



***Innovative In Situ solution to persistent PFAS  
Groundwater and Soil contamination***



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# Presentation Agenda

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- **Activated carbon form & Capture Mechanisms**
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- **Q & A**



## About us

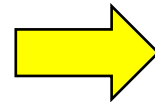


**Canadian Company founded in 1988**

**Production and warehouses throughout Canada**

- Quebec
- Ontario
- Alberta
- British Columbia

**Sectors of activity:**



- Industrial and Municipal Potable & Waste Water
- Contaminated Soil and Groundwater
- Air, Odours and Atmospheric Emissions (Activated Carbon, filtering medias)
- Process Water & Thermal Exchange Fluids (Glycols)
- Drilling Fluids (Oil and Gas & Diamond exploration)
- Aircraft De-icing Fluids



# Our Services



## Specialized Products

- Chemical Oxidation
- Chemical Reduction
- Co solvent-Surfactant soil Washing
- Enhanced Bioremediation
- Permeable Reactive Barrier Amendments
- Metals Stabilization
- Activated Carbon Sorption Technologies







# Excellence & Science through proud Suppliers & Partners

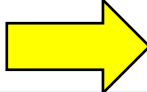


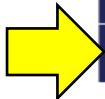
ADVANCED OXIDATION TECHNOLOGY (AOT) *Since 2005*



# OUR PRODUCTS FOR IN SITU REMEDIATION.



Your Problem	Our Solution				
	<i>intrasorp</i> <sup>®</sup>	<i>aquaferrox</i> <sup>®</sup>	<i>carboiron</i> <sup>®</sup>	<i>trapox</i> <sup>®</sup>	 <i>intraplex</i> <sup>®</sup>
<b>Material</b>	Colloidal activated carbon	Iron oxides	Iron-activated carbon composite	Zeolithe	Modular
<b>Effect</b>	Adsorption	Adsorption	ISCR	ISCO	Modular
BTEX	✓			✓	
MOHCs	✓			✓	
PAH	✓			✓	
MTBE/ETBE	✓			✓	
VC/Cis			✓	✓	
PCE/TCE			✓		
Pesticides	✓		✓		
Explosives Resid.	✓				
Heavy metals		✓			
Cyanide		✓			
PFAS					✓





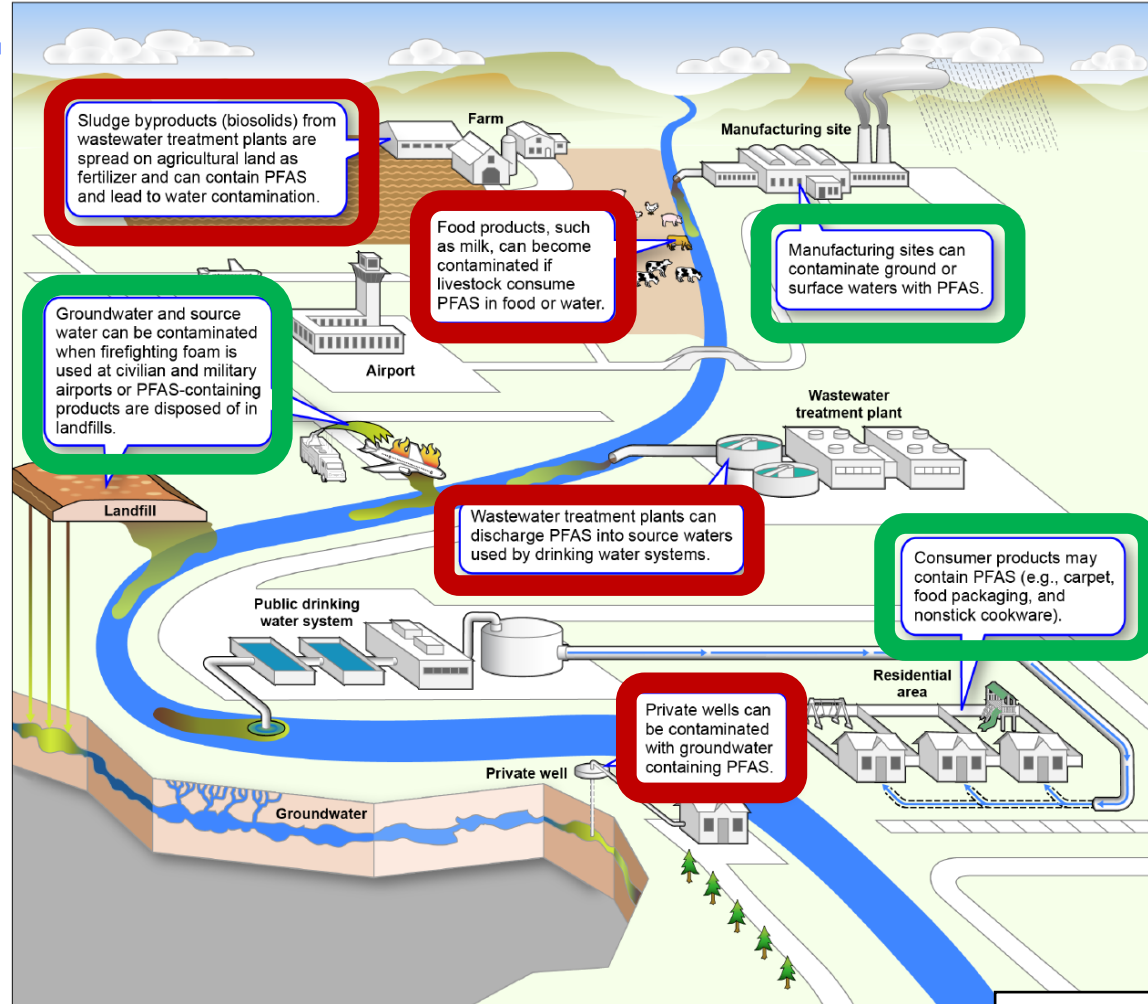
# PFAS

## One Water Perspective



**PFAS Sources**

**PFAS Impacts**



Source: GAO. | GAO-21-37

Source: United States Government Accountability Office GAO – 12-37, Jan, 2021



# PFAS

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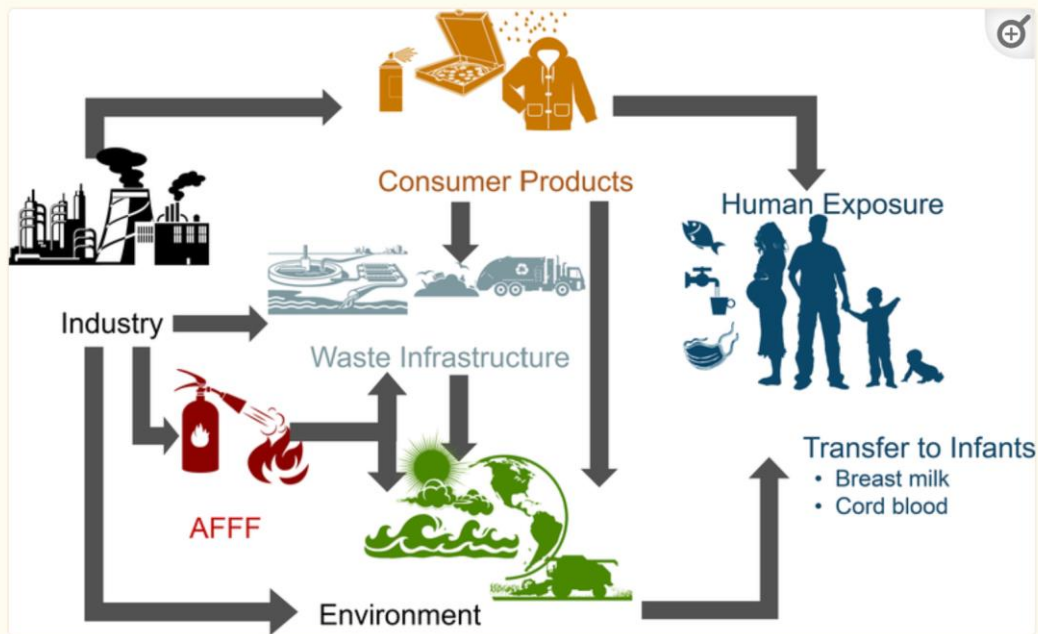


Figure 1.

Overview of PFAS exposure pathways for different human populations outside of occupational settings.

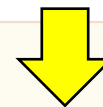


Table 1.

Literature estimates of sources contributions (%) to adult PFAS exposures.

PFAS	Diet	Dust	Tap water	Food Pkg.	Inhalation	Dermal	Other	Reference
PFOA	16	11		56	14		2 <sup>a</sup>	Trudel et al. <sup>25</sup>
PFOA	85	6	1	3 <sup>b</sup>			4 <sup>c</sup>	Vestergren and Cousins <sup>74</sup>
PFOA	77	8	11		4			Haug et al. <sup>76</sup>
PFOA	66	9	24		<1	<1		Lorber and Egeghy <sup>77</sup>
PFOA	41		37				22 <sup>d</sup>	Tian et al. <sup>163</sup>
PFOA	99		<1					Shan et al. <sup>164</sup>
PFOS	66	10	7		2		16 <sup>d</sup>	Gebbink et al. <sup>165</sup>
PFOS	72	6	22		<1	<1		Egeghy and Lorber <sup>75</sup>
PFOS	96	1	1		2			Haug et al. <sup>76</sup>
PFOS	81	15					4 <sup>a</sup>	Trudel et al. <sup>25</sup>
PFOS	93		4				3 <sup>d</sup>	Tian et al. <sup>163</sup>
PFOS	100		<1					Shan et al. <sup>164</sup>
PFBA		4	96					Gebbink et al. <sup>165</sup>
PFHxA	38	4	38		8		12 <sup>d</sup>	Gebbink et al. <sup>165</sup>
PFOA	47	8	12		6		27 <sup>d</sup>	Gebbink et al. <sup>165</sup>
PFDA	51	2	4		15		28 <sup>d</sup>	Gebbink et al. <sup>165</sup>
PFDoDA	86	2	2		4		5 <sup>d</sup>	Gebbink et al. <sup>165</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>Carpet

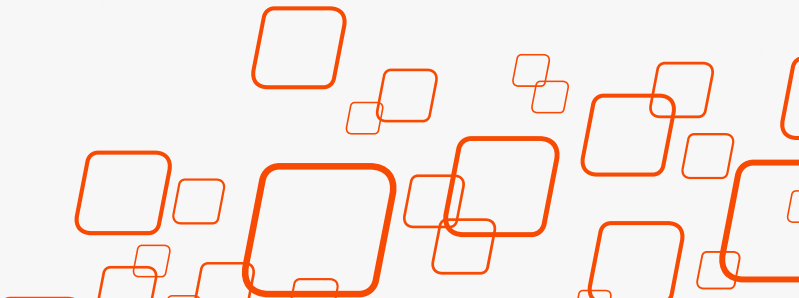
<sup>b</sup>Consumer goods

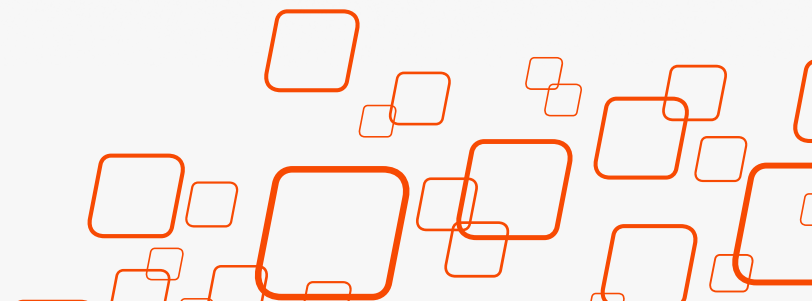
<sup>c</sup>Precursors

<sup>d</sup>Indirect.

