



# Improvement of Water Quality Modeling for Microbial Risk Assessment: **Recent Advances**

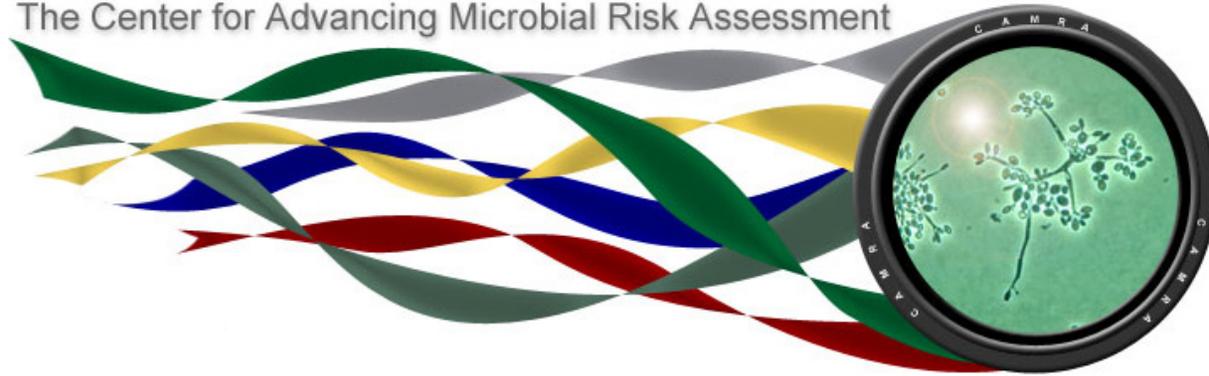
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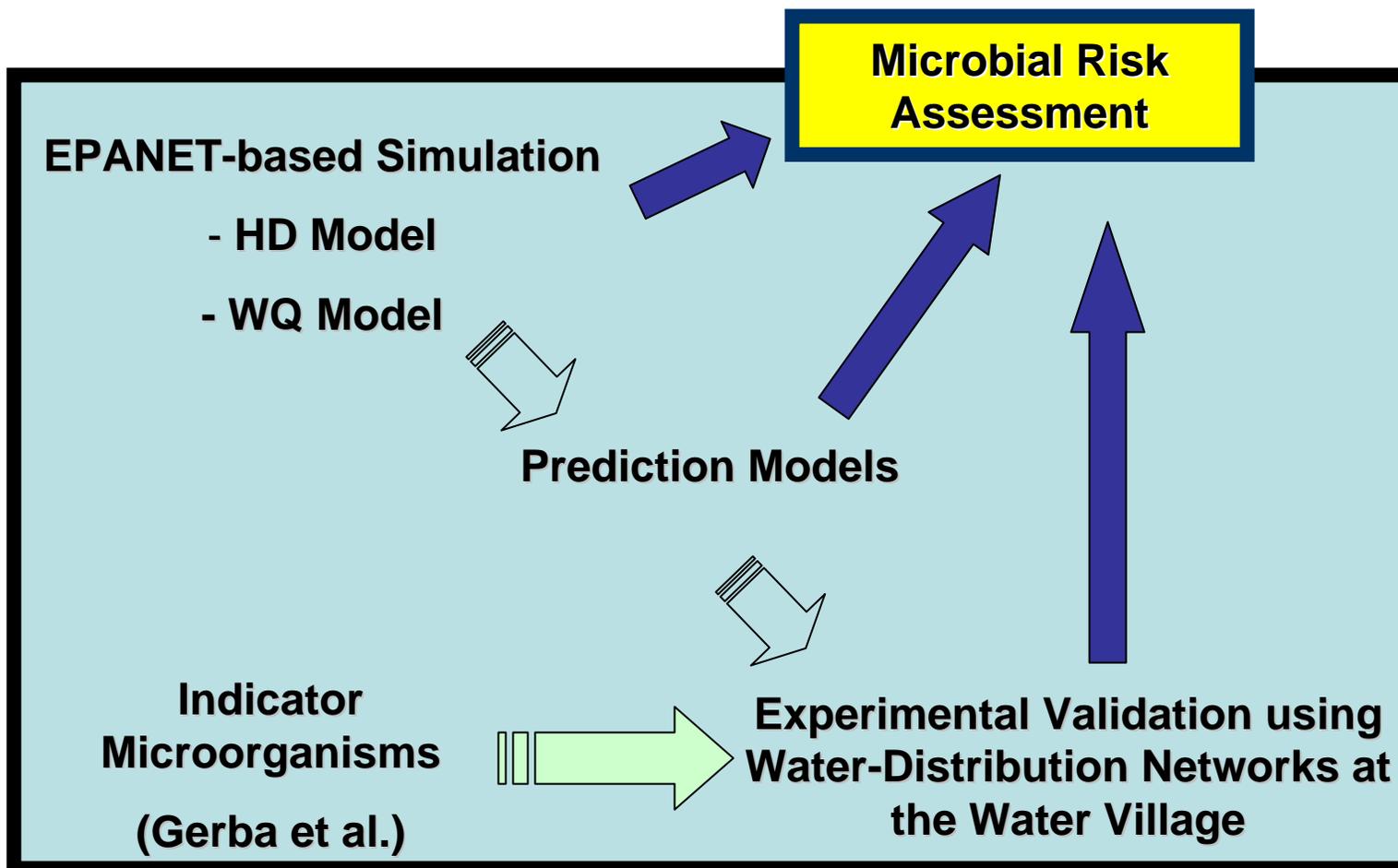
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**Main Research Focus of Choi's  
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## Current Laboratories



Real-time  
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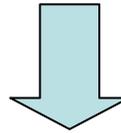
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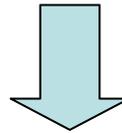
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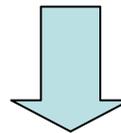
**Step 1. Accurate Water Quality Modeling**



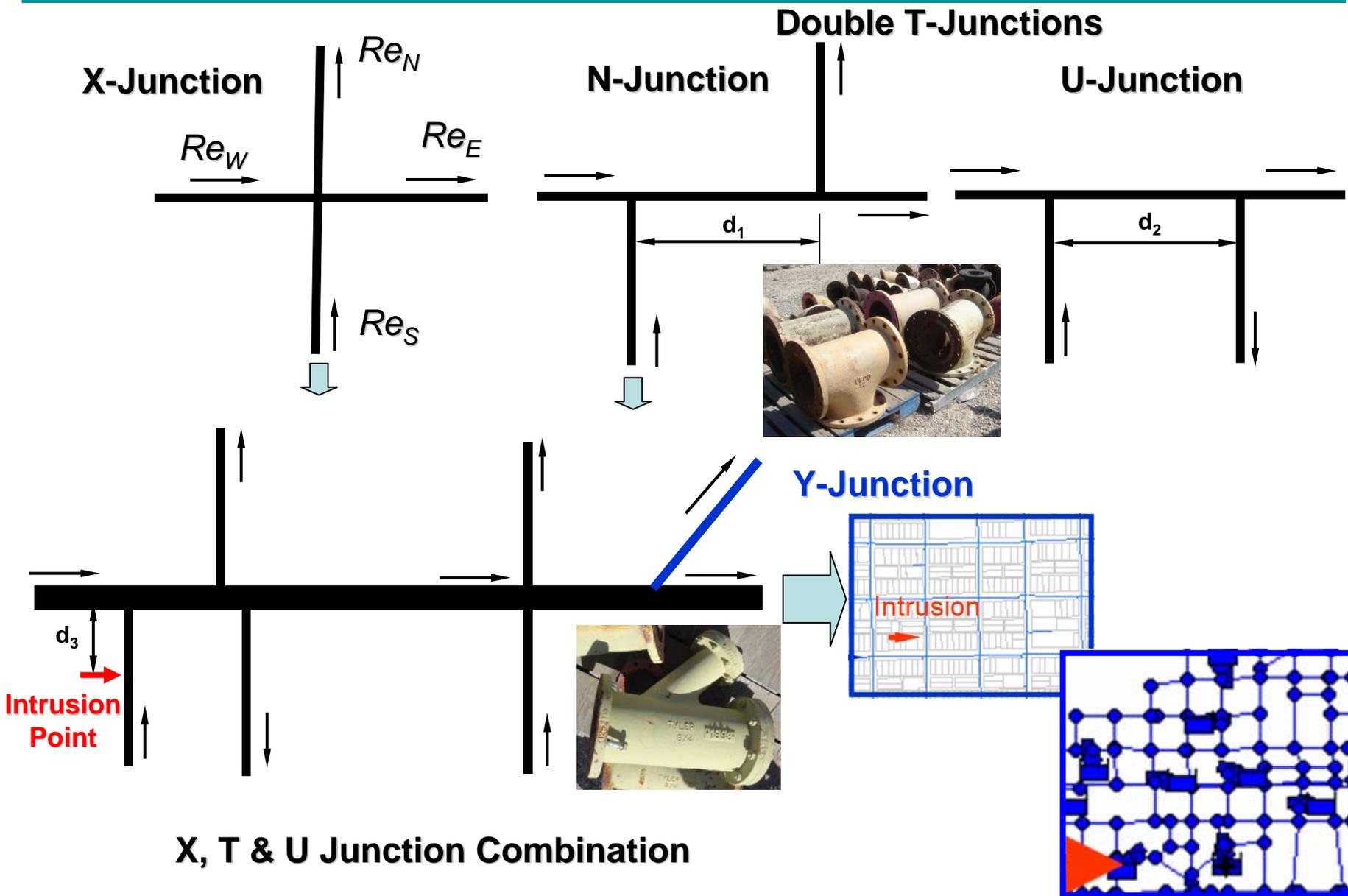
**Step 2. Accurate Prediction of Dispersion of Microorganisms**



**Step 3. Use of Prediction Tools such as ANNs**



**Step 4. Accurate Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment**

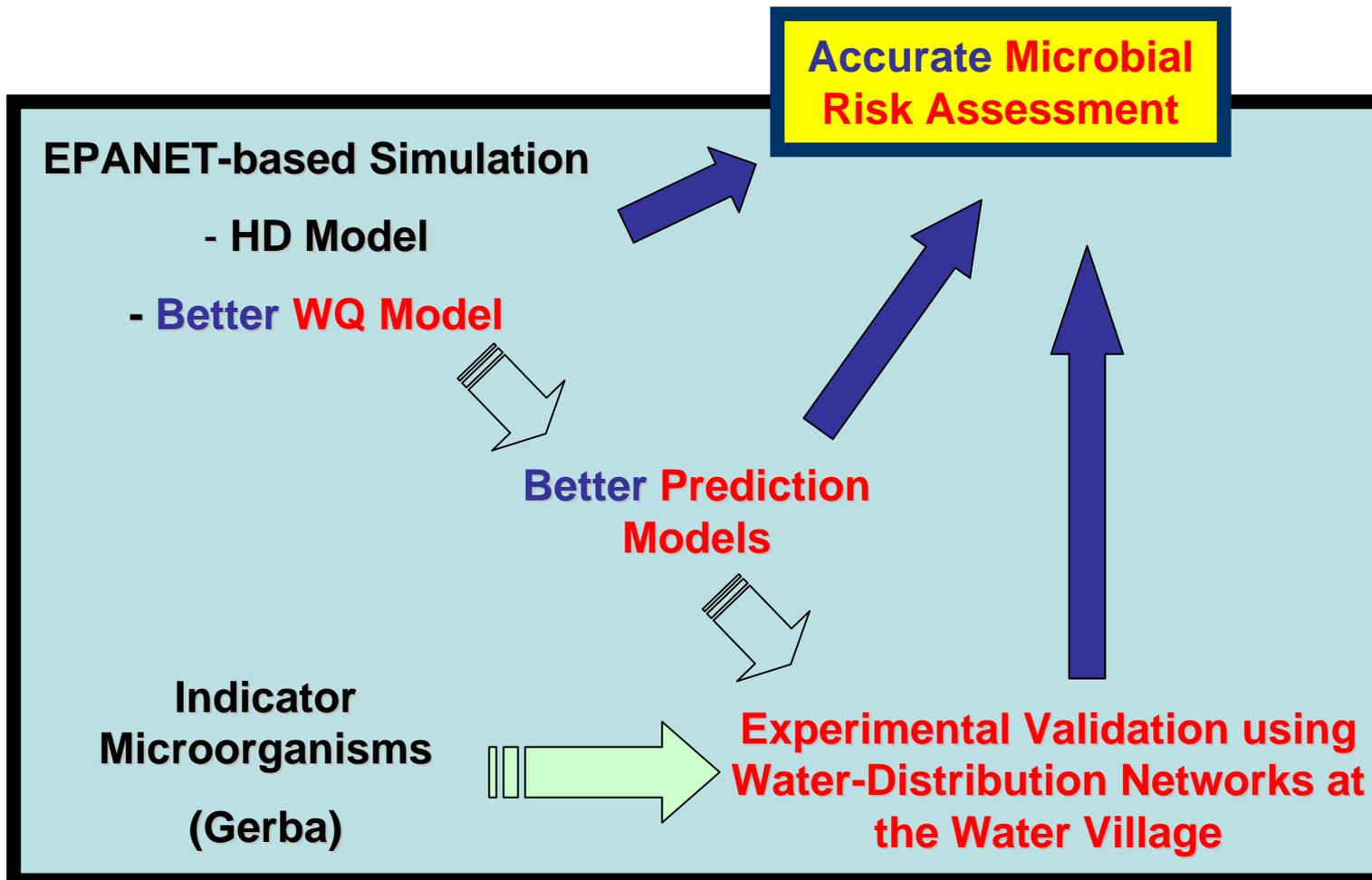


At present, prevailing network water quality models are based on two major simplifications.

First, longitudinal dispersion of the solute mass along the pipe axis is ignored, and “**plug flow**” is assumed to prevail.

Second, solute mixing is assumed to be “**complete and instantaneous**” at the pipe junctions.

Recent investigations suggest that these assumptions **may NOT be valid** in real pipe networks.





$U = 0.635 \text{ m/s}$     $Re = 8,000$

$U = 1.27 \text{ m/s}$     $Re = 16,000$



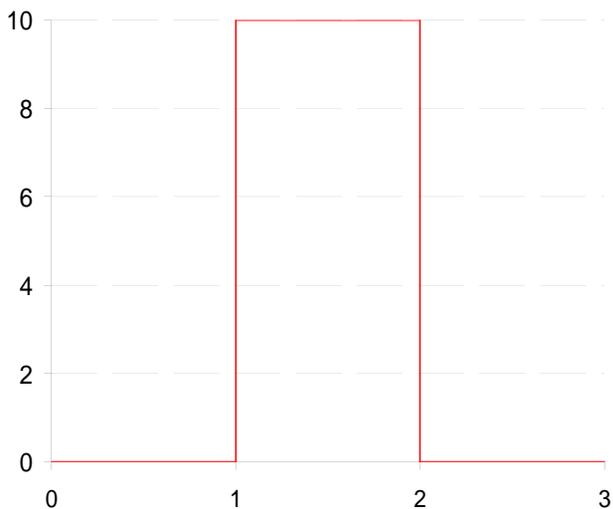
—  $Re = 8,000$  ,  $T_{max} = 6.5 \text{ s}$

$Re = 8,000$  ,  $T_{max} = 11.6 \text{ s}$

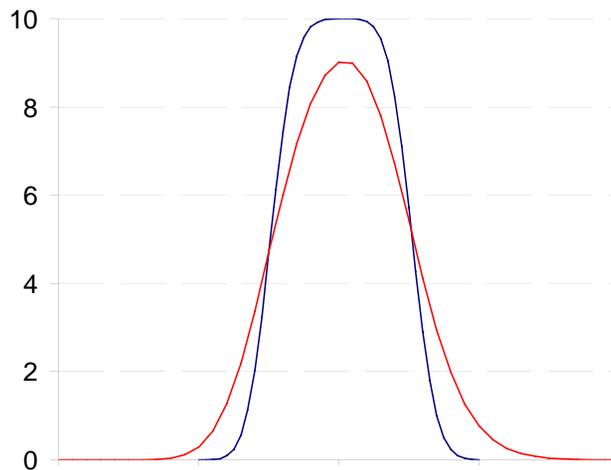
—  $Re = 16,000$  ,  $T_{max} = 4.05 \text{ s}$

