

dBSea

Underwater sound propagation prediction

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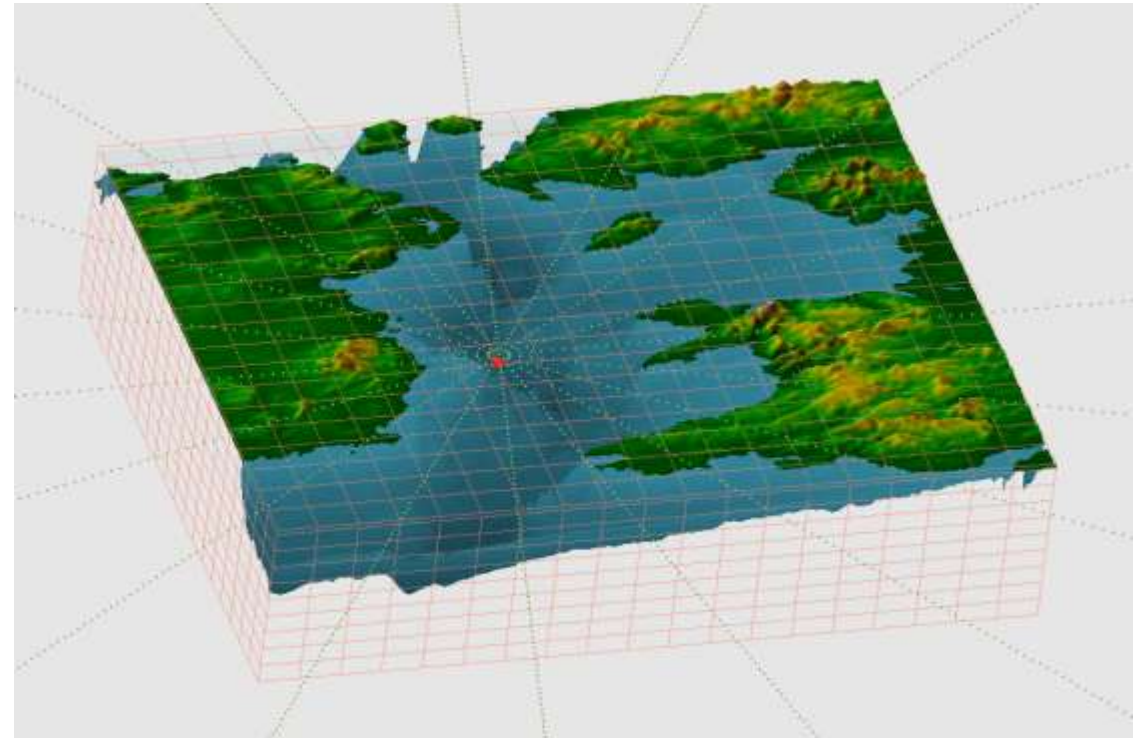
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Background:

- Increased awareness that marine noise is a significant pollutant.
- Acknowledgement that neither spreadsheet models or complicated coding interface models were conducive to good practise in impact assessment.

Key features of dBSea

- Industry leading propagation modelling,
- Full range dependency for all environmental variables
- Any number of moving or stationary sources
- User friendly interface, data input and results export.



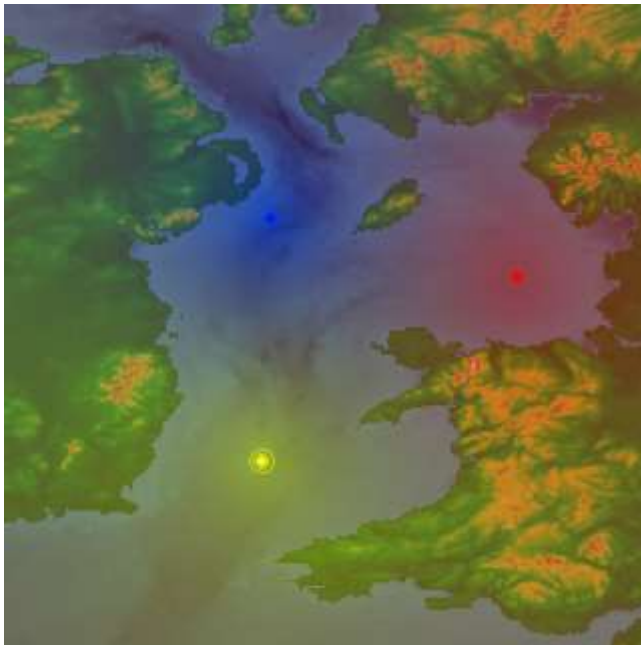
Propagation modelling

dBSea uses 3 advanced propagation solvers to cover frequencies from 10 Hz to 168 Hz

