



# Bodemdaling in de Vietnamese Mekong delta

## *Presentatie Hofvijverkring*



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### **The sinking mega-delta**

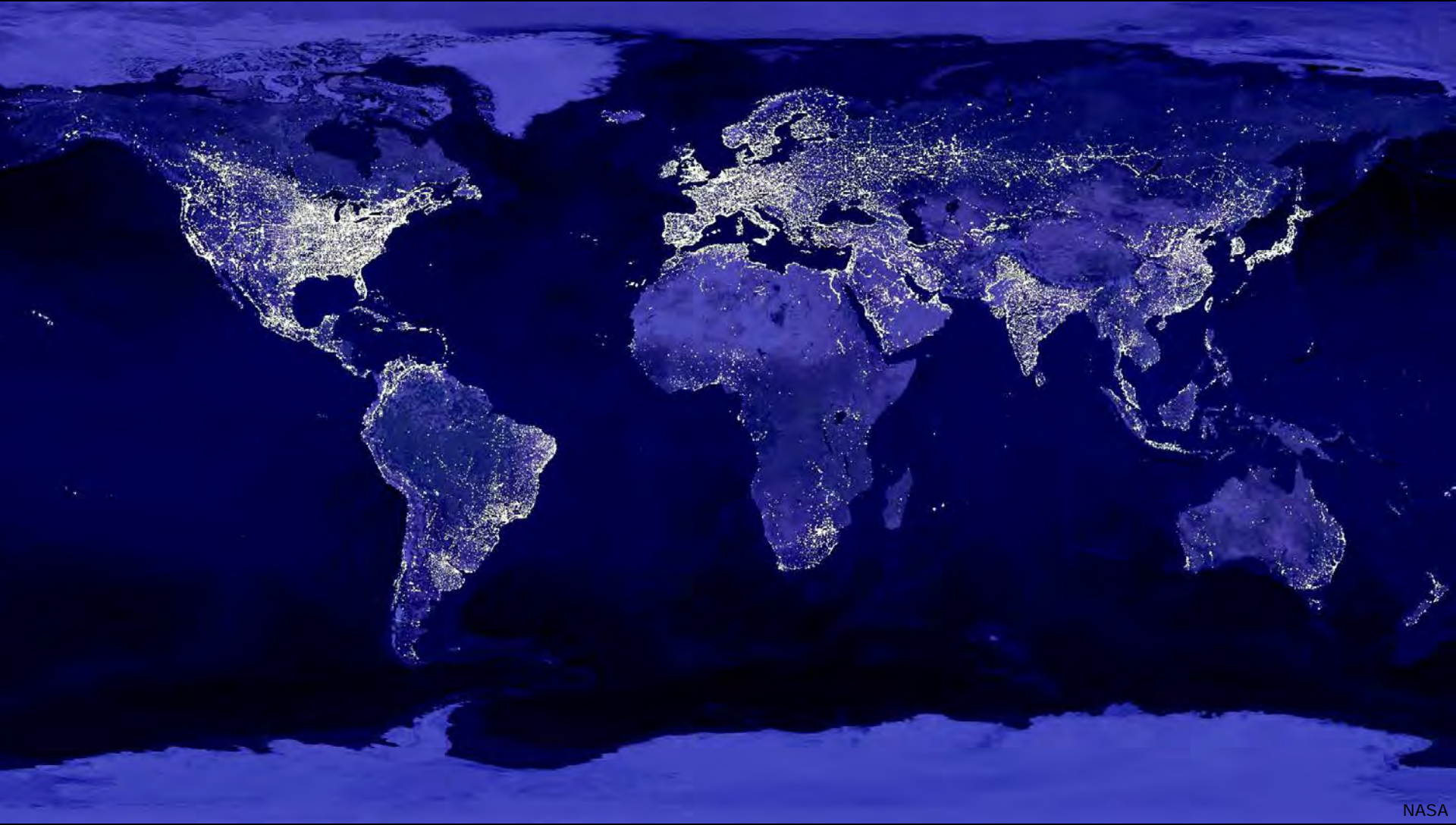
Present and future subsidence of  
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We zijn met veel

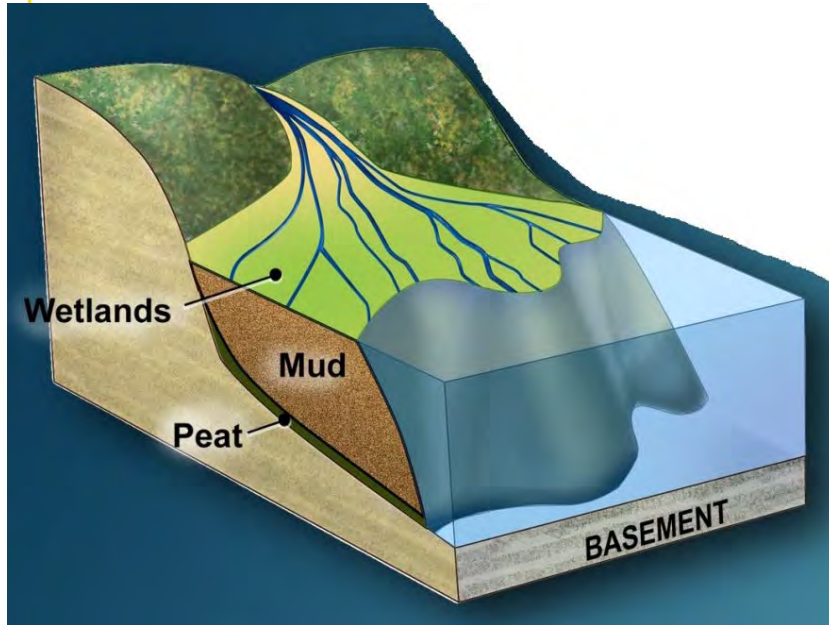


NASA

En we leven graag aan de kust



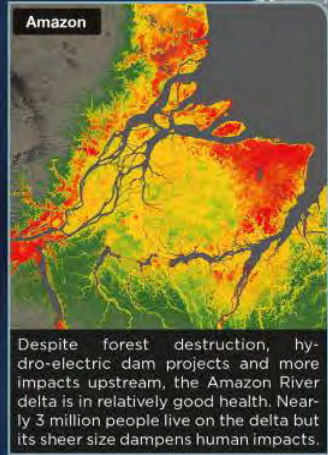
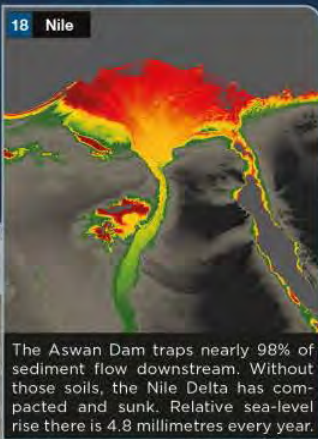
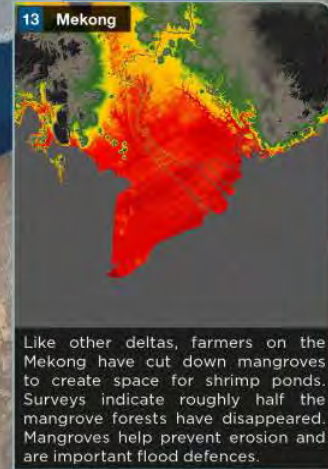
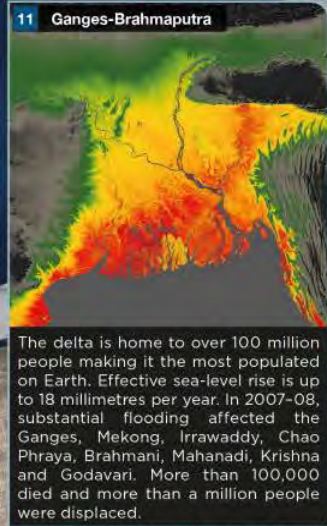
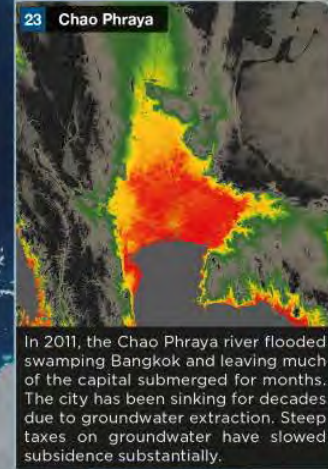
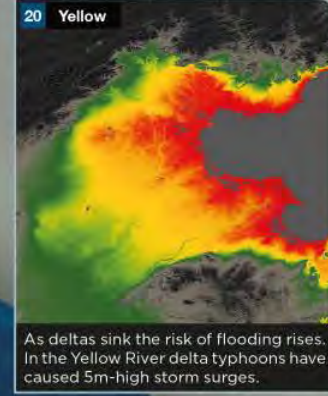
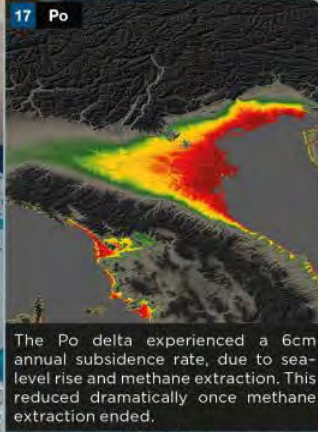
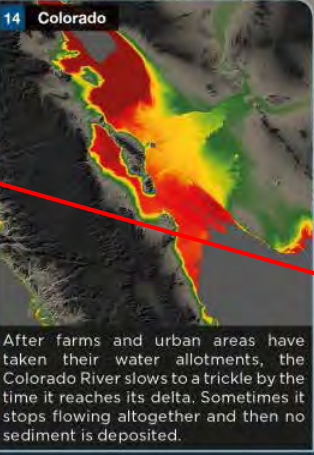
# Deltas zijn aantrekkelijk!



- Dichtbevolkt
- Vruchtbare bodems
- Grondstofrijk
- Unieke/waardevolle ecosystemen



