

# Vannkvalitet i elver og bekker: trender, kunnskapsbehov og tiltakseffekter nasjonalt og internasjonalt



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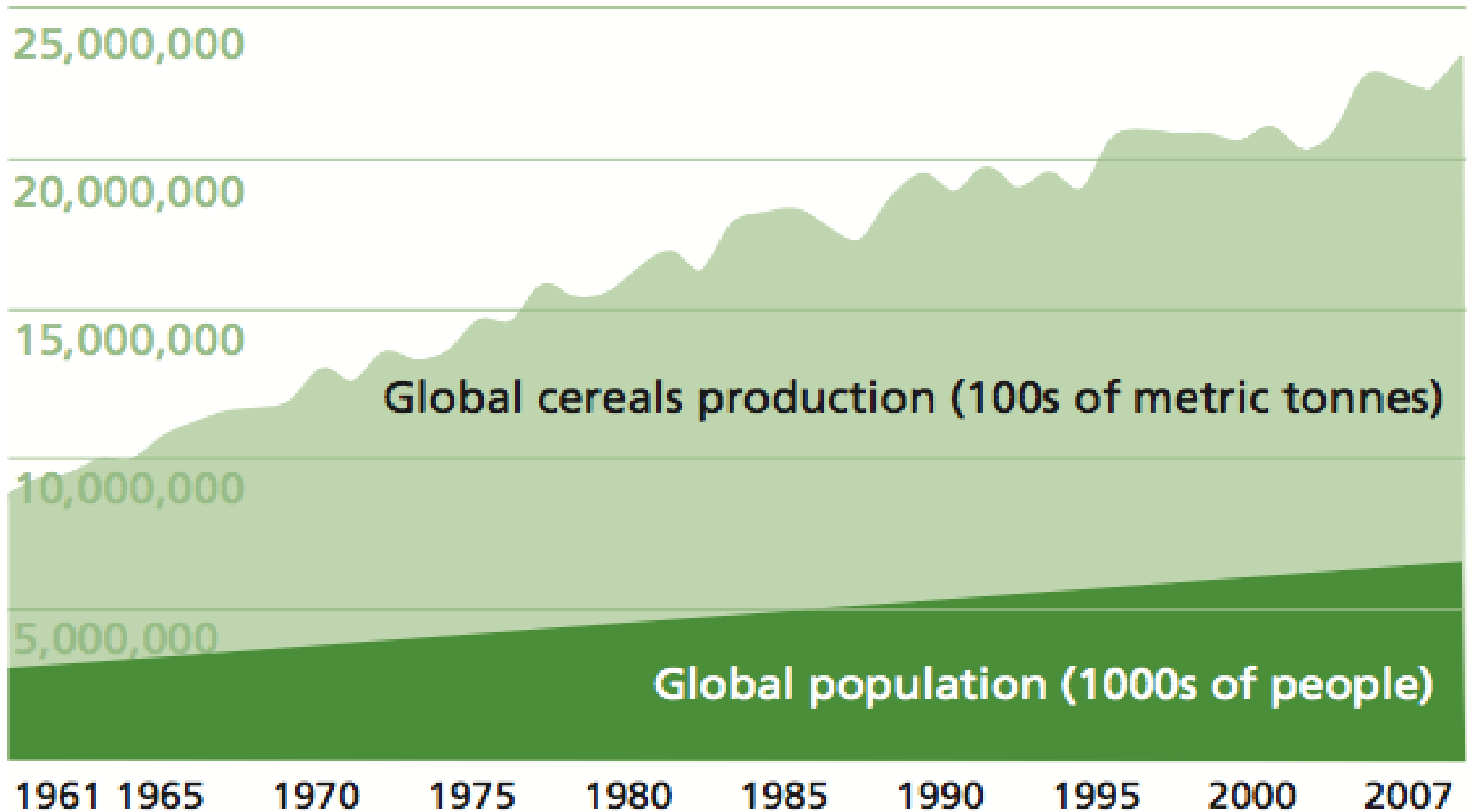
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# WATER QUALITY THREATS TO SOCIETY AND WELFARE – A QUASI LITERATURE REVIEW....

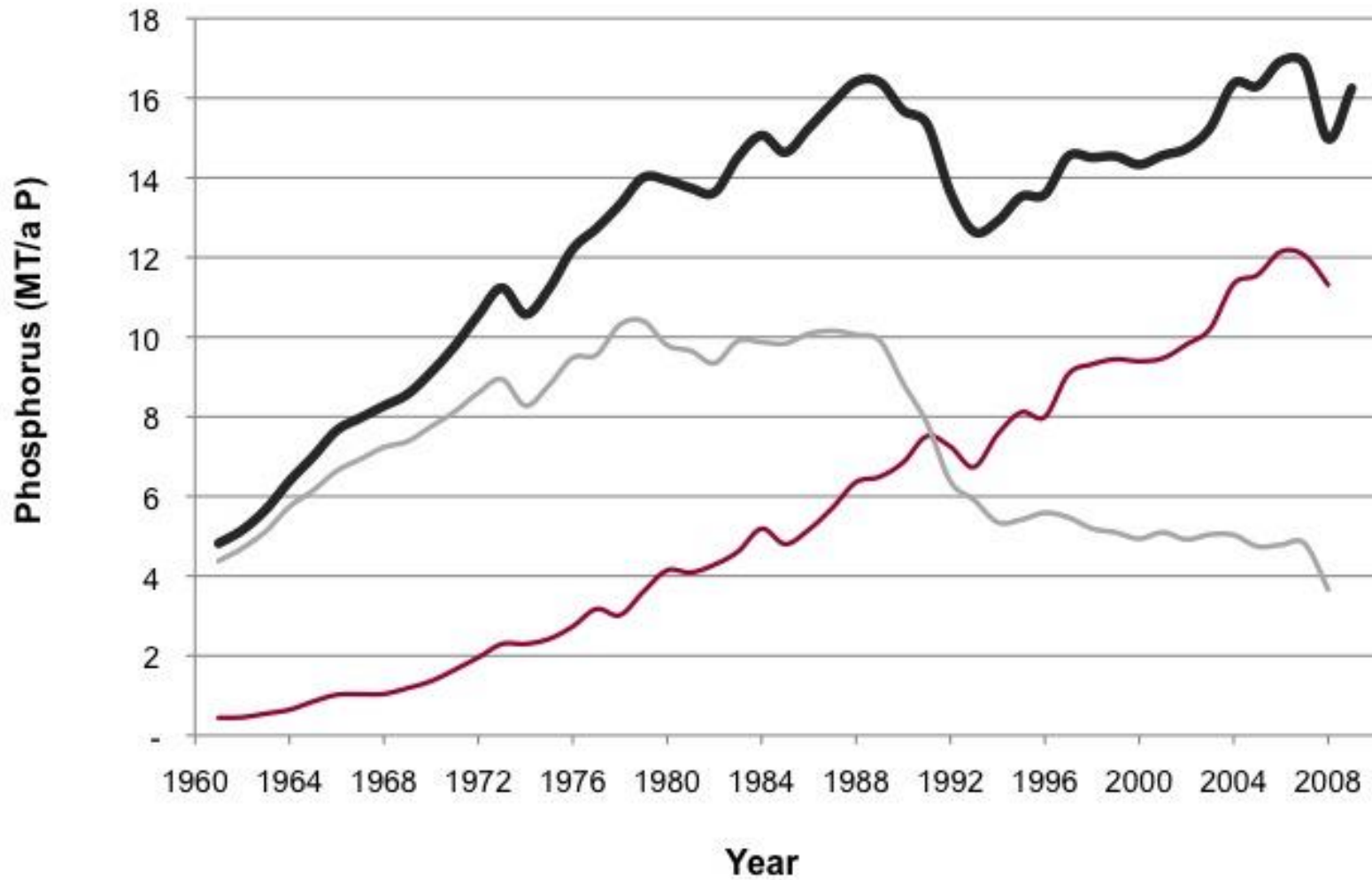
- **Water quality** is becoming a global concern of increasing significance, as risks of degradation **translate directly into social economic impacts** (*World Water Development Report 2012*)
- Globally, **fish** from inland waters is the sixth most **important supplier of animal protein**; ca 65% in Bangladesh, Cambodia and Uganda (Welcomme, 2010).
- **80% of sewage water** in developing countries are discharged untreated into water bodies (WHO&JMP, 2008)
- **Nitrate** from agriculture is the most common chemical contaminant in the **world's groundwater aquifers** (Morris et al., 2003)
- **Alarming nutrient pollution** of Chinese rivers as a result of agricultural transitions (Strokhal et al. 2016)
- **water pollution has** worsened since the 1990s in the majority of rivers in Latin America, Africa and Asia (UNEP, 2016).

# Global population and cereal production

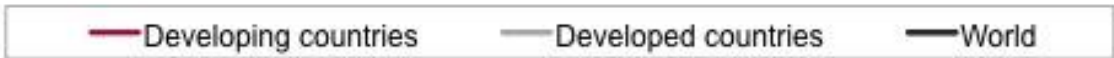


Source: U.N. Food & Agriculture FAOSTAT database, U.S. Census International database

## Global phosphorus fertilizer consumption (1960-2008)



GLOBAL PHOSPHORUS RESEARCH INITIATIVE



Data: IFADATA



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## WFD AND MEAN CONCENTRATIONS:

- Mean concentrations defines status
- If biology shows **good status** then chemical parameters such as TP and TN must be checked.