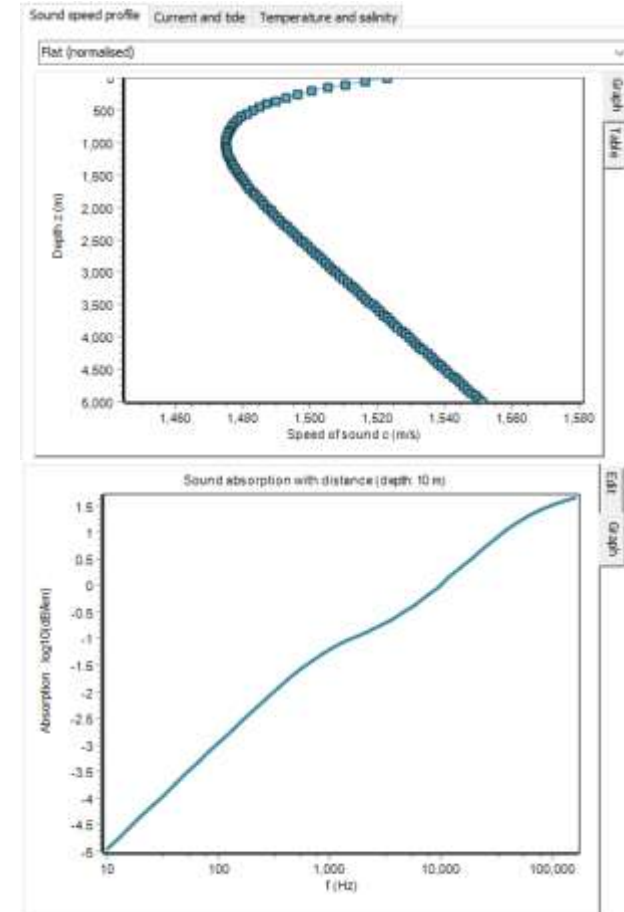
- dBSeaPE – a parabolic equation solver, ideal for low frequency propagation problems
- dBSeaModes – a normal modes solver, compliments dBSeaPE for low frequency problems
- dBSeaRay – a ray tracing solver, applicable to all frequencies but excels at high frequencies
- Any combination of solvers can be used

Environmental variables

- Import Sound speed profile, sediment profile, bathymetry, current, temperature and salinity with copy/paste operations.
- Or if you have a lot of data, dBSea supports JSON script import



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    }  
  }  
}
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Work flow

dBSea

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Set up the overall project world

Load bathymetry

Properties map

Set world scale

Shape overlays

Setup Cross Section

Image overlay

Set on map

Coordinate system

(m), z: 236 (m)

Square aspect ratio

Set to map resolution

Step sizes

Radial slices 100

Range points 100

OK

Cancel

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Open bathymetry file

LOCAL WORK (sync weekly) > Acoustics workshop MI > for presentation

Organize New folder

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
base	05-Feb-18 16:48	UWA File	224 KB
cork	05-Feb-18 16:45	UWA File	91,684 KB
Corkland.asc	05-Feb-18 15:29	ASC File	50,740 KB
SW-Corkland.asc	05-Feb-18 15:05	ASC File	40,387 KB

File name: All files

Open Cancel

Set up the overall project world

Load bathymetry Properties map

Set world scale Shape overlays

Setup Cross Section Image overlay Set on map

Coordinate system

Project area: x: 298052 (m), y: 283701 (m), z: 236 (m)

Easting (m)

Northing (m)

UTM zone (optional)

Set up this scenario

Calculation grid

x points Square aspect ratio

y points Set to map resolution

z depth points Step sizes

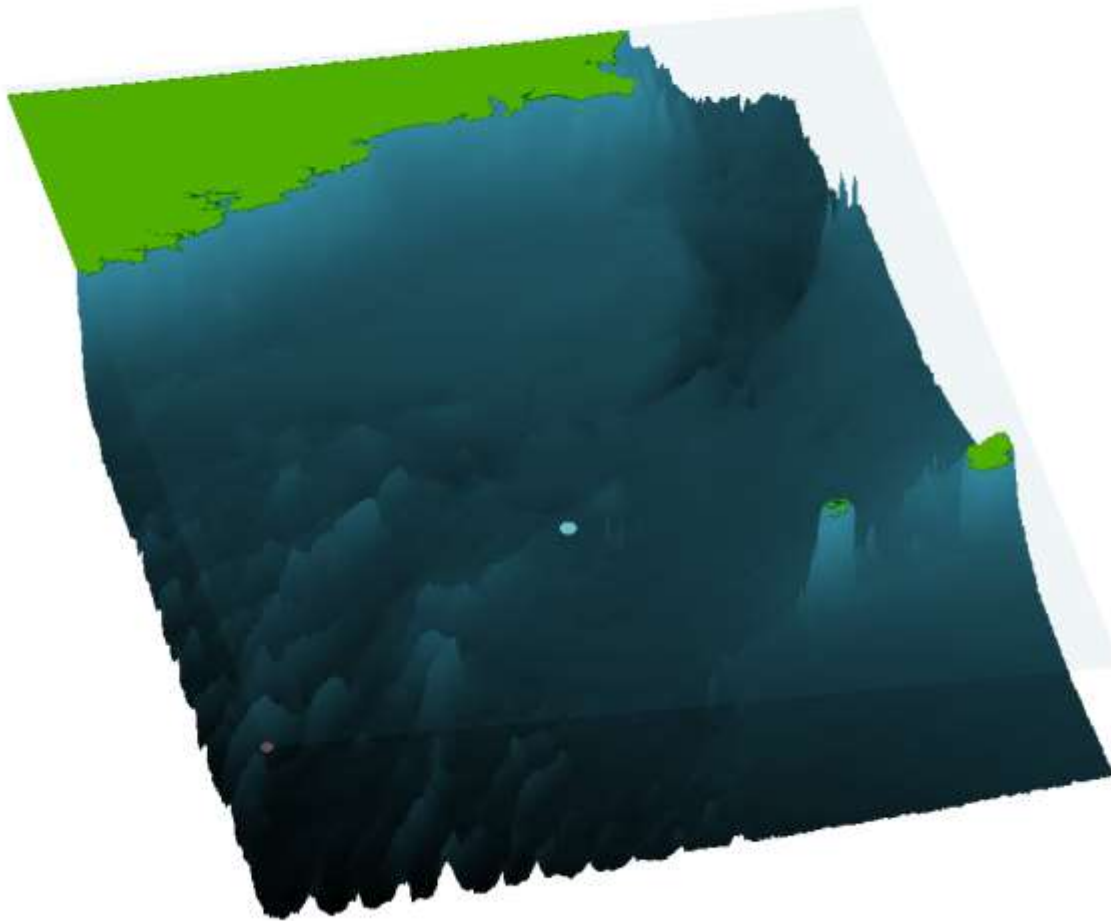
Source solution

Radial slices

Range points

OK Cancel

Match scenario x and y resolution to resolution of bathymetry



Set up the overall project world

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Shape overlays

Setup Cross Section

Image overlay

Set on map

Coordinate system

Project area: x: 255861 (m), y: 394717 (m), z: 30 (m)

