



EnISSA

Enhanced In Situ Soil Analysis

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1. Introduction

Chlorinated Solvents and DNAPL

1.1 CVOC transport

Chlorinated volatile organic compounds:

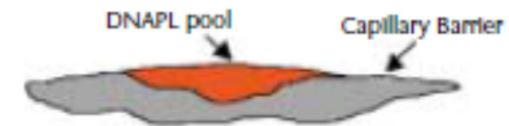
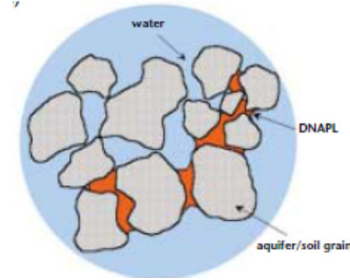
- Density > water

- Migrate to substantial depths → DNAPL (Dense non-aqueous phase liquids)
 - residual DNAPL (“blobs and ganglia”)
 - pooled DNAPL (continuous product)

→ slow dissolution → long term groundwater contamination

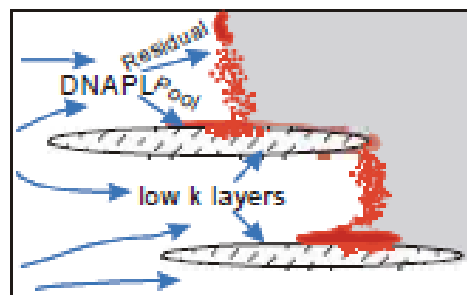
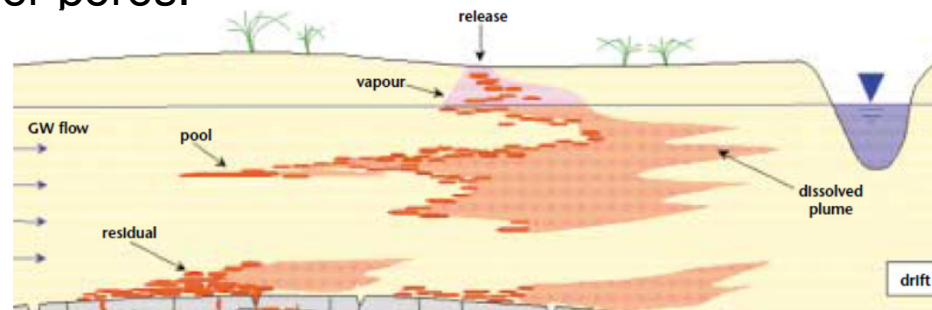
- Low K_{oc} values: no strong retardation → high mobility

→ extended plumes

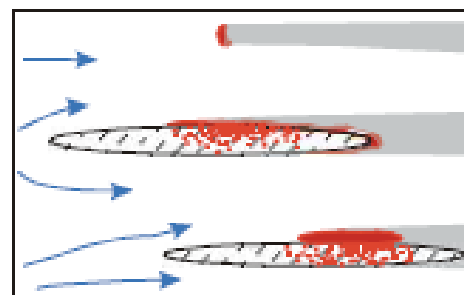


CVOC transport

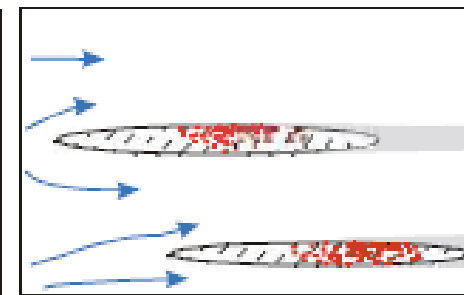
- DNAPL migration is strongly dependent on differences in soil characteristics
 - Finer grained material (capillary resistance):
 - acts as barrier → DNAPL pooling & lateral spreading
 - Matrix diffusion and advection: DNAPL is 'stored' in smaller pores.



Early Time



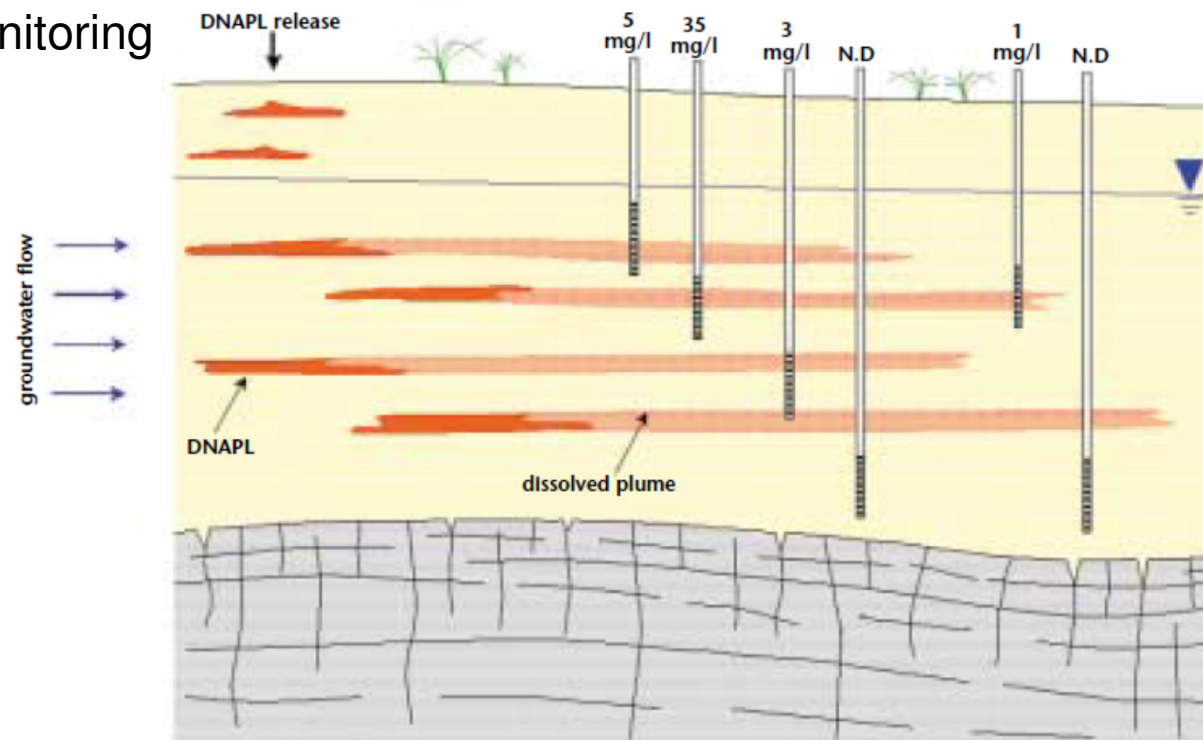
Mid-Time



Late Time

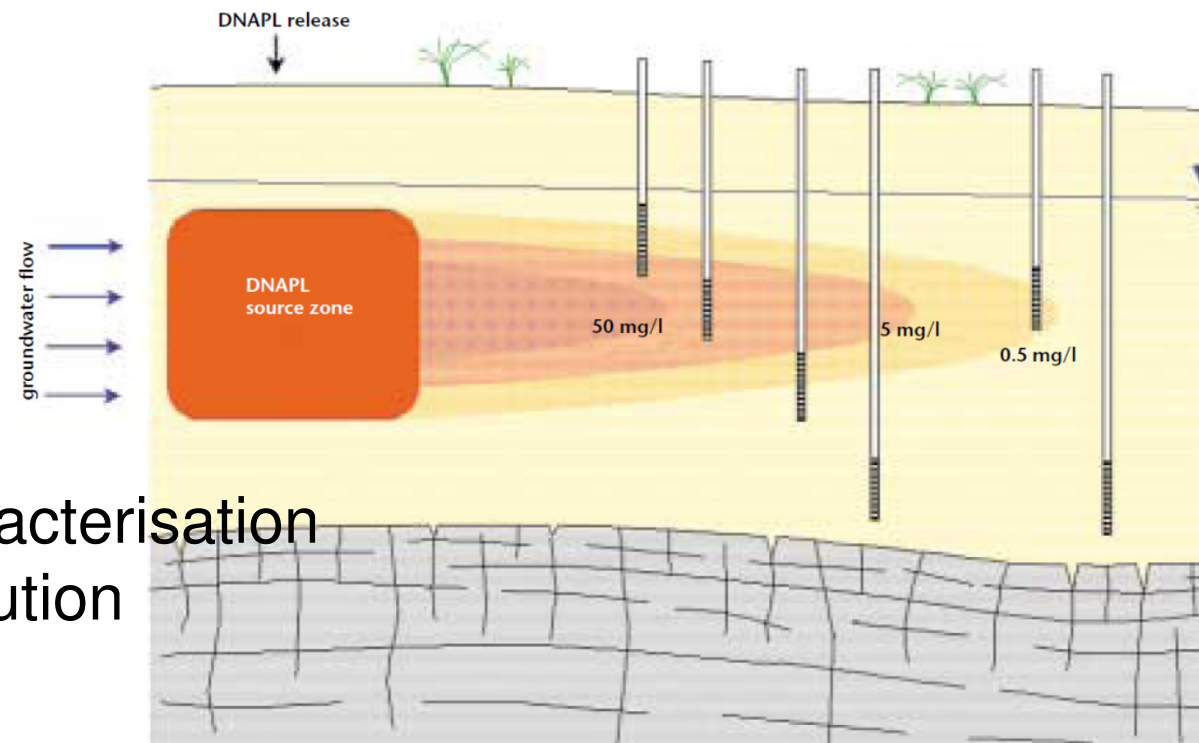
1.2 CVOC Characterisation

- Vertical cross-section of DNAPL and plumes
- results from monitoring wells



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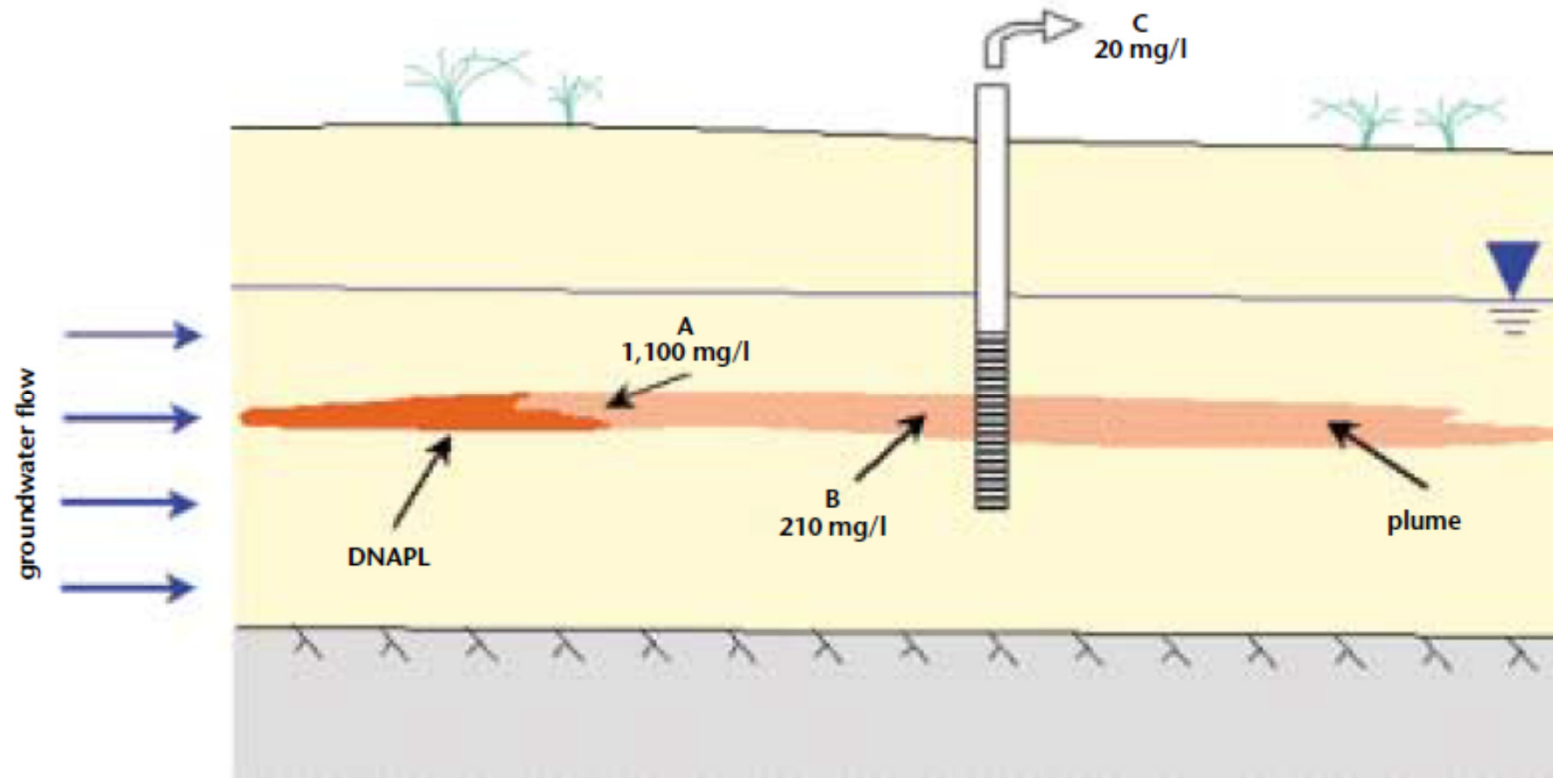
- Interpretation of CSM based on those results:



- Incomplete characterisation due to low resolution

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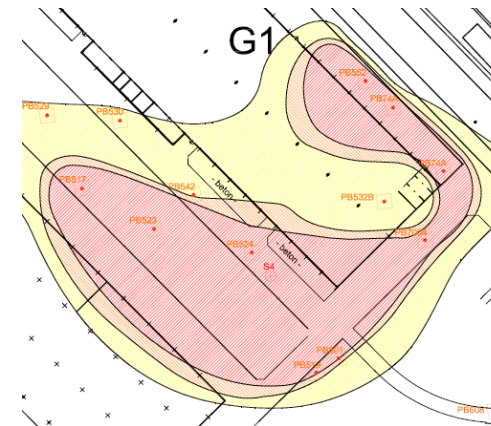
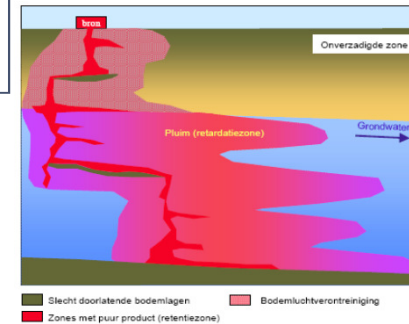
- Dilution in filter
- Preferred flow from higher permeable material



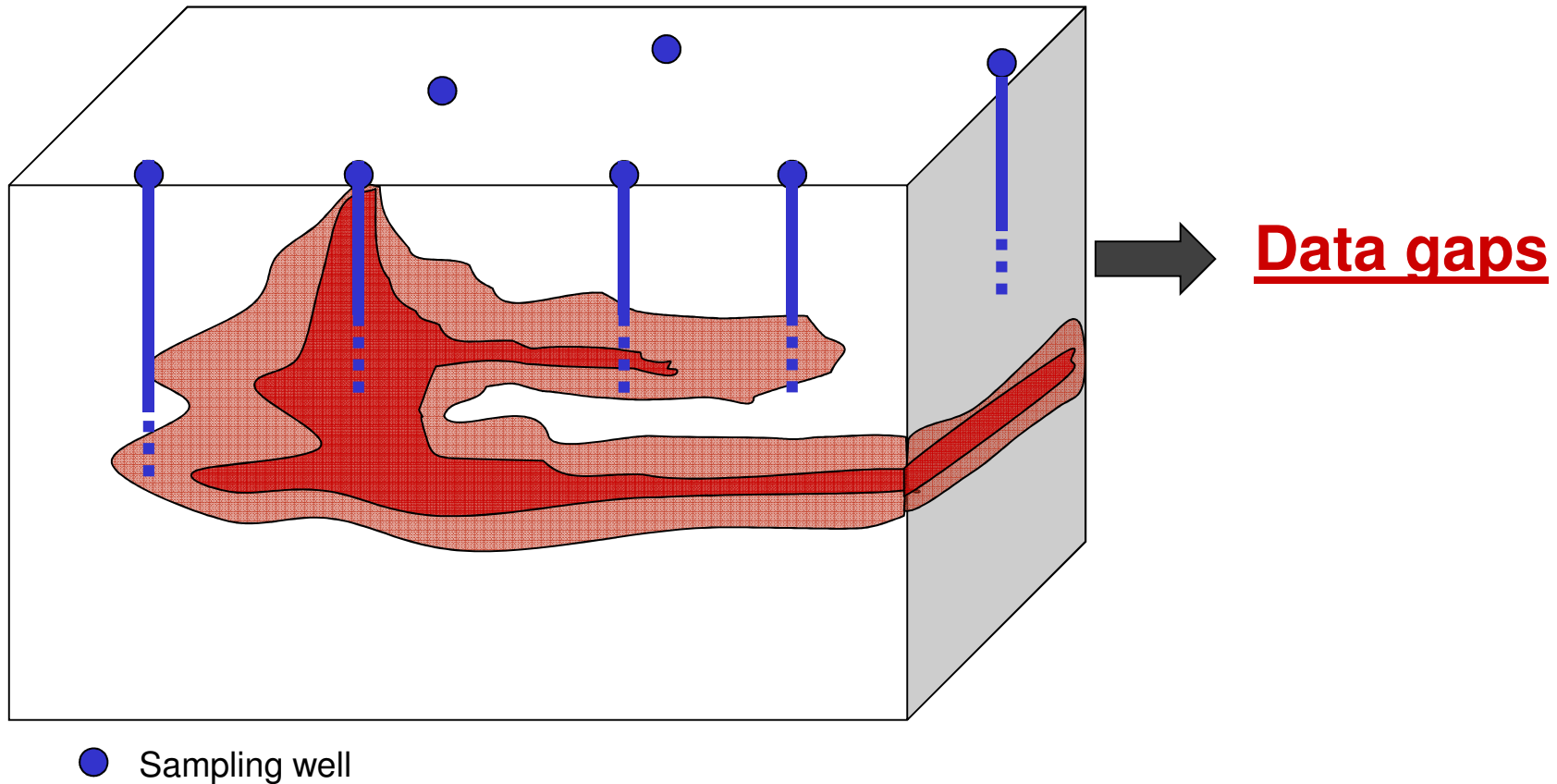
1.2 CVOC Characterisation

classic sampling strategies (monitoring wells)

- + low detection level
- + broad analysis spectrum
- Decision making: Time inefficient
- Large contaminated area: large information gaps



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- The scale of measurement must be appropriate for the scale of heterogeneity:
 - hydraulic conductivity and contaminant concentration can vary on small scale
- ➔ Conventional monitoring wells are not optimal investigation tools :
 - Wells yield depth-integrated data
 - Cannot discern heterogeneities that control contaminant transport
 - Limited sampling points





- EPA → High Resolution Site Characterisation (HRSC)
 - scale-appropriate measurement and data density
 - to define contaminant distributions in environmental media with greater certainty,
 - supporting faster and more effective site cleanup

HRSC Addresses Two Critical Issues

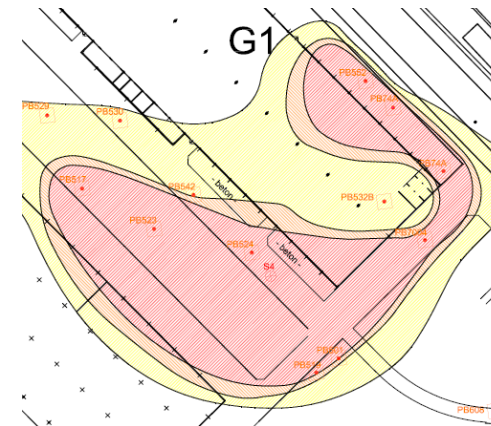
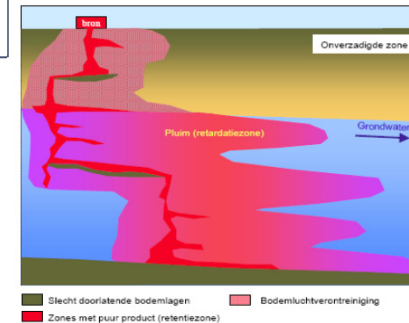
- ◆ Sampling Scale and Data Averaging
 - Measurements must be made at a scale that is meaningful with respect to the variability of the quantity being measured
- ◆ Coverage
 - Enough measurements at the right locations
 - Horizontal spacing
 - Vertical spacing



1.2 CVOC Characterisation

classic ↔ Current “On Site” soil investigation
(MIP, ROST, ...)

