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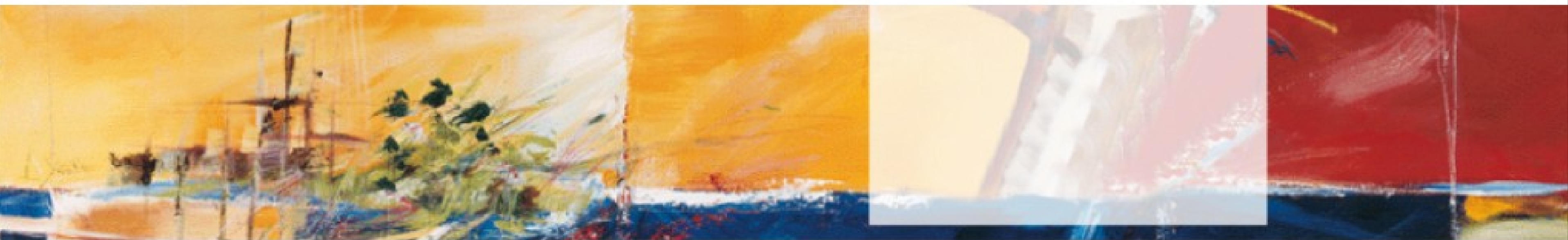

Discolouration: Who’s to blame

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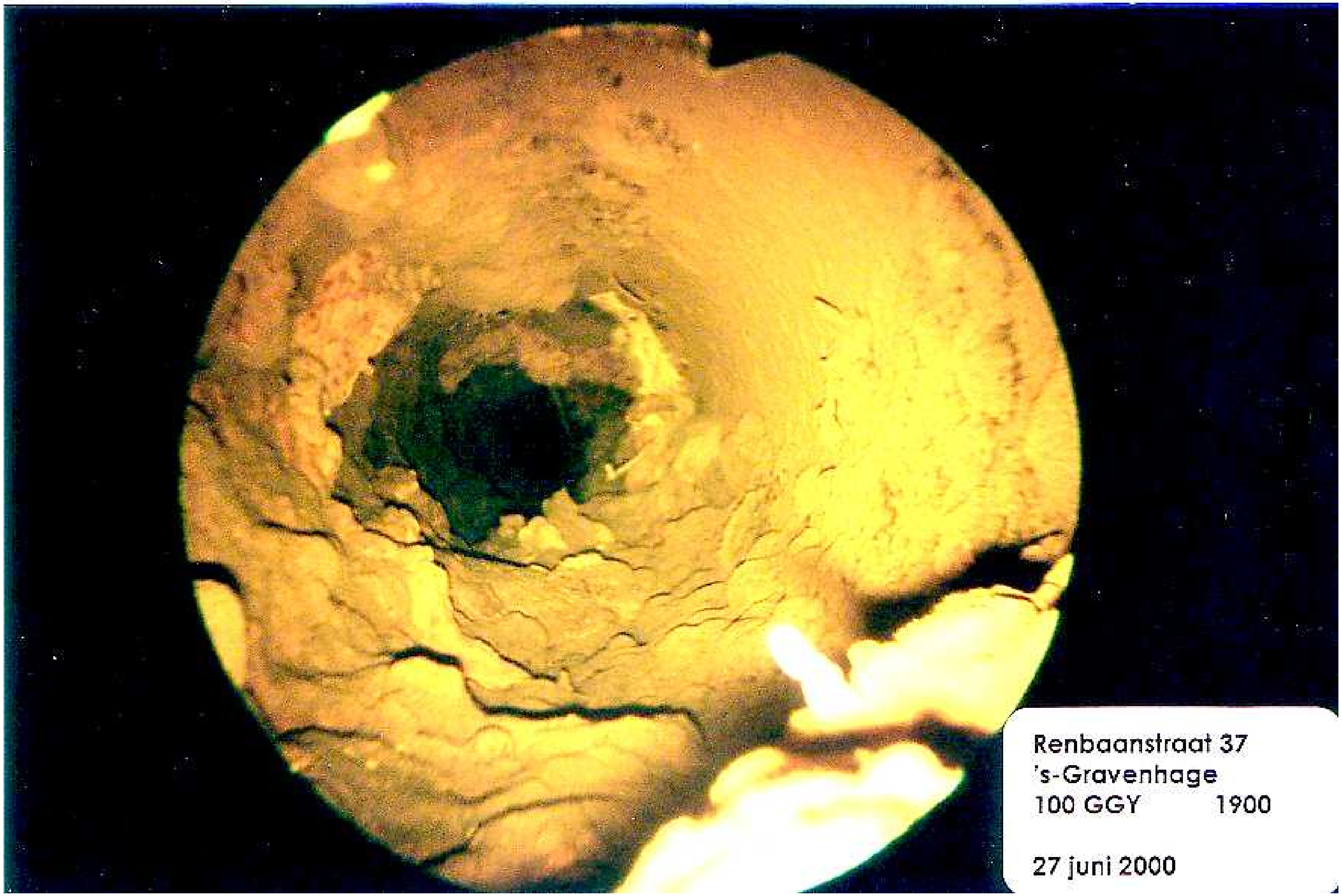
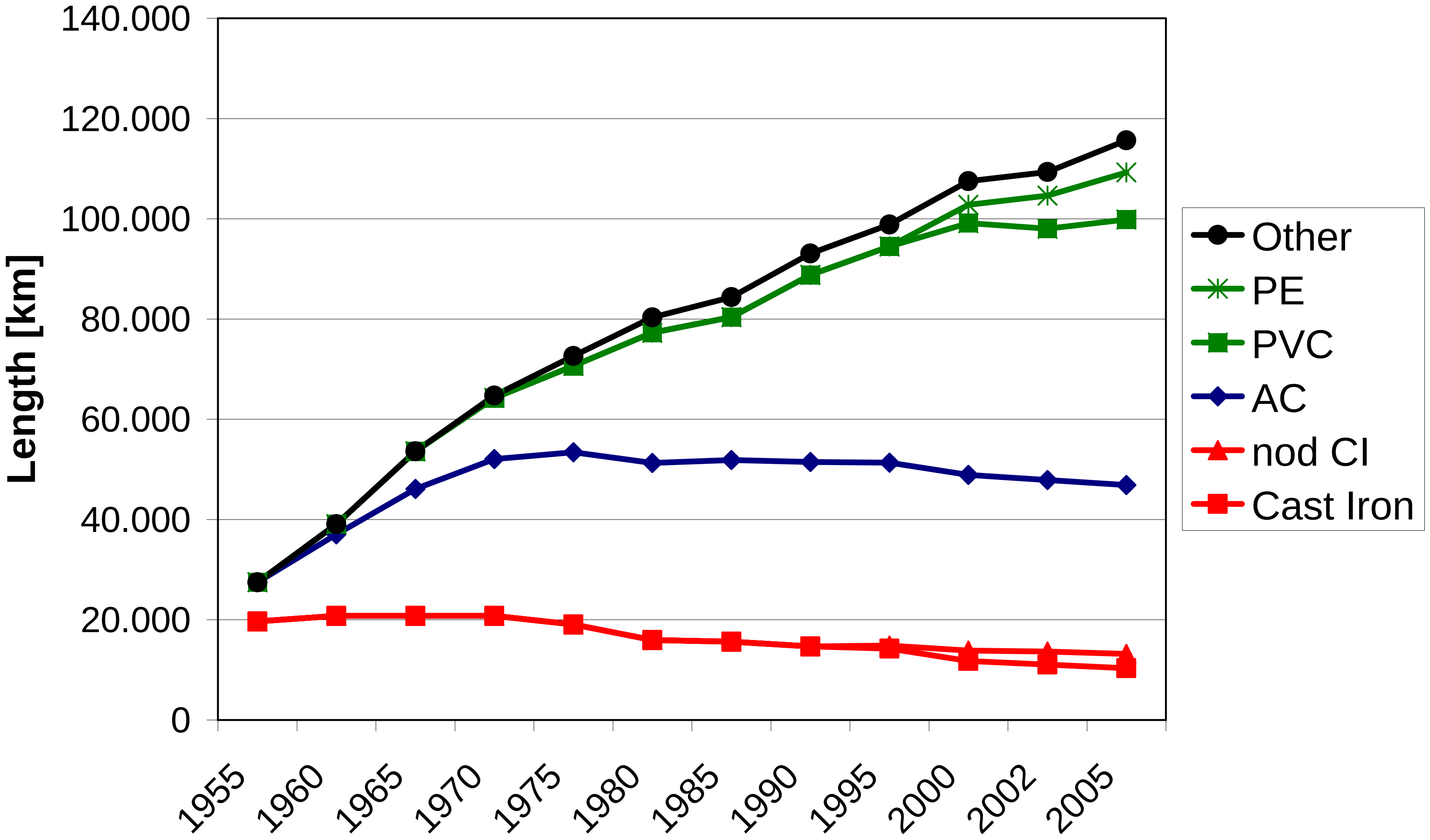
Beautiful stories on water treatment: but this comes out of the tap, even in the Netherlands

Drinking water distribution is a matter of skilled labour

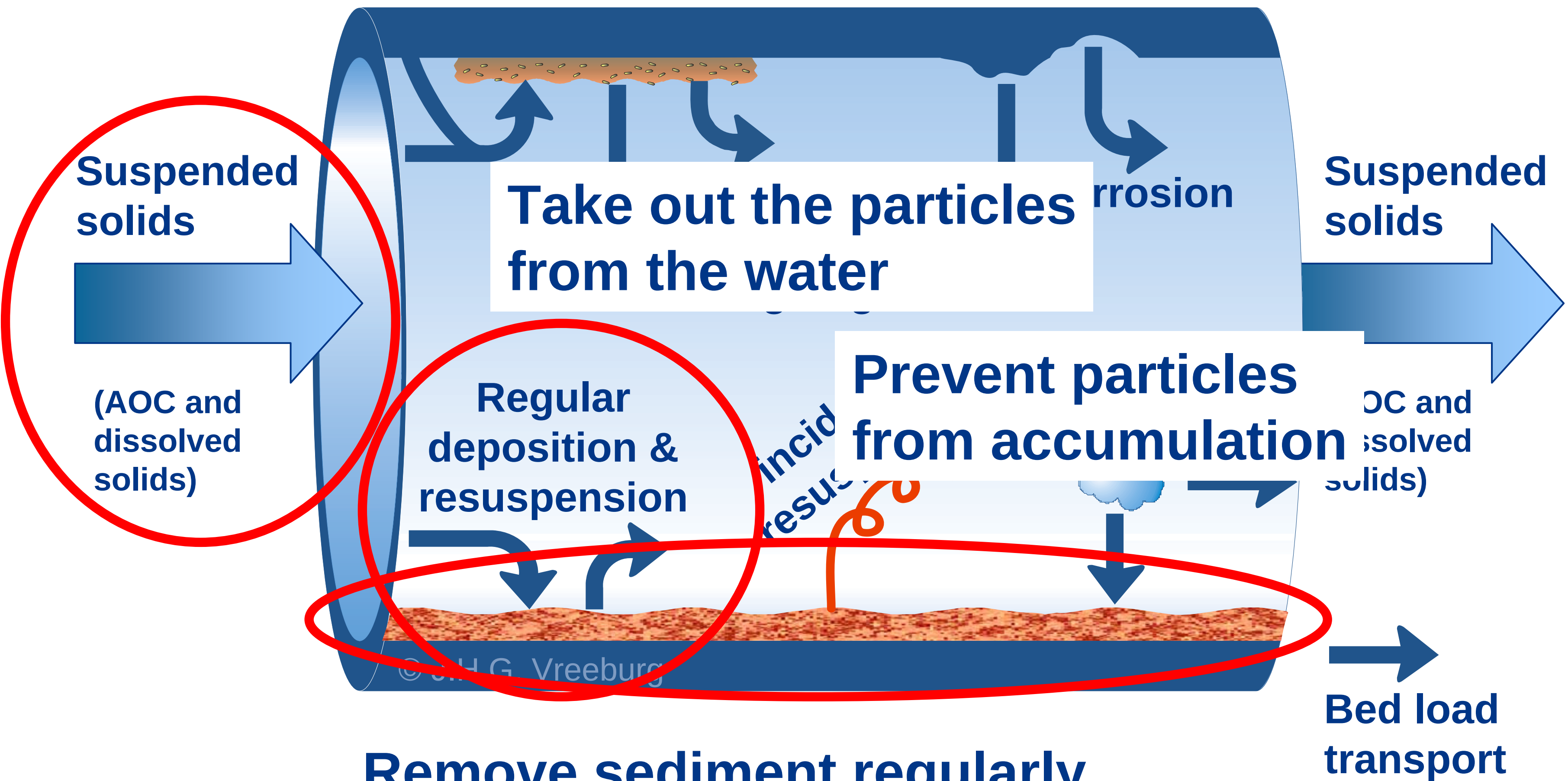
Cast iron: the classic cause of discolouration (Ø100 Cast Iron,1900)