If the mean concentration of TP or TN is *bad, poor or moderate*, the water body becomes in MODERATE status.

ECOLOGICAL STATUS

HIGH

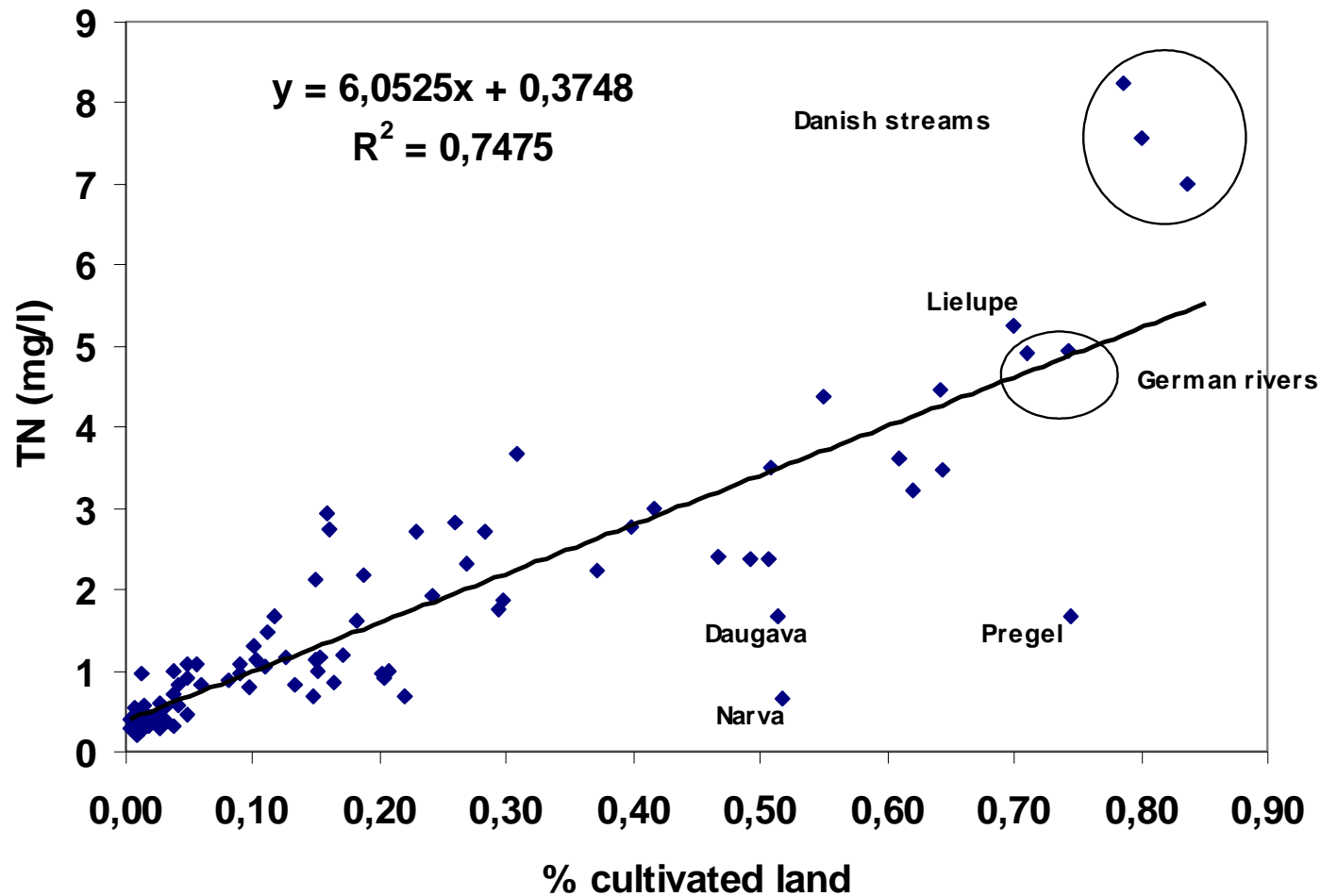
GOOD

MODERATE

POOR

BAD

# NITROGEN CONCENTRATIONS VS. LAND USE IN 107 BALTIC SEA RIVERS (STÅLNACKE ET AL. , 2015)





## Baltic Sea, alga bloom



Baltic Sea. Photo: Räddningshelikopter 907/Sjöfartsverket <http://www.dagbladet.no/nyheter/2008/07/27/541910.html>



