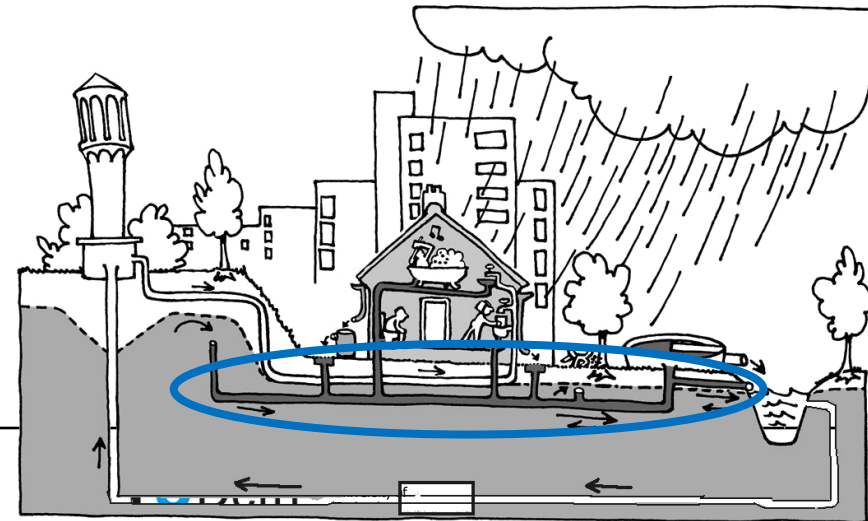


# CT4491 Fundamentals of Urban Drainage

## Urban drainage in lowland areas

Marie-claire ten Veldhuis,  
17-9-2013



Challenge the future



Source: [news.bbc.co.uk](http://news.bbc.co.uk)



Source: [www.nu.nl](http://www.nu.nl)

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*Living in a delta: polder areas and  
water management challenges*

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# Water management in delta cities

Rotterdam and Jakarta: two examples of delta cities

- A. Influence of river and sea on urban water systems
- B. Small ground level variations (almost flat)
- C. High groundwater tables, salt water intrusion

Rotterdam: moderate climate, annual rainfall ca. 0.9 m/yr

Jakarta: tropical climate, annual rainfall ca. 2 m/yr

# The Netherlands: Rhine, Meuse, Scheldt delta



Darker shades of green indicate higher population density



Jakarta 5 m/year



Vulcanos, 2000-3000 meter

Bogor

Depok

2 m/year

Bekasi

Jakarta

Tangerang

30 km

Jakarta bay

# The Netherlands: Rhine, Meuse, Scheldt delta

Delft: ground level relative to sea level?

- A: +10m
- B: +5 m
- C: 0 m
- D: -5 m
- E: -10 m
- F: Other



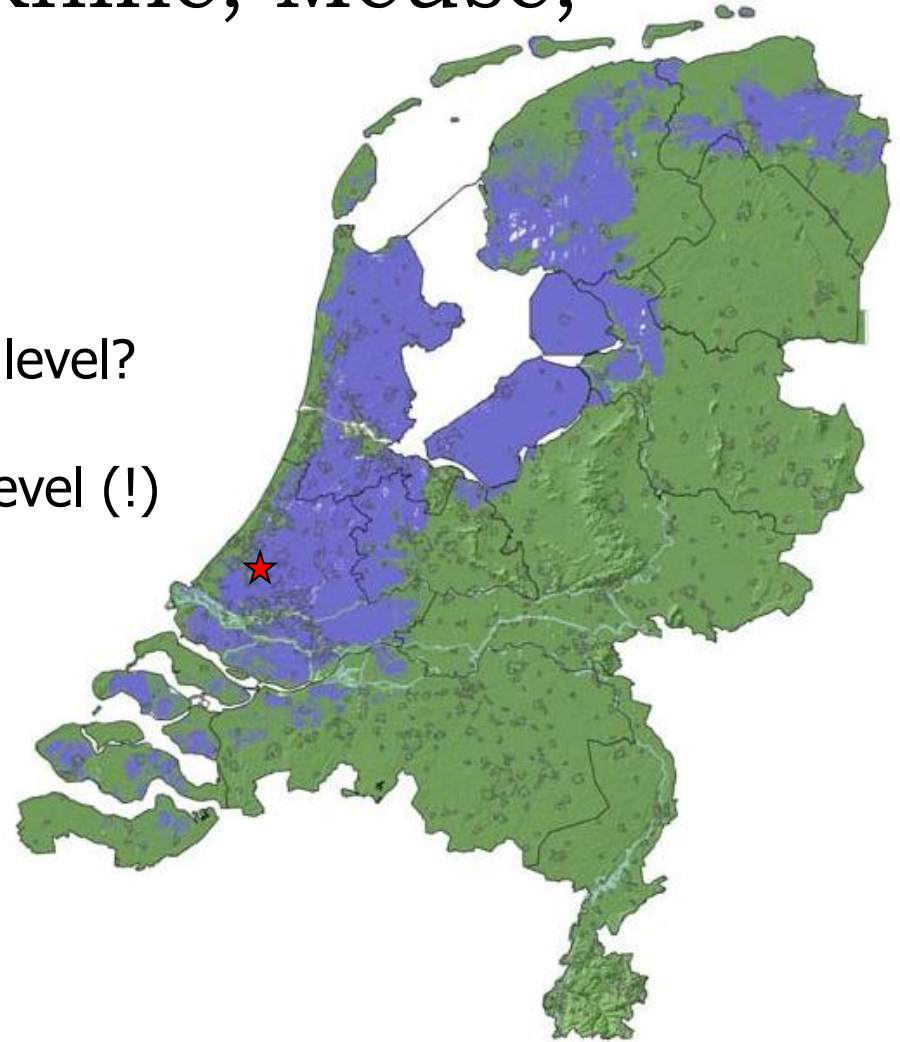
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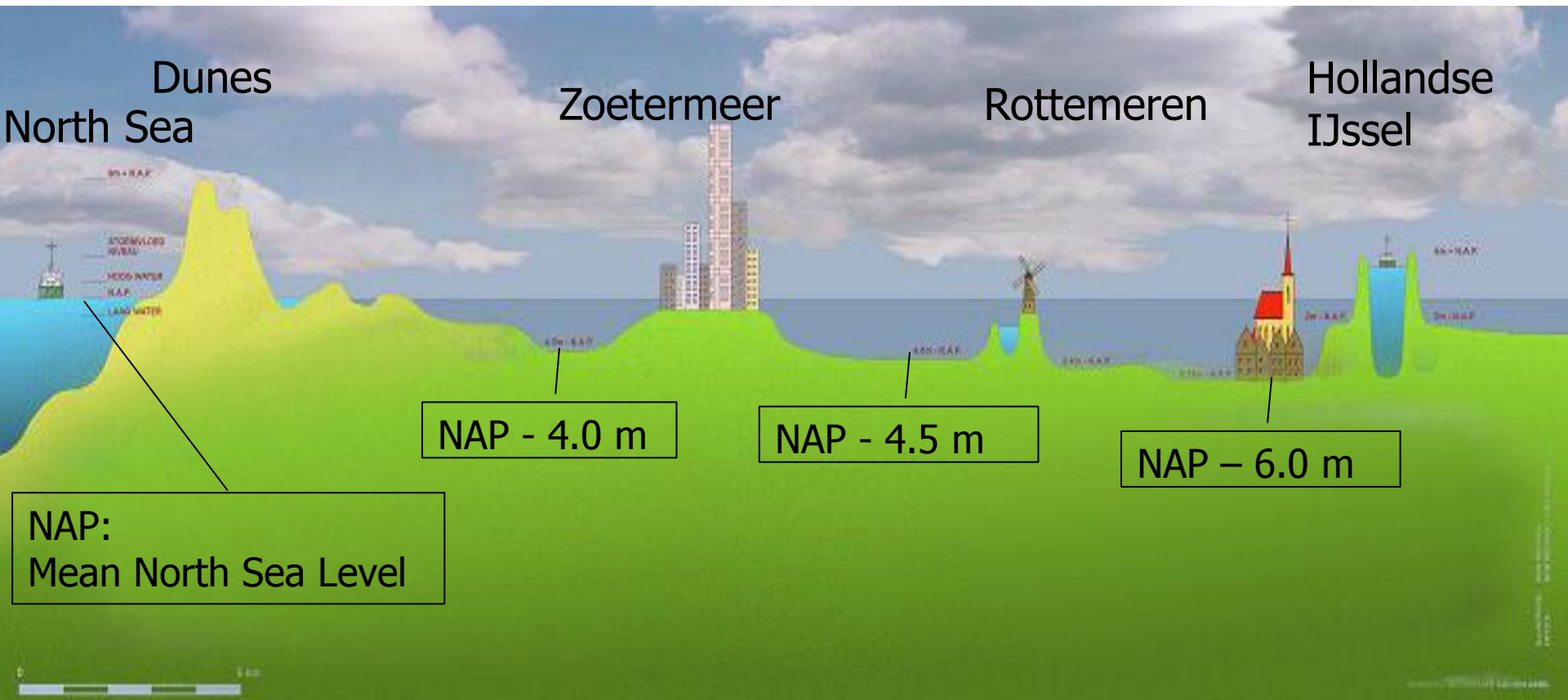
Influence of sea level



Influence of sea + river levels



# Watersystems in the Dutch delta



**Jakarta**

**Pluit - November 26, 2007**



# Jakarta Pluit - February 2011 (Water level 2.28m)

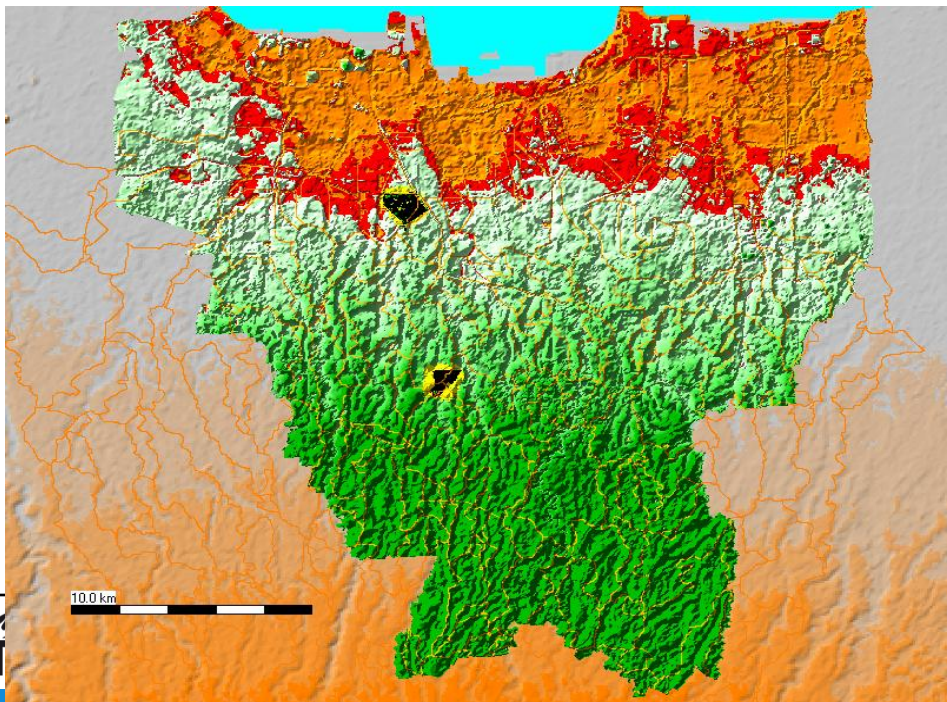
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Jakarta: average 7 m + sea level  
➤ 40% of Jakarta below sea level



