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Practical and Achievable Monitoring of Dredging:
from "*Dredging for Sustainable Infrastructure*"…….& Beyond…... !

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   - What is likely to constitute practical and achievable monitoring of dredging in the near future.

Importance?

Does monitoring matter for dredging?

- **YES**

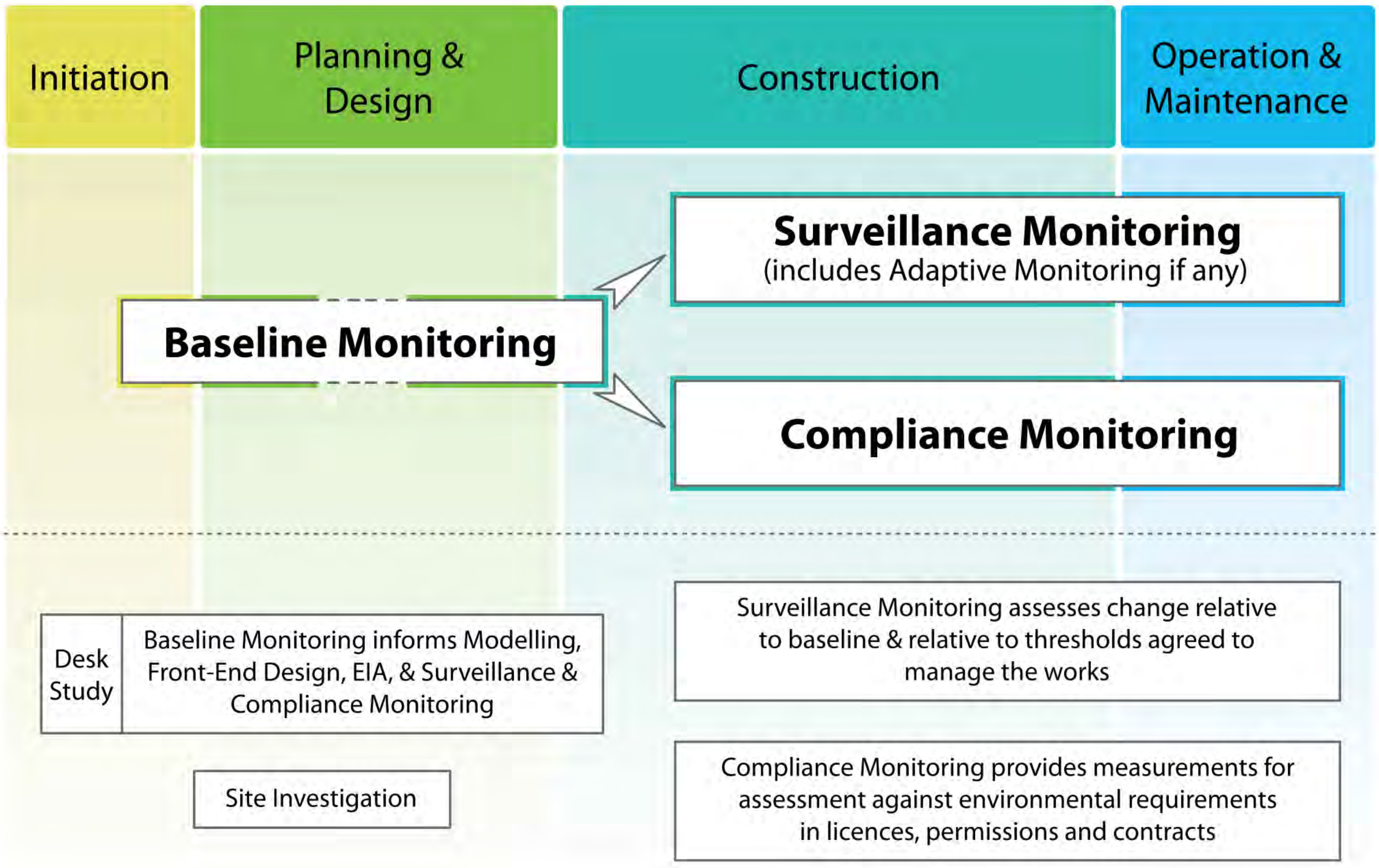
Who does it matter to?

- Regulators, Developers, Contractors, Other Stakeholders

Why does it matter, what is it relevant to?

- Quantifying impact, assessing licence compliance, managing the works, calibrating/validating model predictions

Types of Monitoring



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Practical, **achievable** & fit for purpose **monitoring** for dredging

Key **design principles**, for delivering practical, achievable & fit for purpose monitoring are:

1. Monitoring should be proportionate to the scale of the dredging and the significance of the potential changes to the environment

2. Design must be undertaken by suitably qualified and experienced individuals and maintain a project-scale perspective

3. Monitoring must have clearly identified and recorded objectives which are agreed Regulators, the Project Owner and Contractors in advance

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Design

Key **design principles**, for delivering practical, achievable & fit for purpose monitoring are:

4. Baseline monitoring (in combination of with existing data and desk studies) must be capable of defining the natural variability of the key environmental parameters and resources

5. The statistical / mathematical analysis to be applied to monitoring results in order to analyse them and detect change must be taken into account in the monitoring design.

6. Measurements for baseline monitoring, surveillance monitoring and compliance monitoring must all be carried out in a sufficiently consistent way to allow direct inter-comparison of the data

Design

Key **design principles**, for delivering practical, achievable & fit for purpose monitoring are:

7. Monitoring should be efficient i.e. equipment levels, study durations and numbers of monitoring sites should not exceed those needed in order to meet the monitoring objectives, and multiple usage of datasets should be planned where possible. [5% rule]

8. Procedures for judging whether monitoring effort should be increased, decreased or stopped should be agreed by all relevant parties (and documented) well in advance of dredging commencing.

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Key **design principles**, for delivering practical, achievable & fit for purpose monitoring are:

9. Monitoring techniques specified must be robust (reliable, tried and tested) and practical (realistic to implement) if they are a key part of the monitoring design.

10. The way that data is managed and used can be as important as the data itself. Monitoring design should include provisions for: data quality assurance; collection and storage of metadata; data security; data transmission; data presentation/reporting; and data storage/archiving.

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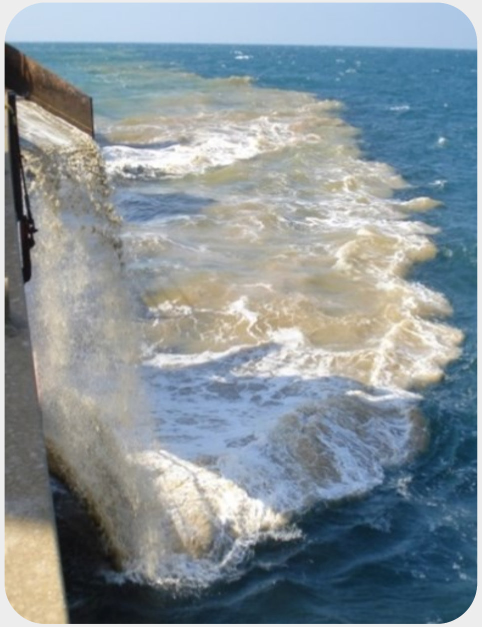
Don’t lose sight of the science amid everything else, it really matters !