$Re = 16,000$  ,  $T_{max} = 6.55 \text{ s}$

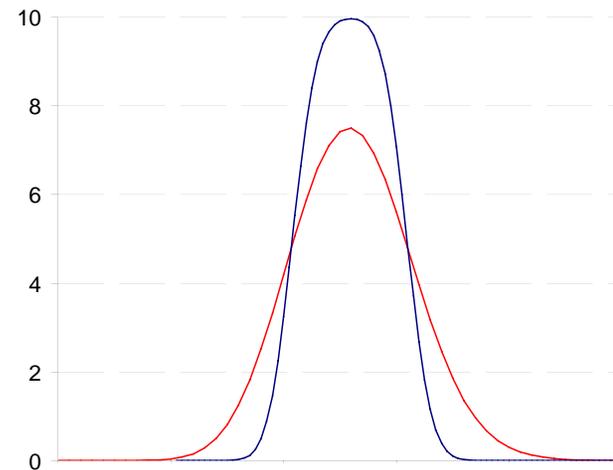
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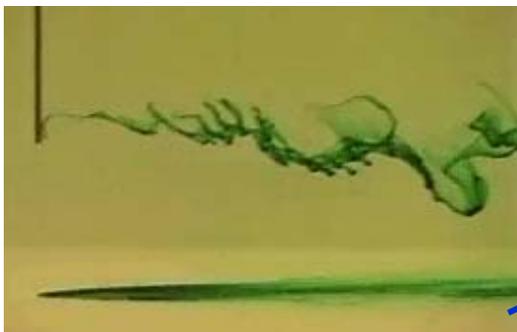
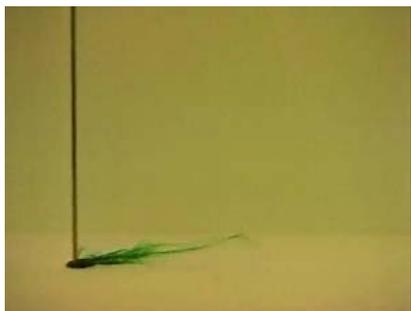
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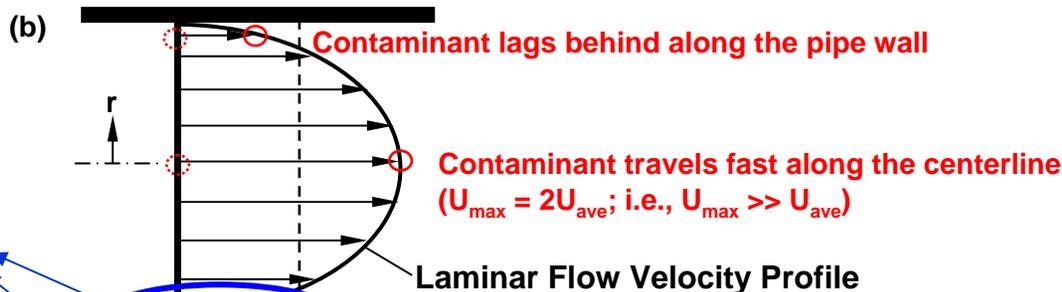
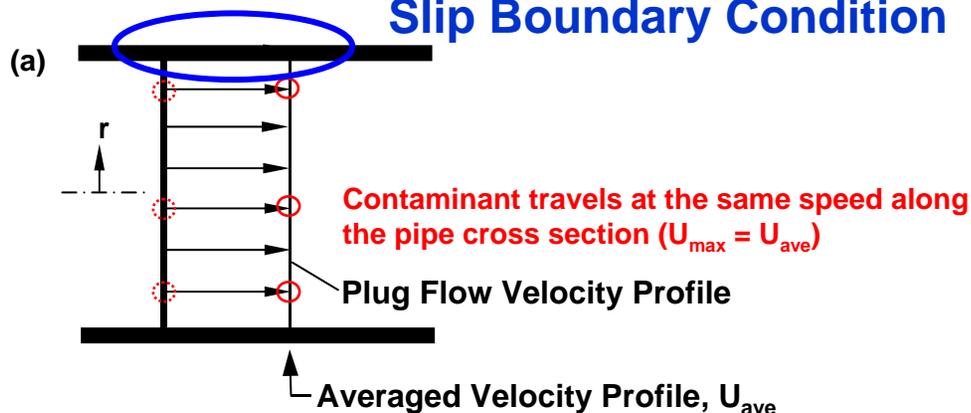
$X = 500 \text{ D}$



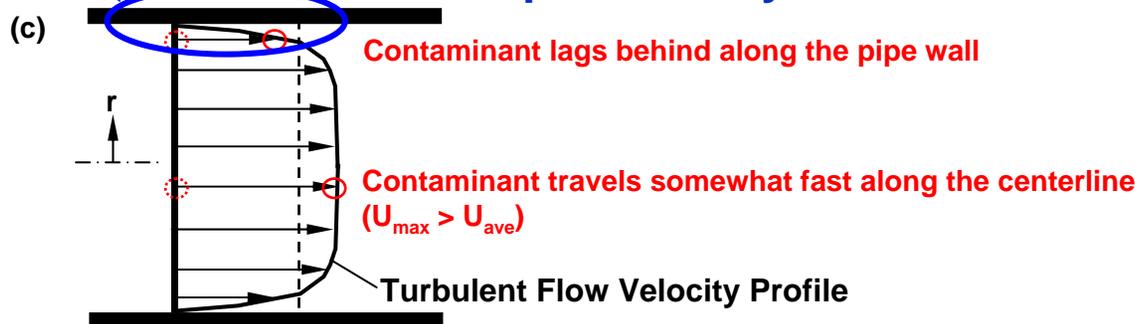
## Typical tracer dispersion along the pipe wall

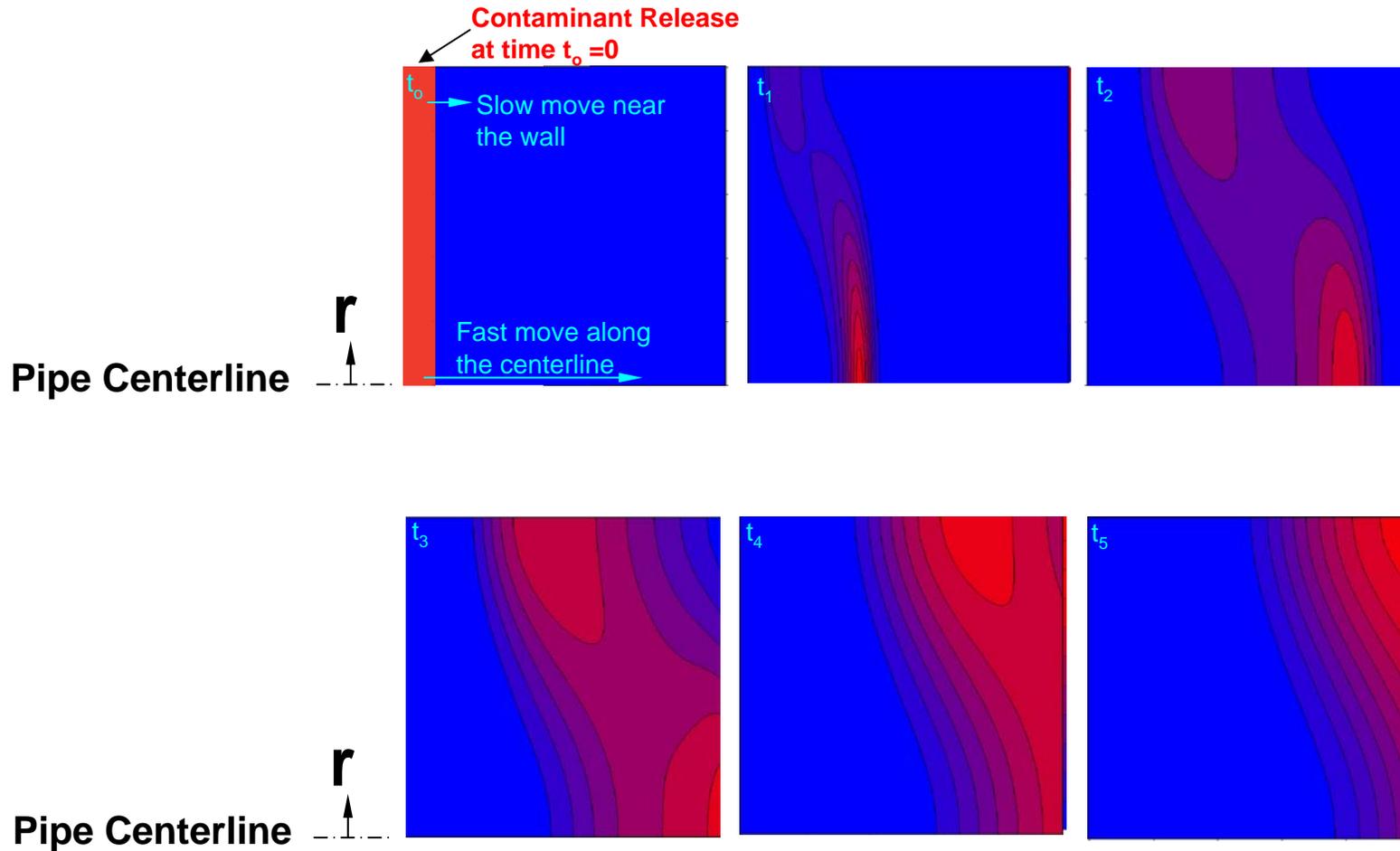


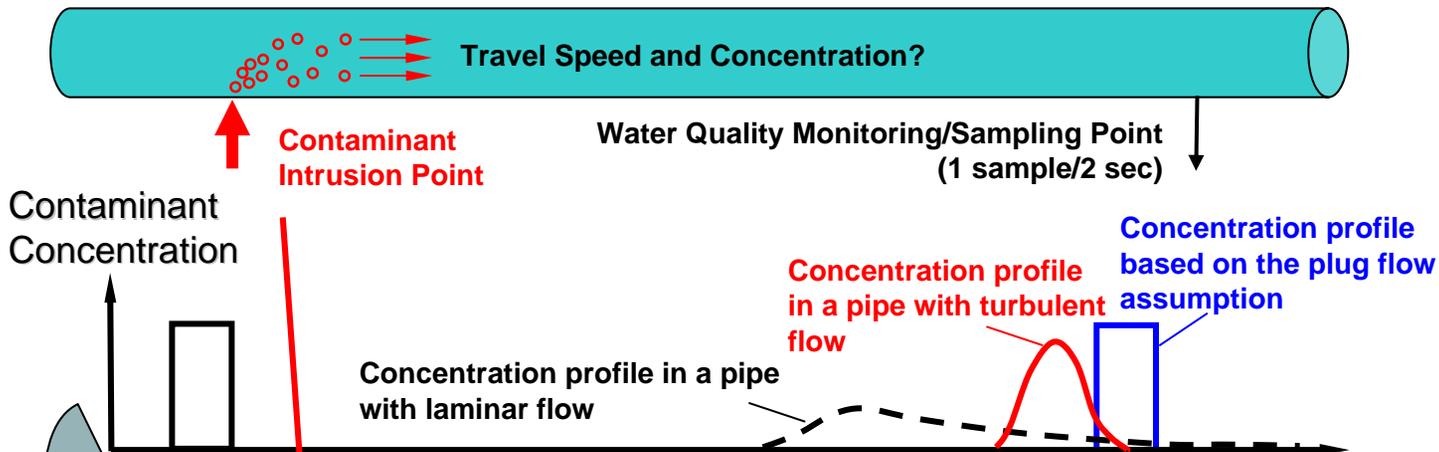
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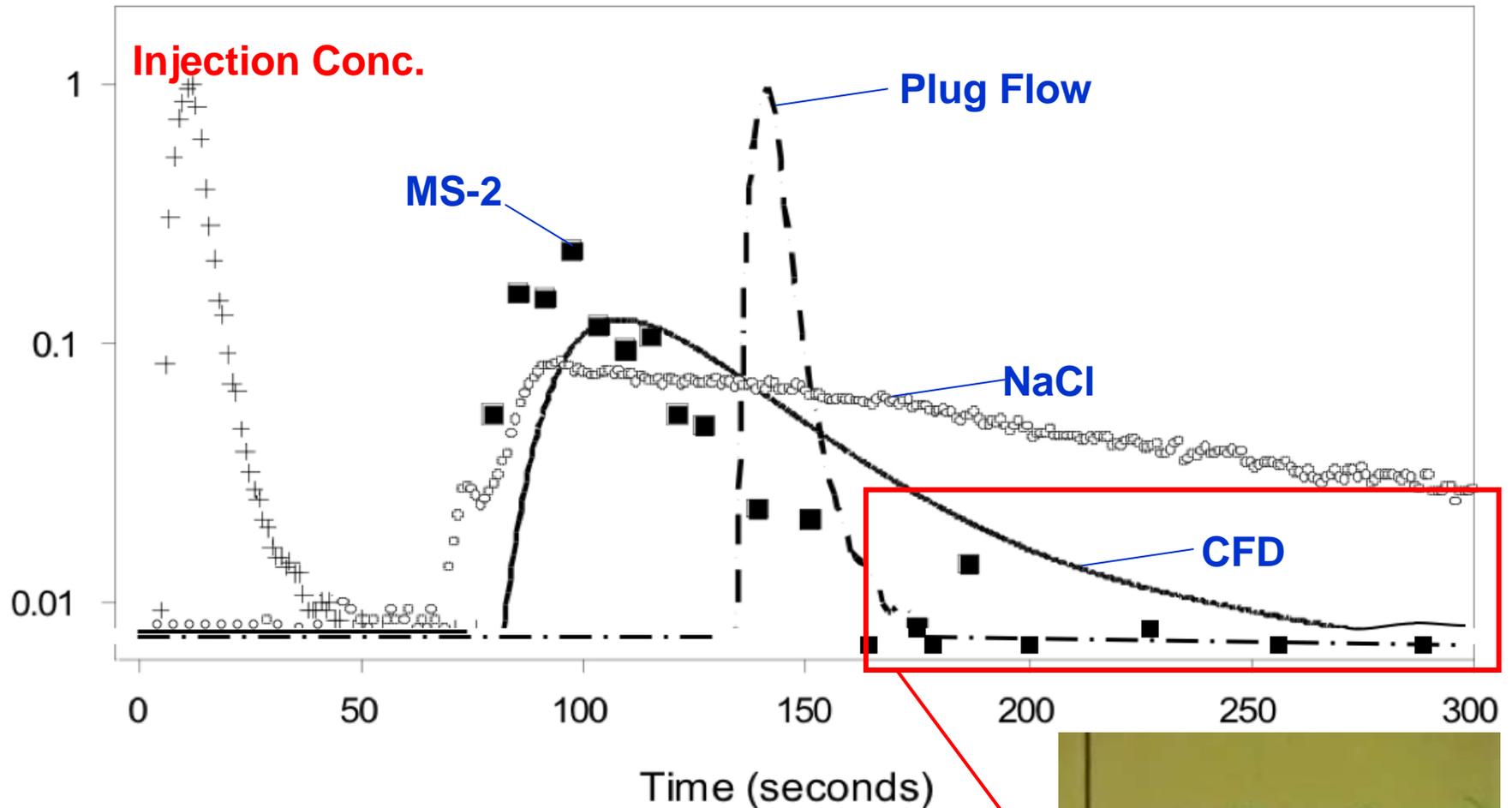