*'KA ME NOREG?' (WHAT ABOUT NORWAY?)*







SOIL EROSION IN CEREAL AREAS.  
OLD/POOR DRAINAGE/HYDROTECHNICAL SYSTEMS

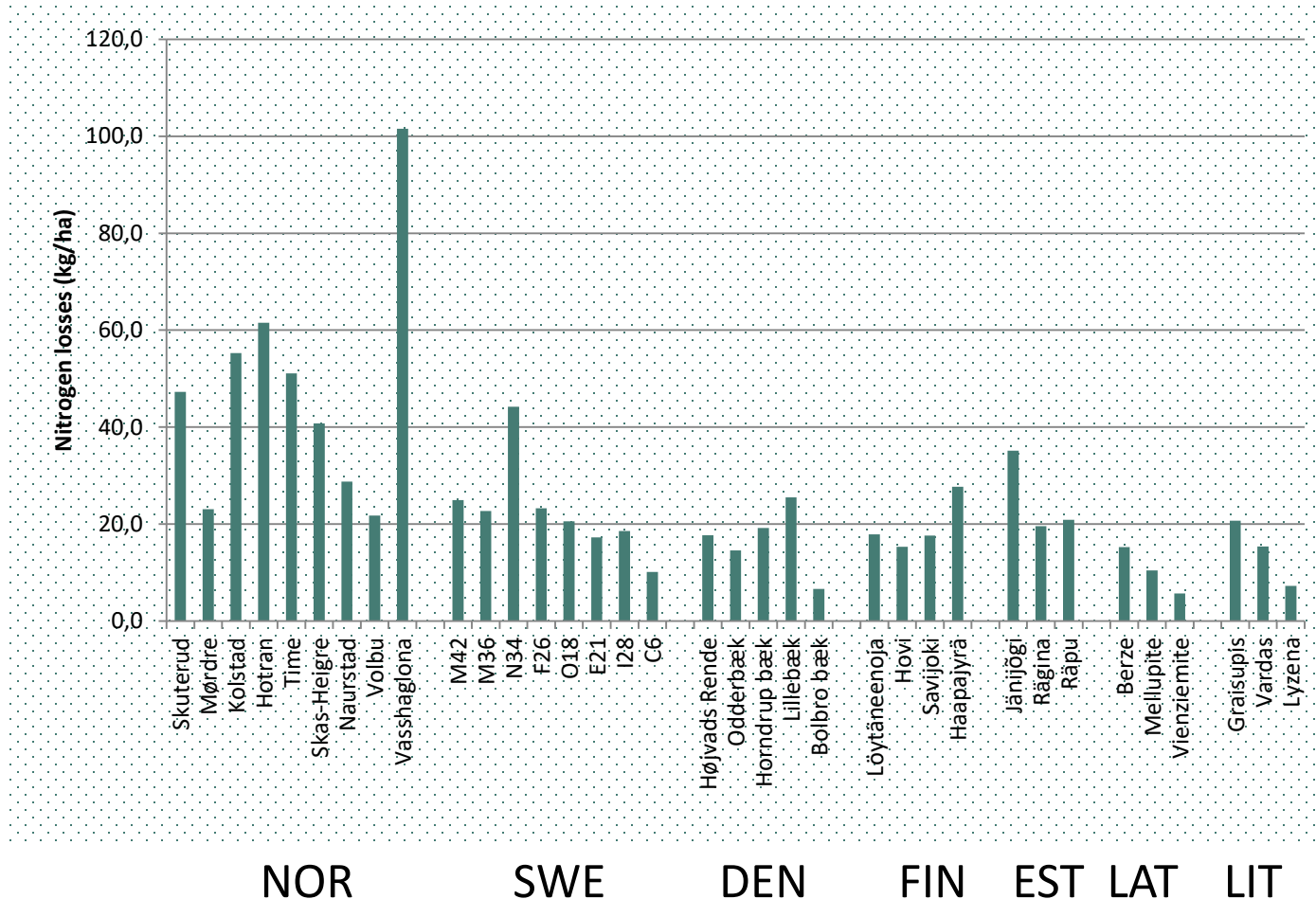




IN SOME AREAS IN SW NORWAY LIVESTOCK  
DENSITY IS AS HIGH AS IN THE NETHERLANDS

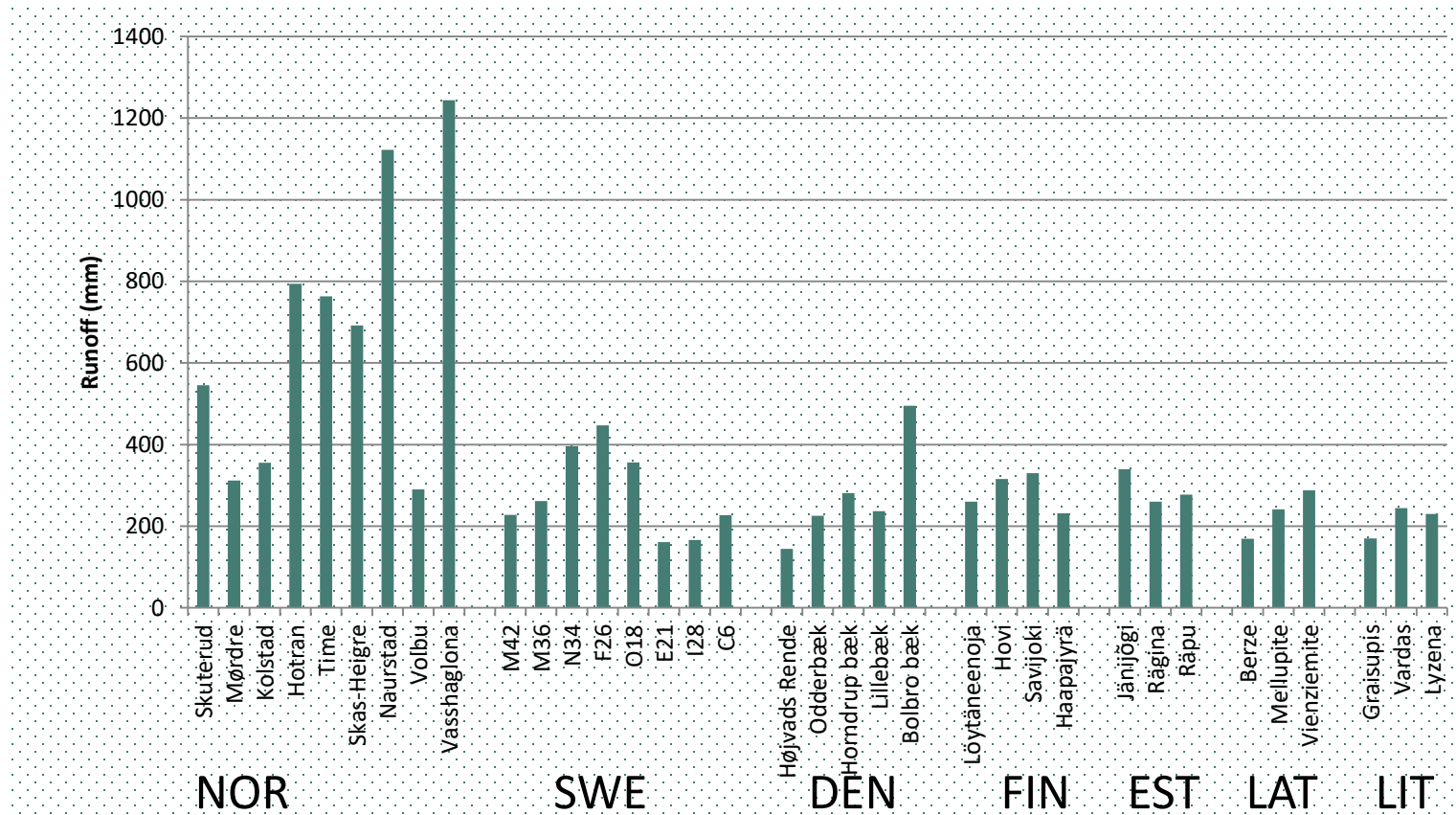


# N-AGRICULTURAL LOSSES TO WATER (LONG-TERM ANNUAL MEAN) FROM 34 SMALL AGRICULTURAL CATCHMENTS



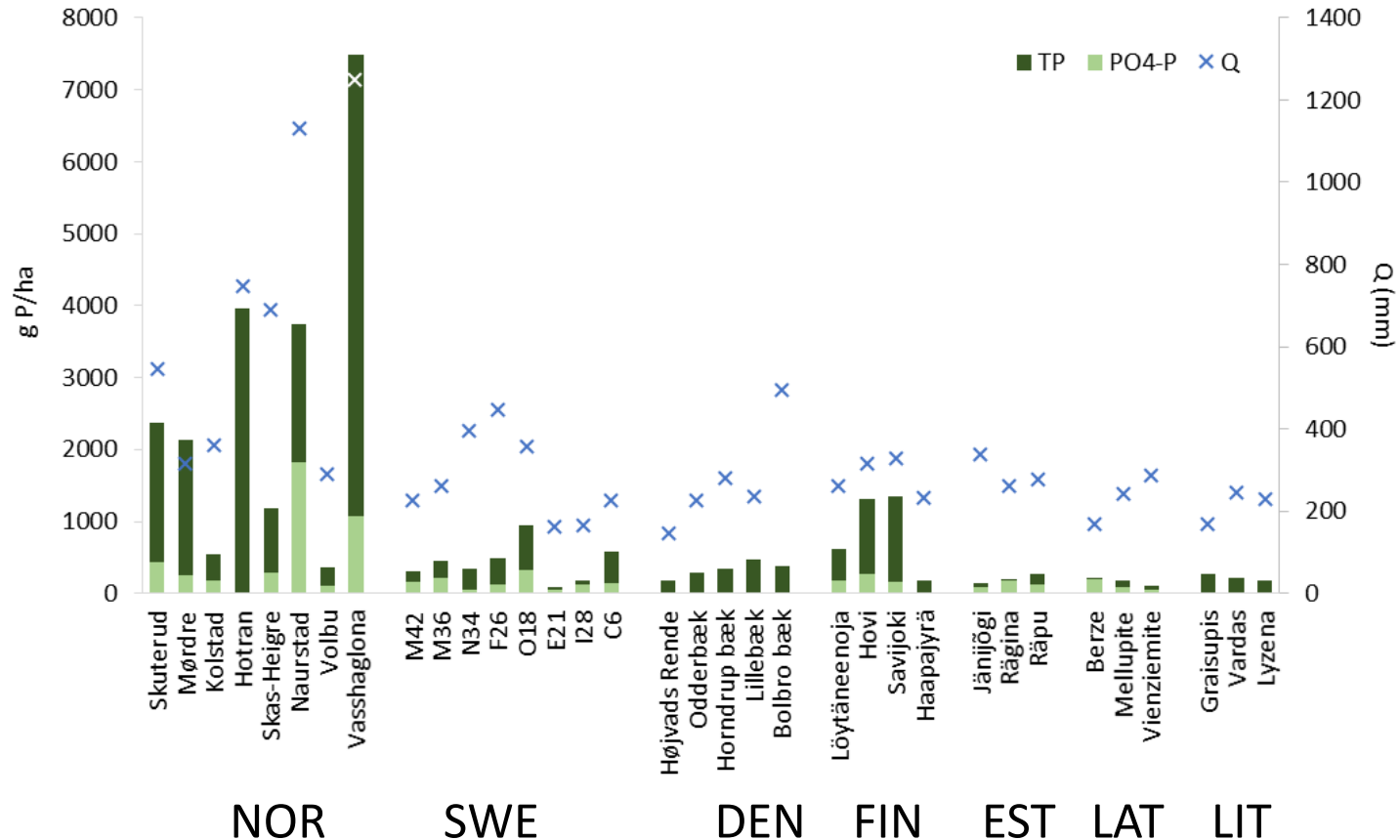
# WATER RUNOFF (LONG-TERM ANNUAL MEAN) FROM 35 SMALL AGRICULTURAL CATCHMENTS

(STÅLNACKE ET AL, 2014)



