

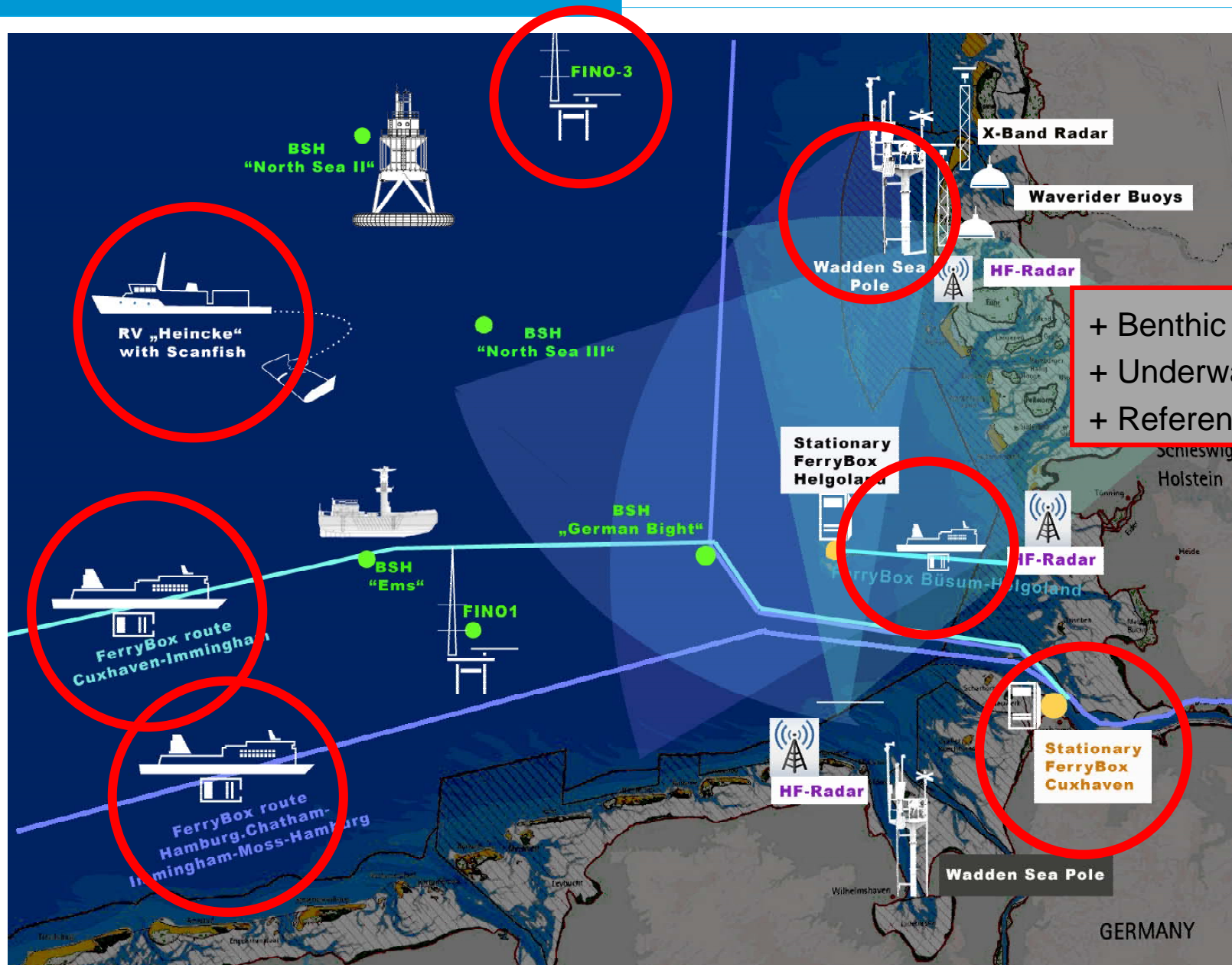
Oxygen – Measurements and validation/calibration

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Platforms



- + Benthic lander systems
- + Underwater nodes
- + Reference probe (CTD)

Sensor types in use

Sensor	Principle	Used at
AMT Sensor	Amperometric	ScanFish™
JFE Rinko Optode	Optical	Benthic Landers, Reference probe, ScanFish™ (future)
AANDERAA Optode	Optical	FerryBox, Wadden Sea Poles, Benthic Landers