Easting (m)

Northing (m)

UTM zone (optional)

Set up this scenario

Calculation grid

x points

y points

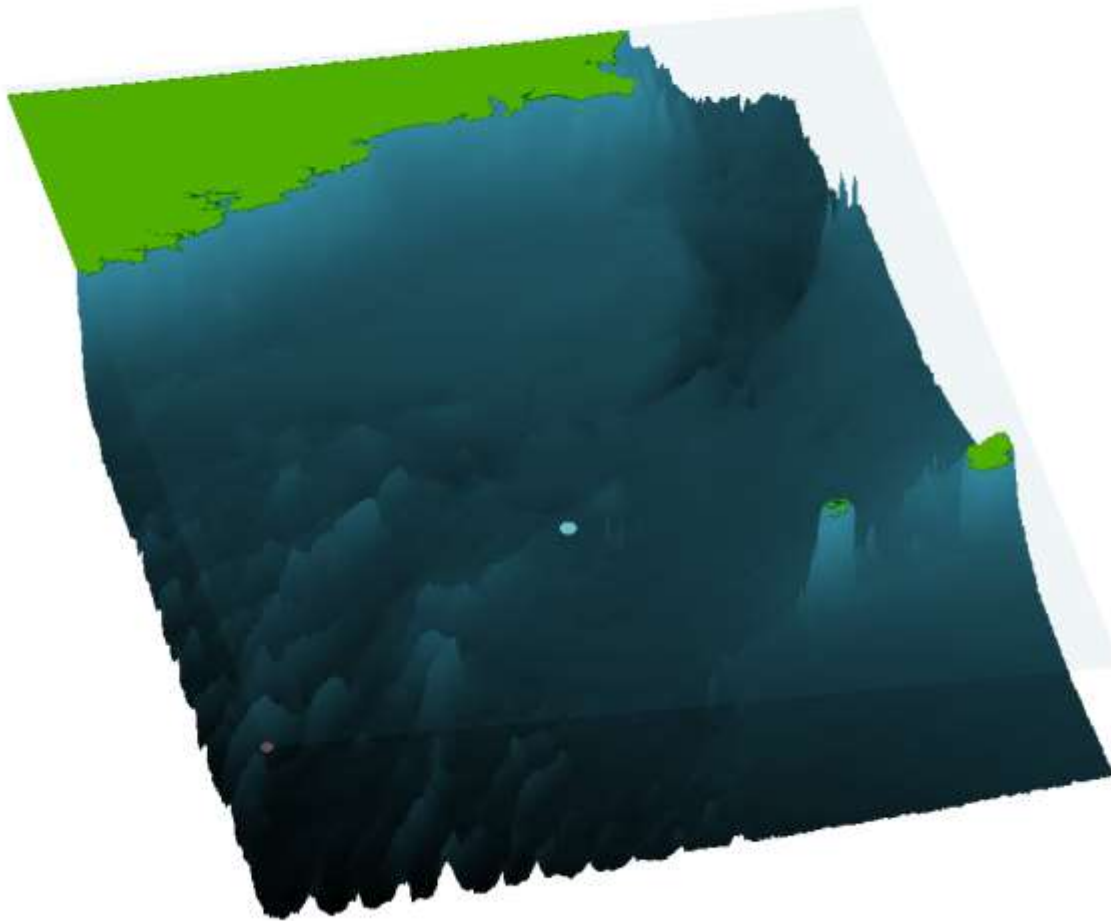
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Set source motion

Set speed (km/h) Set speed (knot) Set speed (m/s) Set time (s)

	x	y	z	Time (s)	Sectors		
1	747330	5517774	5			Add	
2	890691	5554322	5	13135.6	10	Add	Remove
3	579988	5668395	5	31038.8	20	Add	Remove
4	359450	5698221	5	6880.1	5	Add	Remove
5	553546	5715760	5	3597.3	4	Add	Remove
6	550850	5727047	5	2255.8	3	Add	Remove
7	550080	5734340	5	1425.6	3	Add	Remove
8	550208	5741981	5	1485.4	3	Add	Remove

Total calculation positions: 49, total time: 59818.6, total distance: 307733

Remove all rows

Import Export Import Export OK Cancel

Add, remove, edit noise sources

Add Remove Import CSV Duplicate

Source 1

Name: Source 1

x (m): Moving source

y (m): Moving source

Depth z (m): Moving source

OK Cancel

Water depth at source location: 112 (m)

Source enabled

Moving source **Motion**

Moving sources retain all calculated levels (memory intensive)

Level: 183.1 dBSL

Spectrum Directivity

Time series Radials

Set for all sources Colour

Display optional thresholds for this source (ignoring other sources)