What are the sources, magnitudes and combined consequences of monitoring errors – do they matter?

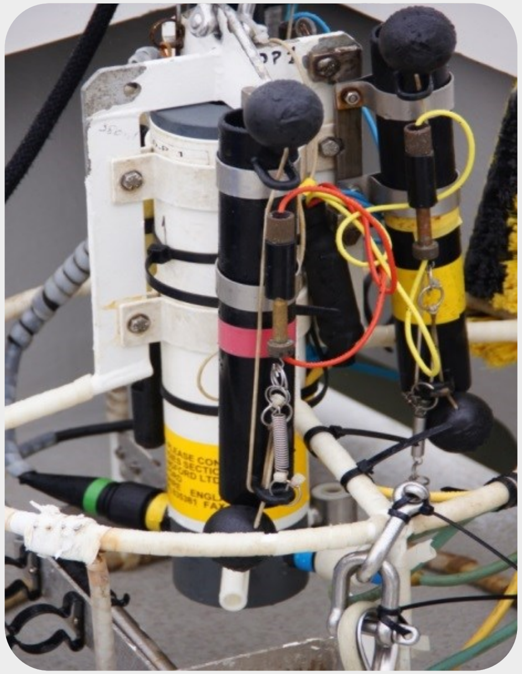


Key monitoring techniques are:

- water sampling and lab analysis (TSS); and
- the use of turbidity sensors (e.g. OBSs) for measuring suspended sediment concentration (SSC)

Errors – Water Sampling

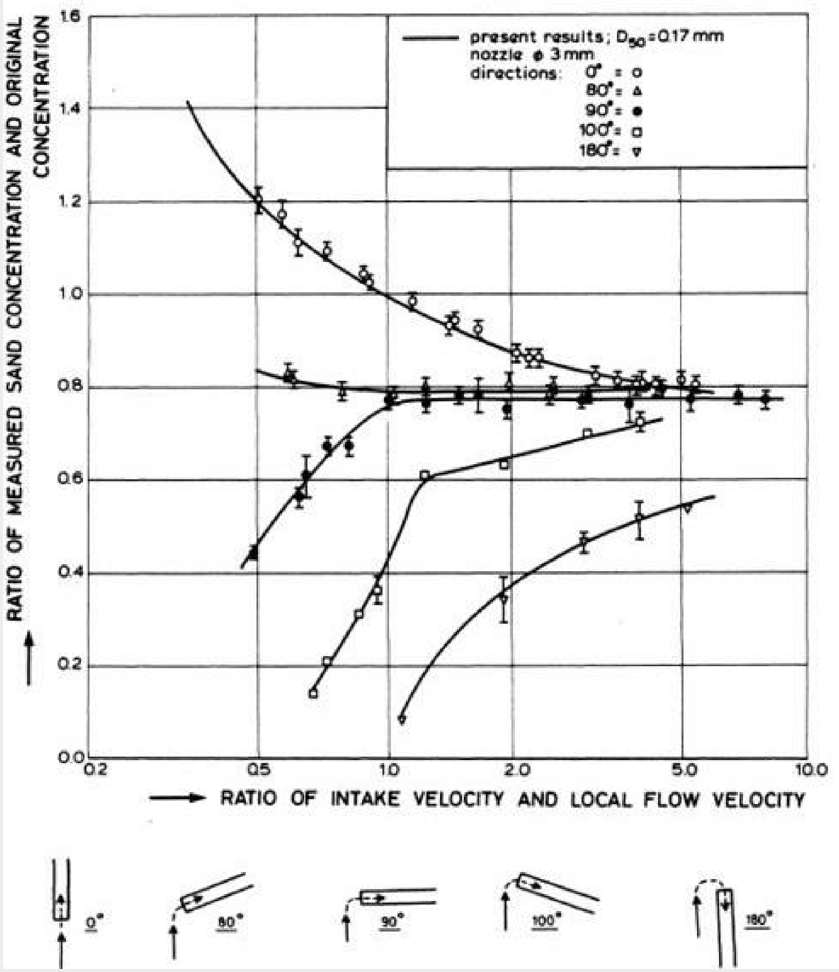
- Laboratory Analysis
  - Different methods exist e.g. those of ISO, APHA and ASTM.
  - Errors can arise from:
    - Lack of consistency in terms of the method used e.g. drying temperatures.
    - Salinity effects (crystallisation of salt on filters) – inadequate washing
    - Filter ‘overloading’



  - Order of potential error: 15% (see for example AAPH, 1995 and Neukermans et al., 2012)

Errors – Water Sampling

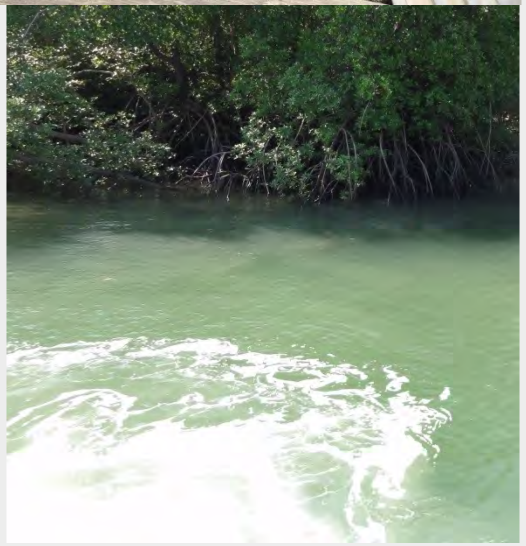
- Sample Transfer & Sub-sampling for Lab Analysis
  - See for example Glysson et al. (2000) – USGS
  - Order of potential error: 10%
- Pump Sampler Intake Orientation & Flow Speed (more relevant for sand size material)
  - See for example Bosman et al., 1987
  - Order of potential error: 20%



Errors – Water Sampling

- Collision or Interaction of Sampling Device with the Bed
  - Order 100s of mg/l (based on experience – this effect can be seen in real-time data displays)

- Artificial Elevation of Concentration via Vessel
  - Order 10mg/l (based on experience)



