

# Introduction to Aarhus Vand A/S

**Operations, investments, technologies & challenges**

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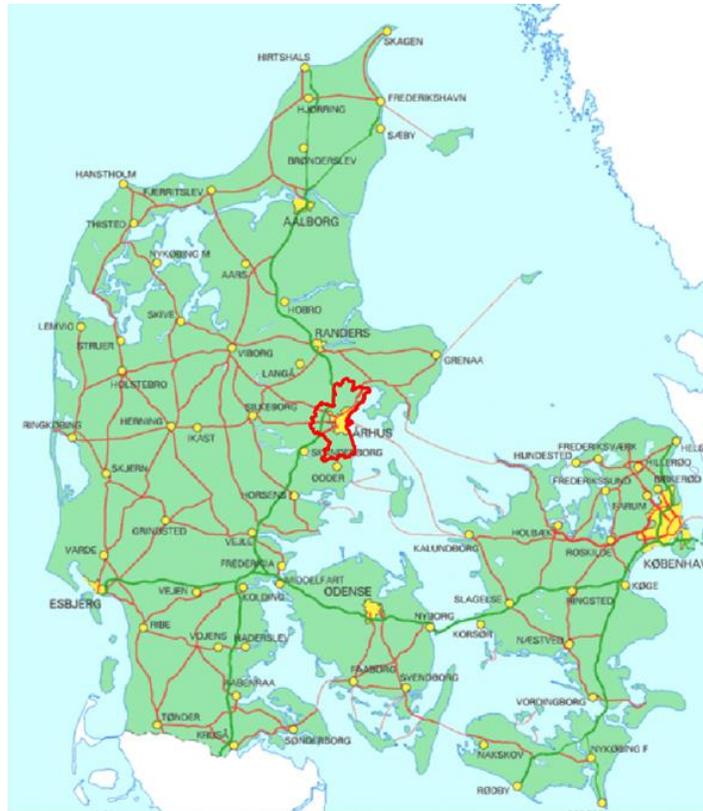
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# Agenda

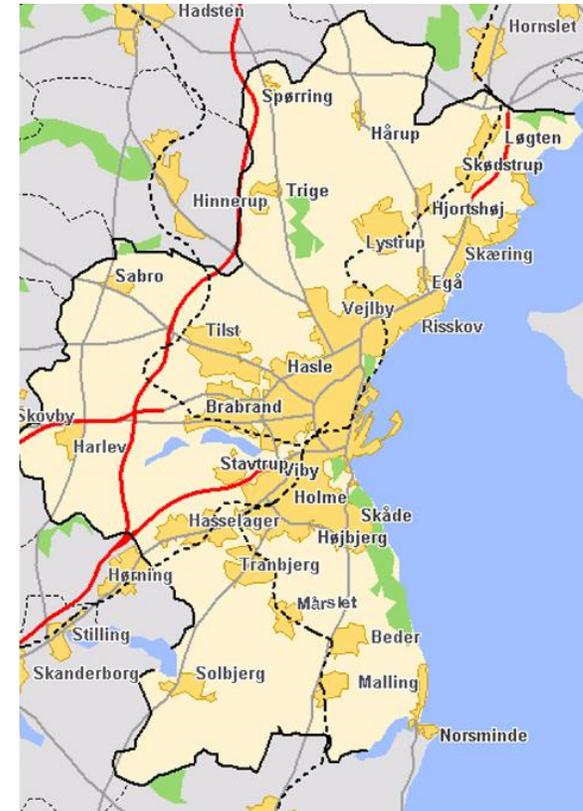
Subjects of Interest:

- 1. Water supply and drinking water treatment systems – New WTP and water storage tanks**
- 2. Efficient water distribution and management of transmission pipelines – Automization and Artificial Intelligence in the water supply network, NRW reduction, advanced pipeline rehabilitation management (Asset Management)**
- 3. Subscription management – Tariffs & cost recovery**
- 4. Wastewater treatment systems according to the discharge point – The energy positive WWTP**
- 5. Digital tracking technologies: Scada systems, Geographic Information Systems etc. – GIS for Burst registration & Pipeline Asset Management**
- 6. Good water quality and protection practices for sensitive areas –protection of the groundwater resource**
- 7. Strategic water/basin management, water budget management and action plans for fighting against drought – Groundwater mapping and water resource modelling and management, rainwater harvesting**

# Settings of Aarhus



Area	43.000 km <sup>2</sup>
Population	5.5 mio
Population density	127 /km <sup>2</sup>



Area	468 km <sup>2</sup>
Population	0.3 mio
Population density	629 /km <sup>2</sup>

# Introduction



**Our purpose** is to create health through the supply of clean water – for people and the planet

**Our vision** is to create a national platform as a driver for local and global solutions for a healthier water cycle

**Our mission** is to offer and develop resource-efficient services throughout the entire water cycle, creating a climate-adapted, sound environment, growth and export, all of which will be of benefit to customers and stakeholders

# We adopt water knowledge by

- A holistic approach to the entire water cycle
- Forming innovation partnerships
- Forming international alliances that support knowledge exchange around intelligent, sustainable and efficient water solutions
- Operating and developing state of the art resource recovery plants that recover resources and produce energy from wastewater
- Protecting groundwater to ensure future high quality and safe water supplies
- Automating and digitalizing in order to achieve an intelligent efficient water system
- Separating storm water from wastewater

# Key figures



**230**

competent and  
dedicated employees



**15**

mio. m<sup>3</sup> of drinking  
water a year



**30**

mio. m<sup>3</sup> of purified  
wastewater a year



**1,500**

kilometres of  
pipeline network



**2,800**

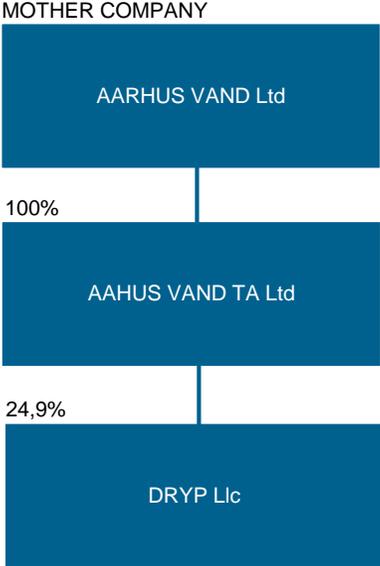
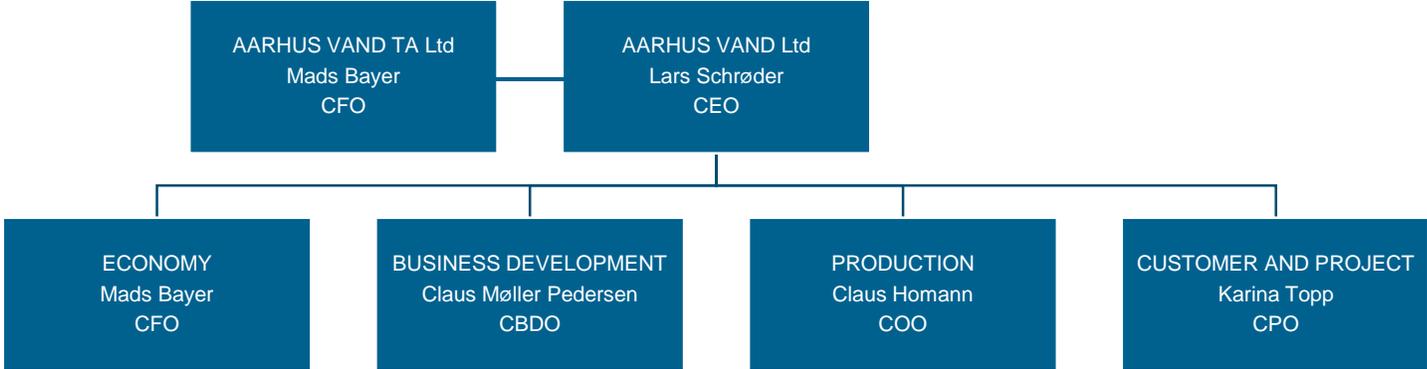
kilometres of  
mains network



