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A review of multidisciplinary research on sustainable maritime traffic in the Gulf of Finland

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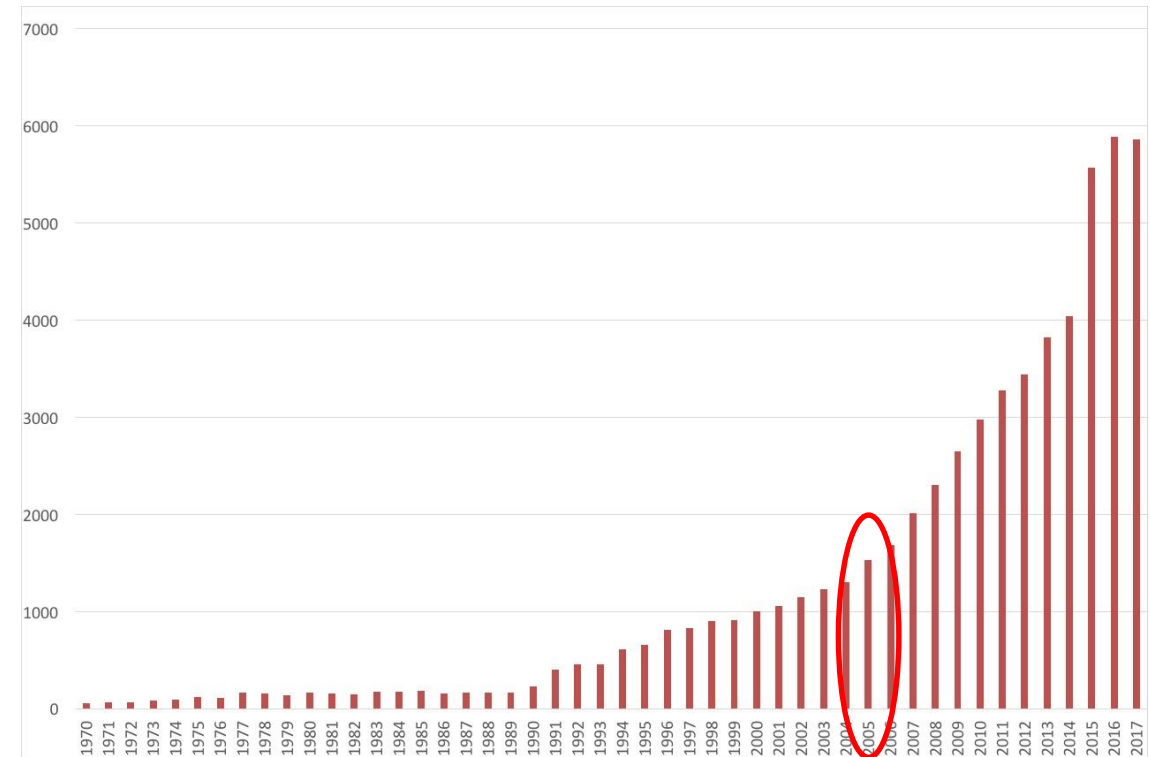
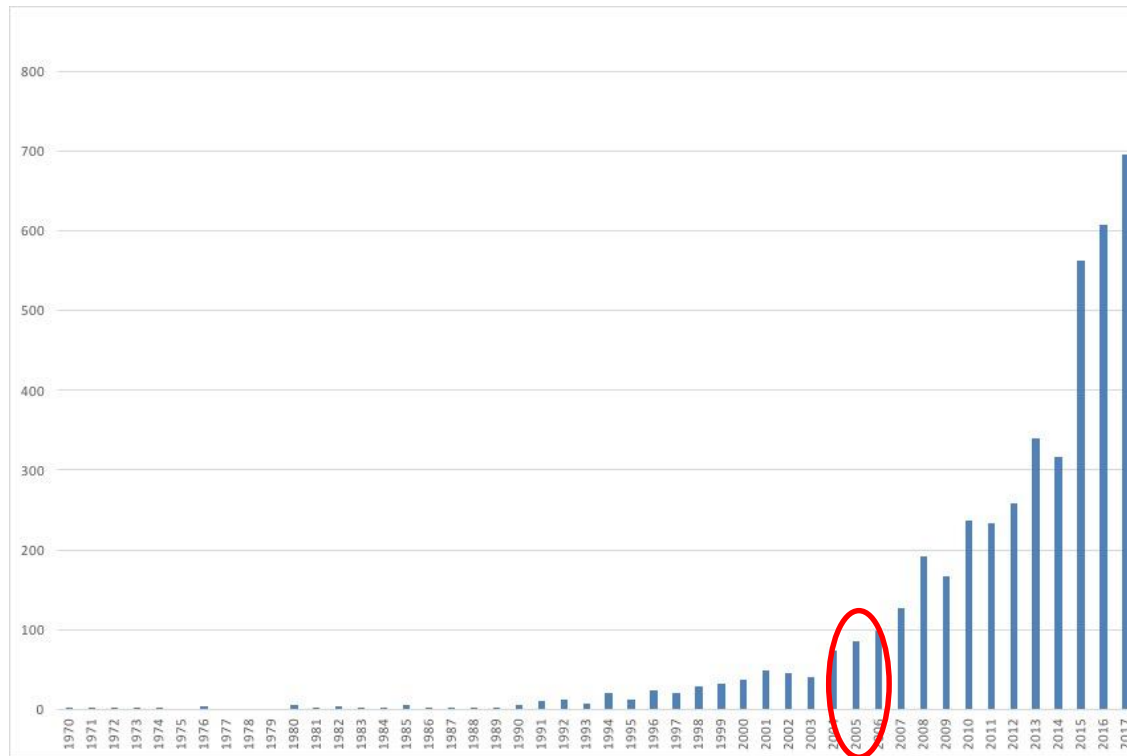
Joint maritime research center formed by the leading Finnish universities



