



# How robust is Oologah Lake water supply for droughts?

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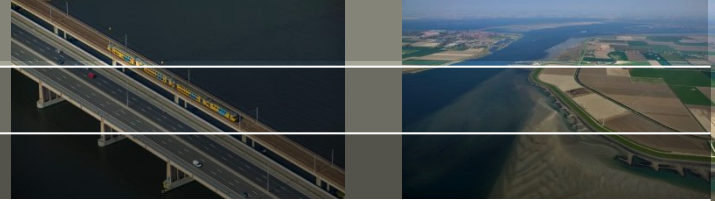


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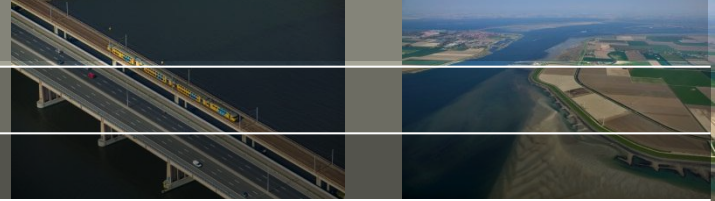
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# Overview

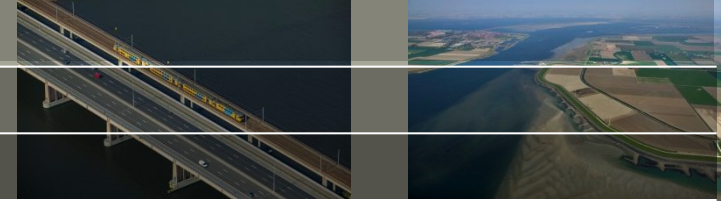


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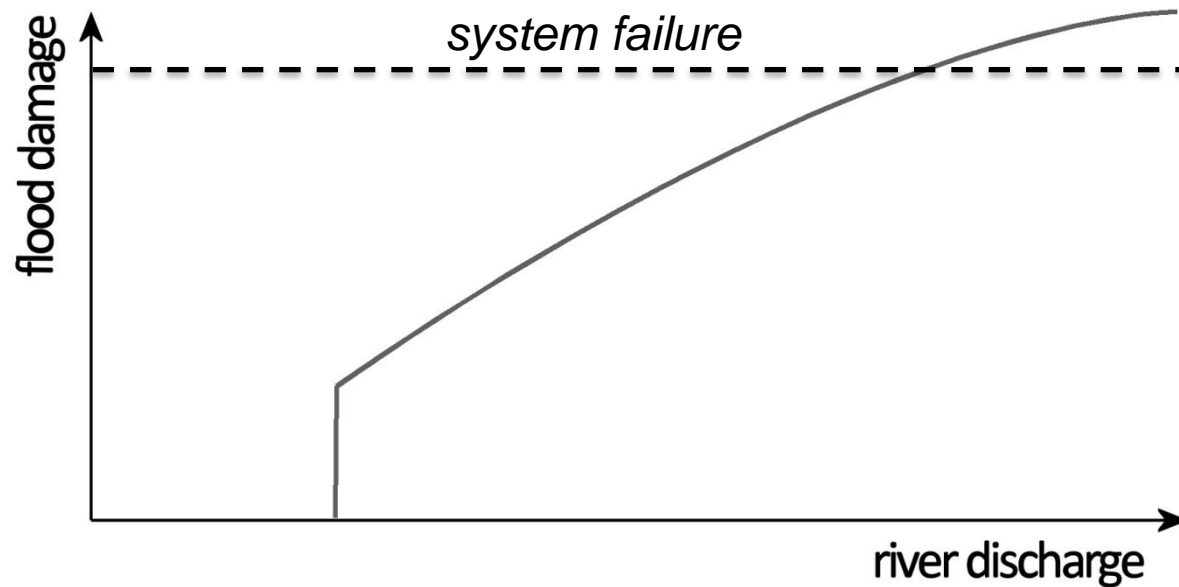
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# Robustness analysis

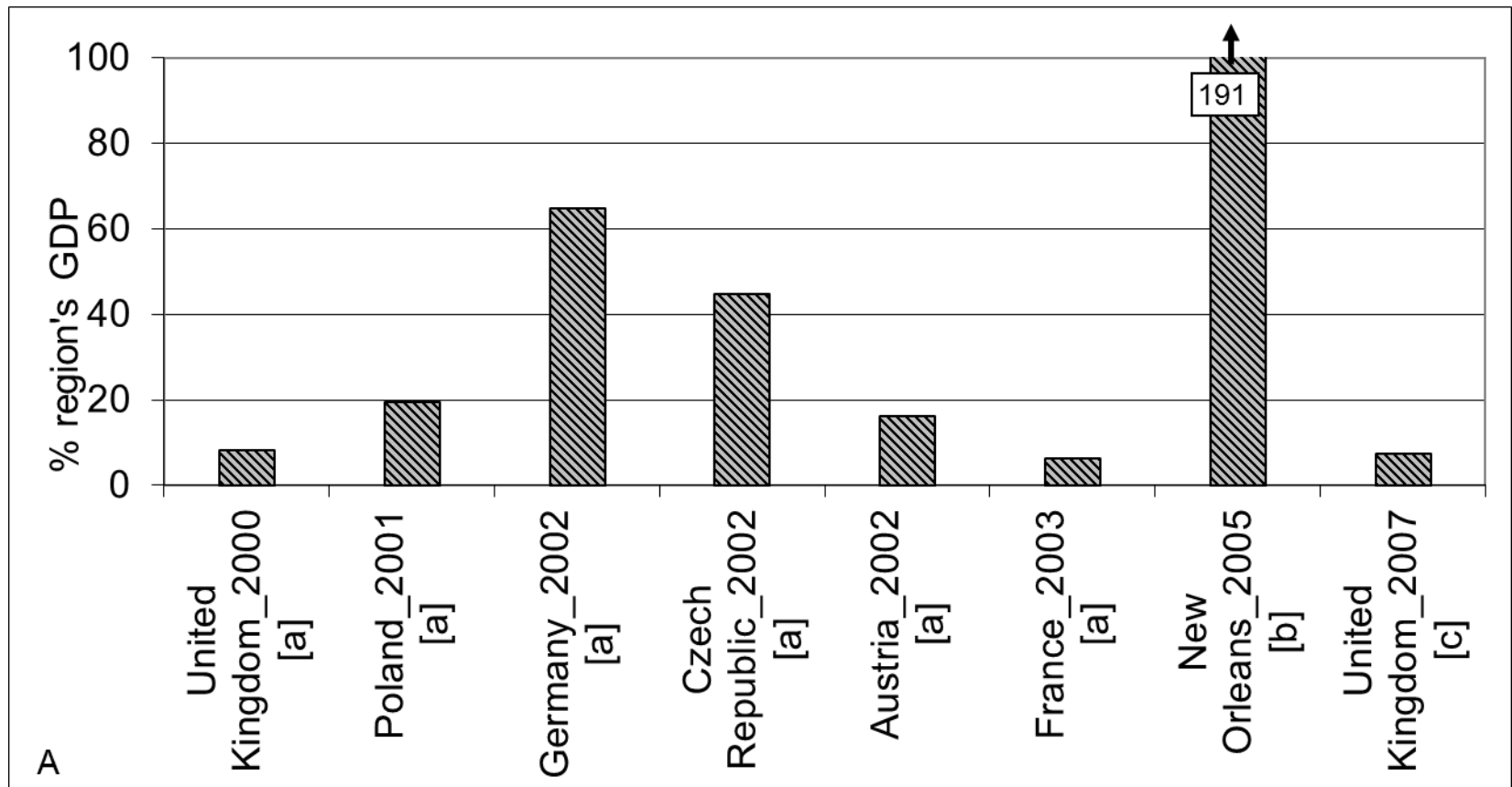
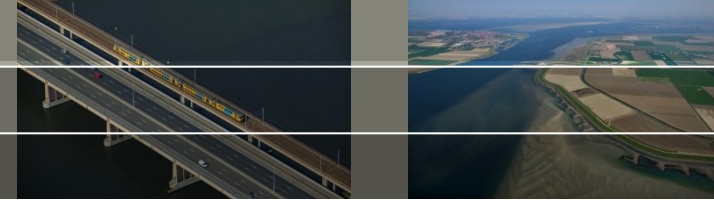


Robustness = ability to remain functioning during a range of disturbance magnitudes

failure of one element  $\leftrightarrow$  failure of entire system

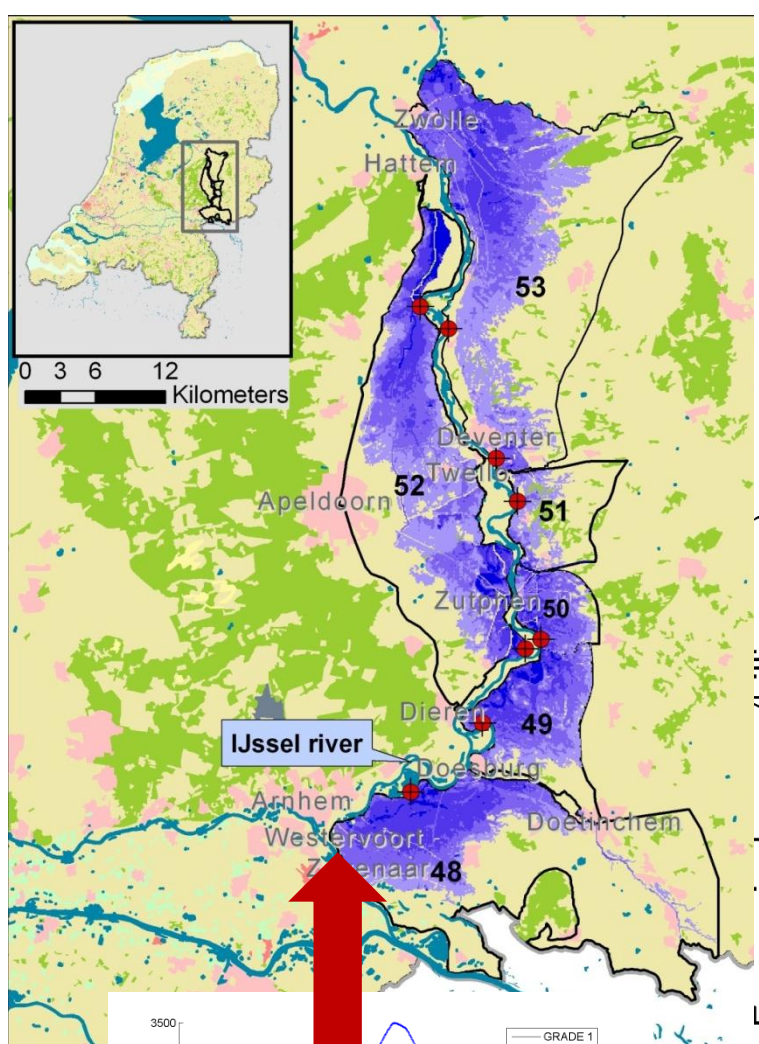


# Unacceptable consequences



‘Great catastrophe’ (Munich Re): impact > 5% GDP

<sup>A</sup> Mens and Klijn (under review) The added value of system robustness analysis for flood risk management. *Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences*.