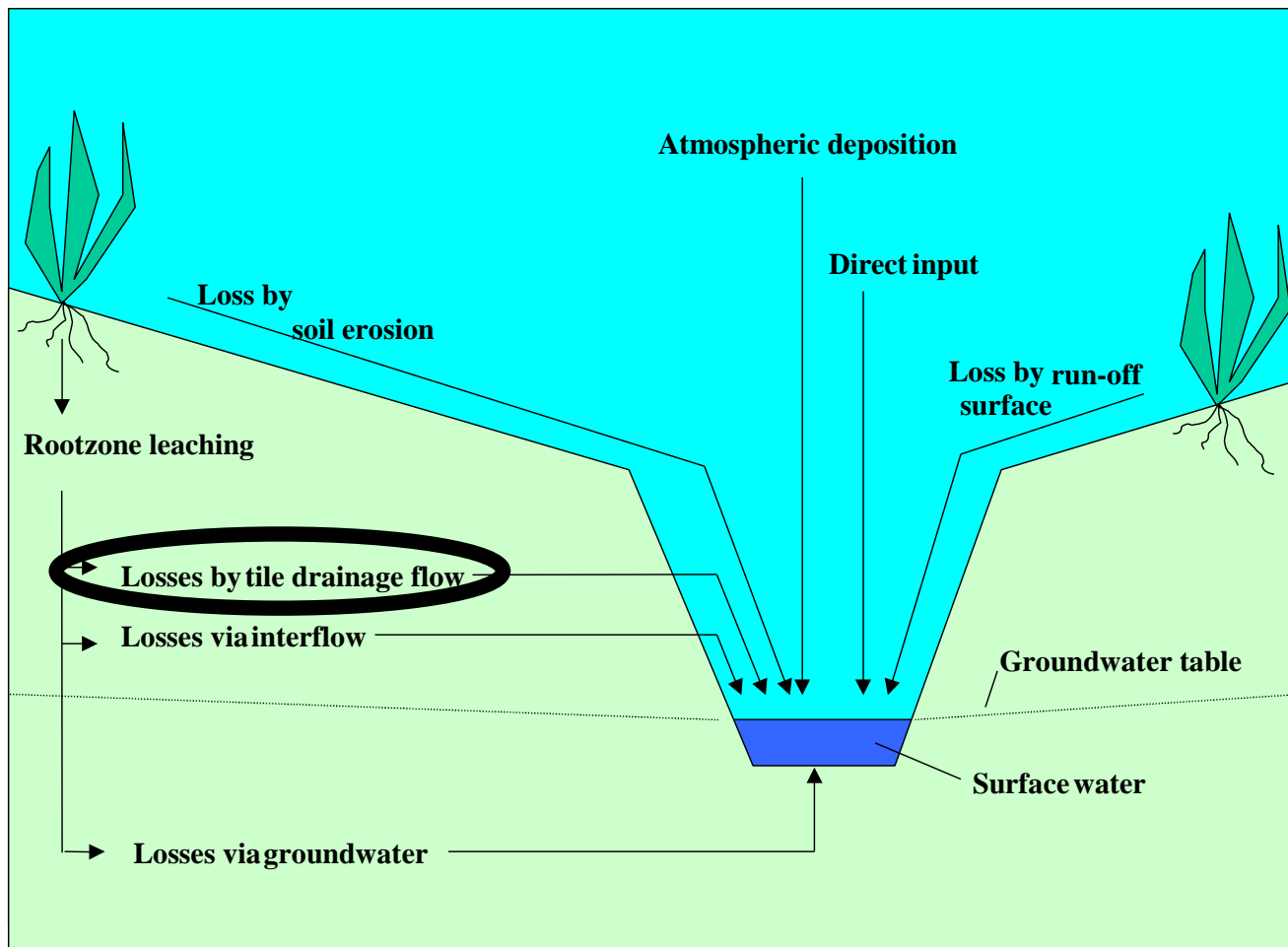


# P-AGRICULTURAL LOSSES (LONG-TERM ANNUAL MEAN) FROM 34 SMALL AGRICULTURAL CATCHMENTS (PENGERUD ET AL, 2015)



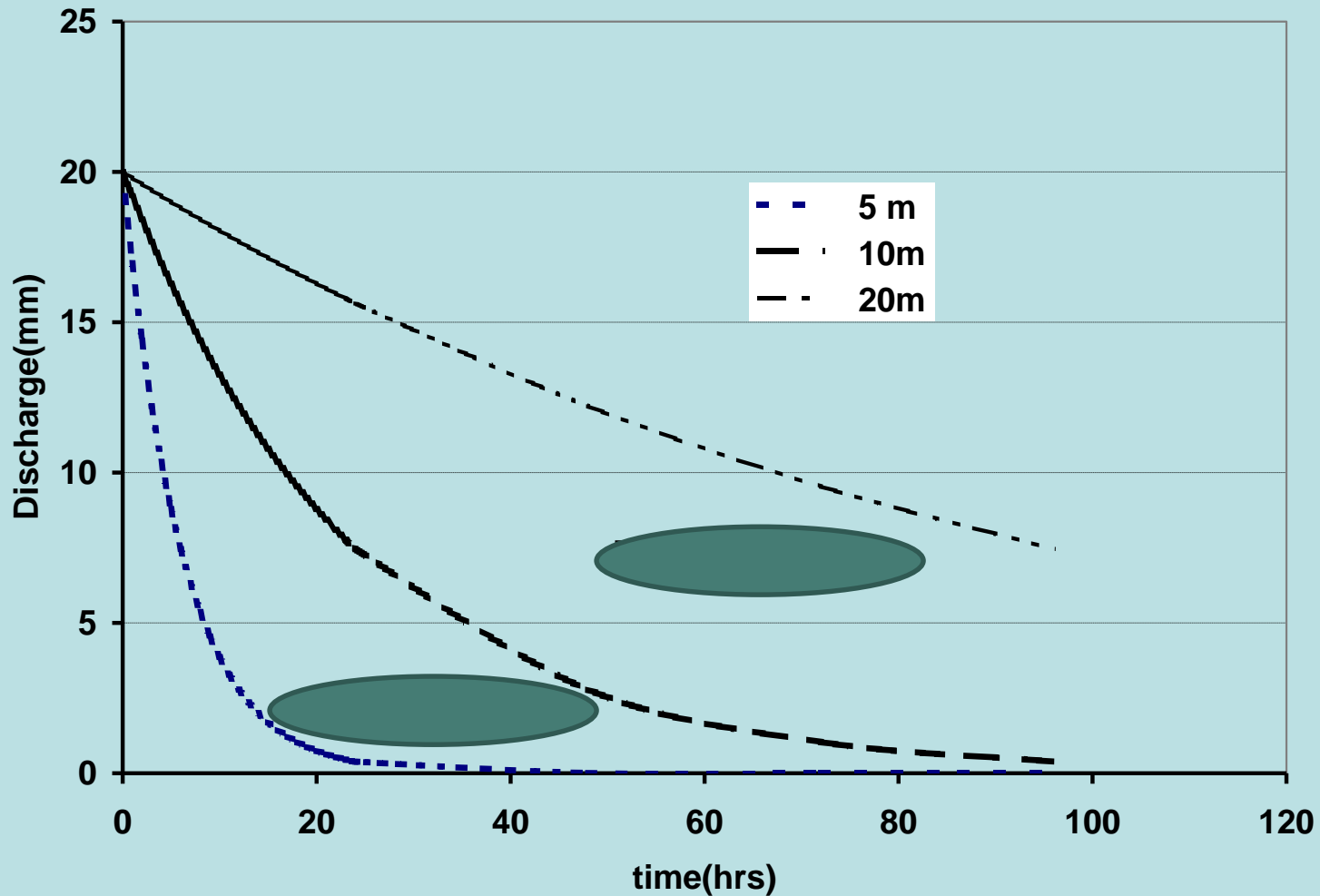
Note: Data on PO<sub>4</sub>-P losses not available for Danish and Lithuanian catchments

# NUTRIENT LOSSES VIA THE VARIOUS HYDROLOGICAL PATHWAYS?



# HYDROLOGICAL RESPONSE TO VARIOUS TILE DRAINAGE SPACINGS

(DEELSTRA ET AL., 1998)





