

# SWIBANGLA

## Managing Salt Water Impacts in Bangladesh



Project duration May 2013 up to September 2014

# PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

## Partners



→ From April 2014



→ Until December 2013

## Main Stakeholders









# Climate change hits Barisal agriculture sector

MURAD AHMED

**BARISAL:** Shortages in rainfall and changing weather pattern are greatly affecting the agricultural output in Barisal region. Farmers here have become highly frustrated facing the abnormality of the climate as they are facing difficulty in cultivating paddy, winter crops and vegetable.

Barisal met office recorded 700 mm rain fall here in the month of May last year. On the other hand, it was only 235mm this year and only 107mm in 2012. It is a record that only 235mm rain fall has been reported here in first five months of the current year compared to 769mm in same period last.

According to sources, abnormality of the rainfall has started to be felt here in last eight years.

Abdul Alim, working at

## Scanty rain and rise in temperature worsen situation

Barisal Met office for last seven years said he never saw such abnormal pattern of weather. He said that temperature in the region is increasing at a rate of 0.05 degree Celsius every year. It climbed up to 39.2C in the month of May this year breaking all past records.

Climate Change in the region is not only affecting agricultural production, but also creating tornadoes like Sidr, Reshmi, Aila in this part of the country.

Agriculturalist Nitta Ranjan Biswas, training officer of AED Barisal said that over 28 varieties of local Aman and Aush paddy have become extinct from Barisal region facing the shortage of rain and rise in

temperature in last 10 years.

The AED official said, Aman cultivation depends on weather mainly rain. But delay of monsoon rain caused Aman plantation started three weeks late all over the region again. At the same time abnormal rain fall makes situation out of control day by day here. AED Barisal source said that change of the climate said us to change the mode of agri season as soon as possible.

Increase of salinity is another big problem which has affected all the 53 upazilas of Barisal Agri region.

According their recent survey report of Barisal soil resource development institute, highly shortage of rainfall

increased the salinity almost everywhere of Barisal region. Crop production must be decreased over 4,03570 tones by the affect of salinity according the report, source adds.

Md. Liaquat Ali, principal Scientific Officer of Barisal Soil Resource Development Institute (SRDI) said that shortage of rainfall and increasing salinity particularly in the thousands of acres of croplands in the southern Barisal region may cause the food production to decrease drastically.

A survey report of the department revealed that 53 upazilas of seven districts under Barisal Agri region salinity in the soil is increasing alarmingly. It said that over 5 lakh hectares of land here have been found to be saline affected.

Crop production may decrease by 5 lakh tones due to this reason.

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# OUR GOAL

*To set up an approach to improve water safety plans in Bangladesh, based on salinity monitoring, modelling and stakeholder participation*



- Introduction
- Salinisation processes
- Water Safety Plans
- Mitigation strategies
- Monitoring
- Modeling
- Deliverables
- Concl. & Recomm.





# OUR OBJECTIVES

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1. Create a better understanding of the process of salinization of drinking water resources in Bangladesh
2. Provide recommendations for monitoring
3. Provide recommendations for mitigation strategies
4. Achieve an effective, tailored knowledge transfer between the Netherlands and Bangladesh
5. Advise on the integration of the salinization issue in Water Safety Planning



# MAIN COMPONENTS OF OUR PROJECT

1. Literature review & Data acquisition
2. Monitoring
3. Contribution to Water Safety Plans
4. 3D density dependent groundwater model
5. Knowledge transfer: Training & Dissemination



# MAIN DELIVERABLES

**1. Key components for WSP and mitigation strategies**

**2. 3D density dependent groundwater model**

**3. Water Quality Monitoring kit**

**4. Smart Phone App to measure Electrical Conductivity**

**5. Leaflet containing salinization processes information**

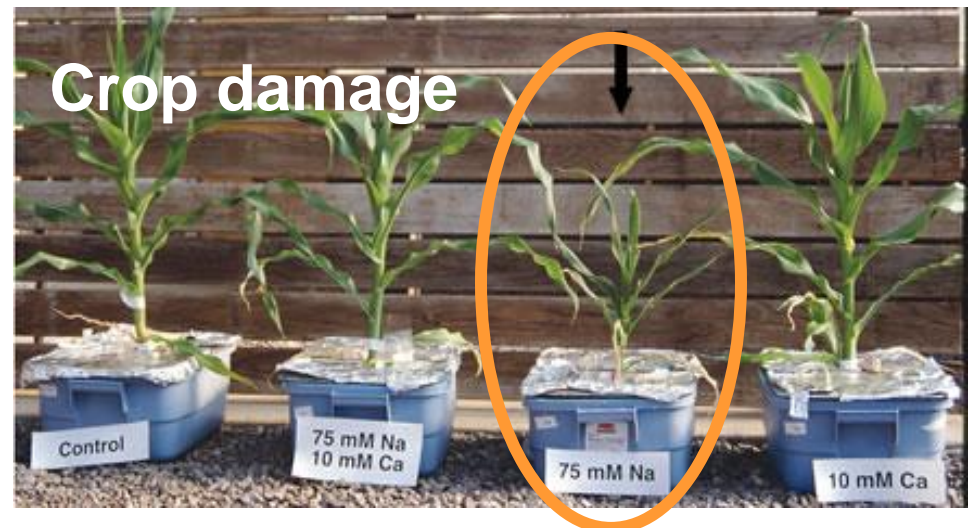
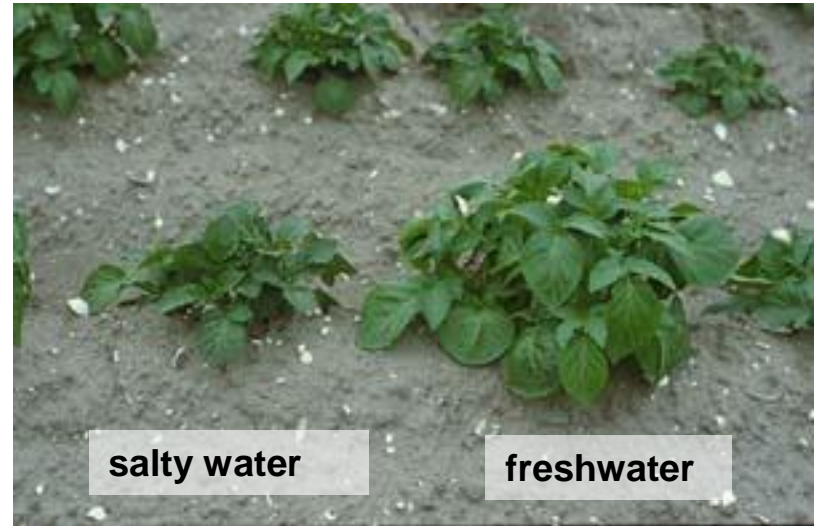
**6. Two Workshops one on Modelling and one on Monitoring**

# INTRODUCTION



# INTRODUCTION: SALT IN WATER IS A PROBLEM

- taste (100-300 mg Cl-/l)
- long term health effect



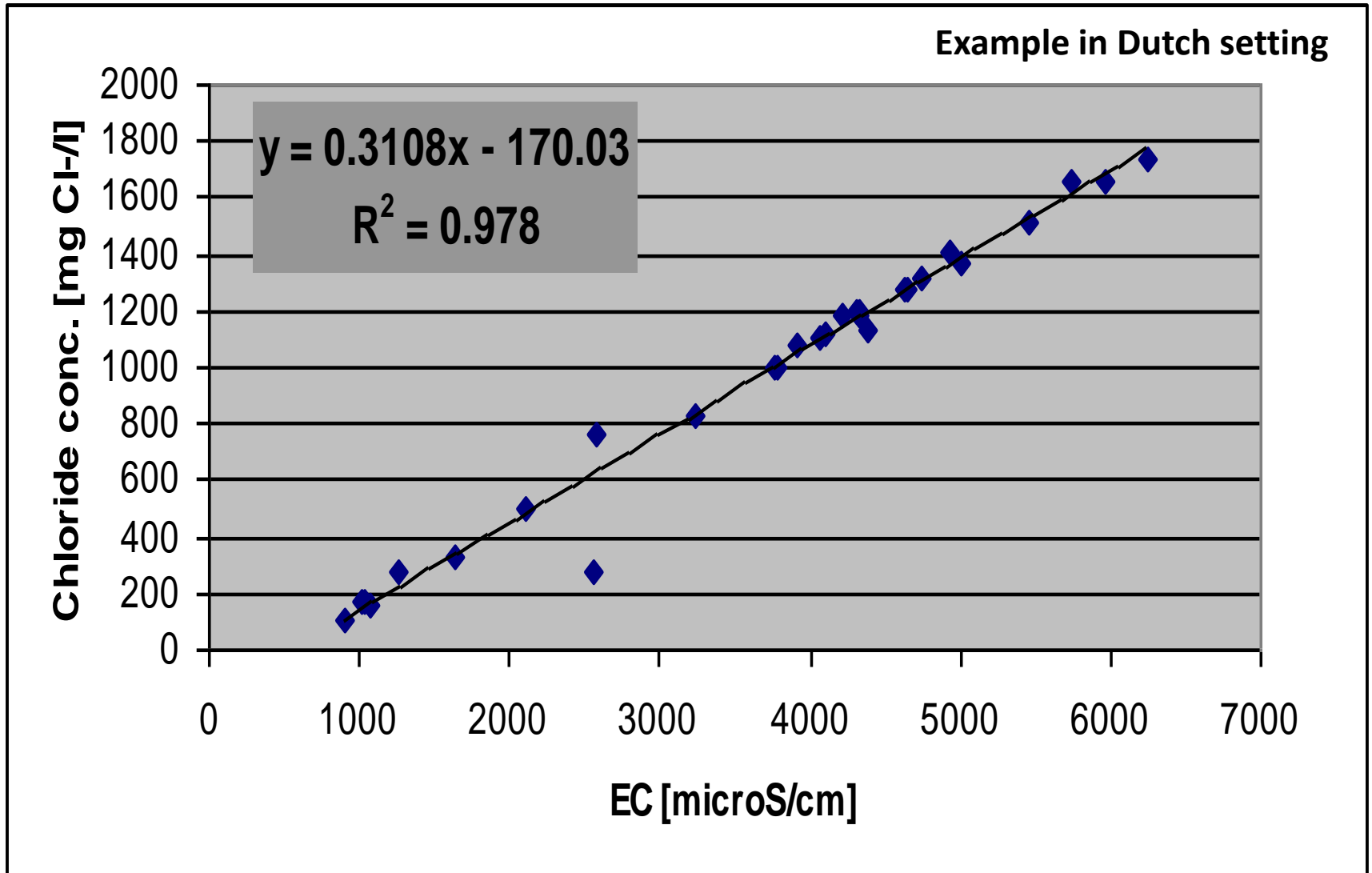
# UNITS AND DEFINITION OF FRESH AND SALINE GROUNDWATER

- milligrams Cl<sup>-</sup> per liter; Cl<sup>-</sup> is Chloride
- milligrams TDS per liter; TDS is Total Dissolved Solids
- Electrical Conductivity (EC) (in reference to 25° Celcius):
  - in milliSiemens per centimeter (mS/cm), or
  - In microSiemens per centimeter (μS/cm).
- Sea water is ~19000 mg Cl<sup>-</sup>/l, or 35000 mg TDS/l, or 5S/m or 50mS/cm
- Relation Cl<sup>-</sup>/TDS = ~0.55, stable relation for normal seawater environments
- $10^6 \mu\text{S/cm} = 10^3 \text{ mS/cm} = 1 \text{ S/cm}$ ;  $1 \mu\text{S/cm} = 100 \mu\text{S/m}$

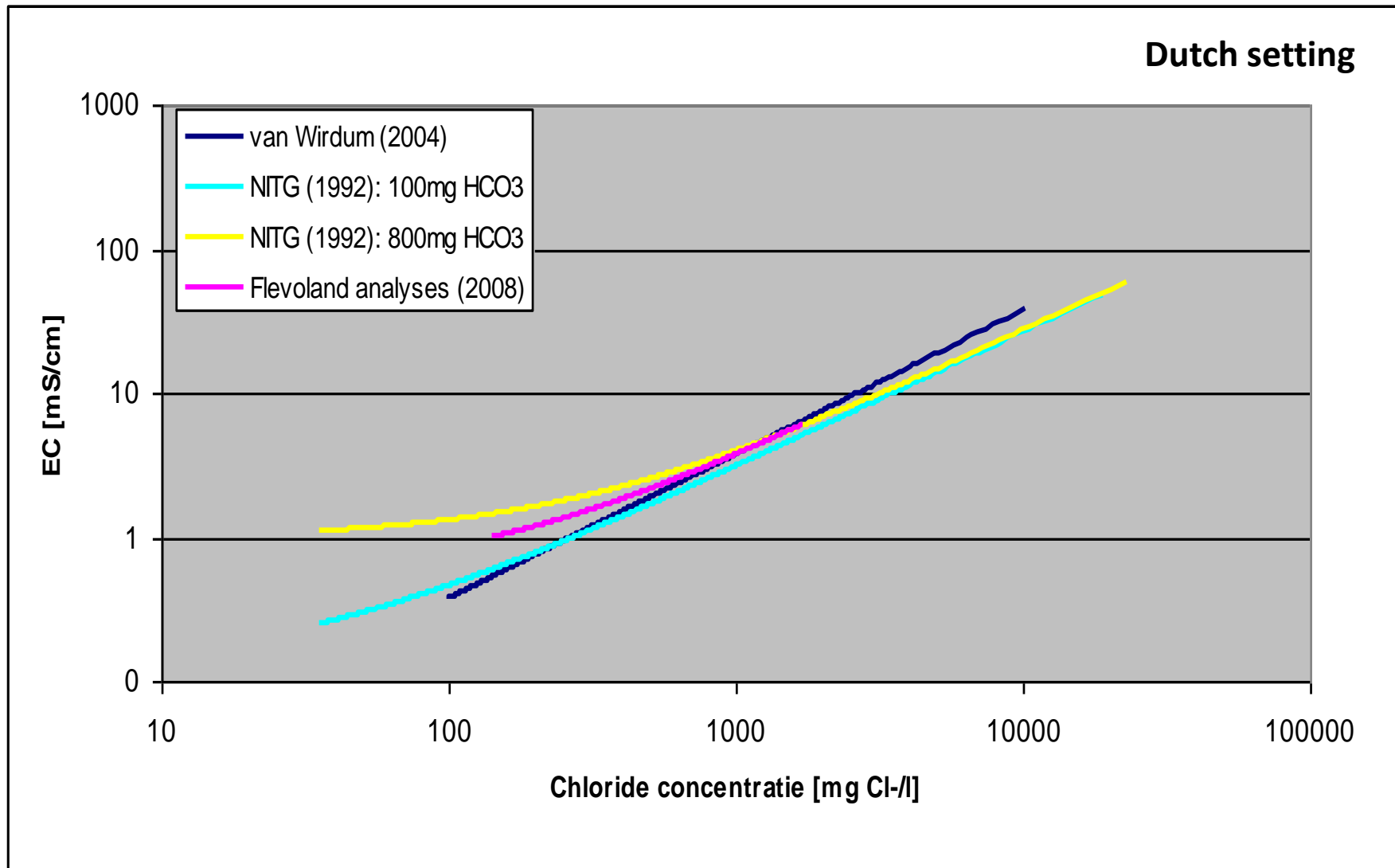
Type	mS/cm	mg TDS/l	Drinking- or irrigation water
Non-saline or fresh water	<0.8	<600 *	Drinking and irrigation water
Slightly saline	0.8 - 2	600-1.500	Irrigation water
Moderately saline	2-10	1.500-7.000	Primary drainage water and groundwater
Highly saline	10-25	7.000-15.000	Secondary drainage water and groundwater
Very highly saline	25 - 45	15.000-35.000	Seawater is 35000 TDS mg/l
Brine	>45	>45.000	



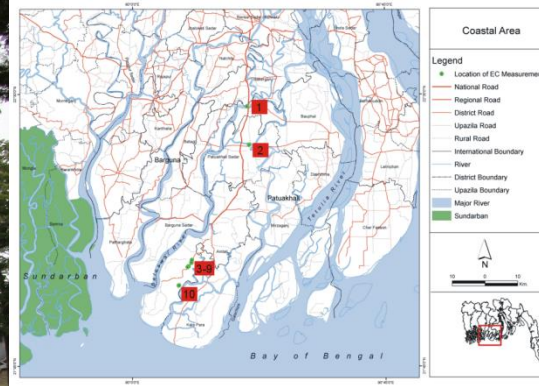
# Close relation between chloride concentration and Electrical Conductivity



# EC in mS/cm versus Chloride in mg Cl-/l







**Focus on drinking water!**







In 1 liter ocean: about 35 gr salt





In 1 liter ocean: about 35 gr salt







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





In 1 liter drinking water: about 0.6 gr salt is allowed





Rice can grow well in water with a salt content less than about 2.0 gr salt in 1 liter water







**WATER USE:**  
2500 litres of water  
for 1 cotton shirt







**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**



Sea level rise: +2 m

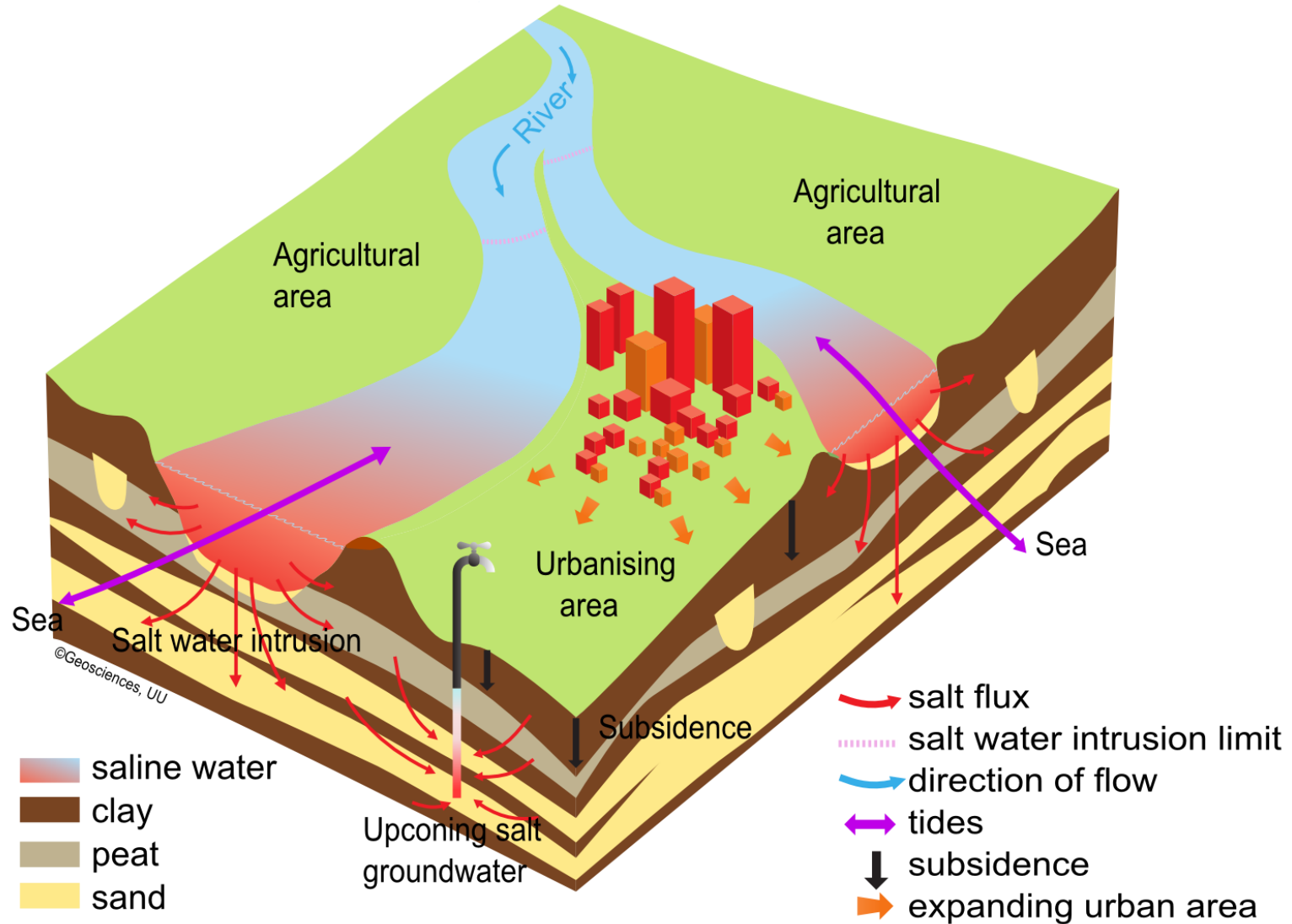
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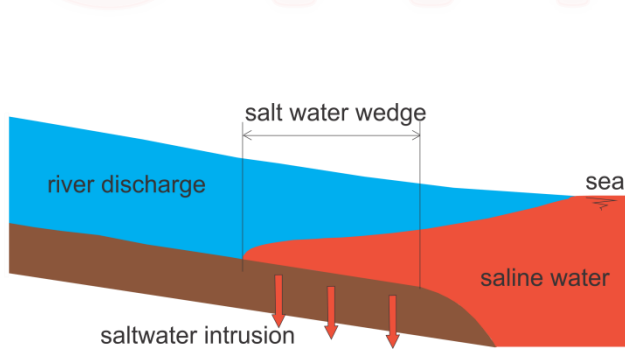
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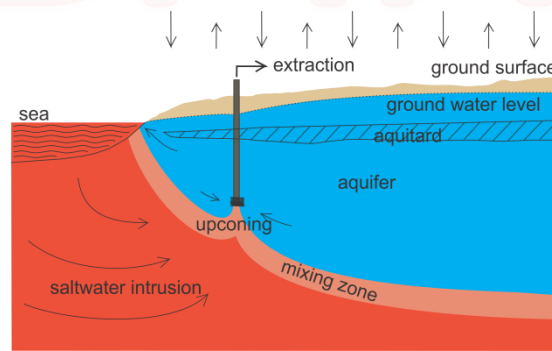
# SALINIZATION PROCESSES IN THE COASTAL ZONE



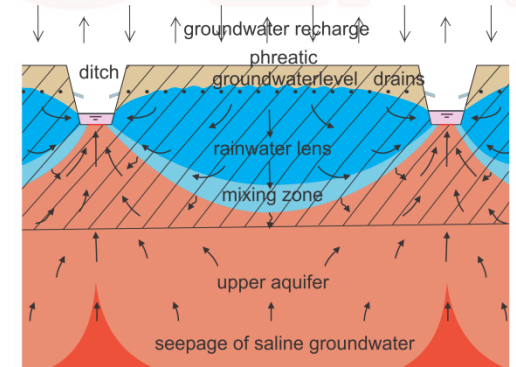
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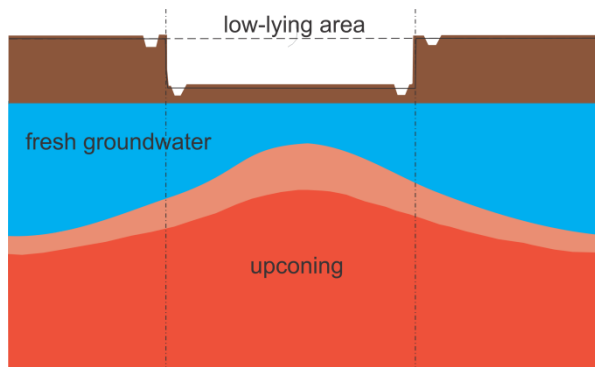
Salt water intrusion  
surface water (and groundwater)



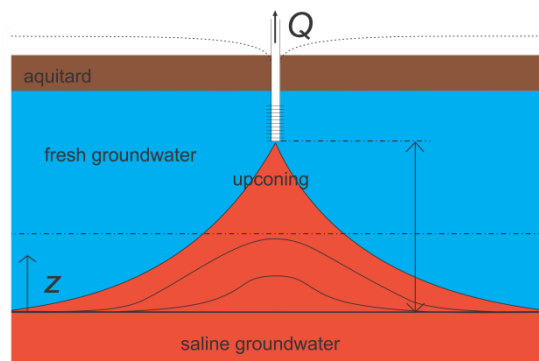
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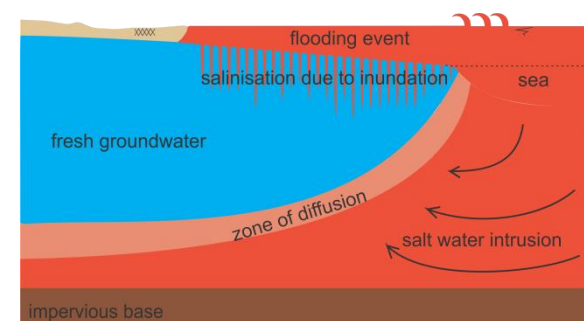
Shallow freshwater lenses  
and saline seepage



Upconing low-lying area

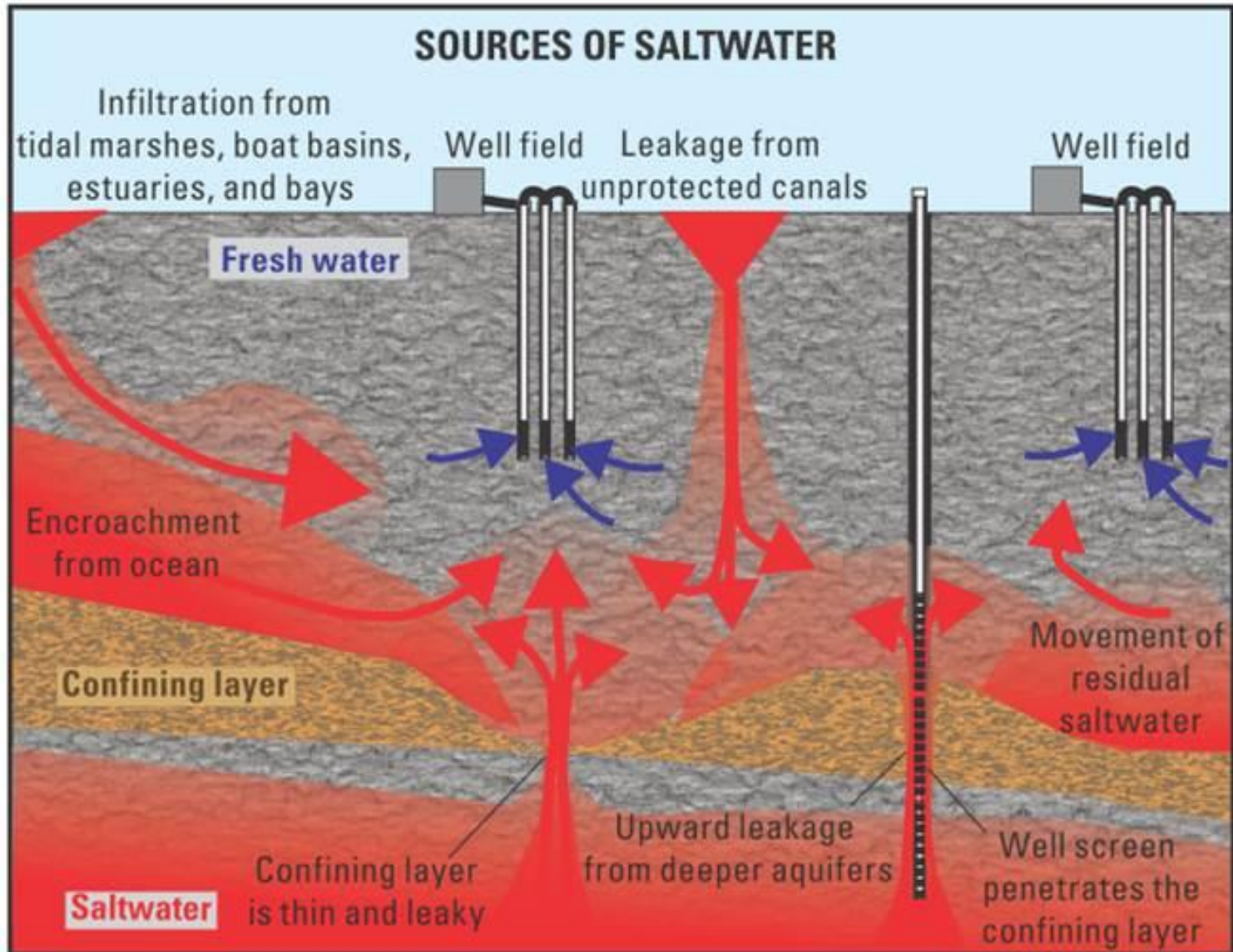


Upconing under  
groundwater extraction



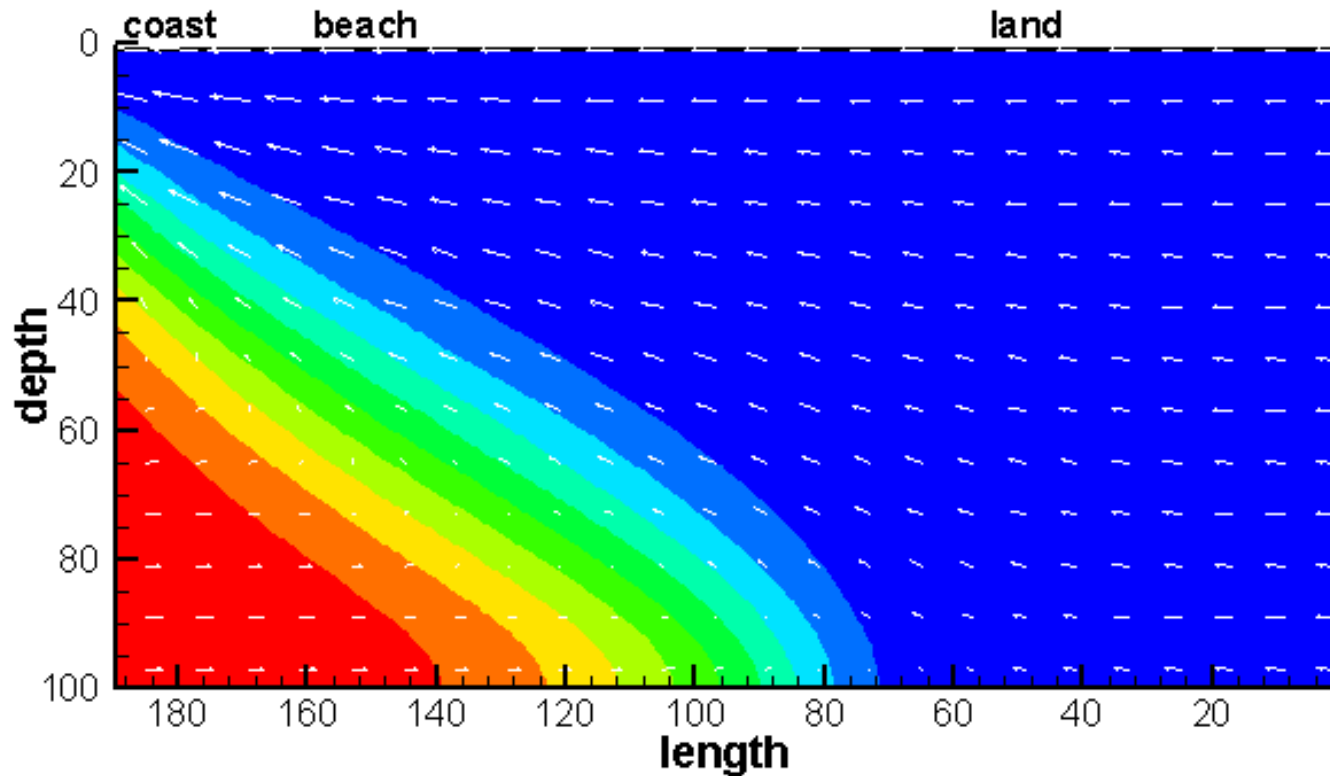
Shallow vertical salt water  
intrusion after flooding  
event (storm surge)

