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Wind input for the assessment of storm surges and waves

modeling methodologies session

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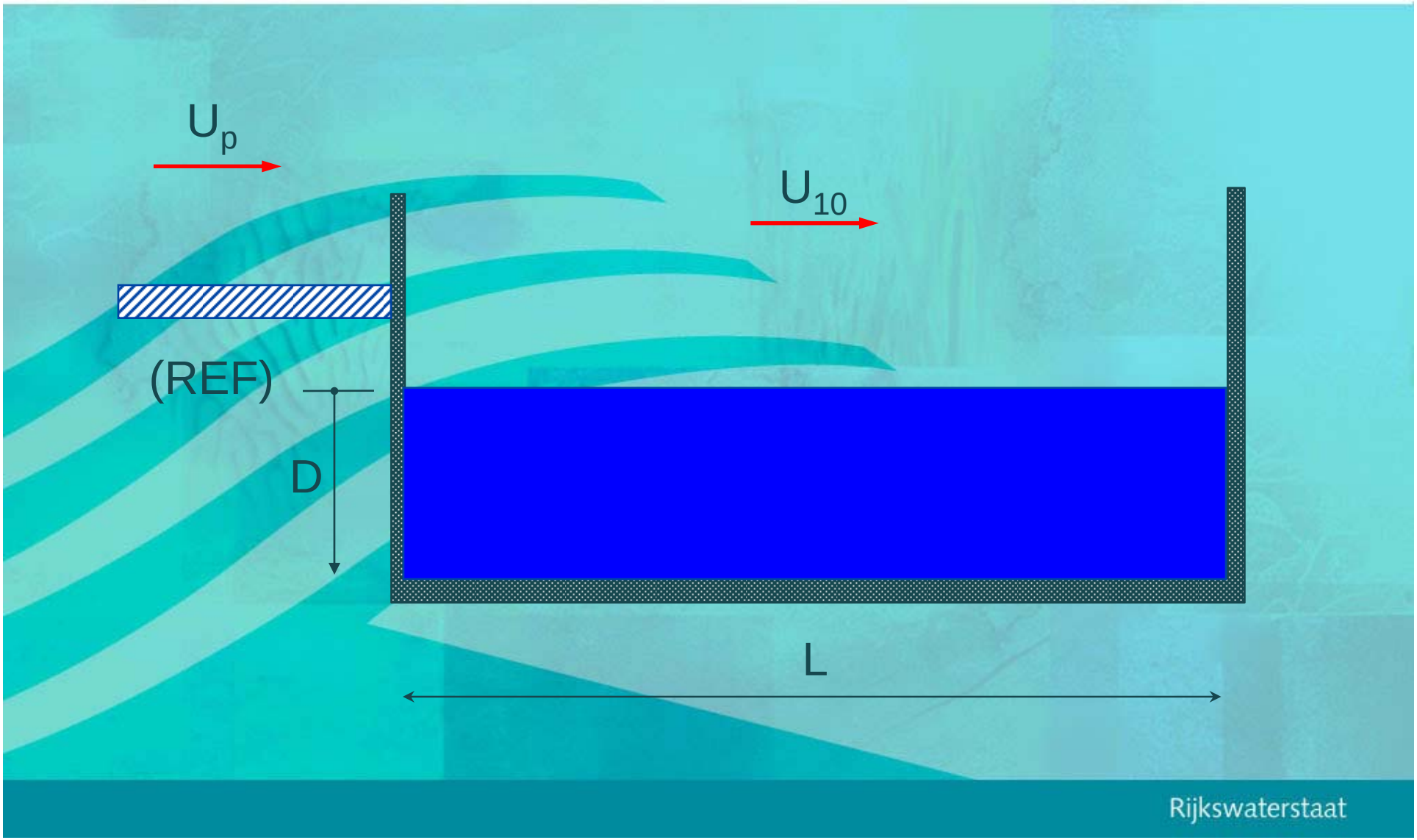
Wind over land and water



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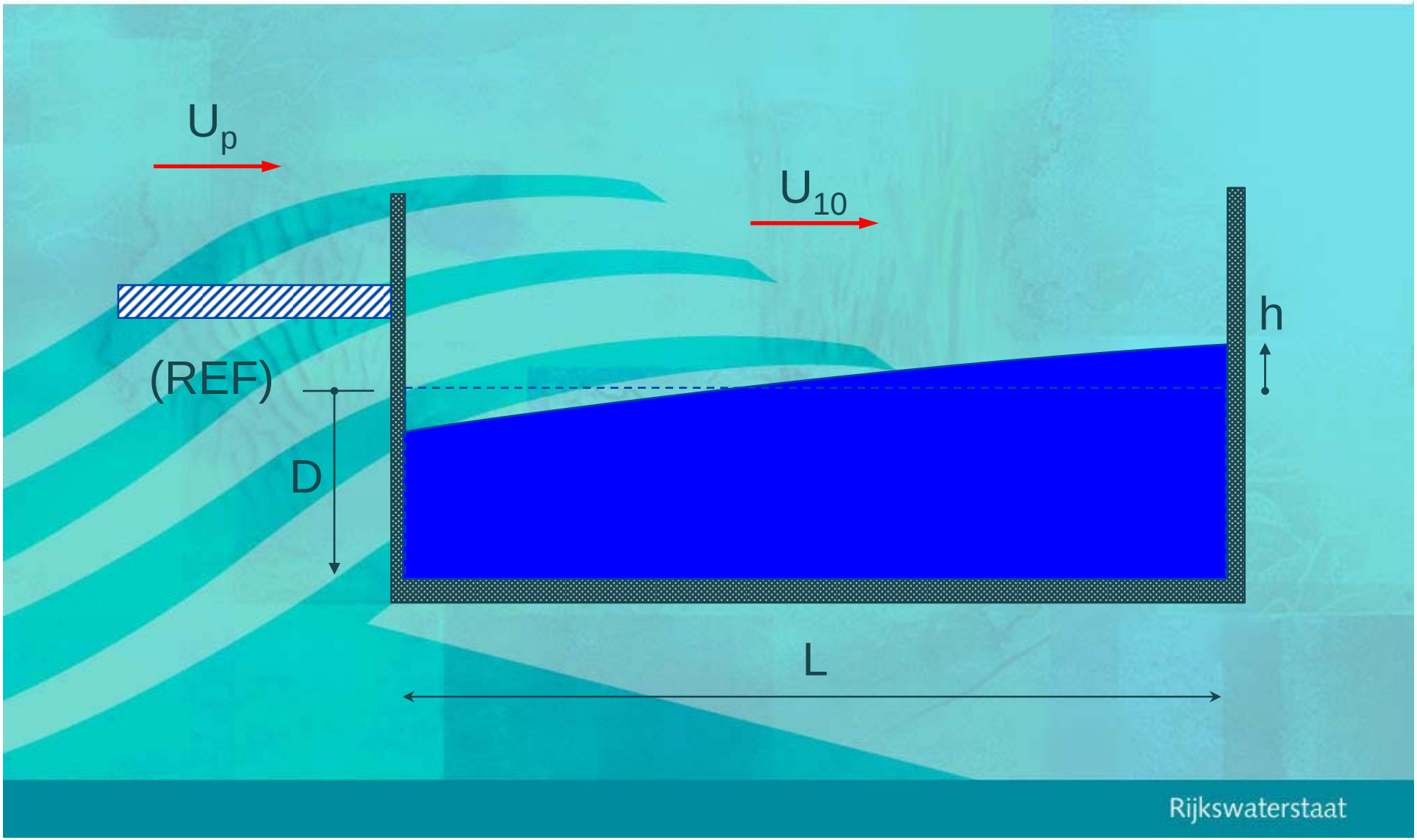

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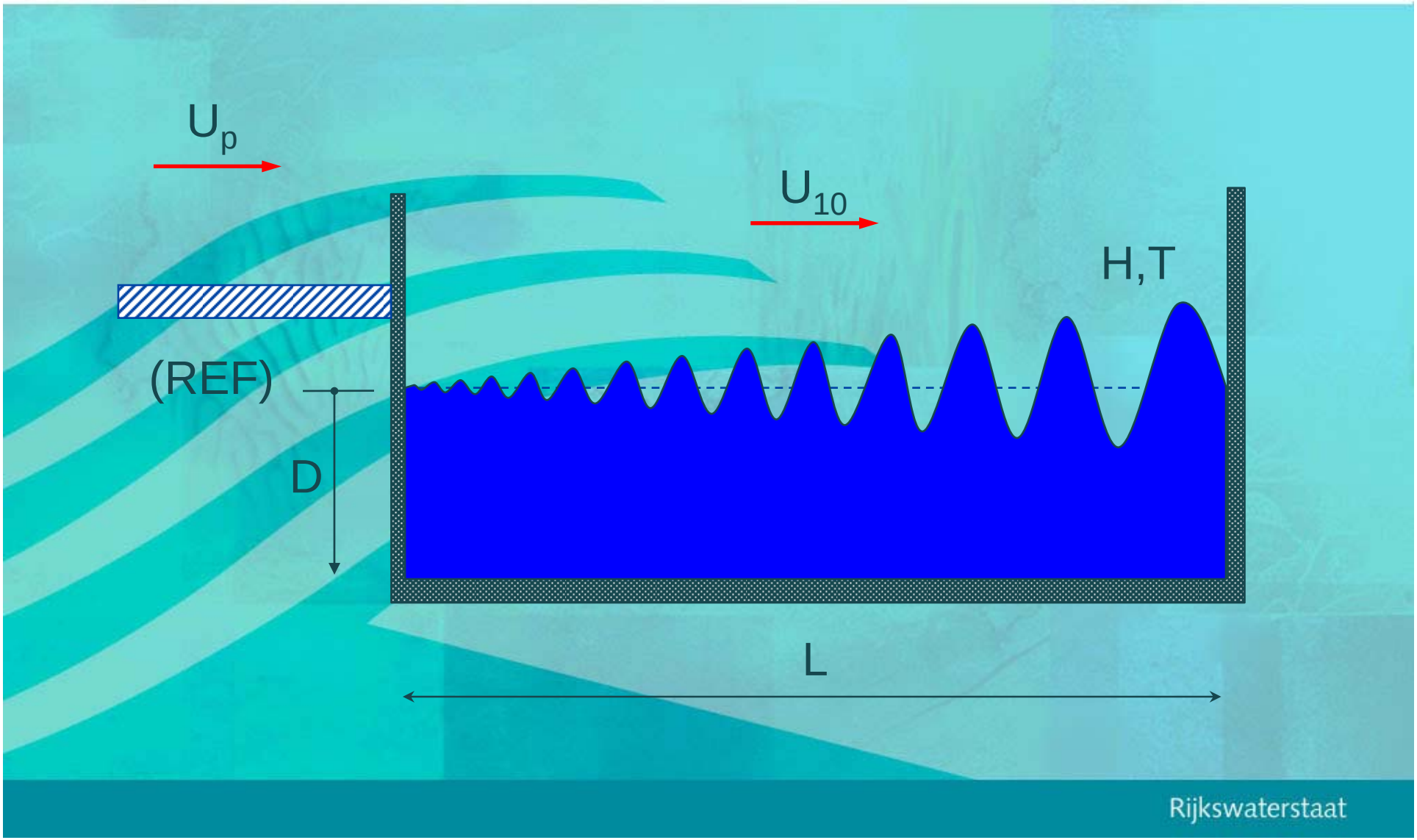
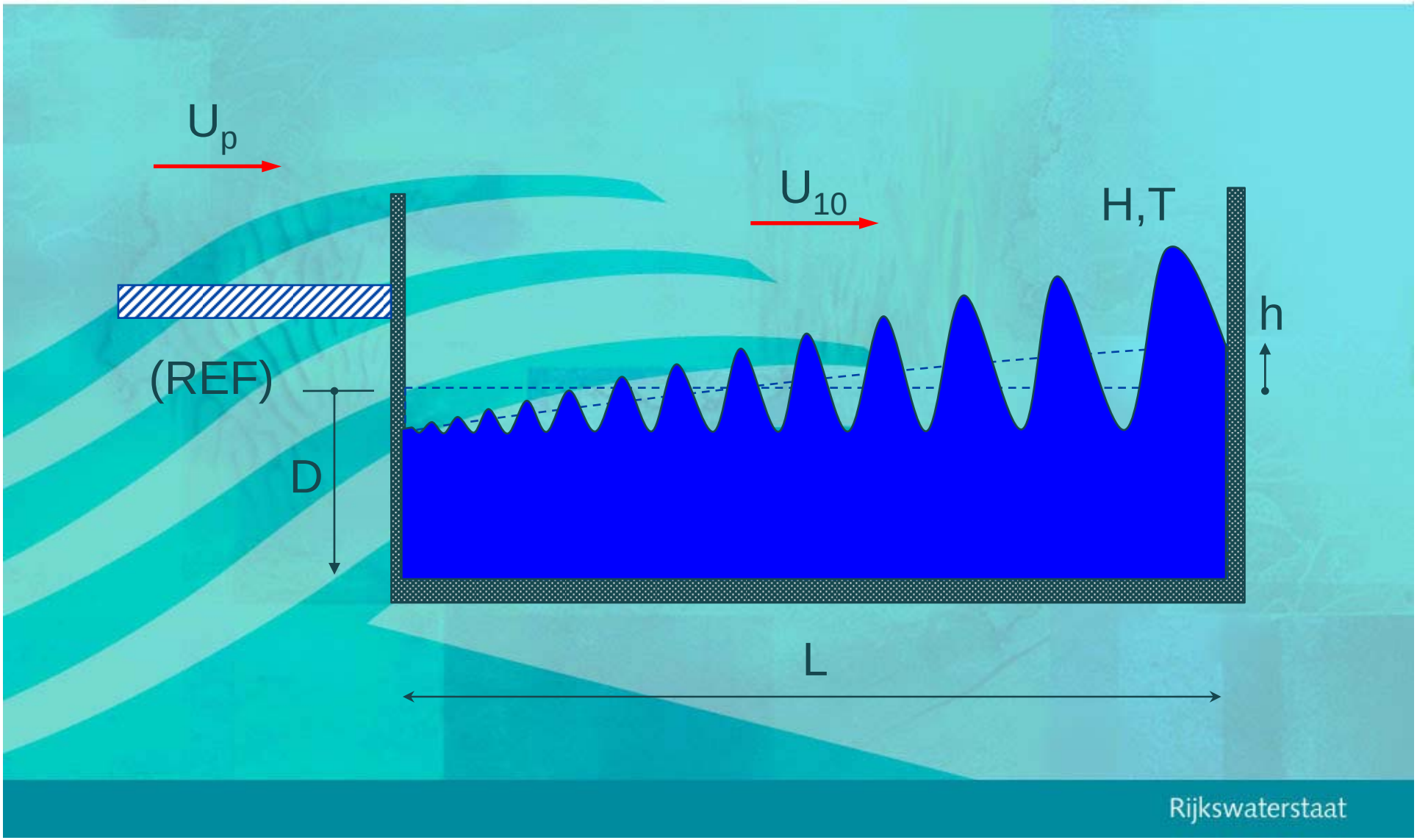


