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**MOSE PROJECT AND HYDRO -  
MORFOLOGICAL MONITORING IN THE  
VENICE LAGOON**

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## OUTLINE

- A: Mose flood barriers: the importance of the project and a brief presentation of the project**
- B. Monitoring the impact of on-going construction works and the inlet on the hydraulic properties:**
  - 1. bathymetric evolution of the sandy bottom at the inlets**
  - 2. energy loss through the inlets**
  - 3. monitoring velocities and tidal flow**
  - 4. residual flow and index of river contamination**

## The lagoon of Venice: an instable and complex ecosystem



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Fish farms - Valle Zappa

Salt marshes, channels  
and tidal creeks



## The lagoon of Venice: an instable and complex ecosystem



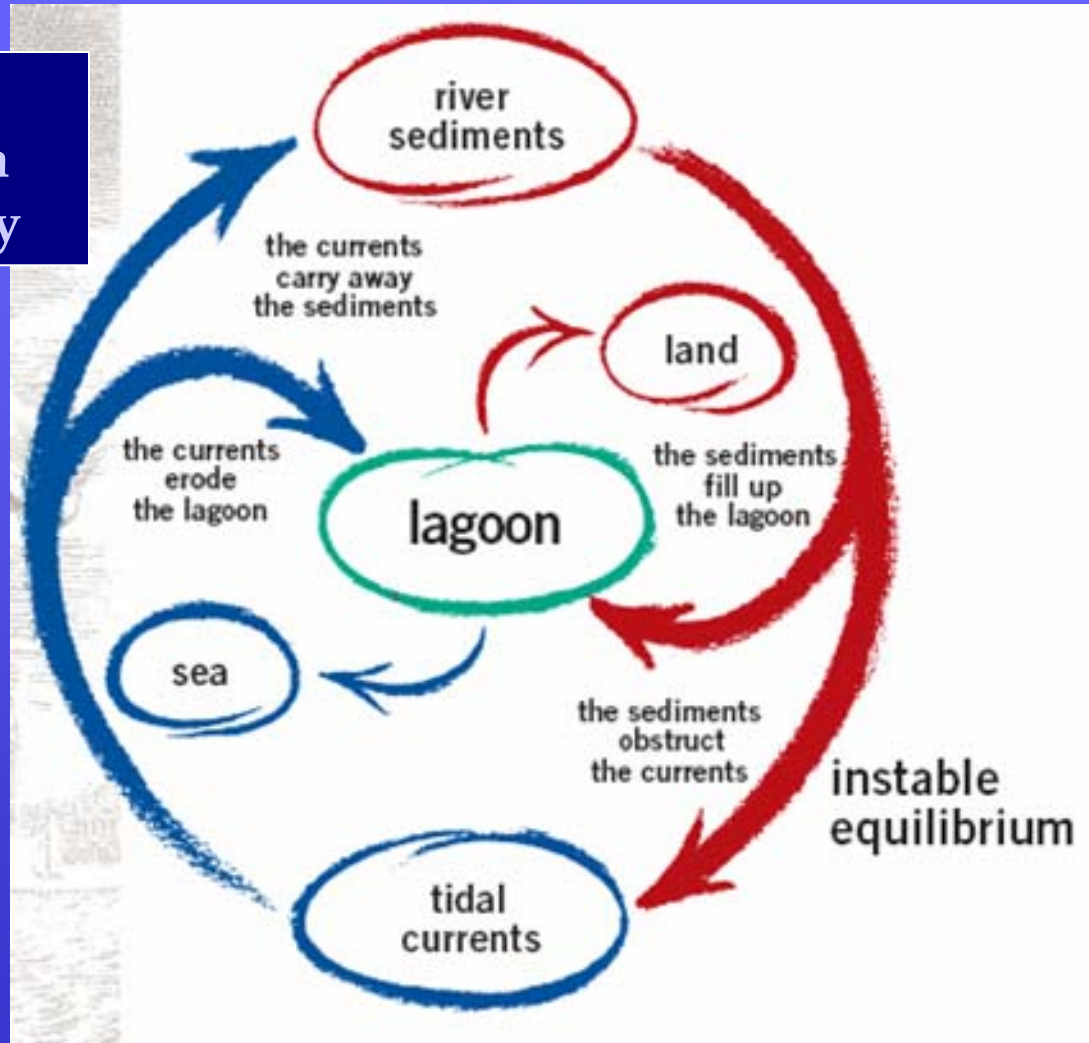
islands –  
Island of Torcello

Littorals –  
Pellestrina littoral



## The lagoon of Venice: an instable and complex ecosystem

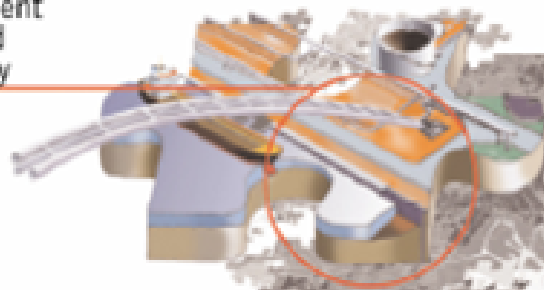
Is a transitional environment in a state of instability



