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Delft-FEWS PM Update

FEWS community talk (05.10.2023)



Emma Ferguson / Ian Clayton (Environment Agency, UK)

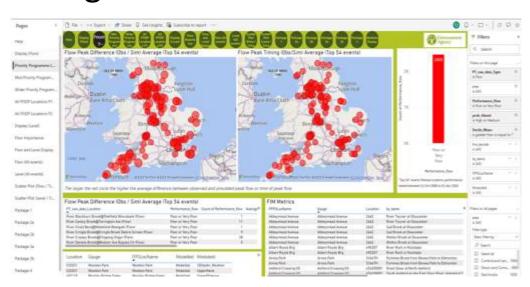
Ilonka ten Broeke / Gerben Boot (Delft-FEWS Product Management

October 2023



Program

- Welcome & Introductions
- Update from Delft-FEWS Product Management
- Central presentation: EA Incident Management Reference and Thresholds Database and Performance Testing App - current use and benefits for configuration and modelling
- Interaction / Q&A
- Wrap-up & close





Delft-FEWS organisation

Delft-FEWS Product
 Management Team



Ilonka ten Broeke focus: community



Gerben Boot focus: developments



Marcel Ververs focus: support



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(NEW) Delft-FEWS Product Owners



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Jeroen Gerrits
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Community Talk

Delft-FEWS

Delft-FEWS 2023.02 Benchmarks

planned: Dec 2023 - release notes



±110 new features



± ?? bugs reported (?? fixed)



6+ new import-export modules



10+ new features in FEWS-webservices



Internal reservoir module



New transformations & statistics



Web OC MVP release



Metadata Manager Display



Many new and updated 3rd party libraries



open archive **product vision**



Export status page added to admin interface



FSS scaling





Community updates

- Delft-FEWS User Days (programmes and presentations)
 - International Delft-FEWS User Days
 - 8 and 9 November 2023 (Delft, NL)
 - PLEASE REGISTER **HERE**: softwaredays.deltares.nl
- Courses (Basic, New features, Probabilistic,..)
 - Around User events
 - Schedule
- Online events (recordings via portal)
 - Latest webinar: available for review (2023.01 new features)
 - Next webinar 2023.02 new features: Jan '24



Delft-FEWS AUS User Meeting (Aug 2023)

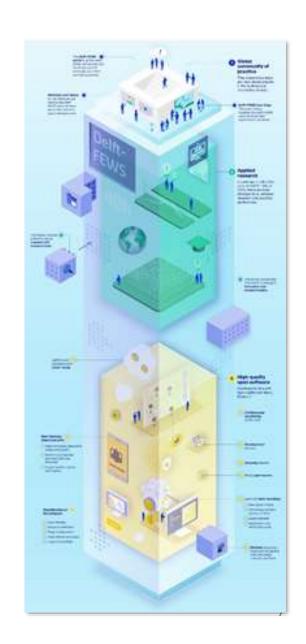




Outlook Roadmap 2023

Outline

- Continuation:
 - <u>Code clean-up</u> & code quality
 - Release test automation
- Security (from 2023.01)
 - Security Matrix + descriptive document
 - Connectivity Guide extended with security aspects
 - Admin Guide extended with security aspects
- Python Integration working on first use case (general adapter)
- Archive Vision (Q3) Ongoing as we speak
- Start of preparation of the Delft-FEWS Vision 2025 successor
- Summary of progress: International Delft-FEWS User Days



Environment Agency Incident Management Reference and Thresholds Database and Performance Testing App - current use and benefits for configuration and modelling Ian Clayton and Emma Ferguson

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The Service

A brief overview of the end-toend service, incident management structure, and why it is important.

The System

How the configuration system (IMRD) works in relation to IMFS, the technology used, and why it is important.

Live Demo

Real-time demo of the different elements that make up IMRD showing some of the benefits realized.

Performance App

How the Performance App works and the benefits for modelling and service improvements

Questions

An opportunity for an interactive session based on some questions we have. Please do feedback in the chat during the presentation and at the end.



The Service



Environment Agency 2025 Strategy

The EA2025 strategy has three core long-term goals:

- A nation resilient to climate change
- Healthy air, land and water
- Green growth and a sustainable future









