#### **SESSION III: Pop-Up Talks**

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# Supporting decision making under deep uncertainty

some experiences in The Netherlands



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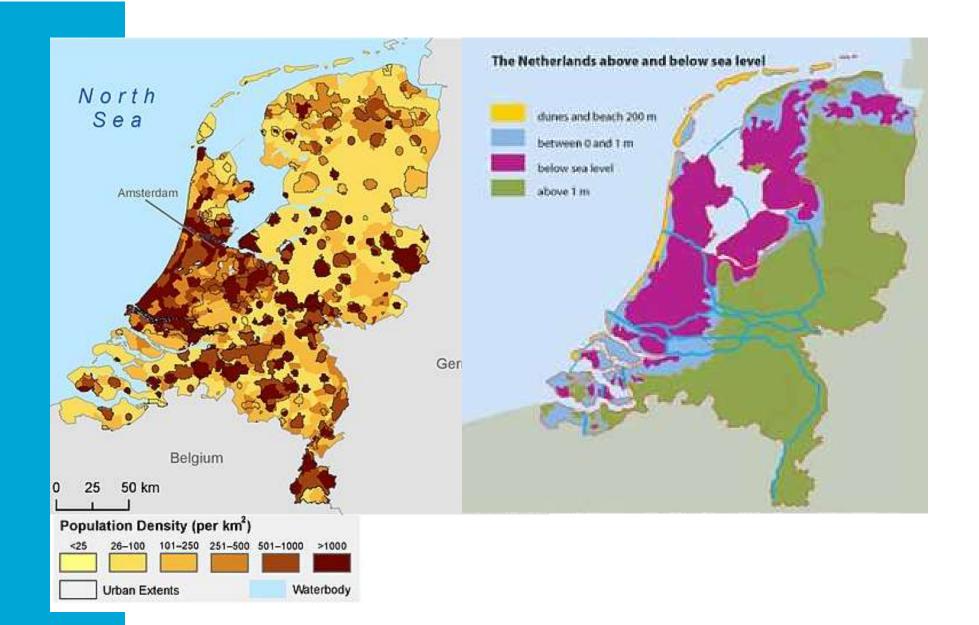














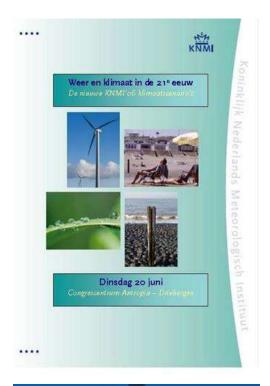
### A problem with scenarios

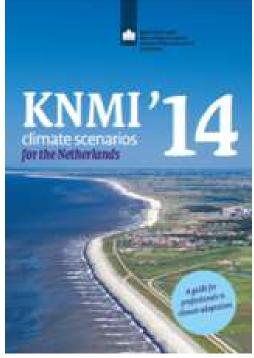
Long history of scenario based planning in the Netherlands

