



**Utilizing a Foundation of Model Integration**  
**Examples of Coupled Coastal Flood Modeling**  
**DHI Water & Environment**

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# Presentation Outline

- A 1 slide overview of DHI
- What DHI understand as the state of the art in coupled flood modeling
- A couple of US and global examples
- Some examples of benefit to stakeholders



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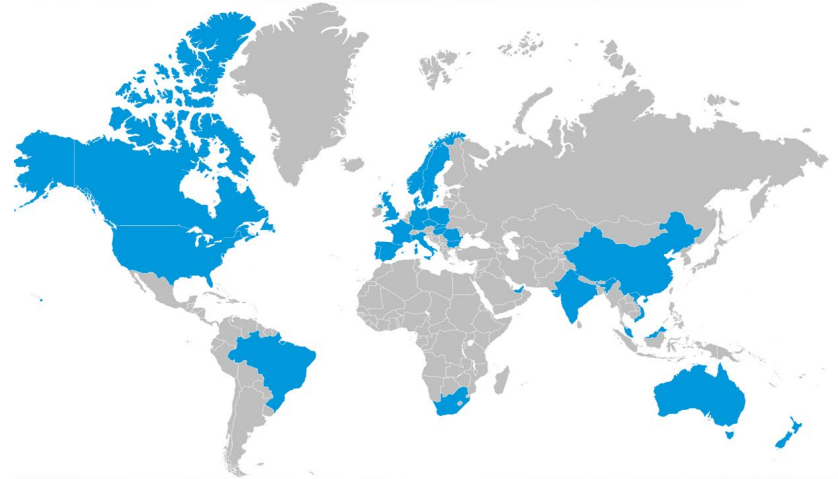


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# State of the Art in Coupled Flood Modeling



# In 2021, Integrated Flood modeling is more than just coast and river



Tide, storm surge



River, flood plain

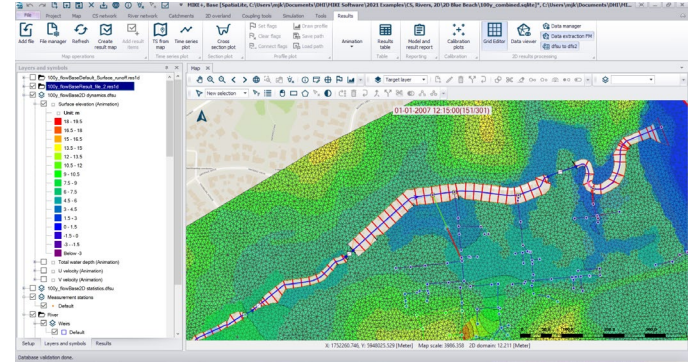
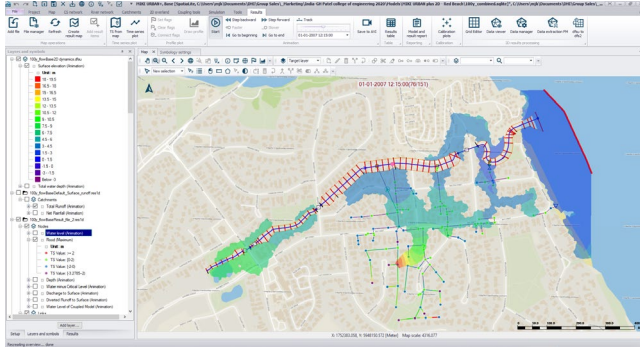


Urban infrastructure



Operational control

# Three or even 4 way model coupling is the norm for high resolution forecasts and studies



**1D  
Channel  
2D Overland  
Flow**

**3D  
Integrated  
rainfall run-  
off GW**

**2D/3D  
Coastal  
Flow  
3D Waves**

**1D Urban  
Pipe Flow**

Requires a fully integrated model package to facilitate model build

DHI's first 3 way coupled model was in 2005

# MIKE Modeling Framework for Integrated Modeling



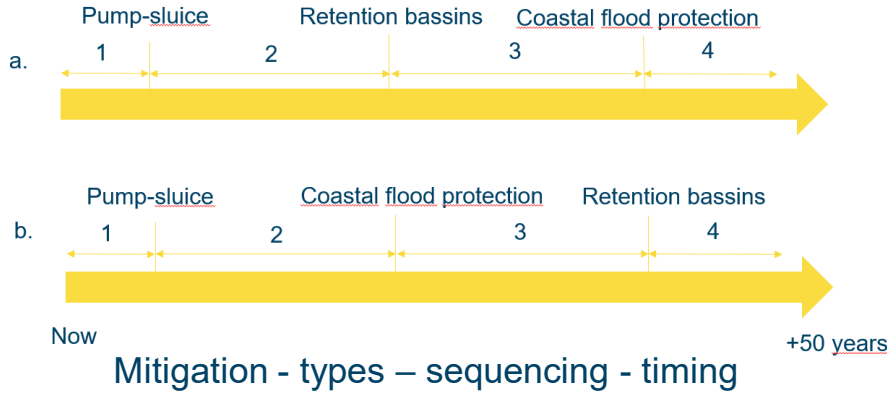
An aerial photograph showing several cars floating in the ocean. The cars are mostly upside down, with only their roofs and some windows visible above the water. The water is a deep blue color with some ripples. The cars are scattered across the frame, with some appearing more intact than others.