Forecasting & Warning users

Our Users



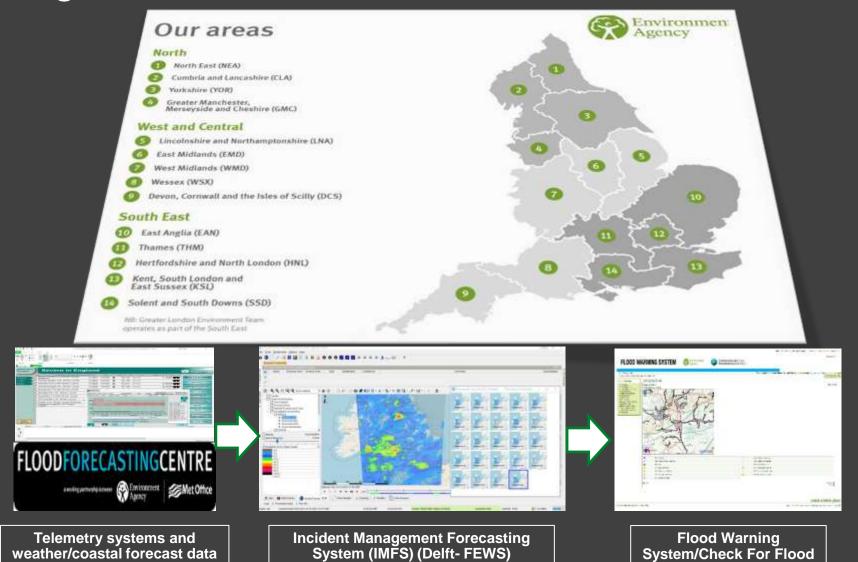
3k+ internal users



65k businesses



2.9m external active users









Met Office run their weather forecast models for Hydromets at the Flood Forecasting Centre (FFC).



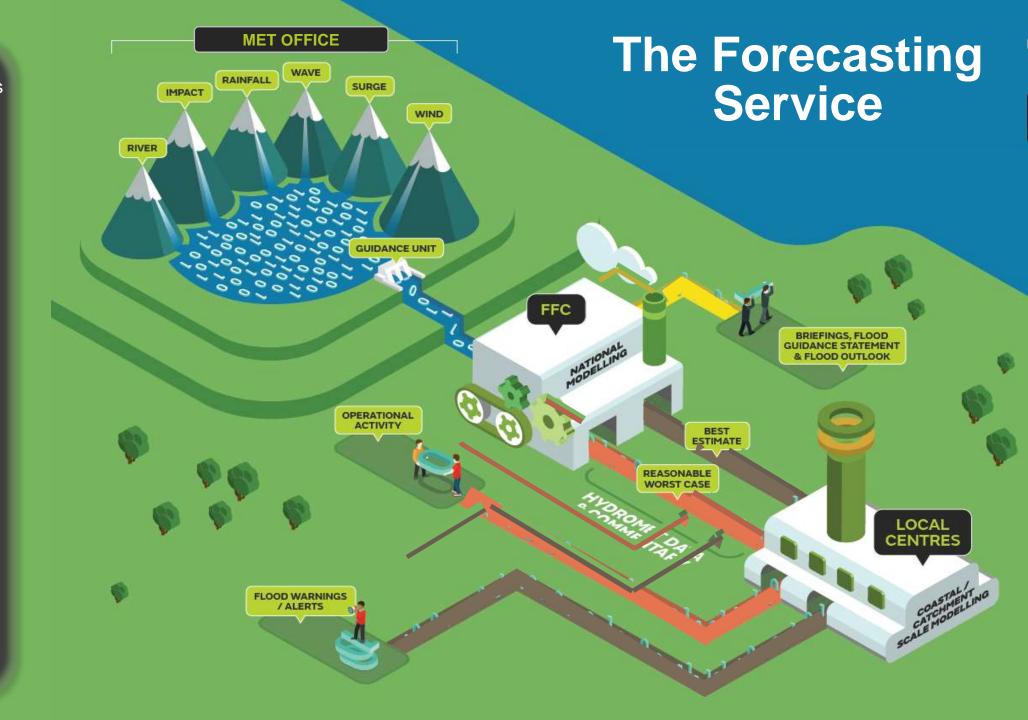
FFC Hydromets create a Best Estimate and Reasonable Worst Case scenario (if required) for EA MFDOs.

2

EA Monitoring & Forecasting Officers create local flood forecasts for users



'Decision makers' respond or plan a risk-based response to flood forecast.



Expectations of the Forecasting System

Emergency Partners













EA Tactical Officers





EA Forecasters





The System





Intro - Forecasting System Community
Global Collaboration



Community Strategy board

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And FEWS Community Talks

Delft FEWS



The dataflows

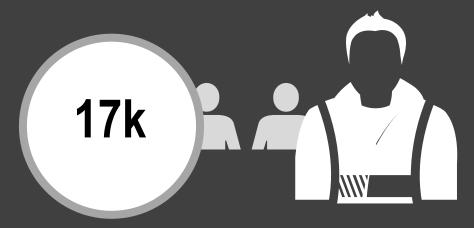
Rain Forecast data Check River levels/forecasts on the internet for Observed radar data flooding website Wind, Wave and surge Incident GOV.UK Met Management Office Soil Moisture Data **Bathing** Bathing waters prediction forecast Forecast System Water G2G State file from HPC (Not just forecasting for flooding) (IMFS Delft-Website UV data API FEWS). Forecast products: G2G daily and hourly state files Forecast model Web Observed data, rainfall data, spatial data, Portal runs. threshold info, rainfall forecast summaries, Rain gauge and river levels rainfall threshold exceedance, hydrographs Underpinned by Telemetry Coastal Summary Tables/Tide Tables Class A tide gauges IMRD/TD. Local Flood Outlook SharePoint MORECS data Portal Wavenet data **CEFAS** Flood Guidance Statement