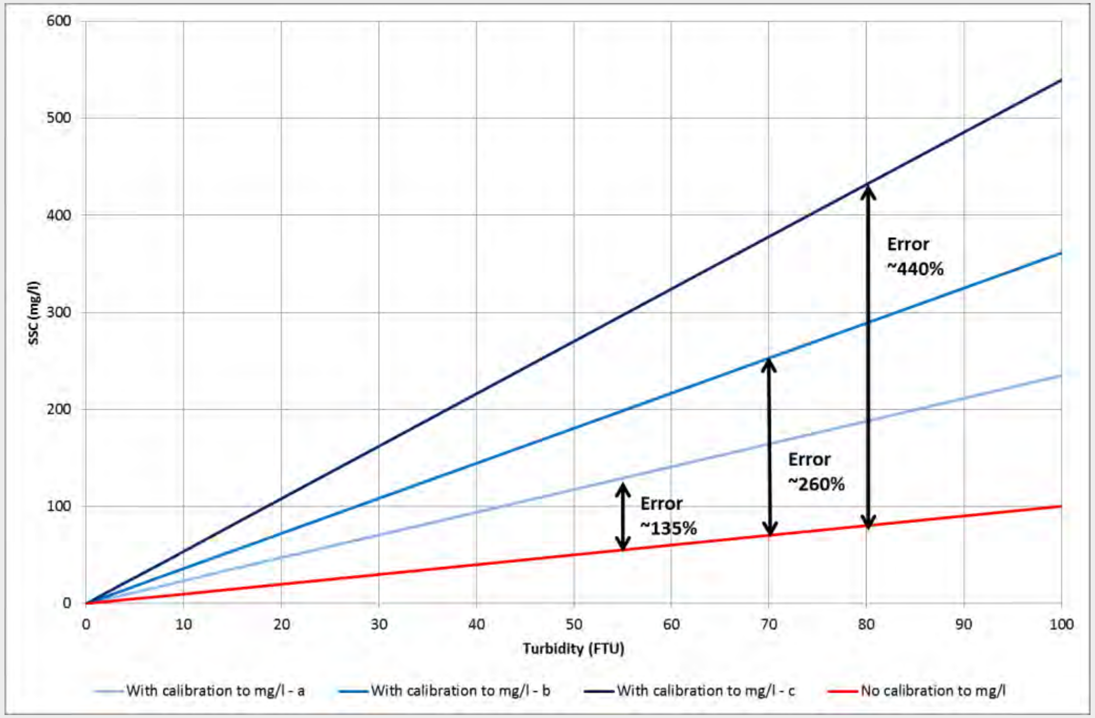
Errors – Water Sampling

- Example Application
  - Assume 10mg/l baseline, 20mg/l caution, 30mg/l stop

Error Source	Estimated Minimum	Estimated Maximum	Estimate for Our Case
Laboratory Analysis	2mg/l	30%	2mg/l
Transfer / Sub-sampling	0	50%	0mg/l
Pump Sampling	0	90%	-2mg/l
Vessel disturbance	0	20 mg/l	5mg/l
Instrument disturbance	0	200mg/l	2mg/1

Errors – OBS

- Reporting in Turbidity Units without Calibration to mg/l
  - Order 100% (have done tests on this at HR Wallingford)

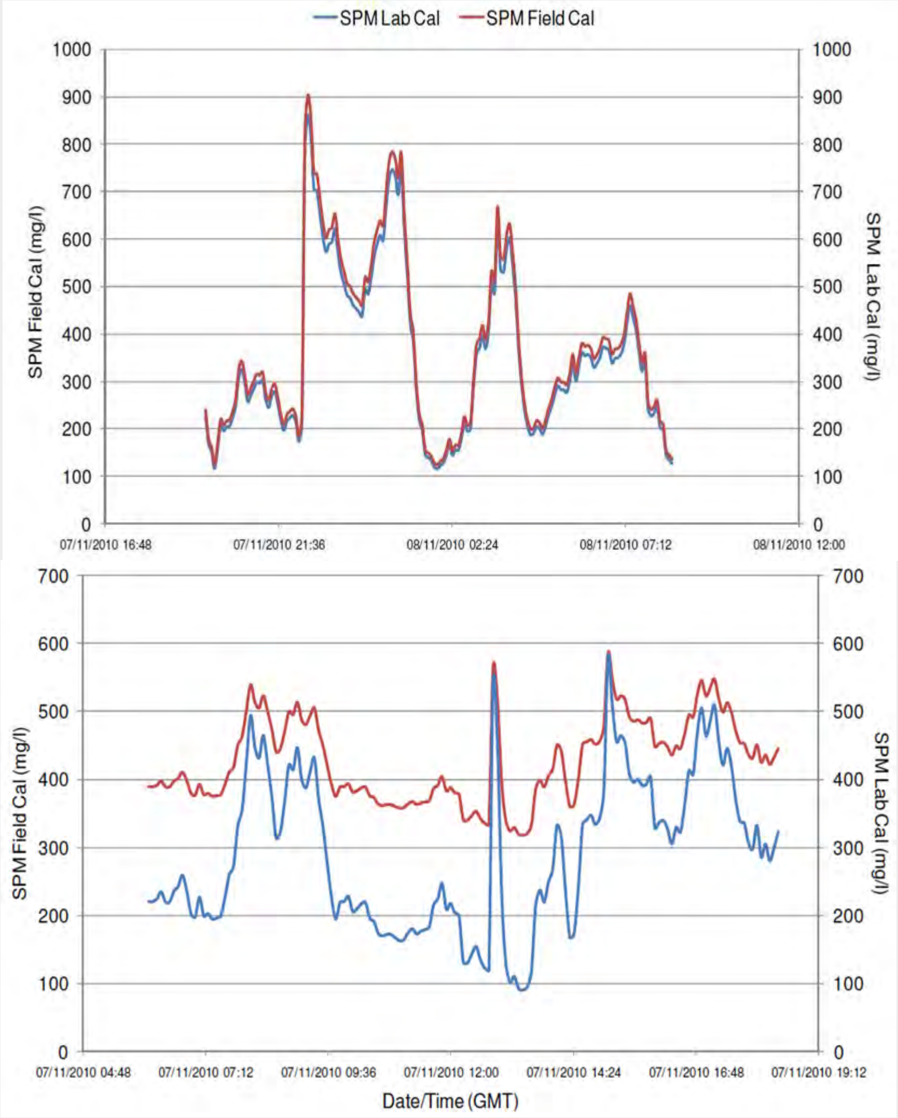


Sample	% <63 um	% Shell	Slope (m)	R^2	Error
A	36	0.1	2.35	0.995	135
B	15	0.1	3.61	0.999	261
C	5	6.7	5.4	0.997	440

Errors – OBS

- Calibration Methodology
  - Laboratory sensor calibration versus in-situ (field) calibration