→ Hoge economische waarde



# Deltas zijn laaggelegen

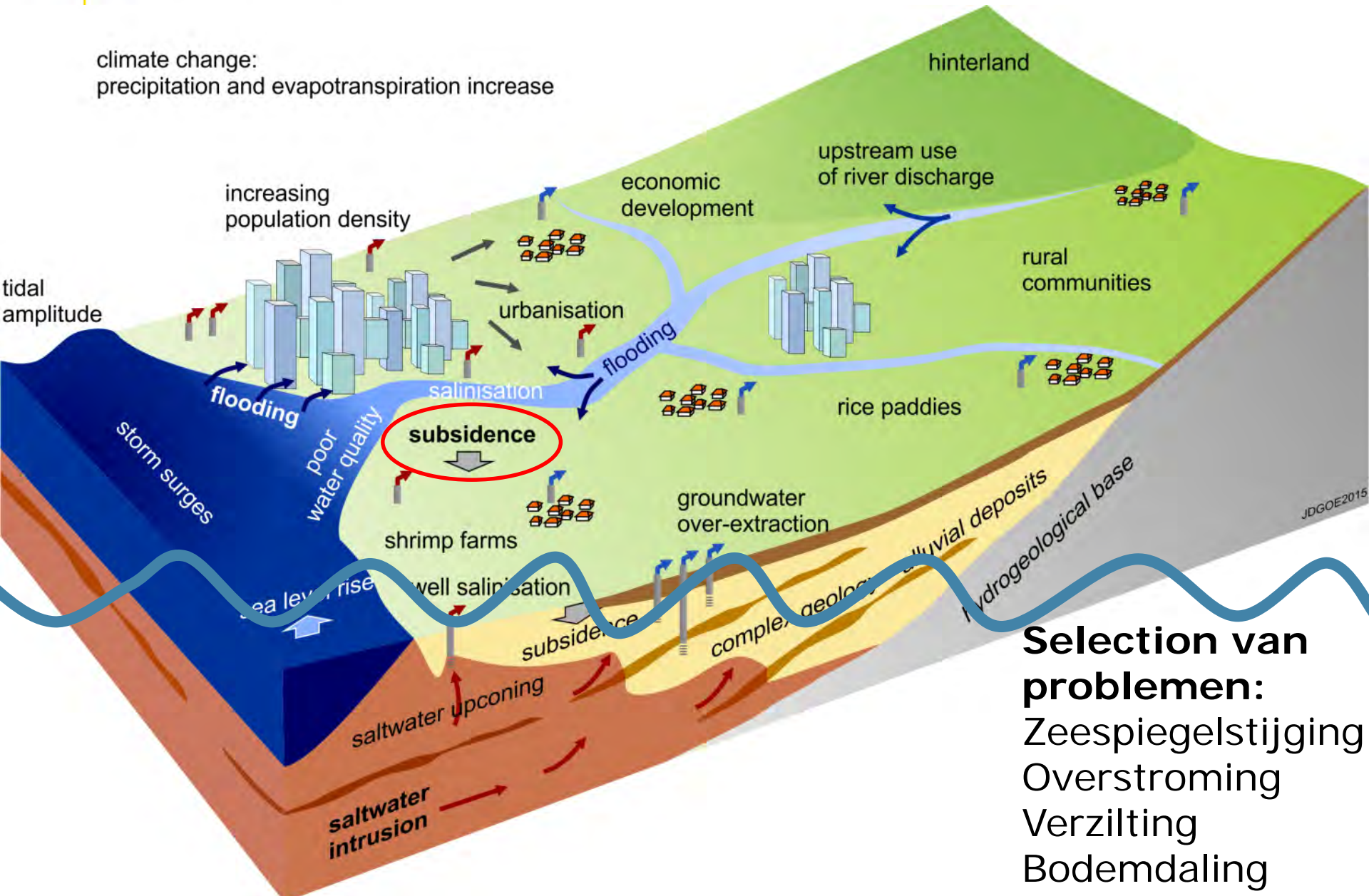


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# Veranderingen in deltas

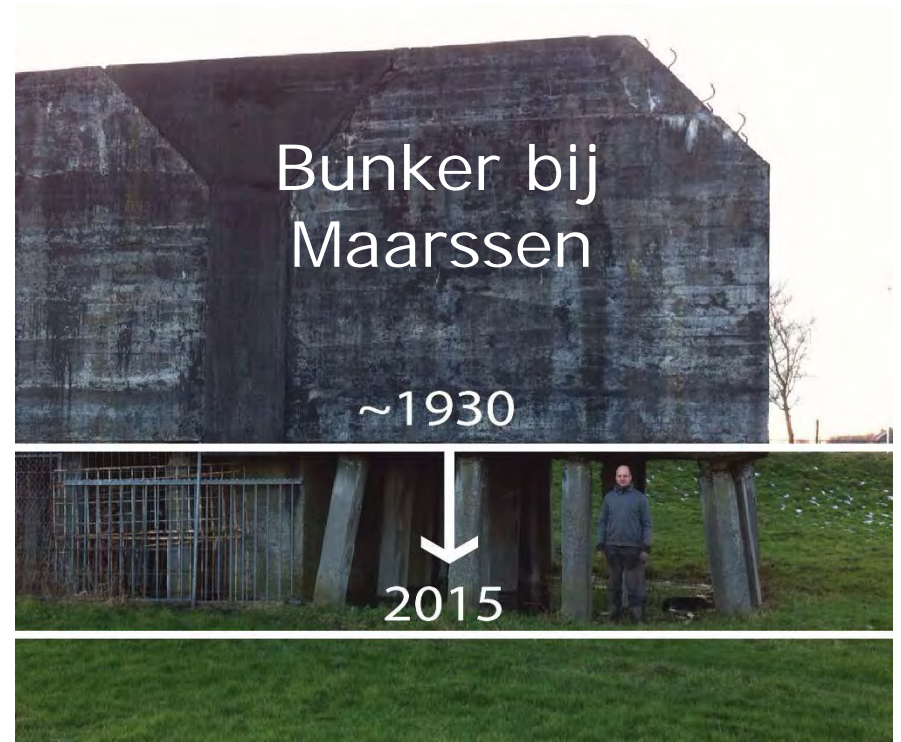
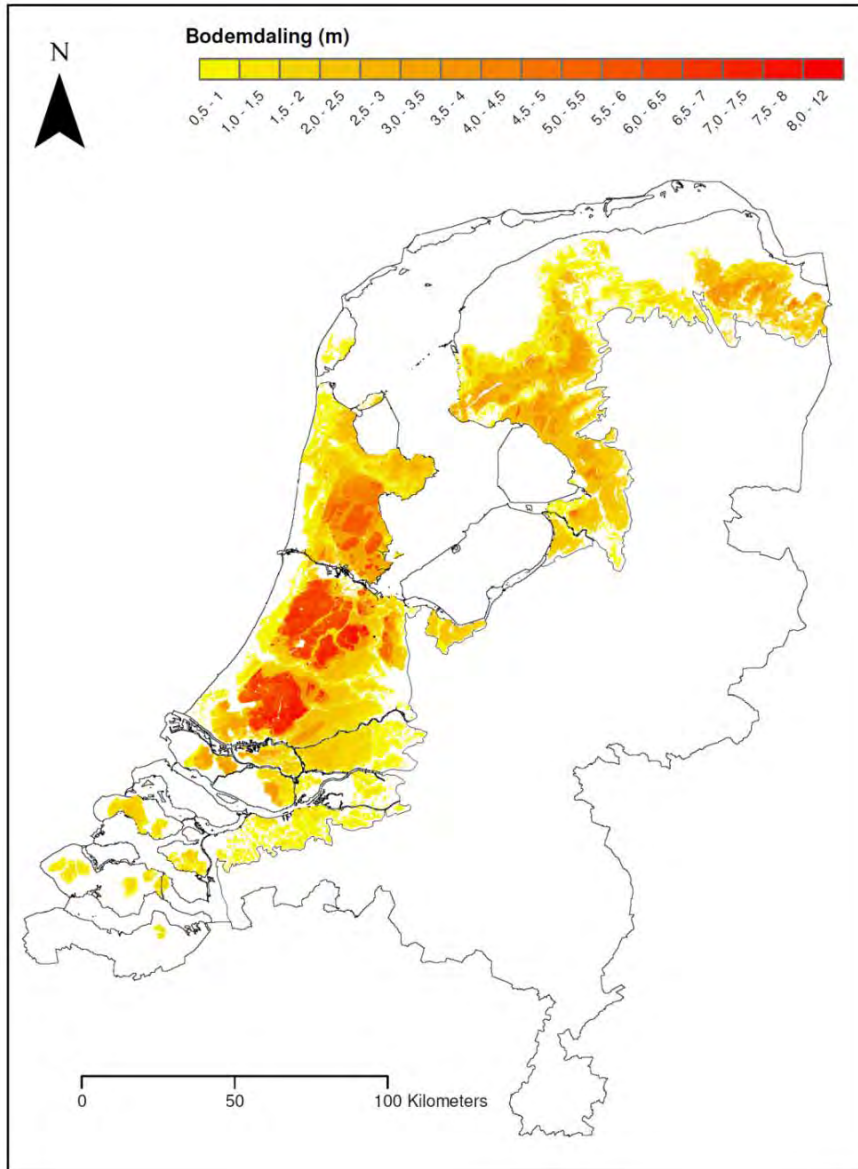
climate change:  
precipitation and evapotranspiration increase



**Selection van problemen:**  
 Zeespiegelstijging  
 Overstroming  
 Verzilting  
 Bodemdaling



# Bodemdaling in Nederland



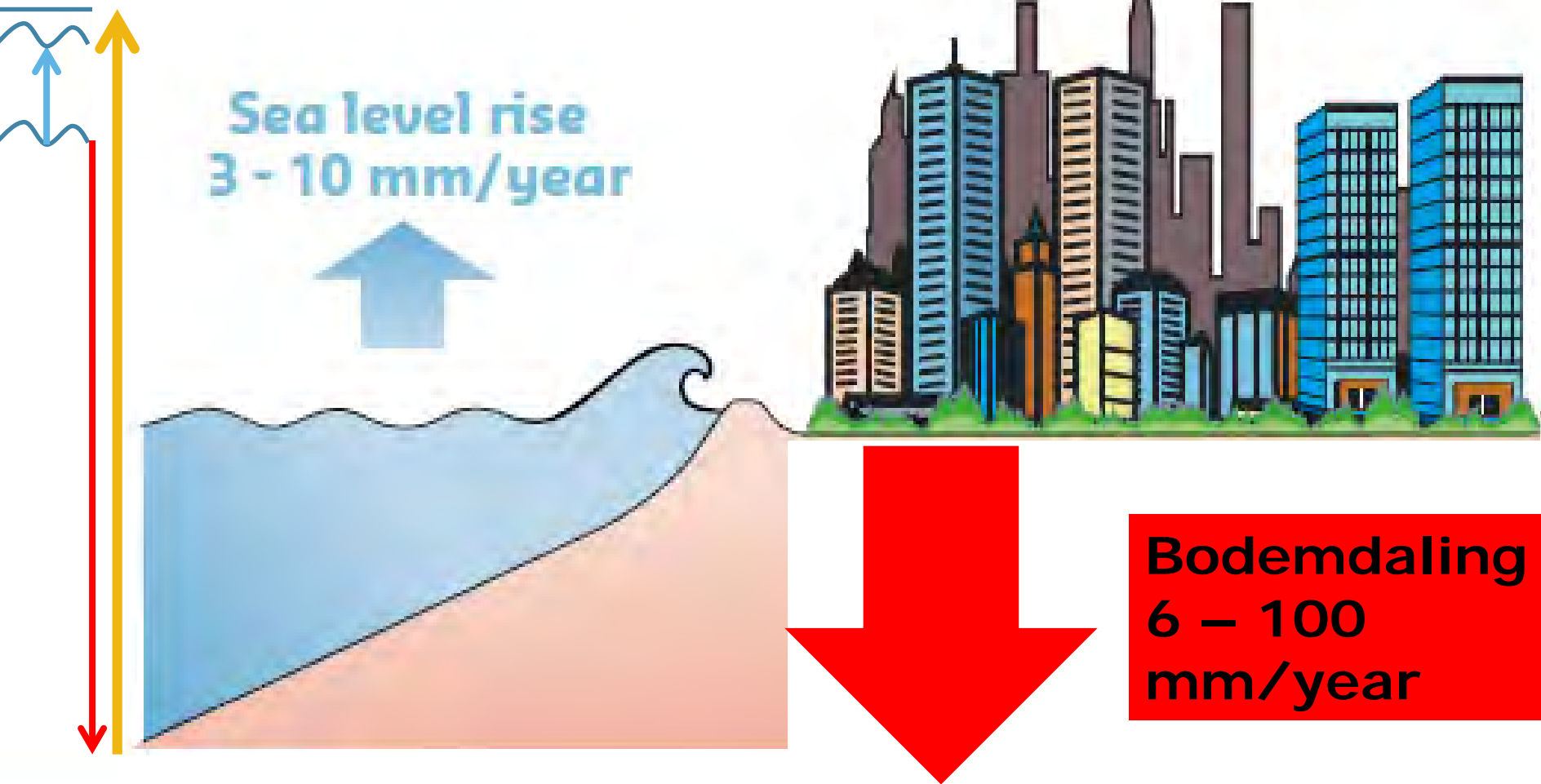
## Bodemdaling door menselijk landgebruik:

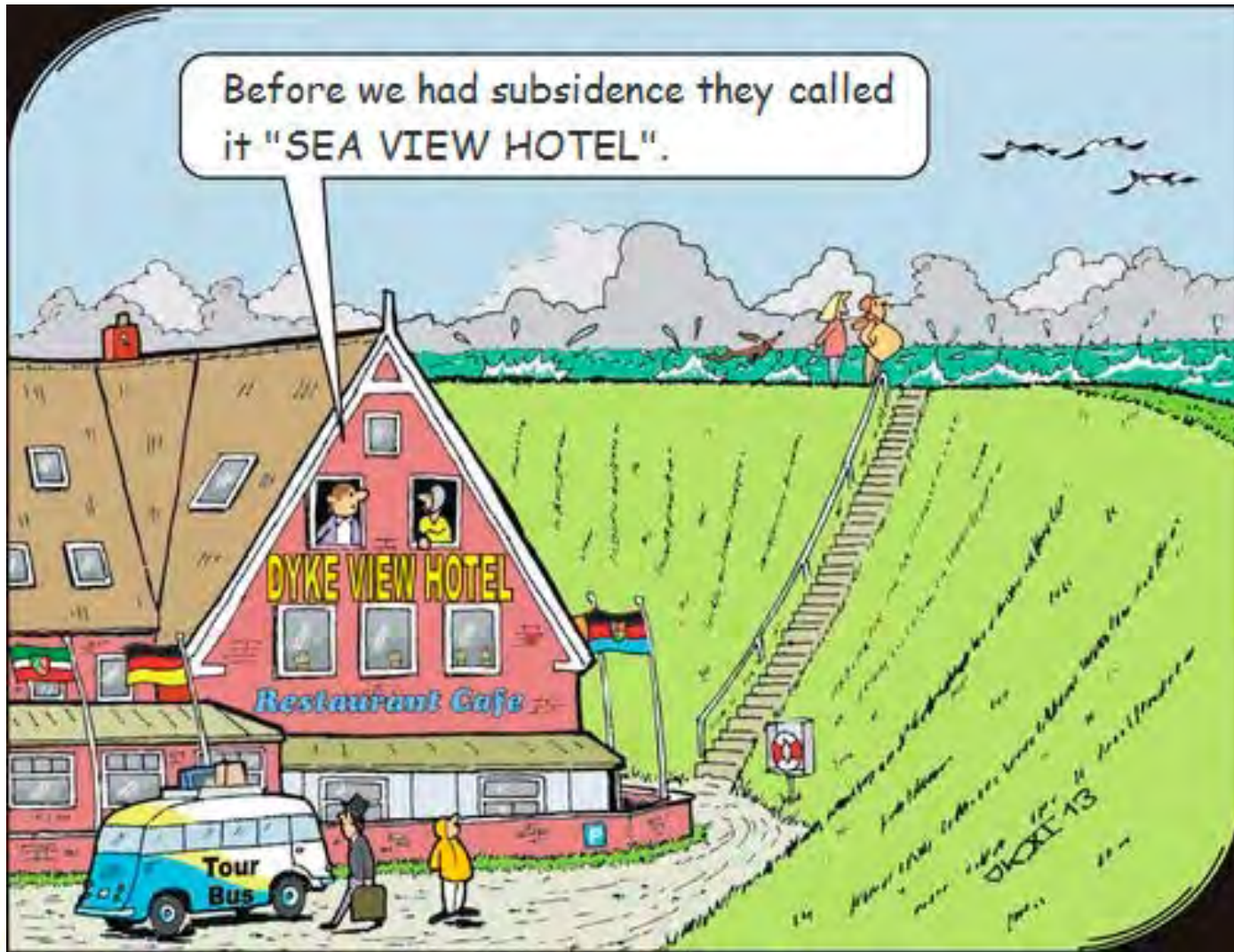
- i. On average: 2.0 m
- ii. Maximal: 12 m



