

# Occurrence and distribution of contaminants of emerging concern along the **Ergene River during dry seasons**

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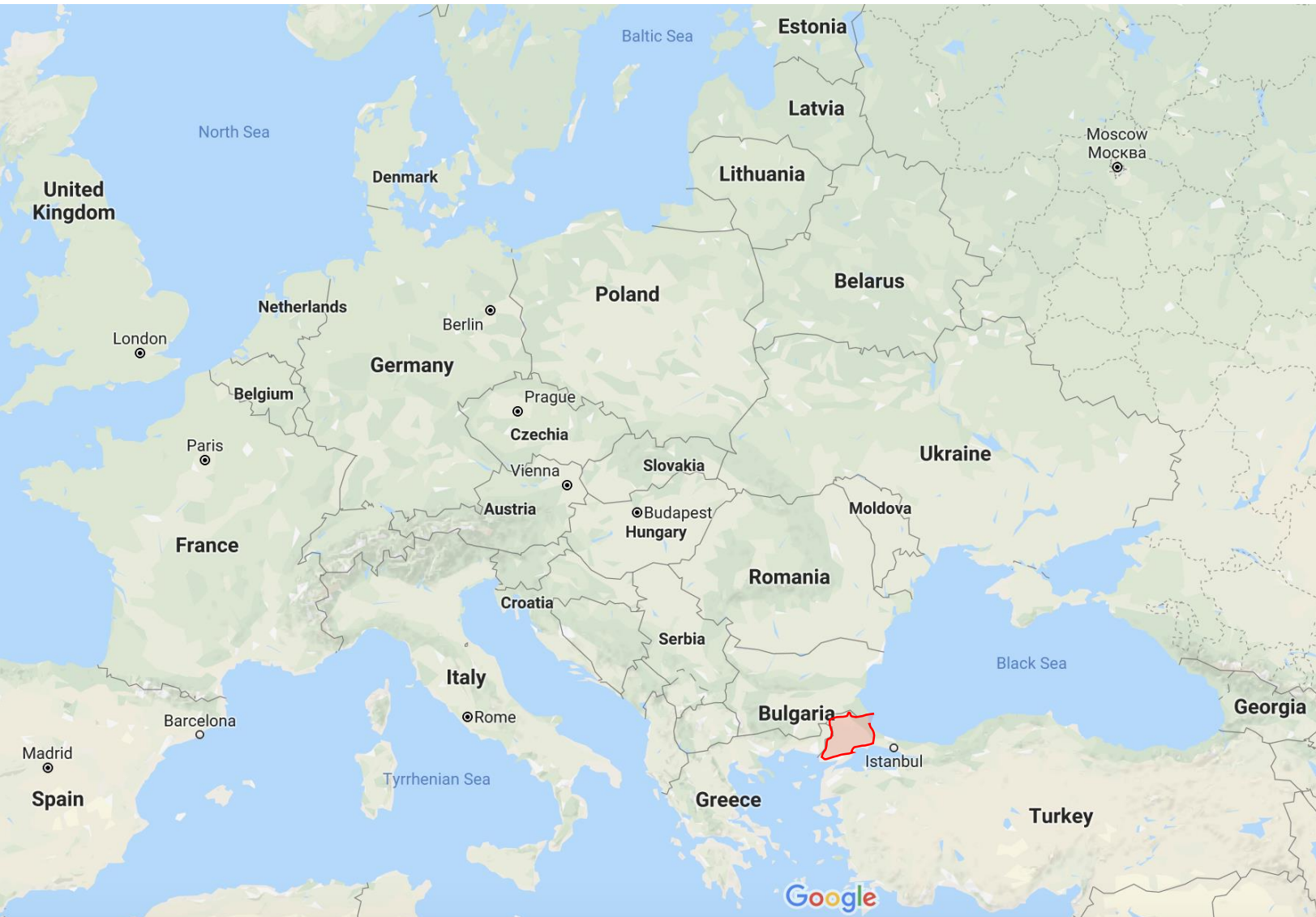
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# Study Area