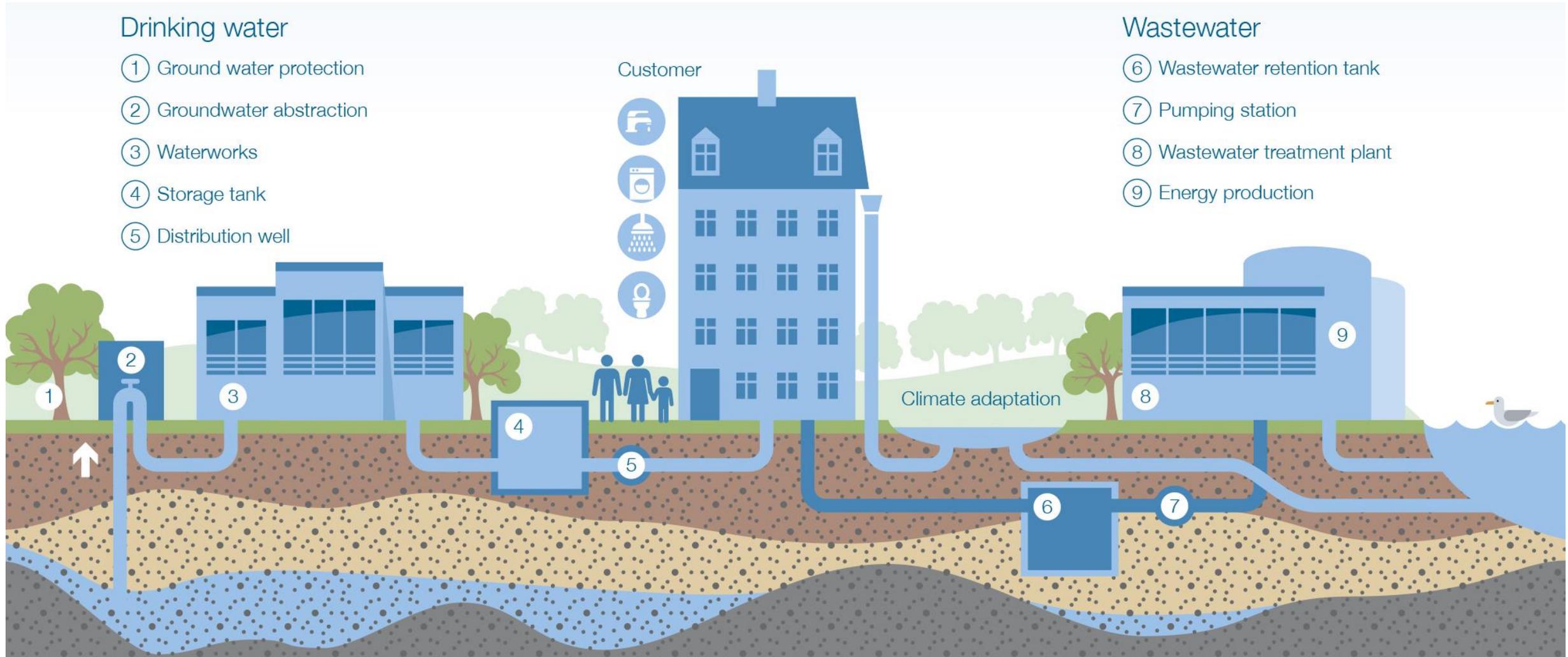
**350,000**

citizens in Aarhus  
Municipality

# Company structure

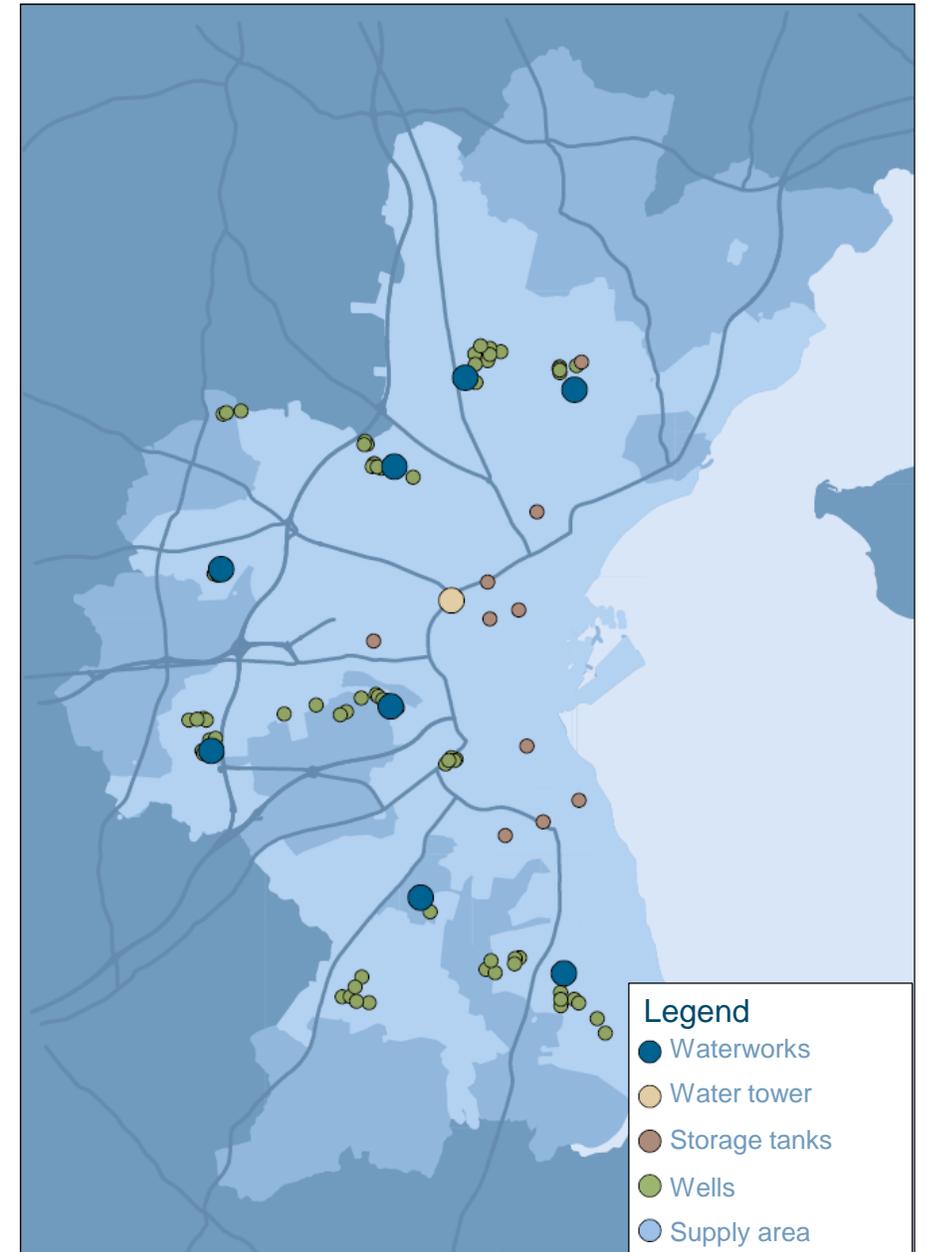


# Operator of the water cycle



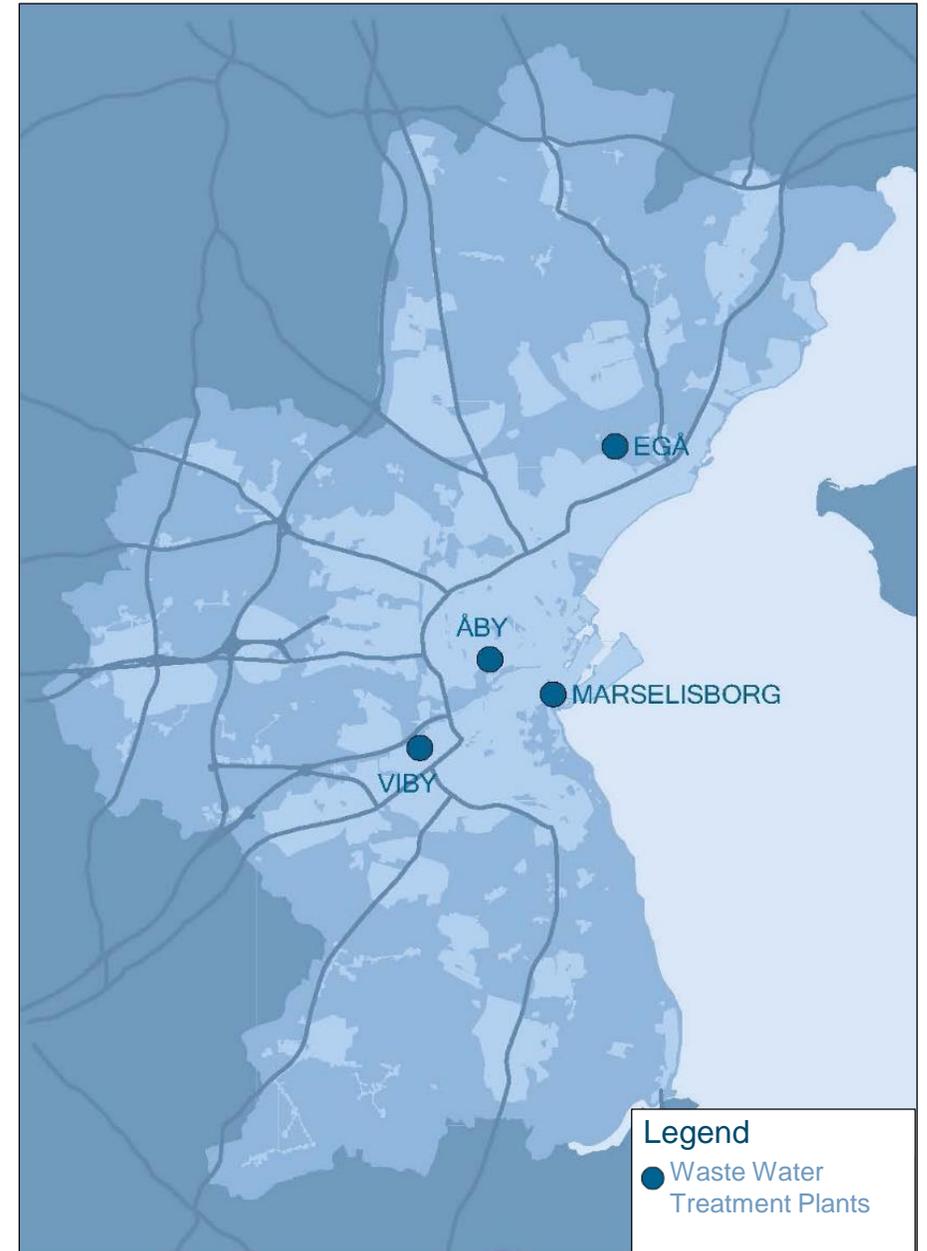
# Drinking water

- 85% of inhabitants in Aarhus Municipality
- 275.000 customers
- 15.000.000 m<sup>3</sup>/year
- 1.500 km supply lines
- 90 production wells
- 8 waterworks
- 11 elevated storage tanks/pumping stations
- 1 water tower
- 62.000 water meters



# Wastewater

- 95 % of inhabitants in Aarhus Municipality
- 335.000 customers
- 460.000 PE load/year
- 30 - 35.000.000 m<sup>3</sup>/year
- 2.800 km of mains
- 4 waste water treatment plants
- 100 pumping stations
- 2 Phosphorus recovery plant
- 26 % combined system
- 1.400.000 m<sup>3</sup> volume for rainwater
- 120.500 m<sup>3</sup> volume for wastewater retention

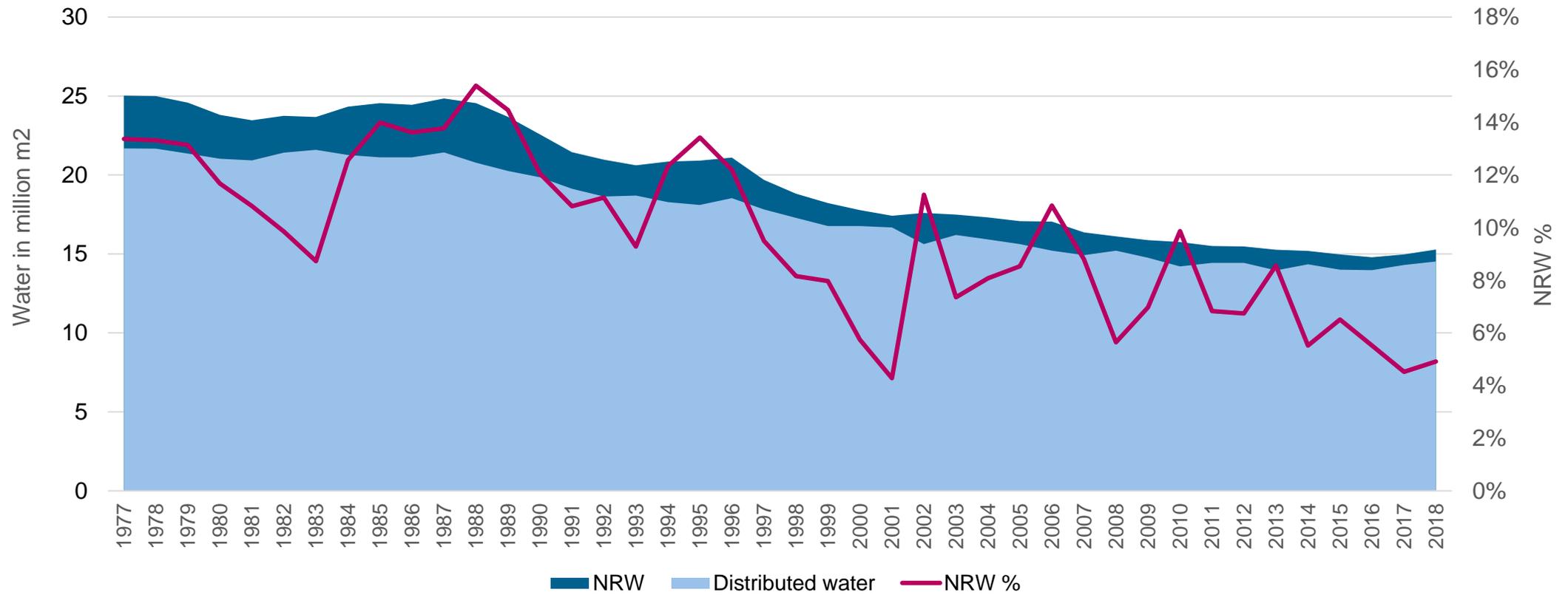


# Water tariffs 2020

Elements of the water tariffs	DKK/m <sup>3</sup>	EUR/m <sup>3</sup>	TRY/m <sup>3</sup>
Production of drinking water	8,14	1,09	10,42
Wastewater treatment	22,62	3,03	28,94
Government water tax	6,37	0,85	8,15
VAT	9,28	1,24	11,87
Total water price per m3 incl. VAT	46,41	6,21	55,39

