



Shortage of groundwater: how to approach?

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Steps for a successful climate change adaptation on drought

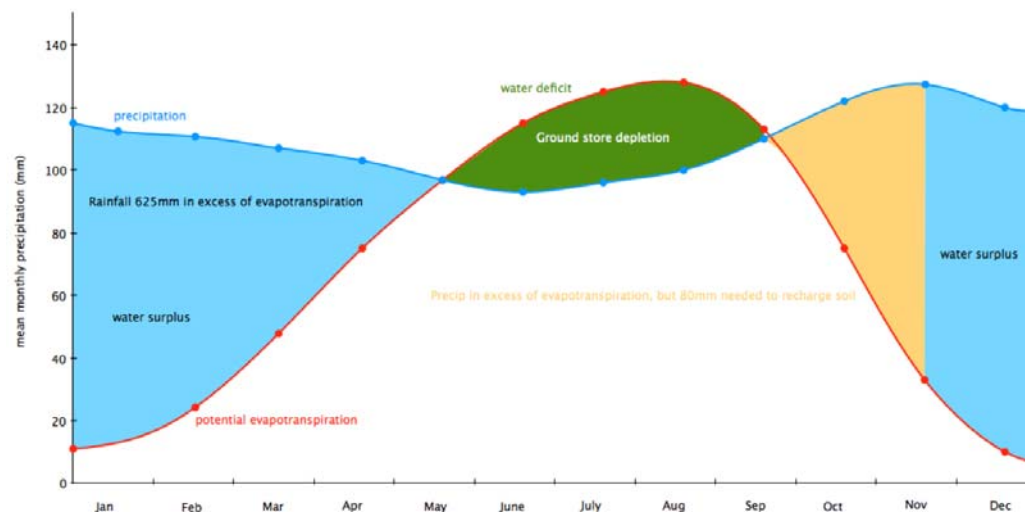
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Current situation
shortage precipitation
in summer

