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# Density dependent groundwater flow in the coastal zone

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Lecture set-up:

- PowerPoint sheets
- Lecture Notes
- Practicals numerical modelling

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# Curriculum Vitae

- Delft University of Technology, Civil Engineering: till 1997  
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- Utrecht University, Earth Sciences: till 2002
- Free University of Amsterdam, Earth Sciences: till 2004
- Deltares
- Utrecht University (Associate Professor): from 2014

## Qualifications:

- Groundwater resources management
- Density-dependent groundwater flow and coupled solute transport
- Salt water intrusion in coastal aquifers
- Assessment of climate change on groundwater resources
- Numerical Modeling
- Teaching and training

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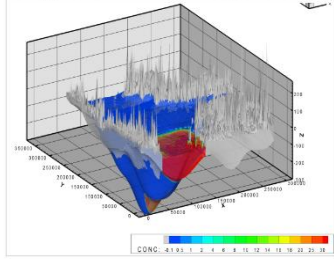
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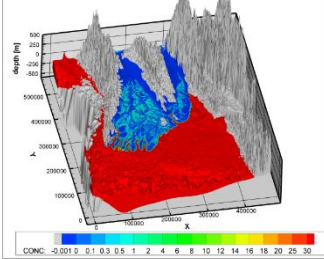
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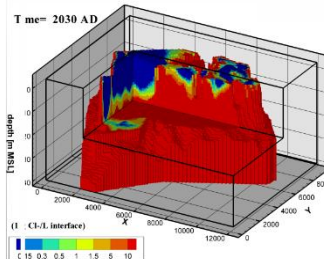
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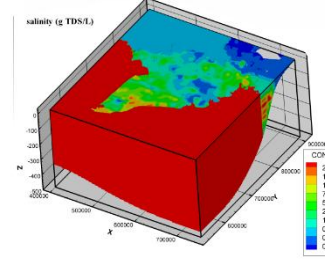
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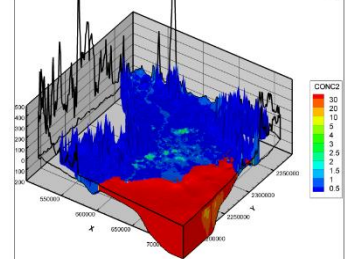
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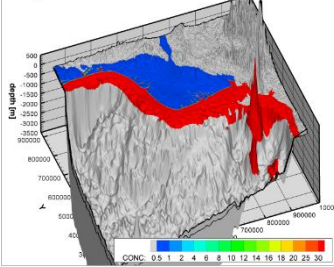
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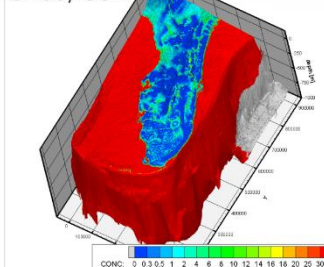
Red River, Vietnam Time= 0.0 yr



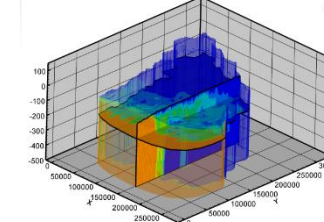
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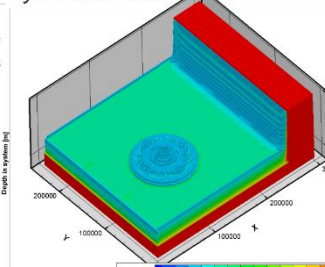
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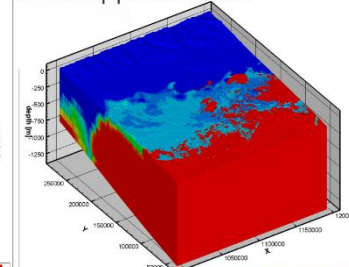
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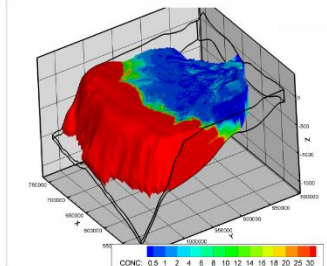
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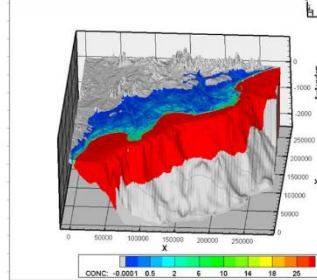
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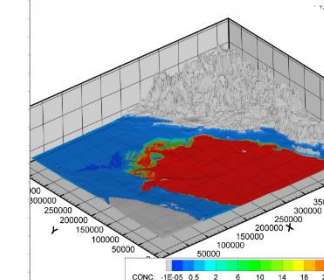
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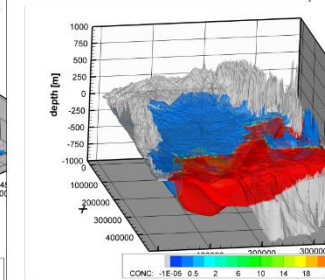
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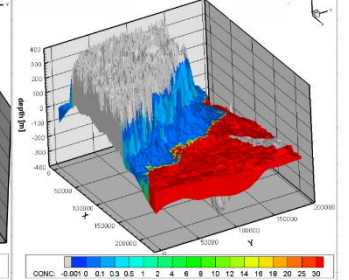
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Orinoco, Venezuela



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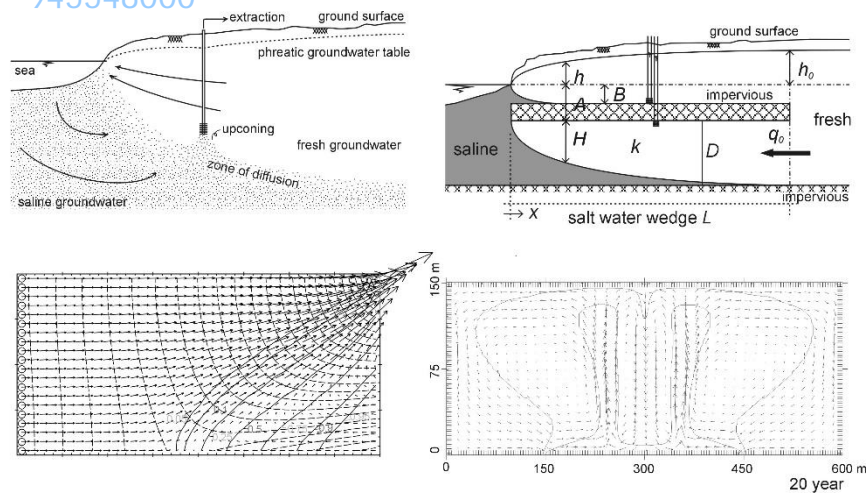
# Research on groundwater in the coastal zone

- 20 years experience in modelling variable-density dependent groundwater flow and coupled solute transport in the coastal zone
- Incorporating monitoring campaigns results in numerical modeling tools
- Research on new fresh-saline phenomena: salty seepage boils and shallow freshwater lenses in saline environments
- Knowledge on creating 3D initial chloride distribution, based on geostatistics and geophysical data (analyses, VES, borehole measures, AEM)
- Quantifying effects of climate change and sea level rise on fresh groundwater resources
- Developing adaptive and mitigative measures to stop salinization in the coastal groundwater system (e.g. ASR, MAR: fresh keeper, coastal collectors, freshwater storage underground)

# Lecture notes, practicals and ppt on freshsalt.deltares.nl

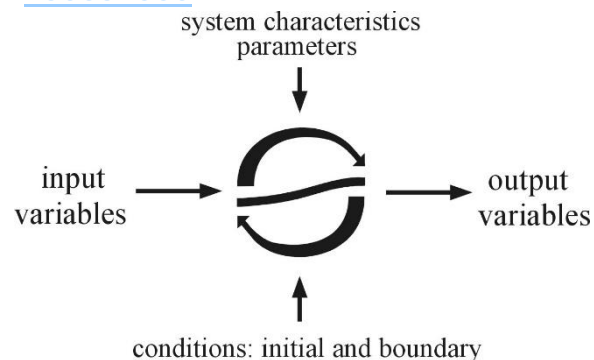
## 1. Density dependent groundwater flow

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## 2. Groundwater modelling

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# Practicals numerical modelling

- PMWIN
- SEAWAT
- Cases:
  - Rotating sharp interface
  - Freshwater lens
  - Henry's case
  - (Elder's case)
- Setup practicals:
  - try to work together in teams, e.g. of two persons
  - short report of findings (make screenshots)
  - deliver within two weeks after finish last SWI lectures

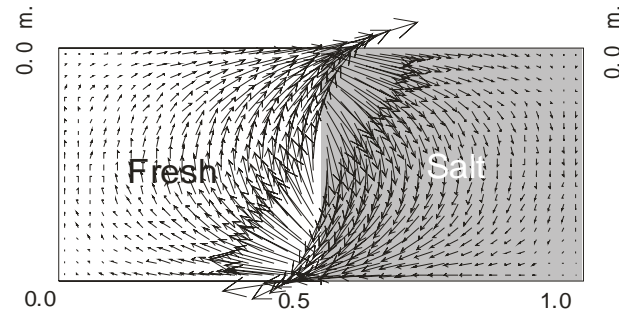
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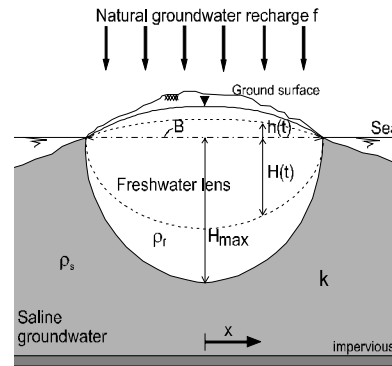


# Practicals

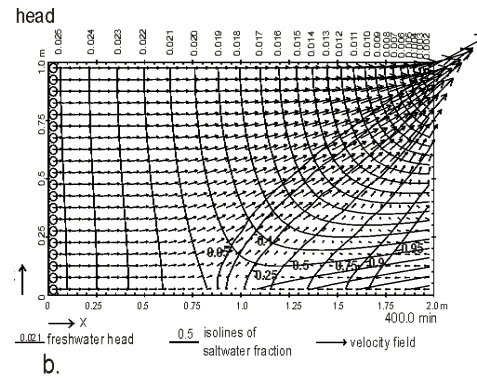
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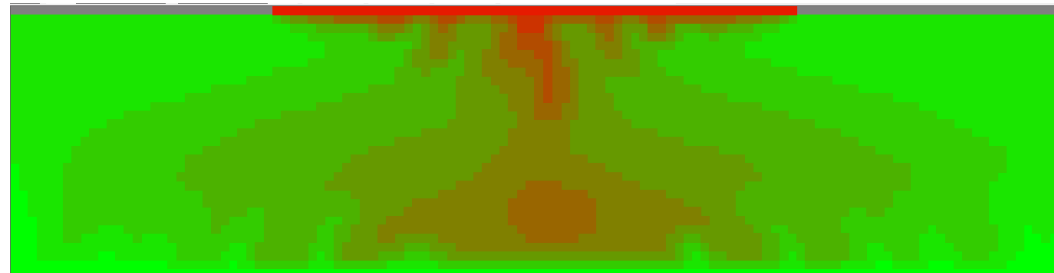
- Freshwater lens



- Henry's case

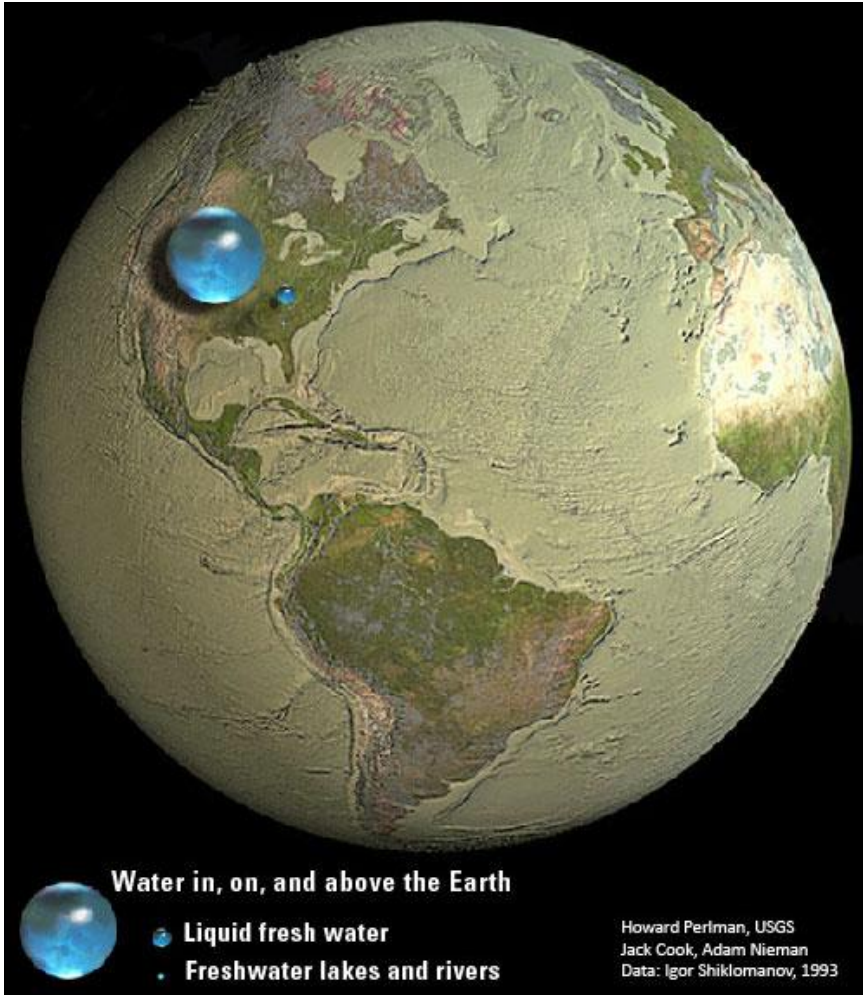


- (Elder's case)





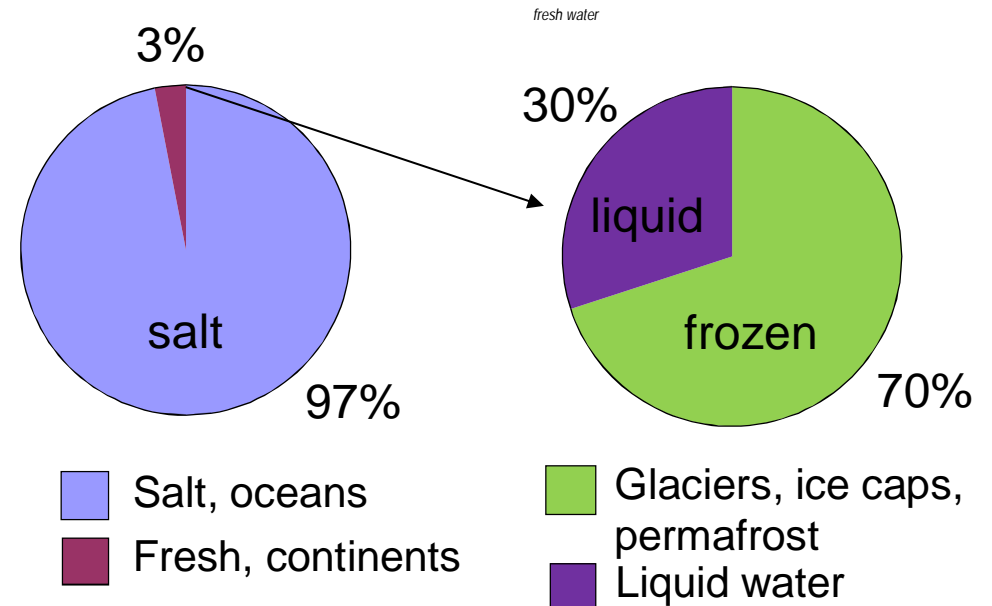
# Volumes of water on Earth: a scarce product



Water in/on/above Earth

Liquid fresh water

Freshwater lakes rivers

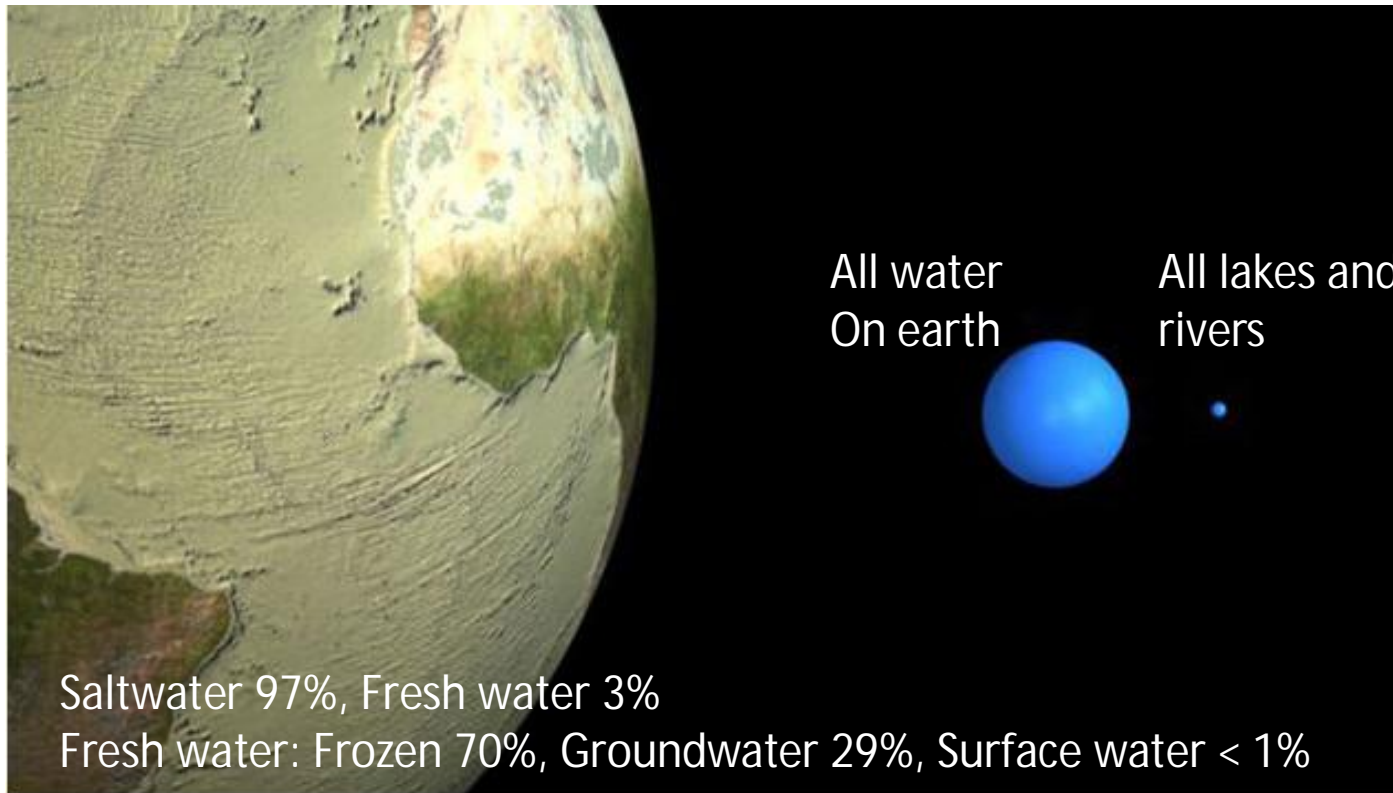


Source: Perlman, USGS; Shiklomanov, 1993

# Water Energy Food Nexus

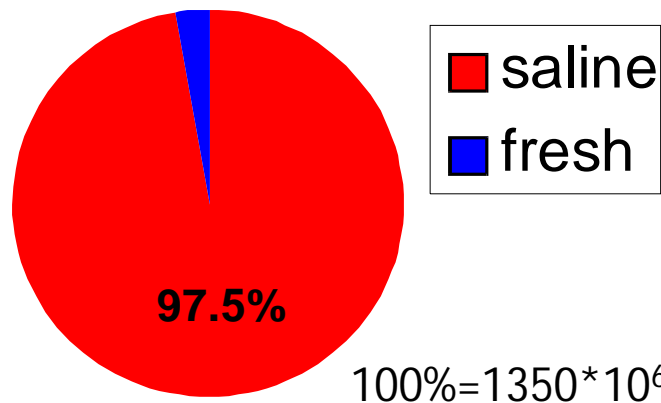
## Global water scarcity

Fresh water is a scarce resource...

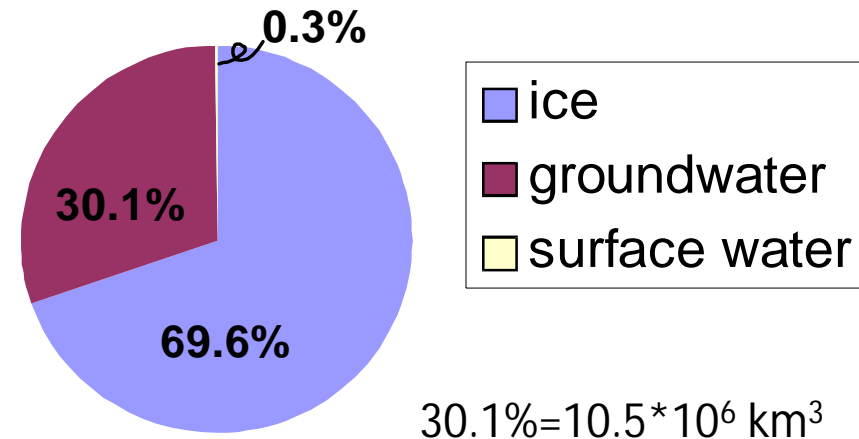


# Water on Earth

Total water on Earth



Total fresh water on Earth

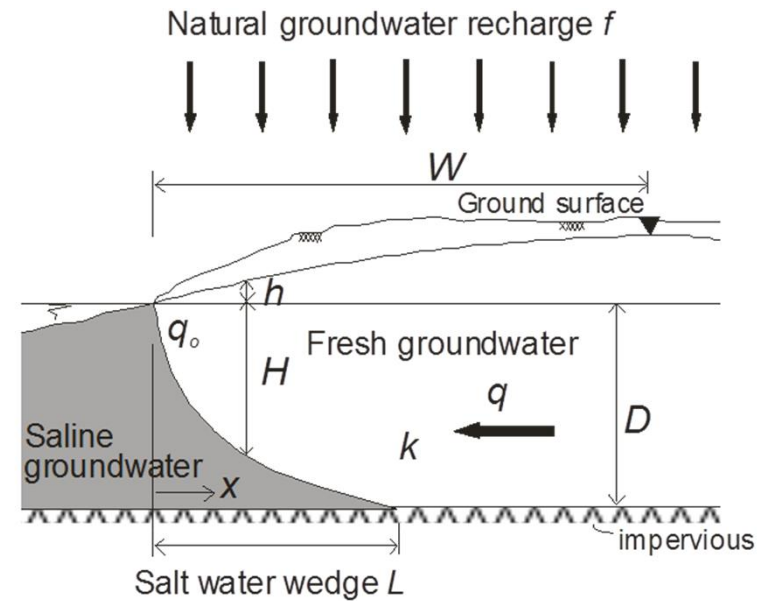
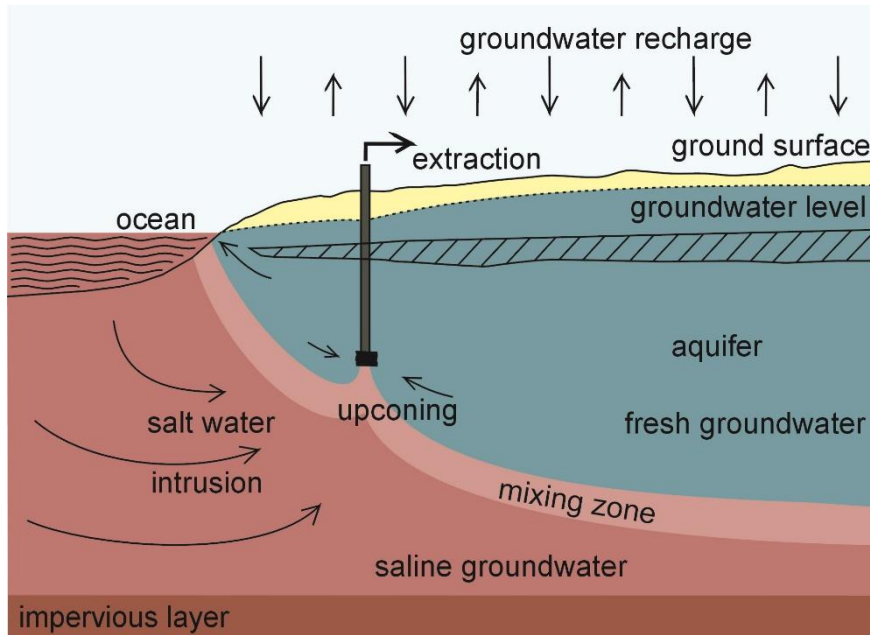


Demand for groundwater (now 30%) increases due to:

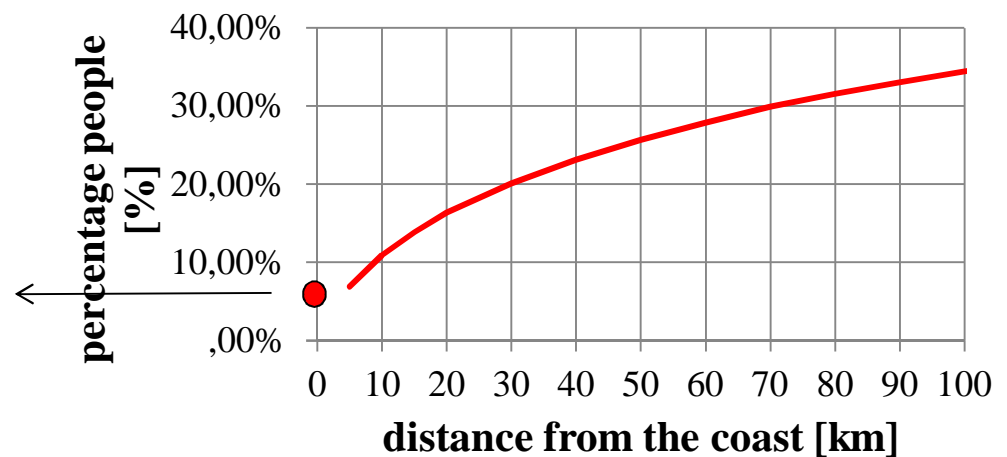
- increase world population & economical growth
- loss of surface water due to contamination
- great resource: available in large quantities
- still unpolluted (relative to surface water)

(Source: Cheng, 1998)

# Groundwater in the coastal zone



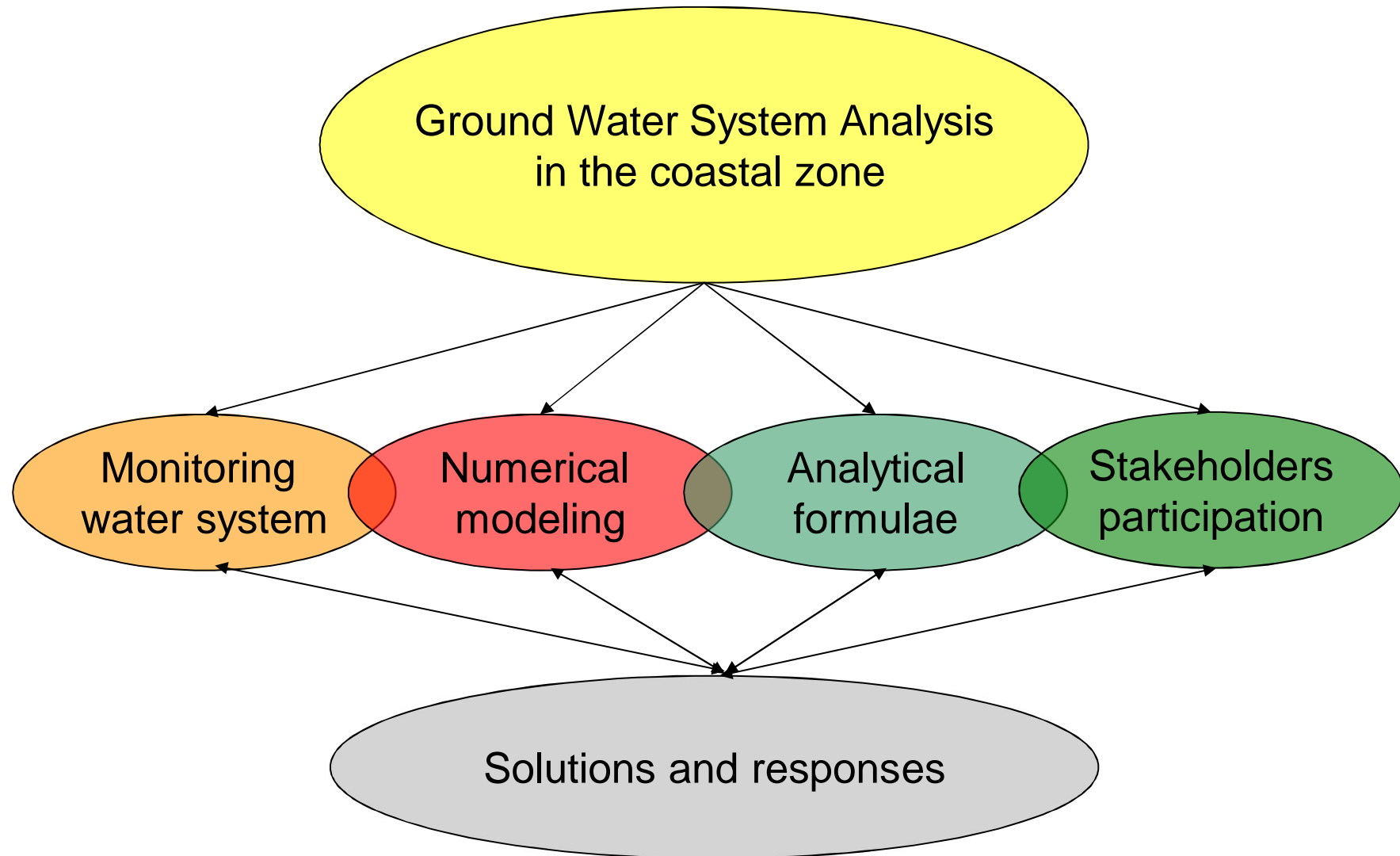
500 million people in the first 5km from the coastline



# Topics of density driven groundwater flow

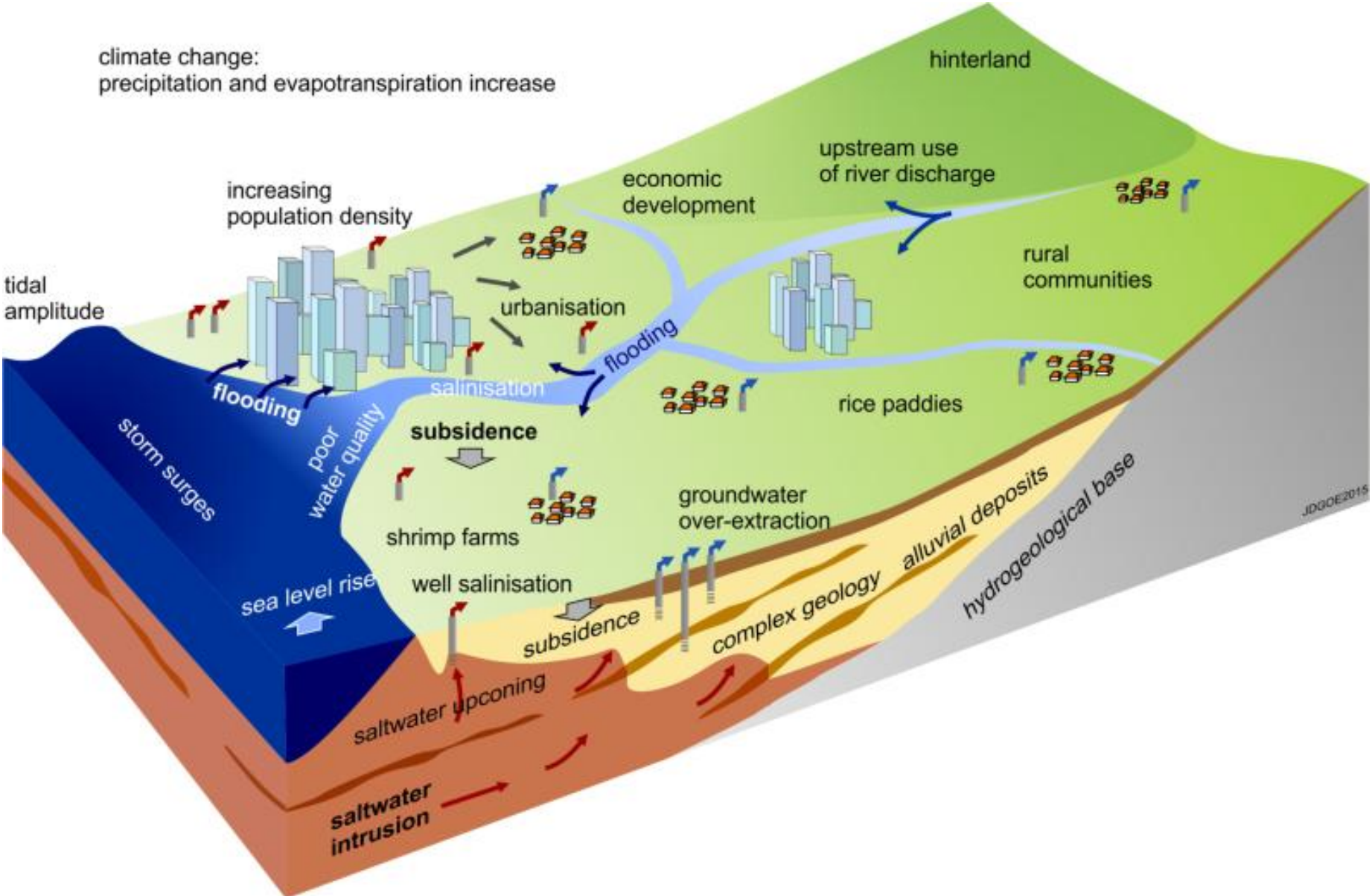
1. Introduction
  - water on earth
  - salt water intrusion
  - freshwater head
2. Interface between fresh and saline groundwater
  - analytical formulae (Badon Ghyben-Herzberg)
  - upconing example
3. Numerical modelling
  - mathematical background
  - Benchmark problems: Henry, Elder, Hydrocoin, etc.
4. Case-studies
  - hypothetical cases
  - 2D, 3D cases
  - real cases (Dutch coastal zone)

Work at Deltares

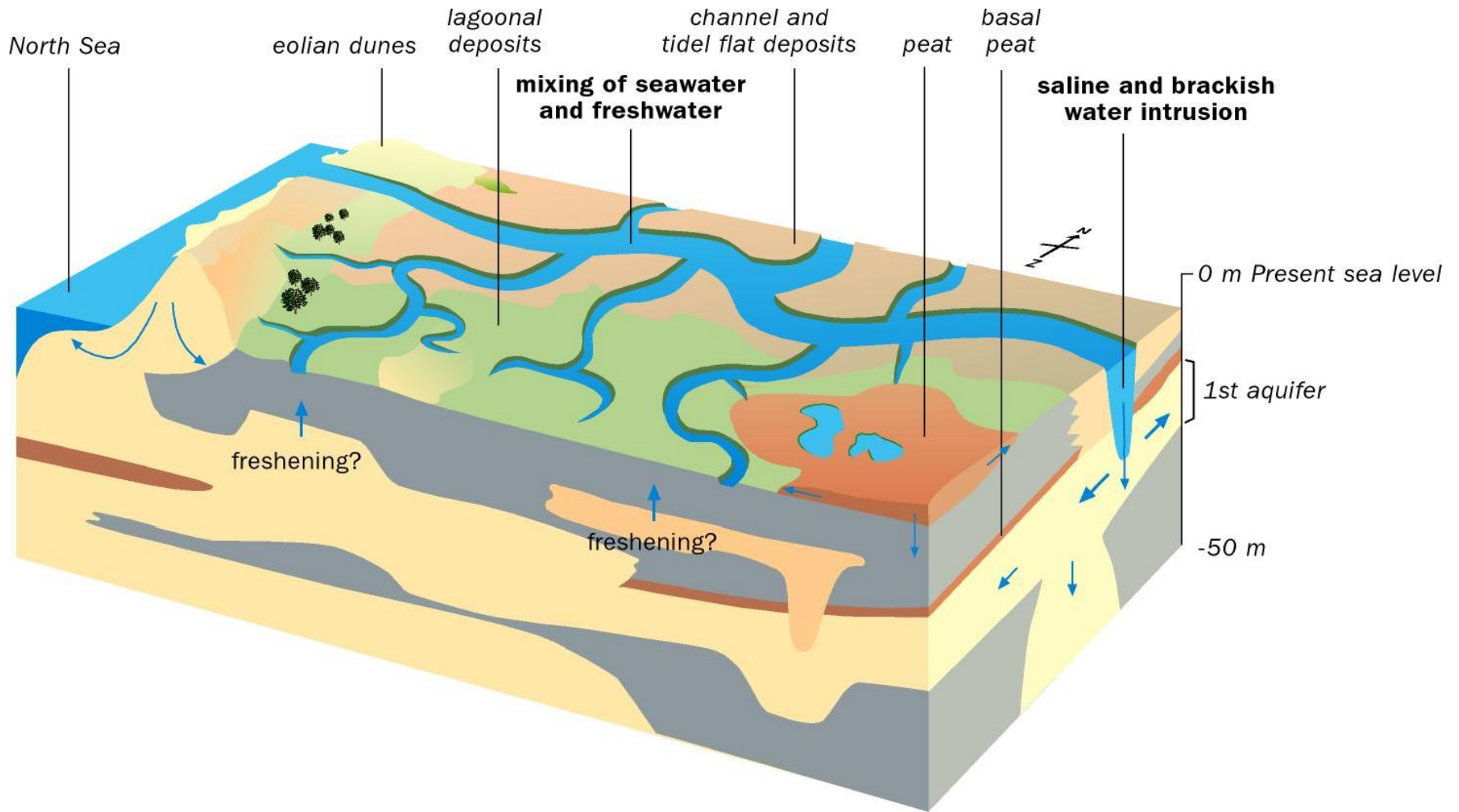




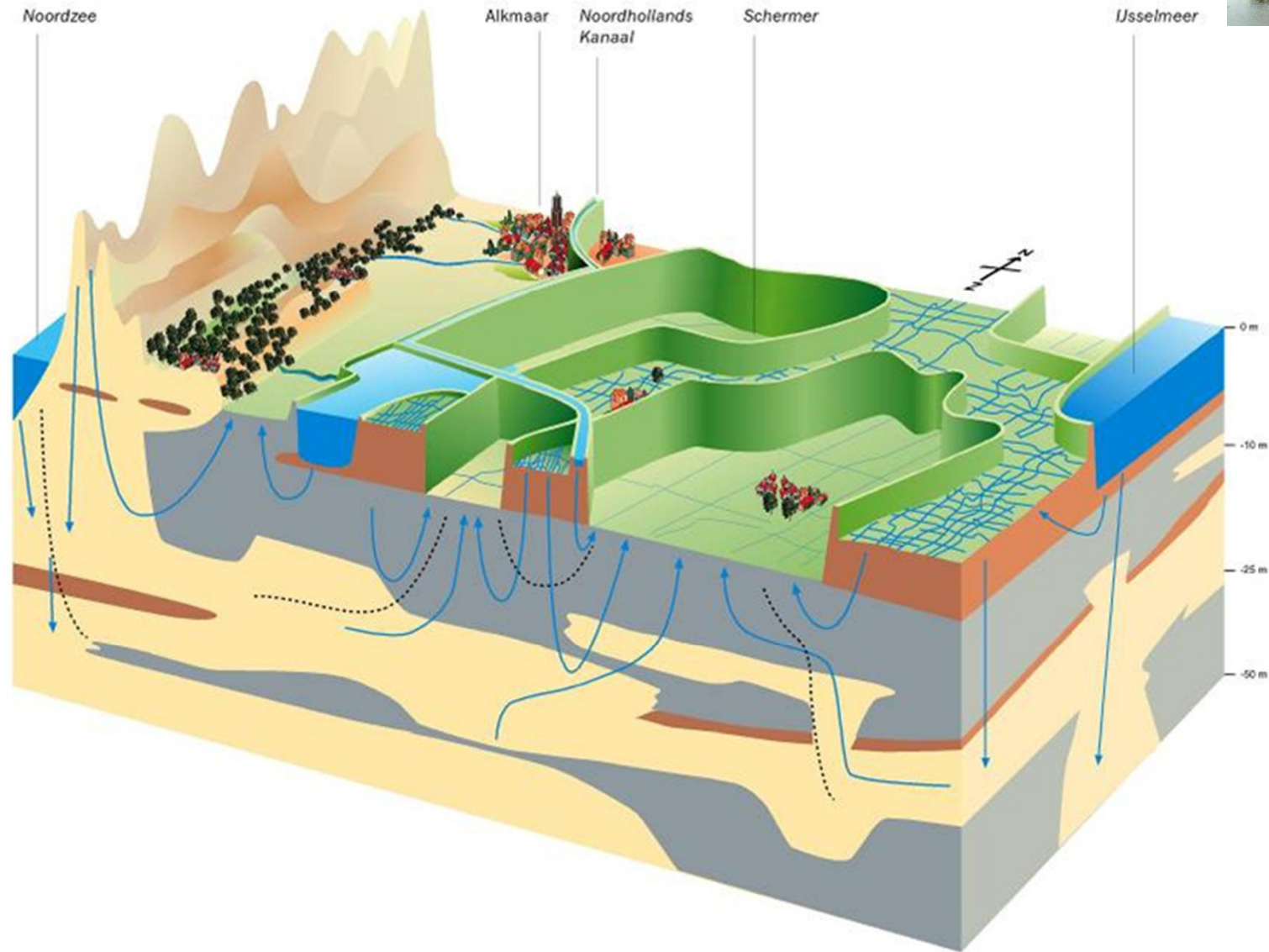
# Groundwater issues in the coastal zone/deltaic areas



# Past, before man



# The polders in the Nederland



# Groundwater in the future

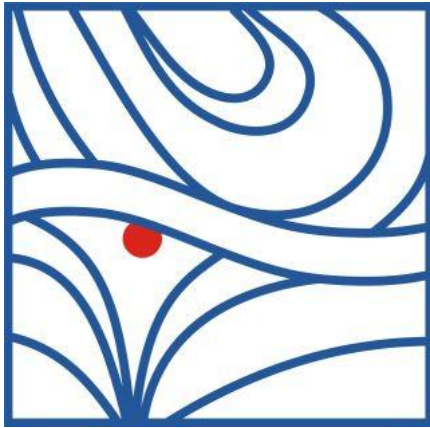
We have to cope with...

