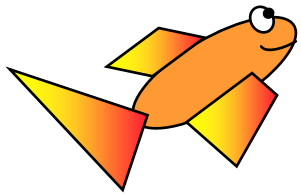
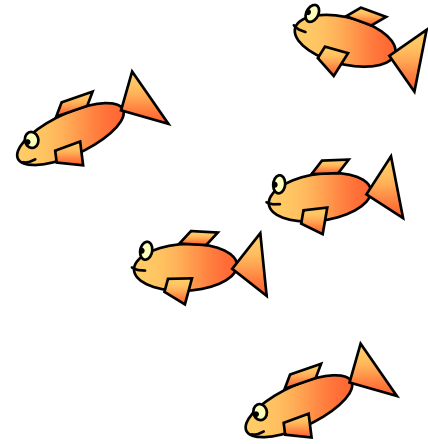


# Water Quality Planning modelling for decision making

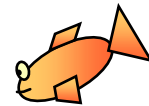


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- £20 billion of improvements

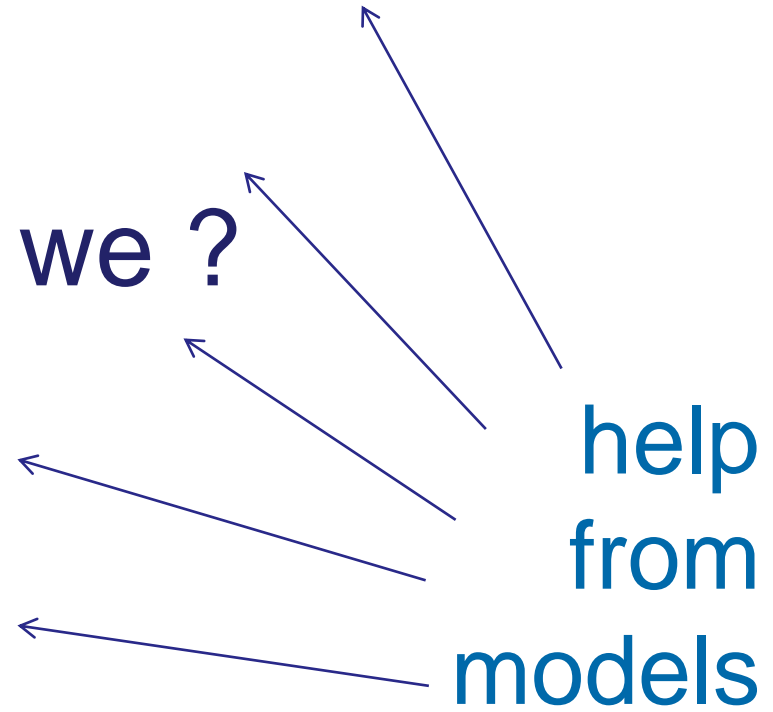


- models: RQP, SIMCAT



# decision making ...

- where is the **red** on the map ?
- what caused it ?
- how confident are we ?
- what can we do ?
- is it worth doing ?

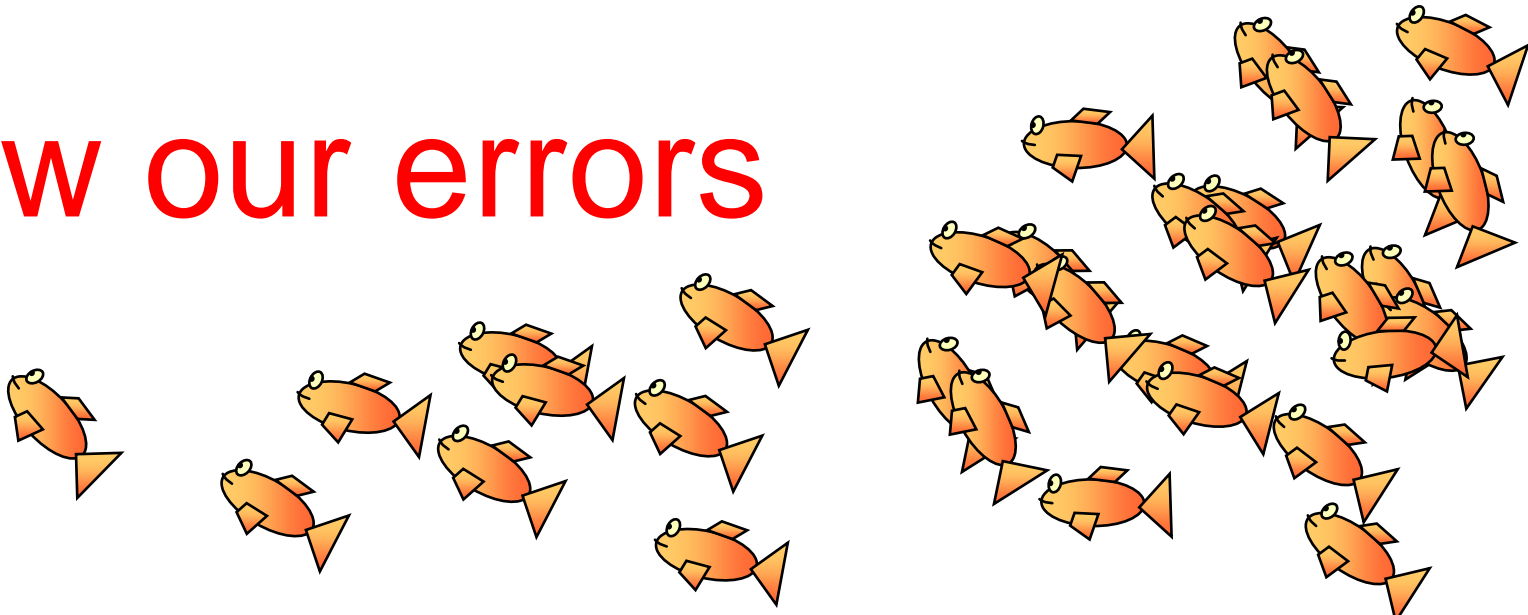


# emphasise ...

- the “science” of taking decisions
- not the “science” of rivers

# this means we:

- use a correct form of standards and targets
- know our errors



# simplest requirement ...

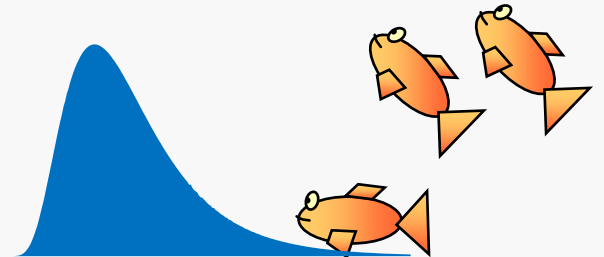
- standards are means or percentiles



- to do the mixing correctly *action*
- to assess compliance *RED*

# errors because...

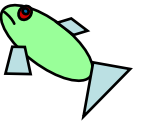
- 31 million seconds in a year
- we take 12 samples ?



know our errors ...

2.115

1.5 to 3.1





so don't  
elaborate on  
the details ...

what details?

- depth, width ...
- time of travel ...
- hour-by-hour simulation ...
- chemical speciation ...
- settlement, re-suspension ...
- rainfall – run off ...
- sewers ...
- event duration ...
- monthly breakdowns ...

unionised  
ammonia

copper

standards differ  
every km

monthly data

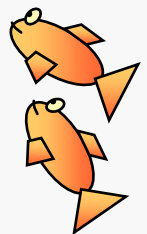
**good**

**moderate**

**poor**

**bad**

**100%**



**good**

**moderate**

**poor**

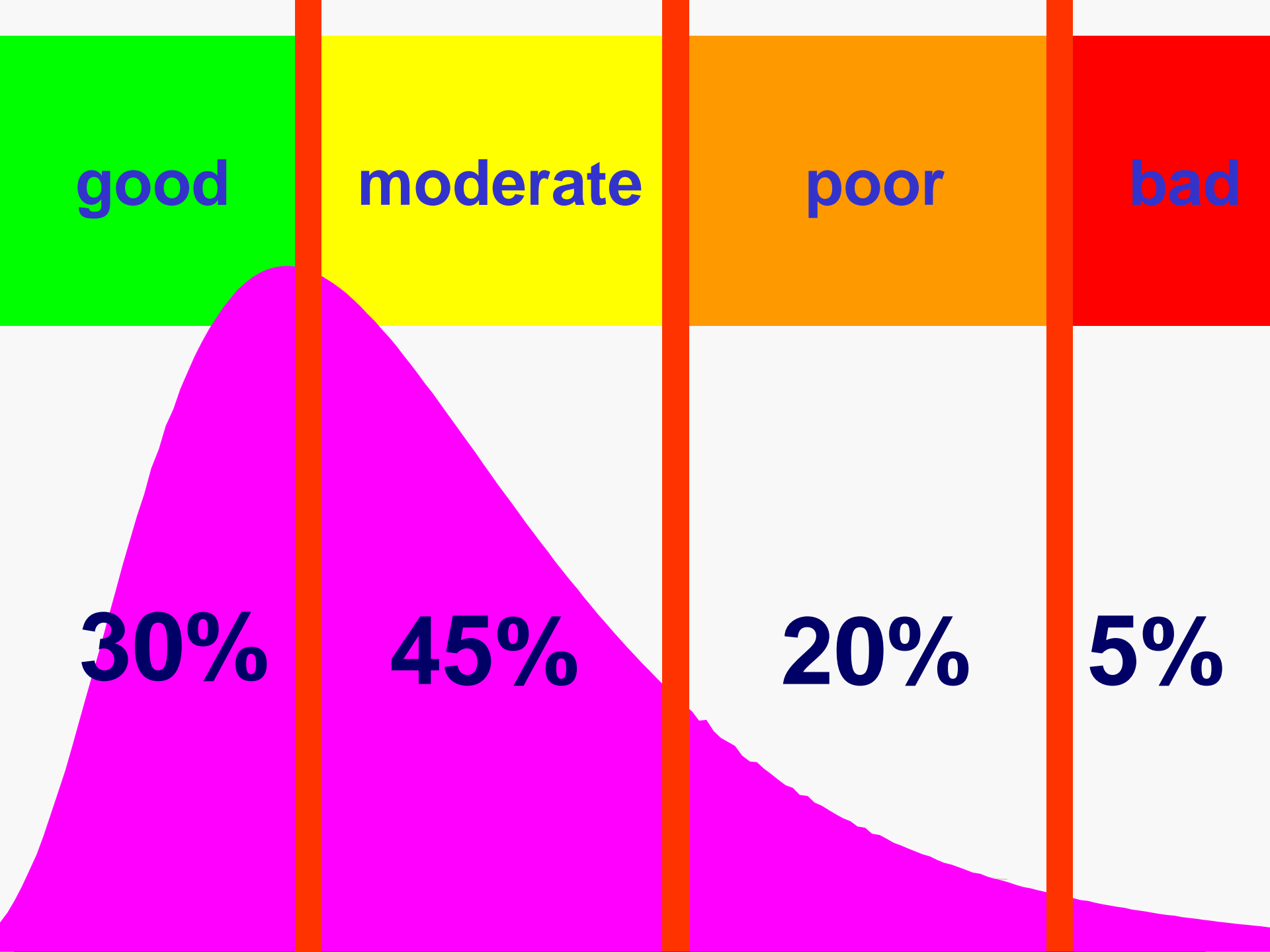
**bad**

**30%**

**45%**

**20%**

**5%**



A cartoon illustration of a pond. In the center, a green rectangular sign with the word "Good" in white, bold, sans-serif font is placed. The pond has a light blue water area and a light green grassy bank. On the left, there are some green reeds and small red flowers. On the right, there are three cartoon fish: two orange ones and one green one. The background is a solid light green color.

Good

25% of face-value classes are  
wrong



Not **GOOD** - 95% confidence

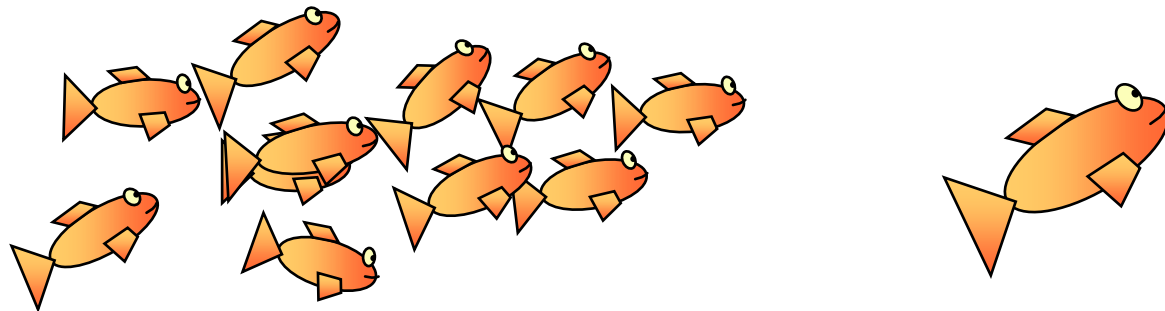
Not **GOOD** - 50% confidence

**GOOD** - 50% confidence

**GOOD** - 75% confidence

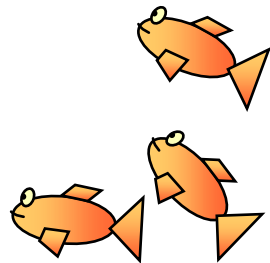
**GOOD** - 95% confidence

investigate  
actions needed to  
meet targets



... for example

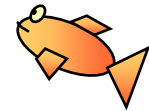
- national controls
- site-specific controls
- a mix of these





# national controls?

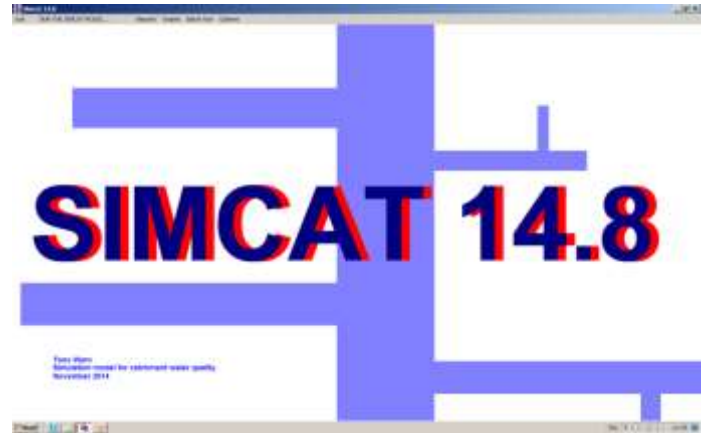
- uniform standards on all discharges?
- a ban on chemicals?
- limits on land-use?



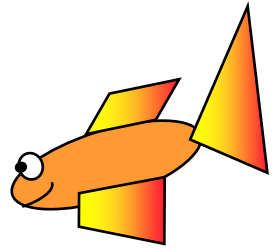
# few data (big errors)

- weaken case for site-by-site controls
- promote regional or national controls





- work out controls ✓
- quantify the errors ✓
- relate to national targets ✓



# SIMCAT calculates ...

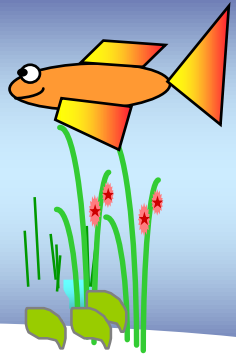
- river quality
- compliance with standards
- breakdown of causes of bad quality
- actions to meet targets
- for a single discharge, a small river, catchments or the whole country
  - industrial investment
  - diffuse pollution
  - growth and climate change
  - new laws and policies

