

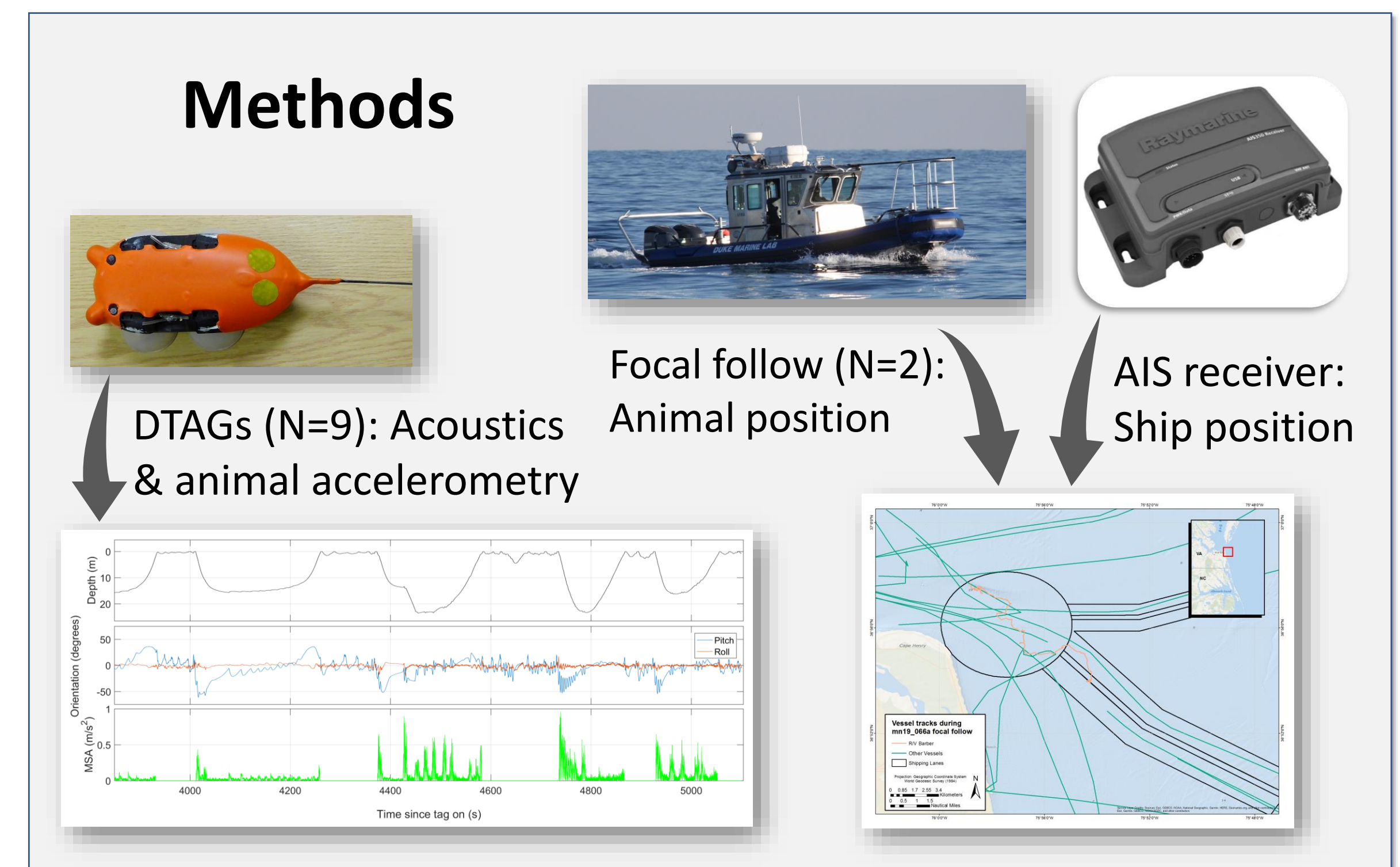
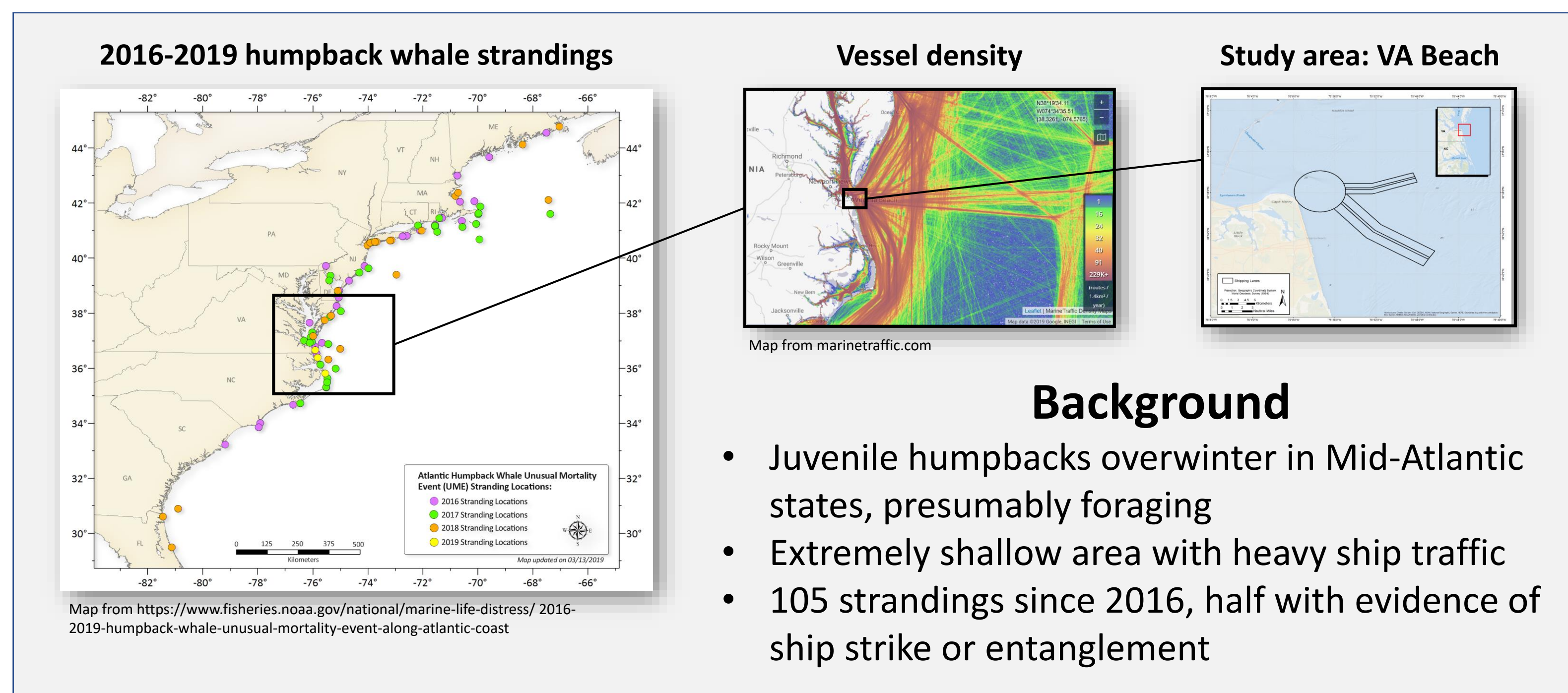
Behavioral responses of humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) to