

# FerryBox Data for Ecosystem Modelling

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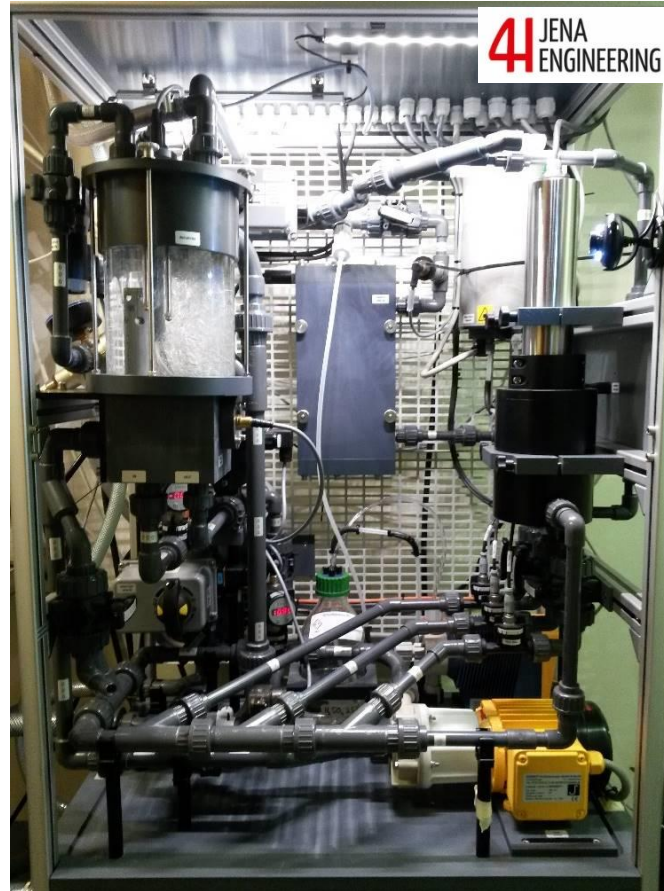
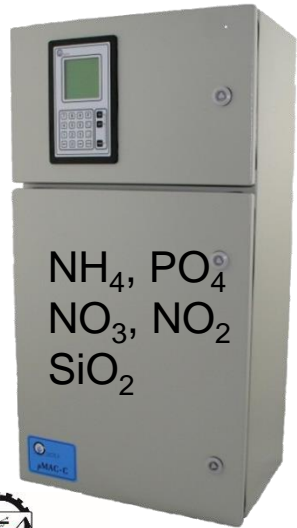
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## Outline

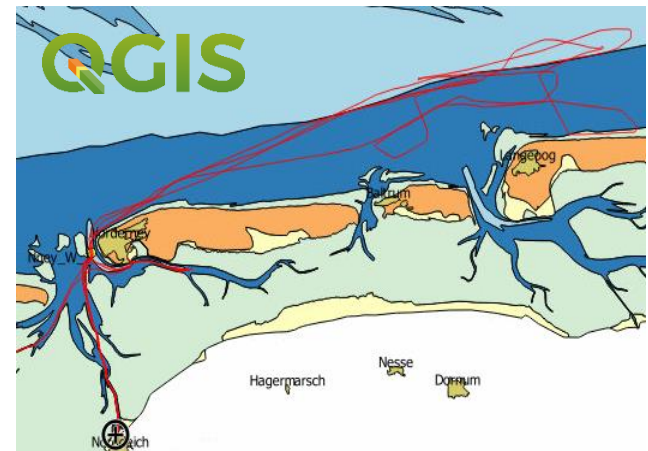
- Burchana FerryBox
- Harmonisation of the phytoplankton assessment in the German-Dutch Wadden Sea
- Microplastics transport and accumulation from point and diffuse sources in the Weser estuary and Wadden Sea (PLAWES)
- Future perspective



