

## Appendix III

### Nutrient content per basin in the Baltic Sea and the Gulf of Bothnia

#### Method

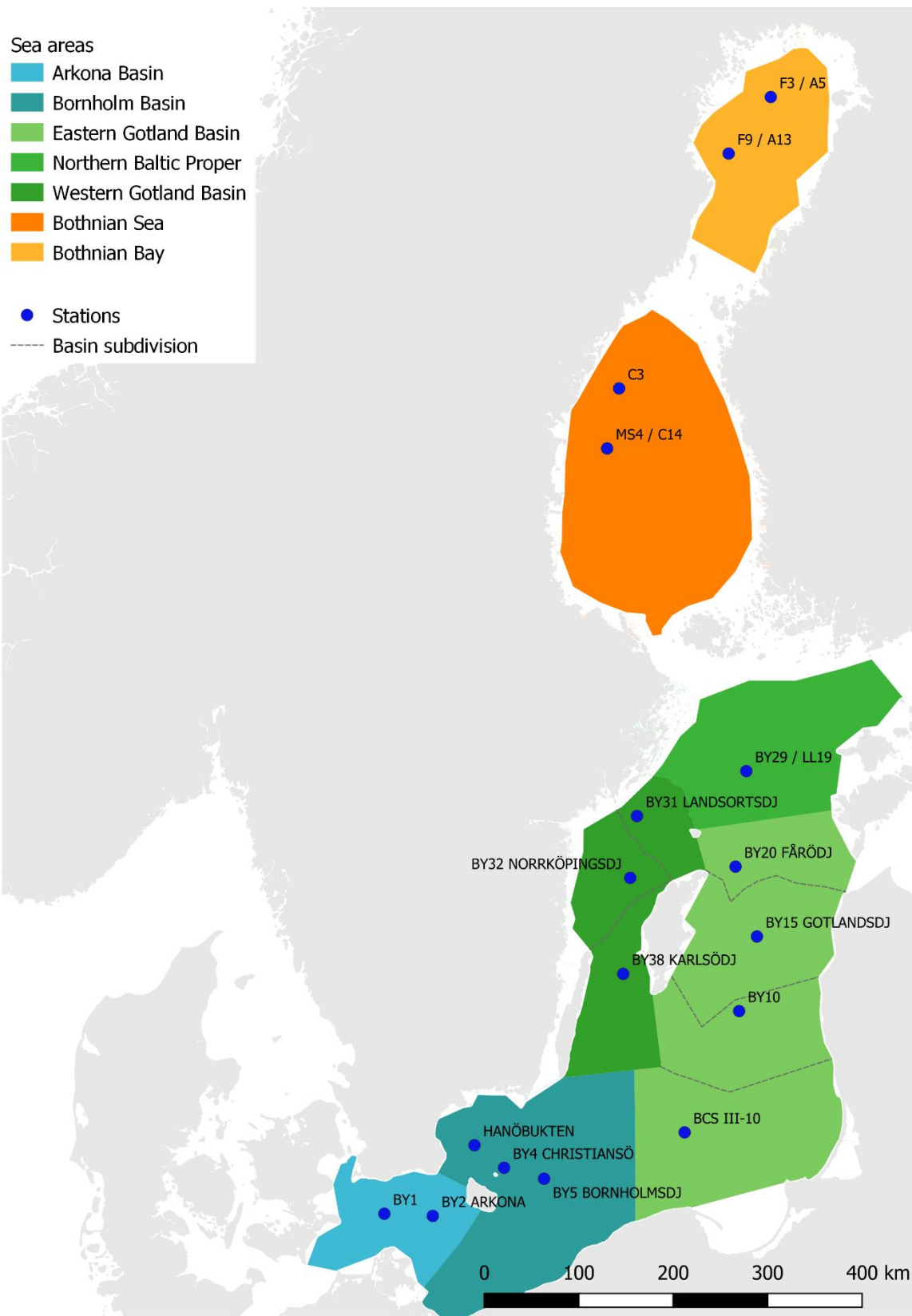
The basin content of nutrients was calculated from the same data set that was used for the time series presented in Appendix II. Each profile was interpolated (linearly) to retrieve concentrations in 1 m depth resolution from each station. Only complete profiles with data in the surface, intermediary and deep waters are used.

The data is divided into winter, spring, summer and autumn (winter: Dec-Feb, spring: Mar-May, summer: June-Aug, autumn: Sep-Nov). This means that 2020 winter was calculated from data collected in December 2019, January 2020 and February 2020.

For each basin the concentration at each depth is multiplied by the volume of that depth layer, thereby getting the content of each nutrient in that depth layer. All depth layers are then summed to give the content for the whole basin. In Bornholm Basin, Arkona Basin, Bothnian Sea and Bothnian Bay the average concentration of two stations is used for the calculation, assuming little horizontal variations in all depth layers. The Western Gotland Basin and the Eastern Gotland Basin are divided into three and four sub-basins respectively because the horizontal variations, especially in the deep waters, are larger here. The sub-basins are chosen based on bathymetry around the monitoring stations. Calculated content is shown both for the sub-basins and the whole basins.

The winter and summer content is shown for all basins on the last page. Note that the difference in content between the basins depends on their difference in size.

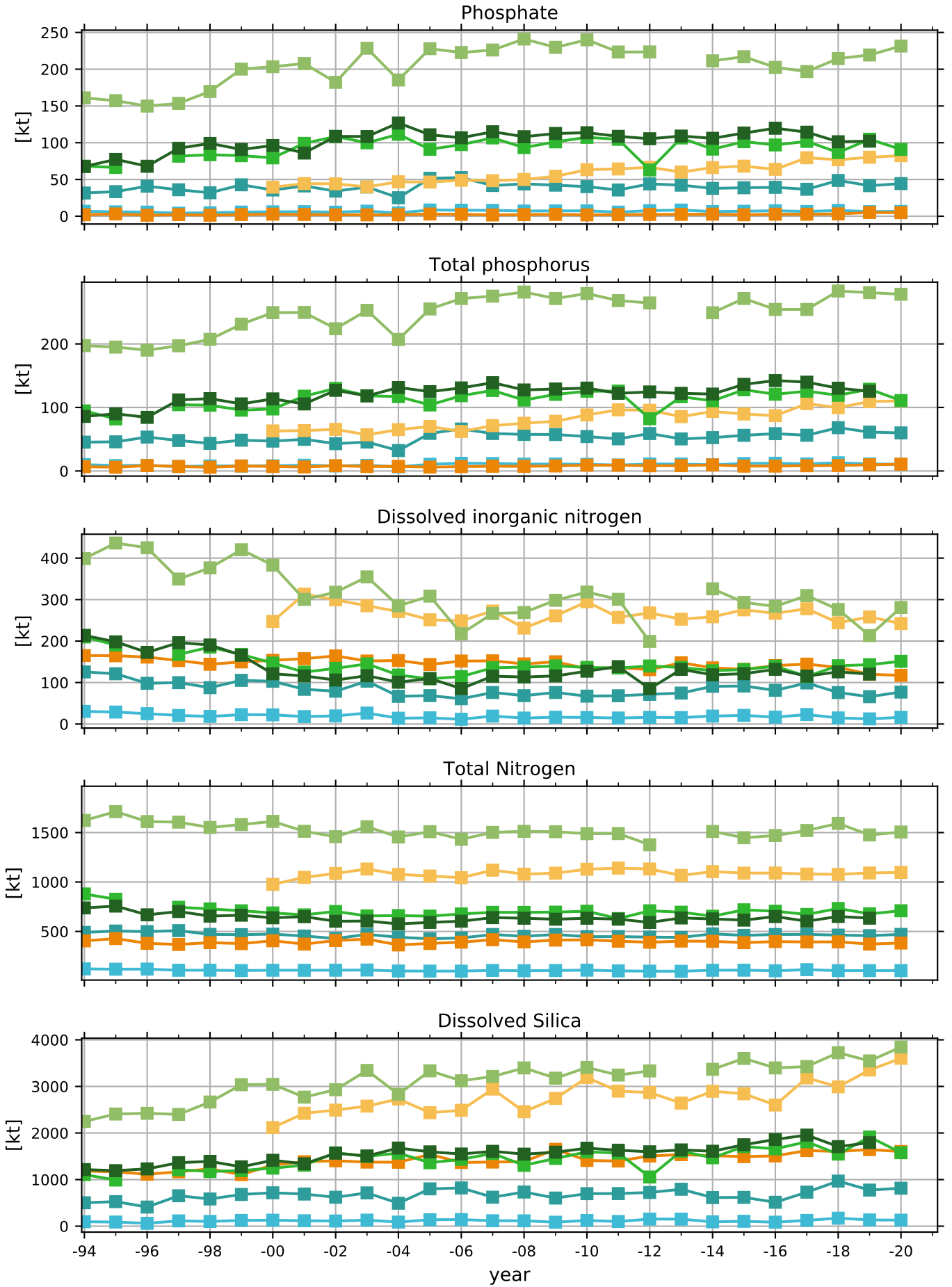
The volume of each depth layer was calculated from the bathymetry dataset iowotopo2 available by IOW at <https://www.io-warnemuende.de/topography-of-the-baltic-sea.html> and by using the open sea basin subdivision set by HELCOM. The sub-basin divisions were made with GIS-software and lines for these divisions were drawn with guidance from the bathymetry map. All basin subdivisions used are shown in the first figure of this Appendix (Figure 1).



