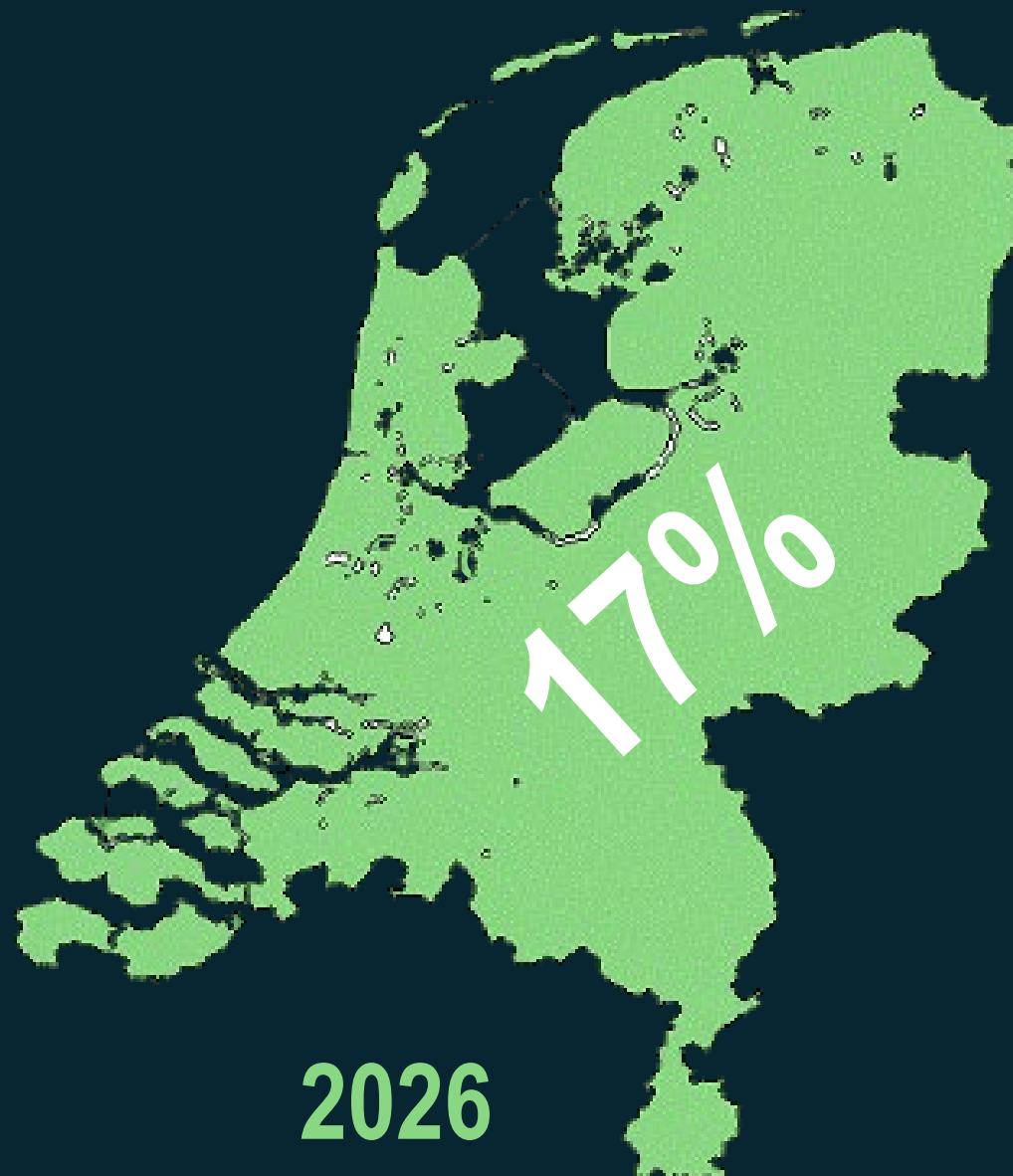


A photograph of a traditional Dutch windmill situated on a brick dike. Large, white-capped waves are crashing against the base of the dike, creating a massive spray of white water. Several people are standing on the dike near the windmill, looking out at the sea. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, suggesting a storm or late afternoon light. The windmill has four large sails, some of which are open.

FRAGMENTED FLOOD DEFENCE DATA & DE DIJKATLAS

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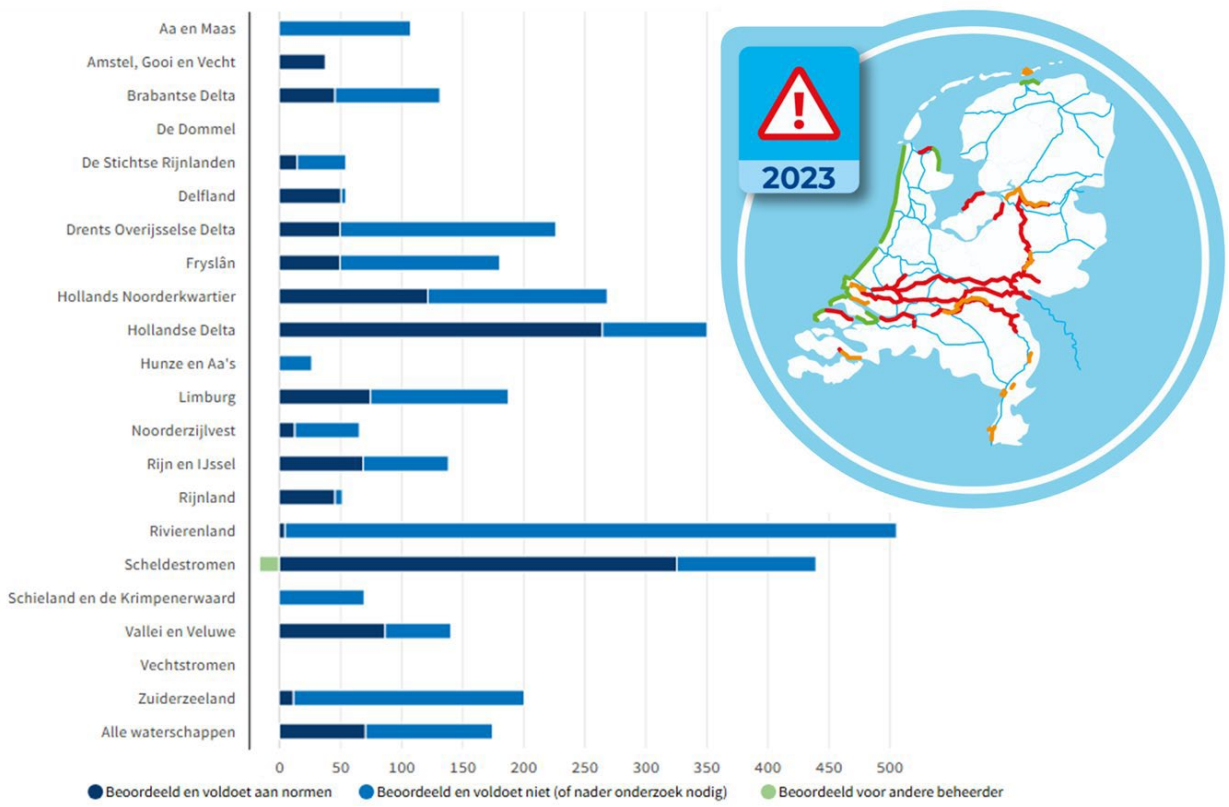
3.700 km primary flood defences

14.000 km secondary flood defences

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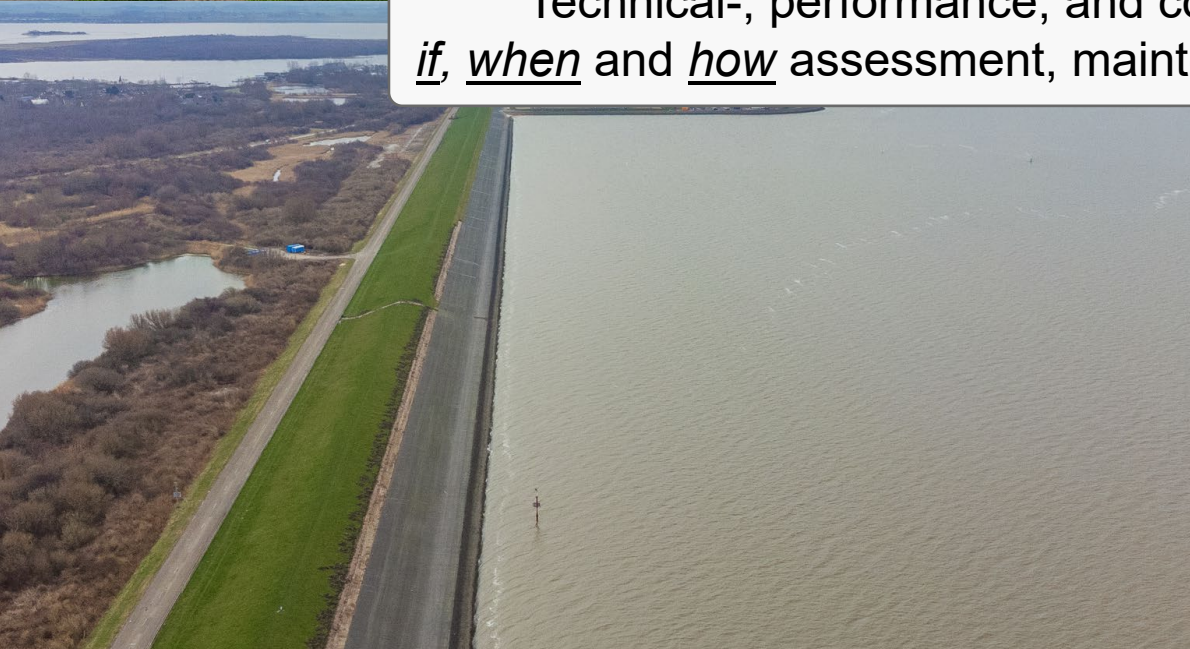
Challenge

Reinforce 1.400km before 2050





Flood defence data are the back-bone of asset management
Technical-, performance, and condition data underpin decisions
if, when and *how* assessment, maintenance or reinforcement are required



Complex institutional context

Multi-used

- Main functionality = flood protection
- Dikes are often located in public space
- Multiple functions, multiple actors

Multi-managed

- Safety norms and supervision by het Rijk (national)
- Operations by the water authorities (regional)
- Reinforcement of dikes by market (public-private)
- Data are generated by multiple actors under different mandates

Multi-financed

- 50% door de Waterschappen (10% + 40% collective)
- 50% door het Rijk



Organisational fragmentation

Fragmented technological context

Rapid advancements in data collection

e.g. satellite observations, UAV, in situ sensor networks

Explosive amount of heterogenous data streams

Challenge shift from data collection > data integration

The construction sector is:

- a project-to-project based industry.
 - innovation trickles down slowly, many initiatives remain pilot-based
- collaborative and built on long-term relationships
 - mistrust, fragmented data and fragmented risk harms collaboration
- one of the lowest scoring sectors on the McKinsey industry digitization index (#21 out of 22)

Technological fragmentation

DATA FRAGMENTATION

The unintentional misalignment of flood defence data across organisational, technical, and lifecycle dimensions, resulting in incoherent technical asset representations.

