

# Implications of spatial distribution of suspended sediment concentrations on reservoir management, case study Iffezheim

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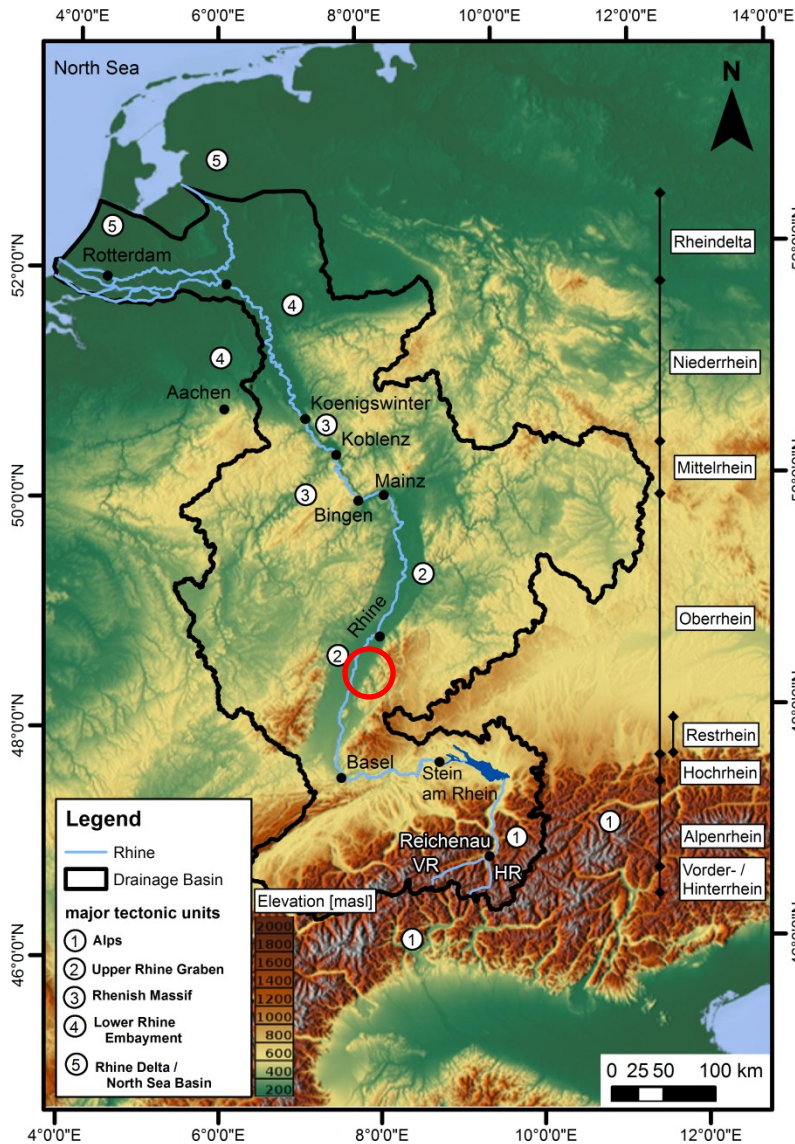
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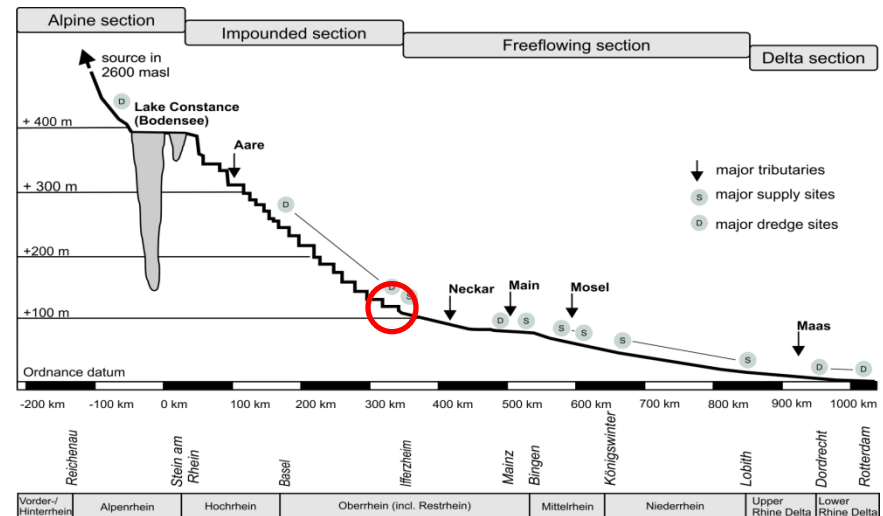
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# Iffezheim reservoir, Upper Rhine



- Last of 10 reservoir of the Upper Rhine
- completed in 1977
- used for hydropower, navigation and flood protection
- German Waterways and Shipping Administration responsible for sediment management



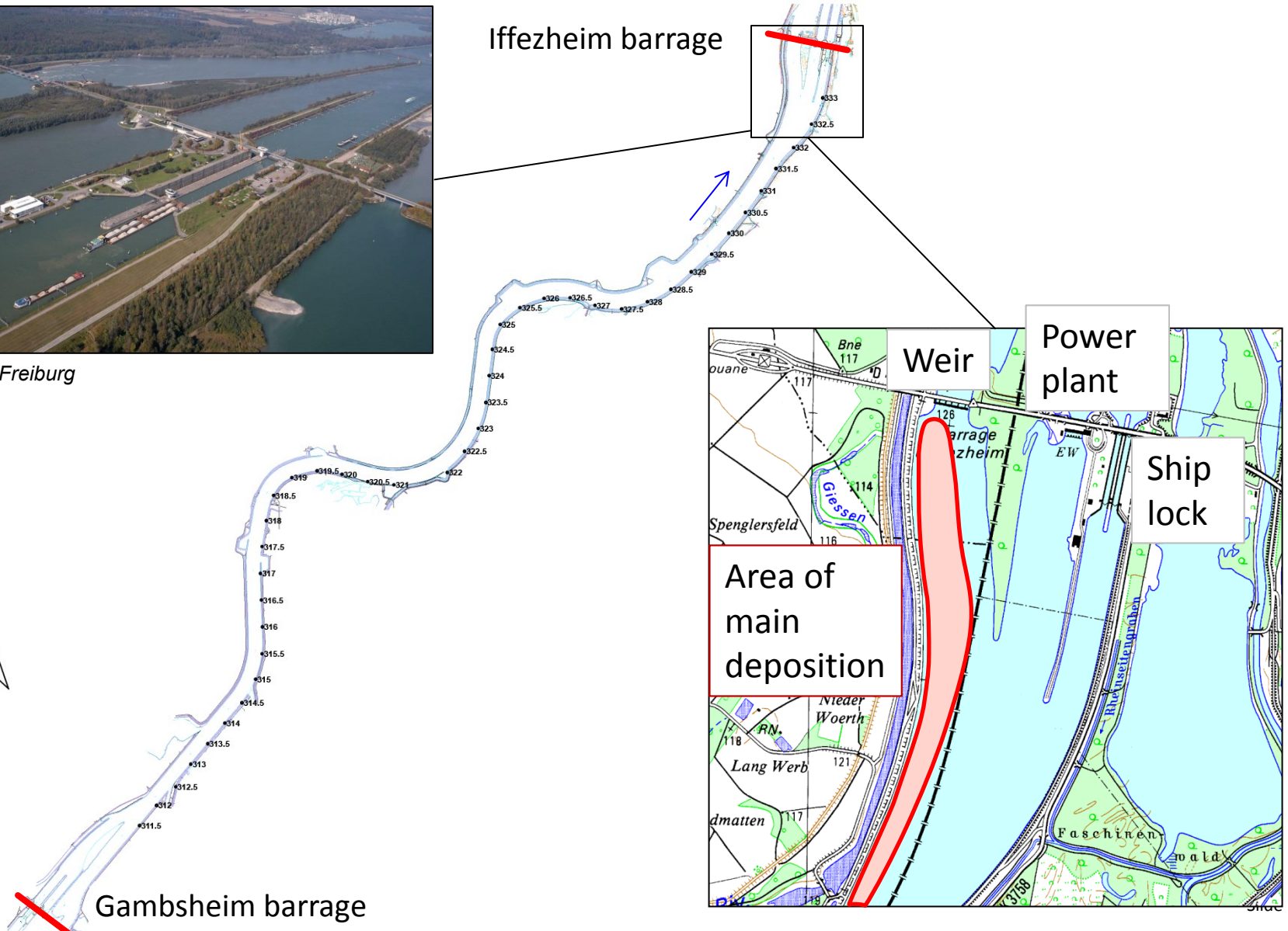
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# Iffezheim reservoir, Upper Rhine



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Iffezheim barrage



Gamsheim barrage

- Net deposition rate as function of discharge:
  - sediment supply from upstream
  - deposition rate of sediments
  - erosion of deposited sediments during floods
- Influence of changes in reservoir operation (e.g. additional turbines)