Source: A Review of the Pathways of Human Exposure to Poly- and Perfluoroalkyl Substances (PFASs) and Present Understanding of Health Effects









# *Intraplex® "Product line for PFAS*

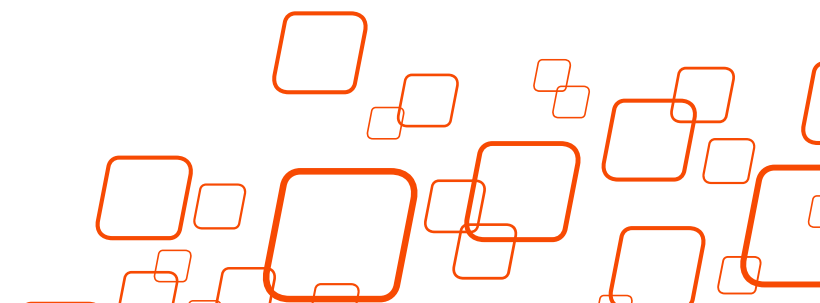
- **Modular & Adaptable**

**Intraplex A - Against GW Infiltration**

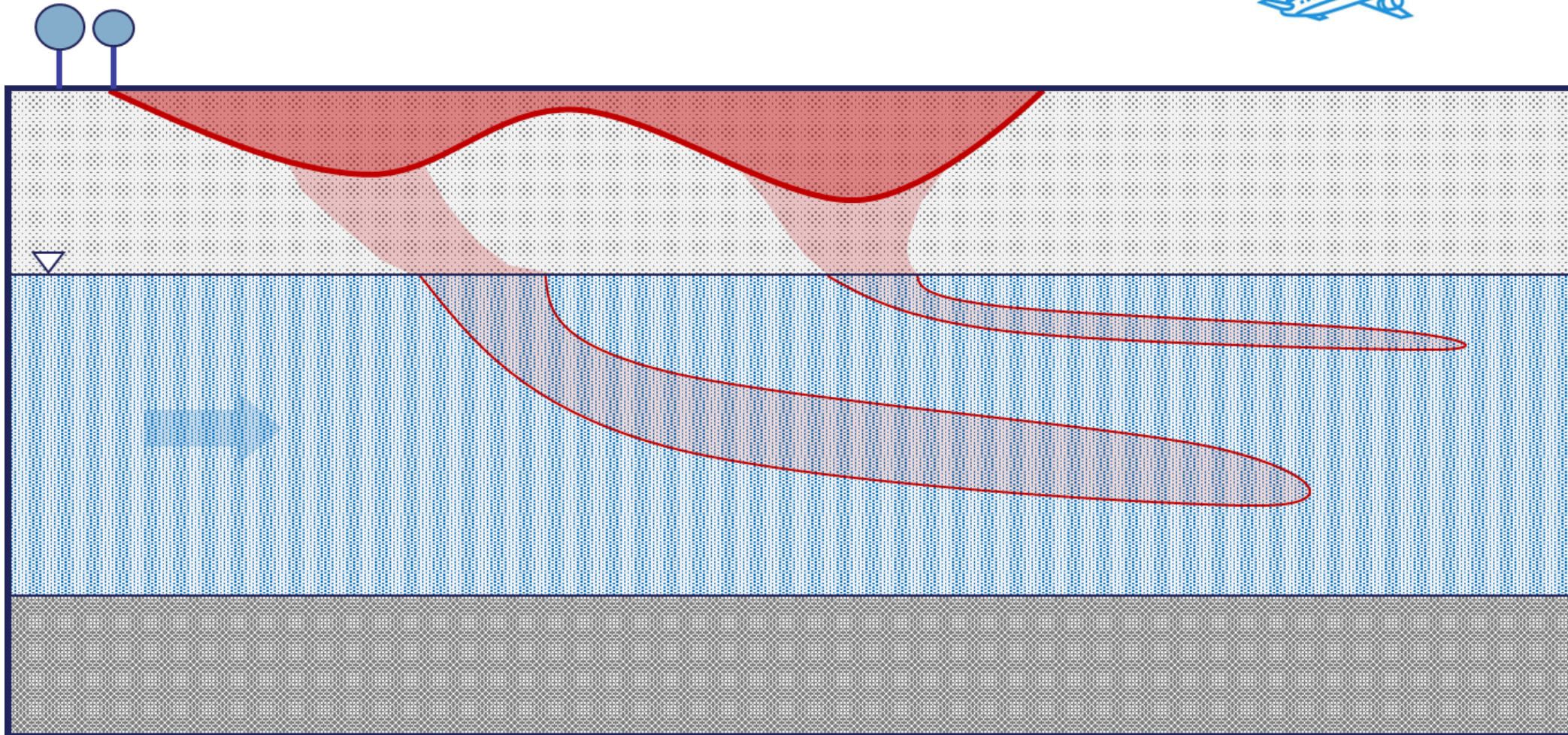
**Intraplex B - Against plumes migration**