## Some Relevant Examples

**Aabenraa (DK)**  
**Capbreton (France)**  
**Broward (USA)**



# Aabenraa (DK) - Inland-Urban-Coastal Flooding

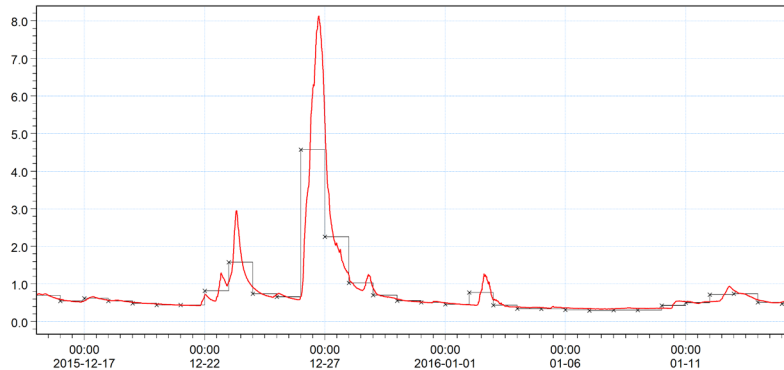


Retention bassins?

Pump-sluice?  
Coastal flood barrier?



River run-off - Cloud bursts - Storm surges / SLR

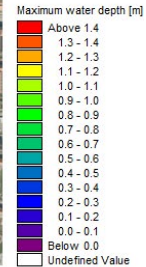
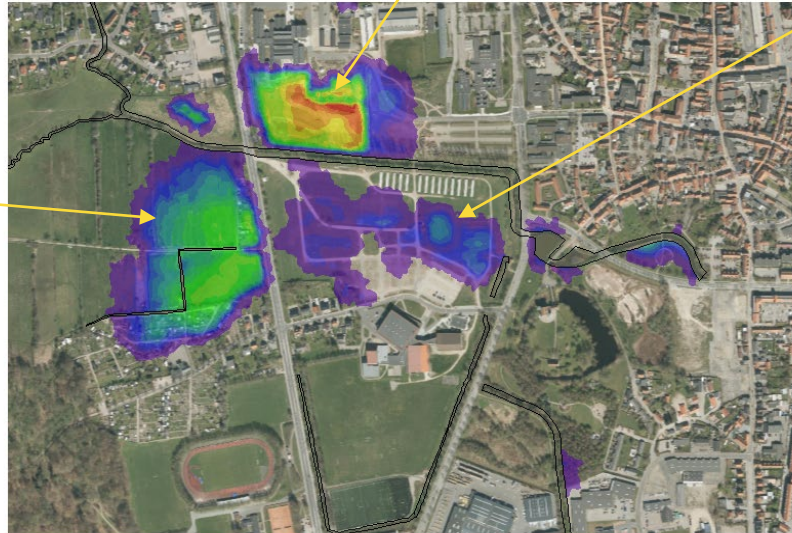


River discharges - 50 years event

# Modeling

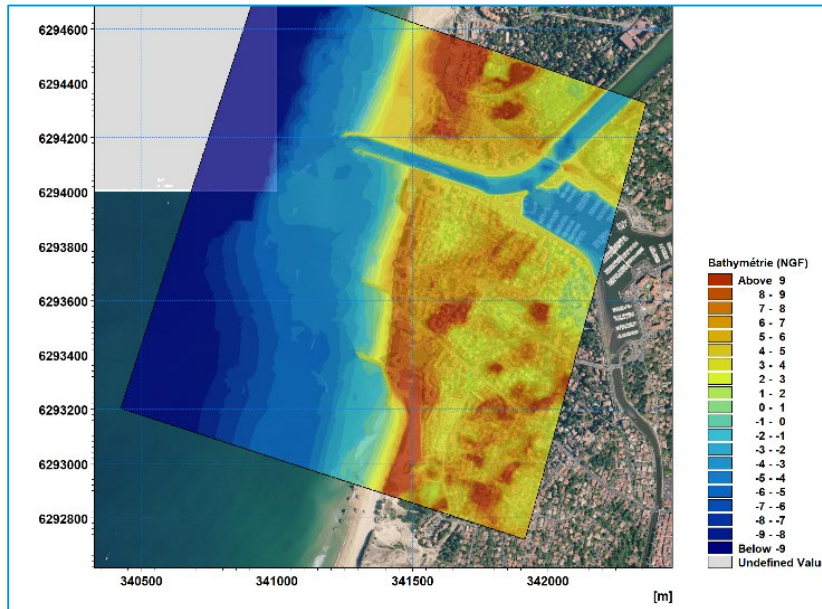


Only a fully dynamic 3-way coupled model can reproduce the observations

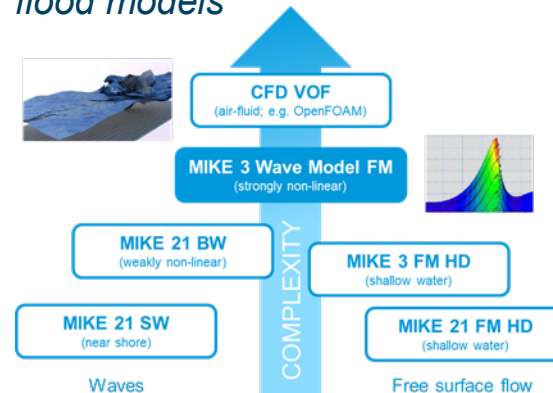


# Coastal flooding in Capbreton, France

Capbreton in South-western France is exposed to coastal flooding during storm events (**surge, tide, wave run-up and overtopping**)



*Including run-up and overtopping requires a new generation of coastal flood models*



# Coastal flooding in Capbreton, France

The simulated event corresponds to the peak of the main recent and widely documented storm on this coast, storm Christine, which occurred over 2nd to 4th March 2014.