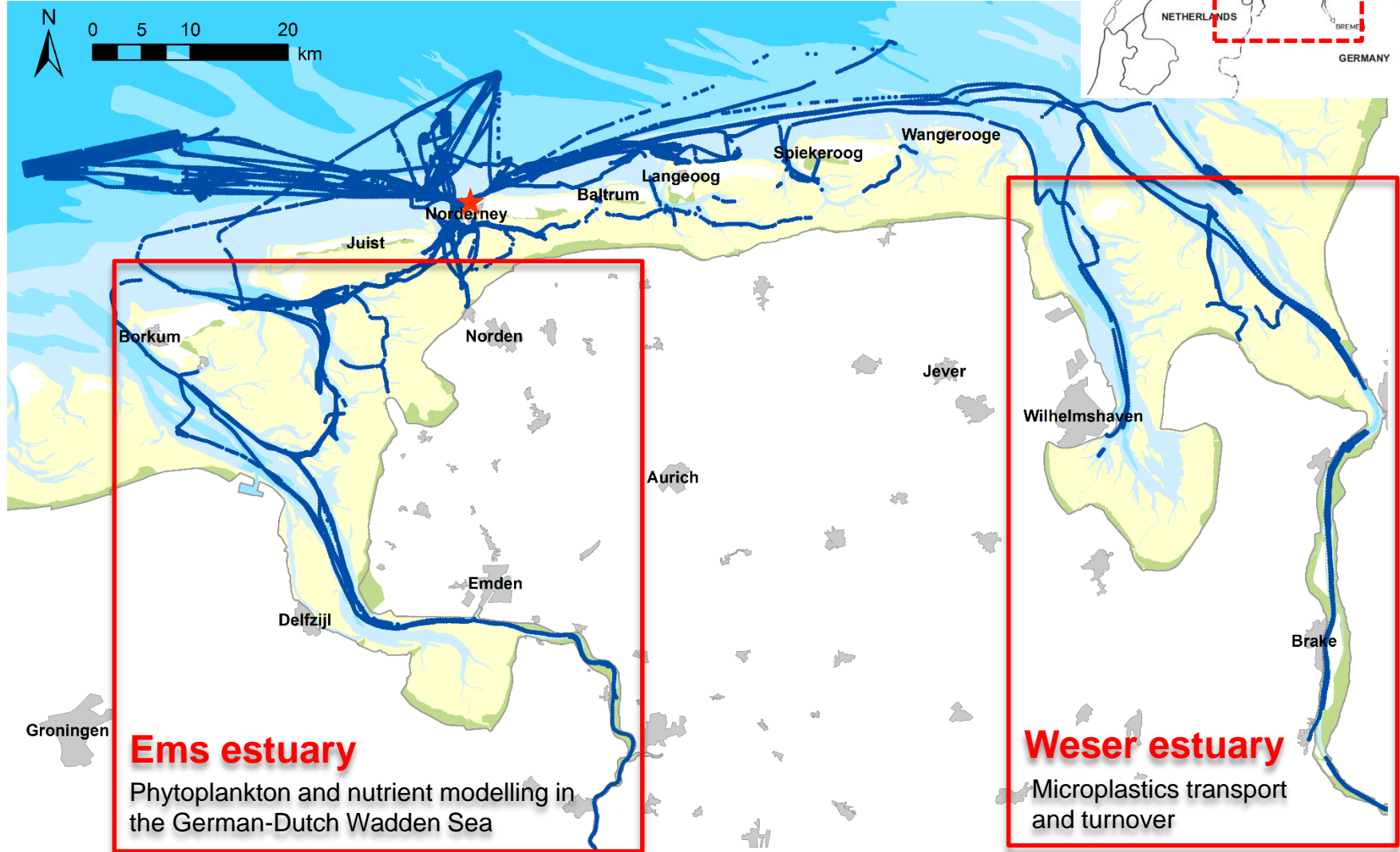
# Burchana FerryBox



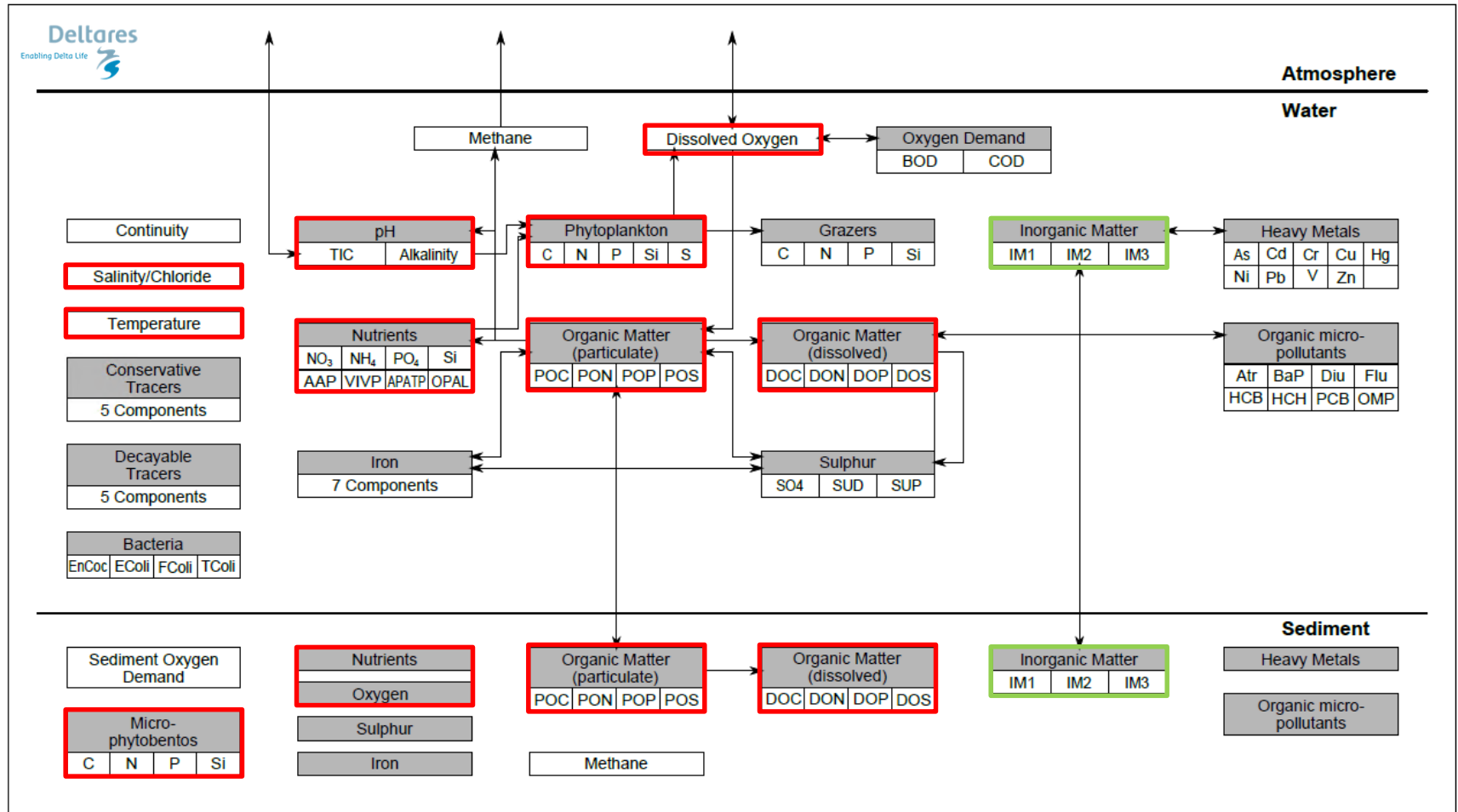
T, S, pH, DO, Turb., Chl-a



# FerryBox data coverage 2017 and 2018



# Numerical modelling approach



## Bilateral Interreg project

- Harmonisation of the phytoplankton assessment in the German-Dutch Wadden Sea

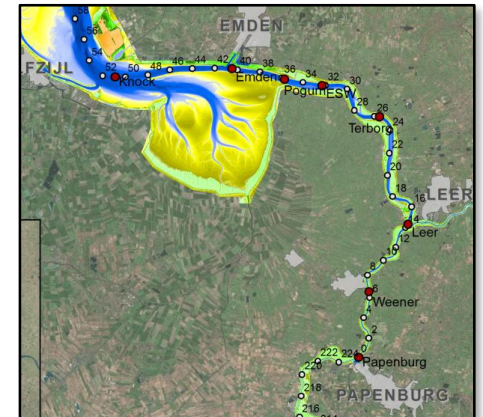


