

Velkomstsslide før seminaret starter kl. 09:00

Program

Programmet oppdateres løpende. Endringer kan forekomme.

09:00 Velkommen v/Kjersti Løvseth Ruud, NGU Fysisk ikke powerpoint

09:05 Mareano og mikroplast v/Terje Torsnes, NGU Fysisk Powerpoint

09:15 (Micro)plastic pollution and efforts to combat it in the arctic v/Thomas Maes and Helene Svendsen Digitalt

PRØVETAKING

09:40 Sedimentprøvetaking i Mareano kjemiprogram v/Stepan Boitsov, Havforskningsinstituttet Fysisk

ANALYSEMETODER

10:05 Havforskningsinstiuttets mikroplastlaboratorium og analyse av sedimenter med mikroplast v/Fred-Olav Libnau og André Bienfait, Havforskningsinstituttet Fysisk

10:30 * * Pause * *

10:45 Pyrolyse GC/MS analyseteknikk og analytiske utfordringer v/Dorte Herzke, NILU Digitalt

11:10 TBA v/ Stefania Piarulli, Sintef Ocean AS Digitalt

11:35 Size matters: the significance of the size fraction for a realistic assessment of the MP particles occurrence in marine sediments v/Alessio Gomiero, NORCE Digitalt

12:00 * * Lunsj * * Lunsjen er kl. 12 – 13.

MIKROPLAST I MILJØET

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| 13:00 | Kystnær jord som kilde for mikroplast i det marine miljøet v/Jakob Bonnevie Cyvin, NTNU | Fysisk |
| 13:25 | Bildekkpartikler og annen mikroplast i norske sedimenter - erfaringer fra MIKRONOR v/Elisabeth Rødland, NIVA | Digitalt |
| 13:50 | Microplastic pollution in sediments around Svalbard: from sea-ice-covered areas on the continental shelf to deep-slope gullies v/France Collard, NIVA | Digitalt |
| 14:15 | Resultater fra Mareano mikroplast kartleggingen i norske havområder v/Henning K.B. Jensen, NGU | Fysisk |
| 14:40 | Hva har dagens mikroplastseminar lært oss? v/Terje Thorsnes, NGU | Fysisk |



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MAREANO seminar -
Mikroplast i marine sedimenter

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Undersøkelse



(Micro)plastic pollution and efforts
to combat it in the Arctic

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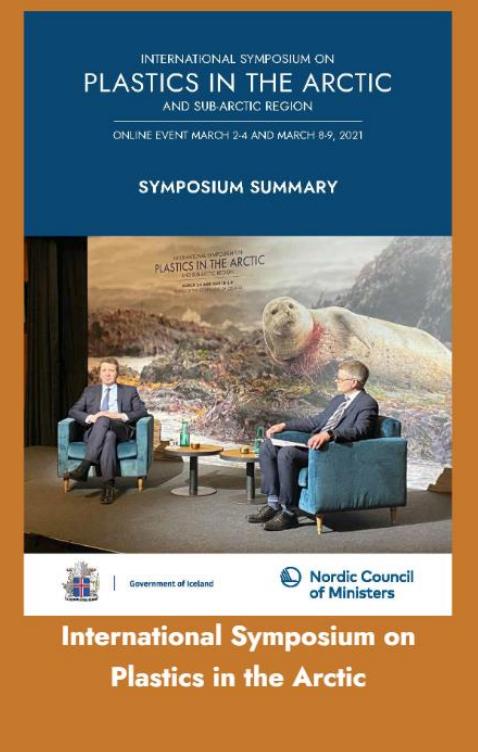
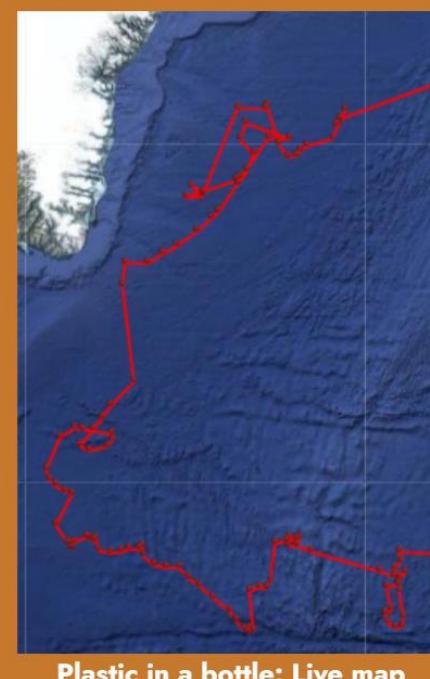
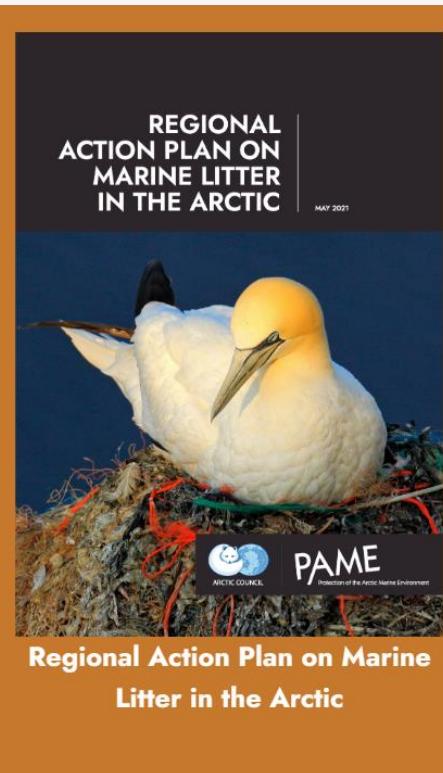
Introduction



What can we
do about plastic
in the Arctic?

The Arctic Council

- PAME
(Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment)
- AMAP
(Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme)



KEY FINDINGS

HARMONISATION, COLLABORATION AND CO-ORDINATION

- There is an abundance of data, but harmonising it through standardised collection and management is essential. Achieving a comprehensive understanding of the current situation and identifying effective pathways forward requires harmonised methods across different geographical contexts. This was a message that was repeated frequently during the symposium.
- Plastic litter is pervasive, but research into it is relatively recent, and the lack of long-term monitoring poses challenges.
- Plastic arrives in the Arctic through various pathways: by air, embedded in sea ice, and carried by ocean currents and rivers. This underscores the need for international collaboration on monitoring, research and policy implementation.
- Microplastics reach the Arctic predominantly from the European mainland and the North Atlantic, but local sources are a significant source as well, and this points to a need to focus on household-waste management and the fishing industry in Arctic communities.
- Plastic pollution is a global human-rights issue because it threatens traditional ways of life, food security and health. In addition, it disproportionately affects vulnerable communities.
- Indigenous communities and young people should not bear the sole responsibility for cleaning up plastic waste.
- Consumers should have a right to refuse certain plastics, and there should be limits on plastic production.
- Some 30% of beach litter in the North-east Atlantic can be traced back to the fishing industry, suggesting there is a need for best practices and policy solutions involving stakeholders across the fishing industry. The agriculture industry should also be engaged.
- Bridging the gap between scientists, decision-makers and young people is crucial for implementing effective policies.

Supporting work

- UArctic Thematic Network on Arctic Plastic Pollution
- The Barents Sea Leadership Training on Marine Litter, building on the United Nations Environment Programme's Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on marine litter

Rivers as a plastic pollution pathway to the Arctic Ocean

<https://www.grida.no/publications/1009>



Remote Arctic Communities

The Arctic: a vast and sparsely populated region with unique challenges. This slide provides an overview of remote Arctic communities, focusing on population density and specific projects like the Backhaul Alaska program.

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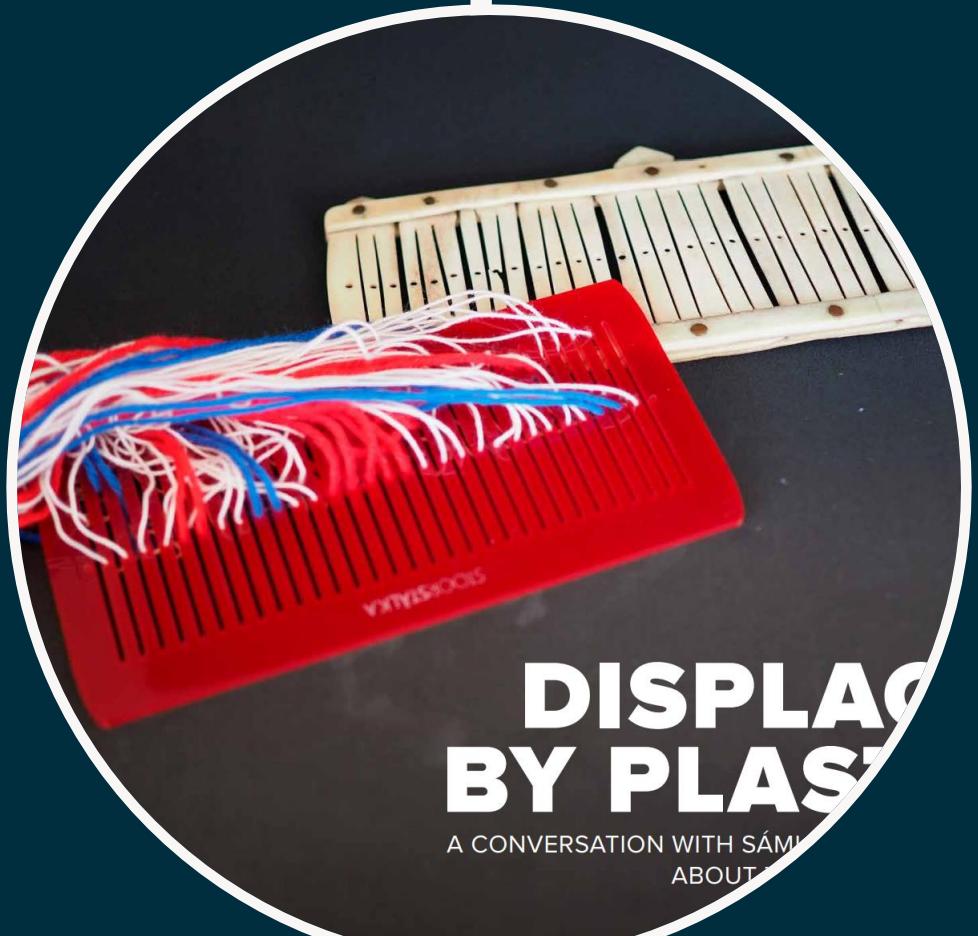
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Displaced by Plastics

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Environmental Knowledge for Change





Mareano seminar: Microplastics in marine sediments

(Micro)plastic pollution and efforts to combat it in the arctic

Dr Thomas Maes

Leaving a plastic legacy: Current and future scenarios for mismanaged plastic waste in rivers

Björn Nyberg, Peter T. Harris, Ian
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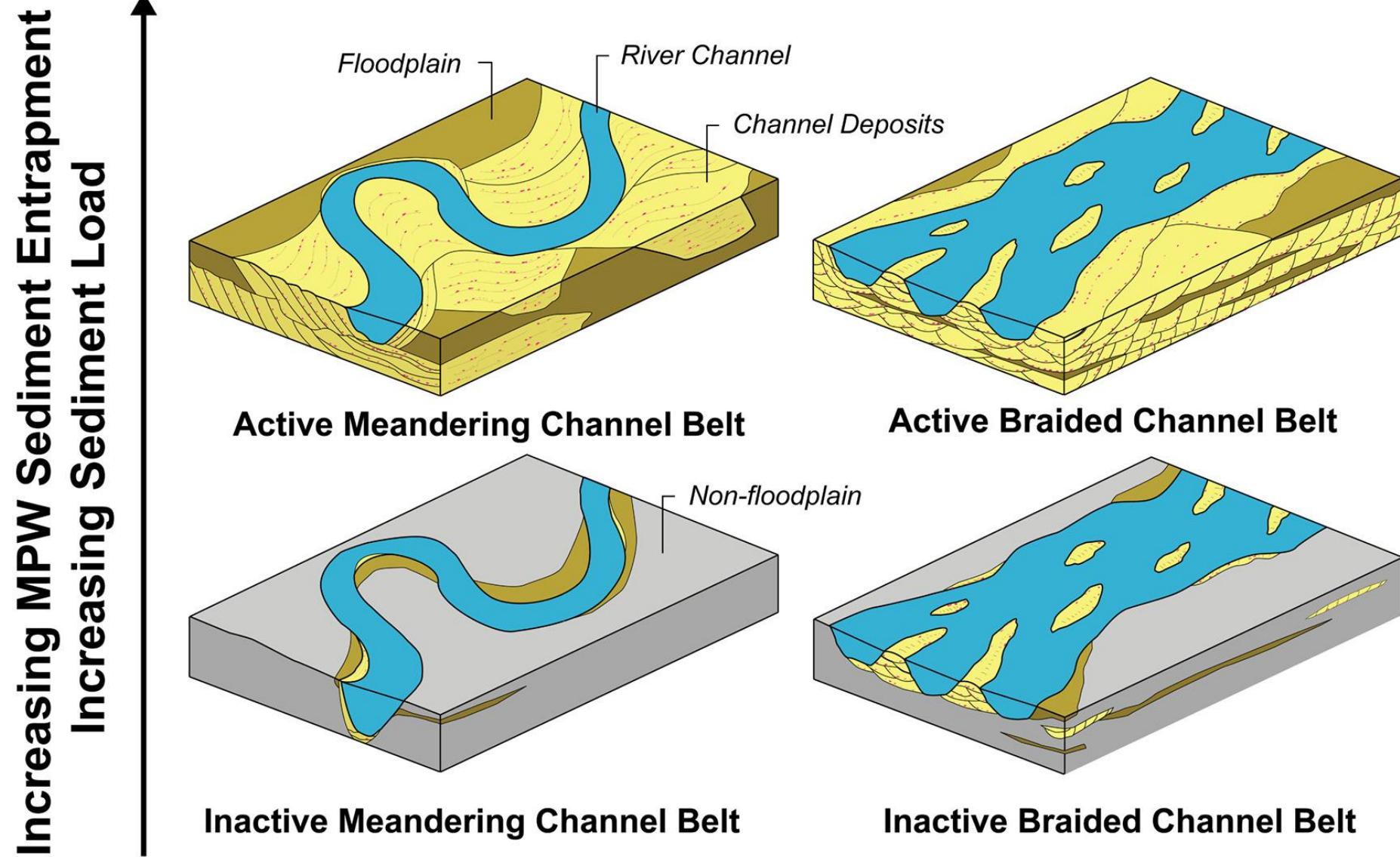
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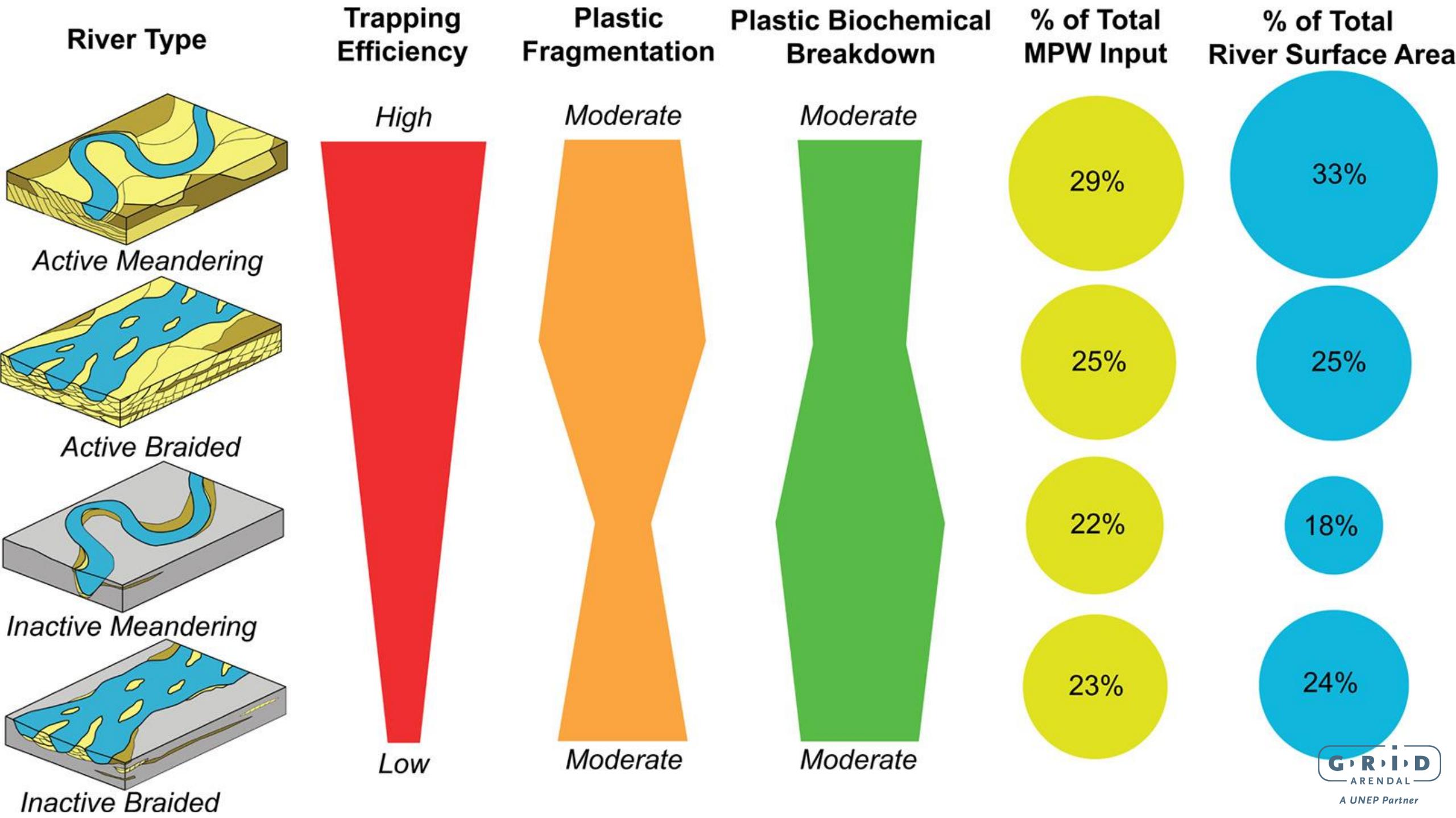
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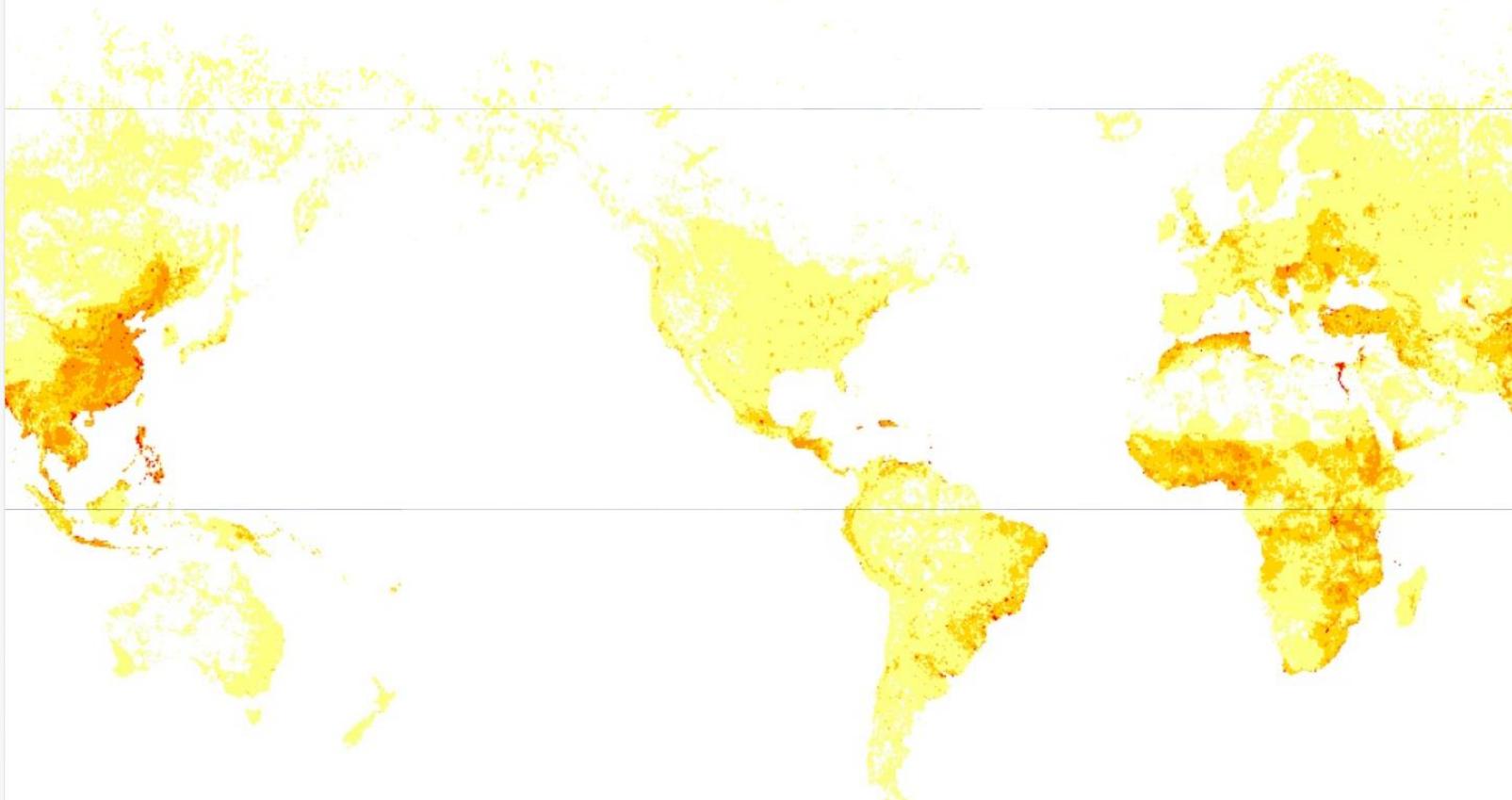
**Increasing MPW Bypass
Increasing Water Discharge
Decreasing Channel Stability**



Layers

Map

Satellite



Exposure of Mismanaged Plastic Waste in Rivers

Björn Nyberg, Peter Harris, Ian Kane, Thomas Maes

Background

This interactive map shows the exposure of global rivers to mismanaged plastic waste (MPW) in 2015 and its projected impact in 2060.

The different scenarios for 2060 are A: business as usual, B: improved plastic recycling, and C: improved plastic recycling and reduced plastic use projection.

Select a dataset below to view MPW distributions and for summary statistics. Use the layers panel to activate and/or deactivate layers.

MPW input in 2015

Click on the map to generate summary charts of MPW exposure for the different sedimentary environments by administrative region and country.

Plastic Impact

None 0 t/yr/km ²
Low < 0.1 t/yr/km ²
Medium < 1 t/yr/km ²
High < 10 t/yr/km ²
V. High > 10 t/yr/km ²

Environment

Meandering / Single-threaded River
Braided / Multi-threaded River
Lake / Wetland

System Migration

Non-migrating
Migrating

Free Flowing State

Free Flowing
Impacted Flow

Include lakes in summary statistics.

Data Download

The datasets are available for download as cloud optimized geotiff files or as a GEE asset using the links provided below.

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[Sample Code](#)

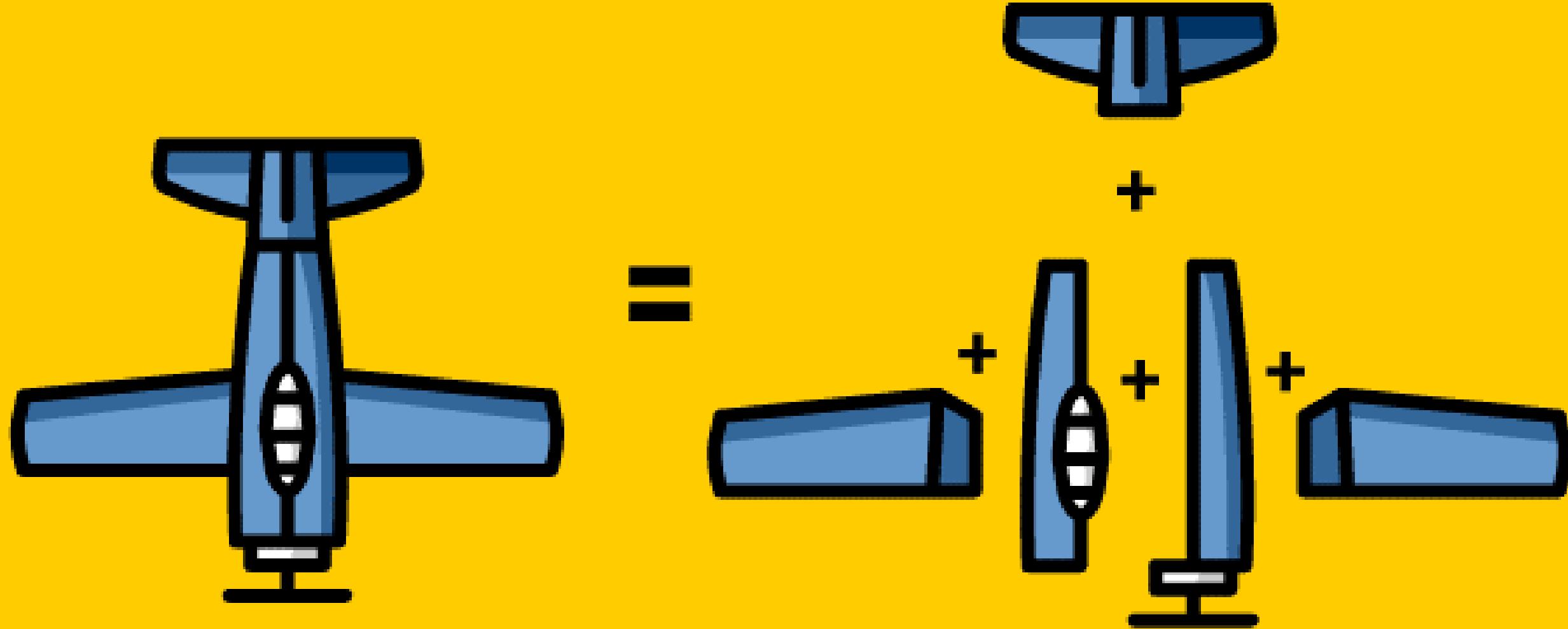


A marine plastic cloud - Global oceanic plastic pollution mass balance

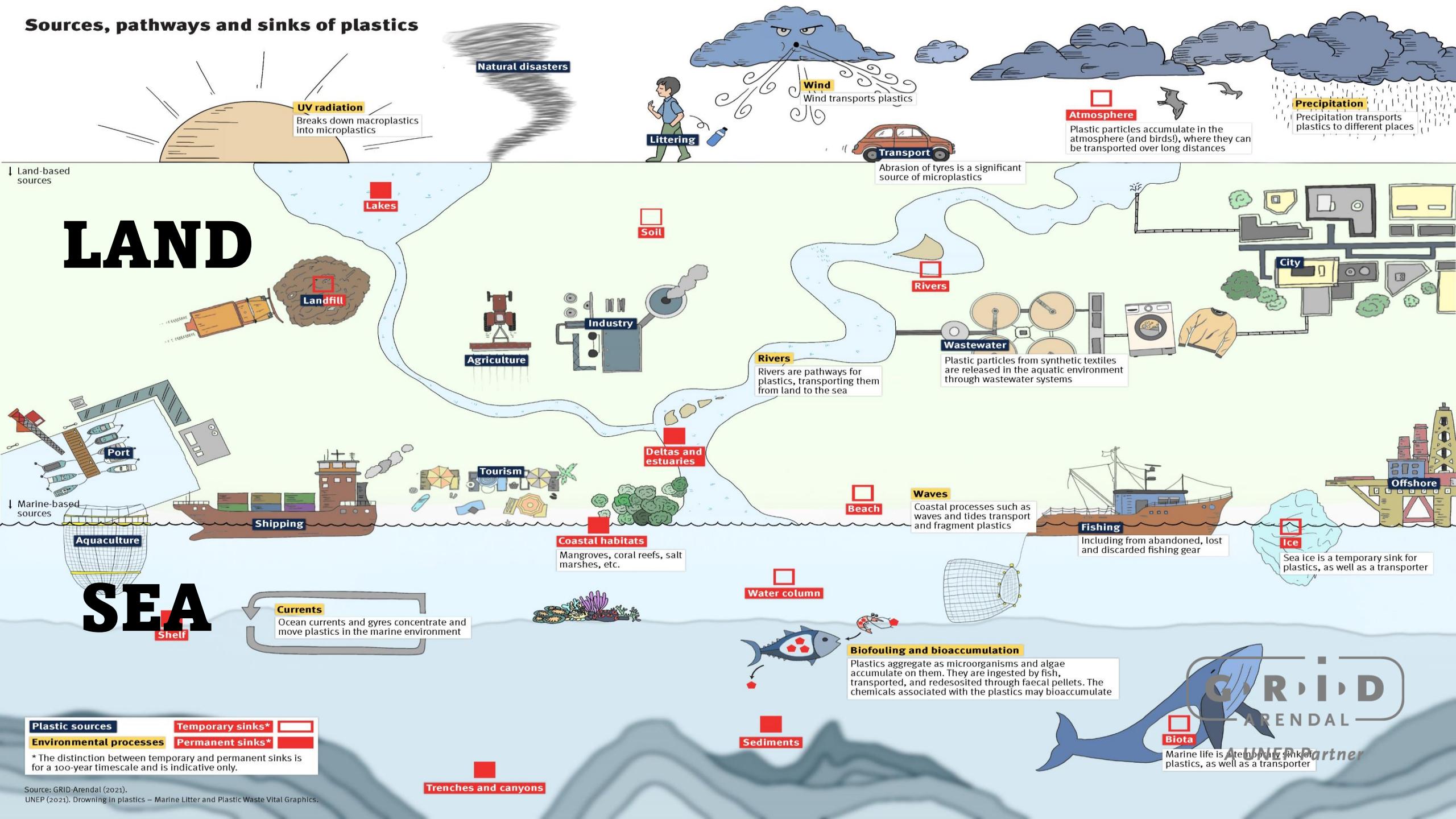
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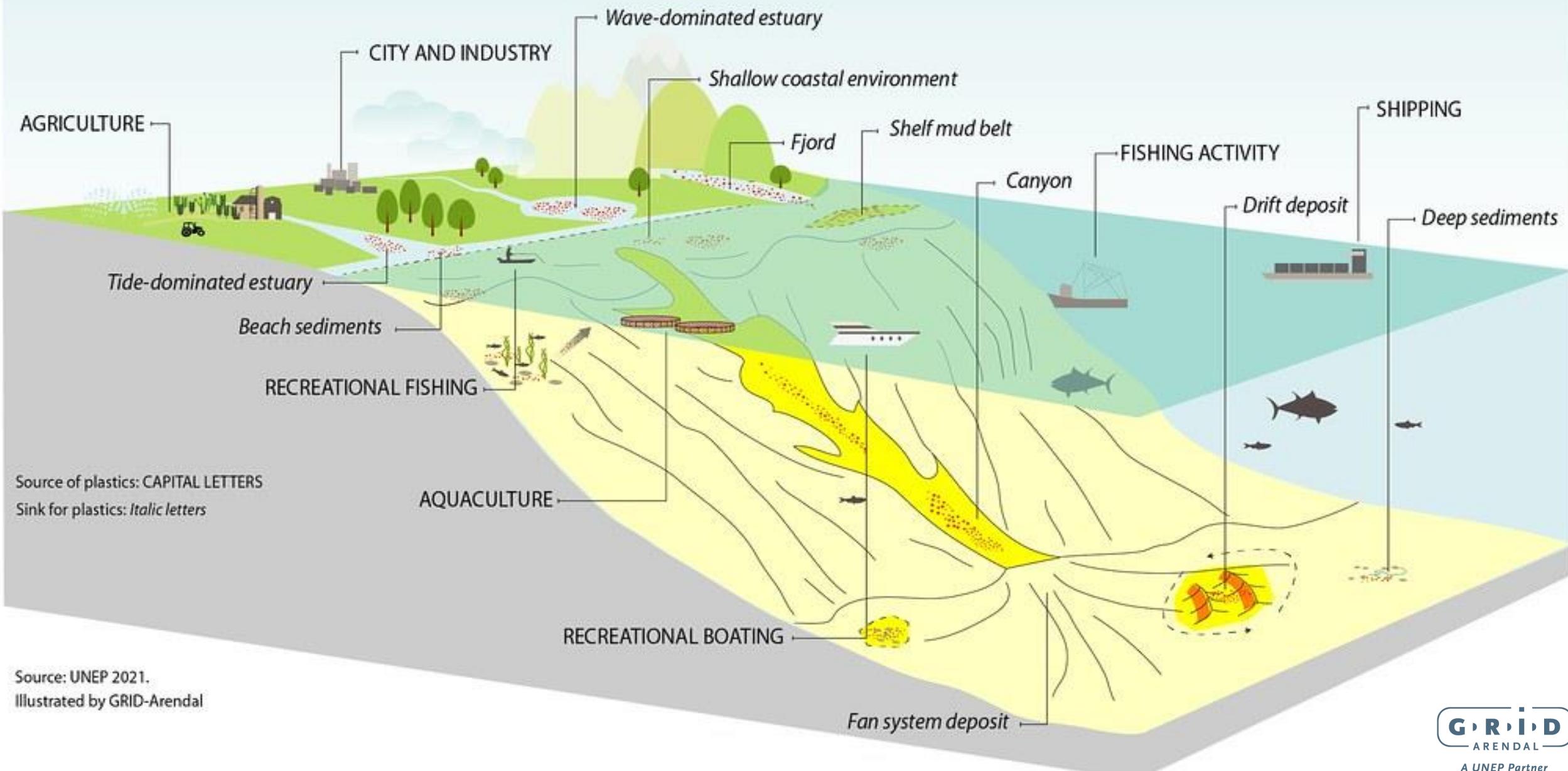
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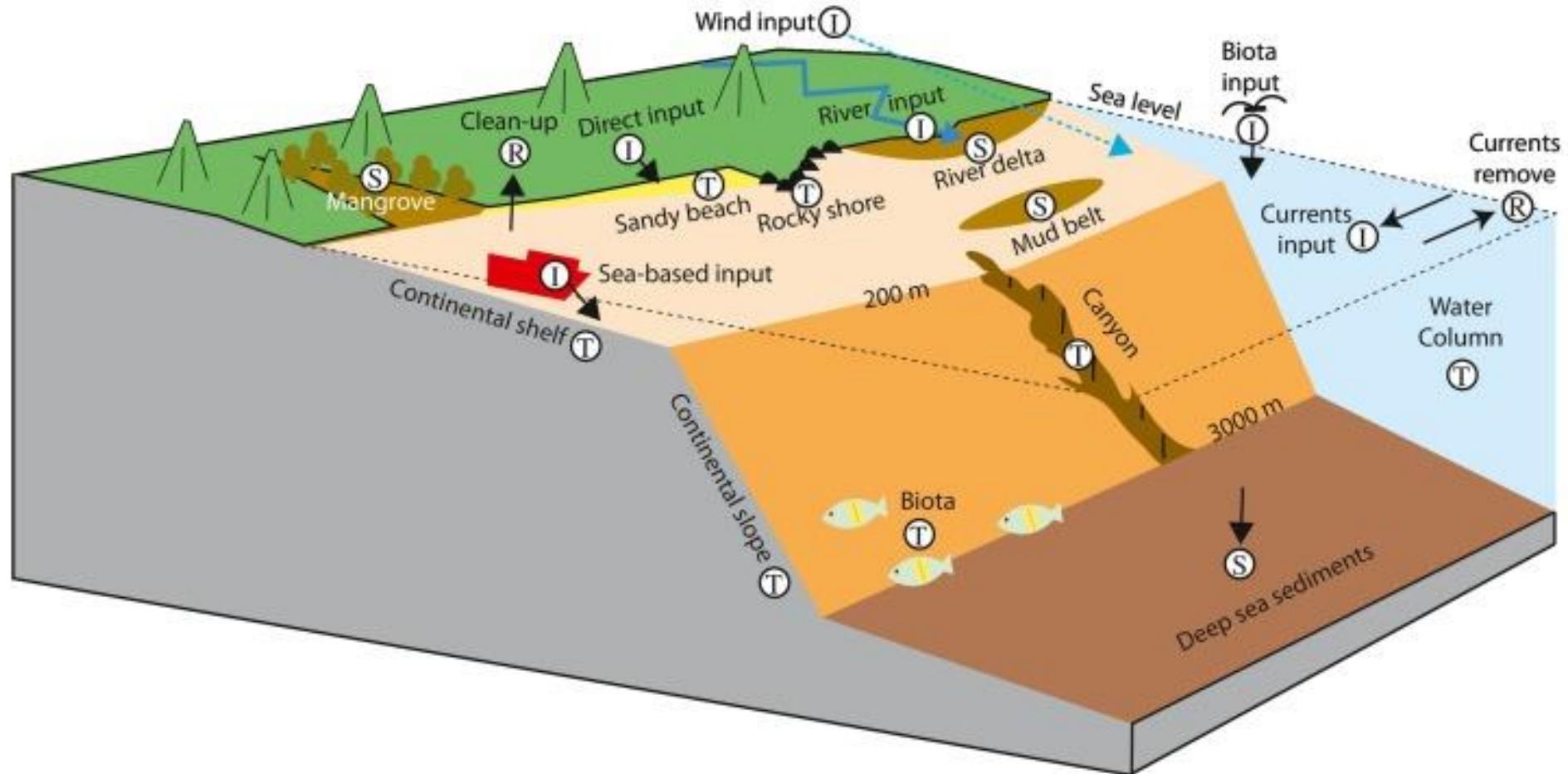