Time series of waves, tide and surge from regional models.

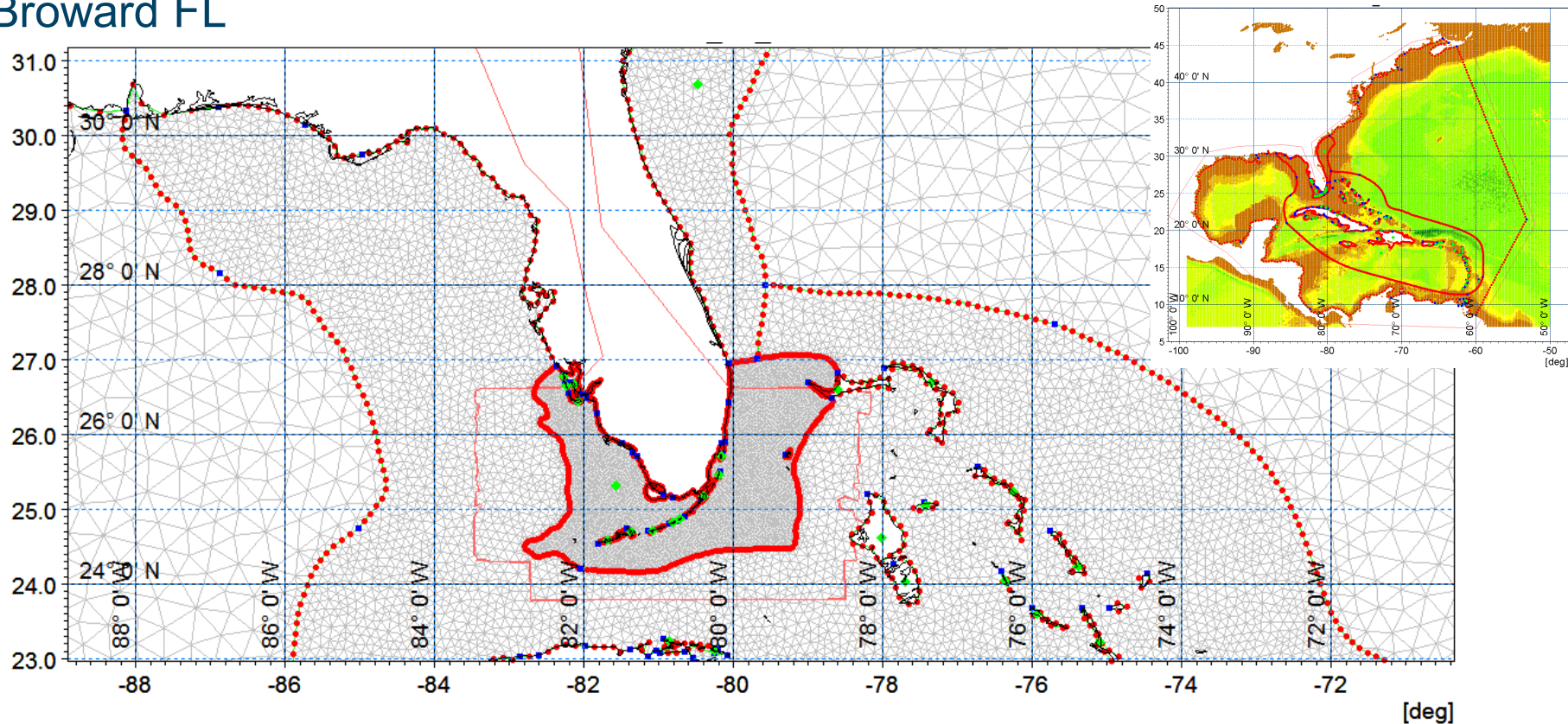
Input as boundary to MIKE3 Wave FM – terrestrial flooding including run-up and over-topping.



*Screenshot of a video taken during the storm on the southern quay of the entrance channel (Source: YouTube, Mars 2014, retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YuNtXfUHMM>)*



# Detailed Integrated Hydrology and Coastal Flood Model Example: Broward FL

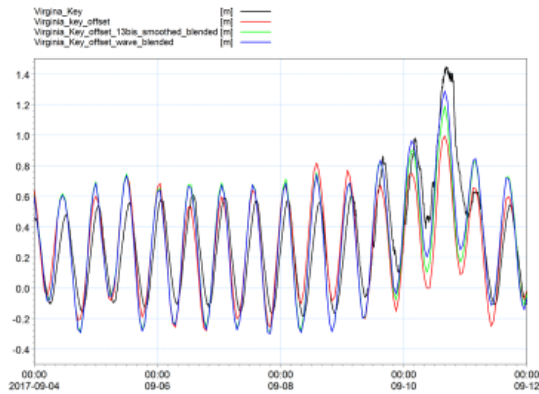


Atlantic / Caribbean / Gulf WL Forecast/Hindcast Model

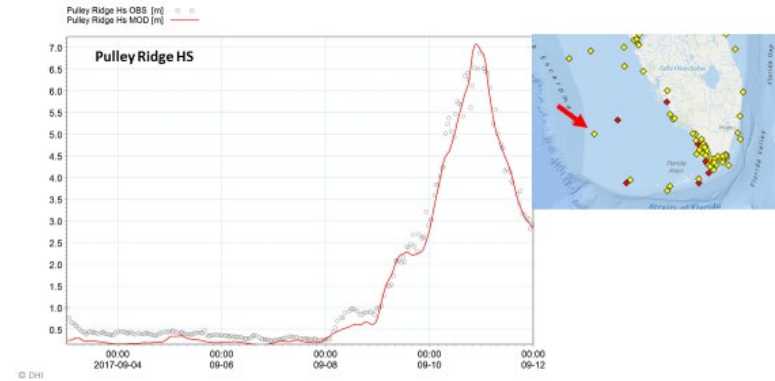
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## Example: Broward FL

