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Excursion: Rappbode Reservoir



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The Rappbode Reservoir Observatory

- located at Rappbode reservoir (Harz Mountains, Germany)
- Investment: about 500.000 €
- Continuous monitoring of nutrient and carbon fluxes and corresponding ecosystem dynamics



Photo: André Künzelmann (UFZ)

Rappbode Reservoir

- One main reservoir and 3 pre-dams
- Drinking water supply for over 1 Mio people
- Surface area: 395 ha
- Volume: 113 Mio m³
- Max. depth: 89 m
- mesotrophic

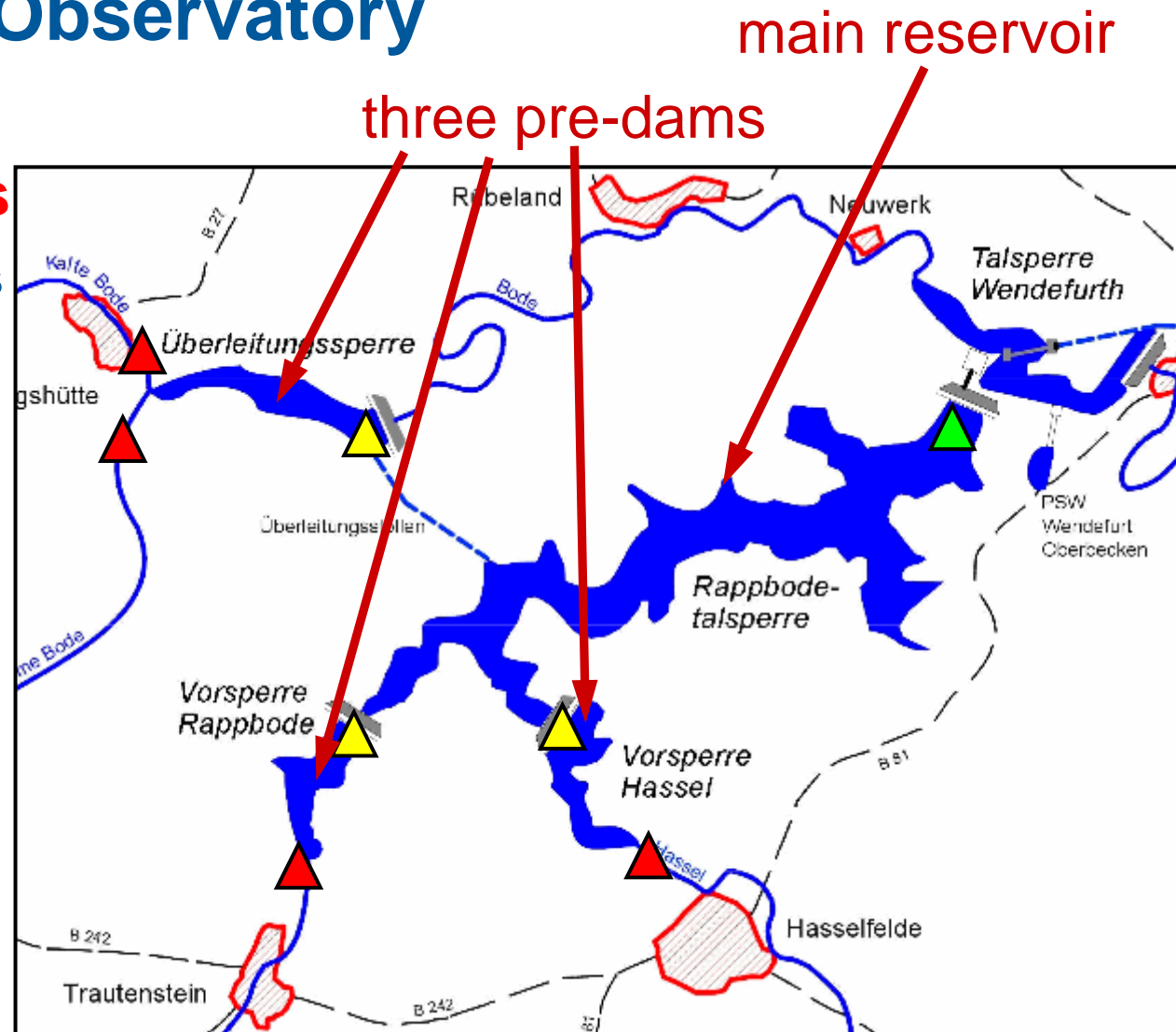
The Rappbode Reservoir Observatory

▲ 4 inflow stations

Real-time & continuous measurement of

- temperature
- conductivity
- turbidity
- nitrate
- DOC

and event-dependent water sampling by automated water samplers



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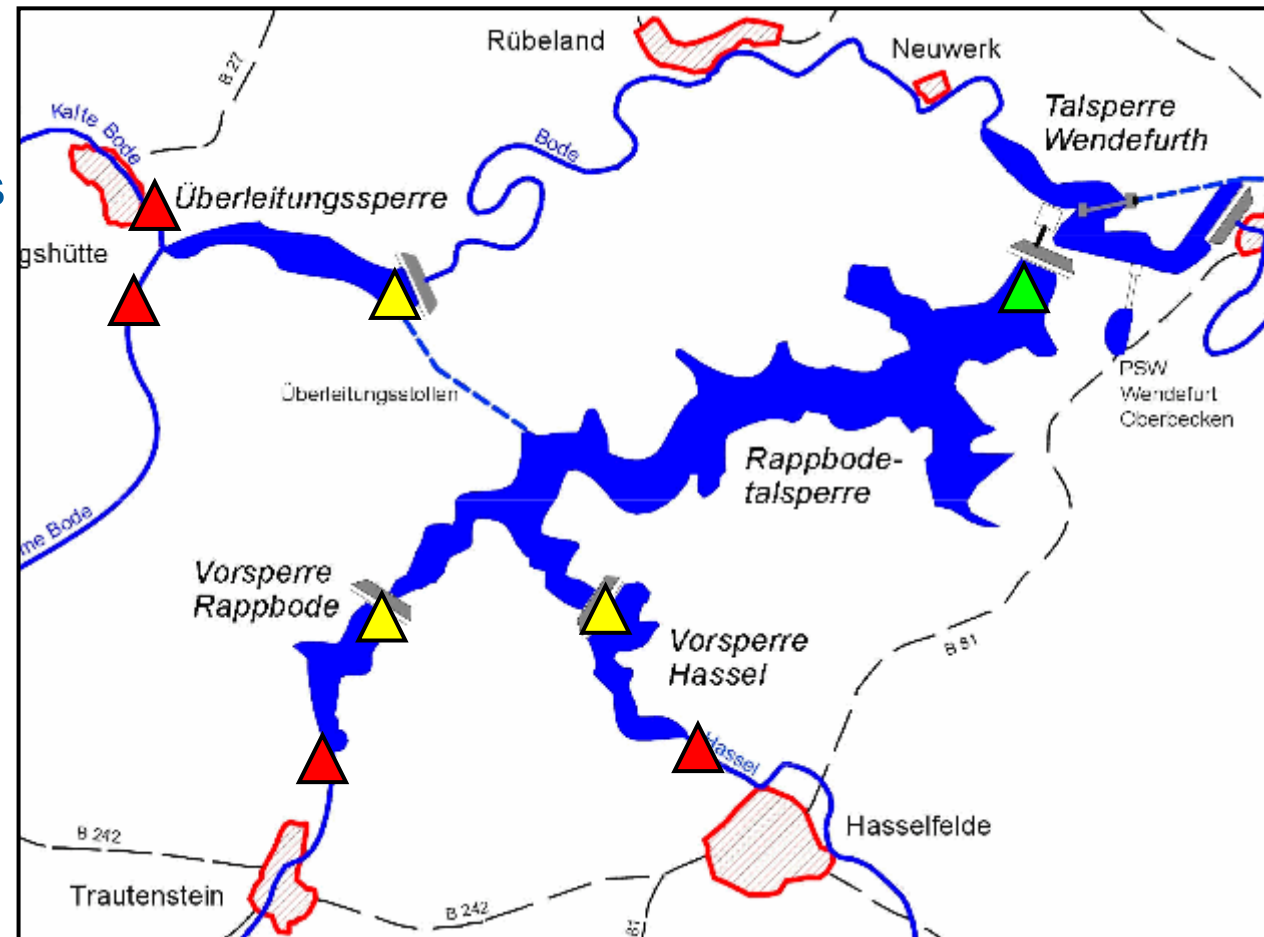
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▲ 3 connecting stations