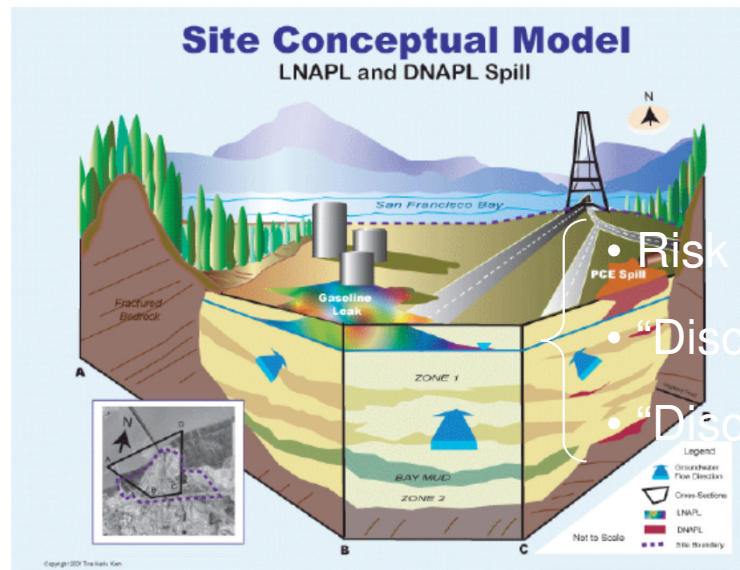
- + information in the field
- + detailed soil profiles = high vertical resolution
- information quality not equal to classic sampling
 - Detection limit > clean up values
 - Sum detectors (indistinct)



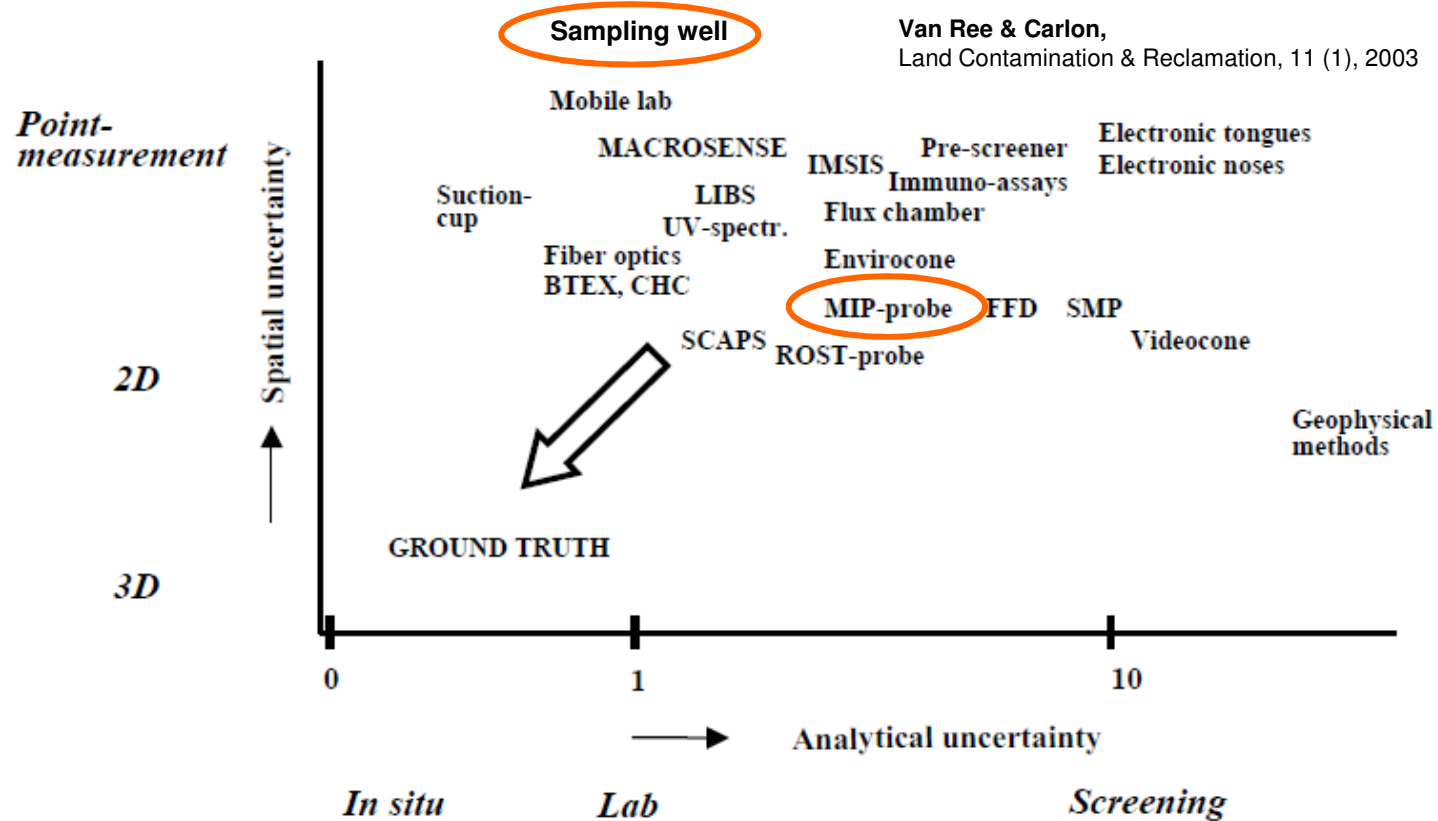
1.2 CVOC Characterisation

Analytical uncertainty

Spatial uncertainty



1.2 CVOC Characterisation



decrease **uncertainty** in conceptual site model by combining
“Best of both worlds” in one method.

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EnISSA project:

Combining best of both worlds

- + low detection level
- + broad analysis spectrum
- + information in the field
- + detailed soil profiles

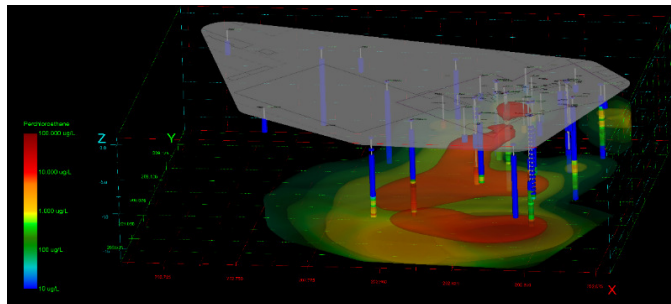
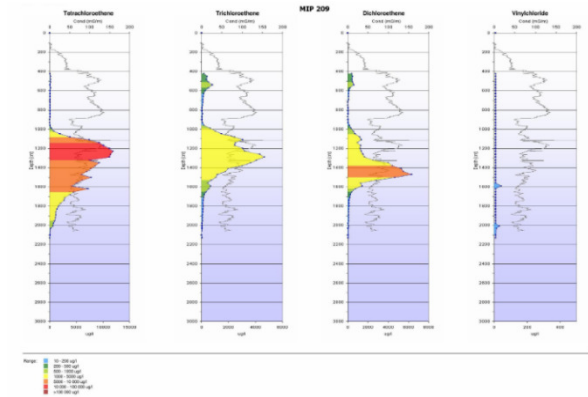
Development of a **fast** in situ technology with detection limits and selectivity comparable to classic sampling methods.





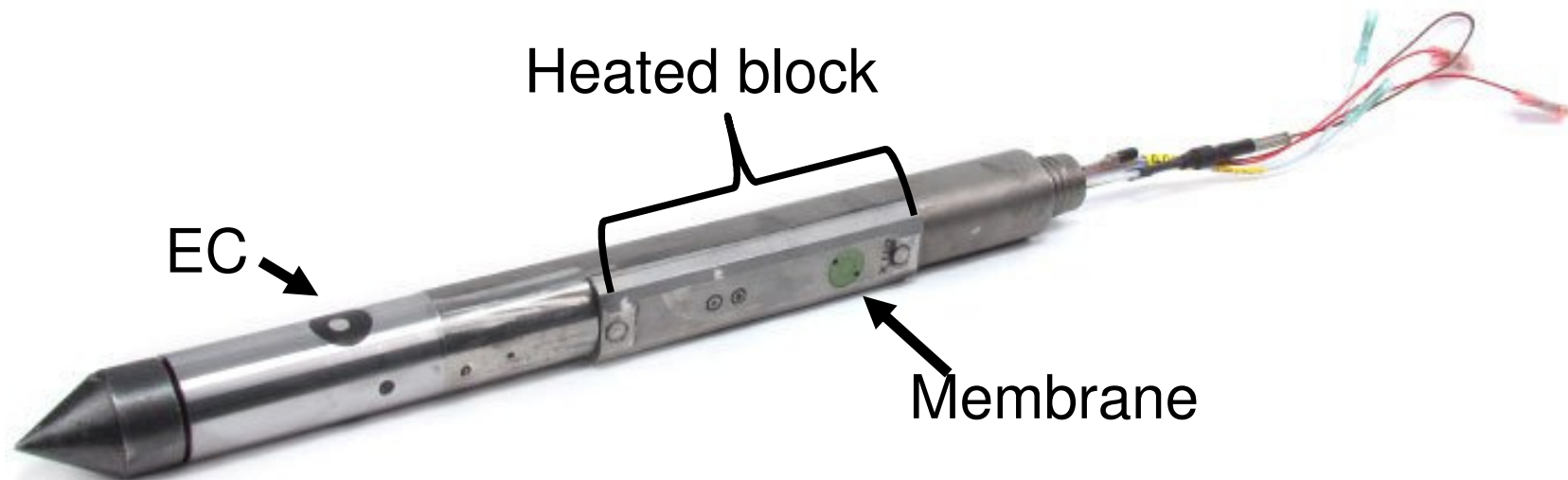
2. EnISSA-MIP

A powerful tool for high resolution site characterisation



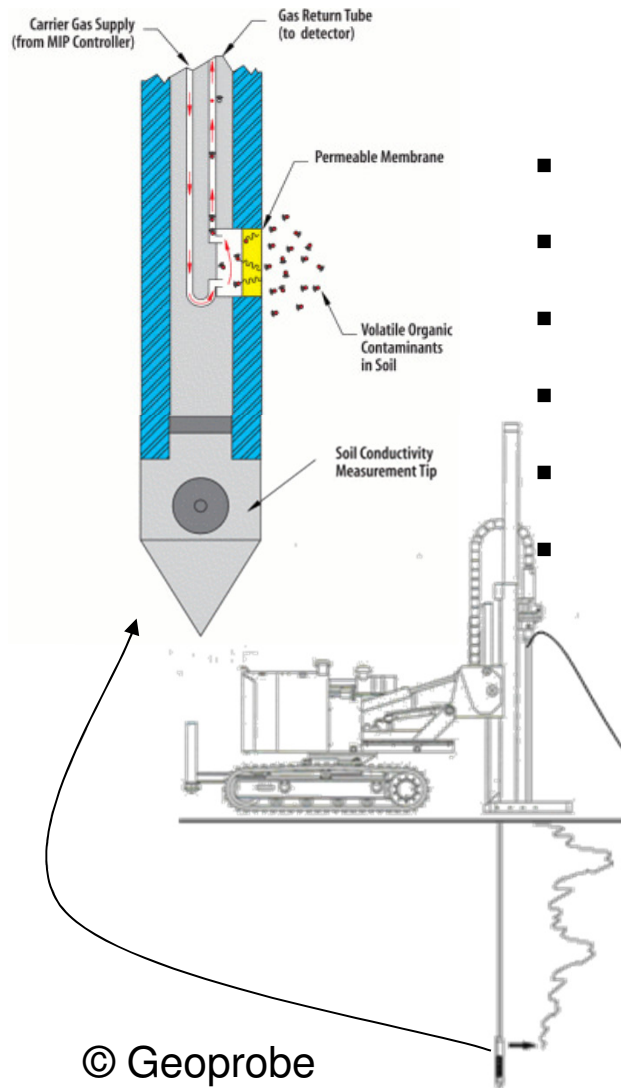
2.1 MIP

Membrane Interface Probe



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Membrane Interface Probe

- Screening tool for VOC
- Cone: heated block and hydrophobic semi permeable membrane
- Direct push
- Local heating of soil
- Volatilization and diffusion through membrane
- Inert carrier gas & transport to detector

Typical setup: **Combination of three detectors:**

- * Dry electrolytic detector (DELCD) or Halogen specific detector (XSD)
- * Photo ionisation detector (PID)
- * Flame ionisation detector (FID)

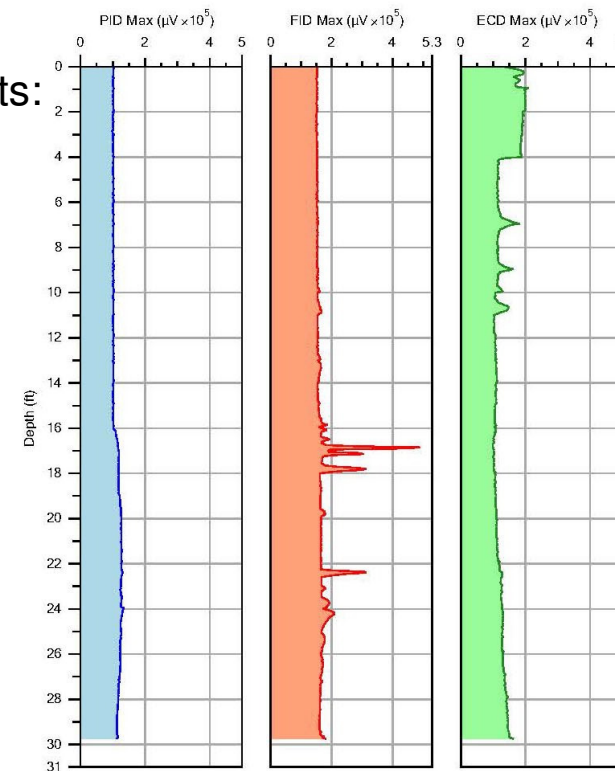


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PID, FID, DELCD & XSD

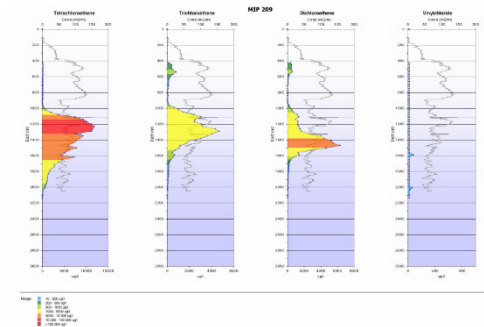
- Summation-detectors: no information on individual contaminants: pollutant cocktails!
- respons (μV signal) is component specific → quantification difficult
- detection limit > groundwater clean-up values in Flanders : $\mu\text{g/l}$
- Plume delineation is impossible



2.2 MIP → EnISSA MIP

EnISSA MIP

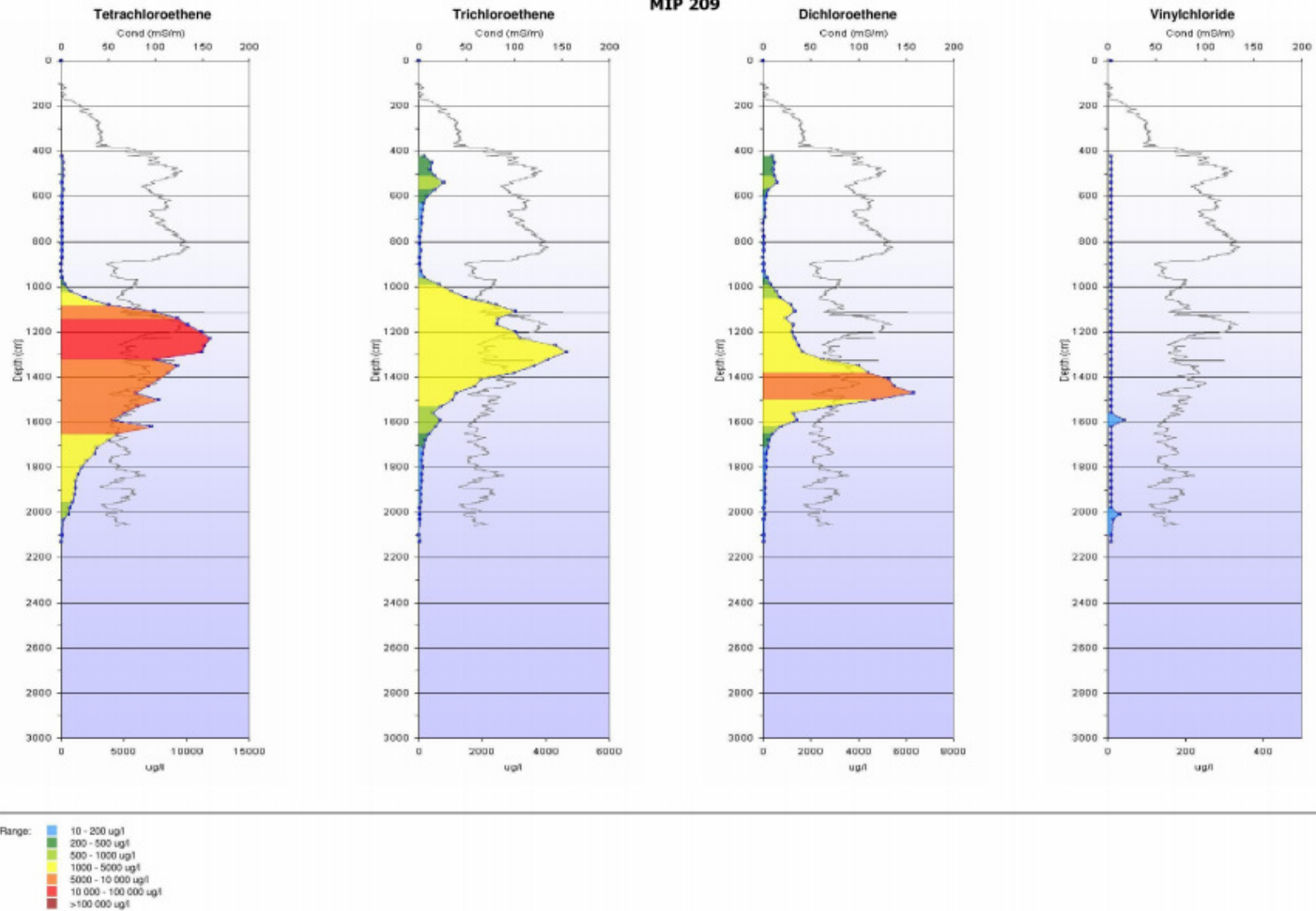
- MIP with dedicated **GC-MS detection** combined with proprietary contaminant sampling technology
- GC-MS: Optimized for field measurements:
 - * ruggedized
 - * **cycle/analysis time: 1 min**
 - **1 measurement per 30 cm at probing speed of 30 cm/min**
 - * **up to 12 compounds simultaneously**