# SYSTEMS OF INTERVENTIONS

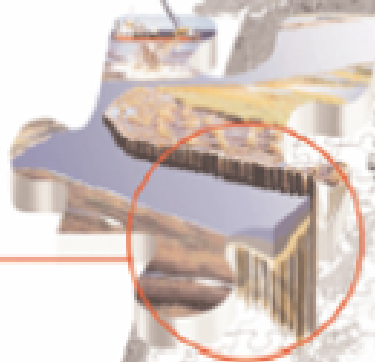
## Environmental defence

Securing polluted sites, improvement of the water and sediment quality



## Environmental defence

Protection and reconstruction of structures and habitats of the wetlands



## Defence from high tides

Raising of the banks and pavements



## Control and management

Studies, surveys, monitoring, computerised data base



## Defence from high tides

MOSE system

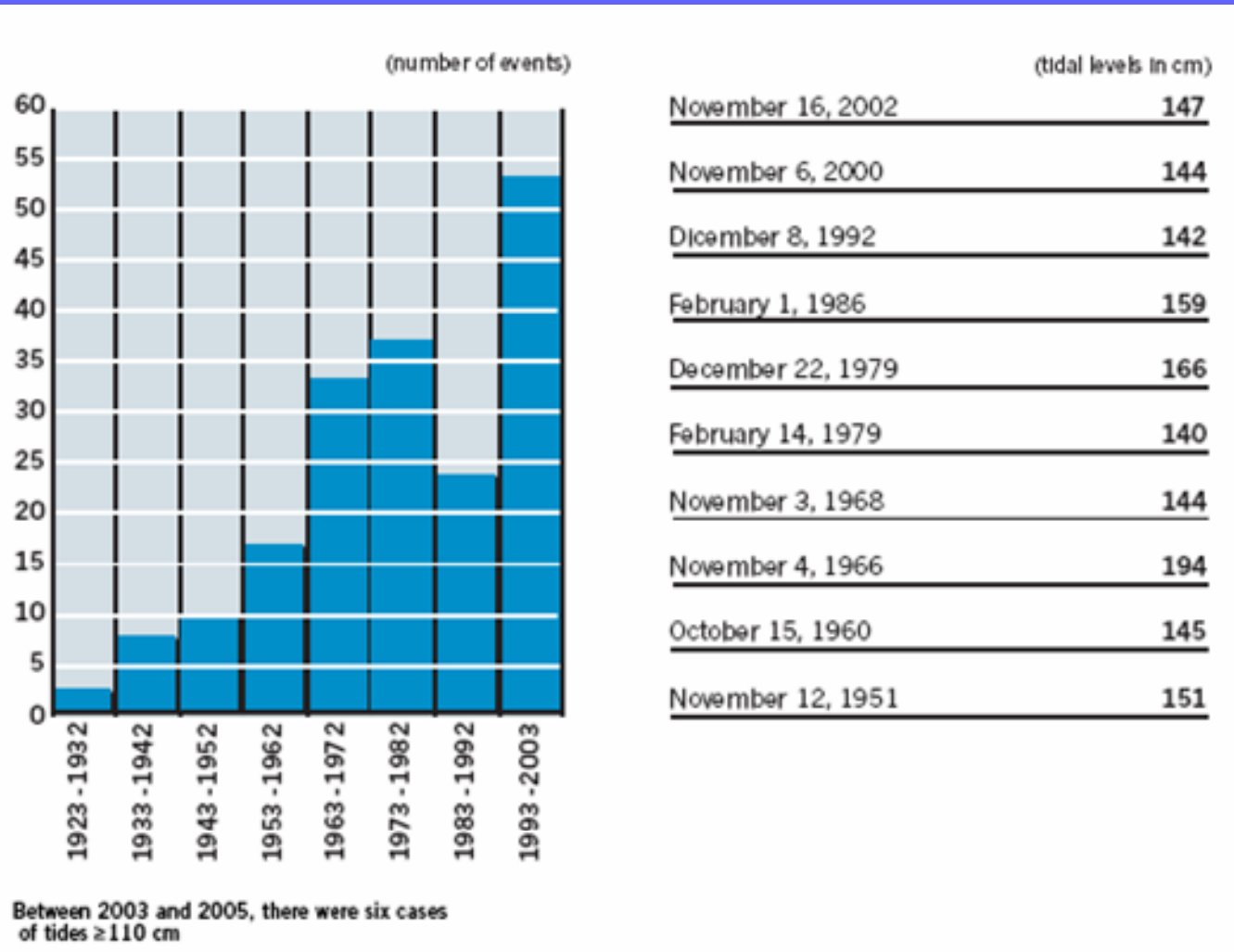


## Defence from sea storms

Reinforcement of the littoral and jetties

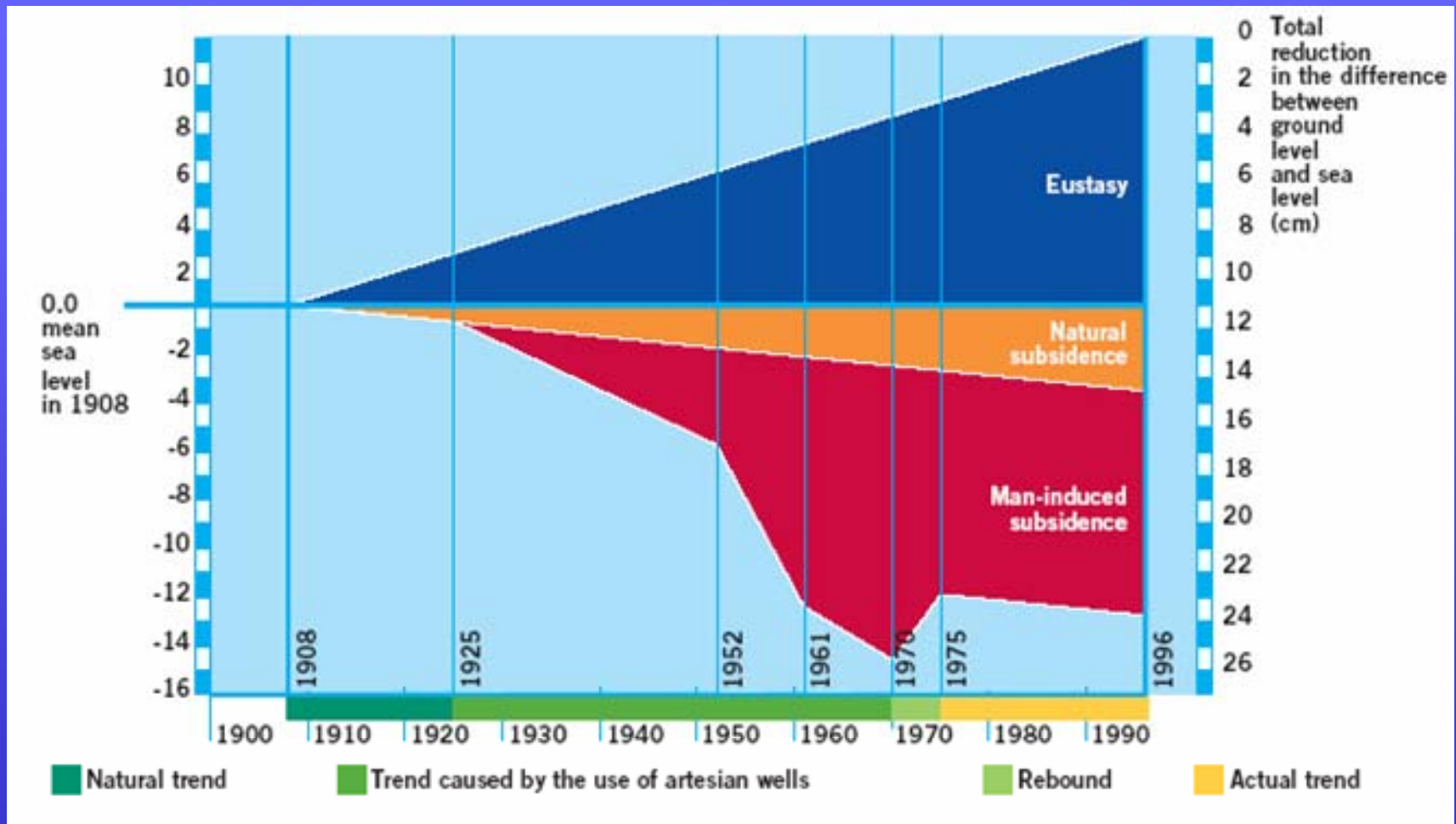


## Frequency of high tides $\geq 110$ cm



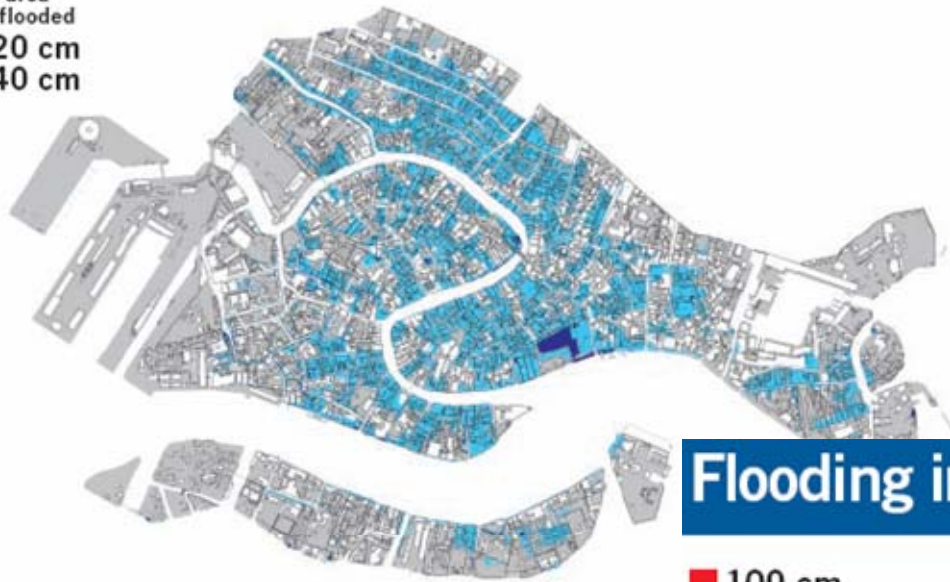


# Relative sea level rise



## Flooding in Venice at the turn of the 20th century

- 100 cm  
no area  
is flooded
- 120 cm
- 140 cm



## Flooding in Venice today

- 100 cm
- 120 cm
- 140 cm



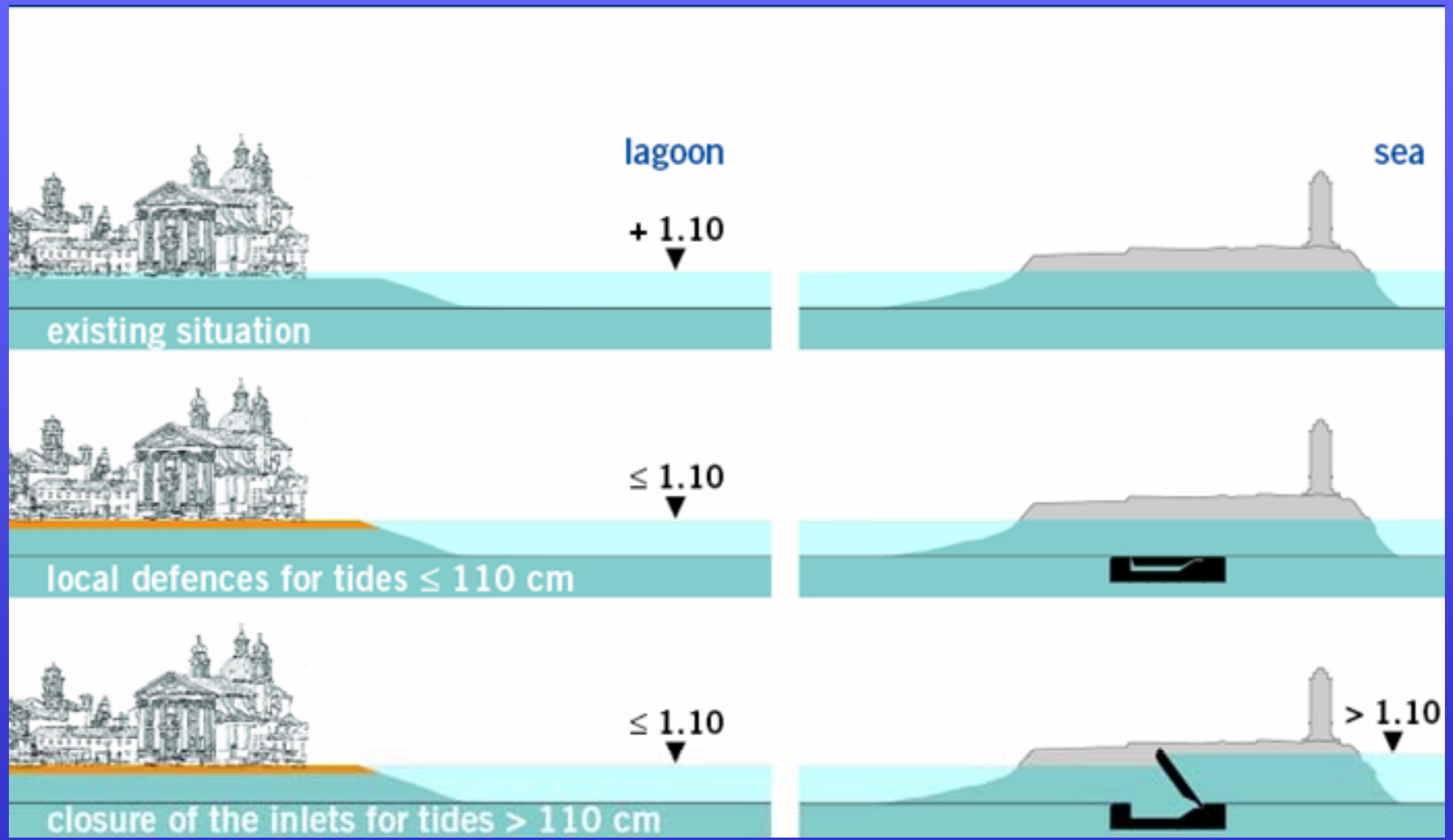
High water. Chioggia



High water. Island of Murano



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## MOBILE BARRIERS AT THE LAGOON INLETS

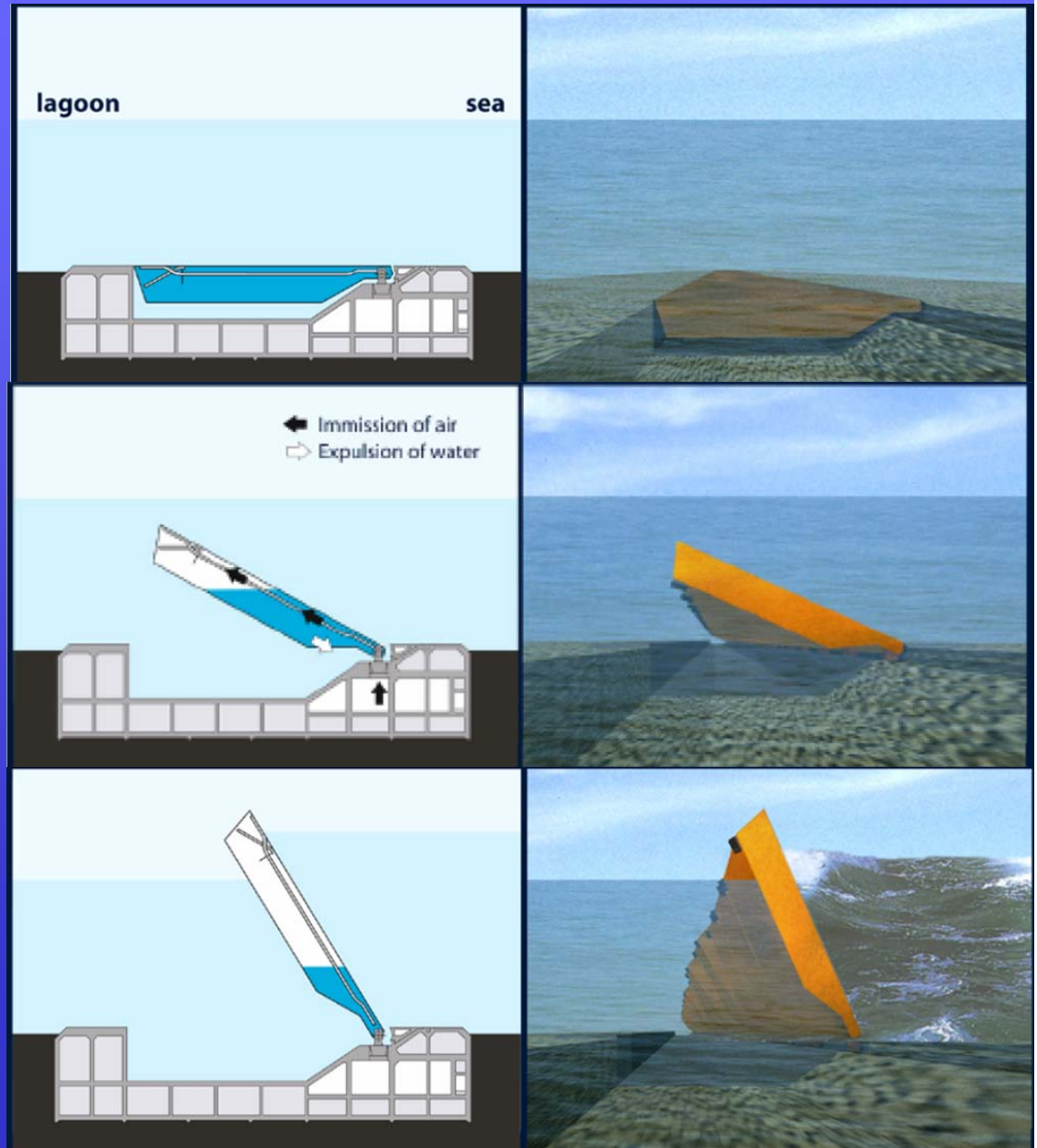


# MOBILE BARRIERS AT THE LAGOON INLETS

HOW THE FLOOD GATES  
WORK

DEFENCE AGAINST  
EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH  
TIDES:

closures of the inlets for  
tides  $> 110$  cm



**25% of the Mose flood barrier is  
under construction**

**33% financed**

# THE PROJECT - LIDO INLET

SITUATION AT JUNE 2006

## Small craft harbour

- 1 lagoon basin side
- 2 sea side basin

## Artificial island

- 3 lagoon side channel
- 4 central nucleus
- 5 bank on the Treporti side (west abutment)

## Row of gates (Treporti)

- 6 bed protection

## Row of gates (S. Nicolò)

- 7 bed protection
- 8 service area

## South abutment

- 9 prefabricated caissons

## Southern side

- 10 reinforcement of the south jetty

## Surveying activities

- 1 Trial areas





# LIDO INLET WORK SITES

reinforcement of the south jetty



refuge haven



new island

# THE PROJECT - MALAMOCCO INLET

SITUATION AT JUNE 2006

## Navigation lock

- ① protection on the S. Pietro Fort side
- ② door housing
- ③ structures "chamber"

## South abutment

- ④ embankment

## Row of gates

- ⑤ infrastructure for prefabricating the gates caissons

## Complementary structures

- ① breakwater south of the inlet

## Accessorial activities

- ⑥ service area - north side
- ⑦ service area - south side





navigation lock



MALAMOCCO INLET  
WORK SITES



the breakwater

# THE PROJECT - CHIOGGIA INLET

## SITUATION AT JUNE 2006

The new lay-out  
of the inlet after  
the realization  
of the MOSE System  
for the defence from  
high tides

- ① Refuge haven
- ② Northern jetty (existing)
- ③ Row of gates
- ④ Southern jetty (existing)
- ⑤ Breakwater



# CHIOGGIA INLET WORK SITES



refuge haven and the locks



the breakwater



the inlet today

## IMPACT OF FIXED STRUCTURES ON TIDAL FLOW

**-5 cm average storm surge reduction**

**<10% permanent tidal flow reduction**

We are monitoring the impact on-going construction works measuring:

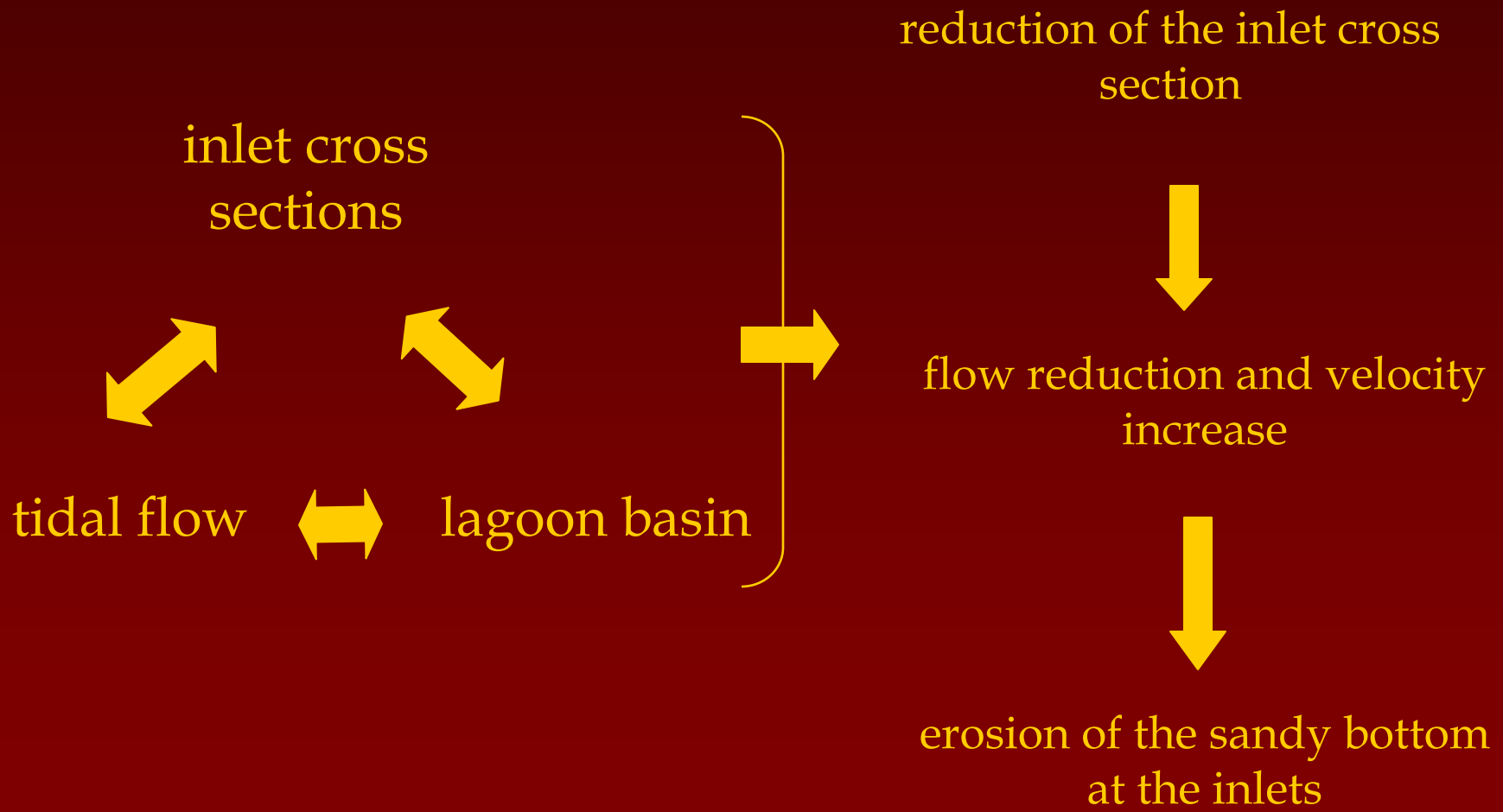
1. bathymetric evolution of the sandy bottom at the inlets
2. energy loss through the inlets
3. velocities and tidal flow
4. residual flow and index of river contamination



We are building up a DATABASE of monitored data for calibration  
and validation of hydro-morphological models

(hybrid models continuously tuned with experimental data)

# Inlets evolution

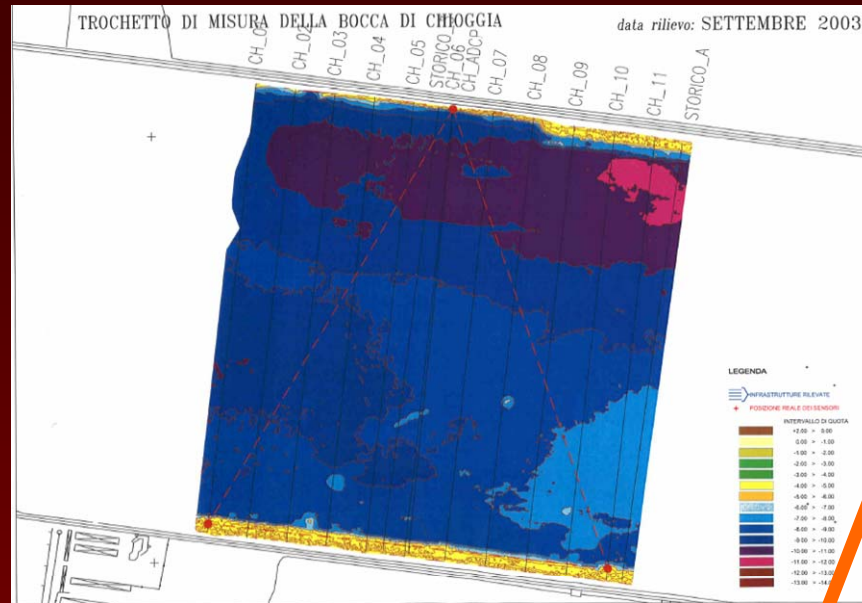


# BATHYMETRIC EVOLUTION OF THE SANDY BOTTOM AT THE INLETS

acoustic multibeam  
survey for monitoring  
bathymetric changes

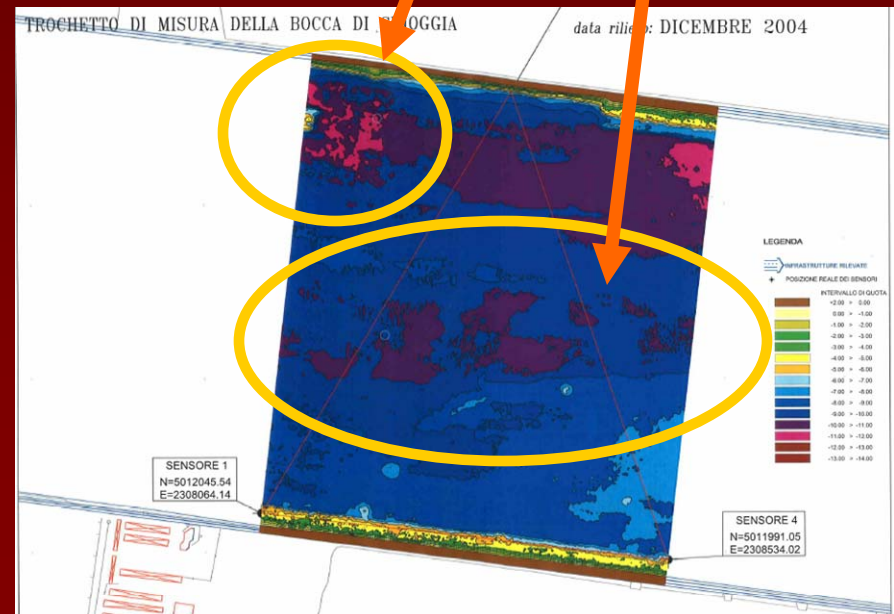


Erosions or fills can be  
part of the construction  
works (dredge of a new  
navigation channel,  
building of a new reef...)  
or the result of velocity  
changes due to the on-  
going construction works