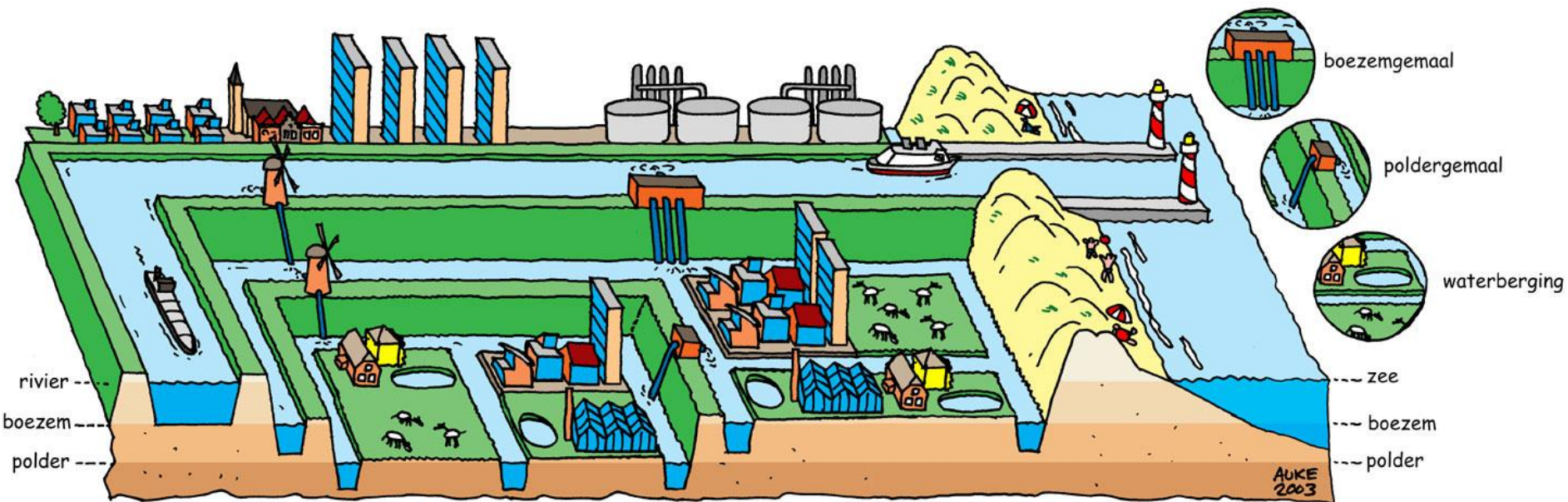
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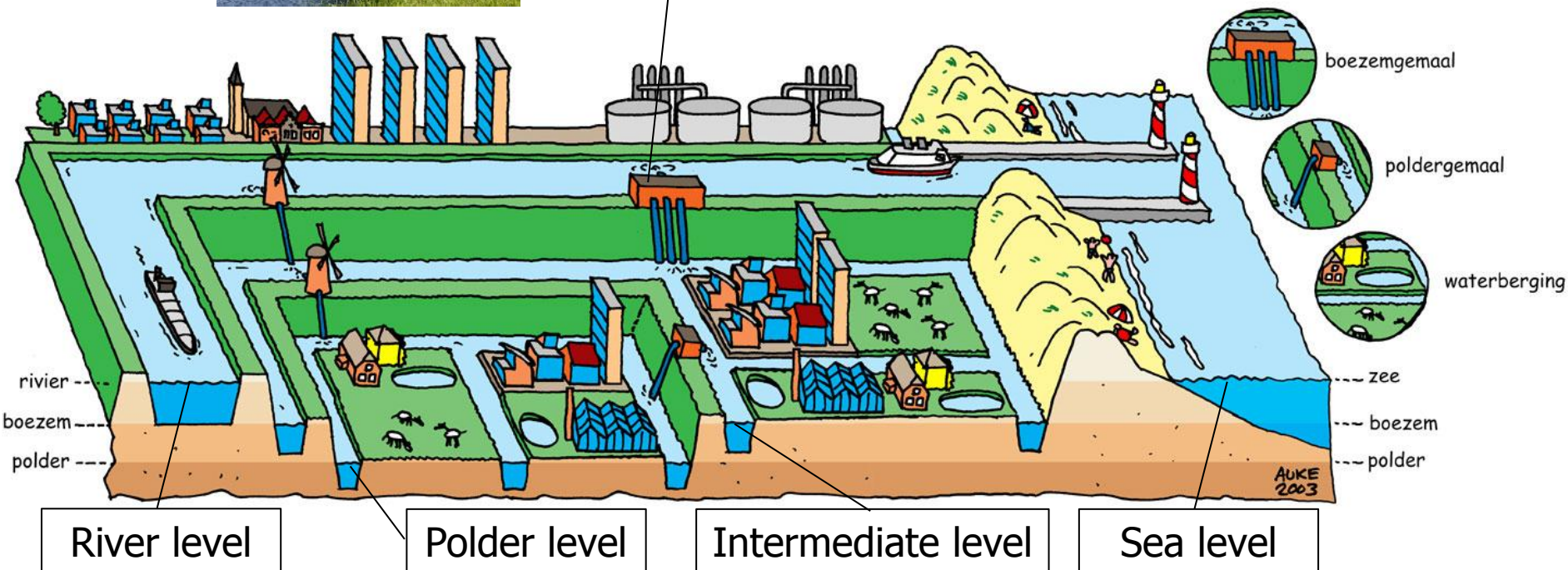
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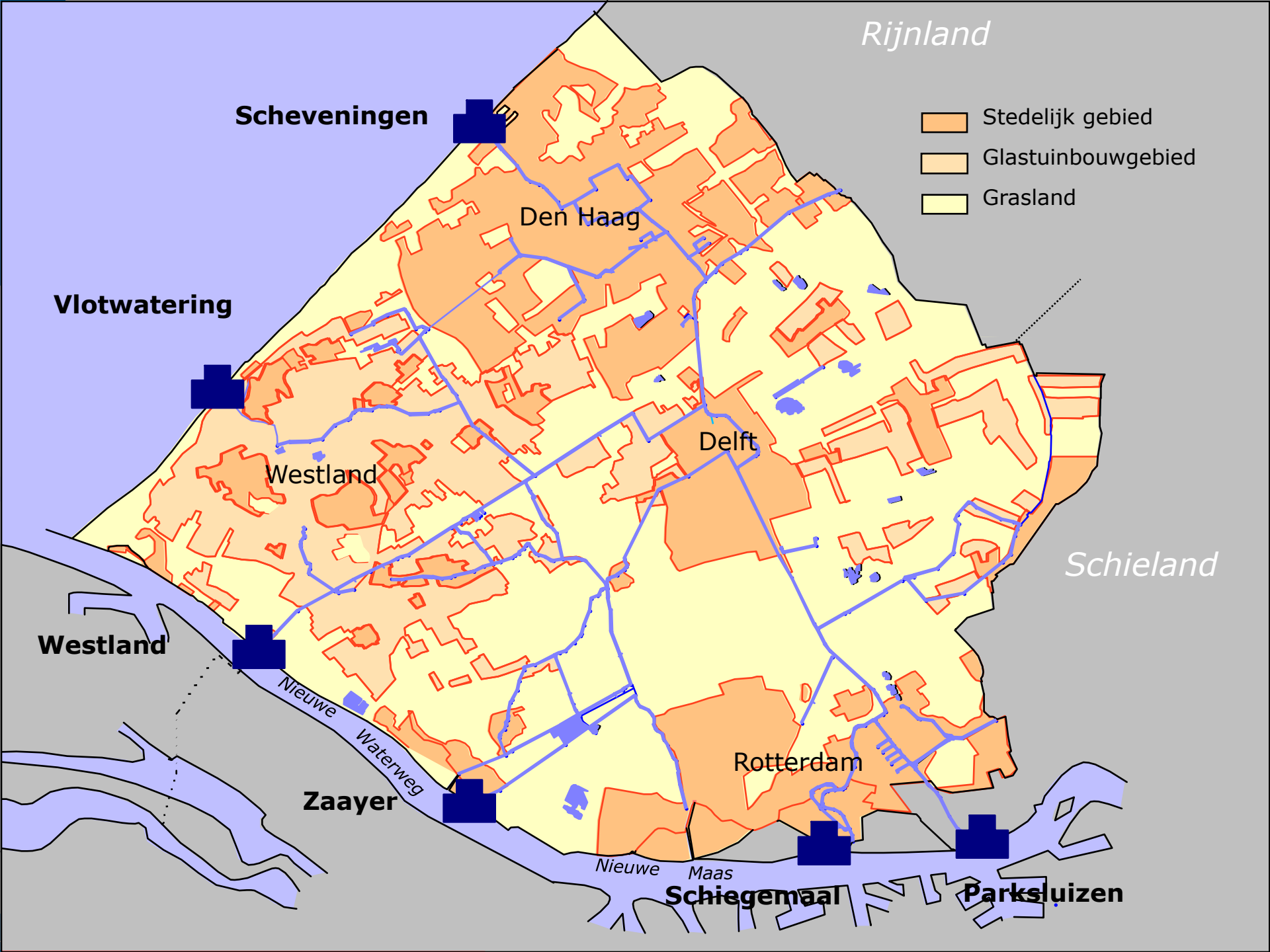


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Pumping station





# Delft area, dikes for flood protection:

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If this were 1 continuous straight line of dikes, what European capitals could we reach?





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- Delft-Paris: 463 km
- Delft-Berlin: 702 km
- Delft-London: 492 km

A lot of dikes to maintain or enlarge!