**Intraplex C - For destruction**

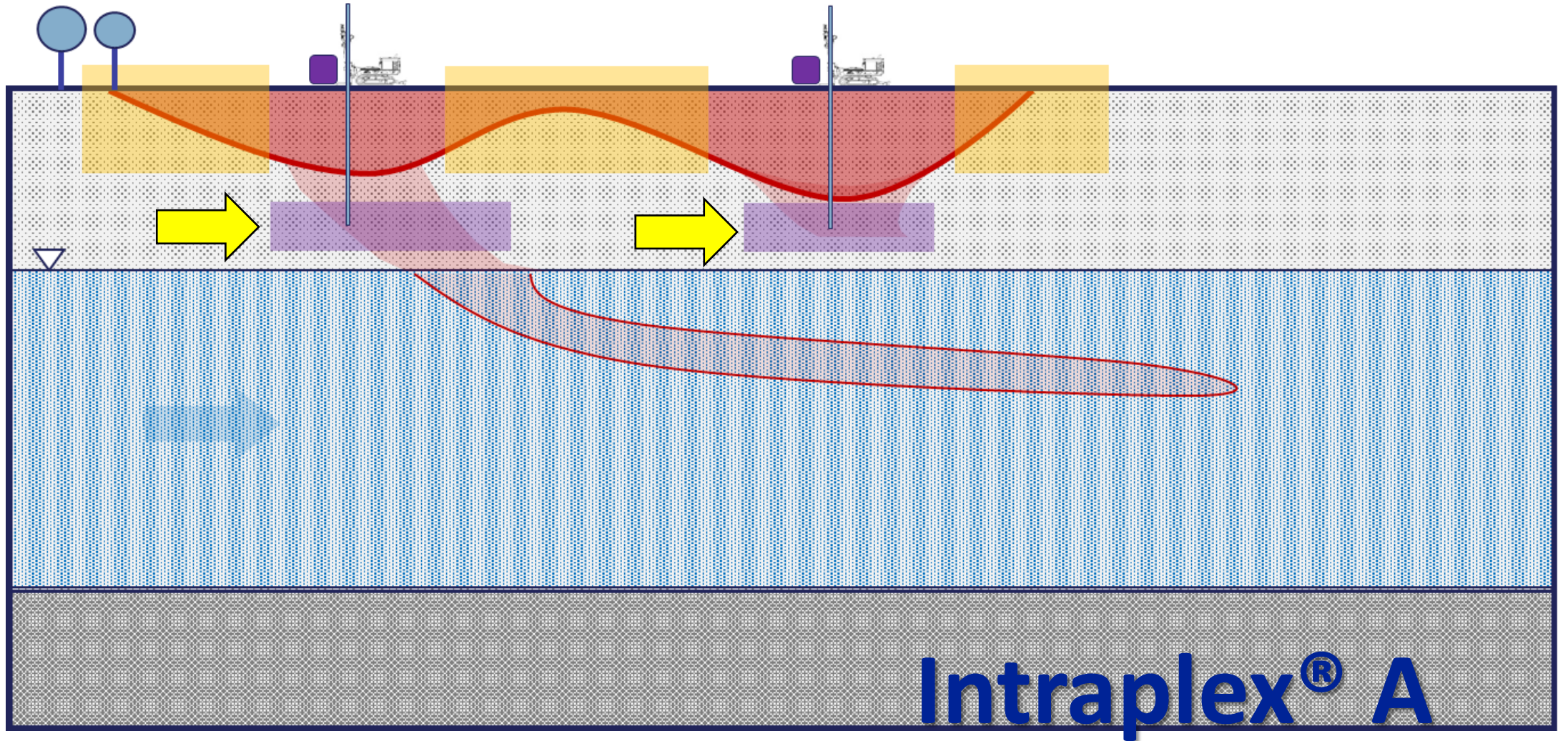
**Intraplex D - Against short chains**



# Your typical PFAS site...









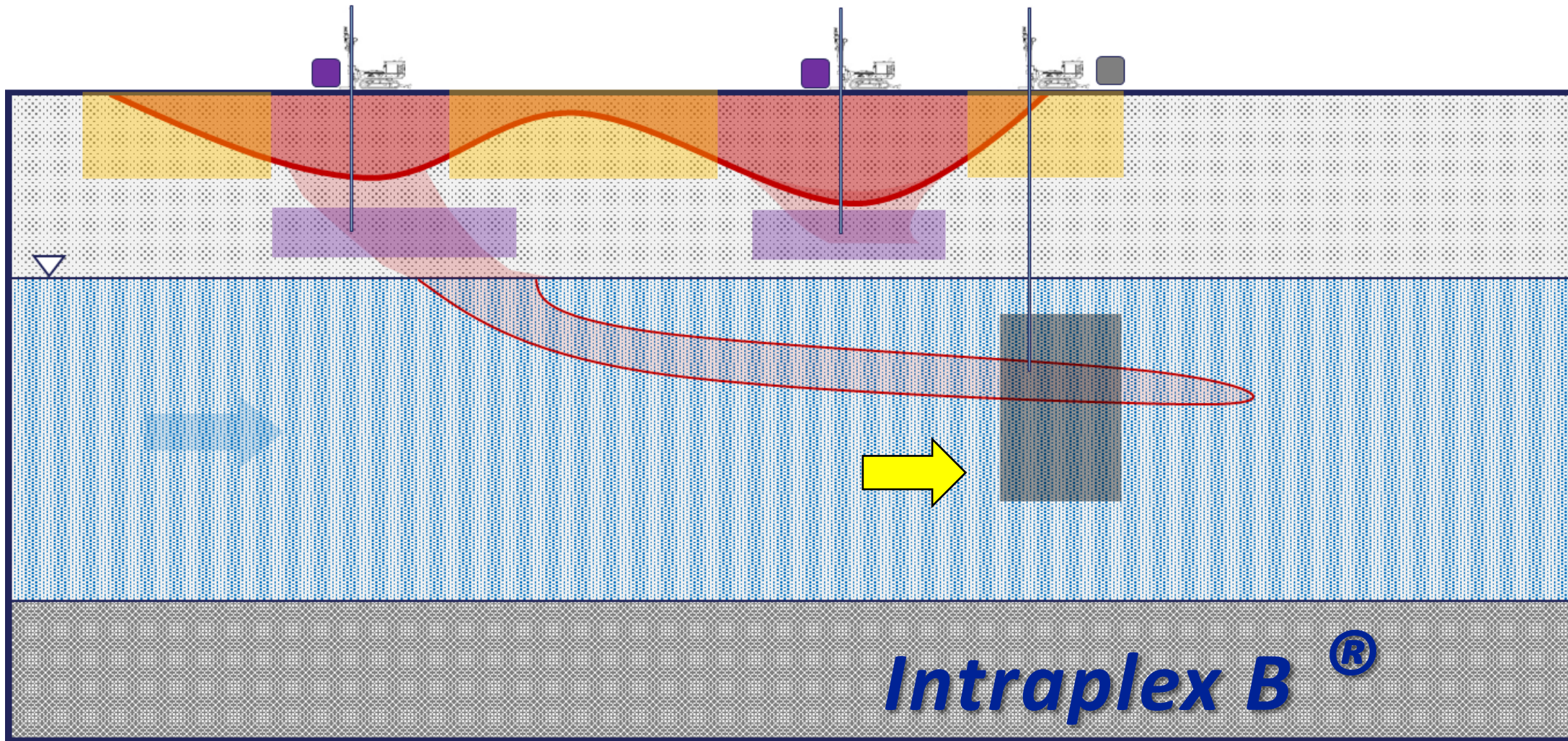


# *Intraplex A*®

- Microsized **Colloidal suspension clay adsorber** for the in situ immobilization of PFAS **in unsaturated conditions**
- PFAS **Source Zone Control** Technology
- SSA ~100 m<sup>2</sup> / g

## **Effective at high PFAS concentrations**

- PFOS: 175 mg / g @ 0.45 mg L
  - PFBS: 4.5 mg / g @ 3.6 mg / L
  - PFOA: 12.4 mg / g @ 2.5 mg /L
- Made in Germany





# Intraplex B<sup>®</sup>



- Microsized **surface modified activated colloidal carbon** based adsorber for the in situ immobilization of PFAS
- PFAS **Diffuse GW Plume Control** Technology (adsorption barrier)  
**High affinities** for adsorption of PFAS molecules at low ambient concentrations (**short chains and long chains**)
- Uncoated
- Field tested and highly effective
- Made in Germany



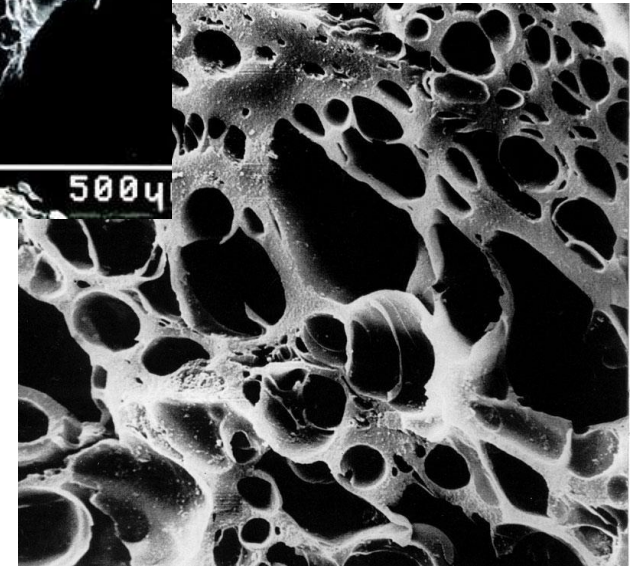
# Activated Carbon Form, Capture & Treatment Mechanisms