Sources, pathways and sinks of plastics



Major sources and sinks of microplastics and marine litter





$$I_{\text{land-based}} + I_{\text{sea-based}} + I_{\text{river}} + I_{\text{wind}} + I_{\text{biota}} (+ I_{\text{currents}}) = T_{\text{watercolumn}} + T_{\text{coast}} + T_{\text{biota}} + T_{\text{shelf}} + T_{\text{deepsea}} + S_{\text{coast}} + S_{\text{shelf}} + S_{\text{deepsea}} - R_{\text{cleanup}} (- R_{\text{currents}})$$

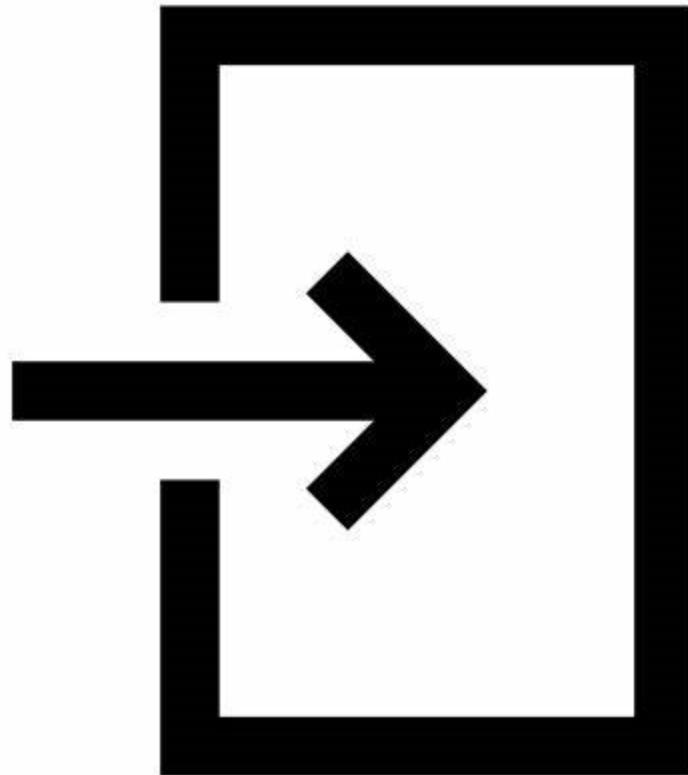
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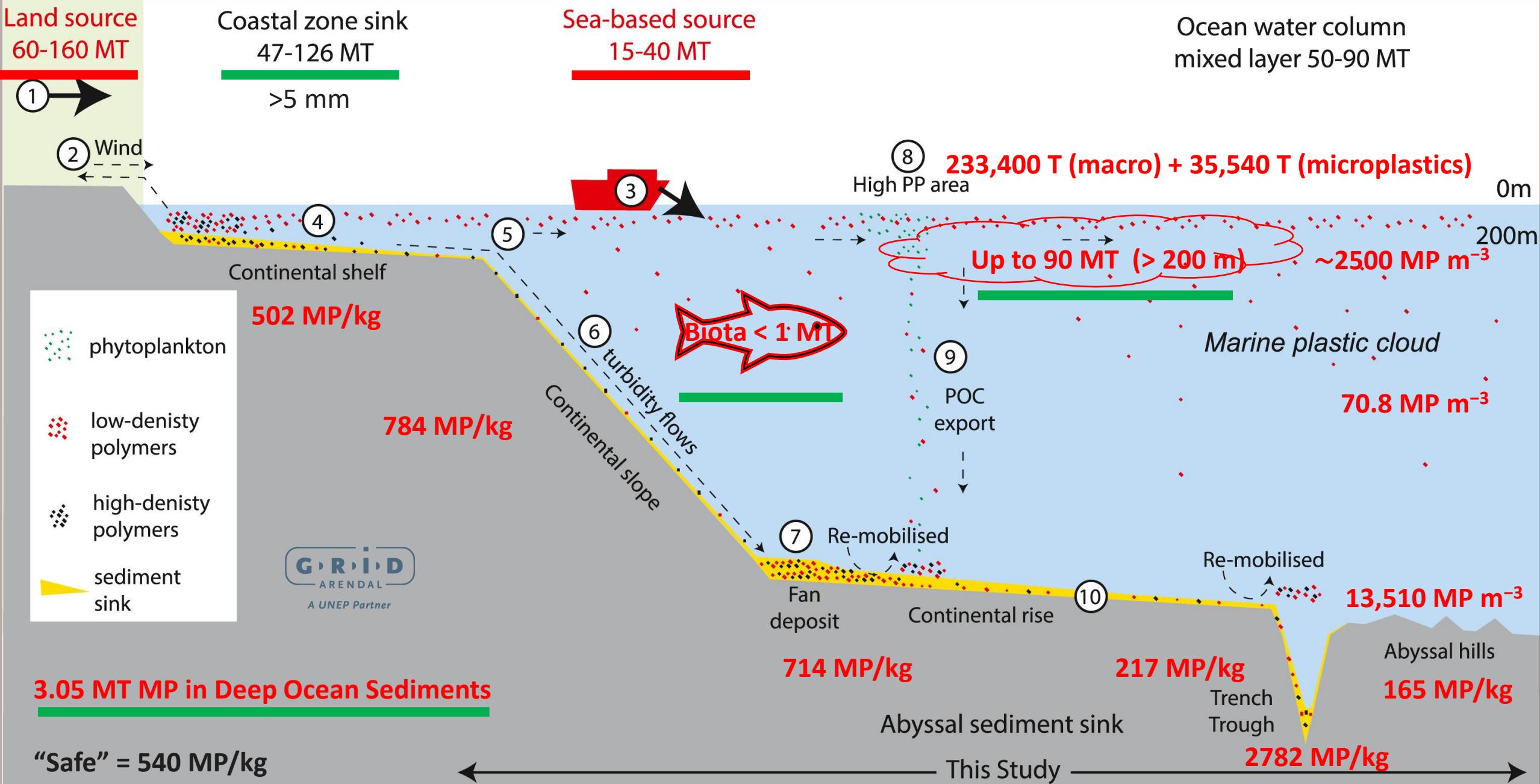
TRANSITORY PLASTIC

PLASTIC SINKS

PLASTIC REMOVAL



~200 (75-199) million tons

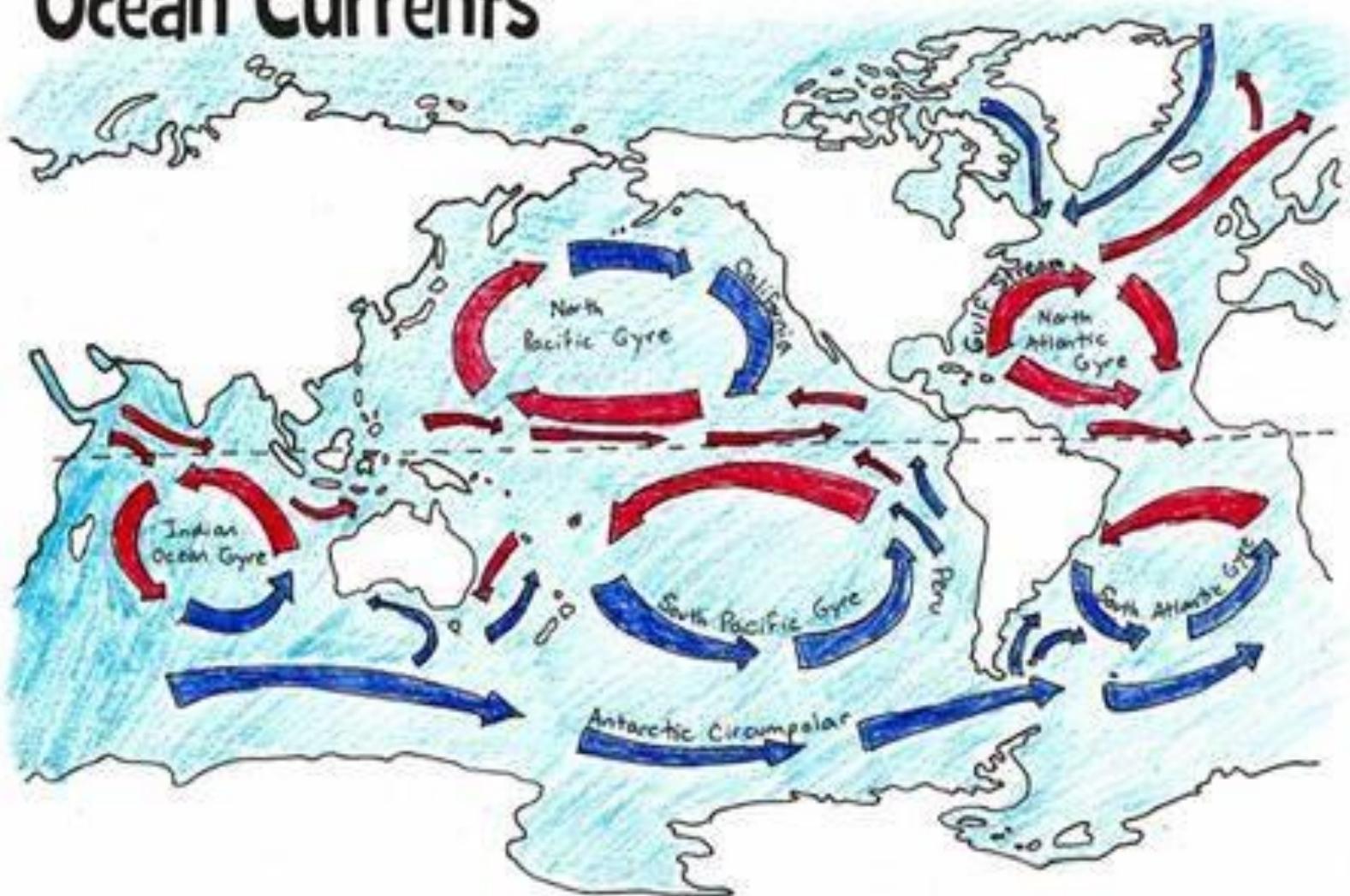


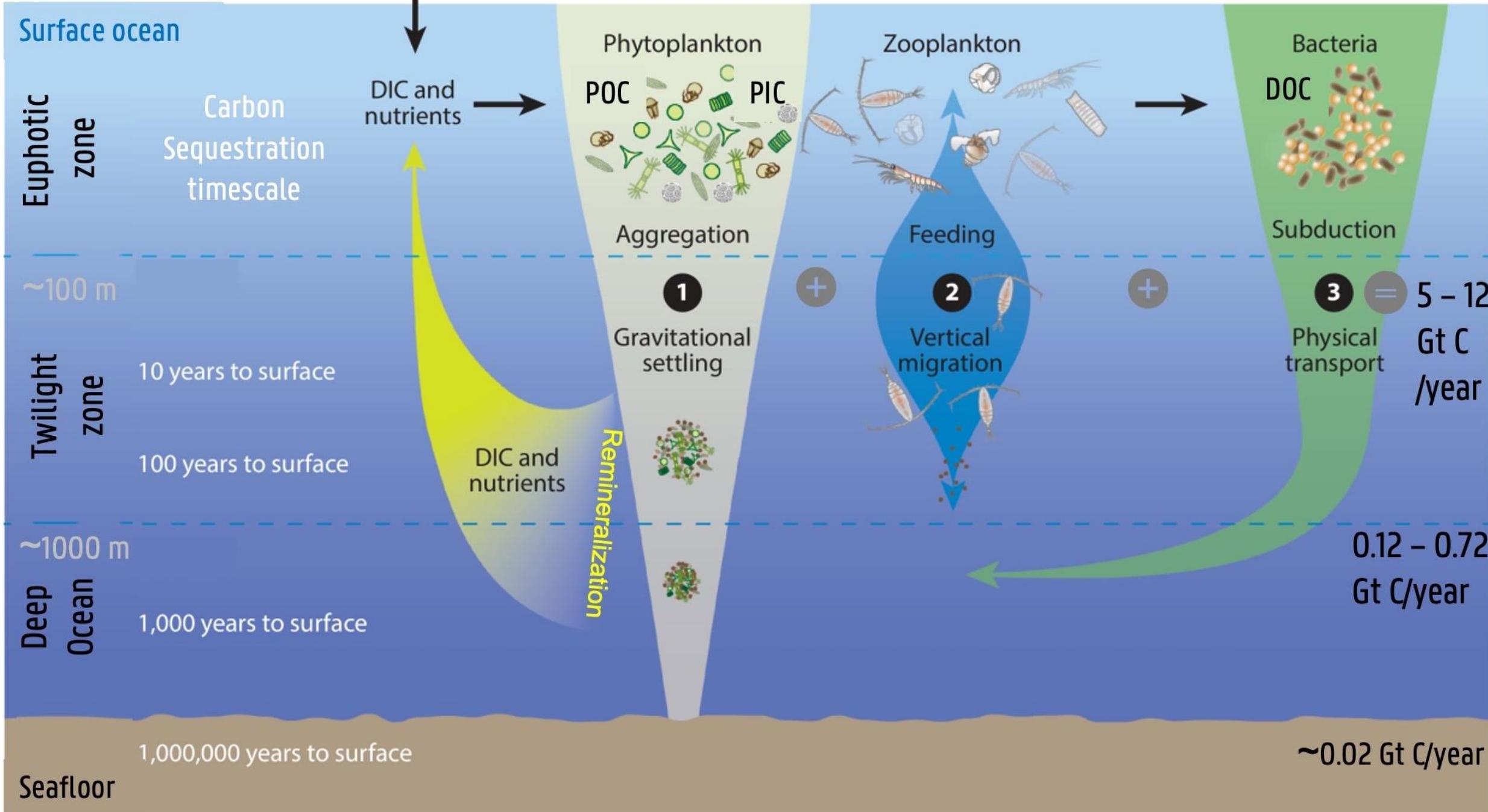
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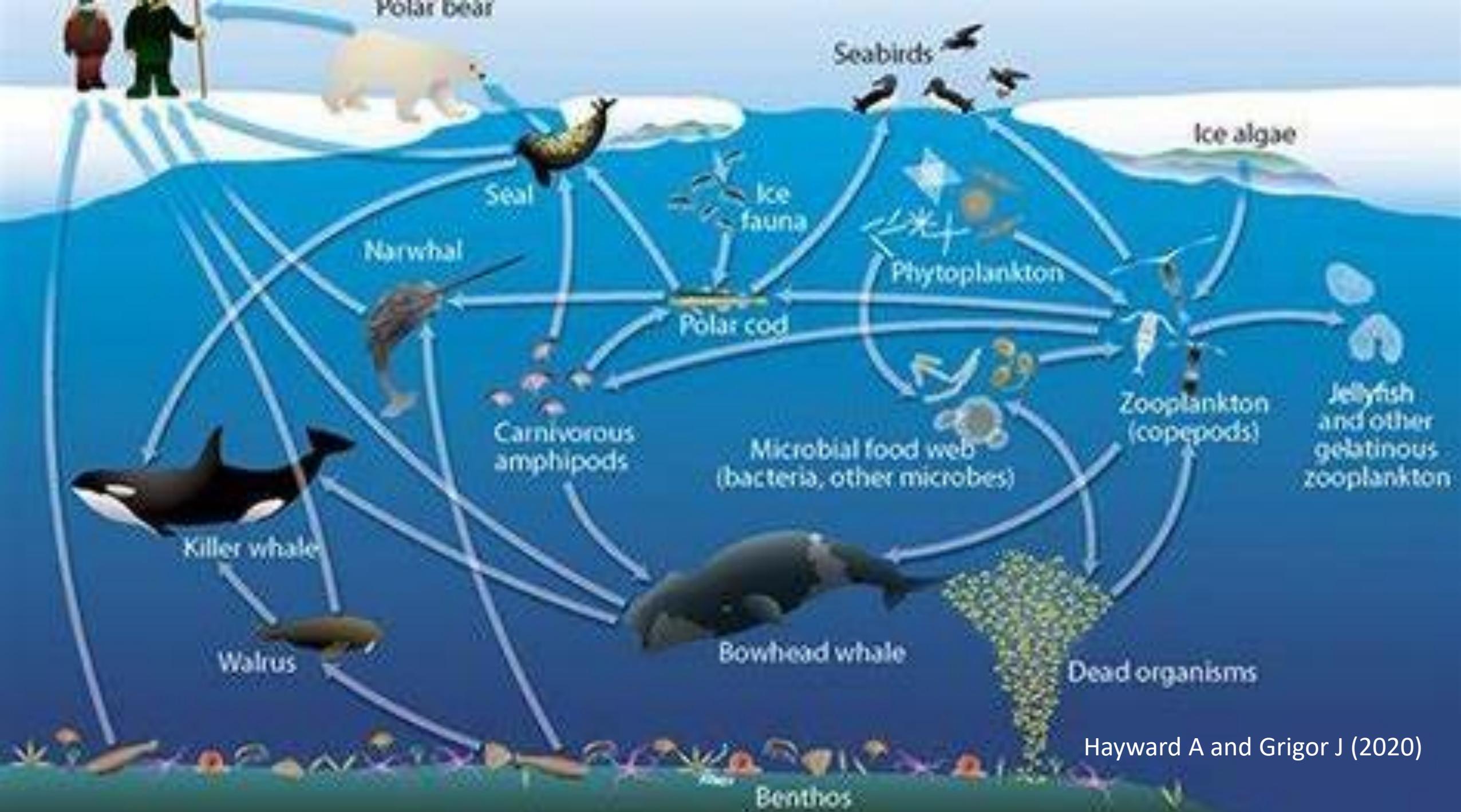
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IN THE
WATER

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Ocean Currents







Hayward A and Grigor J (2020)

Conclusions

Leaving a plastic legacy:

Inactively meandering and braided river systems deliver plastic to the ocean

A Marine Plastic Cloud:

The ocean water column behaves as a transitory, temporary storage area for plastic

Want to find out more?

- **Nyberg et al., 2023 - Leaving a plastic legacy: Current and future scenarios for mismanaged plastic waste in rivers**
- **Harris et al., 2023 - A marine plastic cloud - Global mass balance assessment of oceanic plastic pollution - Continental Shelf Research**
- **Harris et al., 2021 - Taking a mass-balance approach to assess marine plastics in the South China Sea – Marine Pollution Bulletin**



Thank you for your attention!

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Sediment sampling in the MAREANO program

*With a focus on sampling
procedures for microplastics*

Stepan Boitsov, IMR

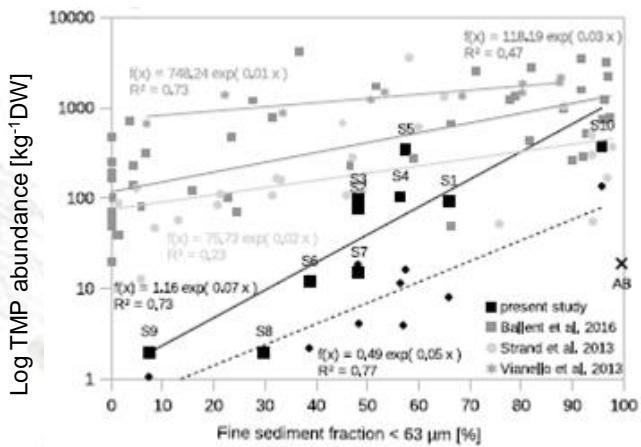
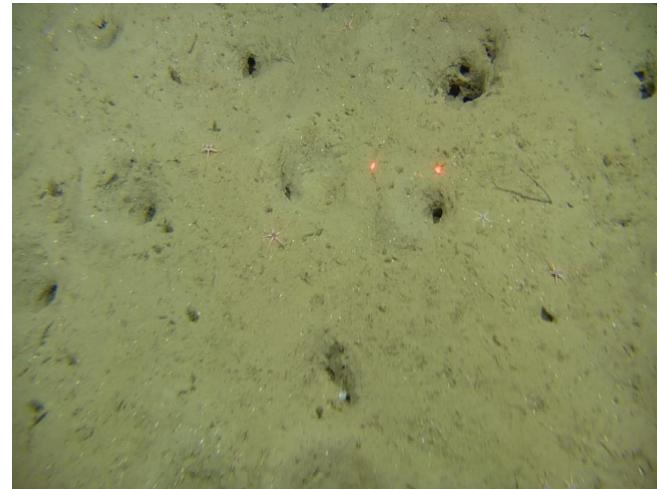


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Sediments

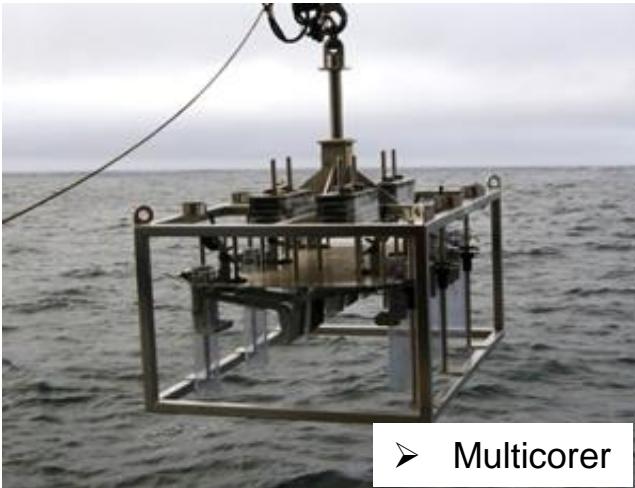
- Sediments may accumulate contaminants
- Particularly fine-grain sediments are relevant
 - High contents of silt and clay, <63 µm
 - Low sand contents
- Correlations between microplastics and grain size



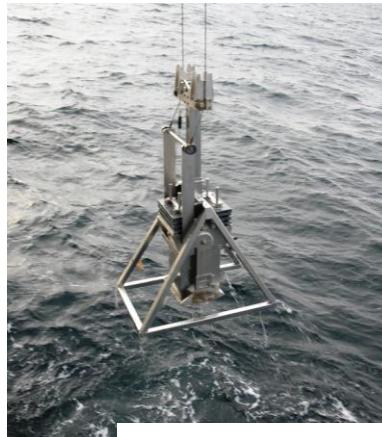
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Sediment sampling equipment

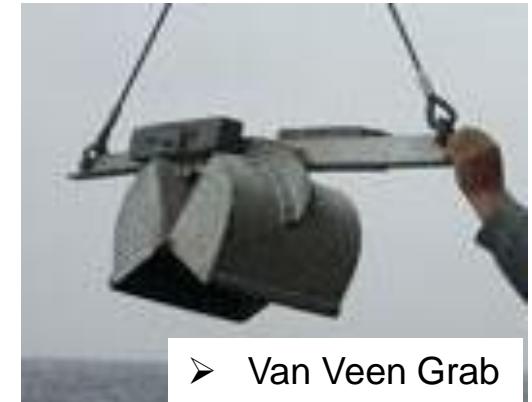
➤ Used by MAREANO:



➤ Multicorer



➤ Boxcorer



➤ Van Veen Grab

➤ Used by IMR and NGU in other projects:



➤ VAMS



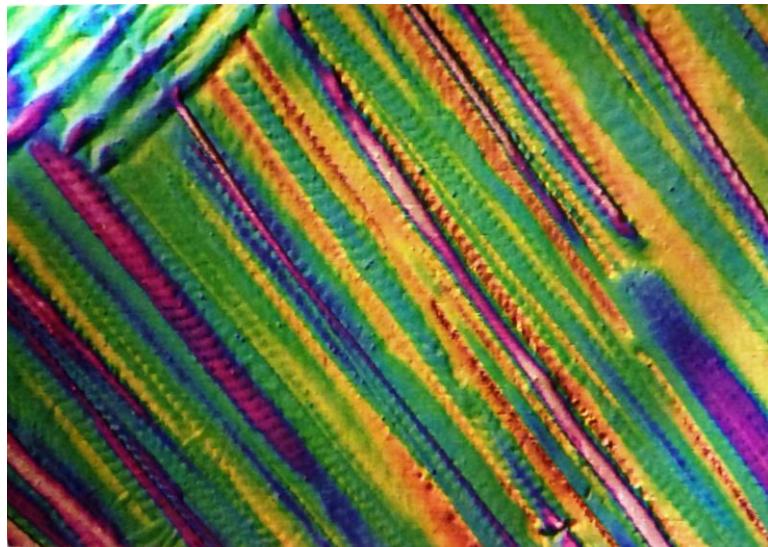
➤ Mini-multicorer



MAREANO: Before sampling

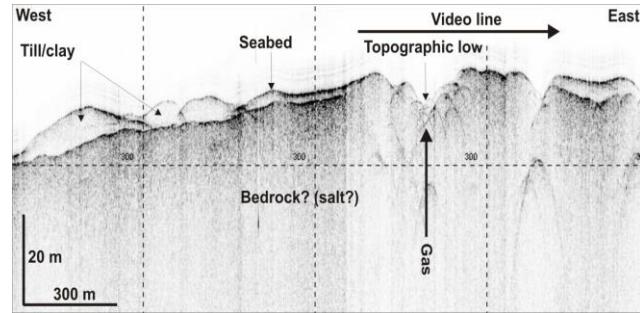


➤ Multibeam
maps



MAREANO: Sampling cruises

- Sediment echosounder (TOPAS)



- High-res video filming



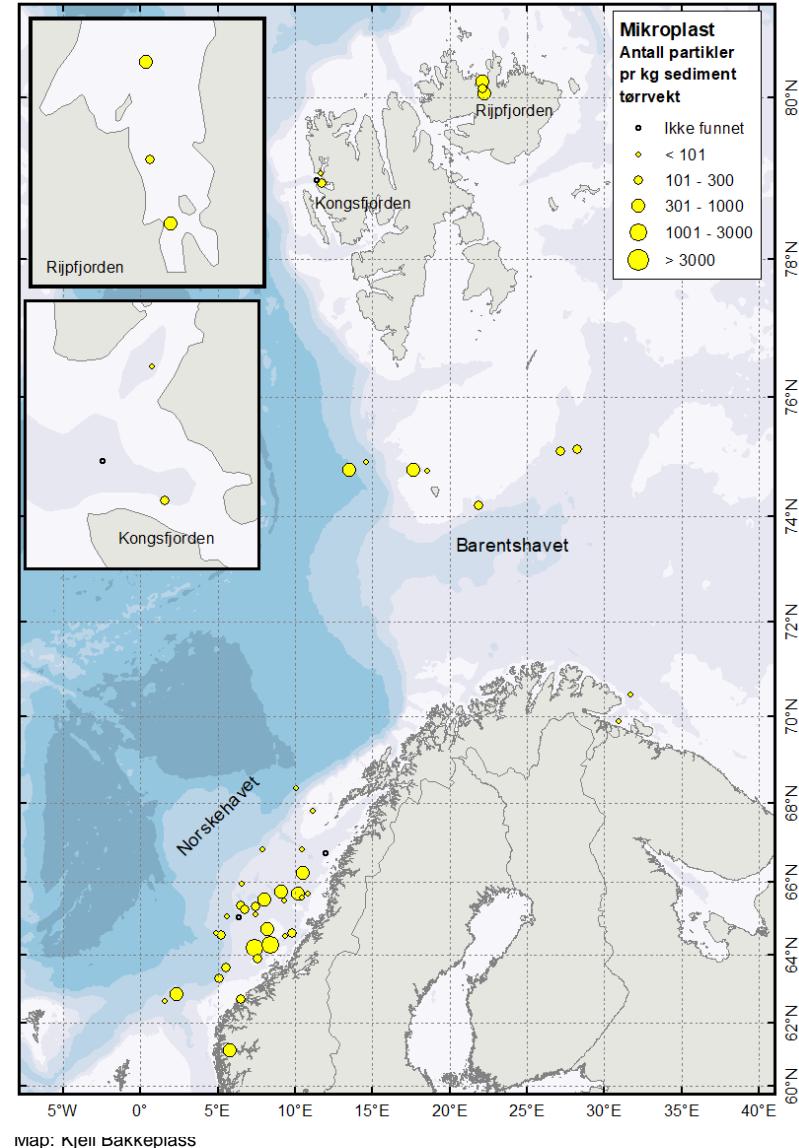
- Benthos sampling



Experience from the MAREANO program



- Multicorer (above) used for sampling
- Over 300 sediment sampling locations in 2006-2023
- Over 50 locations for microplastics (MP)
- Samples from 100 - >2000 m depth
- Low levels of MP make avoiding contamination during sampling critical



Map: Kjell Bakkepiass

Experience from the MAREANO program

- **Pilot project 2016-2017** http://www.ngu.no/upload/Publikasjoner/Rapporter/2017/2017_043.pdf
 - Surface sediments from 10 locations in the Norwegian Sea and off the coast of Finnmark
 - Sampled in 2011-2015 after the regular procedure for contaminants
 - Analysed at GhEnToxLab, University of Ghent, Belgium
 - *Probably some contamination, especially with fibers*
- **Sampling 2018** https://www.ngu.no/upload/Publikasjoner/Rapporter/2019/2019_027.pdf
 - Surface sediments from 10 locations off Bear Is. and the fjords of Svalbard
 - Sampled in 2018 specifically for microplastics
 - Analysed at Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (NGI)
 - *Test samples to check for contamination*
 - *New sampling procedure developed based on the results*
- **Sampling 2020 and onwards**
https://www.ngu.no/upload/Publikasjoner/Rapporter/2021/2021_028.pdf
https://www.mareano.no/resources/Rapport_2022_023.pdf
 - Sampled after an adjusted procedure
 - *Minor adjustments to the sampling procedure after 2020-sampling*

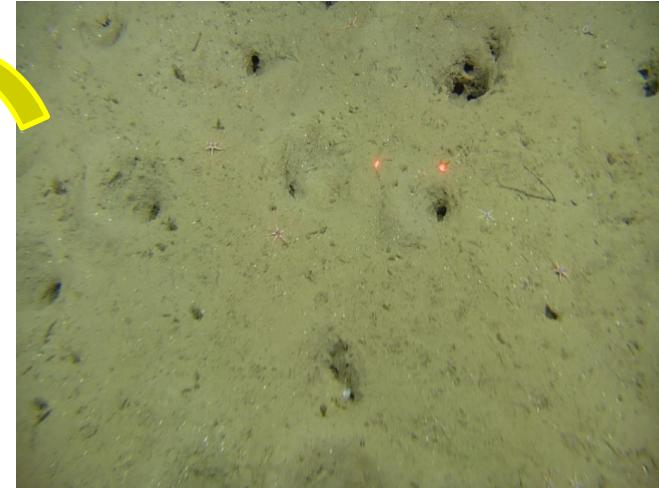
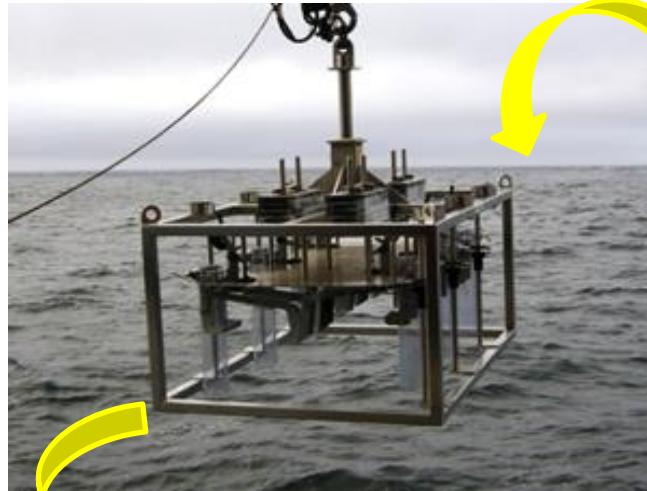


Sampling – sediment cores

➤ Sources of contamination

➤ During sampling

- Tube contact blanks: PVC + more
- Field blanks: PVC + more



➤ During sample recovery

- Onboard: Sampling blanks: little
- On land: No control: tire rubber?



