



# Site Characterization for DNAPLs

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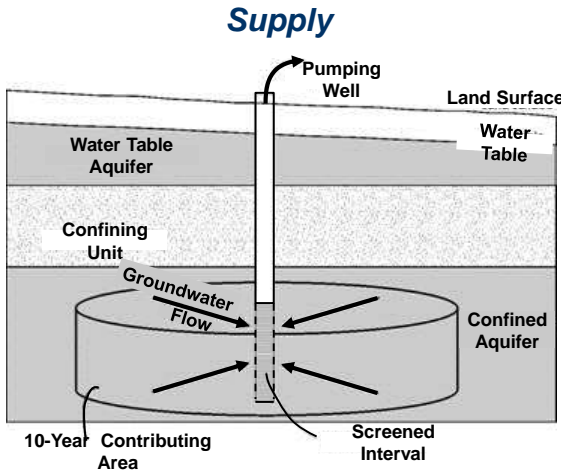
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# History and Development of Contaminant Hydrogeology

## Historical Perspective – Water Supply



- Aquifers are:
  - Homogeneous
  - Isotropic
  - Infinite extent
- Treated as a single bulk entity
  - T
  - S
  - How much water can we get out of it?

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# Development of (Contaminant) Hydrogeology



~130-Year Era of Homogeneity and Isotropy

**John Cherry – 1981**

"In the early to mid-seventies, it became apparent that the approach used in the evaluation of contaminant migration in groundwater... involved direct adaptations of monitoring methods and models that were traditionally used in groundwater resource studies... the behavior of groundwater flow systems is ... such that these direct adaptations are unsuitable or misleading because of the heterogeneous character of the geological deposits and/or the geochemical nature of the contaminant species."

**Key Point**

Our science is a young one. Our thinking on solute transport is powerfully and inappropriately influenced by the first 150 years of the development of hydrogeology.

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## Data Needs: What you need to know at a “DNAPL Site”

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- What phases are the contaminants in? (DNAPL, aqueous, sorbed, gas)
- What is the source? (DNAPL, sorbed mass, solute mass in low K zones)
- Where is the source located in 3 dimensions
- Where is the source located w.r.t. permeability? (in high K zones or low K zones)
- Where are the primary transport pathways?
- Where are the receptors?
- What attenuation mechanisms are active? (sorption/retardation, biodegradation, abiotic degradation, dispersion, diffusion into low K zones)

**For most DNAPL sites these questions can only be answered using High Resolution Site Characterization (HRSC)**

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## What is HRSC ?

Subsurface investigation appropriate to the scale of heterogeneities in the subsurface which control contaminant distribution, transport, and fate, at the required degree of detail

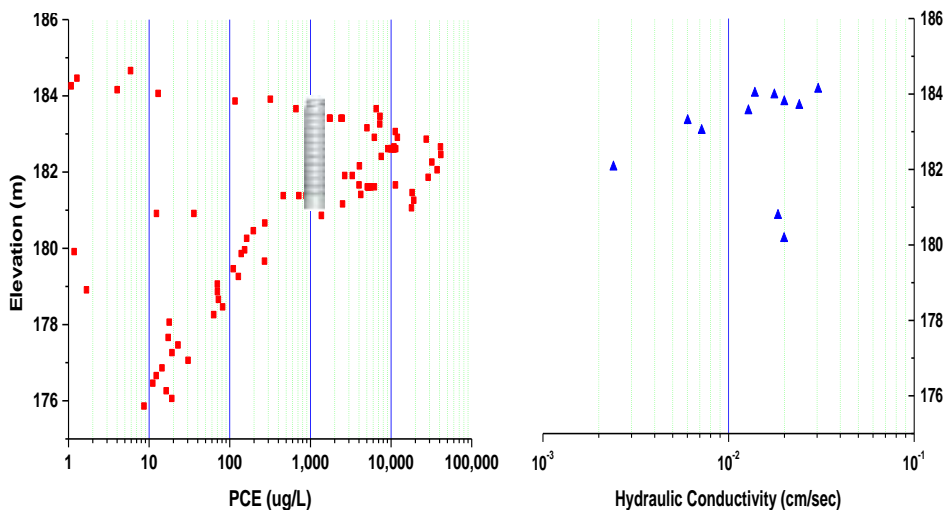
- Spatial structure of hydrogeologic variables controlling contamination distribution, transport, and fate is on the centimeter scale
- Remedies involving injection/extraction of fluids are controlled by the same variables at the same scales

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## Depth-Integrated, Flow Weighted Averaging



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## HRSC Addresses Two Critical Issues

- Sampling Scale and Data Averaging
  - Measurements must be made at a scale that is meaningful with respect to the variability of the quantity being measured
- Coverage
  - Profiles and Transects
  - Horizontal spacing
  - Vertical spacing



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## High Resolution (more pixels): Sampling Scale and Averaging

1 x 1



2 x 2



10 x 10



20 x 20



50 x 50



100 x 100



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## How Much Data Do You Need?: *HRSC Wisdom Through the Ages*



Pitkin



Cherry



Blake

**“You never know what is enough, unless  
you know what is more than enough”**

*William Blake*

**Key  
Point**

The only way to know what degree of resolution you need is to look at a high level of resolution.

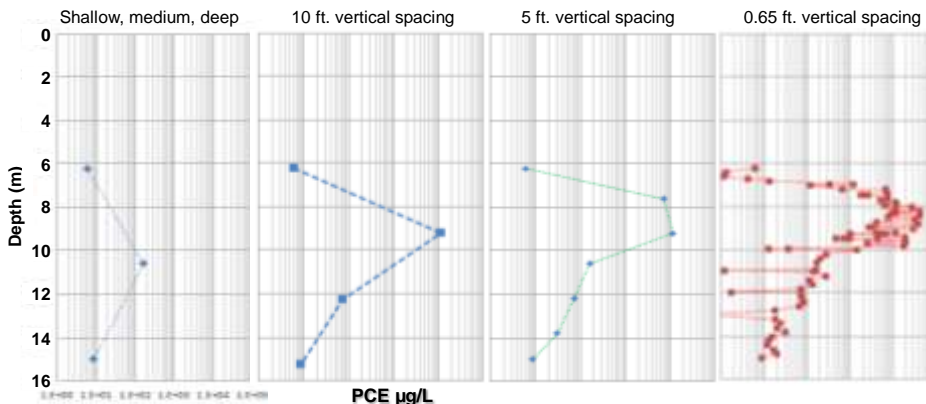
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## What is Right Vertical Spacing?

### A Profile Through PCE Plume in Sandy Aquifer



**Key  
Point**

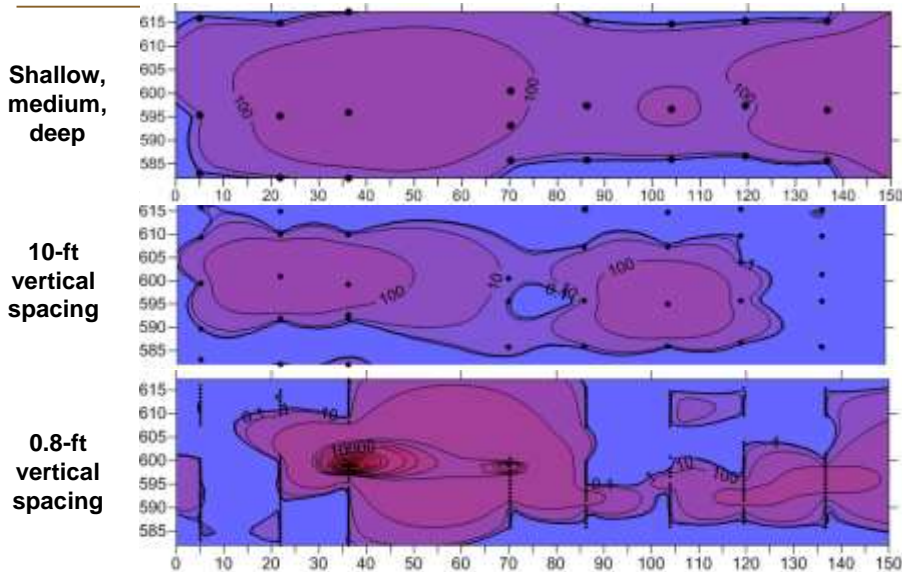
The vertical spacing you use determines whether you understand the nature of the plume or not.

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## Multi-Level Sampling Transect PCE in a Sandy Aquifer

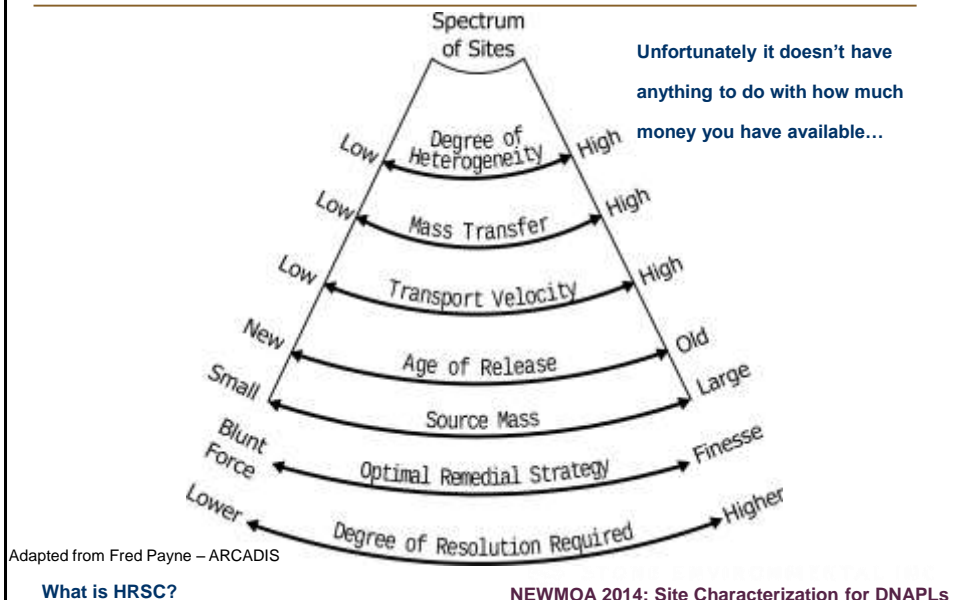


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## Influence of Site Conditions on Required Degree of Resolution and Remedial Strategy



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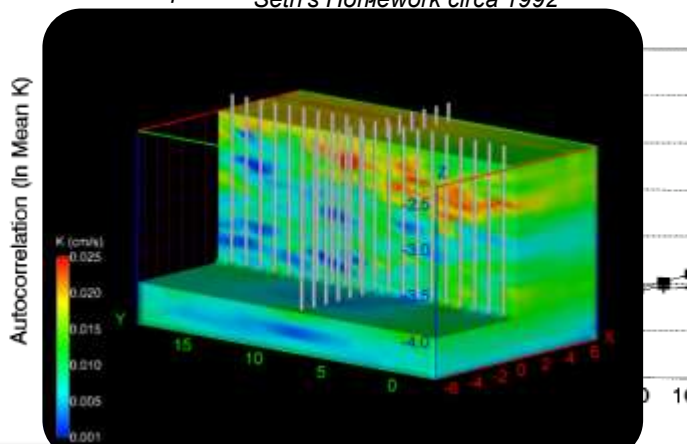
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## Heterogeneity and Spatial Structure

3D Interpolation of "Sudicky Star" K data - Borden Ontario  
Sein's Homework circa 1992



**Key Point** Hydraulic conductivity varies on the scale of tens of centimeters vertically.

Scientific Basis for HRSC

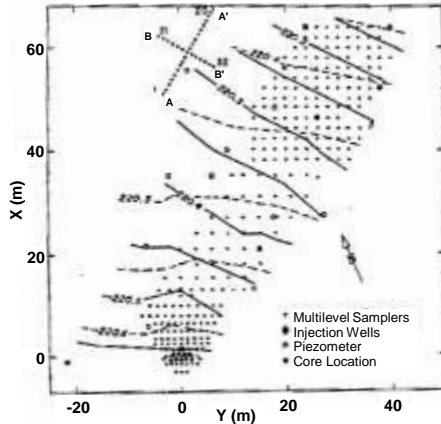
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## Hydrodynamic Dispersion