*Iffezheim*

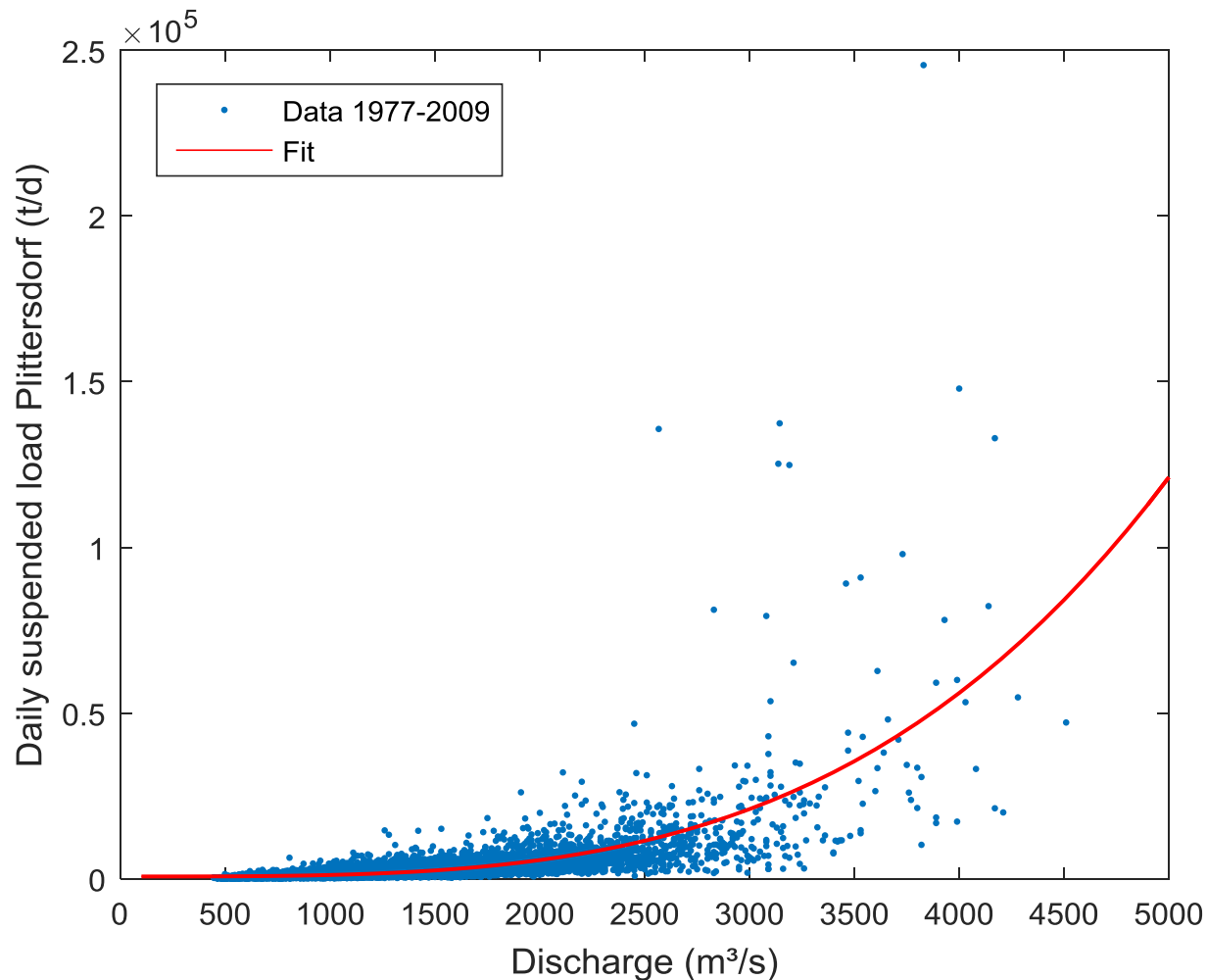


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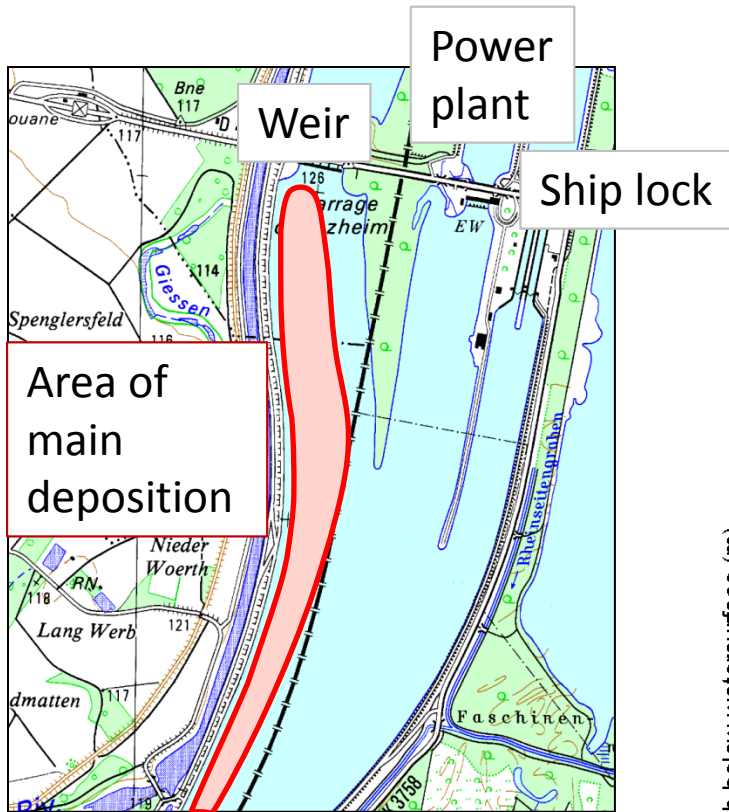


|           | Average dredged volume<br>(1995 – 2005) |
|-----------|---|
| Iffezheim | ca. 210.000 m <sup>3</sup>              |
| Gambsheim | ca. 60.000 m <sup>3</sup>               |

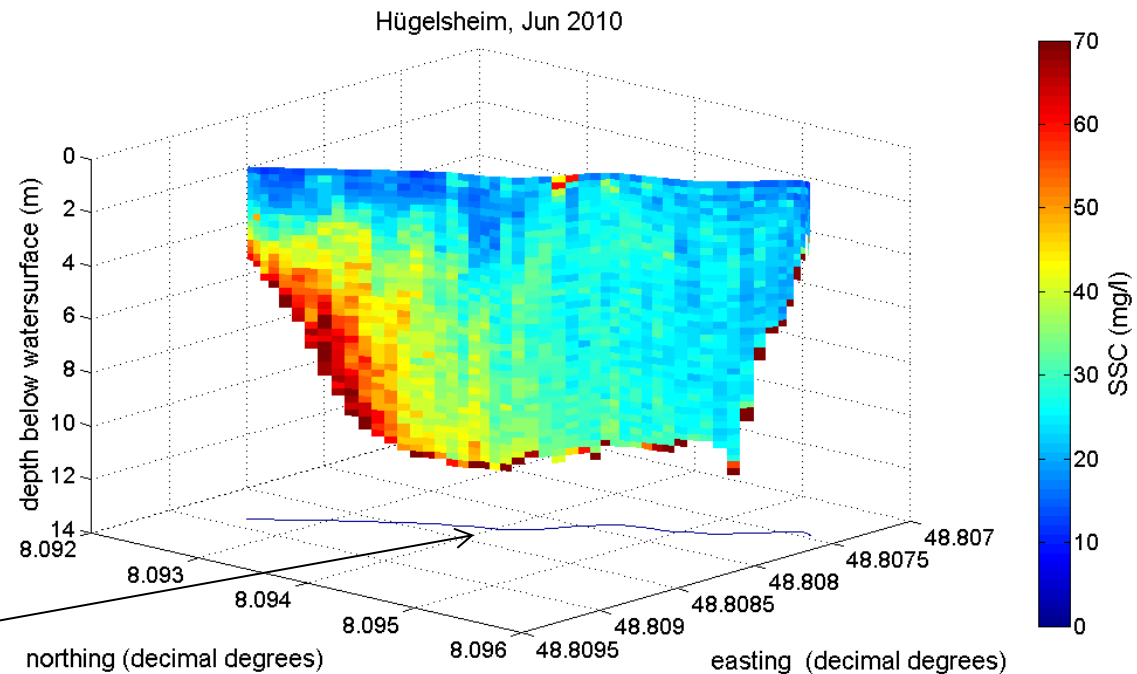
- Measurement station Plittersdorf (downstream of the Iffezheim reservoir)