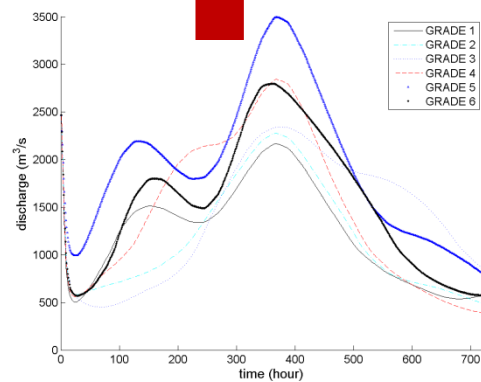
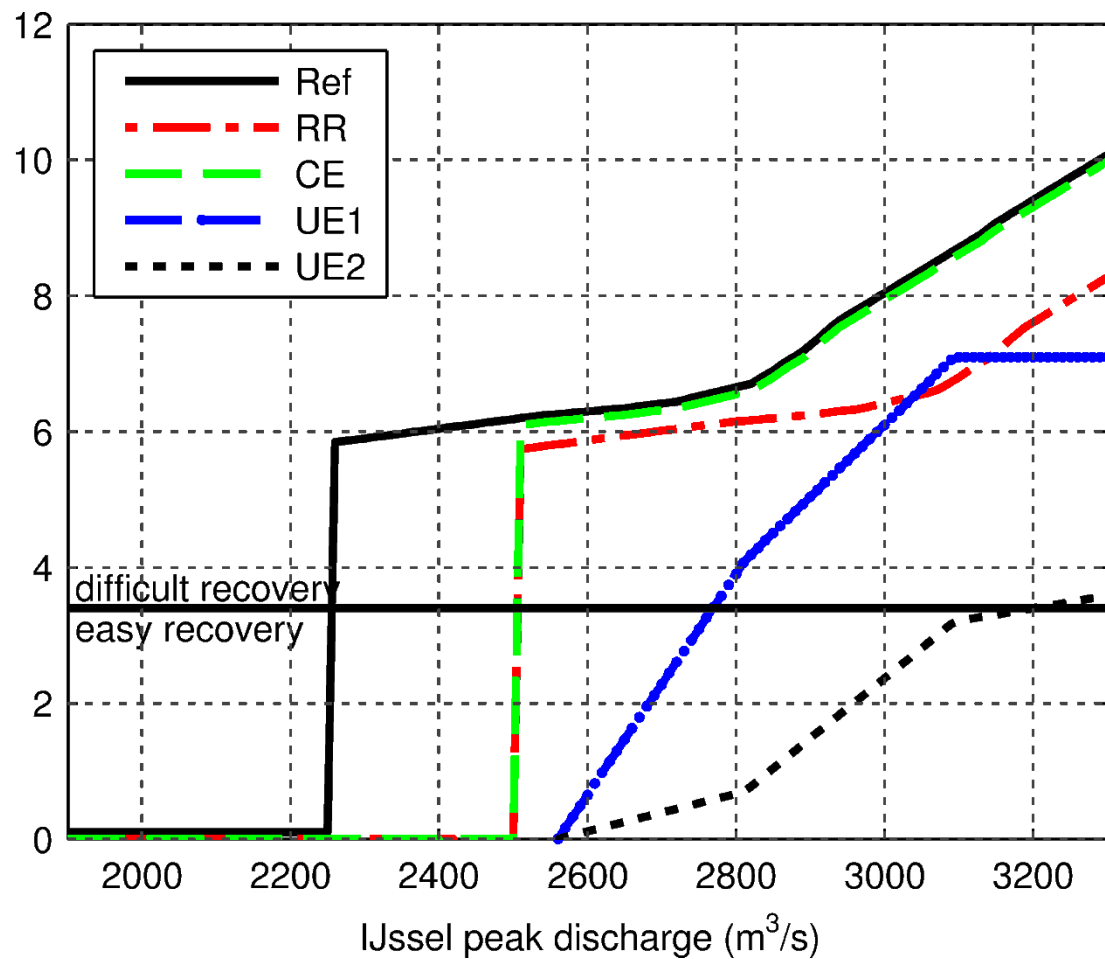


## Legend

- Breach locations
- 53 Dike-ring areas
- Dutch border



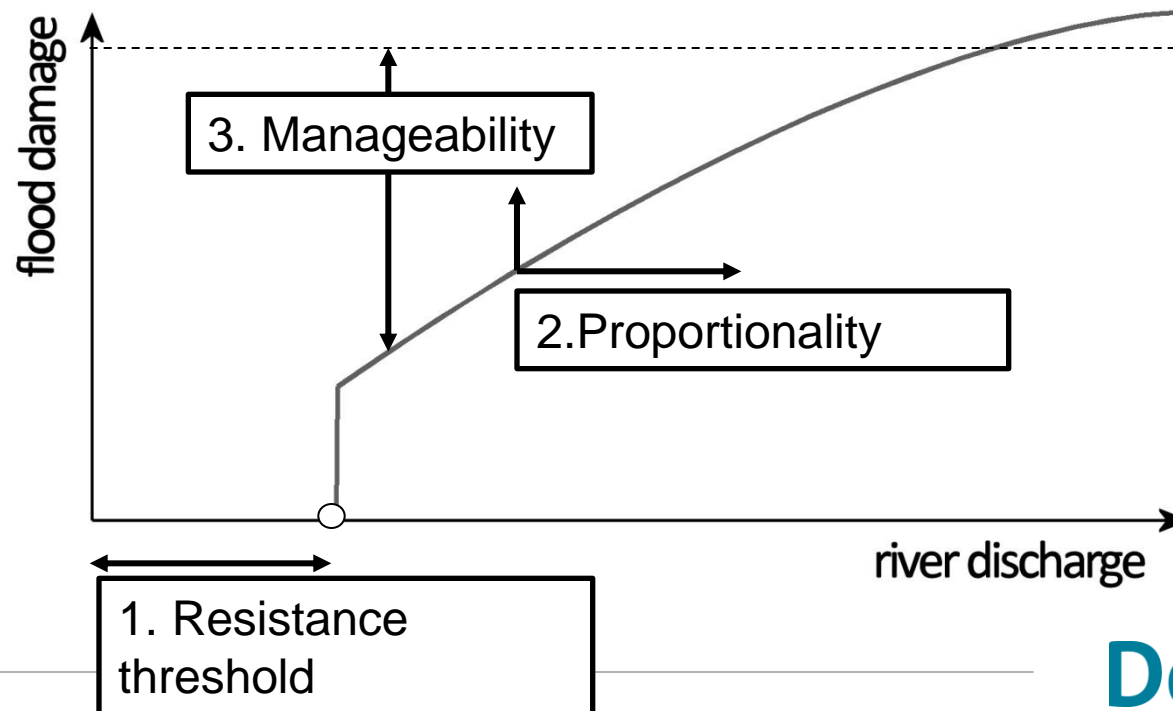
Economic damage (billion euro)



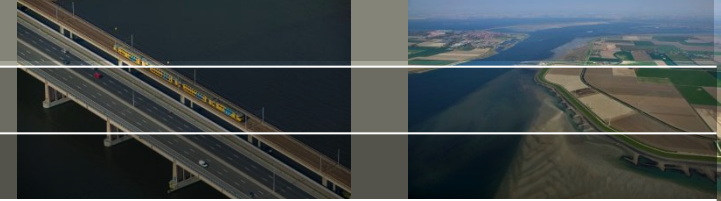
# Quantifying system robustness

Criteria:

1. Resistance threshold
2. Response proportionality
3. Severity / Manageability

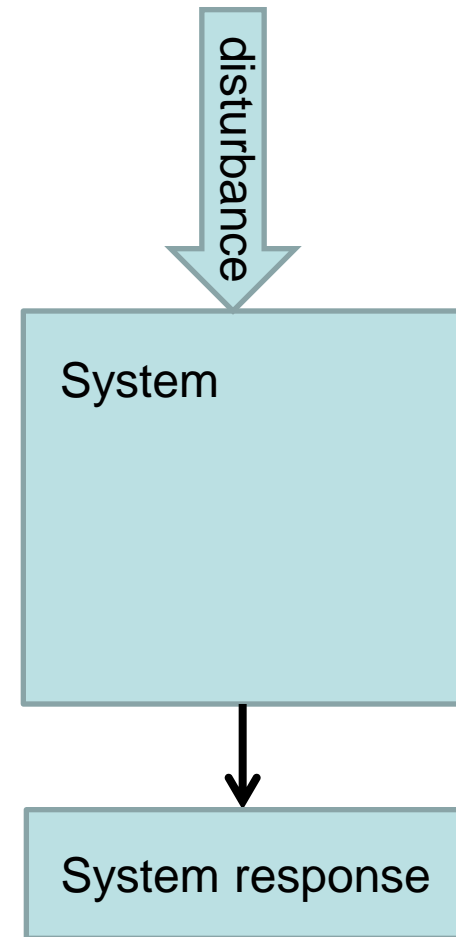






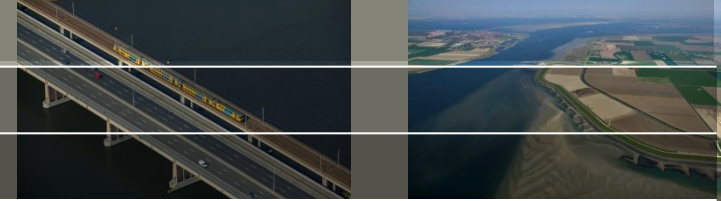
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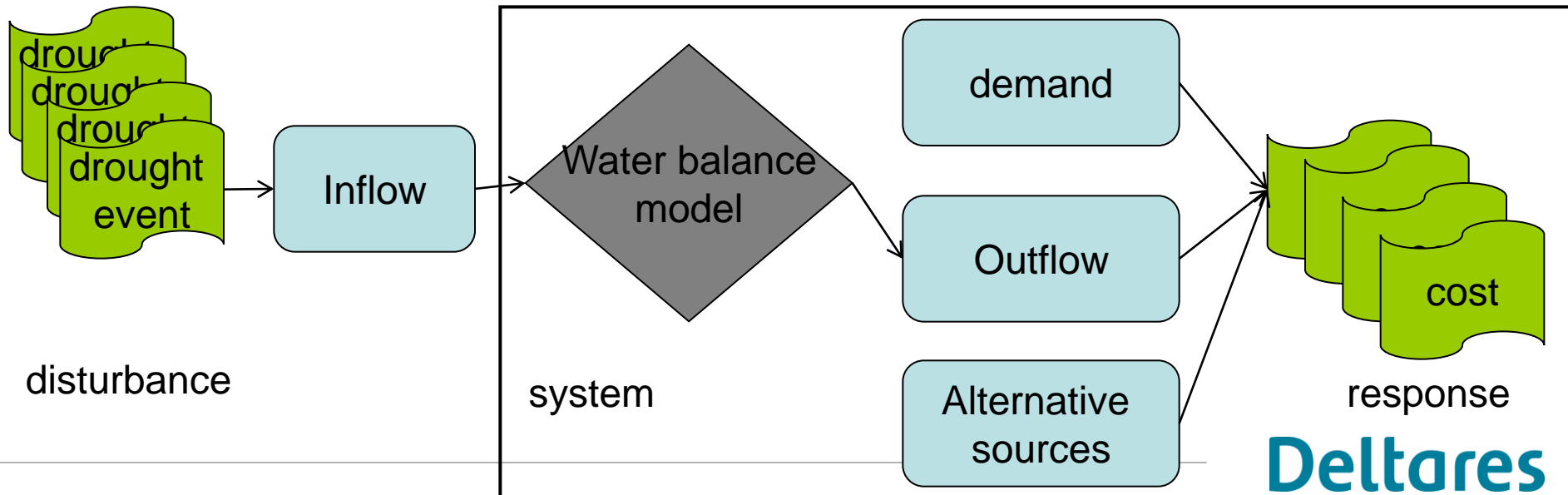