# TEMPORAL Within catchment N-loss variability

## WINTER EPISODE (ØYGARDEN, 2000)

### January 30

Runoff: 25 mm

Soil loss: 2 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>



### January 31

Runoff: 77 mm

Soil loss: 3 050 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>



# WHICH MITIGATION MEASURES?

Reduced tillage



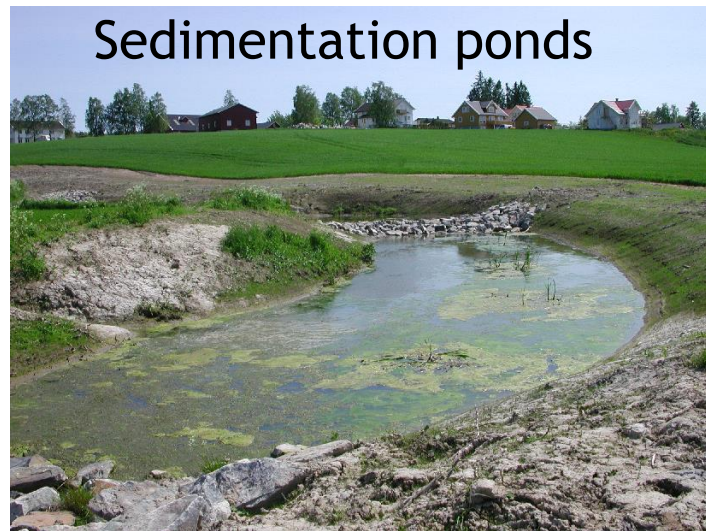
Buffer zones



Reduced fertilization



Sedimentation ponds



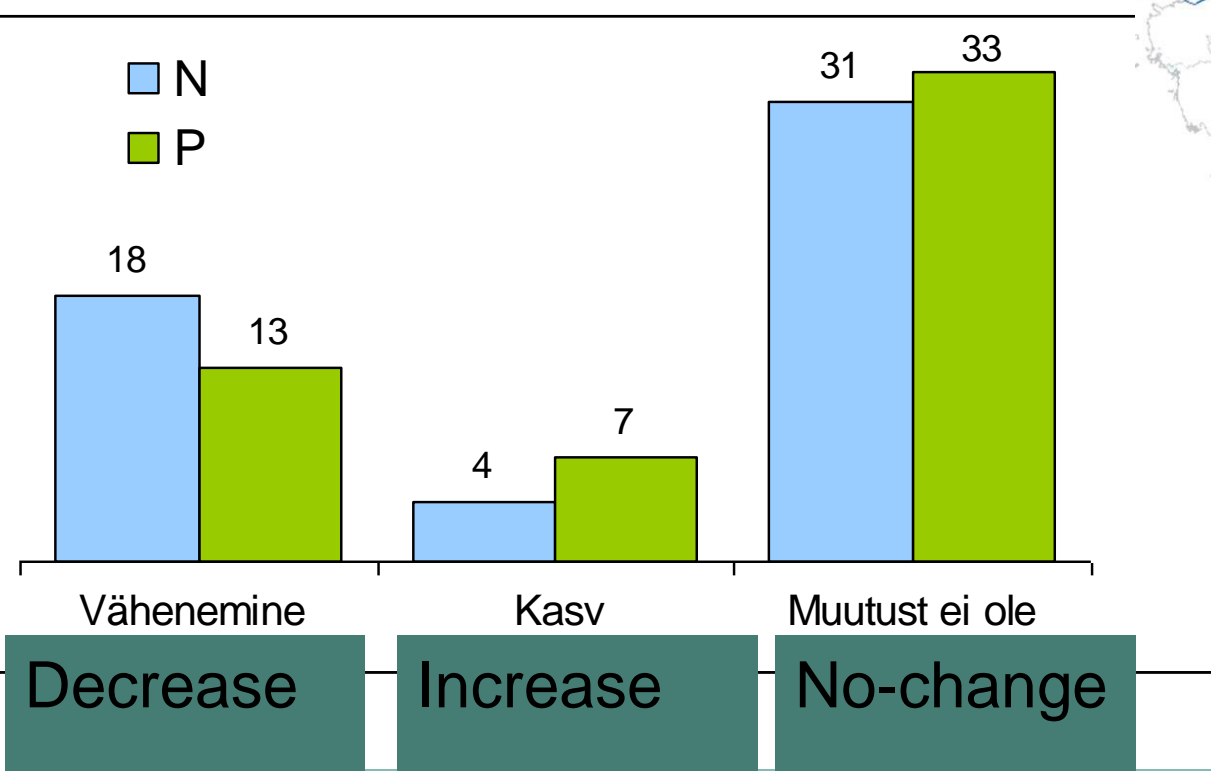
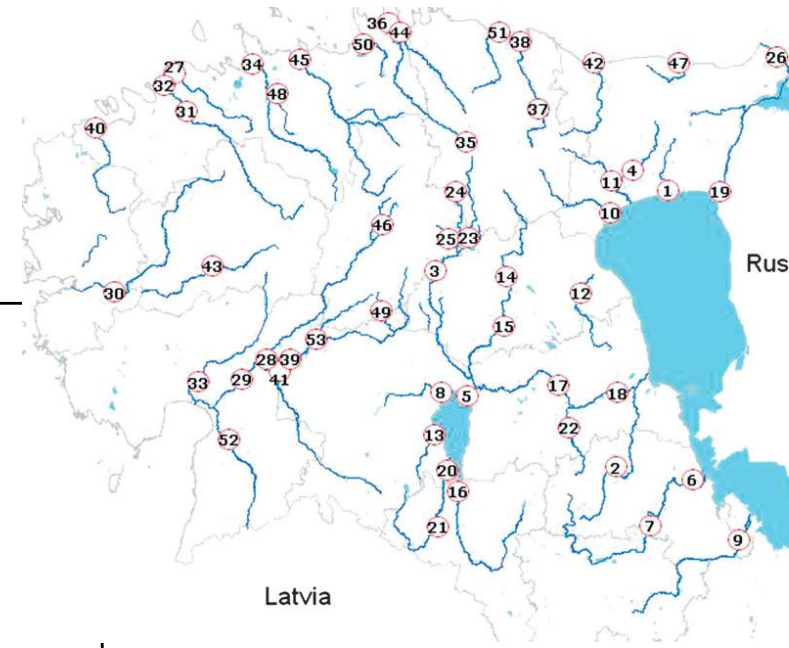
| Country       | Catchment    | Timeperiod             | Water discharge | TN             |             |
|---------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
|               |              |                        |                 | Concentrations | Losses      |
| Norway        | Skuterud     | 1993-2011              | (+)0.370        | (-)0.028       | (+)0.016    |
|               | Mjørdre      | 1992-2011              | (+)0.192        | (-)0.014       | (+)0.011    |
|               | Kolstad      | 1991-2011              | (+)0.211        | (+)0.021       | (+)0.026    |
|               | Hotran       | 1992-2011              | (-)0.652        | (-)0.005       | (-)0.030    |
|               | Time         | 1995-1999<br>2004-2011 | (+)0.232        | (+)0.034       | (+)0.016    |
|               | Skas-Heigre  | 1995-2011              | (-)0.078        | (-)0.013       | (-)0.002    |
|               | Naurstad     | 1994-2011              | (-)0.197        | (+)0.039       | (+)0.002    |
|               | Volbu        | 1992-2011              | (+)0.023        | (-)0.072       | (-)0.003    |
|               | Vasshaglona  | 1998-2011              | (-)1.424        | (-)0.001       | (-)0.094    |
|               | Sweden       | M42                    | 1992-2010       | (+)0.007       | (-)0.177*   |
| M36           |              | 1990-2010              | (+)0.061        | (-)0.201***    | (-)0.005**  |
| N34           |              | 1996-2010              | (+)0.039        | (-)0.332***    | (-)0.060*** |
| F26           |              | 1994-2010              | (+)0.218        | (-)0.196***    | (-)0.018*** |
| O18           |              | 1988-2010              | (+)0.041        | (-)0.081*      | (-)0.002    |
| E21           |              | 1988-2010              | (+)0.127        | (-)0.047*      | (+)0.003    |
| I28           |              | 1989-2010              | (-)0.032        | (-)0.092       | (-)0.002    |
| C6            |              | 1994-2010              | (-)0.003        | (-)0.069*      | (-)0.001    |
| Denmark       |              | Højvads Rende          | 1990-2011       | (-)0.556       | (-)0.033    |
|               | Odderbæk     | 1990-2011              | (+)1.671        | (-)0.058***    | (-)0.002*** |
|               | Horndrup bæk | 1990-2011              | (+)0.519        | (-)0.178***    | (-)0.016*** |
|               | Lillebæk     | 1990-2011              | (+)0.266        | (-)0.227***    | (-)0.013*** |
|               | Bolbro bæk   | 1990-2011              | (+)1.584        | (-)0.011       | (-)0.001*   |
| Finland       | Löytäneenoja | 1998-2009              | (-)0.062        | (-)0.032       | (-)0.005    |
|               | Hovi         | 1998-2009              | (-)0.101        | (-)0.070       | (-)0.010*   |
|               | Savijoki     | 1998-2009              | (-)0.111        | (-)0.040       | (-)0.001    |
|               | Haapajyrä    | 1998-2009              | 0,000           | (+)0.038       | (-)0.000    |
| Baltic states | Jänijõgi     | 2002-2011              | (+)1.390        | (+)1.138*      | (+)0.259    |
|               | Rägina       | 2000-2011              | (+)0.070        | (-)0.080       | (+)0.007    |
|               | Räpu         | 1995-2011              | (+)0.801*       | (+)0.457**     | (+)0.106*   |
|               | Berze        | 1993-2012              | (-)0.001        | (+)0.247**     | (+)0.002**  |
|               | Mellupite    | 1994-2012              | (+)0.017        | (+)0.042       | (+)0.001    |
|               | Vienziemite  | 1993-2012              | (+)0.079        | (+)0.021       | (+)0.002    |
|               | Graisupis    | 1996-2010              | (+)0.05         | (+)0.037       | (+)0.002    |
|               | Vardas       | 1996-2010              | (+)0.05         | (-)0.017       | 0,000       |
| Lyzena        | 1997-2010    | 0,000                  | (+)0.030        | 0,000          |             |

