

Monitoring and Modeling Microplastic in the Greater Paris Catchment and the Seine River

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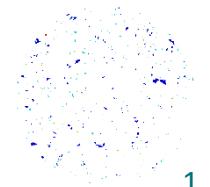


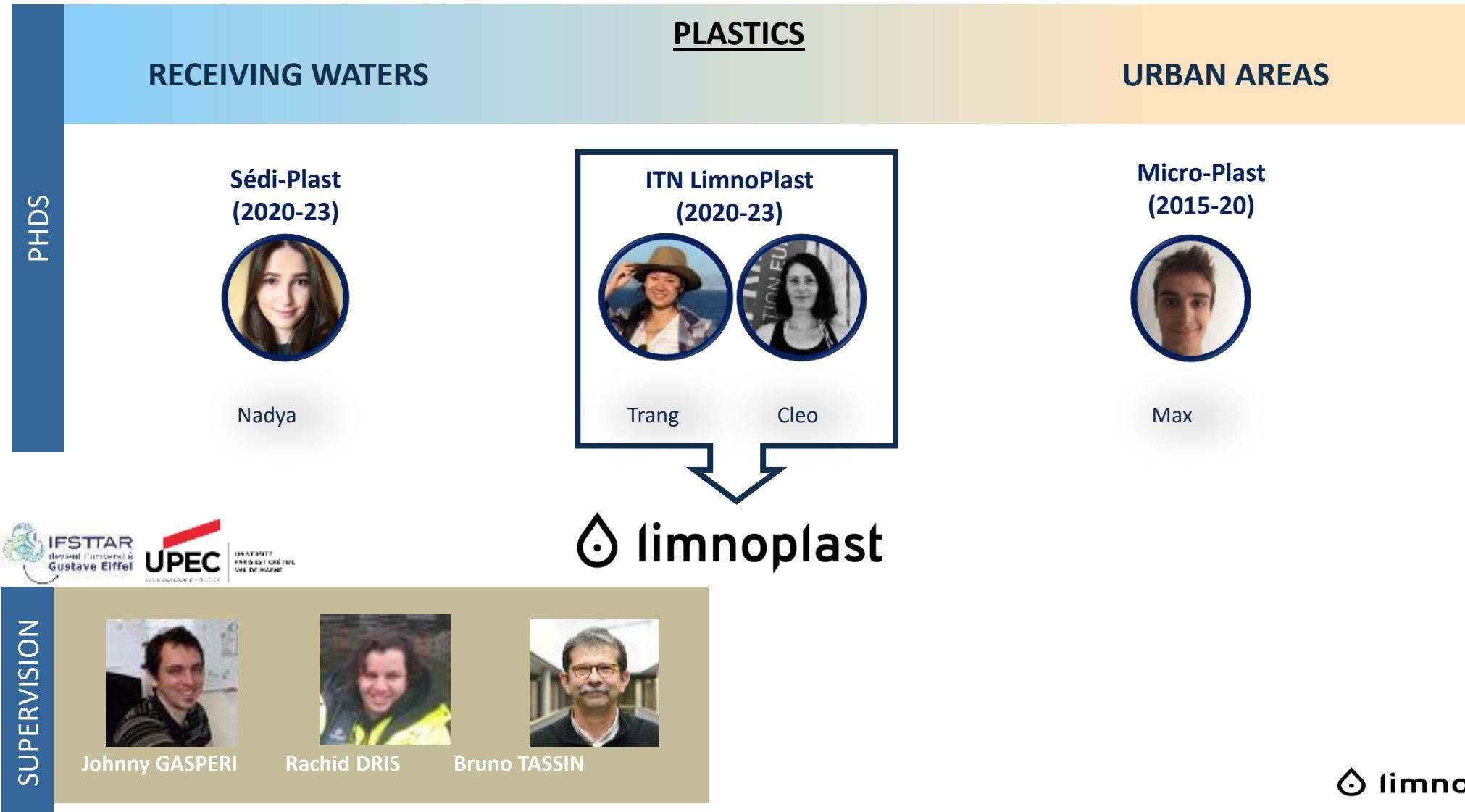
Sources and fate of microplastic in the Seine:

- Upstream vs. downstream
- Agricultural influence (Petit Morin / Orgeval)

How?

Modelling (source-flux / deterministic)





Microplastics in rivers

Ref: Li et al., (2020)	24% Polyethylene (PE)
	24% Polypropylene (PP)
	13% Polystyrene (PS)
	11% Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)
	6% Polyamide (PA)
	1% Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)



