



The Delta Project: Past and Future

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Norway

Sweden

Scotland

Denmark

Ireland

England

Netherlands

Germany

Rotterdam

Belgium

Main

France

Meuse

Mosel

Neckar

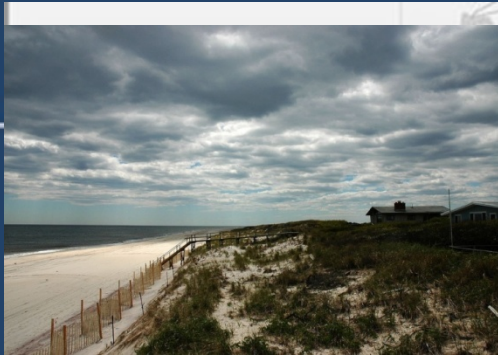
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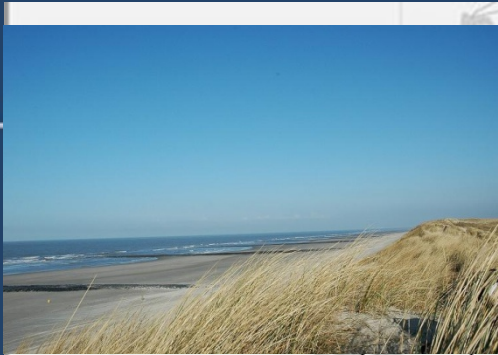






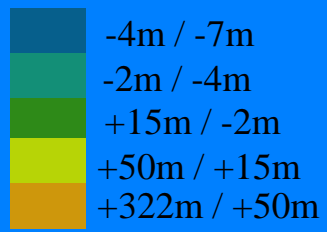
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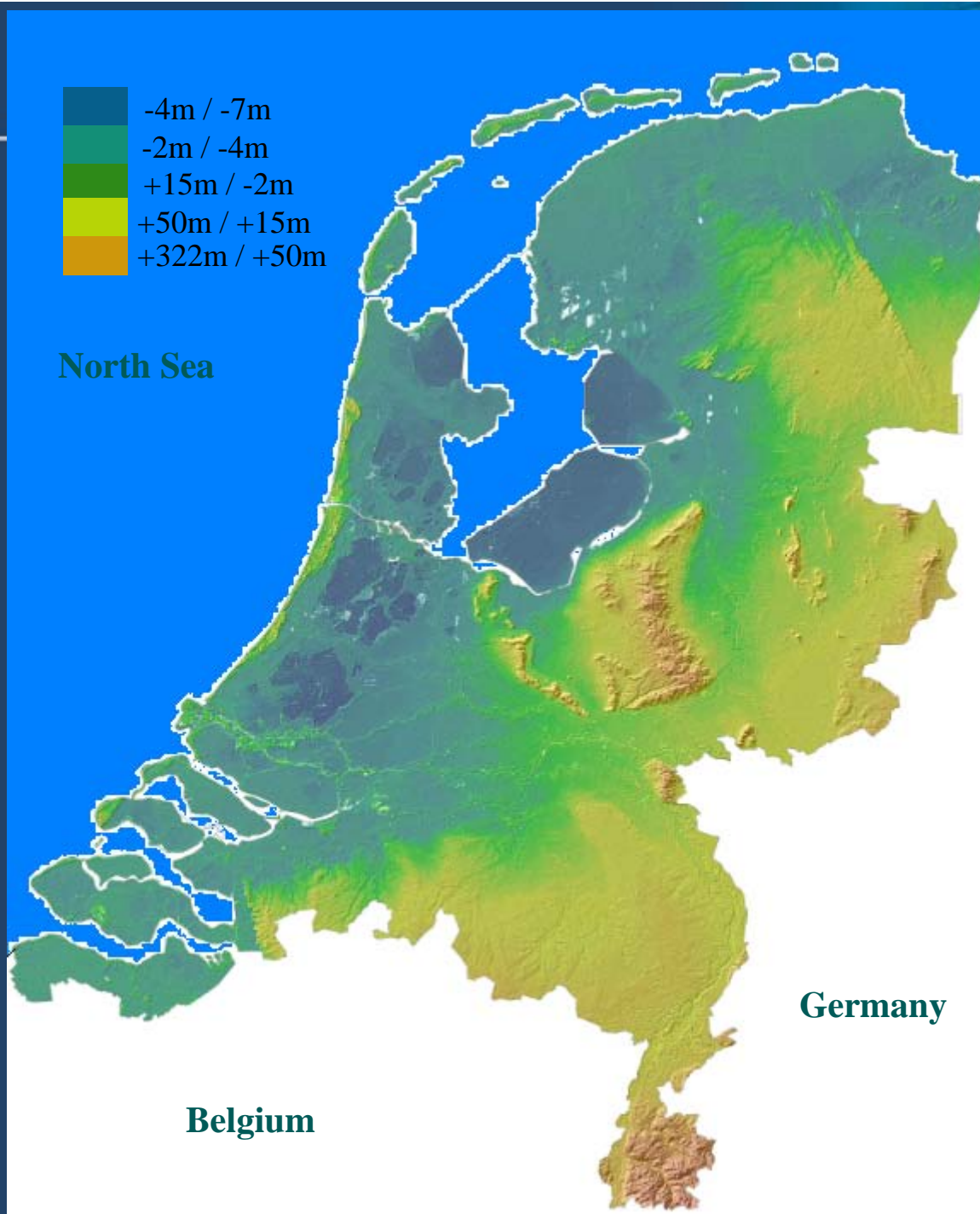