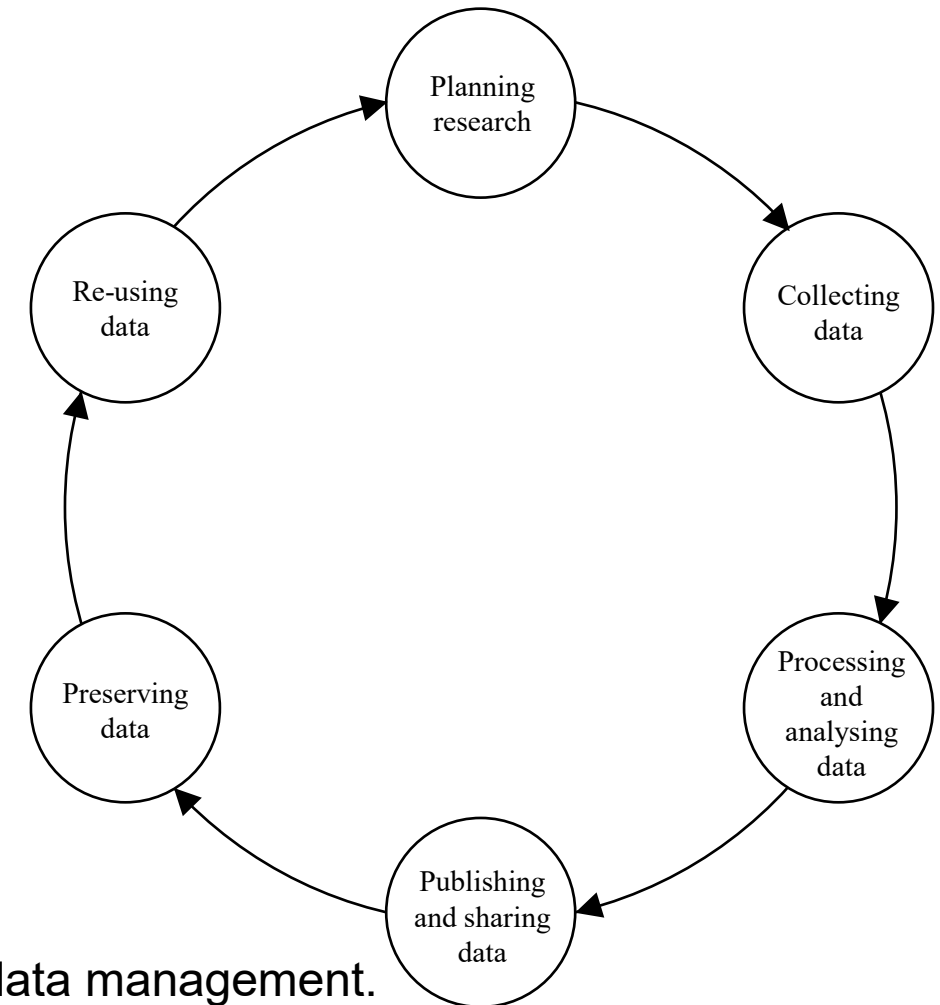
Data flows in Dutch flood defence management

Why?

Substantiate our observations of discontinuities in the data lifecycle with practical experience.

Approach

1. Interviews with data-, information- and asset managers and data governance specialists to understand their data practices.
2. Thematic analysis to identify discontinuities and best practices.
3. Summarised these BP and DC on the data life cycle framework.



Data flows in Dutch flood defence management

Conclusion

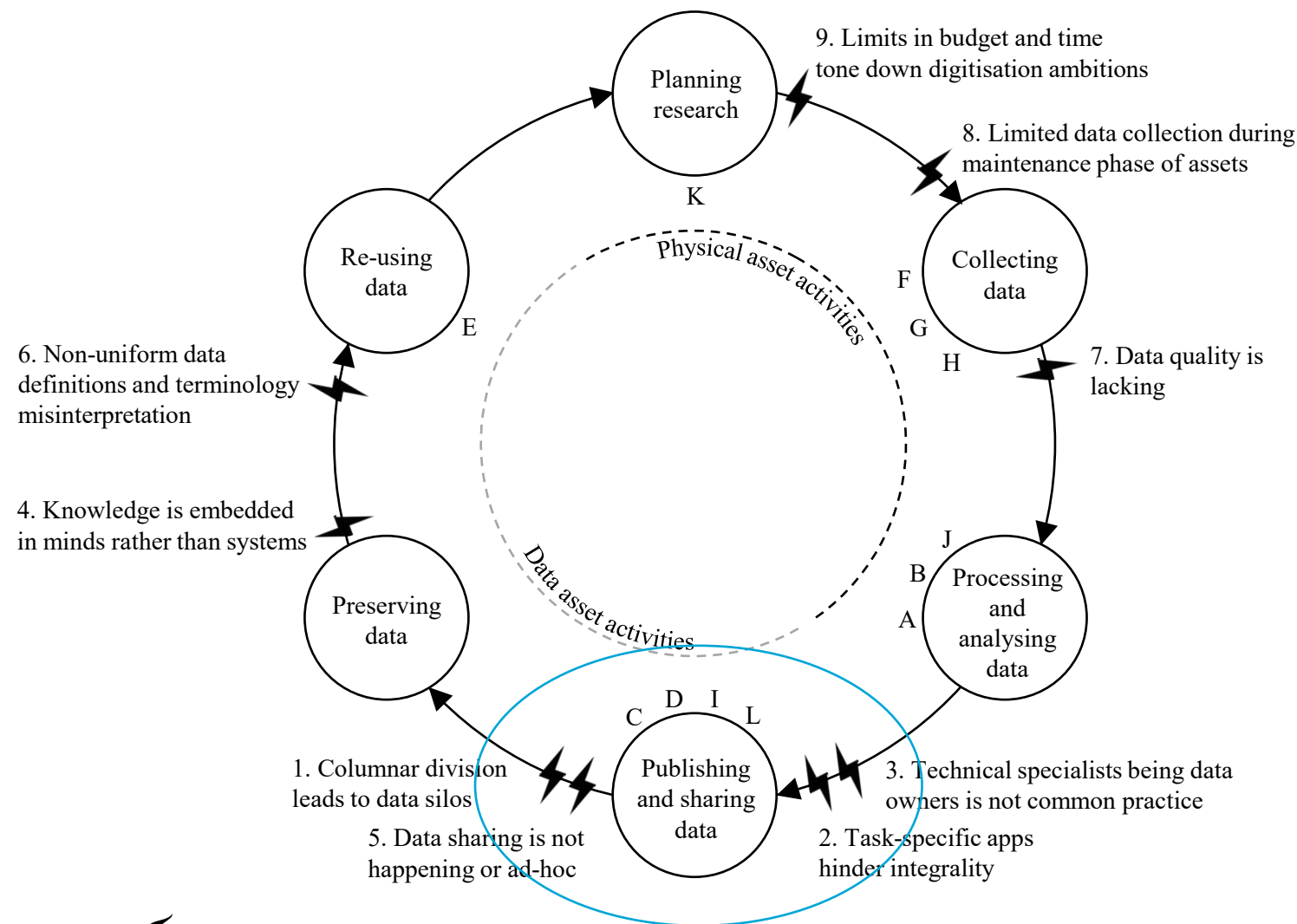
Most discontinuities on the transition of physical asset management and data asset management.

Water authorities struggle with the more ‘abstract’ data activities.

Podt en Rijke (2024)

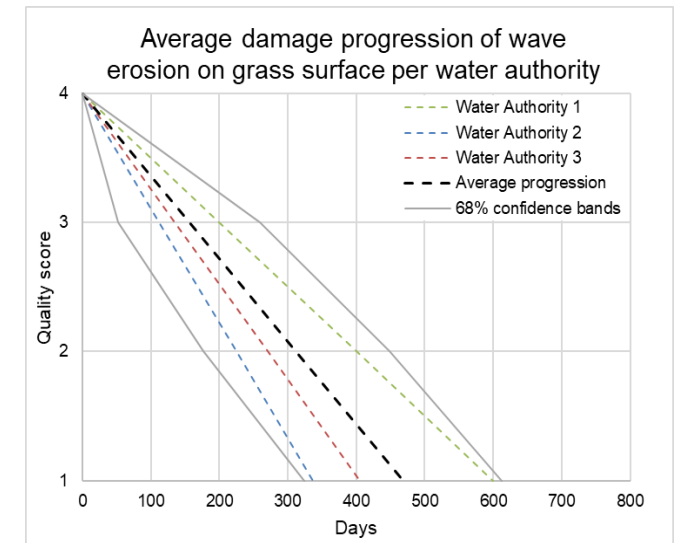
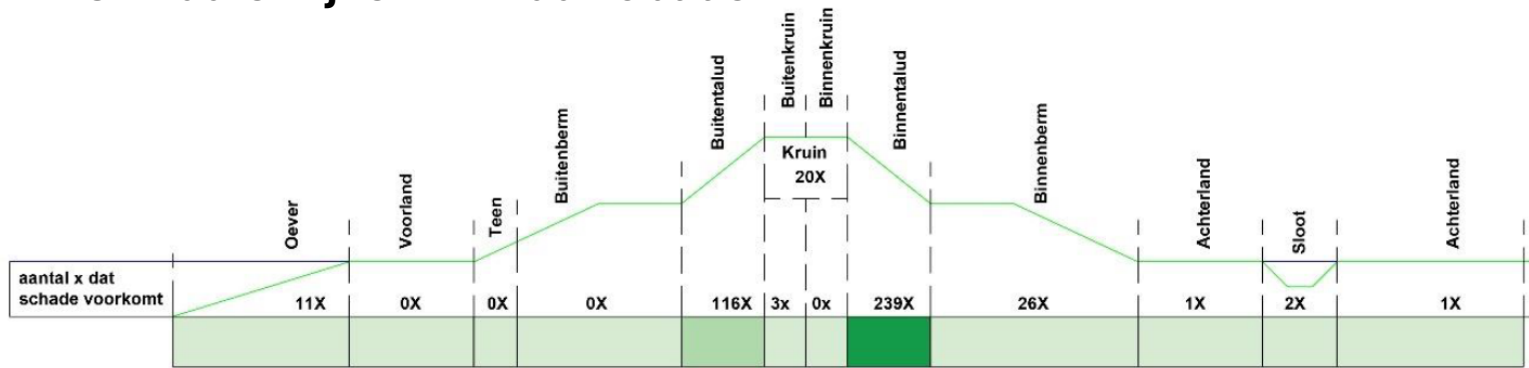
Table 3: Summary of best practices