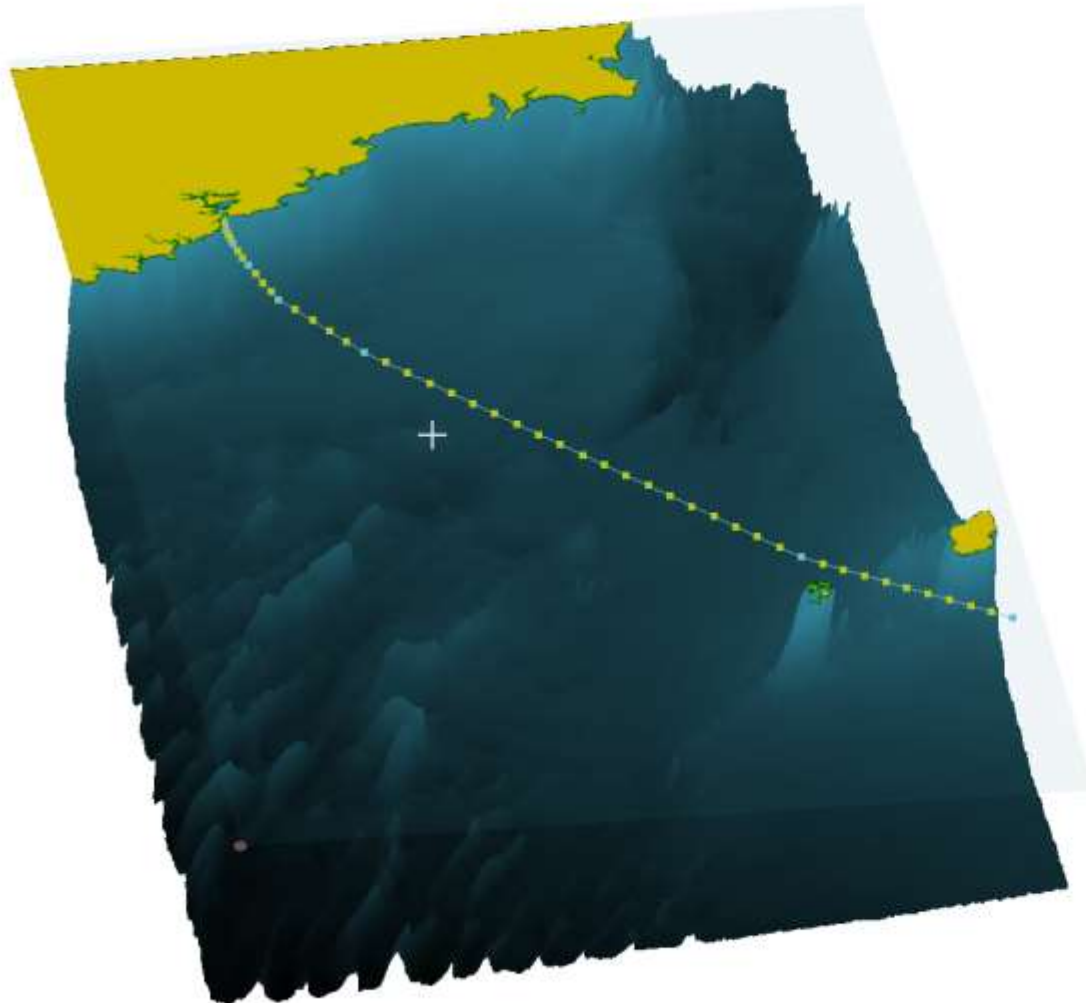
Threshold level (dB): 133.1

Choose threshold

Show threshold

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Add Remove Import CSV
Duplicate

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x (m): Moving source
y (m): Moving source
Depth z (m): Moving source

OK Cancel

Water depth at source location: 112 (m)

Source enabled
 Moving source **Motion**
 Moving sources retain all calculated levels (memory intensive)

Level: 183.1 dBGL

Spectrum Directivity
Time series Radial
Set for all sources Colour

Display optional thresholds for this source (ignoring other sources)
Threshold level (dB): 133.1
Choose threshold
Show threshold

315 MB



Edit source spectrum: Source 1

Name	Count	Duty%	Level	12.5	16	20	25	31.5	40	50	63	80	100	125	16
Bulk Cargo ship, pro	1	100	183.1	166	168	167	175	168	174	177	175	171	169	167	16
Total			183.1	166	168	167	175	168	174	177	175	171	169	167	16

Mitigation

Total : 183.1 dB Copy to clipboard

Level type

Source level: dB SL @ 1m

Source power level: dB SWL Lw

Sound exposure level: dB SEL @ T0 = 1s

Assessment period for source (s): Set to...

Crest factor (Peak dB > RMS): Weighted levels

OK Cancel

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Depth z (m):