## Ergene Watershed



NorthWestern **Turkey**  
SouthEastern **Europe**

**12,438 km<sup>2</sup>**

**2M People**

# Study Area

## Ergene River

289 km long river

Northeast → Southwest

Meets **Maritsa River** → **Aegean Sea**

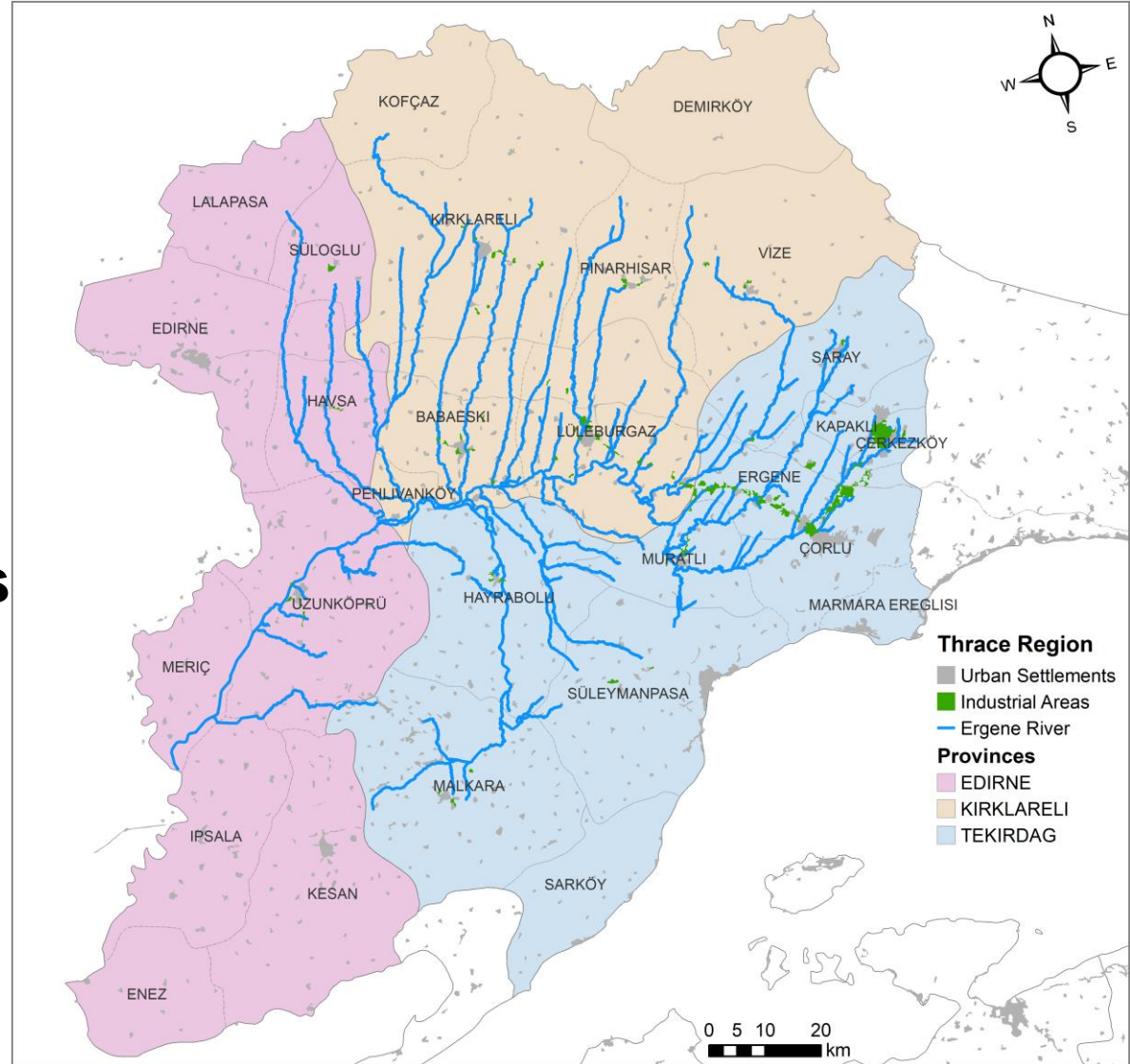
**INDUSTRY**

**URBAN SETTLEMENT**

**AGRICULTURE**

**NOVEMBER (Dry) : 0.25 → 12.1 m<sup>3</sup>/s**

**FEBRUARY (Wet) : 3.55 → 254 m<sup>3</sup>/s**



Most  
polluted  
river in  
Turkey

# Problem

## Pollution

Point sources

Non-point sources

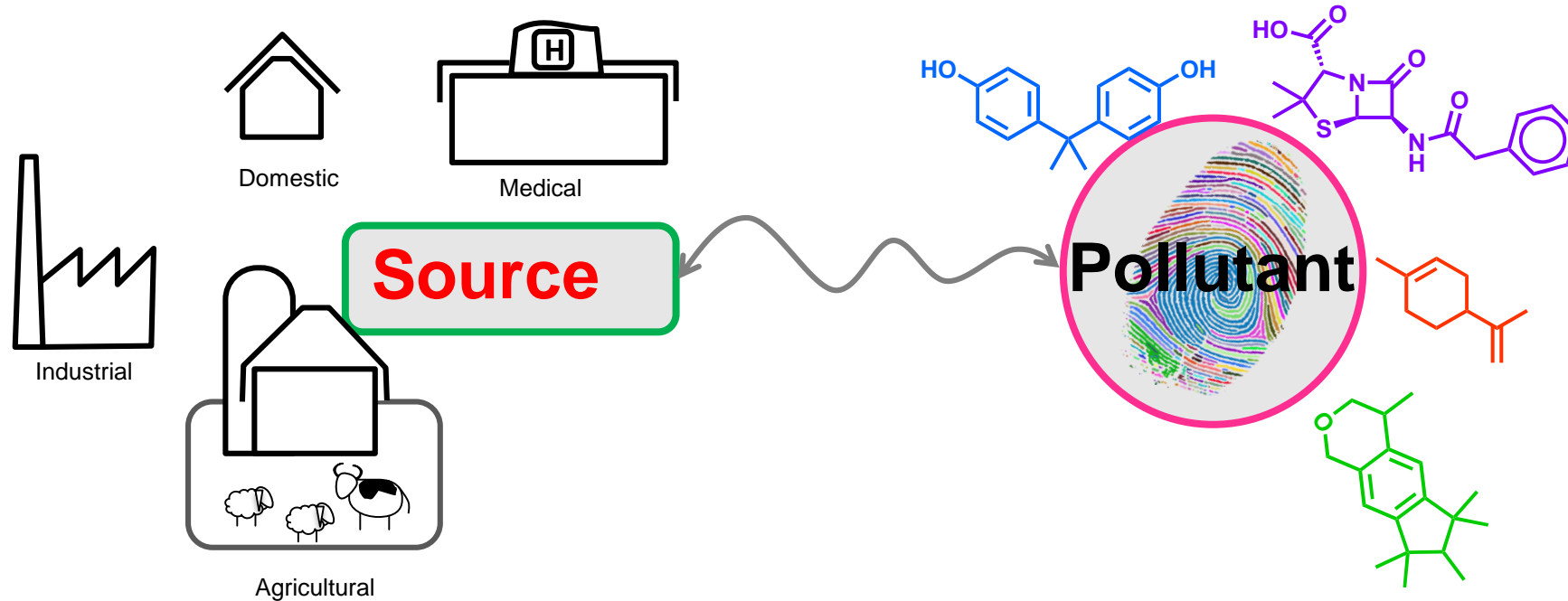
Textile  
Metal  
Food  
Dye  
Leather  
Pharma

- **Industrial:** Dominant sector, **1303 industrial facilities** (17 OIZs+ 389 singular). Metals and organic micropollutants
- **Domestic:** **only 2%** of the cities and villages have WWTP

- **Runoff** from agricultural farms, Source of **pesticides** (**1,560,825 kg** sold pesticides in 2016)
- **Runoff** from animal farms, source of **antibiotics**
- **Runoff** from solid waste disposal sites

Wheat, corn,  
sunflower,  
canola, barely,  
rice, vegetables  
etc.