Chioggia inlet:

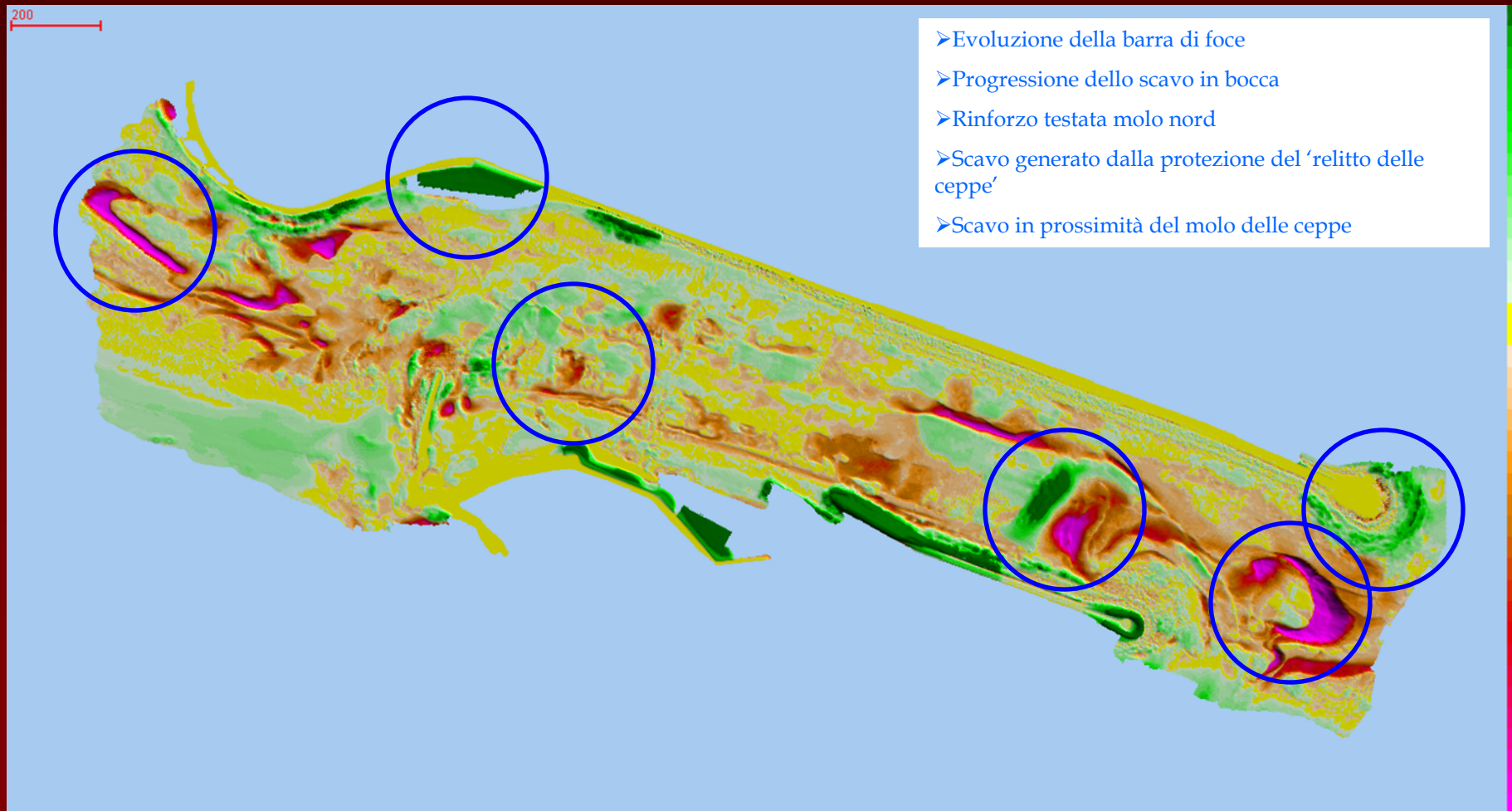
1. building of a break-water
2. dredge of the navigation channel





## BATHYMETRIC EVOLUTION OF THE SANDY BOTTOM AT THE INLETS

evolution of Malamocco inlet from 1999 to October 2006



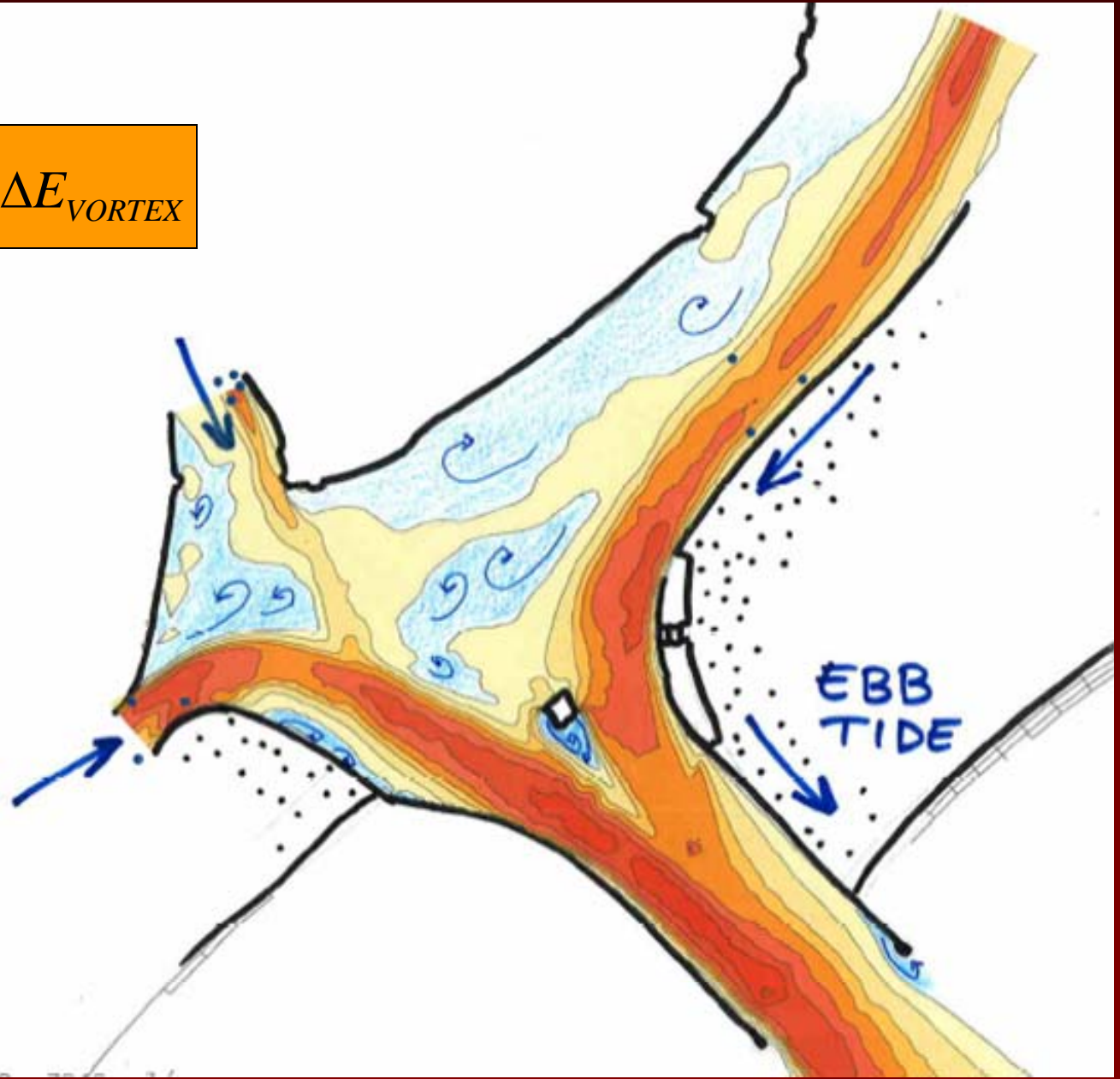
## ENERGY LOSS THROUGH THE INLETS

$$\Delta E_{TOT} = \Delta E_{FRICTION} + \Delta E_{VORTEX}$$

1. Every inlet has different friction coefficient (depending on bottom surface, length of the reefs..)
2. Every inlet has different volumes of vortex and different volumes of moving flow
3. The situation is different at flood and ebb flow