Microplastics (MPs) = plastic particles ≤ 5 mm

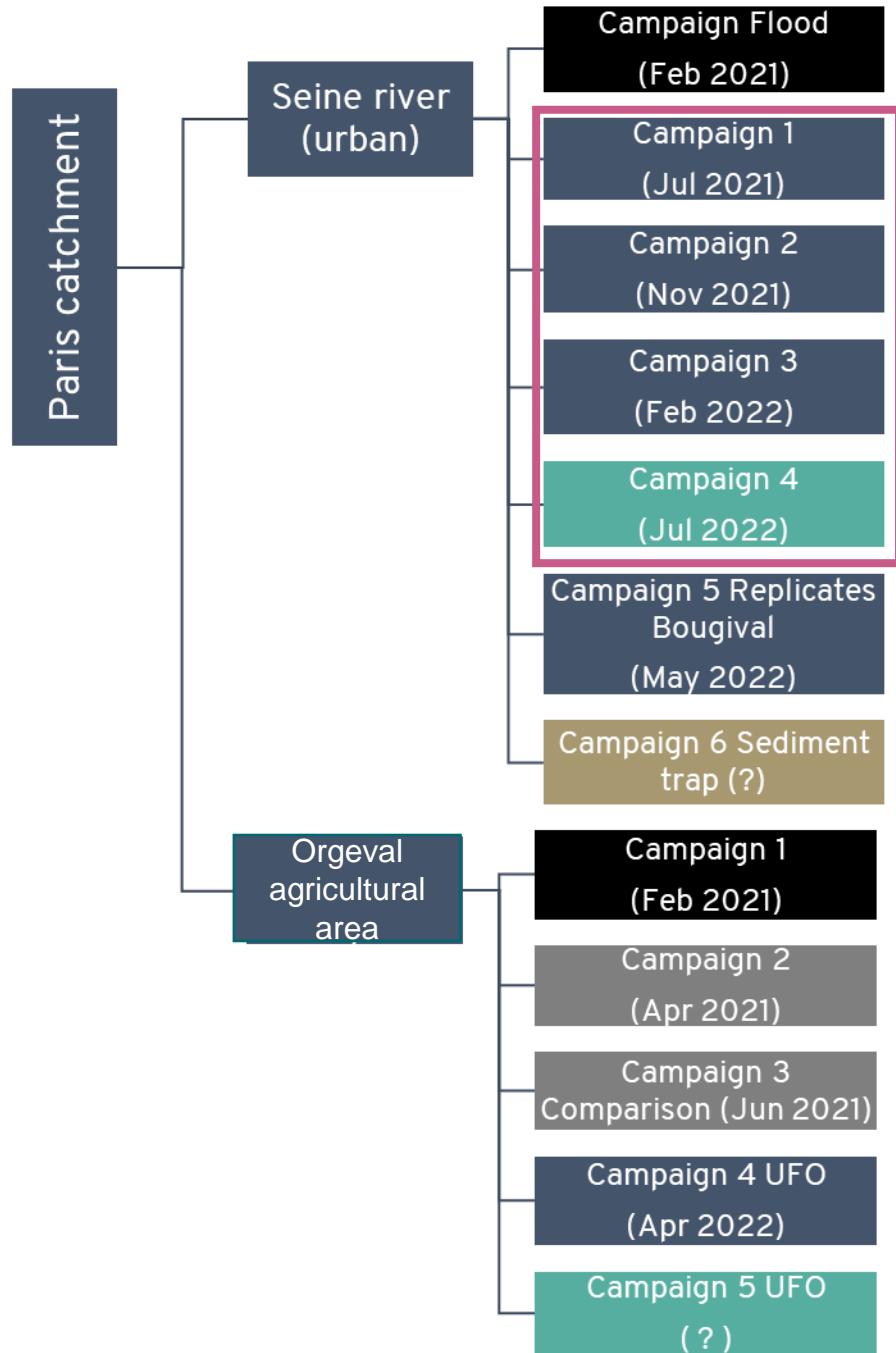


Knowledge gaps:
Spatial & temporal scale
Impact of urban areas
Impact of agricultural areas
Smaller MP sizes ($<300 \mu\text{m}$)
Fate of MPs



Sampling to assess MP concentrations in the environment

Sampling campaigns



Sampling microplastics

Two size-fractions:

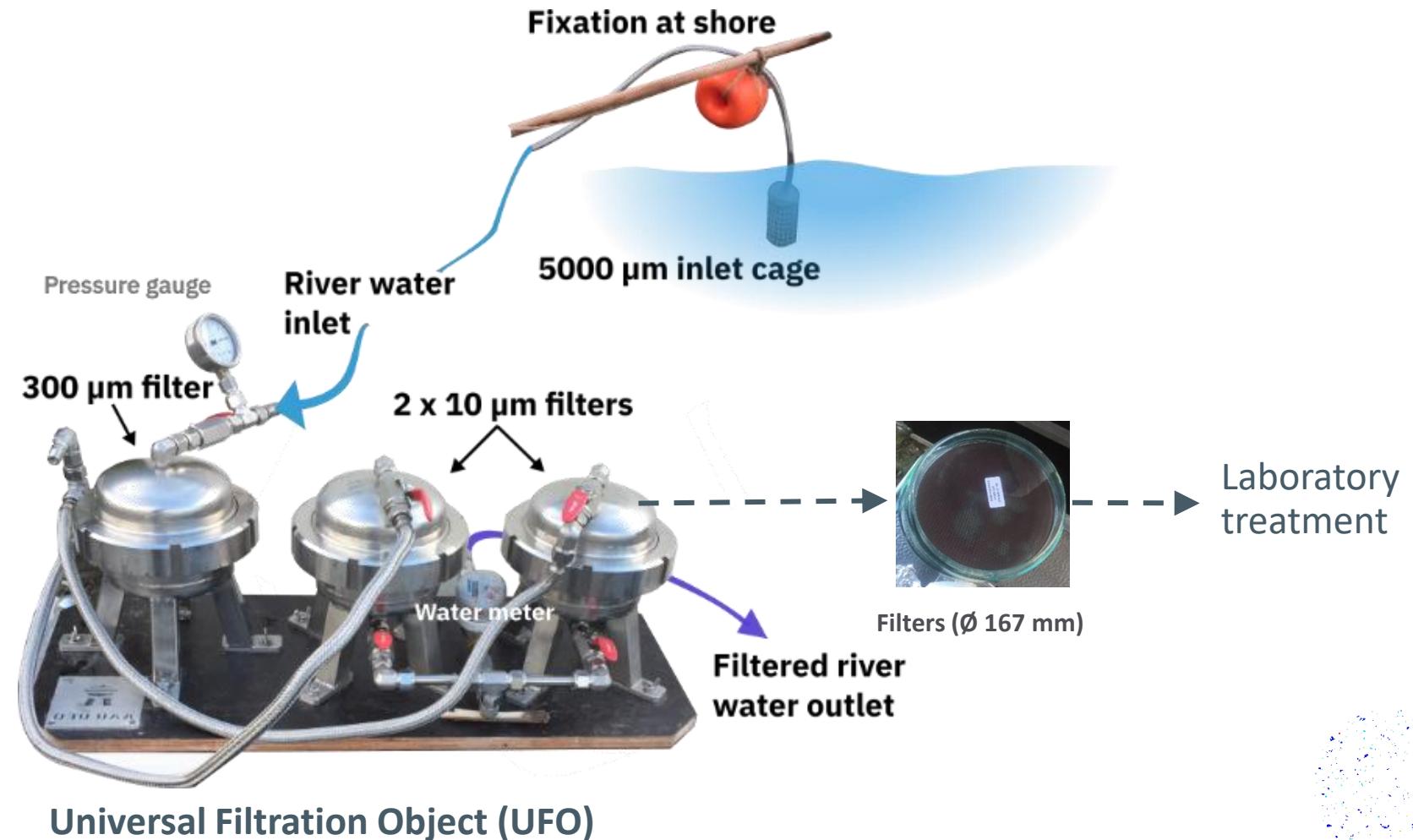
10-300 µm & 300-5000 µm

Volume:

1m³ for >300 µm
until 2 · 2 x 10 µm filters clog

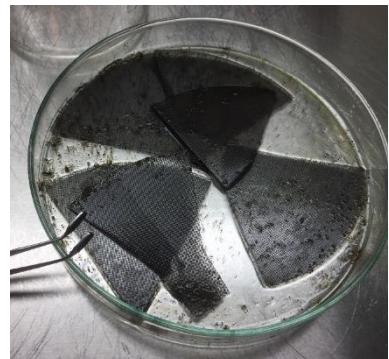
Water flow:

~ 7 L min⁻¹



Laboratory treatment 10-300 μm fraction

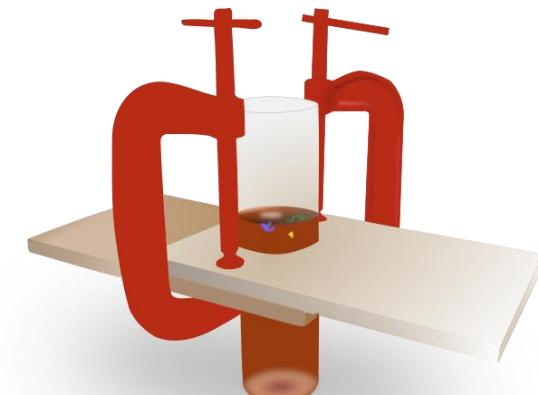
1. Filter preparation 2. H_2O_2 wet oxidation 3. NaI density separation 4. Anodisc filtration



$\varnothing 16.7 \text{ cm}$



H_2O_2 10 vol-%, 30°C, 24h



JAMSTEC with NaI solution
 $\delta \sim 1.65 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, 24h



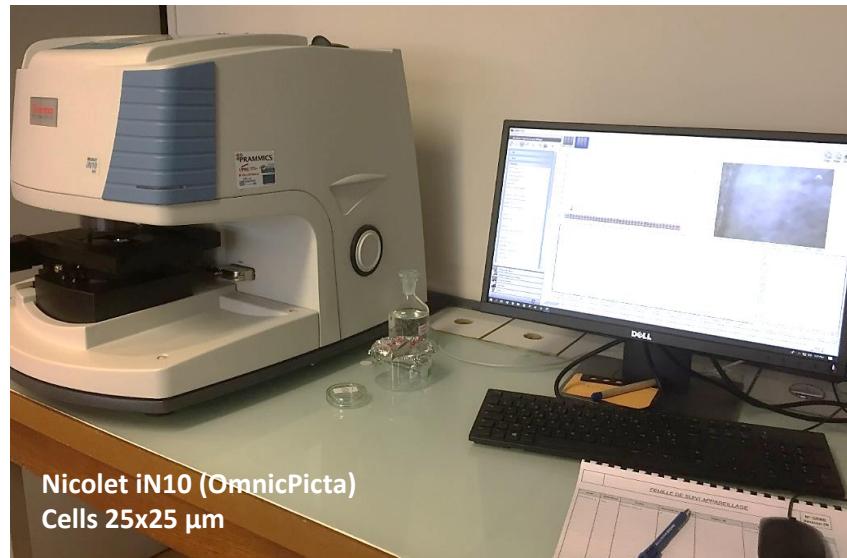
0.2 μm alumin filter



Resuspension: filtration on steel mesh, 2 min ultrasonication
 Procedural blanks for each batch of samples
 All solutions are 2.7 μm -pre-filtered

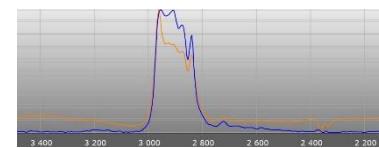
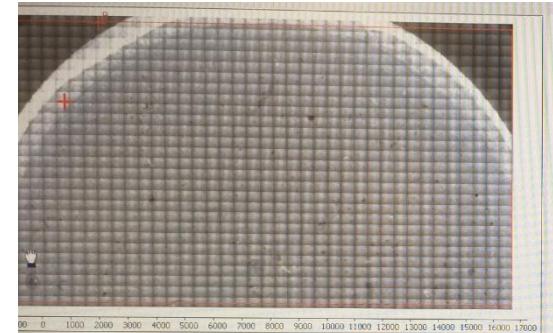


