

A wide-angle photograph of a stormwater filtration system. On the left, a multi-story apartment building with yellowish-brown walls and red roofs stands on a hillside. In the foreground, a large, rectangular, light-colored concrete or gravel area represents the infiltration basin. A circular access hatch is visible in the center of this area. To the right, a series of rectangular basins filled with water are connected by pipes, part of the filtration process. Bare trees and a fence are visible in the background under a clear sky.

# Stormwater filtration unit

Background, concept and applied  
design work

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Question	Answer	
What activities do you do in this place? (Please check all that apply)	= Canoeing or rowing	
What activities do you do in this place? (Please check all that apply)	= Sailing	
What activities do you do in this place? (Please check all that apply)	= Motor boating	
What activities do you do in this place? (Please check all that apply)	= Jet skiing, water skiing, or other motorised water sport	

It is difficult to get to the location

Problems or unpleasant experiences are associated with this location

Business opportunities

Feelings and experiences inspired by the location

The uniqueness value of the location

City culture and urban experiences

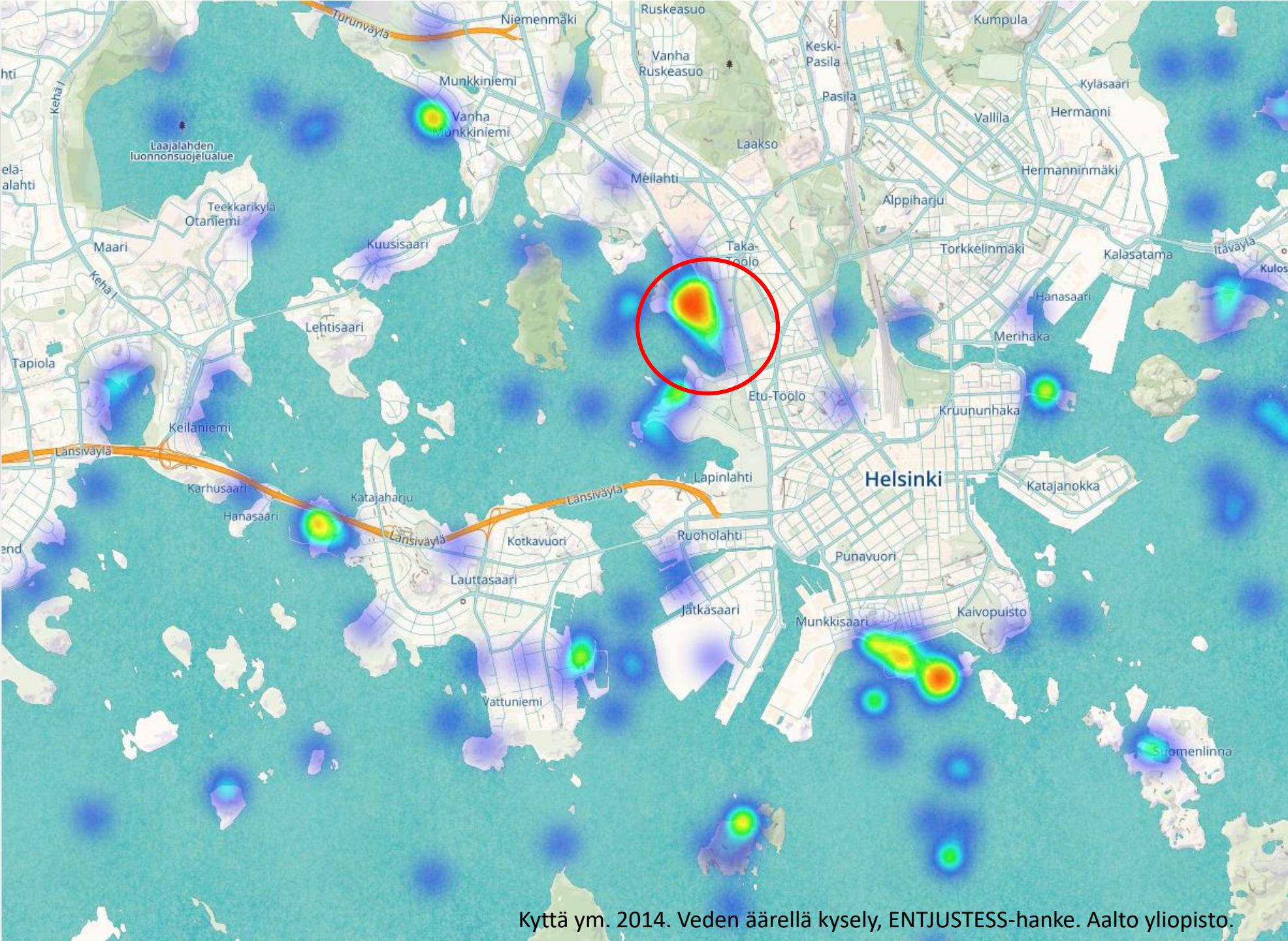
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Total number of visitors: 100167

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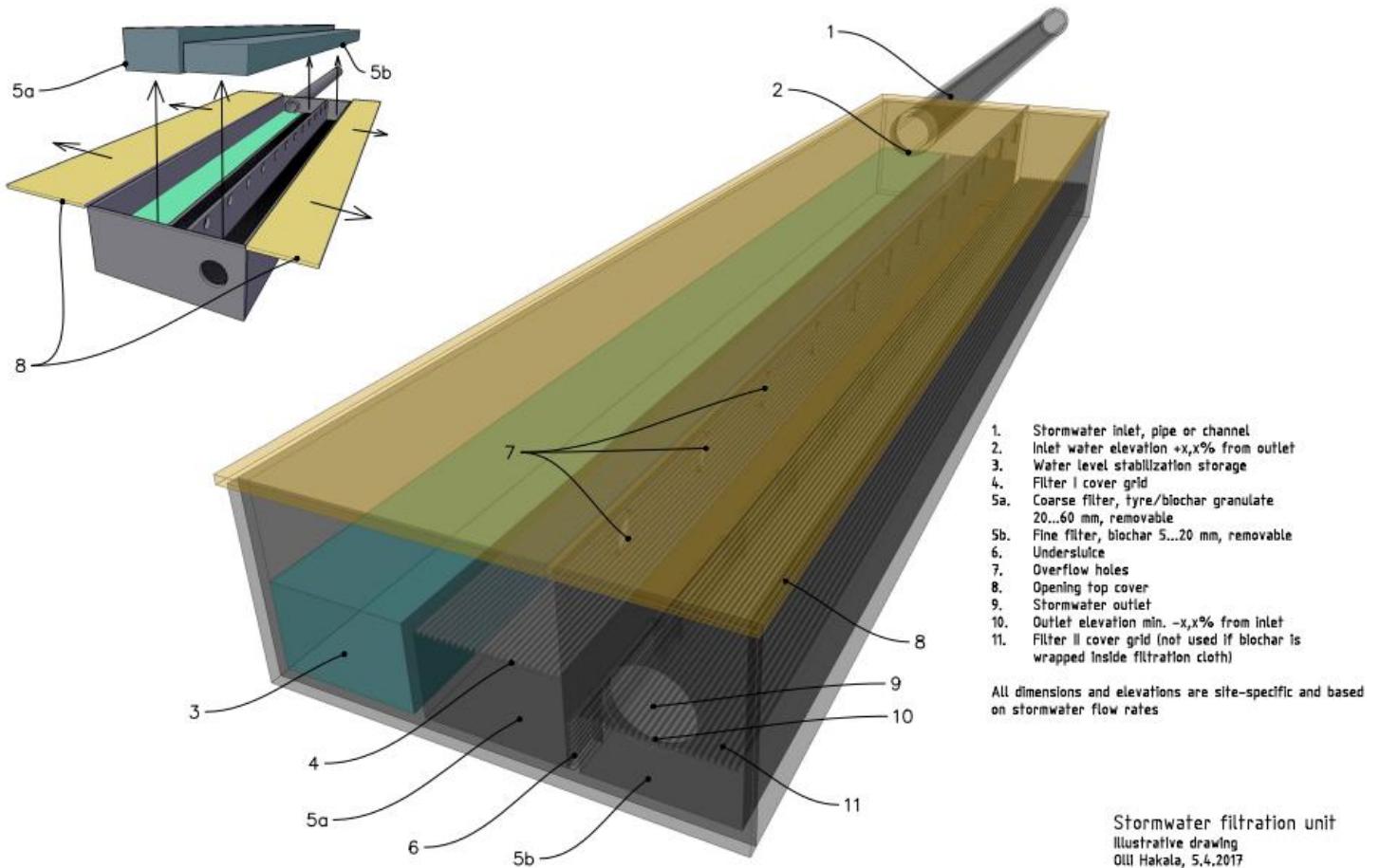


# STORMWATER FILTRATION UNIT

## Background

## Current

## Future



# BACKGROUND

Concept

Policy Brief Microplastics

Master thesis

## Microplastics – a growing environmental risk

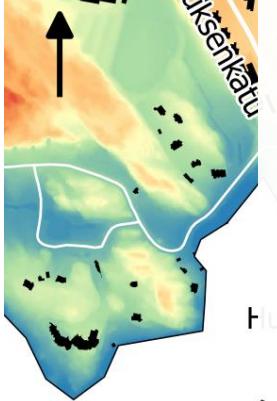
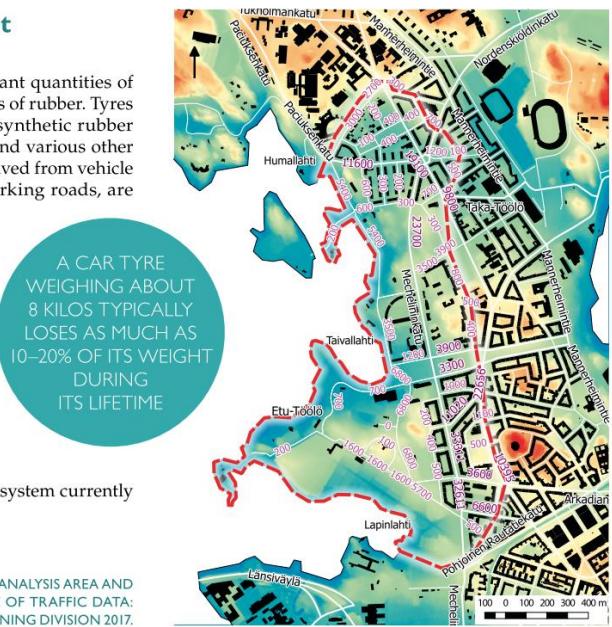
### New business opportunities in combatting microplastics



### Road traffic – a significant source of microplastics

Road traffic generates highly significant quantities of microplastics, as well as small particles of rubber. Tyres are a mixture of synthetic and non-synthetic rubber compounds (over 80% of tyre mass) and various other chemicals. These particles, largely derived from vehicle tyres and the materials used for marking roads, are easily washed into water courses in runoff from roads. This problem should in future be considered in urban planning.

Mechelininkatu in Helsinki is one of the busiest streets in Finland. During the years 2010–2015 traffic levels averaged 21,000–35,500 vehicles per day. Calculations indicate that such traffic levels generate between 4 and 7 tonnes of car tyre wear annually on this street alone. Some of this material will soon be washed directly into a nearby sea bay through a storm drain system currently being constructed.