Surge and wave growth combined



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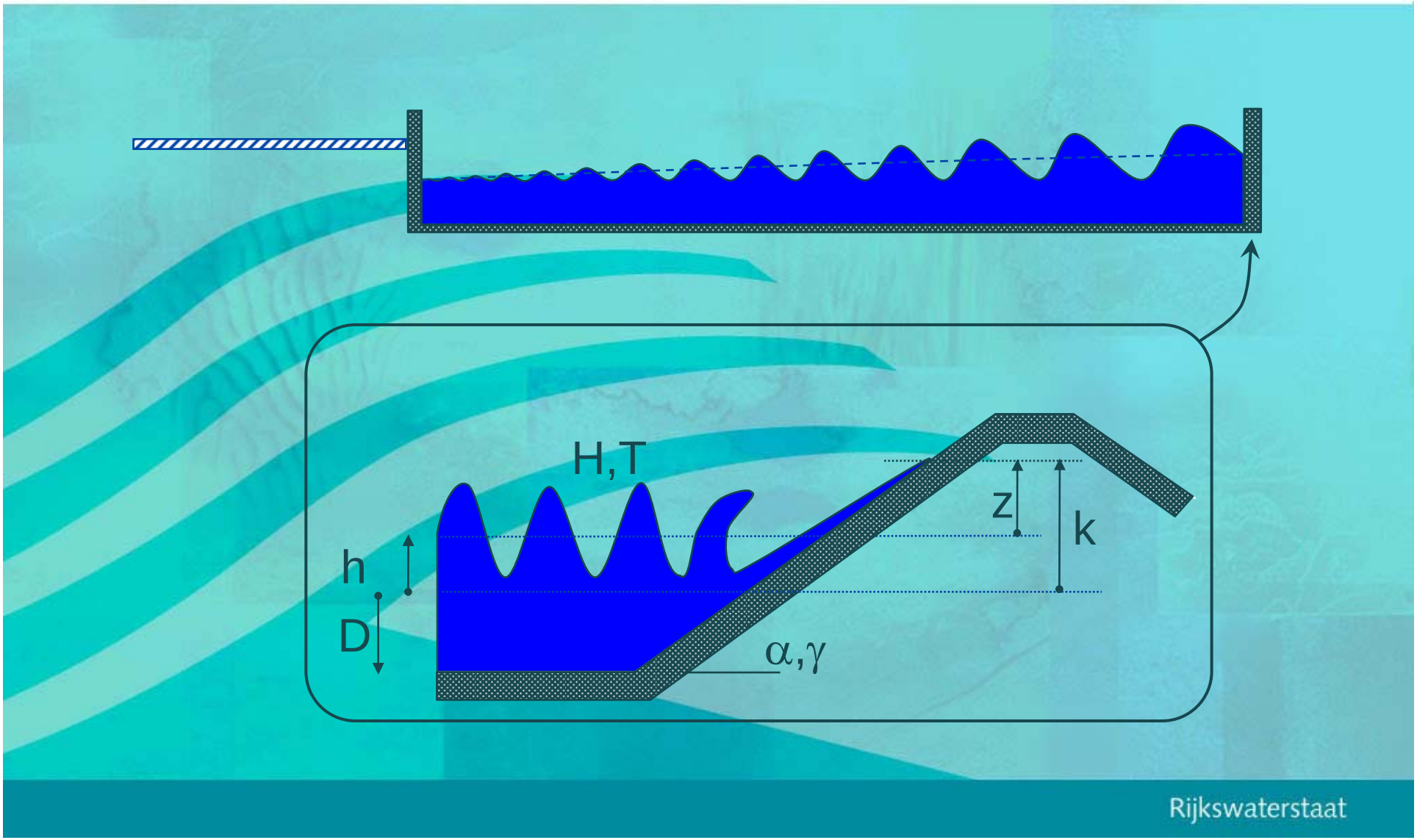
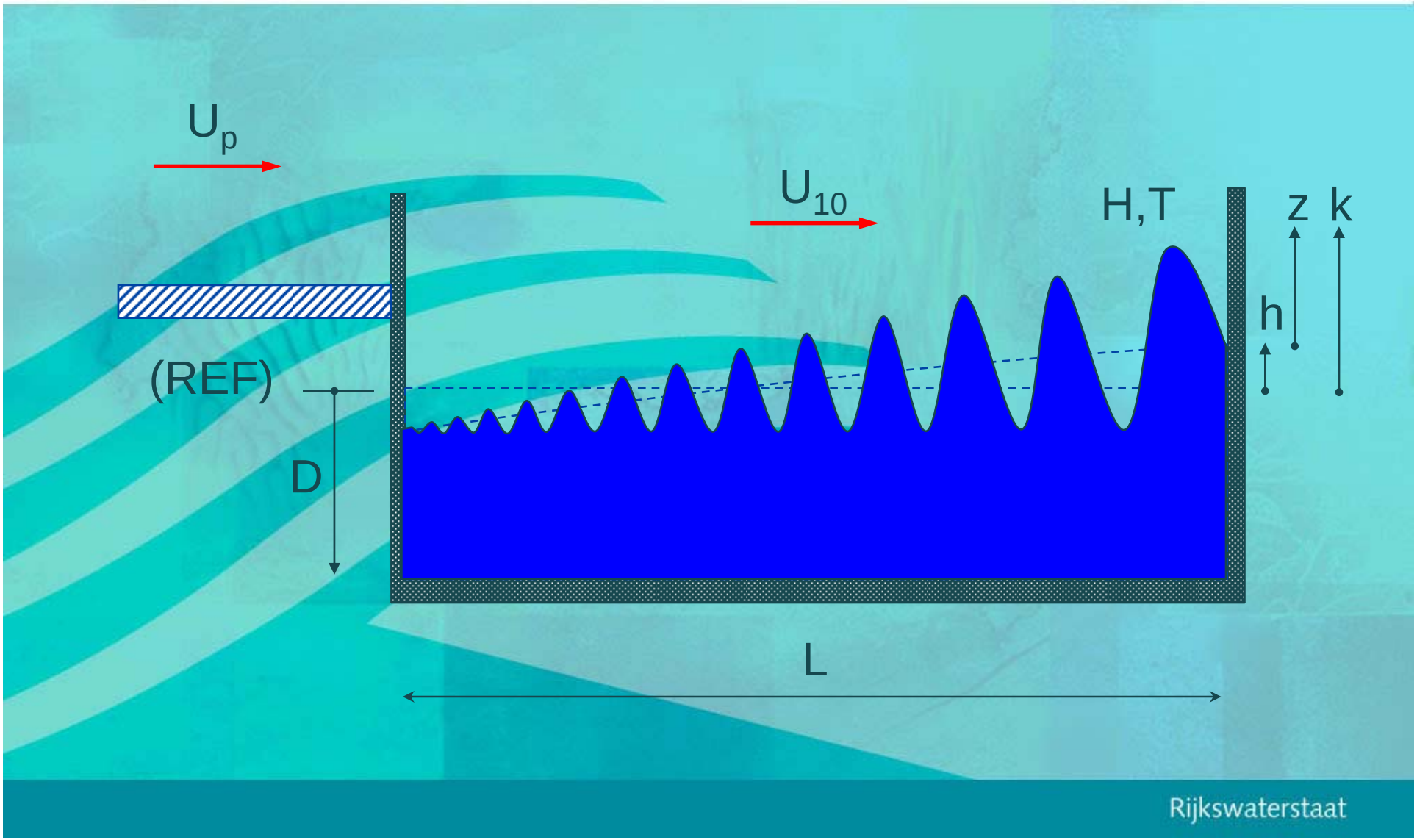
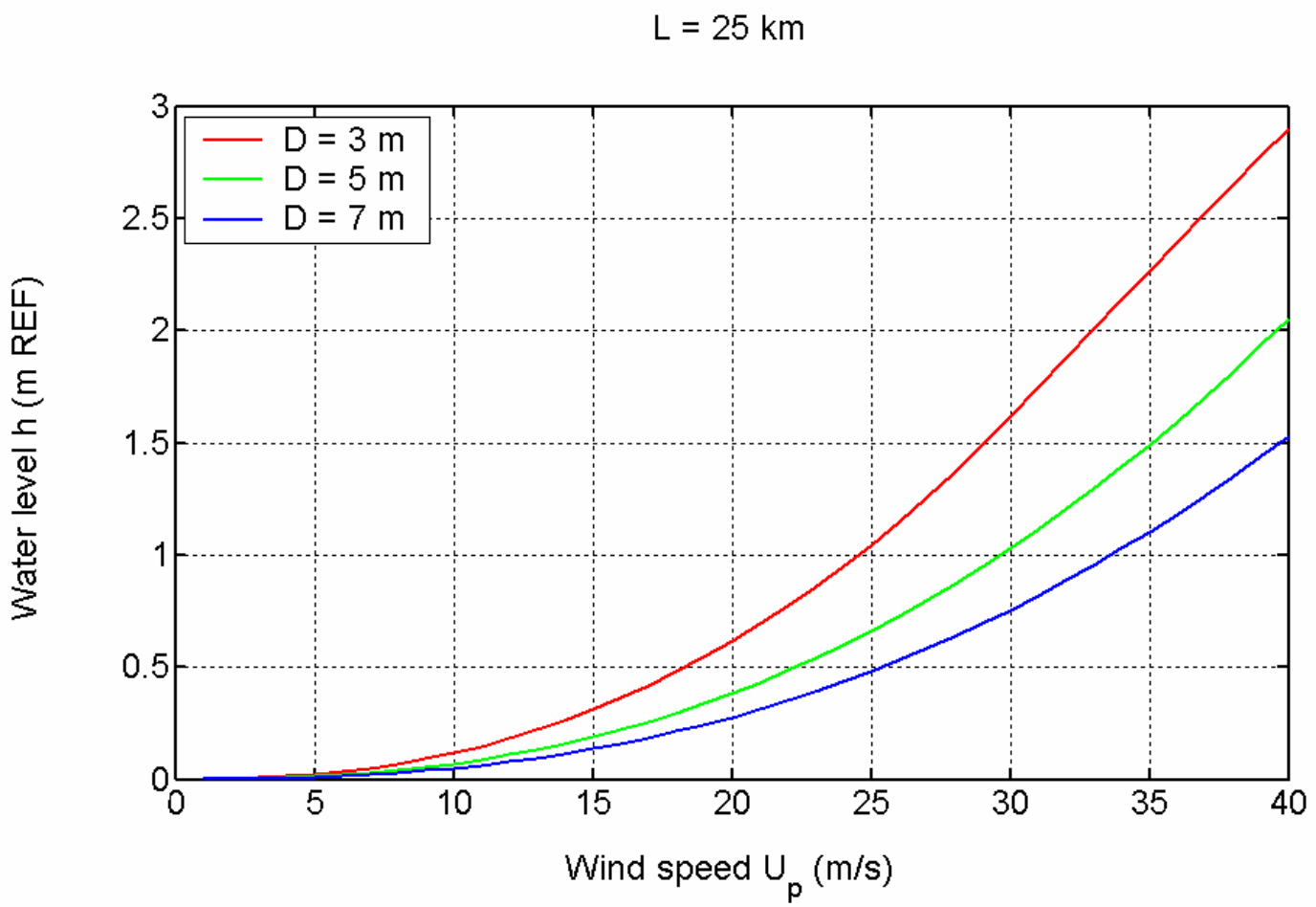


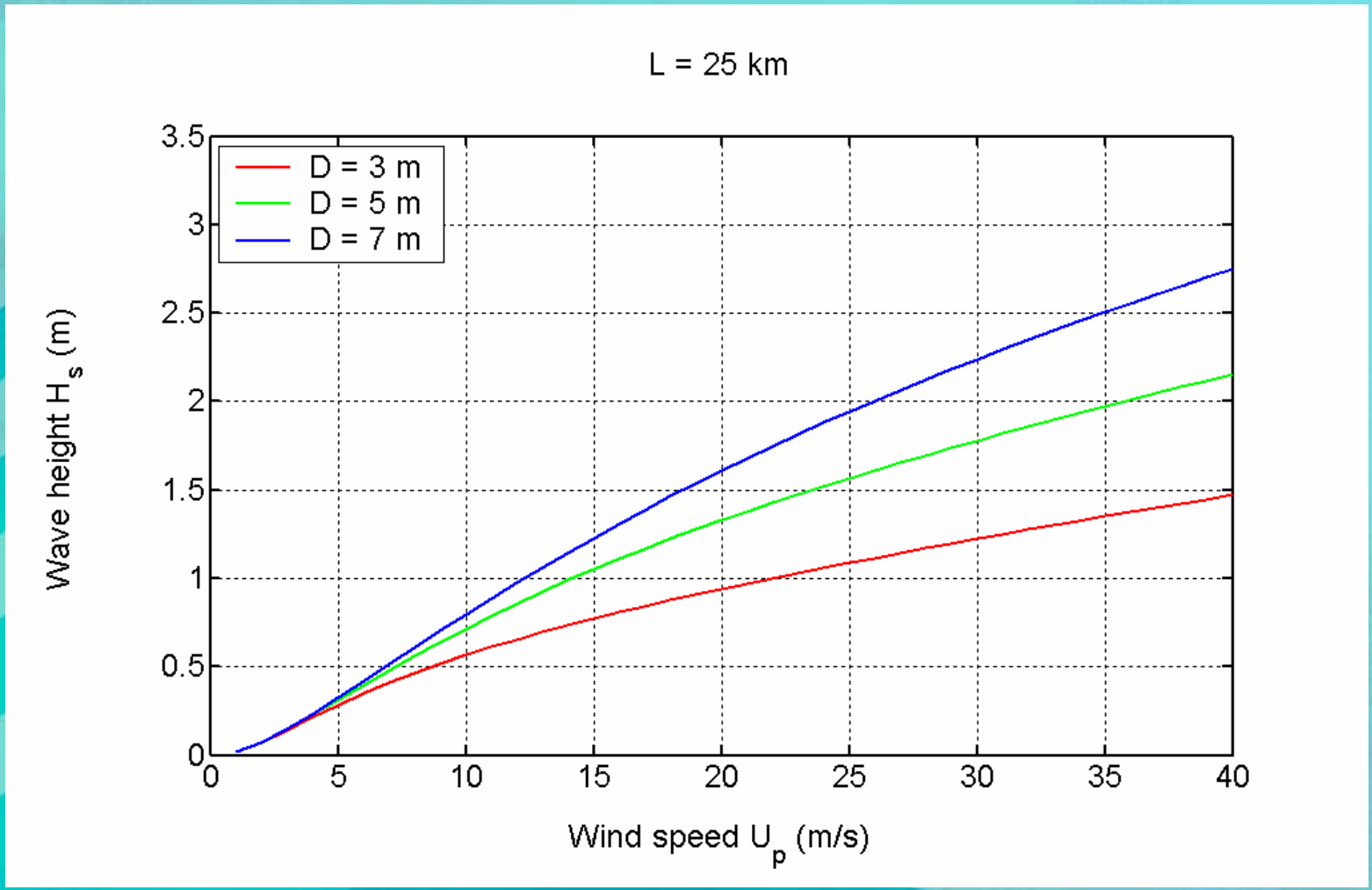
From wind U_p to required crest level k



Wind $U_p \rightarrow$ surge h



Wind $U_p \rightarrow$ wave height H_s (excl surge)



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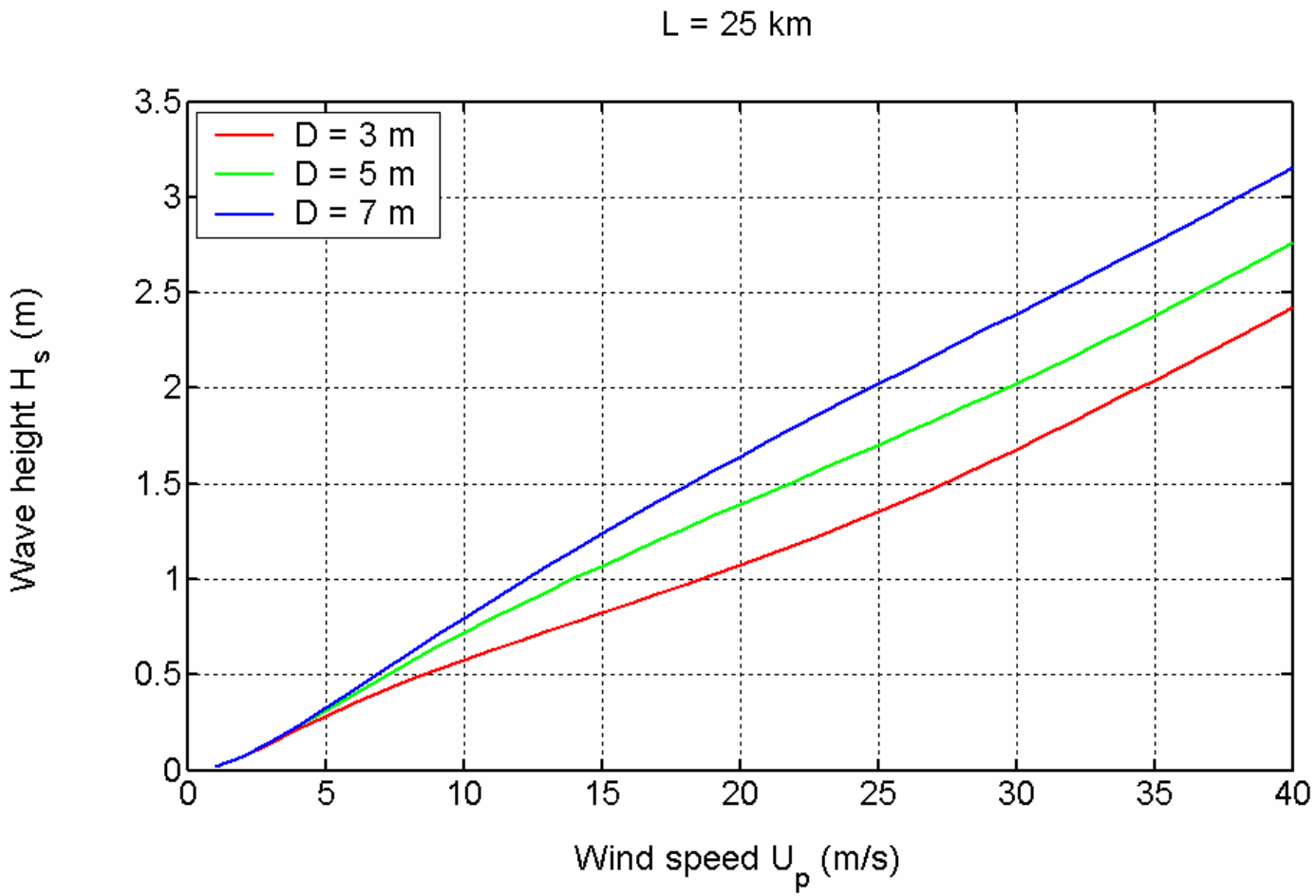

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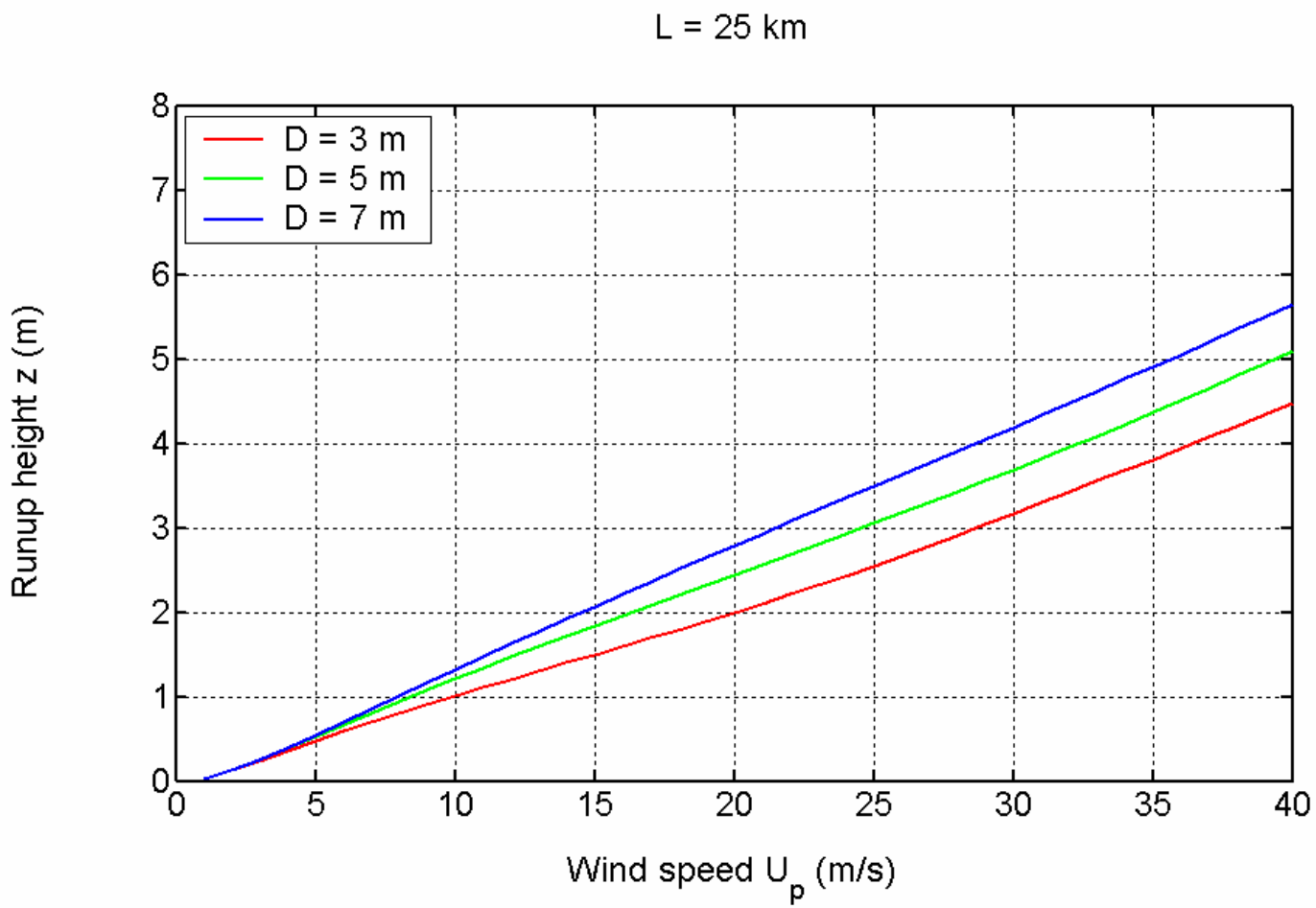