approaching ships in Virginia Beach, Virginia, USA

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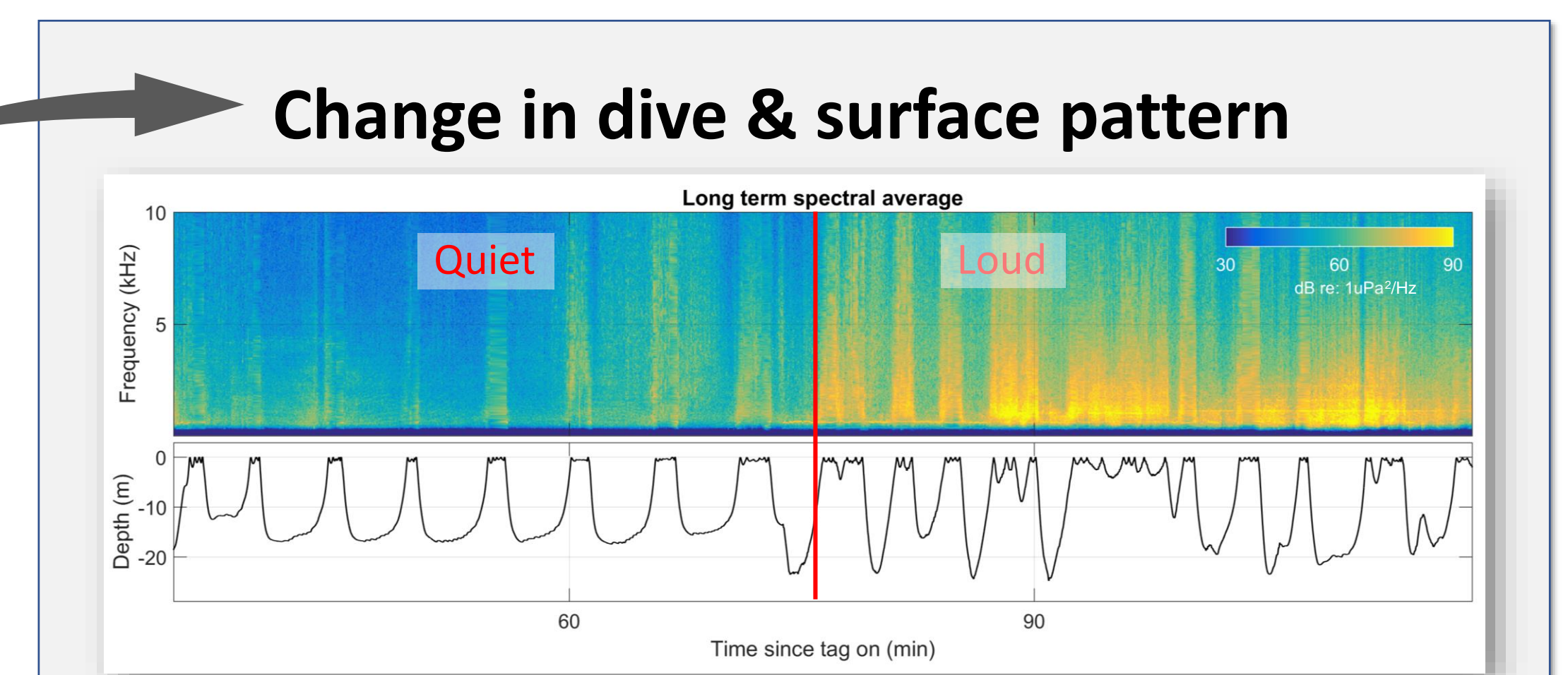