# Absolute zeespiegelstijging *versus* Bodemdaling

## Relative zeespiegelstijging!

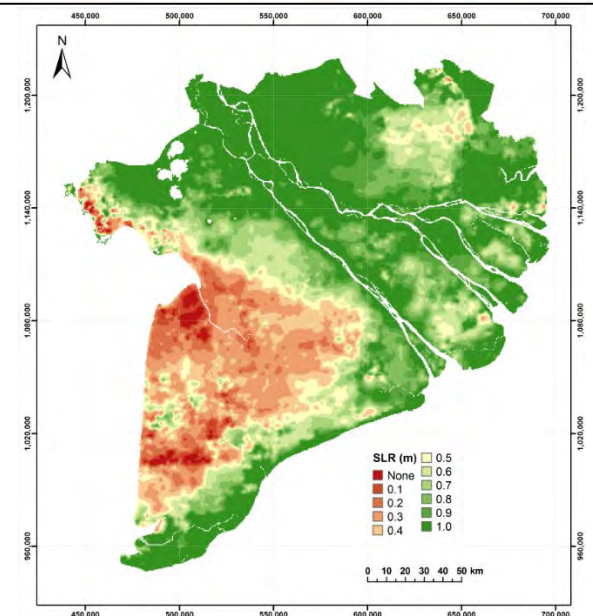




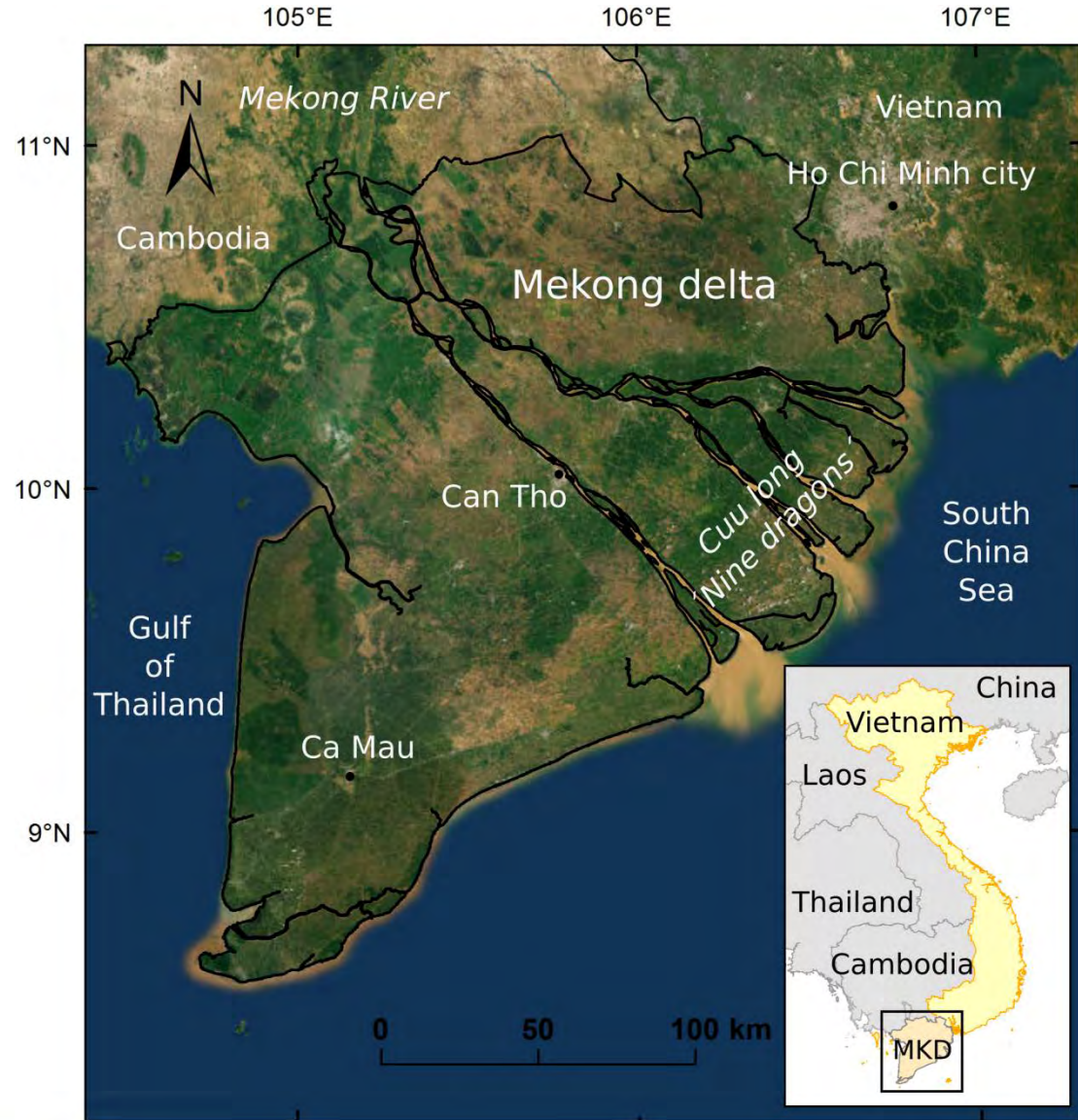
Veel deltas wereldwijd zakken steeds sneller!



# Mekong delta



>50% below 1 meter above SL  
Minderhoud et al., 2019 (Nature  
Communications)





A



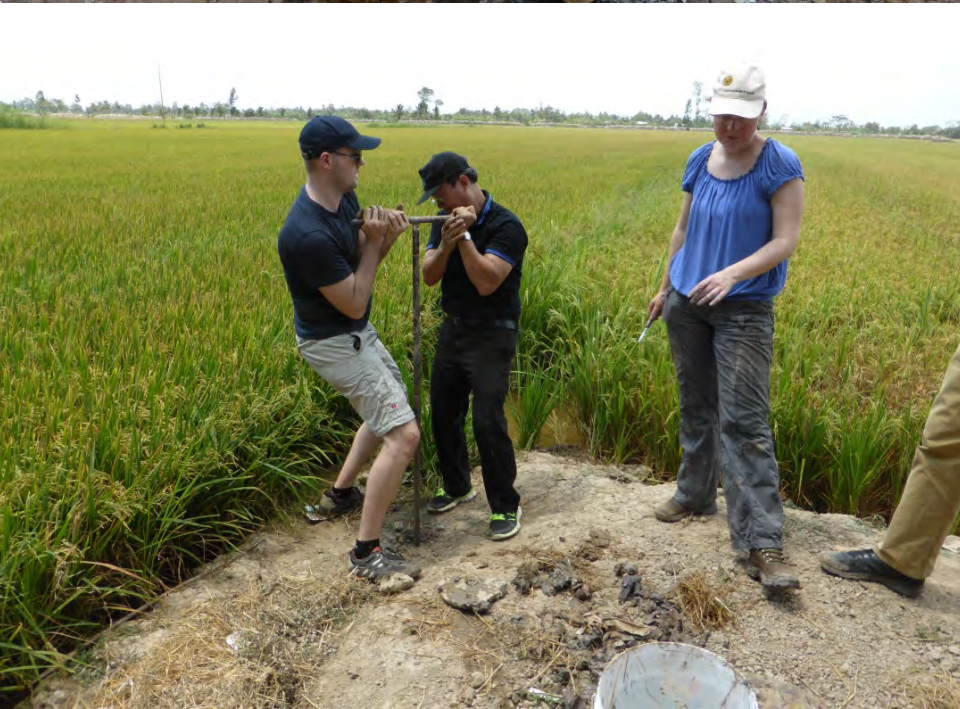
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C



Minderhoud



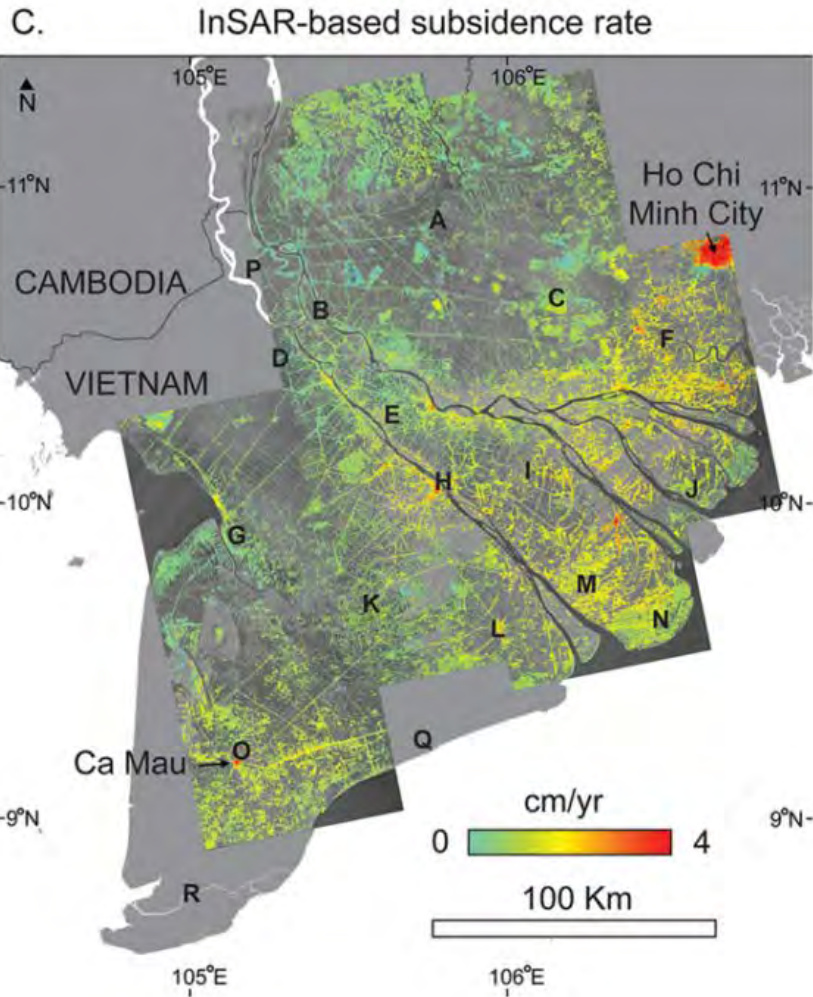
# Exploring the delta





Unive!