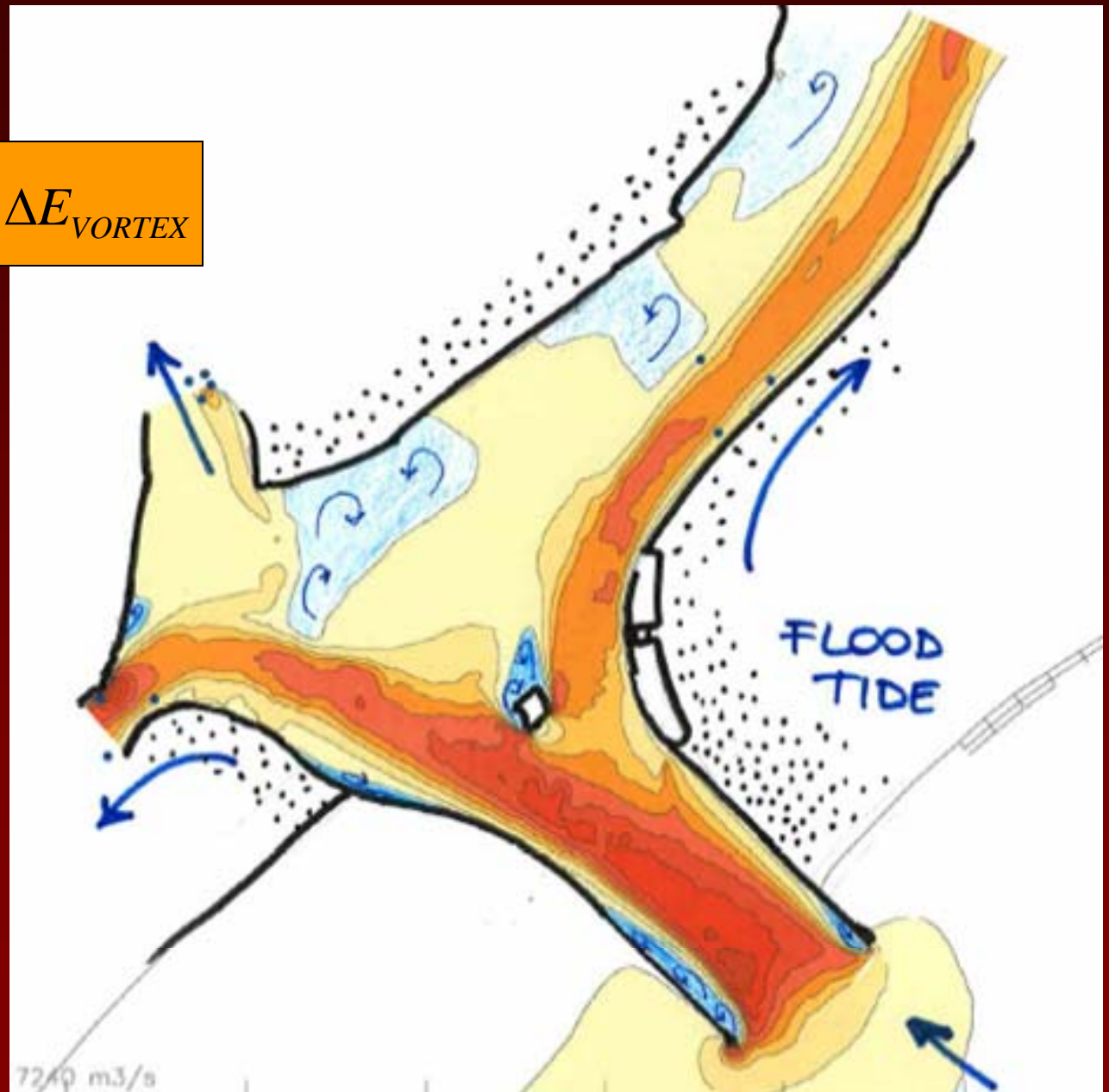
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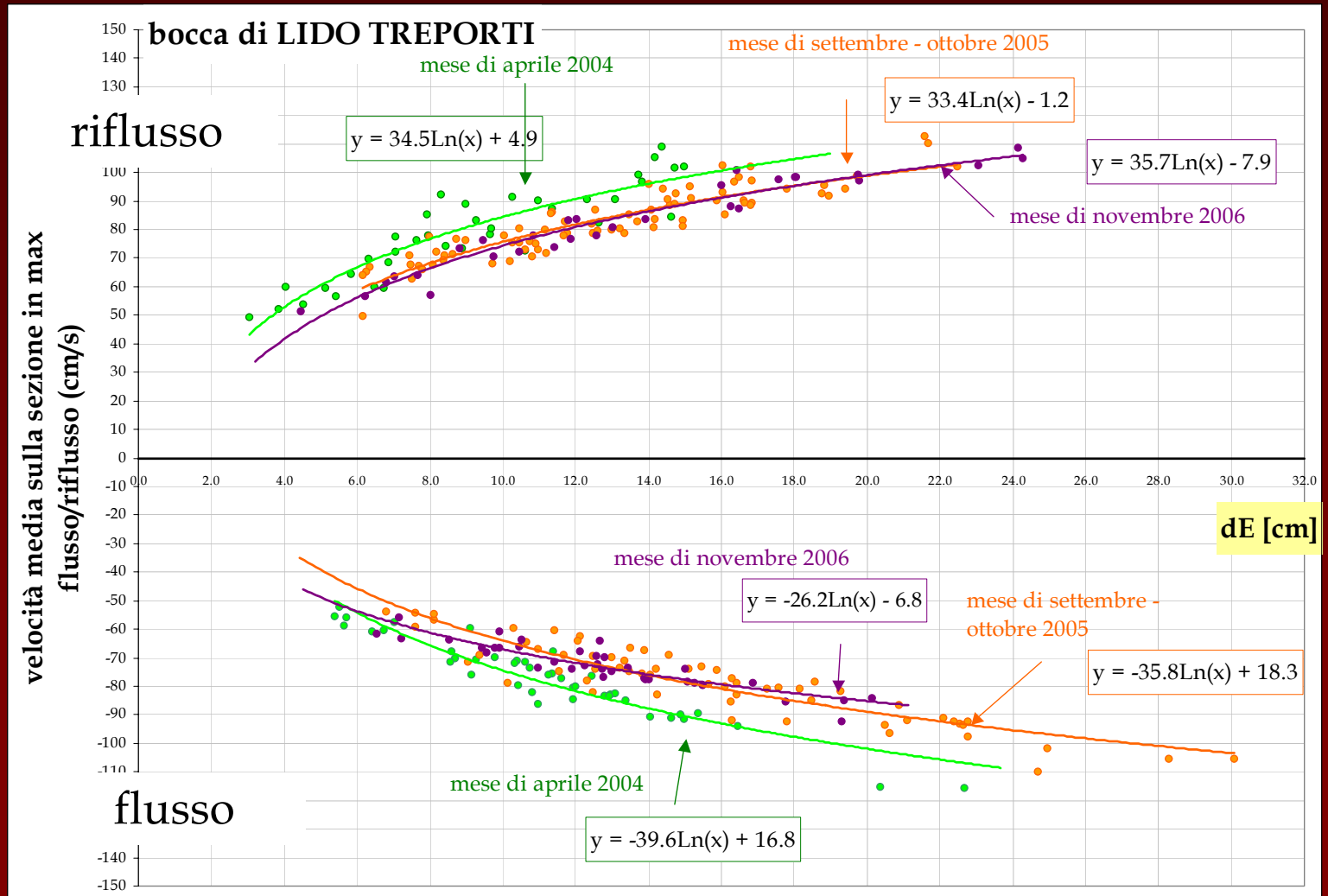
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# ENERGY LOSS THROUGH THE INLETS