# SALINIZATION PROCESSES IN THE COASTAL ZONE: COMBINATION

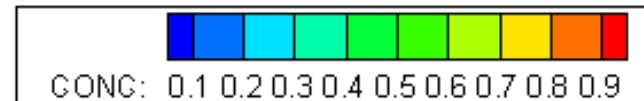




# Impact of sea level rise on a coastal groundwater system: a conceptual model of saltwater intrusion



**Deltares**  
Enabling Delta Life

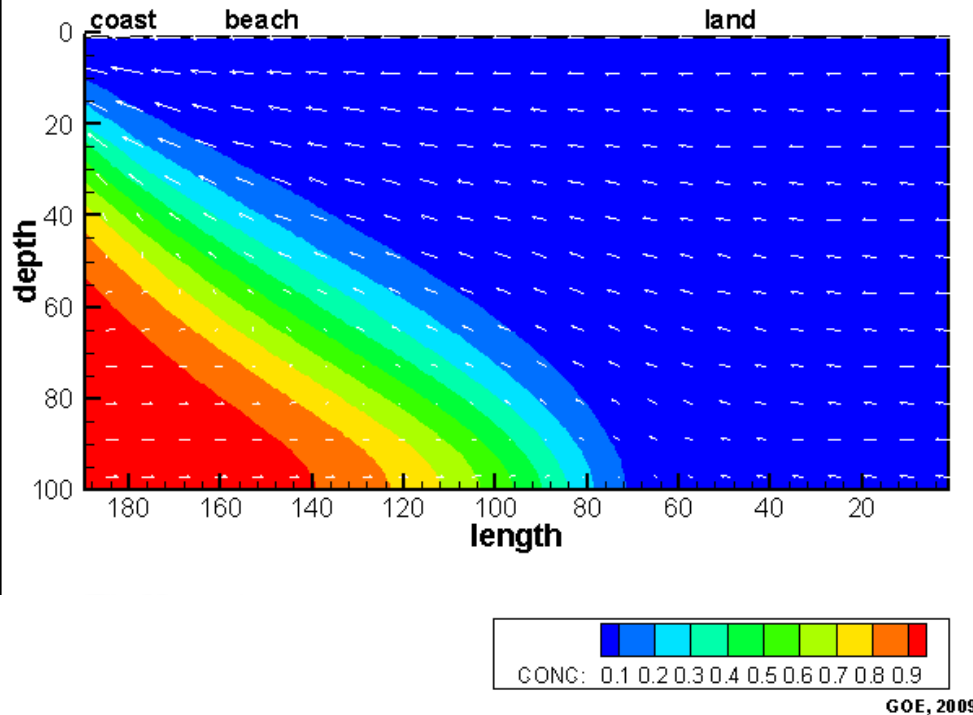


GOE, 2009

# Sea level rise and salt water intrusion

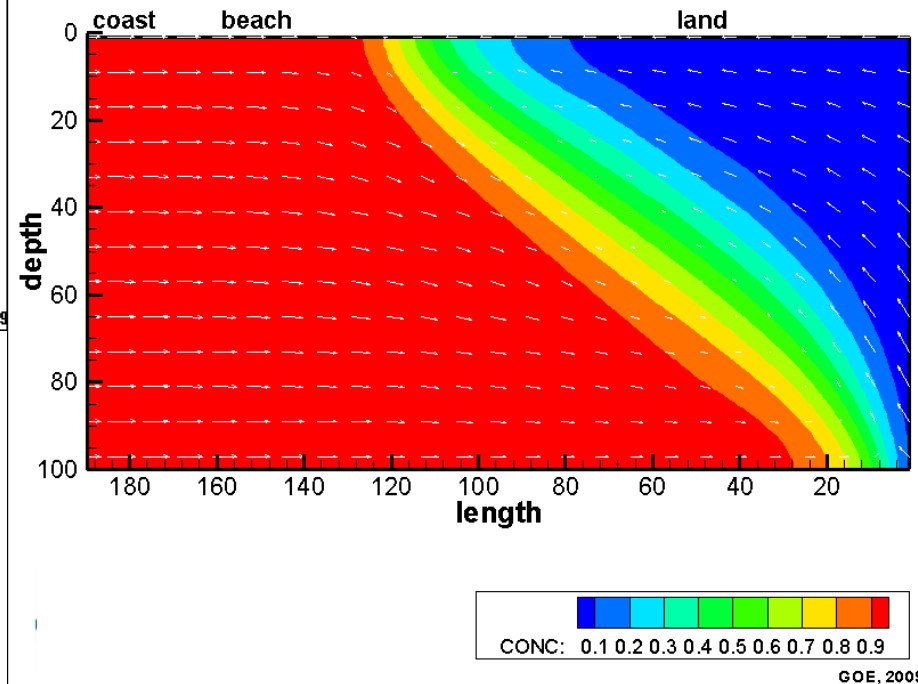
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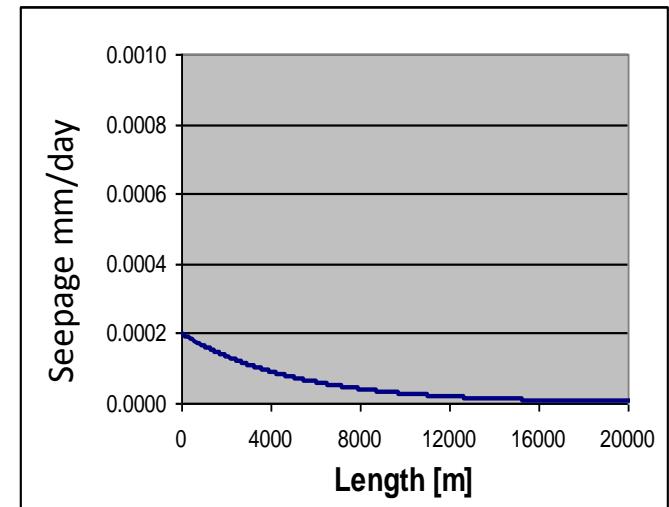
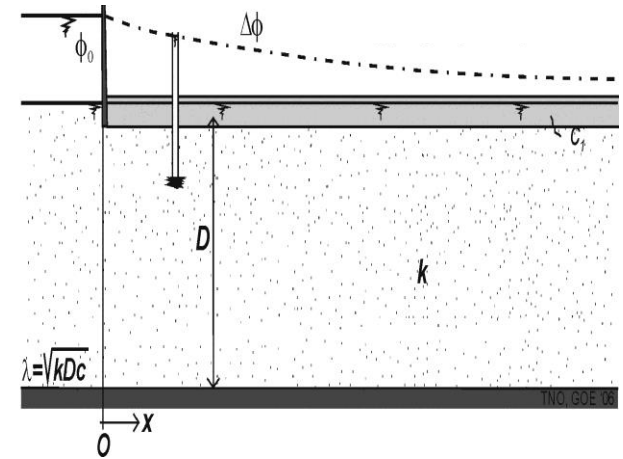
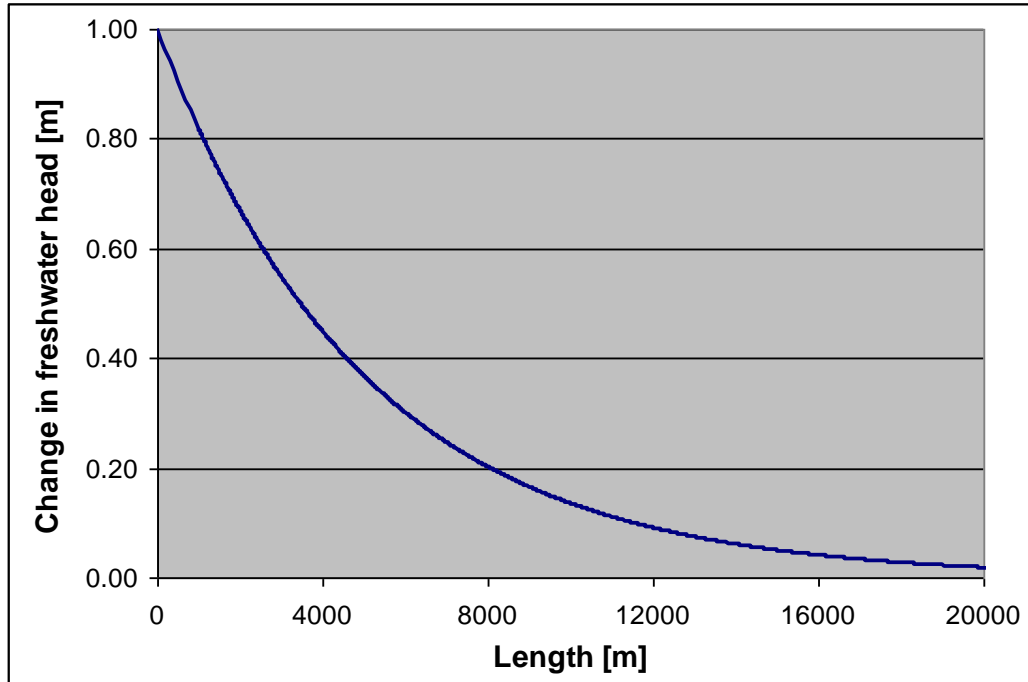
# ZONE OF INFLUENCE OF SEA LEVEL RISE

## Case 1 with subsoil parameters

$$kD = 5000 \text{ m}^2/\text{day}$$

$$c = 5000 \text{ day}$$

$$\lambda = 5000 \text{ m}$$



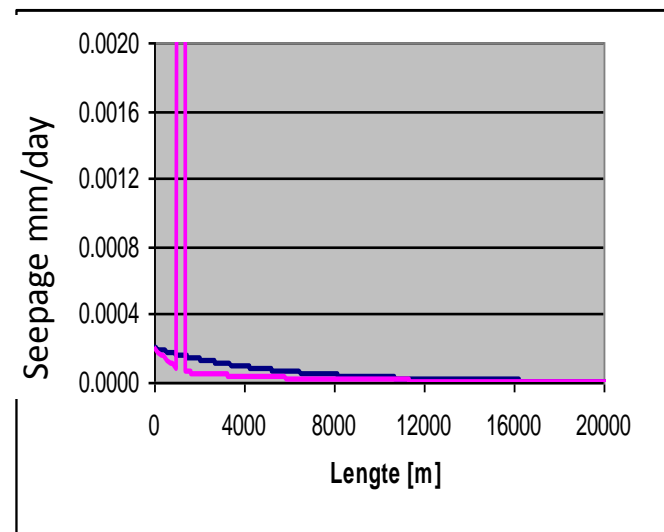
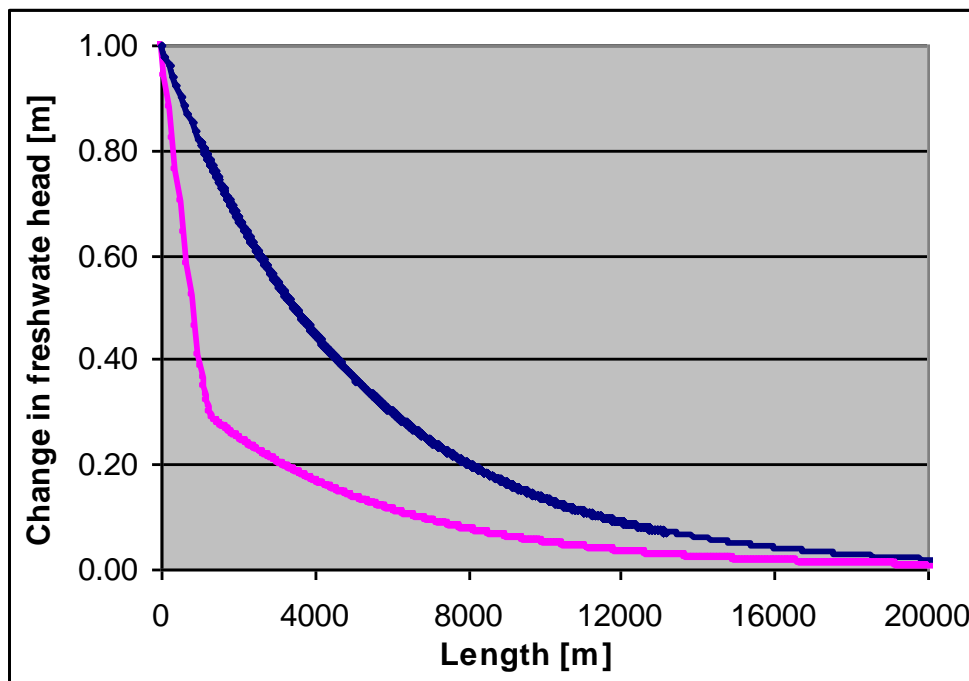
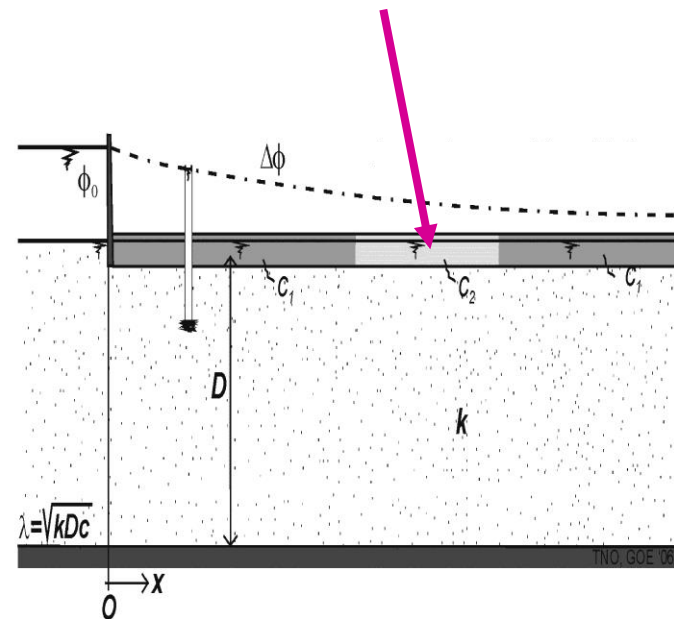


# ZONE OF INFLUENCE OF SEA LEVEL RISE:

Case 2 with subsoil parameters

$kD = 5000 \text{ m}^2/\text{dag}$   
 $c_1 = 5000 \text{ dag}$        $c_2 = 50 \text{ dag}$

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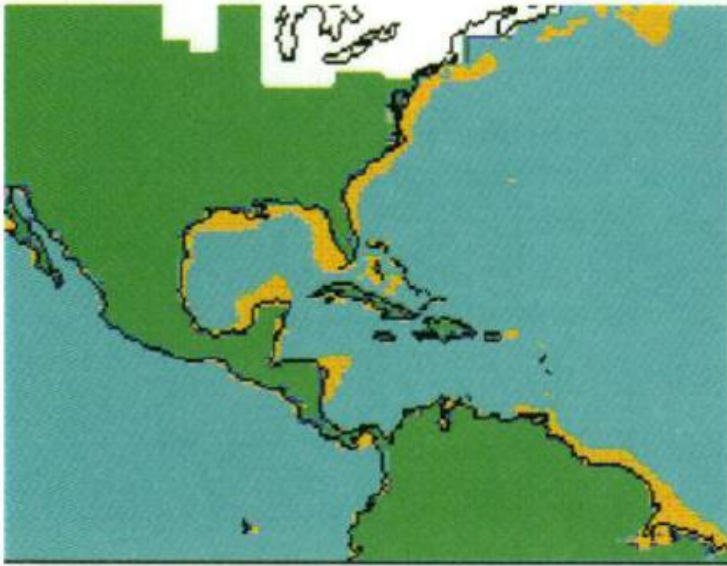
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*Bear in mind that groundwater is a slow process*

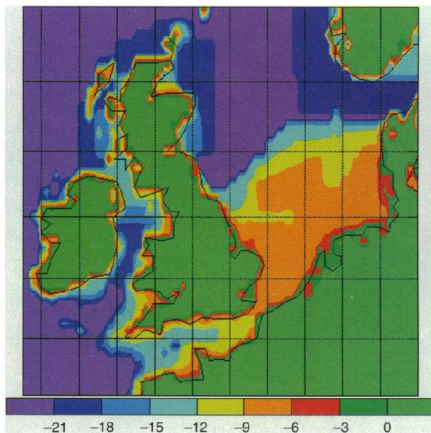
# COASTAL ZONE CASES AROUND THE WORLD

Occurrence related to dynamic sea-levels and coastlines

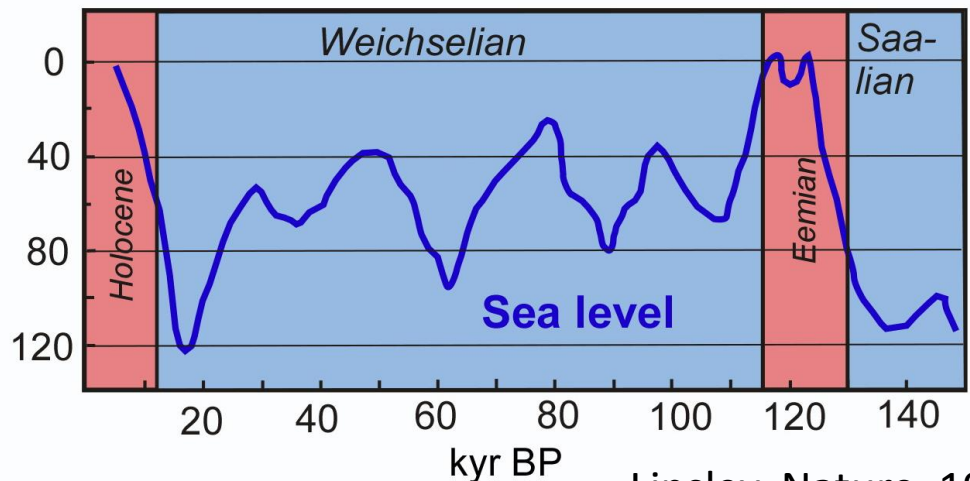


Exposed continental shelves

Peltier, *Science*, 1994



Inundated (kyr BP)



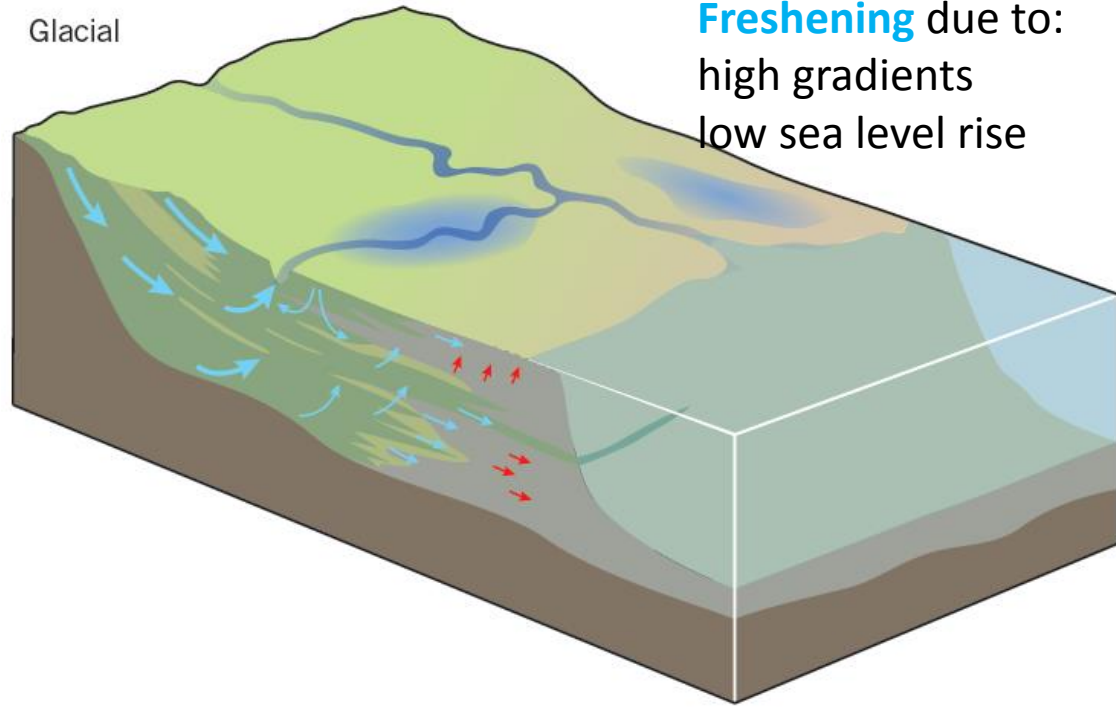
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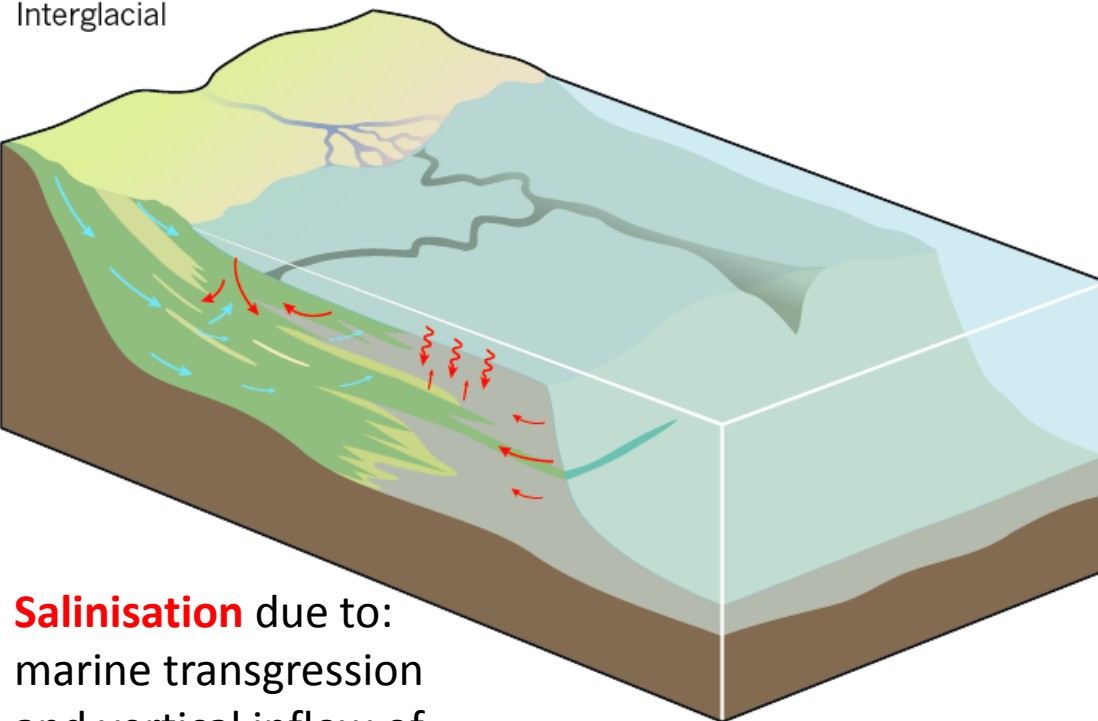
# Genesis and preservation

Glacial

**Freshening** due to:  
high gradients  
low sea level rise



Interglacial

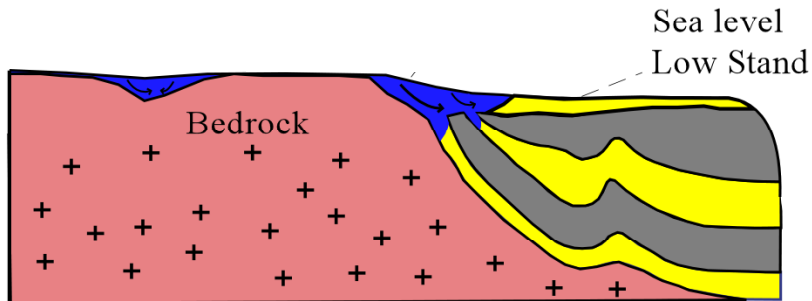


**Salinisation** due to:  
marine transgression  
and vertical inflow of  
saline surface water

# GROUNDWATER IN THE COASTAL ZONE

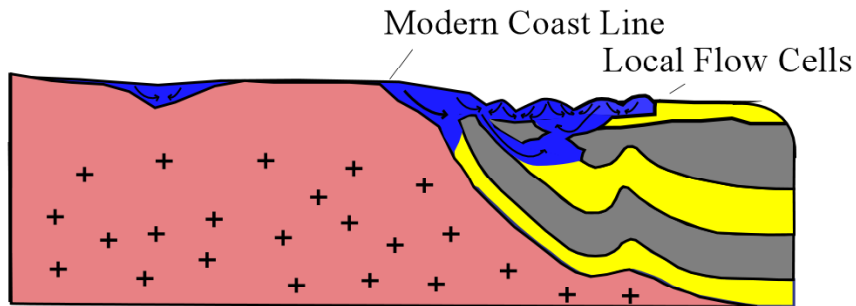
## Possible mechanisms for continental shelf flushing

### Sea Level Fluctuations



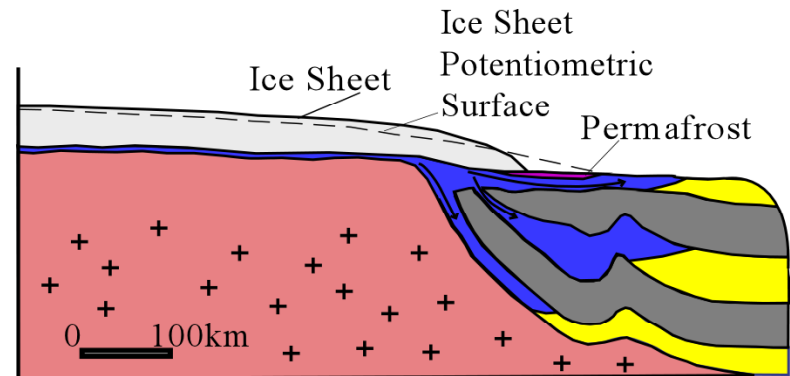
(Meisler et al., 1984)

### Local Flow Cells



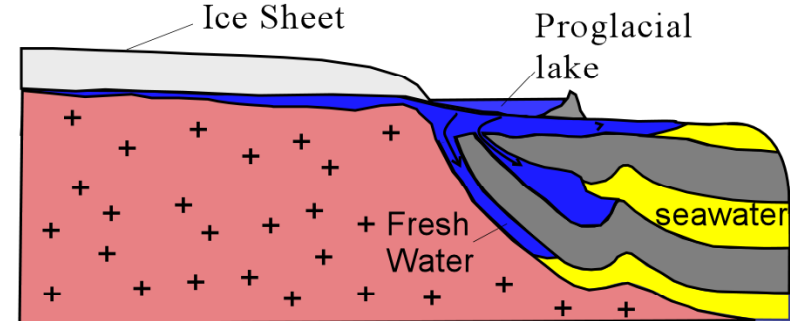
(Groen et al, 2000)

### Sub-Ice Sheet Recharge



(Person et al., 2003)

### Pro Glacial Lakes

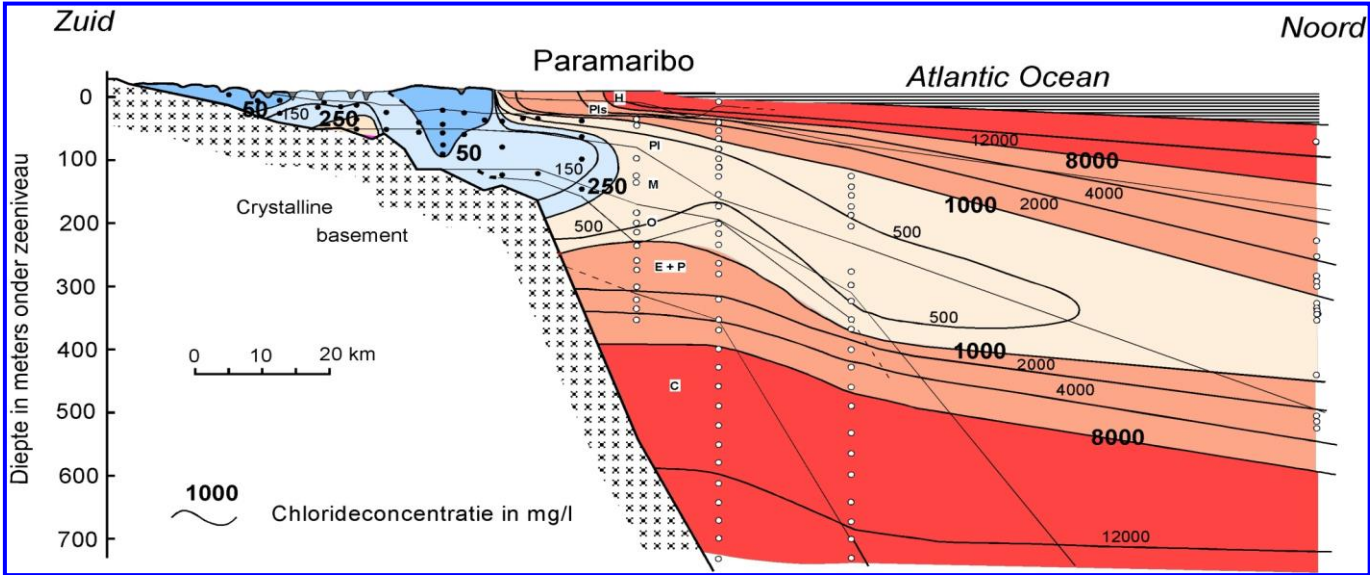
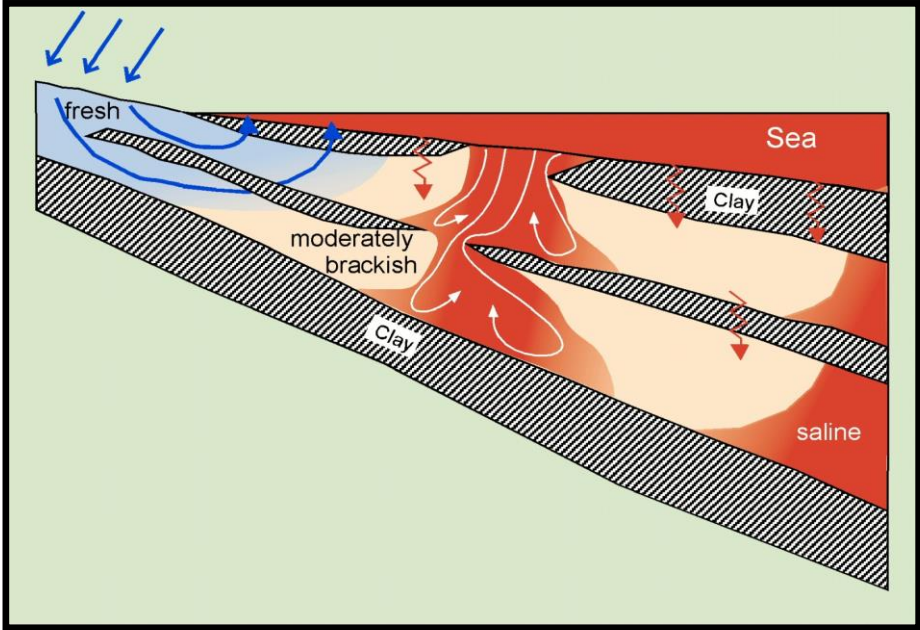


(Uchupi et al., 2001)