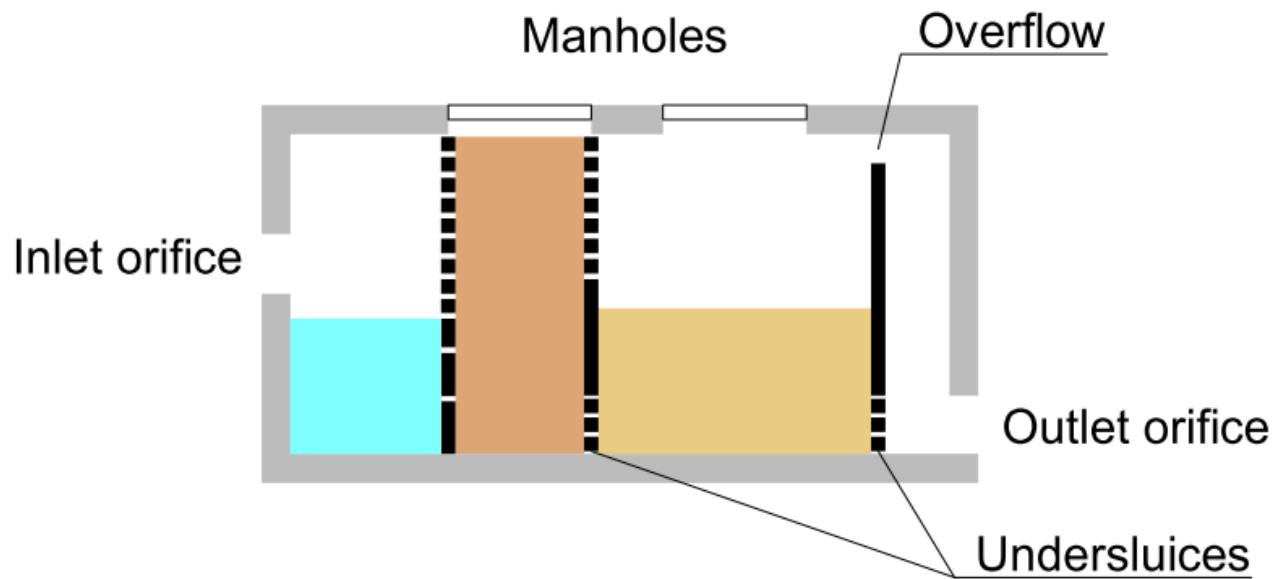


Policy Brief 2017, made by Finnish Environment Institute, triggered development work of stormwater filtration unit. Especially chapter about microplastic emissions from Road traffic and urban surfacewater runoffs was eyeopening.



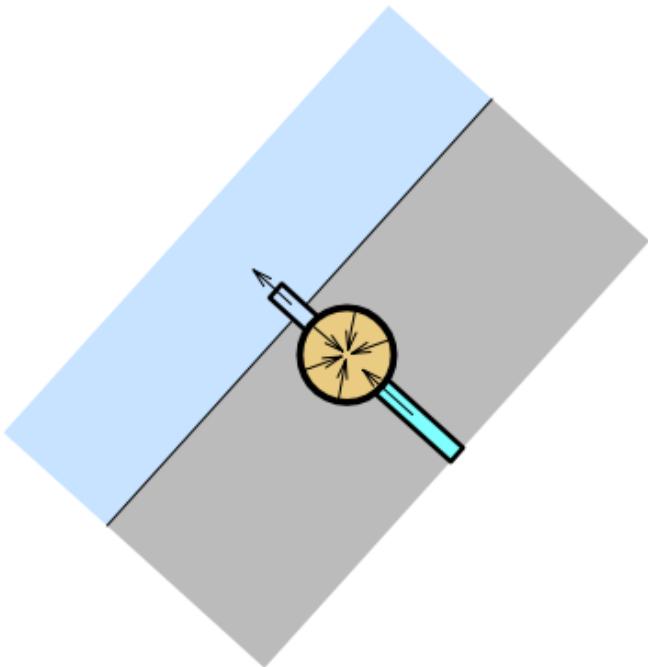
# Concept

	Detention basin
	Coarse filter
	Fine filter
	Sieve
	Filter frame (recycled plastic, steel, wood etc.)
	Body (concrete, wood, excavation etc.)



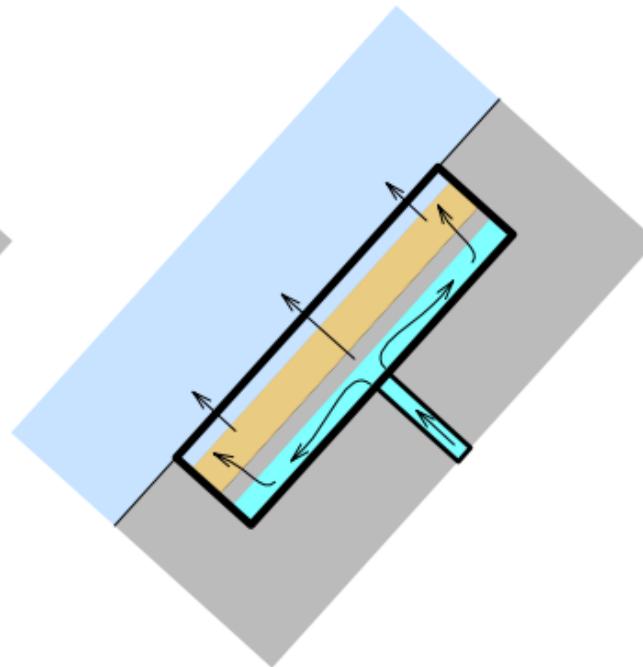
# FLOW Large scale

**FILTER WITHOUT FLOW DISTRIBUTION**



**LOADING IN ONE SPOT**

**FILTER UNIT WITH DISTRIBUTED FLOW**

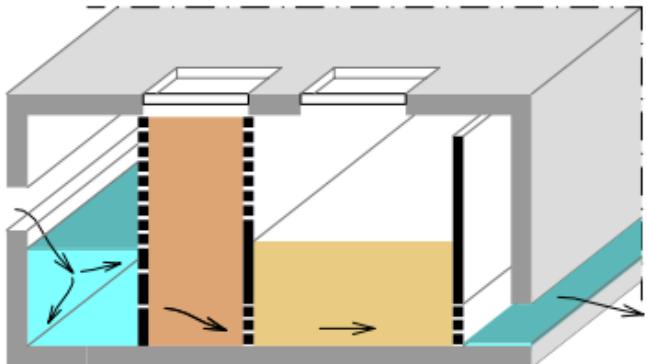


**ANTI-CLOGGING DESING CONCEPT**

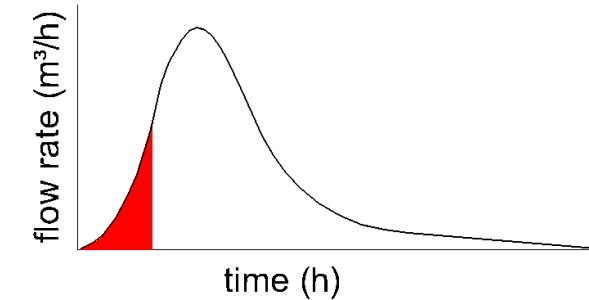
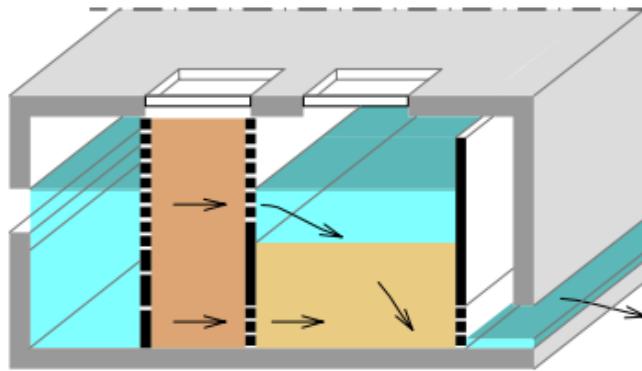
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# FLOW Small scale

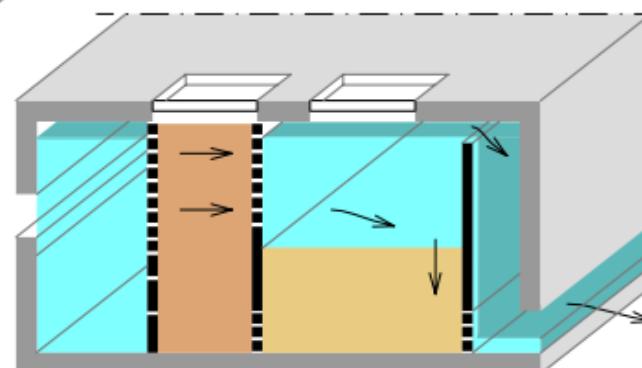
## FIRST FLUSH



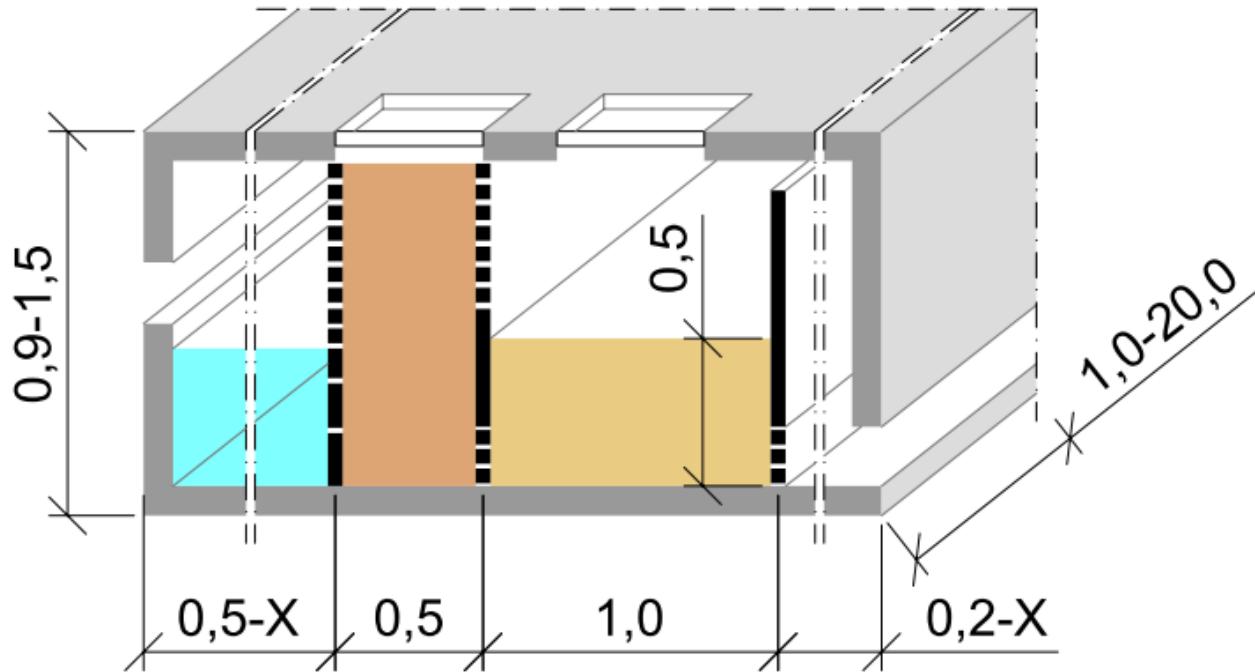
## BASIC FLOW



## PEAK FLOW



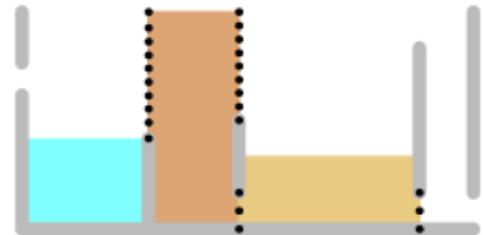
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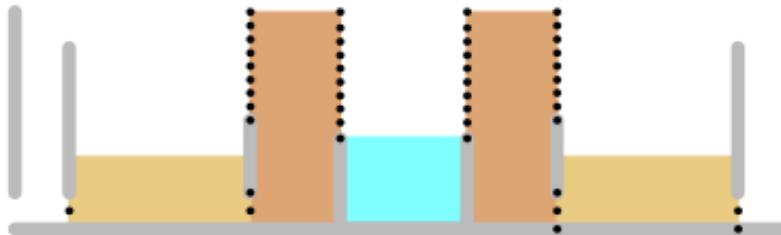
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# SECTION , Scalability and formability