- We have to cope with...:
- Groundwater extractions
- Development energy use/production (heat-cold)
- Climate change
- Land subsidence
- Development spatial land use
- **Politics, Policy & Watermanagement**

*Direct anthropogenic influence on groundwater is more important than climate effect*

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## Themes

- Water system analysis
- Monitoring
- Modelling
- Effects
- Solutions



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The Salt Water Intrusion Meeting (SWIM) conference series has been held in different countries on a biennial basis since 1968. Although the main focus has traditionally been on seawater intrusion, contributions related to saline groundwater more broadly are also considered. The meetings are attended by a multidisciplinary group of people with a wide variety of expertise, including chemistry, engineering, geology, geophysics, mathematics, physics, and management.



[SWIM](#) from [Alphafilm & Kommunikation](#) on [Vimeo](#).

The long-lived success of the conference series reflects the relevance of managing saline groundwater problems around the world, especially in densely populated coastal areas. These include:

- increased demand due to economic development and population growth
- over-exploitation of water resources, especially in arid and semi-arid areas
- contamination and quality deterioration of water resources
- characterization of groundwater systems and movement of saline groundwater
- management and prevention of salinization
- natural and man-made environmental change

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The main aims of this web site are to be the central and permanent source of information for people interested in the SWIM and to increase awareness and provide access of the excellent work that is presented at the SWIM meetings

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## The proceedings of the Salt Water Intrusion Meeting

The SWIM proceedings span a period of almost 40 years. The proceedings of the first informal meeting consisted of a few pages in German. Successive meetings all had regular proceedings. They provide an excellent overview of the developments in the research of saline groundwater over the past decades.

At the 18th SWIM in Cartagena it was agreed that efforts will be undertaken to make all SWIM proceedings available through the internet. Currently, the proceedings of the 9th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st SWIM and the abstracts of the 18th SWIM are available from this web site. The proceedings of other meetings will become available as soon as they have been digitized. Some hardcopies of proceedings can still be ordered from various publishers. Links to these are provided on this page.

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- [23rd SWIM, Husum, Germany, 2014](#)
- [22nd SWIM, Buzios, Brazil, 2012](#)
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- [20th SWIM, Naples, Florida, USA, 2008 \(abstracts\)](#)
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- [18th SWIM, Cartagena, Spain, 2004 \(abstracts\)](#)
- [17th SWIM, Delft, The Netherlands, 2002](#)
- [16th SWIM, Wolin Island, Poland, 2000](#)
- [15th SWIM, Ghent, Belgium, 1998](#)
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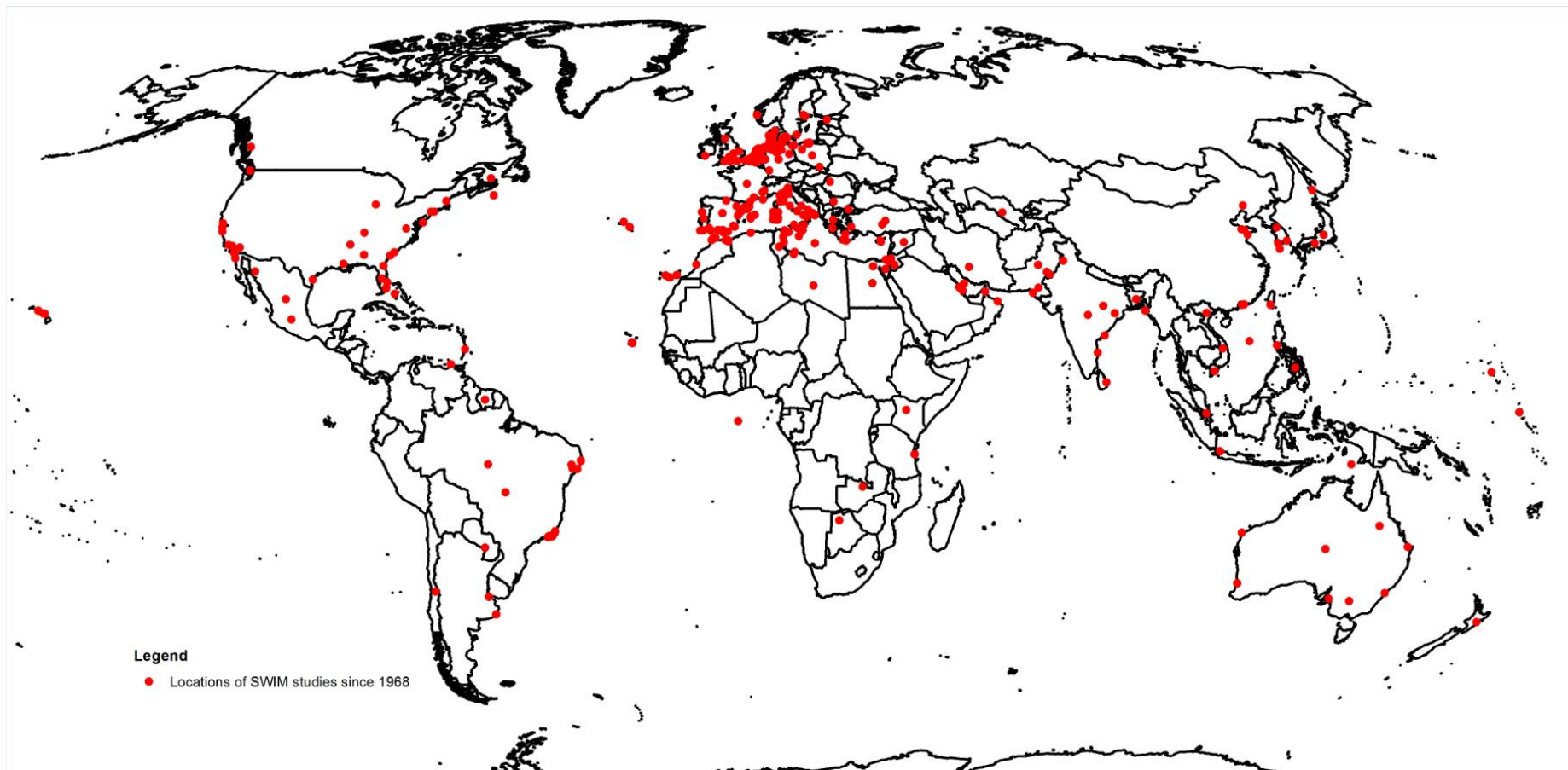
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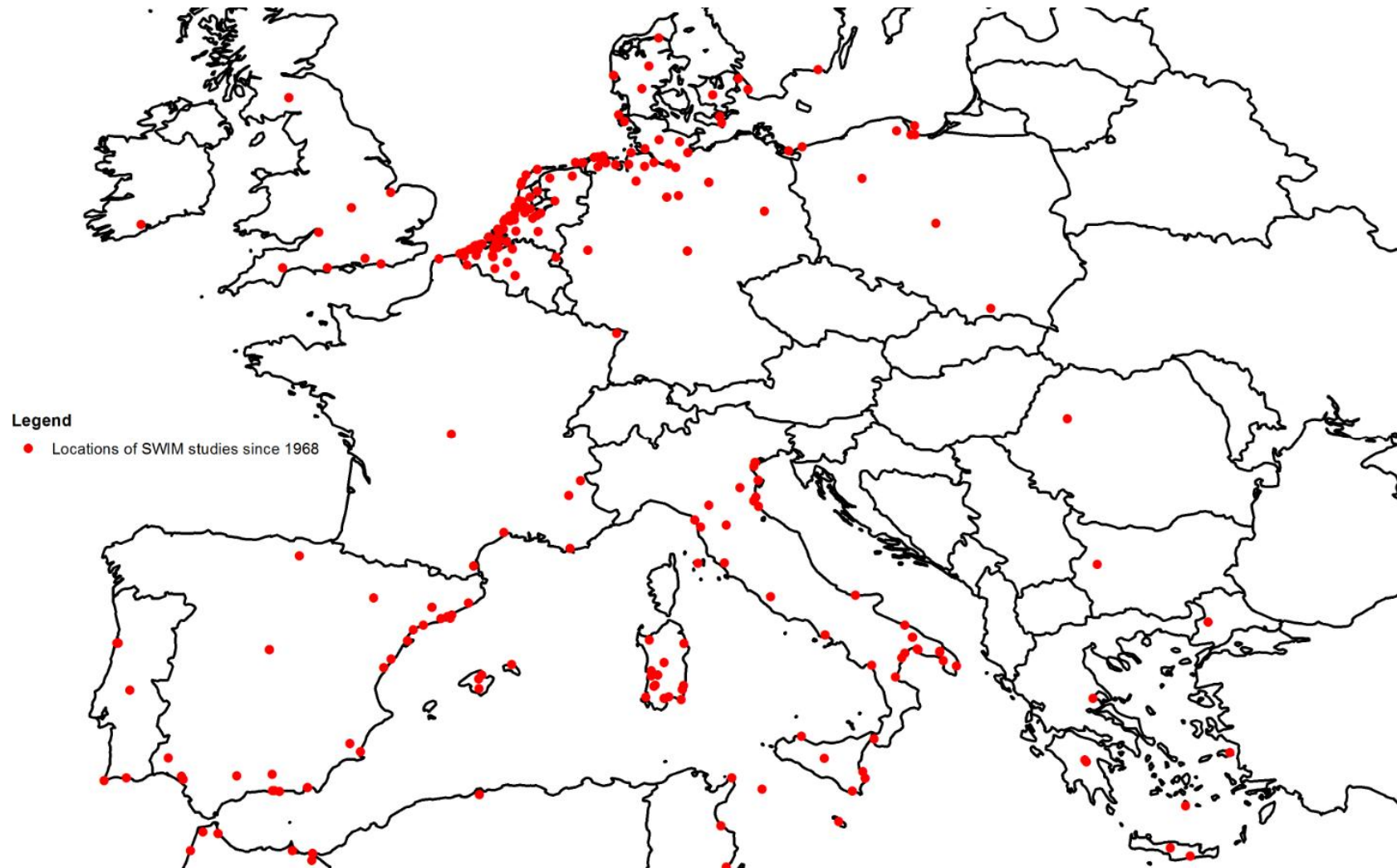
### Session 1 - Managing Coastal Groundwater I

[G.H.P. Oude Essink](#) Fresh Groundwater Resources in Deltaic Areas Under Climate and Global Stresses, with Examples from Vietnam, Egypt, Bangladesh and The Netherlands

# Location of SWIM studies since 1968



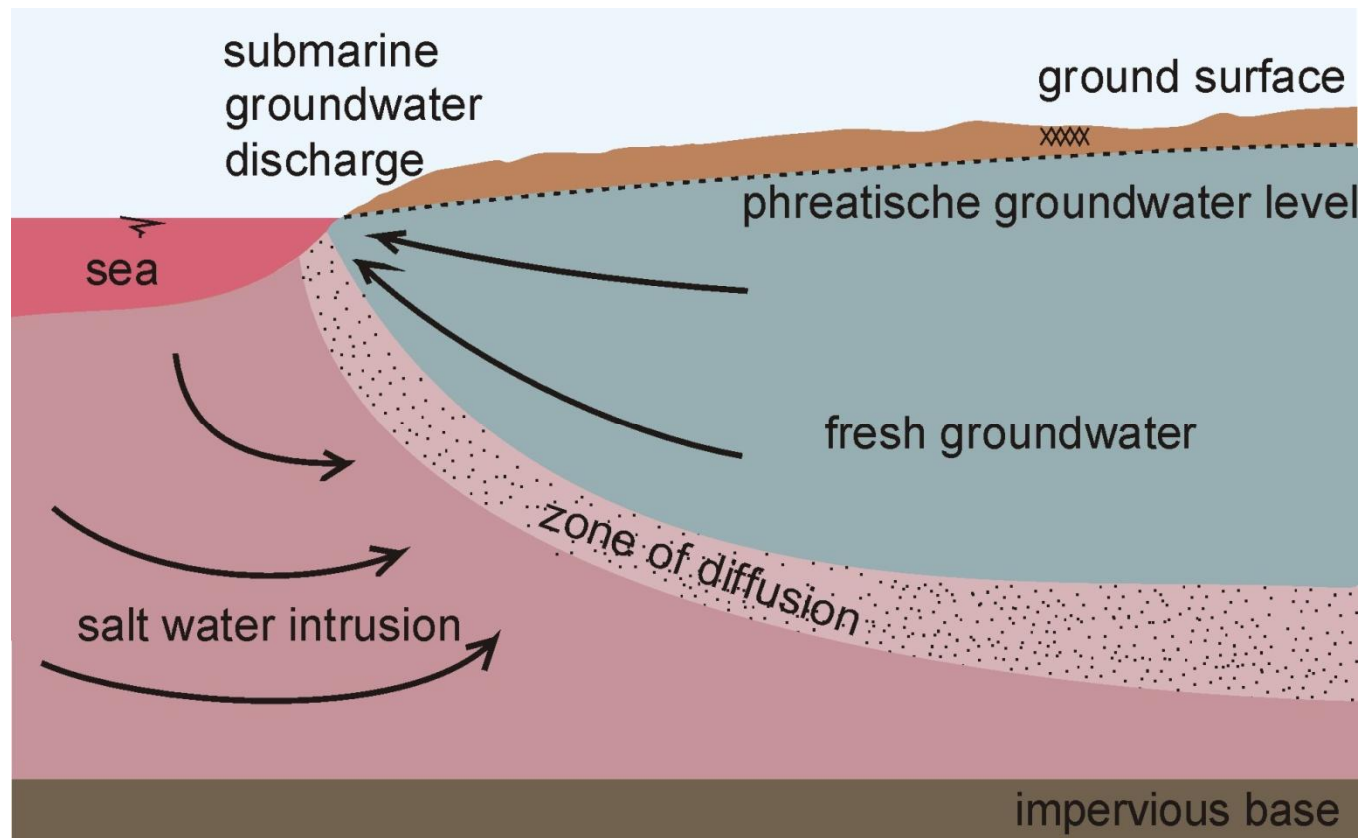
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# Introduction SWI

# Definition of salt water intrusion

*Inflow of saline water into an aquifer which contains fresh water*



## Origin of saline groundwater in the subsoil

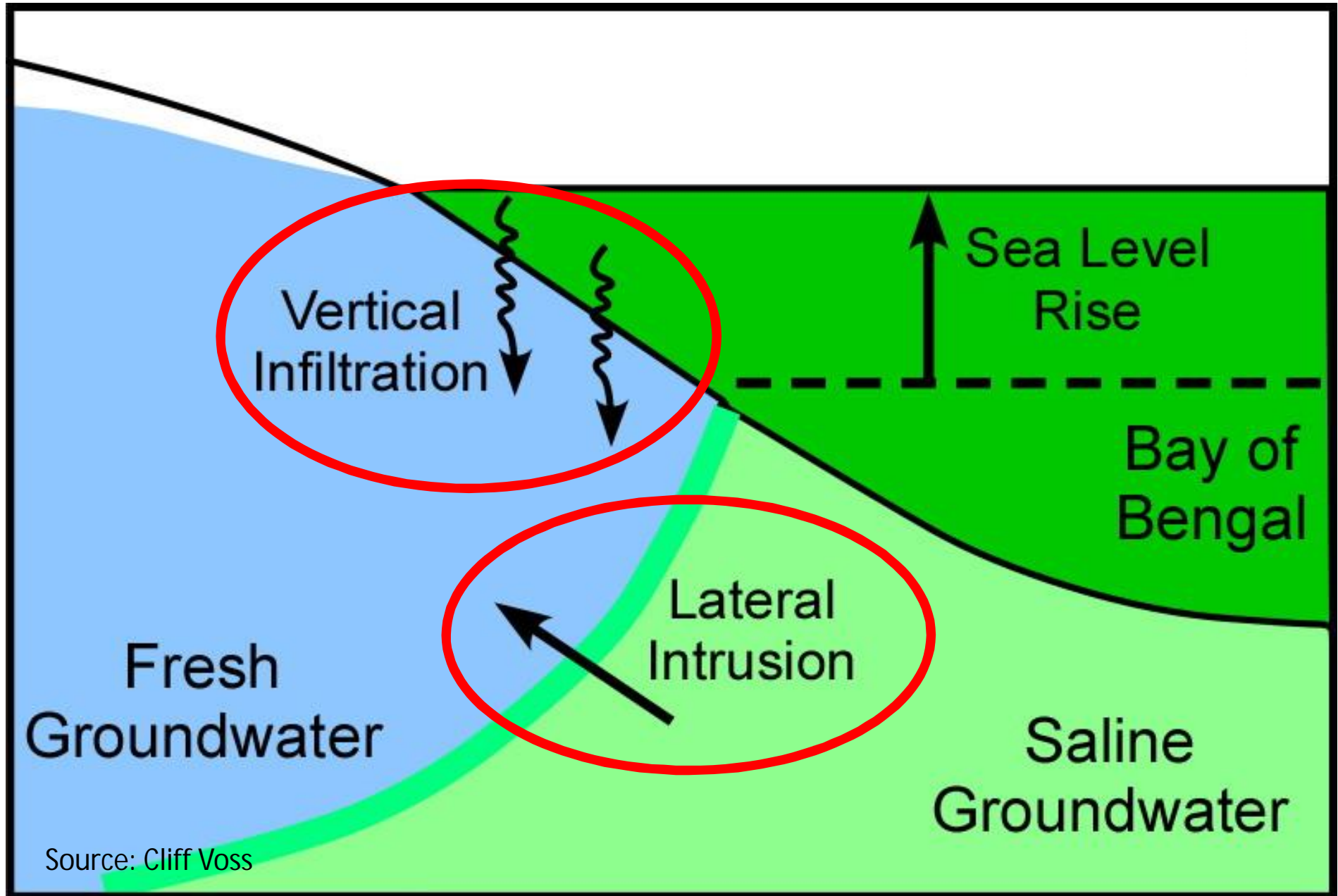
### Geological causes:

- marine deposits during geological times
- trans- and regressions in coastal areas (deltas)
- salt/brine dome

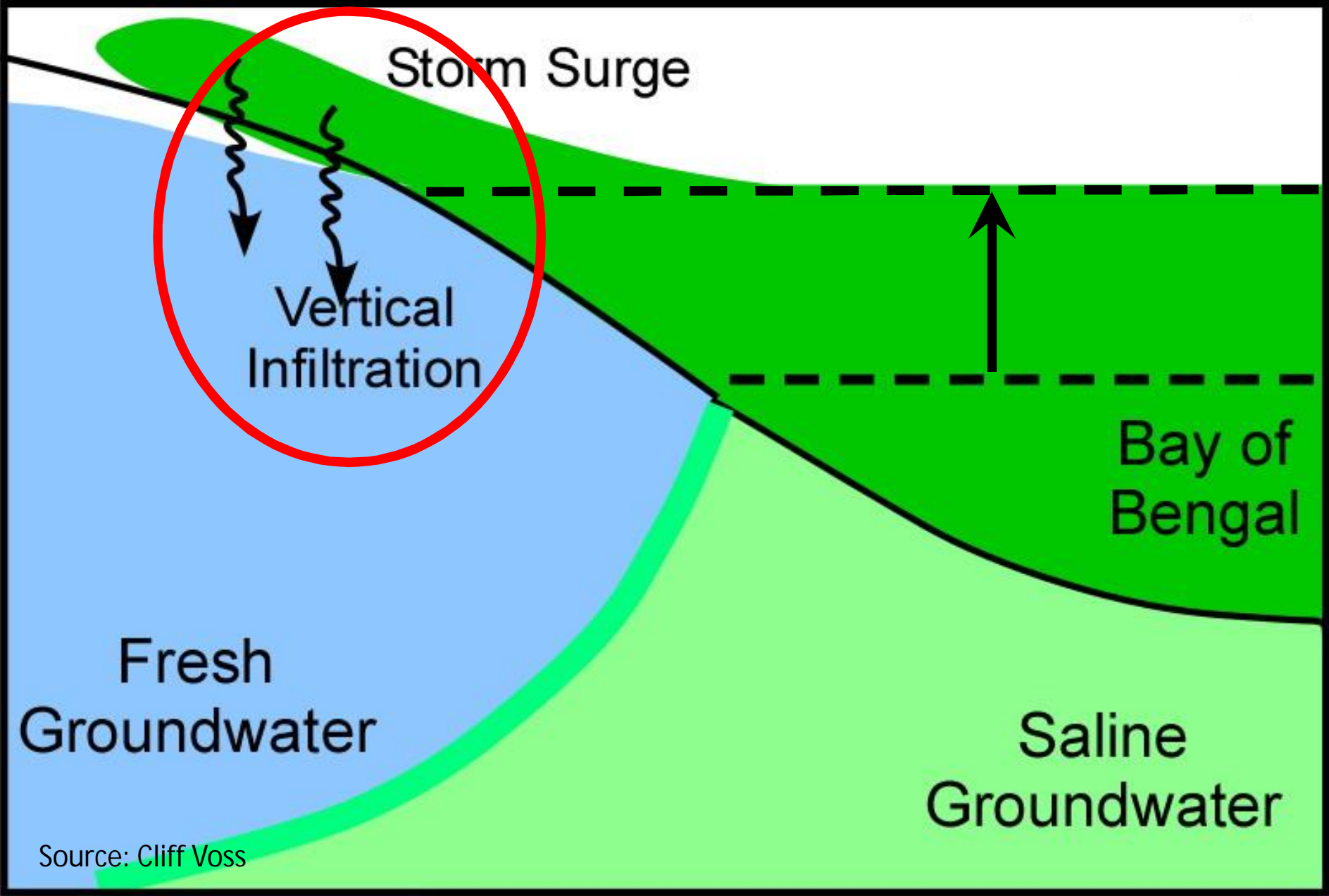
### Anthropogenic causes:

- agriculture/irrigation (salt damage Middle East & Australia)
- upconing under extraction wells throughout the world
- upconing under low-lying areas (e.g. Dutch polders)

# Modes of Salinization due to Sea-Level Rise



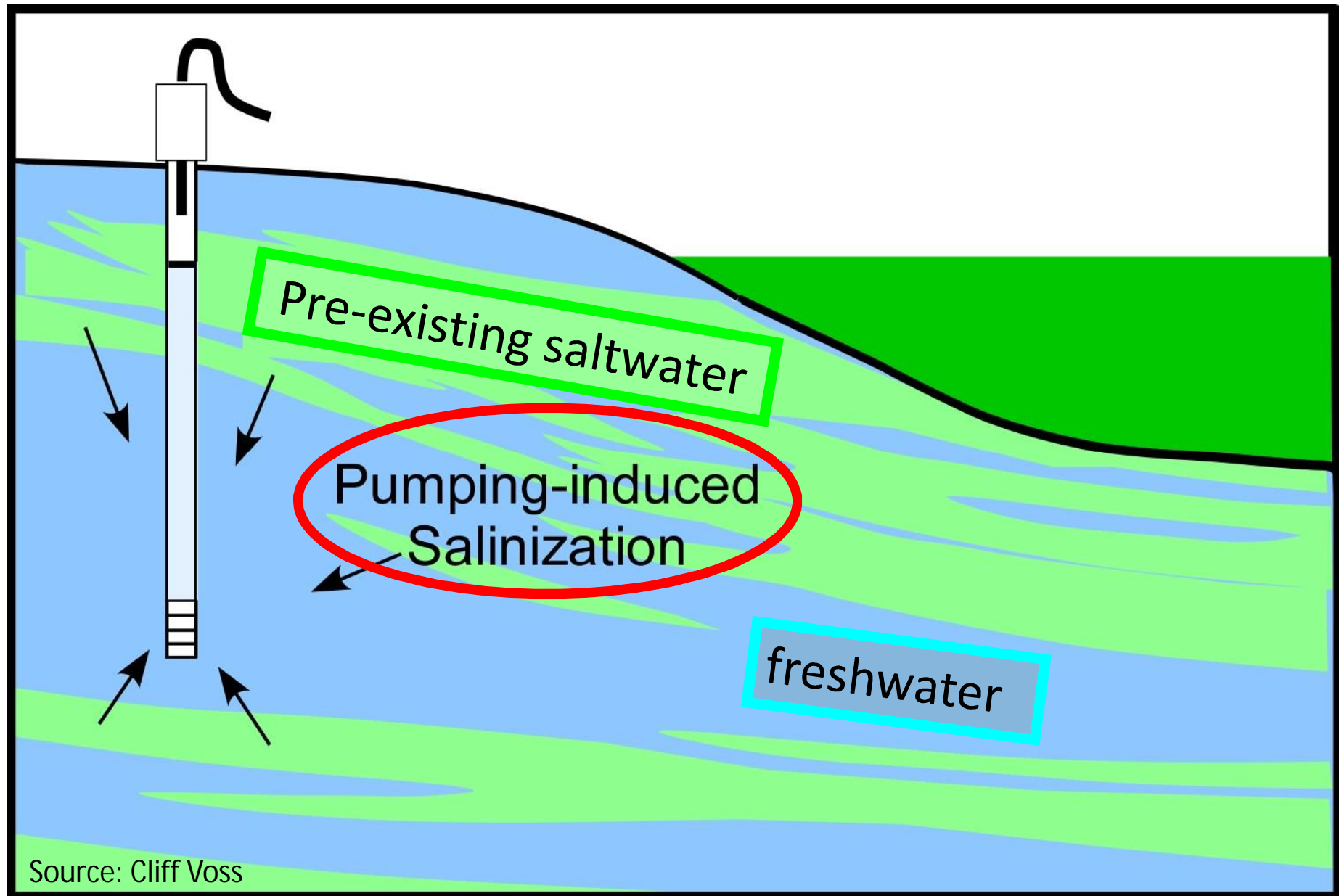
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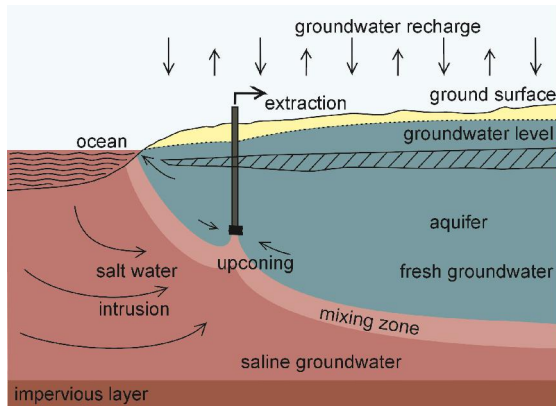
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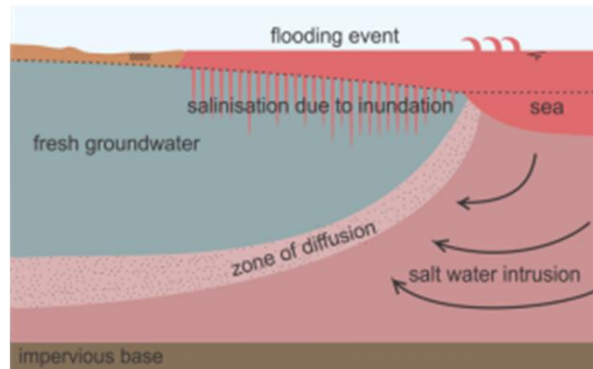
# Salinization due to Pumping



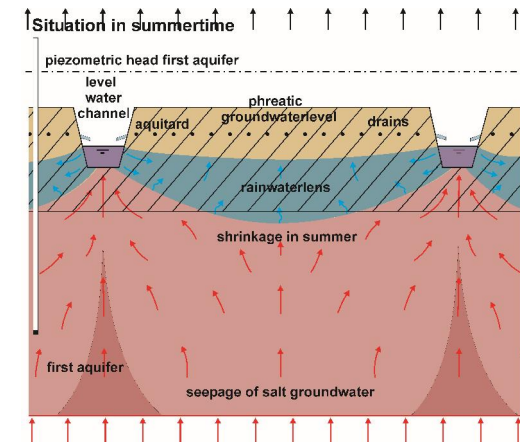
# Salinisation processes at local scale



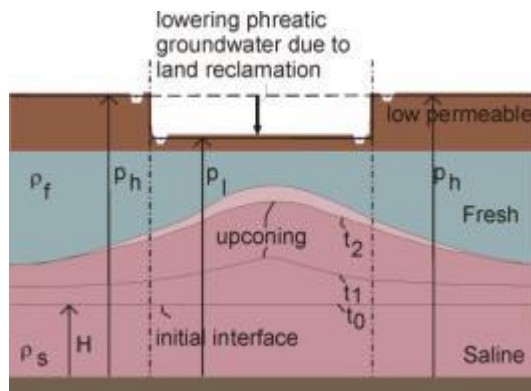
Salt water intrusion groundwater



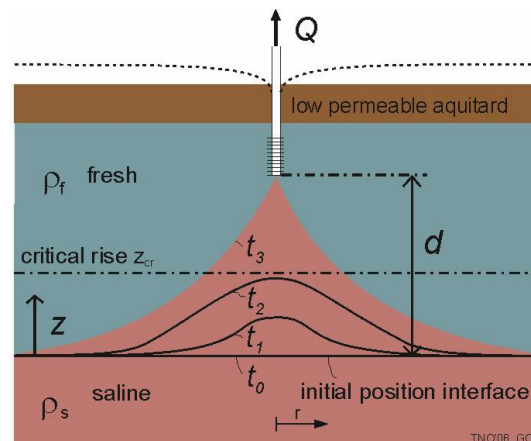
Inundation saline seawater



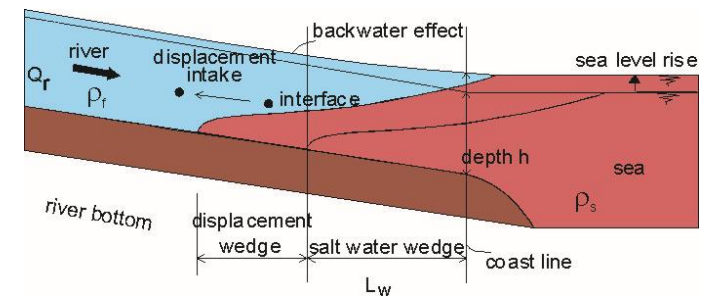
Shallow rainwaterlens



Upconing low-lying area

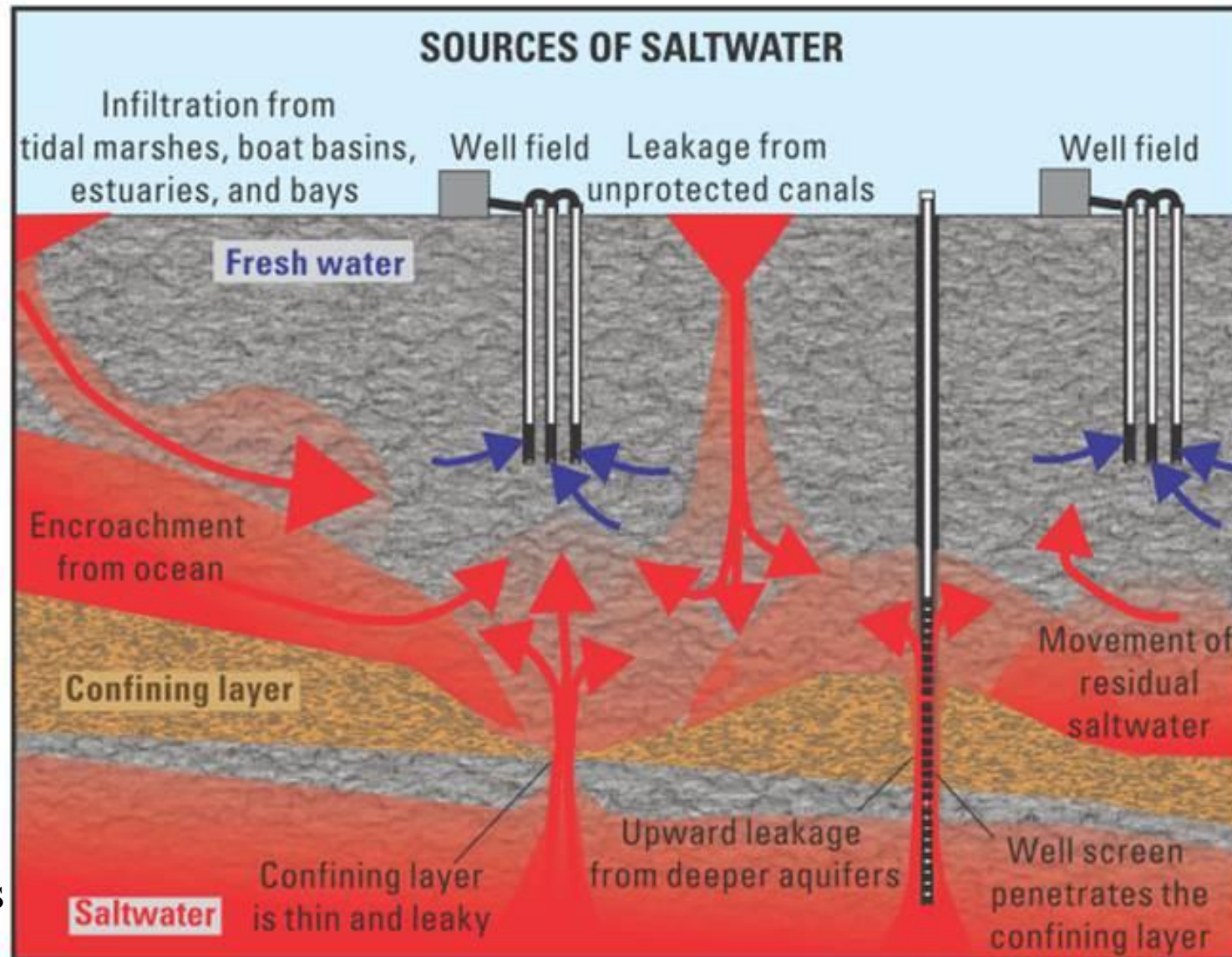


Upconing extraction

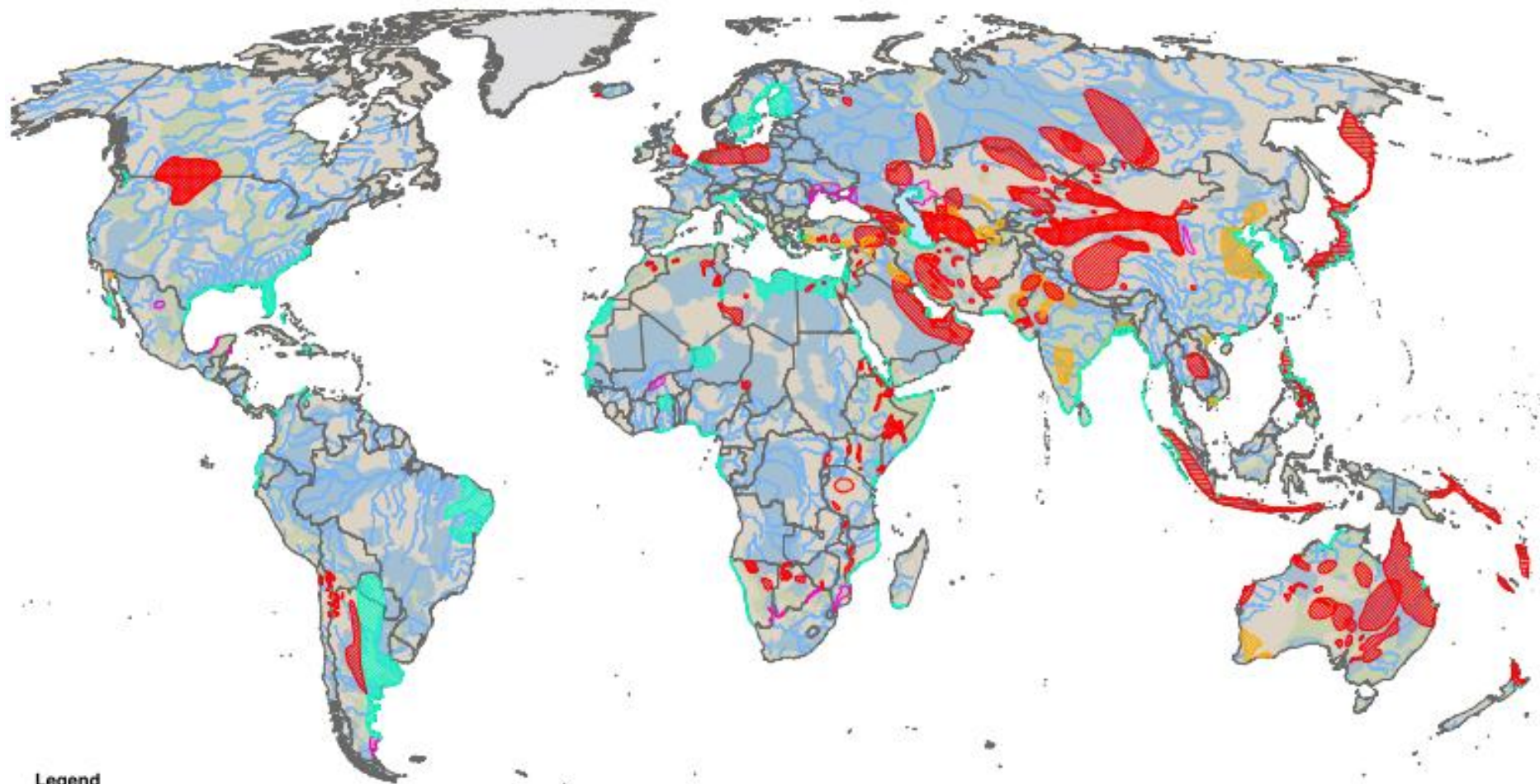


Salt water intrusion surface water

# Salinization processes in the coastal zone: combination



# Regions with brackish and saline groundwater at shallow and intermediate depths



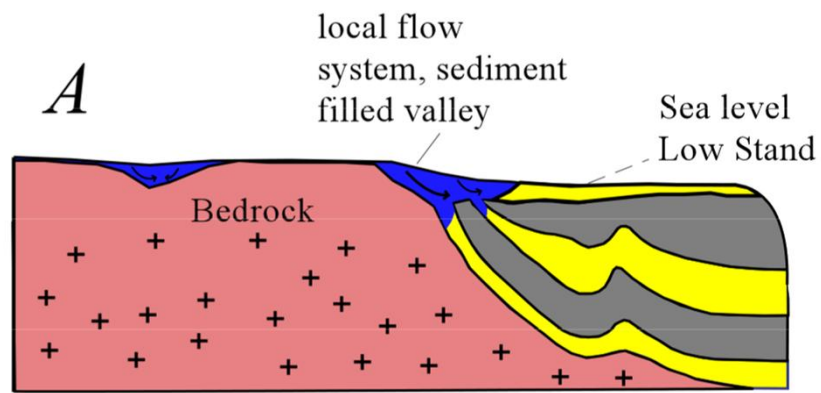
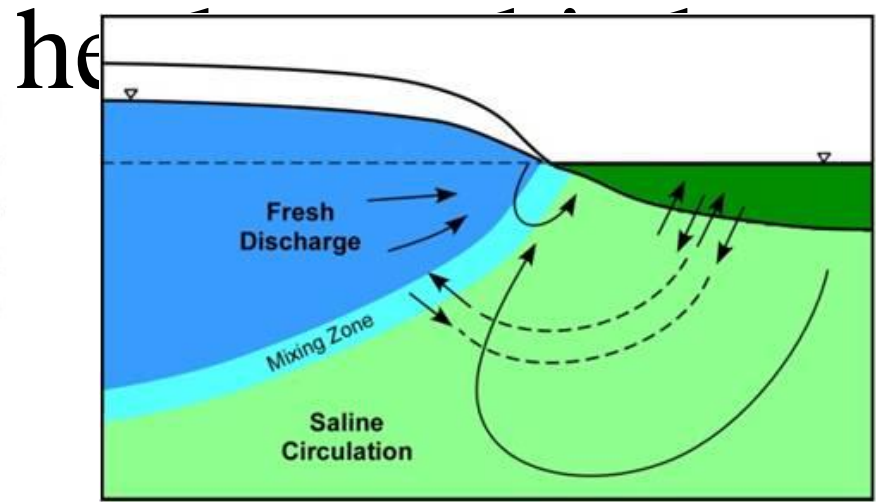
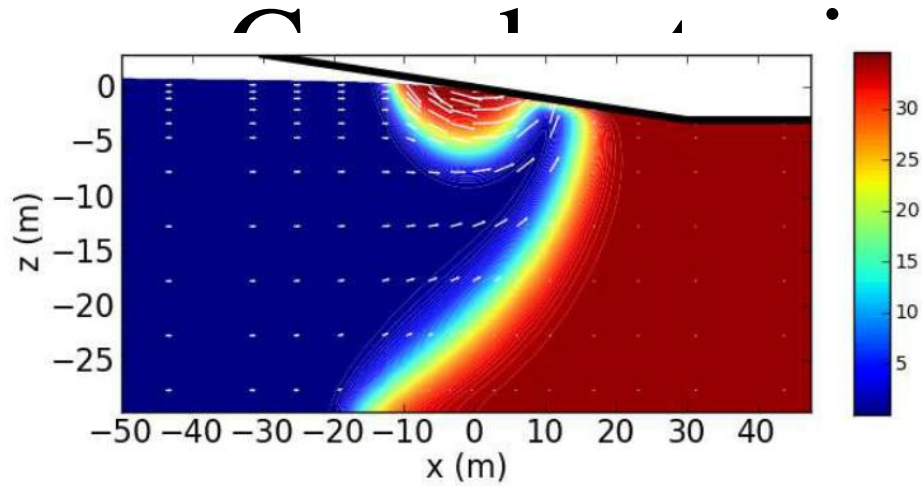
## Legend