- Average per capita consumption 99 l/pers/day
- Complete cost recovery by the tariffs, including operations, investments and re-investments
- All larger Danish water utilities are subject to benchmarking and annual savings on OPEX/CAPEX of around 2%

# Non-Revenue Water in Aarhus





# Technologies

Selected activities



# Mobile leak detection

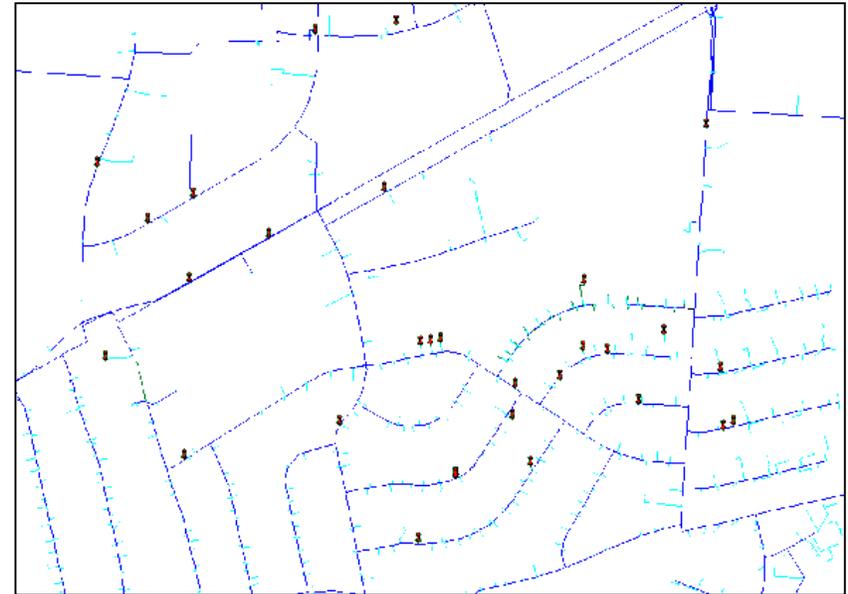
- 80 % reduction in time spent searching for leaks
- The principle is the same as DMA (District Metering Areas) - isolation an area and measure the consumption from a mobile water source
- The method has proven itself in the last 4 years
- The method I patented by Aarhus Vand



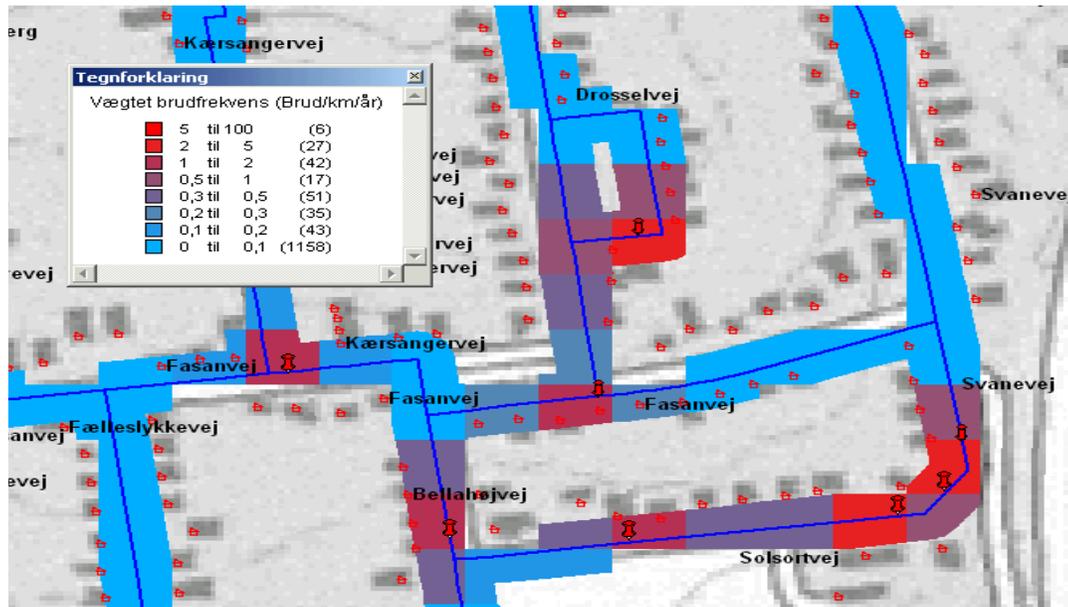
# Use of burst registration

- GIS-visualisation of bursts and information
- Spatial evaluation of hot spots
- Calculation of spatial burst ratios
- Statistical analysis by material, year laid etc.