OK Cancel

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Level: 183.1 dBSL

Spectrum Directivity

Time series Radars

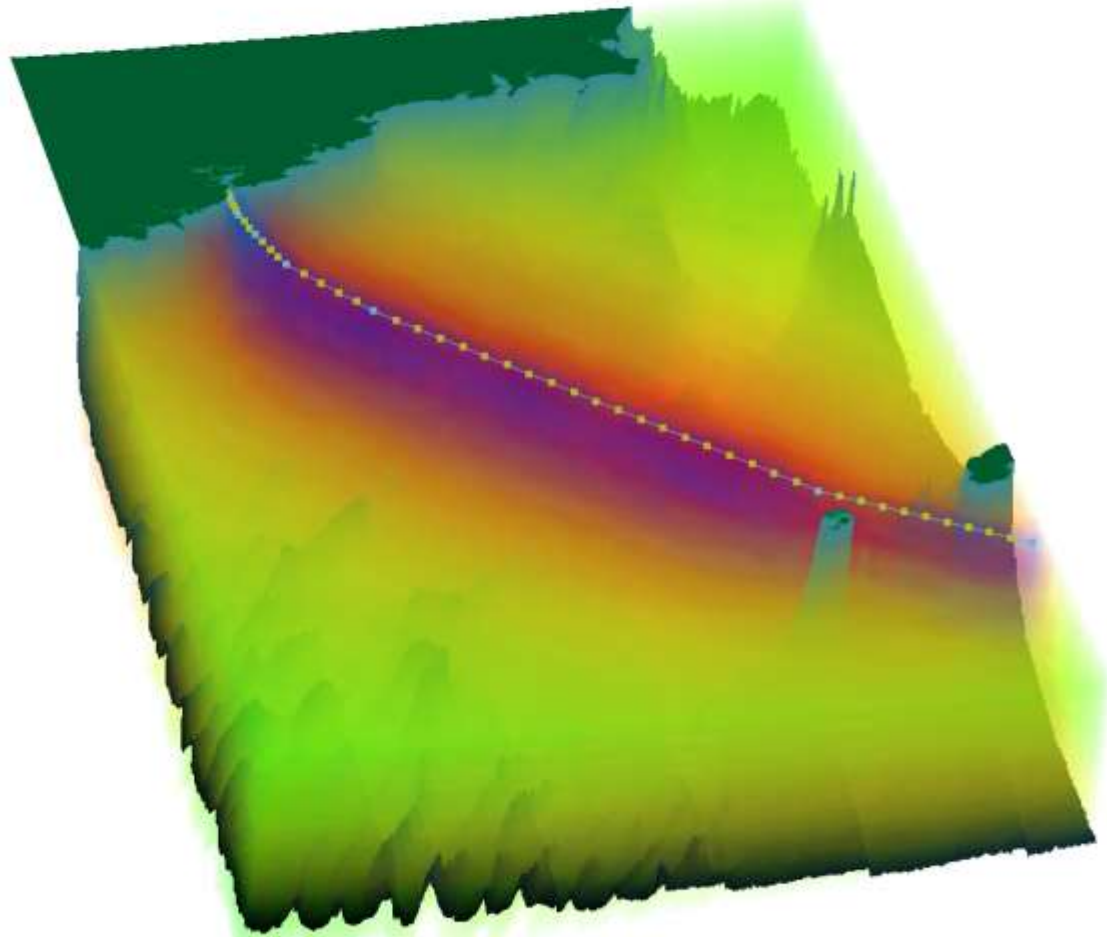
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Threshold level (dB):