## No-Slip Boundary Condition

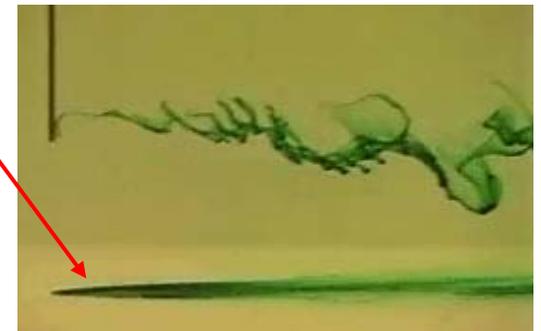


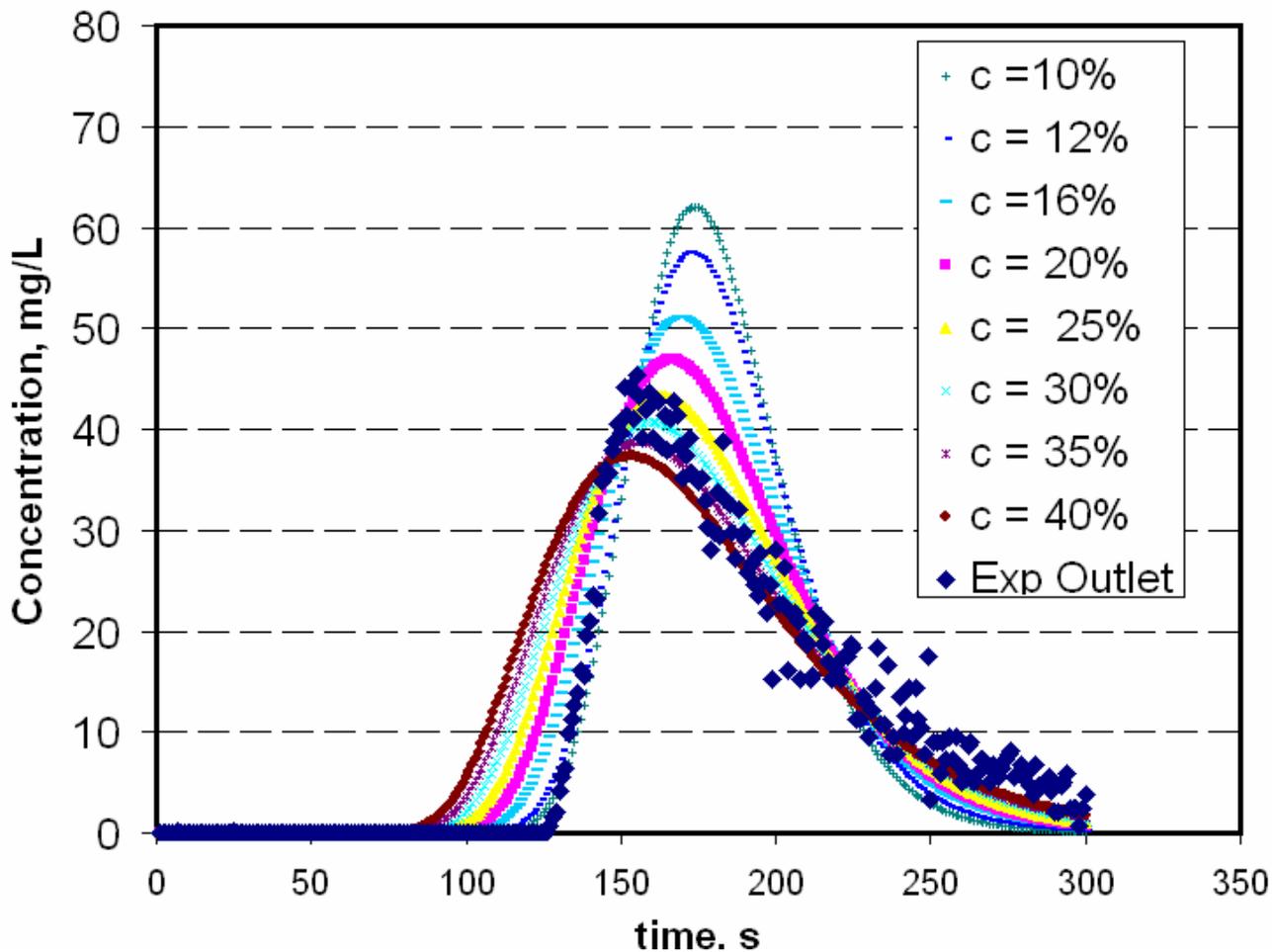




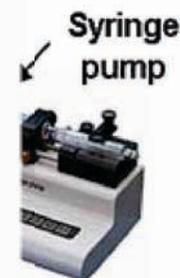
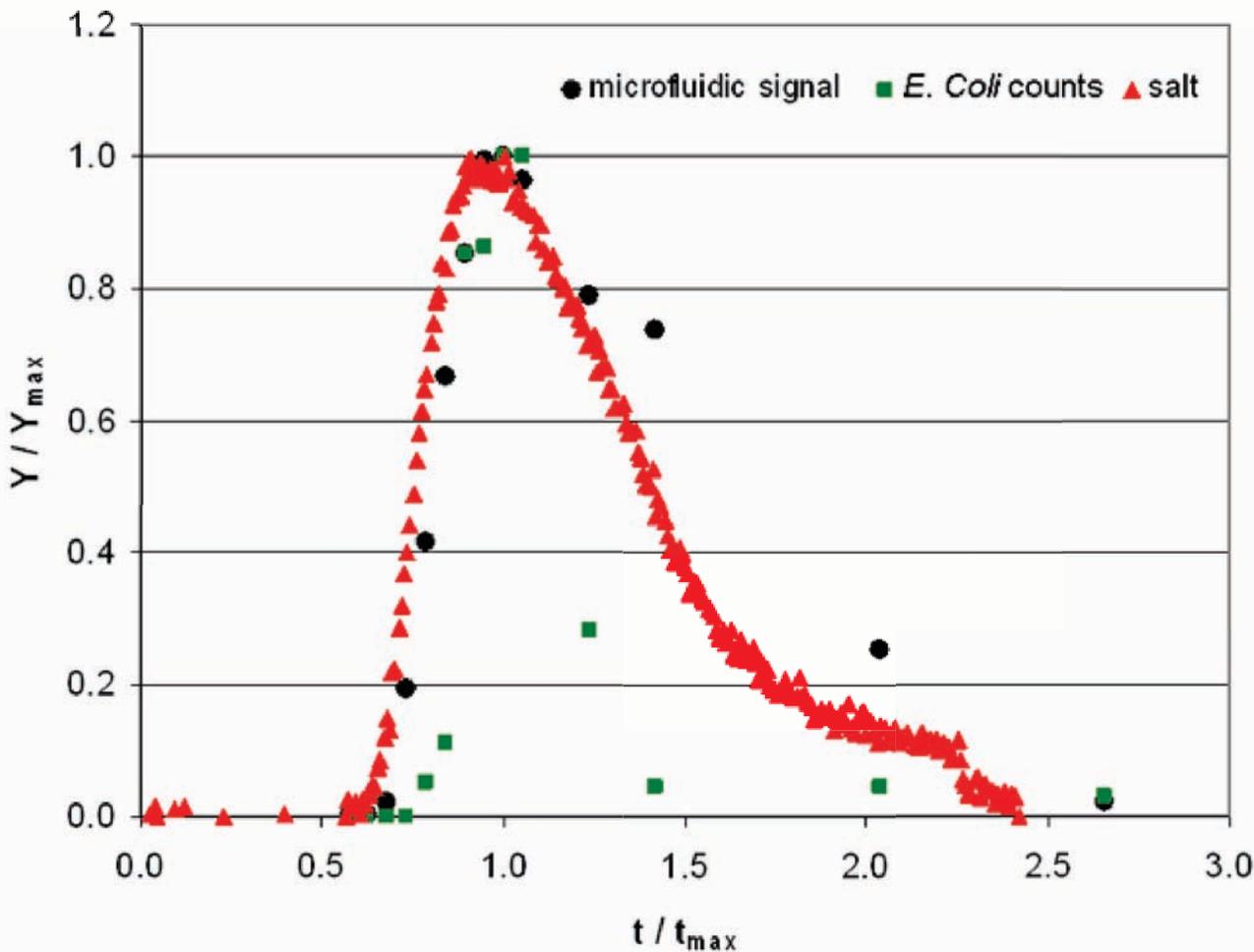


**Axial dispersion & tailing of microorganisms:  
Detection limits, sampling frequency, sensor locations**



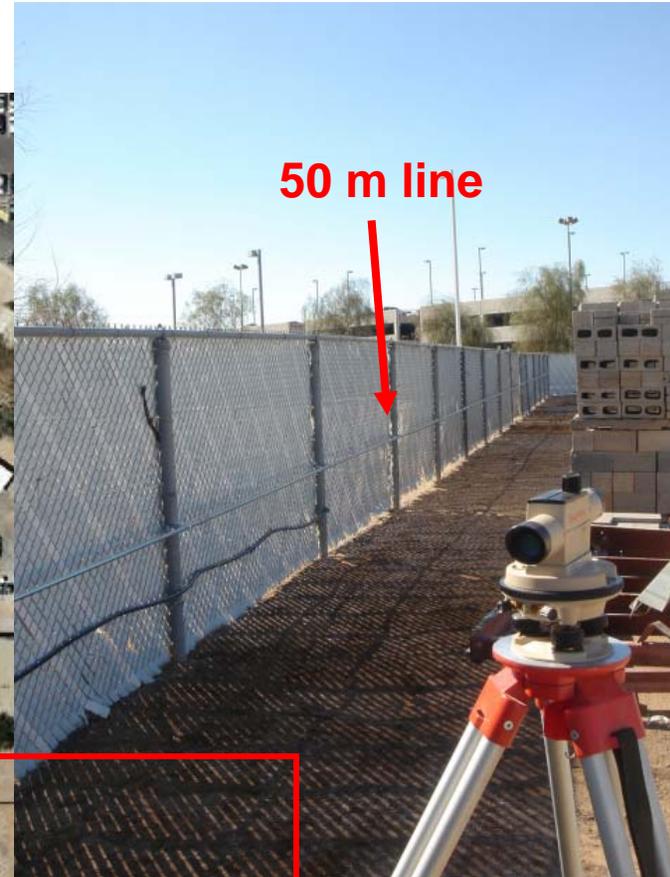


**ADRNET (Buchberger and Li)/IMTARED (Tzatchkov)/In-House Code (Kang and Lansey)/Experimental Data (Choi)**



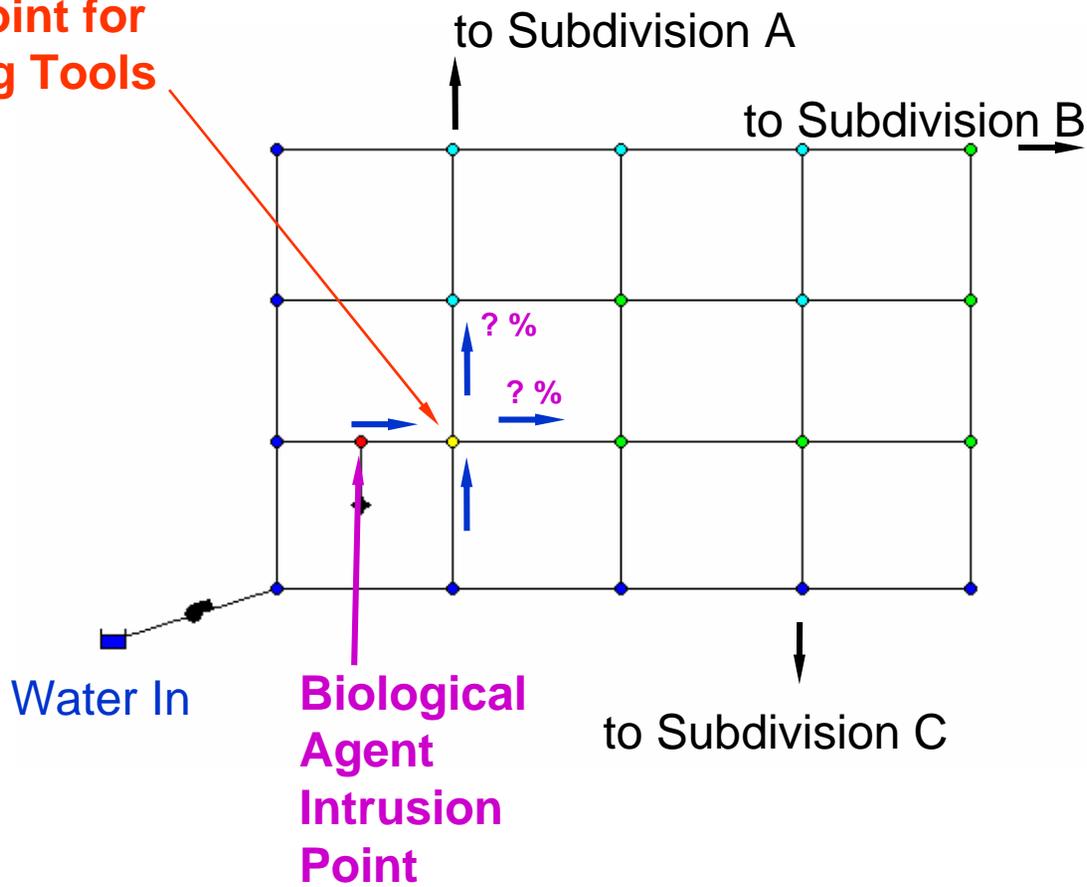
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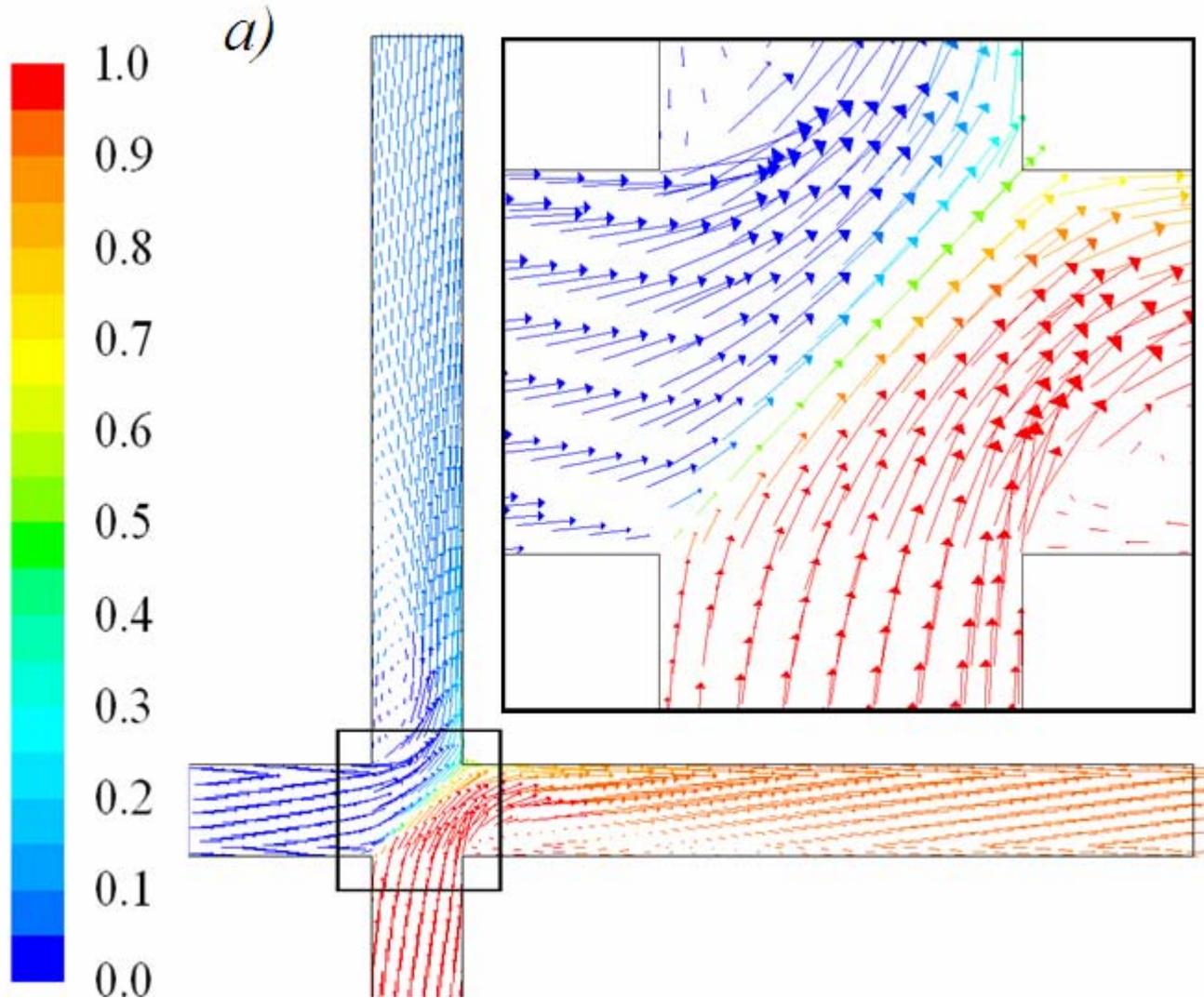
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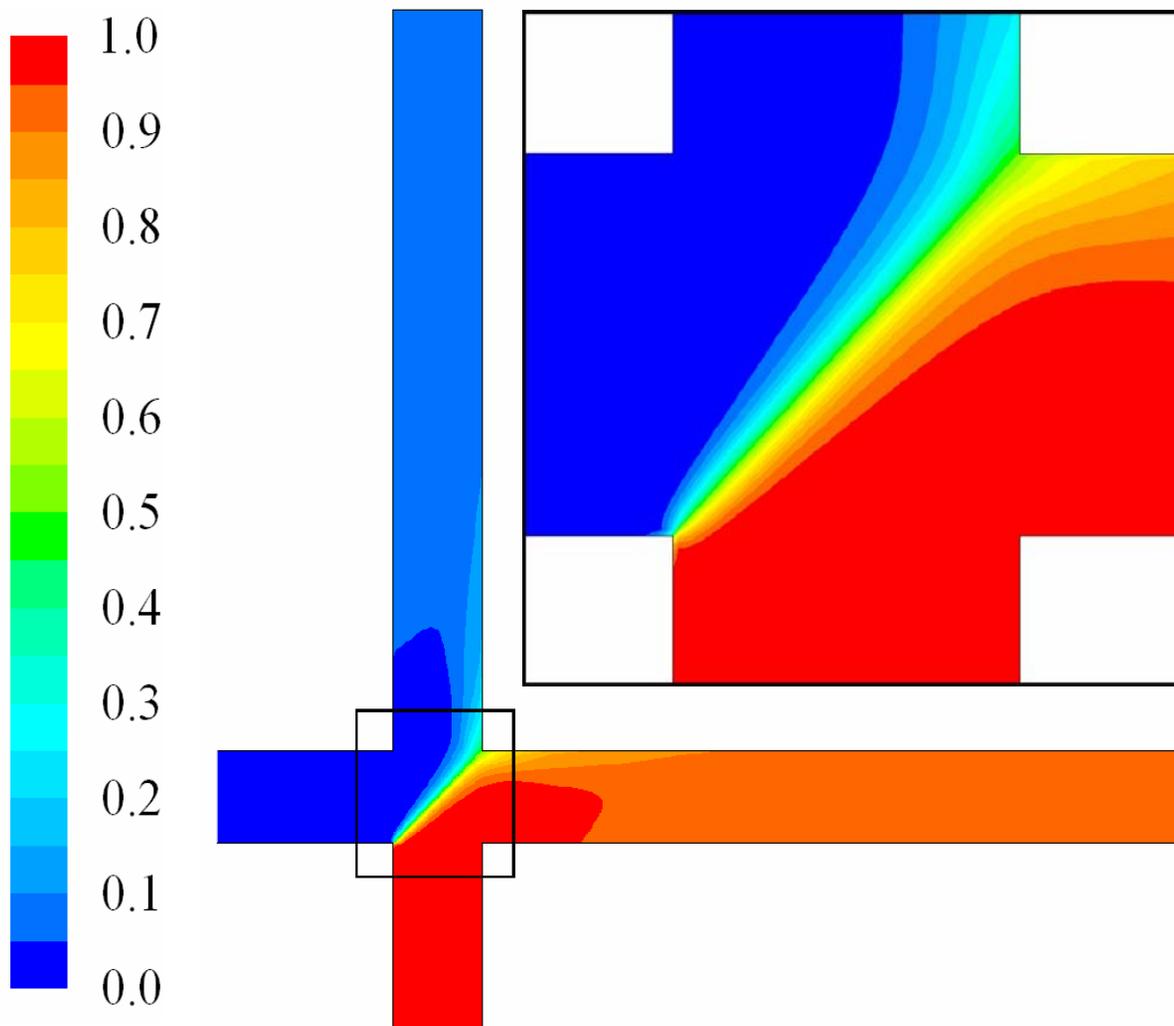
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**Perfect Mixing Assumed at the Cross Joint for Modeling Tools**