Real-time & continuous measurement of

- temperature
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- nitrate
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- oxygen
- chlorophyll



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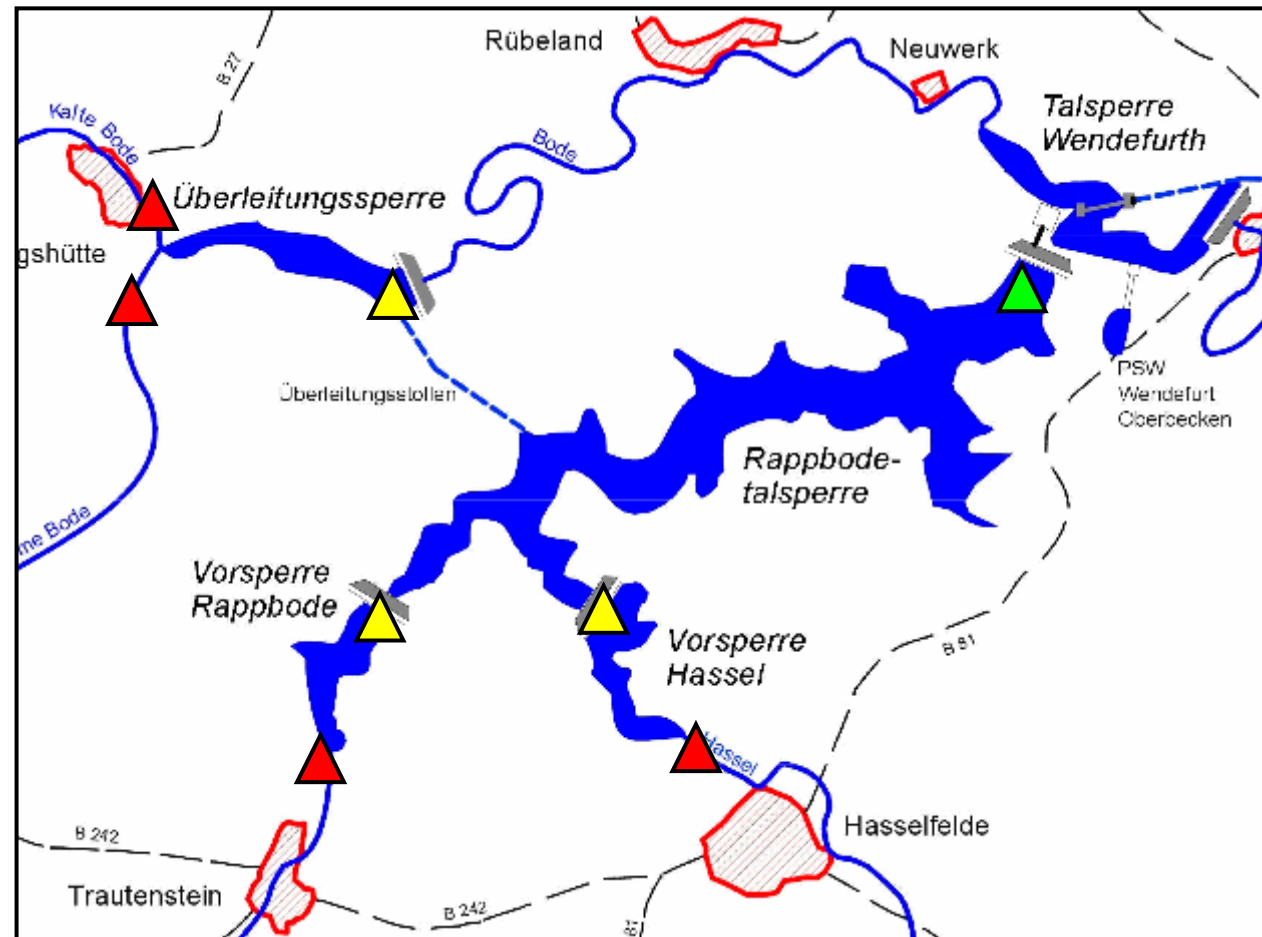
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▲ 1 offshore station