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|--|--|--------------------|--|---|
| Marine origin  | Natural terrestrial origin               | Irrigation         | Marine origin                          | Political borders                           |
| Connate  | Evaporation                              | Pollution          | Transgression                          | major sedimentary groundwater basin         |
| Marine transgression                                       | Dissolution                              |                    | Flooding                               | area with complex hydrogeological structure |
| Lateral seawater intrusion & up-coning                     | igneous activity                         |                    | Lateral seawater intrusion & up-coning | local shallow aquifer                       |
| Combination of connate, transgression and current flooding | Combination of evaporation & dissolution | Unspecified origin | Irrigation                             | ice   |

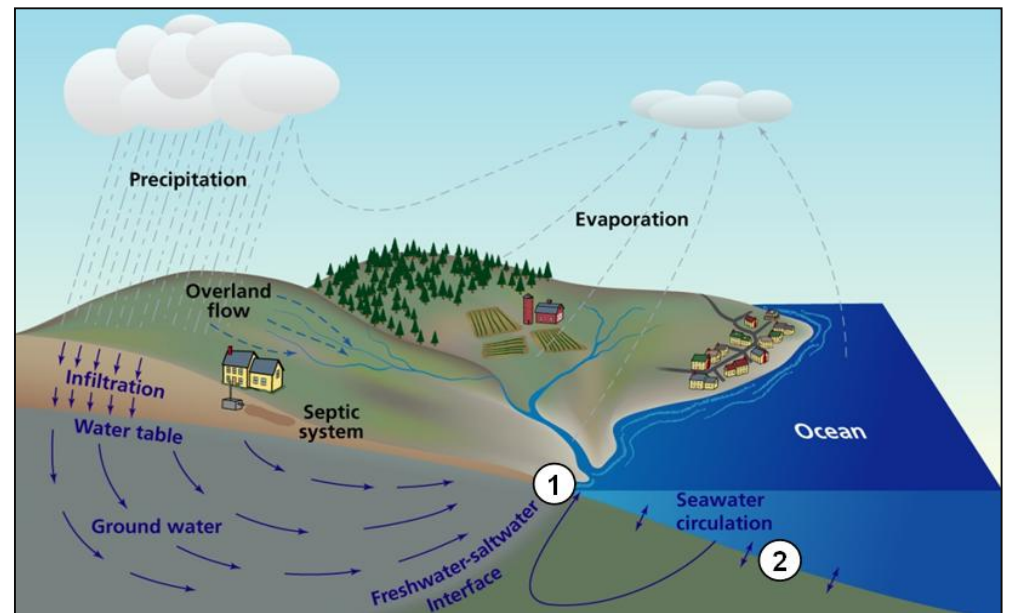
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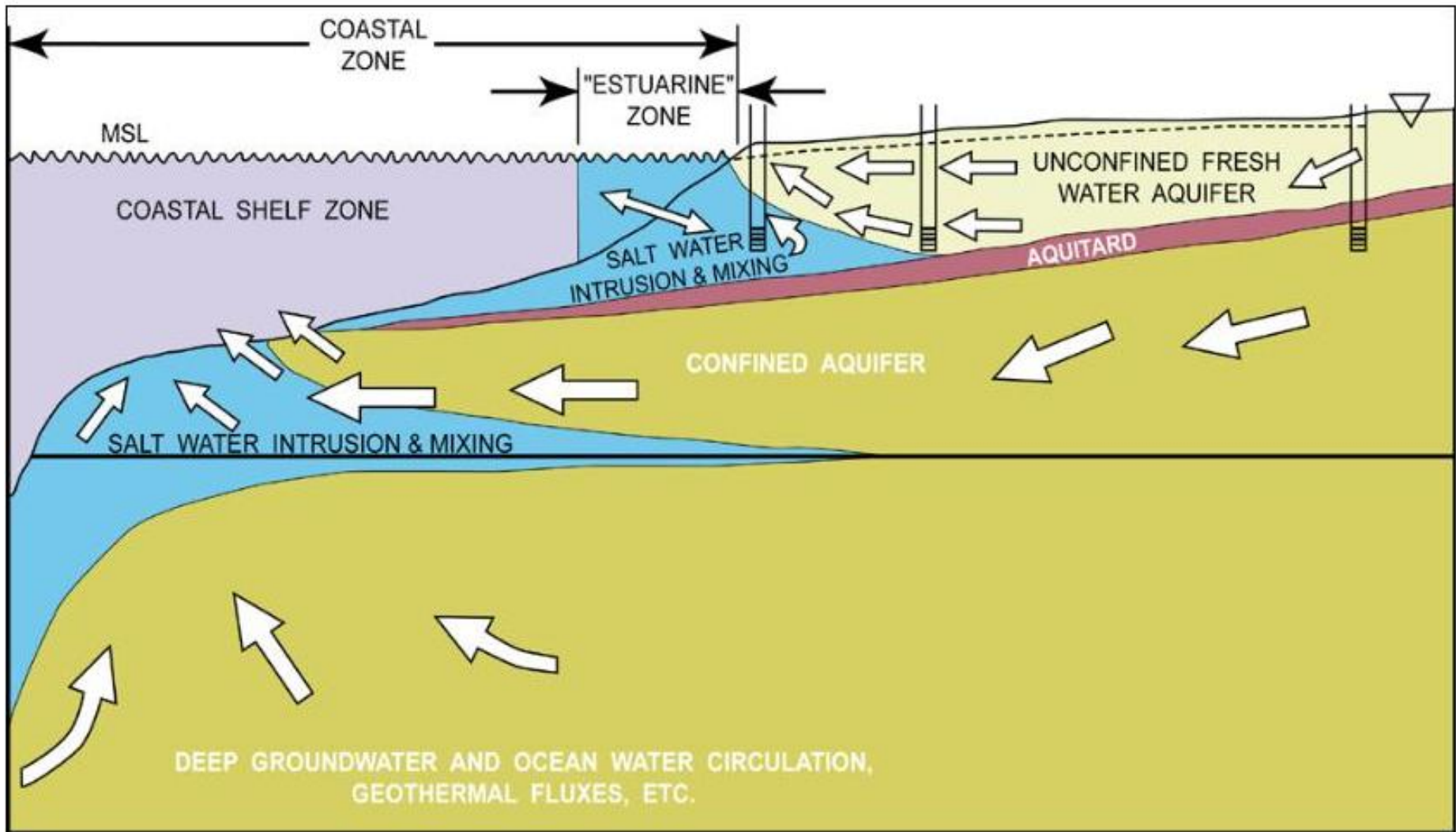
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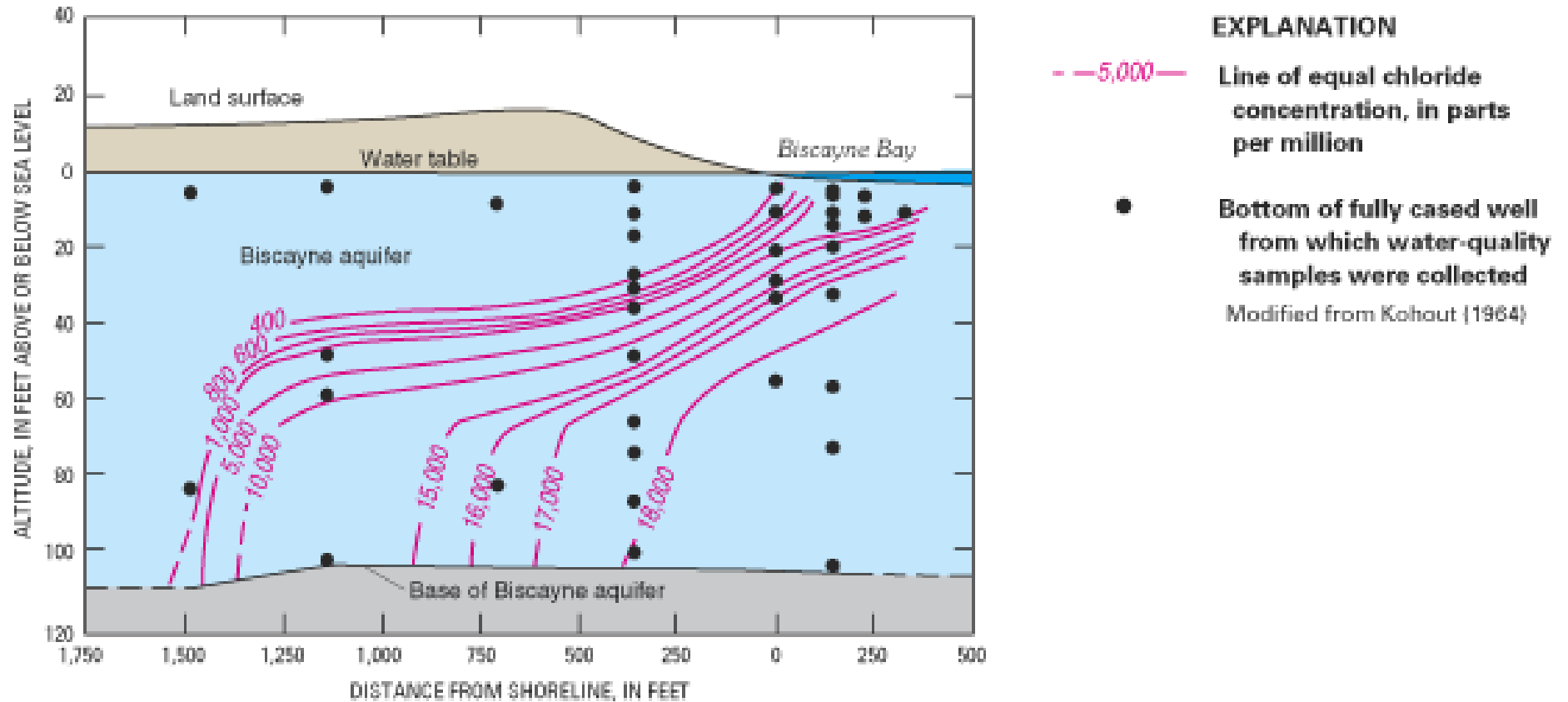


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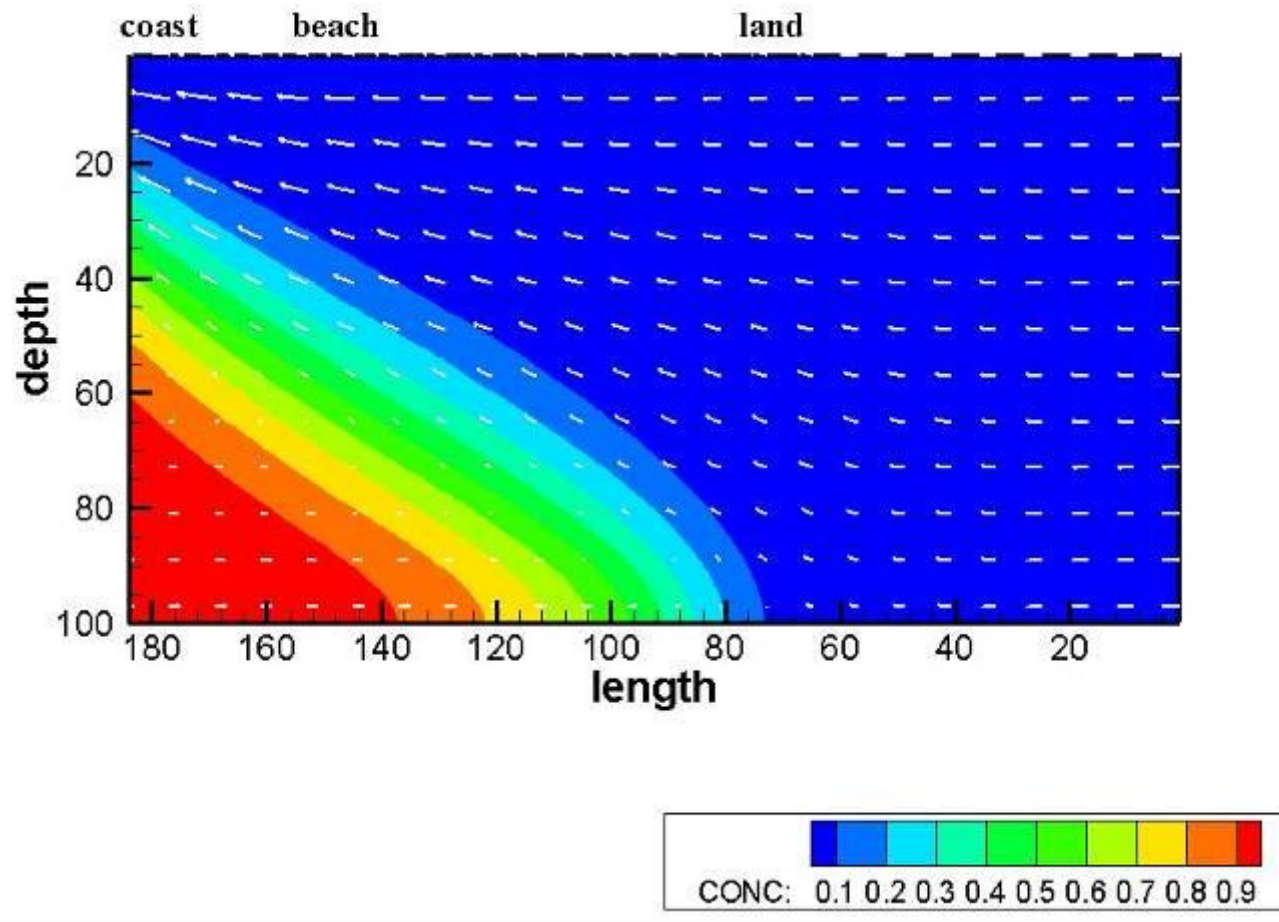


# Biscayne aquifer, Florida USA: Henry's case



# Definition of salt water intrusion

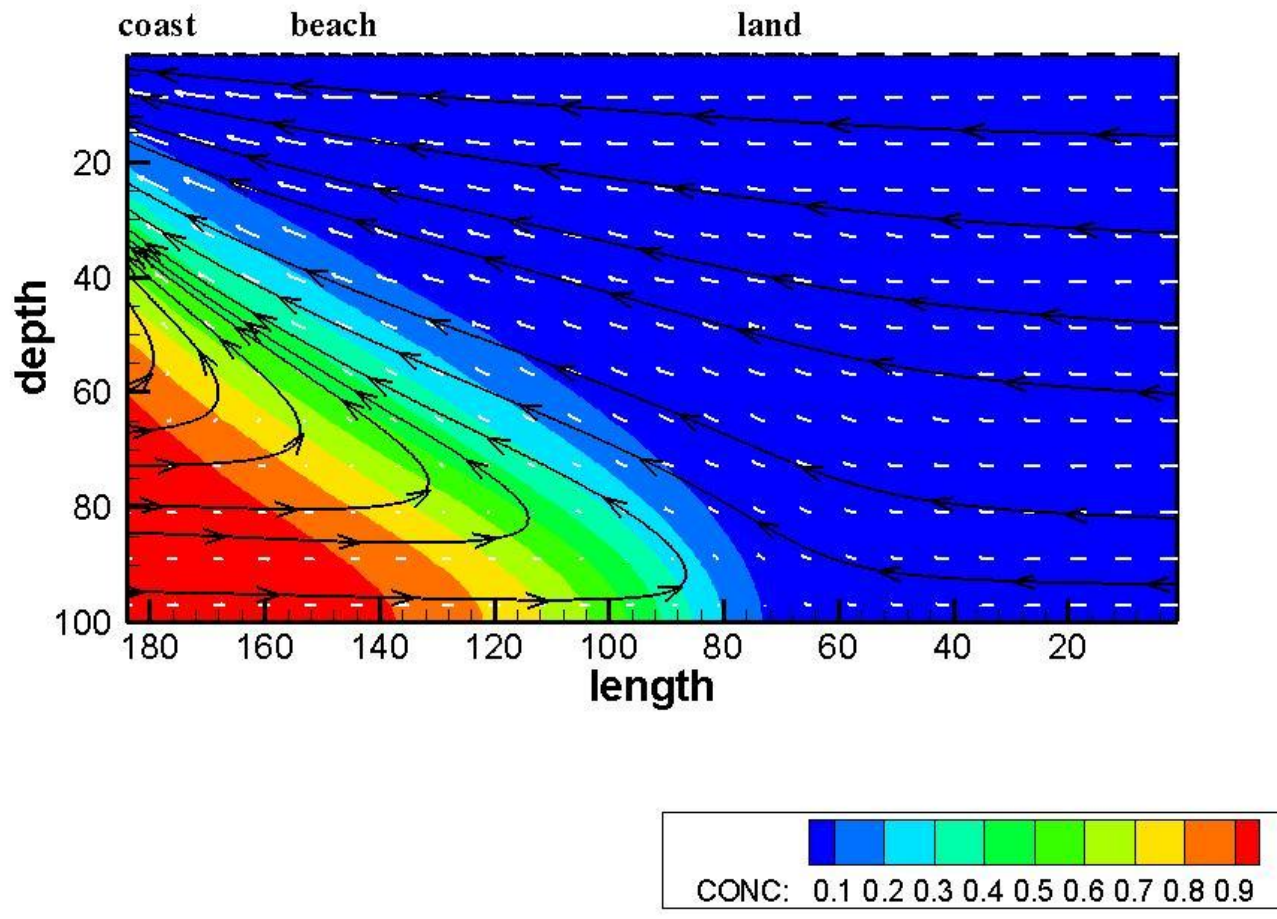
Numerical model: Henry's case





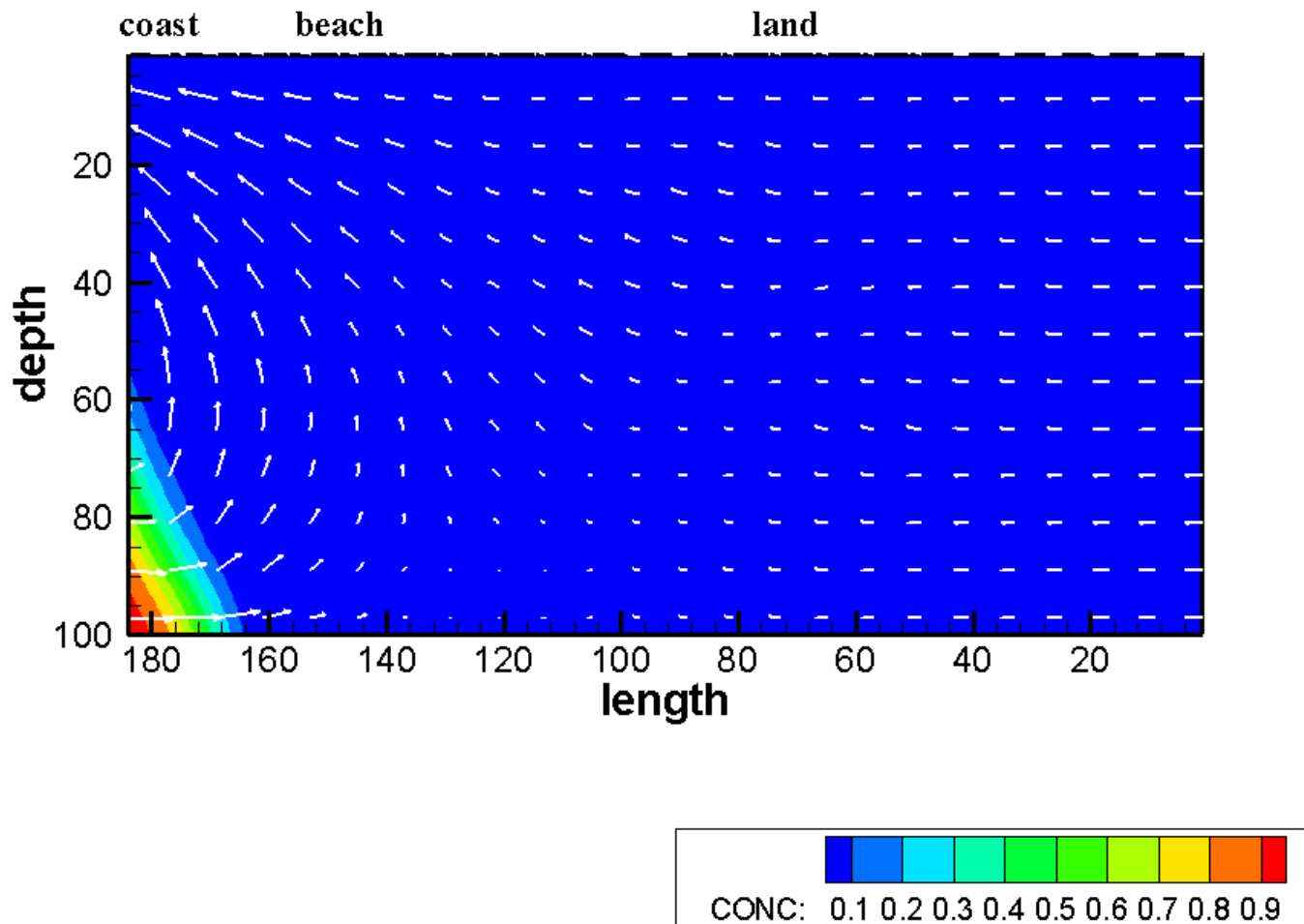
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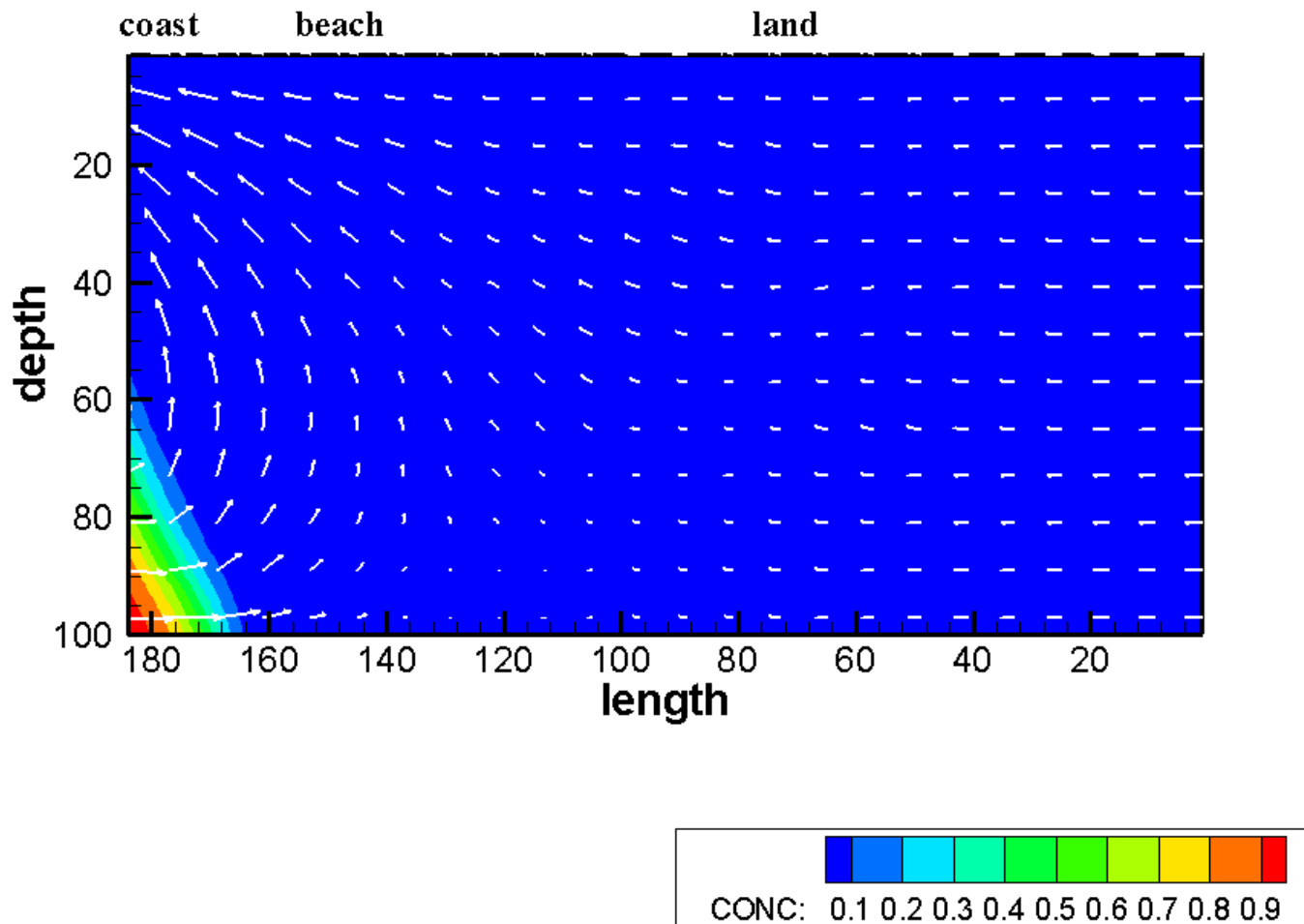
# Sea level rise and salt water intrusion

## Effect sea level rise on groundwater system in coastal zone

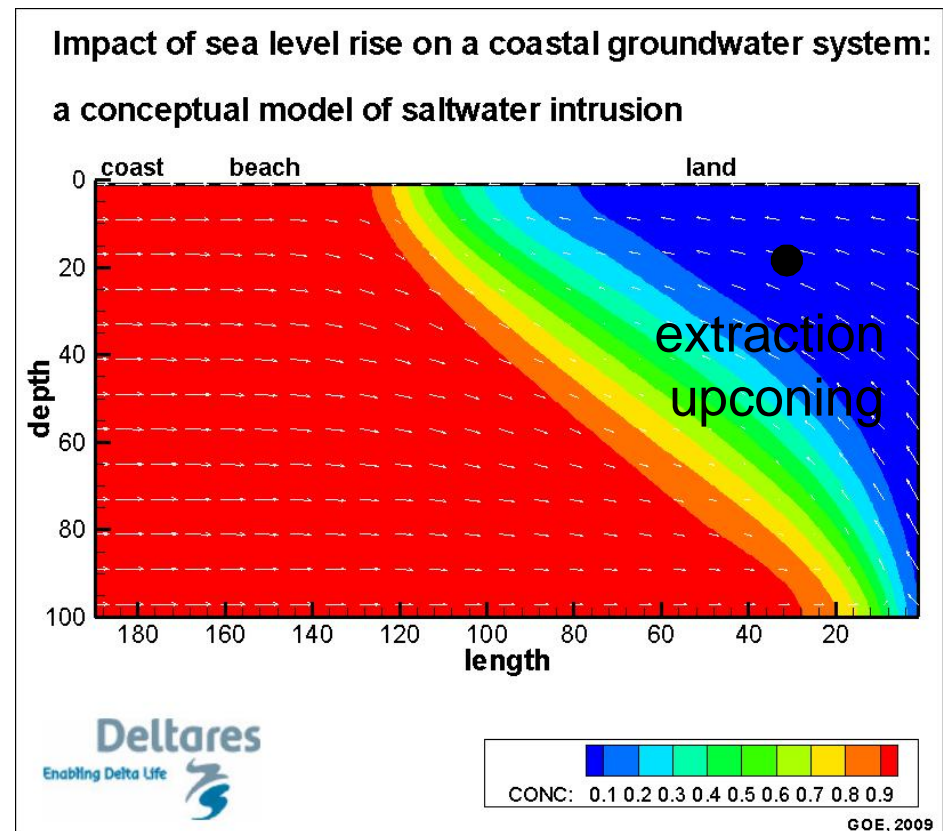
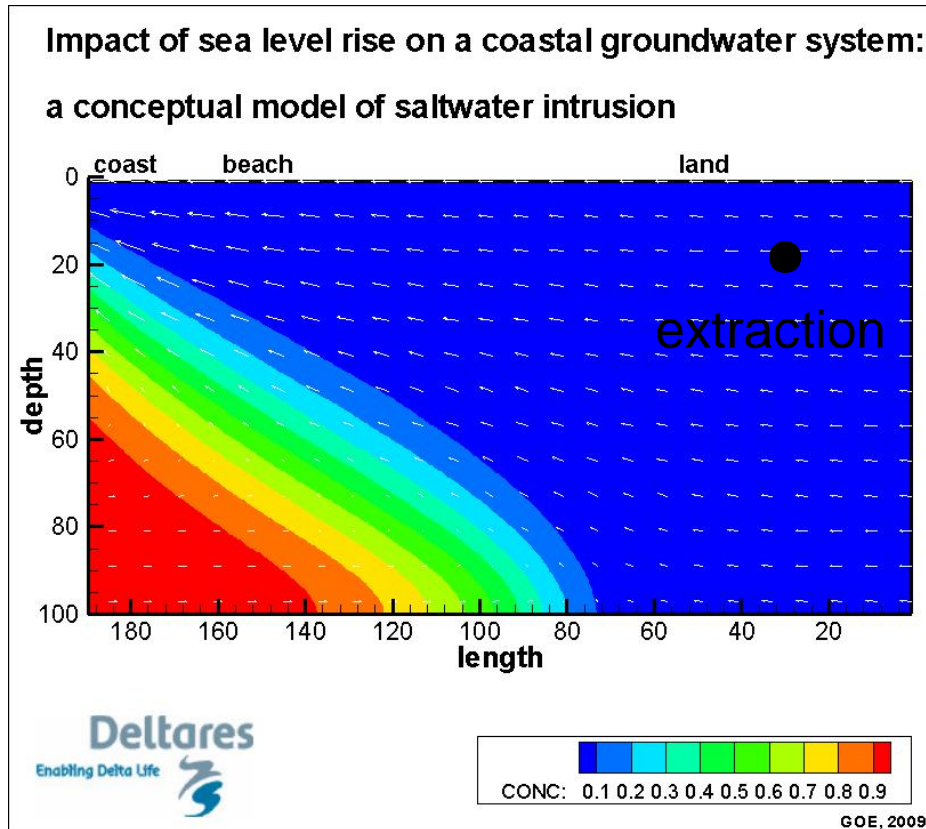


# Sea level rise and salt water intrusion

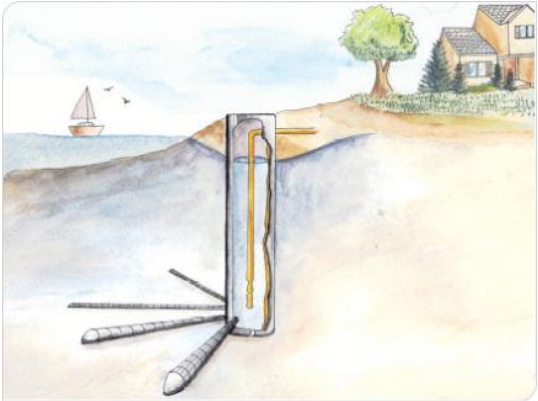
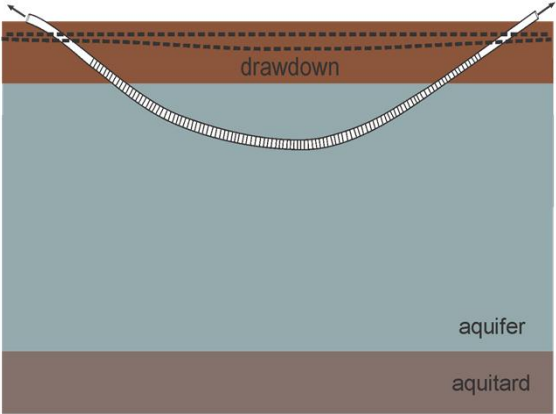
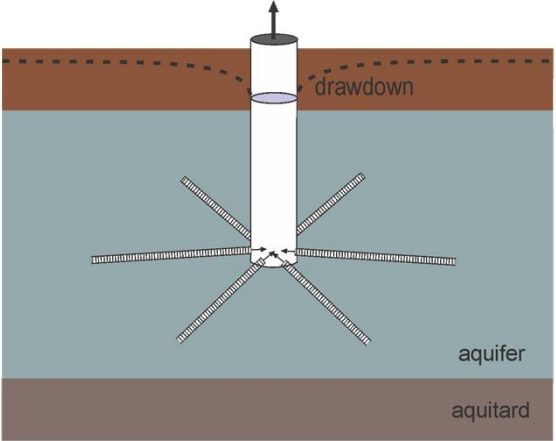
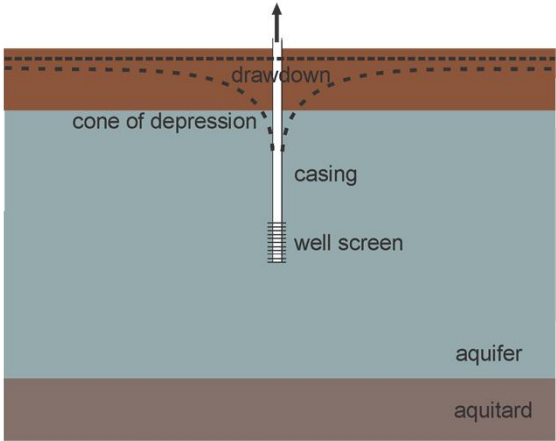
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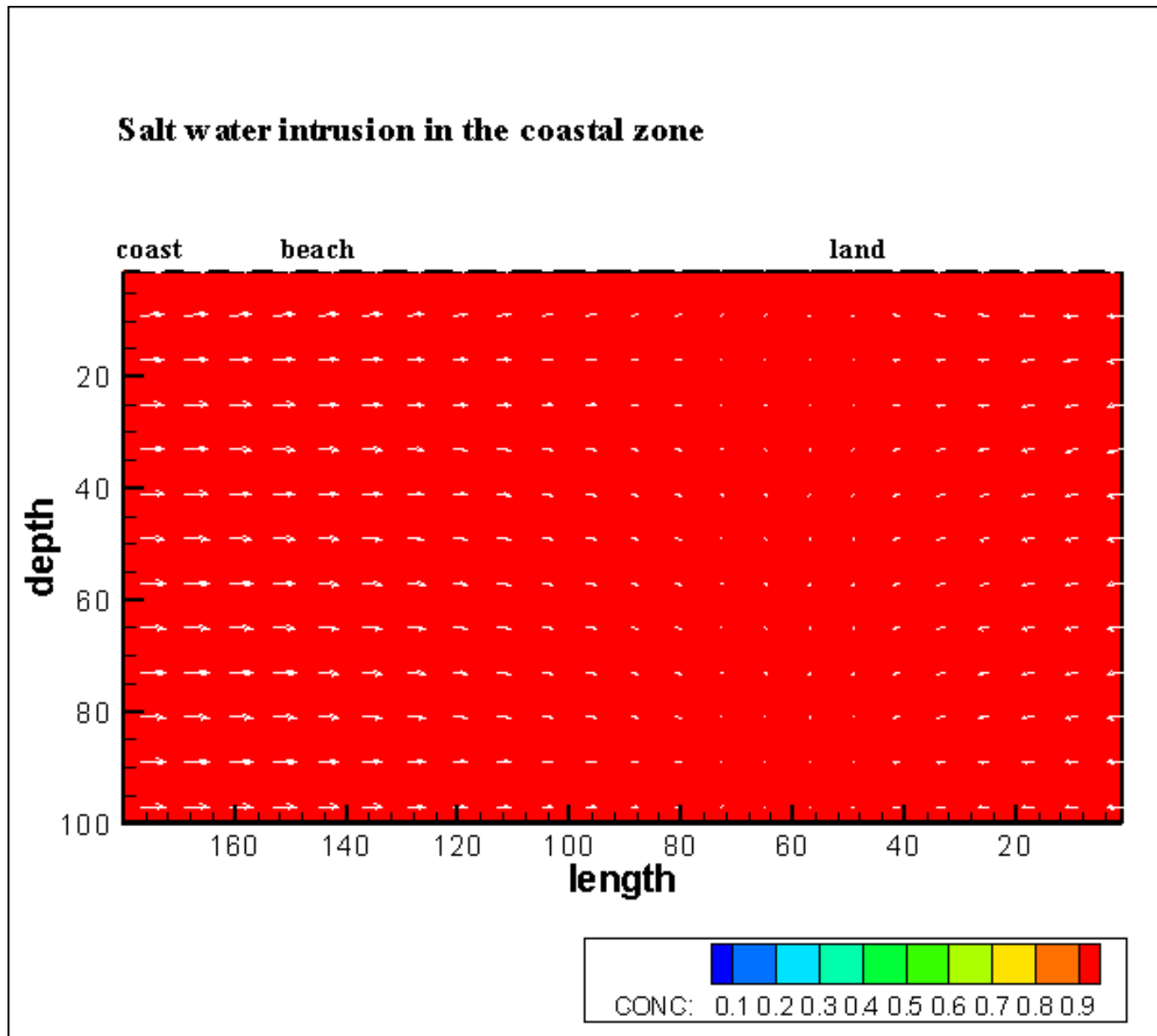
# Sea level rise and salt water intrusion



# Types of extraction systems



# Salt water intrusion





# Water on Earth

Some serious developments:

*"shortage of drinking water will be one of the biggest problems of the 21<sup>th</sup> century"*

*"in 2025, two third of world population will face shortage of water"*





In 1 liter ocean: about 35 gr salt





In 1 liter ocean: about 35 gr salt





In 1 liter Dead Sea water (Jordan/Israel) : about 280 gr salt





In 1 liter drinking water: about 0.15 gr salt is allowed





Grass can grow well in water with a salt content equal to about 6.5 gr salt in 1 liter water



# Fresh-brackish-saline groundwater

Ions		[mg/L]
Negative ions	$Cl^-$	19000
	$SO_4^{-2}$	2700
	$HCO_3^-$	140
	$Br^-$	65
Total negative ions		21905
Positive ions	$Na^+$	10600
	$Mg^{+2}$	1270
	$Ca^{+2}$	400
	$K^+$	380
Total positive ions		12650
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)		34555

# Definition fresh-brackish-saline groundwater

Main type of groundwater	Chloride concentration [mg Cl <sup>-</sup> /L]
oligohaline	0 - 5
oligohaline-fresh	5 - 30
fresh	30 - 150
fresh-brackish	150 - 300
brackish	300 - 1000
brackish-saline	1000 - 10.000
saline	10.000 - 20.000
hyperhaline or brine	≥ 20.000

Type	[mS/cm]	[mg TDS/L]	Drinking- or irrigation water
Non-saline or fresh water	<0.7	<500	Drinking and irrigation water
Slightly saline	0.7 - 2	500-1.500	Irrigation water
Moderately saline	2 - 10	1.500-7.000	Primary drainage water and groundwater
Highly saline	10 - 25	7.000-15.000	Secondary drainage water and groundwater
Very highly saline	25 - 45	15.000-35.000	Seawater is about 35000 TDS mg/L
Brine	>45	>35.000	n.a.