# mixing

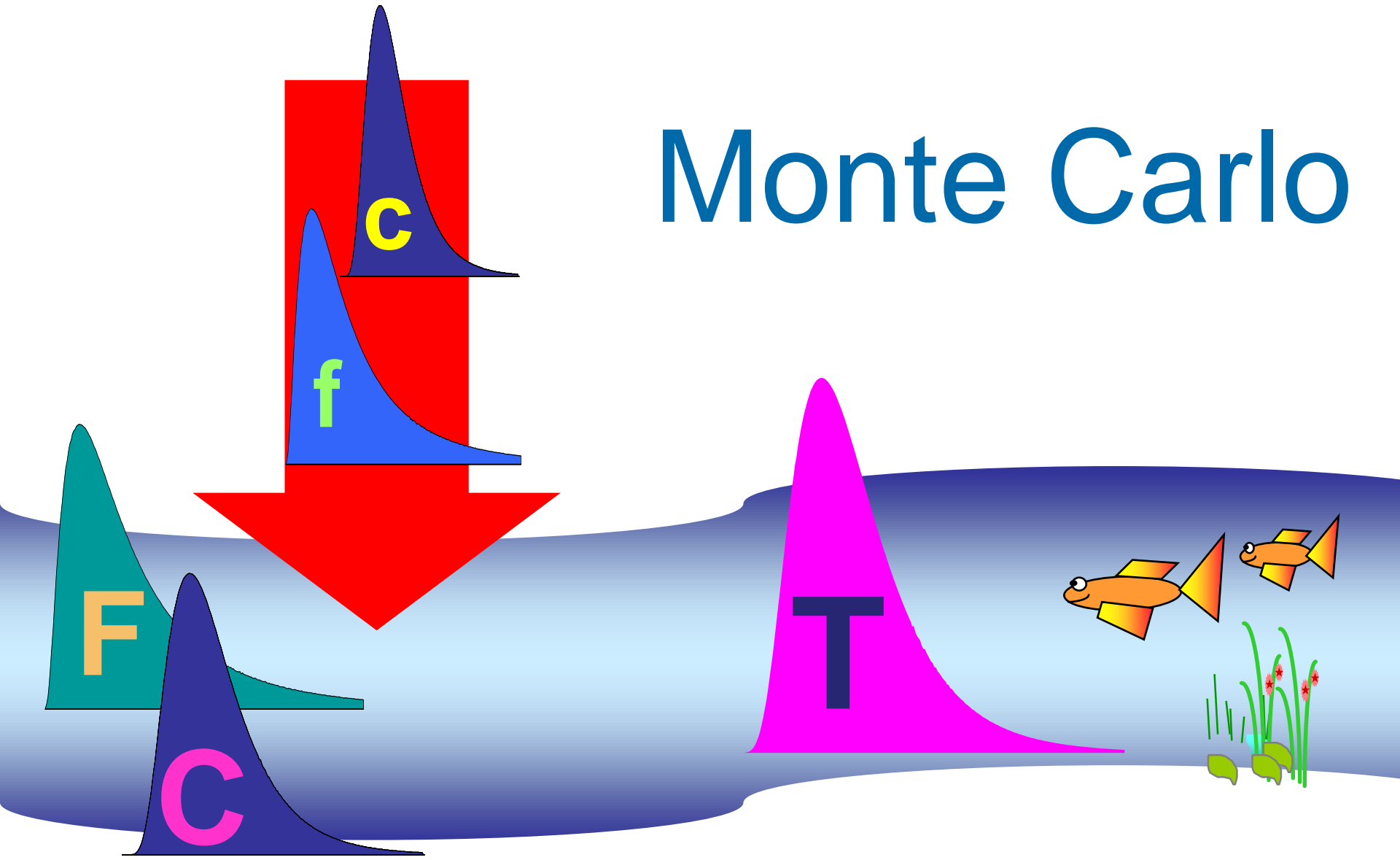
**flow and  
concentration**

**flow and  
concentration**

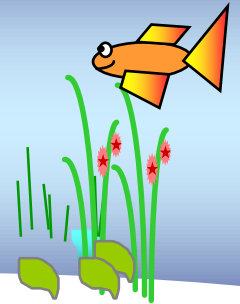
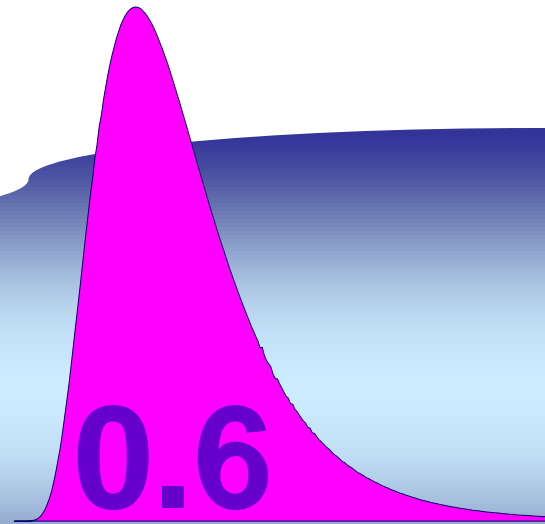
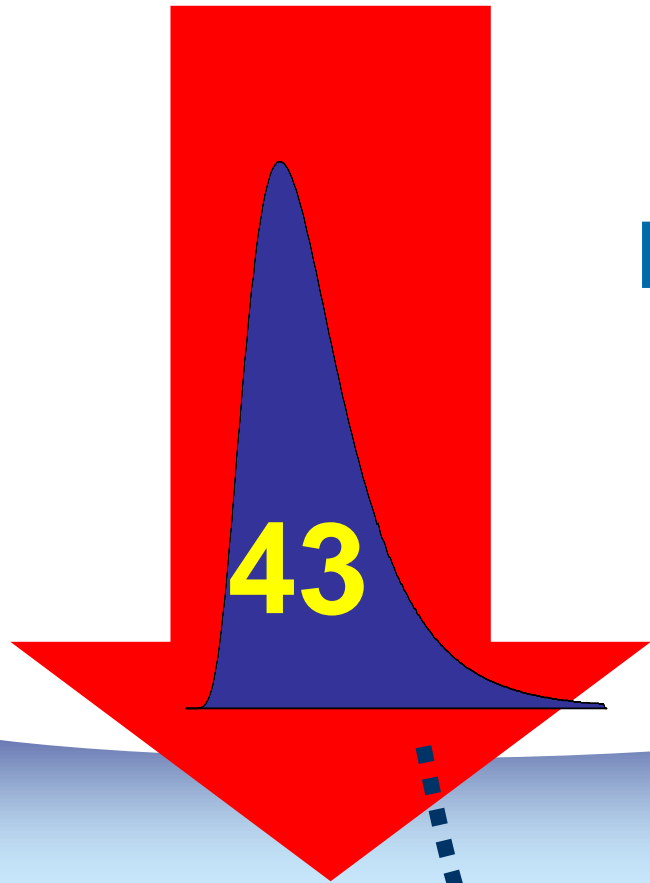
**flow and  
concentration**



# Monte Carlo



find control that  
meets the standard  
(a mean of **0.6**)



# take note of errors ...

mean = 43

**29 - 56**

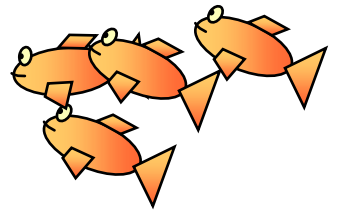


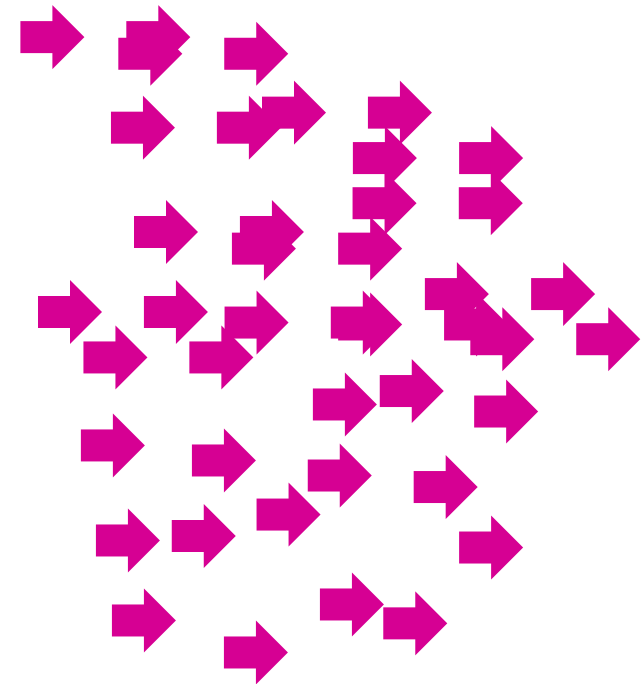
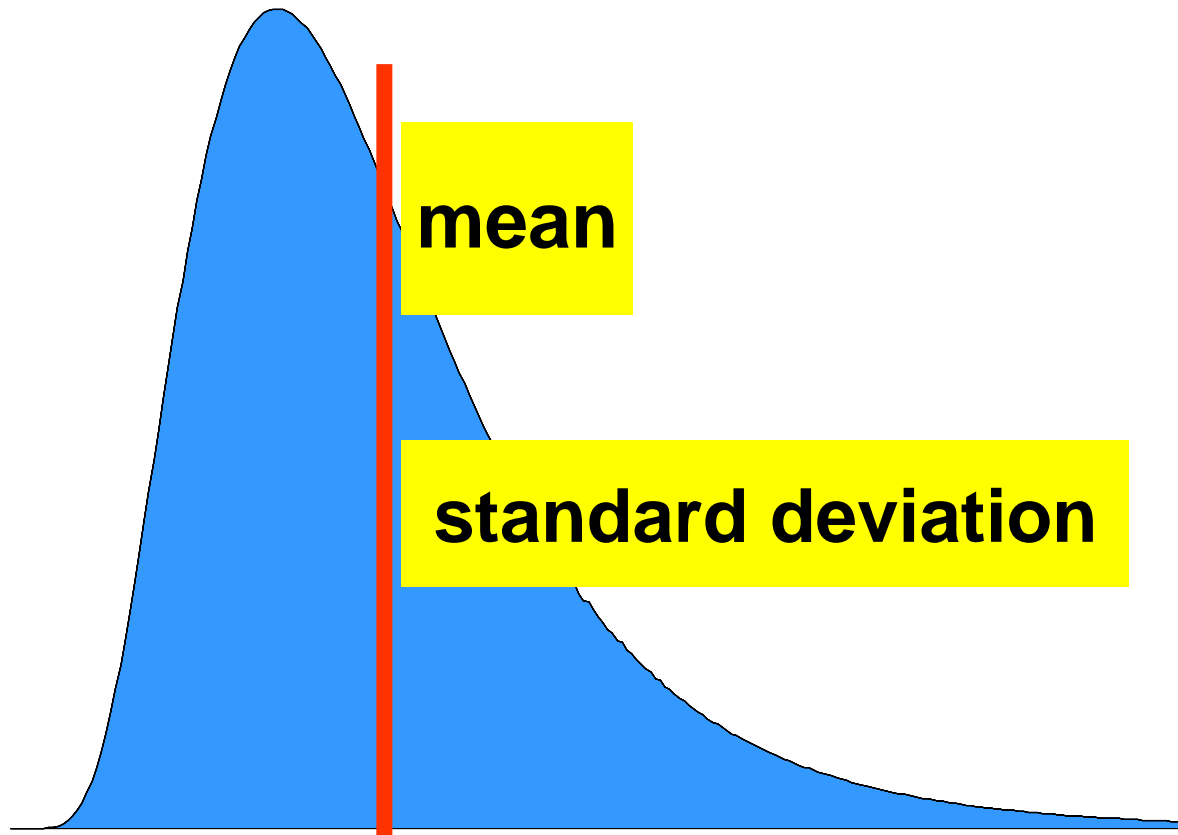
**43**



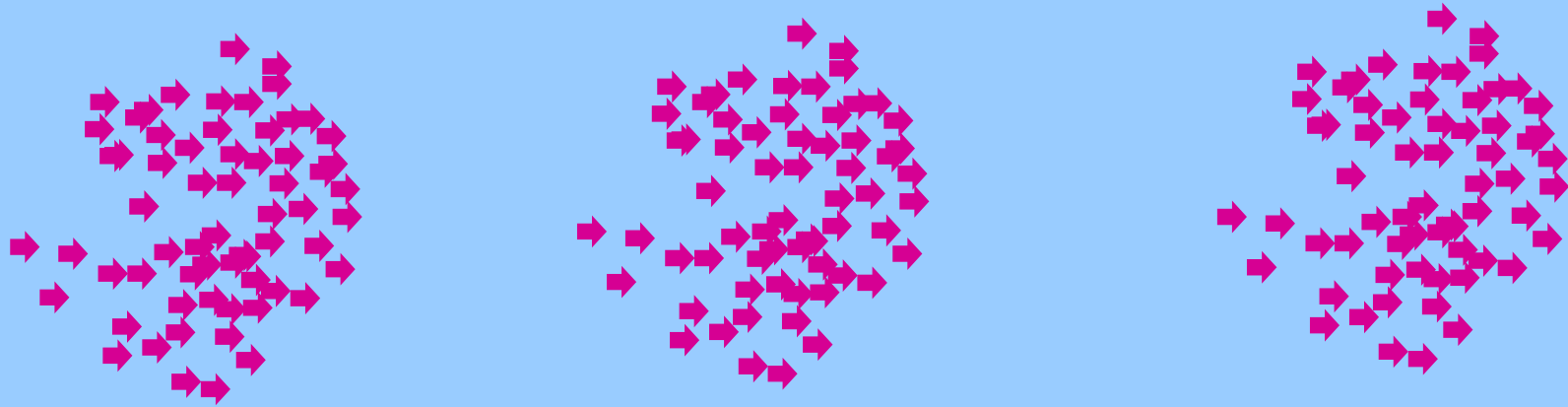


# how SIMCAT works



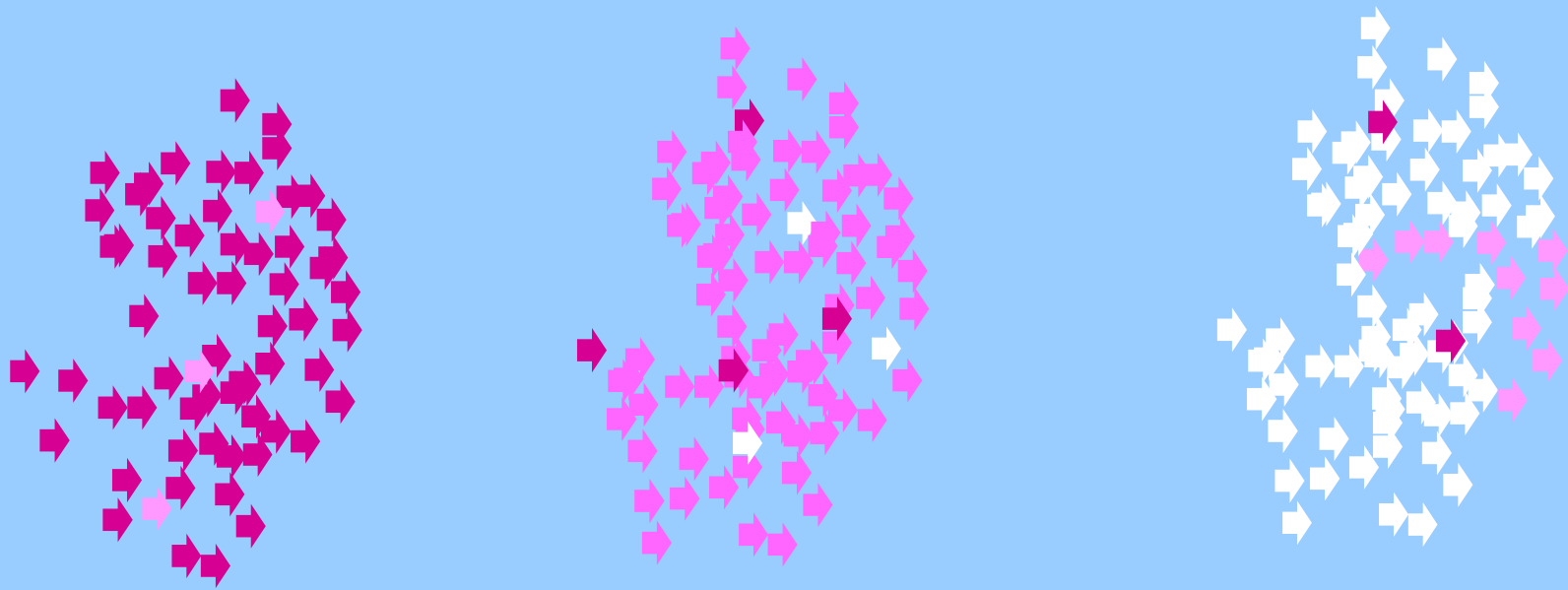


**log-normal, etc ...**

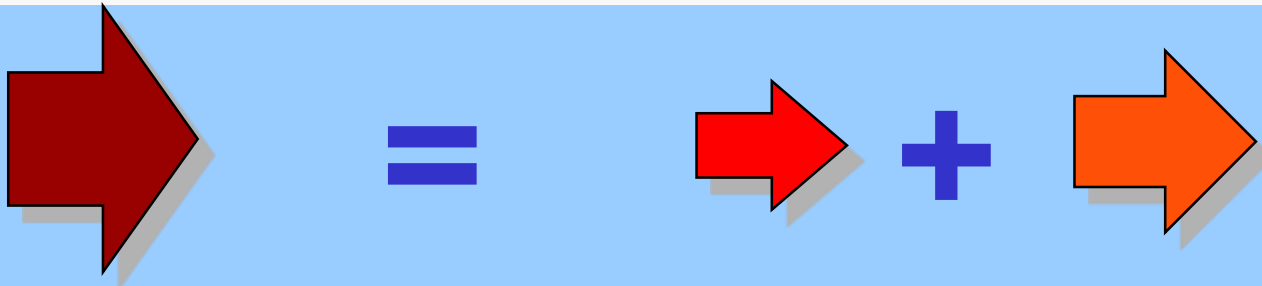


**flow and pollutants**

# natural purification

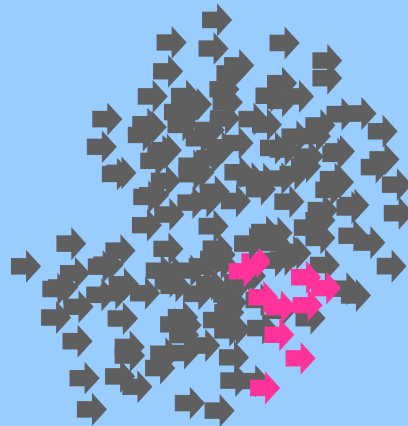
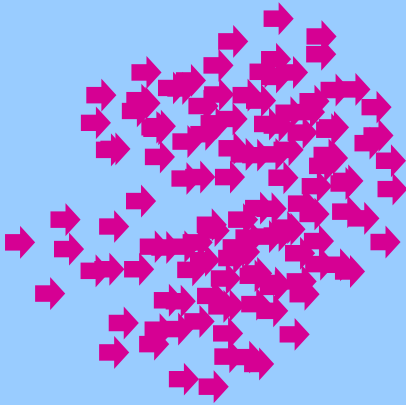
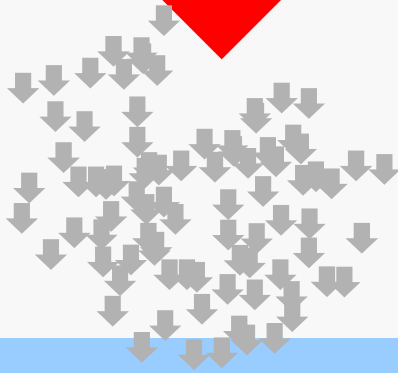
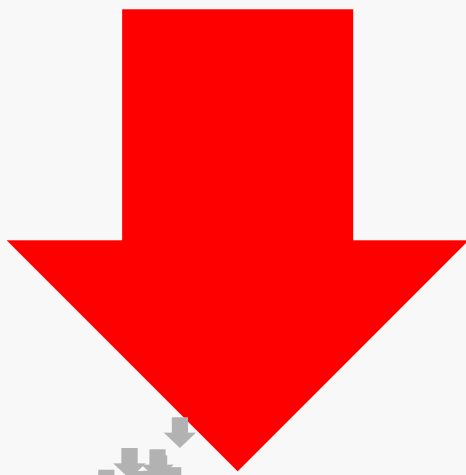


# speciation

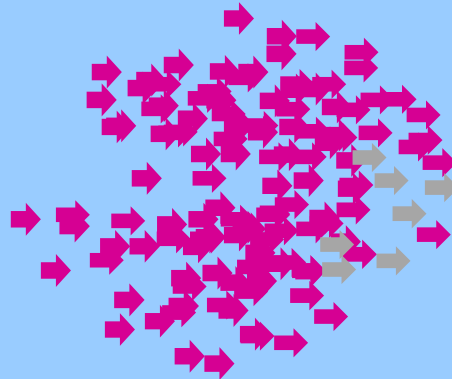
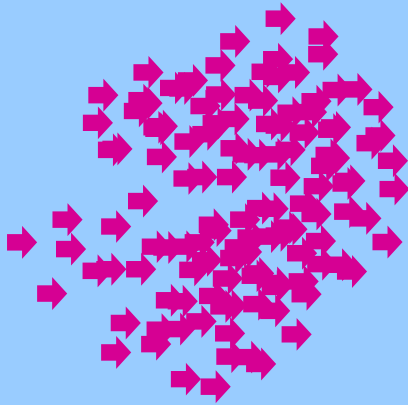
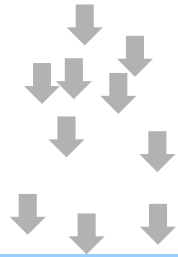
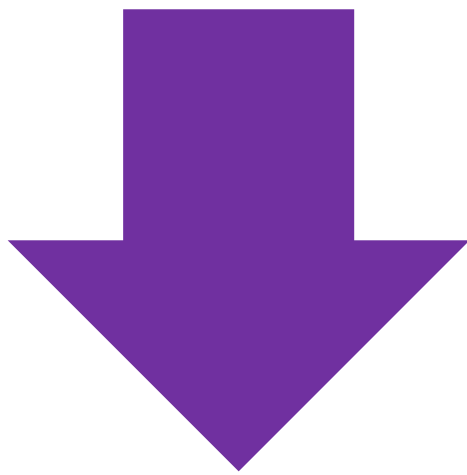