#	Best practice	Relates to...
A	Stay clear of data warehouses that are set up for one specific question or need.	Processing and analysing data
B	Work from a data lake that stores data in its original, machine-interpretable format to allow for data science and AI analysis.	Processing and analysing data
C	Create an organisation-wide ‘single point of truth’ conform the FAIR principles and let it be managed by technical specialists.	Publishing and sharing data
D	Formulate a business case so data owners and process owners understand the necessity of data sharing and cooperate willingly.	Publishing and sharing data
E	Align data jargon through data dictionaries and data dashboards.	Re-using data
F	Expand standardised data models only with data fields that benefit all users.	Collecting data
G	Use collective data models as a minimum and add organisation specific fields.	Collecting data
H	Set minimum data quality rules per asset and make the asset owner responsible.	Collecting data
I	Create data quality dashboards to gain organisation-wide insight into data quality and data reliability.	Publishing and sharing data
J	To ensure continuity in data management, relieve technical specialists from data management tasks.	Processing and analysing data
K	Work with ‘data result managers’ who are responsible for deciding which information needs are invested in.	Planning research
L	Have regular meetings with other water authorities to share data practices to see where the organisation is lagging or excelling.	Publishing and sharing data



ADDED WITH EXPERIENCES

1. Dataset Dijkveroudering
2. Prometheus
3. Taaie Dijken Klimaatrobuust

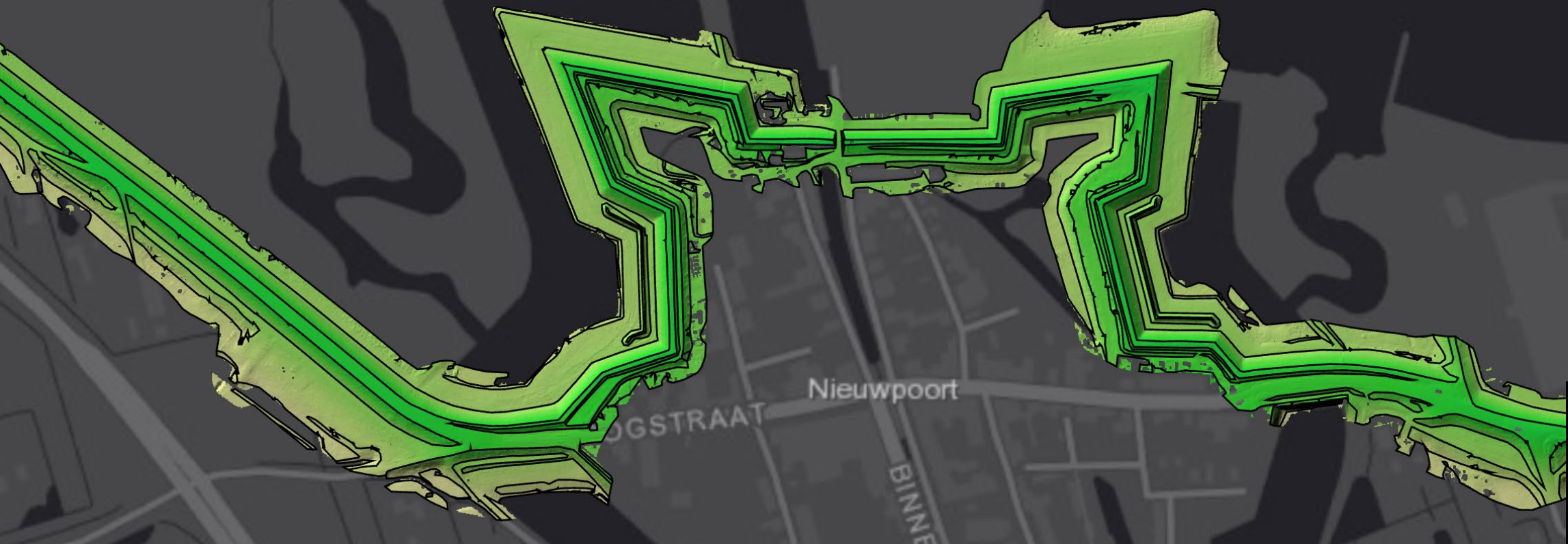


Detail, volume, and availability varies greatly

Large variety of loosely applied data standards

A uniform, national and public technical dike dataset is missing

DE DIJKATLAS



Technical dike data in the Netherlands

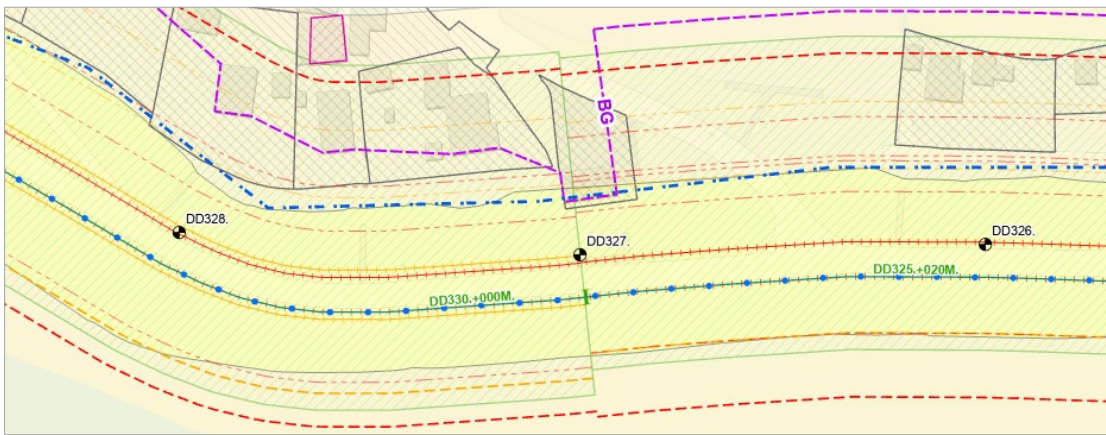
Water authorities are legally obliged (Woo) to manage and passive and actively share their dike data.
They do this in two ways:

1. through the **Legger**:

presents the legal status of the flood defence
2. through the **Beheerregister**:

presents the factual status of the flood defence

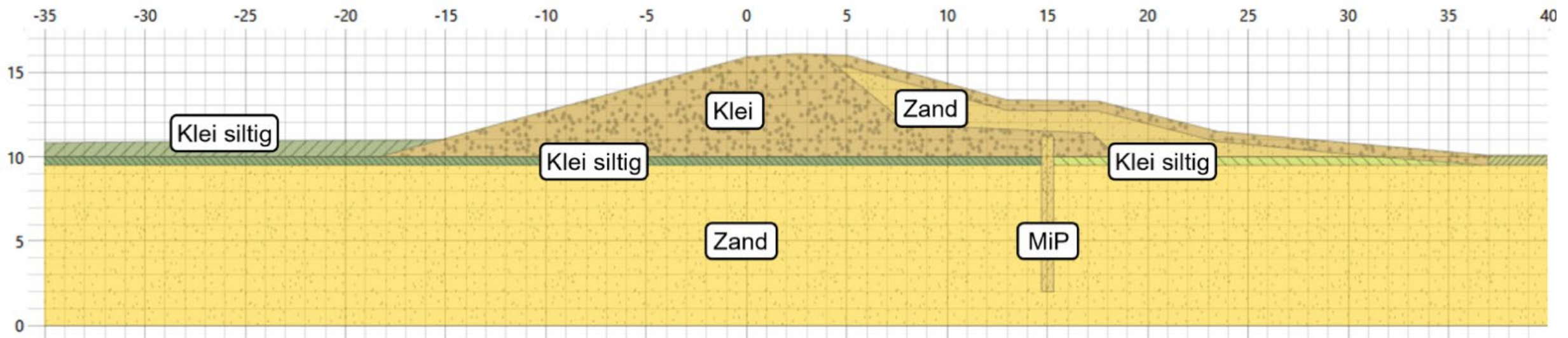
Until today it remains not well defined



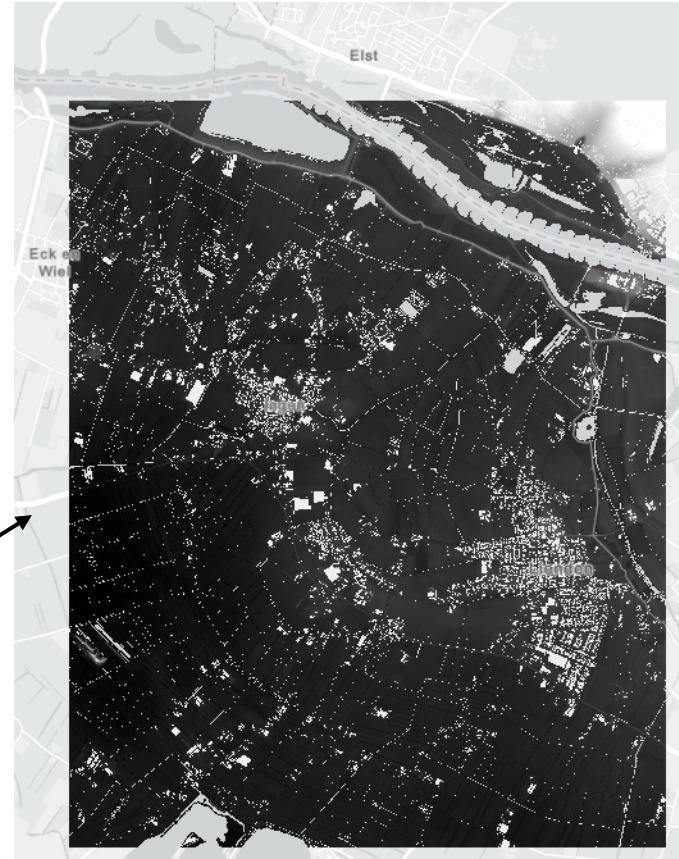
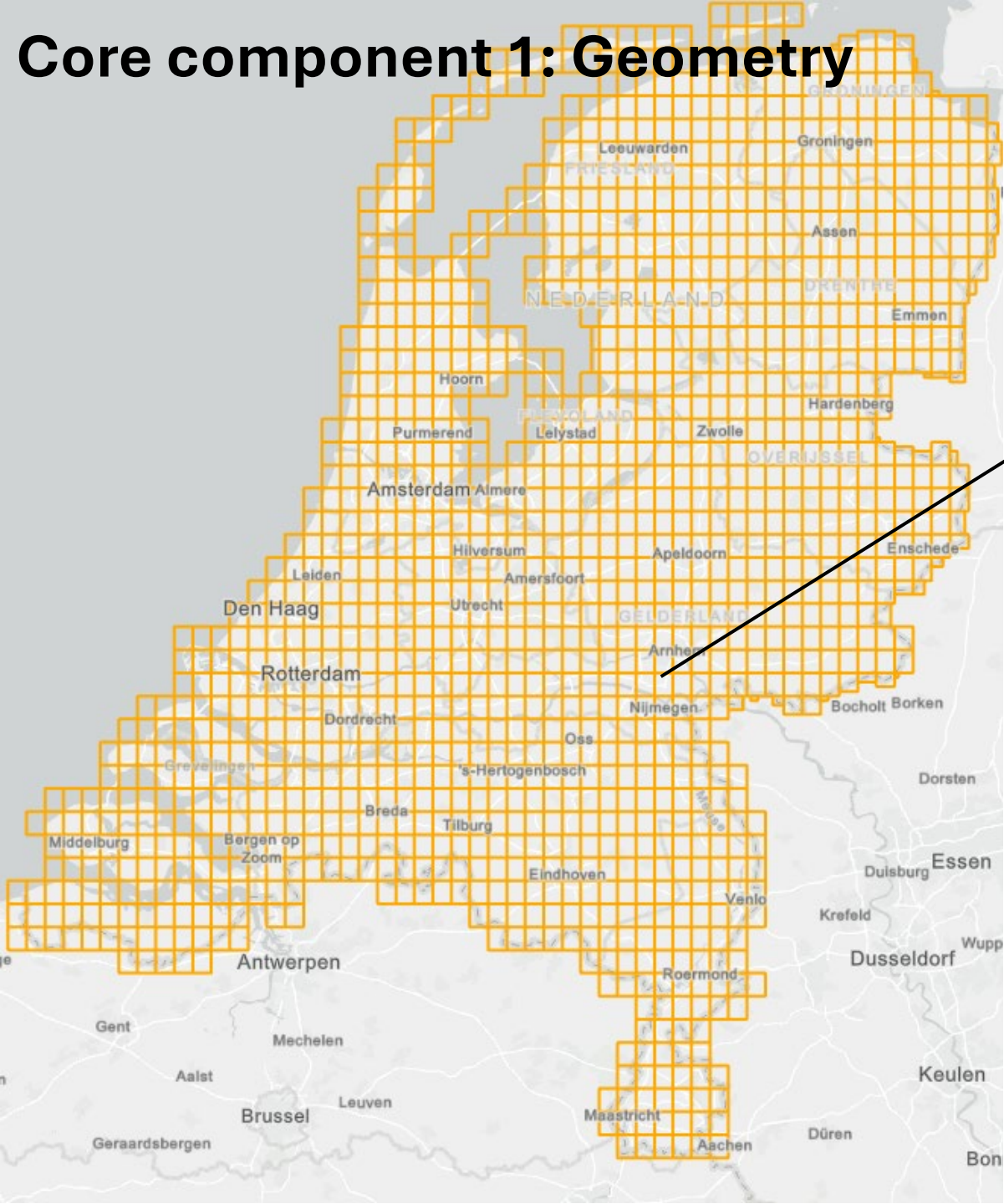
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The 3 core components of the Dijkatlas