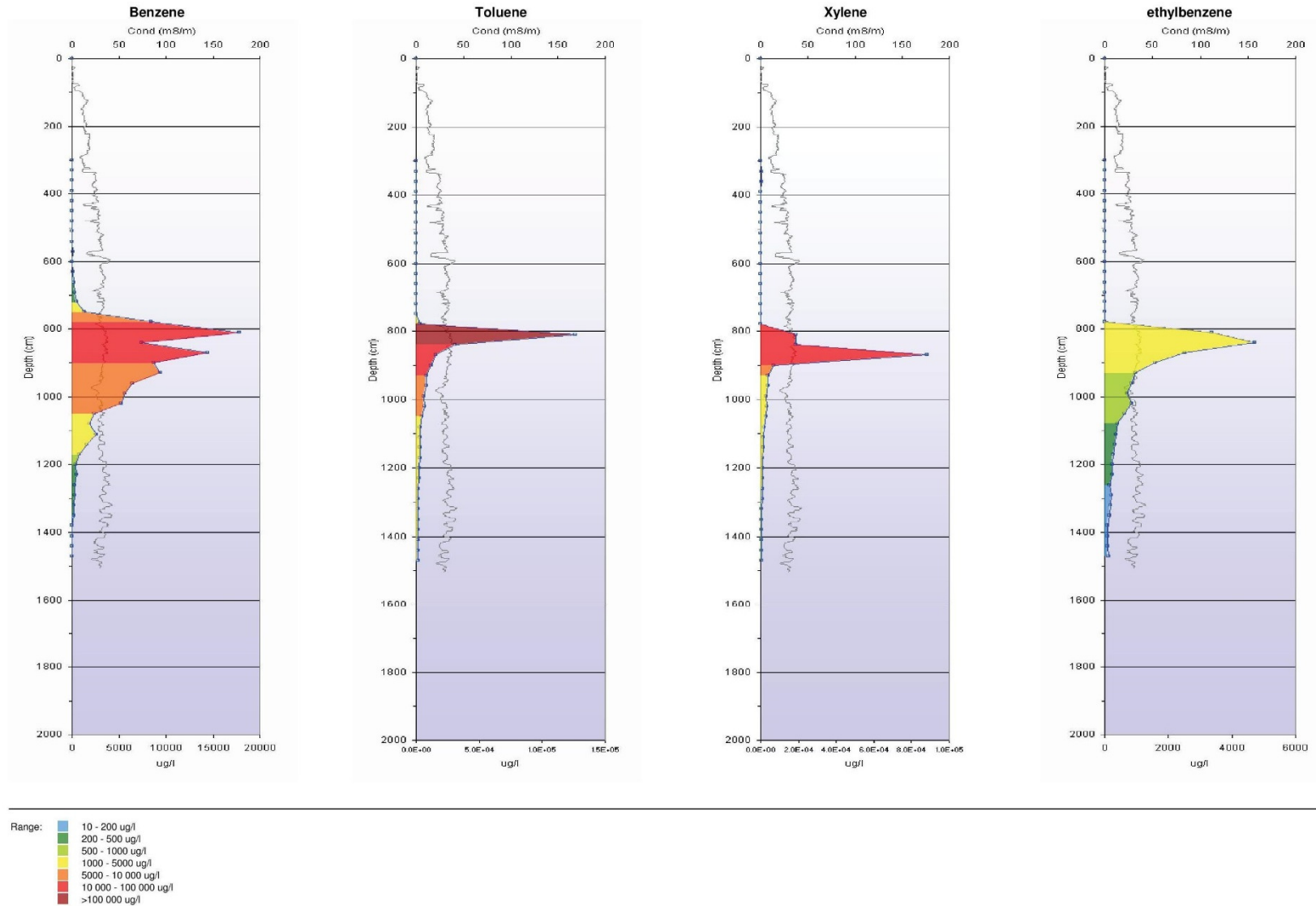
Highly detailed profiles for individual compounds on ppb level



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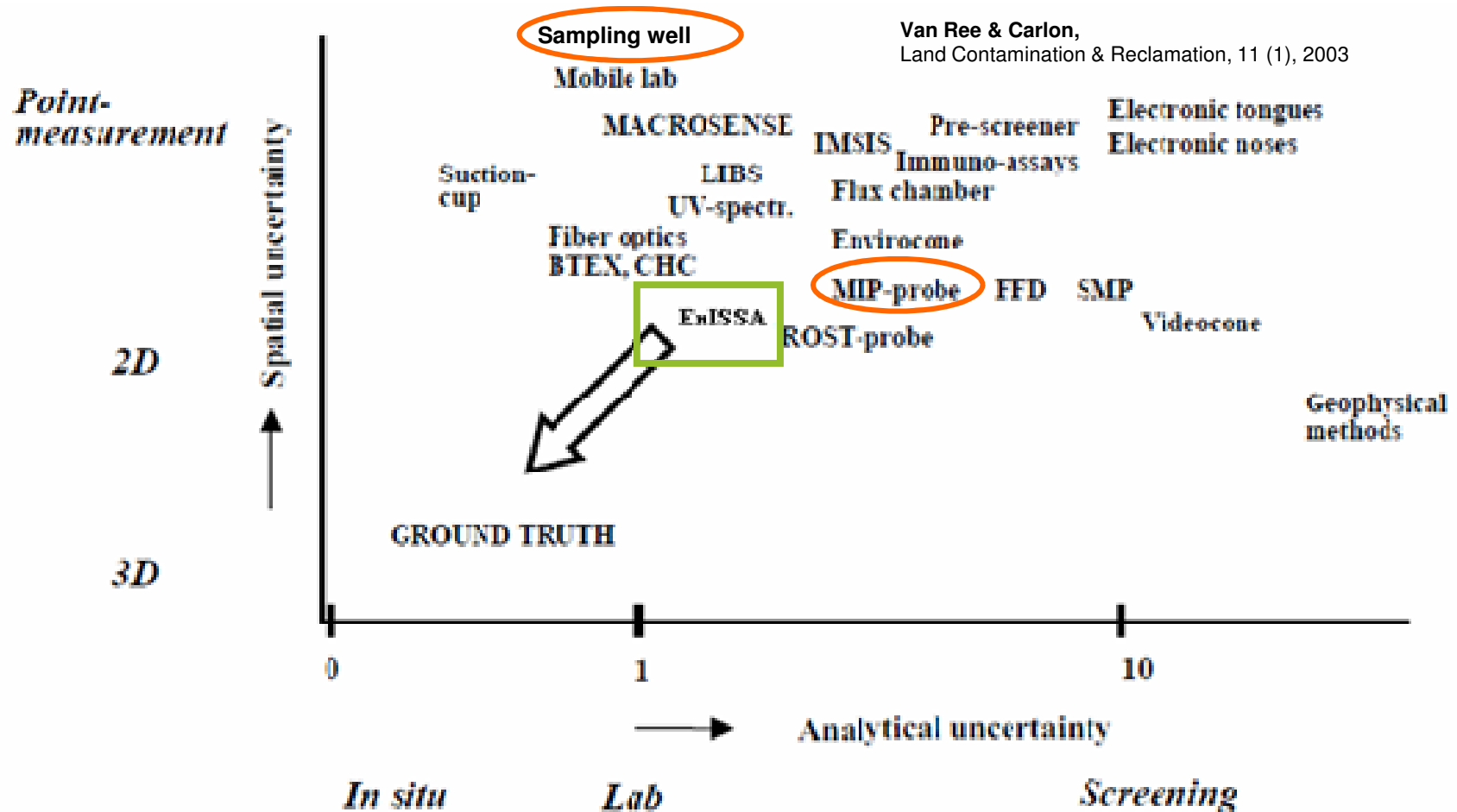


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ARE WE THERE YET?



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entire delineation of contamination: source + plume

EnISSA MIP measures on **ppb** level

→ source and plume

(Conventional MIP measures on sub-ppm level)

- Order of magnitude = groundwater sample → high quality screening tool -

“On site” information on pollution cocktails:

EnISSA MIP measures **individual compounds** in contrast to the sum-detectors used in conventional MIP

- Each 30 cm up to 12 compounds can be distinguished -

strategic sampling well locations:

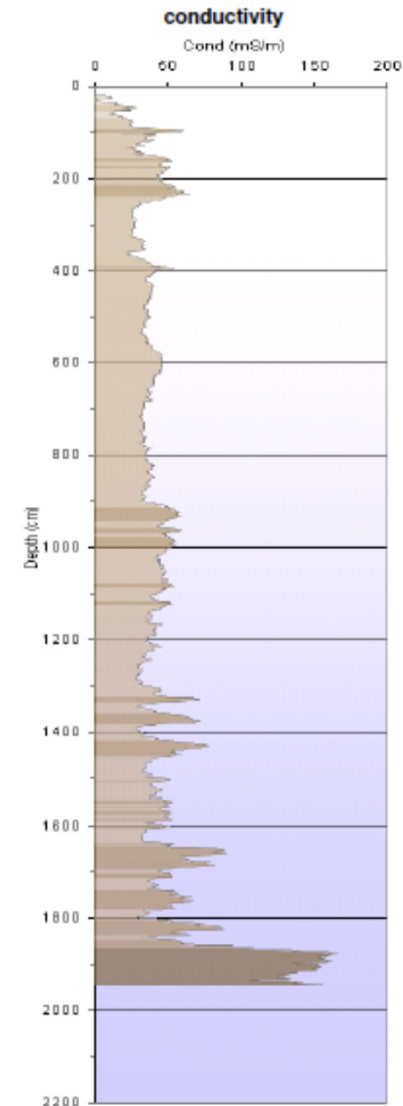
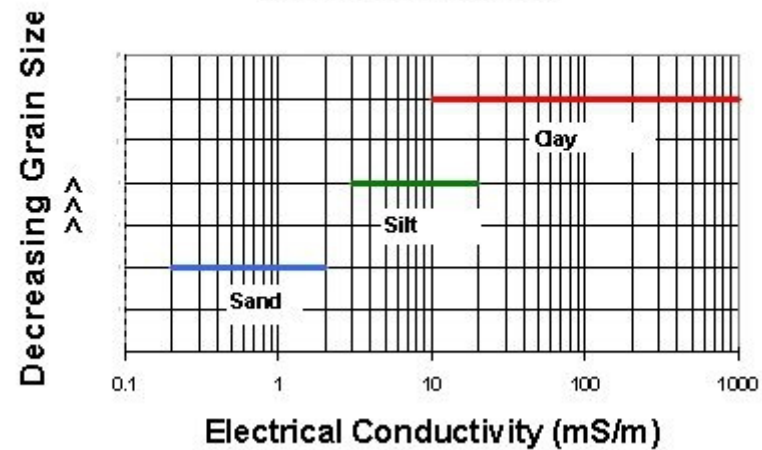
The entire delineation of source and plume obtained by EnISSA MIP makes it possible to place sampling wells at strategic locations **reducing sampling costs and time.**

High resolution data is essential to characterize chlorinated solvents

2.3 Soil characteristics: EC

Electrical Conductivity (EC)

Typical Electrical Conductivity Ranges
for Basic Soil Types

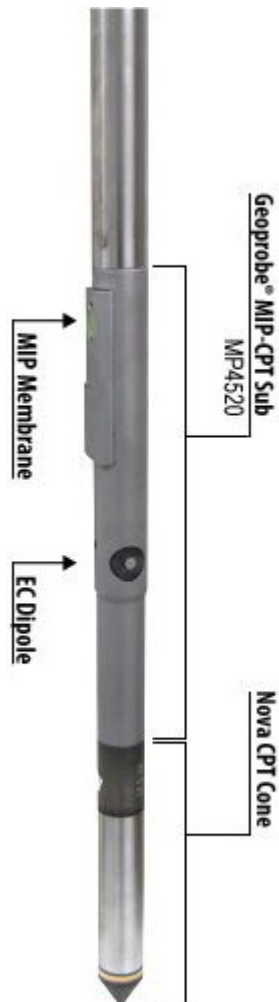


EC-dipool



2.3 Soil characteristics: CPT

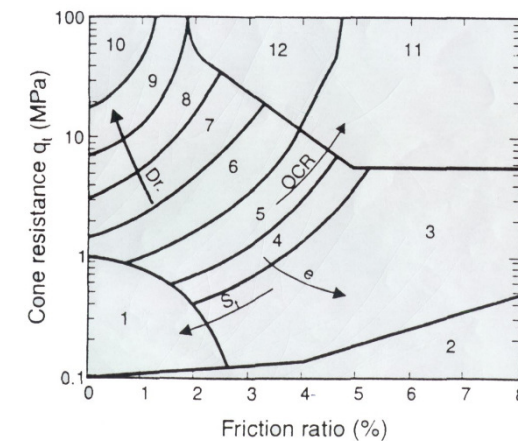
Cone Penetrometer Test (CPT)



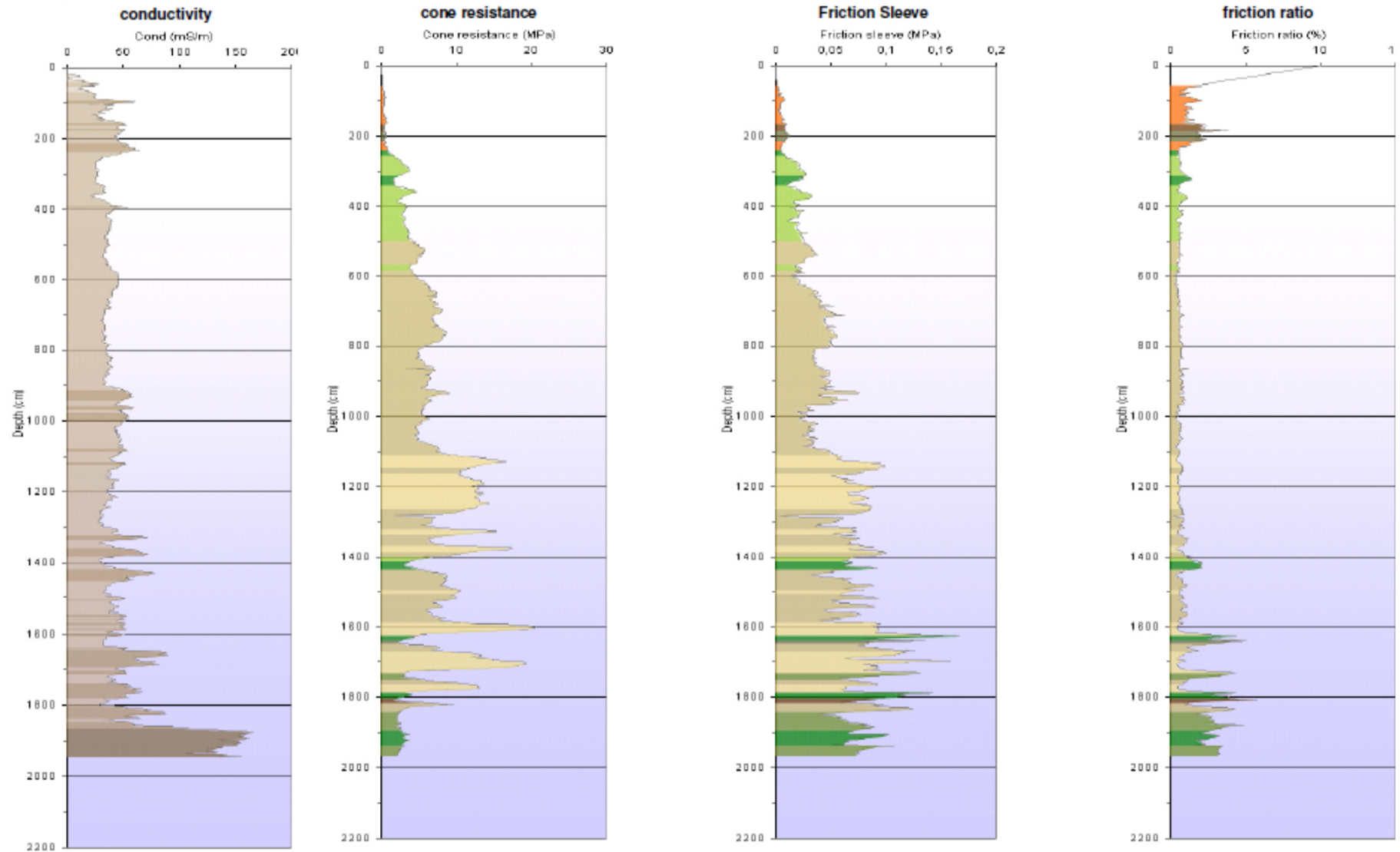
- Pushed without hammering
- Anchoring of Geoprobe
- 20 ton hydraulic push truck



- Local friction
- Point Resistance
- Classification in 12 soil categories



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2.3 Soil characteristics: HPT

Hydraulic Profiling Tool (HPT)

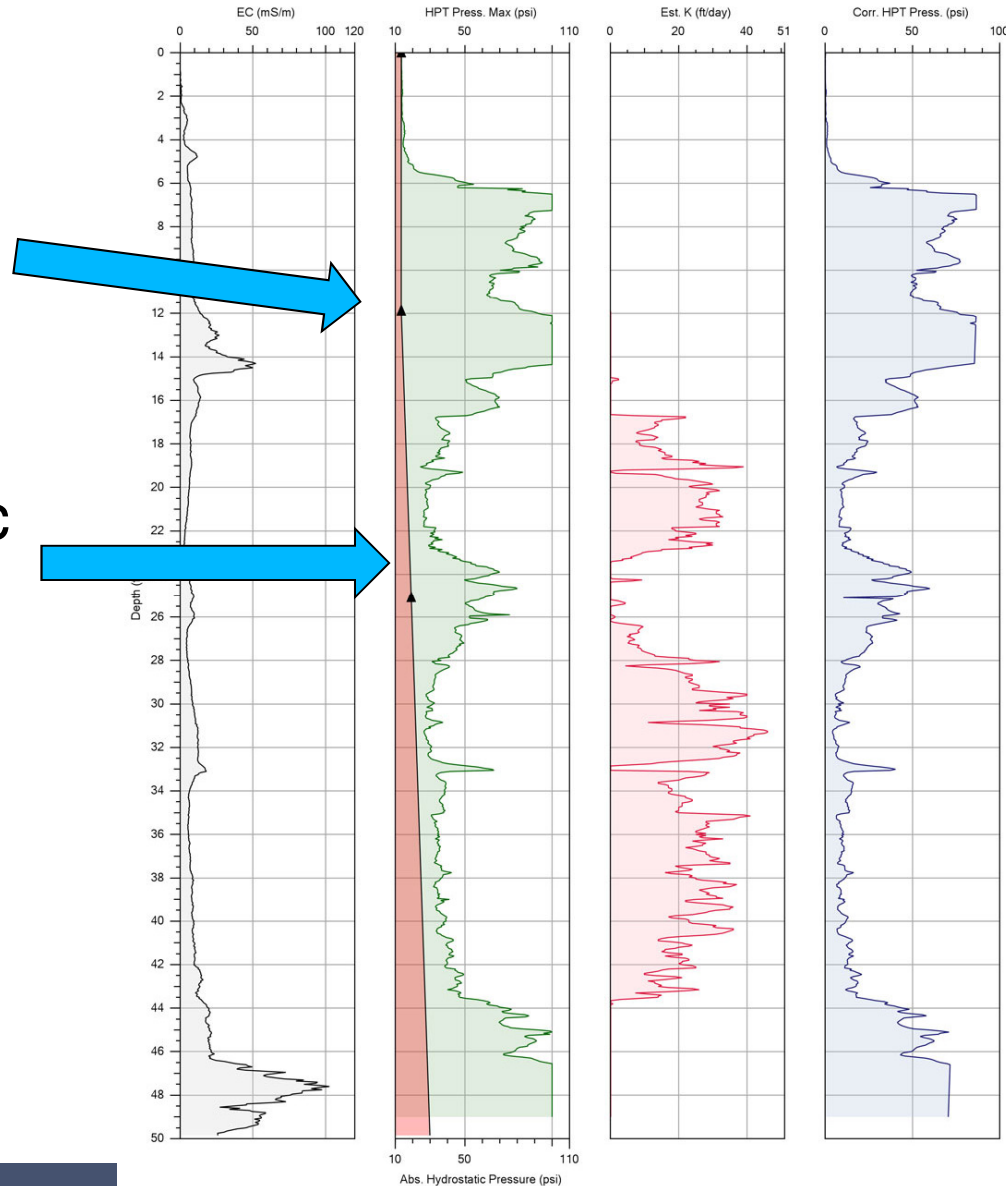


- MiHPT = MIP + HPT
- Injection of continuous water flow
 - injection pressure is an indication of the local permeability of the soil.
 - A real-time detailed pressure and flow log is generated for each probing location giving more insight in hydrogeology.
 - Combined with dissipation tests or groundwater level data, an Estimated conductivity (K [m/day]) can be calculated based on an empirical model.