# Bodemdaling in de Mekong delta



**Erban et al. 2014**  
measured subsidence  
2006-2010



# Bodemdaling in de Mekong delta



Oppervlakkige bodemdaling, zichtbaar rondom bruggen en gebouwen

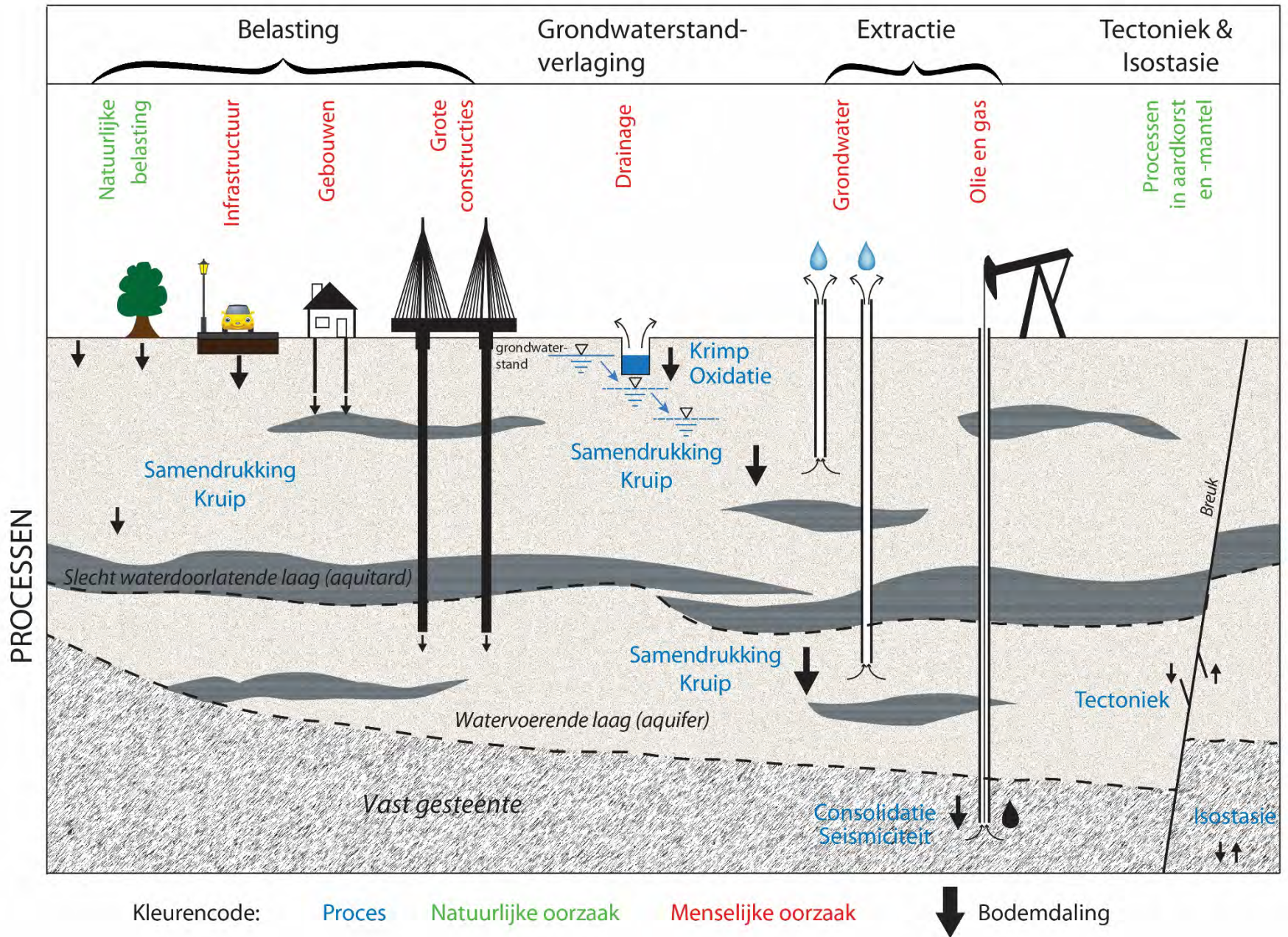


**Wat veroorzaakt bodemdaling in een delta?**



Diepe bodemdaling, zichtbaar rondom waterputten

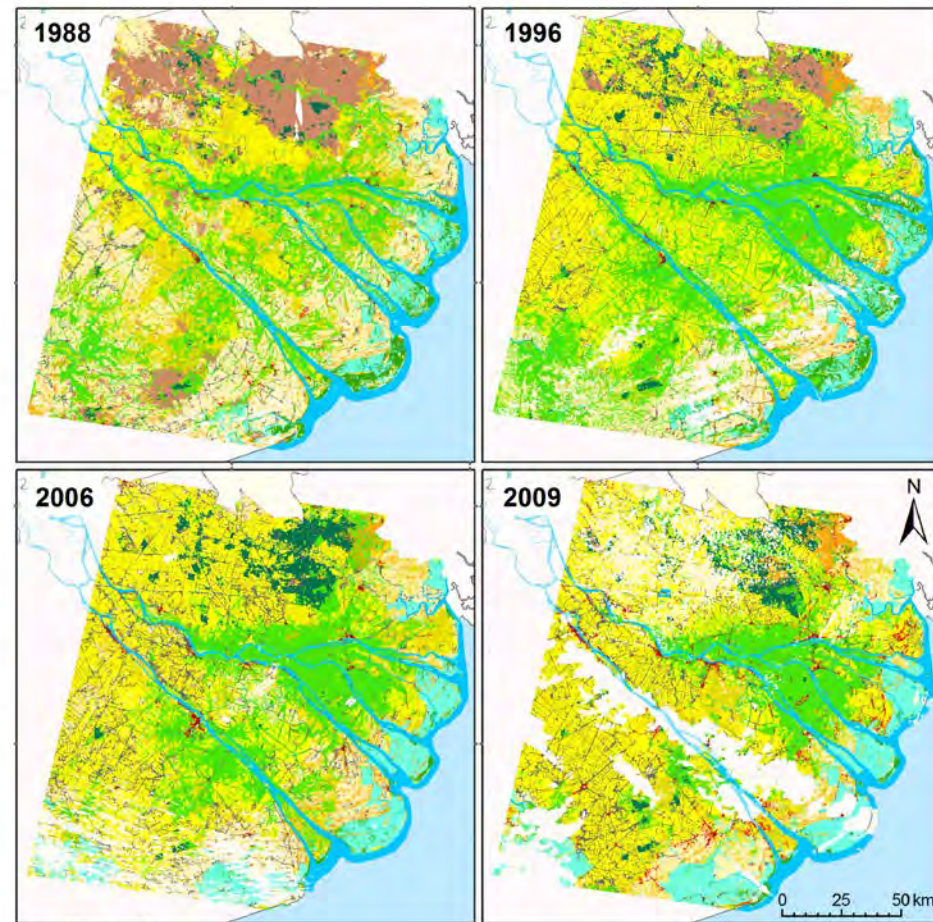
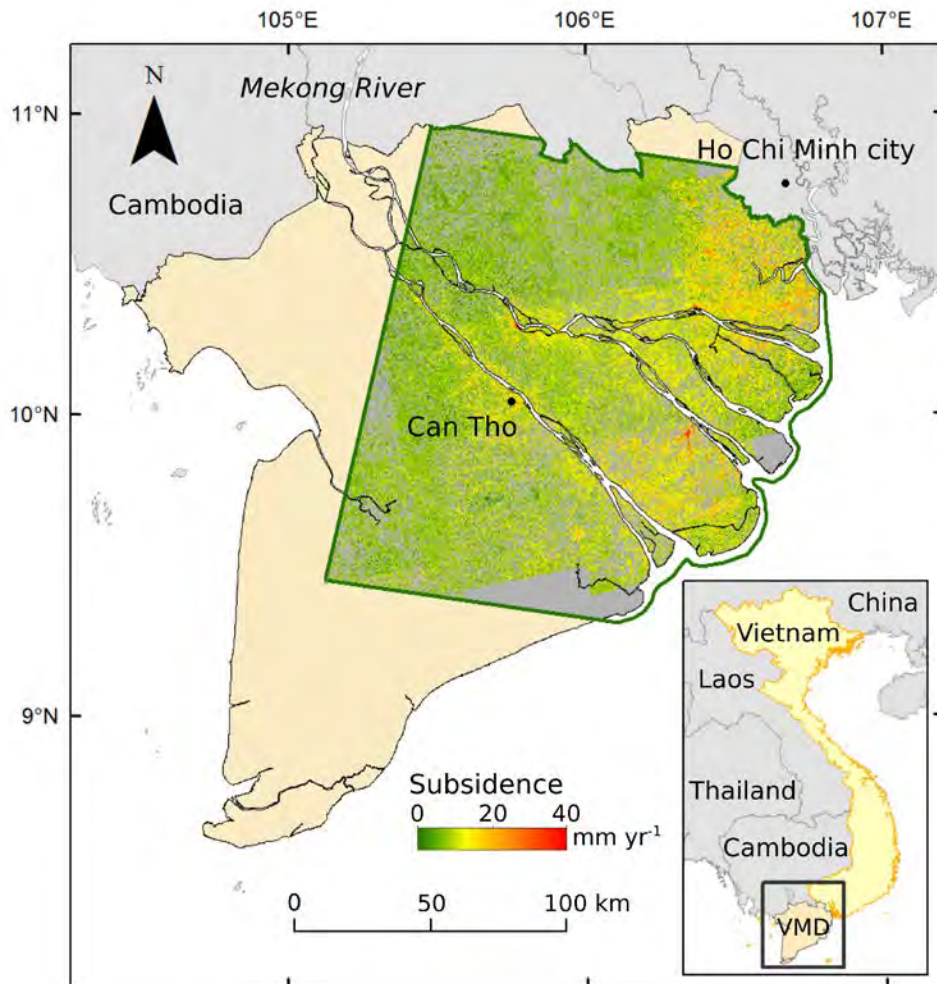
# OORZAKEN VAN BODEMDALING







# Bewijs van menselijke invloed op bodemdaling



### Legend

#### Agriculture / aquaculture

- Yellow: Dry season full crop - mainly rice
- Light yellow: Dry season partly crop - mainly rice
- Orange: Dry season bare field
- Light green: Mixed crops - non-rice
- Green: Orchard
- Cyan: Aquaculture

#### Forested / undeveloped

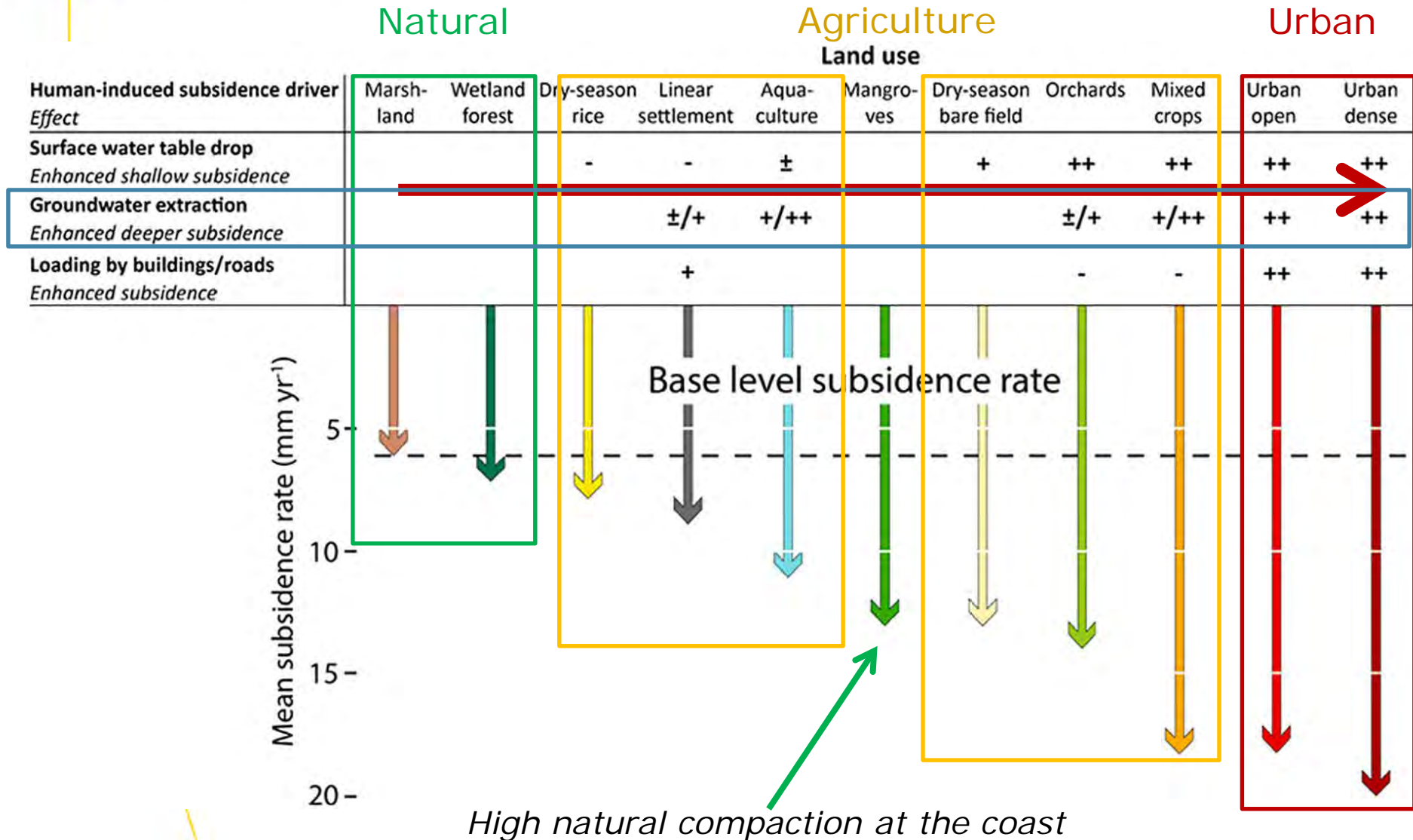
- Dark green: Mangrove
- Light green: Wetland forest
- Brown: Wasteland/marsh

#### Build-up

- Red: Urban dense
- Light red: Urban open
- Grey: Line build-up



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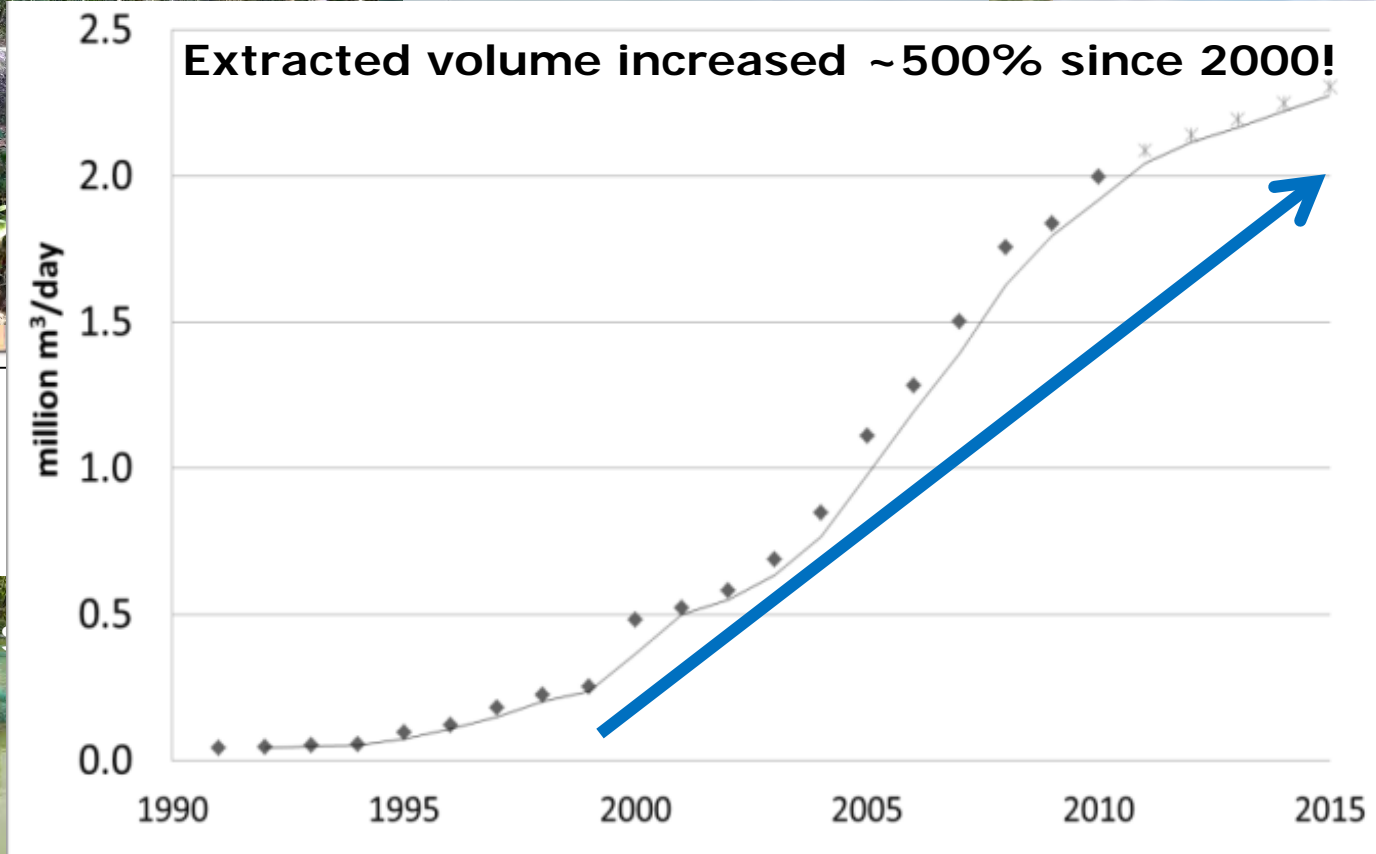