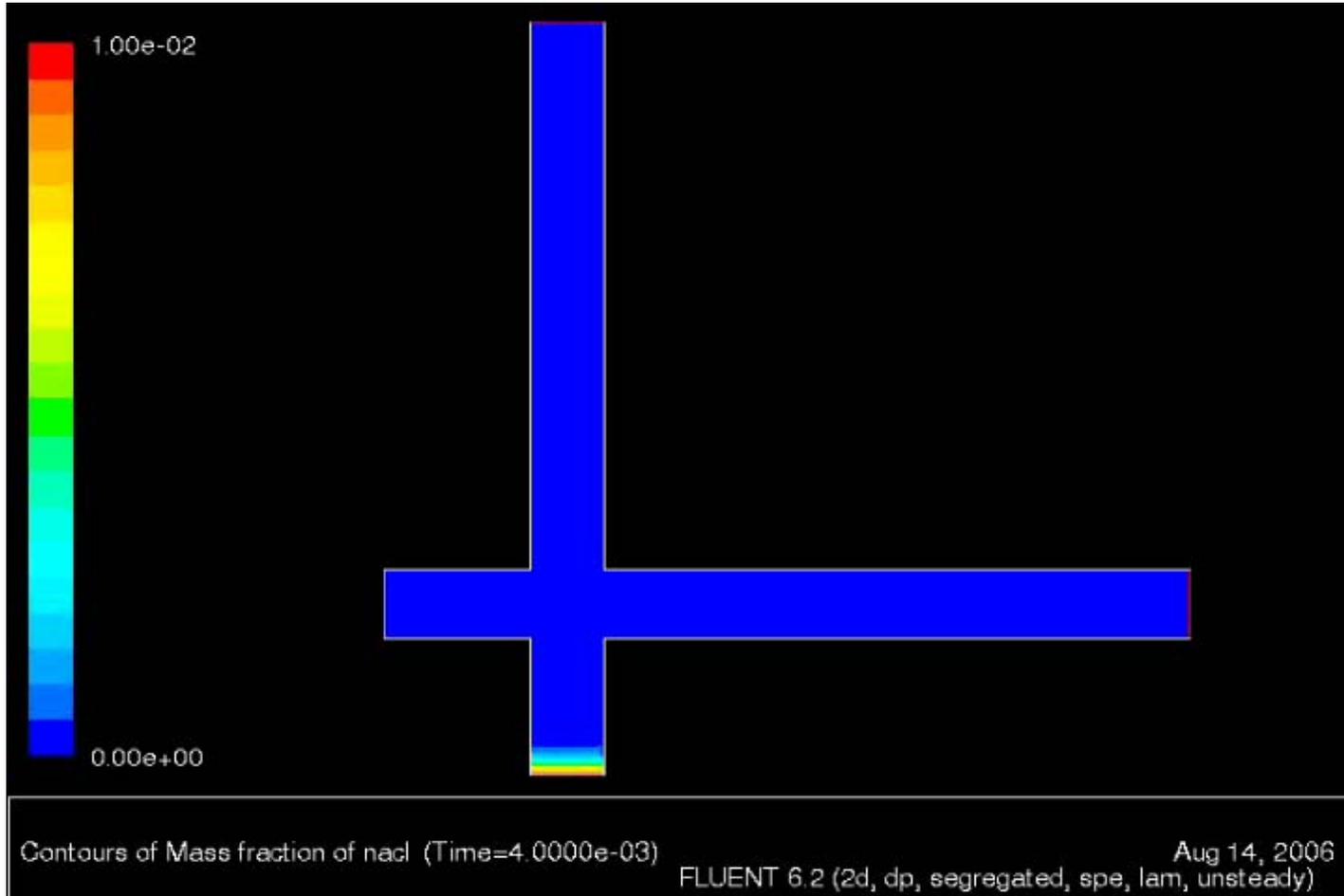




**Velocity vectors at a cross junction, when  $Re_S = Re_W = Re_E = Re_N = 44,000$   
( $Re_{S/W} = 1$ ,  $Re_{E/N} = 1$ ), and  $Sc_t = 0.1875$**

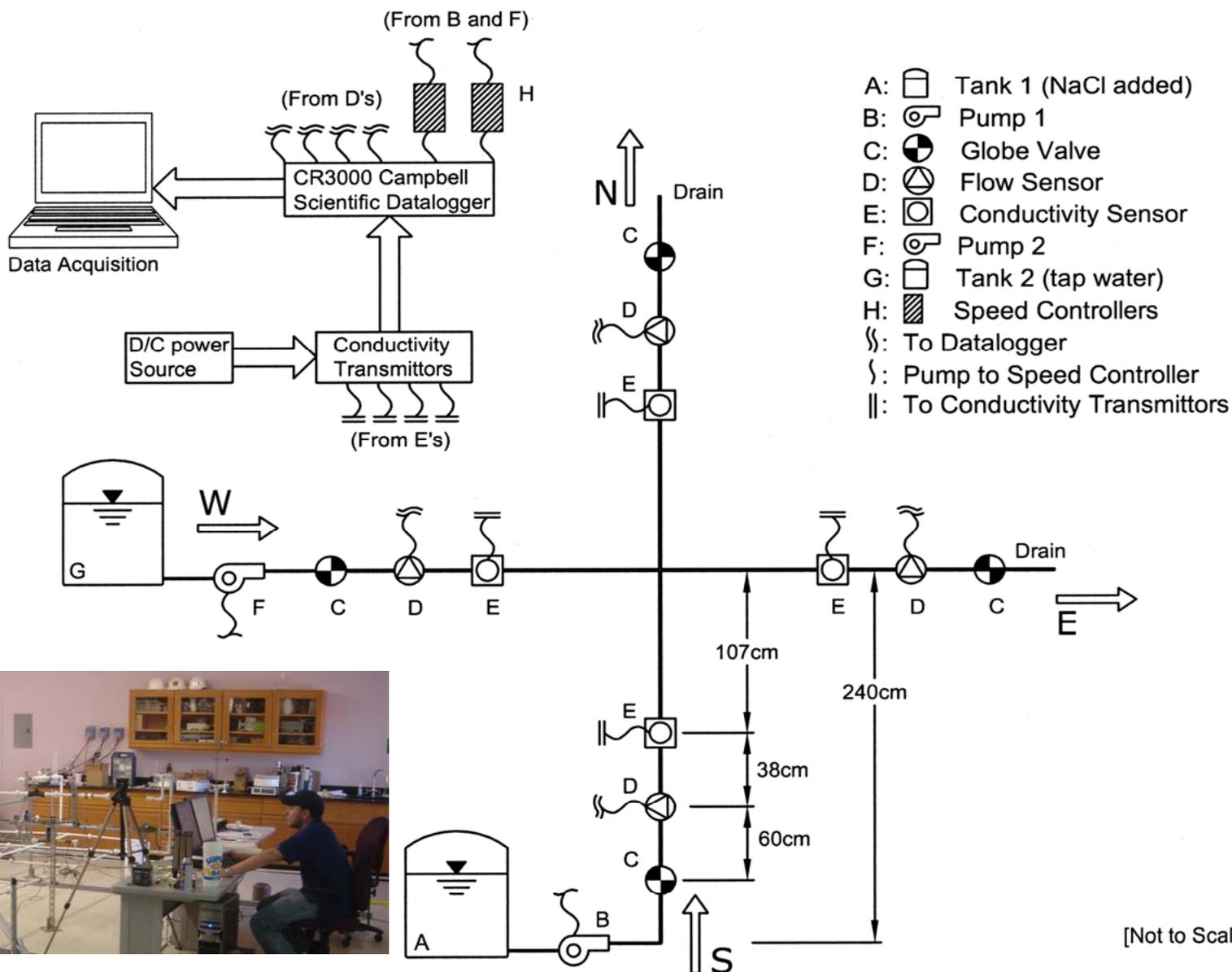


***Dimensionless NaCl Concentration contours at a cross junction, when  $Re_S = Re_W = Re_E = Re_N = 44,000$  ( $Re_S/W = 1$ ,  $Re_E/N=1$ ), and  $Sct = 0.1875$***



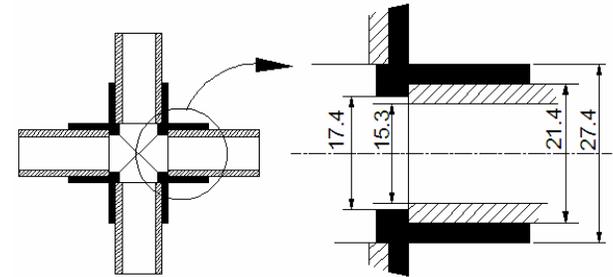
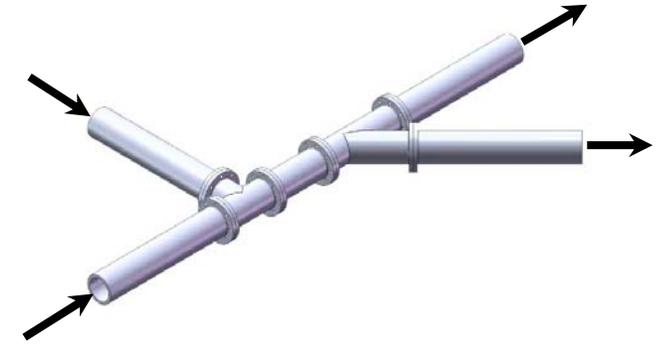
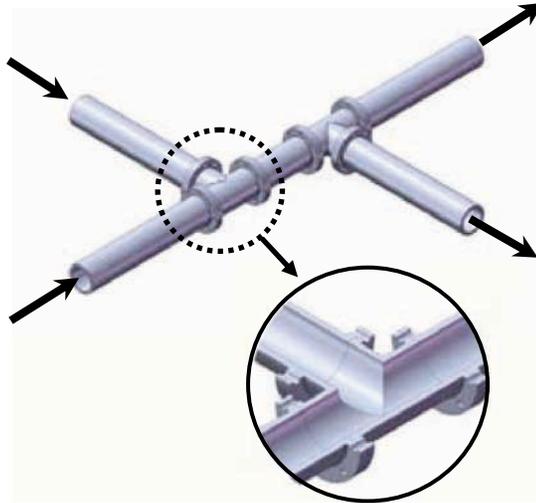
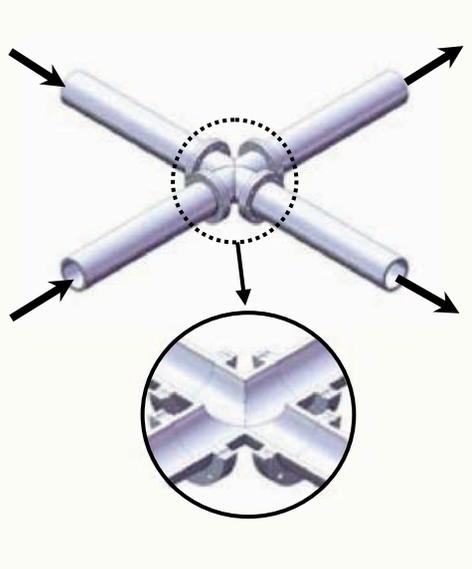
Simulation Video Clip

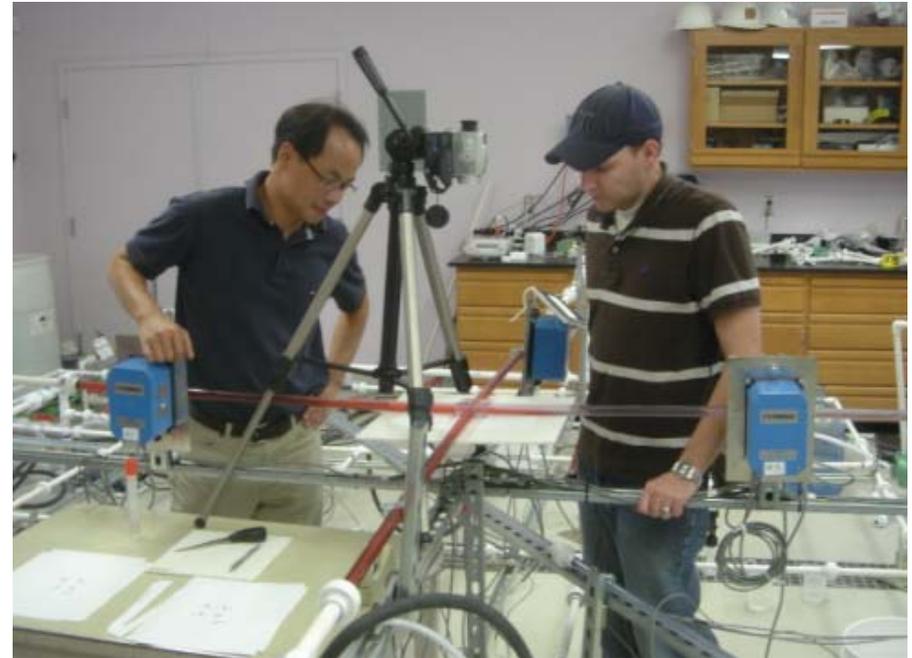
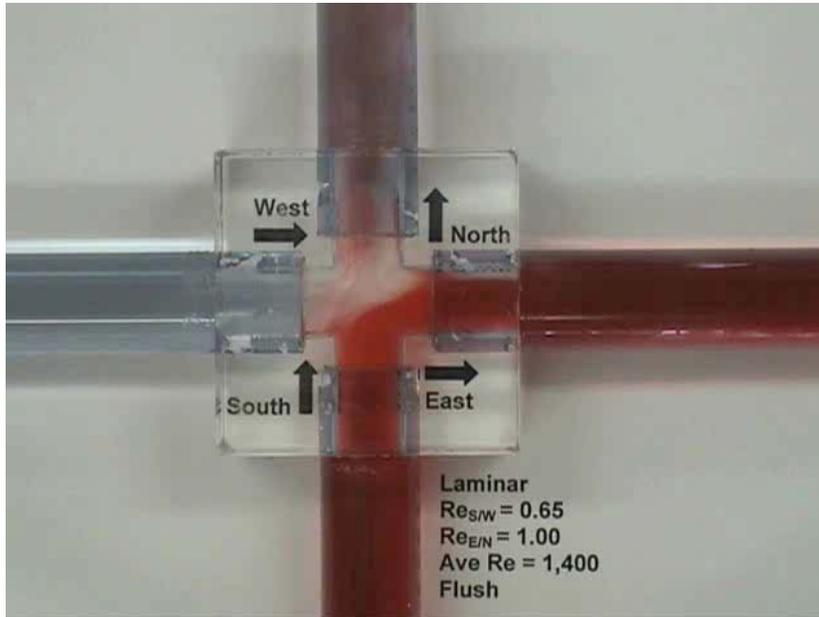
# A schematic of the experimental setup



