

Explainable AI: Why so salty?

Predicting salt intrusion on the Amsterdam-Rhine Canal

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- Closure

Introduction

Statement

“Within the water sector, there is a strong demand for explainability of data-driven models”

“Binnen de watersector is een sterke behoefte aan uitlegbaarheid van data-gedreven modellen”



Context

Salt intrusion on
the Amsterdam-
Rhine Canal



Noordzeekanaal

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Noordzeekanaal

Amsterdam-Rijnkanaal

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Noordzeekanaal

Critical points for salt
intrusion

Driemond

Vecht

Nigtevecht

Drinking water ↓



**Monitoring points
of salt intrusion**

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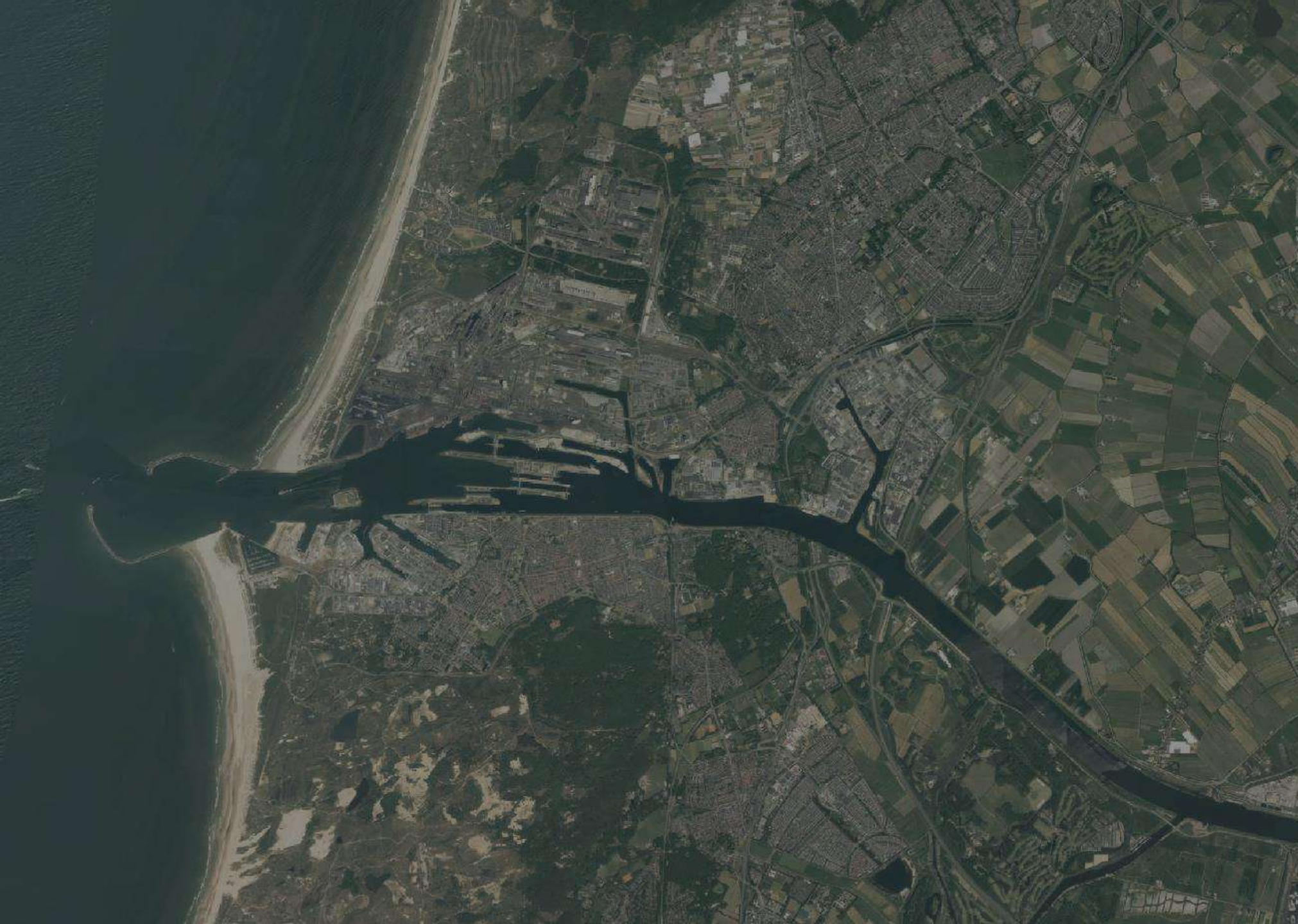
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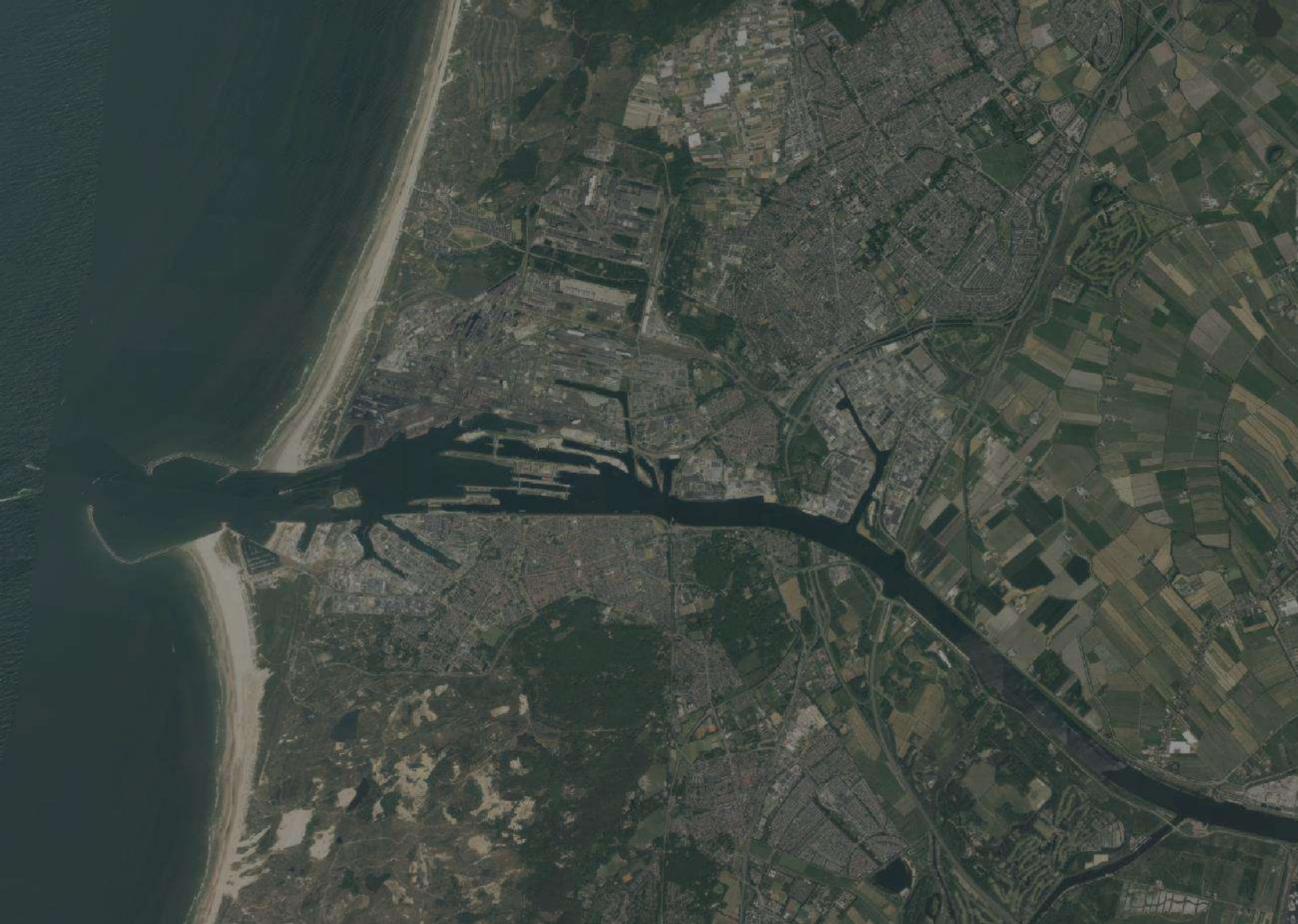
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Salt load, IJmuiden