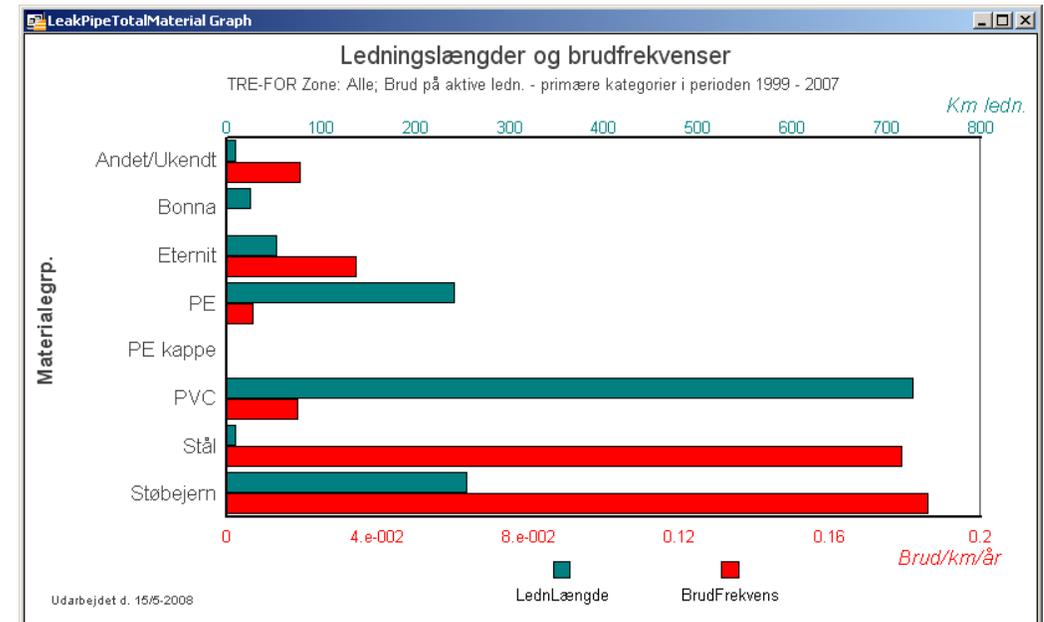
## Burst report registration



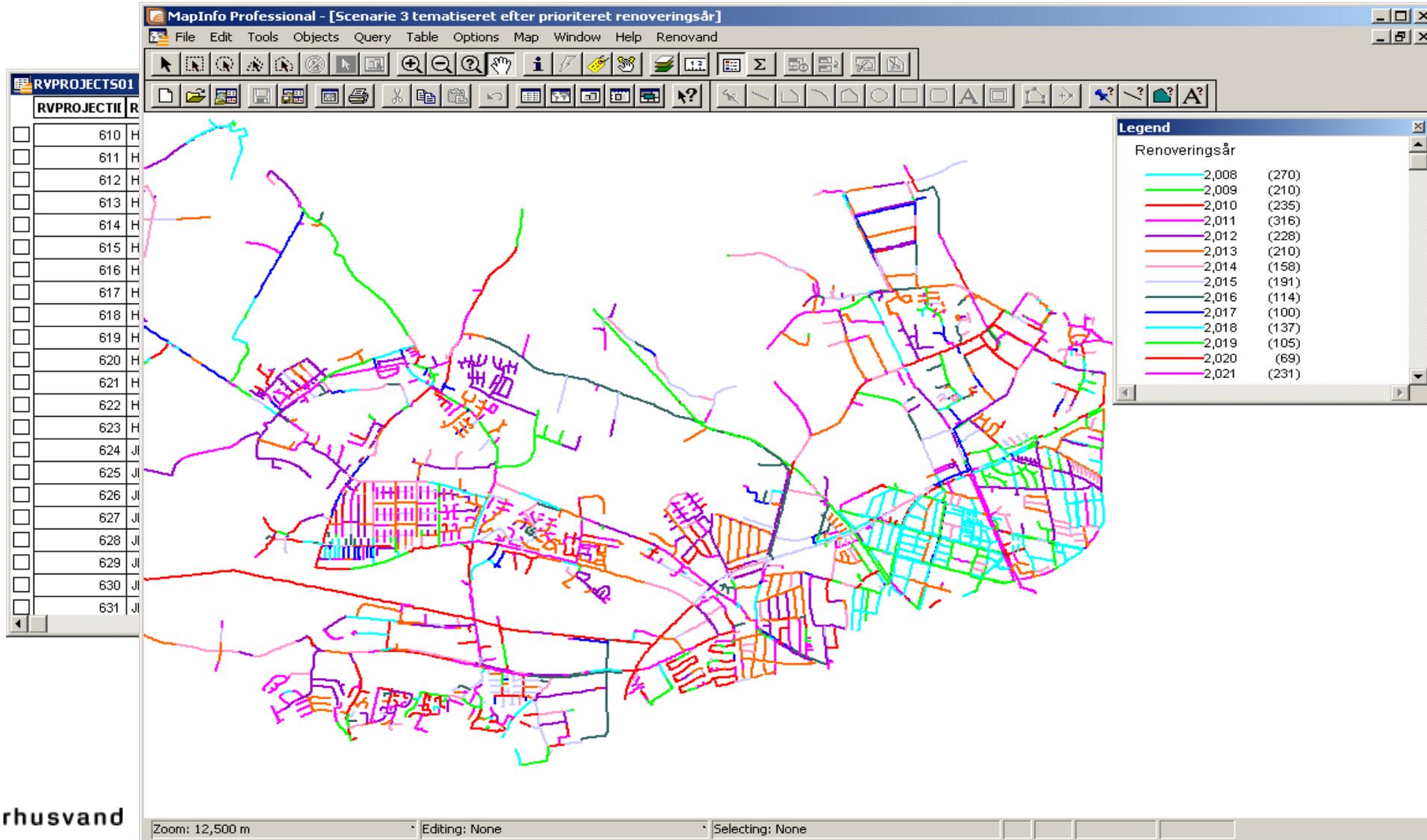
## Burst ratio – hot-spots



## Burst ratio by material

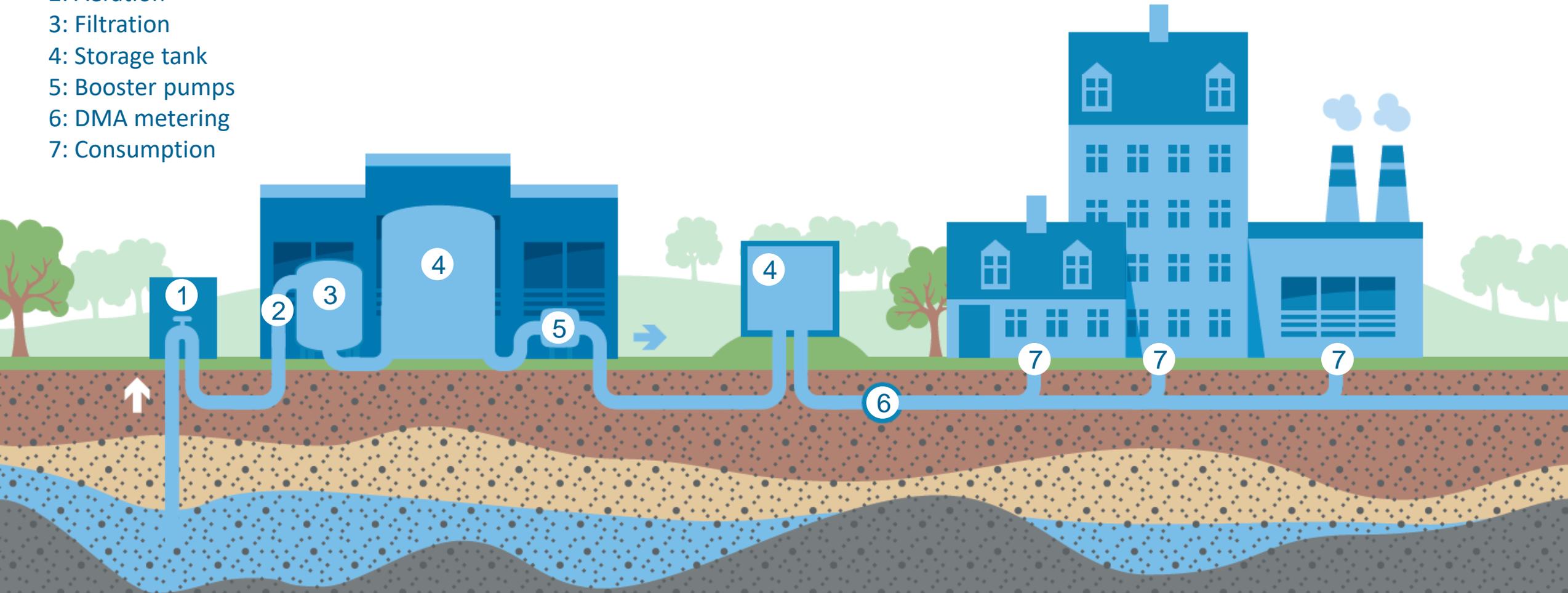


# Planning of rehabilitation investments

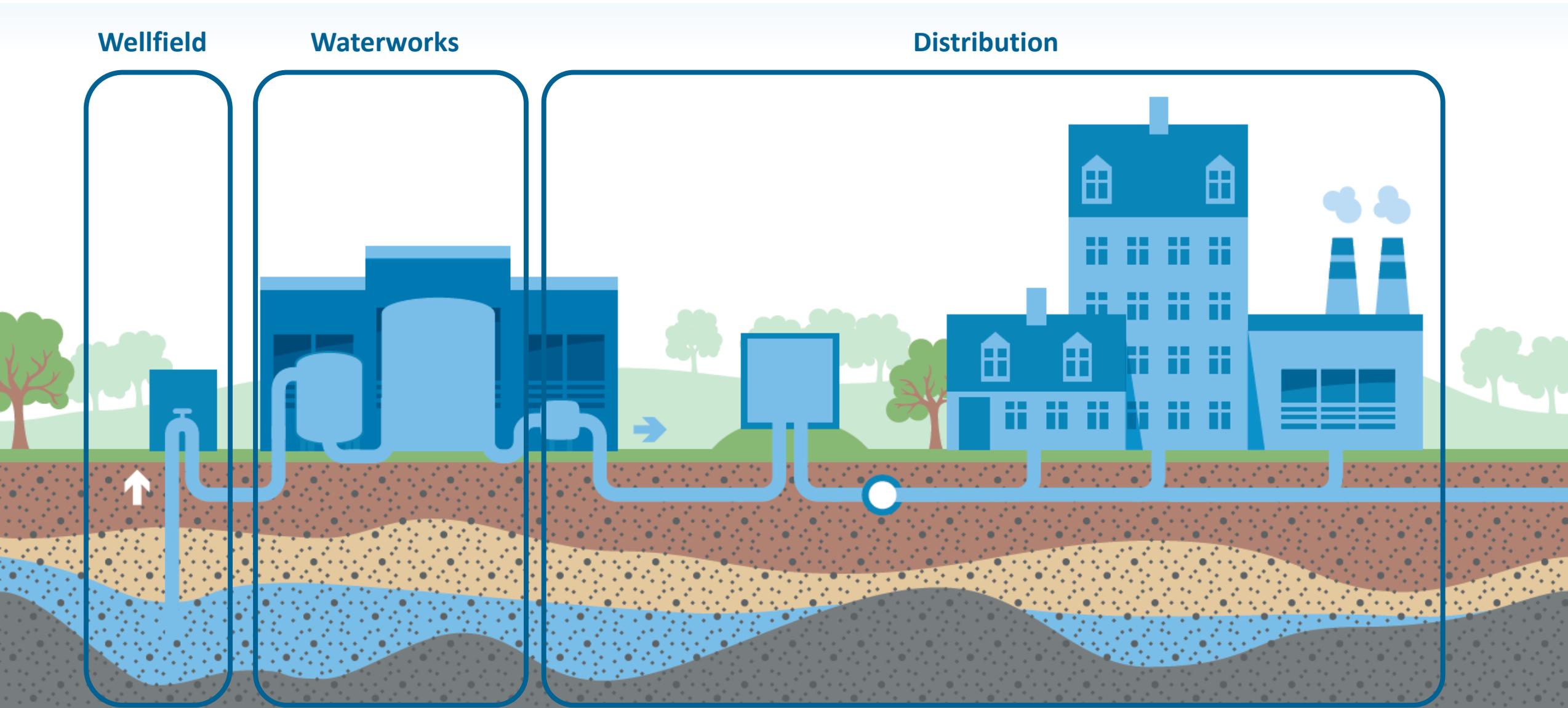


# Automation; From source to tap

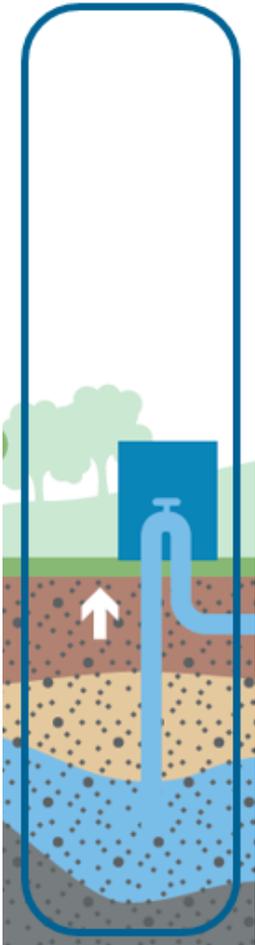
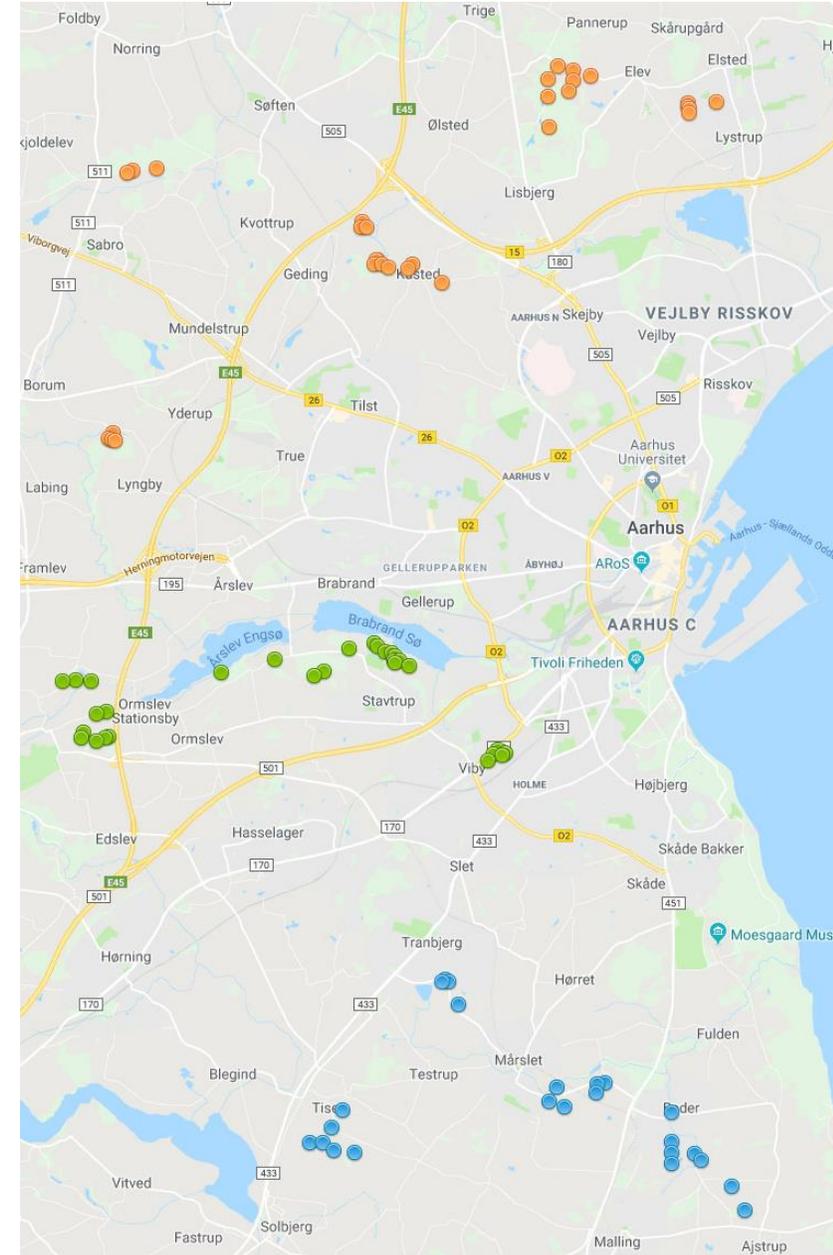
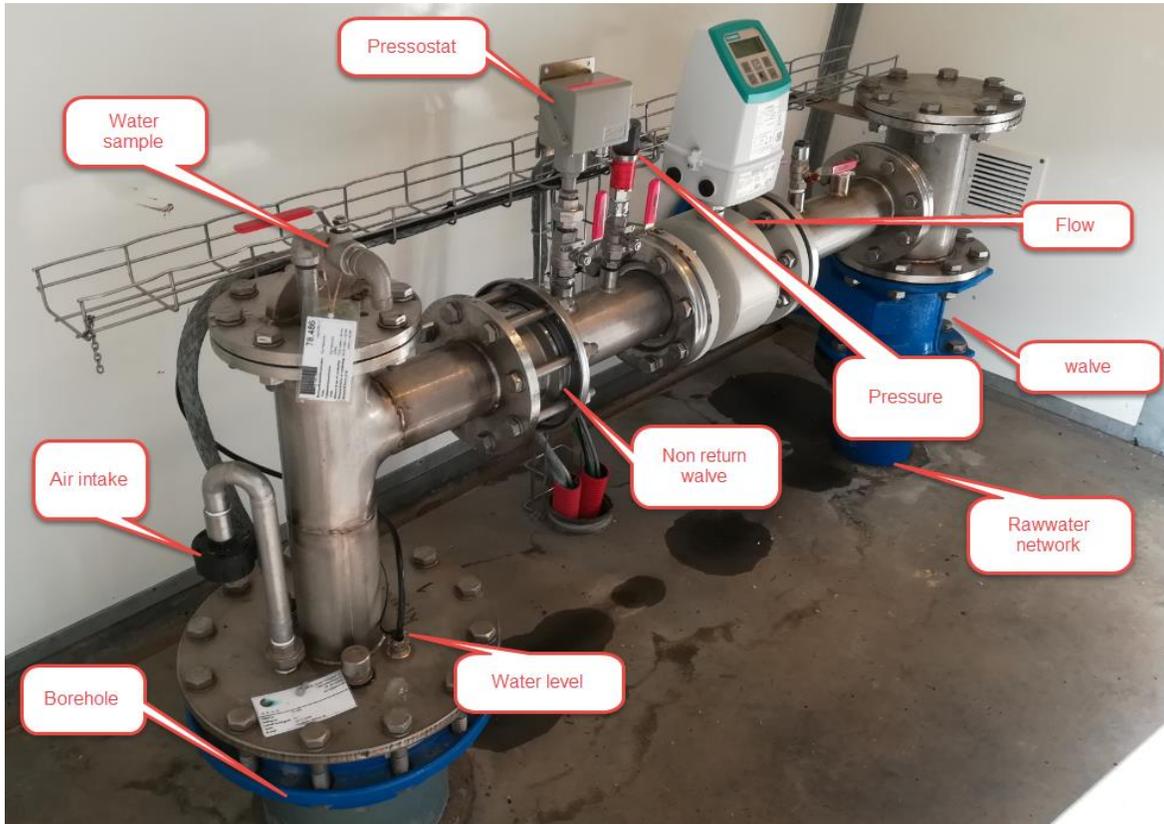
- 1: Abstraction
- 2: Aeration
- 3: Filtration
- 4: Storage tank
- 5: Booster pumps
- 6: DMA metering
- 7: Consumption