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North Sea



Germany

Belgium





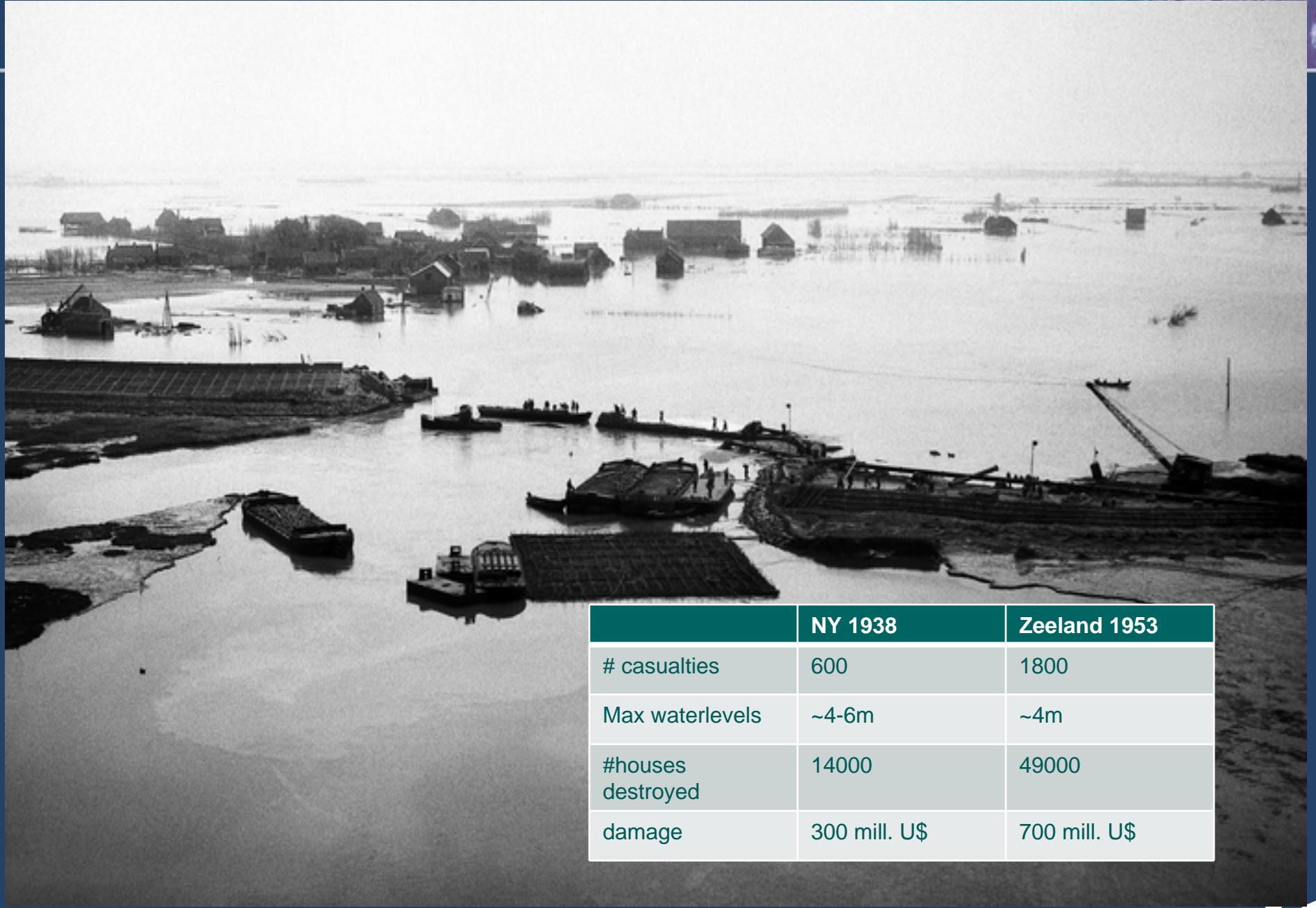
Flood 1855



1938 Hurricane

1953 SW Holland (‘Zeeland’)



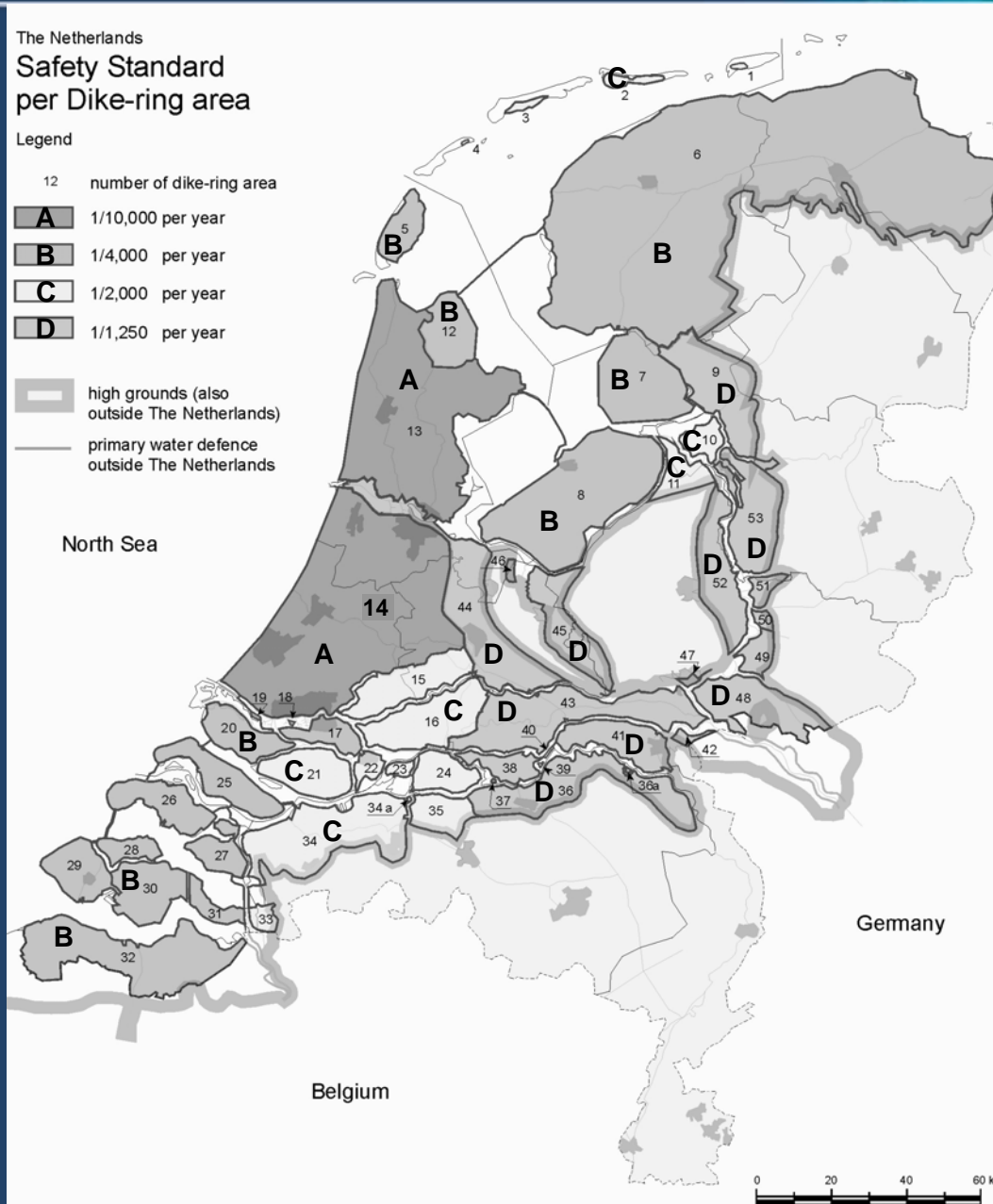


	NY 1938	Zeeland 1953
# casualties	600	1800
Max waterlevels	~4-6m	~4m
#houses destroyed	14000	49000
damage	300 mill. U\$	700 mill. U\$

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Delta-act → Delta Plan



Series of dams and barriers



Arguments for Delta plan



- Full protection: Storm surge may not happen again
- Dams & barriers shorten the coastline : raising 1000 km of dikes is more expensive
- Create fresh water reservoirs & protection against salt intrusion
- Fresh water as potential for recreation

Brouwersdam



Haringvliet Sluices





venhoofd

3km



Haringvliet sluices