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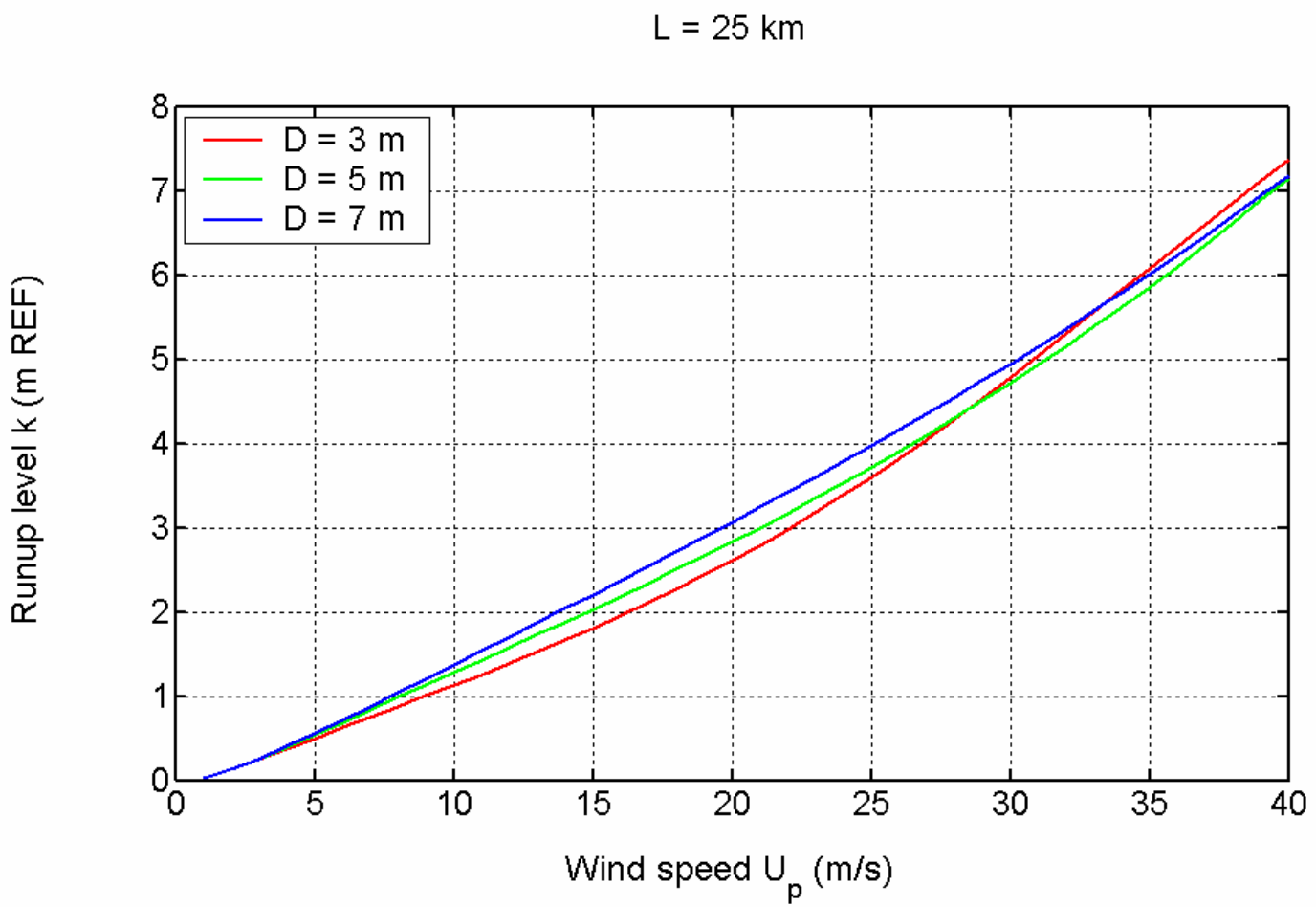


Intermediate conclusion

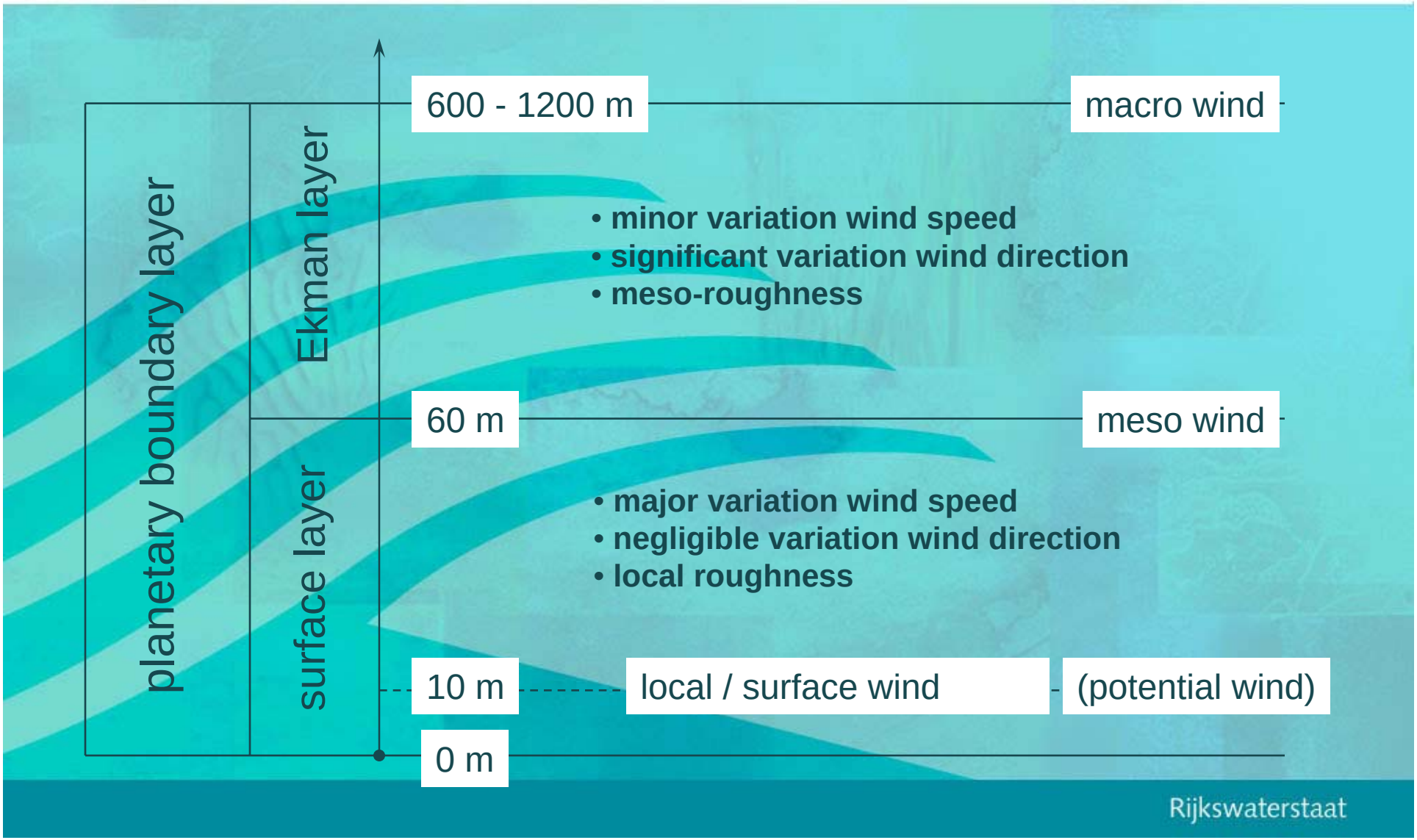
x% uncertainty in wind speed

implies

more than x% uncertainty in required crest level

KNMI wind measurement sites

“Two layers” approach (1)



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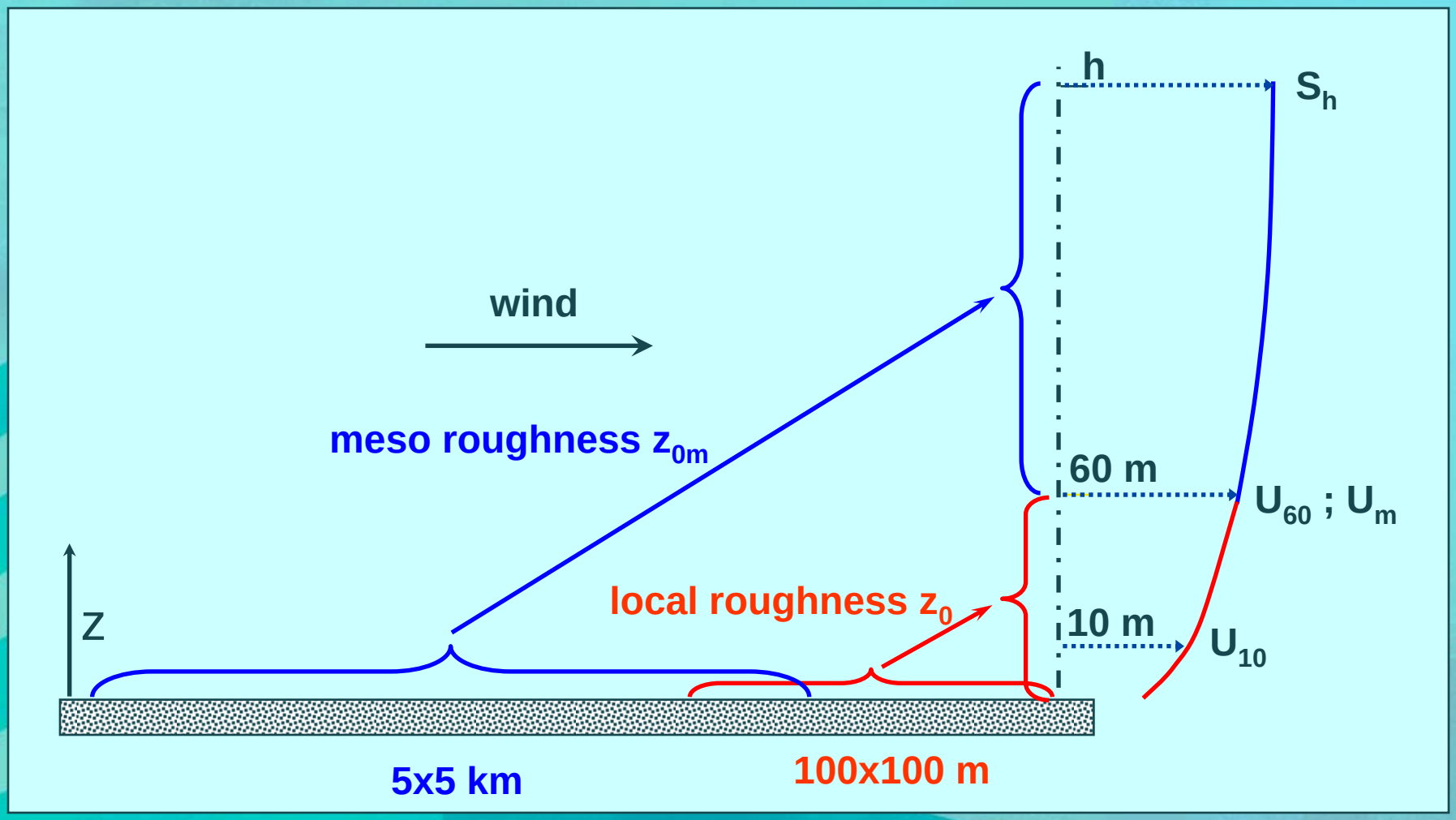

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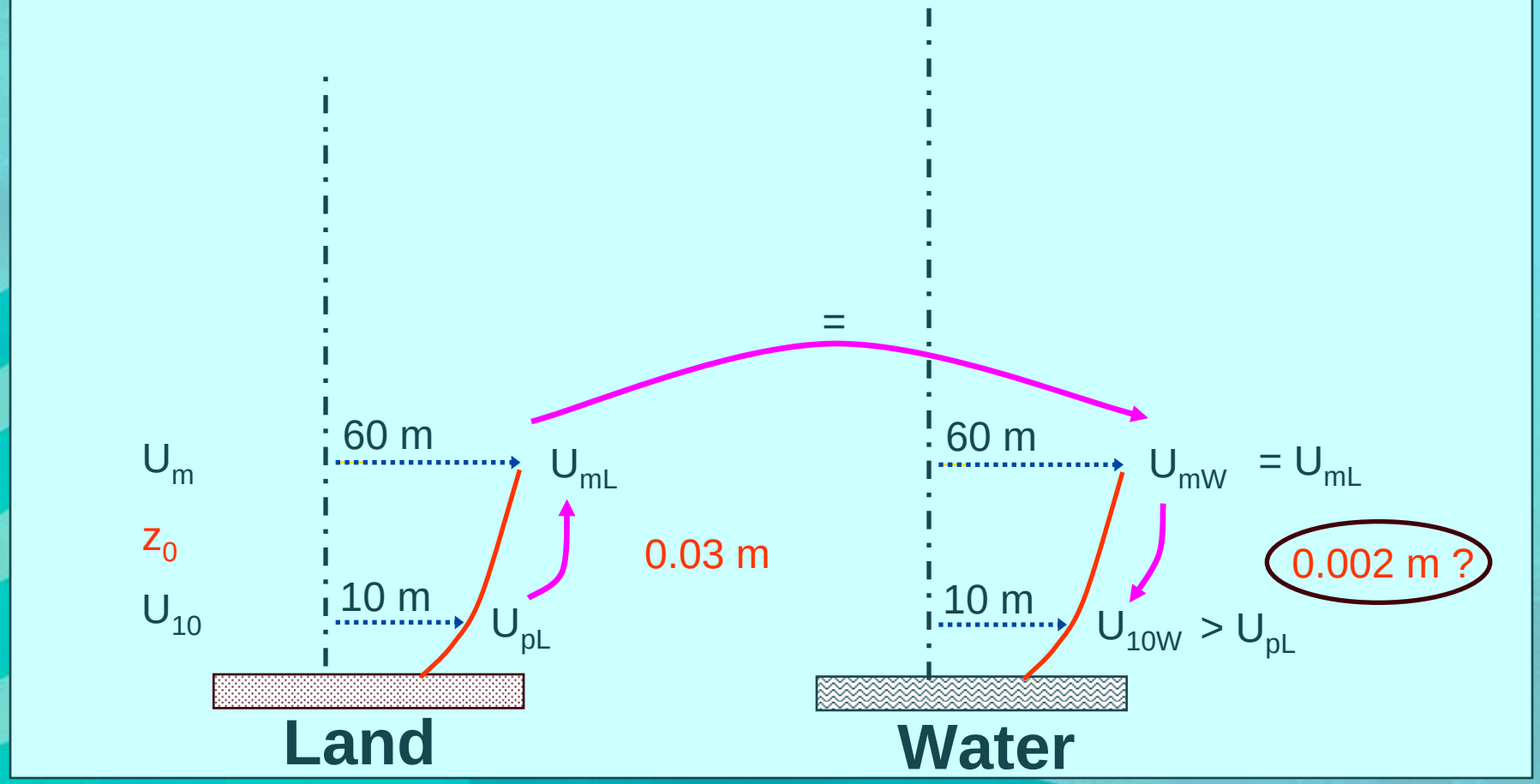
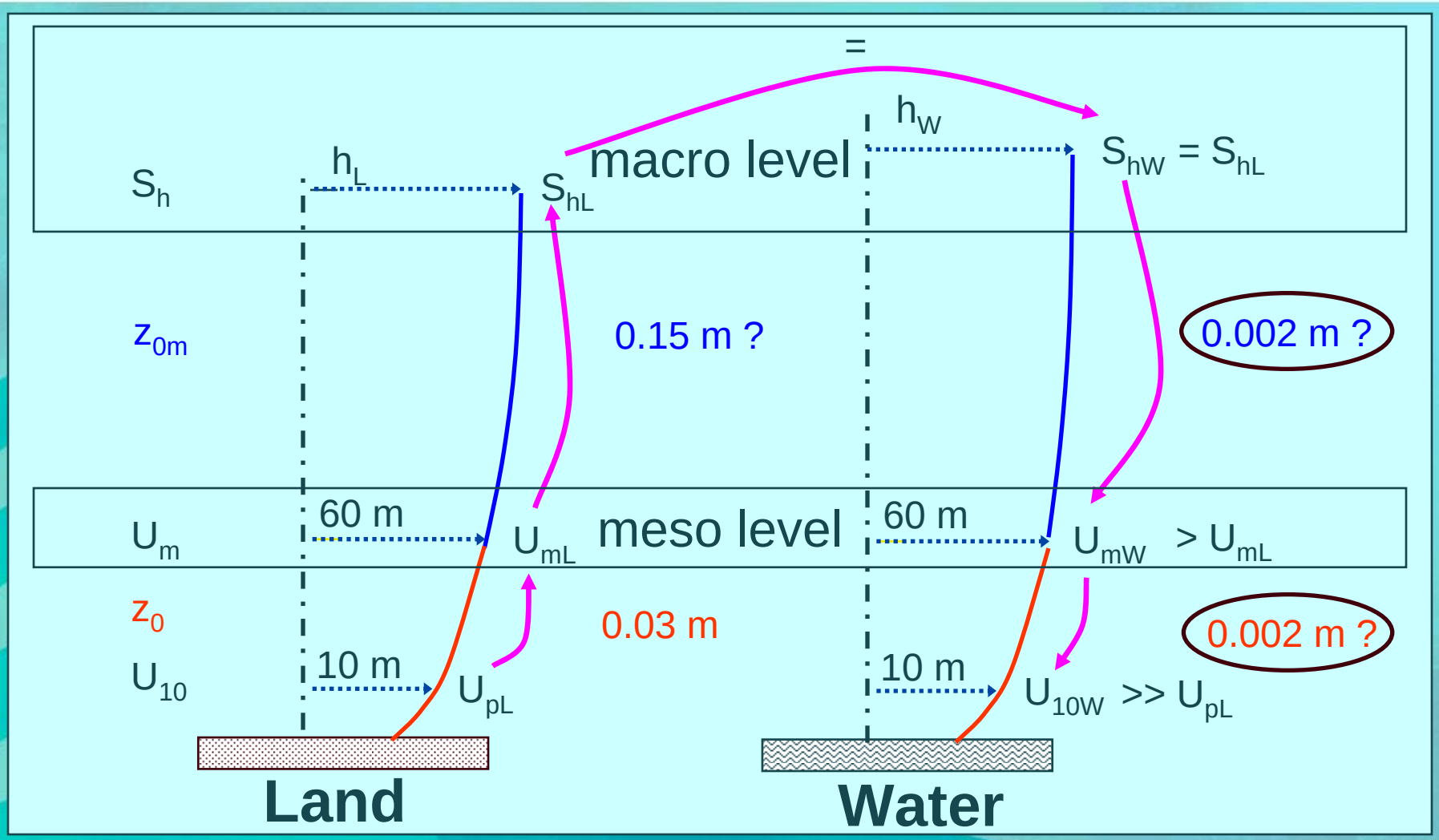