# From source to tap

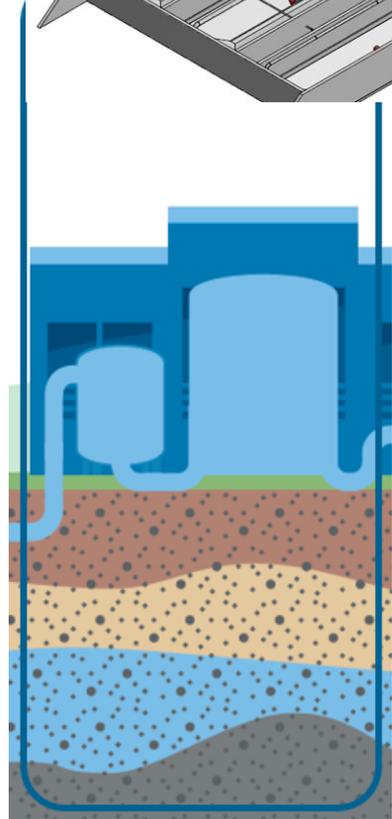
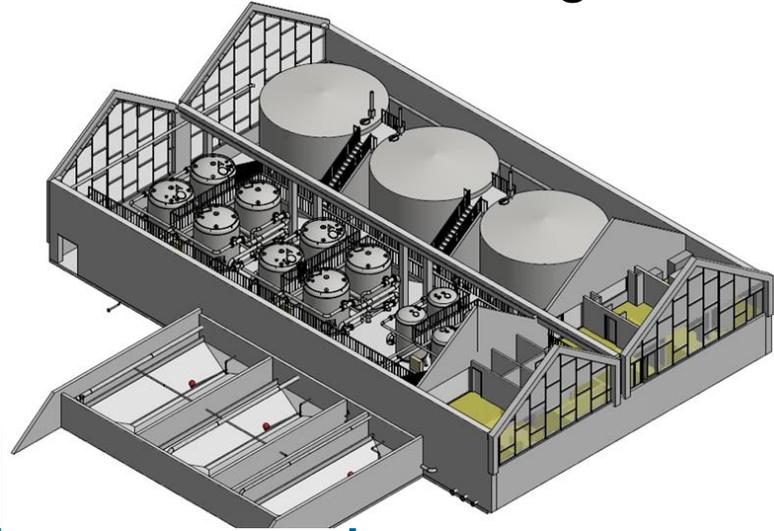


# Wellfield

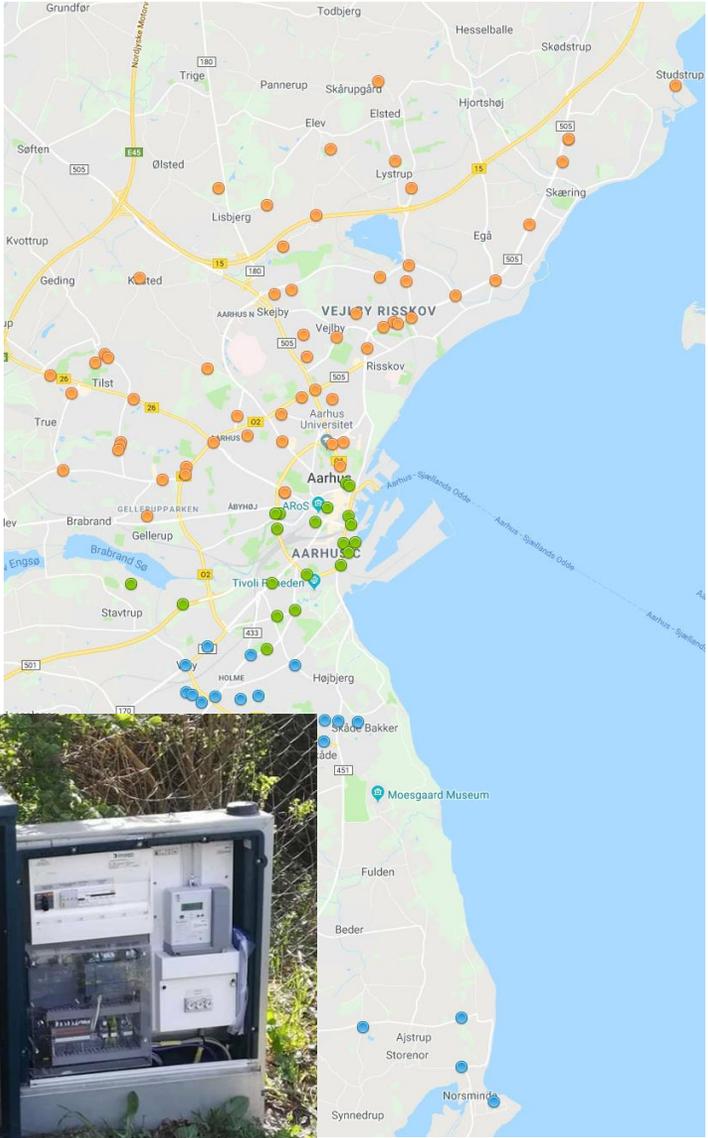
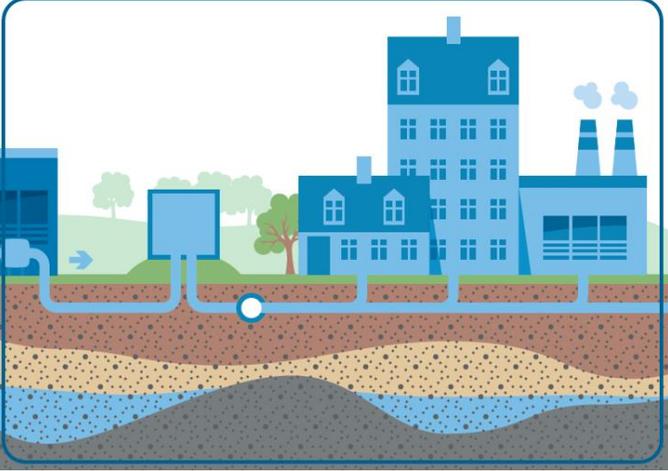


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# Waterworks and storage tanks