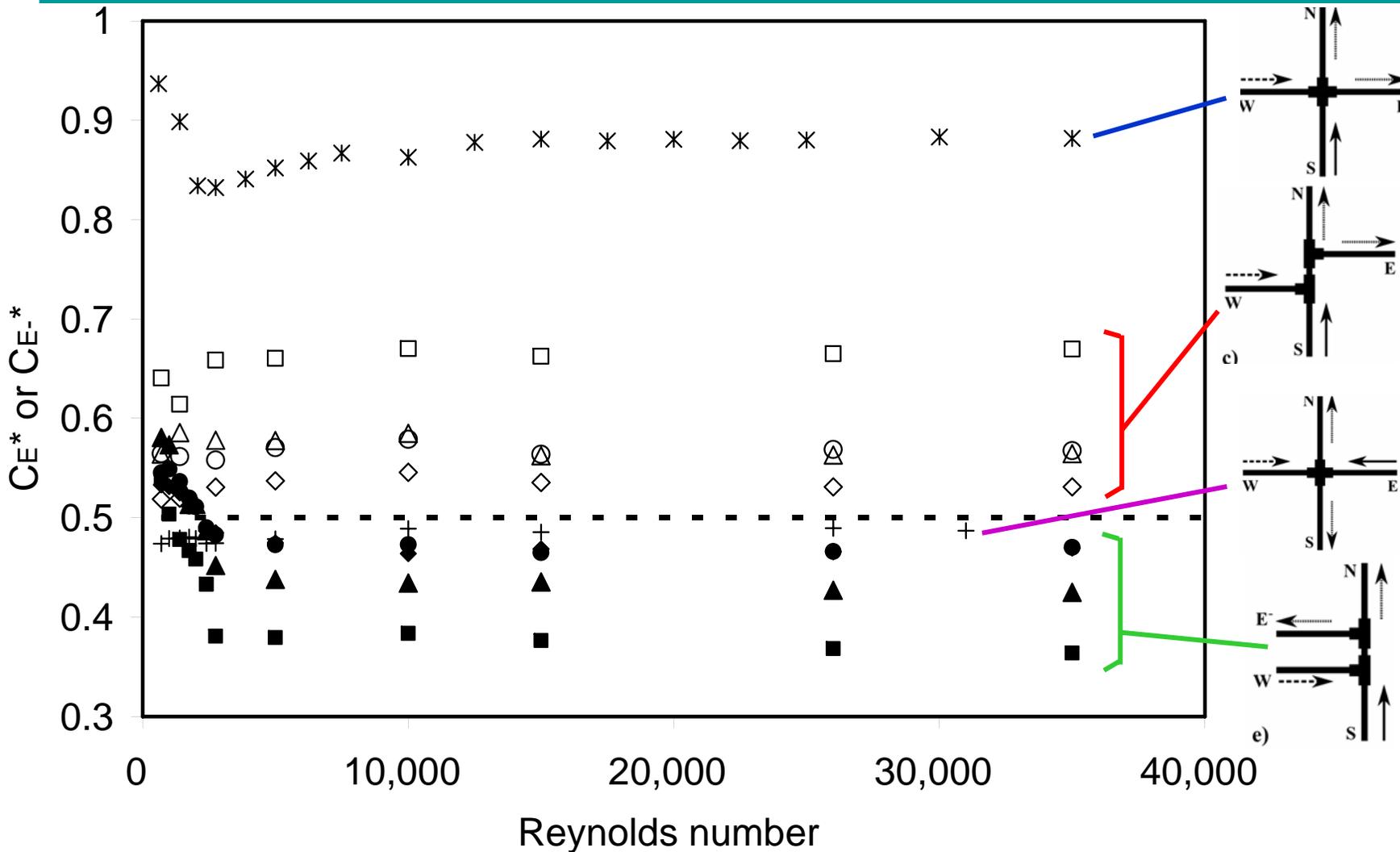
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# Representative Junction Types





$$Re_E = Re_W = Re_S = Re_N$$



\*  $D=0$ , Cross, X1

+  $D=0$ , Cross, X2

□  $D=2.5$ , N1

△  $D=5.0$ , N1

○  $D=7.5$ , N1

◇  $D=10$ , N1

■  $D=2.5$ , U1

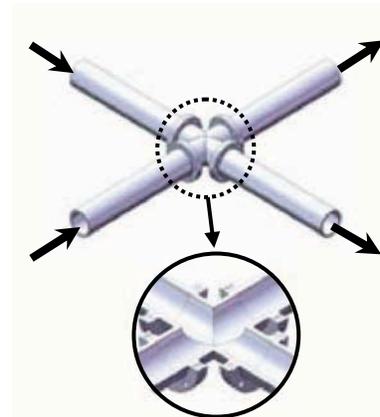
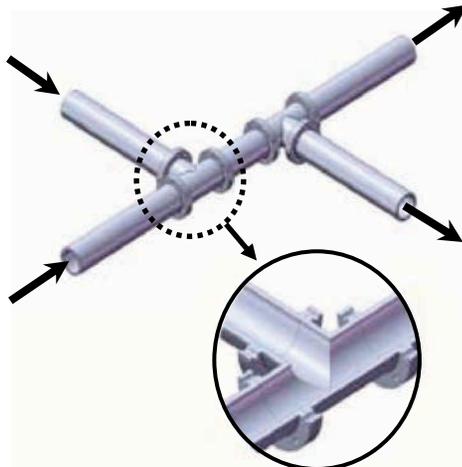
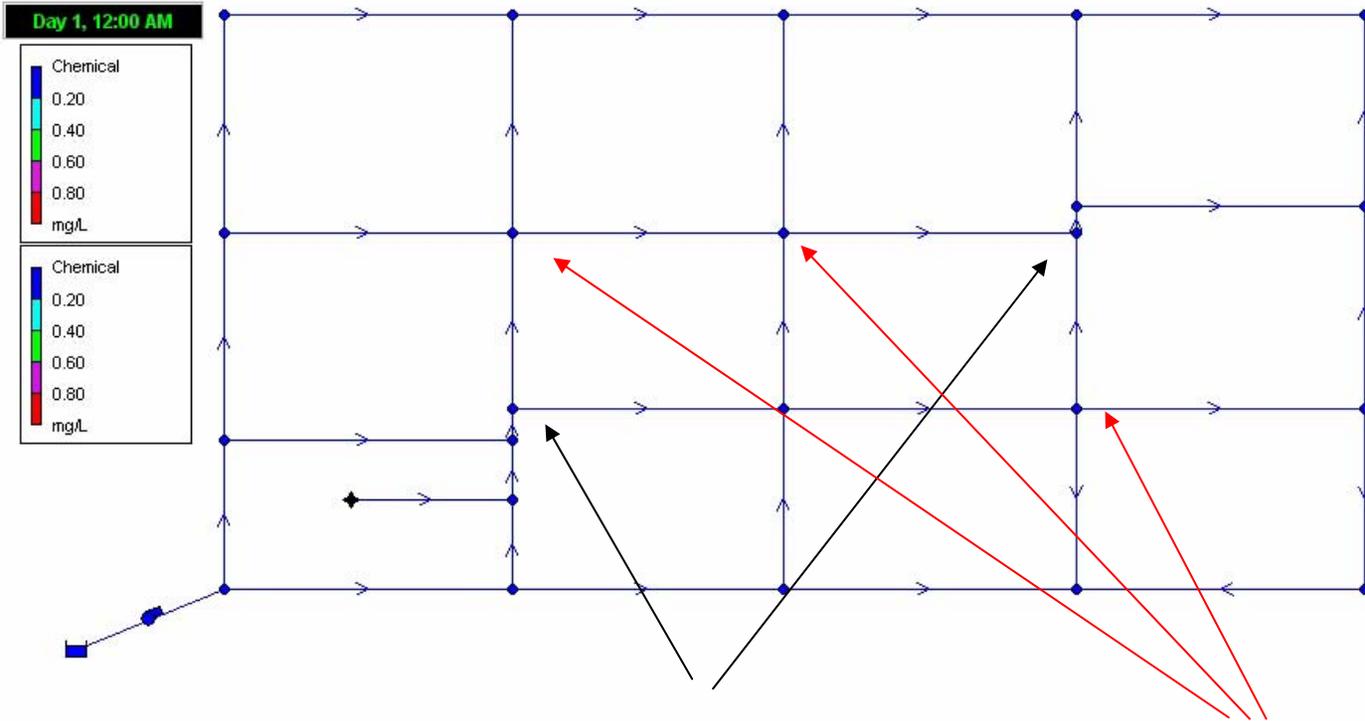
▲  $D=5.0$ , U1

●  $D=7.5$ , U1

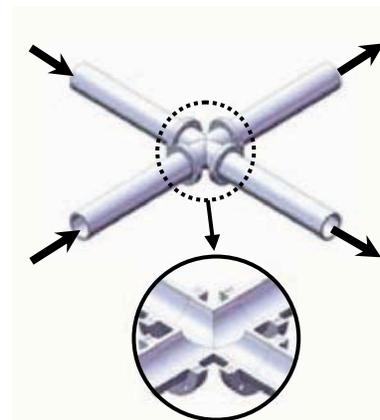
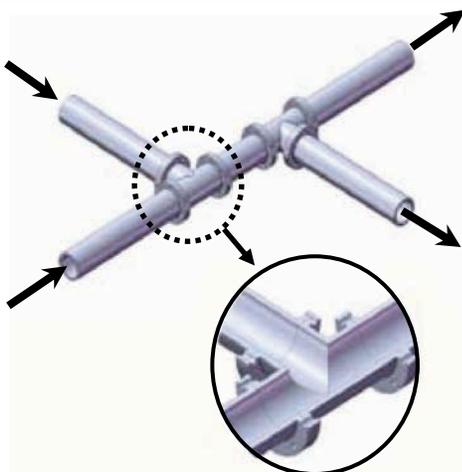
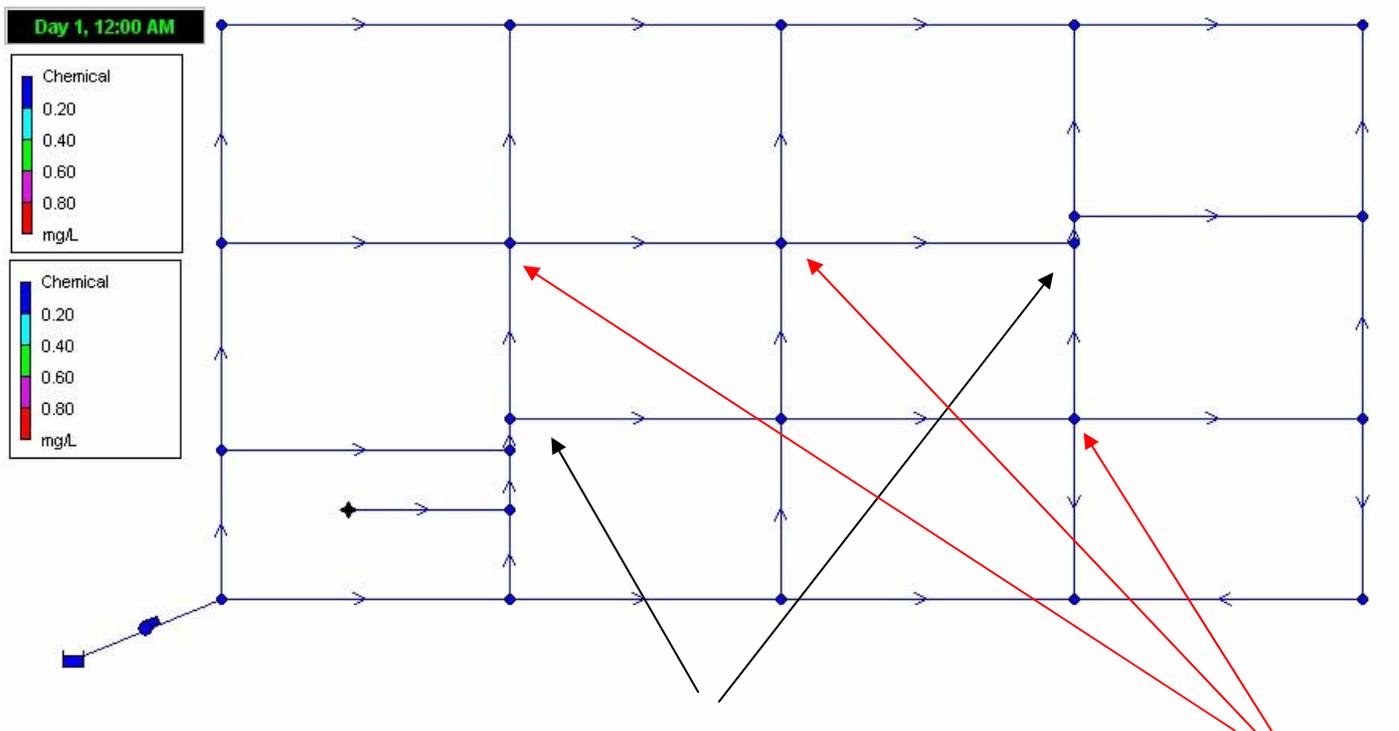
◆  $D=10$ , U1

--- Complete Mixing

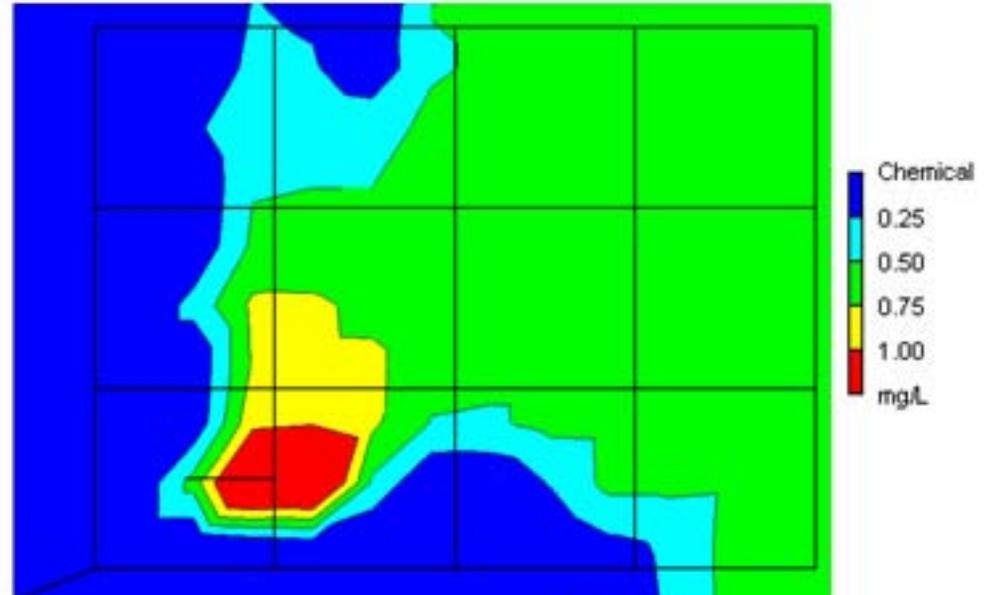
# Development of **AZRED** (with Perfect Mixing Model)