# Objective



Identify pollution source zone (PSZs) and pollutant relationship

**Pollutant Fingerprint**

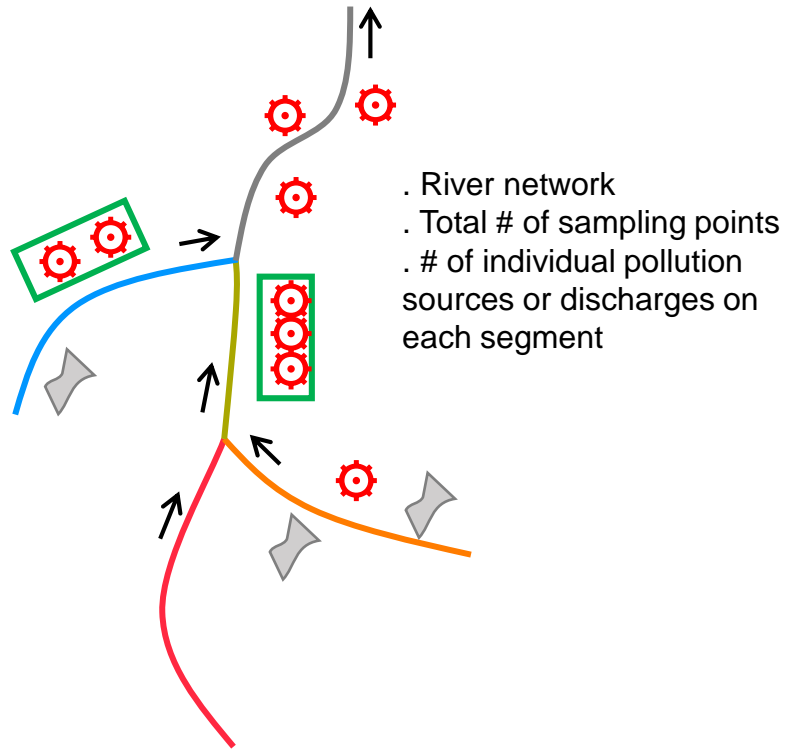
Evaluate **Pollutant Transport** from source thru the river






Calculate **Pollutant Loads** from PSZs



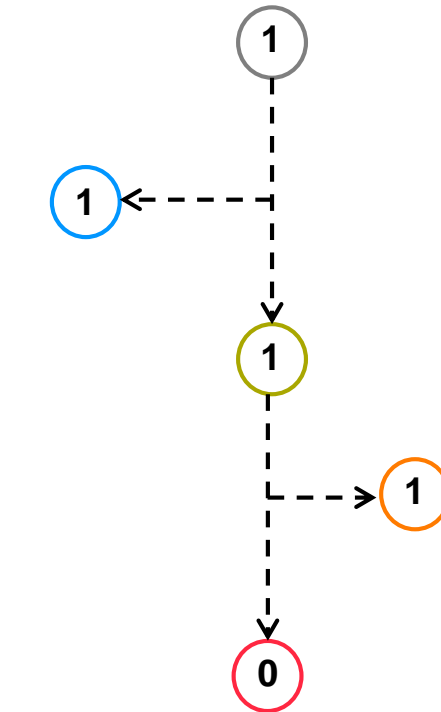
# Sampling


## Input



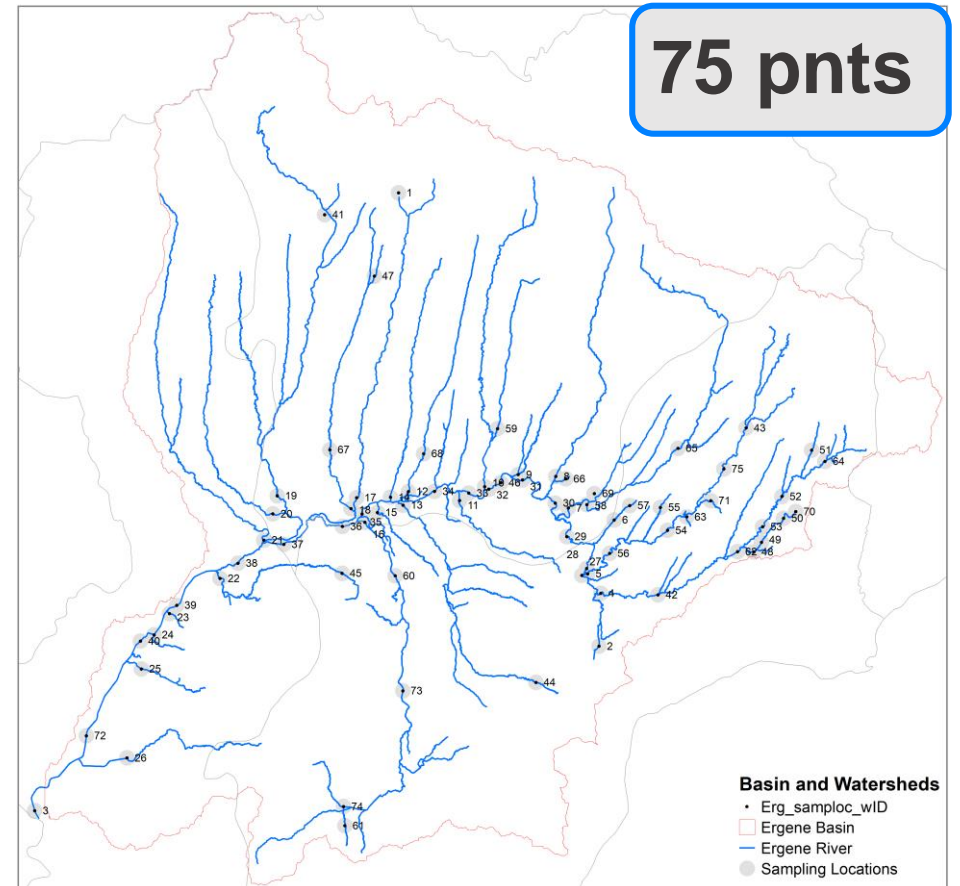
-  industrial zone
-  urban settlement
-  industrial facility
-  river segment
-  river segment