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Value of Estuary: Eastern Scheldt Barrier





Eastern Scheldt barrier: 3 barriers over 3 km





Maeslantbarrier; Accessibility Rotterdam harbor

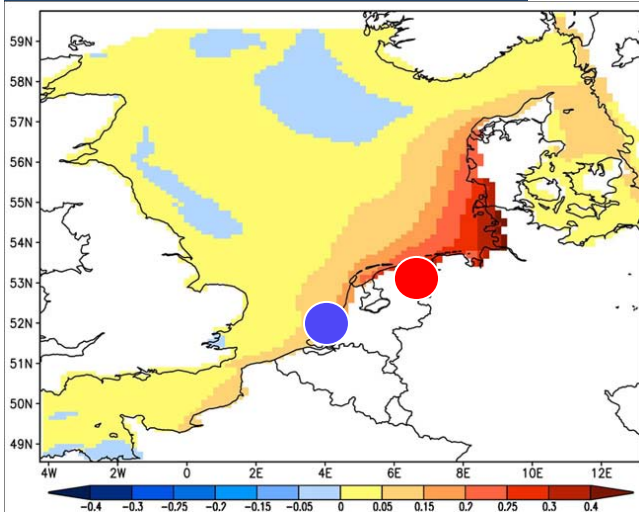
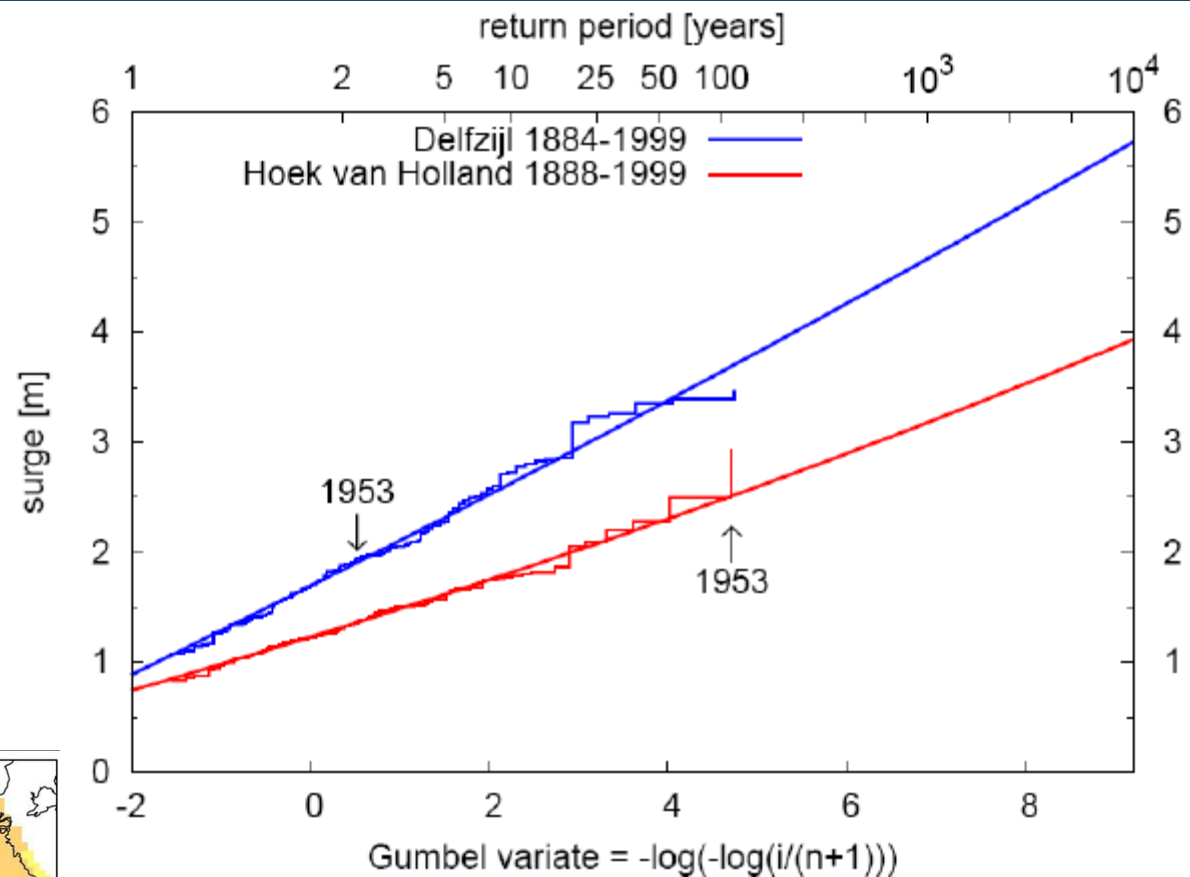
Construction costs	Year in operation	Net present value 2007 million €	Net present value 2007 million €
		[Disc rate 2%]	[Disc rate 4%]
Storm Surge barrier Hollandse IJssel	1954	98	126
Haringvliet barrier	1961	1,464	1750
Brouwersdam	1961	353	421
Hellegatsplein and Volkerak sluices	1961	477	570
Grevelingen dam	1961	165	197
Storm Surge barrier Oosterschelde	1986	3,850	6161
Compartmentworks	1984	837	1295
Canal through Zuid-Beveland	1984	915	739
Maeslant storm surge barrier	1997	477	559
Europoort barrier and Hartel barrier	1997	253	259
Total costs [Billions Euro]		8,9	12,1