Features:

- Exchange volume Sluices IJmuiden
- Exchange volume Noordersluis and Zeesluis IJmuiden
- Gravity drainage and pumping discharges IJmuiden



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**Wind, intensity
and direction**

Perpendicular
direction

Parallel
direction

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Shipping intensity at the
Amsterdam-Rhine canal

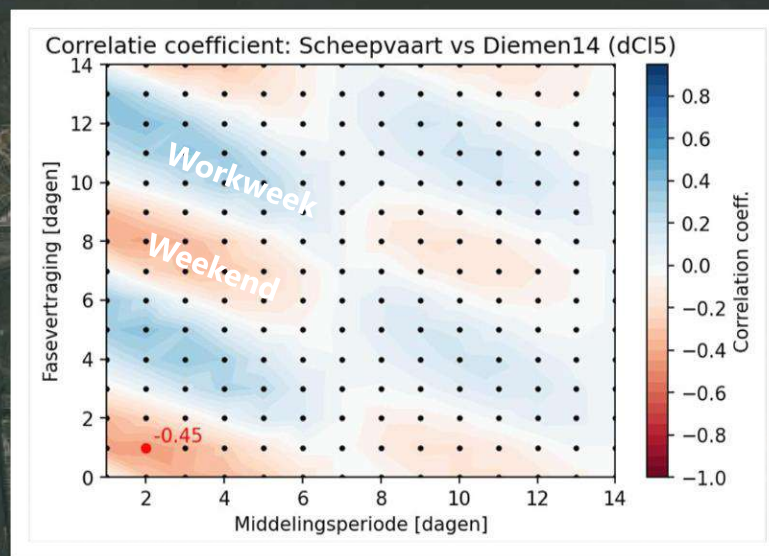
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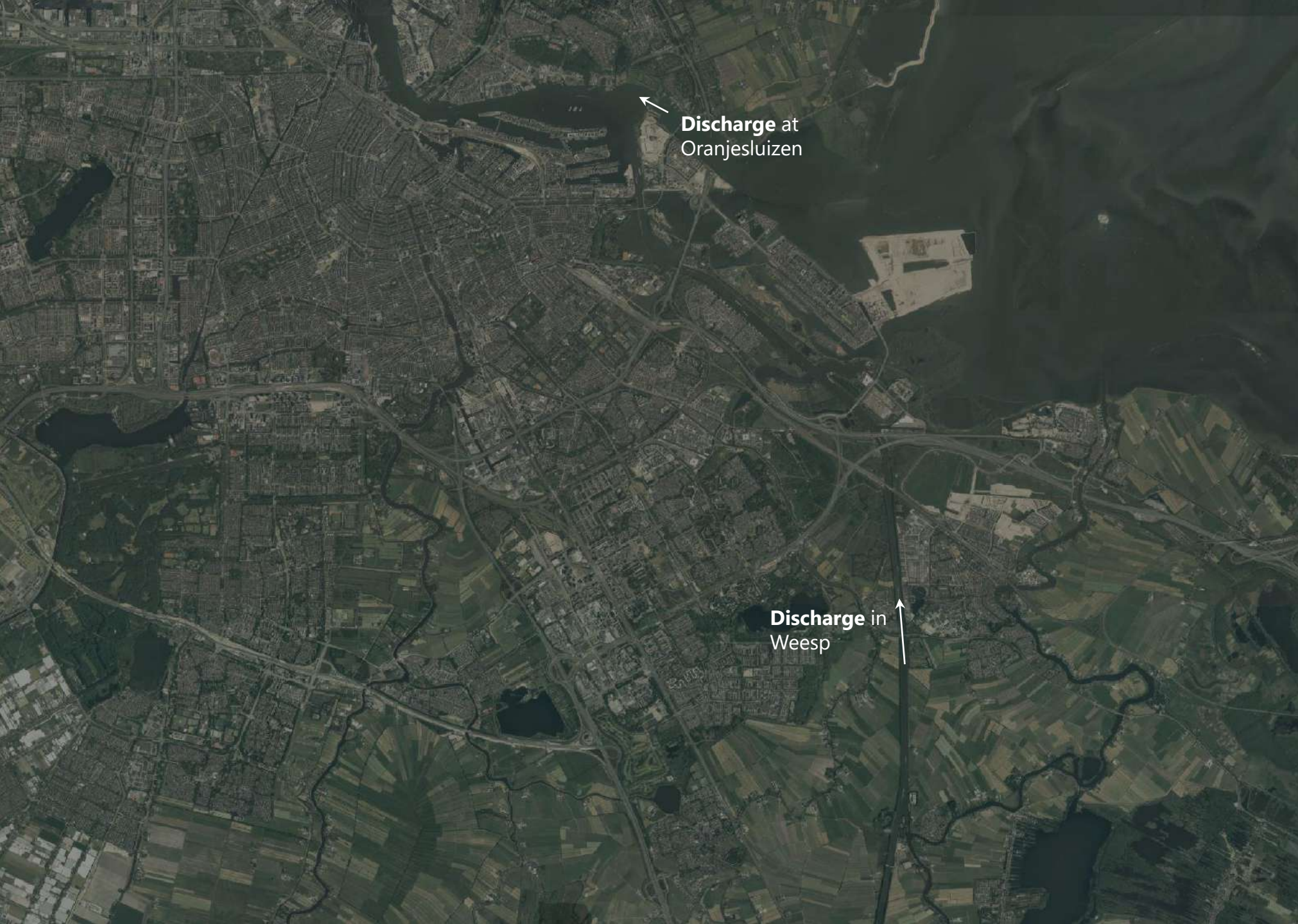
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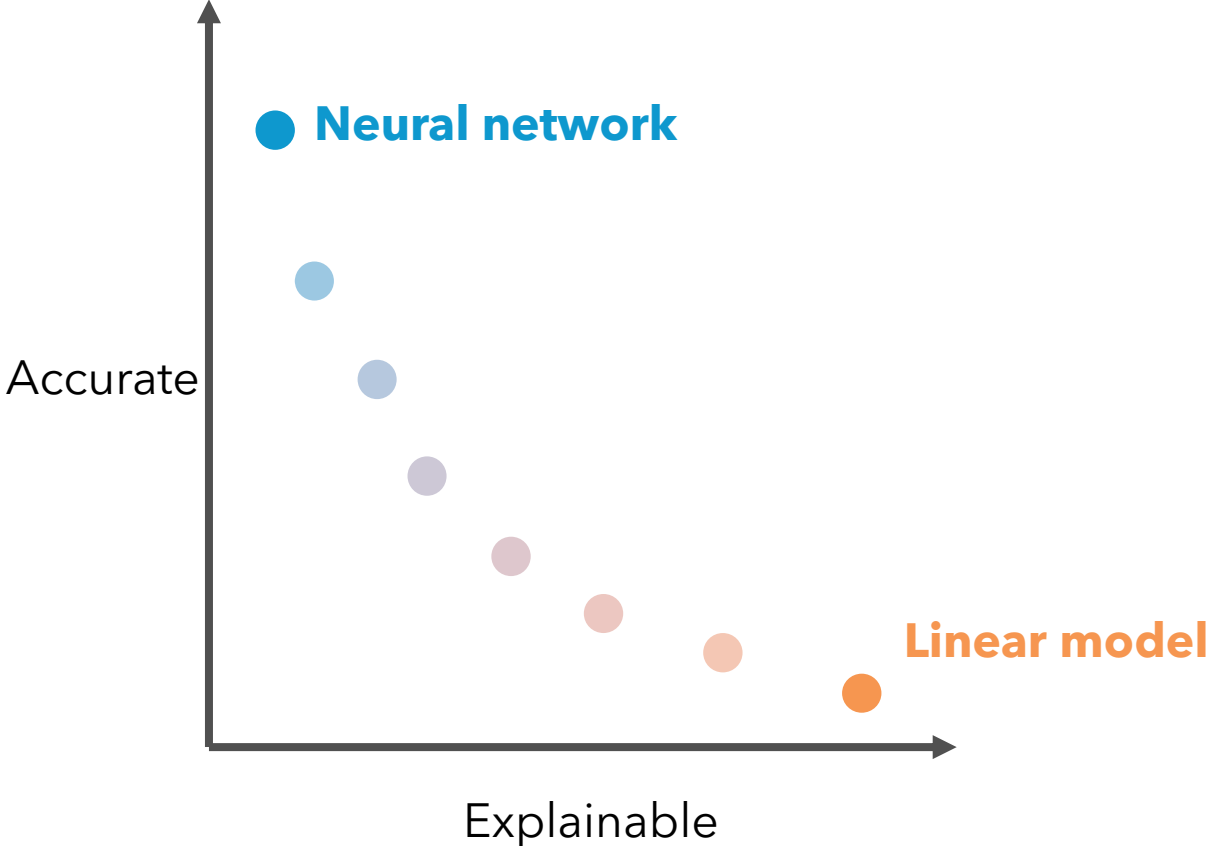
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Key factors