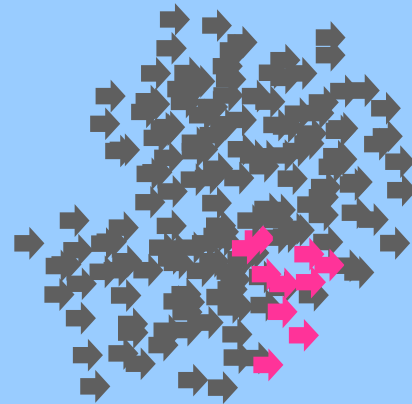
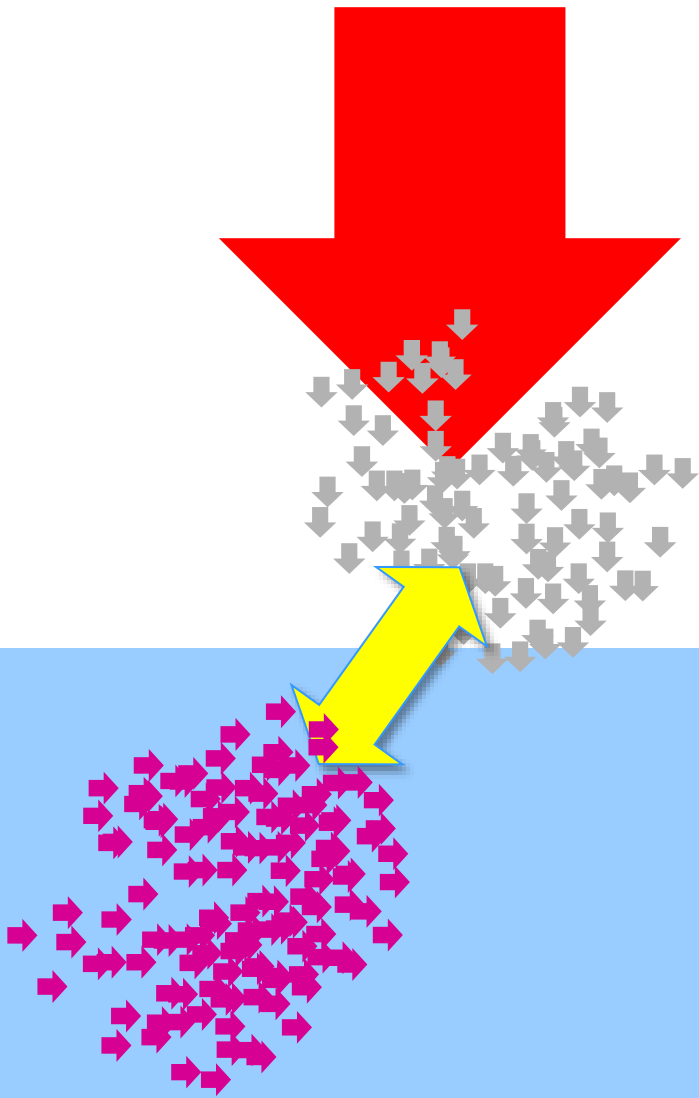
**total copper = dissolved + solid**

# discharge



**intermittent  
discharge**



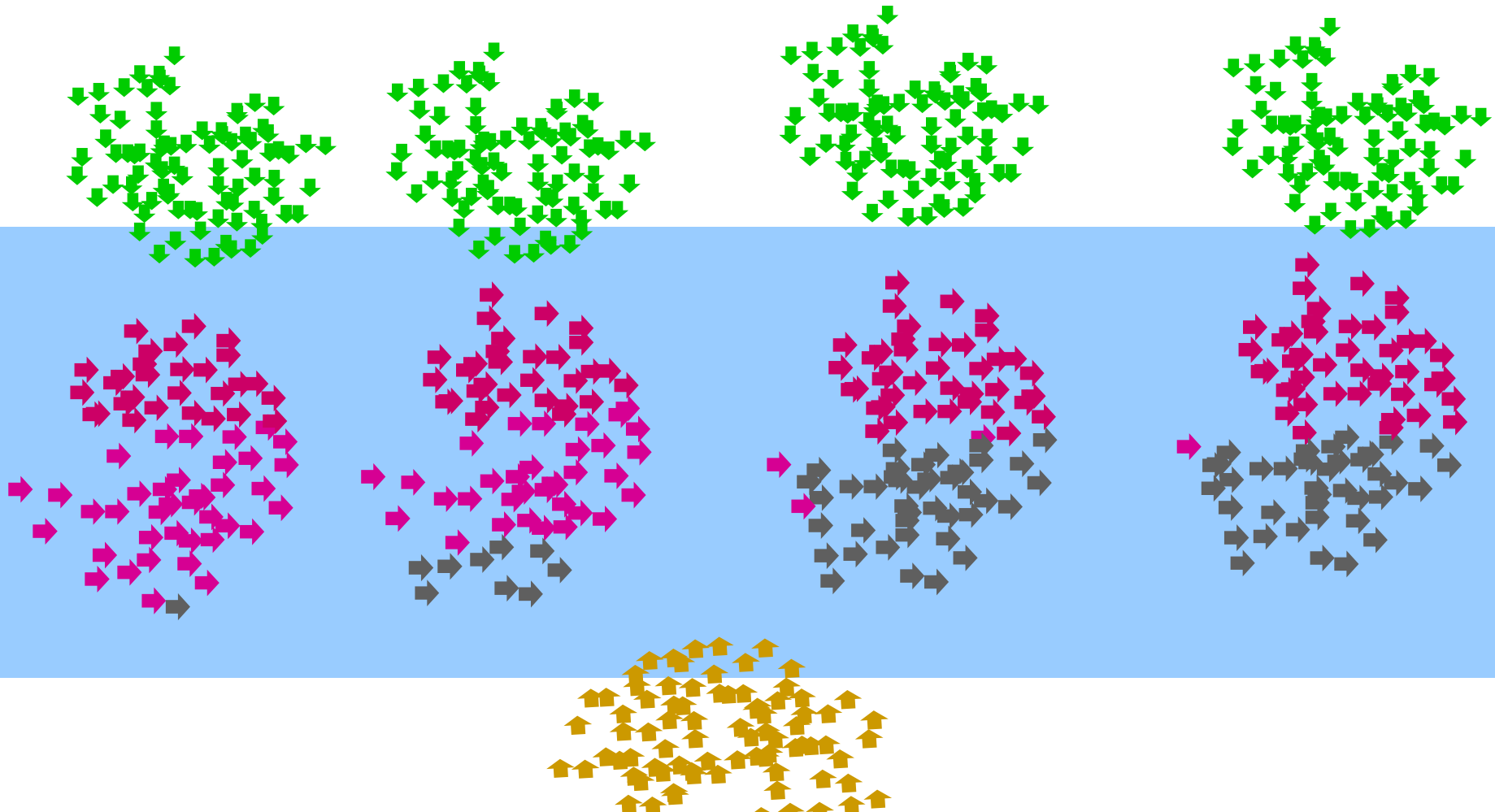


correlation

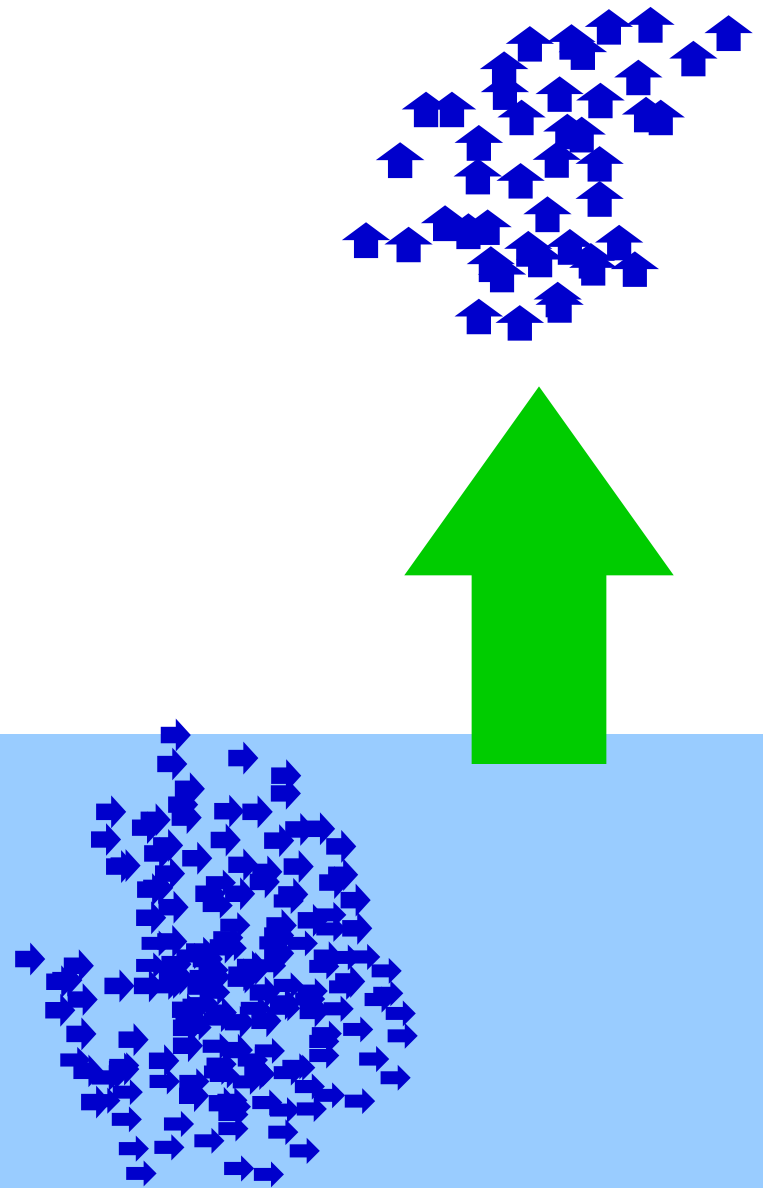
rainfall ...temperature



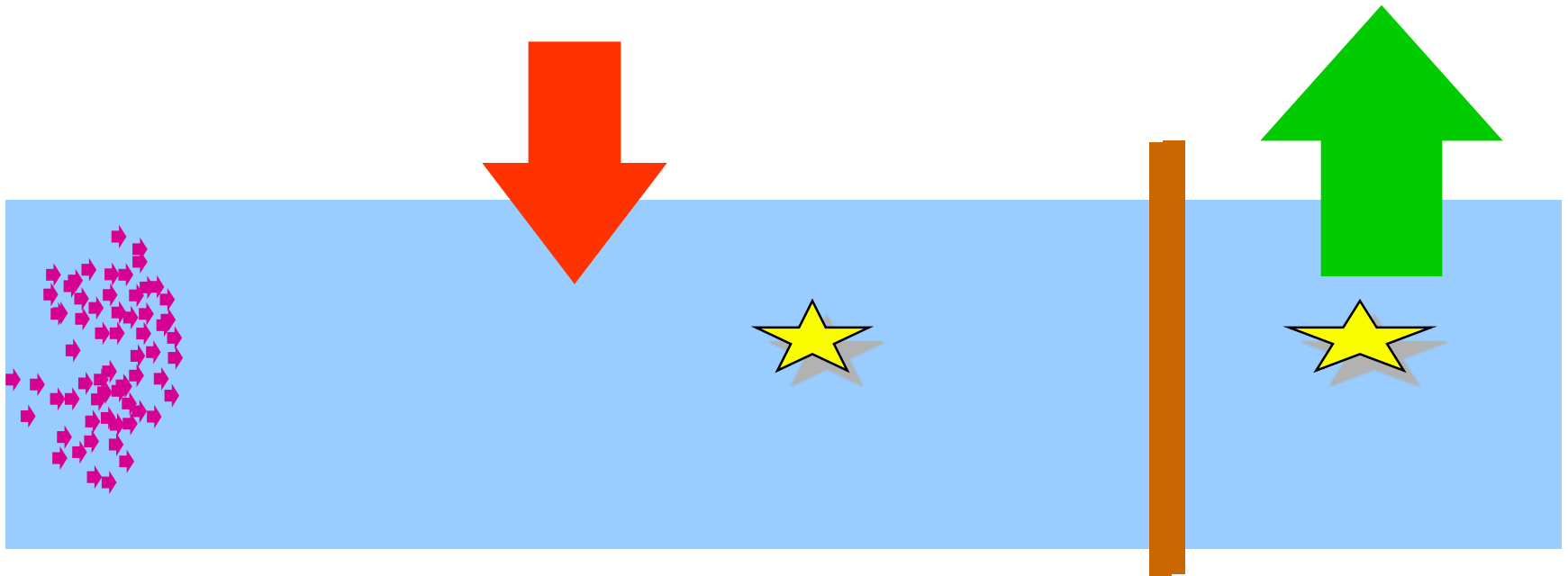
# diffuse pollution



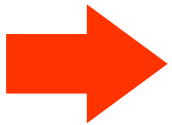
# abstraction



# Reach



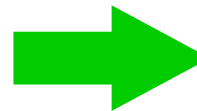
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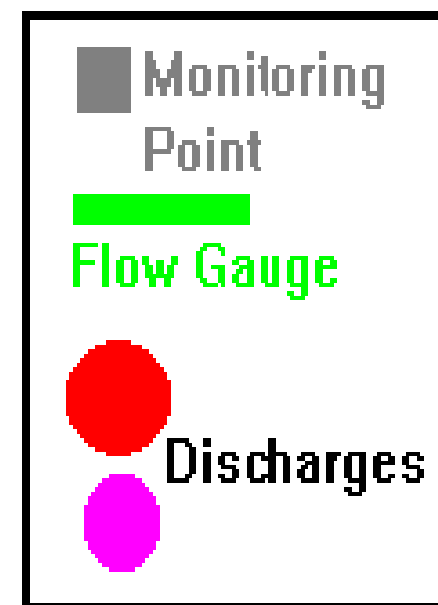
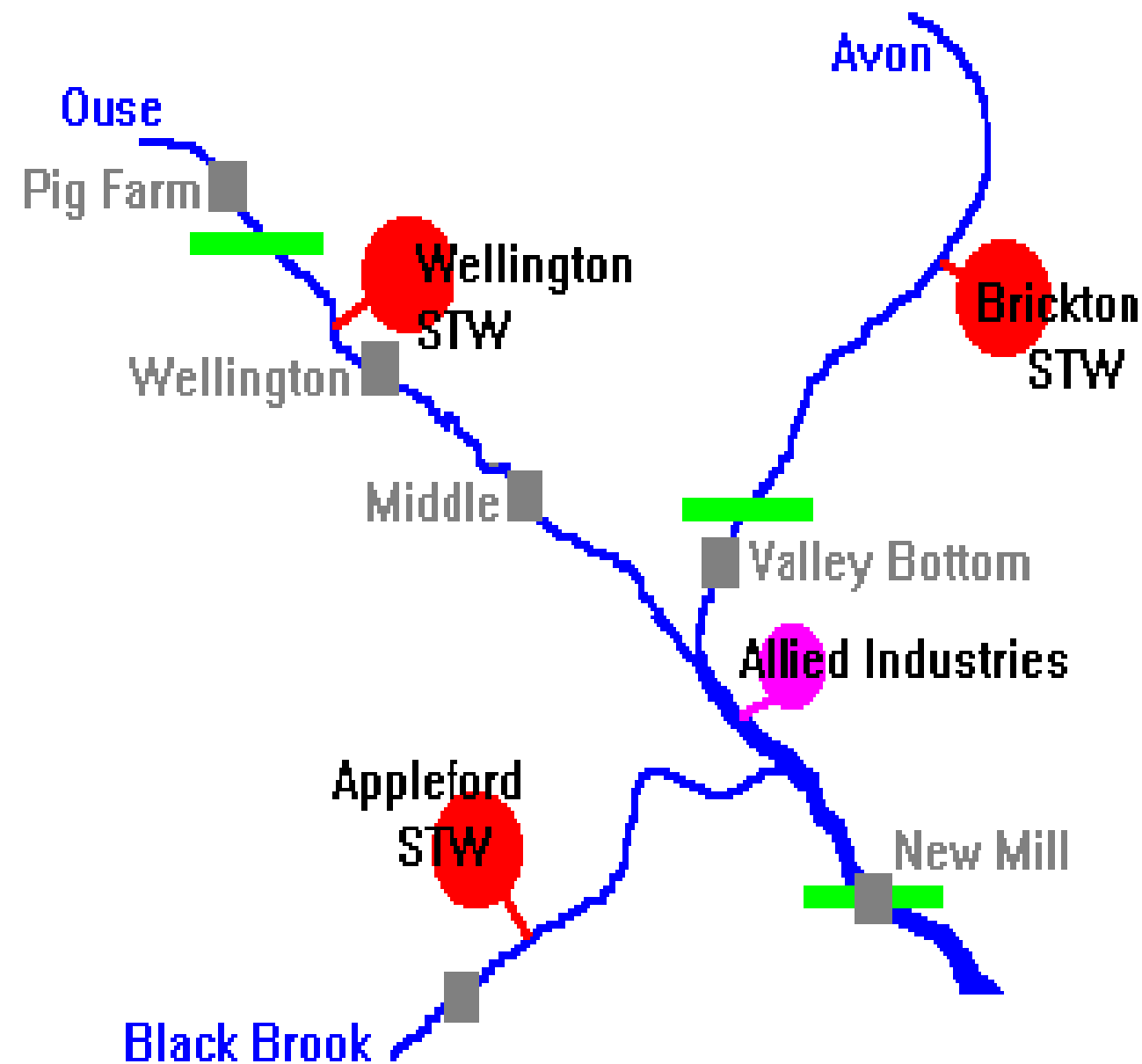
discharge