- Transport
- Land use
- Water management

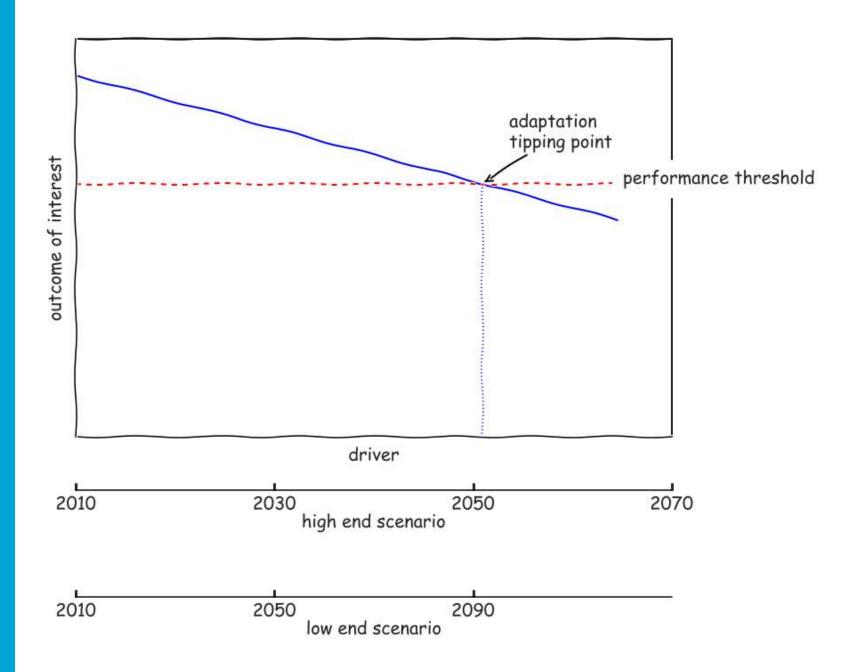
#### Problem

- Timing of building new assets is scenario depended
- New scenario requires redoing the analysis for timing



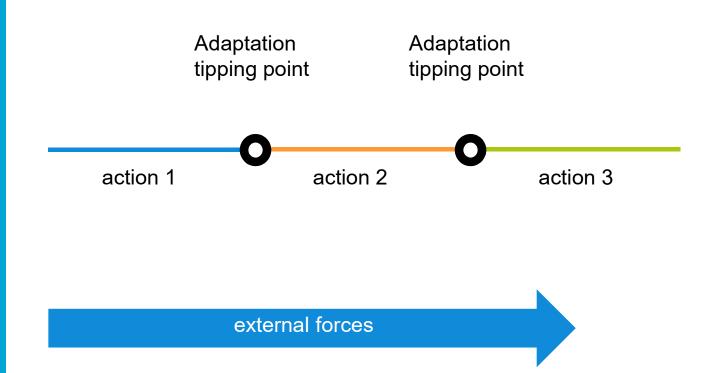






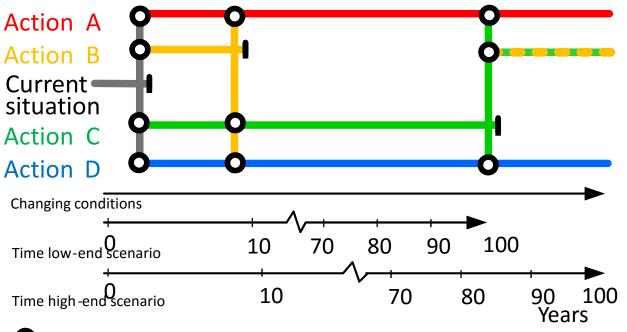


## What is an adaptation pathway?





### Adaptation pathways



Time horizon 100 years				
Pathway		Costs	Benefits	Co-benefits
1	0	+++	+	0
2	00	+++++	0	0
3	00	+++	0	0
4	00	+++	0	0
5	0	0	0	-
6	00	++++	0	-
7	00	+++	0	-
8	00	+	+	
9	0	++	+	

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Transfer station to new policy action

Adaptation Tipping Point of a policy action (Terminal)

Policy action effective



## Adaptive delta management what is new?

#### What is not new?

we have for centuries adapted our delta to changing conditions, but always in response to (near) disasters

#### What is new?

anticipate uncertain future changes and address them proactively

Need for new methods for problem analysis, policy analysis, planning, and decision support

## Dealing with uncertainties is the key issue of adaptive (delta) planning:

"what to do and under what conditions to do it?" "not too much, not too little"

"not too early, not too late"





## How to develop adaptation pathways

Qualitative approaches

expert opinions

participatory processes

Quantitative approaches

(multi objective) Robust Decision

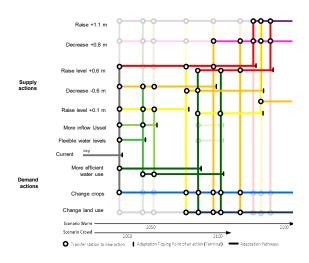
Making

multi-objective Robust

Optimization

Hybrid

iterate between stakeholder deliberation and model based







## The adoption of adaptive delta management

#### Delta programme in the Netherlands in enshrined in law

- Agreement on yearly funding
- Commitment to short term action
- Specification of long term options
- Currently focus on design and institutionalization of monitoring

#### Adoption in various countries

- Bangladesh, Vietnam, Indonesia, co-funded by Dutch National government
- Australia, New Zealand
- United Kingdom (Thames Estuary 2100 plan)