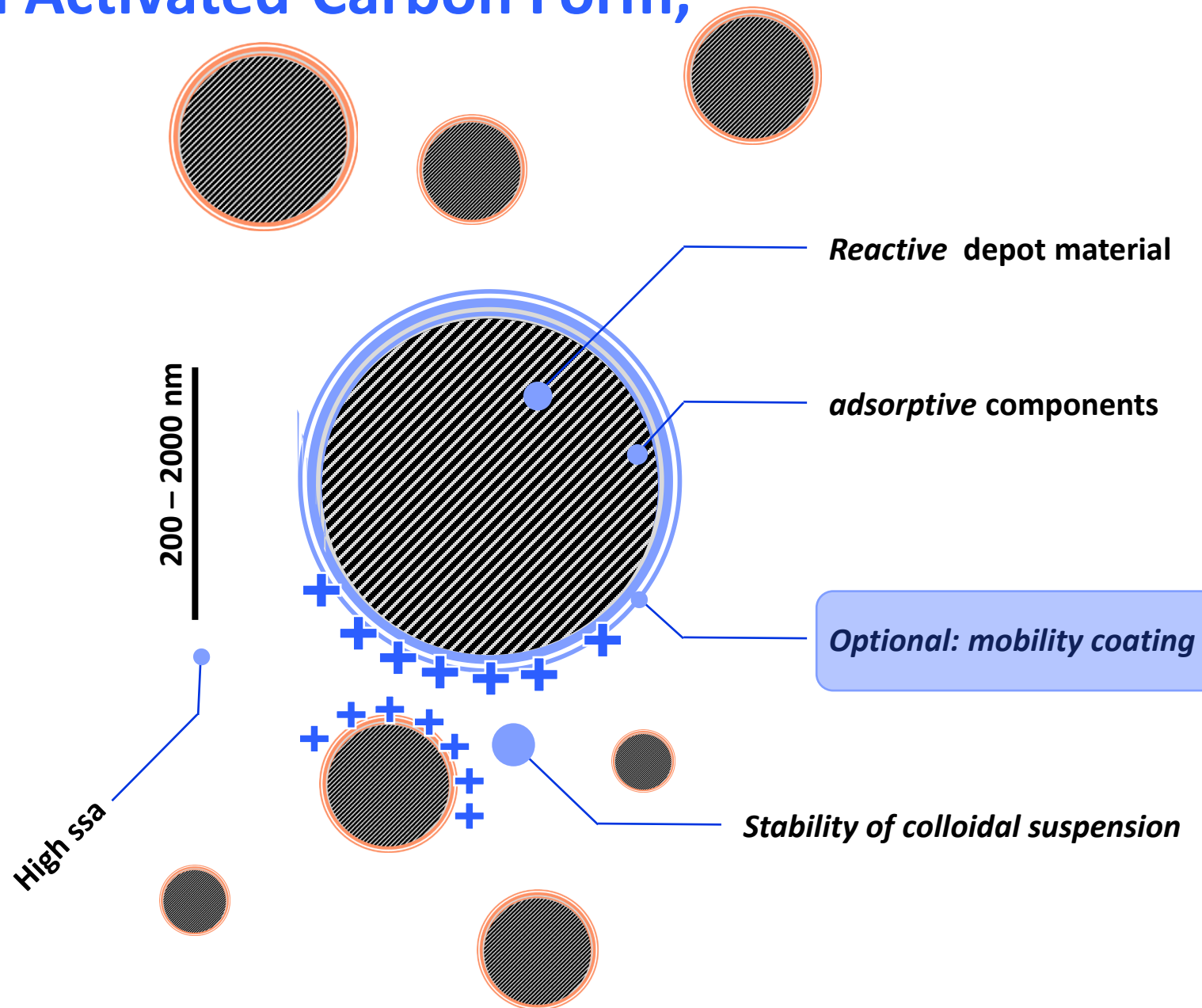
Adsorptive



Granular  
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Carbon

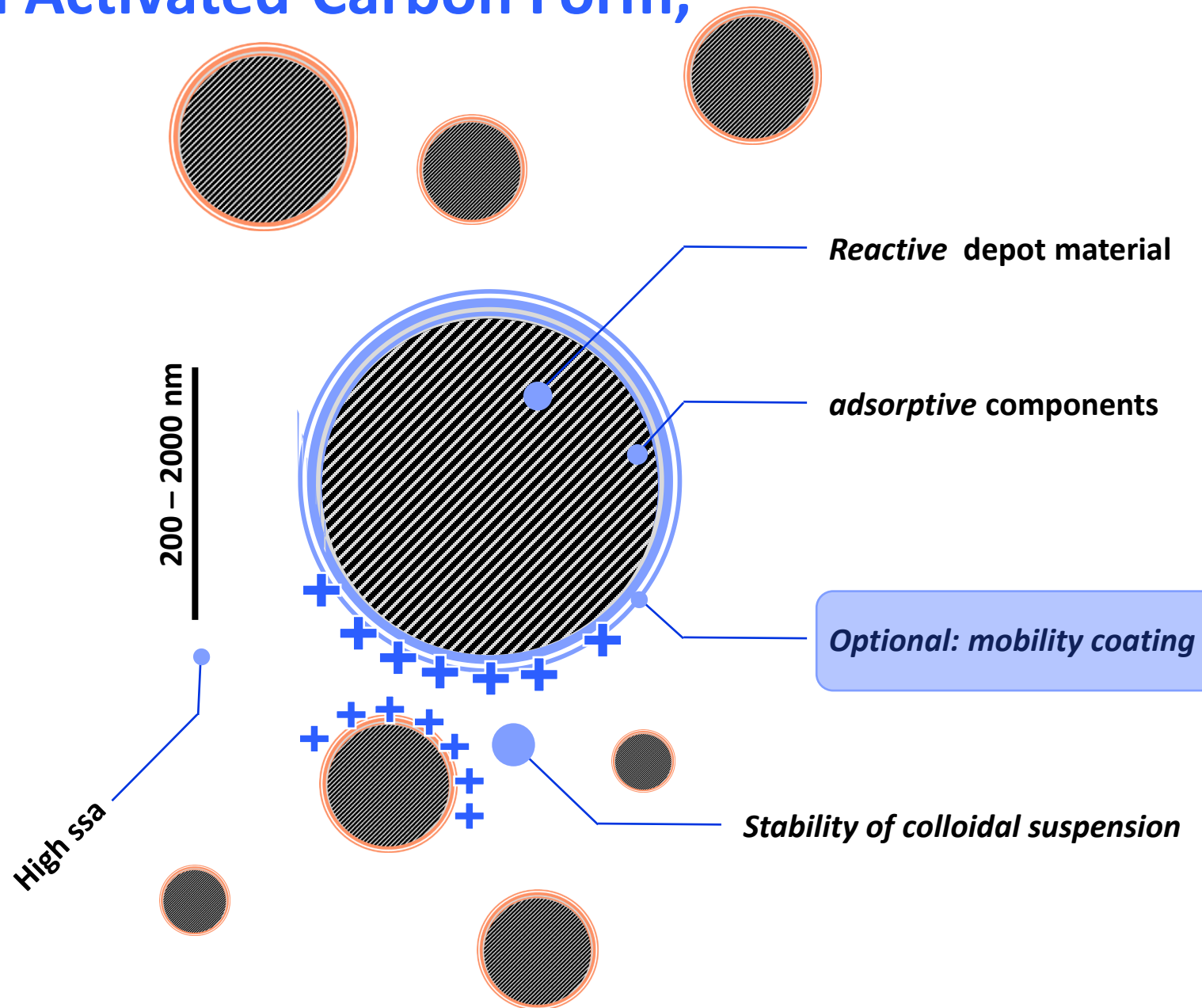


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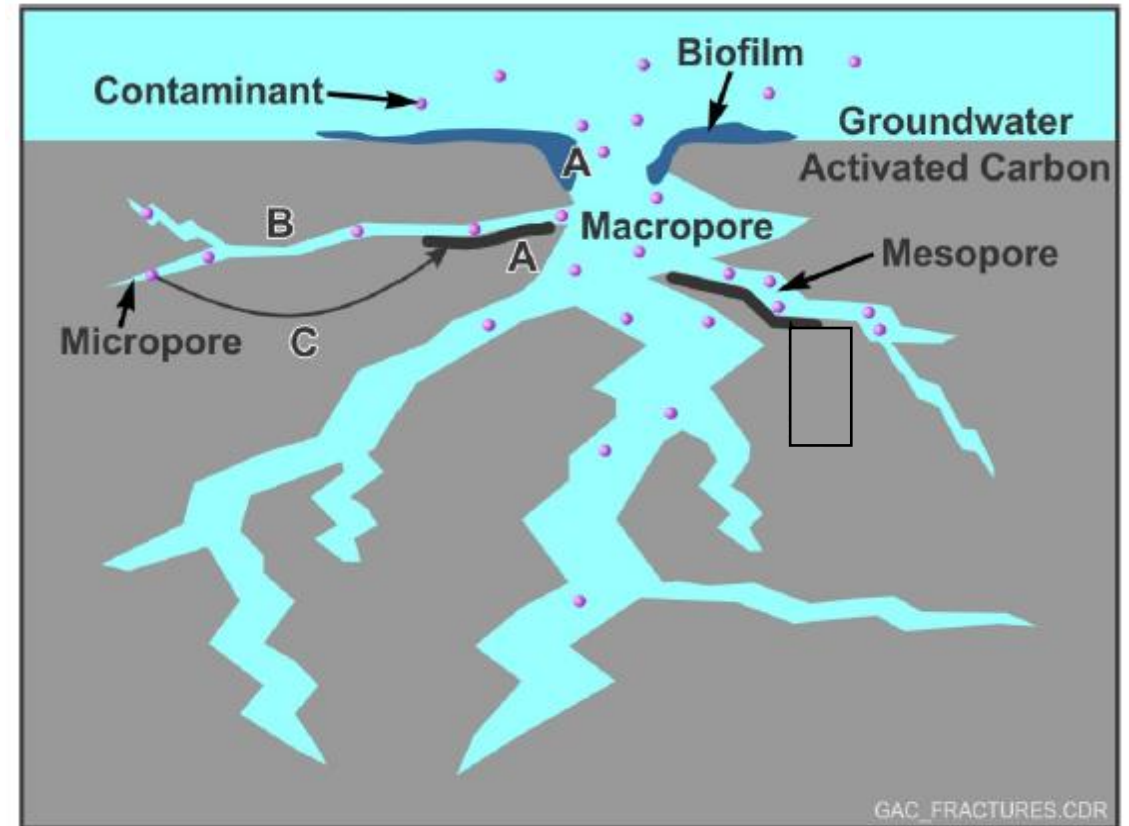
- **Granular Activated Carbon Particle size** >90% retained by an 80-mesh sieve (177  $\mu$ ) [ASTM D2862] > 4x larger than PAC
- **Powder Activated Carbon Particle size** <40 microns ( $\mu$ )

**Colloidal Activated Carbon Particle size 1-2 microns ( $\mu$ )**

- ✓ 10-slot screen = 256  $\mu$
- ✓ 200-mesh sieve (clay) = 75  $\mu$
- ➔ ✓ **Bacteria = 0.5 - 2  $\mu$**
- ✓ Pore throats (Nelson, AAPG Bull., 3/09):  
➔ **sand >2  $\mu$  silt 0.03 – 2  $\mu$  clay 0.005 – 0.1  $\mu$**
- ✓ Mesopore = 0.05  $\mu$ ; Micropore = 0.002  $\mu$
- ✓ BTEX molecules = 7 Angstroms ( $\text{\AA}$ ) = 0.0007  $\mu$
- ✓ ➤ Water molecule = 3 Angstroms ( $\text{\AA}$ ) = 0.0003  $\mu$

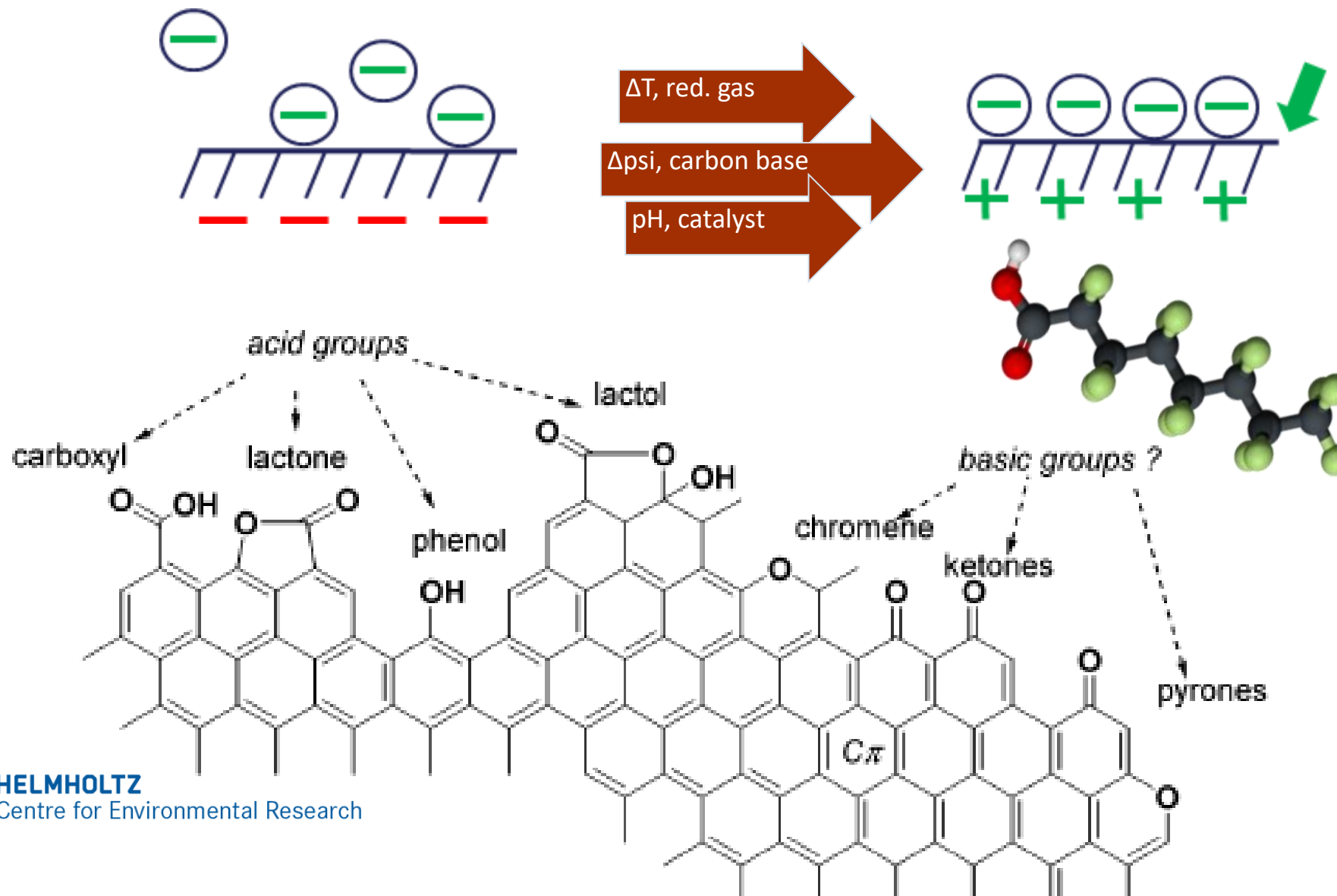
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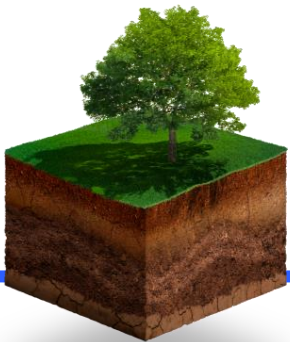
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# Activated Carbon Surface modification for enhanced PFAS Capture





## Intraplex B®- Independent scientific comparison:

### *PFAS adsorption capacity*

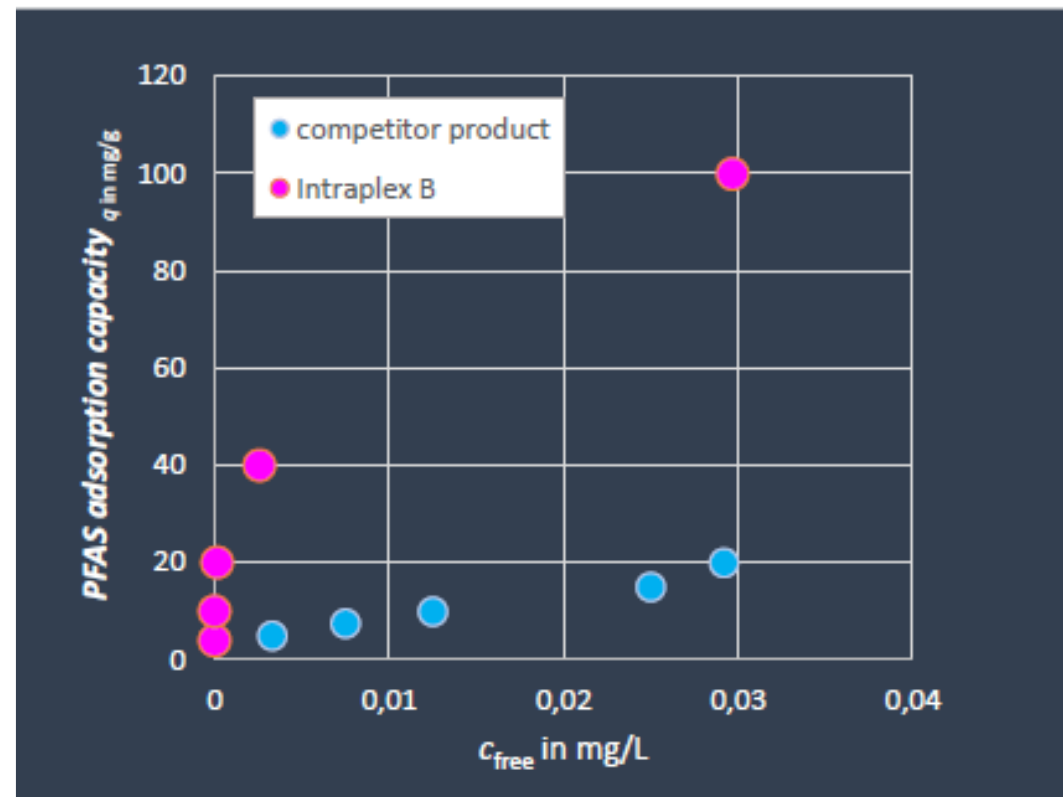
Intraplex's specialized activated carbon for PFAS adsorption shows a vastly, and significantly higher capacity for PFOS compared to a competitor's products.