AMT



JFE Rinko



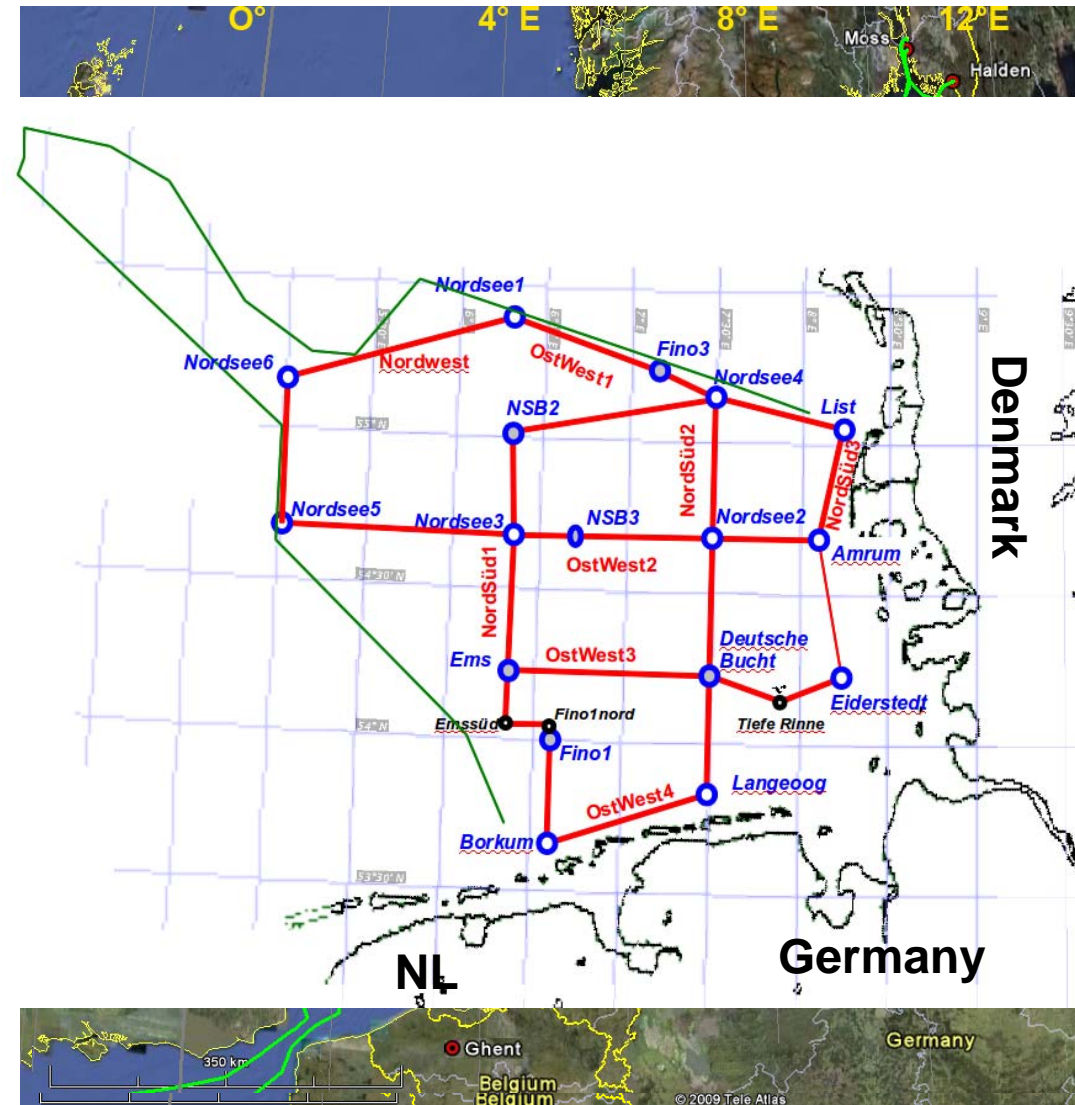
AANDERAA Optode

Platforms (selection)

