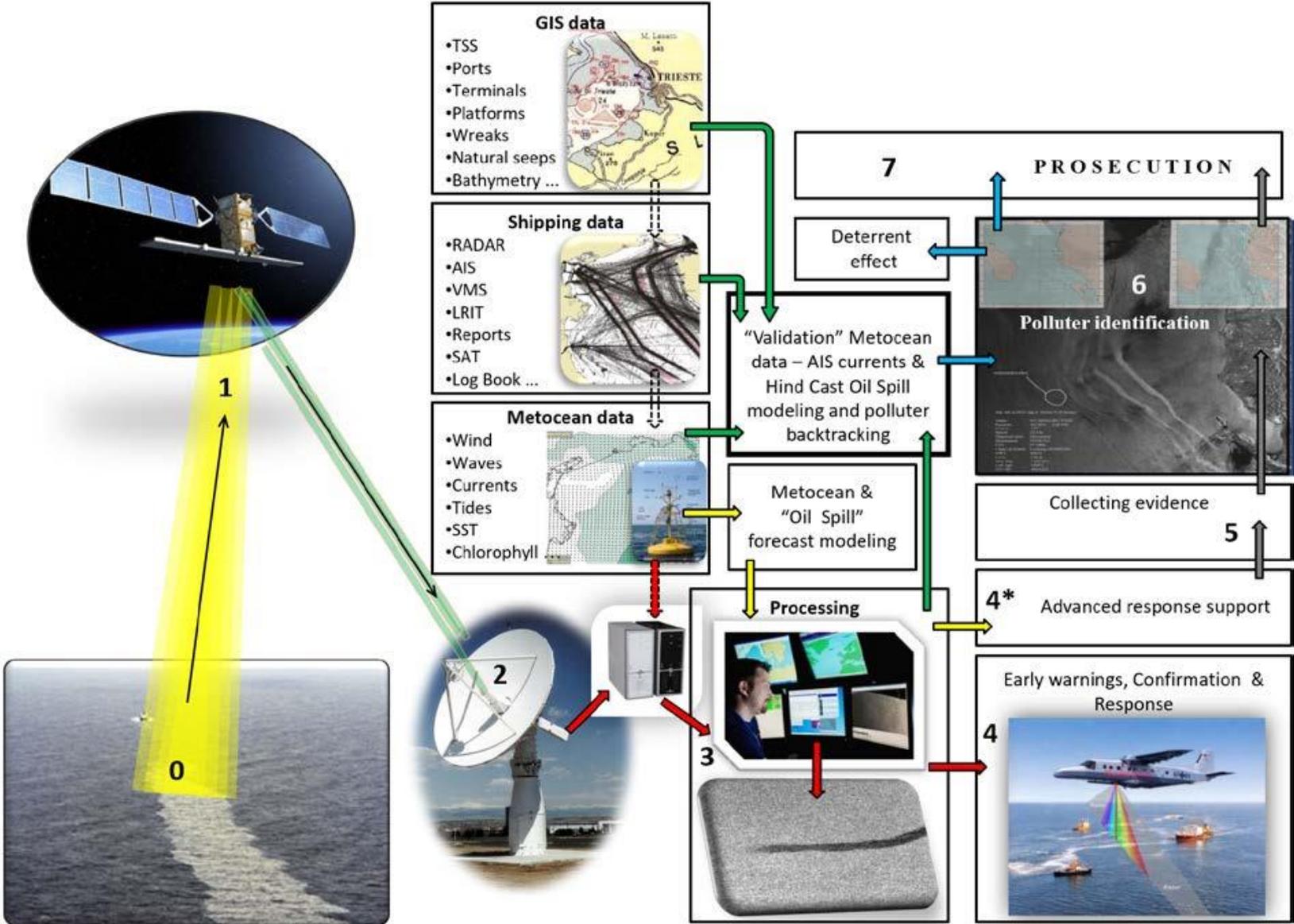
X<sup>[1]</sup> - Keel laying date or commencement date of conversion to a chemical carrier  
 Pollution Category <sup>[2]</sup> - Annex III and OS categories not listed, there are no carriage requirements

# HNS Weathering

Fate of chemicals in the environment according to their behaviour



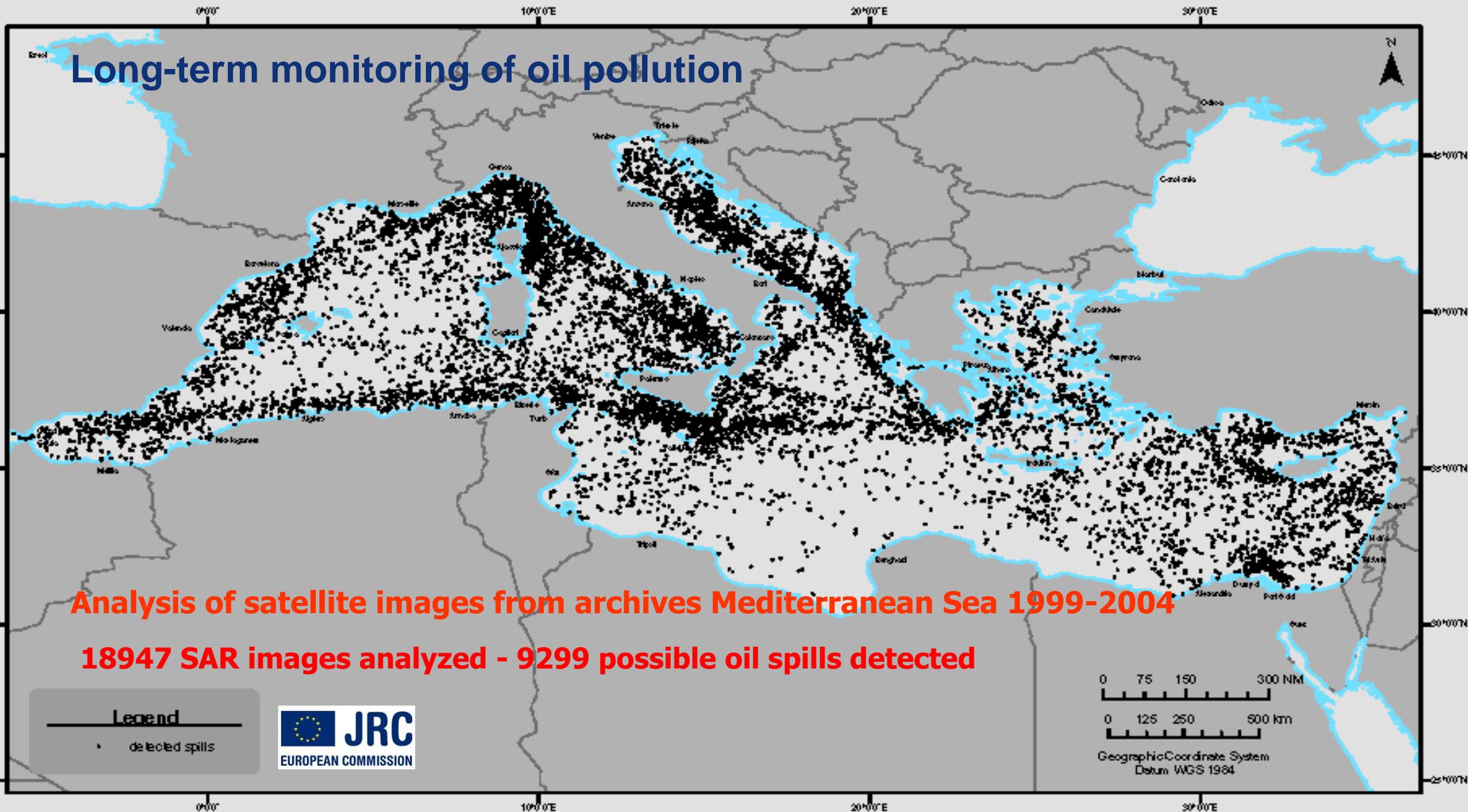
Advanced backtracking model, based on GIS contextual data, the shipping data, and the metocean data



# Long-term monitoring of oil pollution

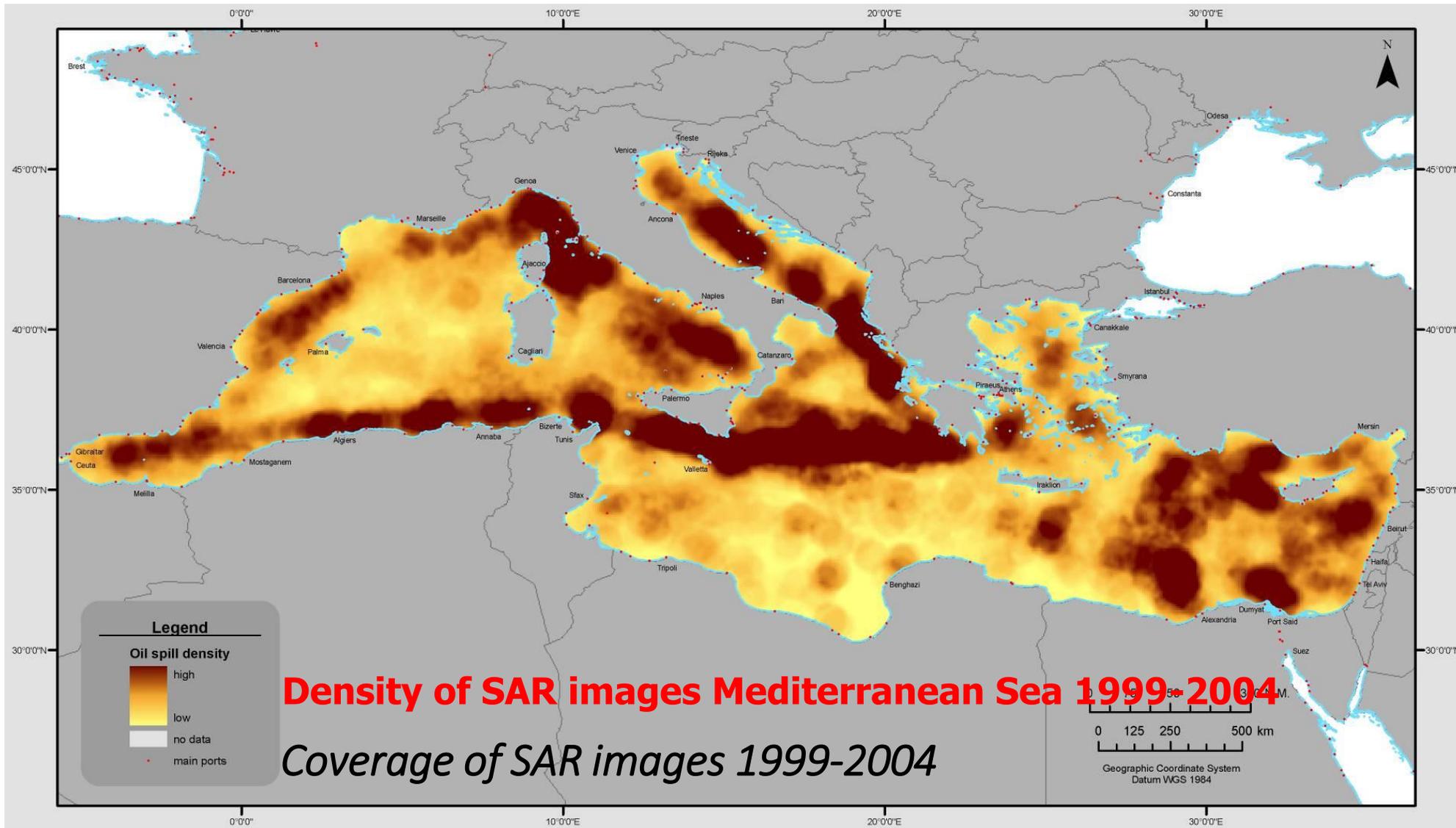
**Analysis of satellite images from archives Mediterranean Sea 1999-2004**