Polymer identification with μ FTIR & siMPle



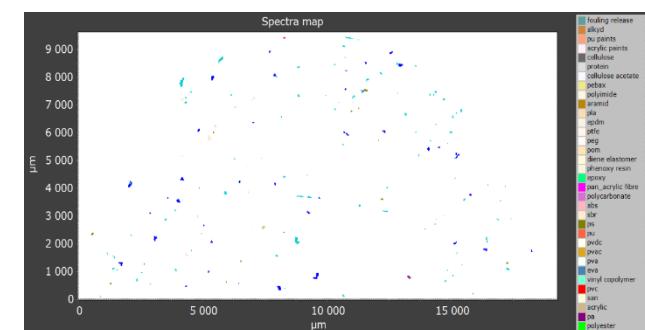
- Full filter mapping
- 100% of sample

1. Spectra aquisition



Spectra matching
via a library

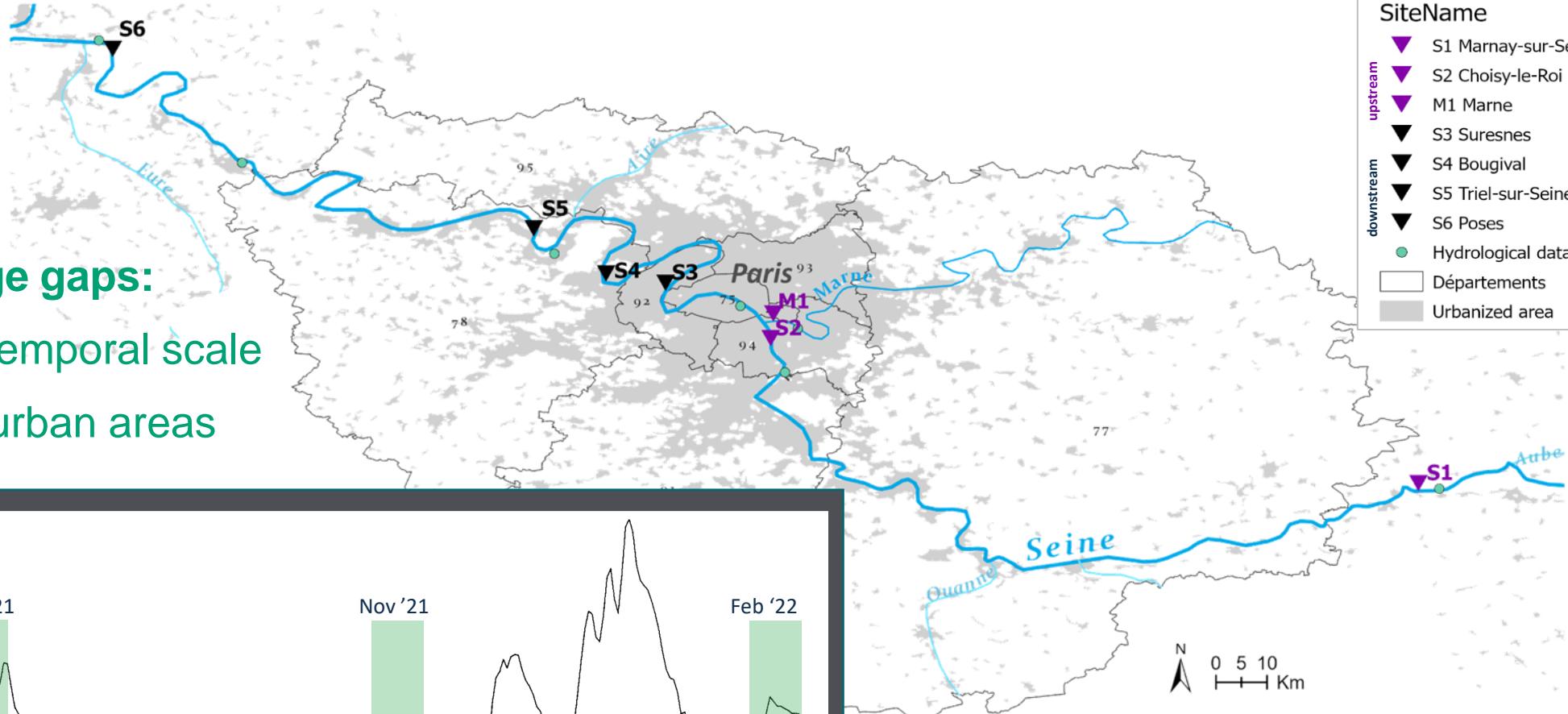
2. polymer identification



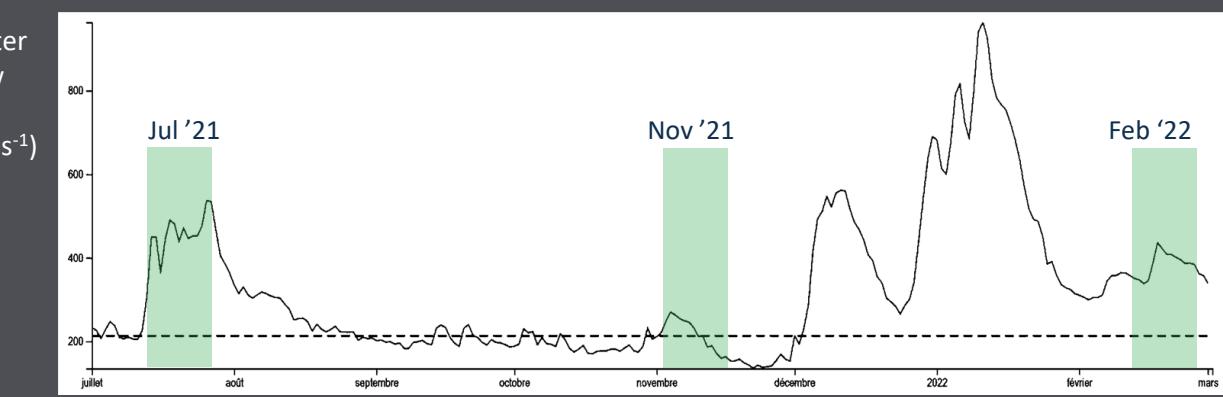
| μ FTIR: Microscope-coupled Fourier-Transmission Infra-Red spectrometry