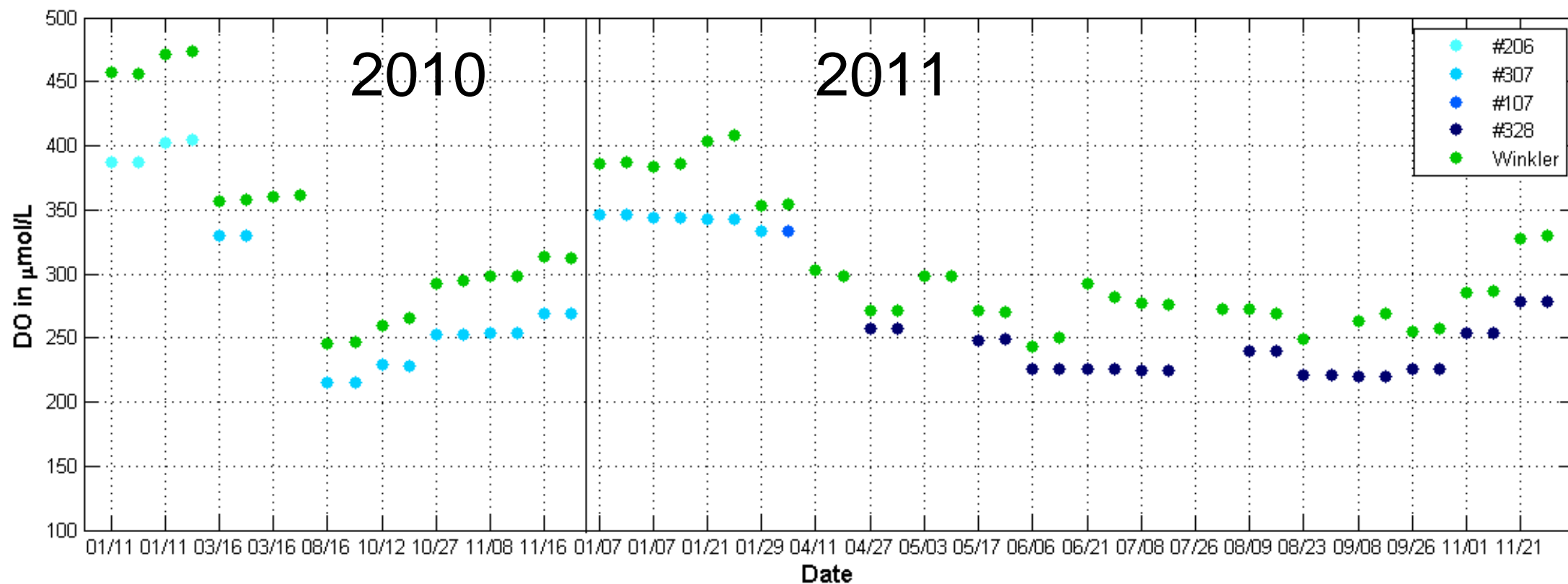
- **TorDania**
 - Route between Germany and England
 - Ferrybox maintenance in Cuxhaven

- **LysBris**
 - Route between Germany (now Belgium), England, Spain, Norway
 - Ferrybox maintenance in Hamburg (now Zeebrugge and/or Ghent, Belgium)

- **R/V Heincke**
 - Research cruises in the German Bight
 - All maintenance aboard
 - Winkler measurements aboard