But: there is so little cast iron and still 3000 to 6000 complaints

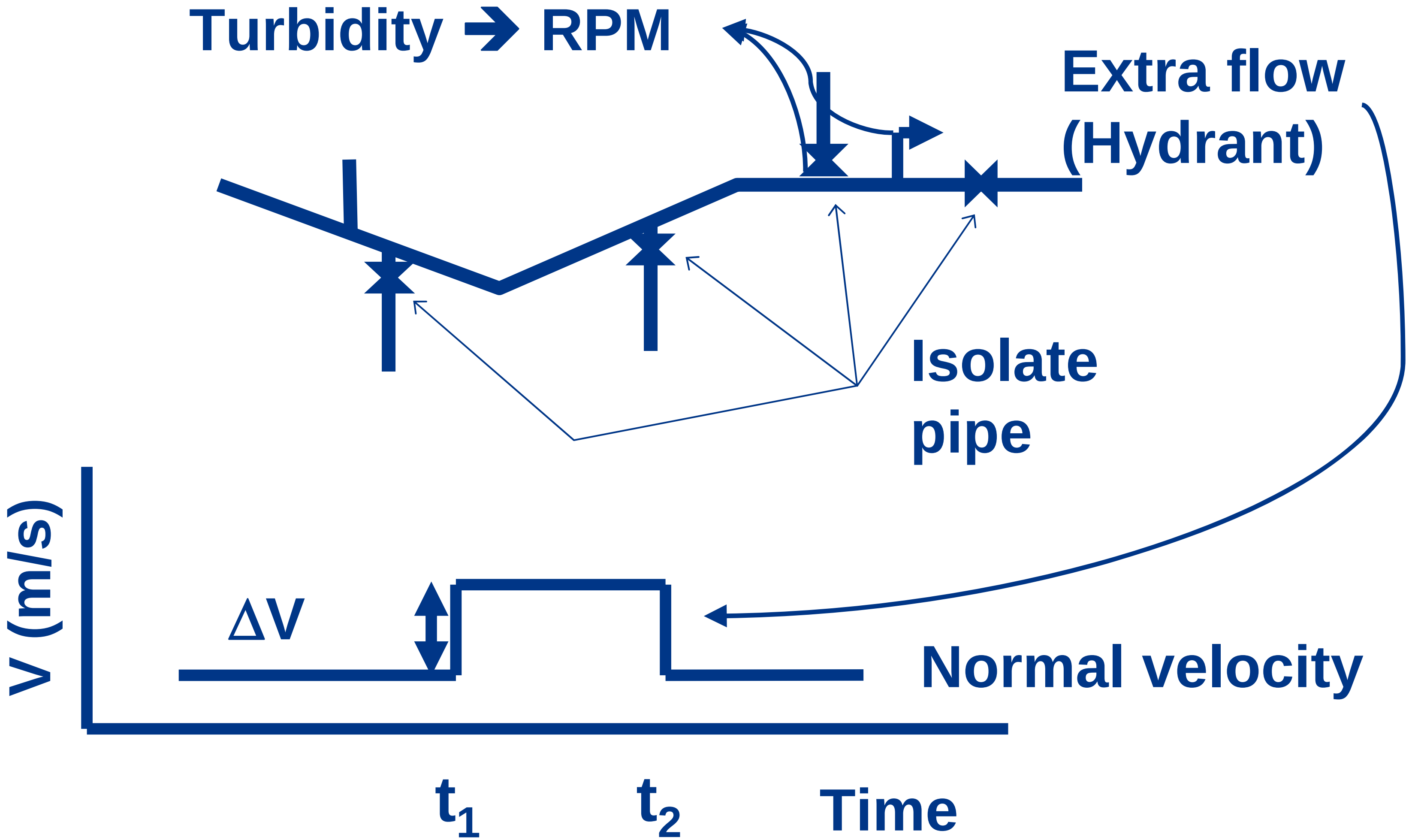


The complete picture:
Particle related processes in a network

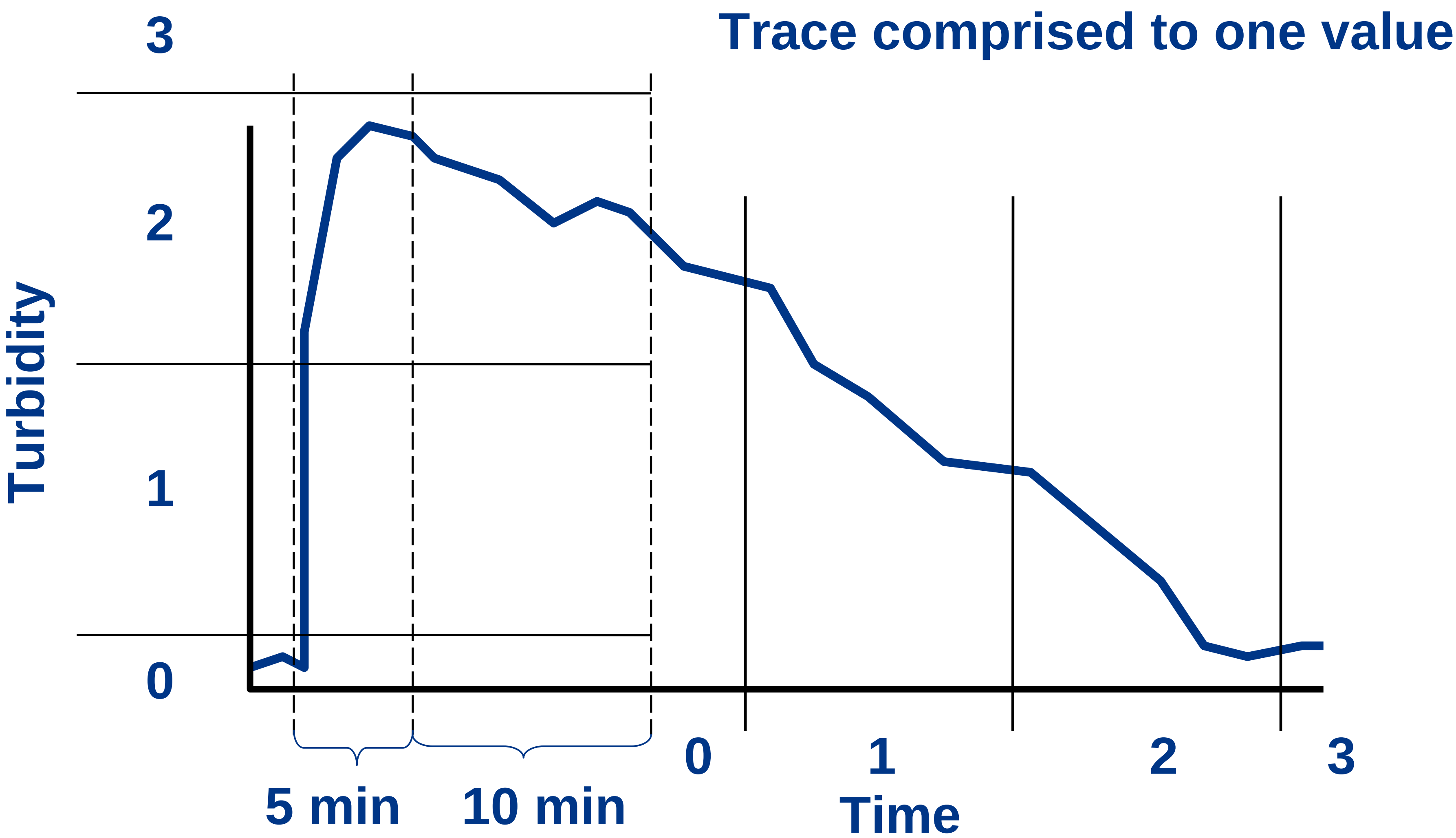


Remove sediment regularly

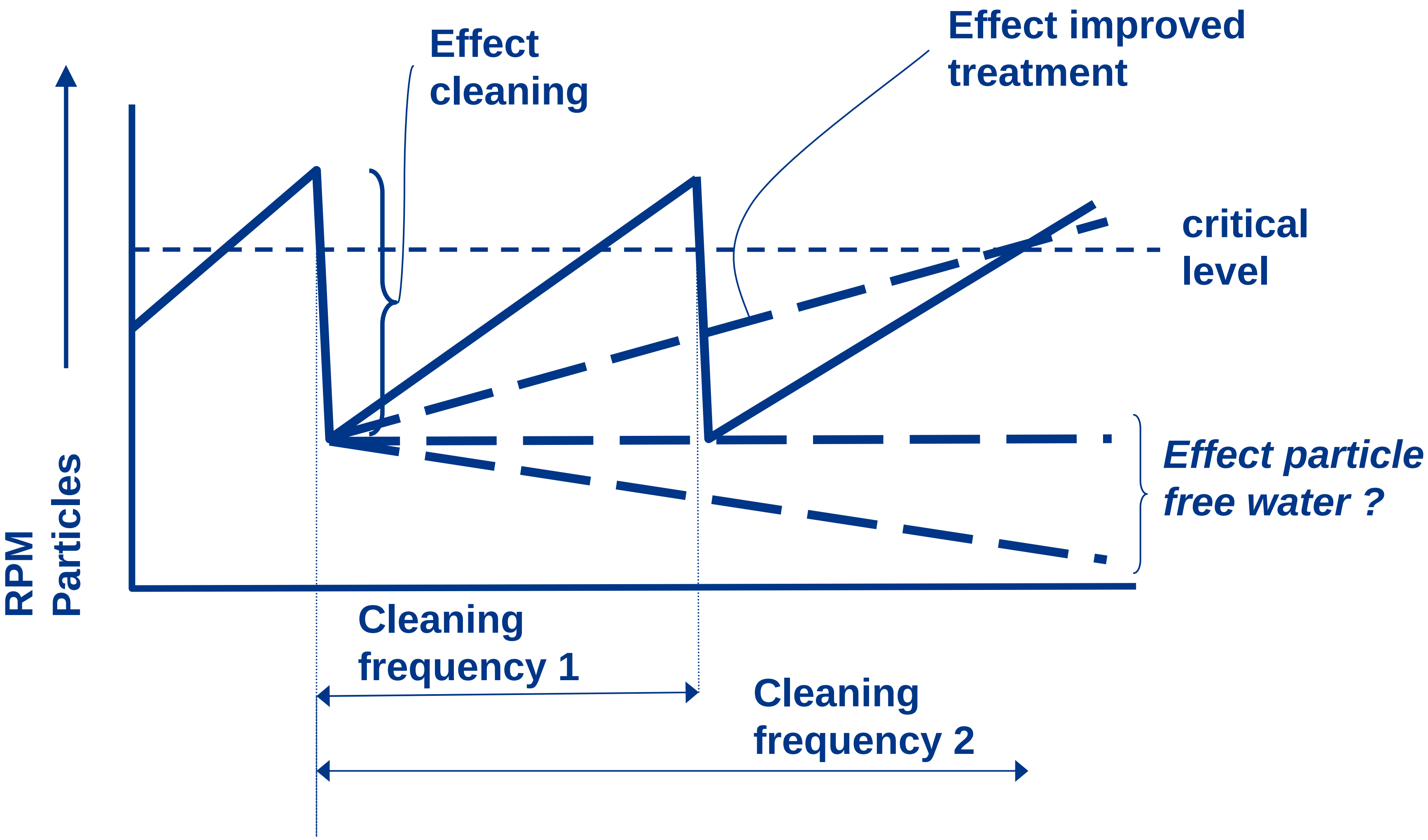
Measuring method to asses the discolouration risk: the Resuspention Potential Method