**Figure 1** Basin subdivisions used for calculating hypsography and then basin content of sub-basins. The major basins shown in different colours are the HELCOM basin division revised in 2018. The previous basin division placed the station BY31 in the Northern Baltic Proper. The dashed lines showing the sub-basins were drawn to follow the bathymetry to get a smaller basin that the individual monitoring station better represents.

# winter

- ARKONA BASIN
- BORNHOLM BASIN
- BOTHNIAN BAY
- BOTHNIAN SEA
- EASTERN GOTLAND BASIN
- NORTHERN BALTIC PROPER
- WESTERN GOTLAND BASIN

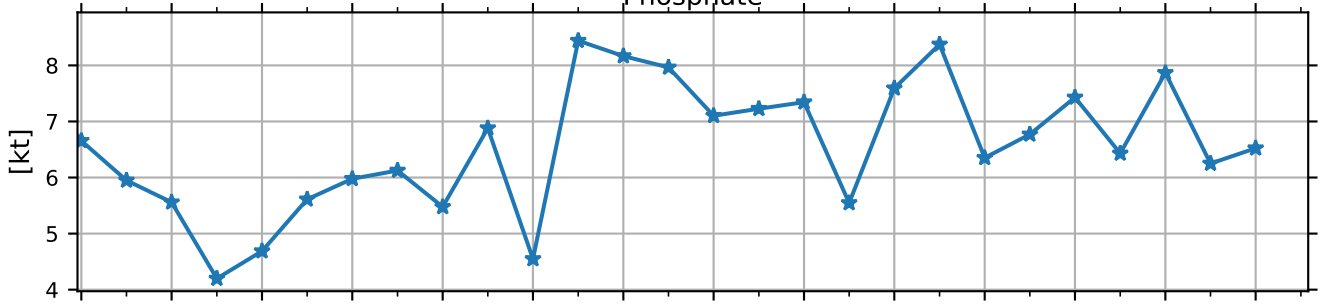


# ARKONA BASIN

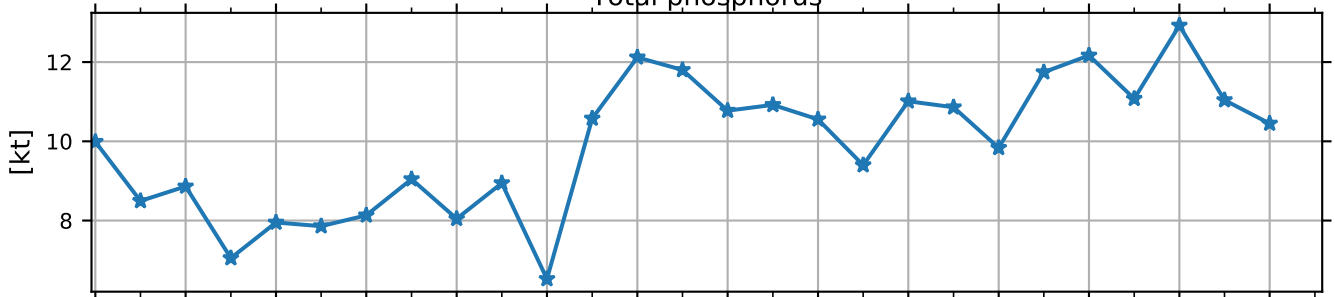
Offshore volume of basin: 353 km<sup>3</sup>

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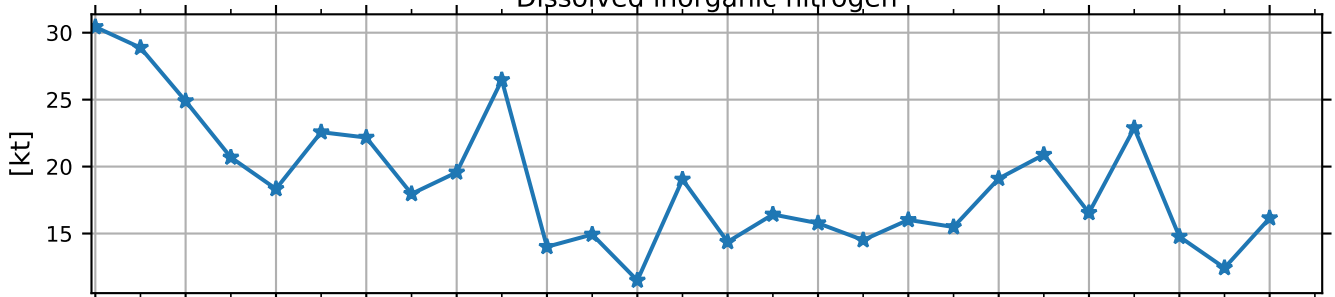
### Phosphate



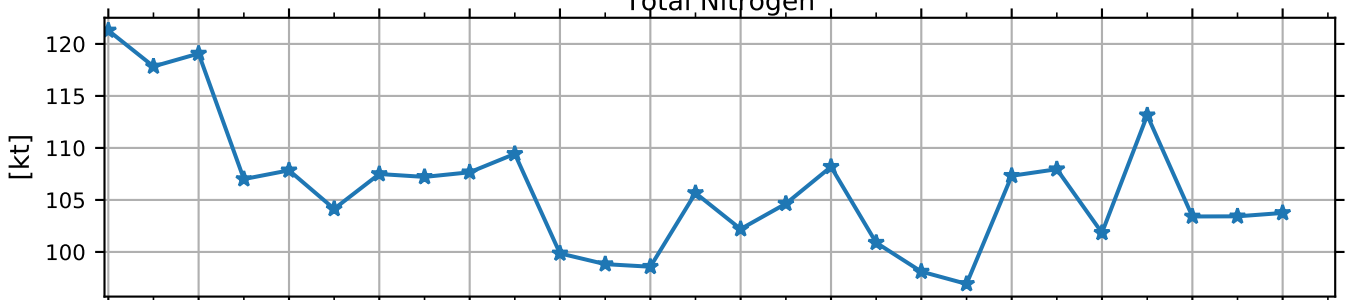
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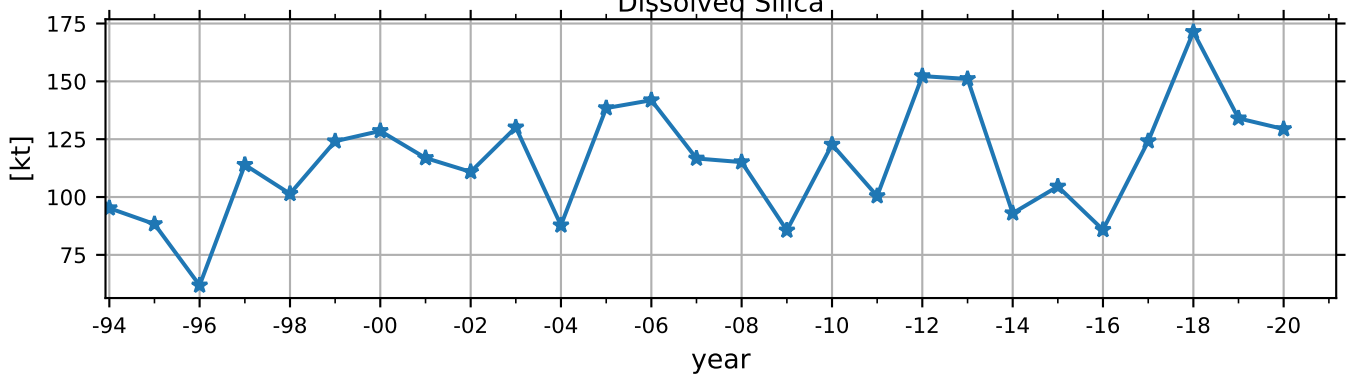
### Dissolved inorganic nitrogen