- Use regional and local data - to improve coastal model performance within domain (Data assimilation).
- High resolution at area of interest suitable for providing boundary input to terrestrial flood models

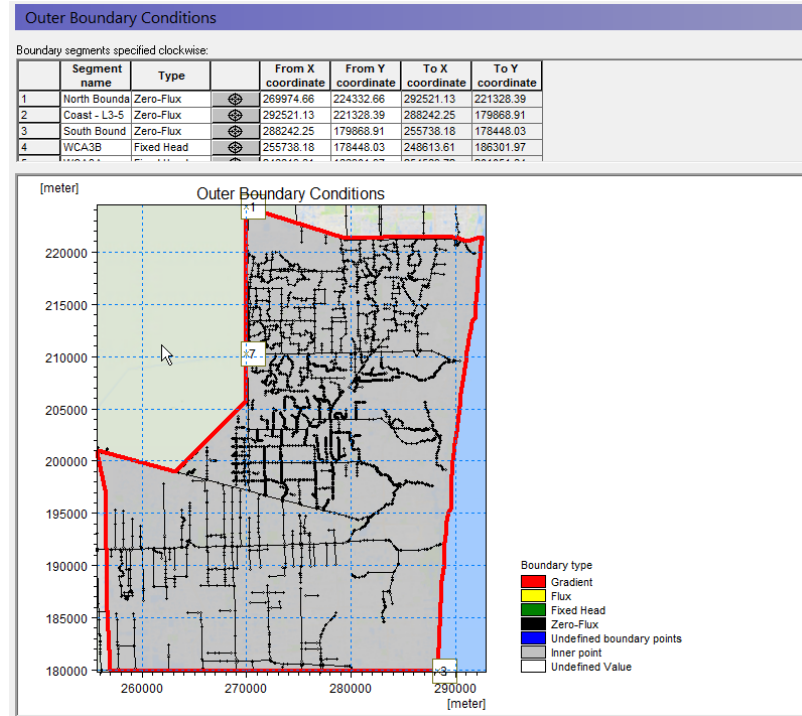


Significant Wave Height



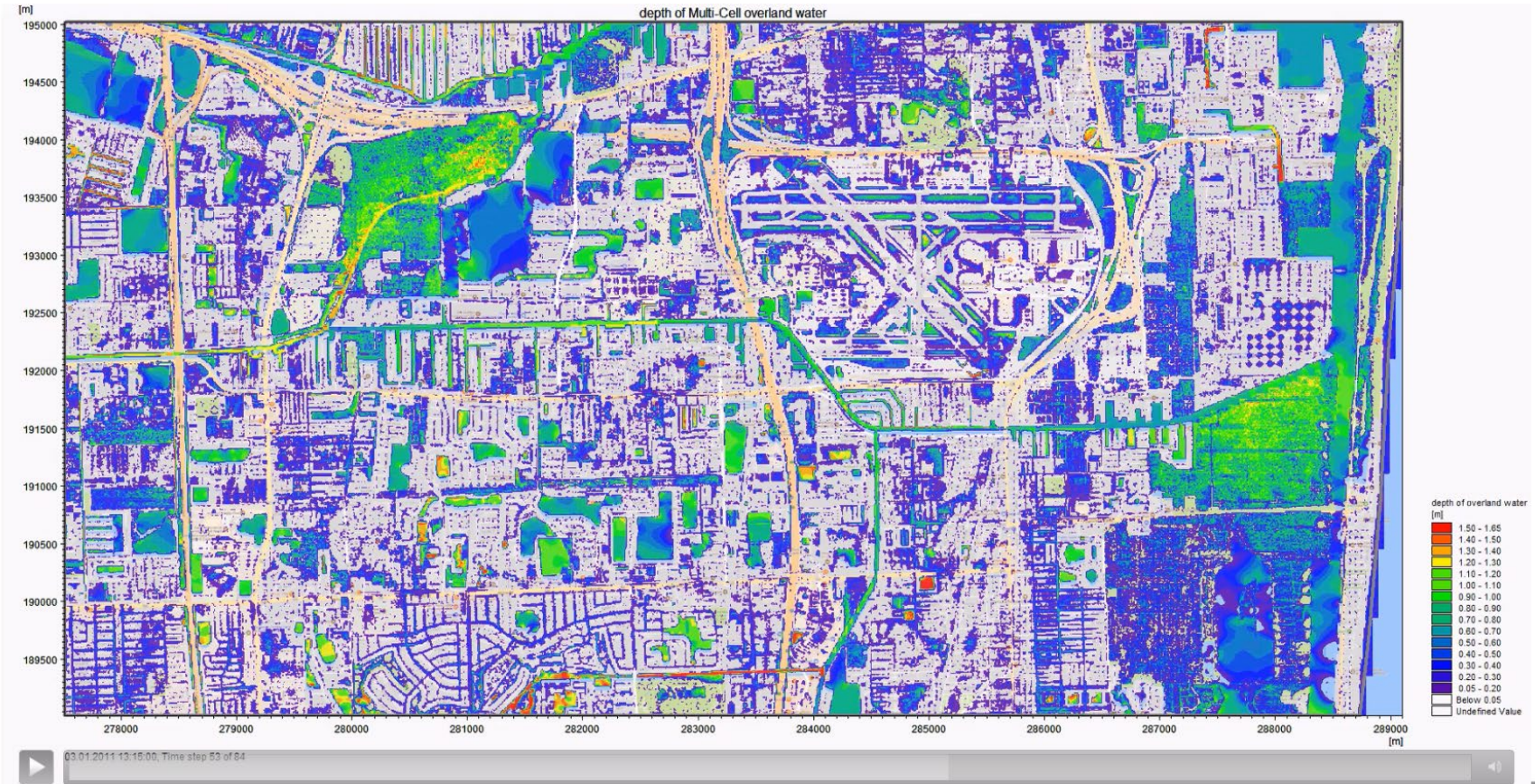
# Detailed Integrated Hydrology Flood Model Example: Broward FL