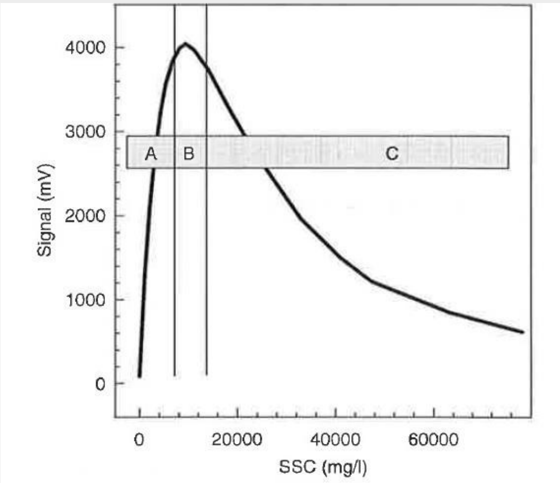
  - Order 100% (although examples of errors around 1000% do exist)



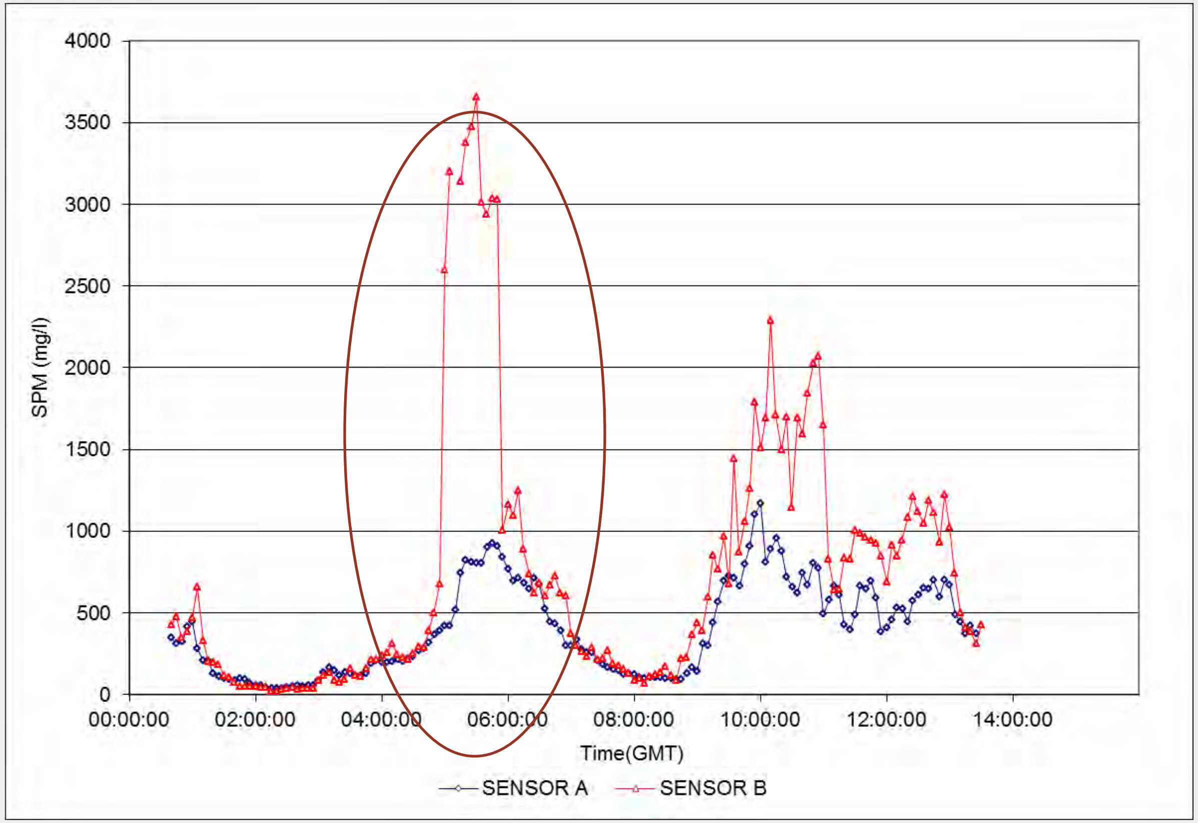
Errors – OBS

- Sensor Range & Resolution
  - Sensors exceeding their full scale is not uncommon and can be difficult to spot.

  - Order 100s – 1000s of mg/l



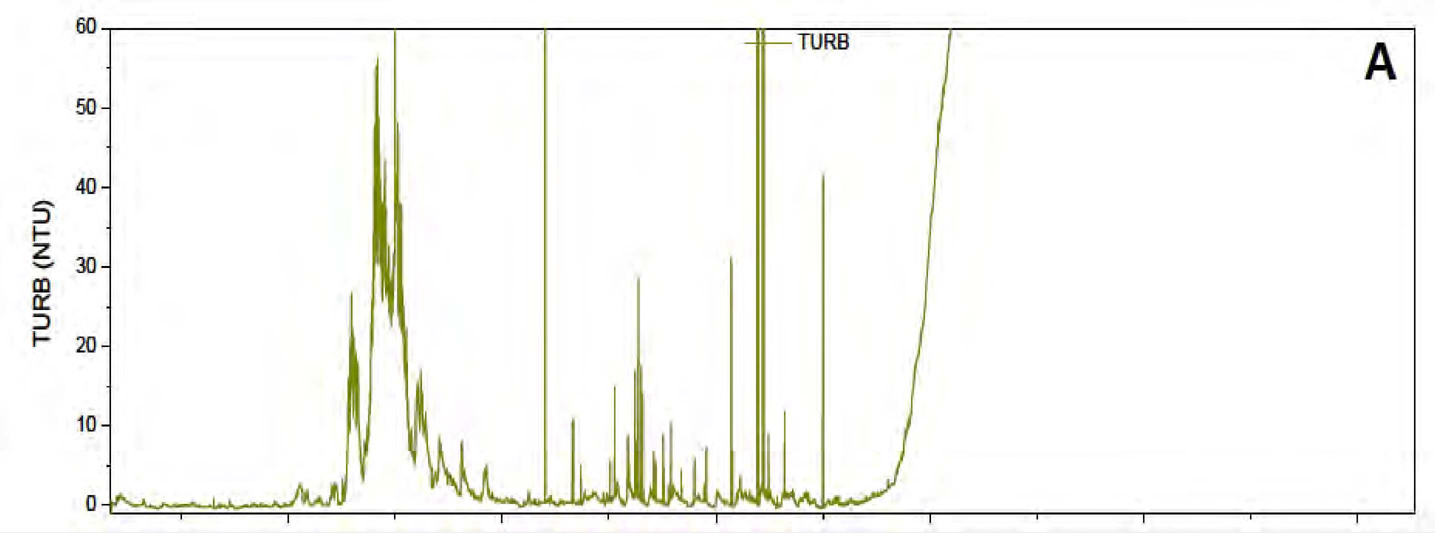
Downing, 2006



Errors – OBS

- Biofouling of Instruments
  - This is very common, instrument selection is important, as they have different degrees of resistance to fouling, also need to service the instrument at an appropriate frequency. Detecting early fouling can be difficult.

