

# Ferrybox systems in Operational Phytoplankton Monitoring Project Alg@line

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# Alg@line Highlights



1991: the first recordings on-route Helsinki-Tallinn with Georg Ots  
1992: the system installed on-board Finnjet  
1993: the "official" launch of Alg@line  
1997: Finnish-Estonian operative monitoring system of the state of the Gulf of Finland

- Finnish Institute of Marine Research
- Estonian Marine Institute
- Uusimaa Regional Environment Centre
- City of Helsinki Environment Centre

2003-2005 : Ferrybox EU project  
2005- 2008: ESA/MarCoast baseline service  
2008: Cooperation with SMHI for Oulu-Göteborg route



# Near real time observations on commercial ferries

Time, location, from GPS

Salinity

Temperature

Chlorophyll

Phycocyanin

Turbidity

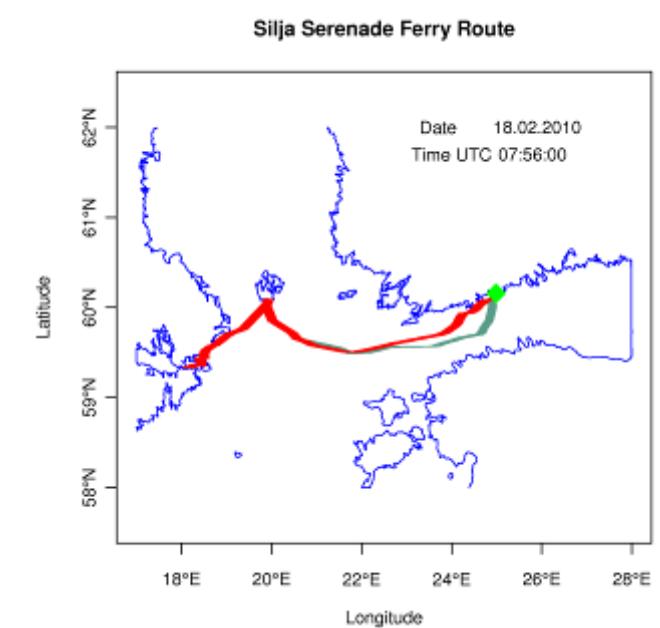
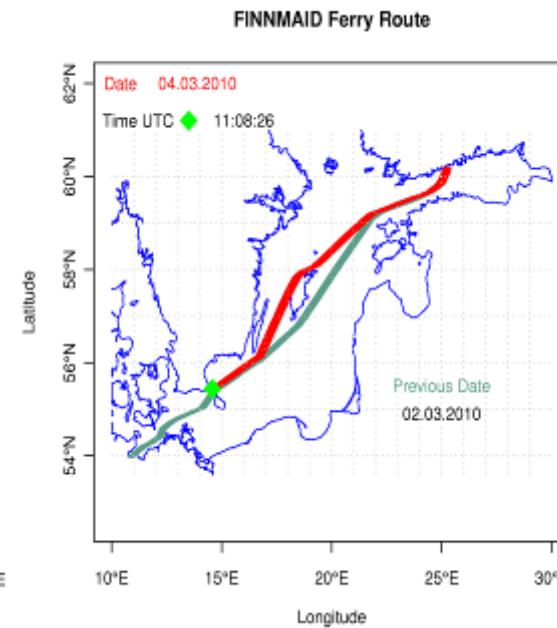
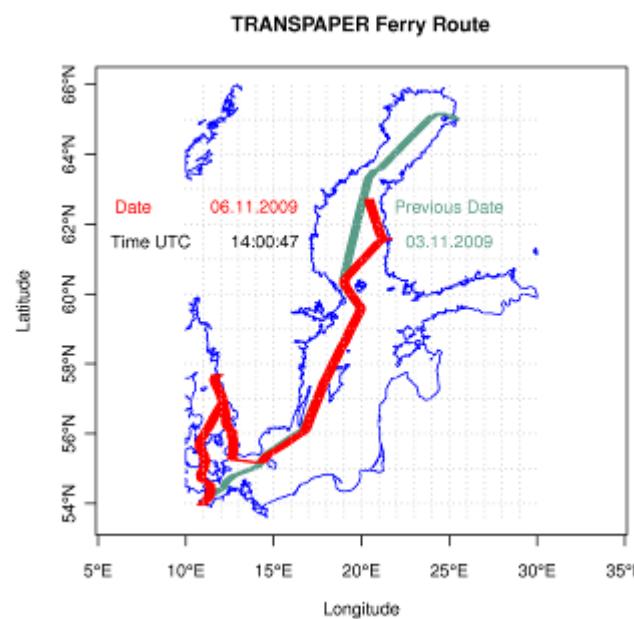
Water samples