Climate change will
increase the shortage
in summer

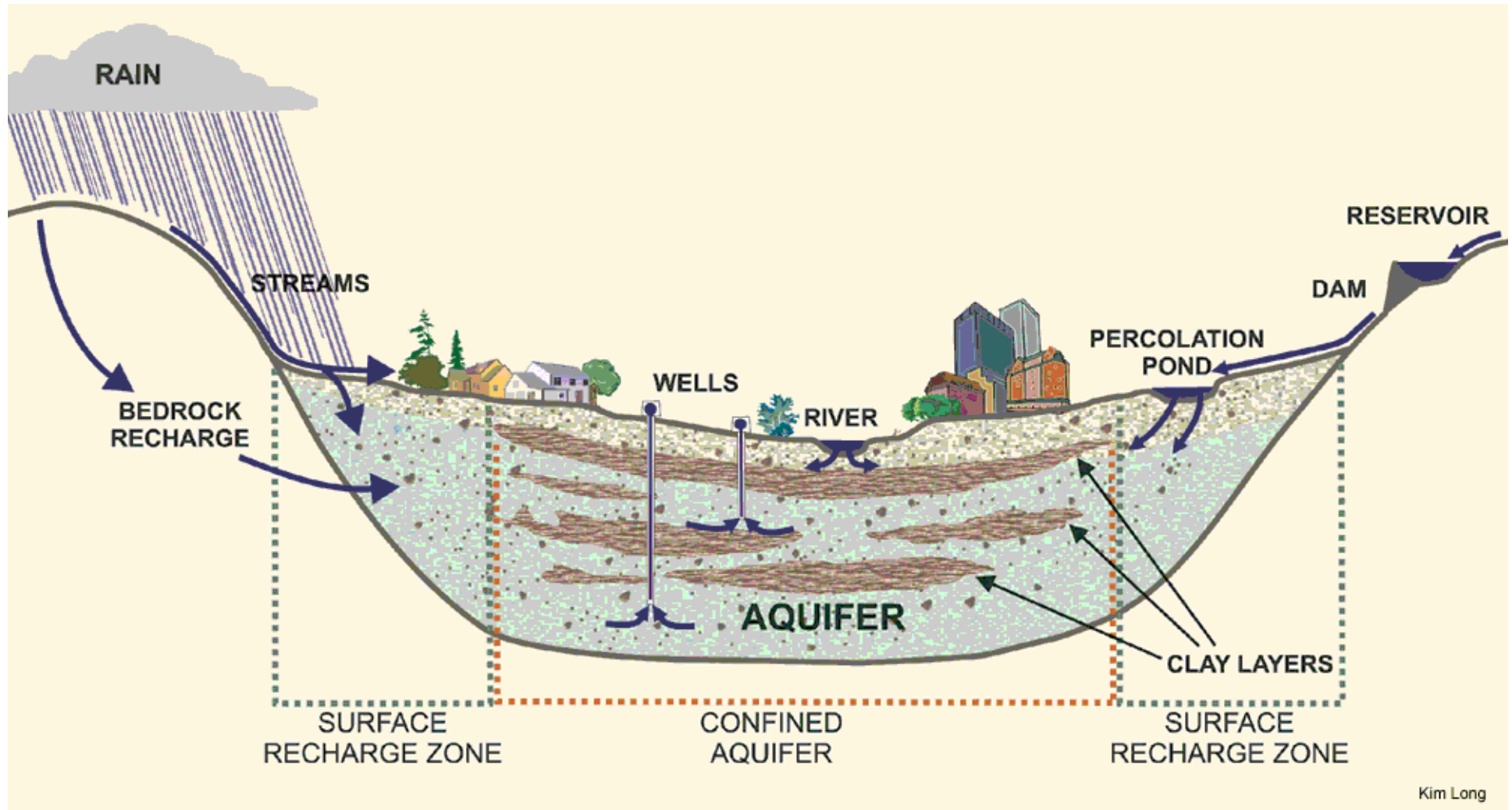


We need to buffer groundwater for use in summer

- Flanders
 - 50% less yield
- The Netherlands
 - Suffering water depending nature
- Germany
 - 68.000 m³/day extra
- UK
 - Extremely high irrigation demand



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- Spatial relations
 - *Elbe / Weser area: Salinity and drought*
- Different functions
 - *Drentsche Aa: nature and agricultural land*
- Quality and quantity
 - *Drentsche Aa: Infiltration ponds + Nitrate surplus in dry years*
- Groundwater and surface water
 - *Uelzen: WFD demands*