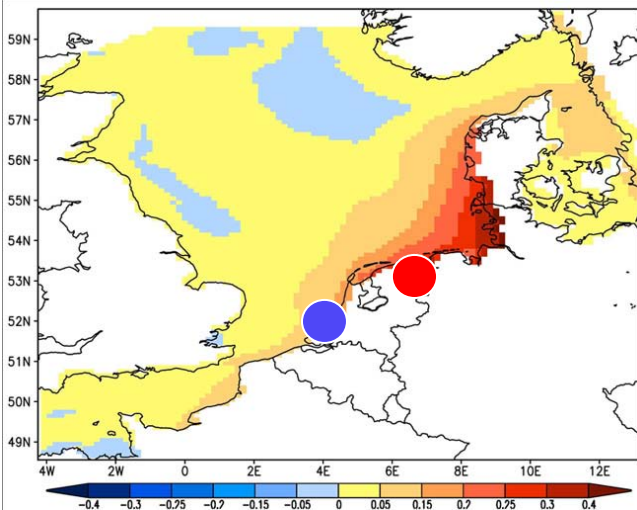
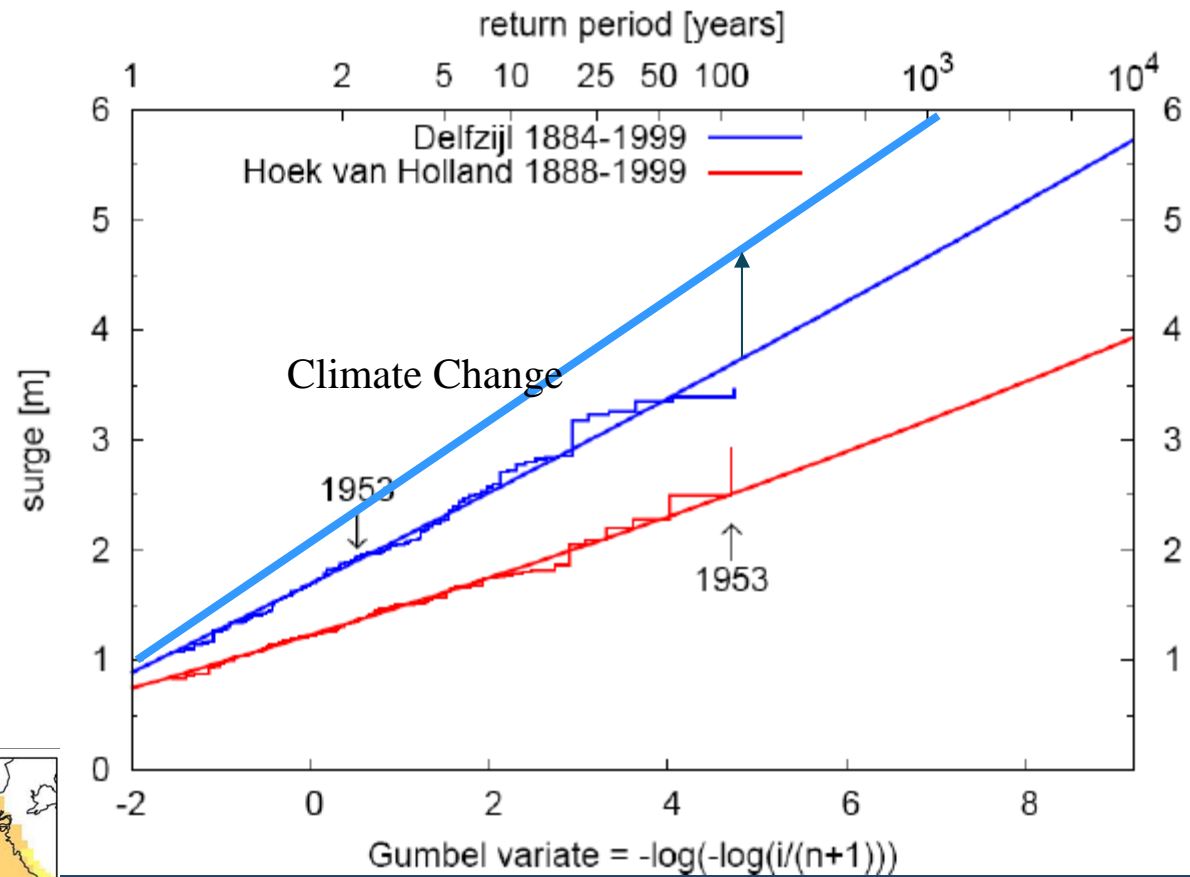