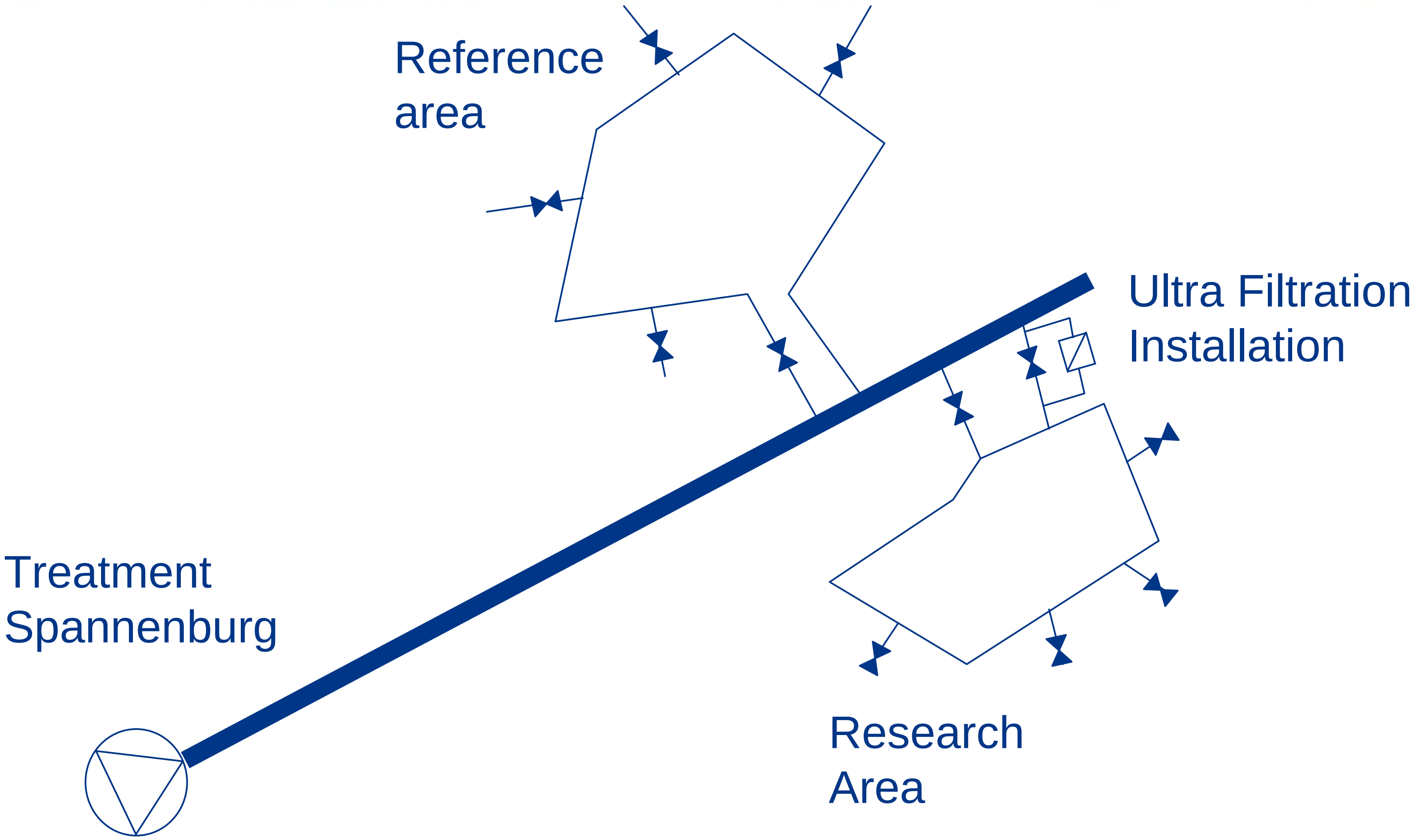
Validate RPM result



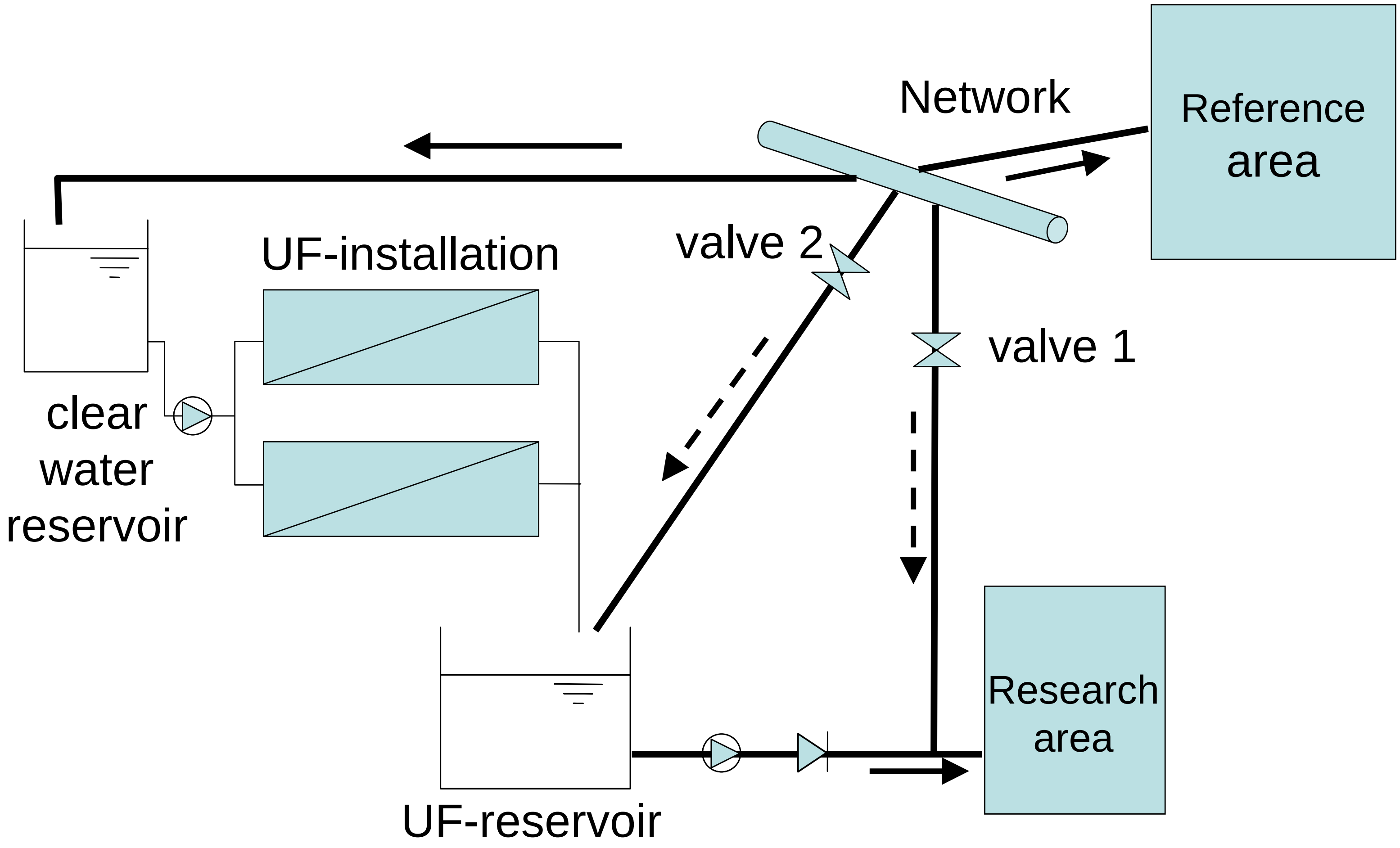
Hypothesis effect particle load from treatment



The experiment with particle free water



Detail connection research area



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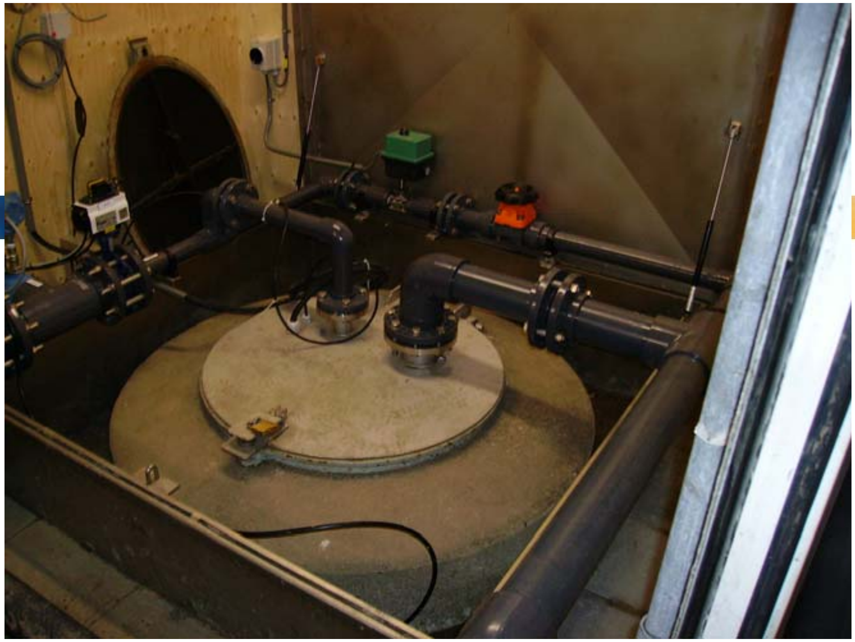
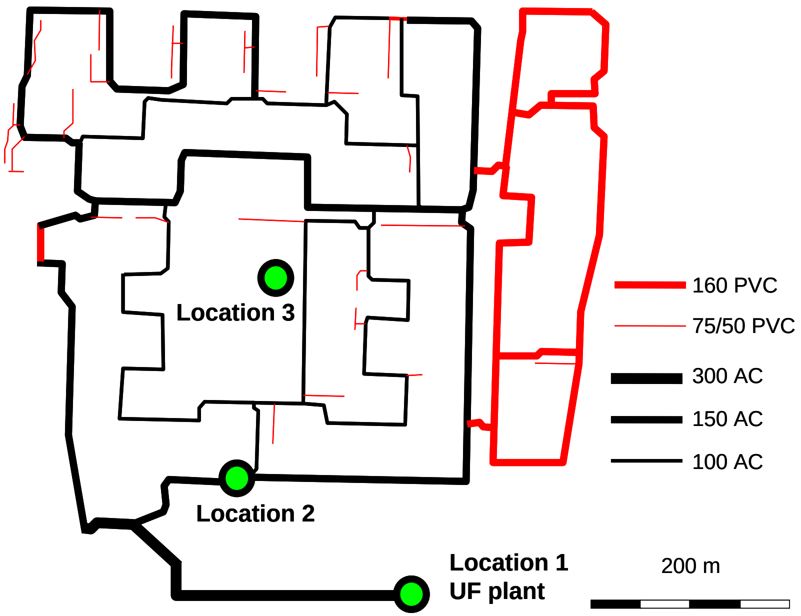
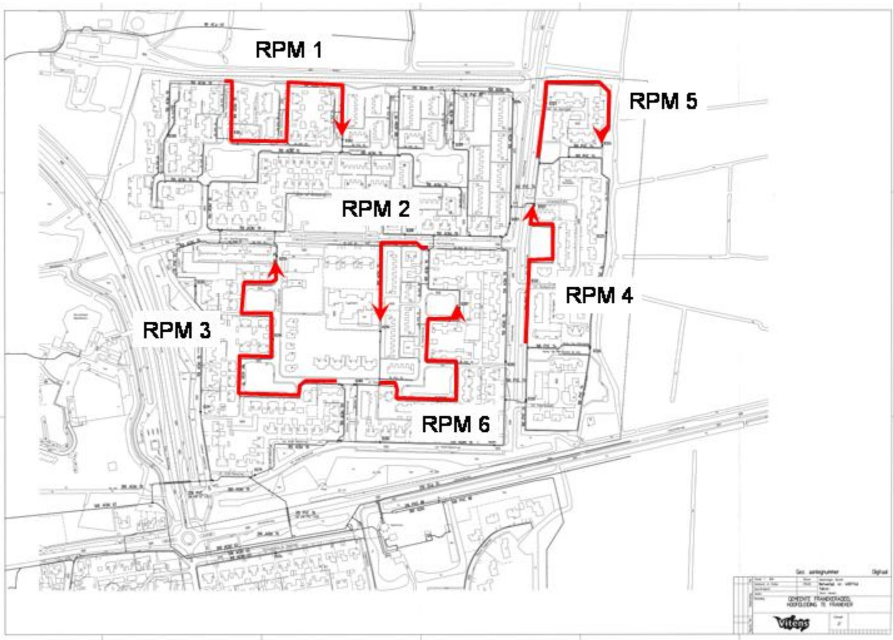


The Research area





- 550 connections à 2,6 persons using 122 lppd (2004)
- 1970 AC part; PVC part 1974

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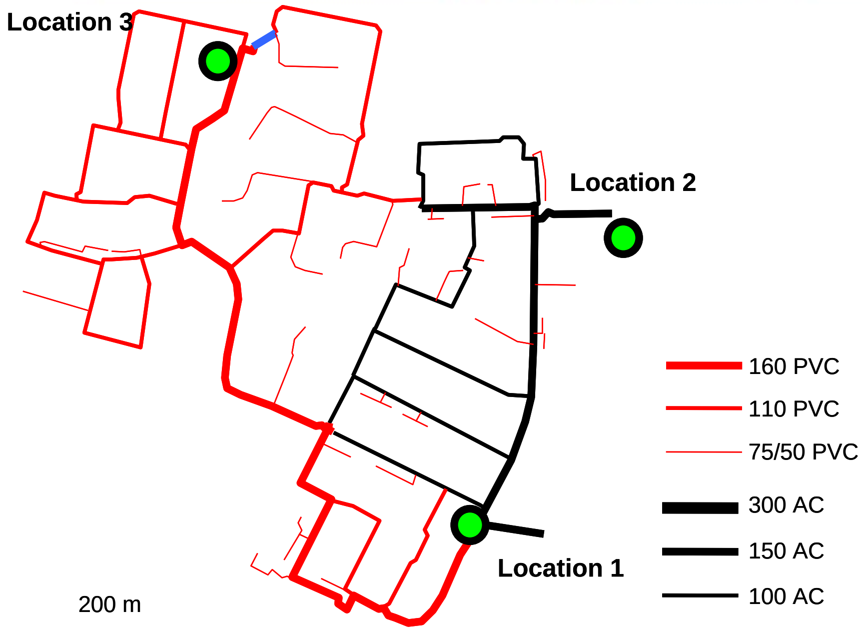
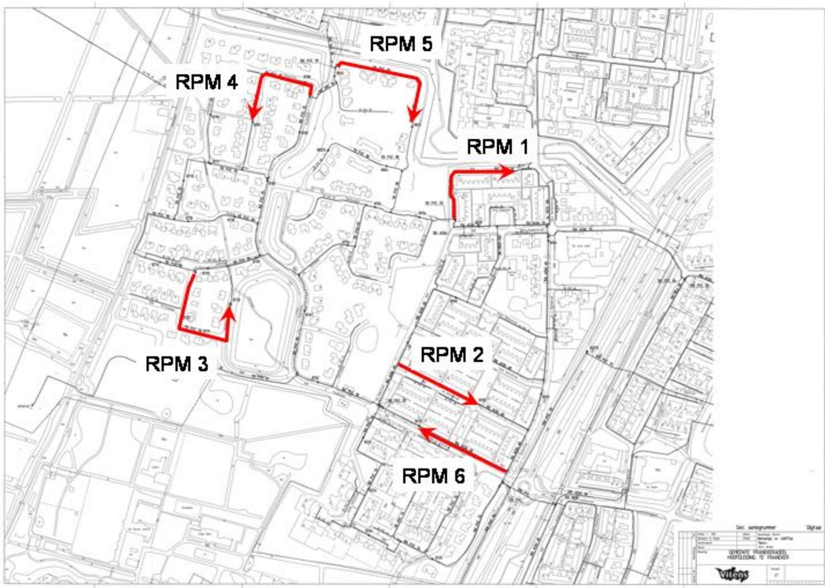
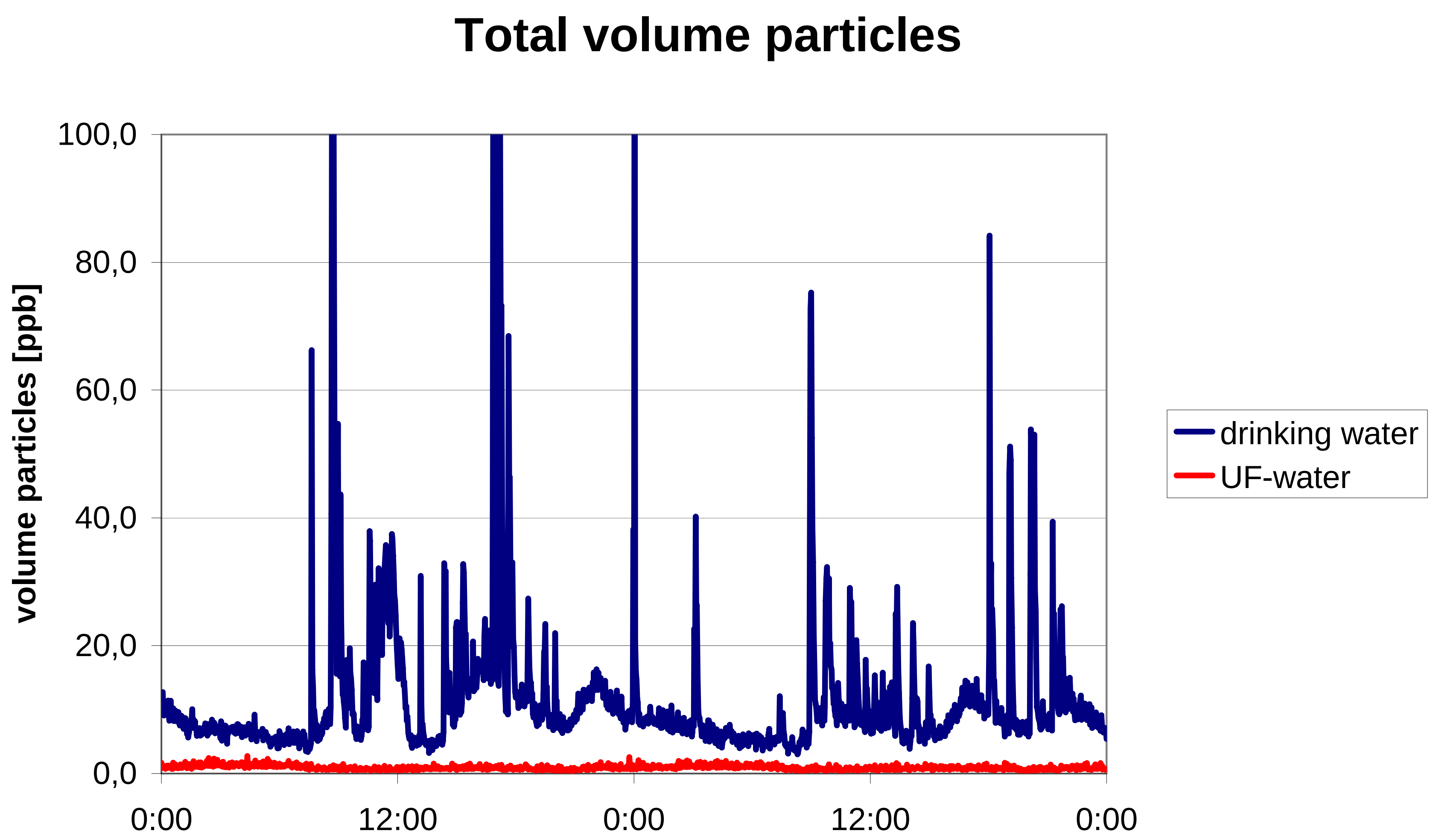


