

Linking ICOS and SOCAT pCO₂ Observations with Machine Learning to Assess Marine Heatwave Impacts on Coastal Carbon Cycling

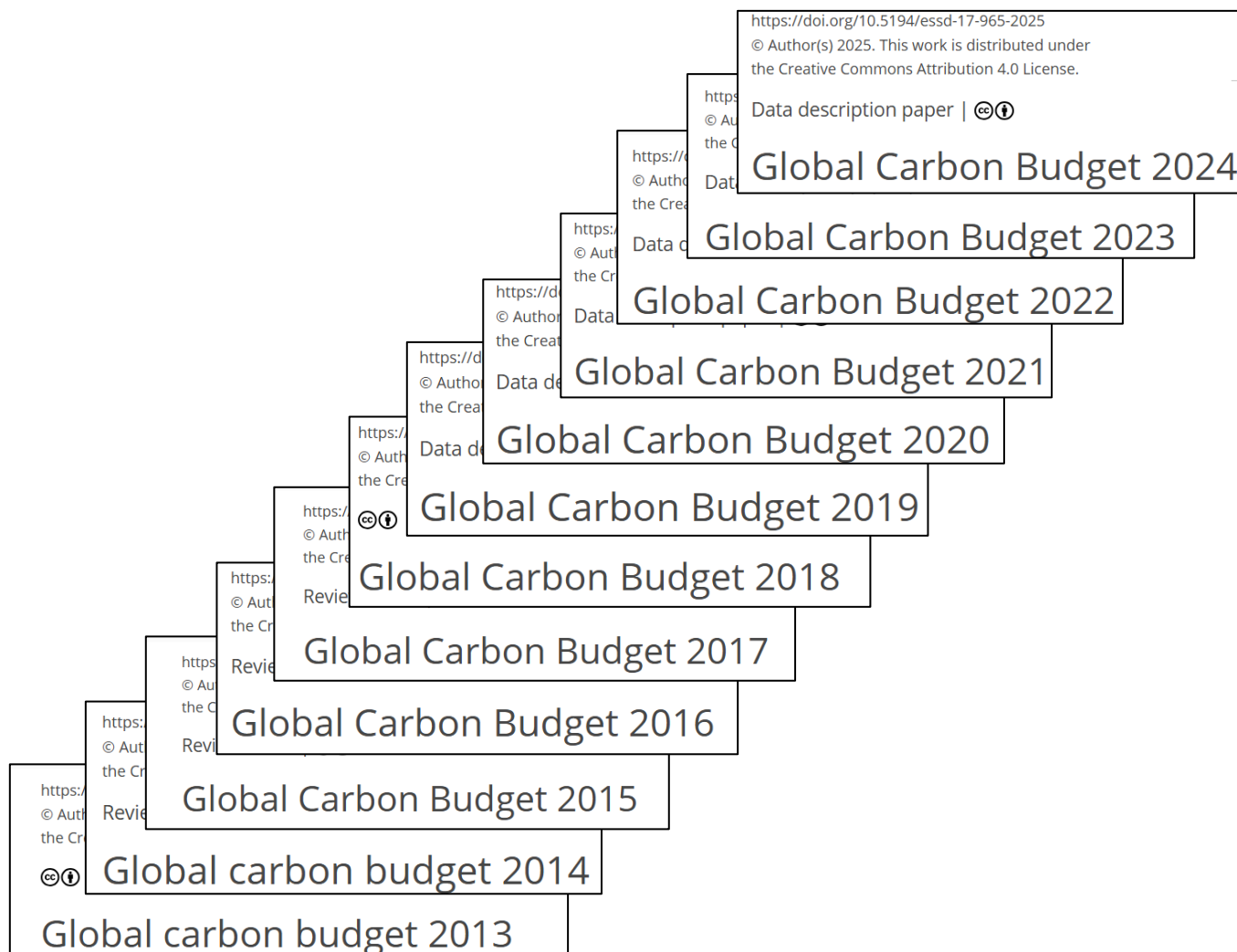
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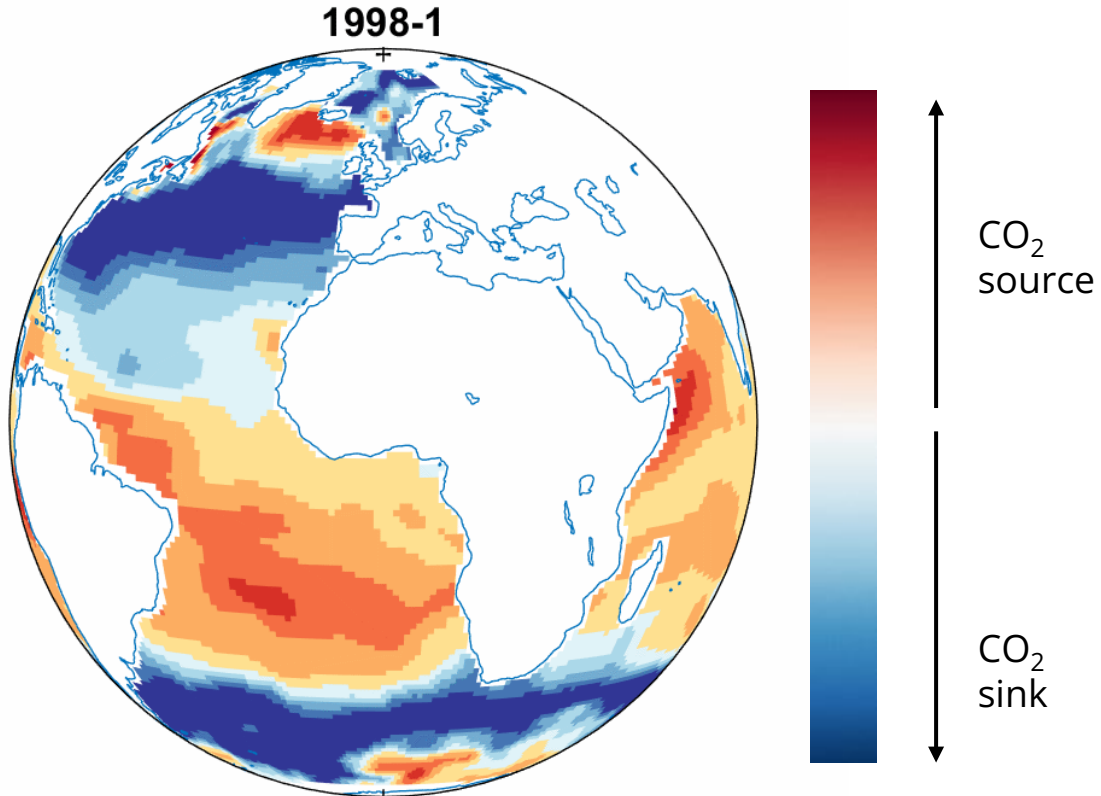
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Introduction



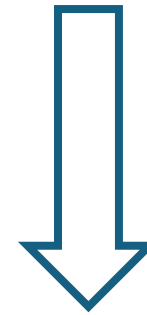
Continuous maps of CO₂ estimates



Landschützer et al. (2014)