Stanford-Waterloo Natural Gradient Tracer Test Layout, Water Resources Research, 1982



- Natural Gradient Tracer Tests
  - Sudicky – 1979
  - Stanford/Waterloo – 1982
  - USGS Cape Cod – 1986
  - Rivett *et al.* – 1991
- Dispersion is scale- (time/distance) dependent
- Transverse horizontal dispersion is weak
- Transverse vertical dispersion is even weaker
- Longitudinal dispersion is significant

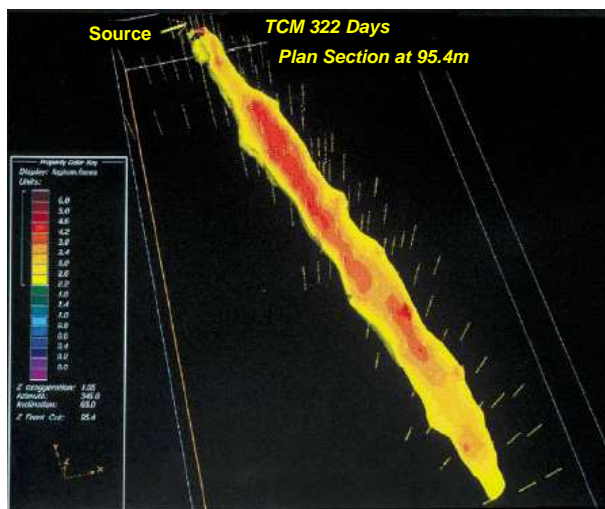
**Key Point** Transverse Dispersion is weak – Plumes do not spread out much.

Scientific Basis for HRSC

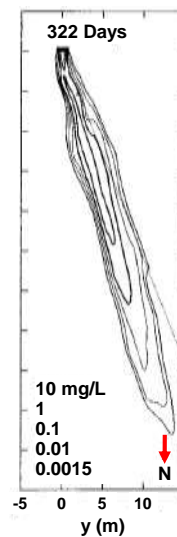
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## Emplaced Source Site Experiment: TCM Plume at 322 Days – Weak Transverse Dispersion

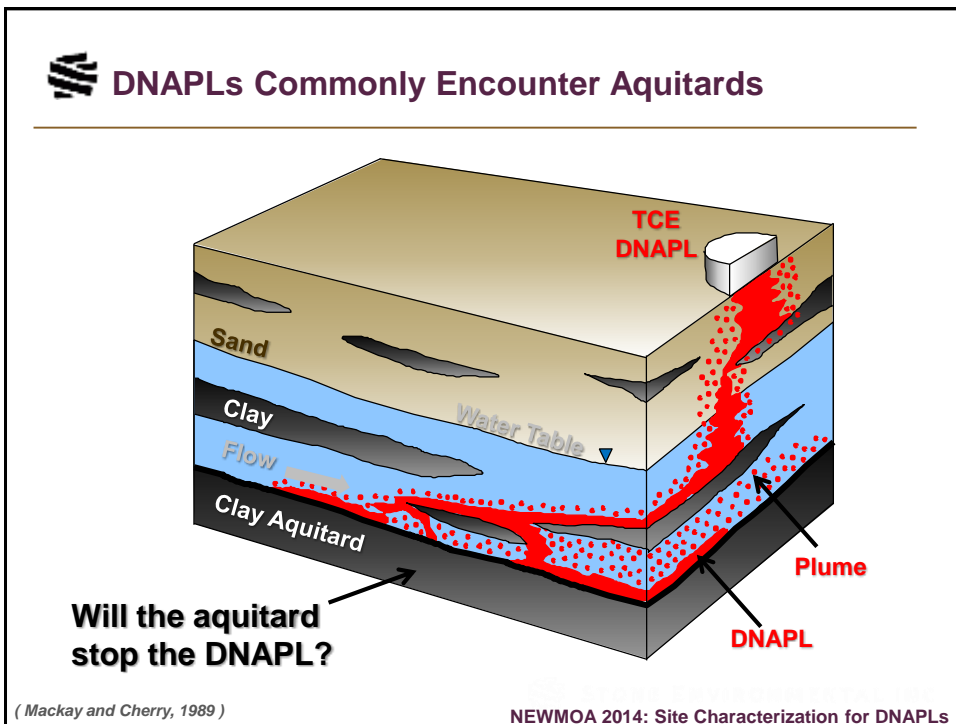
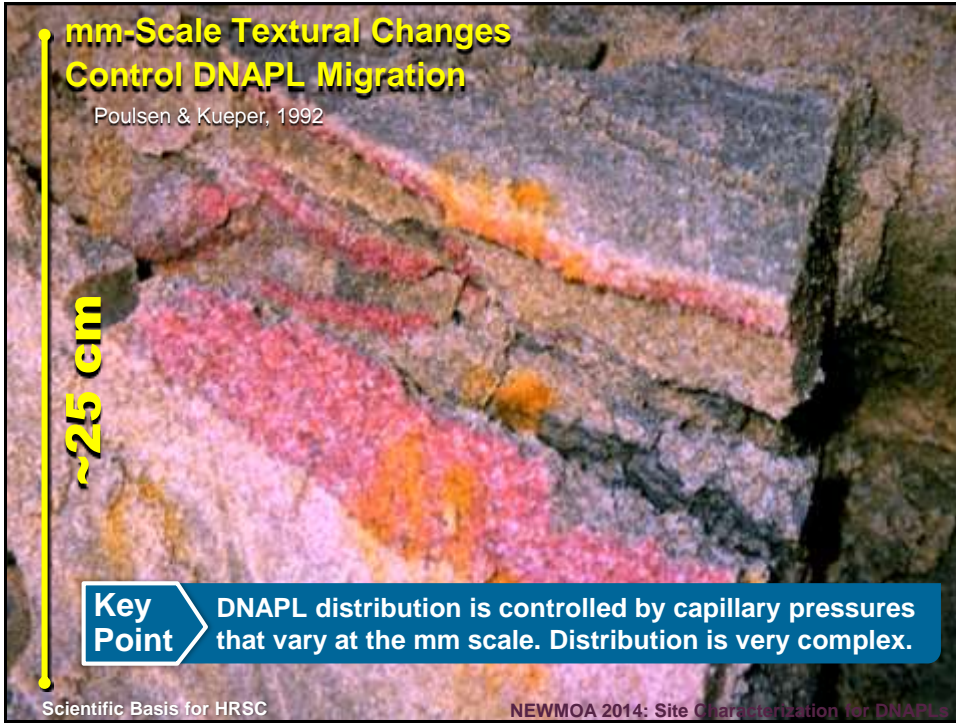


Rivett *et al.*, 2001



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## CFB Borden 9x9 m Cell



Double Wall, Sealable Joint Sheet Piling Cell Keyed into Aquitard

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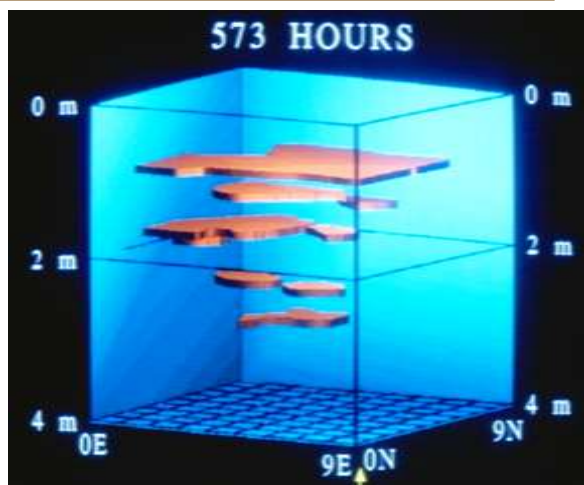


## 9 x 9 Meter Cell Experiment CFB Borden



770 Liters DNAPL PCE Injected July 1991

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DNAPL Distribution after 573 Hours

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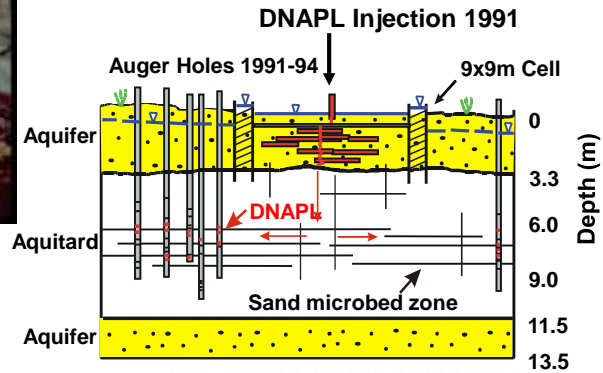
## Borden 9x9 m Cell Experiment



HSA Boring Outside Cell

Uh Oh!

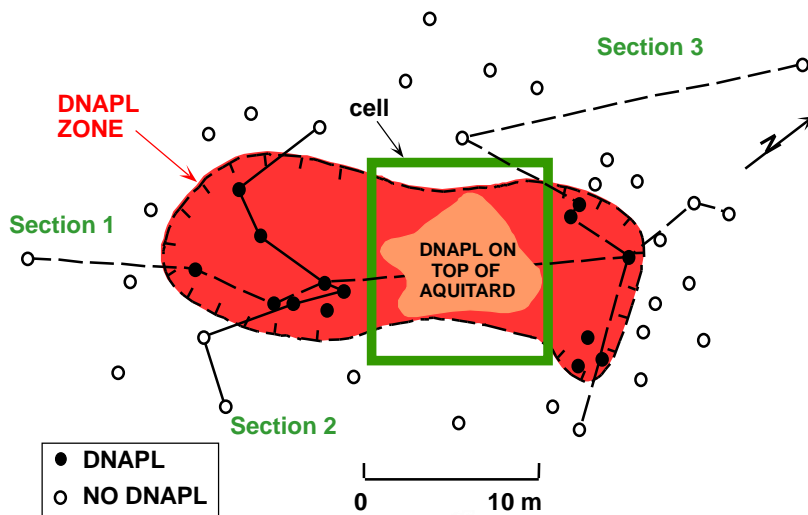
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## Areal Distribution of DNAPL within Aquitard



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## Dual Porosity Systems and Diffusion

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- Systems in which there are (relatively) high and low permeability units
- Nearly all advective flow takes place through the pores in the high permeability materials (mobile porosity)
- Water in the saturated pore spaces in the low permeability materials (immobile porosity) is dominated by diffusive, rather than advective flux
- Pore water in the low permeability materials essentially serves as storage for solutes

Matrix Diffusion

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# Matrix Diffusion Effects on Contaminant Migration from an Injection Well in Fractured Sandstone

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### ABSTRACT

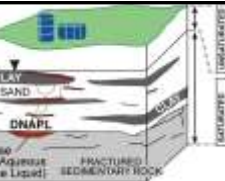
Dispersion injection into fractured sandstone is an option for the disposal of concentrated non-fluorinating discharge from an open pit uranium mine. As part of the assessment of potential contaminant migration from this well injection, the effect of matrix diffusion was analyzed. An analytical mathematical model was developed for the calculation of the total movement of a contaminant from any point in a fracture plane into a nearby low-permeability matrix. The model includes the effects of adsorption in the fracture, diffusion of contaminants from the fracture into the rock matrix, and equilibrium adsorption in the fracture network as well as in the rock matrix. Effective diffusion coefficients obtained from laboratory experiments on 11 sandstone samples ranged from  $1.0 \times 10^{-7}$  to  $2.2 \times 10^{-7}$  m<sup>2</sup>/s. Model simulations were made with a diffusion coefficient value in this range and with single fracture injection rates and matrix flow fracture permeability. Results show that bulk hydraulic conductivity values obtained from field tests, because of matrix diffusion, are not an accurate representation of the effect of the permeability components from the injection well is much slower than the rate of water flow in the fracture. Simulations of the movement

of contaminants that undergo adsorption indicate that even a small retardation coefficient for the rock matrix causes the concentrations to remain very close to the injection well during the one-year period. The results of the analytical model demonstrate that matrix diffusion is an important process that cannot be ignored in the assessment of a waste disposal system located in fractured porous rock. However, in order to make a definite assessment of the capability of matrix diffusion to attenuate contaminant migration around injection wells, it would be necessary to conduct field tests such as a preliminary or experimental injection.