## Model Framework



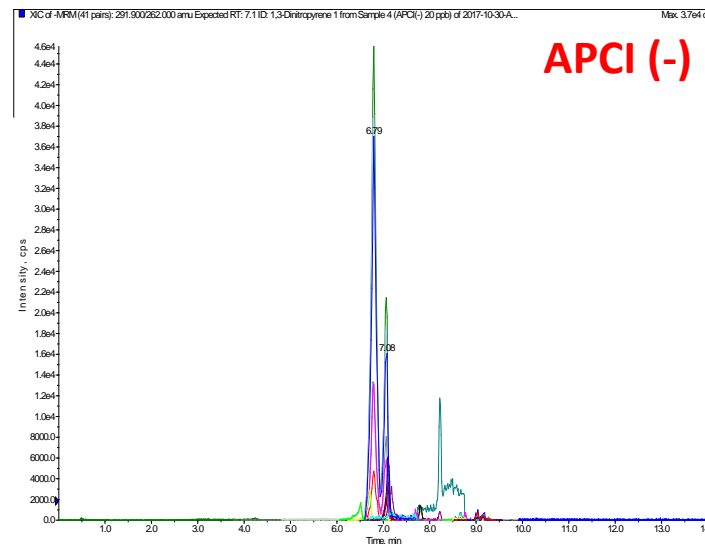
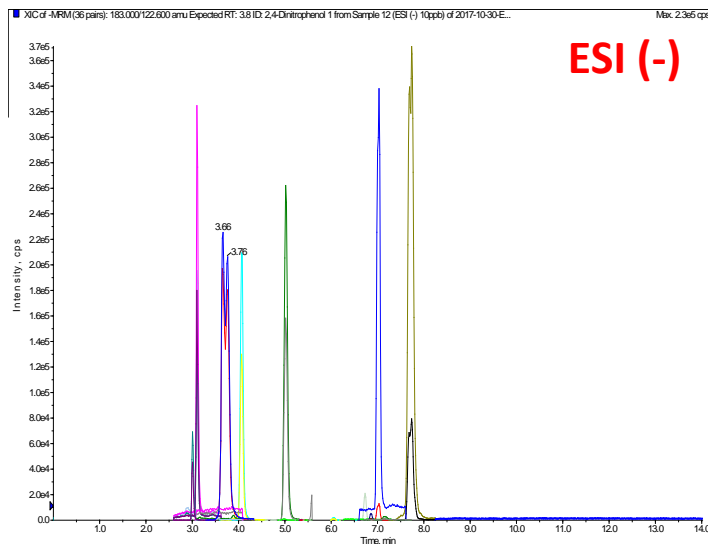
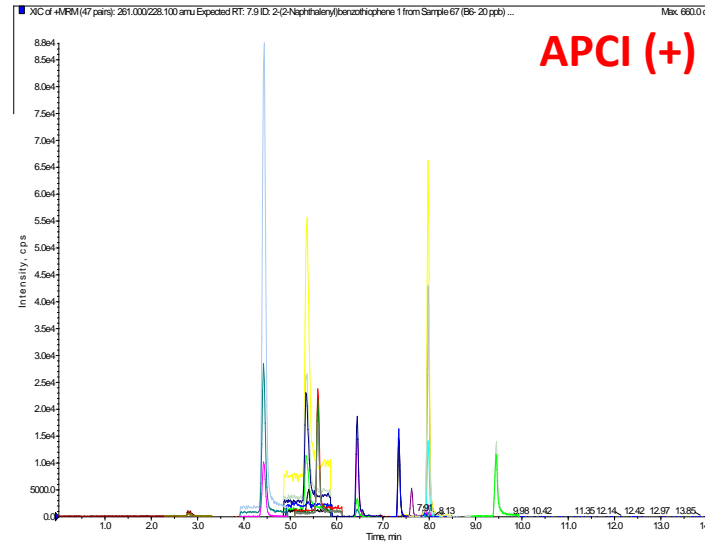
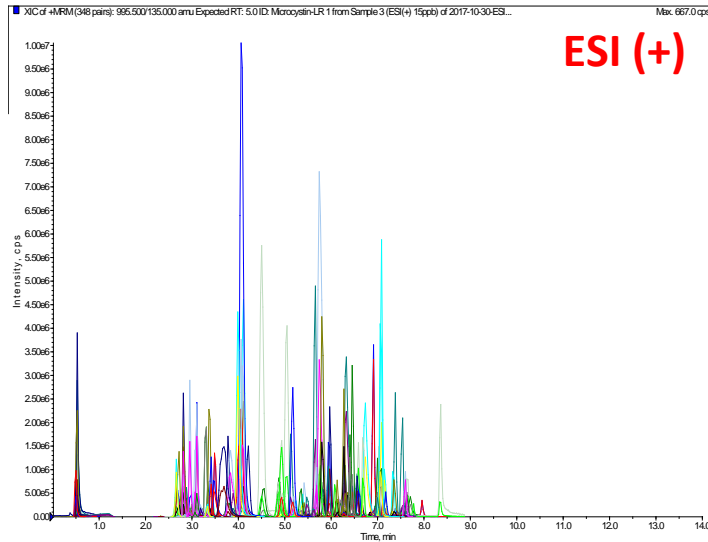
-  Binary tree node corresponding to a river segment

**Objective function:** *pollution sources, profile for pollutant transport modeling*

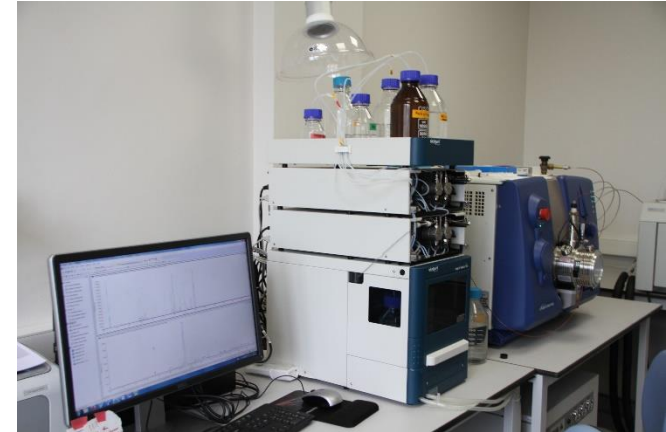


# Micropollutant Analysis

## ESI and APCI ionization



## AB SCIEX Qtrap 4500



## 240 Micropollutants

Emerging pollutants  
(CEC List of Norman Network)

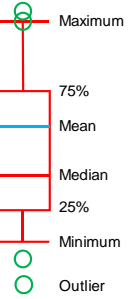
Priority pollutants  
(EU Water Framework Directive)