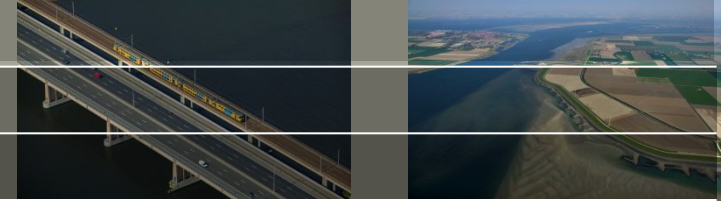


# System definition



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| 1. Disturbance | Drought events                                       |
| 2. System      | Water users, operating rules, cost of water shortage |
| 3. Response    | Economic impact of drought events                    |

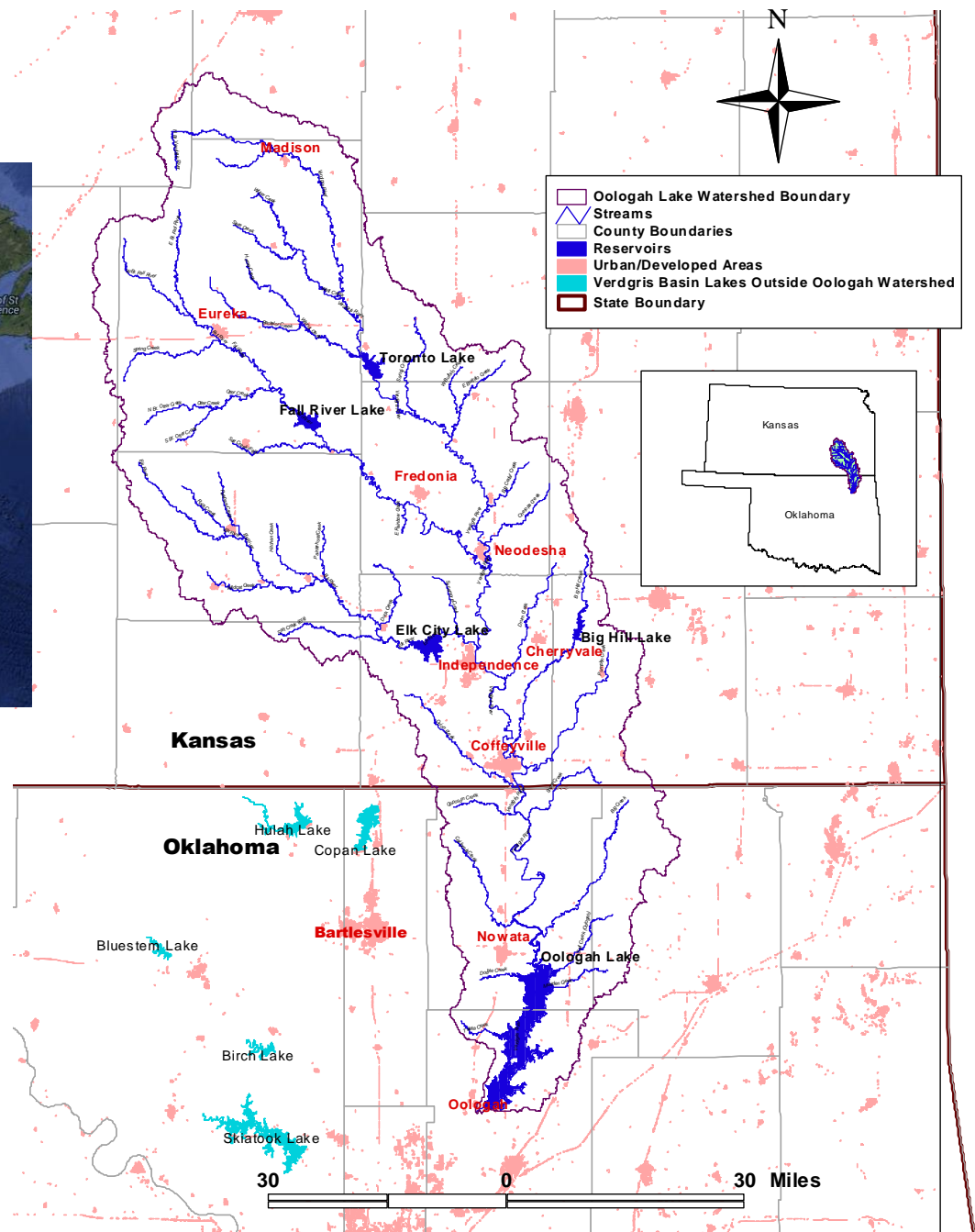
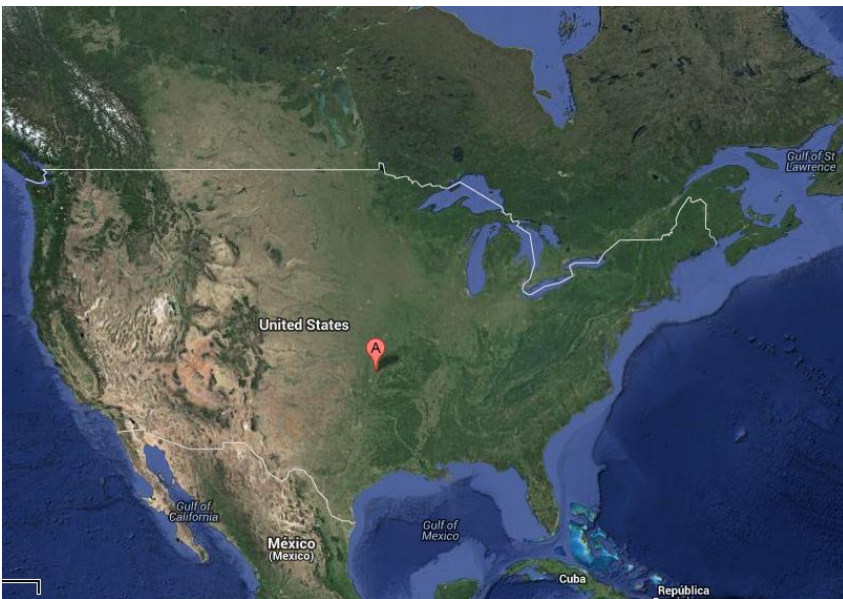




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# Oologah Lake

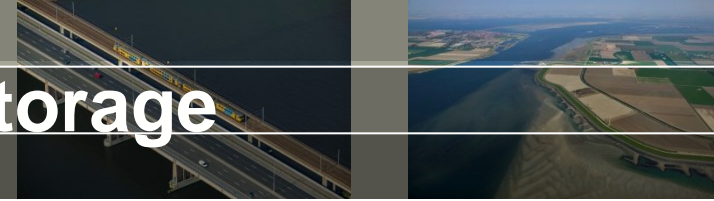


# Three pools in a reservoir



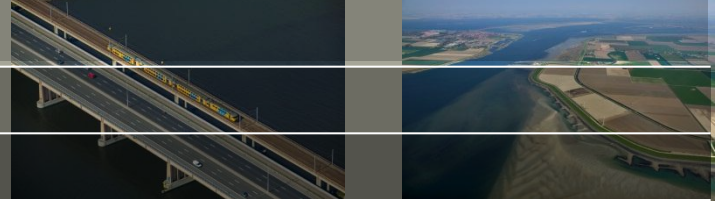


# Oologah Lake conservation storage



Water supply contract	Storage (Acre-Feet)	yield(MGD)	Yield (ft <sup>3</sup> /s)
Rogers County RWD #1	1590	1	1
Public Service Co. of Oklahoma	30355	14	21
Rogers County RWD #3	5960	3	4
Nowata County RWD #1	200	0	0
City of Collinsville	6670	3	5
Tulsa Metropolitan Water Authority	285450	128	199
City of Claremore	6675	3	5
Washington County RWD #3	4170	2	3
Town of Chelsea	1530	1	1
Not Under Contract	0	0	0
water supply storage	342600	154	238
environmental flow			93
Navigation	168000	81,3	126
Conservation storage	510600	235	457

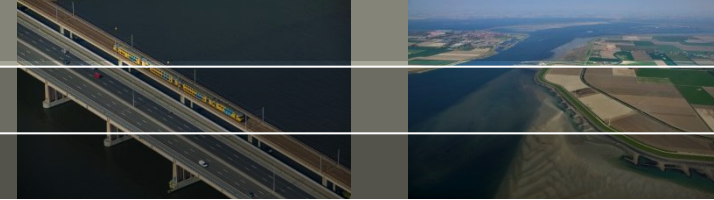
Firm yield = 457 cfs ~ 13 m<sup>3</sup>/s



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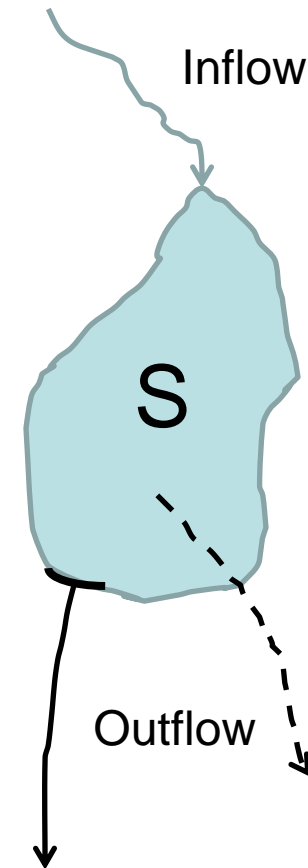
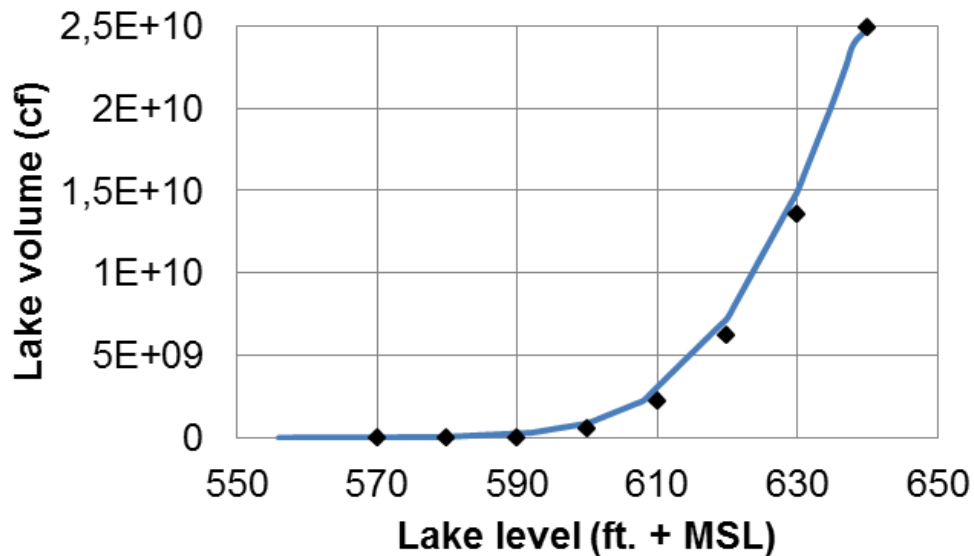
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# Water balance model