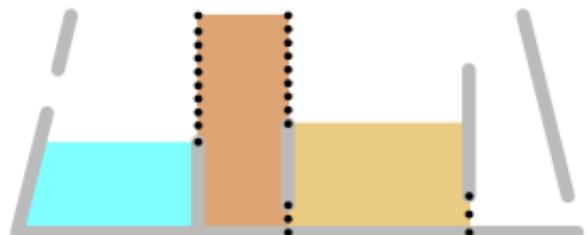
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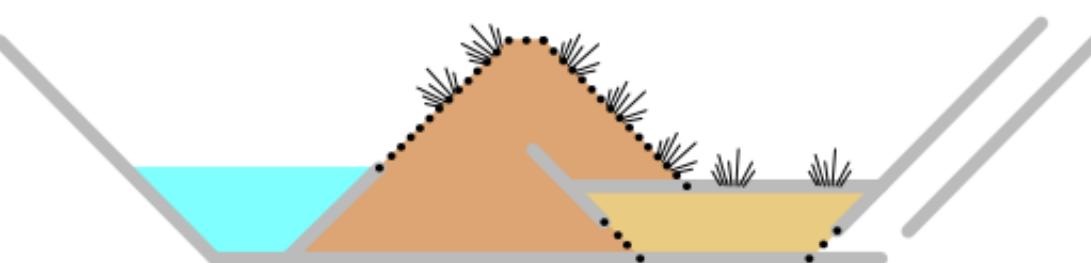
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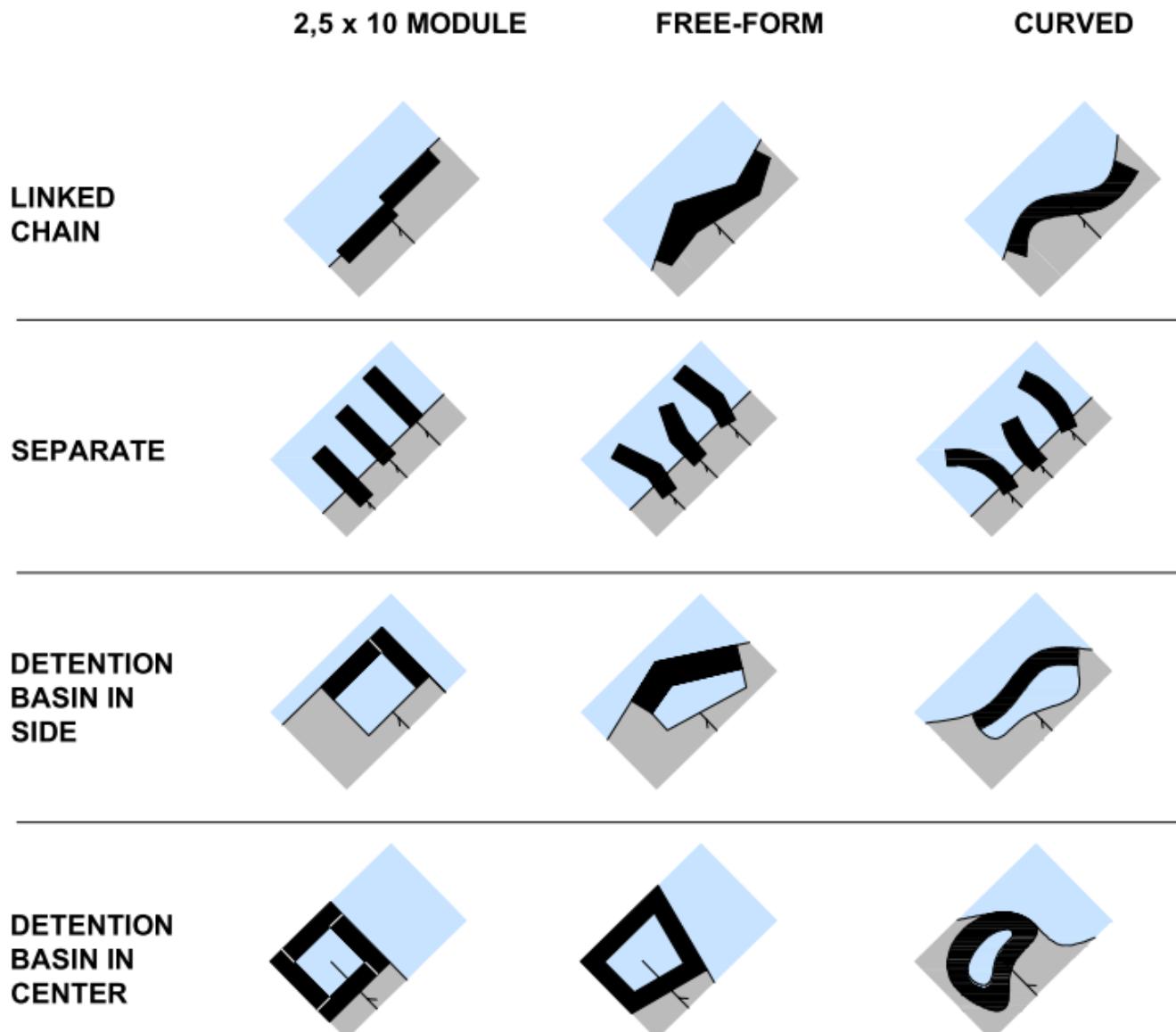


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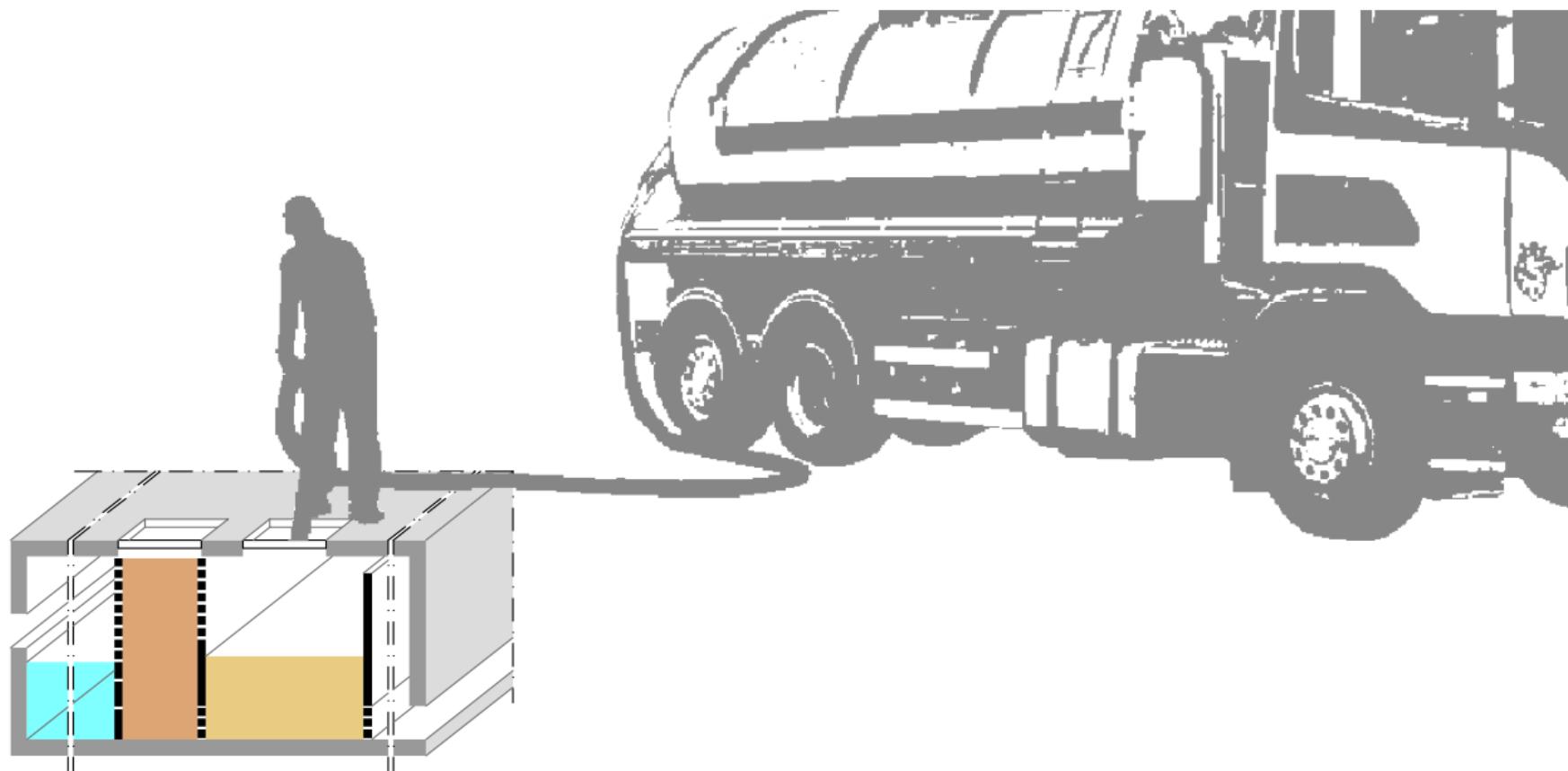
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# TYPOLOGIES



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# FILTER REPLACE



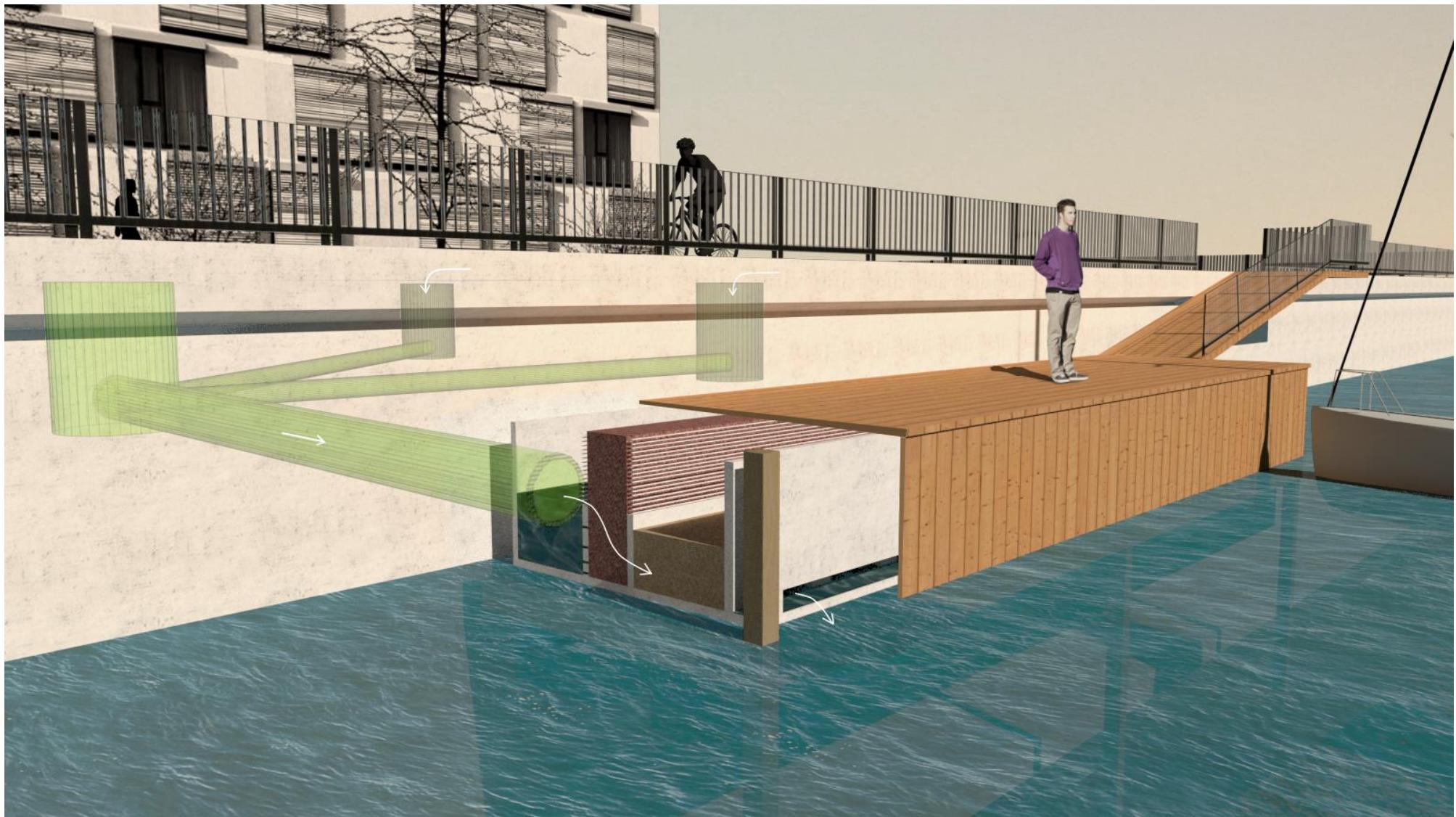
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# Example applications

FU can be integrated with green infrastructure...