■ Freshwater

■ Seawater

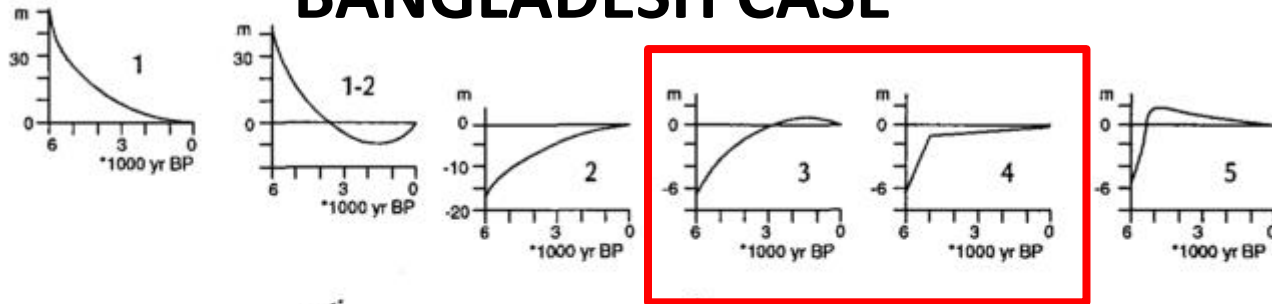
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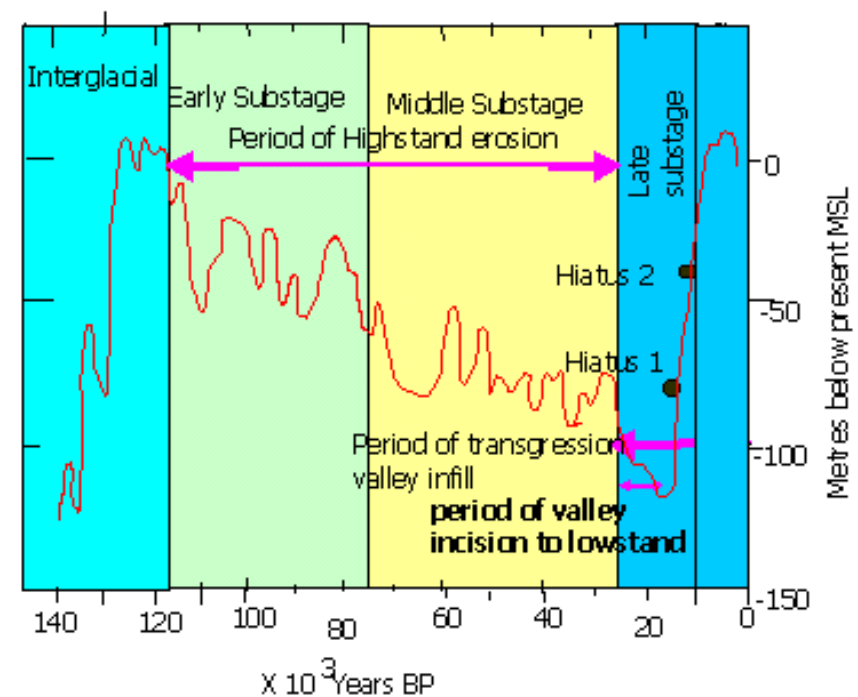
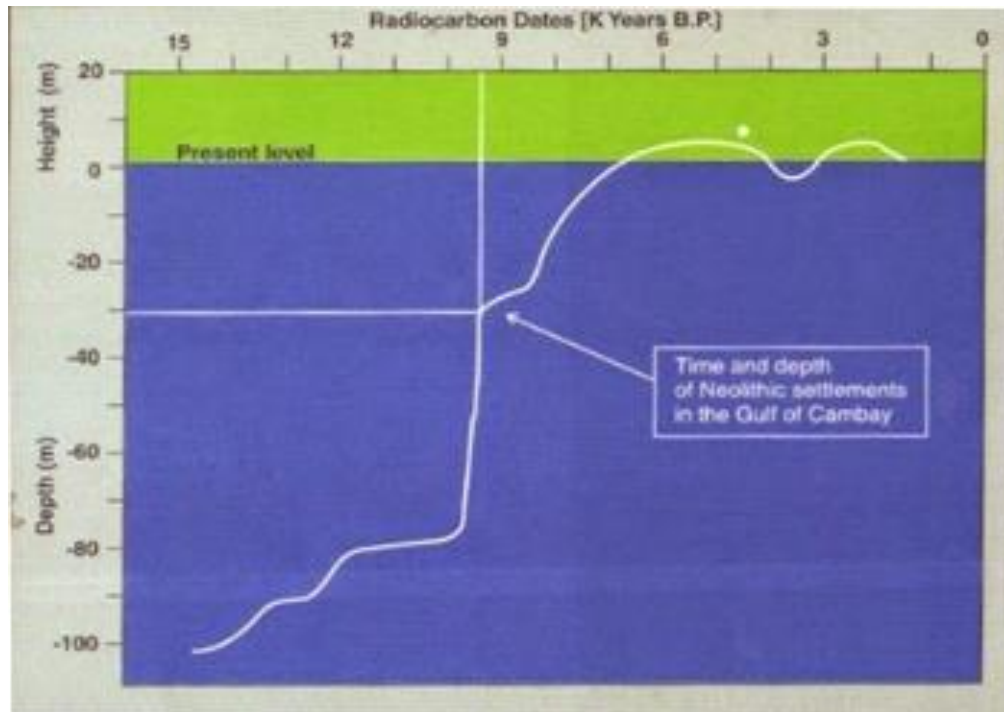


# Regional distribution of Holocene Sea-level Changes

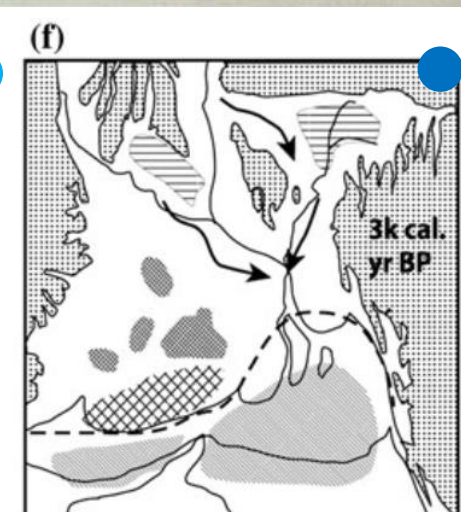
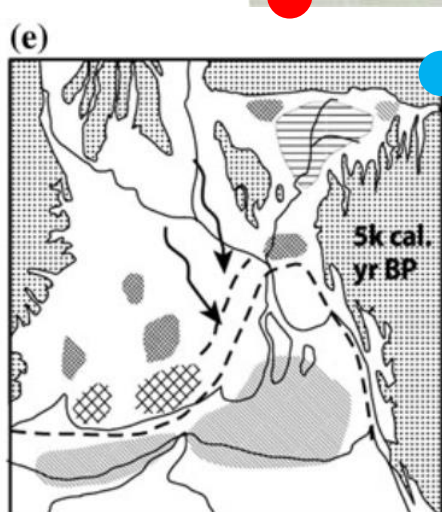
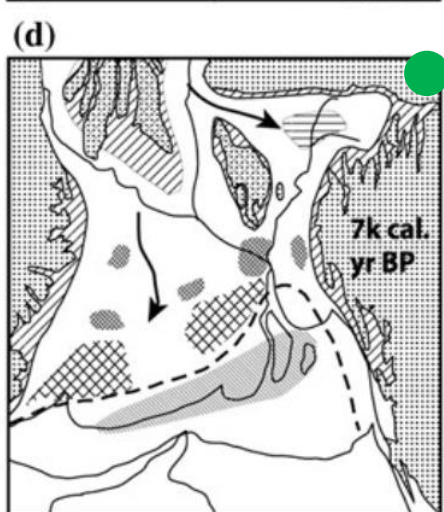
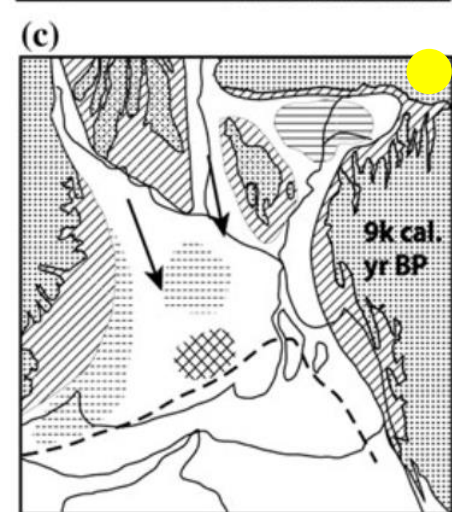
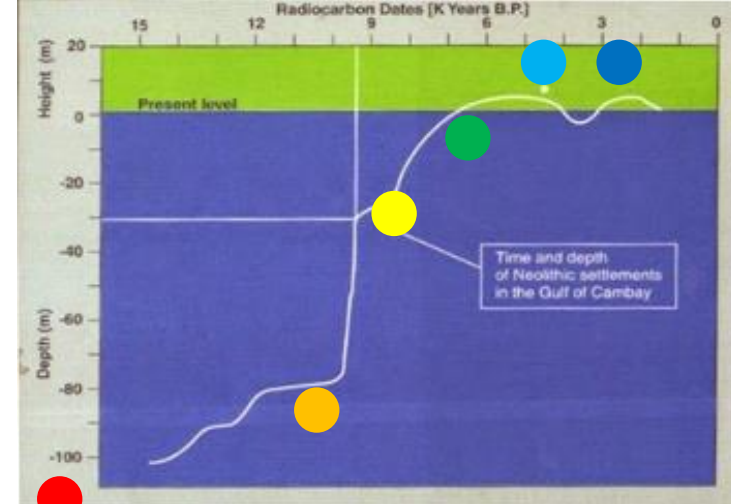
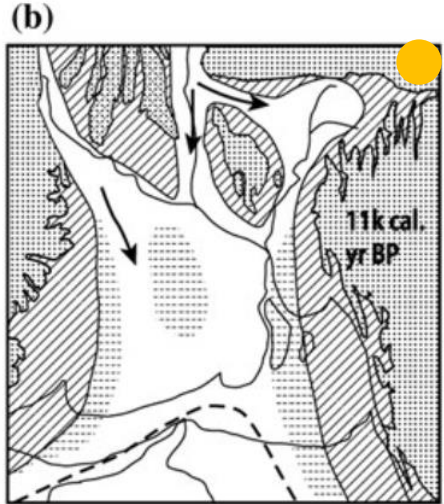
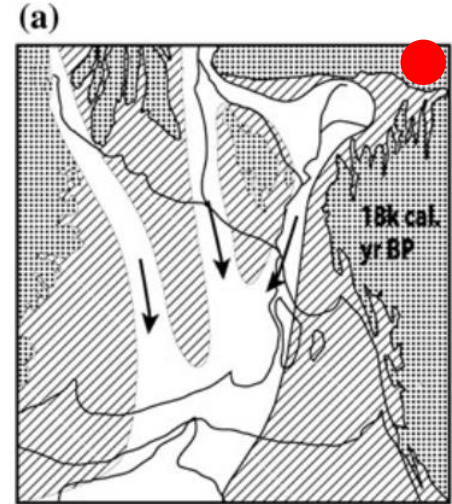
## BANGLADESH CASE



# Holocene Sea-level Changes, in detail at the Bengal Bay



Source: Pirazzoli, P.A. & Pluet, 1991



onset sediment trapping and delta growth

upstream channel migration and widespread dispersal of sands

two rivers had migrated or changed course

**KEY**

highlands	incipient floodplain	major flood basin	mangrove coastal plain	active channel
lateritic uplands	active floodplain	paludal basin	subaqueous delta	paleoshoreline

large sediment supply, active tectonism, and eustasy

Source: Goodbred and Kuehl, 2000

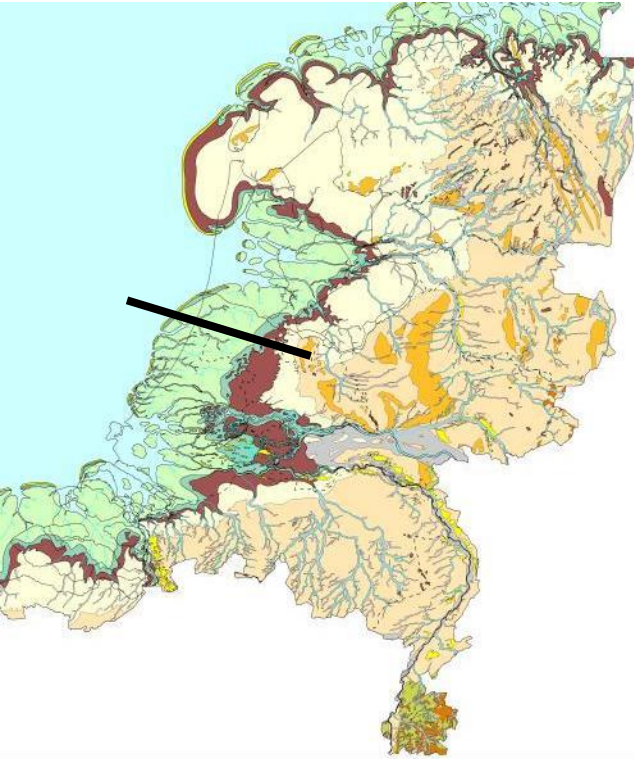


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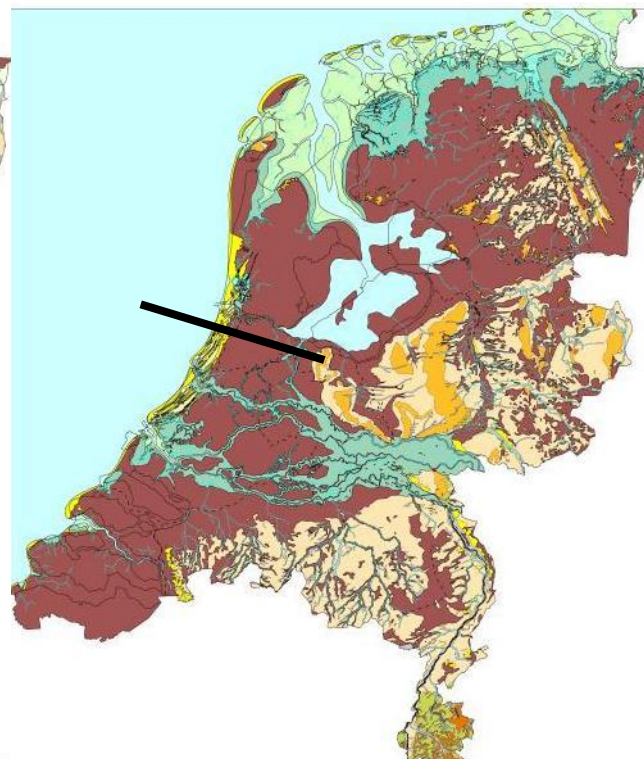
# PALAEOGEOGEOGRAPHICAL DEVELOPMENT

5500 BC



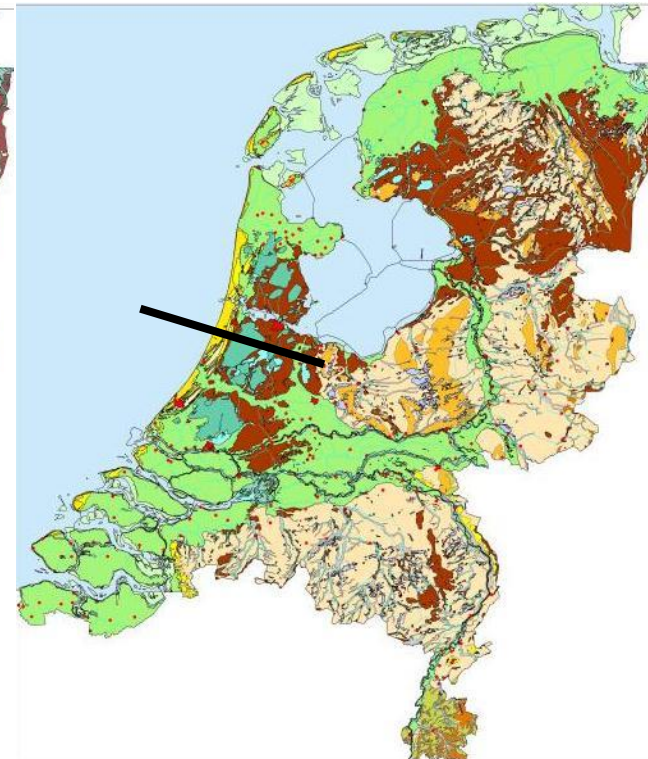
Maximal transgression

100 AD



Peat development

1850 AD

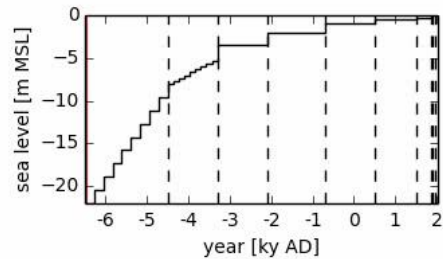
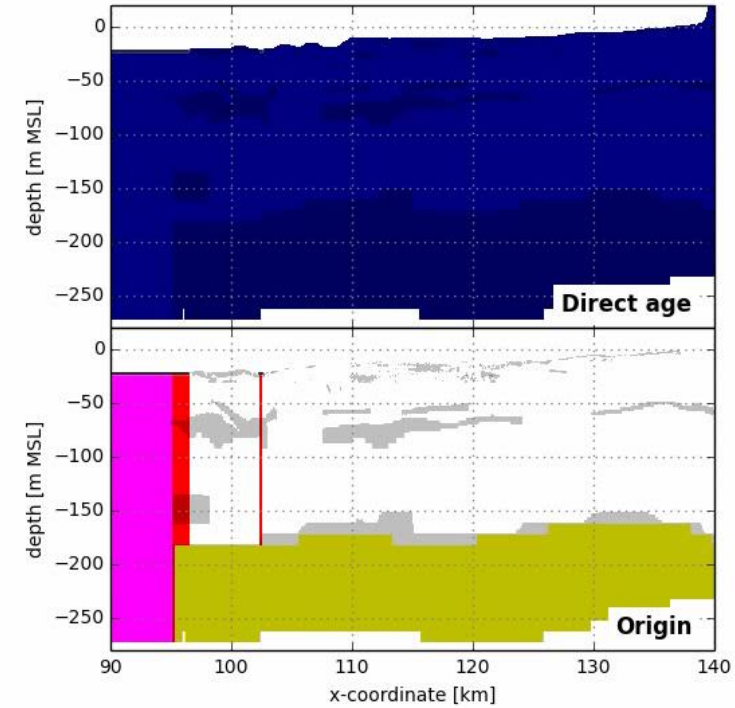
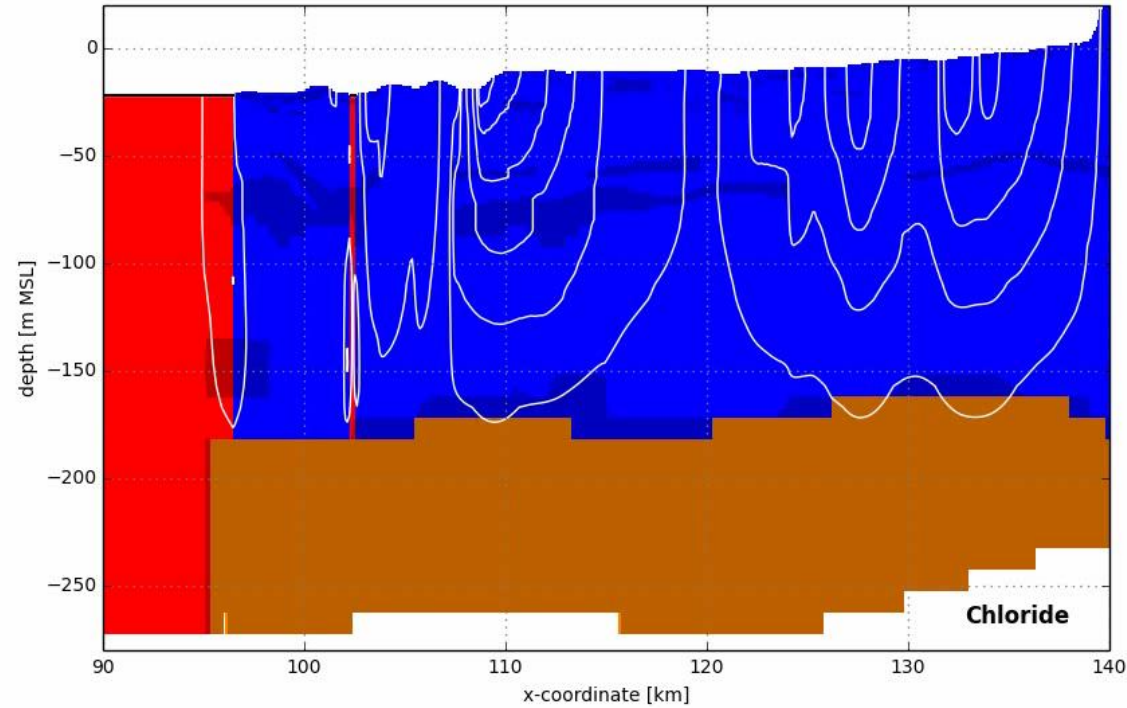


Reclaimed land, polder

# Development saline groundwater in

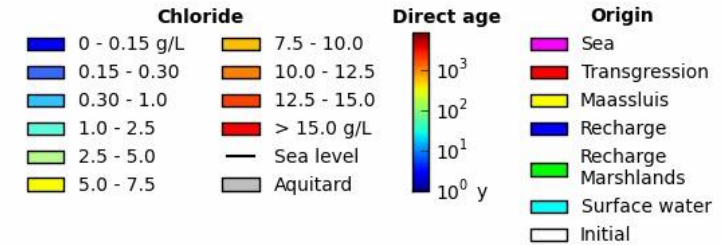
Supplementary information to Delsman et al., 2014. Palaeo-modeling of coastal salt water intrusion during the Holocene: an application to the Netherlands.

Model time: 6500 BC



Timeslice 1: 6500 BC - 4500 BC

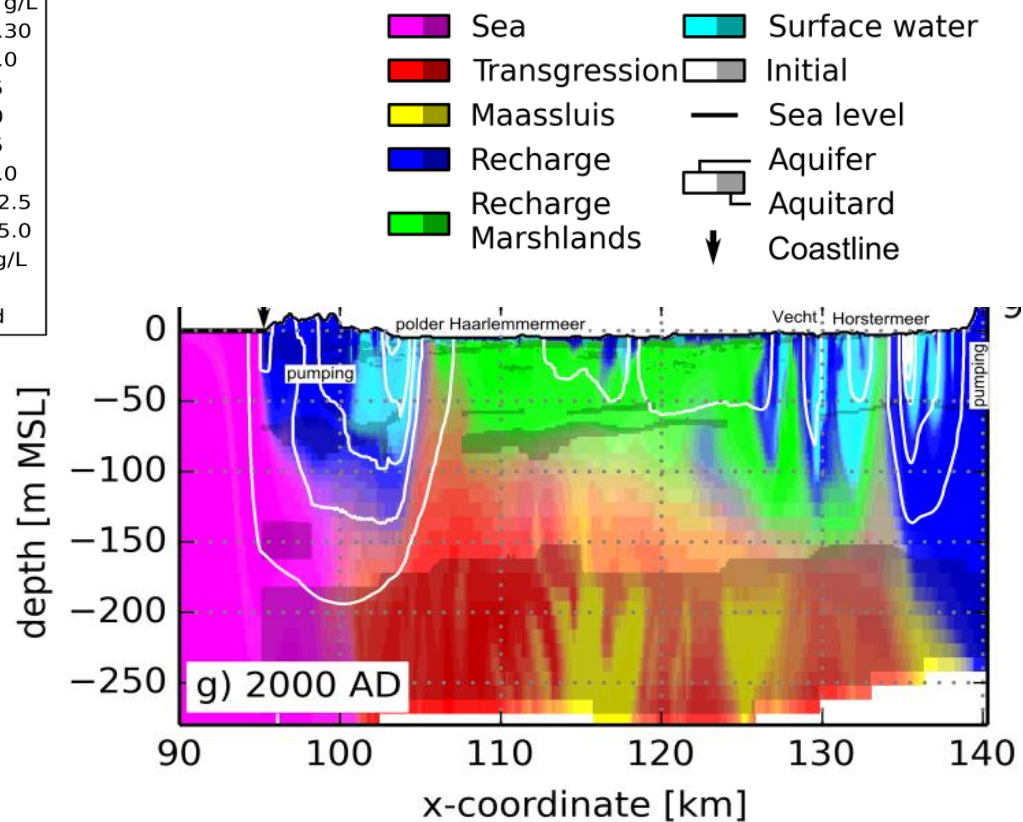
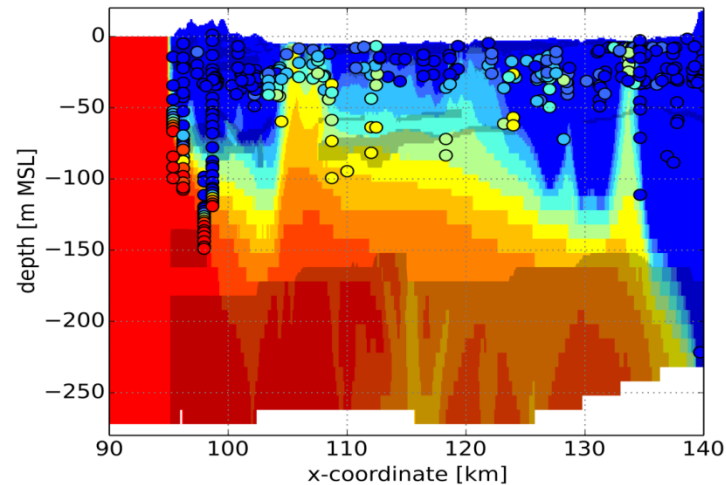
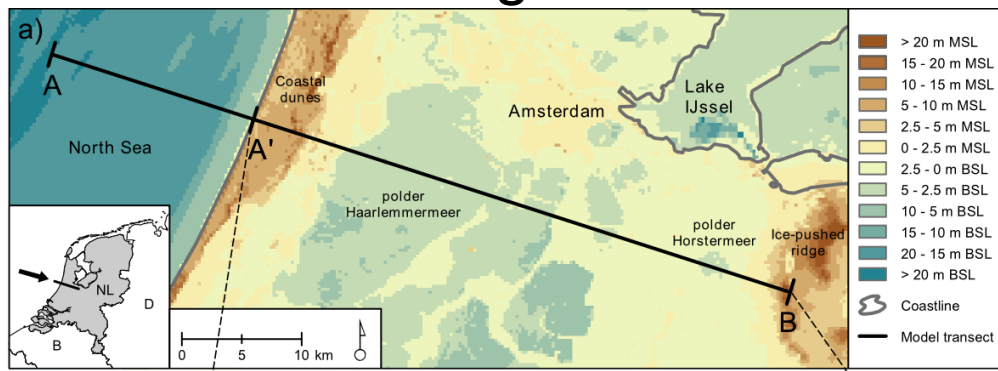
- Sea level rise, linearly from 22 to 8 m BSL
- Maximum transgression extent reached
- Tidal area develops over Pleistocene surface, "basal" peat deposits left mostly intact
- Surface drainage

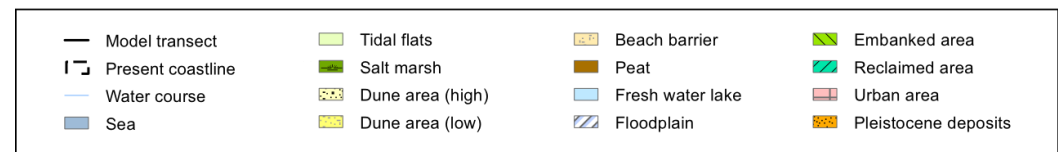
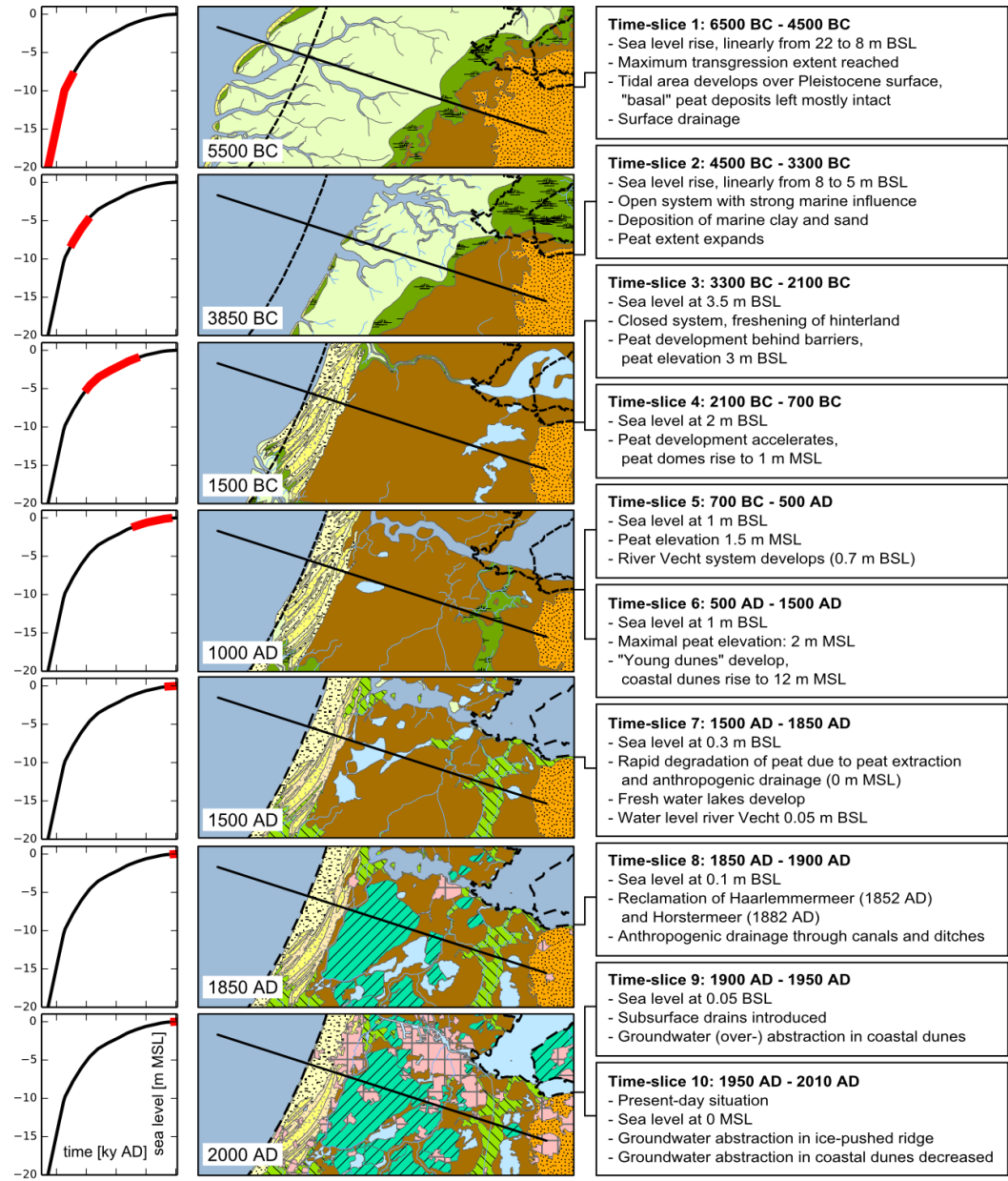