### Total Nitrogen



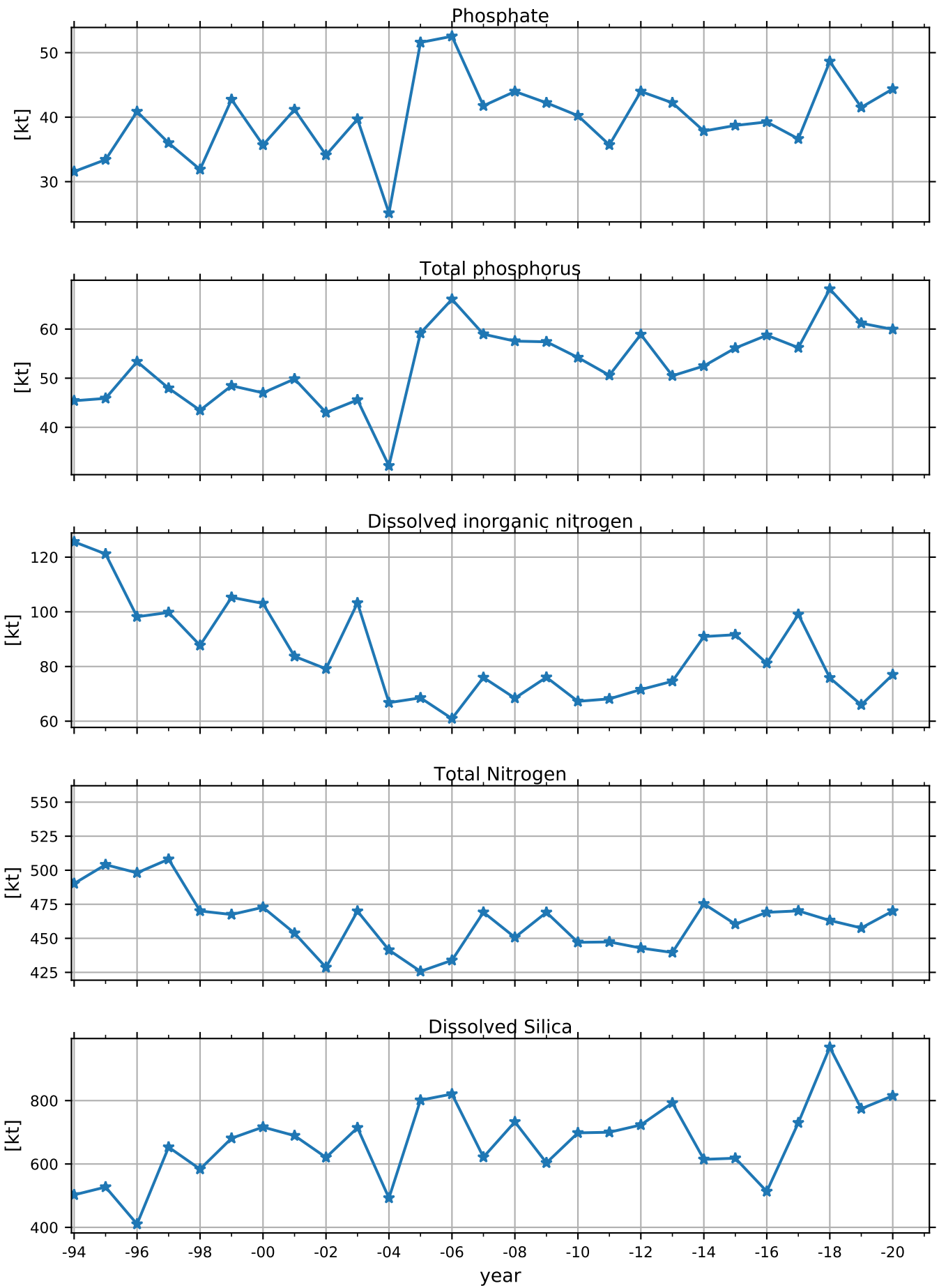
### Dissolved Silica



# BORNHOLM BASIN

Offshore volume of basin: 1603 km<sup>3</sup>

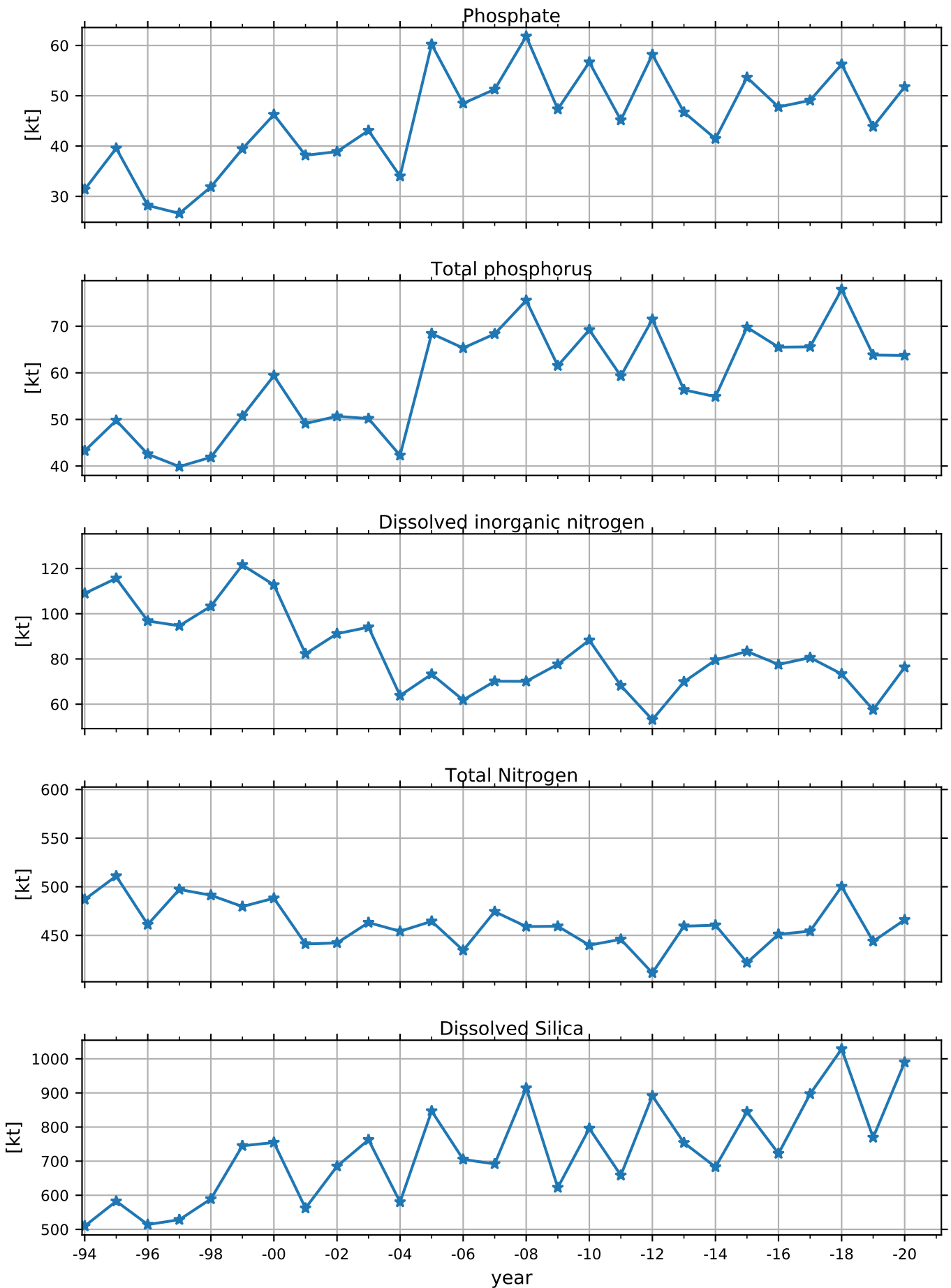
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# EASTERN GOTLAND BASIN BCS III-10

Offshore volume of basin: 1597 km<sup>3</sup>

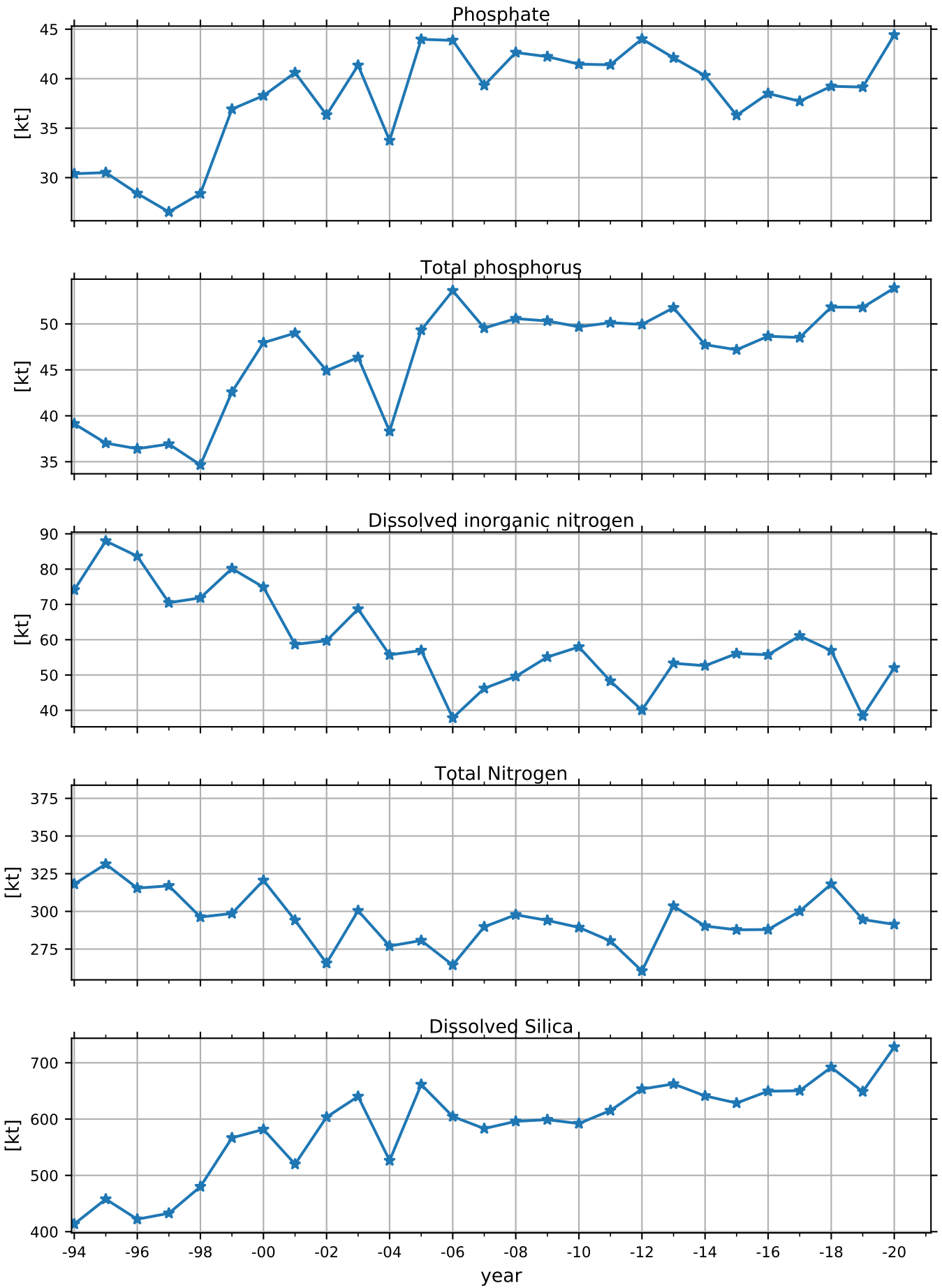
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# EASTERN GOTLAND BASIN BY10