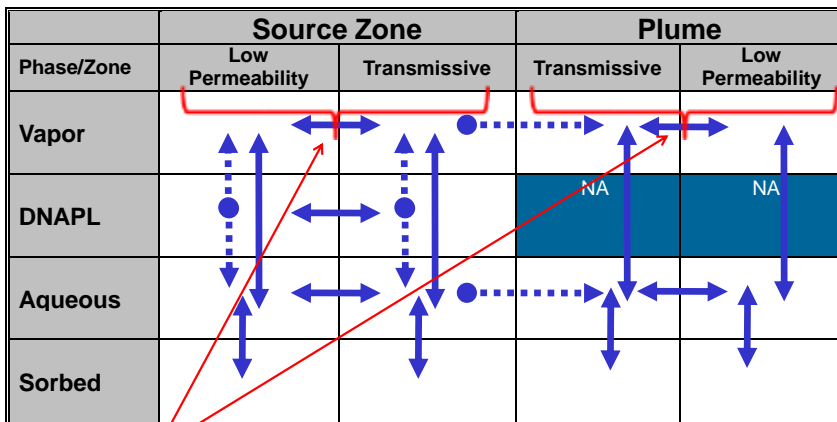
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The permeability of fractured rocks is attributed to discrete openings such as fractures and to pore channels or connected voids associated with openings within the rock matrix. Fractures in the form of joints, shear zones or bedding planes exist in nearly all rocks. When the permeability resulting from fractures greatly exceeds the rock matrix permeability, the flow of ground water occurs almost exclusively through the fractures. If contaminants are introduced into the ground-water flow system, advective transport of the contaminants will take place almost exclusively in the fractures. The occurrence of chemical concentration gradients between the fractures and the rock matrix will result in mass transfer of contaminants from the flowing ground water in the fractures into the relatively immobile ground water in the rock matrix. As the contaminated ground water moves through the fracture network, the effect of contaminant diffusion to the matrix causes the contaminant concentrations

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## Dual Porosity Systems: 17 Potentially Relevant Fluxes



**Dual Porosity Systems** Sale et al., 2007



## Nature and Challenges of Matrix Diffusion

### Aquifer Matrix Challenges

Two aquifer blocks with equal:

- Average hydraulic conductivity
- Mobile porosity
- Groundwater transport velocity

In the high-mass-transfer geometry, the rate of diffusive migration into the low-K zones is approximately 10-fold greater than for the low-mass-transfer case.

Low-K

High-K

Low-K



Low Mass Transfer



High Mass Transfer

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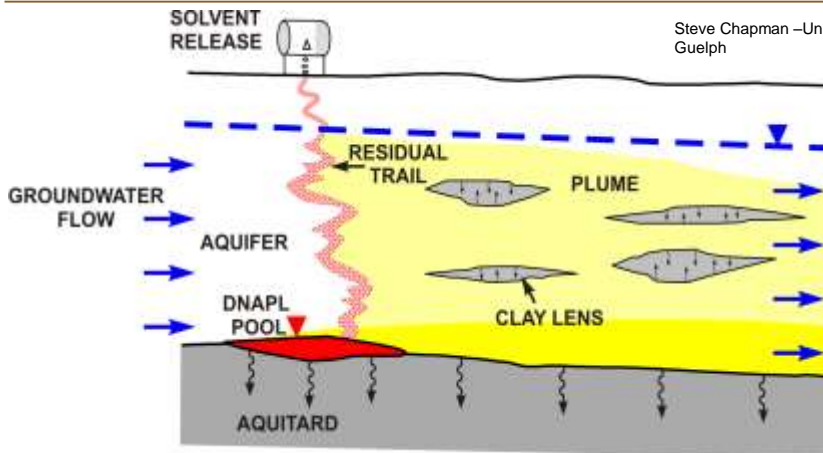
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### Sand Aquifer with Clay Lenses and Underlying Aquitard

Steve Chapman – University of Guelph



Key Point

Solute mass diffuses into low-K zones in the source area and throughout the dissolved plume.

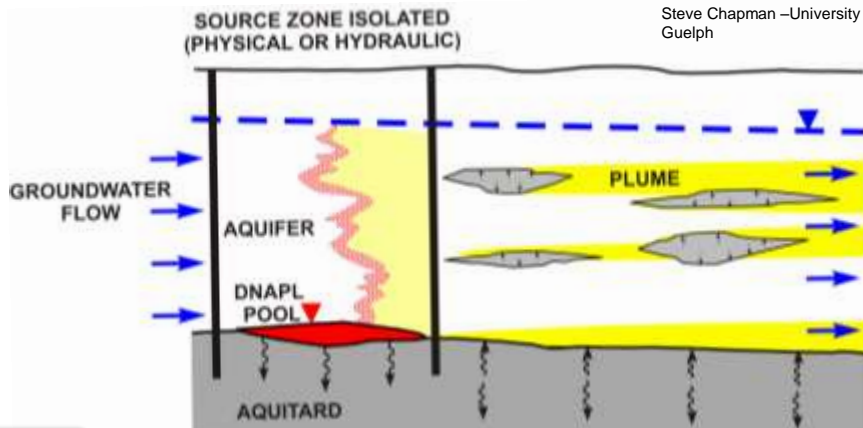
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## Persistent Plume after Source Isolation due to Back Diffusion

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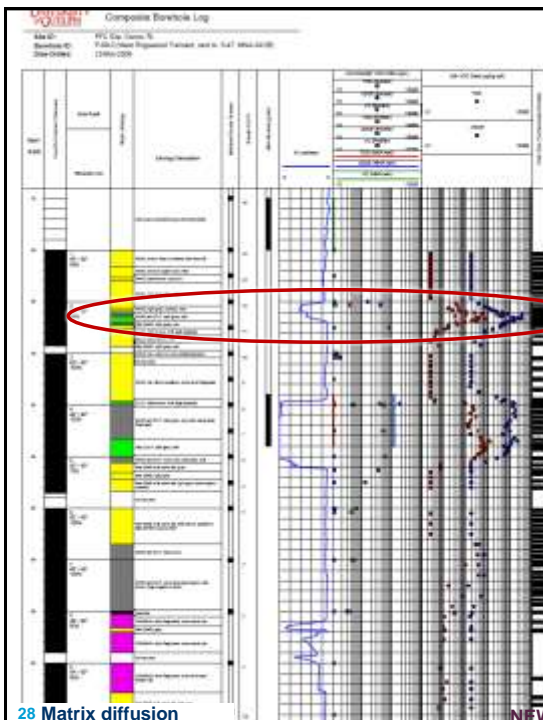


**Key Point**

Solutes diffuse back out of low-K zones following source area isolation/remediation. The whole dissolved plume footprint becomes the source.

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## High Resolution Composite Log

Precision Site,  
Coco Beach, FL

Source: Steve Chapman –University of Guelph

28 Matrix diffusion

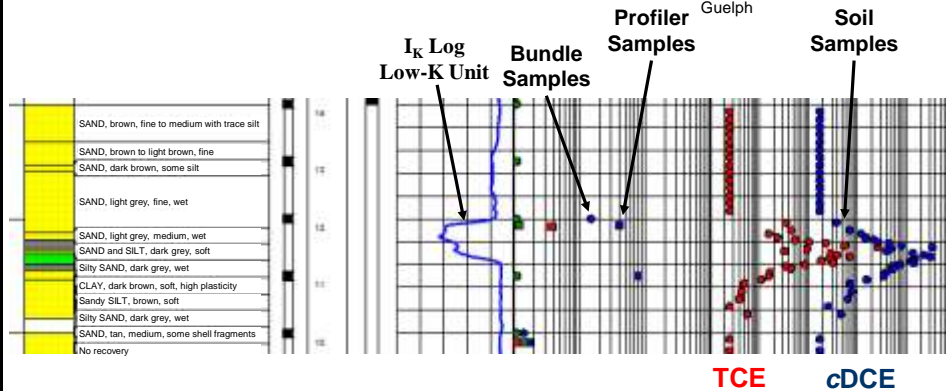
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## Where the Mass Is Cocoa, FL

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Guelph



**Key  
Point**

Contaminant mass mostly in low-K layers creates thin plumes in high-K layers throughout the dissolved plume.

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## The Matrix Diffusion Challenge

- Low-K zones serve as ongoing sources of contamination separate from the initial source and throughout the plume footprint
- This source persists for long time periods
- Concentrations in permeable zones rebound following remediation of those zones
- Introduction of remedial agents into the low-K zones is controlled by the rate of diffusion and takes a very long time

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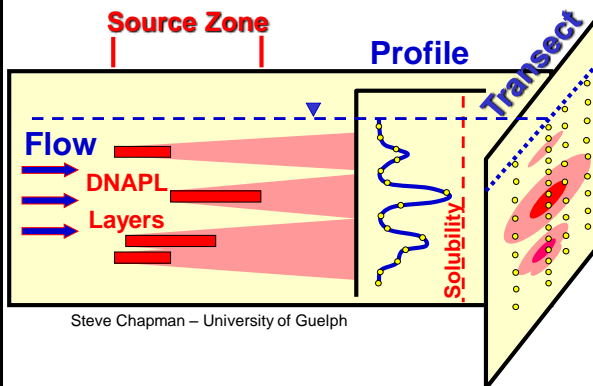
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## Transect Approach for Groundwater Contaminant Plumes



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### Outside In Approach

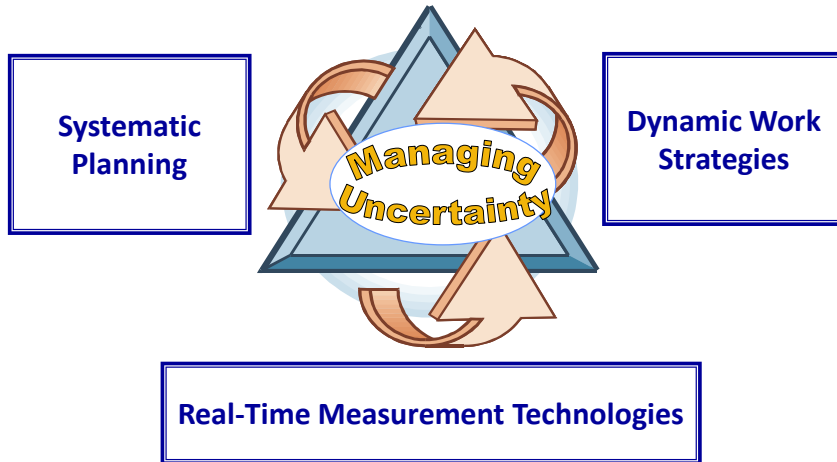
- **Profiles**
  - Close vertical spacing of sampling points/measurements at a single location
  - Small volume of sample/measurement
  - Vertical spacing?
- **Transects**
  - Series of profiles along a line oriented at a right angle to the direction of transport
  - Horizontal spacing?
- Not longitudinal sections

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## The Triad Approach



[www.triadcentral.org](http://www.triadcentral.org)

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## Deployment of HRSC Tools

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- Vadose zone
  - Soil gas sampling (passive, active, profile, temporal)
  - Screening tools (e.g., MIP)
  - Soil coring and profile sampling
- Saturated zone
  - Screening tools for rapid reconnaissance of source zones, plume cores, hot spots (e.g., MIP, DyeLIF)
  - Groundwater sample profiling of permeable zones (mobile porosity)
  - Soil coring and profile sampling for low-K zones (immobile porosity)