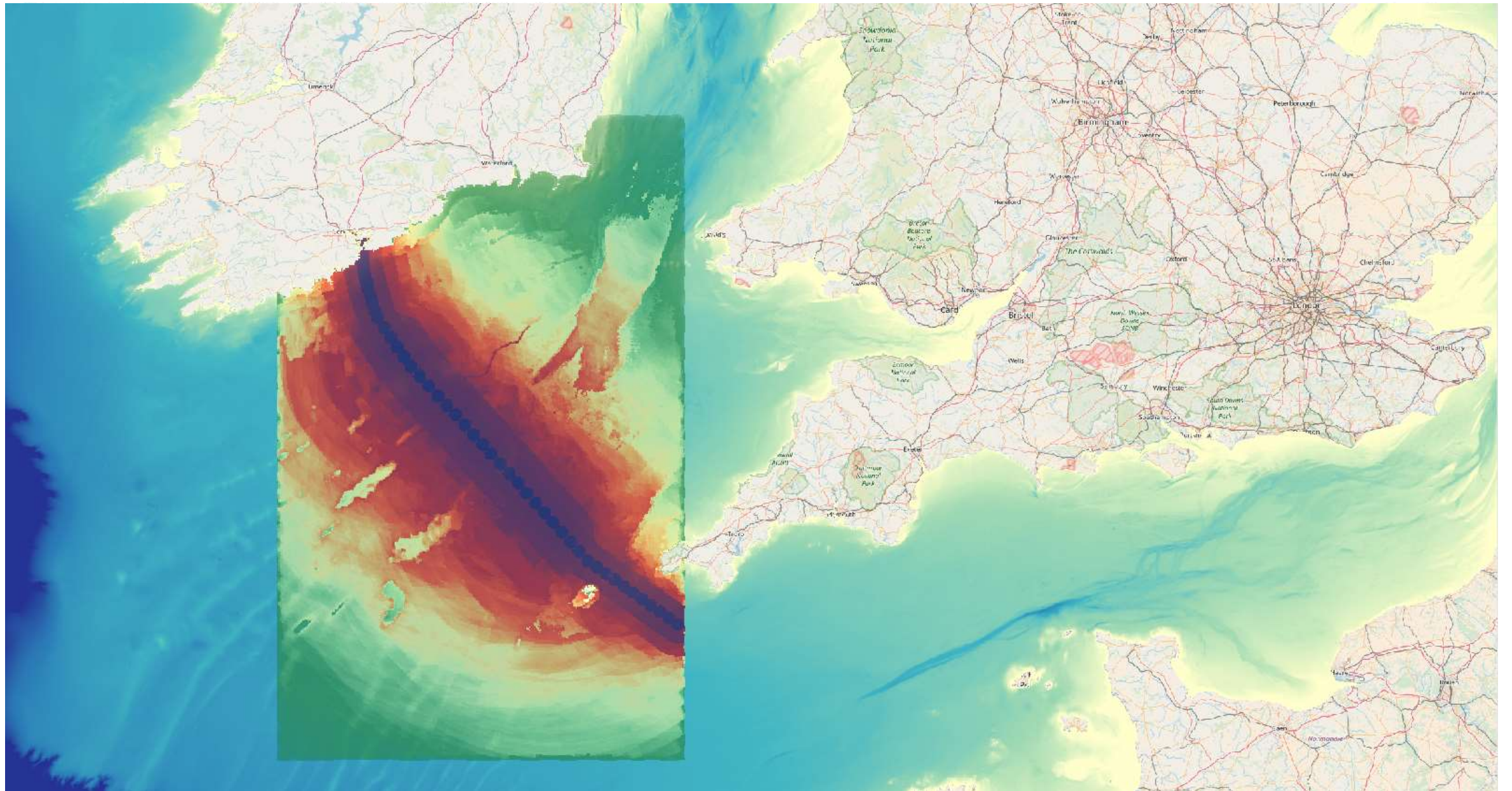
Choose threshold

Show threshold



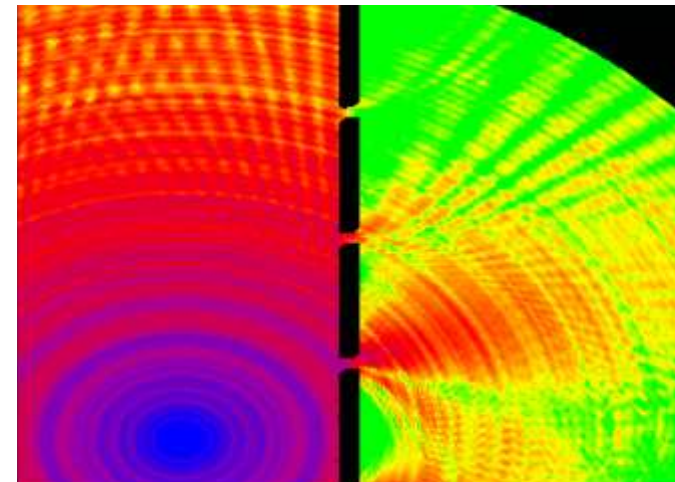
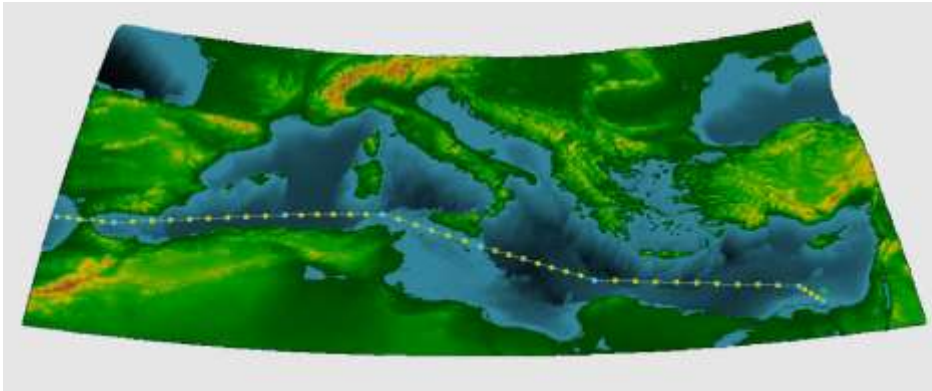
Marine species weightings

- None
- NOAA LF cetaceans (low frequency)
- NOAA MF cetaceans (mid frequency)
- NOAA HF cetaceans (high frequency)
- NOAA phocid pinnipeds (earless seals)
- NOAA otariid pinnipeds (eared seals)
- NOAA sirenians (manatees and dugongs)
- Cod
- Haddock
- Zander
- Pollack
- Atlantic salmon
- Sardine
- Catfish
- Harbour porpoise
- Killer whale
- Bottlenose dolphin
- Beluga whale
- Harbour seal**
- Deprecated NOAA LF cetaceans
- Deprecated NOAA MF cetaceans
- Deprecated NOAA HF cetaceans
- Deprecated NOAA Phocid pinnipeds
- Deprecated NOAA Otariid pinnipeds
- Phocoena phocoena
- Atlantic Cod
- Plaice
- Dab
- Pollack
- Herring
- Grey Seal
- Harbour Seal
- fin whale
- Minke whale
- Orca orcinus
- Tursiops truncatus
- NOAA LF Species TTS
- NOAA MF Species TTS
- NOAA HF Species TTS
- NOAA PW Species TTS
- NOAA OW Species TTS
- Human ASR dB(A) weighting
- Human Underwater Modelled
- Human underwater Modelled, normalised
- Pelagic Fish, excl. Clupeiformes
- NOAA OW (Otariid, Eared Seals)
- Fish, pelagic + Demersal
- NOAA PW (Phocid, True Seals)



Sources and probes

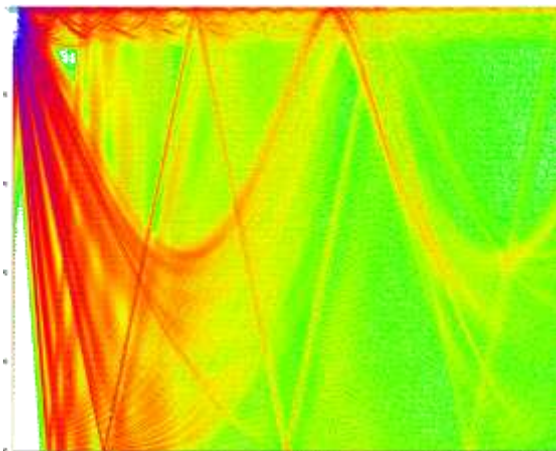
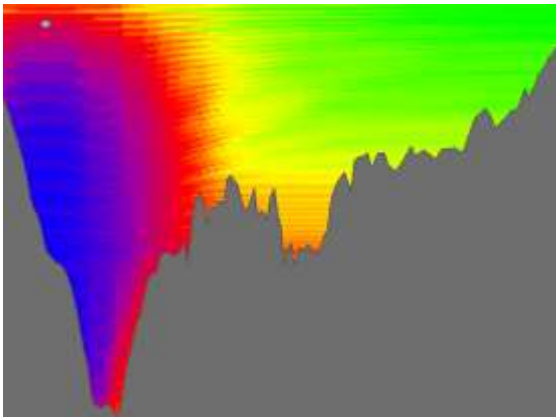
- Import any number of sources and probes, either moving or stationary, from csv or GPX files
- Soon to have autonomous “animats” that populate and move around the scenario according to sound levels, conspecifics and the environment, while being exposed to noise.



