



***XLII INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF HYDRAULICS***  
***Freshwater system health: a hydraulic perspective***

***Modelling impacts of sediment transport  
and climate change on flood hazard zones***

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**May 20-23, 2025 RADOCZA / near Cracow, POLAND**

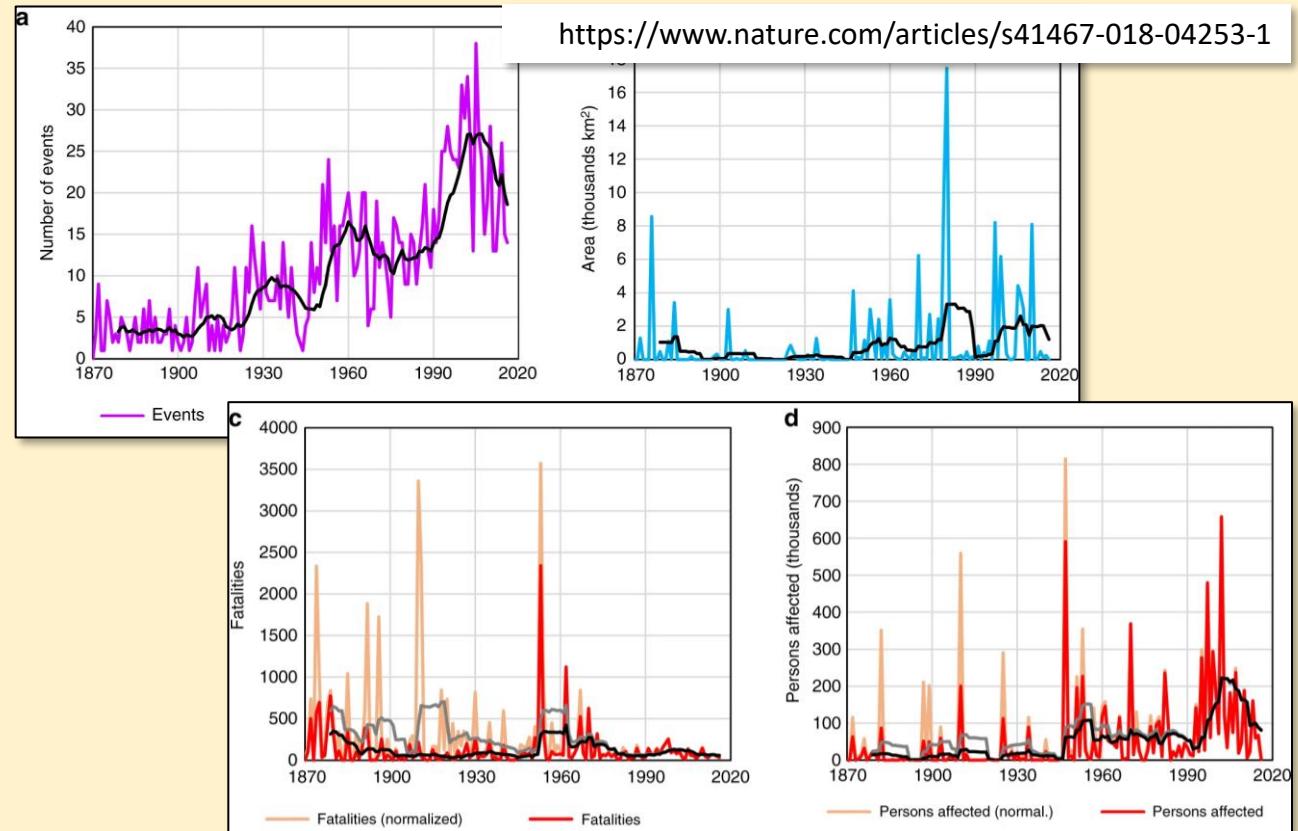
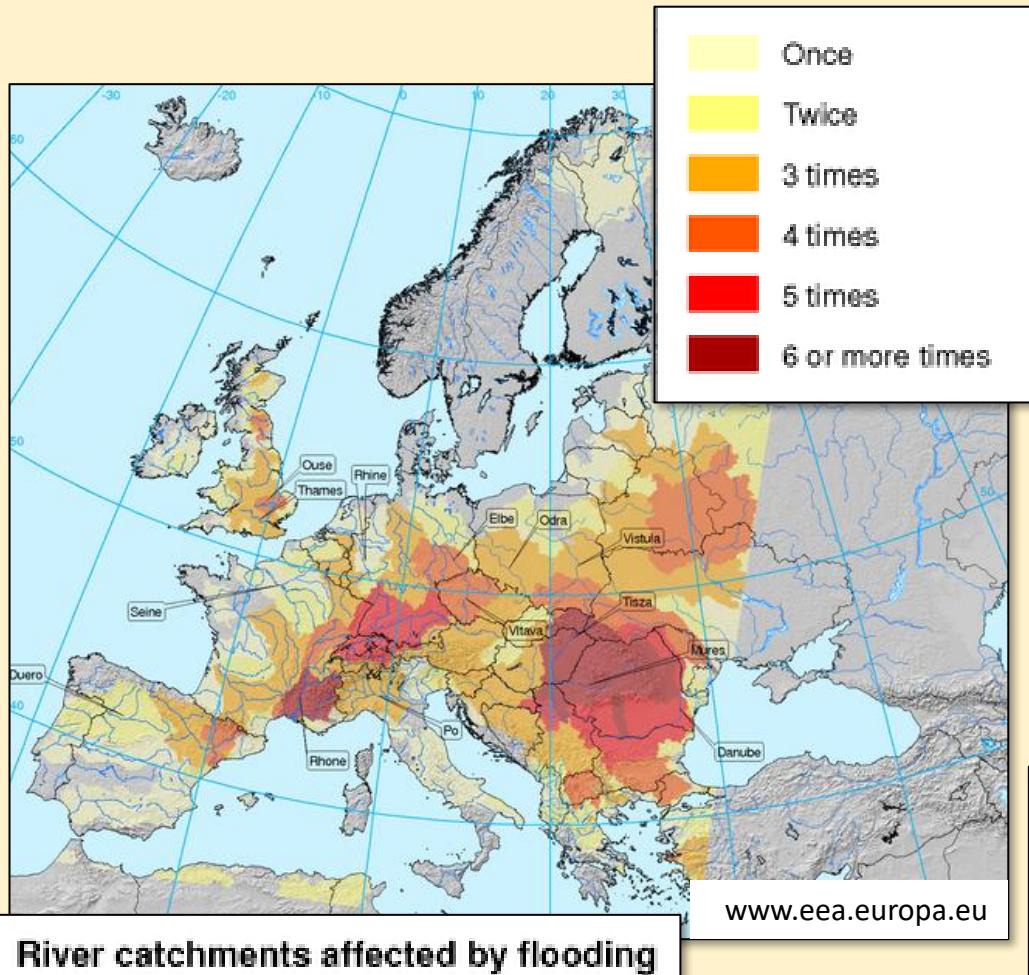
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# Introduction