The System

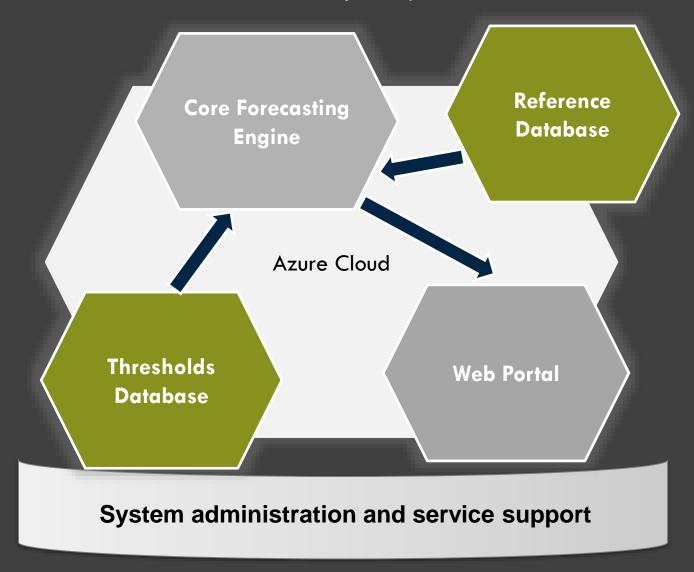
The Stats 14k

- 14k model runs each day
- 1800 models
- 60 products available each day



17k user logins per month

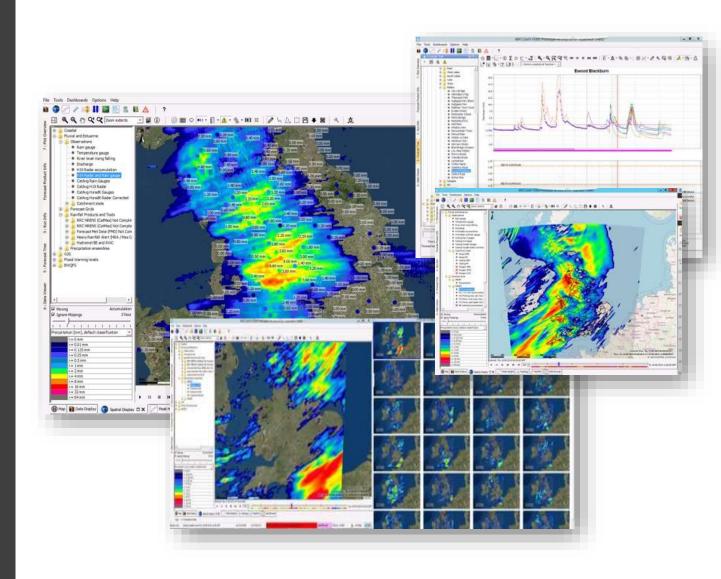
The key components





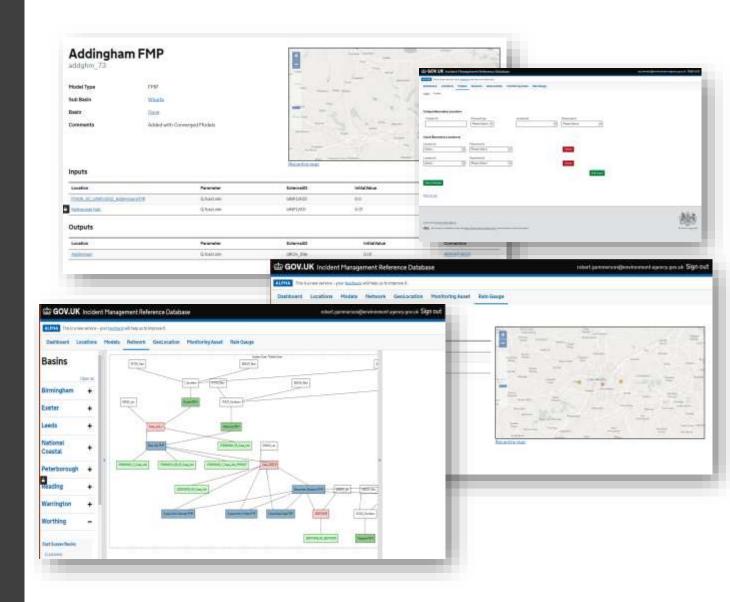
CORE FORECASTING ENGINE

- ✓ Displaying real-time and forecast weather information
- ✓ Simple and efficient access to 100s of datasets
- ✓ Fluvial and Coastal model processing and output displays
- ✓ Site specific hydrological information and model performance
- ✓ Historical information
- ✓ Single system for all EA forecasters helping to deliver a consistent national service
- ✓ Driven by IMRD/TD metadata