  - Order 0 – FSR e.g. 4000 mg/l

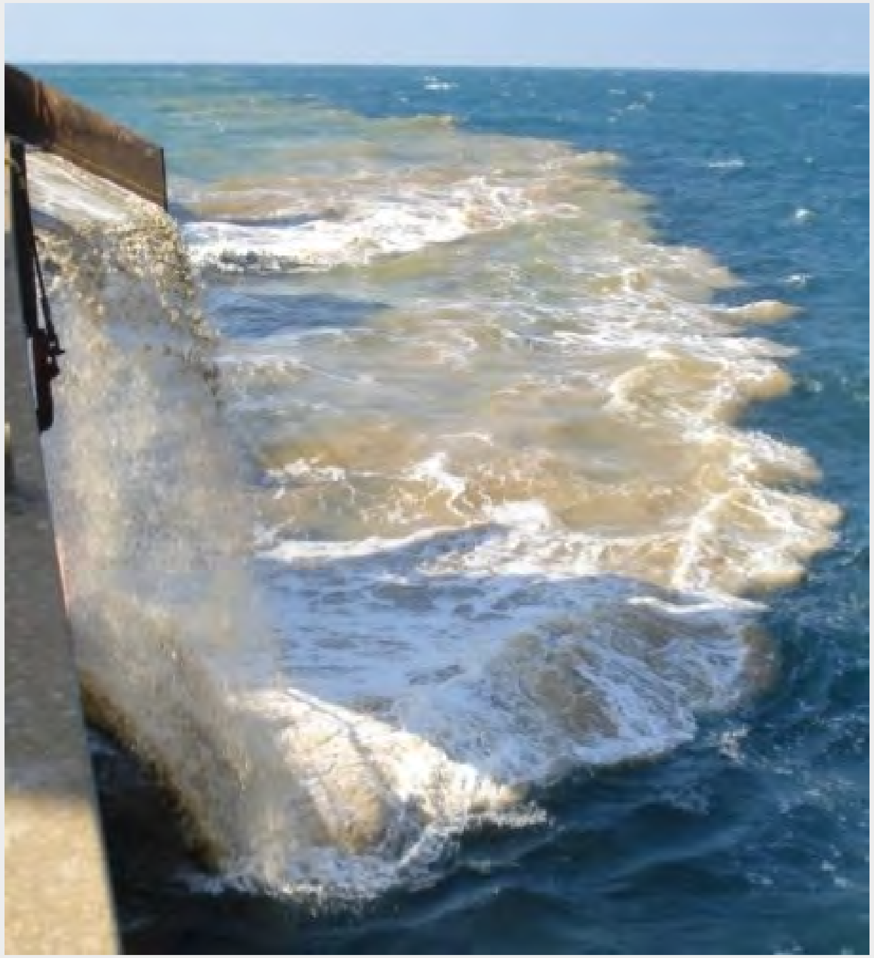


ACT-US, 2006

Errors – OBS

- Interference from Bubbles
  - Measured concentrations may be twice the actual concentrations (VBKO, 2003) (may be caused by waves, motion of the survey vessel, overflow, propellers etc)

  - Order 0 - 100s of mg/l



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- Example Application
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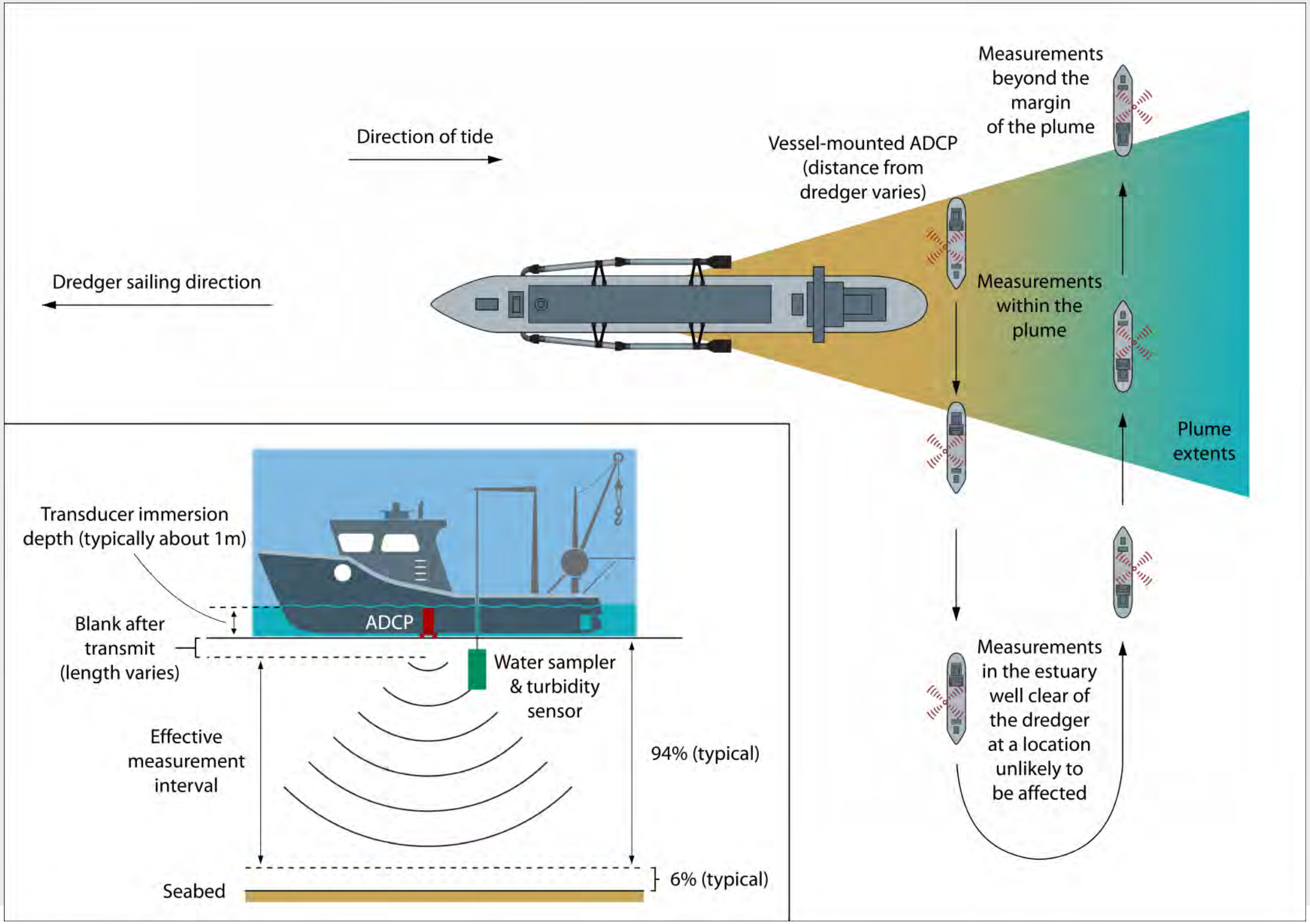
Error Source	Estimated Minimum	Estimated Maximum	Estimate for Our Case
No calibration to mg/l	5%	500%	10mg/l (NTU baseline?)
Poor calibration methodology (lab)	0	1000%	10mg/l
Insufficient sensor range	0	4000mg/l	0mg/l
Biofouling of instruments	0	4000mg/l	2mg/l
Interference from bubbles	0	200mg/l	0mg/1