2.3 Soil characteristics: HPT

Estimated
water level

Hydrostatic
pressure





Case studies

1. Weaving mill Kortrijk OVAM (Citychlor demo)
2. Wool production Mol
3. Gas station, MTBE plume



3. Case studies

Kortrijk – Weaving Mill

Antwerp region - Wool Factory

Antwerp region- Service station

Waregem – Metalurgy site

Case Study 1

Kortrijk: Former weaving mill: Demonstration project OVAM

Contamination: PCE, TCE, DCE, VC, 111TCA, BTEX, ...

6 EnISSA-MIP locations compared to soil samples and wells

Full report at www.citychlor.eu

Original Monitoring Well

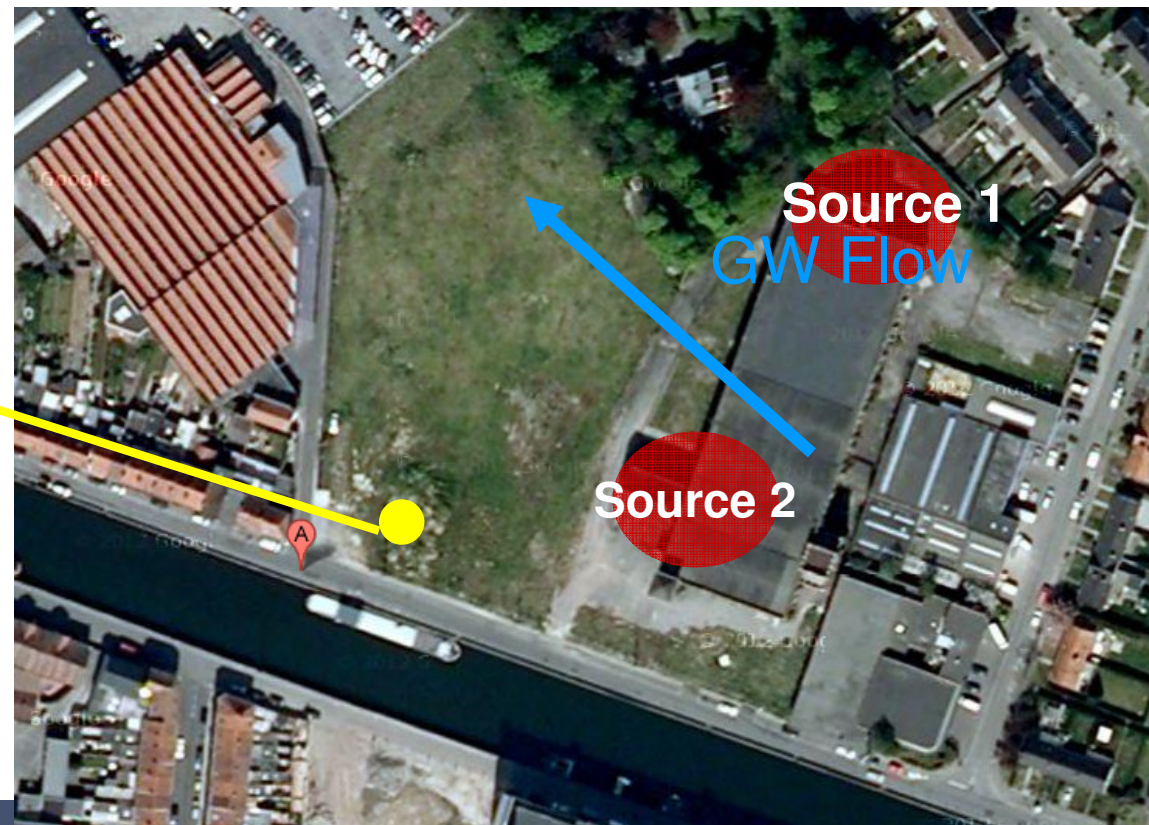
Screen 9-10 m-mv:

PCE: < 0,5 ug/l

TCE: < 0,5 ug/l

DCE: < 0,5 ug/l

VC: 94 ug/l

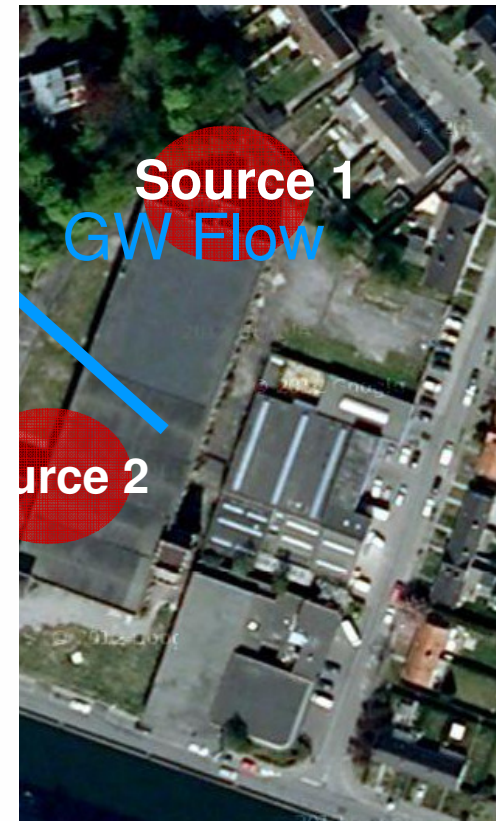
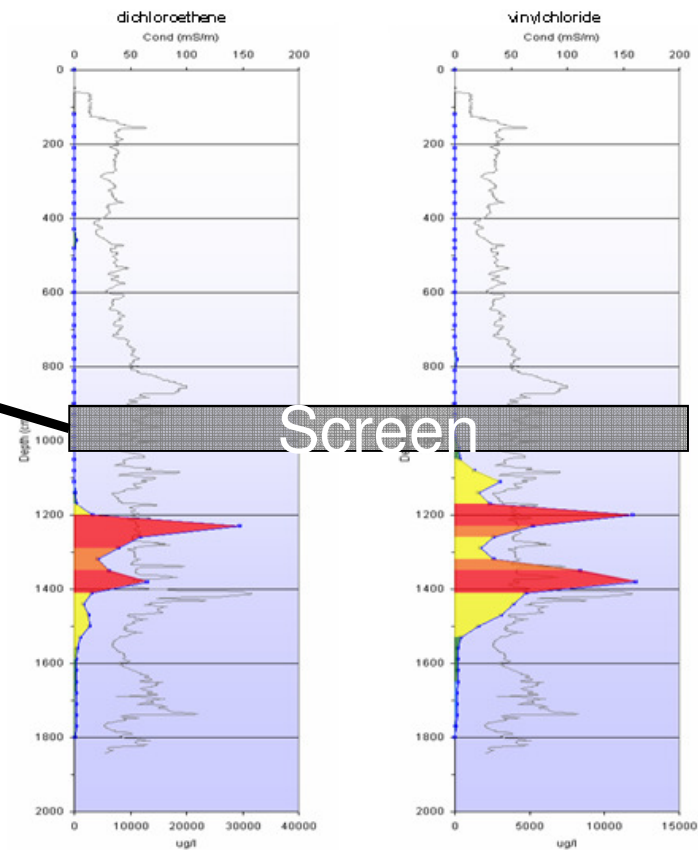


Case Study 1

EnISSA-MIP next to well:

Original Monitoring Well

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DCE: < 0,5 ug/l
VC: 94 ug/l



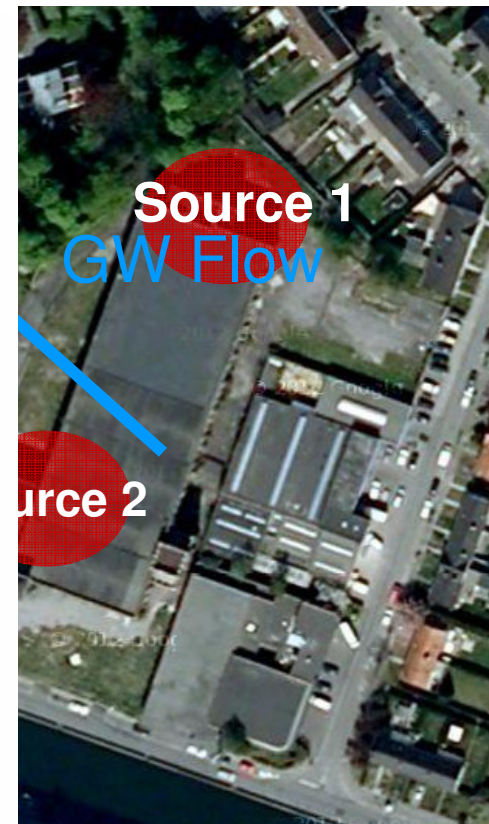
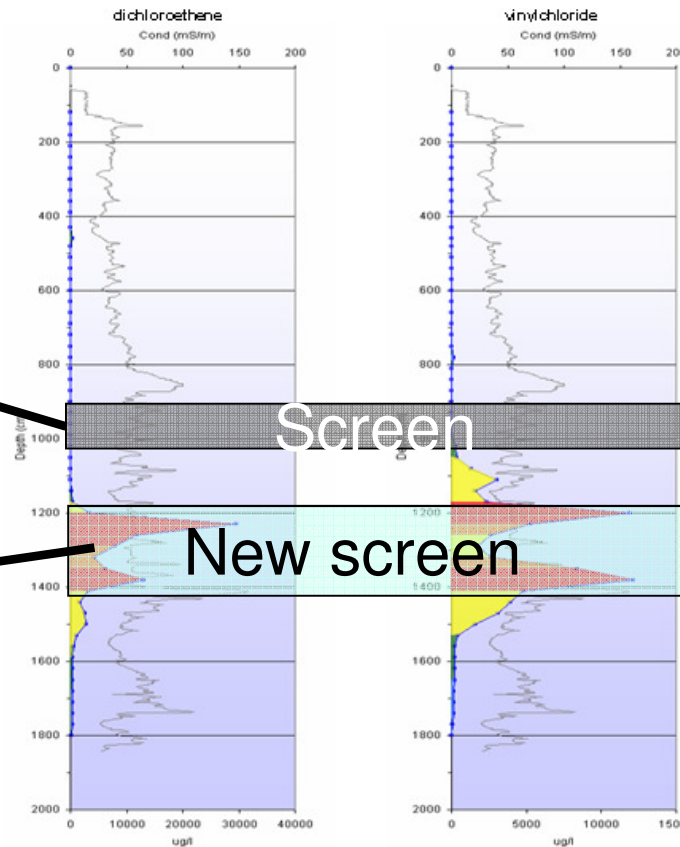
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EnISSA-MIP next to well and new targeted well:

Original Monitoring Well

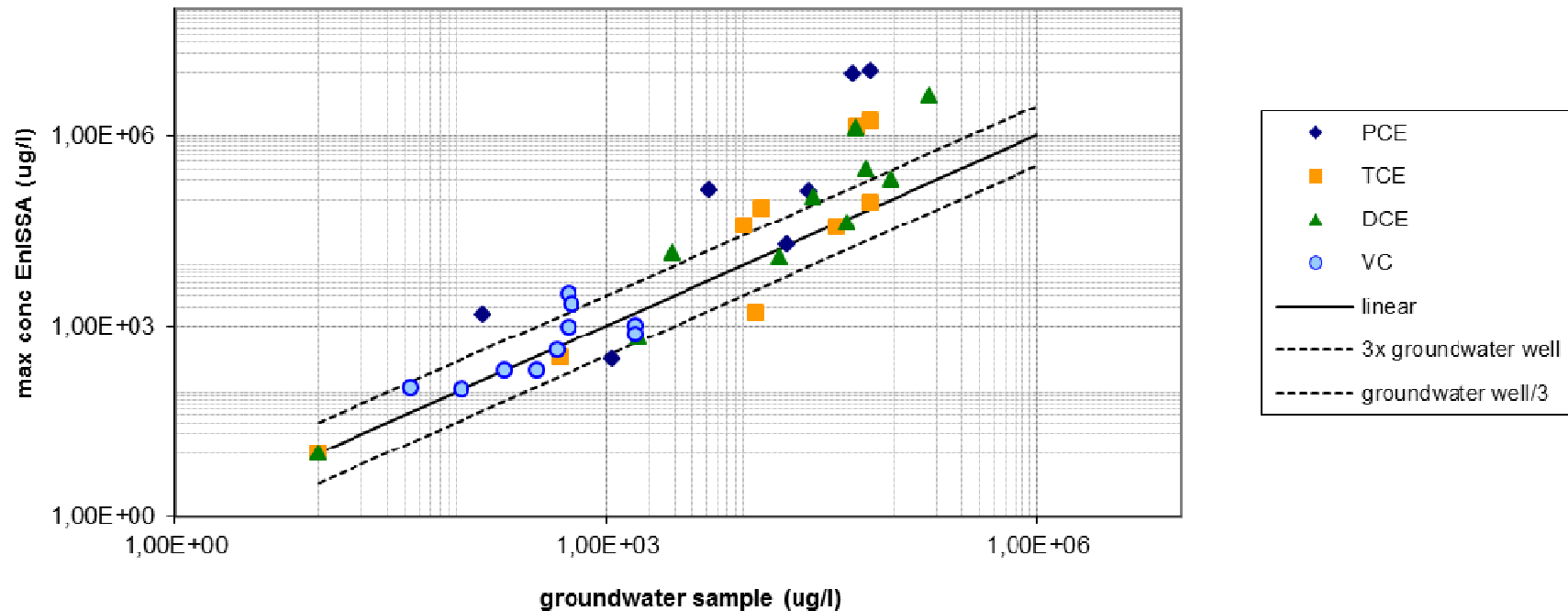
Screen 9-10 bgl:
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TCE: < 0,5 ug/l
DCE: < 0,5 ug/l
VC: 94 ug/l

Screen 12-14 bgl:
PCE: < 0,5 ug/l
TCE: < 0,5 ug/l
DCE: 30 000ug/l
VC: 12 000 ug/l



Case Study 1: GW Results

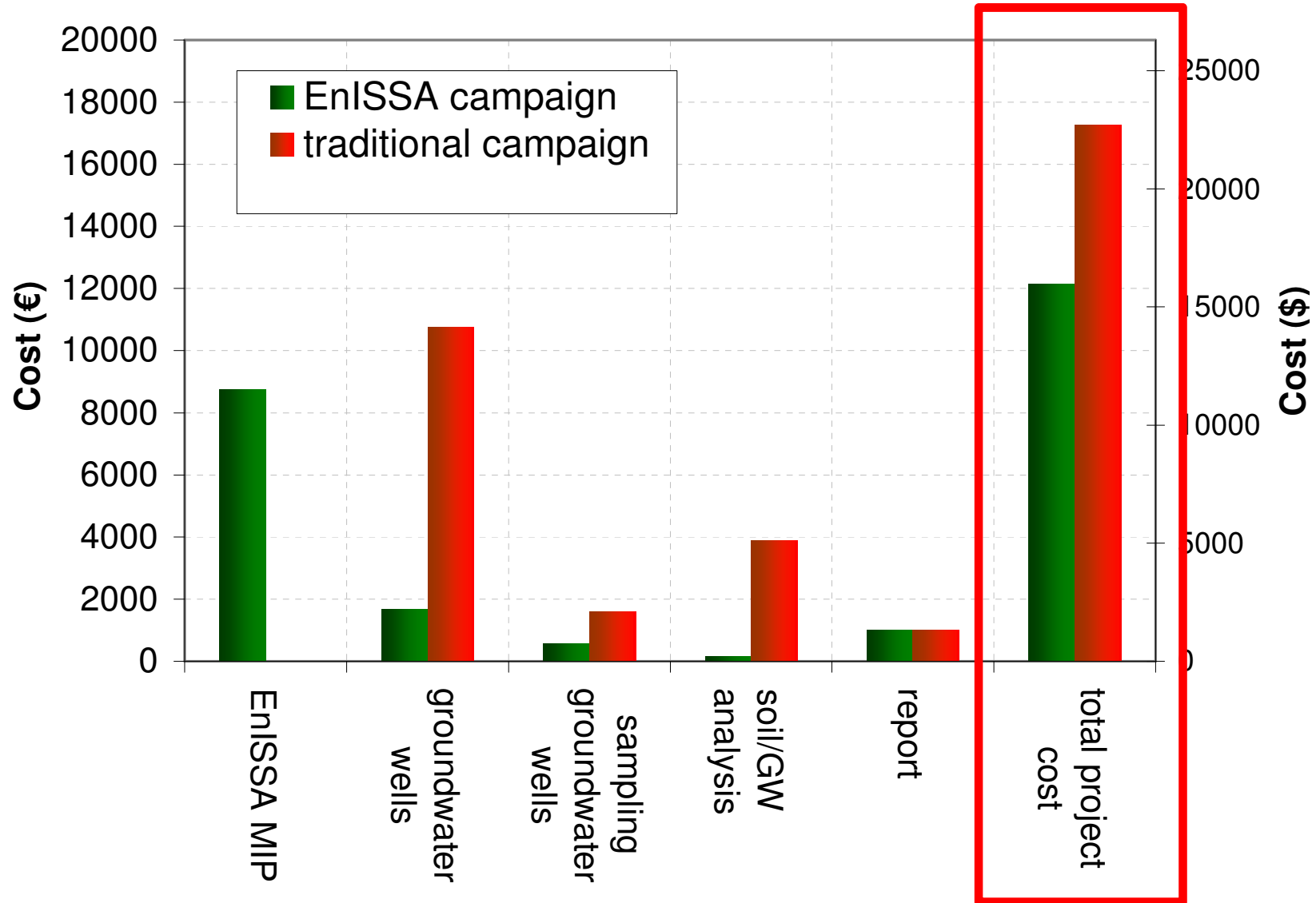
max EnISSA vs groundwater sample



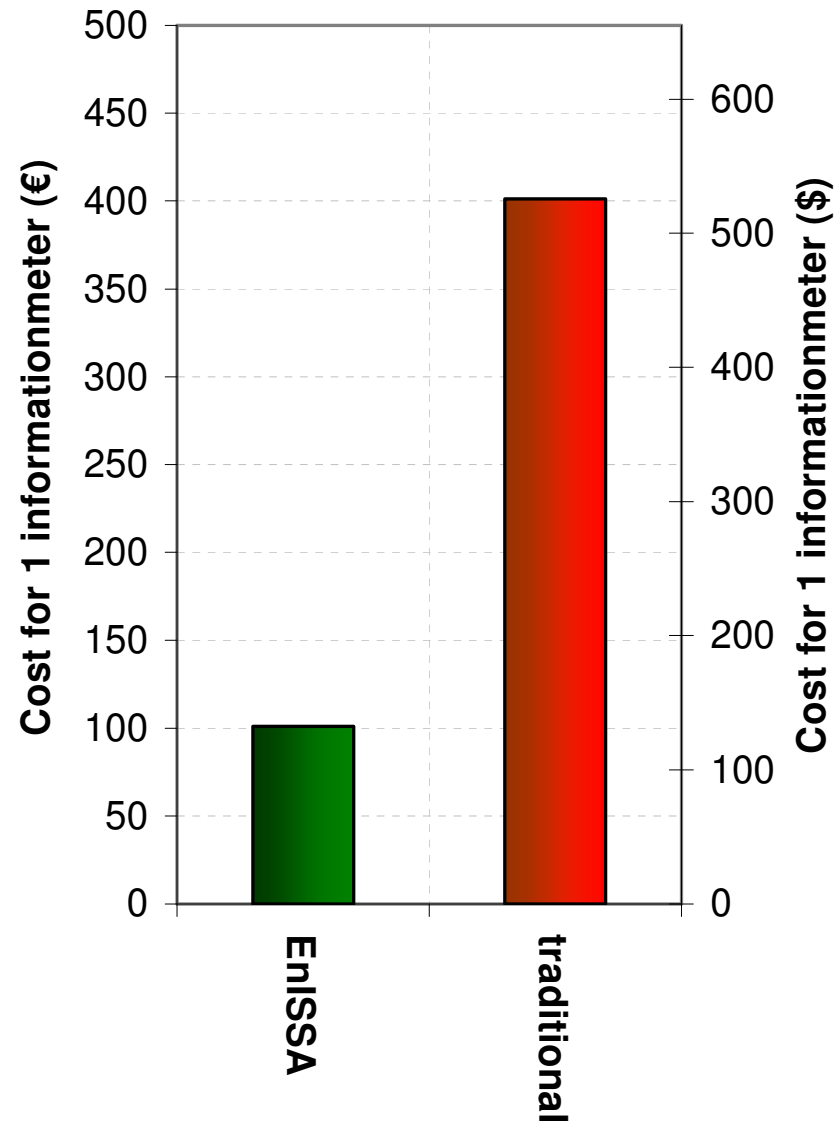
* contribution of the adsorbed contaminants which will be measured by EnISSA but not by the groundwater samples

* EnISSA results vs. groundwater results: order of magnitude is comparable → semi-quantitative or better?