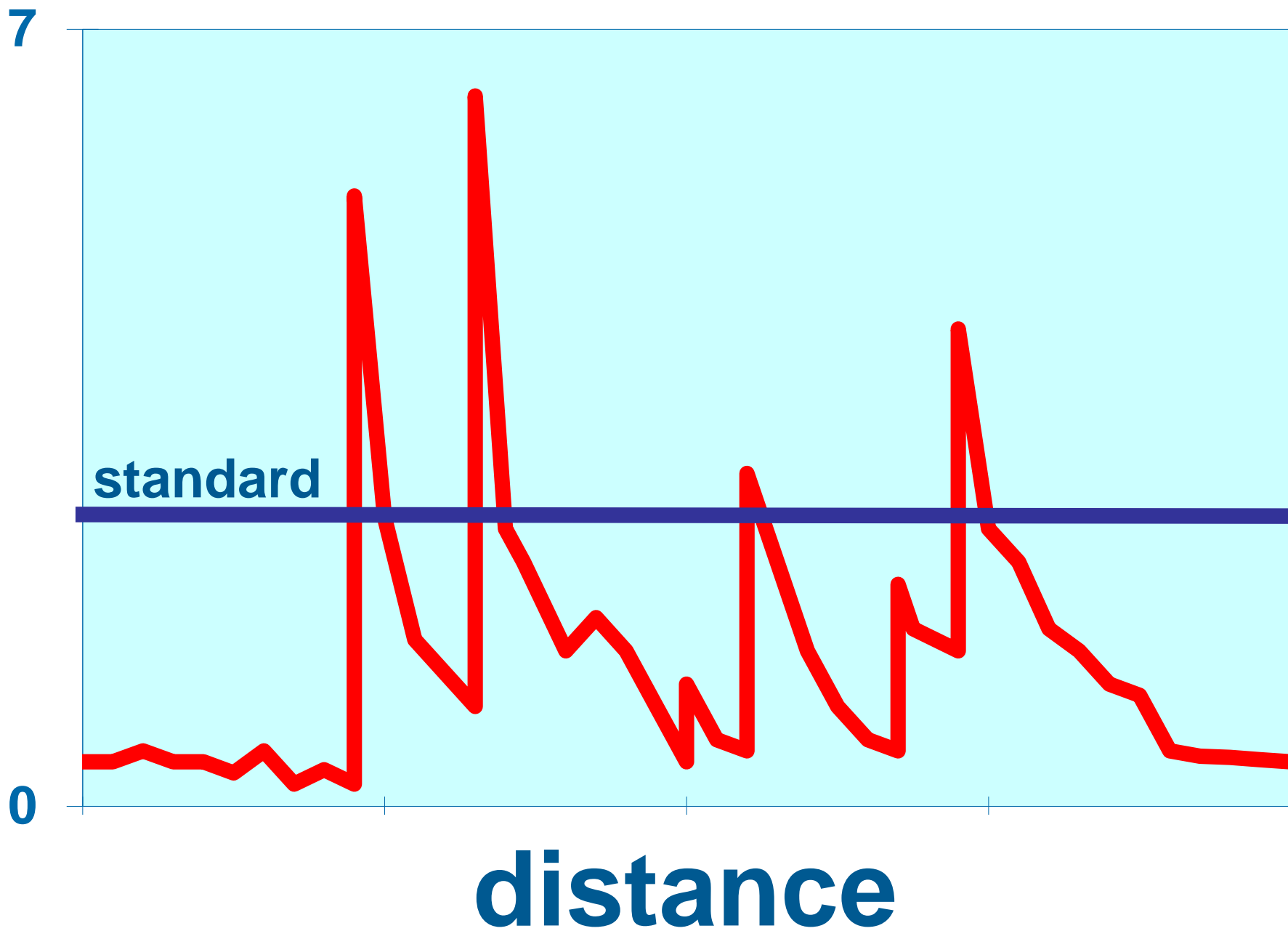


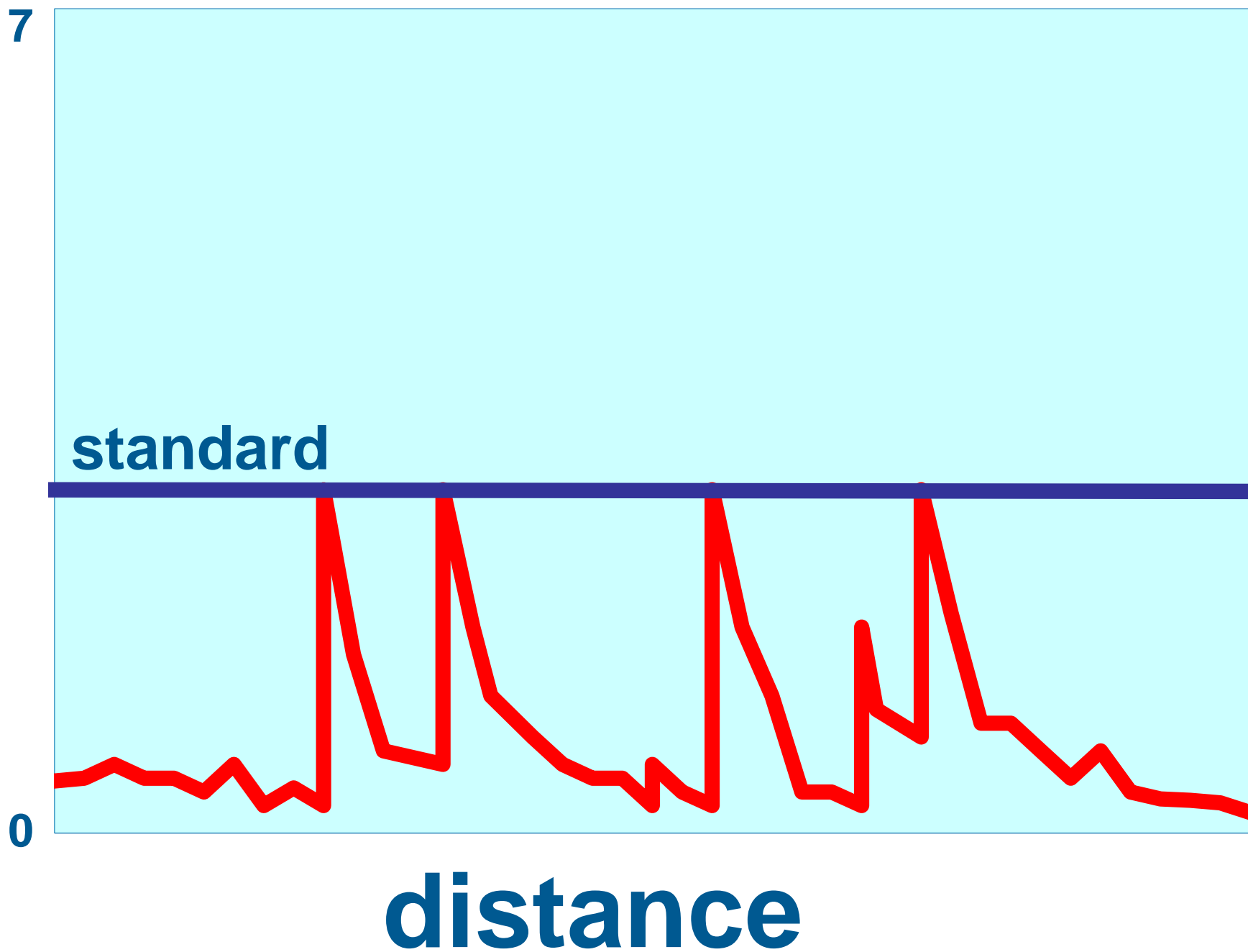
flow gauge



abstraction

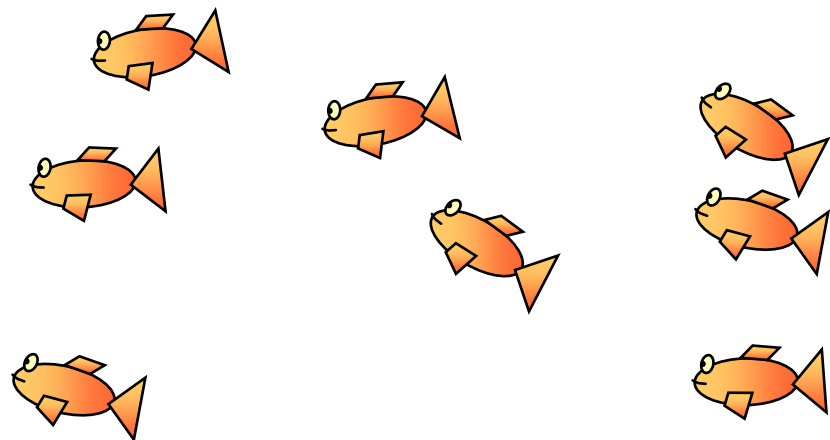
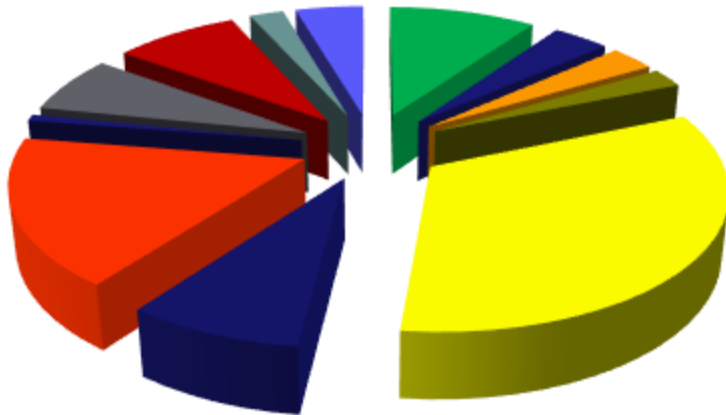






# backtracking...

- breakdown of loads from 100's of discharges

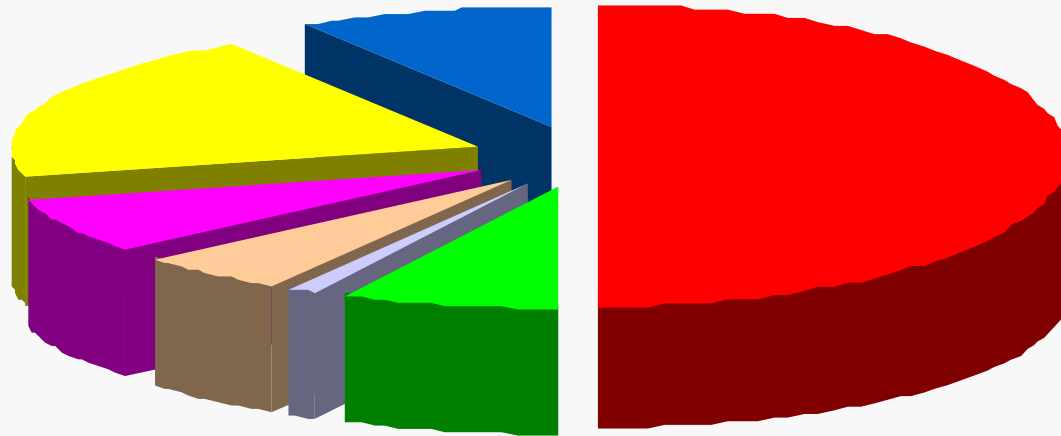


# cause of river 90-percentile concentration

|                       | %    |        |
|-----------------------|------|--------|
| Wellington STW        | 15.1 | } 74.7 |
| Brickton STW          | 0.4  |        |
| Allied Industries     | 32.7 |        |
| Appleford STW         | 2.5  |        |
| Intermittent          | 4.9  |        |
| Storm Overflow        | 19.1 |        |
| DIFFUSE (agriculture) | 25.3 |        |