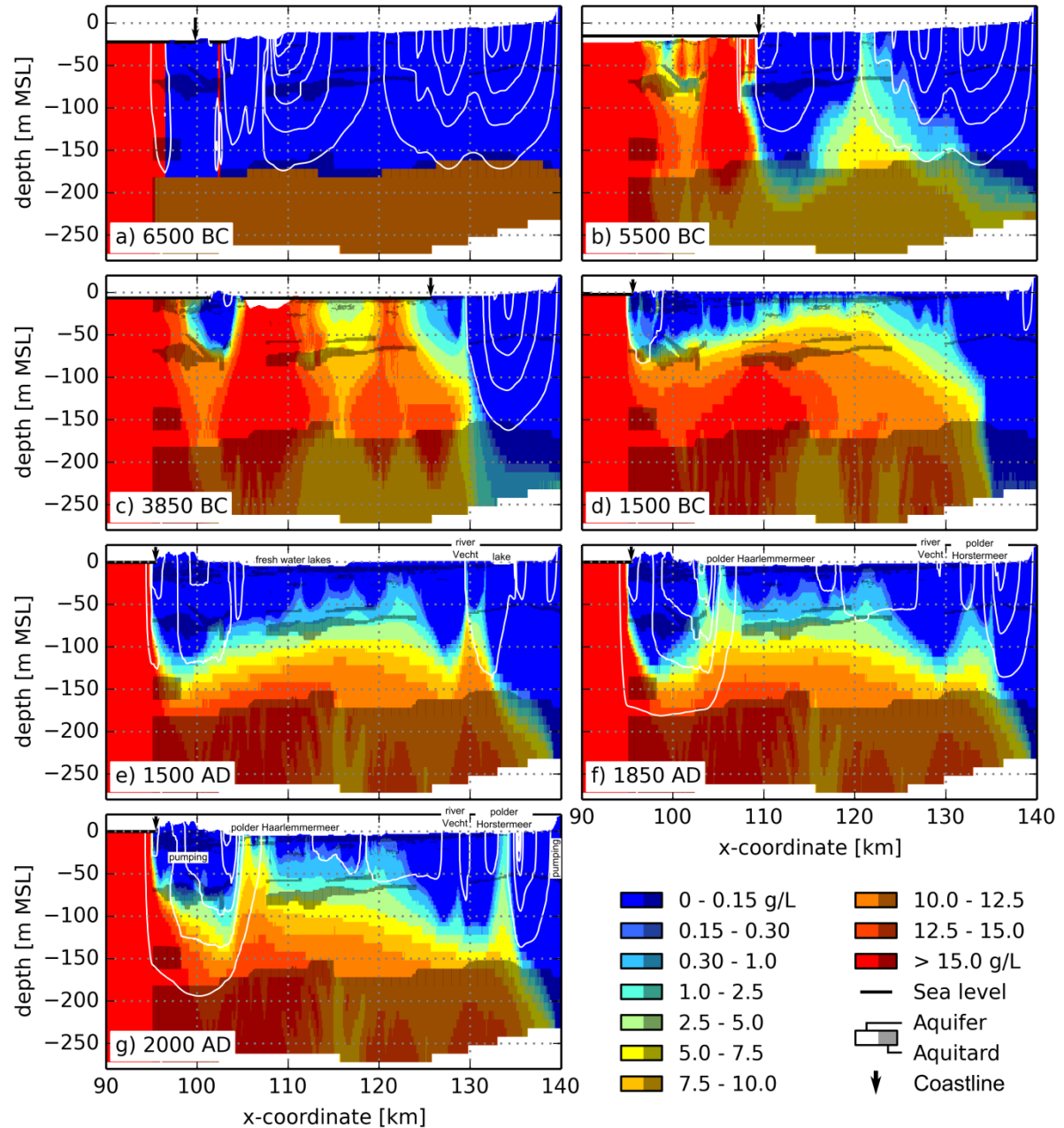
# Sources of saline groundwater in the Dutch coastal zone

*Delsman et al.  
HESSD, 2013*



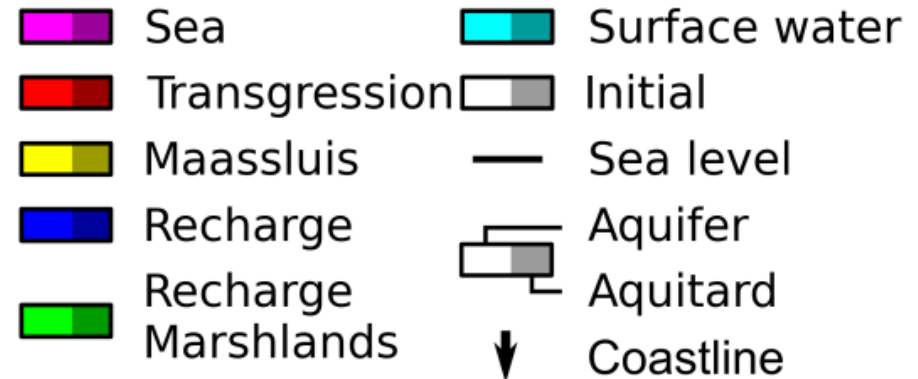
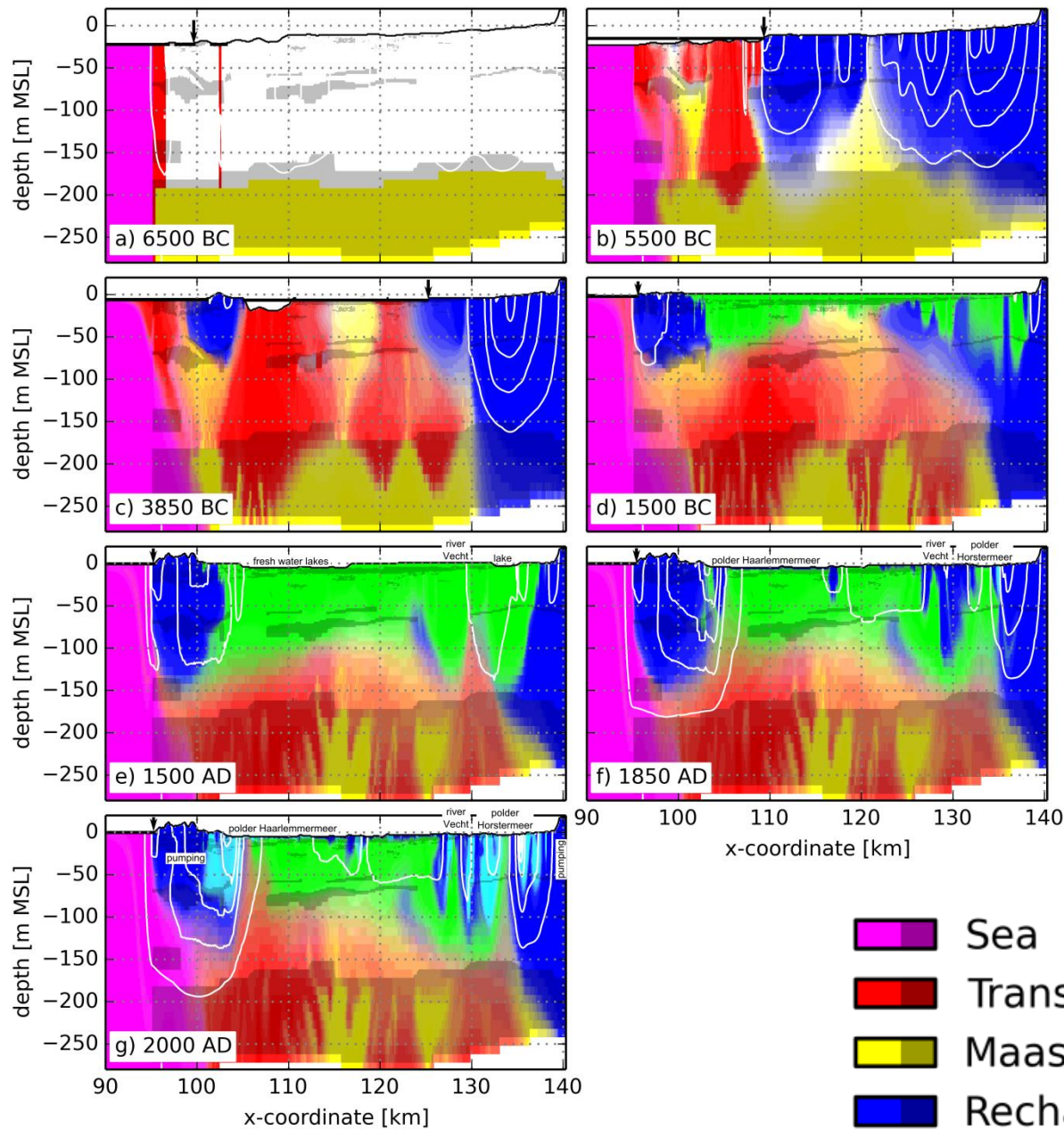


# Chloride concentration Model versus measurements



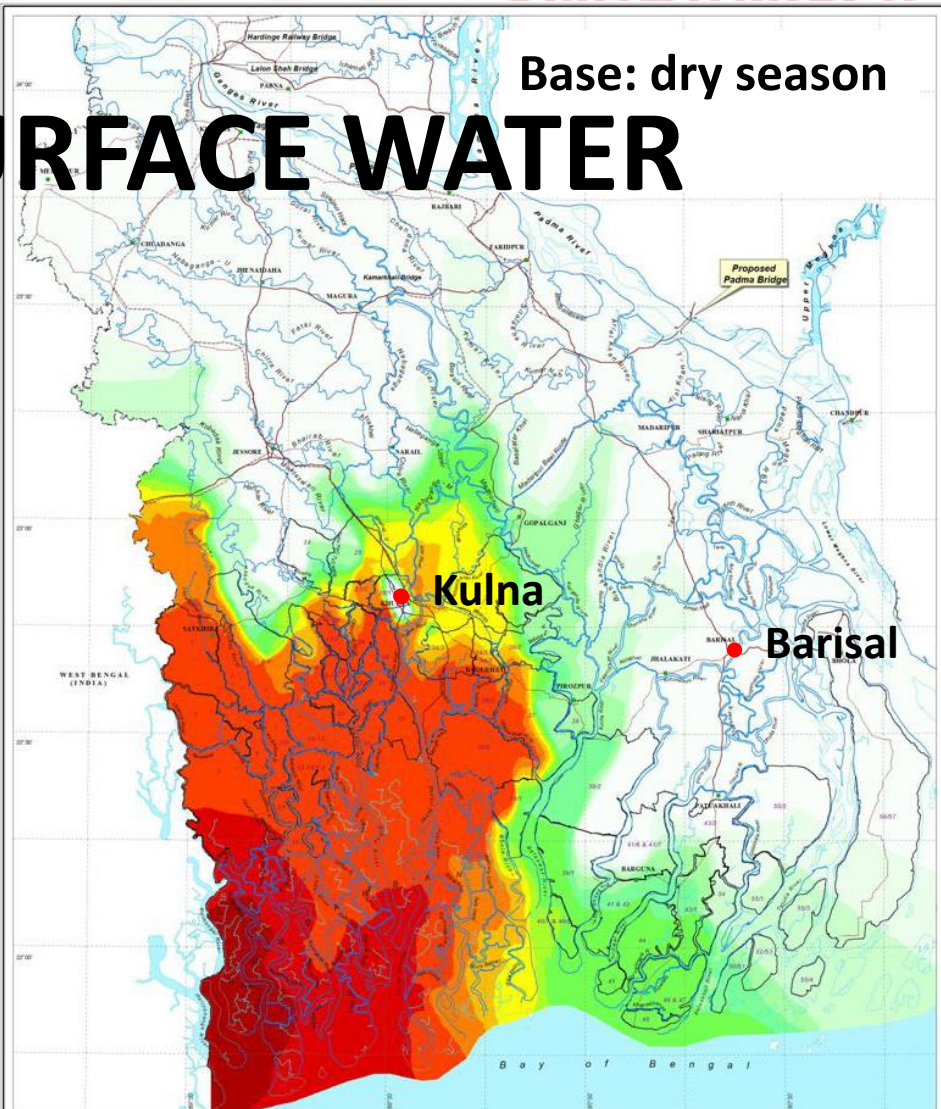
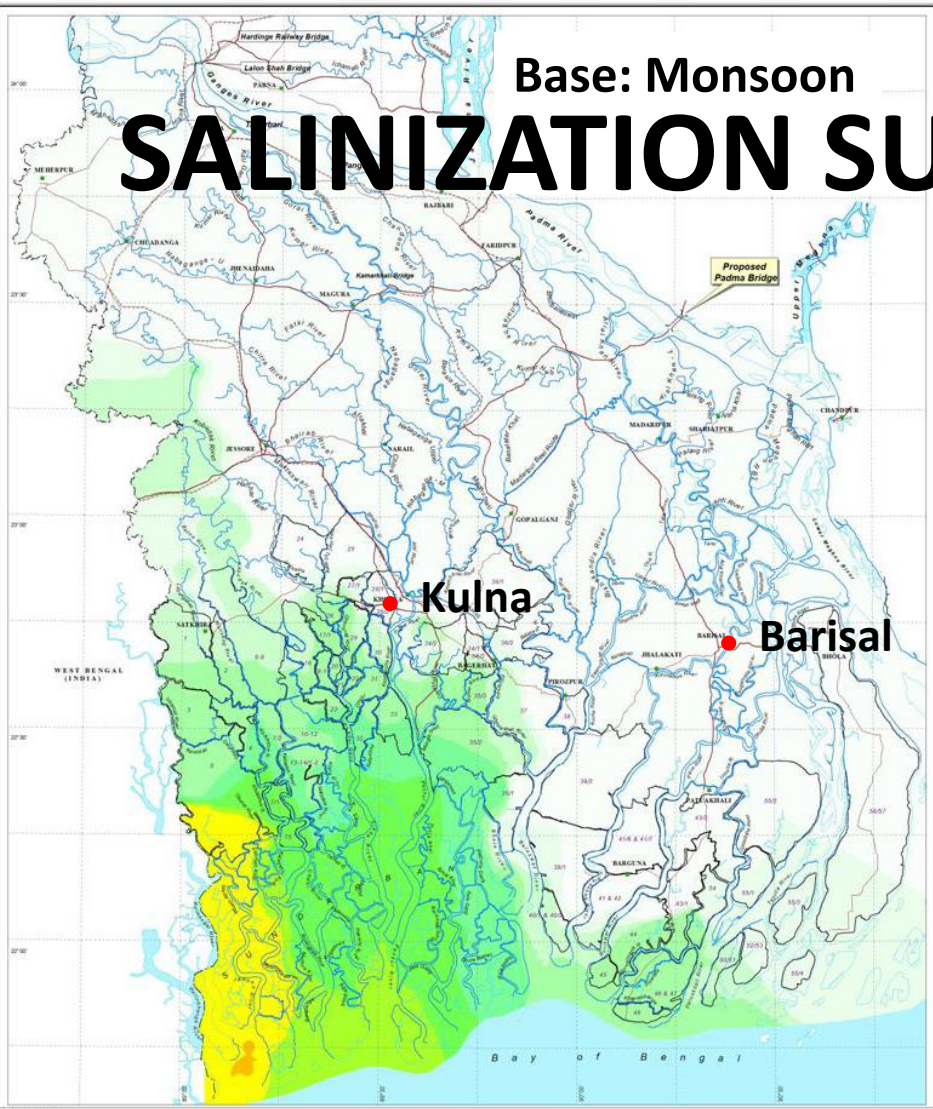


# Origin of salt source





# Base: Monsoon SALINIZATION SURFACE WATER Base: dry season



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# SALINIZATION SURFACE WATER

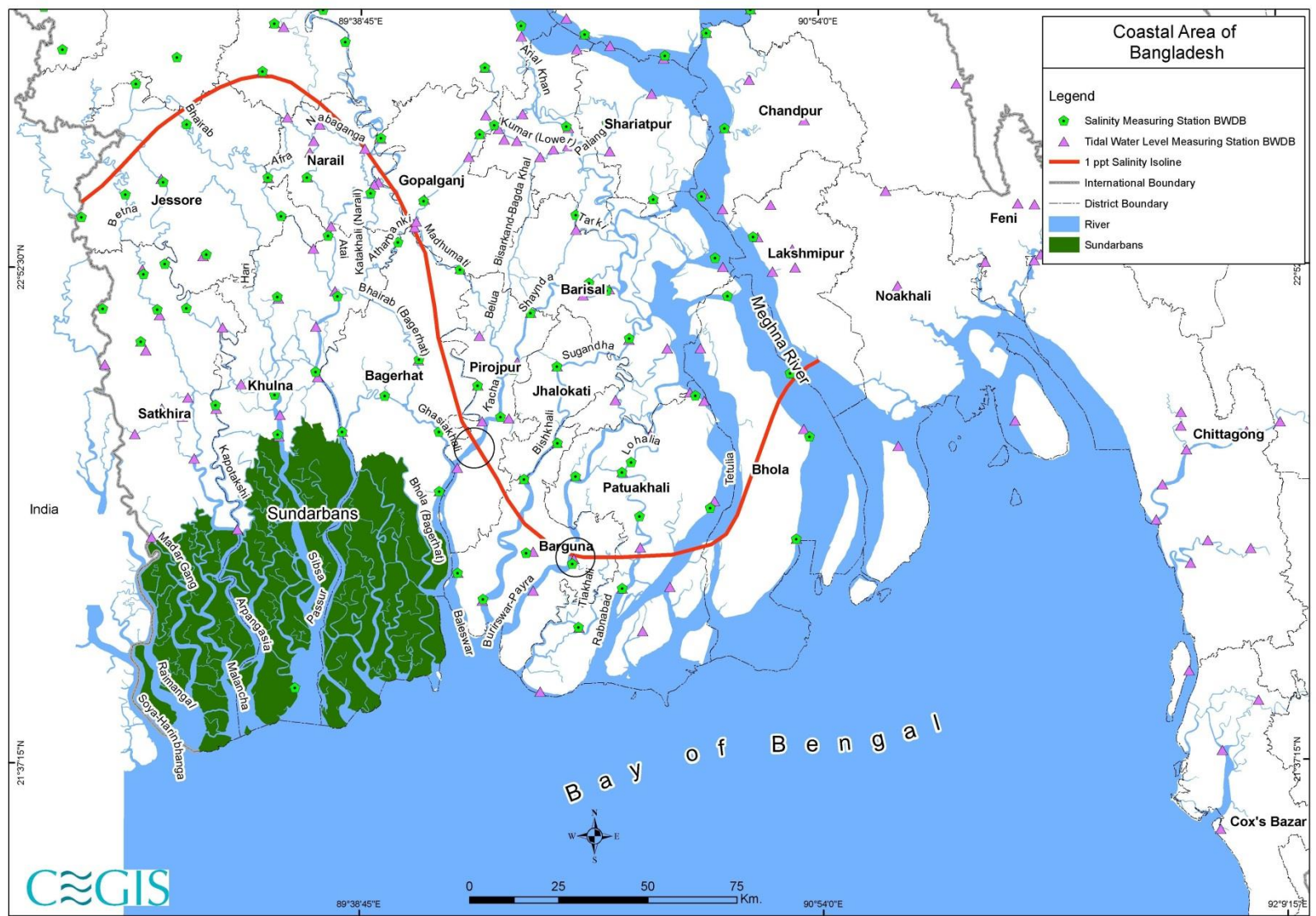


FIGURE 10.10: Salinity in surface water in the coastal area of Bangladesh during the monsoon and dry seasons. Source: GIS, Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh, 2012. License: Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License.

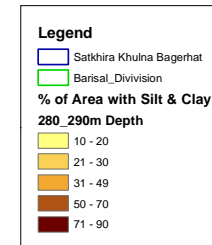
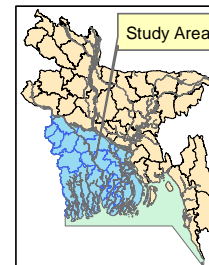
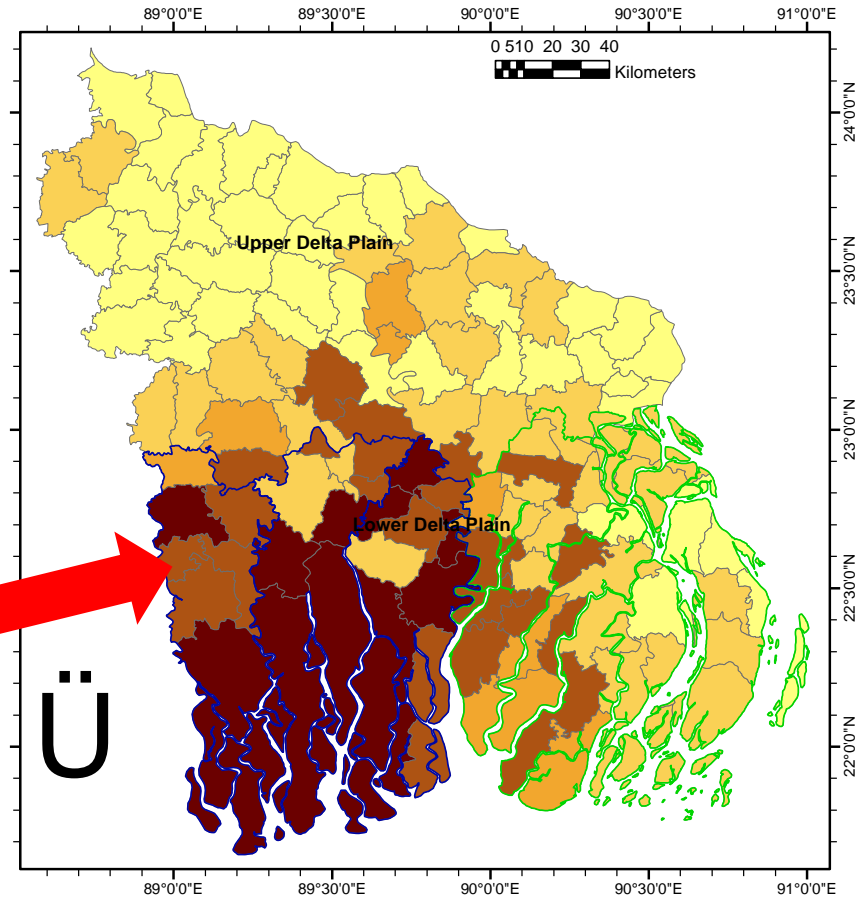
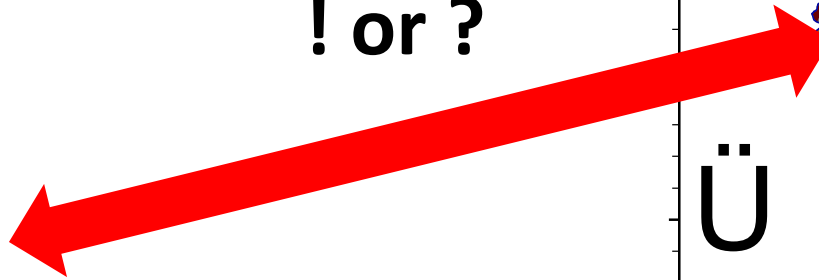


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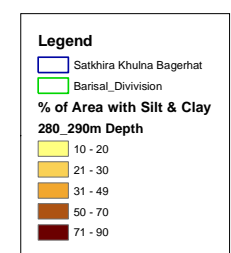
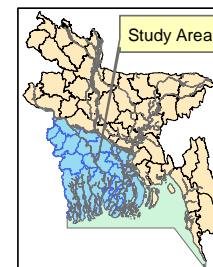
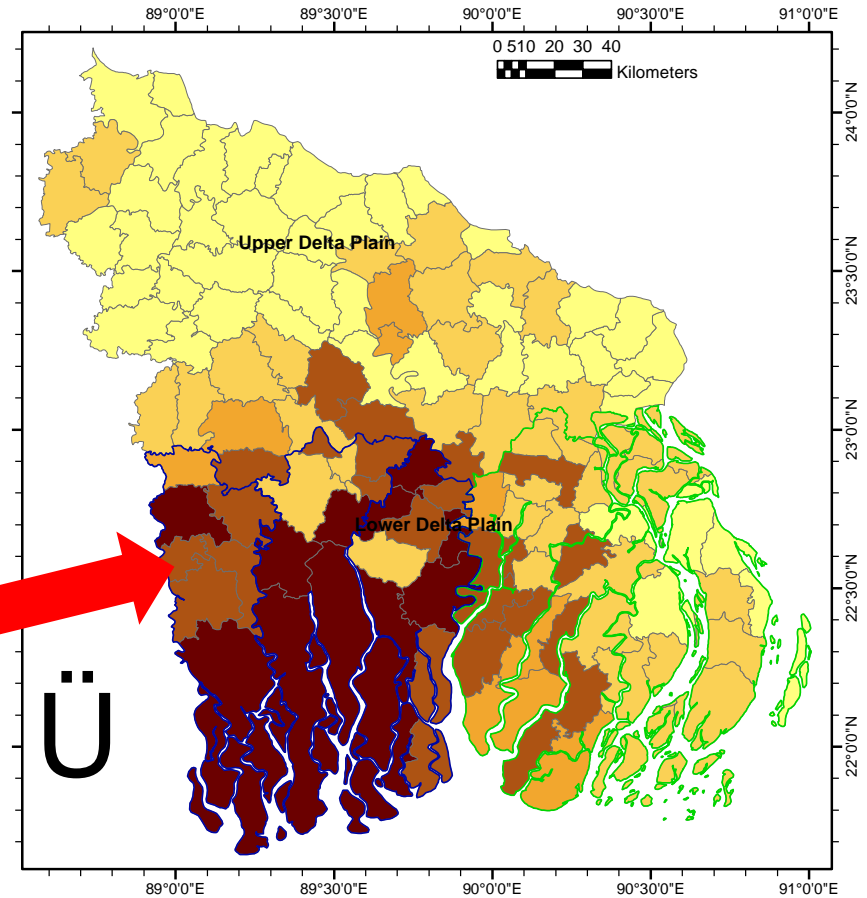
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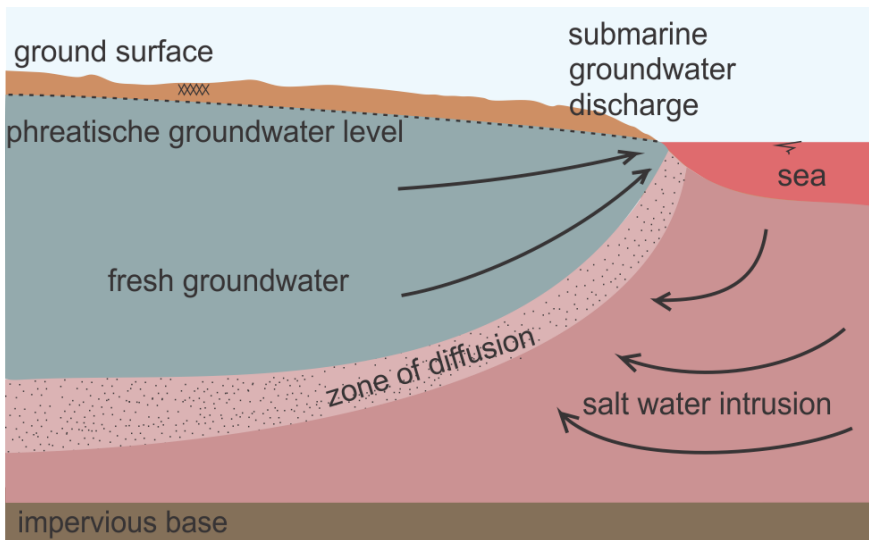


# Vertical salt water intrusion under and after saline flooding events

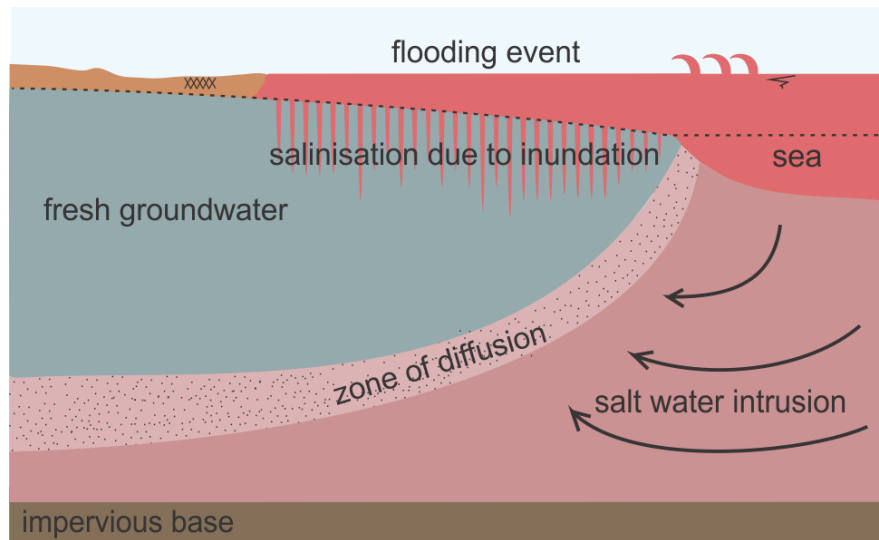
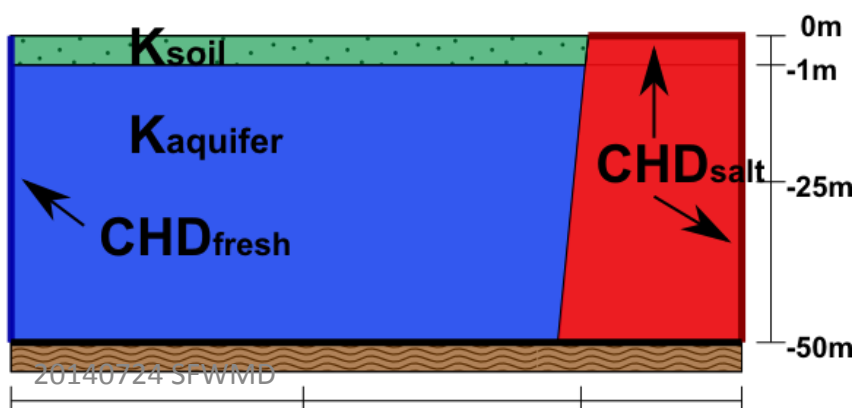




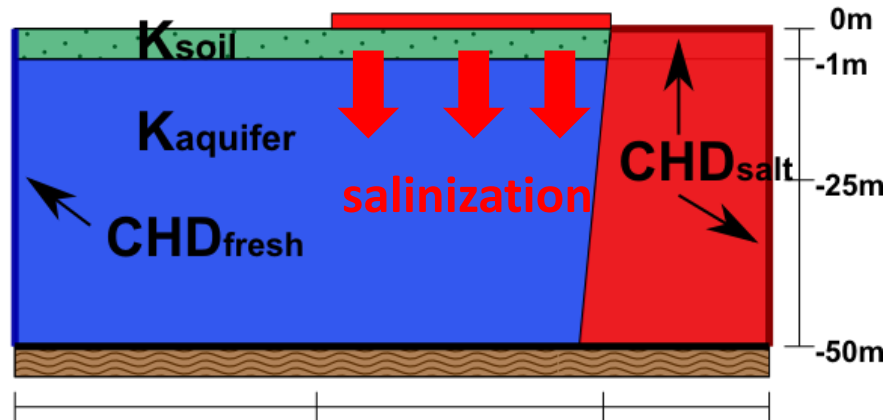
# Quick scan salt water intrusion under flooding events