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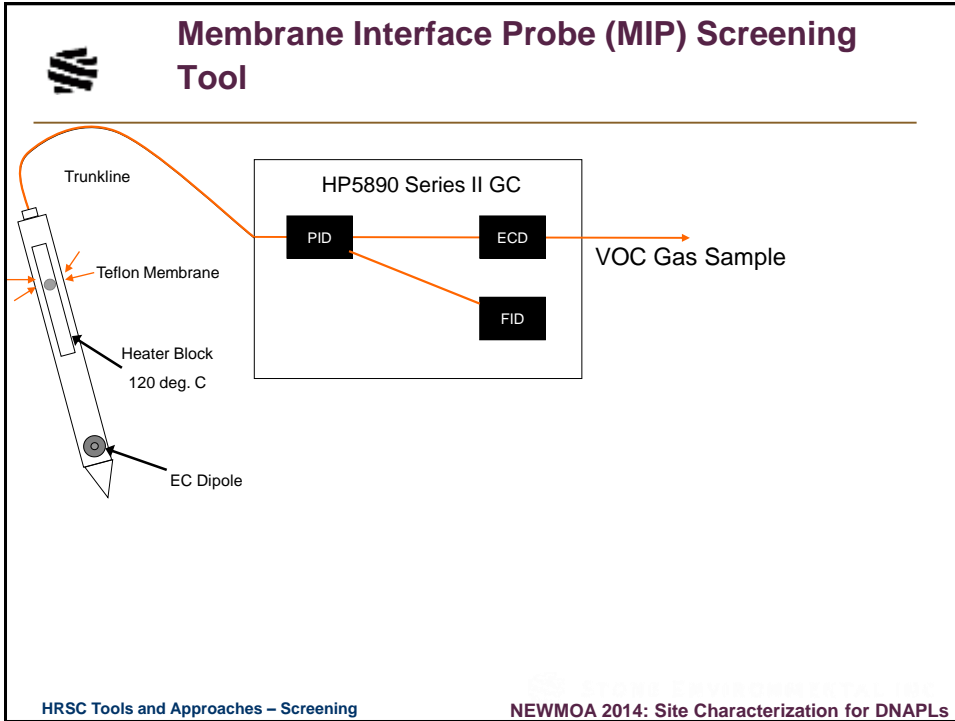
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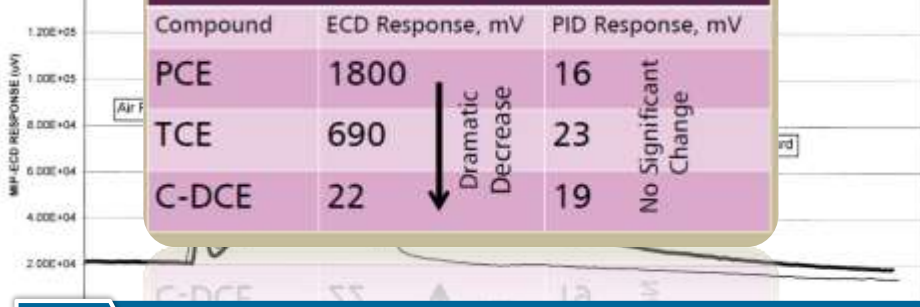
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- MIP Screening Tool (cont.)**
- **Strengths**
    - Vertically continuous, real-time data
    - Can typically complete 150 to 250 linear feet of exploration per day
    - Ideal for locating source areas and plume cores
  - **Limitations**
    - Limited depth penetration
    - Units (volts) not the same as with soil or water concentration
    - Correlations with soil/water concentrations problematic
    - Generally does not distinguish between analytes
    - Apparent “dragdown” of contamination
    - No particular NAPL signature
    - Once in NAPL the tool is highly contaminated and needs to be cleaned before continuing
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## MIP: Variability in Detector Response

### MIP RESPONSE TESTING

#### Response Test Results: ECD & PID with PCE, TCE and c-DCE



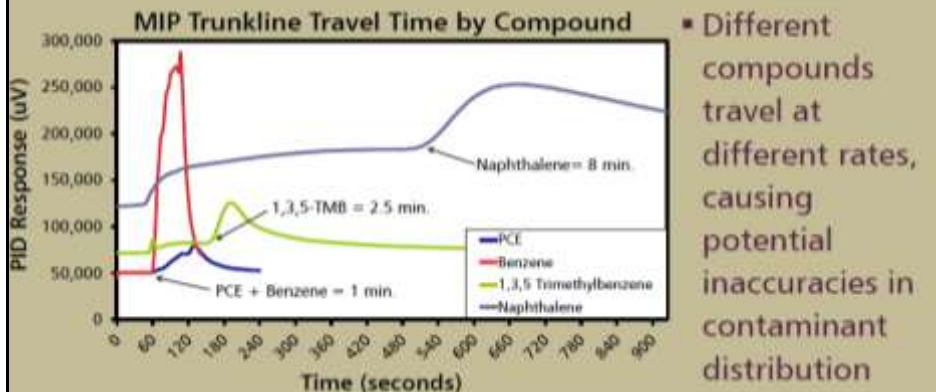
**Key Point**

ECD is best detector for low level CVOCs but it is very sensitive to the number of chlorine atoms on the contaminant molecules.



## MIP: Variability in Travel Time

### Trip Time Disparity

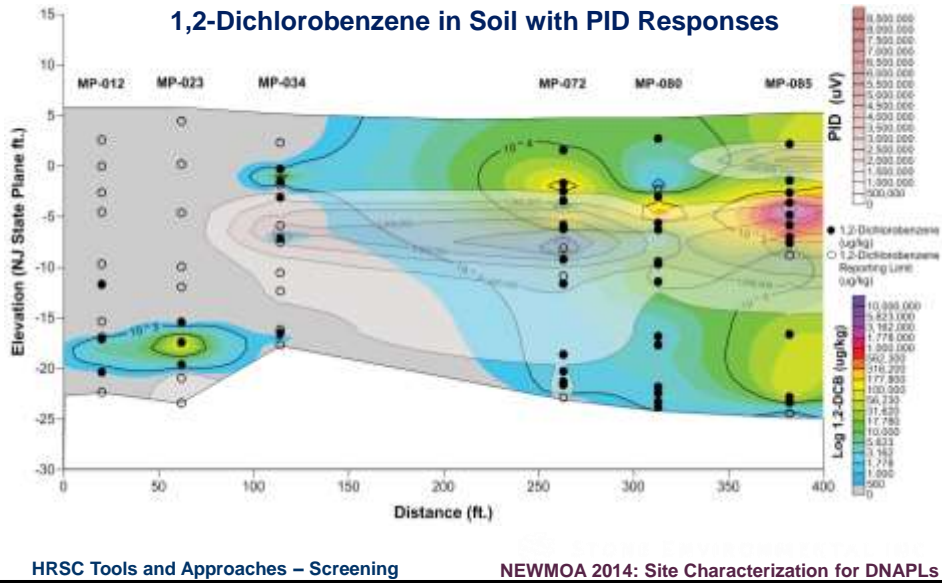


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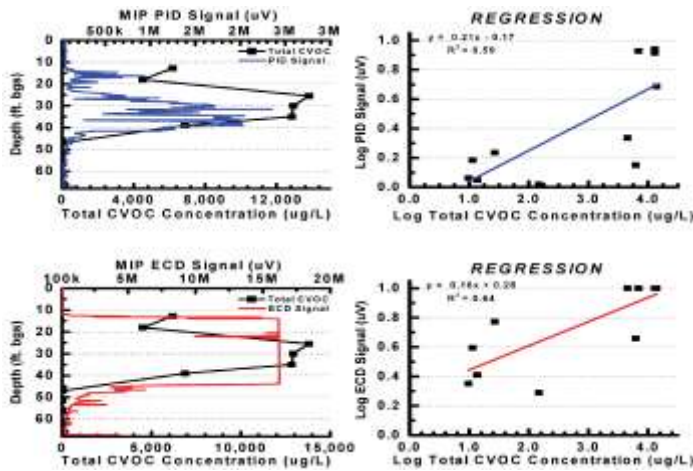
MIP data can be misleading if complex contaminant mixtures are present.



## Correlations and Complex Mixtures Trip Time Disparity



## HRSC Data Set – MIP Visualizations Transect E ECD – MIP13 Poor Numerical Correlations





## HRSC Data Set MIP Comparisons/Correlations

Range of R<sup>2</sup> on individual holes = 0.06 to 0.92

### Transect D

Hole ID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Visual Correlation	1	1	1	2	1	1	3
ECD R <sup>2</sup>	0.32	0.38	0.07	0.4	0.64	0.06	0.22
TVOC Range, ppm	0-3	0-12	0-40	0-16	0-20	0-15	0-.005

Average R<sup>2</sup> for  
Transect B =  
0.37

### Transect E

Hole ID	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Visual Correlation	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
ECD R <sup>2</sup>	0.09	0.62	0.72	0.64	0.92	0.53	0.66	0.01
TVOC Range, ppm	0-3	0-8	0-50	0-15	0-12	0-20	0-6	0-.005

Average R<sup>2</sup> for  
Transect E =  
0.72

### Transect F

Hole ID	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Visual Correlation	1	2	1	2	1	2	1
ECD R <sup>2</sup>	0.13	0.58	0.58	0.01	0.38	0.77	0.92
TVOC Range, ppm	0-6	0-10	0-.4	0-4	0-16	0-16	0-1

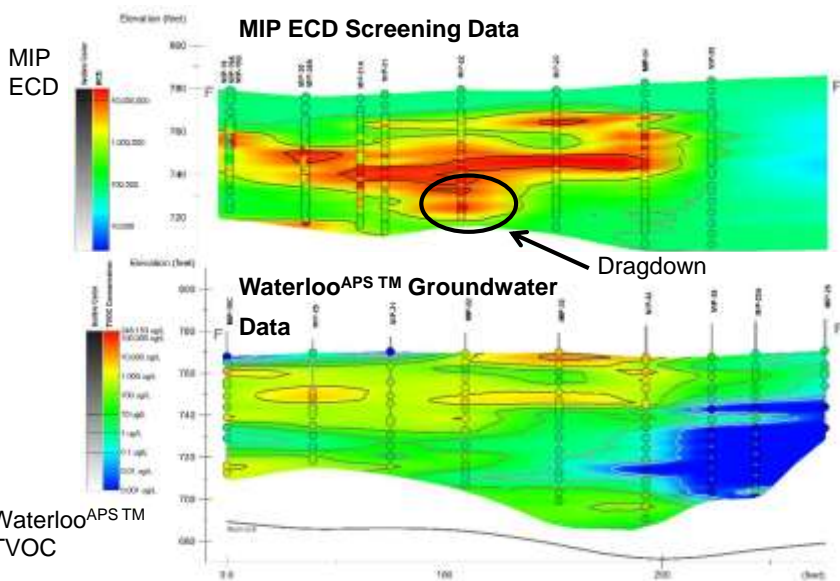
Average R<sup>2</sup> for  
Transect F =  
0.37

Visual correlation Rankings; 1 = good, 2 = fair, 3 = poor.