Meteorological buoy
(wind, temperature,
humidity, radiation)

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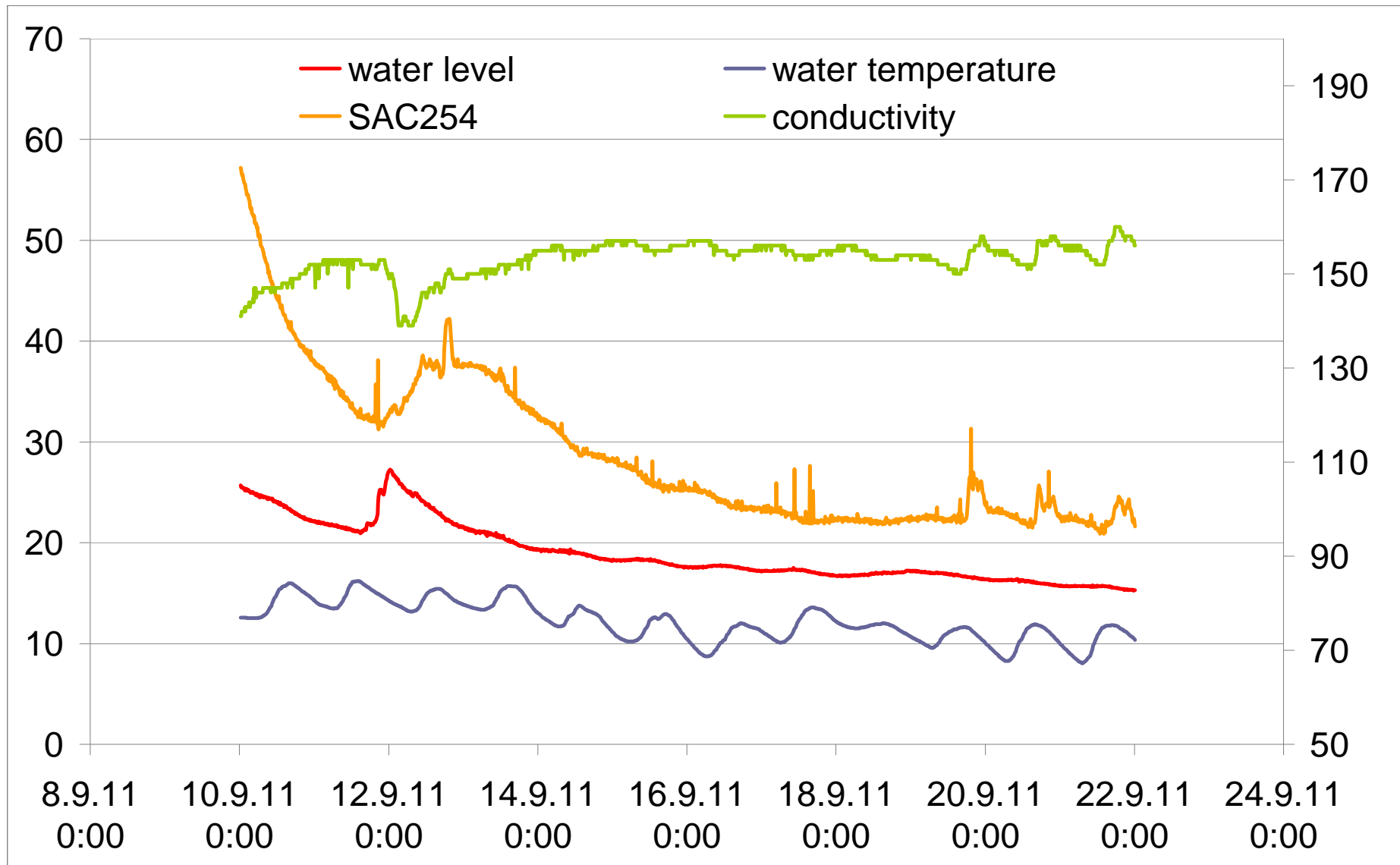
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