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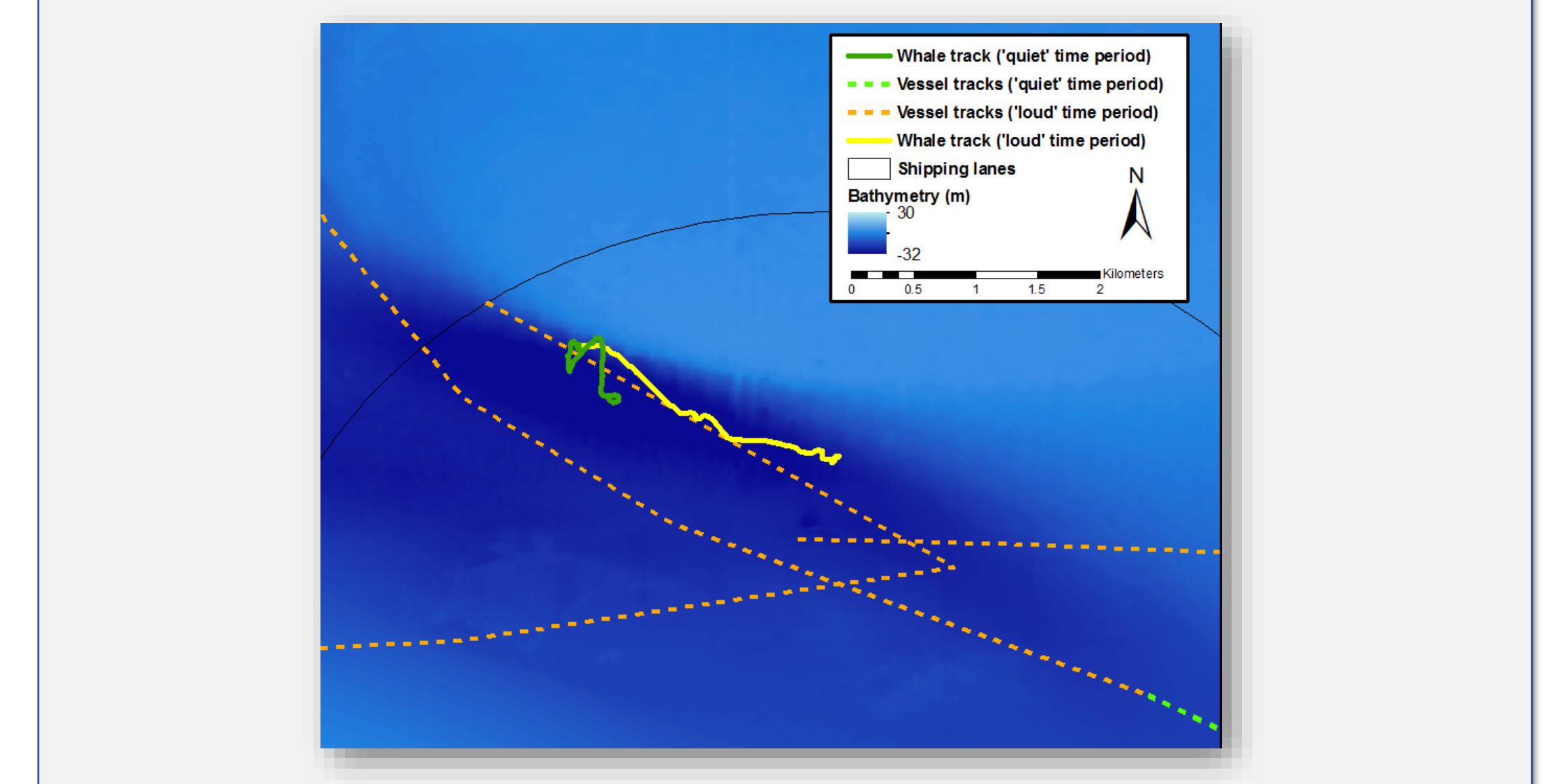
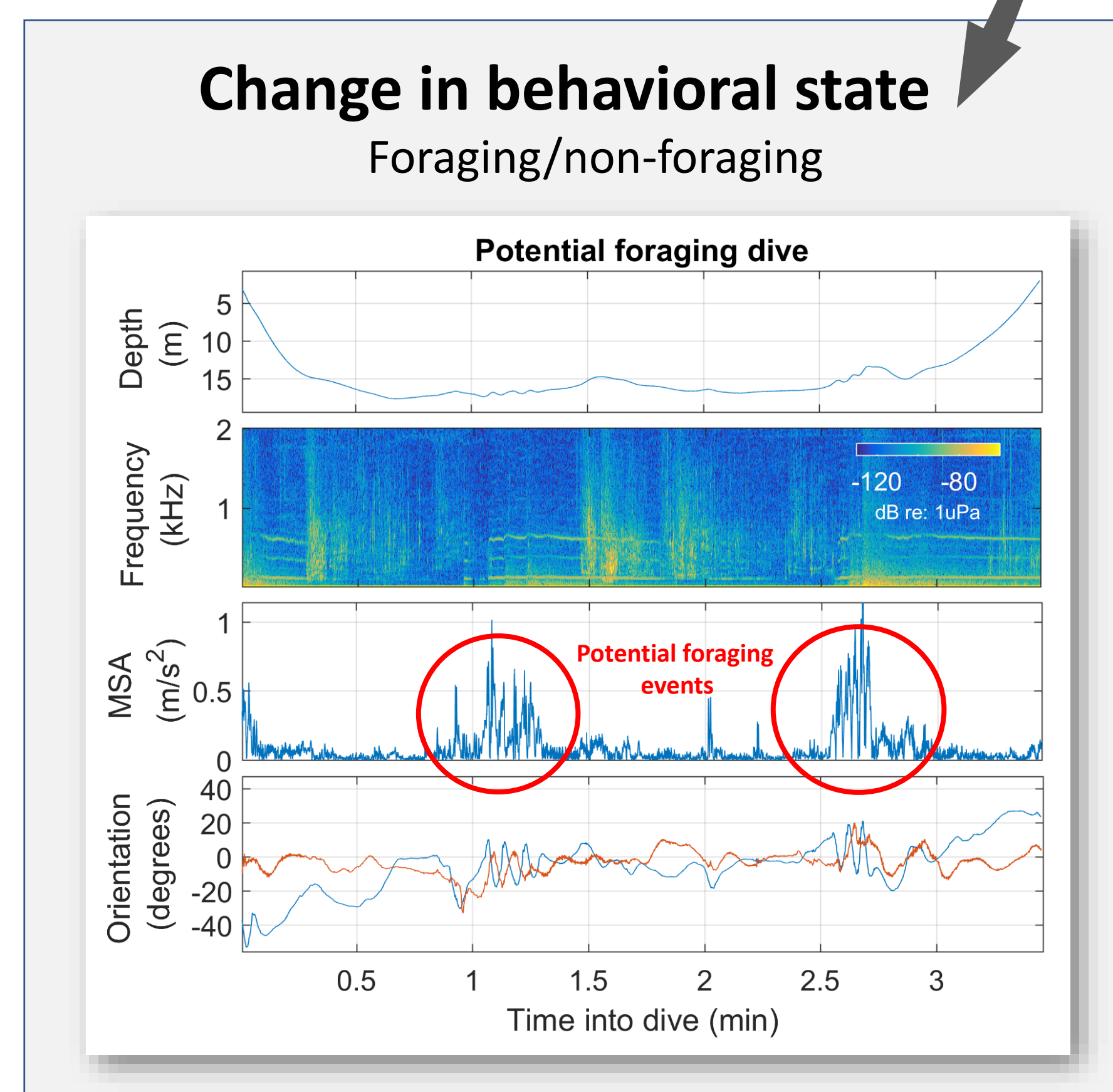
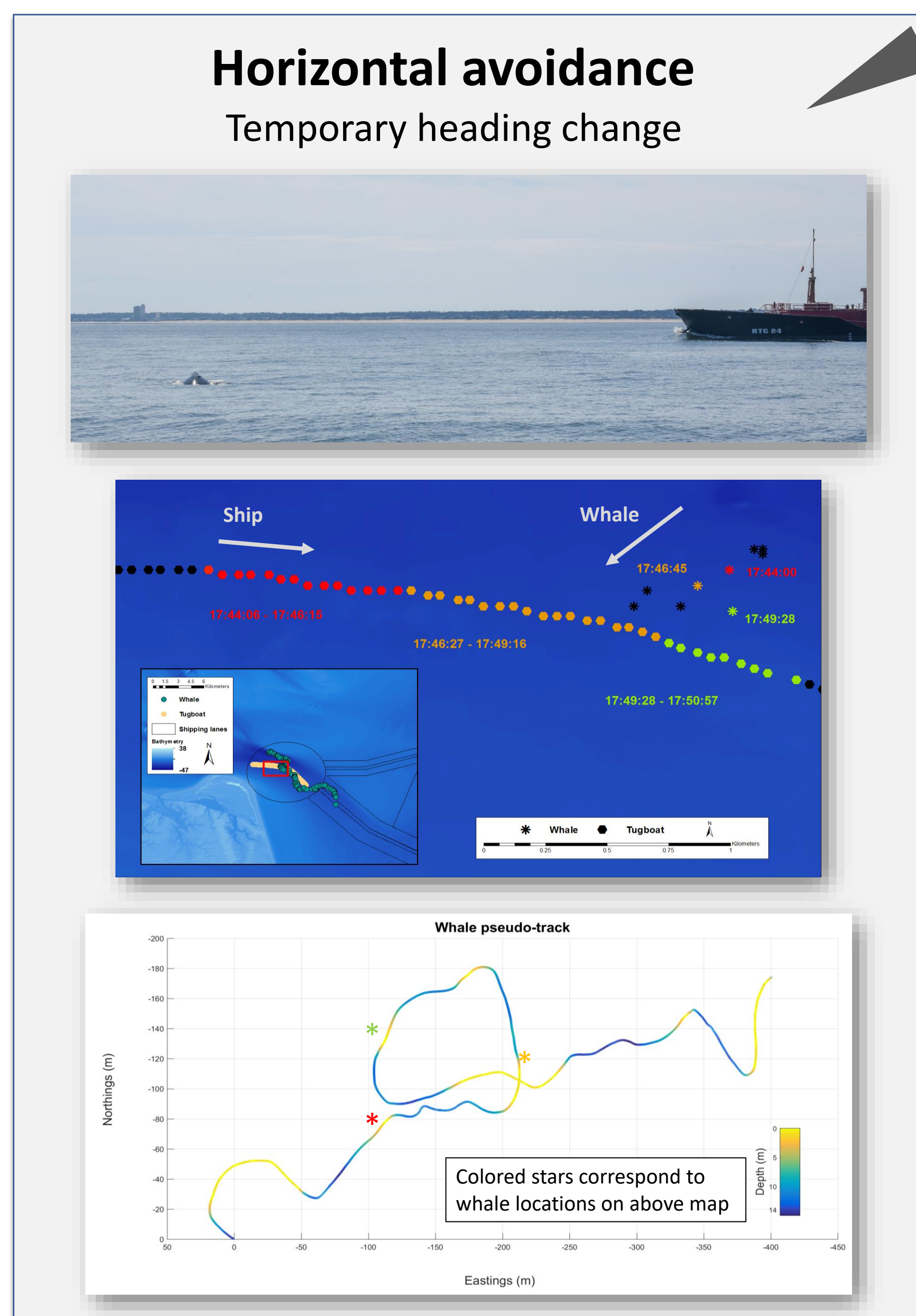


Research Questions

- Do humpbacks respond to ship approaches, and if so, which behavioral parameters change?
- Which aspect of a ship approach (acoustics or behavior) elicits which types of responses?
- Does the behavioral context of the animal (foraging/nonforaging) affect probability of response?



	Quiet	Loud
Spectral noise level	97 dB re: 1 uPa ² /Hz	114 dB re: 1 uPa ² /Hz
# dives (>4m)	8	14
Avg. dive duration	4 min	1.9 min
Surface time	10 min	19 min



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