- Promote a common understanding of the extent of eutrophication by means of a joint modelling approach
- Realistic representation of ecosystem dynamics by large scale → fine scale model

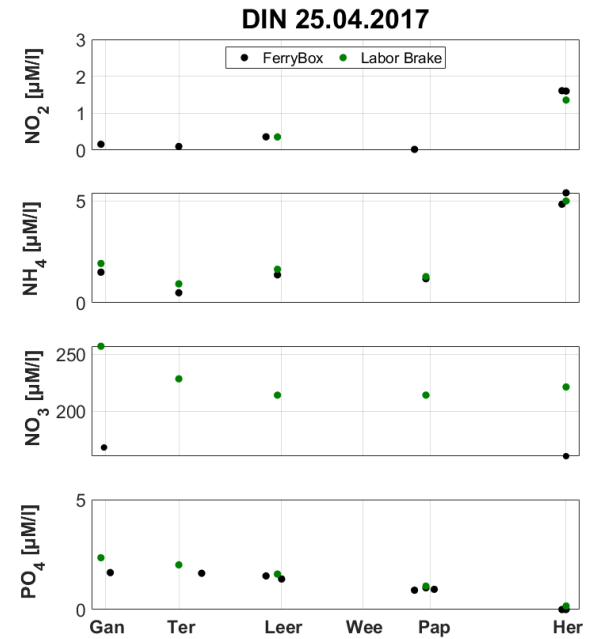
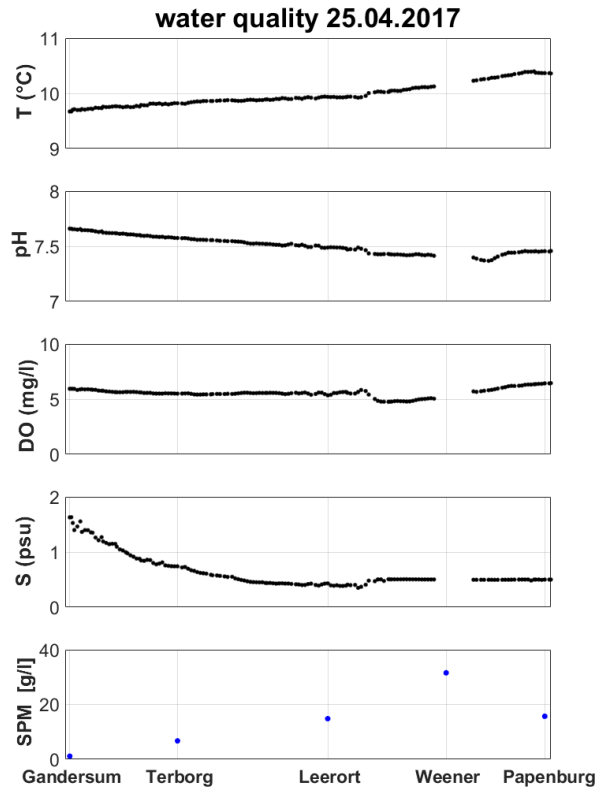
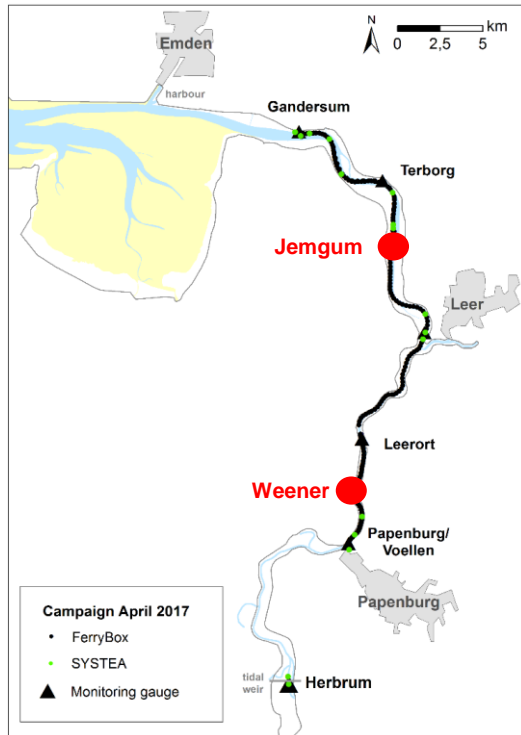
## Hyperturbid Ems estuary