**Average R<sup>2</sup> for All  
Transects = 0.49**



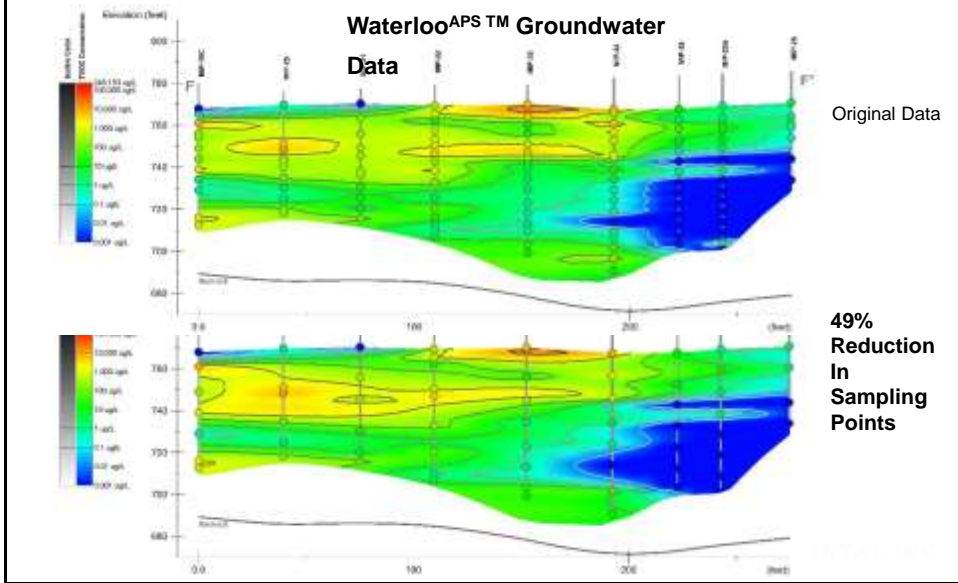
## Use of MIP to Reduce Sampling Density and Cost Transect F MIP/ECD and TVOC







## Reduced/Optimized Sampling Scheme Transect F



## MiHPT – Combined MIP and HPT



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## FLUTe NAPL Ribbon Sampler

Direct Detection of DNAPL



NAPL FLUTe Deployed in Direct Push Casing

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Stains Caused by Reactive Dye Indicate Presence of DNAPL

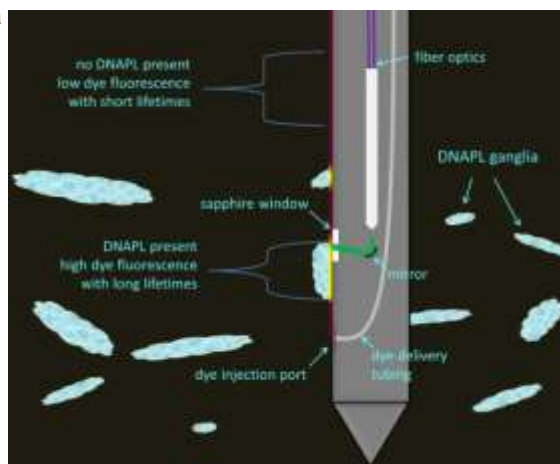
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## Dye LIF from Dakota Technologies

Direct Detection of Cl Solvent DNAPLs

- Laser Induced Fluorescence is a powerful, high resolution, direct sensing tool for locating NAPLs consisting of aromatic compounds (e.g., fuels, coal tar etc)
- However, chlorinated solvents do not fluoresce – so LIF does not work for chlorinated solvent DNAPLs
- Dye LIF developed to overcome this limitation



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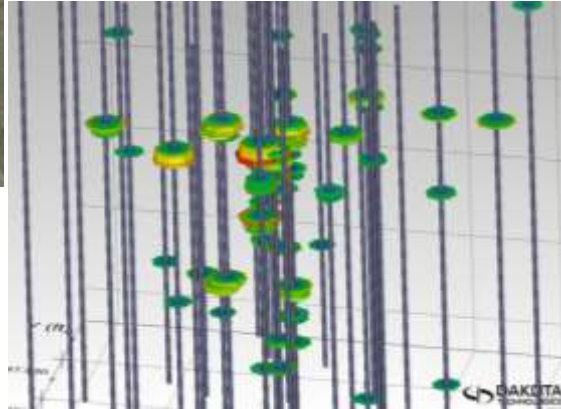


## Dye LIF Field Trials Successful



Dense Push Array at Highly Characterized DNAPL Source Zone

Post Processed 3D rendering of DNAPL Distribution from Dye-LIF Data



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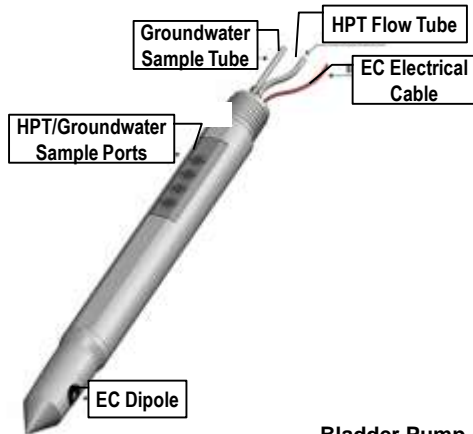
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## Geoprobe® HPT-GWS



Bladder Pump Actuator,  
Sample Tubing and Trunkline  
at the Surface

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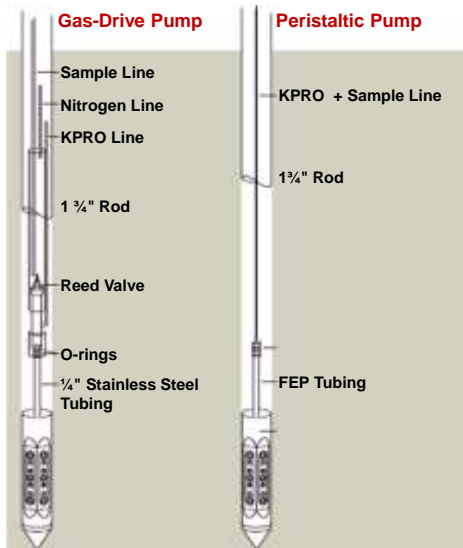
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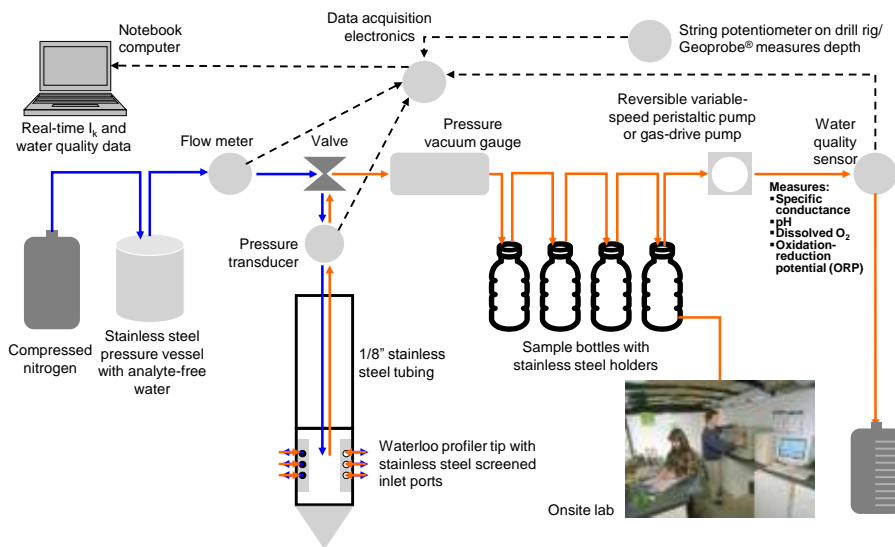
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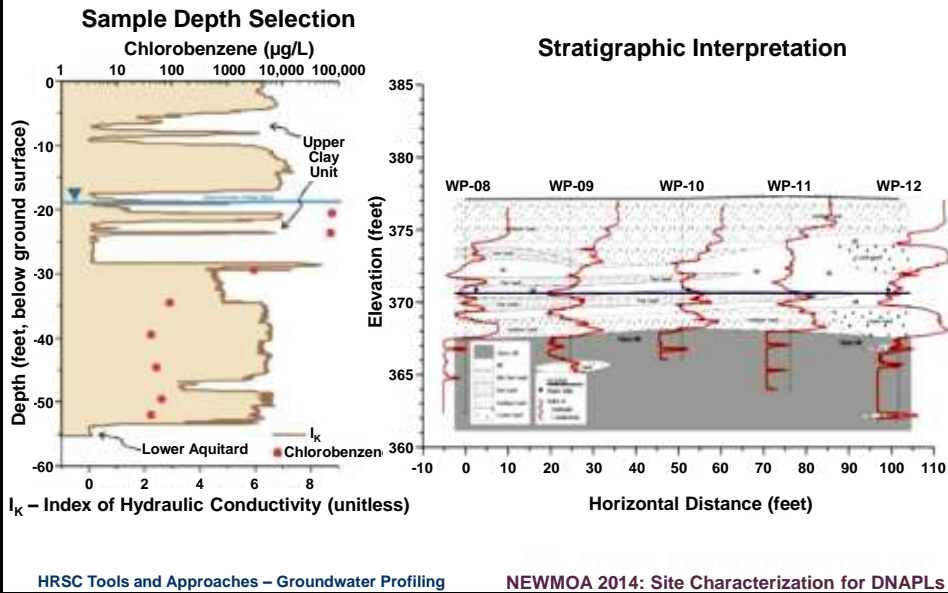


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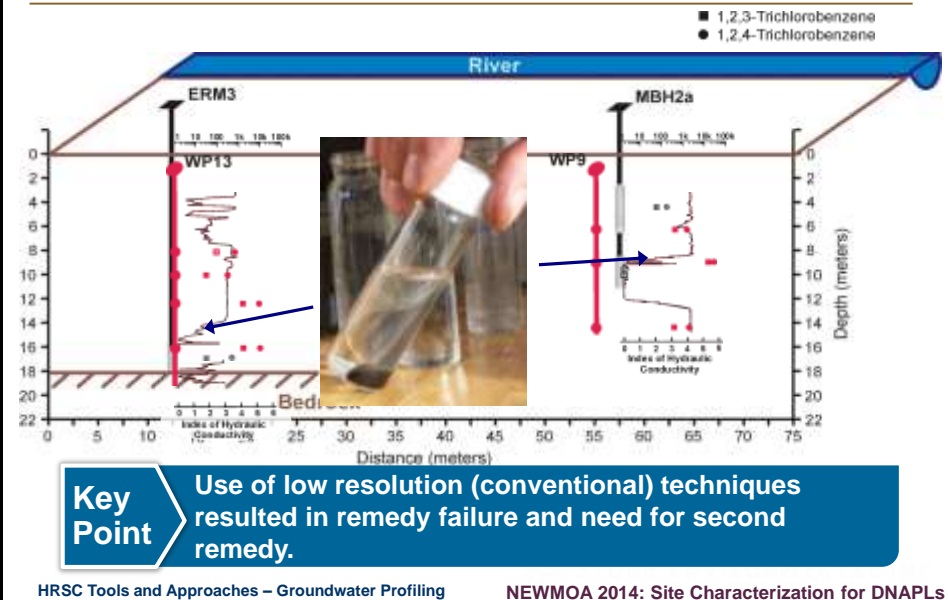
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## Two Uses of $I_k$ Data



## Post-Remedy Investigation Northern England





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– Screening  
– Groundwater  
Profiling  
– Soil Coring

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## Essential Information from Cores

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- Geologic/hydrogeologic features
- Physical, chemical & microbial properties
- Contaminant mass distributions (high- & low-K zones)
- Contaminant phase distributions (detection of DNAPL)
- Concentration gradients/diffusive fluxes
- Effectiveness of remedial technologies

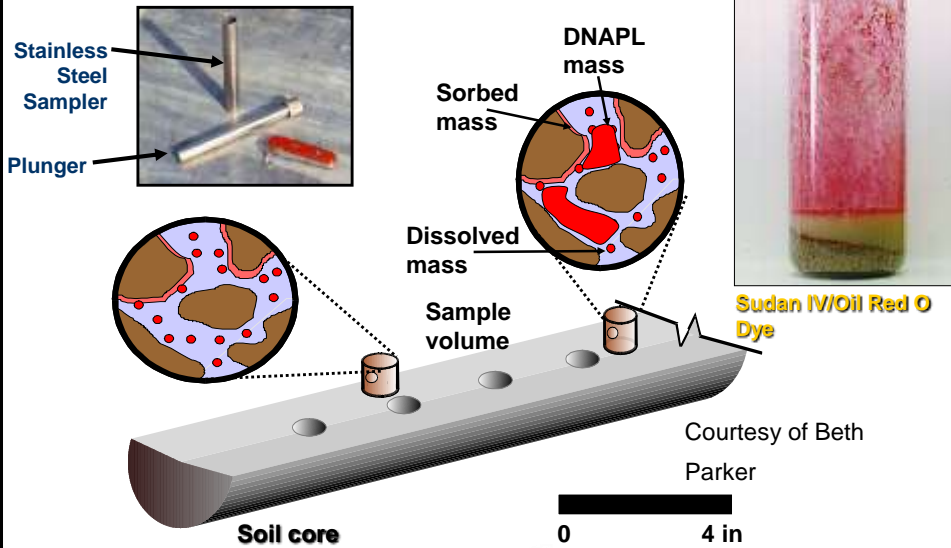


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## Soil Core Sampling - NAPL Detection