# diffuse



■ livestock

■ arable

■ highways

■ mines

■ urban run-off

■ land drainage

■ atmospheric

national and  
regional  
summaries

50,400 km

current quality

%  
length

18

39

24

10

8

good

bad

target for  
2025

national controls  
site-specific controls

%  
length

20

60

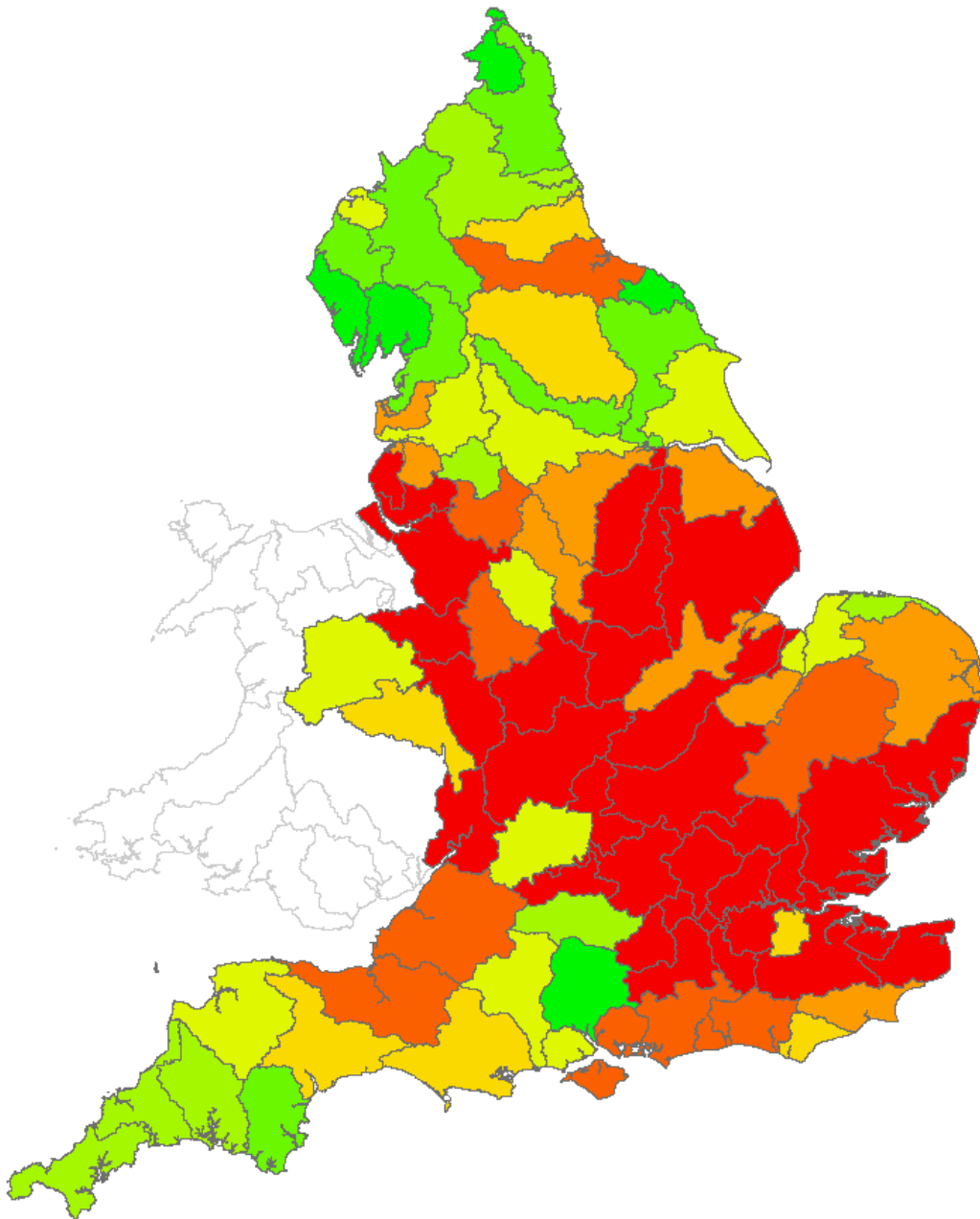
20

-

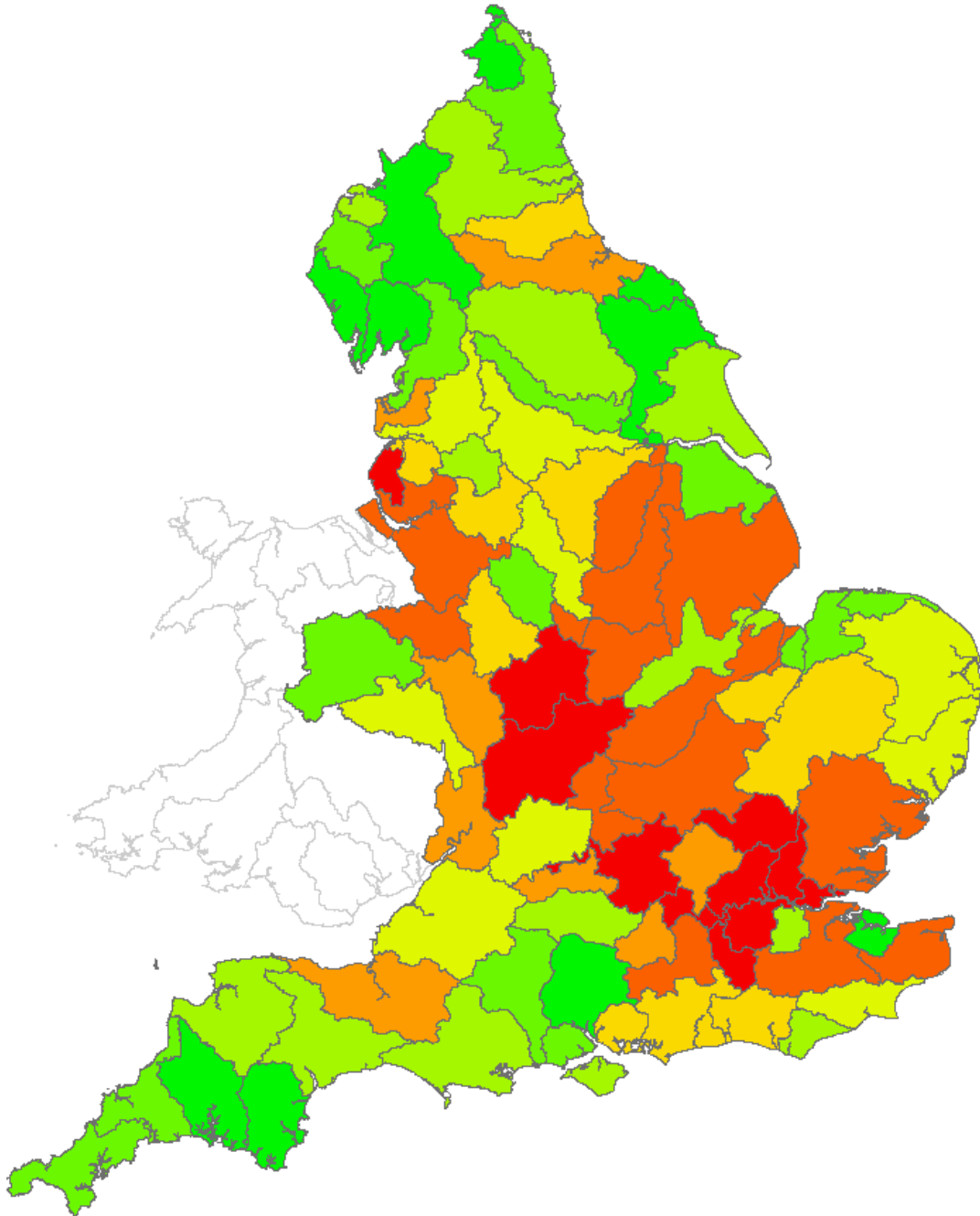
-

good

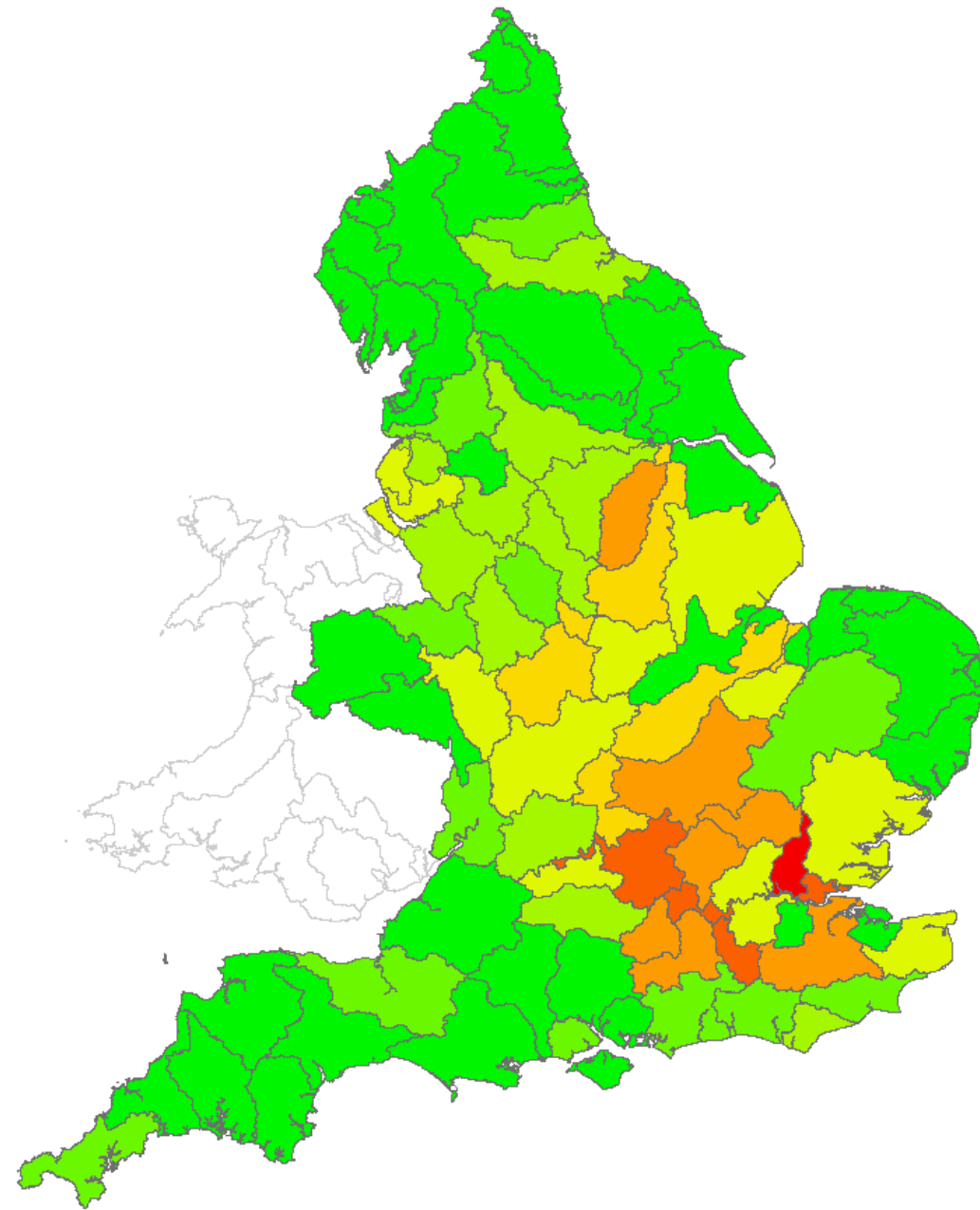
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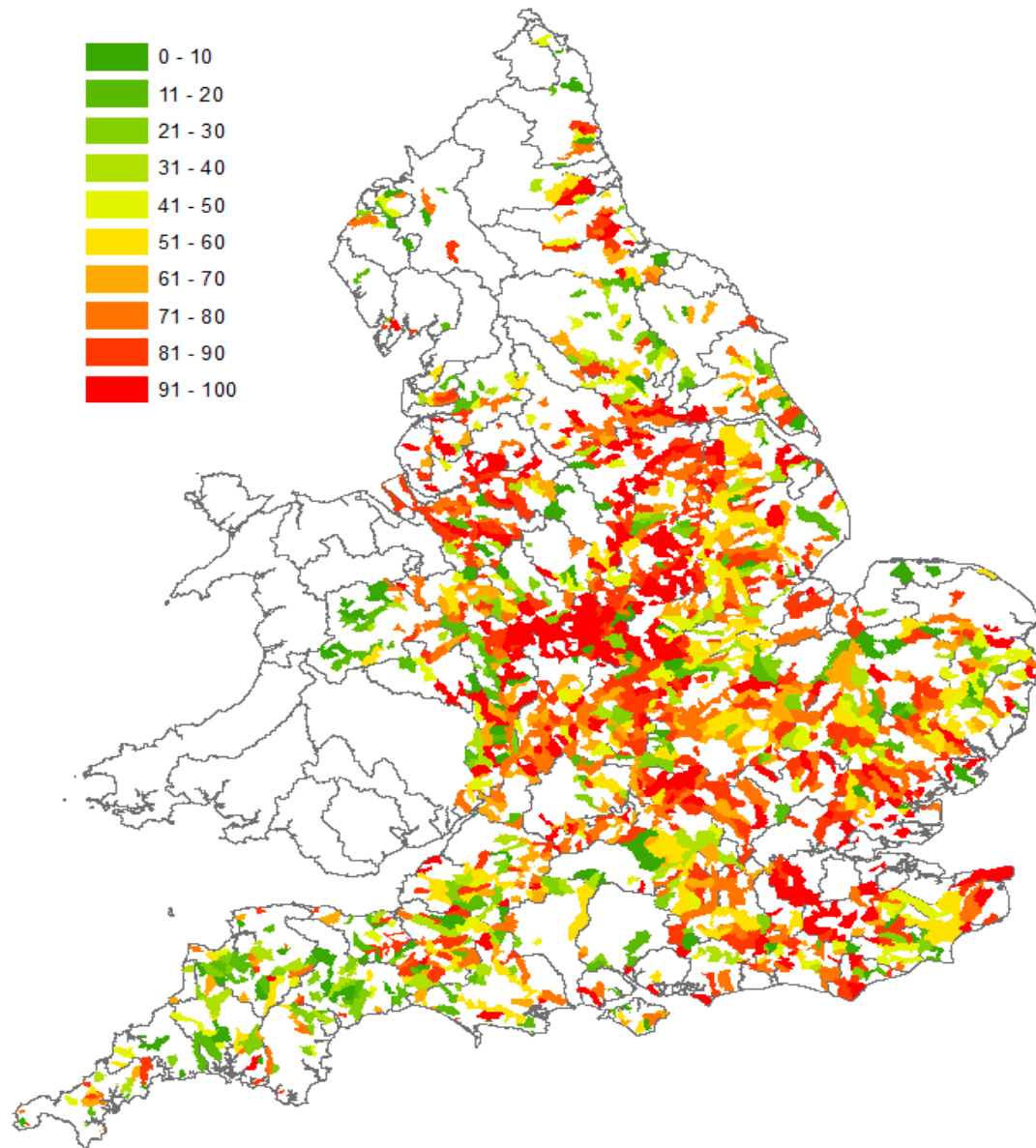


# SIMCAT – point source reductions



point and  
diffuse  
reductions





% reductions  
needed for  
discharges

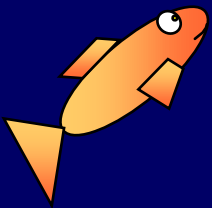


discharges: cost

£4 billion

benefit:

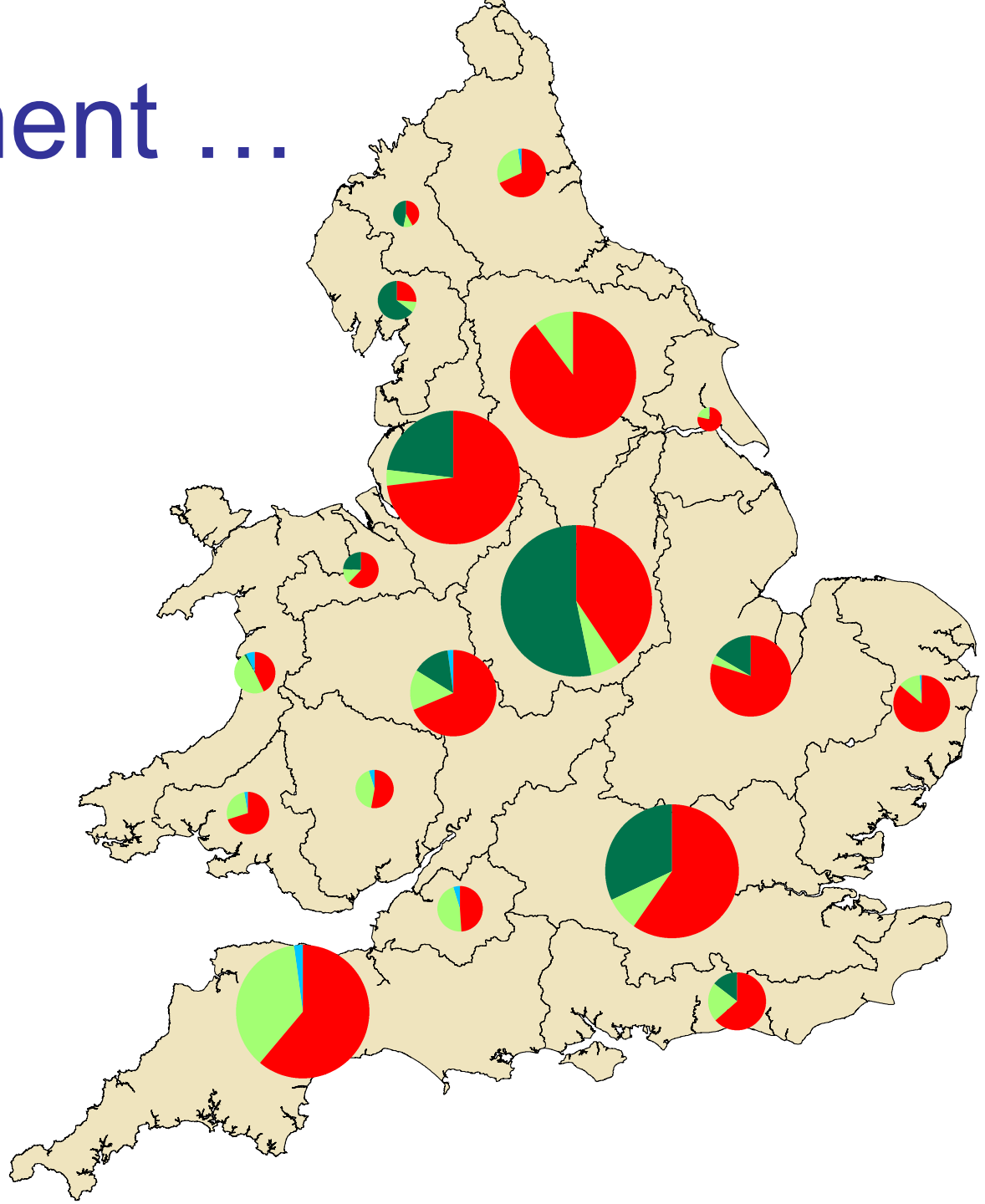
£6 billion



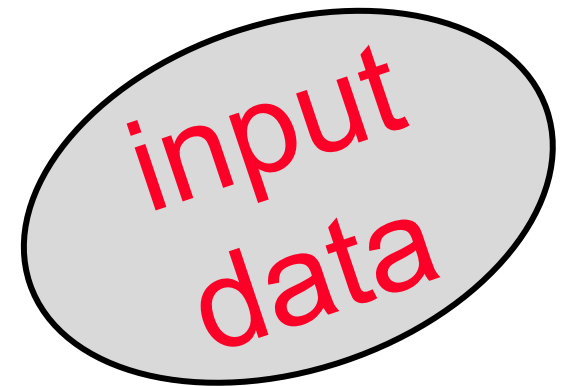
# apportionment ...