## Examples of equations of state

Knudsen (1902)

$$\rho_{(S,T)} = 1000 + 0.8054S - 0.0065(T - 4 + 0.2214S)^2$$

T < 15 °C, S < 20 ppt

Linear (concentration)

$$\rho_{(C)} = \rho_f \left[ 1 + \alpha \frac{C_i}{C_s} \right] \quad \text{where } \alpha = \text{relative density difference}$$

Linear (temperature)

$$\rho_{(T)} = \rho_f [1 - \beta(T - T')]$$

Exponential (temperature, pressure, salt)

$$\rho_{(T,p,\omega)} = \rho_f e^{-\alpha(T-T_0) + \beta(p-p_0) + \gamma\omega}$$



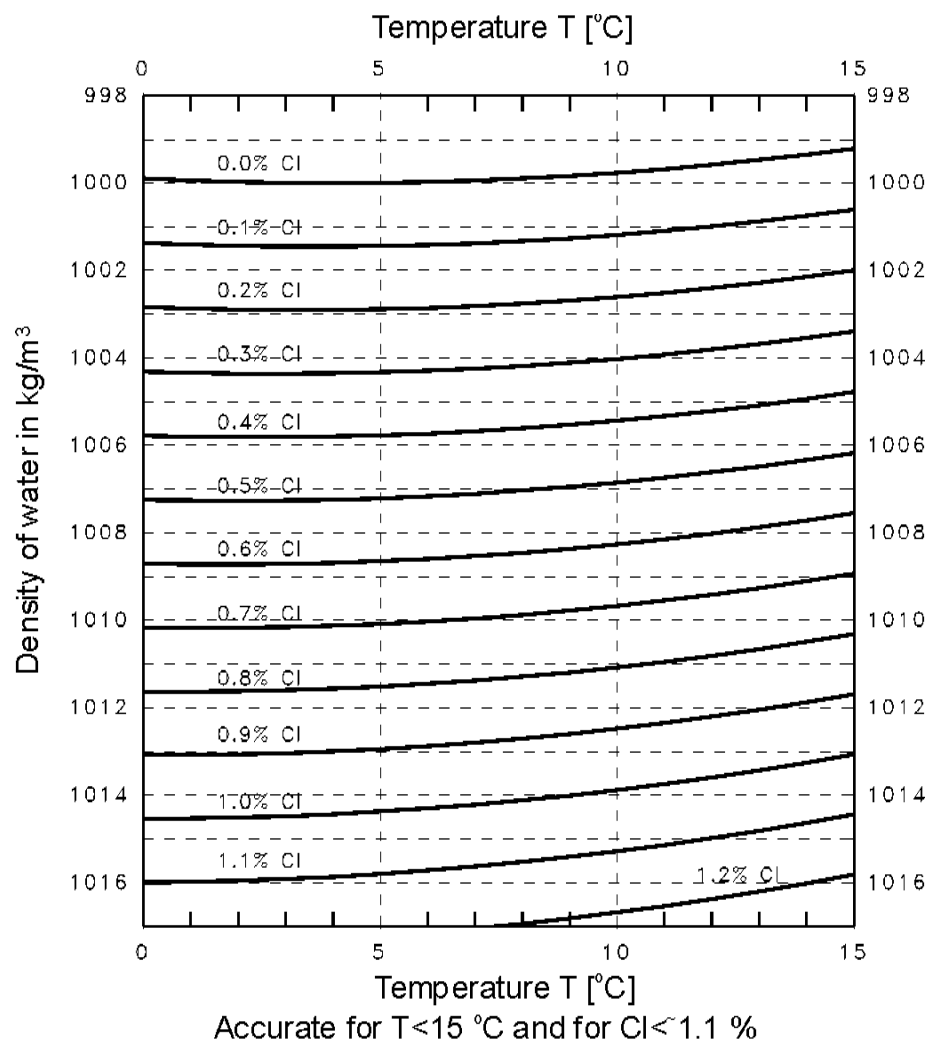
## Equation of state (SEAWAT)

$$\rho_{i,j,k} = \rho_f + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial C} C_{i,j,k}$$

e.g.:

1. conc=35 TDS g/l: DRHODC=0.7143
2. conc=19000 mg Cl<sup>-</sup>/l: DRHODC=0.001316  
(as 1025=1000+0.001316\*19000)
3. conc=1: DRHODC=25 (example practicals)

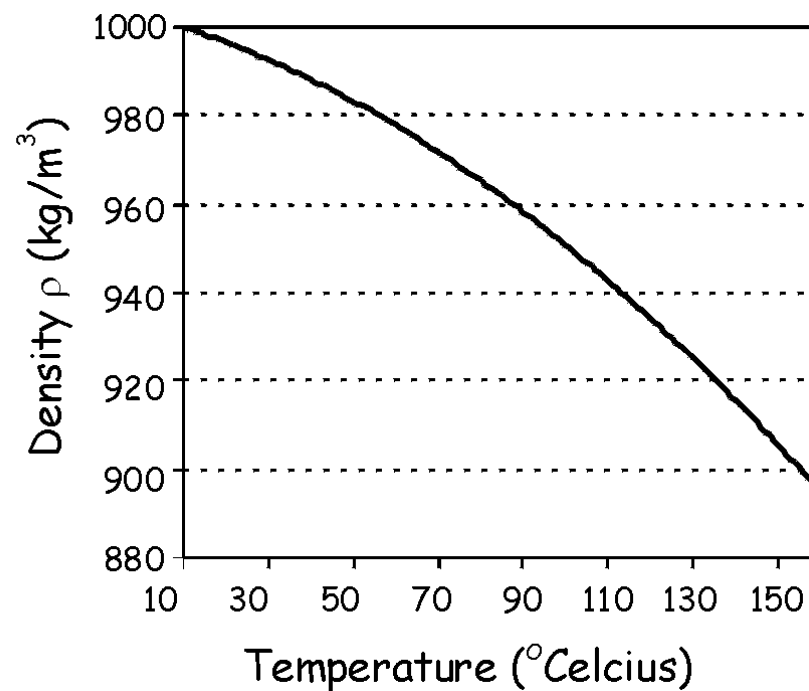
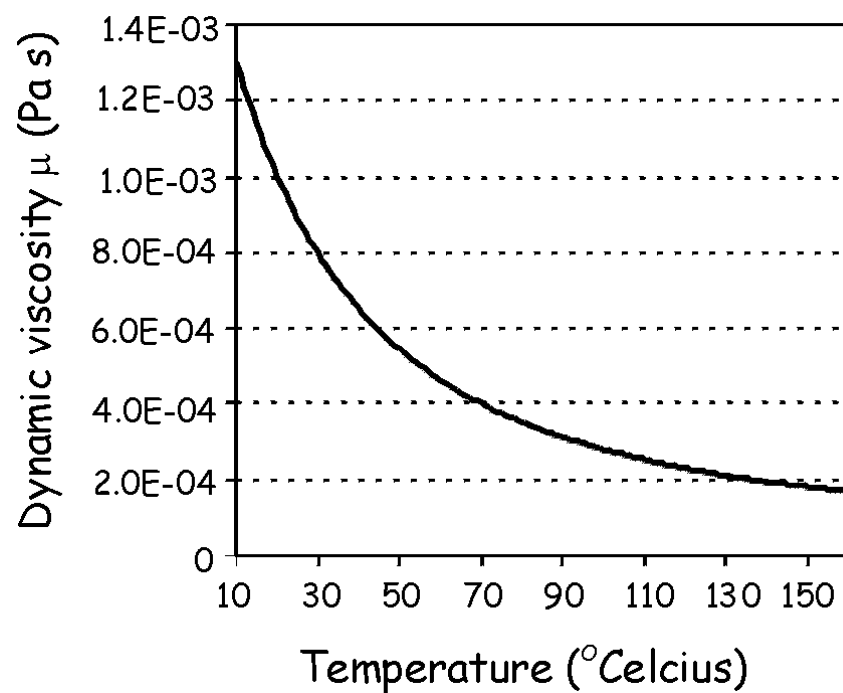
# Density depends on salinity and temperature



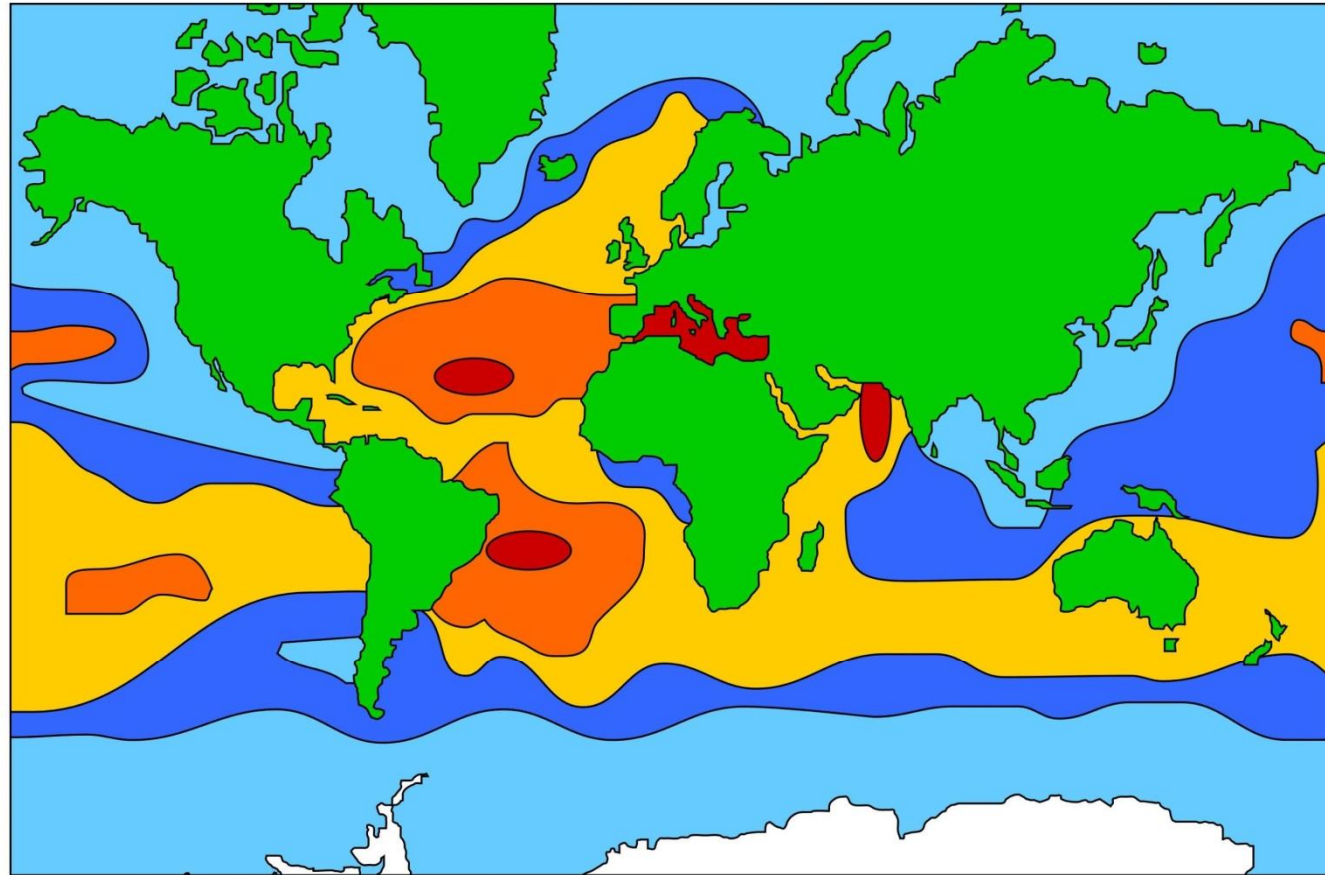
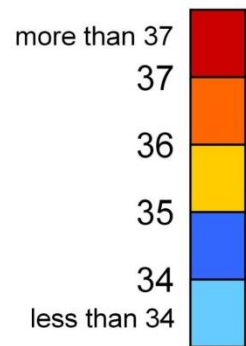
$$\rho_{(S,T)} = 1000 + 0.8054S - 0.0065(T - 4 + 0.2214S)^2 \quad \text{Knudsen (1902)}$$

# Density and viscosity depend on temperature

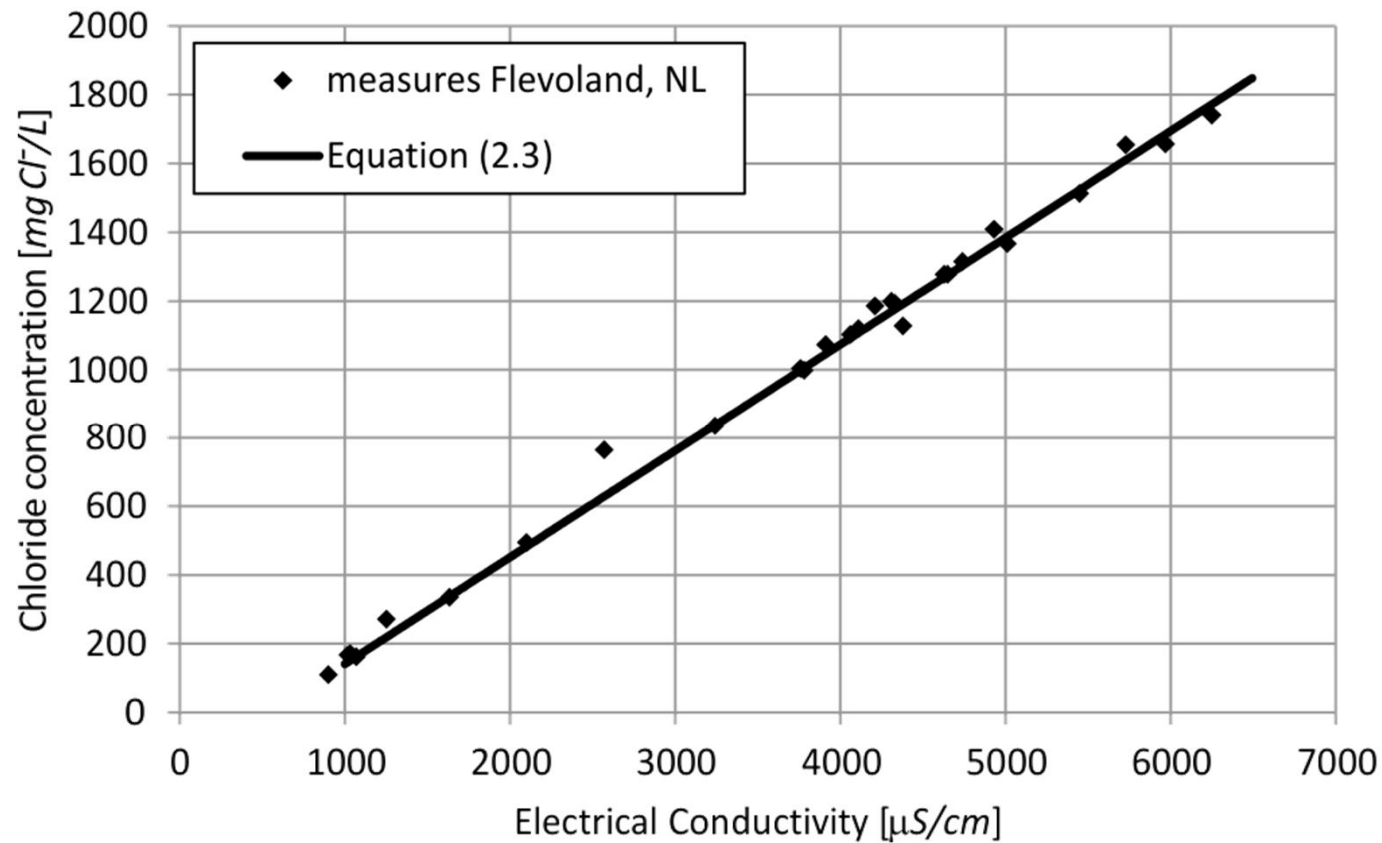
(10°C-160 °C)



Salinity (ppt)



# Close relation between chloride concentration and Electrical Conductivity



$$Cl^{-} (mg / L) = EC_w (\mu S / cm) \cdot 0.305 - 137$$

## Close relation between chloride concentration and Electrical Conductivity

$$10^6 \mu S/cm = 10^3 mS/cm = 1 S/cm$$

$$1 \mu S/cm = 100 \mu S/m$$

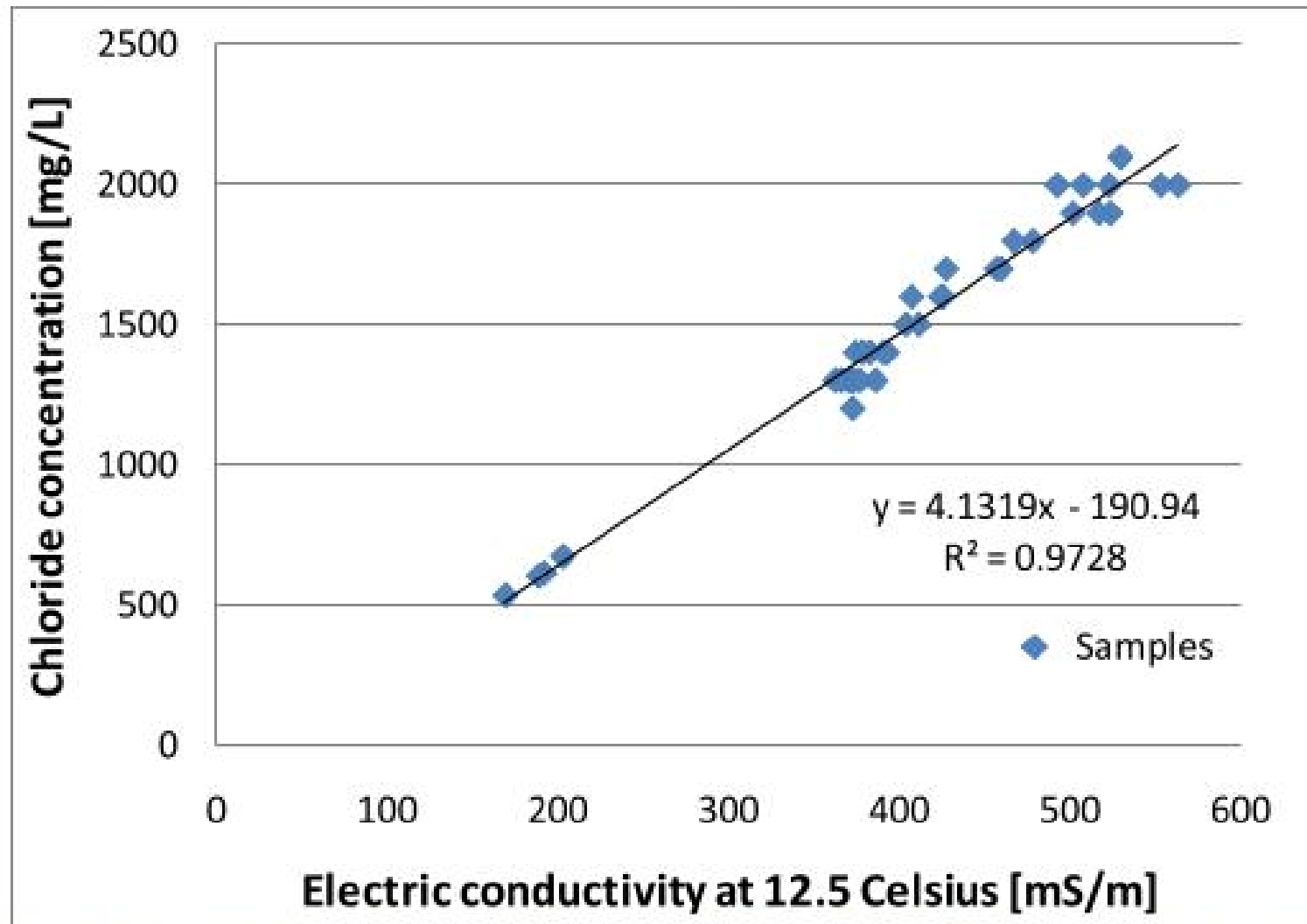
ocean water:

$\sim 19000 \text{ mg Cl}^-/\text{L}$  or  $\sim 34555 \text{ mg TDS/L}$

$\sim 5 \text{ S/m}$  or  $\sim 48 \text{ mS/cm}$

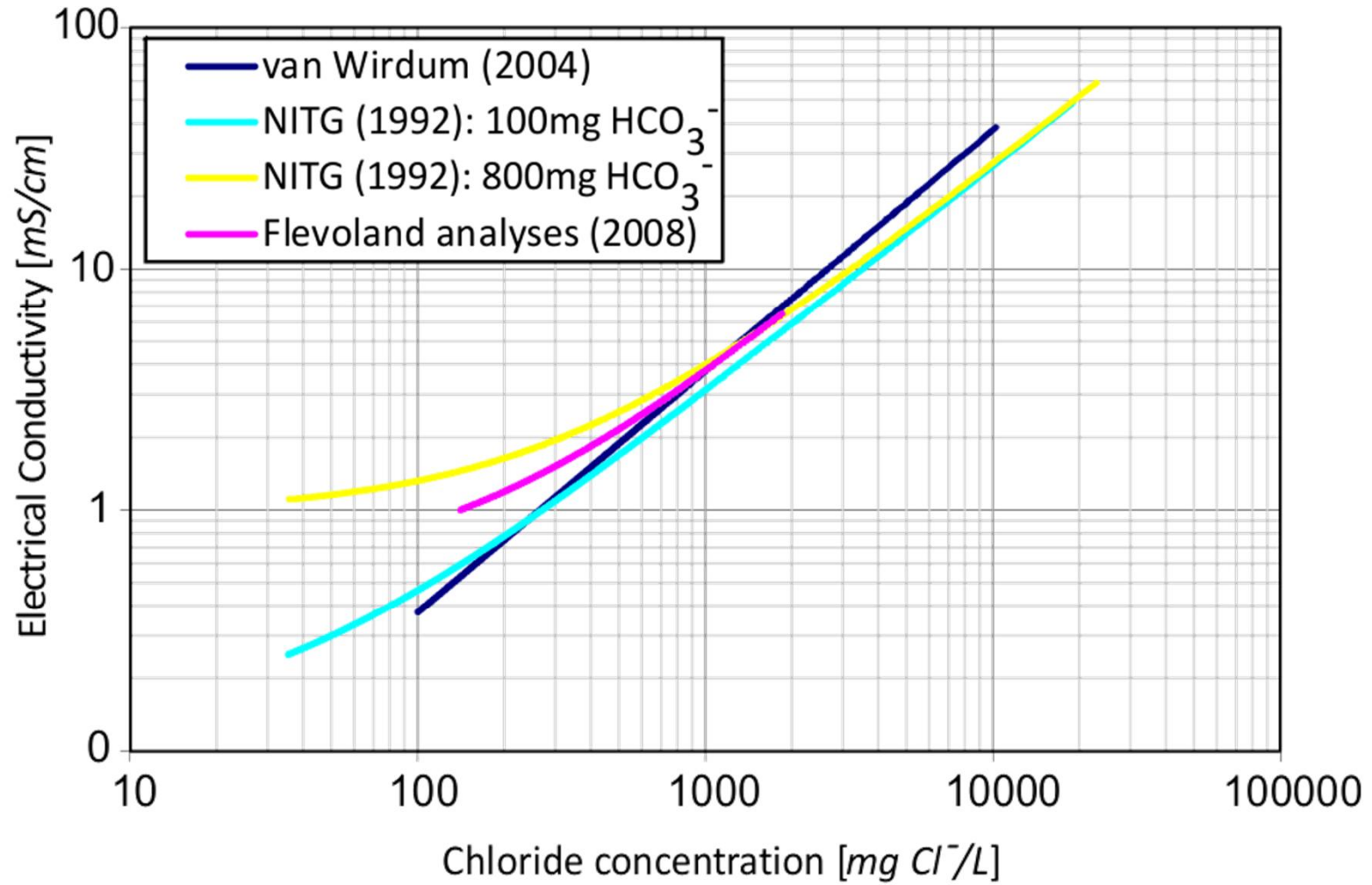
the ratio  $\text{Cl}^-$  over TDS equal to  $\sim 0.554$ , under stable  
normal seawater environments

A fresh-keeper for Noard Burgum  
*The new future for a salinated well field?*



Appendix figure 11: Relation between the electric conductivity and the chloride concentration. For this relation samples from observation well B06D1114 and B06D1087 in between 23-sept-2009 and 9-okt-2010 were plotted.

# EC-Chloride

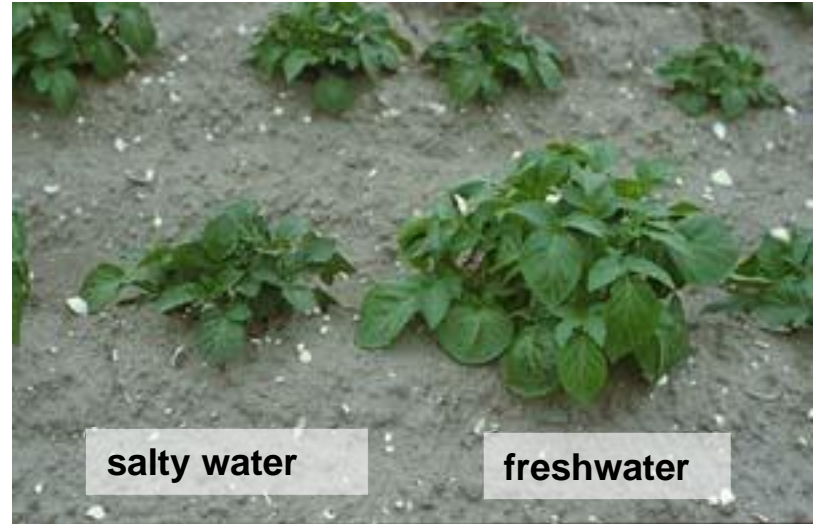




# Salt in water is a problem

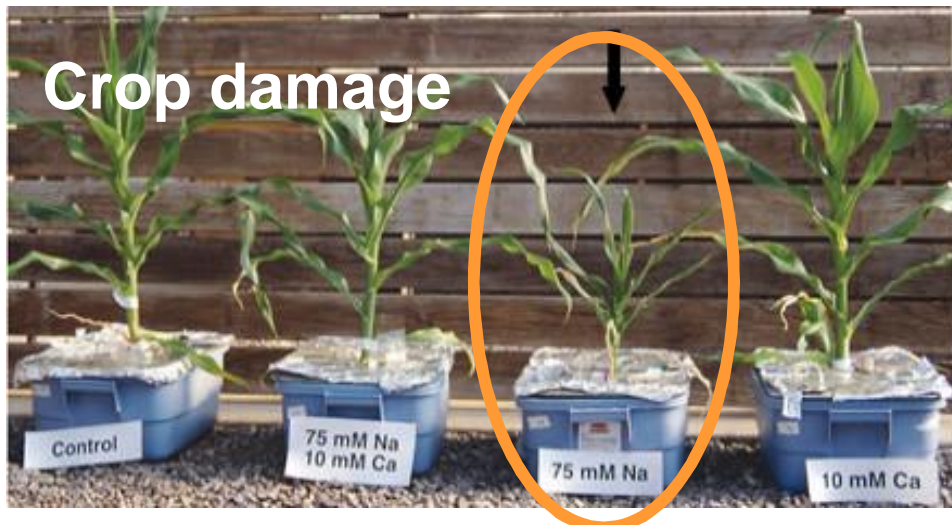


Drinking water



salty water

freshwater



Crop damage



Vulnerable nature

Salt in water is a problem for different water management sectors:

-drinking water:

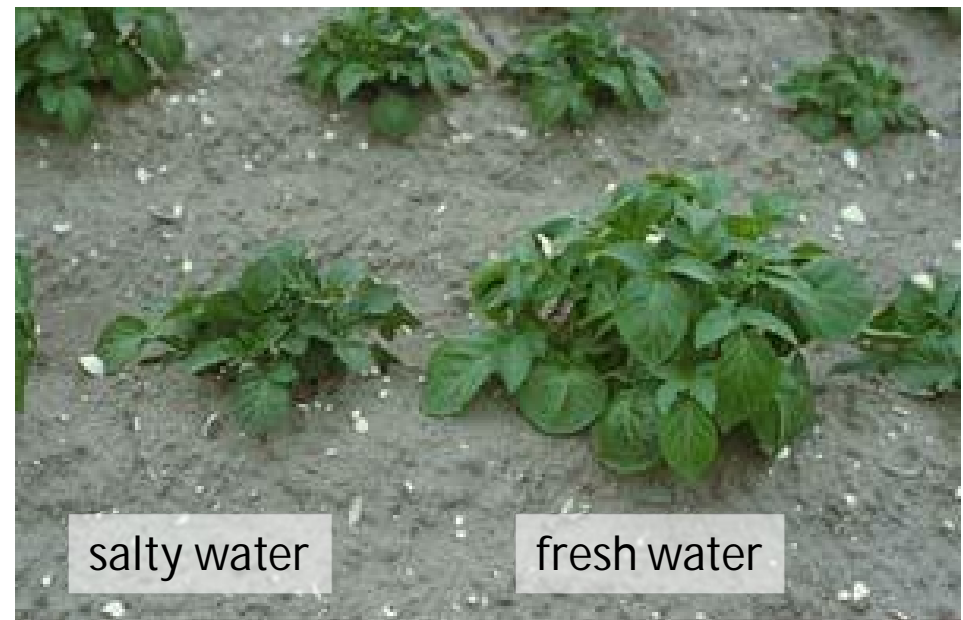
- taste (100-300 mg Cl<sup>-</sup>/l)
- long term health effect
- norm: EC& WHO=150 mg Cl<sup>-</sup>/l (live stock=1500 mg Cl<sup>-</sup>/l)

-industry:

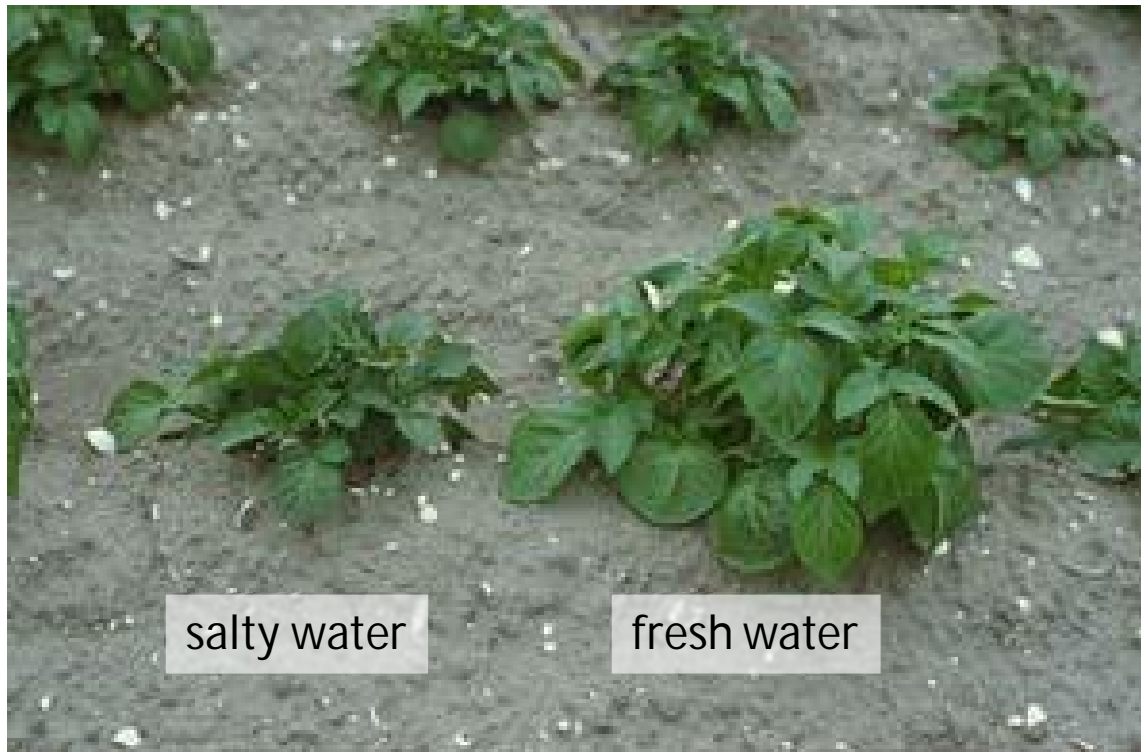
- corrosion pipes
- preparation food

-irrigation/agriculture:

- production crops
- salt damage

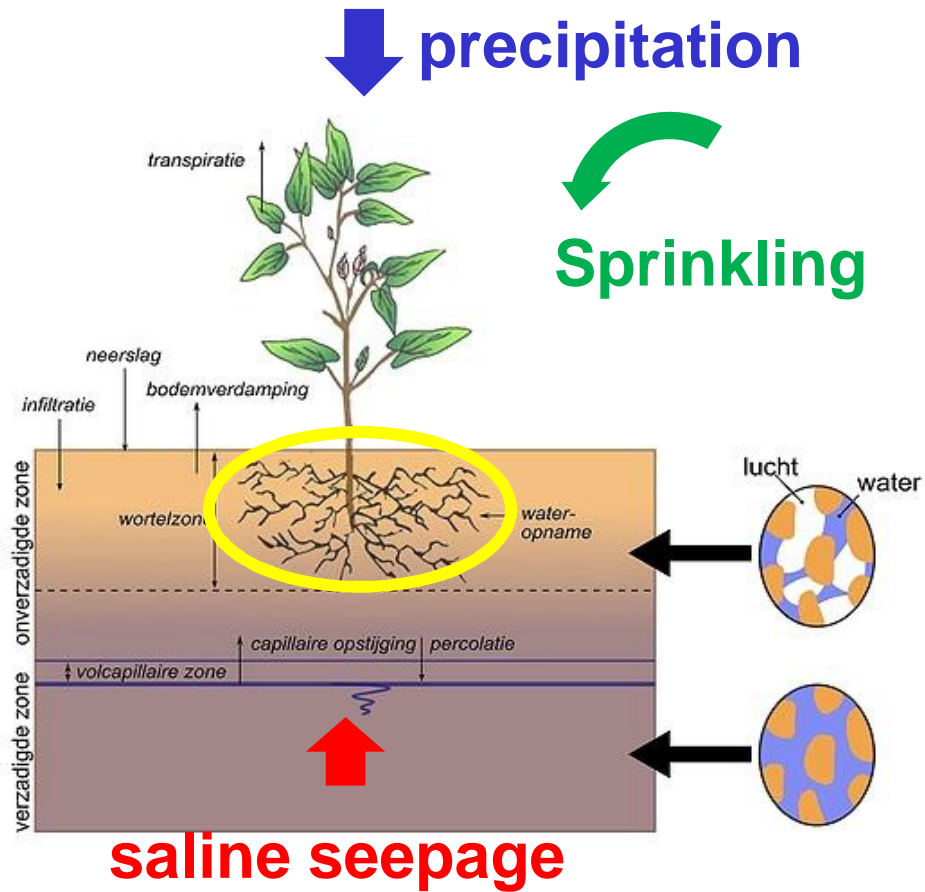


# Effects salinisation: salt damage



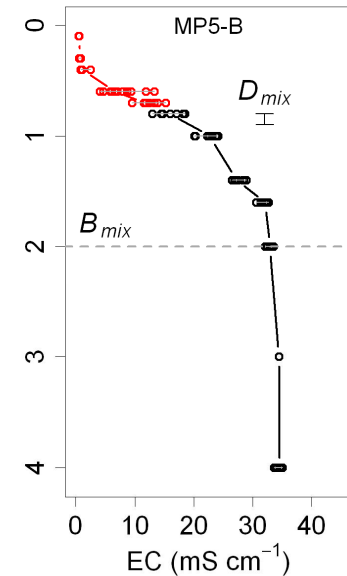
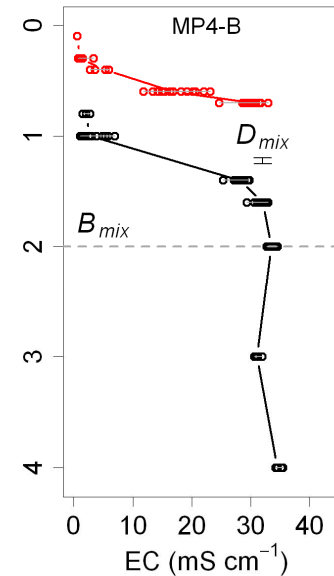
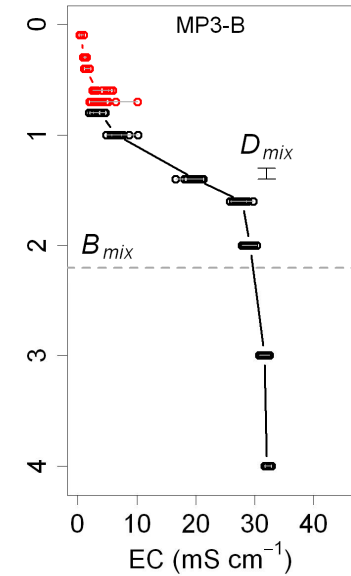
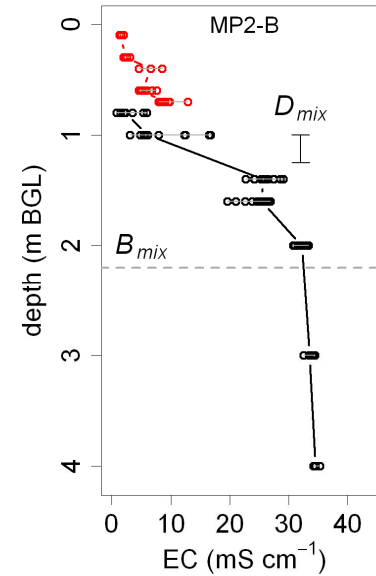
*Source: Proefstation voor de Akkerbouw en Groenteteelt, Lelystad*

# Salt-resistant crops



## Important parameter:

- Chloride concentration root zone
- Land use
- Sensitivity crops



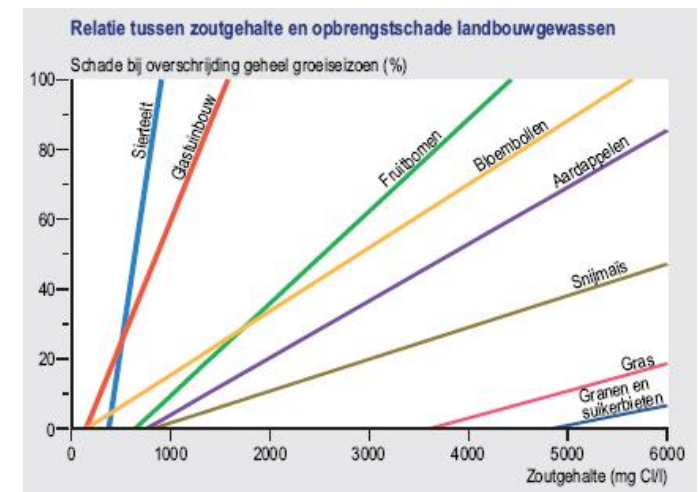
# Salt damage to crops

## Important parameters:

- Chloride concentration in the root zone
- Land use
- Sensitivity crops

Land use	Threshold root zone value (mg Cl <sup>-</sup> /l)	Gradient root zone (-)
Grass	3606	0.0078
Potatoes	756	0.0163
Beet	4831	0.0057
Grains	4831	0.0058
Horticulture	1337	0.0141
Orchard (trees)	642	0.0264
Bulb	153	0.0182

Source: Roest et al., 2003 en Haskoning

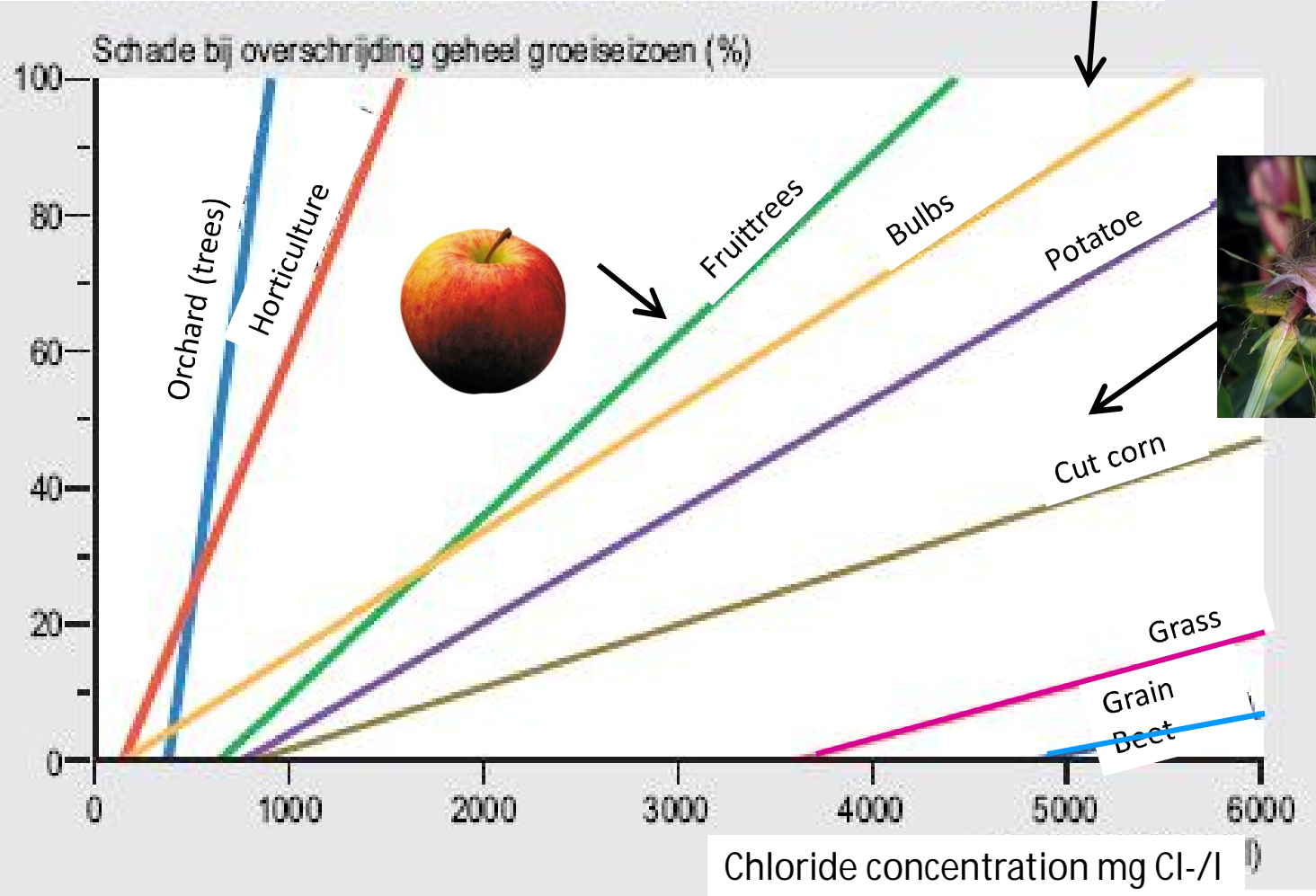


Source: MNP, 2005

# Salt damage to crops



Relation between salt concentration and damage to crops

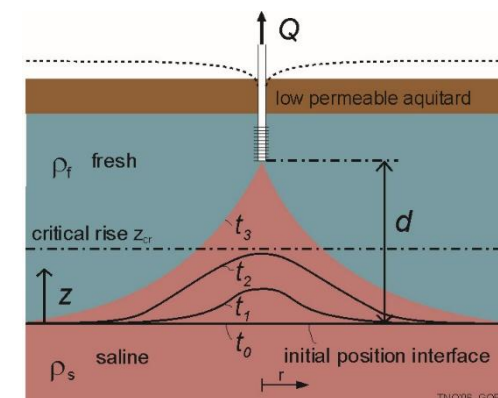
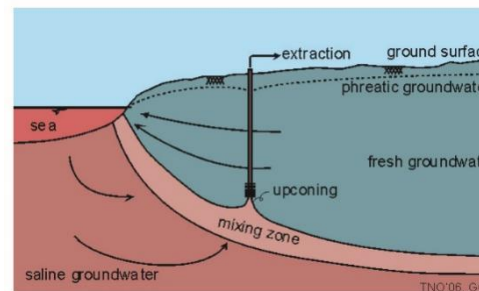
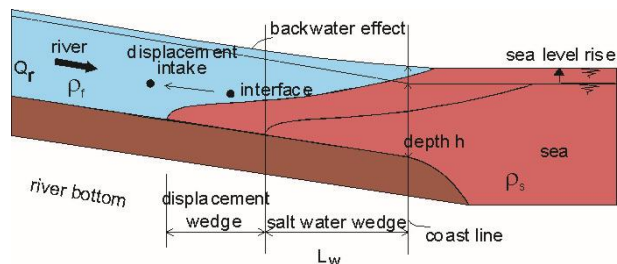