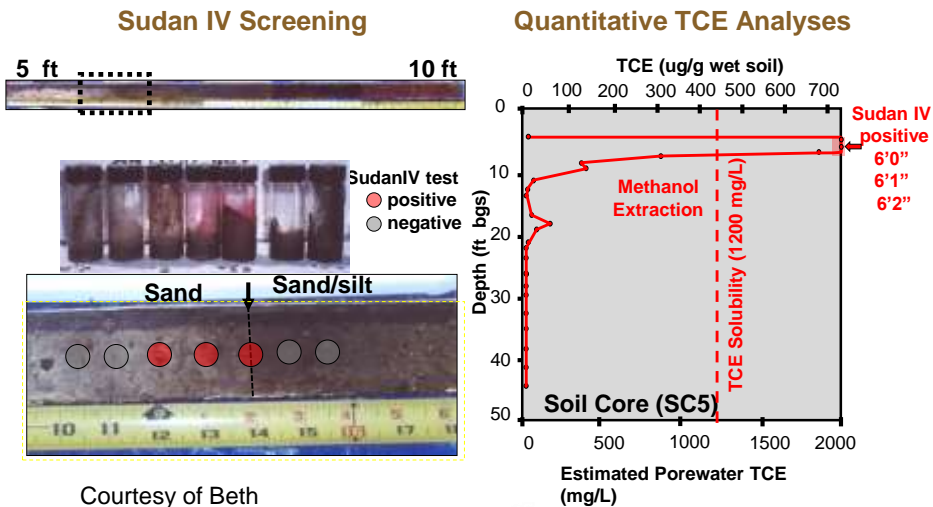


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## Example of NAPL Detection



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## Structure and Pore Fluids Intact

Small Scale Features are of Great Importance

Sand microbed



DNAPL (red) migration  
in sand microbed



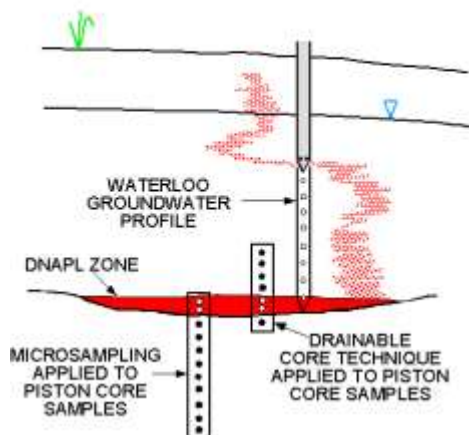
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## Retention of Pore Fluids

DNAPL "Pool" vs Residual Mapping in North Haven, CT

### PROFILING TECHNIQUES

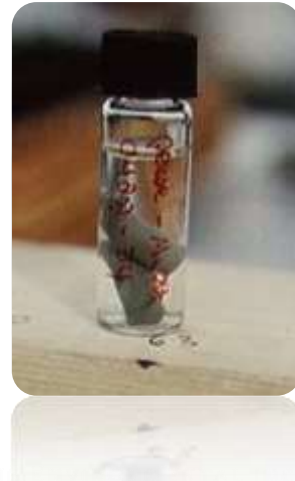


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## Soil Coring, Extraction, and Analysis: It Matters How You Do It

- Soil Core Profiling – close vertical spacing
- Soil samples collected into:
  - MeOH in vials
  - EnCore samplers – 24-hr and 72-hr hold time in EnCore
- Extractions
  - UG Shake Flask (2-week process)
  - Standard EPA 5035 Purge & Trap at Test America (2 week turnaround)
  - Onsite Lab Rapid Disaggregation and Suspension (1 hour)

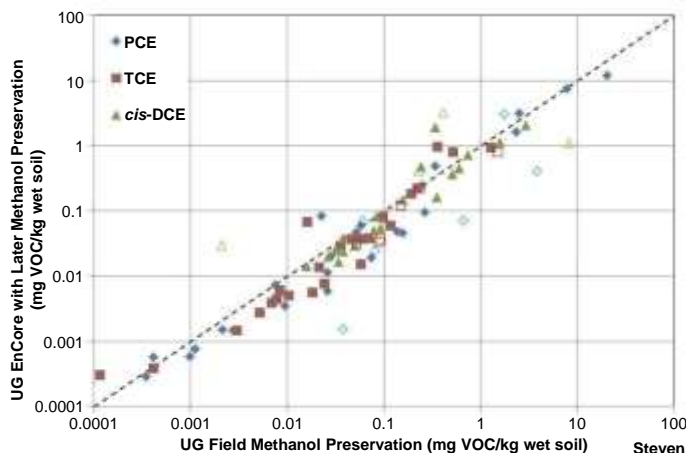


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## Field Methanol Preservation vs. EnCore Collection with Later Methanol Shake Flask Extraction



- Solid symbols: placed into methanol within 24 hrs. of collection
- Hollow symbols: placed into methanol within 72 hrs. (evaluate longer hold time in EnCore samplers)



EnCore Sampler

Steven Chapman –University of Guelph

**Key Point**

Field methanol preservation results higher for most samples, suggests volatile losses due to storage in EnCore samplers.

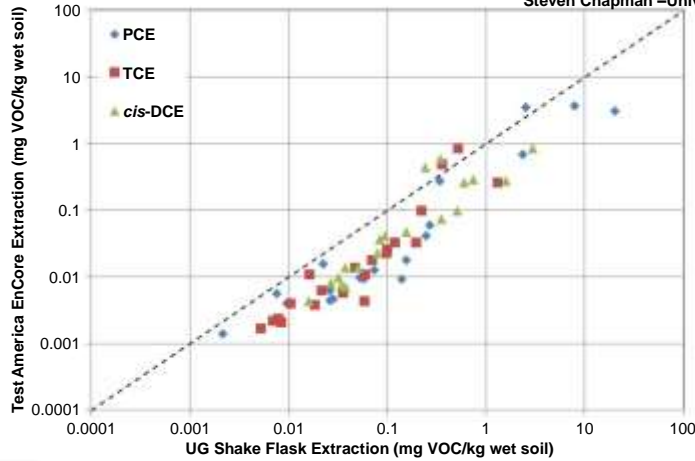
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## Test America EnCore vs. UG Field Methanol Preservation and Shake Flask Extraction (~6-week extraction period)

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**Key Point**

Commercial (*i.e.*, Standard) lab method provides incomplete extraction.

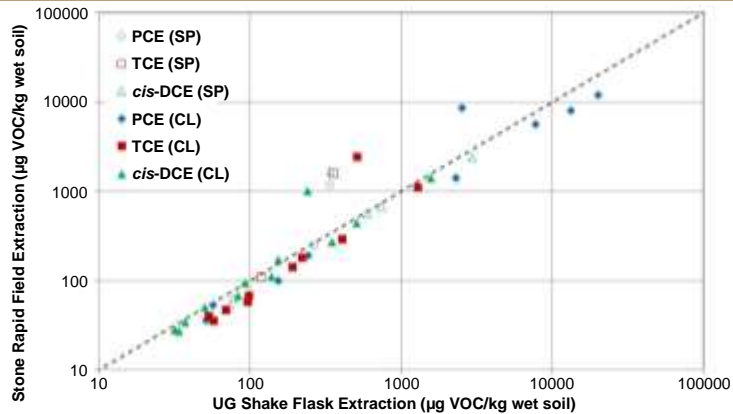
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## Rapid Field Extraction vs. Shake Flask Extraction

SP=sands  
CL=clays



### UG Shake Flask Extraction – 2 weeks

- Intermittent shaking every few days
- Time-series analyses to select optimal extraction period
- 4- to 6-week extraction time used for these samples
  - Constrained by lab schedule (extraction completed sooner)

### Field Extraction – 1 Hour

- ~1-hr aggressive shaking on gyratory shaker
- Disaggregation of clay samples into methanol is key

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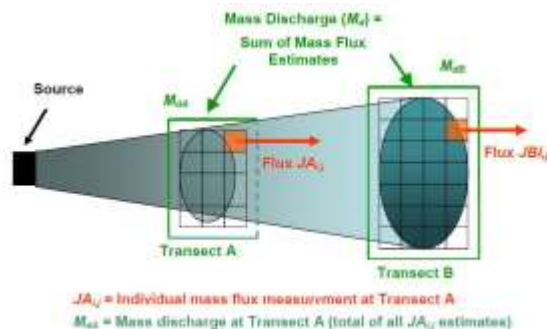
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## Mass Flux and Mass Discharge

- Mass Flux (J): amount of mass that moves across a unit cross sectional area over a given time (mass/area/time)
- Mass Discharge ( $M_D$ ): total solute mass discharging across a transect encompassing the entire plume width in a unit time (mass/time)
  - Mass Discharge is the sum of all of the Mass Flux



ITRC August 2010

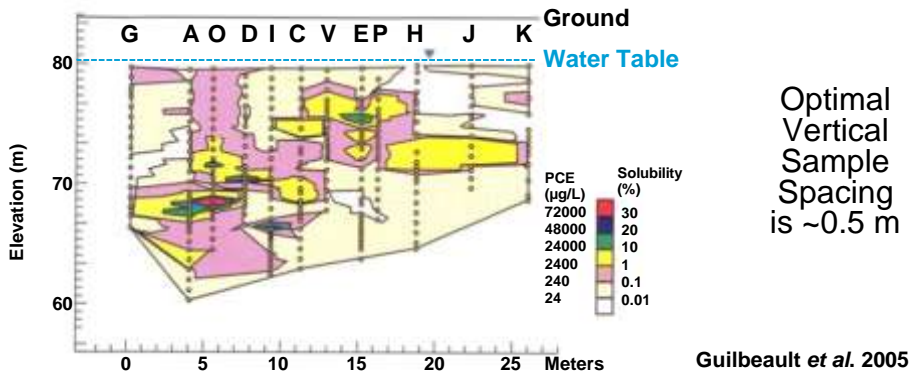
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## Mass Flux Distribution

### New Hampshire PCE Site

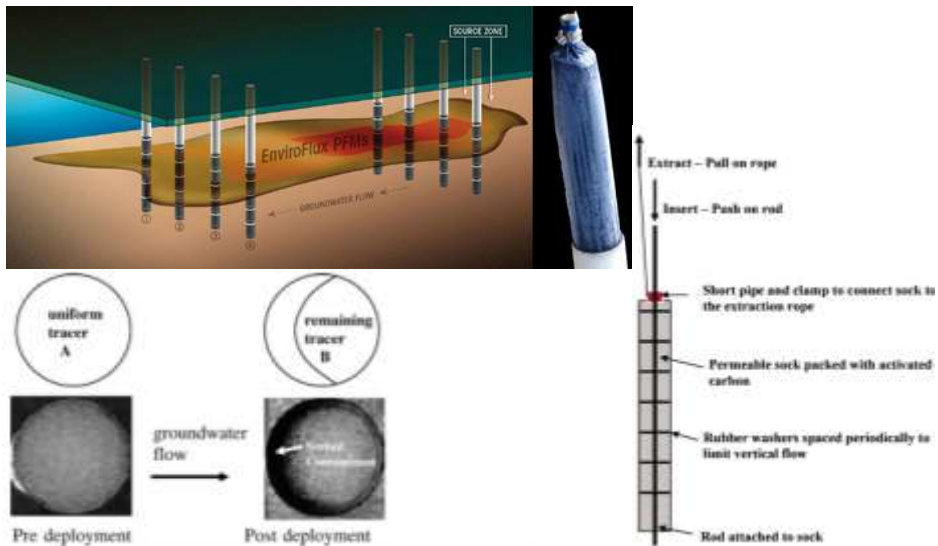


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## Passive Flux Meter by EnviroFlux



