### Supporting information

**Large-scale nutrient and carbon dynamics along the river-estuary-ocean continuum**

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Fig. S1: Concentrations of solutes during the tidal cycle in the tidal zone: ammonium, dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC), nitrite, nitrate, phosphate, silicon.



Fig. S2: Concentrations of dissolved nutrients as a function of salinity in the tidal Elbe and German Bight.



Fig. S3: Time series of water fluxes from estuary to ocean (Cuxhaven).



Fig. S4: Time series of nutrient fluxes from estuary to ocean (Cuxhaven).



Fig.S5: Spatial distribution of concentrations of dissolved inorganic and organic carbon (DIC)in freshwater River Elbe, Elbe estuary, and German Bight.



Fig. S6: Spatial distribution of concentrations of dissolved organic carbon (DOC) in freshwater River Elbe and German Bight. DOC was not analysed in the estuary.



Fig.S7: Spatial distribution of concentrations of particulate organic carbon (POC) in freshwater River Elbe and German Bight. POC was not analysed in the estuary.