Traspaper in cooperation with SMHI

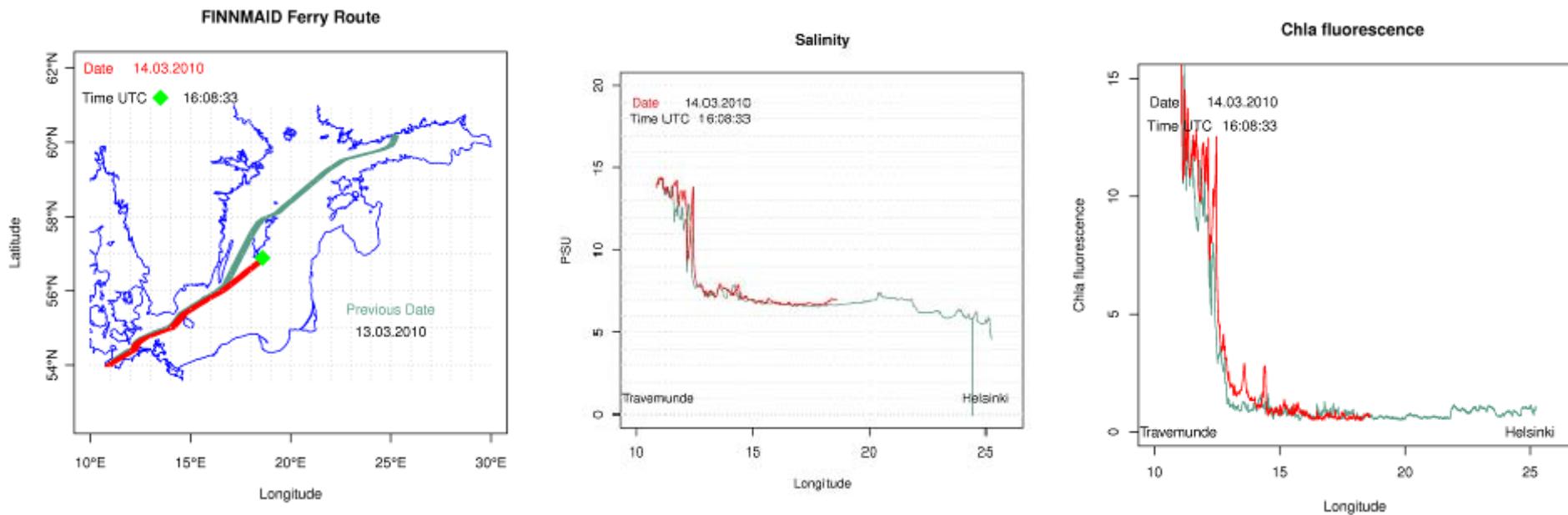
Finnmaid in coopertion with IOW

Silja Serenade in cooperation with Uusimaan

ELY center and Helsinki Environment Center



# Recent records from FINNMAID



## Detectors and the water sampler



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Fluorometr

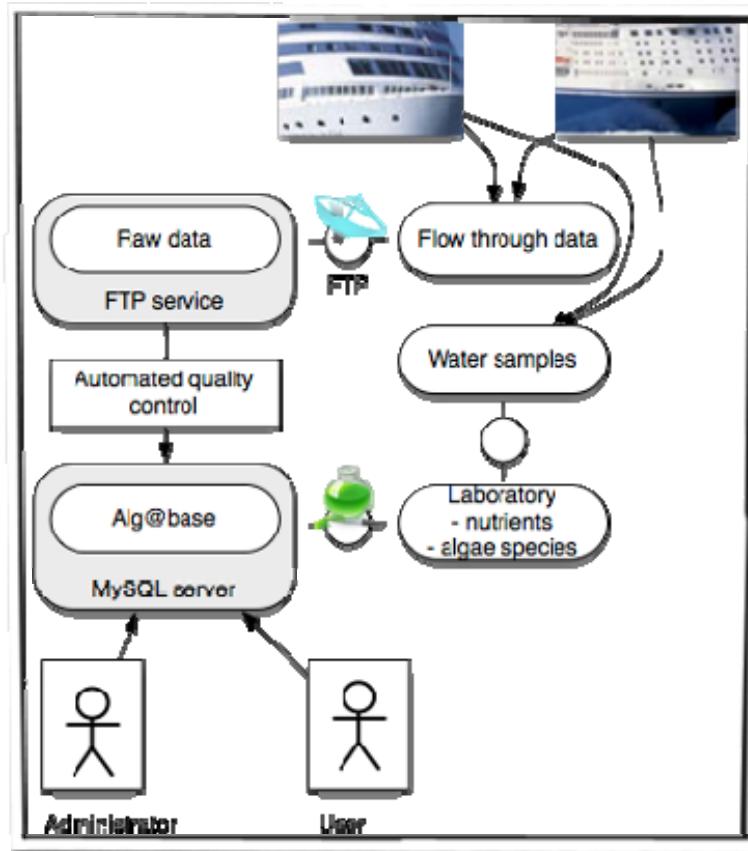