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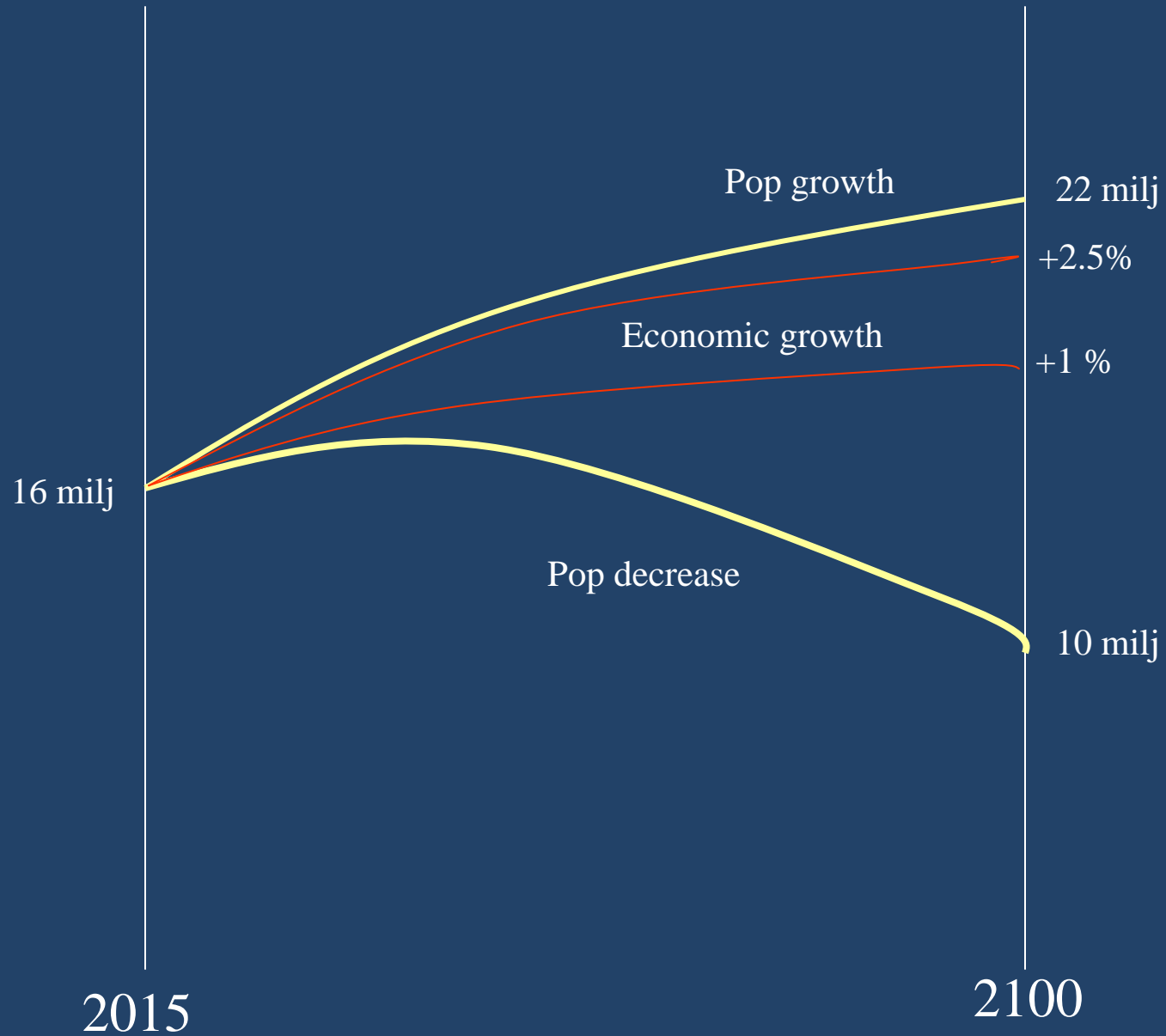
Climate Change / Sea level rise