Offshore volume of basin: 1007 km<sup>3</sup>

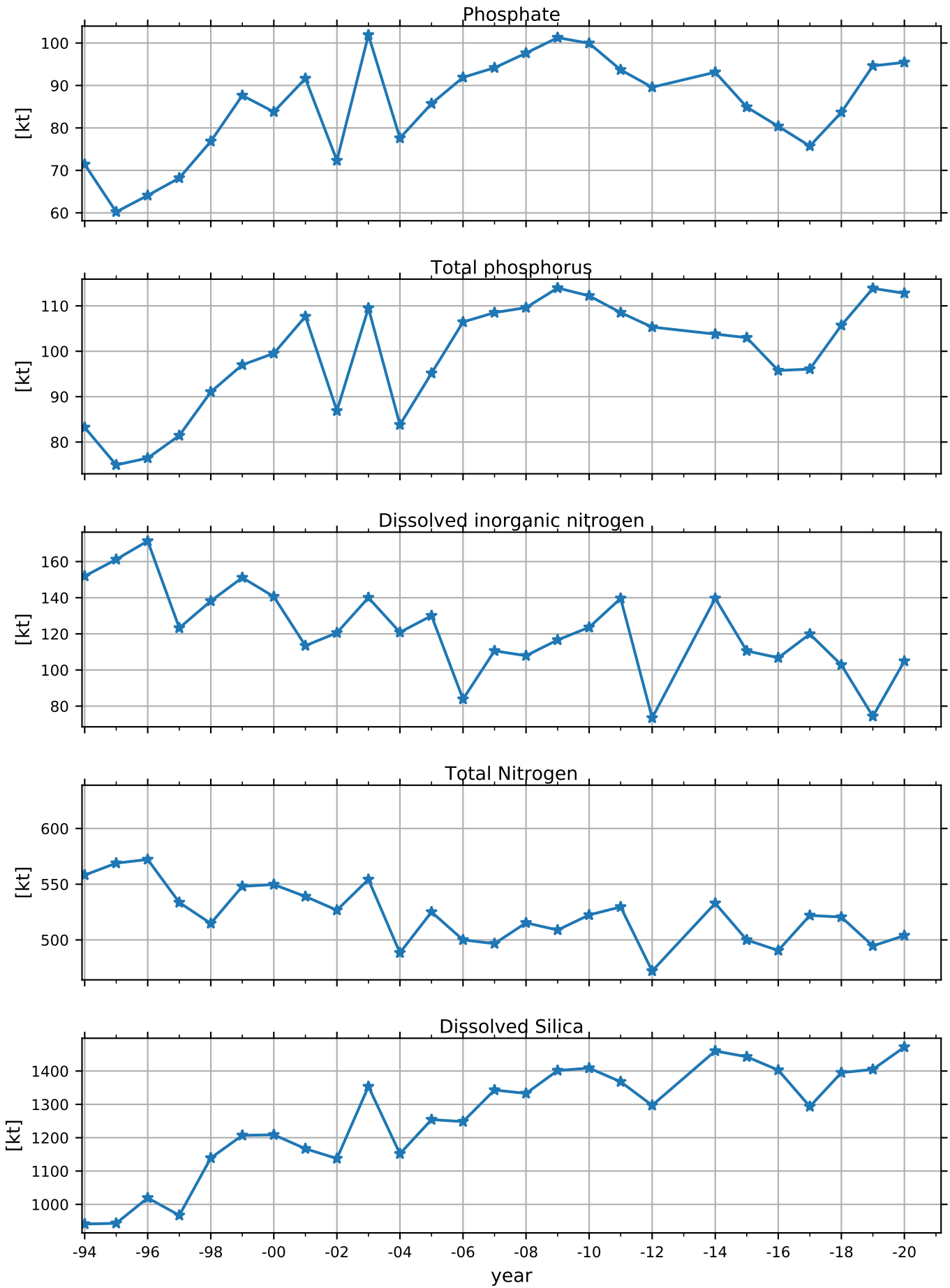
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# EASTERN GOTLAND BASIN BY15 GOTLANDSDJ

Offshore volume of basin: 1748 km<sup>3</sup>

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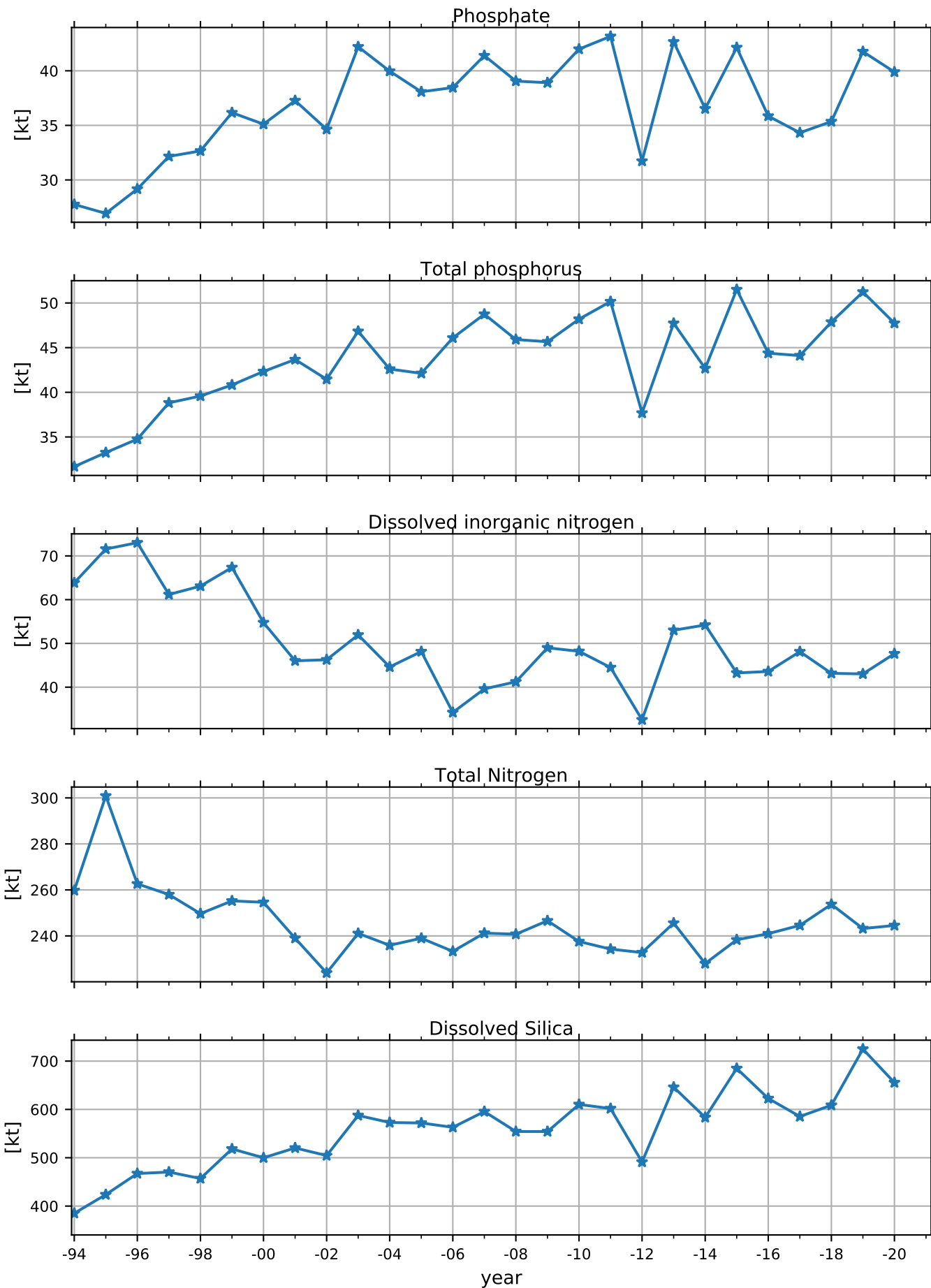