## CURVE DI CONTROLLO

intensity  
of tidal  
flow  
  
energy loss

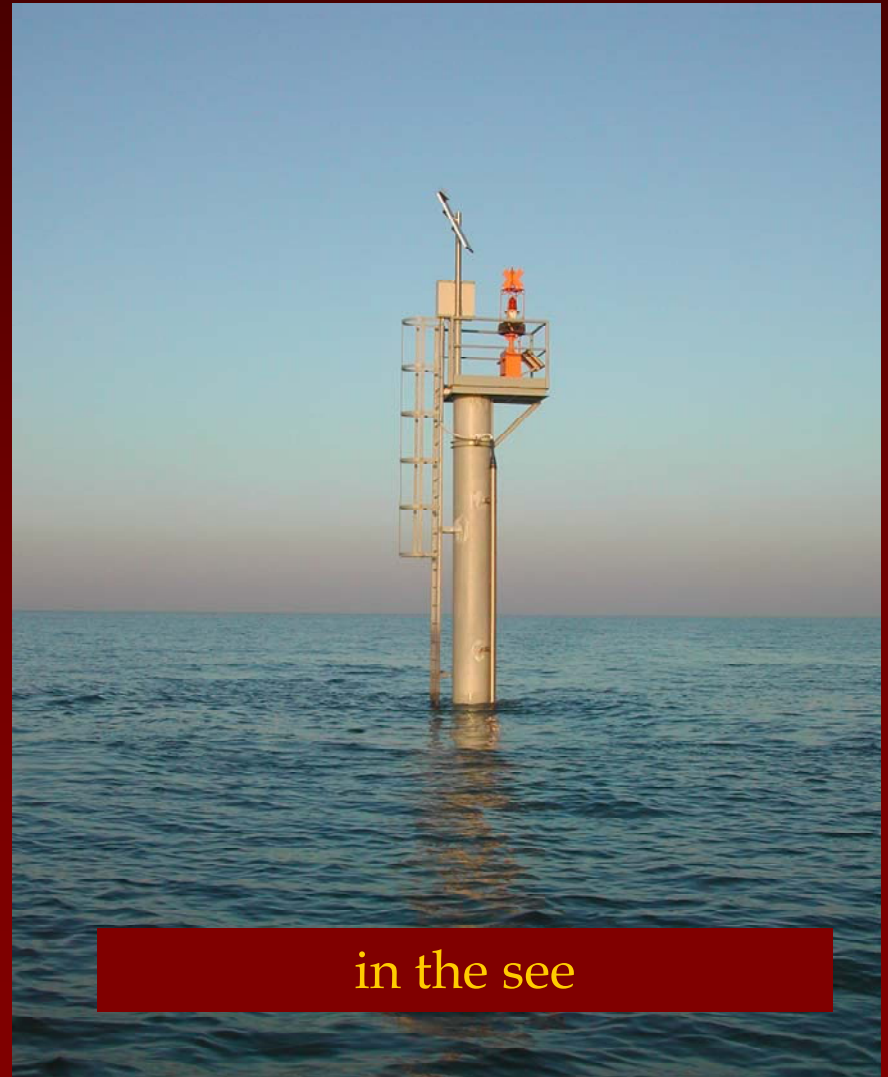


# MONITORING VELOCITIES AND TIDAL FLOW

## TIDAL GAGES



in the lagoon



in the sea

## MONITORING VELOCITIES AND TIDAL FLOW

### INSTALLATION OF THE ACOUSTIC FLOW METERS

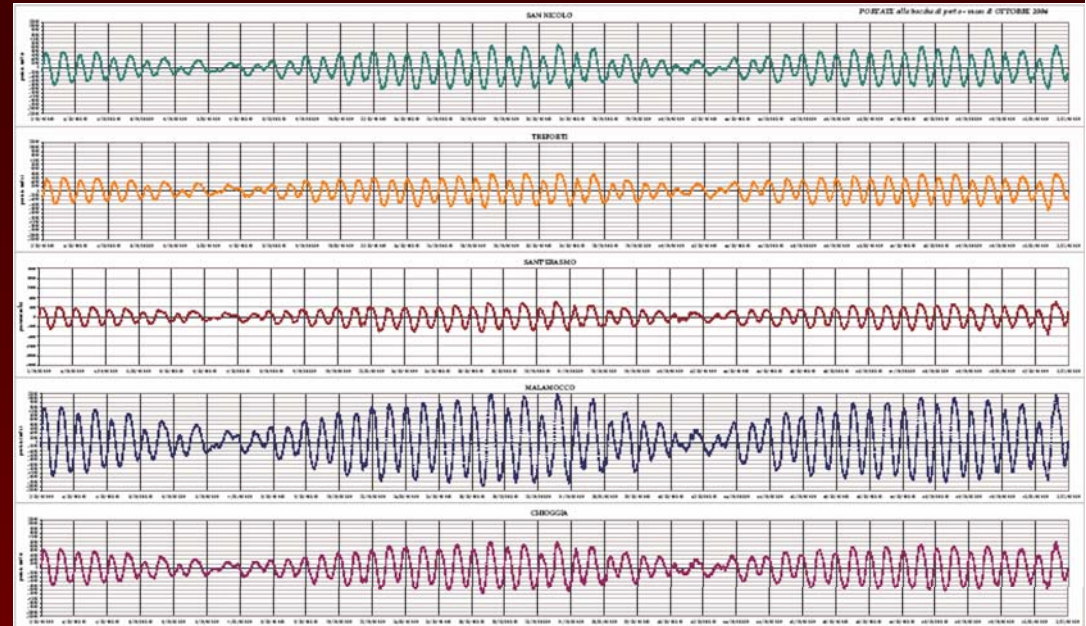


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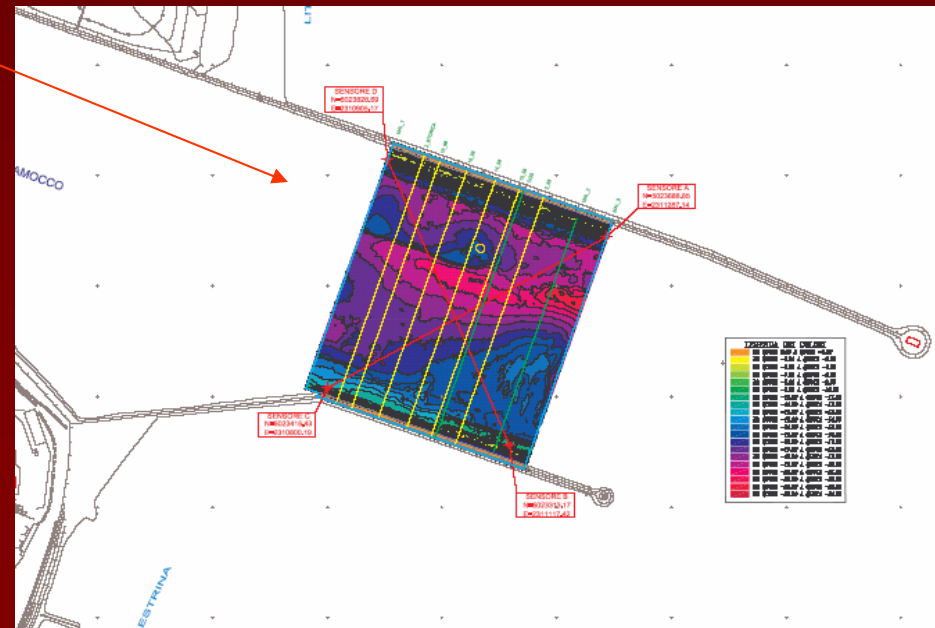
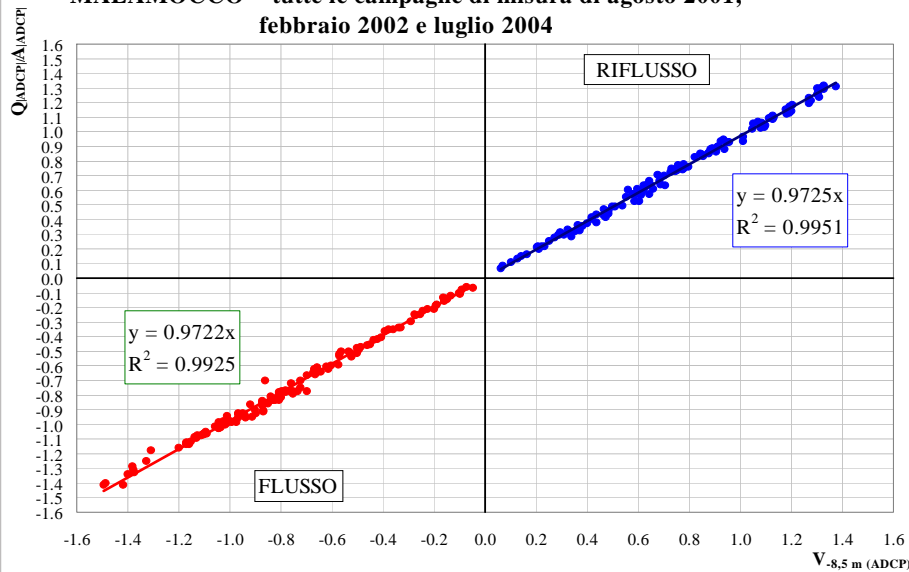
Calibration of the acoustic flow meters:

- Bathimetric survey
- ADCP shape velocity factor

$$Q = k A v_{-8.5}$$

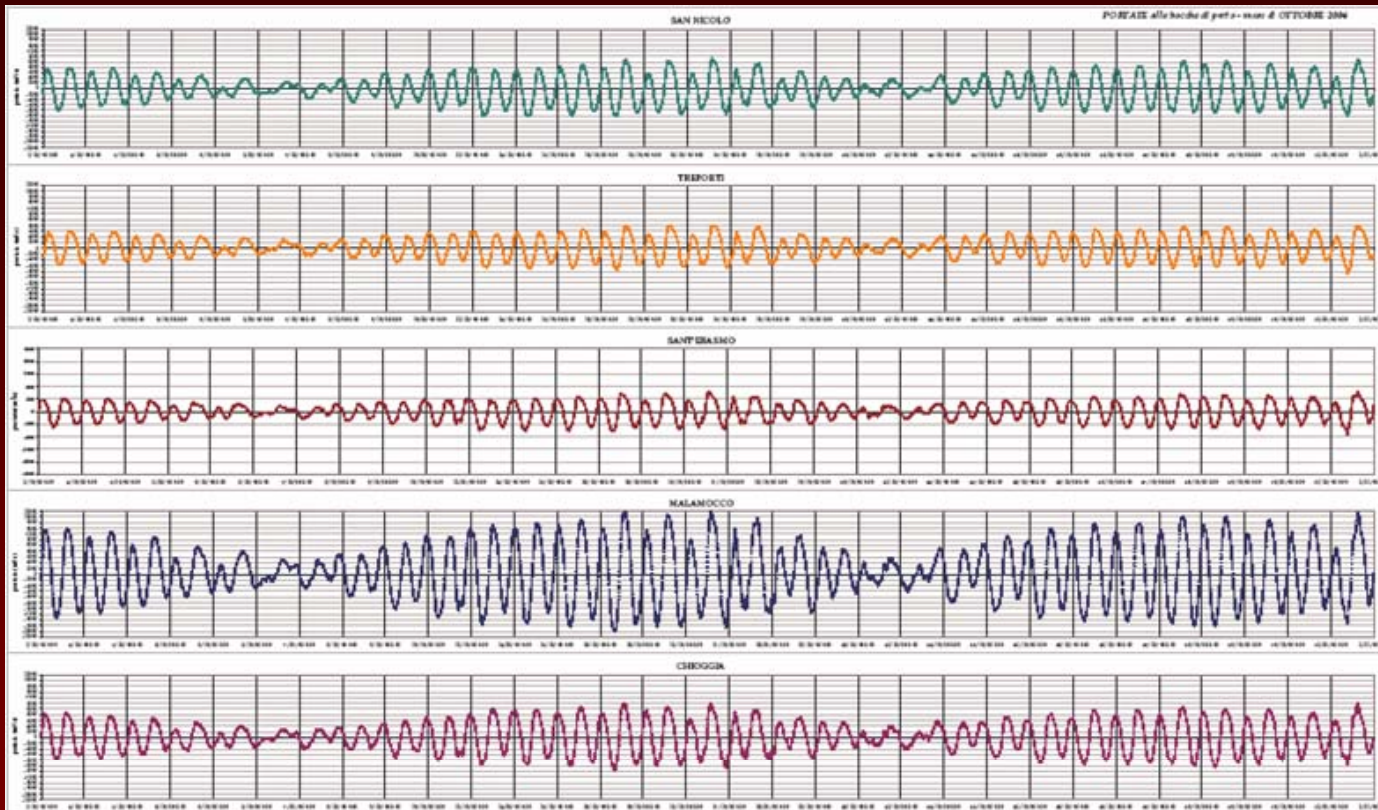


MALAMOCCO - tutte le campagne di misura di agosto 2001, febbraio 2002 e luglio 2004



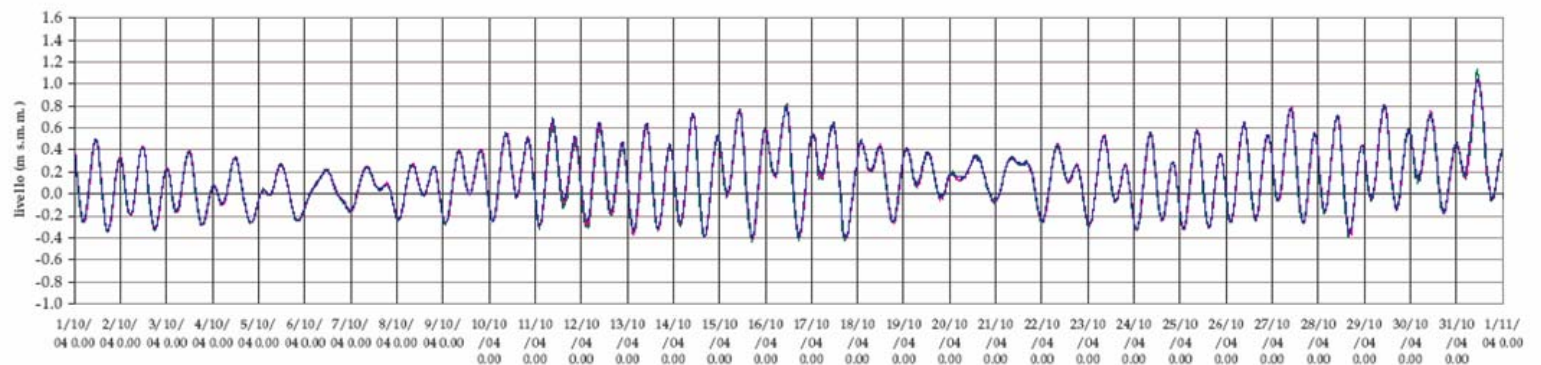


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misure di  
**VELOCITA' DI  
 CORRENTE  
 LIVELLI**

mareografi in laguna - OTTOBRE 2004



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## BOCCA DI LIDO



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## BOCCA DI MALAMOCCO



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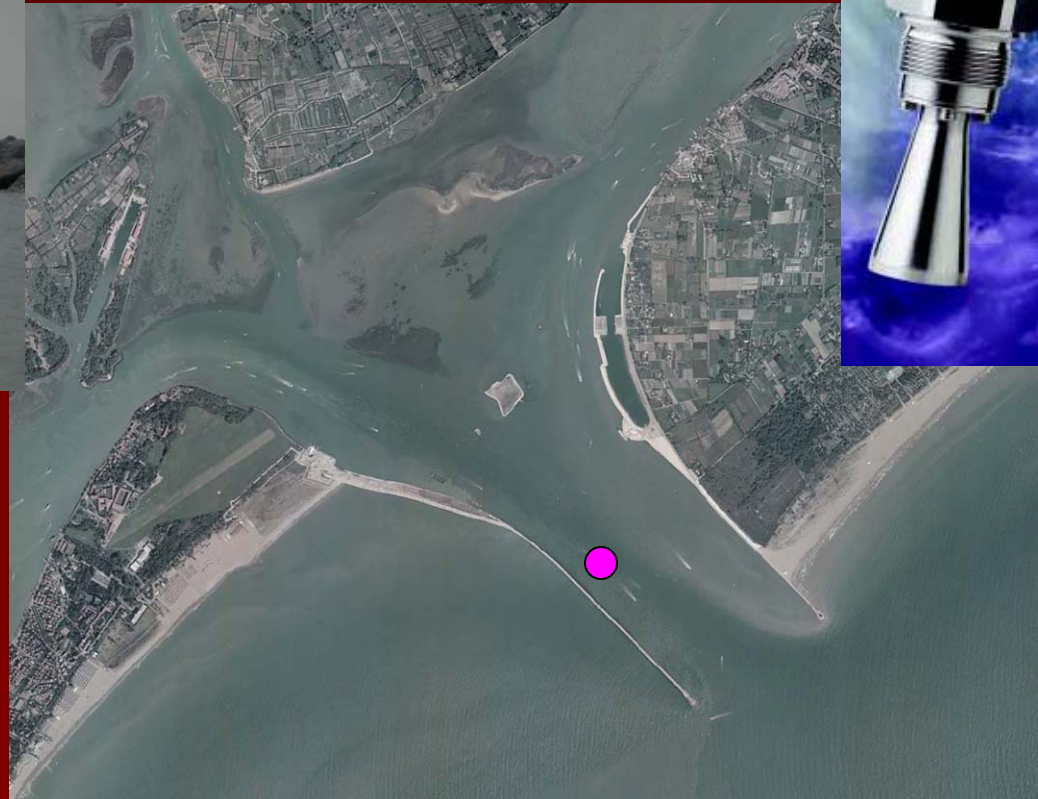
## BOCCA DI CHIOGGIA