Wind transformation, larger distances

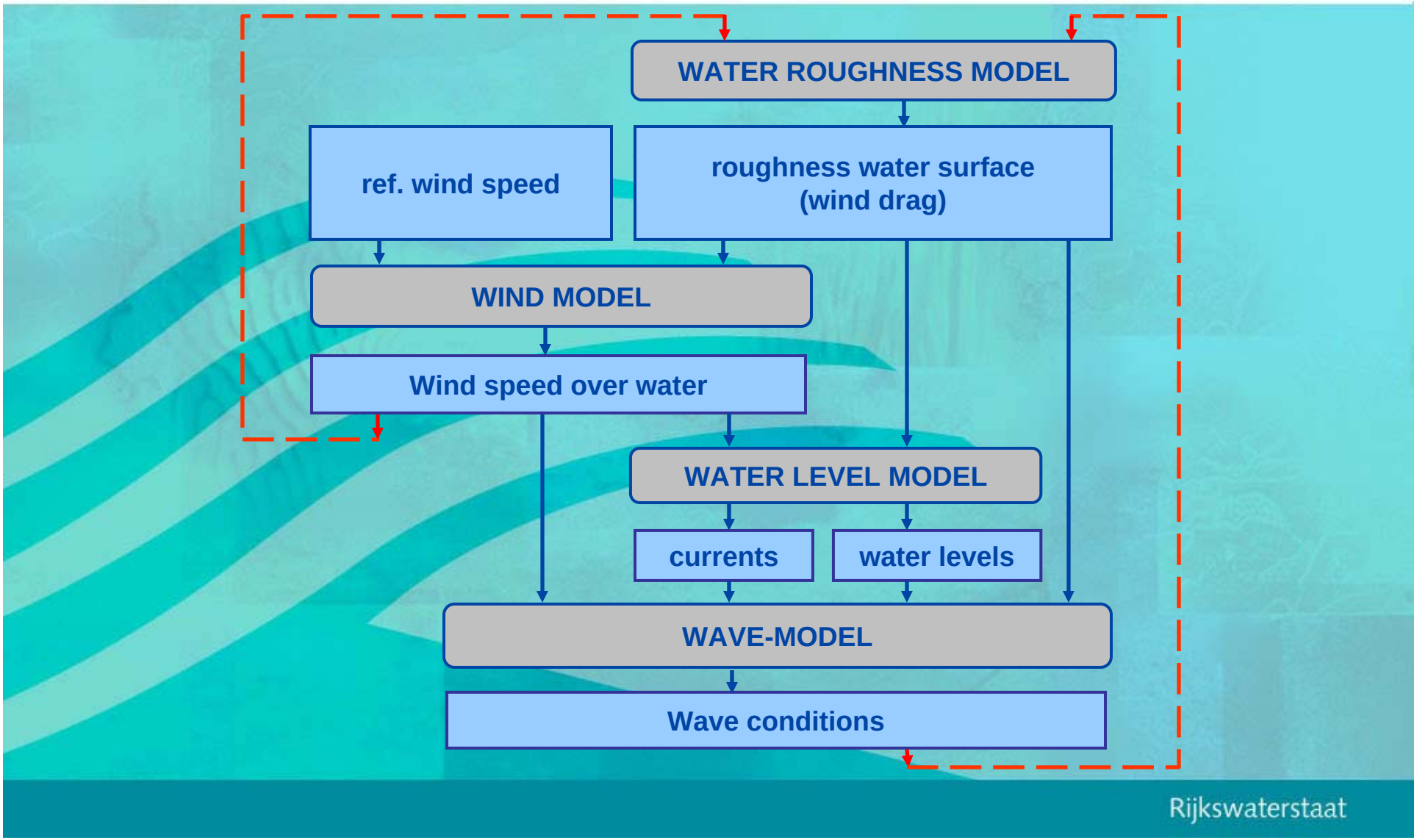


Intermediate conclusion

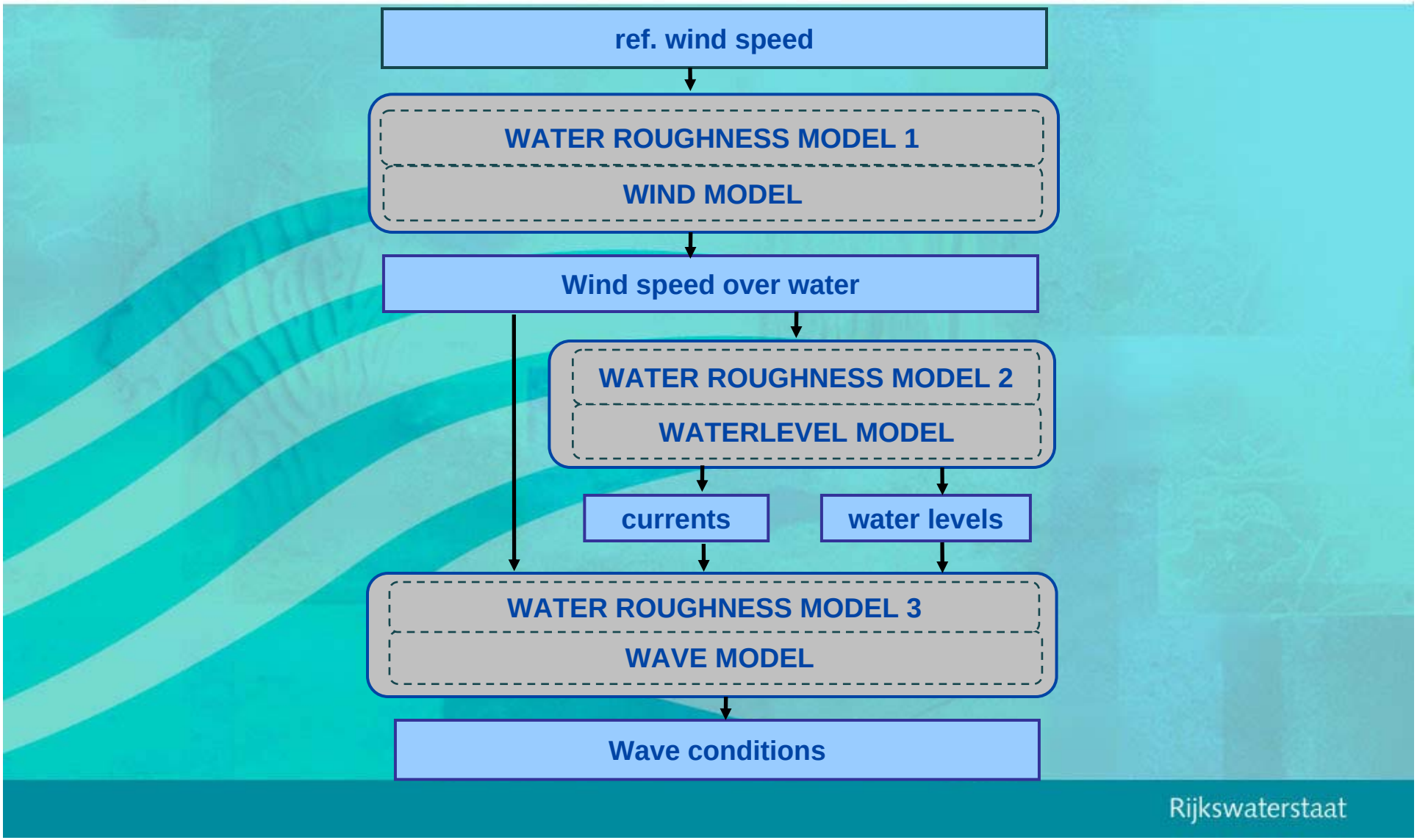
transformation of wind over land to wind over water
is often required ...
but certainly not straightforward!

Physics: Air-sea interaction

Position wind drag in model chain



Usual position wind drag



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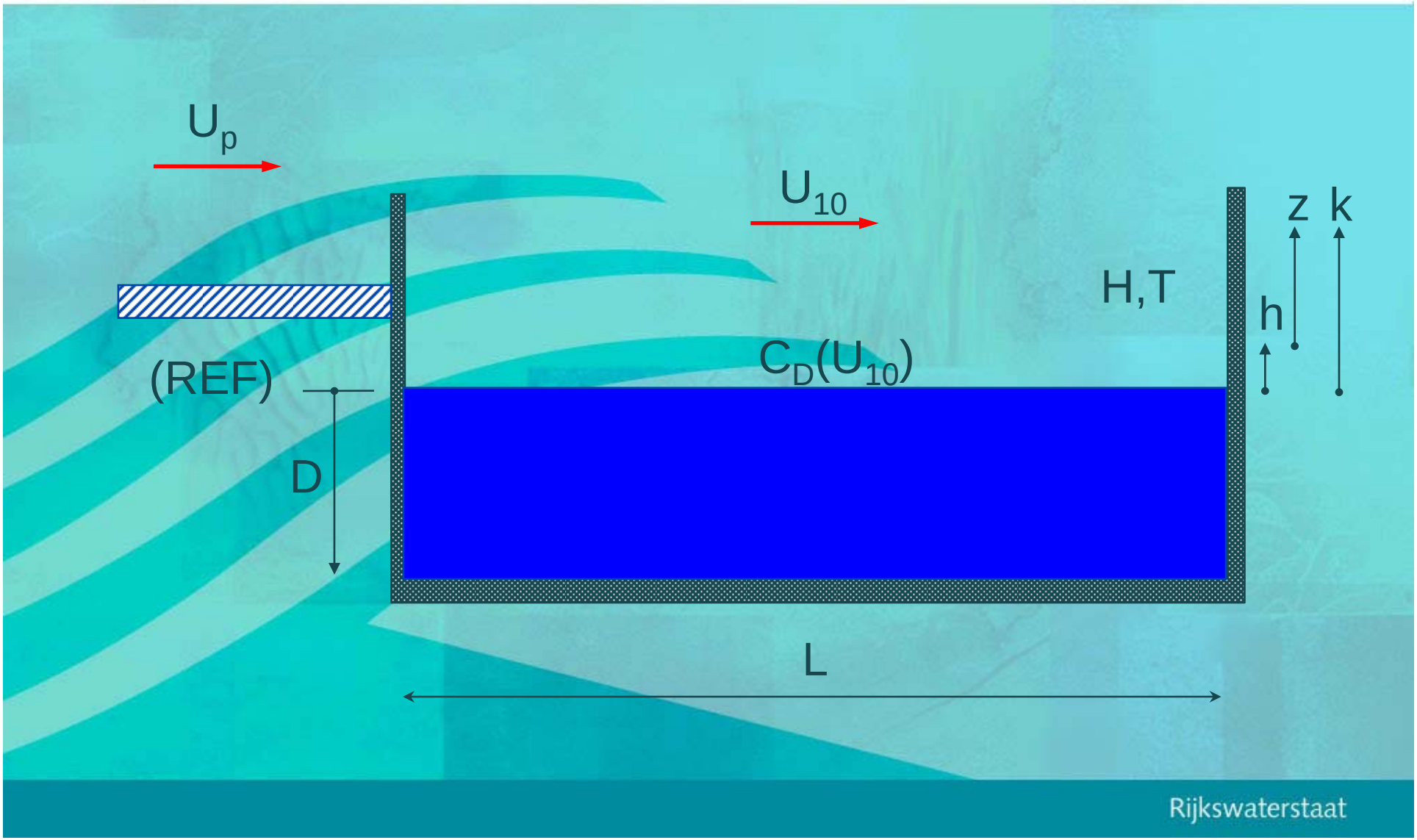
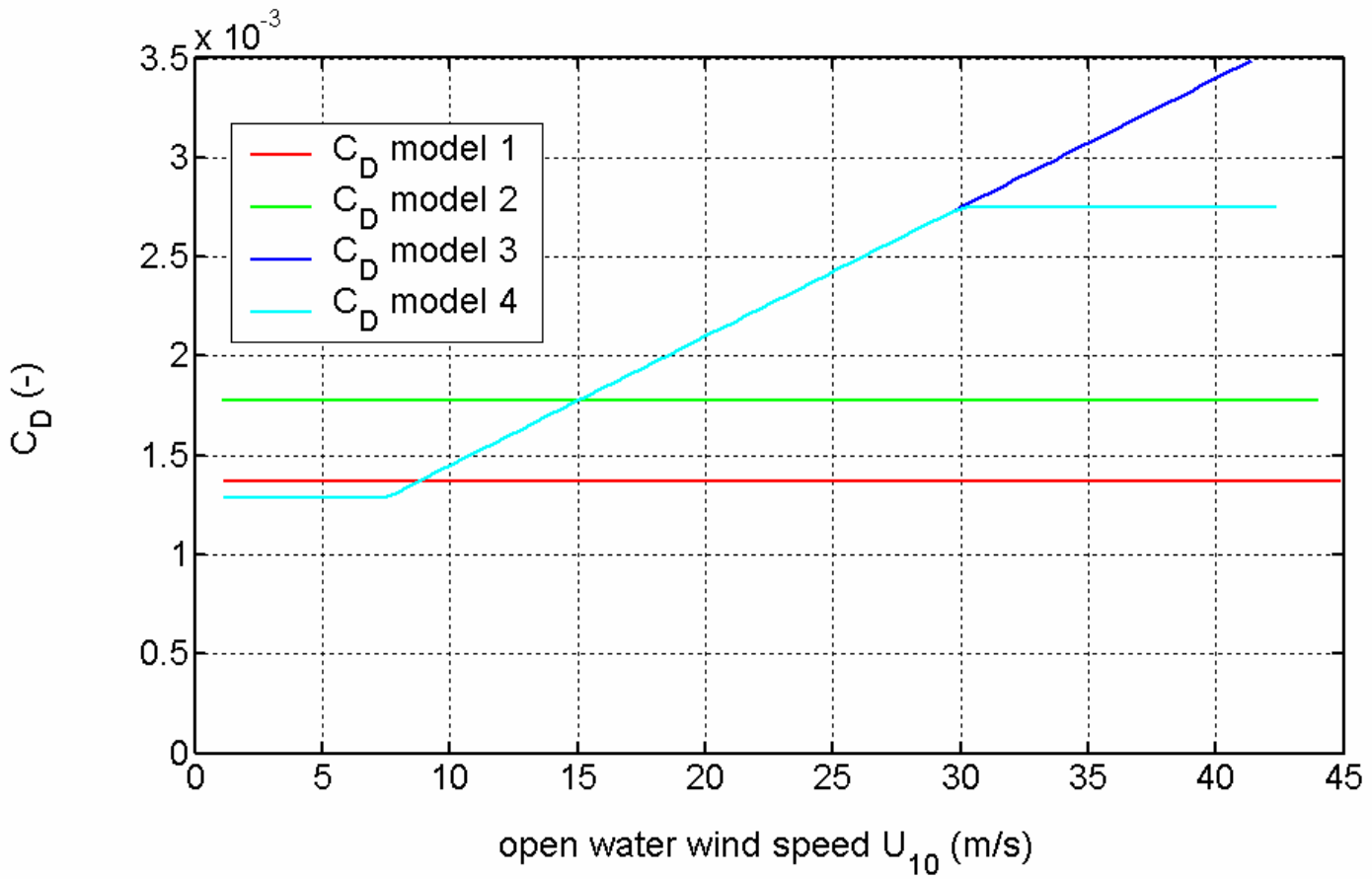


