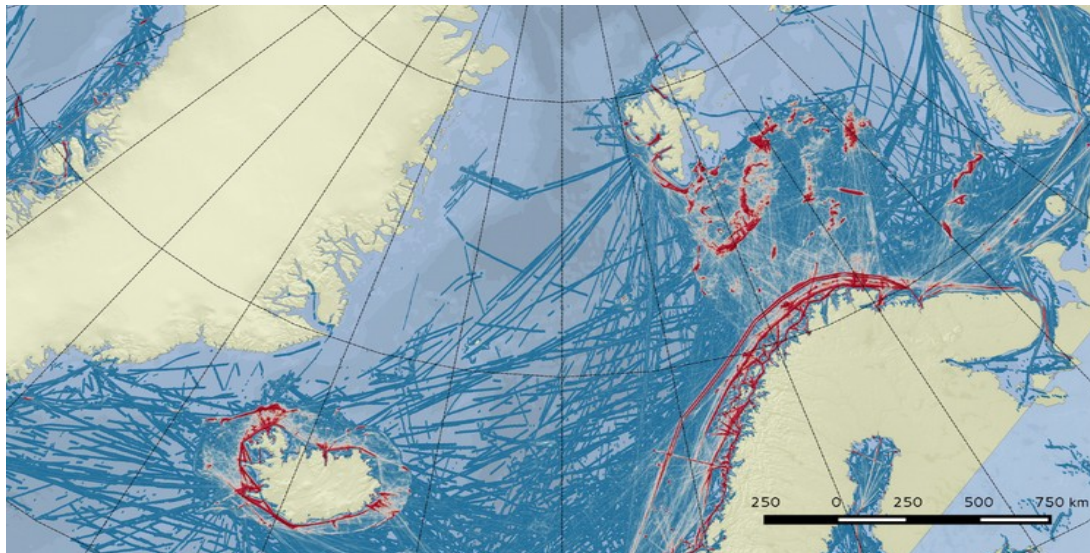


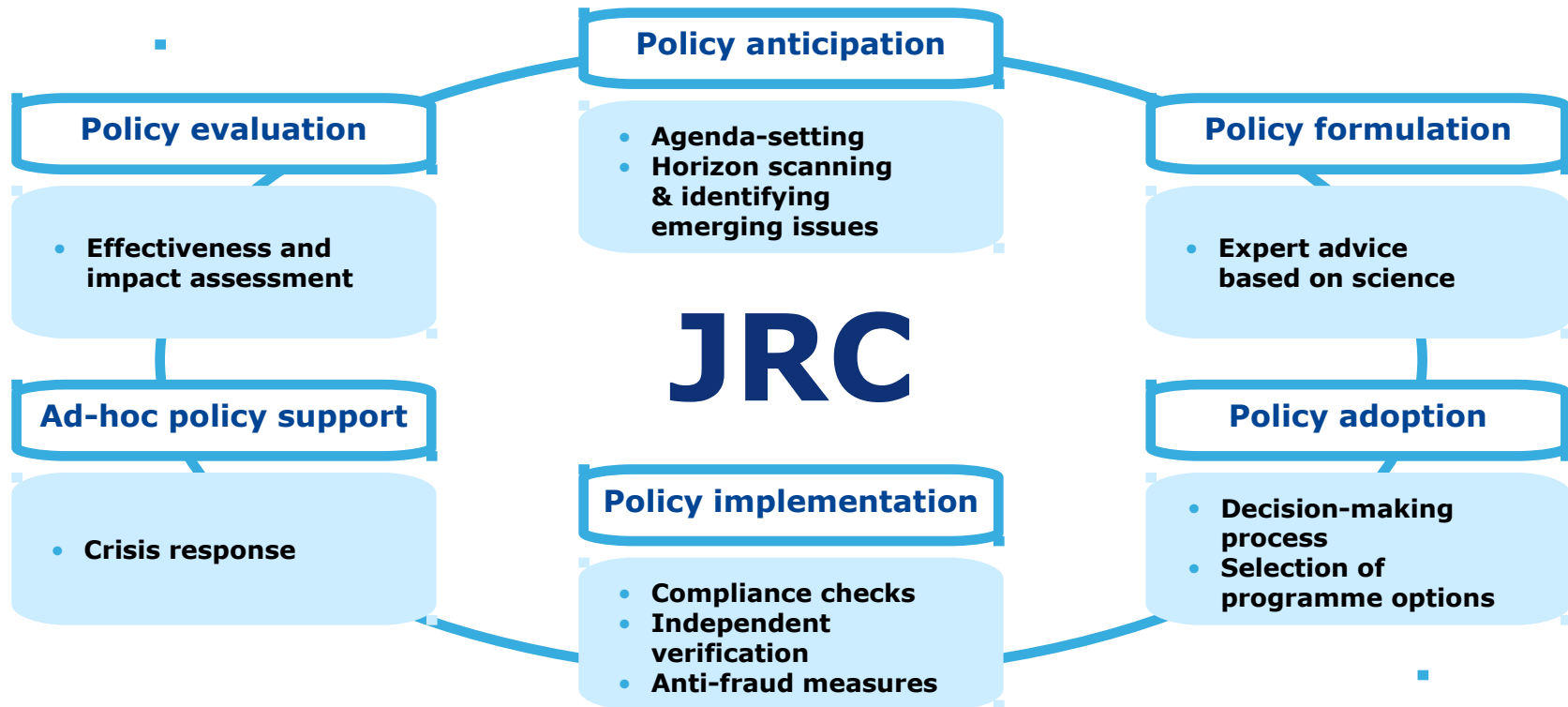
# Knowledge Discovery of Human Activities at Sea in the Arctic using Remote Sensing and Vessel Tracking Systems

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# Implementing the European Commission's Joint Research Centre mission in the EU policy cycle



# Maritime Surveillance Data

## Categories of data

- Ship reporting data: AIS, LRIT, VMS, ...
- Observation systems: Cameras, radars, ...;  
from Shore, airplane, satellite, ...
- Ship registries, data bases: Fishing fleet, Equasis, blacklists, ...
- Intel: Reports, Local knowledge, ...
- Supporting: Maps, ENC, weather, oceanographic, ...

## Integration

- Many applications need a fairly complete picture of what is happening at sea
- No single data source is adequate on its own
- Data of many sources needs to be integrated into a single picture

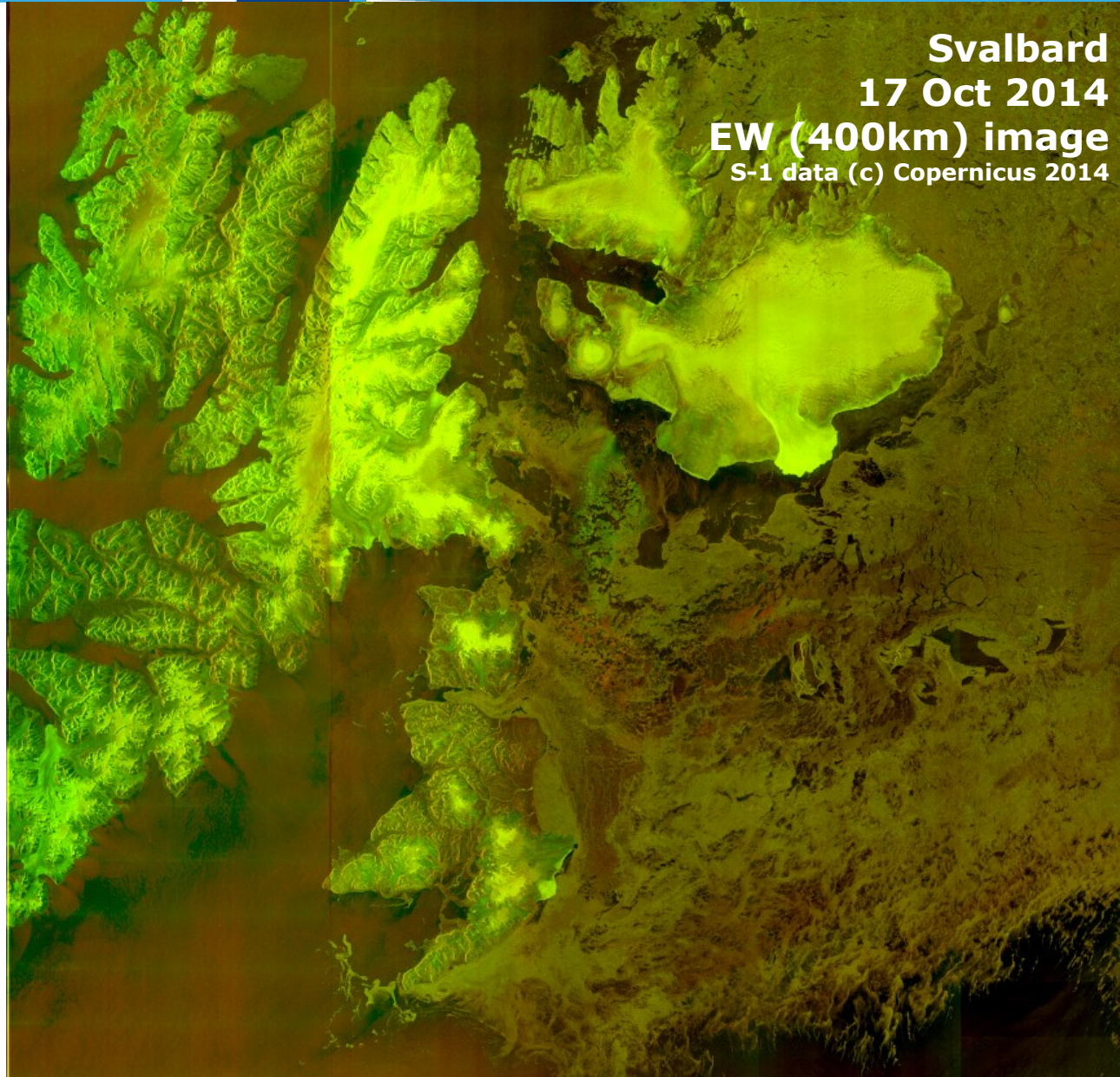


## **Sentinel -1:** **Europe's Earth** **Observation radar**

- **Since Oct 2014**
- **Open data policy**
- **Routinely acquiring images over the Arctic**

### ***Maritime:***

- **Ice cover**
- **Oil pollution**
- **Ship traffic**
- **Wind, waves**



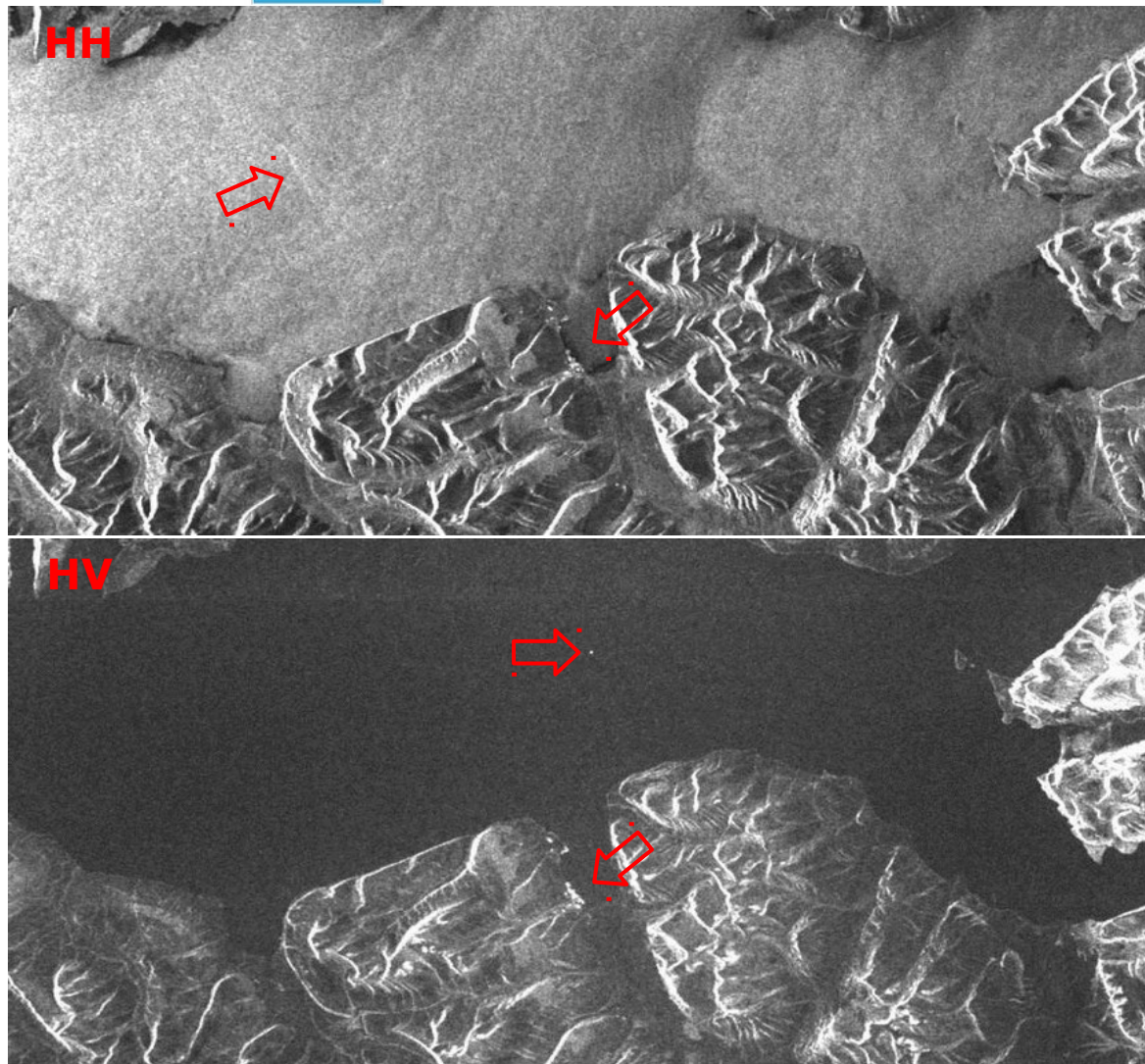
## Sentinel -1:

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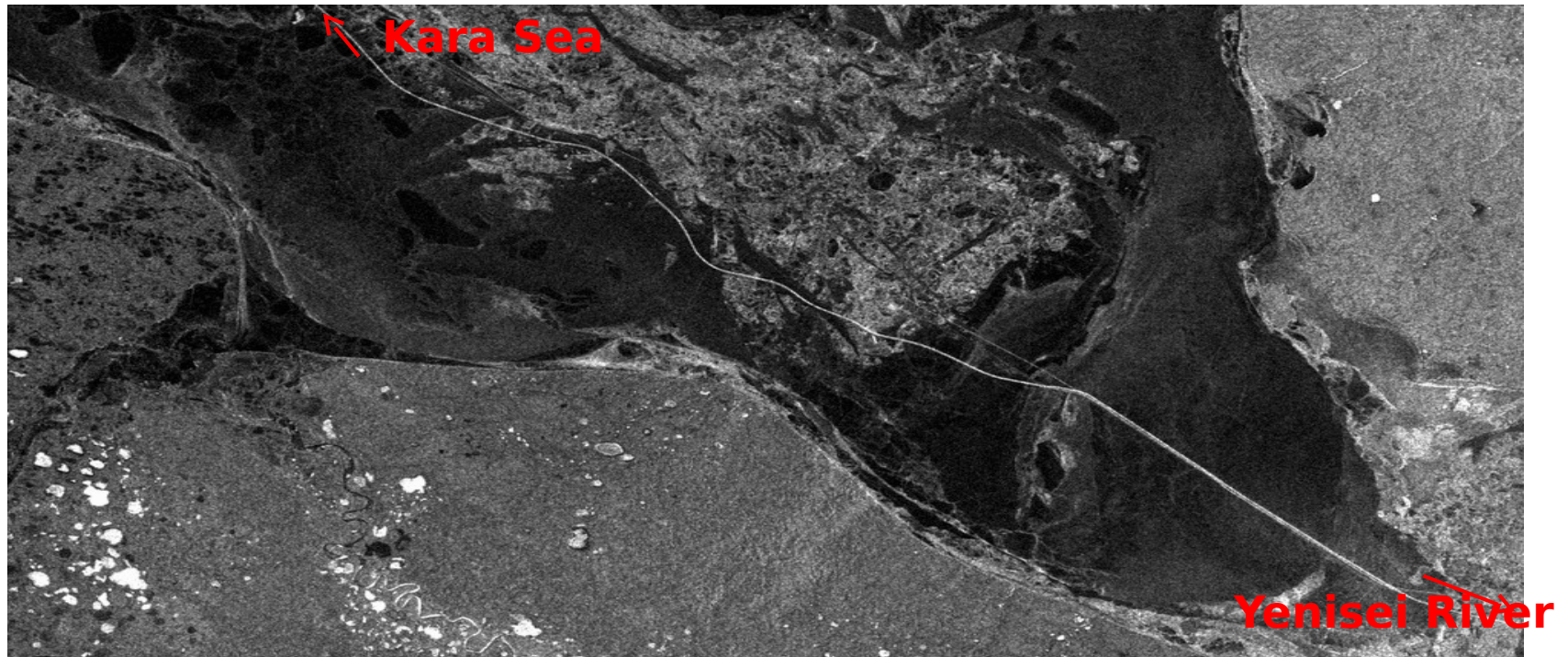
### Use of two polarisation channels for ship detection

### *Arctic challenge:* Ship detection in sea ice

**17 Oct 2014**  
S-1 data (c) Copernicus 2014

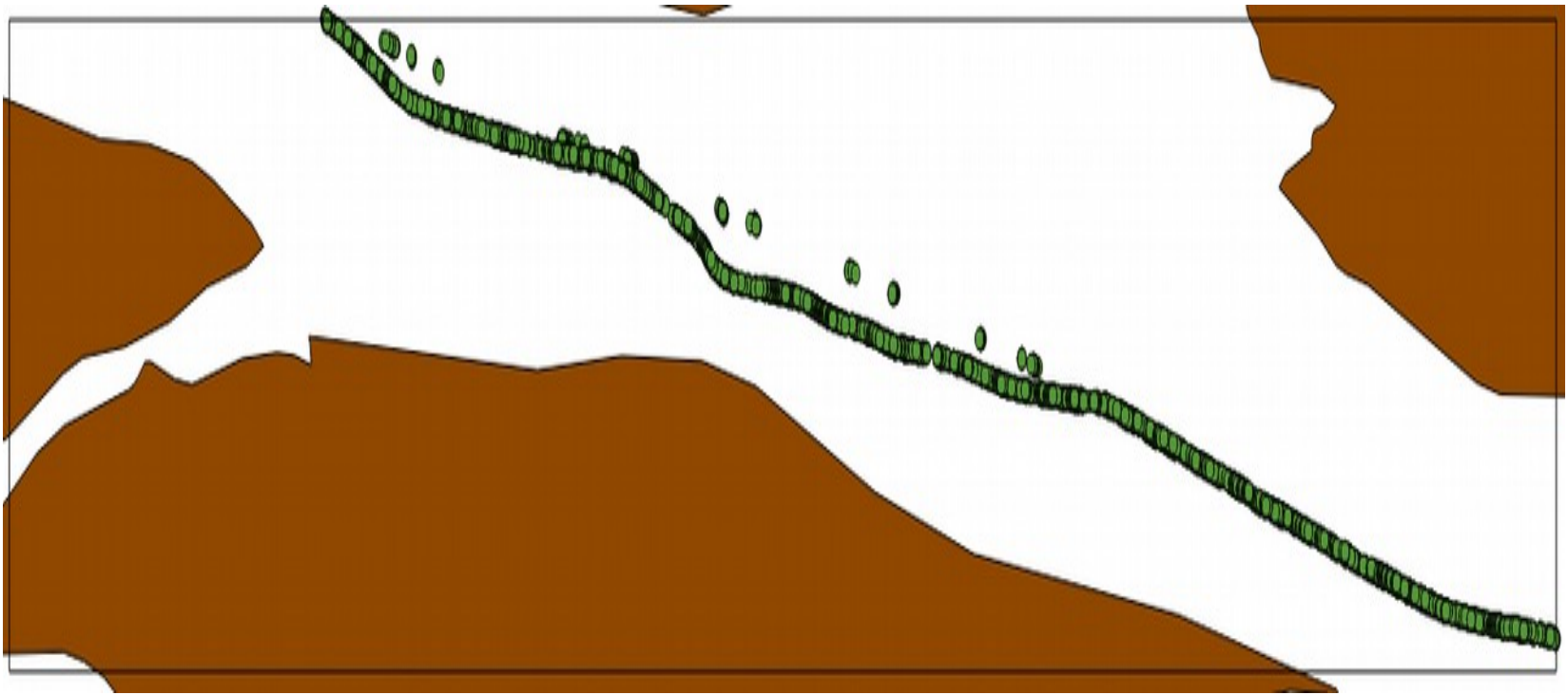


## Sentinel-1 and AIS ice pathways analysis Yenisei Gulf (Siberia 72.4N, 79.6E) (120 km E-W x 67 km N-S)



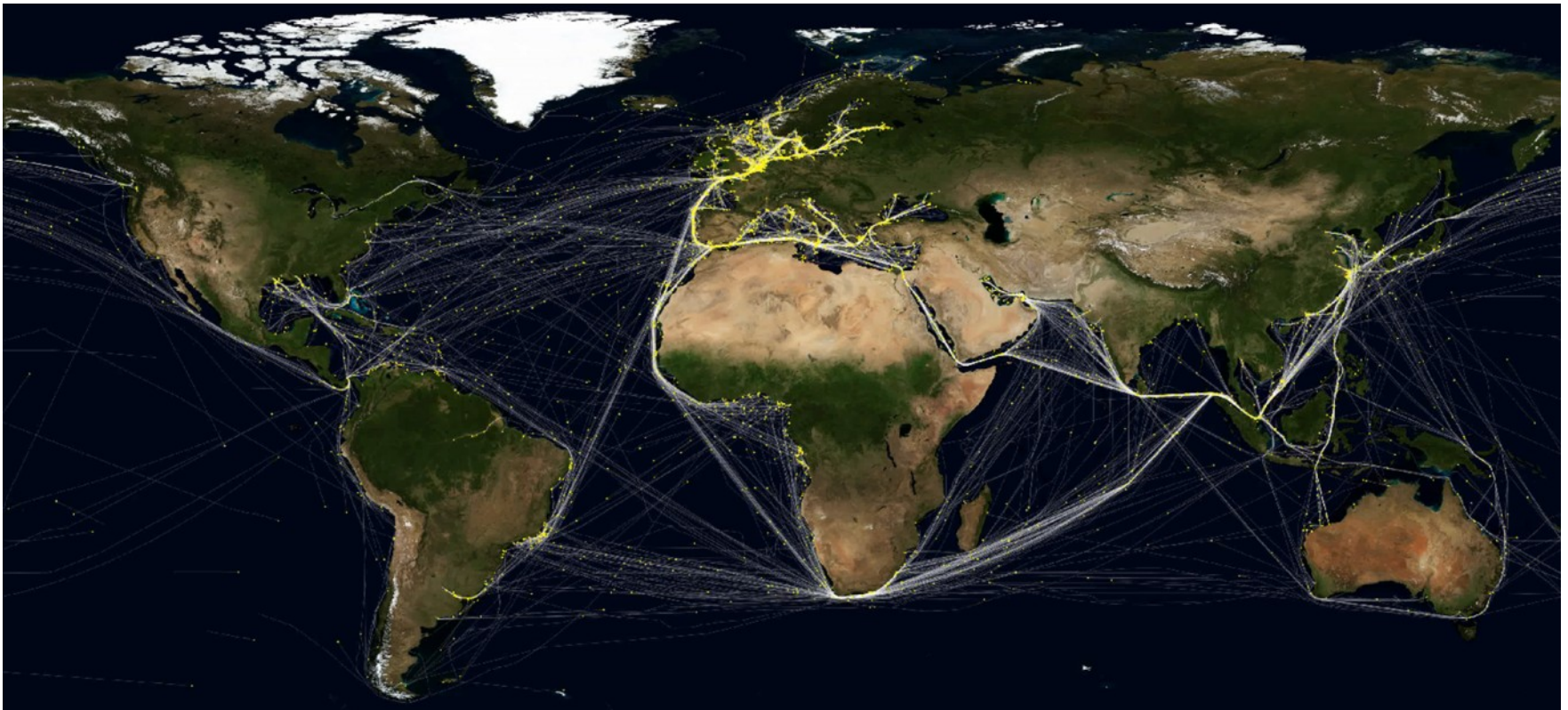
**Sentinel-1 image from 2105-04-19 01:28:13 (UTC)**

## **Sentinel-1 and AIS ice pathways analysis** **Yenisei Gulf (Siberia 72.4N, 79.6E) (120 km E-W x 67 km N-S)**



**Sat-AIS from 2105-01-01 to 2015-04-22 (3.5 months): 5088 messages**

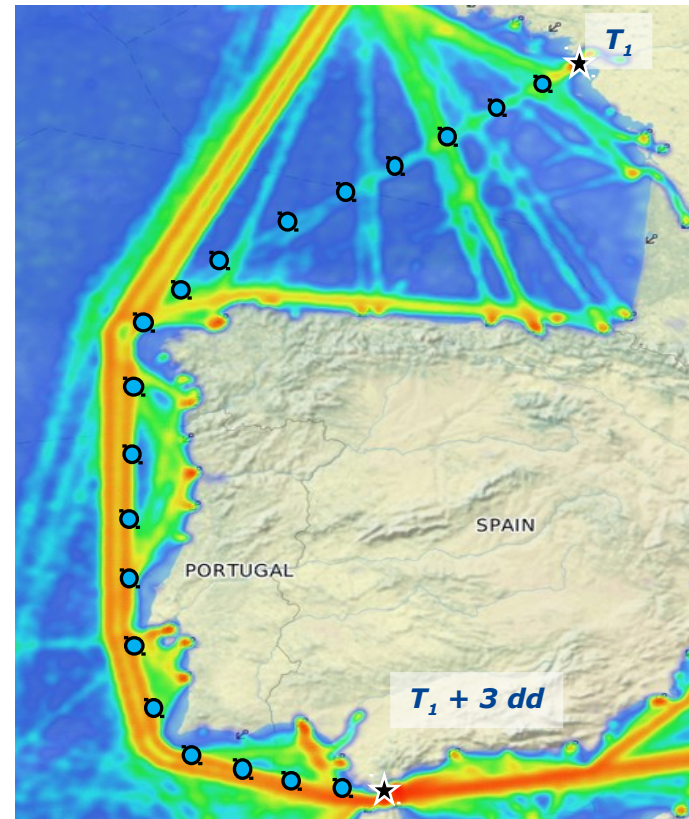
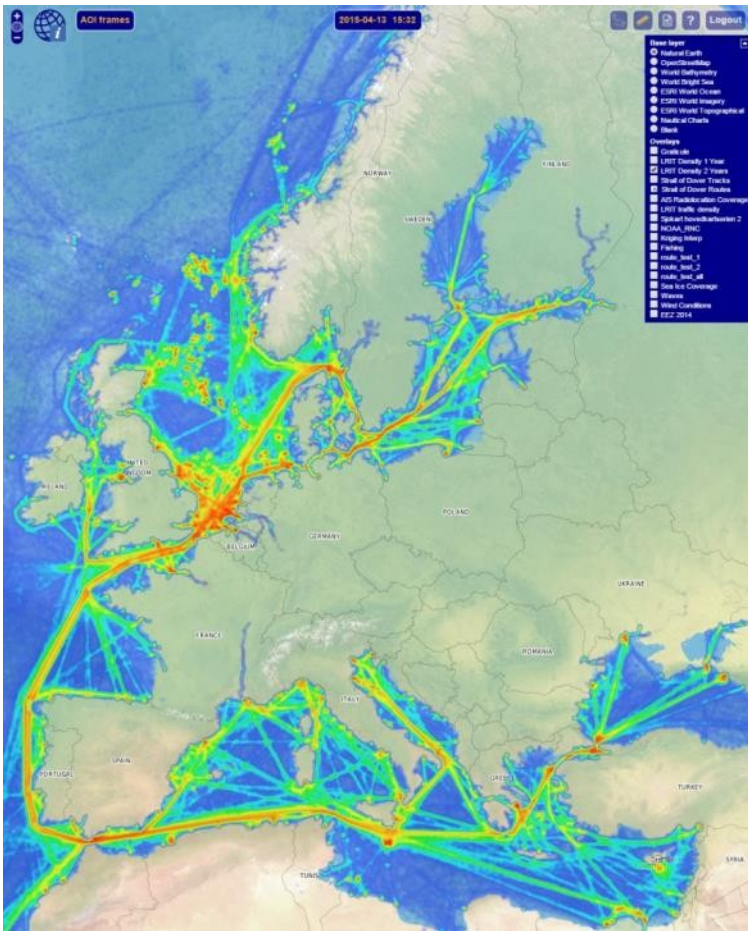
## From EU to worldwide tracking and traffic routes