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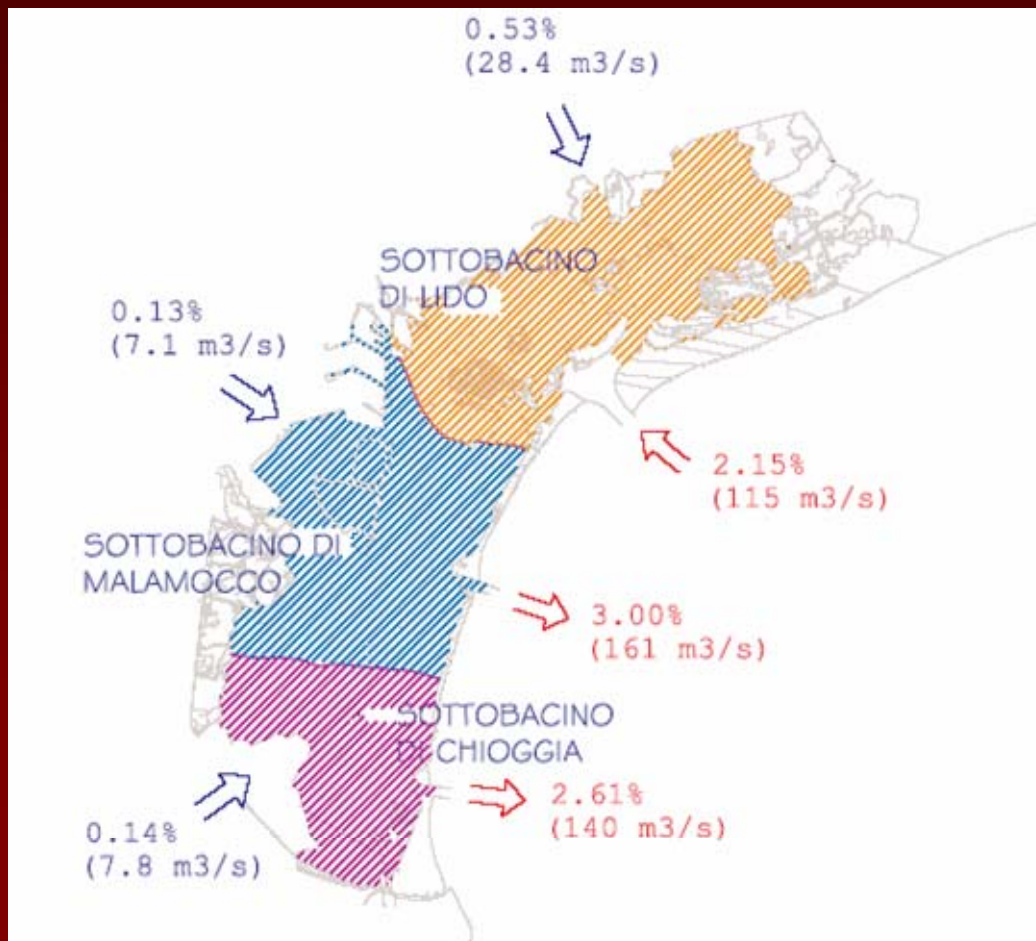
experimental installation of a radar tidal gage and waverecorder



# RESIDUAL FLOW AND INDEX OF RIVER CONTAMINATION

Evidence of ground-water recharge into the lagoon

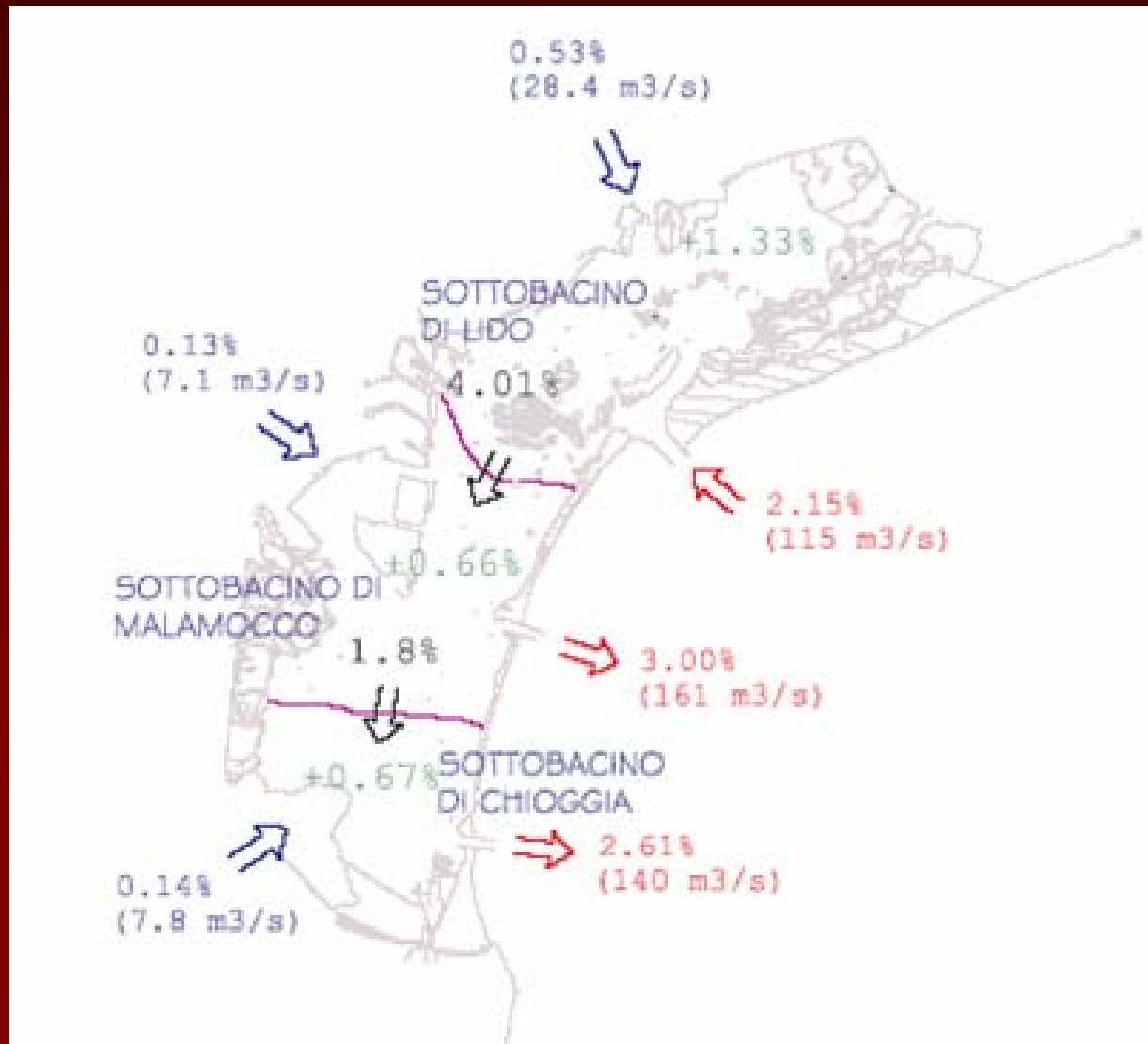
RESIDUAL FLOW as a percentage of the tidal flux ( 5 333 m<sup>3</sup>/s )



**2.96% -**  
**5.60% =**  
**2.65%**  
**140 m<sup>3</sup>/s**

## RESIDUAL FLOW AND INDEX OF RIVER CONTAMINATION

First estimation of the ground-water recharge into the lagoon



## RESIDUAL FLOW AND INDEX OF RIVER CONTAMINATION

installation of salinity probes MICROCAT CTD  
at the inlets at different depth



SBE 37-SI MicroCAT CT Monitor



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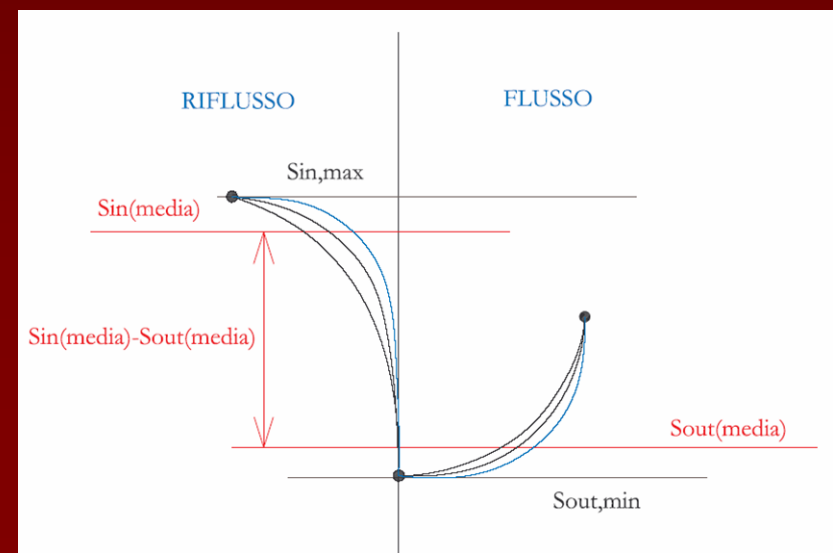
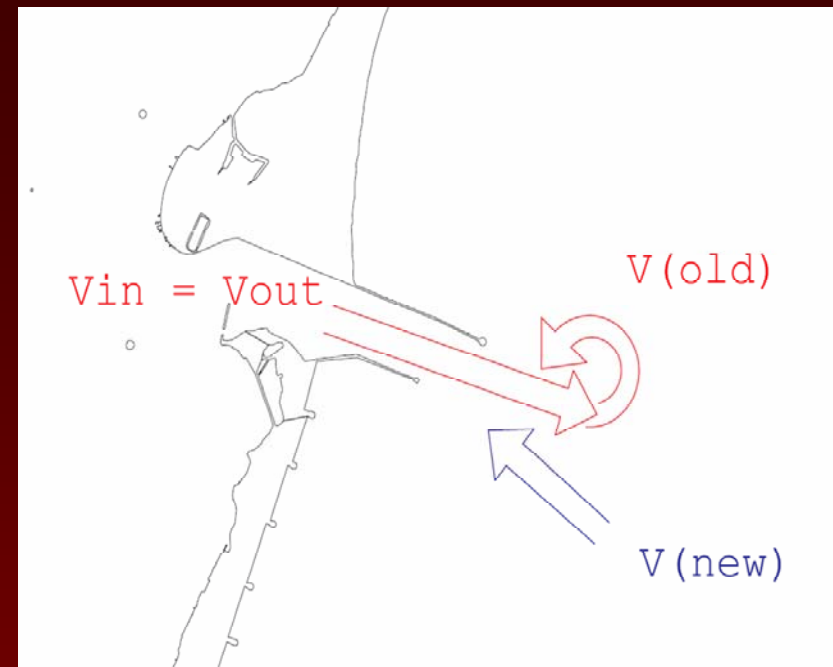
Tidal flushing at the lagoon inlets:  
water recirculation at sea