Wind drag relationships



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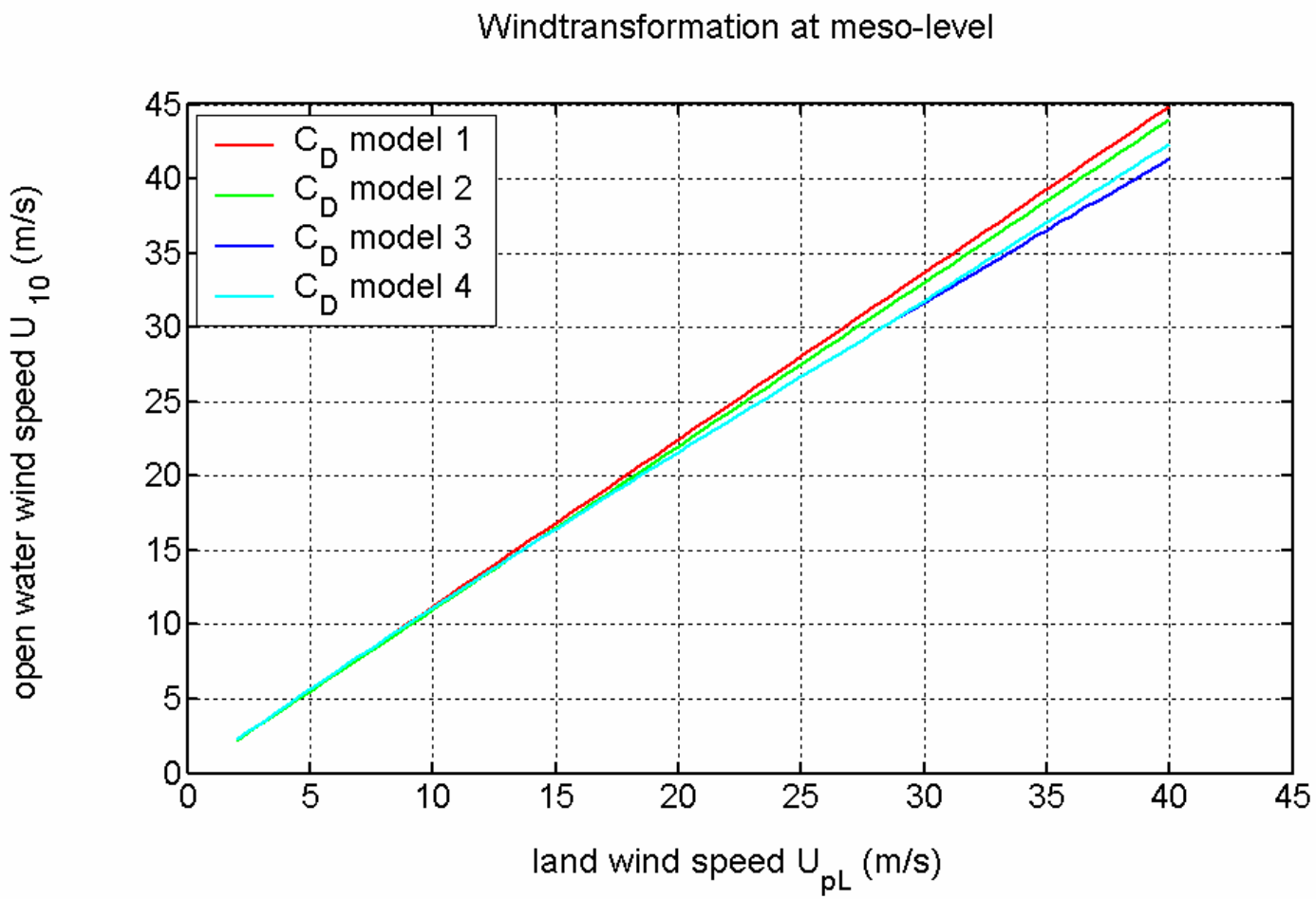

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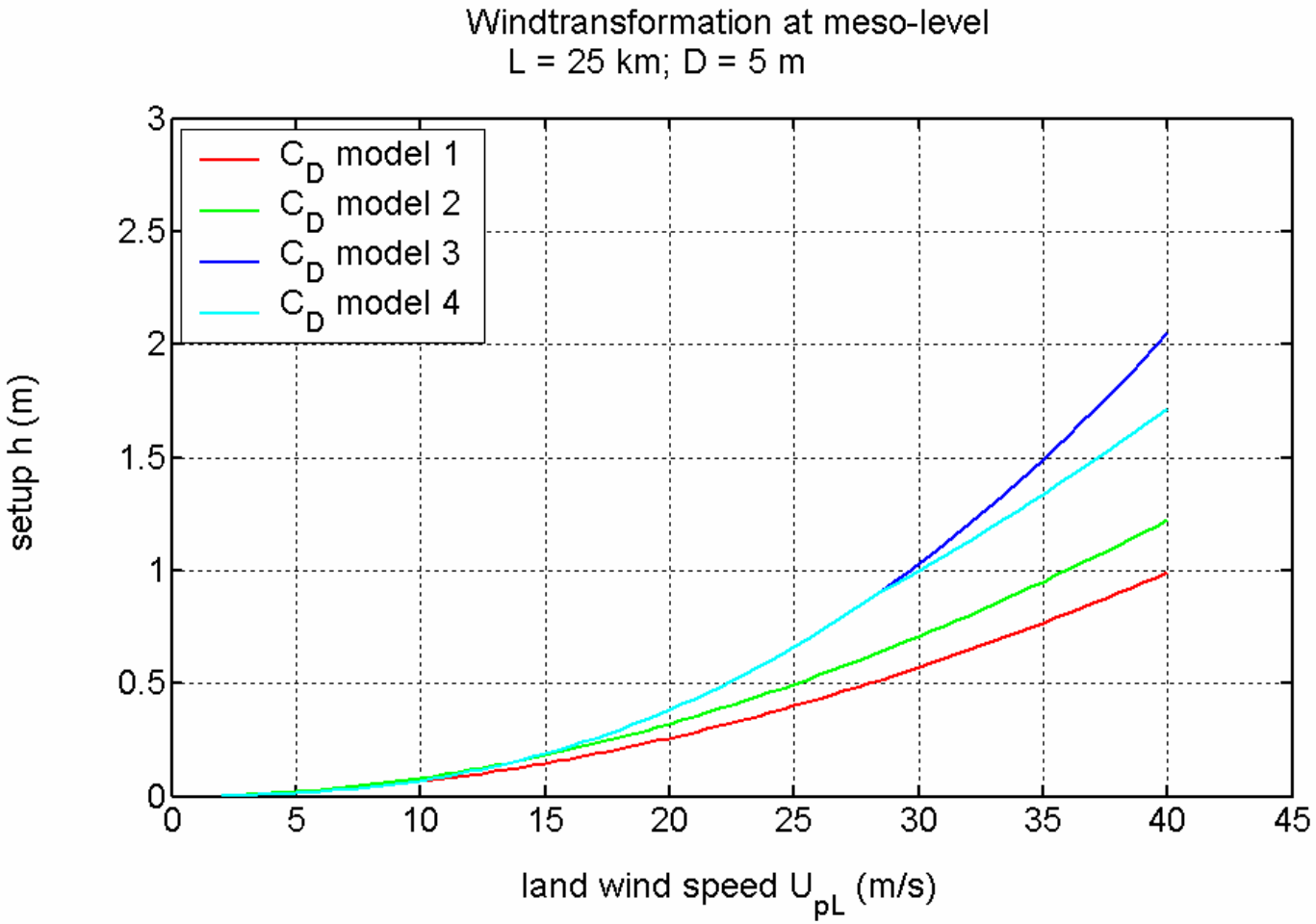

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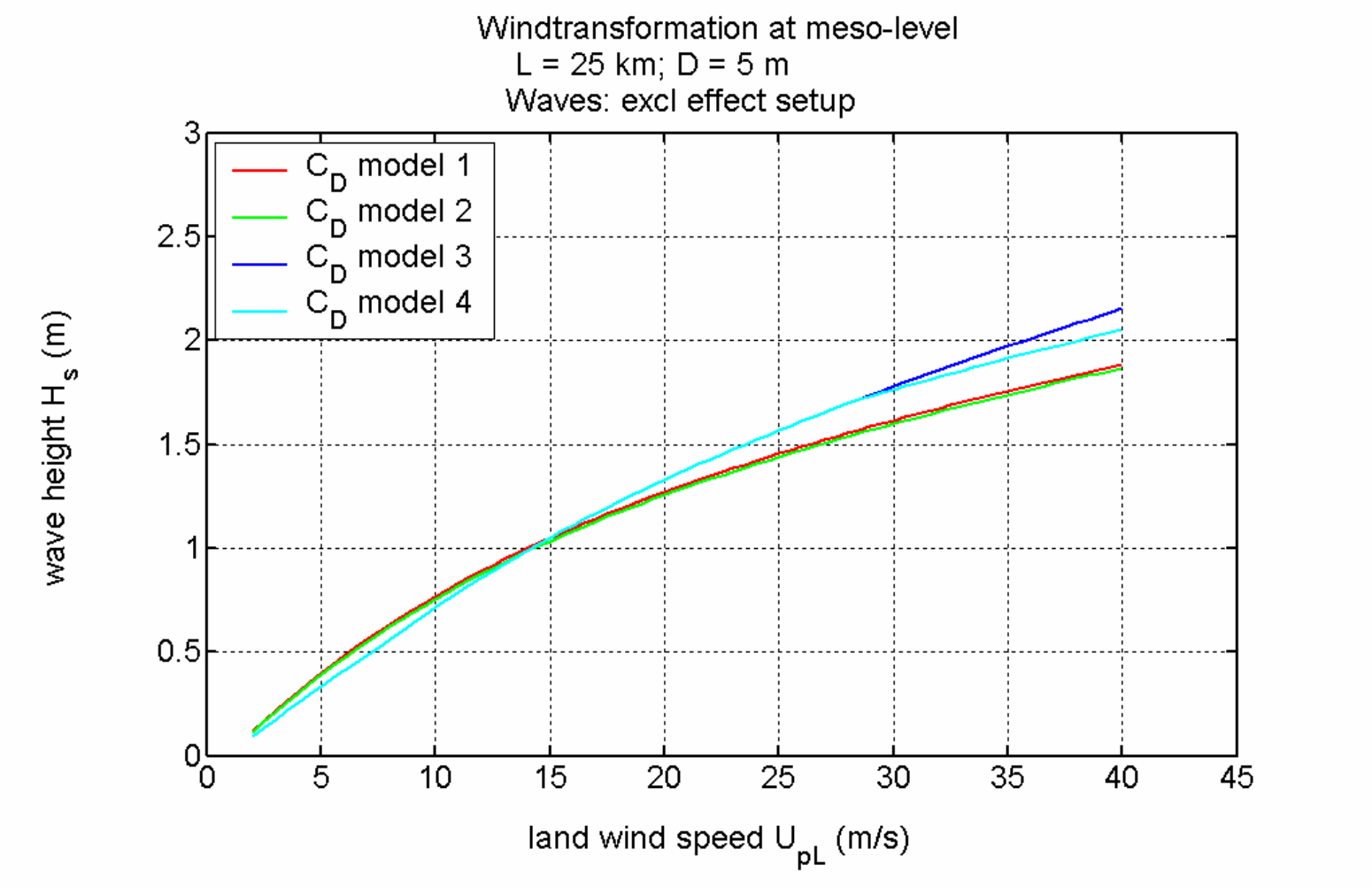

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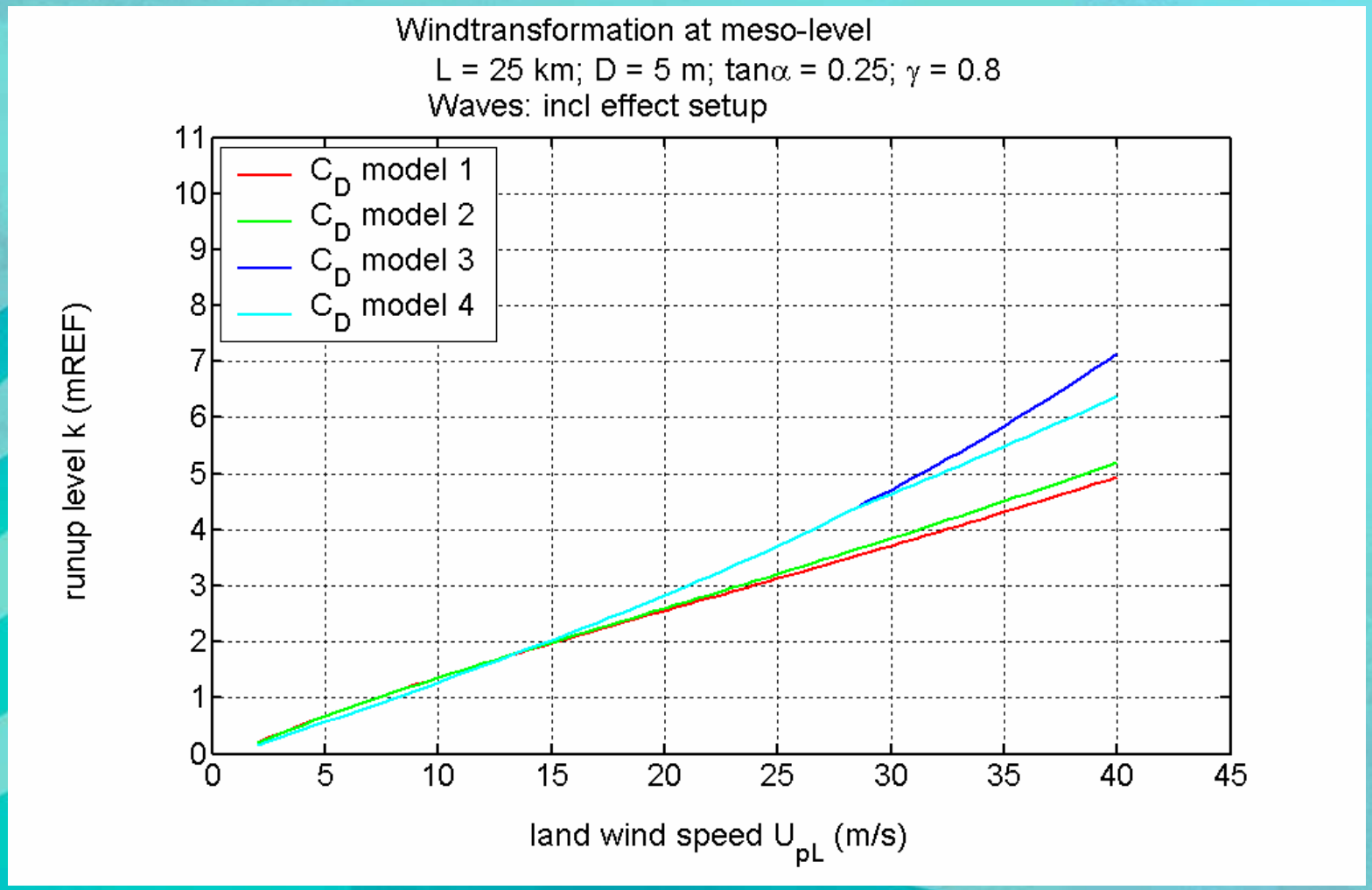

