

Development of a mass balance model and guidelines for reducing emissions of micro pollutants with regard to water quality

The “MikroModell” project: substances screening and modelling in Dresden, Chemnitz and Plauen (Germany)

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Challenges



- up to 70.000 new chemical substances each day
- 100.000 (OECD) / 30.000-70.000 (daily use) // 5.000 environmental relevant or rather harmful!
- **how to handle?**
- precautionary measures / polluters pay principle vs technological measures (4. sewage treatment)
- ecological-economic / legal aspects
- role of the consumers / public?
- political debate

Project partners



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Research Network Public Health

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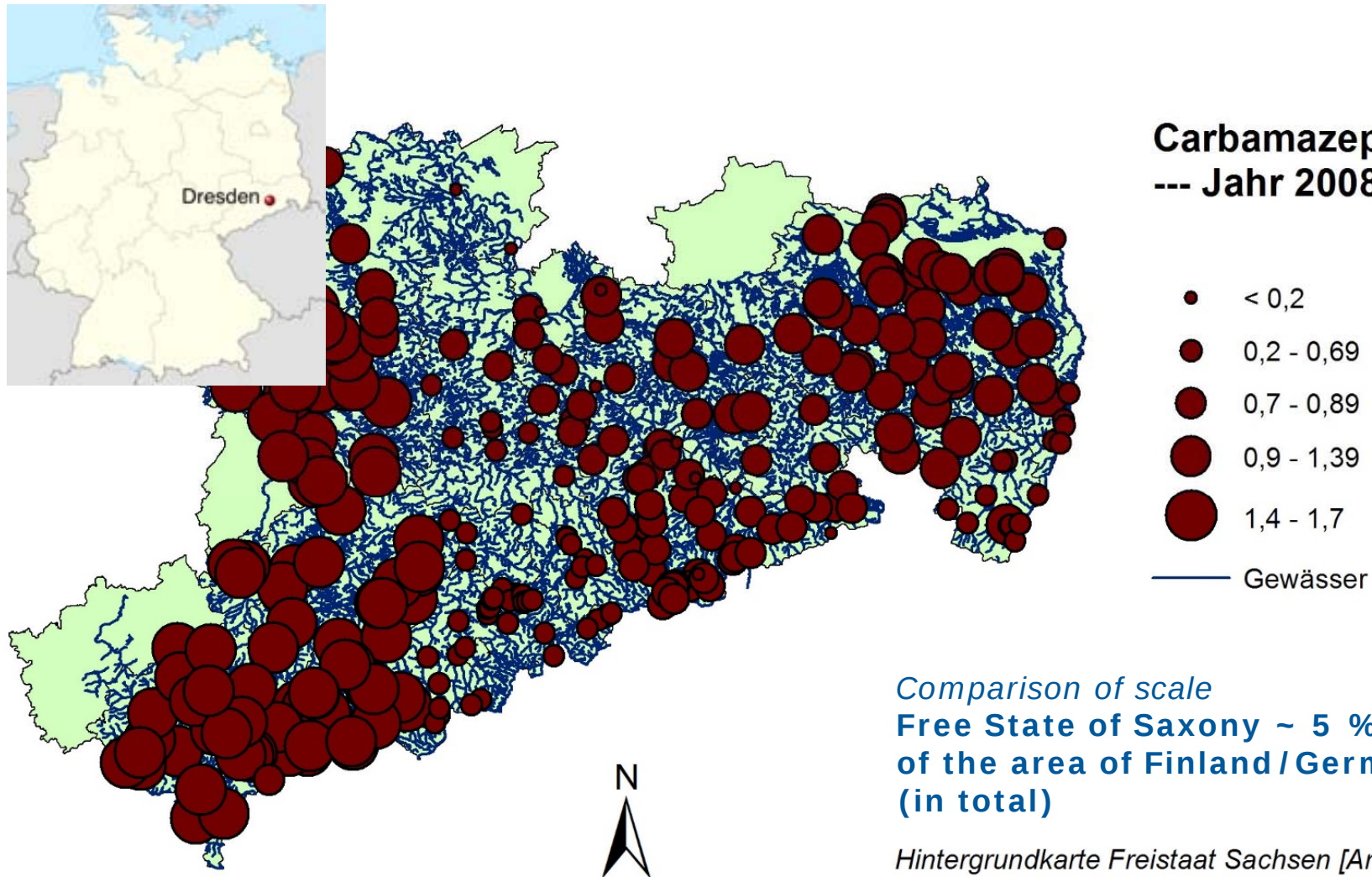


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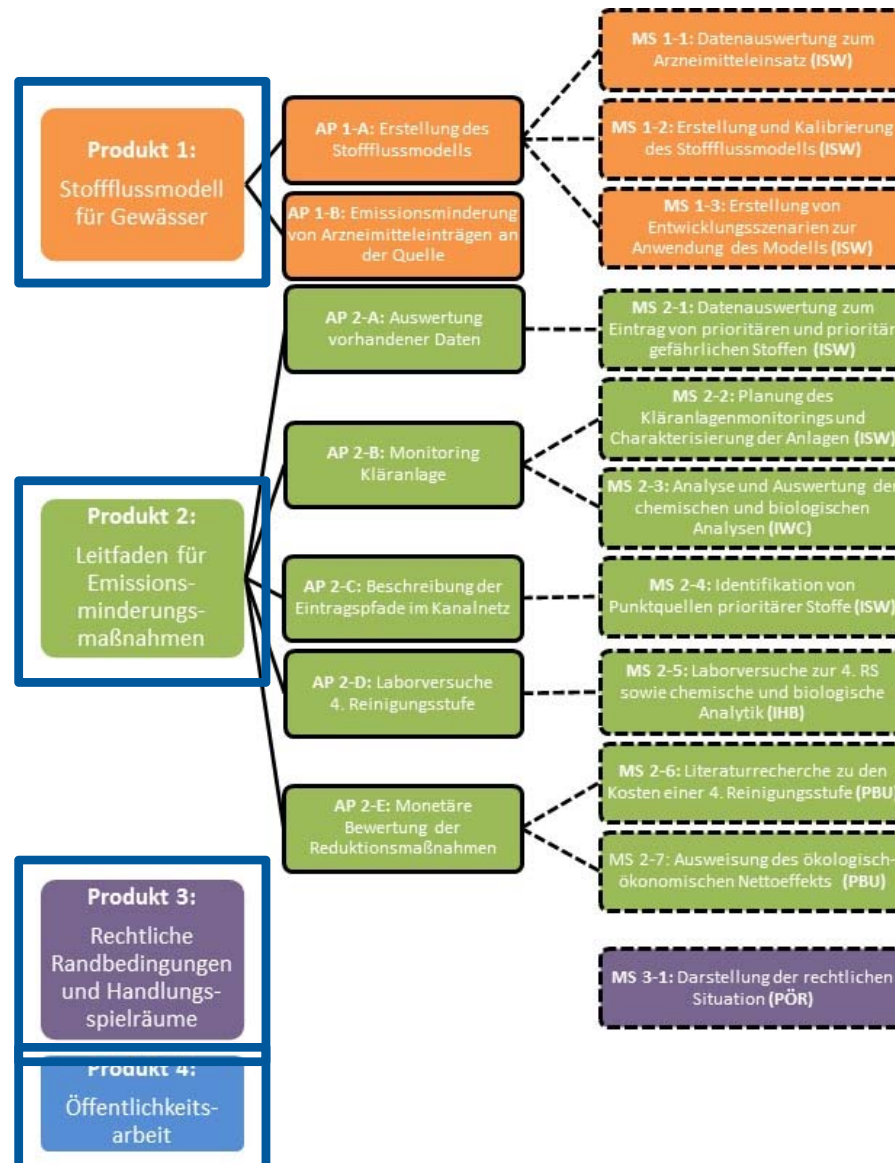
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Project area (of investigation)