load from  
discharges

loads from  
diffuse



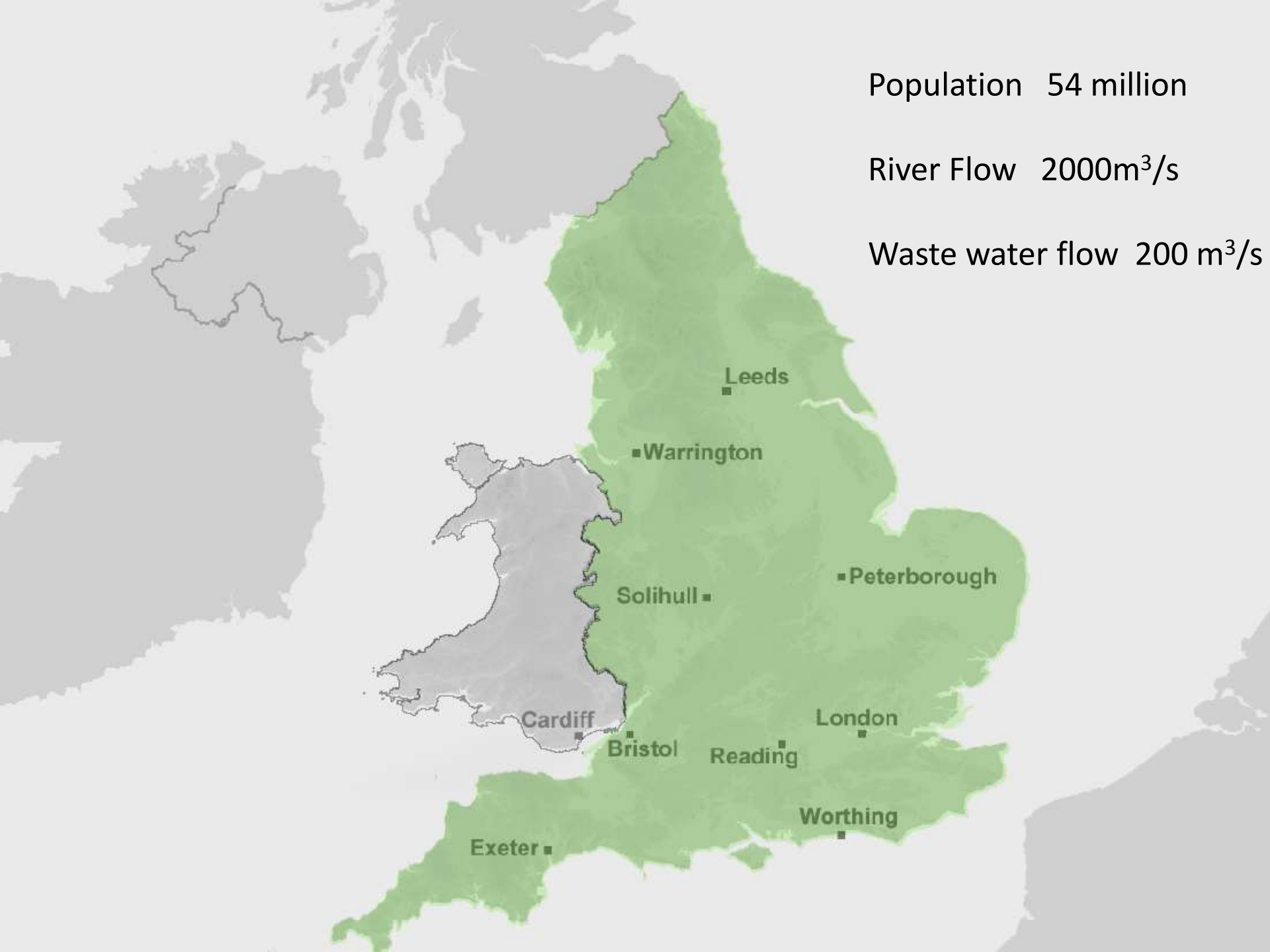
# SAGIS – automate model production



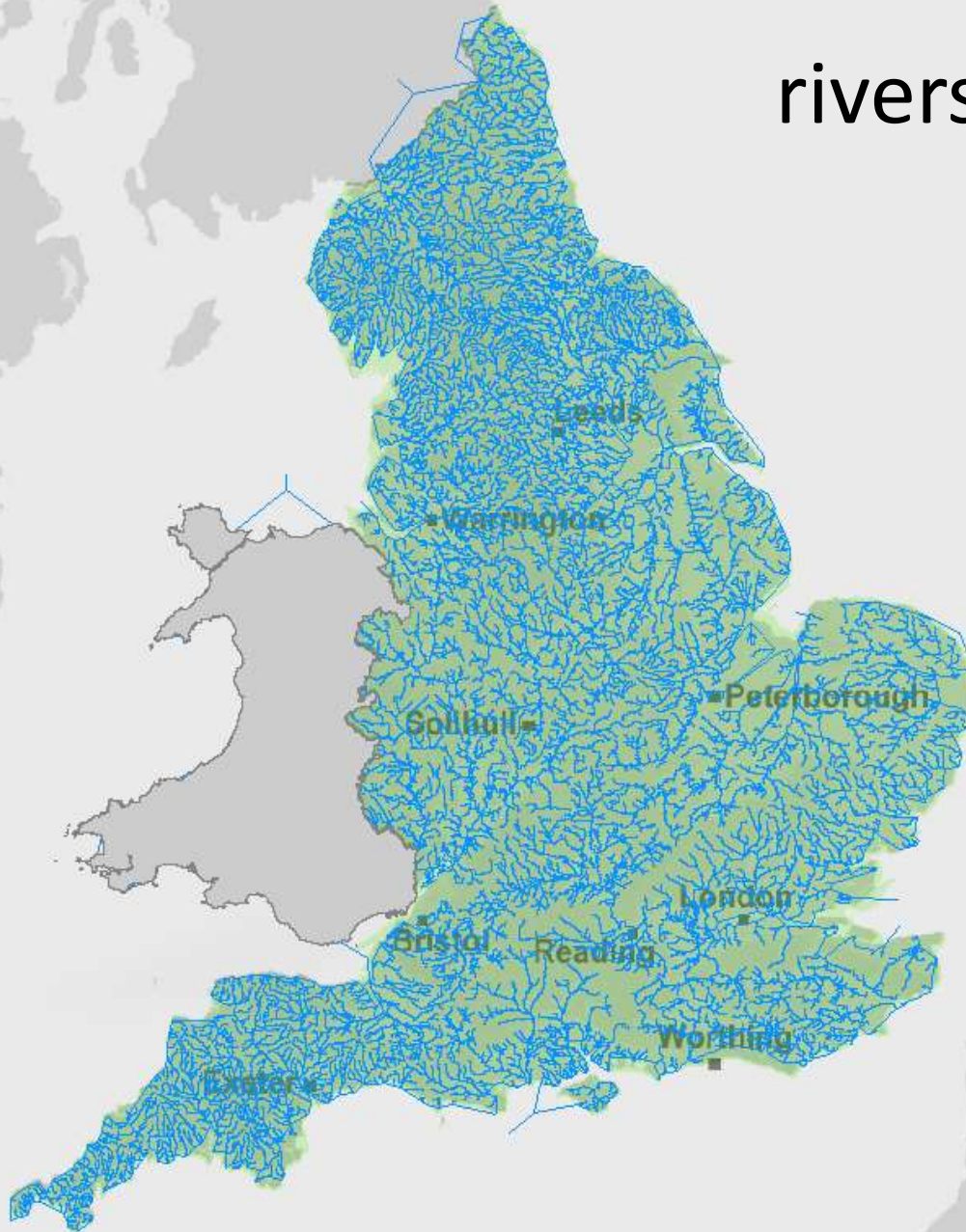
Population 54 million

River Flow  $2000\text{m}^3/\text{s}$

Waste water flow  $200\text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

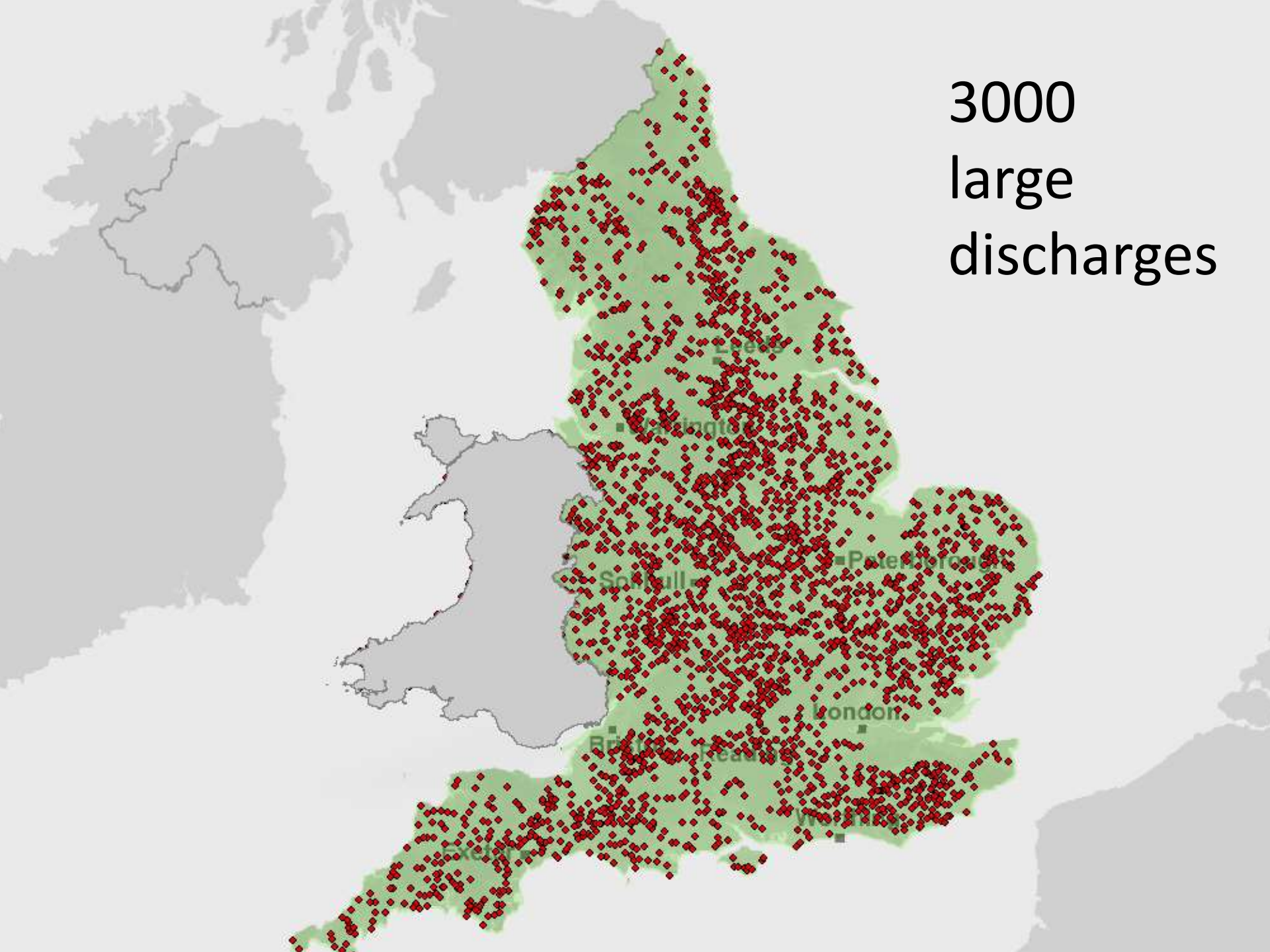


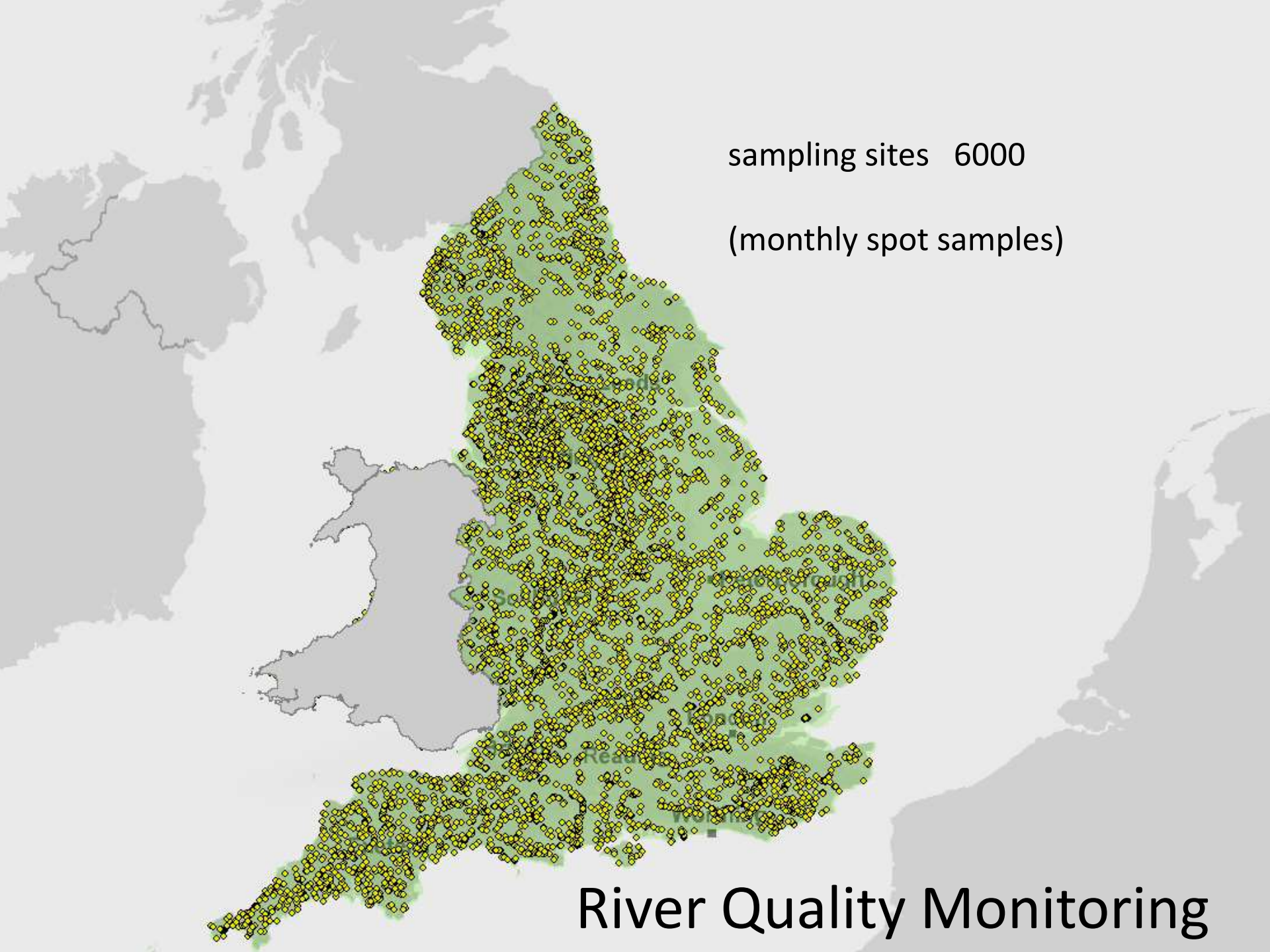
rivers 45,000 km





3000  
large  
discharges





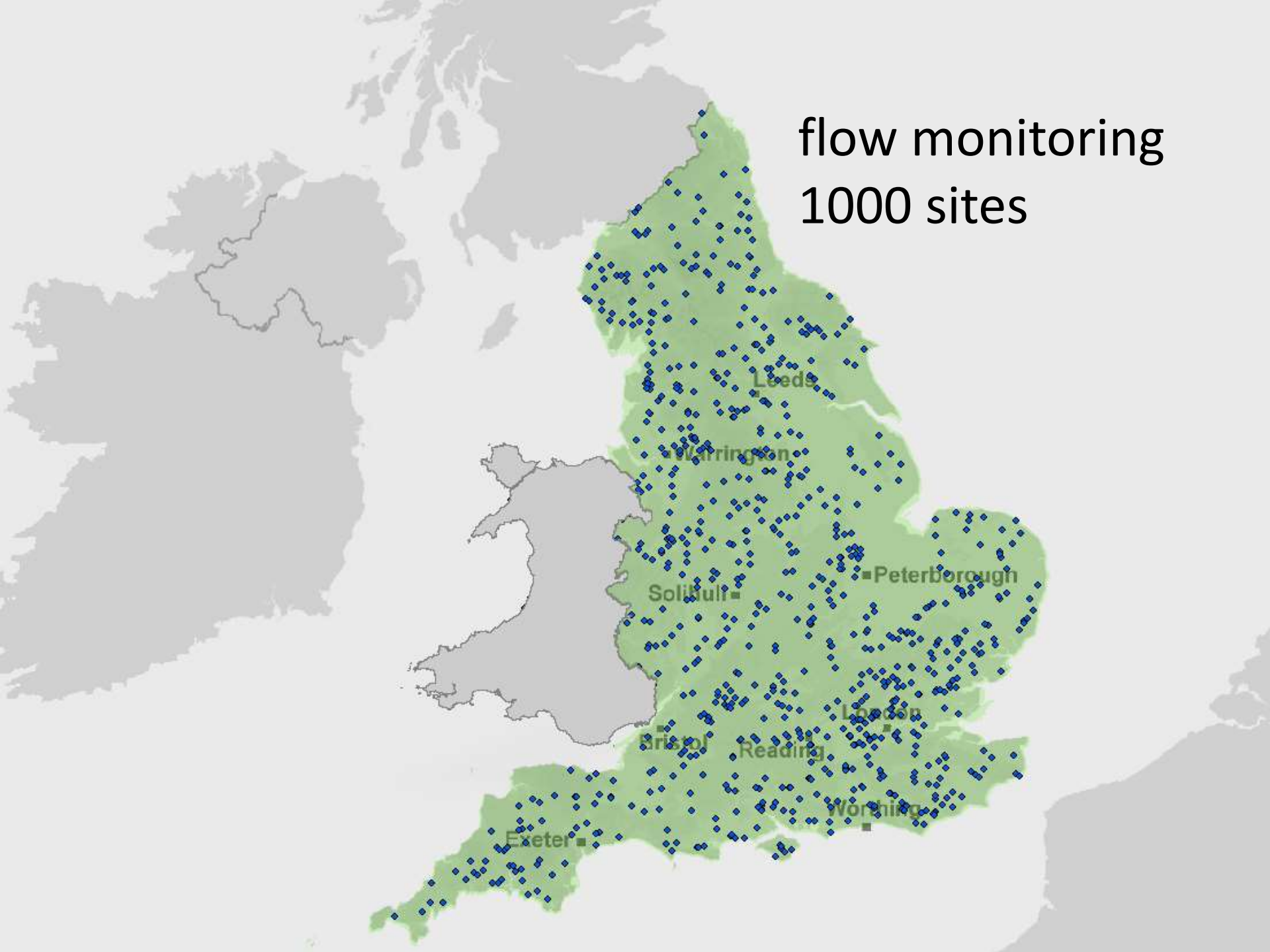
sampling sites 6000

(monthly spot samples)