➤ During sample preparation at the lab.

- Method & recovery blanks: PTFE + more

• New protocol for sampling developed

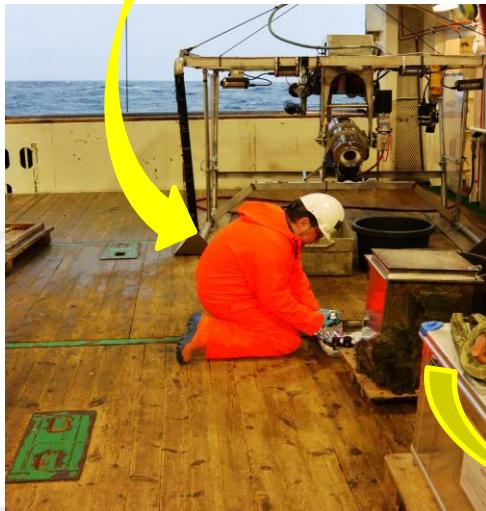
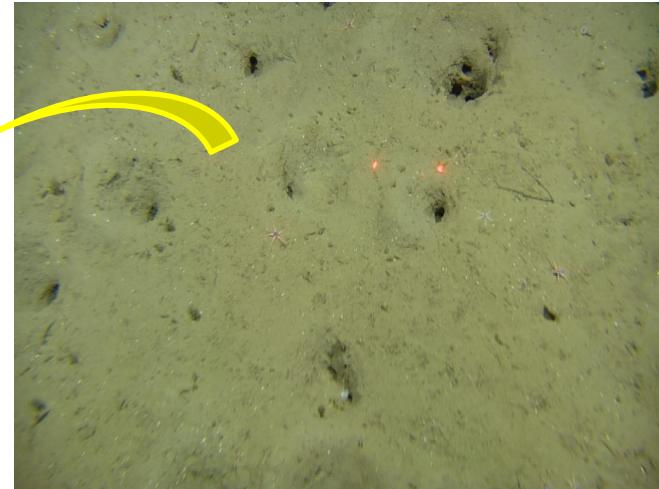
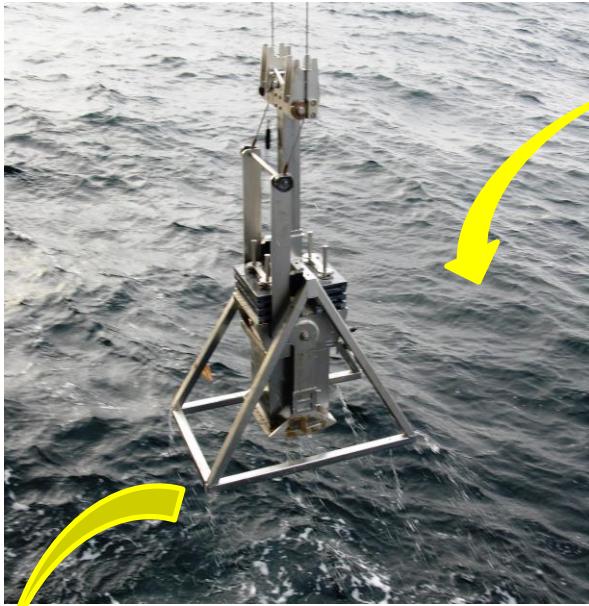


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Sampling – surface sediments

- Boxcorer delivers undisturbed surface
- Upper 2 cm may be taken out
- Sampling blanks necessary due to exposure to the surroundings



Preparing for the sampling

Measures	Sediment cores	Surface sediments
Clothes	Synthetic material should be avoided. Preferred material is cotton or wool. Fleece clothes must be avoided. Usual oilskins, rubber boots and plastic helmets are allowed.	
Place	All sample handling onboard should take place on deck or in open hangar (outdoor air and temperature). The samples are not to be exposed to indoor environment.	
Sampling personnel	Two specialists take out the sample. The crew and everyone else are asked to keep away during sampling.	One specialist takes out the sample. The crew and everyone else are asked to keep away during sampling.
Sample packaging	Metal tubes. Before use, keep sealed.	Aluminium foil
Sample acceptance criterion	Two whole, undisturbed, closed cores of any length	Undisturbed surface, 2 cm upper layer



Sampling protocol

Step	Sediment cores	Surface sediments
1. Opening the sample	1. The top lid of the core is opened (simultaneously with a field blank placed close to it). The core is immediately covered by Al foil (and the field blank is closed).	1. Boxcorer/grab lid is opened simultaneously with a field blank and surface water is removed with glass pipette inserted into the rubber hose. Only glass comes in contact with the water.
2. Taking out the sample	2. The core is taken out by means of a metal spade and is covered with plastic lids.	2. The sample is taken out by means of a metal spade, and placed into Al foil . The foil and the field blank are closed.
3. Sealing the sample	The core is sealed by tape, labeled and registered in the log and placed in vertical position on the deck outdoors	The sample is labeled and placed into a plastic bag, registered in the log and placed to storage
4. Sample transport to the lab	The core is transported to the lab as it is and actual samples are taken out at the lab	The samples are transported to the lab and whole sample may be analysed



Summary

- Sampling procedure is critical for avoiding contamination of the samples
- MAREANO has developed a protocol for sediment sampling for microplastics analysis
- Multicorer is equipment of choice, particularly for sediment core sampling
- Boxcorer or Van Veen grab may be used for surface sediment sampling

Thank you for your attention!



A naked snail, the Barents Sea. MAREANO

Havforskningsinstituttets mikroplastlaboratorium og analyse av sedimenter med mikroplast

Andrè Marcel Bienfait og Fred Olav Libnau





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Mikroplastlab

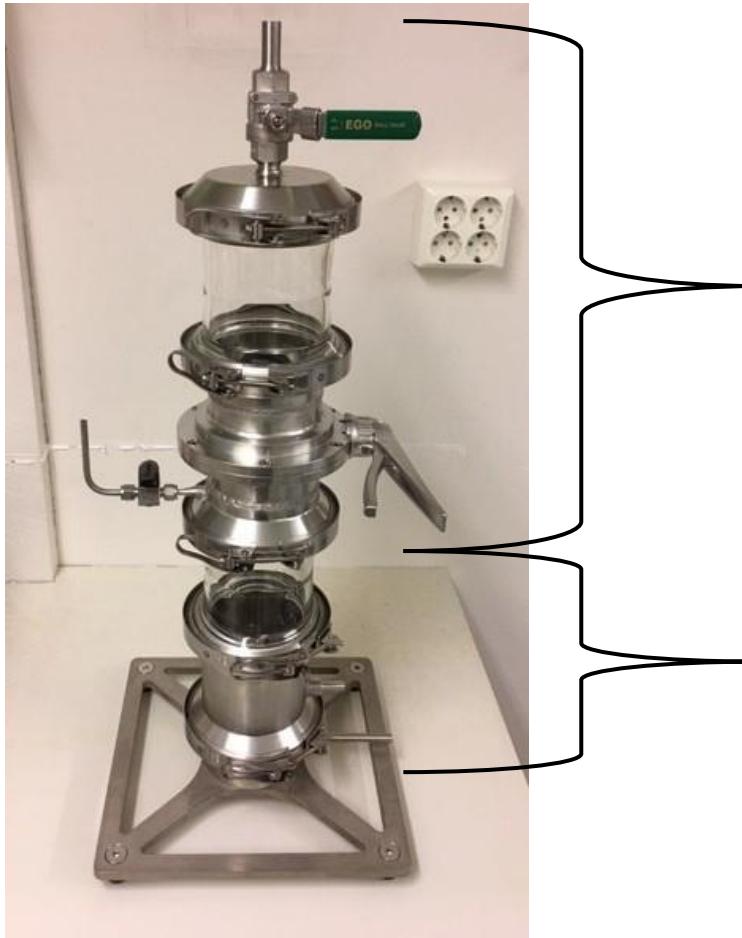
Tetthetsseparasjon av mikroplast fra sediment

Separasjon baseres på metode og utstyr innkjøpt fra NGI.

Sentralt her er det som er kalt bauta, om ikke akkurat Stonehenge-størrelse



så skjønner en jo navnevalget



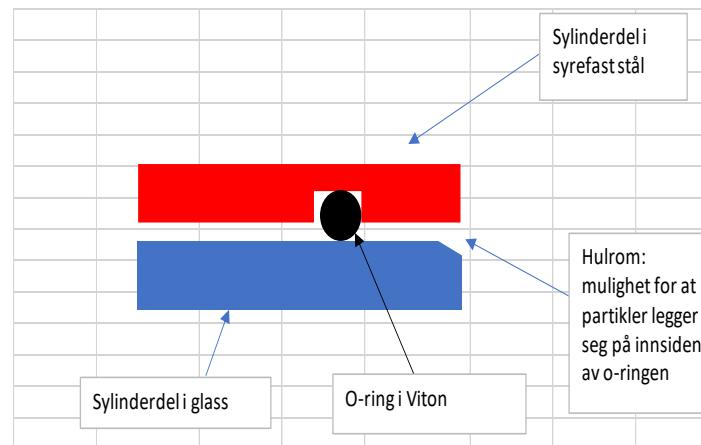
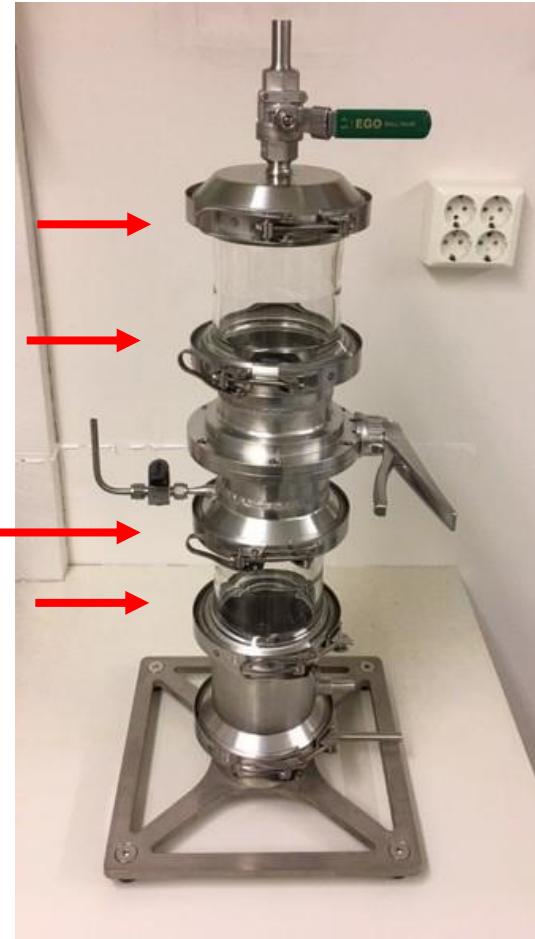
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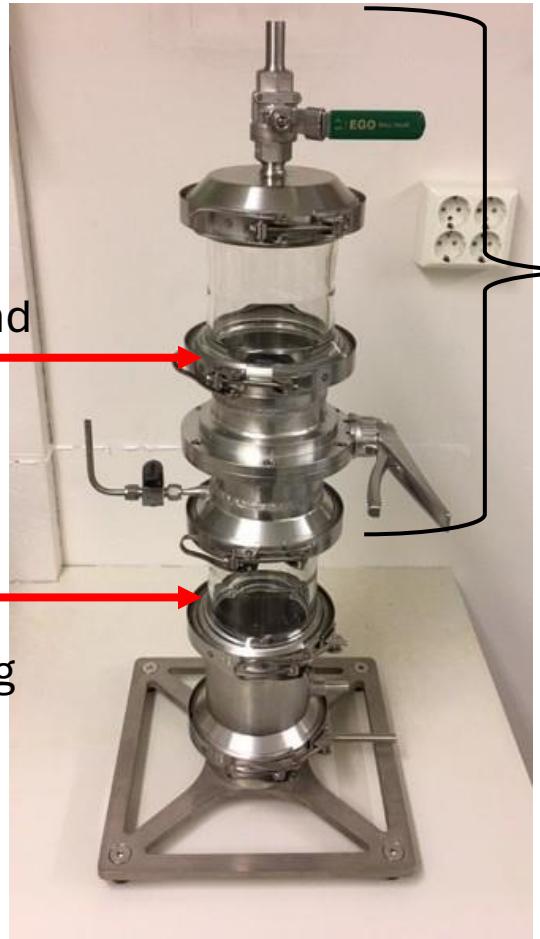


Separasjon på bauta

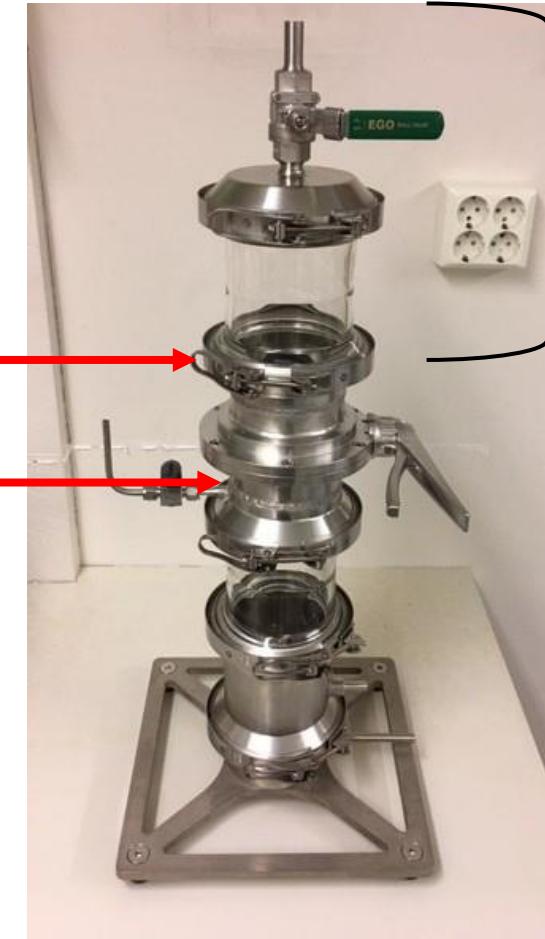
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Tilsetning av sediment på bauta
NGI-prosedyre



Vår prosedyre



Nivå ved henstand
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av sediment

Tas av før tilsetning
av sediment

Nivå før tilsetning
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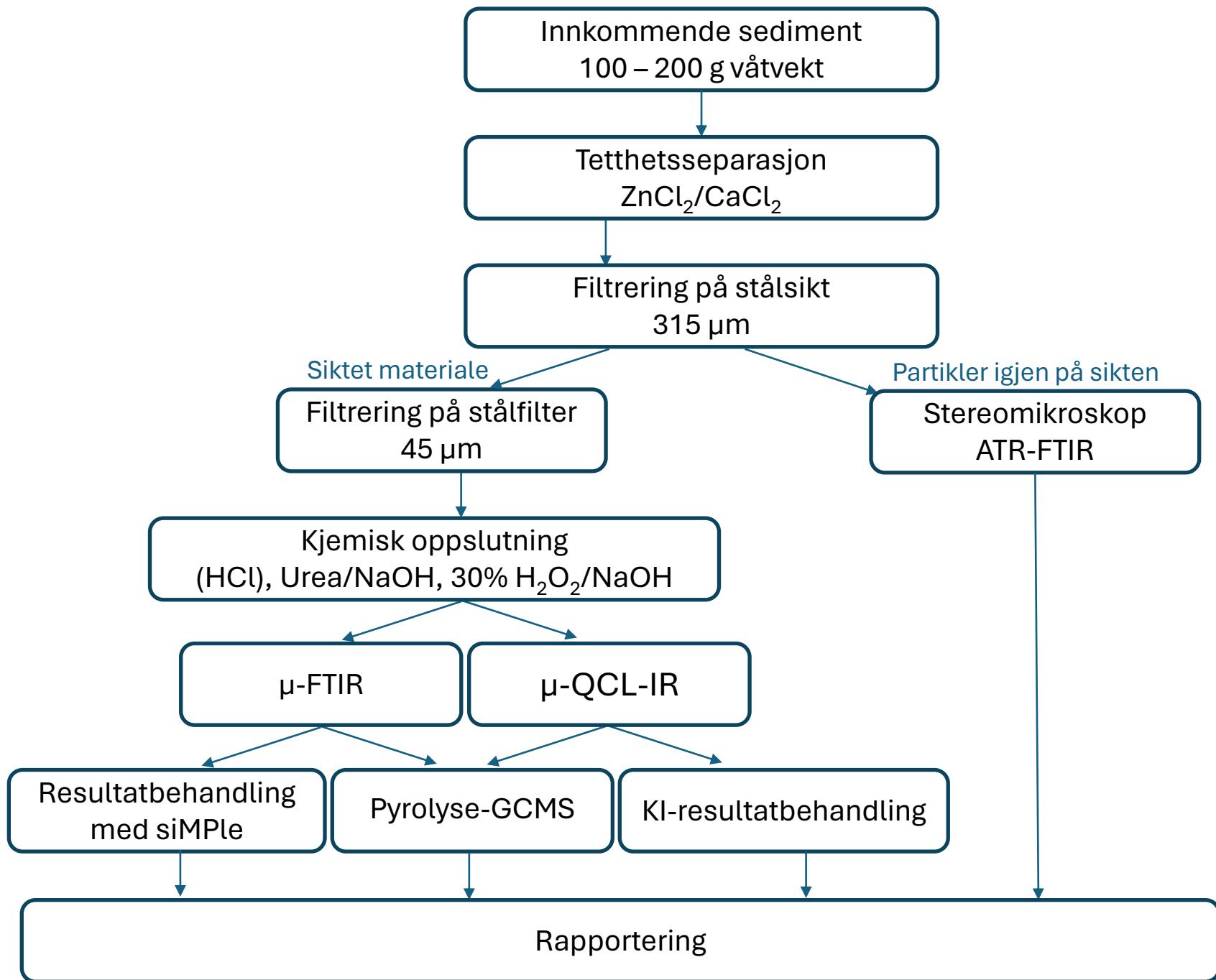
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Før



Etter





Forutsetninger for gjennomføring

- Elementene skal kunne gjennomføres på en normal arbeidsdag
- Håndtering av bauta skal ikke medføre slitasjeskader på personell



- Brettet filter holder partikler på plass under kjemisk oppslutning
- Men filtrene må holdes på plass gjennom oksidasjonsreaksjonen

Kvalitetssikring

-Begrenset tilgang til lab

-Bevisst valg av klær

-Renhold – vask, vask og etter vask

*Metodeblank kjøres tidlig og seint i gjennomføring av prosjektet

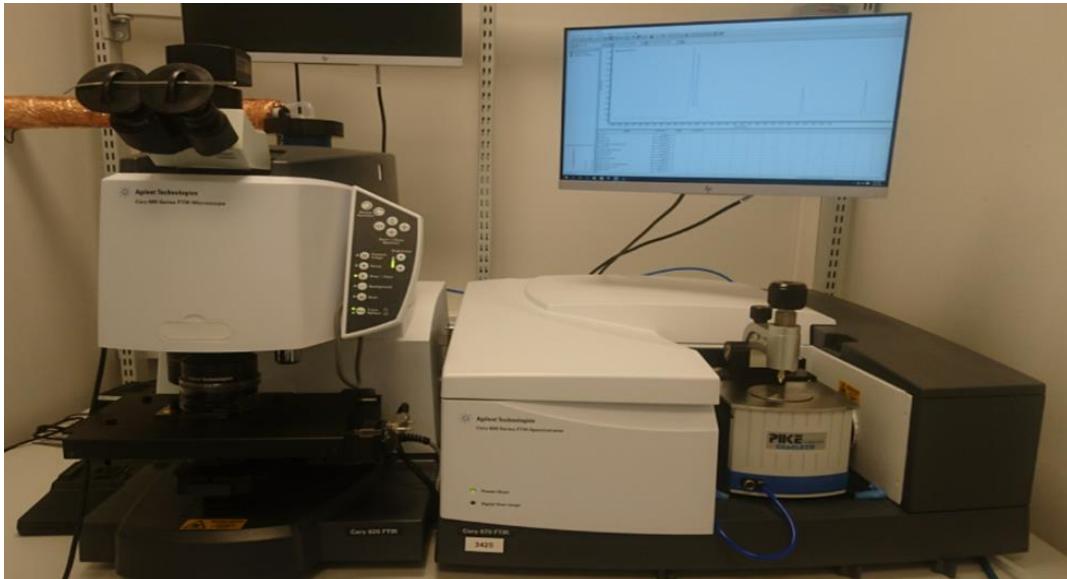
*Luftblank kjøres ukentlig under prosjektets gjennomføring

To luftblanke samles inn, en som skal representere forurensing ved filtreringsrack/håndtering av bauta, og en som skal representere forurensing ved håndtering av sediment før overføring til bauta.

*Test på tetthetsseparasjonens effekt kjøres på et utvalg tetthetsseparerte sedimenter

*Gjenfinning kjøres hovedsakelig mellom prosjektene.

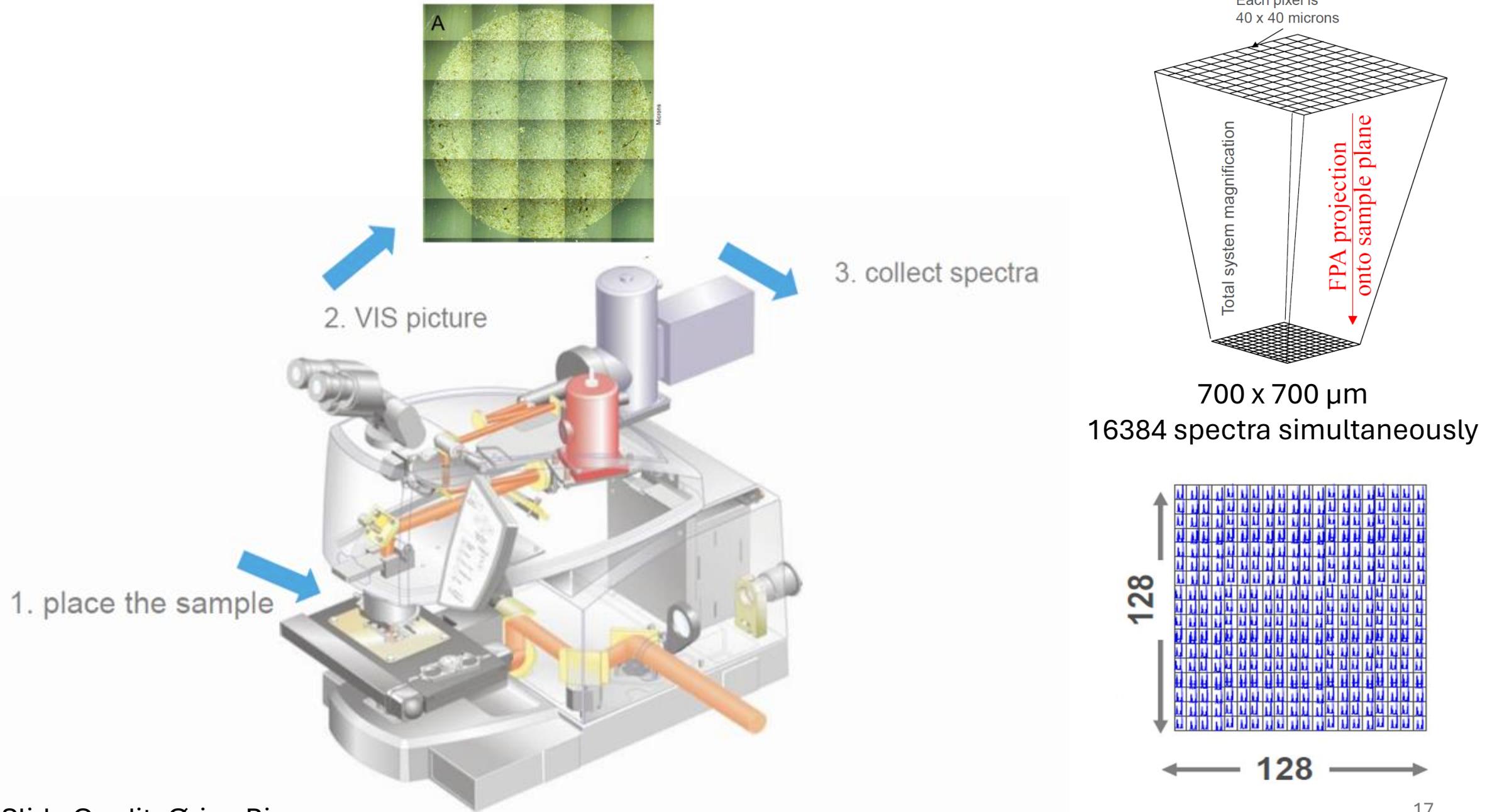
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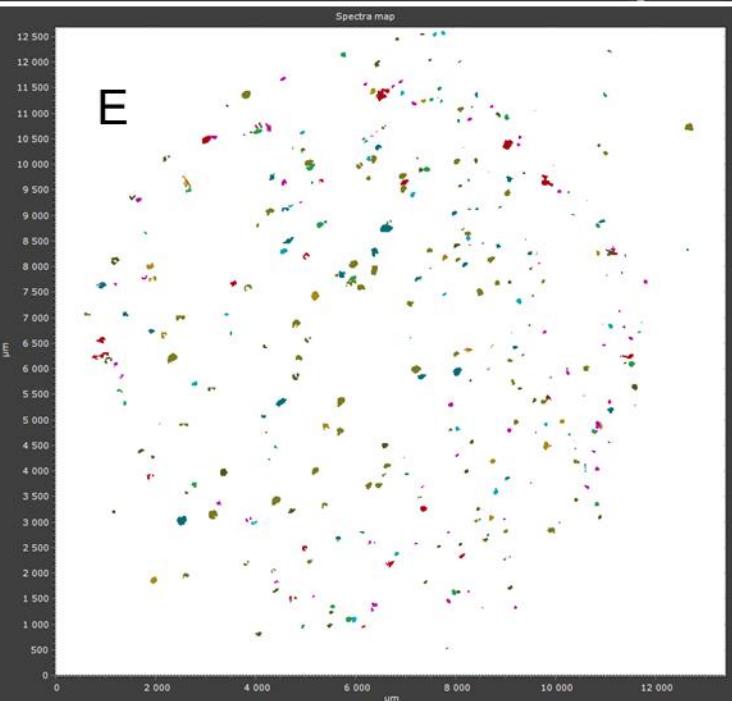
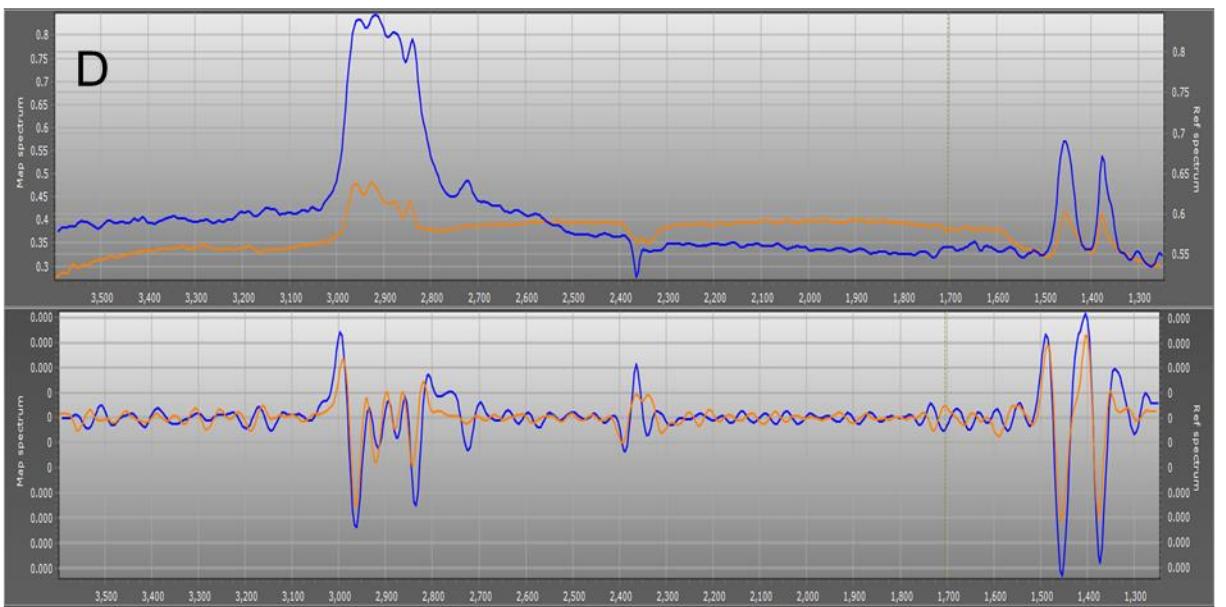
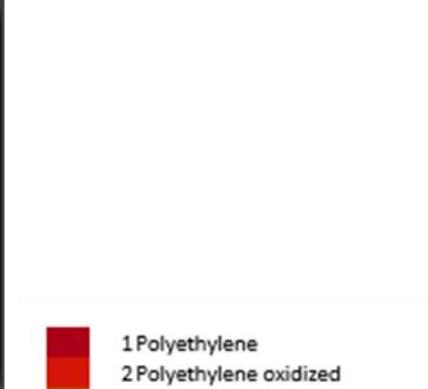
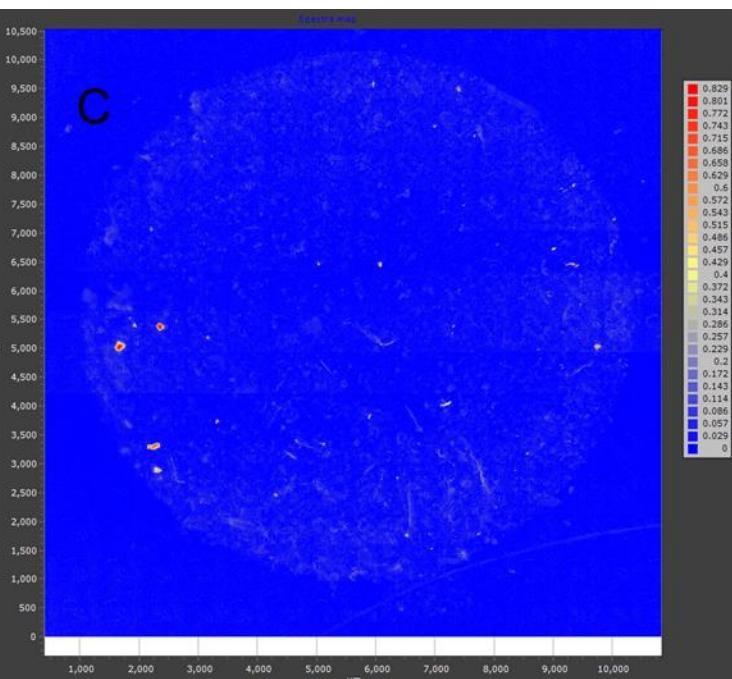
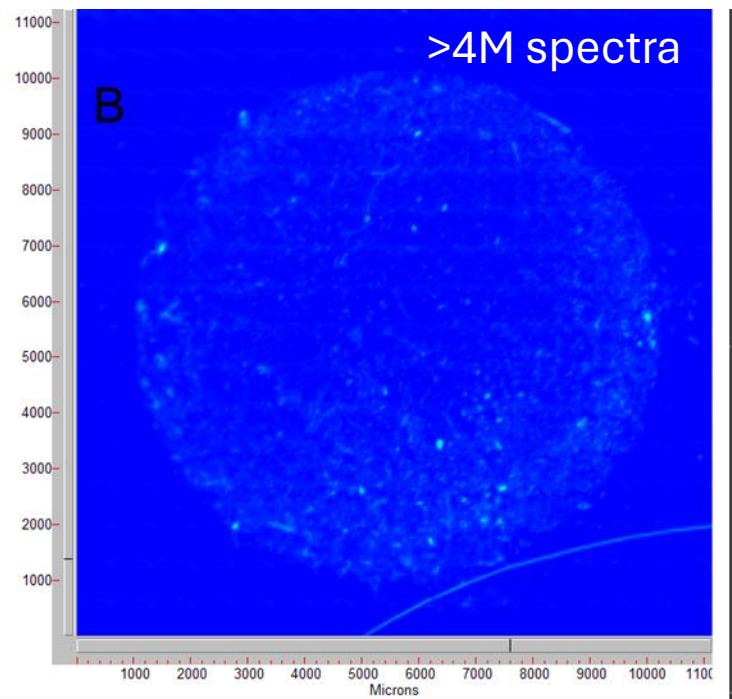
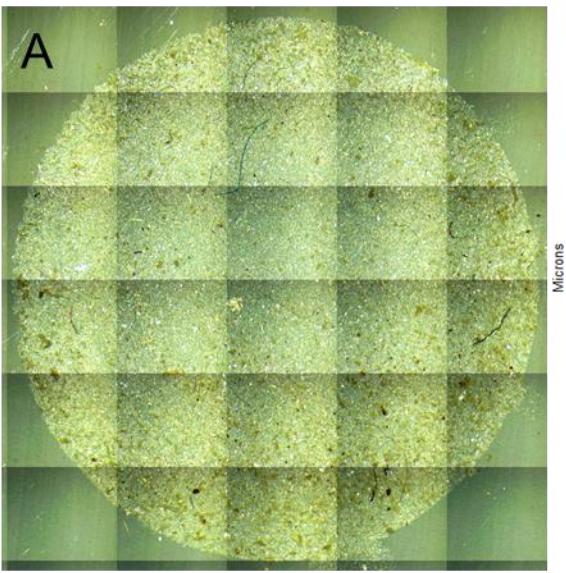