Case Study 1: Cost comparison



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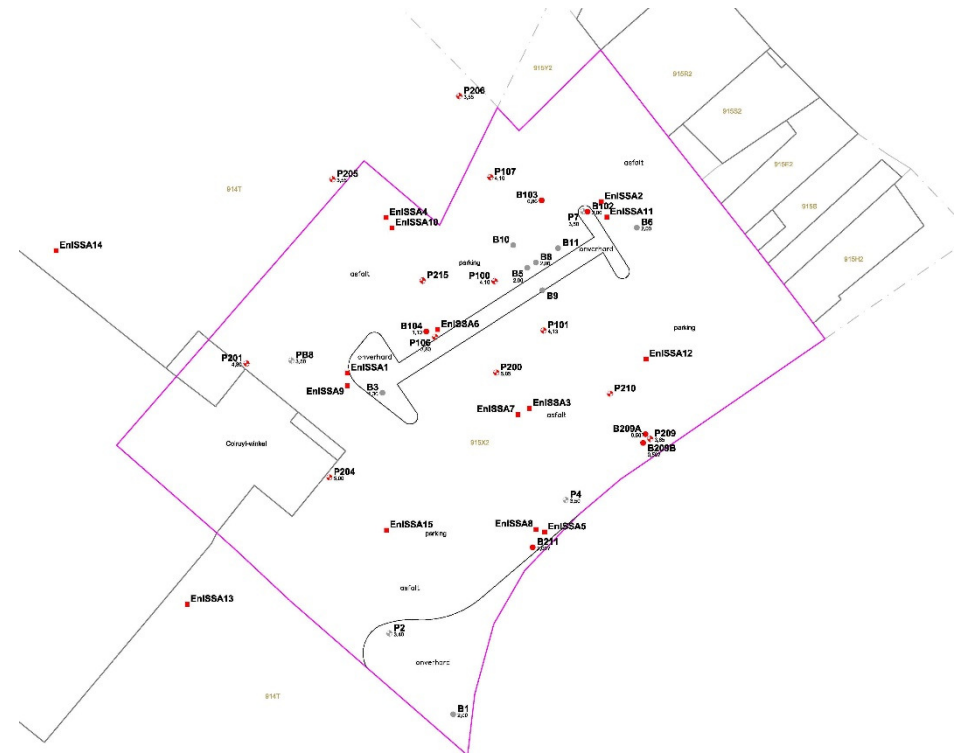
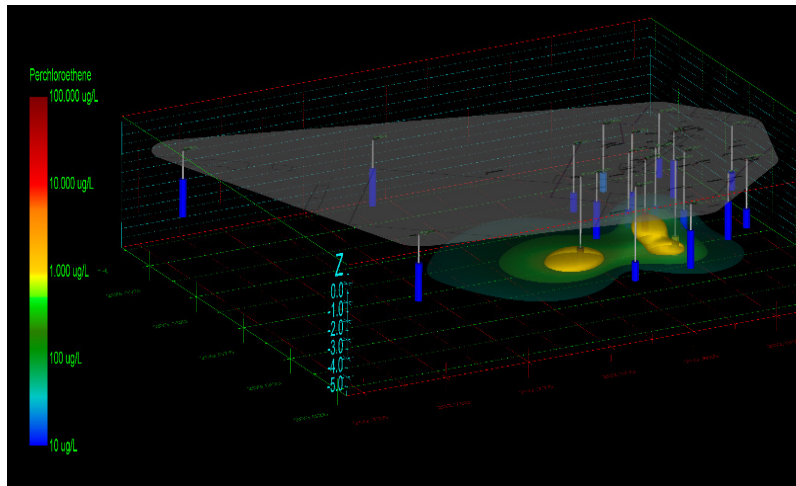


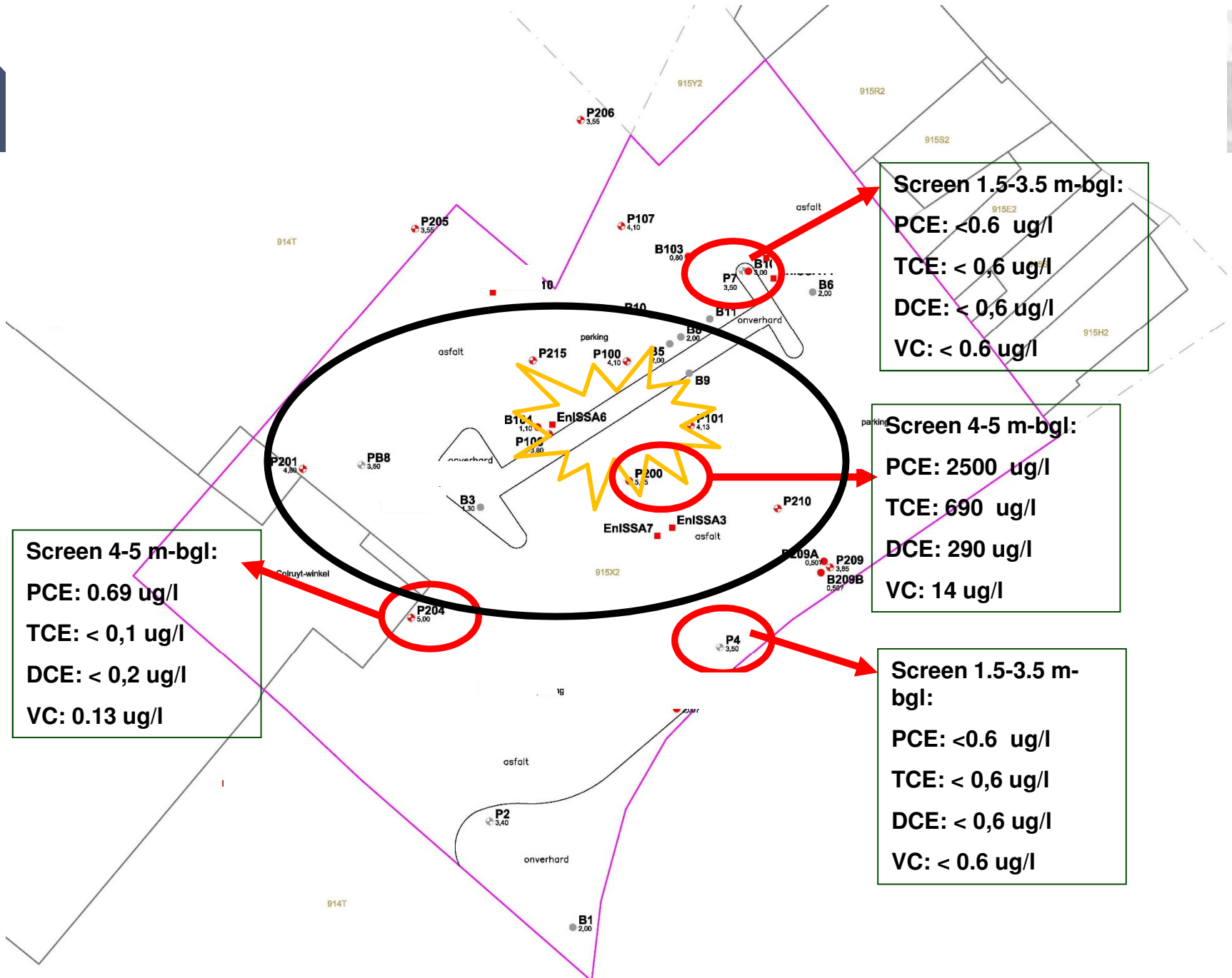
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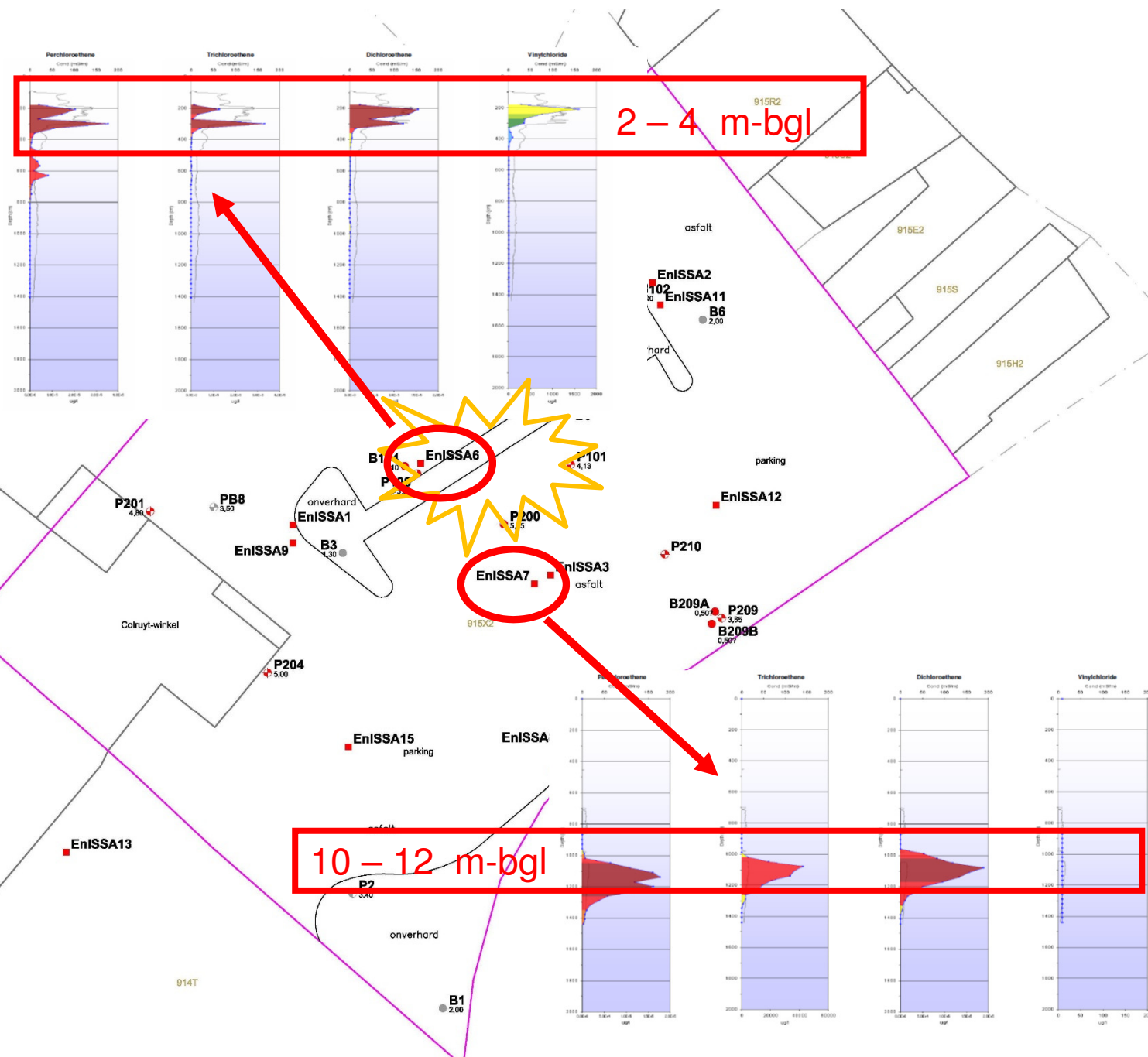
Antwerp region: Former Wool factory

Contamination: PCE, TCE, DCE, VC

Incomplete CSM based on 20 monitoring wells → EnISSA campaign

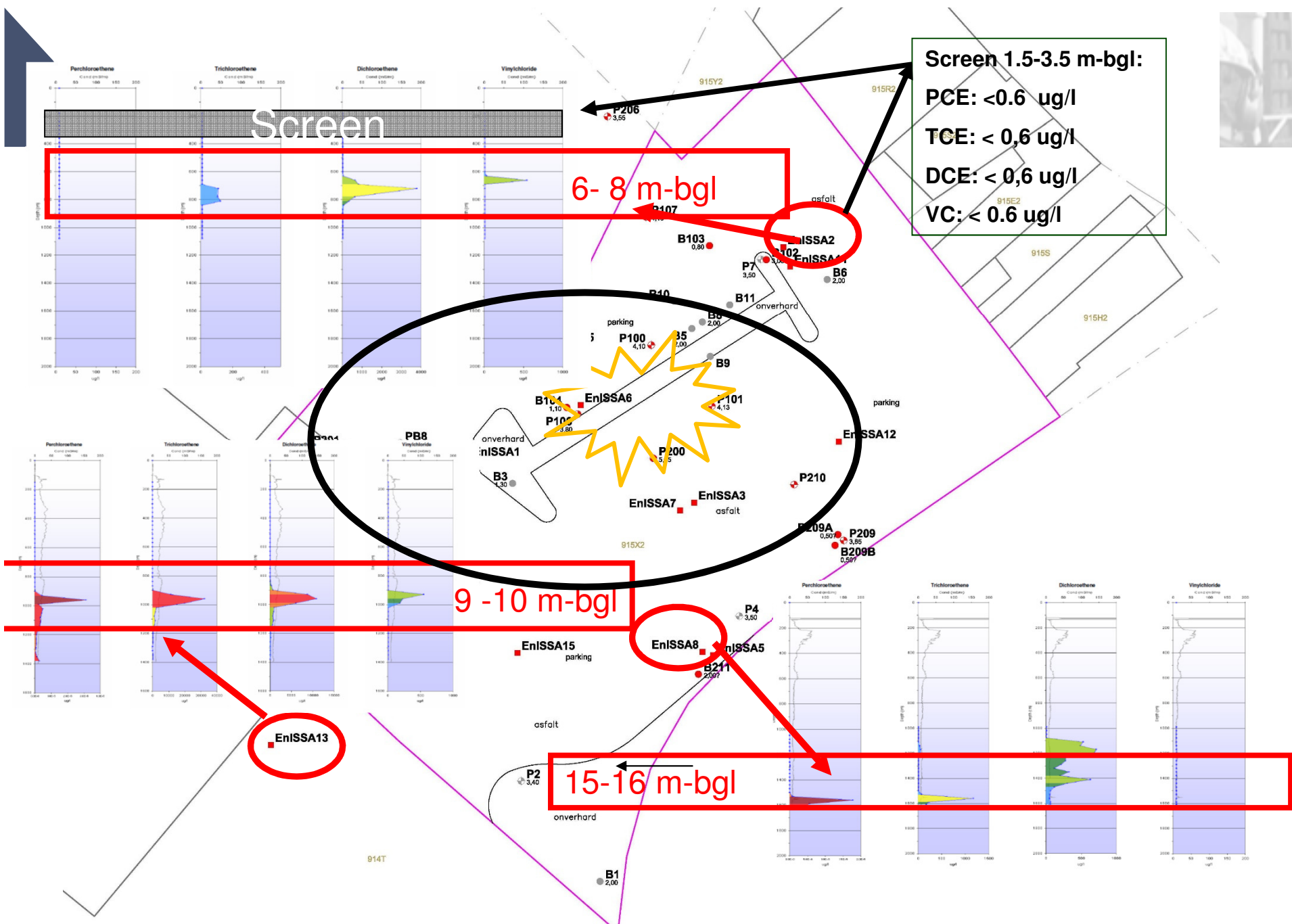






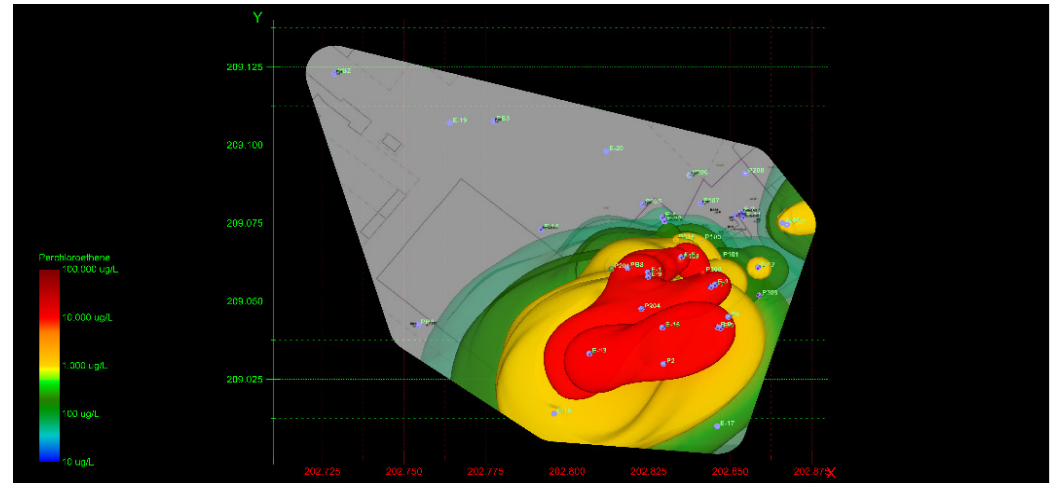


Screen 1.5-3.5 m-bgl:
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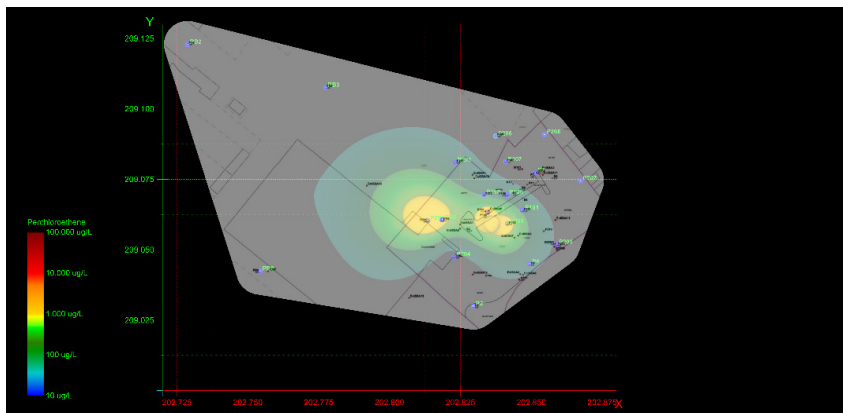