Instrument	Task
FerryBox, CTD	Water quality
ADCP, density sensor	Fluid mud dynamics
Multibeam echosounder, subbottom profiler	Morphodynamics and habitat mapping

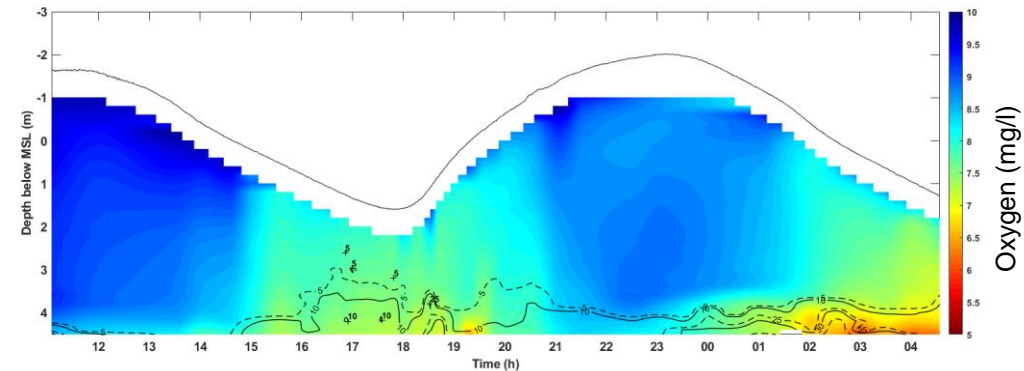
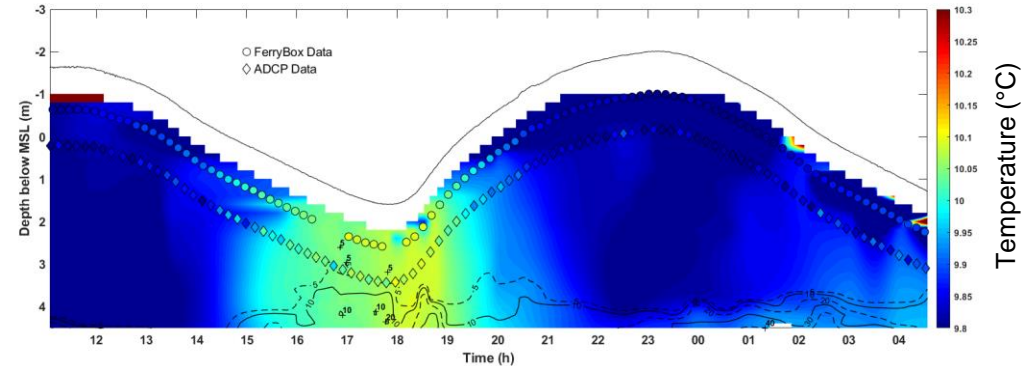
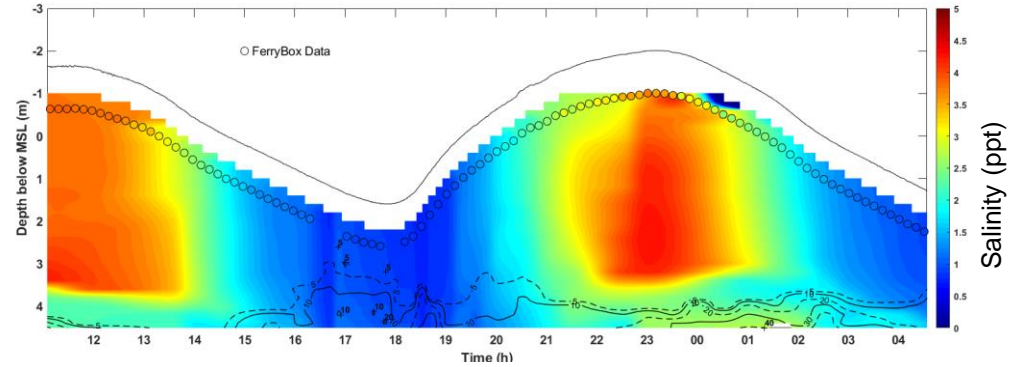
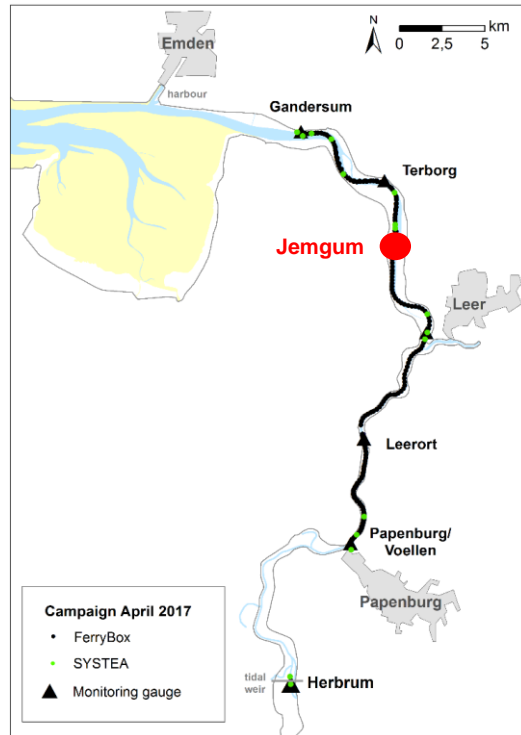