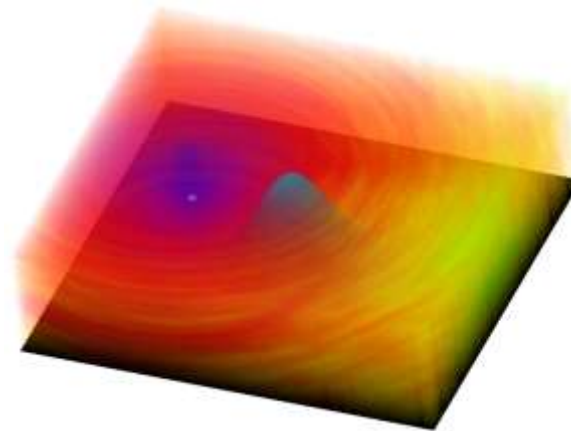
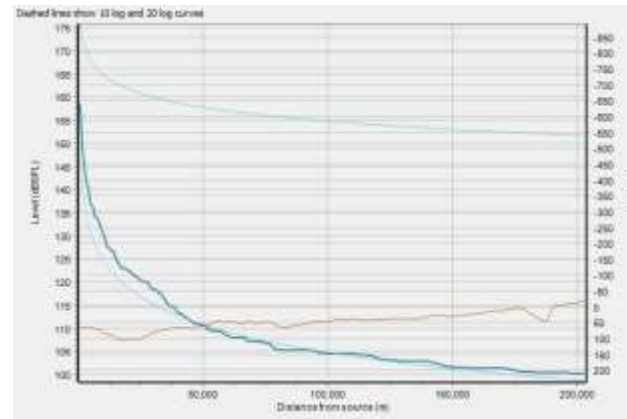
Inspect Data

→ Use a number of in-built tools to validate and inspect models before export of results.