The maximum load of **Intraplex B** is about 100 mg PFOS per 1 g activated carbon. The compared competitor's product has a loading of only 23 mg PFOS per 1 g activated carbon

#### Source

Mole R, Lowry G, et al. (2023) Groundwater solutes influence the adsorption of perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to colloidal activated carbon and impact performance for in situ groundwater remediation – submitted

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### *PFAS adsorption capacity*

Adsorption coefficient, which is a measure of the quality of the adsorption,

is 5 times higher with **Intraplex B**

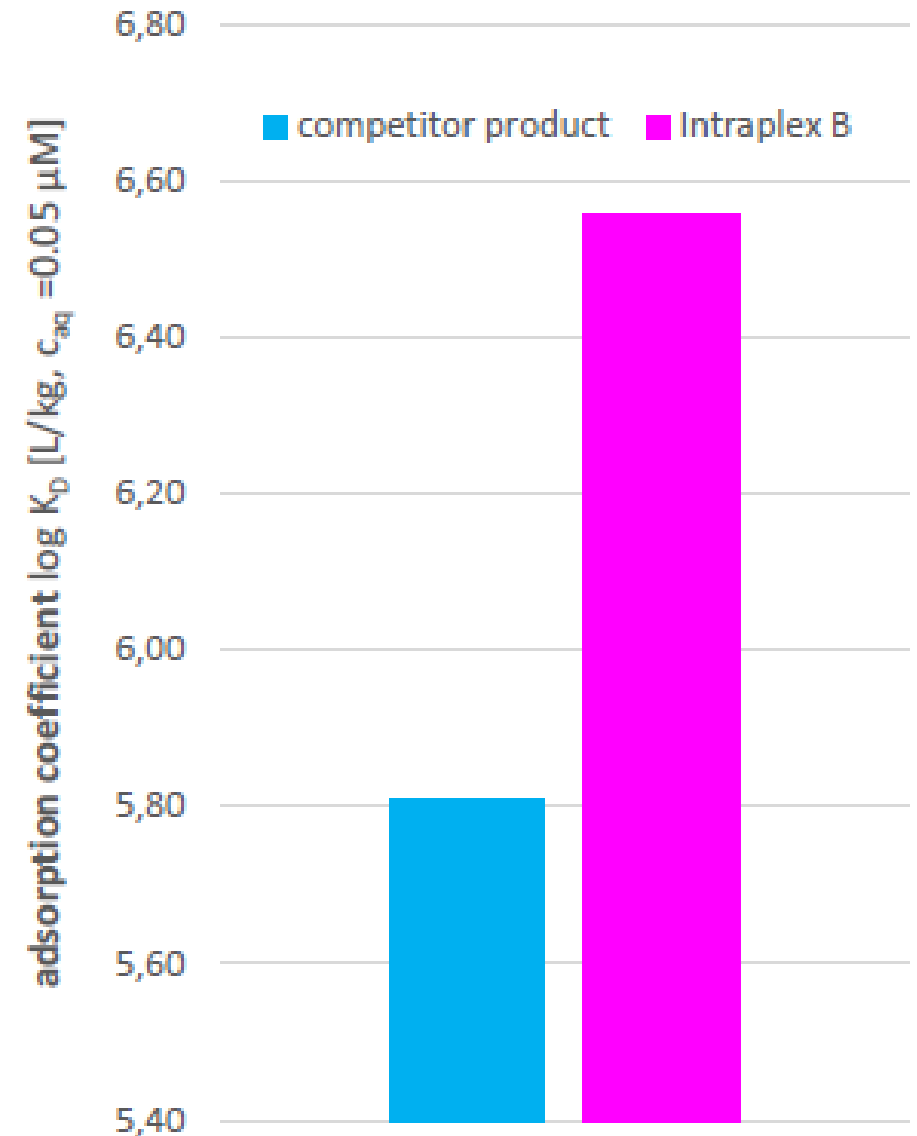
This implies that to ensure a barrier lifetime of 10 years for PFOS, 5 times less Intraplex carbon is needed.

For less adsorbing substances like PFBA, this advantage of **Intraplex B** is assumed to be even more substantial and be in the range of up to 2–3 orders of magnitude.

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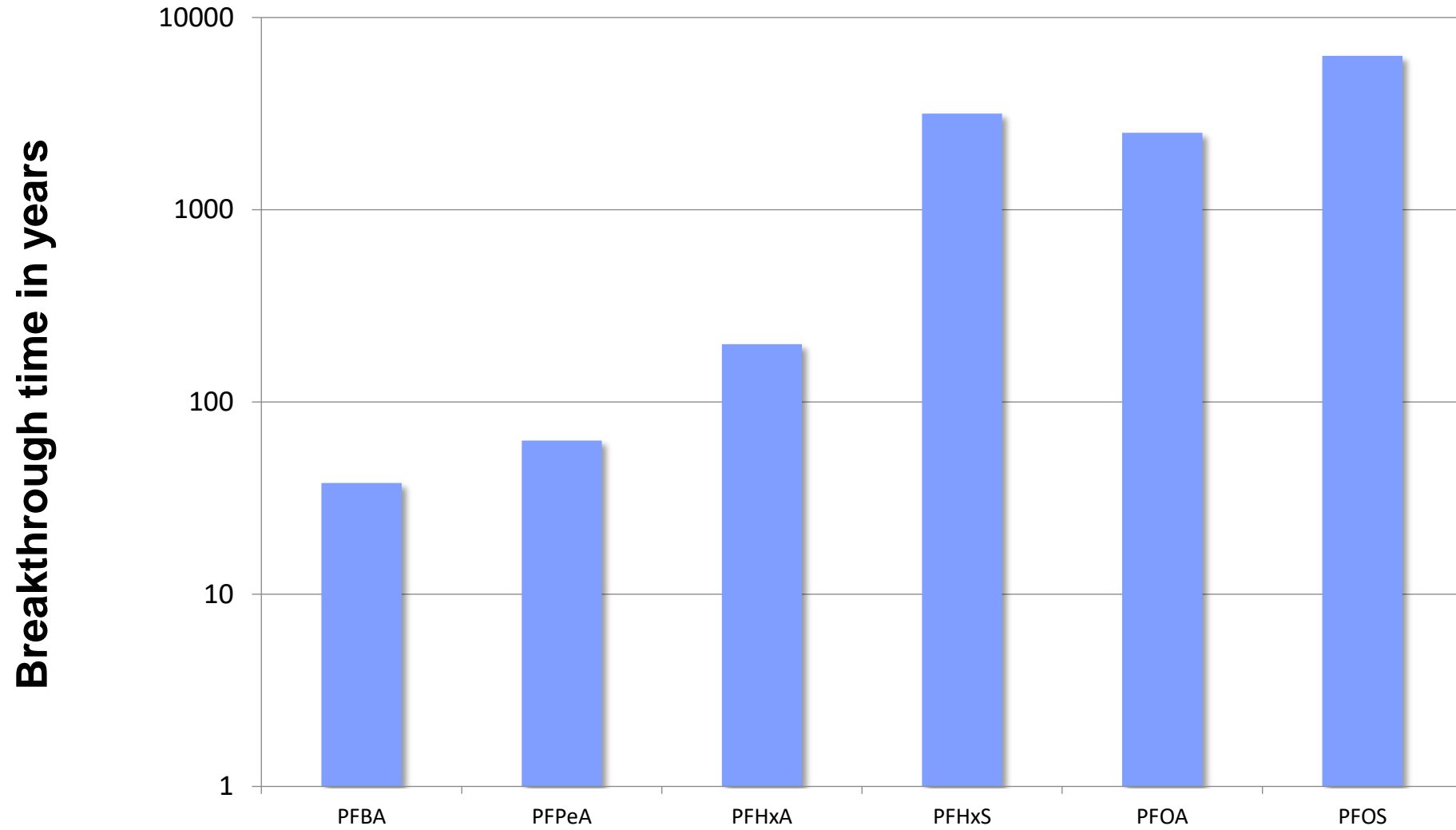




## Intraplex B<sup>®</sup>

- ***Intraplex B enables you:***
  - to install PFAS highly efficient PFAS adsorption barriers
  - in a matter of days, with >90% contaminant reduction
  - with barrier adsorption lifetimes up to several decades
  - typically at as little as 30% of the costs of conventional Pump & Treat systems
  - **The material has been successfully used in large-scale field applications and has been approved by the authorities under local water regulations without any problems.**

## Estimate operation time of in-situ AC barriers





# Intraplex B<sup>®</sup>

## Properties Intraplex<sup>®</sup>

- **Specific surface**: up to 1.600 m<sup>2</sup> / g
- **Particle size**: 1.5 μm
- **Concentration**: 400 g/L concentrate
- **Components**:
  - naked carbon in colloidal wet suspension,
  - In situ Mobility additive, water

To be deployed for :

**Rapid and sustained adsorption of PFAS** (carboxylic and sulfonic acids) for long-term immobilization of groundwater plumes