1. **Geometry:** kink lines from AHN
2. **Construction:** soil types from cone penetration tests from BRO
3. **Subsurface:** soil types to 50m deep from GeoTOP

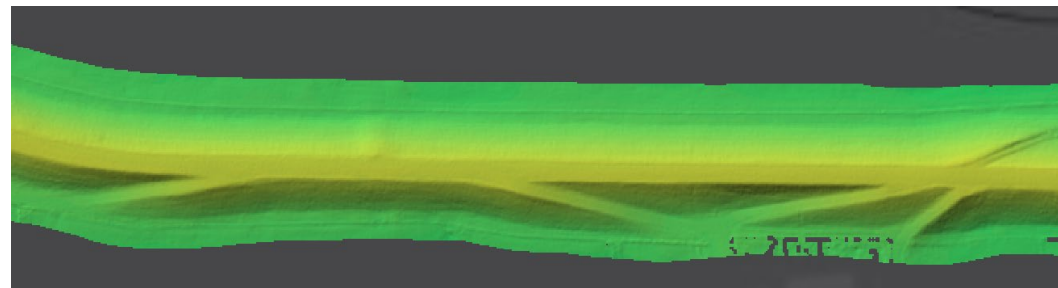


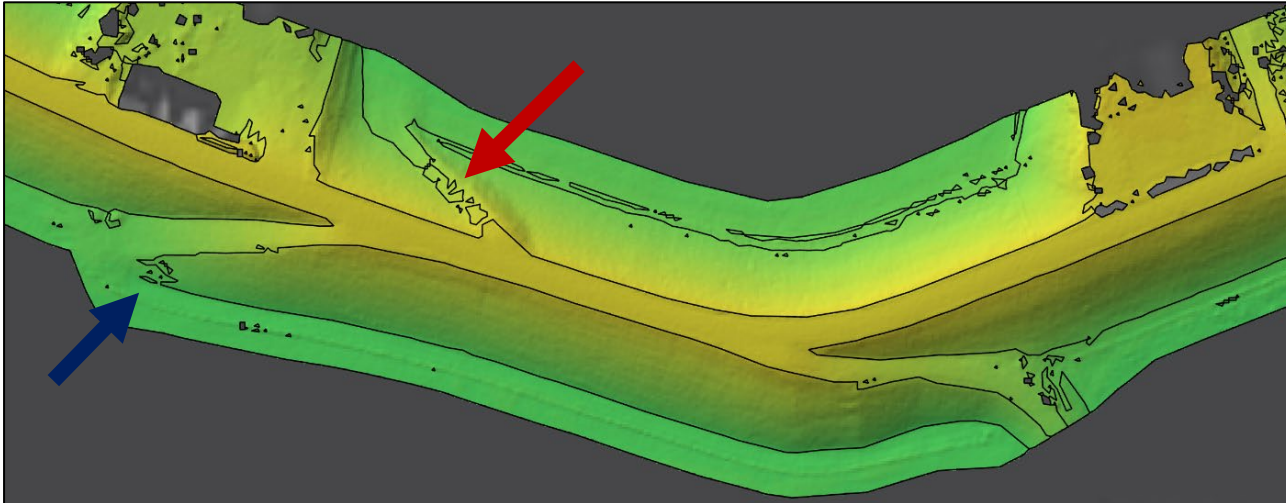
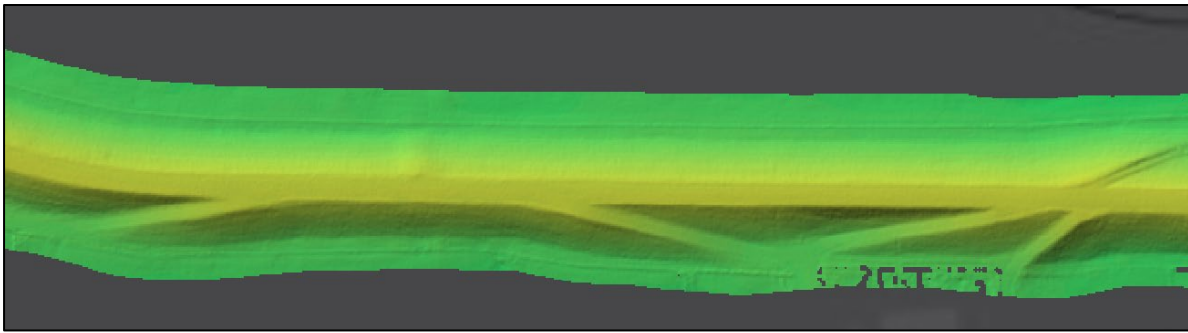
Core component 1: Geometry



x 342 $\approx$ 740GB

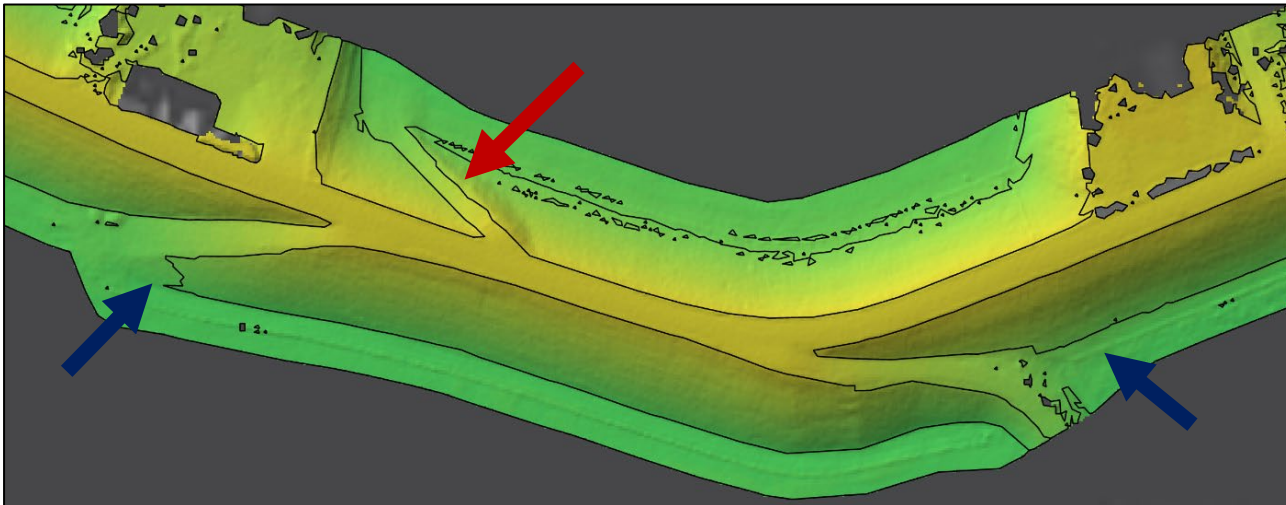
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4. Mask on Waterstaatswerken +6m polygon





