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MATERIALS & METHODS

study area	
time period	November 1983 – March 1984
goal	
set-up	5 locations (3 forest areas, 2 urban areas): 12 measuring points with 8 collectors, 8 additional collectors at 7 of the sample points (*) - Gontrode*: free field, ash, alder, oak, beech - Wachtebeke*: free field, Scots pine - Ghent - Zelzate
	- Buggenhout: free field, beech, oak
data collection	 systematic analysis 2-weekly sampled 8 samples per location: pH mixed sample per location: SO₄, NO₃, P, Cl, Na, K, Ca, Mg, Al, Pb parallel analysis direct precipitation, analyzed 24 h after rainfall started (after a dry period of at least 3 days) 8 samples per location: pH mixed sample per location: SO₄, NO₃, P, Cl, Na, K, Ca, Mg, Al, Pb
remarks	pre-level II

RESULTS

pH highest in Ghent (5.82) and lowest in Buggenhout (4.59); pH lower below a forest canopy than in the open field; higher concentrations are found in water collected below forest canopies (Na, Ca, Mg, K, SO_4)