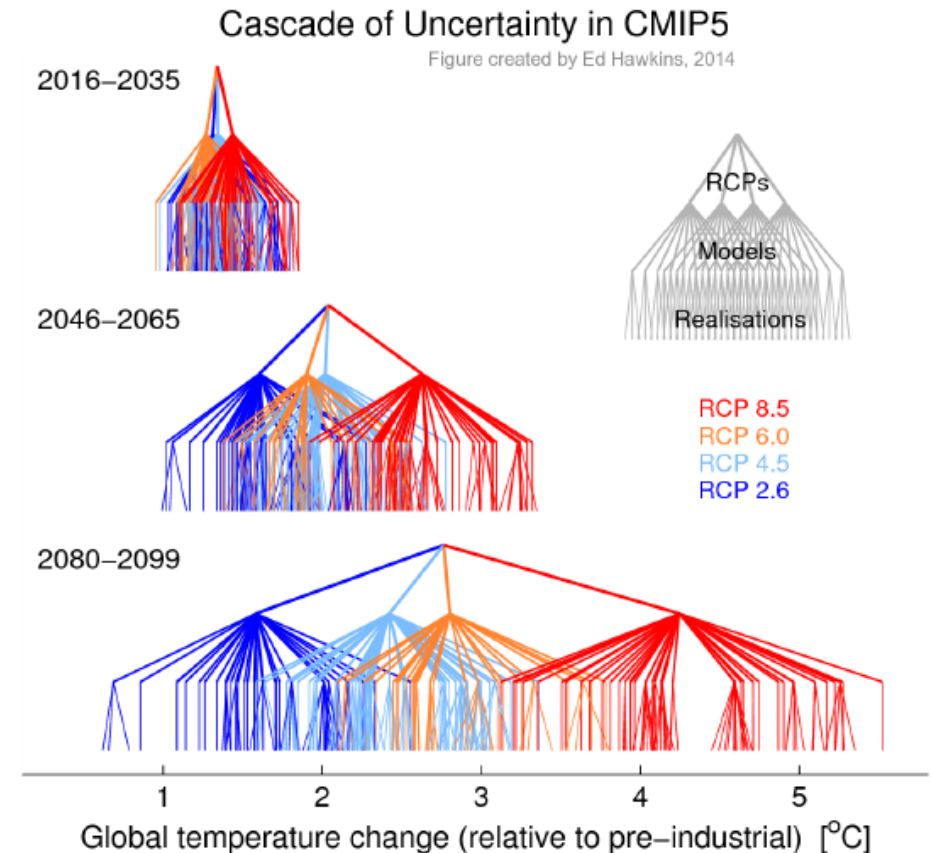


Develop a long term strategy on shortage of groundwater

- Still much uncertainty

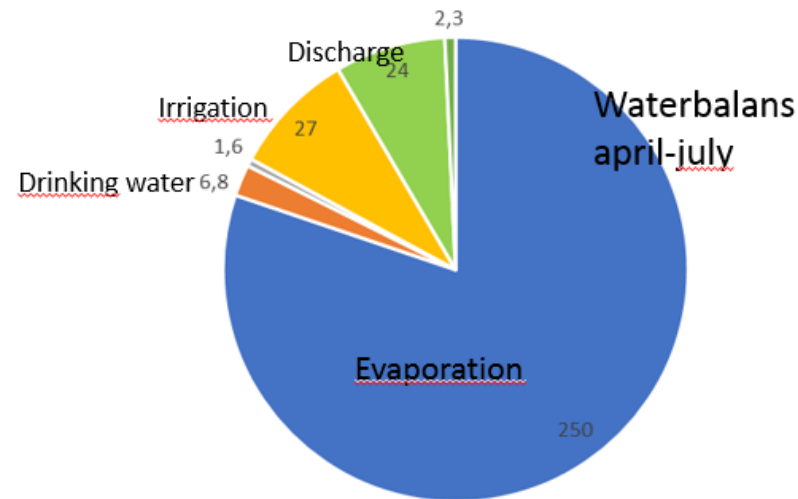
“Scenarios should not be confused with forecast, scenario’s are plausible storylines”

(Arne Spekat from the Institute for Climate Impact Research)



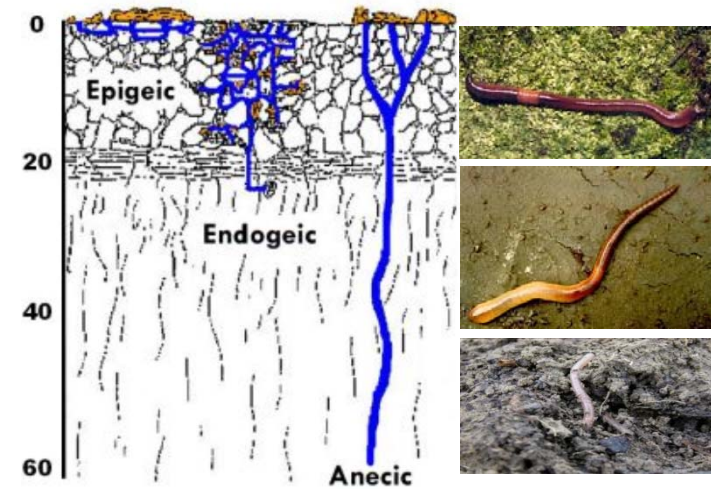
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- There are no simple solutions to increase the amount of groundwater



Examples

- Good soil practice
- Encourage farmers to infiltrate more water more often
- Be alert with licensing for extracting groundwater in vulnerable areas



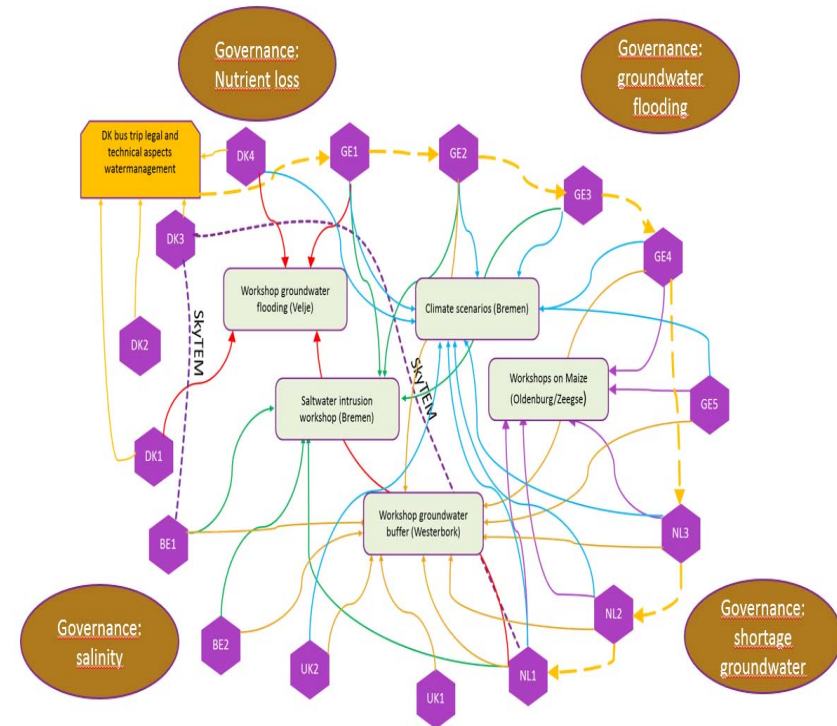
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How can cooperation between regions as in the NSR programme support addressing the drought challenge?

- Different background
- Exchange knowledge
- Making it a European problem
- Incorporate in EU laws (Nature2000, WFD)



Thanks for your attention!