# Micropollutants in Ergene River

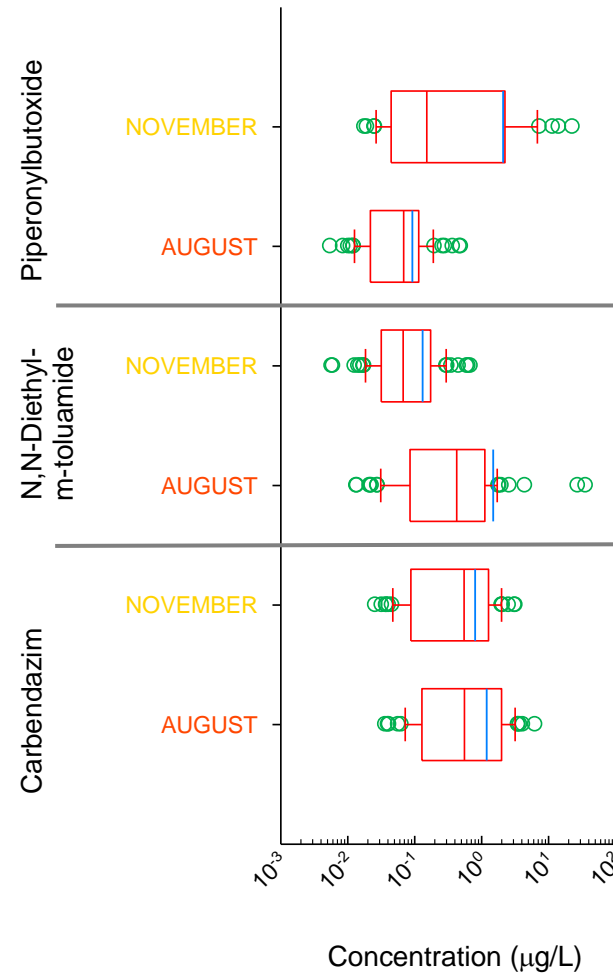
**August** and **November** 2017

Pollutants	August	November
<b>Organic pollutants</b>		
Pharmaceuticals	16	16
Agricultural (pesticides)	54	57
Flame retardants	4	5
Fragrances	10	12
Manufacturing of other chemicals (dyes, paints, rubber, pesticides, etc.)	11	10
Surfactants	5	5
Combustion byproducts	12	12
Sunscreening agents	5	4
Other chemicals	14	14
<b>Total organic pollutants</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>135</b>
<b>Inorganic pollutants</b>		
Heavy metals	16	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>151</b>

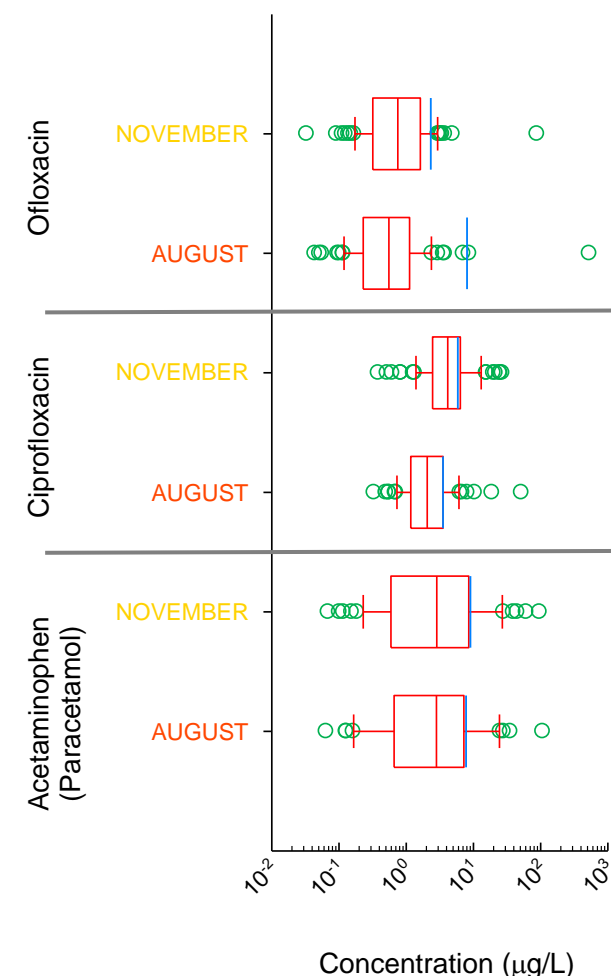
## Most frequent detected micropollutants