Water balance model:

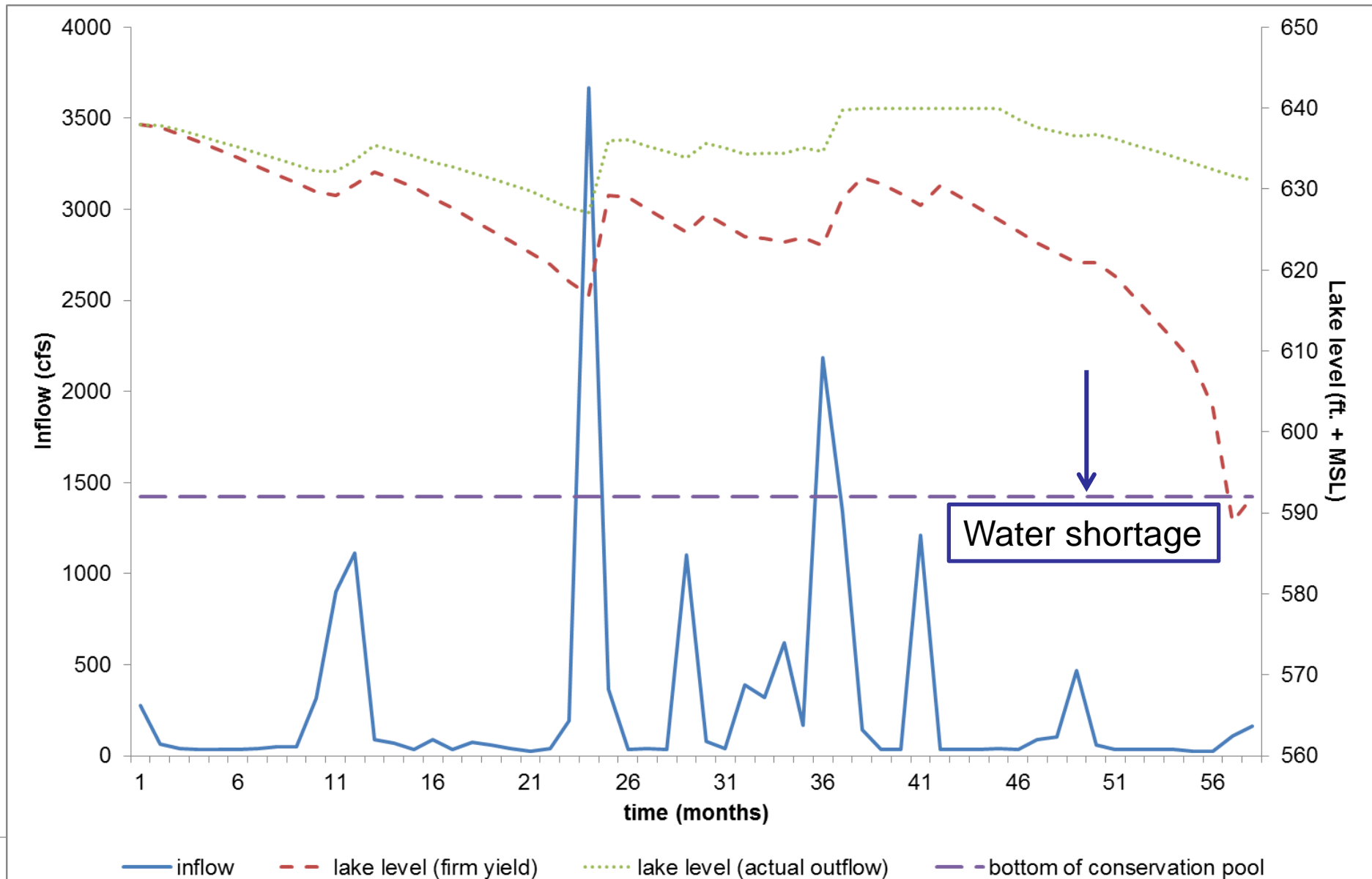
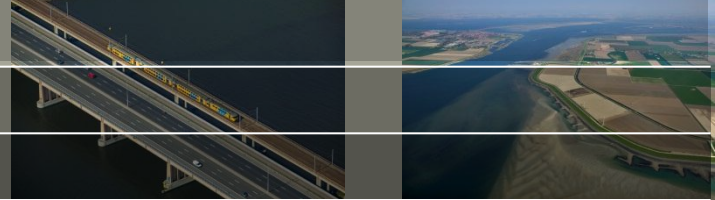
- $S(t) = S(t-1) + \text{Inflow}(t) - \text{Outflow}(t)$
- Lake level =  $f\{S\}$
- Start @ top conservation pool



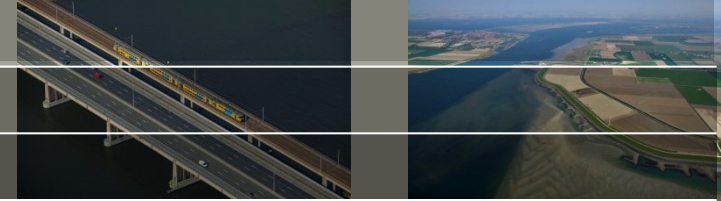
— Relationship used in model    ♦ 2010 survey



# Example inflow and lake level



# Cost of water shortage



Municipal water (City of Tulsa and many small counties)

*Recreation on the lake*

*Industrial water*

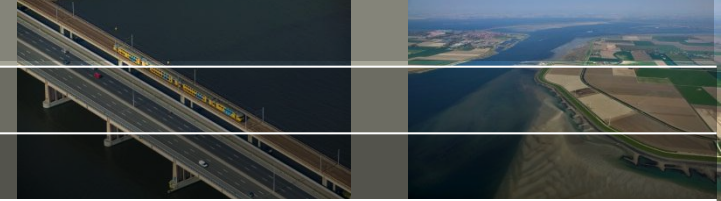
*Power supply (cooling water)*

*Navigation*

Cost of trucking in water from Kaw reservoir:

- 0.086 USD / m<sup>3</sup>/km
- Distance = 290 km roundtrip
- = 25 USD / m<sup>3</sup>

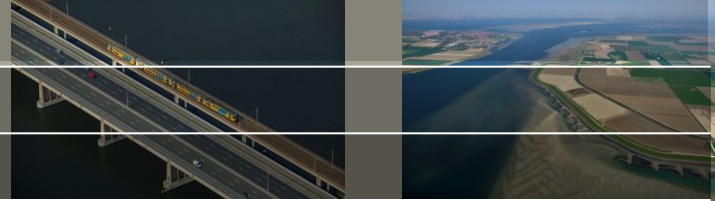




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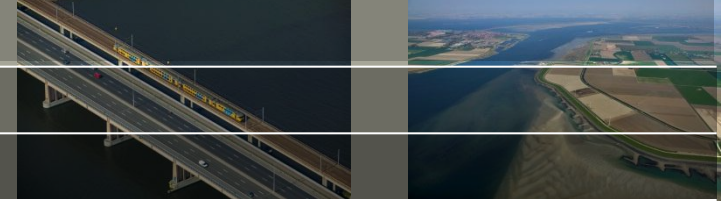
# Drought events



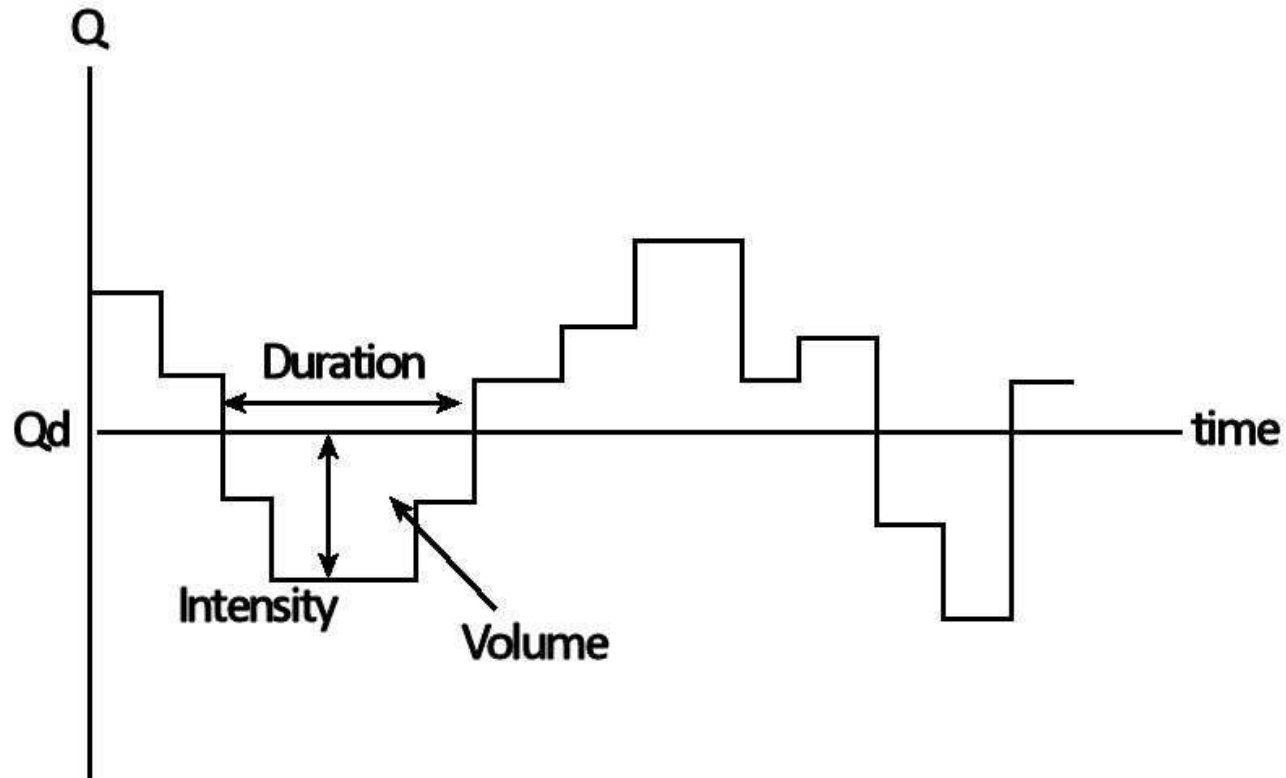
Aim: to provide a range of drought events with varying characteristics