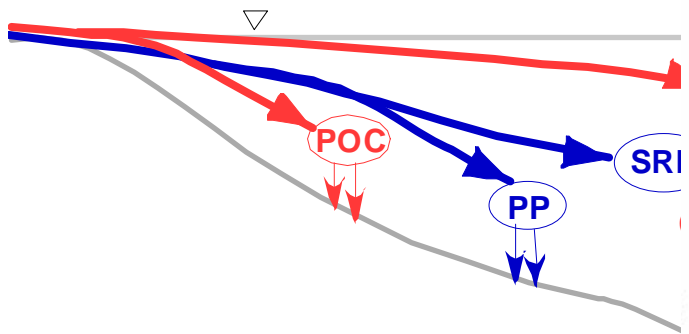
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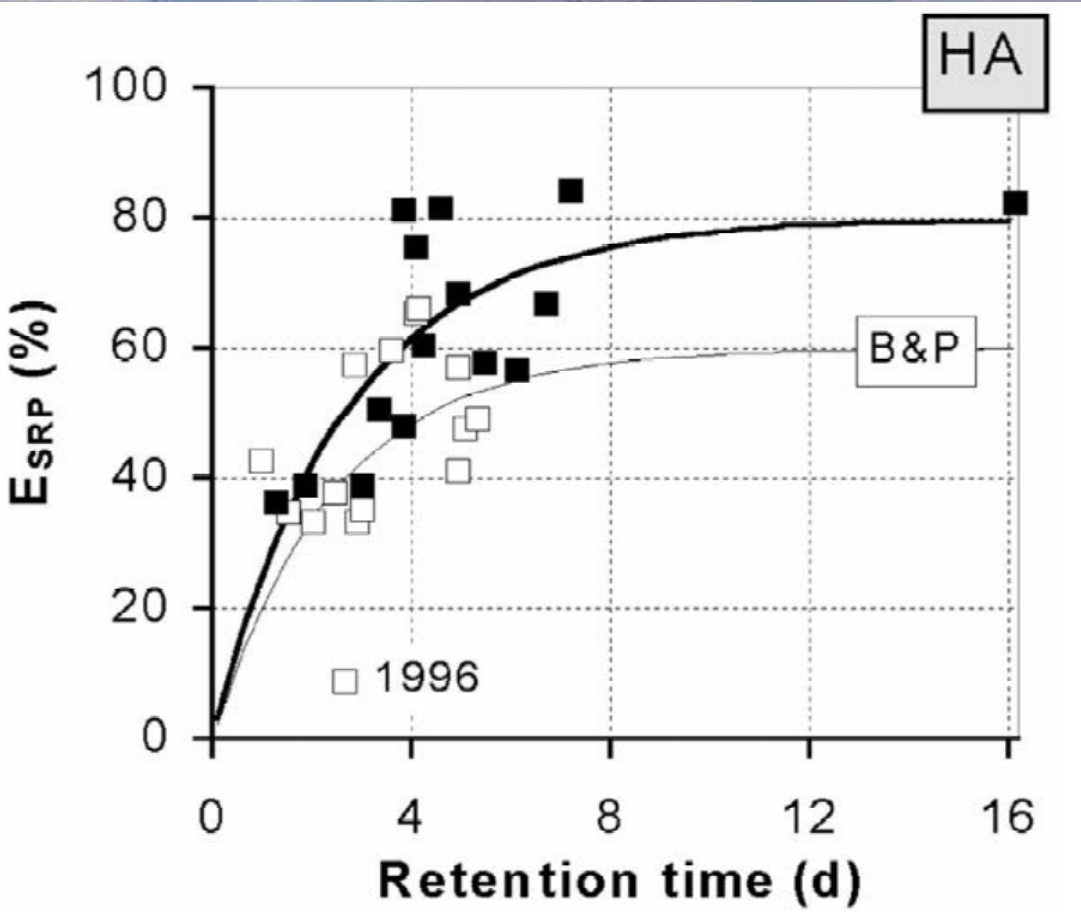
Example: Warne Bode 10-22. Sept. 2011