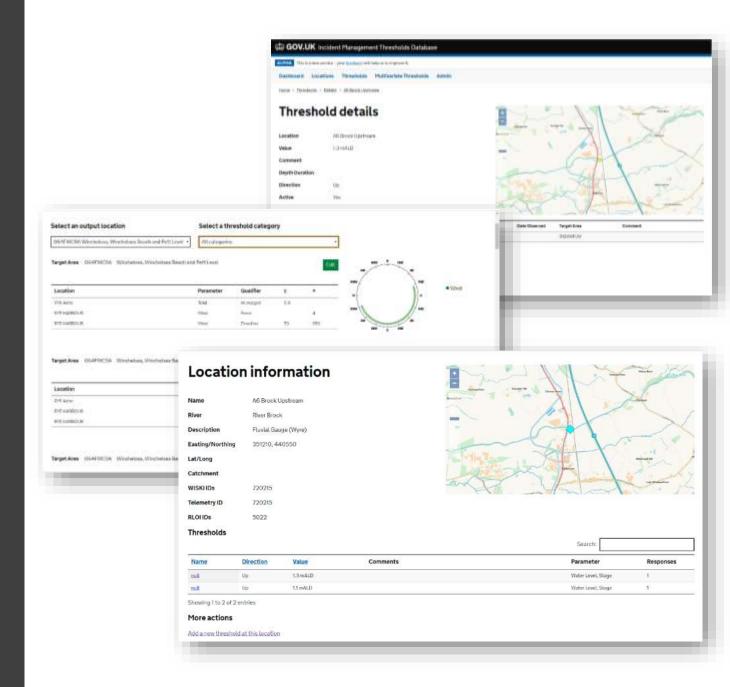
FORECASTING REFERENCE DATABASE

- ✓ Previously in NFFS inconsistent and inefficient configuration and models
- ✓ Single place for all nationally converged location and forecasting model information
- Master reference location for all forecasting information
- ✓ New efficient configuration front-end GUI that generates xml files using Python scripting
- ✓ Pushes data internally and external for other digital services and third parties to access



FORECASTING THRESHOLD DATABASE

- Previously with NFFS thresholds and associated information updated multiple times in multiple digital services
- ✓ Single location updated once for all our threshold and associated impact information
- ✓ Single location for all our operational information
- ✓ New efficient configuration front-end GUI
- ✓ Dynamically links with other Digital Services like Check For Flood and in the future EATEL.



Live demo



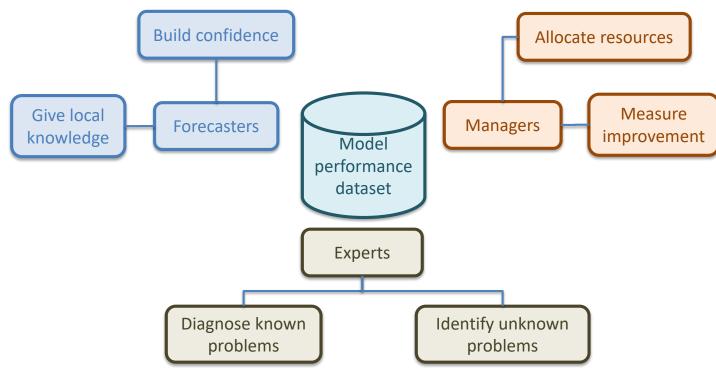


Emma Ferguson – Senior Technical Advisor Flood Forecasting Improvement and Development Programme



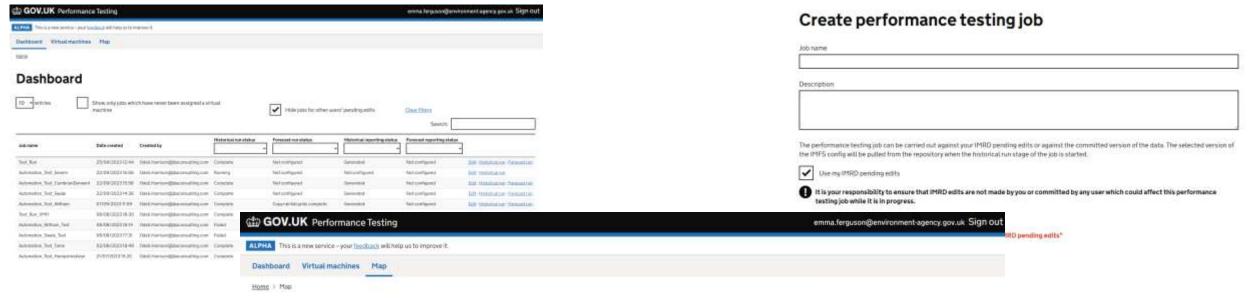
Model Performance Testing

- Incident Management Reference Database is intrinsically linked to our Performance testing Application
- Only by consistent model config and set up are we able to run consistent model performance testing