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Daylight Solutions
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- 1 Polyethylene
- 2 Polyethylene oxidized
- 3 Polyethylene chlorinated
- 4 Polypropylene
- 5 Polystyrene
- 6 Polycarbonate
- 7 Polyamide
- 8 Polyvinylchloride
- 9 Cellulose chemically modified
- 10 Nitrile rubber
- 11 Polyester
- 12 Acrylates/PUR/varnish
- 13 Animal fur
- 14 Plant fibers
- 15 Sand
- 16 Polysulfone
- 17 Polyetheretherketone
- 18 Polychloroprene
- 19 Chitin
- 20 Polyisoprene chlorinated
- 21 Polylactide acid
- 22 Polycaprolactone
- 23 Ethylene-vinyl-acetate
- 24 Polyimide
- 25 Polyoxymethylene
- 26 Polybutadiene
- 27 Polyacrylonitrile
- 28 Rubber 1
- 29 Rubber 2
- 30 Charcoal
- 31 Coal
- 32 Rubber 3

Automatisering

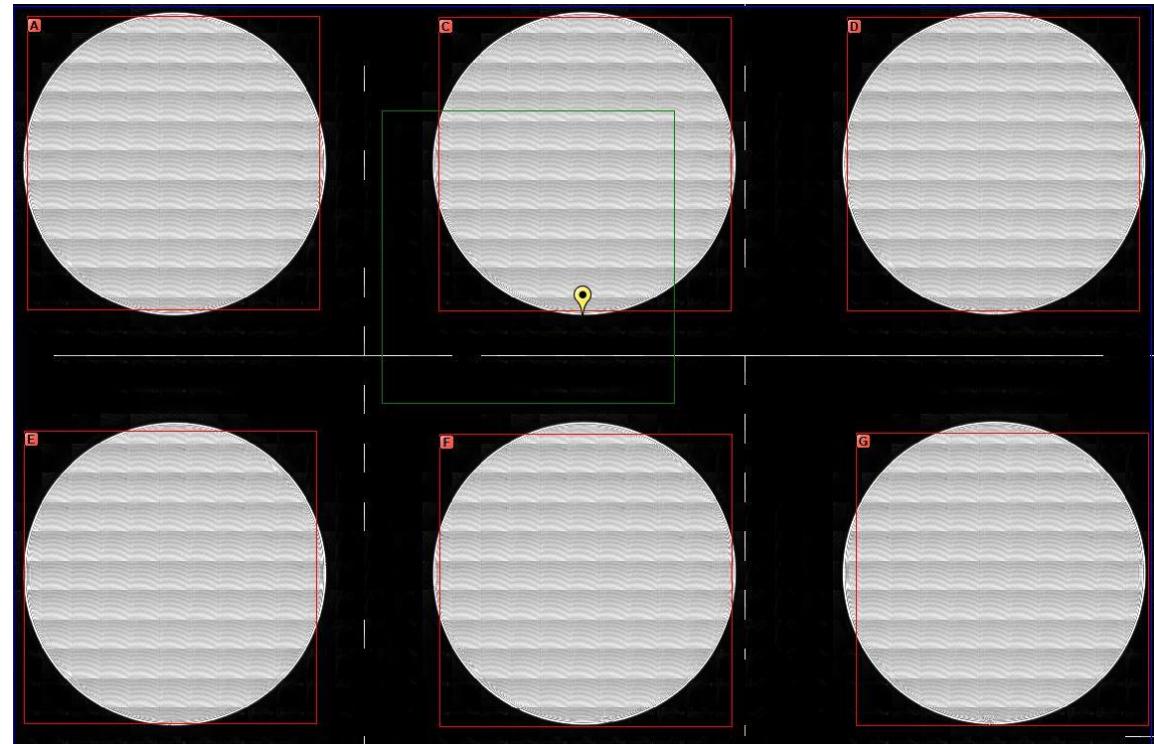
Stage-modifikasjon vellykket (water-jet-cutting)

→ Alle 6 posisjoner fult analyserbar

Automatisering implementert (skript, rutiner, automatisert backup)

→ Per i dag 9 prøver per døgn (3 dagtid + 6 kveld/natt)

Tidsbruk påsetting \leq 15 min/prøve



Oversiktsbilde over de 6 måleposisjoner

Databehandling

Vellykket implementering av machine learning algorithm basert på Hufnagl et al. 2019

- Mange «hovedpolymere» (PE, PP, PVC, PET, PS, PC, PA, PMMA, PTFE...)
- Mange naturlige partikler/kontaminanter (tre, sediment, chitin, hud...)
- Videreutvikling for flere substrater/filter, matriser og polymerer!
- Automatisert startup

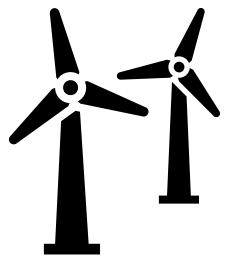
Men selvfølgelig finnes det noen utfordringer!



Accounting for a neglected component of microplastics: Methods to quantify and characterise coating particles from marine infrastructures in sediments

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2015

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Microplastic

Nanoplastic

Plastic
Chemicals

Plastic

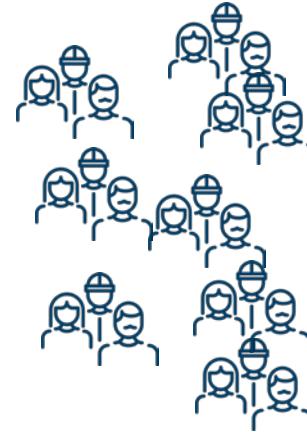
'Degradable'
plastic

Analytical methods and monitoring

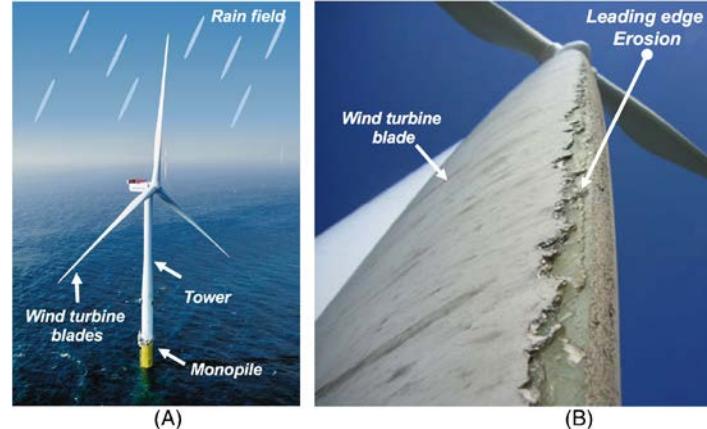
Material selection

Mitigation

Policy



Synthetic particle and associated chemical emissions from off-shore wind



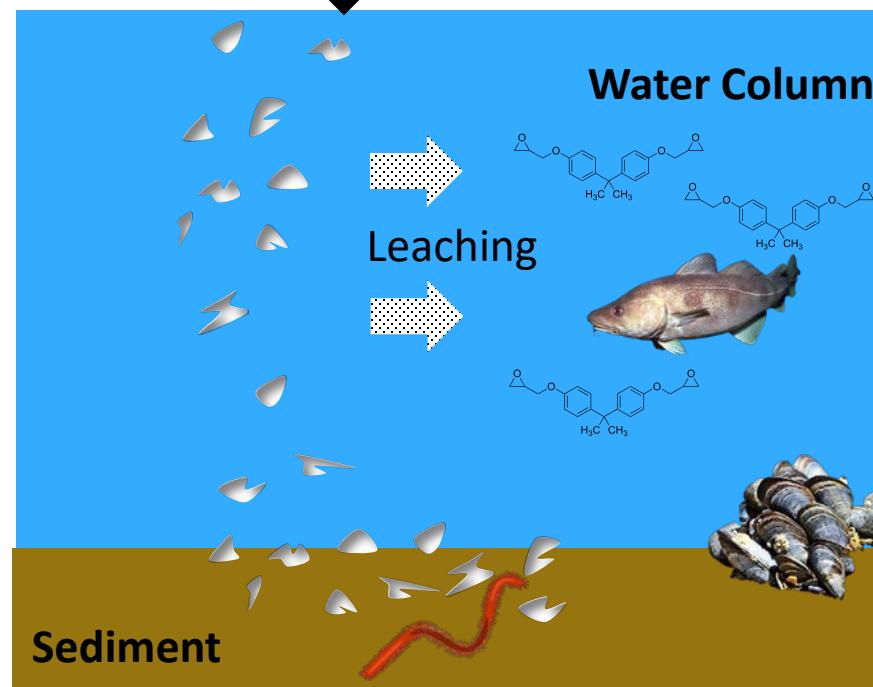
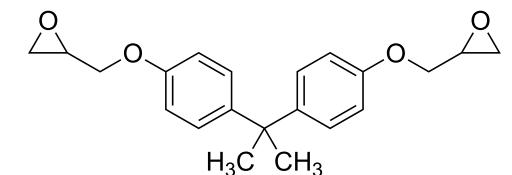
Leading edge erosion of rotor

Density-driven sedimentation

Particle emissions

Transfer to sea surface

Eroded particles also contain chemicals,
e.g. Bisphenol A diglycidyl ether +++



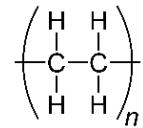


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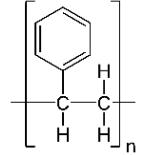


From thermoplastics to coatings

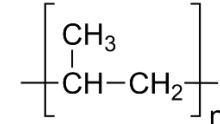
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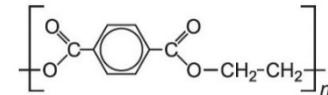
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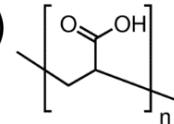
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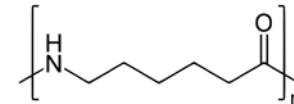
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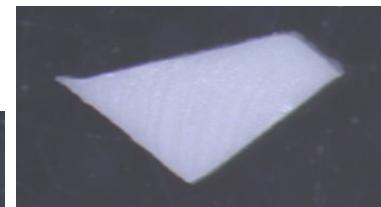
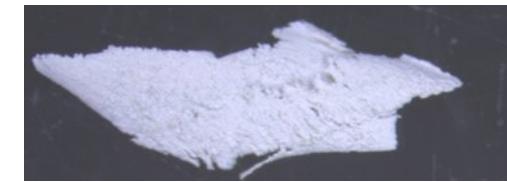
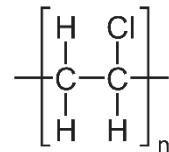
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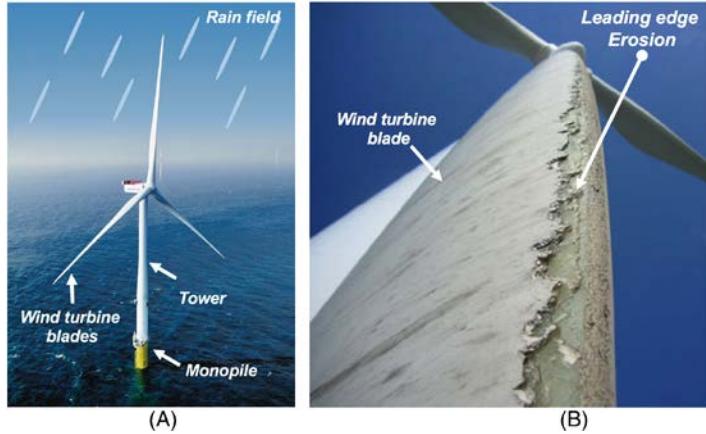
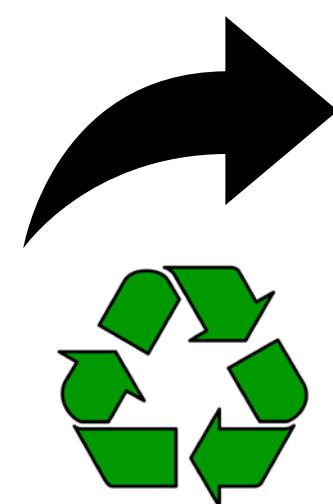
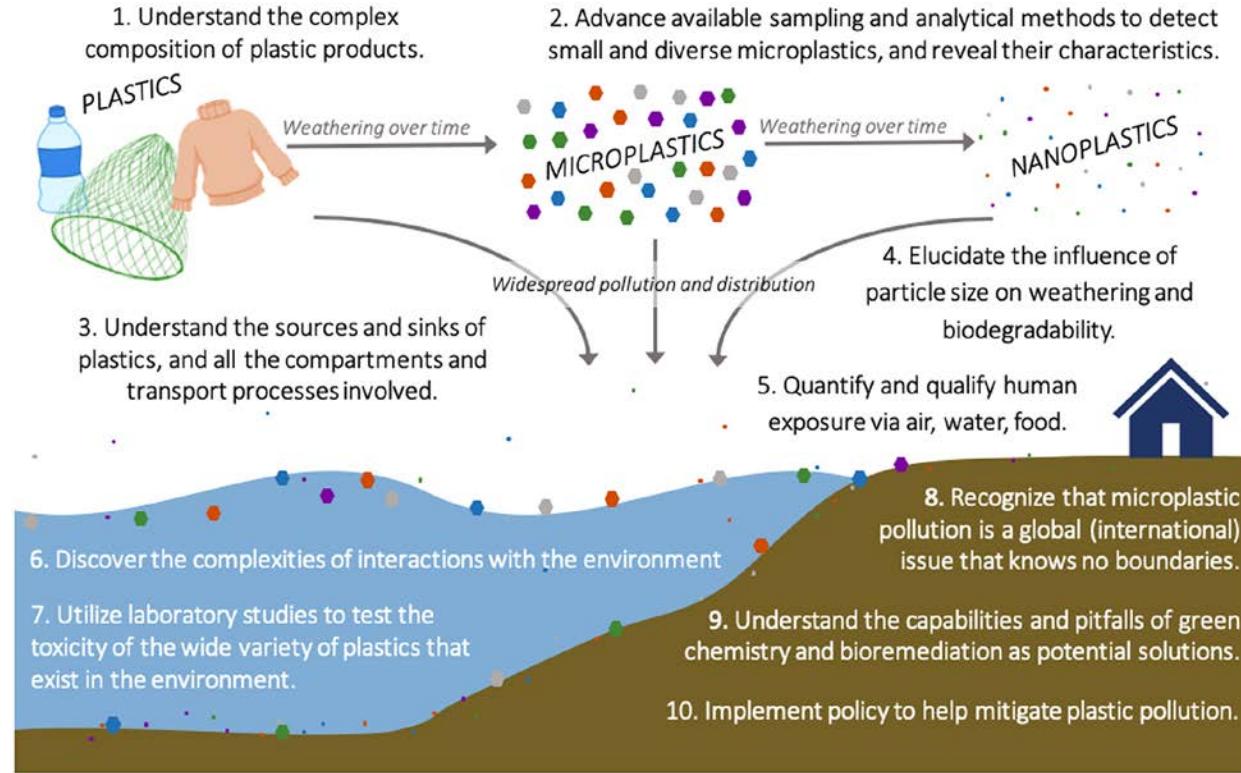
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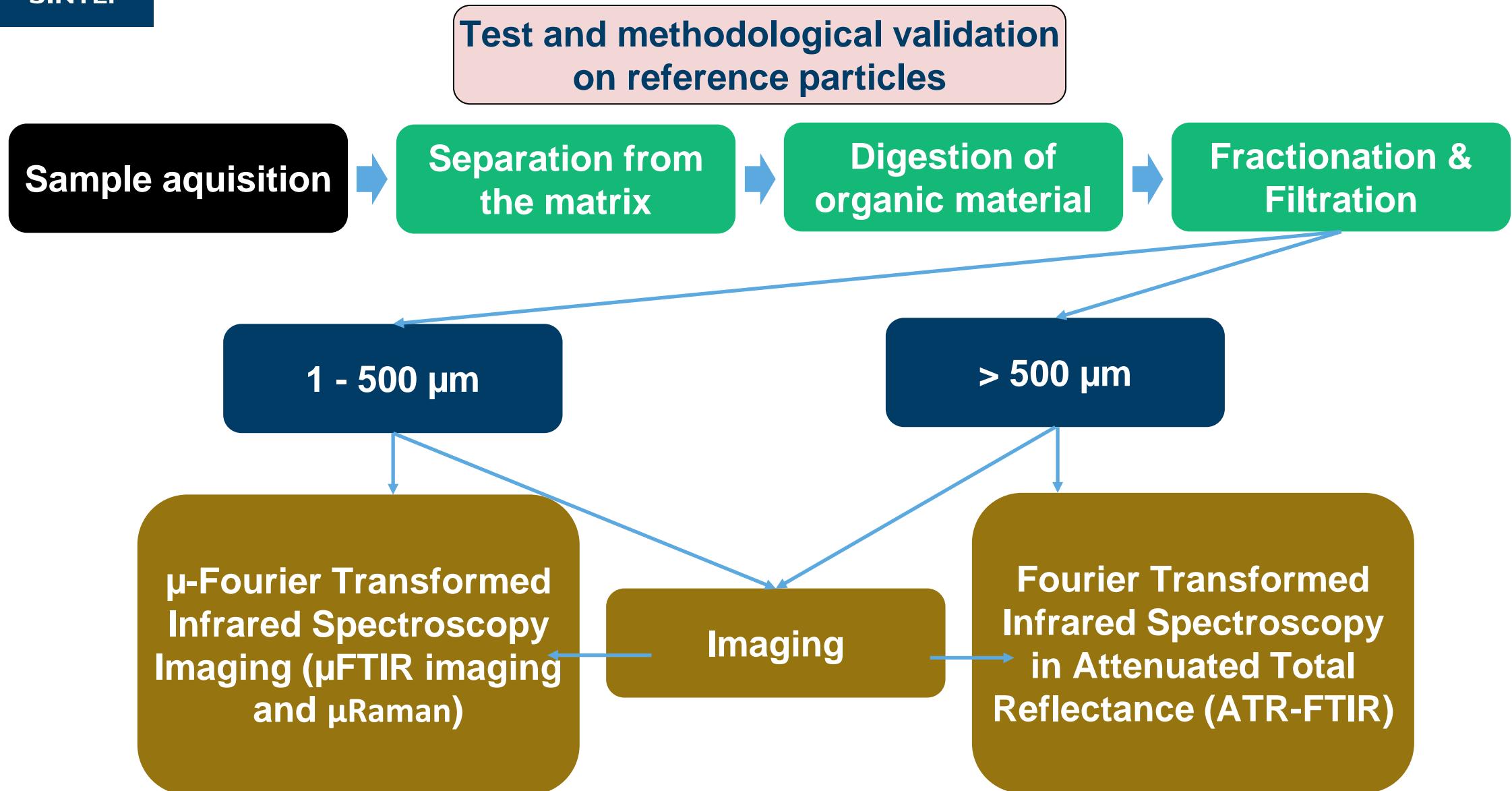
Polyvinylchloride (PVC)



Detection, characterisation and quantification of synthetic particles in the environment

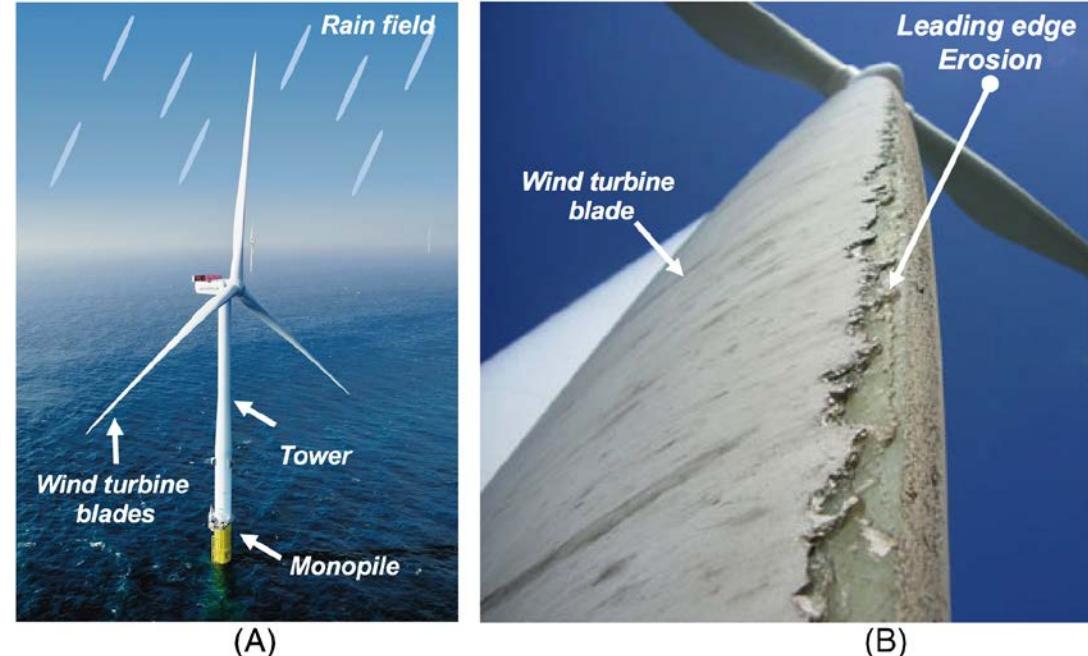


Detection, characterisation and quantification of synthetic particles in the environment



Analysis of microplastics in sediments from the Hywind Scotland floating wind farm (ASTORIA)

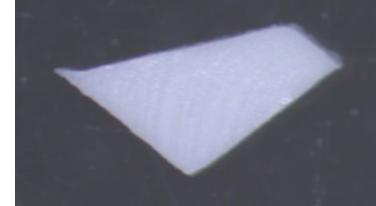
- Quantify and characterise the MP ($>300 \mu\text{m}$) content in sediment samples collected from an OWF area
- Define the proportion of the MP derived directly from plastic constituents and materials used in the OWF infrastructure (i.e. the coatings of the rotor blades)
- Determine the background MP levels of traditional thermoplastic polymers (e.g. PE, PP, PS, PET, PVC).



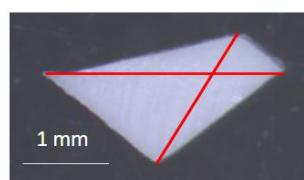
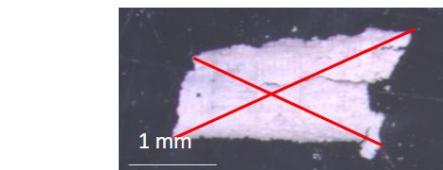
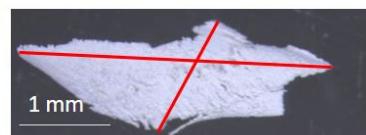
Project partners: SINTEF Ocean and Equinor AS

Particle analysis-Validation of the extraction procedures on particles from reference materials

Aim: verification that the selected pre-processing and purification steps have negligible impacts on the pristine reference materials

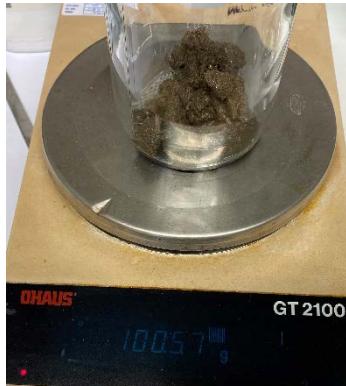


<u>Density separation</u>	<u>N particles</u>	<u>Weight (mg)</u>	<u>Dim1 (\pmSE) (mm)</u>	<u>Dim2 (\pmSE) (mm)</u>
Before	25	6.95	4.35 (\pm 0.2)	2.1 (\pm 0.2)
After	39	7.35	2.96 (\pm 0.2)	1.19 (\pm 0.2)



Particle analysis-Separation from the sample matrix, purification and fractionation

Aim: separation of the particles from the sample matrix (separation), digestion of exceeding organic material (pufirification) and separation of particles of different sizes (fractionation)



~1-300/500μm

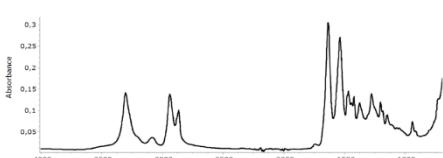
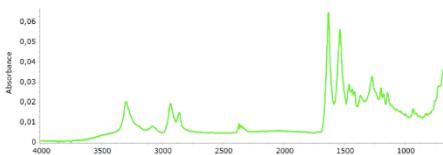
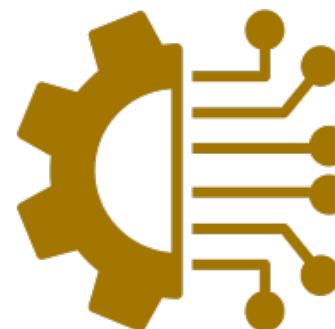
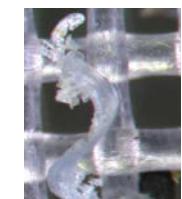
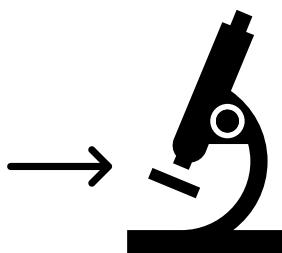
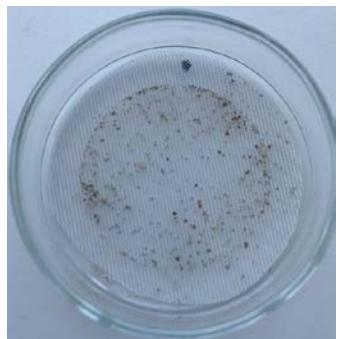
> 300/500μm



Particle analysis-Characterisation and quantification

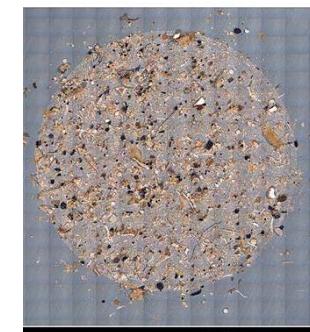
Aim: physico-chemical characterisation of the particles and quantification

> 500 µm

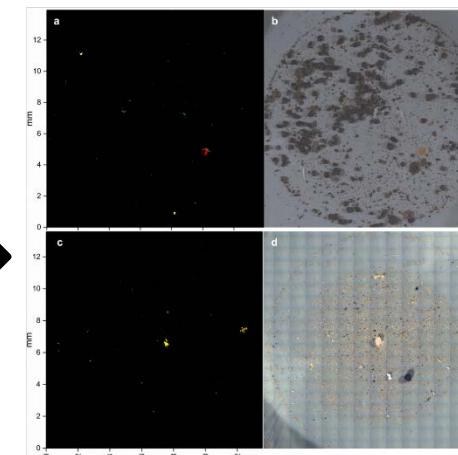


Point-based analysis with ATR-FTIR or Raman

1 - 500 µm



μ -FTIR/ μ -Raman



rubber 3
coal
charcoal
rubber 2
rubber 1
acrylonitrile-butadiene
polybutadiene
polymethylmethacrylate
polymethylacrylate
polyacrylic acid
polysoprene chlorinated
chitin
polychloroprene
polyetherketone
polysulfone
sand
plant fibres
animal fur
acrylates/PUR/varnish
polyester
nitrile rubber
cellulose chemical modified
polyvinylchloride
polyamide
polycarbonate
polystyrene
polypropylene
polyethylene chlorinated
polyethylene oxidized
polyethylene

- Automated imaging analysis of particles (**number of particles**)
- pyrolysis GC-MS (**mass-based quantification**)

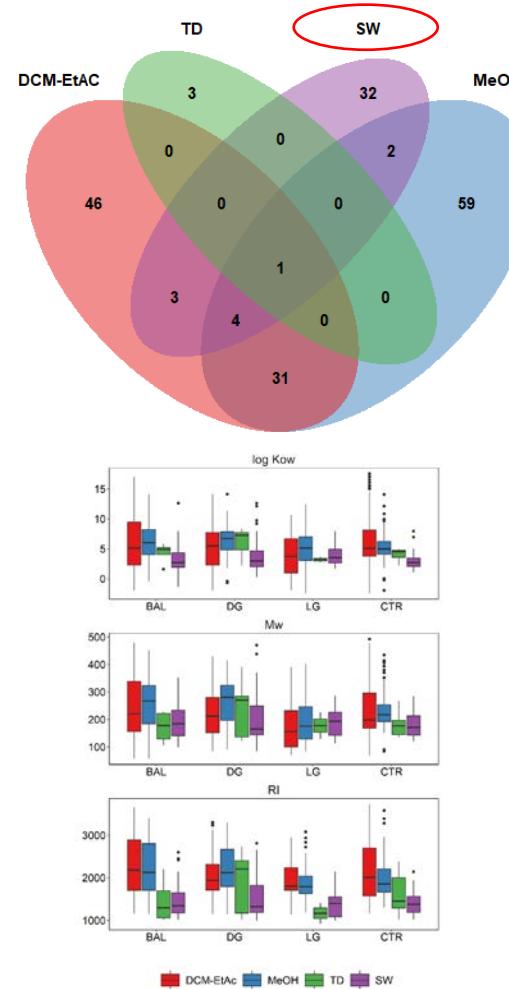
What is a microplastic particle really?