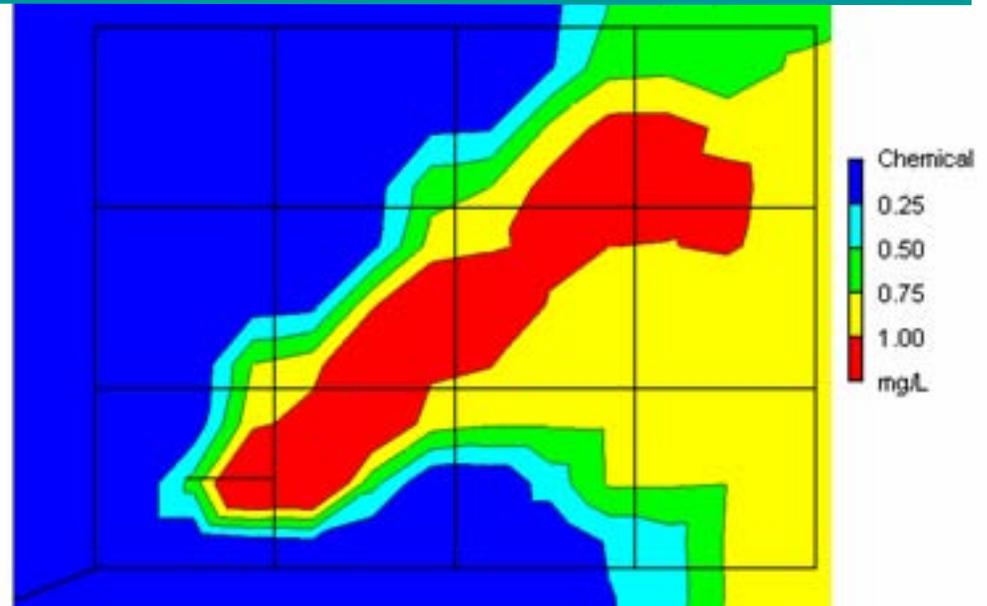
# Development of **AZRED** (Improved Water Quality Model)

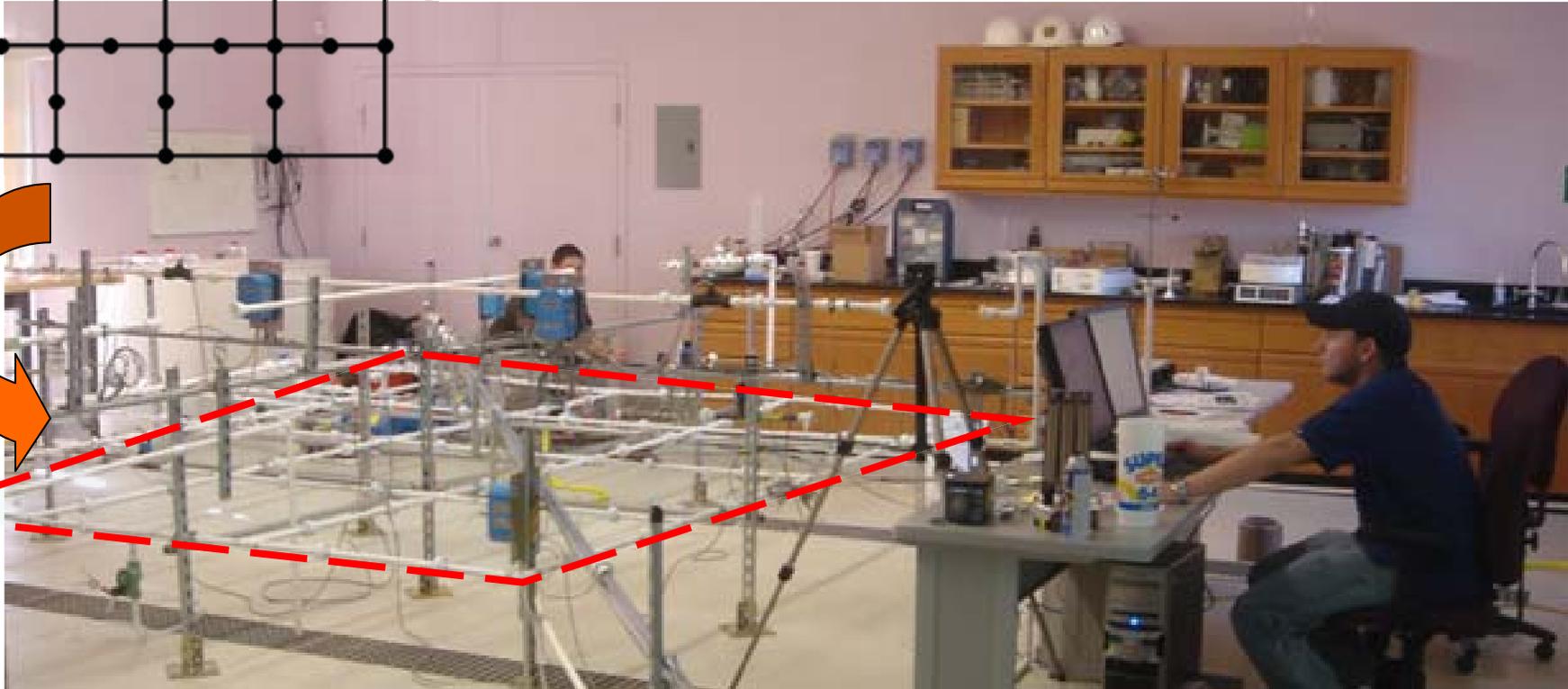
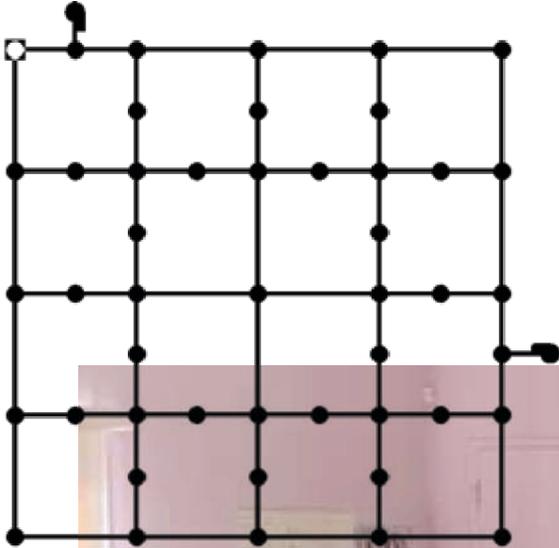


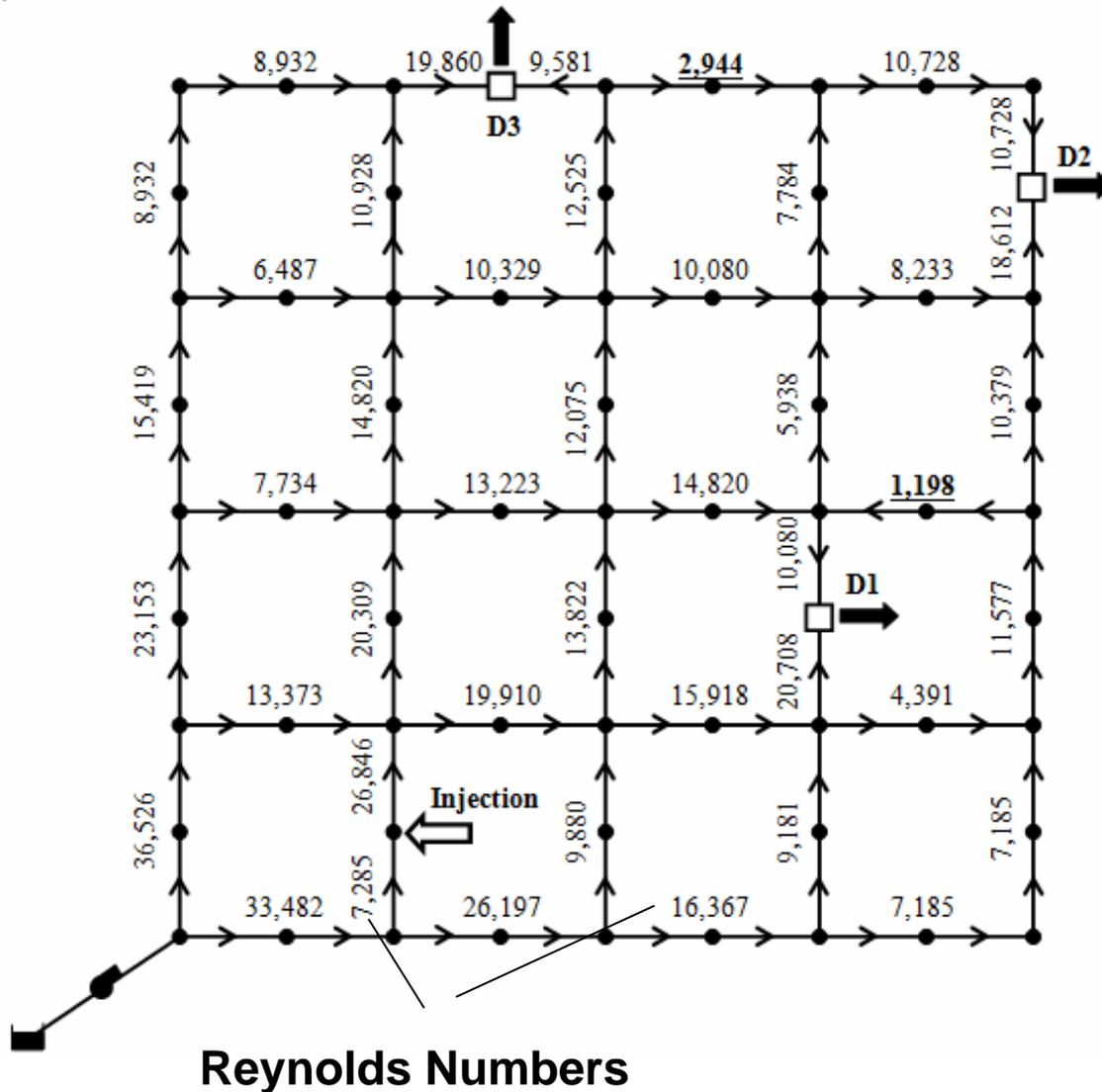
**Existing Model  
based on  
Perfect Mixing**



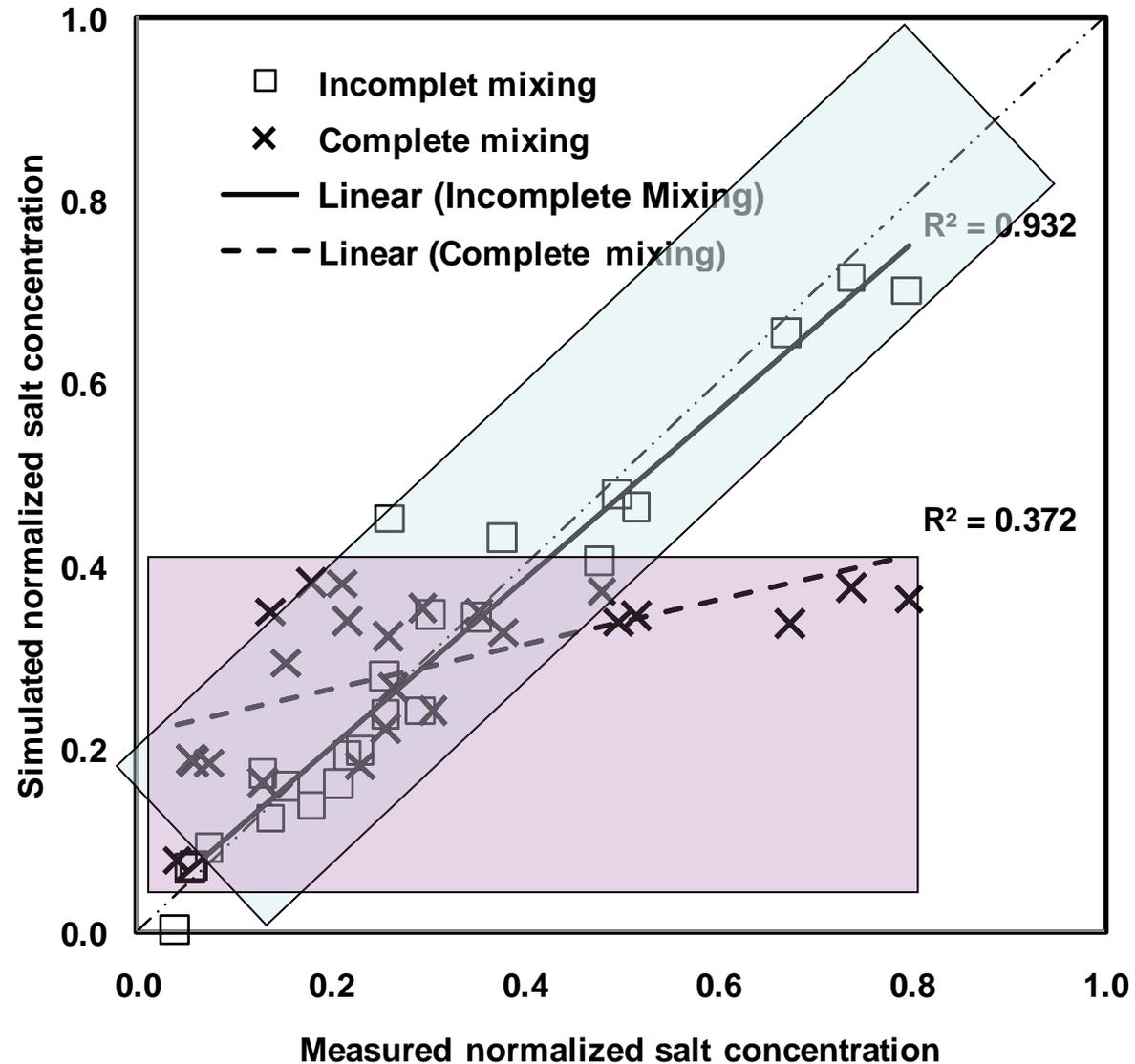
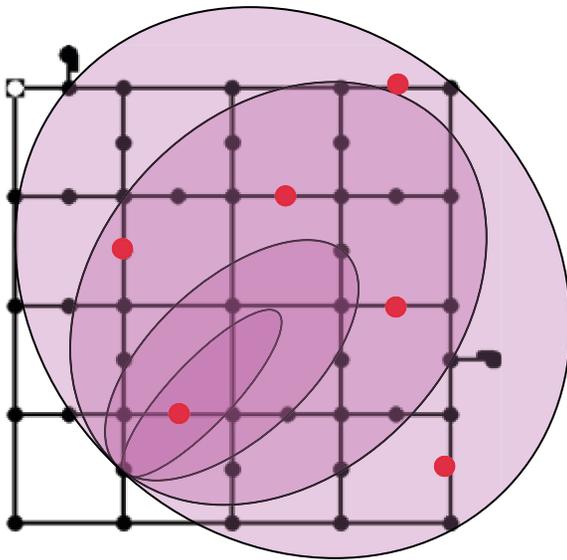
**AZRED**