# EASTERN GOTLAND BASIN BY20

Offshore volume of basin: 841 km<sup>3</sup>

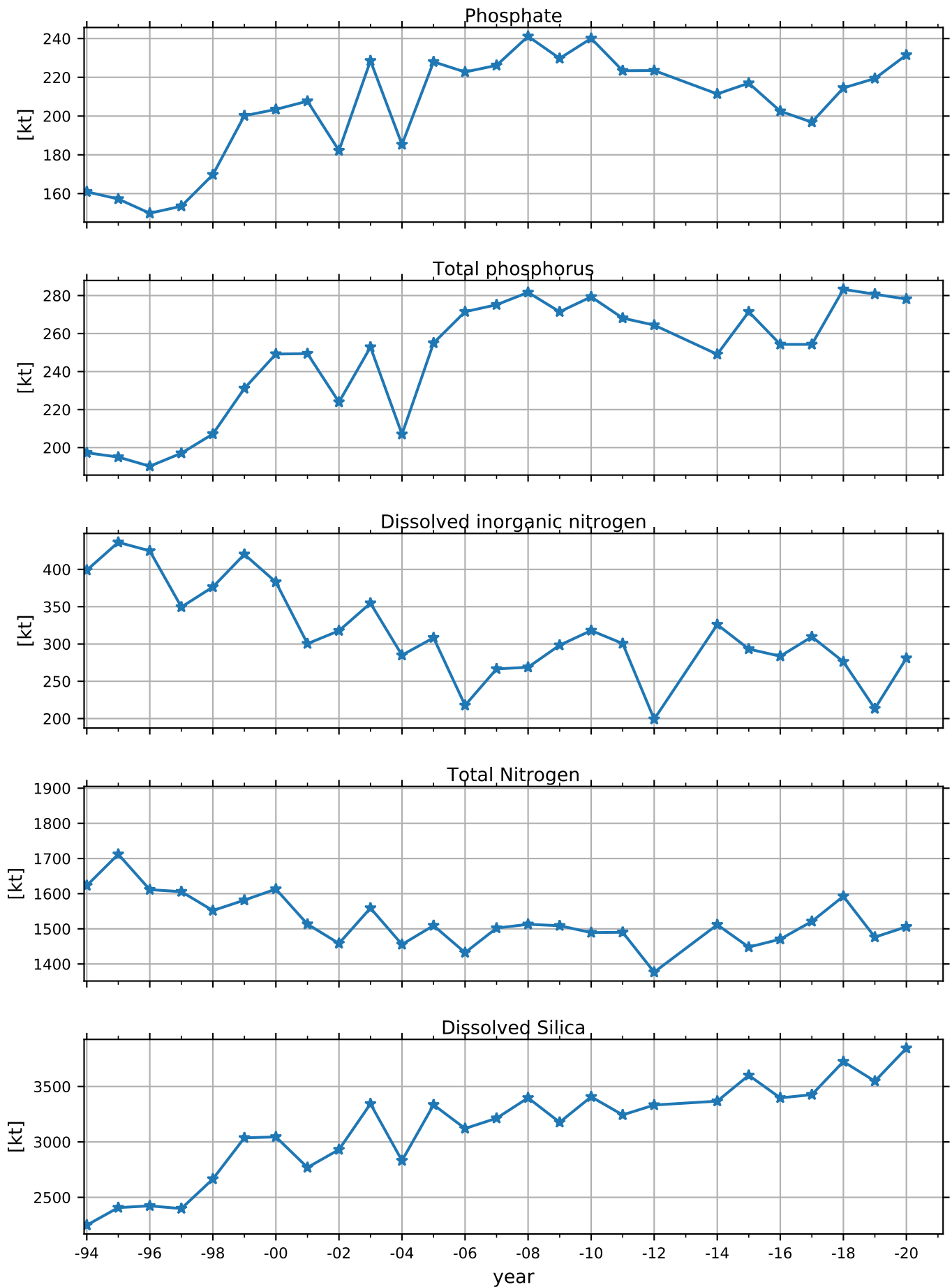
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# EASTERN GOTLAND BASIN

Offshore volume of basin: 5193 km<sup>3</sup>

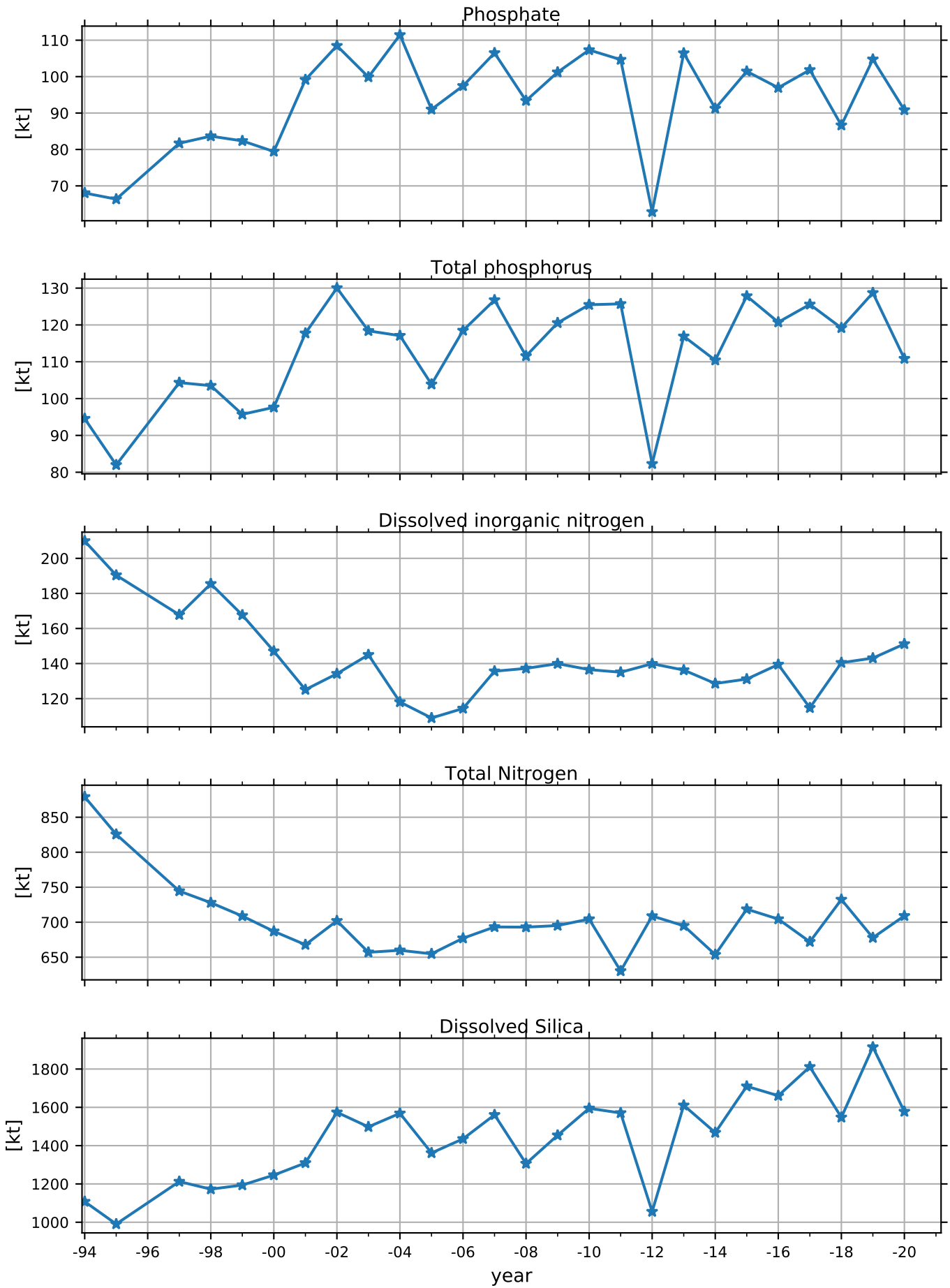
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# NORTHERN BALTIC PROPER