- Characterizing droughts
- Selecting droughts
  - Historical drought
  - Future droughts
  - Theoretic droughts

# Definition of droughts

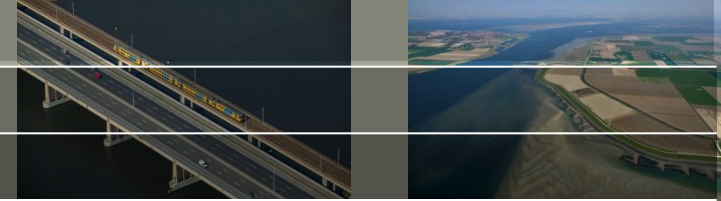


Duration, Severity, Volume and Intensity

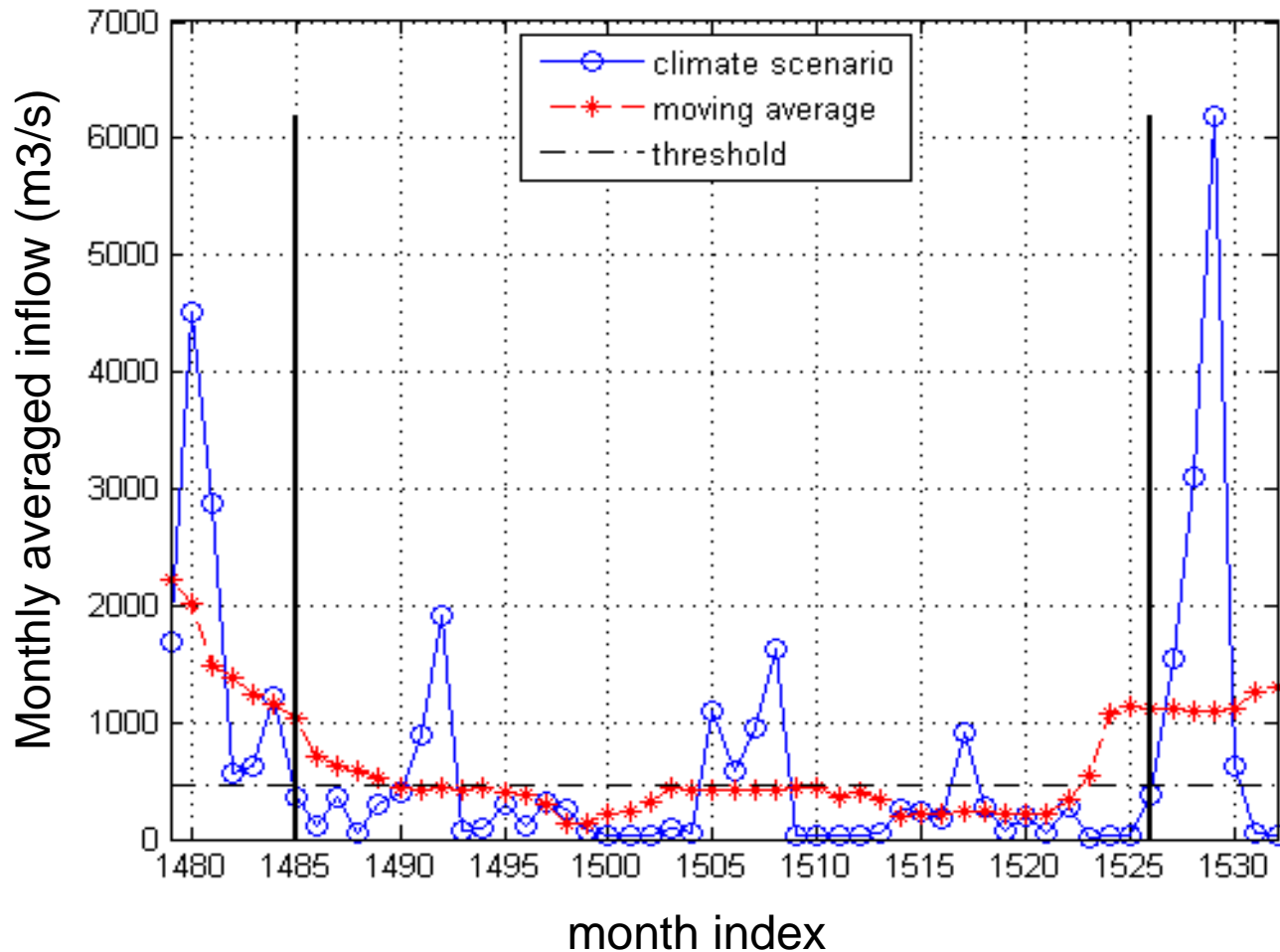


$$\text{Severity} = \text{Volume} / \text{Duration}$$

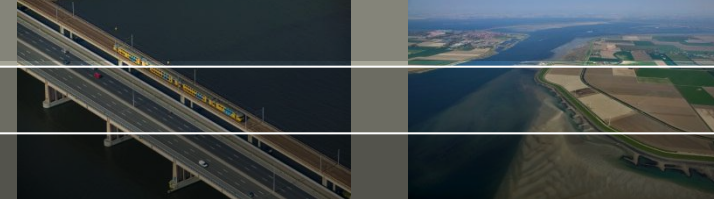
# Example drought selection



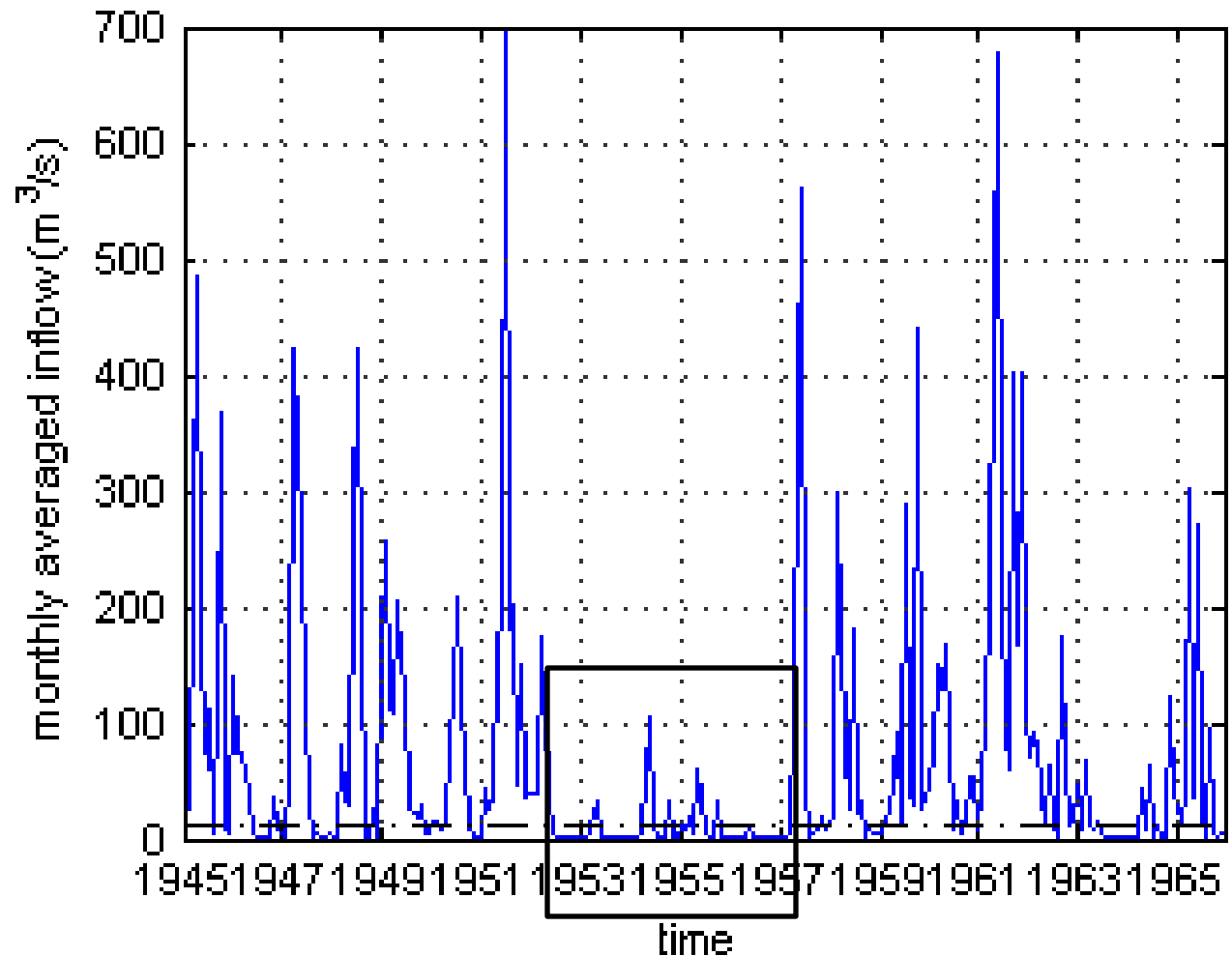
Criteria:  $\text{Inflow} < \text{threshold}$  OR  $\text{Inflow}_{\text{MA}} < \text{threshold}$



# Example: historical drought

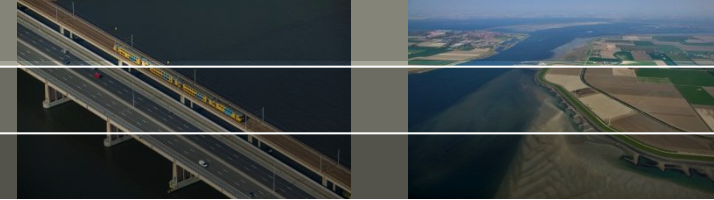


- Design drought of 1952-1957
- Threshold =  $13 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$