# 'Rijstkom' van Vietnam

Fruit farms

Rice

Onion farms

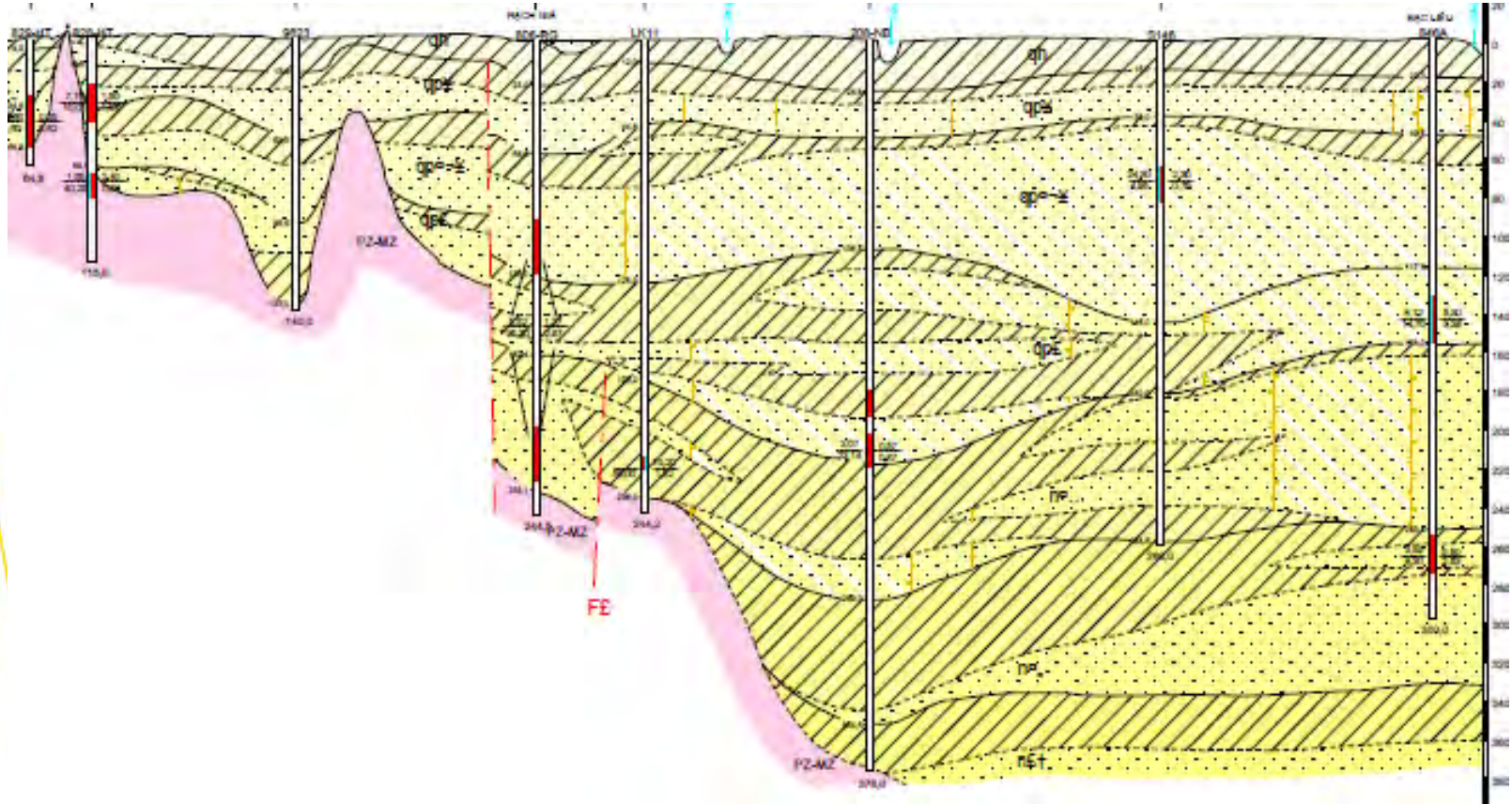


Photos: Minderhoud

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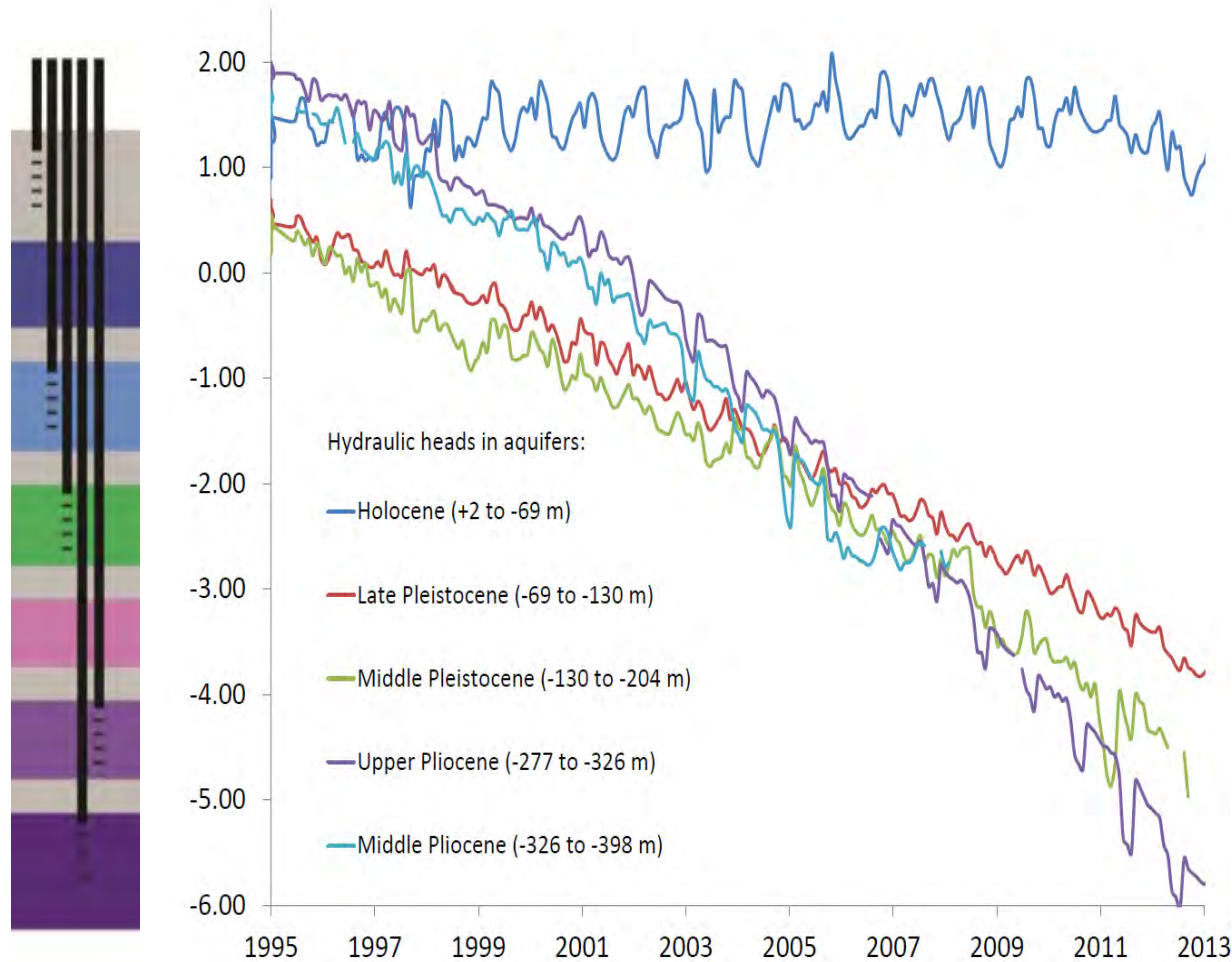


# Grondwater komt uit de ondergrond



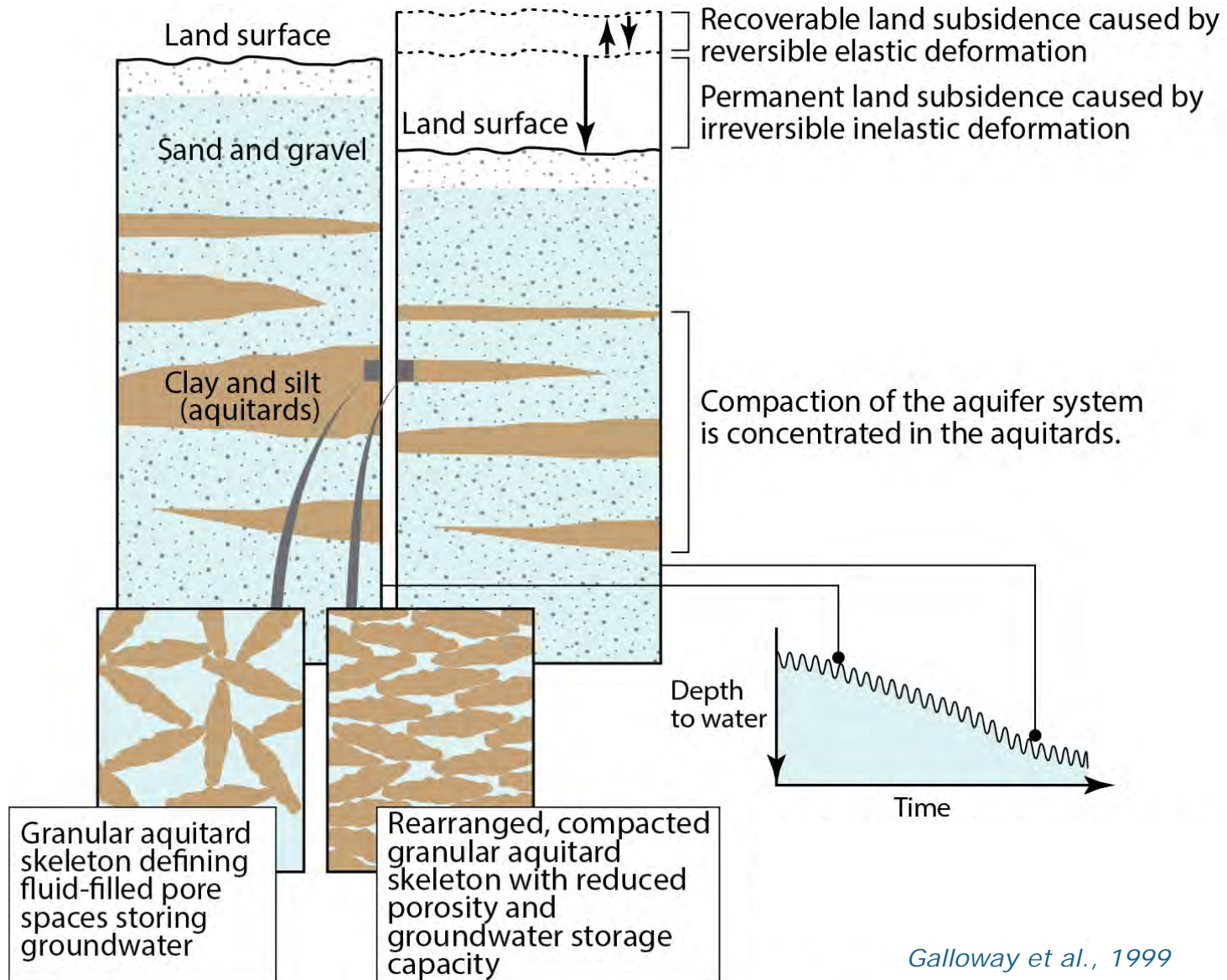
Over 500 m thick in some areas

# Result van 25 jaar grondwateronttrekking: Druk in de watervoerende pakketten neemt af



**Monitoring wells  
near Can Tho**  
Representable for  
the situation in the  
whole Mekong delta

# Grondwaterstandsverlaging zorgt voor klei compactering → Bodemdaling





# Klei deeltjes gedragen zich net als vuile vaat



'Natuurlijke' sedimentatie van vaat:  
Veel porie ruimte



'Herorganisatie' van borden:  
Weinig porie ruimte



## **Onderzoeksvraag**

Hoeveel bodemdaling wordt er veroorzaakt door grondwateronttrekking?