# TIME TRENDS IN 35 AGRICULTURAL STREAMS IN THE NORDIC/BALRTIC REGION

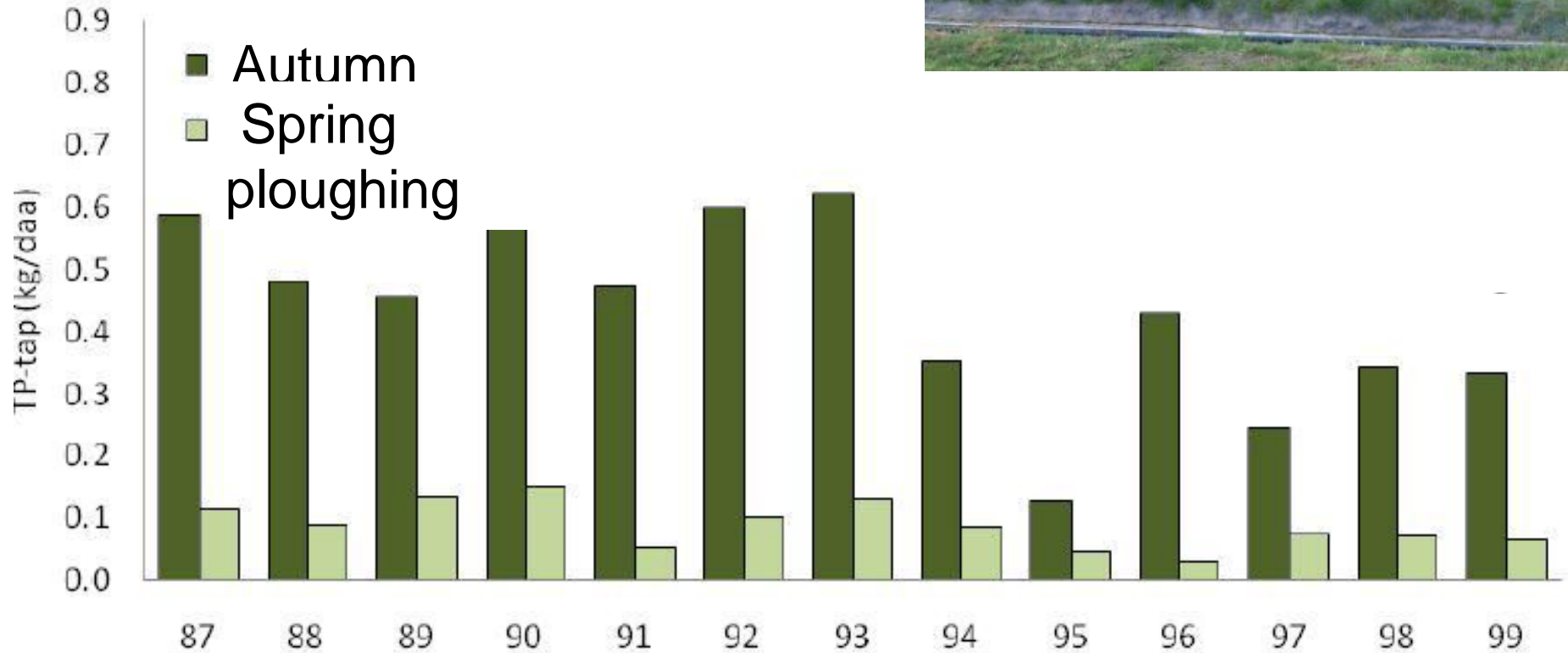
(STÅLNACKE ET AL., 2014)



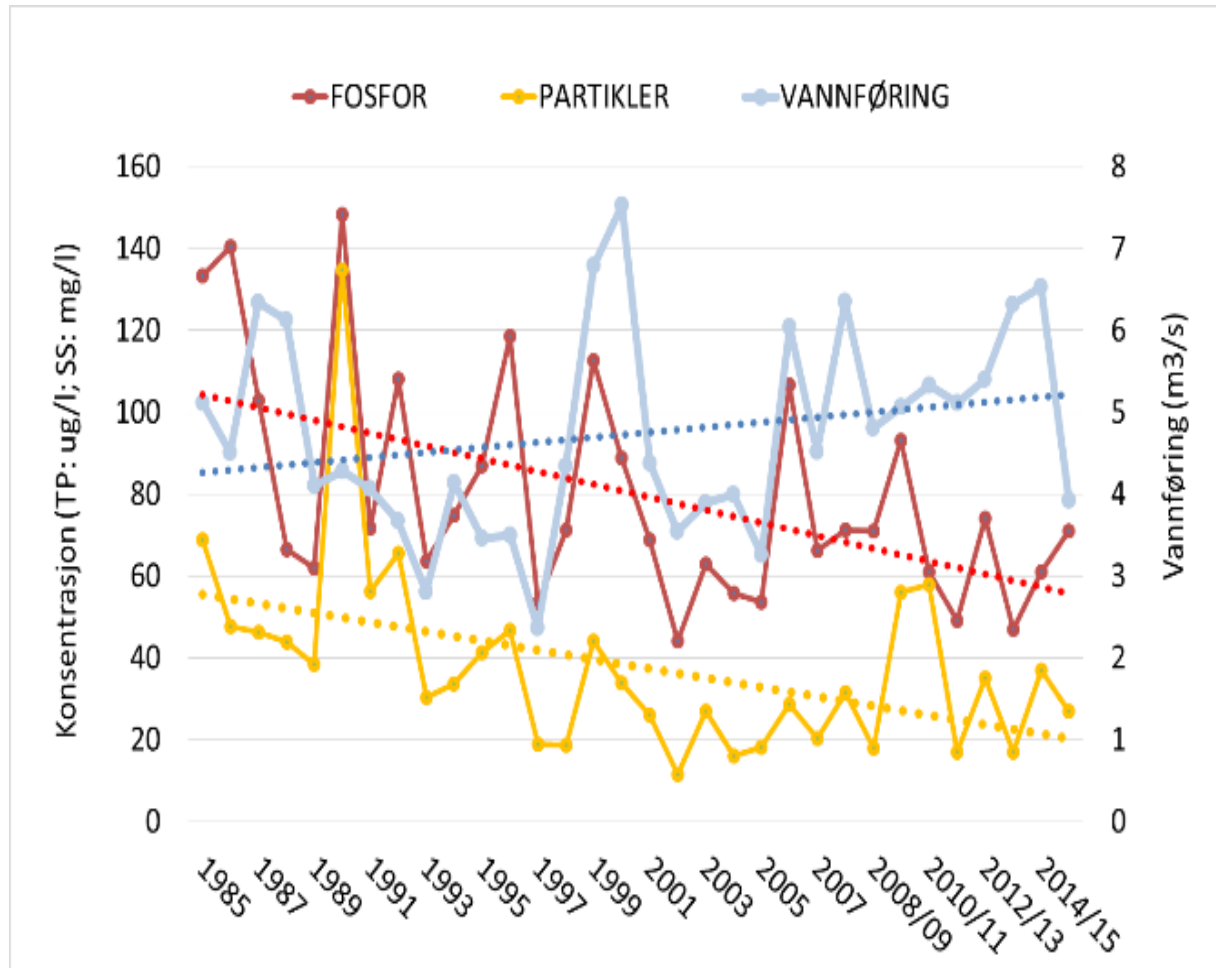
# NO. OF TN AND TP TRENDS IN 53 ESTONIAN RIVERS/STREAMS OVER THE PAST 15-20 YEARS (IITAL ET AL, 2009; 2010)



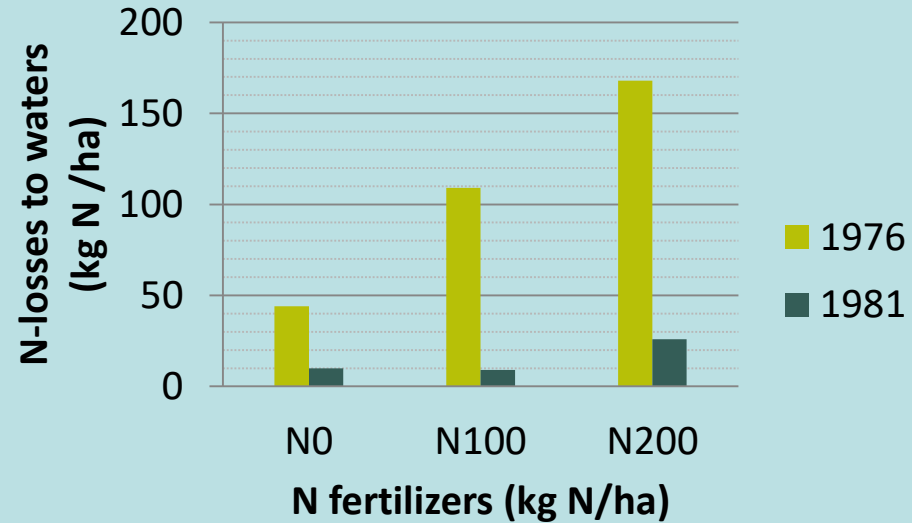
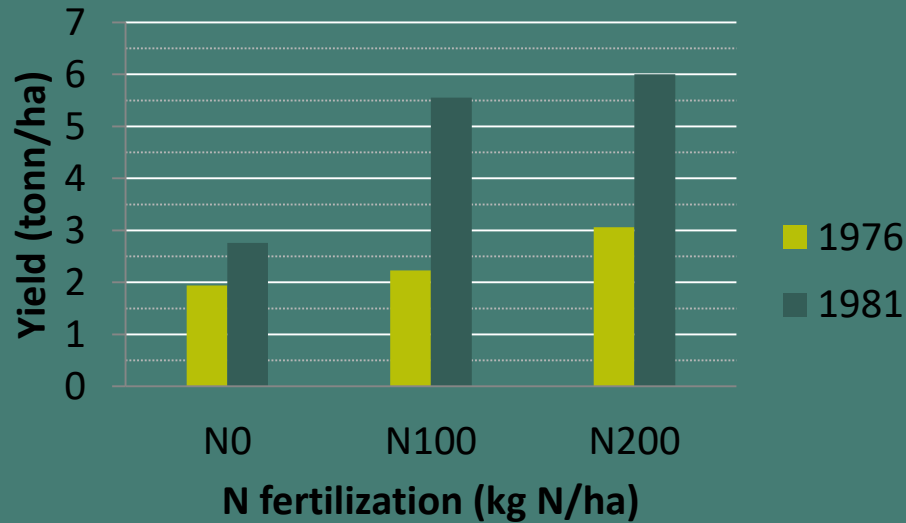
# REDUCED TILLAGE