Offshore volume of basin: 2327 km<sup>3</sup>

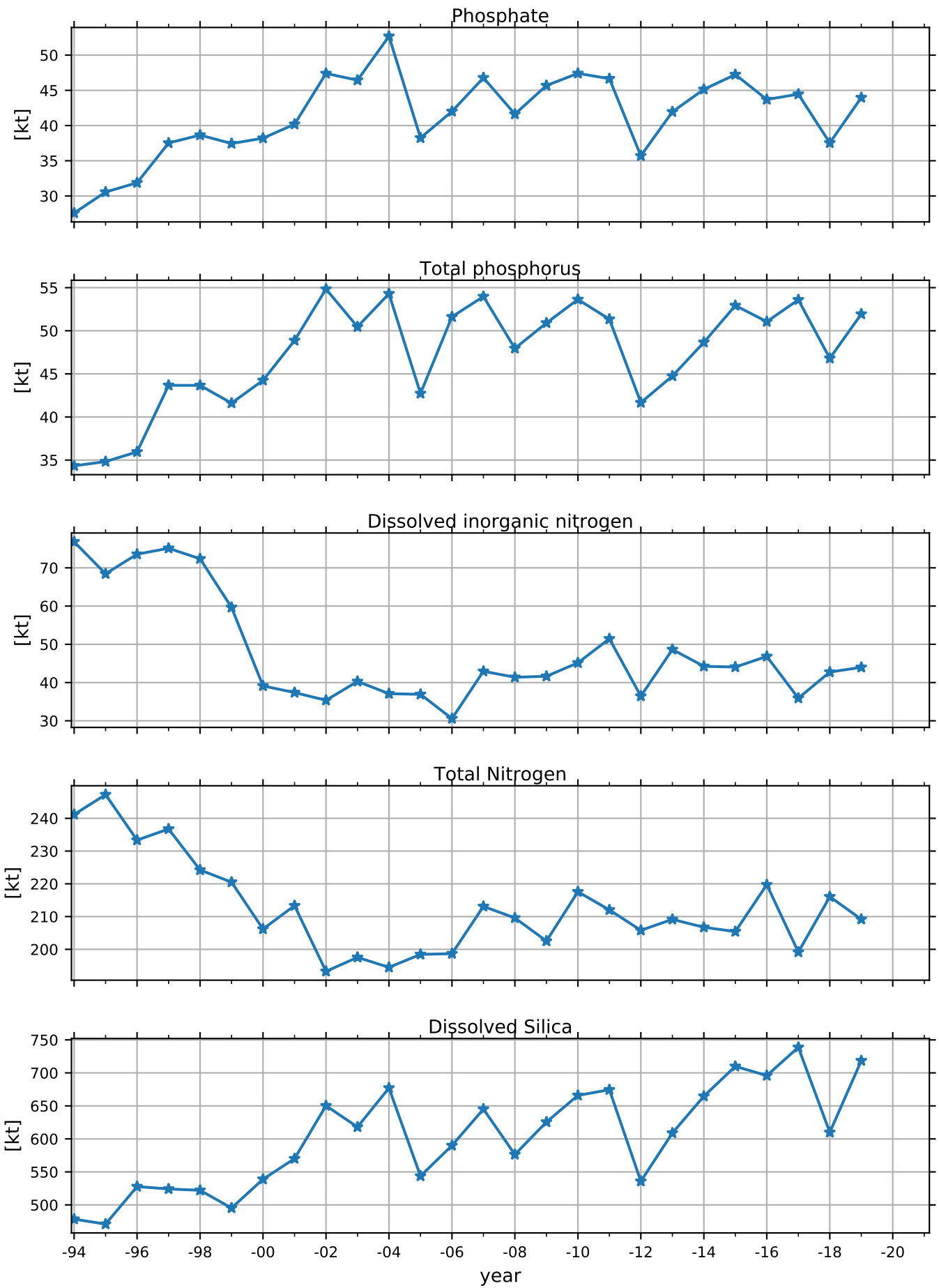
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# WESTERN GOTLAND BASIN BY31 LANDSORTSDJ

Offshore volume of basin: 723 km<sup>3</sup>

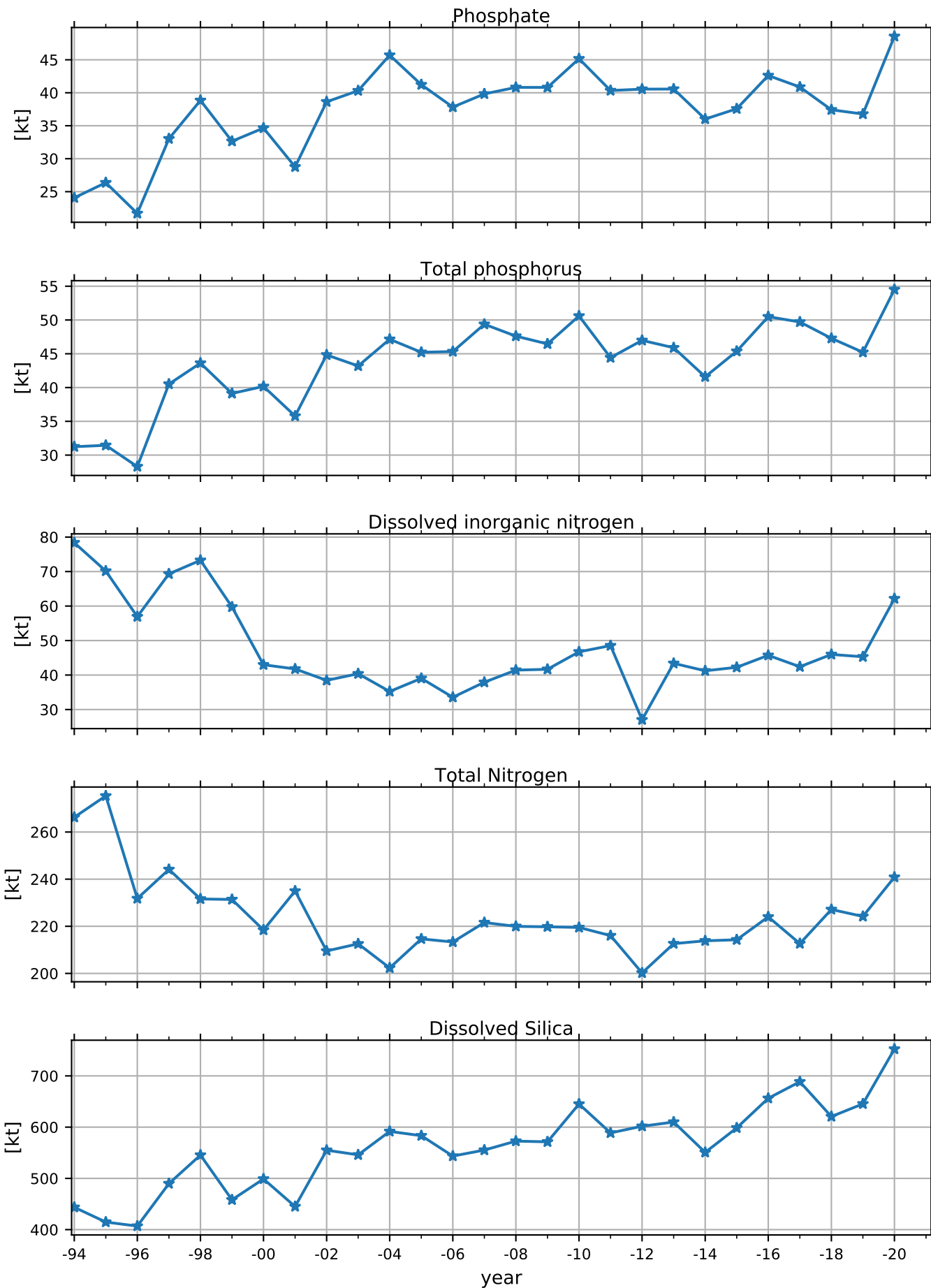
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# WESTERN GOTLAND BASIN BY32

Offshore volume of basin: 767 km<sup>3</sup>

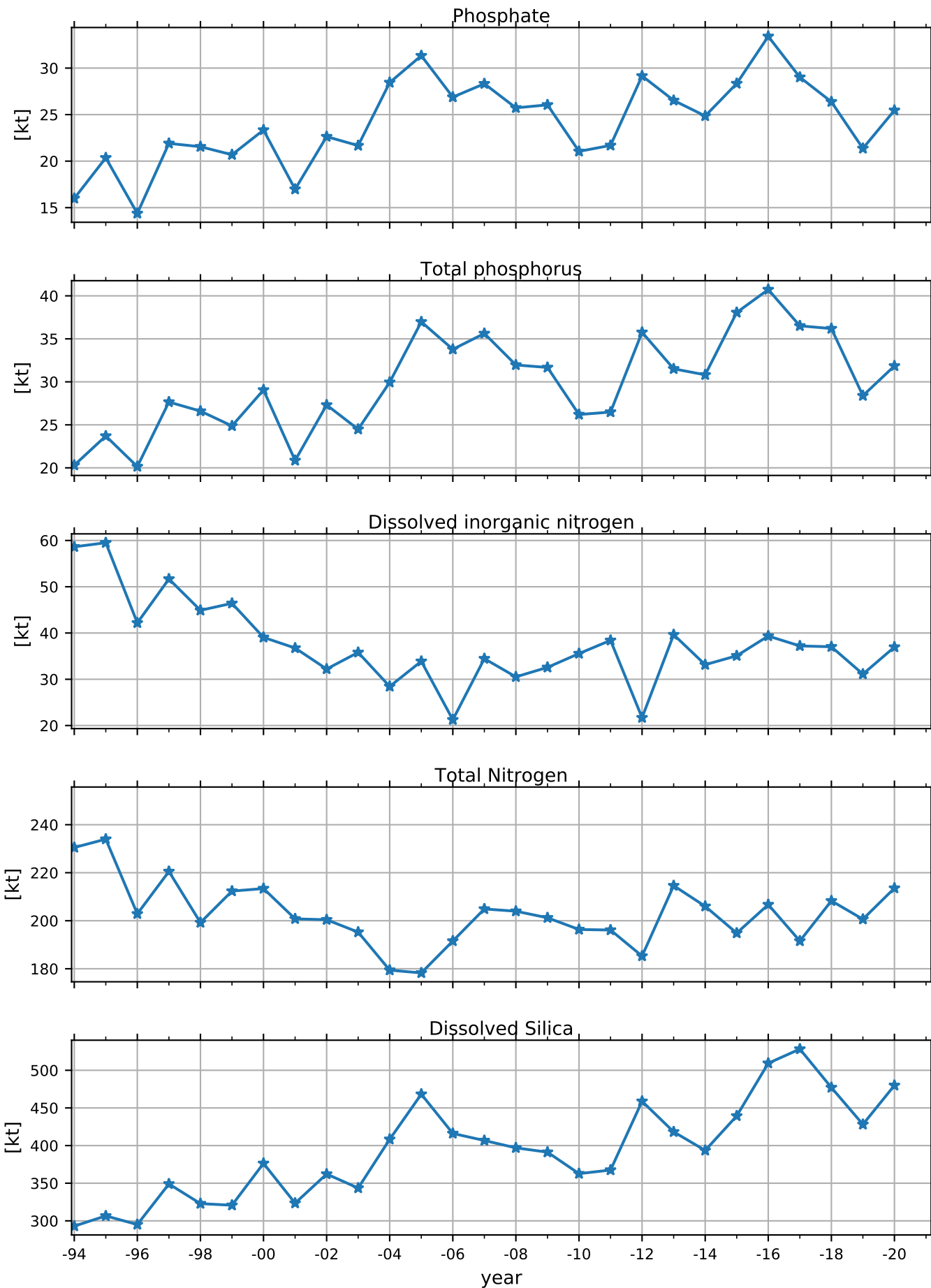
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# WESTERN GOTLAND BASIN BY38