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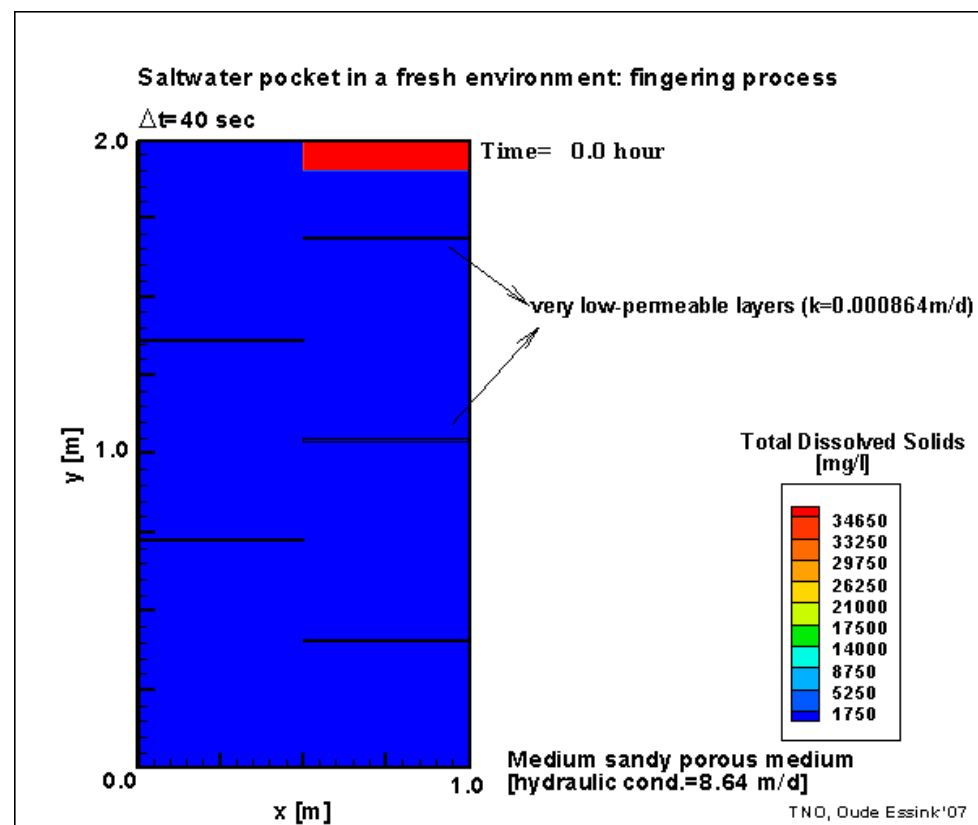
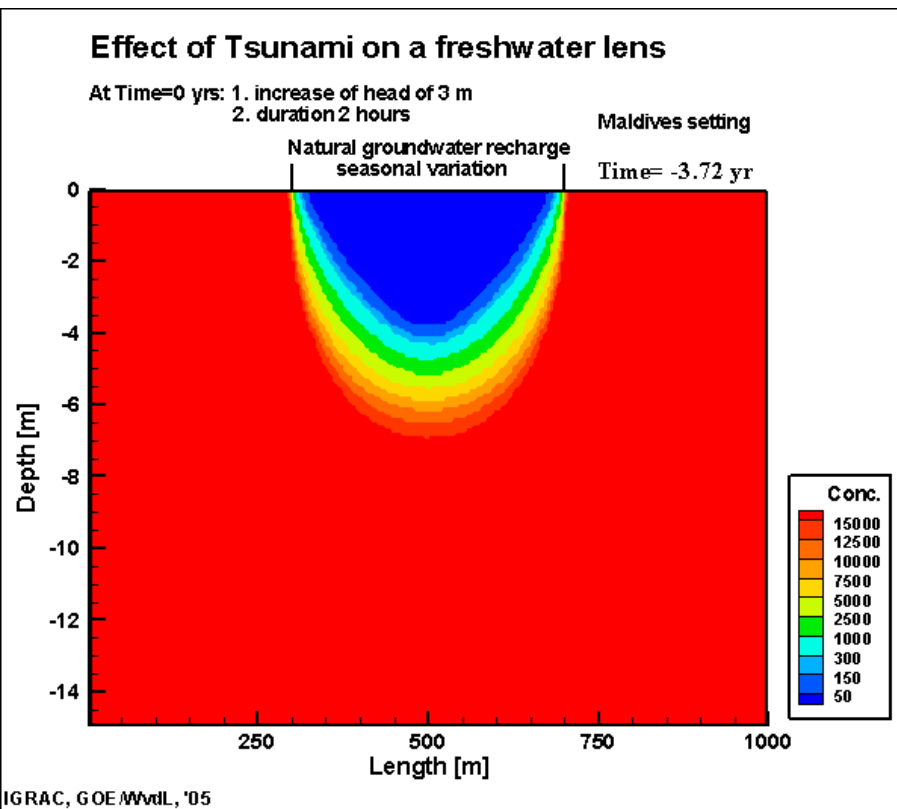


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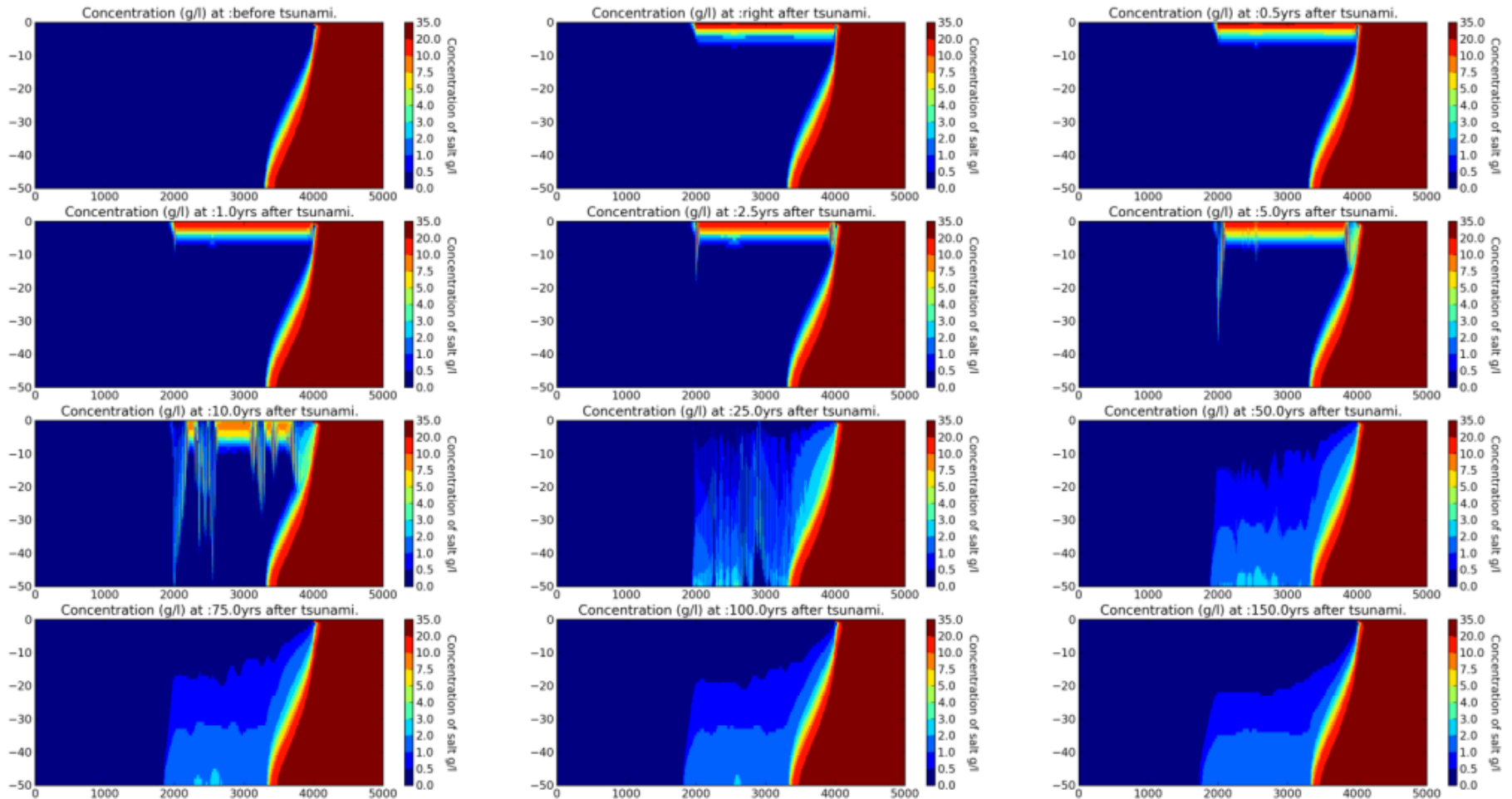


# Salinisation processes of fresh groundwater reserves

- Impression of relevant salinisation processes in coastal aquifers:
- Contamination freshwater lens after sea water flooding
- Saline fingering processes in the subsoil

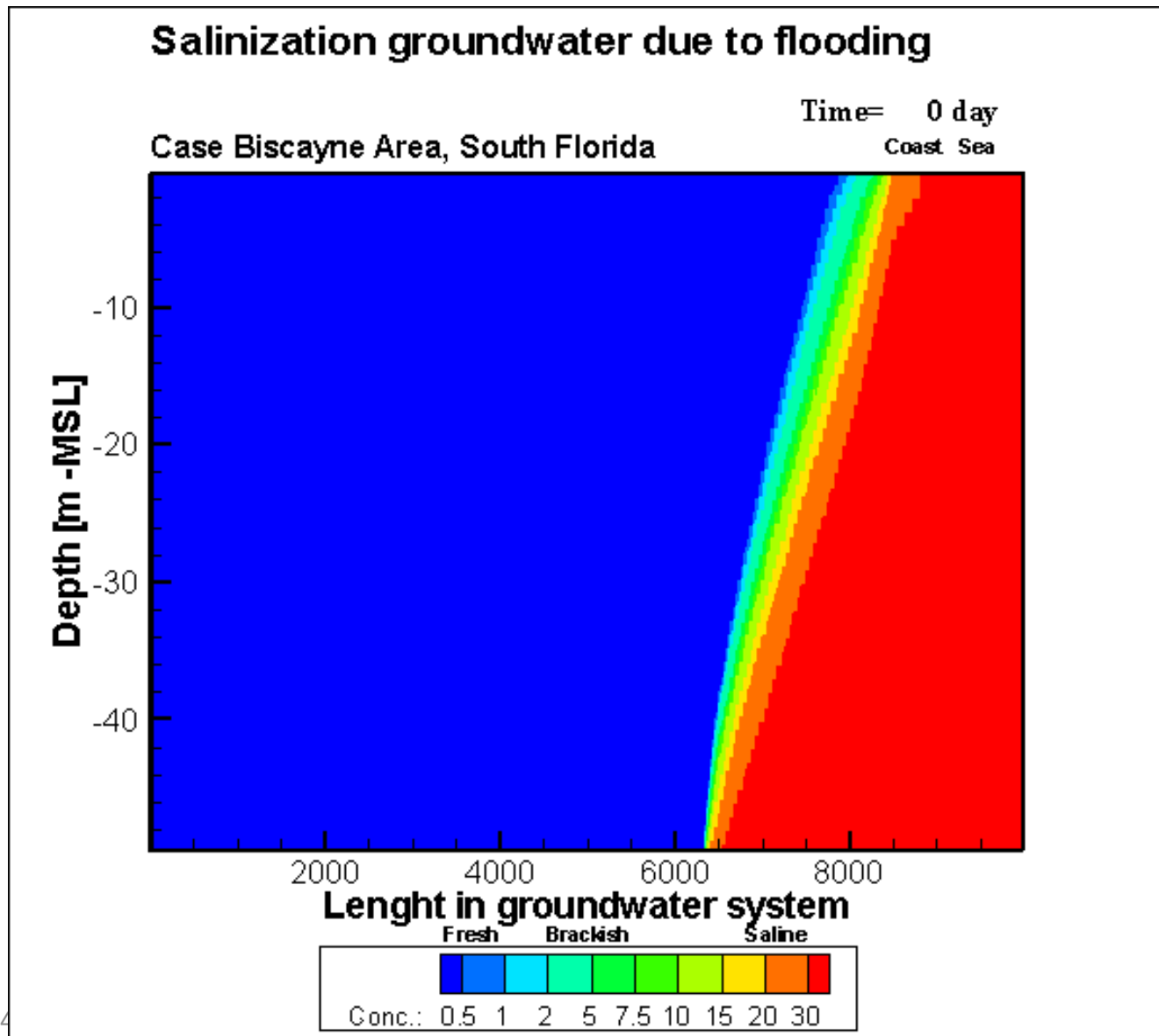


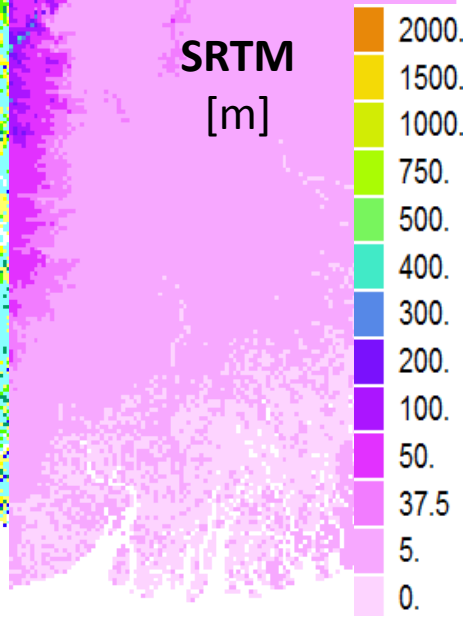
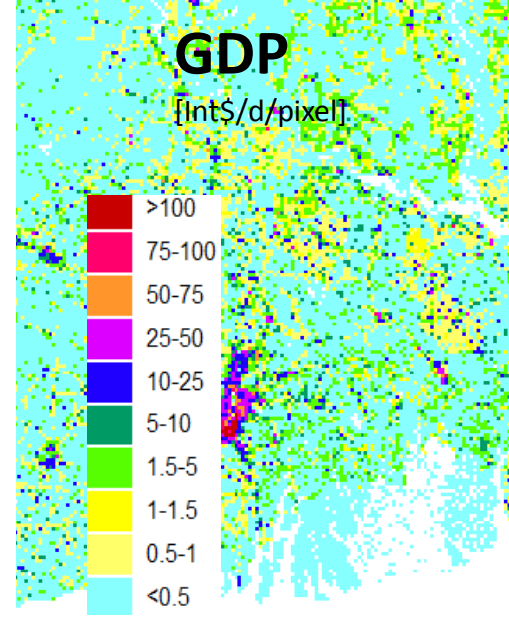
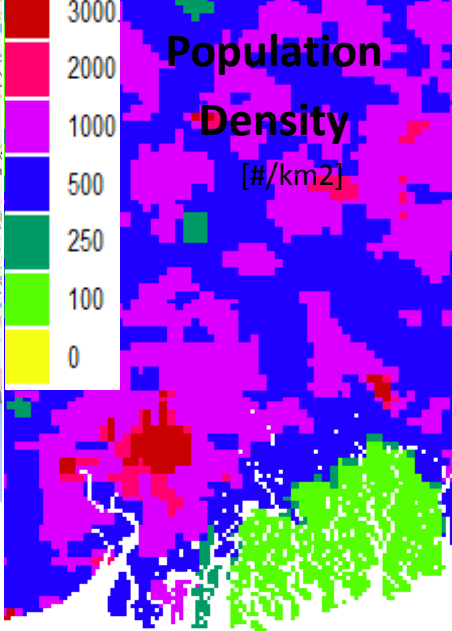
# Example numerical model, different time steps, up to 150 years



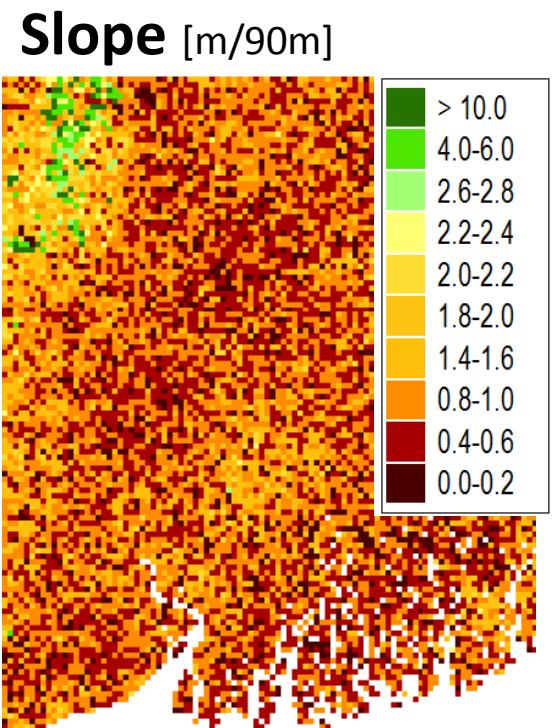
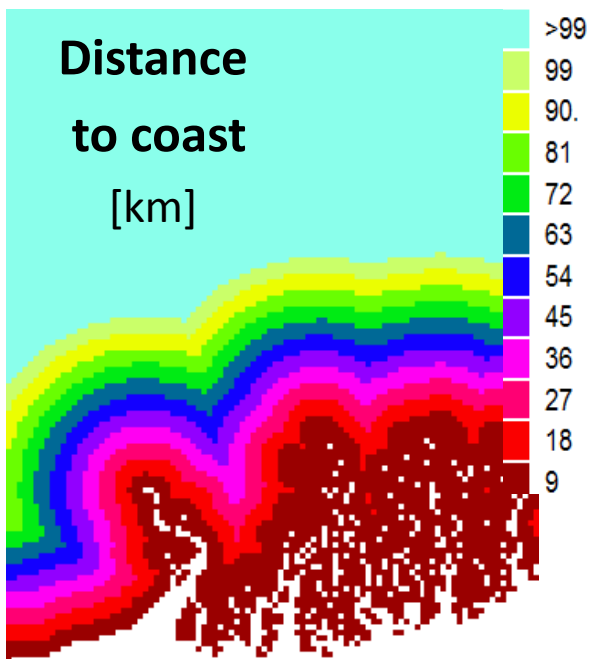
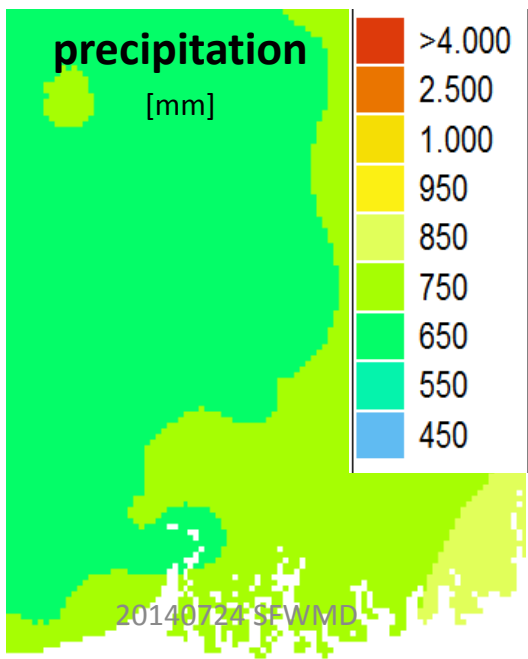


# Salinisation due to salt water flooding in Florida, USA

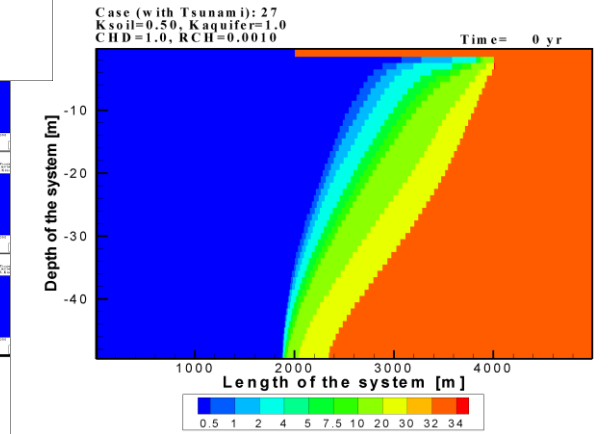
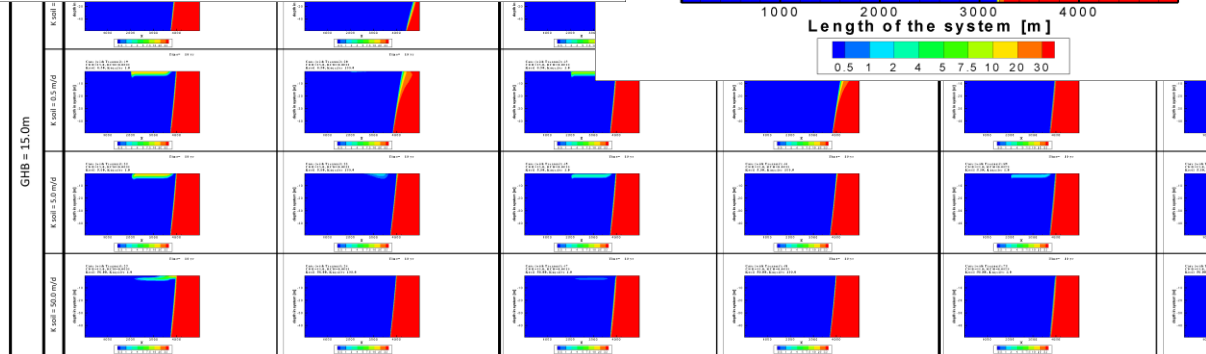
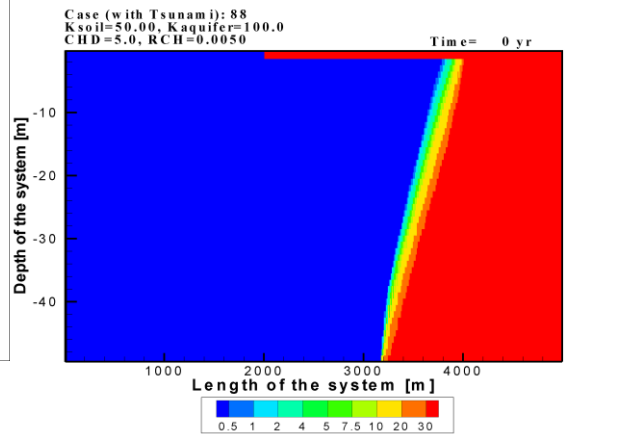
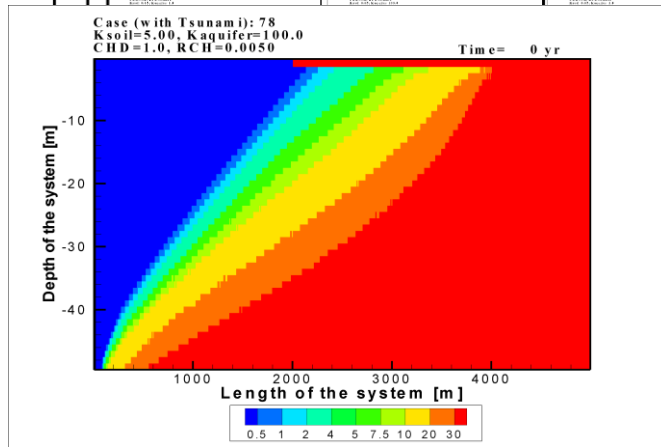




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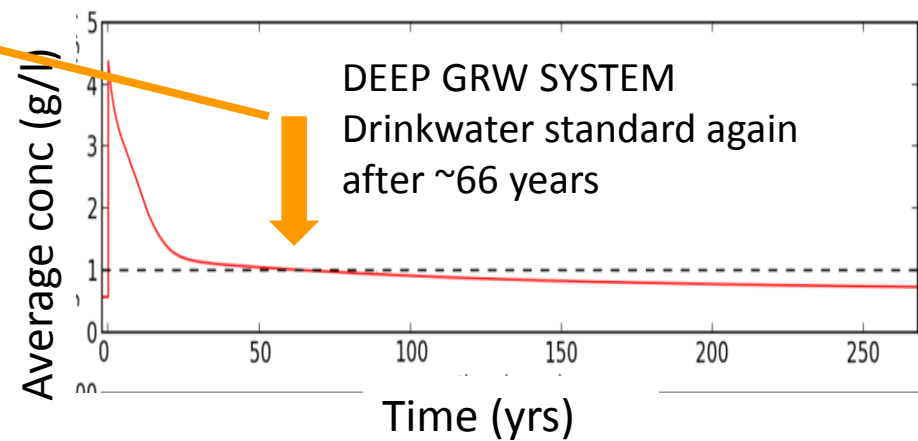
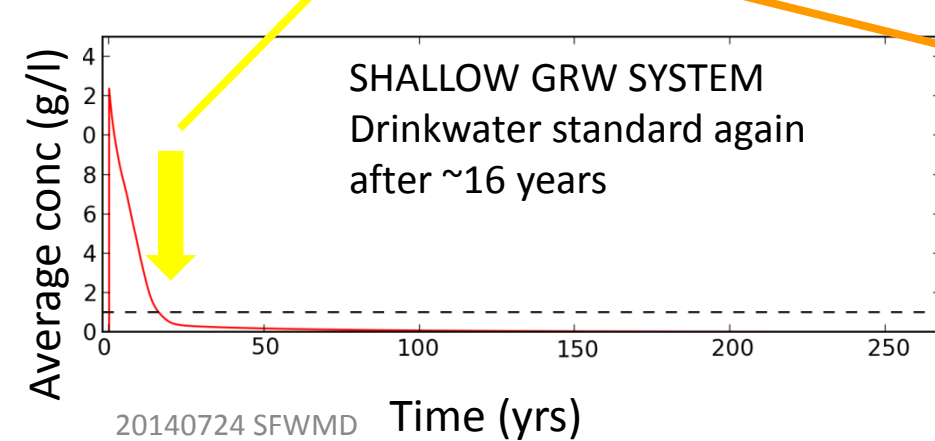
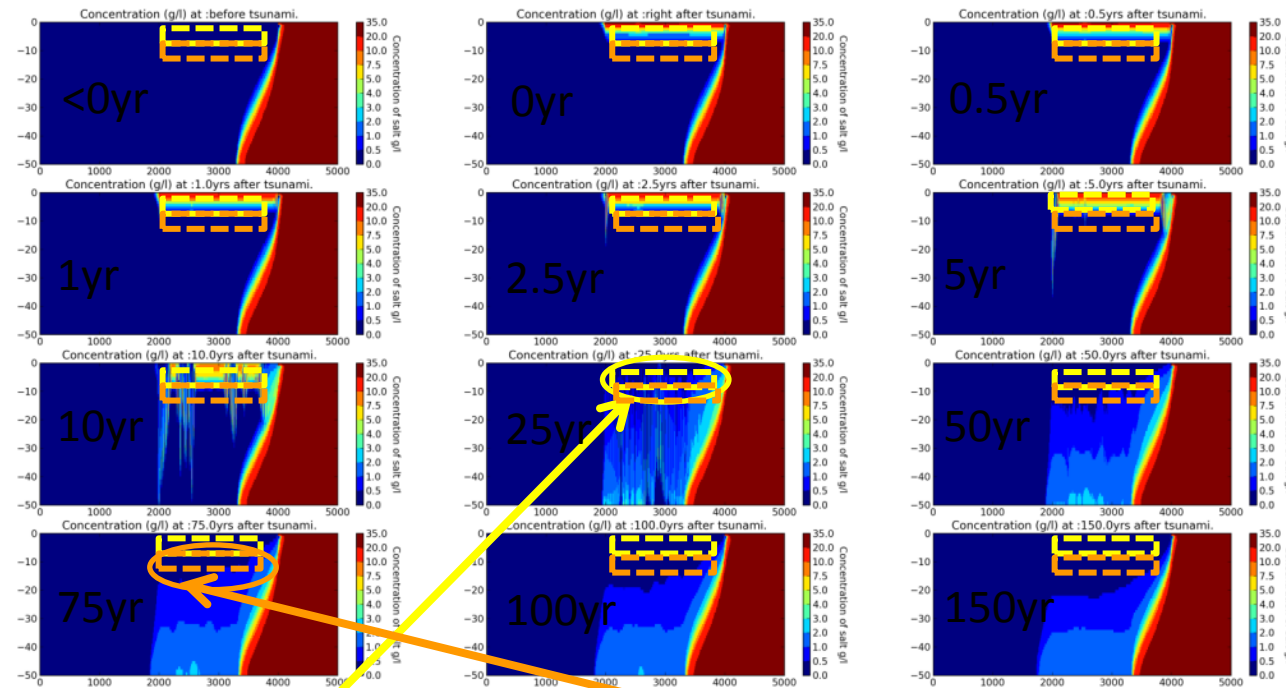
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	K soil = 1.0 m/d							
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		CHD fresh (m)	1.0	5.0	15.0	-		
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		K aquifer (m/d)	1.0	100.0	-	-		





# Results of one case

Salt water fingers intrude the groundwater system the coming tens of years



# MAIN DELIVERABLES

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# WHAT ARE WATER SAFETY PLANS?