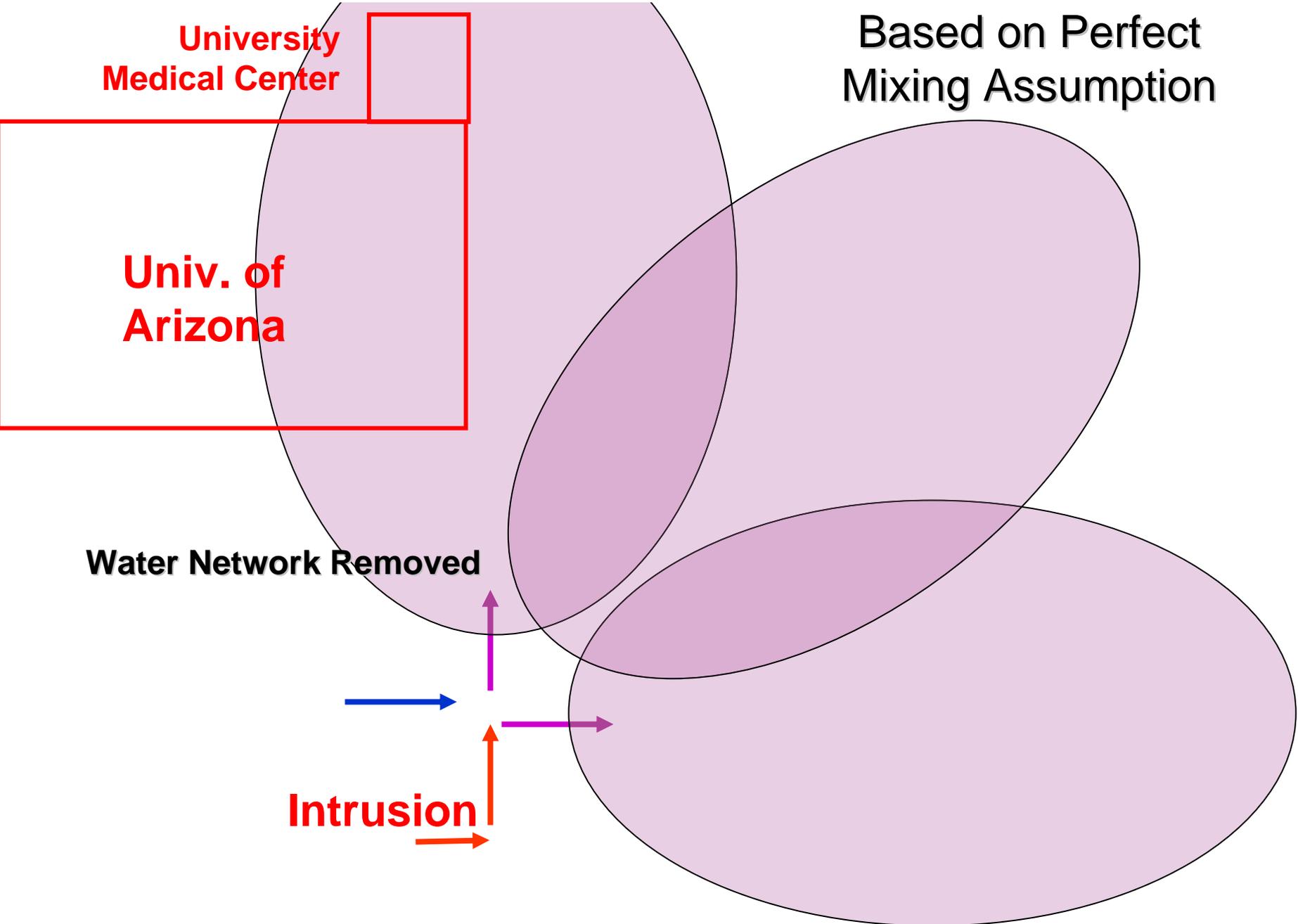


● Sensor Locations



# Corresponding Risk Microbial Risk Assessment & Consequences

Based on Perfect Mixing Assumption



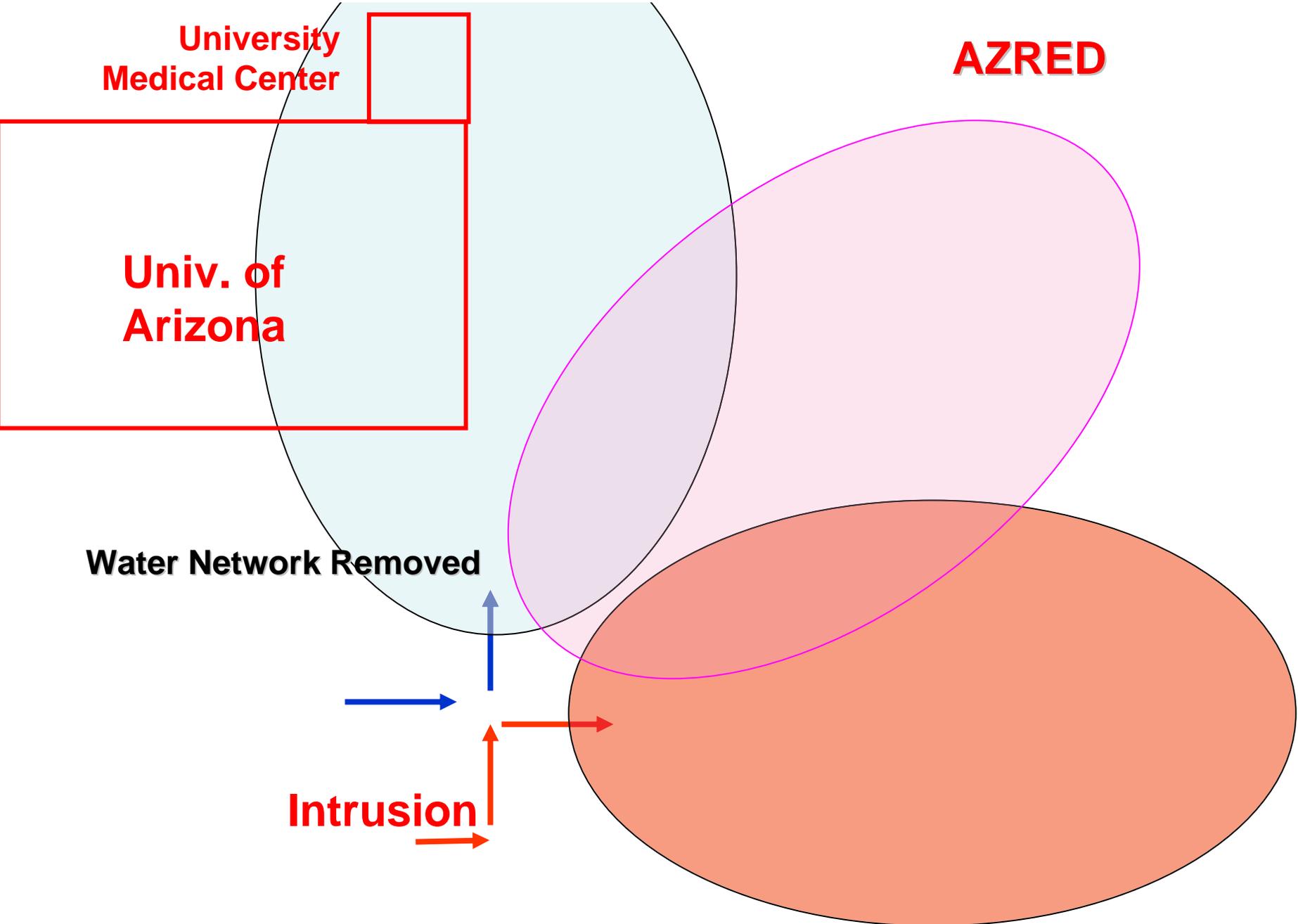
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Water Network Removed

Intrusion

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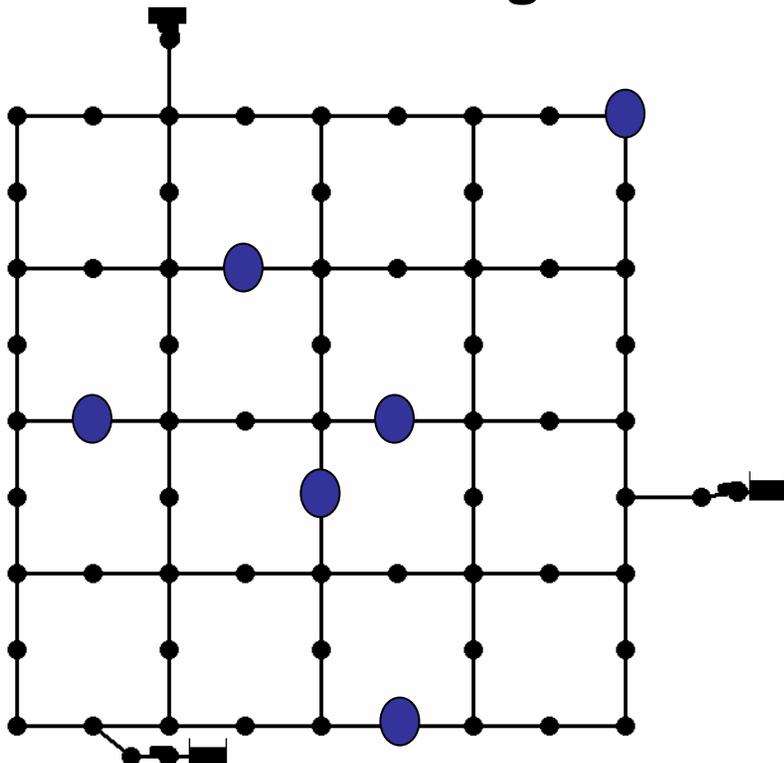


Minimum Hazard Levels (MHL) = 1 mg/L

Level of Services (LOS) = 25 m<sup>3</sup>

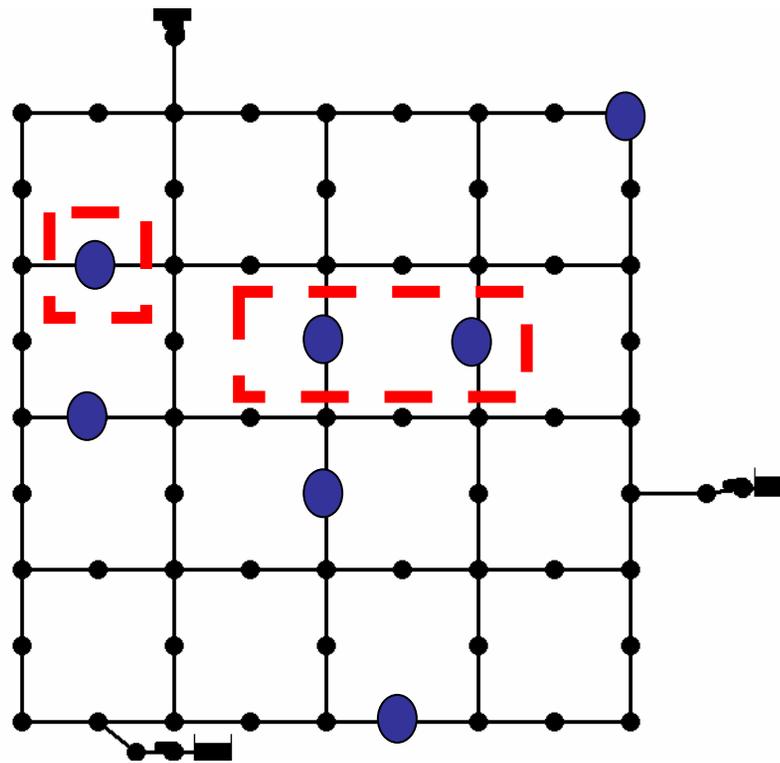
The total number of sensors and their locations change based on AZRED water quality data.

Perfect Mixing



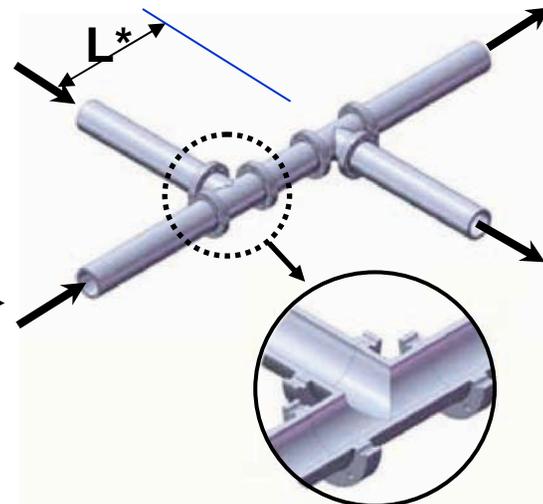
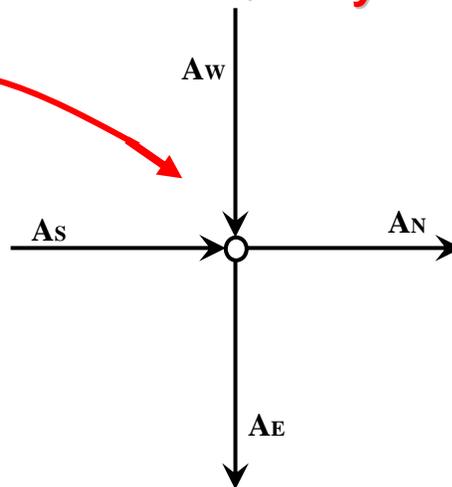
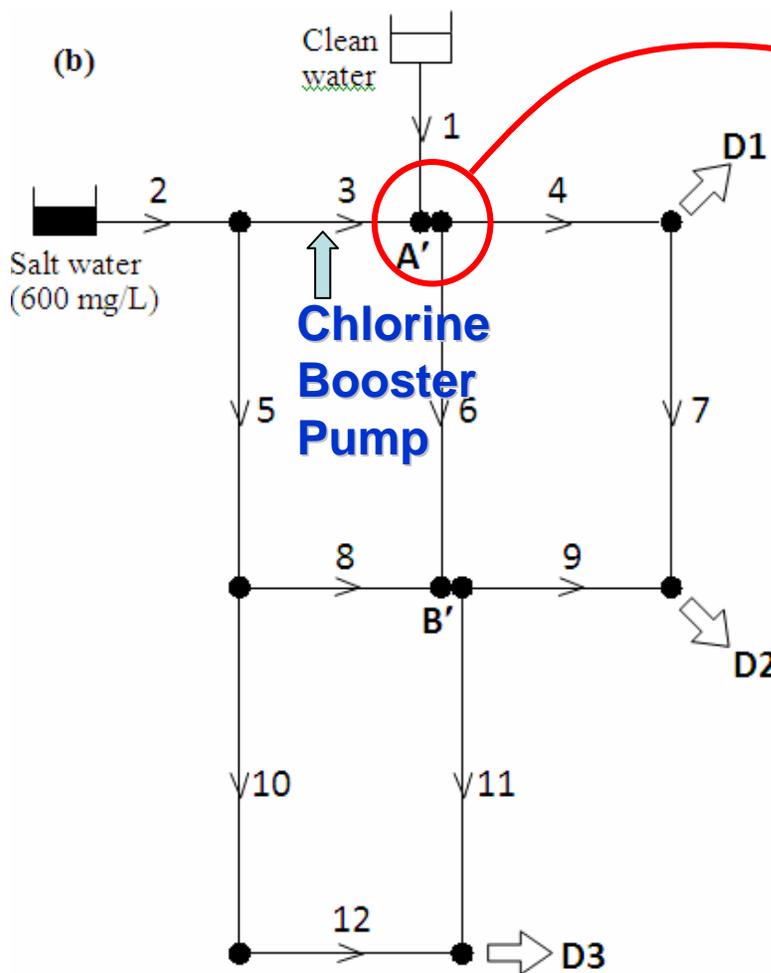
6 sensors

AZRED

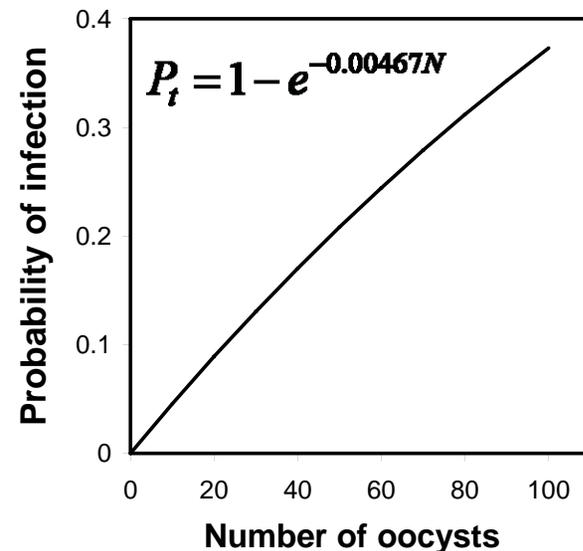
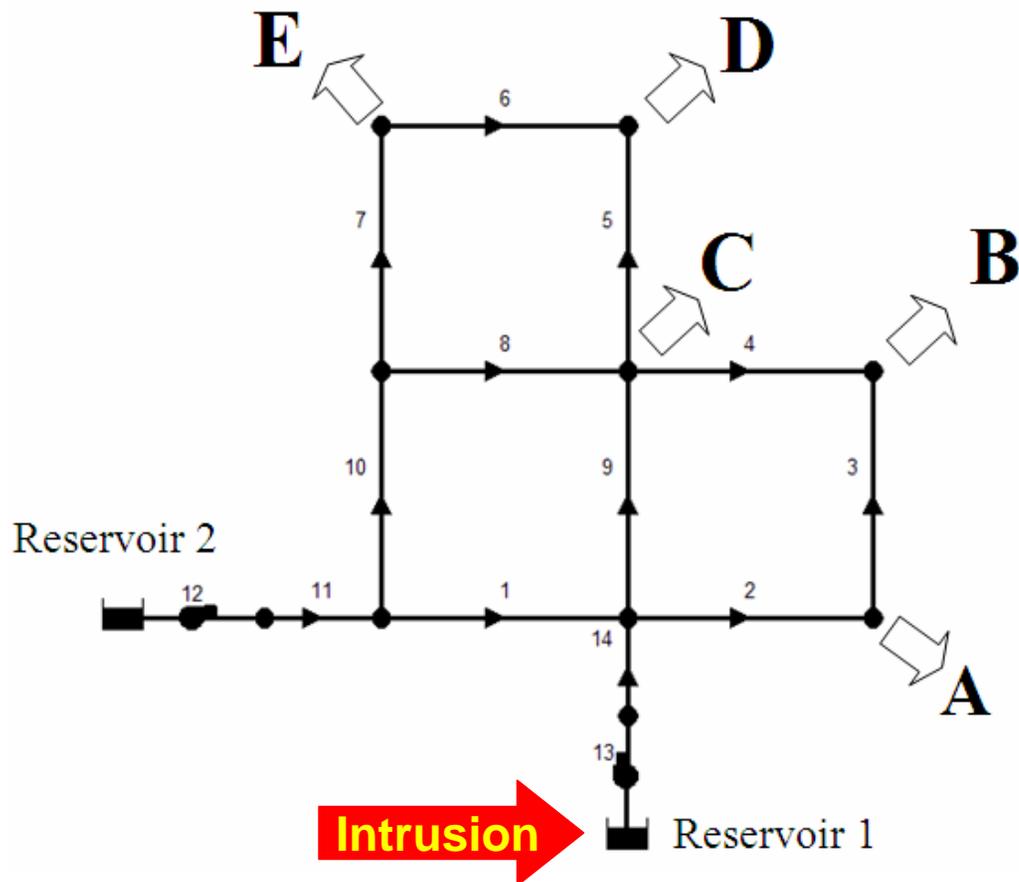