Thermo-  
salinograph

Automatic  
Washing

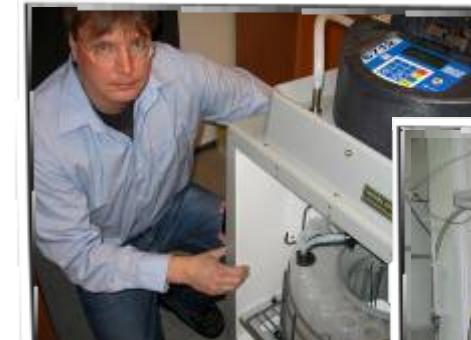


Water Sampler

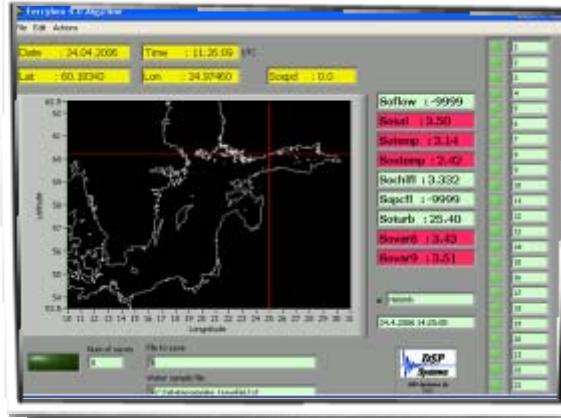
# Management



Alg@line dataflow



Automatic watersampler



Ferrybox-software

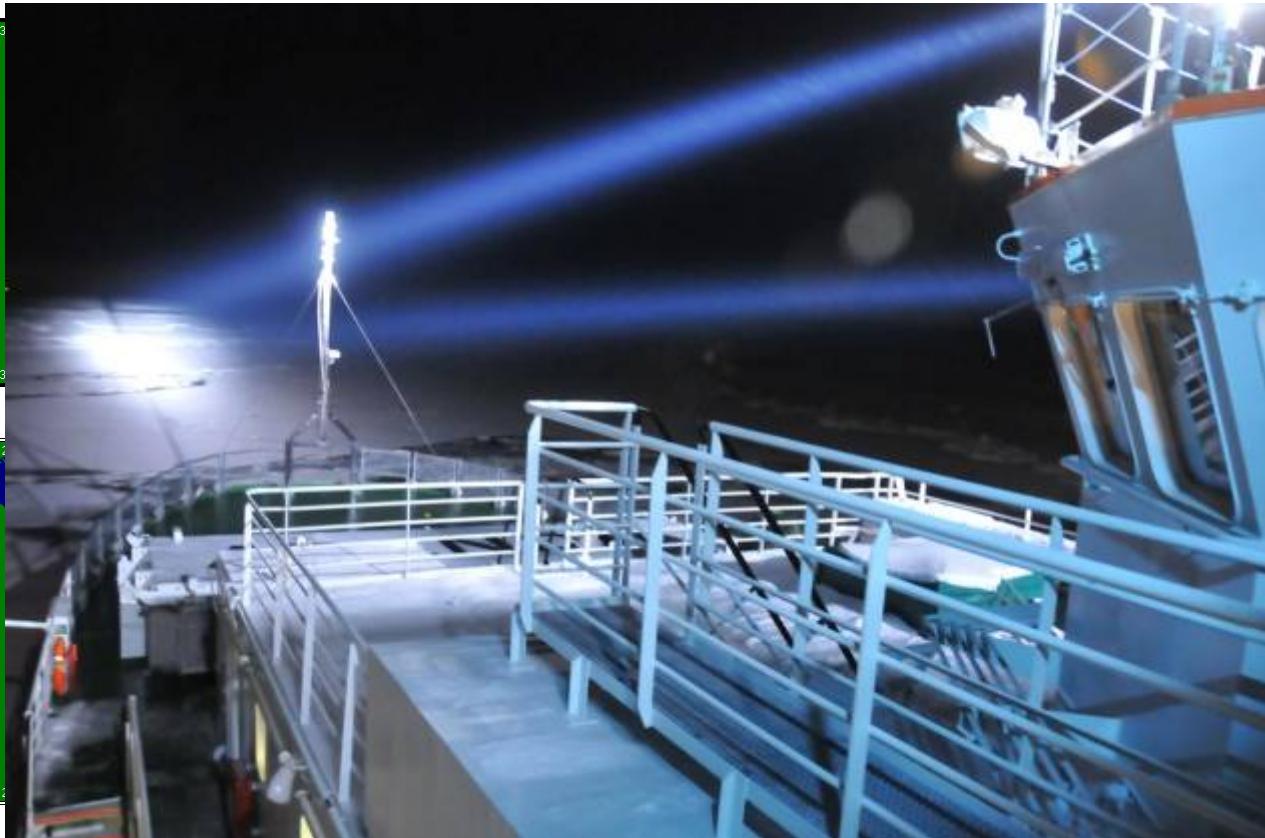
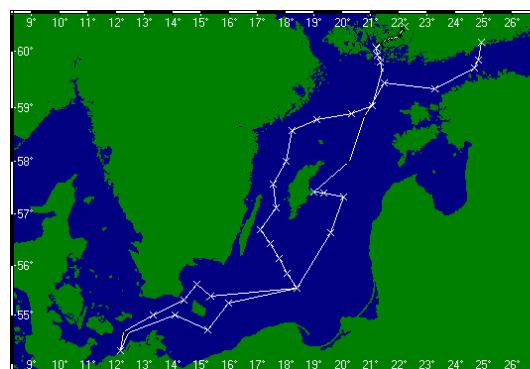
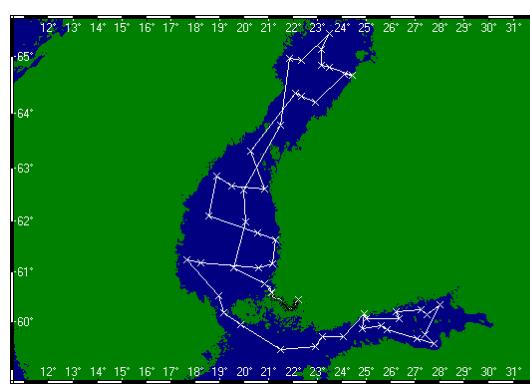