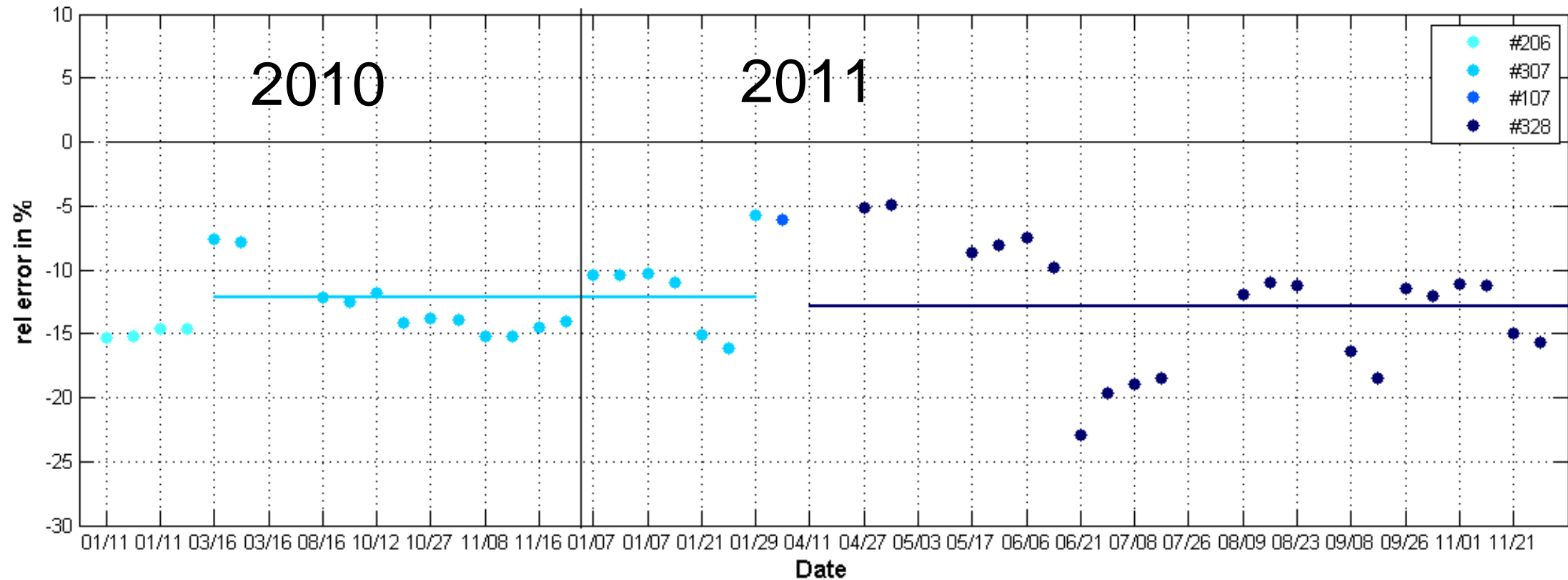


In situ vs. lab comparison (Tor Dania)