- Discharge in Weesp
- Daily discharge fluctuations
- Sum of negative discharges
- Hourly discharge fluctuations
- Absolute windspeed
- Wind component parallel to NZK
- Wind component perpendicular to NZK
- Discharge Oranjesluizen
- Exchange volume sluices IJmuiden
- Exchange volume Noordersluis and Zeesluis IJmuiden
- Salt load IJmuiden
- Gravity drainage and pumping discharges IJmuiden
- Lateral discharges NZK
- Shipping intensity ARK

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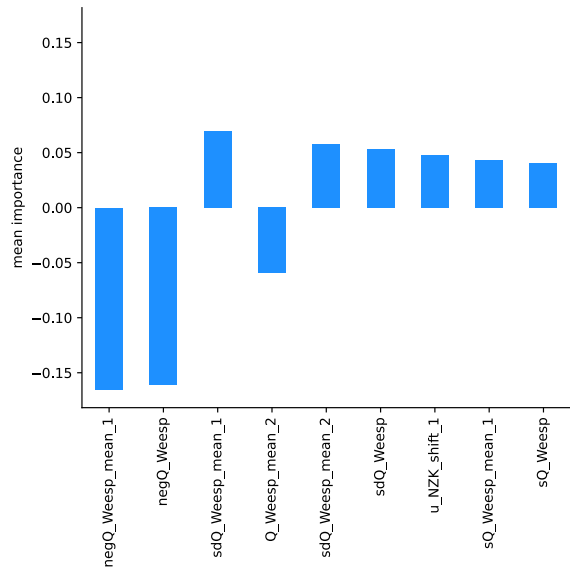
AI versus conventional techniques



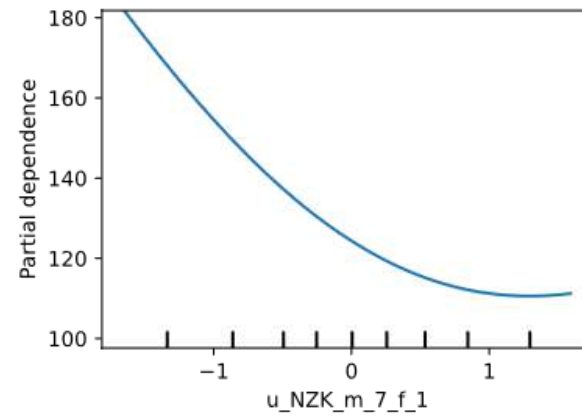
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Explainable AI

- **Ranking**



- **Dependence**



- **Visualisation**

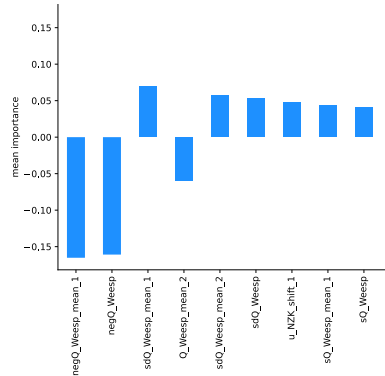
Highest salt concentration in Diemen -6.5 m NAP



Context

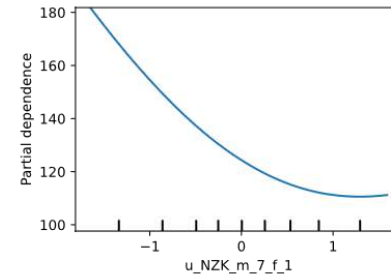
Explainable AI

• Ranking



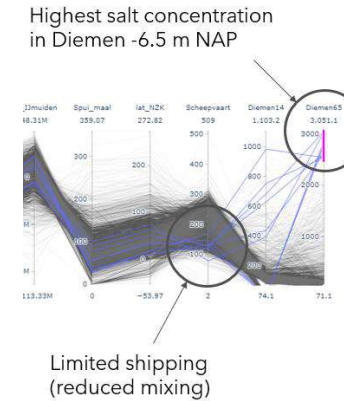
- I. Permutation feature importance
- II. Leave One Feature Out (LOFO)
- III. SHAP mean importance