Project structure / objectives

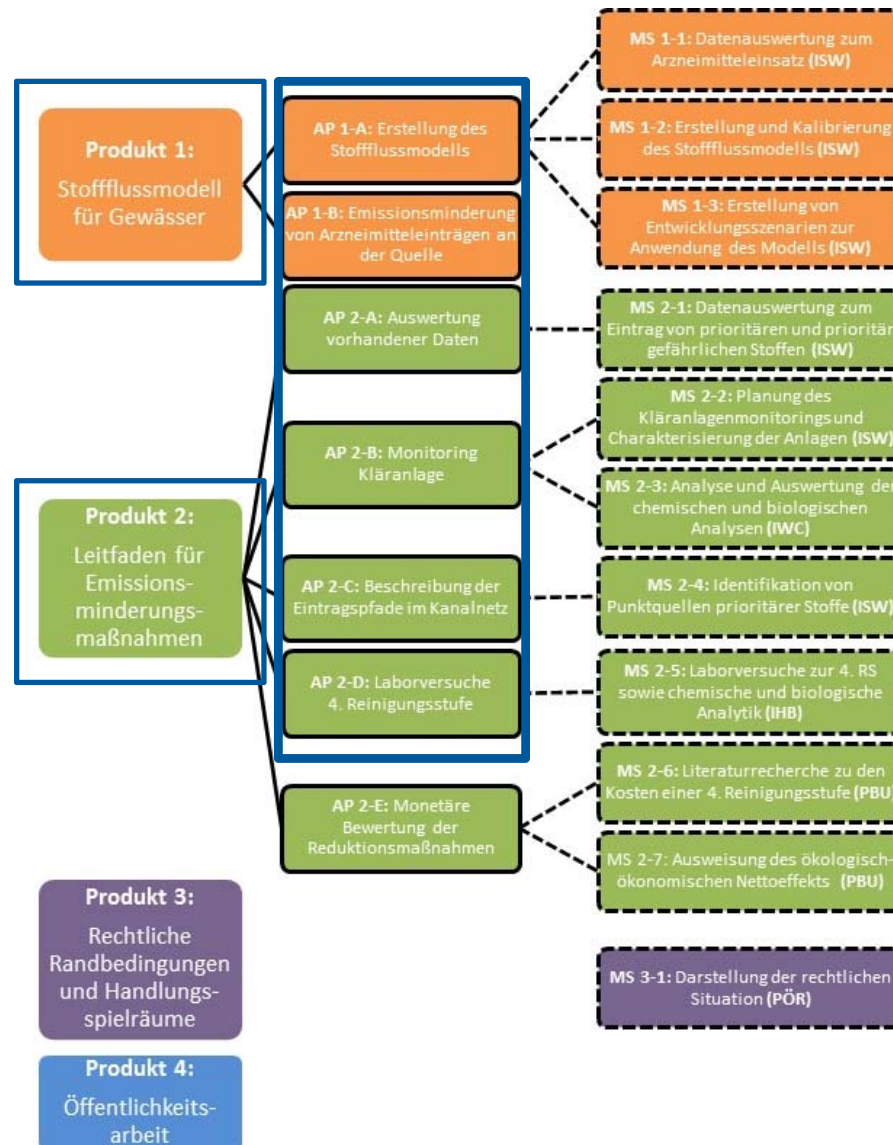


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- (2) guidelines for reducing emissions of micro pollutants - monitoring
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- (4) public relations

with various corresponding **work packages** and **milestones** resp.

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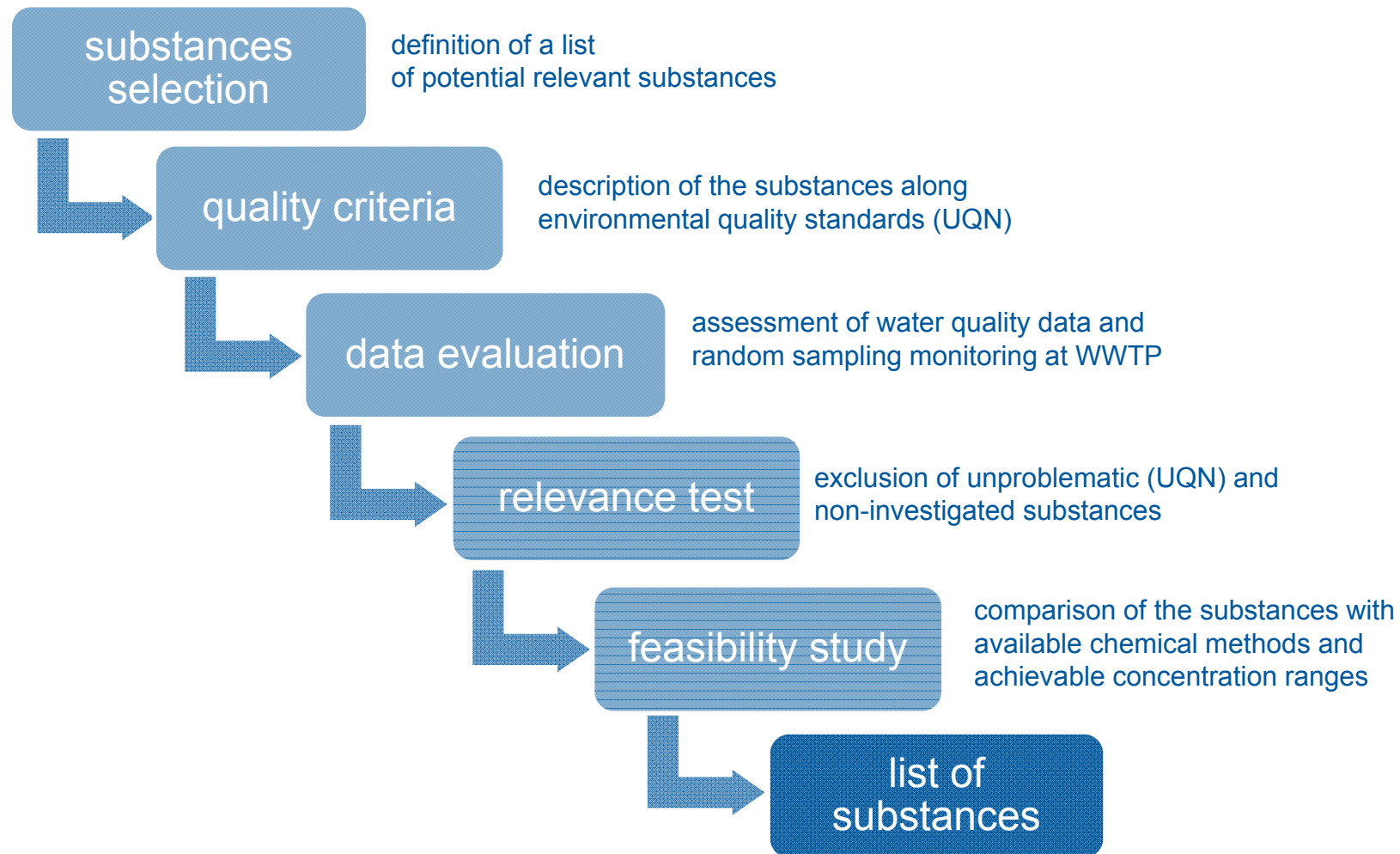
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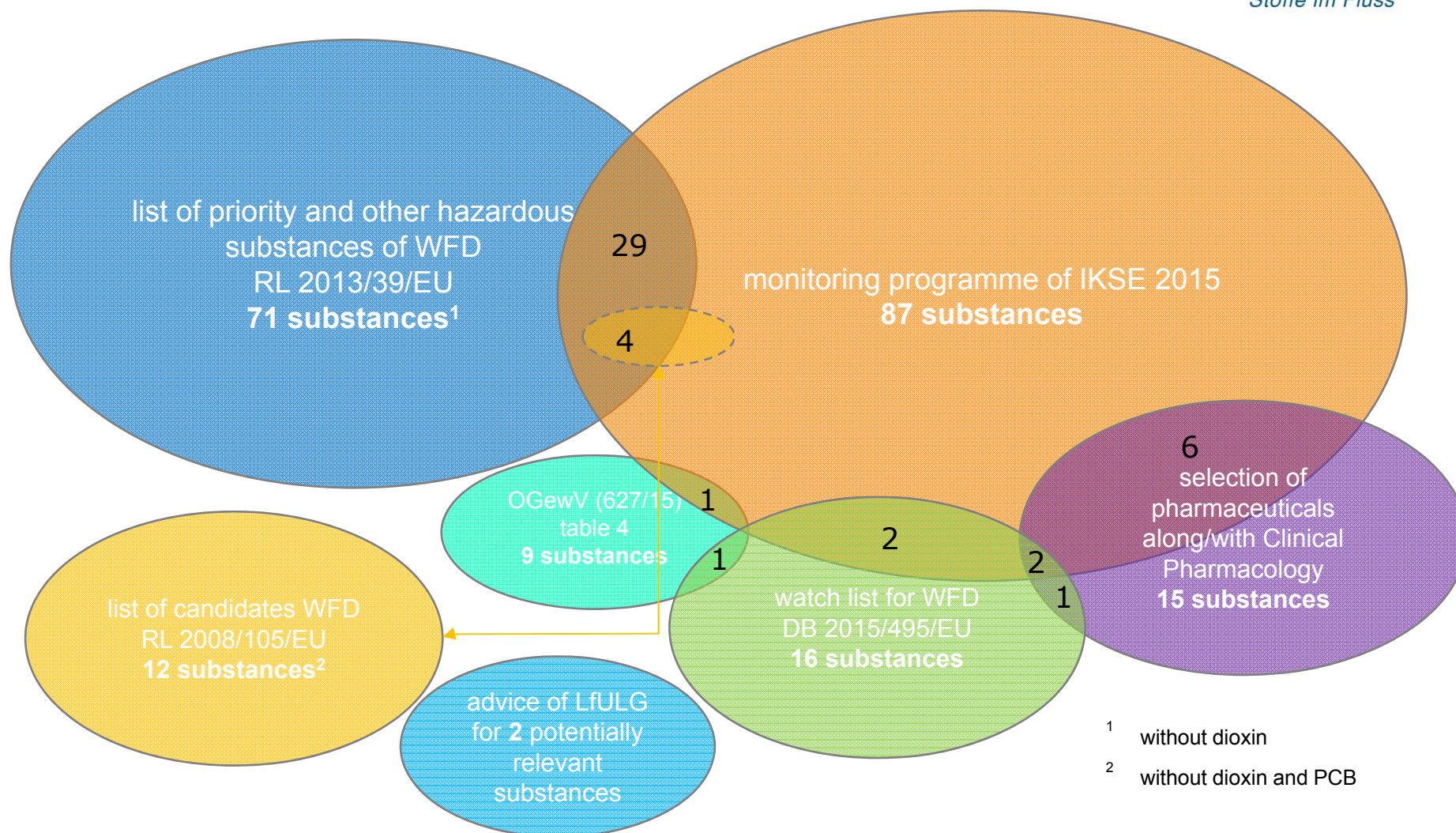
Topics

- selection of substances
for monitoring as well as modelling
- monitoring (preliminary results)
- modelling aspects (preliminary results)
- institutional settings
for additional monitoring/screening actions
- > **focusing mainly on methodological aspects**
due to missing/not yet confirmed results