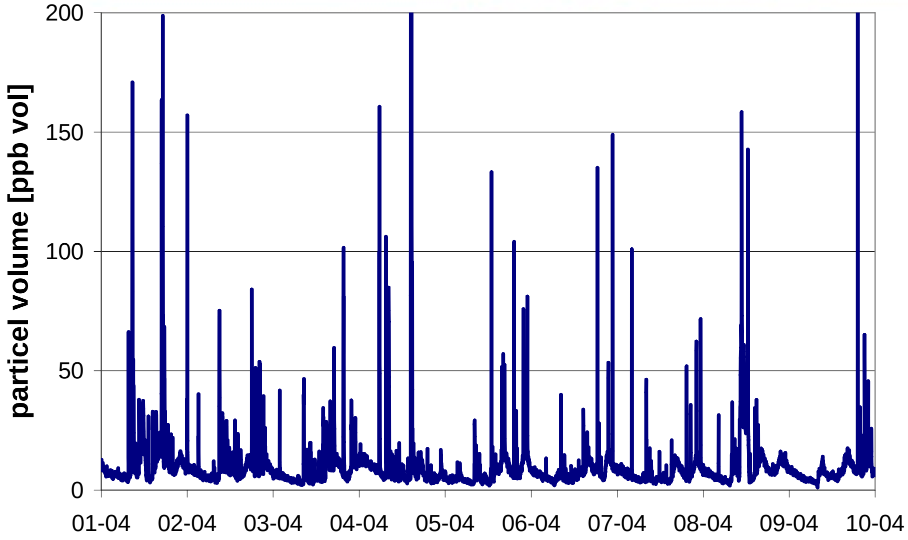


- 520 connections à 2,7 persons using 118 lppd (2004)
- 1968-1969 AC part; 1st PVC part 1974; 2nd PVC part 1995-1999

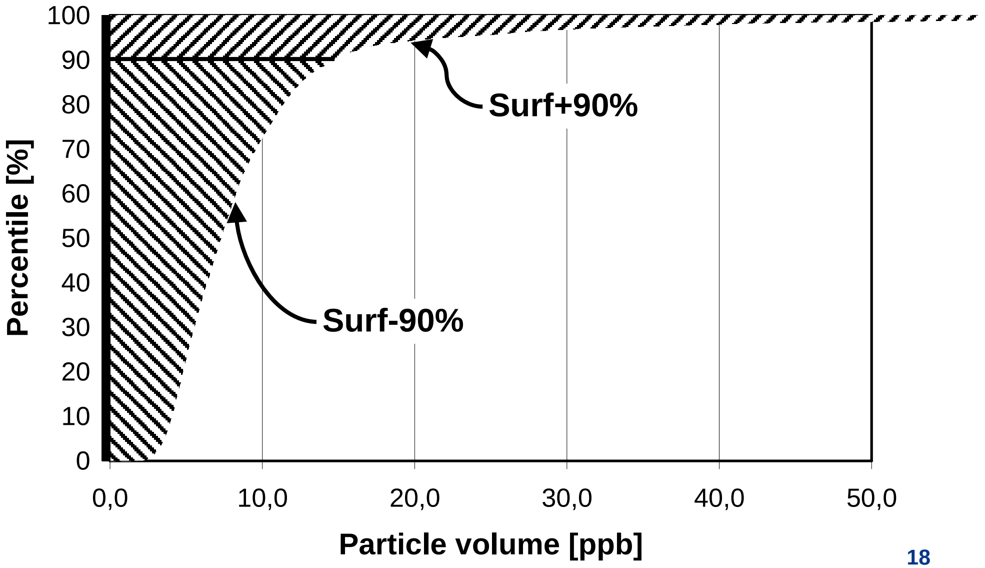
Input particle volume



Particle count/volume data

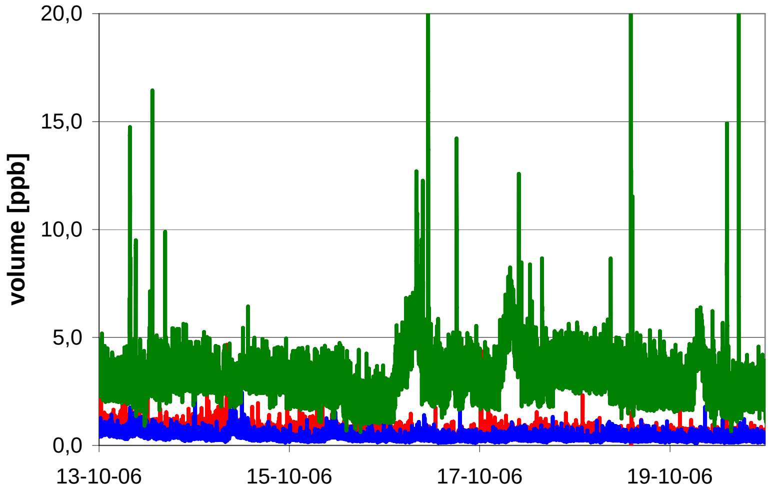


Frequency percentile [%]	[ppb]
90,0	14,57
95,0	21,80
98,0	40,18
99,0	58,39
99,5	84,15
99,9	160,58
ratio 90/99,5	0,17
average [ppb]	9,85
surf -90 [%]	66,4%
surf +90 [%]	33,6%



Research Area second period

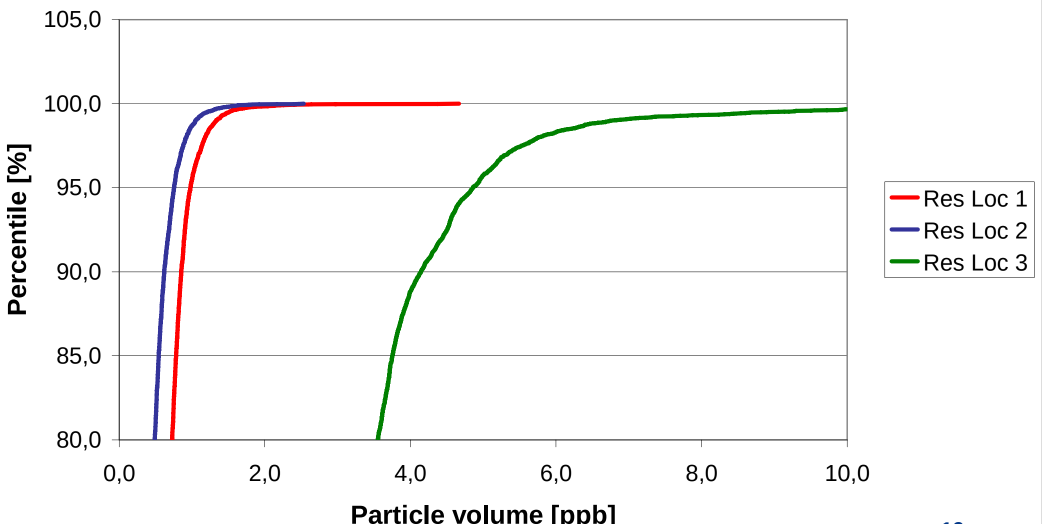
Volume particles Research Area



Frequency percentile [%]	Res Loc 1 [ppb]	Res Loc 2 [ppb]	Res Loc 3 [ppb]
90,0	0,85	0,62	4,15
95,0	0,98	0,75	4,86
98,0	1,18	0,92	5,76
99,0	1,33	1,05	6,78
99,5	1,51	1,21	8,90
99,9	2,17	1,62	16,39

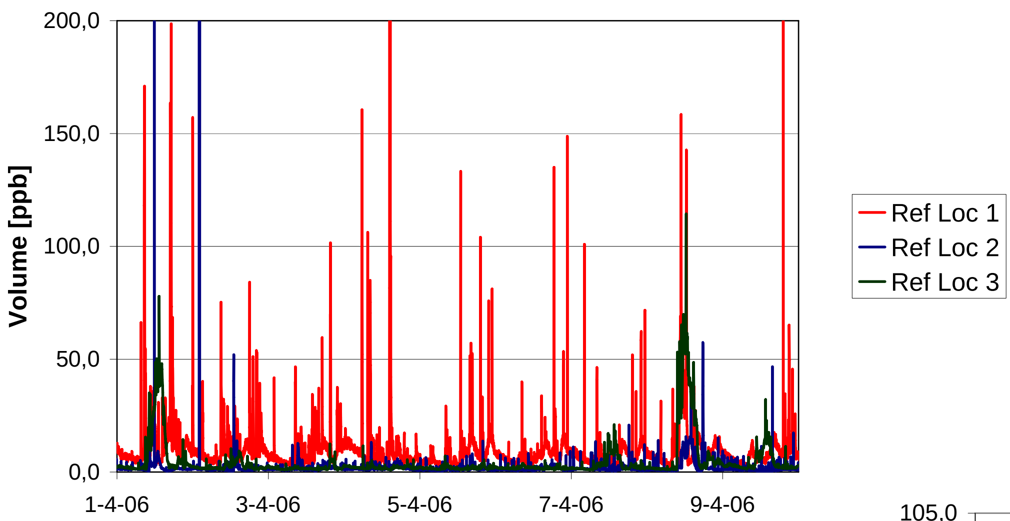
ratio 90/99,5	0,56	0,51	0,47
average [ppb]	0,55	0,38	2,93
surf -90 [%]	80,7%	78,7%	80,9%
surf +90 [%]	19,3%	21,3%	19,1%

Freq. Distr. Research Area 13-10-06 / 20-10-06



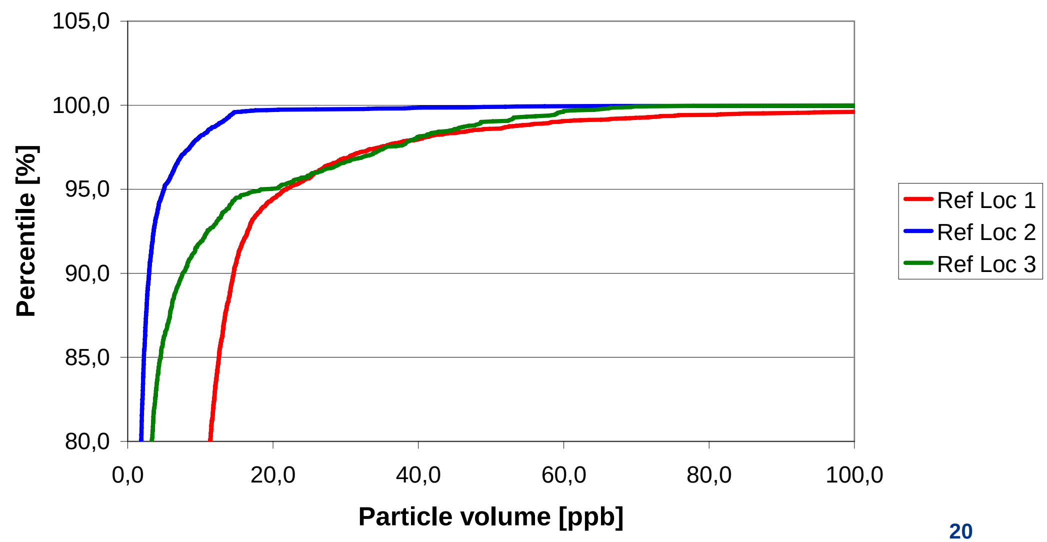
Reference Area first period

Volume particles Reference Area



Frequency percentile [%]	Ref Loc 1 [ppb]	Ref Loc 2 [ppb]	Ref Loc 3 [ppb]
90,0	14,57	2,95	7,55
95,0	21,80	5,00	18,32
98,0	40,18	9,56	39,45
99,0	58,39	12,94	48,60
99,5	84,15	14,42	59,09
99,9	160,58	49,01	69,25
ratio 90/99,5	0,17	0,20	0,13
average [ppb]	9,85	1,98	4,49
surf -90 [%]	66,4%	56,6%	43,8%
surf +90 [%]	33,6%	43,4%	54,9%

Freq. distr. Reference area 1-4-06 / 10-4-06



Resuspension Potential Measurements Adjusted (100 m; 0,35 m/s, 5 minutes)

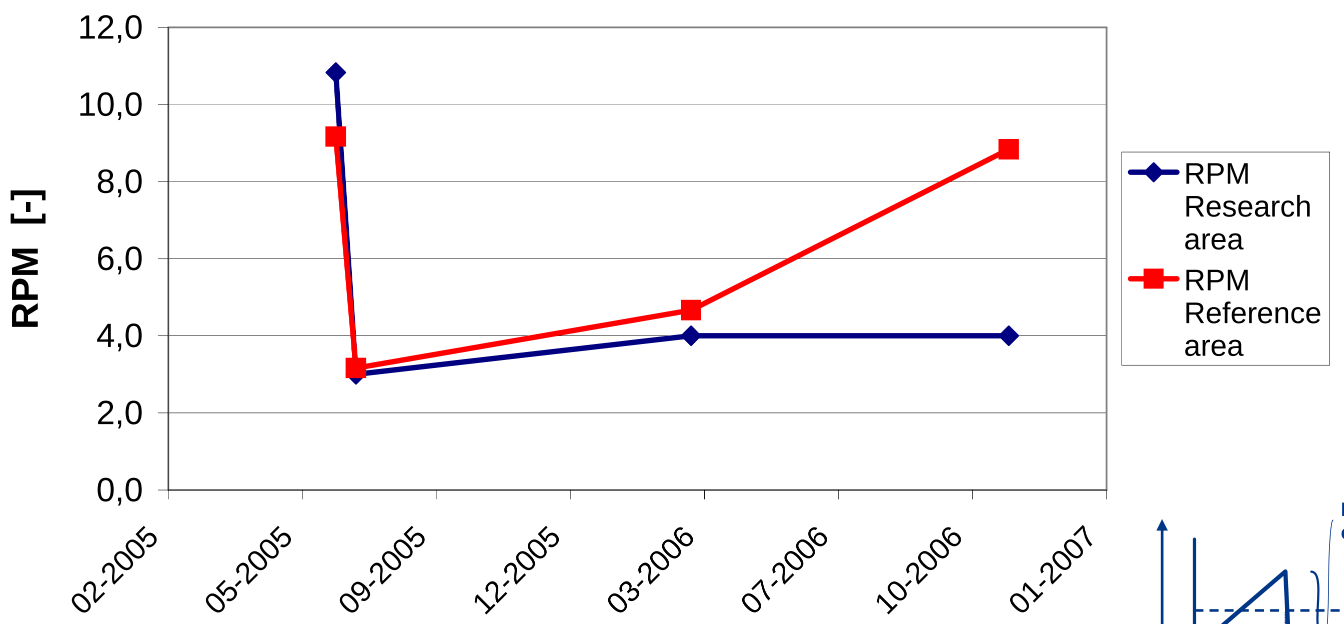
Points	0	1	2	3	4
Max during disturbance [FTU]	<1	1 -3	3 – 5	5 – 10	>10
Average during disturbance [FTU]	<1	1 -3	3 – 5	5 – 10	>10
Resettling time [min]	<1	1-5	5-10	10-15	>15