• Dependence



- I. Partial dependence plot (PDP)
- II. Accumulated local effects (ALE)
- III. SHAP mean importance

Visualisation

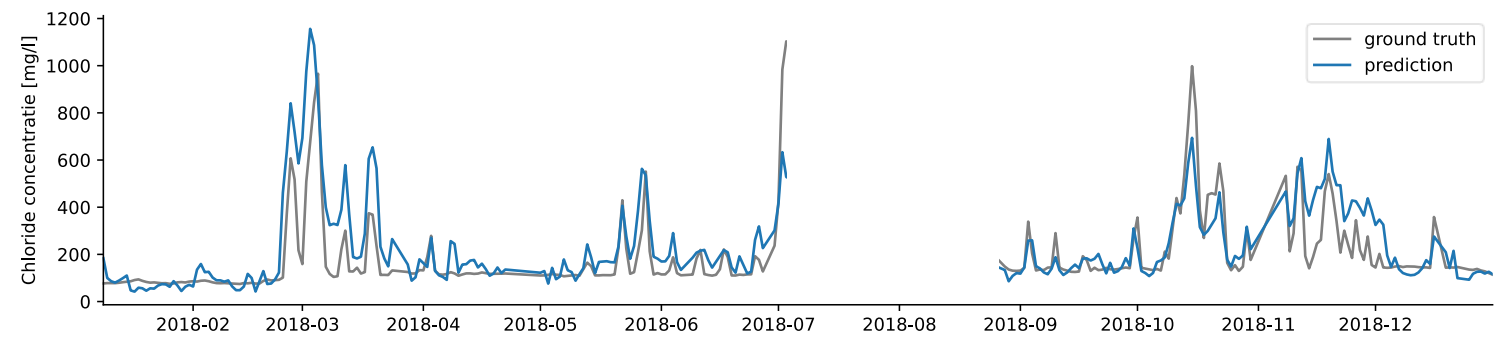


- I. Parallel coordinate plot
- II. Visual (interactive) interpretability

Context

Predictive modelling

- Neural network
 - Dares to predict peaks
 - Without prior knowledge for year 2018

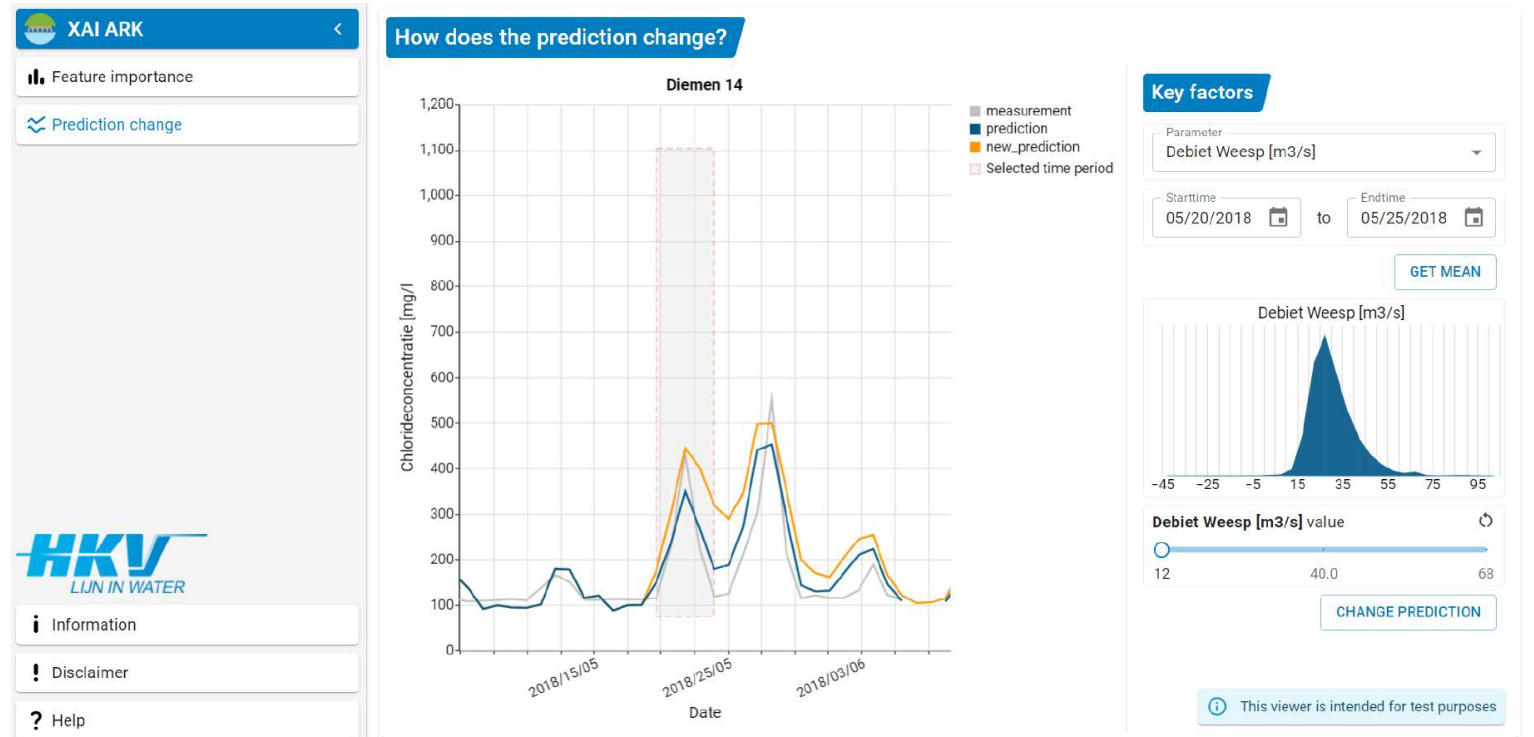




Prediction of salt concentrations in Diemen using a neural network.