Method/s of substances selection



Selection of priority substances



➔ **Σ 159 substances for alignment with river quality data of Chemnitz, Elbe & Weißer Elster!**

53 substances to investigate

8 PAC

Fluoranthren
Benzo(a)pyren
Benzo(b)fluoranthren
Benzo(ghi)perylene
Benzo(k)fluoranthren
Benzo(a)anthracene
Pyrene
Indeno(1.2.3-cd)pyrene

5 industry and household chemicals

Perfluorooctanesulfonate (PFOS)
Perfluorooctanoate (PFOA)
Benzotriazole (corrosion inhibitor)
Tolyltriazole (corrosion inhibitor)
4-Nonylphenol

3 heavy metals

Cadmium
Nickel
Mercury

15 pharmaceuticals

Ibuprofen
Diclofenac
Paracetamol
Naproxen
Metoprolol
Sulfamethoxazole
Erythromycin
Clarithromycin
Ciprofloxacin
Bezafibrate
Gabapentin
Carbamazepine
Metformin
Iomeprol
Fluoxetine

1 food additives

Acesulfame (sweetener)

19 pesticides and biocides

Diuron (Herbicide)
Isoproturon (Herbicide)
Terbutryn (Bioicide)
Metazachloric acid (Herbicide)
Metazachlorosulfonic acid (Herbicide)
Metolachlorosulfonic acid (Herbicide)
Dimethachloric acid (Herbicide)
Dimethachlorosulfonic acid (Herbicide)
2-Hydroxy-terbutylazine (Herbicide)
Imidacloprid (Insecticide)
Dimethoate (Insecticide)
Nicosulfuron (Herbicide)
p,p-DDT (Insecticide)
pp-DDE (Insecticide)
p,p-DDD (Insecticide)
o,p-DDD (Insecticide)
Dicofol (Acaricide)
Hexachlorobenzene (Fungicide)
Irgarol (Bioicide/Fungicide)

2 hormones

17 β -Estradiol
17 α -Ethinylestradiol

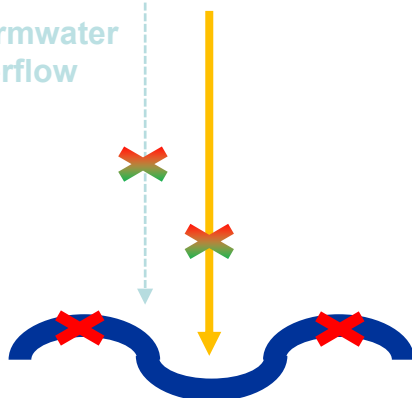
Monitoring at Wastewater Treatment p.



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110.000 EW (CSB)



stormwater
overflow



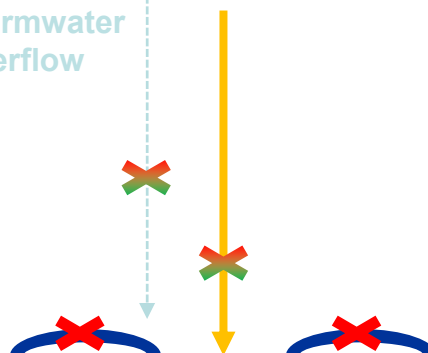
Weißer Elster, $MNQ = 1,8 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$



KA Chemnitz-Heinersdorf
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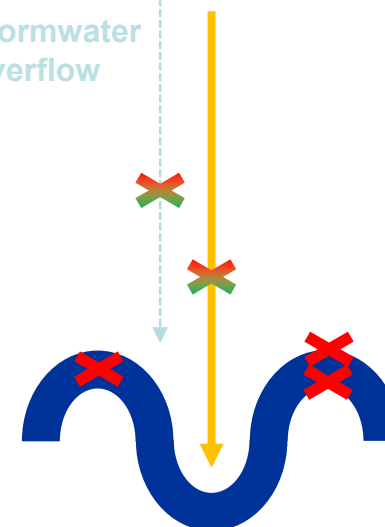
Chemnitz, $MNQ = 0,67 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$



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770.000 EW (CSB)



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Elbe, $MNQ = 106 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