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## 2012 Source Area Pre-Design Investigation HRSC Approach

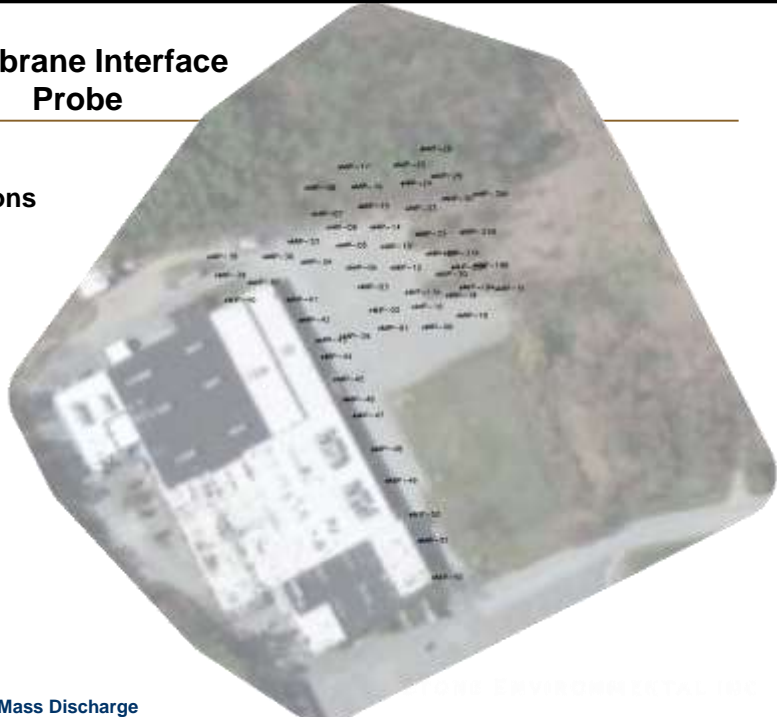
- “Toolbox Approach”
  - Multiple tools provide multiple lines of evidence
- Rapid Screening with Membrane Interface Probe
- Waterloo<sup>APS</sup> Profiling to find edges of high concentration zones, DNAPL indications and hydrostratigraphic data
- Soil coring, dye screening and sampling to confirm presence/absence of DNAPL/high mass zones
- On site groundwater and soil analyses by MobiLab (GC/MS)

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 **Membrane Interface Probe**

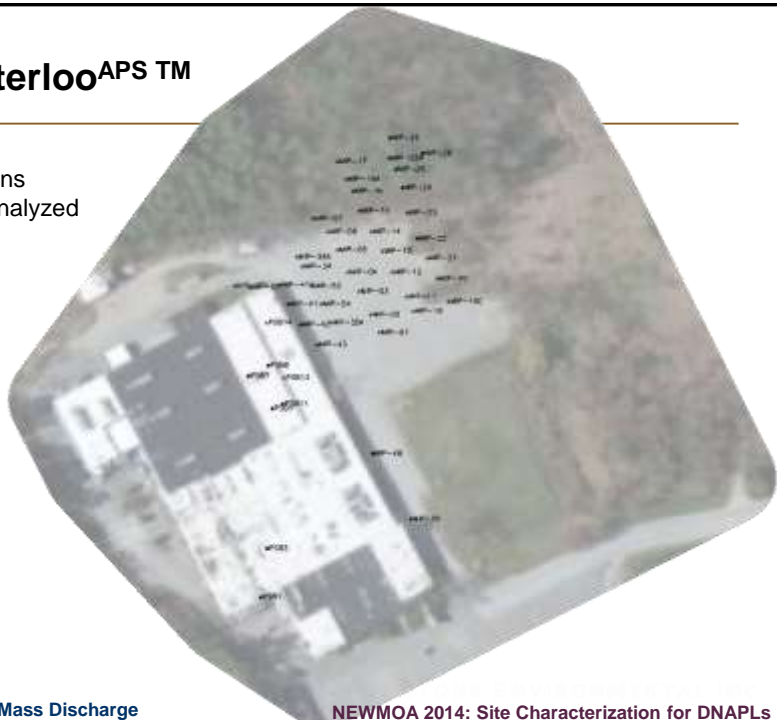
55 Locations



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47 Locations  
755 Samples Analyzed  
Onsite



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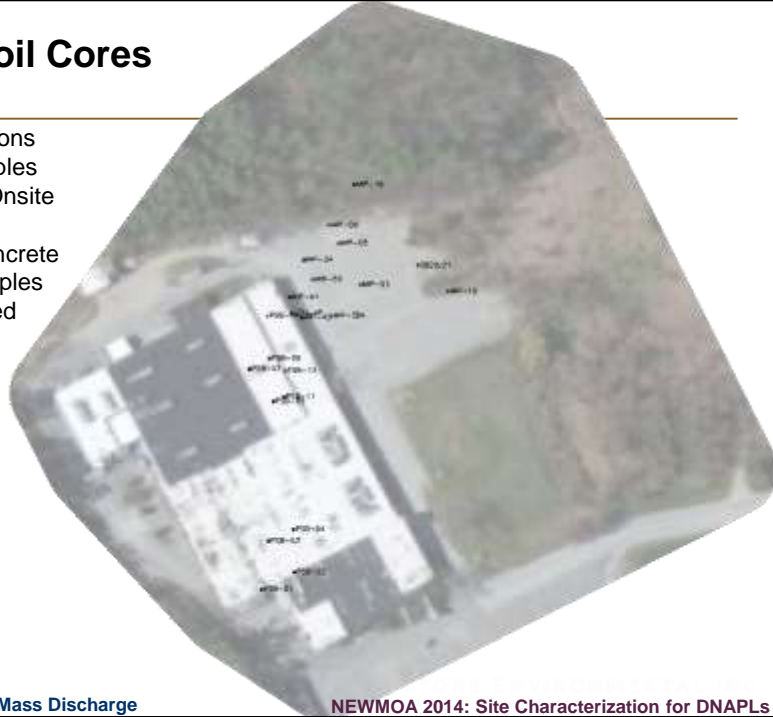
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## Soil Cores

21 Locations  
966 Samples  
Analyzed Onsite

Plus 17 Concrete  
Core Samples  
Analyzed



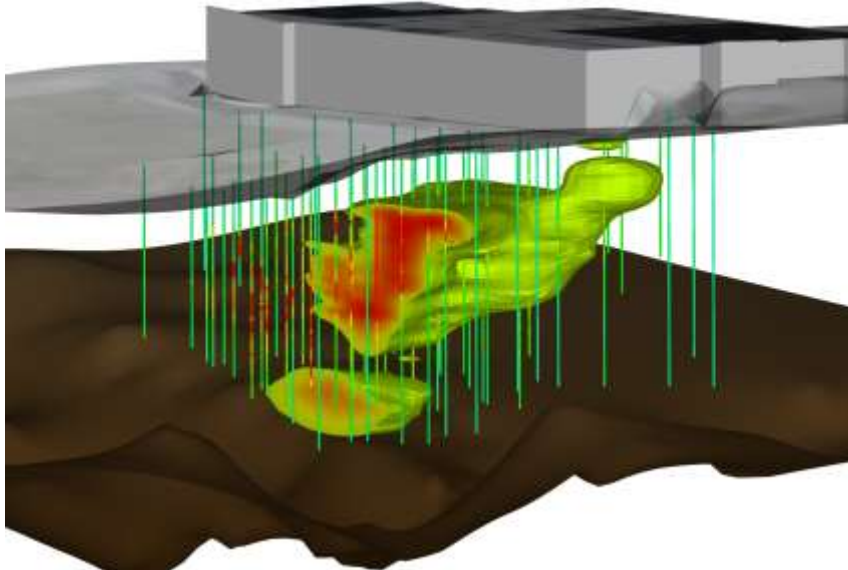
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## Membrane Interface Probe

Electron Capture Detector Response 12 Volt Isoshell



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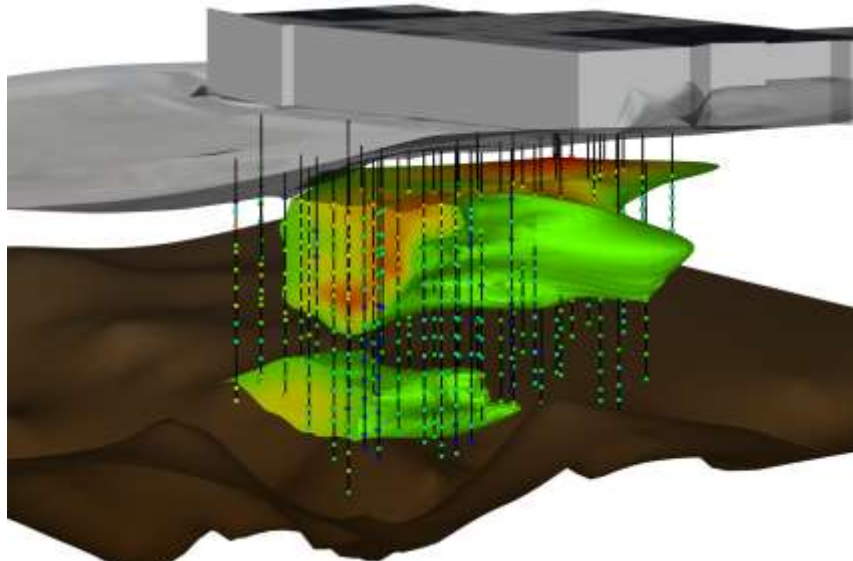
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## WaterlooAPS Groundwater Profiling

Total VOCs 10 mg/L Isoshell

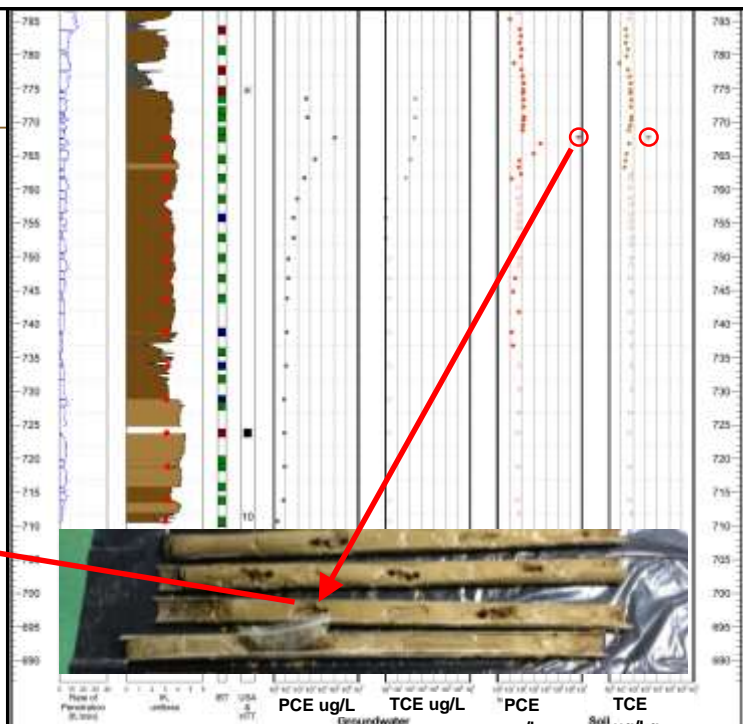


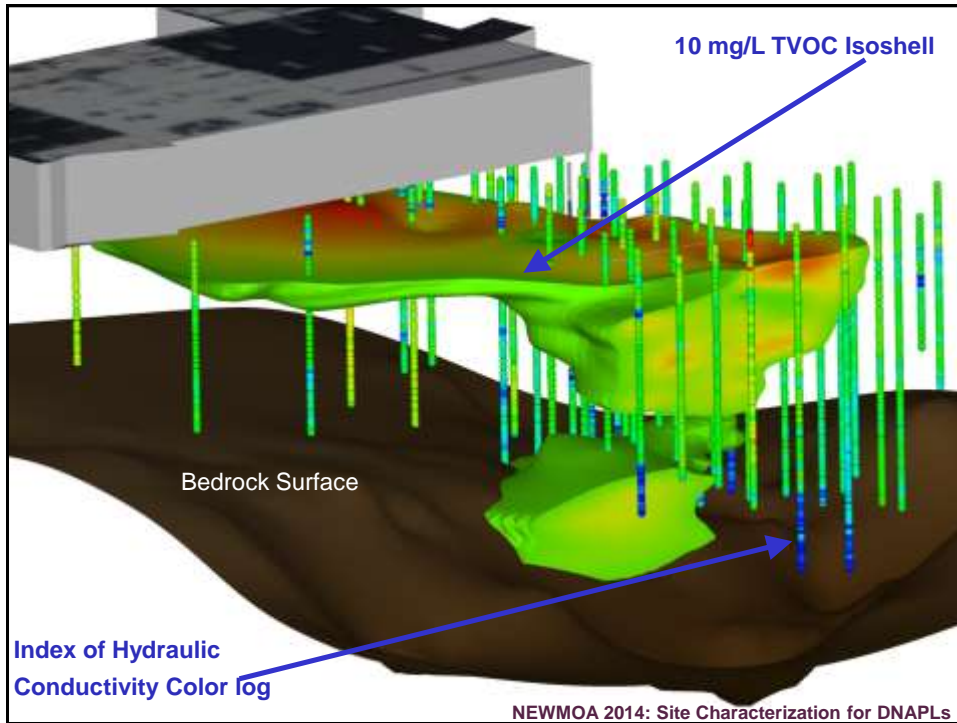
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### PSB 14 PCE and TCE In Soil and Groundwater