- Detailed drainage system (1D model)
- Overland (2D model)
- Groundwater (3D model)
- Terrestrial boundaries from regional models
- Rain on Grid
- Tide/Surge Coastal Boundary from regional model





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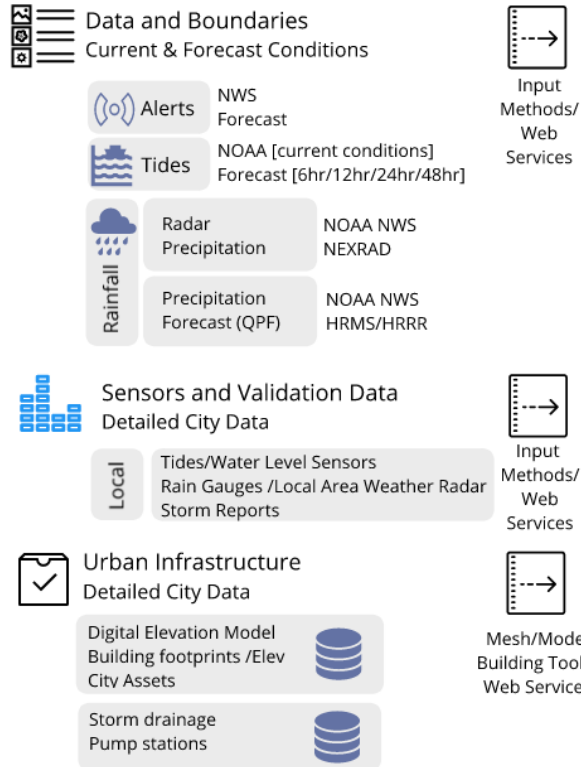


# Practical Example of Stakeholder Benefit from Integrated Modeling

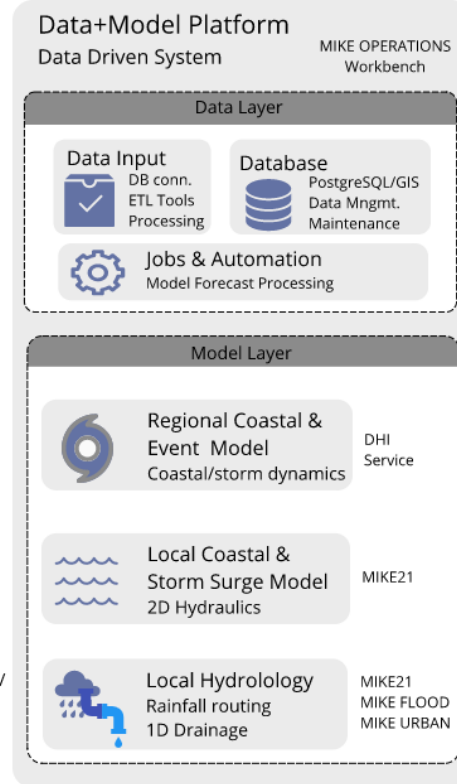
Pilot 'address level' flood forecasting in high risk area  
Miami beach FL  
Operational Forecast of Chao Phraya, Thailand