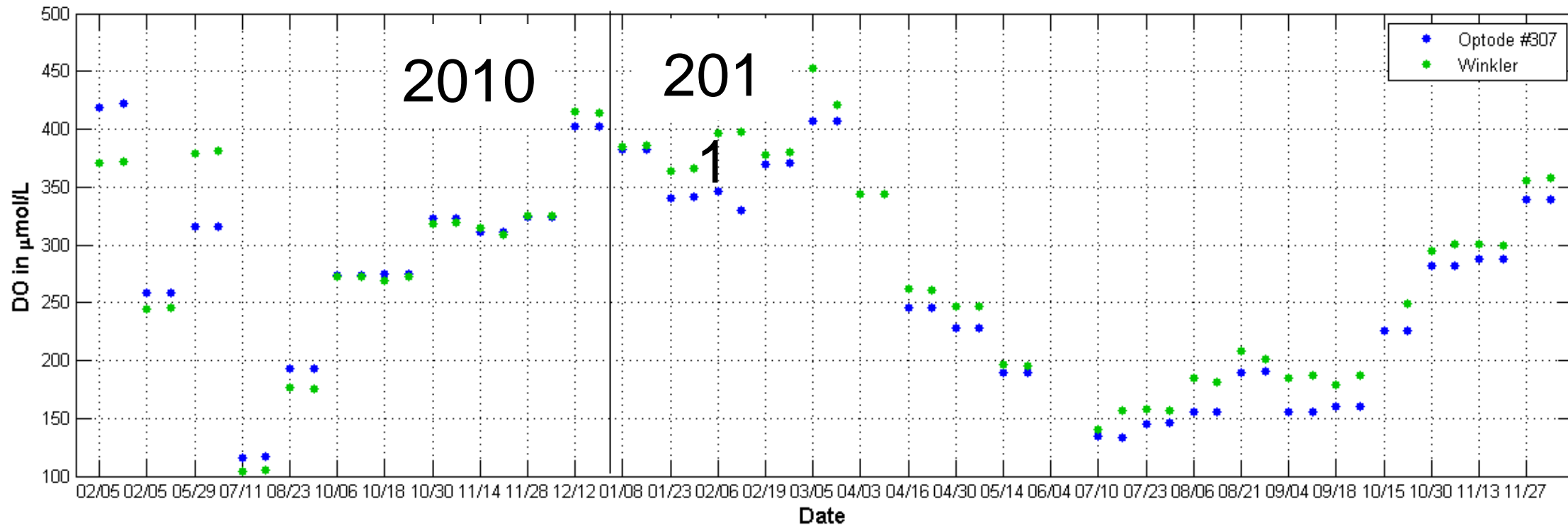
Four different optodes in two years

Tor Dania 2010-2011 relative error



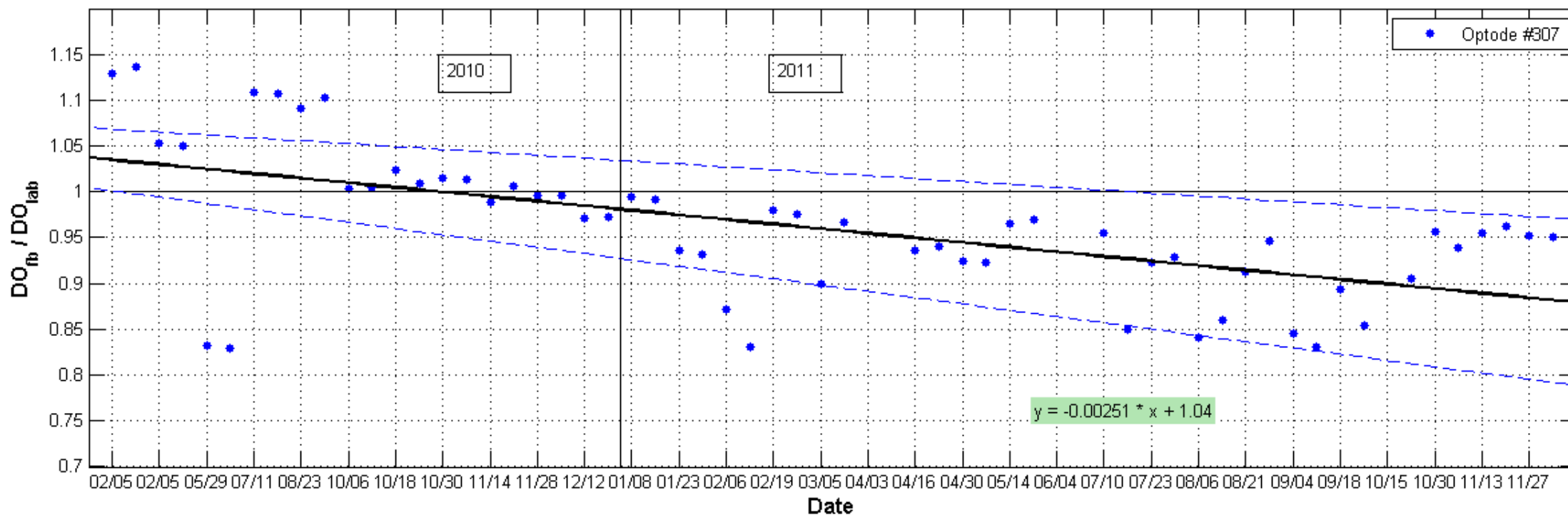
Relative error and mean values for each optode (minus 10-15%)
→ No general difference between optodes

In situ vs. lab comparison (Lysbris)