...and with grey infrastructure

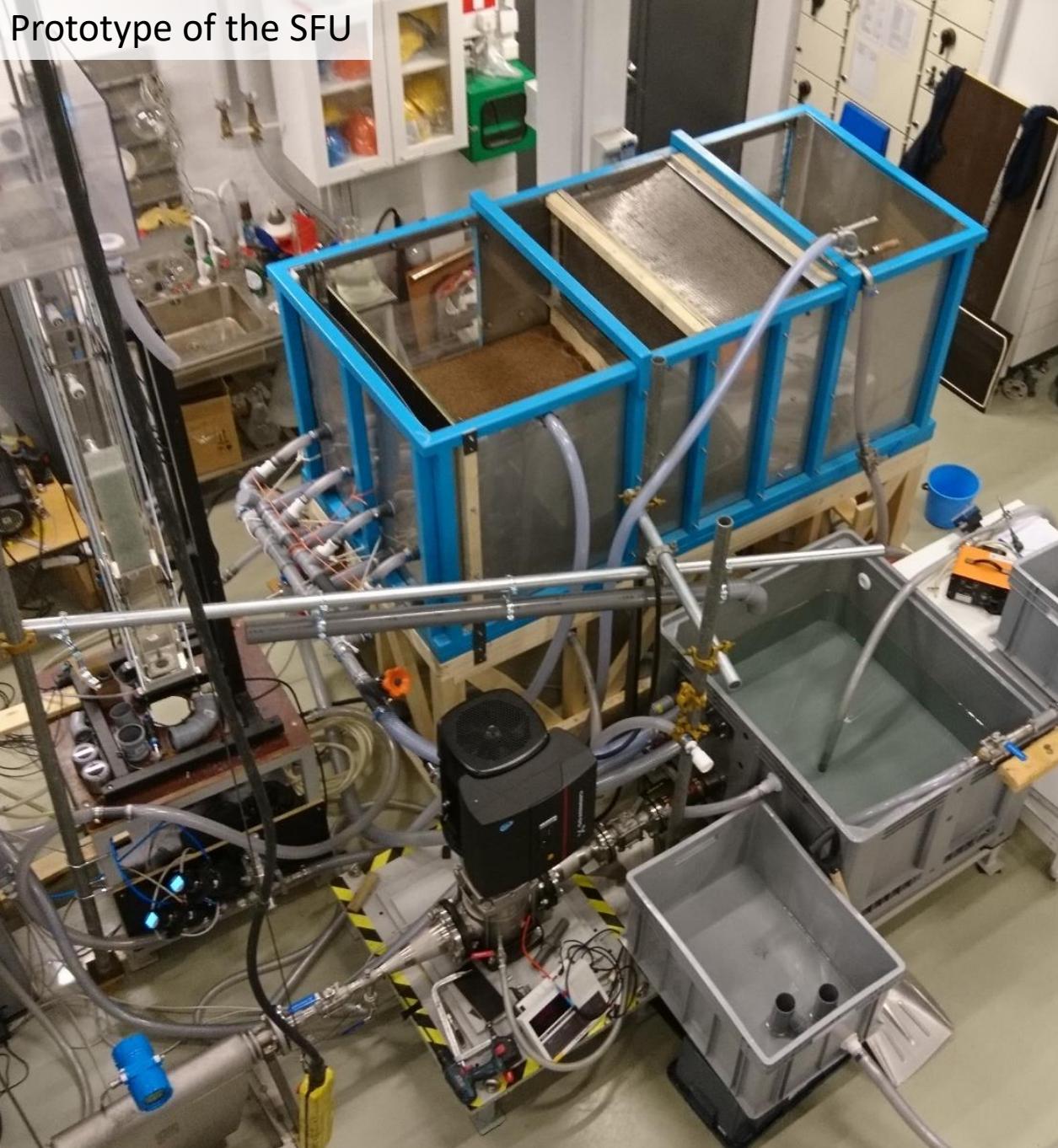


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SSA hydraulic model

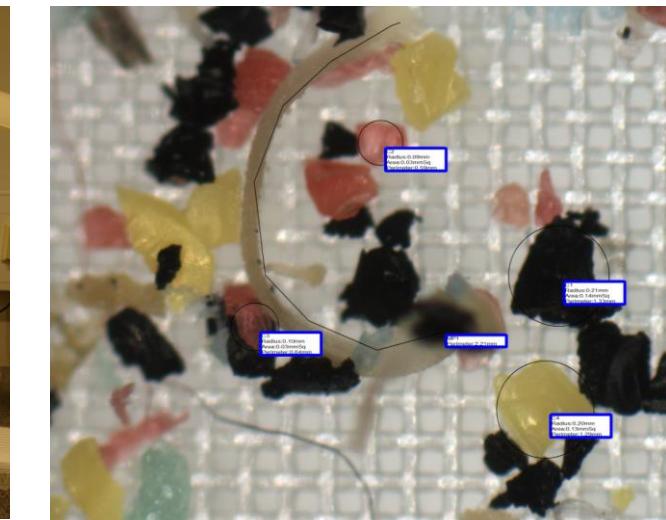
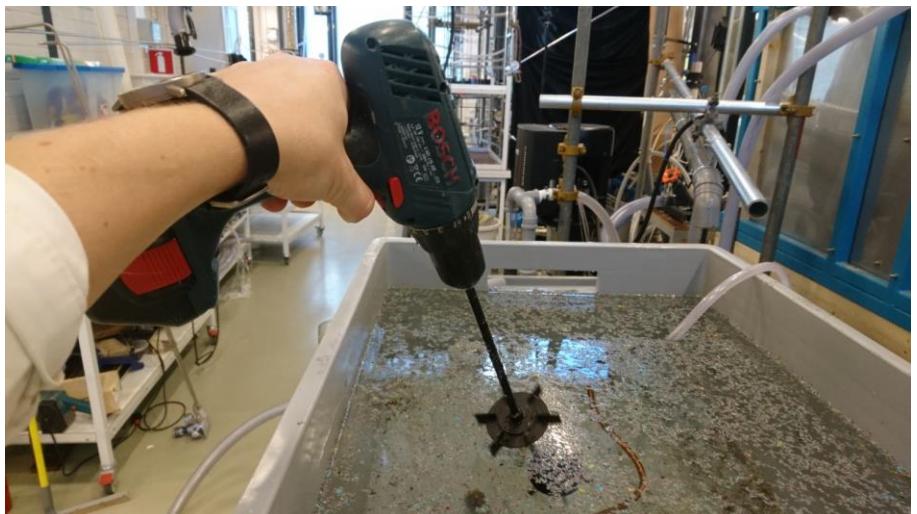


Prototype of the SFU



Picture from hydraulic tests made in laboratory

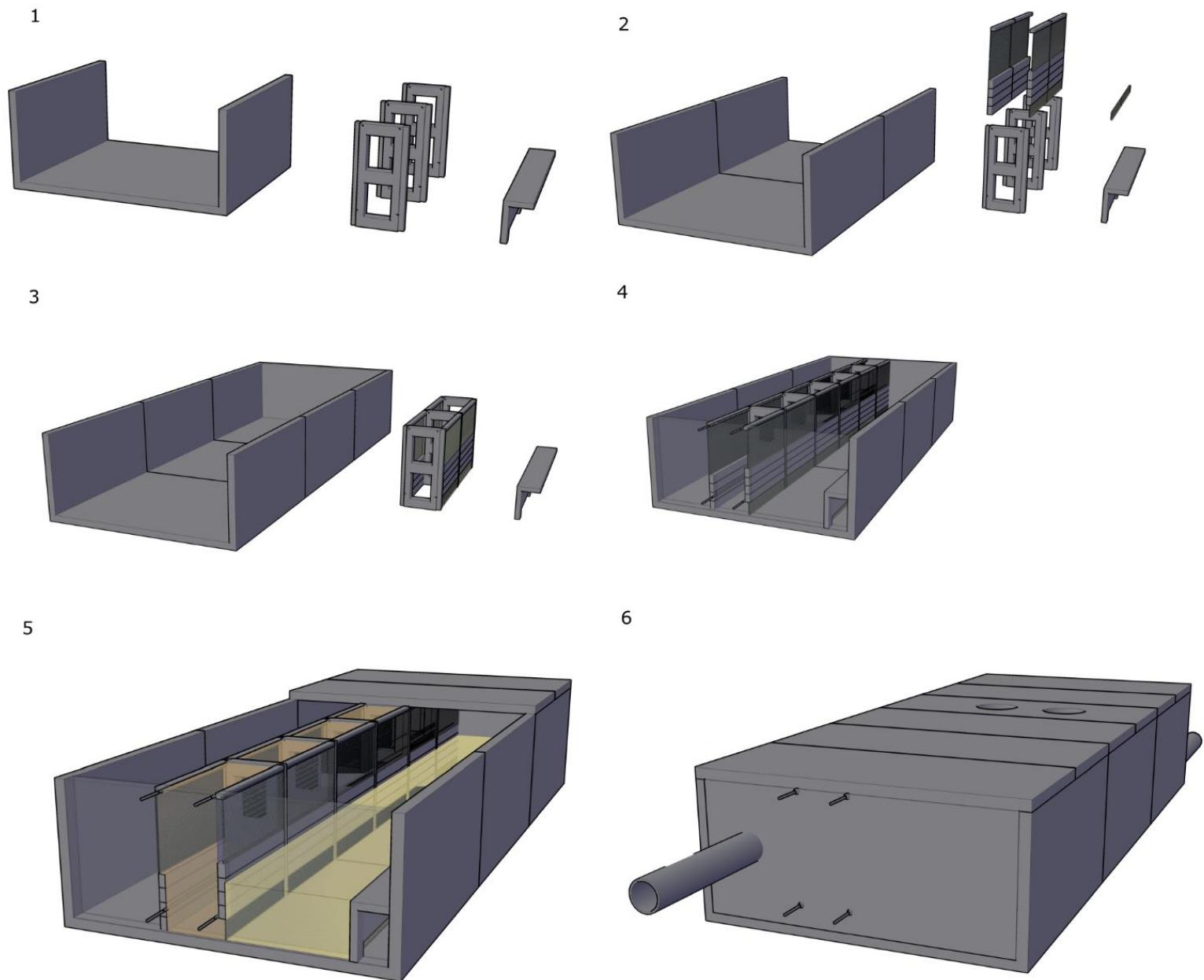
# Microplastic pollutant removal test in laboratory