### Agricultural Chemicals



### Pharmaceuticals



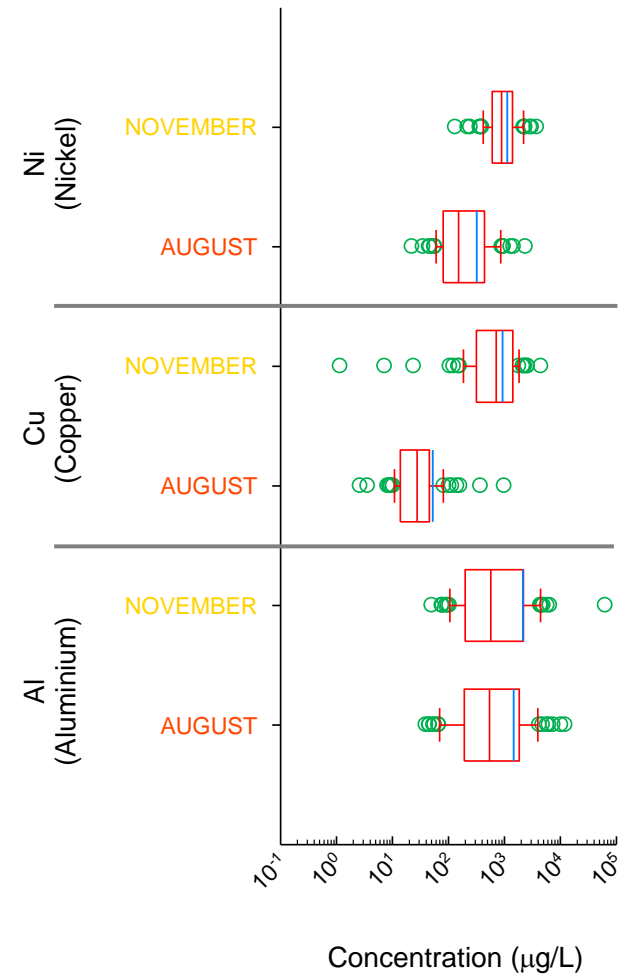
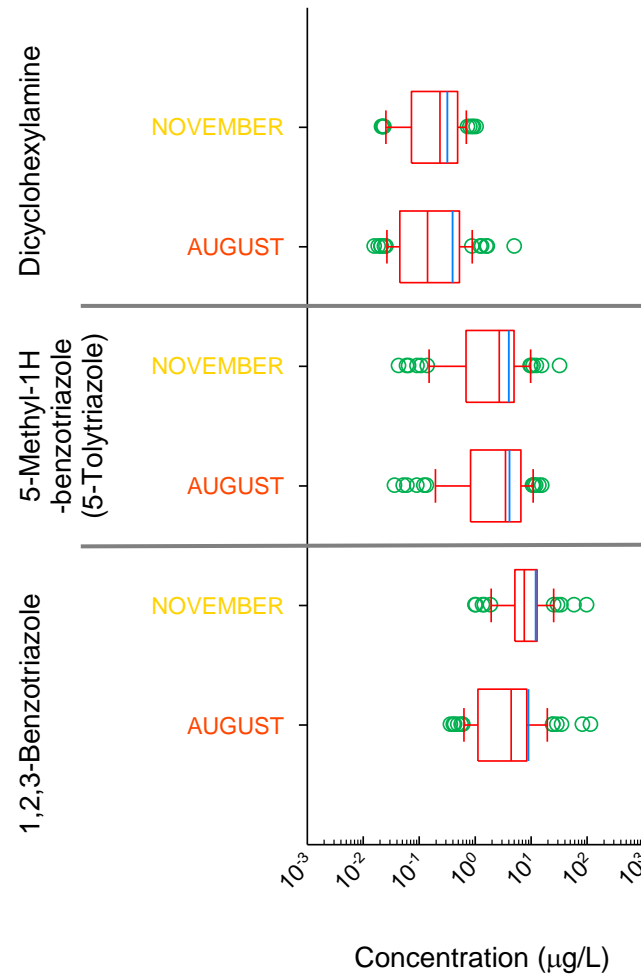
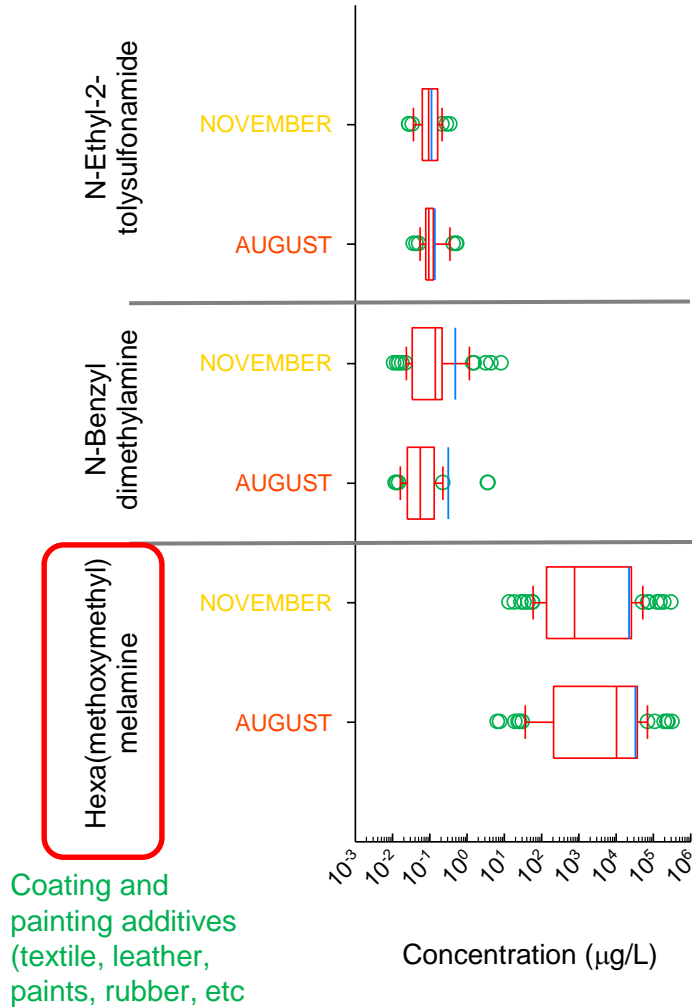