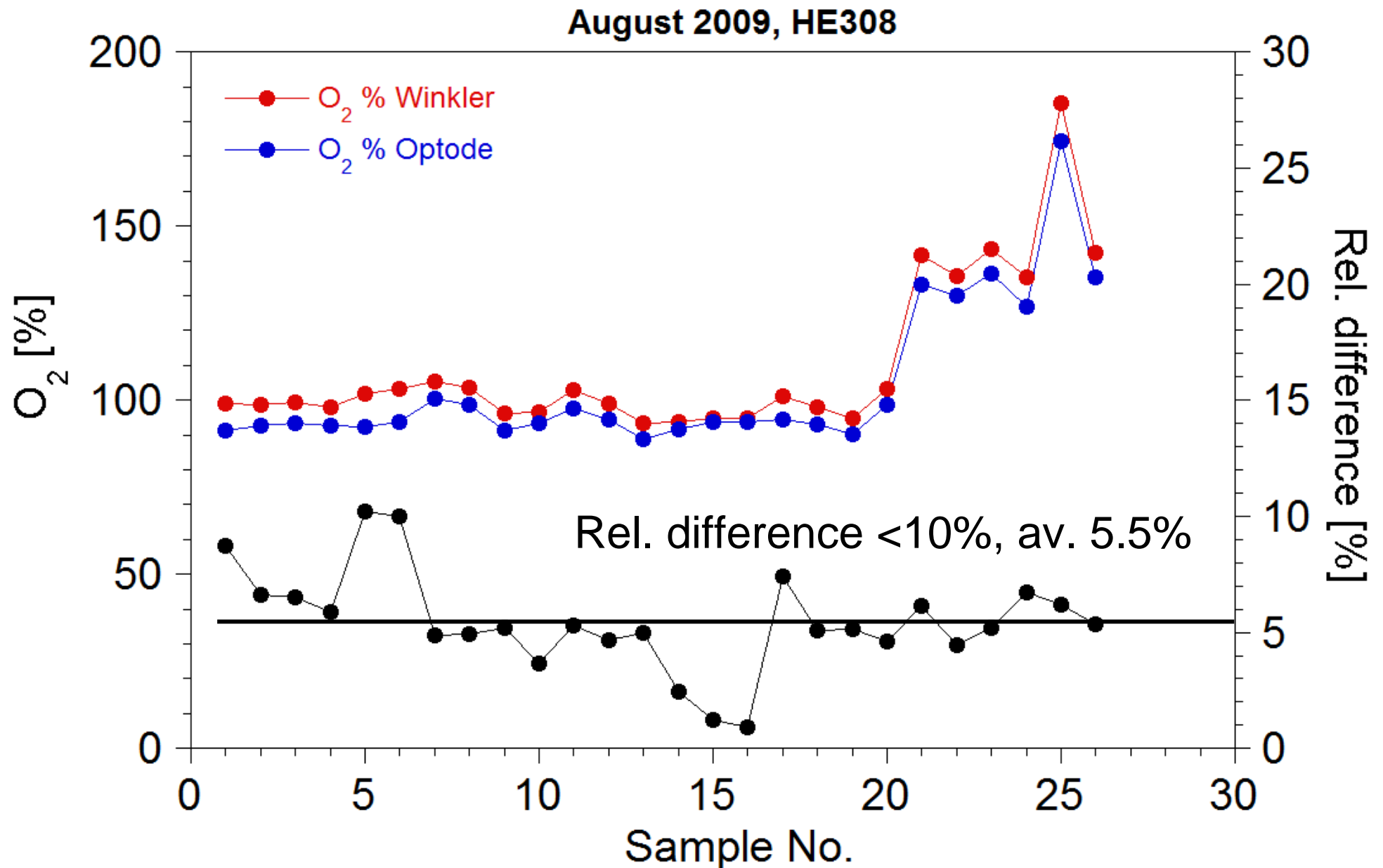
- Measurements taken in Hamburg harbour → low DO values in summer!
- Broad spread of optode and Winkler measurement differences → Reasons?
 - Problems due to manual water sampling?
 - Inprecise optode measurements at higher values?