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Socio Economic trends



Rotterdam 1684



Rotterdam 1940



Rotterdam 2000



<http://takeoff.to/rotterdam>

Foto: Peter

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"Gezicht op Nieuw Amsterdam" by Johannes Vingboons (1664)

landgebruik

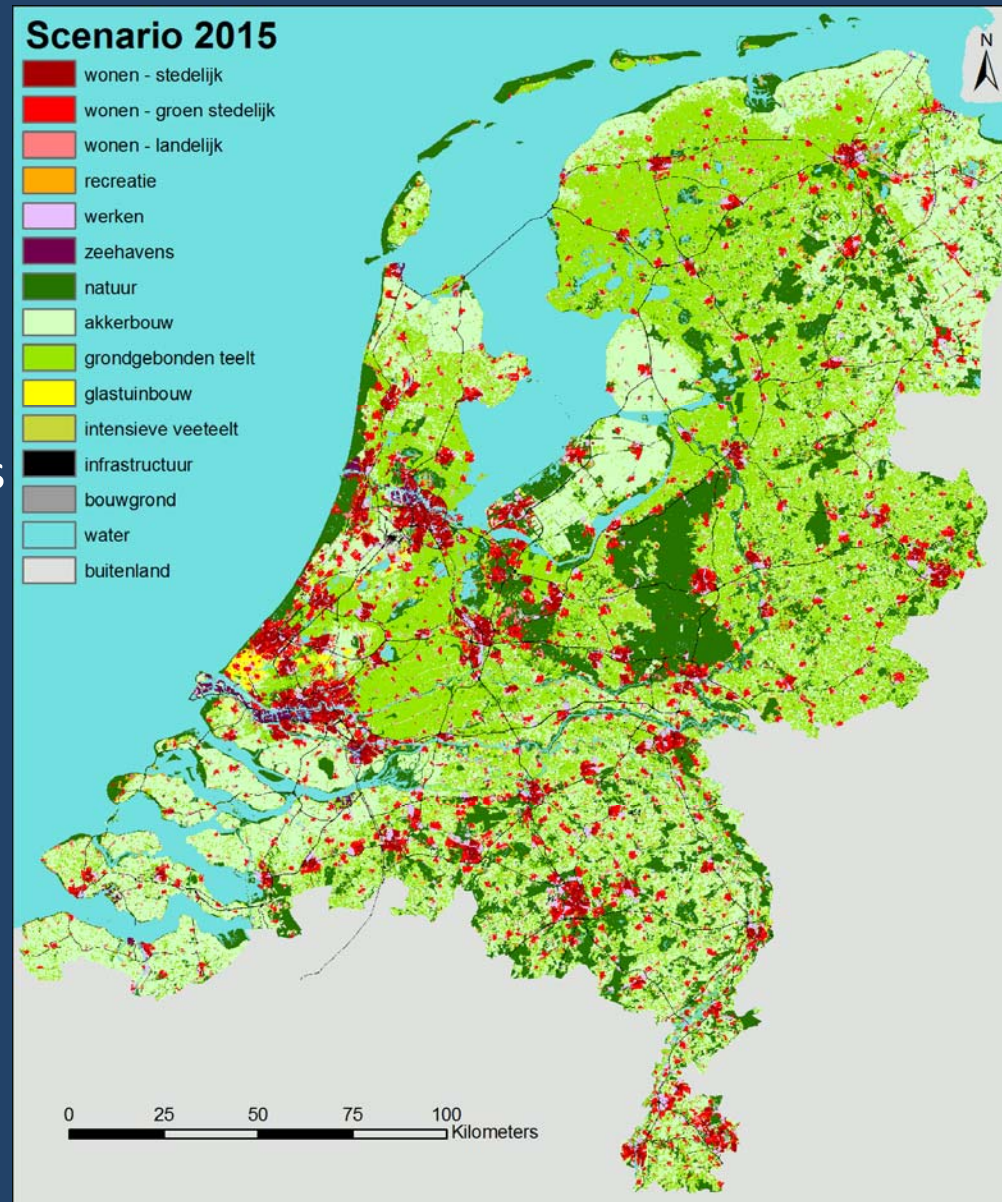


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Land use 2015

16 Mil. inhabitants

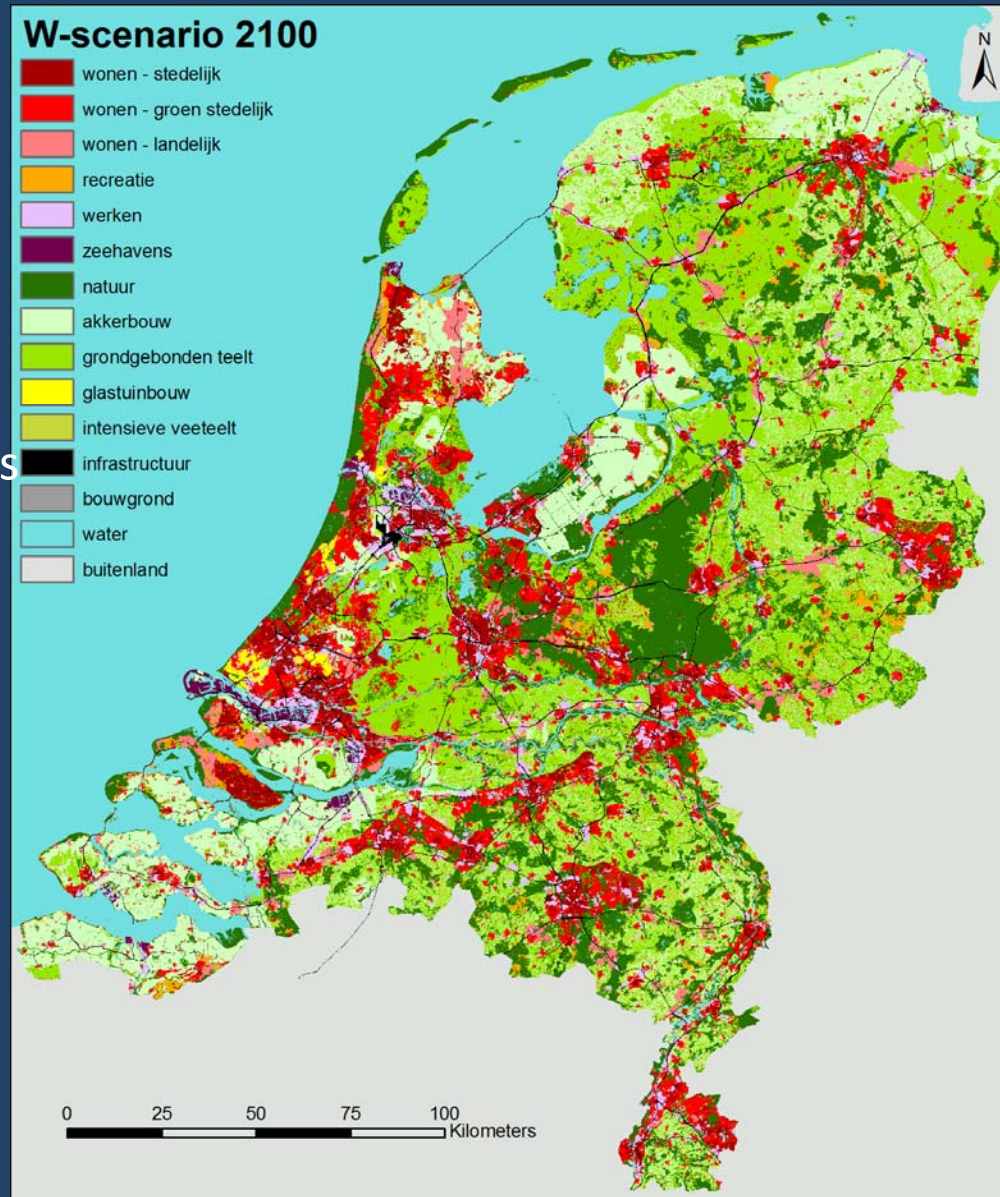


Source: project Aandacht voor
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Land use 2100

22 Mil. inhabitants



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Risk based approach

- Socio – economic impacts:
 - Casualties
 - Direct damage
 - Indirect damage
- Probability of an extreme flood
- Risk = probability * damage