# Miami-Beach Pilot Flood Forecast: Data and Modeling Flow

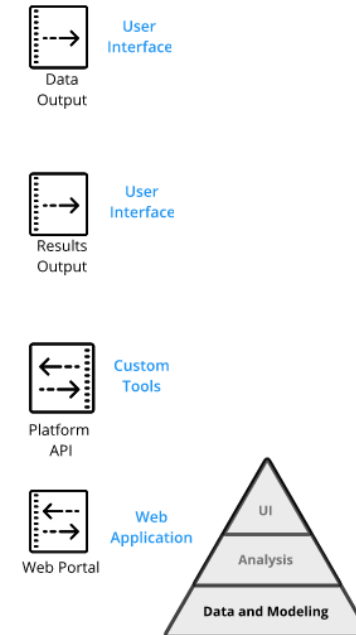
## Environment & Setting



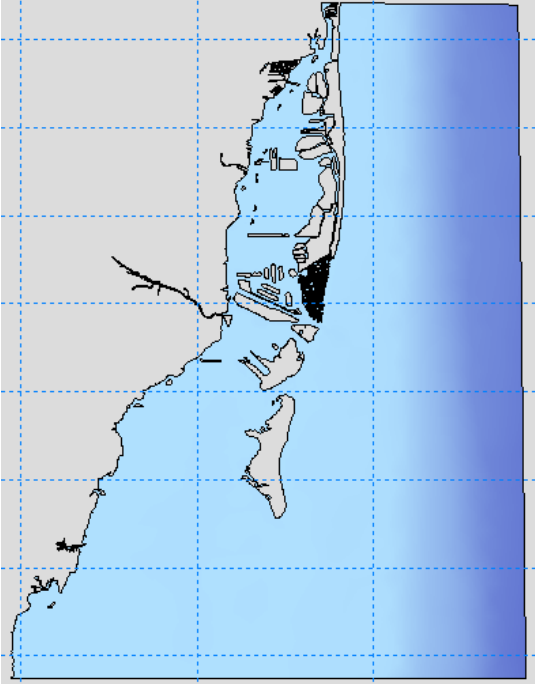
## Model



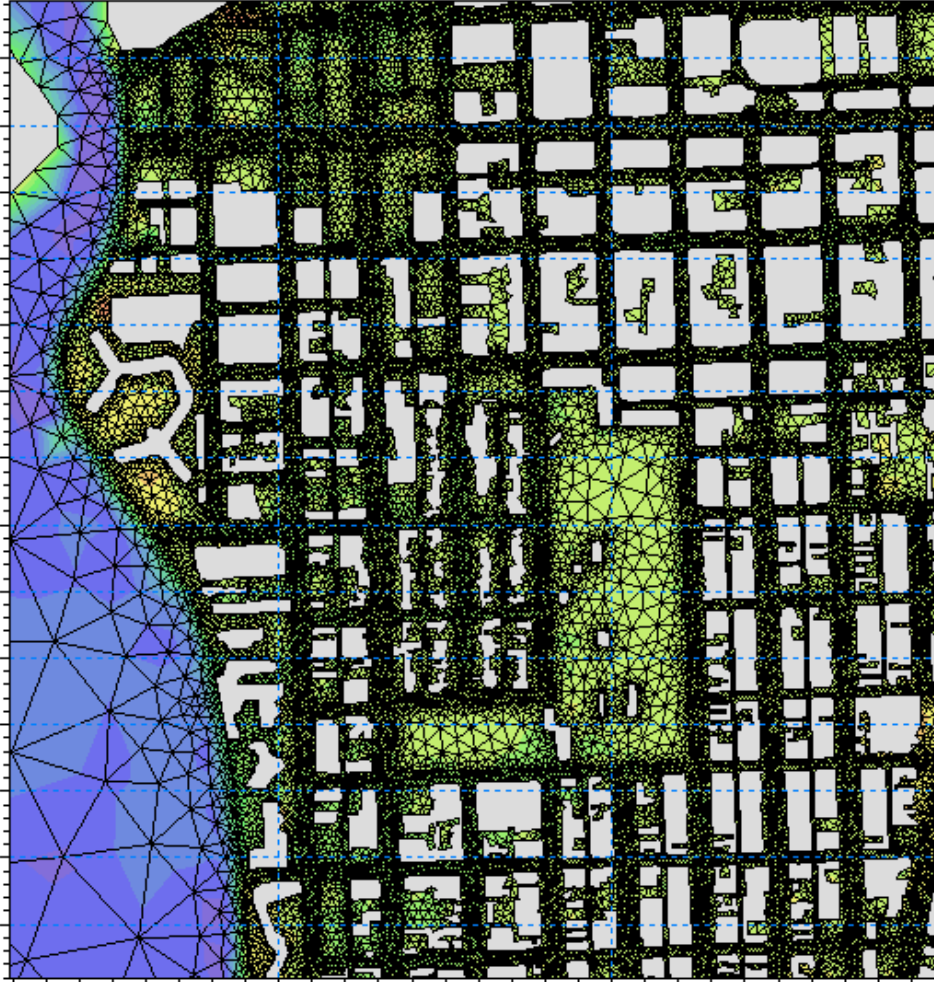
## Output



# Miami-Beach Pilot Flood Forecast: Meshing

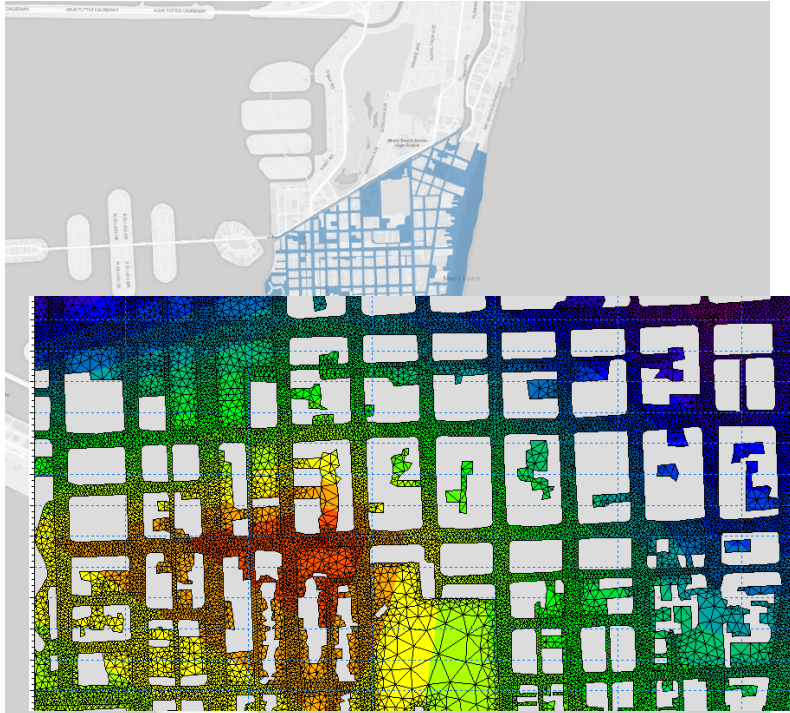


Tide – Surge - Rain

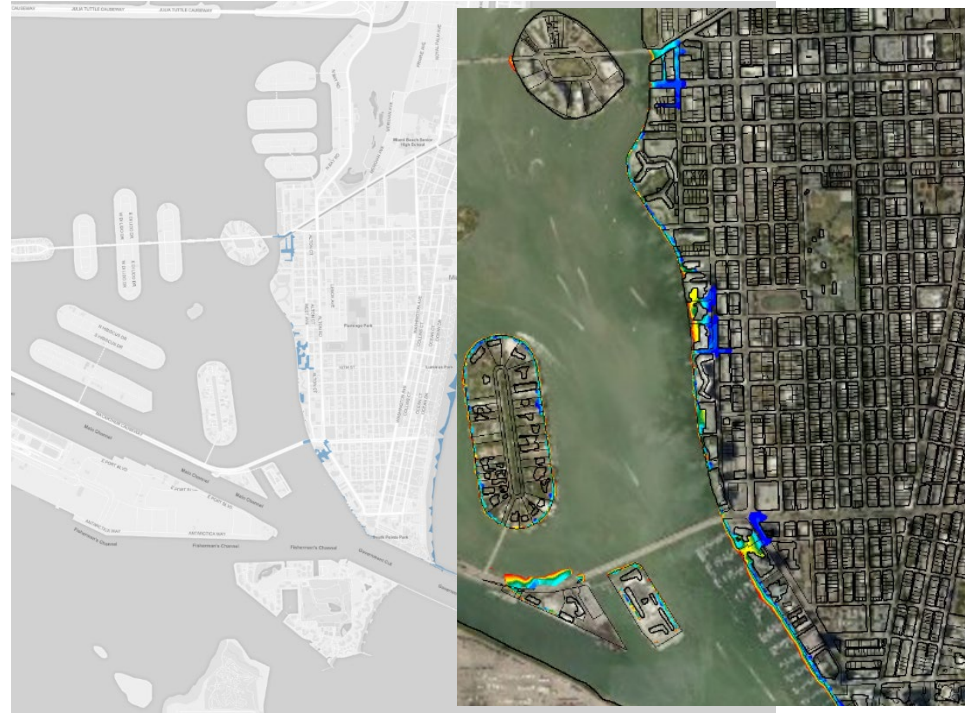


# Model Results

- Local Coastal and Urban flood model
- Fine resolution (<5m) flexible mesh, LiDAR elev, detail building footprints



Combined Tide/Surge/Rainfall Flood Event



Tidal / Surge Flood Event

# High Resolution Flood Warning and Communications to Stakeholders



Tapping the "+" icon reveals a number of actions. A user can "Share" the page via Facebook or Email, they can add another "Place" or "Report" an incident.