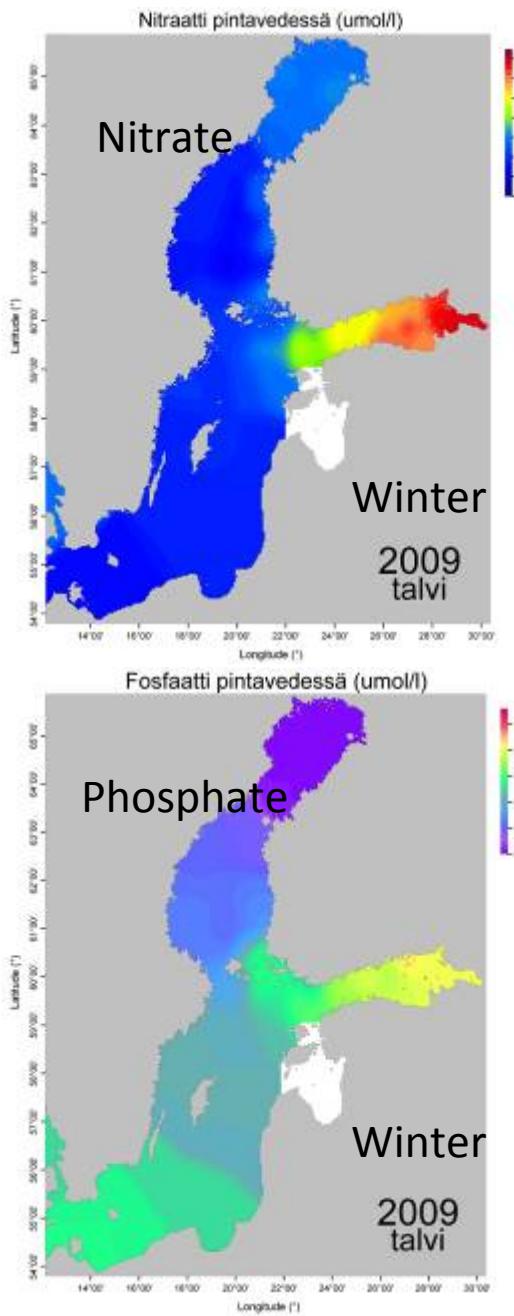
Flow-through equipment

Ferrybox-software controls operations of automatic flow-through and watersampling equipment onboard