Intermediate conclusion

Wind drag is an important parameter

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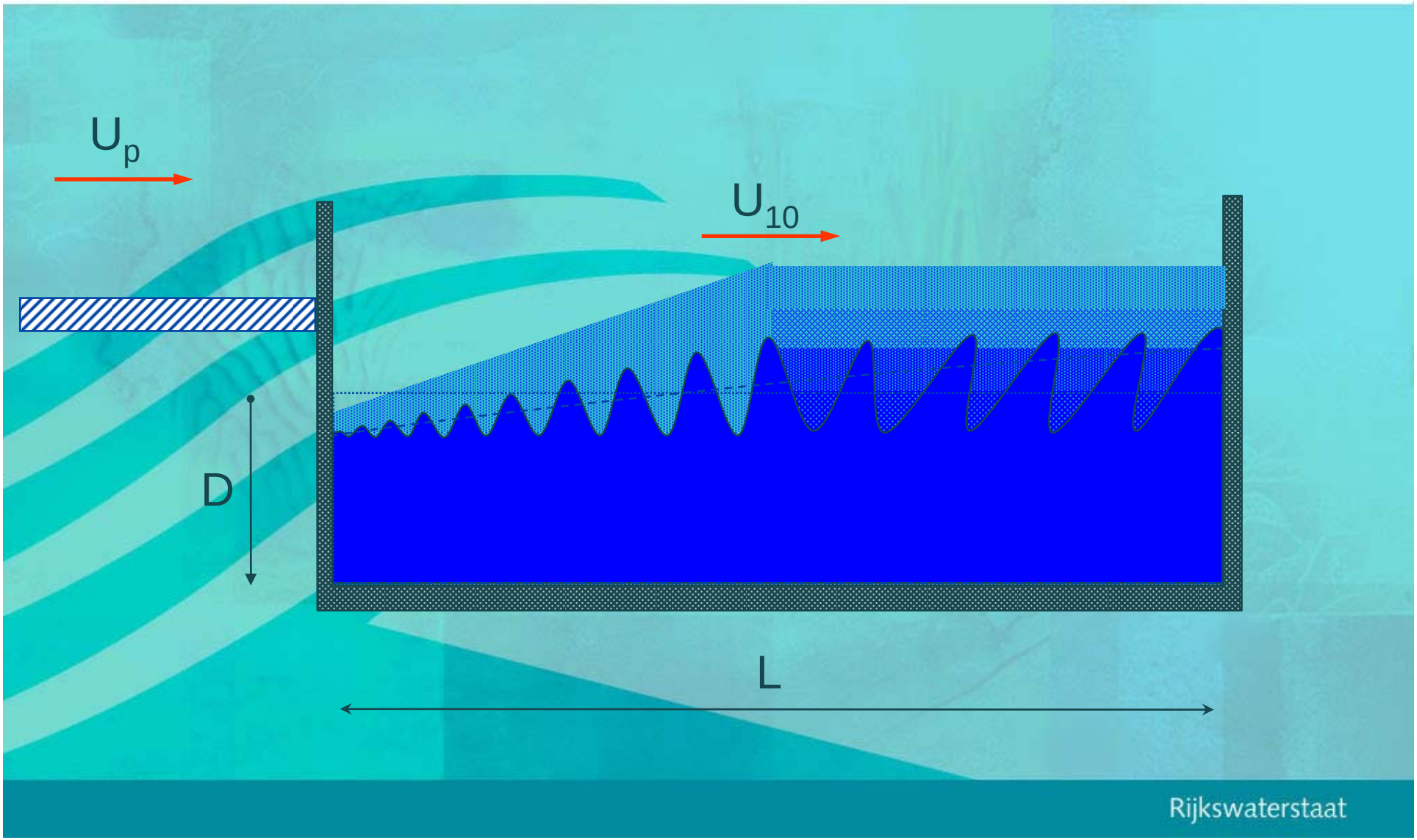
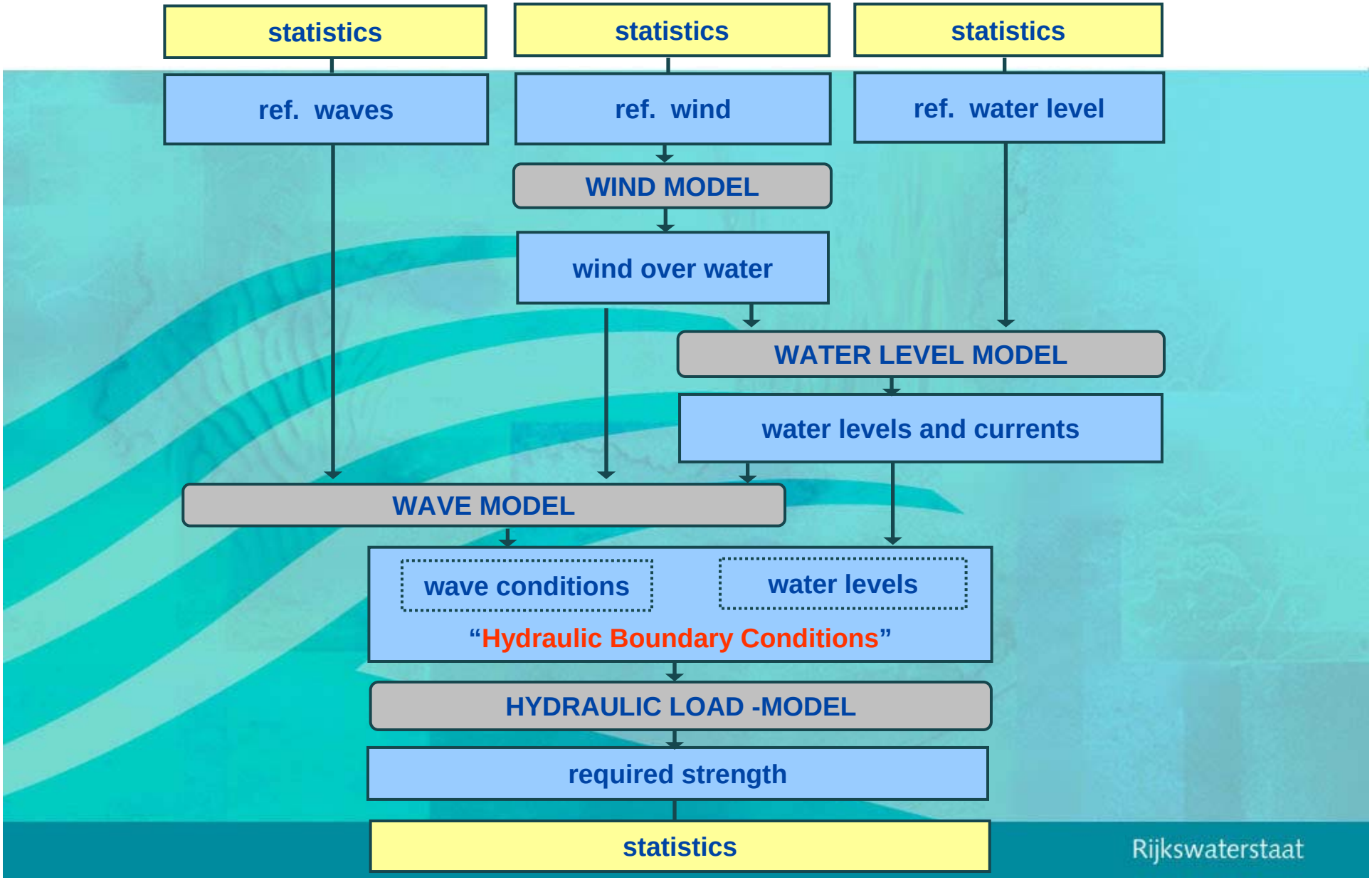
often hidden inside other models, and

hard to calibrate

Superstorm: wave breaking and spray



Model chain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WATER LEVEL MODEL
water levels and currents
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HYDRAULIC LOAD -MODEL
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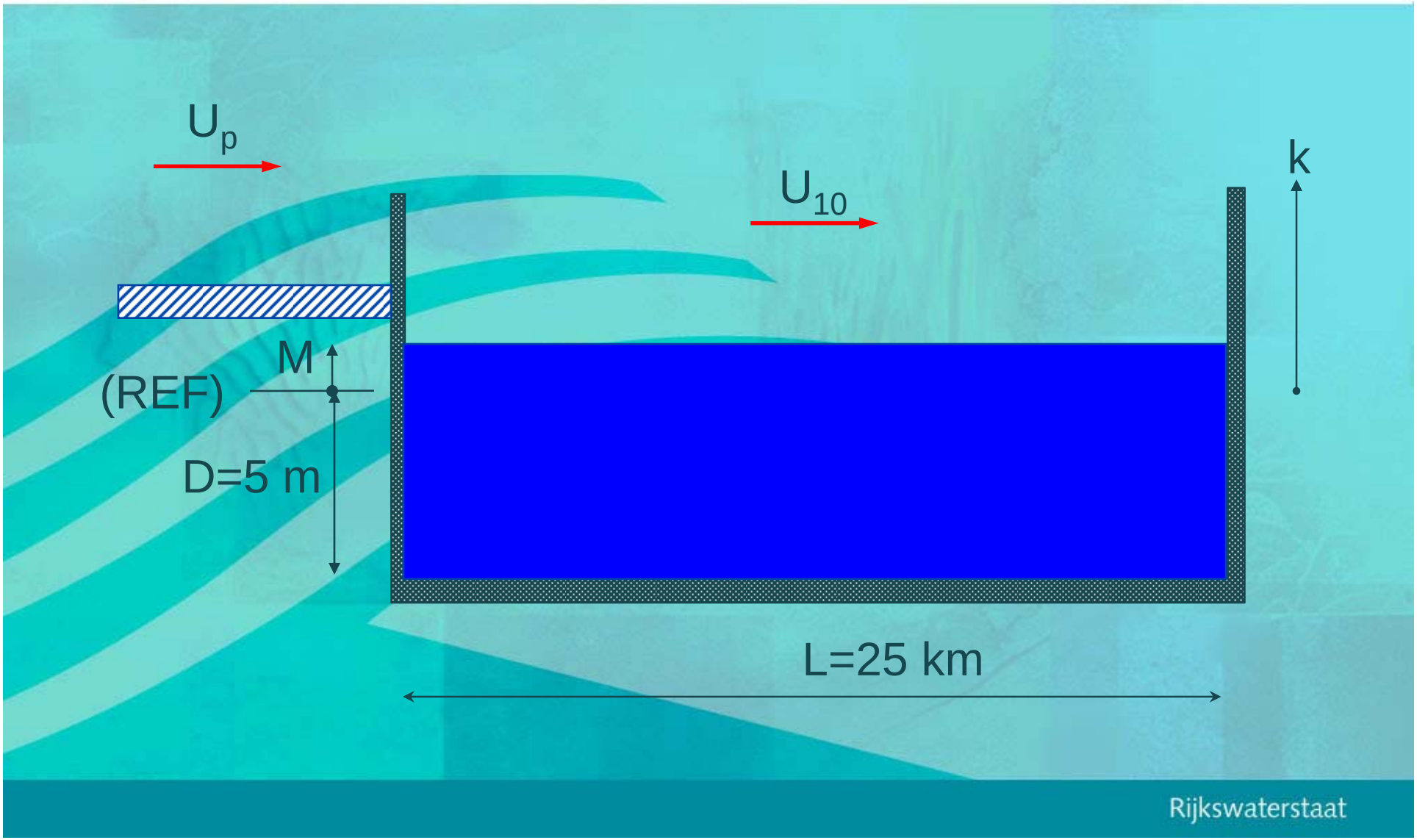
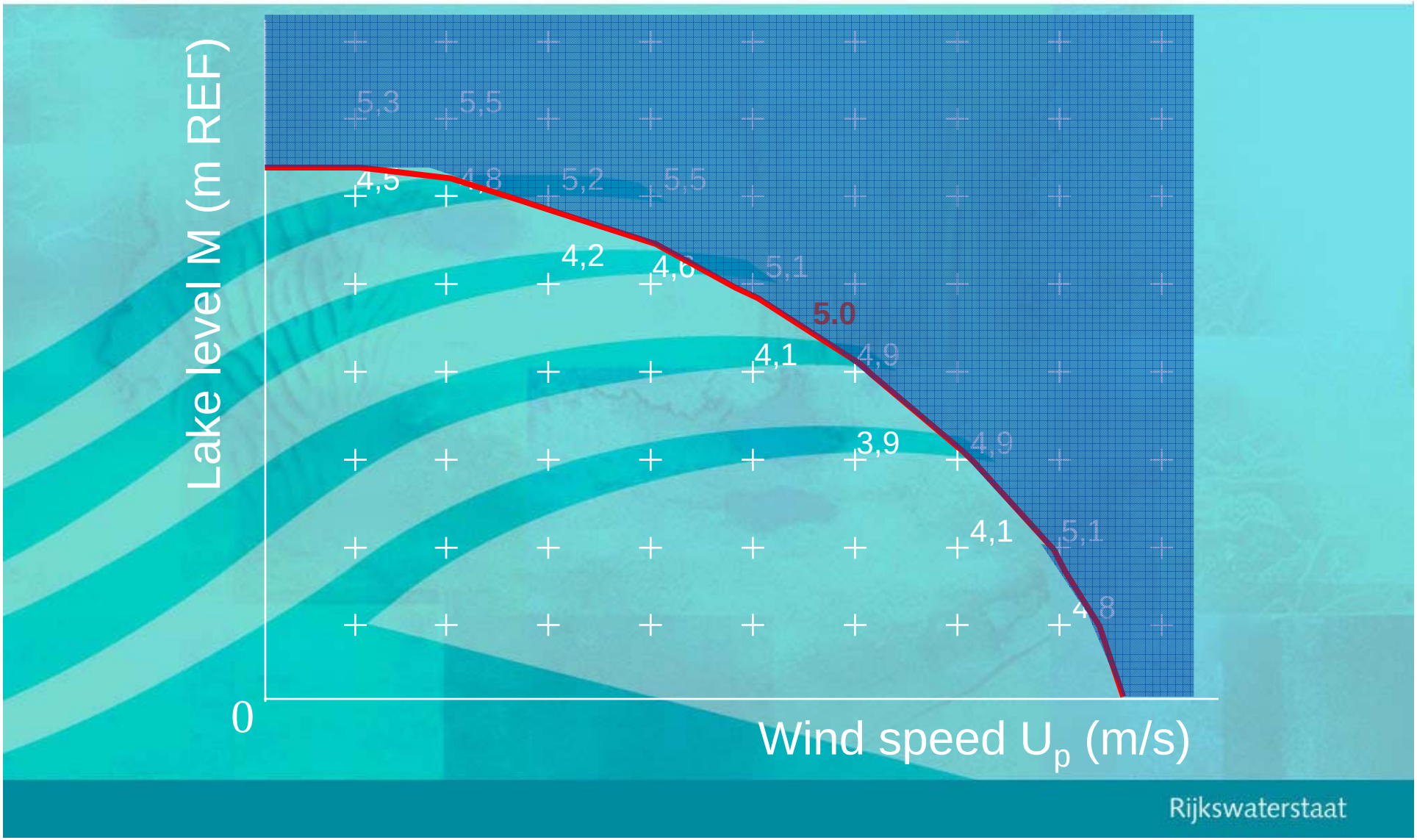
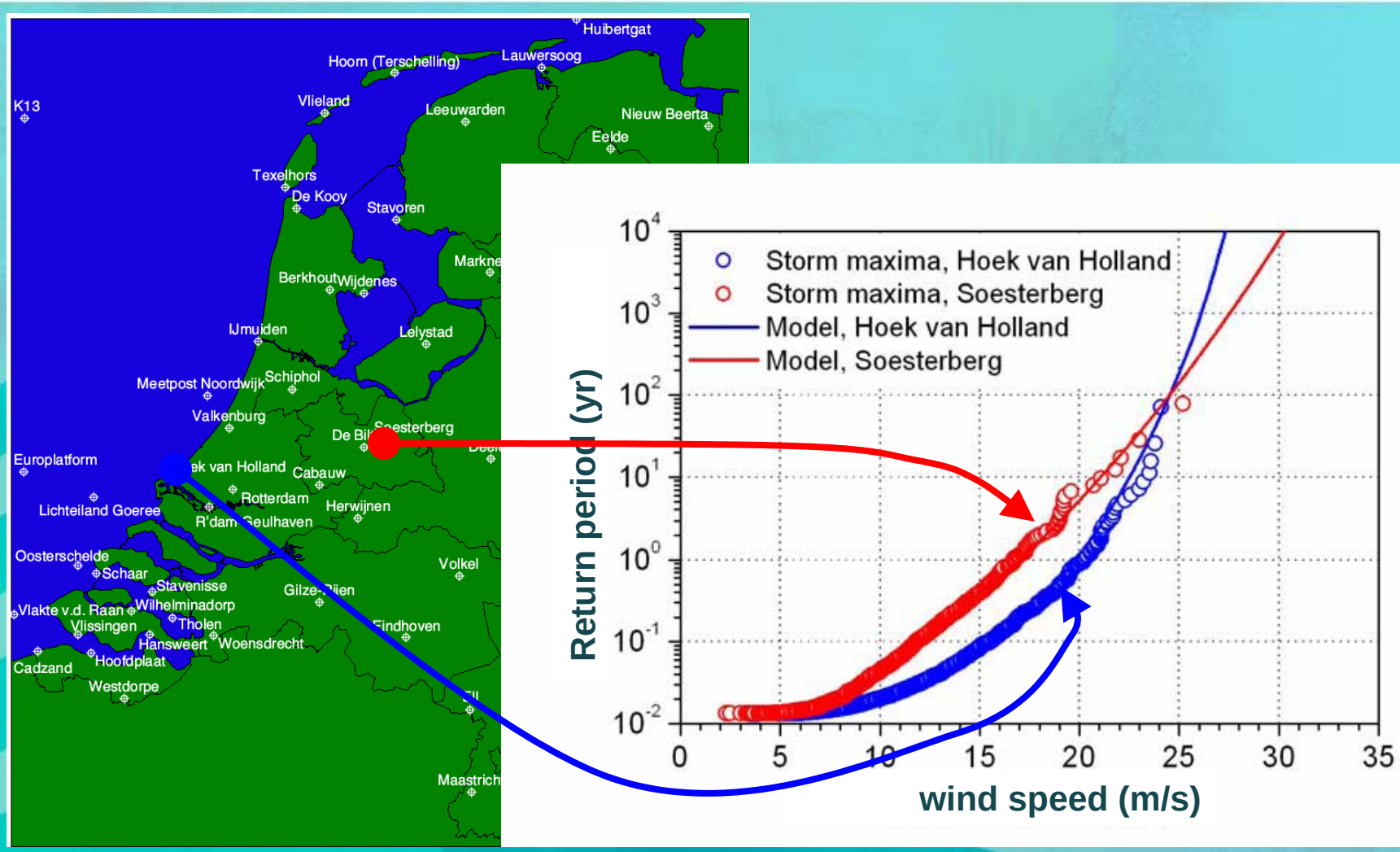
1D: Load depends on Wind and Lake level



Load $k(U_p,M)$: exceedance probability



Wind statistics depending on location



Intermediate conclusion

Extreme wind statistics
can be applied in an elegant probabilistic design method.