PT App and Summary Map

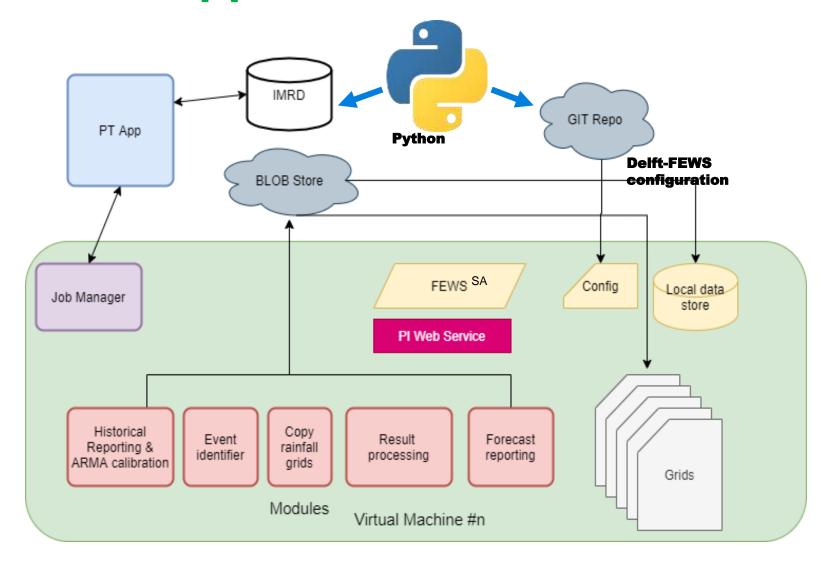


Performance Testing mapping





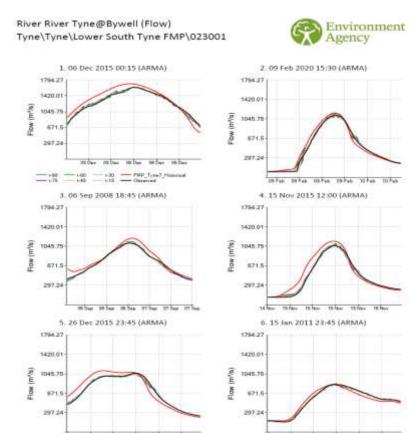
How does the App Work?





The Performance Testing Results = Historic

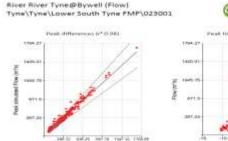
 Raw model performance based on perfect observed rainfall and data inputs



River River Tyne@Bywell (Flow) Tyne\Tyne\Lower South Tyne FMP\023001

Historical Report for 01 Apr 2008 to 01 Apr 2020 using: LevelToFlow\023001\0.rated FMP Tyne7 Historical\023001\0.hist.sim

	Date		Obs (m ^a /s)	Date	Sim (m1/s)	% Peak Diff	% Vol D	Iff NSE	1-3
1	06 Dec 2015	00:15	1622.05	05 Dec 2015 23:00	1705.16	5.1%	5.5%	0.763	0.910
2	09 Feb 2020	15:30	1120.01	09 Feb 2020 15:30	1160.53	3.0%	5.0%	0.972	0.975
3	06 Sep 2008	18:45	1109.77	06 Sep 2008 19:15	1201.02	8.2%	5,5%	0.907	0.961
4	15 Nov 2015	12:00	1064.07	15 Nov 2015 11:30	1143.74	7.5%	6.5%	0.892	0.931
5	26 Dec 2015	23:45	1058.55	26 Dec 2015 15:30	1106.02	4.5%	6.0%	0.865	0.910
6	15 Jan 2011	23:45	845.66	15 Jan 2011 23:15	835.38	-1.2%	5.2%	0.958	0.960
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8	16 Mar 2019	18:45	817.20	16 Mar 2019 18:30	846.75	3.6%	5.4%	0.941	0.946
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Environment