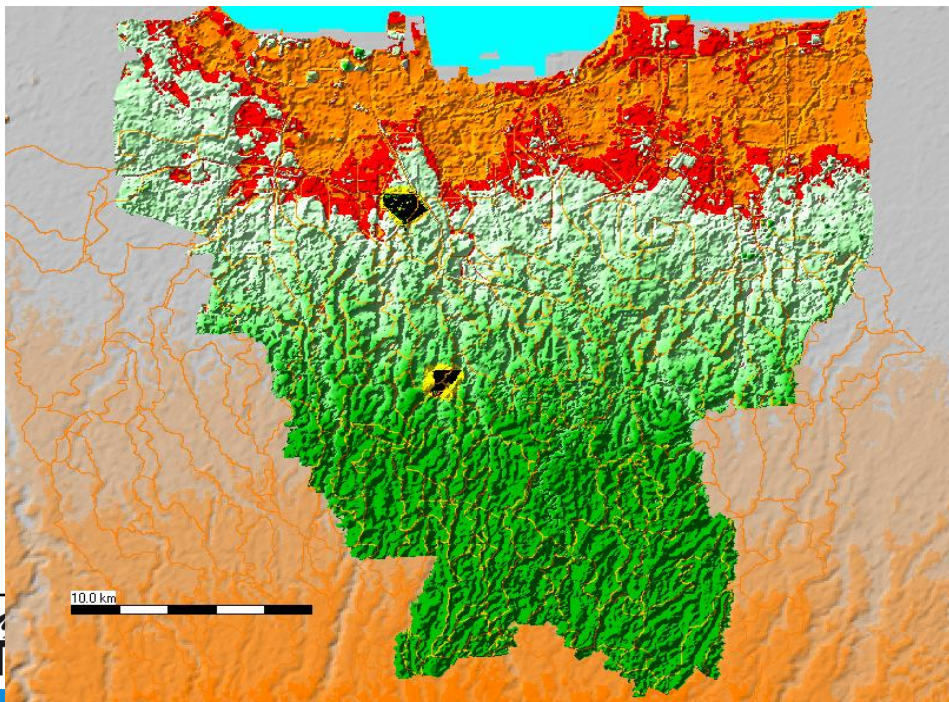
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Delft: 0.5 to 5 meters below mean sea level

709 km of dikes to protect surrounding delta area

Jakarta: 40% of urbanised area below sea level

- Should a similar solution be implemented here?





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High sea levels are only part of the problem:

Source: [www.wunderground.com](http://www.wunderground.com)



Jakarta, Jan 2013: extreme rainfall

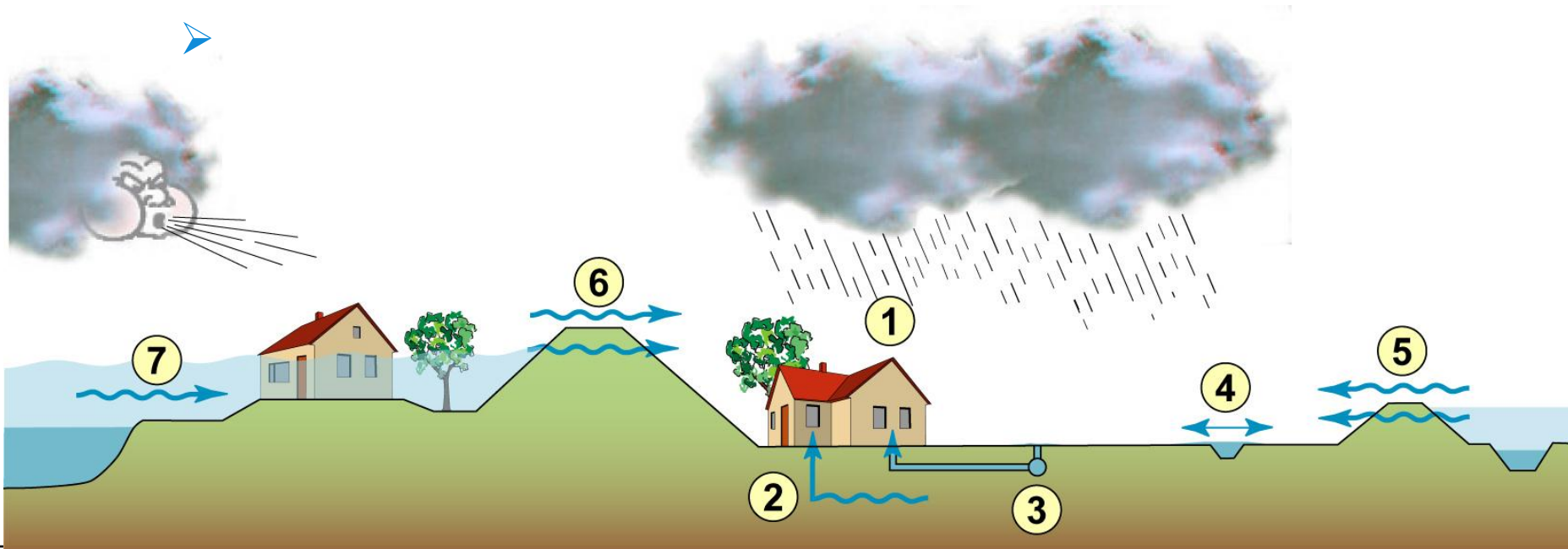


# Water management challenges in deltas

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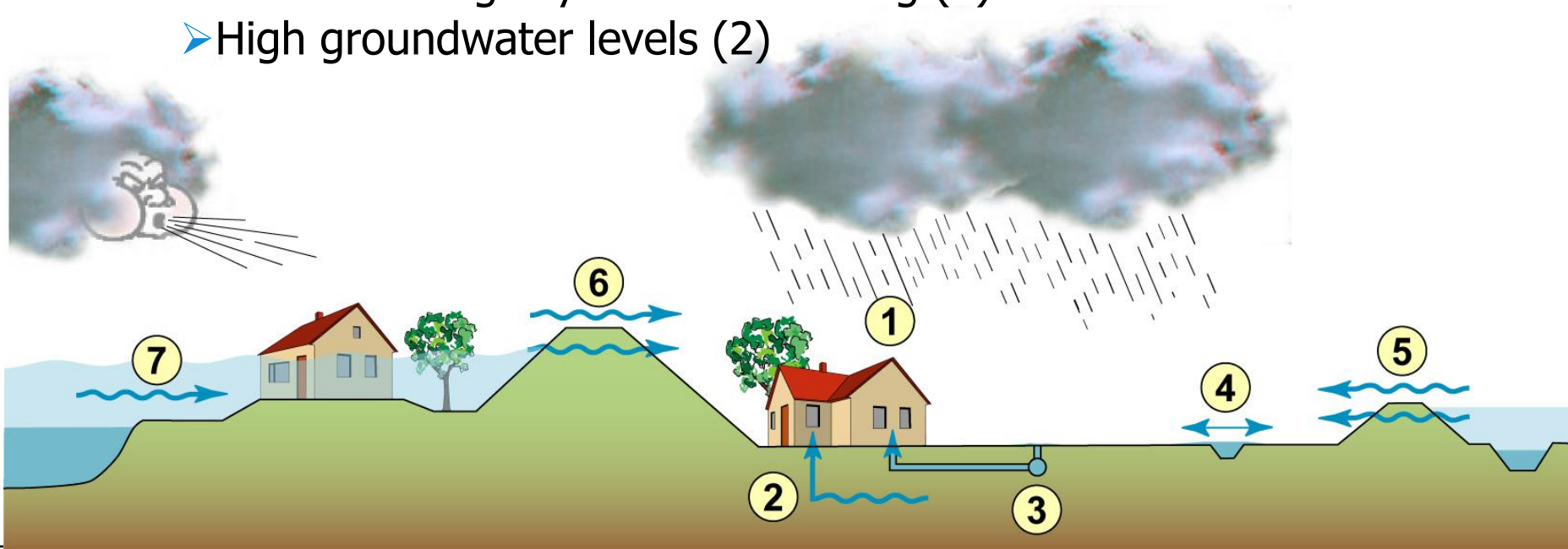
Make a list: 7 water problems in deltas