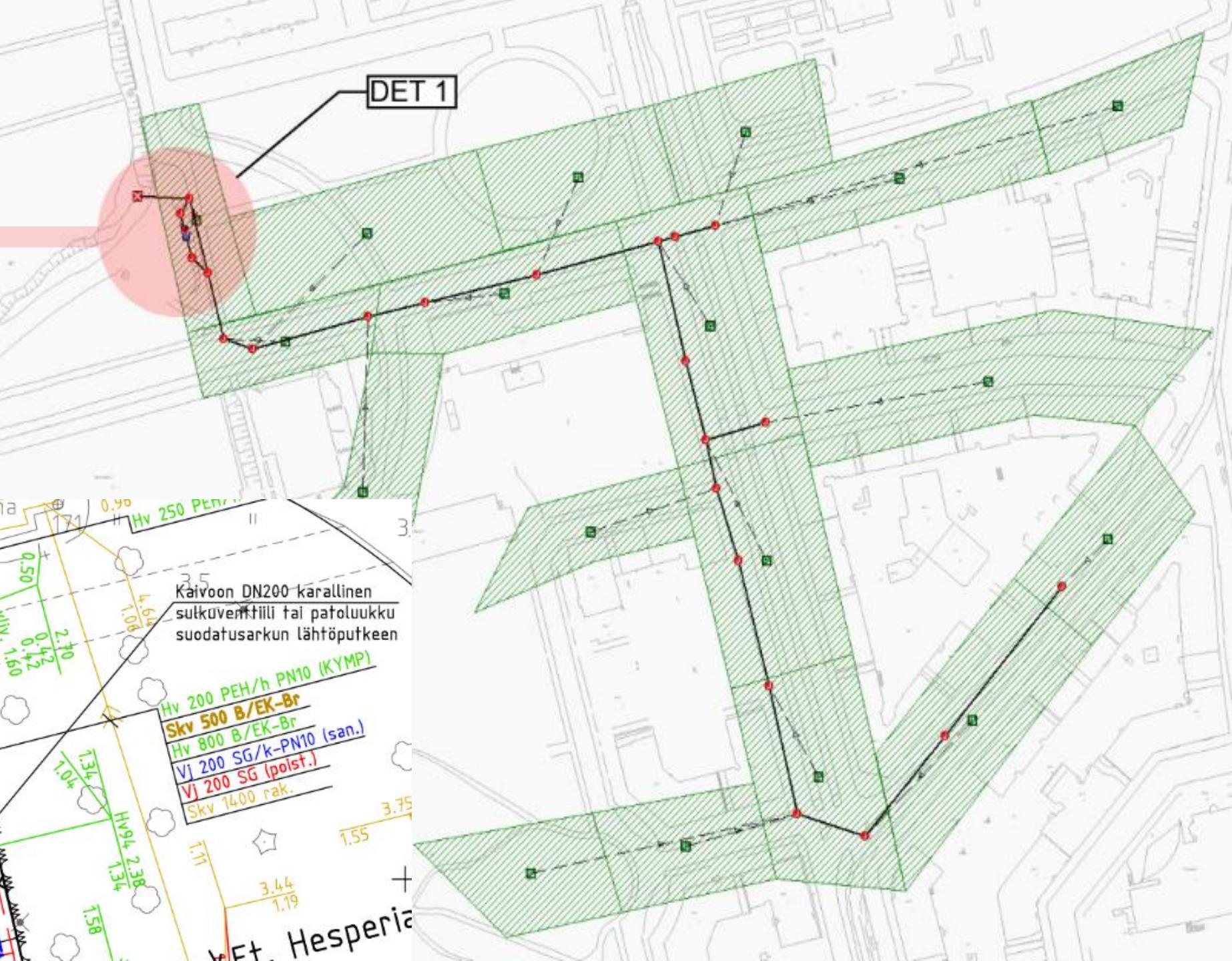
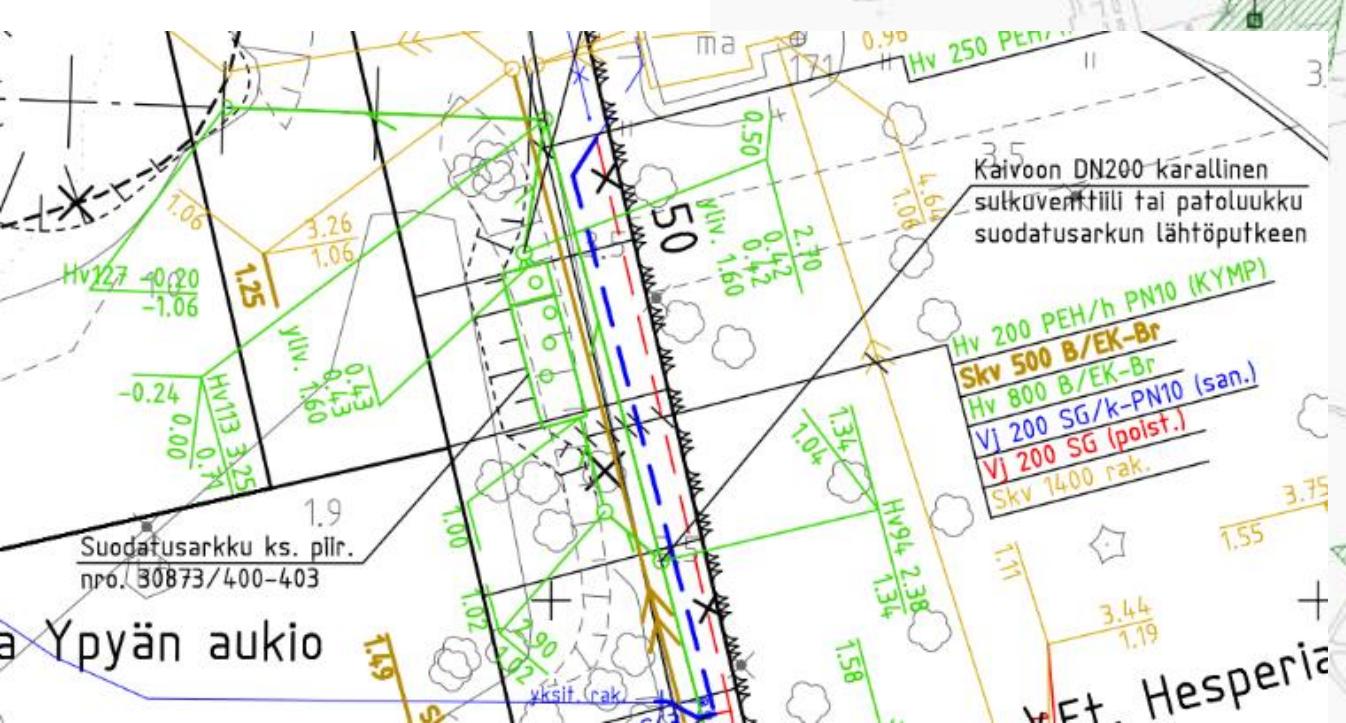
## CURRENT STATE

Ongoing iWater- and  
Smart&Clean -projects

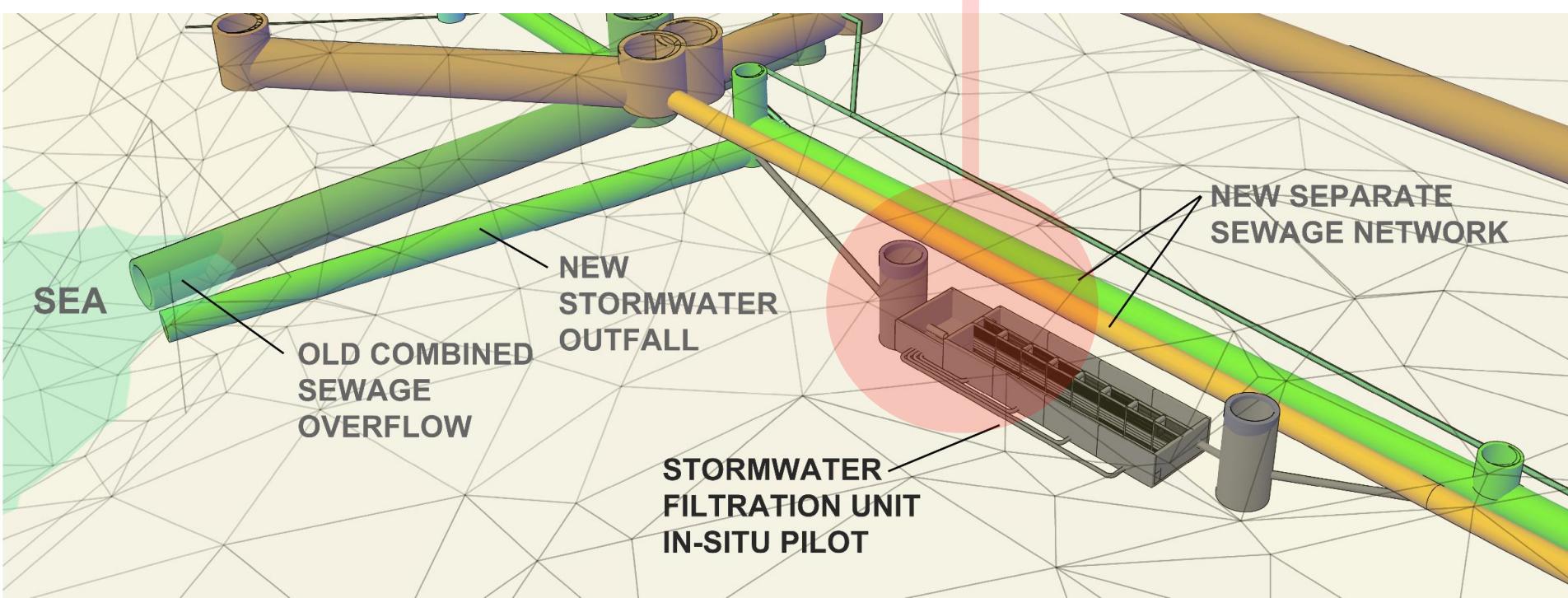
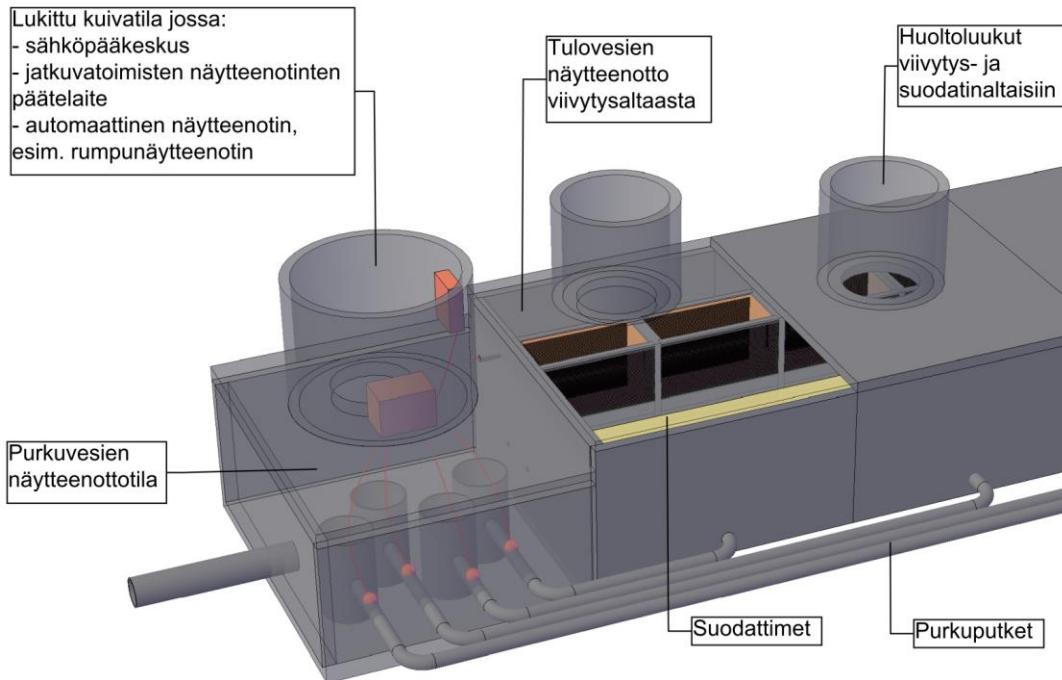
Pilot unit will be built from  
**concrete elements** and  
filter media frames are  
made of **recycled plastic  
lumber**



**Pilot catchment** area  
is about 6 ha. Urban  
fabric is dense and  
area is heavily  
trafficked



**1-4 different filter materials** can be tested simultaneously. Real-time measurement instruments monitor **basic quality+quality data** before and after filtration. In addition, laboratory water samples will be taken



# FILTERMEDIA

## Recommendations from Finnish Research Center VTT

IN-SITU test will be comparative. 1-4 filtermedia mixes will be measured.