siMPle

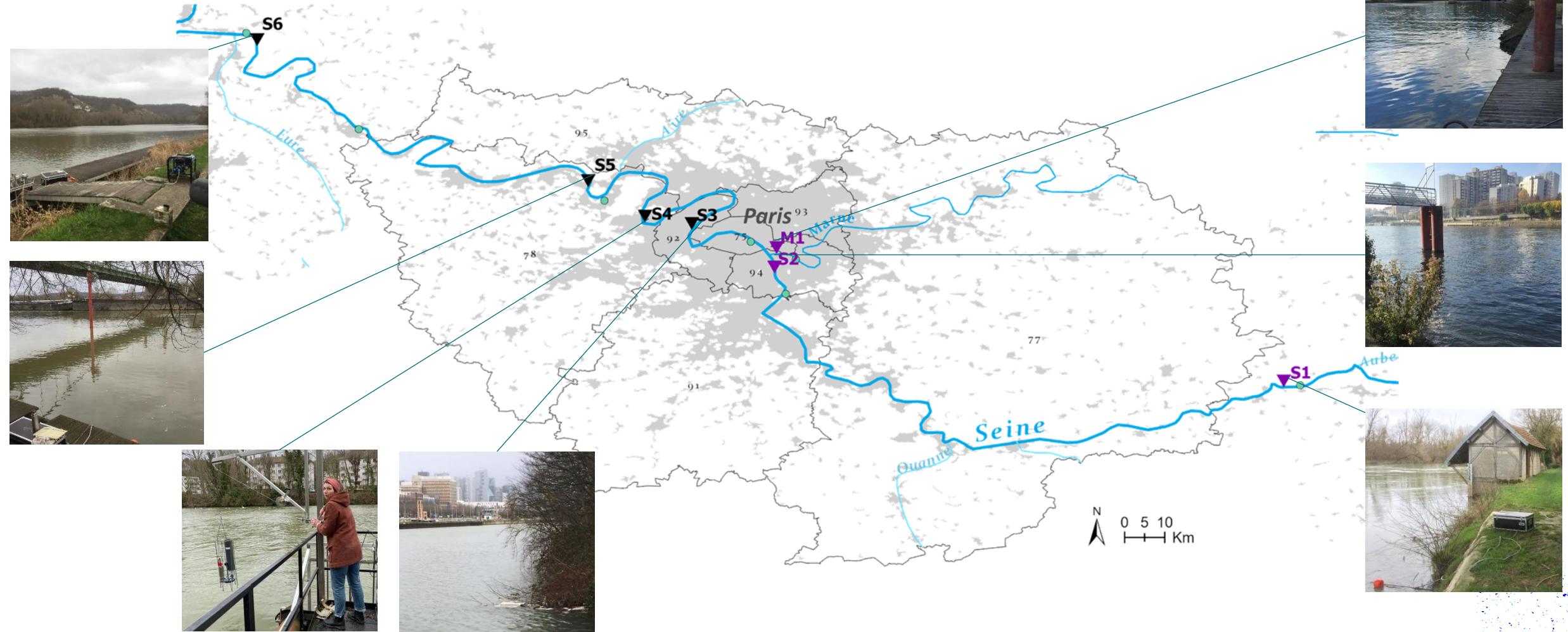
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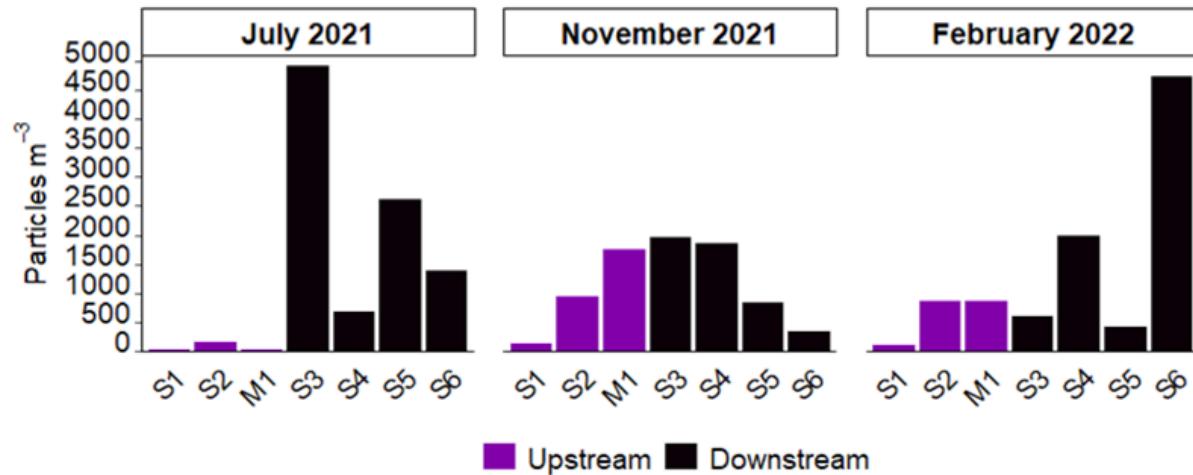
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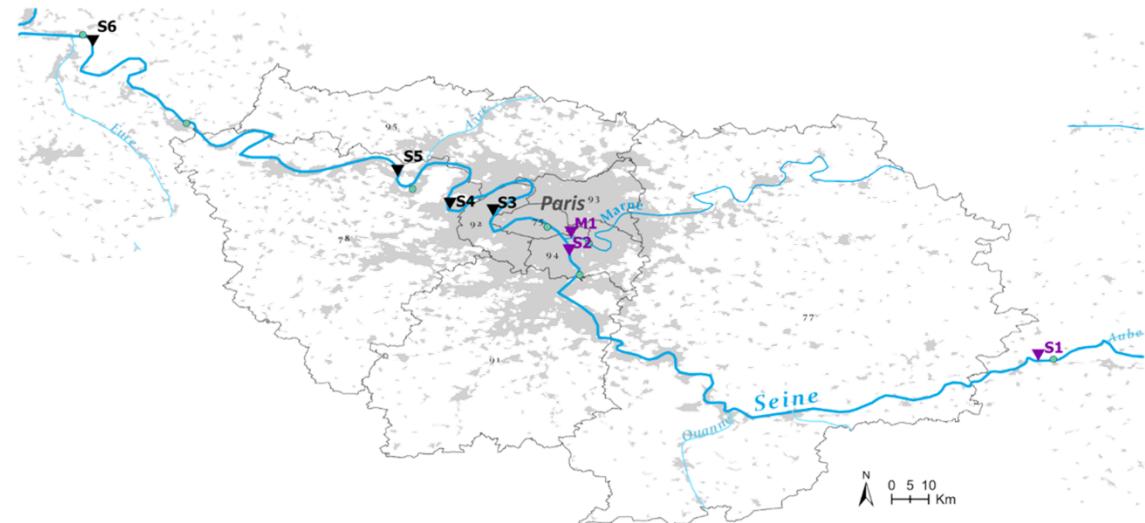
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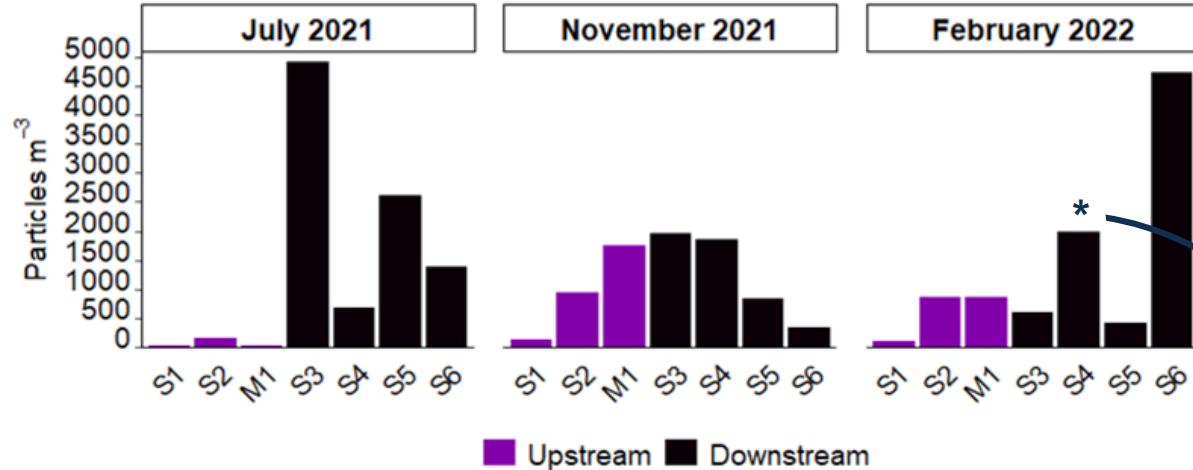