## **Approach**

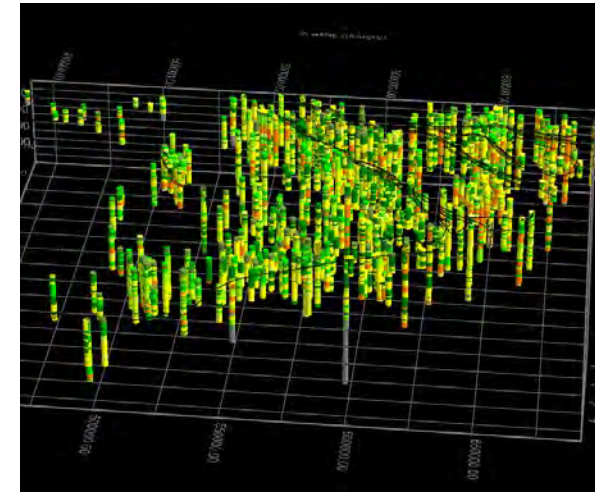
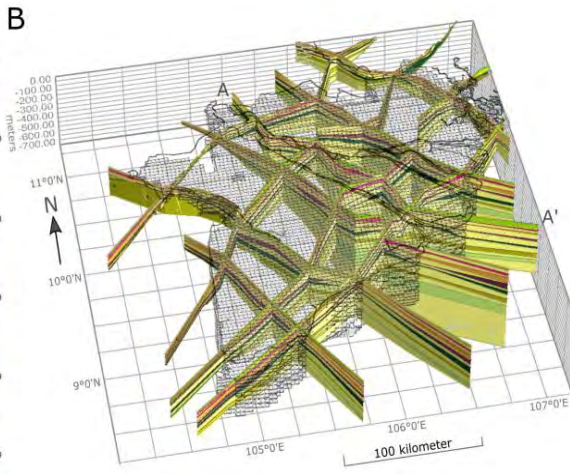
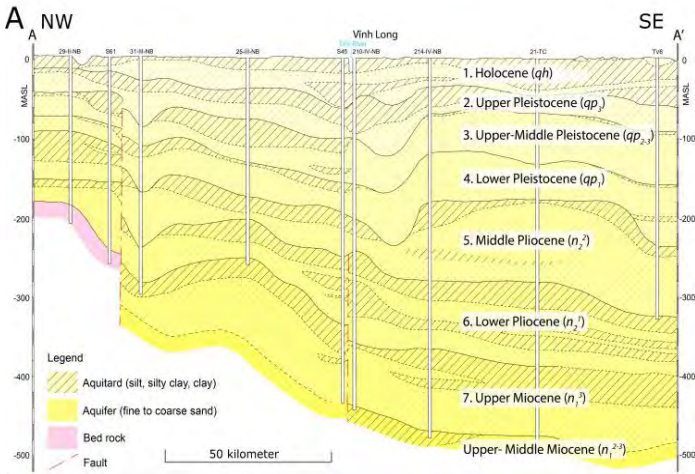
3D computer model

## **Wetenschappelijke disciplines:**

Geologie, Hydrogeologie, Geotechniek, Aardobservatie (Remote sensing)

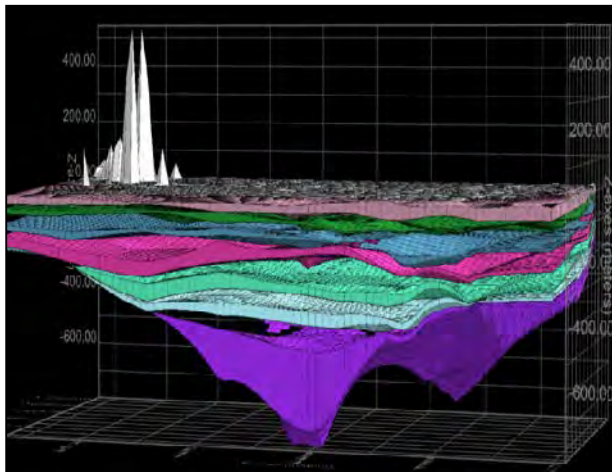


# Hydrogeologisch computermodel

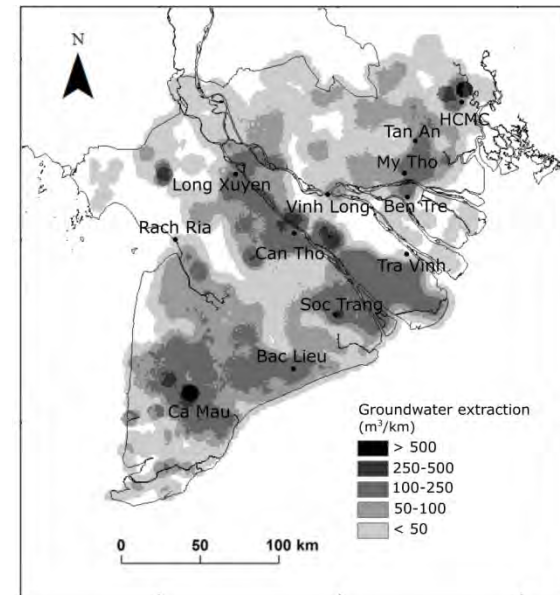


Geological boreholes and cross-sections

Model dimensions: >400x300 km



3D hydrogeological subsurface model



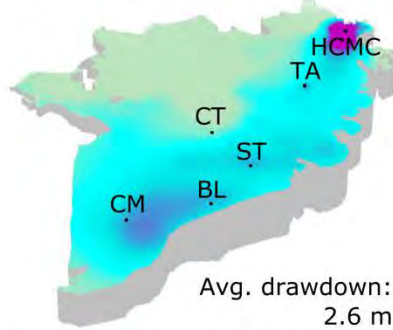
Modelled extractions

Scientific video abstract of Minderhoud et al.,  
"Impact of 25 years groundwater extraction on subsidence in the Mekong delta, Vietnam  
*Environmental Research Letters*: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMr\\_BKzY4IU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMr_BKzY4IU)

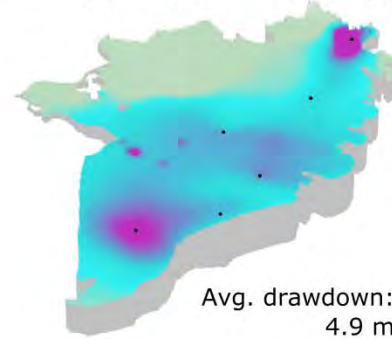


# Model resultaten: Waterstandsverlagingen na 25 jaar grondwateronttrekking

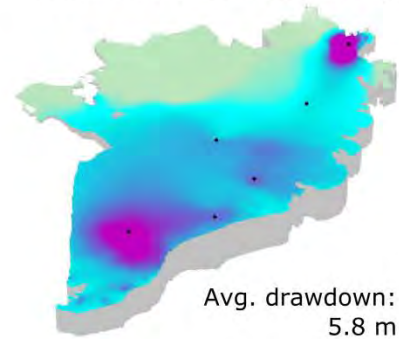
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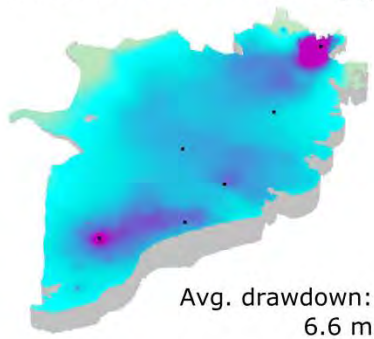
2. Upper Pleistocene ( $qp_3$ )



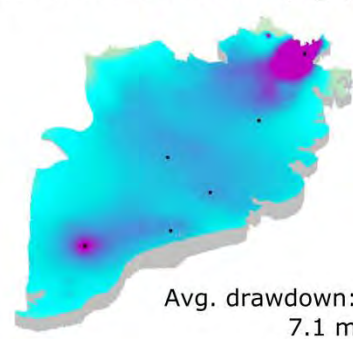
3. Middle Pleistocene ( $qp_{2-3}$ )



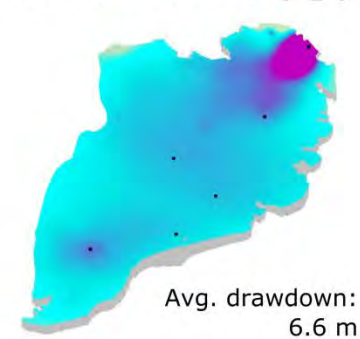
4. Lower Pleistocene ( $qp_1$ )



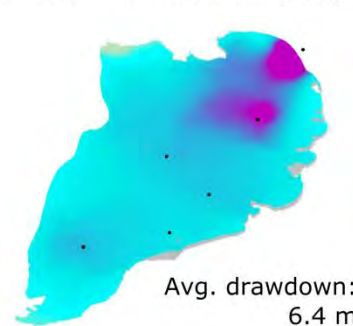
5. Middle Pliocene ( $n_2^2$ )



6. Lower Pliocene ( $n_2^1$ )



7. Upper Miocene ( $n_1^3$ )

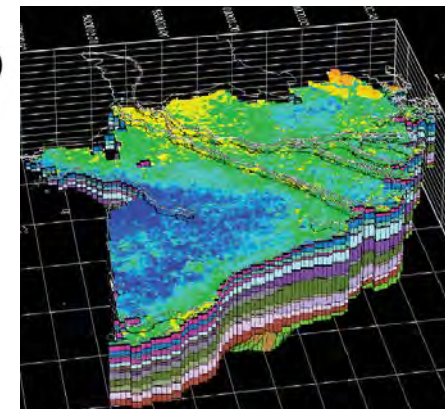
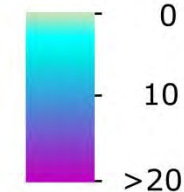


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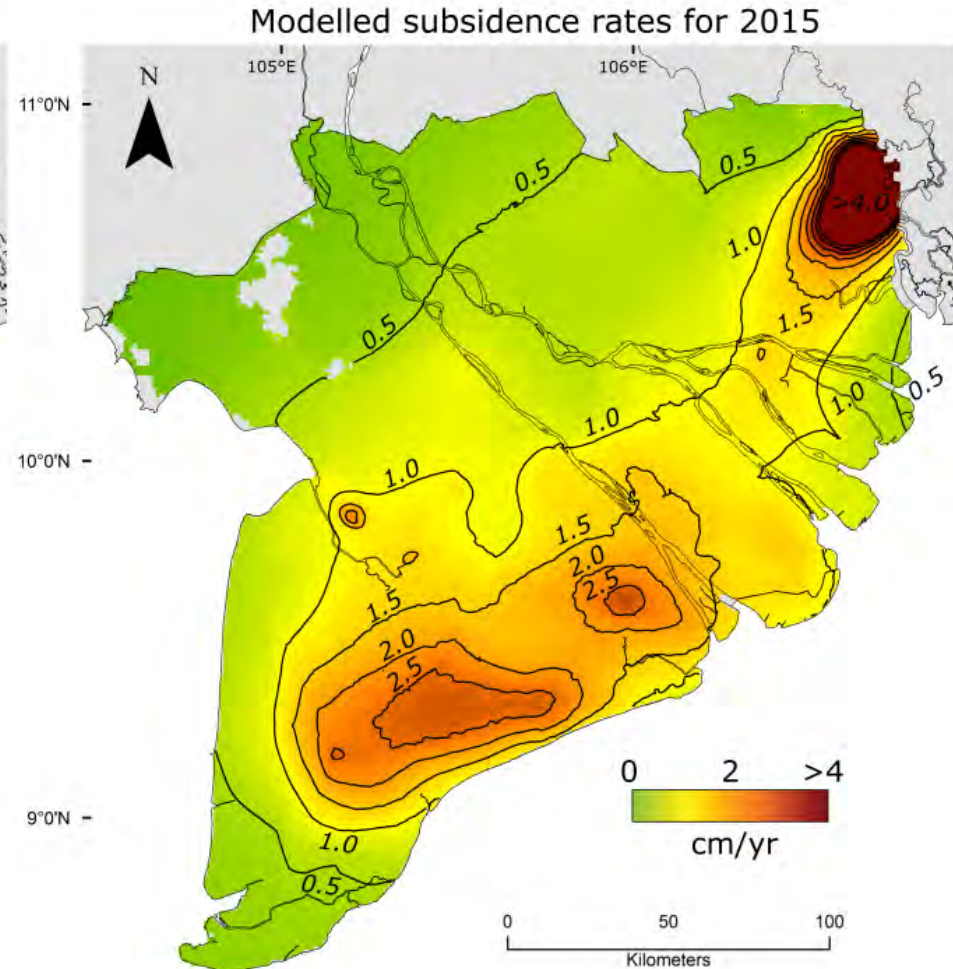
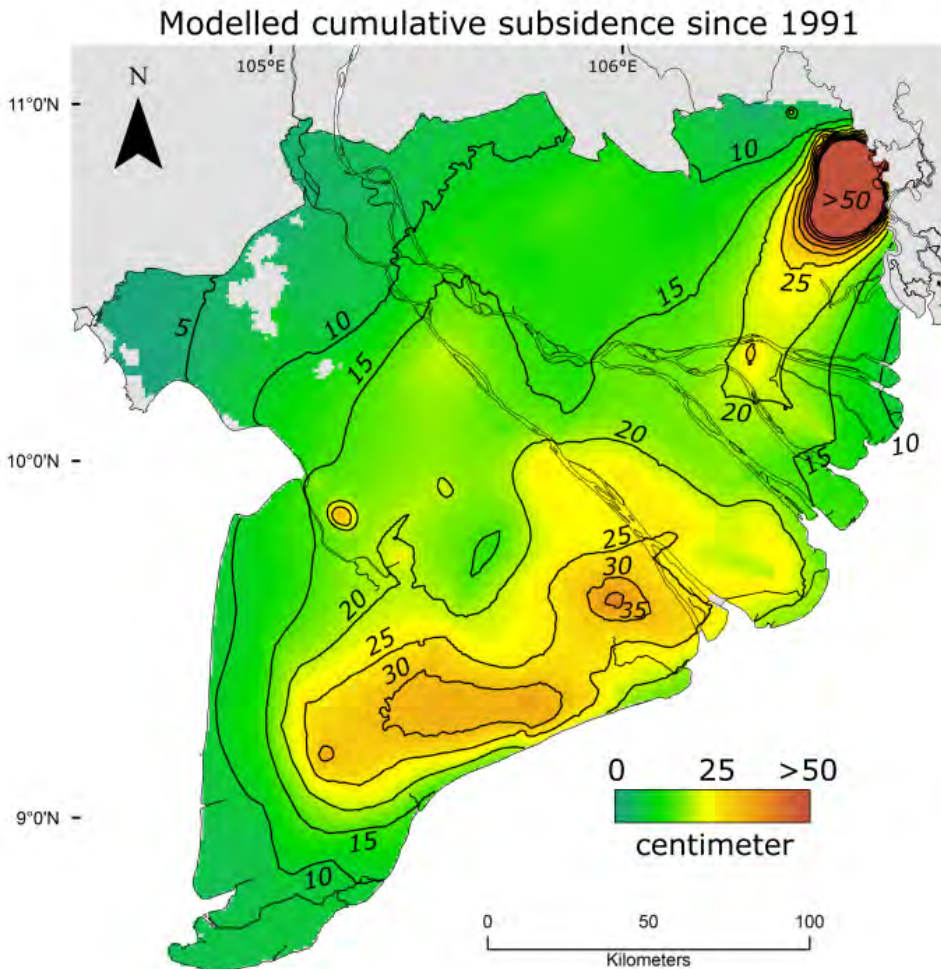