**One-month of EU LRIT CDC data, revealing the main global traffic routes and enabling the implementation of innovative decision support tools**

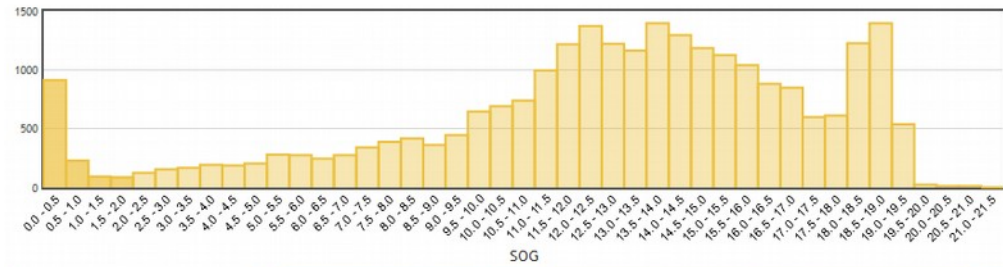


# Using density maps to predict vessel routes



Historical LRIT data can be used to predict where a vessel will be up to a few days in advance

# Coding vessel behaviours



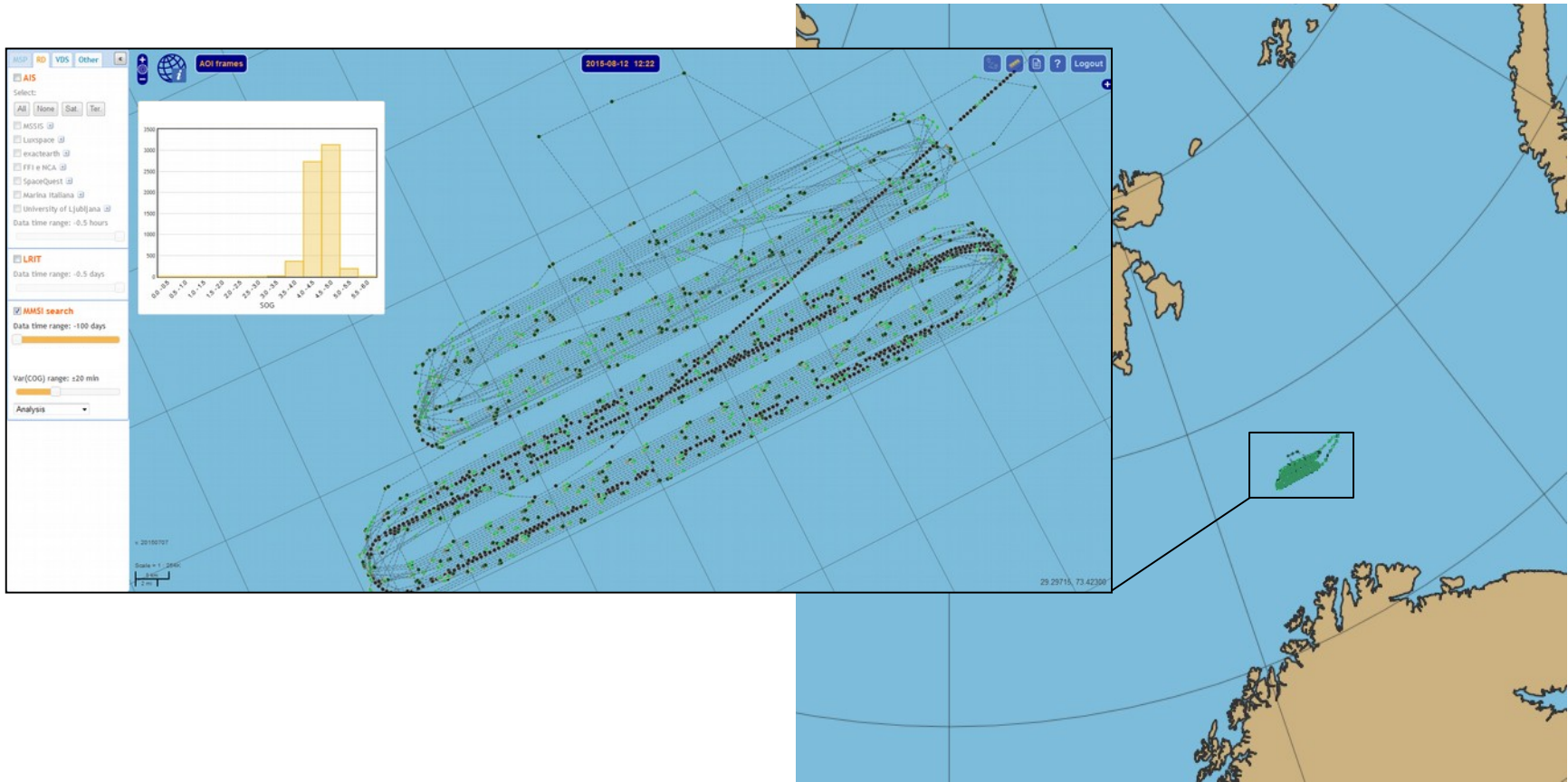
MMSI search

Data time range: -40 days

Var(COG) range:  $\pm 45$  min

Analysis

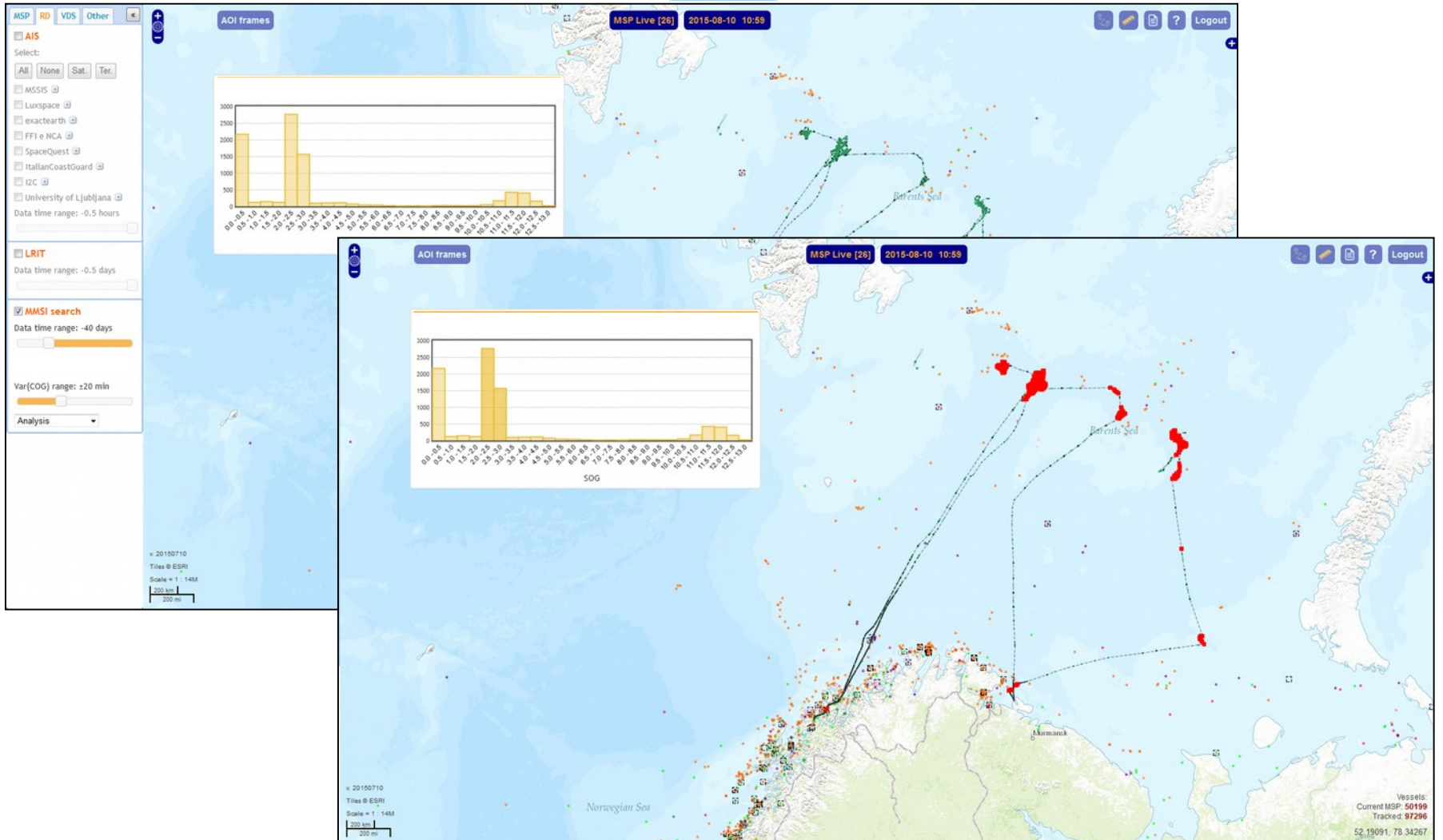




# Research and Survey Vessel Behaviour

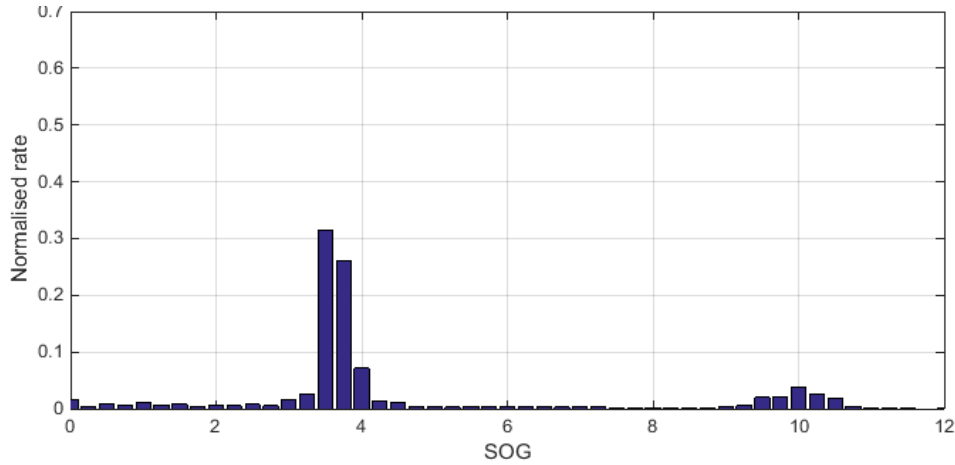


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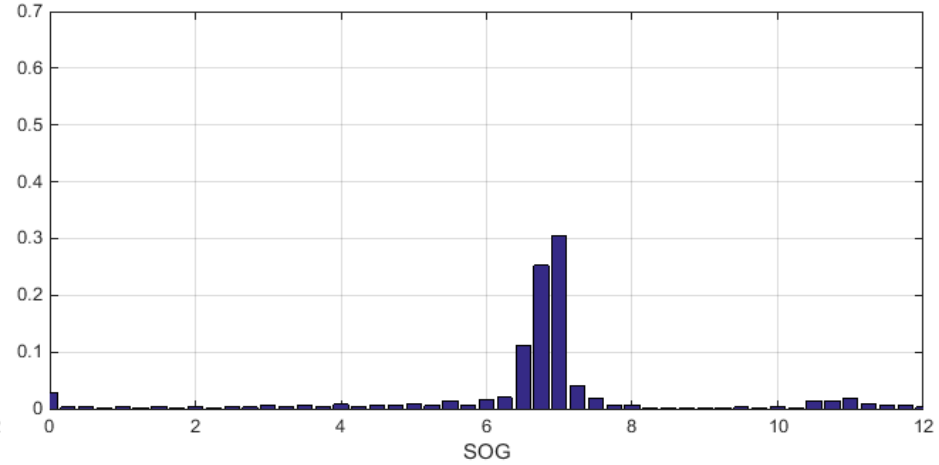