Ratio of DO in situ vs. lab (Lysbris)



Drifting optode, starting with overestimation in 2010

In situ vs. aboard lab comparison (R/V Heincke)

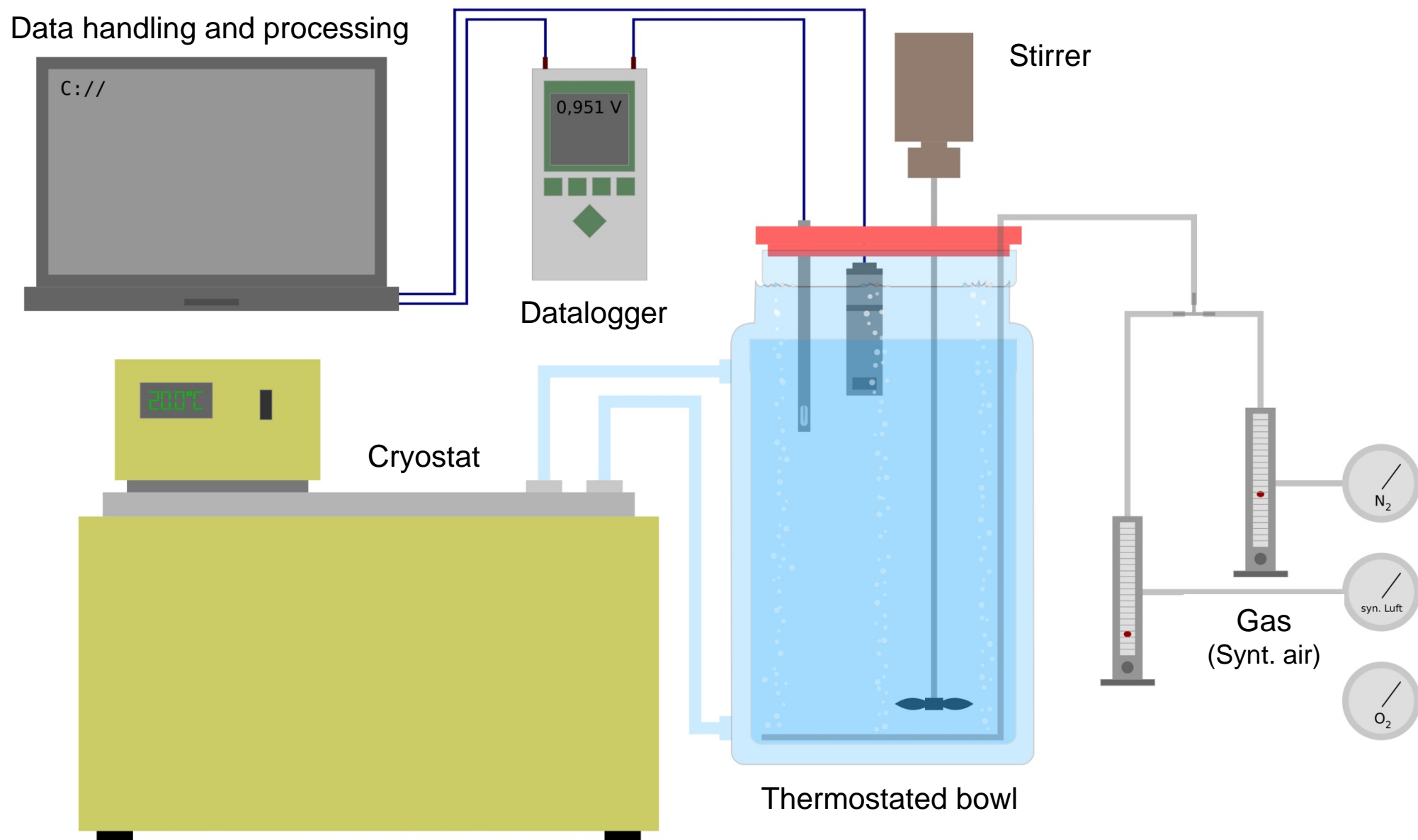


Issues and demand

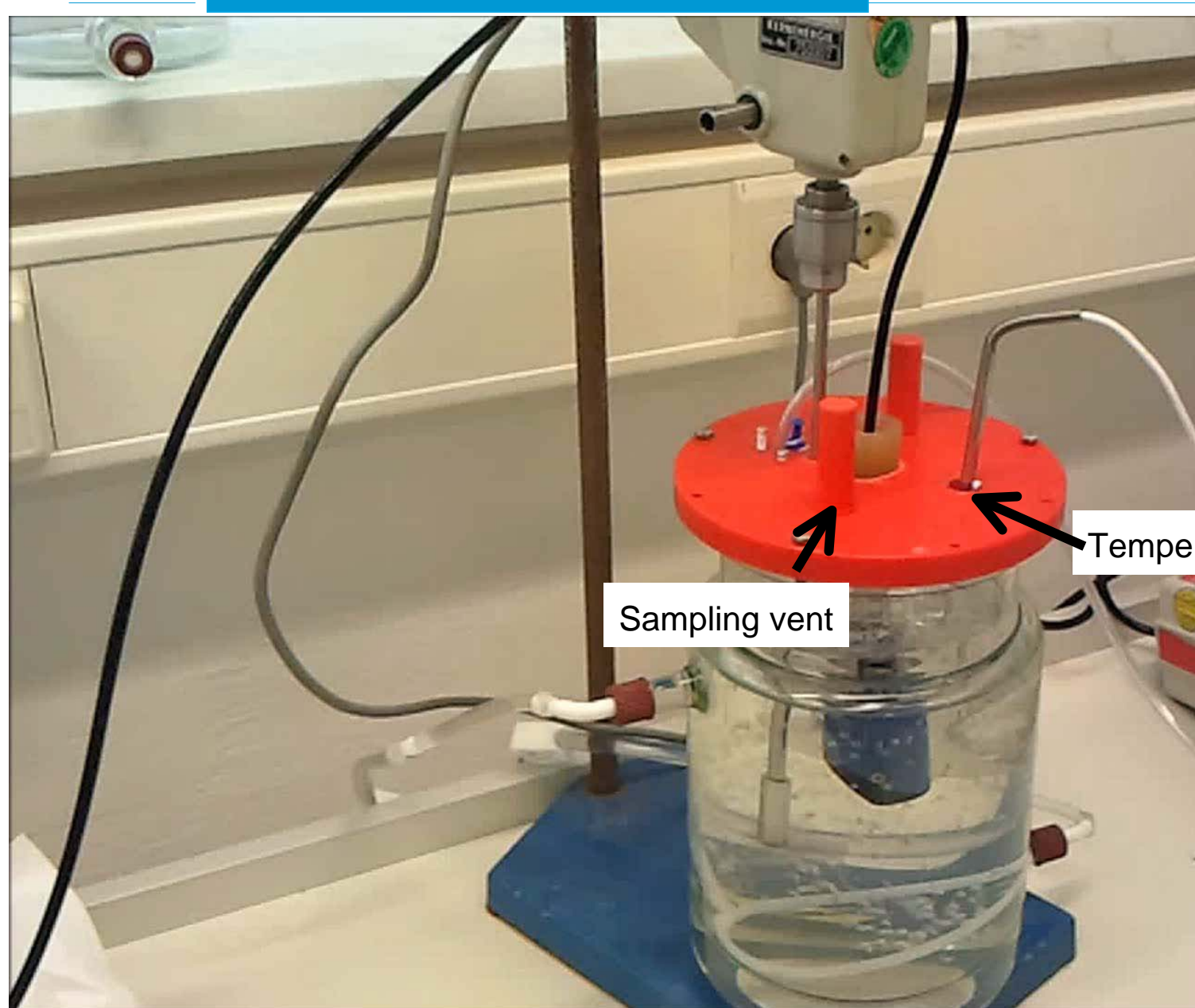
Issues

- Manual aboard sampling for Winkler titration during FerryBox maintenance
 - Differences in handling amongst maintenance staff
 - Unswayable oxygen concentration due to given surrounding water
- Lab check of optodes before and after installation reasonable
 - Long-term drift of sensors can be corrected (?!)
- Selection of wide range of oxygen concentration desirable
- Setup for different types of optodes is needed
- Synchronous check of several (and different kinds of) optodes