Source: MNP, 2005

	Soil moisture		Irrigation water	
	Limi	Gradient	Limit	Gradient
Crop	mg/l Cl	%/mg/l Cl	mg/l Cl	%/mg/l Cl
Potatoe	756	0.0163	202	0.0610
Grass	3606	0.0078	962	0.0294
Sugar beat	4831	0.0057	1288	0.0212
Cut Corn	815	0.0091	217	0.0343
Grains	4831	0.0058	1288	0.0218
Fruit trees	642	0.0264	171	0.0991
Orchard (trees)	378	0.1890	101	0.7086
Vegetables	917	0.0158	245	0.0591
Horticulture	1337	0.0141	356	0.0527
Bulbs	153	0.0182	41	0.0683

## Why is salinisation a pressing problem?

- 30% of world population lives <100 km from coastline
- economic and tourist activities increase
- enormous increase in extraction
- irreversible process
- increase saltwater intrusion problem world-wide:
  - upconing
  - salt water wedge
  - decrease outflow  $q_0$
- climate change:
  - sea level rise
  - natural groundwater recharge





## Processes that accelerate salt water intrusion:

- Sea level rise
- Land subsidence
- Human activities

## Threats for:

- drinking water supply in dunes:
  - upconing of saline groundwater
  - decrease of fresh groundwater resources
  - recharge areas reduction
- agriculture:
  - salt damage to crops: salt load and seepage
- water management low-lying areas:
  - flushing water channels
- ecology



**2500 litres of water  
for 1 cotton shirt**



# The water footprint of products

global averages

<b>1 kg wheat</b>	<b>1 m<sup>3</sup> water</b>
<b>1 kg rice</b>	<b>3 m<sup>3</sup> water</b>
<b>1 kg milk</b>	<b>1 m<sup>3</sup> water</b>
<b>1 kg cheese</b>	<b>5 m<sup>3</sup> water</b>
<b>1 kg pork</b>	<b>5 m<sup>3</sup> water</b>
<b>1 kg beef</b>	<b>15 m<sup>3</sup> water</b>



[Hoekstra & Chapagain, 2008]



**40 litres of water  
for 1 slice of bread**



**1500 litres of water  
per kg refined sugar**



**2400 litres of water  
for 1 hamburger**



**= 140 litres of water**



**10 litres of water  
for 1 sheet of A4-paper**

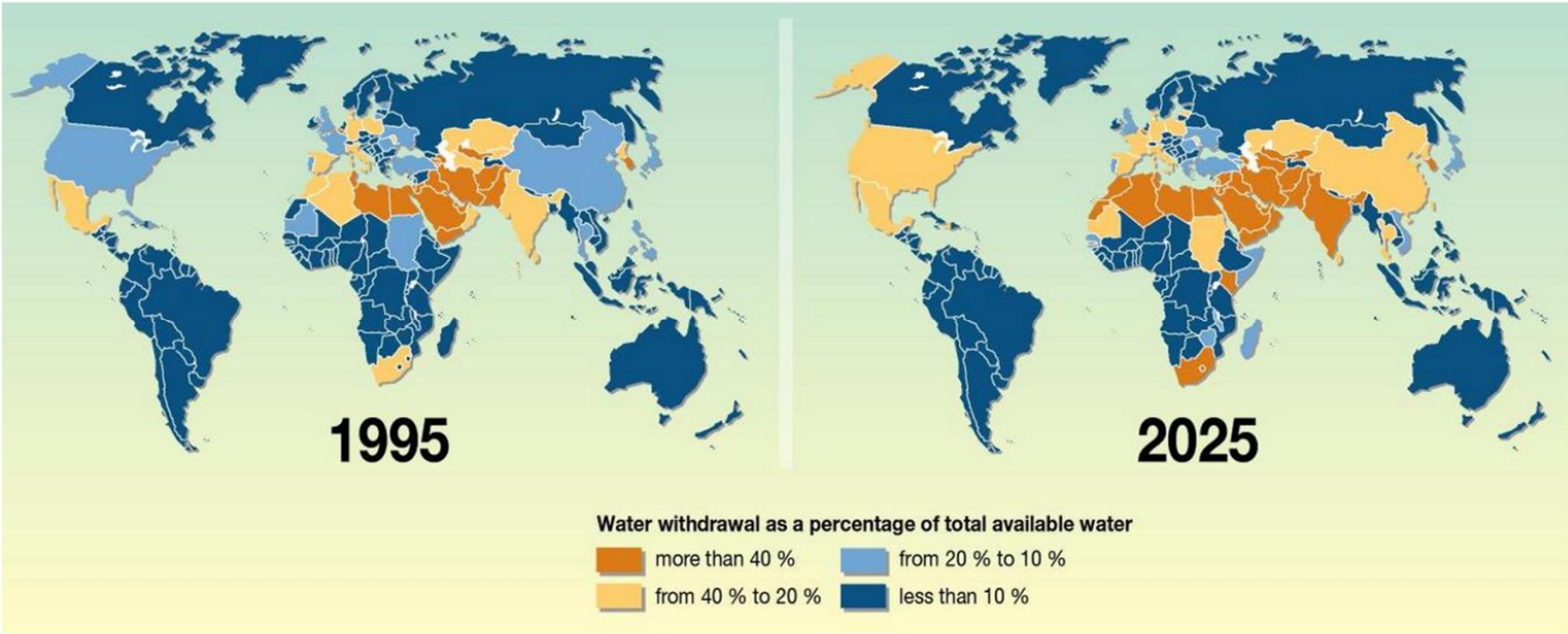


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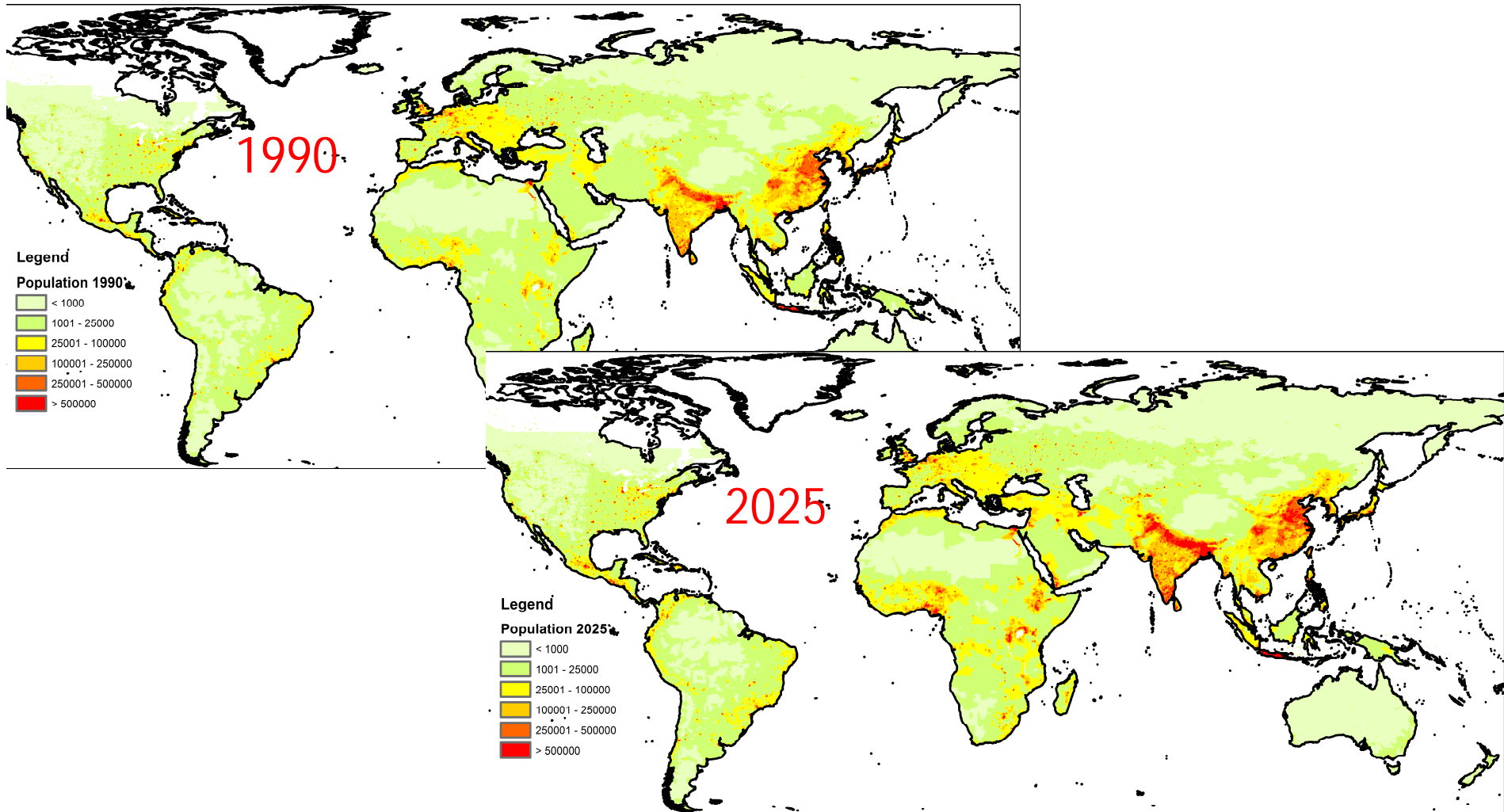
*Demand fresh water per capita per day?:*

- a. 10 litre/day
- b. 25 litre/day
- c. 100 litre/day
- d. 200 litre/day

# Water withdrawal as % of total available water



# Population growth 1990-2025



*Global 15 x 15 Minute Grids of the Downscaled Population Based on the SRES B2 Scenario, 1990 and 2025 (~28\*28km<sup>2</sup> at equator)*

# Reasons and drawbacks of using groundwater

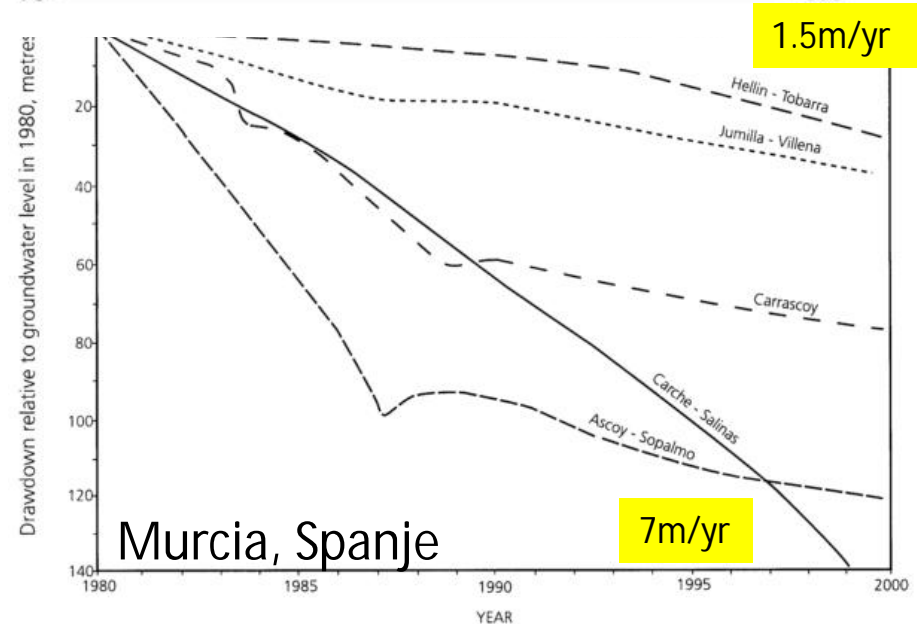
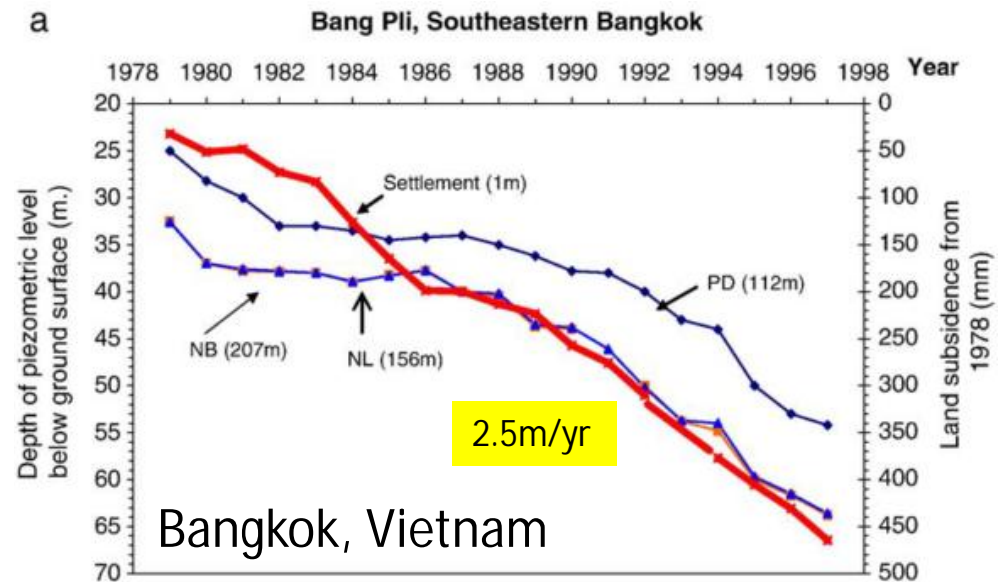
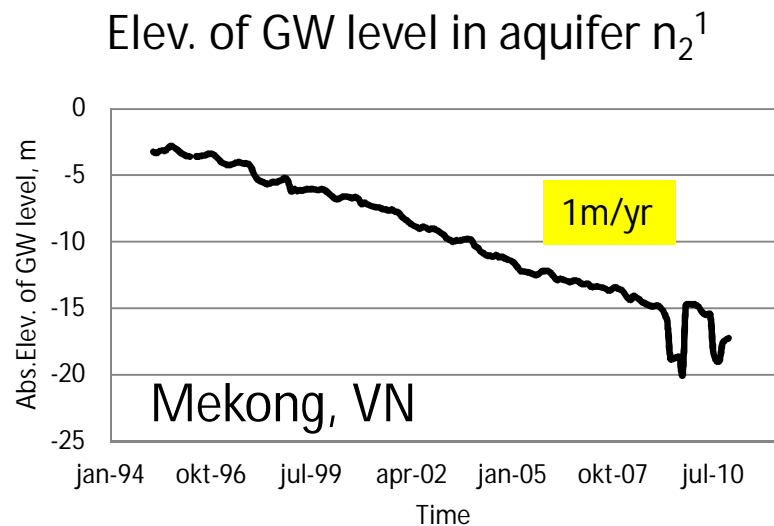
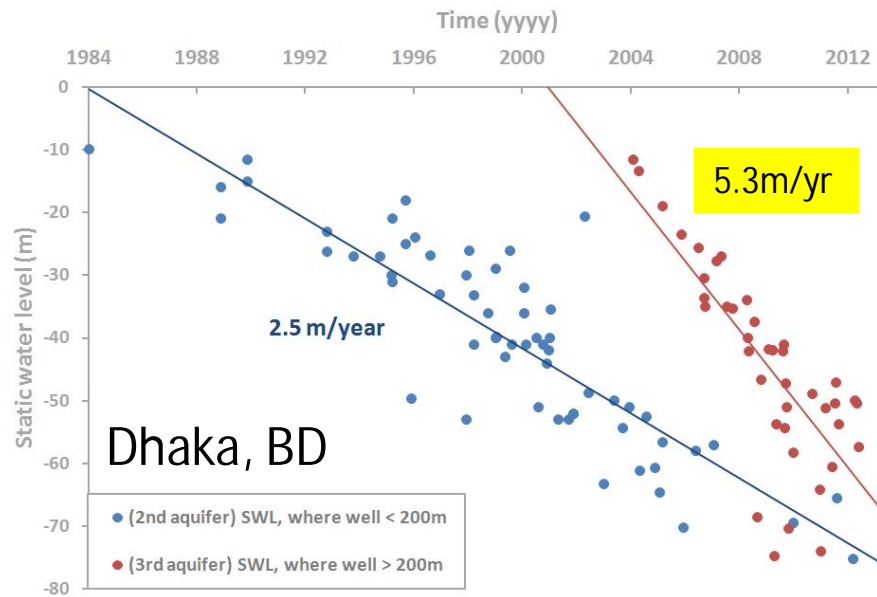
## Advantage:

- no seasonal effects
- high quality
- low storage costs
- large quantities
- no spatial limitations

## Disadvantage:

- high extraction costs
- local droughts
- high mineral content
- land subsidence....
- salt water intrusion !

# Serious overexploitation coastal aquifers worldwide



# Groundwater overexploitation in Mekong Delta



Aquaculture (shrimp farms) need an enormous quantity of fresh groundwater

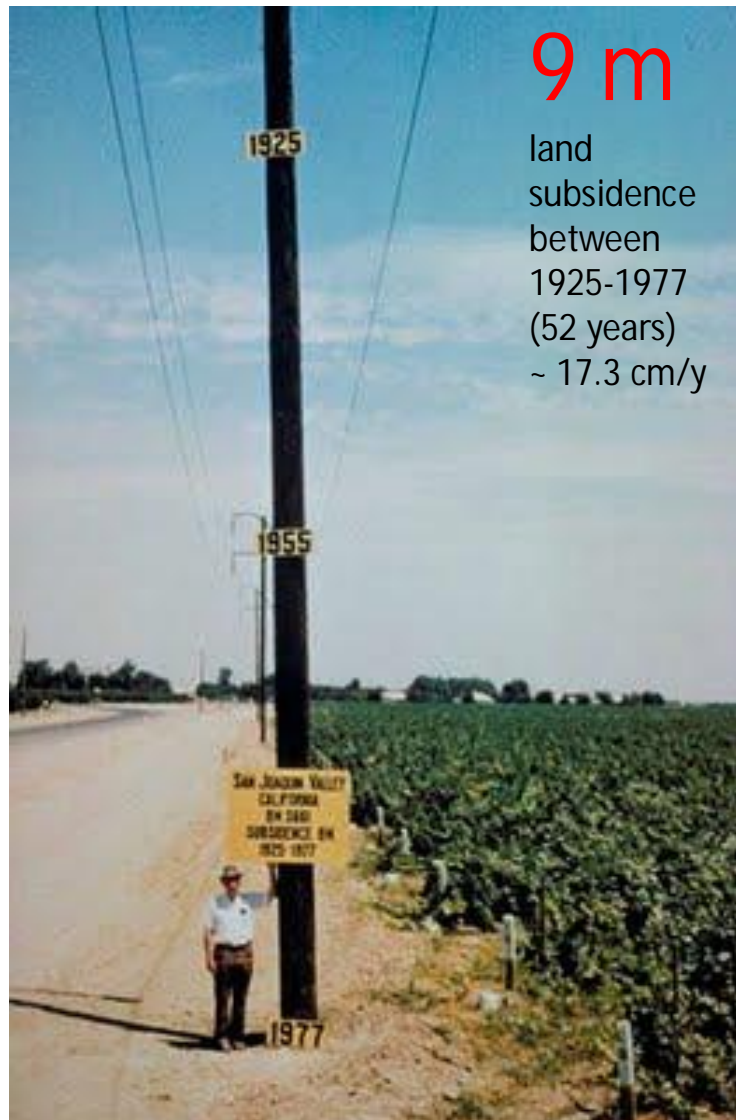


shrimp farms

# Land subsidence

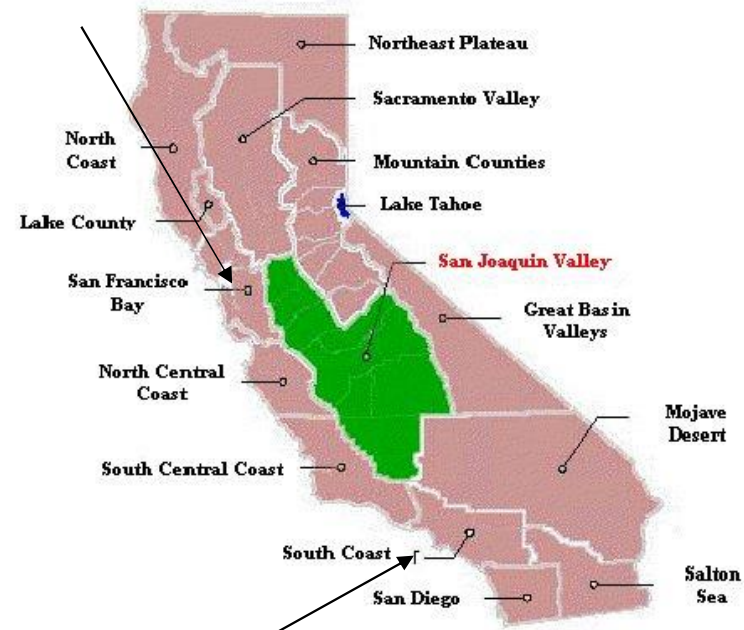
Megacity	Maximum subsidence [m]	Date commenced
Shanghai	2.80	1921
Tokyo	5.00	1930's
Osaka	2.80	1935
Bangkok	1.60	1950's
Tianjin	2.60	1959
Jakarta	0.90	1978
Manila	0.40	1960
Los Angeles	9.00	1930's

# Land subsidence San Joaquin Valley, CA, USA



9 m since 1930s

San Francisco



Los Angeles



# What causes the land to subside?

Natural causes (geological processes):

- ❑ *Loading* of the earth's crust by ice sheets, sediment (delta's), the ocean/sea
- ❑ *Compaction* of older sediments after sedimentation

Anthropogenic causes (human-induced processes):

- ❑ Oil/gas *extraction* (usually relatively deep)
- ❑ Groundwater *extraction* (usually moderately deep)
- ❑ *Drainage* of soils  $\Rightarrow$  oxidation of peat, soil compaction

Why discriminating between human-induced and natural processes?

- ❑ Magnitude
- ❑ Cooping strategy (mitigation versus adaptation)

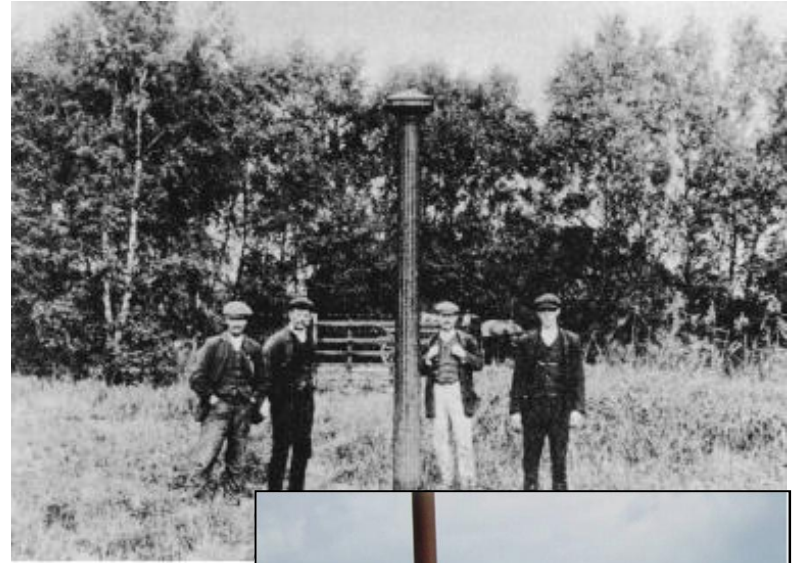
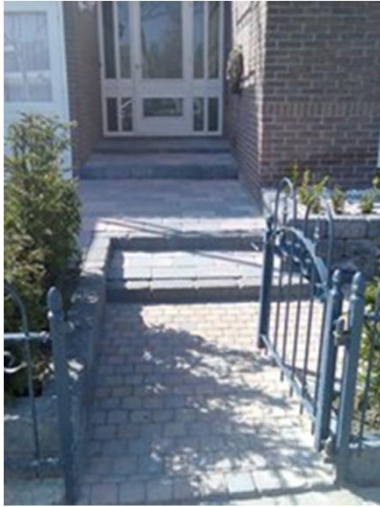
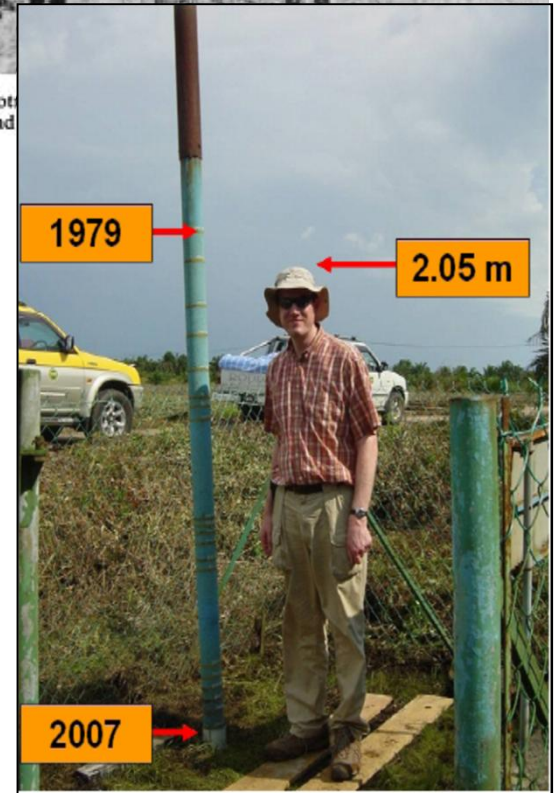


PLATE 4. Holme Post (probably between 1910 and

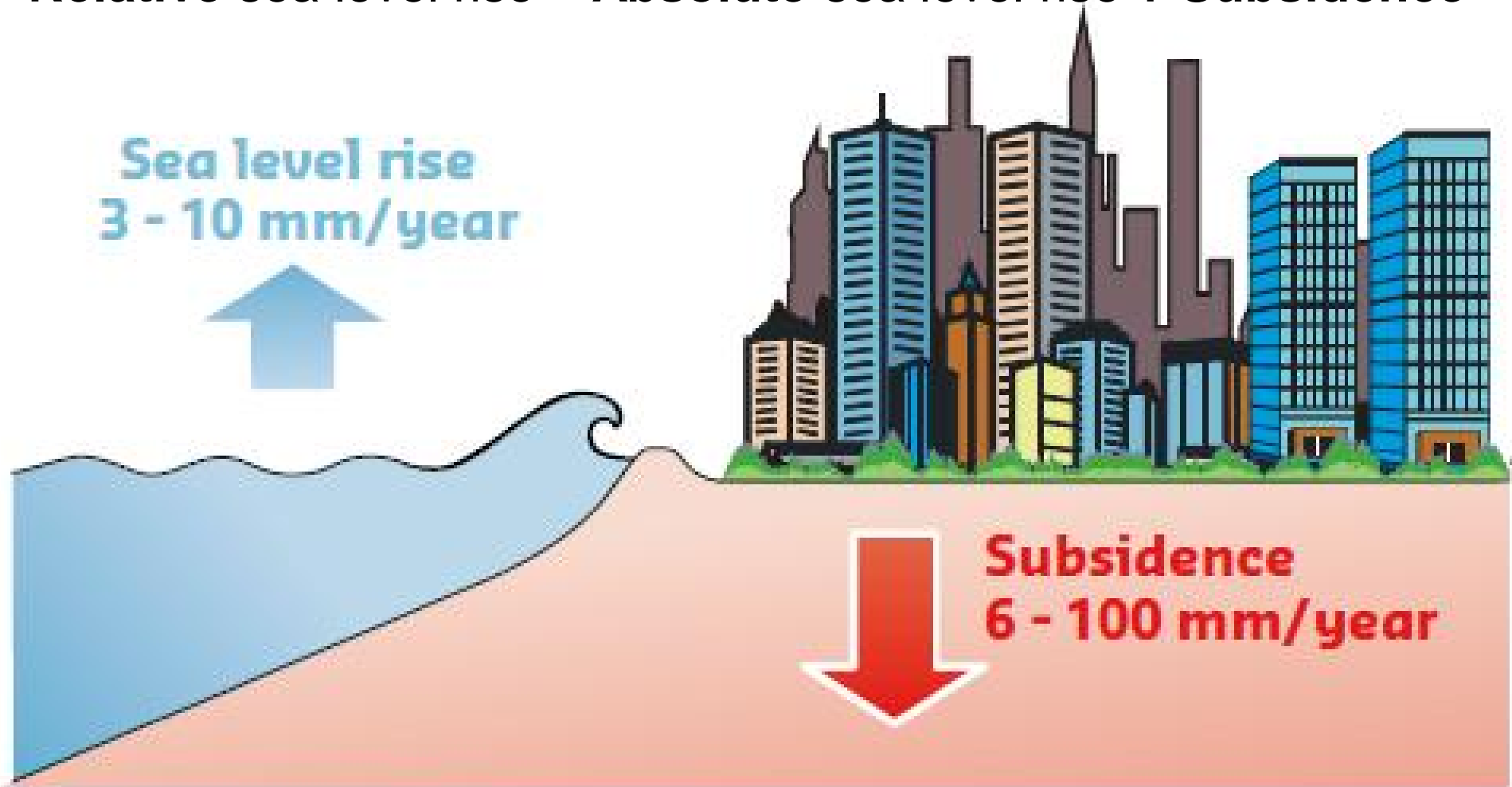


# Impacts



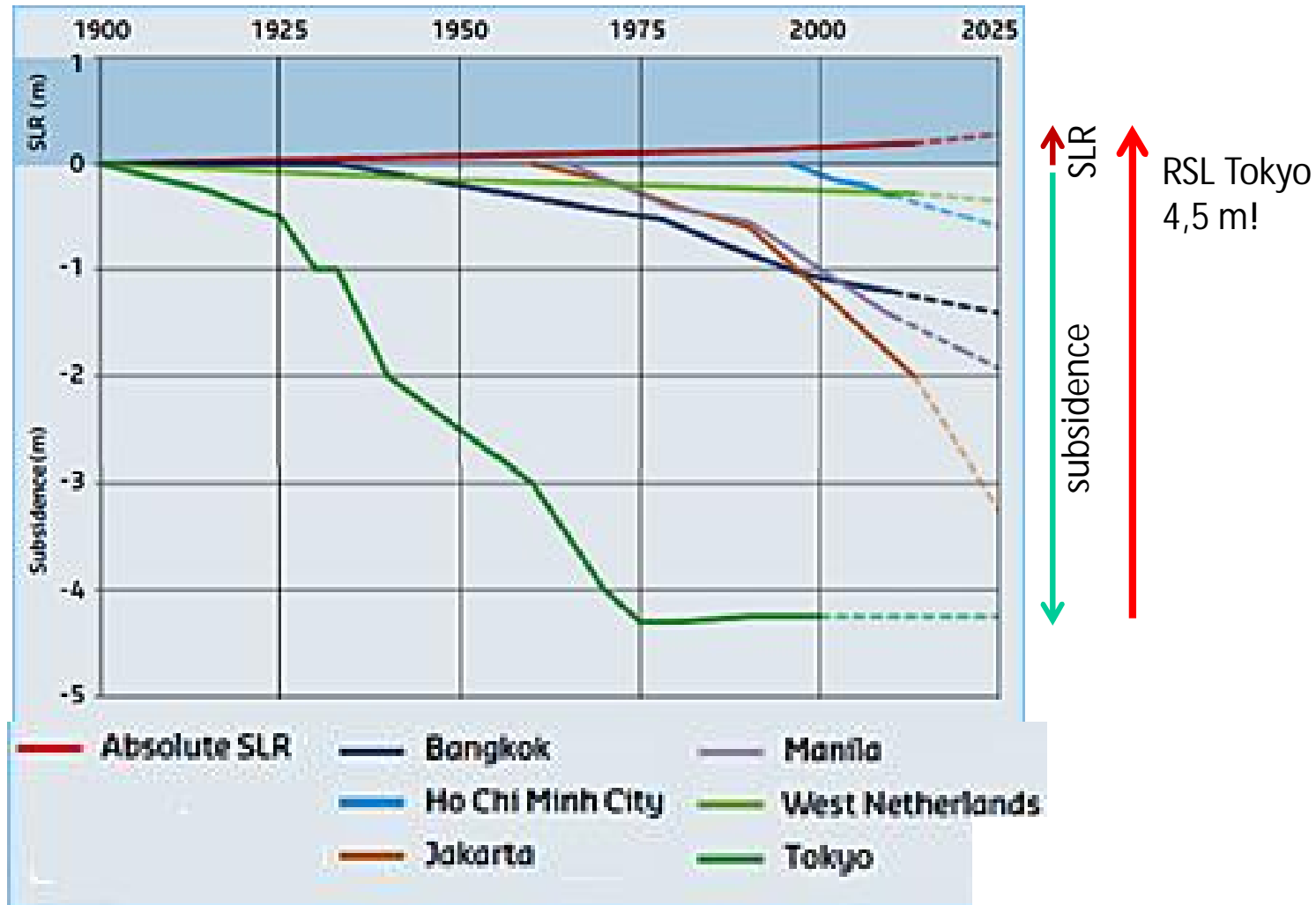
# Sinking delta cities

**Relative** sea level rise = **Absolute** sea level rise + **Subsidence**

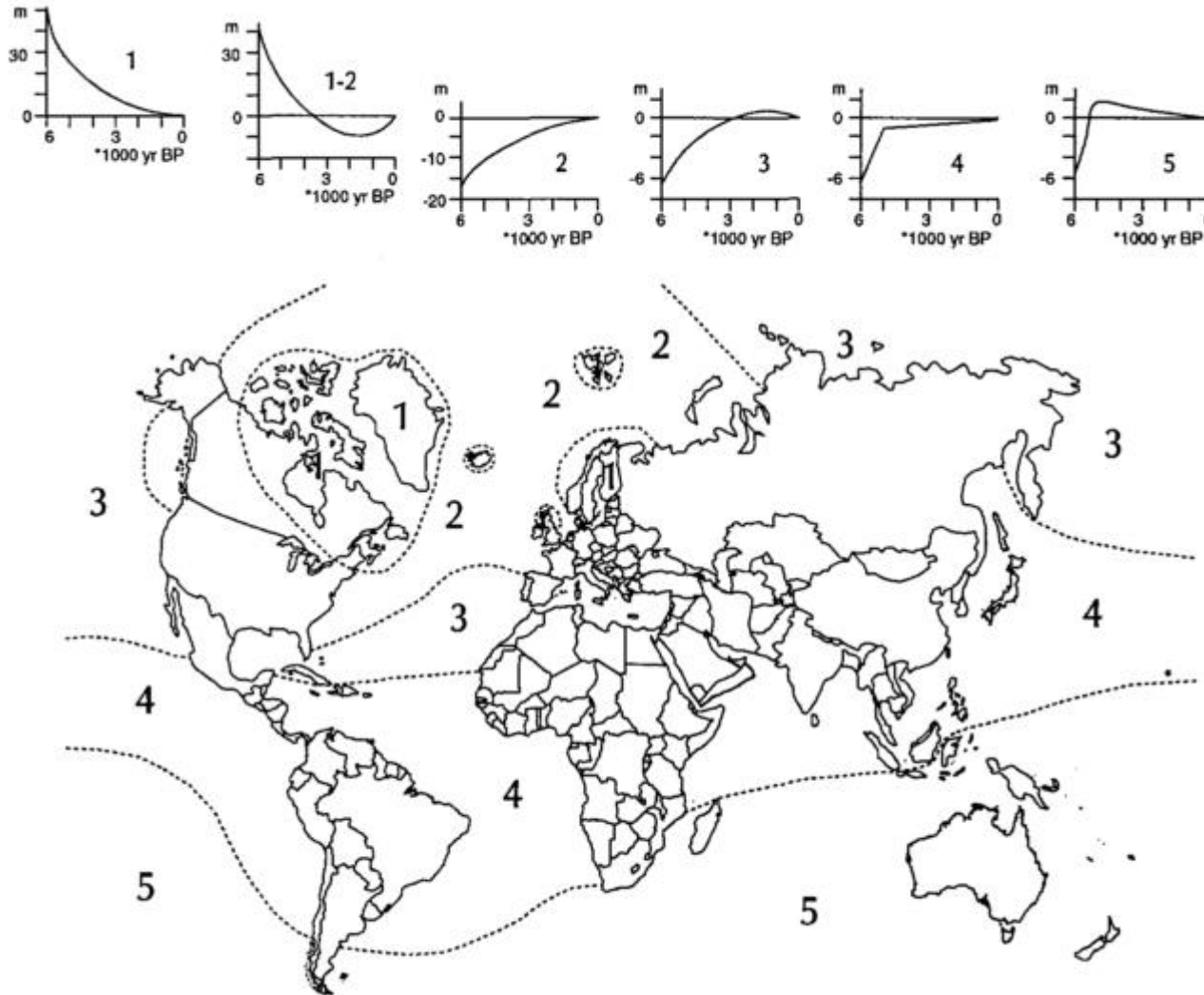


# Examples of some major coastal cities

The subsidence issue is underestimated

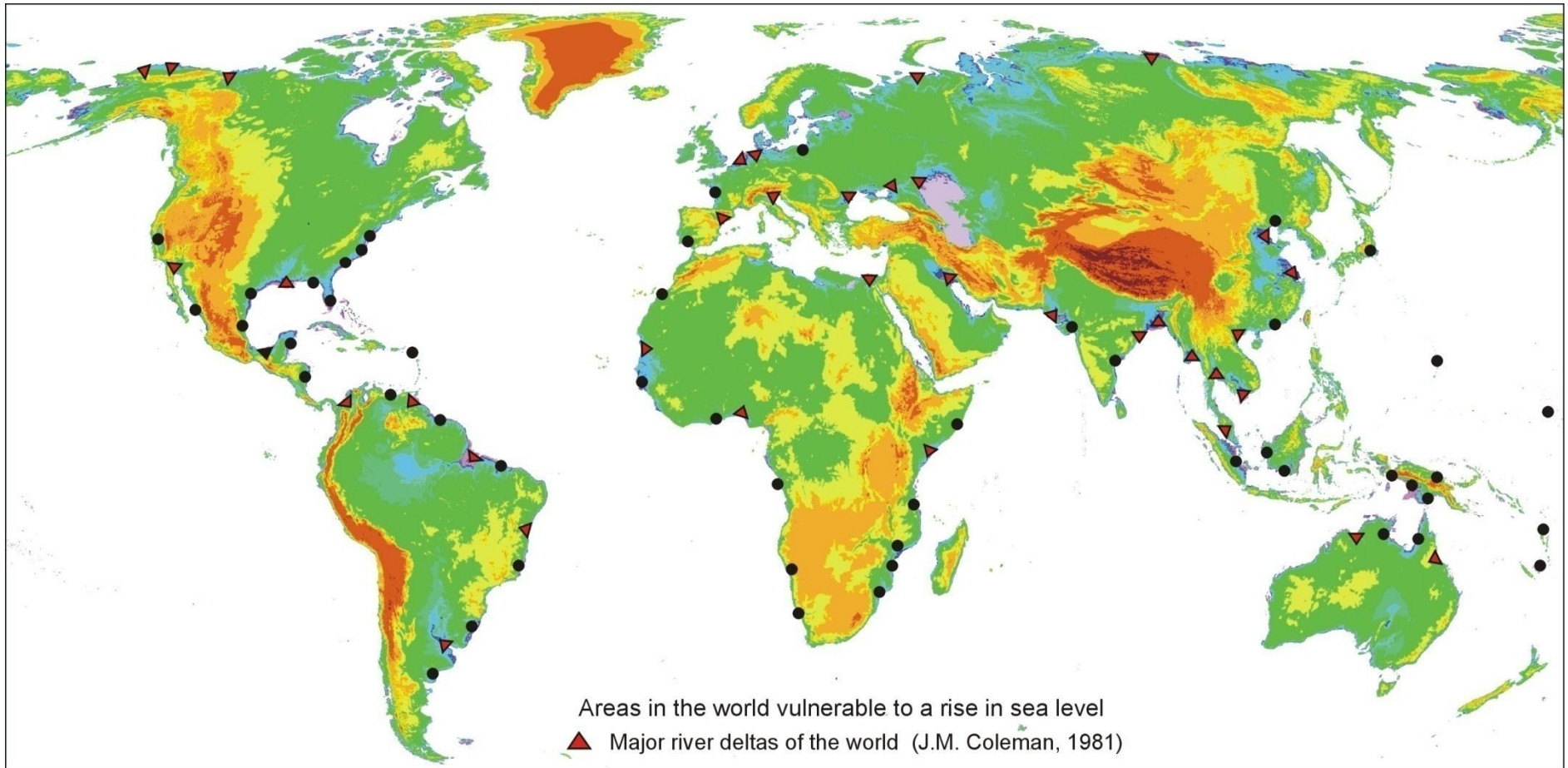


# Regional distribution of Holocene Sea-level Changes



Source: Pirazzoli, P.A. & Pluet, J., 1991. *World Atlas of Holocene Sea-level Changes*. Elsevier Oceanography Series, Vol. 58