# Spatial distribution of SSC



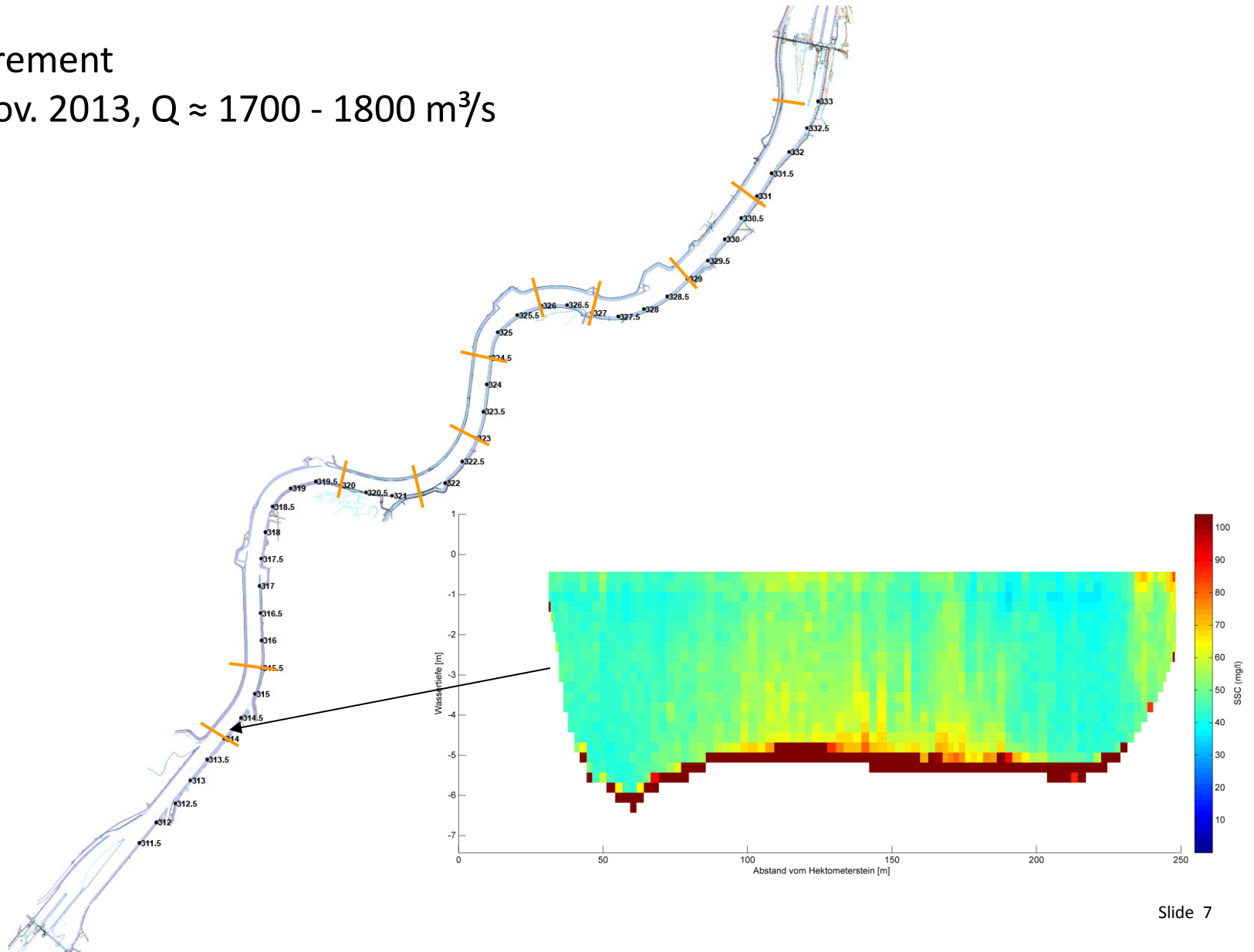
ADCP measurement



# Spatial distribution of SSC within the reservoir

Measurement

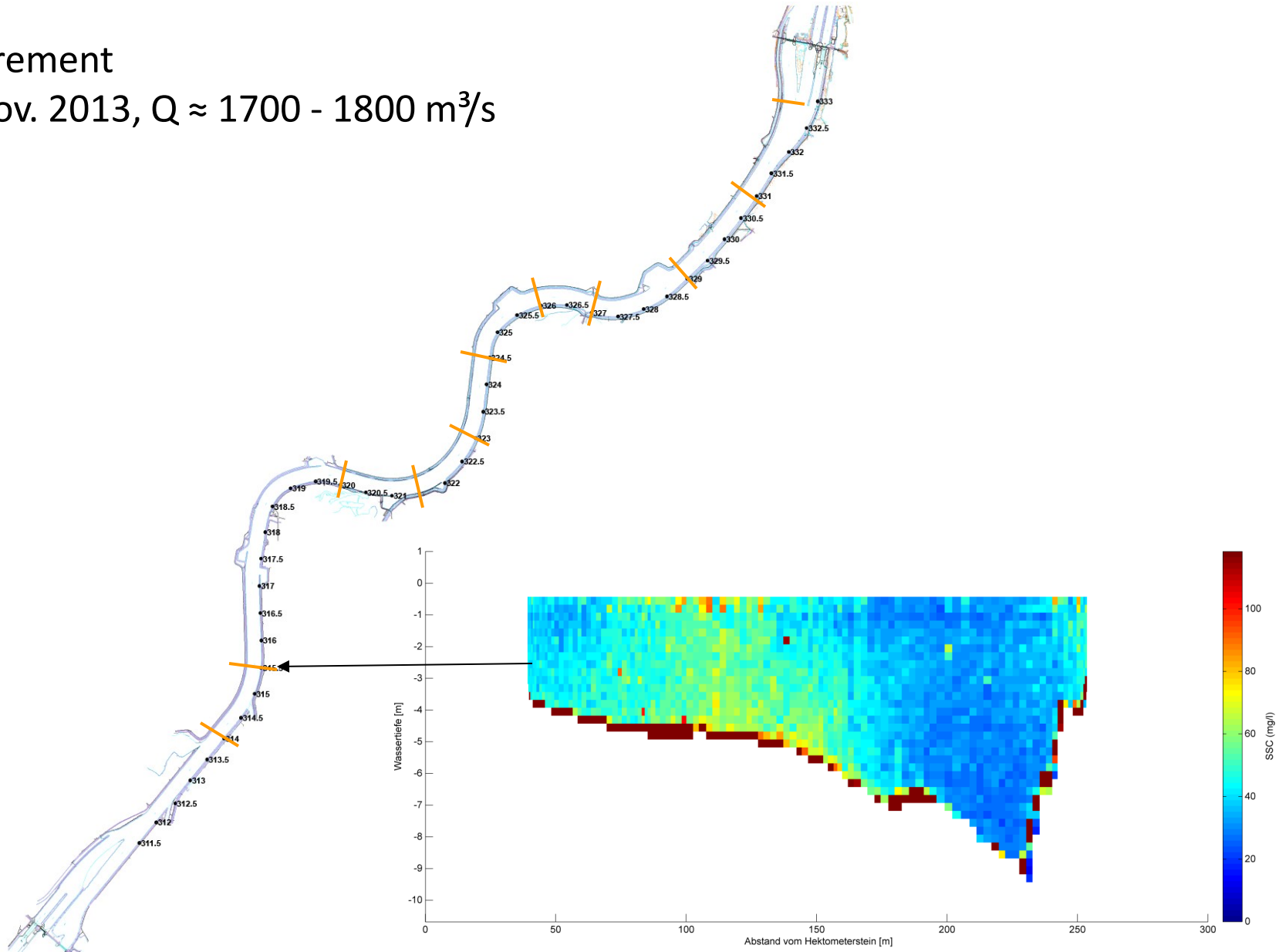
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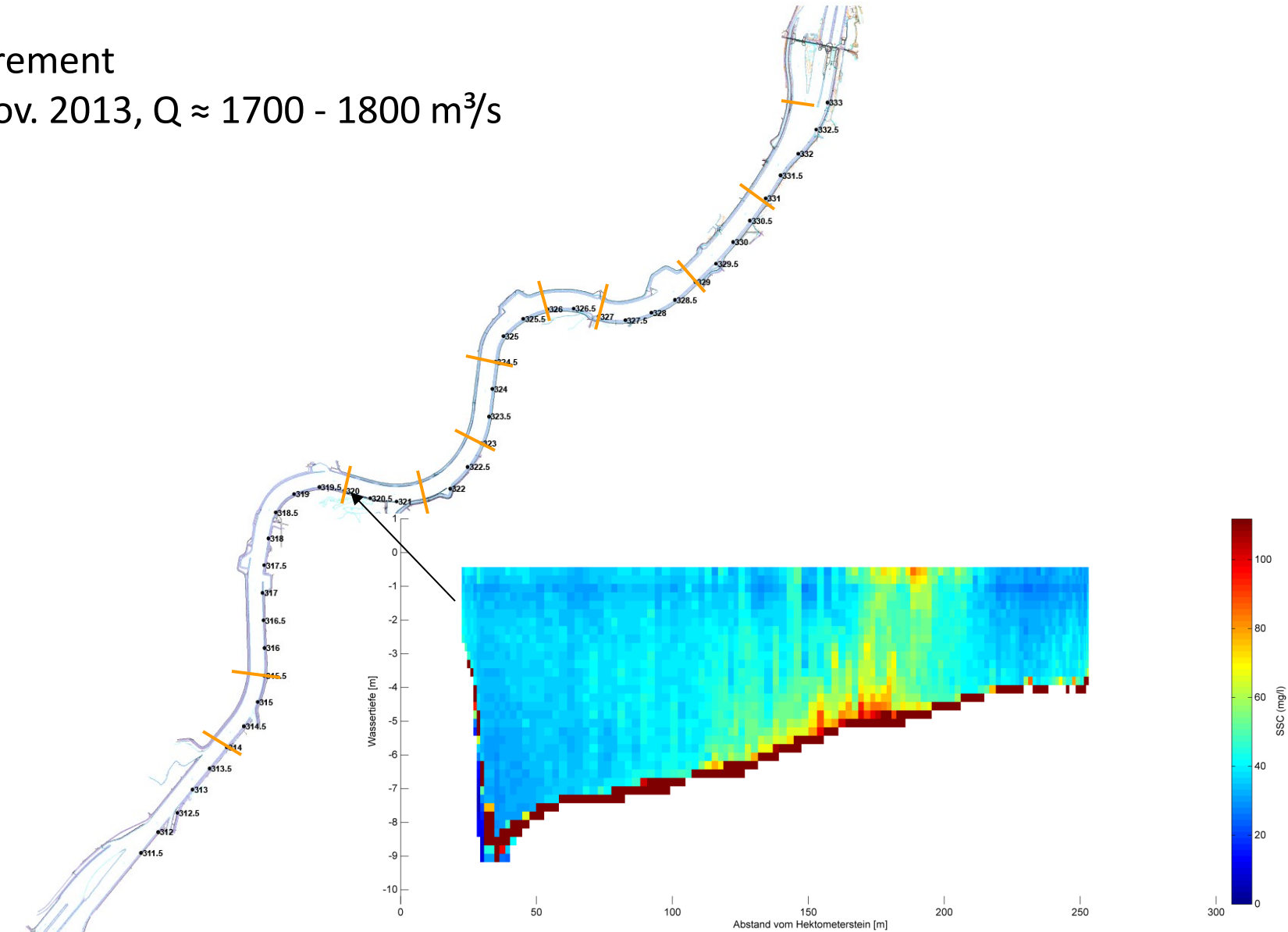