Event	Simulated	t-15	t-30	1-45	t-60	t-75	t-90
1. 06 Dec 2015 00:15	0.7632	0.0082	0.0971	0.9956	0.9932	0.9899	0.9870
2. 09 Feb 2020 15:30	0.9723	0.9992	0.9981	0.9967	0.9954	0.9940	0.9929
3. 06 Sep 2008 18:45	0.9068	0.9995	0.9990	0.9981	0.9967	0.9947	0.9919
4. 15 Nov 2015 12:00	0.8924	0.9995	0.9989	0.9981	0.9966	0.9945	0.9922
5, 26 Dec 2015 23:45	0.8652	0.0996	0.9992	0.9986	0.9975	0.9959	0.9941
6. 15 Jan 2011 23:45	0.9575	0.9995	0.9992	0.9988	0.9984	0.9977	0.9968
7. 18 Nov 2009 11:45	0.8902	0.9997	0.9993	0.9981	0.9963	0.9937	0.9904
8. 16 Mar 2019 18:45	0.9407	0.9996	0.9992	0.9988	0.9978	0.9966	0.9951
9. 16 Feb 2020 00:30	0.9504	0.0995	0.0988	0.9978	0.9962	0.9941	0.9915
10. 10 Aug 2019 21:30	0.9299	0.9989	0.9982	0.9967	0.9946	0.9920	0.9886
11. 18 May 2013 17:15	0.8523	0.9997	0.9988	0.9971	0.9946	0.9915	0.9879
12, 28 Jun 2012 21:45	0.9289	0.9995	0.9962	0.9956	0.9920	0.9879	0.9834
13. 25 Nov 2009 04:15	0.9551	0.9998	0.9996	0.9991	0.9982	0.9969	0.9953
14. 04 Dec 2015 03:30	0.9296	0.0996	0.9990	0.9979	0.9964	0.9941	0.9913
15. 05 Feb 2011 08:30	0.9412	0.9994	0.9990	0.9986	0.9979	0.9968	0.9957
16. 01 Nov 2009 19:45	0.9117	0.0997	0.0000	0.9973	0.9944	0.9903	0.9850
17. 22 Dec 2015 15:30	0.9415	0.9996	0.9993	0.9985	0.9971	0.9951	0.9924
18. 25 Sep 2012 11:00	0.9429	0.0991	0.9983	0.9970	0.9953	0.9921	0.9883
19. 05 Jan 2016 16:00	0.8798	0.9994	0.9988	0.9982	0.9971	0.9954	0.9932
20. 18 Jul 2009 05:15	0.7519	0.9997	0.9992	0.9982	0.9964	0.9937	0.9903
21. 12 Jan 2009 10:45	0.9800	0.9996	0.9993	0.9900	0.9984	0.9975	0.9965
22, 08 Dec 2011 17:45	0.9338	0.9996	0.9988	0.9977	0.9961	0.9940	0.9914
23. 11 Jan 2020 23:00	0.9577	0.9995	0.9987	0.9979	0.9963	0.9939	0.9908
24. 10 Dec 2015 06:15	0.8312	0.000%	0.0087	0.9974	0.9950	0.9915	0.9869

The Performance Testing Results = Forecast

- Forecast model performance based on forecast rainfall at different lead times.
- The model is graded based on forecast threshold crossing and Peaks performance at different lead times, with and without error correction.
- Helps show expected model performance when used for real time flood forecasting

Grade	Forecast level tolerance	Forecast lead-time tolerance				
1. Very Good	+/- 100mm	+/- 10% TLT				
2. Good	+/- 200mm	+/- 20% TLT				
3. Fair	+/- 300mm	+/- 30% TLT				
4. Poor	+/- 400mm	+/- 40% TLT				
5. Very Poor	+/- 500mm	+/- 50% TLT				



The Performance Testing Results = Forecast

River Tyne at Hexham

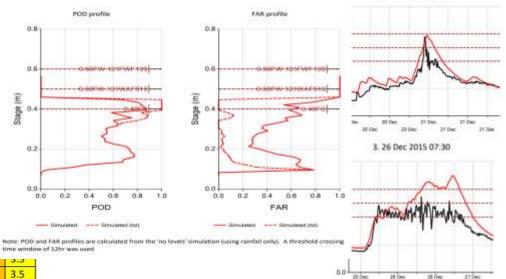
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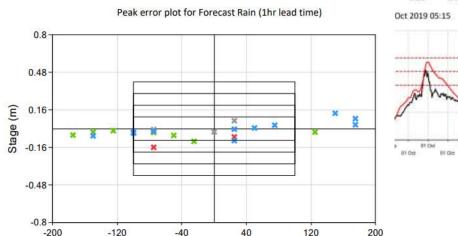
Location ID	Model name	Level calculation
023020	023020_FMP_Q	Rating
Indicative response time (hrs)	Time series	N peaks in analysis
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Performance summary table