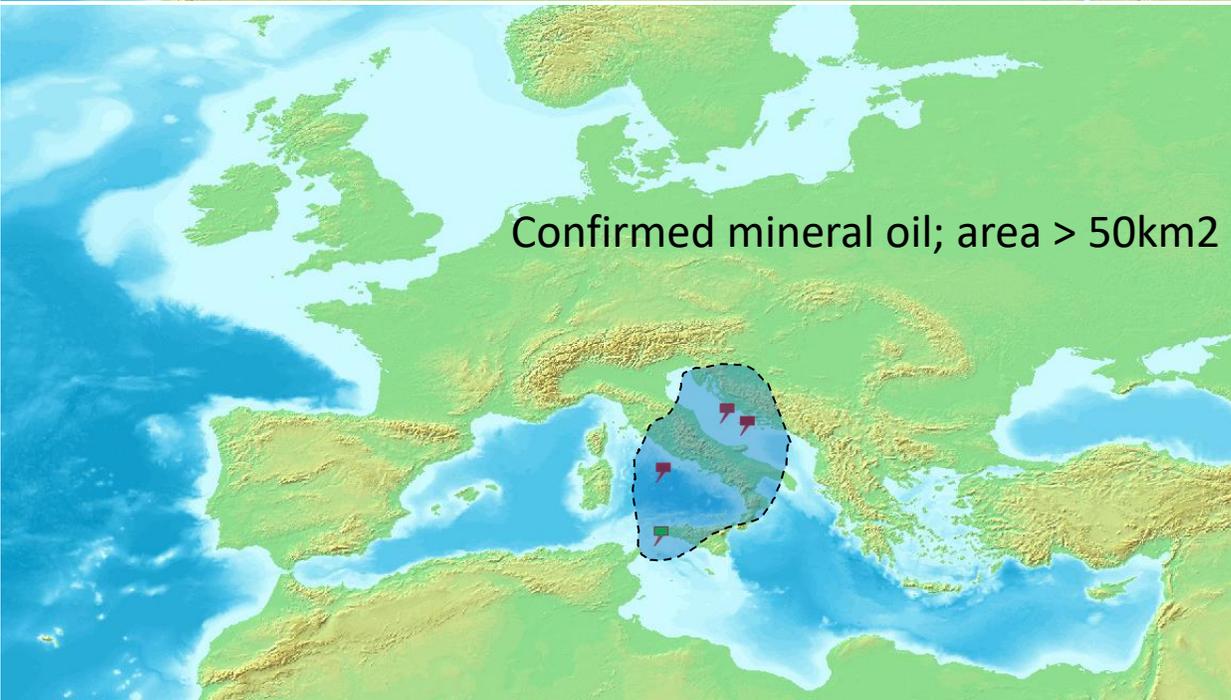
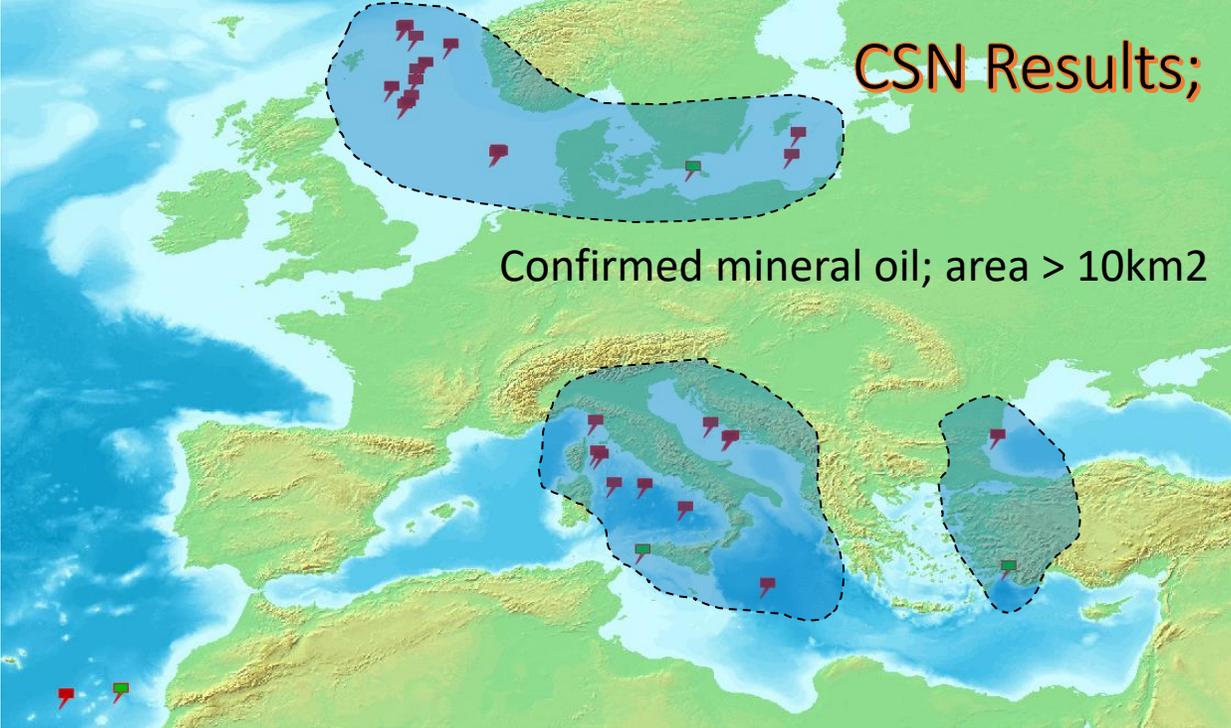
**18947 SAR images analyzed - 9299 possible oil spills detected**





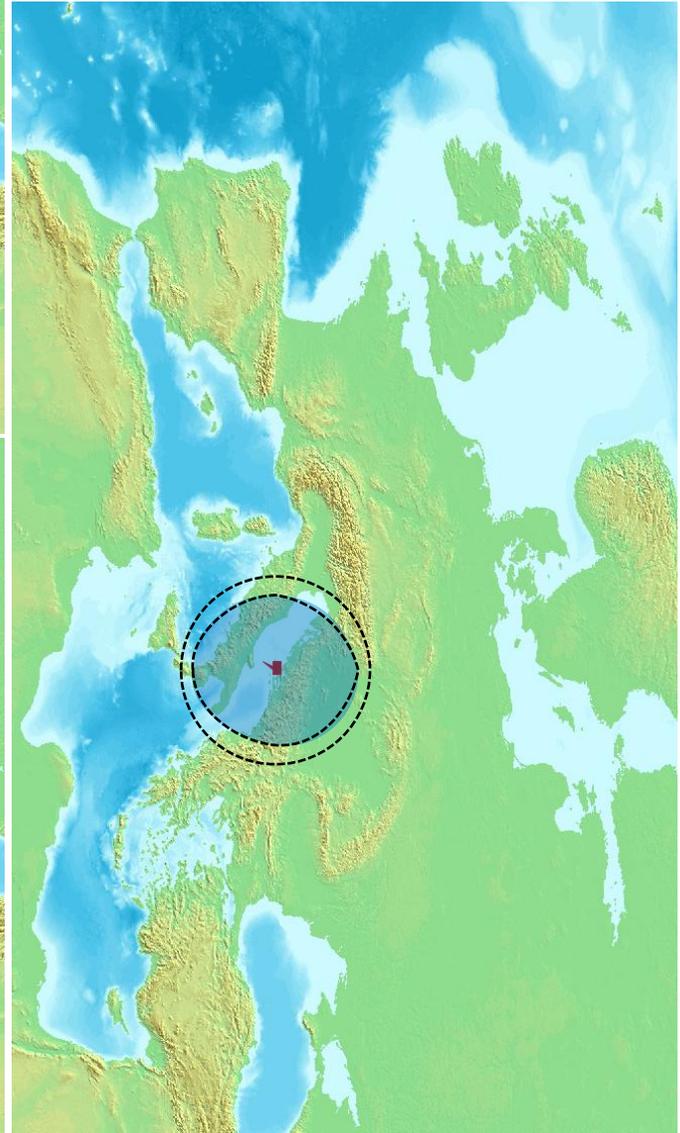
# Long-term monitoring of oil pollution





large slicks

Confirmed mineral oil;  
area > 100km<sup>2</sup>



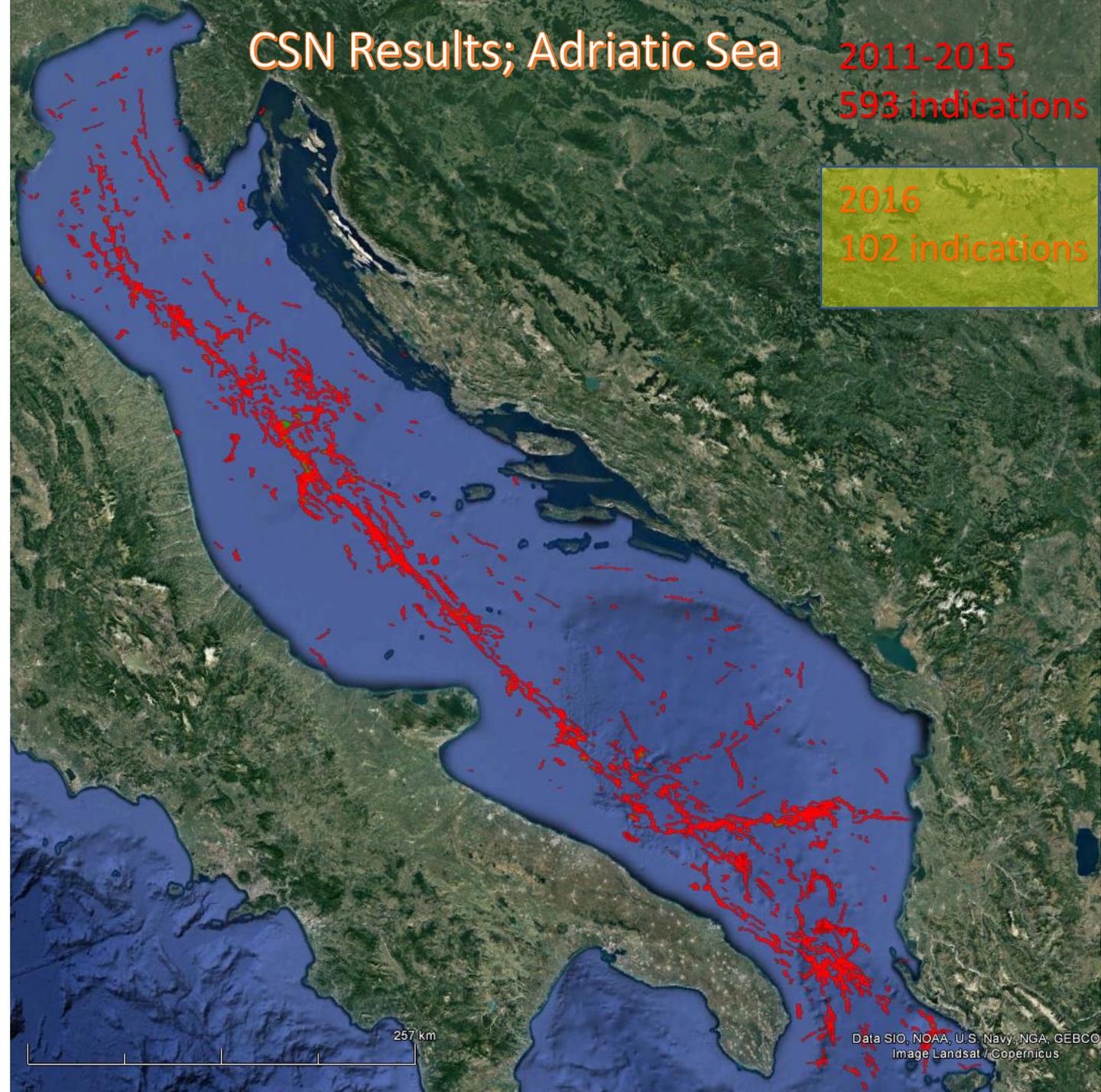
# CSN Results; Adriatic Sea

2011-2015  
593 indications

2016  
102 indications

2016  
102 indications

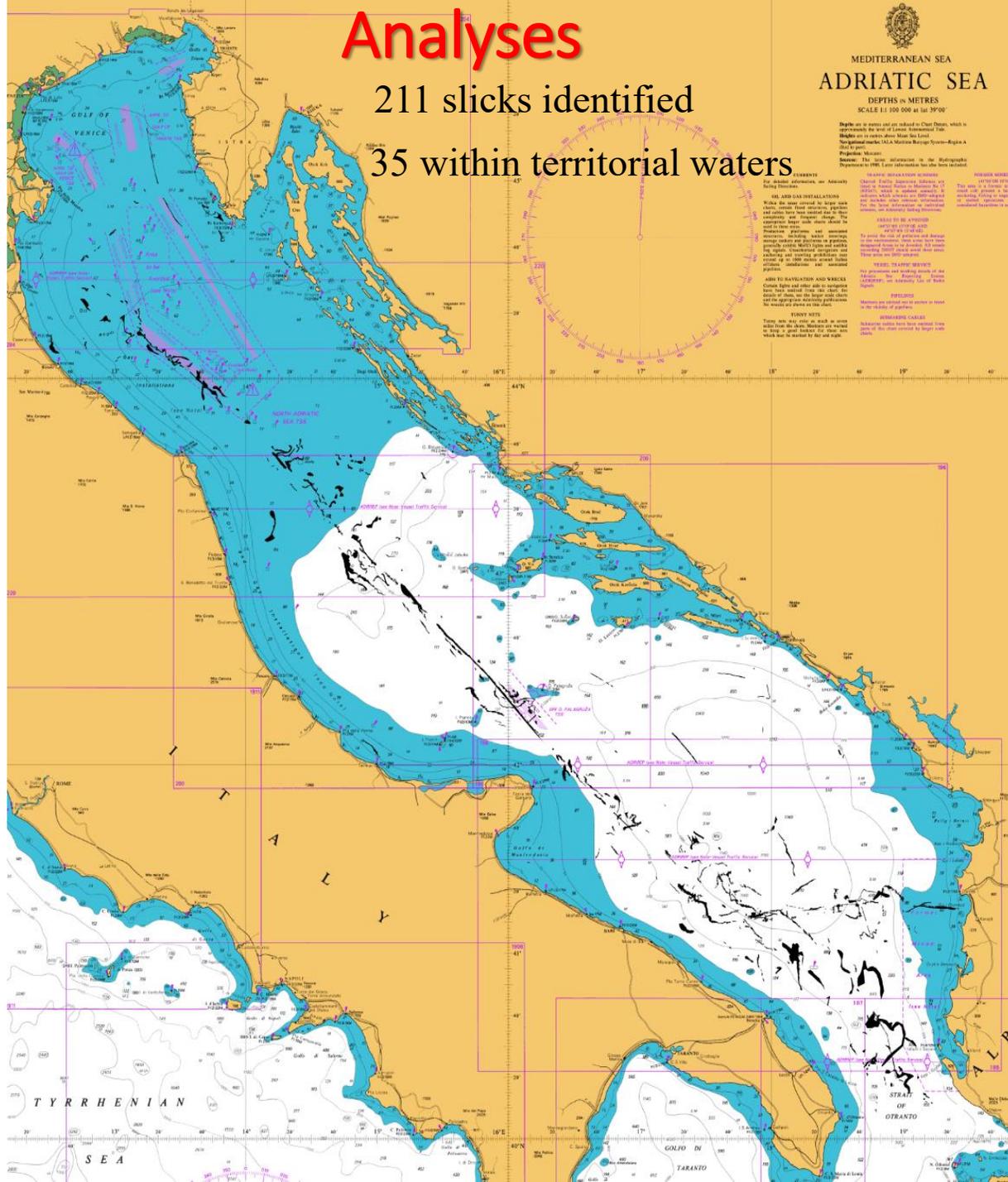
34; < 1 km<sup>2</sup>  
56; 1 – 10 km<sup>2</sup>  
9; > 10 km<sup>2</sup>  
3; > 50 km<sup>2</sup>