7 sensors

## Water Age = Reliable Surrogate for Water Quality

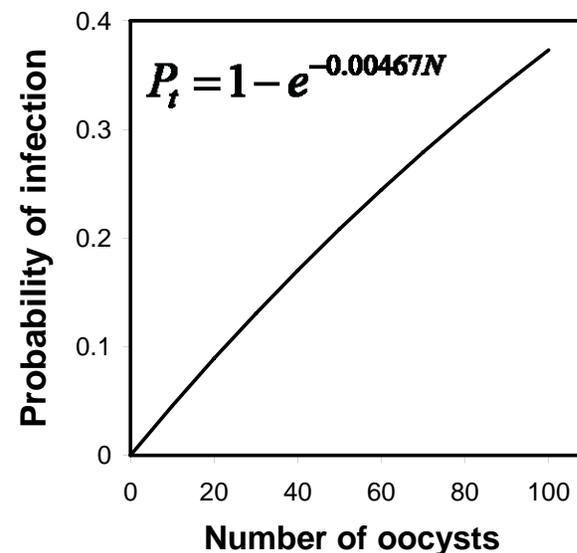
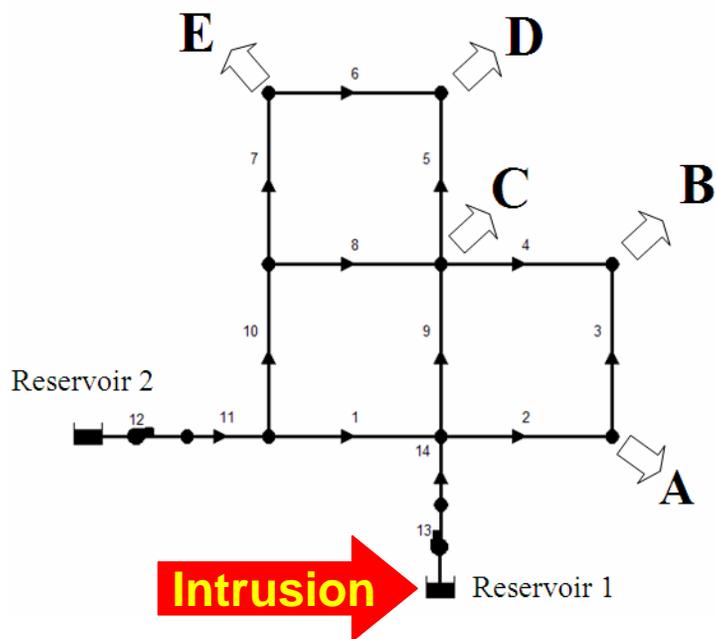


| Assumption             | $L^*$ | Water age (hr) |       |       |       |
|------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                        |       | $A_S$          | $A_W$ | $A_N$ | $A_E$ |
| Complete mixing (A0)   | -     |                |       | 2.27  | 2.27  |
| Incomplete mixing (A1) | 0.0   |                |       | 2.76  | 1.62  |
|                        | 2.5   | 1.56           | 2.97  | 2.47  | 2.00  |
|                        | 5.0   |                |       | 2.35  | 2.15  |
|                        | 10.0  |                |       | 2.30  | 2.22  |



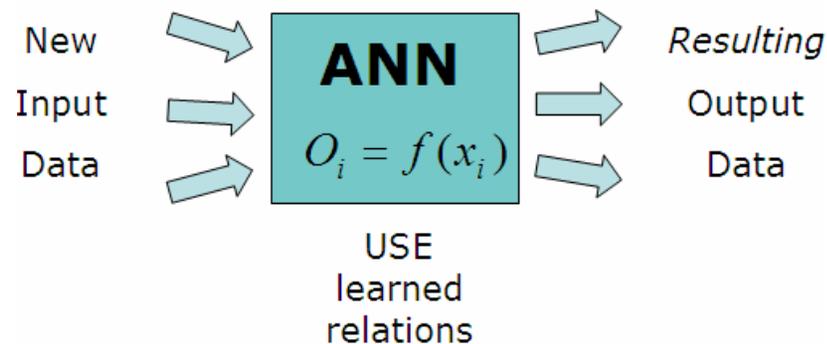
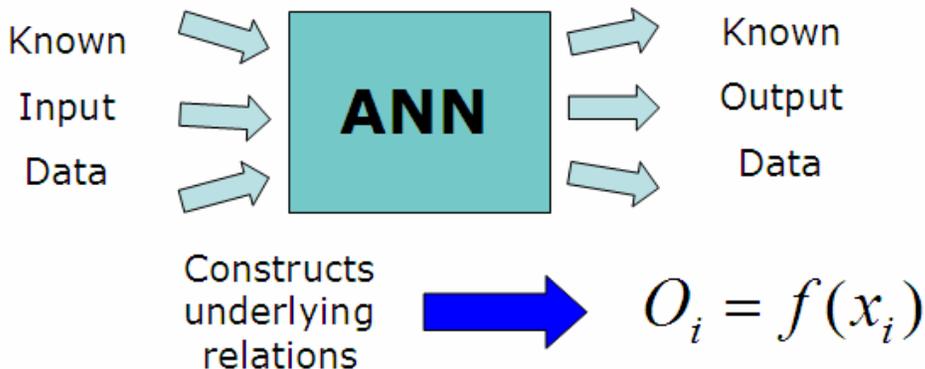
Dose-Response curve, *Cryptosporidium* (Haas *et al.*, 1996 )

Based on 'complete' and 'incomplete' mixing assumptions, calculate the number of infected people during this event, when the water consumption of tap water is assumed equal to 2 liters per person per day, and an exposure time of one day.

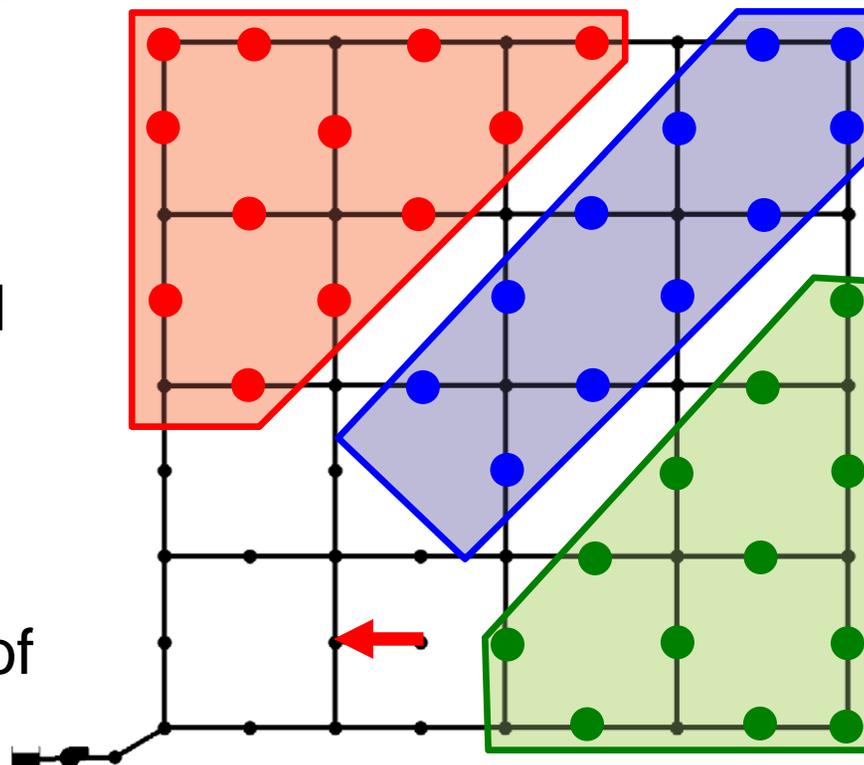


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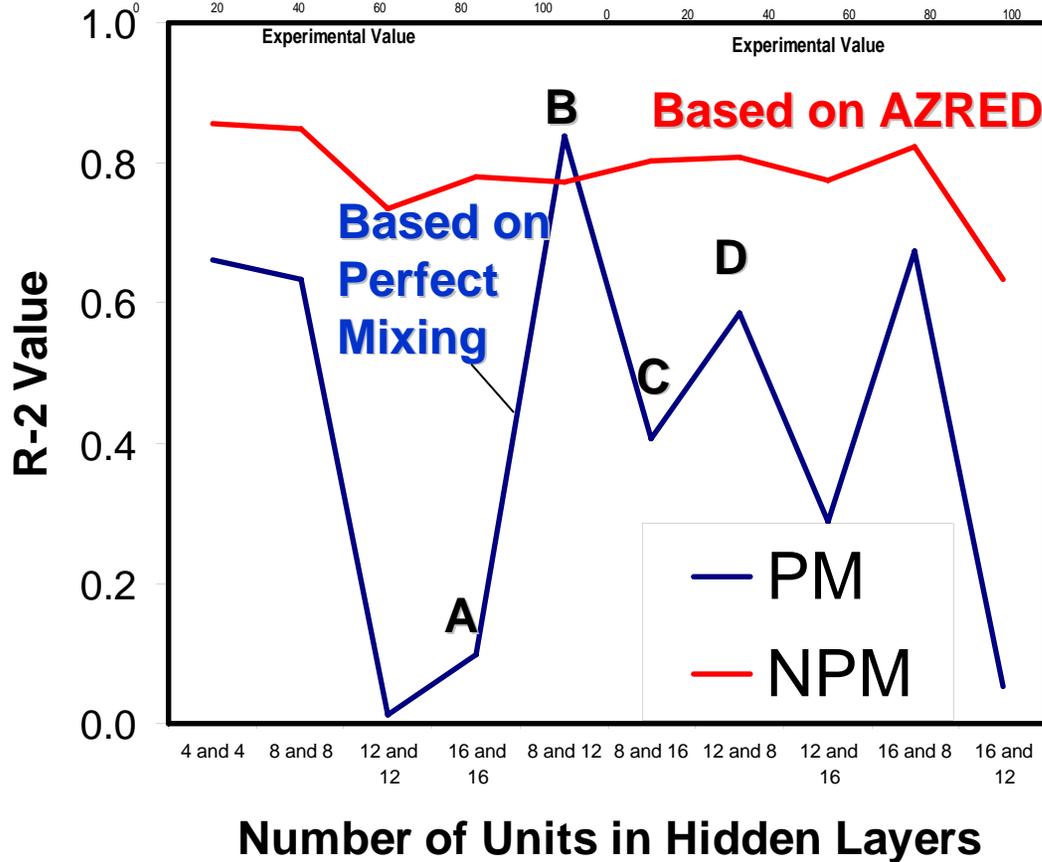
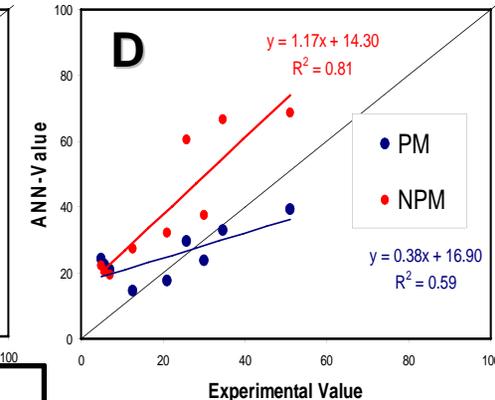
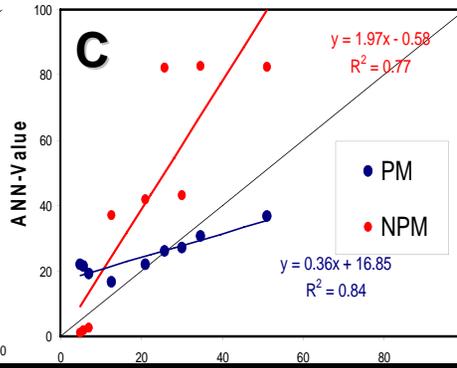
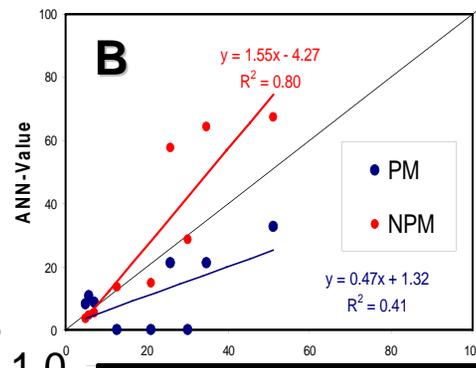
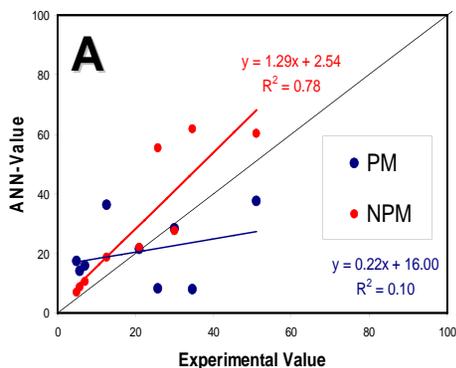
| Neighborhood | Assumption        | Oocyst concentration (oocyst/L) | Ingested oocyst per person (dose) | Probability of infection (exponential model) | Infected population |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| A            | Complete Mixing   | 21.83                           | 44                                | 0.186  | 186                 |
|              | Incomplete Mixing | 37.35                           | 75                                | 0.294  | 294                 |
| D            | Complete Mixing   | 7.14                            | 14                                | 0.063  | 158                 |
|              | Incomplete Mixing | 0.50                            | 1                                 | 0.005  | 13                  |



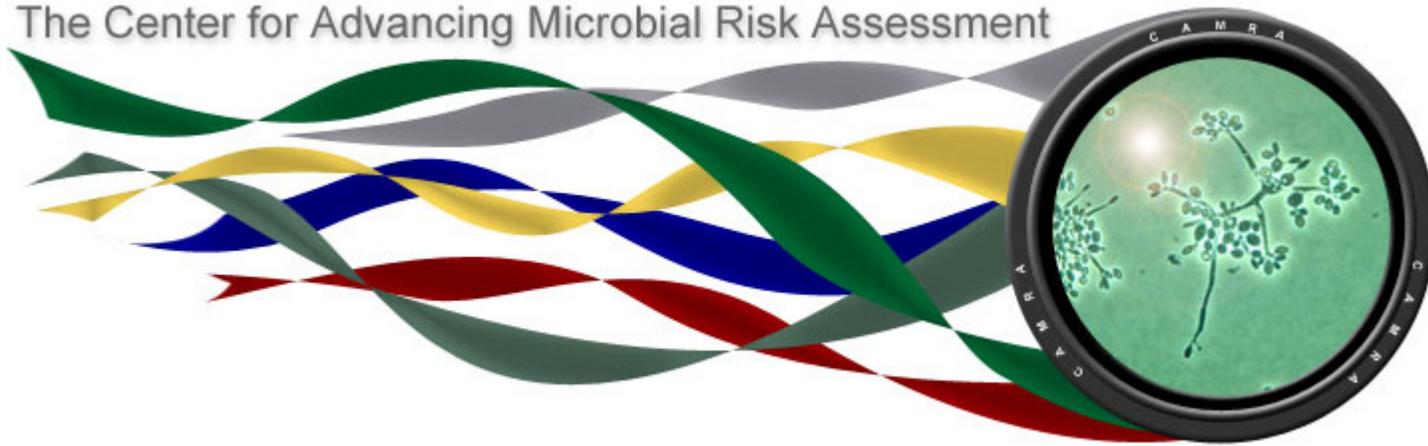
- Three random demands were set, one on each “region”
- AZRED simulations generated input data for ANN training and testing
- ANNs were trained on WQ models with both assumptions of mixing at junctions



# ANN vs Experimental Results



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