However,
there are major uncertainties in the statistics

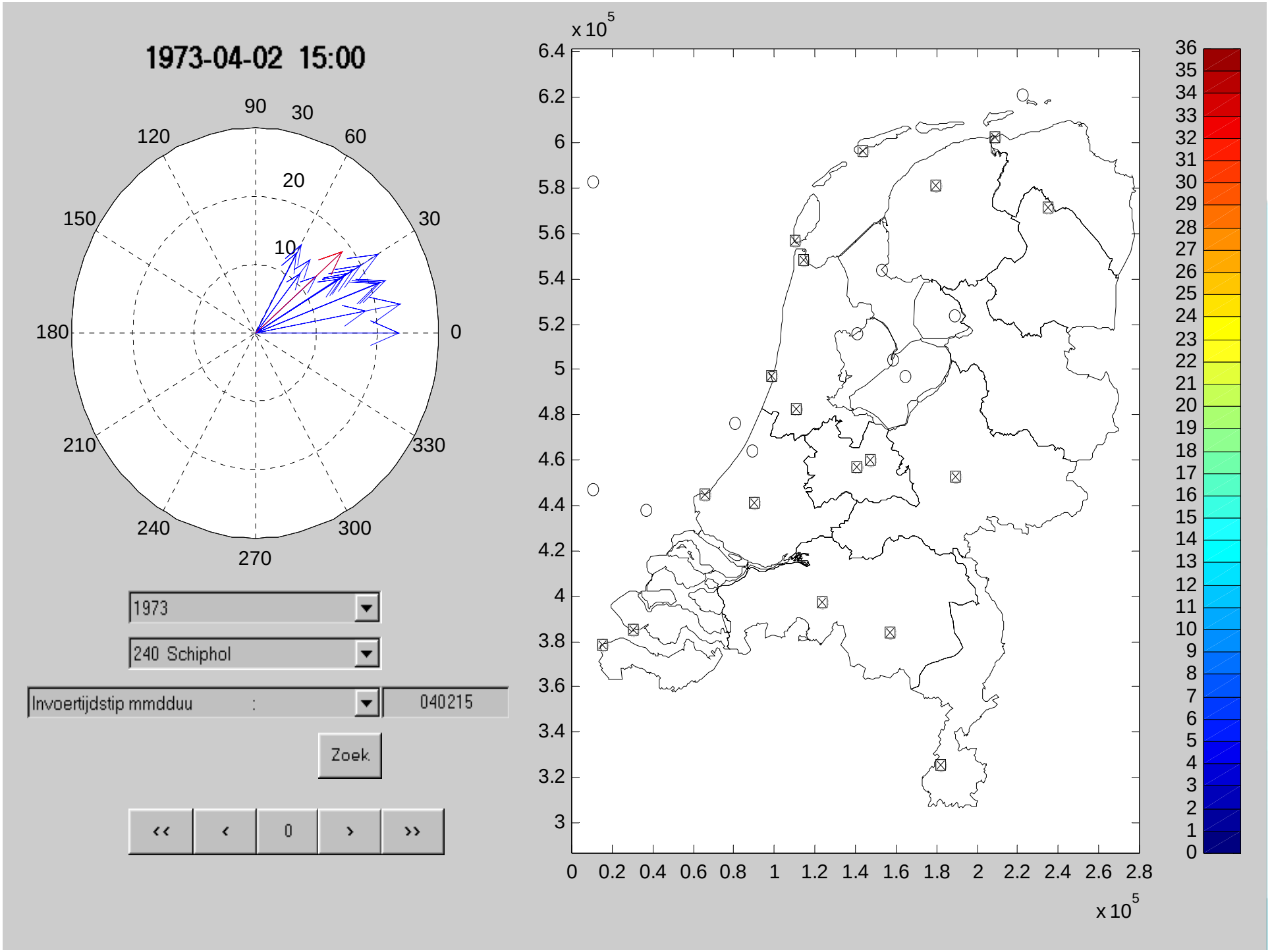
Storm schematization

1. Parameterize $P(U|R_i)$ at measurement locations
2. Find $P(U|R_i)$ at rectangular grid points around the area of interest