## StormFilter Material Testing Summary Report

### Localized performance of bio- and mineral-based filtration material components

Authors:

Laura Wendling, Kalle Loimula, Hannele Kuosa, Juhani Korkealaakso, Hanna Iitti and Erika Holt

Confidentiality:

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# FUTURE

## Taivallahti waterfront master plan



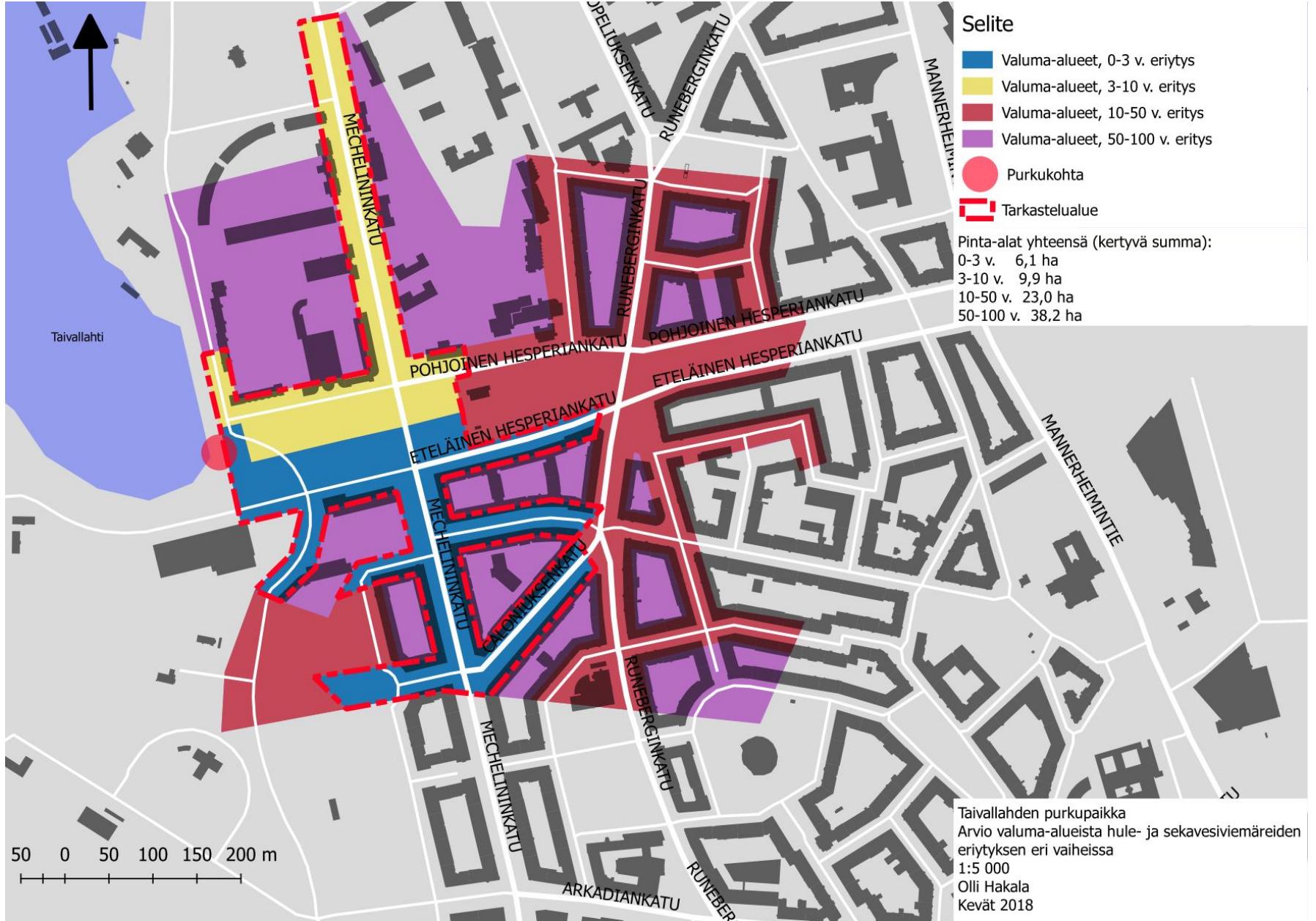
Design consider Ørestad as a reference and WSUD as a design approach



Ørestad, example of a stormwater detention basin.  
Source: Wikipedia

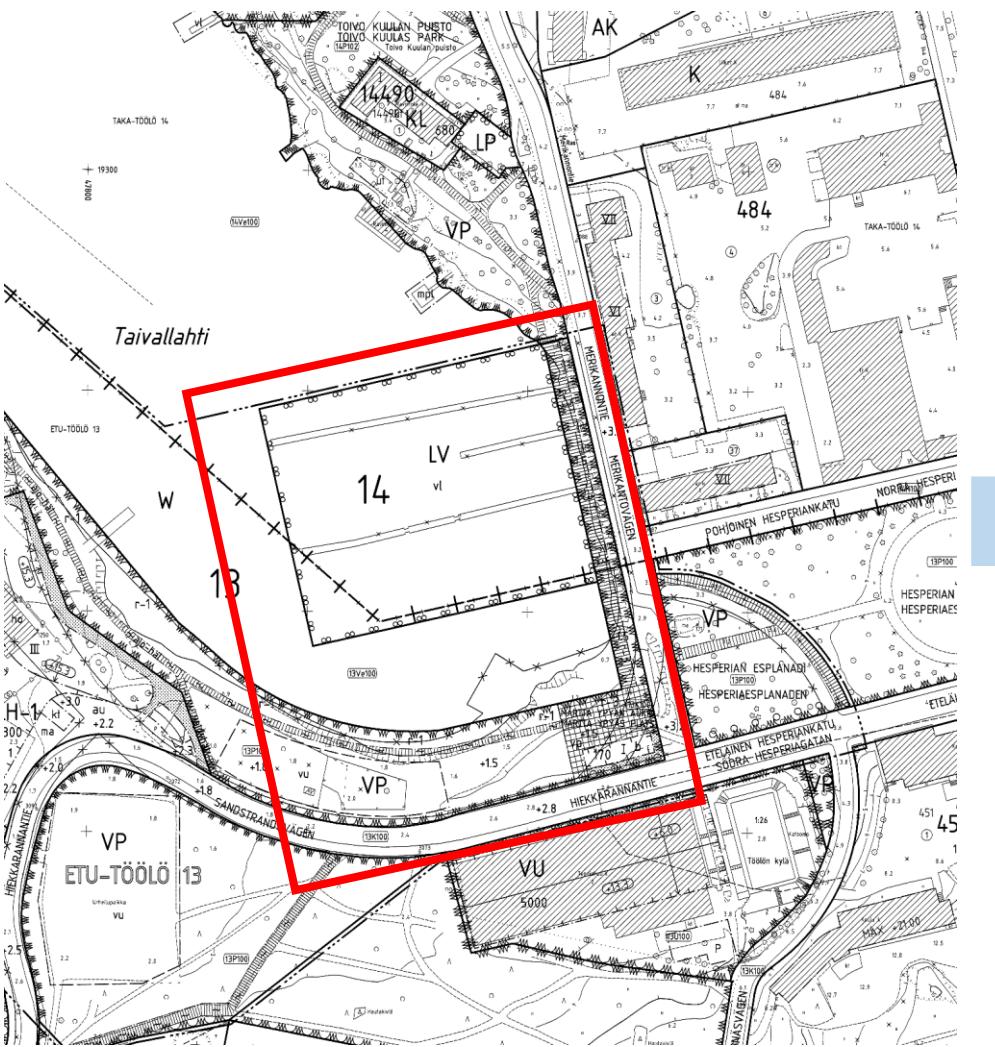
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Catchment area in  
Master plan is 10  
ha.