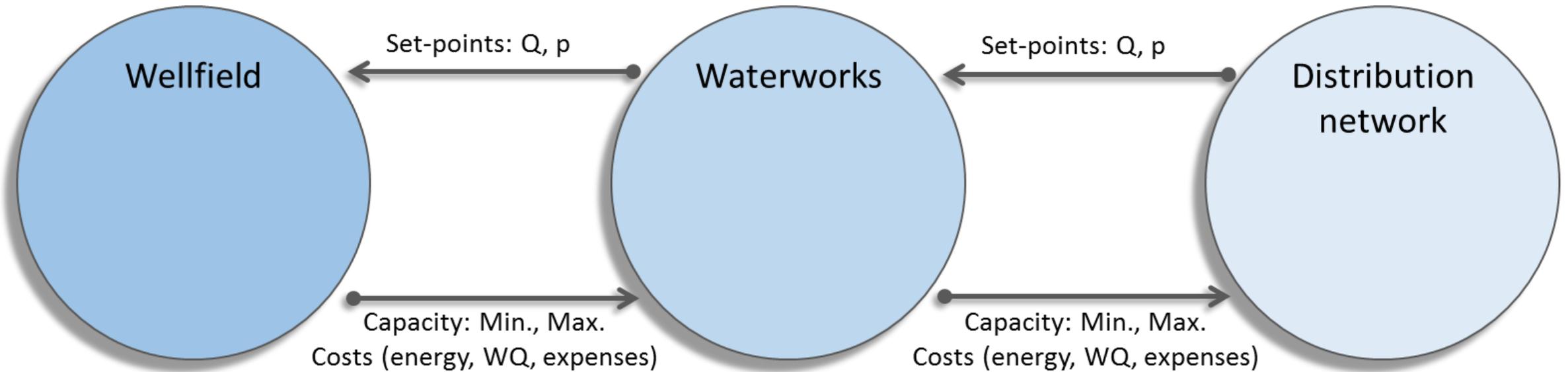


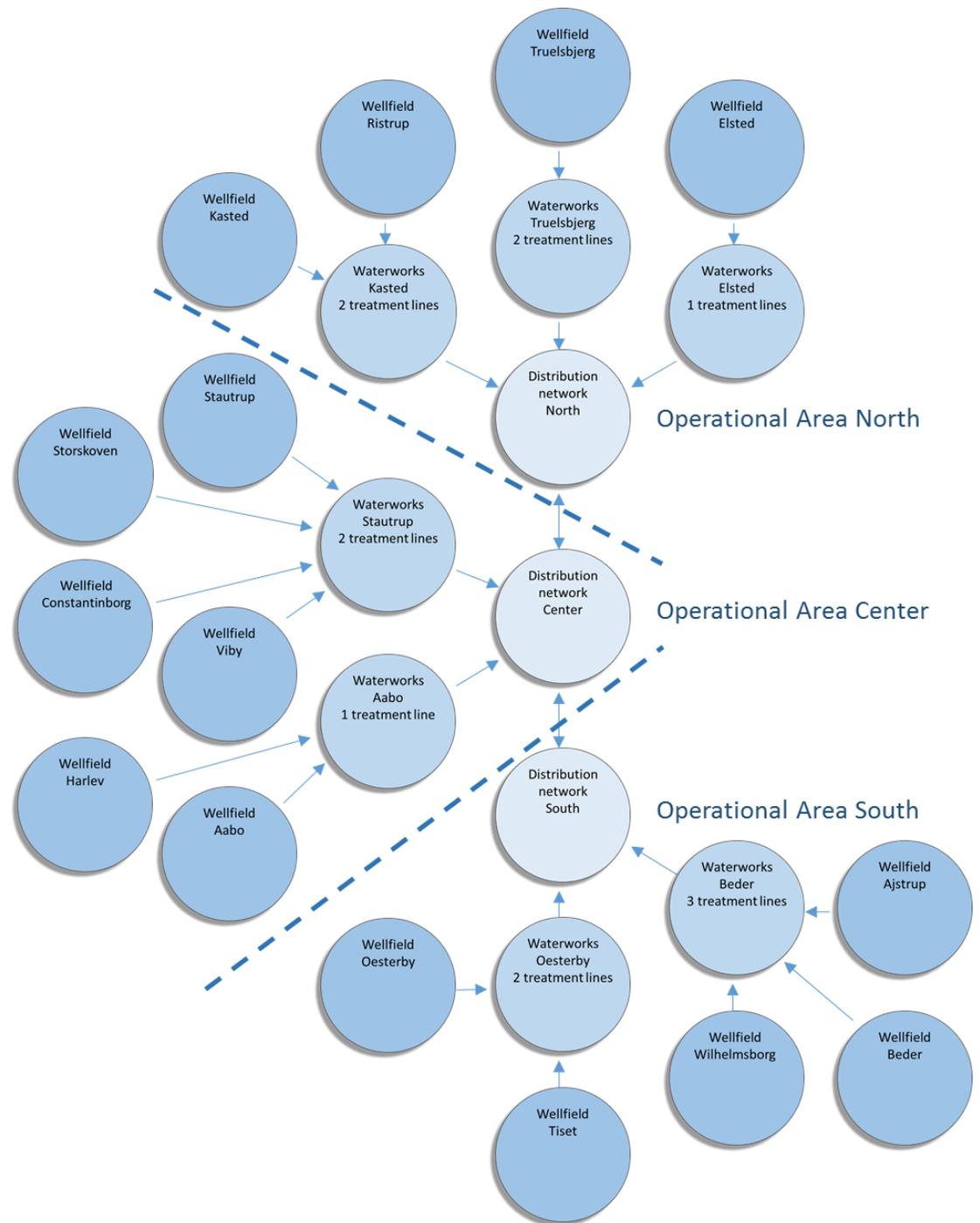
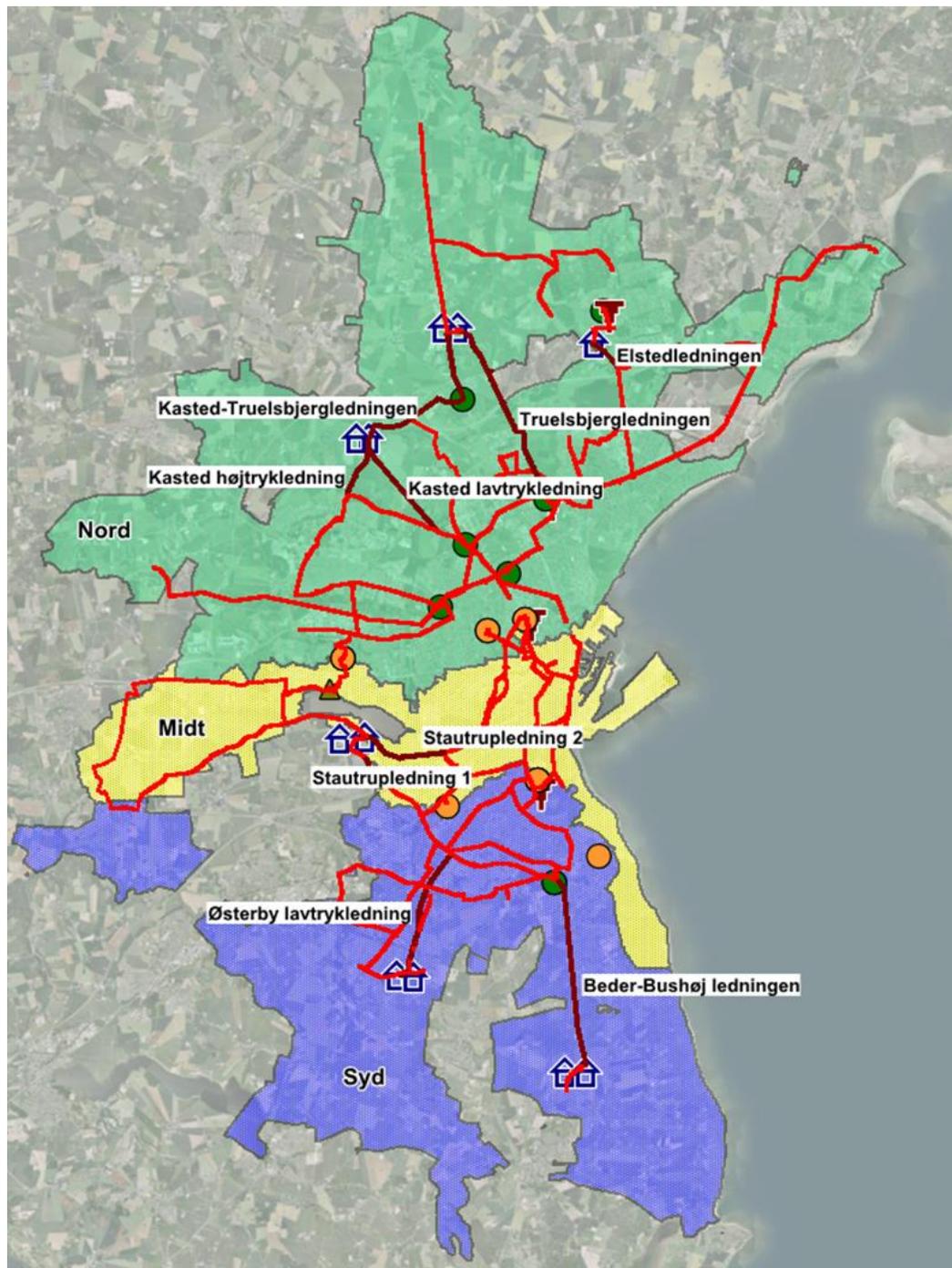
# Distribution



Generations of District Metering – latest version to the right

# Concept: Demand Driven Water Supply





# Groundwater – an unique water resource

- 100 % ground water
- Abstraction 60 – 140 meter below terrain
- Requires only simple treatment
- No disinfection
- 15 million m<sup>3</sup>/year
- Balancing abstraction in respect to impact on surface water