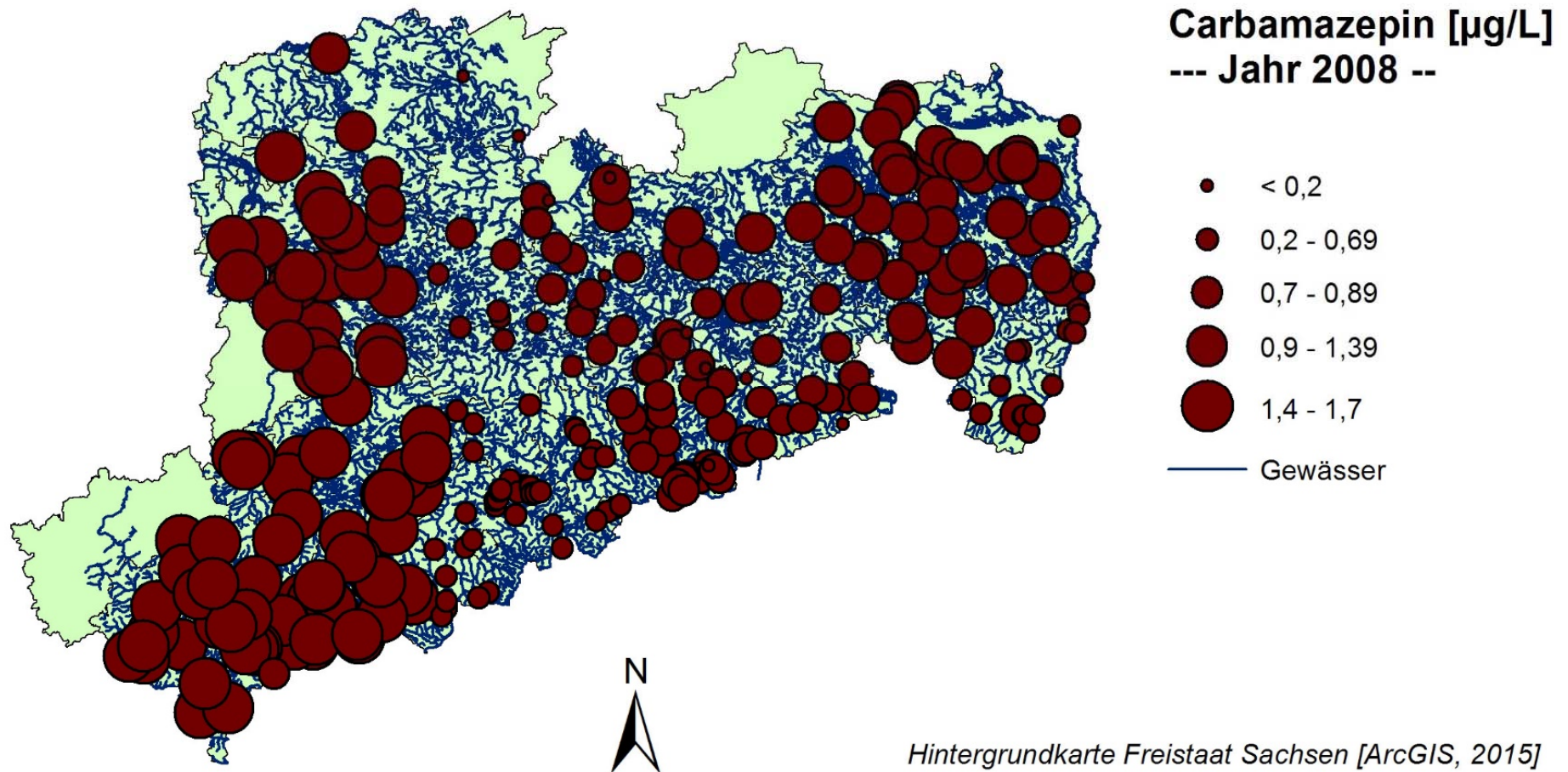


chemical monitoring

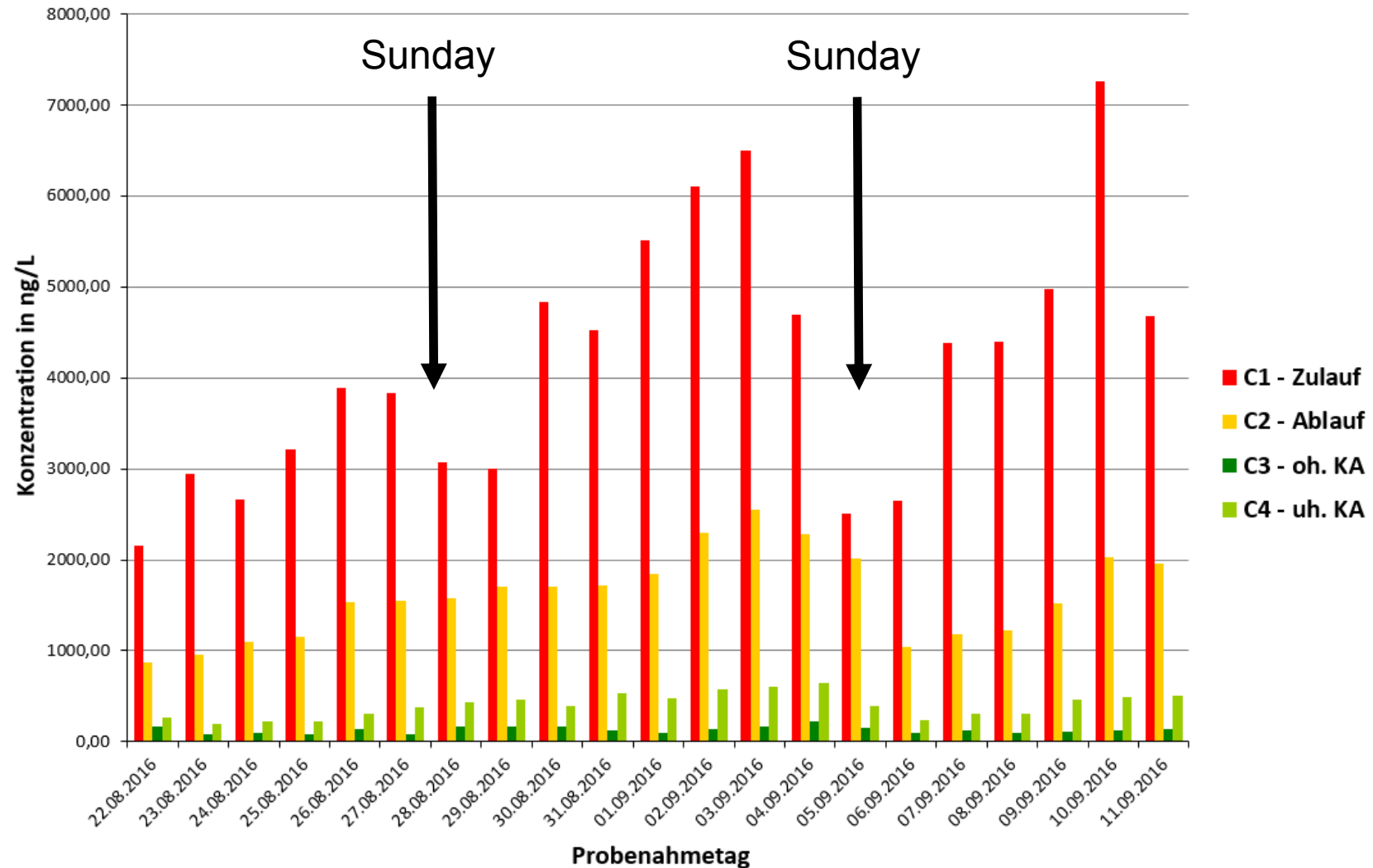


chemical/ecotoxicological monitoring

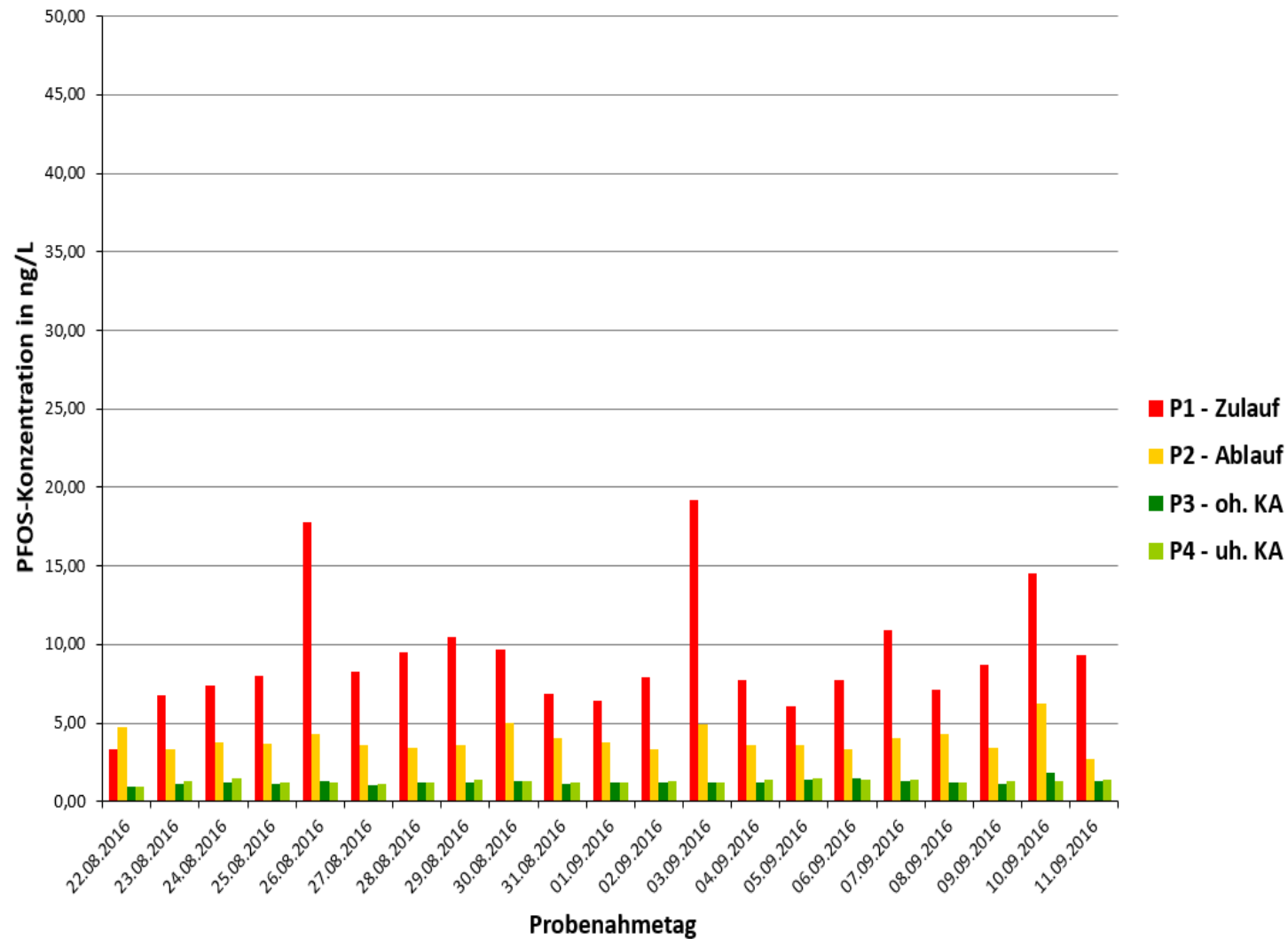
Monitoring (preliminary results)



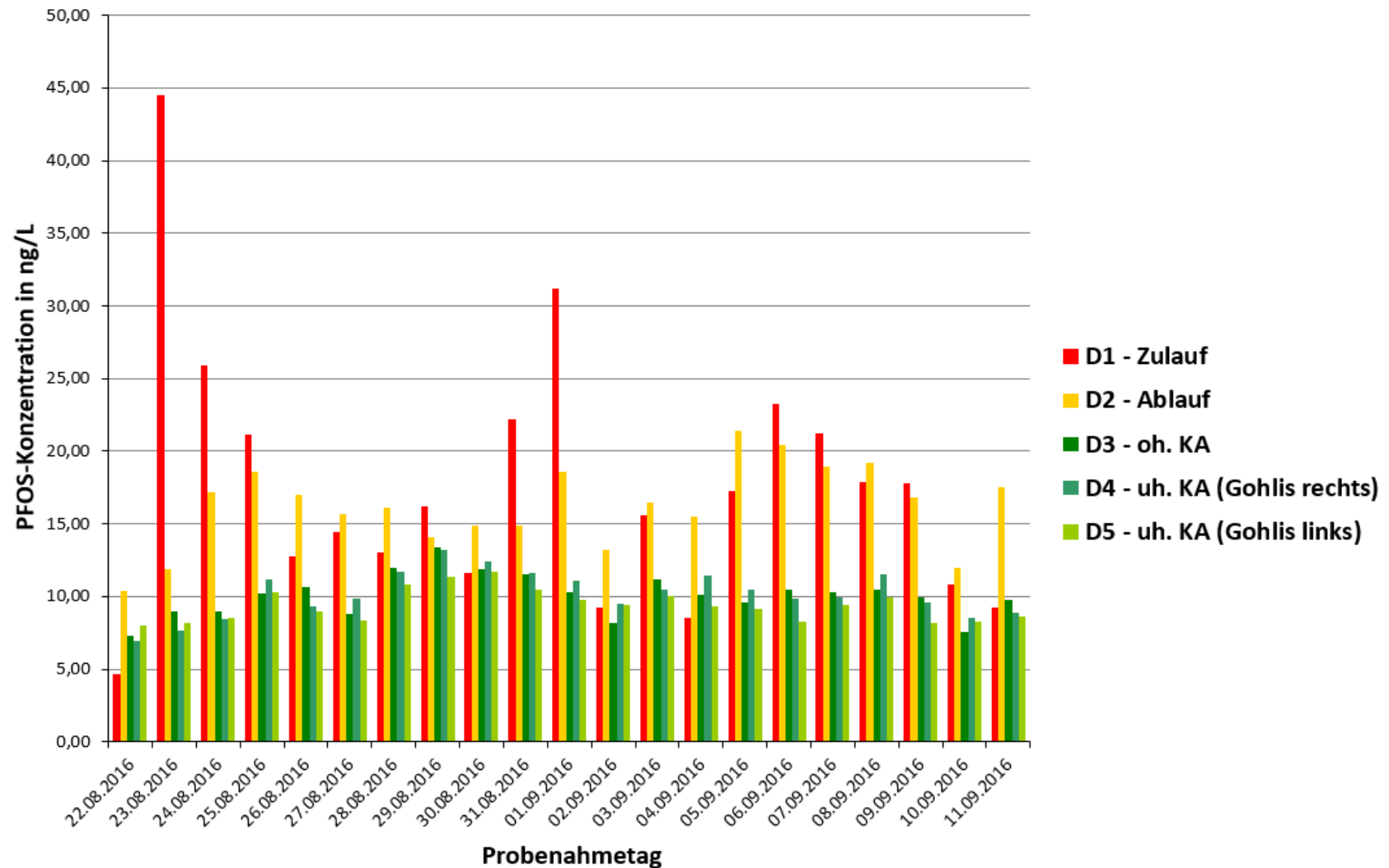
example/s: temporal resolution (1H-Benzotriazol, Chemnitz)



example/s: site specific differences (PFOS, Plauen)