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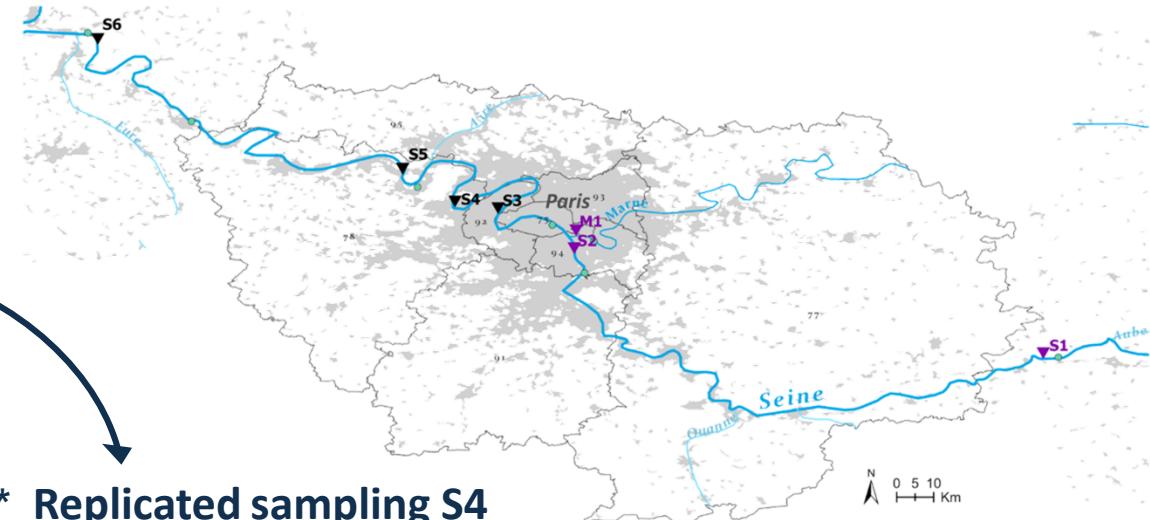
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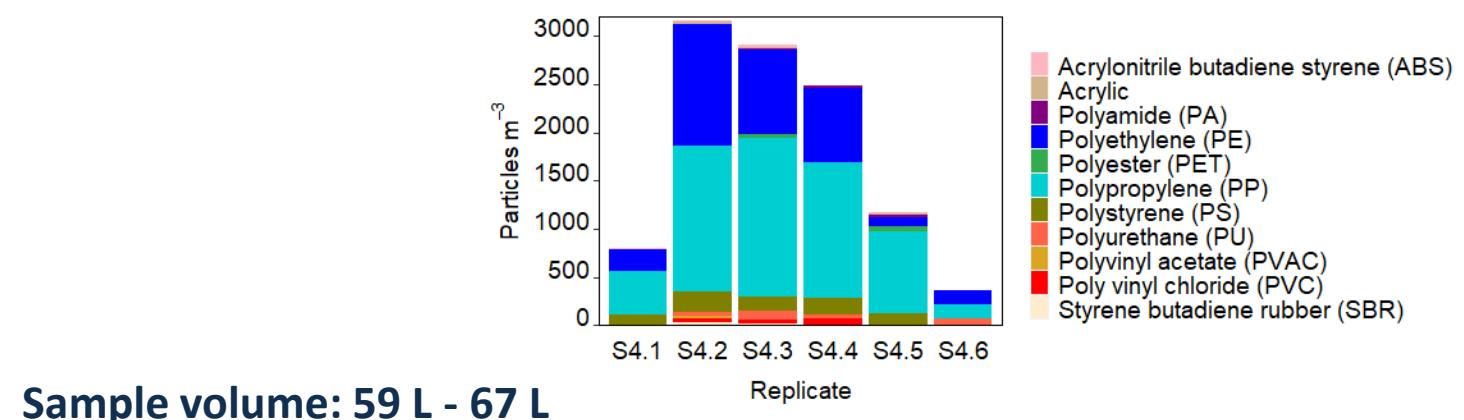
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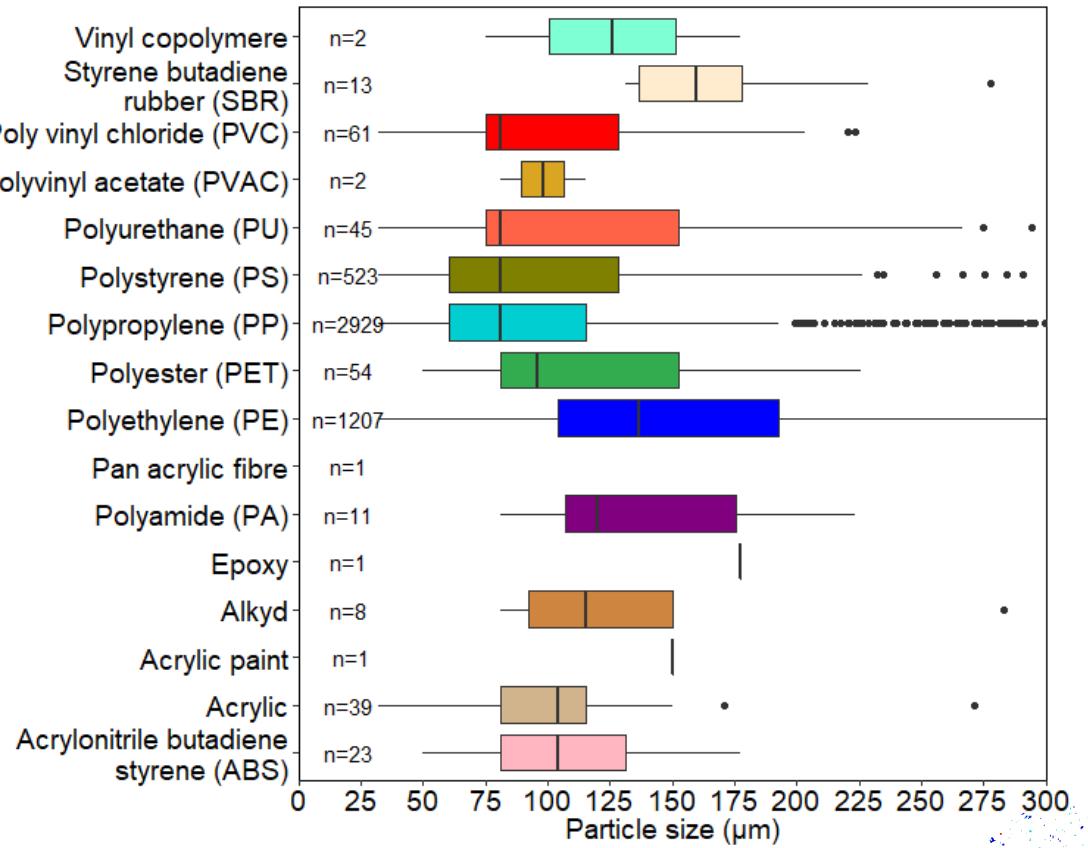
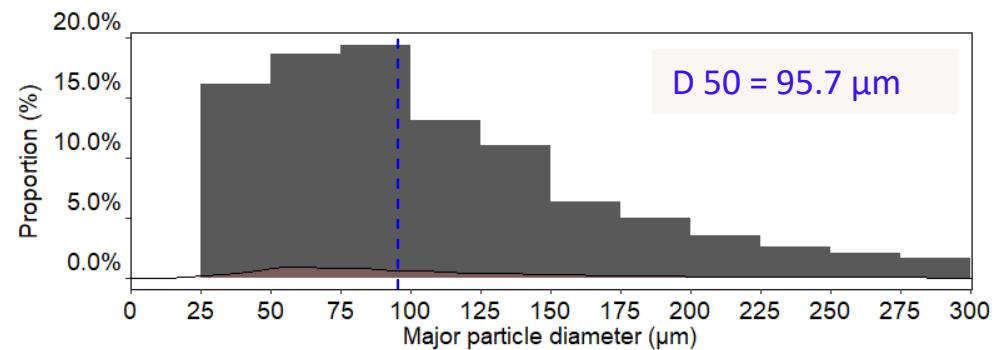
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* Replicated sampling S4