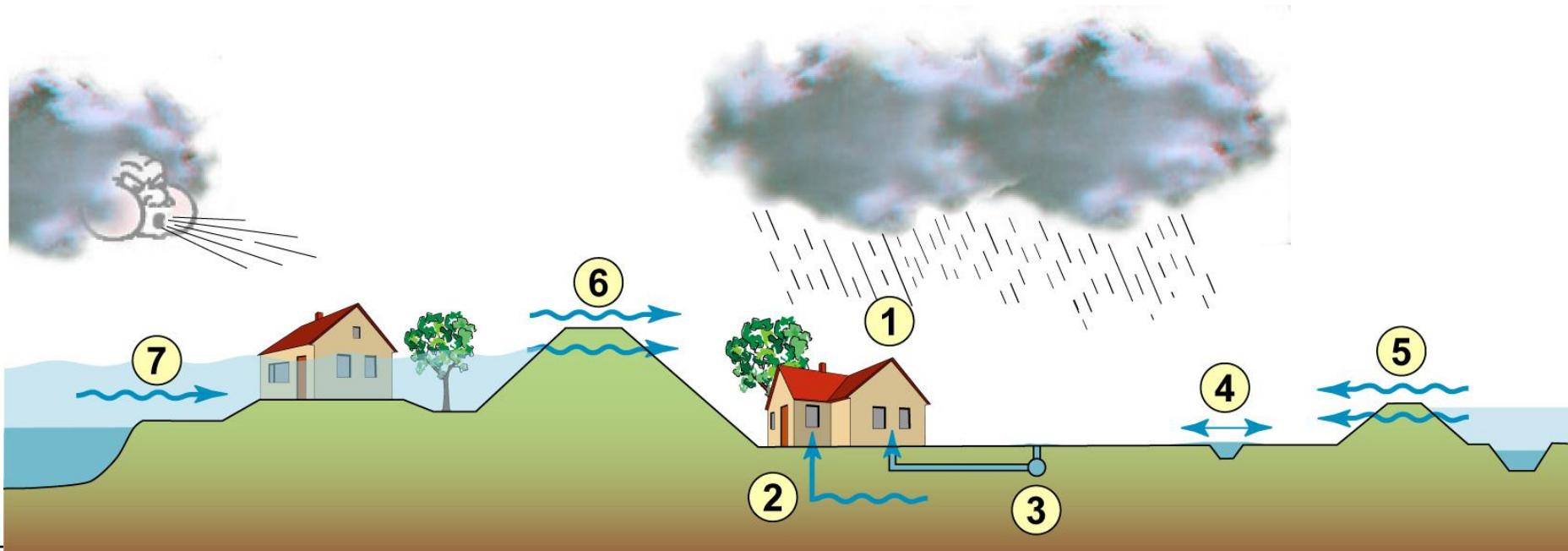
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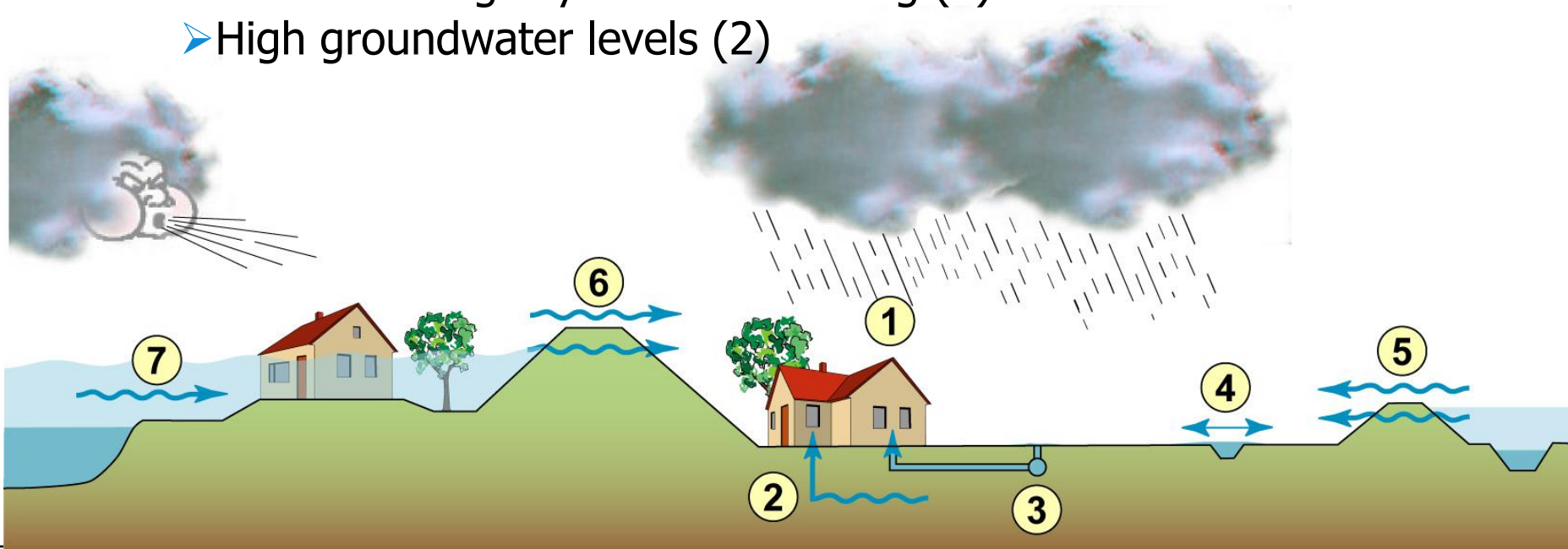
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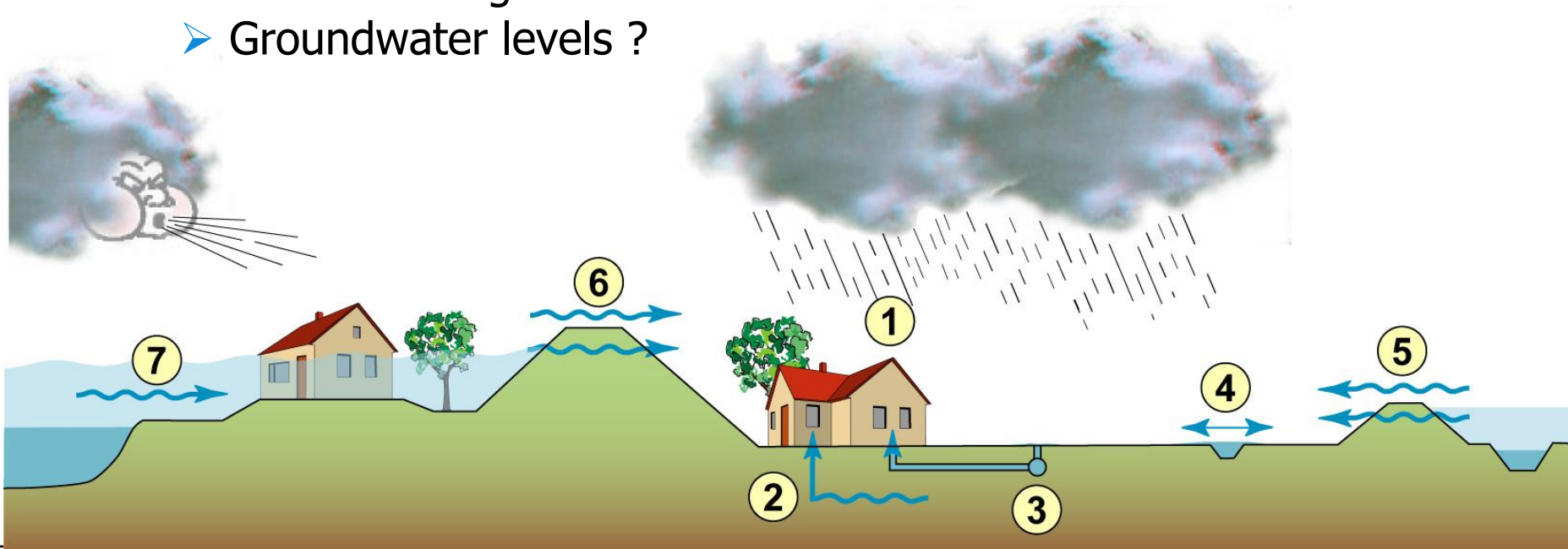
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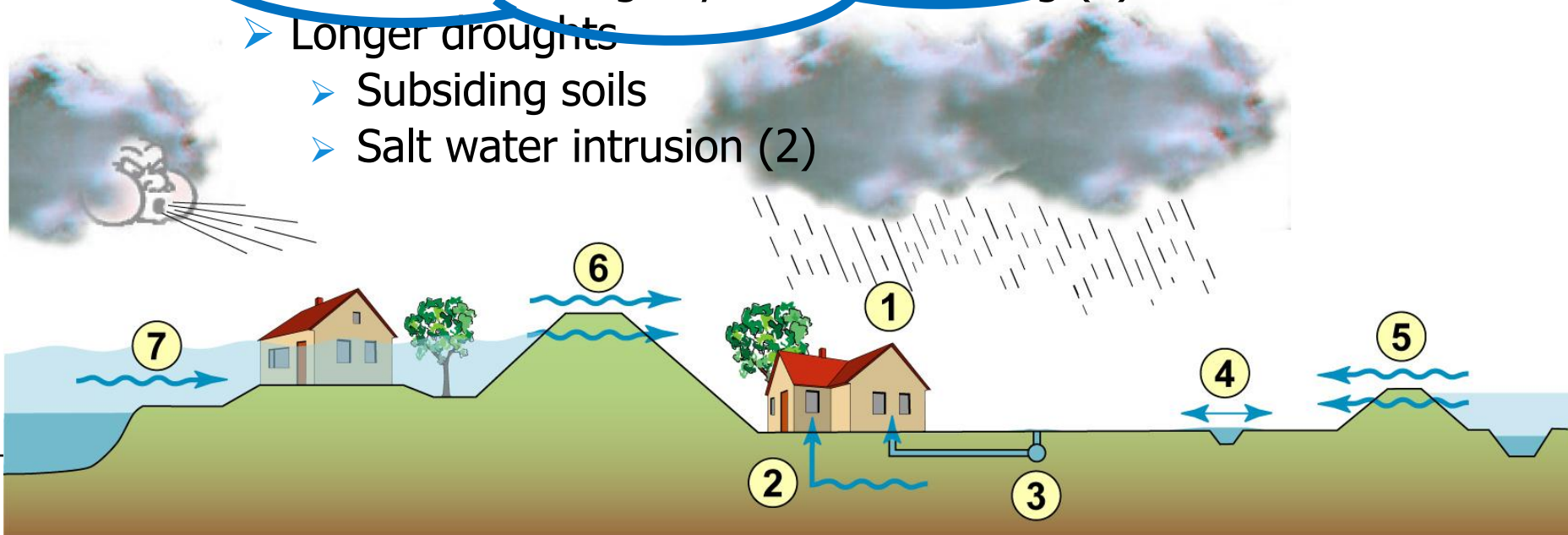
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- Groundwater levels ?





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  - High surface water levels (in polder and regional water system) (4)
  - Urban drainage system overloading (5)
- Longer droughts
  - Subsiding soils
  - Salt water intrusion (2)





Jakarta, Jan 2013:  
extreme rainfall



# Aerial view of Delft and elevation levels



Dark blue is level of main surface waters (water level Schie: NAP-0.43)

# Delft city centre: canals



Note: street level  
only cm-s  
above water  
level

## Rietveld en Raam blank na hoosbuien



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Street level only cm-s above water level: susceptible to flooding

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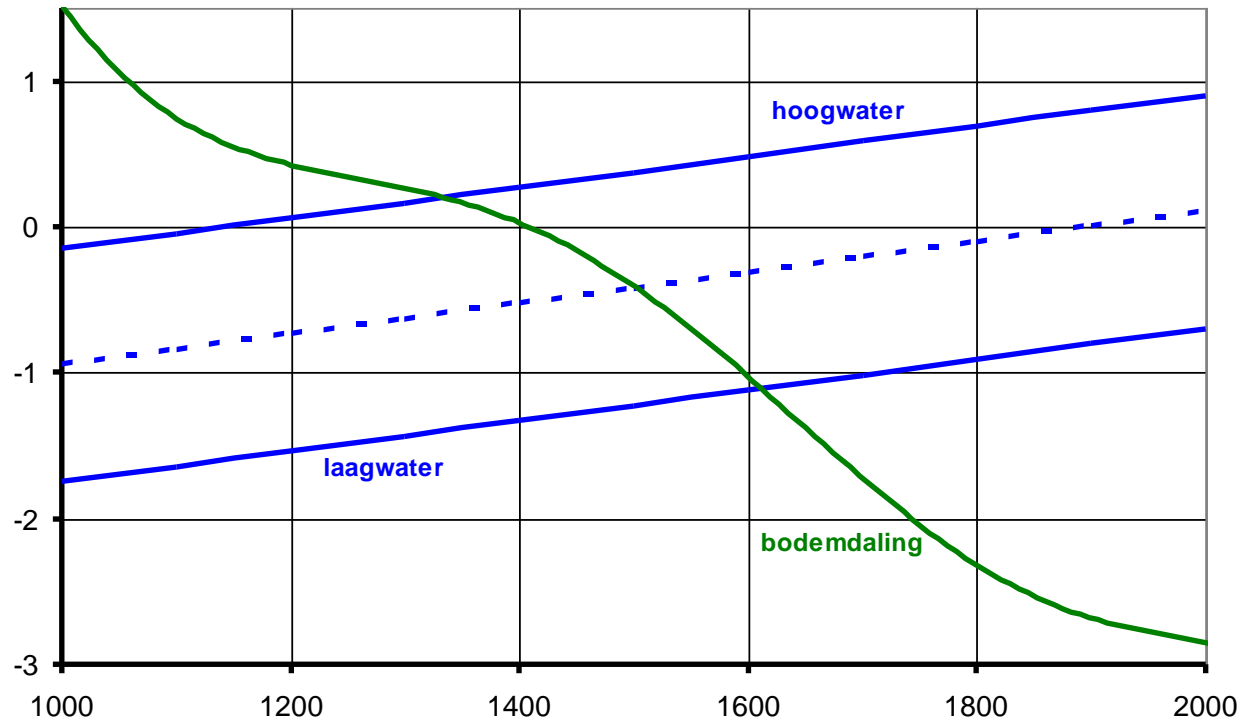
*Deltas , an additional challenge:  
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# Land reclamation: subsidence