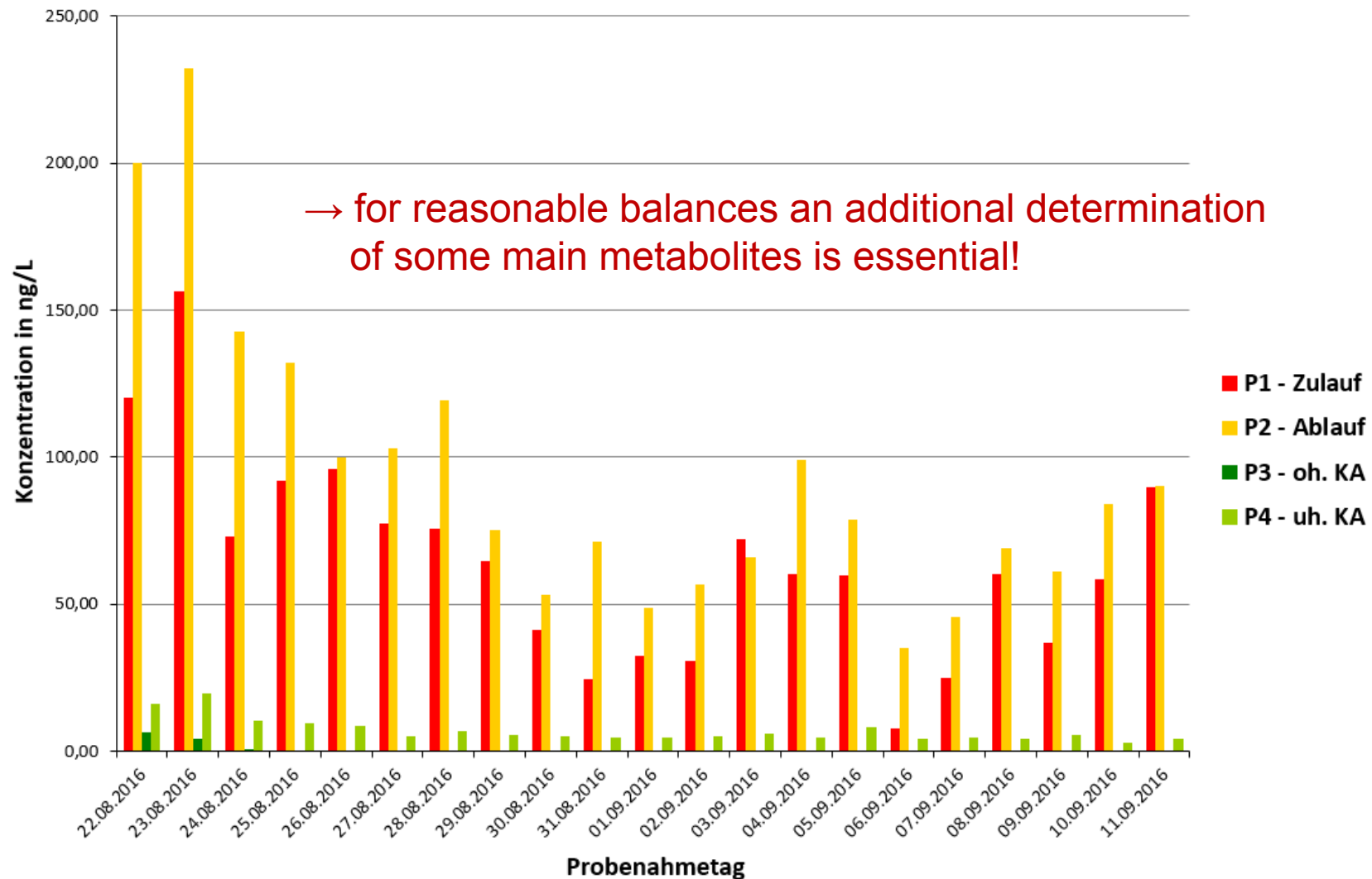


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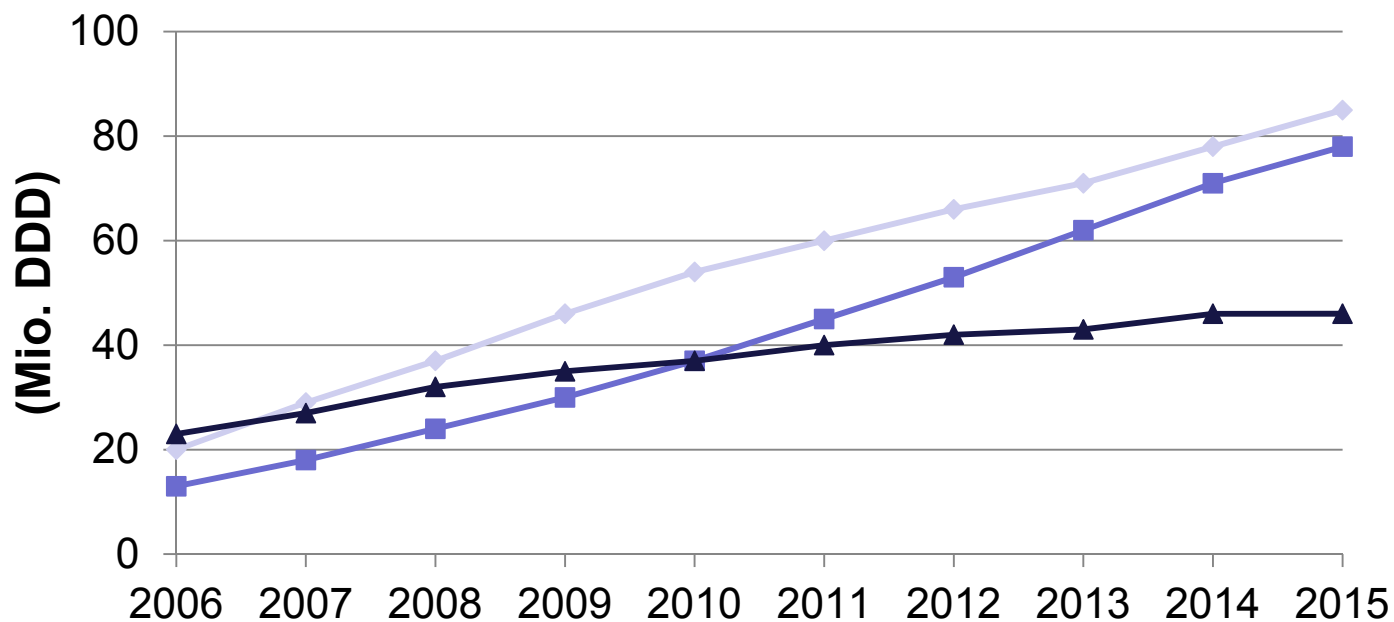


example/s: effects of metabolites

(Carbamazepin, Plauen)