# Fishing Behaviour

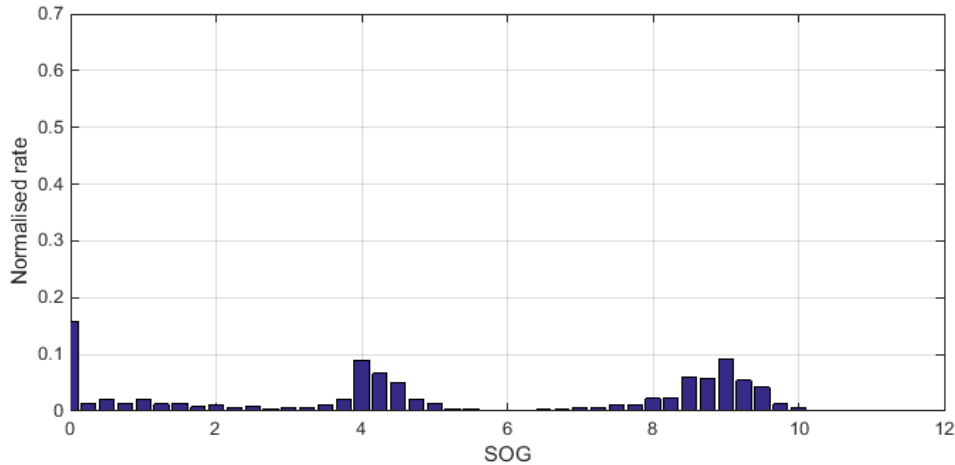
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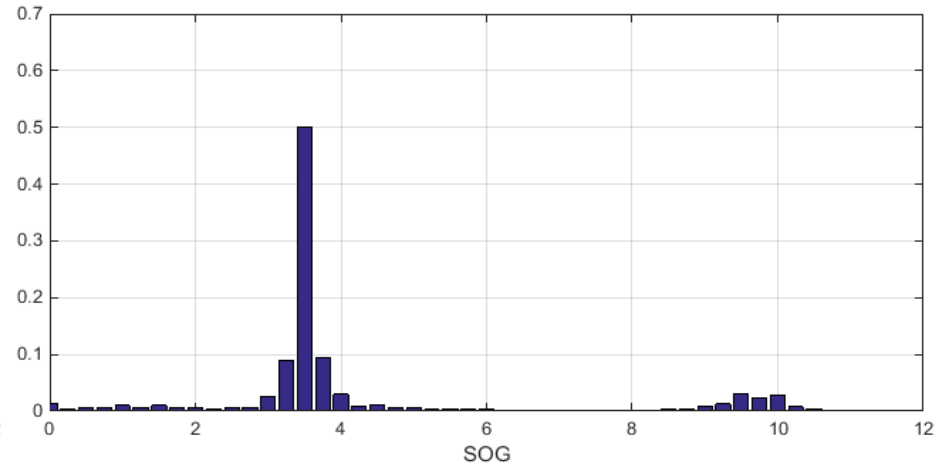
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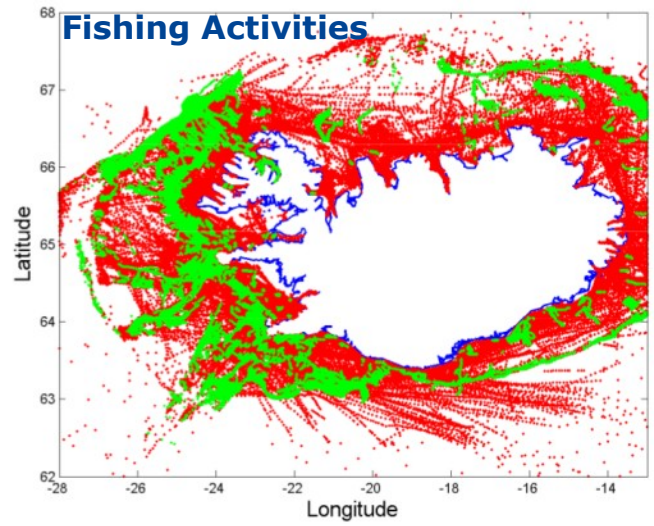
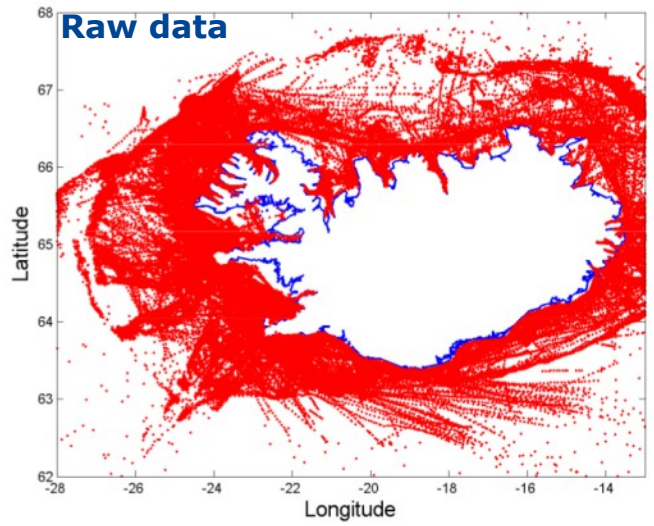


**PTM - midwater pair trawler**

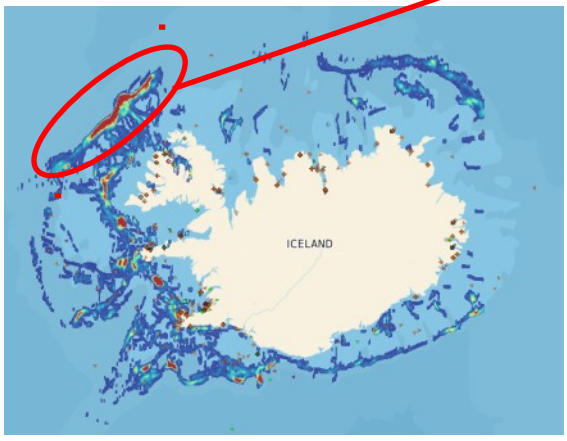


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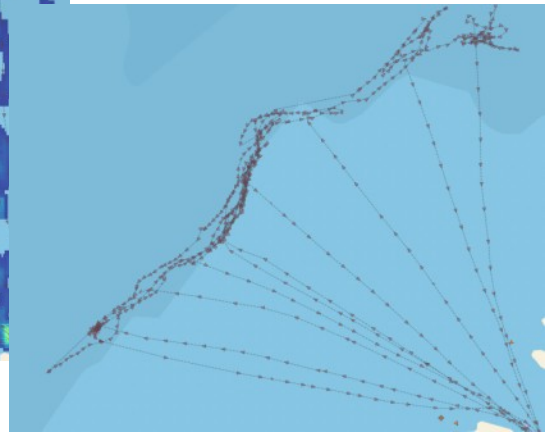
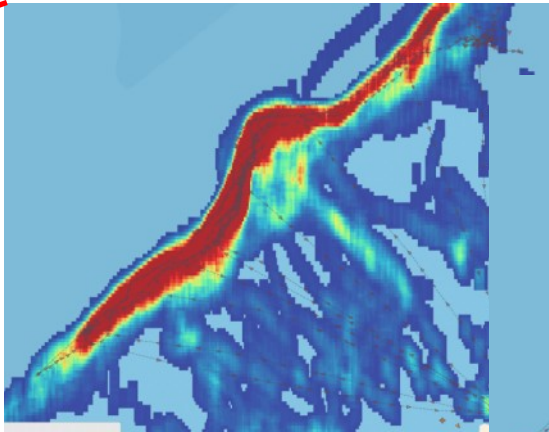




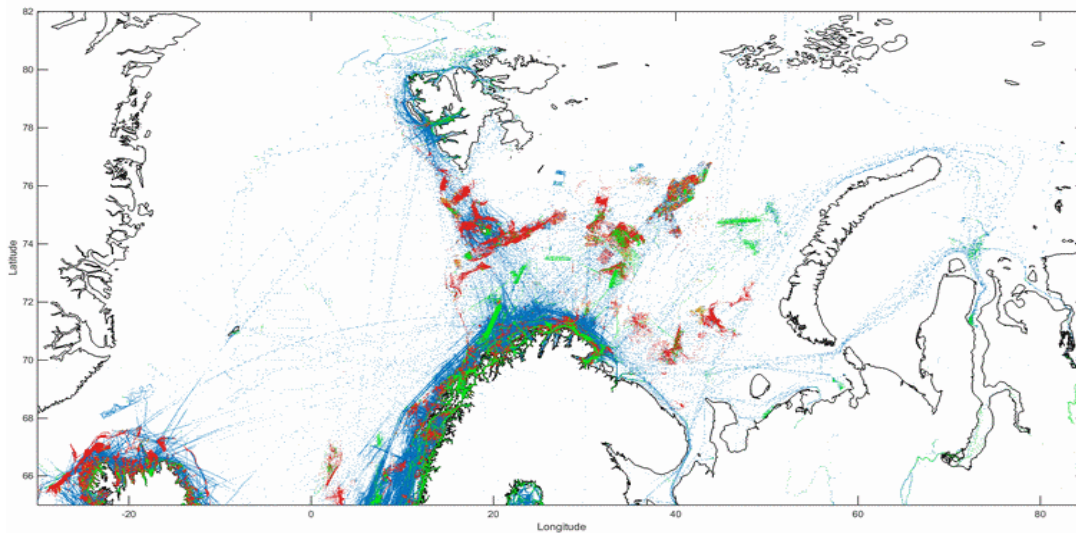
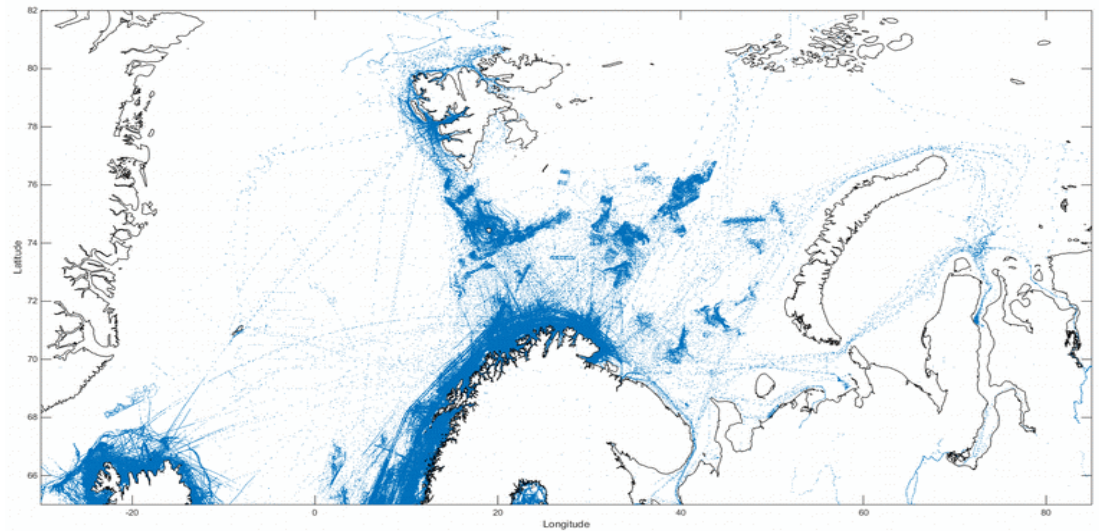
### Historical fishing activities



### Real time fishing behaviour

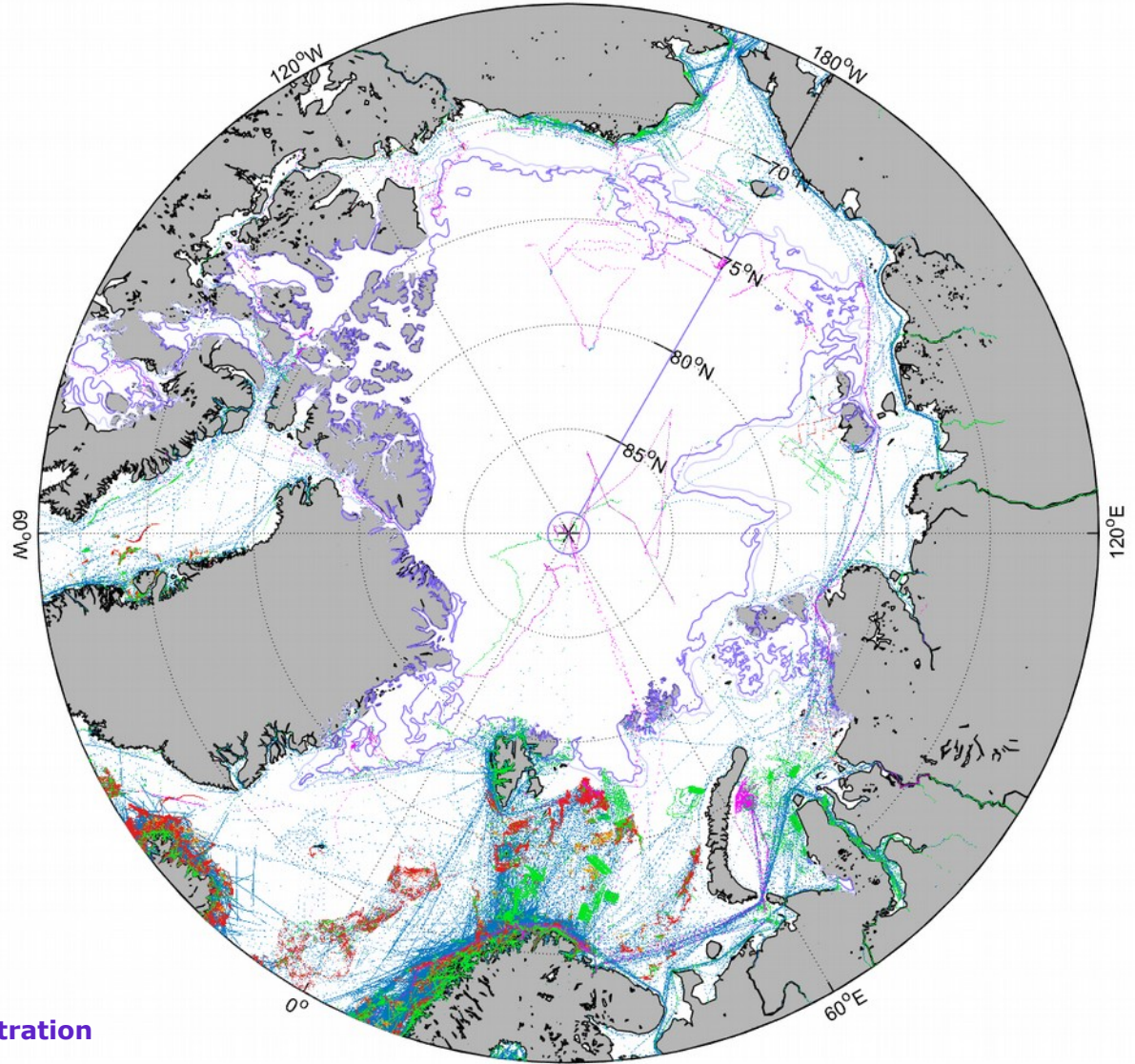


## From vessel densities to activities mapping



By coding the relevant behaviours it is possible to isolate shipping (blue), fishing (red) and exploration (green) activities.