Case Study 2

- Profound migration of PCE and breakdown products
- Variable depths
 - → Easily missed
 - → Full profiles are necessary to completely and correctly characterise PCE contamination



EnISSA-MIP PCE

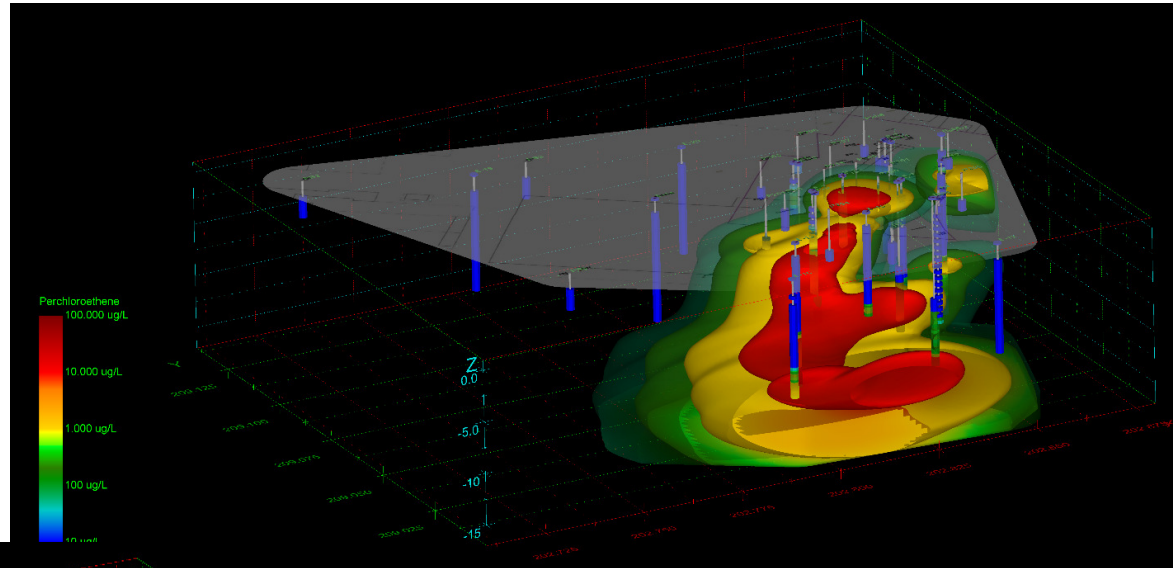


Monitoring well PCE

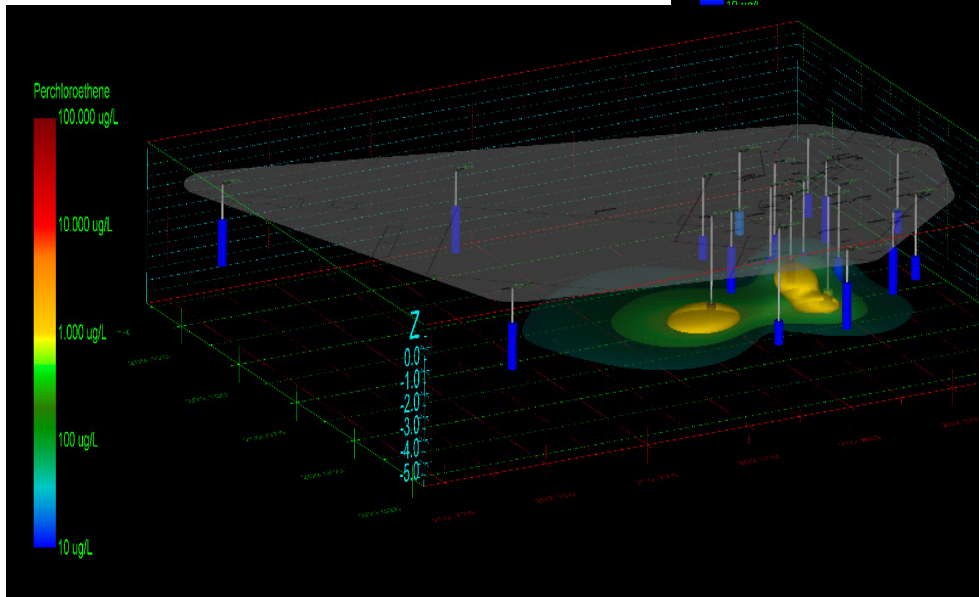
“It’s far better to be approximately correct with a huge dataset than precisely wrong with a limited dataset”

Case Study 2

Monitoring well PCE



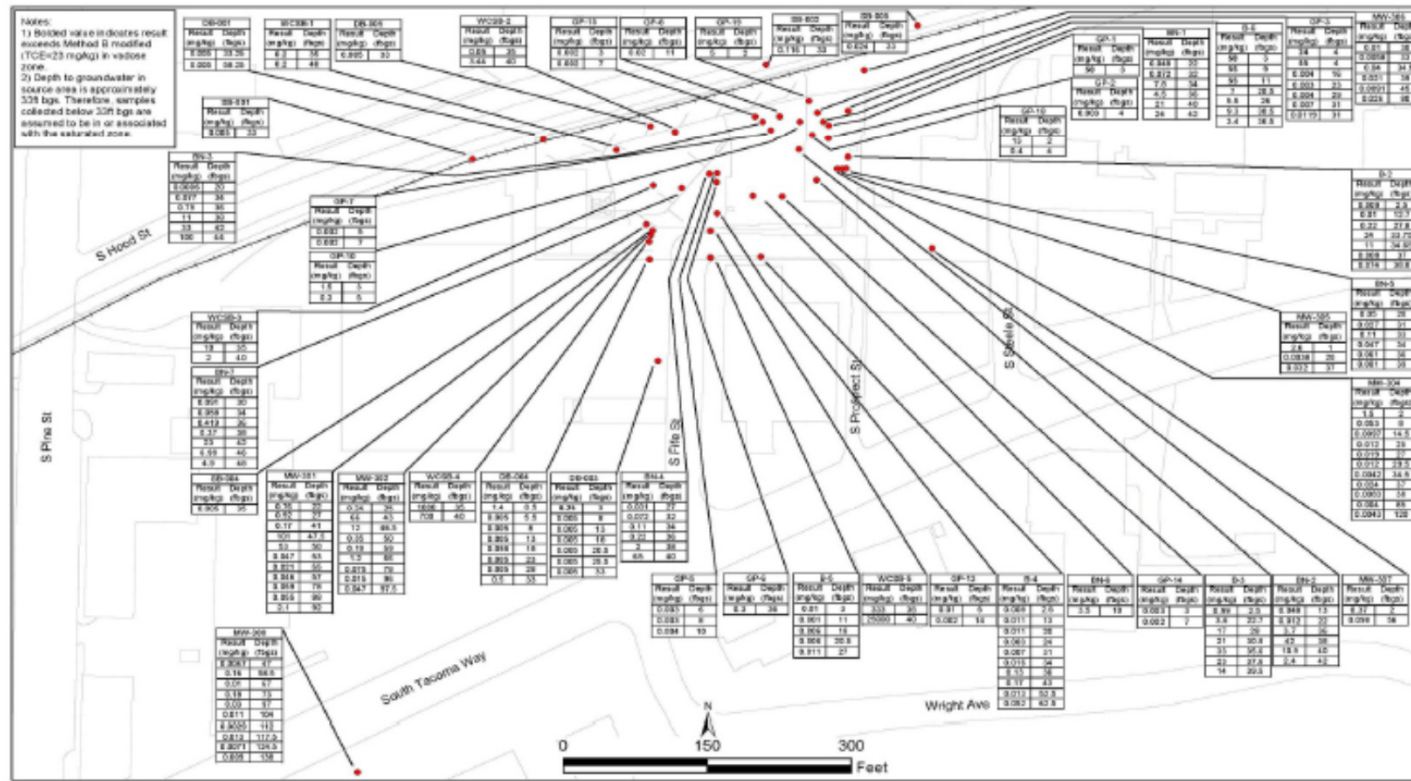
EnISSA-MIP PCE





Conceptual Site Model

Are We Effectively Using Data or Confusing Data?



Well 12A Superfund Site
 Tacoma, Washington

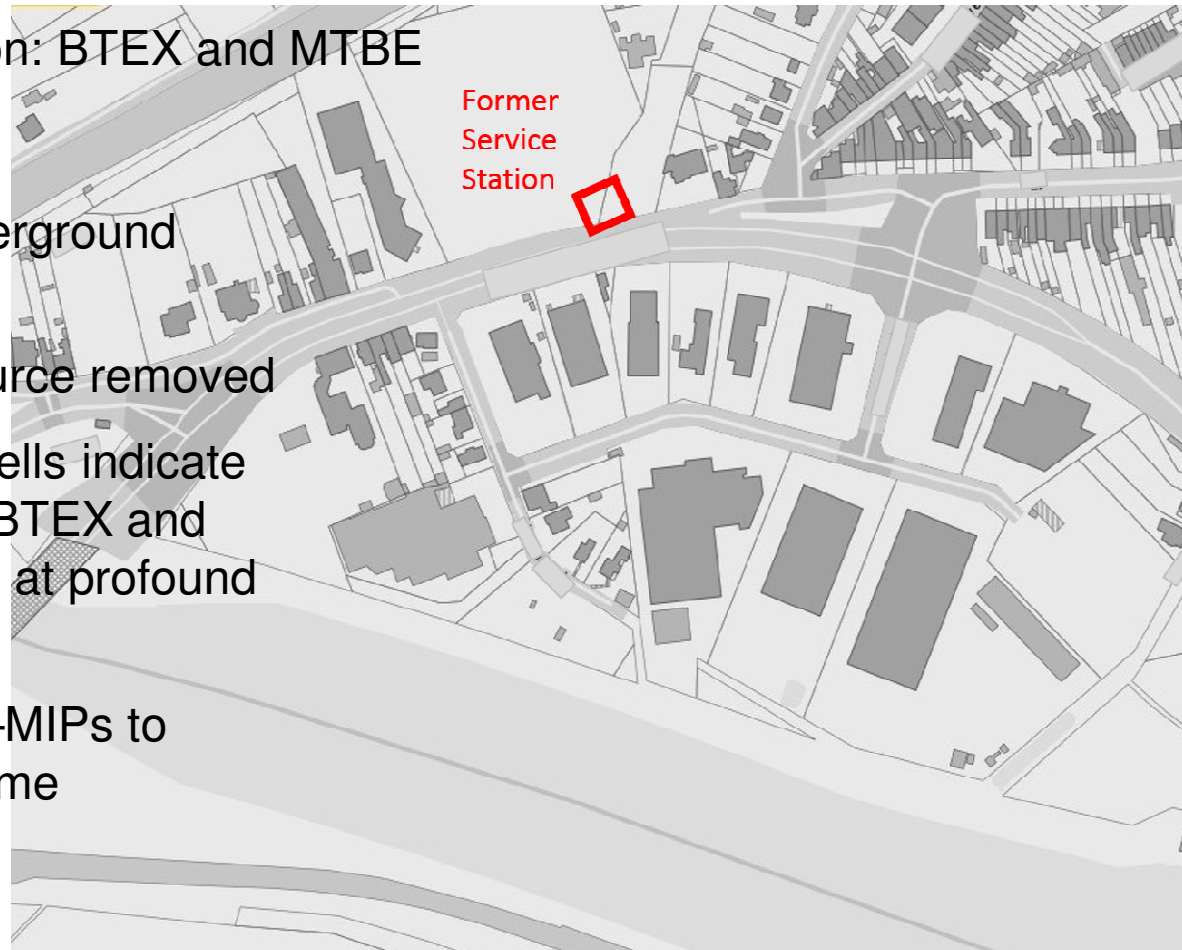
Figure 2-6
 Trichloroethylene in Soil

Case Study 3

Former service station, Antwerp region

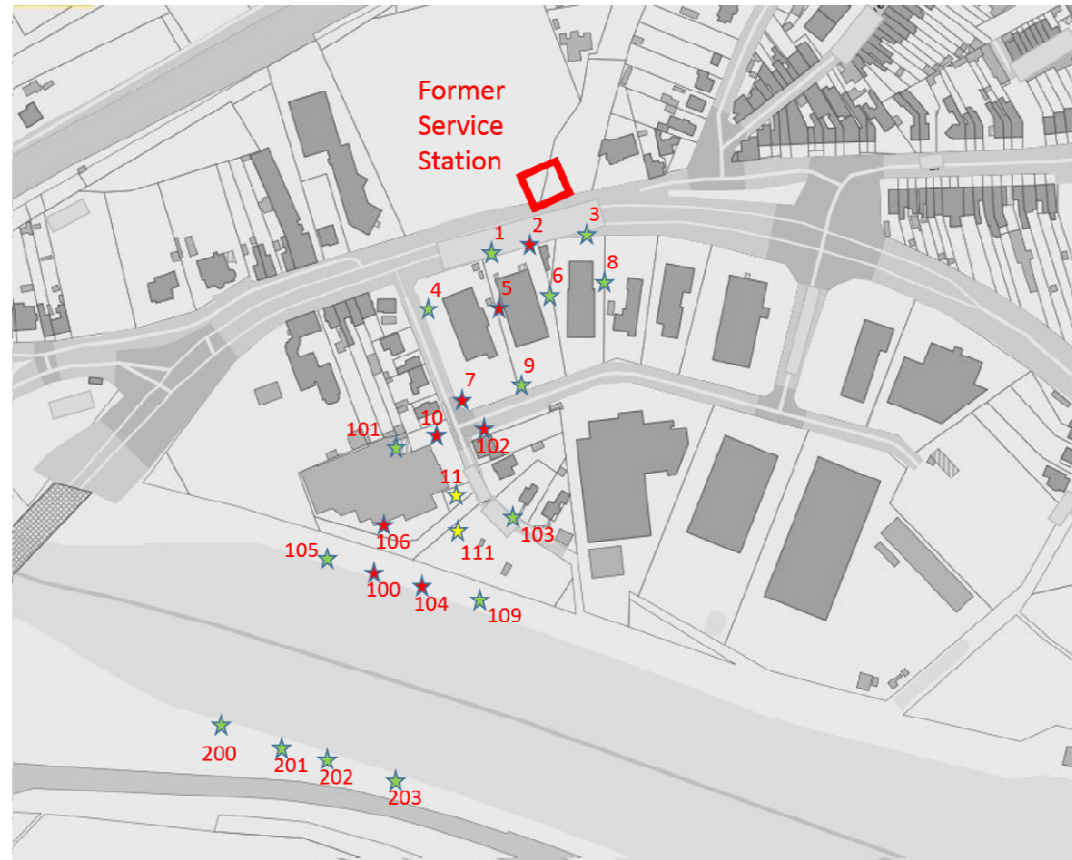
Contamination: BTEX and MTBE

- Leaking underground storage tank
 - Tank and source removed
 - Monitoring wells indicate presence of BTEX and MTBE plume at profound level
- ➔ EnISSA –MIPs to delineate plume



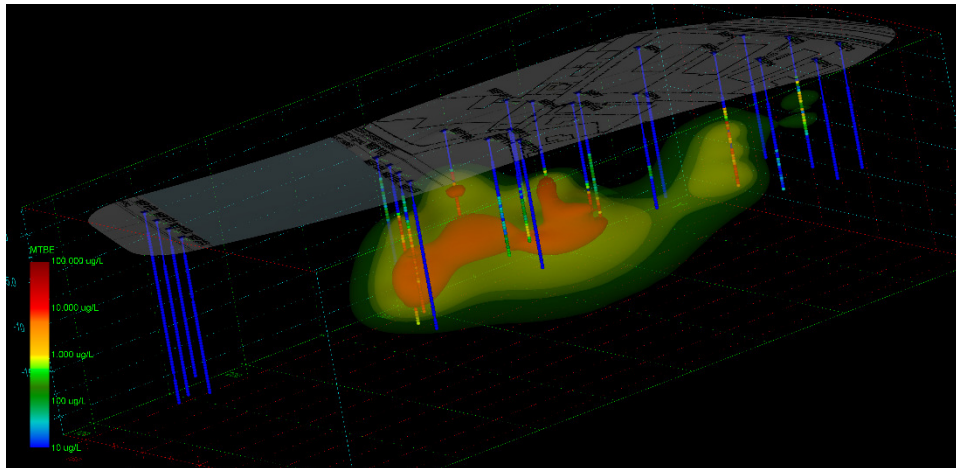
Case Study 3

- MTBE difficult parameter
 - → feasibility test
- 3 rounds of EnISSA MIP probings
- MTBE detected up to border of canal
- monitoring wells installed to confirm results
- Results imported in 3D software