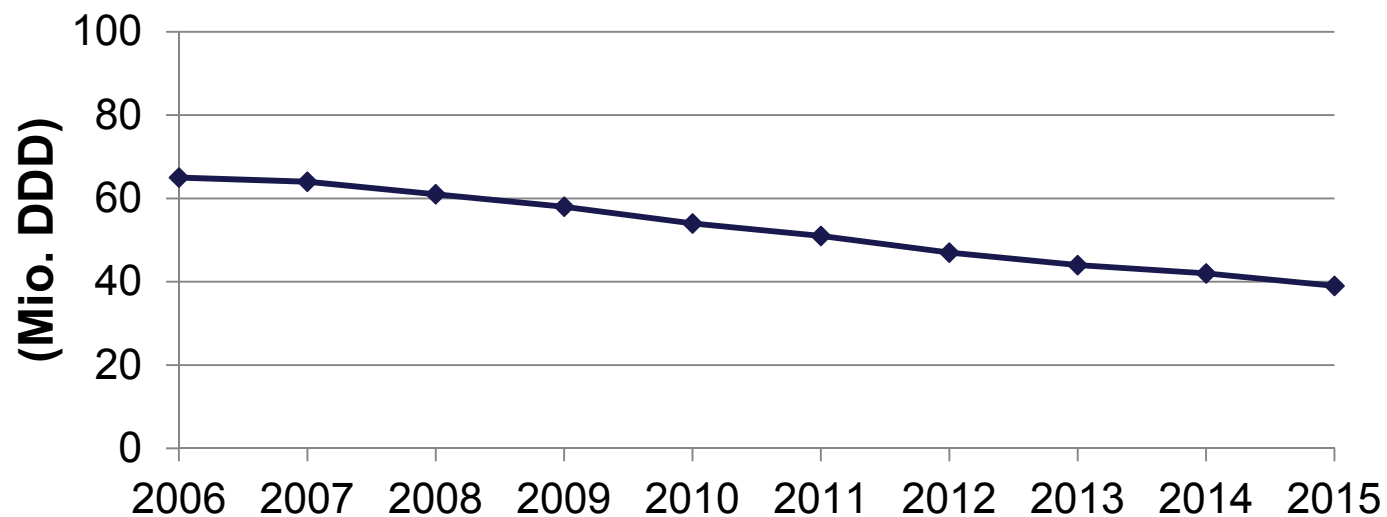


Trends of Antiepileptic for Germany



—◆— Pregabalin
—■— Levetiracetam
—▲— Gabapentin

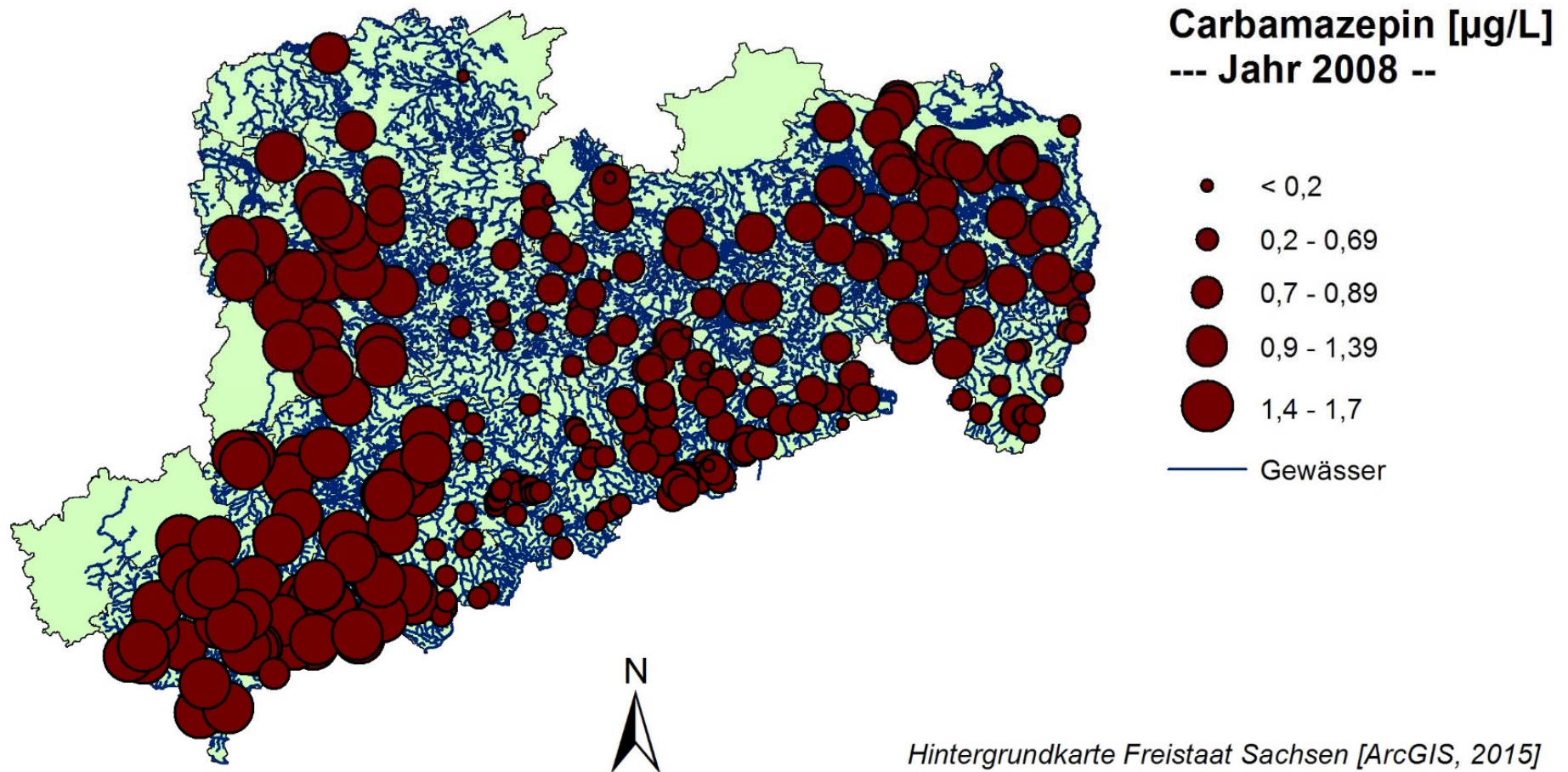
*Trends also valid for
Dresden, Chemnitz,
and Plauen!*



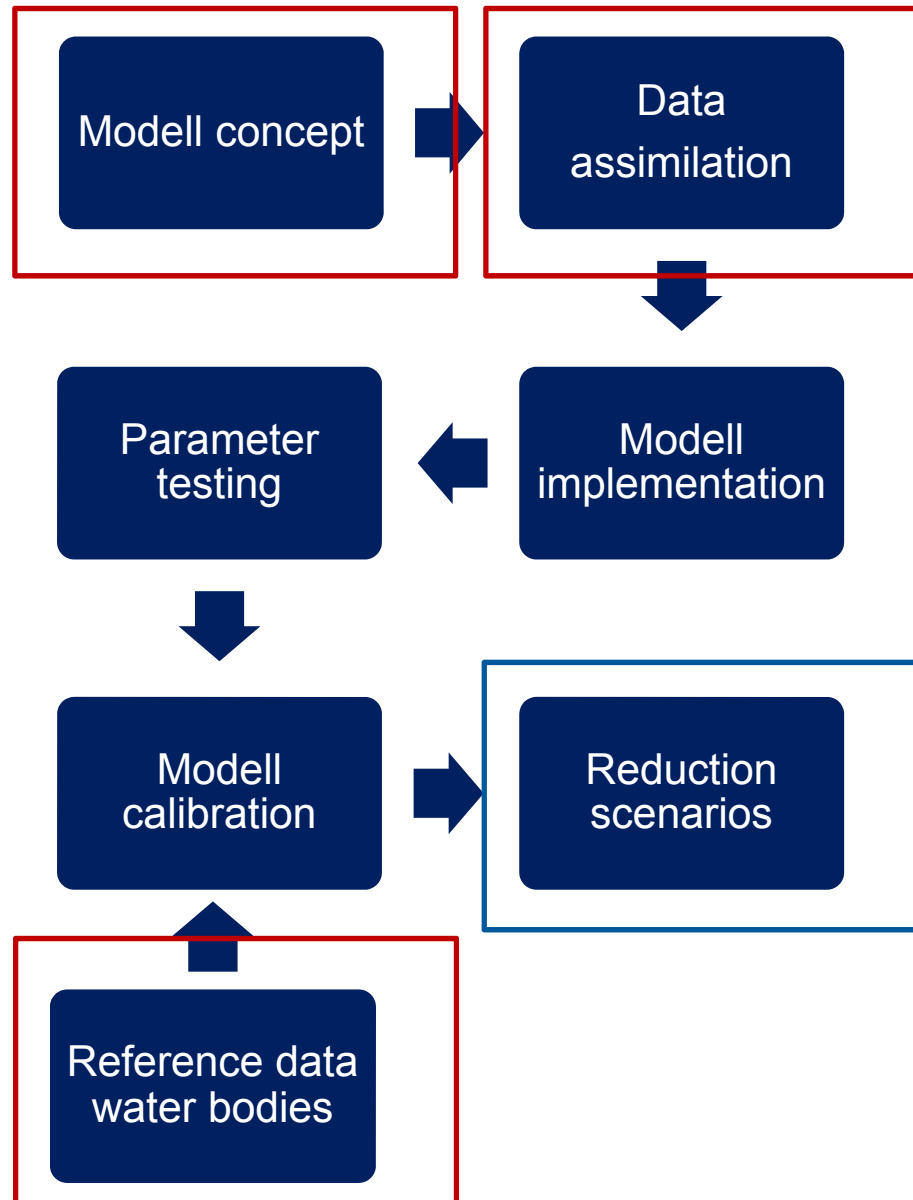
—◆— Carbamazepin

*National prescription
report for pharmac.
– 2015*

Modelling aspects



Methodological approach



- spatial-temporal differentiation for the prescription of pharmaceuticals in Saxony
 - reliable mass balancing
 - acute impacts
- data driven model development
 - identification of relevant (impact) parameters, e.g.
 - size of area, river water quality, excretion rate
- slight parametrisation of the mass balance model
 - less assumptions and variables, but significant information potential
 - gaining data and information by identifying patterns

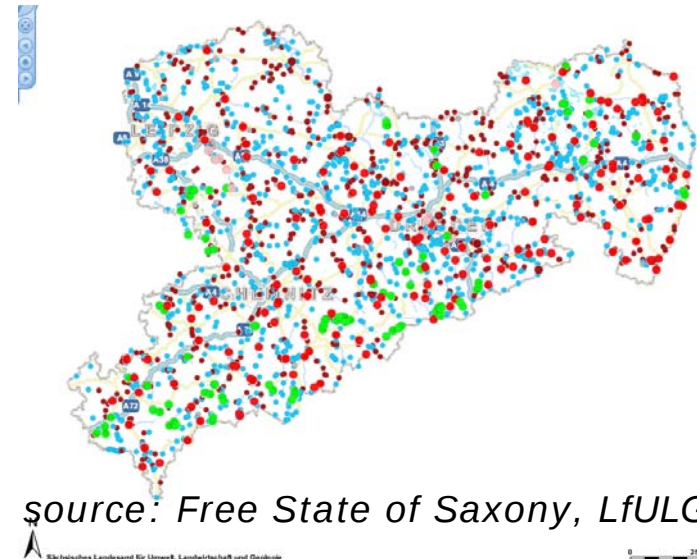
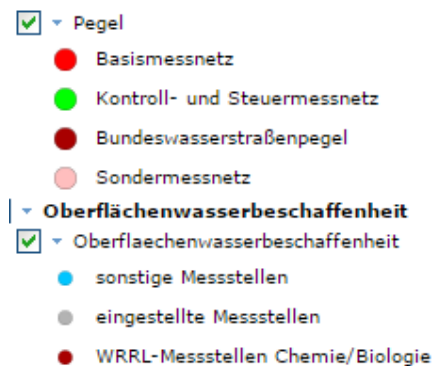
Methodological approach