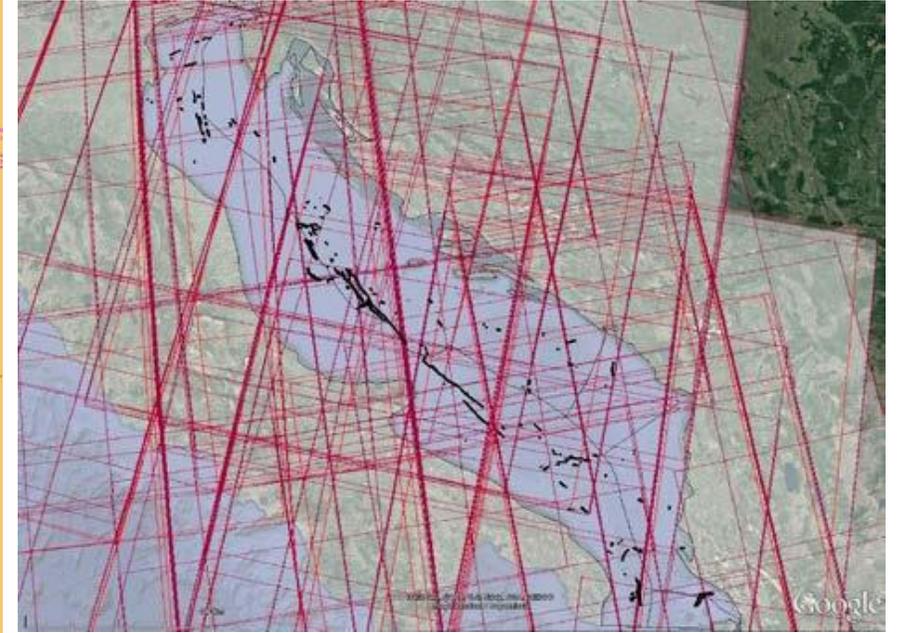
# Analyses

211 slicks identified

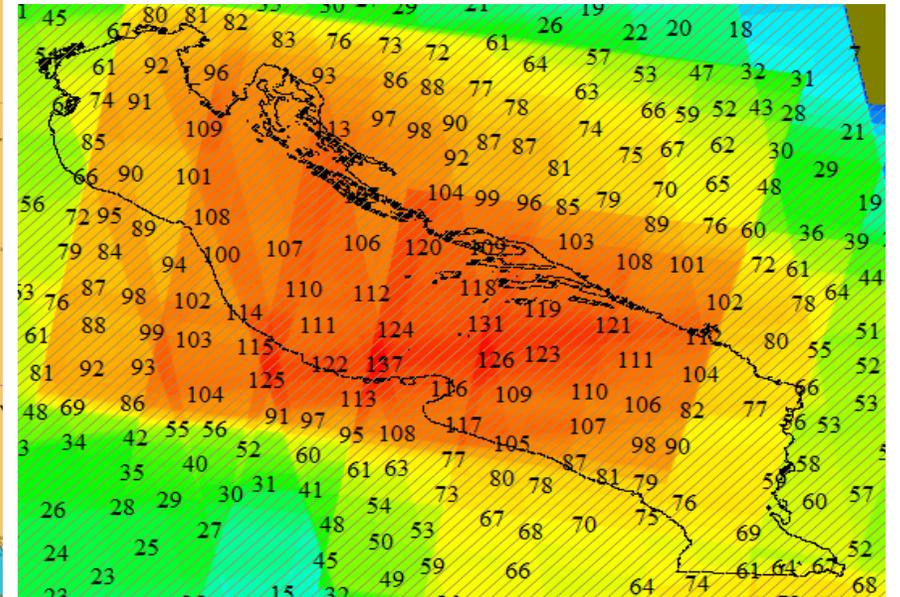
35 within territorial waters



328 images acquired



Coverage calculated



# 2014-2015 analyses

211 slicks identified

35 within territorial waters

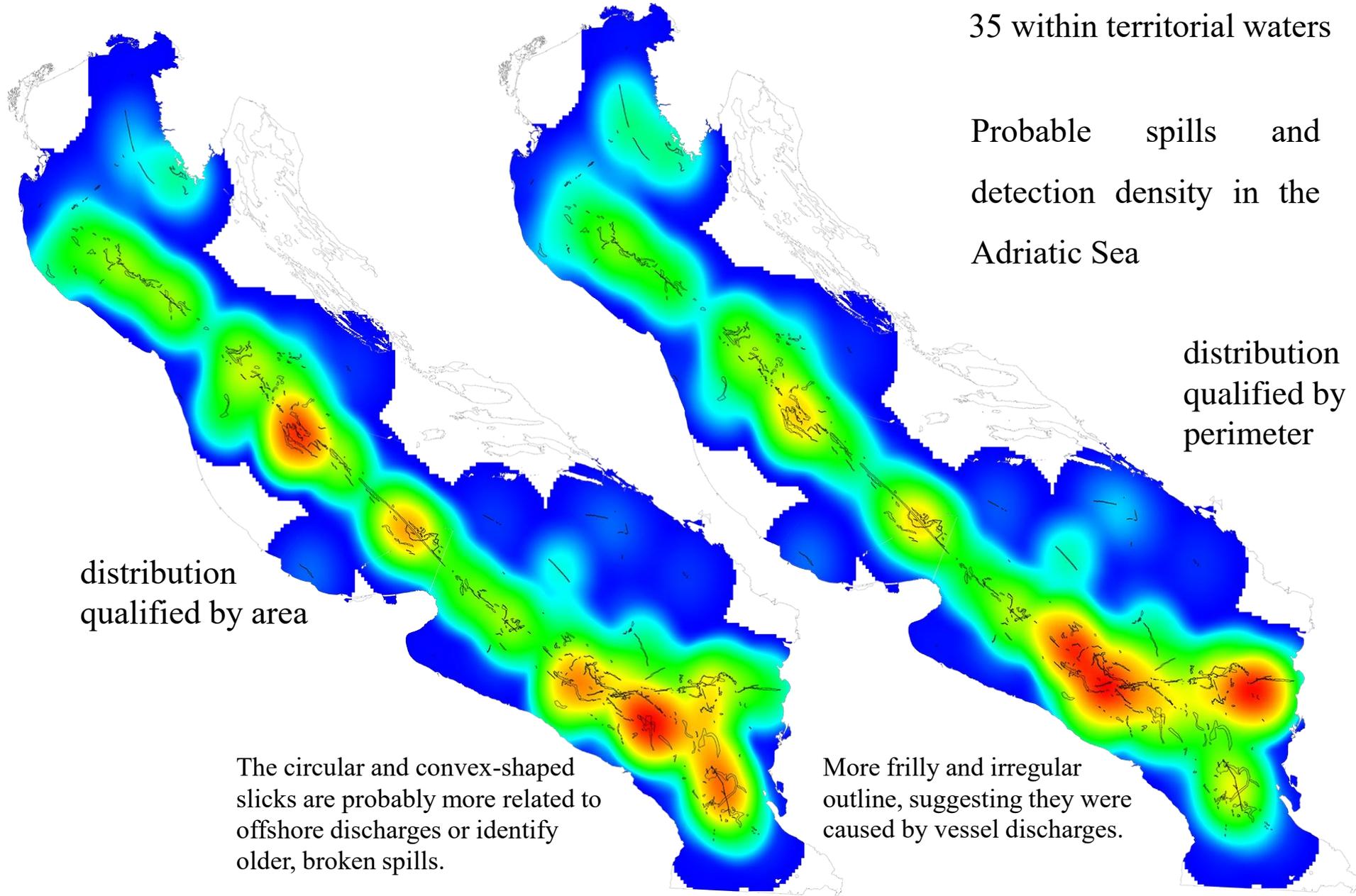
Probable spills and  
detection density in the  
Adriatic Sea

distribution  
qualified by  
perimeter

distribution  
qualified by area

The circular and convex-shaped slicks are probably more related to offshore discharges or identify older, broken spills.

More frilly and irregular outline, suggesting they were caused by vessel discharges.

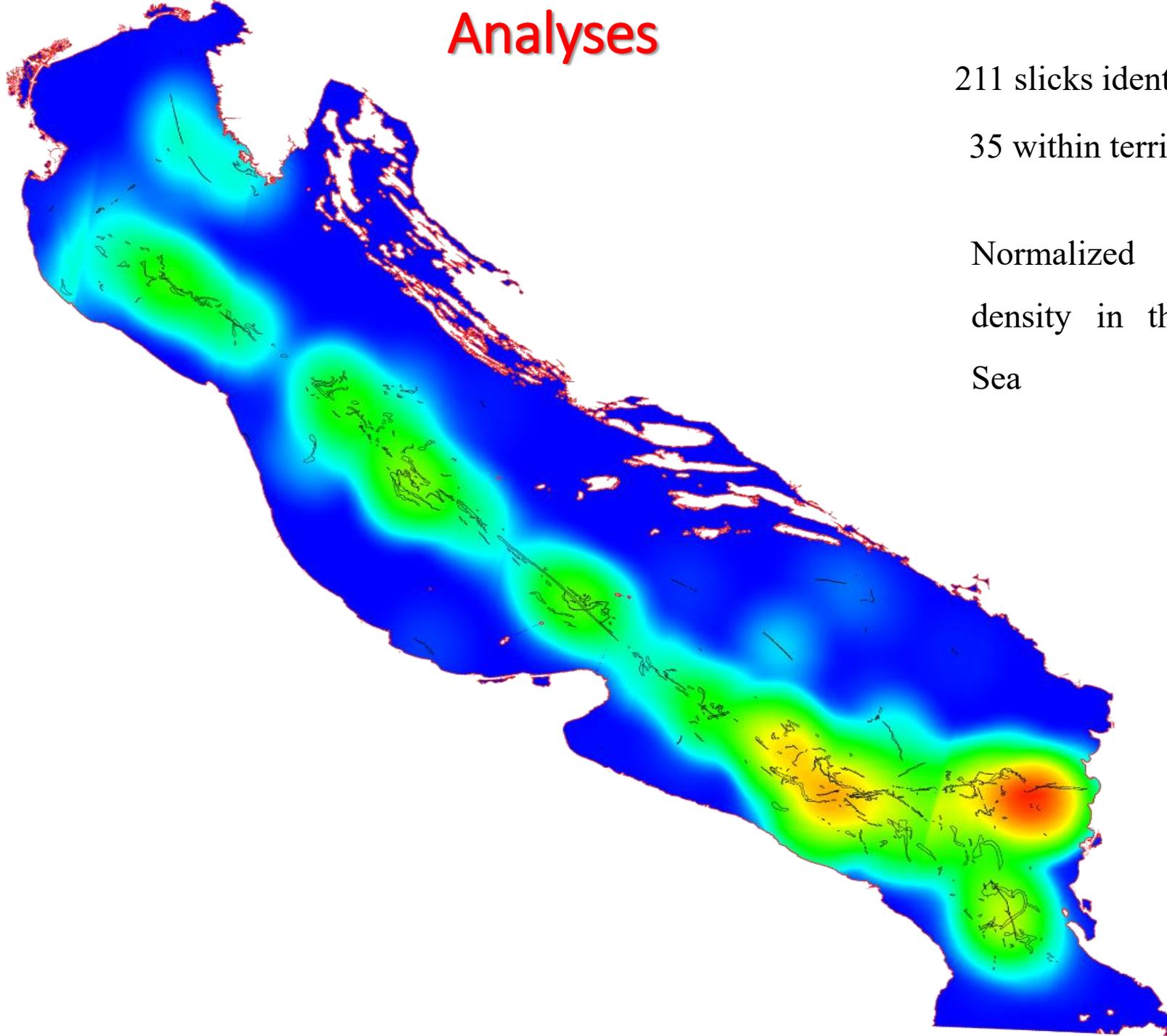


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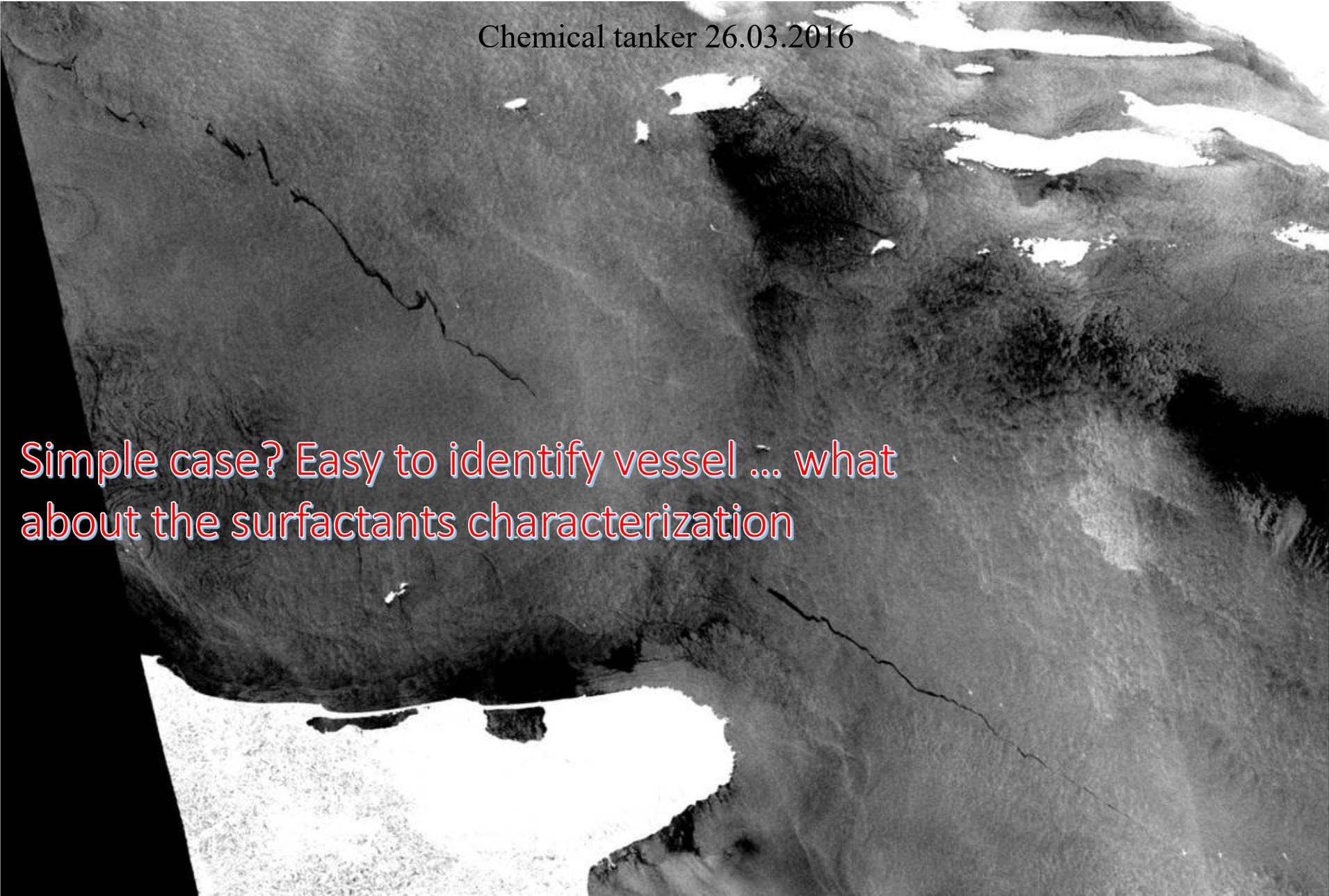
Normalized detection  
density in the Adriatic  
Sea