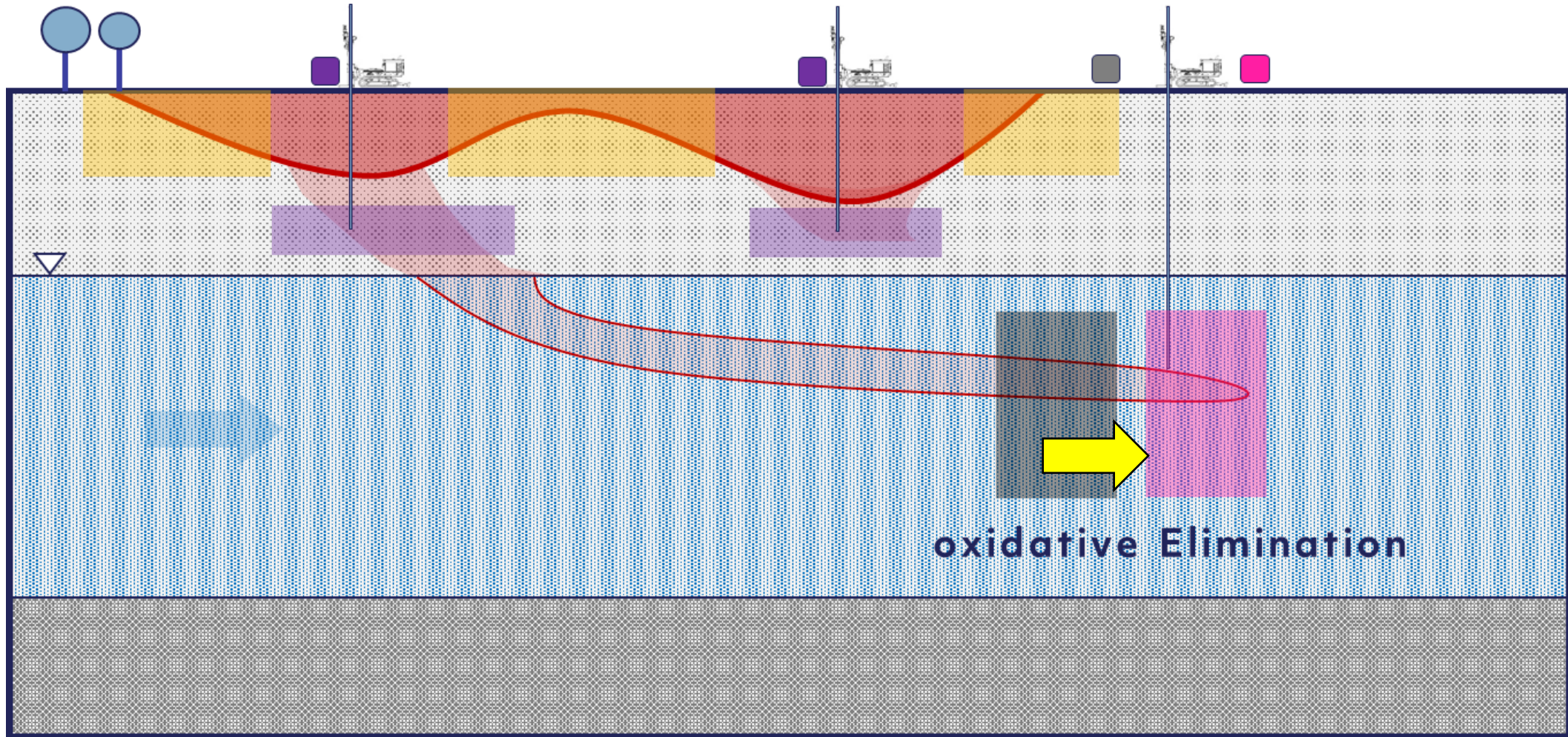
- Can be used in situ, as a colloidally stabilized suspension via direct push / injection into existing measuring points (range up to 20 m)
- Long-term, almost irreversible adsorption of PFAS under typical conditions.
- Applicable for dissolved plume remediation

# *Intraplex B carbon* <sup>®</sup>



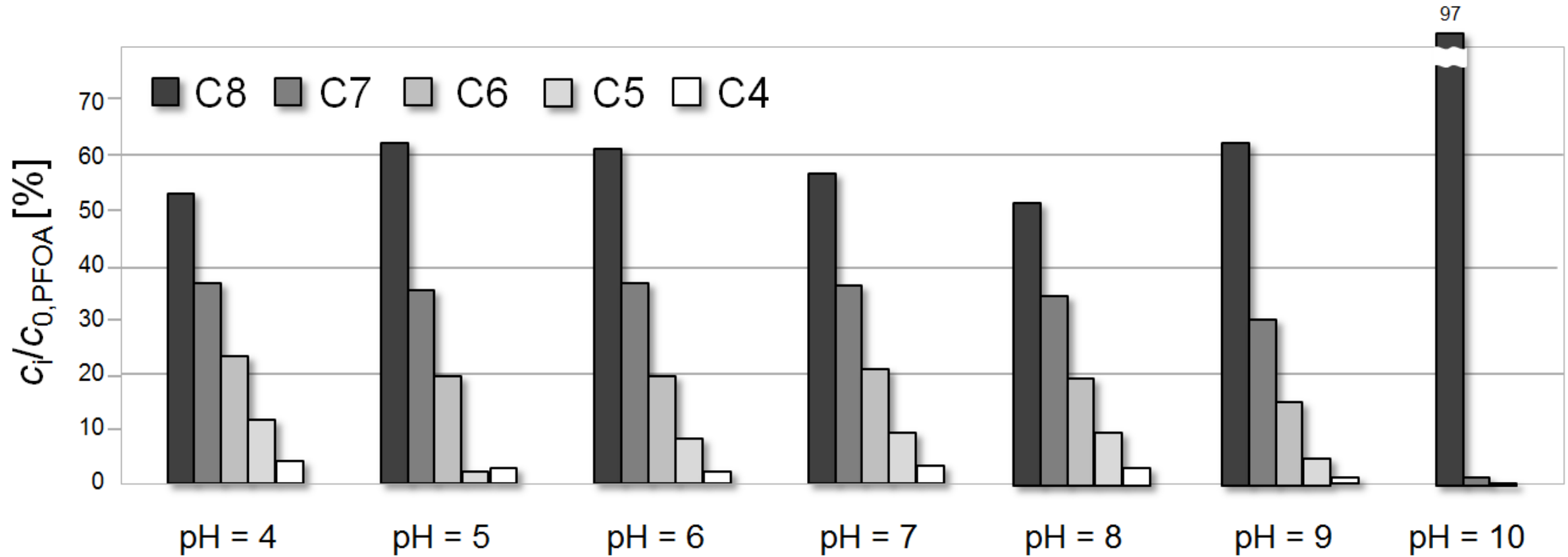
- Optimized for PFAS
- Independent Lab study shows highest quality
- Intraplex **successful in field applications**
- **Straightforward & cost efficient injection**
- Eco- and climate friendly
- Go-to solution to cut off PFAS plumes