- Describe all steps in water supply from catchment to consumer
- Meant to organize and systematise the water management practices applied to drinking-water
- Should be developed for each water and sanitation technology

# GROUPING WATER AND SANITATION TECHNOLOGIES

## Shallow wells:

Shallow Tubewells

Tara Tubewells

Ring wells

Dug Well

Hand Pump Tubewells

Shrouded Tubewell (SST)

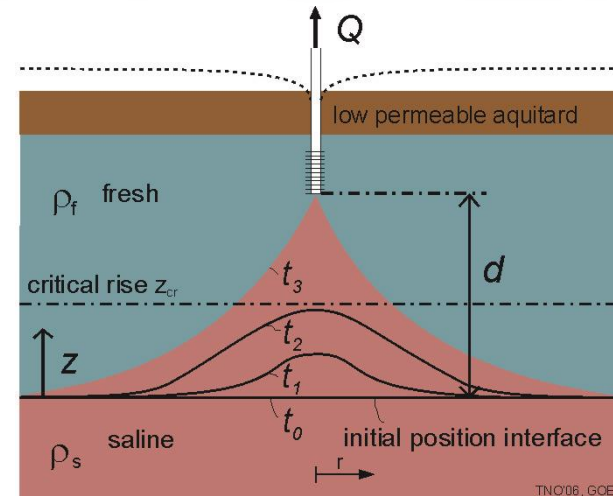
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## Deep wells (up to 300m):

Deep Tubewells

Tara Tubewells

Hand Pump Tubewells



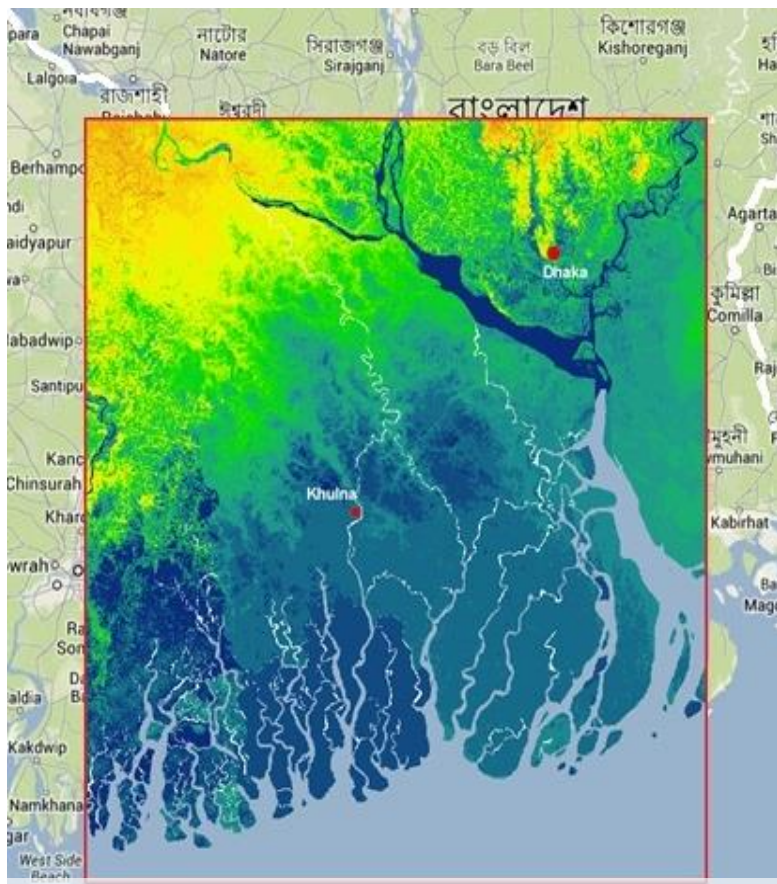
## Rain harvesting and artificial recharge:

Pond Sand Filters

Rainwater Harvesters

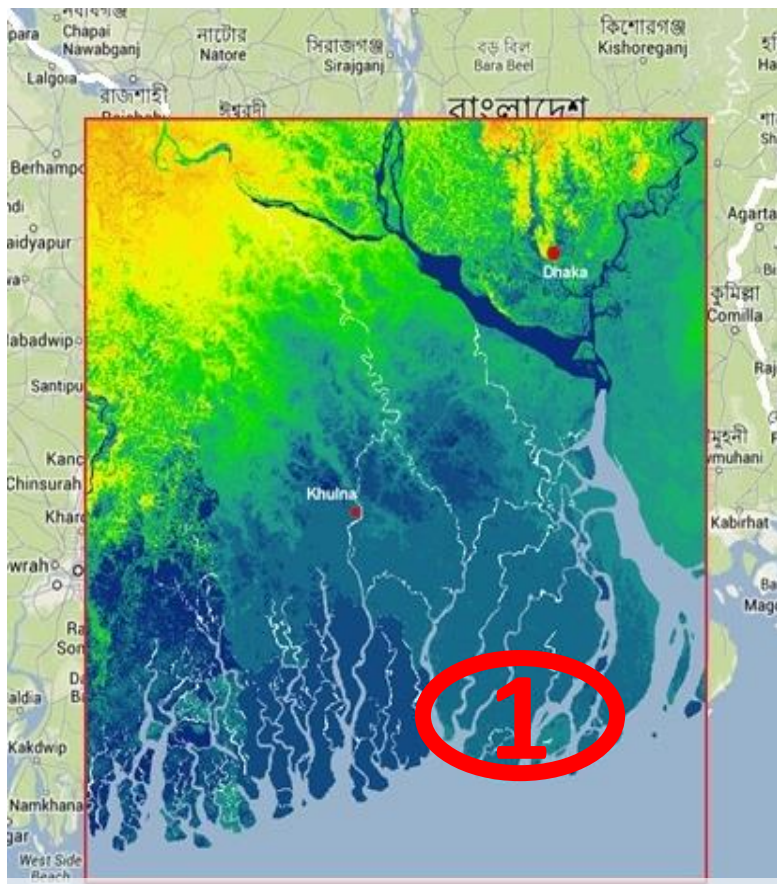
Infiltration galleries

# LINKING THE WATER SAFETY PLANS TO SALINITY ASPECTS



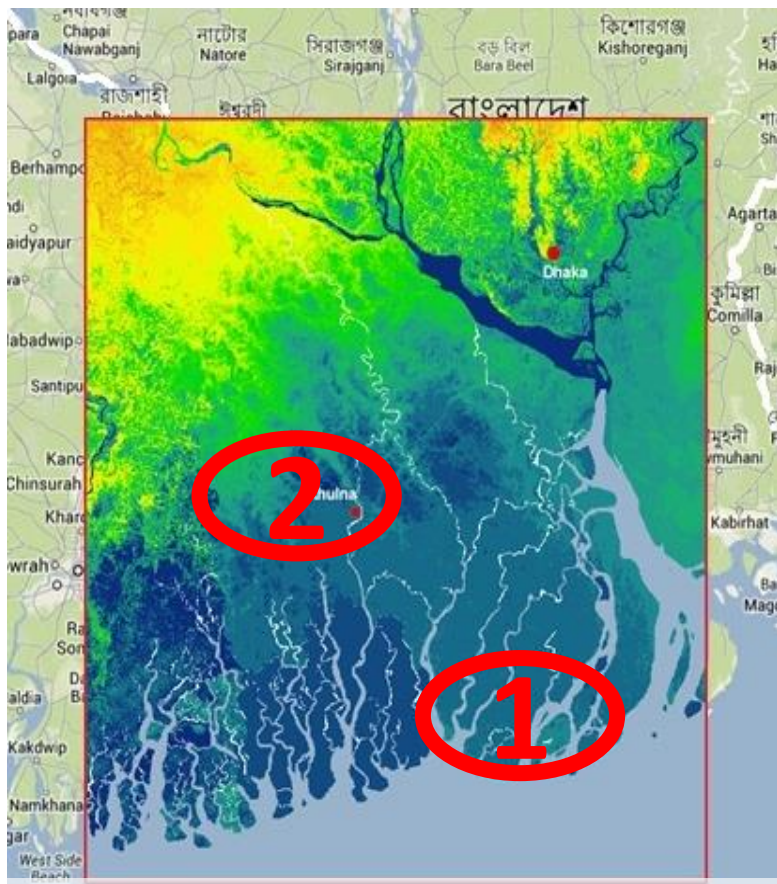


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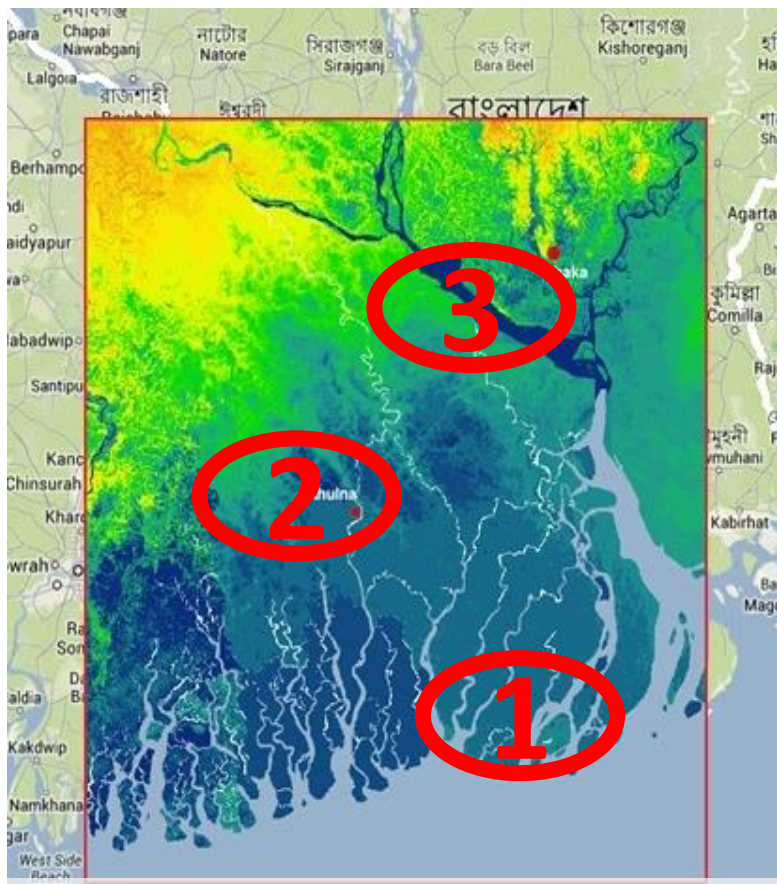
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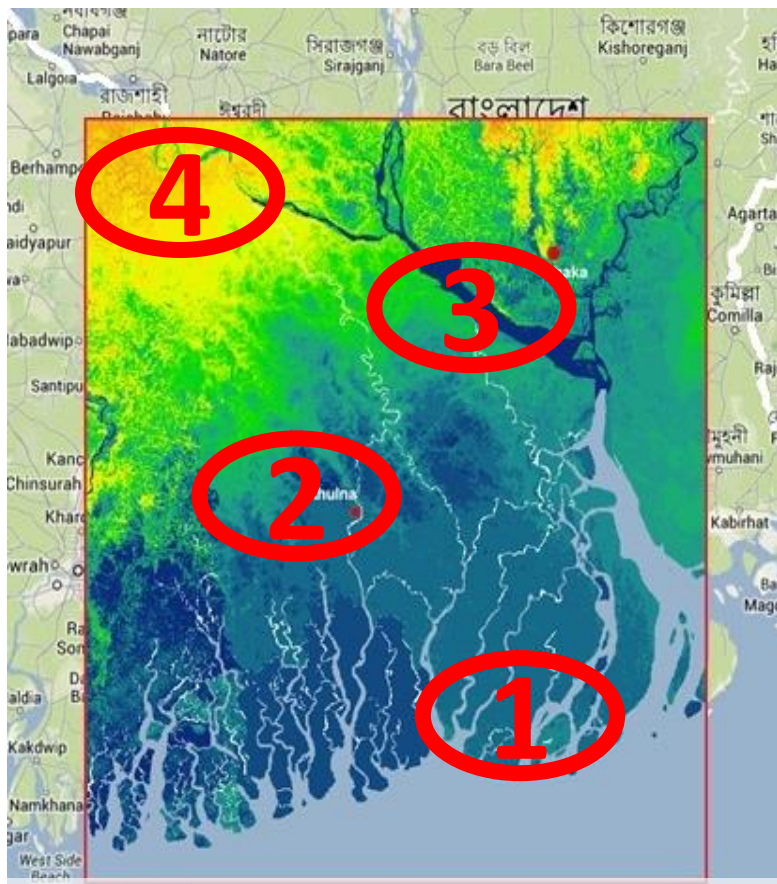
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# LINKING REGIONS WITH WATER AND SANITATION TECHNOLOGIES

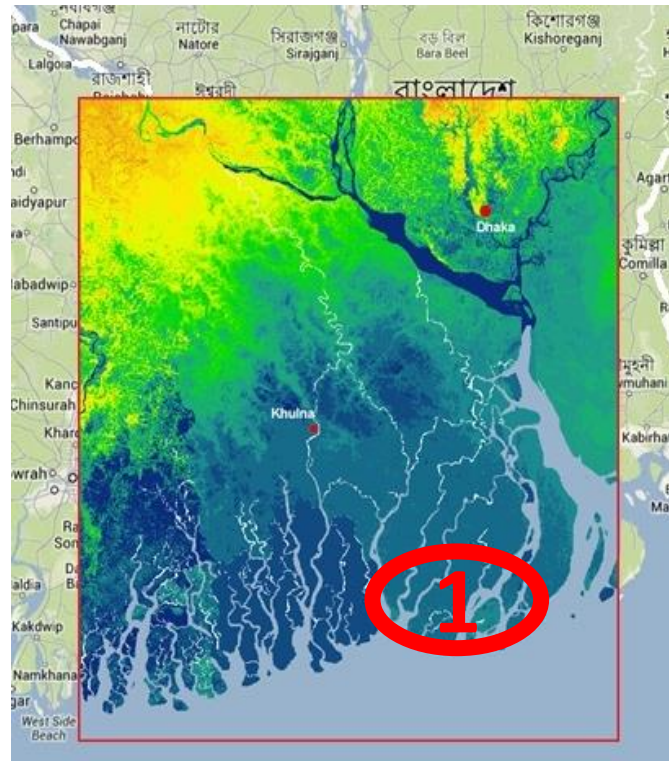
Region	Group of technologies
Region 1: Coastal Belt	Deep wells, rain harvesting and artificial recharge
Region 2: Urban and rural areas far from big rivers	Deep wells (and shallow wells), rain harvesting and artificial recharge
Region 3: Urban and rural areas close to big rivers	Shallow wells (and deep wells), rain harvesting and artificial recharge
Region 4: High infiltration areas	Shallow wells (and deep wells), rain harvesting and artificial recharge

# LINKING WSP COMPONENTS WITH REGIONS AND WITH WATER AND SANITATION TECHNOLOGIES

Technology group	Hazard
Deep wells	Up-coning Lateral seawater intrusion Vertical percolation at depth
Shallow wells	Up-coning Lateral seawater intrusion Seepage Lateral salt water intrusion from rivers Salt water intrusion caused by inundation
Rain harvesting and artificial recharge	salt water intrusion caused by inundation

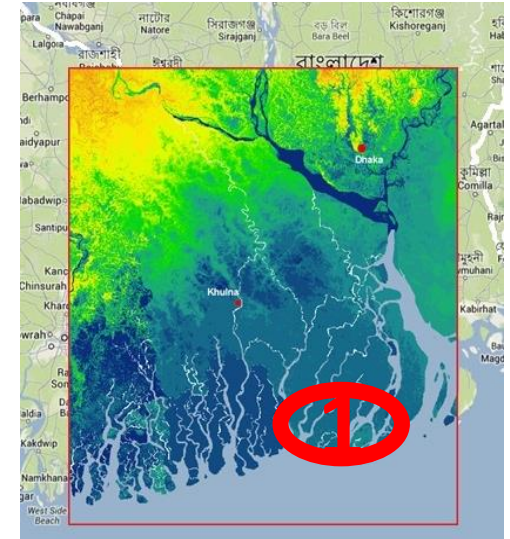


# EXAMPLE REGION 1 – DEEP TUBE WELLS



# REGION 1 – DEEP TUBE WELLS – HAZARD ASSESSMENT AND RISK CHARACTERIZATION

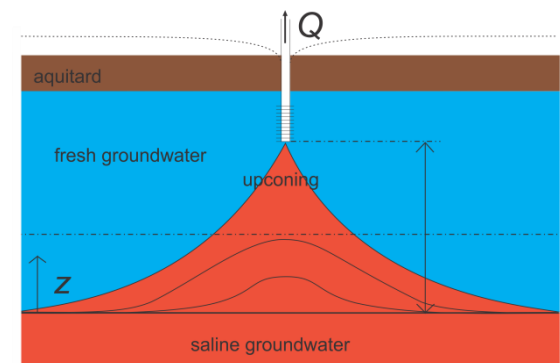
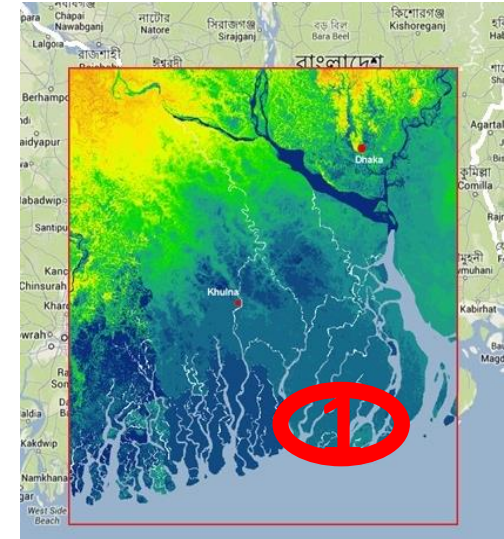
- Up-coning of saline groundwater from bigger depths
- Extraction of saline water due to location of the well, there were horizontal salt water intrusion takes place
- Soluble salts and ions in water as consequence of corrosion of the pipe due to high salt concentrations



# REGION 1 – DEEP TUBE WELLS – HAZARD DESIGN OF THE WELL

Regarding avoiding salinization, the location of the depth of the well screen has to be a function of:

- Depth of the fresh water
- Stationary drawdown
- Distance to the interface of brackish or saline water
- The expected pumping rate (as a function of drawdown of the water head, up-coning of the fresh-brackish interface, water demand, and hydraulic properties of the aquifer).





# REGION 1 – DEEP TUBE WELLS – CONTROL MEASURES AND MONITORING

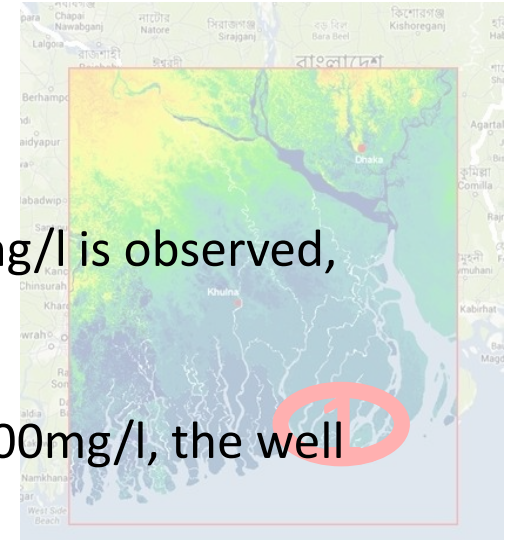
Wells with arsenic in water are painted red. Wells with measured electrical conductivity (EC) should be marked depending on the EC.	Salinity description	mS/cm	mg/l	Type of water	Symbol indication
	Non-saline	<0.8*	<600	Drinking and irrigation water	blue filled circle
	Slightly brackish	0.7 - 2	500-1500	Irrigation water	Light green filled circle
	Moderately brackish	2 – 3	1500-2000	Irrigation water for vegetables	Dark green filled circle
	Brackish	3-4	2000-3000	Irrigation water for wheat	Yellow filled circle
	Moderately saline	4-10	3000-7000	Primary drainage water and groundwater	black/red cross
	Highly saline	10-25	7000-15 000	Secondary drainage water and groundwater	black/red cross
	Very highly saline	25 - 45	1 5 000-35 000	Very saline groundwater	black /red cross
	Brine	>45	>45 000	(more than) Seawater	black/red cross

# REGION 1 – DEEP TUBE WELLS – MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

- Decrease the pumping rate:

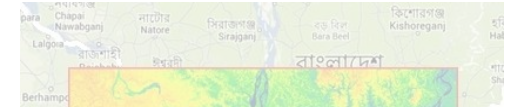
If an increase of the chloride concentration above 400mg/l is observed, the pumping rate should be decreased.

If the salinity continues to increase and it reaches the 600mg/l, the well should not be used for drinking water anymore.



- All wells must be tested for chloride before they are handed in to community.
- Procedures or Records: use field tests kits and analyse sample for Chloride in the laboratory.

# REGION 1 – DEEP TUBE WELLS – RECORDS FOR SALINITY MEASURES, EXAMPLE:



Date of sampling	Type of analysis (field test / laboratory)	Location of the well: Longitude	Location of the well: Latitude	Top of the screen (m below surface)	Bottom of the screen (m below surface)	Top of the screen (m below sea level)	Bottom of the screen (m below sea level)	Chloride concentration (mg/l)	Electrical conductivity (mS/cm)

# STRATEGIES FOR MITIGATING SALINITY IMPACTS ON DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

## COASTAL AREA

- **Strategy 1: Managed groundwater abstraction in the deep aquifer**
- **Strategy 2: Systematic monitoring of groundwater in the deep aquifer**
- **Strategy 3: Injection of harvested rainwater in the deep aquifer**
- **Strategy 4: Creation of fresh water lens in the shallow brackish aquifer**

## INLAND AREA

- **Strategy 5 Conjunctive use of surface and groundwater**
  - River Bank filtration
  - Infiltration gallery
  - Infiltration basin

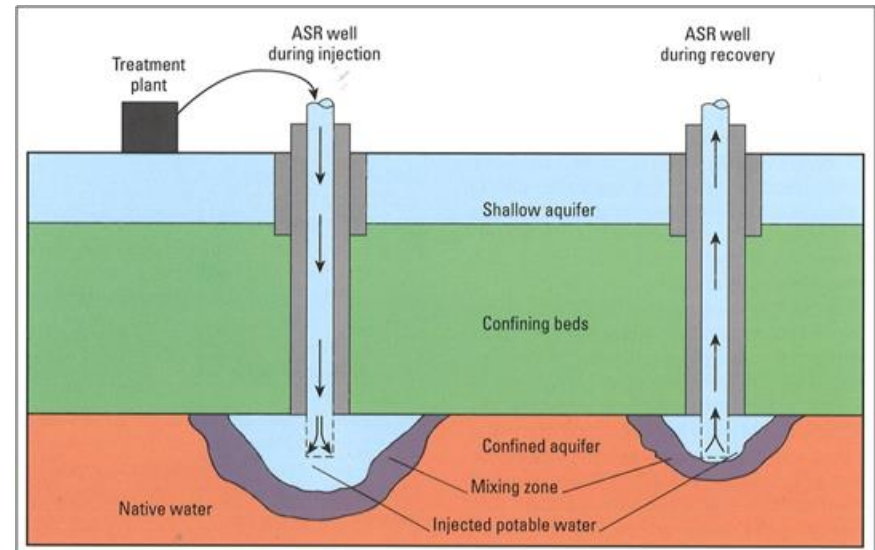


# MITIGATING SALINITY IMPACTS ON DRINKING WATER: 5 STRATEGIES

- **Strategy 1: sustainability**
  - Characterization of the groundwater system essential
  - Projection of drinking water demand
  - Optimization of well locations and production rates, using numerical models
  - Simulation the long-term response of the aquifer system to planned extractions
  - Implementation groundwater development plan
- **Strategy 2: monitoring**
  - National baseline monitoring
  - Early warning monitoring
  - Fresh/salt water interface monitoring

# MITIGATING SALINITY IMPACTS ON DRINKING WATER: 5 STRATEGIES

- Strategy 3: deep well injection
  - ASR: Aquifer Storage and Recovery
  - Transmissivity of the aquifer should be sufficiently large
  - Water sources of good quality for injection must be available
  - Land availability and site accessibility
  - Technical capacities on well drilling, maintenance, and operation.
  - Proximity to electric power infrastructure and water distribution infrastructure.



# MITIGATING SALINITY IMPACTS ON DRINKING WATER: 5 STRATEGIES

- **Strategy 4: go-fresh**

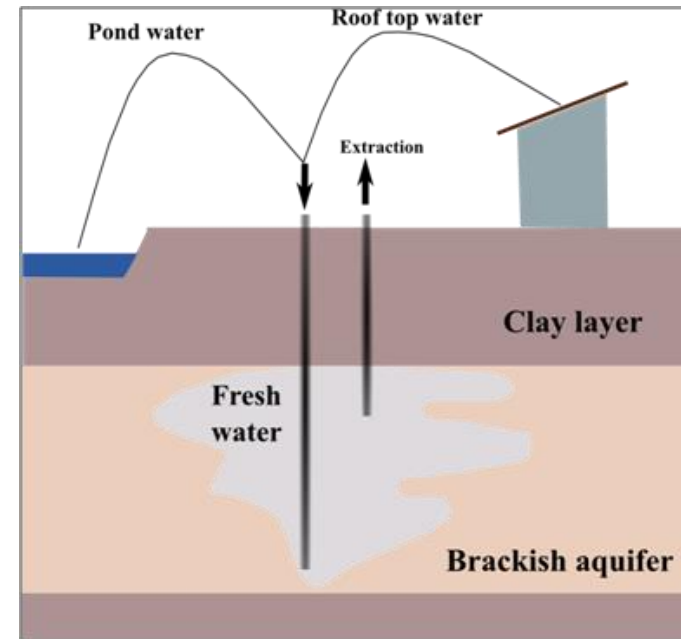
- Create fresh water lens in storing fresh water in shallow brackish water aquifer

## **Advantages**

- Water is stored in the subsurface, no evapotranspiration loss, less vulnerable to pollution and damage by storm surge/cyclones comparing to surface storage (such as ponds)

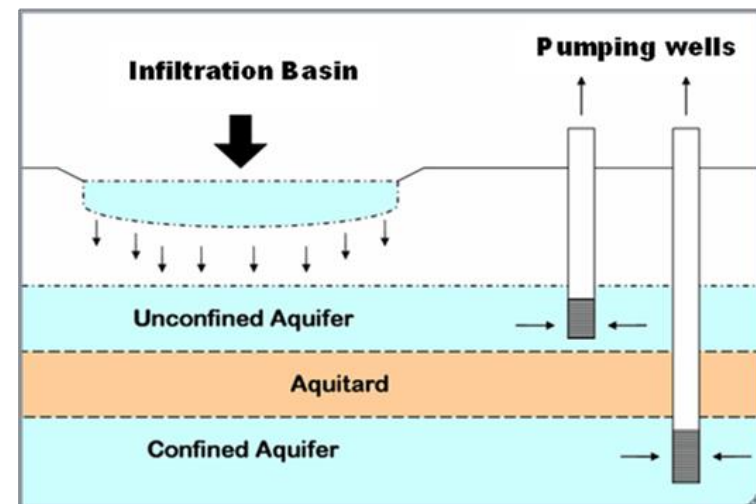
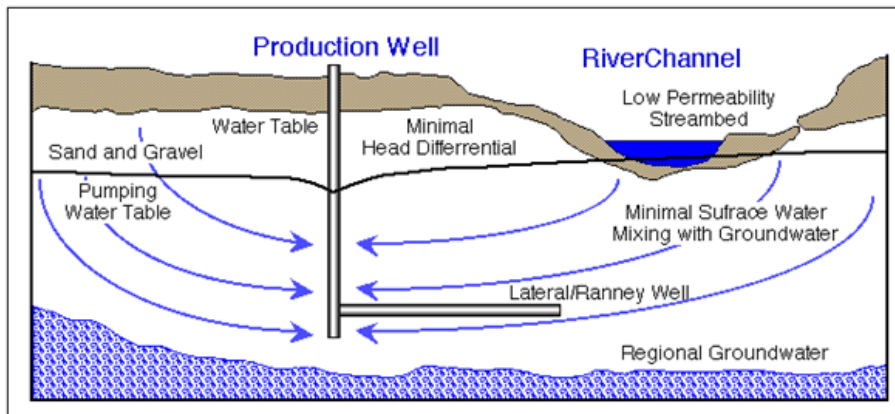
## **Limitations**

- Availability of good quality of source water (collection and pre-treatment of storm water)
- Prevention of brackish water intrusion necessary



# MITIGATING SALINITY IMPACTS ON DRINKING WATER: 5 STRATEGIES

- Strategy 5: conjunctive use (inland)
  - Objective is to increase the yield, reliability of supply and efficiency of a water system by diverting water from streams or surface reservoirs to storage in aquifers, for later use when surface water is not available.
  - Examples:
    - River bank infiltration
    - Infiltration gallery
    - Infiltration basin

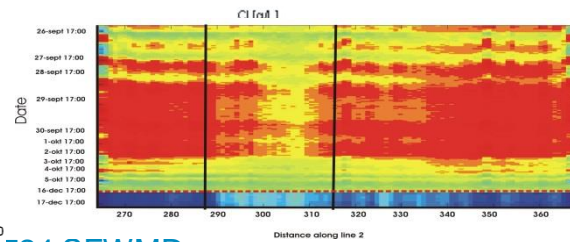
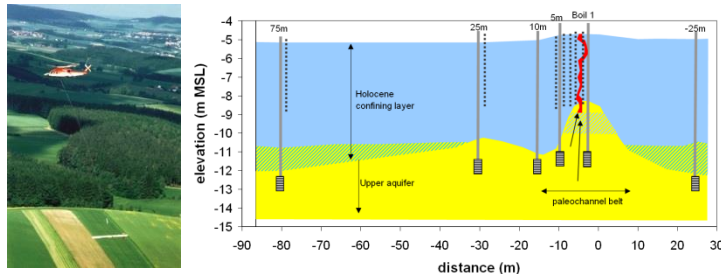
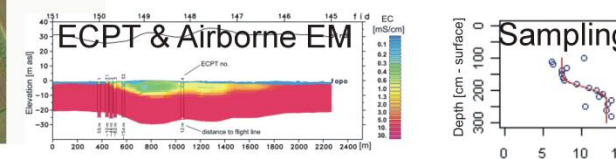
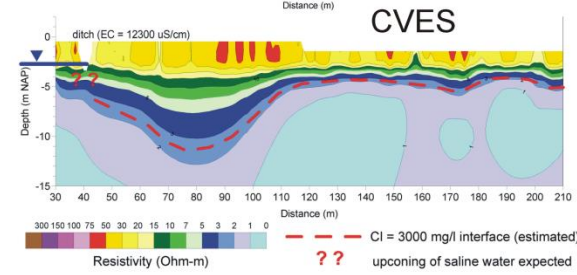
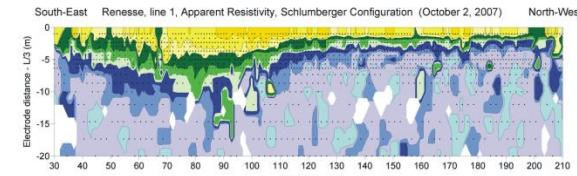
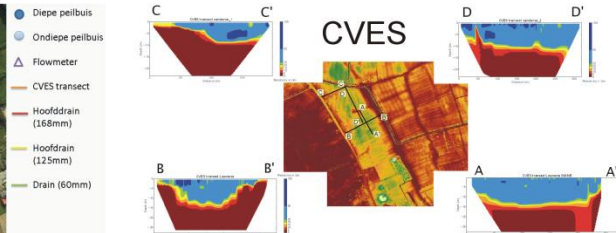
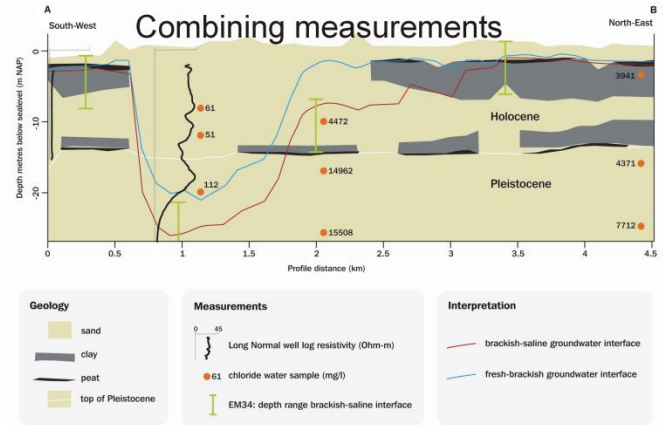
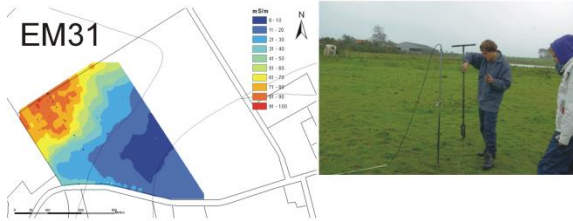
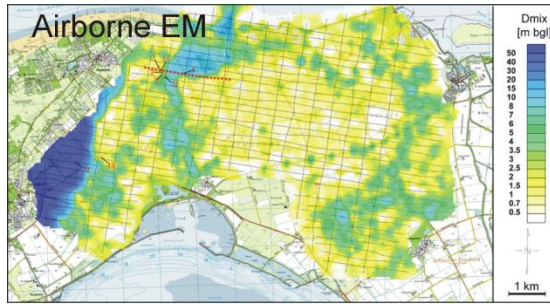




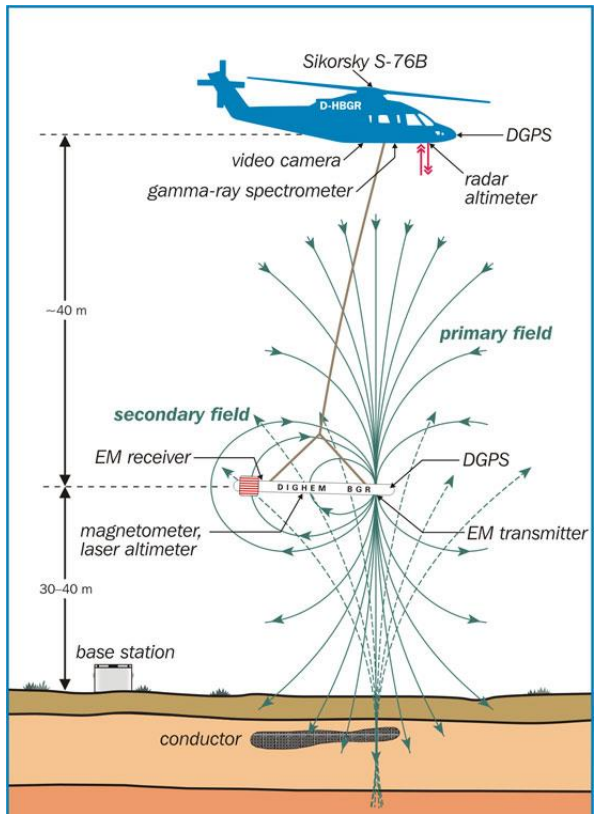
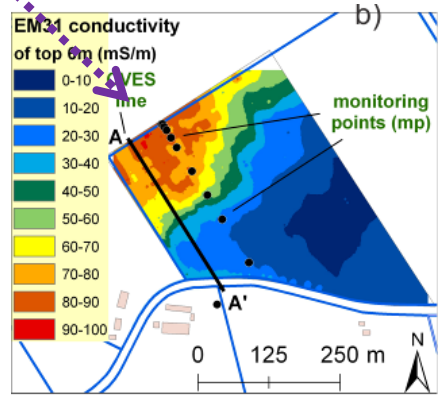
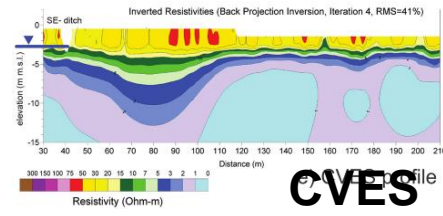
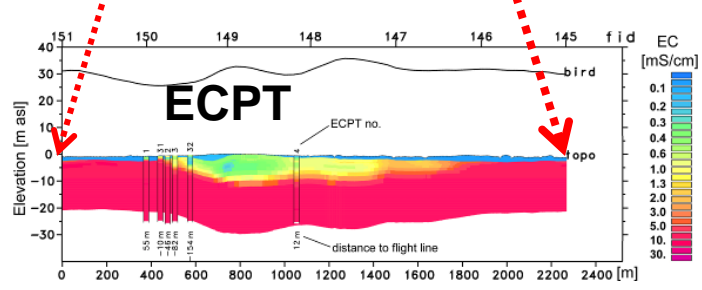
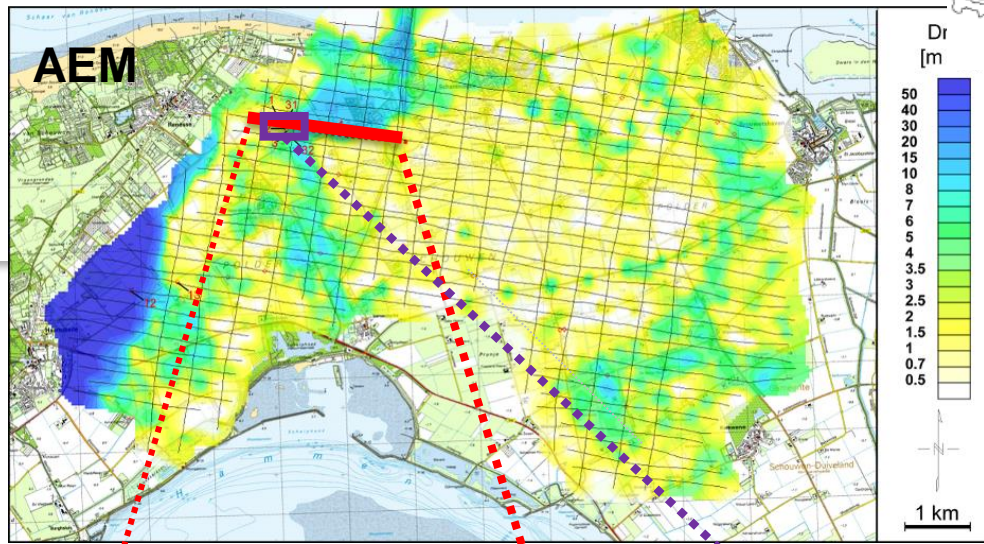
# RECOMMENDATIONS BANGLADESH GROUNDWATER MONITORING

1. Determine clear monitoring objectives;
2. Determine what kind of results you want. Design the type of graphs etc. (“think backwards”);
3. Every objective has his own design criteria, in space and in time;  
(Often different objective monitoring networks can be combined)
4. Collect and store all monitoring data in ONE central database;
5. Produce clear graphs, maps etc. to show the monitoring results on a public website;
6. Determine in advance what you decide to do with results, passing thresholds;
7. Evaluate existing monitoring networks;
8. Bring all monitoring stakeholders together in one network (at least one meeting/year)

# Combining different fresh-salt monitoring techniques



# Example: Case AEM in Schouwen-Duiveland, NL



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conventional monitoring techniques



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# 3D VARIABLE-DENSITY GROUNDWATER MODEL: WHY?