# Case Study I; Annex II

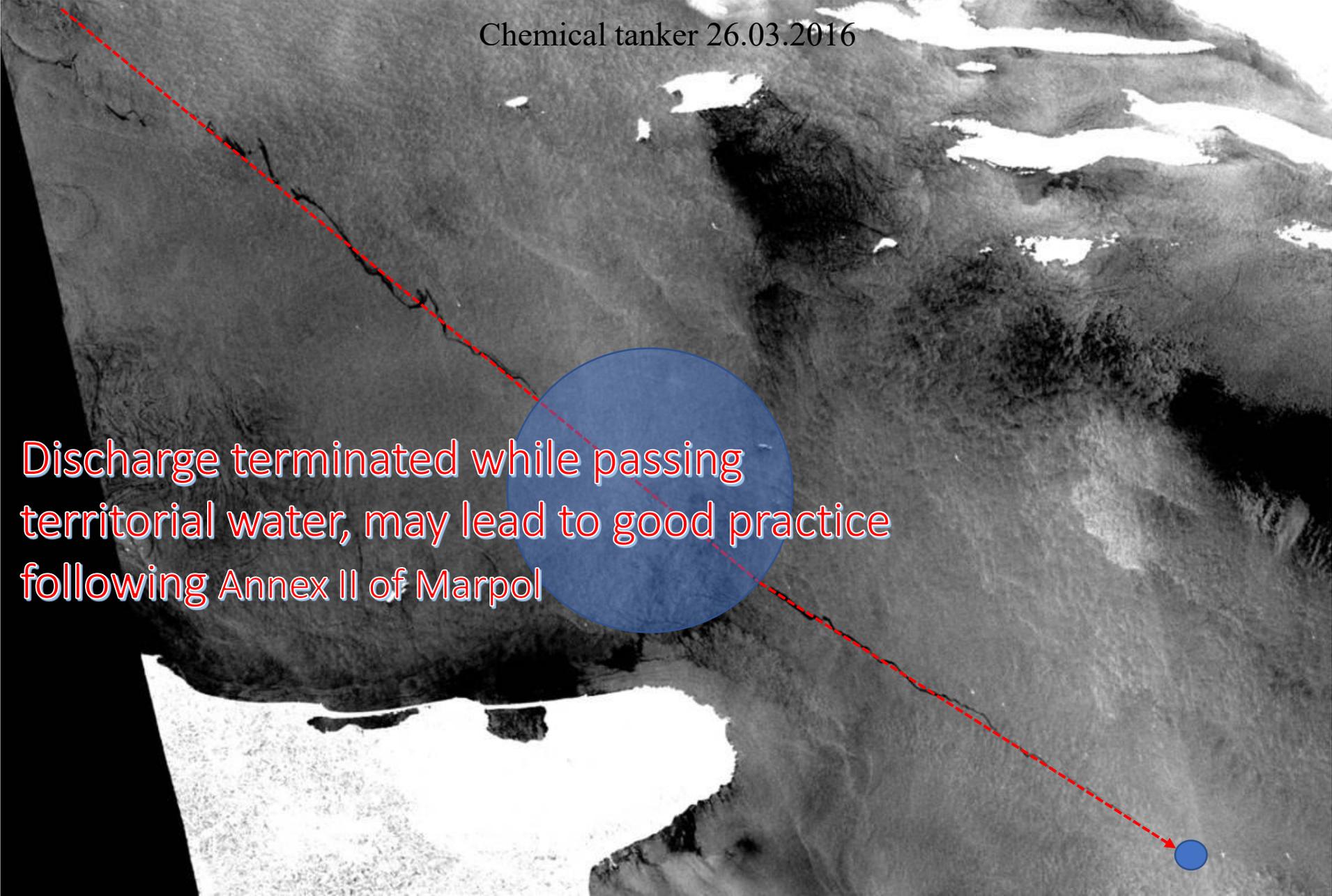
Chemical tanker 26.03.2016

Simple case? Easy to identify vessel ... what about the surfactants characterization



# Case Study I; Annex II

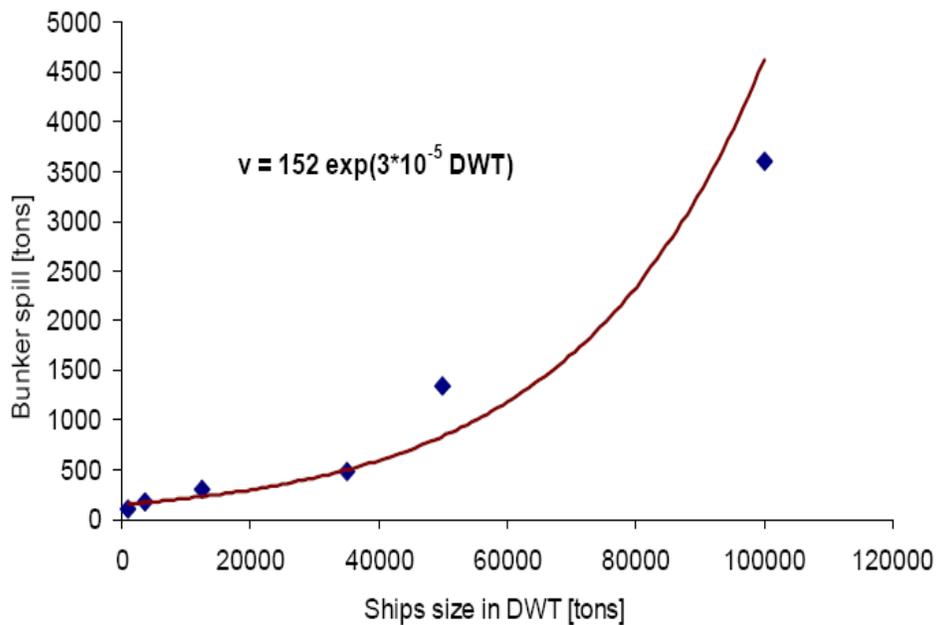
Chemical tanker 26.03.2016

A satellite map of the Mediterranean Sea region. A red dashed line with an arrowhead at the bottom right indicates a path or trajectory. A blue circle is overlaid on the map, partially overlapping the red dashed line. The map shows the coastlines of Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East, with various landmasses and water bodies in shades of gray and white.

Discharge terminated while passing territorial water, may lead to good practice following Annex II of Marpol

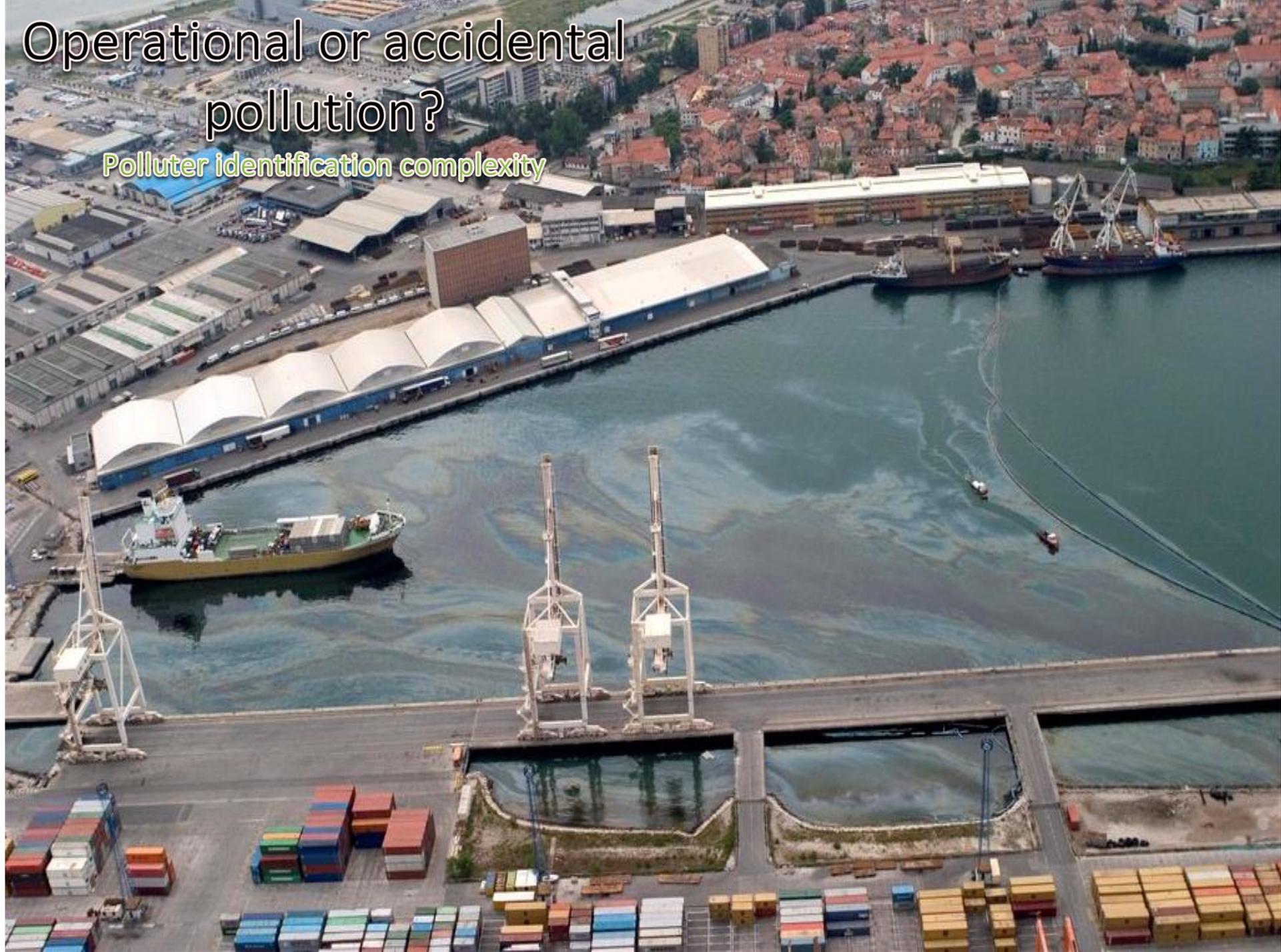
# CONSEQUENCE'S

## AVERAGE CLEANING COSTS AND EXPECTED OIL RELEASE



Operational or accidental  
pollution?