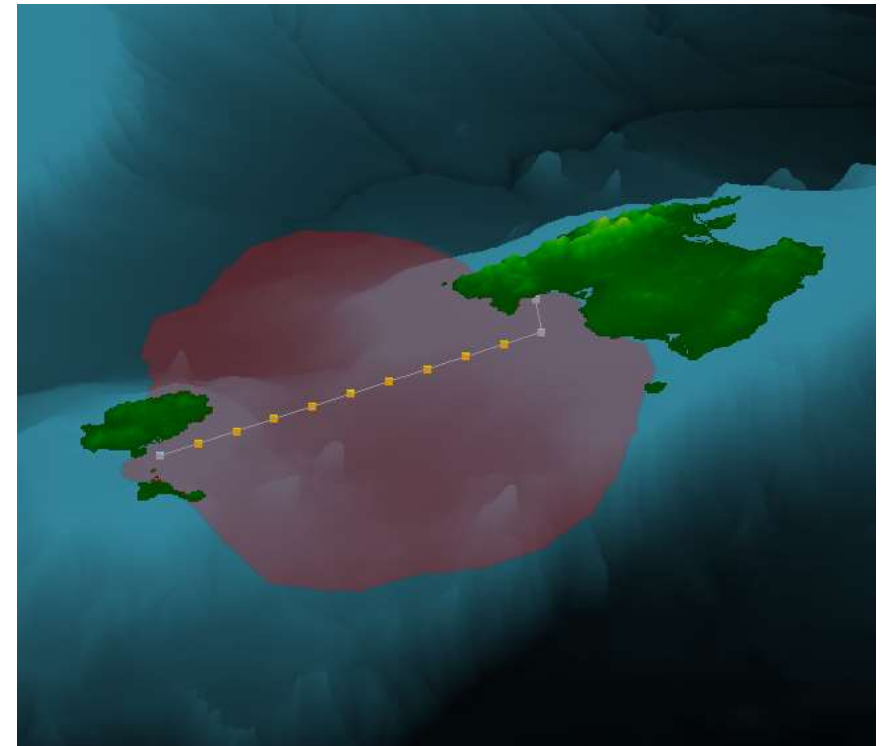
Transects



Transmission losses



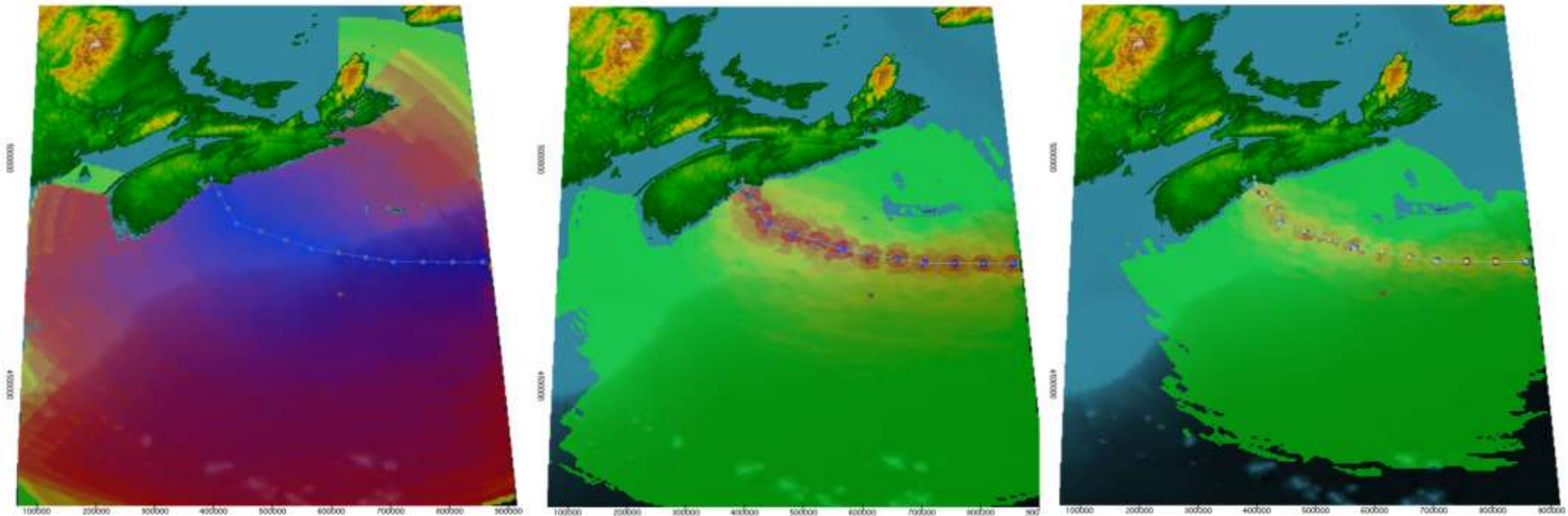
Exclusion zones



Inspect Data

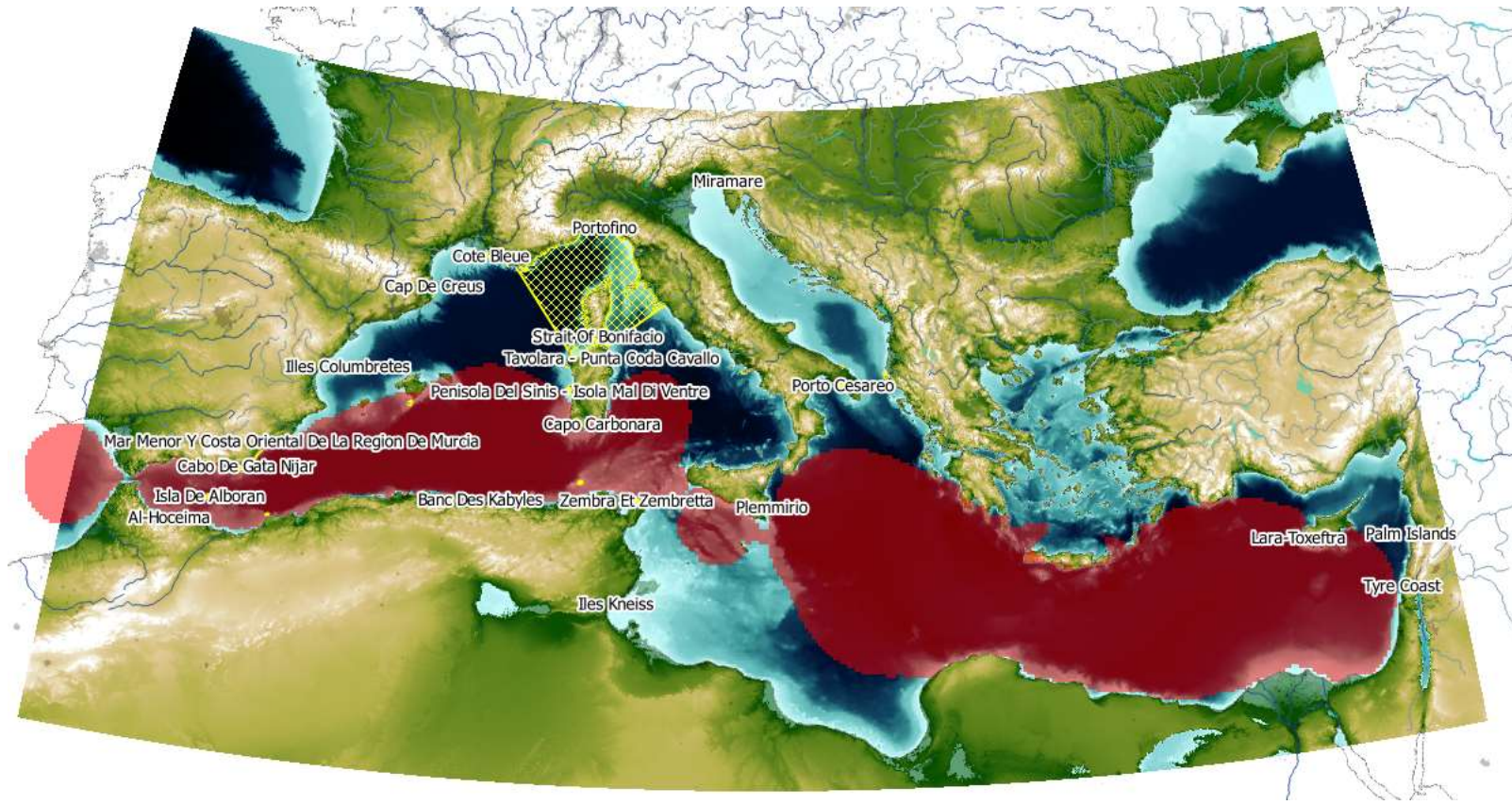
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Multiple scenarios – comparison of mitigation efforts, different receivers or equipment types



Data export

Export levels, exclusion zones or bathymetry, to integrate with you favourite GIS-solution



Thank you for listening!