## Legend

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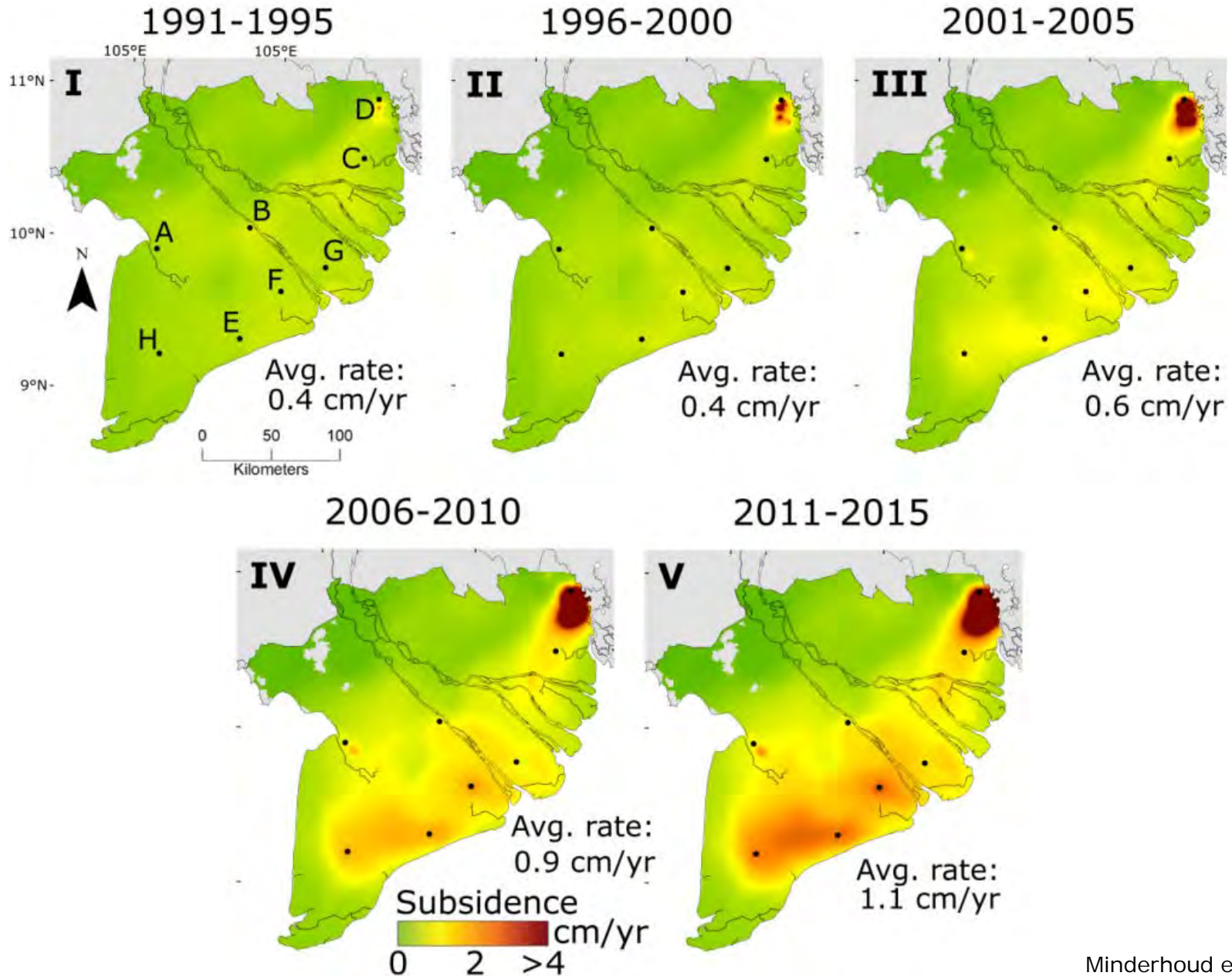


# Berekende bodemdaling door groundwateronttrekking



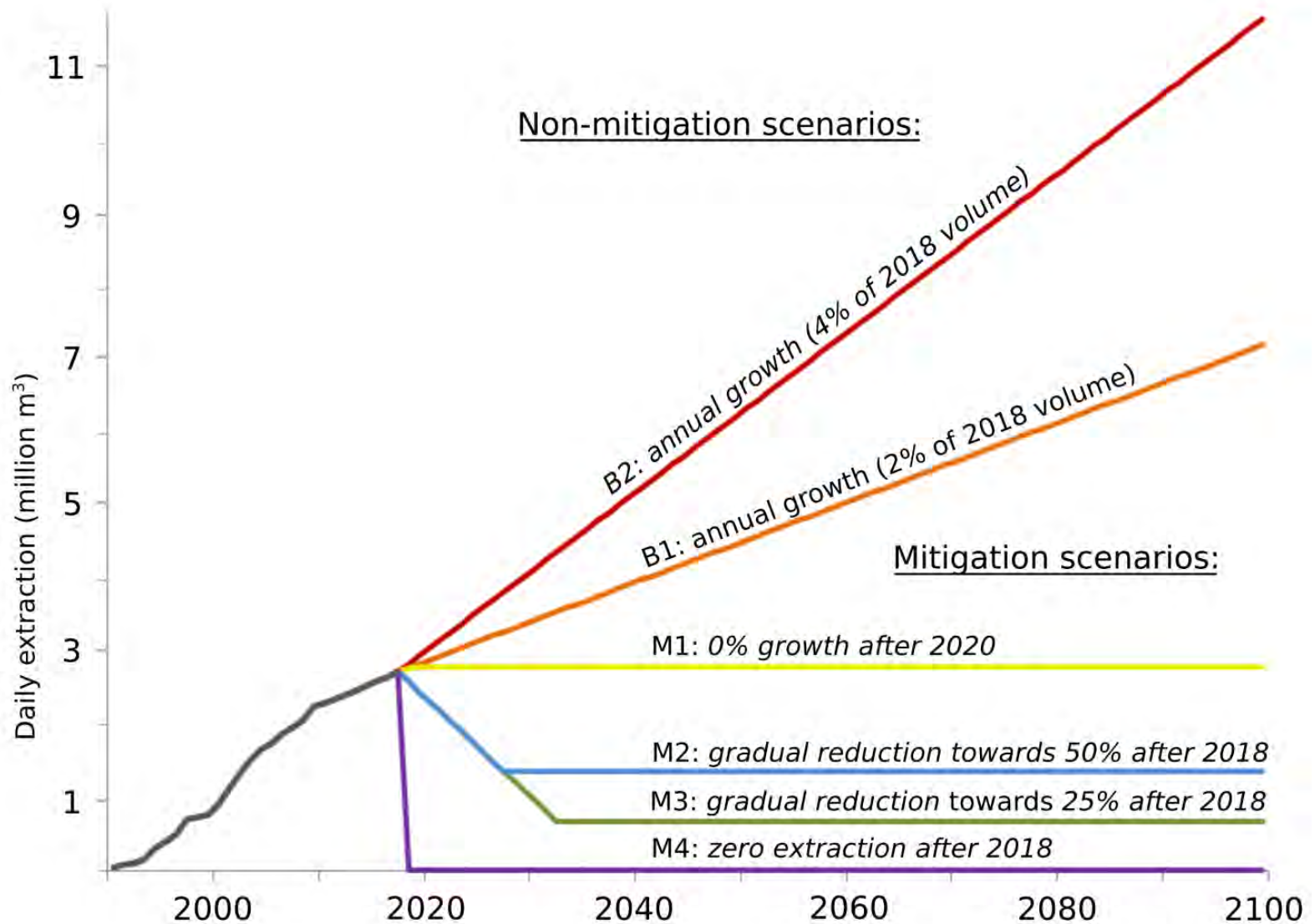
Bodemdalingsnelheden liggen veel hoger dan  
absolute zeespiegelstijging!

# Bodemdaling is aan het versnellen!



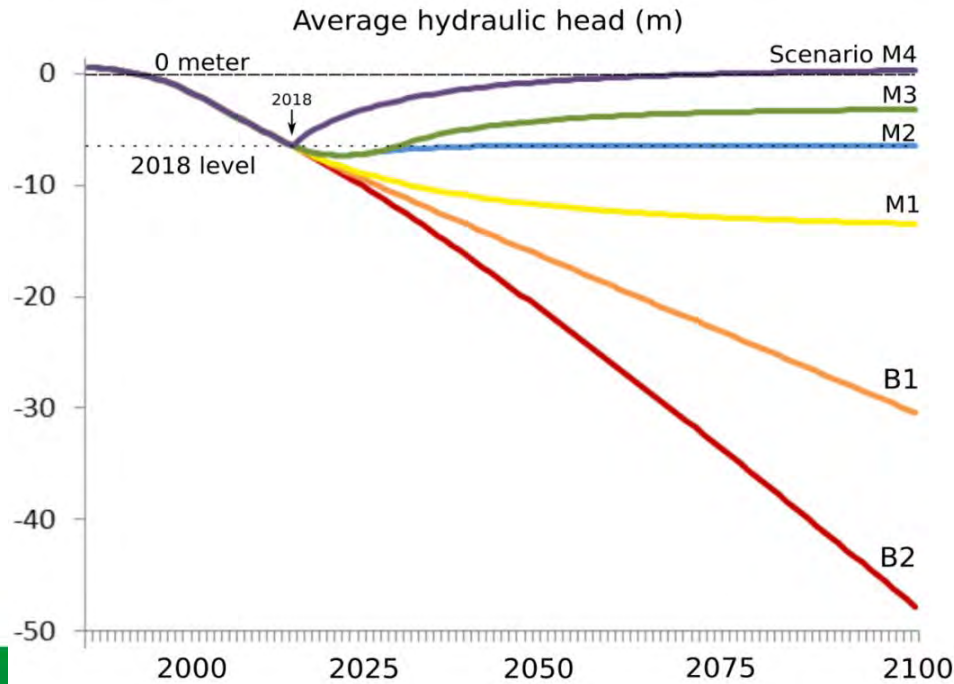
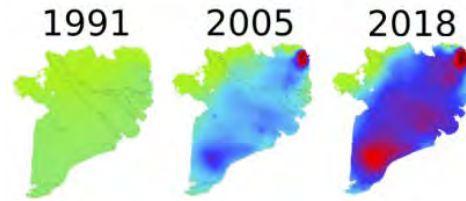
# Hoe ziet de toekomst eruit?