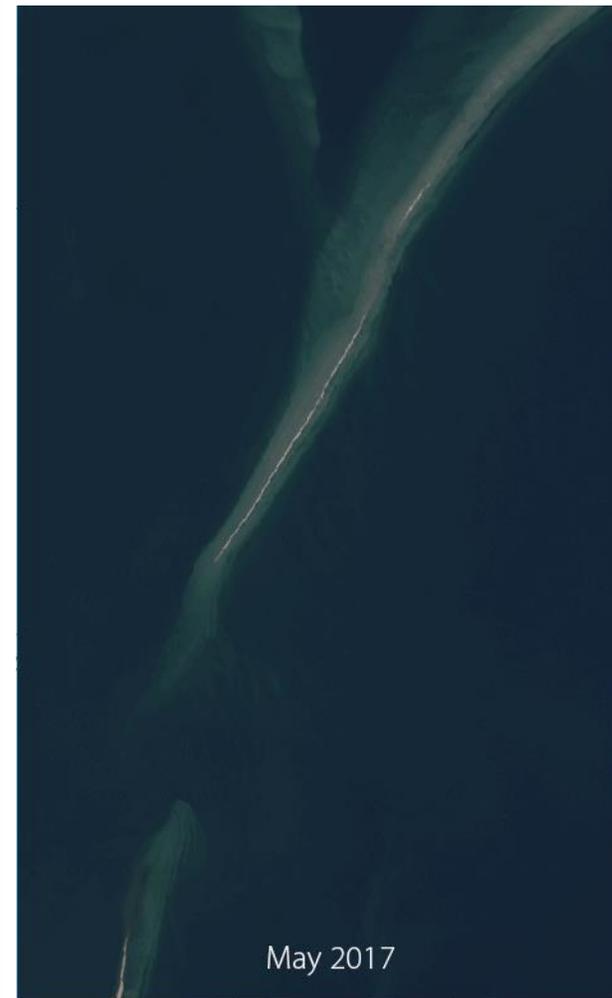
Polluter identification complexity



**Optical**

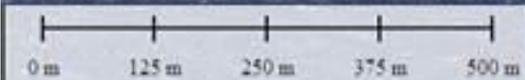


MODIS 17th Nov.2014



May 2017

IKONOS 2 12th Nov.2014



EMSA CSN; Case  
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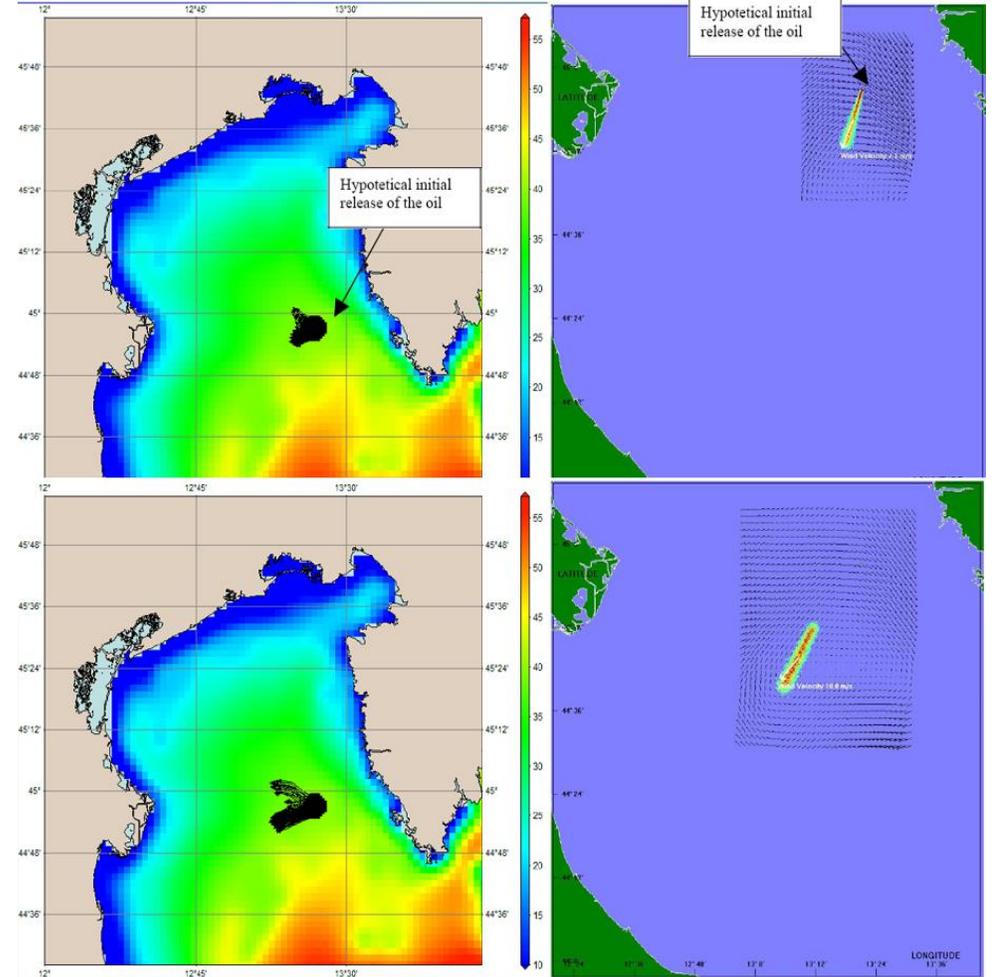
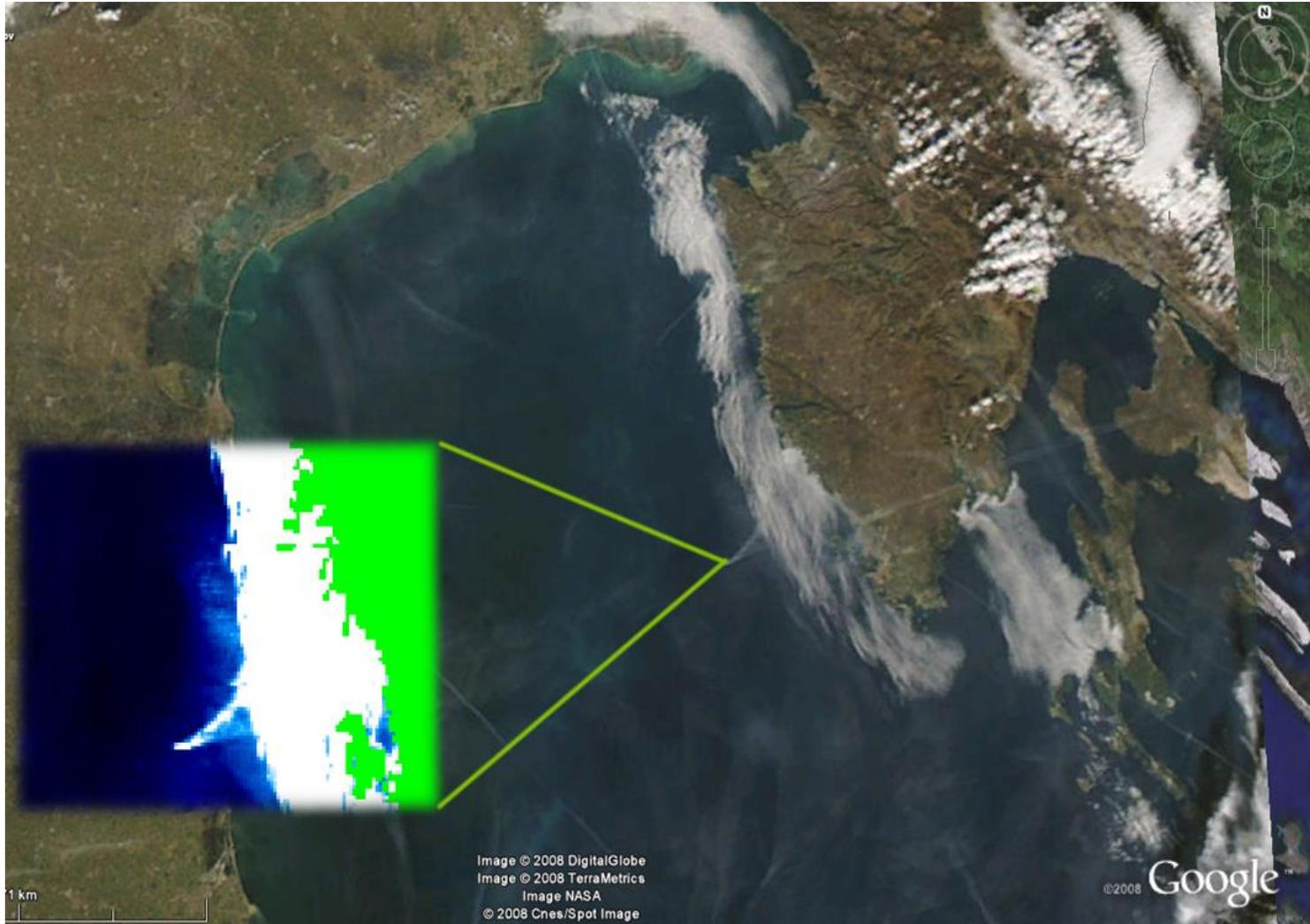
# Crisis Management “Und Adriyatik Case”



# Simulation based decision making

## Contingency planning

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Wind speed (knots)	10	5	4	2	3	6	11	12	12	11	9	11	14	14	16	18	20	21	22	20	16	14	14	11	11	16	16								
Wind direction	→	→	→	→	→	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘			
Temperature (°C)	10	11	11	11	10	10	10	10	11	11	11	10	9	7	7	7	8	8	7	8	7	7	8	9	10	9	8								
Cloud cover (%)	-	46	56	50	56	79	68	67	43	43	49	35	8	7	9	12	16	12	13	11	9	12	12	11	5	5	4								
Rain (mm/3h)	-																																		
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# Simulation based decision making

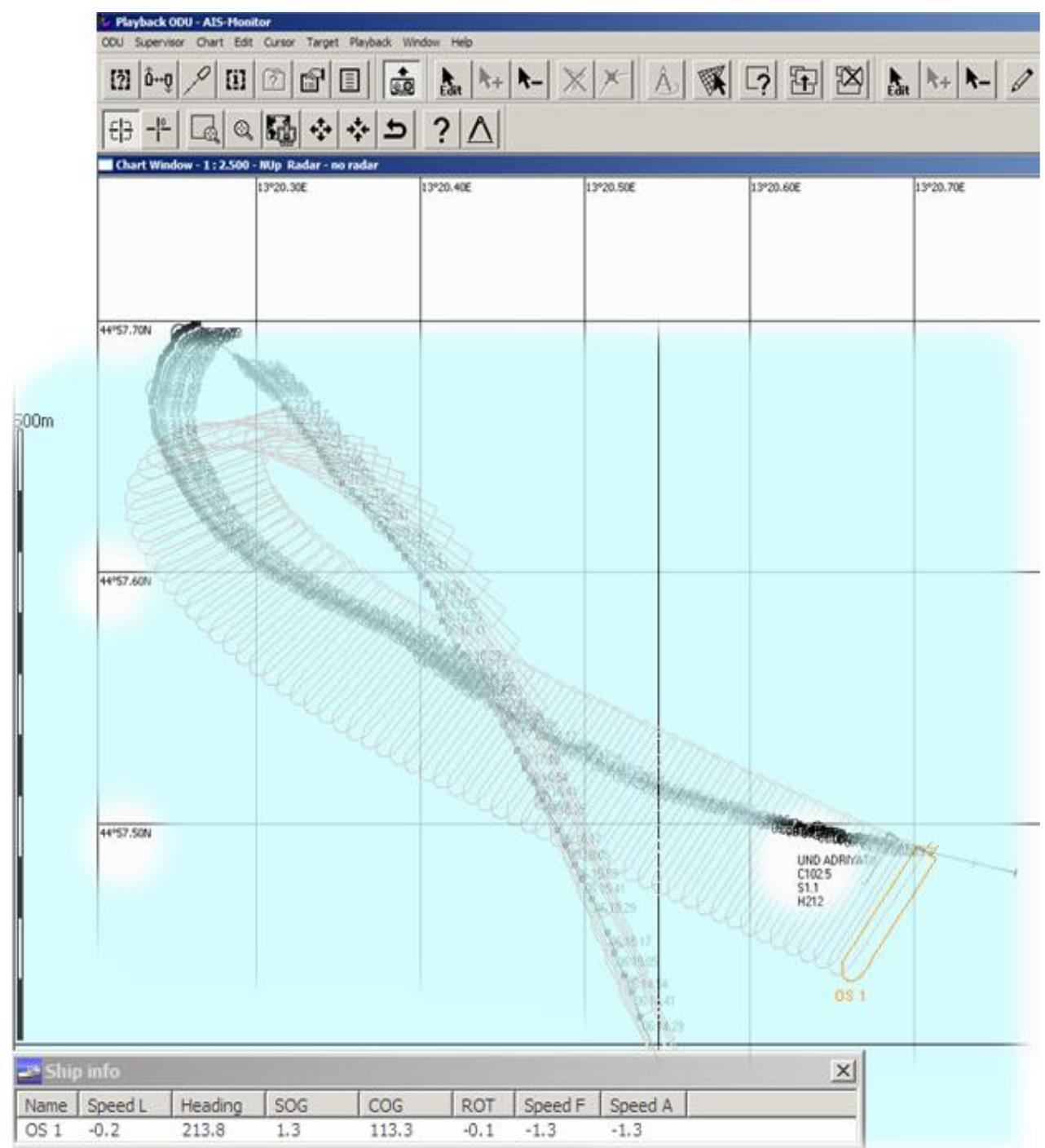
Determining wind and currents

Contingency planning

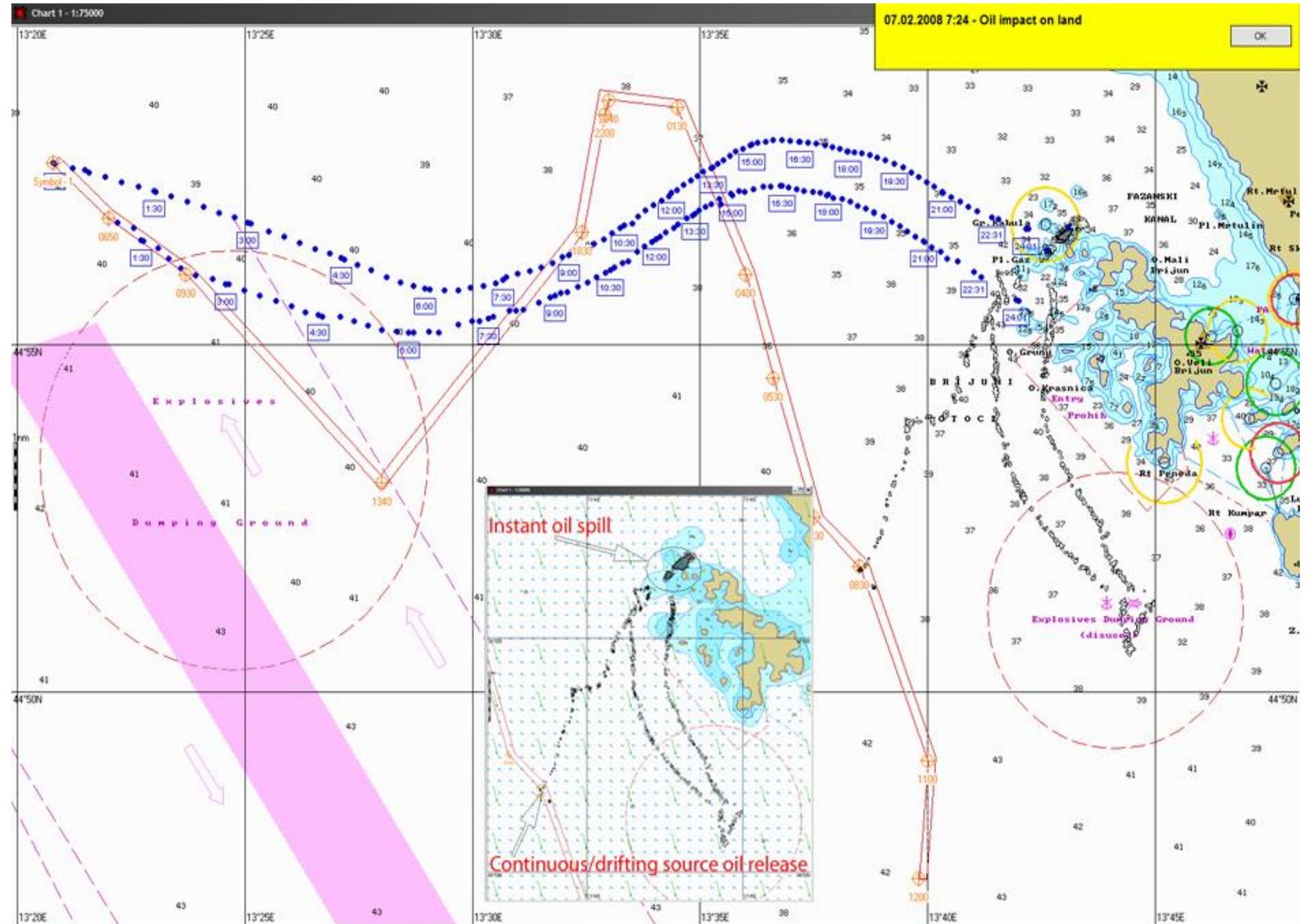
Comparison of the ship's drift based on the real AIS trajectory with the simulated one.

Analyzing the life raft drift!