What does modern monitoring of dredging often include?

Mobile monitoring around working plant



Monitoring today

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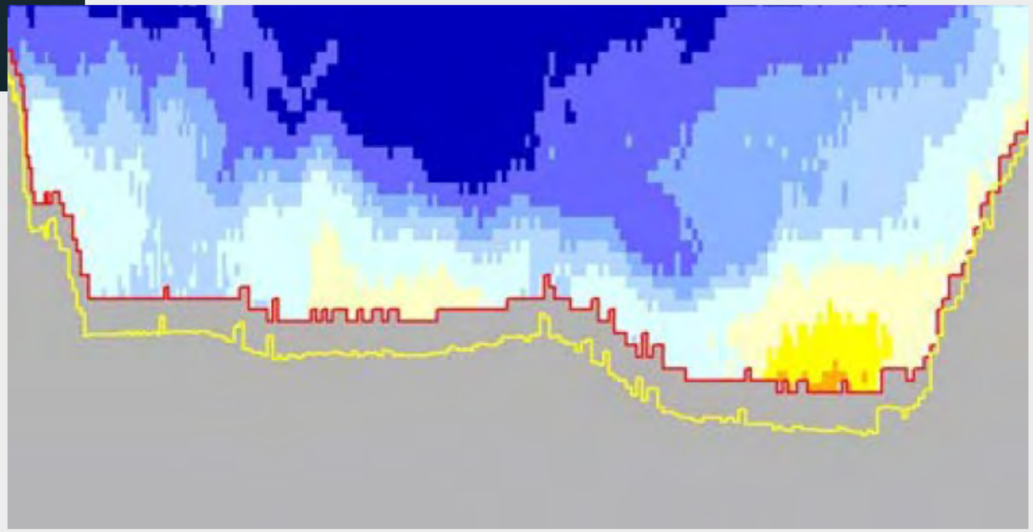
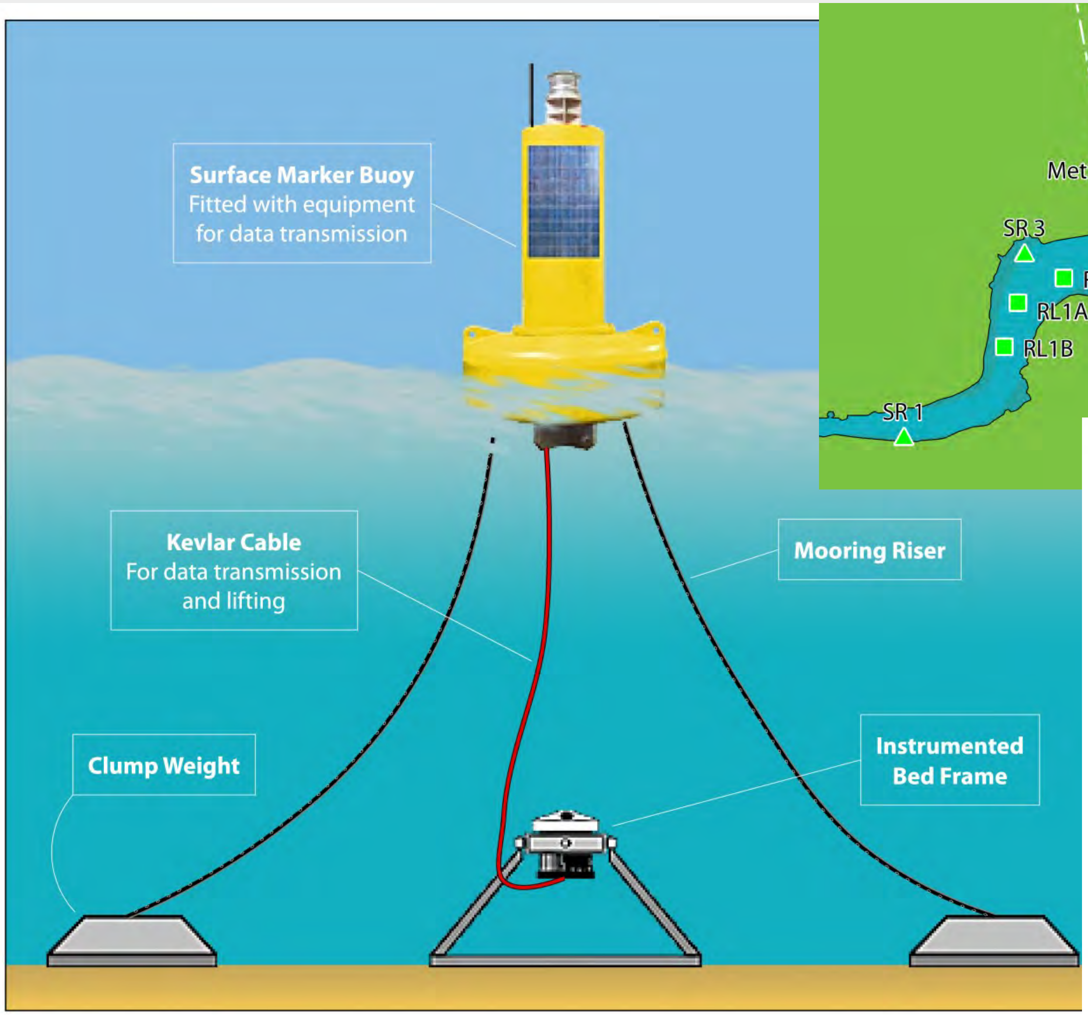
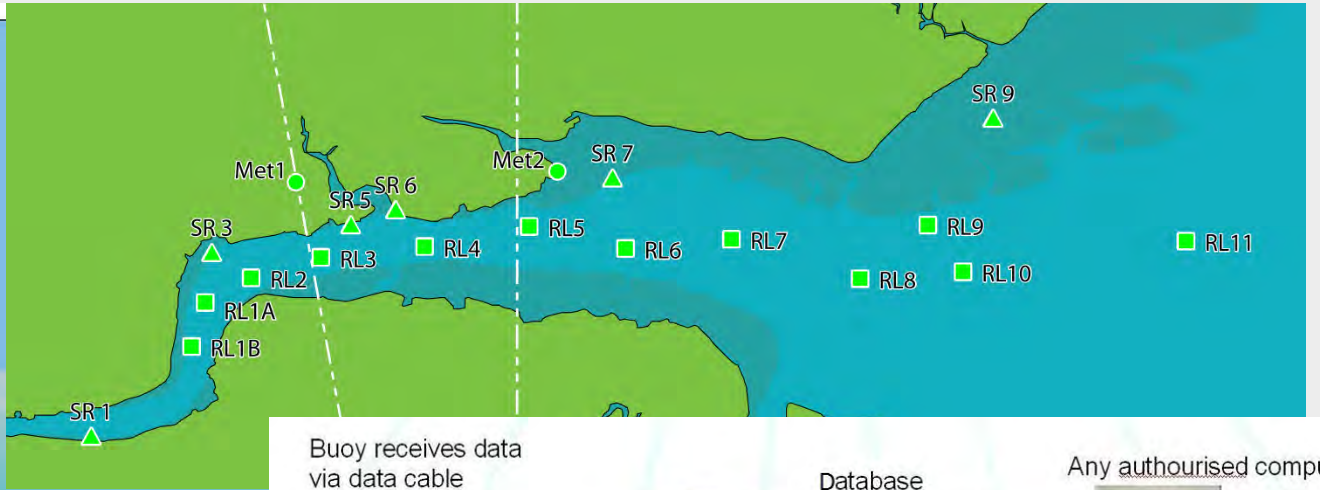
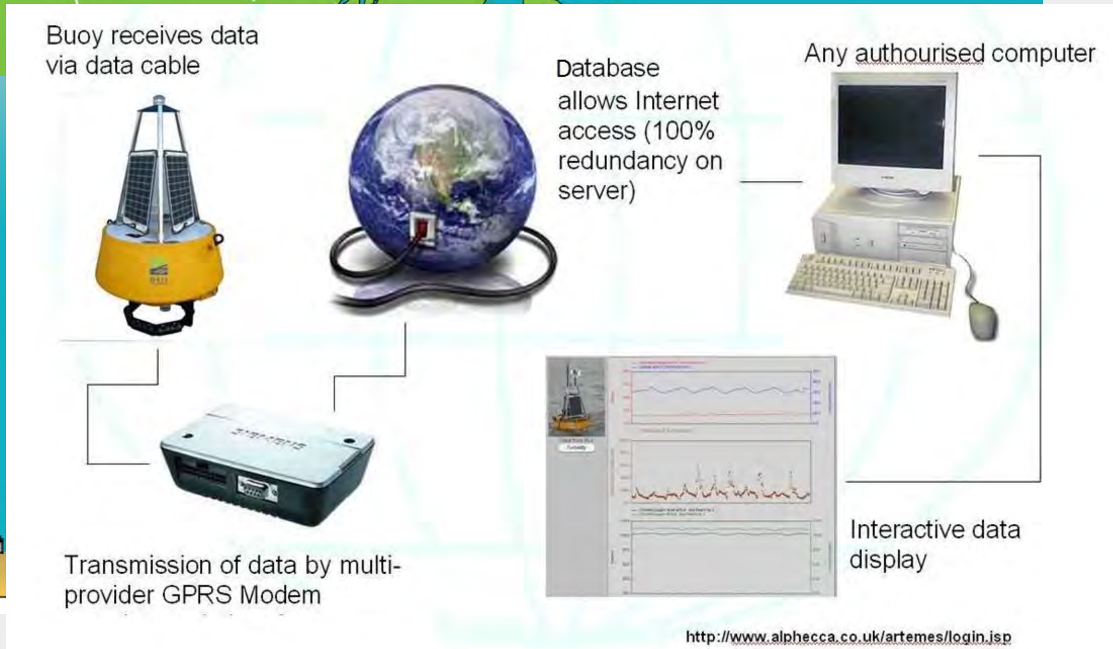