Get to know XAI


Introducing the tool

- Goal: Increase confidence in outcome of ML-models
- Method: Increase insight in model outcome using Explainable AI techniques
- Target user: users of operational predictive models

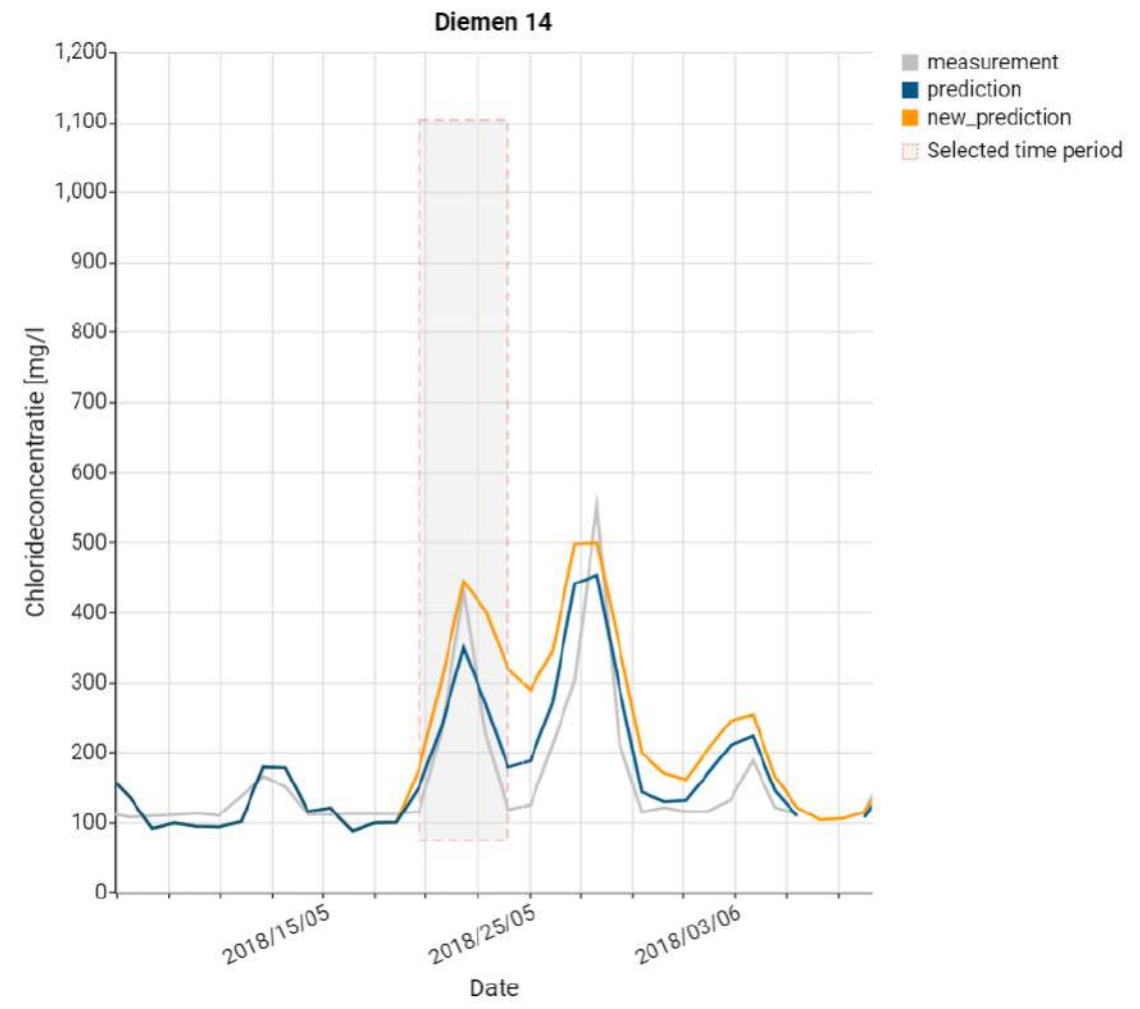


-  Feature importance
-  Prediction change



-  Information
-  Disclaimer
-  Help

How does the prediction change?

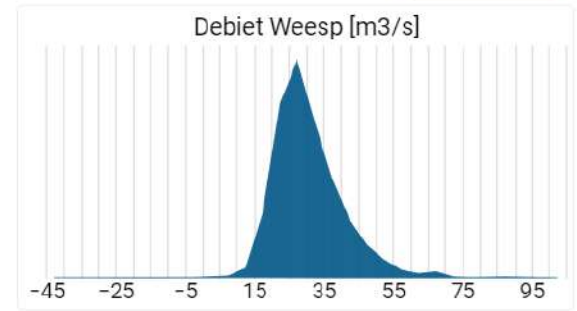


Key factors

Parameter
 Debiet Weesp [m3/s] ▼

Starttime to Endtime

GET MEAN



Debiet Weesp [m3/s] value ↻

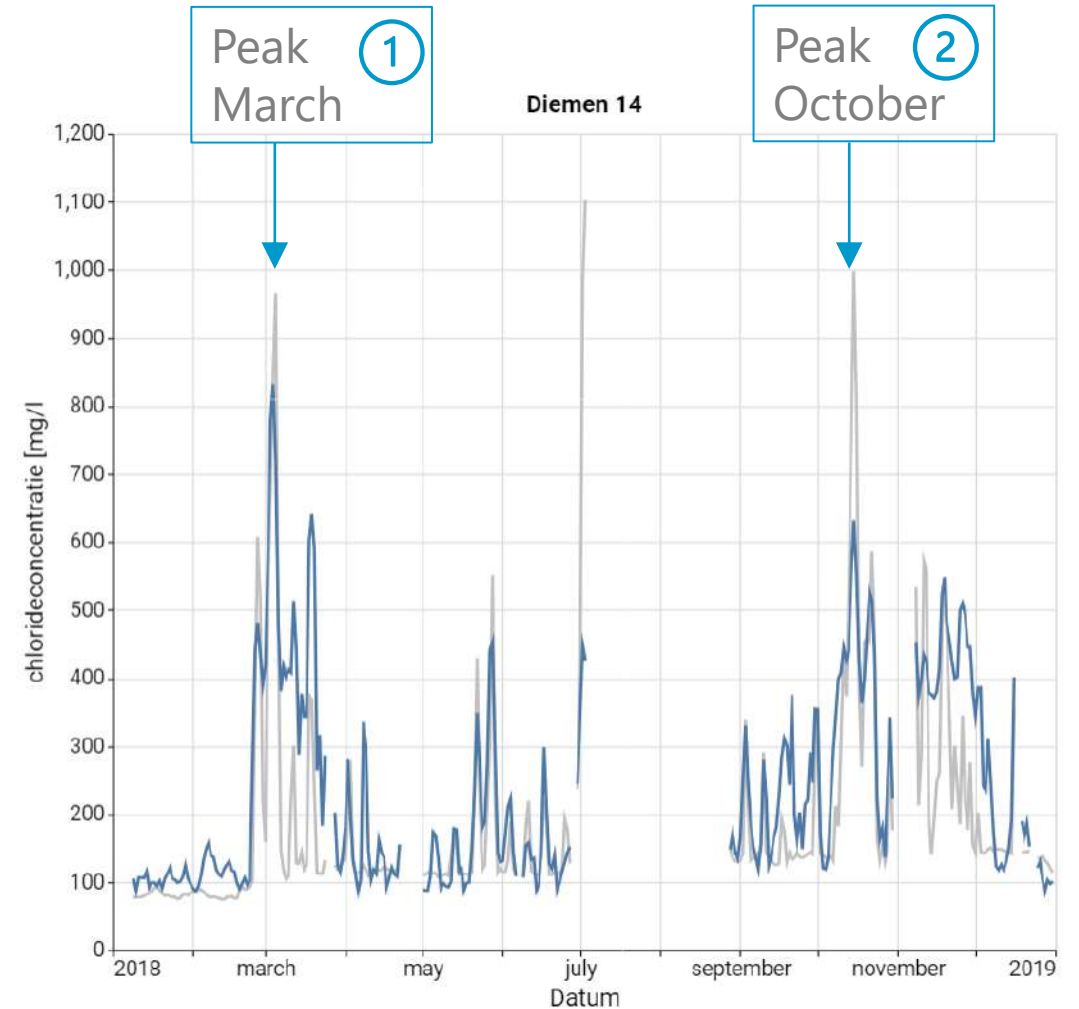
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CHANGE PREDICTION