Polymer + **Chemicals**= Unique and **customised** physical-chemical properties

- Added to the material to impart desirable properties
- Include: plasticisers, antioxidants, UV stabilisers, flame retardants, colorants, antimicrobials & residual chemicals.
- Additives are not covalently bonded to polymer – potential for mobility



Methods to assess leaching of chemicals



- Chemical analysis directly on the coating/solid sample gives insight into chemical composition, but does *not* foreshadow the composition of chemicals leaching into (e.g.) seawater
- Leachate 'cocktail' composition is comprised of more polar compounds, typically of lower molecular weight.
- Chemicals present in low % in material may dominate leachates due to their properties.
- Intra-particle diffusion *and* environmental parameters determine leaching of chemicals
- Leaching studies will be performed under realistic and relevant environmental conditions (natural seawater, low temperature, gentle agitation...) using coated surfaces as test matrix.
- Analysis of leachates using a multitude of analytical techniques is necessary to capture full spectrum of leaching chemicals; GC-MS (volatile and semi-volatiles), LC-MS (polar organics) and ICP-MS (metals and other inorganics)

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Plastic monitoring team at SINTEF Ocean





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Thank you for your attention!

Size matters: the significance of the size fraction for a realistic assessment of the MP particles occurrence in marine sediments

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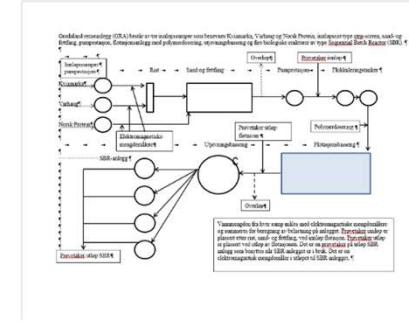
Mikroplast i marine sedimenter, 4 mars 2024, Trondheim



Currently analysed matrices in ongoing projects



- Marine and freshwater sediments
- Marine water
- Sewage sludge
- Edible plants
- Snow and ice cores
- Drinking water
- Indoor/outdoor air
- Soil
- Road dust
- Marine and freshwater biota
- Aquaculture raw materials and end products



Offentlig forvaltning



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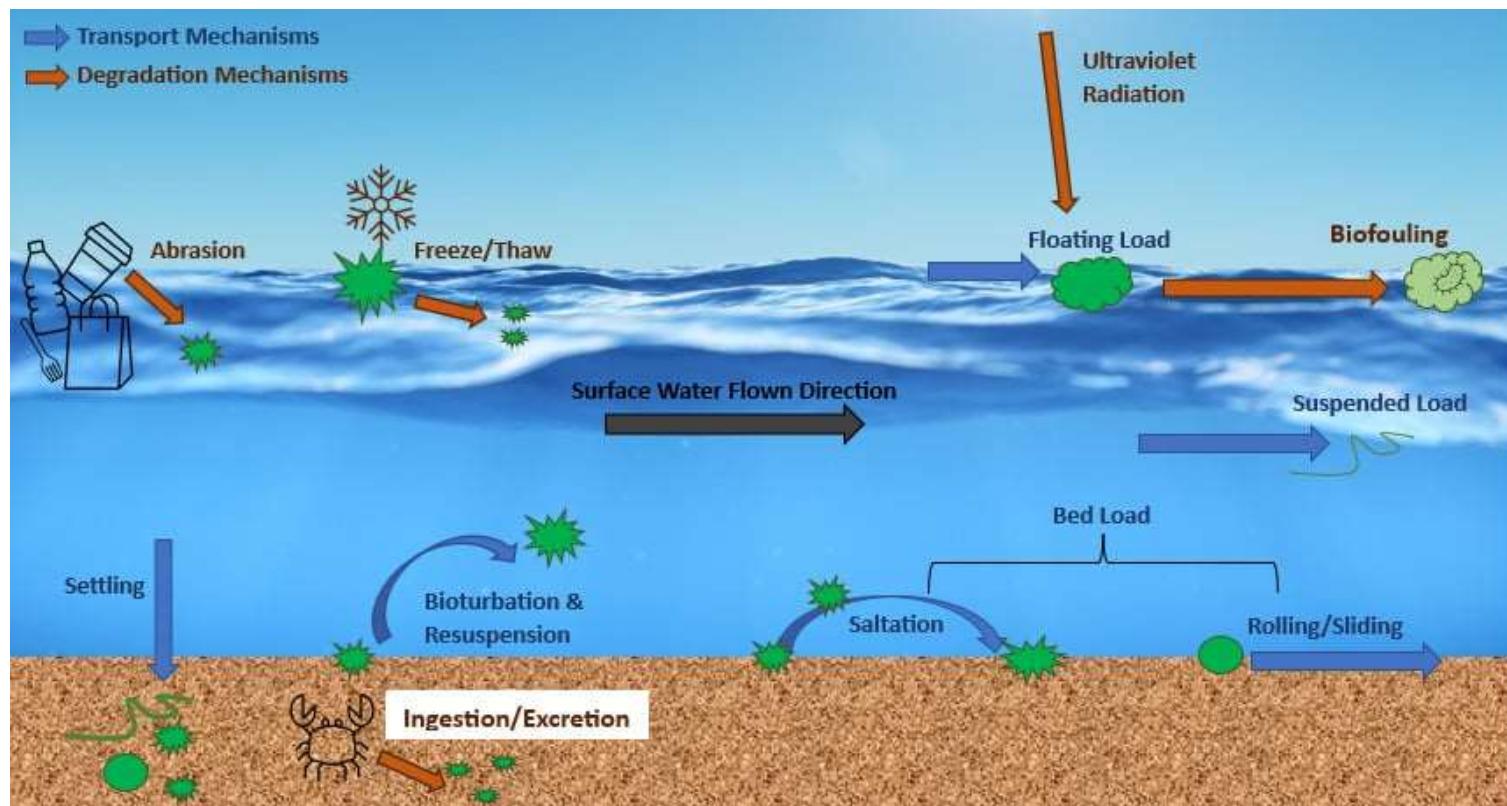


Ideelle organisasjoner og skoler



Sedimentary environment: a complex world

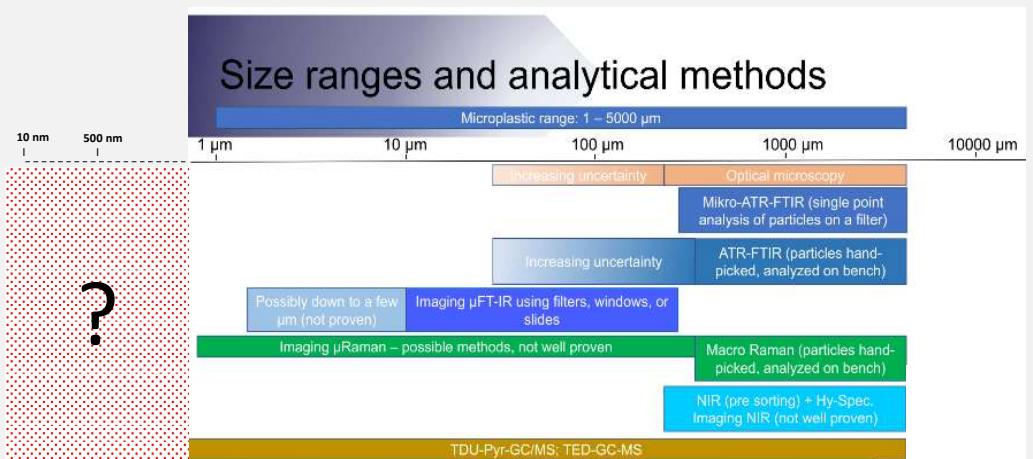
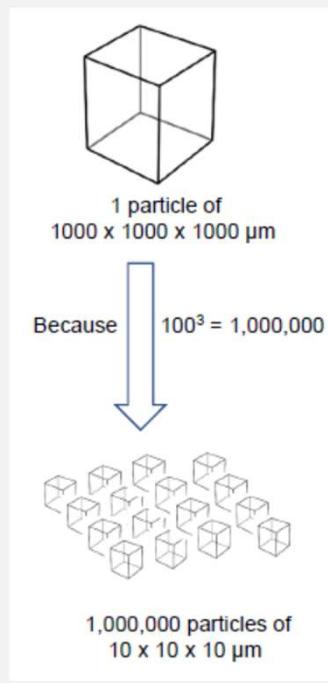
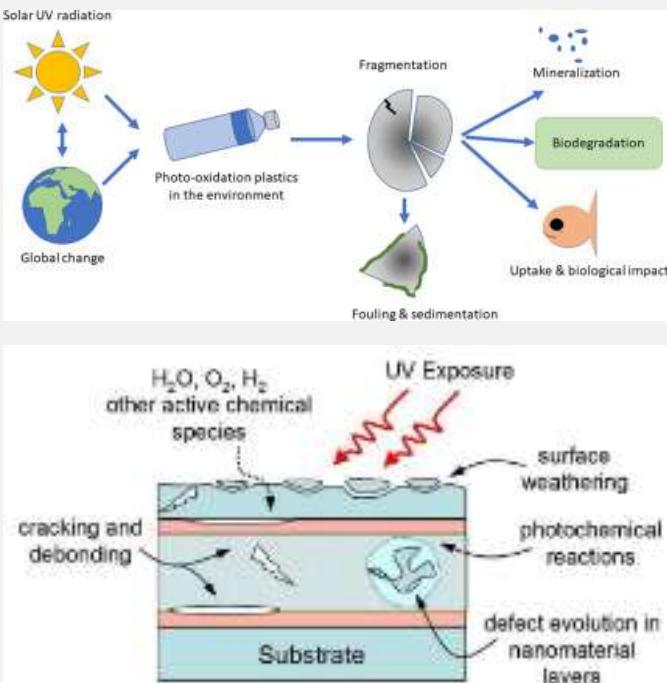
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Plastic litter: size matters



Fragmentation: natural, ongoing and **unstoppable** process



micro \cong nano?



Good quality data from good quality infrastructure



Plastlaben er utstyrt med et høyeffektiv ultra-lav gjennomtrengings HEPA-14H luftfiltreringssystem med >99% effektivitet mot innslipp av partikler ned til størrelsesorden 0.1-0.5 μm .

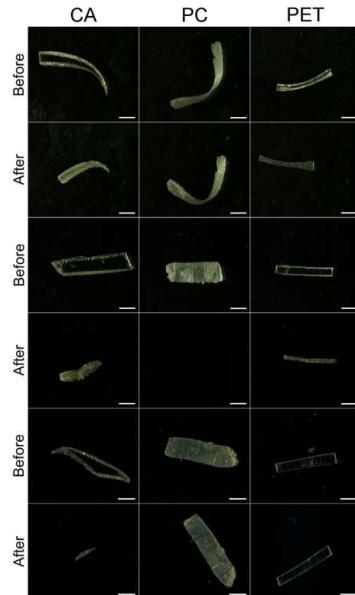
Laboratoriet har overtrykks- og luftlåssystem som begrenser kontaminering av luftbåren plast under prøvebearbeiding og analyse. Laboratoriepersonellet bruker lav-slitasje sko og bomullsbaserte laboratoriefrakker.

Visual flow chart of sample's preparation

Flotation



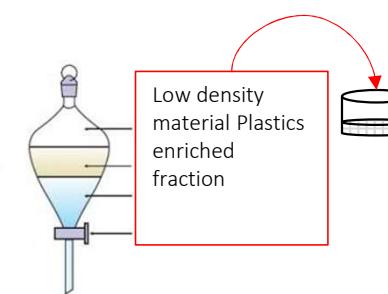
Permeation by
a dispersant agent



Enzyme
degradation

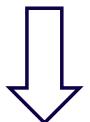
Fenton's
reaction

Density based flotation



Size fractionation

> 300 μm
300 - > 10 μm

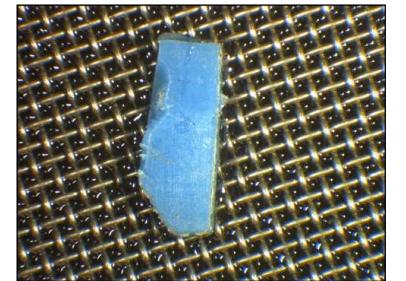
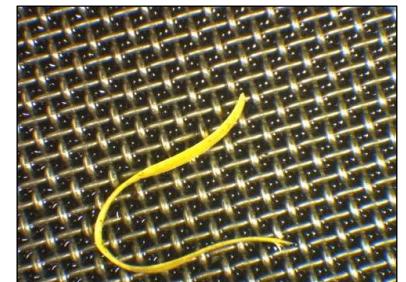
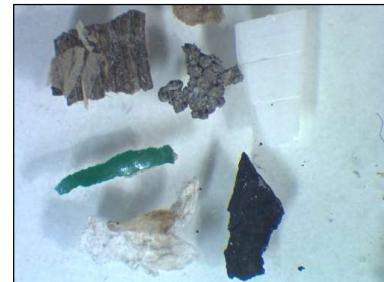
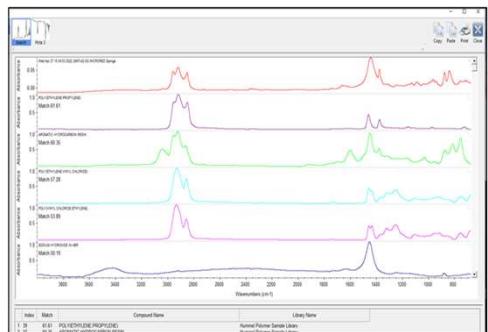
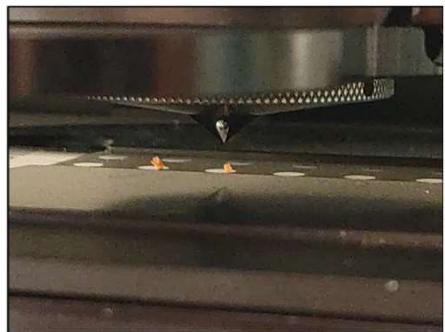
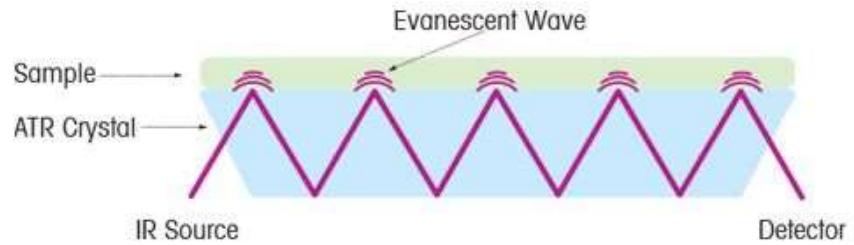


Chemical characterization

Microplastics > 300 µm



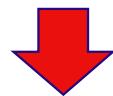
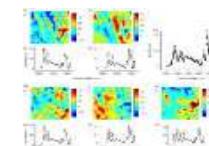
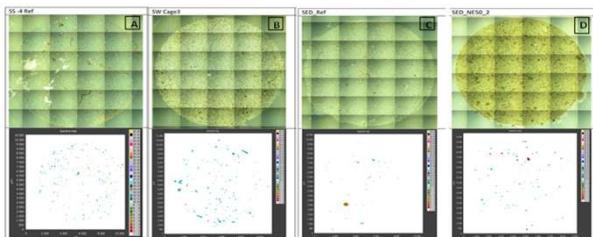
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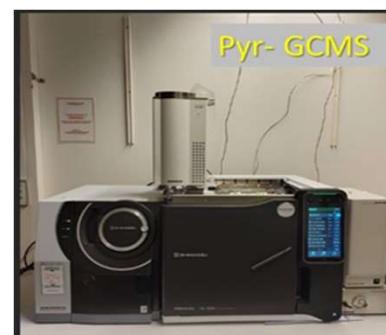
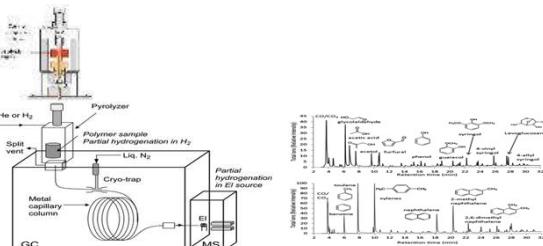
Polymers characterization and quantification analysis



μ -Fourier Transformed Infra Red analysis (μ -FTIR)



Thermal degradation analysis (GCMS-Pyr),

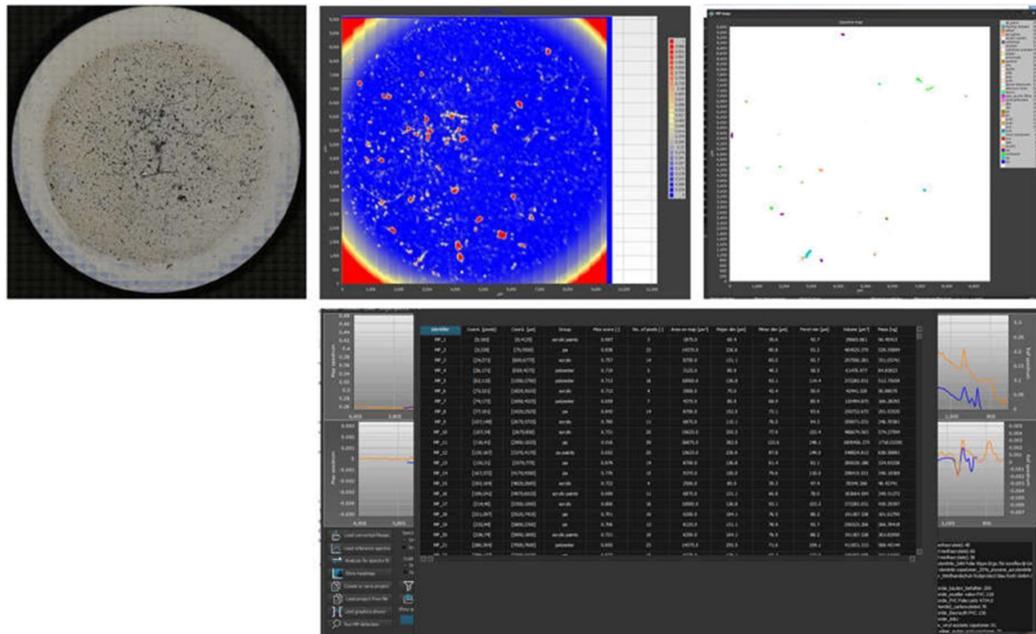


Targeted: TWPs

Data collection and analysis



Systematic Identification of MicroPLastics in the Environment



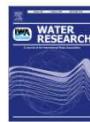
- no of plastic particles
- shape, size
- chemical composition
- particles masses (?)



Particles masses estimation by a «2D visualization»?



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Drinking plastics? – Quantification and qualification of microplastics in drinking water distribution systems by μ FTIR and Py-GCMS

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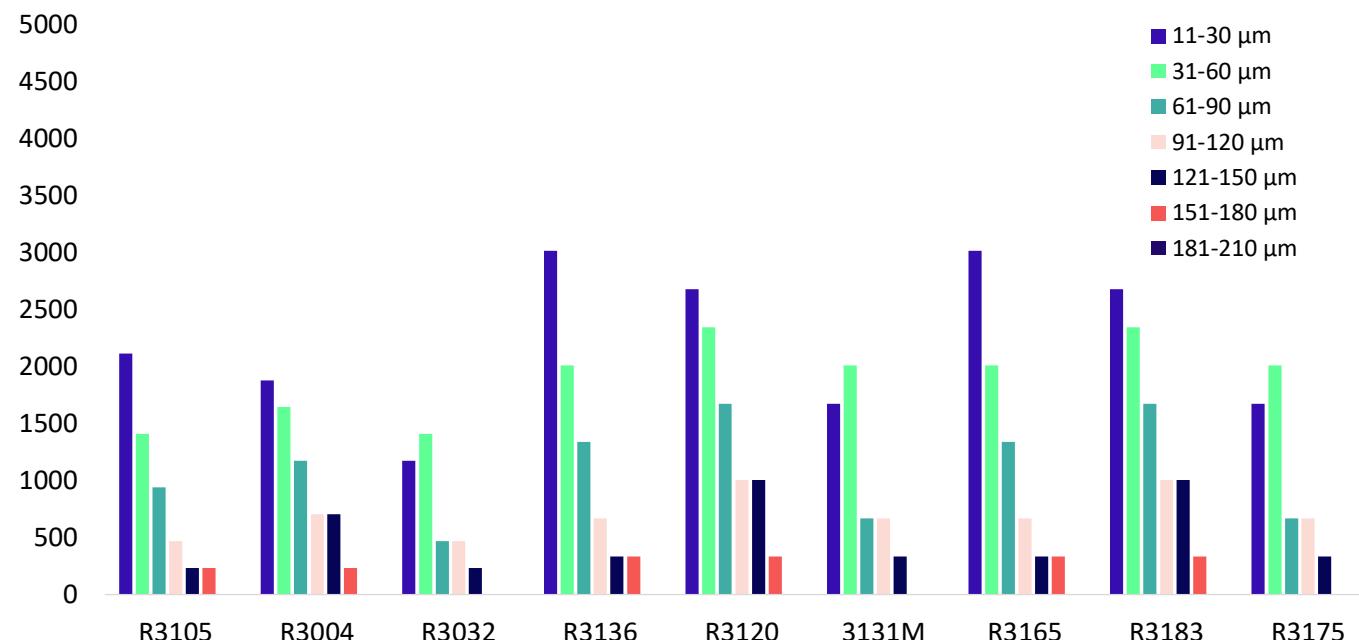


Comparison of pyrolysis gas chromatography/mass spectrometry and hyperspectral FTIR imaging spectroscopy for the analysis of microplastics

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- ✓ Matrix dependent behaviour
- ✓ Good observed size vs measured mass correlation: > 10 μ m

MAREANO 2023: Outlook of the size distribution

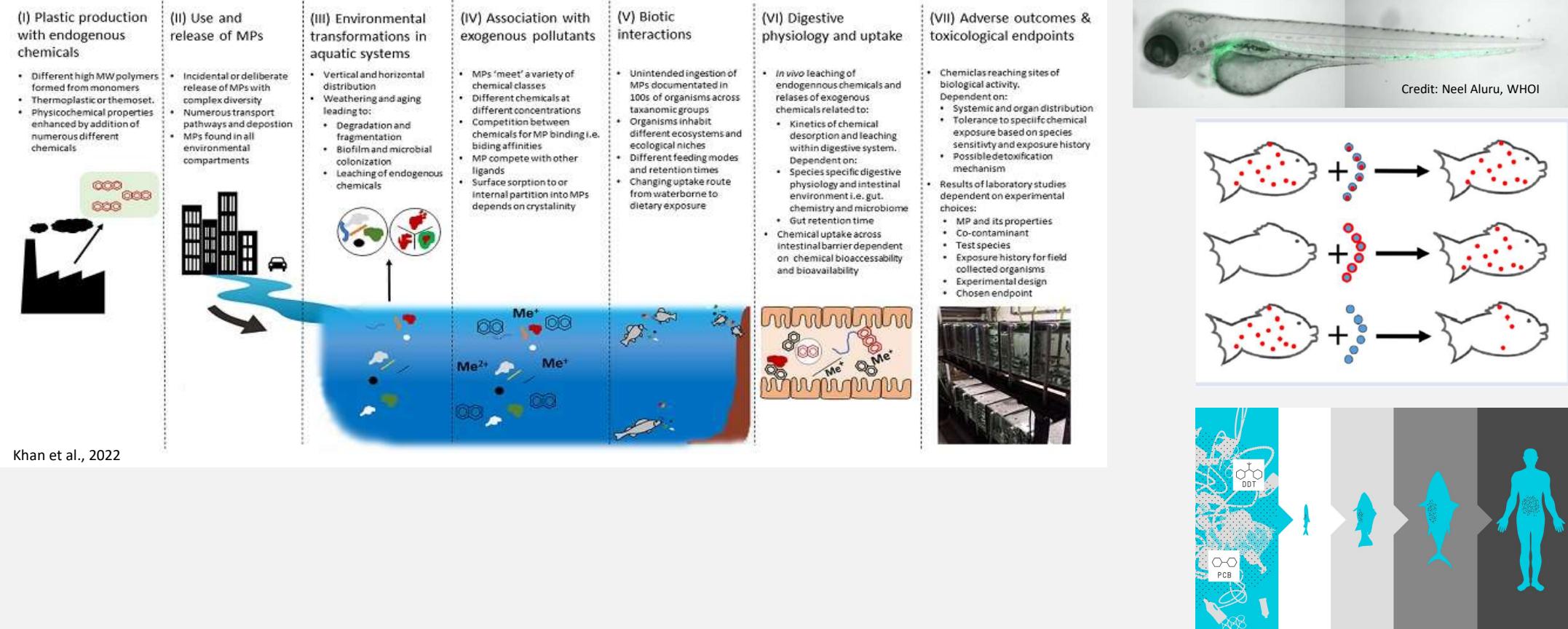


The MP concentrations reported by this study can only in part be compared to previous studies, due to differences in methods and reported size classes.

The MAREANO project at the Norwegian Continental Shelf (NCS) reported concentrations of MP $>100\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ from the Norwegian continental shelf. The highest concentration reported by MAREANO was 391 MP kg $^{-1}$ dw of sizes up to 450 μm (Jensen and Cramer, 2017).

Plastic litter toxicity: why so variable?

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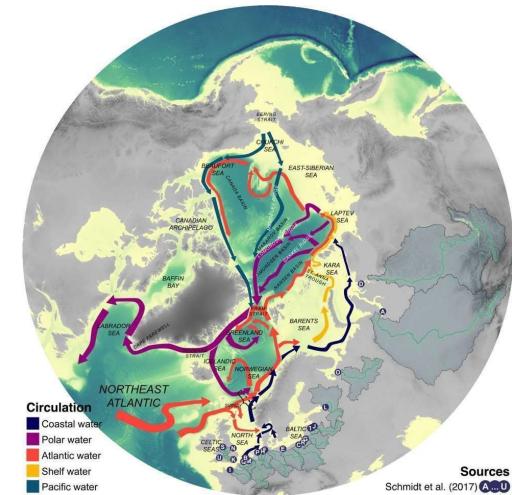


Some final considerations



The results from our experience in the MAREANO program indicate that variations in MP concentrations follow expected patterns of deposition, based on correlation analysis with current systems and historic patterns of deposition of organic matter

The Norwegian Coastal Current (NCC) is a potentially important transport route of microplastics that links the population dense areas of northern Europe to the Barents Sea and the Arctic Ocean. The NCC consists of multiple water sources, mixed in on the way towards the high Arctic. Perhaps the most important water mass in the Atlantic water, flowing into the Nordic Seas between Shetland and the Faroes and arriving at the Arctic flowing along western Svalbard. Other water masses that mix into the NCC originate from the Baltic, German Bight, and Norwegian rivers (<https://jpi-oceans-facts.eu/>)



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Final remarks



Based on the current results, we argue the importance of quantifying particles below 100 µm for a full understanding and representative description of MP in sediment samples





Kystnær jord som kilde for mikroplast i det marine miljø

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MAPLE

Marine Plastic Pollution: Environmental Impact and life cycle scenarios

2022-2026

- “**A multi-disciplinary approach** to the problem of marine plastic pollution in Norway”
- Across several departments of NTNU
- **Aim:** Contribute to developing a more “comprehensive overview of plastic generation, release to the environment, transport, and environmental impacts” of marine plastic pollution in Norway

A project in the Interdisciplinary Sustainable Initiatives at NTNU
Marine Plastic Pollution: Environmental Impact and life cycle scenarios (MAPLE)

A multi-disciplinary approach to the problem of marine plastic pollution in Norway is essential for developing a comprehensive overview of plastic generation, release to the environment, transport, and environmental impacts. Our project, MAPLE, will integrate geoscientific, hydrodynamic, biological, and life-cycle analyses to the problem of marine plastic pollution in Trondheimsfjord and the outer central coast of Norway to evaluate environmental impacts.

Comprehensive overviews elucidating the interaction of pollutants with the marine environment are critical for the development of effective strategies for regulation and mitigation, including reaching many of the sustainable development goals (SDGs). Even though only one SDG (14 – life below water) explicitly mentions plastic pollution, 12 out of 17 SDGs are put at risk by plastic pollution and there is still a lack of understanding of its various causes and consequences.

MAPLE will combine hydrodynamic modelling (to calculate the transport pathways and predict accumulation hot spots) with surveys of plastics in the water column and on the seabed (to chart existing concentrations and determine sources), biological testing (to assess impacts on the marine environment), and life cycle analyses (to correlate the economic value chain to the generation of plastic pollution).