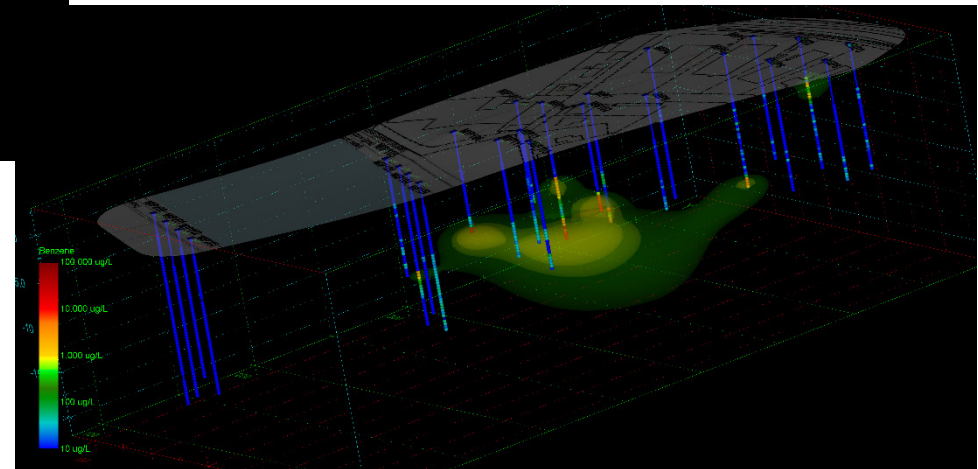


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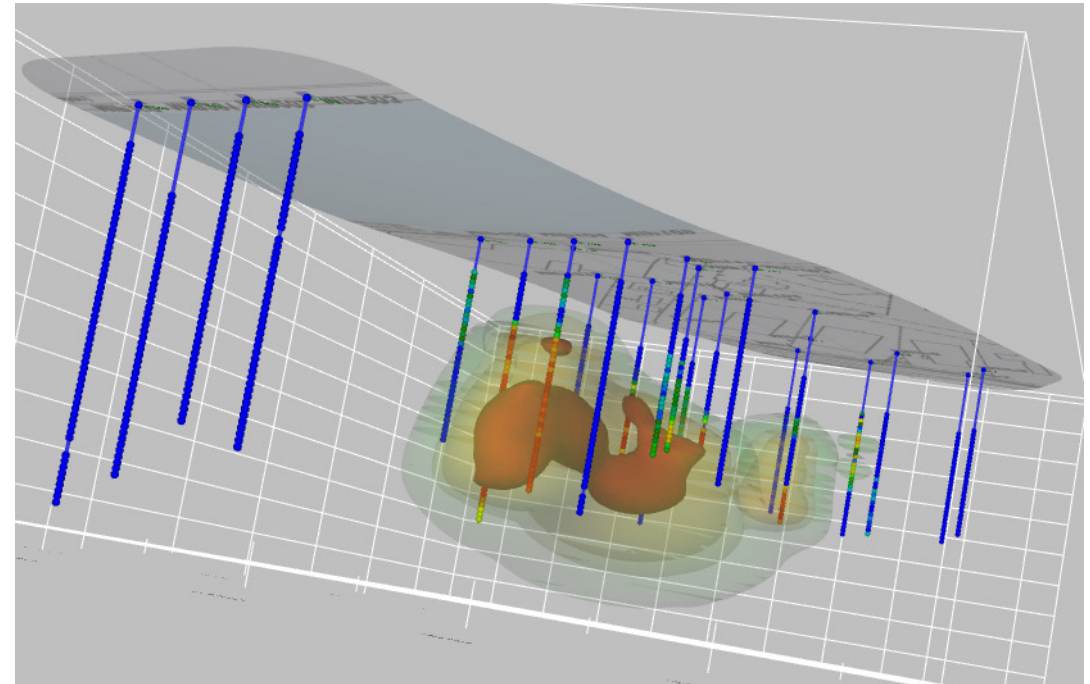
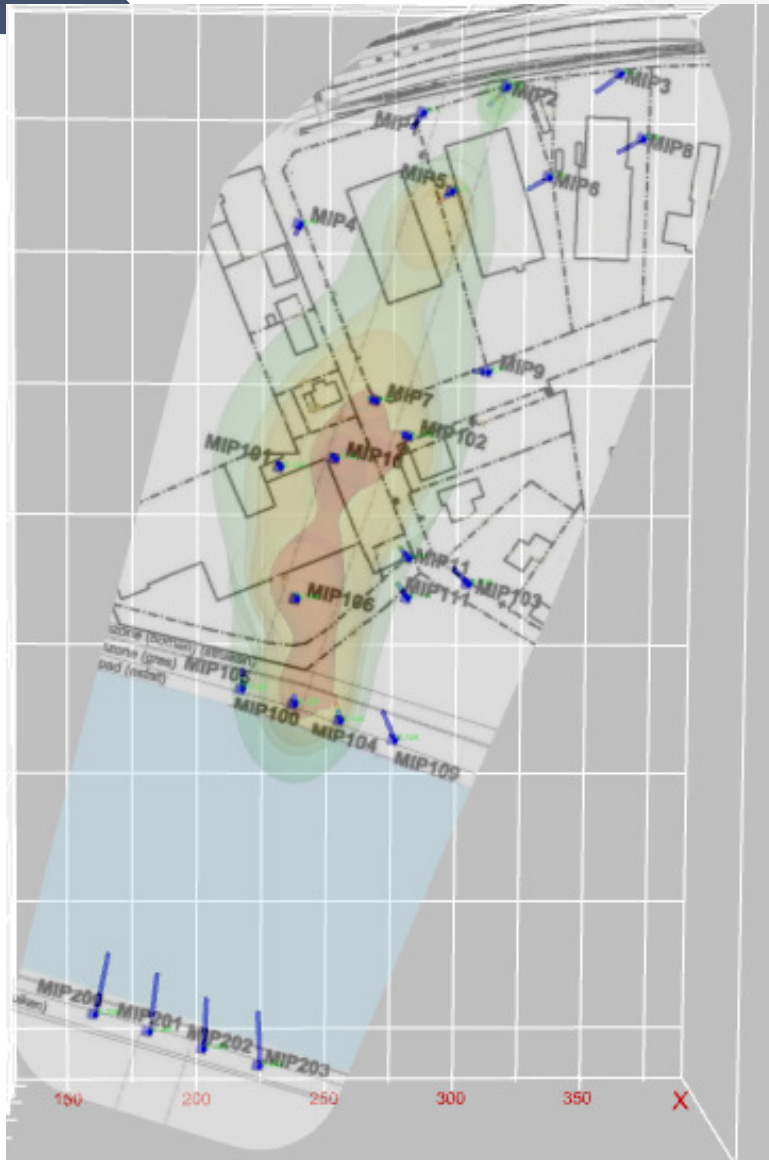
MTBE



Benzeen



Case Study 3



Case Study 4

- Waregem

- Site description:

- A small metallurgy company in the 50s-70s
 - Perchloroethene as a degreasing agent
 - Current residential area

- Geology

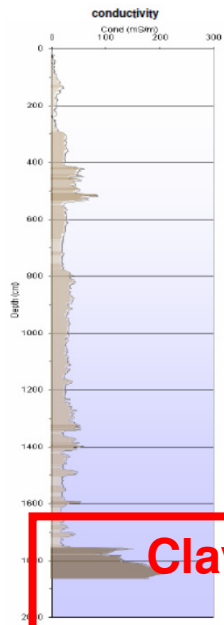
- sand/loam up to presumably 15-20 m-bgl
 - Below a clay layer is expected



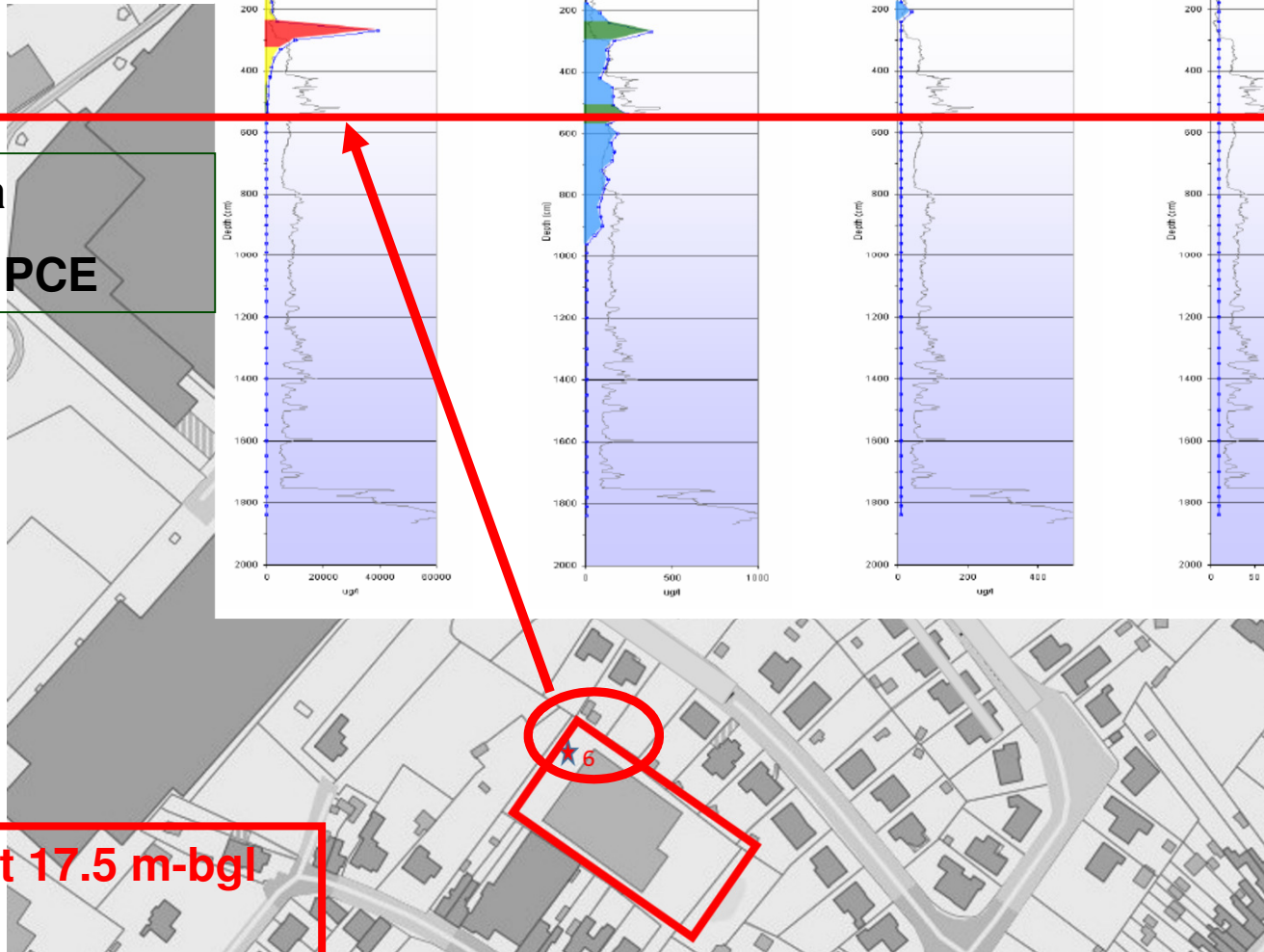
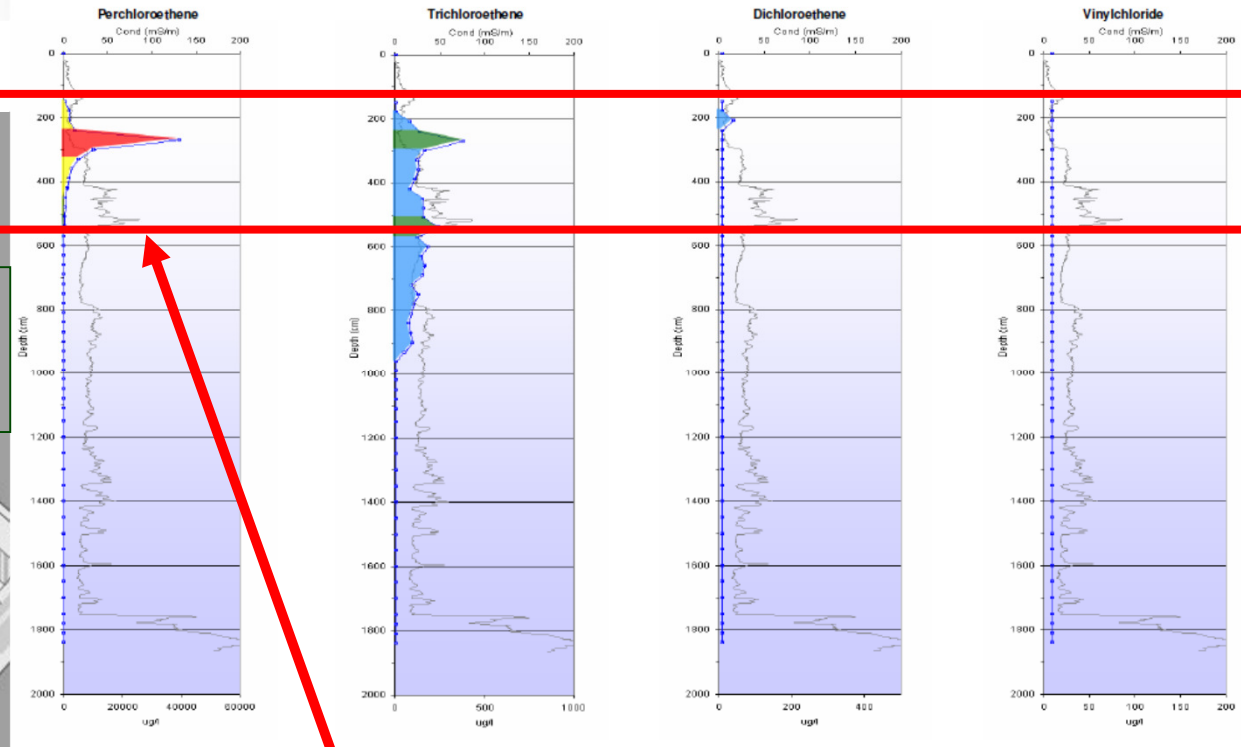
Case Study 4