River Quality Monitoring

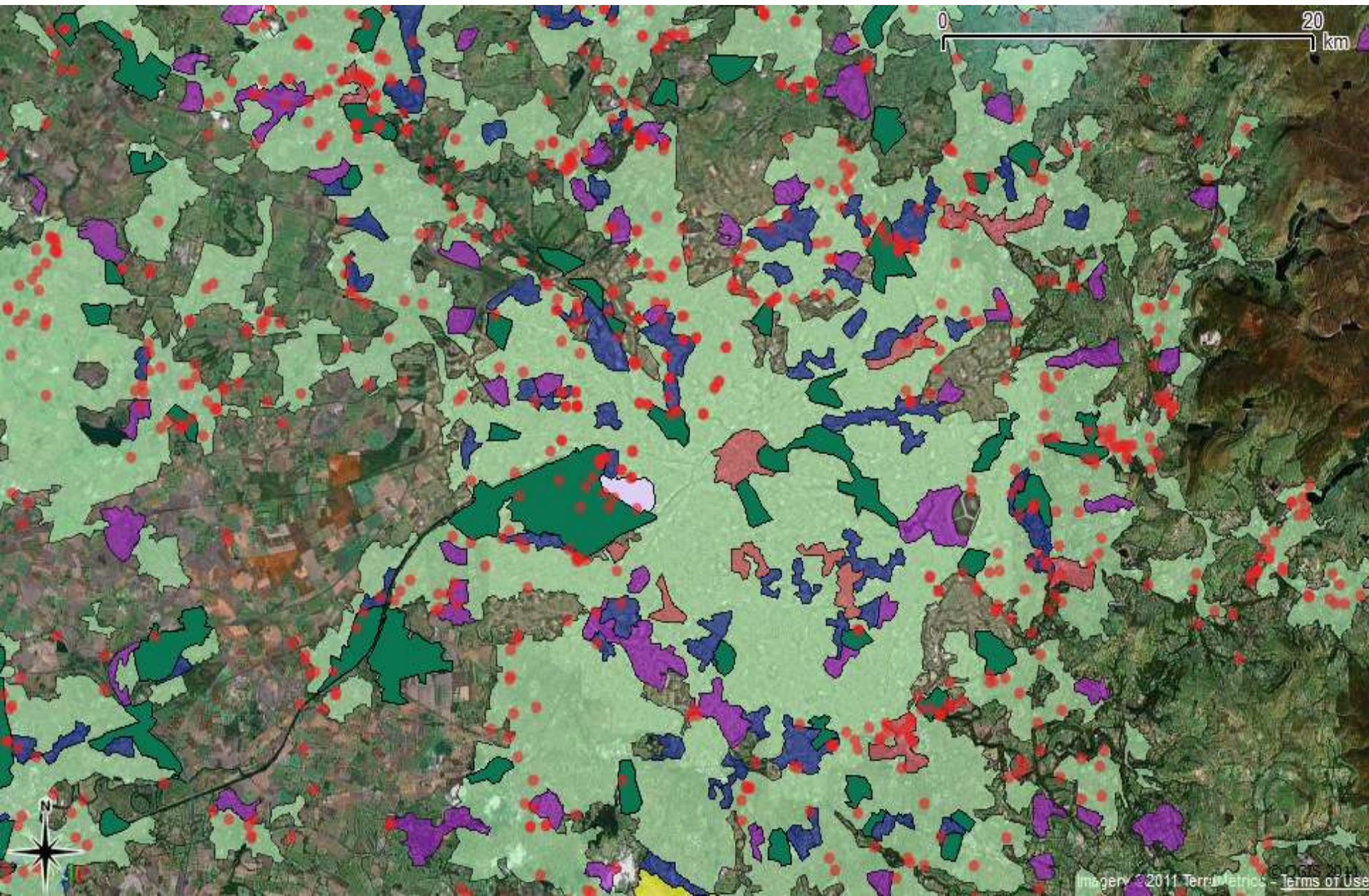


flow monitoring  
1000 sites

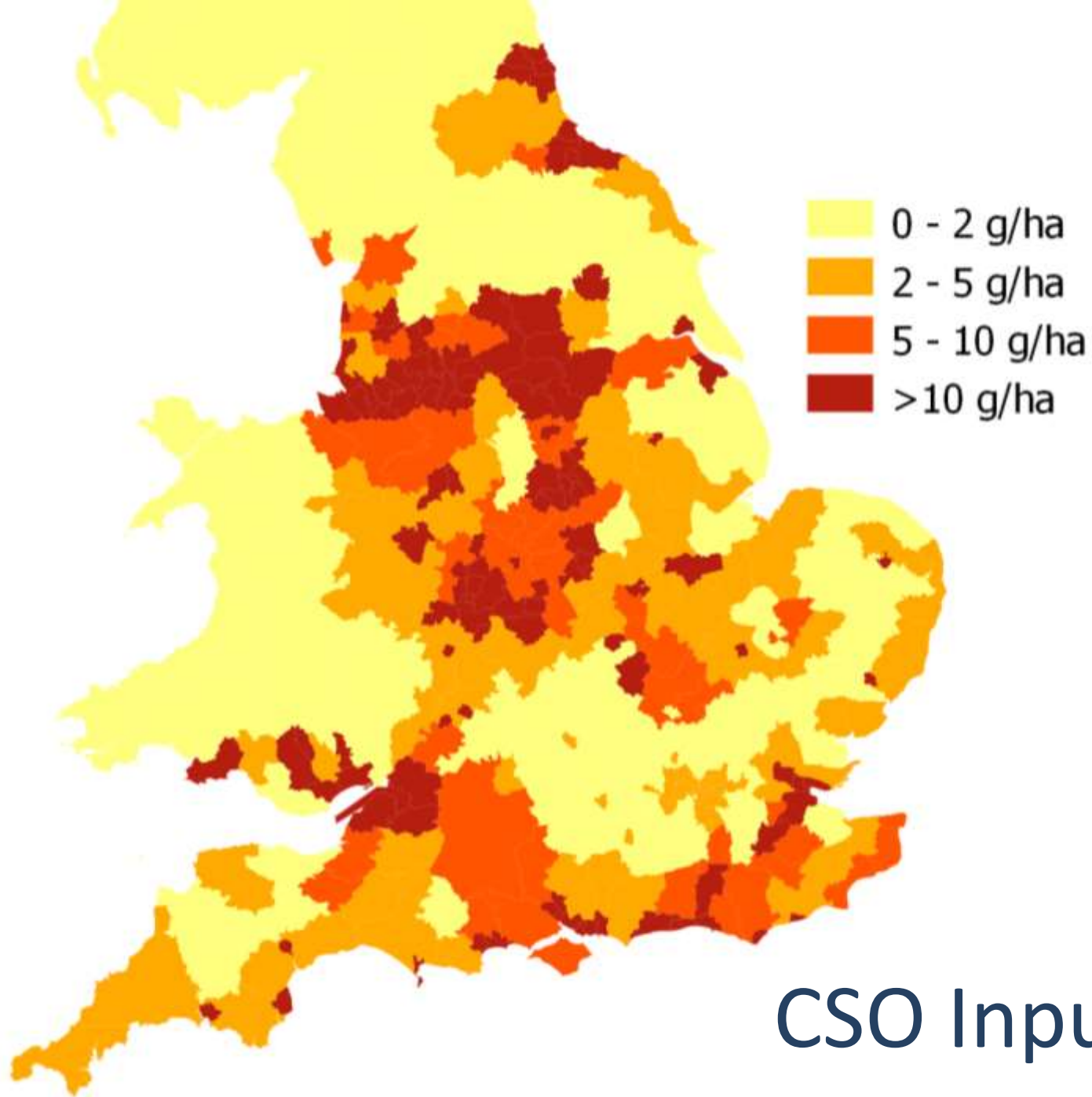




# Combined Sewer Overflows

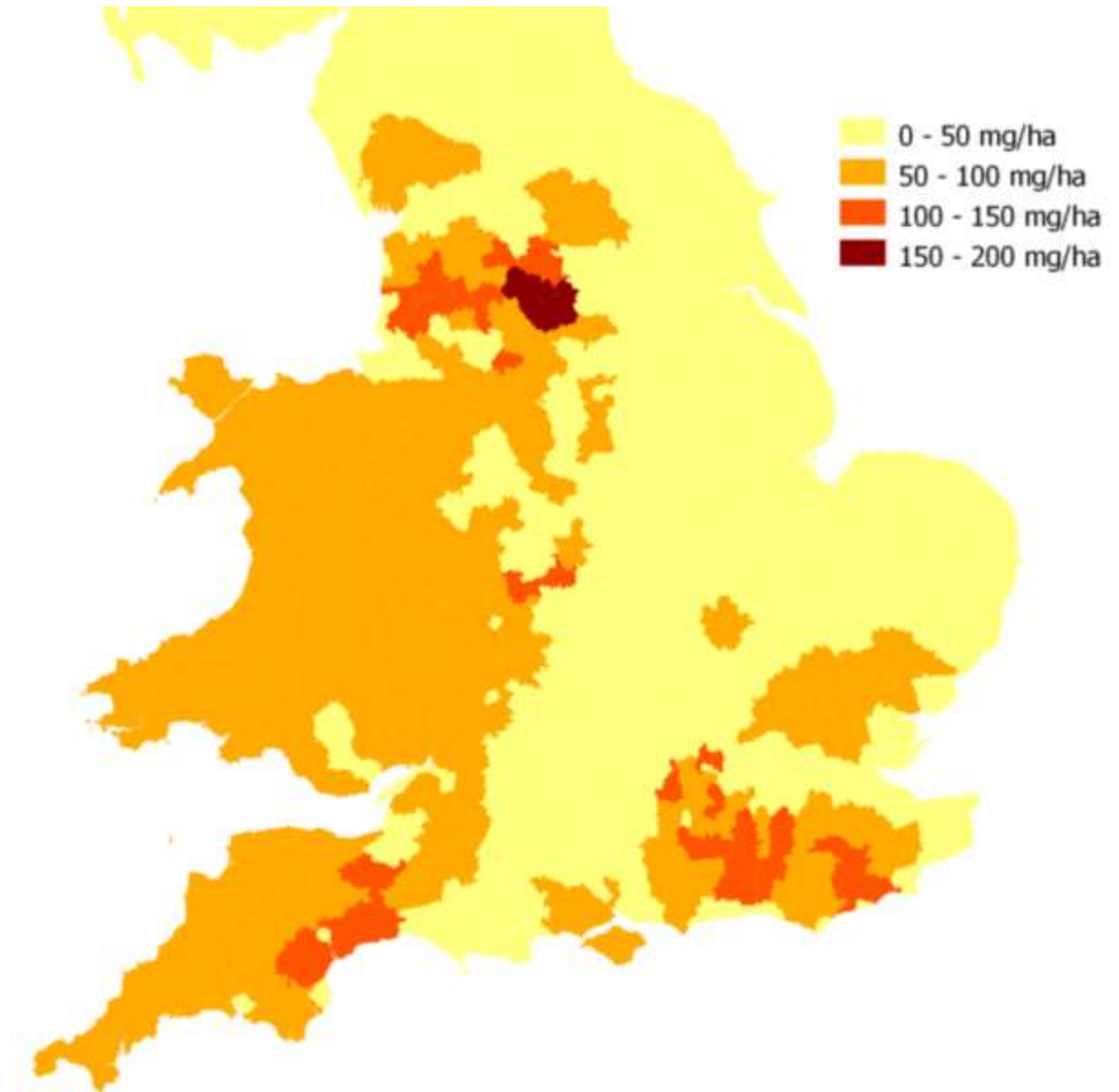




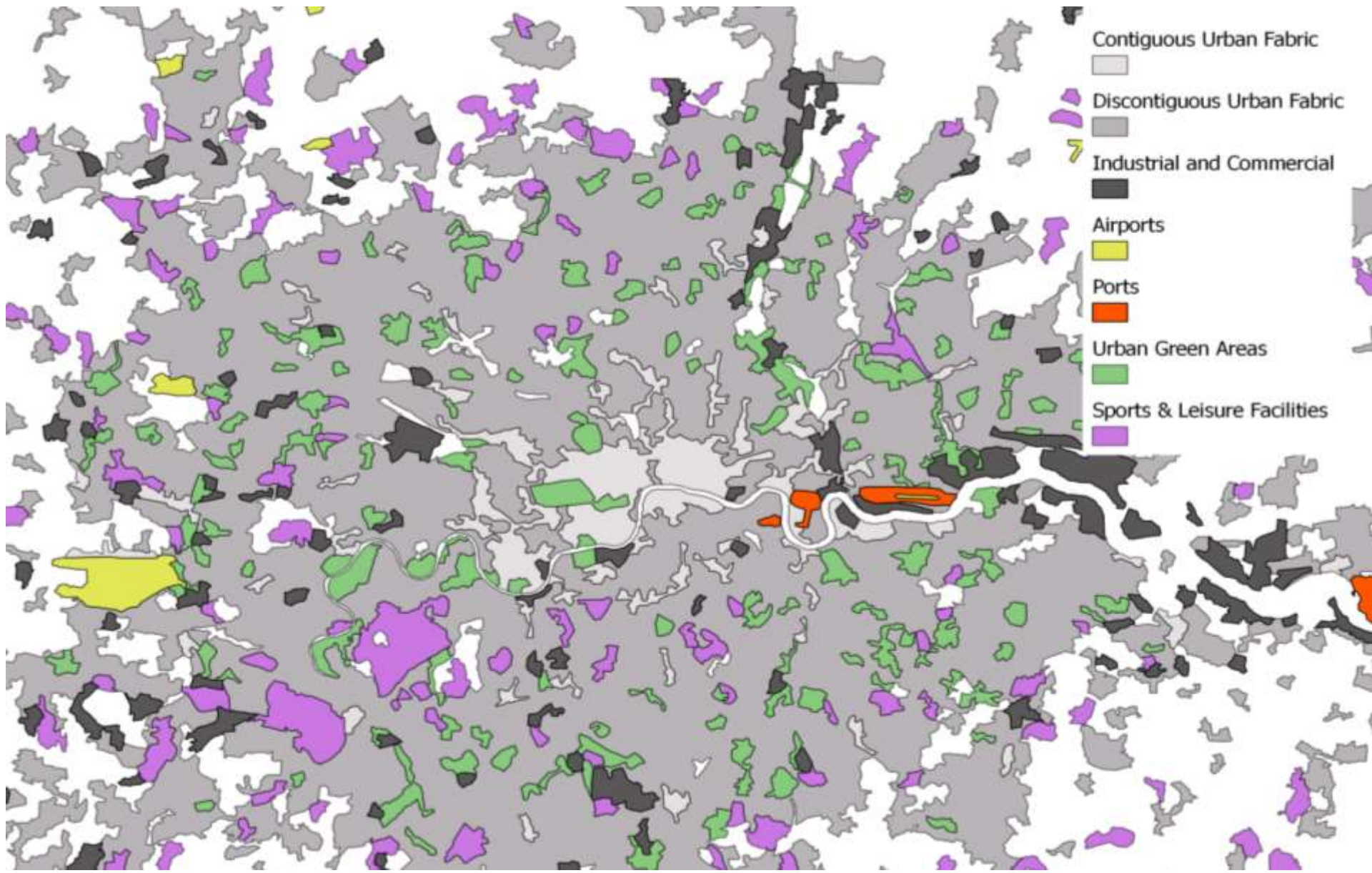


CSO Inputs (Zinc)

# septic tank - loads

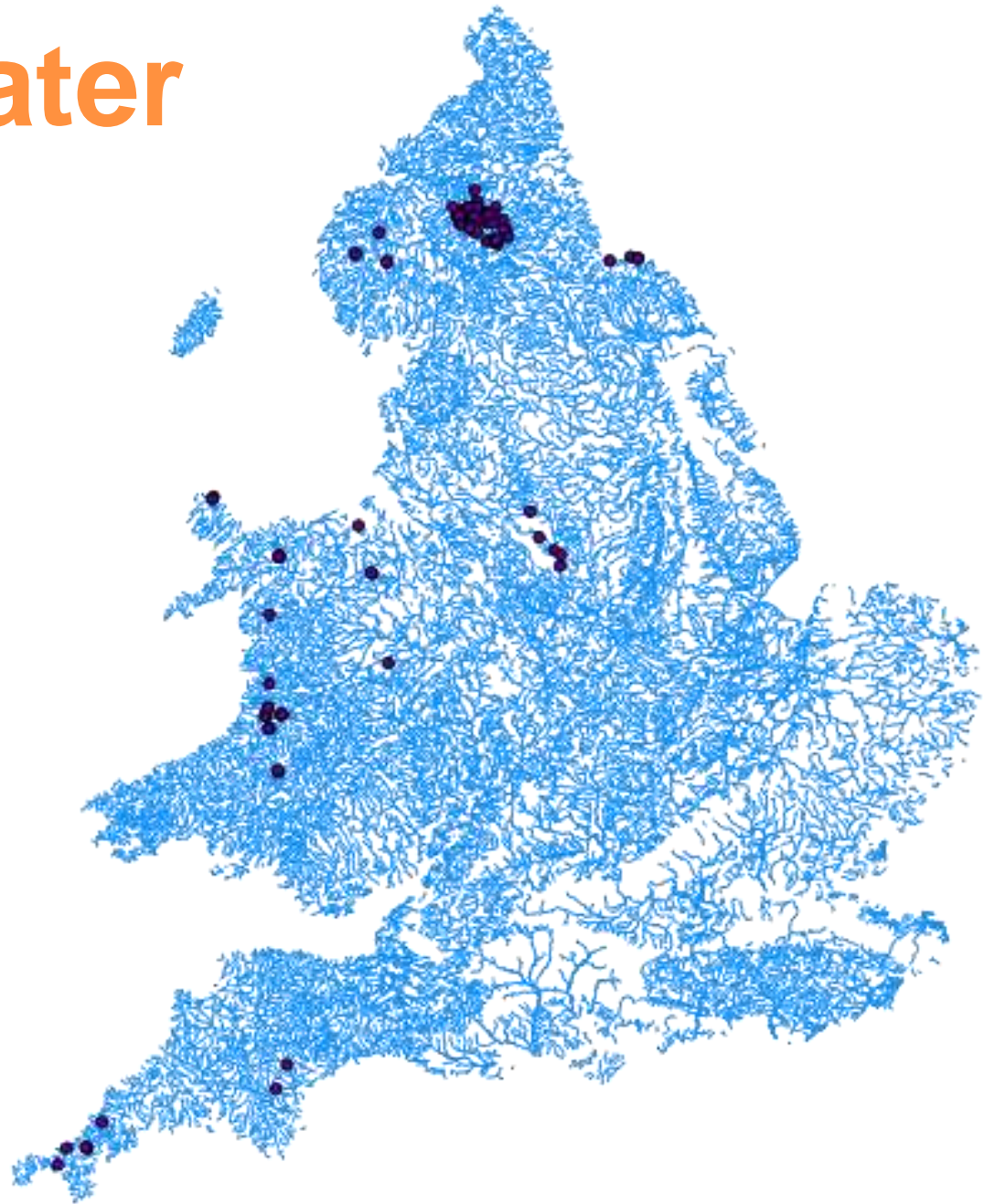


# land use ...

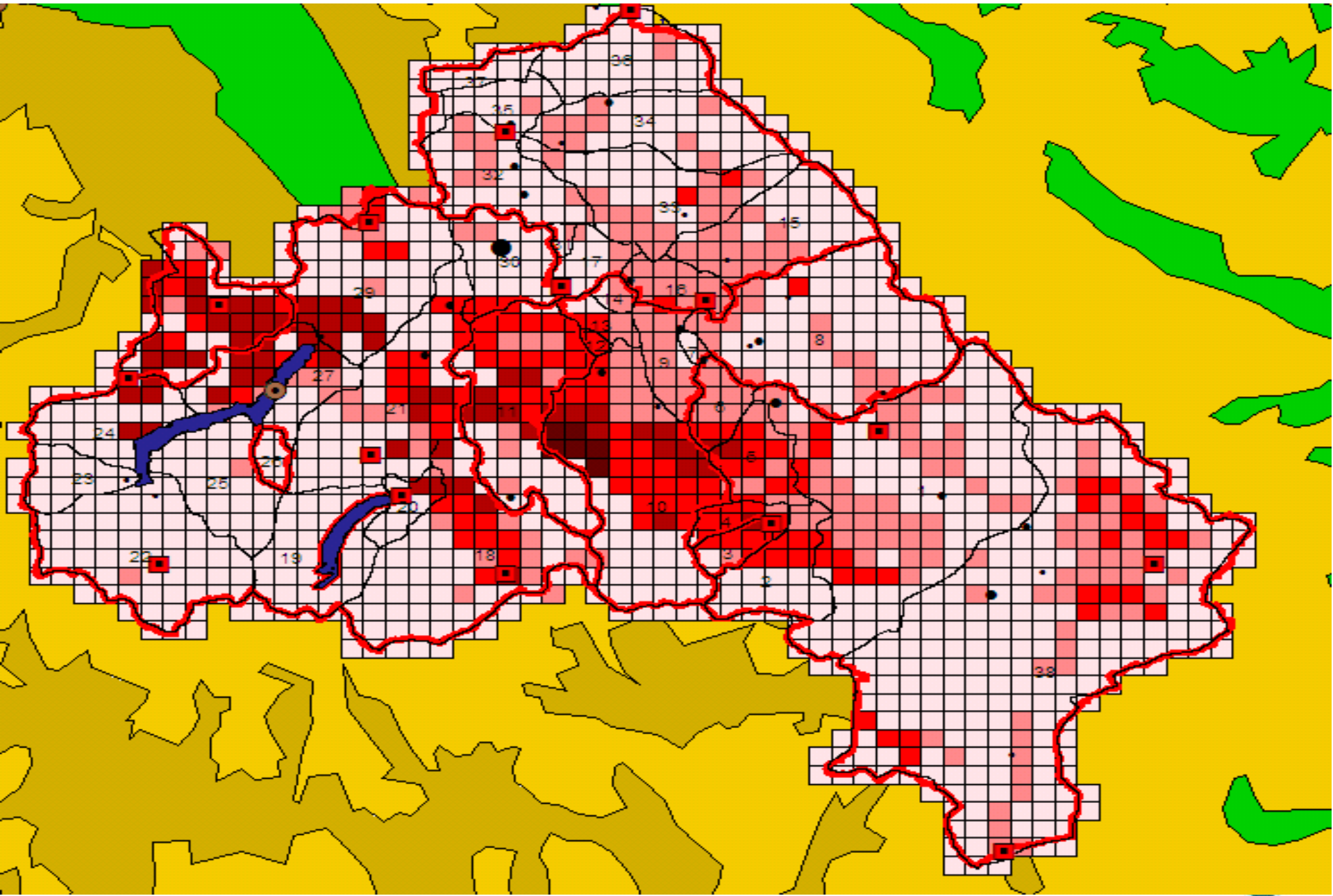




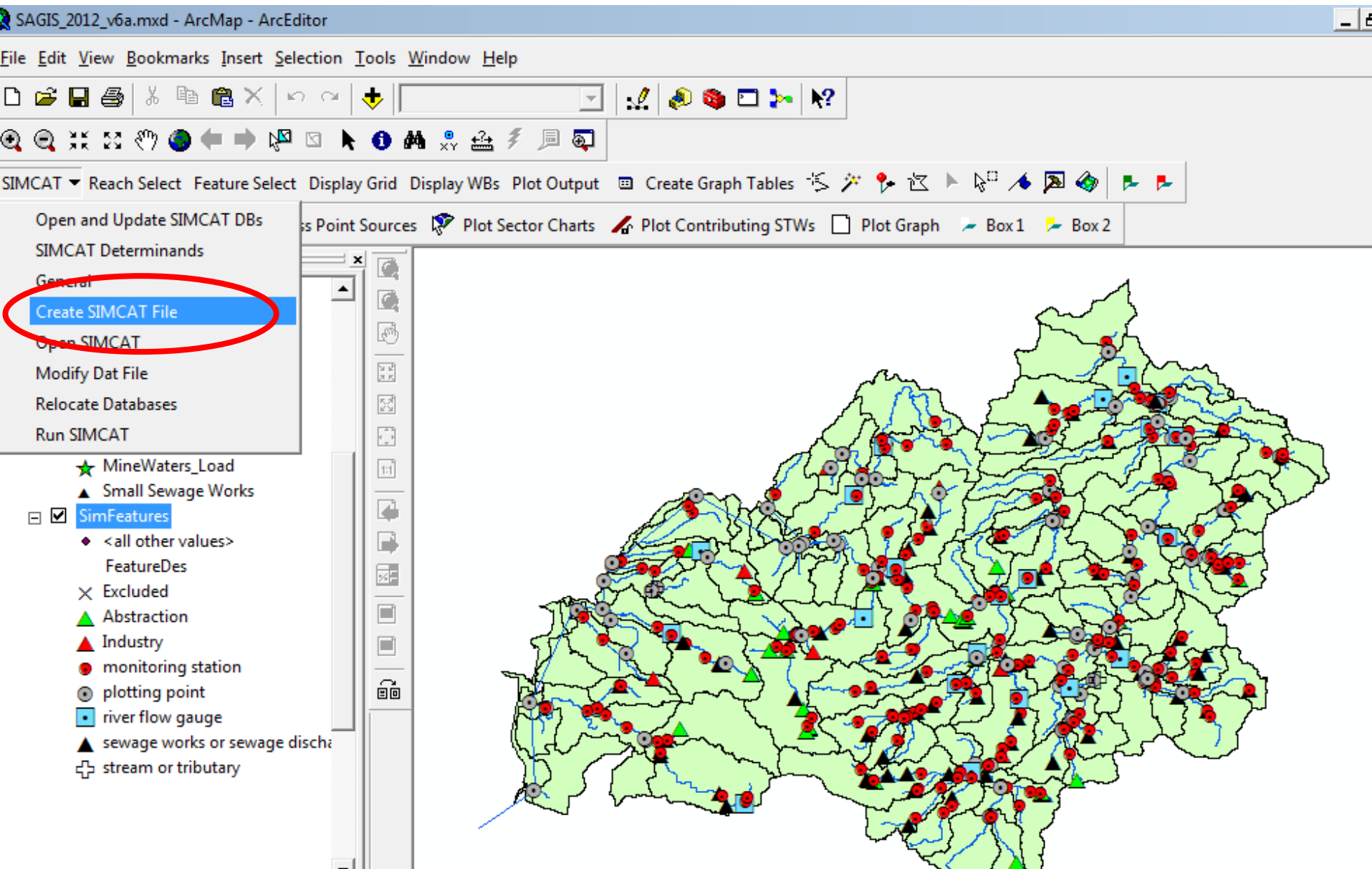
# mine water



# agriculture: sources of nutrients



# SIMCAT – GIS interface





- 0 Basic run
- 1 Gap filling of river flows
- 2 Use the gap filled river flows
- 3 Gap filling of water quality
- 4 Run the full gap filled model
- 5 Perform options 1 and 3 in sequence
- 6 Perform options 1, 3 and 4 in sequence
- 7 Set effluent standards to meet river targets
- 8 As 7 with aspects of no deterioration
- 9 As 8 assuming mid-class upstream quality standards