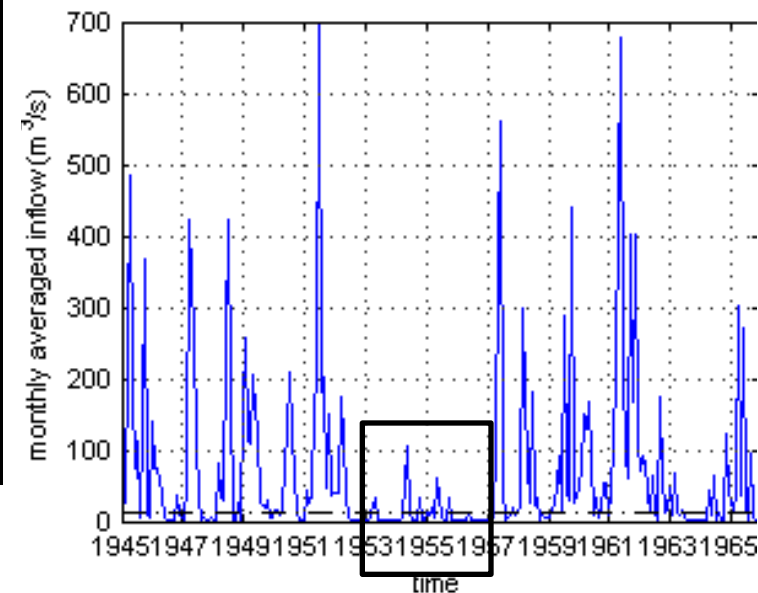
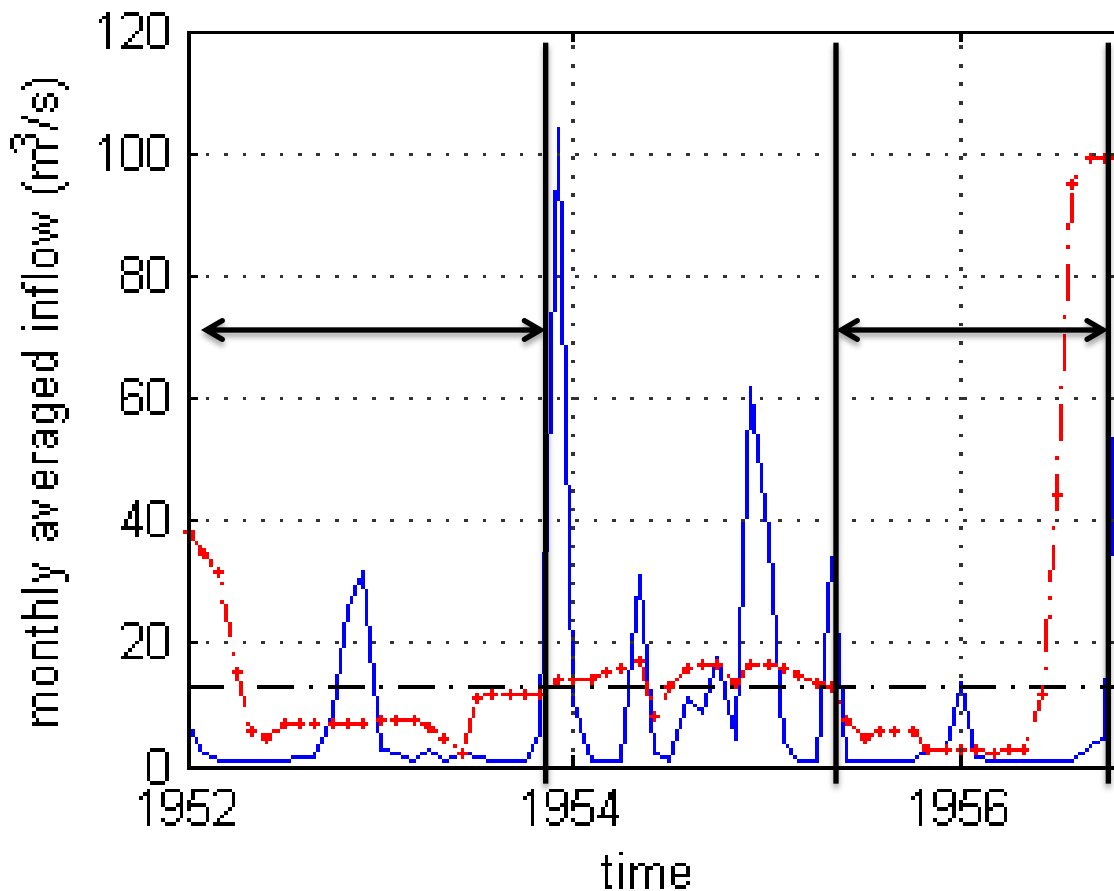


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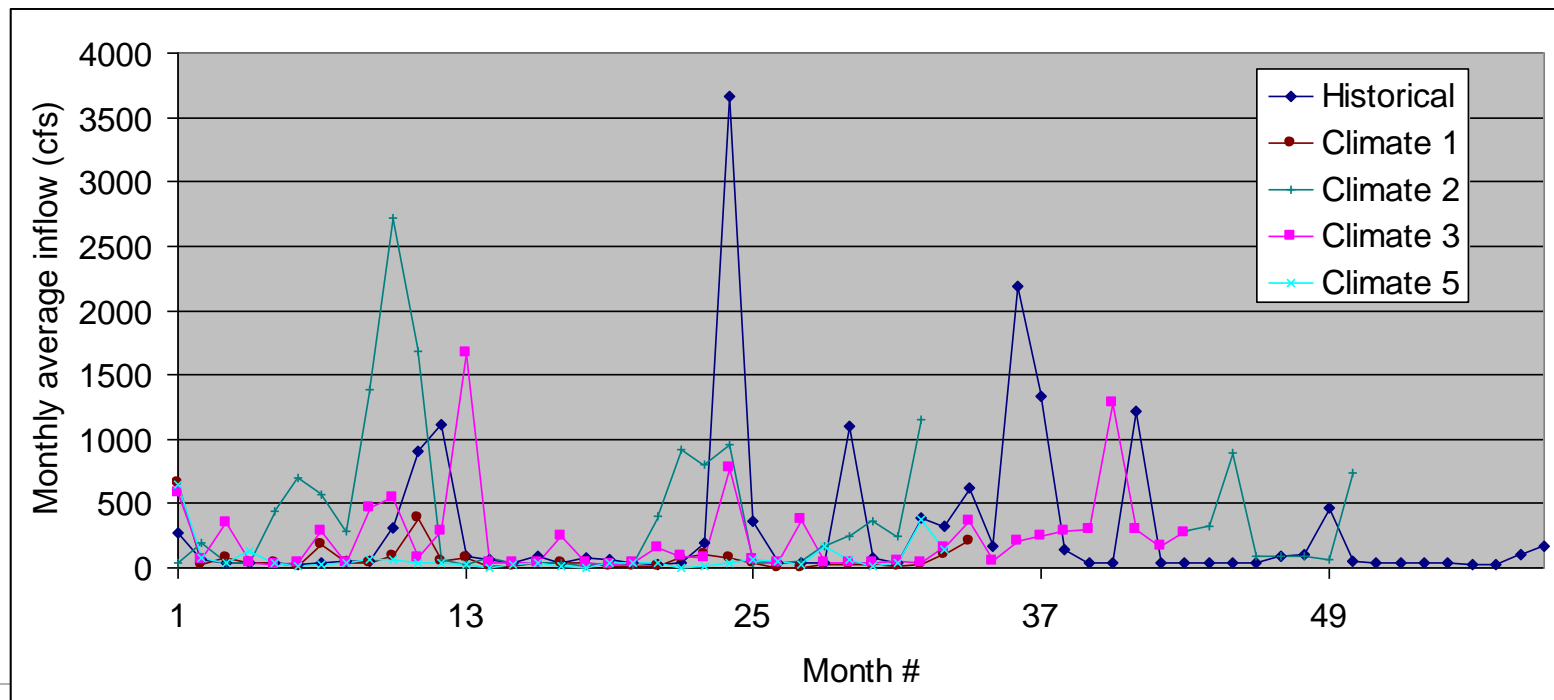
- Design drought of 1952-1957
- Threshold =  $13 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- Average inflow =  $8.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

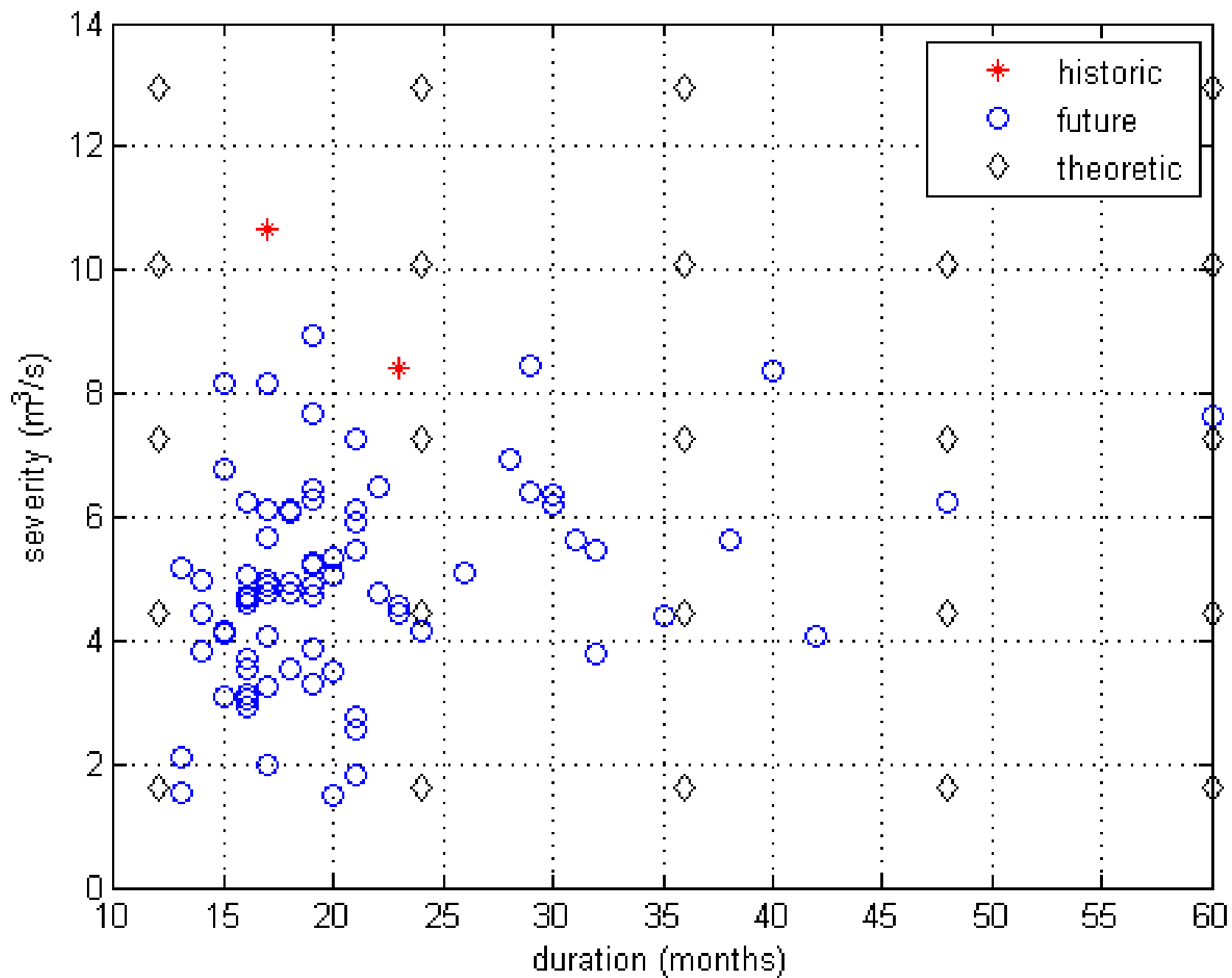
Duration	= 58 months
Severity	= $4.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
Intensity	= $13 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
Volume	= $0.7 \cdot 10^9 \text{ m}^3$