Resilience

- Adaptive capacity (o.a. finance, recovery, governance)

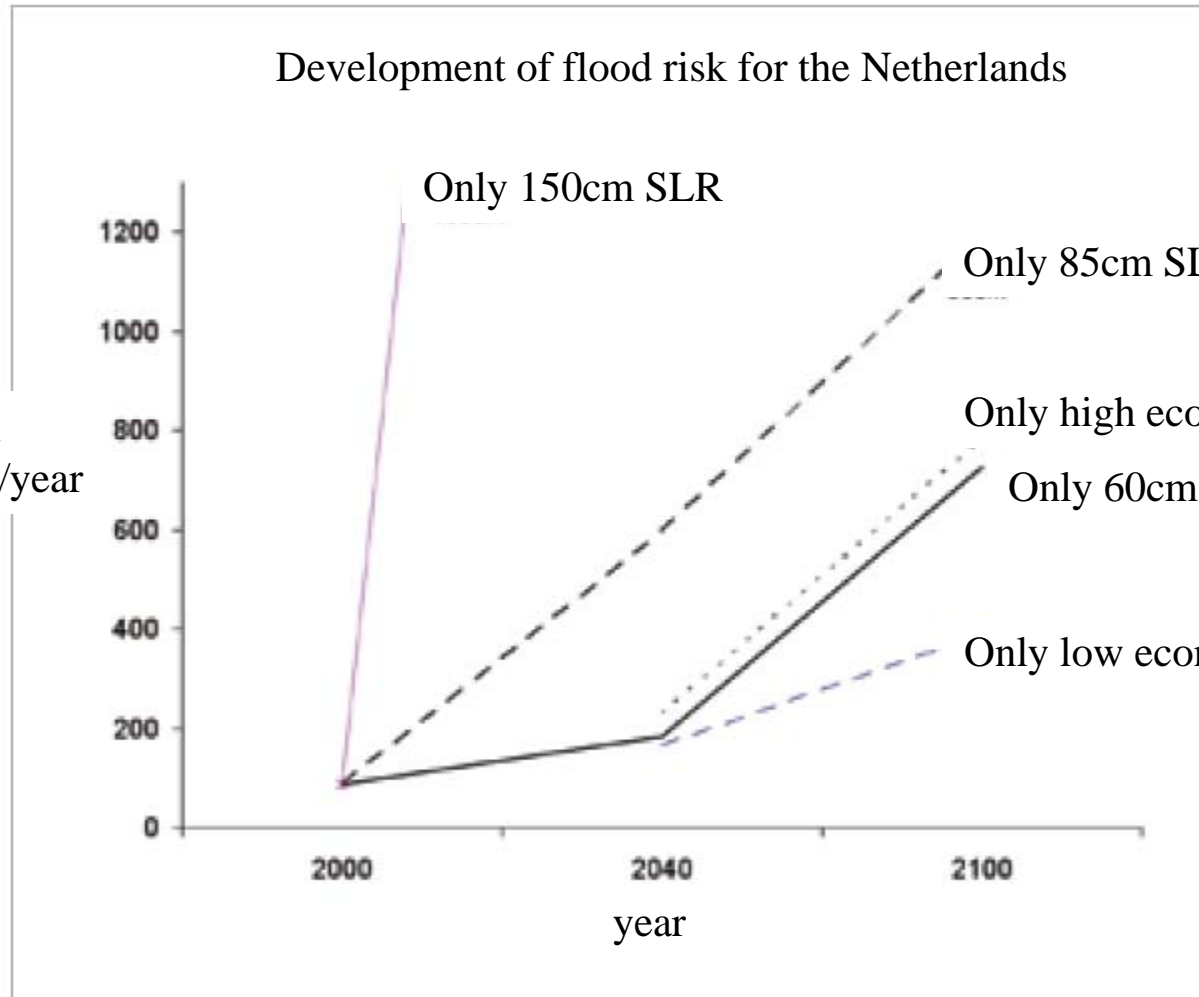


City	Current Exposure		Approximate Protection Standard (Return period in years)	Annual Average Risk (Residual Risk)	
	Population (000)	Assets (US\$ bil)		Population (000/yr)	Assets (US\$ bil/yr)
London	397	60	1:1000	0.4	0.06
Shanghai	2,353	73	1:1000	2	0.07
Osaka	1,373	216	1:300	4.6	0.7
New York	1,540	320	1:100	15	3.2
Tokyo	1,110	174	1:1000	1	0.174
Amsterdam	839	128	1:10000	0.08	0.013
Rotterdam	752	115	1:10000	0.08	0.011
New Orleans	1124	234	1:200 ¹¹	5.1	1.168.4

Nichols et al, 2008

Risk : probability * Damage

Development of flood risk for the Netherlands



Risk
Milj euro/year

Current risk:
~100 milj. Euro/year

Uncertainty

Source: <http://info.insure.com>, 2002

Top 10 worst places for an extreme hurricane to strike

Rank	Location	Possible insured losses*	Potential total economic losses**
1	Miami/Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	\$61.3 billion	\$122.6 billion
2	New York City, N.Y.	\$26.5 billion	\$53 billion
3	Tampa/St. Petersburg, Fla.	\$25.1 billion	\$50 billion
4	Houston/Galveston, Texas	\$16.8 billion	\$33.6 billion
5	New Orleans, La.	\$8.4 billion	\$16.8 billion
6	Mobile, Ala.	\$6.0 billion	\$12 billion
7	Boston, Mass.	\$5.1 billion	\$10.2 billion
8	Biloxi/Gulfport, Miss.	\$5.1 billion	\$10.2 billion
9	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	\$4.3 billion	\$8.6 billion

Source: cnn 2007

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New Orleans files \$77 billion claim against Corps

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STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Thursday was last day for residents to file claims under Federal Tort Act
- Bush visits Gulf Coast region, vowing to "stay committed" to recovery
- Corps has six months to either accept, settle or reject claims
- Corps designed levee system that was supposed to protect the low-lying city

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SPECIAL REPORT

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana (CNN) -- The city of New Orleans filed a \$77 billion damage claim against the Army Corps of Engineers Thursday for flooding that inundated the city when levees failed after Hurricane Katrina in August 2005.