Monitoring today

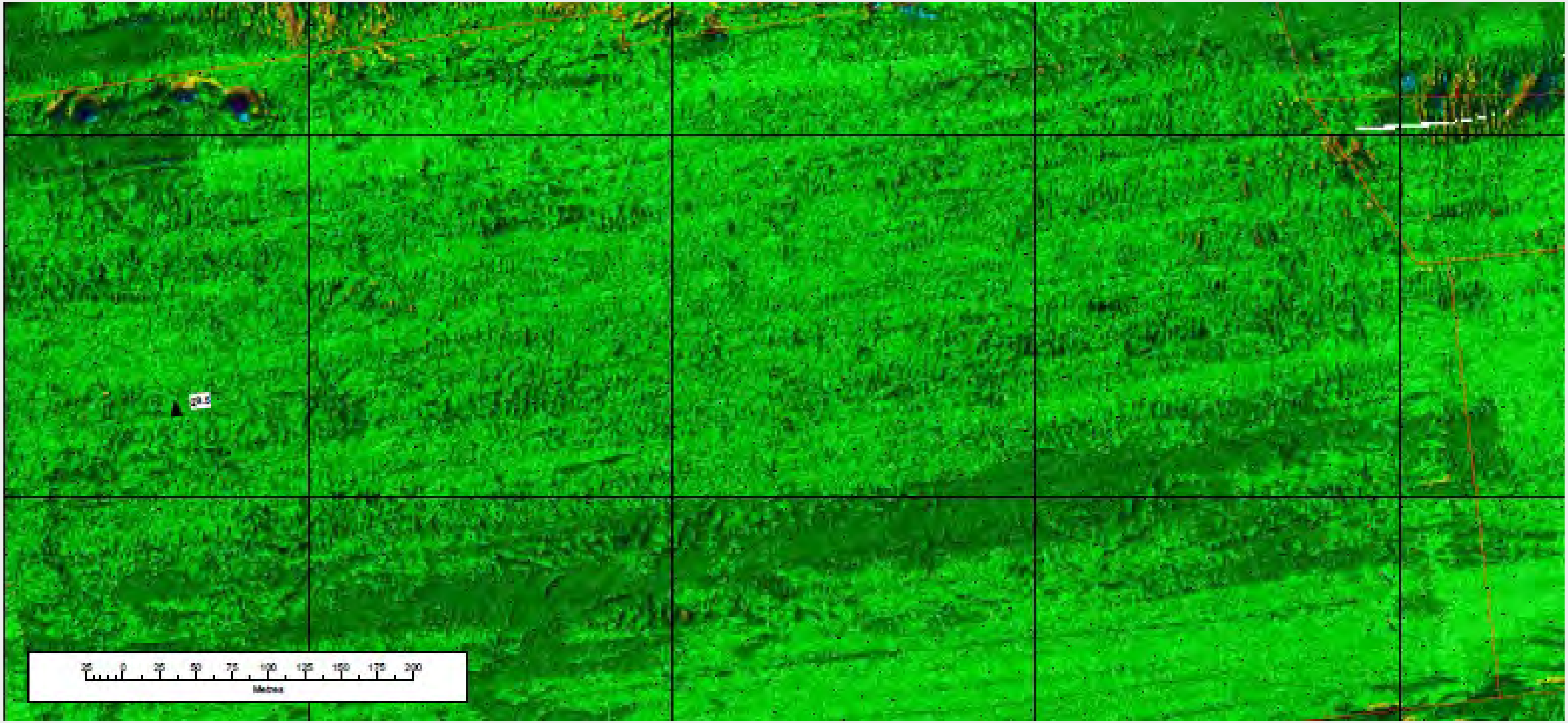
Stationary monitoring around works







Bathymetry monitoring



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Practical & **achievable monitoring** in the near future?

The Future

Autonomous / remotely controlled systems are gaining traction

- aerial (LiDAR, photogrammetry, visible/NIR spectrum)
- water surface (bathymetry, water quality)
- soon underwater (swarms of AUVs mapping plumes)

Why?

- Lower cost
- Logistically simpler
- Faster
- Reduced H&S risk

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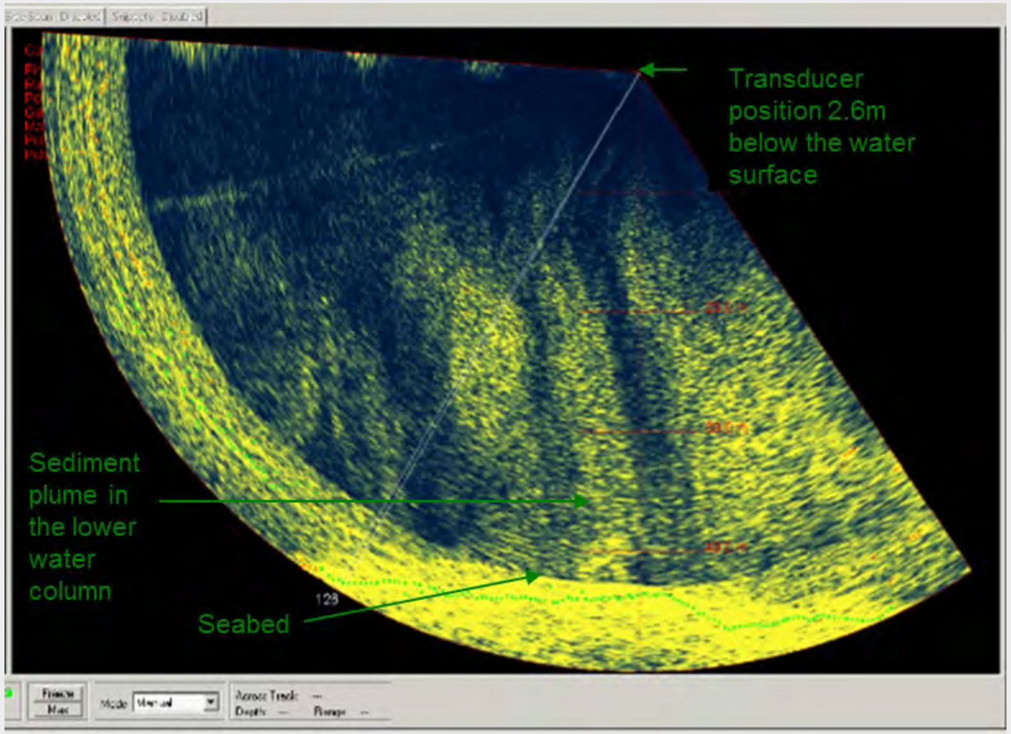
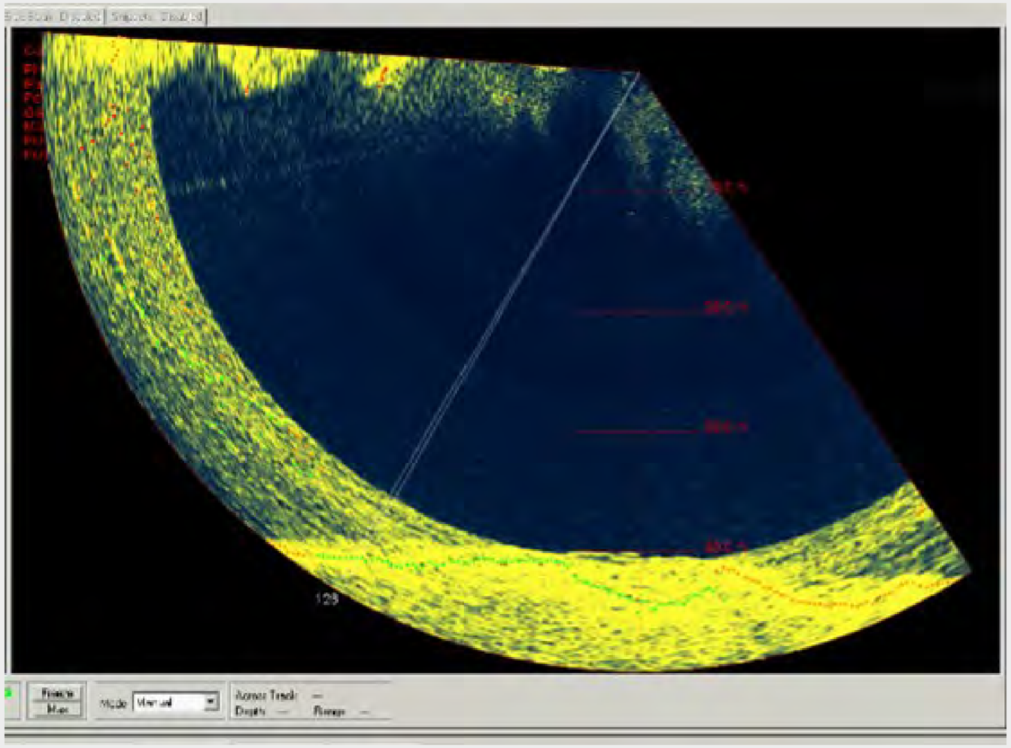
The Future

Measure once, use data for multiple purposes

- ADCPs – currents, depth, sediment plumes
- MBES - depth, sediment plumes, seabed characterisation





Thank you for your attention – questions?