Too coarse to capture coastal variability for regional carbon budgets

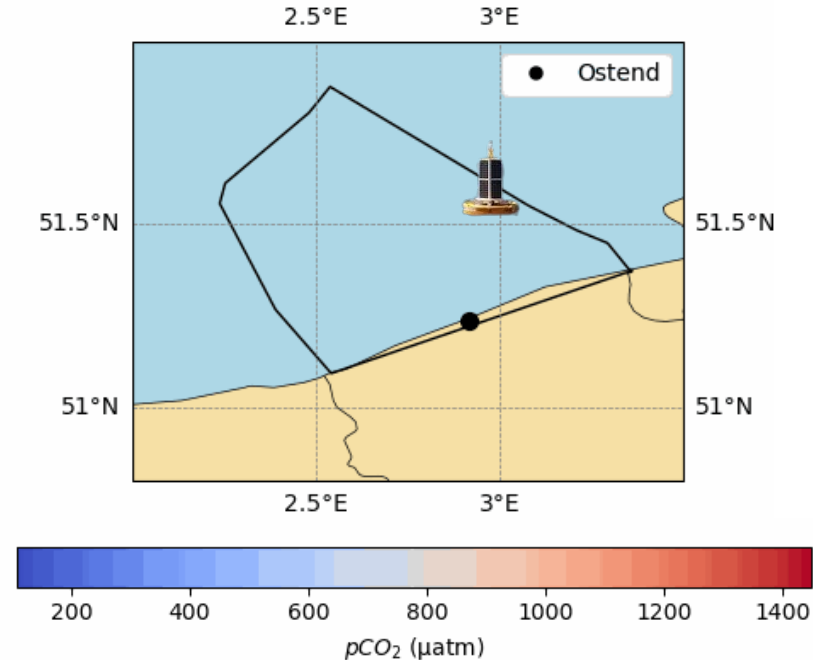


Close this gap using the Belgian Part of the North Sea as a test case

High-Resolution Coastal Carbon Dynamics: $p\text{CO}_2$ - Study Area

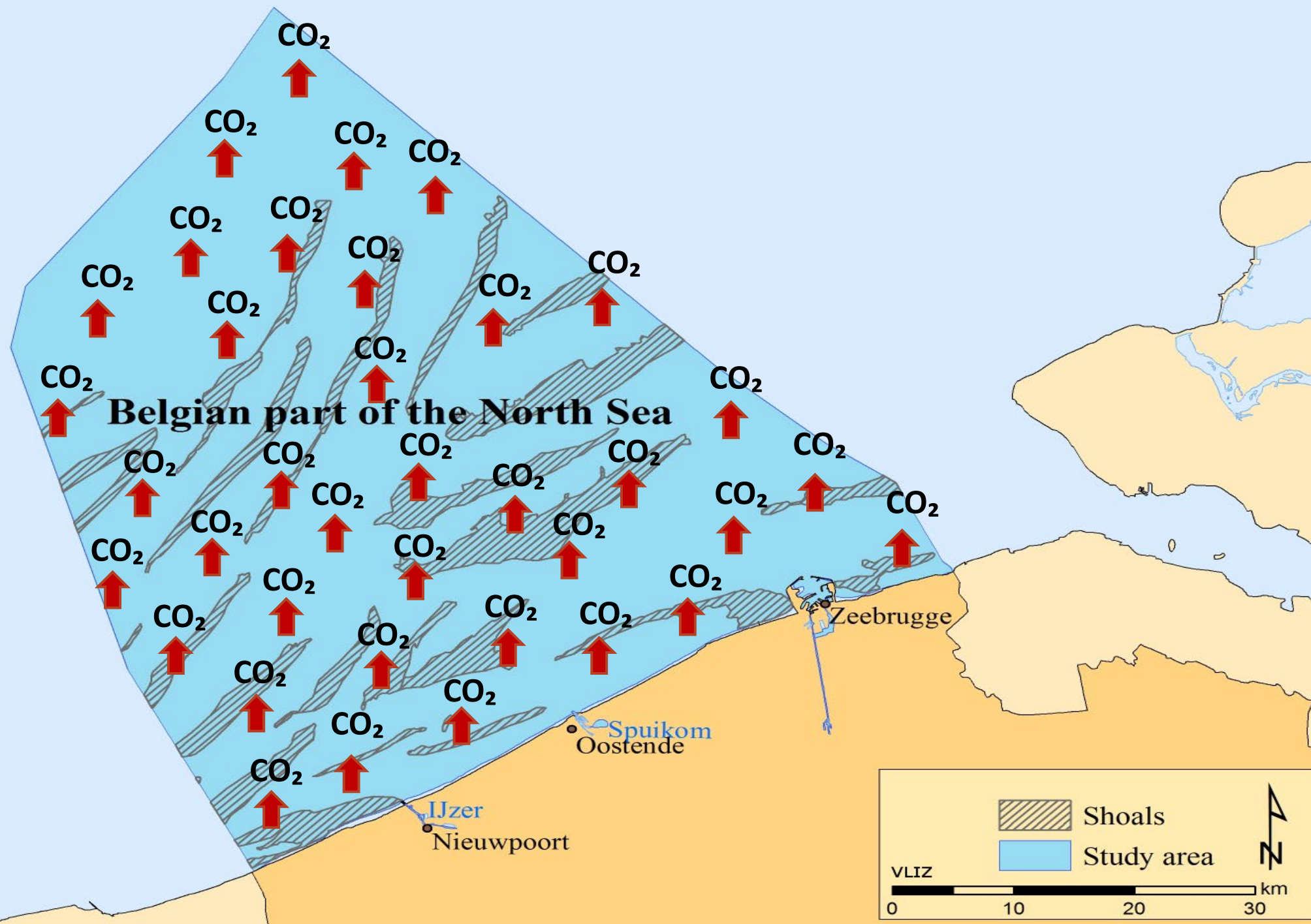


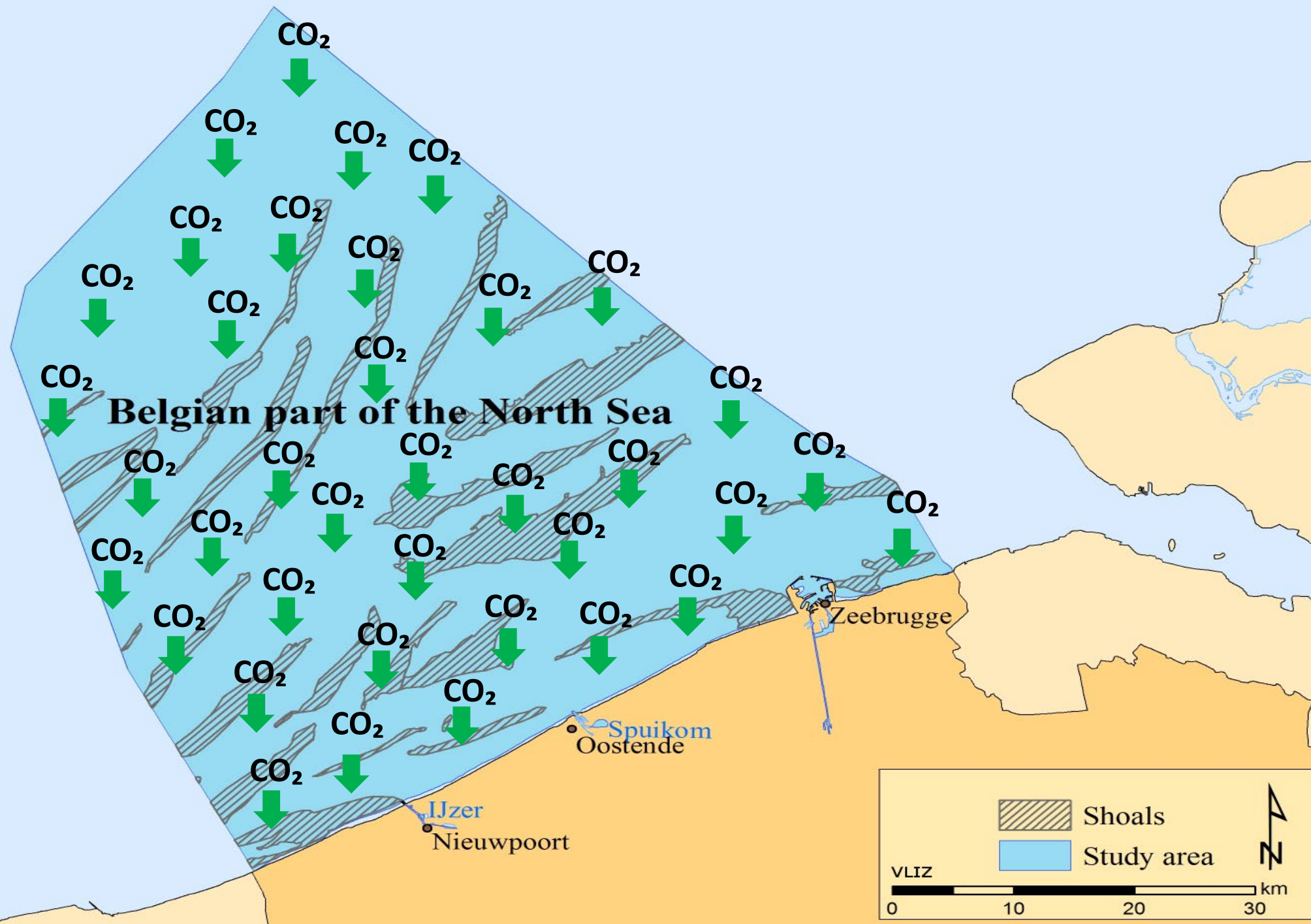
Yearly $p\text{CO}_2$ Observations - 2000