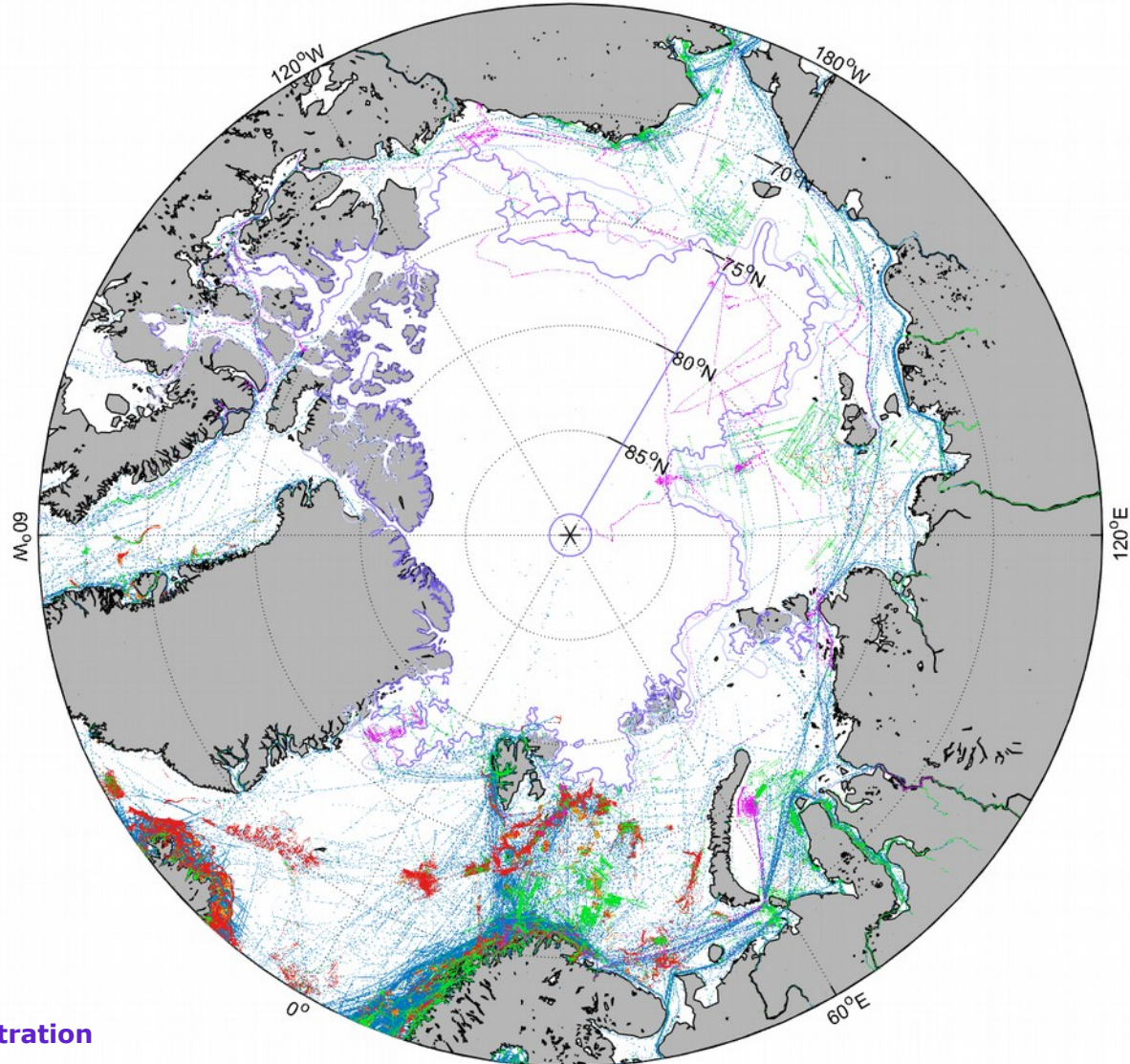
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- Research/exploration**
- Shipping**
- Service/icebreakers**
- 8/10ths Sea ice concentration**
- Marginal Ice Zone**