Tapping the "Report Incident" reveals the types of events they can add.

Tapping "Flooded Areas" allows a user to select a "Minor", "Moderate", or "Major" flood event. They can also add a photo and/or comment to the report.

Once they have selected a flood type, they can send the report to the map.

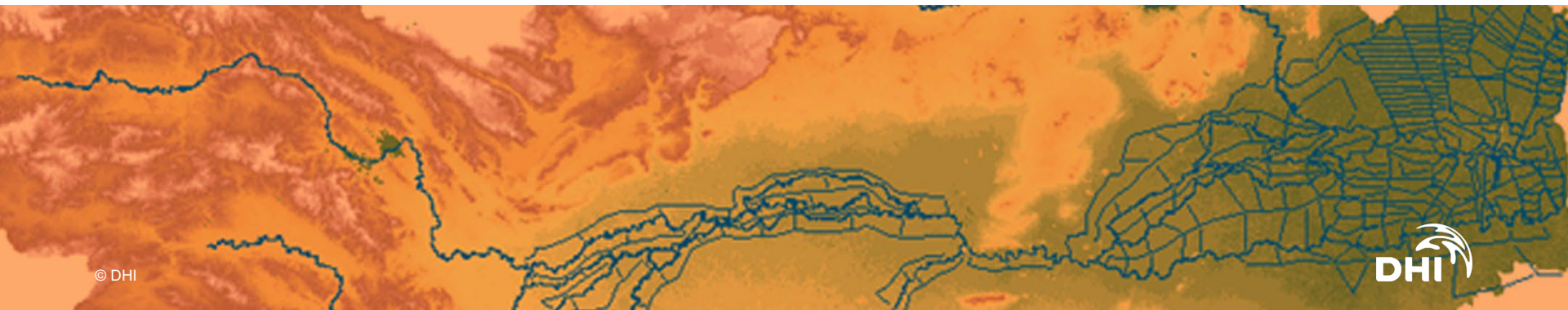
The map now shows the reports that have been collected. A user can tap on the report to get details.

## Flood Warning and Operation System

The Chao Phraya River Basin.  
60,000mi<sup>2</sup>. **One** Decision  
Support System to protect  
against devastating flooding.