# Winter 2009-2010: What is up now; need for monitoring

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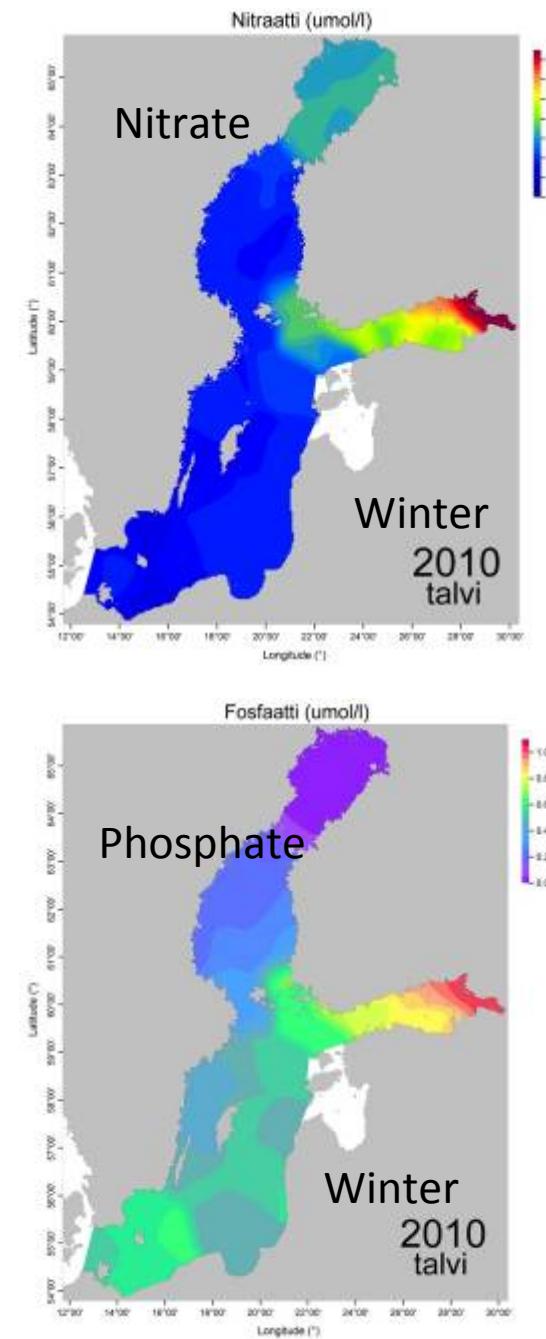




## Nutrients in the surface waters

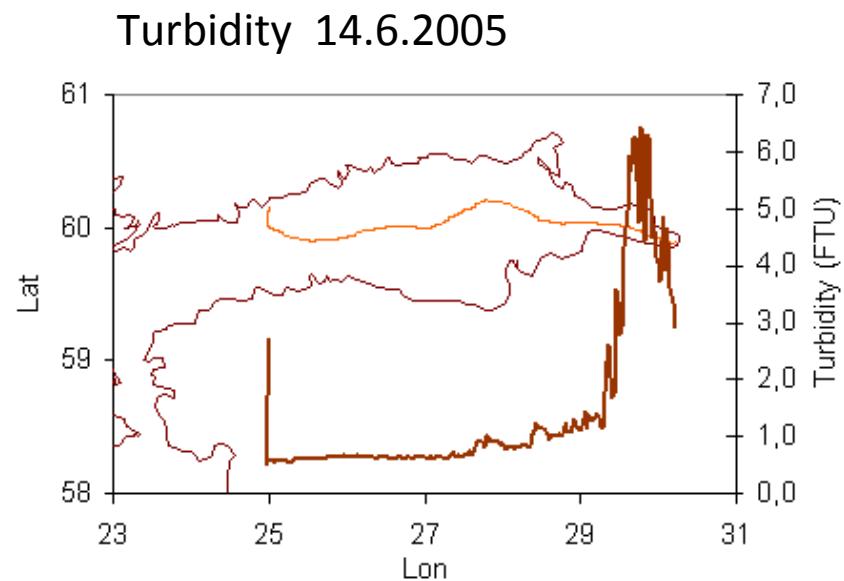
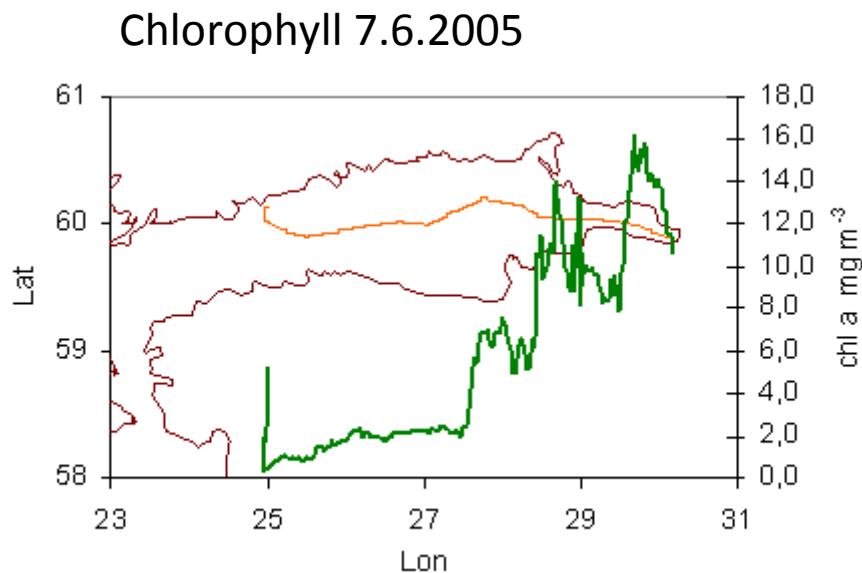
Less Nitrate in the Bothnian Bay and in the Archipelago Sea than in the previous winter