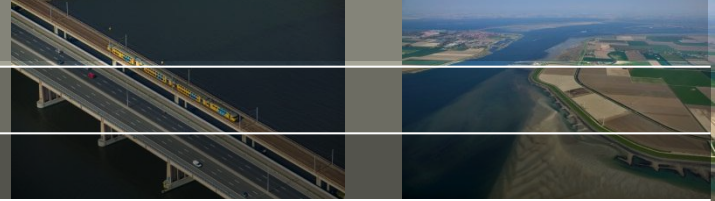


# Selection of future droughts

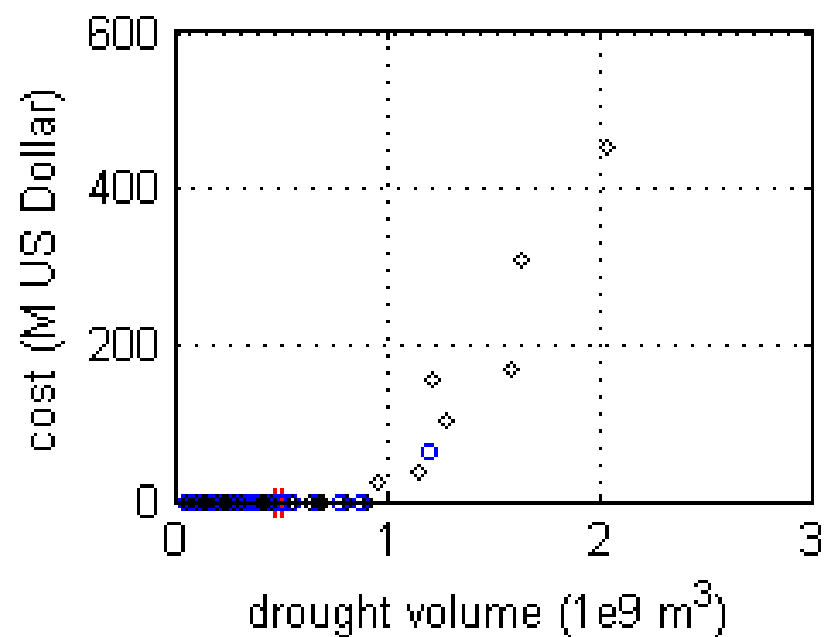
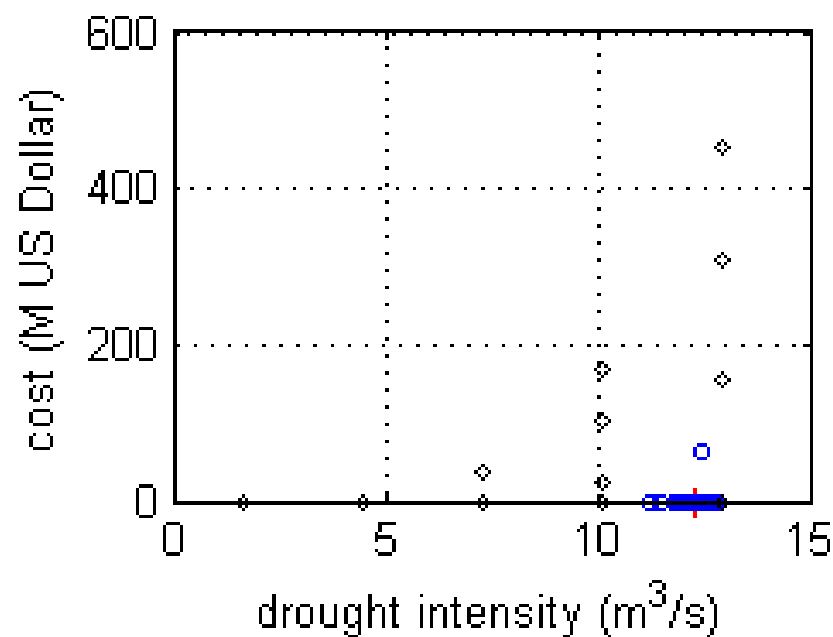
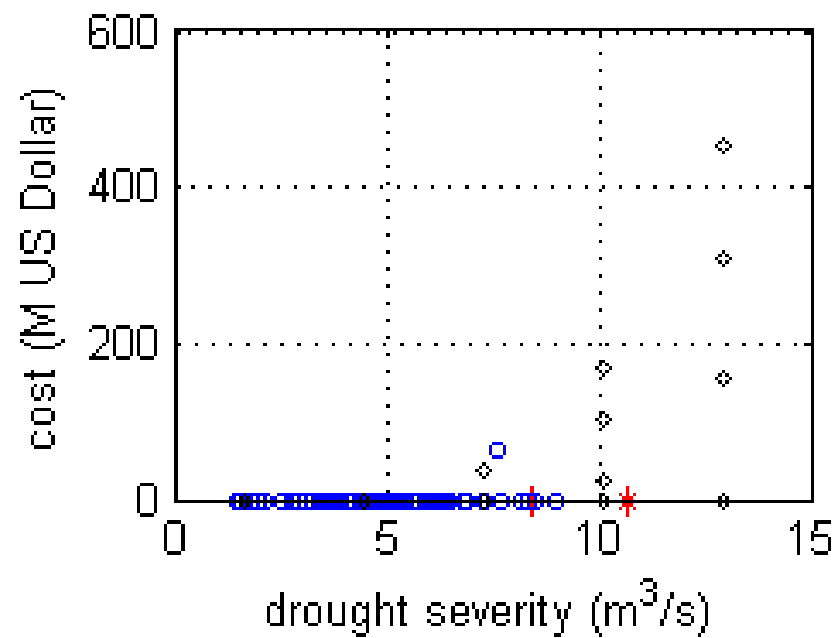
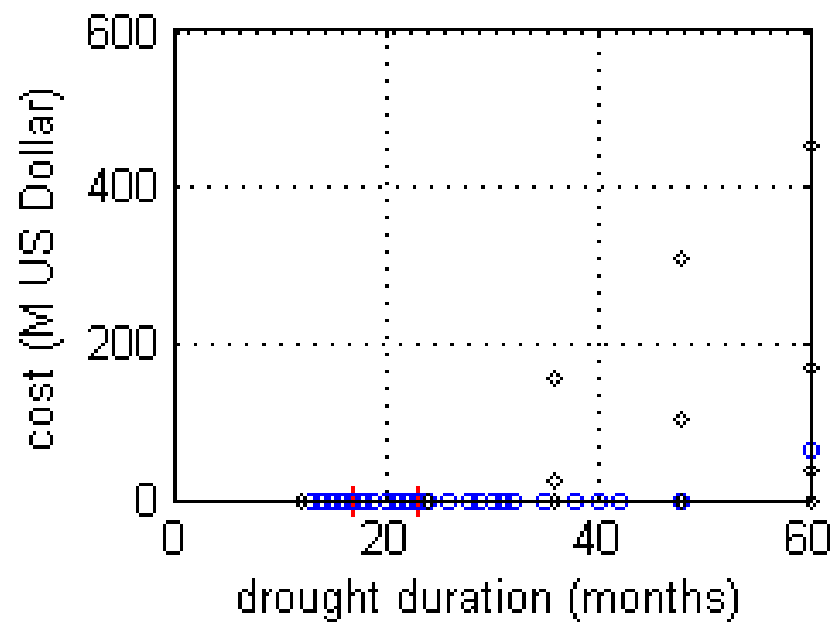
- Data: 112 inflow time series, each 150 years
- Selection criteria:
  - Inflow  $< 13 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  OR  $\text{Inflow}_{\text{MA}} < 13 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
  - Duration  $> 12$  months



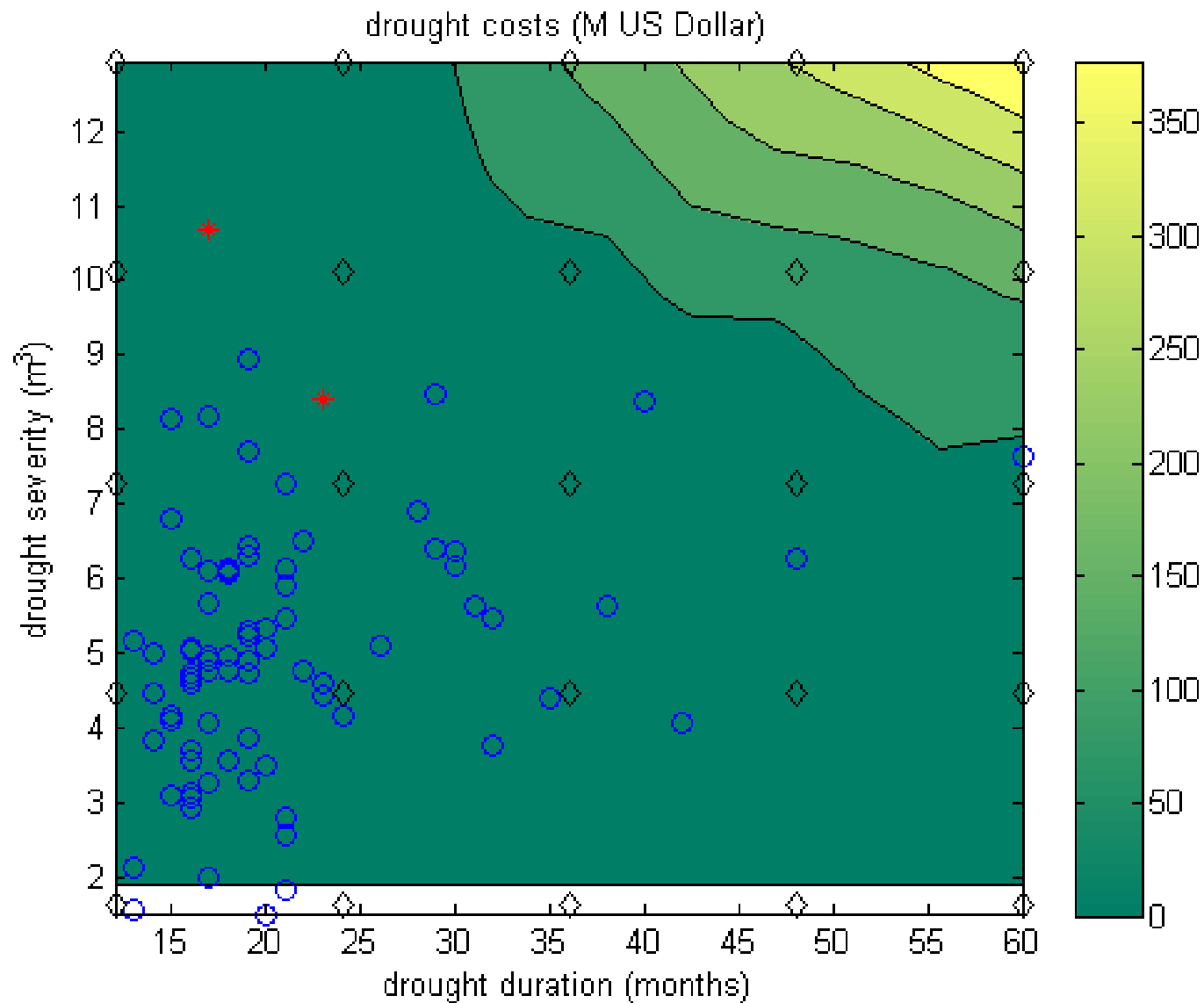
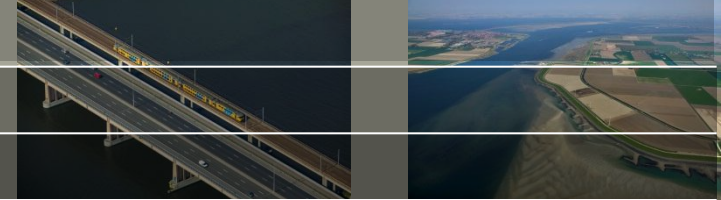