“HAI highly appreciates DHI for their excellent job, especially on the close collaboration and hands on experience that made us become good partners.”

*Dr. Piyamarn Sisomphon, Project Leader, Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute*

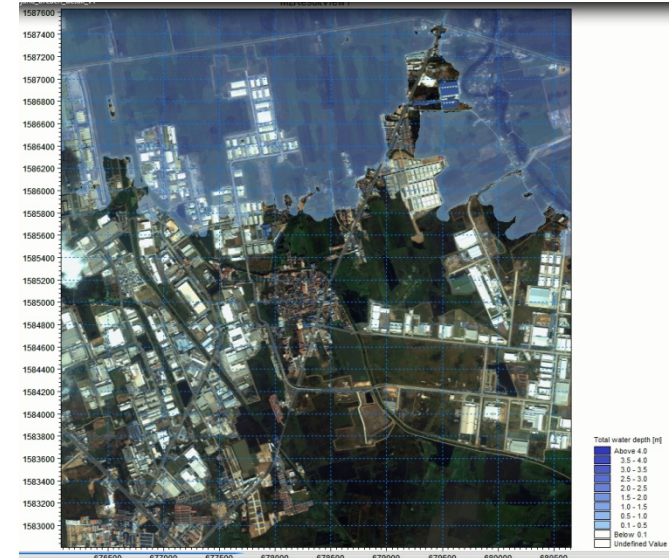
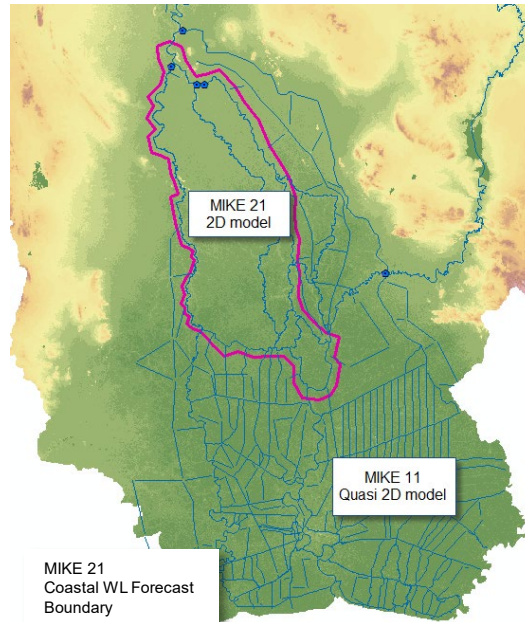


## Computational efficiency

Coupled Marine, 1D and 2D models enables large areas of 2D and complex 1D models to be run in forecast mode required for optimisation of operations and detailed flood forecasting

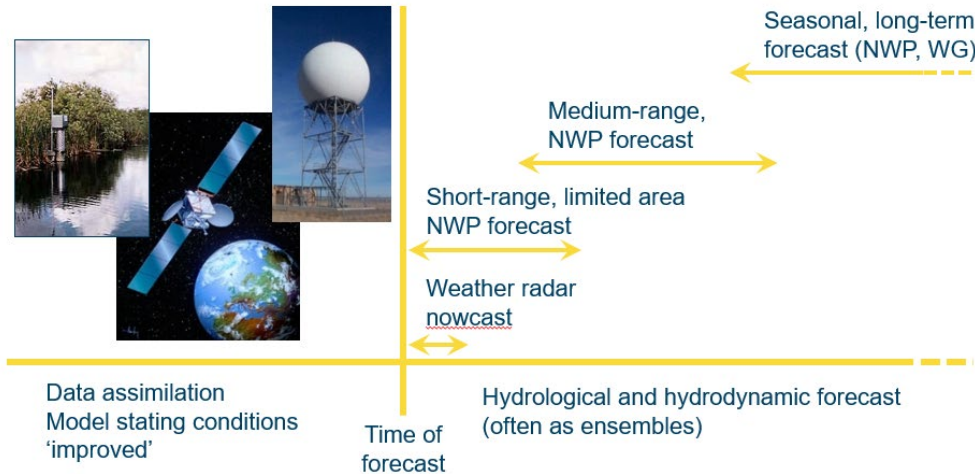


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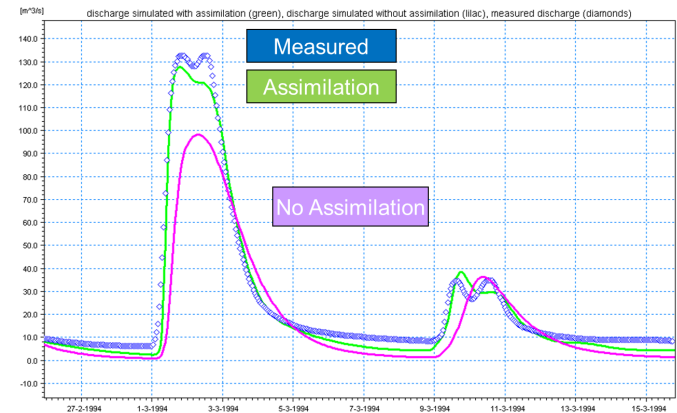


# System Structure



# Chao Phraya, Thailand

## Extensive use of data assimilation for Improved Forecast Accuracy



## Benefits

Integrated Model allows improved decision making across multiple stakeholders



Better use of existing dams and planning of flood detention structures



Better operation of flood control measures during event and improved emergency response



Better use water allocation for irrigation



Better hydropower generation



**Thank You**  
**Questions and Discussion**