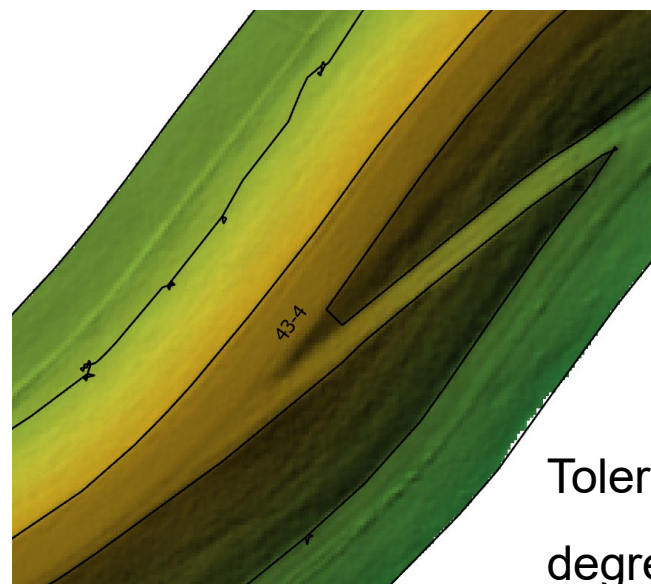
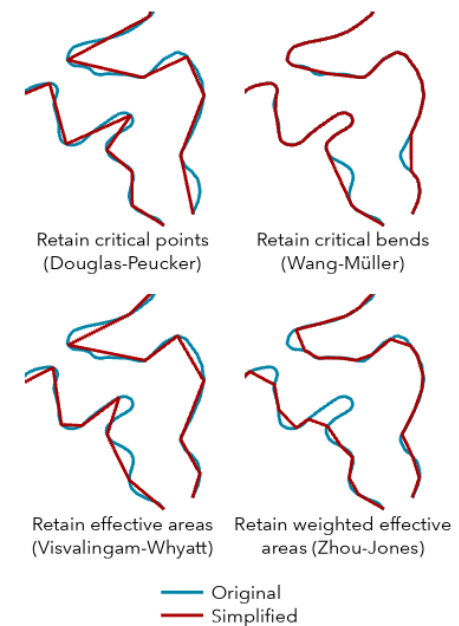
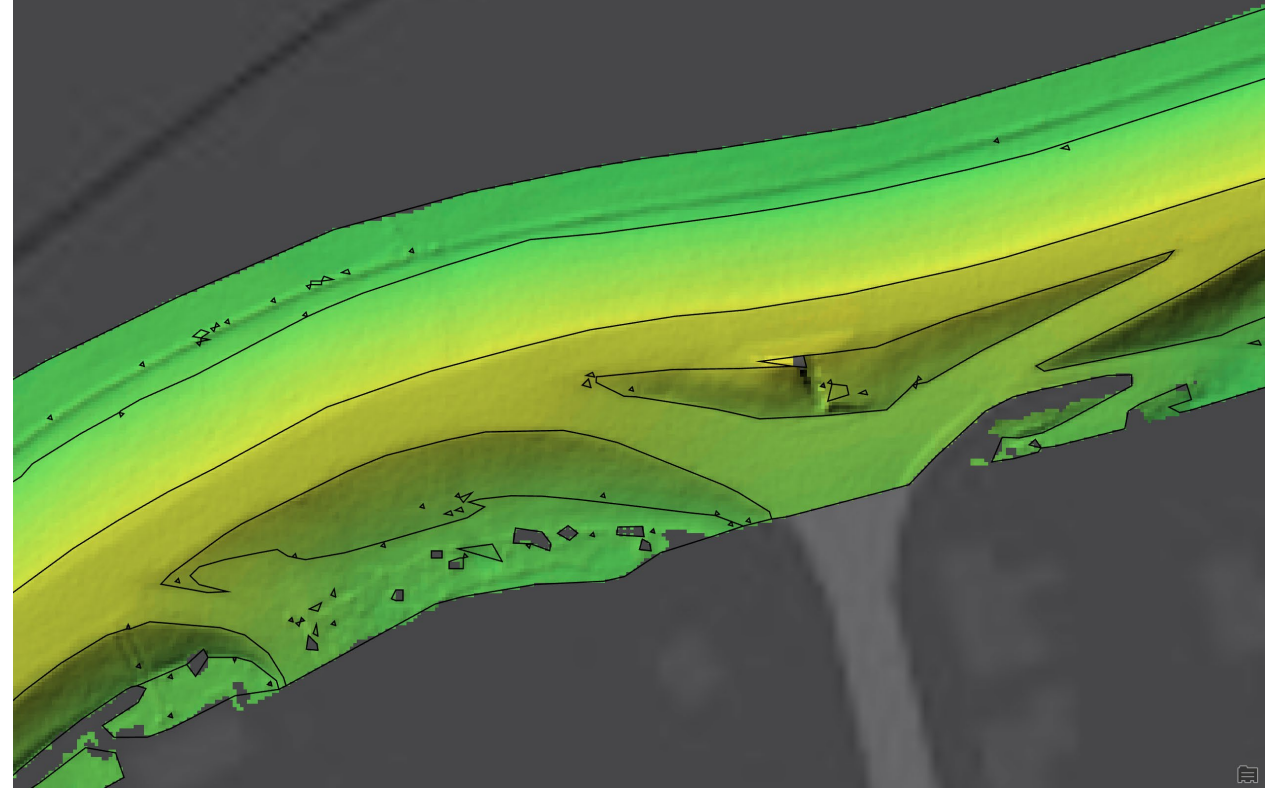
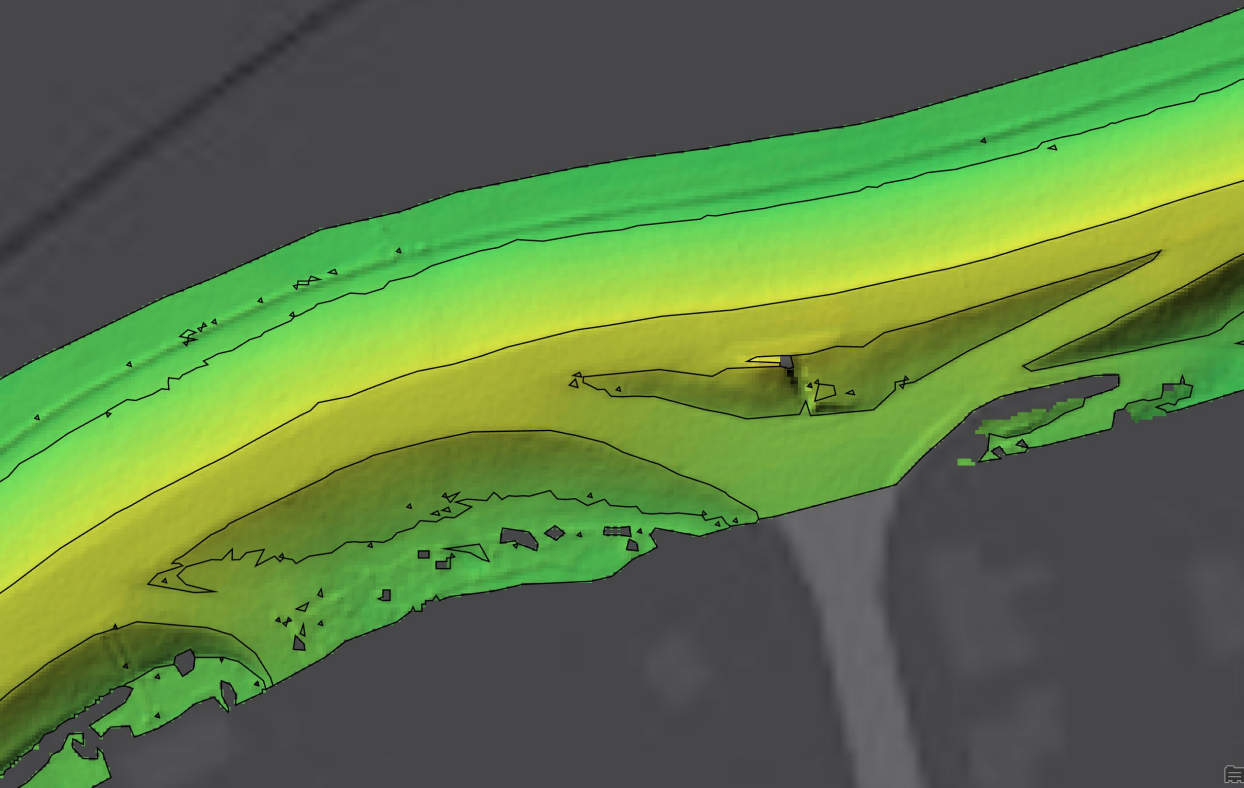
Binary classification with a break on **10** degrees

- Slope distinction on 1 : 5.7m
- Does not account well for access ramps
- Toe lines are clear in general.