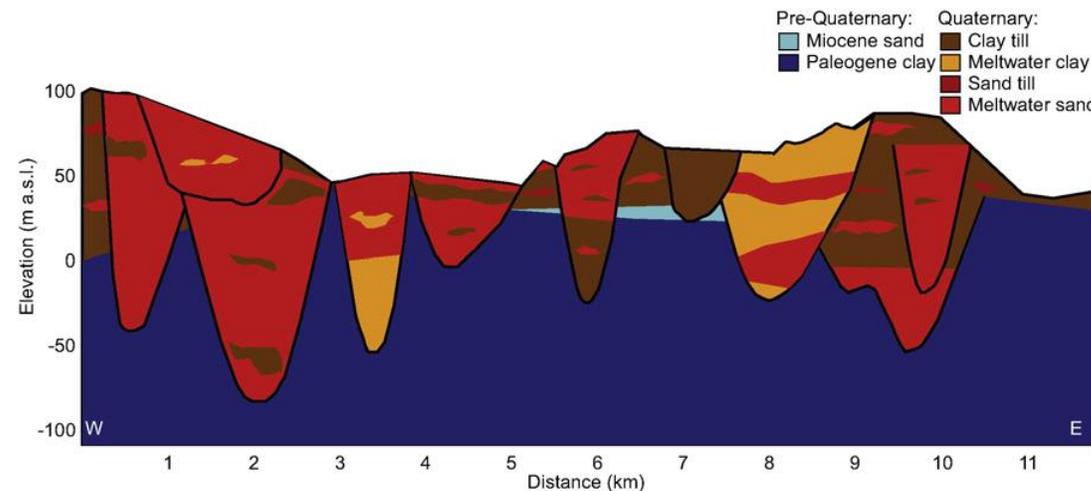
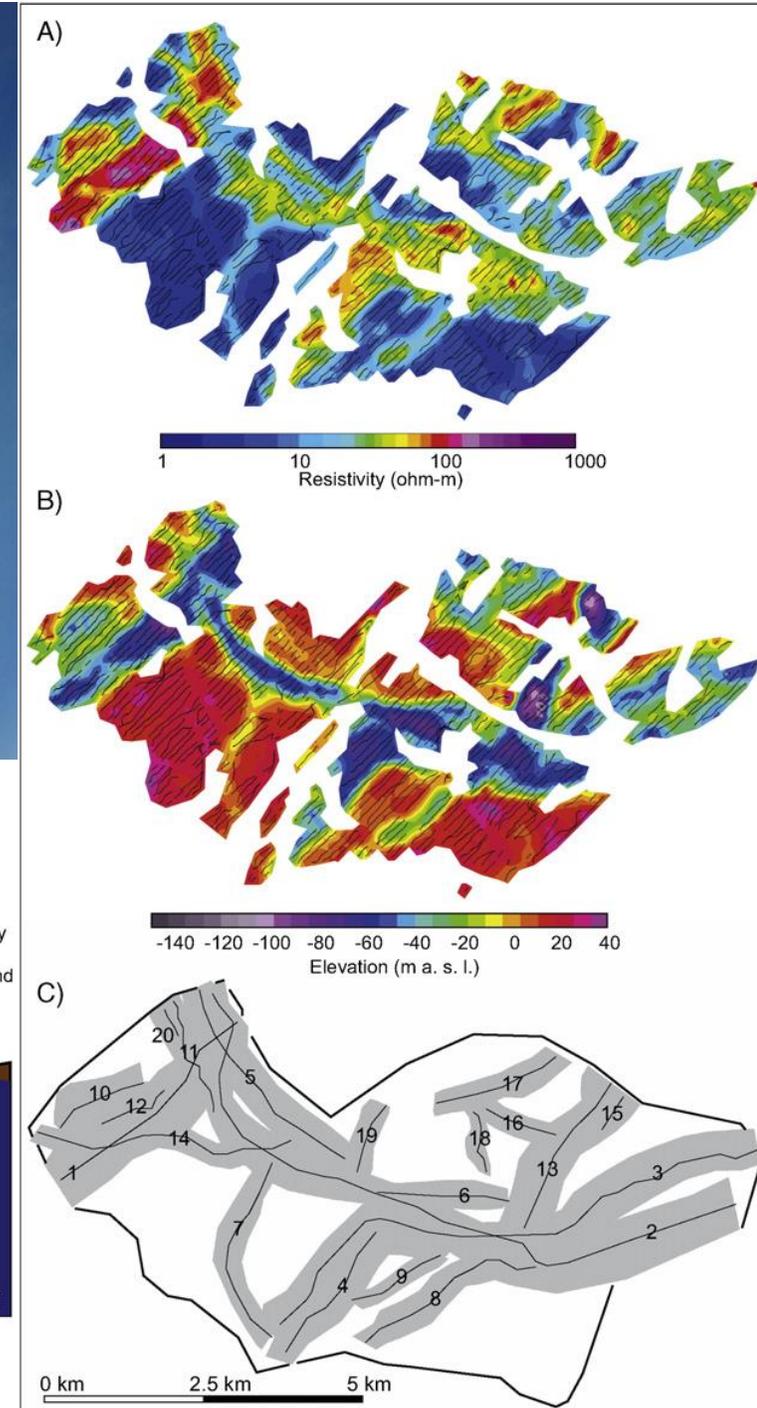
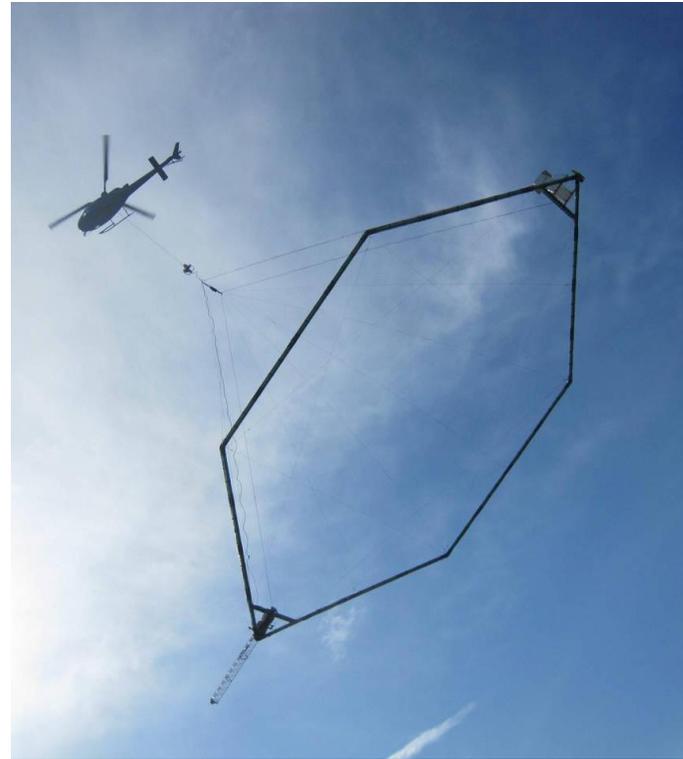
# Aquifer mapping

The survey has been carried out by the Danish Environmental Protection Agency in most parts of Denmark

- Mapping aquifers and their vulnerability

Using big datasets as inputs to models

- Borehole informations
- SkyTEM surveys
- Groundwater Chemistry
- Pumping tests

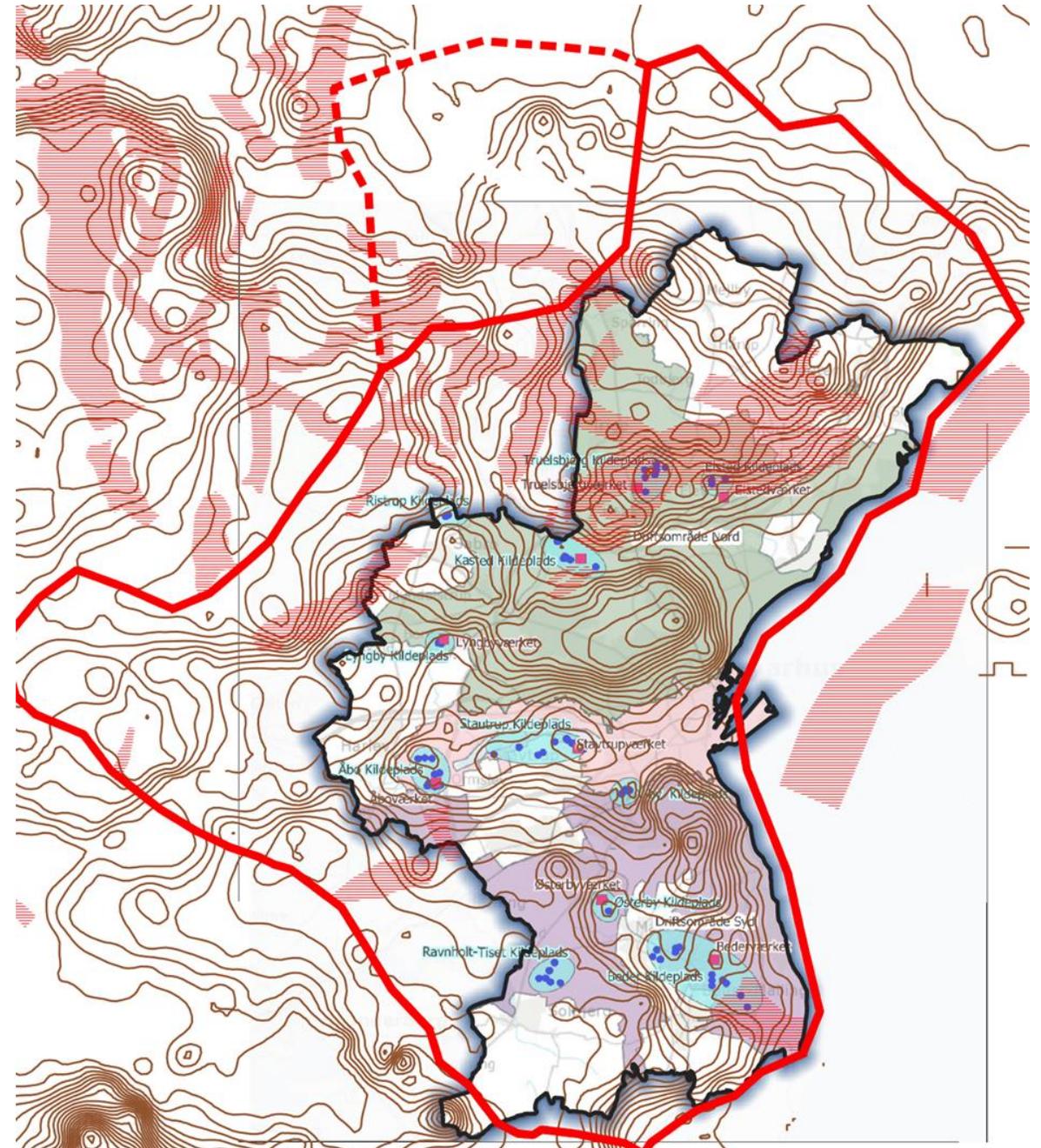


# Water resource modeling

Integrated numerical hydraulic model for the entire municipality.

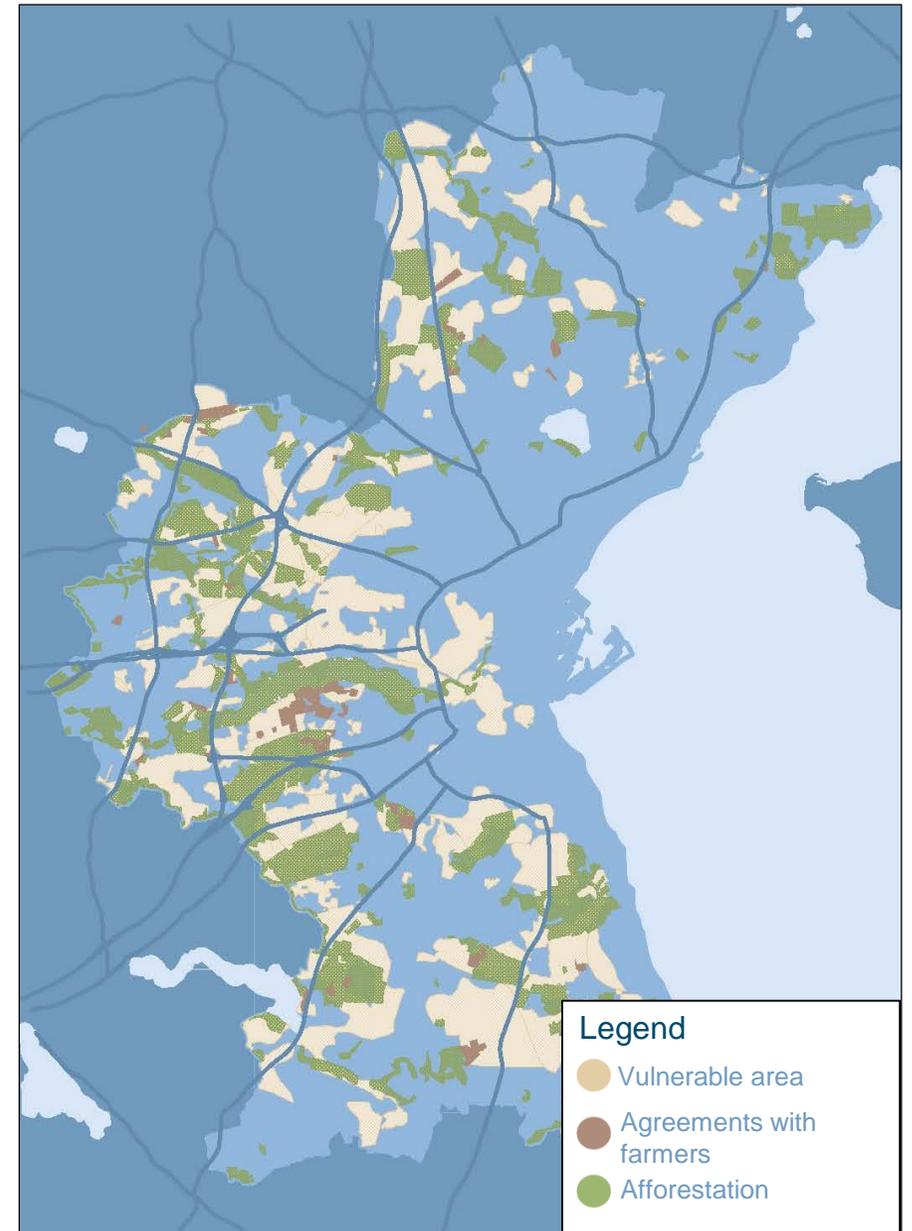
Available for calculations on;

- Future abstraction scenarios
- Effects on the surface water and nature from water abstraction
- Climate change scenarios
- Planning of new wellfield and management of existing wellfields
- Etc...