More Phosphate in the eastern Gulf of Finland than in the previous winter



# Silja Opera 2005

## Helsinki-St. Petersburg, not active currently

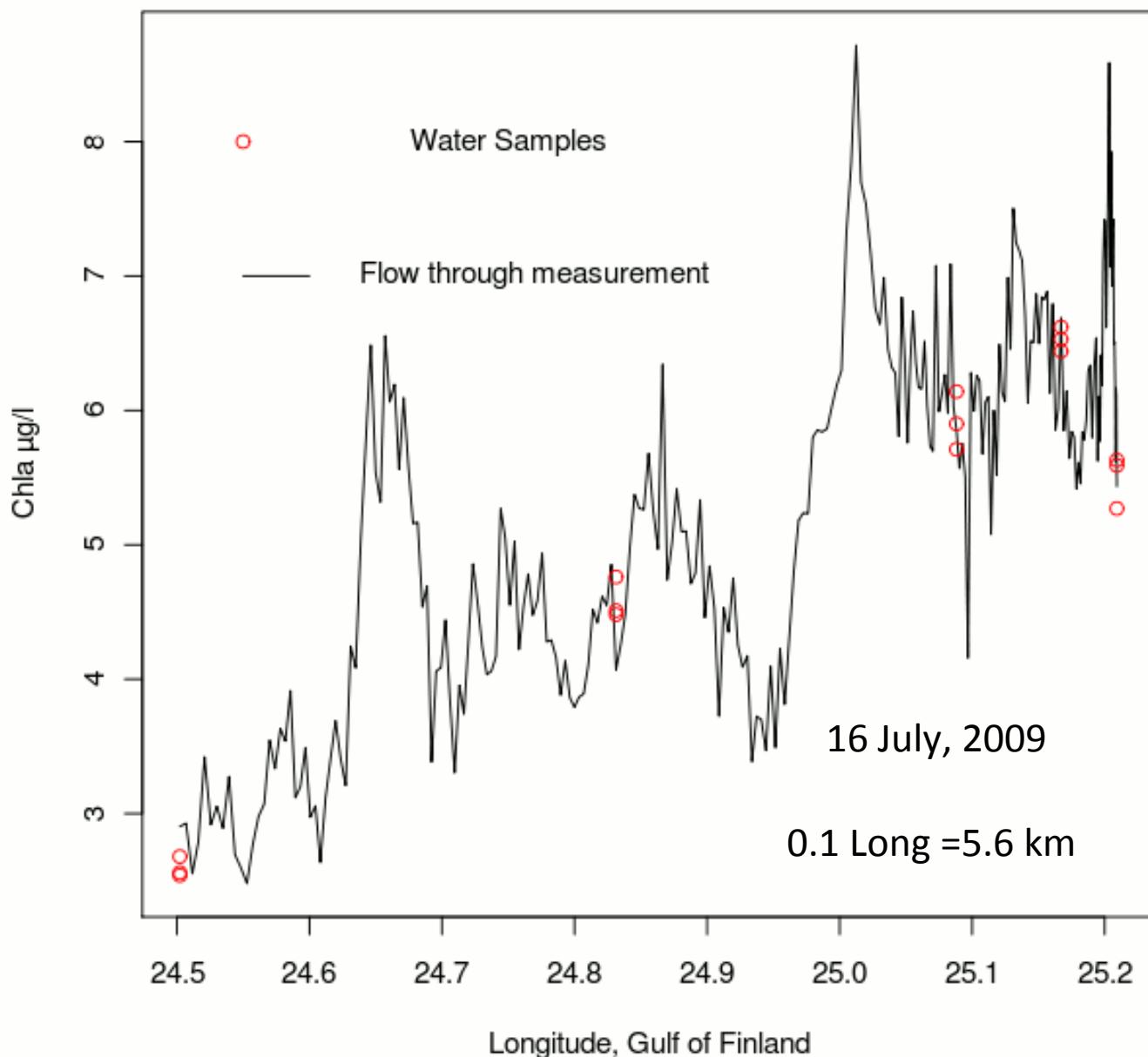