 This viewer is intended for test purposes

Get to know XAI Questions

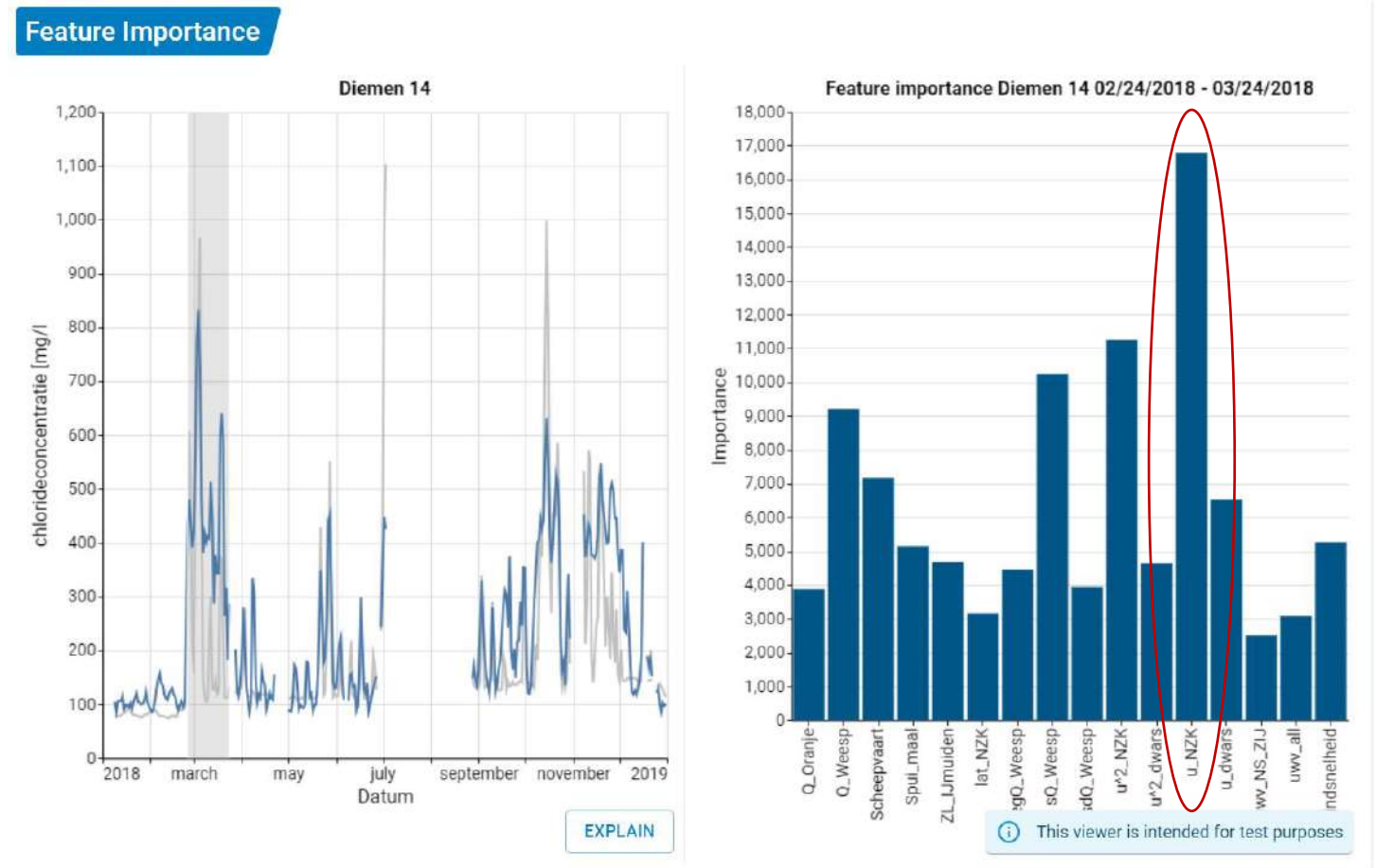
- ① Which features have **largest contribution** to the predicted salt peak in beginning of March?
- ② Can you change the conditions so that the salt peak in October does not exceed 500 mg/l?



Get to know XAI

1. What causes the salt peak in beginning of March?

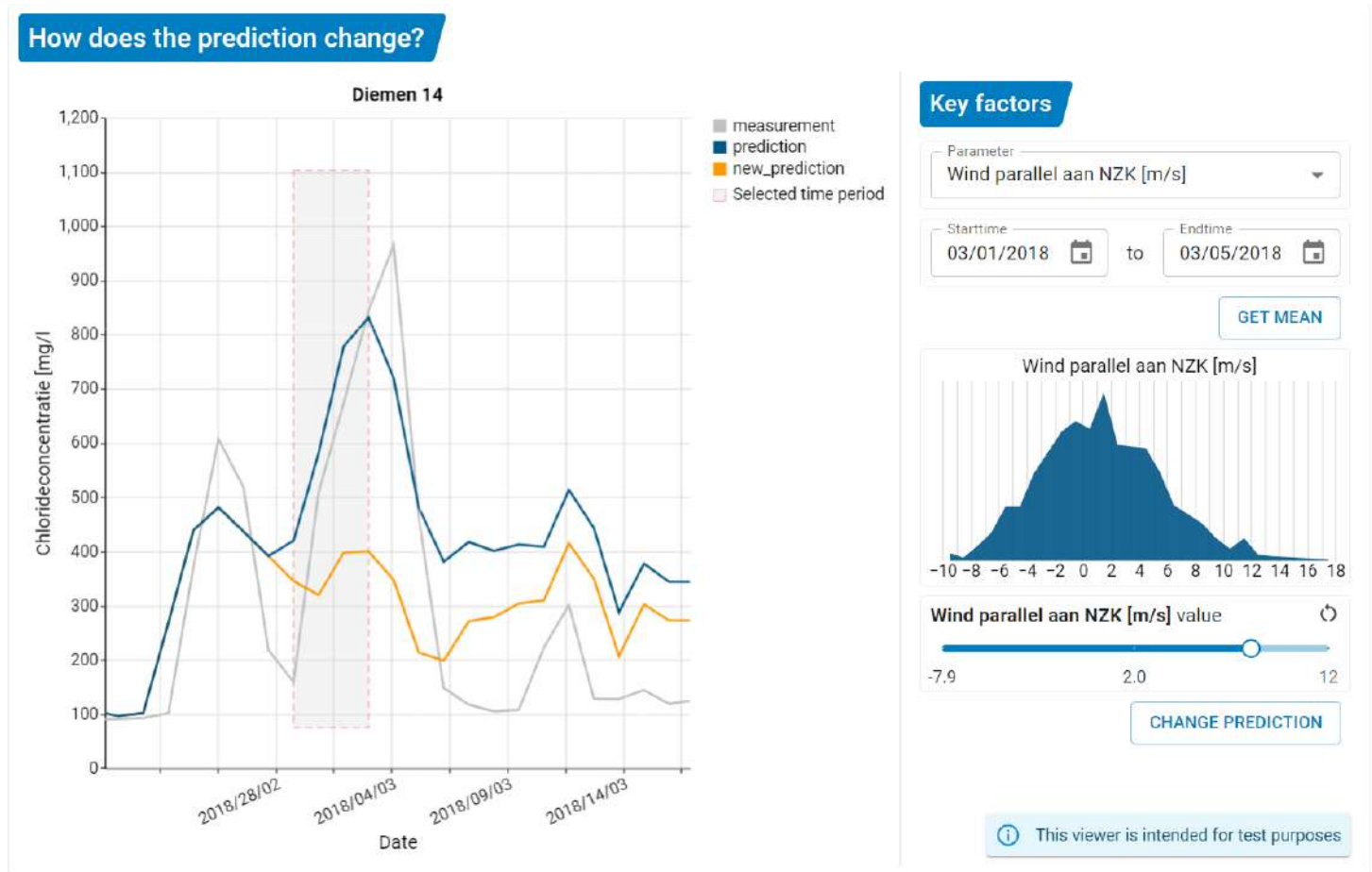
- Wind is important!