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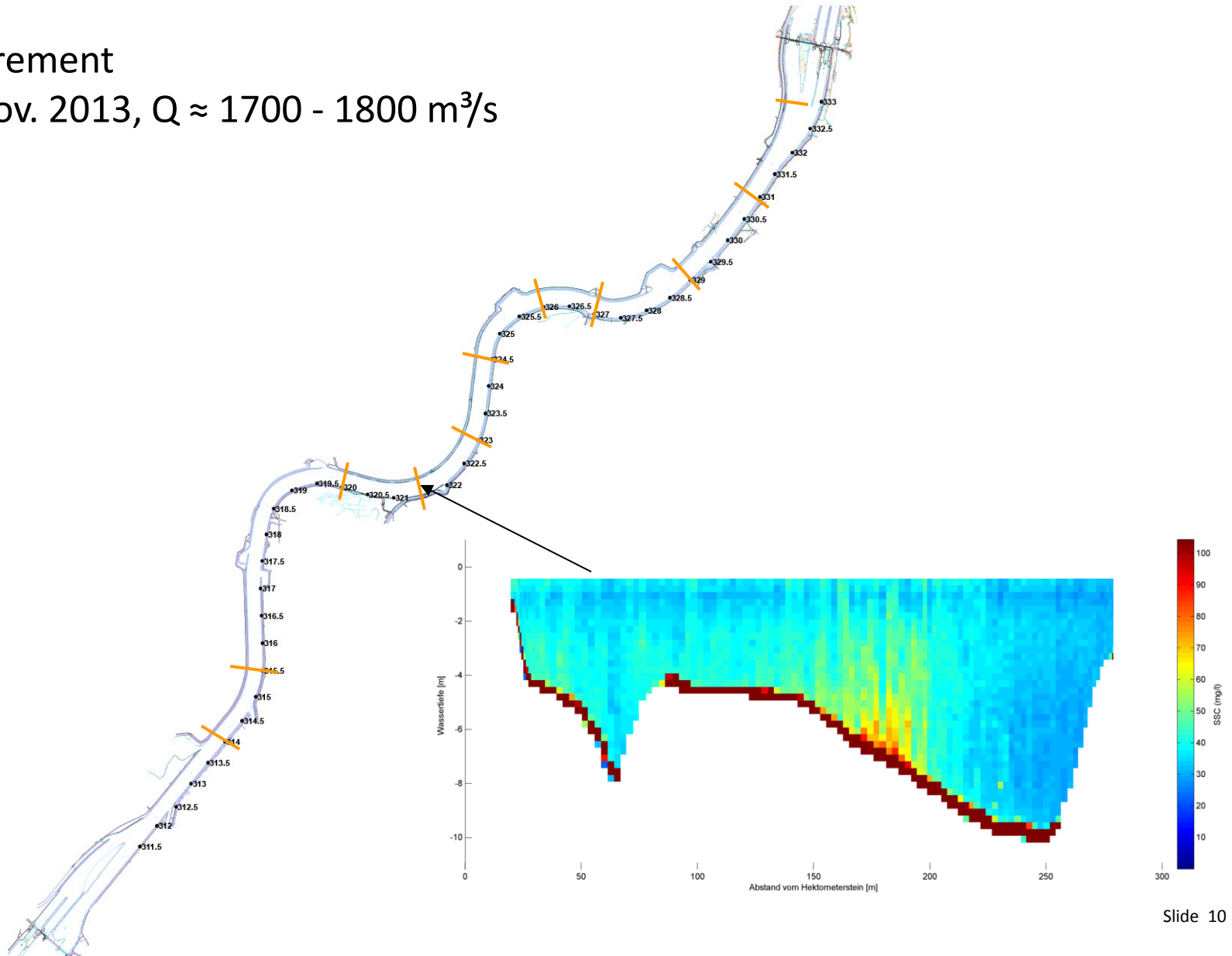
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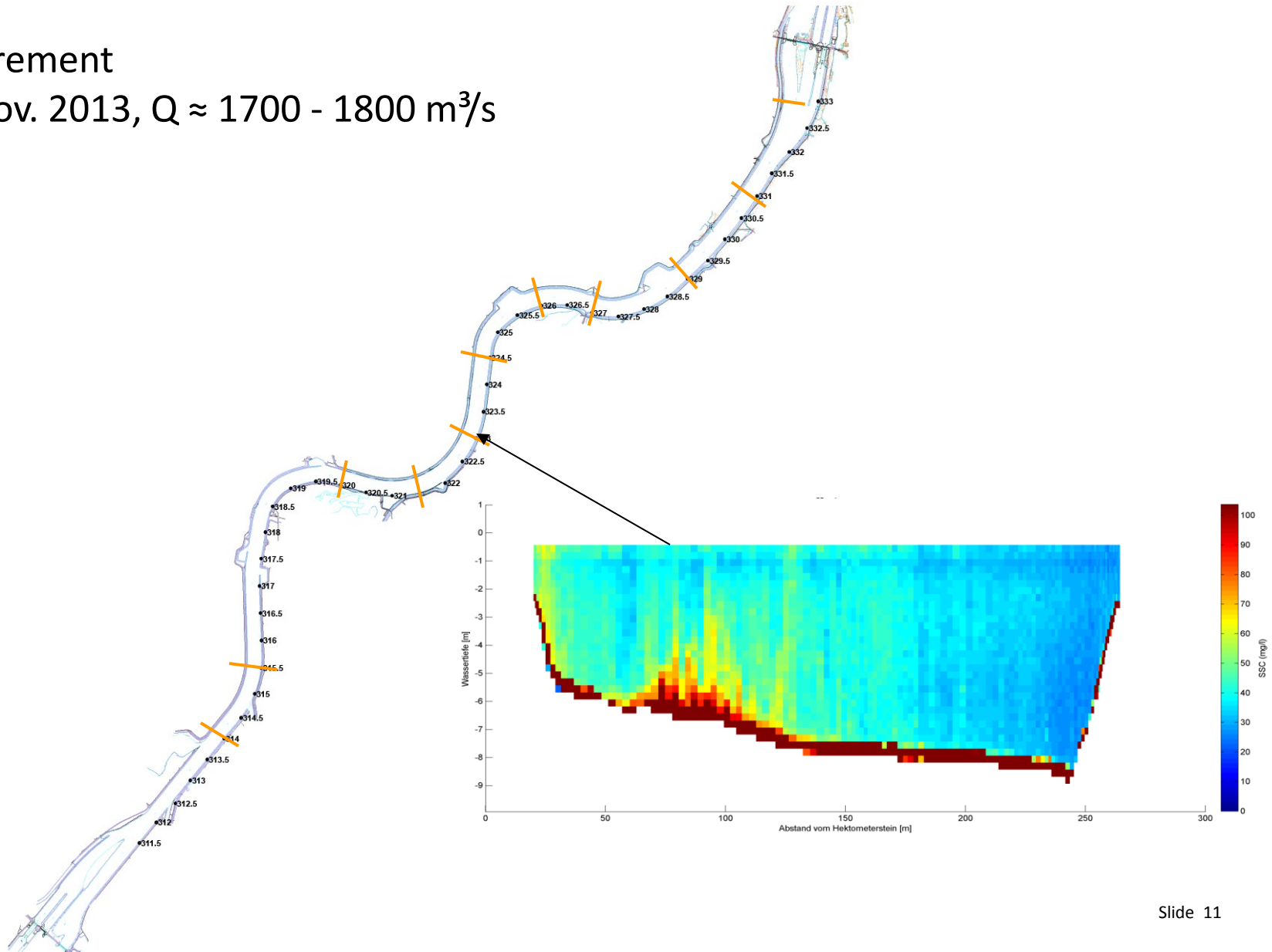
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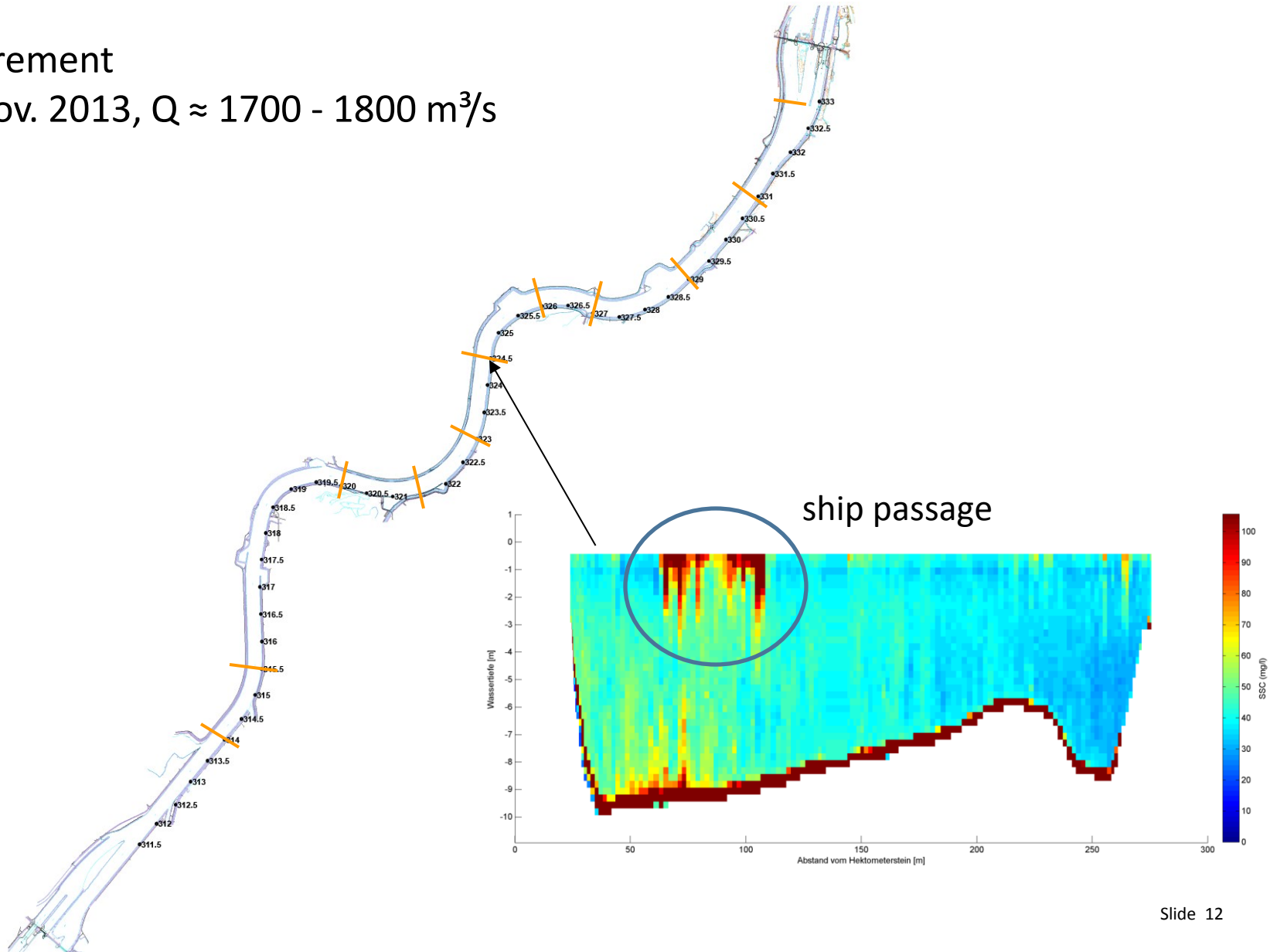
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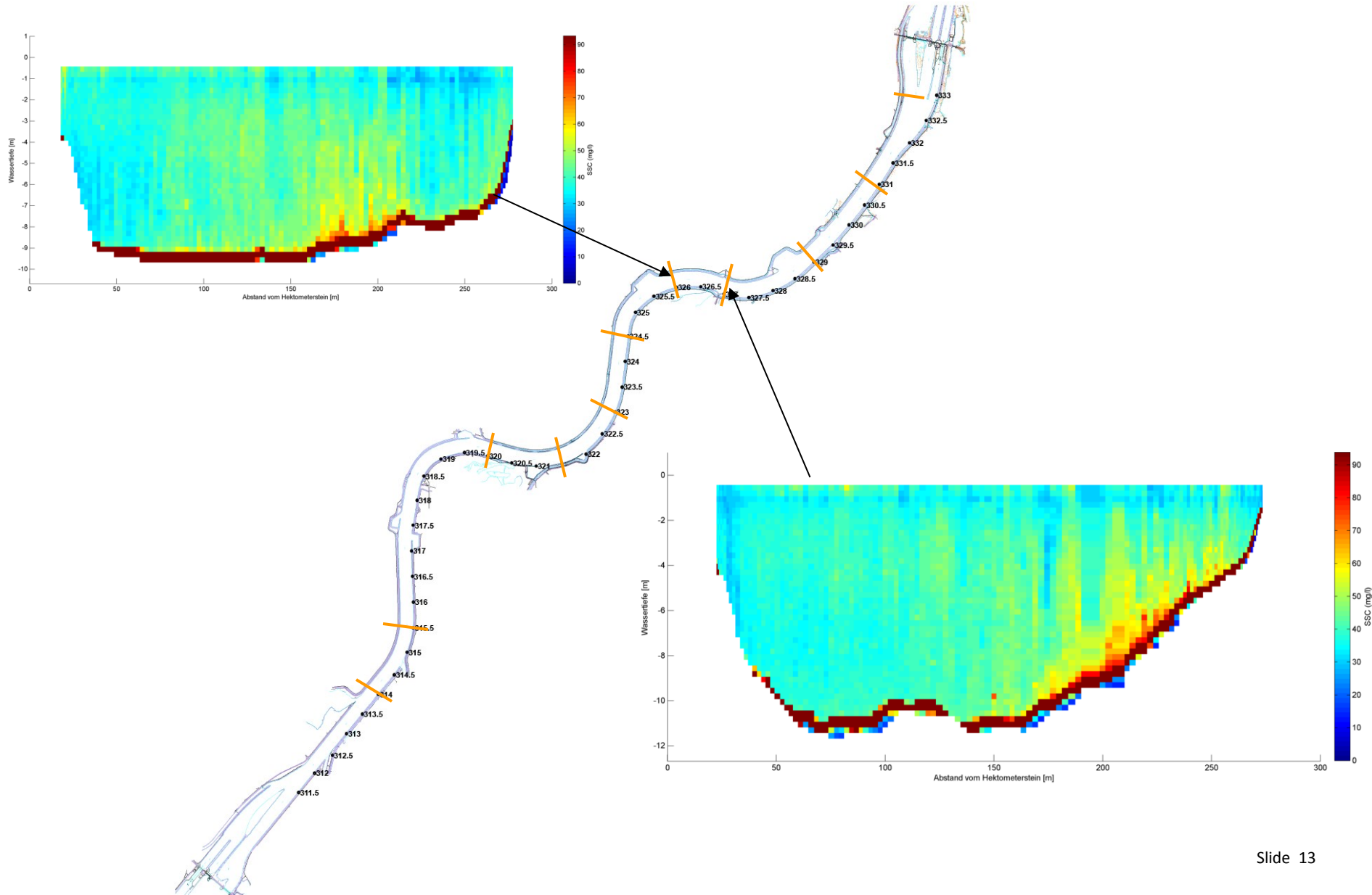