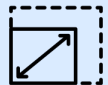


- ~80,000 $p\text{CO}_2$ data points over 2000-2024
- A buoy giving us continuous data since 2017





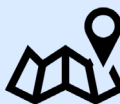




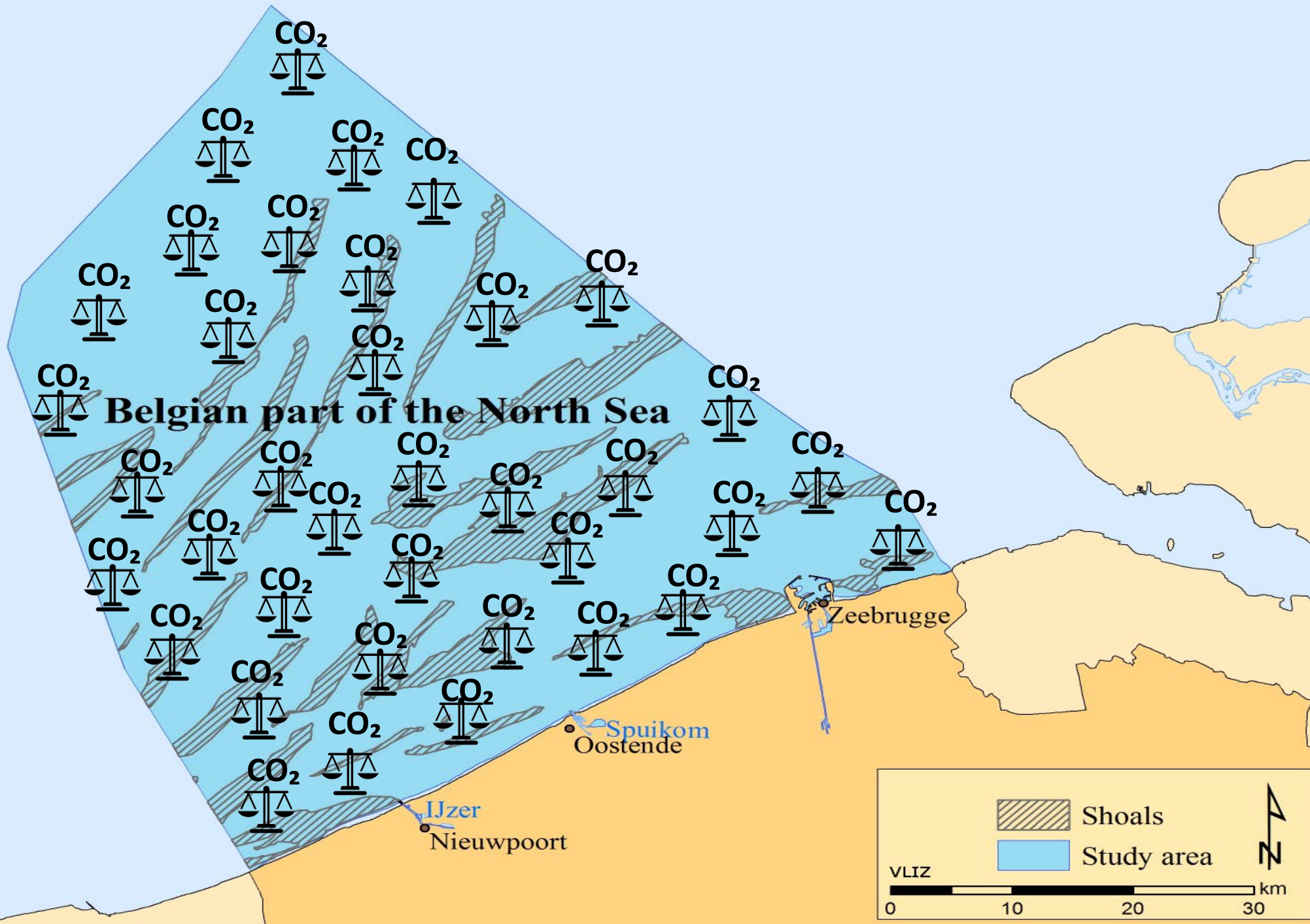
1 – 1 km



Daily over
2000-2024



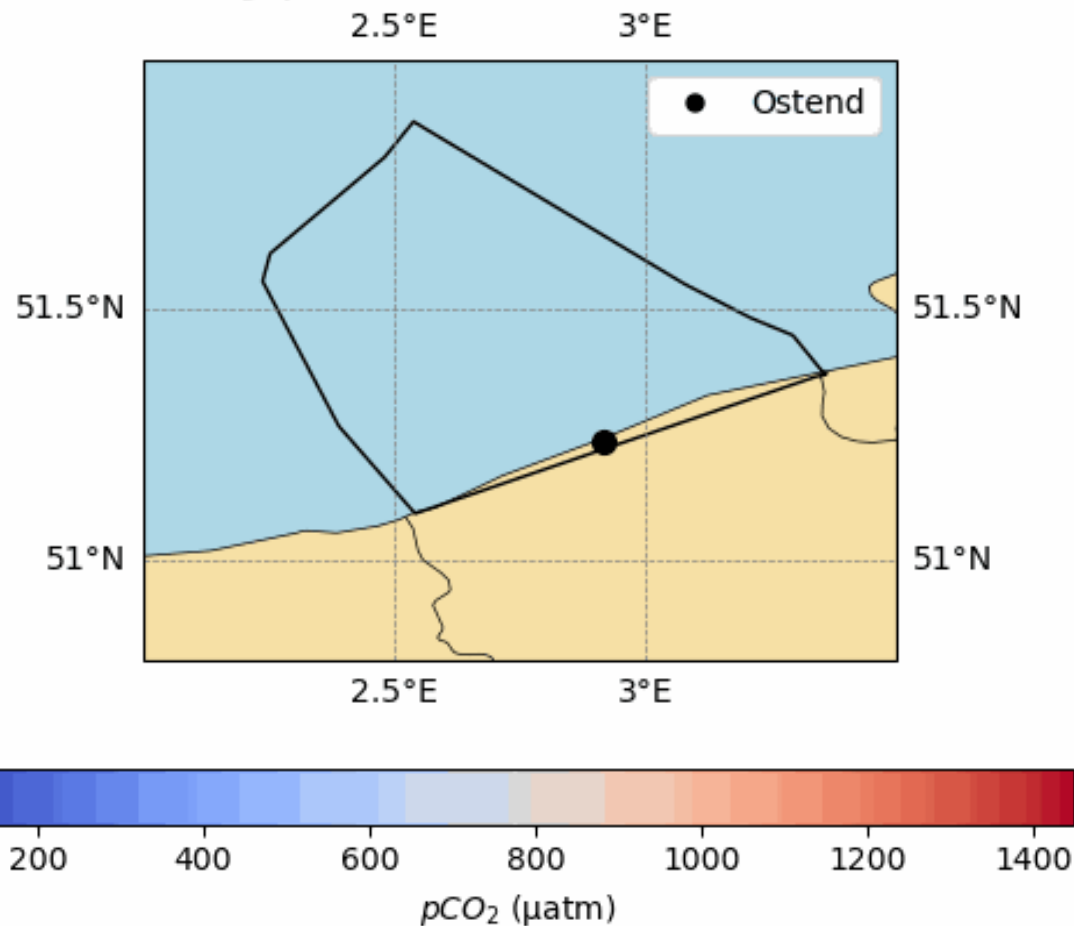
Background
Air-Sea CO₂
(FCO₂) maps



High-Resolution Coastal Carbon Dynamics: $p\text{CO}_2$ - Methodology