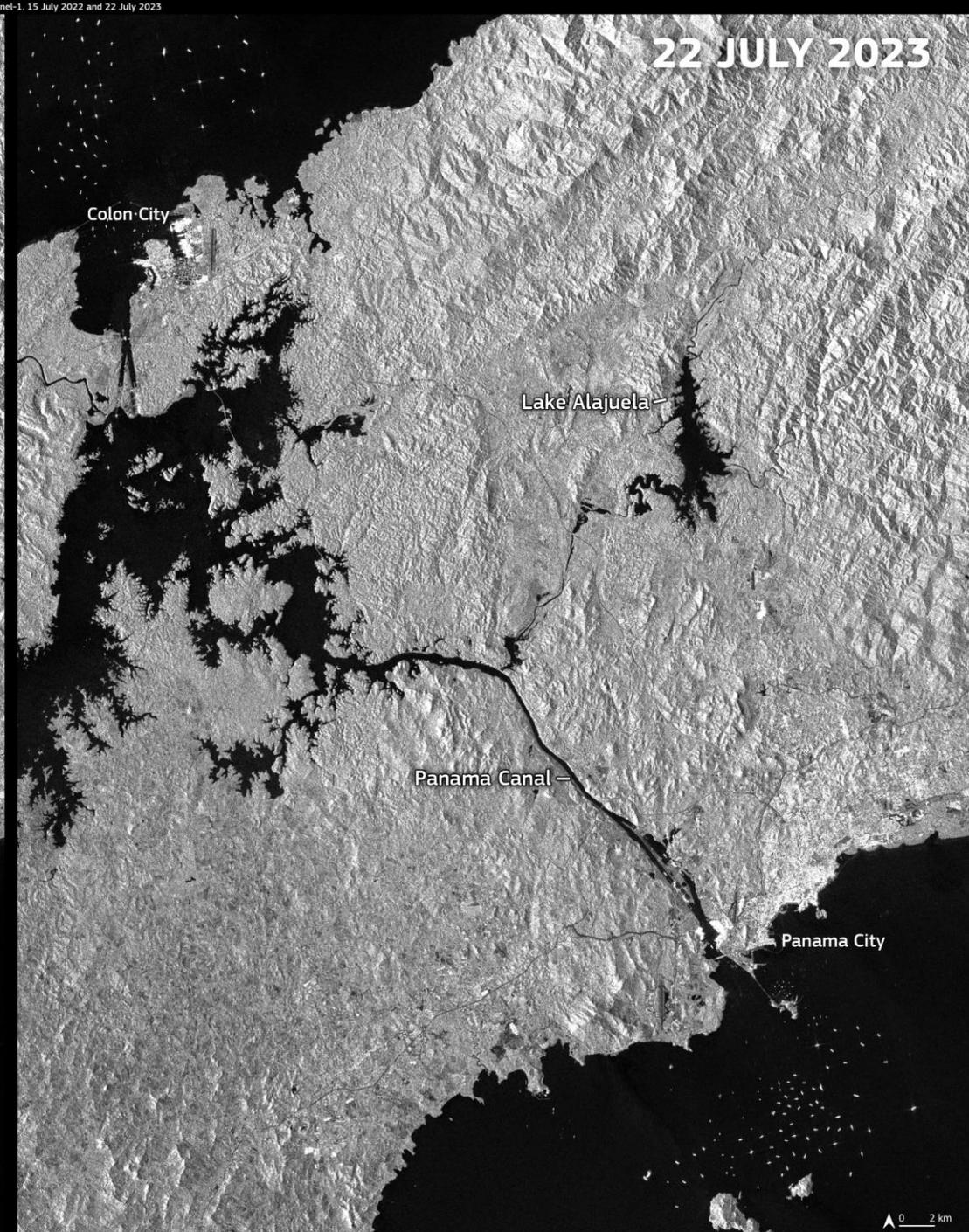
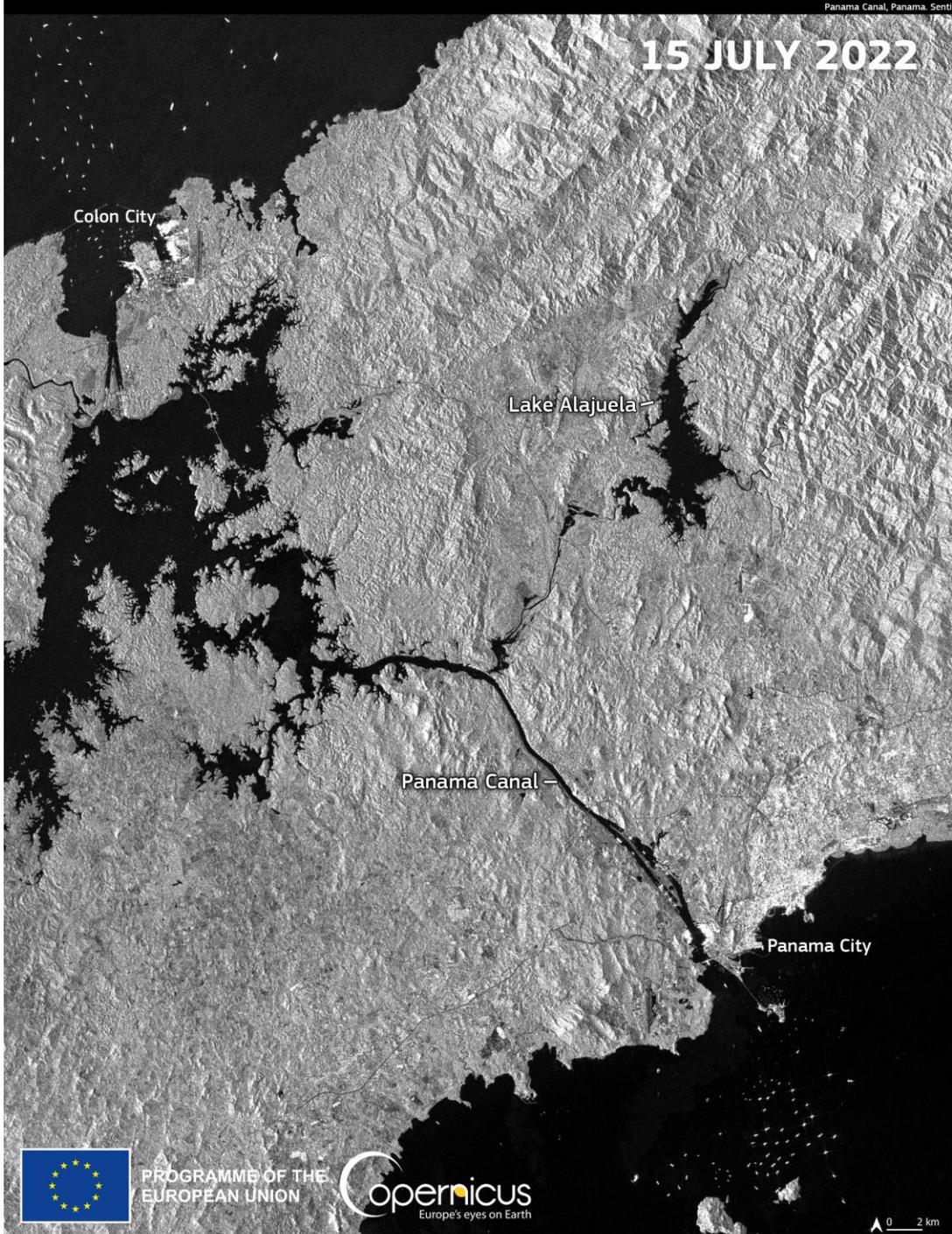
A ship handling simulator was used as a tool for modelling the ship's drift



# Oil spill simulation – with the winds and the field of surface currents ( $\Delta t=24h$ )



# Water level



PROGRAMME OF THE  
EUROPEAN UNION



0 2 km

0 2 km



PROGRAMME OF THE EUROPEAN UNION



Copernicus Marine Service

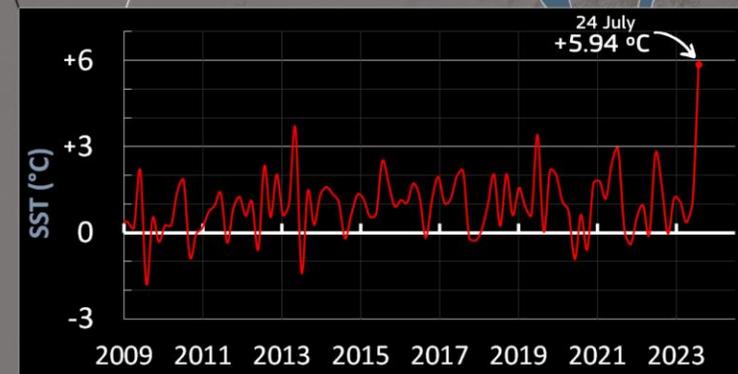
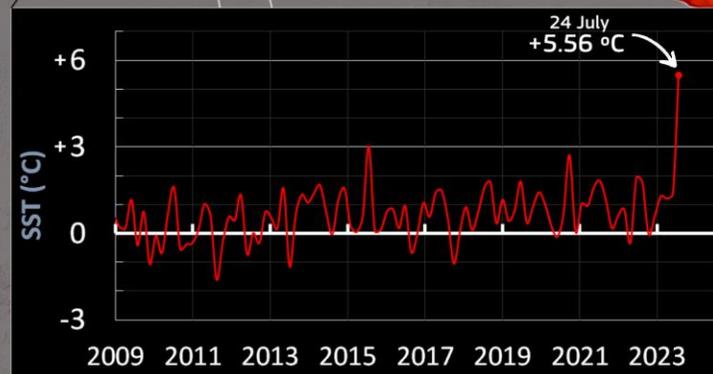
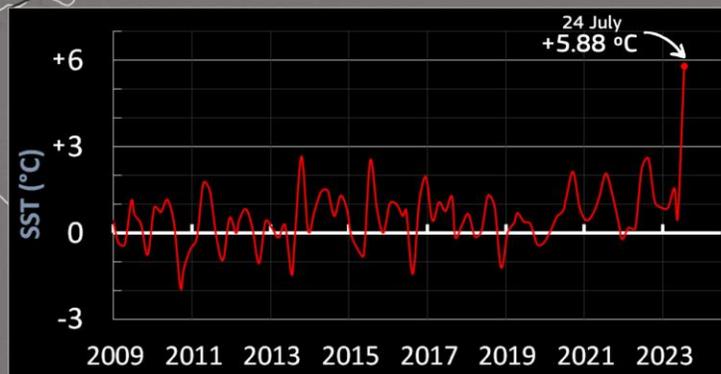
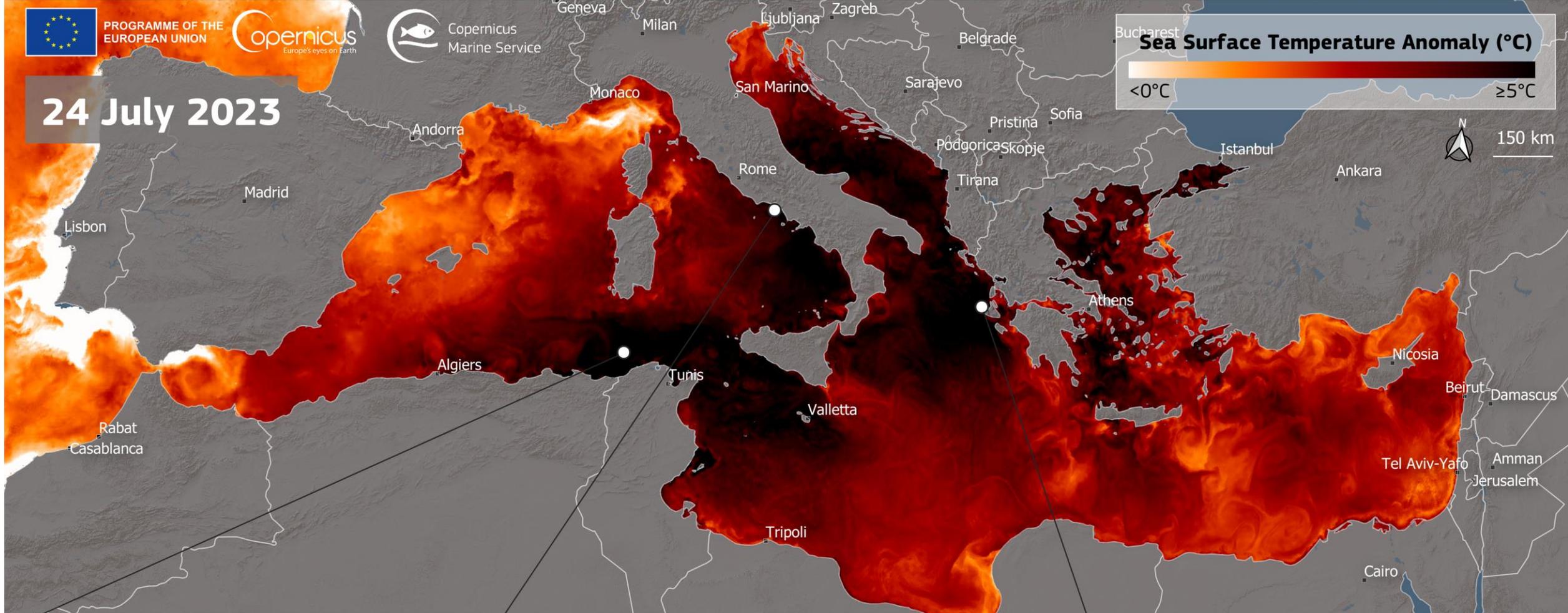
Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly - Mediterranean Sea, 24 July 2023