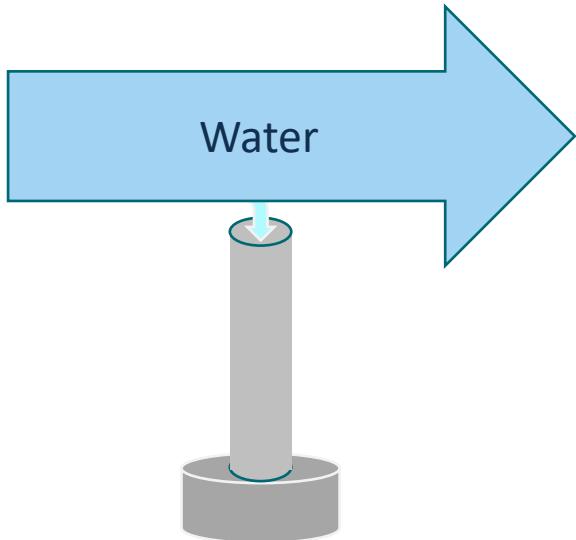
Microplastic sizes and types



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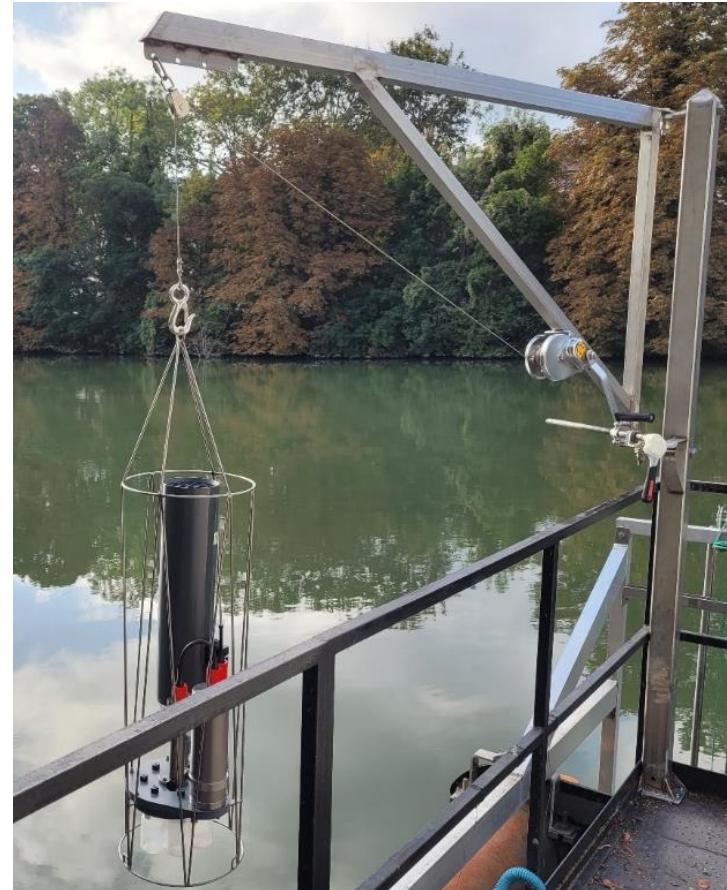
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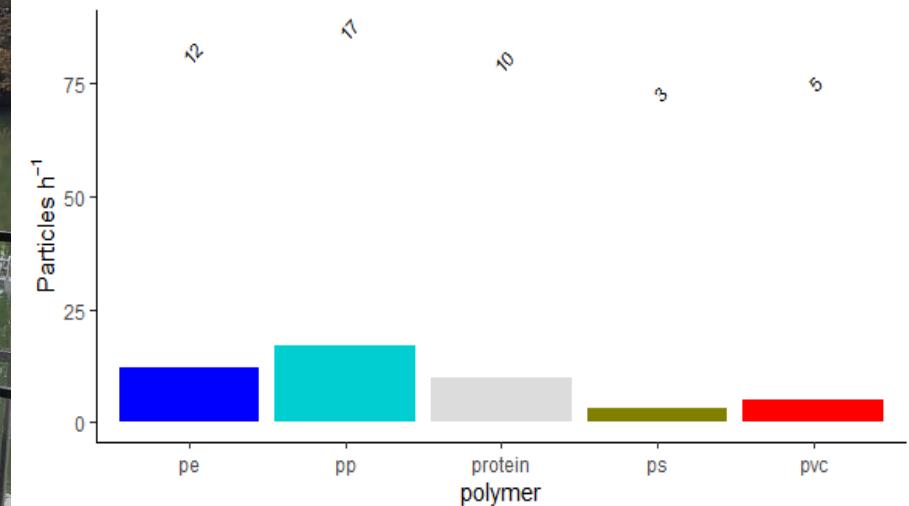


Settling trap

Settling trap experiments



Test (35 minutes)