# Micropollutants in Ergene River

## Manufacturing of Chemicals

## Corrosion Inhibitors

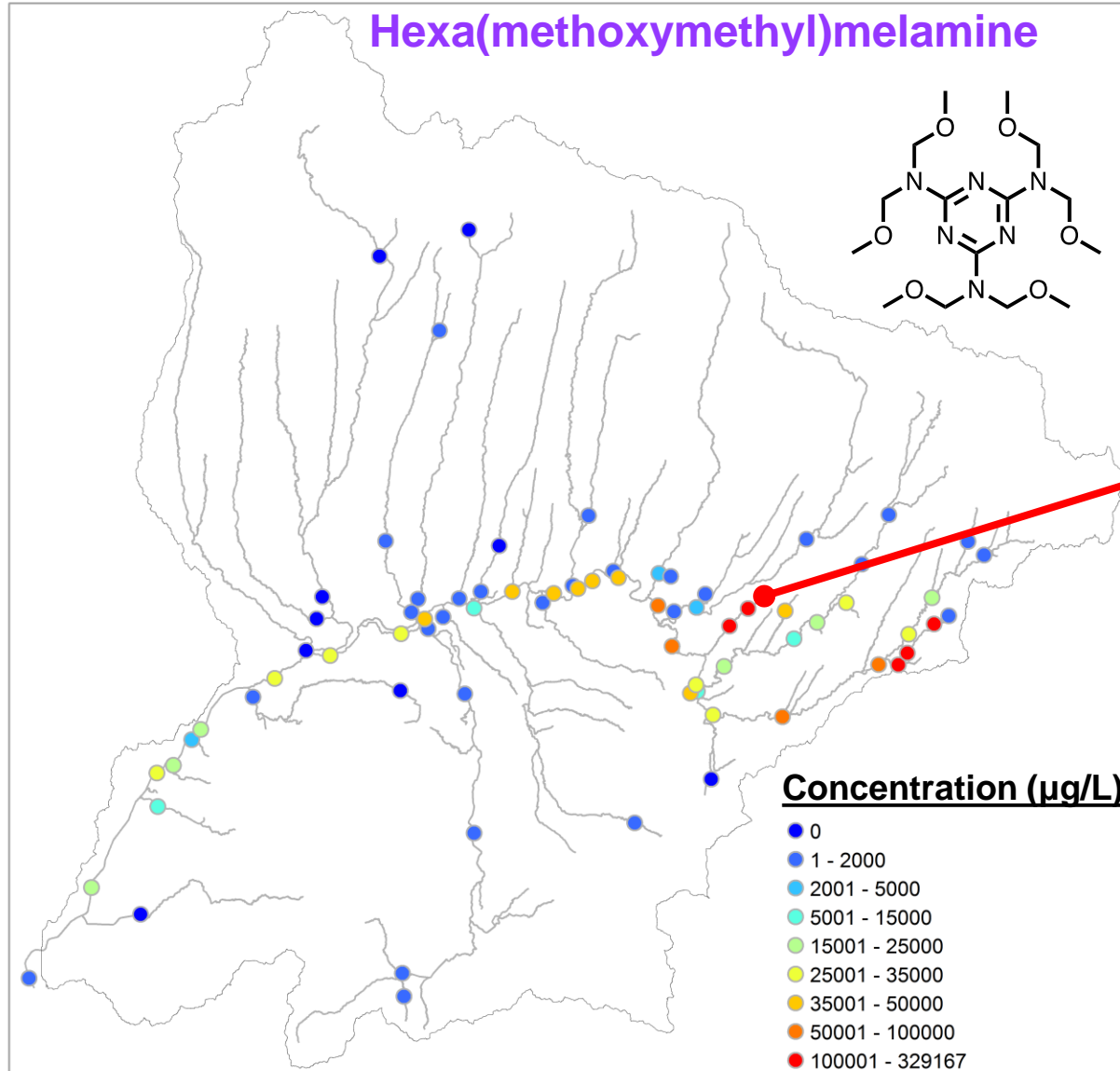
## Heavy Metals

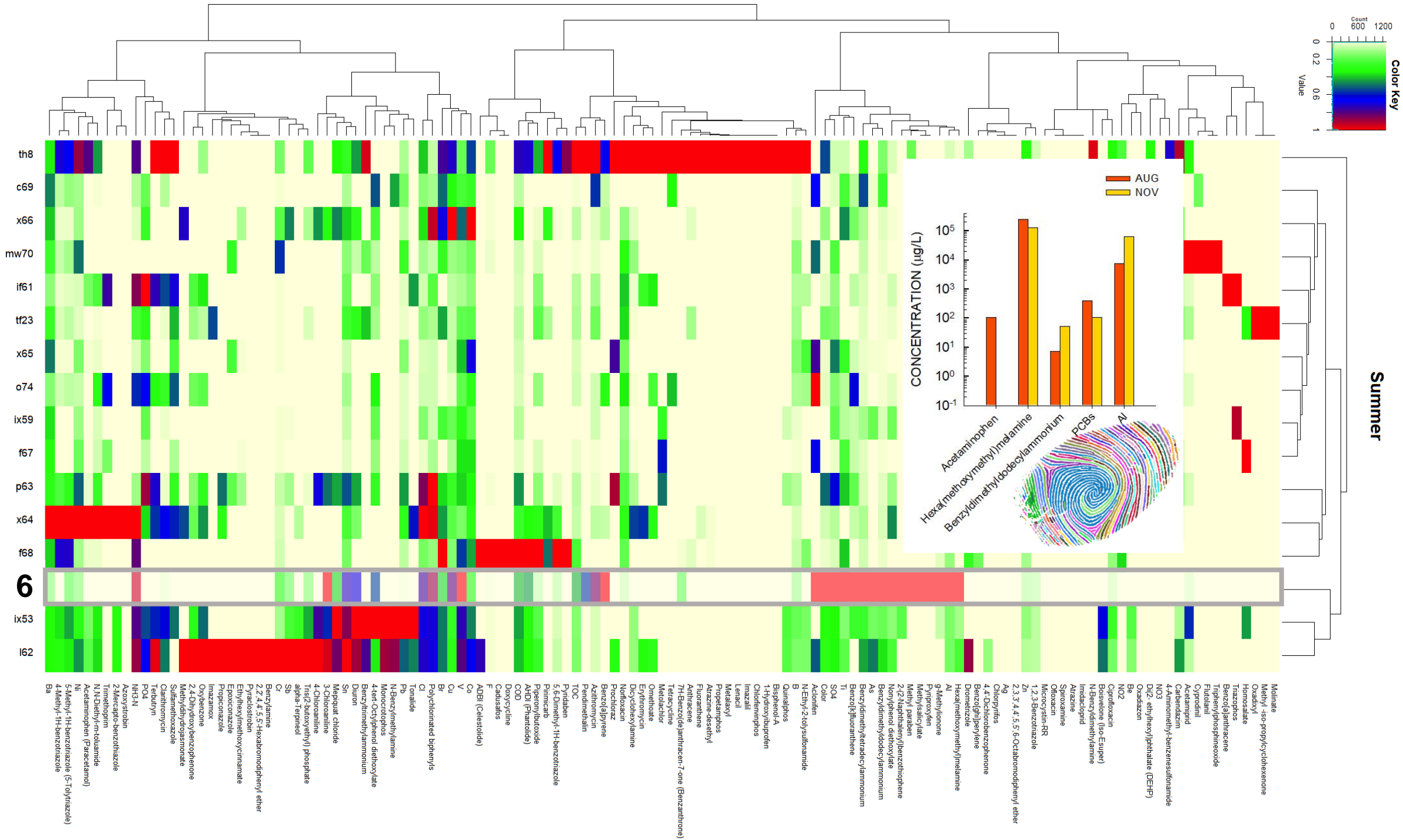


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## Industrial Zone

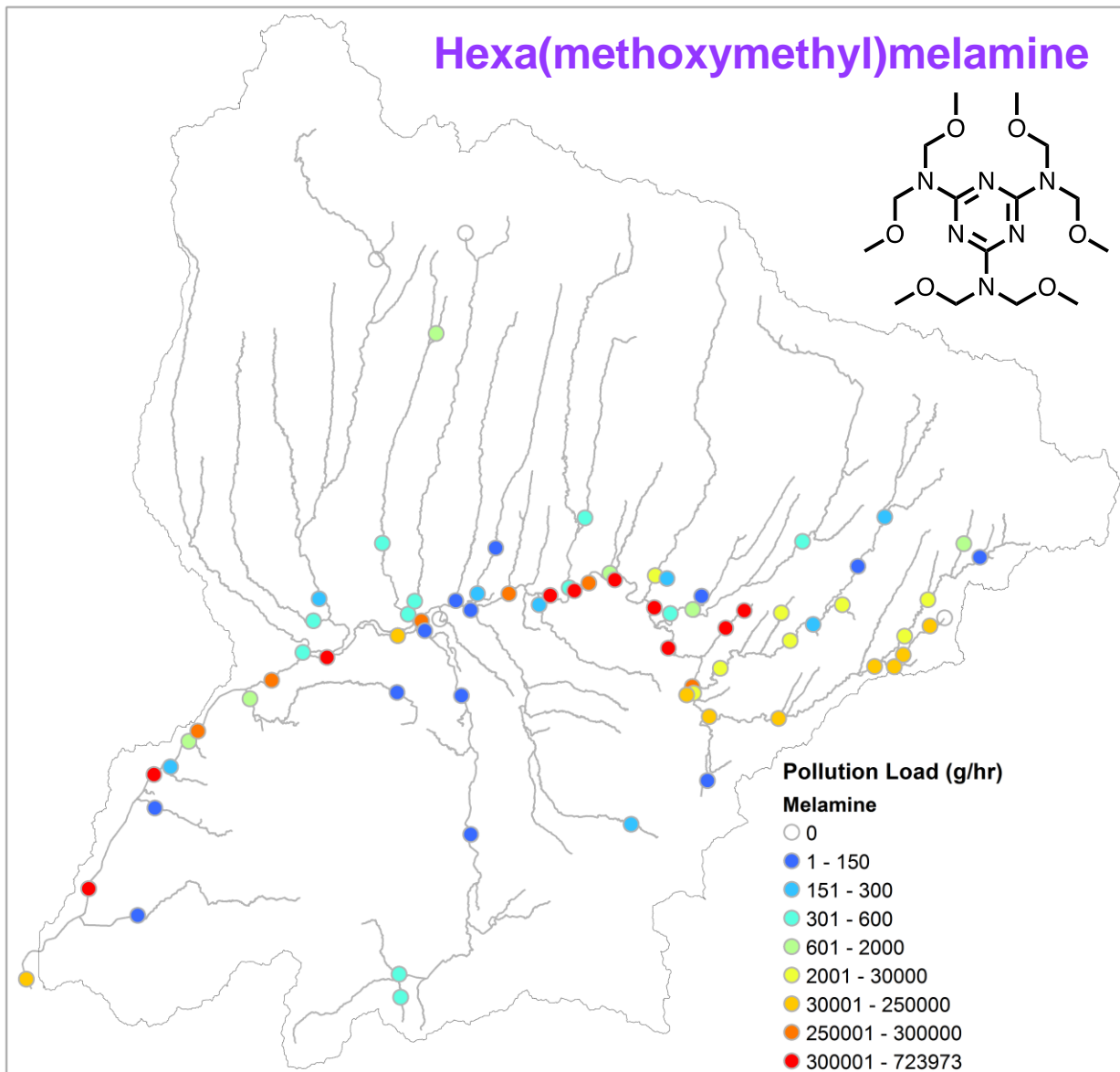
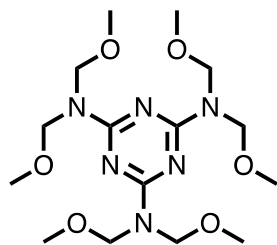
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Leather  
Pharma  
Dye  
Aluminum  
Electronics



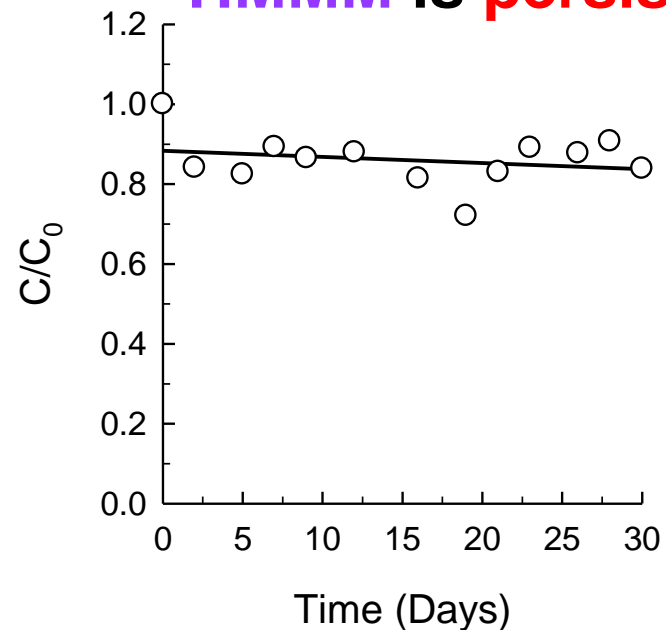


# Concentration vs. Load

Hexa(methoxymethyl)melamine



**HMMM is persistent!**



**LOAD** sustains thru the river

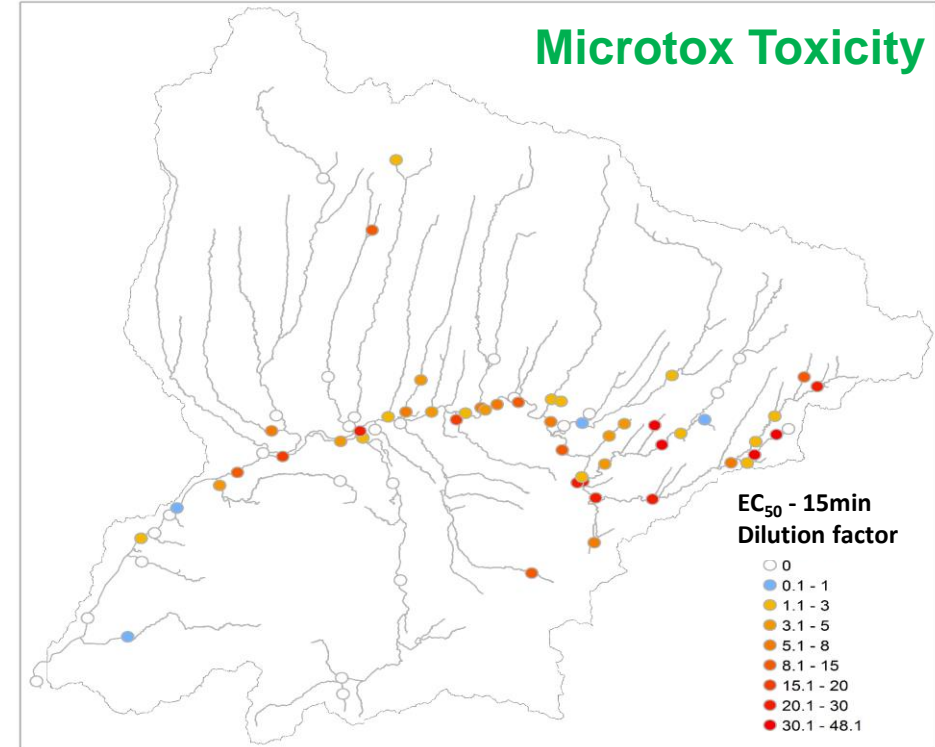
**HMMM** may be used to detect discharges and pollutant loads from a particular pollution zone

# Future Research

Identify **signature persistent pollutants** to track discharges from pollution sources

Couple micropollutant **measurements and toxicity** to set PNECs OR **PNEdf**: Predicted No-Effect Dilution Factor

Based on PNEdf's identify risk zones and set **Maximum Daily Pollutant Loads (MDPLs)**



## Integrated Watershed Management System

### GIS

Measurements → Transport Model → PNEdf → MDPLs → Regulations



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