24 July 2023



150 km



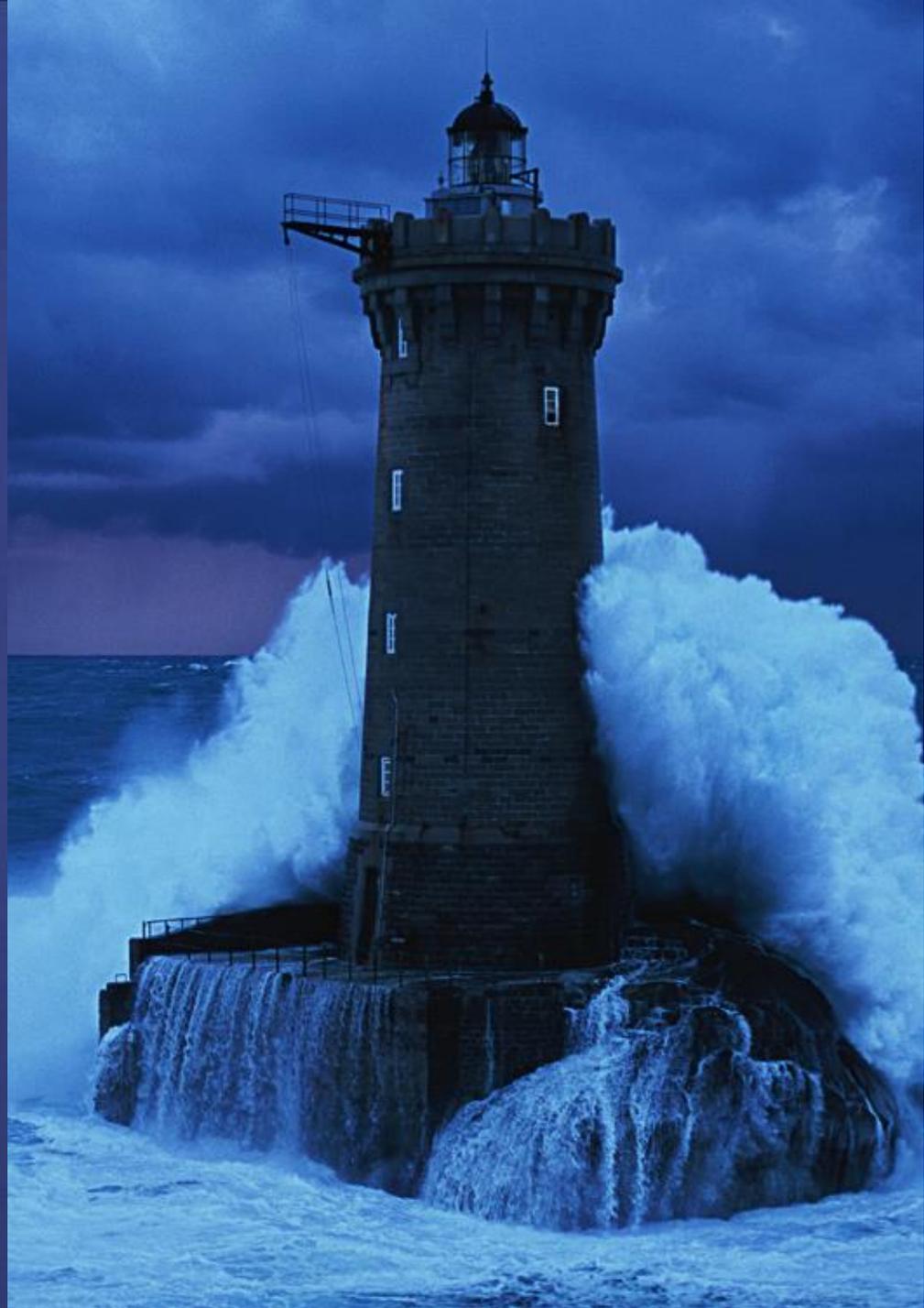


## Conclusion

**inert gas; scrubber effluent  
(soot)**



Thank You



L-Band



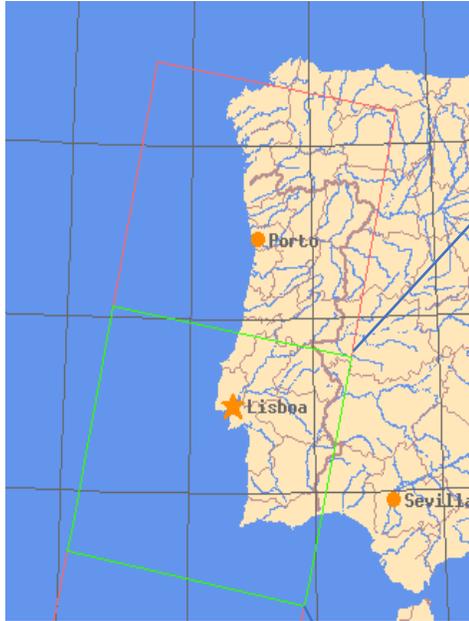
C-Band



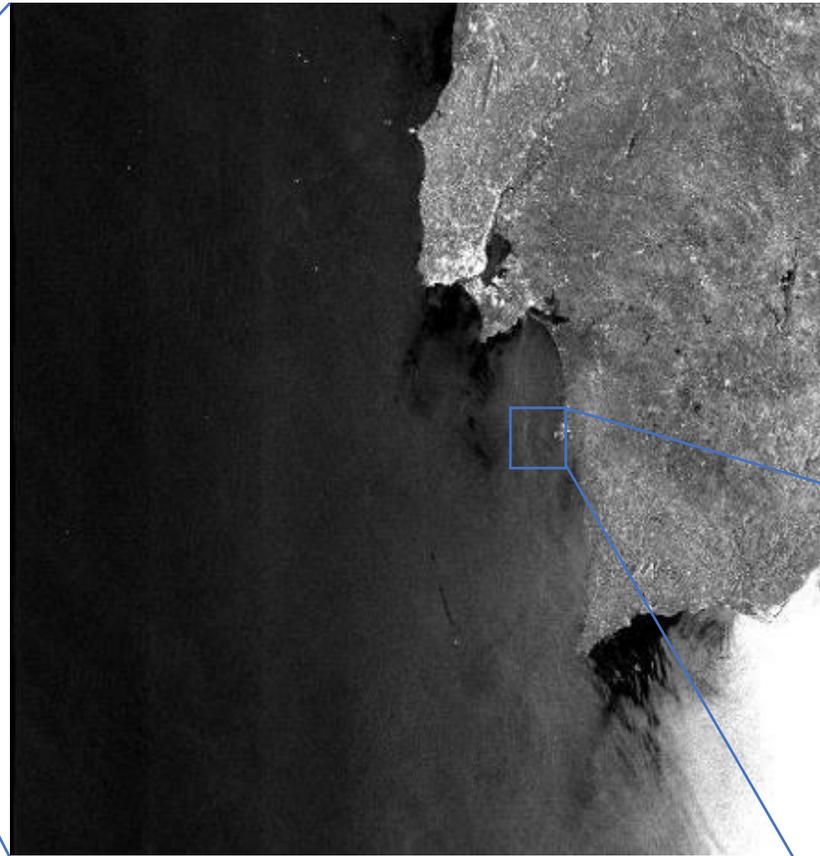
X-Band



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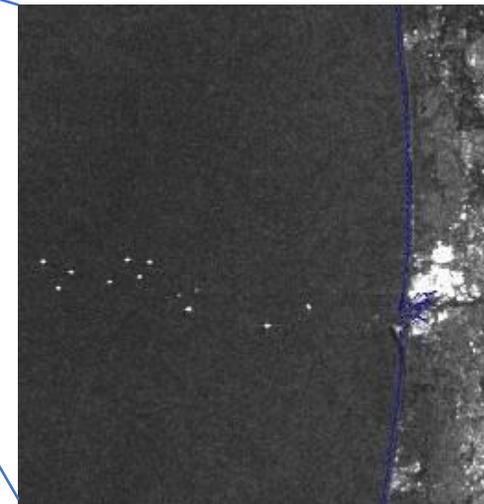


300-400 km swath



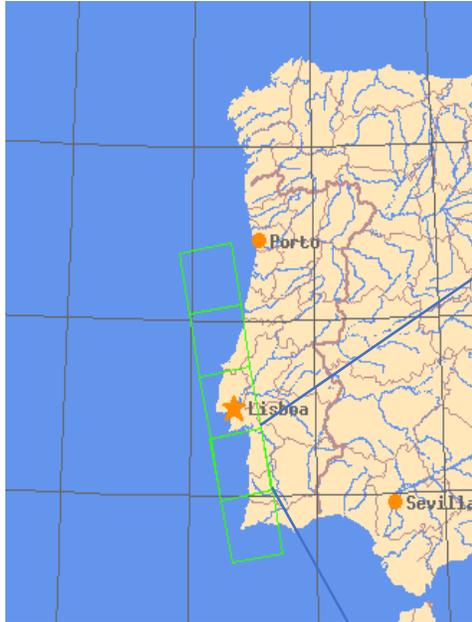
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50-150 m resolution

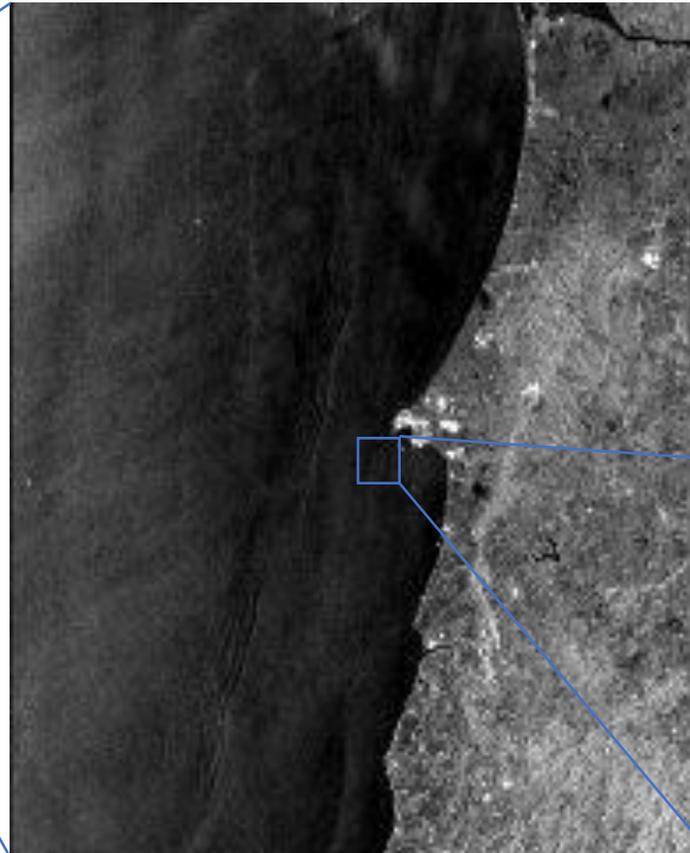


only to show relative size, not actual zoom →

# Satellite radar image – Standard



100 km swath



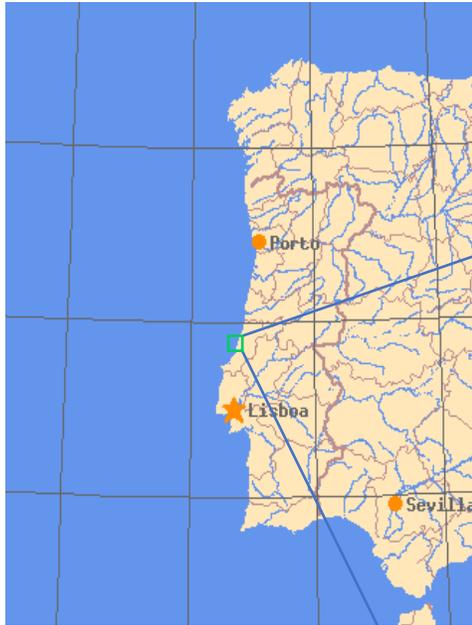
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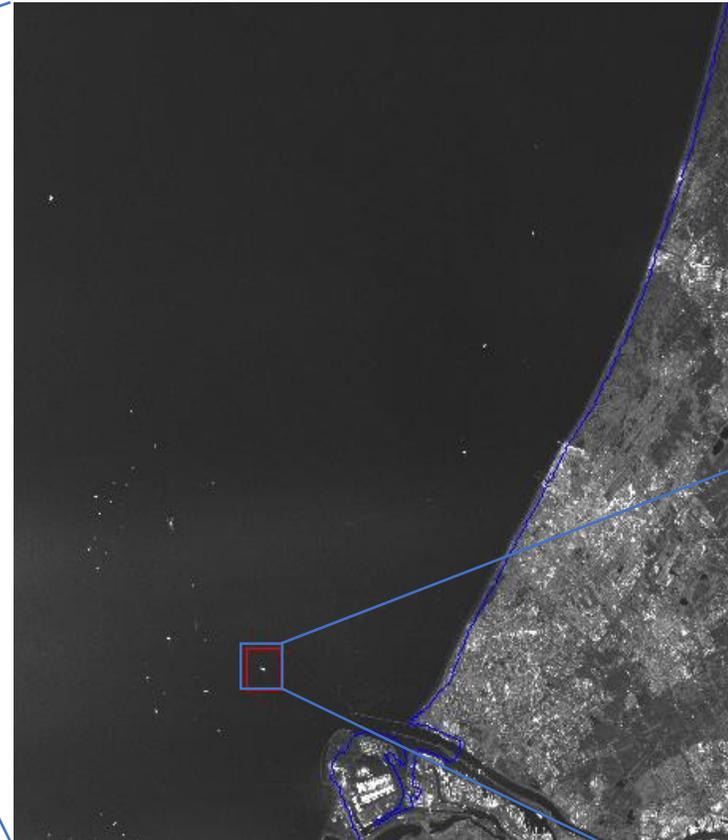


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# Satellite radar image – High resolution



50 km swath



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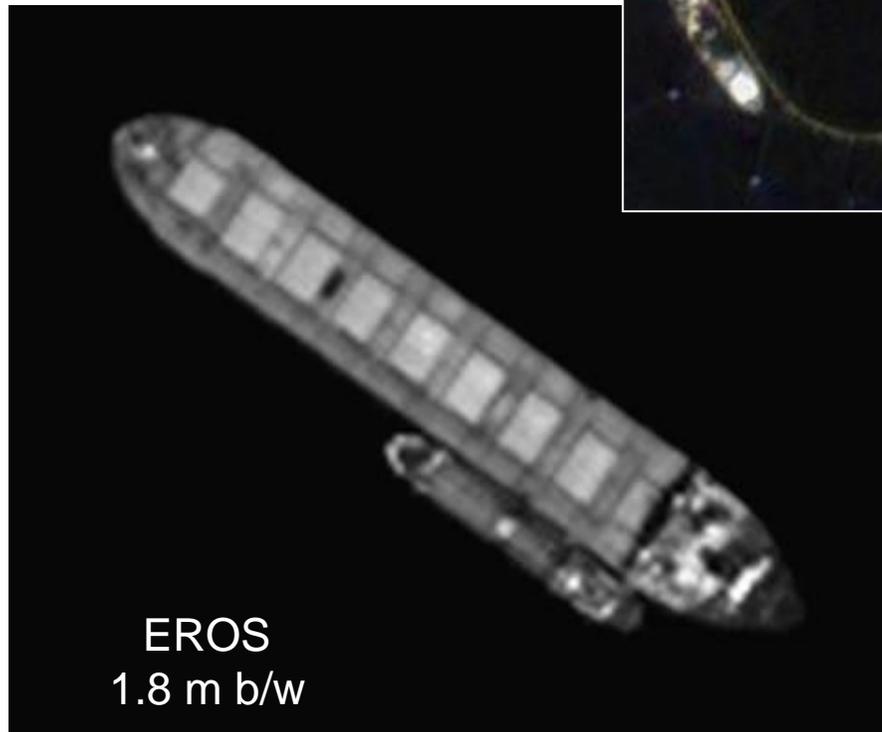
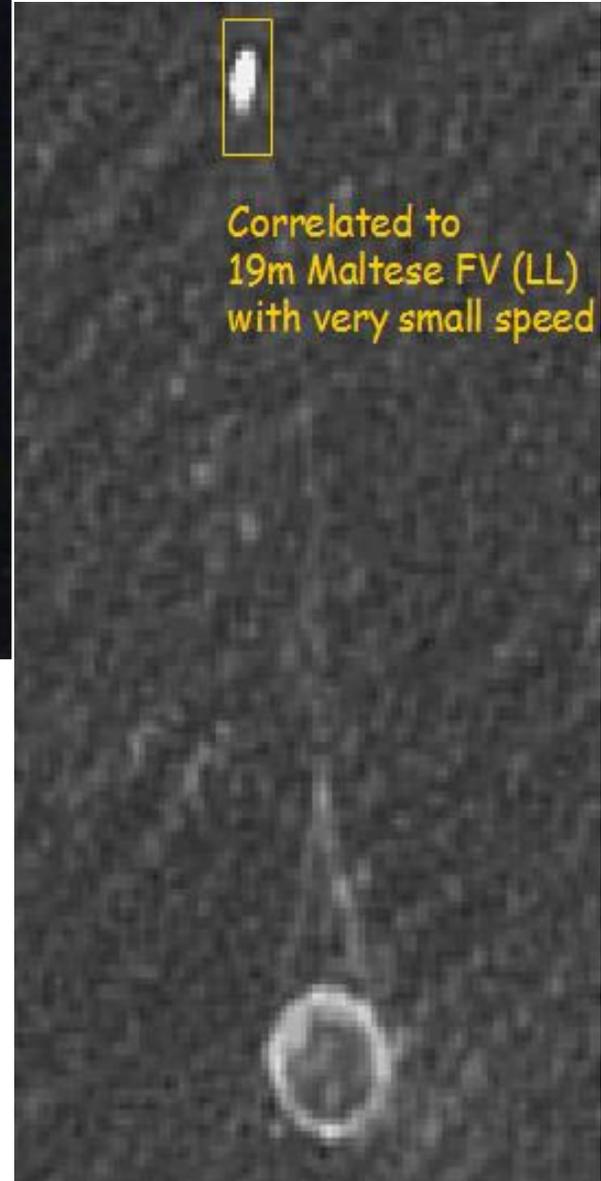
10 m resolution