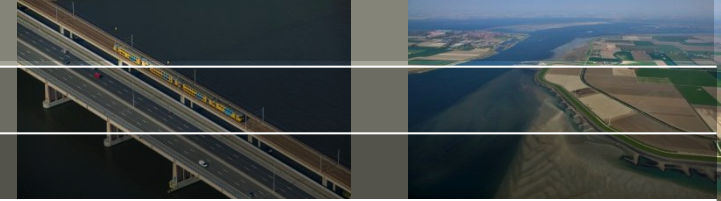
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# Results



# Drought impact reduction



Build pipeline (Tulsa Water Authority)

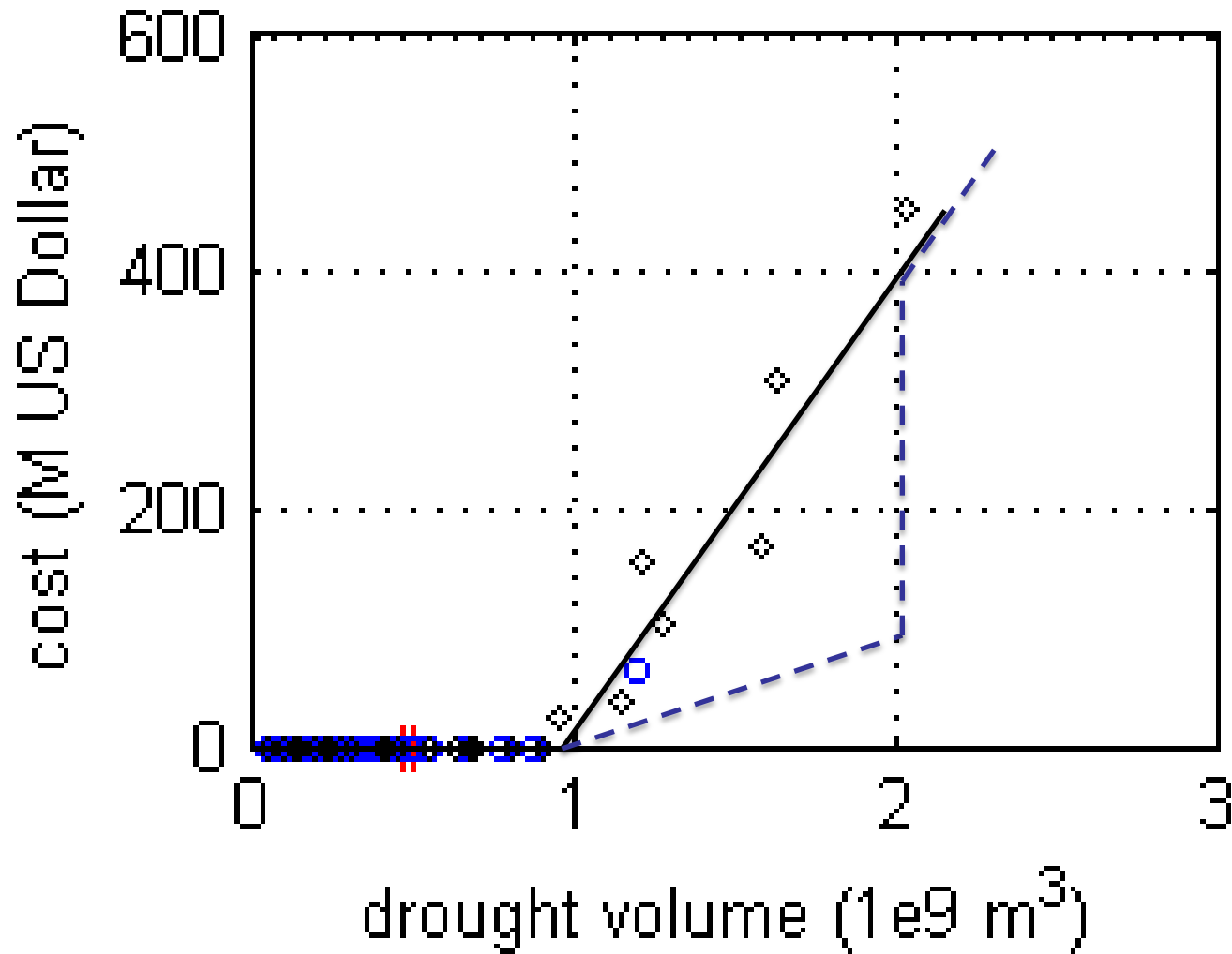
Restrict personal water use during drought

Prioritize among user types during drought

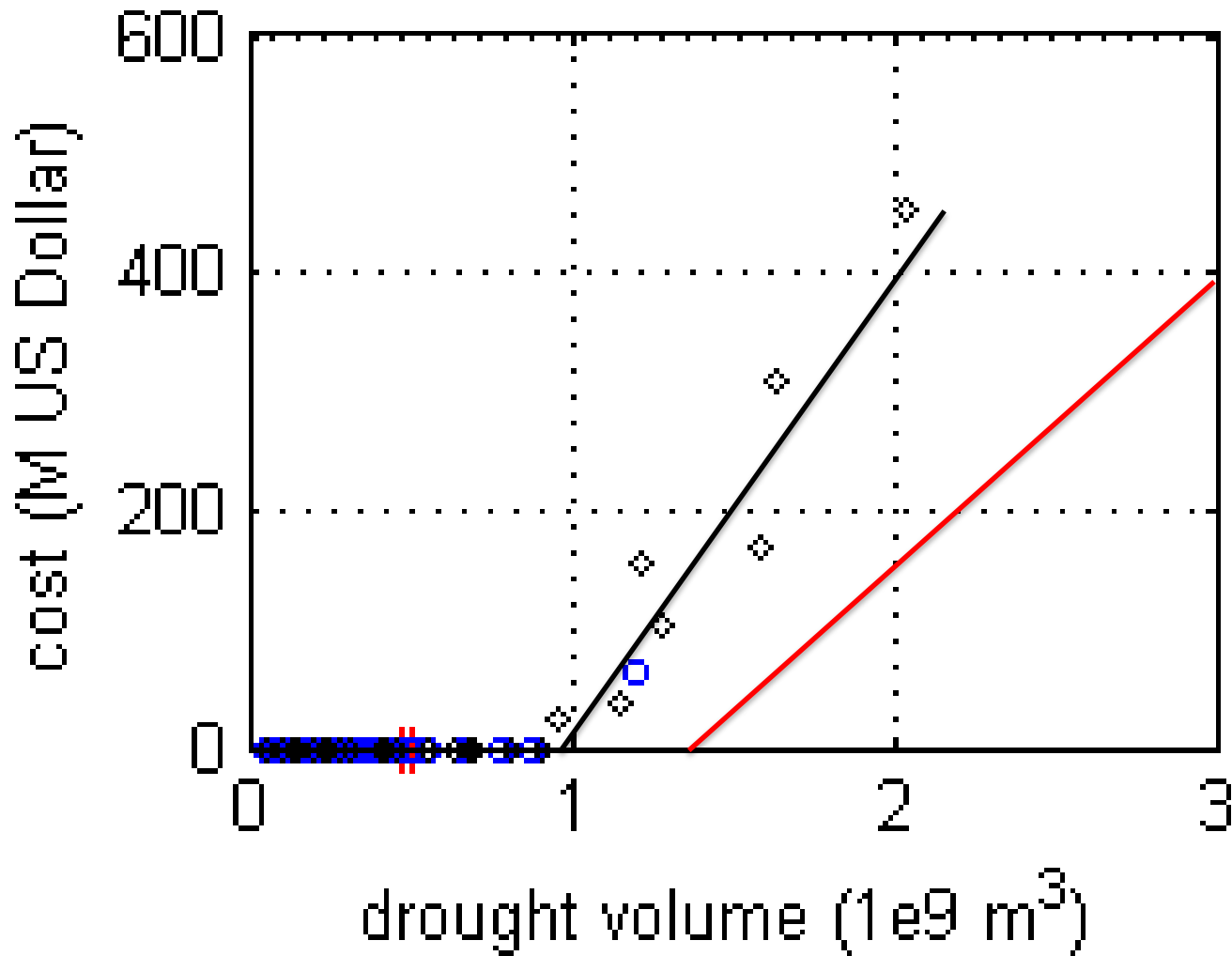


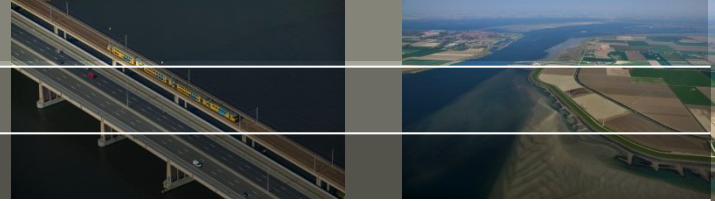


# Effect of impact reduction - pipeline



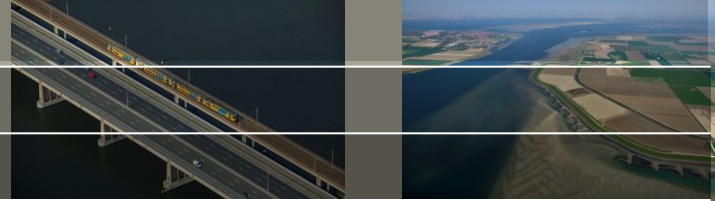
# Effect of impact reduction -restrictions





## Robustness criteria:

- Resistance threshold
  - > Duration > 3 years (36 months)
  - > Severity of >8 m<sup>3</sup>
  - > Volume of >1 m<sup>3</sup>
- Proportionality of the response
  - Gradual increase, but quite steep
- Manageability/recovery threshold
  - ? (depends on economic capacity of the region)



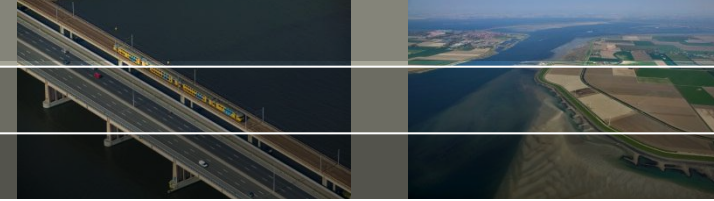
Mechanisms behind resistance threshold:

- Storage capacity of the reservoir
- Actual use is less than issued in contracts
- Restrictions? → room for increasing resistance threshold

Mechanisms behind proportionality:

- > Tulsa water authority has alternative source of supply
- > Smaller communities don't

# Conclusions and follow-up



## Conclusions:

- Theoretic events provide a way to find the resistance threshold
- This threshold can best be expressed in terms of drought volume
- There is room for increasing robustness → more research needed

## Follow-up:

- Cost for lack of cooling water
- Capacity of pipeline
- Statistics: to determine relevant range of drought events
- Recovery thresholds and economic capacity:
  - When would people move to another area?
  - What level of impact is unacceptable?
- Options to prioritize among users
  - Cost of navigation

Thanks for your attention!