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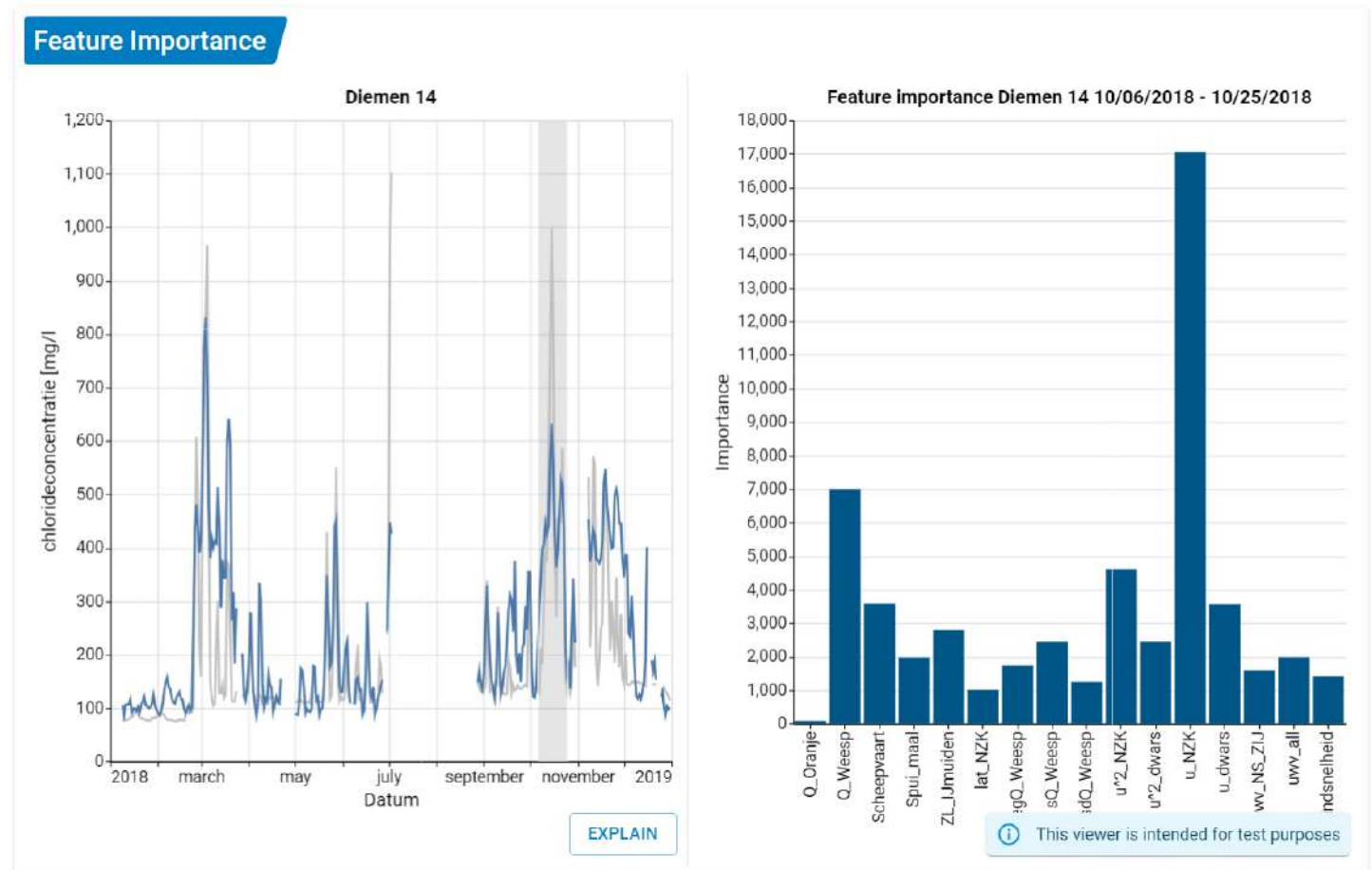
- If the wind had blown in the opposite direction, there would not have been a salt peak.



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2. Can you change the conditions so that the salt peak in October does not exceed 500 mg/l?