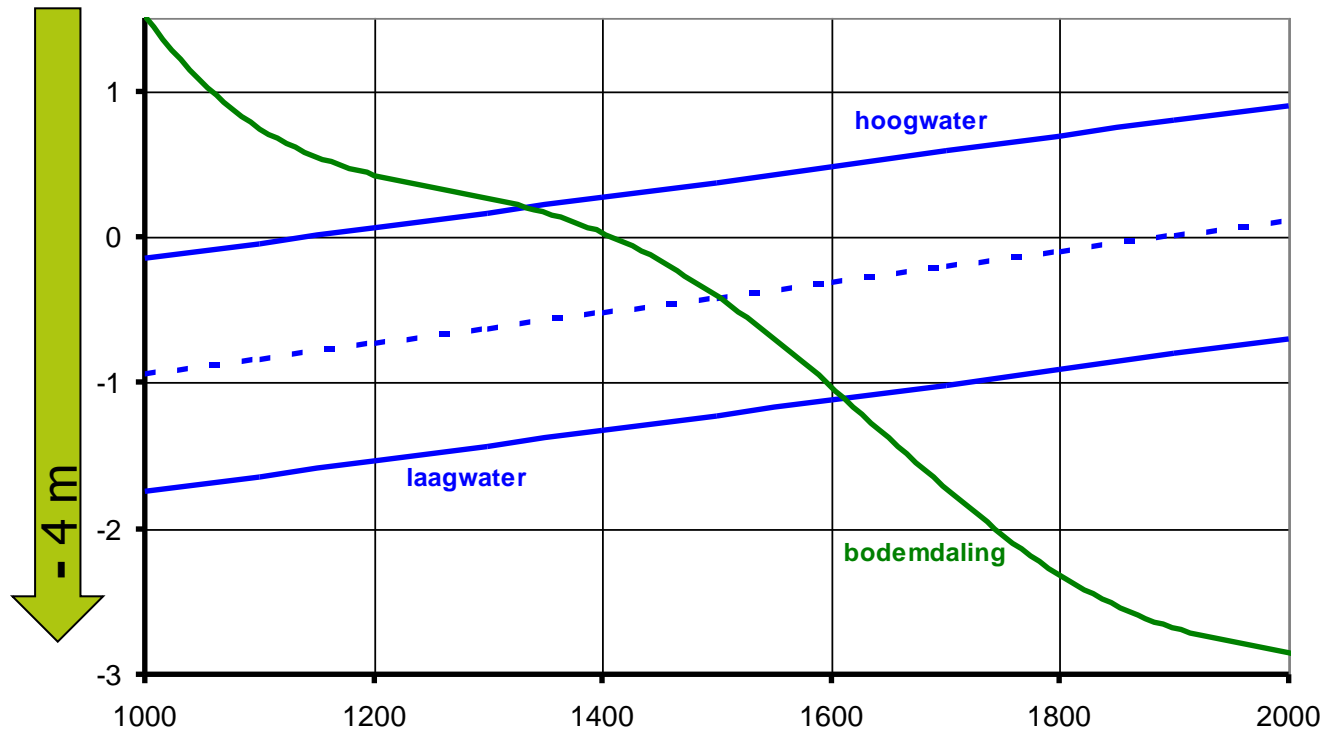
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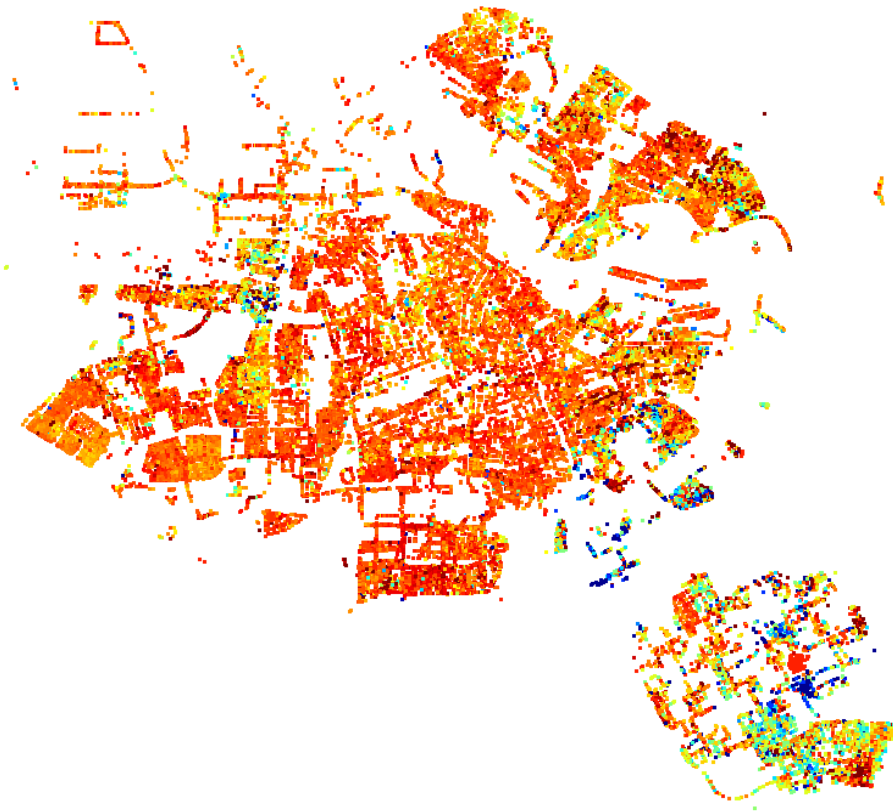


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# Subsidence in polders



Amsterdam: Settlement rate in mm/yr

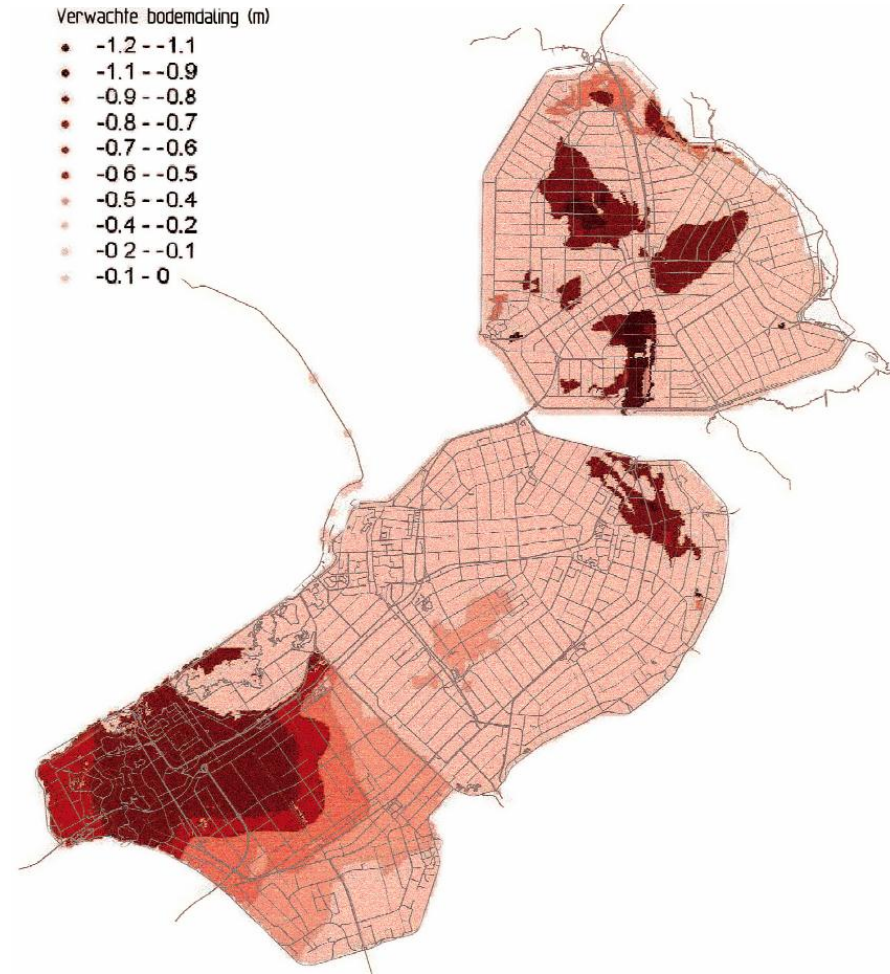
Scale: -20mm/yr (dark blue) to 0mm/yr (red)

## Expected subsidence

(Flevopolders: range 0 to 1.2 m)

Verwachte bodemdaling (m)

- -1.2 - -1.1
- -1.1 - -0.9
- -0.9 - -0.8
- -0.8 - -0.7
- -0.7 - -0.6
- -0.6 - -0.5
- -0.5 - -0.4
- -0.4 - -0.2
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- -0.1 - 0



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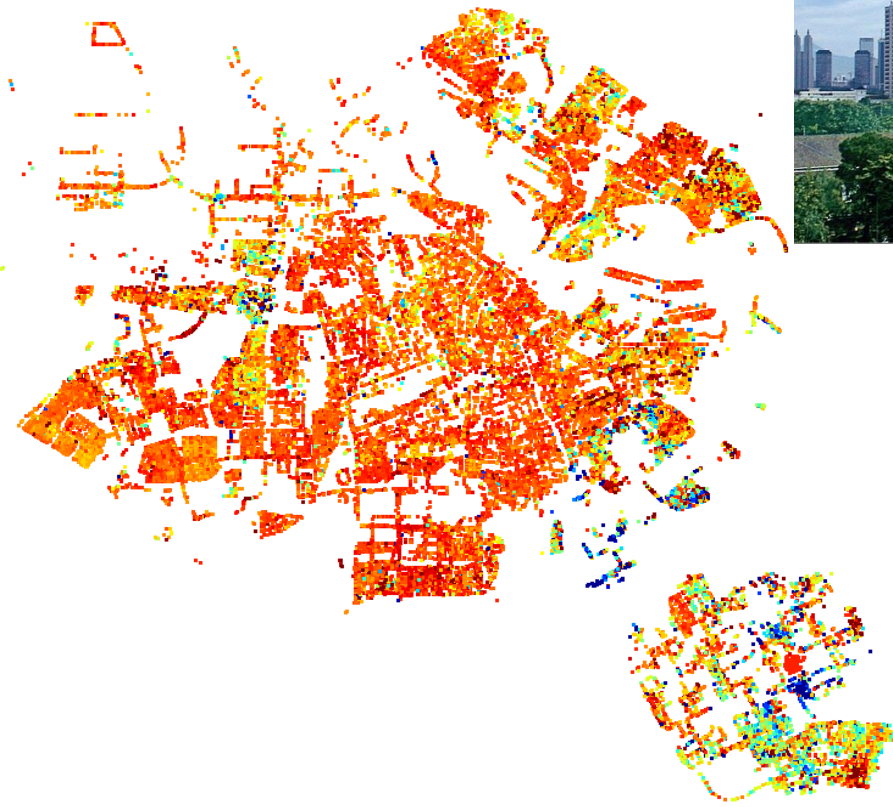


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Jakarta: Settlement rate in mm/yr:  
Up to 25 cm /year

So... we build higher and  
higher buildings  
and will be safe?