# Campaign 04/2017 – longitudinal profile



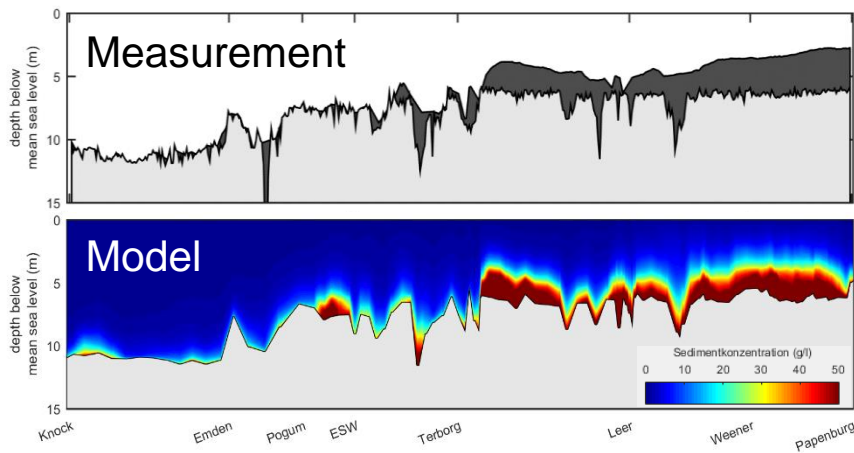
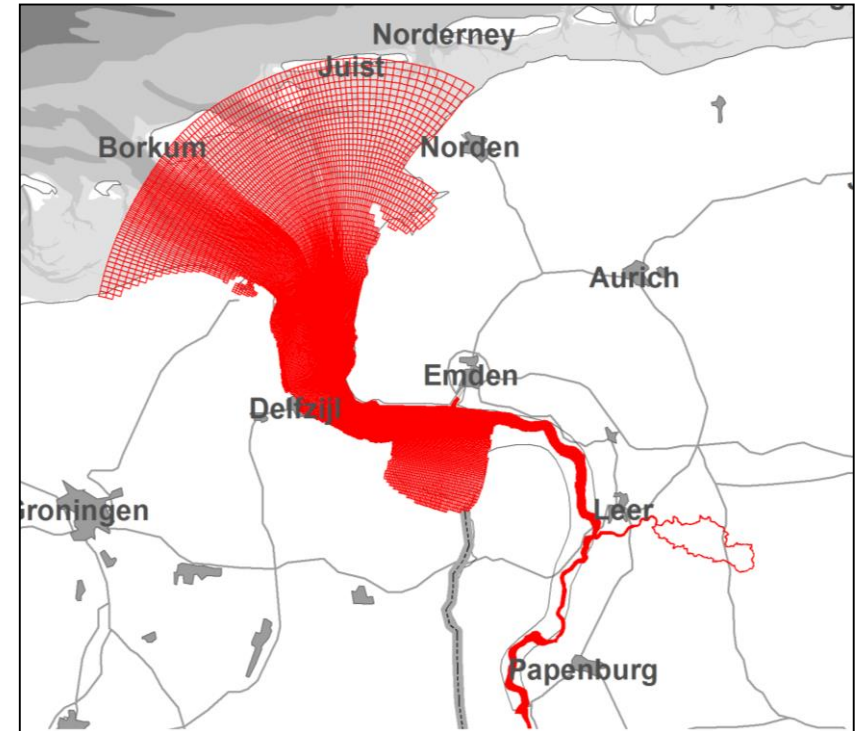