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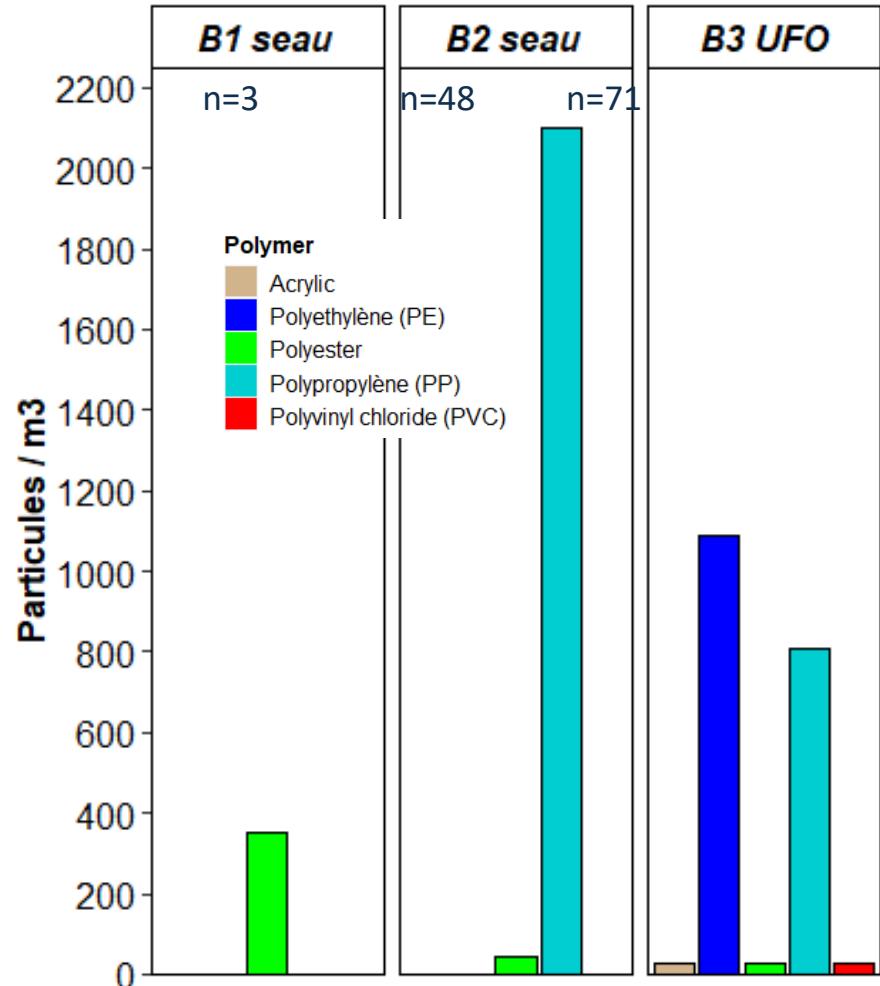
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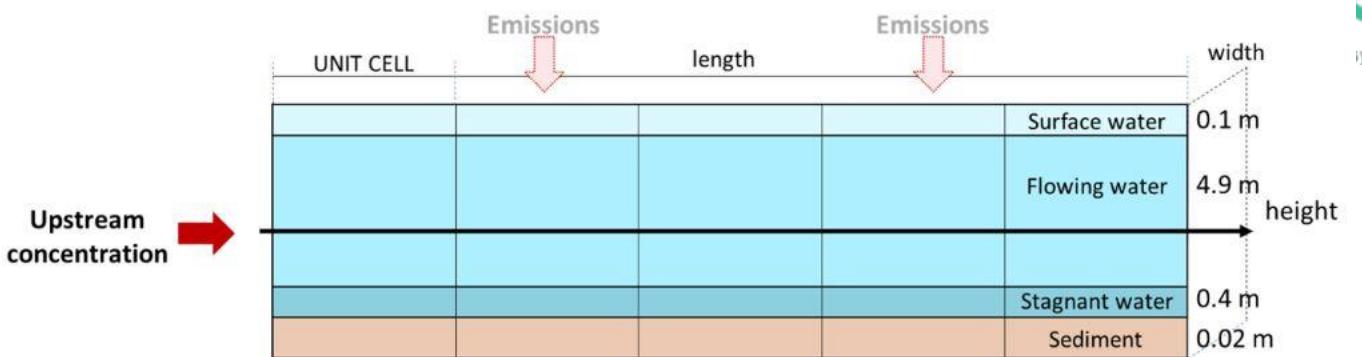


	Février 2021	Juin 2021
A	A1 seau (9.2 L)	-
B	B1 seau (8.5 L)	B2 seau (22.3 L) B3 UFO (35.9 L)

Results Orgeval



Modeling

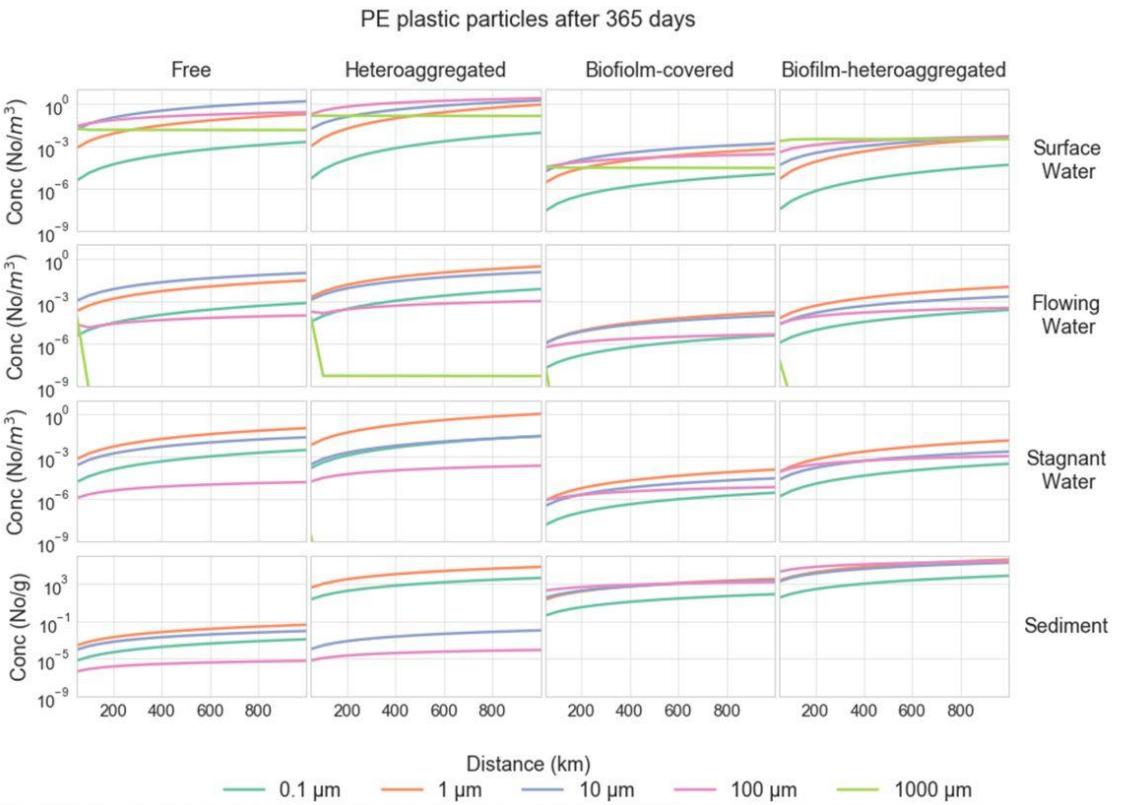


Secondment in Delft, The Netherlands – at
Deltas

Sept 22- Feb 23

Use data from samplings in hydrodynamic
models

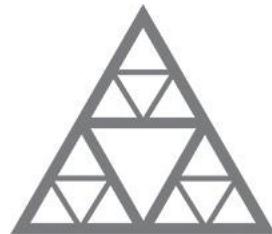
-> model MP in the Seine river



Thank you for listening



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