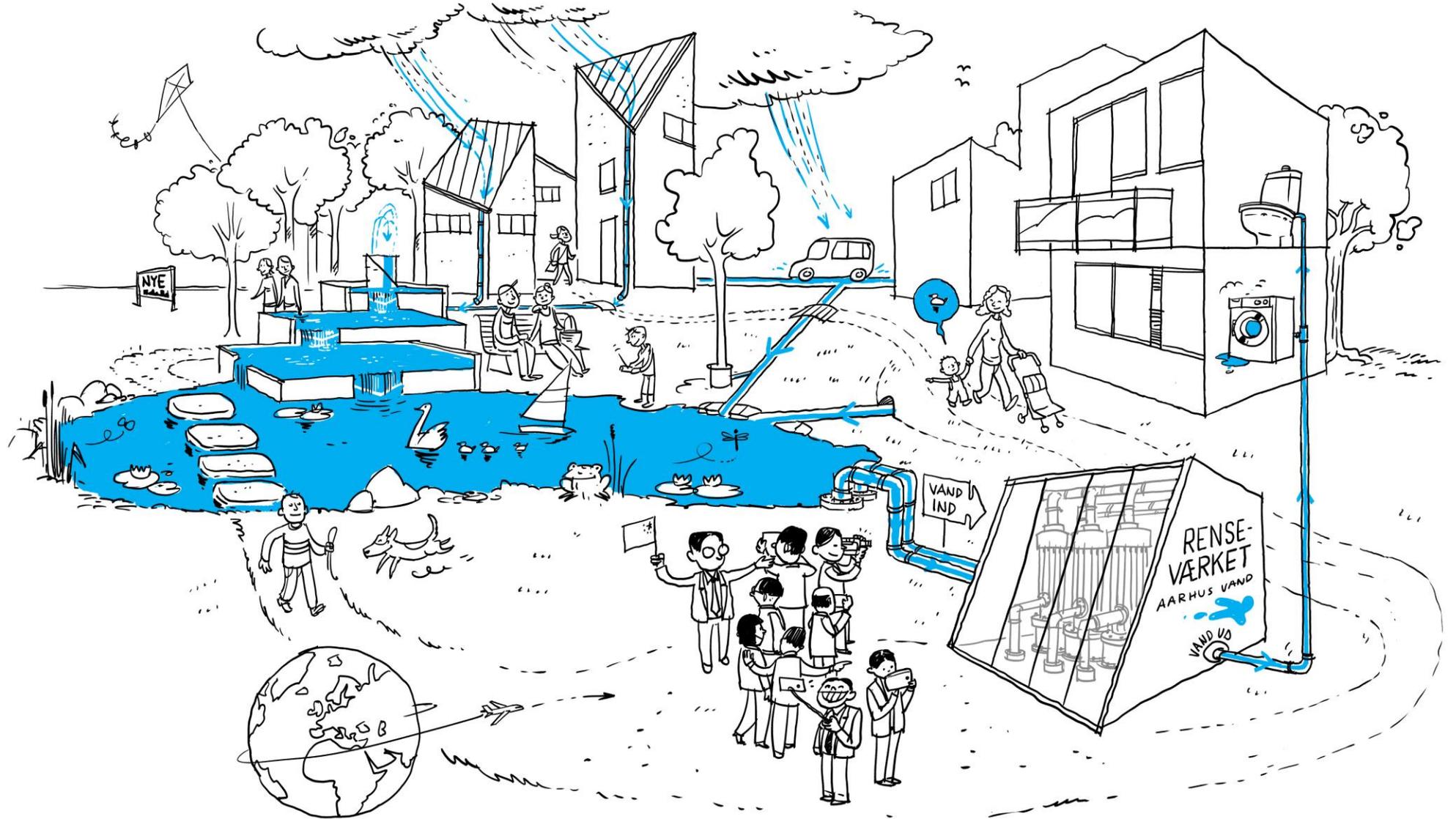


# Groundwater protection

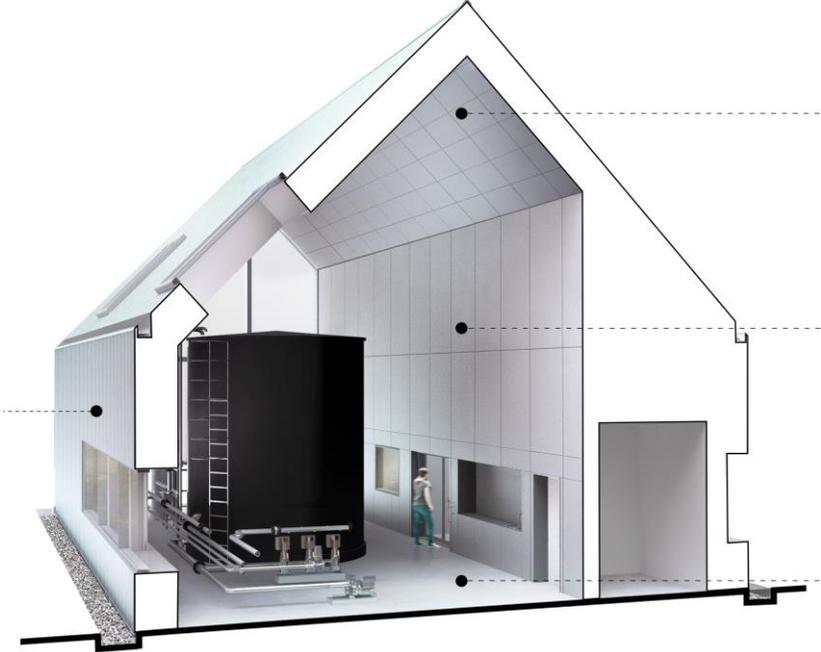
- Vulnerable areas within the catchment area – 7,200 hectares
- Findings of pesticides in wells
  - 35 % with traces
  - 18 % exceeds the limit for drinking water
- Rural areas
  - Handling of pesticides at farms
  - Restriction of pesticide use close to wells
  - Afforestation
- Private household
  - Information campaigns



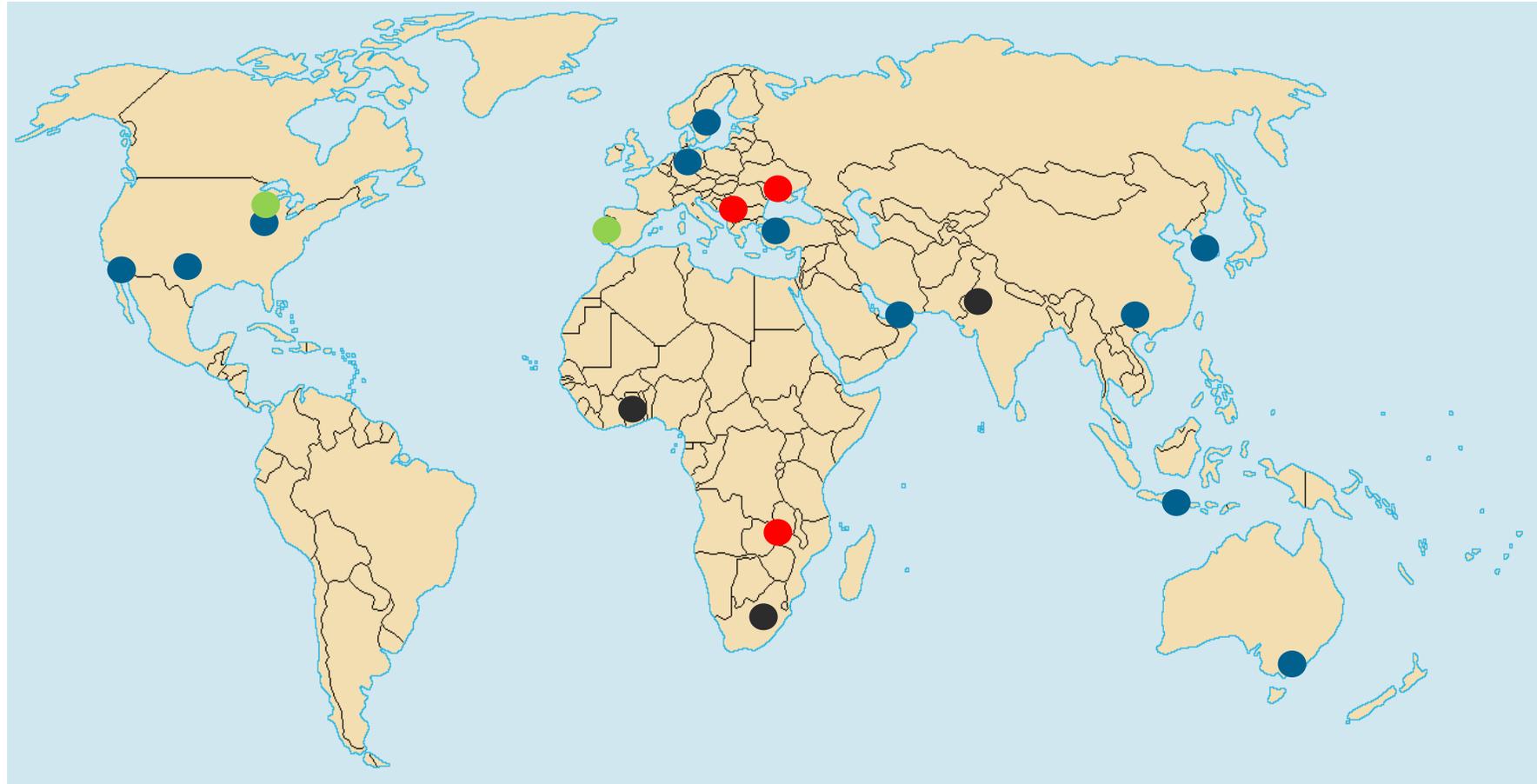
# Rainwater harvesting



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# Aarhus Vand – International partnerships



- water sector export support (WTA)
- City-to-city cooperation
- Training activities
- Water Utility partnership

# Thank you for your attention

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