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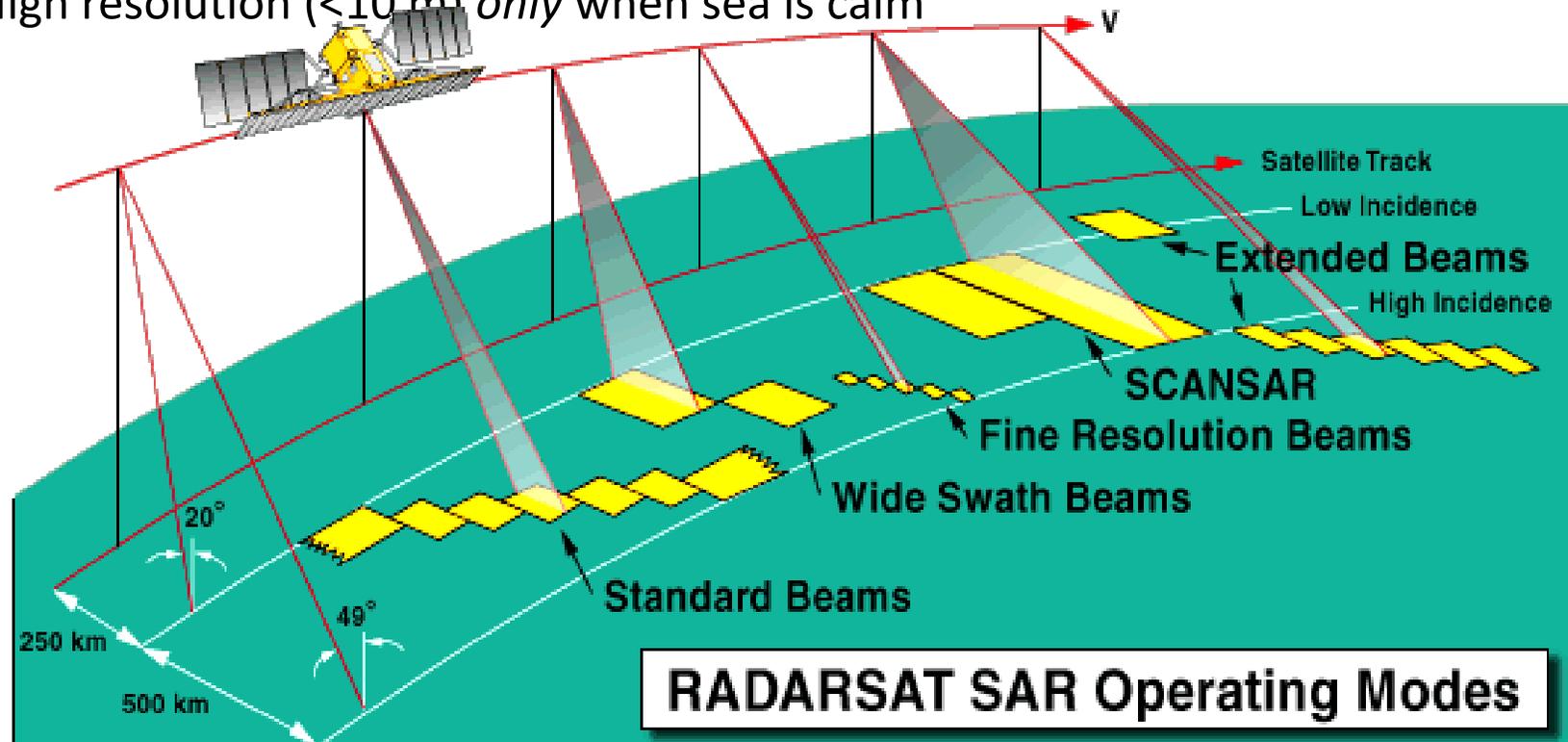
# Optical satellite images

Sub-meter  
resolution,  
~15 km swath



# Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)

- Radar, suitable for use on satellite
- Wide area, low resolution
- Narrow area, high resolution
- High resolution (<10 m) *only* when sea is calm

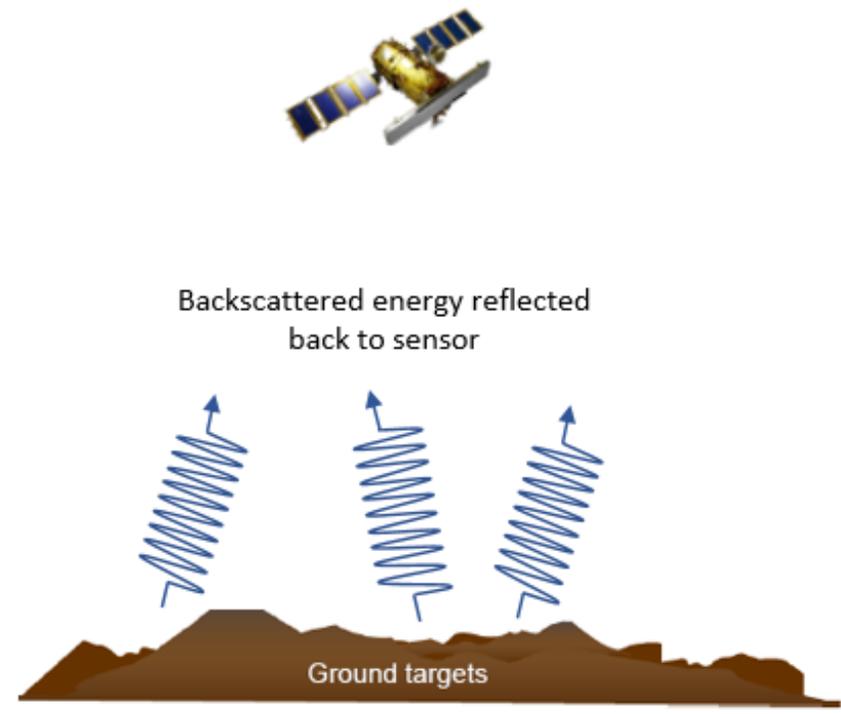
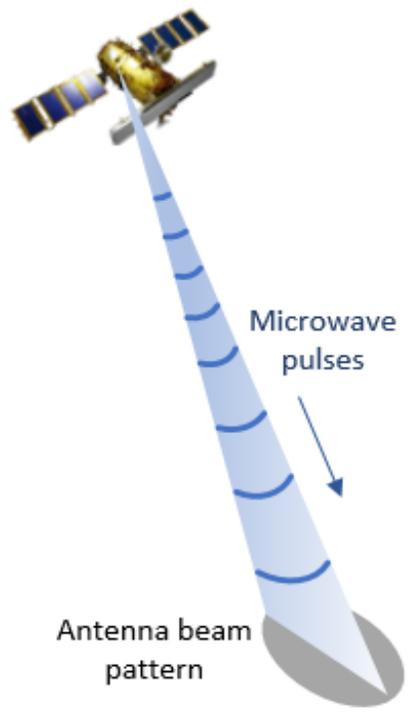
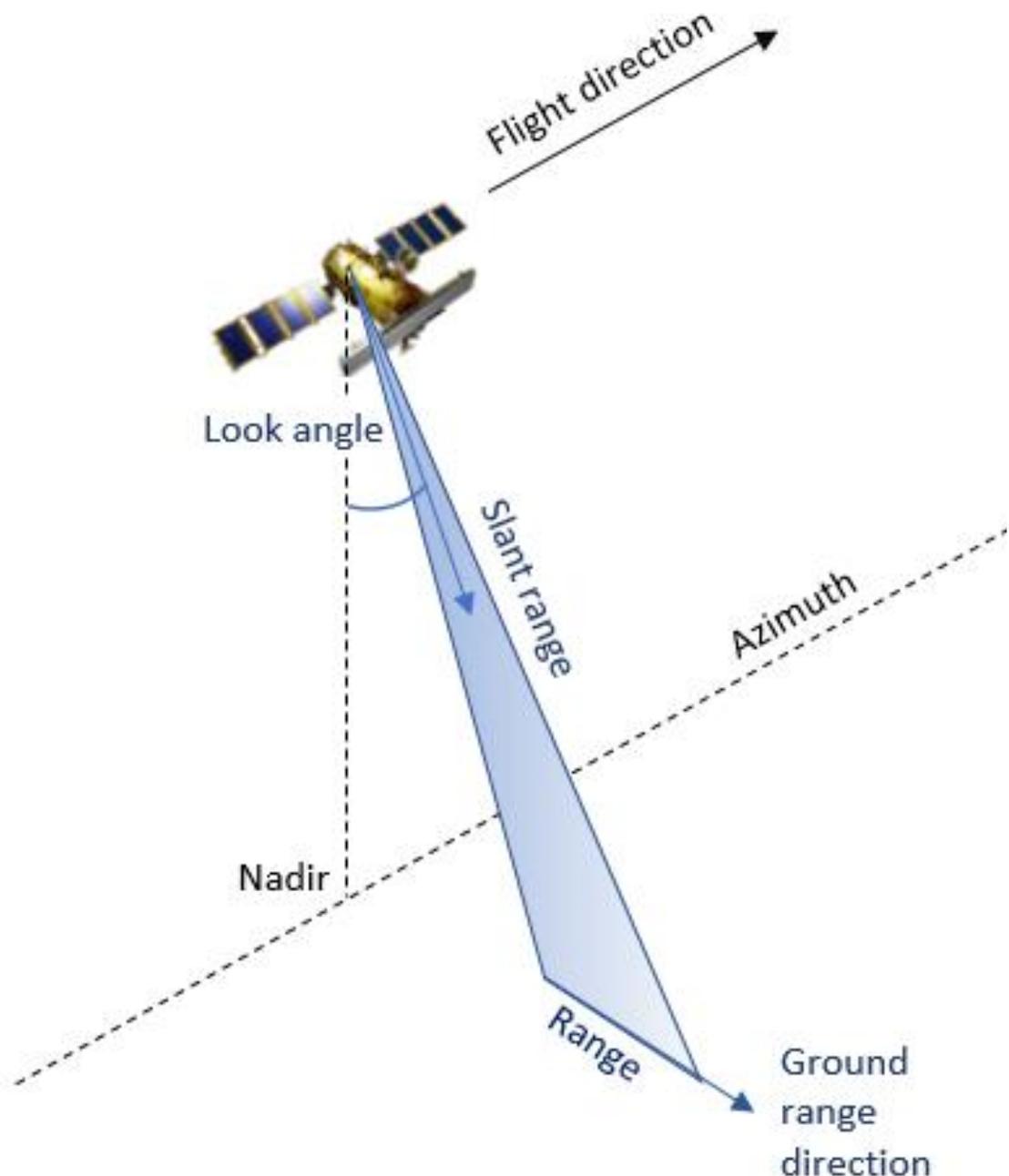


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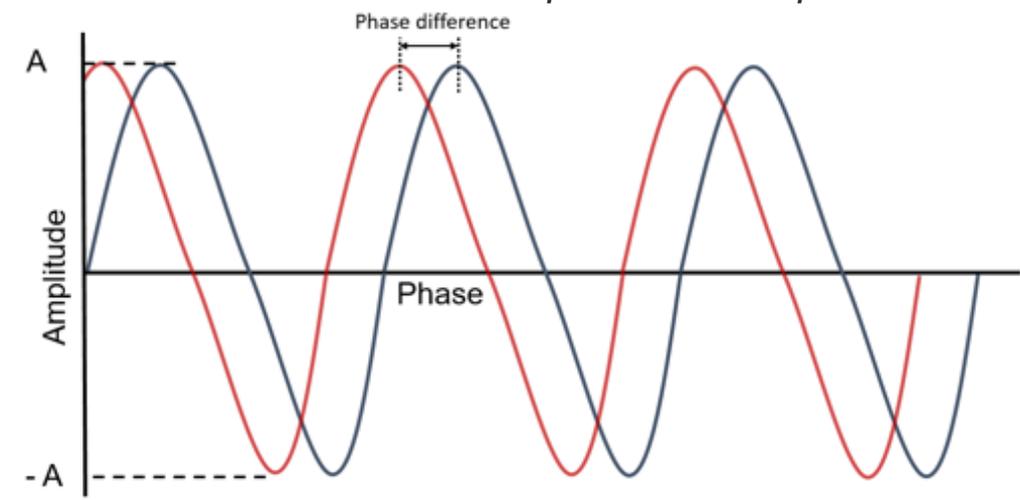
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# Ocean

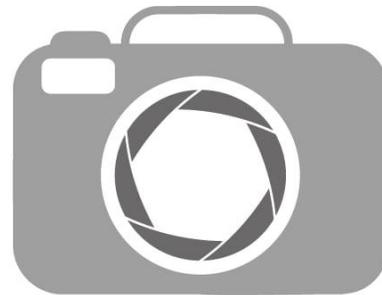


Backscatter consists of two variables: *amplitude* and *phase*



# ESRI

- [Introduction to Synthetic Aperture Radar \(esri.com\)](https://www.esri.com)
- [GUIDE: FUNDAMENTALS OF SYNTHETIC APERTURE RADAR \(SAR\) \(arcgis.com\)](https://www.arcgis.com)



# NASA-ARSET

- [ARSET - Introduction to Synthetic Aperture Radar | NASA Applied Sciences](#)
- **Session 1: Basics of Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)**
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- **Session 3: Introduction to Polarimetric SAR**
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