Discontinuous Maps

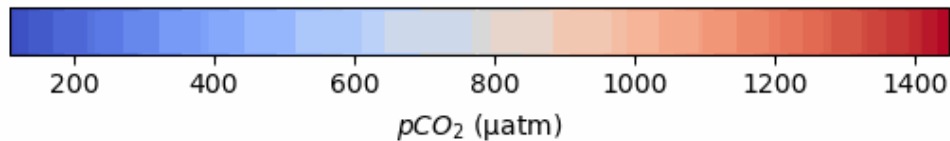
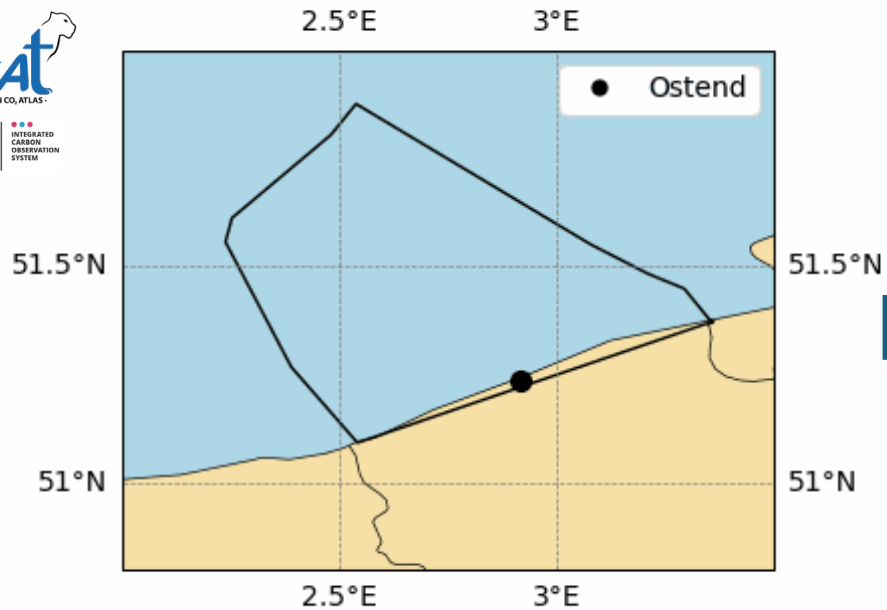
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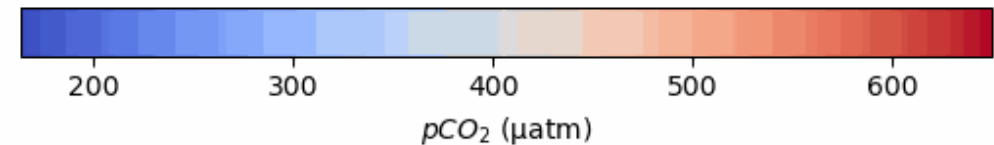
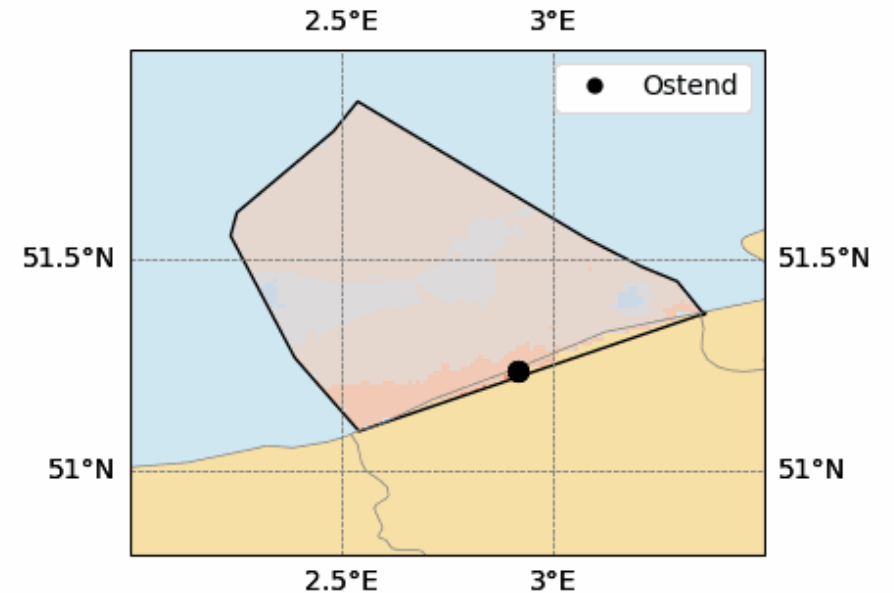
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Feedforward
Neural Network
(FFN)

Continuous Maps

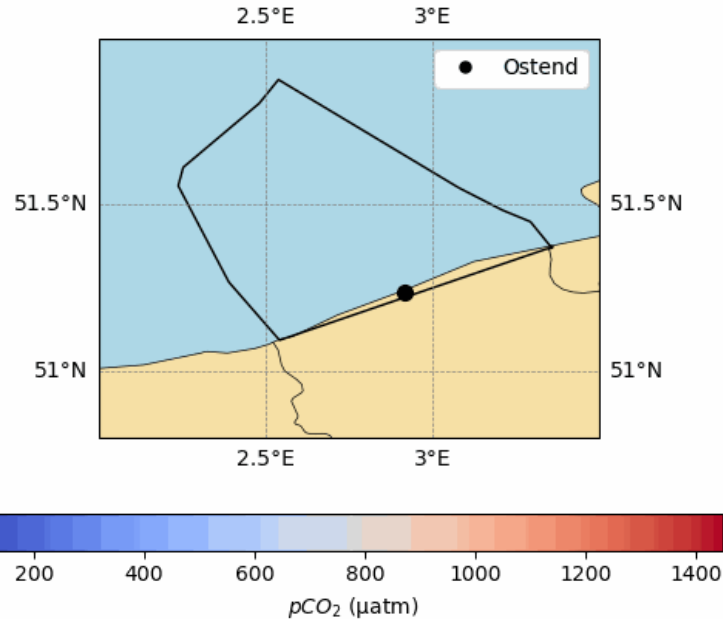
Background Daily $p\text{CO}_2$ - January 01