# Campaign 04/2017 – stationary measurements



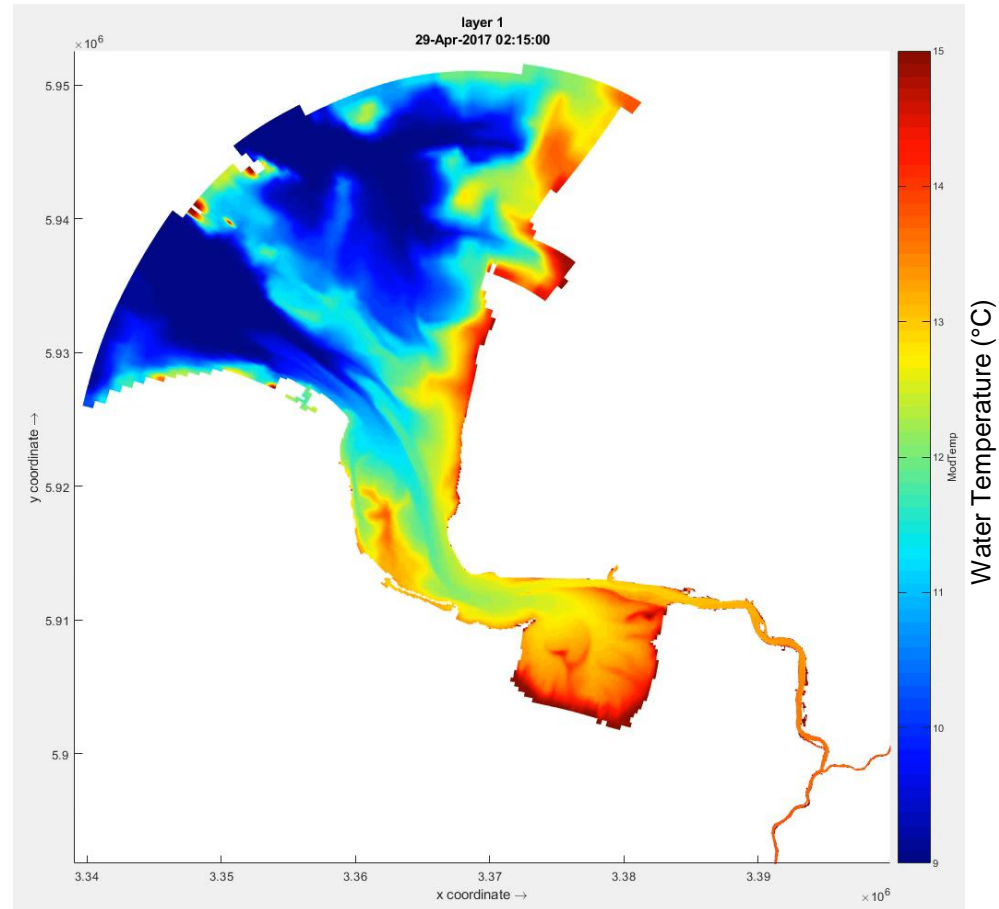
## Ems-Dollart Model

- Fine scale model for hydro- and morphodynamics incl. fluid mud interaction
  - 21 layers, 6 s timestep
  - 10 - 100s m resolution
- Calibrated and validated against field data



## Water quality model

- Reproduce nutrient concentrations and primary production in Lower and Outer Ems
- Exchange with sediment in order to assess  $\text{PO}_4$ -remobilisation
- Apply FerryBox and monitoring data in order to calibrate and validate the model
- Add substances & processes



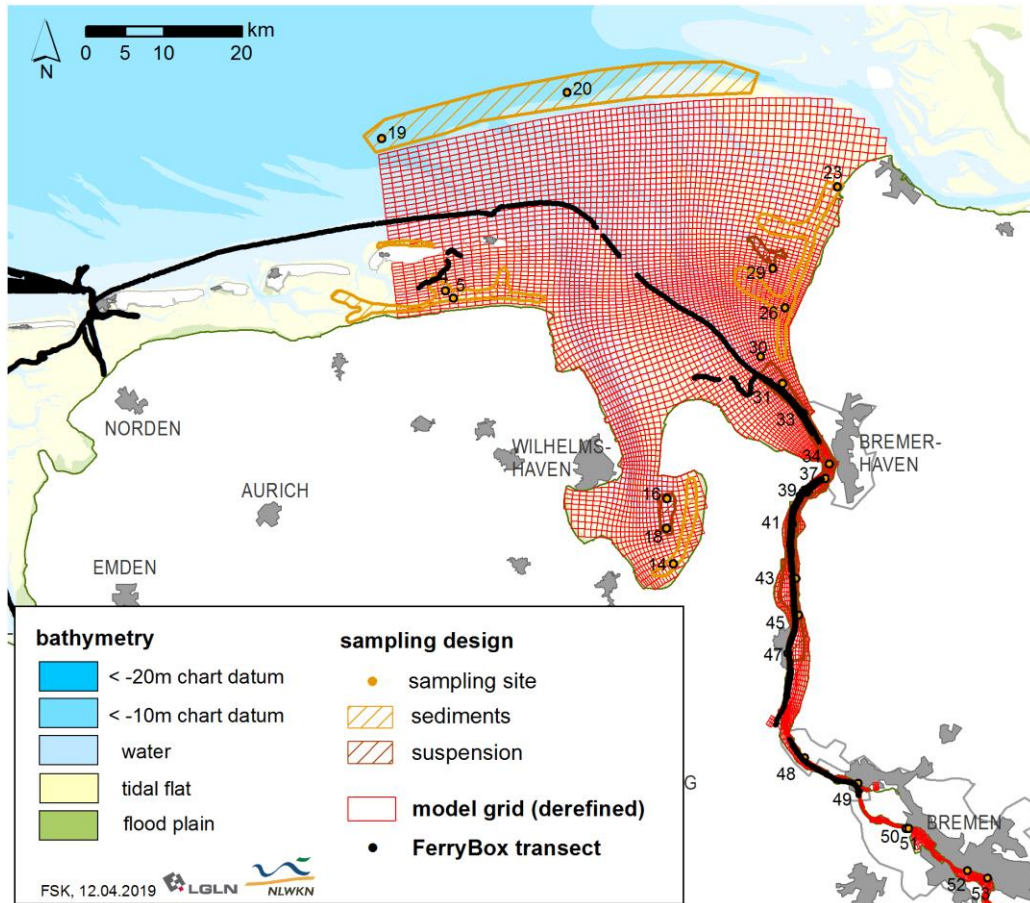
## PLAWES

- Micro**PL**astics contamination in the **WES**er estuary



- Quantify MP in the environment by laboratory analyses of water, sediment and biota
- Model simulation of MP transport and accumulation from point and diffuse sources in Weser estuary and Wadden Sea