				311	71	Lead	Time (Hours)	т		15
Threshold	N	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	4	8	12	24
Observed Rain							-11				
FC null (32.80mAOD)	24	1.2	1.2	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.1	3.2	3.3
FC null (33.10mAOD)	11	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.4	2.8	2.8
FW 121WAF910 (33.30mAOD)	8	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.5	4.0
FW 121FWF213 (33.30mAOD)	8	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.5	4.0
OPS null (33.80mAOD)	4	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	5.0	4.0
OPS null (33.90mAOD)	2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	3.0	5.0	5.0
FW 121FWF203 (33.95mAOD)	2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	5.0
FW 121FWF205 (33.95mAOD)	2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	5.0
FW 121FWF213 (34.30mAOD)	1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	5.0
Peaks	1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
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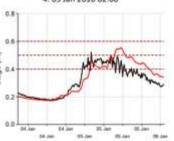
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Time Error (% of TLT)

× Autumn × Winter











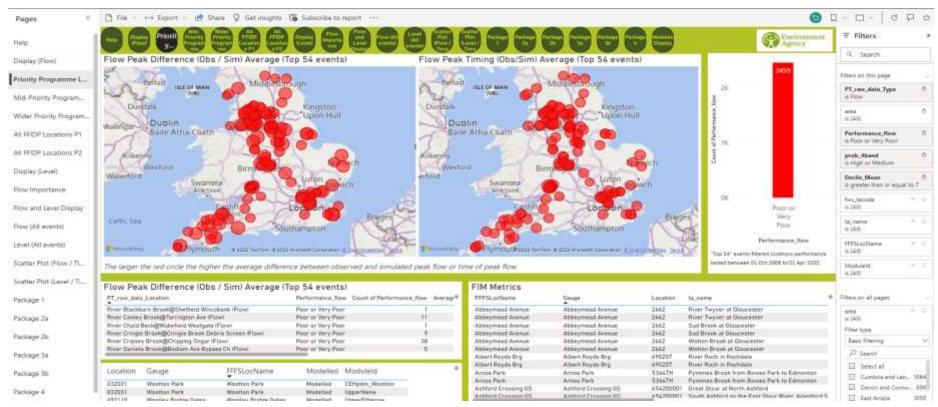
What are the benefits of IMRD and the Performance Testing data?





Inland Model Improvements Prioritisation

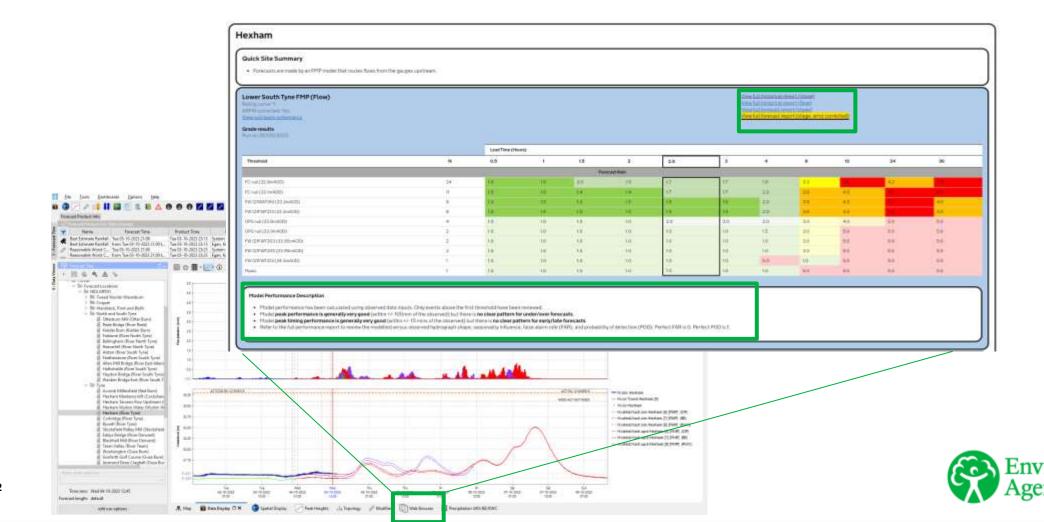
 Inland Model Improvements – Prioritisation and cost benefit analysis





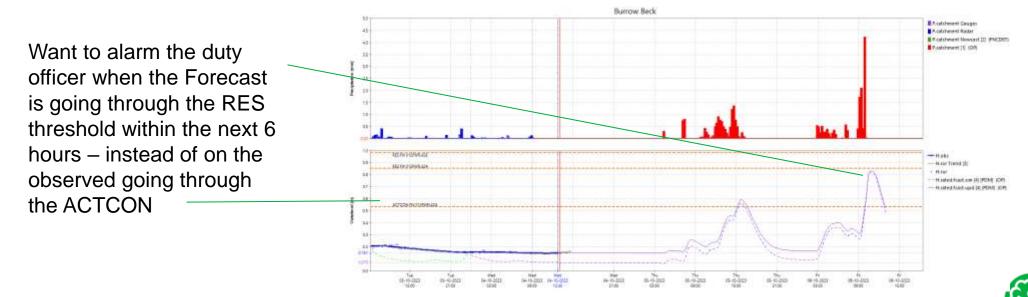
Better Informed Forecasts

Reports and Qualitative summary available for duty officers



Alarm Handling and Threshold setting

- Currently we alert our duty officers of the potential for flooding inconsistently across England
- Looking to use the performance testing results to inform where to set the alerts based solely on the model output at appropriate lead times to take action, where performance is good enough.