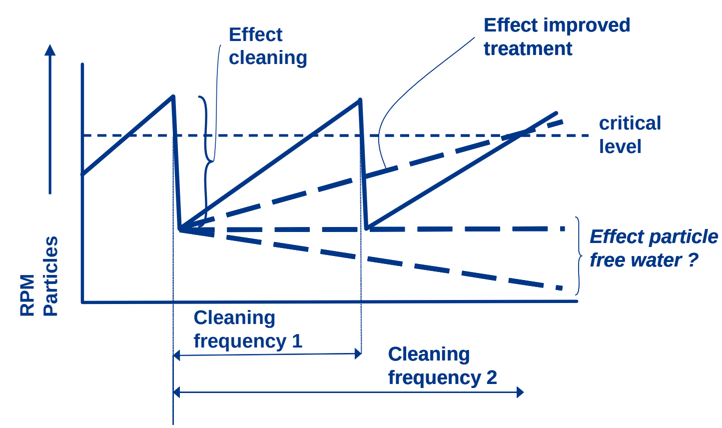
Research area	-1 measure				0-measure				1-measure				2-measure			
Date	24-6-2005				13-7-2005				14-3-2006				6-11-2006			
location				tot				tot				tot				tot
Res loc 1	4	4	3	11	1	1	1	3	2	1	0	3	3	3	2	8
Res loc 2	4	4	4	12	1	1	1	3	4	3	0	7	2	1	0	3
Res loc 3	4	4	3	11	1	0	1	2				0	2	1	0	3
Res loc 4	4	4	2	10	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	2
Res loc 5	4	4	3	11	2	1	2	5				0	1	1	0	2
Res loc 6	4	4	2	10	3	1	1	5				0	4	2	0	6
Average				10,83				3,00				4,00				4,00

Reference area	-1 measure				0-measure				1-measure				2-measure			
Date	22-6-2005				7-7-2005				14-3-2006				6-11-2006			
location				tot				tot				tot				tot
Ref loc 1	3	2	2	7	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ref loc 2	4	4	3	11	2	1	1	4	4	4	2	10	4	4	3	11
Ref loc 3	4	4	4	12	2	1	1	4				0	4	4	2	10
Ref loc 4	3	3	1	7	4	3	1	8	3	1	0	4	4	4	3	11
Ref loc 5	4	3	3	10	0	0	0	0				0	4	4	2	10
Ref loc 6	4	3	1	8	0	0	0	0				0	4	4	3	11
Average				9,17				3,17				4,67				8,83

RPM graphical

Average Resuspention Potential Measurement

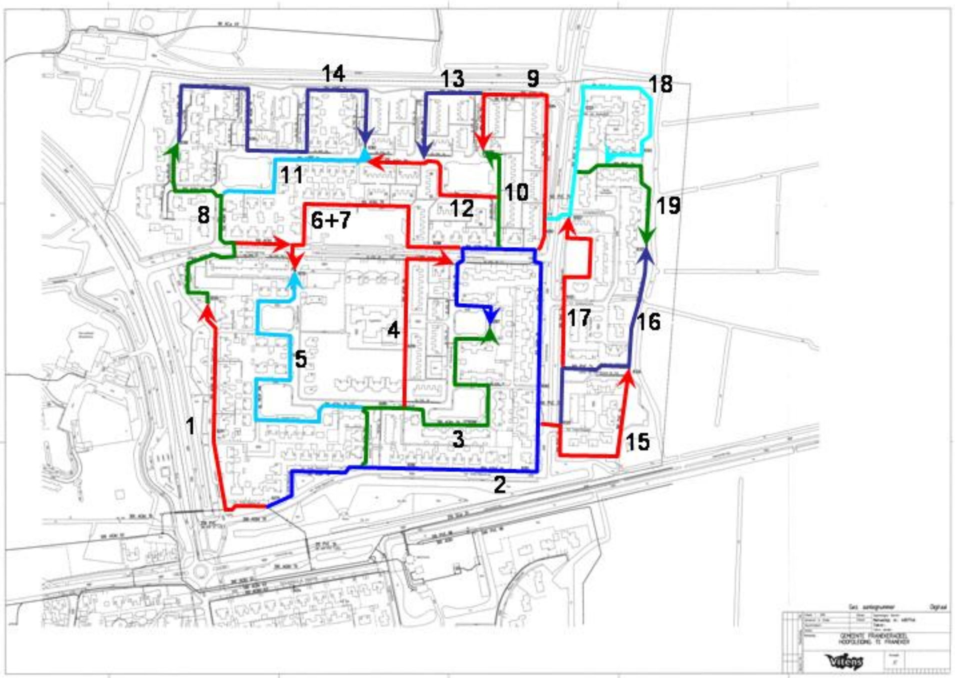


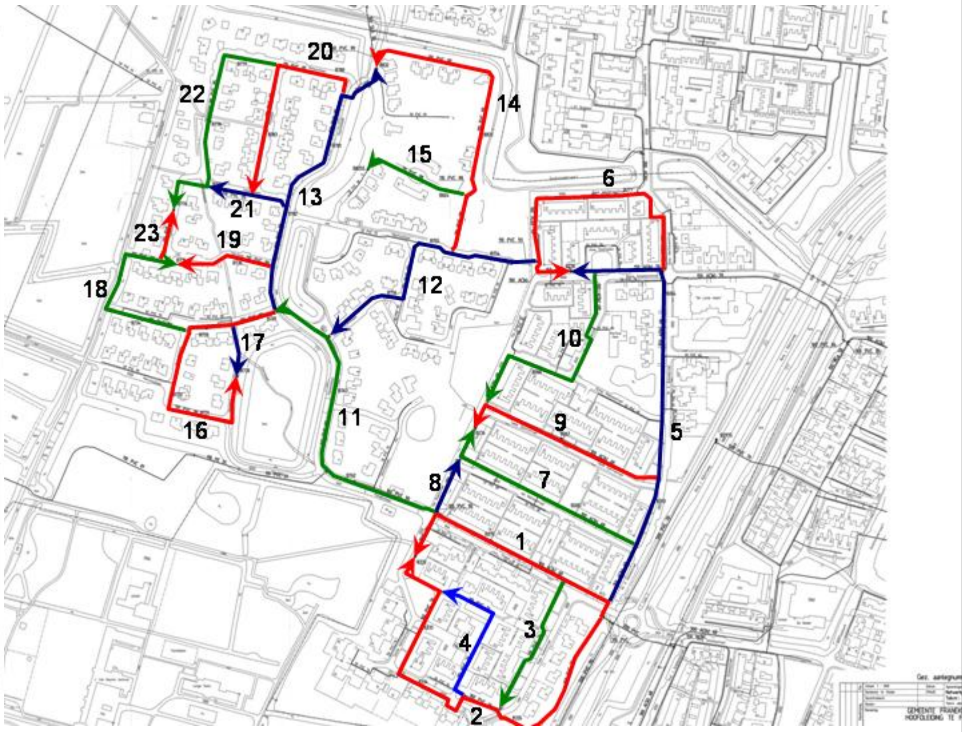


How much sediment is accumulated: Clean both the areas

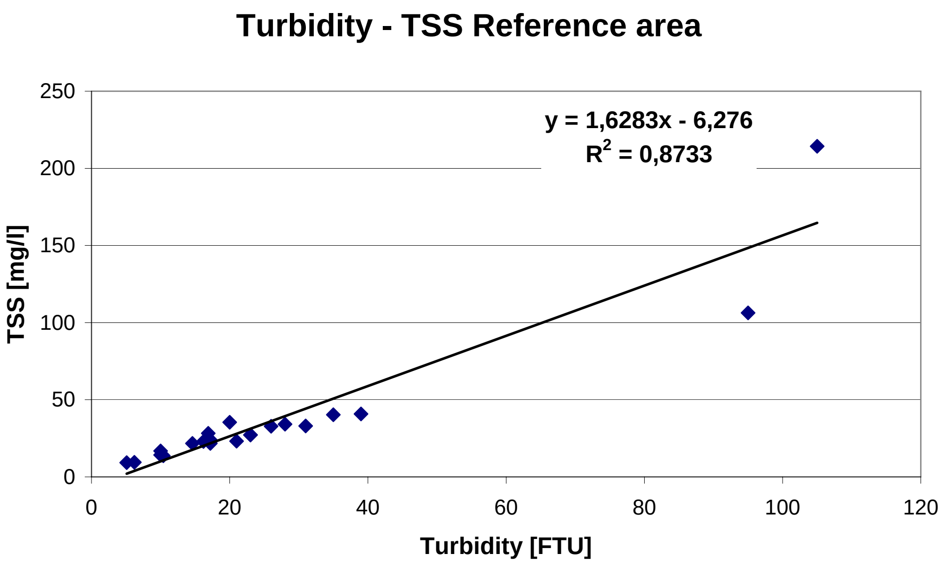
- Dedicated flushing program (1,5 m/s, uni-directional flow, clear water front)
- Continuous monitoring turbidity of flushed water
- Samples in first turn over flushed water
- Analysis samples for calibration curve TSS-FTU

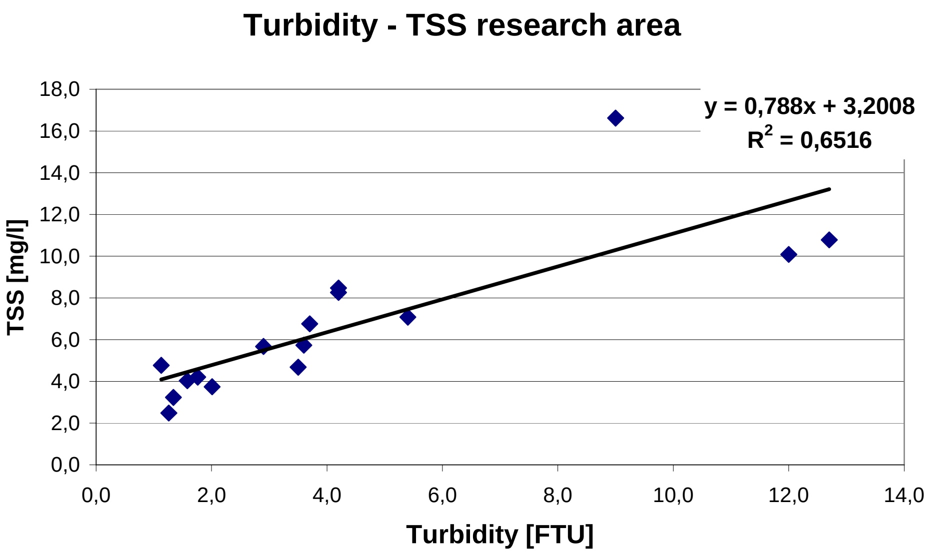
Flush plans Research Area and Reference Area





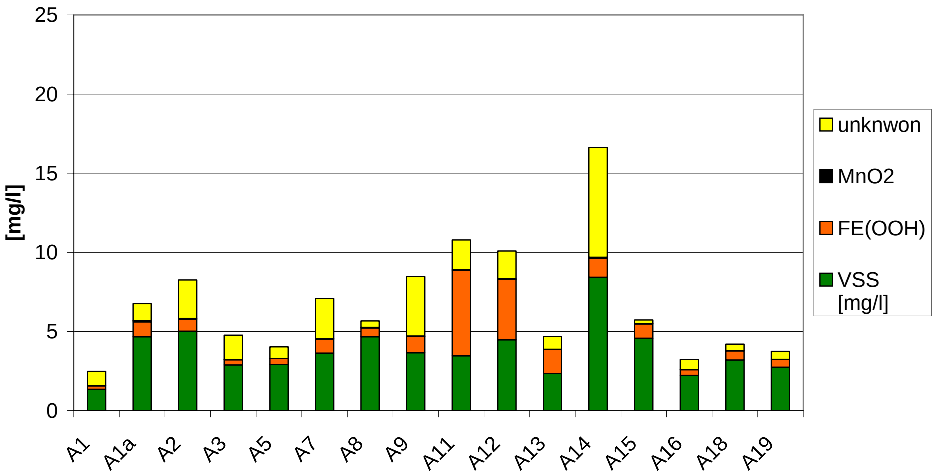
Relation TSS-Turb



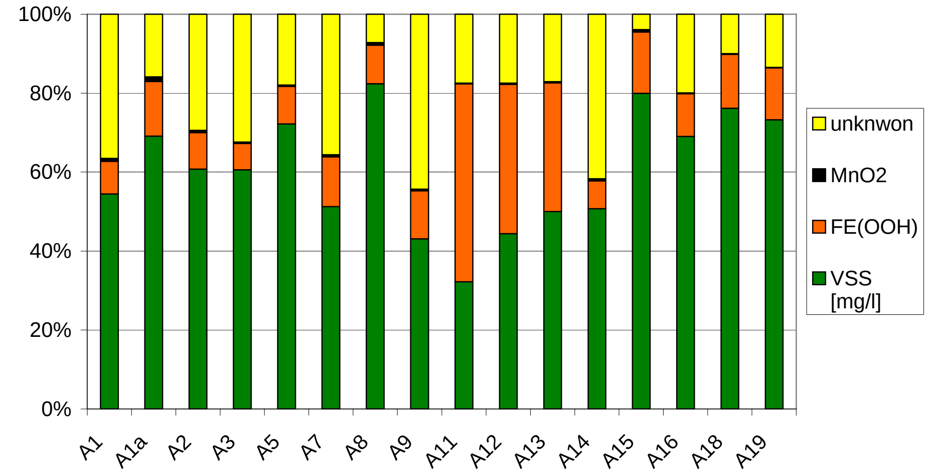


Sample analyses

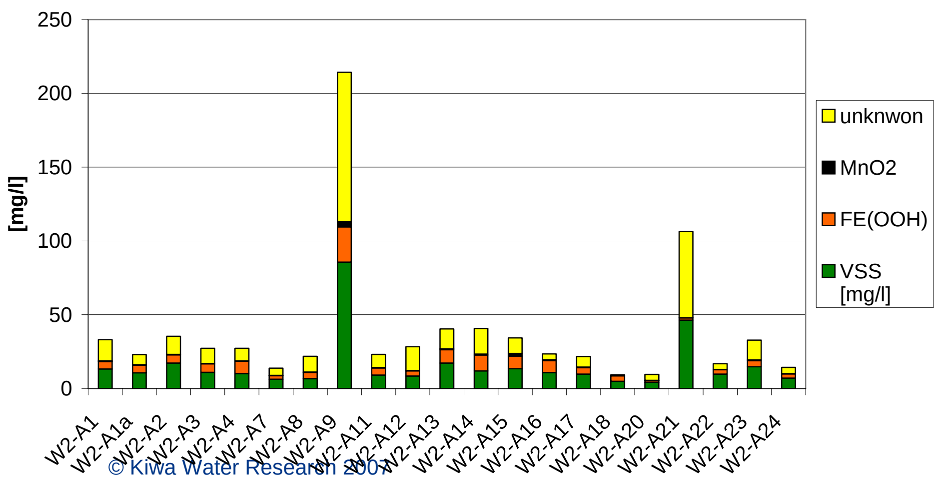
Composition flush samples Research Area



Relative comp. flush samples Research Area



Composition flush samples Reference Area



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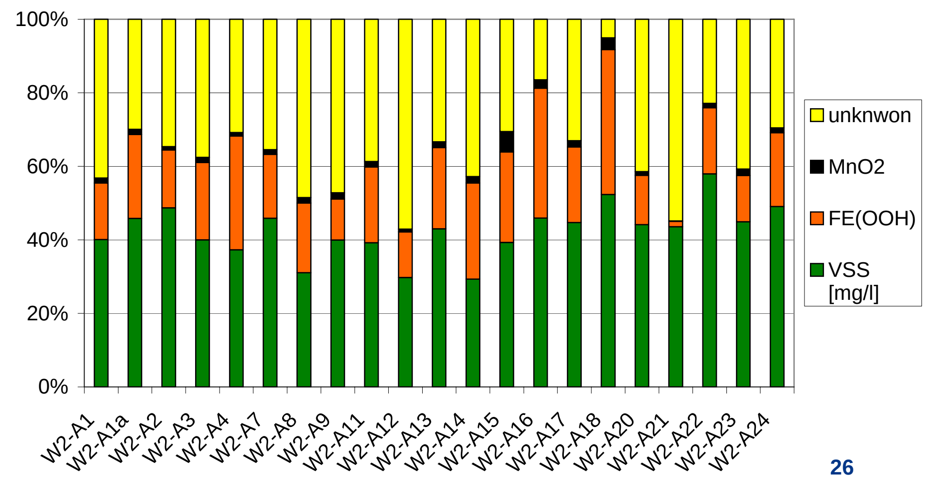