# PLAWES



Shiravani et al., 2018 (edited)

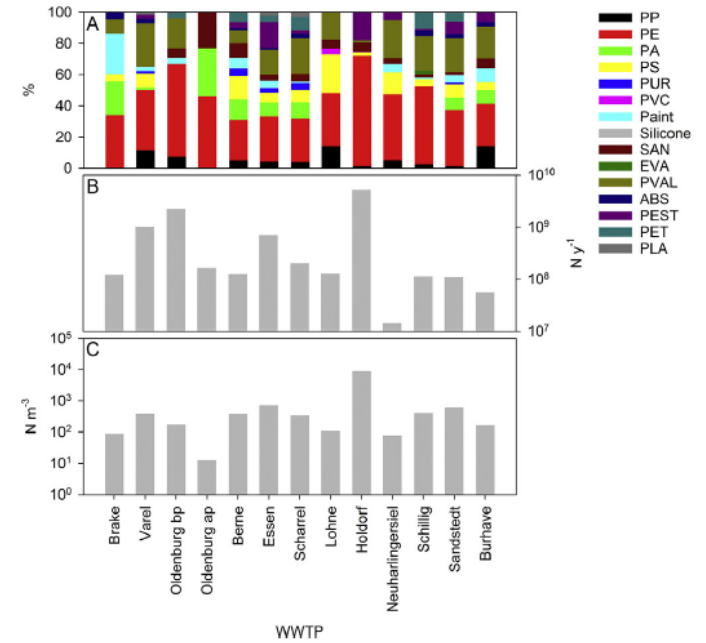
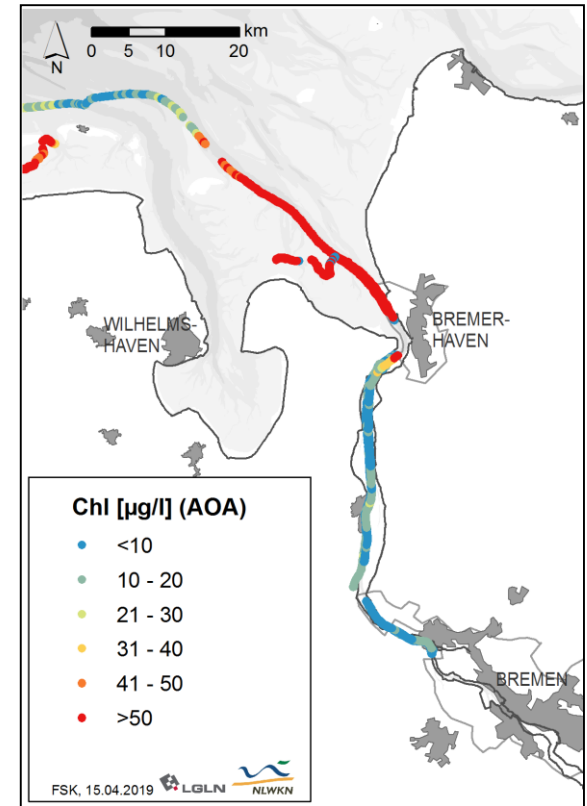
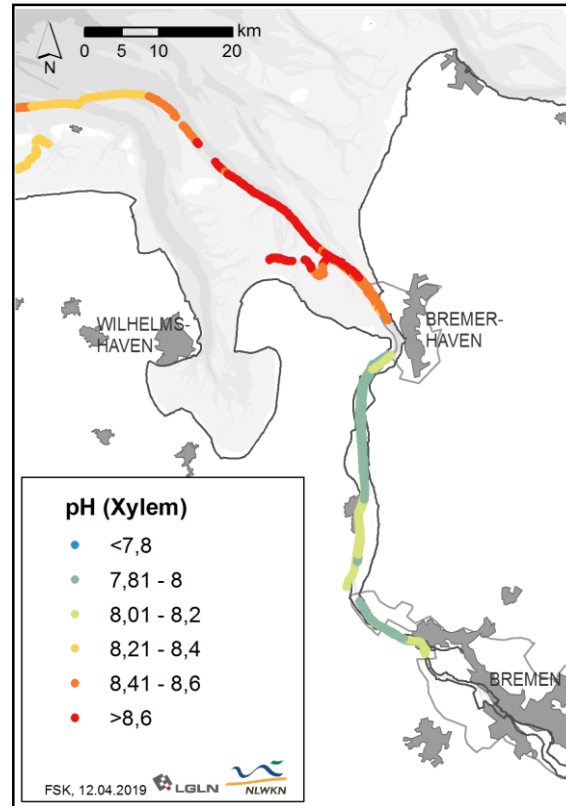
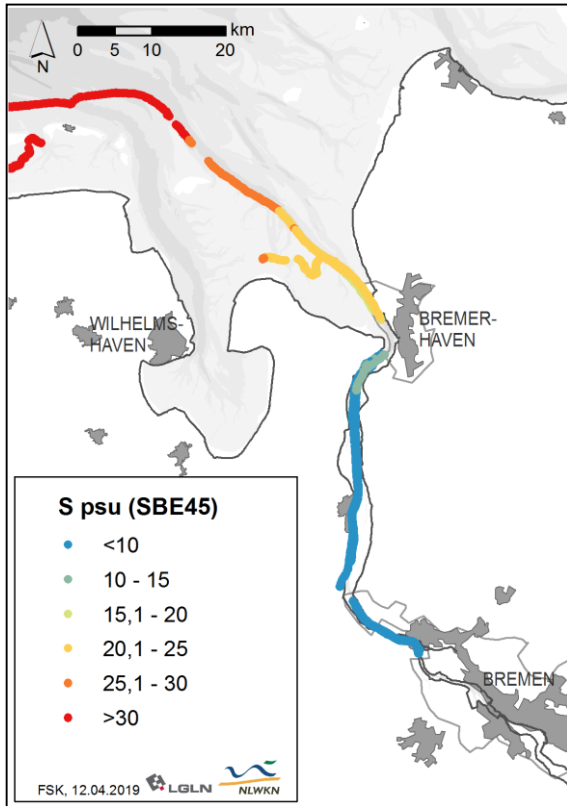