# SIMCAT 14

Tony Warn  
Simulation model for catchment quality  
February 2016

|                                    |      |      |       |       |       |      |      |
|------------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Required mean effluent quality     |      |      | 95.0  | 7.28  | 2.68  | 1.00 | .200 |
| Middle Ouse Monitoring Station     | 14.0 | 8.61 | 48.7  | 4.50  | 1.00  | 7.59 | .231 |
| Observed 95 or 5-percentiles       |      |      | 59.9  | 7.87  | .834  | 3.75 | .400 |
| End of Reach: Upper Ouse           | 16.0 | 8.77 | 48.0  | 4.10  | .835  | 7.77 | .225 |
| Head of River Avon                 | 0.0  | 1.20 | 42.6  | 3.40  | .286  | 6.56 | .269 |
| Head of River Avon                 | 0.0  | 1.20 | 42.6  | 3.40  | .286  | 6.56 | .269 |
| Avon Regulation                    | 1.0  | 3.00 | 36.8  | 2.63  | .220  | 7.24 | .220 |
| Brickton STW                       | 3.0  | 4.74 | 55.5  | 6.77  | 1.83  | 5.32 | .218 |
| Required mean effluent quality     |      |      | 95.0  | 7.28  | 2.68  | 1.00 | .200 |
| Required 95%-tile effluent quality |      |      | 103.3 | 18.9  | 5.91  | .464 | .427 |
| Valley Bottom Monitoring Station   | 9.0  | 5.19 | 47.1  | 4.68  | .983  | 6.57 | .177 |
| Observed 95 or 5-percentiles       |      |      | 54.5  | 8.06  | 1.39  | 2.28 | 2.65 |
| Valley Bottom Gauging Station      | 9.0  | 5.19 | 47.1  | 4.68  | .983  | 6.57 | .177 |
| End of Reach: River Avon           | 12.0 | 5.40 | 44.2  | 3.93  | .755  | 6.98 | .168 |
| Mix to form Middle Ouse            | 16.0 | 14.2 | 46.4  | 3.66  | .736  | 7.67 | .190 |
| Allied Industries                  | 17.0 | 14.3 | 47.3  | 3.92  | .692  | 7.72 | .195 |
| Required mean effluent quality     |      |      | 380.0 | 80.0  | -     | -    | 4.50 |
| Required 95%-tile effluent quality |      |      | 417.1 | 175.6 | -     | -    | 8.34 |
| End of Reach: Middle Ouse          | 18.0 | 14.4 | 47.1  | 3.82  | .650  | 7.77 | .194 |
| Head of Black Brook                | 0.0  | .200 | 42.6  | 3.68  | .114  | 7.46 | .150 |
| Head of Black Brook                | 0.0  | .200 | 42.6  | 3.68  | .114  | 7.46 | .150 |
| Black Brook Monitoring Station     | 2.0  | .338 | 26.0  | 1.86  | .0415 | 7.06 | .117 |
| Observed 95 or 5-percentiles       |      |      | 55.5  | 3.89  | .111  | 7.16 | .151 |
| Appleford STW                      | 3.0  | 1.65 | 78.0  | 9.70  | 3.78  | 3.44 | .244 |
| Required mean effluent quality     |      |      | 95.0  | 9.76  | 3.43  | 2.00 | .200 |
| Required 95%-tile effluent quality |      |      | 103.4 | 19.6  | 7.37  | .813 | .427 |
| Intermittent                       | 6.1  | 1.94 | 78.2  | 7.62  | 2.45  | 4.48 | .210 |
| Required mean effluent quality     |      |      | 380.0 | 20.0  | -     | -    | .200 |
| Required 95%-tile effluent quality |      |      | 417.1 | 43.1  | -     | -    | .427 |
| End of Reach: Black Brook          | 10.0 | 2.20 | 68.9  | 5.84  | 1.61  | 5.34 | .191 |
| Mix to form Lower Ouse             | 18.0 | 16.6 | 49.8  | 3.92  | .669  | 7.51 | .182 |
| Avon Stream                        | 19.0 | 32.5 | 44.2  | 3.35  | .346  | 7.42 | .185 |
| New Mill Monitoring Station        | 19.0 | 32.5 | 44.2  | 3.35  | .346  | 7.42 | .185 |
| Observed 95 or 5-percentiles       |      |      | 62.1  | 8.64  | .677  | 4.15 | .621 |
| New Mill Flow Gauging Station      | 19.0 | 32.5 | 44.2  | 3.35  | .346  | 7.42 | .185 |
| New Mill Storm Overflow            | 21.0 | 32.7 | 44.1  | 3.21  | .312  | 7.52 | .184 |
| Required mean effluent quality     |      |      | -     | -     | -     | -    | -    |
| Required 95%-tile effluent quality |      |      | -     | -     | -     | -    | -    |
| Abstraction                        | 25.0 | -    | 43.7  | 2.97  | .253  | 7.97 | .181 |
| End of Reach: Lower Ouse           | 25.0 | -    | 43.7  | 2.97  | .253  | 7.97 | .181 |
| Total river length                 | 47.0 |      |       |       |       |      |      |

AVON.A95  
avon.DAT  
AVON.INP  
AVON.SCN  
AVON.WQC  
AVON-D1.MON  
AVON-D3.APT  
AVON-D4.CSV  
AVON-D5.CTM

AVON.AAA  
AVON.EFF  
AVON.LOD  
AVON.SGR  
AVON.WQP  
AVON-D2.APT  
AVON-D3.CSV  
AVON-D4.CTM  
AVON-D5.MON

AVON.AP2  
AVON.END  
AVON.OUT  
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AVON-D2.CSV  
AVON-D3.CTM  
AVON-D4.MON  
AVON-EFF.CSV

AVON.APC  
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AVON.OWT  
AVON.TGT  
AVON-D1.CSV  
AVON-D2.CTM  
AVON-D3.MON  
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AVON-GIS1.CSV

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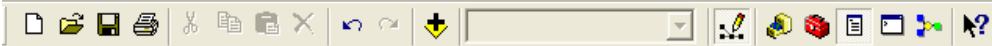
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apportionment

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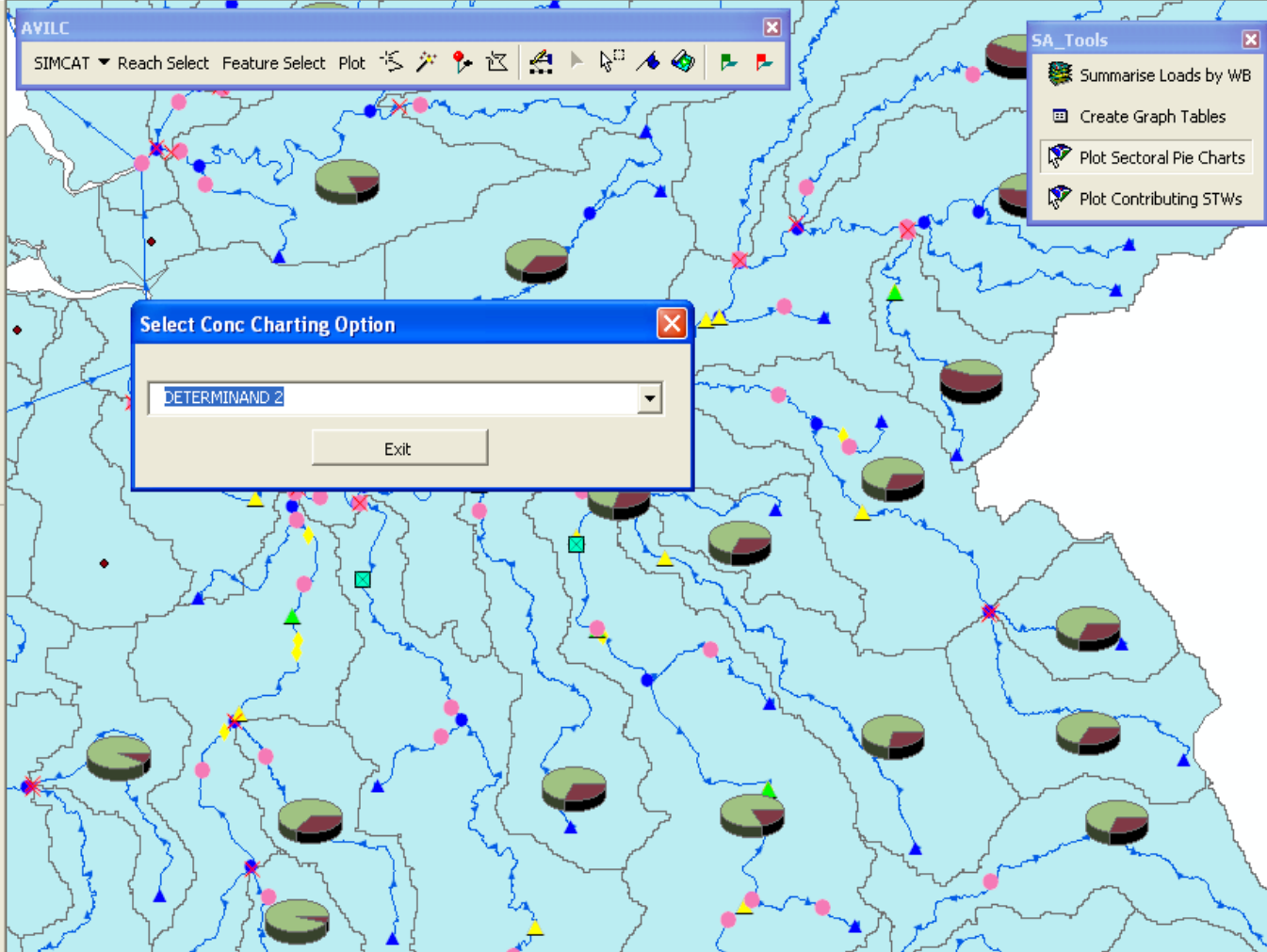
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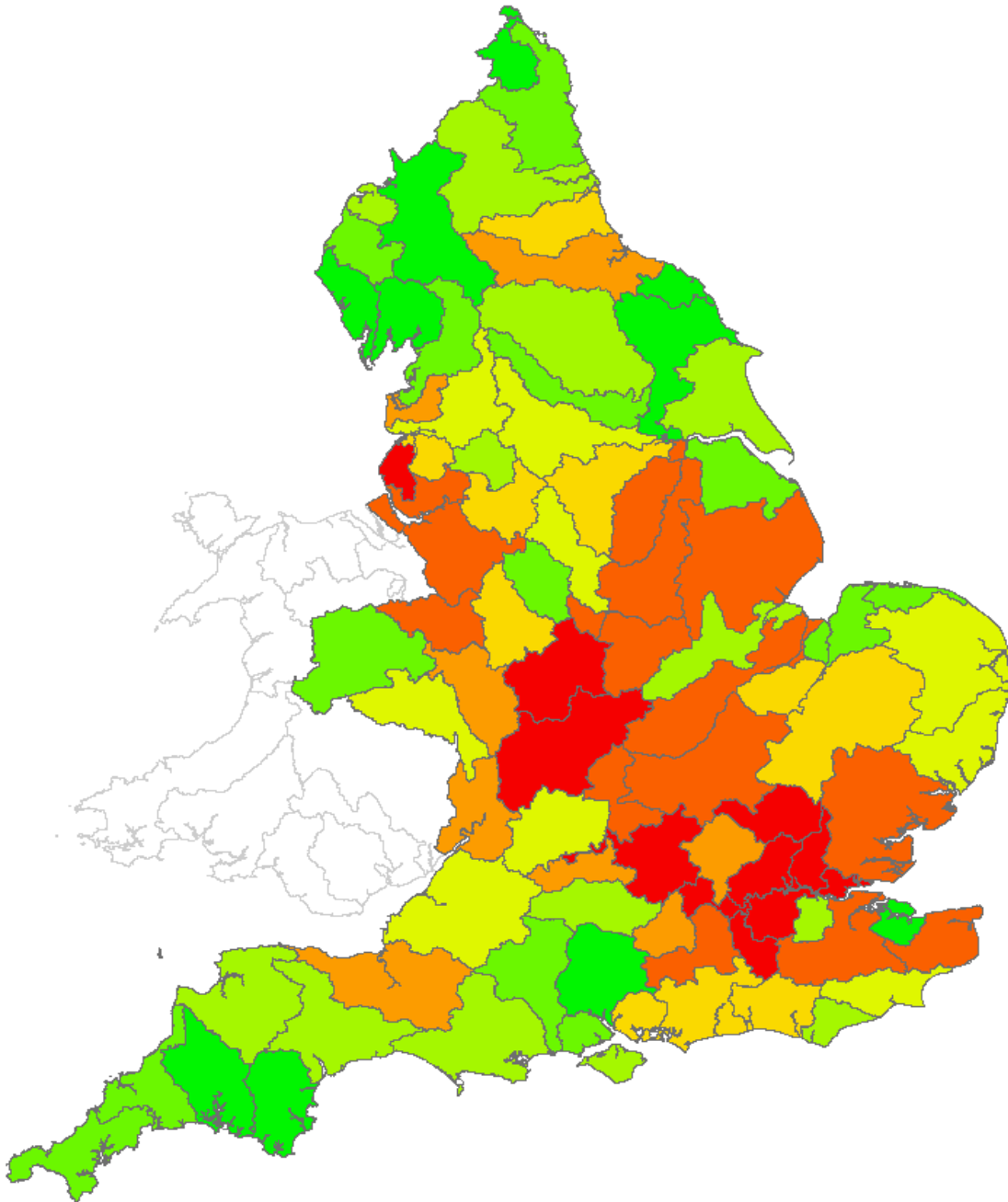
Editor Task: Create New Feature Target:

ET Commands

- Layers**
- ☒ Pie Chart:  
DETERMINAND 2
  - 
  - ☒ Sewage Works
  - ☒ Intermittants
  - ☒ Industry
  - ☒ Mines
  - ☒ Agricultural Diffuse - Livestock
  - ☒ Agricultural Diffuse - Arable
  - ☒ Highway
  - ☒ Urban
  - ☒ Atmosphere
  - ☒ Back Ground
  - ☒ Septic Tank
  - ☒ SimFeatures
  - ☒ SimNodes
  - ☒ SimWaterBodiesCents
  - ☒ SimReaches
  - ☒ SimWaterBodies



# SIMCAT – results



# SIMCAT calculates ...

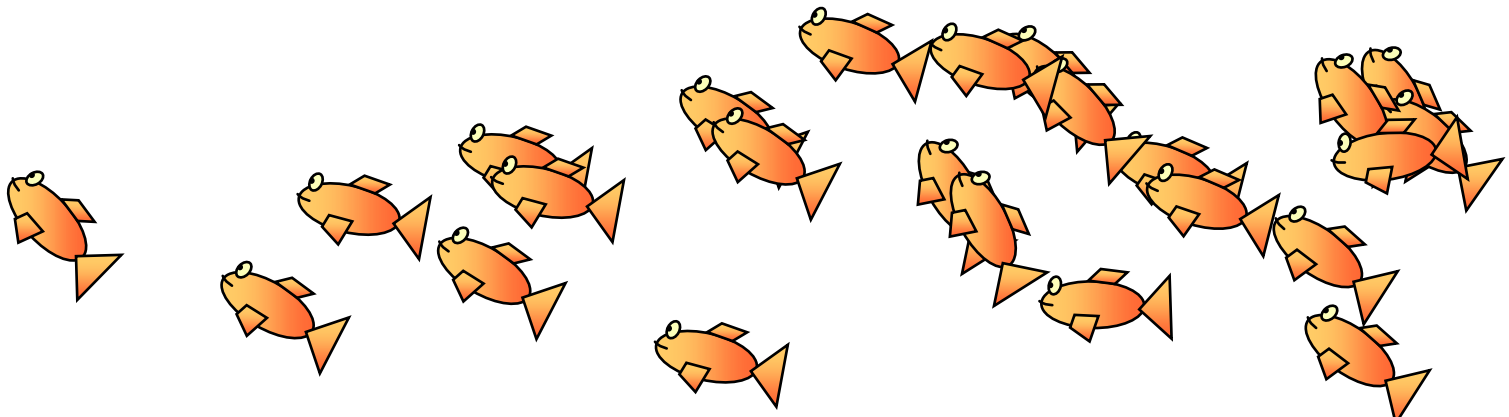
- river quality
- compliance with standards
- breakdown of causes of bad quality
- actions to meet targets
- for a single discharge, a small river, catchments or the whole country
  - industrial investment
  - diffuse pollution
  - growth and climate change
  - new laws and policies

# emphasise ...

- the “science” of taking decisions

# important to:

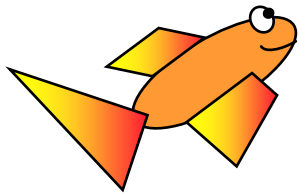
- know our errors
- use correct standards





# Water Quality Planning

modelling for investment  
and decision making



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Discharge

River

Determinand

Bioavailable  
related data

**Calculate**

New Discharge

### UPSTREAM RIVER

|                      |                                  |                                  |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mean flow            | <input type="text" value="100"/> |                                  |
| 95% exceedence flow  | <input type="text" value="10"/>  |                                  |
| Mean dissolved metal | <input type="text" value="1"/>   | <input type="text" value="0.1"/> |
| Standard deviation   | <input type="text" value="1"/>   | correlation with<br>flow         |
| Number of samples    | <input type="text" value="15"/>  |                                  |

### DISCHARGE

|                      |                                  |                                    |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Mean flow            | <input type="text" value="20"/>  | <input type="text" value="0.6"/>   |
| Standard deviation   | <input type="text" value="10"/>  | correlation<br>with river flow     |
| Mean dissolved metal | <input type="text" value="150"/> | <input type="text" value="-0.2"/>  |
| Standard deviation   | <input type="text" value="150"/> | correlation with<br>discharge flow |
| Number of samples    | <input type="text" value="49"/>  |                                    |

☒ Calculate required discharge quality

☐ Calculate effect of input discharge quality

River quality target downstream of discharge

Percentile  
M for Mean

Boxes coloured  must contain data

**QUIT**

# take note of errors ...

mean = 43

**29 - 56**



**43**



Clifton STW

River Mall

Copper

Bioavailable  
related data

Sensitivity

## AM OF DISCHARGE

|         |      |      |      |
|---------|------|------|------|
|         | 12.4 | 8.87 | 16.0 |
|         | 14.6 |      |      |
| d metal | 38.0 |      |      |

|           |      |       |      |
|-----------|------|-------|------|
| al        | 1.00 | 0.659 | 1.34 |
|           | 1.17 |       |      |
| ble metal | 2.97 |       |      |

|  |      |  |  |
|--|------|--|--|
|  | 1.00 |  |  |
|--|------|--|--|

## GE QUALITY

|             |      |      |      |
|-------------|------|------|------|
|             | 43.1 | 30.1 | 56.1 |
|             | 41.9 |      |      |
| d metal     | 121  |      |      |
| rge quality | 248  |      |      |

## SENSITIVITY

|   | % effect on<br>permit | % effect<br>on river |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 2% change in pH                         | 19                    | 19                   |
| Bioavailability equation                | - 19                  | 23                   |
| Sampling for discharge DOC              | 14                    | 14                   |
| Sampling for pH                         | 10                    | - 8                  |
| 10% change in discharge DOC             | 8                     | - 7                  |
| 20% boost in discharge DOC<br>variation | 7                     | - 6                  |
| Sampling for upstream DOC               | 6                     | 6                    |
| 10% change in discharge flow            | 2                     | 2                    |
| 0.2 shift in flow/quality correlation   | 1                     | 1                    |
| 10% change in river flow                | - 1                   | - 1                  |

QUIT