Amsterdam: Settlement rate in mm/yr:  
Up to 2 cm/year



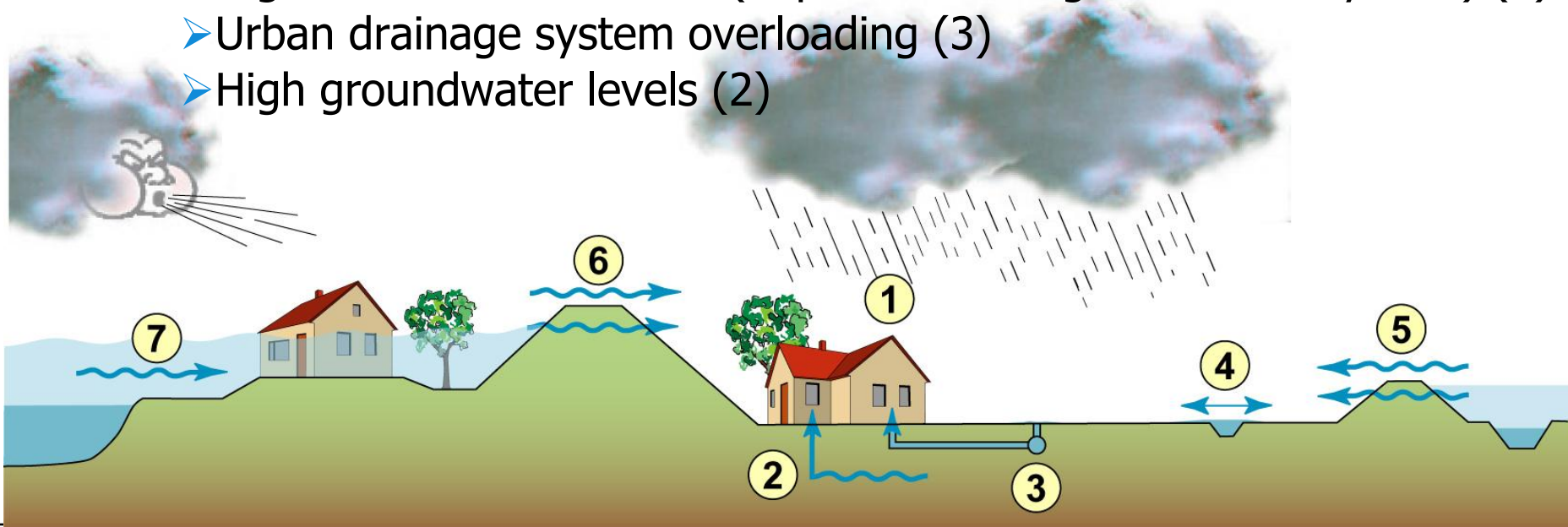
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Well,  
only if you do not want  
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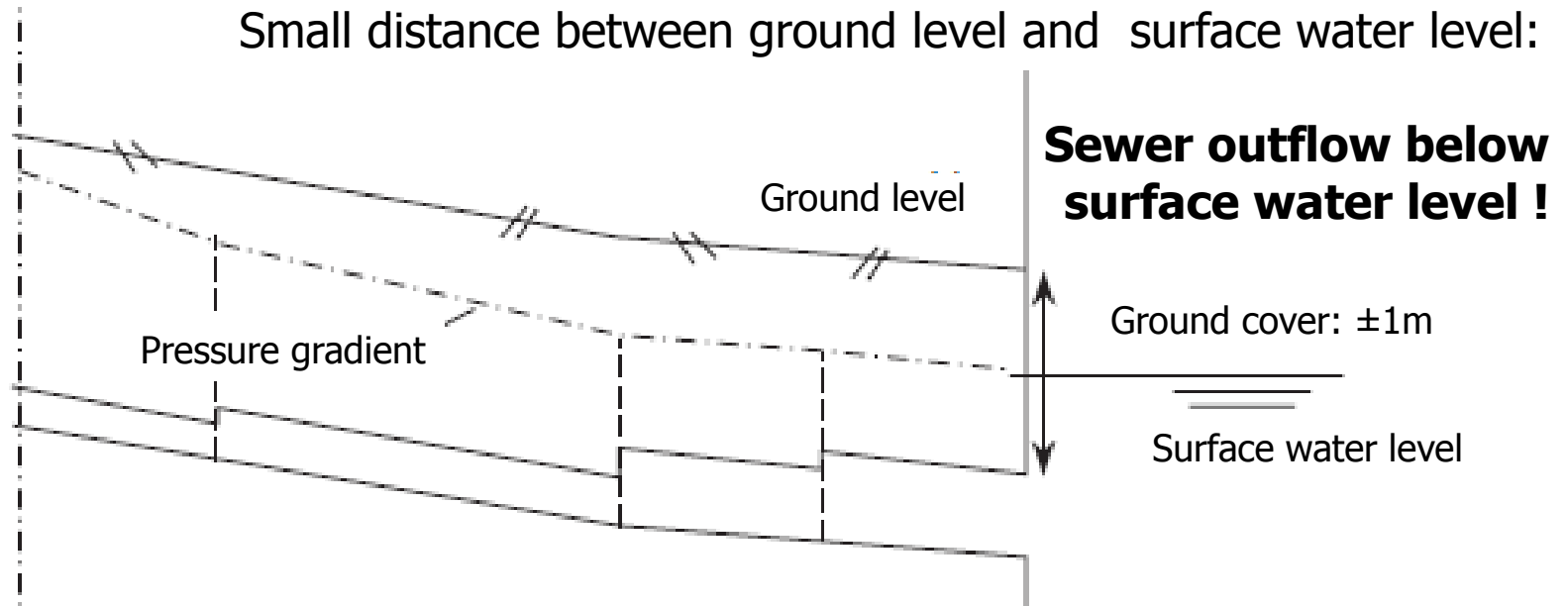


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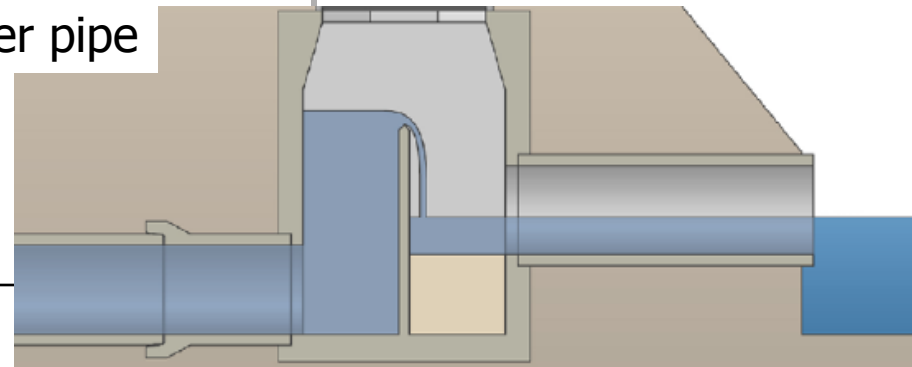
*Sewer systems in lowland areas,  
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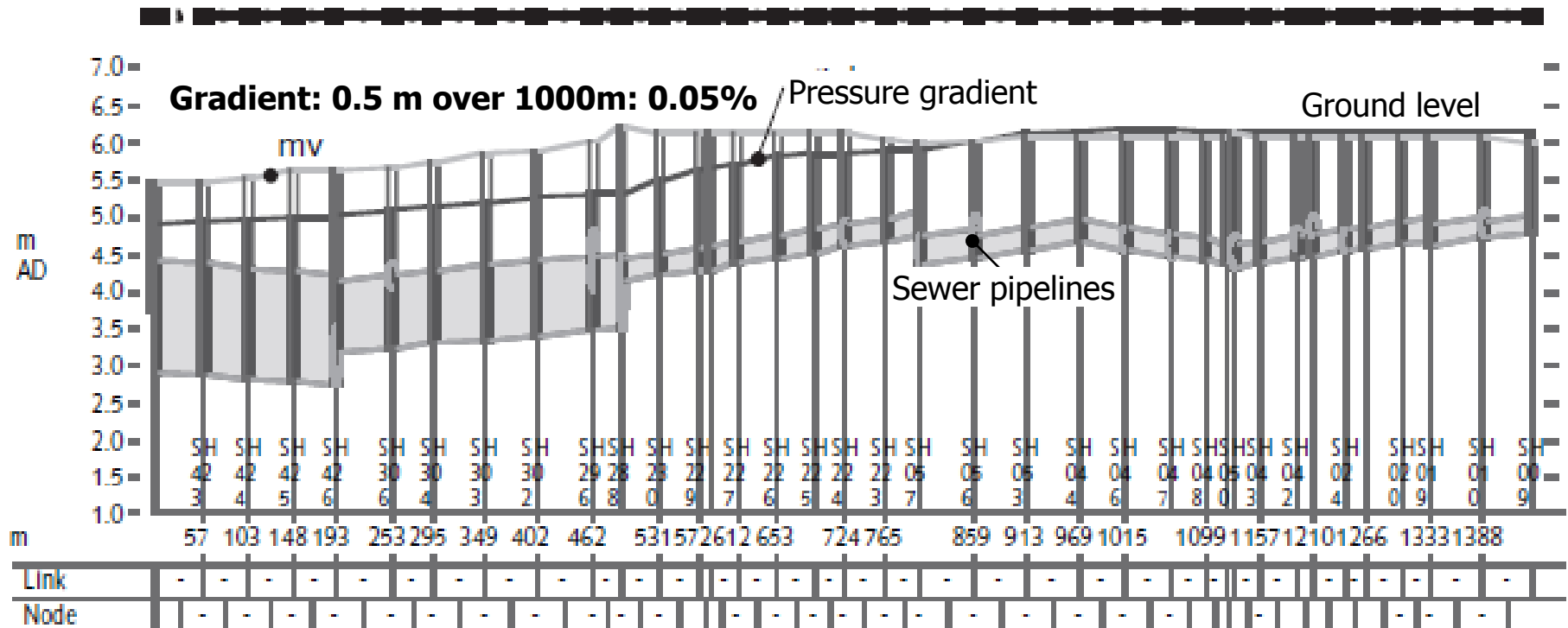