2.5-3 m-bgl

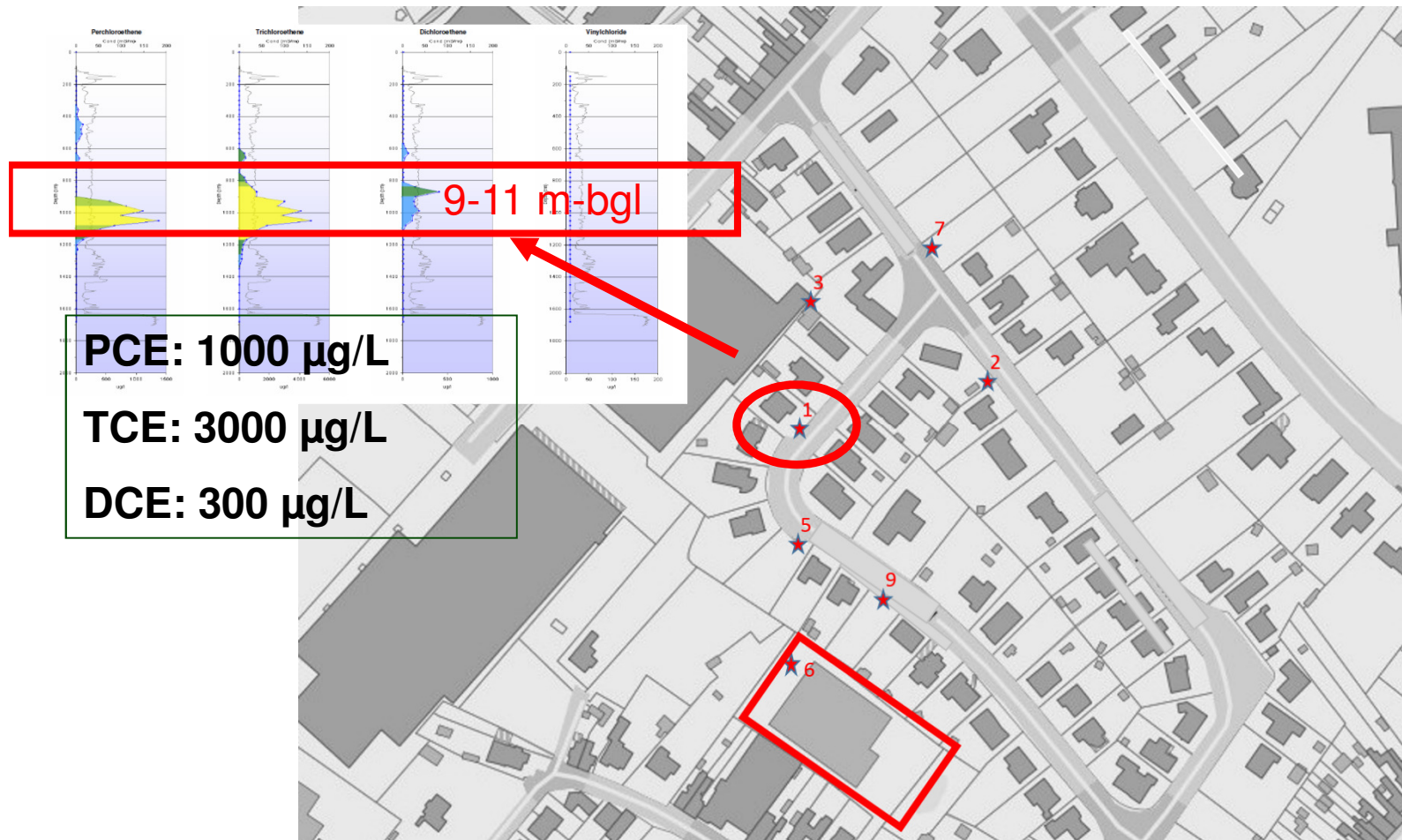
Source area
20 000 µg/L PCE



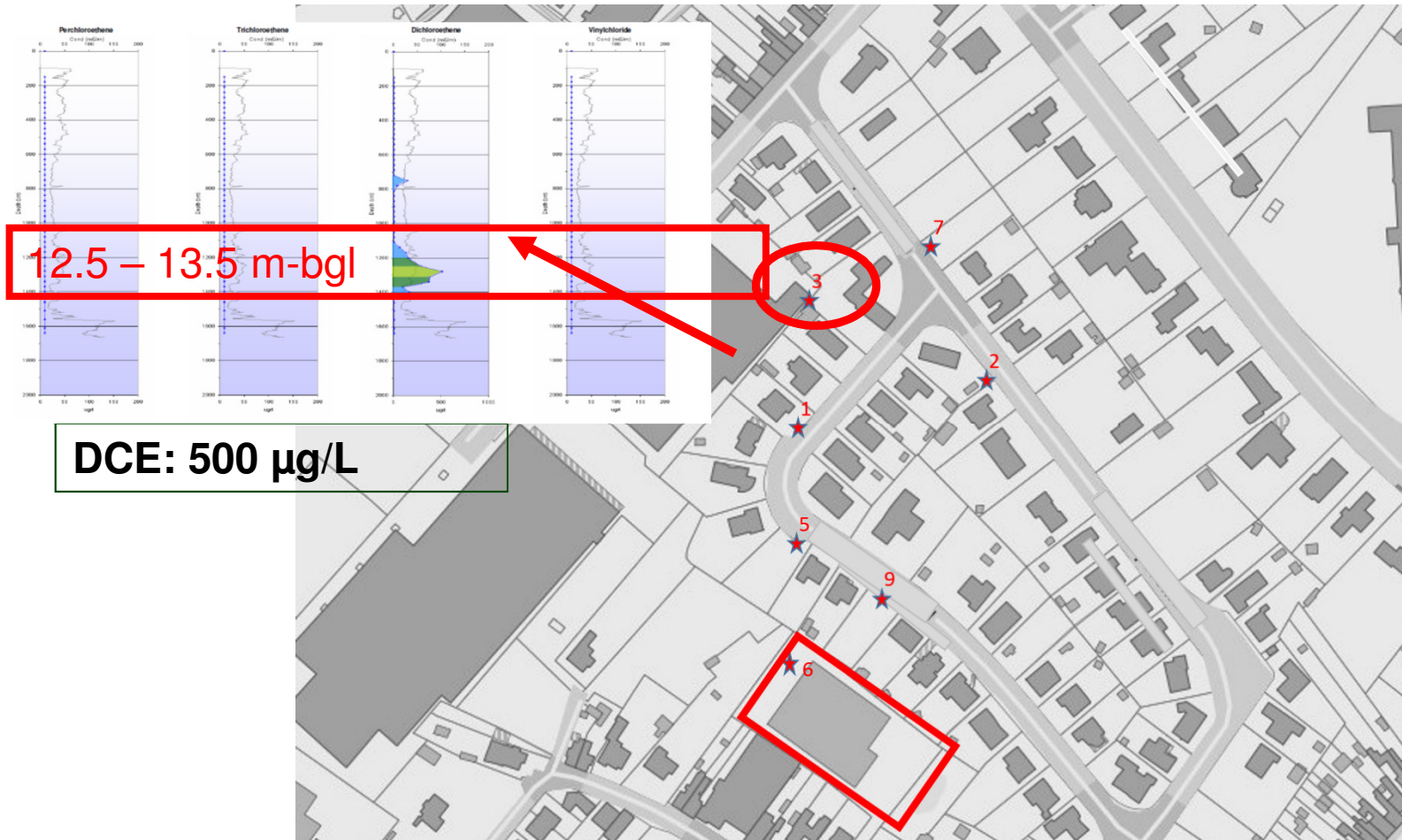
Clay at 17.5 m-bgl



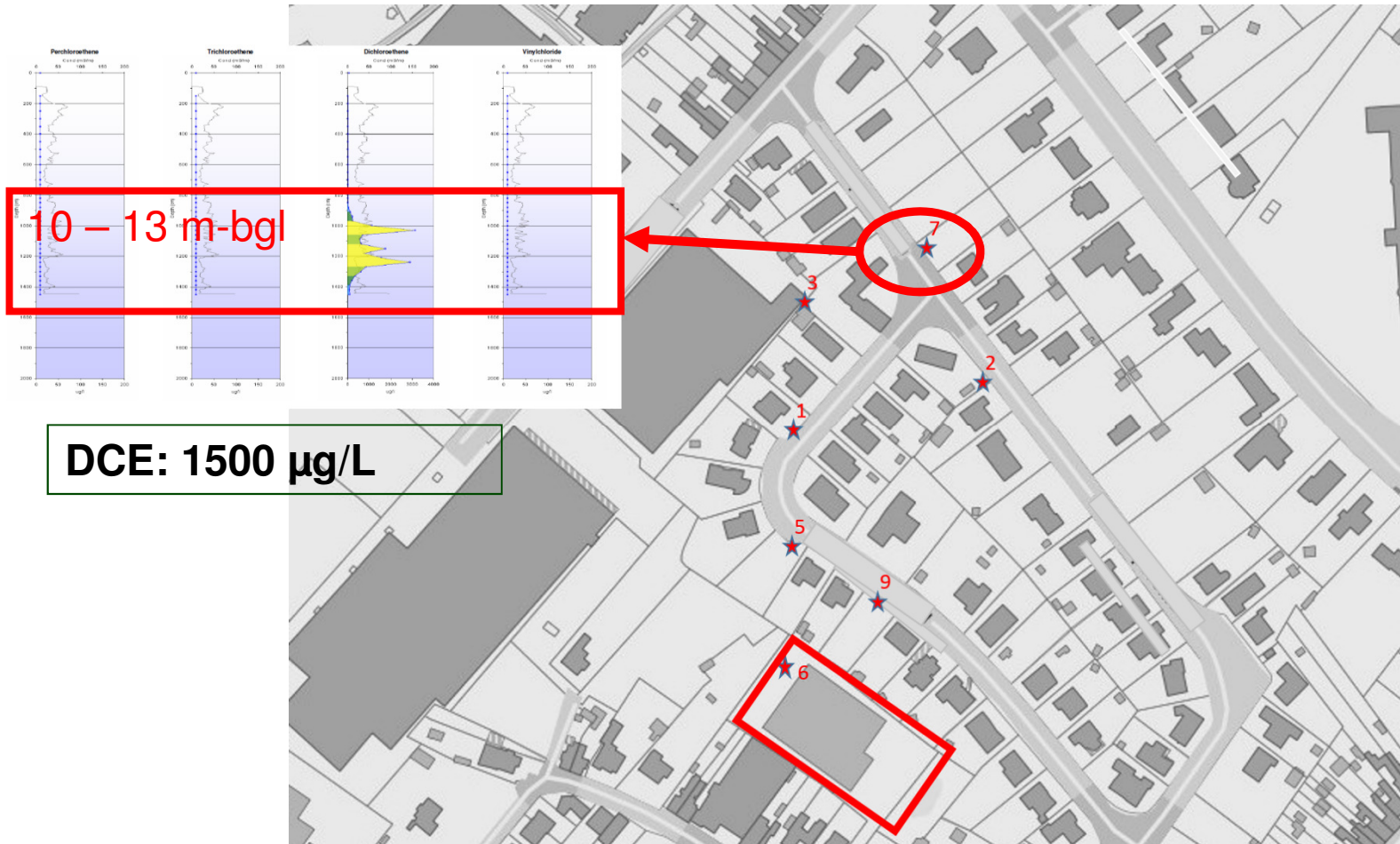
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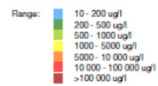
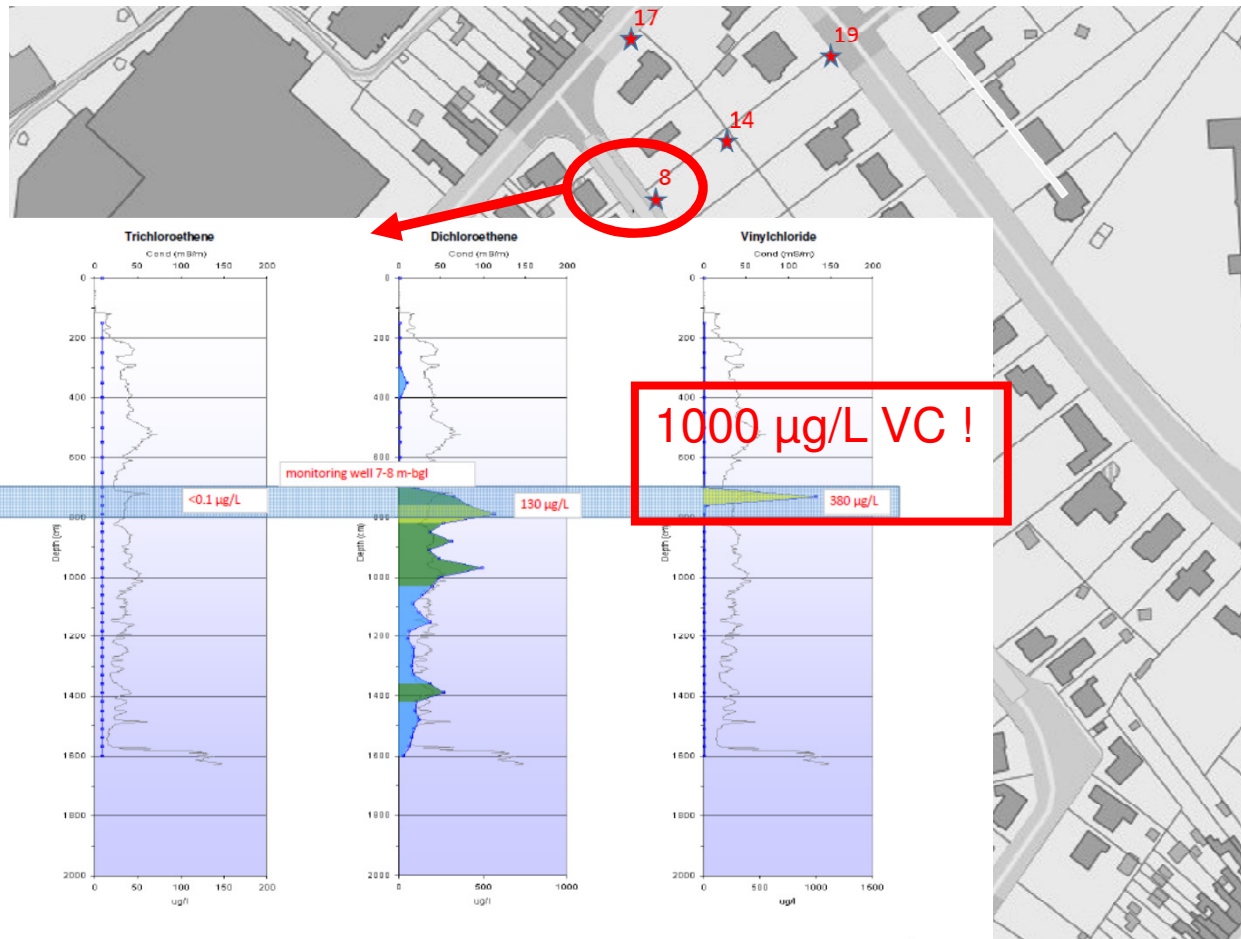
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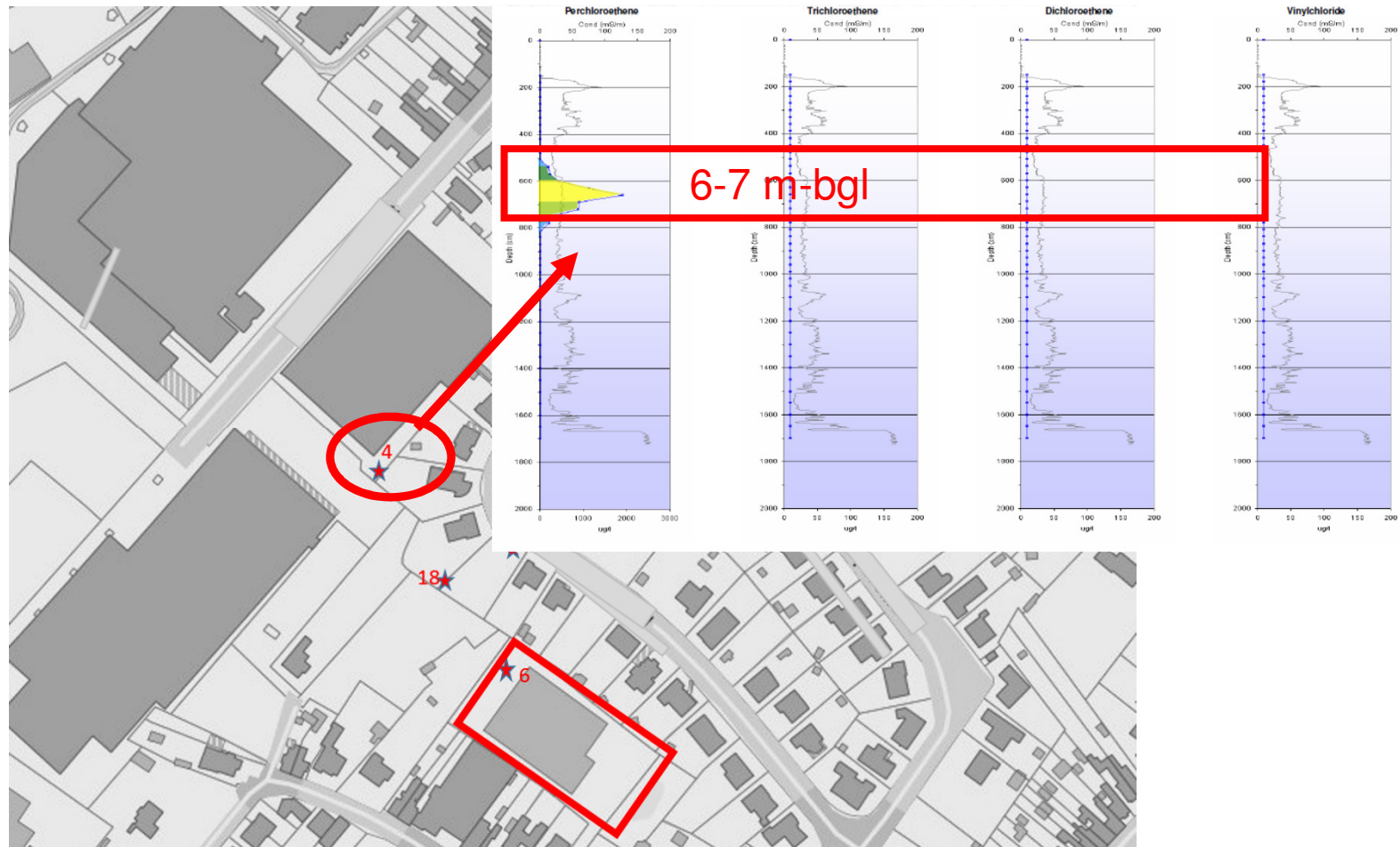
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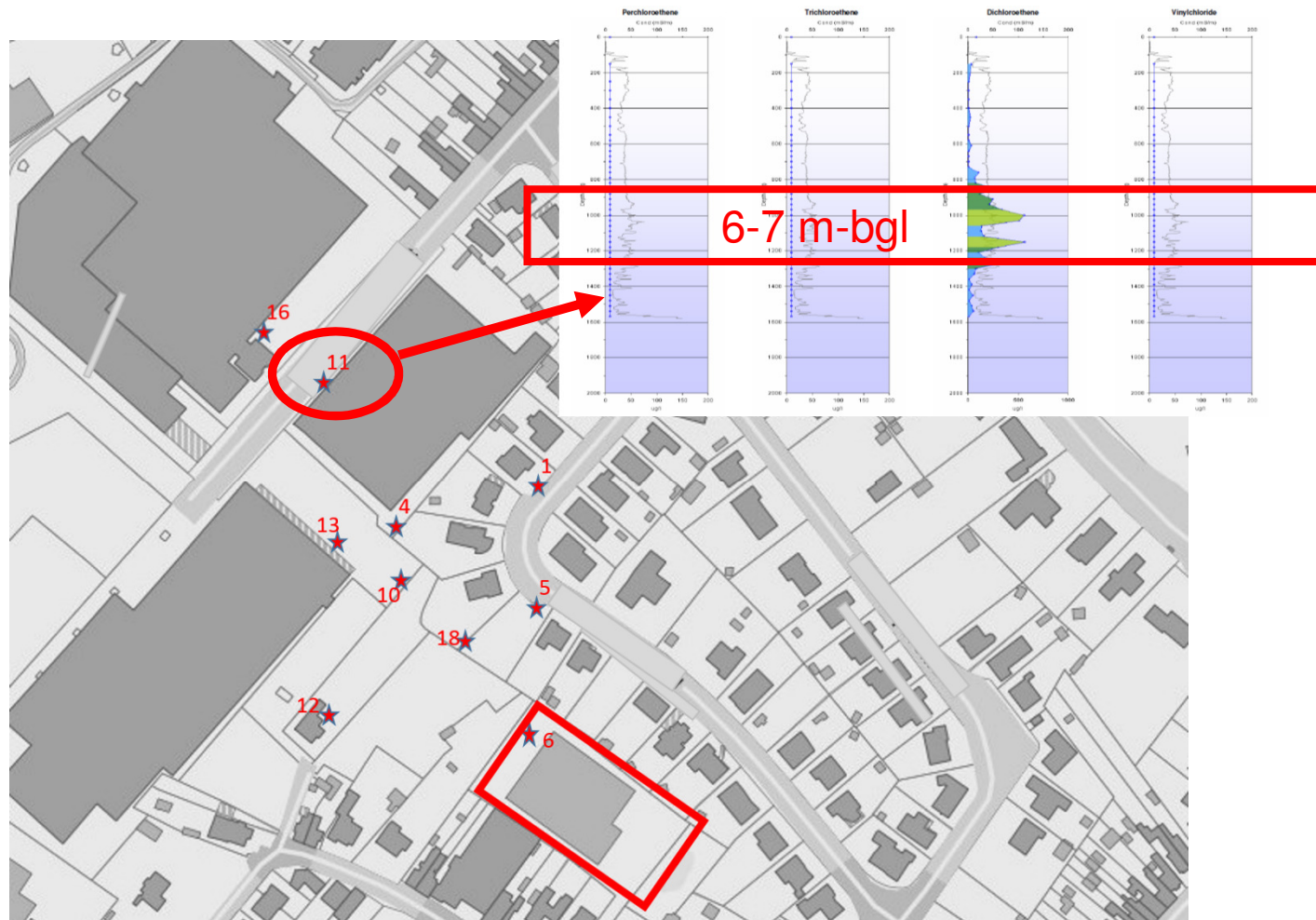
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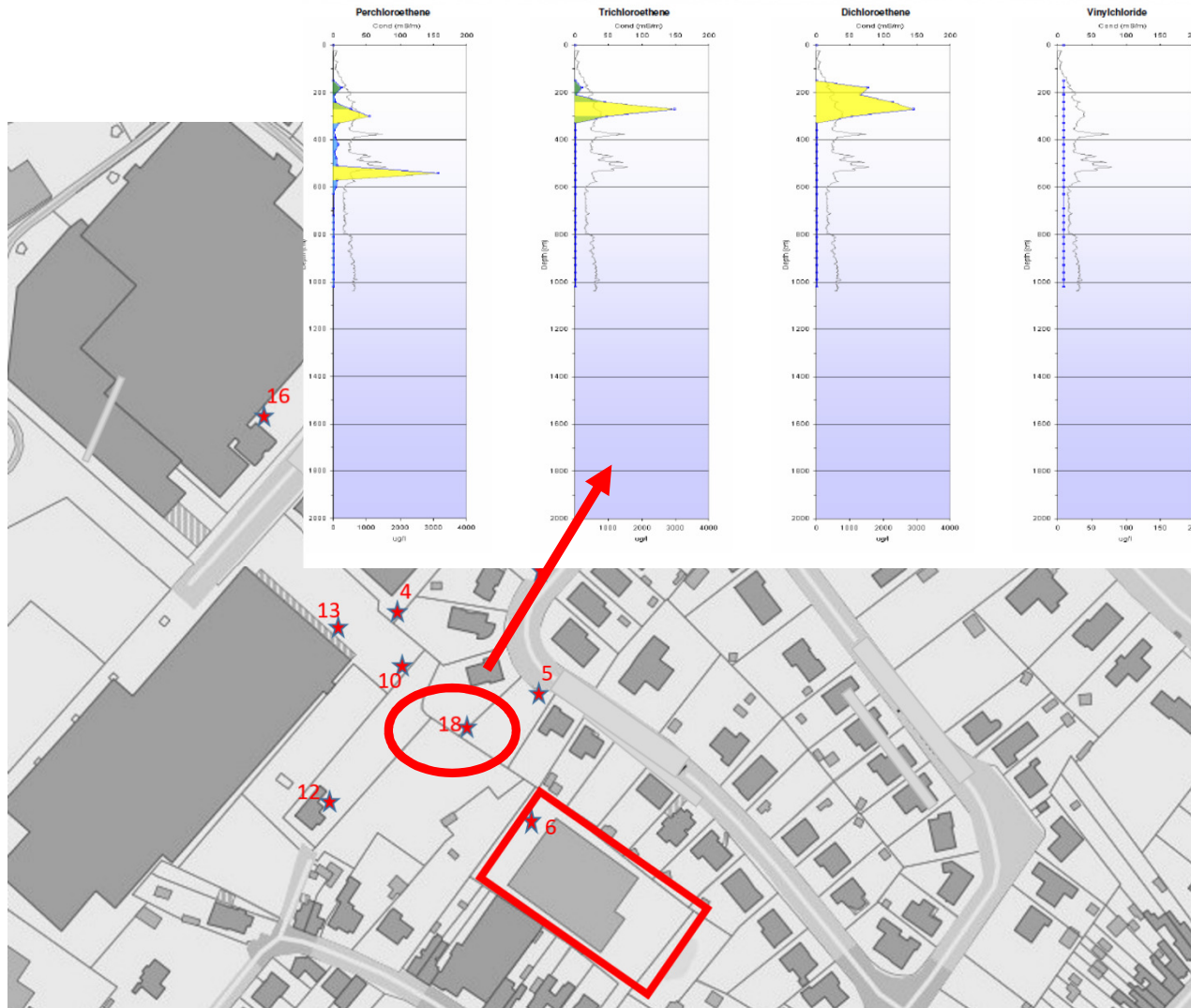
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EnISSA MIP

entire delineation of contamination: source + plume

EnISSA MIP measures on **ppb** level

→ source and plume

(Conventional MIP measures on sub-ppm level)

- Order of magnitude = groundwater sample → high quality screening tool -

“On site” information on pollution cocktails:

EnISSA MIP measures **individual compounds** in contrast to the sum-detectors used in conventional MIP

- Each 30 cm up to 12 compounds can be distinguished -

strategic sampling well locations:

The entire delineation of source and plume obtained by EnISSA MIP makes it possible to place sampling wells at strategic locations **reducing sampling costs and time.**

High resolution data is essential to characterize chlorinated solvents



- An illustrated handbook of DNAPL transport and fate in the subsurface

http://www.cluin.org/conf/itrc/dnaplpa/dnapl_handbook_final.pdf

- High resolution site characterisation

<http://clu-in.org/characterization/technologies/hrsc/hrscintro.cfm>

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