- To understand and visualize the regional groundwater dynamics and the salinity processes
- To provide Bangladeshi water managers and universities with an instrument for their mandates
- To stimulate and assist further research (“seed model”)
- To fill the void: there is no regional groundwater model in Bangladesh that includes variable-density effects

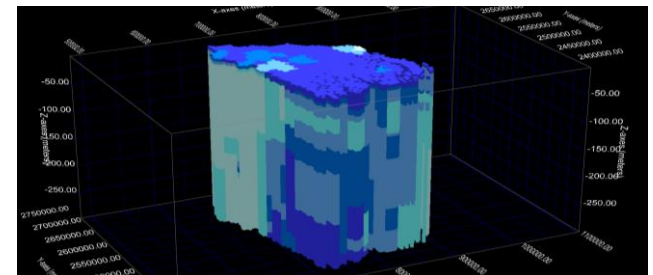
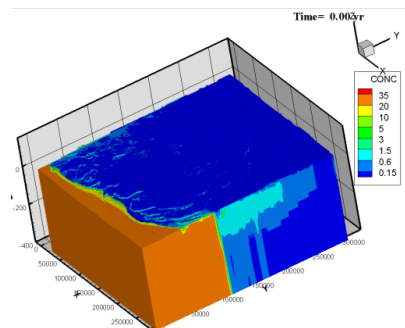
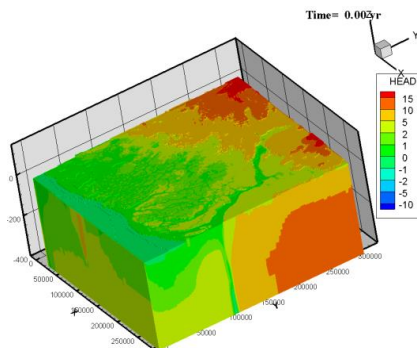
# SWIBANGLA 3D variable-density groundwater Model

It is an iMOD-SEAWAT model of the central coast of Bangladesh.

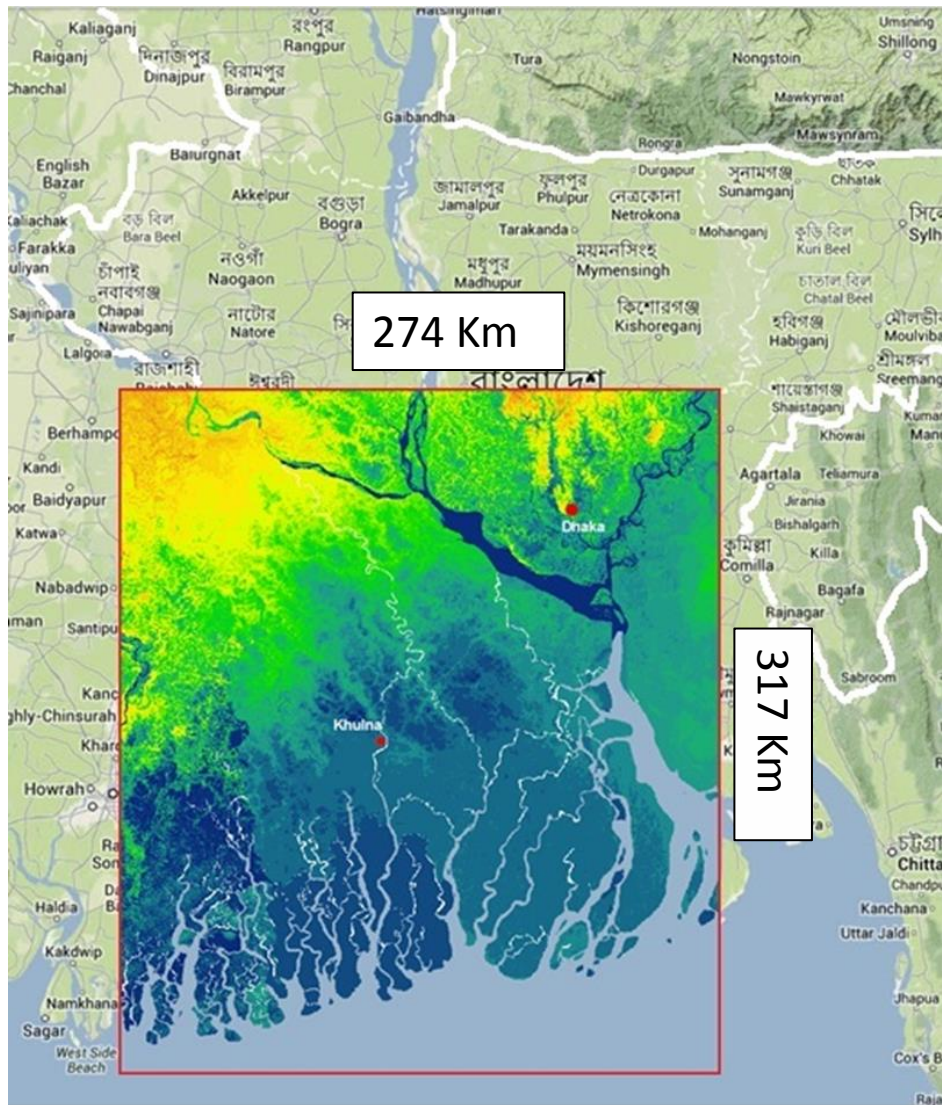
The questions that can be answered with the model are, for example:

- Where are the present fresh-saline interfaces?
- How will these interfaces evolve in the following years?
- What is the effect of the extractions in the vertical distribution of the salinity?
- Guiding the positioning of monitoring and data collection
- Guiding the positioning of (new) extraction wells

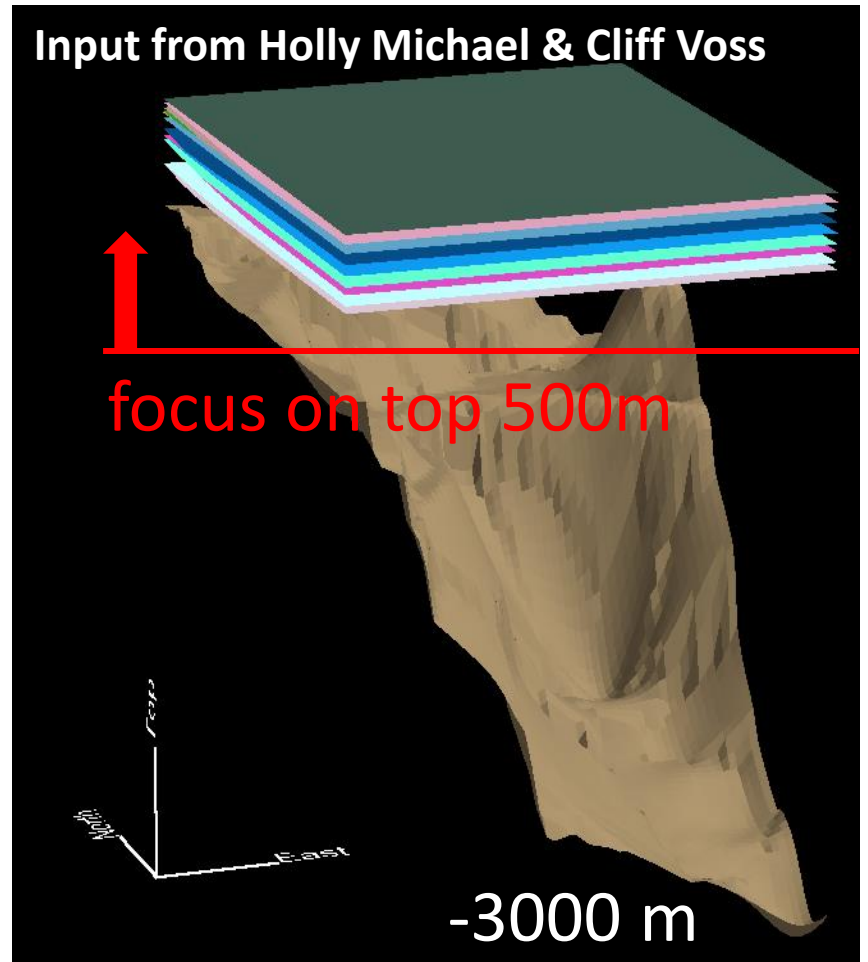
Moreover, the model is expected to be a very valuable tool in future research projects concerning groundwater salinization in Bangladesh



# Model Geometry: model extent

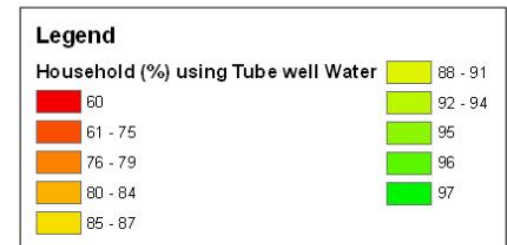
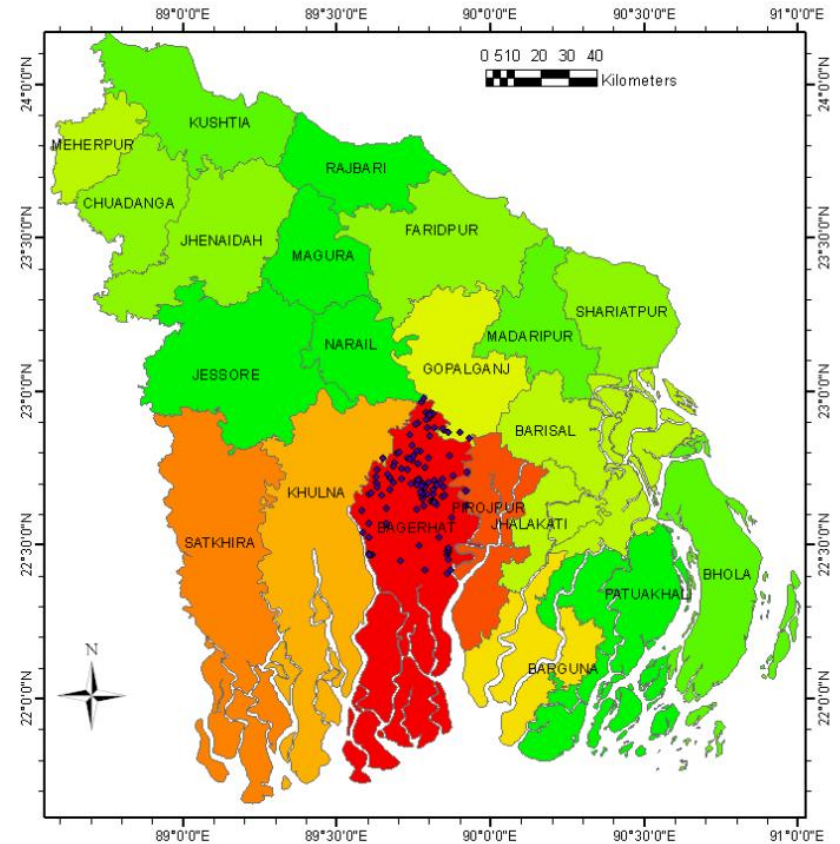
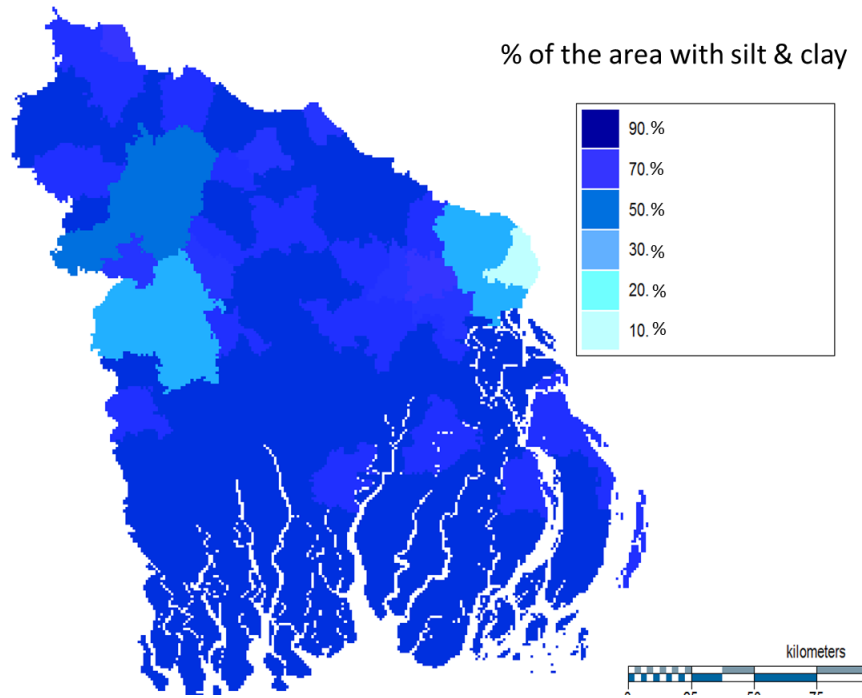


Bottom boundary: Boka Bil formation hydrological base (no flow)



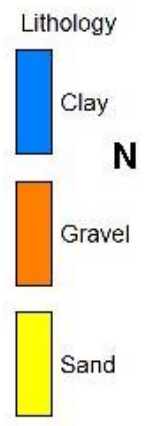
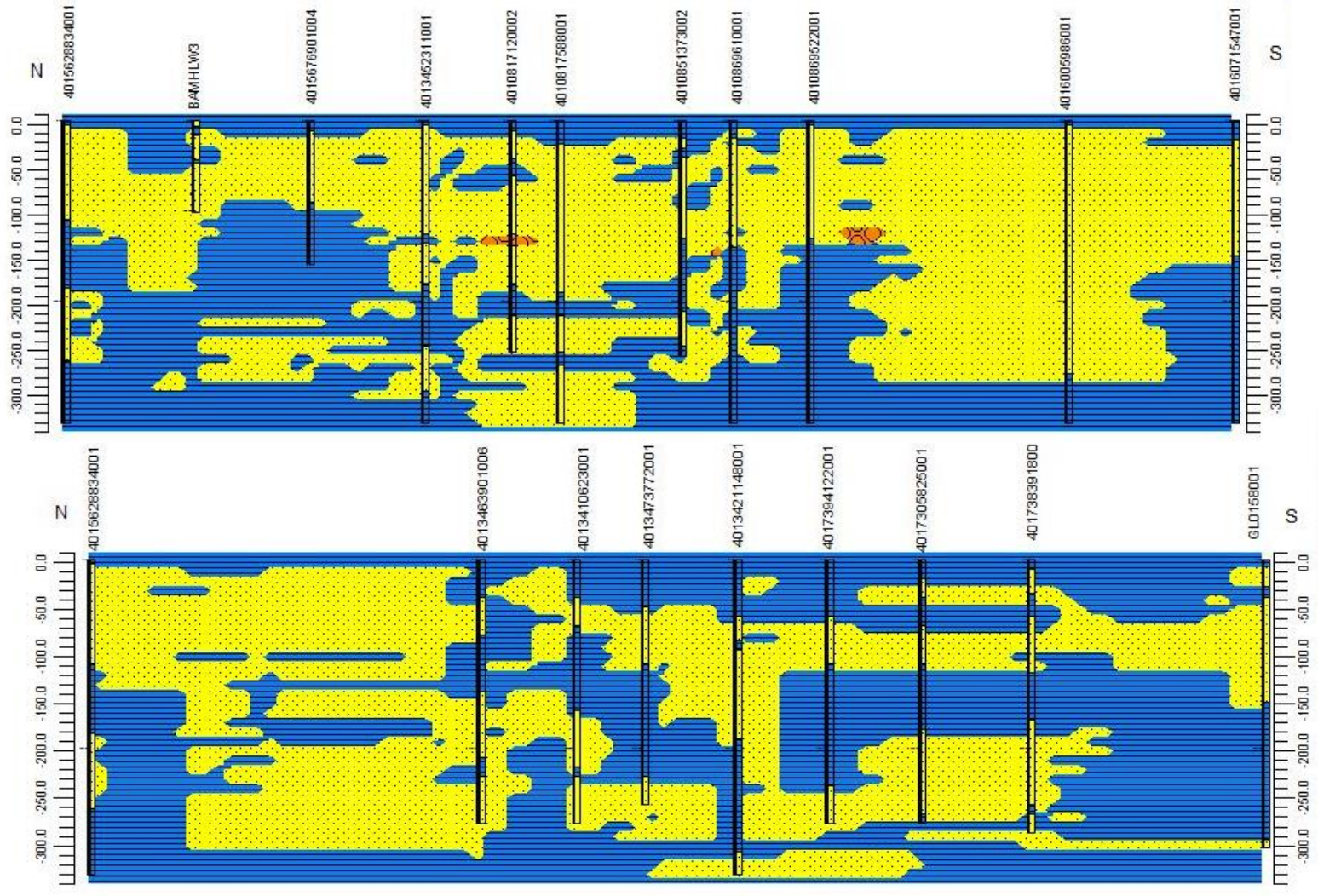
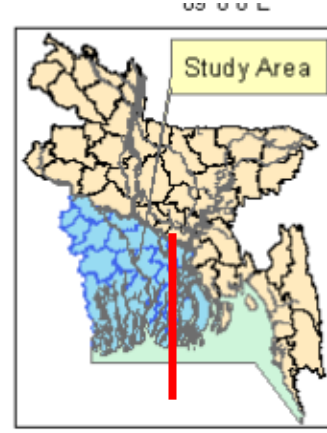


# Geology: e.g. Case study Bagerhat District

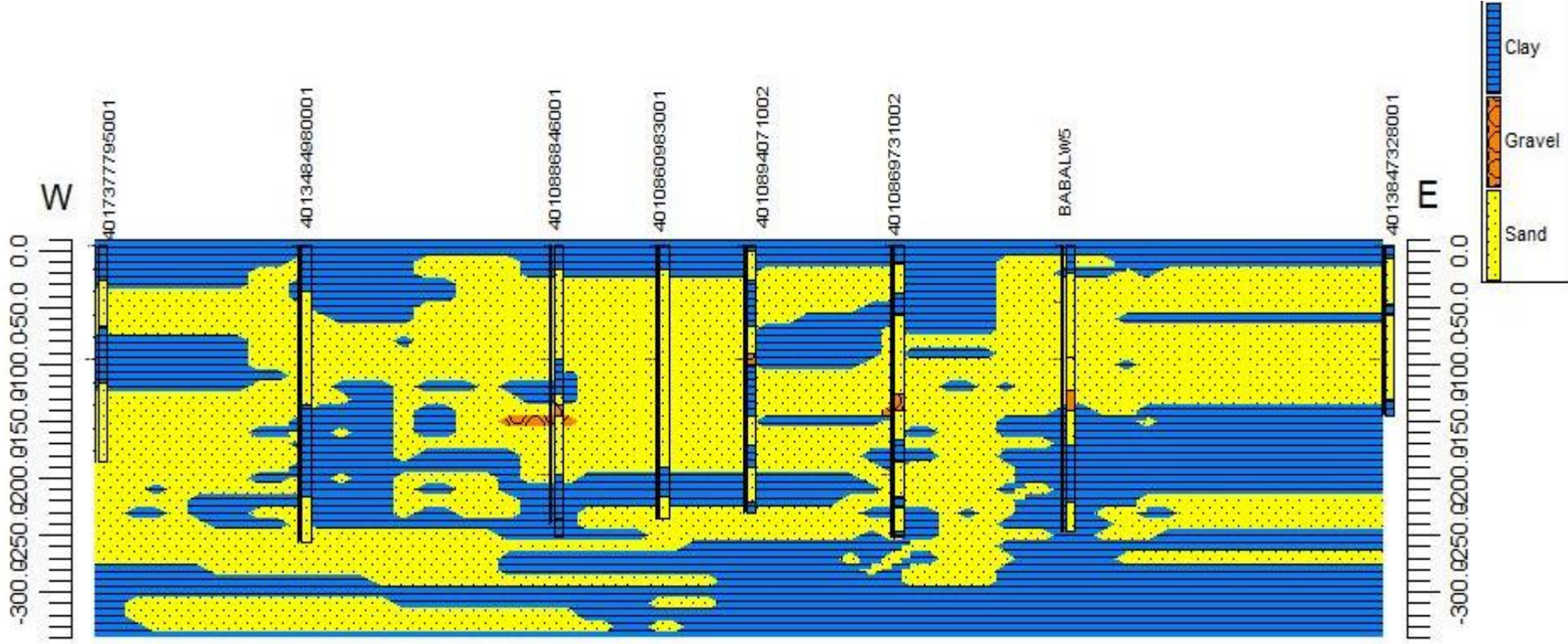




# N-S Cross-sections of Bagerhat, it is a pathy complex geologic system

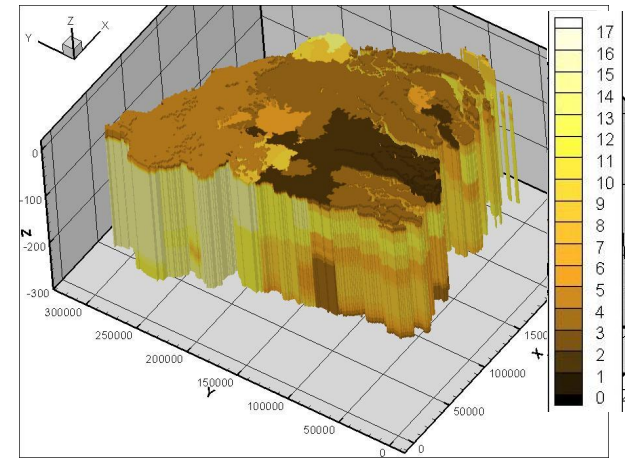
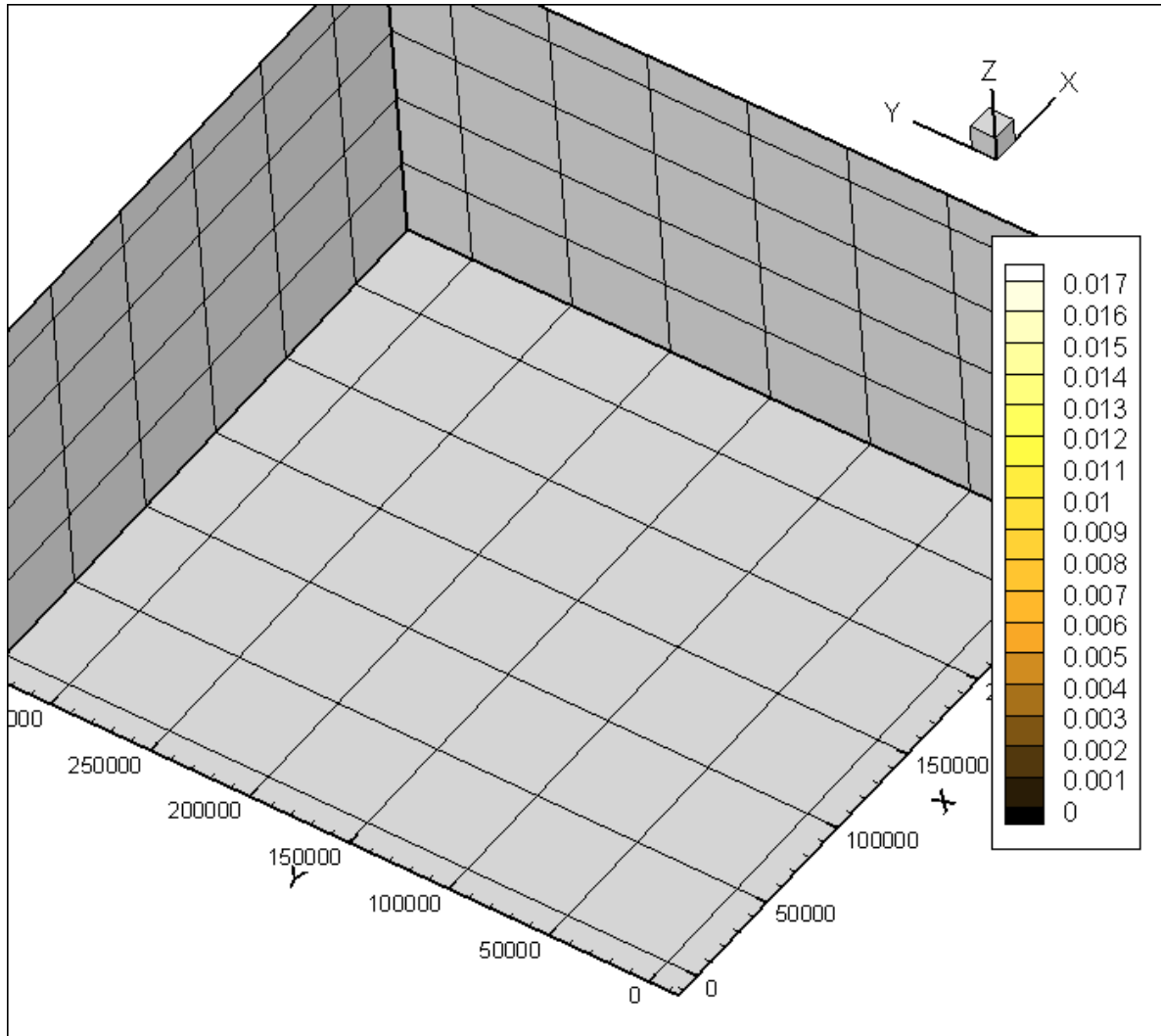


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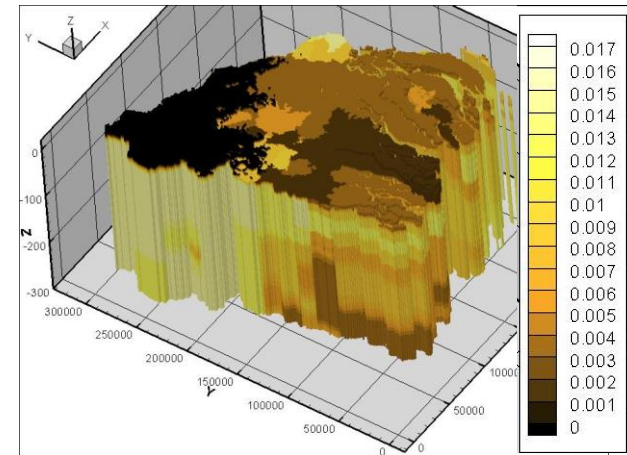




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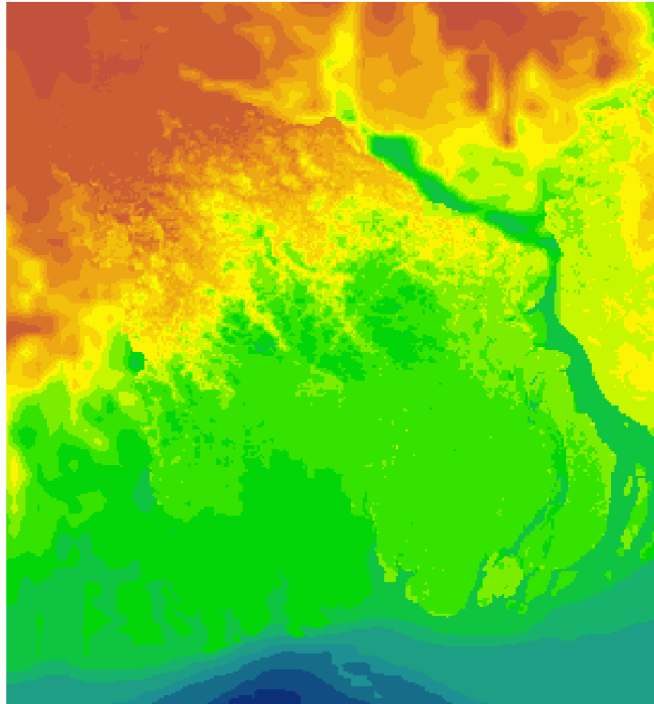
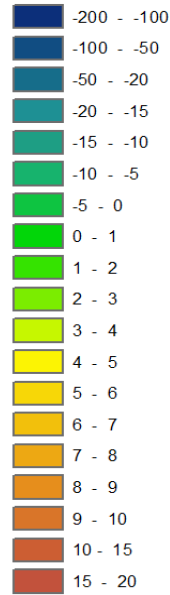
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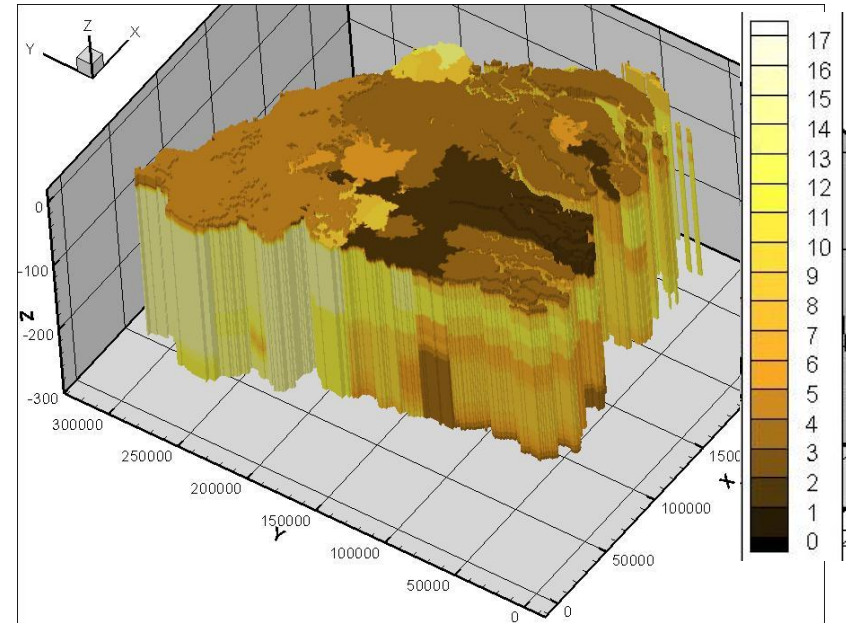
$K_v$  = vert. cond. [m/d]