Removed TSS during flushing

	Total length flushed [m]	Removed TSS [gr]	Removed TSS per meter [mg/m]
Research	5840	525,08	89,9
Reference	5370	5752,52	1071,2

Conclusion: sediment originates mostly from the treatment

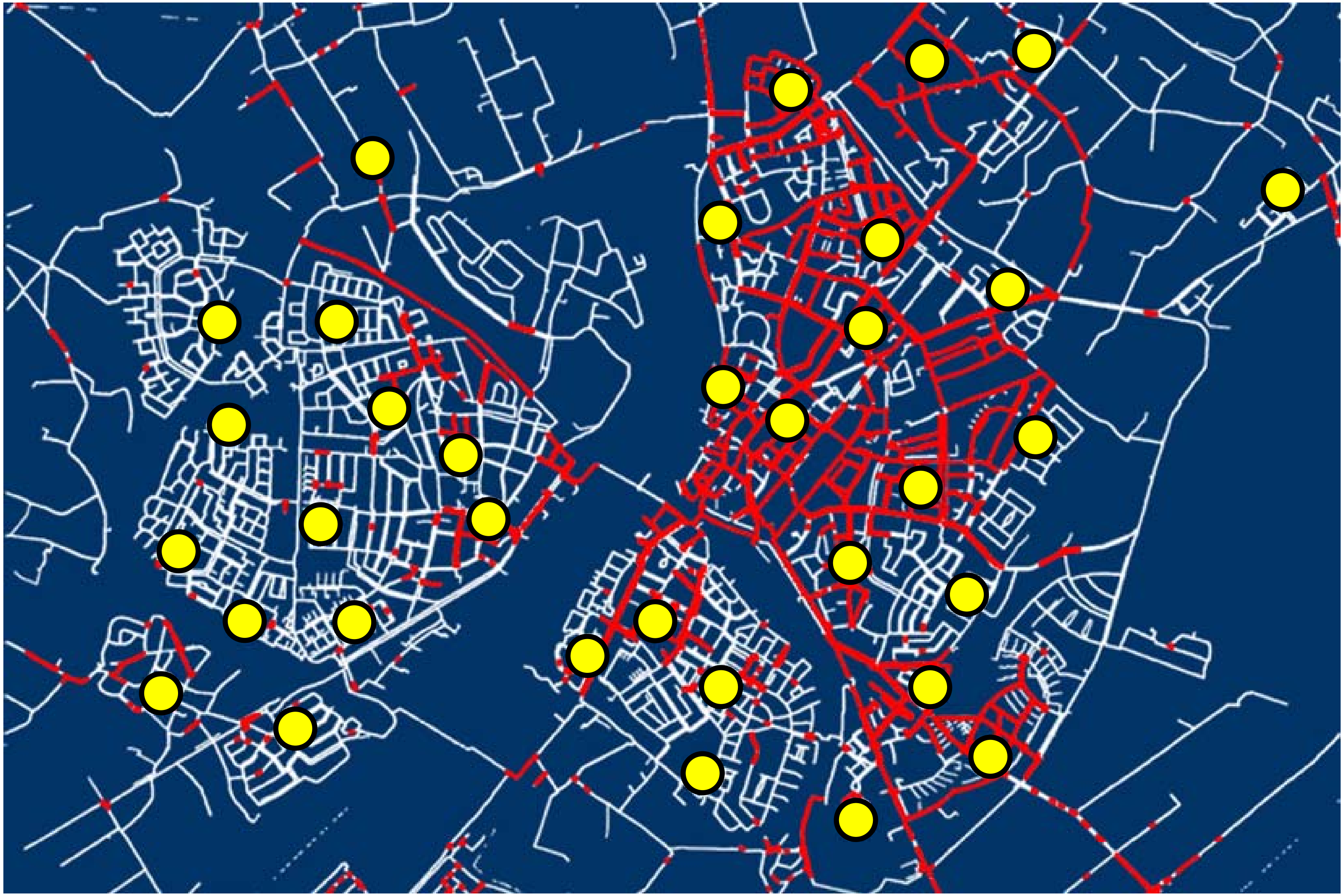
What can we do in the network

- Clean the network: Flush with water
  - 1,5 m/s
  - Clear water front
  - 2 to 3 times turn over
- Design on self cleaning networks

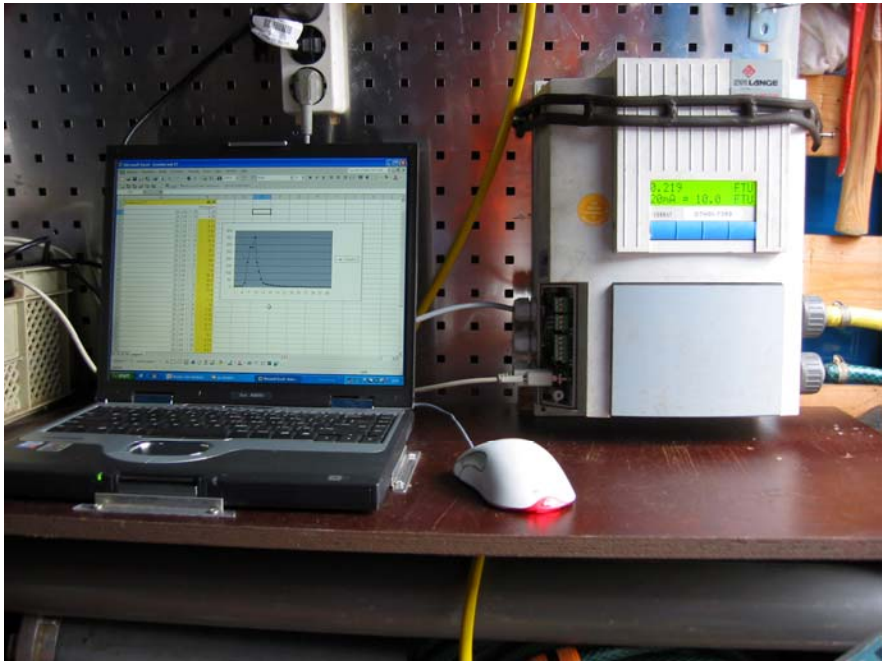
Clean the network: uni-directional flushing: a case study

- The network of Venlo
  - Partly Cast iron
  - Partly Asbestos Cement
- Cleaning in 2002
- Treatment improved during 2004
- Monitoring with adjusted RPM