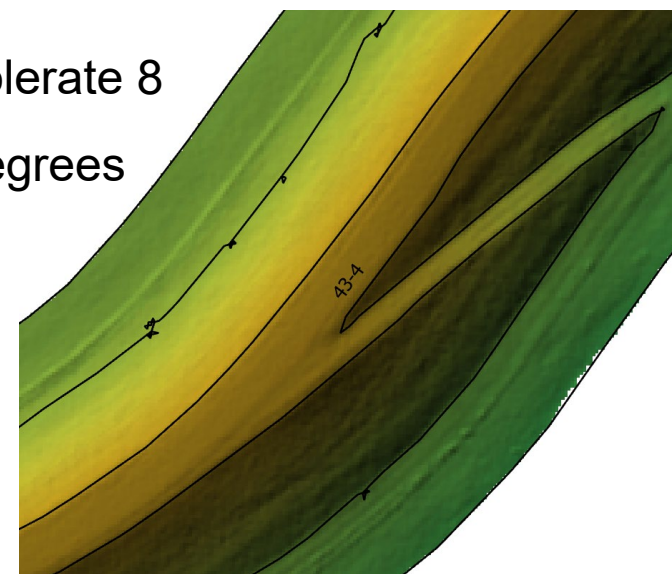
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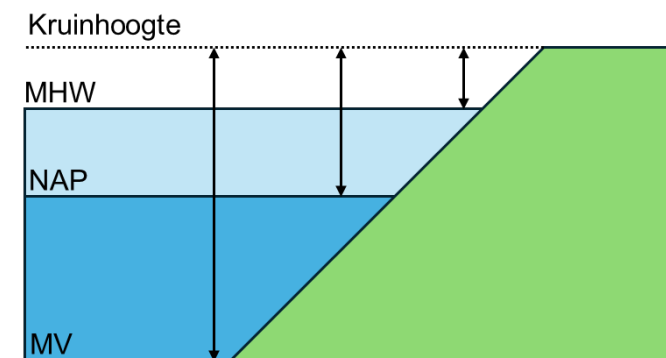
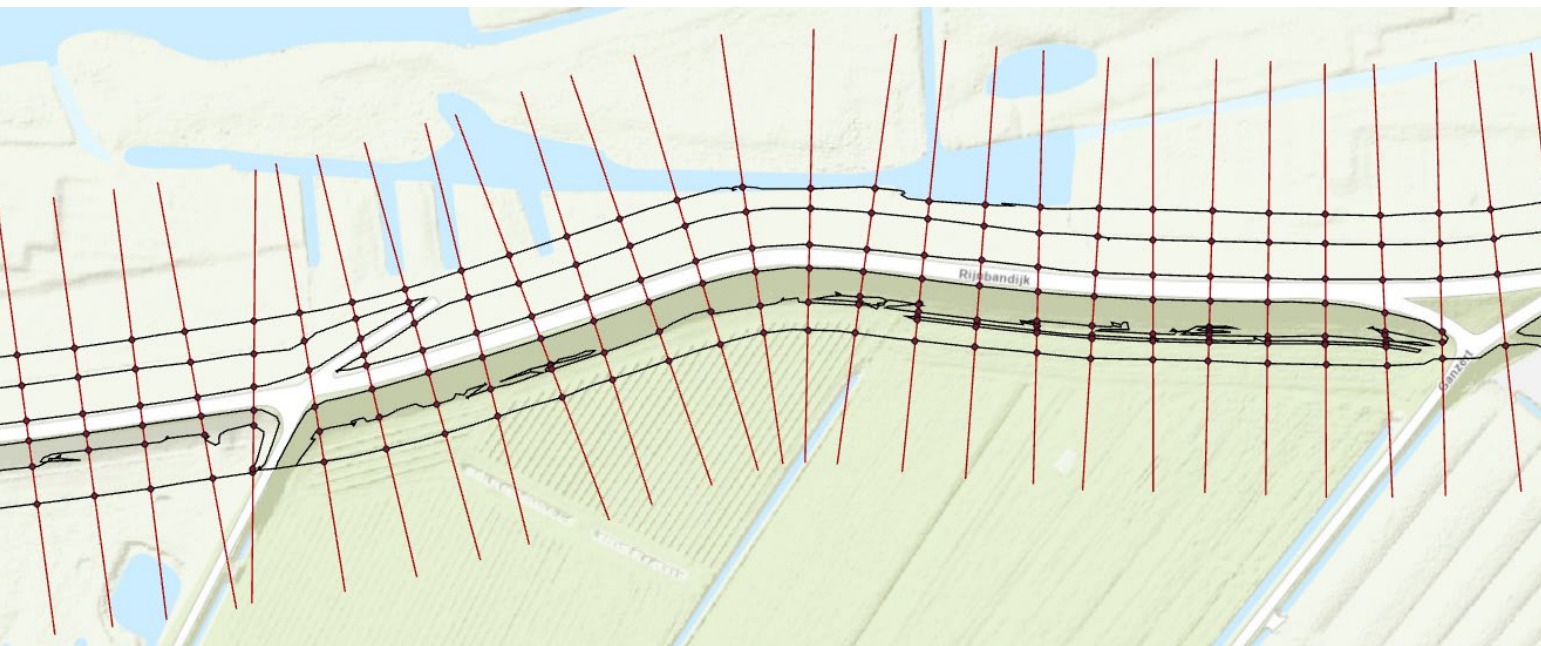
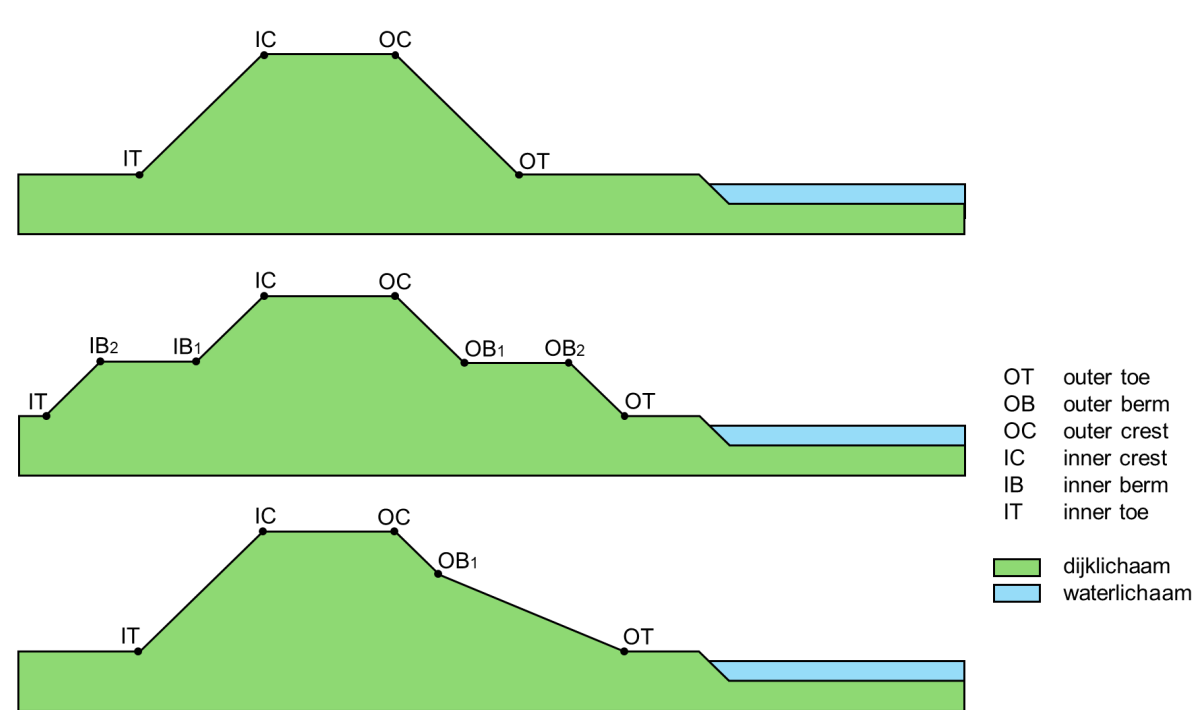
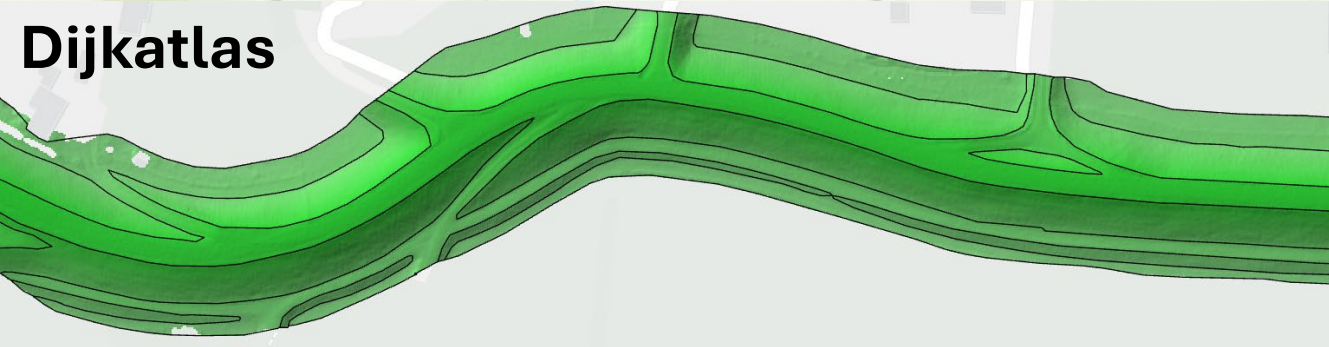
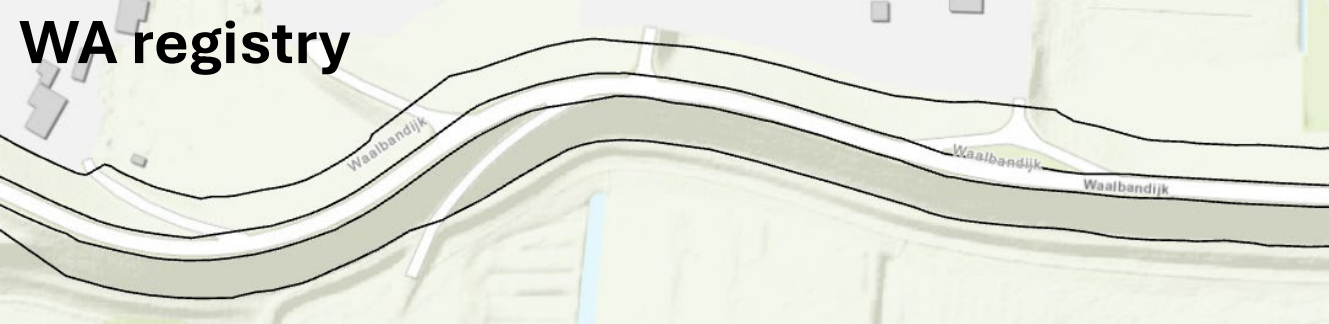
- Slope distinction on 1 : 4.7m
- Access ramps are generally clear
- Toe lines start to creep up



Tolerate 10
degrees

Tolerate 8
degrees



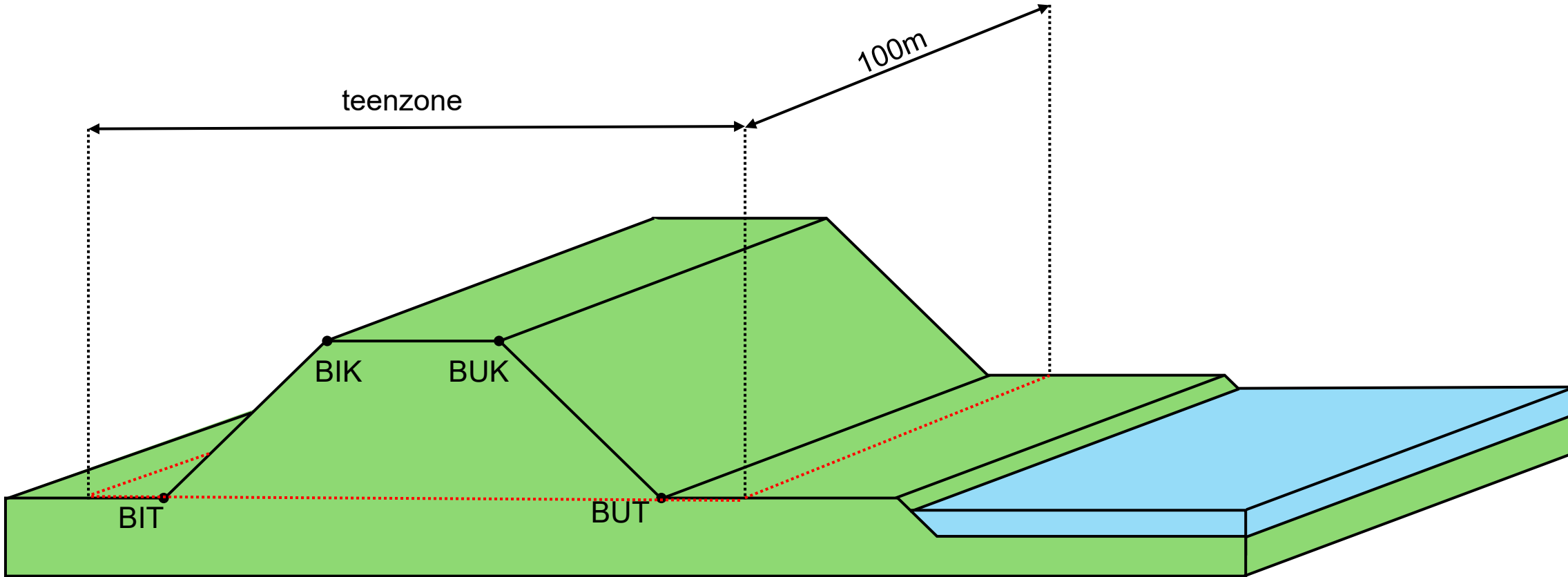


Van sonderingen naar kernmateriaal

Normtrajecten opgedeeld in uniforme dijkvakken van 100m.

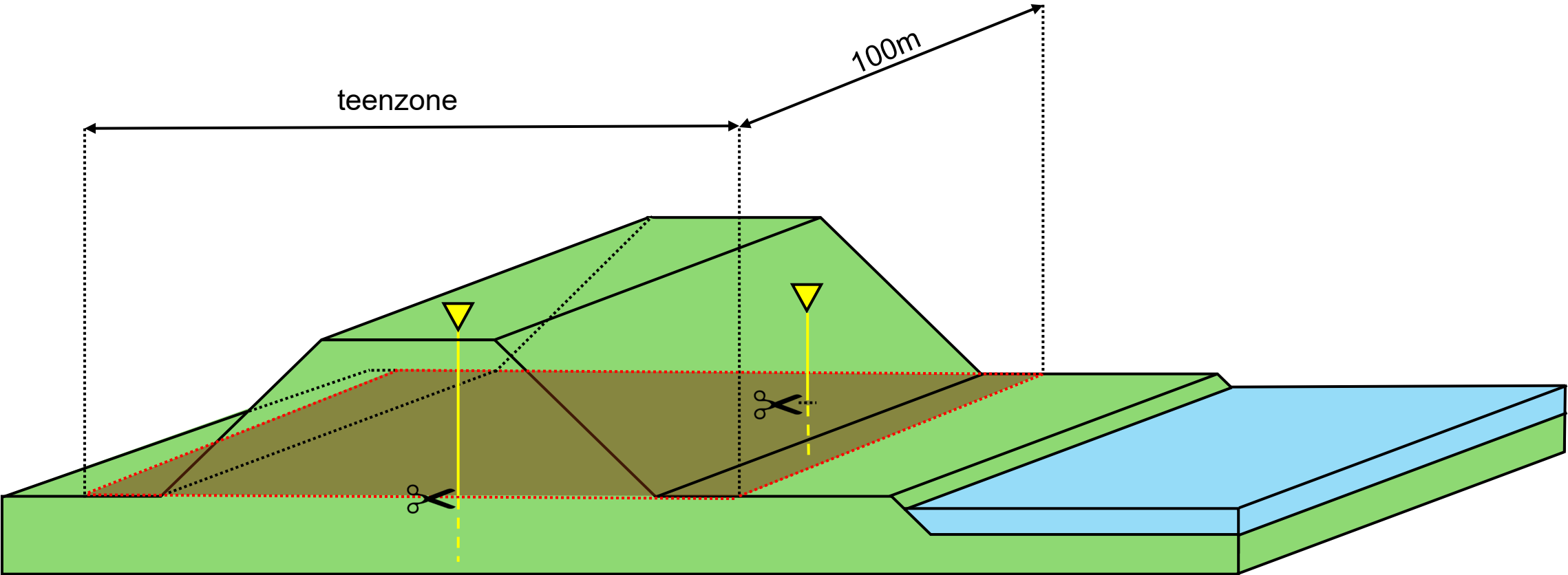
Het contour van de dijkvakken is de teenzone. Marge iets buiten de teen.