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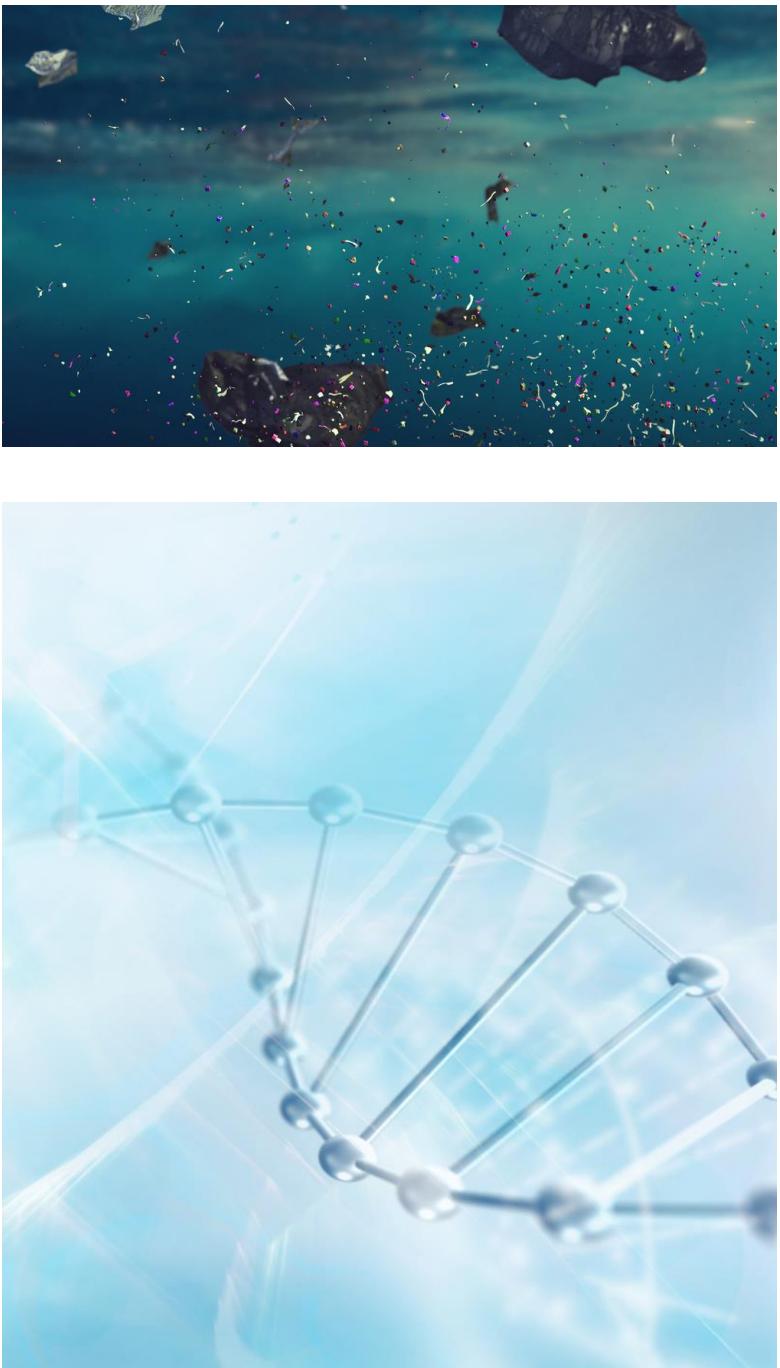
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MAPLE- forskjellige metoder

to find answers to complex questions

Modelering

Transport av mikroplast
(fysikk)

**Plast i fjordsedimenter og
Kystnær jord**



Biofouling

Biologi og vekst av
mikropbiologi på plast

Kilder, koncentrasjon og
metodikk

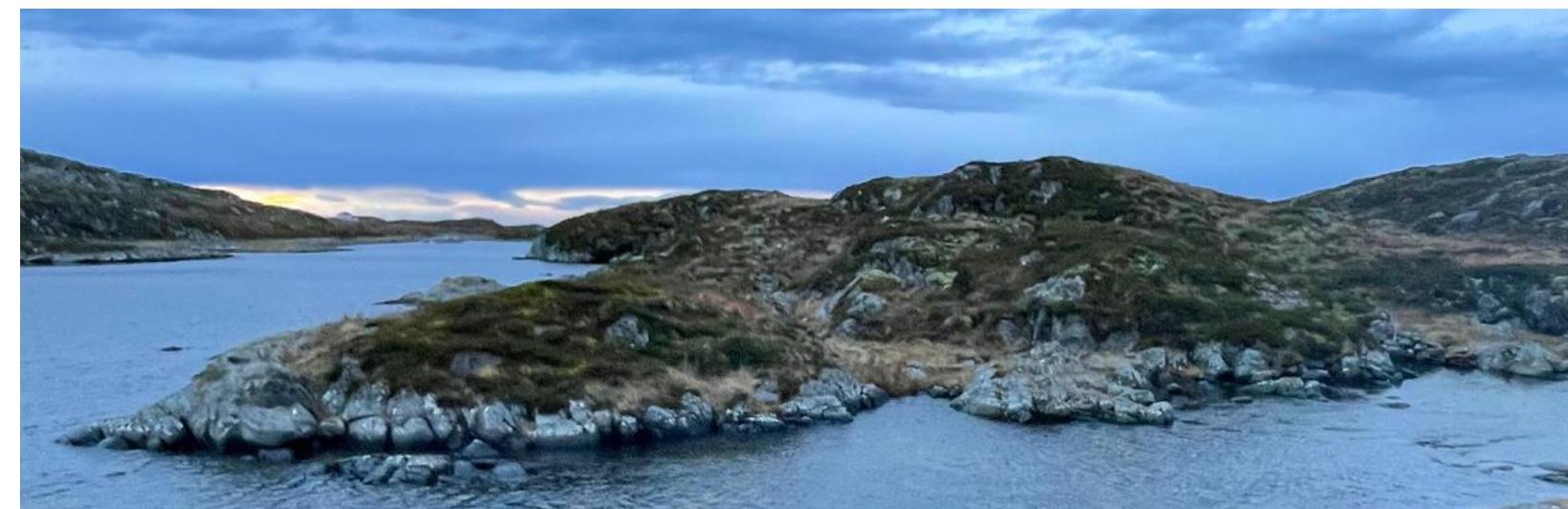
LCA-analyse
Verdikjeder, focus på klær



Del av et større prosjekt – MAPLE

**Min del av prosjektet fokuserer nå
på hvordan makro og mikroplast
endrer jorda og lekasjen av
mikroplast**

Feltarbeid til Smøla og Mausun (Frøya)

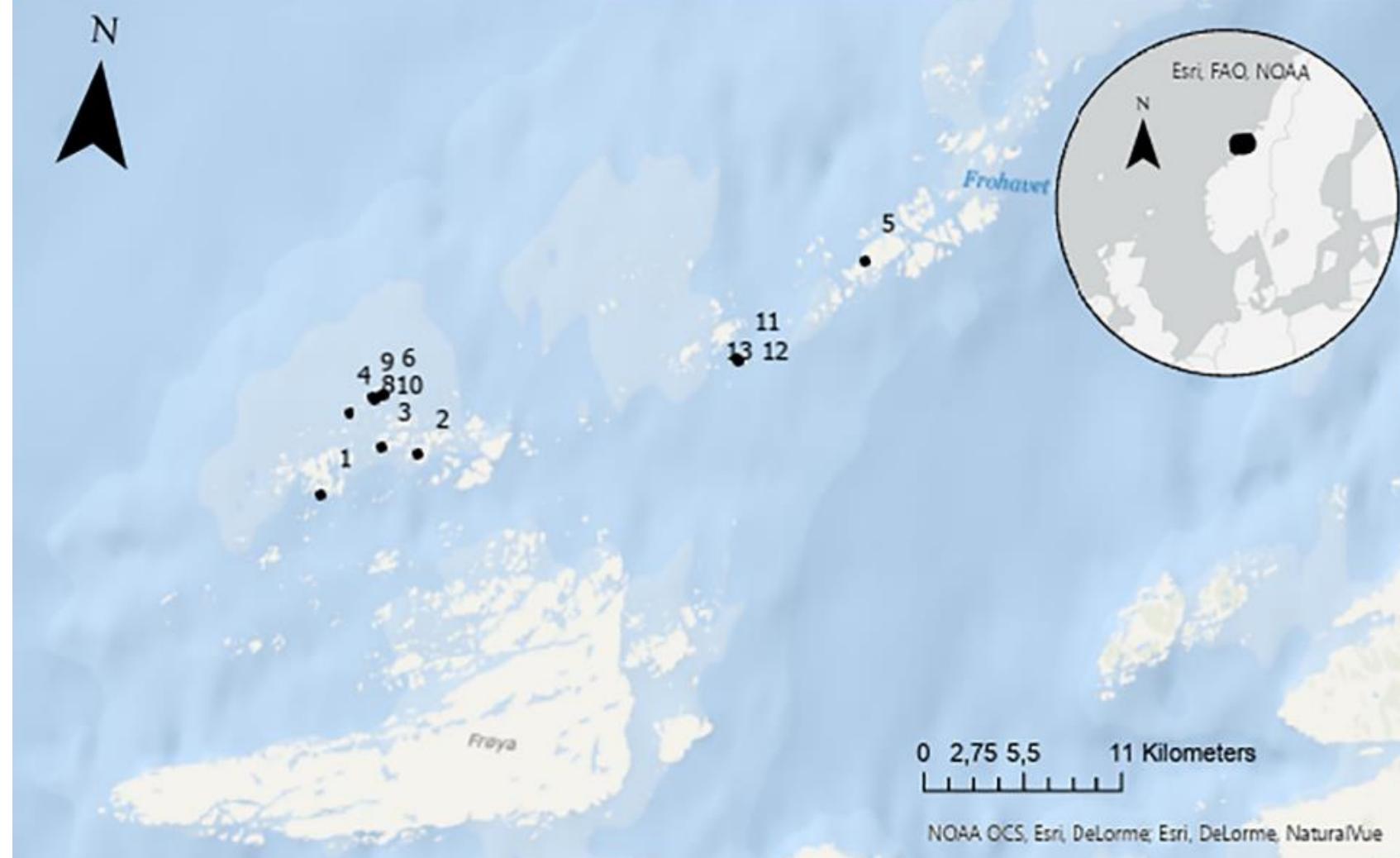


Kase-studie av hot-spot områder.



Mausund (Frøya)

- 13 jordprøver (totalt ca 350liter jord)
- Kvantifisering av mikroplast og makroplast



Funns

- **Høy kamkroplastkonsentrasjon:** 3 to 72 % (dry weight (dw) plastic / dw soil samples).
- **Mikroplast-konsentrasjon I snit ca 84 000 partikler/kg jord** (dw) (30µm-5mm).
- Observert sammenheng mellom Mikroplastkonsentrasjon og makroplastkonsentrasjon





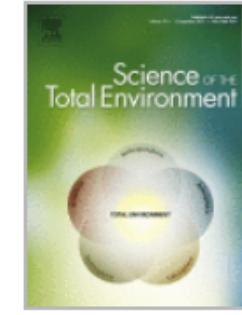
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Macroplastic in soil and peat. A case study from the remote islands of Mausund and Froan landscape conservation area, Norway; implications for coastal cleanups and biodiversity

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-
- Dette fikk meg til å tenke på om dette er en endestasjon for plasten, eller bare en mellomstasjon

SMØLA 2023. Prøvetagning for infiltrasjonsstudie, og Bacheloroppgave for Hausken



Spatial Reference
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PCS: ETRS 1989 UTM Zone 33N
GCS: GCS ETRS 1989
Datum: ETRS 1989
Projection: Transverse Mercator

Credits: Sampling locations selected by Jakob B. Cyvin and Zuzanna Maria Sledz. Map created by Amanda Hausken using Esri ArcGIS Pro. Basemap source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the GIS User Community

Sampling location

Have collected in the field:

3 soil cores (1, 2, 3) collected per site at 3 different sites (A, B, C), 9 soil cores total.

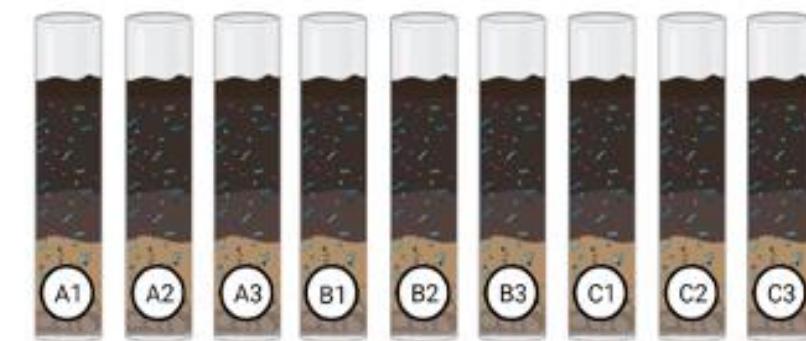
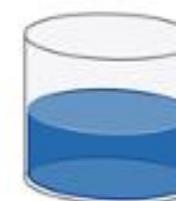
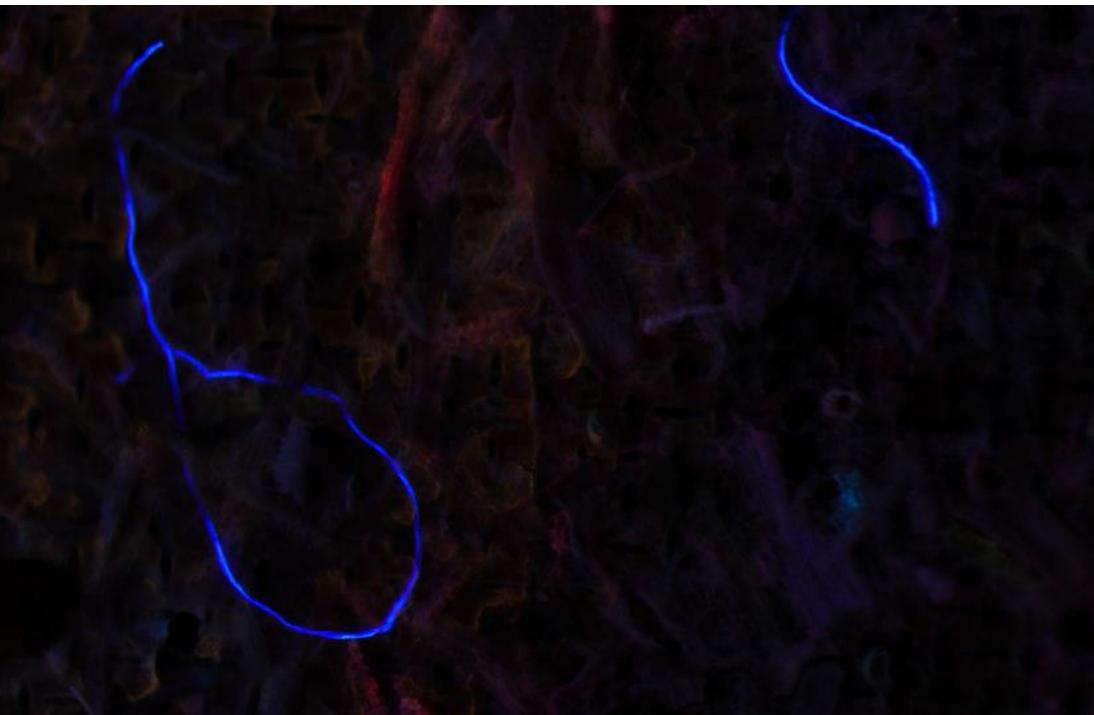


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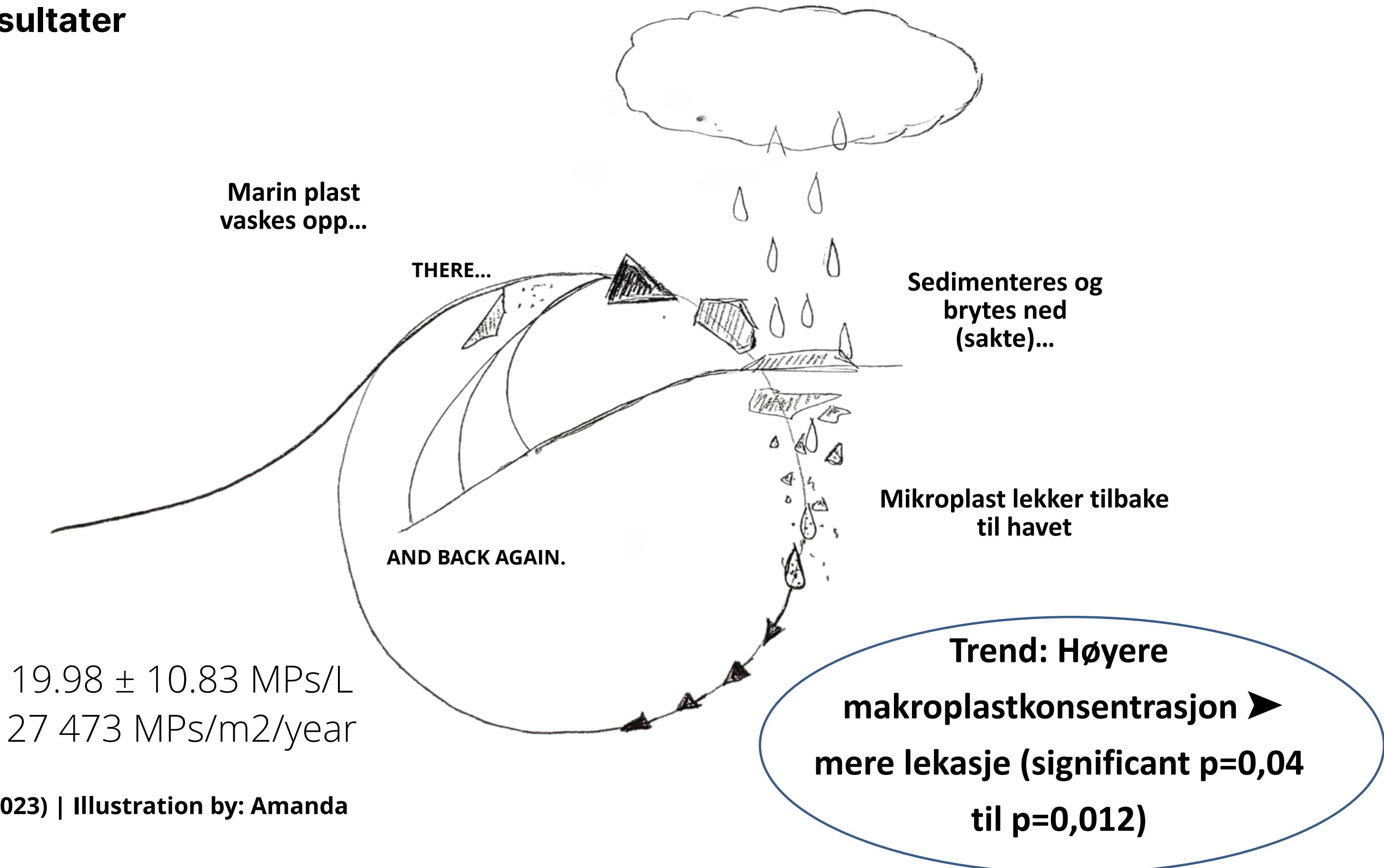
Local rainwater from the same area which the soil core samples were collected from.



29X Forstørrelse



Resultater



Hva betyr dette

...kystnær jord virker å **bidra som en hittil ikke-inkalkulert kilde til sekundær mikroplast**. Omfanget er så langt usikkert. Feltprøver er ønsket og analyse med FTIR-eller Pyrolyse GC-MS er nødvendig for verifikasjon av inneværende resultater.

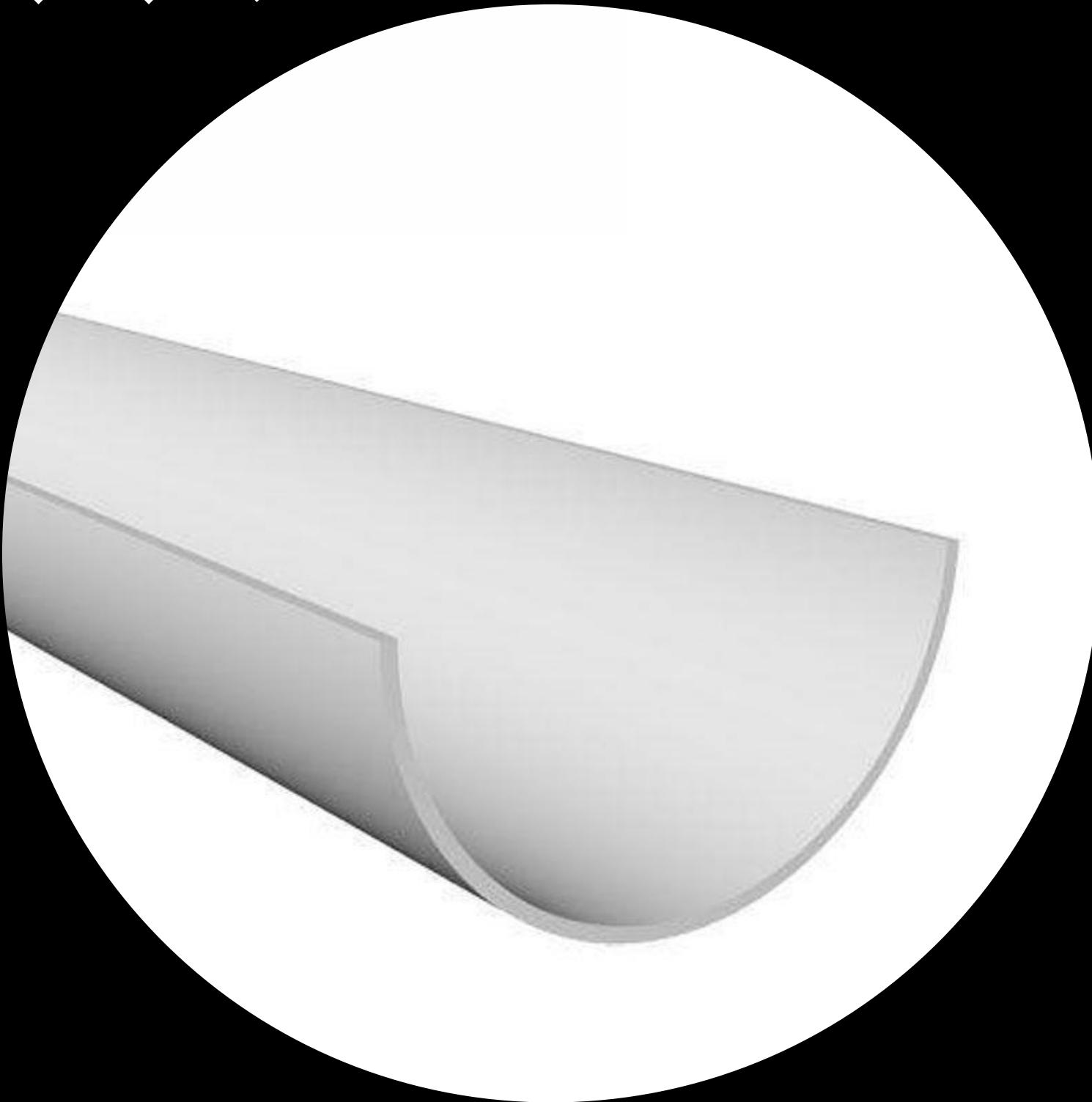
Infiltrasjonstester tilsier også at plast endrer infiltrasjonen, også ved lave konsentrasjoner (under 3% dw/dw). Men endringen virker å være forskjellig i tørr jord, ved feltkapasitet og mettet.

Mangler forskning på hvordan plast påvirker jord, og hvordan MP ender tilbake i havet



Hvorfor trenger vi kunnskap om dette?

Det pågår store diskusjoner langs kysten om hva vi skal gjøre med jorsmonnet som er infiltrert med plast.....



- **Hva har vi?**

- Metodikk for prøvetaking i felt – ta ut jordsøyler
- Rimelig metodikk for rask kvantifisering av plast vs. ikke-plast
- Oppsett for

- **Hva mangler vi**

- Et større prosjekt, med ressurser til et stort antall laboratorietester for å gjenta lekkasje-testene
- Feltstudier på lekkasje av mikroplast fra jorda
- Bruk av analytiske metoder for polymeranalyse
- Replikasjon av infiltrasjonstester (pågår) for å se på hvordan makroplastkonsentrasjon påvirker infiltrasjonshasigheten



Tusen takk!

Tusen takk til Amanda Hausken, og hennes Bachelorprosjekt!

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MIKROPLAST I NORSKE KYSTOMRÅDER, INNSJØER OG ELVER

Bildekkpartikler og annen mikroplast i norske sedimenter - erfaringer fra MIKRONOR

Vanja Alling (Project Manager, MIKRONOR)

Elisabeth Rødland (TWP responsible)



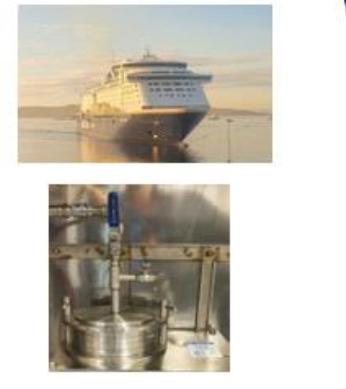
Norway's first microplastic monitoring program (2021-2024) - funded by the Norwegian Environment Agency

AIMS

- Quantify levels and types of microplastics (MPs) in the Norwegian environment
- Identify variations in MPs concentration between sample types and geographical areas
- Contribute to knowledge of sources and pathways of microplastics into the Norwegian environment
- Contribute to international harmonization of microplastic monitoring programs (EU and OSPAR)
- Give a foundation for further national monitoring programs of microplastics

Sample collection in different matrices

MARINE



FRESHWATER



BIOTA



A red circle highlights the "Sediment (50 µm)" image.

Sediment sampling

24 marine sediment stations,
6 in Inner Oslofjord

15 FW sediment stations,
6 in Mjøsa

FTIR:
21 polymerer

PYR-GC/MS: TWP



Sediment sampling

Field

- Grab sampling
- Three replicates (three separate grabs)

Field manual describes contamination control measures

- Field blanks: atmospheric blanks (3 per station)
- Samples of potential contamination sources: clothes, ropes, paint, samplers or other

Uncertainty: Mikronor receives samples from other monitoring programs and do not have control of the field work



Lab contamination reduction

High focus on contamination control

- MP lab with under-pressure and HEPA filter (H13)
- No synthetic clothes allowed (cotton scrubs and cotton lab coats)
- Continuous monitoring of MP contamination with strategically placed lab blank samples
- RO water is filtered (0.22µm Milipak membrane)
- All chemicals are filtered (1.6µm GF filter)
- LAF-benches used when preparing samples

Sample pretreatment for FTIR analysis

Freeze dried and homogenized

40-50gr dw

Acetic acid+
KOH/Fentons

Nal density
separation



Sample pretreatment for FTIR analysis

Freeze dried and homogenized

40-50gr dw

Acetic acid +
KOH/Fentons

Nal density
separation

50-300µm

>300µm

**µFTIR
scanning**

**Microscope
and FTIR per
particle**



NIVA: Perkin Elmer FTIR, Purecy/SiMPLE

Sample pretreatment TWP analysis

Freeze dried and homogenized



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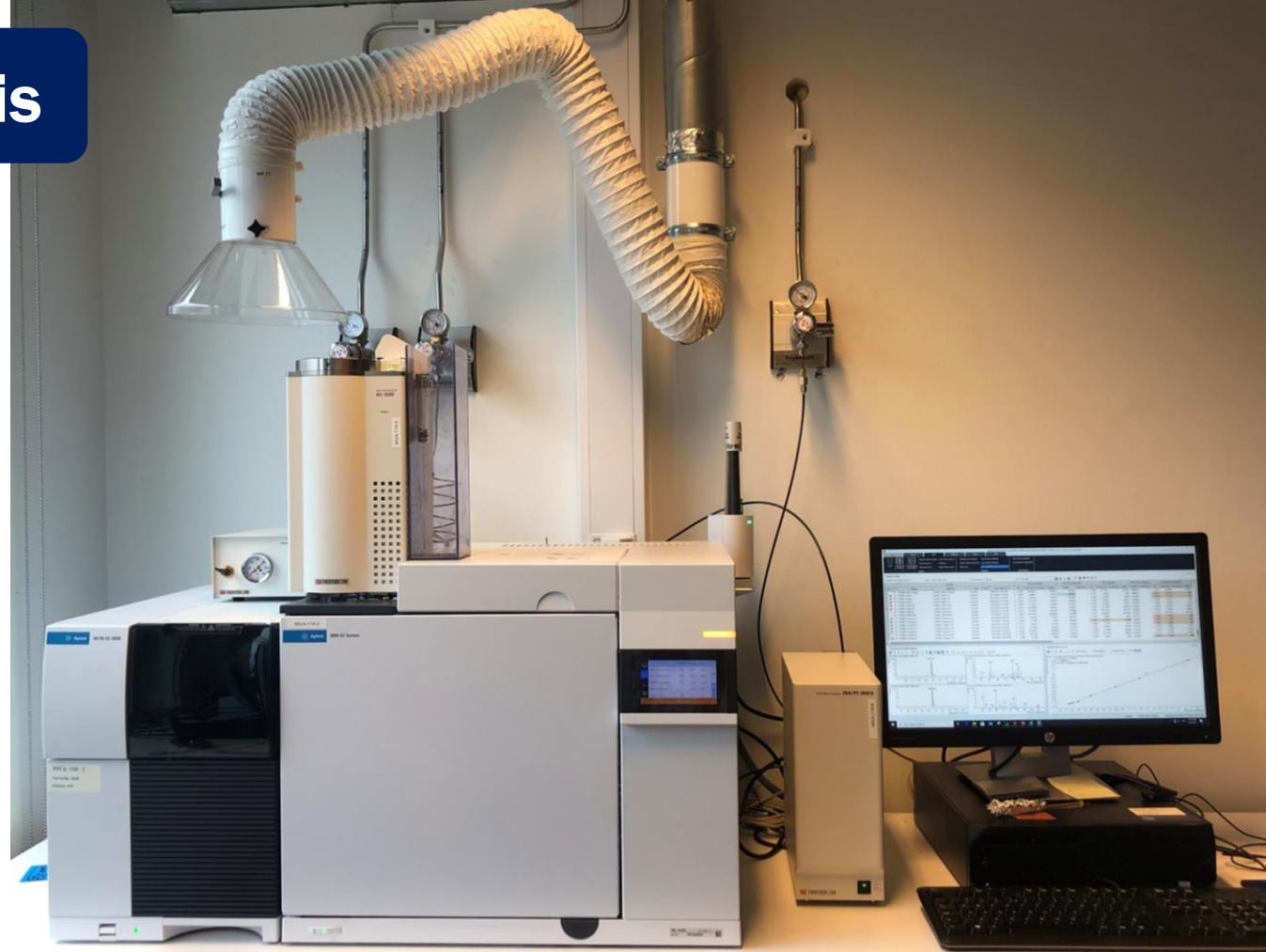


<500µm sieved
and homogenized



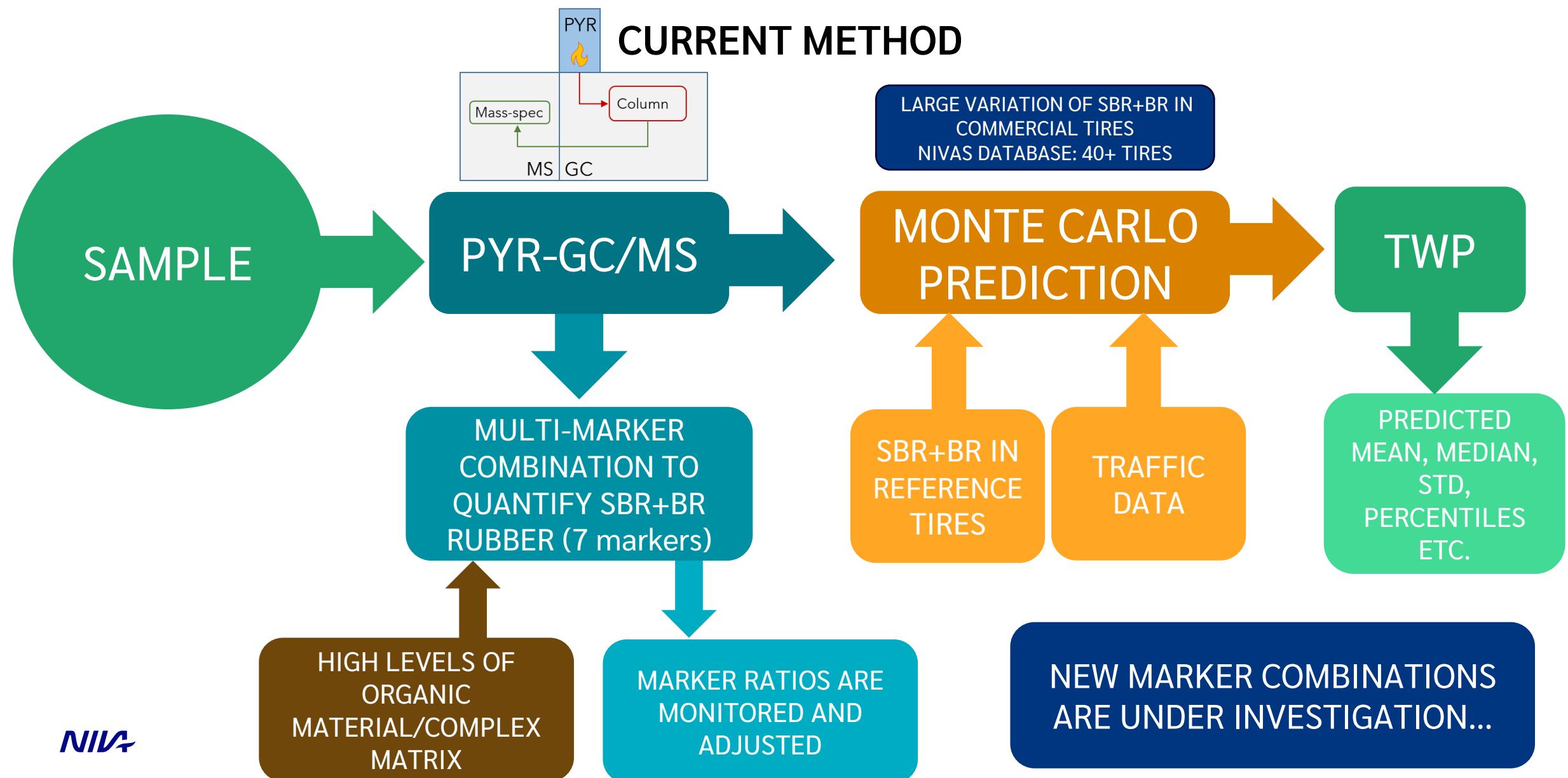
6-10mg

→ PYR-GC/MS



NIVA: Frontier Multi-shot Microfurnace Pyrolyzer, Agilent GC/MS (5977B MSD, 8860 GC)

CURRENT TRWP QUANTIFICATION AT NIVA (PYR-GC/MS)



Sample pretreatment TWP analysis

Spike-recovery testing on
freshwater samples

Heimdalsvatnet
TOC 69 mg/g

Freeze dried,
homogenized,
 $<500\mu\text{m}$

Single shot
PYR-GC/MS

Double shot
PYR-GC/MS

SDS+FENTONS

SDS+FENTONS+
ENZYMES

SDS+FENTONS+
KOH+ENZYMES

NONE

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NONE

QA/QC - FTIR

All samples

- Three field blanks accompanied each three replicates of samples
- In addition, three lab blanks followed the samples in the lab
- LOD: the mean number of microplastics in the lab blanks for that sample type + $3 \times SD$
- LOQ: the mean number of microplastics in the lab blanks for that sample type + $10 \times SD$

QA/QC – PYR-GC/MS

Sediments

- Blank cups and QC samples (SBR 20 μ g/cup) monitor signal response and background levels
- The LOD ($3 \times S/N$) using the sum of markers were 0.043 μ g SBR
- The LOQ ($10 \times S/N$) were 0.188 μ g SBR

Results

NIVA has developed an interactive website for data visualization

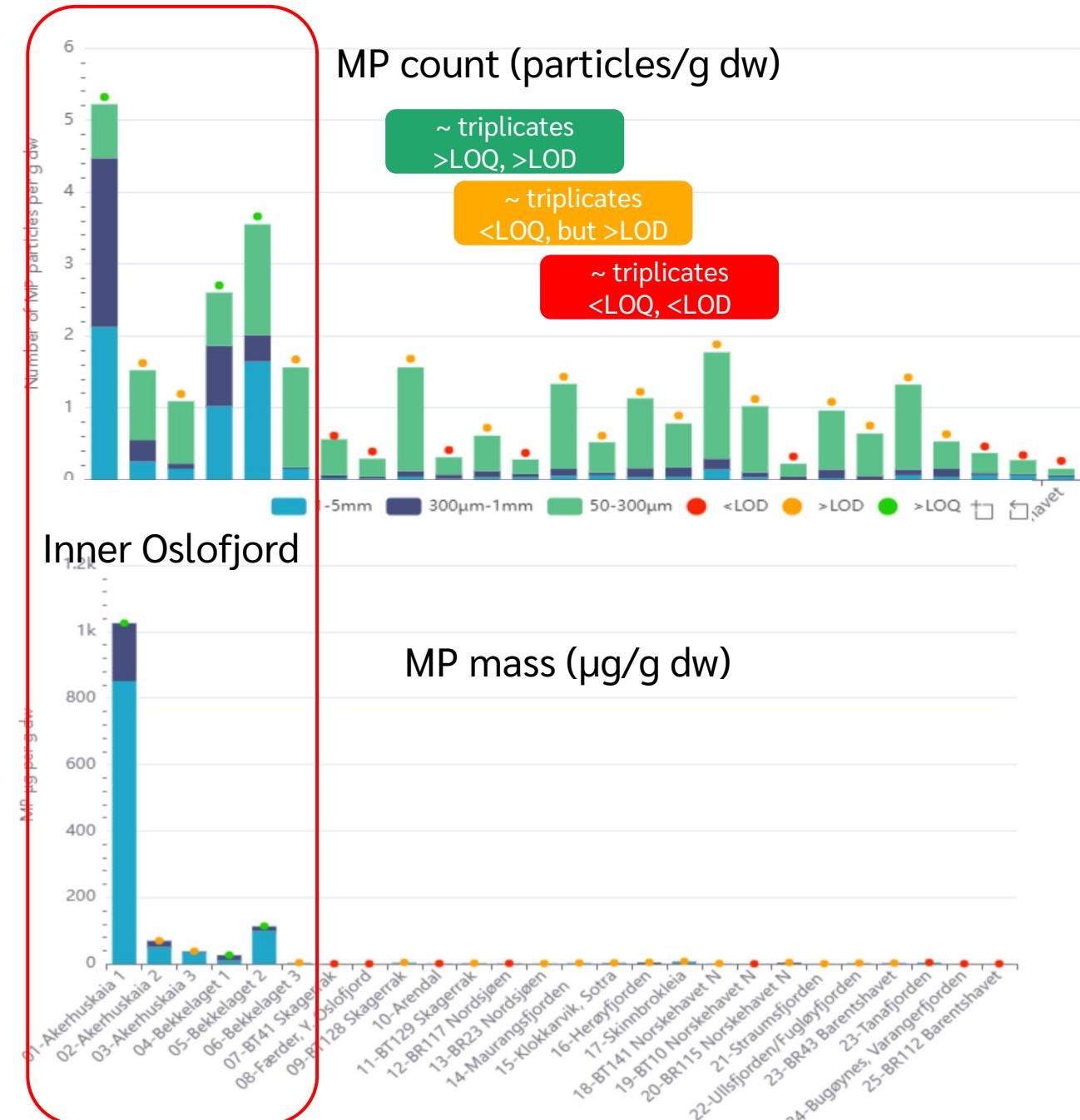
[Mikronor Data \(mikronor-data.no\)](http://mikronor-data.no)

The screenshot shows the 'Microplastics in the Norwegian Environment' dashboard. At the top left is the logo of Miljø-direktoratet, and at the top right is the NIVA logo. The main title 'Microplastics in the Norwegian Environment' is centered above a 'Concentrations' section. On the left, there is a 'Filters' sidebar with sections for 'Include' (Year dropdown with '2 options'), 'Exclude' (Station dropdown with '101 options'), 'Size' (dropdown with '4 options'), and 'Detection Limit' (dropdown with '2 options'). A 'APPLY FILTERS' button is at the bottom of the sidebar. The main content area starts with a 'Concentrations' heading and tabs for 'Sediment', 'Biota', 'Wastewater', 'Urban run-off', 'Plankton net', 'Water, pump', 'Manta Trawl', 'Ferrybox', and 'Svalbard'. Below these tabs are 'Marine' and 'Freshwater' sub-tabs. A descriptive text block follows, mentioning marine sediment patterns, TWP concentrations, and sampling strategy. At the bottom, there is a 'Number of MP Particles' section with a legend for particle sizes: 50-300µm (purple), 1-5mm (dark blue), 300µm-1mm (red), and 'All' (grey). There are also 'Inv' and 'More' buttons.