Input data for modelling

- inhabitants (Micro census)
- hospitals (carrying capacity)
- prescription (DDD) of pharmaceuticals
- number of insured people
- WWTP + connection rate
- river network
- link through postal code or municipality

input data for mass balances

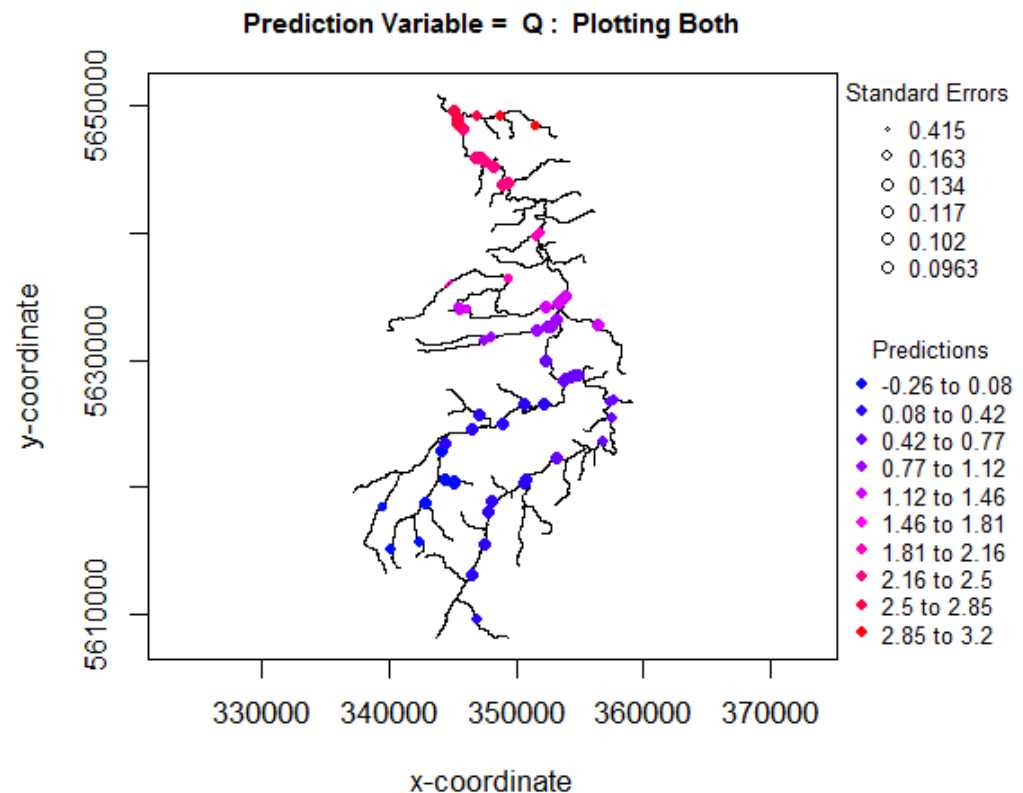
- data of subs. concentration:
 - 1003 monitoring spots
 - two weekly to quarterly
 - for rivers annually
- data of discharge:
 - 216 monitoring spots
 - daily basis



Mass balances (of Carbamacepin)

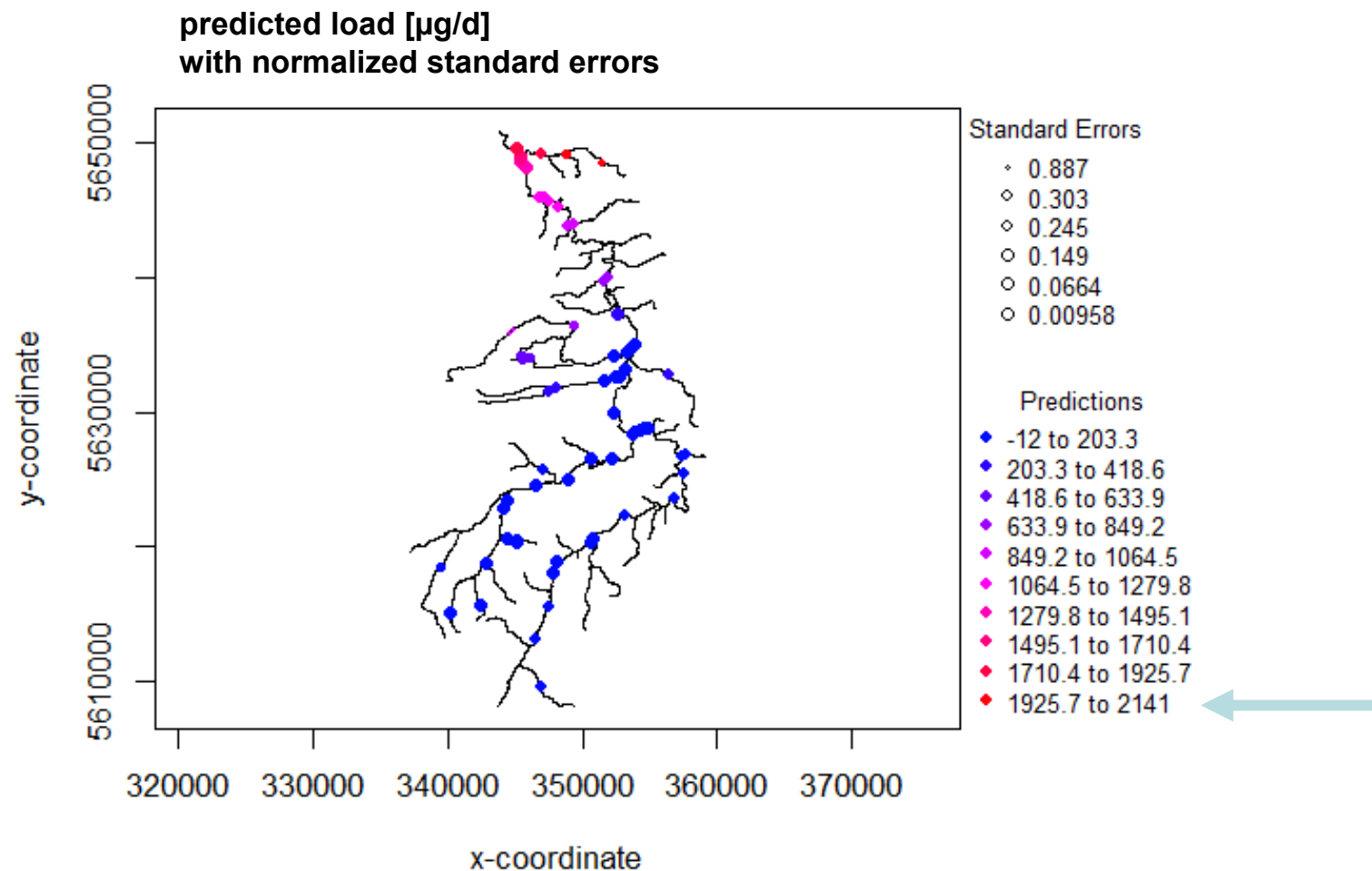
- Interpolation of **discharges** for water quality monitoring spots
- automatic optimisation of interpolation procedure
- mass balances from measured concentrations and measured / interpolated discharges
- very good fit