## Verschillende scenario's van grondwateronttrekking





# Grondwaterstand



Scenario 2030 2050 2080 2100

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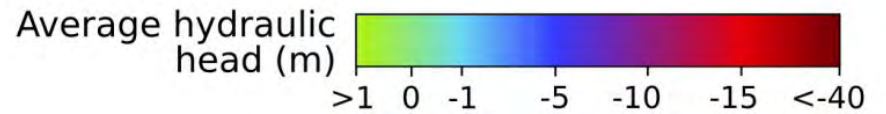
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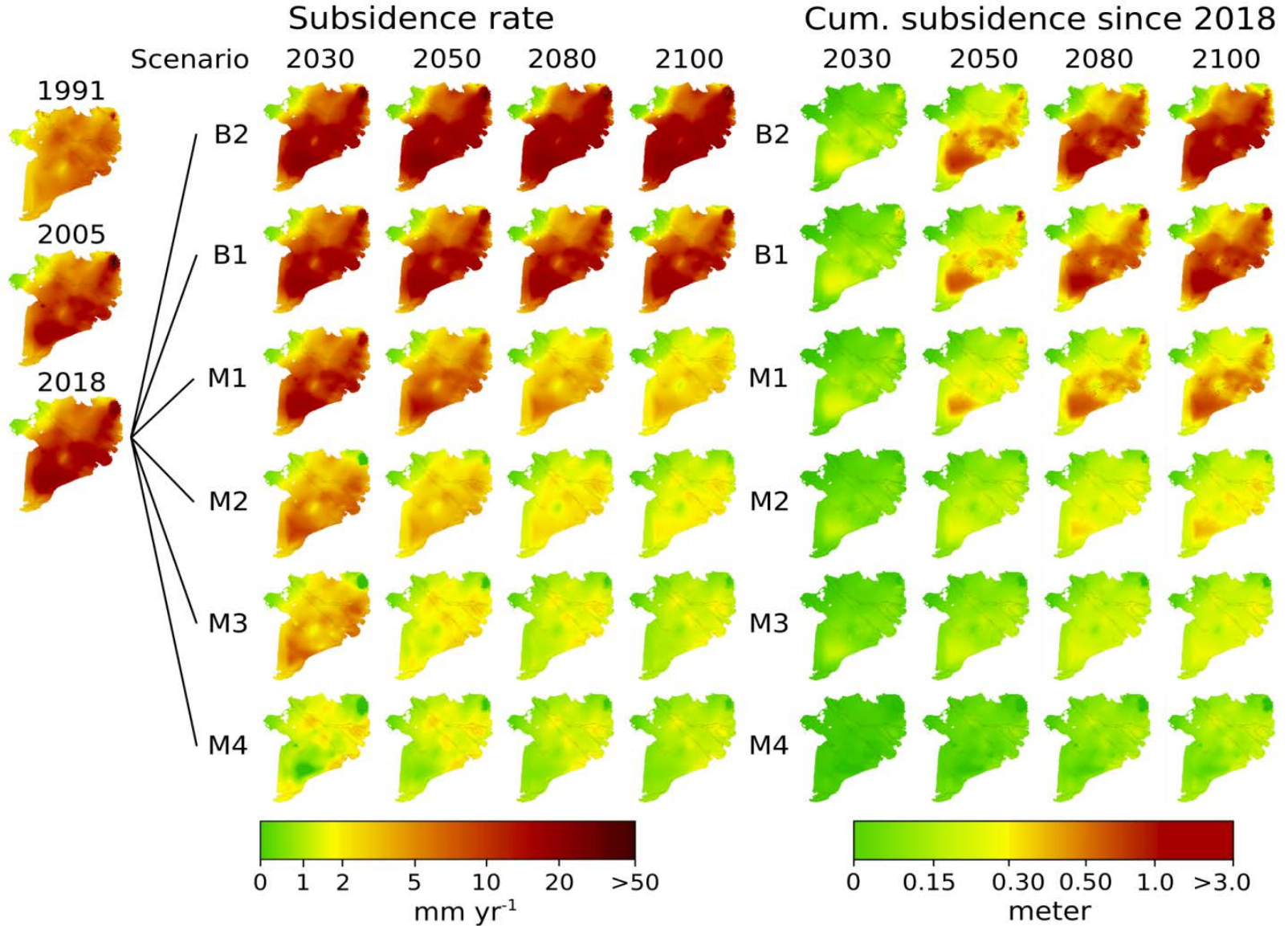
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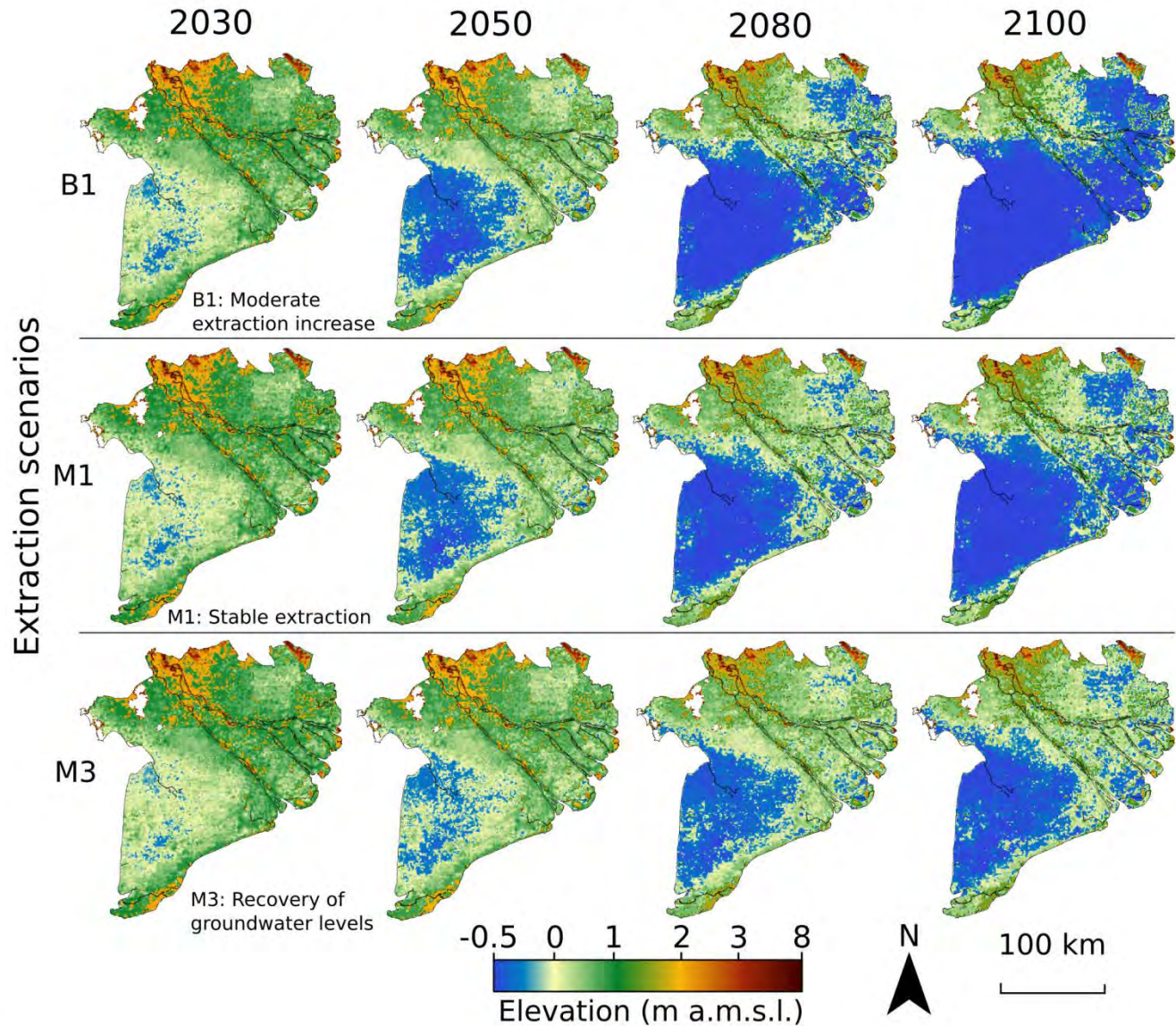




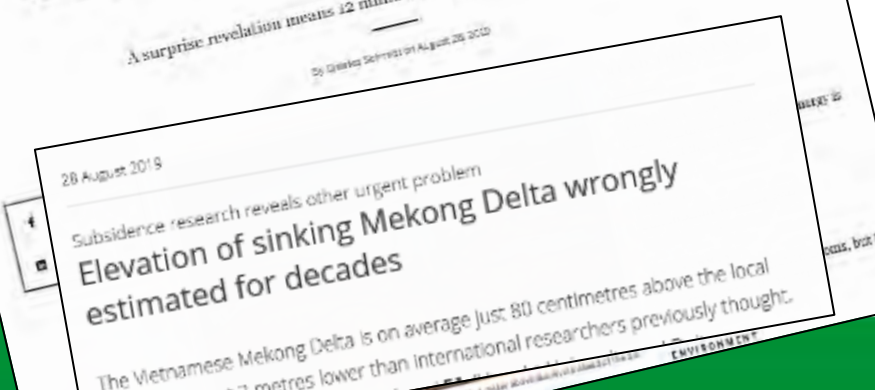
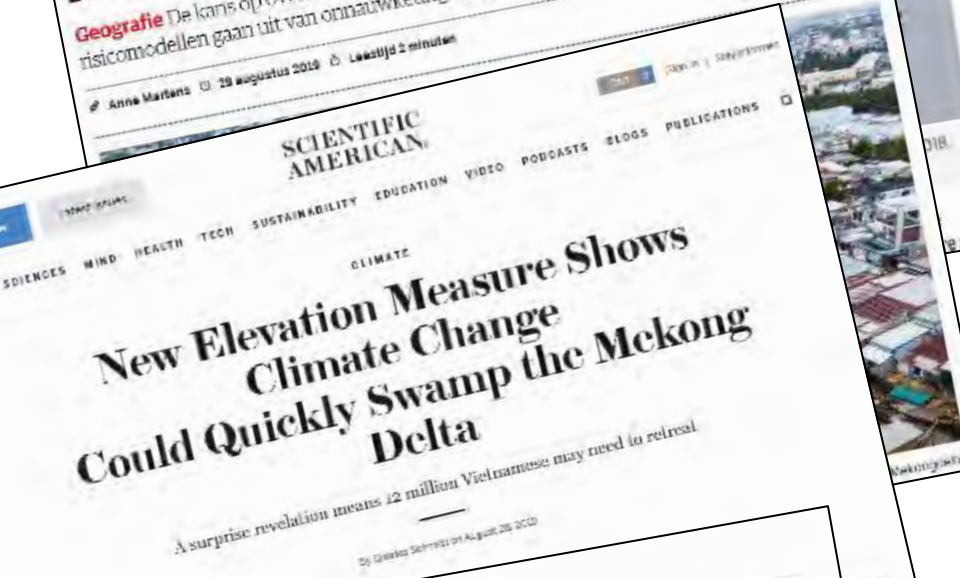


# Hoe ziet de toekomst eruit?

Extraction-induced subsidence and absolute sea-level rise



# Selectie media impact van het onderzoek afgelopen jaar





# Impact in Vietnam



Press conference at the Embassy in Hanoi (24 Oct 2019)



Prime-time 20:00 news on VTV1



Presentation at Vietnam Ministry (MONRE)



# Hoofdconclusie

De versnellende bodemdaling in de Mekong delta wordt voornamelijk veroorzaakt door grondwateronttrekking

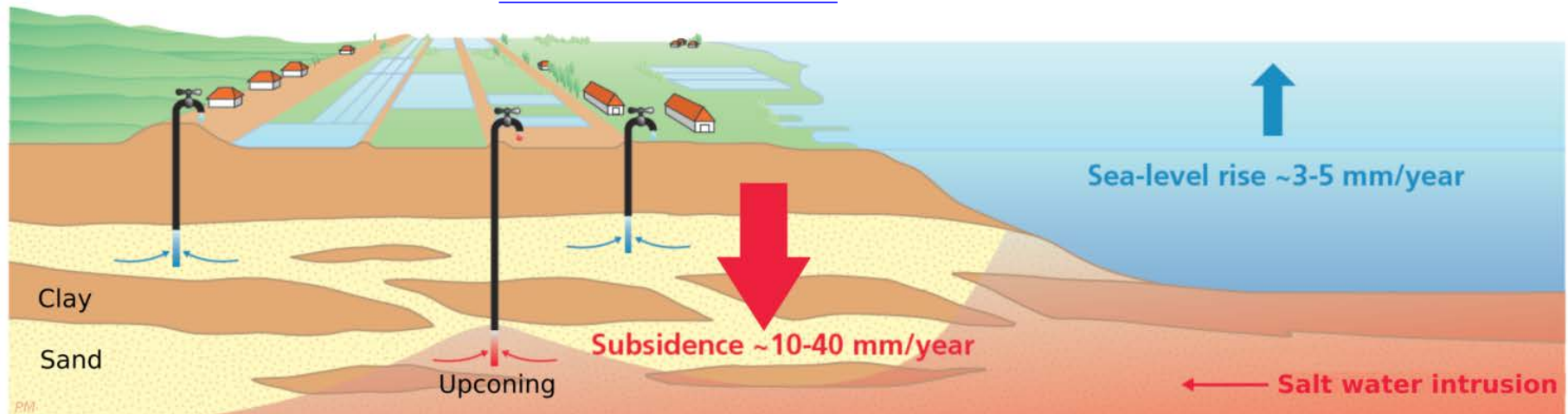
Grondwater is niet gratis in delta je betaal ervoor met hoogte

Het drastisch terugbrengen van de grondwateronttrekking is van levensbelang voor de delta

*"Mijn hartelijke dank gaat uit naar alle leden van de Hofvijverkring. Dankzij de financiële support van de Hofvijverbeurs kon ik het afgelopen jaar een groot aantal international bezoeken en wetenschappelijke samenwerkingen aangaan waar ik nu de vruchten van pluk. Blijf gezond!"*

*Philip*

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