Results Marine sediments

MP count and mass: 21 polymer types

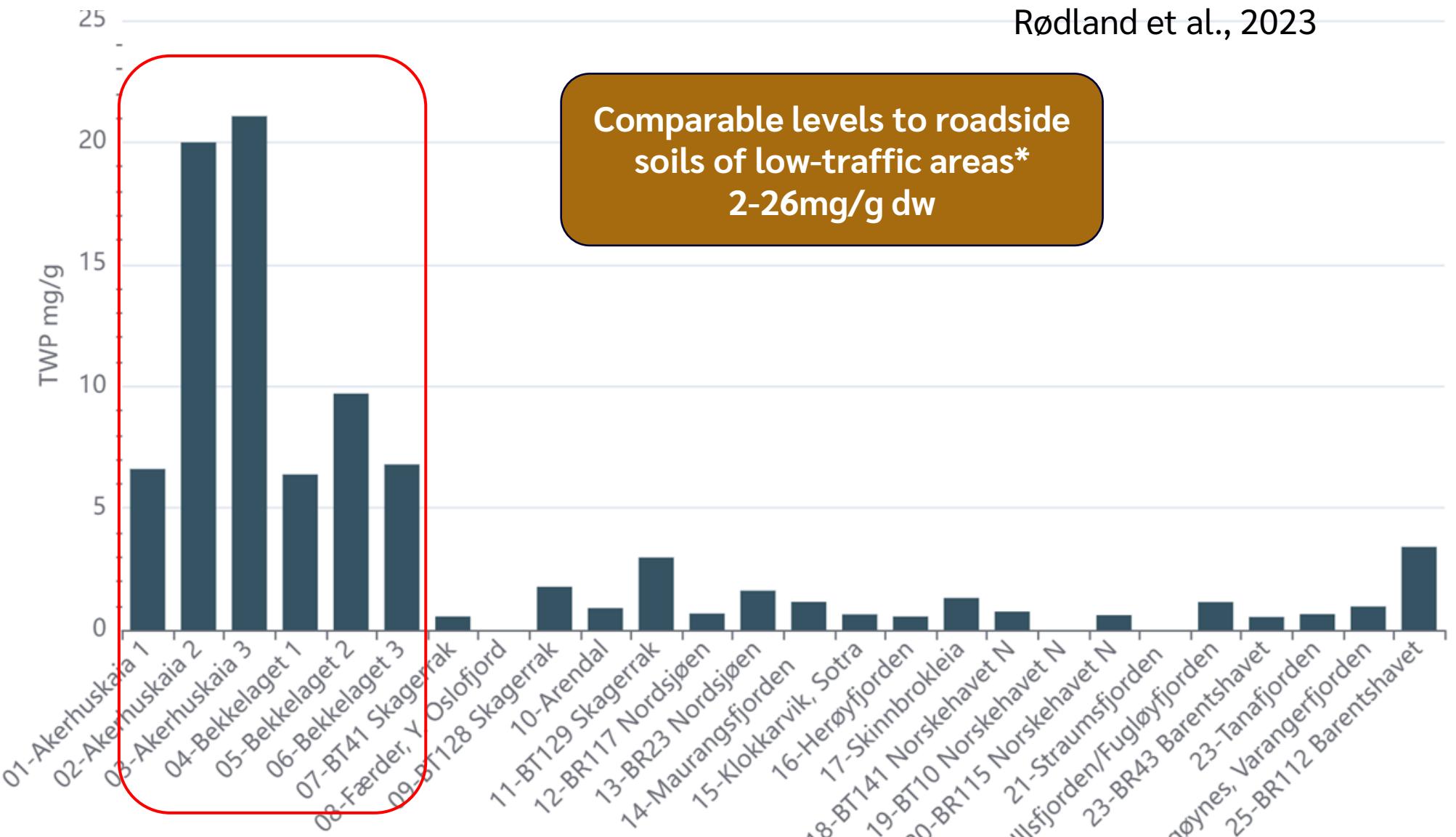
- Count of polymer particles 50 µm to 5 mm: <LOD to 5 MP/g dw
 - Mass: <LOD to 1000 µg/g dw
 - Highest count and mass found in inner Oslo fjord
 - Relatively high numbers of small particles also in remote areas



Results Marine sediments

Tire wear particles TWP mass mg/g

Rødland et al., 2023

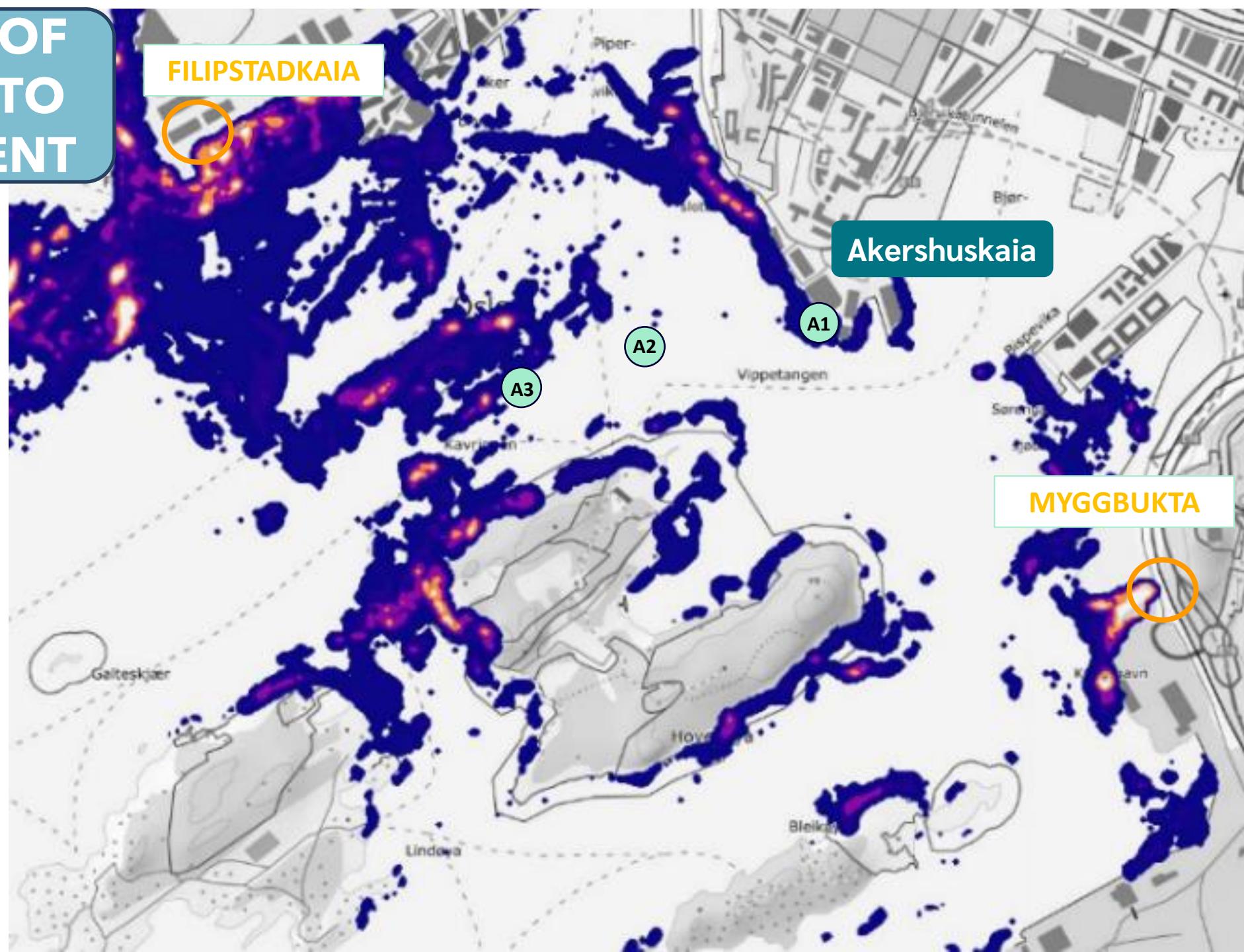


TRANSPORT OF TRWP AND TAC TO THE ENVIRONMENT

TRWP in the Oslofjord:
tunnel wash water

Sedimentation of TRWP in shallow areas of the Oslofjorden

Modelled from outlet of tunnel wash water from Filipstadkaia og Myggbukta



Results FW sediments

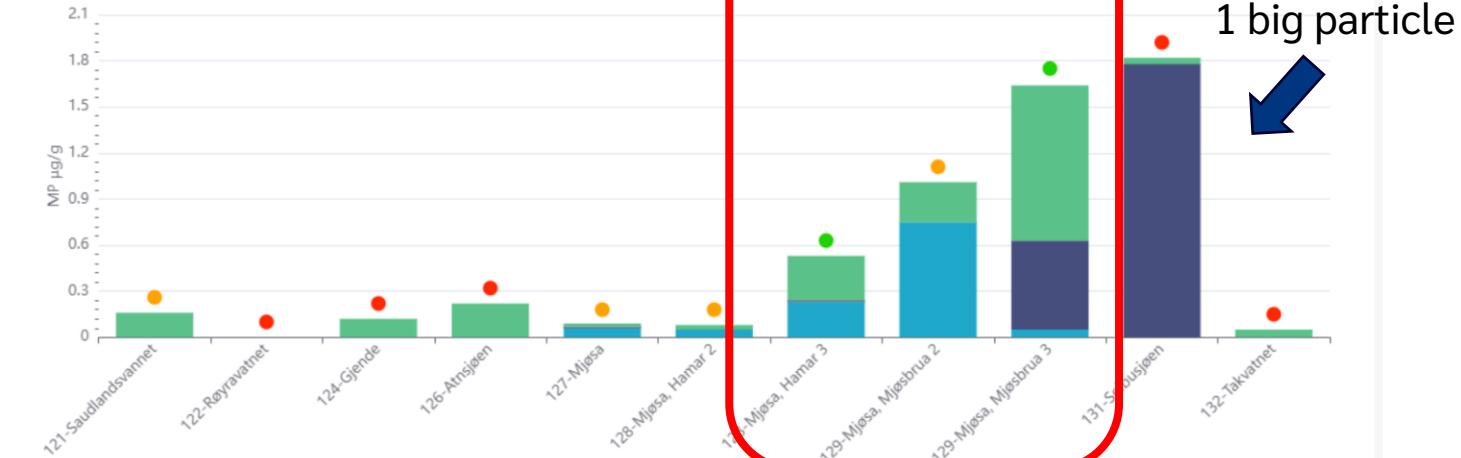
MP count and mass: 21 polymer types

- Count of polymer particles 50 µm to 5 mm: <LOD to 2 MP/g dw
- Mass: <LOD to 2 µg/g dw
- Highest in Mjøsa
- Low numbers compared to Oslo fjord, both mass and numbers

A - Freshwater Sediment - number of MPs



B - Freshwater Sediment - MP mass



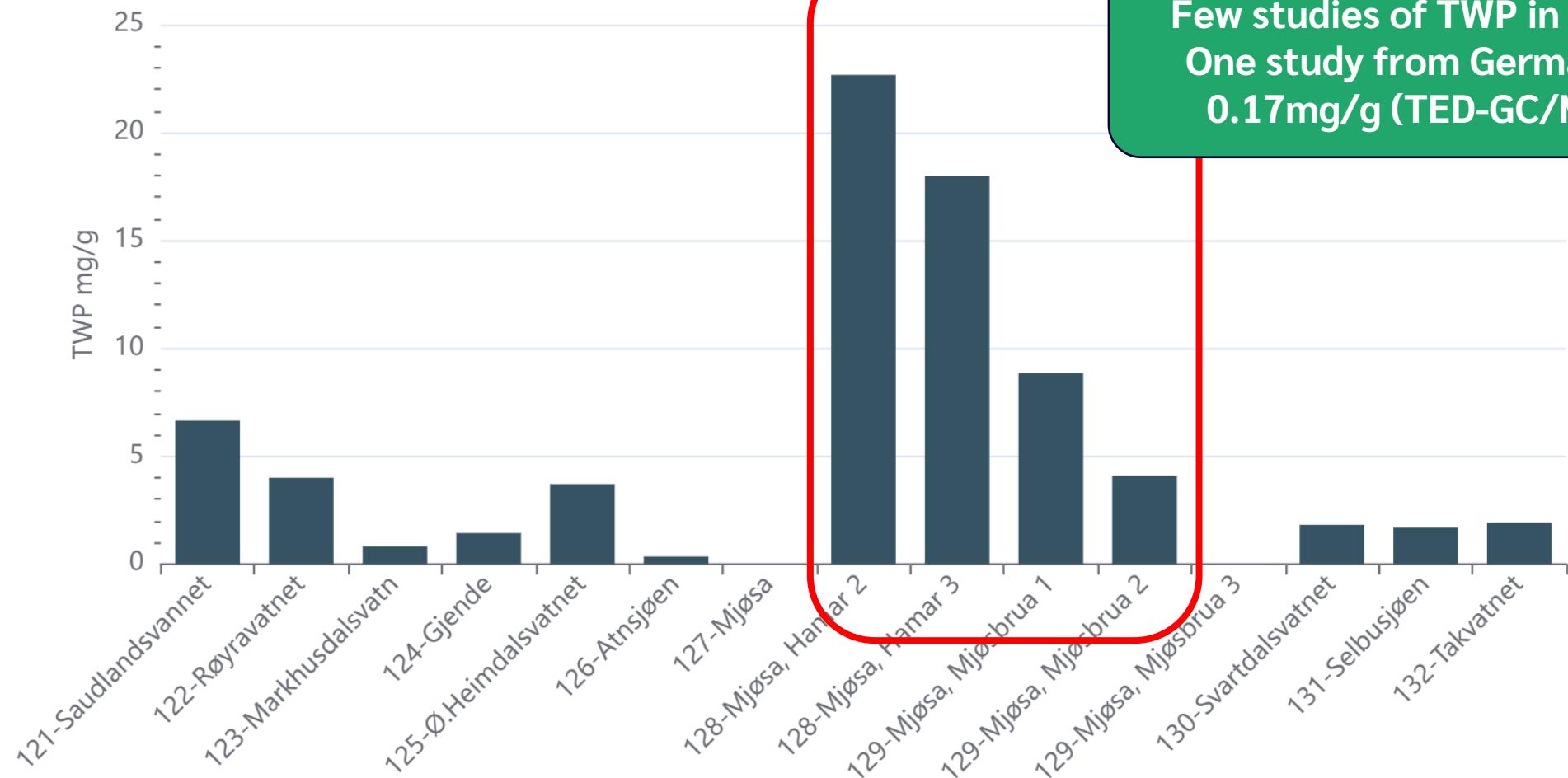
Results FW sediments

Tire wear particles TWP mass mg/g

B - Freshwater Sediment - TWP mass



*Klöckner et al., 2020



Summary

- Mass and count data will give different information
→ Including single particle data is valuable, especially in areas with lower concentrations
- TWP analysis on sediments is challenging and extensive pretreatment is needed for some sediment samples
- Higher levels of MP and TWP found close to urban areas, especially Oslofjord
- TWP levels in inner Oslofjord were especially high compared to other sediment samples

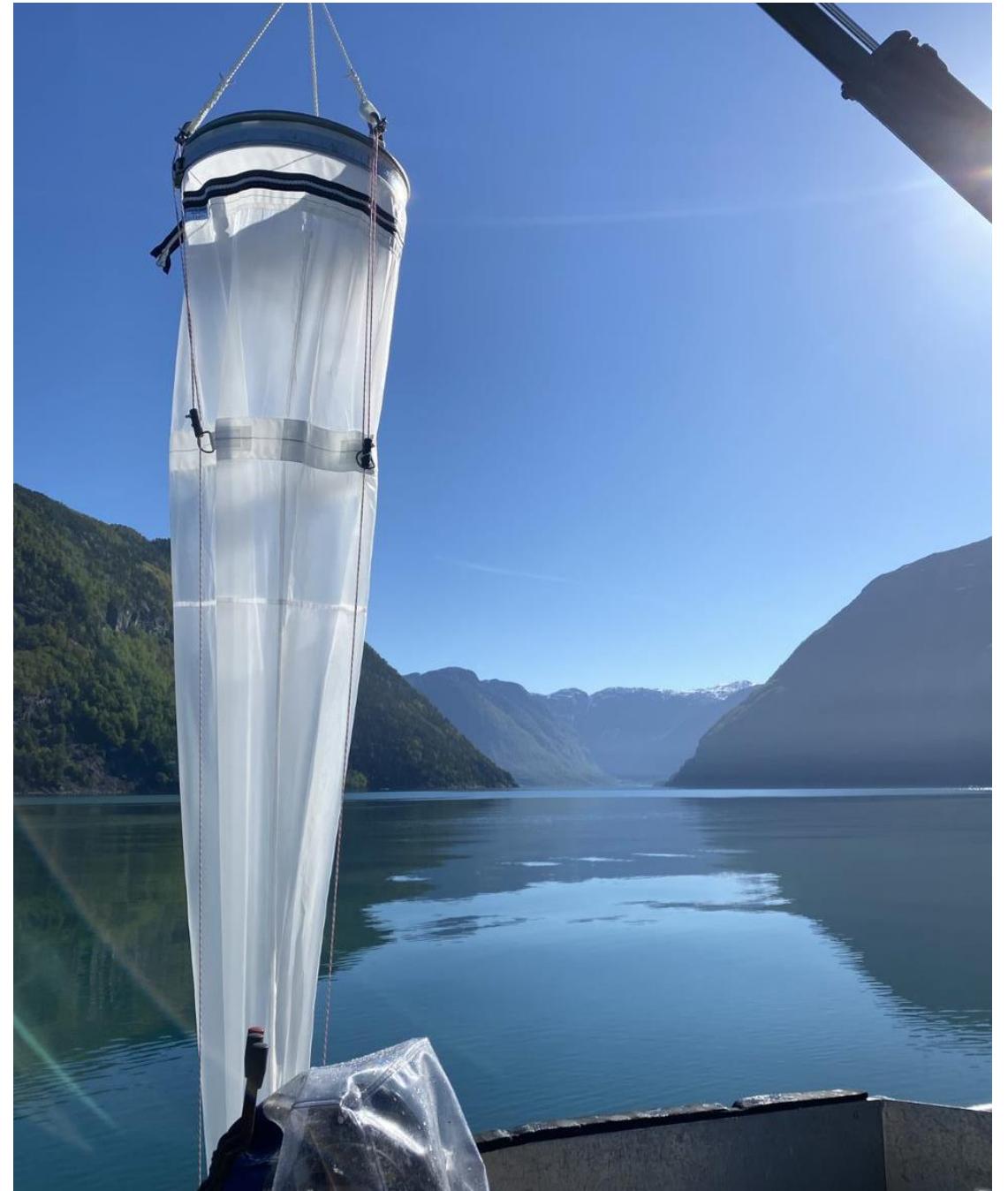


Blue mussel collection (NIVA)

Takk for
oppmerksomheten!

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NIVA



Resultater fra Mareano mikroplast kartleggingen i norske havområder

presentert av Henning Jensen, NGU



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Litt historikk: Mikroplast analyser og rapportering fra 2016 – 2023

- 2016 – 2017: Ughent, Belgia, utvalgte kjerneprøver fra lager fra Mareano-tokt
- 2018 - 2020: NGI – prøver fra 2018, 2019 og 2020
- 2022 NIVA og Eurofins Norge AS – prøver fra Mareano-tokt 2021
- 2023 NORCE – prøver fra Mareano-tokt 2022
- 2024 - HI – prøver fra 2023 Mareano-tokt: analyser pågår

I den samme periode har det skjedd en utvikling mht. analysemetoder og kvantifisering.

Det vises eksempler fra hele perioden med MP-analyser.



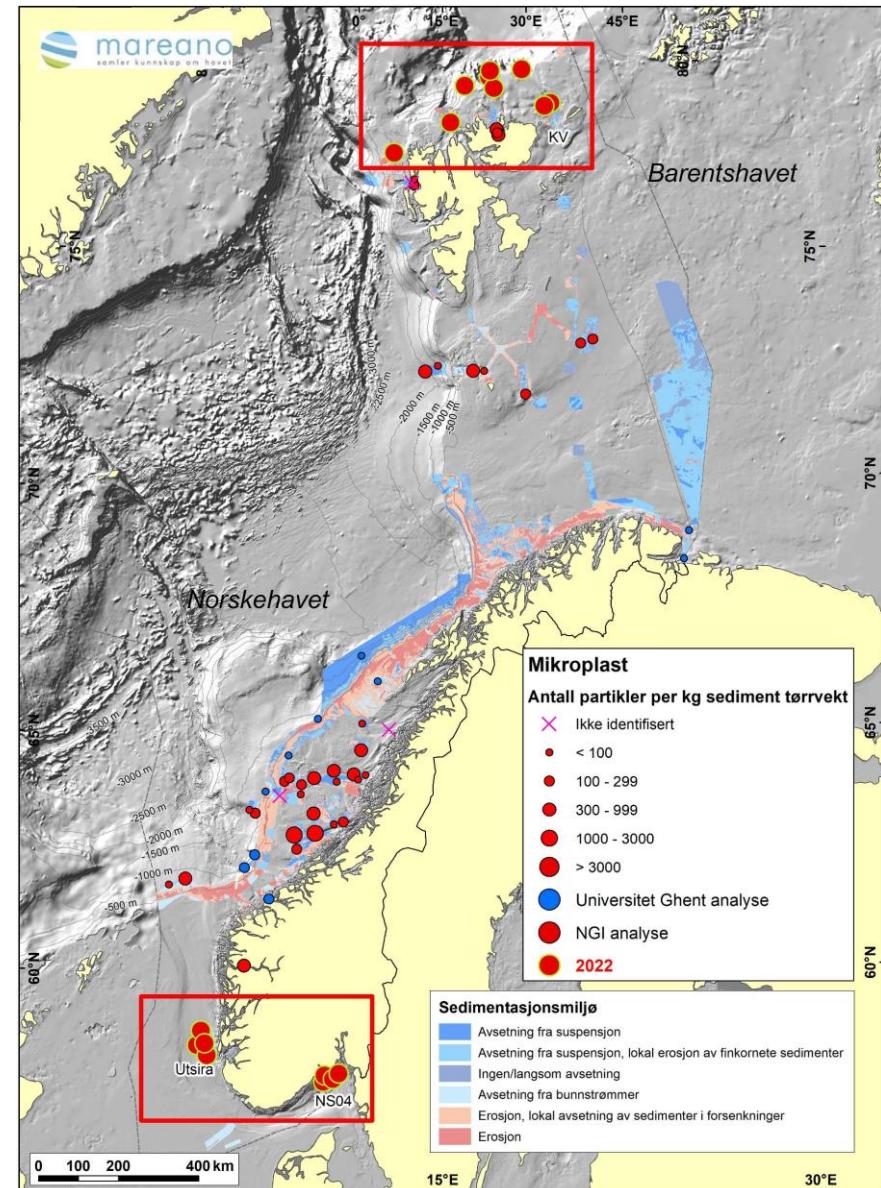
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Fordeling av mikroplast i overflatesedimenter.

- Samtlige analyserte overflateprøver tilgjengelig på www.ngu.no og www.mareano.no
- Totalt 63 lokaliteter i norske havområder
- 60 lokaliteter: kvantifisert MP
- 3 lokaliteter: ikke kvantifisert MP.
- 0 – 14 780 partikler/kg sediment



Eksempler fra mikroplastanalyser fra 2016 - 2022

- Geografisk fordeling
- Spiller sedimentasjonsmiljø og andre forhold en rolle i MP-fordeling?
- Pyrolyse GC-MS: hvilke muligheter har vi?
- Daterte sedimentkjerner: fordeling av MP i dypere (og eldre) lag i sedimentene. Når kommer MP inn i sedimentene?