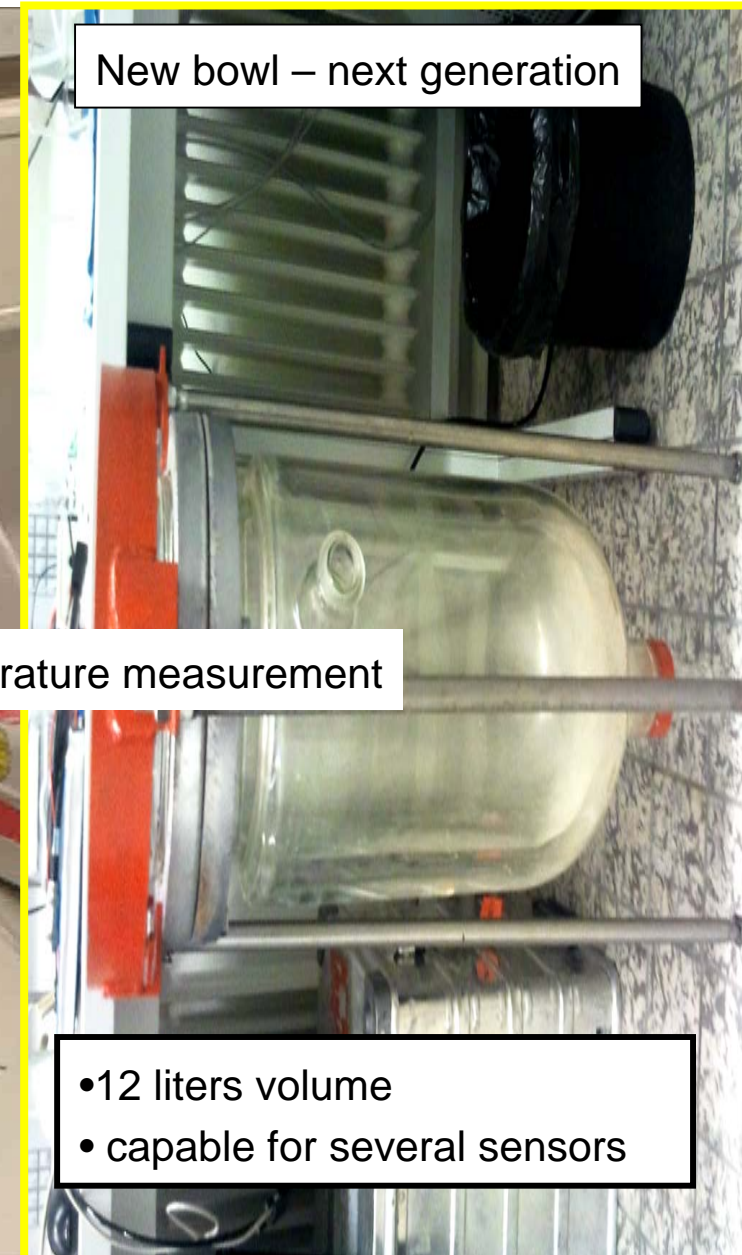
Sensor calibration setup



Test setup for lab sensor calibration



New bowl – next generation



- 12 liters volume
- capable for several sensors

Conclusions and to do list

- 2-year period of quality assurance
- Underestimation of Aanderaa optode measurements ($\approx 10-15\%$)
- Drifting optode measurements on LysBris
 - Reasons for that? Biofouling?
- Calibration over wide range helpful
- Individual optode calibration is beneficial
 - Calibrating before and after optode change in Ferrybox is needed on regular basis

To do:

- ❖ Continue quality assurance for 2012
- ❖ Determine correction functions for each sensor
- ❖ Intercalibration of different sensors

Thanks for your attention!