$$\text{Renewal} = \frac{V(\text{new})}{V_{\text{in}}}$$

$$\text{Renewal} = \frac{S_{\text{in,mean}} - S_{\text{out,mean}}}{S_{\text{in,max}} - S_{\text{out,mean}}}$$

$$V_{\text{in}} = V(\text{old}) + V(\text{new})$$

$$\text{Recirculation} = \frac{V(\text{old})}{V_{\text{in}}} = 1 - \text{Renewal}$$

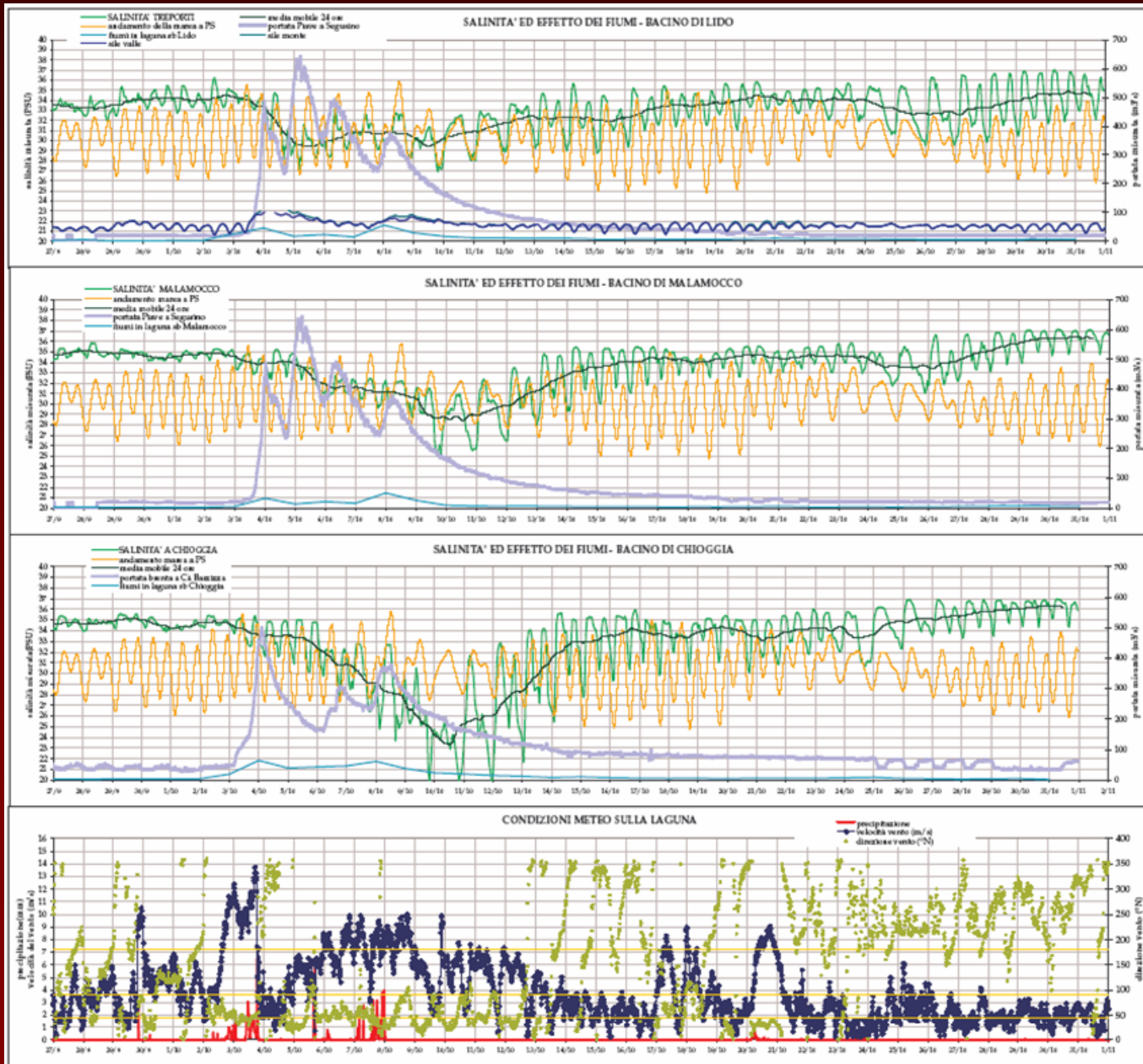


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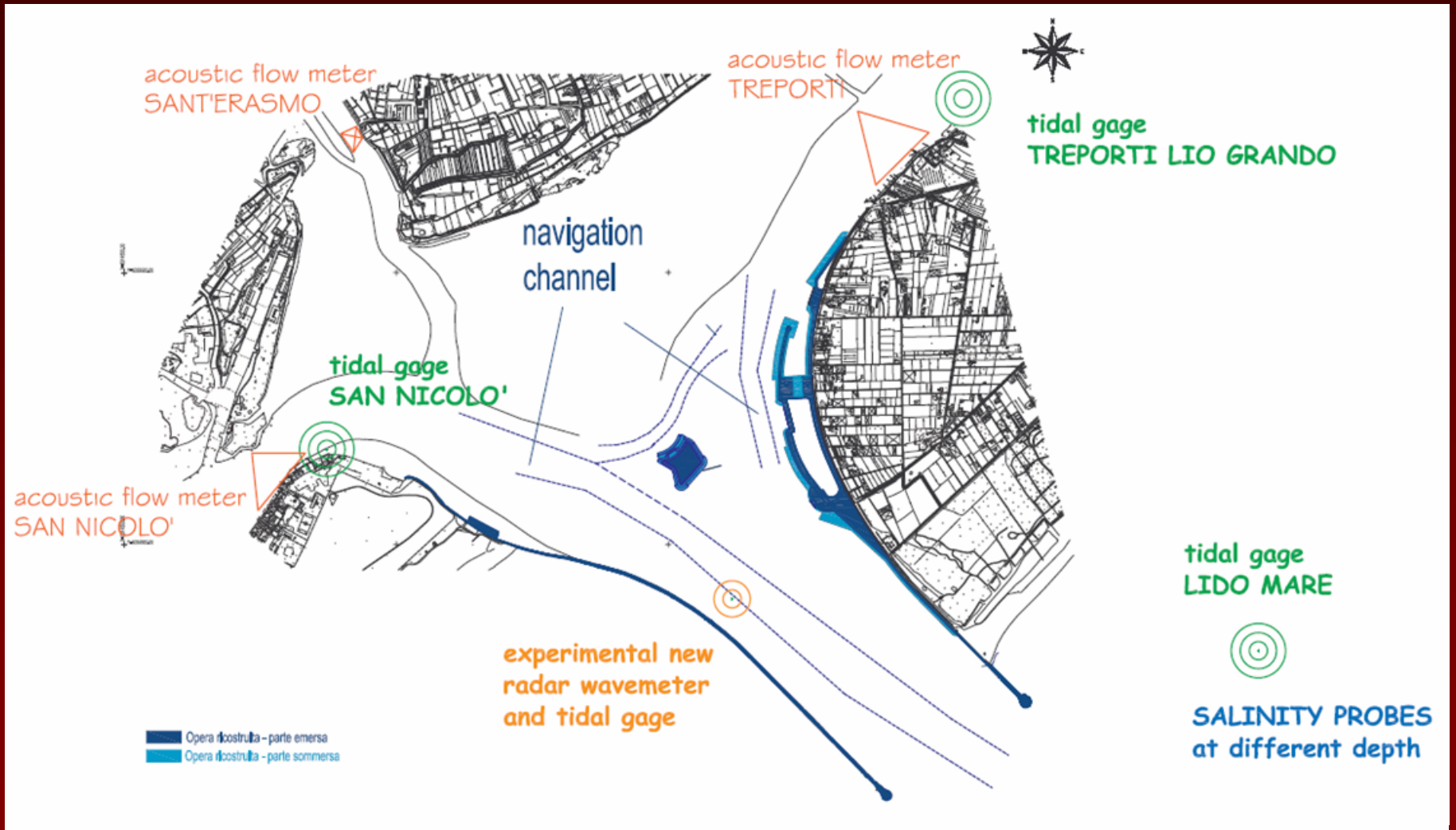
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data campagna di misura	bocca di porto	Salinità max in ingresso	Salinità minima in riflusso	Volume scambiato (m3)	Carico di sale in ingresso (t)	Carico di sale in uscita (t)	Ricambio	Ricircolo	Efficienza del ricambio rispetto al ricambio ideale in assenza di ricircoli
30-31/10/02	<b>lido</b>	34.68	31.83	128 812 000	4 368 000	4 282 000	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>0.23</b>
06-07/11/02	<b>lido</b>	34.50	31.93	188 424 000	6 387 000	6 140 000	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.51</b>
12-13/11/02	<b>malamocco</b>	35.89	34.34	83 926 000	3 007 000	2 931 000	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.58</b>
01-02/04/03	<b>malamocco</b>	35.14	34.37	214 305 000	7 489 000	7 378 000	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.67</b>
22-23/03/03	<b>chioggia</b>	35.00	33.80	66 857 000	2 269 000	2 334 000	<b>0.21</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>0.11</b>
29-30/03/2003	<b>chioggia</b>	35.40	33.90	101 479 000	3 551 000	3 476 000	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>0.49</b>
15-16/07/04	<b>chioggia</b>	35.91	34.90	88 260 000	3 139 000	3 106 000	<b>0.52</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.37</b>

# RESIDUAL FLOW AND INDEX OF RIVER CONTAMINATION



# AT LIDO INLET



## CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Venice storm surge barriers are a good example of artificial device for flood protection without impacting the sensitive hydro-morphological system

A monitoring system has been set up for controlling the process

In order to improve the reability of the survey system a wi-fi sensor communication system will be tested