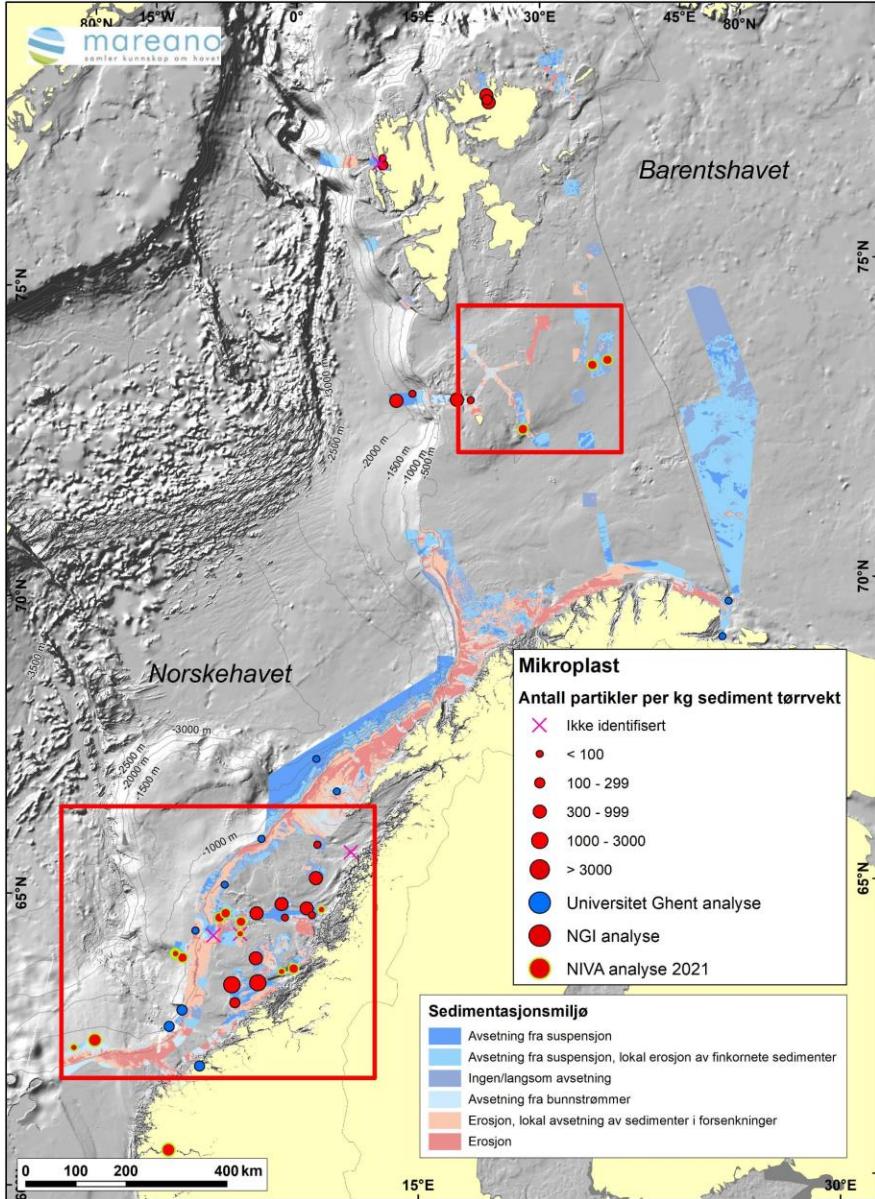


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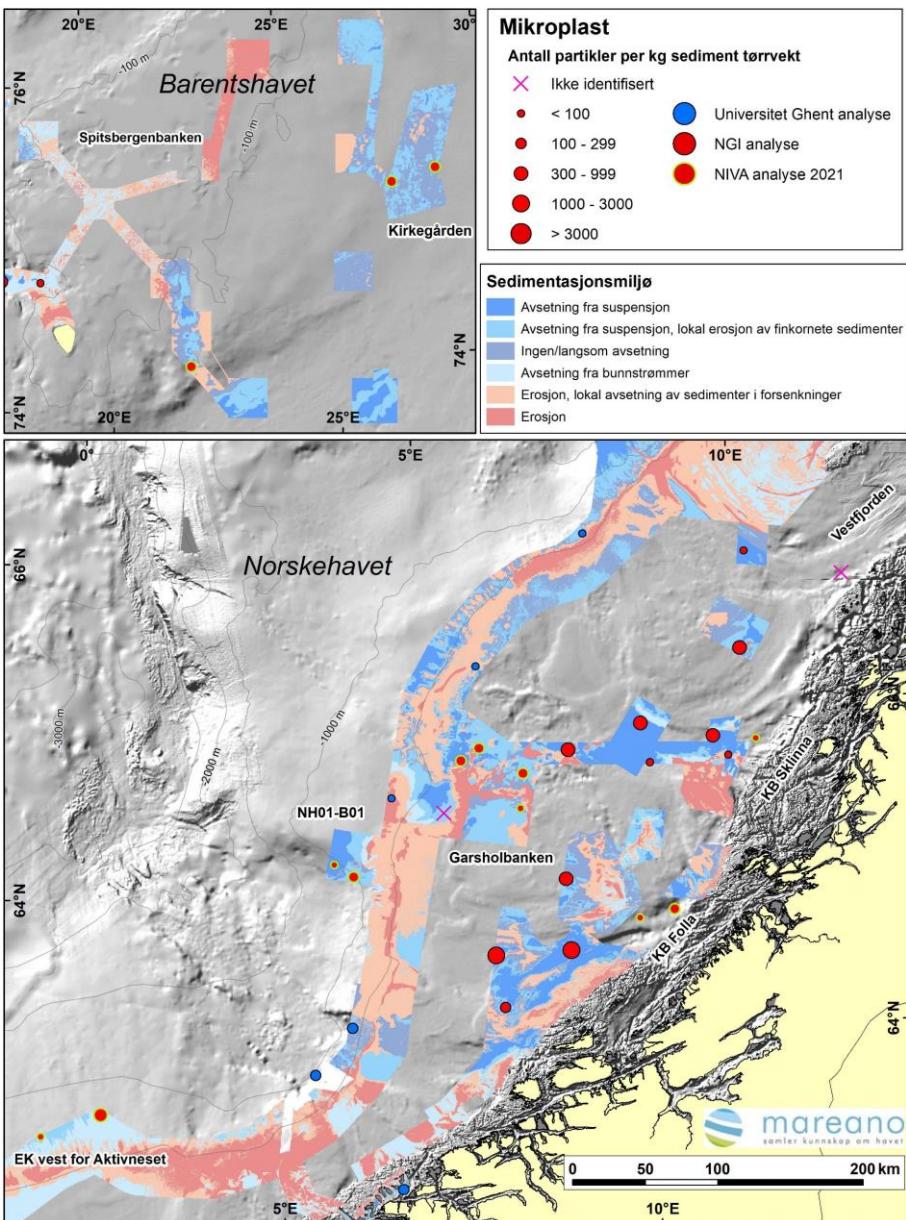


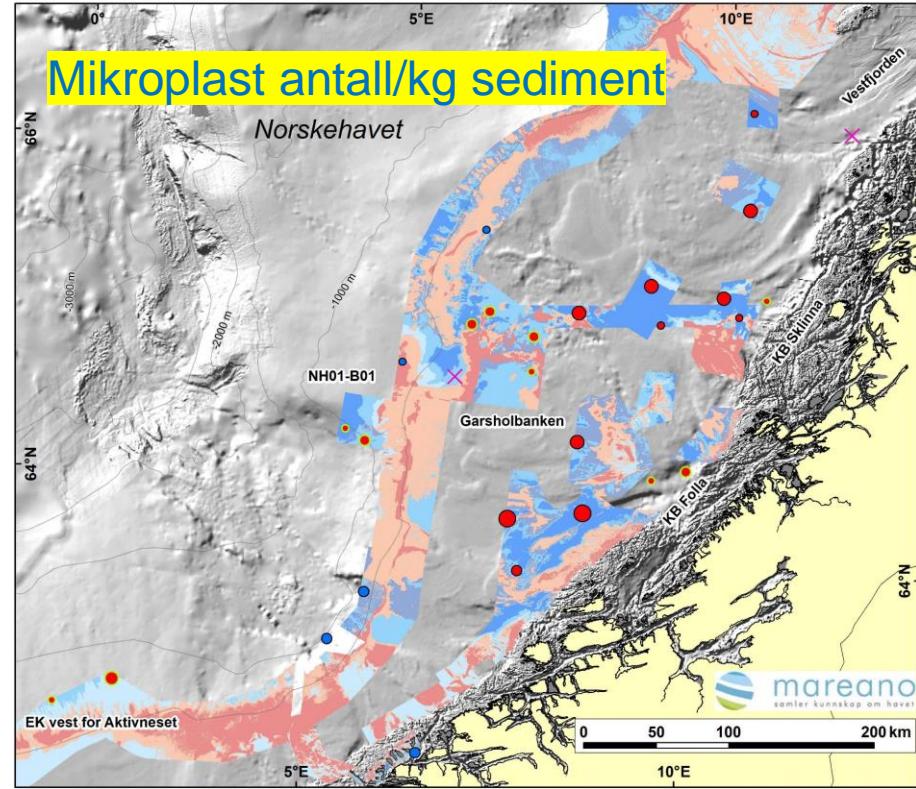
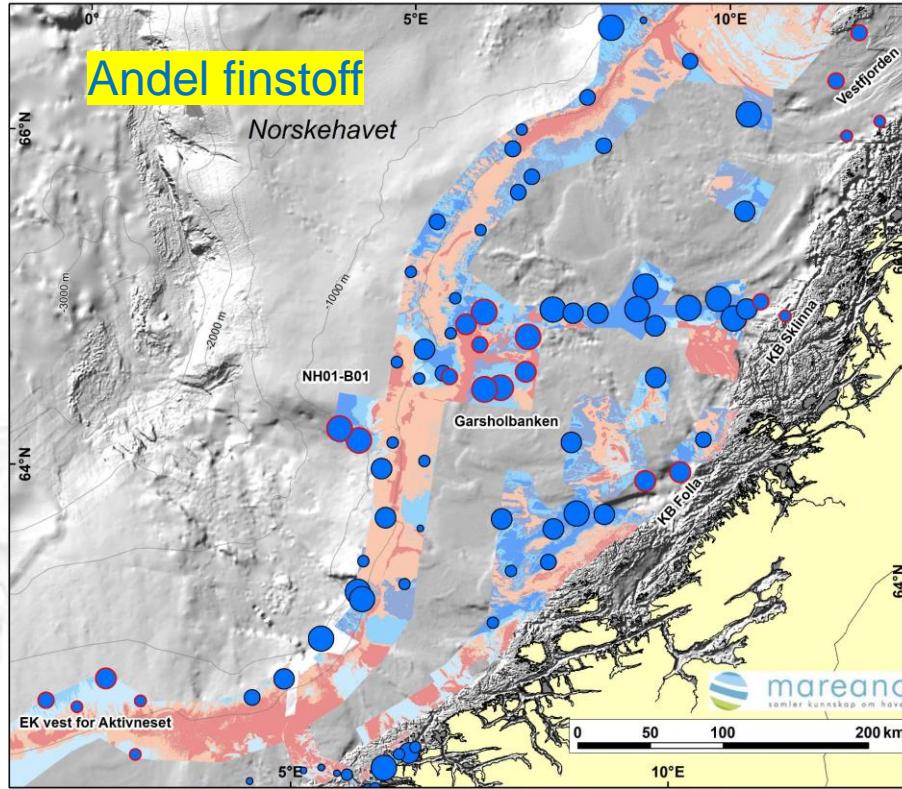
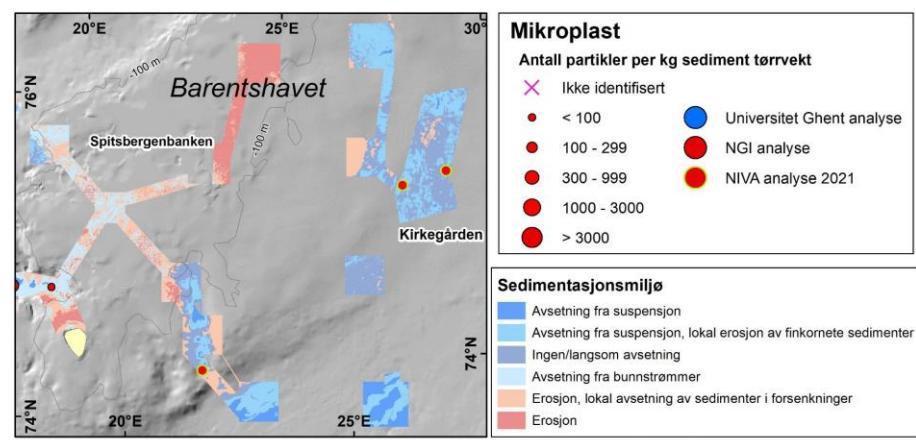
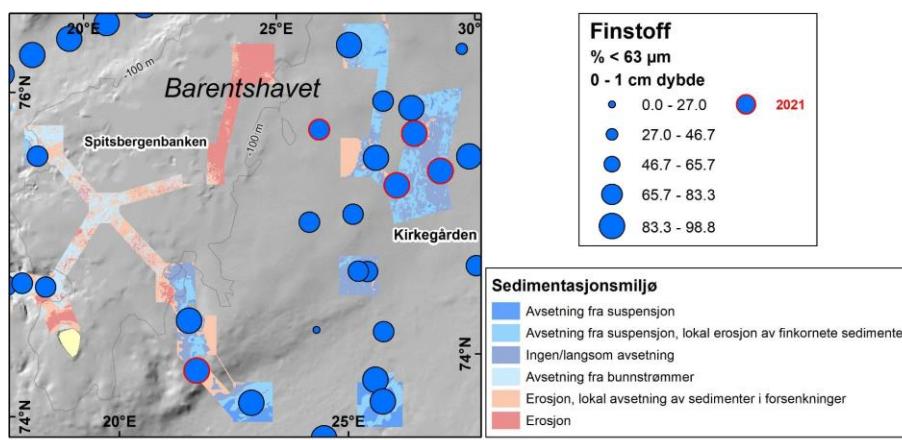
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Geografisk nære lokaliteter

Eksempel 1.





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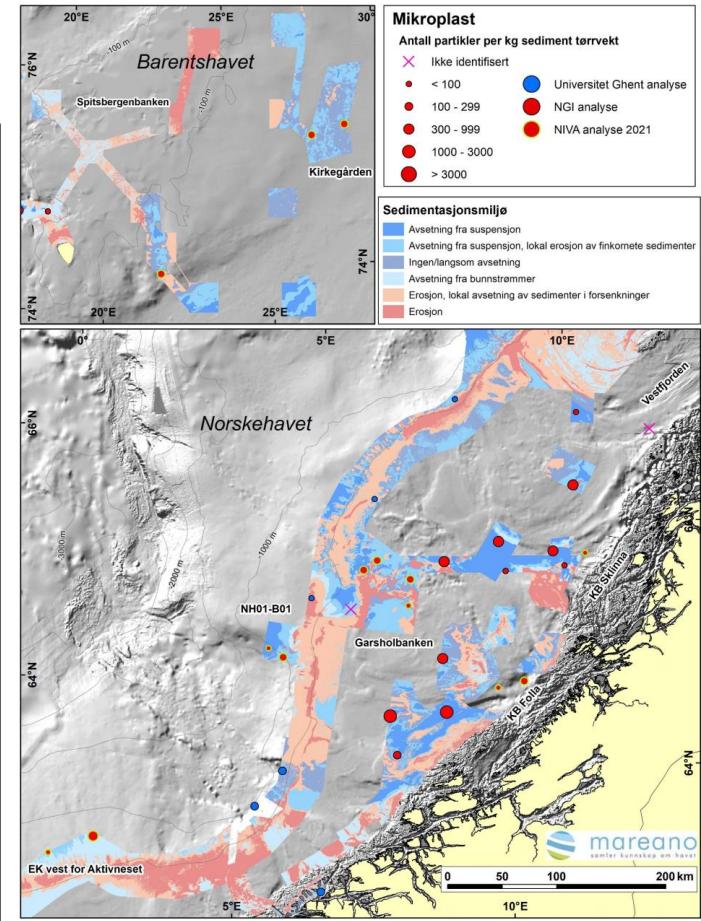
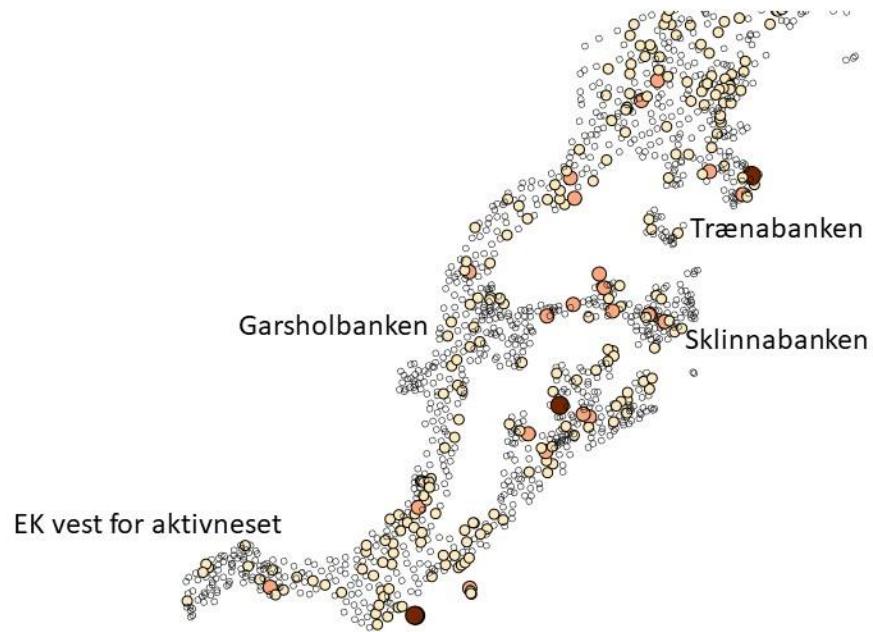
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Geografisk nære lokaliteter

Eksempel 1.

Antall søppelregistrering



søppelregistreringer per videostasjon i Norskehavet. Symbolstørrelse og farge er i henhold til HIs tegnforklaring

[Presentasjonsregler - Søppel pr Mareano-stasjon \(geonorge.no\)](#). Åpen sirkel: ingen registreringer pr. 100 m; gul sirkel: 0 – 0,5 registreringer pr. 100 m videolinje; oransje sirkel: 0,5 – 1,0 registreringer pr. 100 m; svart sirkel: >1 registrering pr. 100 m. Kilde: <http://www.mareano.no/kart/mareano.html#maps/3250>.



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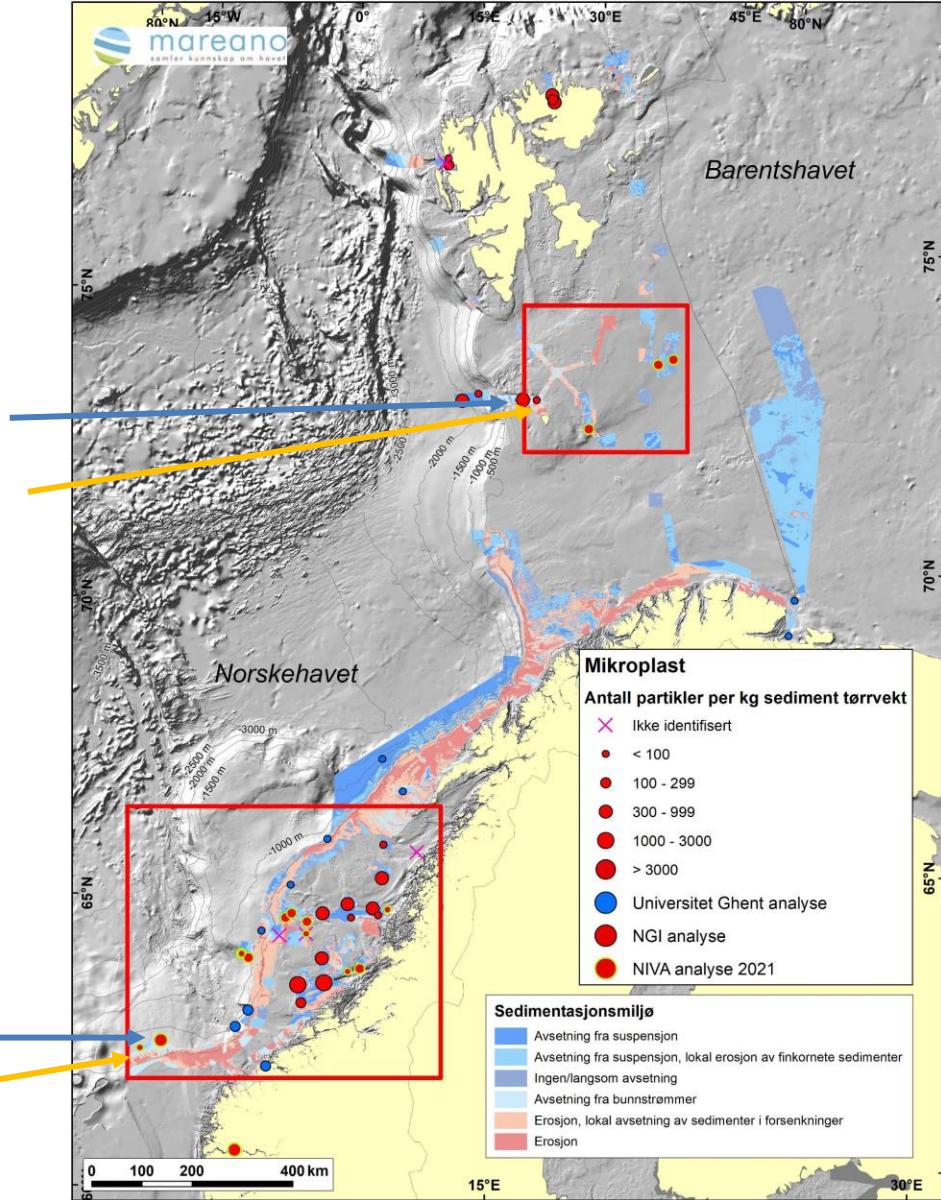
Geografisk nære lokaliteter

Eksempel 2

R1965: 322 MP, 82 % <63 µm
R1951: 46 MP, 74 % <63 µm



R2486: 341 MP, 70 % <63 µm
R2524: 41 MP, 29 % <63 µm



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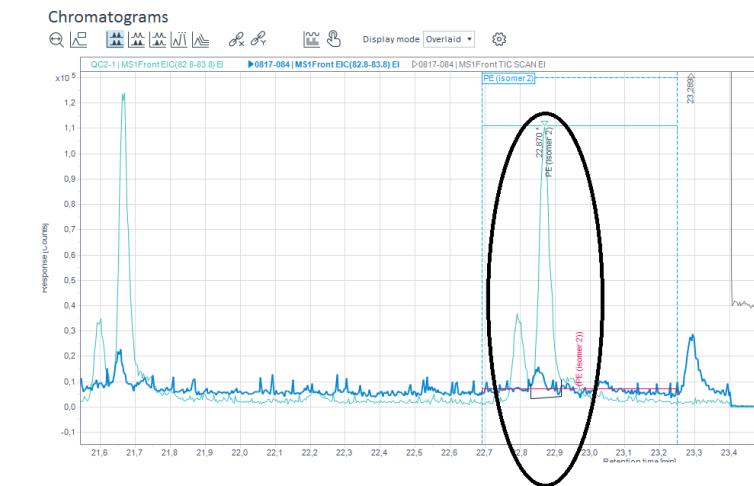
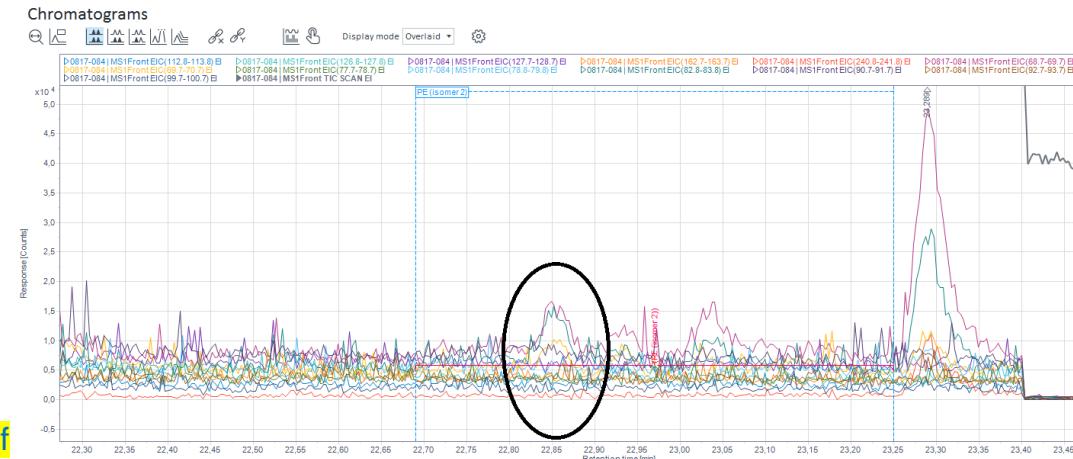
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Pyrolyse GC/MS

- Enkelte resultater basert på analyser av 2021 prøver:

få 2021 prøver med svakt utviklet spekter for polyetylen, men ikke bra nok for kvantifisering

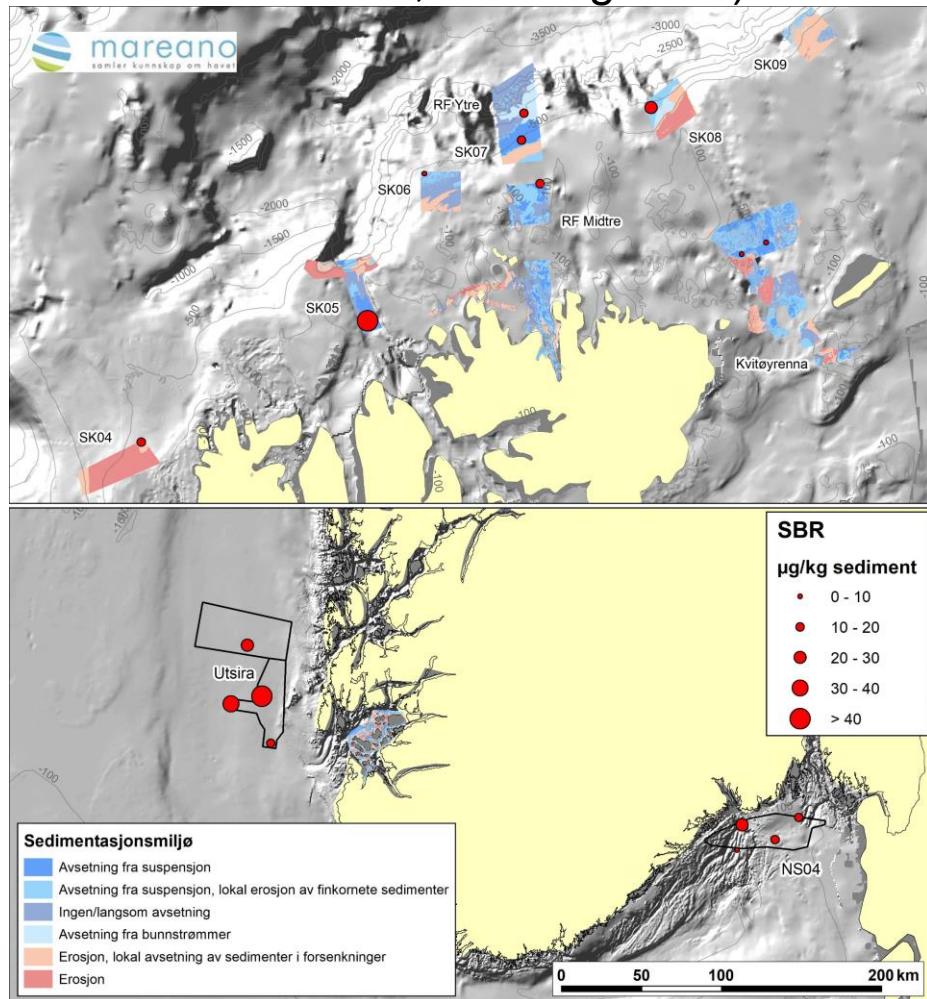


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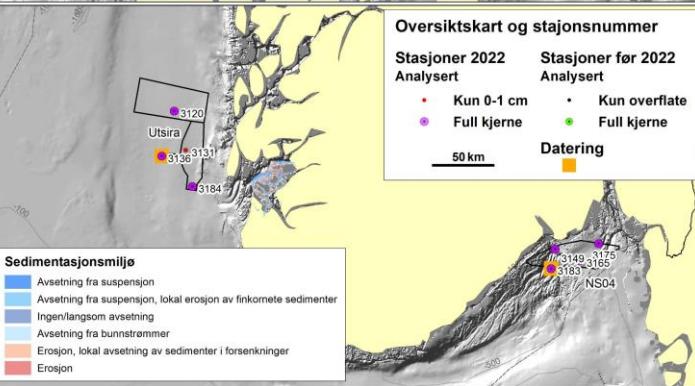
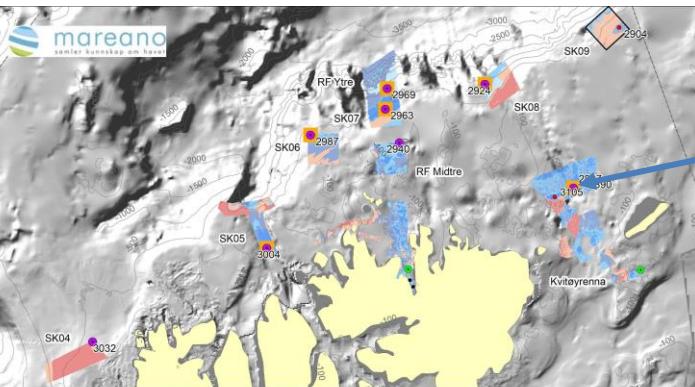
- samtlige 2022 prøver (SBR = styrene butadiene rubber, bildekkgummi)

SBR er registrert i samtlige overflateprøver.
Enhet: µg/kg sediment

https://mareano.no/resources/Rapport_2023_020.pdf

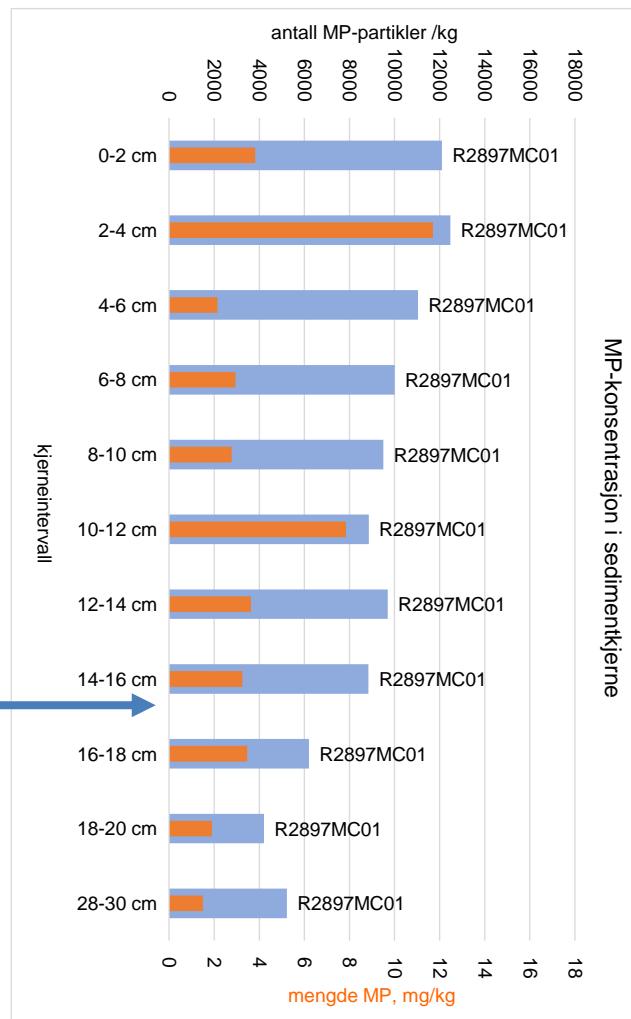


Mikroplast i Pb-210 datert sedimentkjerne fra Kvitøyrenna, NØ for Svalbard



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Kvitøyrenna

Pb-210: 1950



Mikroplast i sedimenter under 1950 – hvorfor er ikke godt forstått.



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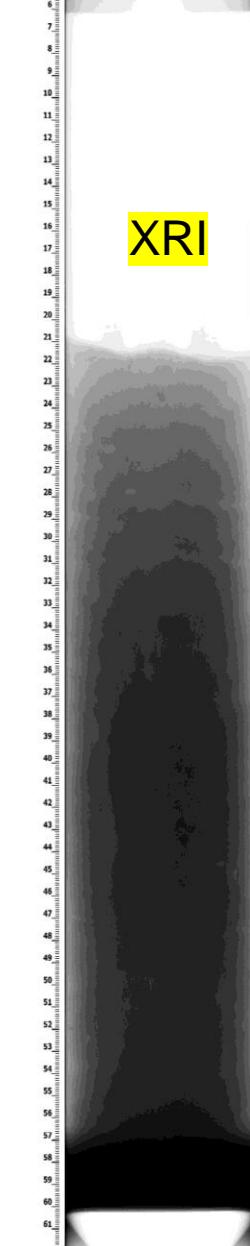
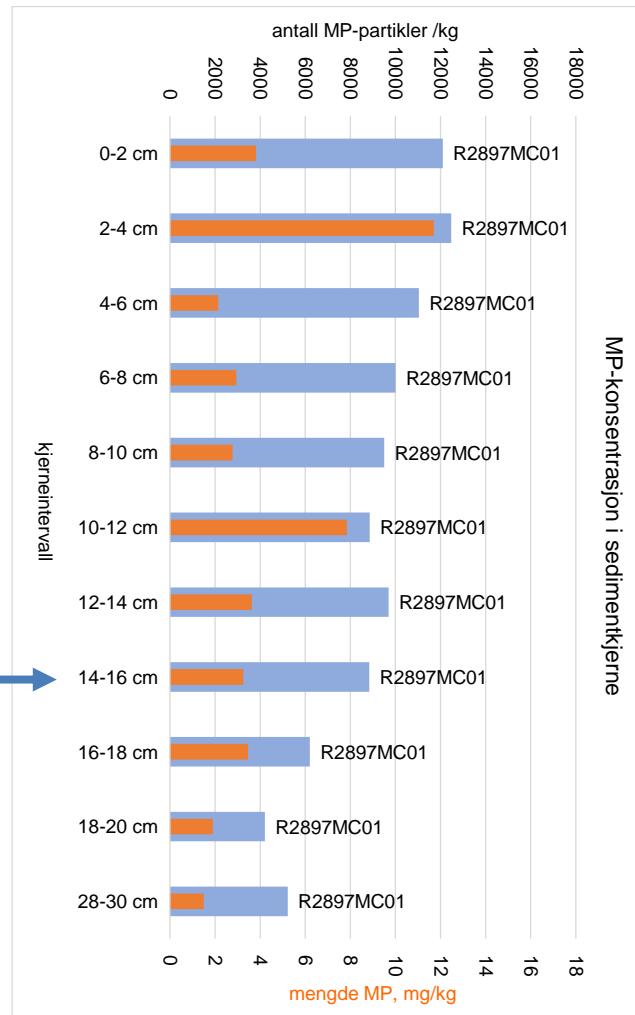


Mikroplast i sedimenter under 1950 – ikke godt forstått hvorfor.

Kan forbedret XRI hjelpe her?

XRI

Pb-210 datering: 1950



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Oppsummering - 1

- Mikroplast finnes i omrent alle analyserte lokaliteter i norske havområder.
- Årsaker til observerte variasjoner i geografisk fordeling:
 - Havstrømmer spiller en rolle i fordeling av MP i alle norske havområder (Nordsjøen, Norskehavet, Barentshavet)
 - Antall partikler/kg sediment (μ FTIR): avhengig av filterstørrelse – en utfordring å sammenlikne forskjellige MP-undersøkelser.
 - Sedimentasjonsmiljø (lokale variasjoner): mer MP akkumulasjon hvor det er mer sedimentasjon enn hvor det er mindre sedimentasjon.
 - Regionale variasjoner: mulig at forsøpling på havbunn har betydning for hvor mye MP som finnes (nedbryting lokalt)



Oppsummering -2

- **Pyrolyse GC-MS:** gir svar (SBR), hvor ikke μ FTIR fungerer, samt identifikasjon av MP i enkelte prøver, men ikke kvantitativt for en rekke polymerer. Forbedring av opparbeidingen av prøver til Pyr-GC/MS?
- **Mikroplast finnes i dypere lag.** Daterte sedimentkjerner viser at MP finnes i kvantifiserbare konsentrasjoner i lag eldre enn **1950**, og vel så det! mulig forklaring kan være bioturbasjon: bedre karakteristikk av sedimentene med XRI?
- Både lokale og regionale forhold kan påvirke hvor mye MP som finnes i sedimentene: sjekke marin forsøpling, sediment sammensetning (kornstørrelsesfordeling, TOC m. m.). **Mekanismer for avsetning av MP i sedimentene**



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