Sharing our Forecasts Externally Online

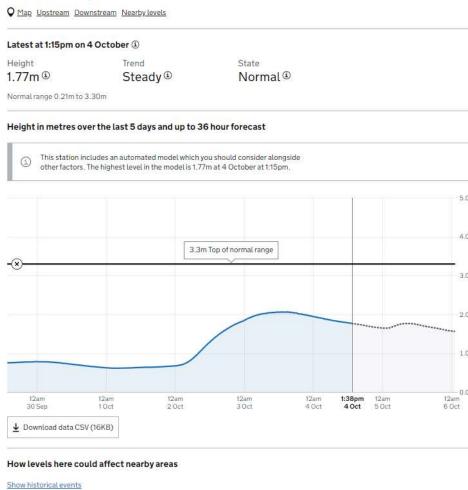
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Bewdley

5.56m

3.40m



Water reaches the highest level recorded at this measuring station

Property flooding is possible above this level. One or more flood

(recorded on 2 November 2000)

warnings may be issued

- Currently share our forecast model outputs for a limited number of sites online (subject to area requirements)
 - PT data is a nationally consistent evidence base that allows us to determine which model outputs perform well and therefore provides us with a consistent view of what is reliable enough to be shared online
 - Also investigating using the data to give confidence bands/ expected performance at different lead times to allow us to share all our forecasts online



Automation of Warnings based on the forecast

- Currently have the functionality to automate the issuing of flood warnings based on the observed (but gives little lead time)
- Looking to automate the issuing of our flood warnings based on the model outputs where performance is good
- Currently testing how this could work = hear more at FEWS User days





Questions for interactive discussion

Data and model management and configuration

- If you could adopt a similar reference and threshold database solution for your Delft-FEWS configuration, would you and how would you transform your existing configuration? Or if you have already implemented a similar setup, what would you do differently if you could do it again and do you have any advice for anyone else thinking of following this process?
- We use Microsoft SQL Server Databases. What databases do you use and what benefits have they realised?
- Do you use Python in any of your configuration or other activities? If so, what is your experience?

Model Performance

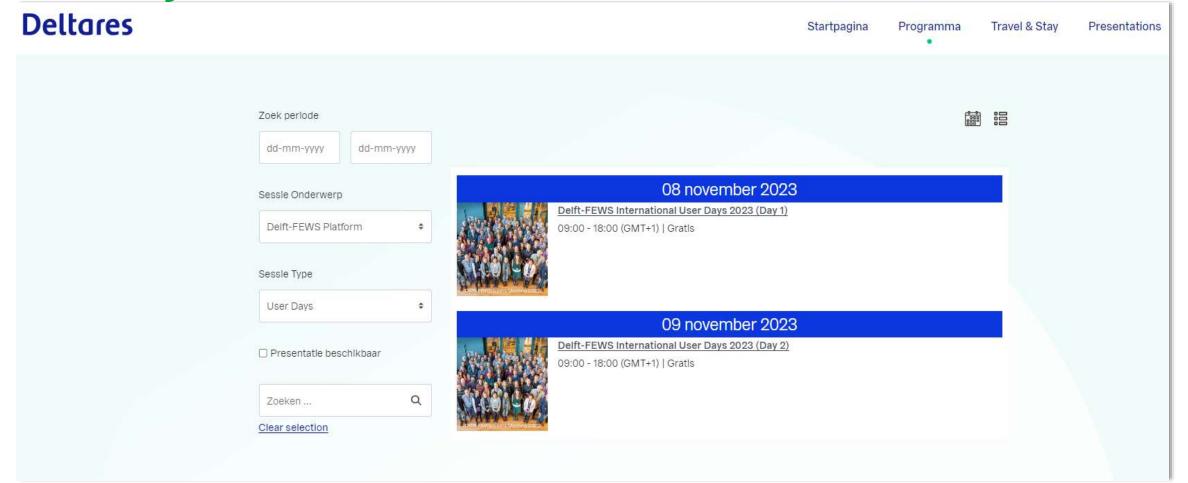
- What performance testing data do you gather?
- Can you recommend any other performance testing information you find useful?
- What do you use your performance testing data for? What benefits do you get?



Wrap up & take-away messages...

Delft-FEWS Community Talk (05.10.2023) – Update from FEWS-PM

Registration for the International Delft-FEWS User Days



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