# KONSENTRASJONER AV TOTALFOSFOR OG SUSPENDERT TØRRSTOFF I HOBØLELVA (SKARBØVIK, 2017)



# N FERTILIZERS- YIELD RESPONSE – LOSSES TO WATERS (SOURCE: UHLEN, UMB)





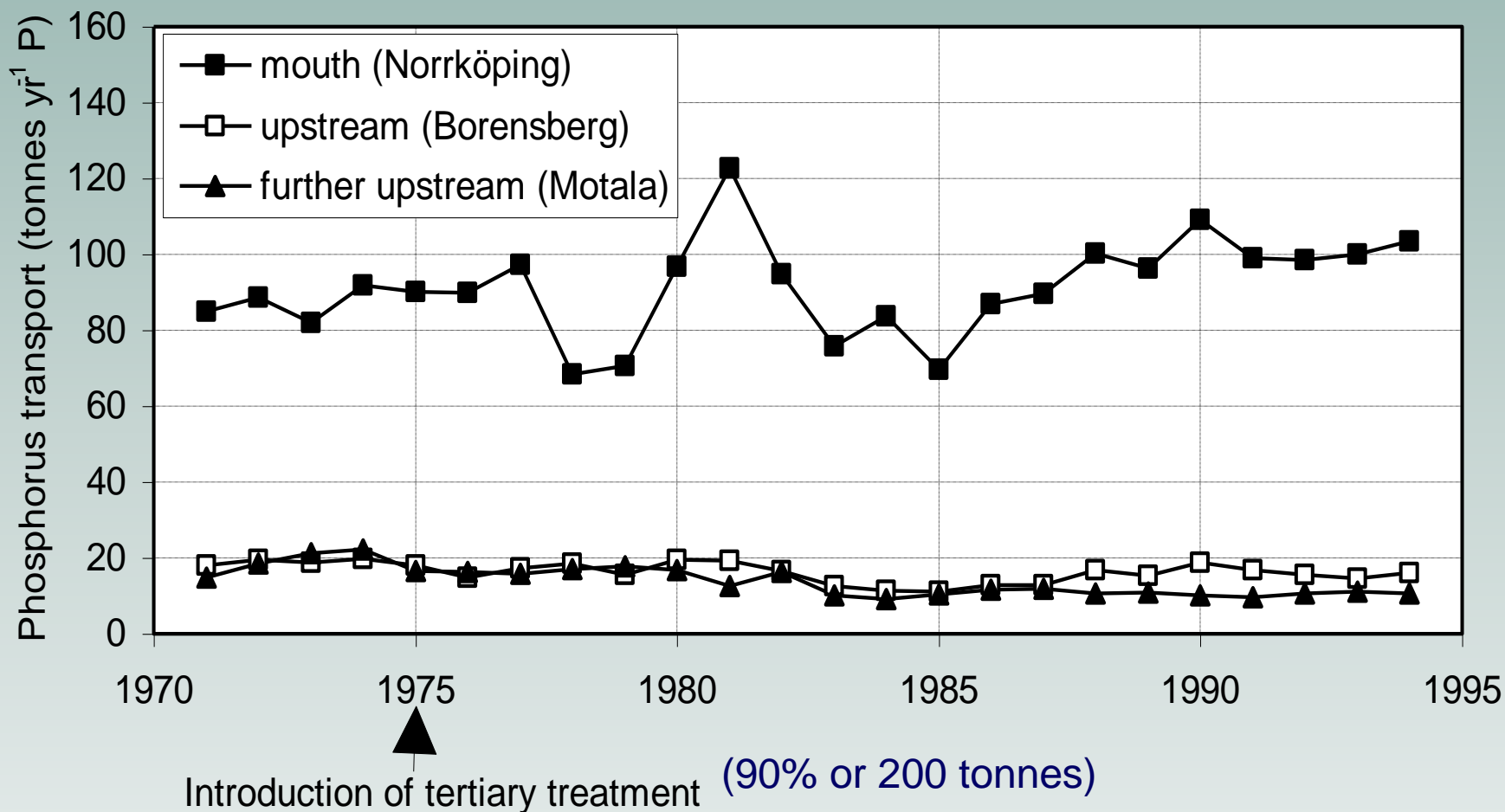
# The Rothamsted experiment (UK)

(Addiscott, 1988)