Offshore volume of basin: 708 km<sup>3</sup>

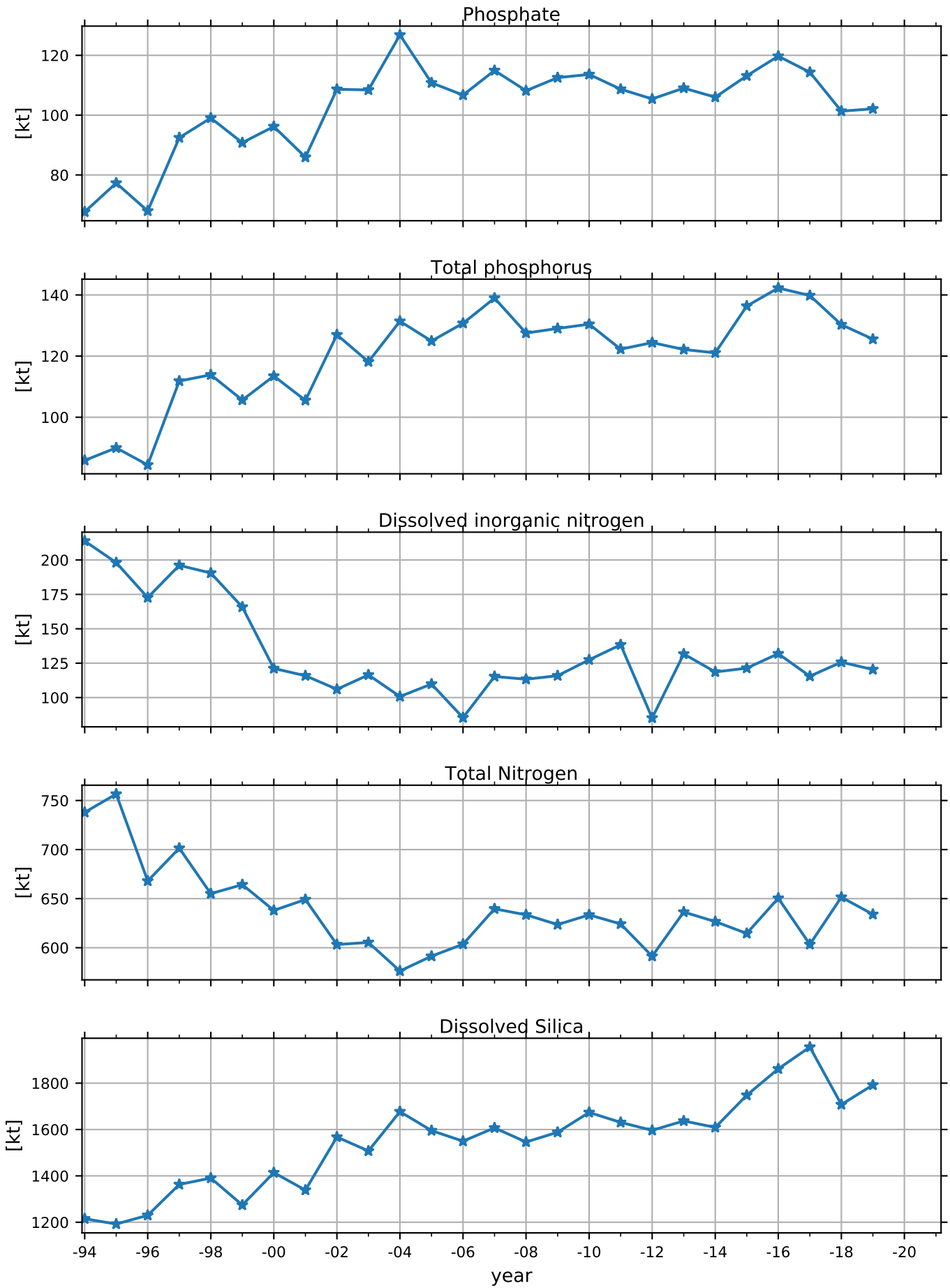
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# WESTERN GOTLAND BASIN

Offshore volume of basin: 2198 km<sup>3</sup>

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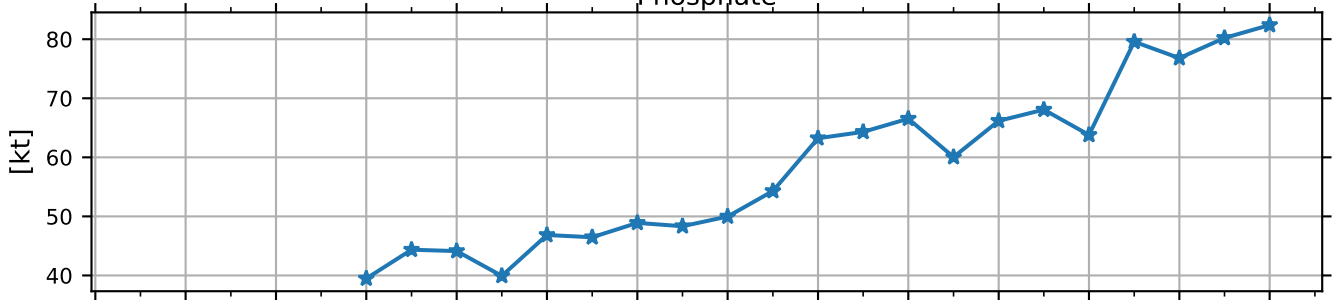


# BOTHNIAN SEA

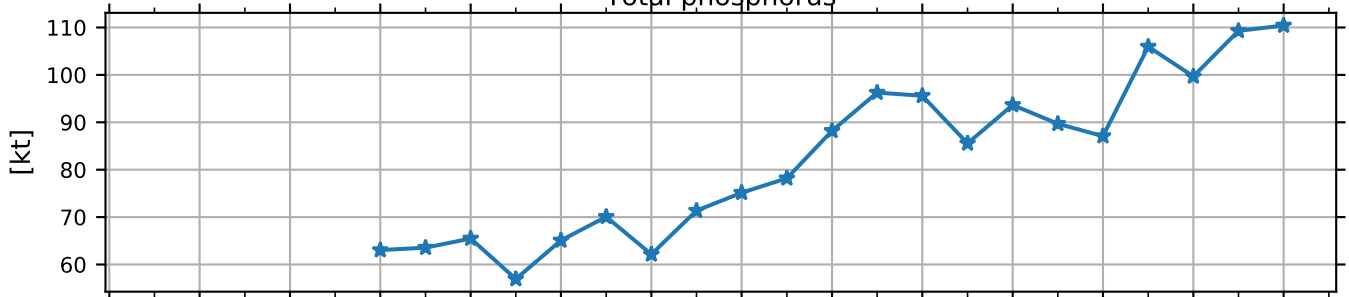
Offshore volume of basin: 4148 km<sup>3</sup>