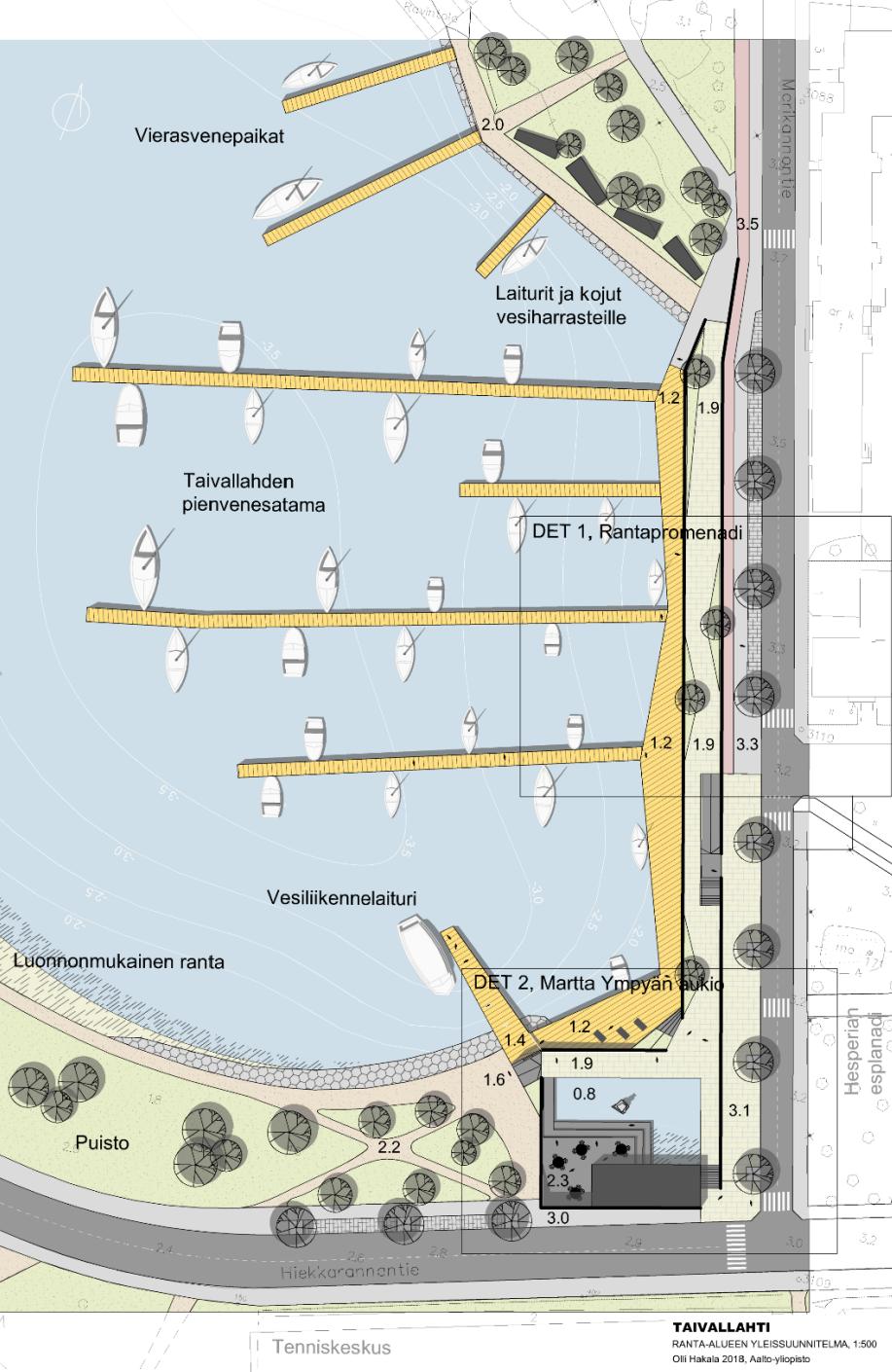


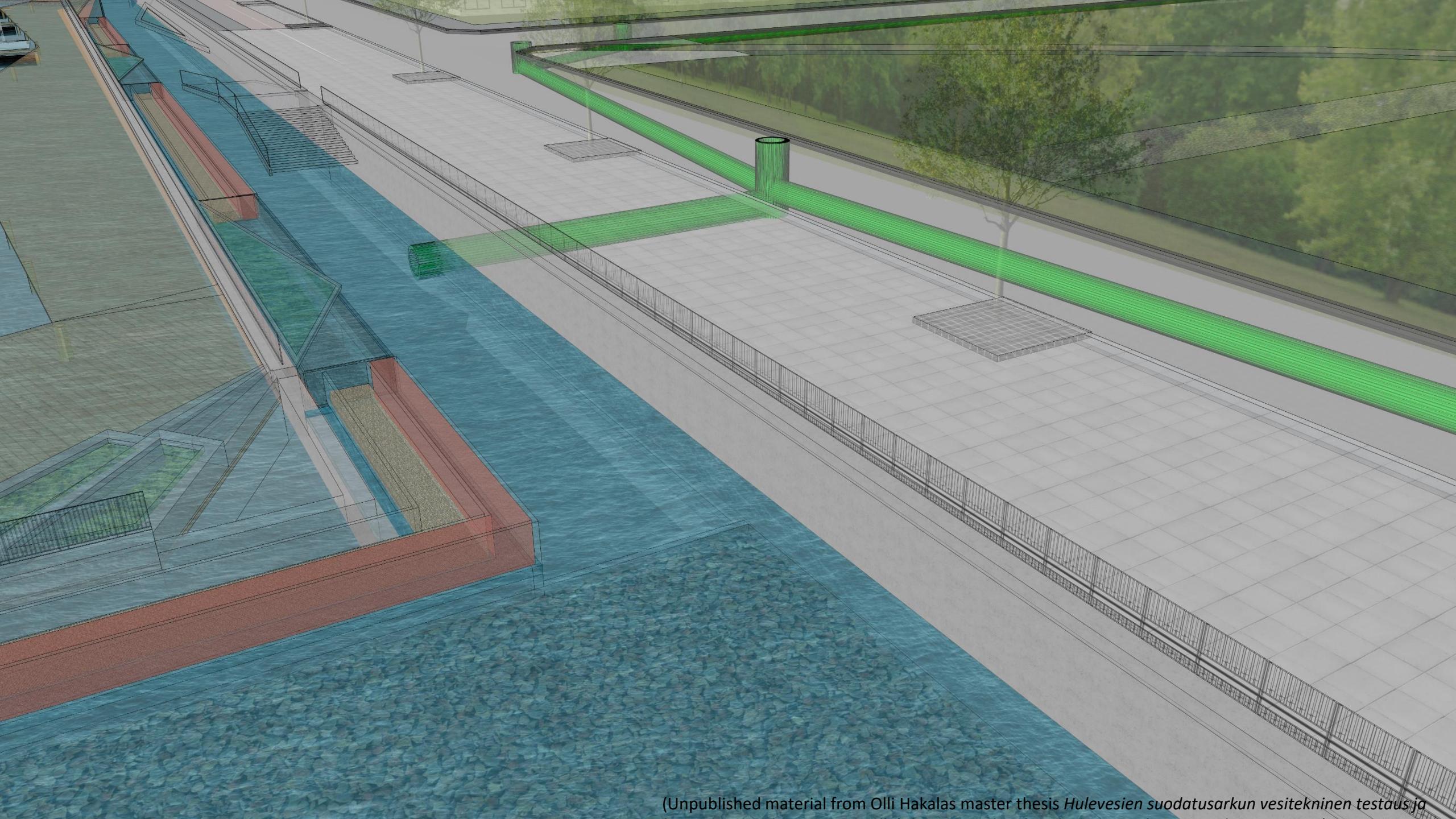
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## New zonin map and design perimeter:

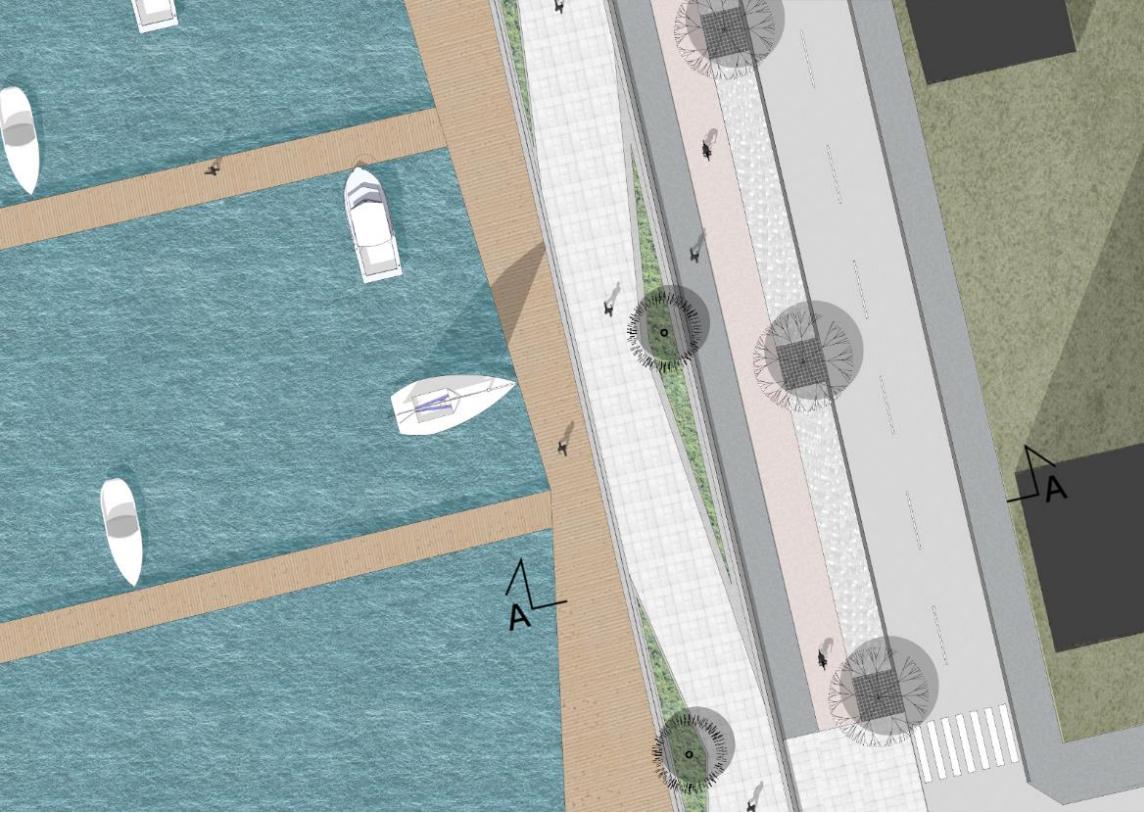


# INTEGRATION

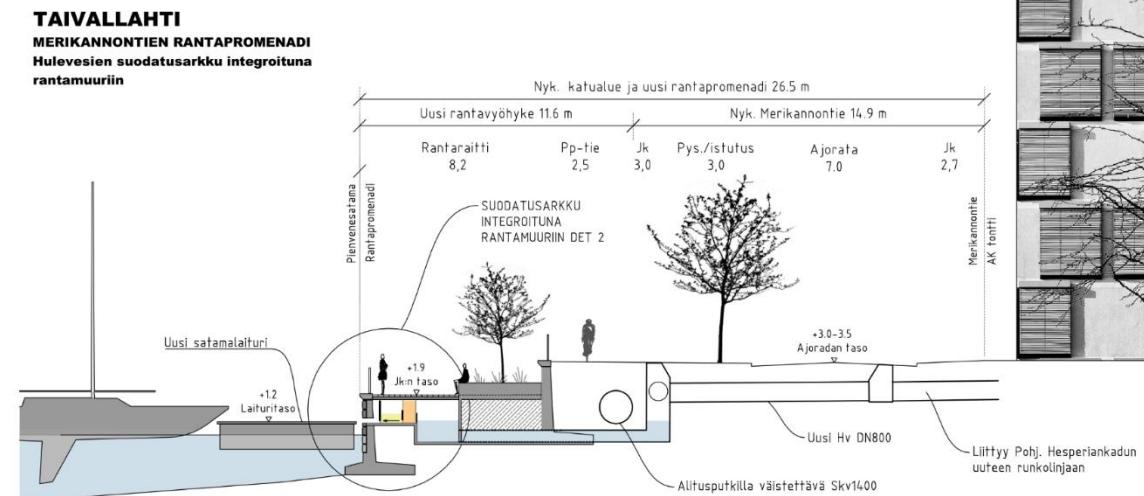
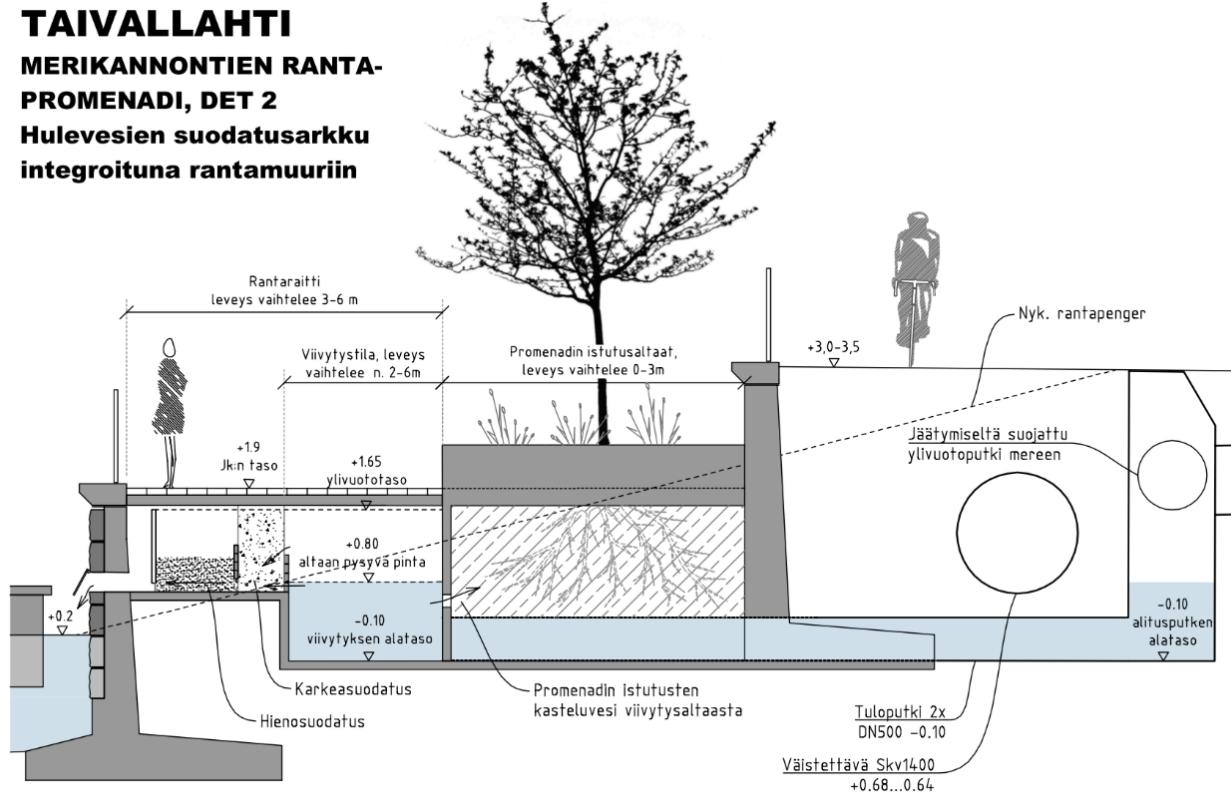