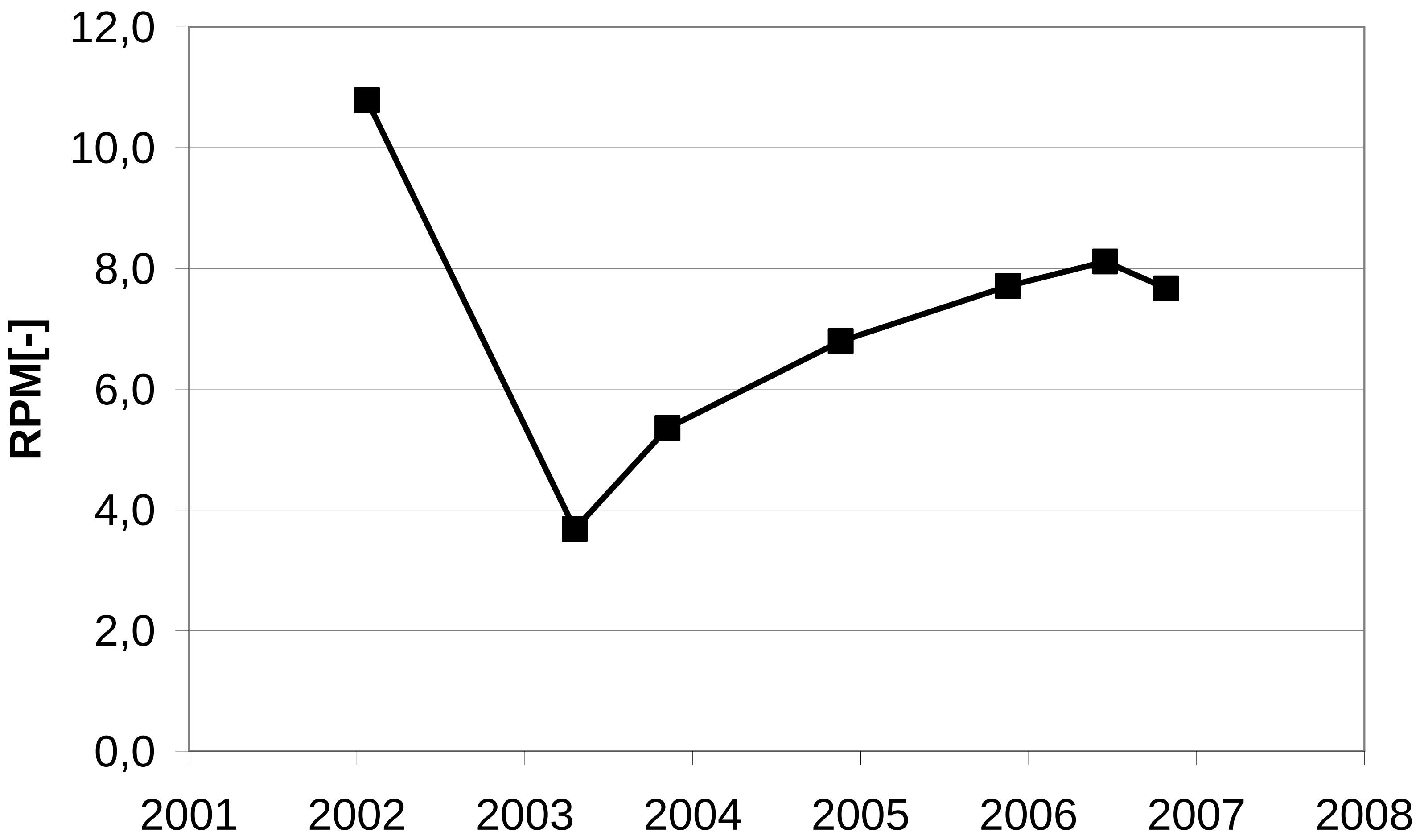
The network and monitor locations



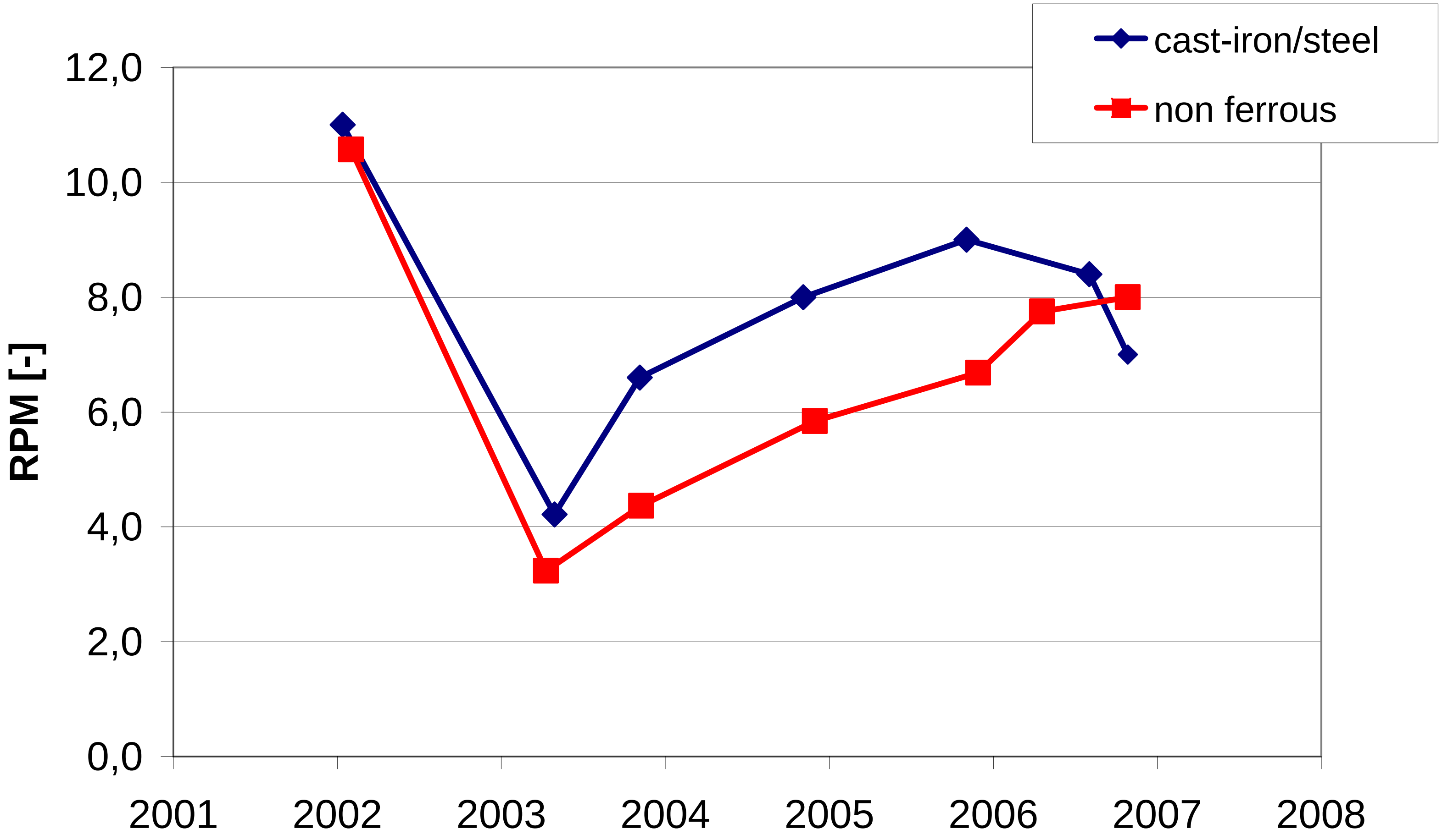
The monitoring equipment



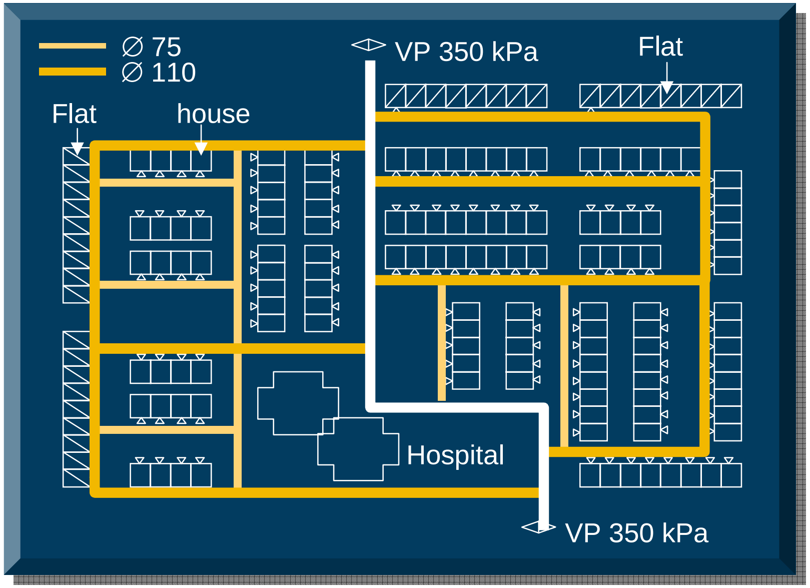
The results
Average Adjusted RPM

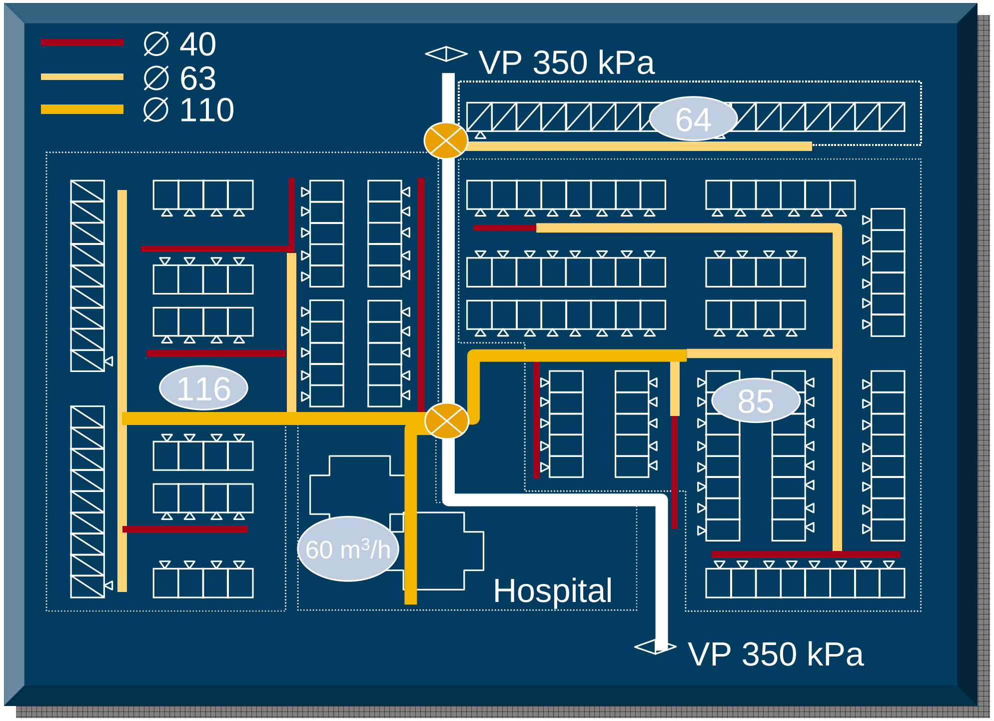


Average Adjusted RPM sorted by material

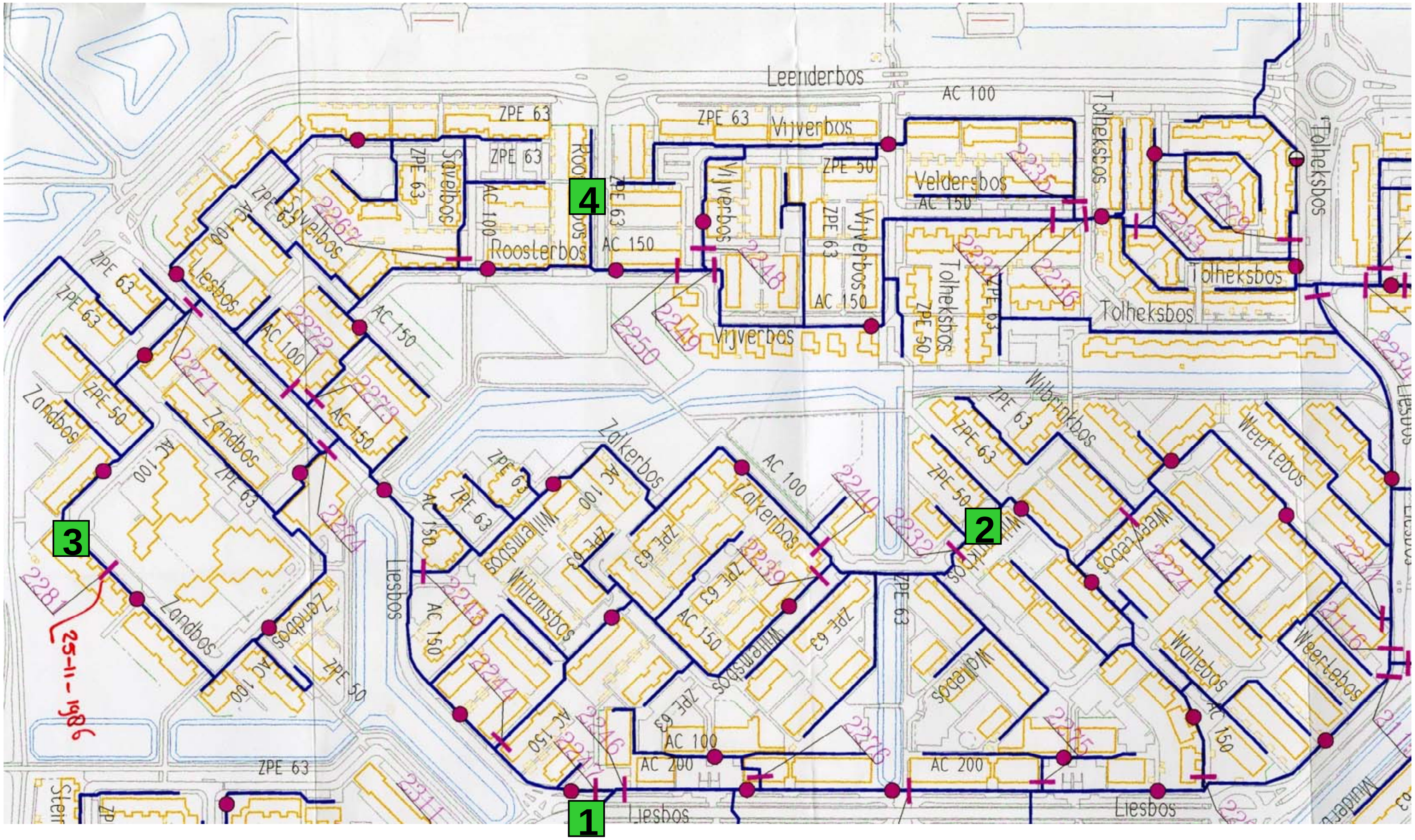


Self cleaning networks: the principle



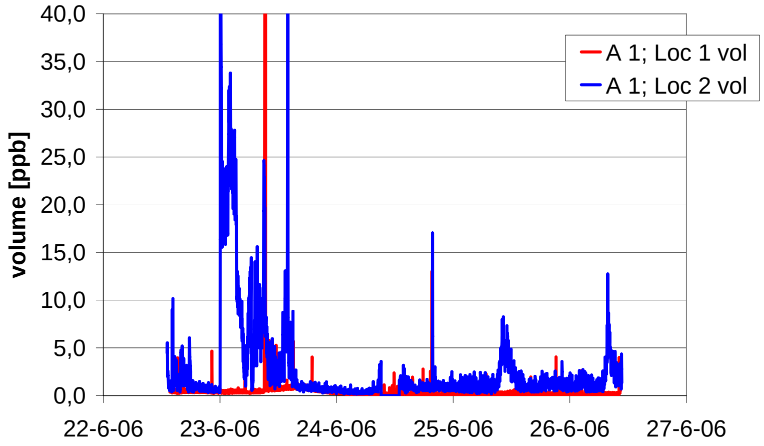


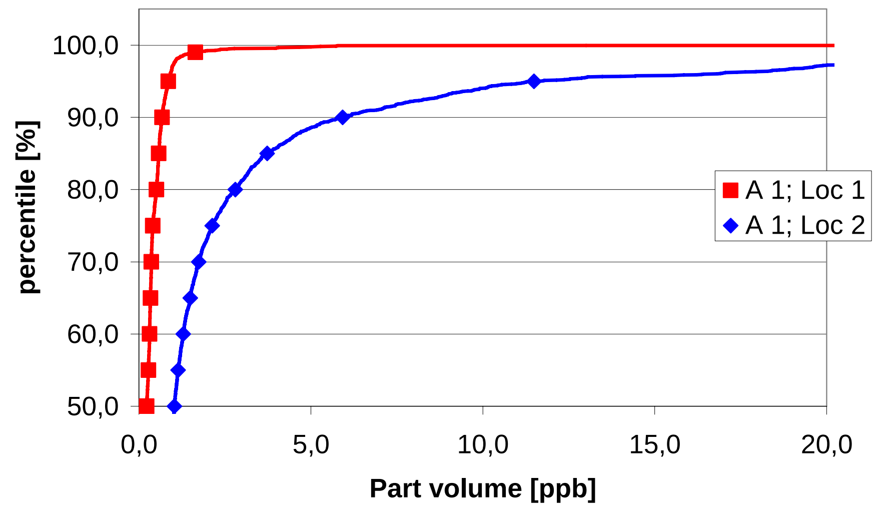
Self cleaning networks: case study comparing to conventional network