Side-view of underground sewer pipe



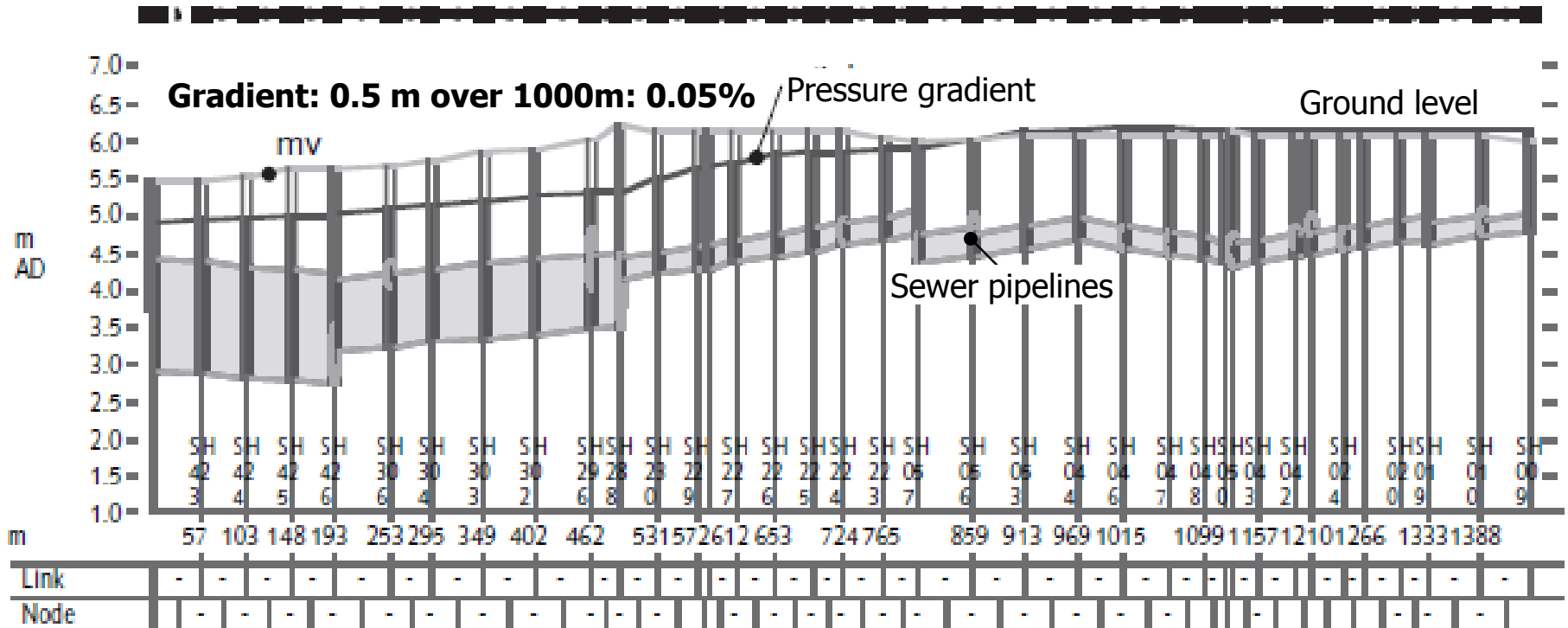
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Side view of small-gradient sewer



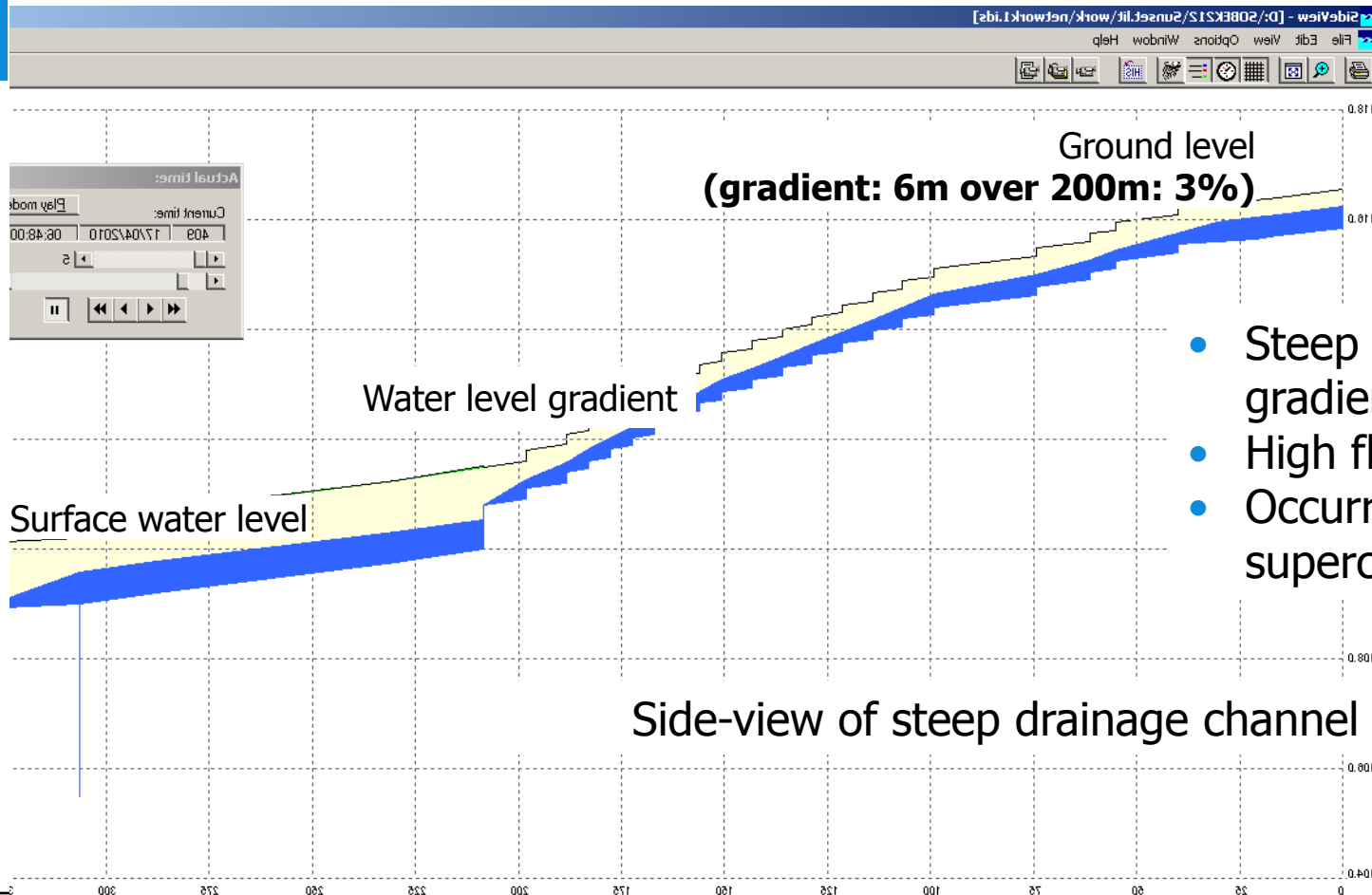
# Sewers in flat urban catchments

- Small ground level gradient; small sewer pipe gradients
- Low flow velocities
- Subcritical flow





# Sewers in steep urban catchments



- Steep ground level gradient;
- High flow velocities
- Occurrence of supercritical flow

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First, a few questions:

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Feature	Sloping	Flat
Distance ground level to surface water level	0 – 10s of meters Pipe outflow point above surface water level Pipes above groundwater	0 – 10s of centimeters Pipe outflow point below surface water level Pipes below groundwater
Water conveyance gradient	Natural gradient	Create gradient by digger deeper+adding pumping stations
Flow velocities	High flow velocities	Low flow velocities
Design conditions	Pipes partially filled	Pipes surcharged =pressurised flow