# *Intraplex<sup>®</sup> C (under development)*

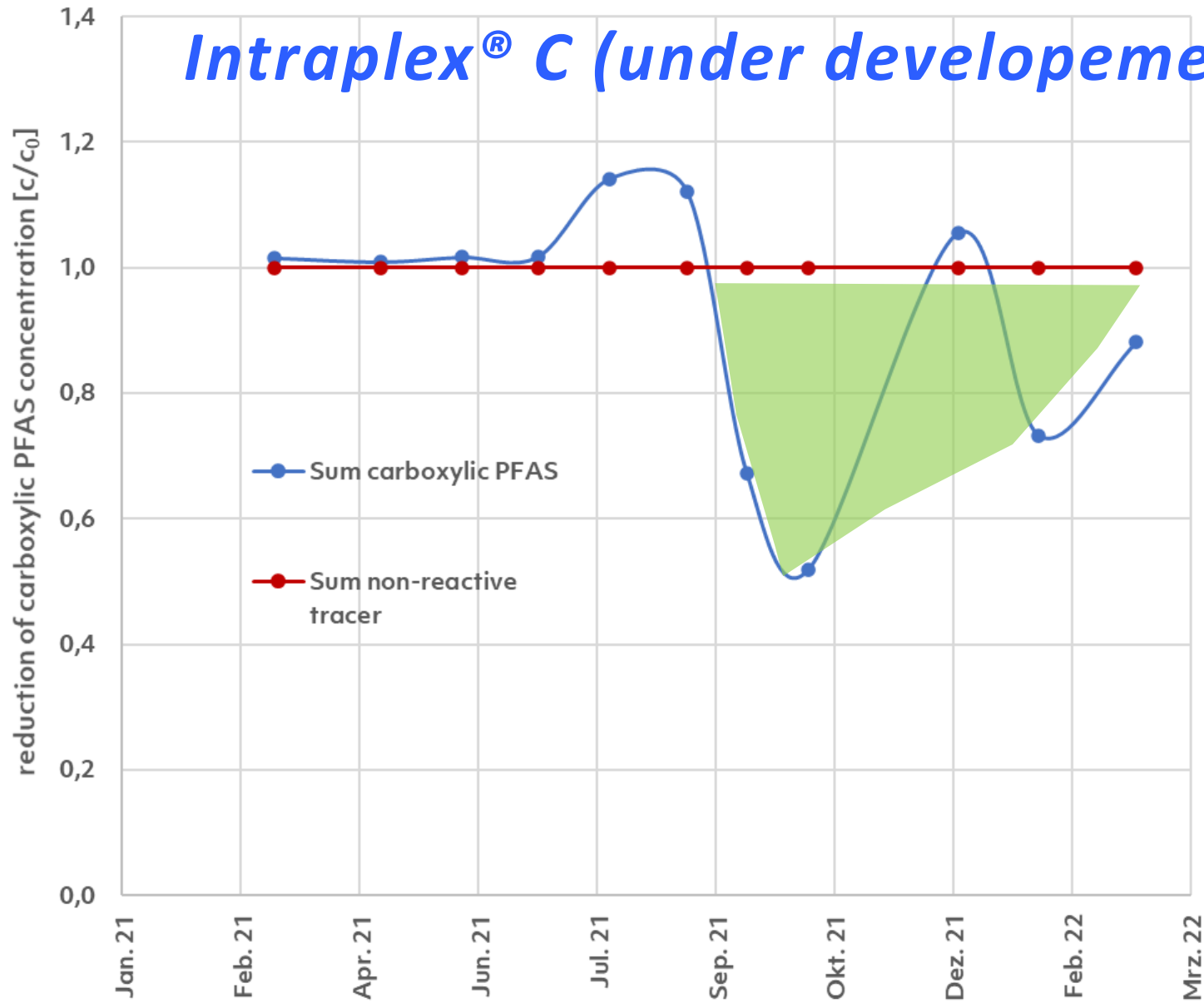




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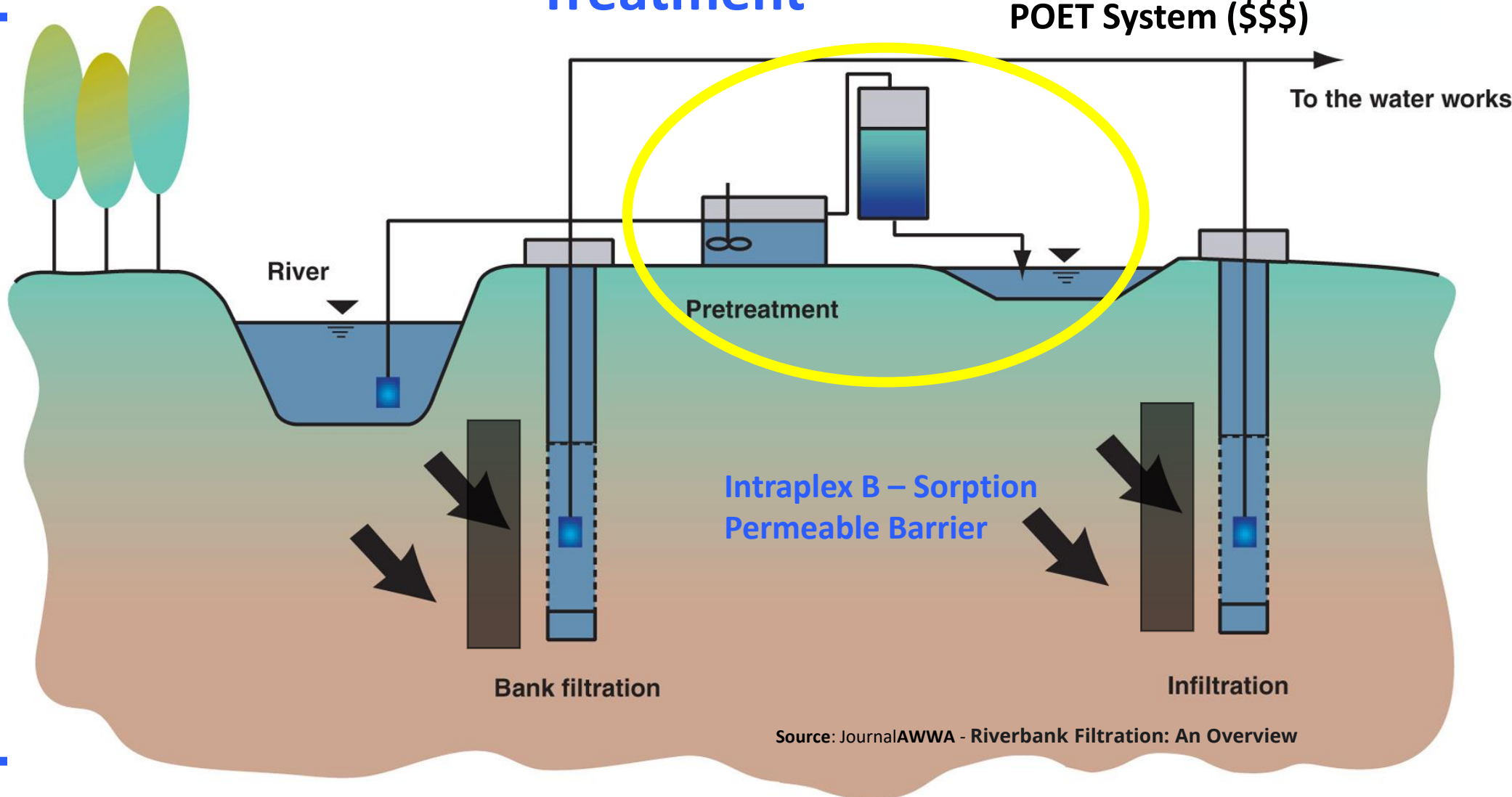
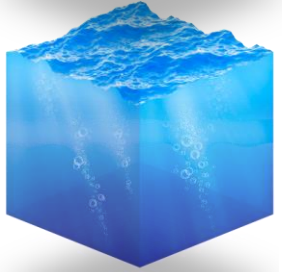


# *Intraplex<sup>®</sup> C (under development)*



# Intraplex B<sup>®</sup> - Utilization Schematic – BANK FILTRA<sup>™</sup>

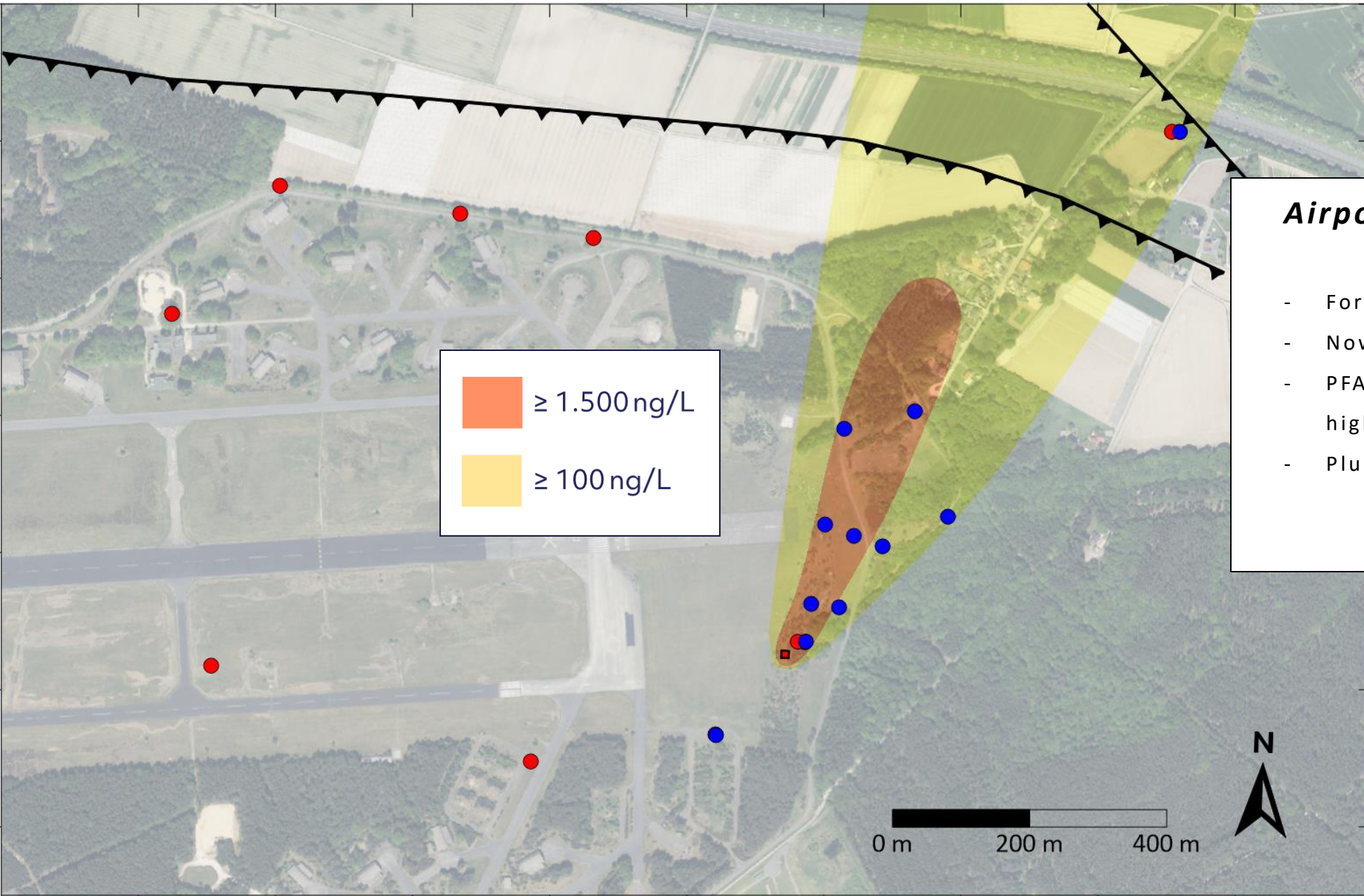
## Reducing above ground system cost for Point of Treatment