# Areas vulnerable to sea level rise

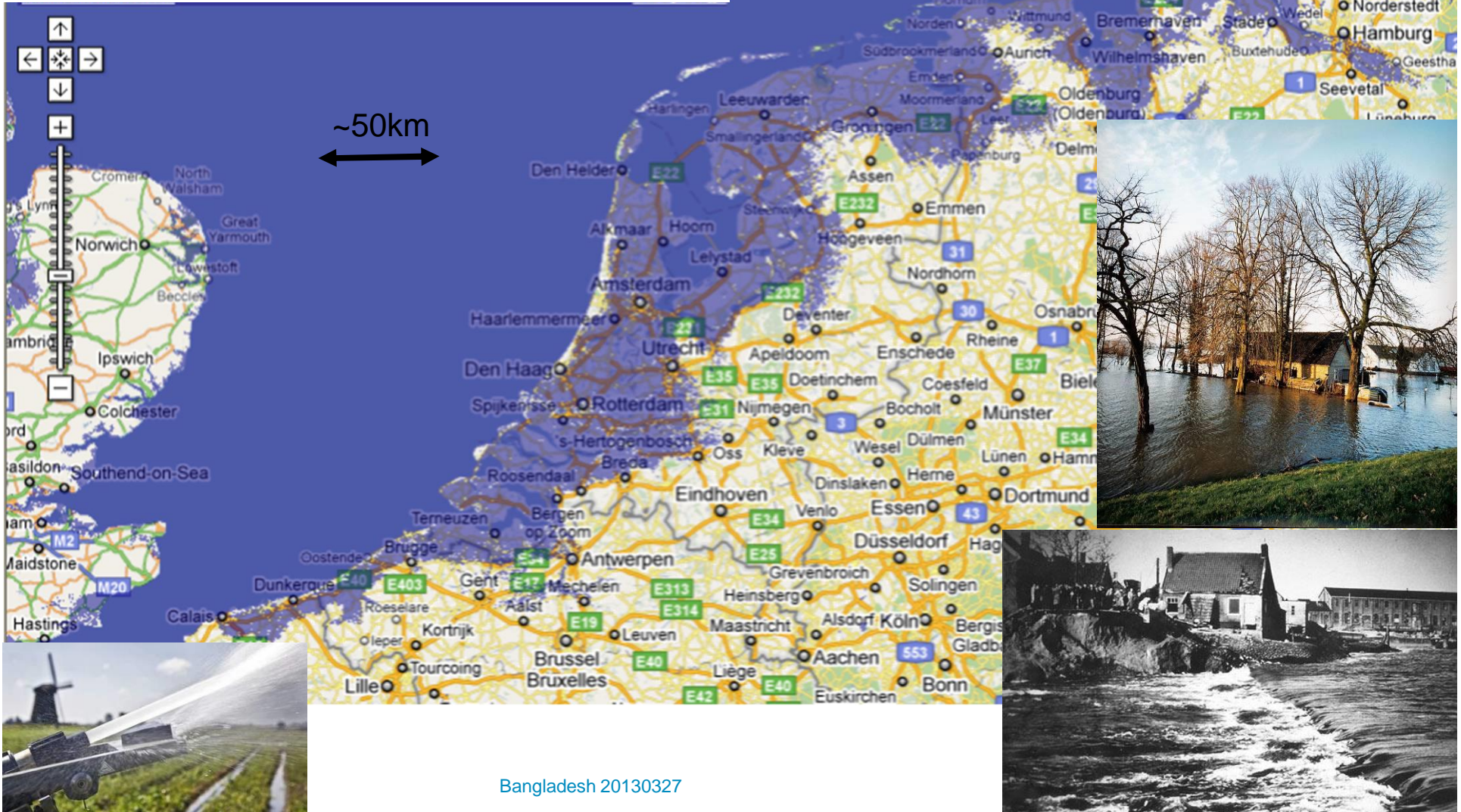


# The Netherlands: low-lying lands

Sea level rise: +2 m

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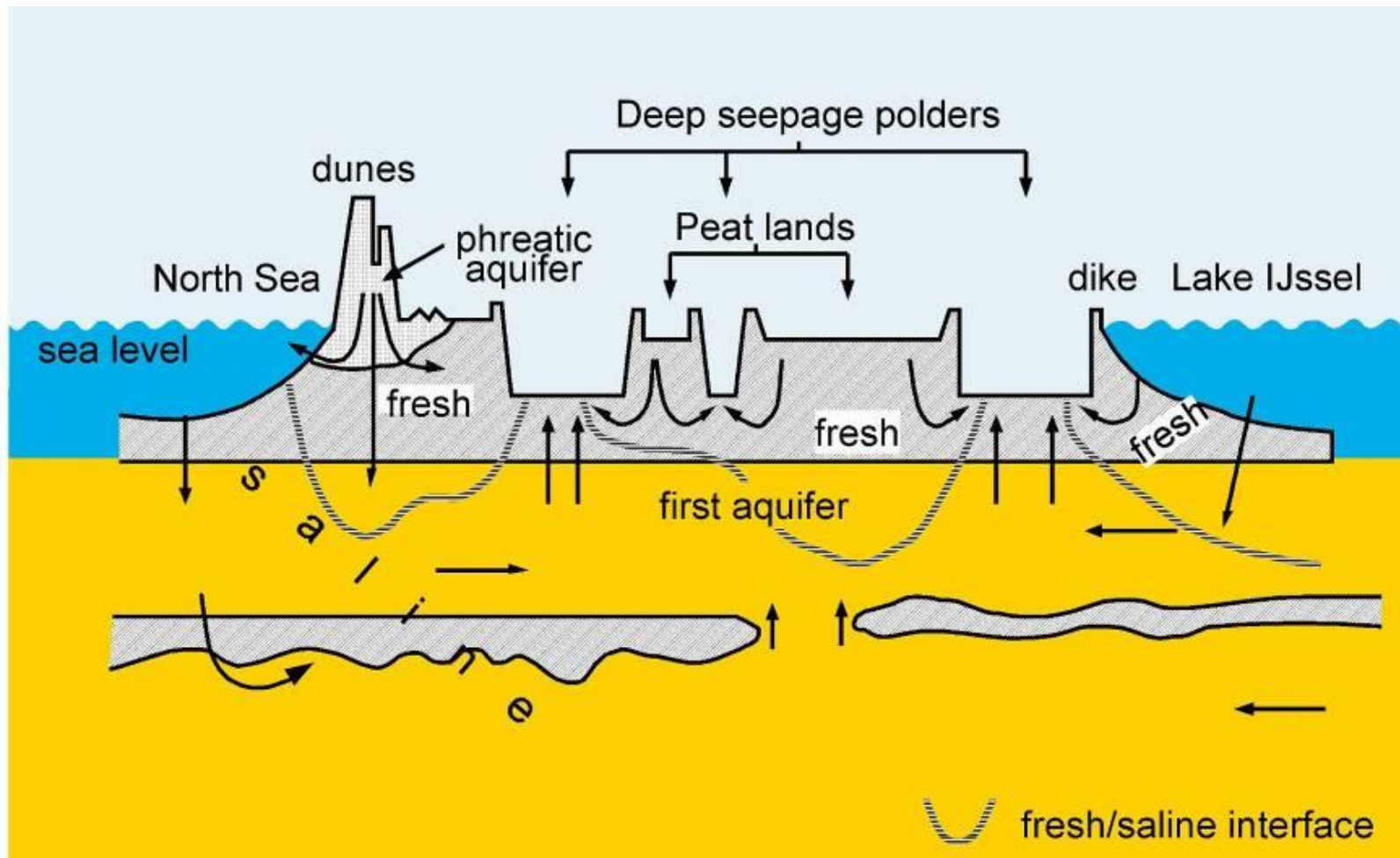
<http://flood.firetree.net>





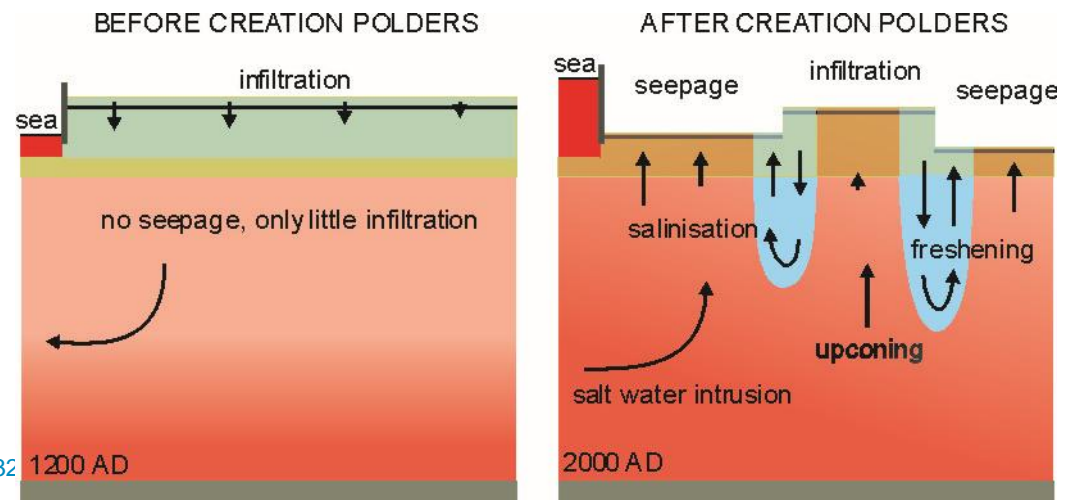
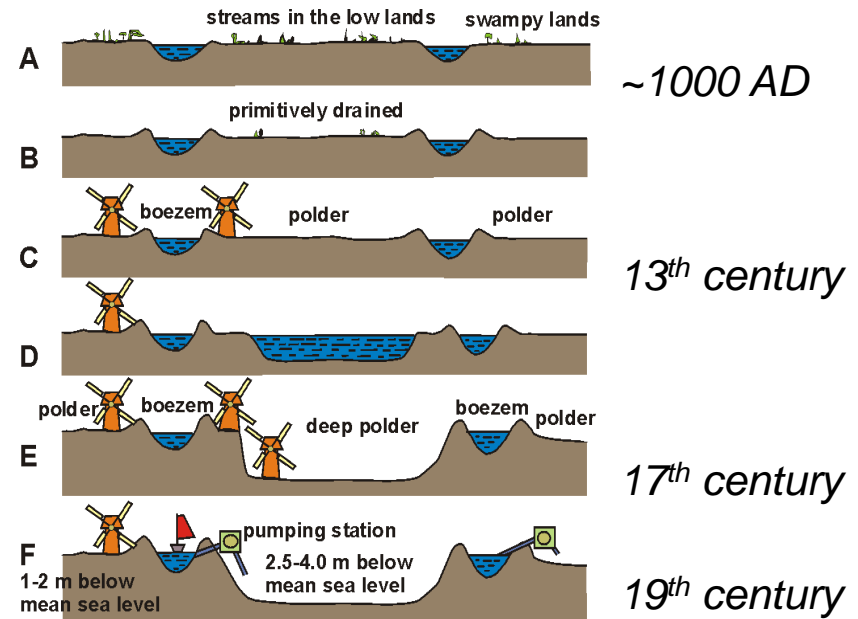
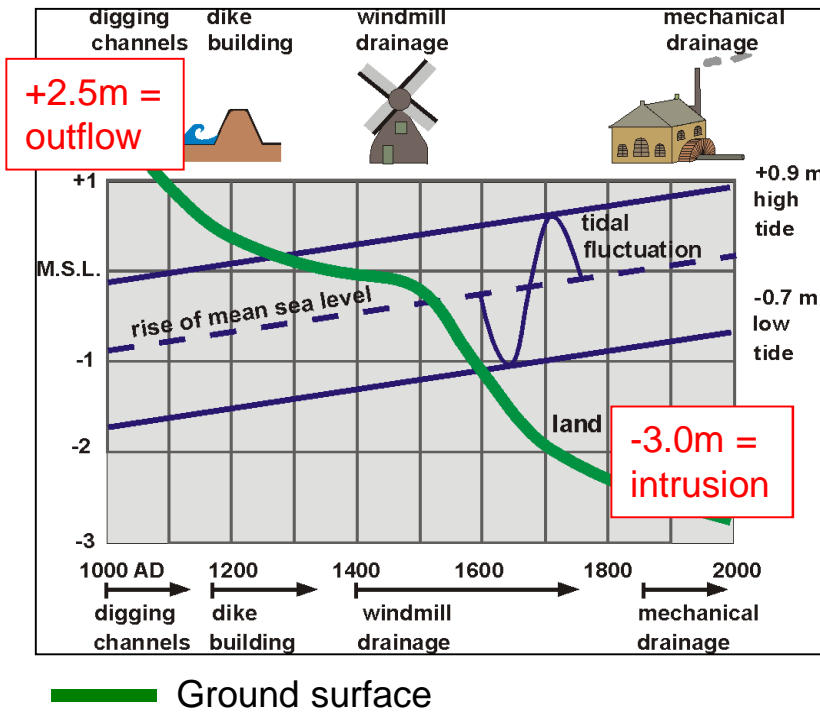
# Saline seepage leads to:

- Salinization and eutrophication of surface waters
- Salinization of shallow groundwater
- Salinization of root zone (crop damage)



# From fresh water outflow to salt water inflow

## Historical subsidence of the ground surface in Holland



Sea level rise: **+2 m**



Nederland



Nile delta, Egypt



Jakarta, Indonesia



Myanmar, Ayeyarwady



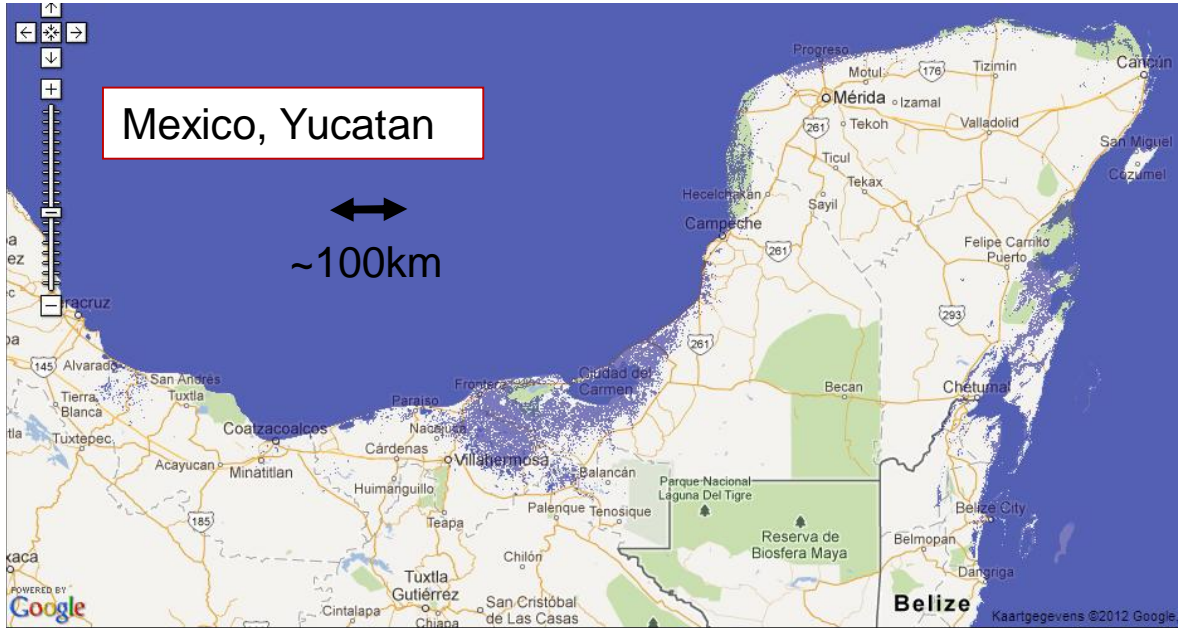
Mississippi, USA



Bangladesh



Mekong delta

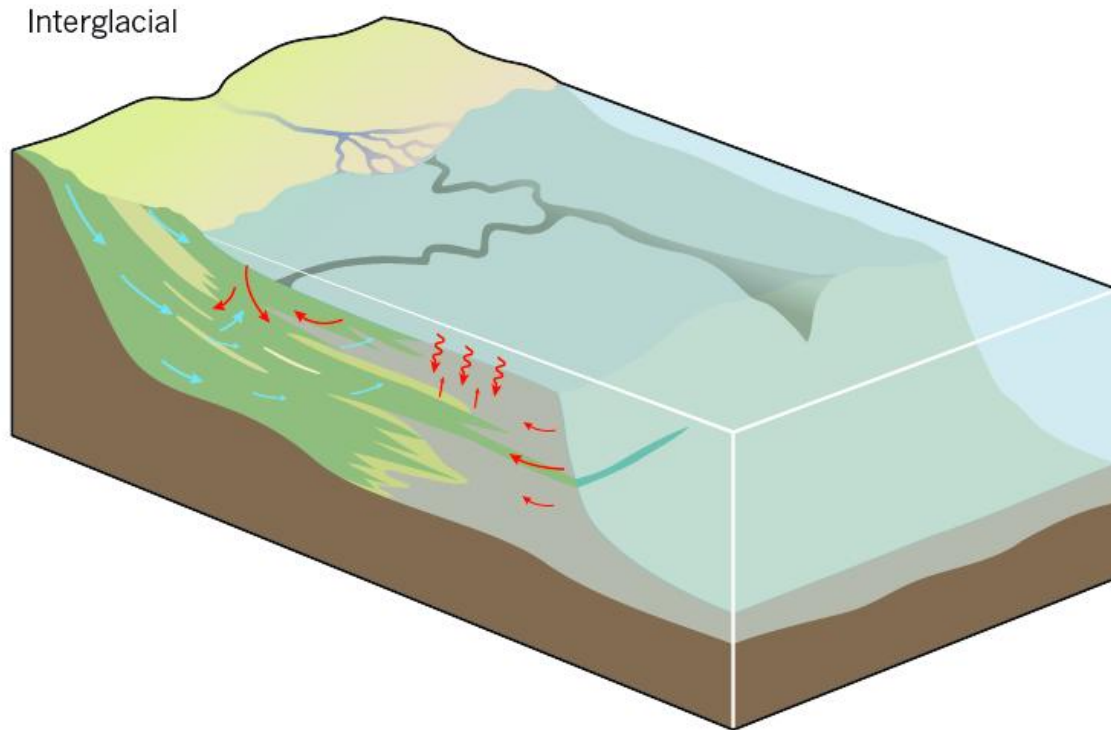
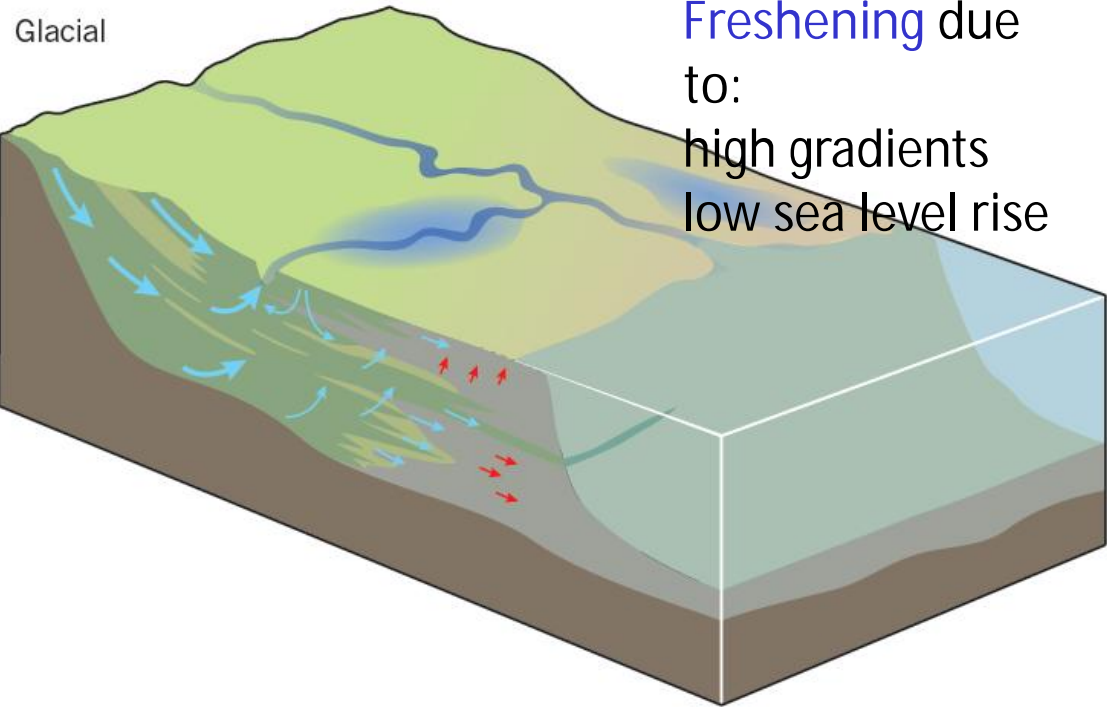


# World map of topography and bathymetry showing known occurrences of fresh and brackish offshore groundwater

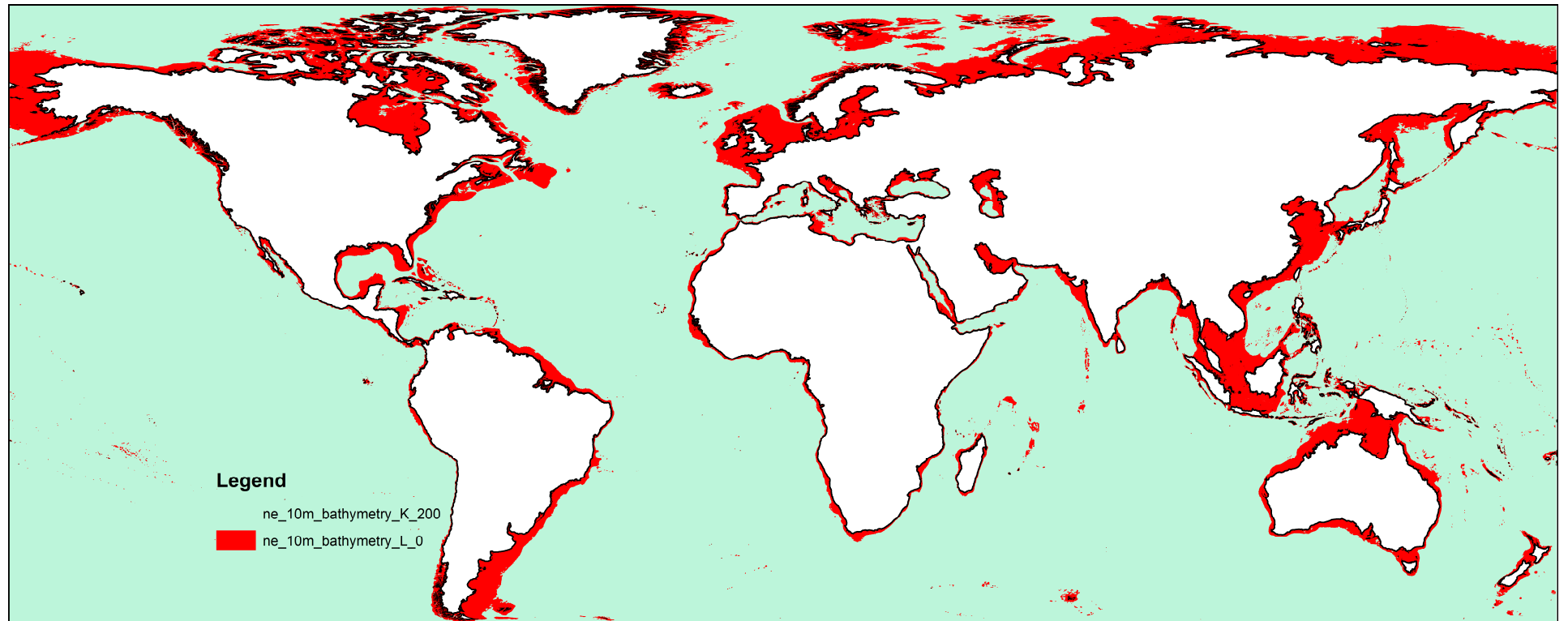


Post et al., Nature, 2013

# Genesis and preservation

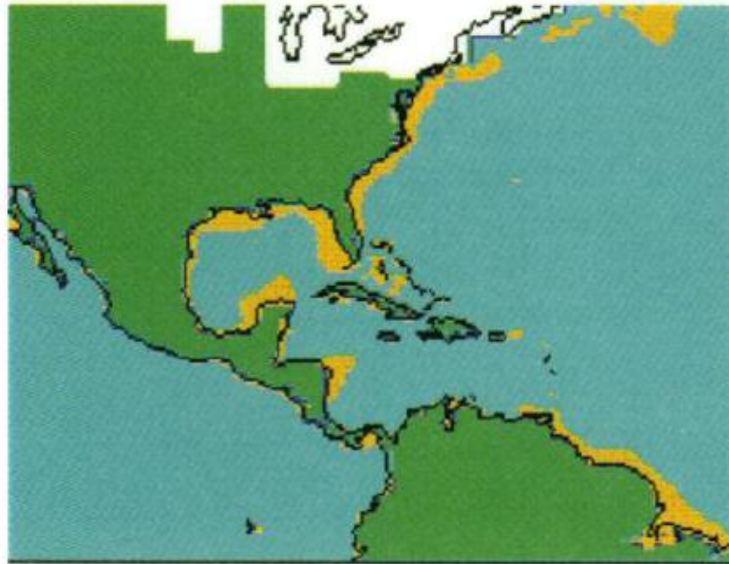


# Possible locations of offshore (submarine) groundwater



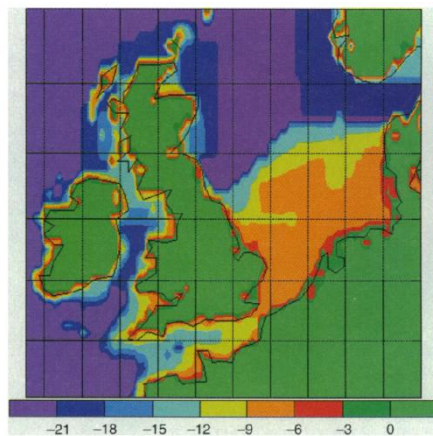
# Coastal zone cases around the world

Occurrence related to dynamic sea-levels and coastlines

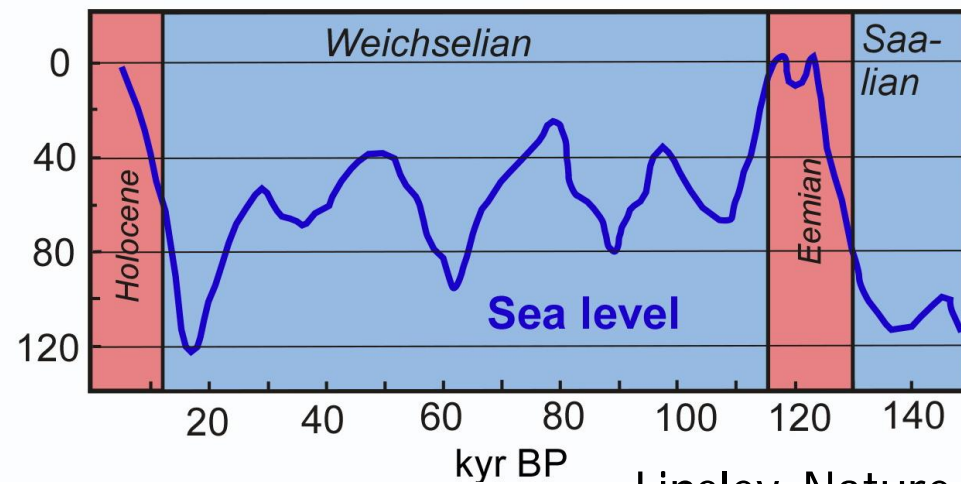


Exposed continental shelves

Peltier, *Science*, 1994



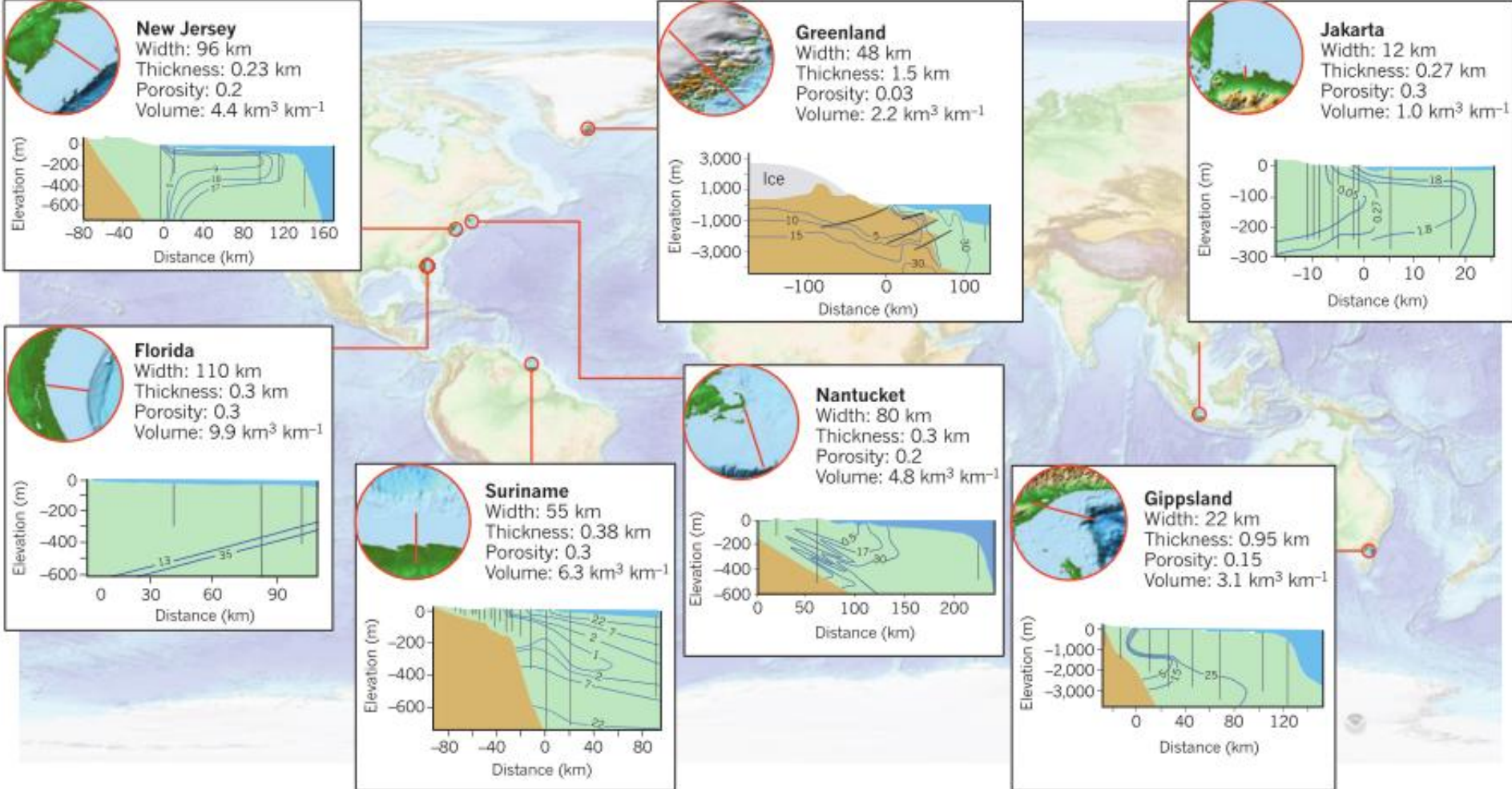
Inundated (kyr BP)



Linsley, *Nature*, 1996



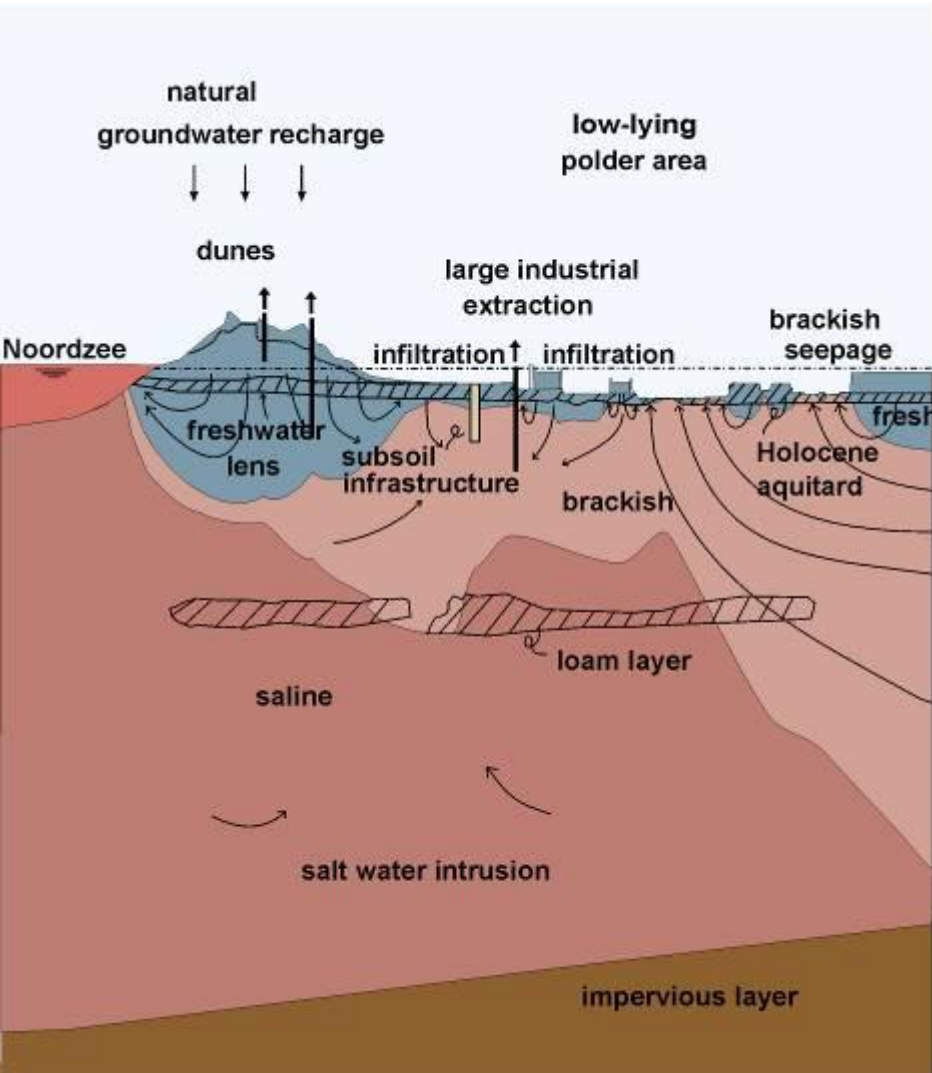
# Global overview of inferred key metrics and cross sections of well-characterised vast meteoric groundwater reserves



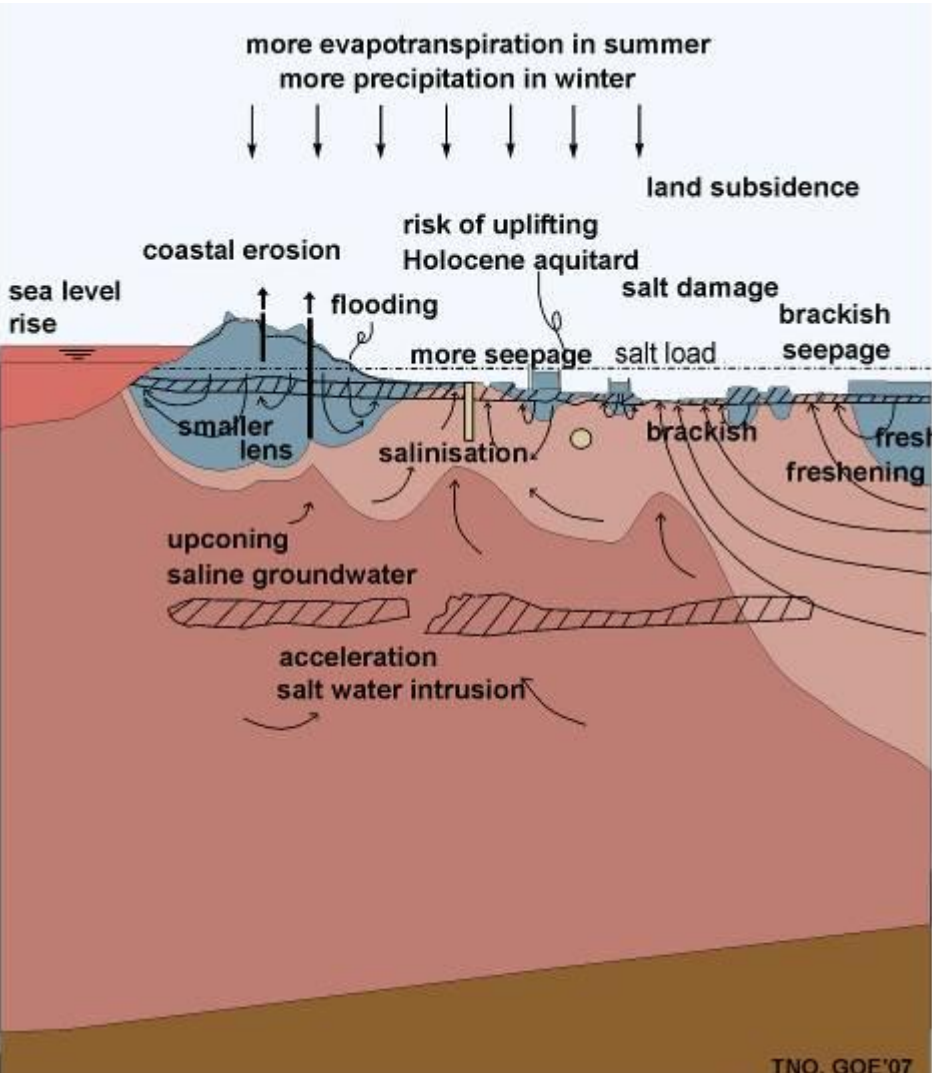
My first density dependent groundwater flow and  
solute transport model in 1990!