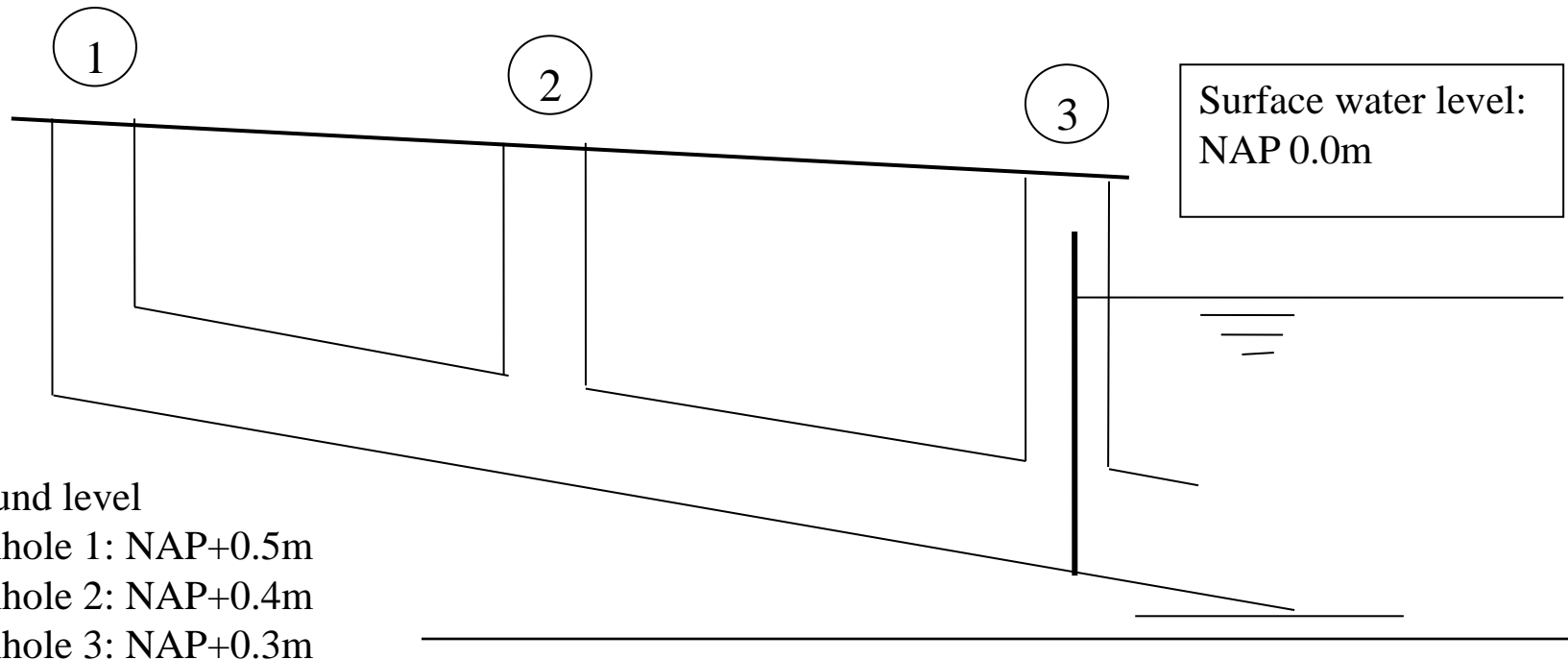
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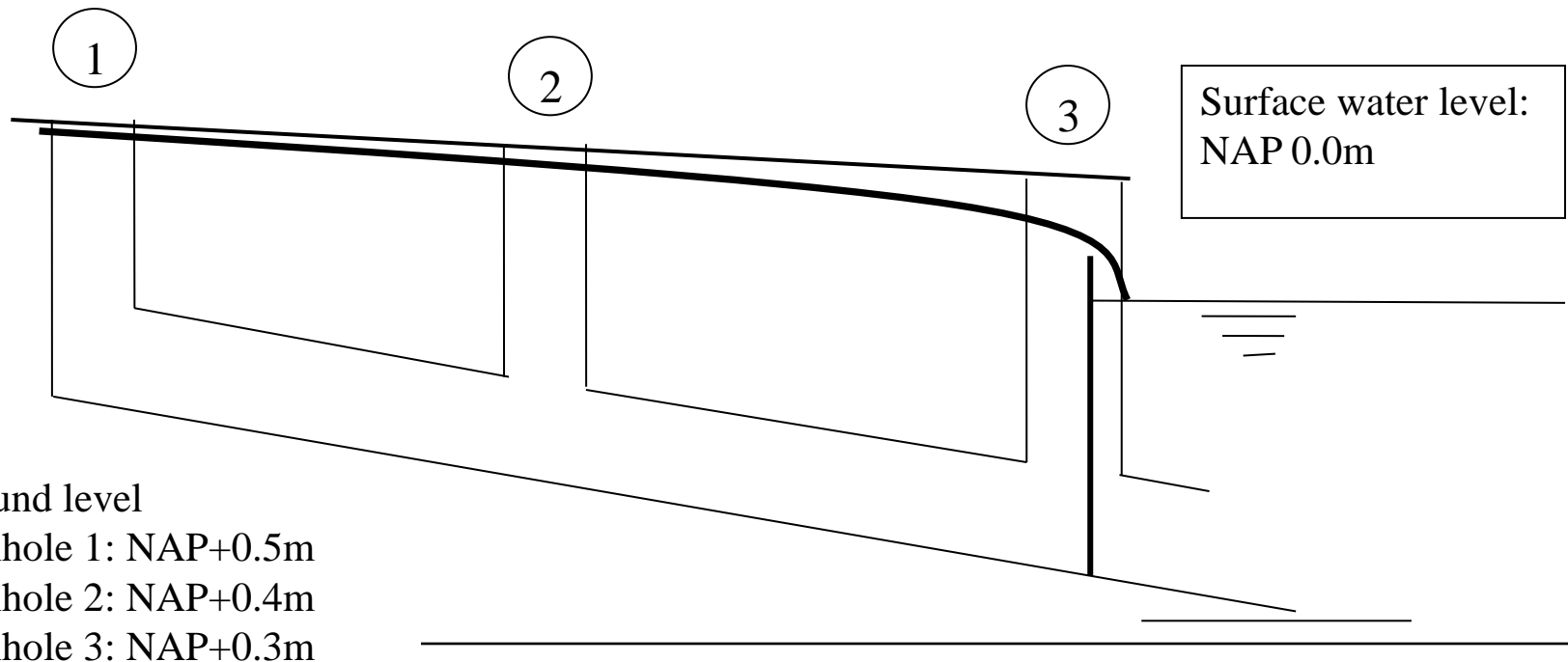
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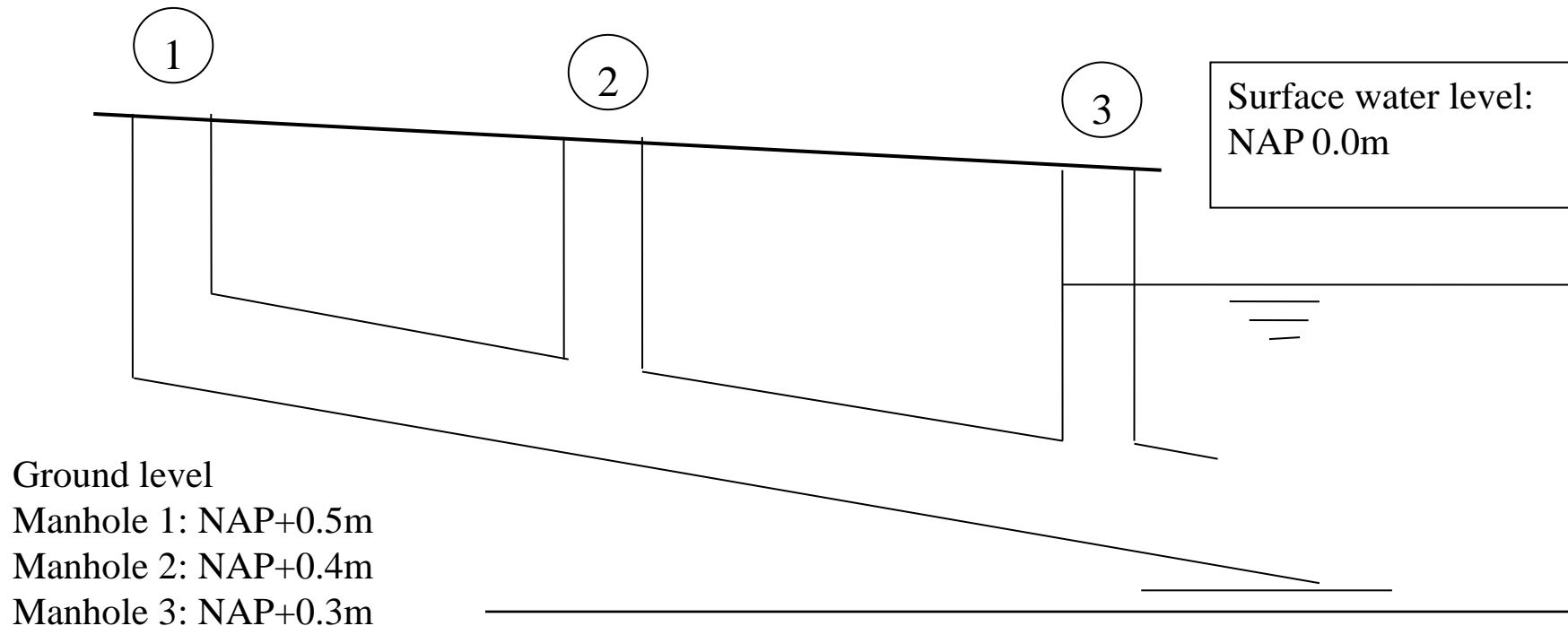
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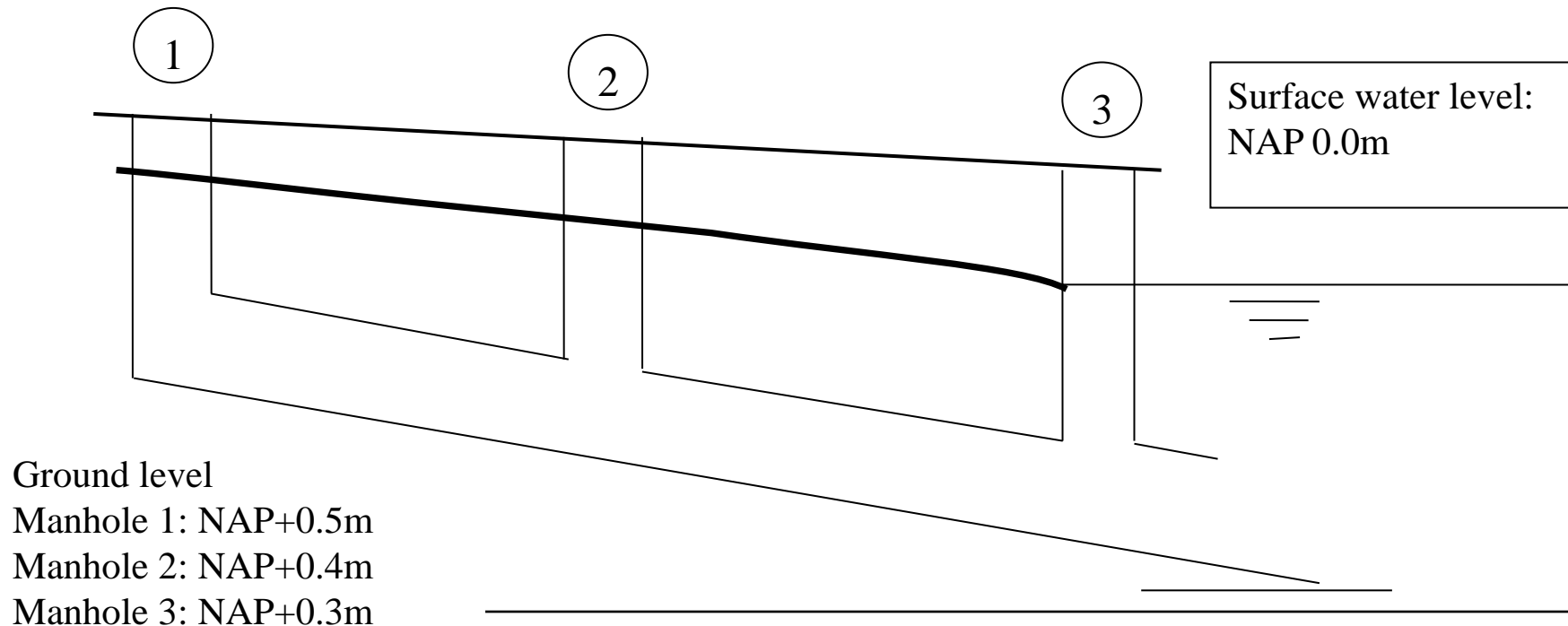
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