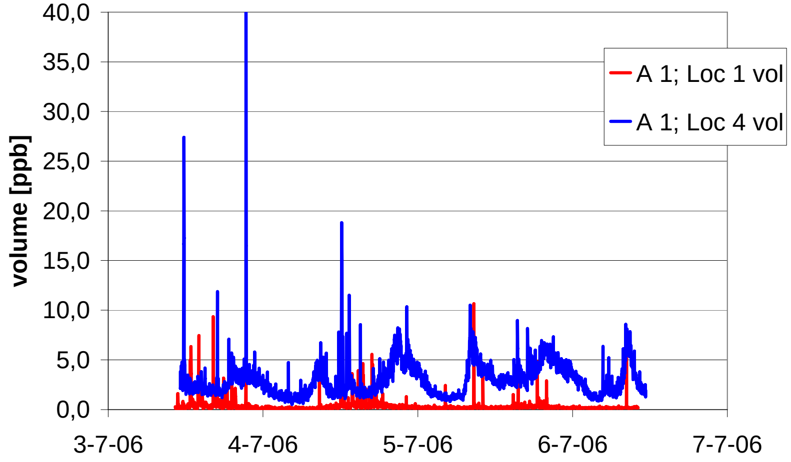


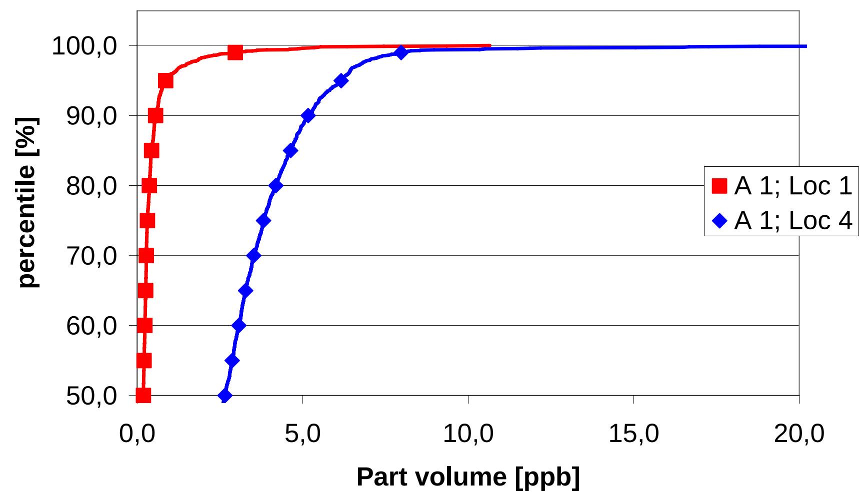
Self cleaning network

Area 1: conventional

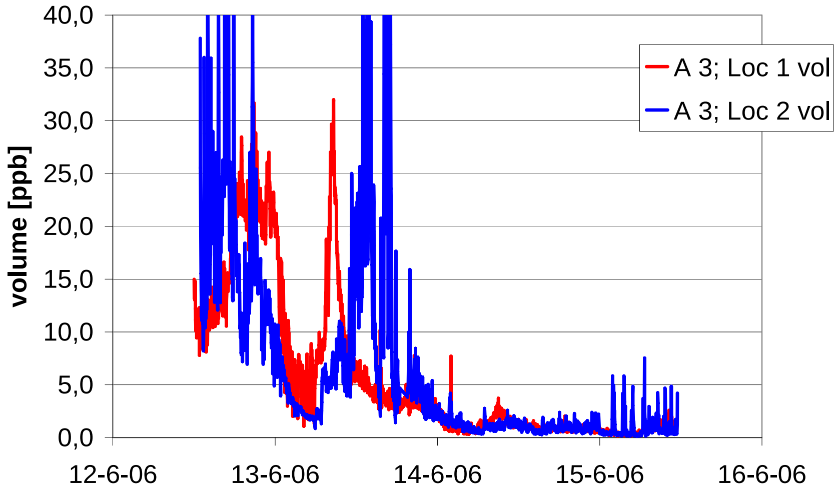


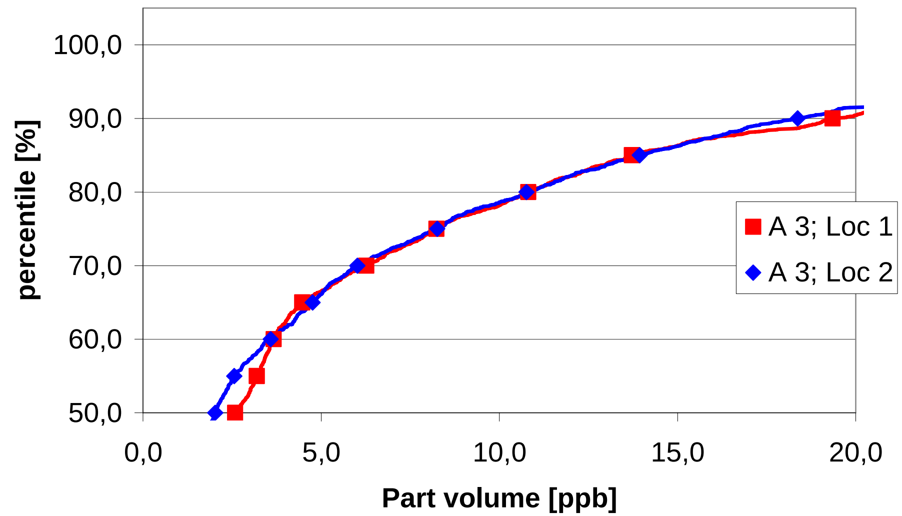


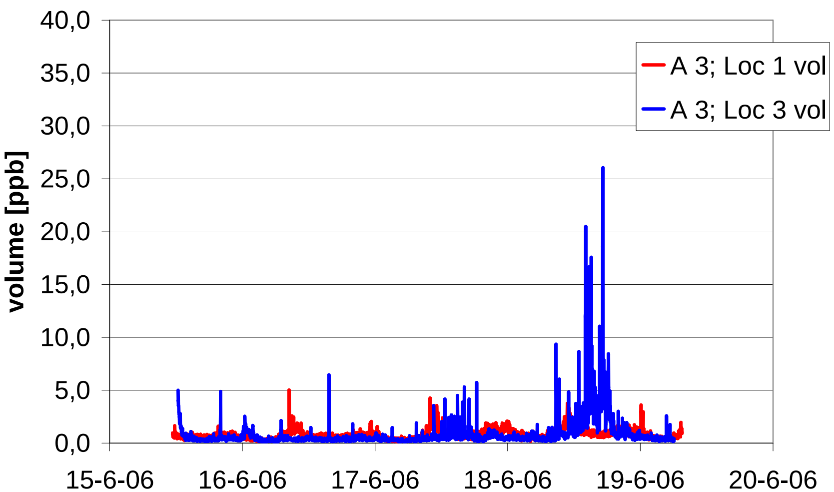


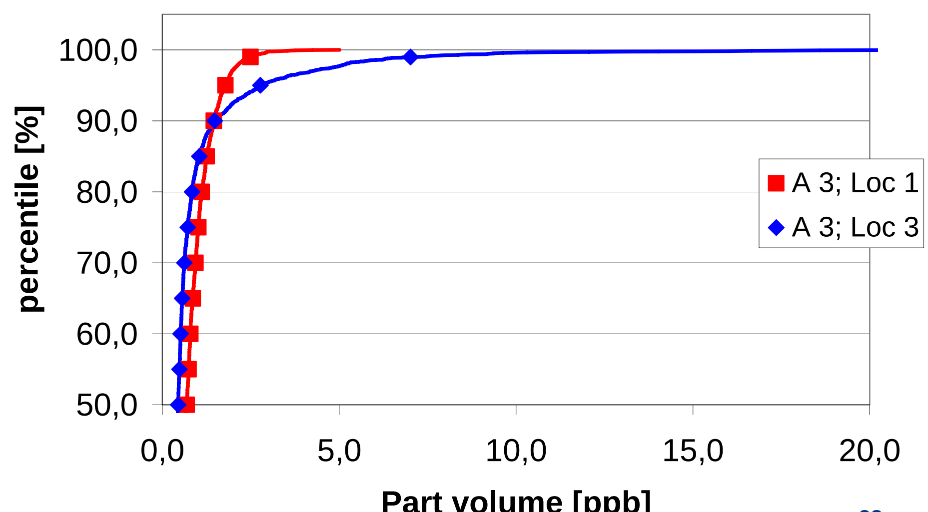


Area 3: self cleaning

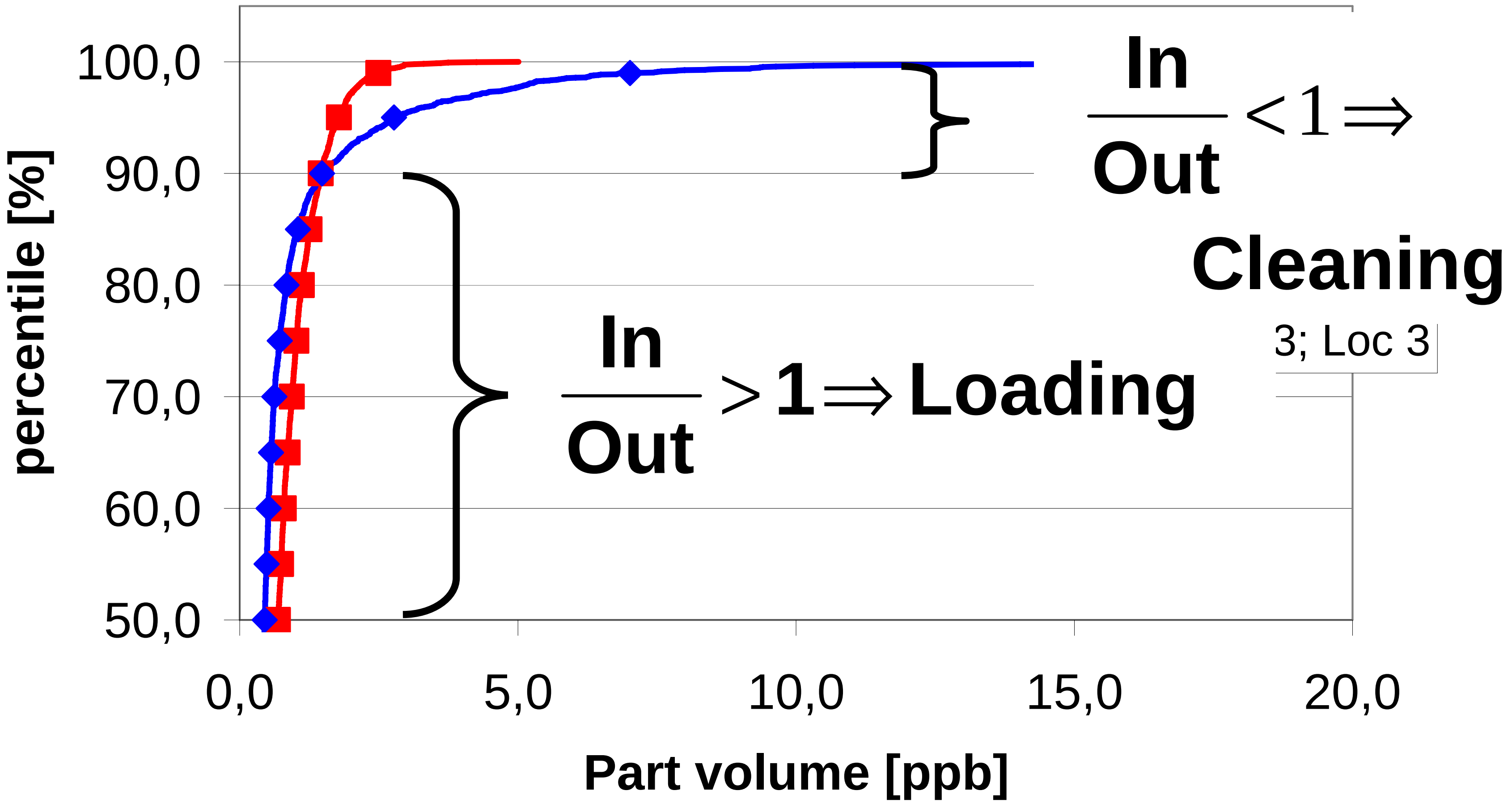




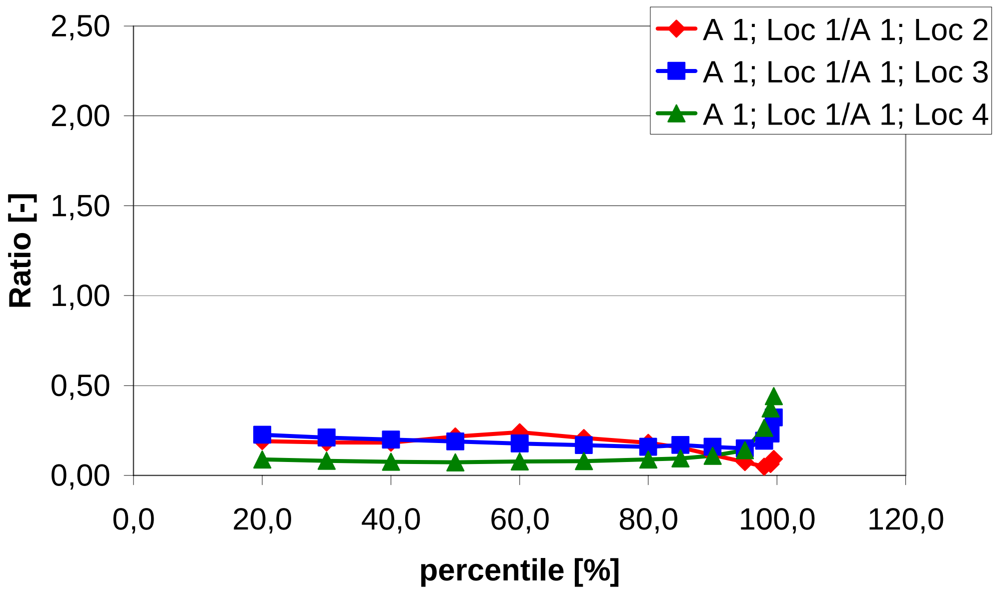


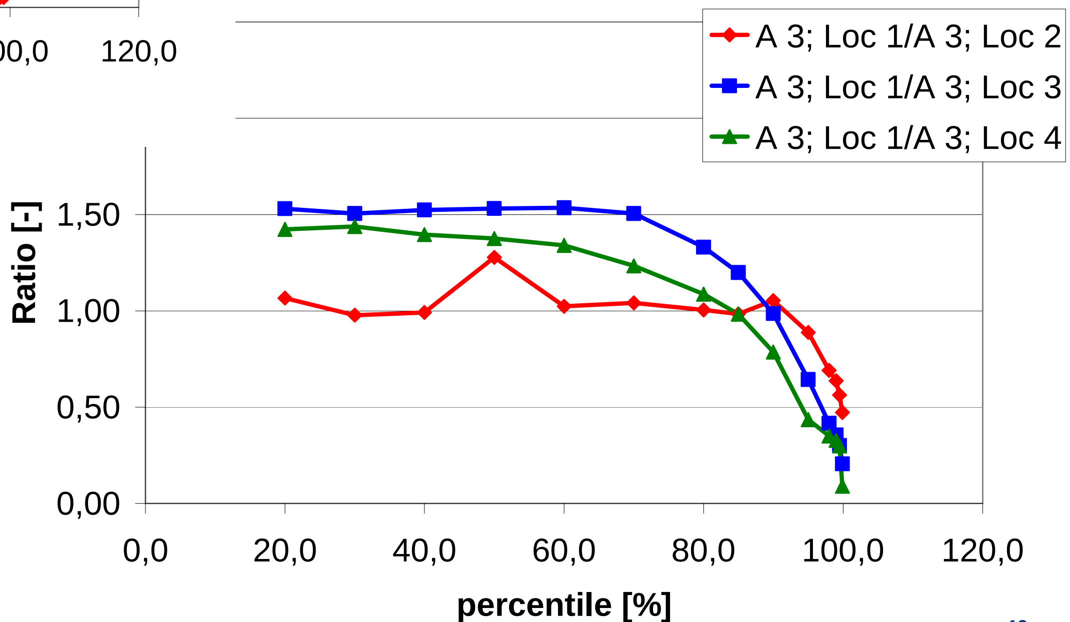


Ratio in going / out going



Comparison conventional ←→ Self cleaning
Ratio In/Uit in different locations





Conclusions

- Sediment primairily originates from treatment
- Particle load in Reference Area reloads the system in one-and-a-half year to starting level
- Particle free water decreases cleaning frequency with factor 5-10
- Avoiding peaks will decrease the particle load significantly
- Dedicated flushing works
- Self cleaning network are self cleaning

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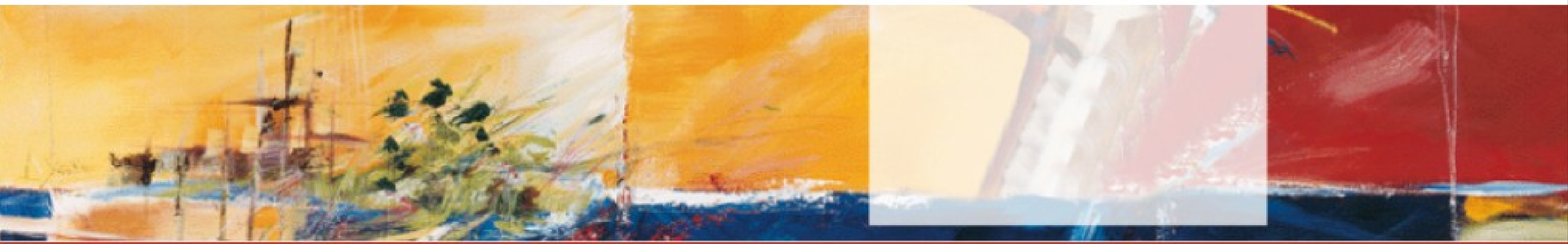

Particles in the distribution system

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