High-Resolution Coastal Carbon Dynamics: $p\text{CO}_2$ - Methodology

Discontinuous Maps

Yearly $p\text{CO}_2$ Observations - 2000



79966 $p\text{CO}_2$ Data
(0.2% of total grid
prediction points)



Feedforward
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Sea Surface Temperature

Sea Surface Salinity

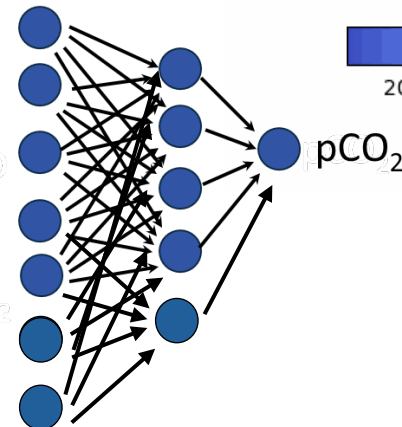
Mixed layer depth

Chlorophyll-a

Atmospheric $p\text{CO}_2$

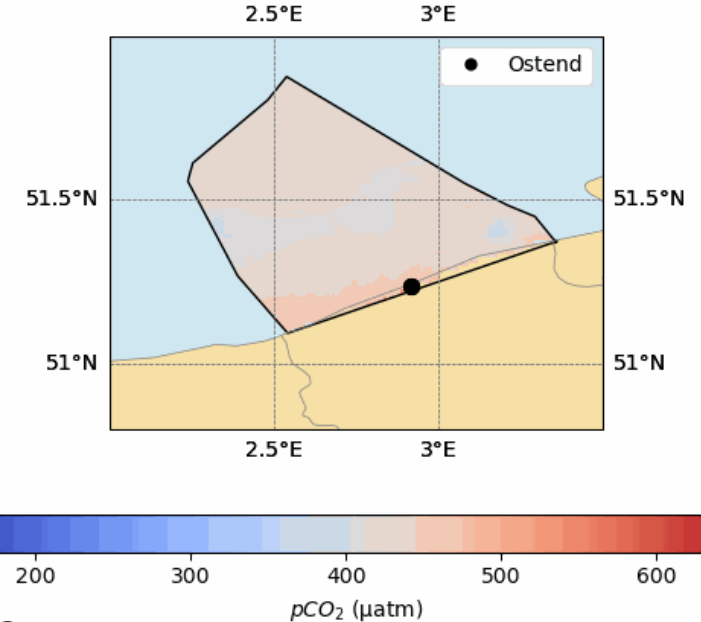
Sea Surface Height

Wind Speed

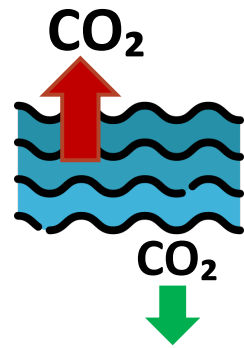
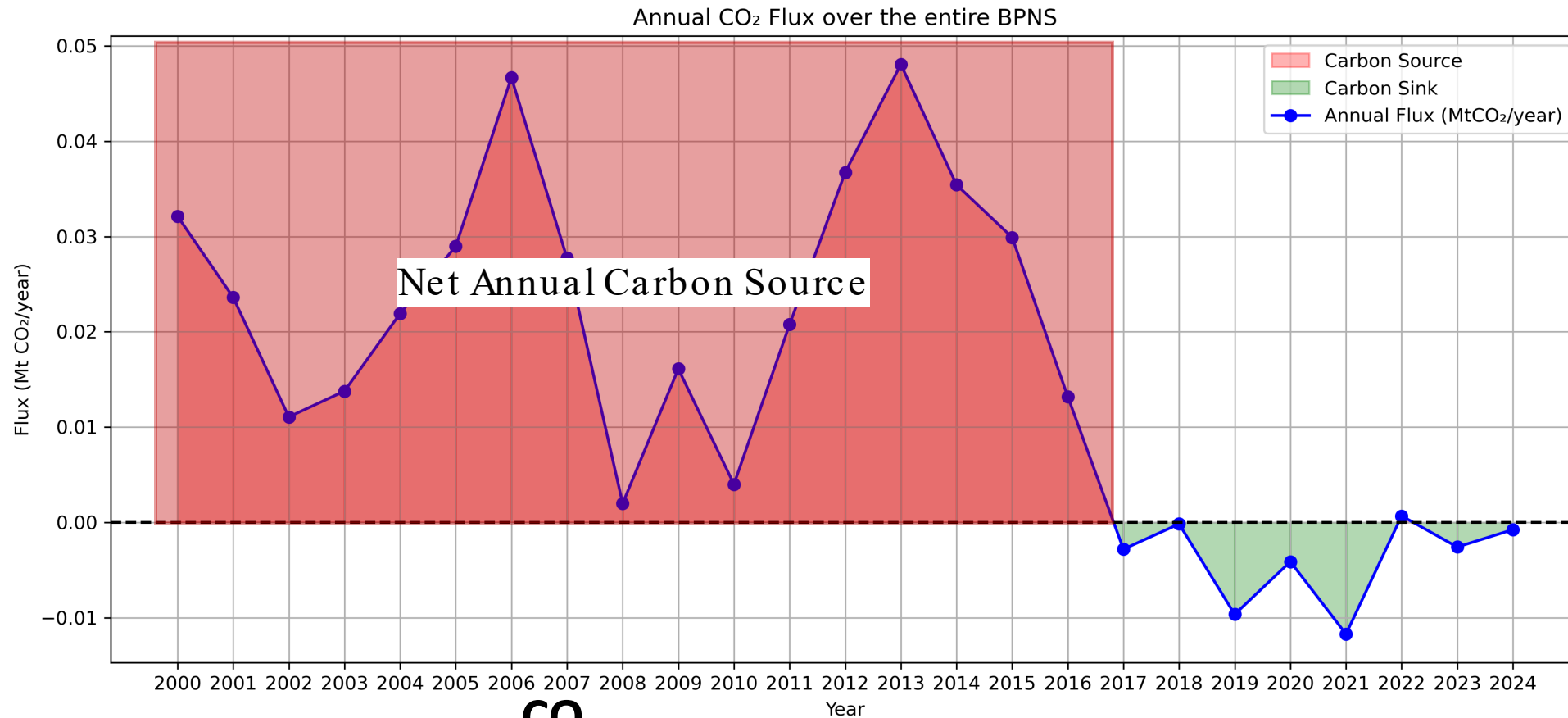