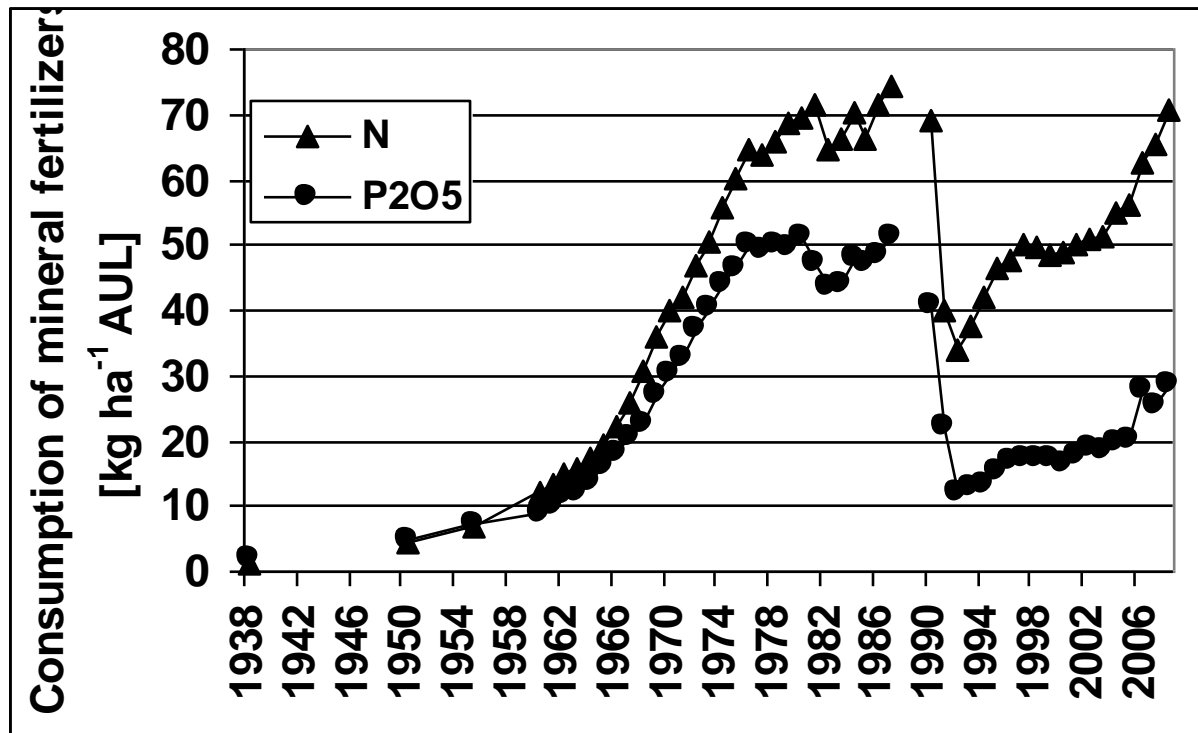


# RIVERINE RESPONSE TO DECREASED POINT SOURCE P-EMISSIONS

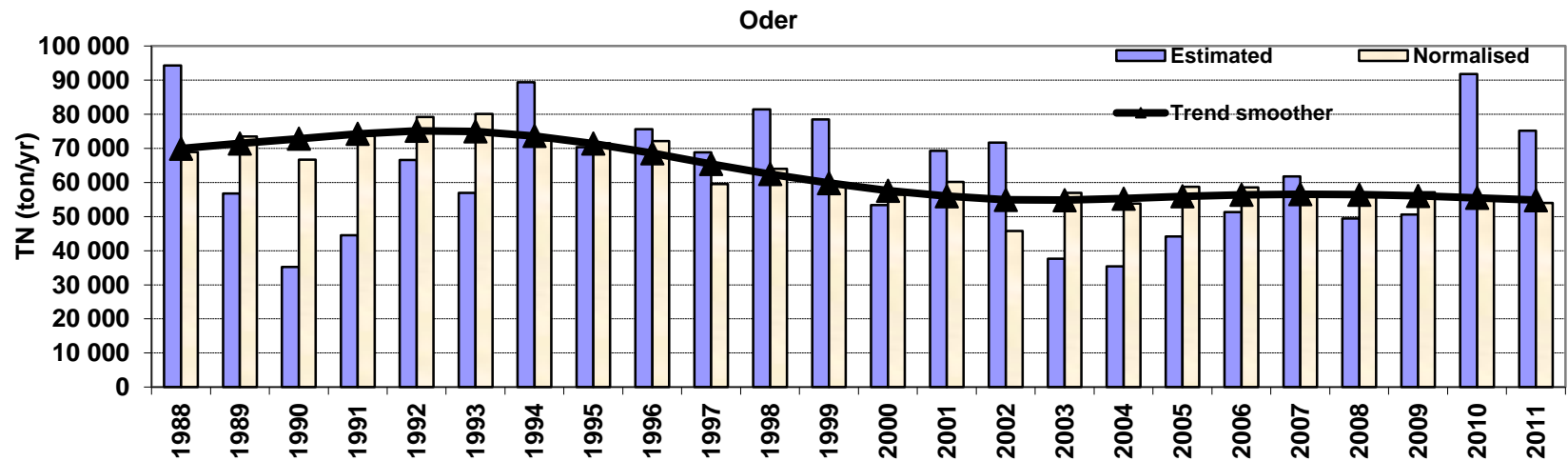
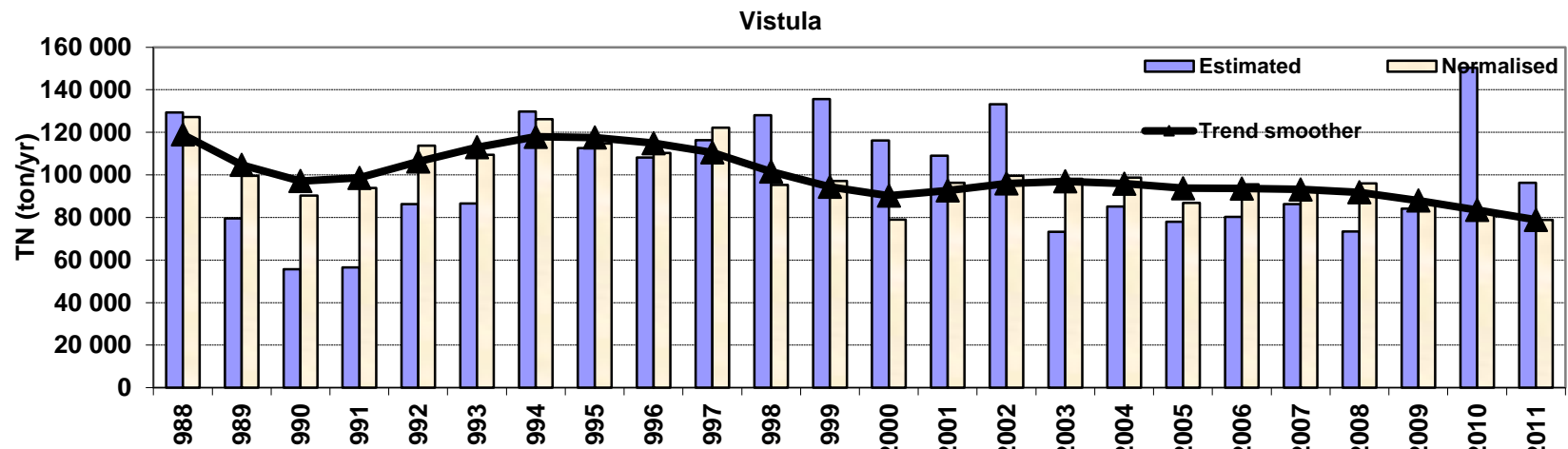
Motala Ström in Sweden (Grimvall & Stålnacke)



# NUTRIENT APPLICATION IN THE 2 LARGE POLISH RIVERS (PASTUSZAK, STÅLNACKE, ET AL., 2012)



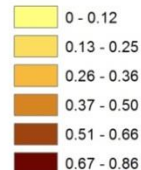
# NITROGEN RIVER LOADS IN THE 2 LARGE POLISH RIVERS (PASTUSZAK, STÅLNACKE ET AL, 2012)





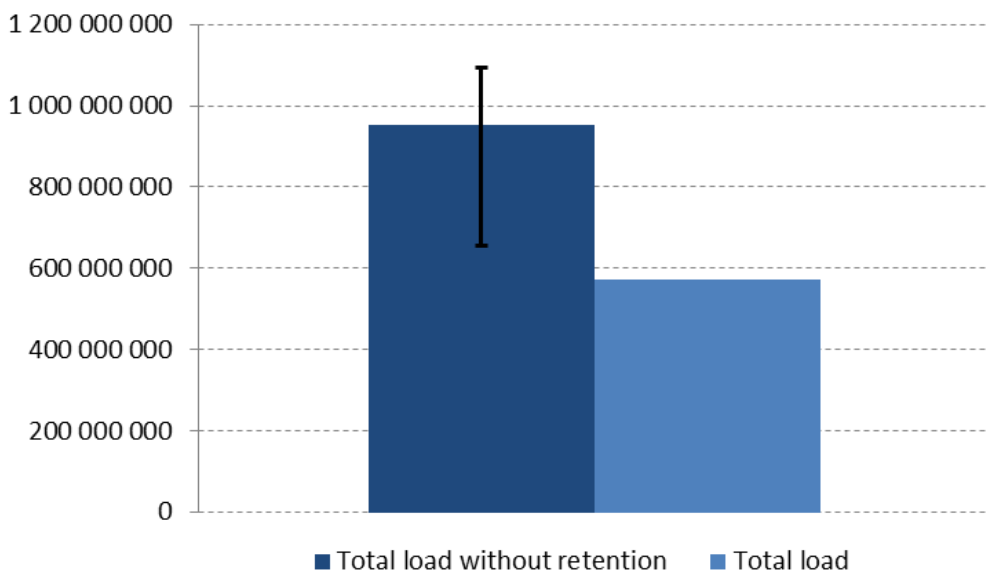
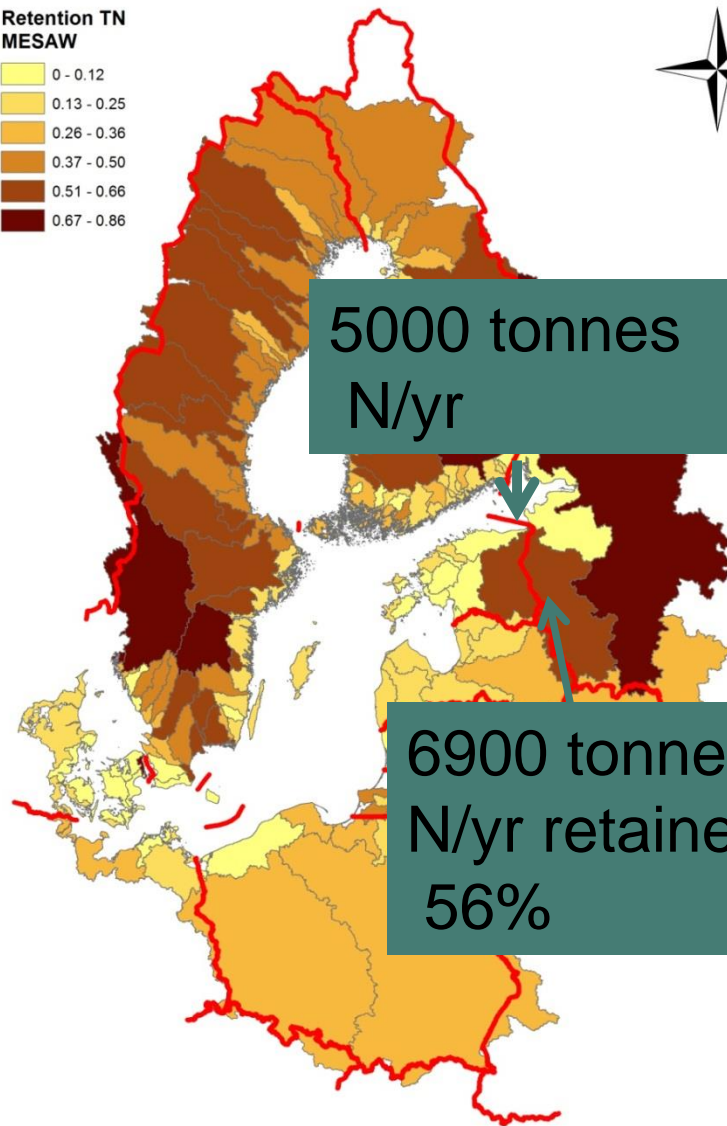
# Nitrogen surface water retention in 117 Baltic Sea river basins with MESAW (Stålnacke et al. 2015)

Retention TN  
MESAW



5000 tonnes  
N/yr

6900 tonnes  
N/yr retained =  
56%



# Concluding remarks

- The case studies showed that the challenge of protecting water quality is intertwined with many other tasks of society – providing food, developing the economy, and providing safe sanitation.
- Data are essential for developing, monitoring and evaluating water resources management strategies
- A “one size fits all” mitigation measures will not work to solve the global water quality challenge
- Nutrient losses show high variability
  - ❑ Pathways (e.g. hydrological) are important and site-specific
  - ❑ Huge uncertainty in retention (from root-zone to stream)

-> Huge challenge to plan and model the optimal mitigations measures



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- The center will interact with policy makers and stakeholders on the opportunities and limitations of the green, bio-economic shift for the rural North.