3. Assume spatially uniform direction R_i
4. Find U at grid points for specific P and R_i at grid points

5. Compose simple time series of U (and R)

But ... example of reality: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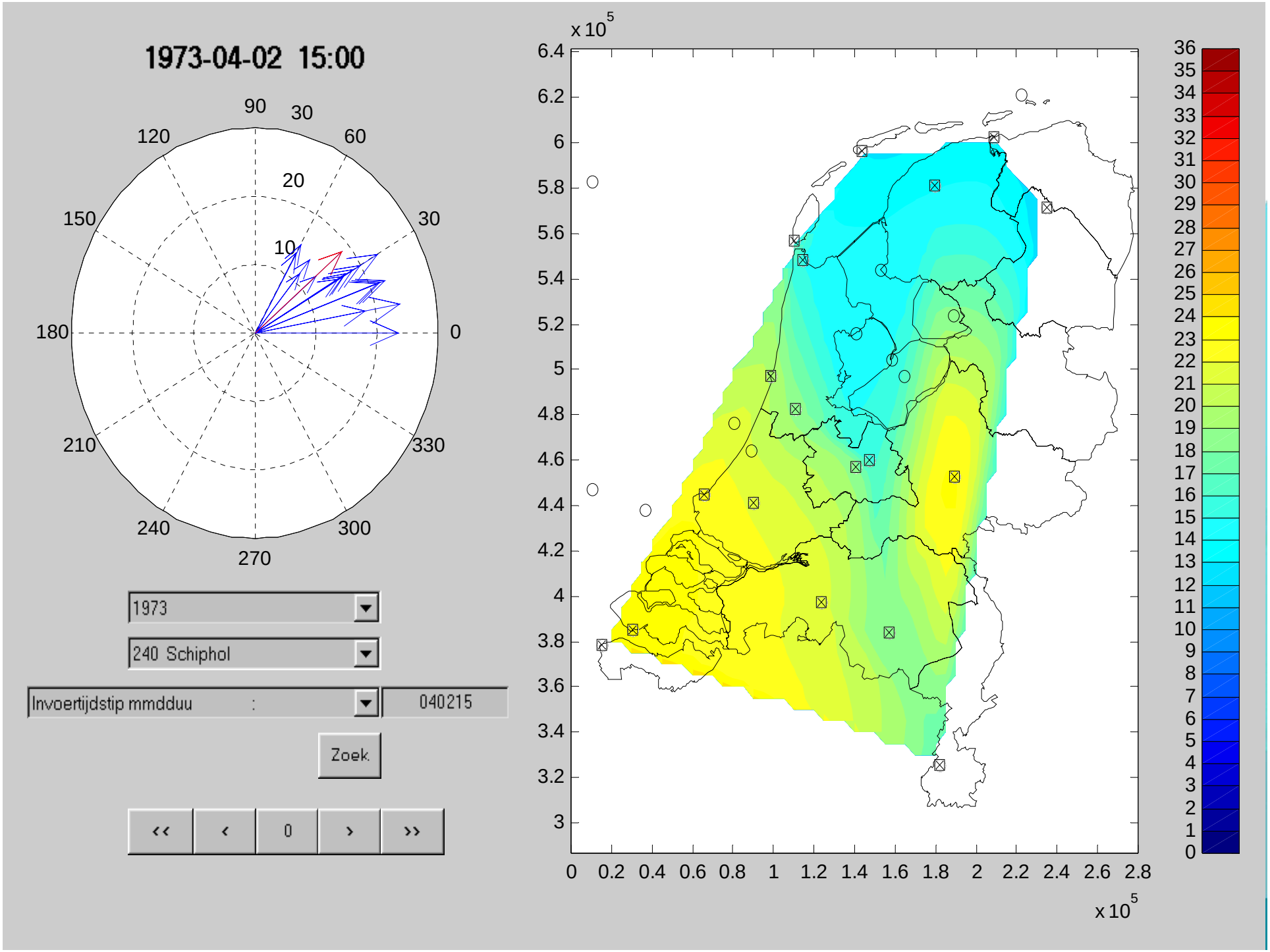
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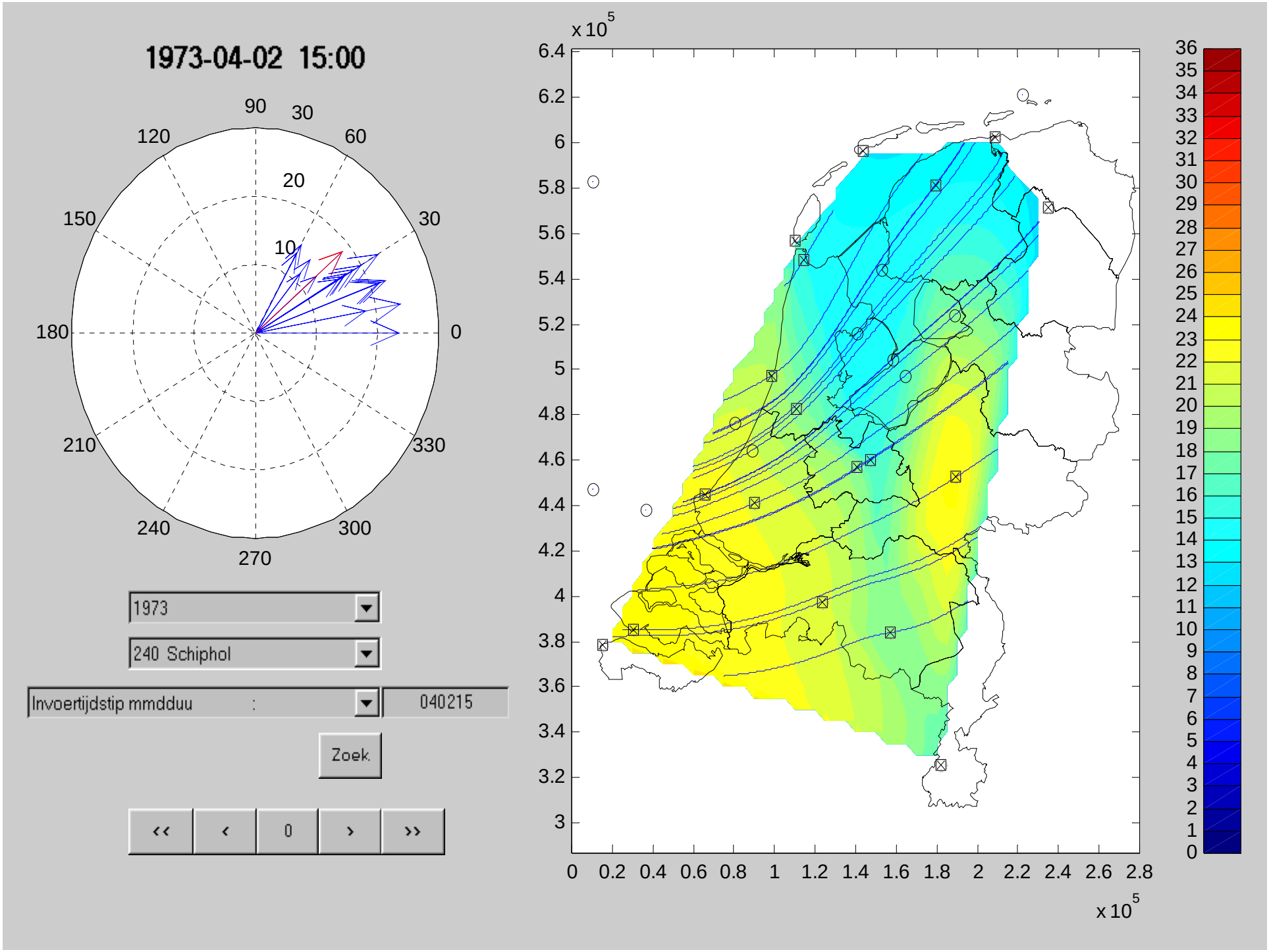
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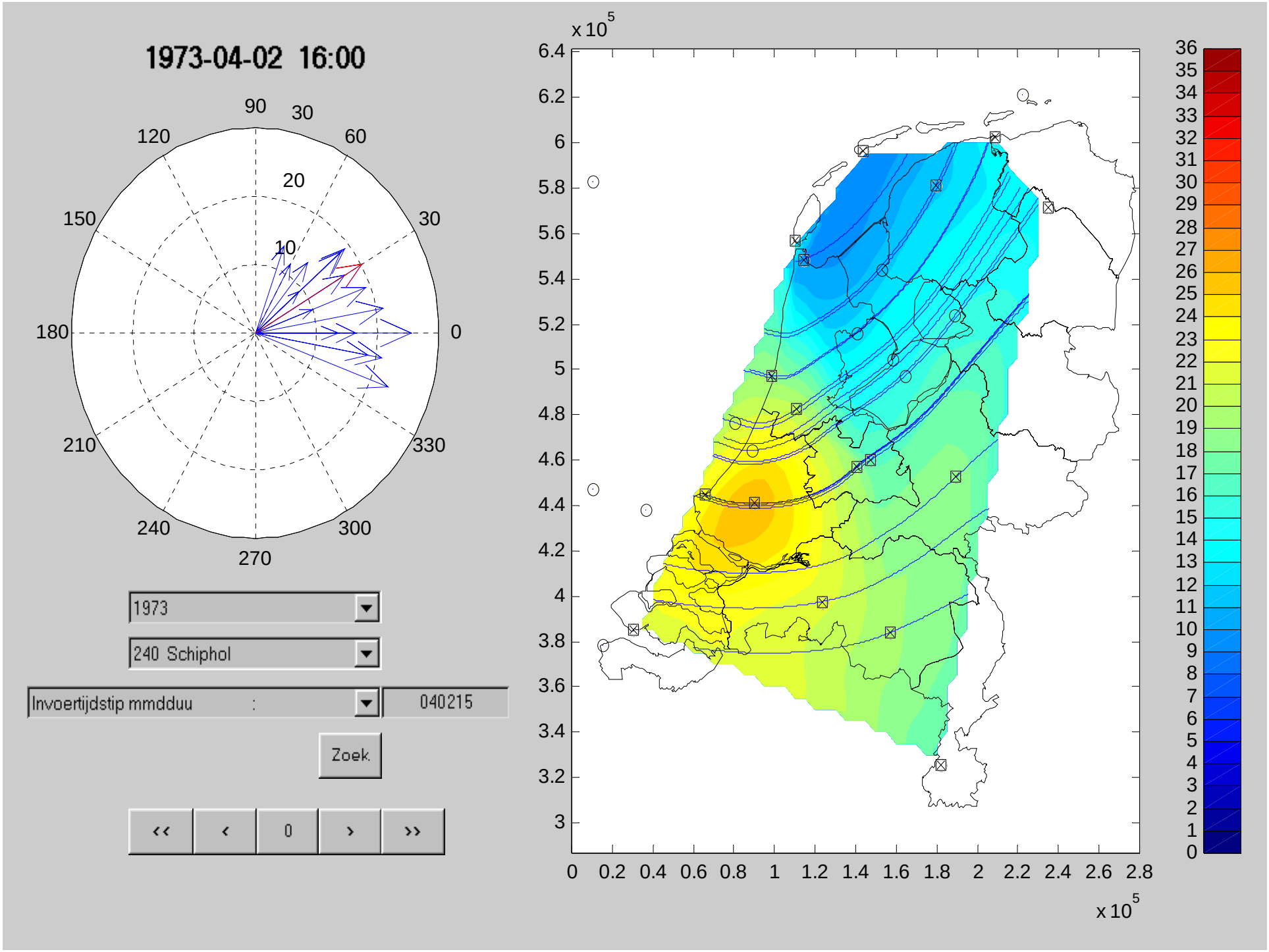
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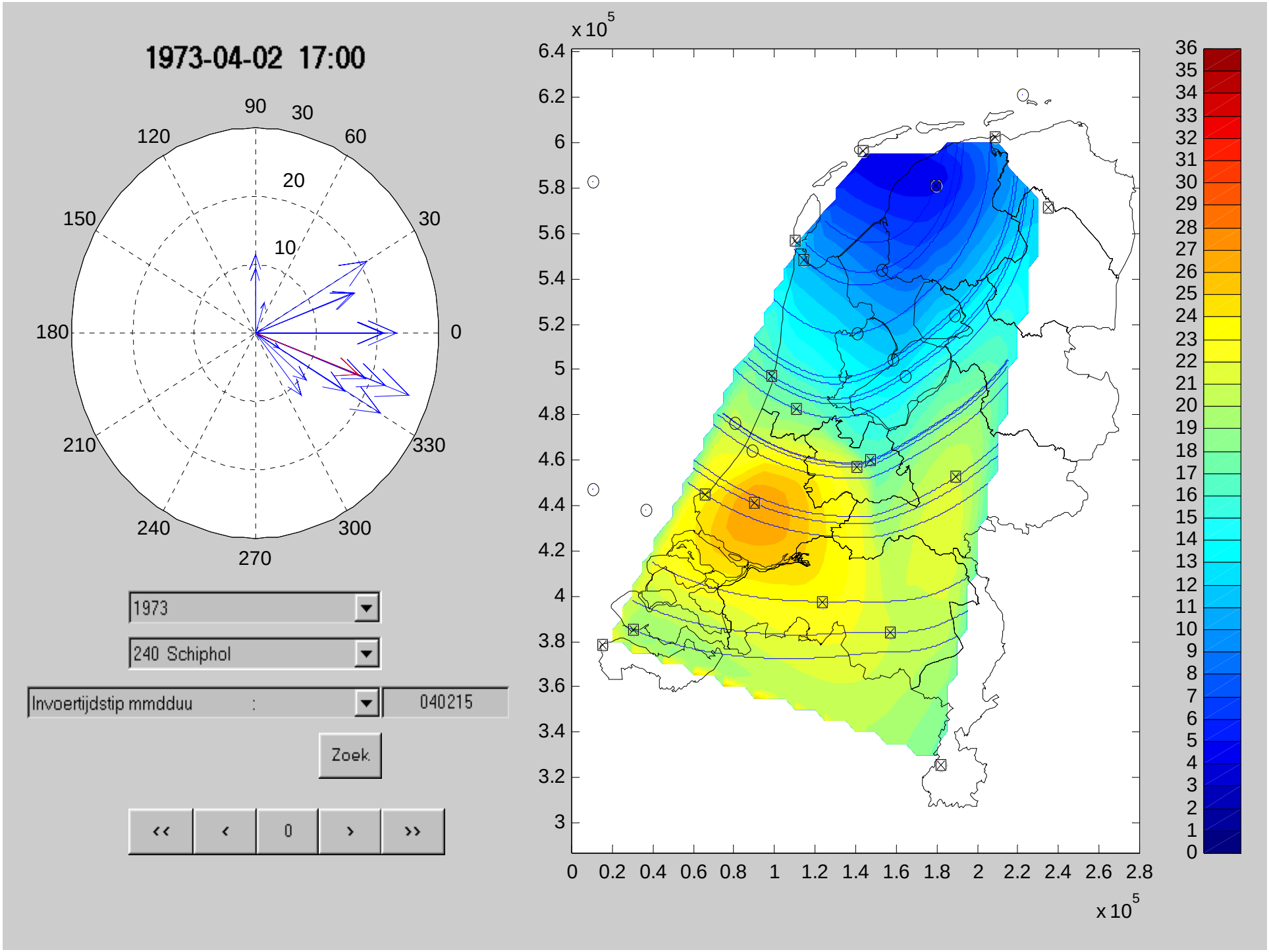
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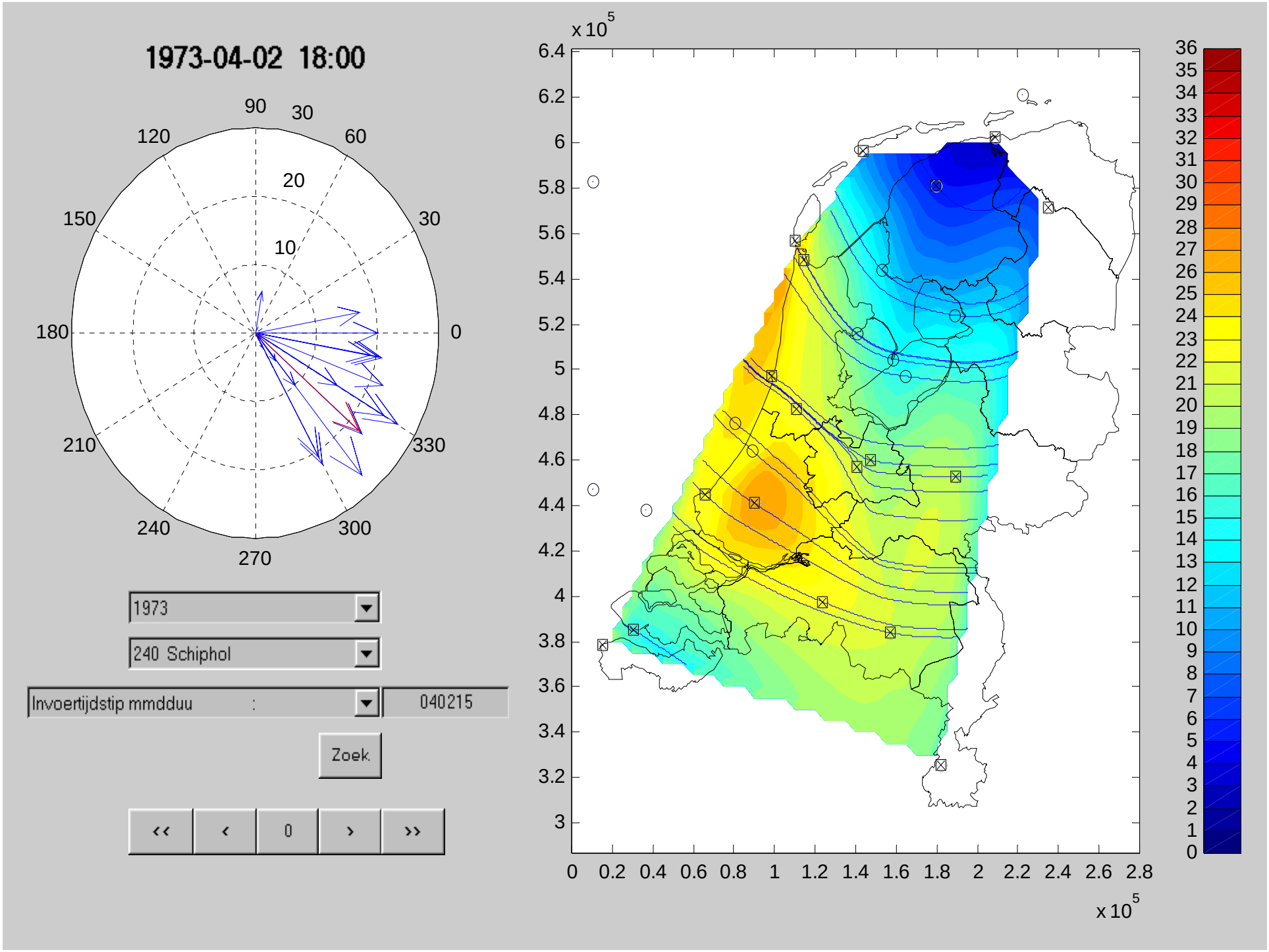
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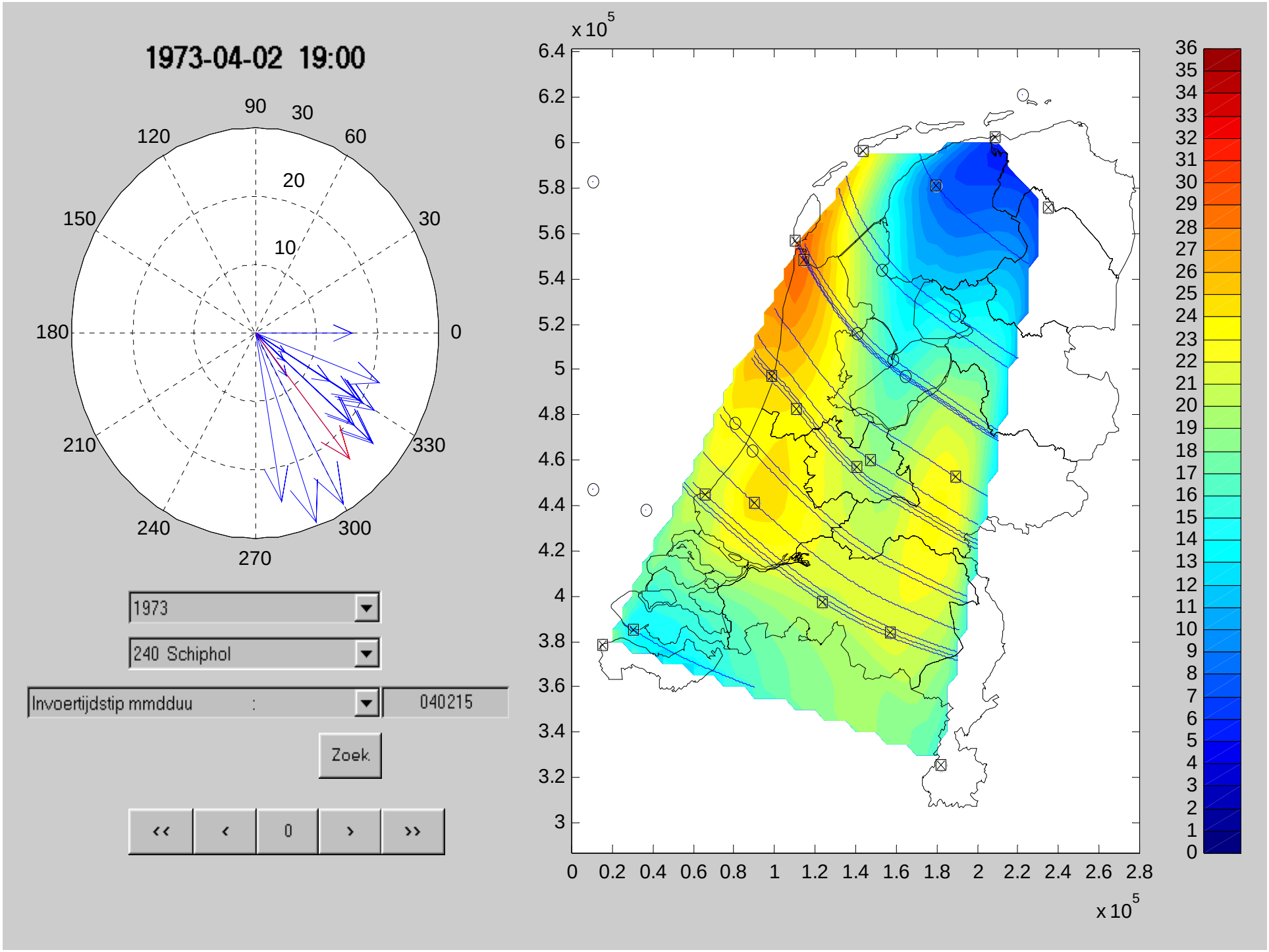
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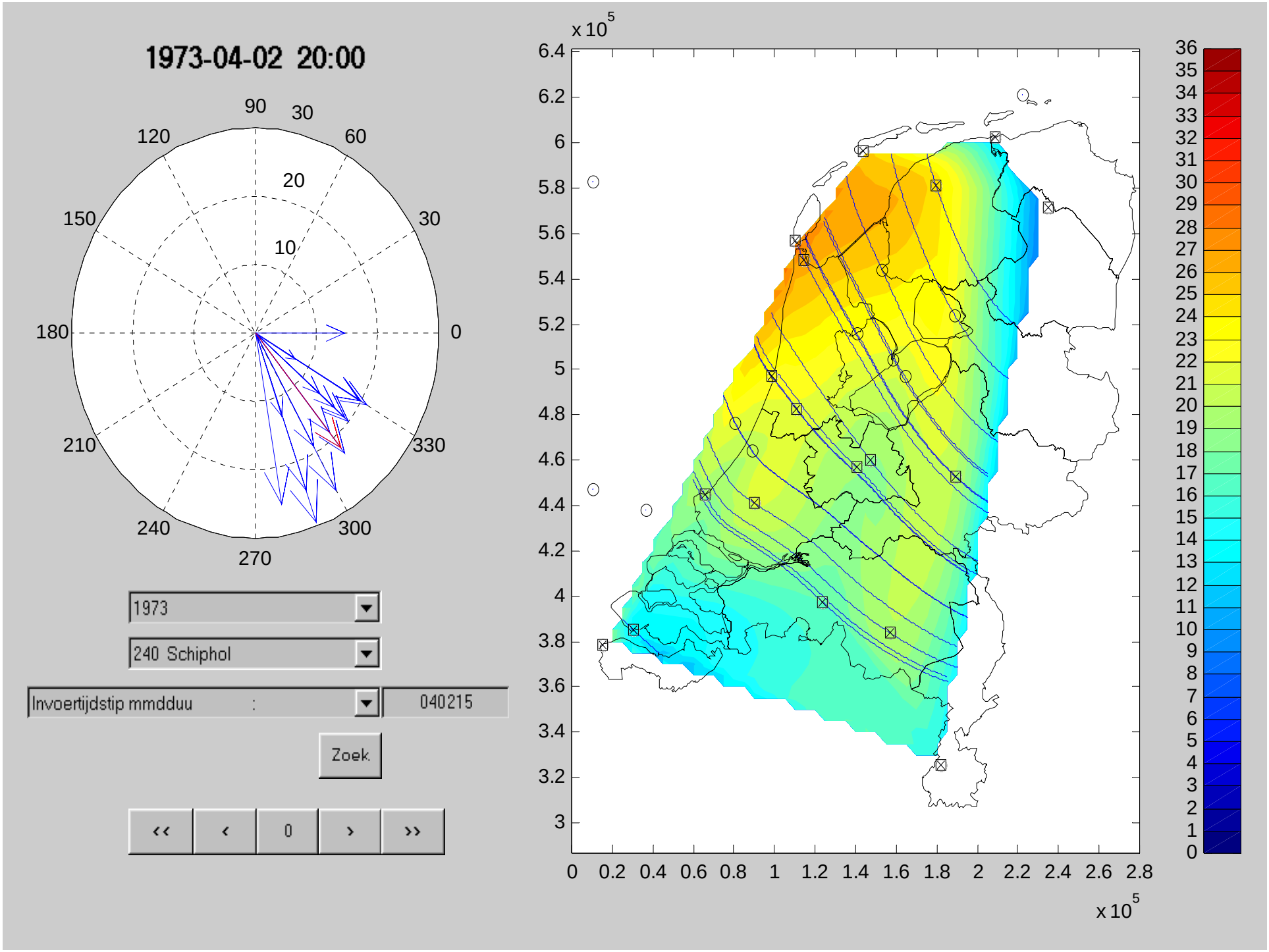
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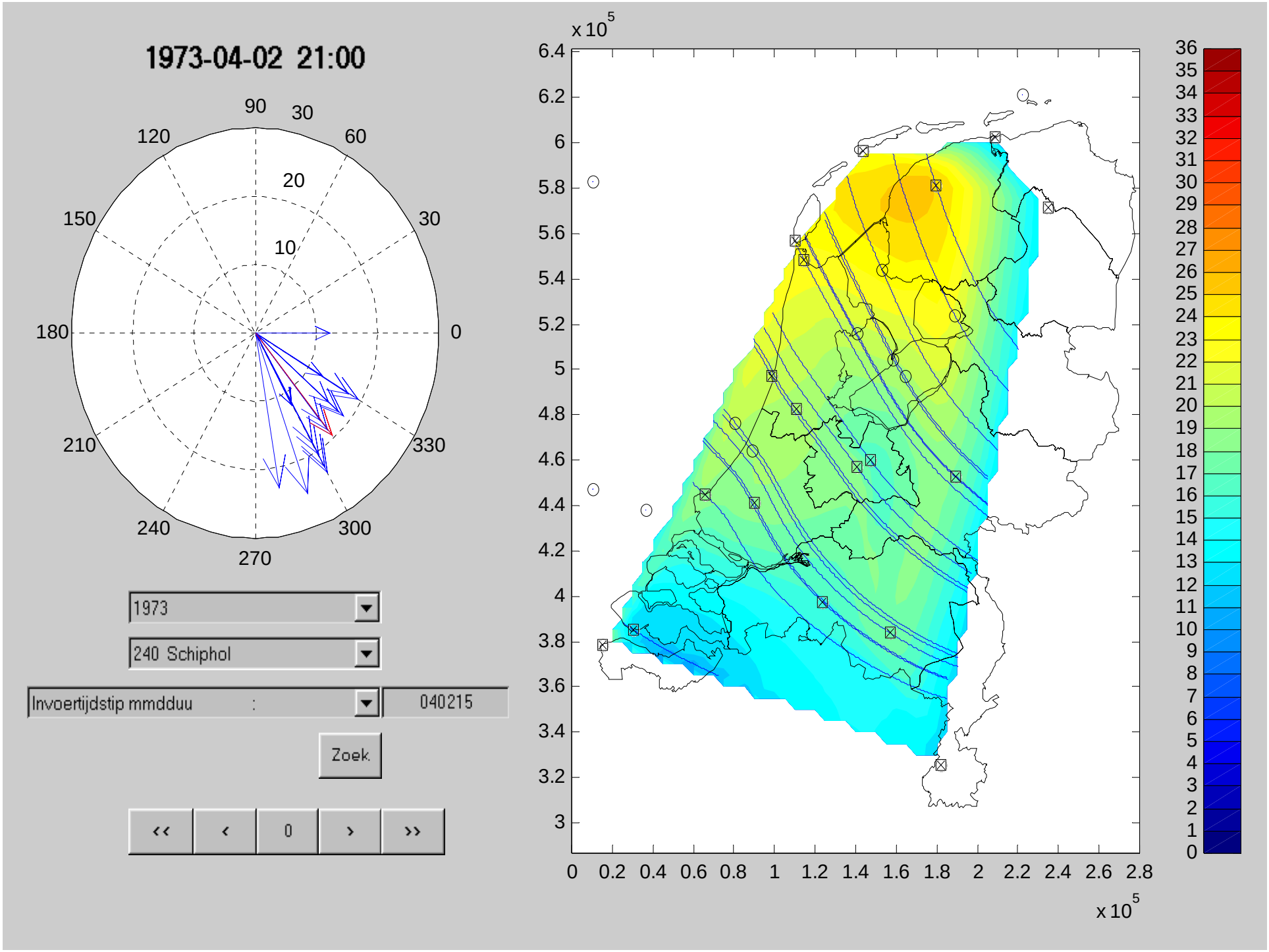
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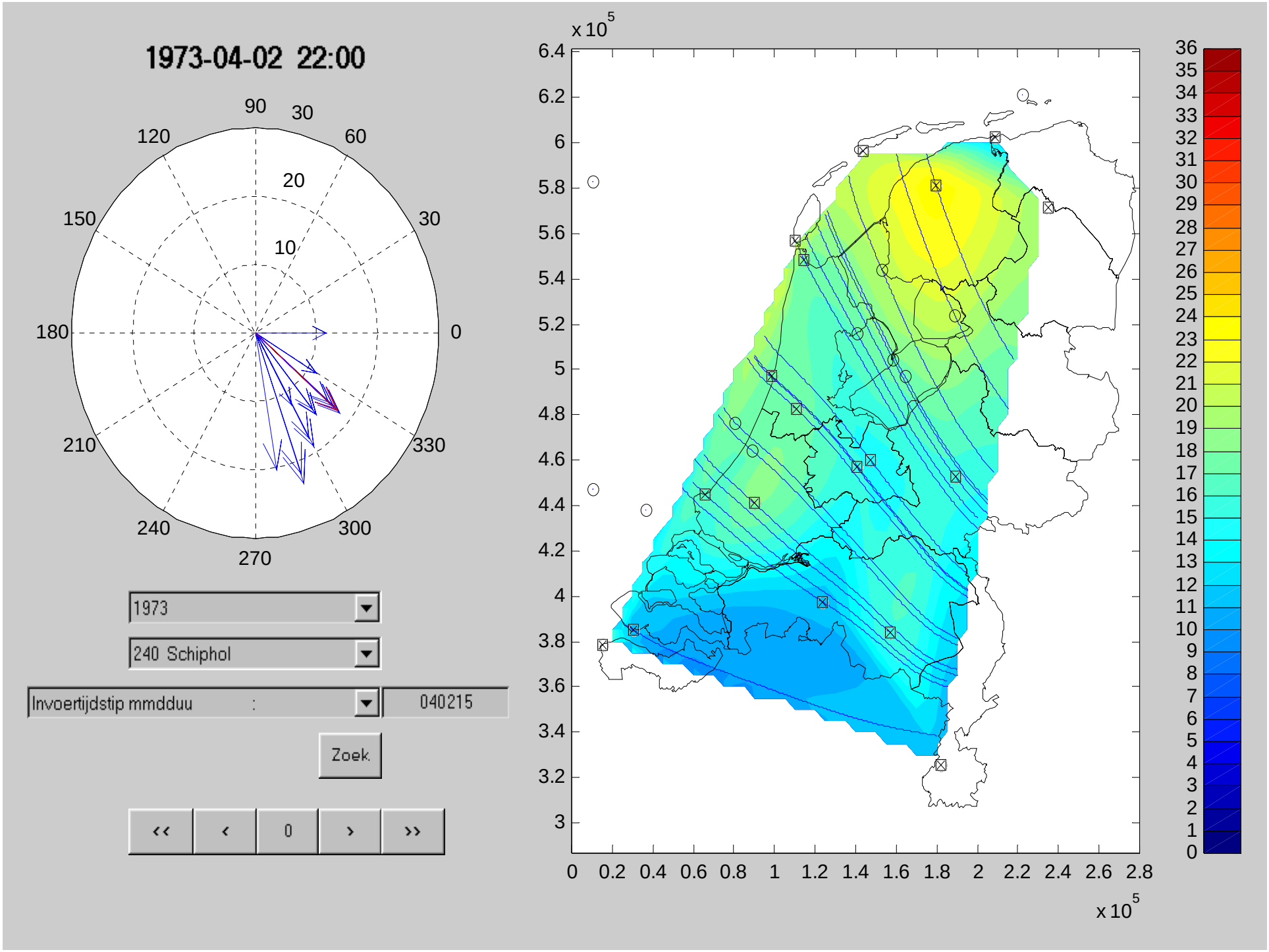
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Conclusions

1. Overview of basic design components
2. Even the basics show (major) problems:
   - interaction between wind, water levels and waves
   - wind transformation from land to water
   - air-sea interaction: wind drag
   - extreme value statistics of wind
3. And – of course – there is more:
   - variation is space: wind field
   - variation in time: wind field moves and changes
4. But:
   1. practical approaches are available
   2. cooperation in research may provide better solutions

Additional challenges

1. Wave model:
   - Wave growth limit in shallow water
   - Wave - current interaction
2. Probabilistic model:
   - Introduction of storm surge bariers into probabilistic model
   - How should we deal with model uncertainties?