# The Dutch groundwater system under stress

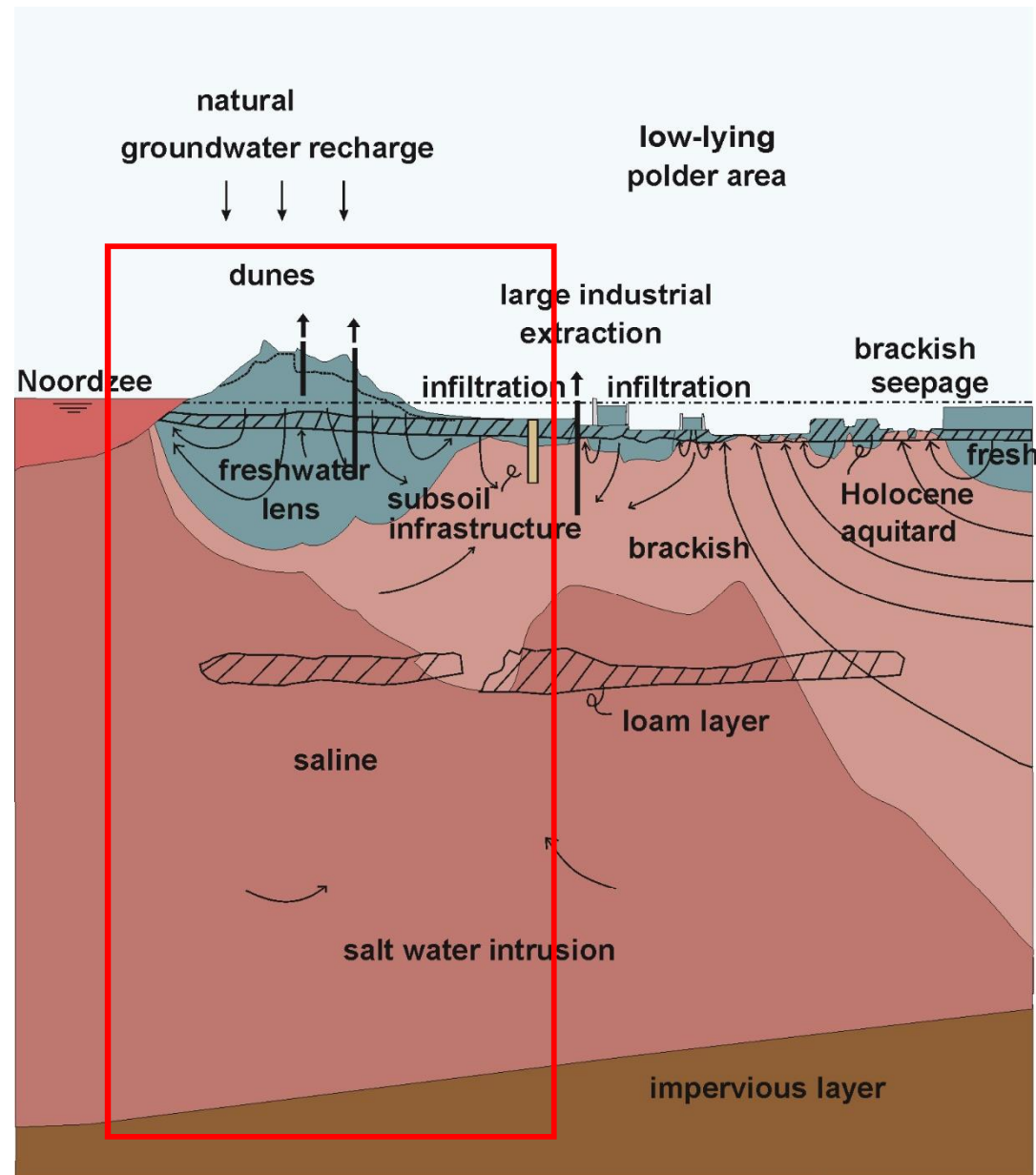
Present processes



Future changes

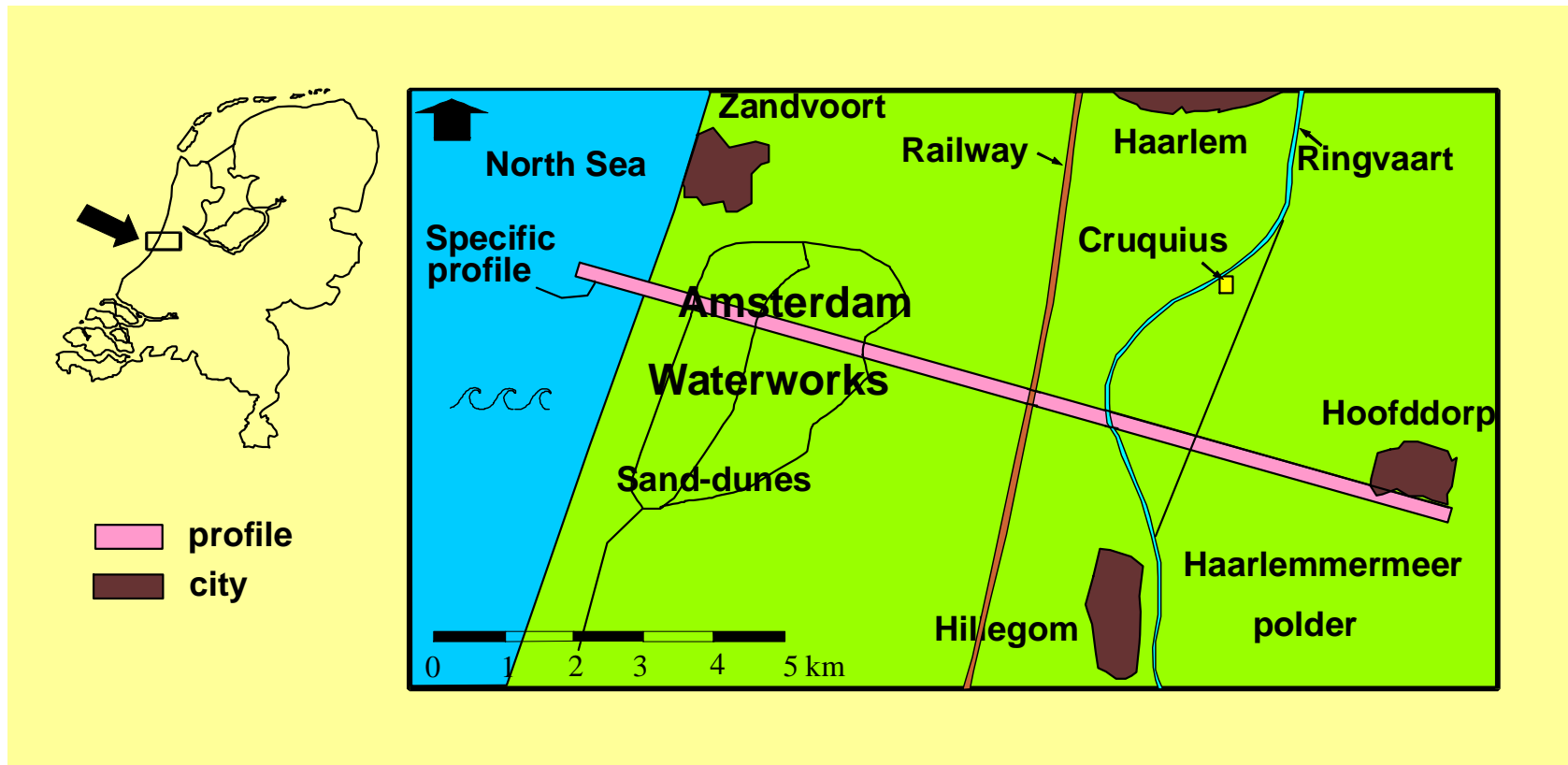


# Saltwater intrusion in the Netherlands



# Saltwater intrusion in the Dutch coastal zone

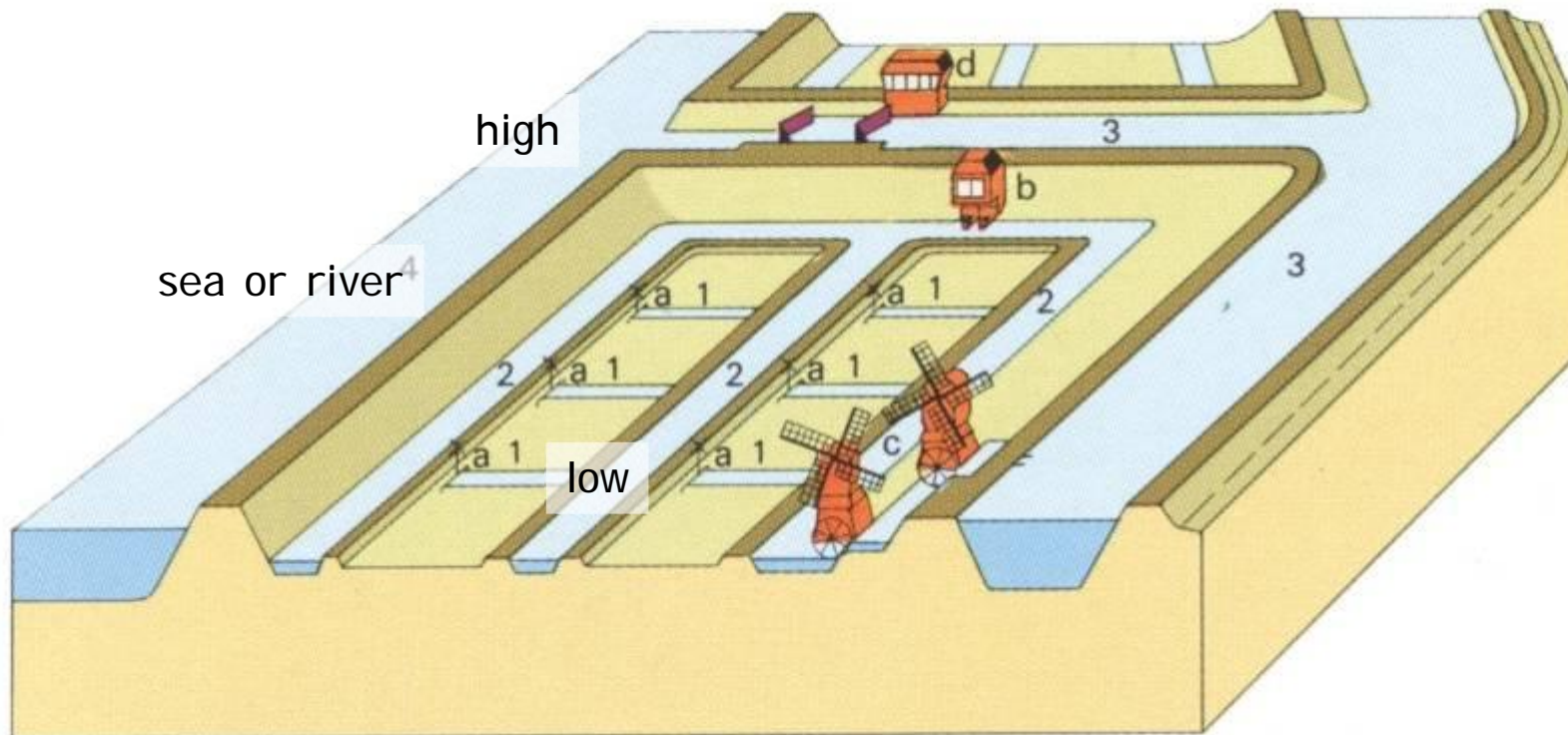
Position profile through Amsterdam Waterworks, Rijnland polders and Haarlemmermeer polder



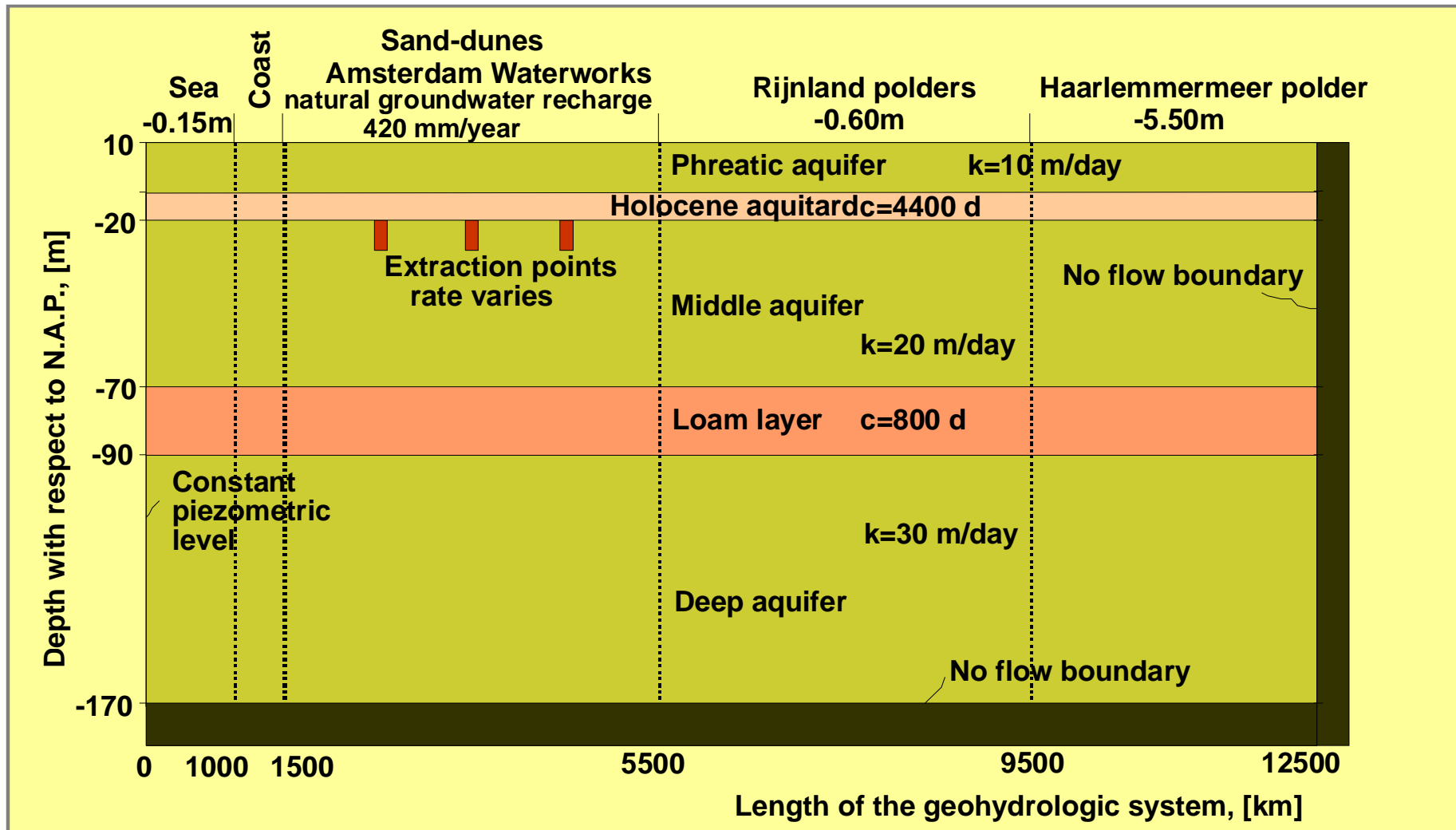
# The polder system

A polder is:

*a sophisticated system to drain the excess of water in a low-lying area*

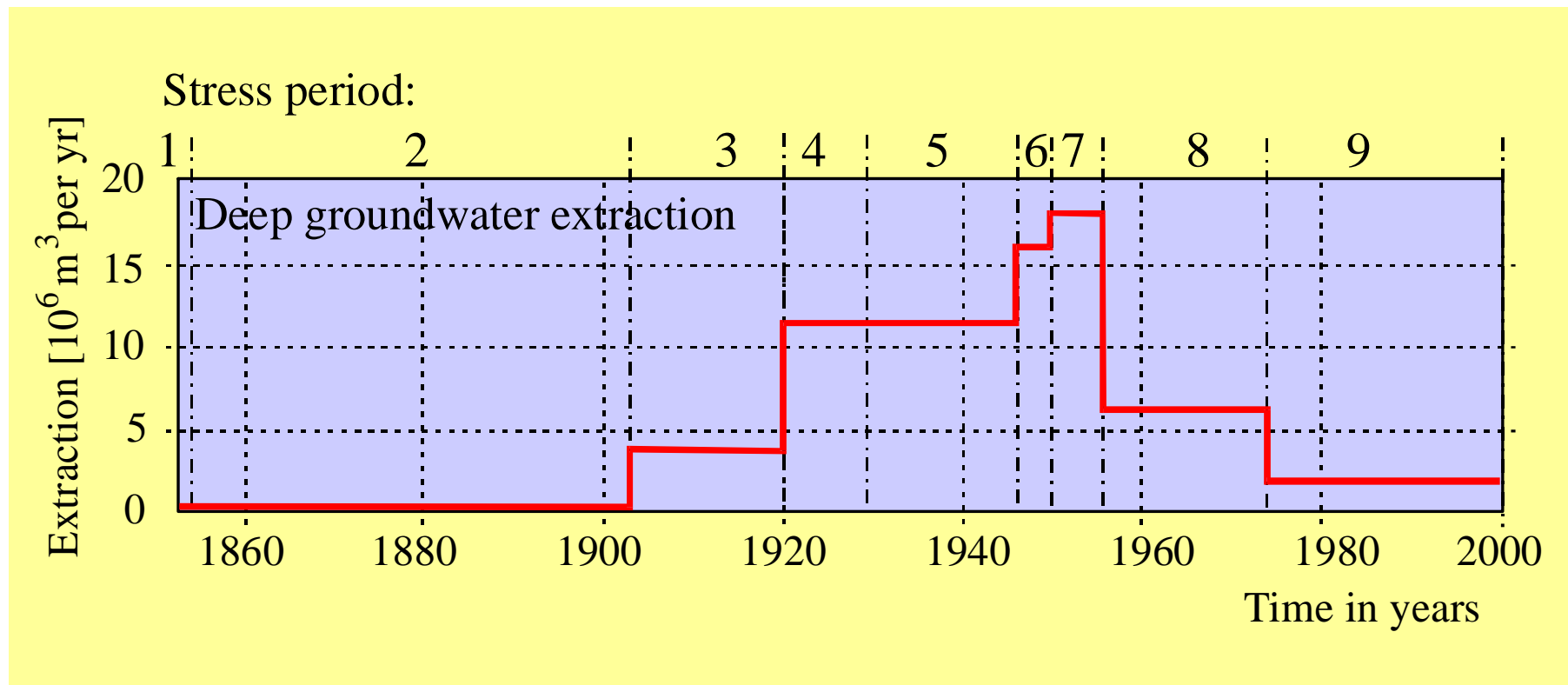


# Geometry, subsoil parameters, boundary conditions



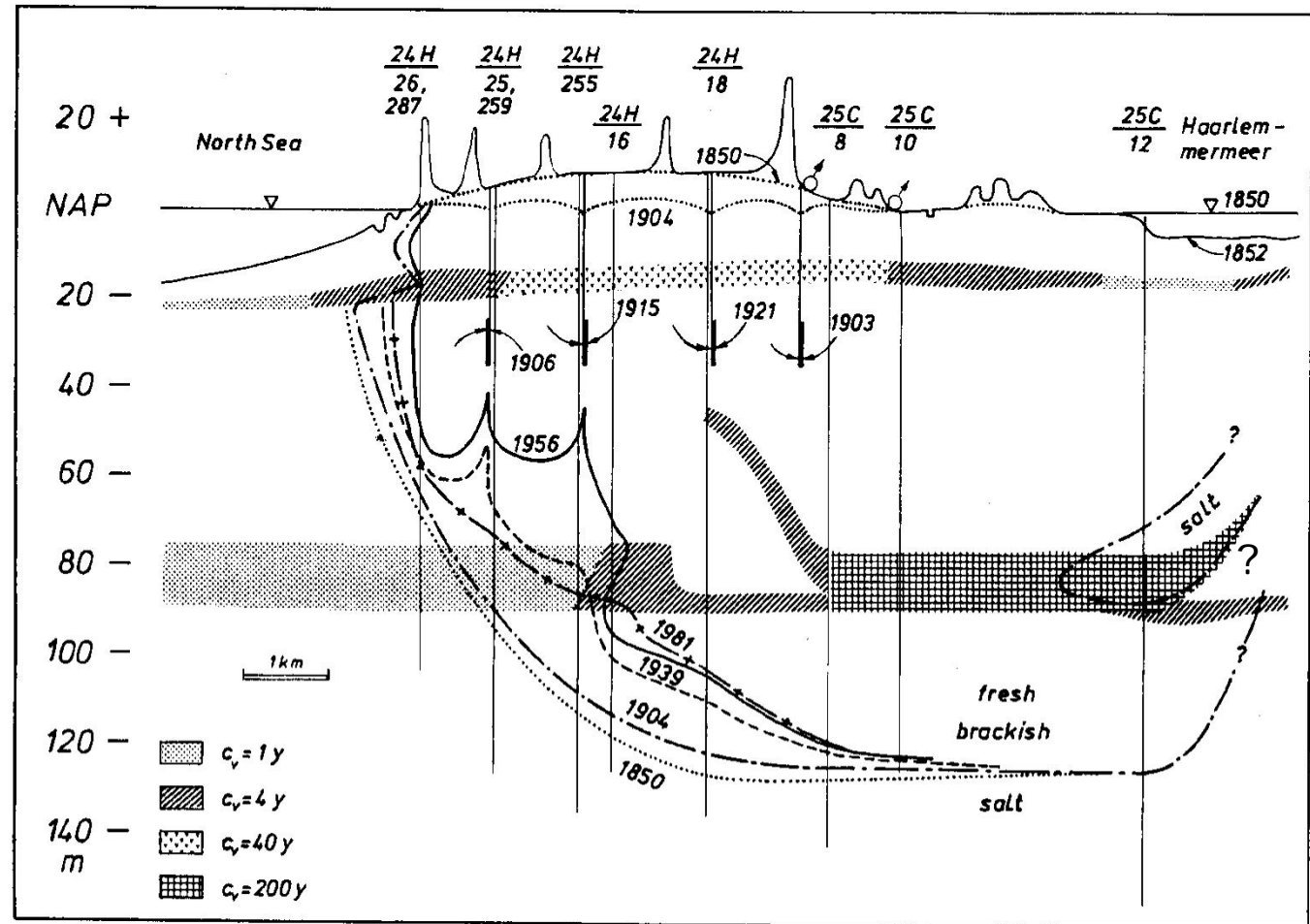
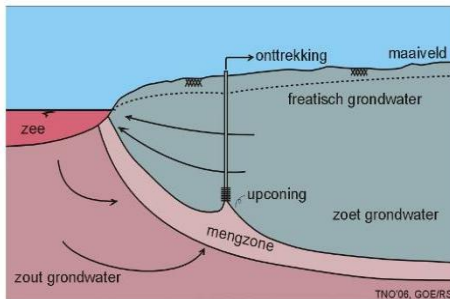
# Saltwater intrusion in the Dutch coastal zone

Grondwater extractions out of the middle aquifer in the sand-dune area of Amsterdam Waterworks



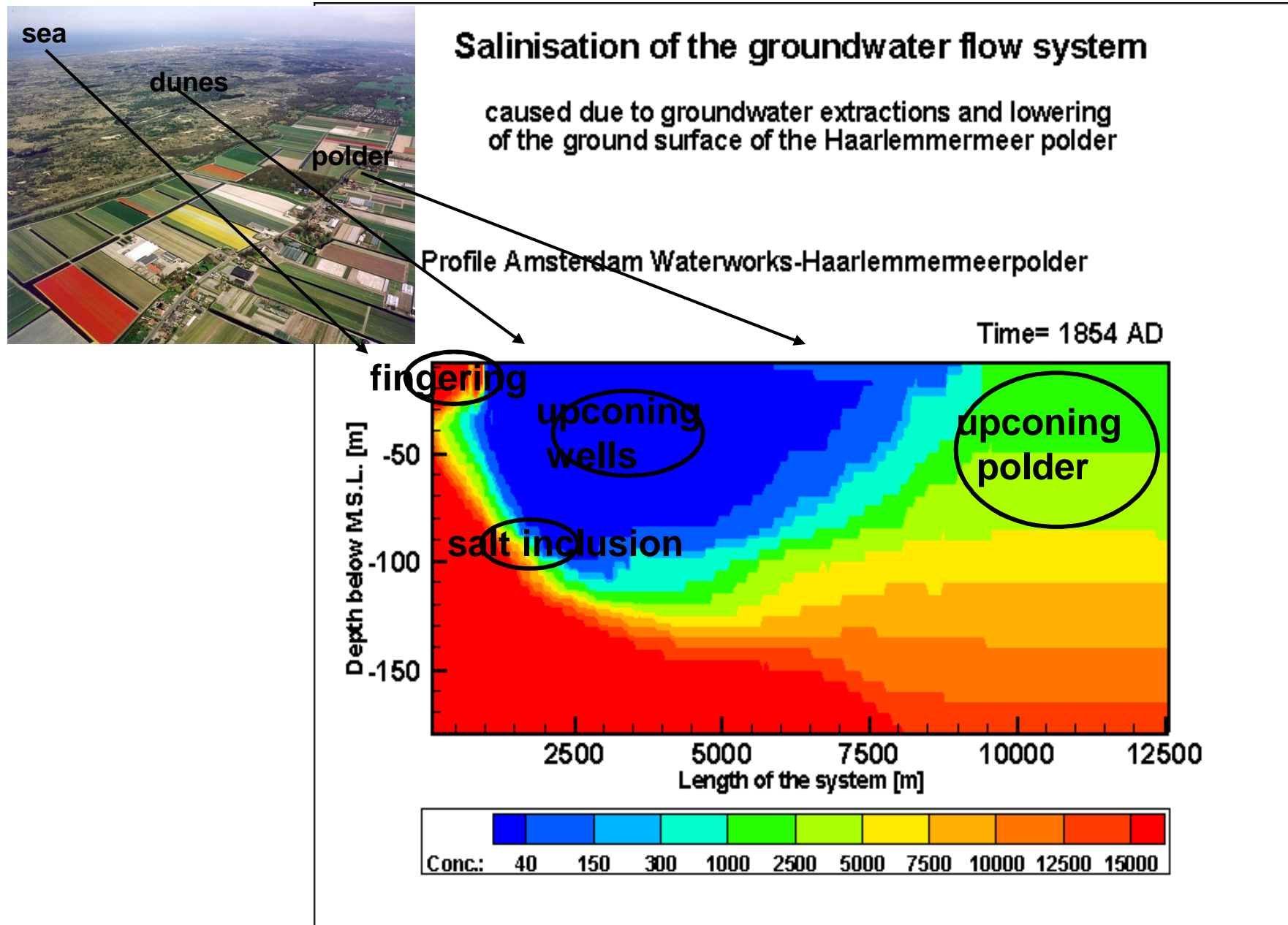


# Upconing of brackish-saline groundwater

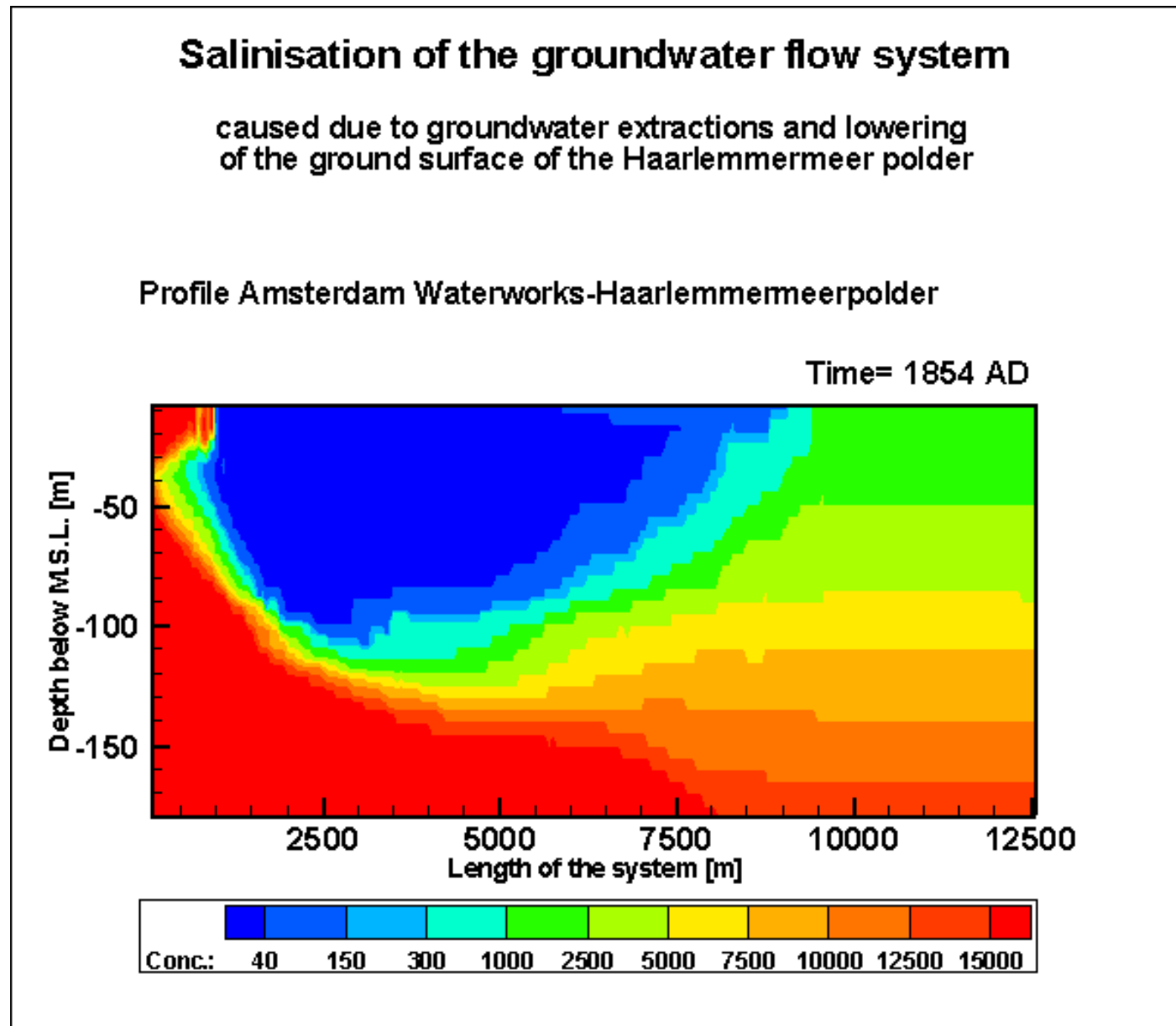


Stuyfzand, 1993

# Saltwater intrusion in the Dutch coastal zone



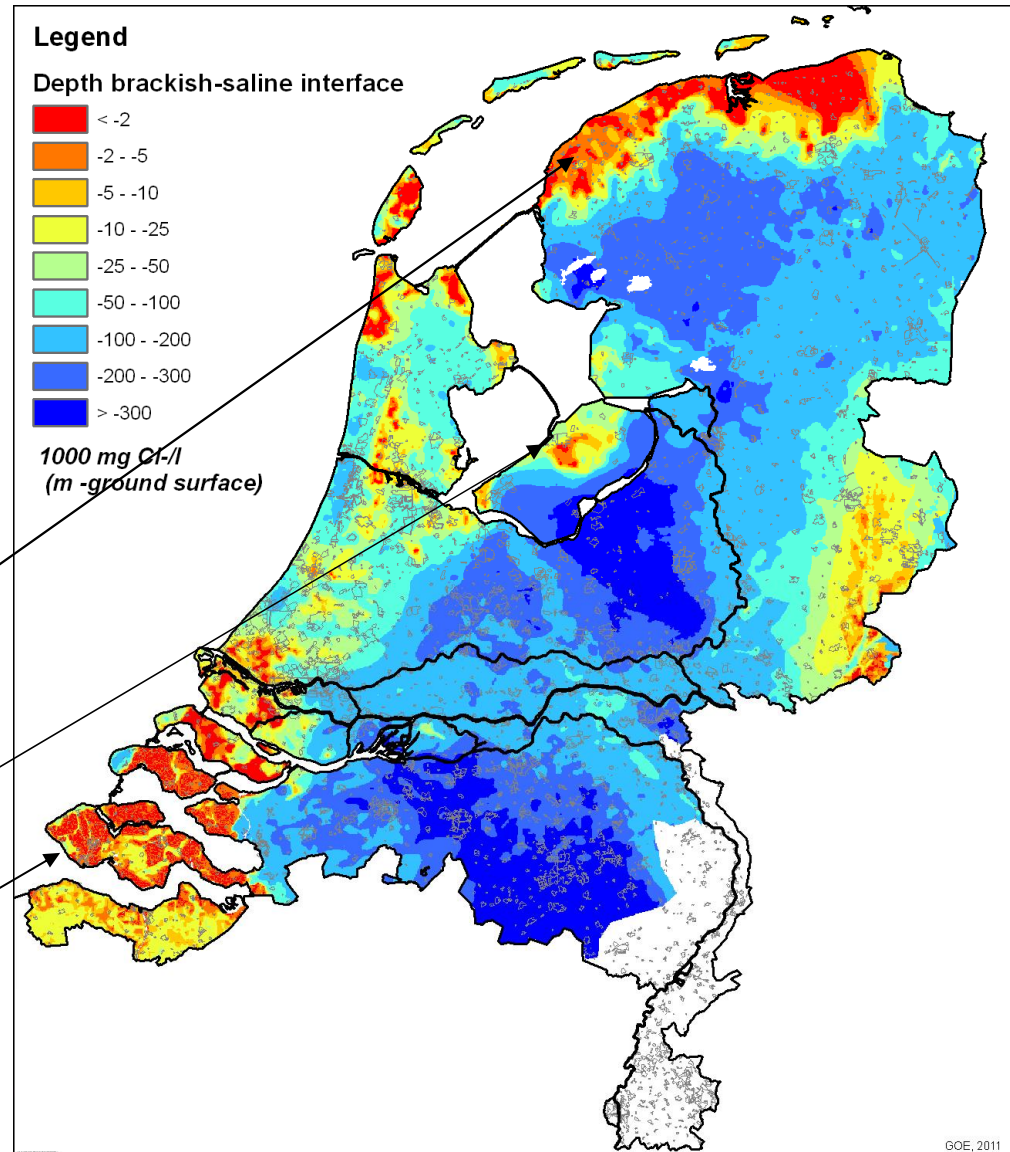
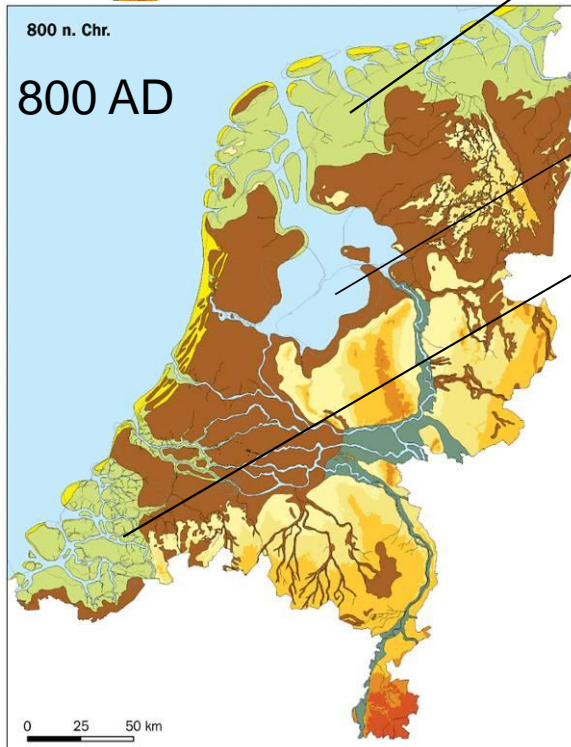
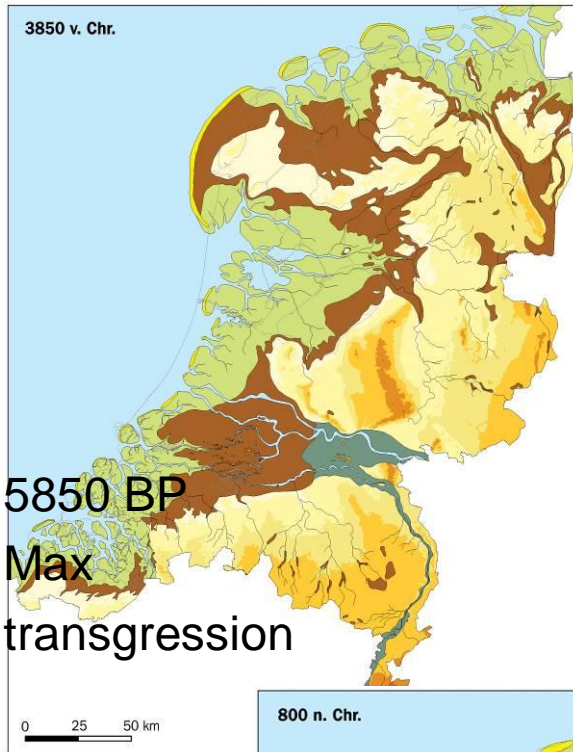
# Saltwater intrusion in the Dutch coastal zone



# **Palaeo hydrogeological modelling**

## **Palaeo-modeling salt water intrusion during the Holocene: an application to the Netherlands**

*J.R. Delsman, K. Hu-a-ng, P.C. Vos, P.G.B. de Louw, G.H.P. Oude Essink and M.F.P. Bierkens*



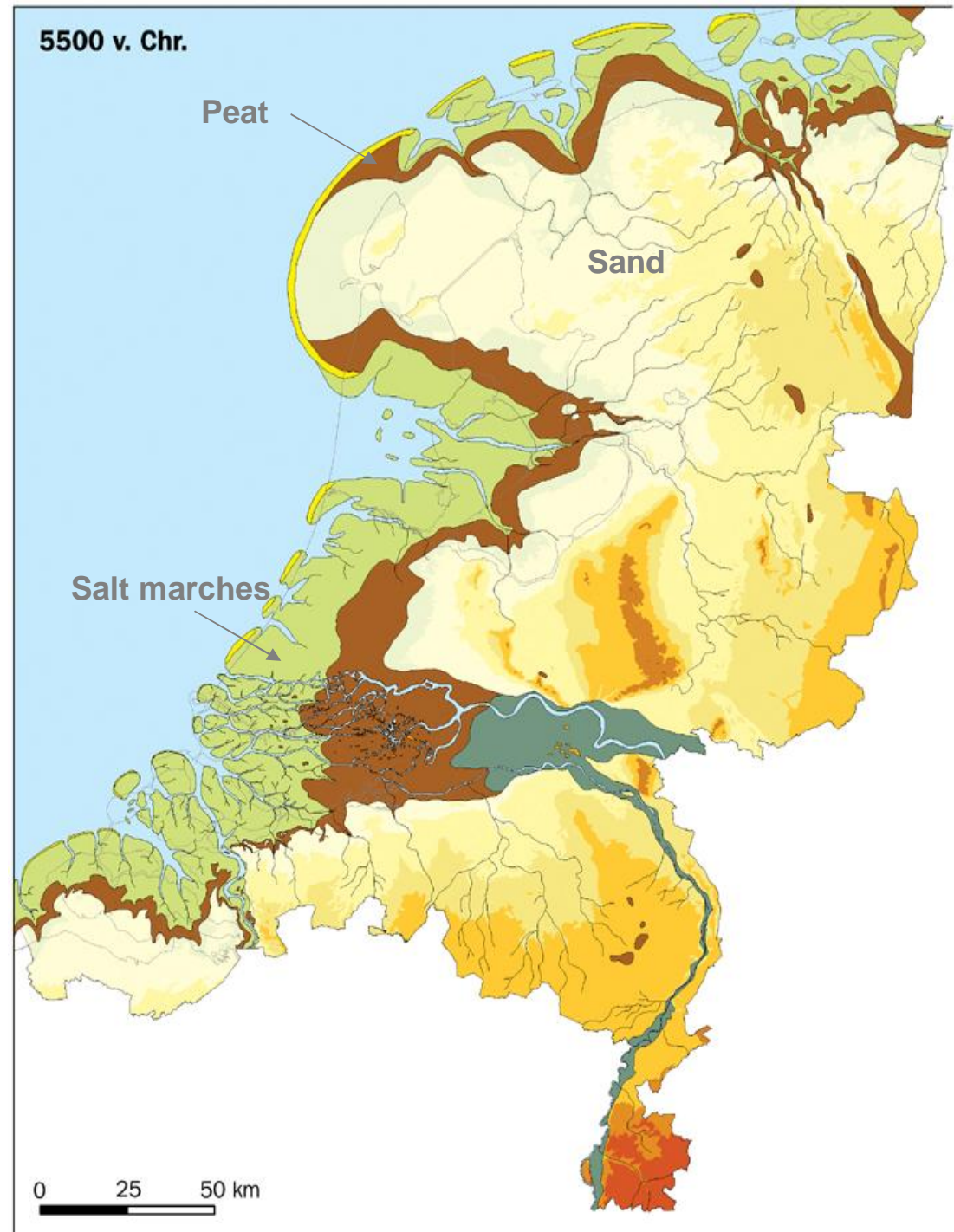
Based on:

- Analyses
- VES
- Borehole measurement

# The Holocene transgressions

Major impact on present regional brackish groundwater systems

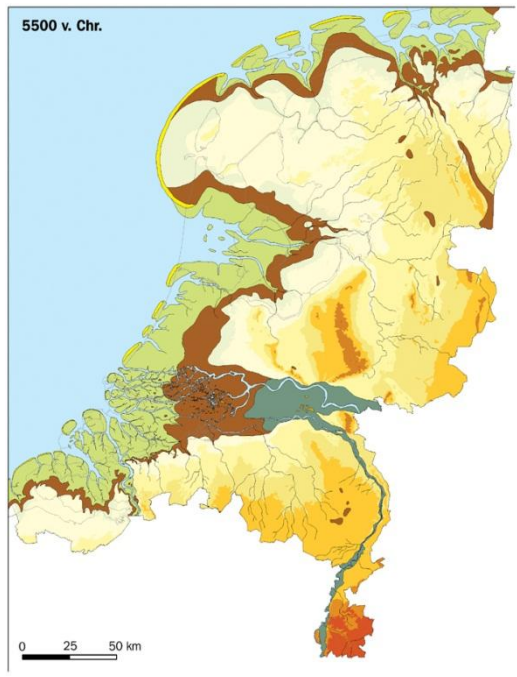
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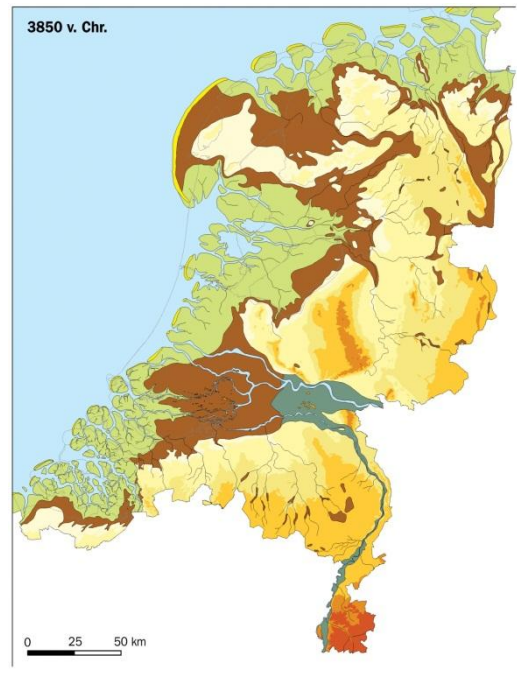
A map of the United States showing groundwater salt distribution. The map uses various colors to represent different salt concentrations: dark red for high concentrations, light green for moderate concentrations, and yellow/orange for lower concentrations. A network of blue lines represents rivers and streams. A semi-transparent white box is centered over the map, containing the text "CAN WE PREDICT THE PRESENT SALT DISTRIBUTION IN GROUNDWATER?".