# Contribution to WISER

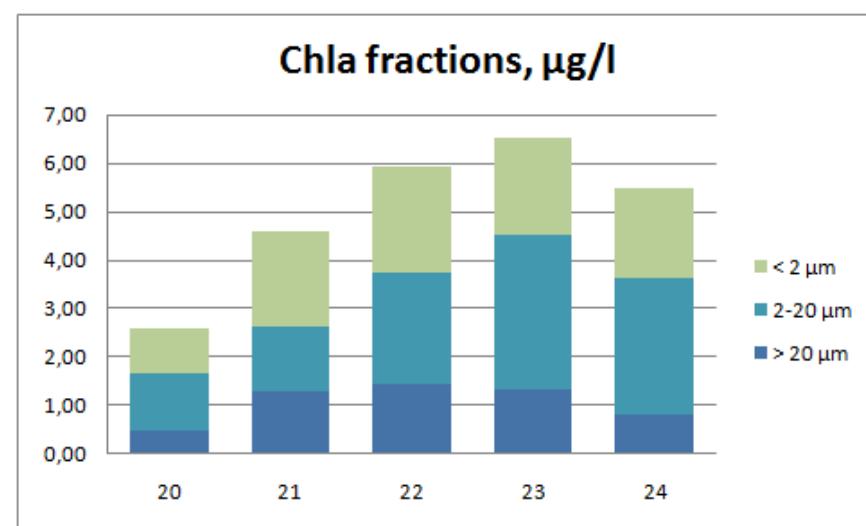
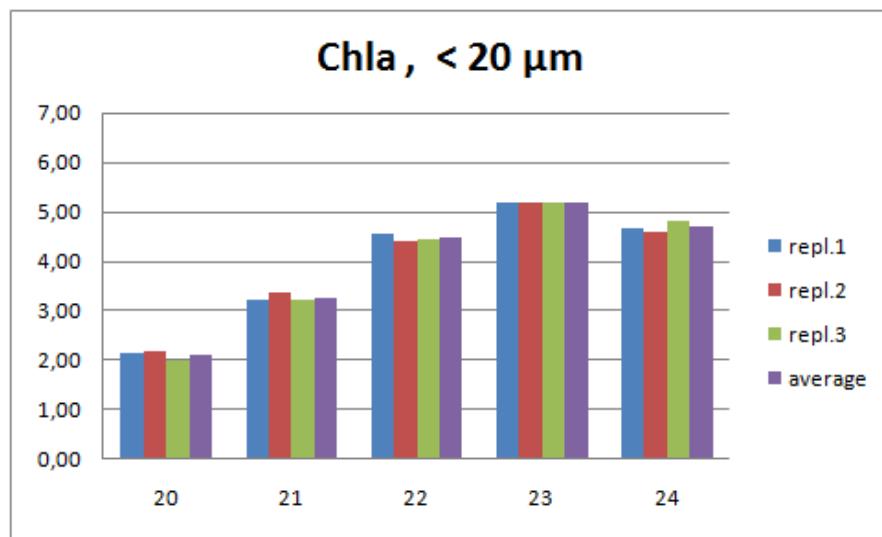
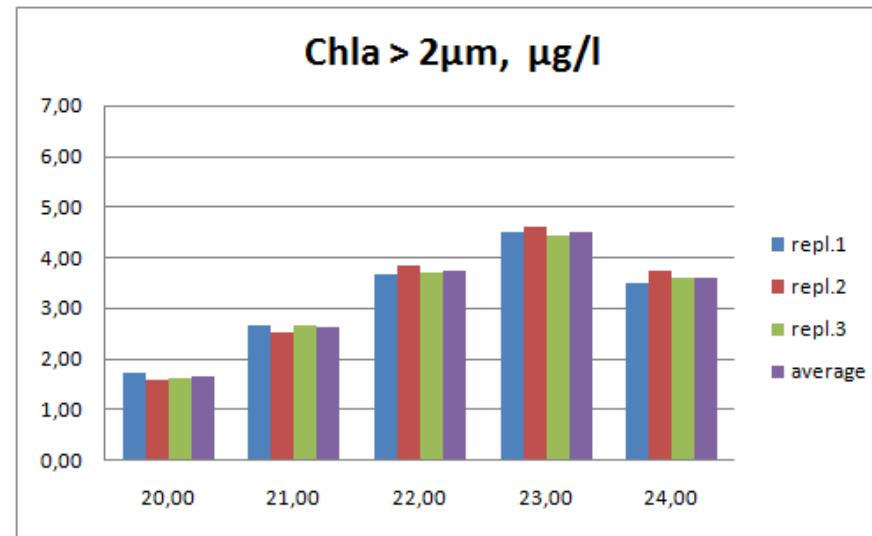
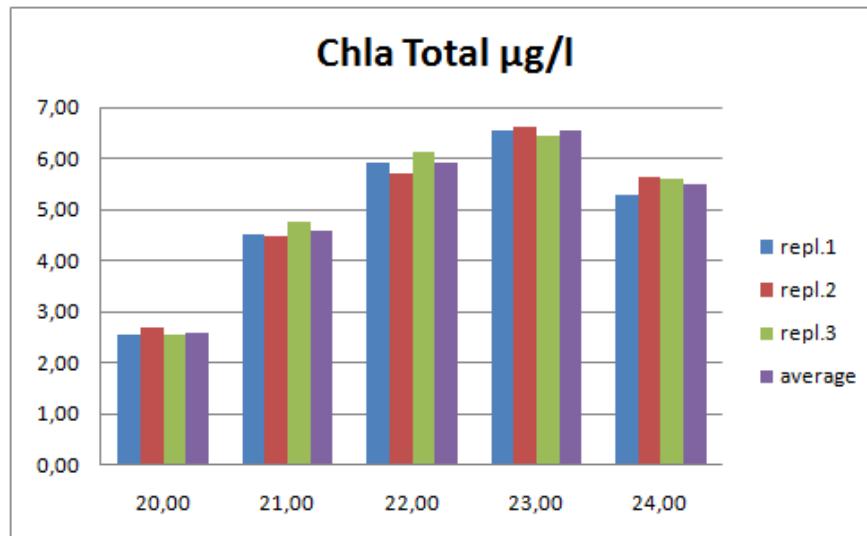
## Ferrybox sampling and recording