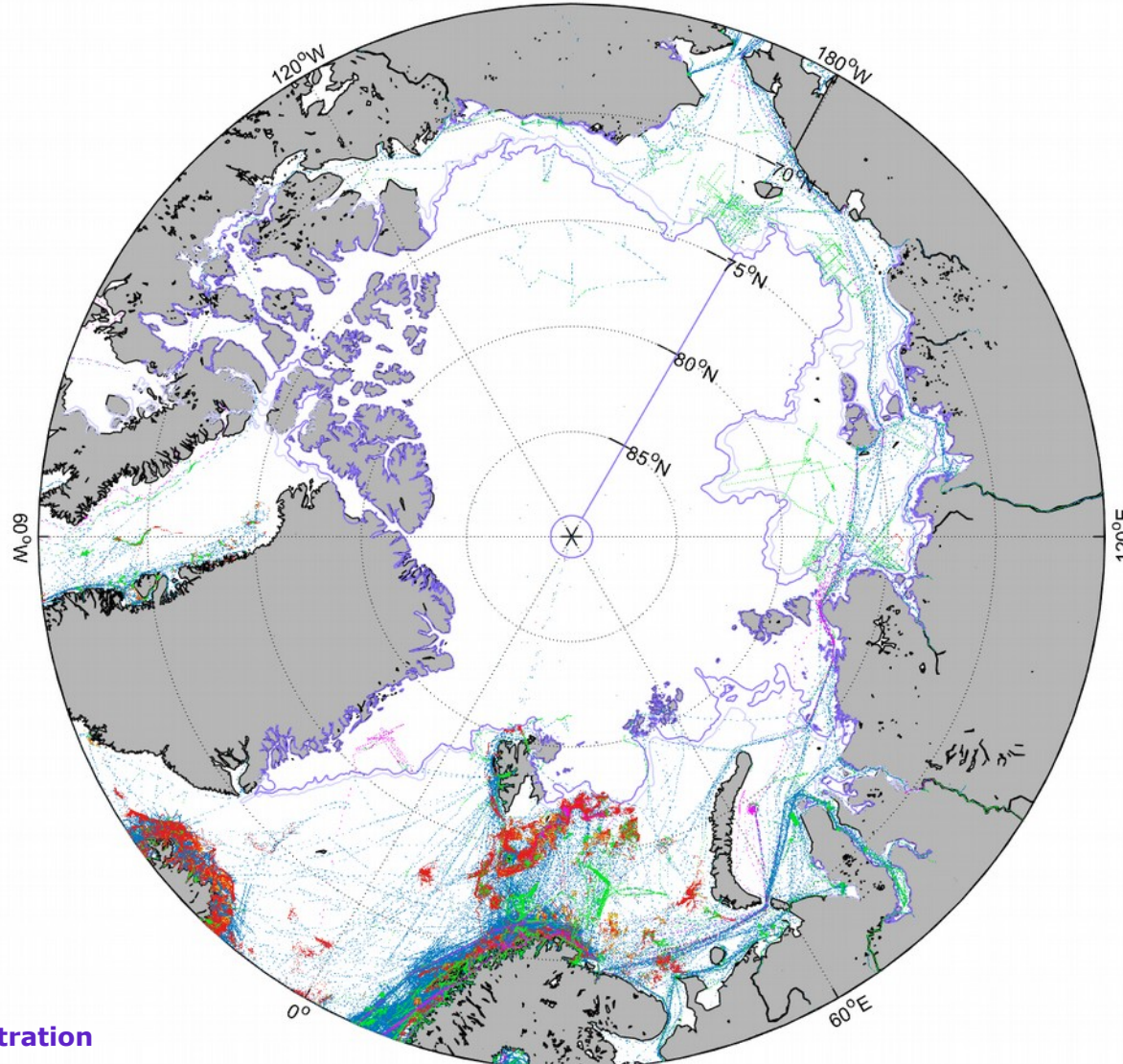


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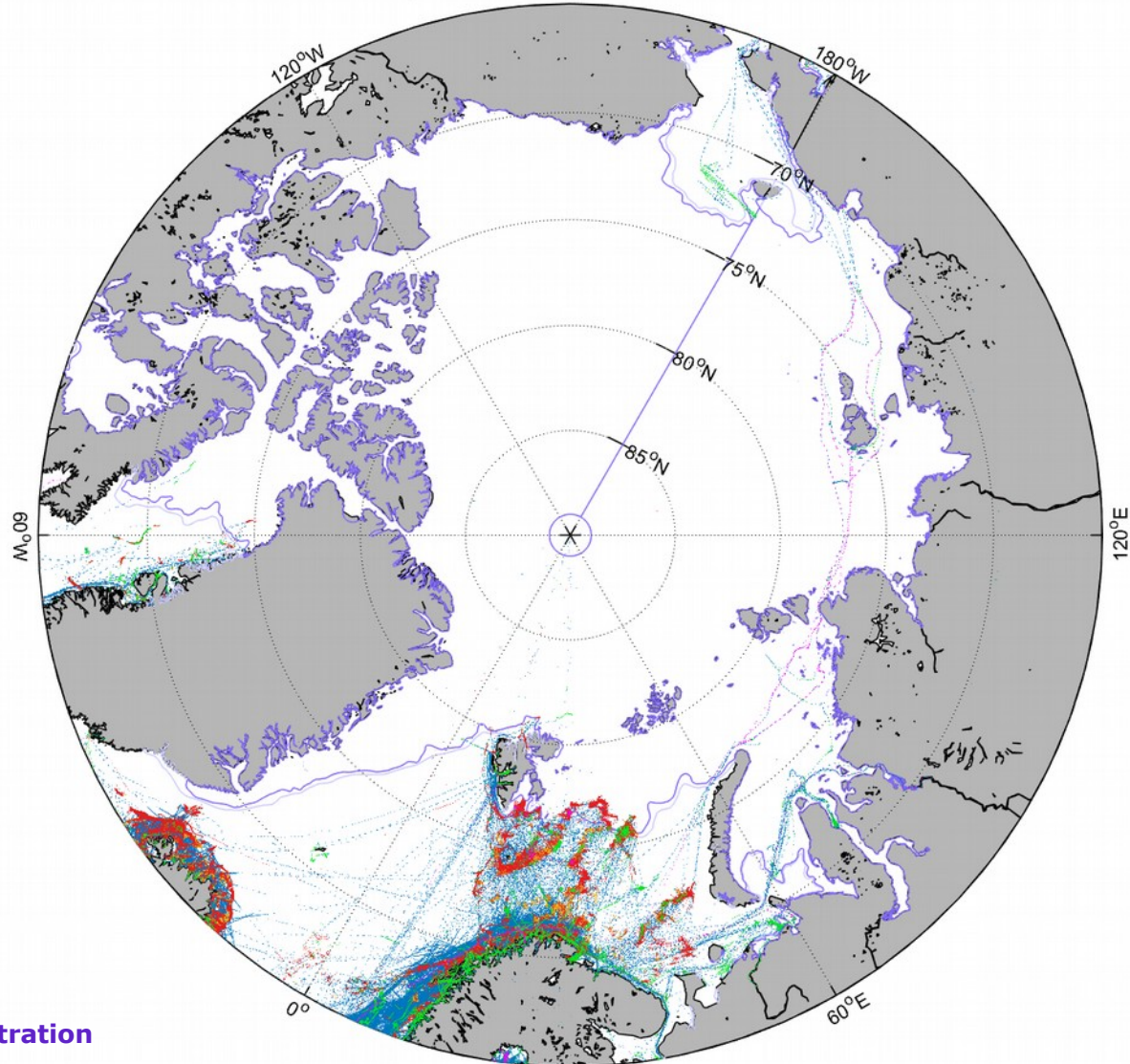
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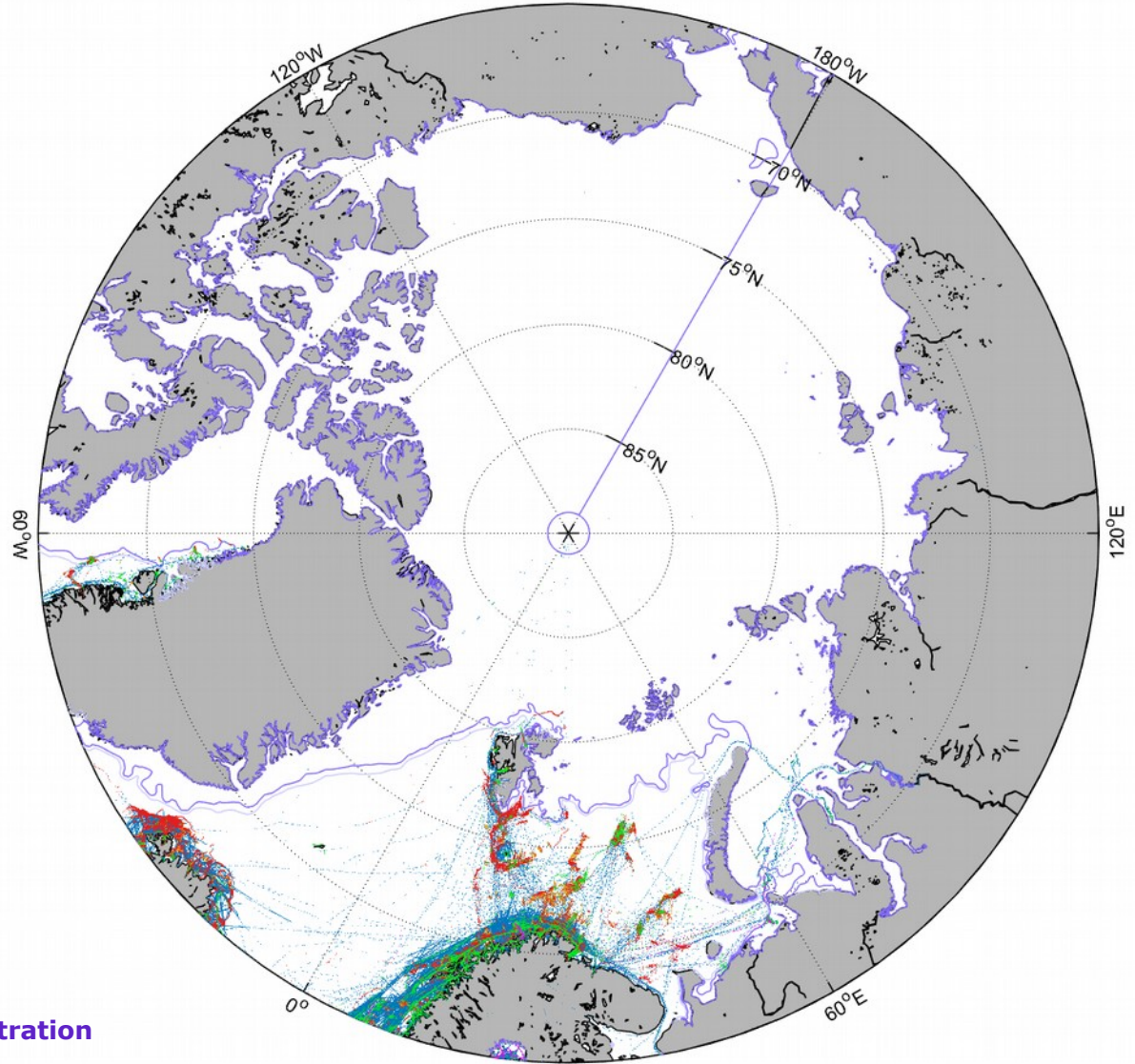
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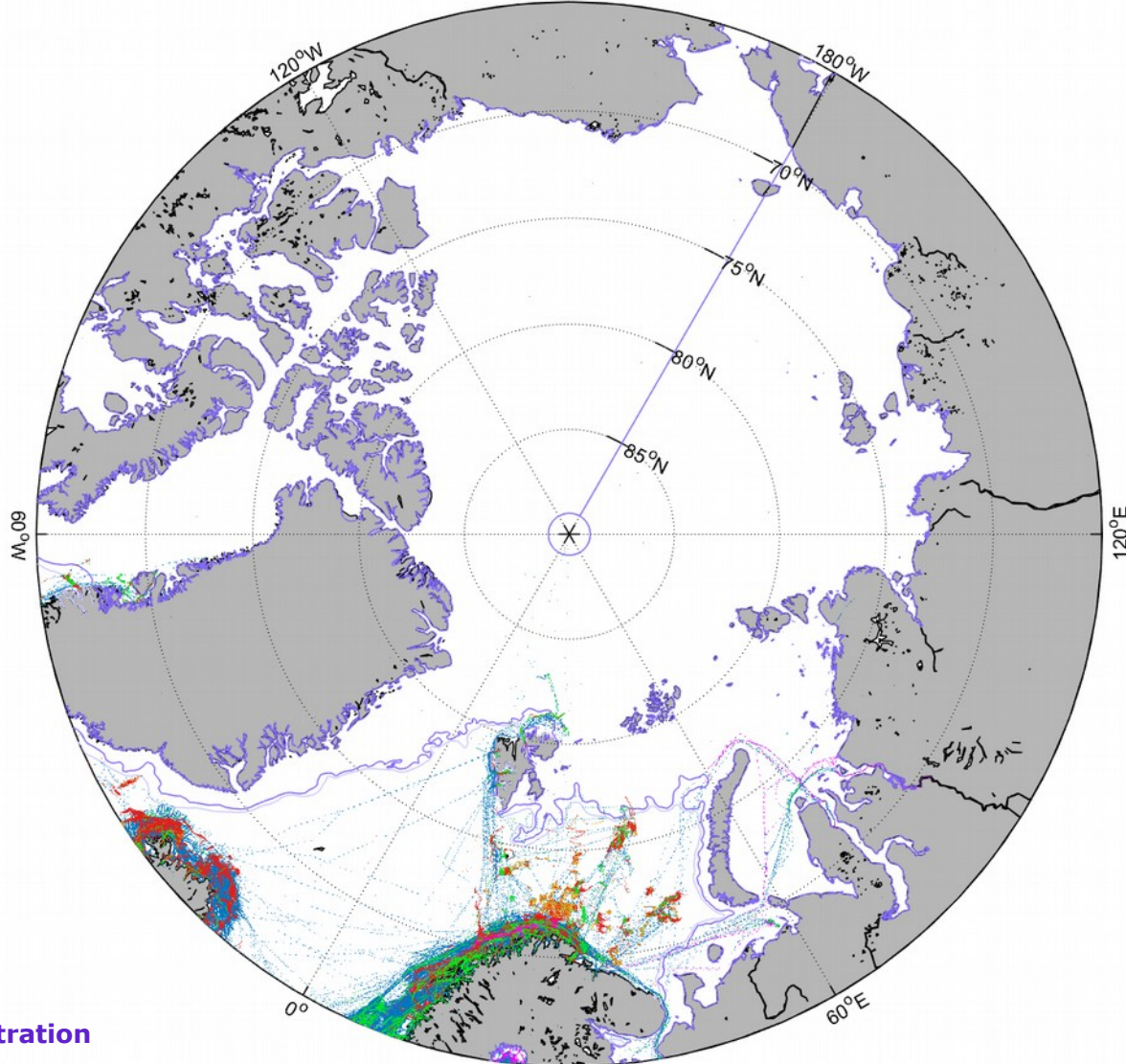
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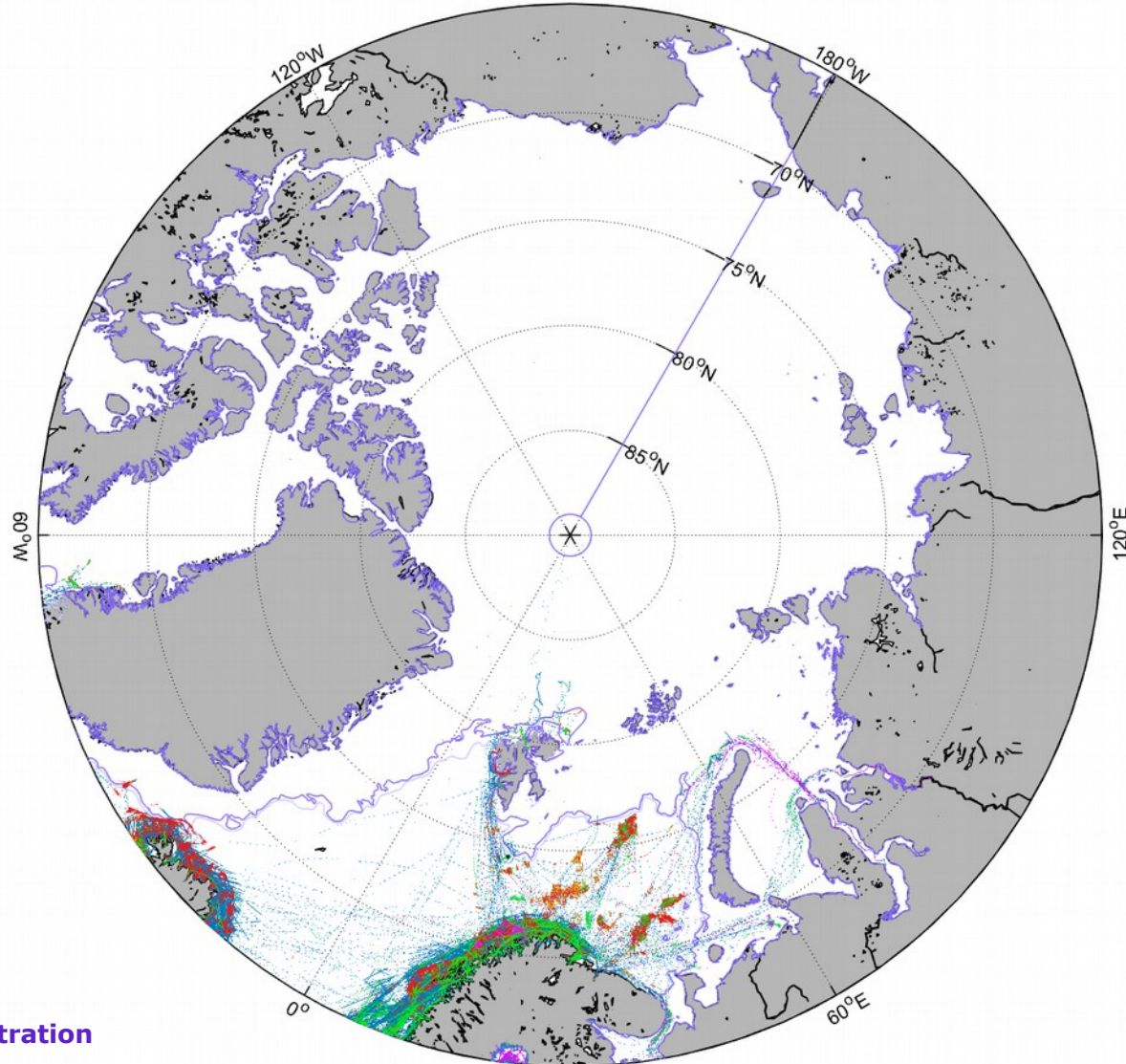
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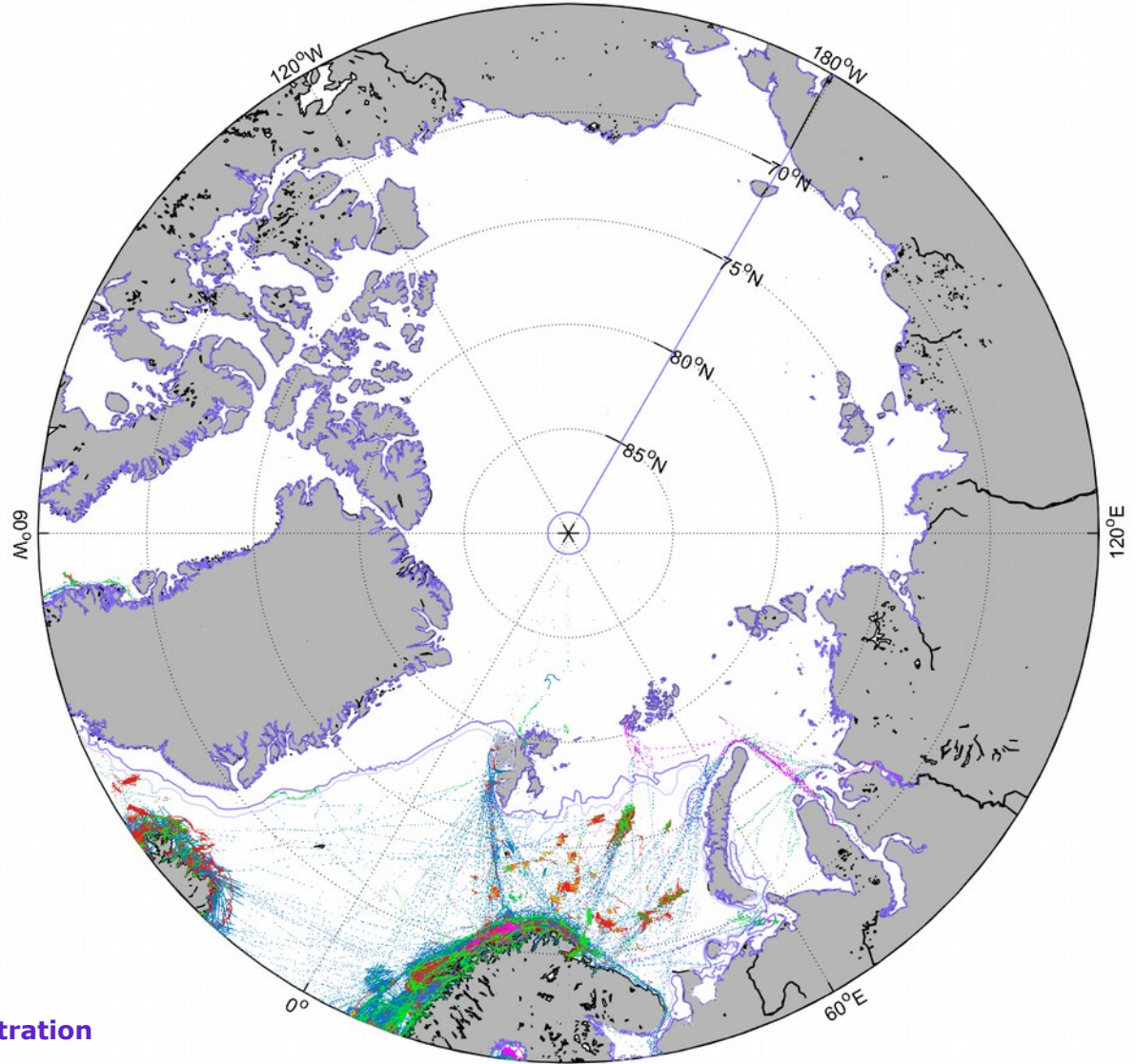
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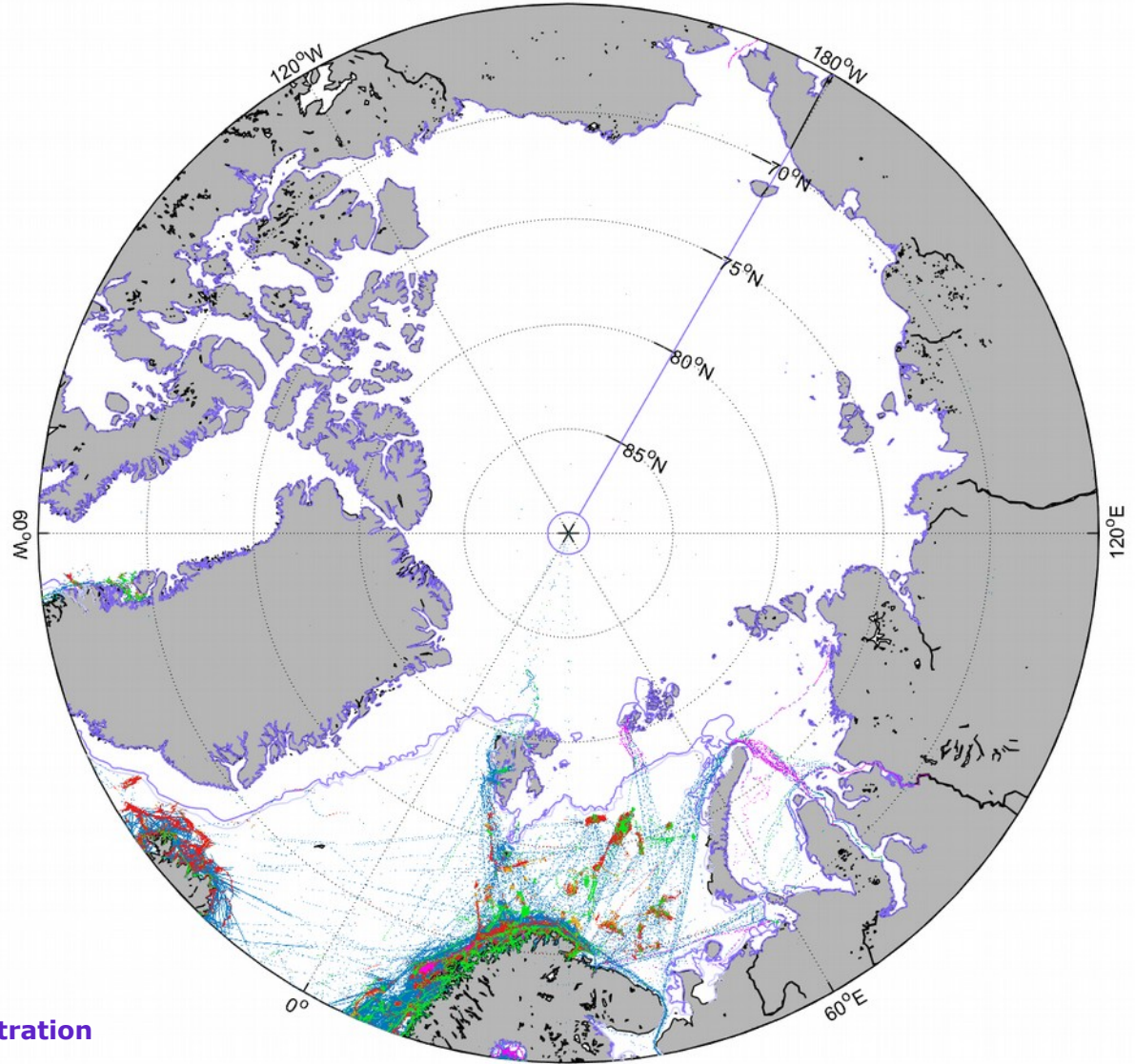
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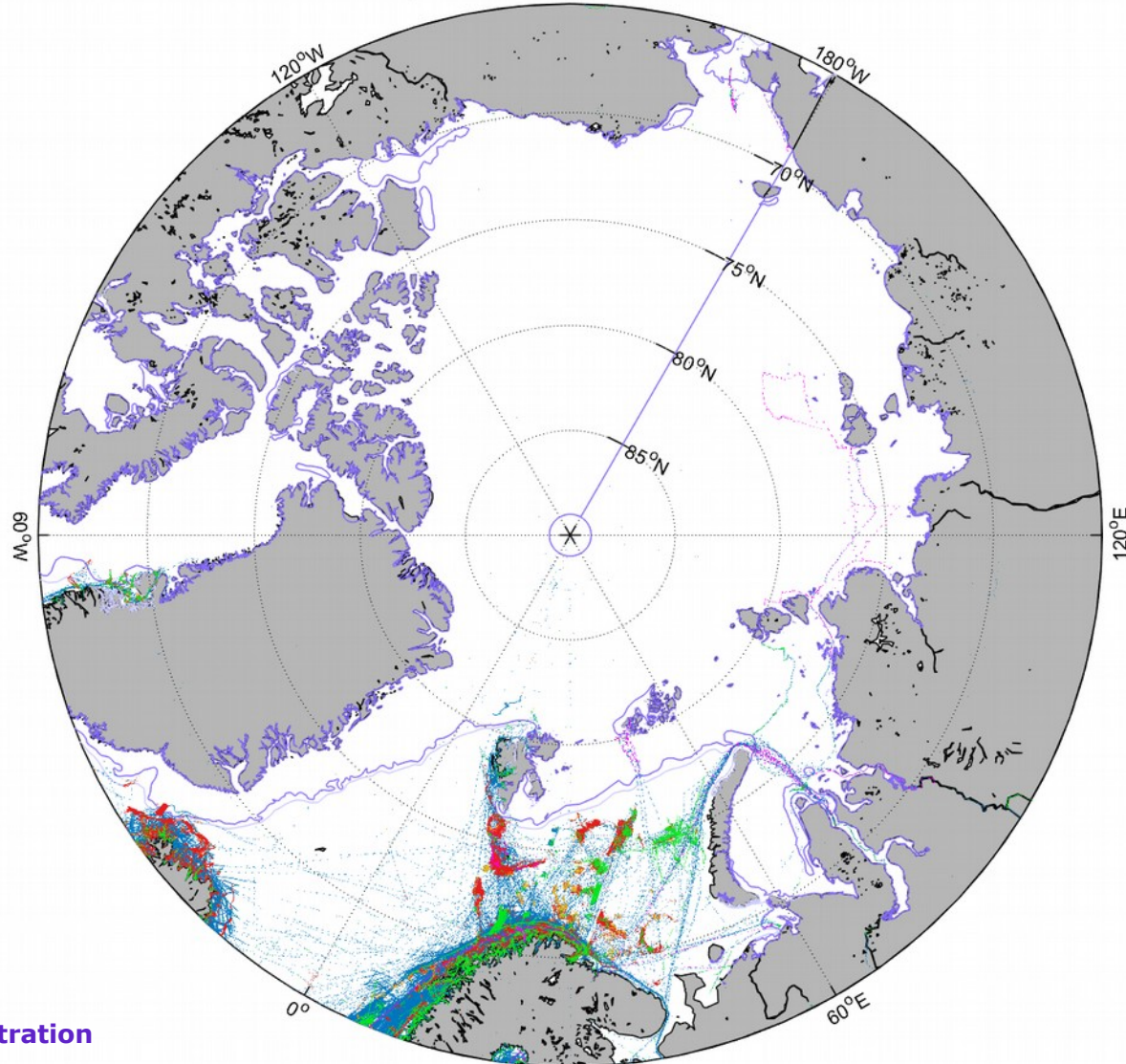
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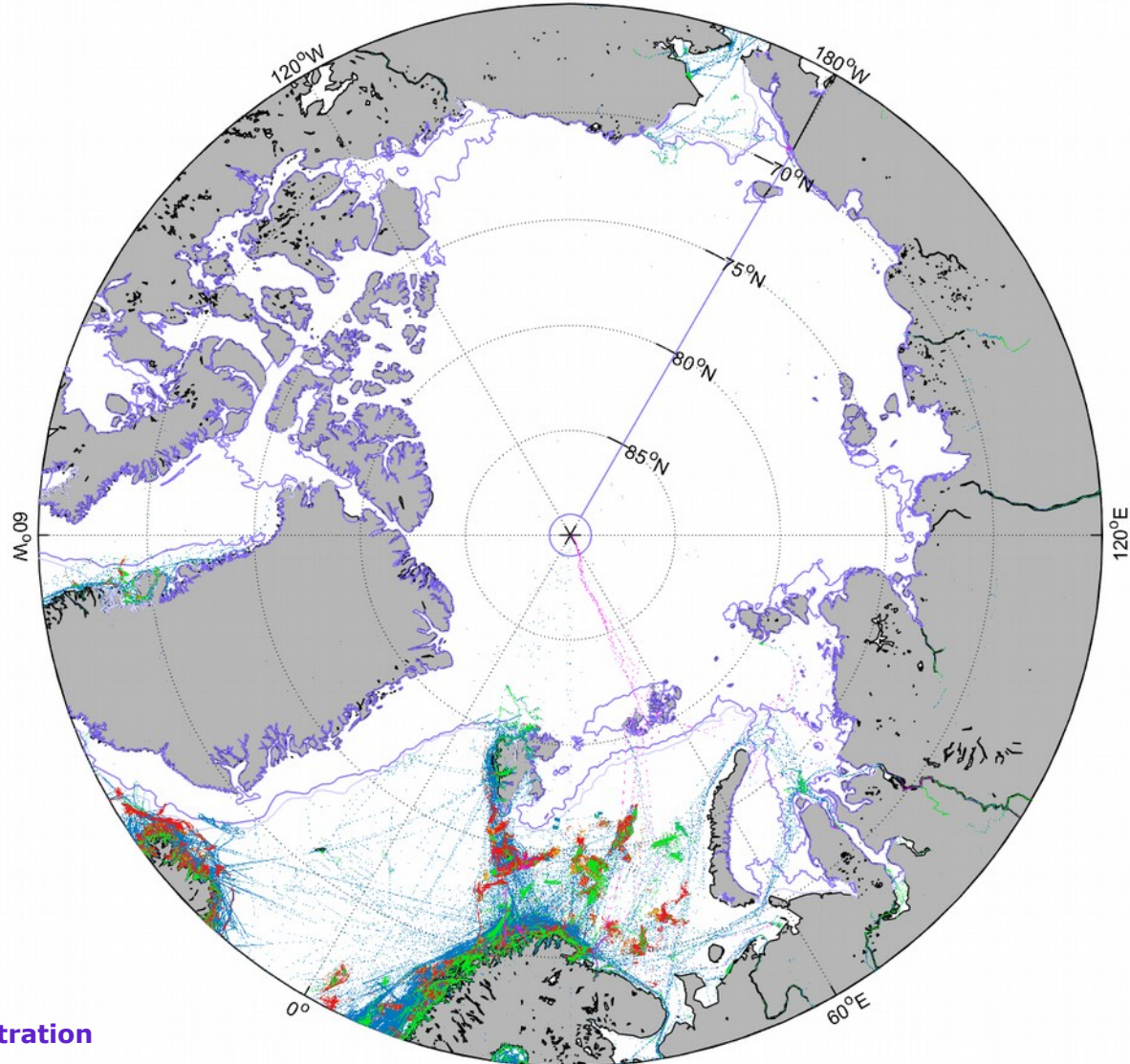