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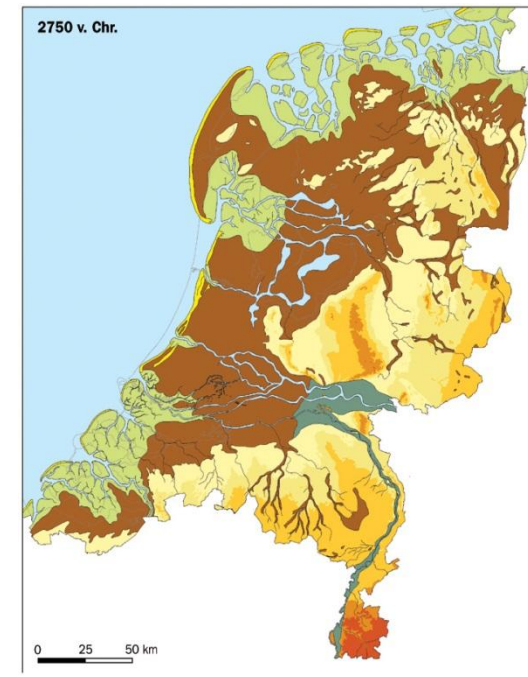
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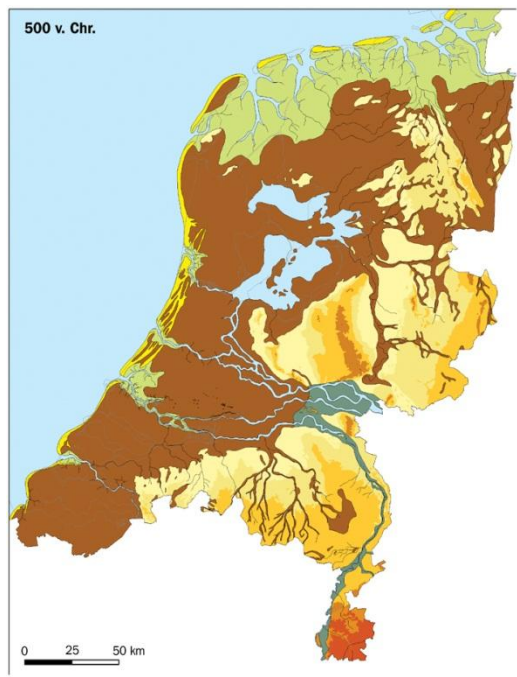
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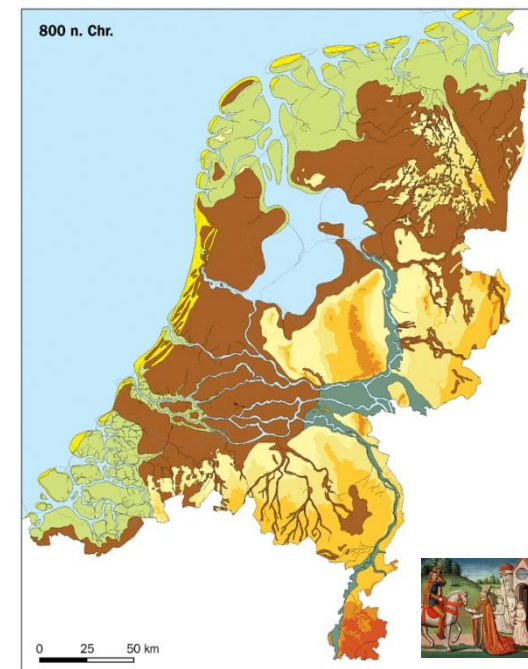
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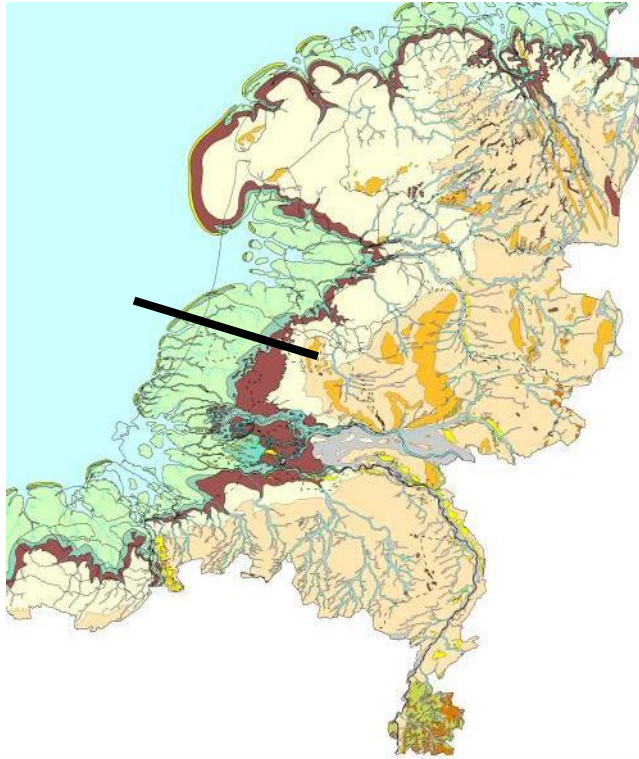
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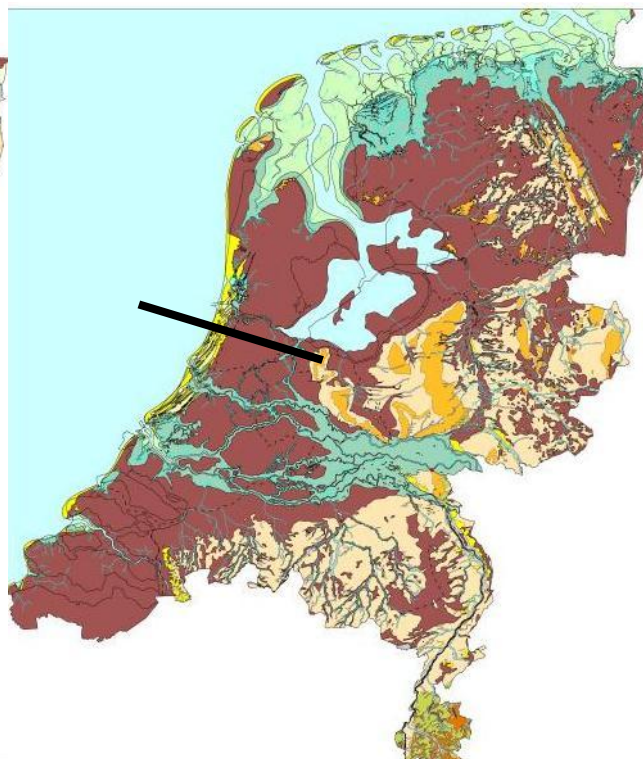
# Palaeogeographical development

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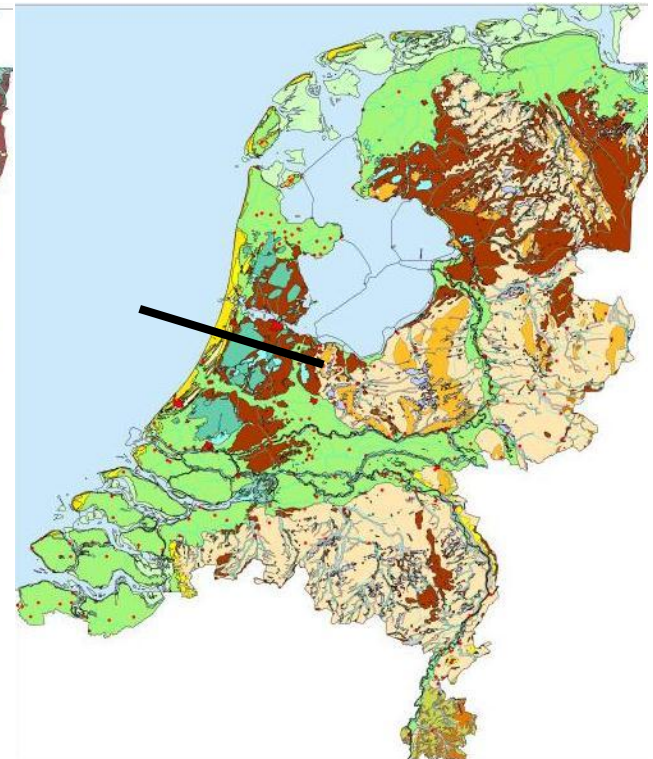
**Maximal transgression**

100 AD



**Peat development**

1850 AD



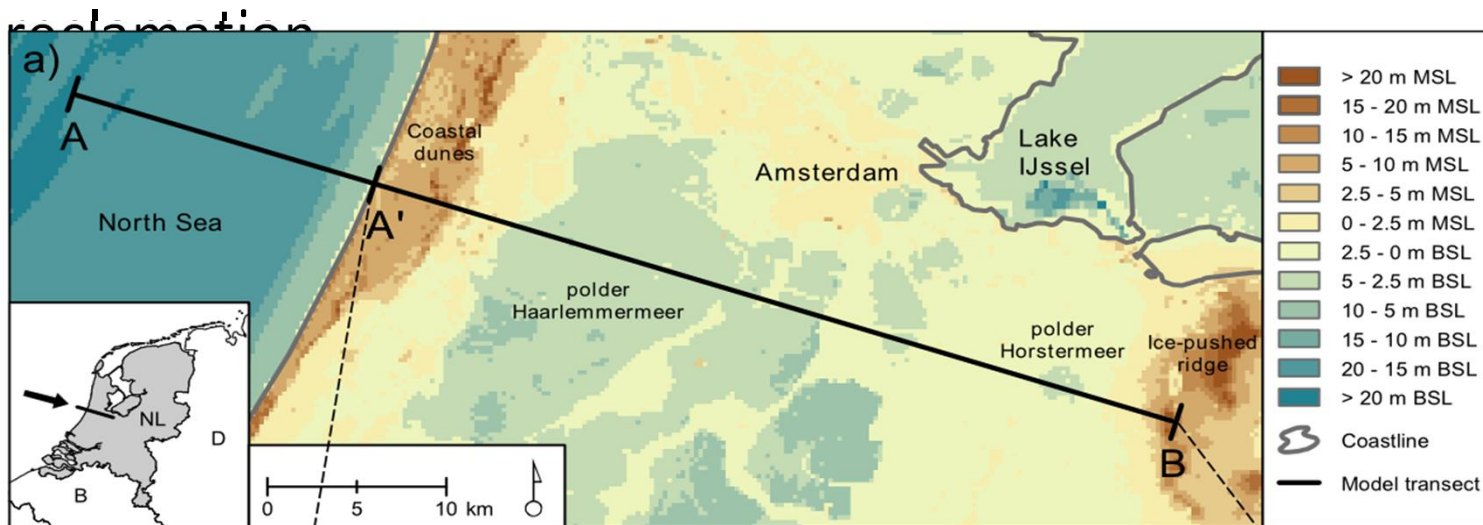
**Reclaimed land, polder**

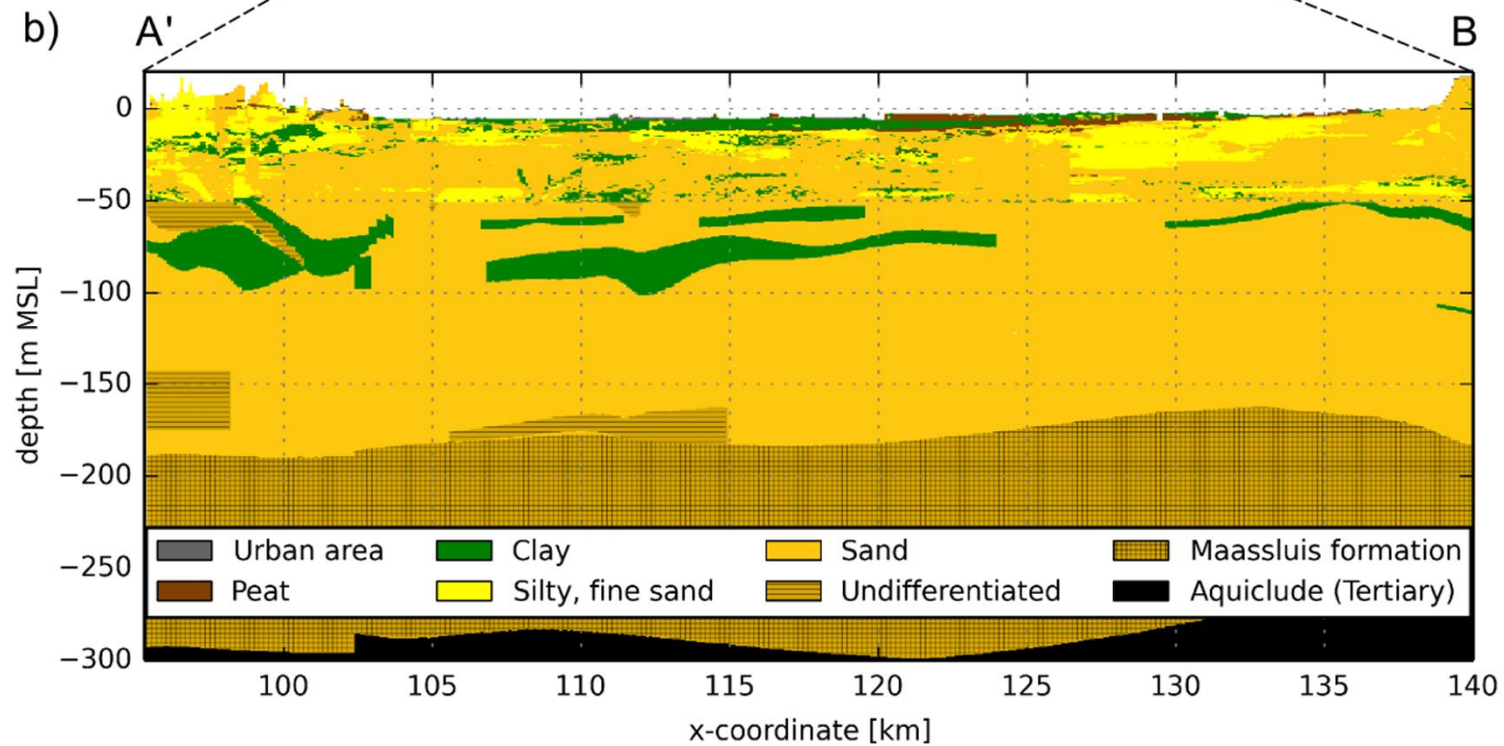
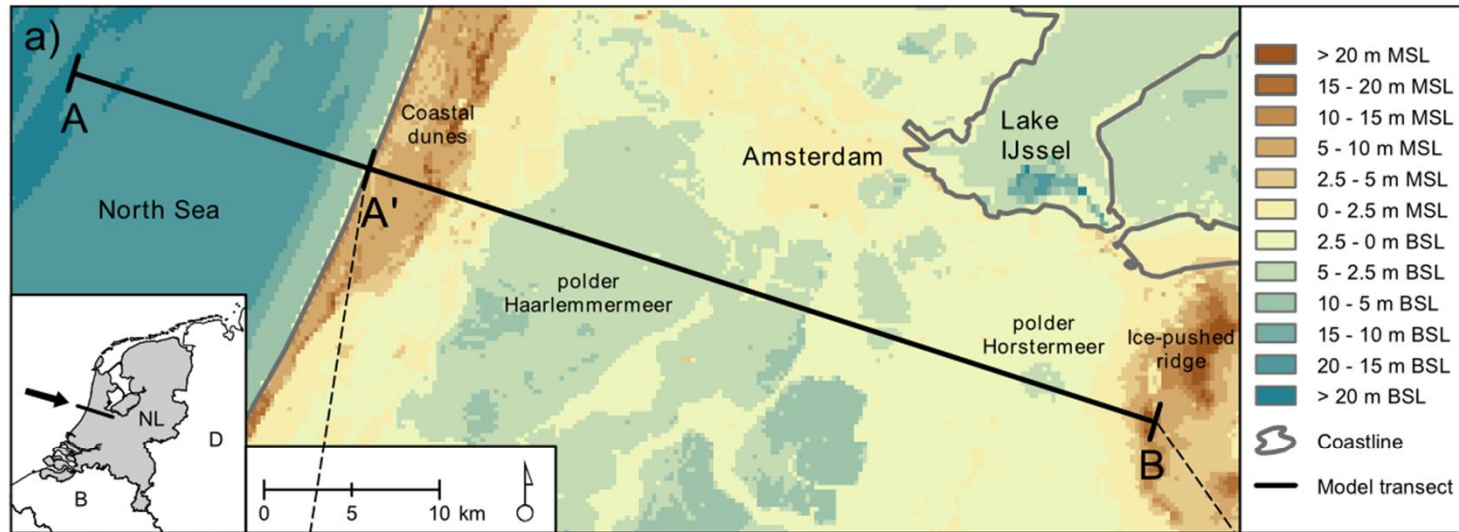
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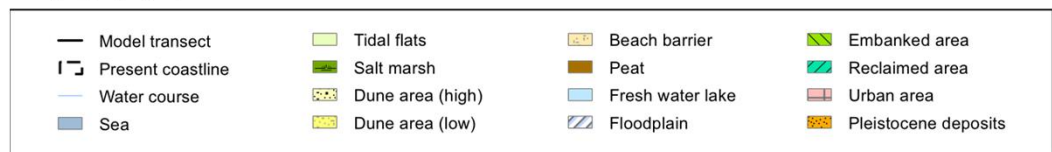
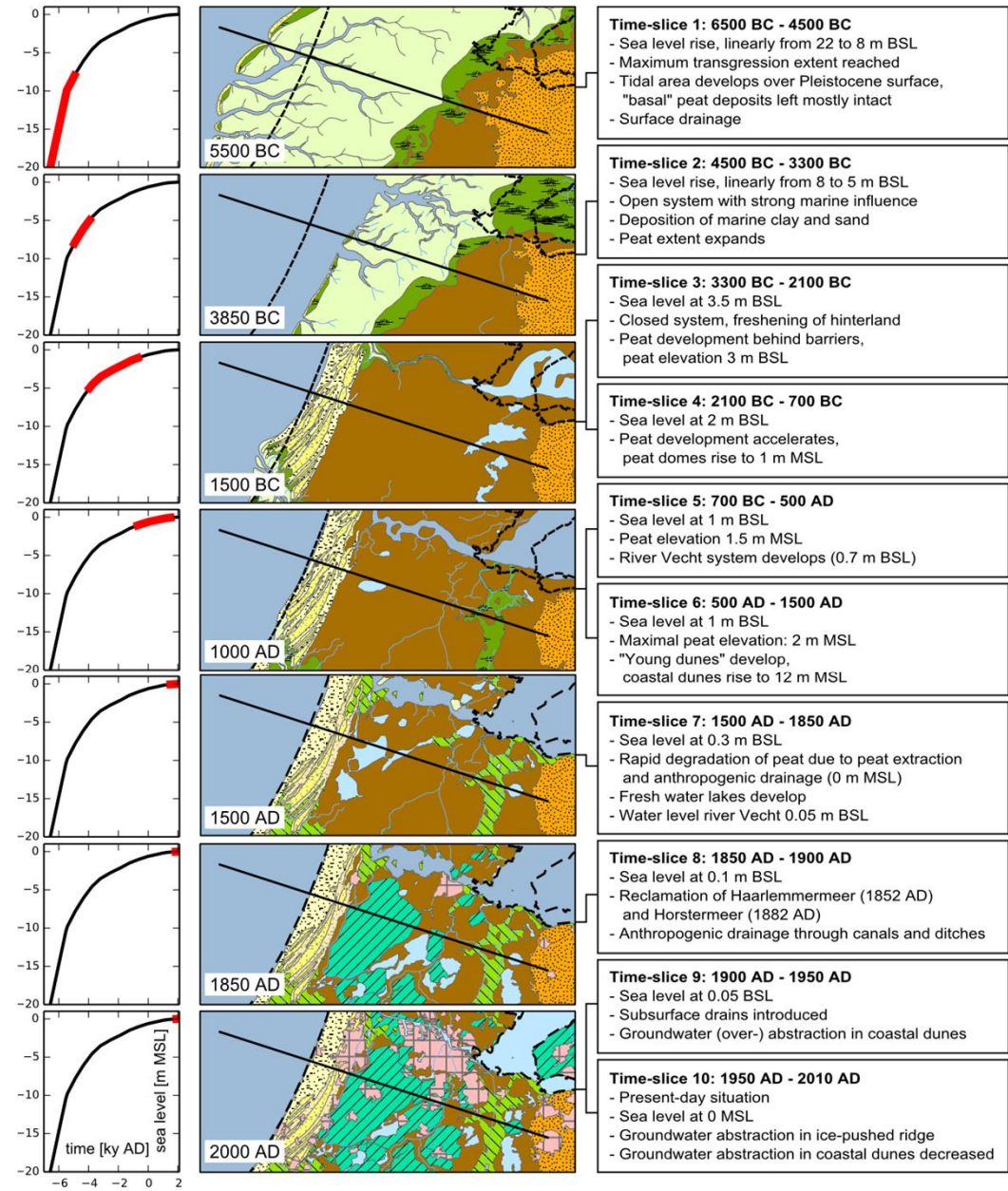
Atlas NL in het Holoceen (Vos et al, 2011)

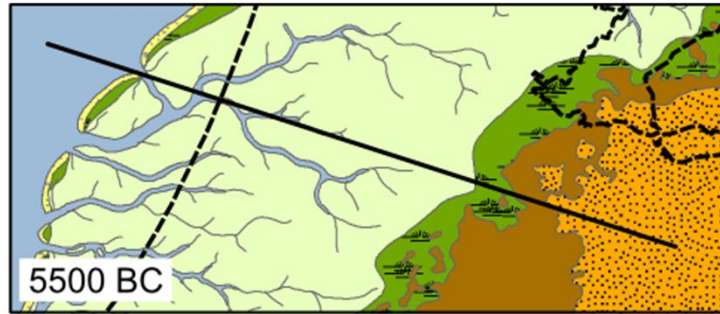
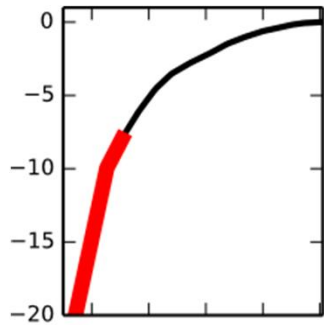
# Occurrence of salt under the polder Haarlemmermeer

- Model profile Zandvoort - Hoofddorp – Hilversum
- Palaeogeographical development (Vos et al, 2011)
- 6500 BC - 2010 AD
- marine transgression
- Peat development, peat degradation, drainage,



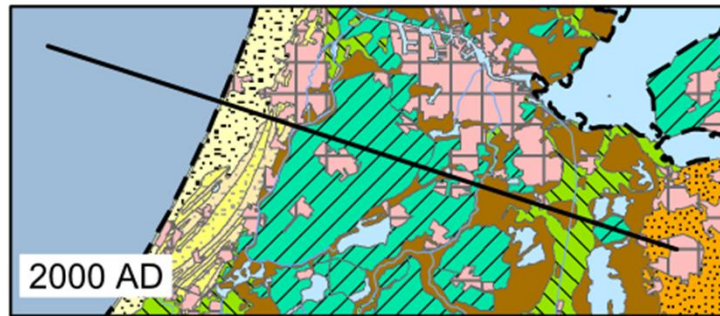
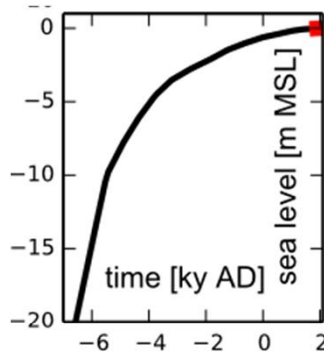






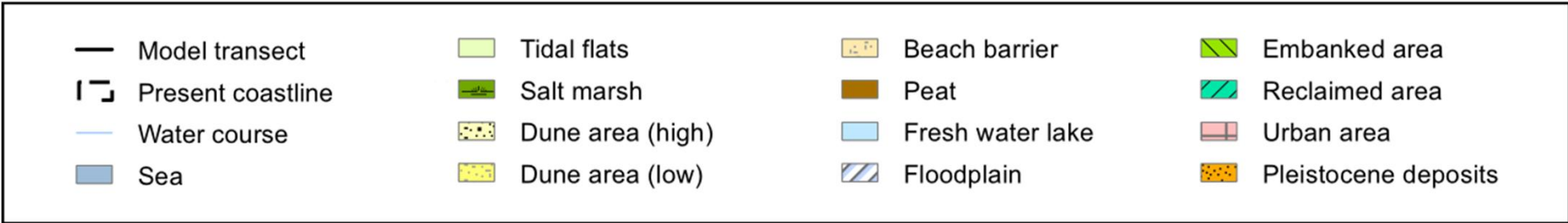
**Time-slice 1: 6500 BC - 4500 BC**

- Sea level rise, linearly from 22 to 8 m BSL
- Maximum transgression extent reached
- Tidal area develops over Pleistocene surface, "basal" peat deposits left mostly intact
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**Time-slice 10: 1950 AD - 2010 AD**

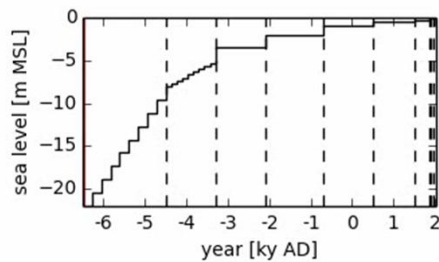
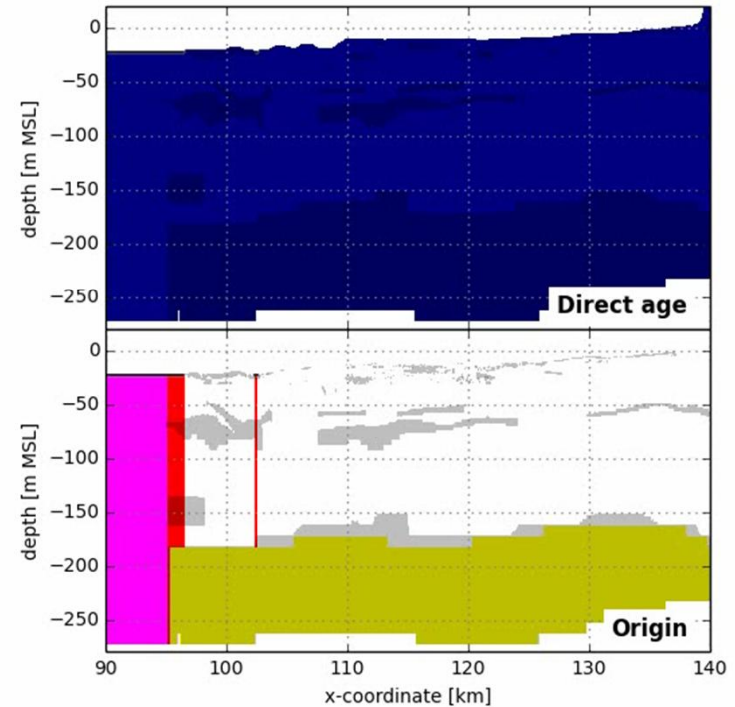
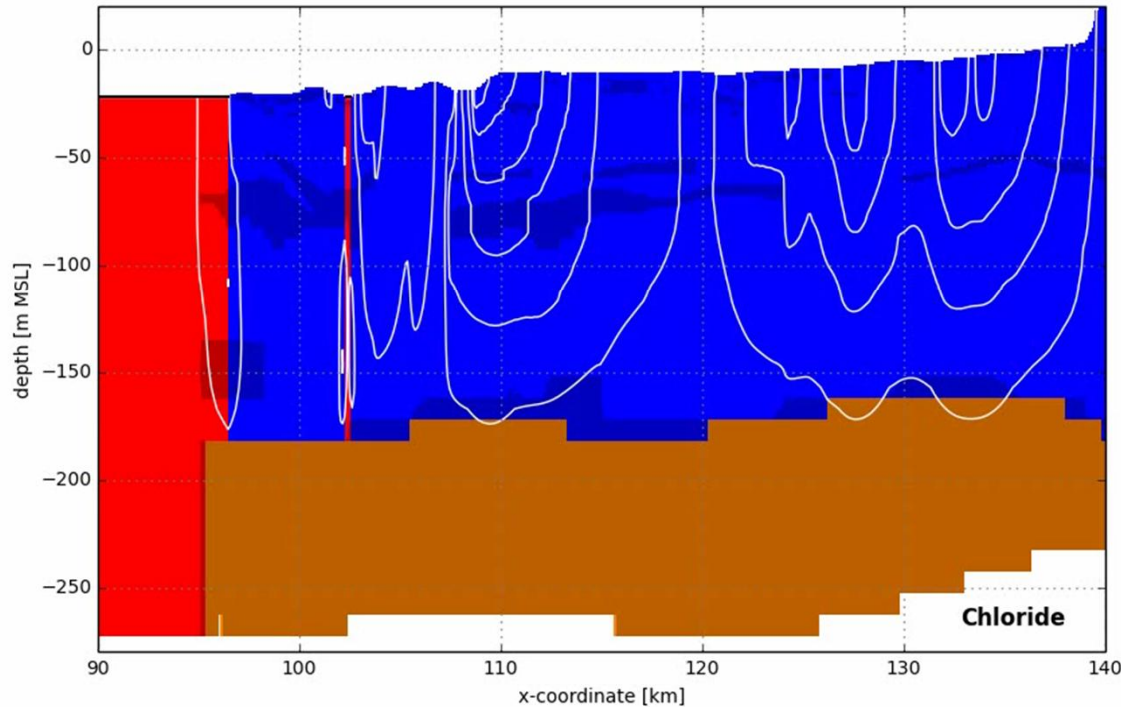
- Present-day situation
- Sea level at 0 MSL
- Groundwater abstraction in ice-pushed ridge
- Groundwater abstraction in coastal dunes decreased



# Development saline groundwater

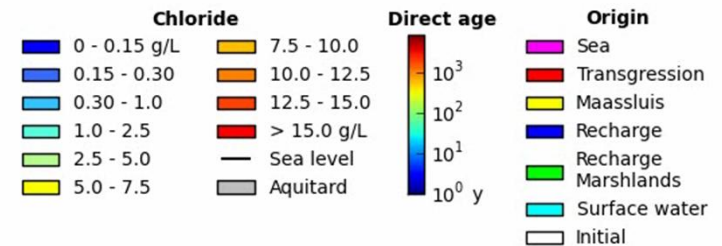
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Model time: 6500 BC

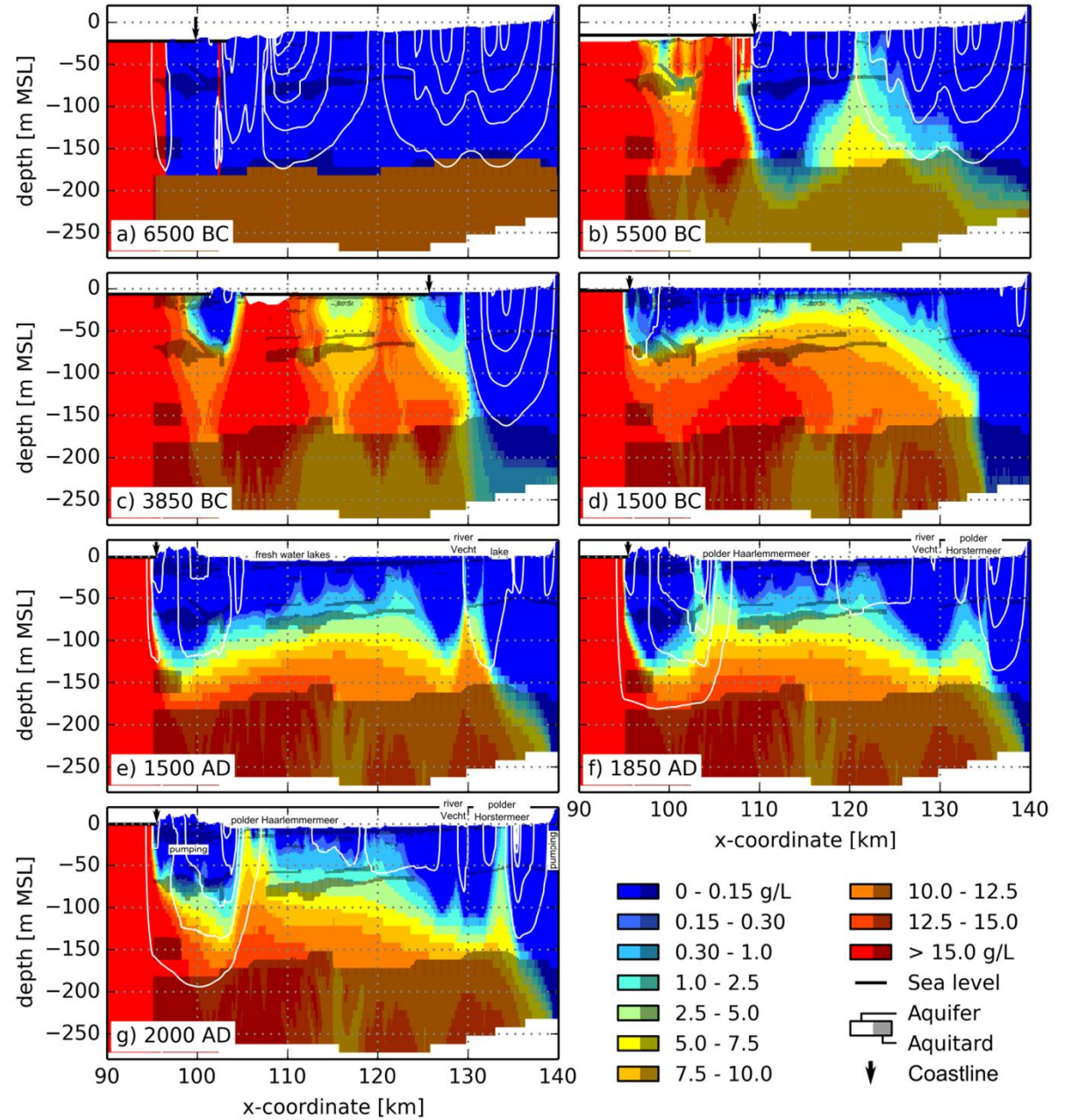
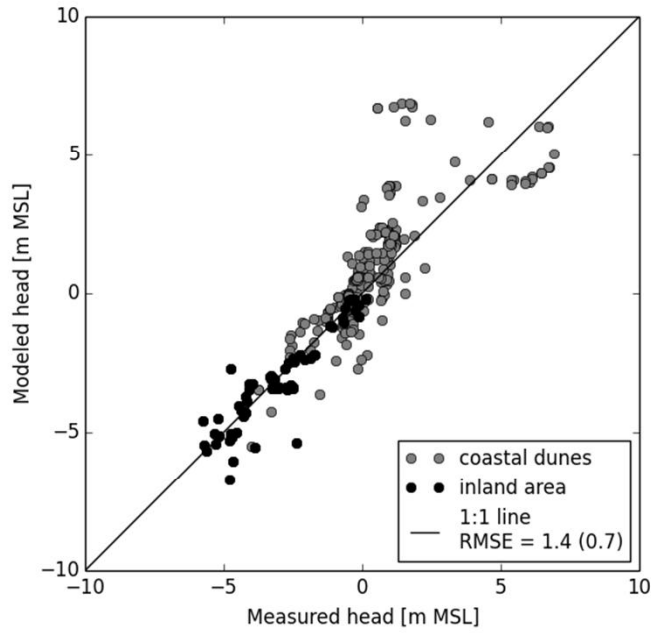


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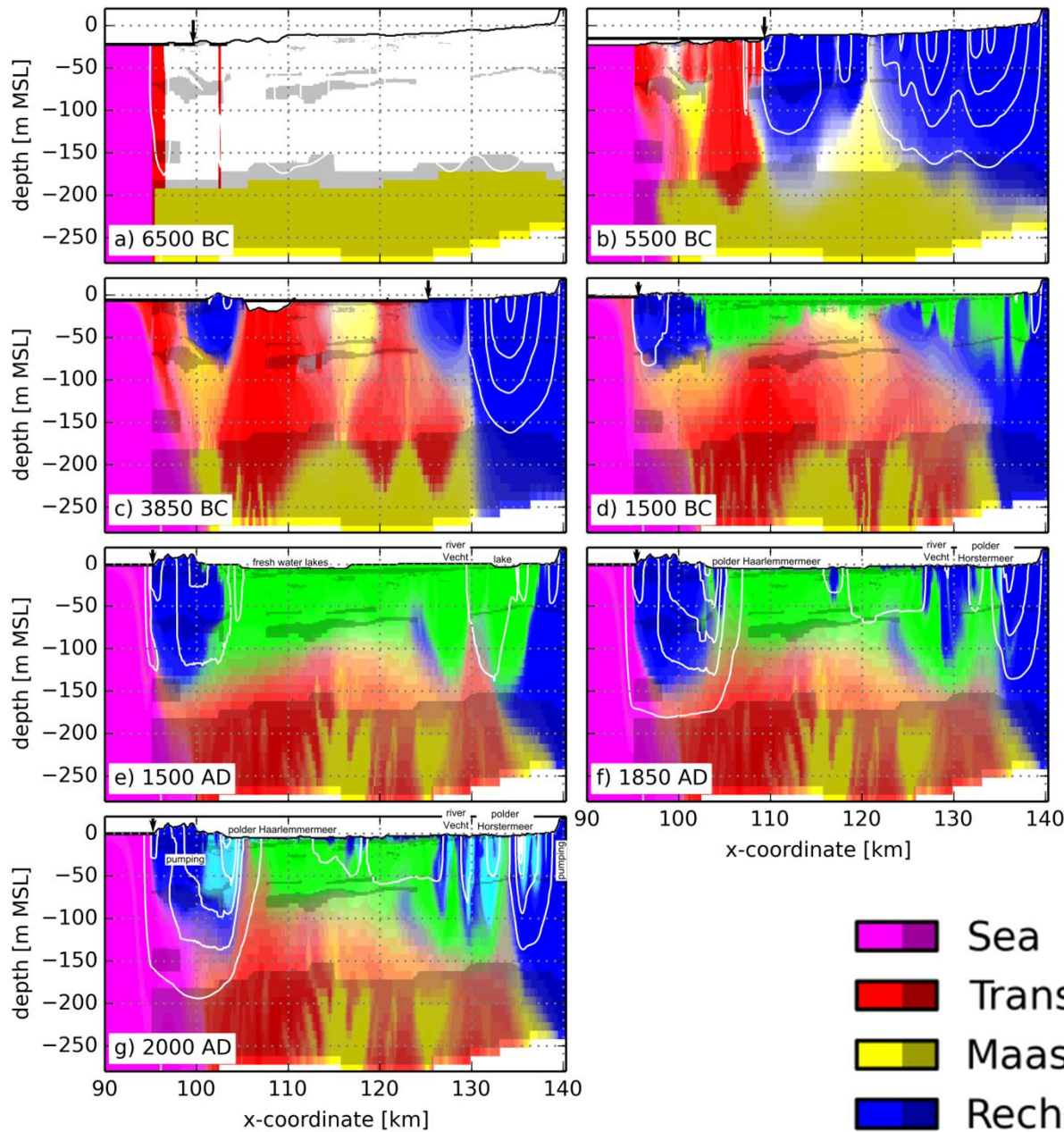
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# Model versus measurements



# Origin



a) 6500 BC

b) 5500 BC

c) 3850 BC

d) 1500 BC

e) 1500 AD

f) 1850 AD

g) 2000 AD

river Vecht lake

polder Haarlemmermeer river Vecht polder Horstermeer

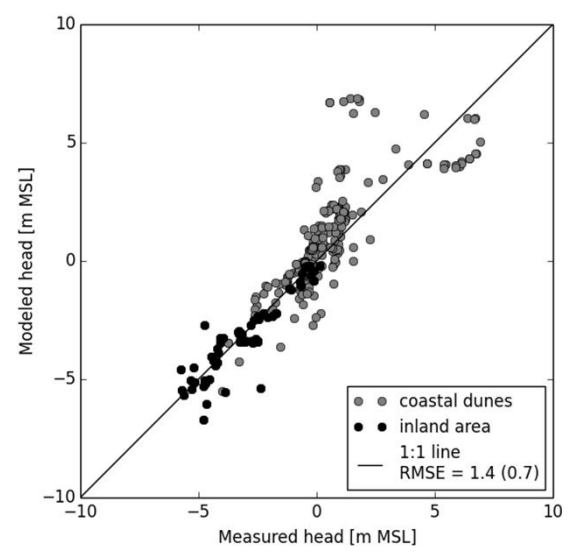
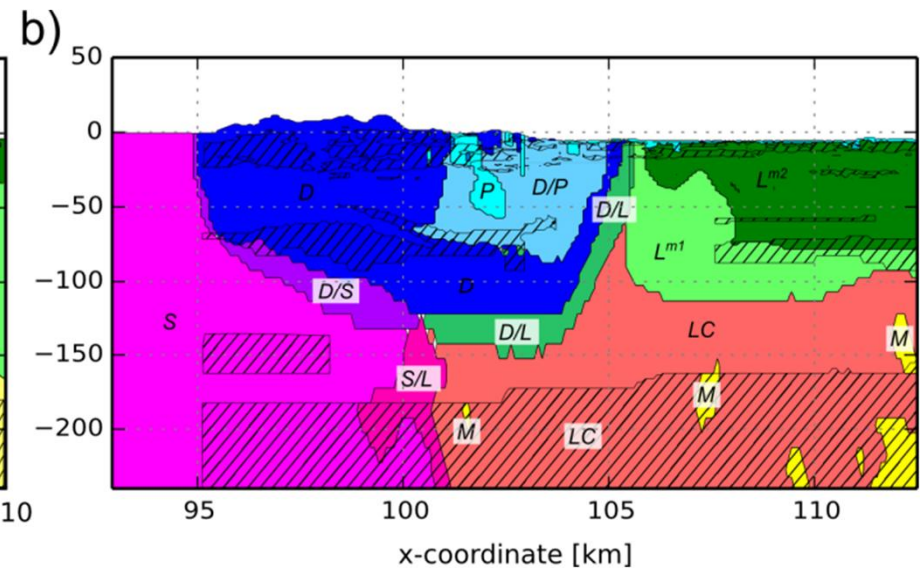
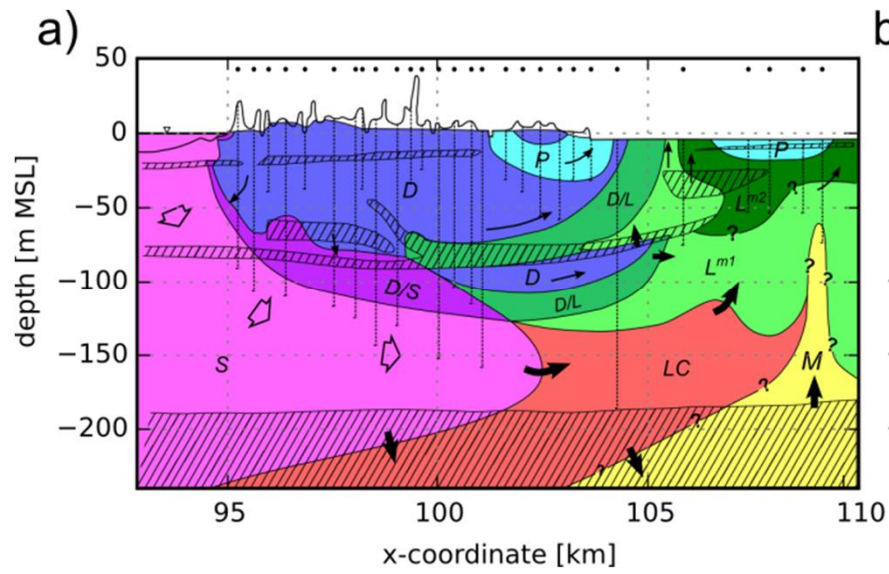
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