- 5 water sampling stations in the Gulf of Finland on the 16th July, 2009
- From 1liter water sample 3 parallel chlorophyll-a analysis, fractions  $< 2\mu\text{m}$ ,  $2-20 \mu\text{m}$  and total
- Flow through chlorophyll-a and phycocyanin fluorescence measurements with 250 m spatial resolution

## Spatial variation of Chlorophyll-a along Longitude

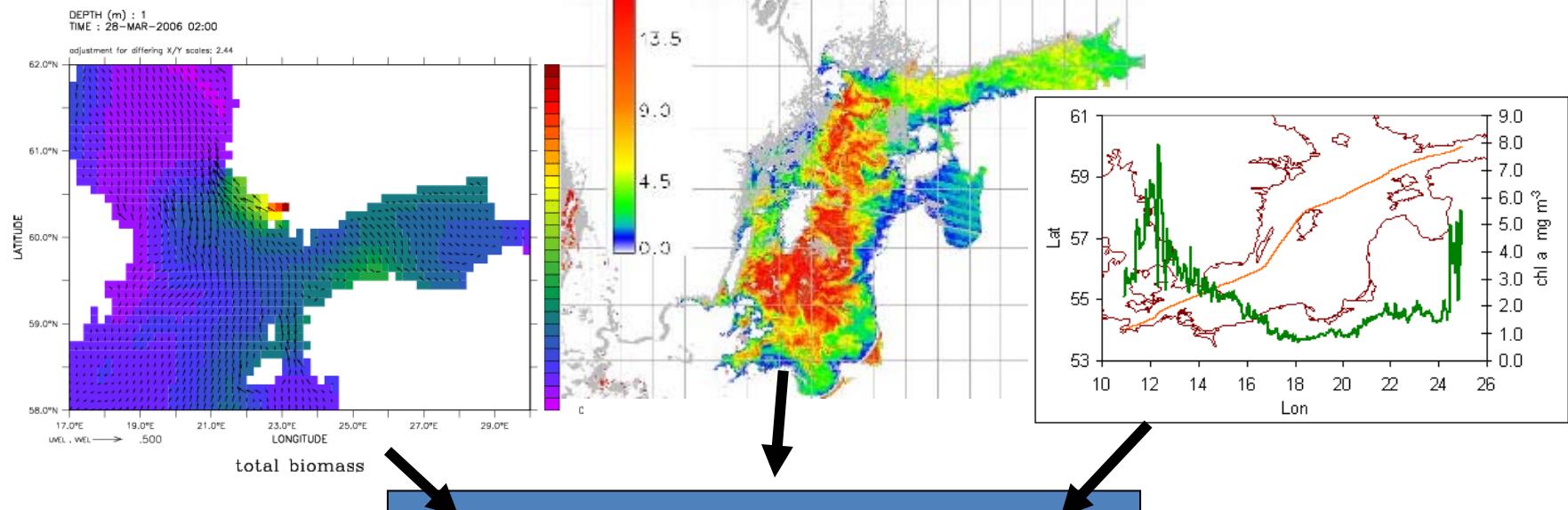


# Chlorophyll fractions at 5 ferrybox stations



# Participation in ESA MARCOAST 2, with FMI EXTENSION OF BALTIC WQ AND AB SERVICE

## ECOSYSTEM MODEL



NEW COMBINED  
WQ PRODUCT

- optimal use of satellite images
- Continuous data coverage
- WQ and AB forecasts
- Input to assessments

Thank You