KMRC in figures 2017

- Personnel: Researchers 32, management 4
- Publications
 - Referred scientific articles 34
 - Conference publications, abstracts 46
 - Other scientific publications 38
- Project portfolio 3,7 M€
- Seminars and other events

Trans- and interdisciplinary topics are increasing



KMRC founded in 2005

Environmental risks of oil transportation

- Open water (projects SAFGOF 2008-2011 & MIMIC 2011-2013)
 - How oil tanker traffic volumes in the GoF affects ship collision & grounding frequencies and what are the impacts to the environment
 - Collaboration of social scientists, engineers, system modelers, environmental scientists, mariners,
 - A result of the multidisciplinary research: **an integrative model for policy implementation evaluation**
 - Probabilistic approach – common across the disciplines
 - While some challenges in the collaboration, positive experiences on multidisciplinary approach
- In ice (WINOIL 2012-2014)
 - Developing recommendations regarding cost-effective risk management measures designed to reduce the environmental, human and financial risks in the Gulf of Finland's winter conditions
 - “Disciplines working side by side”
 - No integrative model produced

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Chemical transportation risks

- Open water and ice conditions (CHEMBALTIC 2011-2013)
 - Gathering information about the chemicals transported in the Baltic Sea, utilizing this for assessing the risk for a chemical accident and for studying the risks of port operations
 - Collaboration of engineers, social scientists, system modelers and environmental scientists
 - No integrative model developed

Organizational factors in marine traffic safety

- Safety culture and safety management in shipping (METKU 2008-2010, CAFE 2010-13)
 - Studies on safety culture and safety management
 - Identification of safety data sources and safety indicators
 - An integrative model of safety management and safety indicators
 - Collaboration of social scientists, engineers, shipping companies & other maritime experts

Ongoing and future research

- Ongoing topics
 - Developing tools and management options to reduce the risk of introduction of harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens (EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region flagship project COMPLETE) <http://www.balticcomplete.com>
 - Solutions for sustainable and cost-effective inland waterway traffic (INFUTURE)
- KMRC collaborative research plans
 - Projects utilizing the full spectrum of KMRC expertise
 - From multidisciplinary to transdisciplinary





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Thank you for your attention!

Questions? Comments? Collaboration ideas?

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