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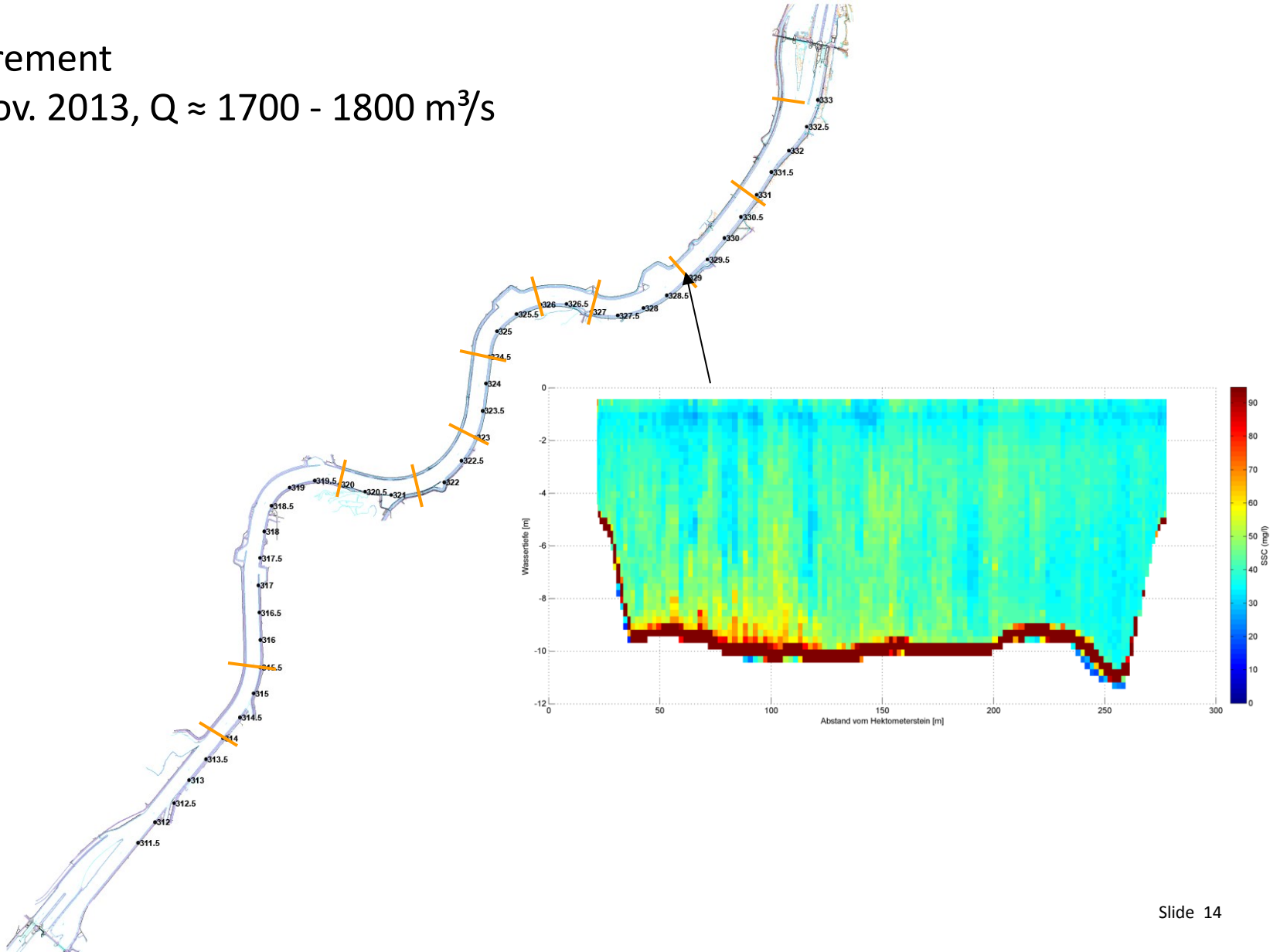
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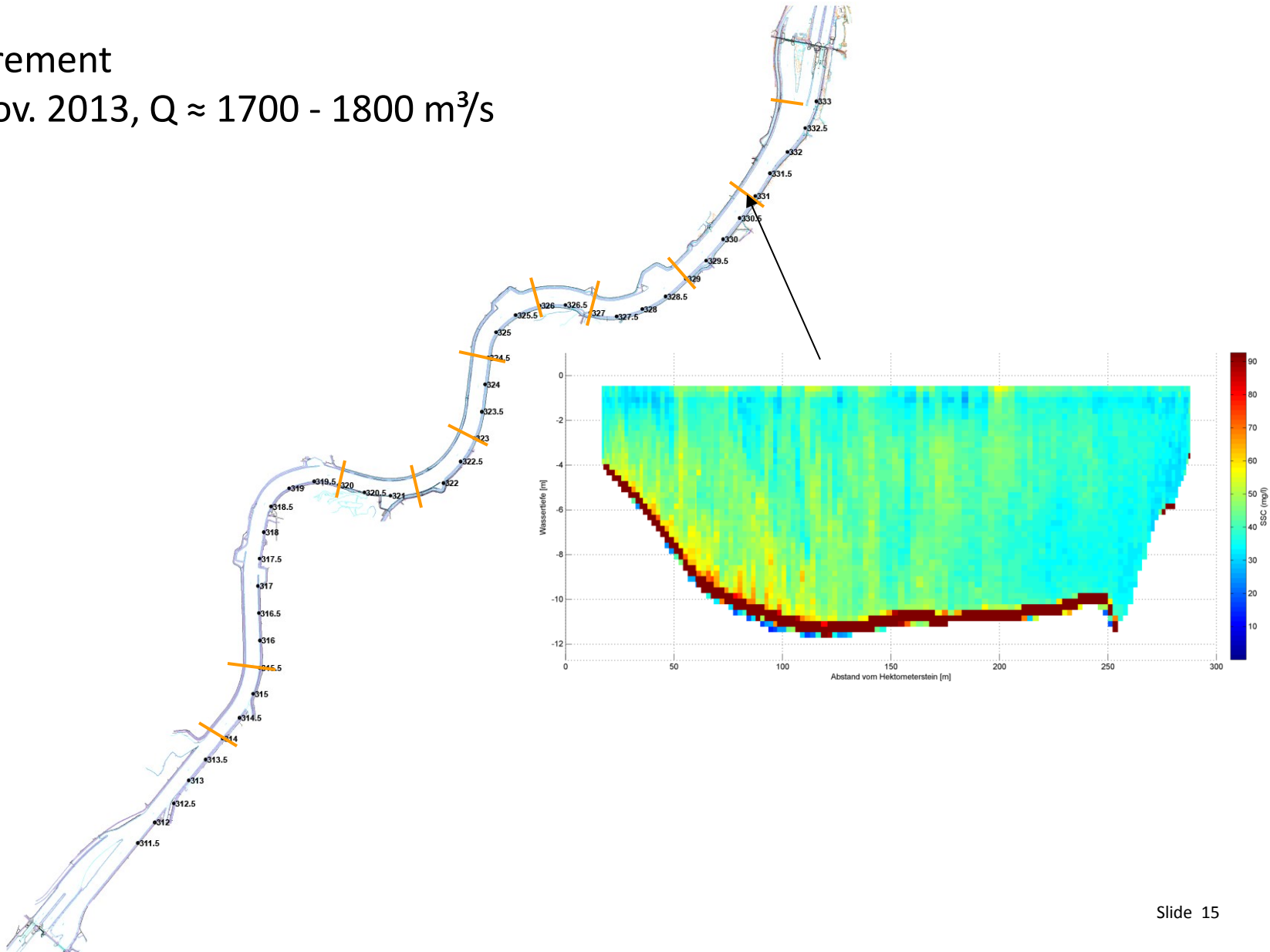
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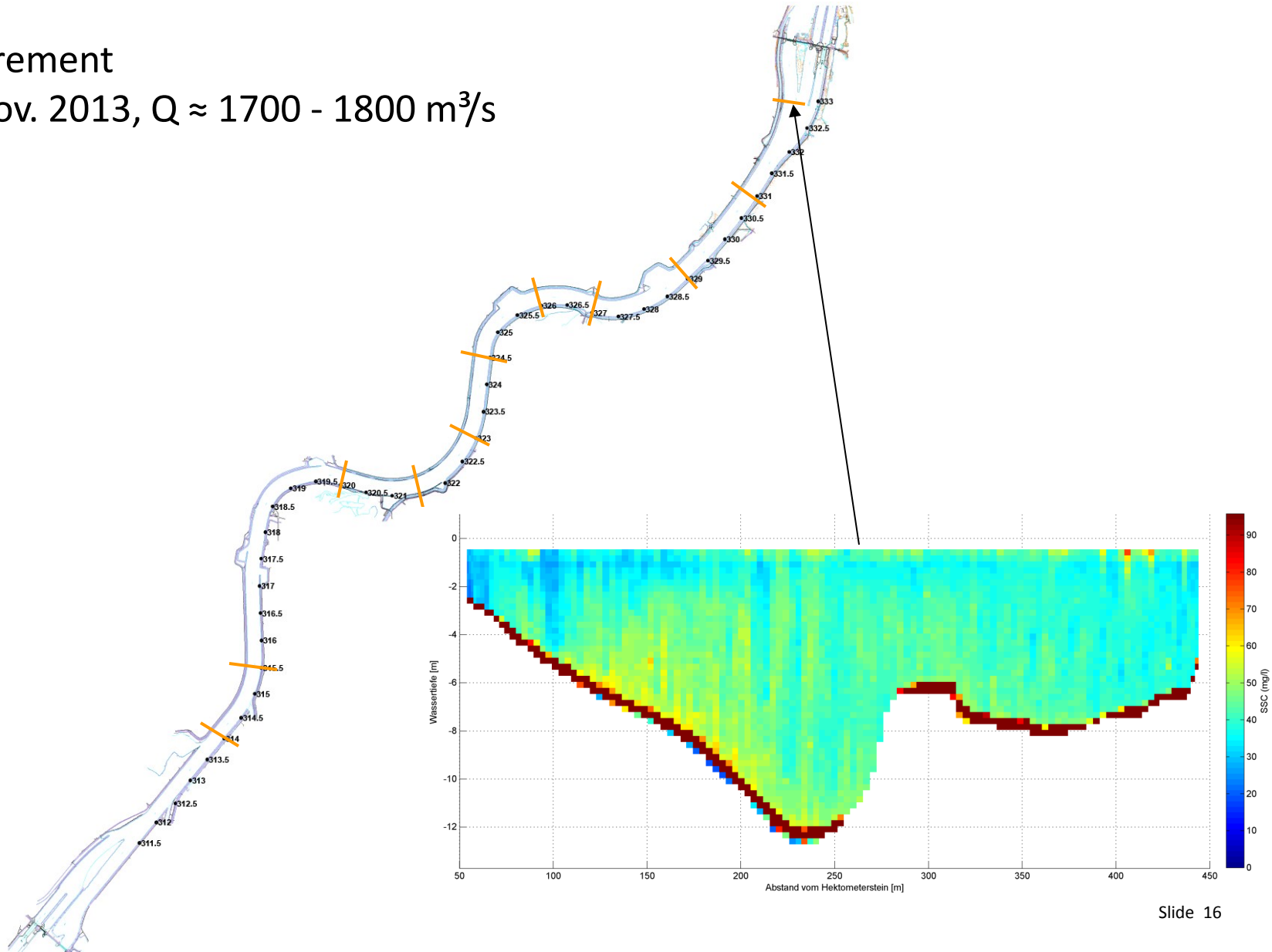
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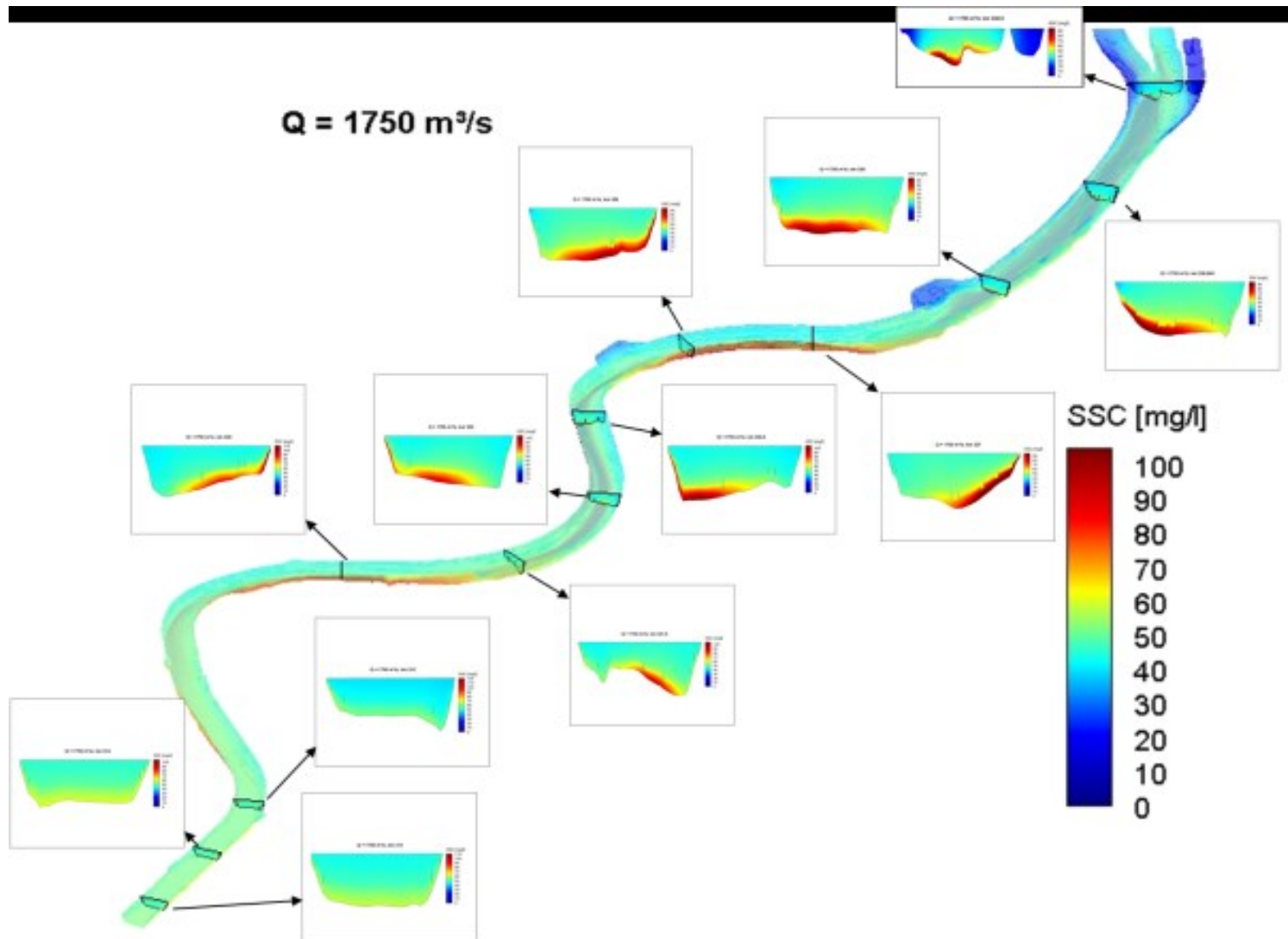