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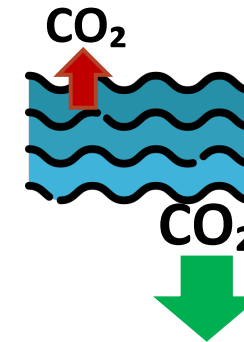
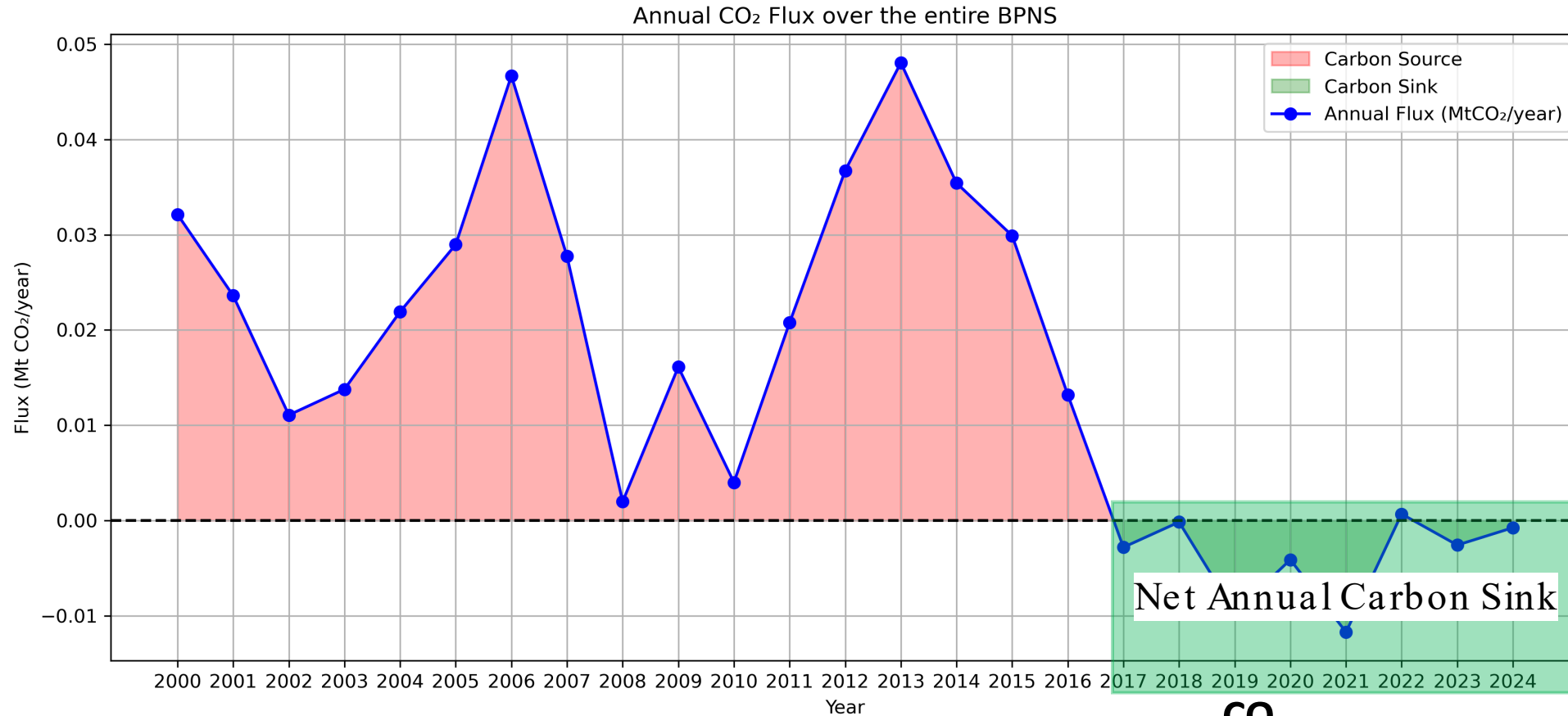
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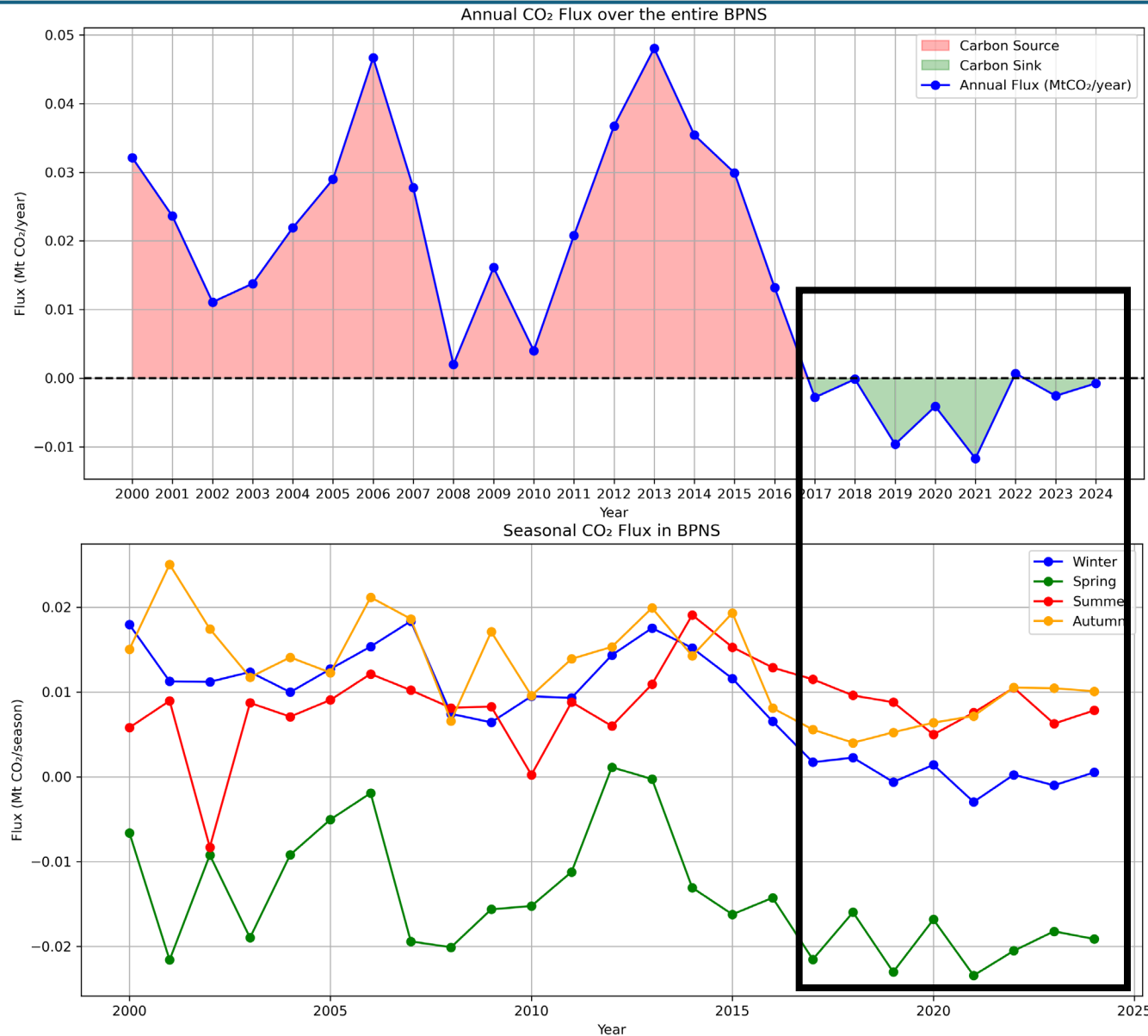
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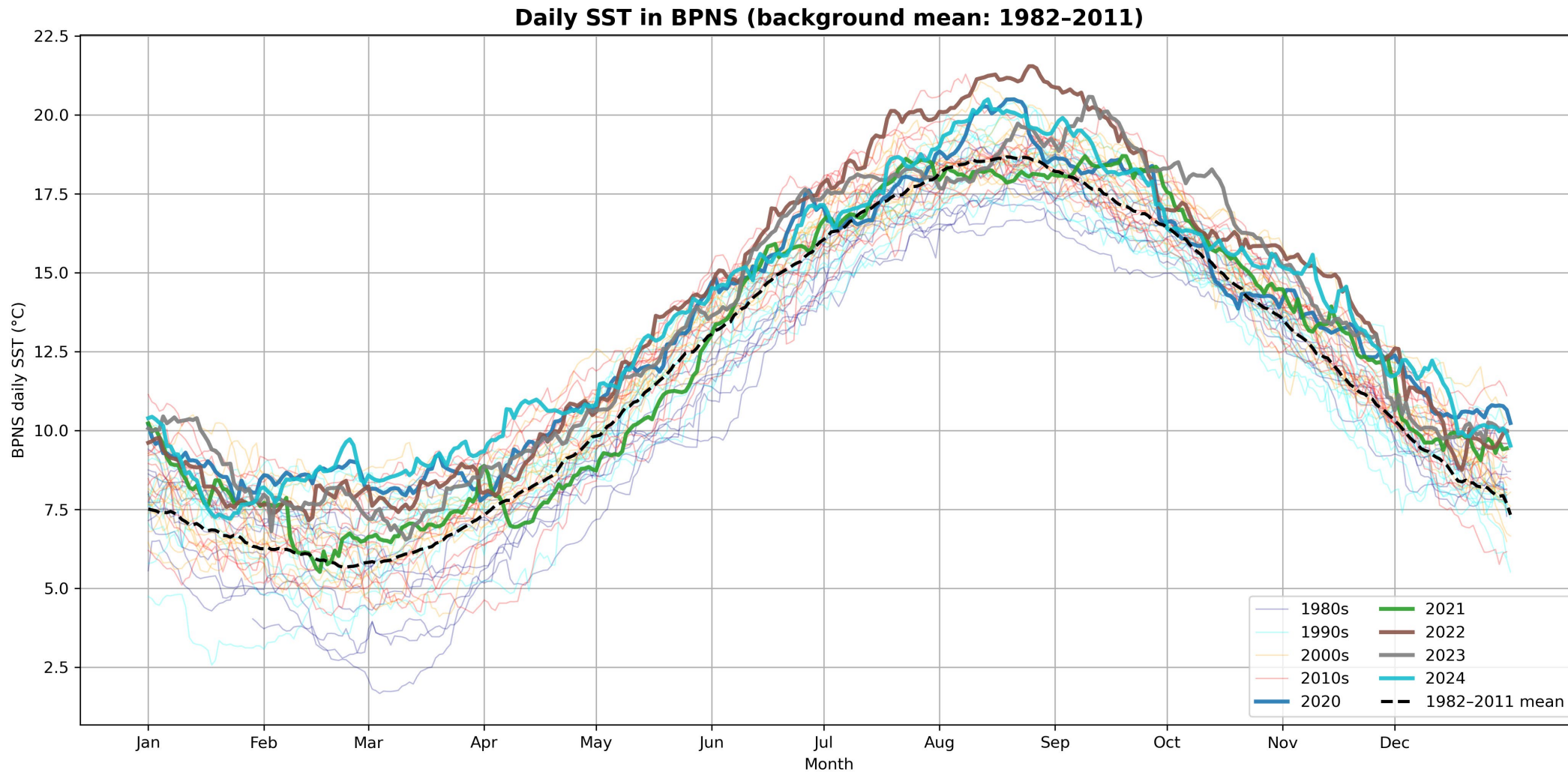