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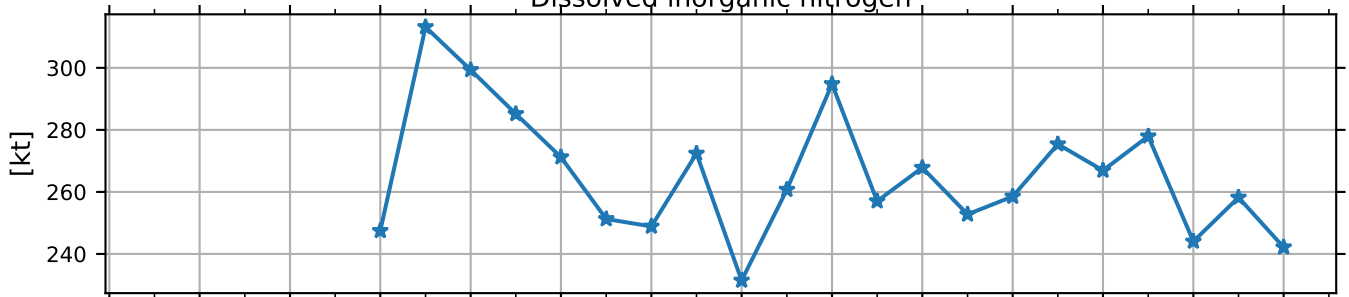
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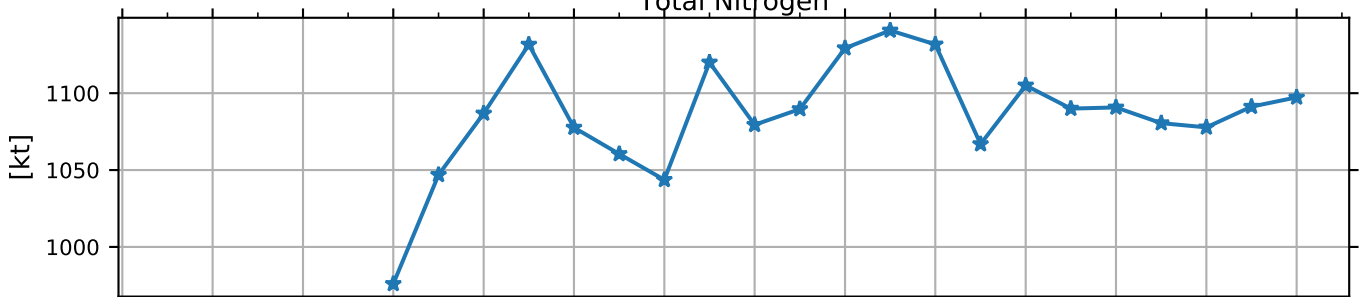
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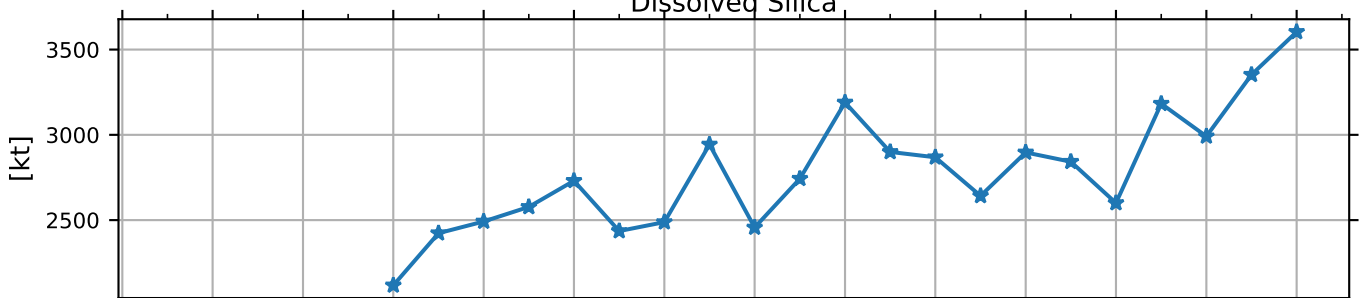
### Dissolved inorganic nitrogen



### Total Nitrogen



### Dissolved Silica



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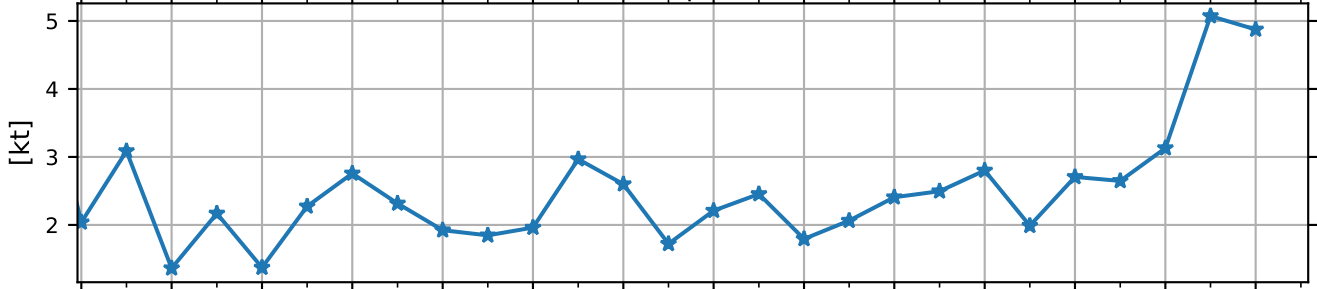


# BOTHNIAN BAY

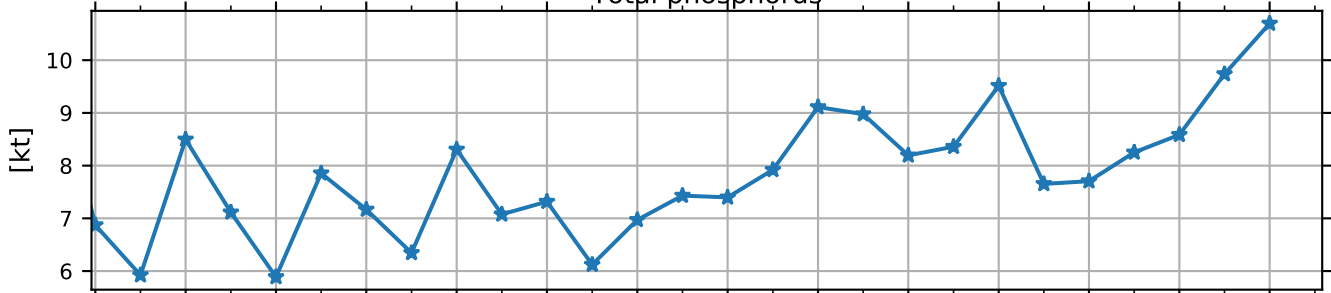
Offshore volume of basin: 1447 km<sup>3</sup>

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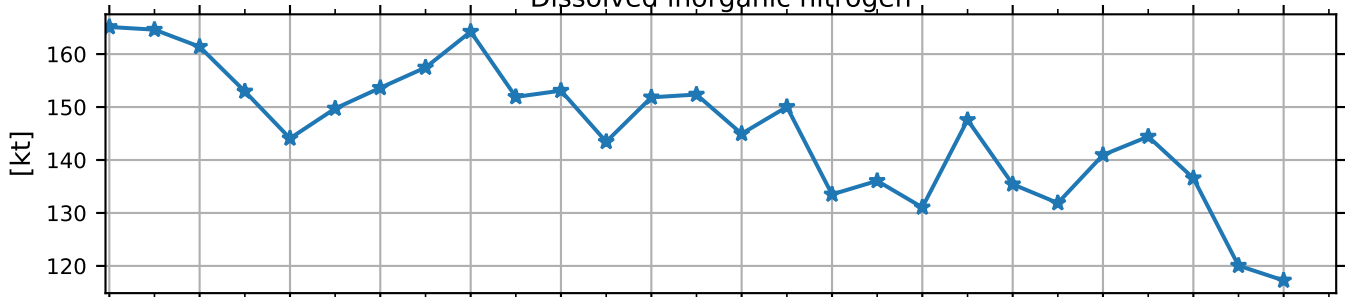
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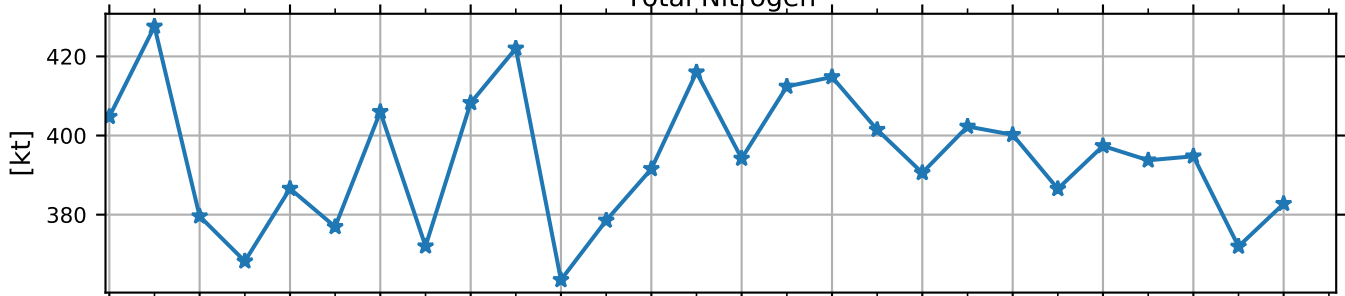
### Total phosphorus



### Dissolved inorganic nitrogen



### Total Nitrogen



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