# 3D-model of suspended sediment transport

## SSIIM

Total number of cells: 612.543



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  - sediment supply from upstream

– deposition rate of sediments

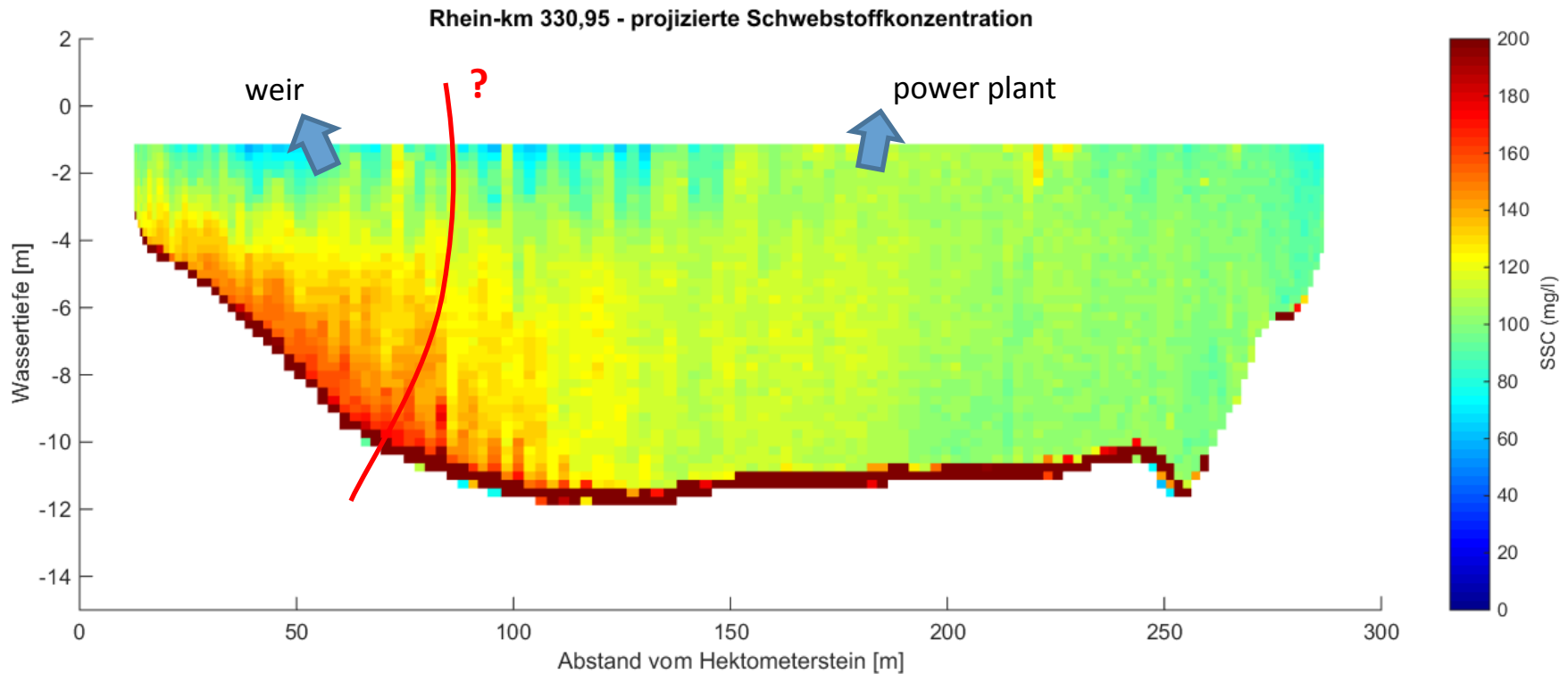
–  $\epsilon$  iteration methods

highest  
sediment  
yield during  
floods

Input to weir  
channel  
disproportionately  
high due to lateral  
gradients

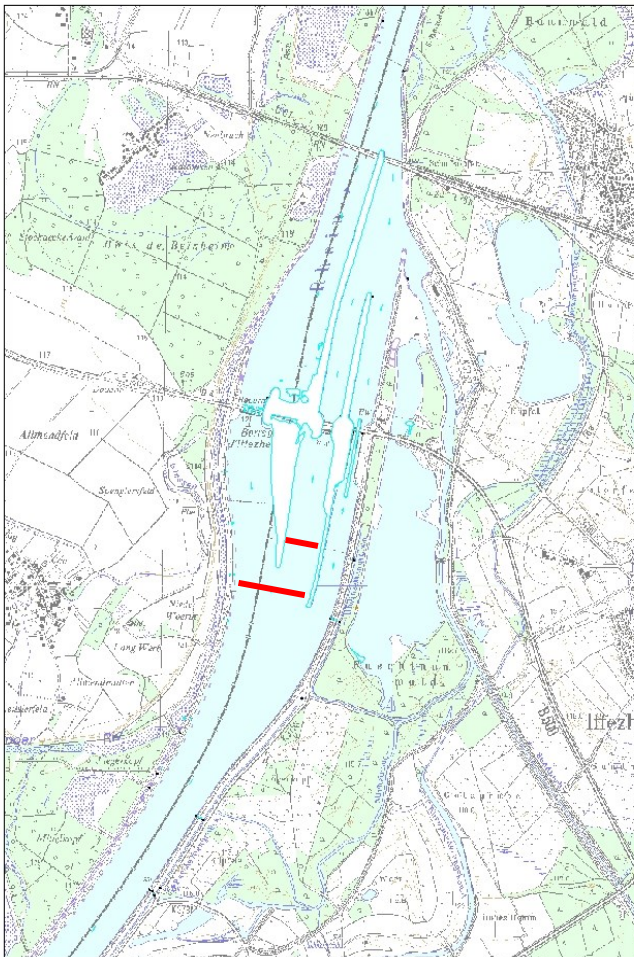
- Influence of changes in reservoir operation (e.g. additional turbines)