Per dijkvakcontour het laagste punt

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CPT to material construction

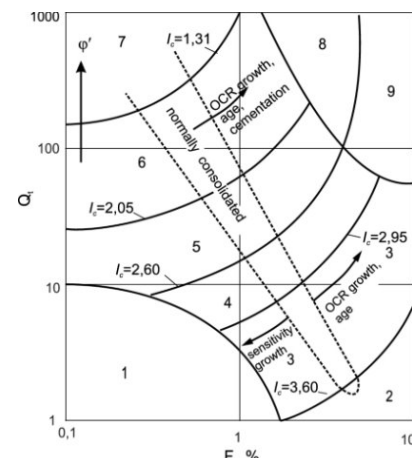
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2cm tot 5mm

Cone resistance
Local friction
Friction ratio



% soil type for each CPT,
cut-off on the lowest toe plane

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37	CPT000000	113157.8	558037.1	6.55	0.256	6.294	9%	0.7	-0.13	11%	47%	33%	9%	0%	0%	0%	0%
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39	CPT000000	113507.4	557871.8	4.92	0.228	4.692	33%	0.7	0.85	1%	26%	41%	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%

CPT - CPT000000096117

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y	433718.83
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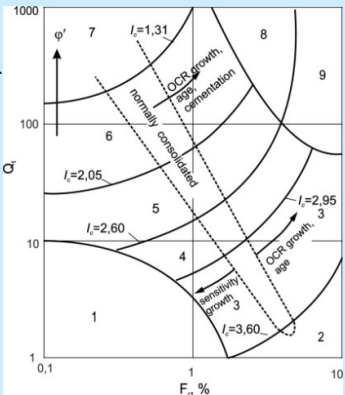


Potential ductility in dikes

Waarom nu veel meer groen / potentiële taatheid?

- 1. Enkel de kruinsonderingen
- 2. Verbeterde interpretatie van de genormaliseerde Robertson
- 3. Kleidrempels > erosiebestendige drempels

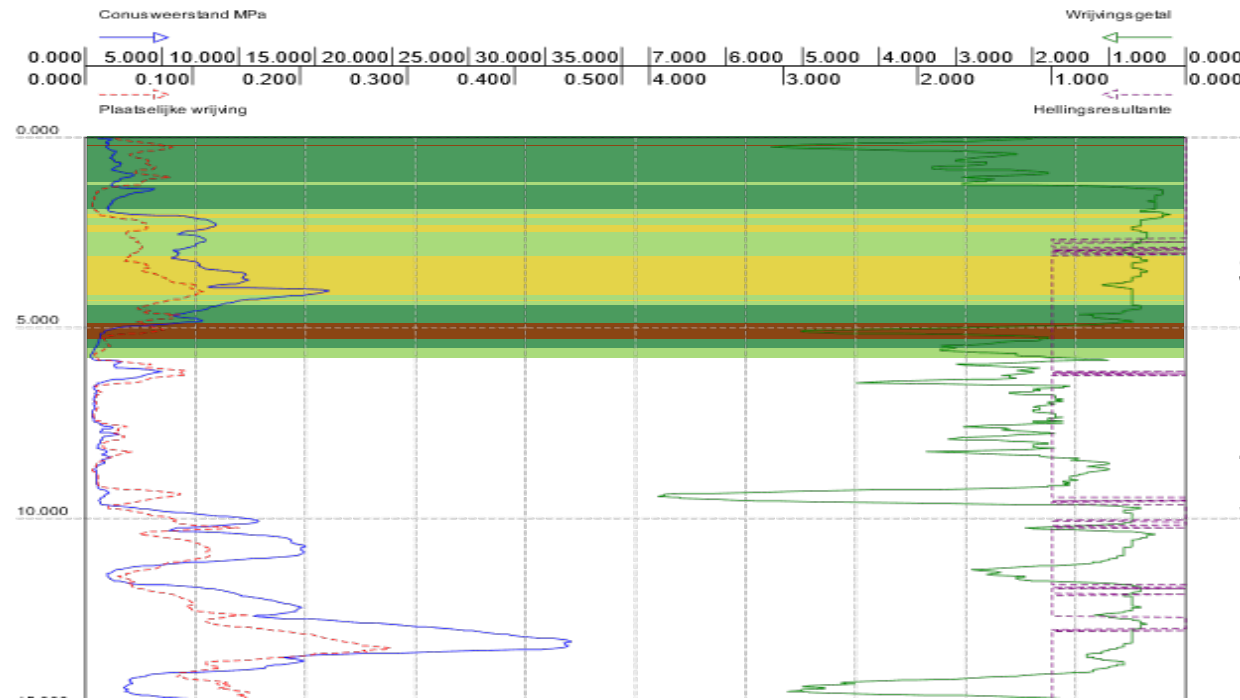
Robertson zones	Beschrijving Robertson	Interpretatie	Kleur code	Erosie-bestendig
1	Sensitive, fine grained	Gevoelige klei		
2	Clay organic	Veen		?
3	Clay & silty clay	Klei		✓
4	Silt mixtures	Silt / leem		
5	Sand mixtures	Kleilig zand		
6	Sands clean and silty	Zand		
7	Dense to gravelly sand	Grindig zand		
8	Stiff sand to clay sand*	Compact zand (verkit)		✓
9	Stiff fine grained*	Compacte klei		✓