example: river basin of
Chemnitz, 17.02.2014



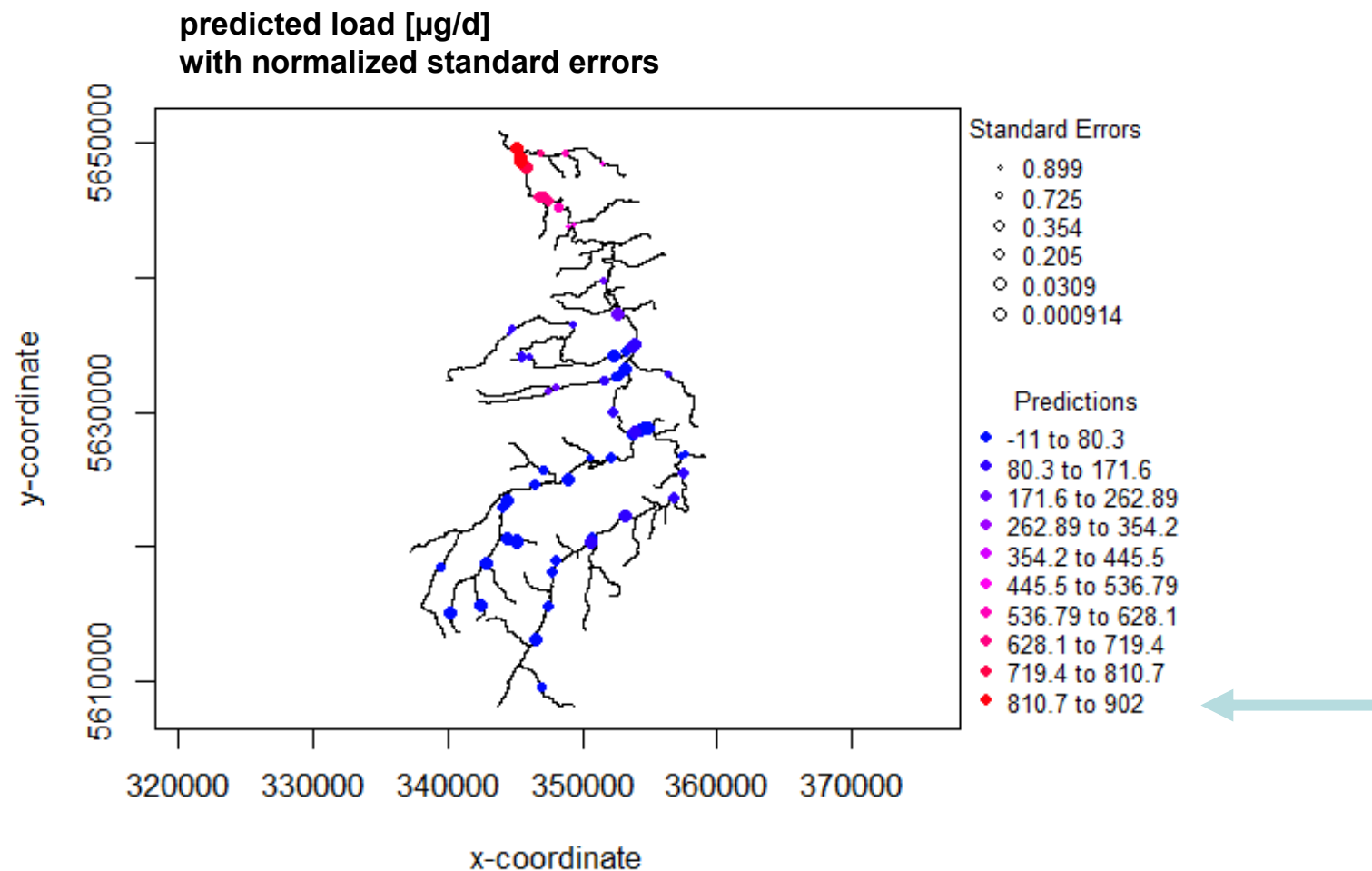
Mass balances

Carbamacepin, river basin of Chemnitz – 17.02.2014



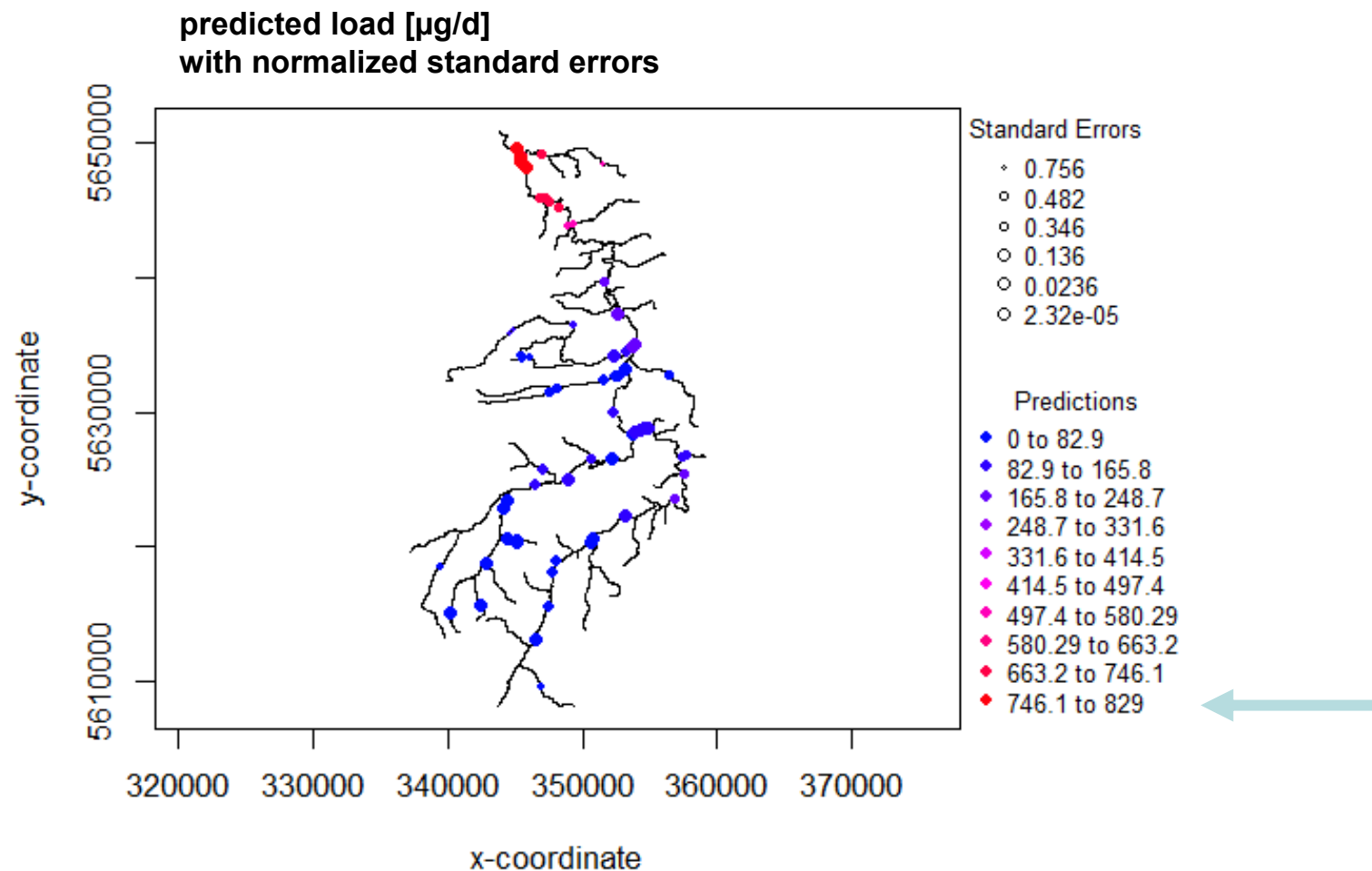
Mass balances

Carbamacepin, river basin of Chemnitz – 23.06.2014



Mass balances

Carbamacepin, river basin of Chemnitz – 27.10.2014



Institutional settings



Plauen (Vogtland)



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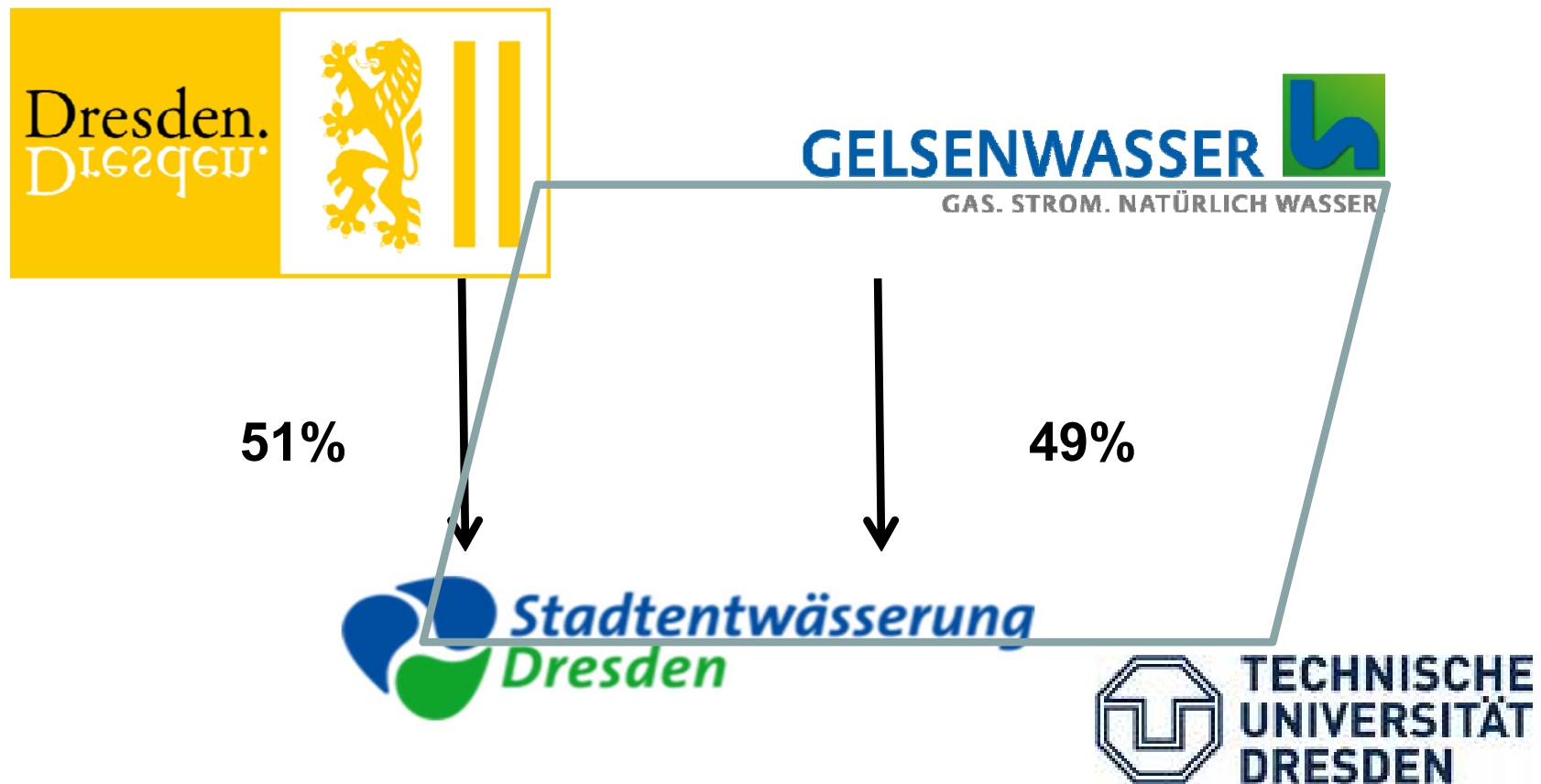
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