# Suspended load entering weir channel



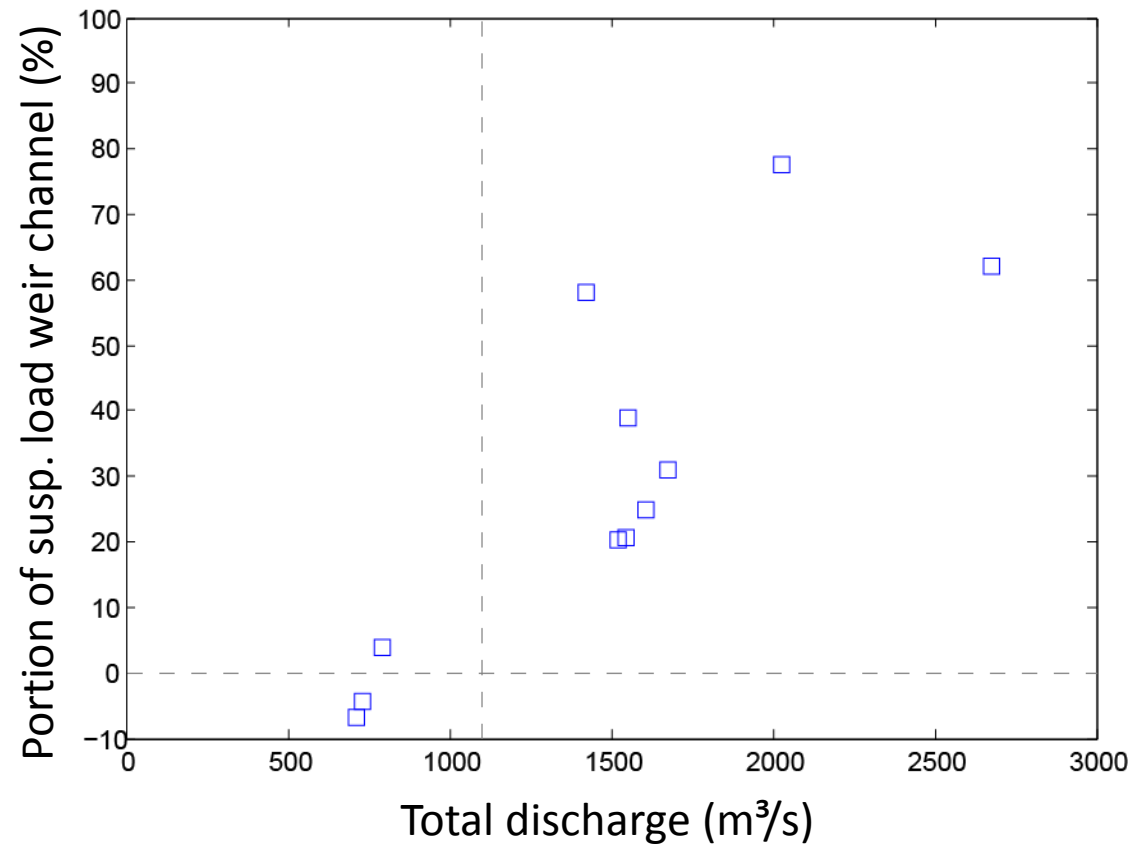
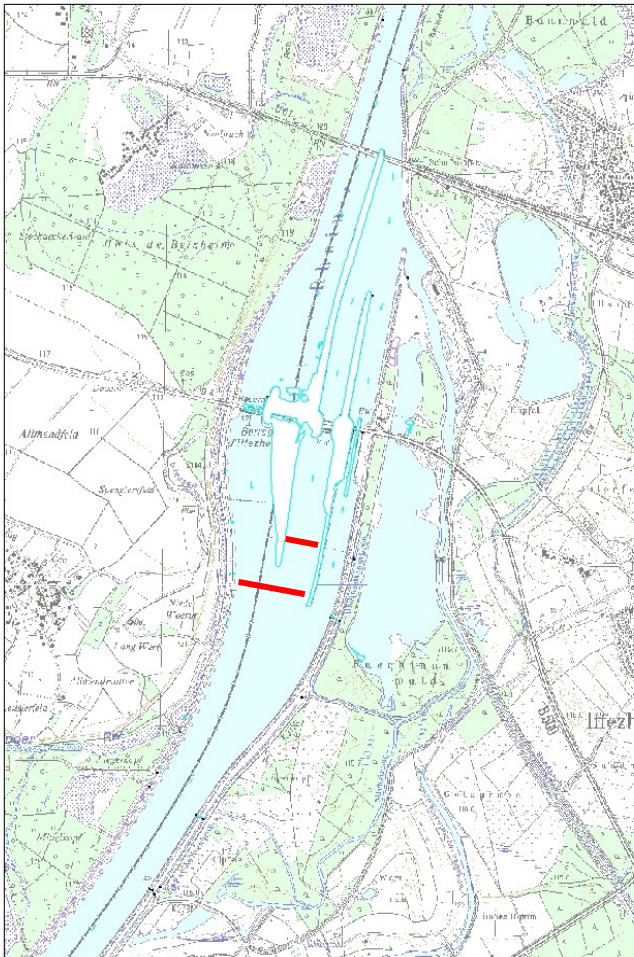
Portion of susp. load entering weir channel – a function of discharge?

- 11 ADCP measurement campaigns

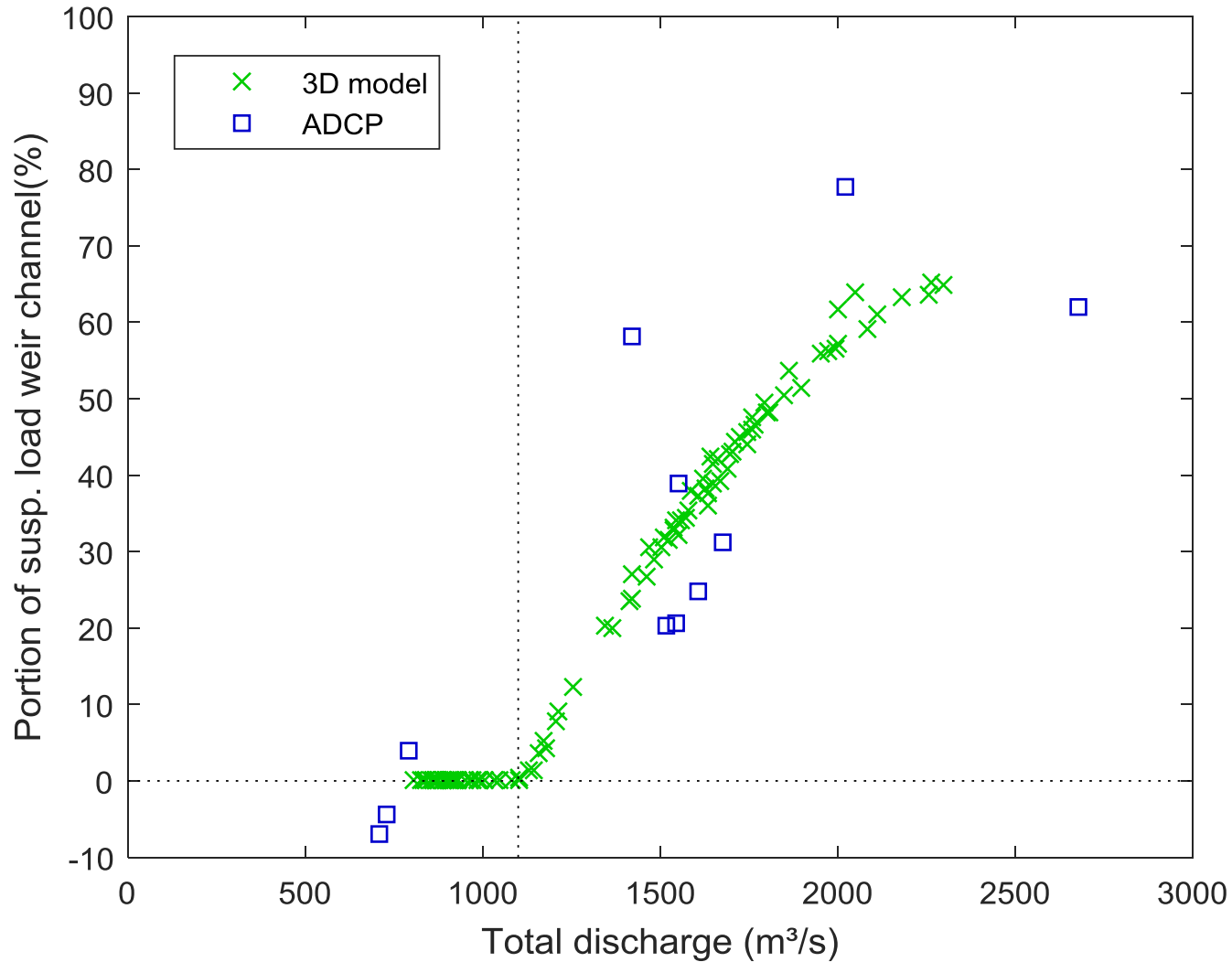


| Date       | Discharge (m <sup>3</sup> /s)<br>(km 332.9) | Portion weir channel |
|------------|---|----------------------|
| 10.06.2010 | 1555  | 38,8 %               |
| 31.01.2011 | 791   | 3,9 %                |
| 07.02.2011 | 710   | - 6,9 %              |
| 08.02.2011 | 730   | - 4,5 %              |
| 25.01.2012 | 1673  | 31,1 %               |
| 26.01.2012 | 1519  | 20,2 %               |
| 14.05.2012 | 1609  | 24,9 %               |
| 15.05.2012 | 1545  | 20,5 %               |
| 16.05.2012 | 1422  | 58,1 %               |
| 12.06.2012 | 2025  | 77,6 %               |
| 13.06.2012 | 2679  | 62,1 %               |