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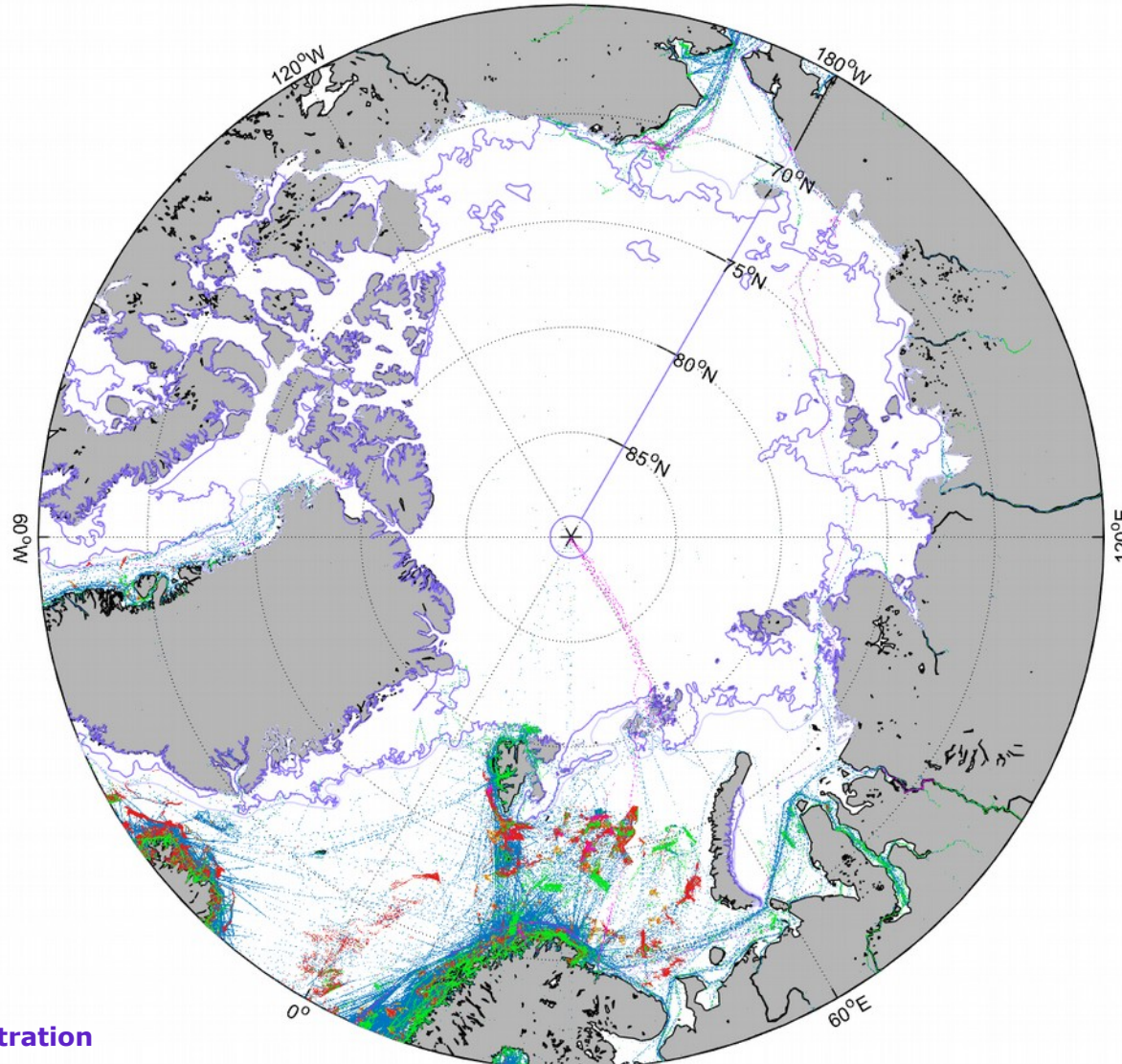
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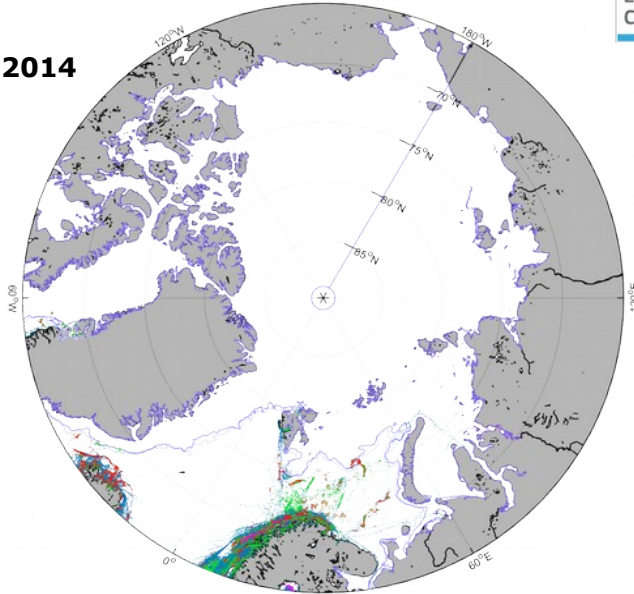
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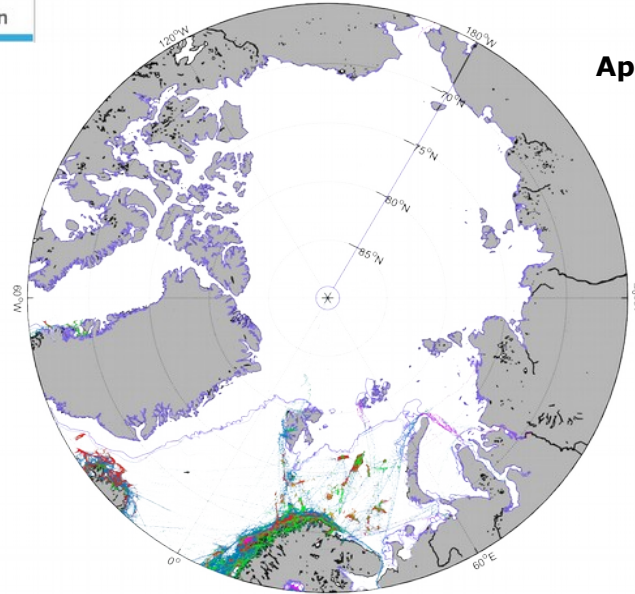