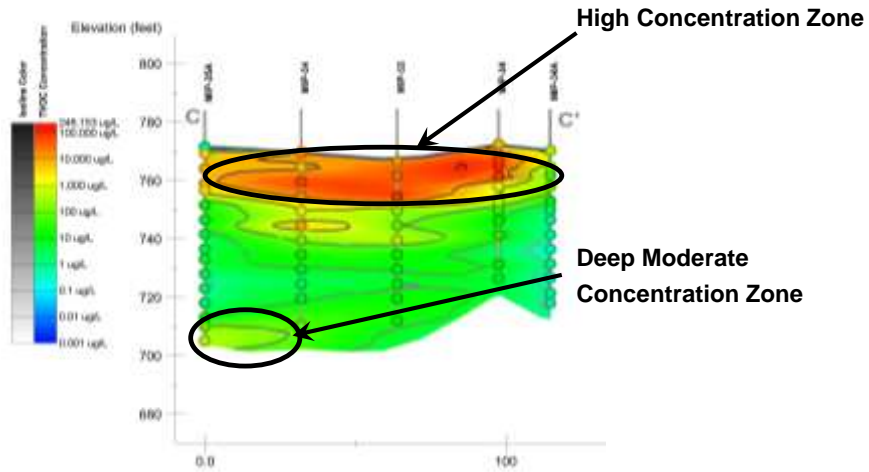


## Estimated Relative Mass Flux Distribution on Waterloo<sup>APS</sup>™ Transects

- **Simplified relative flux estimate:**
  - Convert  $I_k$  to assumed/estimated  $K_{est}$  values
  - Assume variability of  $i$  is negligible and assume unit area of  $1 \text{ cm}^2$
  - Interpolate  $K_{est}$  in 3D and Concentration in 3D; Then multiply the 3D meshes against each other to get 3D flux field in  $\text{ug/sec/cm}^2$
  - Estimated relative flux values resulting are:
    - Screening Level
    - Relative (as opposed to the absolute values obtained by passive flux meters, integrated pumping tests etc)



## Transect C – TVOC Concentration (mg/L)

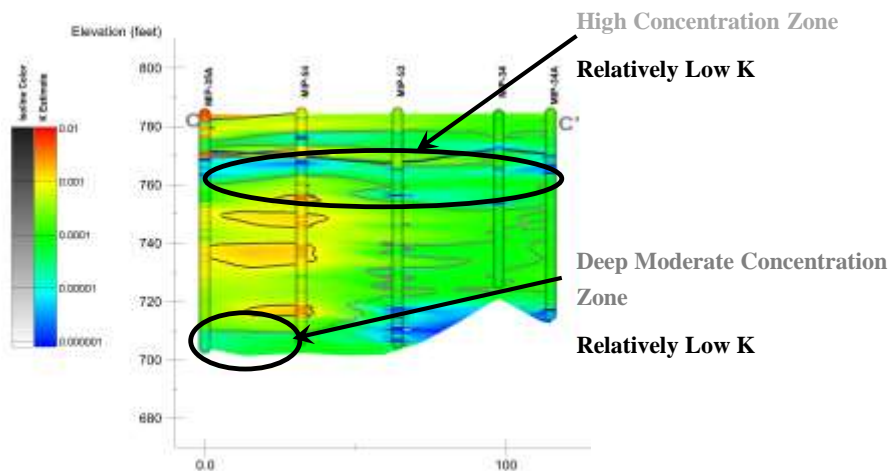


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## Transect C – Estimated Hydraulic Conductivity

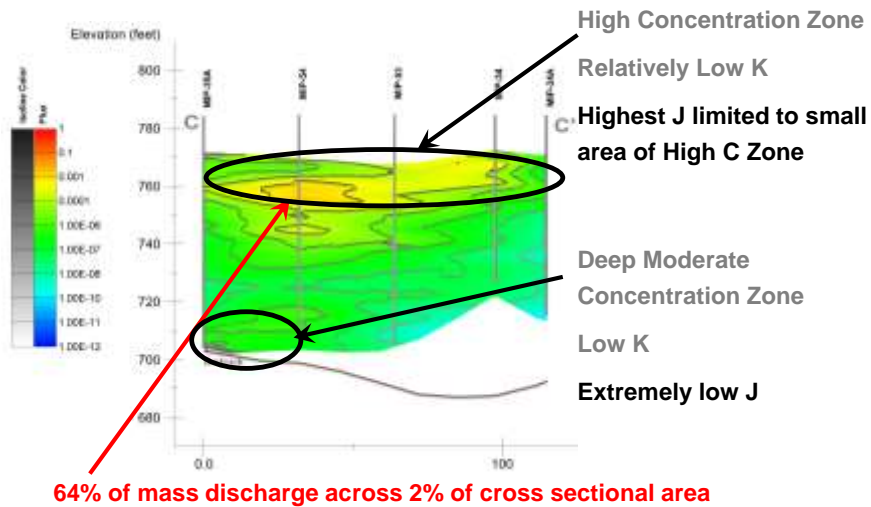


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## Transect C – Relative Mass Flux Distribution

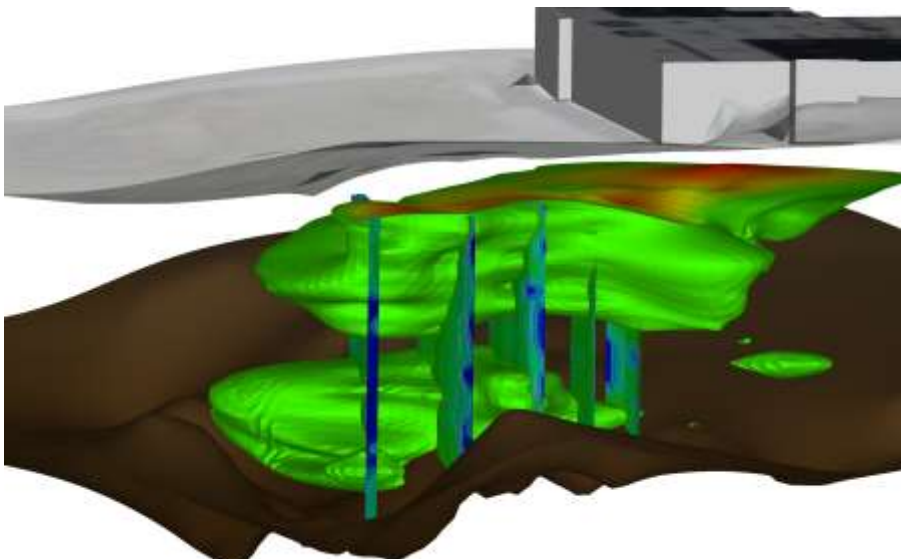


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## 50 ug/L TVOC Isoshell Volume

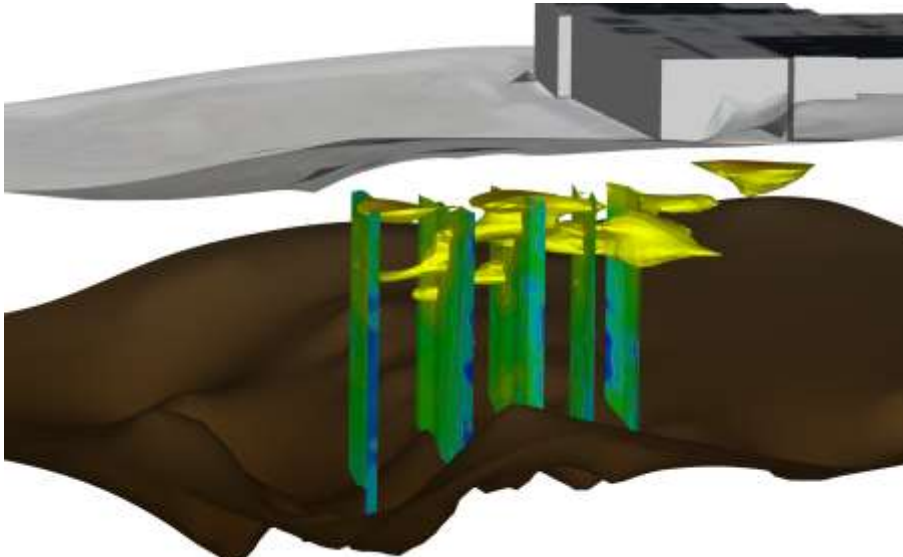


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## Volumes in which 95% to 99% of the Flux Occurs



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## Summary

- High degree of heterogeneity (K)
- Multiple “sources”
  - Original DNAPL source zone depleted by remedies and flux over time (approx 29,000 kg to date)
  - “secondary” back diffusion sources located downgradient of original source
- On average 70% of the mass discharge occurs across approximately 6% of the cross sectional area of the plume
- Deep contamination in low K till unit does not contribute significant flux
- Focus future remedies on aquifer volumes providing majority of flux

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## Key Points

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- Successful remedies require site characterization data collected at a scale consistent with the spatial structure of the controlling variables
- Hydraulic conductivity often varies at the cm scale vertically and the meter scale horizontally
- DNAPL distributions are influenced by capillary pressure distributions that can vary at the mm scale
- Transverse hydrodynamic dispersion is weak (*i.e.*, plumes don't "spread out" much)
- 75% of mass flux occurs through only 5 to 10% of the plume's total cross sectional area

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## Key Points (cont.)

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- Substantial contaminant mass may be present in low permeability zones due to diffusive flux and cause rebound following remediation
- HRSC is implemented using:
  - Very short sampled intervals/small sample volumes
  - Closely spaced samples/measurements
  - Transects (orthogonal to direction of transport) of profiles
  - The Triad Approach principles (real time measurement and dynamic work strategies)
- Monitoring wells provide depth-integrated, flow-weighted average data and may obscure important information

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## Key Points (cont.)

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- Multiple tools and methods are required
  - *Screening tools can save time and money*
  - *Groundwater profiling and analysis in the more permeable zones*
  - *Soil core profiling and analysis in the low permeability zones*
- Methods for low-K soil sample collection, preservation and extraction can have a significant effect on analytical results (purge & trap is not optimal)
- MIP provides high resolution screening data quickly and relatively inexpensively
- MIP data indicate where relatively high concentrations are located but MIP data are not strongly correlative with actual soil and groundwater concentrations

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## Questions and Answers

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