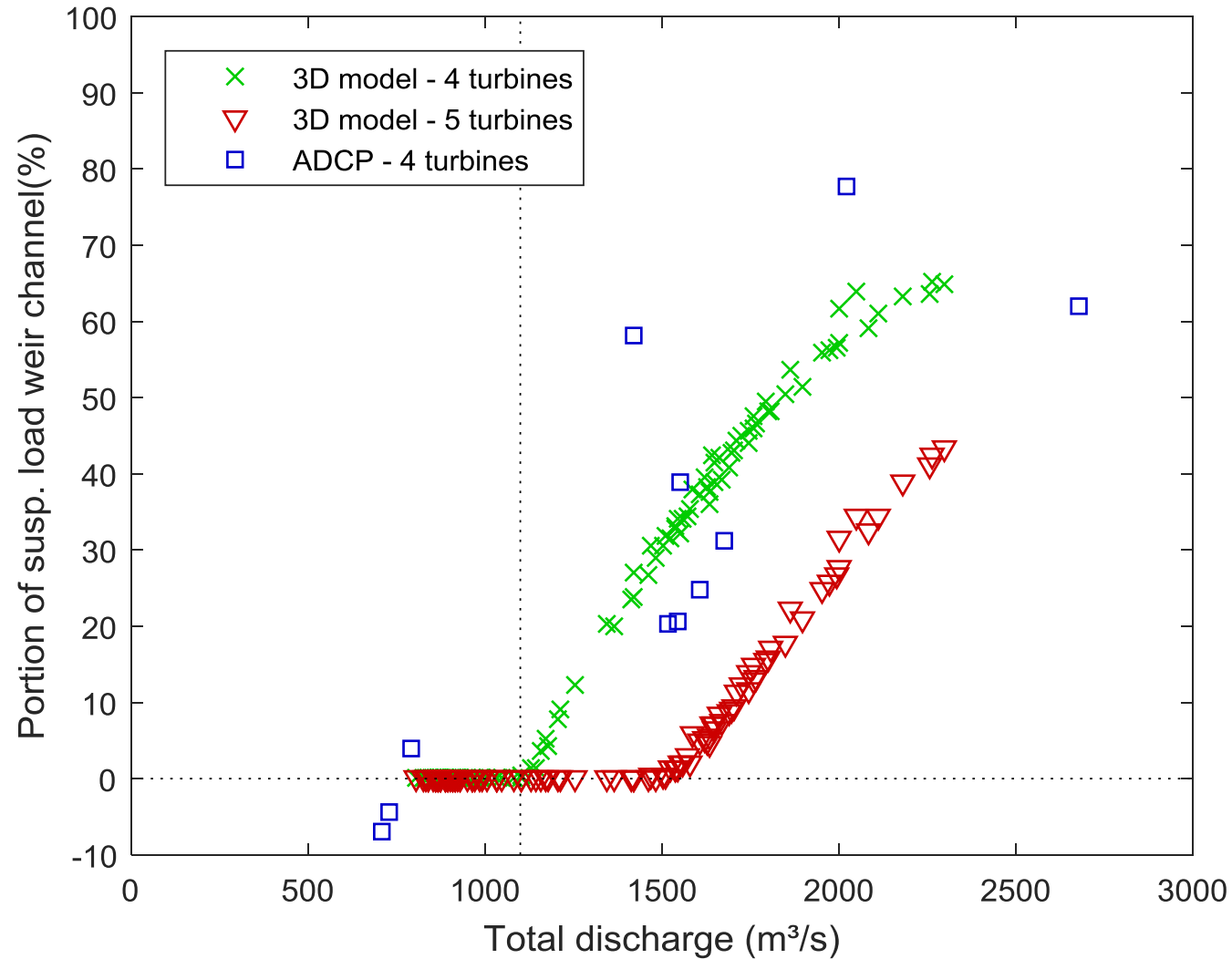
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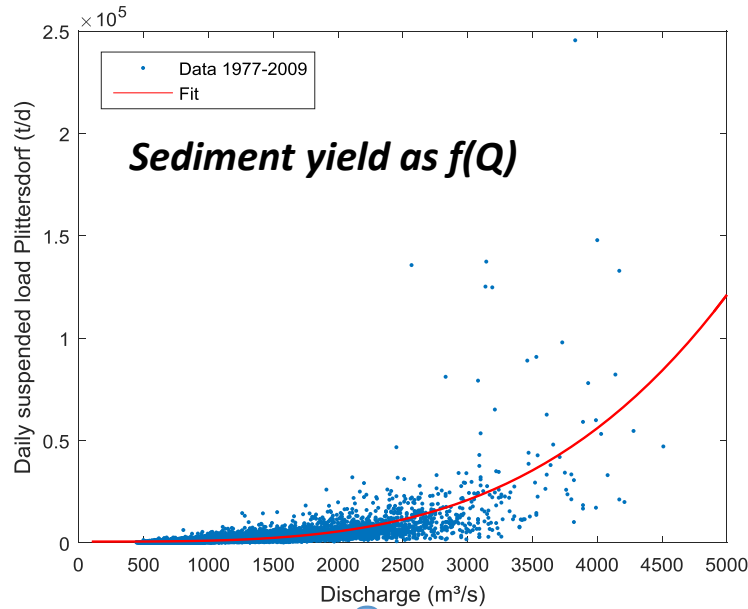
# Comparison with results of 3D-model



# Effect of 5<sup>th</sup> turbine

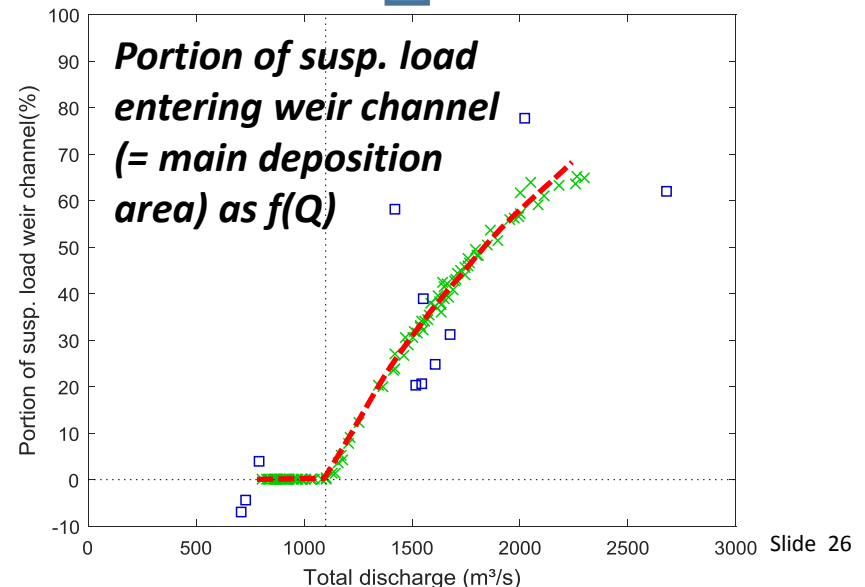
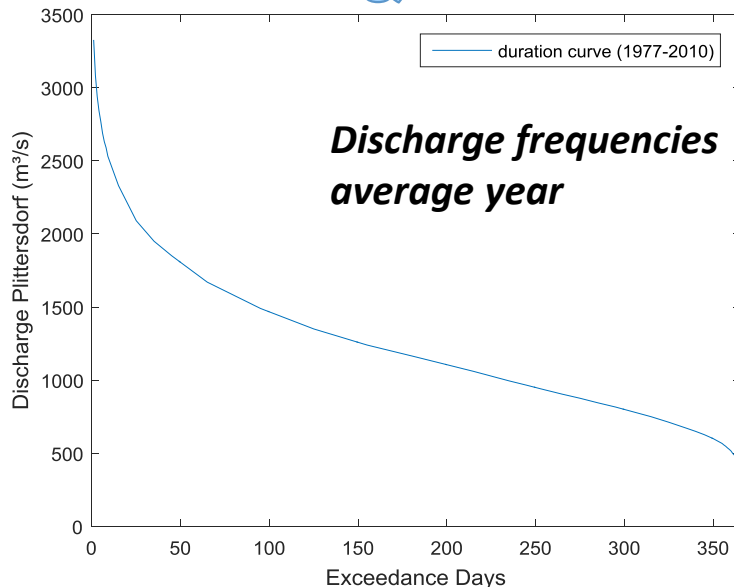


# Division of suspended loads on average (4T)



Portion of susp. load weir channel  
on average:  
 ca. 40 – 45 %  
 (high uncertainty/variability)

for comparison:  
 portion of discharge to weir channel  
 on average:  
 ca. 21 %





## Influence of changes in reservoir operation (e.g. additional turbines)

### 4 turbines:

Estimate via discharge duration curve:

- Portion of susp. load weir channel on average: ca. 40 – 45 %
- Portion of discharge weir channel on average: ca. 21 %

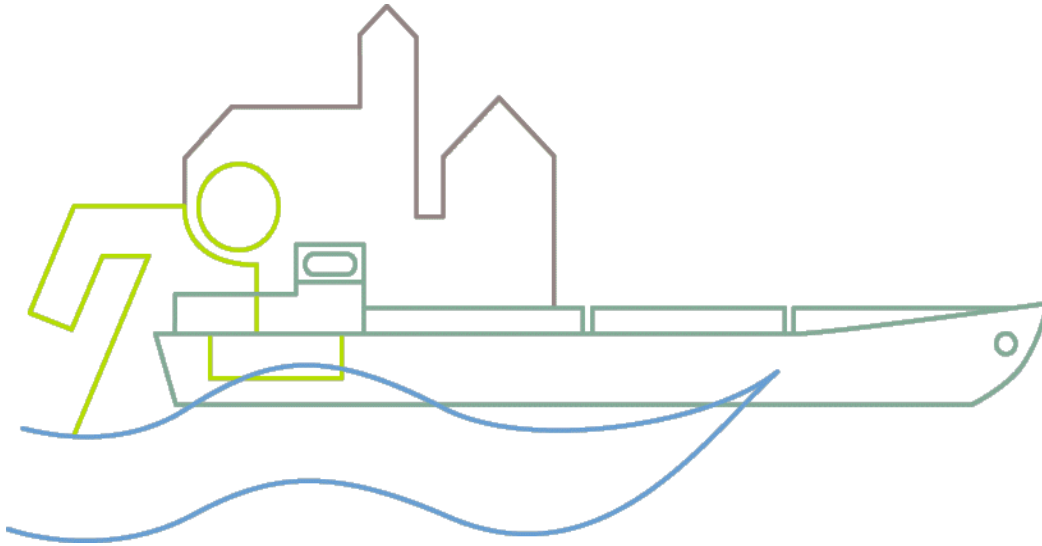
### 5 turbines:

Estimate via discharge duration curve :

- Portion of susp. load weir channel on average: ca. 20 – 25 %
- Portion of discharge weir channel on average: ca. 9 %

- less sediment input to deposition areas  
→ lower deposition rates
- but: lower discharges in deposition areas  
→ potentially less erosion

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{less sediment input to deposition areas} \\ \text{but: lower discharges in deposition areas} \end{array} \right\} \Sigma = ?$$



Thank you!

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