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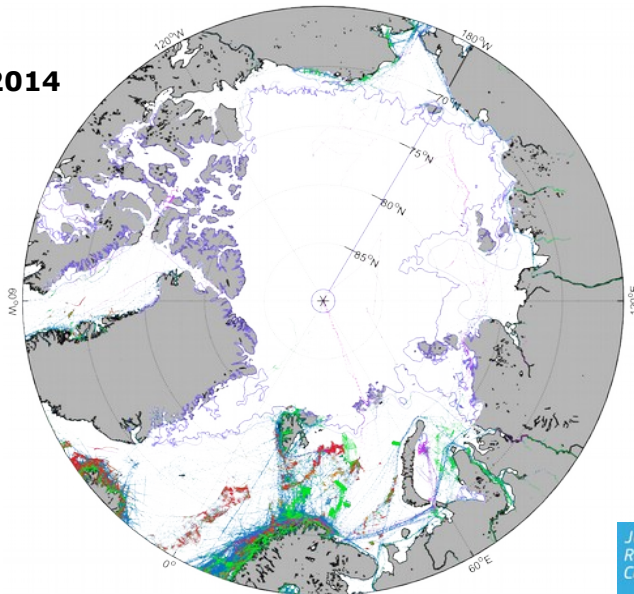
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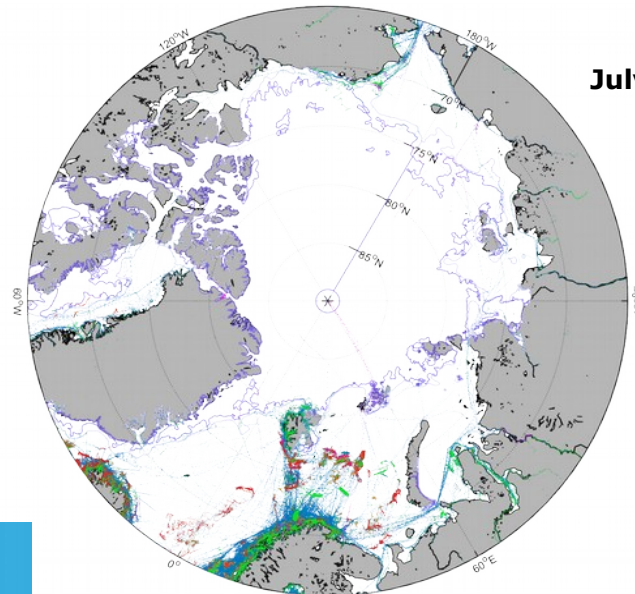
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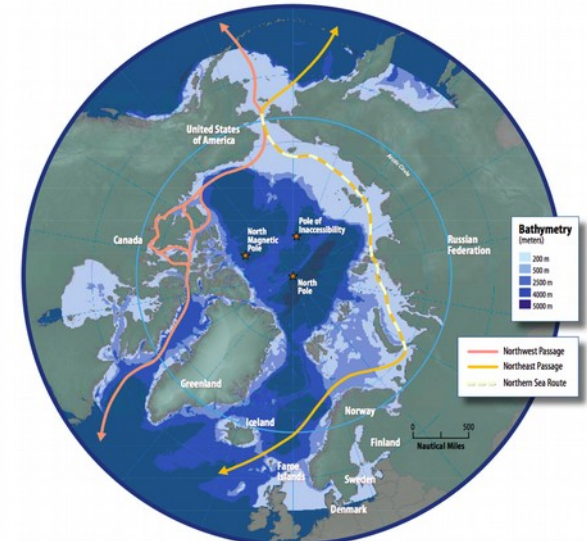
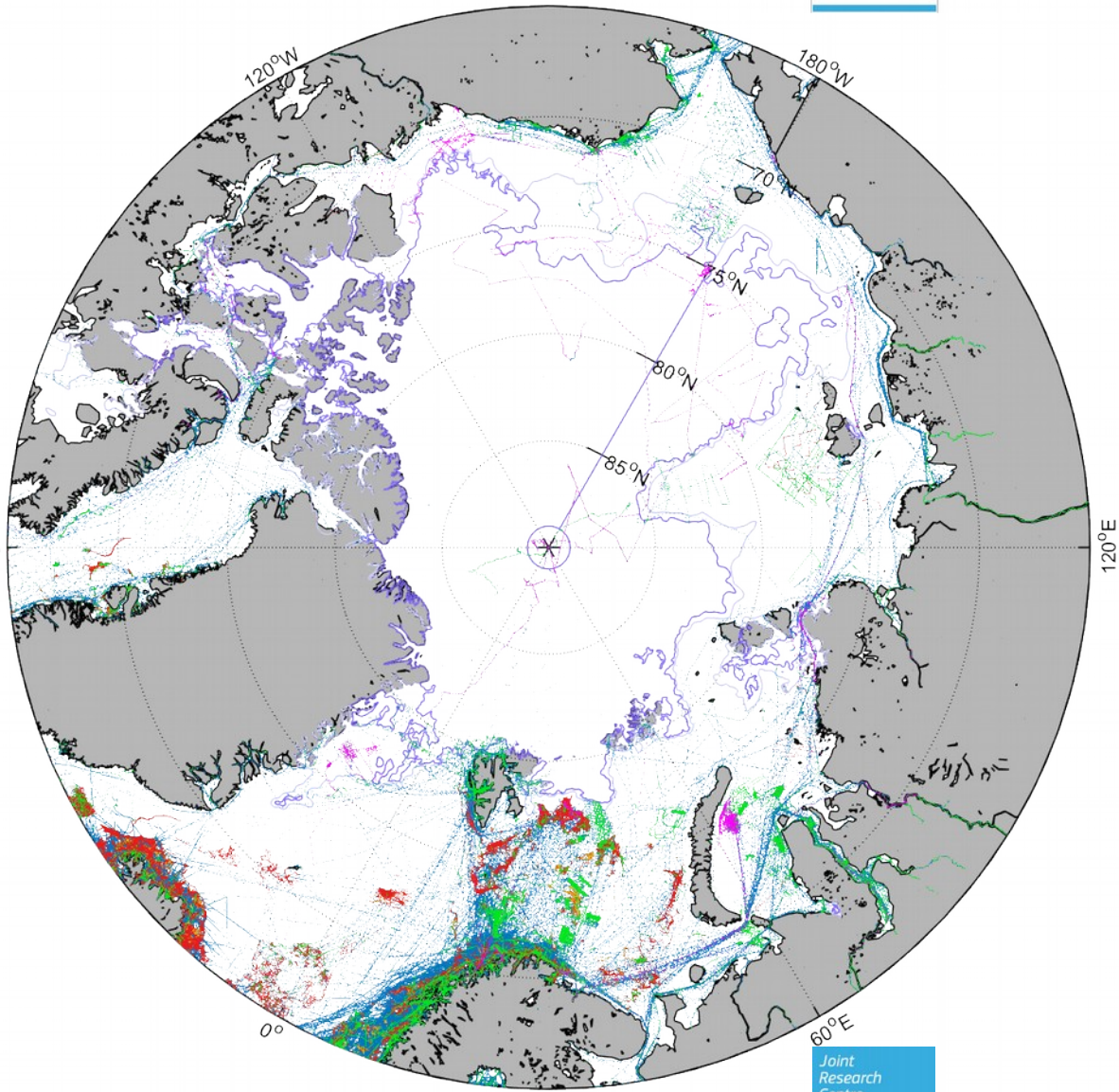
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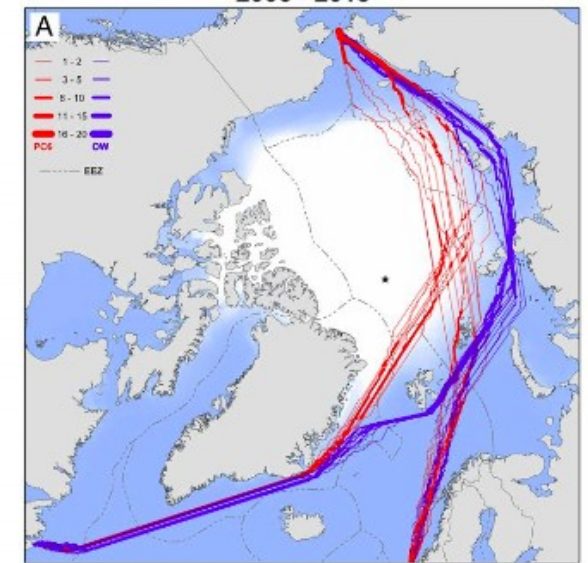


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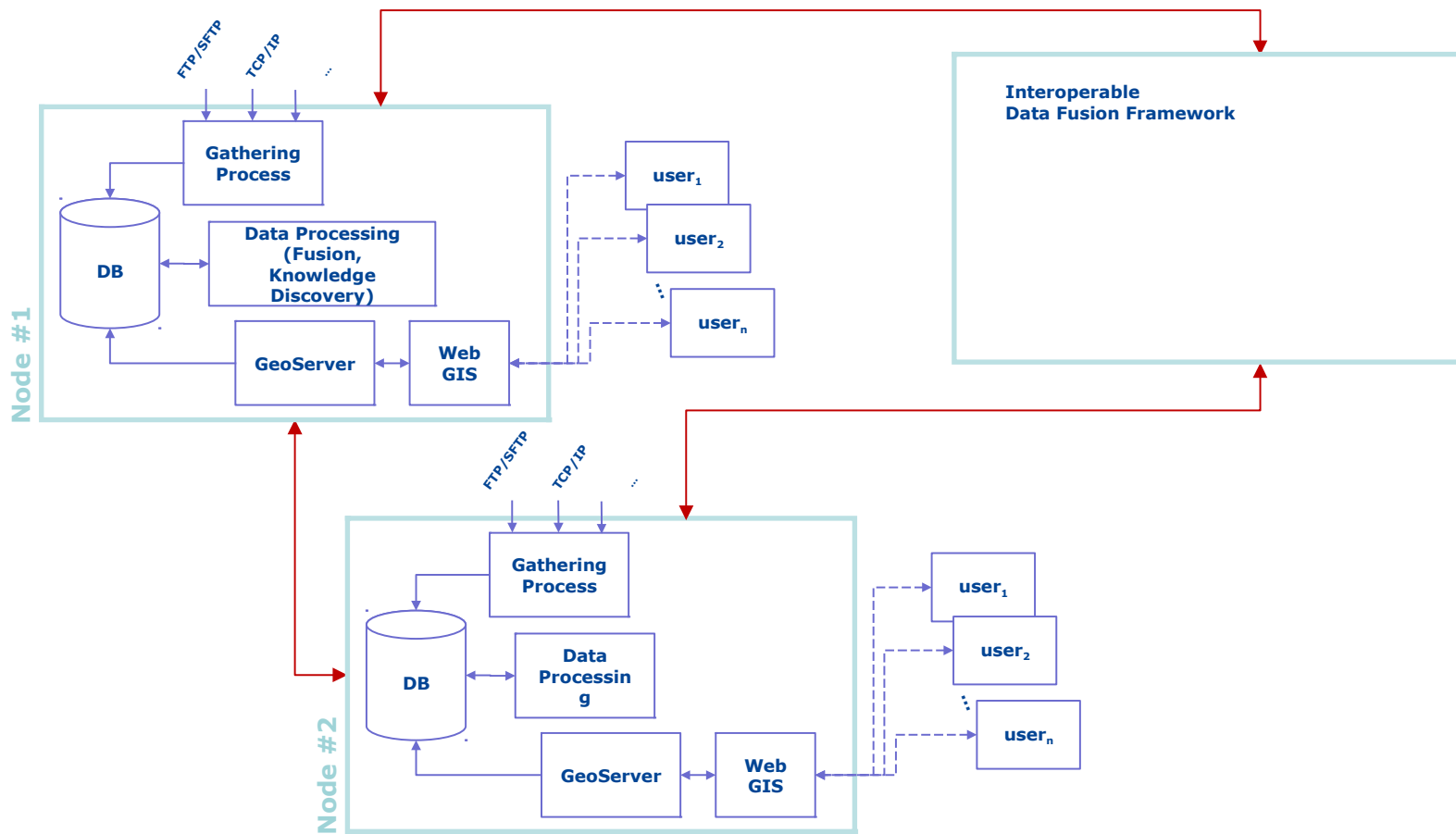
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# Conclusions

- **The Knowledge of human activities at sea and their trends can be enhanced by vessel tracking data.**
- **Such knowledge can support operational authorities (emergency response) and policy makers (impact assessment & planning).**
- **Arctic Blue Hub – a web platform to gather/analyse/share data, enabling a better decision-support product for different applications.**