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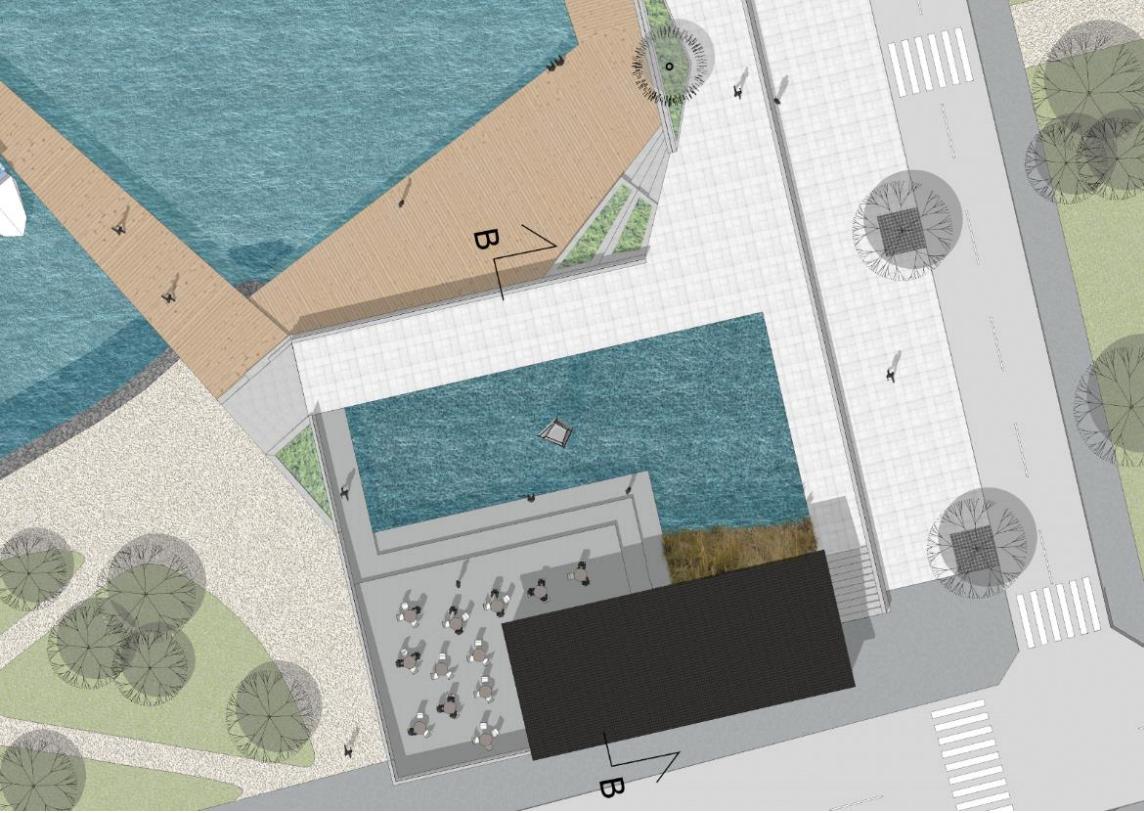
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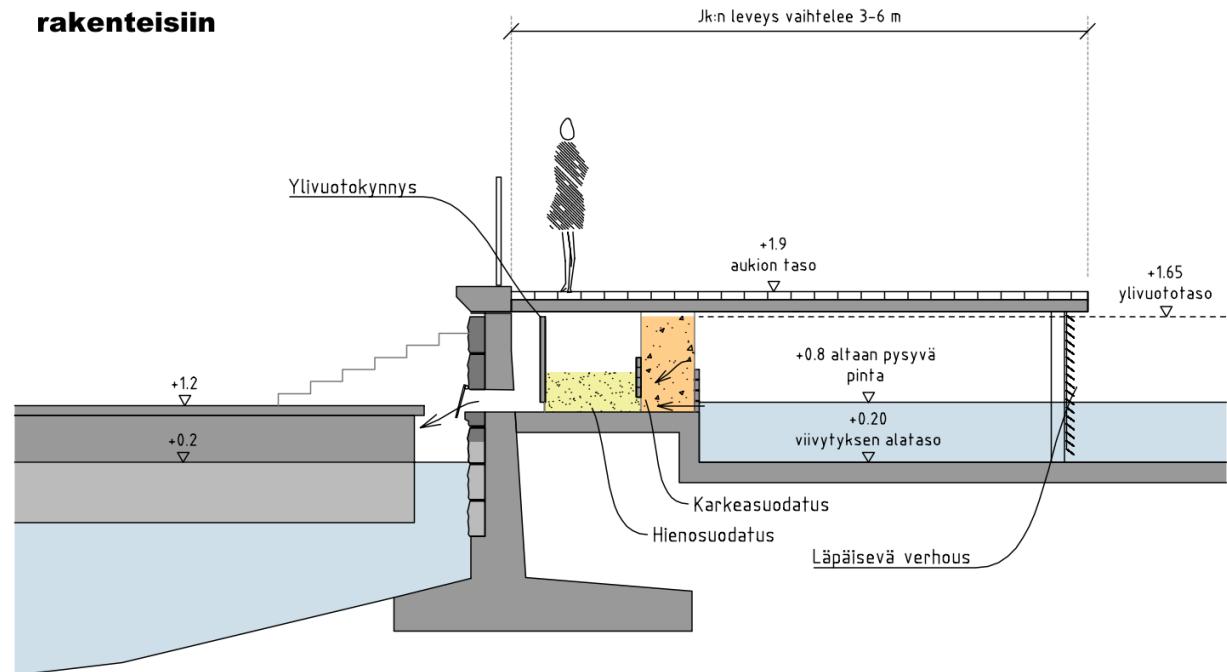
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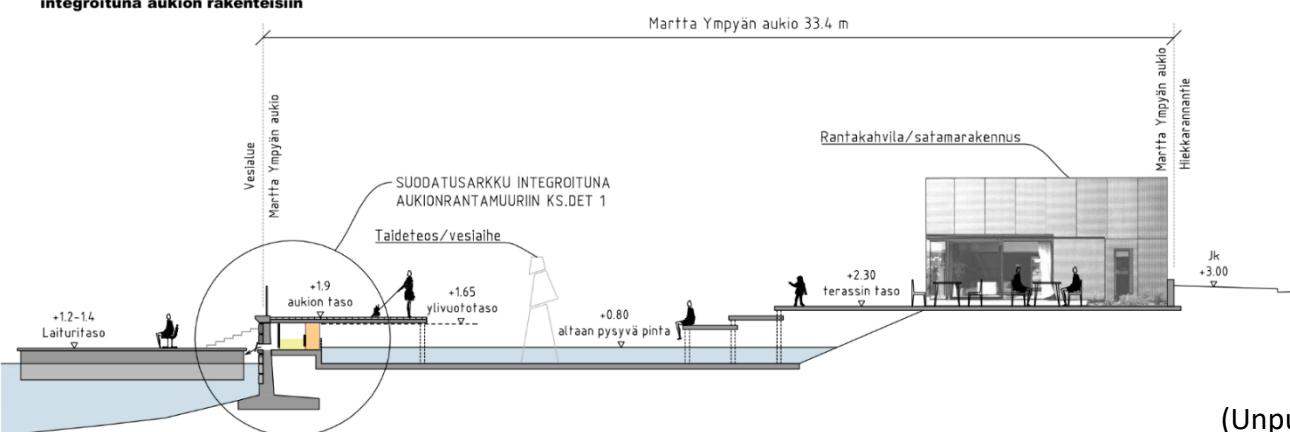


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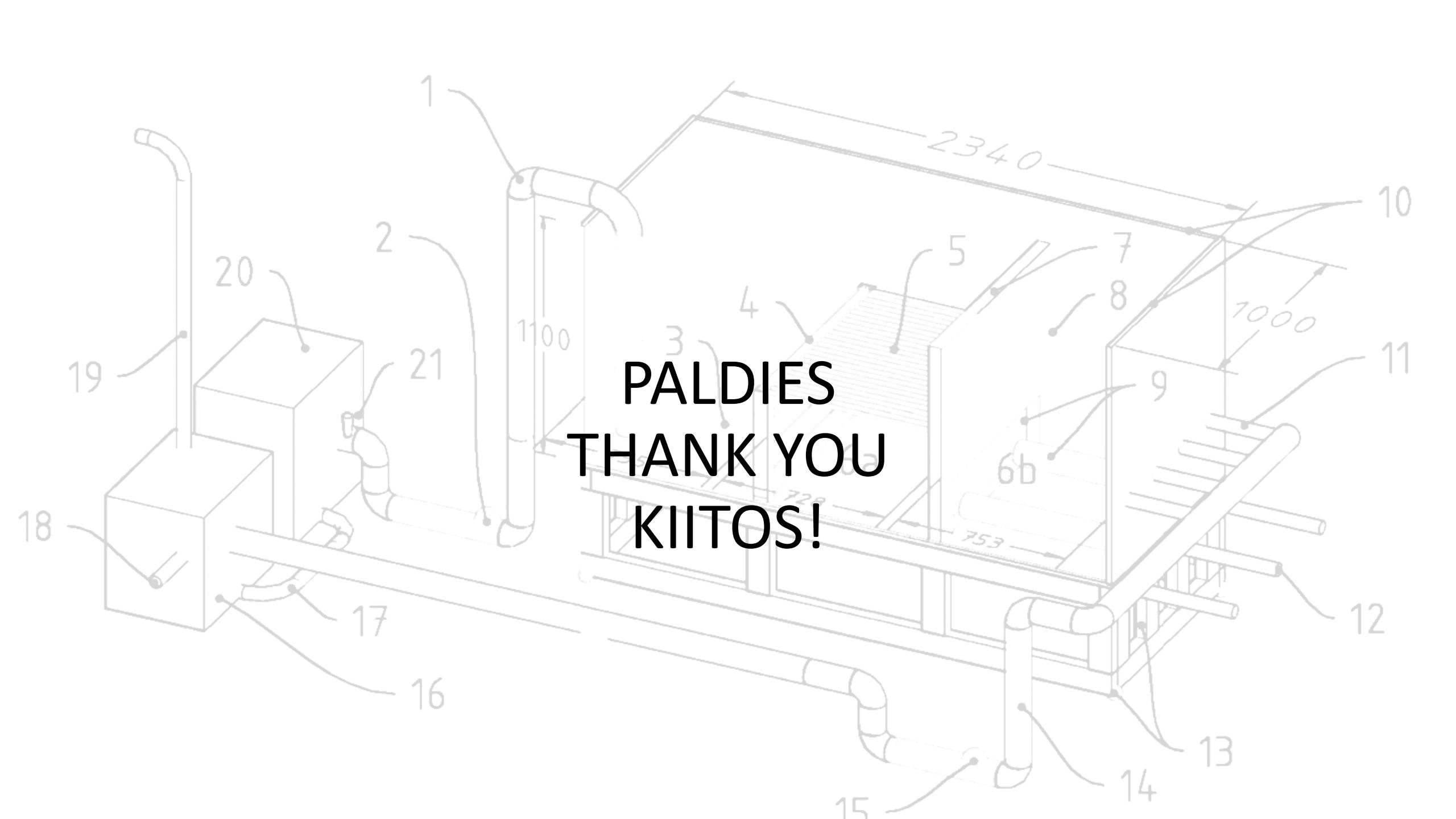
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