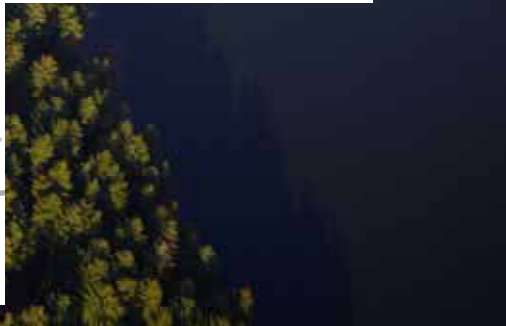
Nutrient elimination in pre-dams



- Phosphorous (P)
- Carbon (C)
- ↓ Sedimentation



- ▽ water level in the the pre-dam
- ▼ water level in the main dam



DOC = Dissolved organic carbon

Poolgrößen

DOC Ozean 700 Gt

CO₂ Atmosphäre 750 Gt

Terrestrische Pflanzen 600 Gt

Stoffflüsse

Seesedimente 0.04 Gt a⁻¹

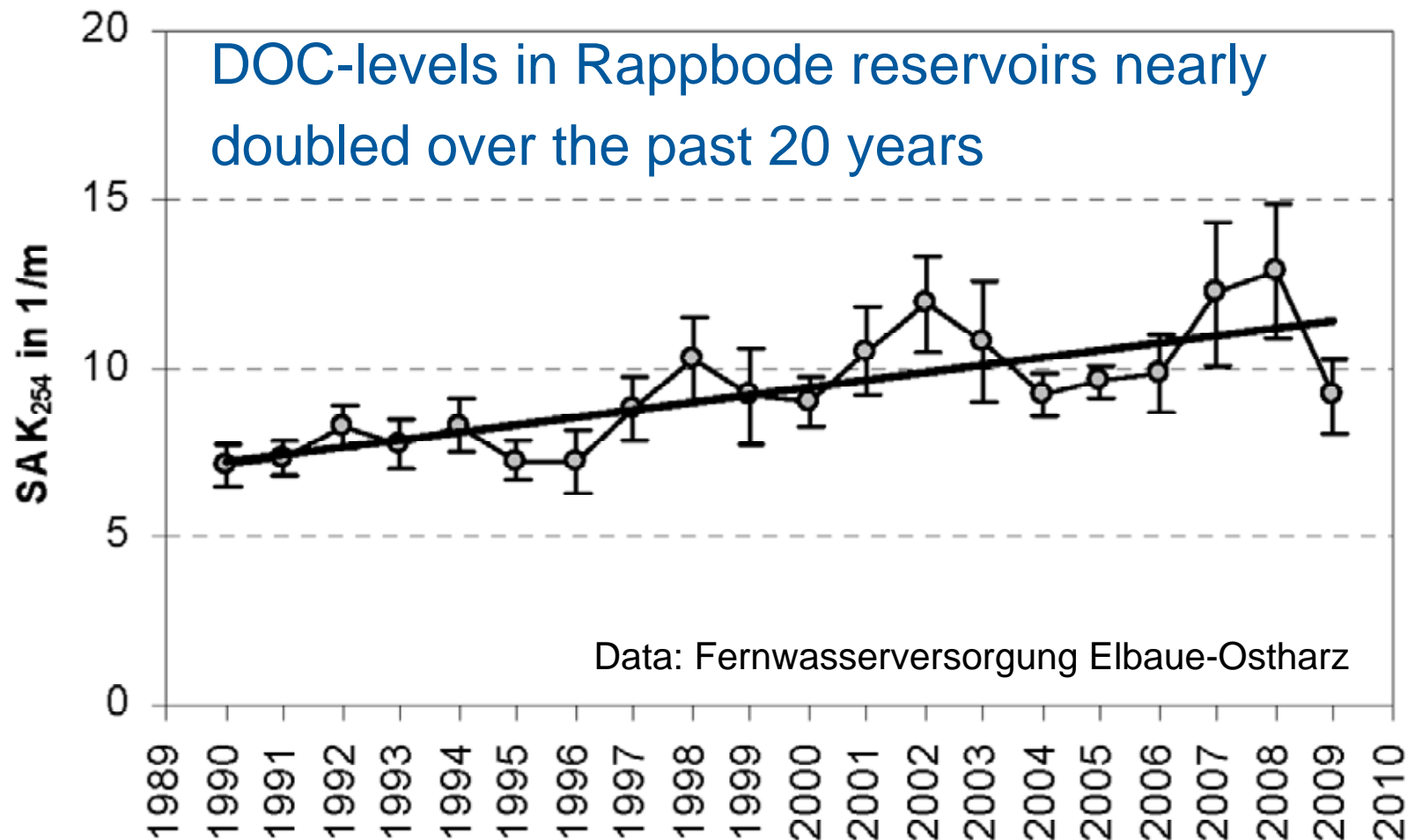
Moore 0.1 Gt a⁻¹

Talsperren 0.6 Gt a⁻¹



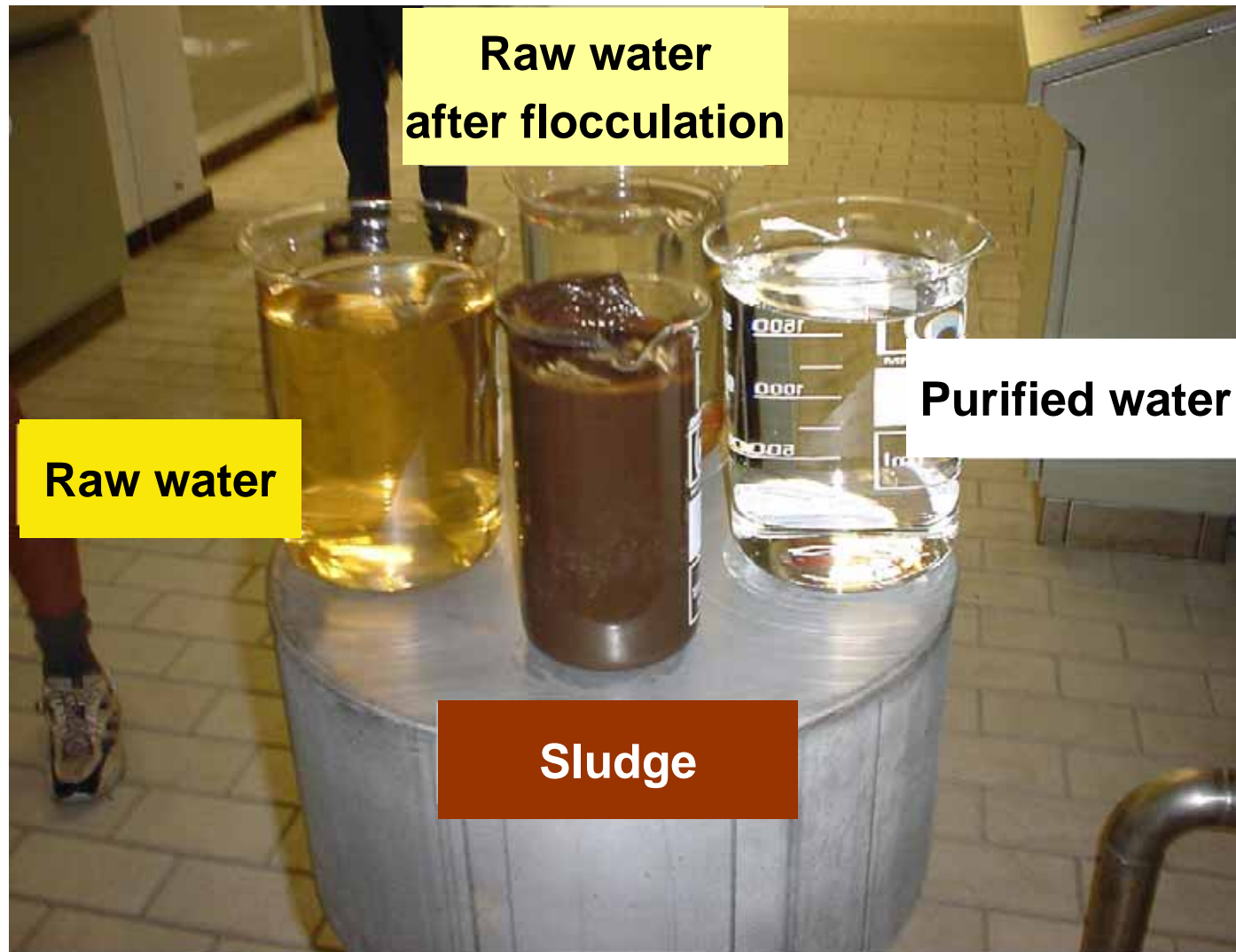
Research focus: rising levels of DOC*

*DOC=dissolved organic carbon



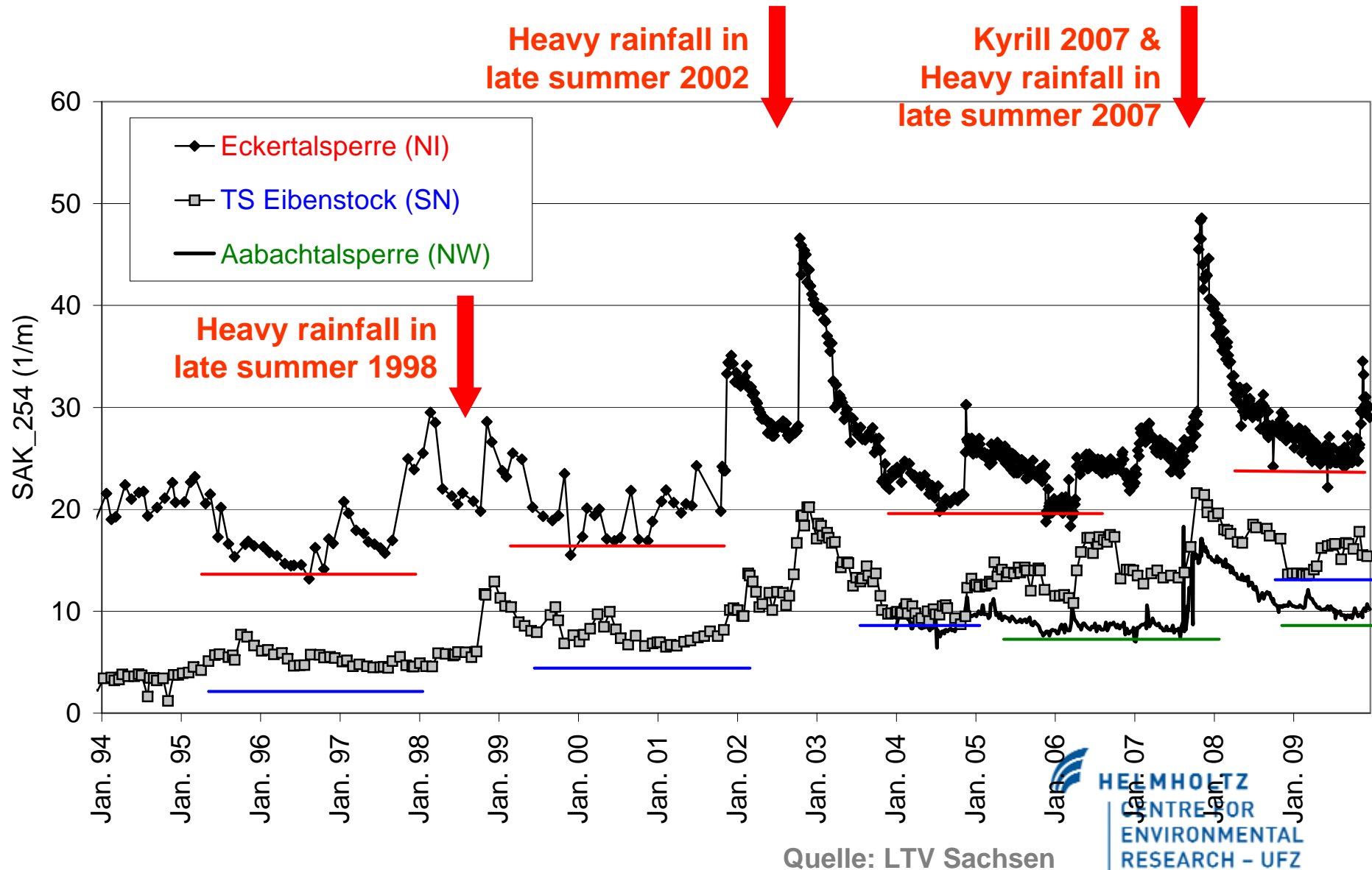
Problems in the waterworks:

stability of flocculation, sludge production & disinfection byproducts, ...



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DOC-Eintrag durch hydrologische Extremereignisse



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