# surface level (DEM)

Legend (m)

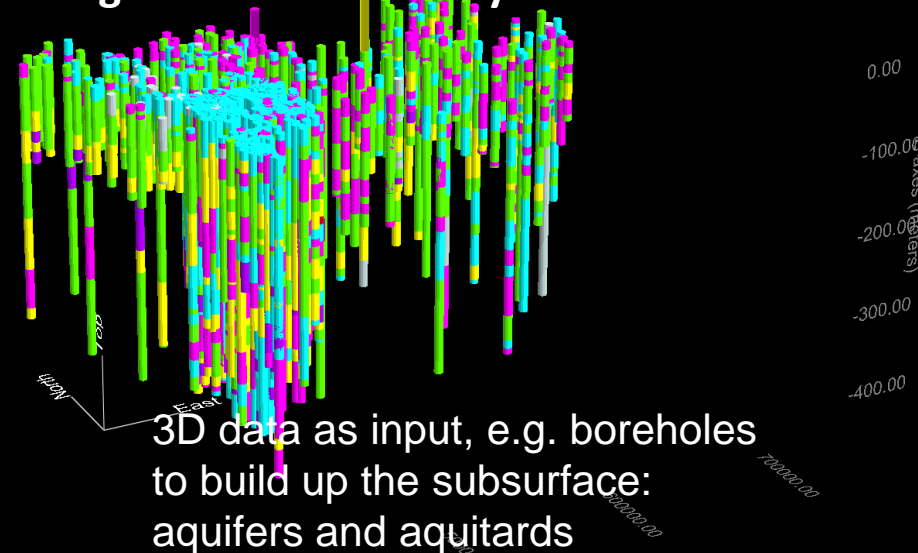


# subsurface model



Sources:  
CEGIS, BGS, DPHE, 2001

## Geological data from Holly Michael & Cliff Voss





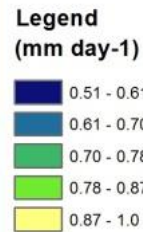
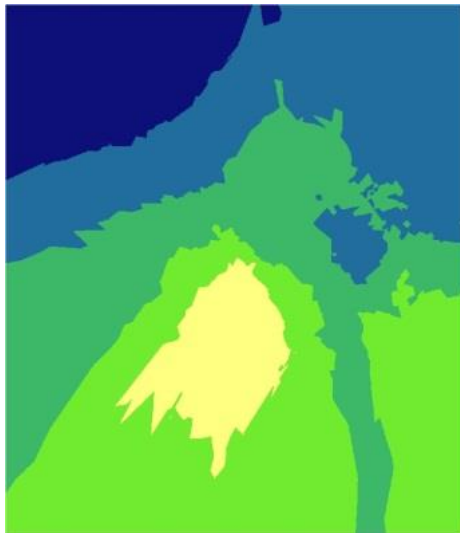
# Net groundwater recharge

- Interpolation measured data (source CEGIS):
- 4 monitoring stations for evapotranspiration
- 96 monitoring stations for precipitation
- ±1990 – 2011

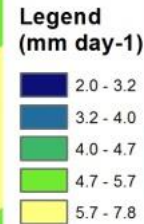
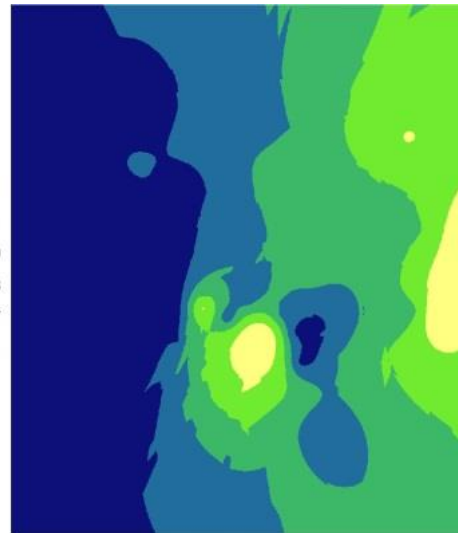


Data averaged per stress period:

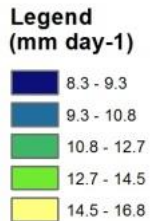
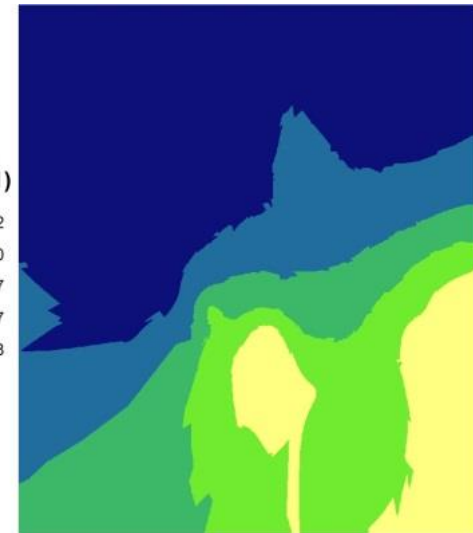
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2. Hot and humid  
Mar - May



3. Monsoon season  
June - October

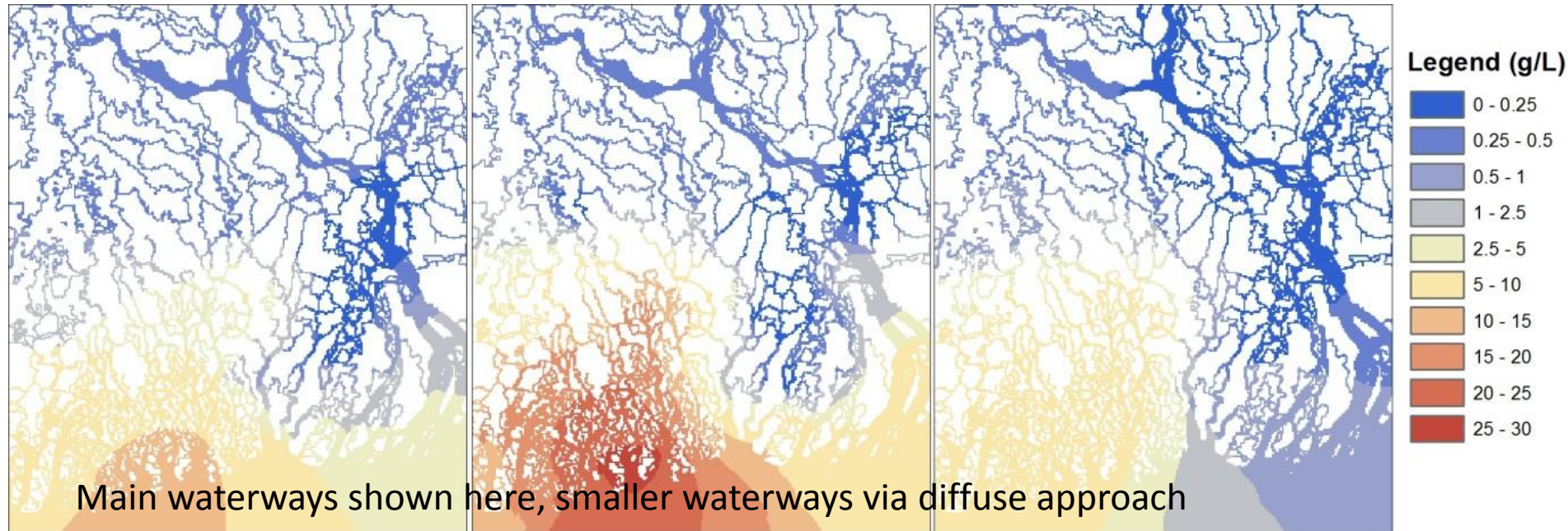


# Surface water: Salinity levels in river package

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Mar - May

3. Monsoon season  
Jun - Oct



Source:

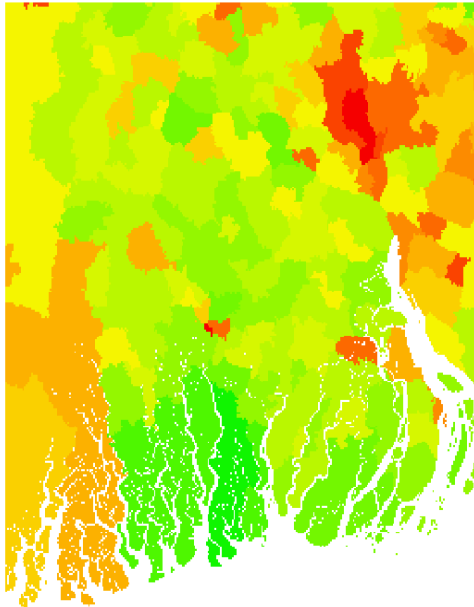
Daily water level data from BWBD (126 locations on river levels)

CEGIS, completed by data from DIVA-GIS (84 monitoring stations on salinity values)

# GROUNDWATER EXTRACTIONS

$Q_{well}$

Legend (m<sup>3</sup> day<sup>-1</sup> km<sup>-2</sup>)

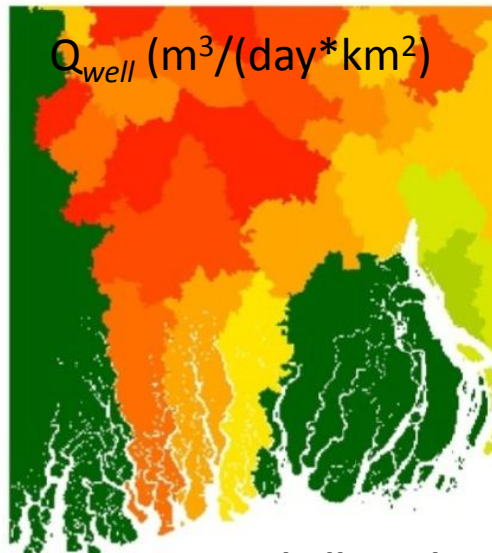
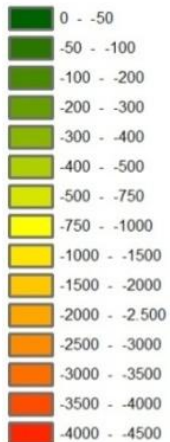


## Domestic&Industrial

- based on population size (cf Michael and Voss, 2009)
- total (domestic + industrial) demand 50 L/day per capita (WARPO, 2000)
- assumed constant throughout the year

Legend (m<sup>3</sup> day<sup>-1</sup> km<sup>-2</sup>)

stw dry



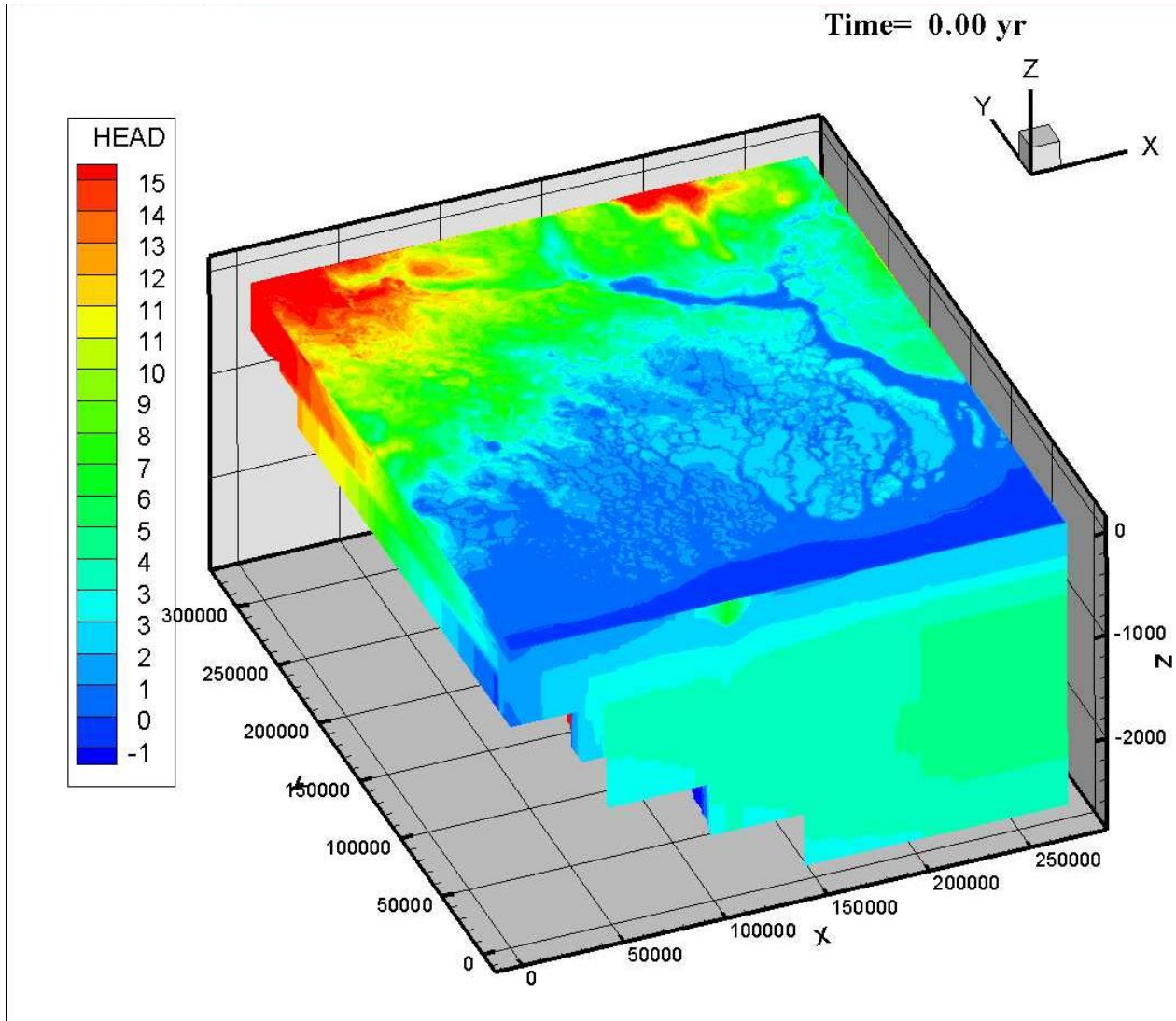
shallow, dry

## Irrigation for agricultural purposes

- known is area per irrigation type, on district level
- distinction between wet season and dry season
- irrigation Shallow Tube Well : 10-60m depth
- irrigation Deep Tube Well: 60-100m depth

Source: depth based on the well data of DPHE

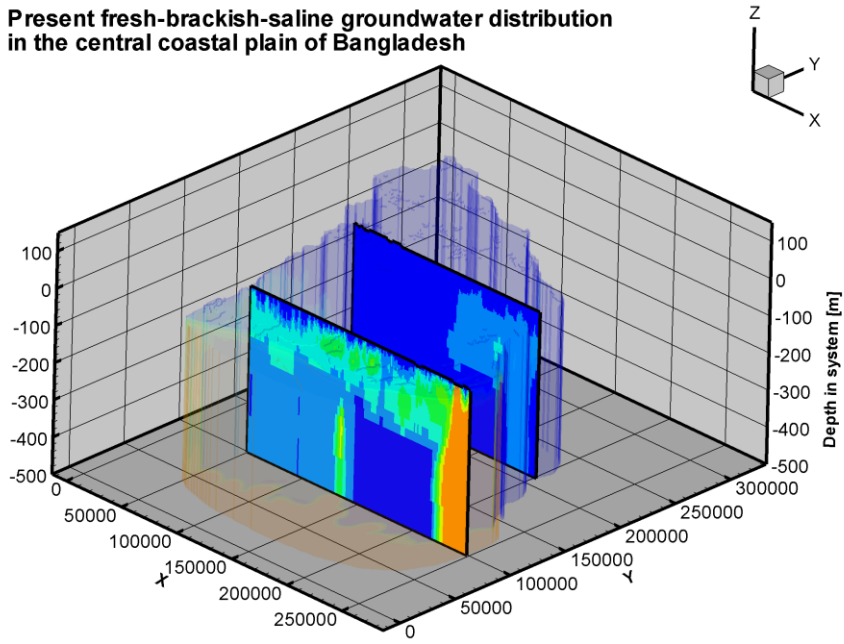
# Model results: Heads



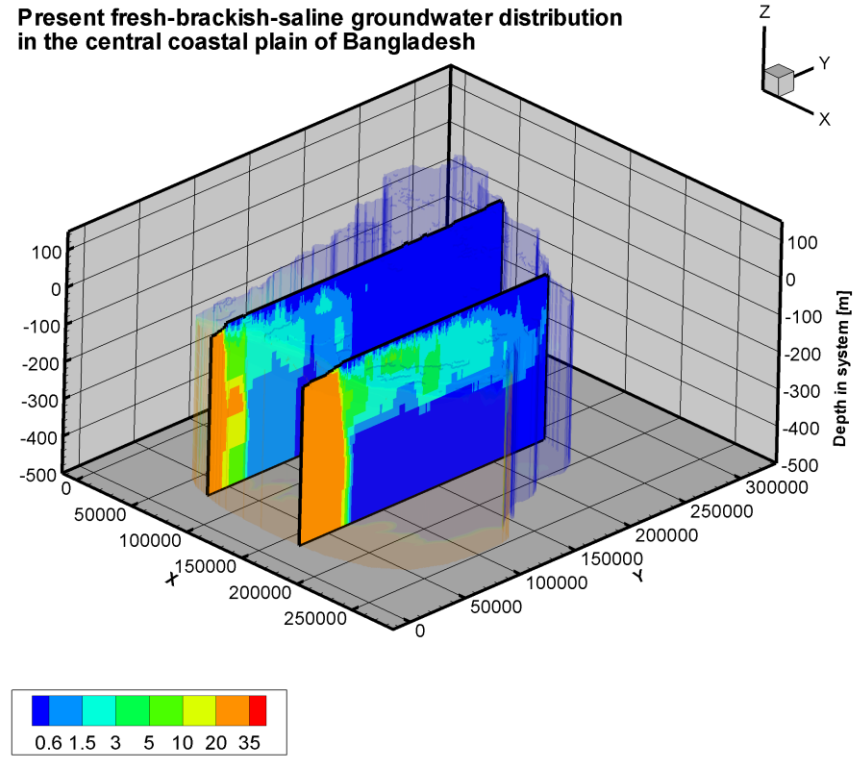


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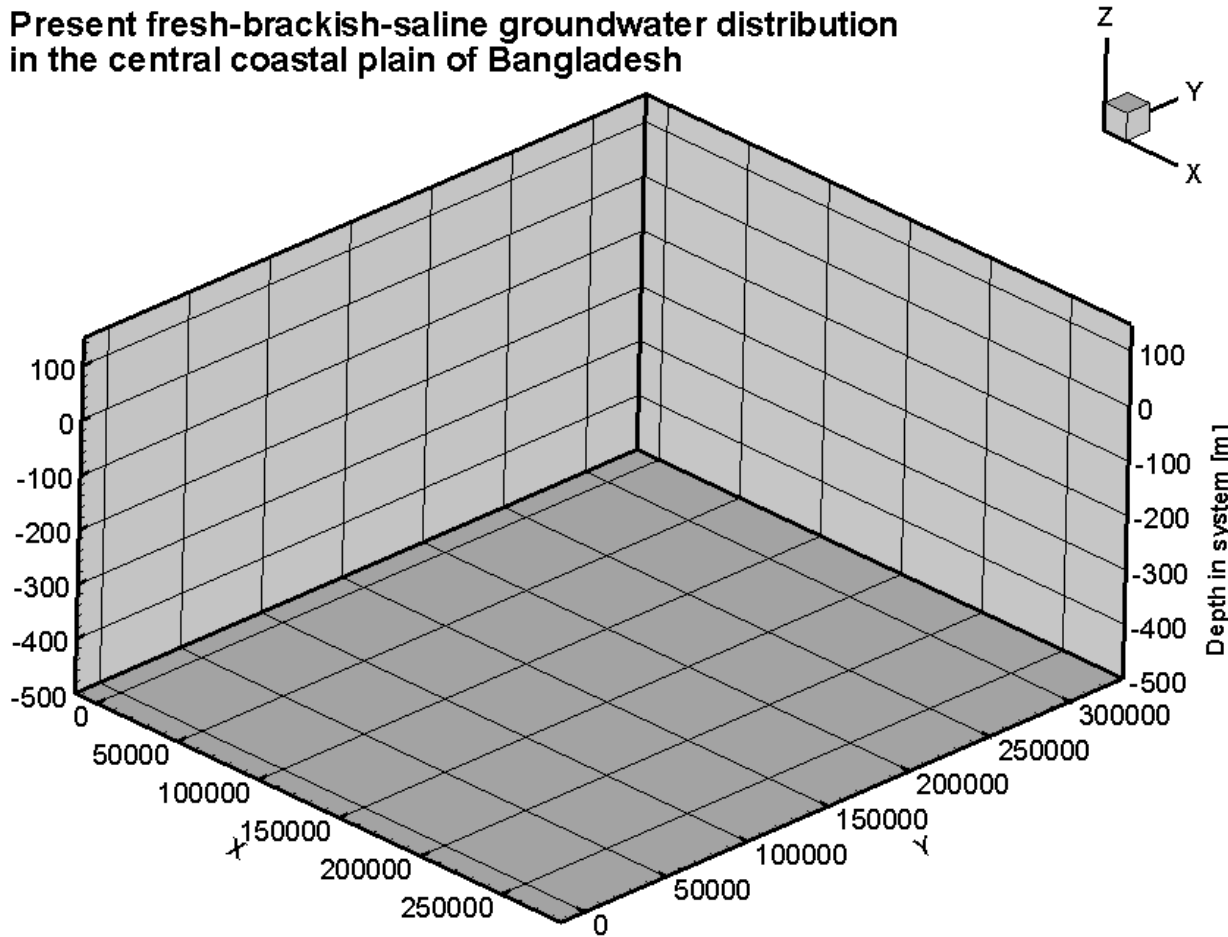


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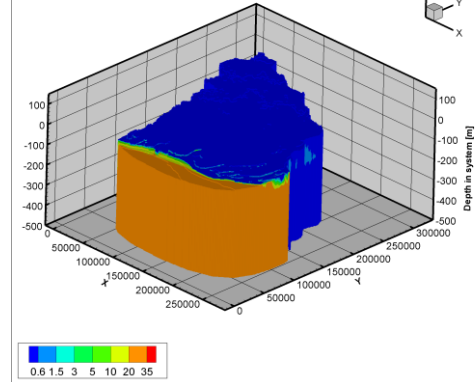


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# SWIBANGLA Water Quality Monitoring Kit

The Ruposhi Bangla Deep Groundwater Statement (UCL, 2013) calls for systematic monitoring of groundwater level and quality in all pumping boreholes and observation wells at different depths:

- To measure Electric Conductivity of groundwater regularly to detect possible salt water intrusion.
- To install targeted monitoring wells in the fresh-saline transition zone, to make it possible to detect an increase in salinity over time when on-going saltwater encroachment is taking place.

A toolkit are prepared with various cost-effective monitoring techniques to measure different parameters such as nitrate, pH, Electrical Conductivity, coliform bacteria, sulphate and bicarbonate.





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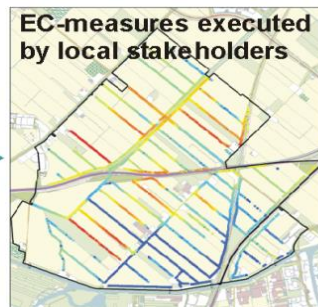
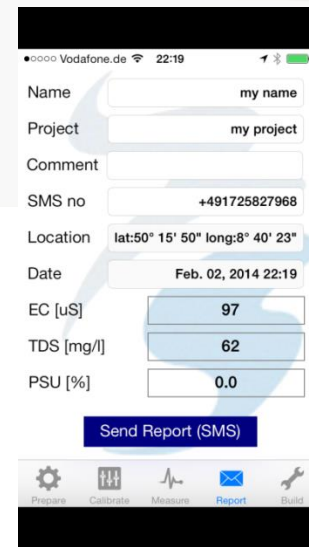
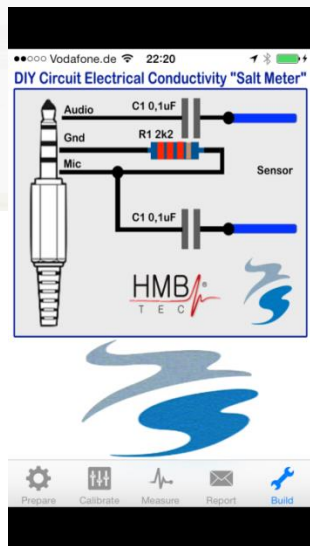
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# Prototype free Salt Water Smart Phone App

- to easily measure the Elec. Cond. (EC) of water → ECApp demo tomorrow!
- to provide guidance to the user on the usability of the water
- the sensor of the ECApp can easily be made by the user himself
- to set up of a on-line database to be used in fresh water management issues
- the possibility to measure Arsenic is investigated



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# SWIBANGLA Leaflet salinization in English and Bangla

It is a compilation of information regarding the salinization of groundwater:

- relevant information about the effects of saline water for health and agriculture,
- the most relevant salinization processes in Bangladesh,
- the monitoring of saline groundwater, and mitigation strategies to reduce the impact of salinization.

The leaflet is meant for professionals that deal with monitoring and management of drinking water.

**Salinization of Groundwater in Bangladesh**

**Introduction**  
Fresh groundwater in Bangladesh is highly threatened by salt in the coastal area. Natural processes and anthropogenic processes contribute to the pollution of fresh water resources by salt water. This pollution is called **salinization**. Having information and understanding salinization processes is key to defining strategies to monitor and (eventually) limit the loss of fresh water.

**How do we define salt content?**  
Salt water is water that contains significant quantities of dissolved salts, particularly sodium chloride (NaCl). The amount of salt in water is often measured as concentration in milligrams of Total Dissolved Solids per liter of water (mg TDS/L). It can also be expressed using the electrical conductivity (EC) value in millisiemens per centimeter (mS/cm) or millimhos per centimeter (µm/cm).

**1 liter of ocean water has an EC of 35 mS/cm**  
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**1 liter of drinking water has only 0.5 grams of salt**  
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Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Project

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**Why do we need to prevent salt in fresh water?**

**Health:** Long term ingestion of salt water can cause illness such as hypertension. Moreover our body can not tolerate more than 1000mg of total dissolved solids per kg of weight.

**Taste:** The less released effect is the change in taste of the water. This happens when the concentration is higher than 250 TDS/mg.

**Industry and health:** Corrosion of pipes that leads to the distribution of heavy metals which can be lethal if ingested.

**Altered concentrations of salt in water for different purposes:**

Use	EC (mS/cm)	EC (µm/cm)
Drinking water	< 0.5	< 500
Industrial water	0.5 - 1.0	500 - 1000
Agriculture water	1.0 - 3.0	1000 - 3000
Domestic water	3.0 - 10.0	3000 - 10000
Sea water	> 35	> 35000

**Agriculture:** different crops have different tolerances to salt water.

- Rice: medium growing decrease and yield on average 50%
- Wheat: 2 to 3mS/cm is good
- Other crops: irrigation water must have an EC lower than 3mS/cm

**The Water Safety Plan (WSP)**  
The WSP describes all steps in water supply from catchment to consumer. They are meant for regular and systematic water management practices. Safety aspects should also be taken into account when applying the WSP.

**Why do we need to prevent salt in fresh water?**

**Which processes cause the salinization of our fresh water?**

**How can we monitor the salinity of groundwater?**

**Which mitigation strategies can we apply?**

1. Control of groundwater extraction from aquifers: only for drinking water supply.
2. Recharge to aquifers: to increase natural recharge and store this water in deep aquifers by artificial (Storage and Recharge).
3. Construction of fresh water lenses in shallow coastal aquifers.
4. Construction of surface water and groundwater:
  - Groundwater infiltration, infiltration pond, well infiltration.
  - Estuarine pumping: use sea water with the natural adifer recharge per season.
  - Artificially induced salt water lenses instead of vertical wells.
  - Rehabilitating well schemes.

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# Modelling and Monitoring Workshops SWIBANGLA

Two workshops are given in the beginning of June 2014.

- A Modelling Workshop on 3D variable-density groundwater modelling, using the latest fresh-saline groundwater modelling tool: iMOD-SEAWAT
- A Monitoring Workshop: Groundwater Quality Monitoring, using the Water Quality Monitoring kit





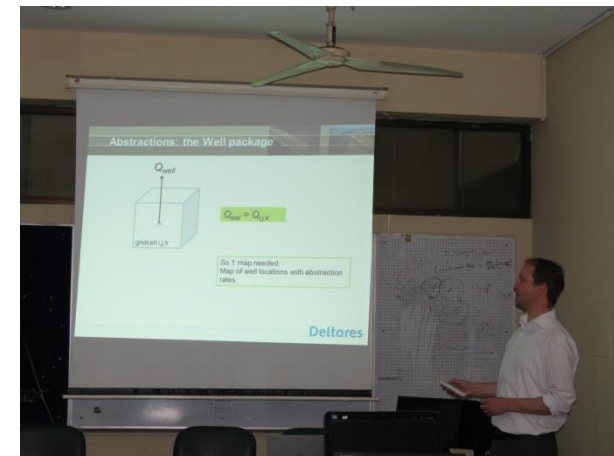
# Monitoring being part as a public awareness





# Desktop Knowledge Transfer

- Meetings
- Modelling Course





# Conclusions and recommendations SWIBANGLA

- The geological and hydrogeological history of the coastal area of Bangladesh is not easy to understand.
- Sea regressions and transgressions, large sediment supply, active tectonism, eustasy, and the river dynamics of the past thousands of years created a system of heterogeneous sedimentary deposits, containing fresh and saline water.
- Anthropogenic actions through groundwater extractions have impacted the system, making it even more complicated.
- To add up to the complexity of the system, reliable hydro(geo)logical data is scarce.

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The complexity of the water system and the lack of data strongly frame the research conditions for any hydrogeological study done in the area. SWIBANGLA has not been an exception, and therefore the limitation to draw determinant conclusions is a fact.

However, the following conclusions and recommendations can still be made:

- 1. Different types of salinization processes are currently taking place in Bangladesh:** lateral surface salt water intrusion, lateral salt groundwater intrusion, vertical up-coning under extractions and low-lying areas, infiltration of salt water due to inundations caused by storm surges.
- 2. The awareness of population** regarding the existence, relevance and dynamics of these **salinisation processes** is **poor**. Awareness material can help spreading the knowledge on how to monitor this processes and how to mitigate their impacts.

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4. **Systematic monitoring** of groundwater in the coastal zone is of **key importance** to understand the functioning of the hydrogeological system and its velocity of the salinization processes. This systematic monitoring is **currently not taking place** in Bangladesh.
5. **Monitoring of groundwater** with the specific objective to monitor **salinization processes** has **particular characteristics** which are **not** clearly known **enough** by the monitoring institutions in Bangladesh.
6. **Numerical modeling** the impact of salt water intrusion processes under the pressure of global and climate change can **increase the sense of urgency** among water users, water managers and policy makers.
7. A **centrally organized and publicly available database** with hydrogeological data is needed. Currently such a database does not exist.
8. There are **several mitigation strategies** that could be applied in Bangladesh **to counteract the salinization impacts**. The proposed key components for the WSPs and mitigation strategies, proposed by SWIBANGLA, should be taken into the next generation of the WSP.



**Thank you  
for your attention!**





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