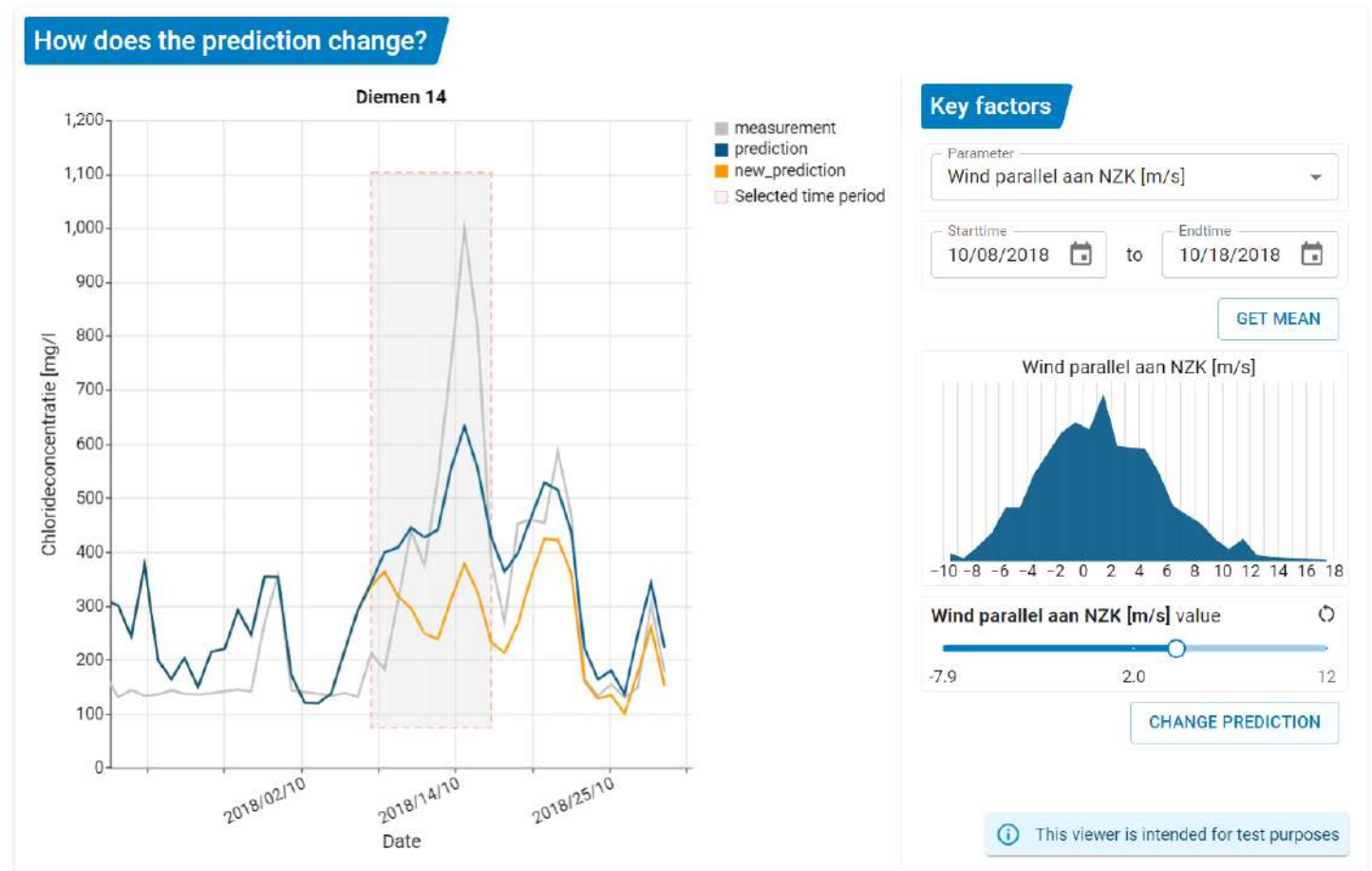
- Wind is important, followed by the discharge.



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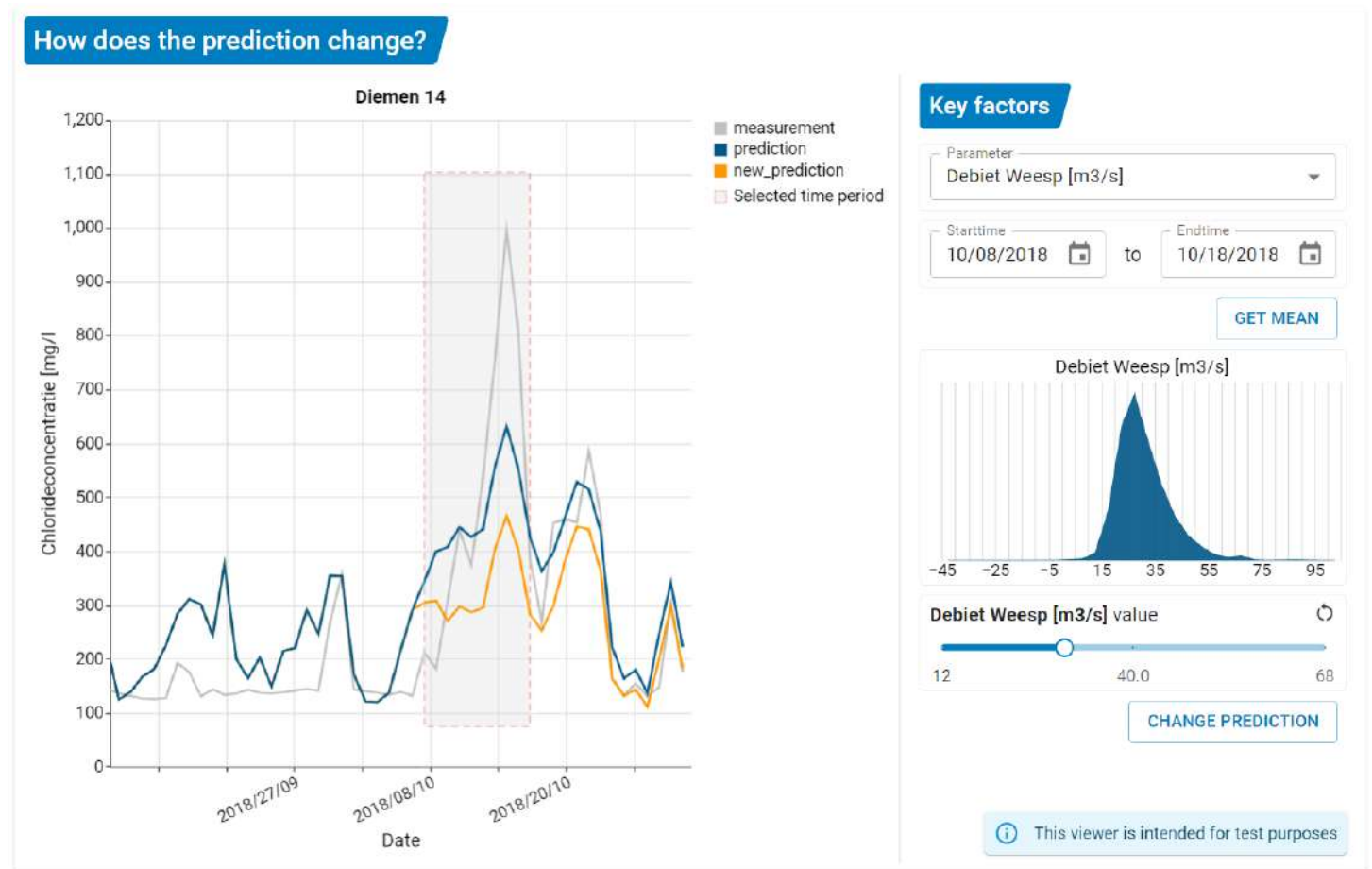
- Changing wind direction lowers the salt peak.



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2. Can you change the conditions so that the salt peak in October does not exceed 500 mg/l?

- But you can also achieve this by increasing the discharge!



Discussion

First impressions & future developments



Source: <https://www.kpsol.com/benefits-using-discussion-forums-knowledge-management-environment/>

Closure

What's next?

- What will we do with your input?
 - Continue development
 - Plant the seed!
- Ultimate goal: Operational along-side a predictive model



Source: <https://medium.com/light-speed-venture-partners/you-raised-seed-money-now-what-49b1ea686ea4>

Thank you for your attention.

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