Erosion: work with nature





NY area: +/- 4 million m³ sand/ year
Netherlands: +/- 20 million m³ sand/ year



New Delta PPlan



Building codes, Innovation in Architecture

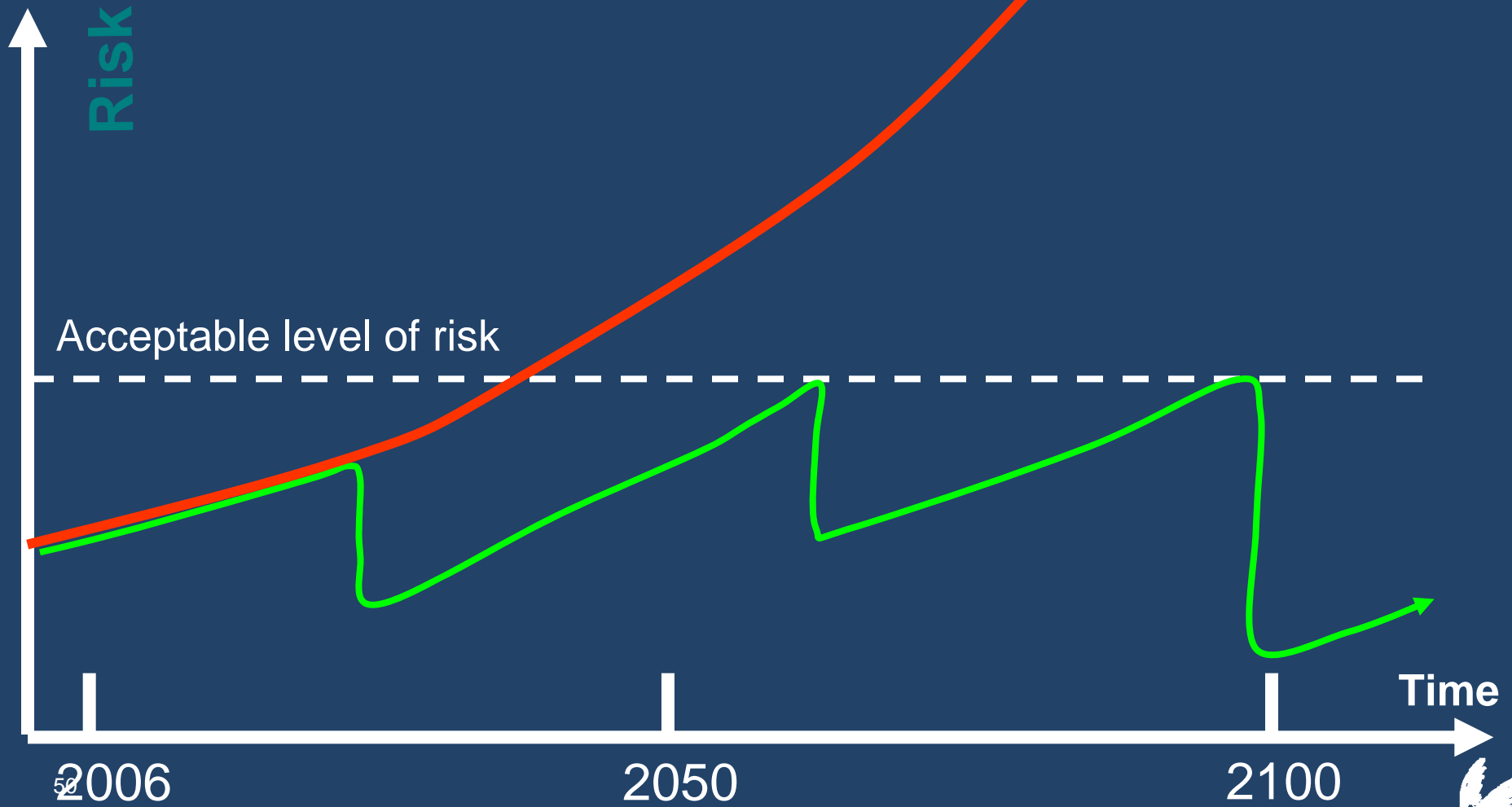


Costs of adaptation

		Scenario's				
		2040	2100	2100	2100	Far Future
SLR	[cm]	24	60	85	150	500
Max Discharge Rhine	[m3/s]	16.800	18.000	18.000	18.000	18.000
Max Discharge Meuse	[m3/s]	4200	4.600	4.600	4.600	4.600
		Costs [Billions Euro's]				
Re enforcement Levees						
		2,7	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5
		1,3	4,2	4,2	4,2	4,2
	[Billions Euros]	0,2	1,8	2,6	6,1	36
Beach nourishment						
		1,9	6,4	9,1	16,0	25
		1,1	3,8	5,4	9,6	?
		0,1	0,4	0,6	1,1	?
	[Billions Euros]	1,9	2,3	2,6	3,4	8
Total	[Billions Euros]	9	24	30	46	>80



When to invest?





Original costs in 1970: 1,5 Billion Euro's (2007)

Option 1. Replacement of doors for 60cm = 100 Million Euro

Option 2: replace whole barrier = 1 Billion Euro's



Lifetime barrier = 100 years

Design criteria in 1970 = 20cm sea level rise in 100 years

- Barrier is 50 years old: “ only 10cm sea level rise to go”
- With a SLR of 60cm/100years, the barrier would not fit design criteria in ~2025
- In 2025 invest 100 Million Euro to replace doors (replacement whole barrier in 2070-2120)





However: If SLR is 150cm

then replacement of whole barrier would be much earlier,
and hence, replacing only doors in short term is not an option

Conclusions

- Barrier concept works, but adjustments needed:
 - Environmental aspects
 - Shipping
- Working with nature
 - Beach nourishment
 - River widening
- Architecture / building codes
- Climate change poses new challenge
 - How to design measures such they are flexible to accommodate different future scenario's





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