Wieringermeerdijk

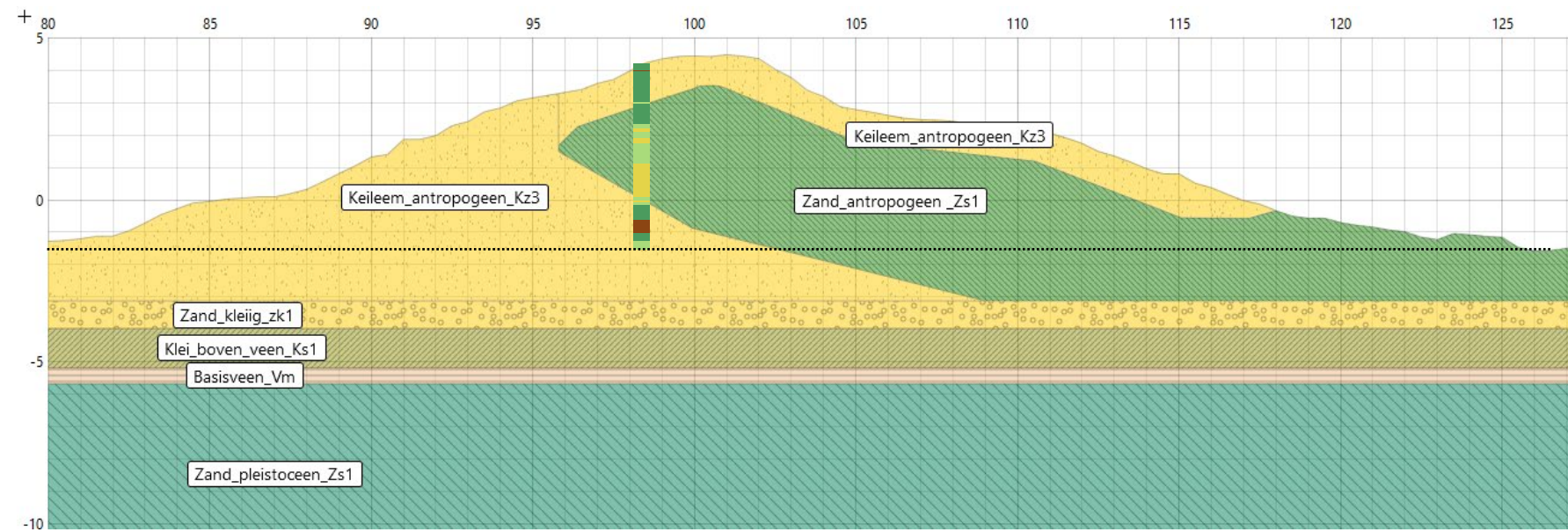


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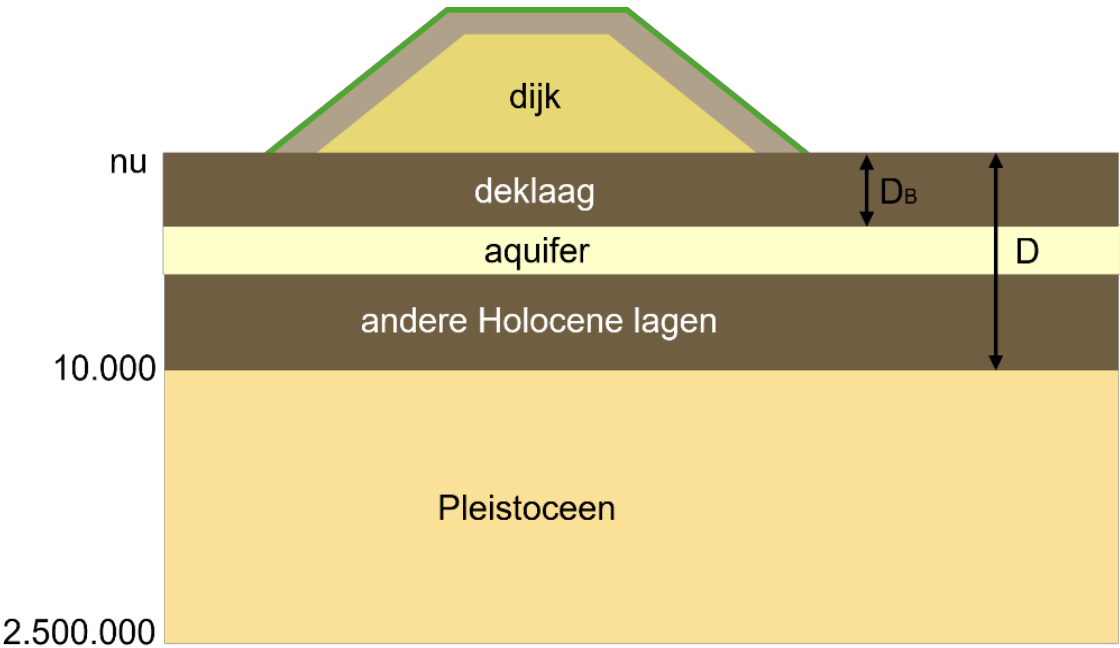
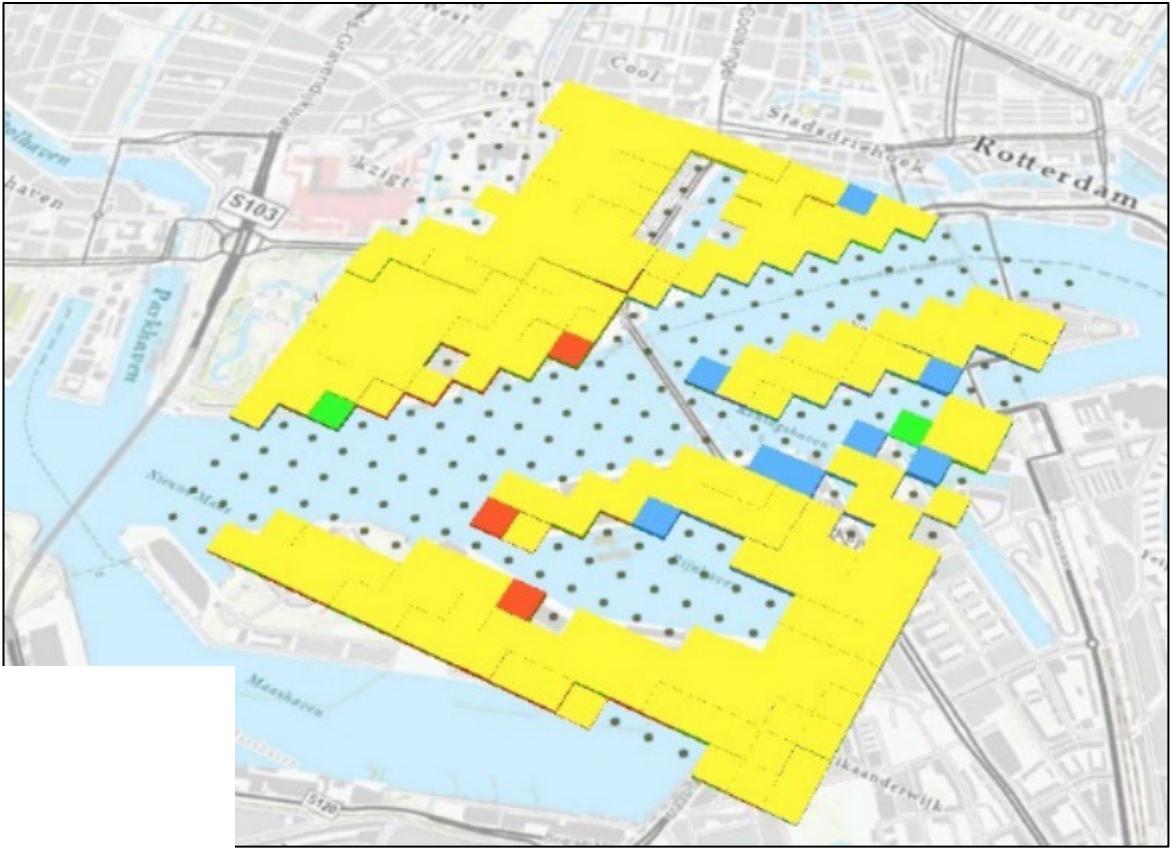
Stappen per case

1. Robertson classificatie (qc en fs)
2. Afsnijden op teen (mv)
3. Valideren met
 - a) Geotechnisch dwarsprofiel
 - b) Sondeerstaat



Coomponent 3: subsurface

Grid_Compressed_data - 3	
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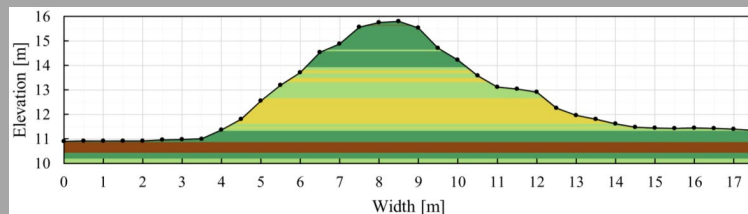
De Dijkatlas

A technical dike dataset as a platform for automated safety assessment, parametric dike design, and predictive maintenance.
Three **Proof-of-Concepts** to demonstrate the importance of robust data management and high-quality data collection.

Automated safety assessment

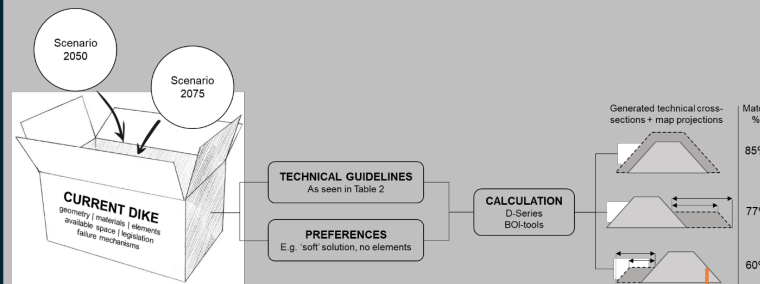
RAAK-Pub Dijken van Data

1. Software integration
2. GEOLIB for Dijkatlas output as input for modelling software.
3. Validation: 20+ steekproeven vergelijken met WBI2017/2023-beoordelingen
4. Expert-testcases: waterkeringsbeheerders aan het roer van de Dijkatlas



Parametric design

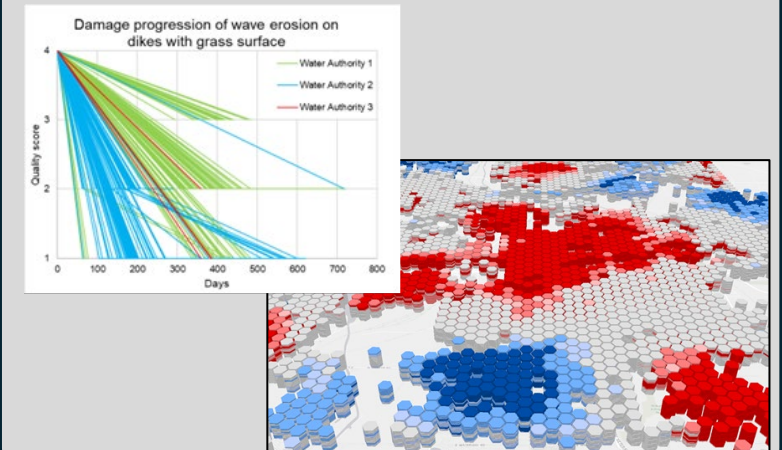
Technical guidelines	Emerging requirements and contradictions
NEN 5104 Geotechnical - Classification of unimproved soil samples (1989)	Describes how soil in the Netherlands had to be classified up to 2020. This standard is officially no longer applicable and has been replaced by NEN-EN-ISO 14688, but it is still extensively used in practice.
RAW (1995 & 2020)	In the RAW (Dutch standard for integrated contracting), the requirements from the technical report 'Klei voor Dijken' have been adopted as standard specification requirements. The RAW is revised every five years, and RAW 2020 is now available. However, the requirements for clay and sand have not changed since 1995.
Technical report 'Klei voor Dijken' (1996)	This report is a compilation of experiential knowledge and fundamental research on the behaviour of clay. Unlike previous guidelines, no requirements for silt content are specified here.
Addendum to the technical report 'Waterkerende Grondconstructies' (2007)	The silt content requirements are reintroduced because observations from practice showed that problems arise when these are not adhered to.
Addendum I to the 'Leidraad Rivieren' (2008)	A further specification on silt content and layer thickness requirements are further in comparison to the Addendum to the technical report 'Waterkerende Grondconstructies'.
Report 'Studie voor richtlijnen klei op buitentaluds in het rivierengebied' (2010)	A study particularly focused on the interaction of clay and the grass revetment on the dike. Introduction of a new classification of clay erosion categories: firm clay, lean clay, and unsuitable clay, replacing categories 1, 2, and 3. This classification was later incorporated into the WBI (Water Safety Assessment).
Report 'Toepassen klei met hoger zoutgehalte in dijklichamen' (Krause, 2013)	A justification for the application of clay with slightly higher salt content under specific conditions, accompanied with explanations of compensatory measures.
Report 'Klei eigenschappen in verband met het project Ruimte voor de Rivier IJsseldelta' (2015)	A justification for the application of clay with slightly higher organic matter content under specific conditions, accompanied with explanations of compensatory measures.
Report 'Vier quick wins grond en klei' (Rijkswaterstaat, 2018)	A report on clay erosion categories, assessment bandwidth, permeability, and improved methods for clay compaction and its quality control.
Manual 'Handboek Dijkenbouw' (2018)	A compilation of requirements from the publications mentioned above. Explicit attention is given to the applicability of other soil types besides sand and clay. It includes a qualitative indication of consequences when threshold values are exceeded.



Predictive maintenance

Predict dike damage and aging processes

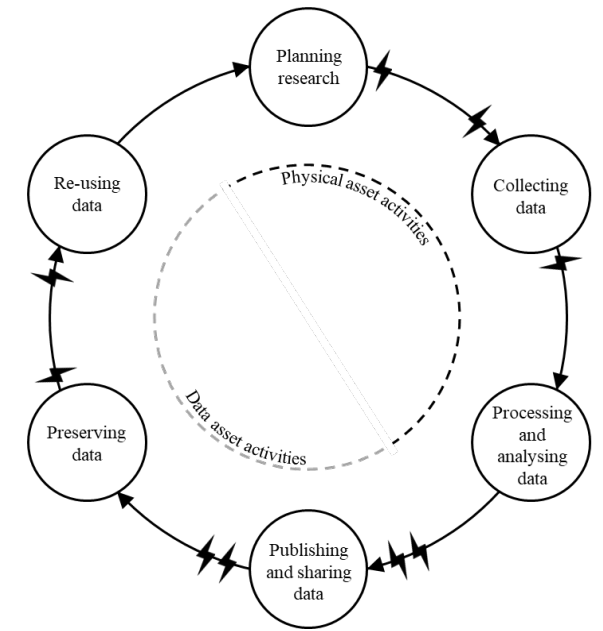
- Spatial hotspot analysis
- Emerging hotspot analysis in space and time
- Random Forest boosted prediction with geographically weighted regression



Draw lessons from various data management practices among flood defence asset managers.

Progress synthesis

- A diagnosis of data lifecycle discontinuities in flood defence asset management
- Flood defence data remains fragmented, despite tons of data and variety of standards
- De Dijkatlas as a scalable data product demonstrating the payoff of strong flood defence data management



QUESTIONS? TIPS? COLLABORATE!



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