Winter Carbon Source Decreases
Spring Carbon Sink Increases

Higher Chl-a
concentrations in
recent years

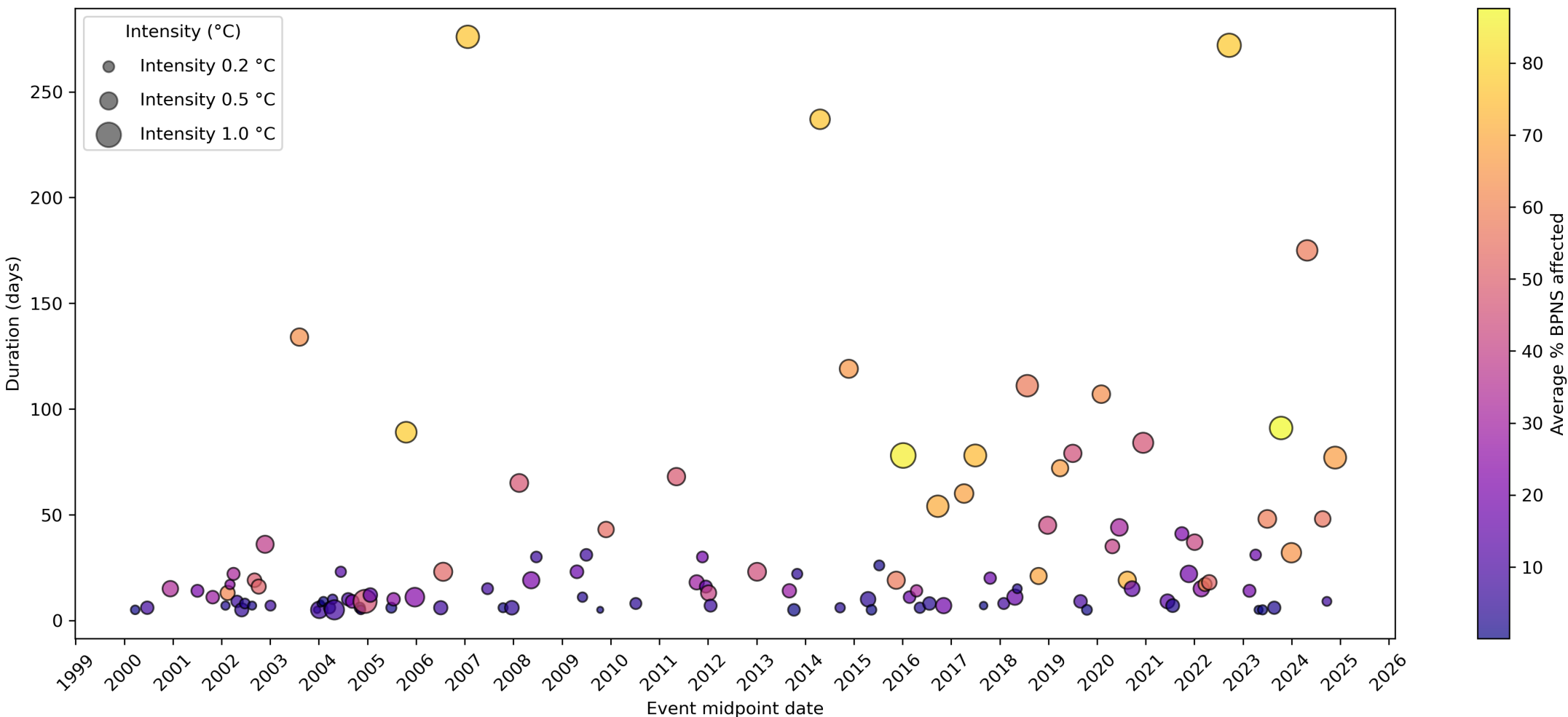
BPNS becomes a net
annual carbon sink

High-Resolution Coastal Carbon Dynamics: Implications for MHWs



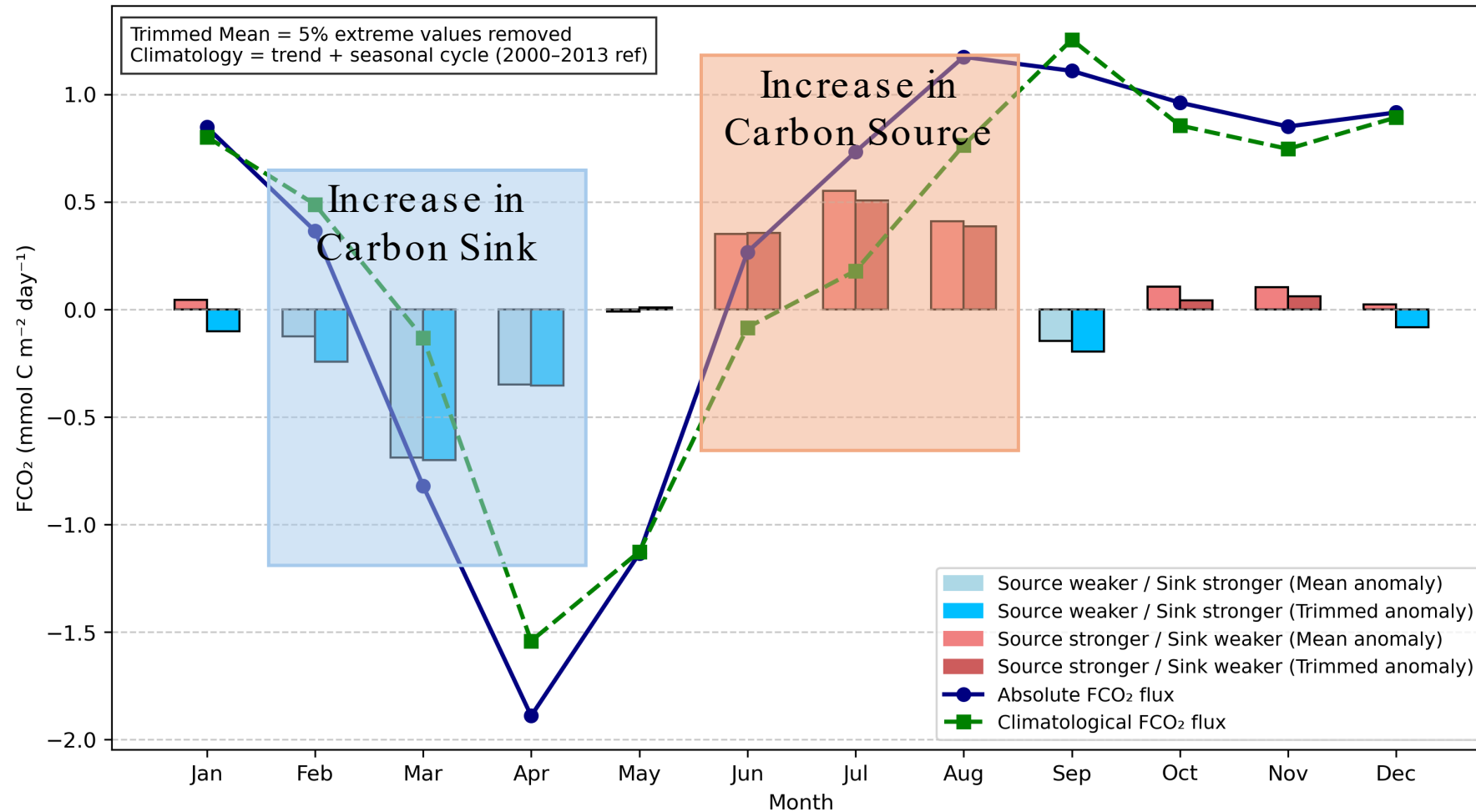
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Marine Heatwave Events in BPNS: Duration, Intensity (marker size), % BPNS affected (color)