# **Intraplex B**

## **Case study**

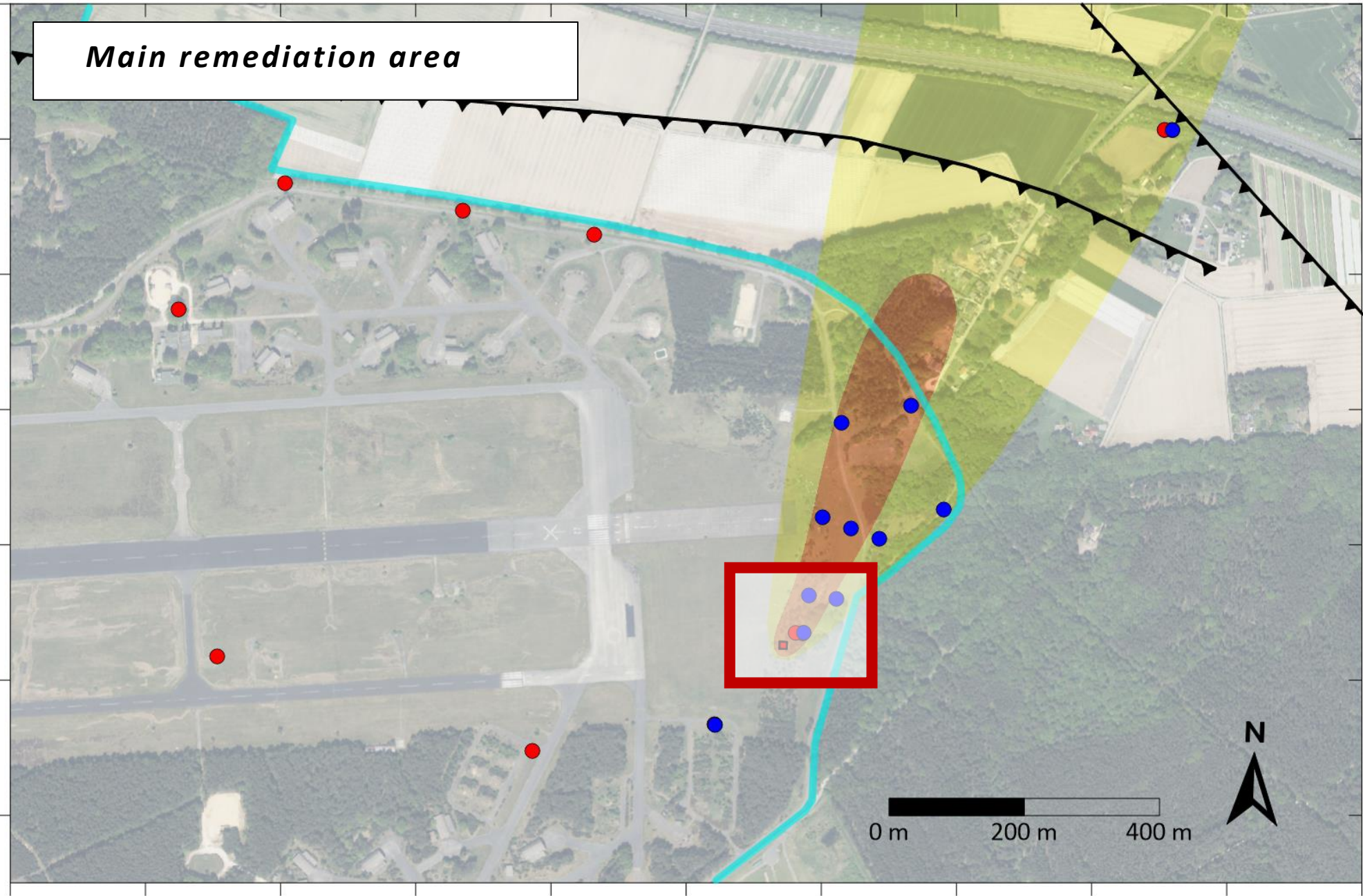




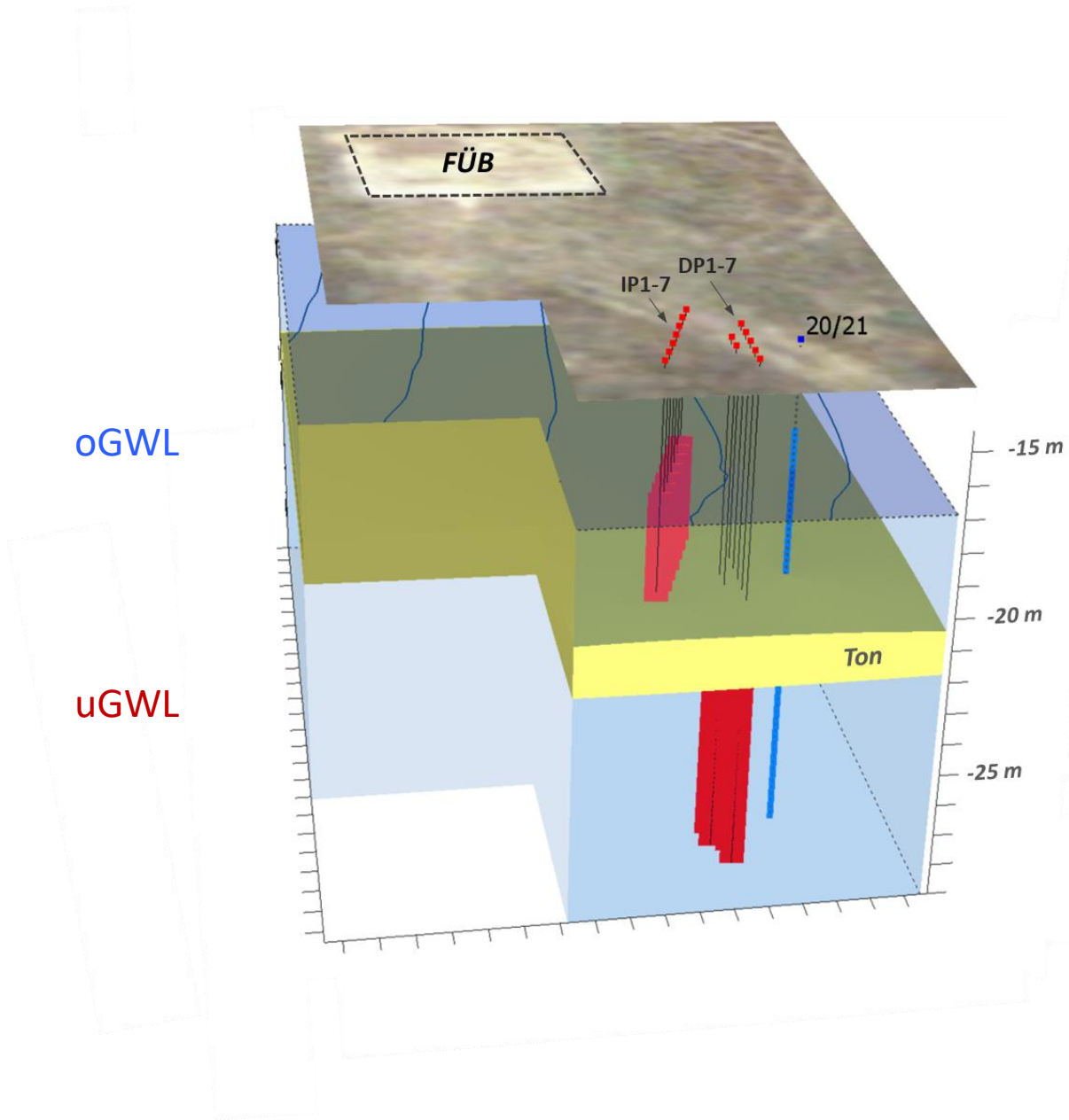
***Airport reference site***

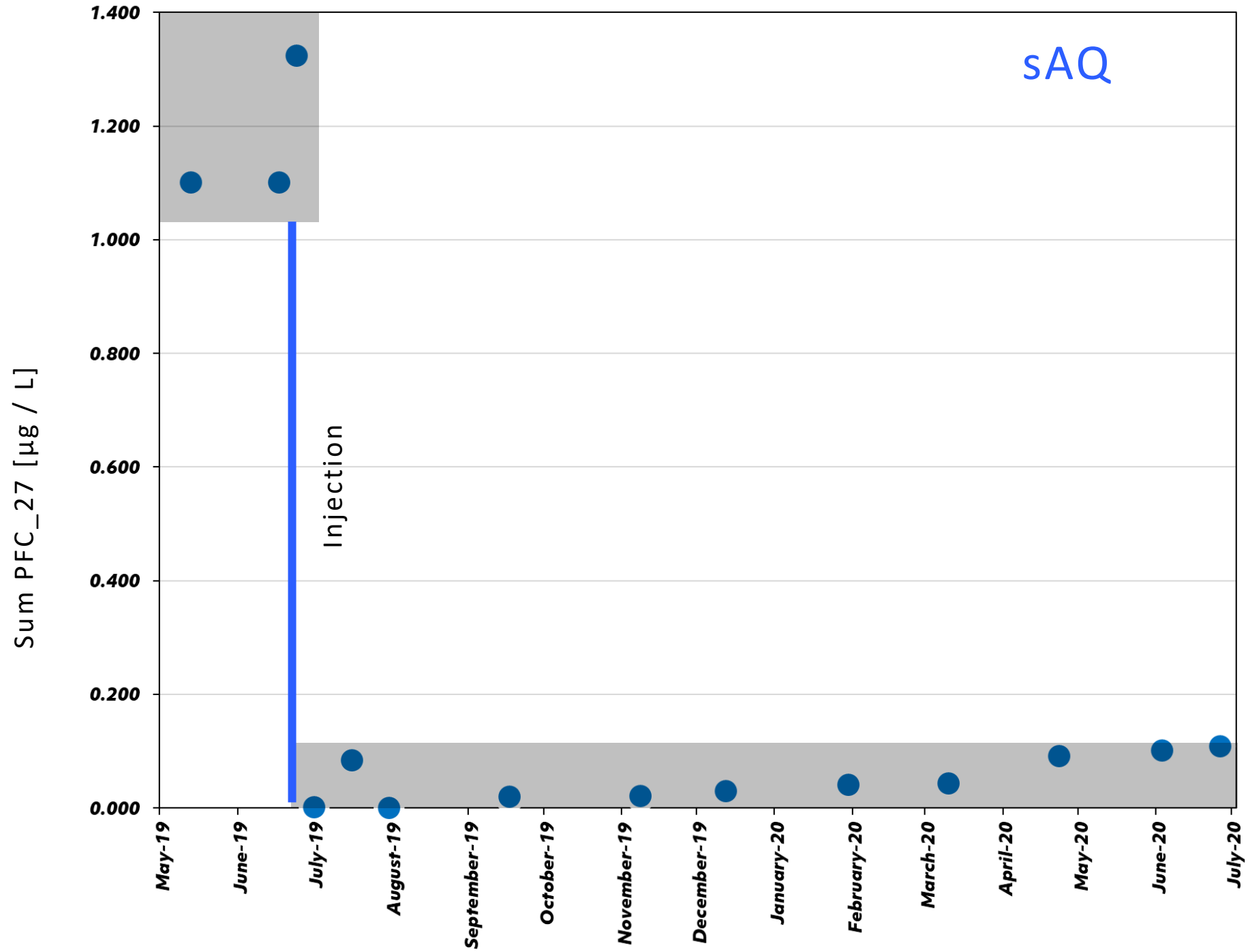
- Former NATO airport
- Now under federal management
- PFAS fire fighting training area highly contaminated
- Plume needed containment



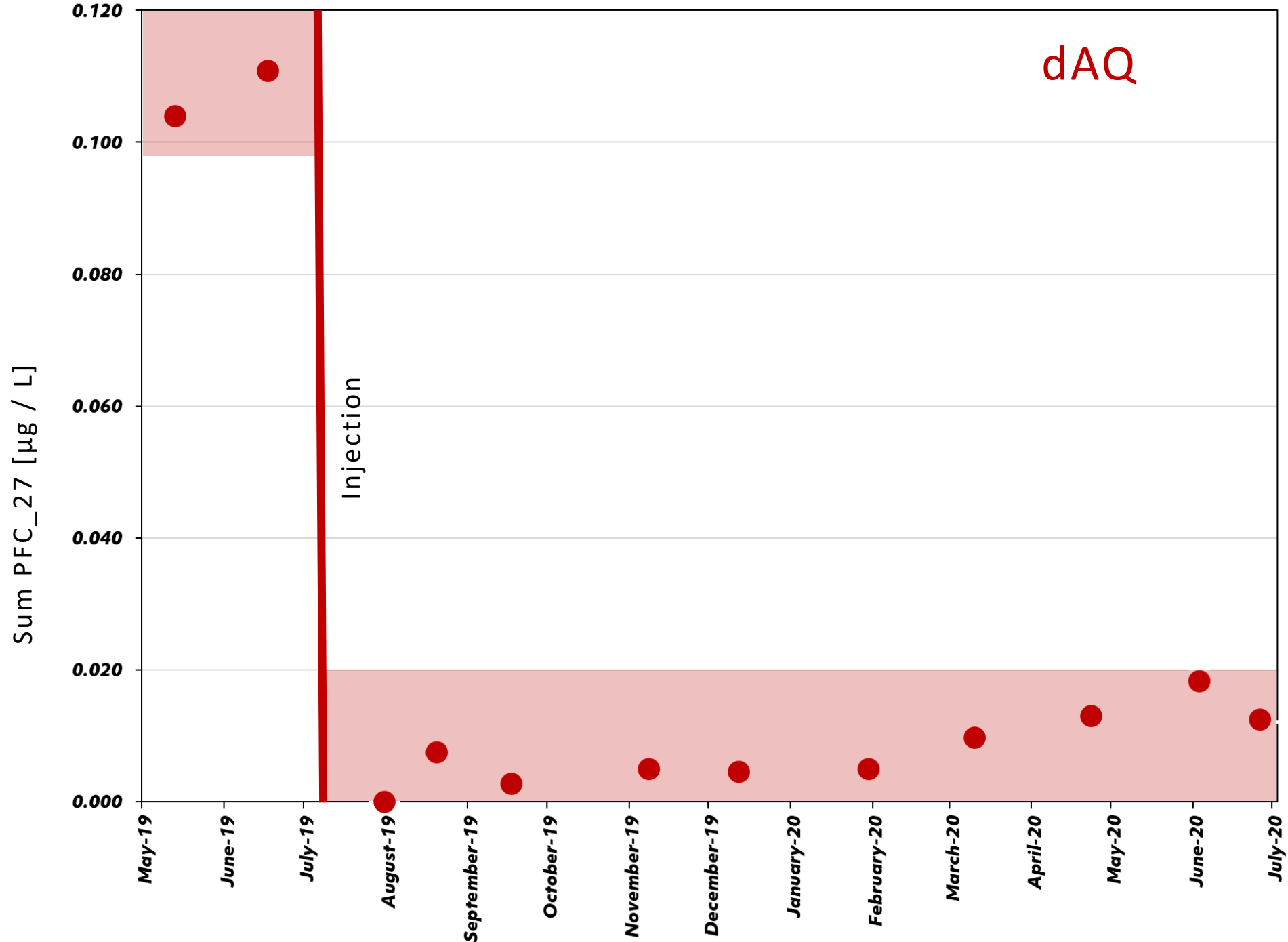














*Thank you for your attention !!  
Questions ?!?*



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