Fig. 2. Microplastics (MP) <500  $\mu\text{m}$  in treated waste water (TWW) of 12 waste water treatment plants (WWTP) in Lower Saxony (Germany). At the WWTP Oldenburg a sample was taken before (bp) and after (ap) post-filtration. A: Percentage composition of synthetic polymers; B: Annual load of MP in the effluent (based on yearly effluent); C: MP numbers per cubic meter.

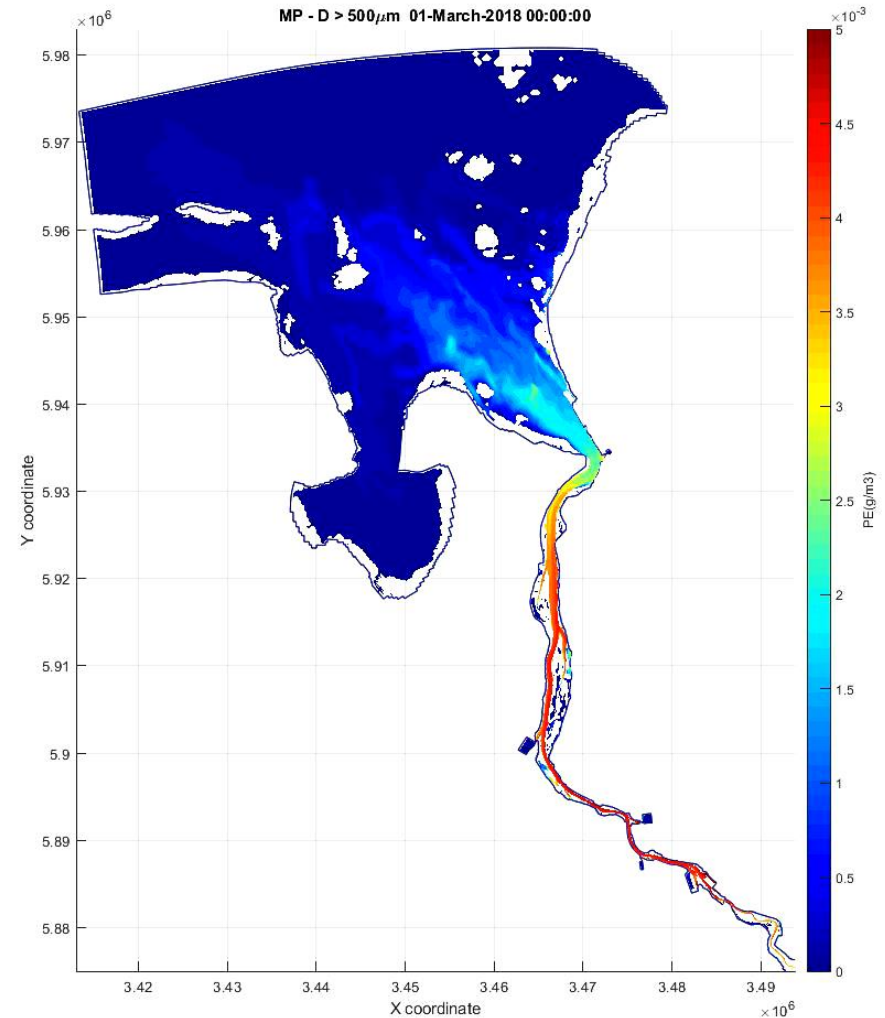
Mintenig et al., 2017

# FerryBox data may 2018



## Polyethylen (D>500 µm)

- 3 MP fractions for common particles PE, PP, PS are represented
- Large fraction >500 µm
- Validation by laboratory data



## Summary and future perspective

- **Weser:**
  - MP transport and behaviour
  - Validate model with FerryBox and laboratory data
- **Ems:**
  - Model for hydro-/ morphodynamics, representation of fluid mud
  - Improve water quality model in order to reproduce nutrient- and chlorophyll patterns



## Literature


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