Total MHW events: 116 | Max gap allowed: 2 days | Period: 2000 - 2024



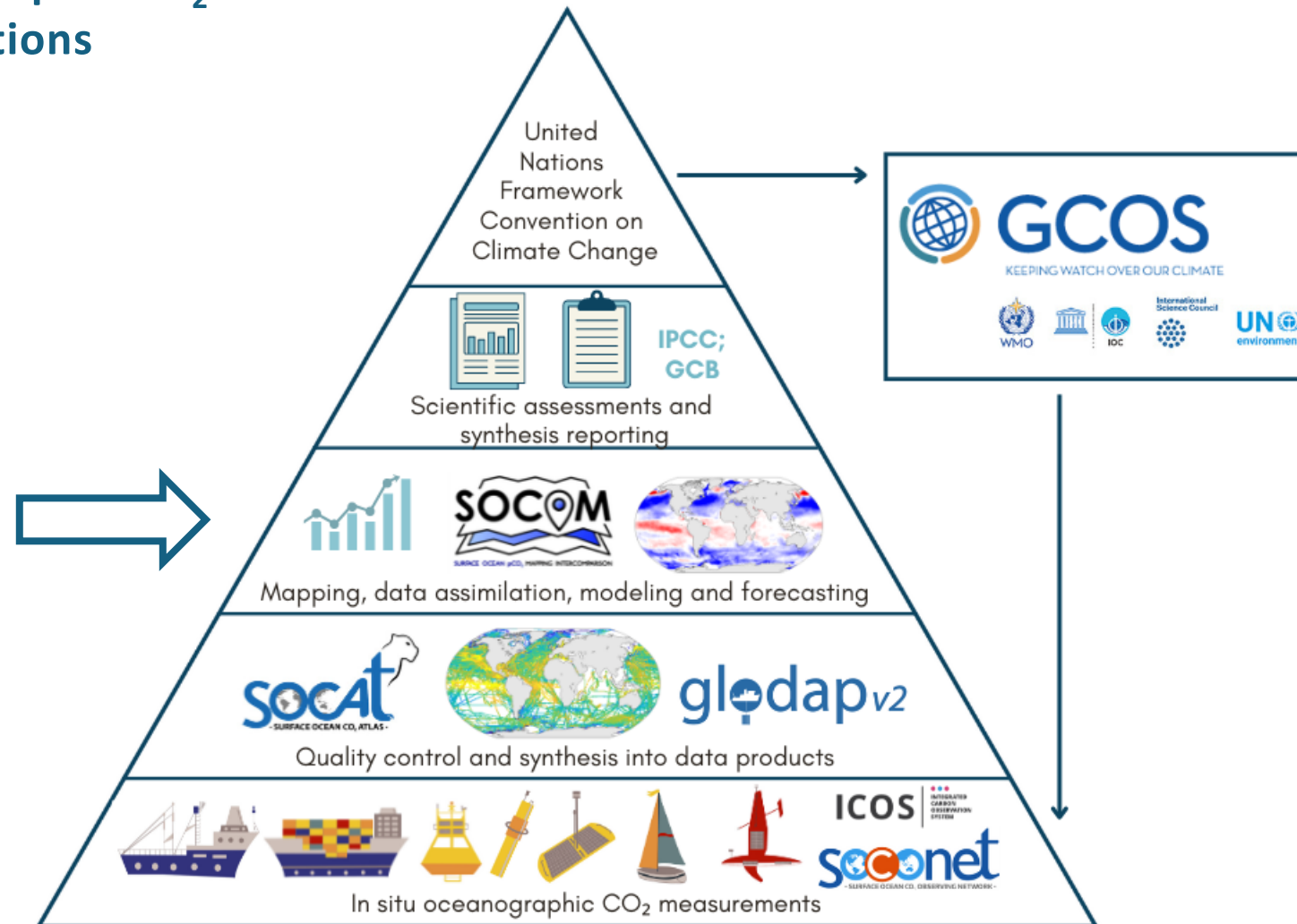
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**Mean and Trimmed Mean FCO₂ Anomalies per Month During MHW
with Absolute and Climatological FCO₂ Flux**



The Bigger Picture: Value Chain

Connects oceanographic CO₂ measurements to climate negotiations



Modified after Guidi et al. (2020)

Thank you for listening! Questions?

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