## Flood losses in Europe



6.11.2007

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Official Journal of the European Union

L 288/27

DIRECTIVE 2007/60/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 23 October 2007

on the assessment and management of flood risks

# Flood hazard maps in Poland

## Historical perspective

### FLOOD 1997

- one of the most severe floods in the southern part of Poland

### FLOOD 2001

- series of smaller floods in different parts of the country

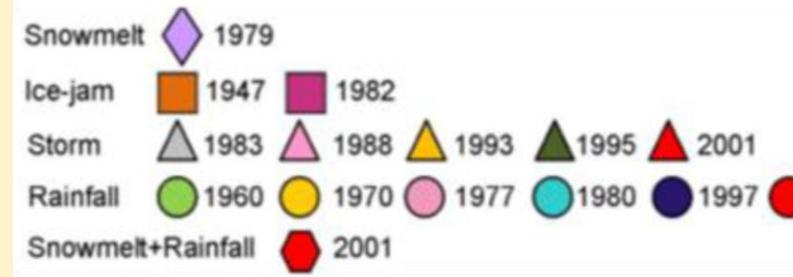
### FLOOD 2010

- repetition of 1997, but the magnitude was smaller

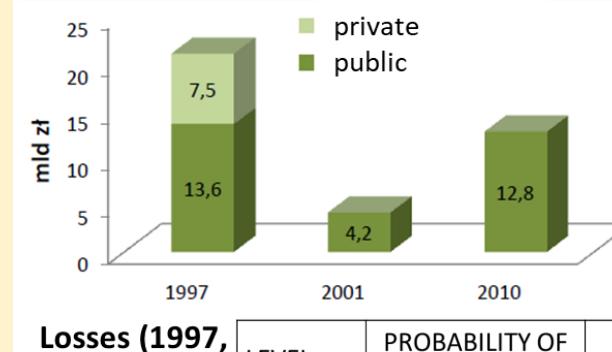
### FLOOD 2024

- smaller, but unexpected impacts in the south-western part of Poland

Kundzewicz et al., 2023, Water



Monika Ciak-Ozimek, *Scope of report on FHM and FRM resulting from EU Flood Directive and Water Law*, National Board for Water Management



PRELIMINARY FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT  
AREAS UNDER FLOOD THREAT



FLOOD HAZARD MAPS

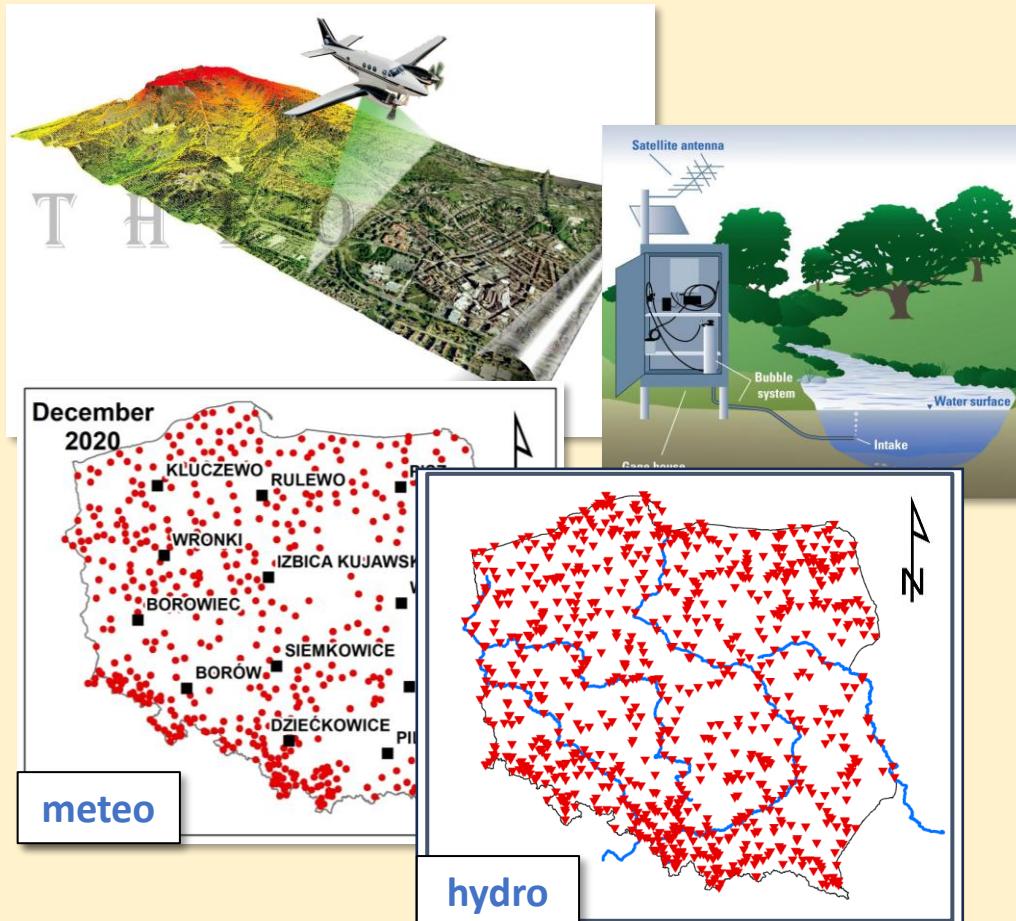
FLOOD RISK MAPS

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS

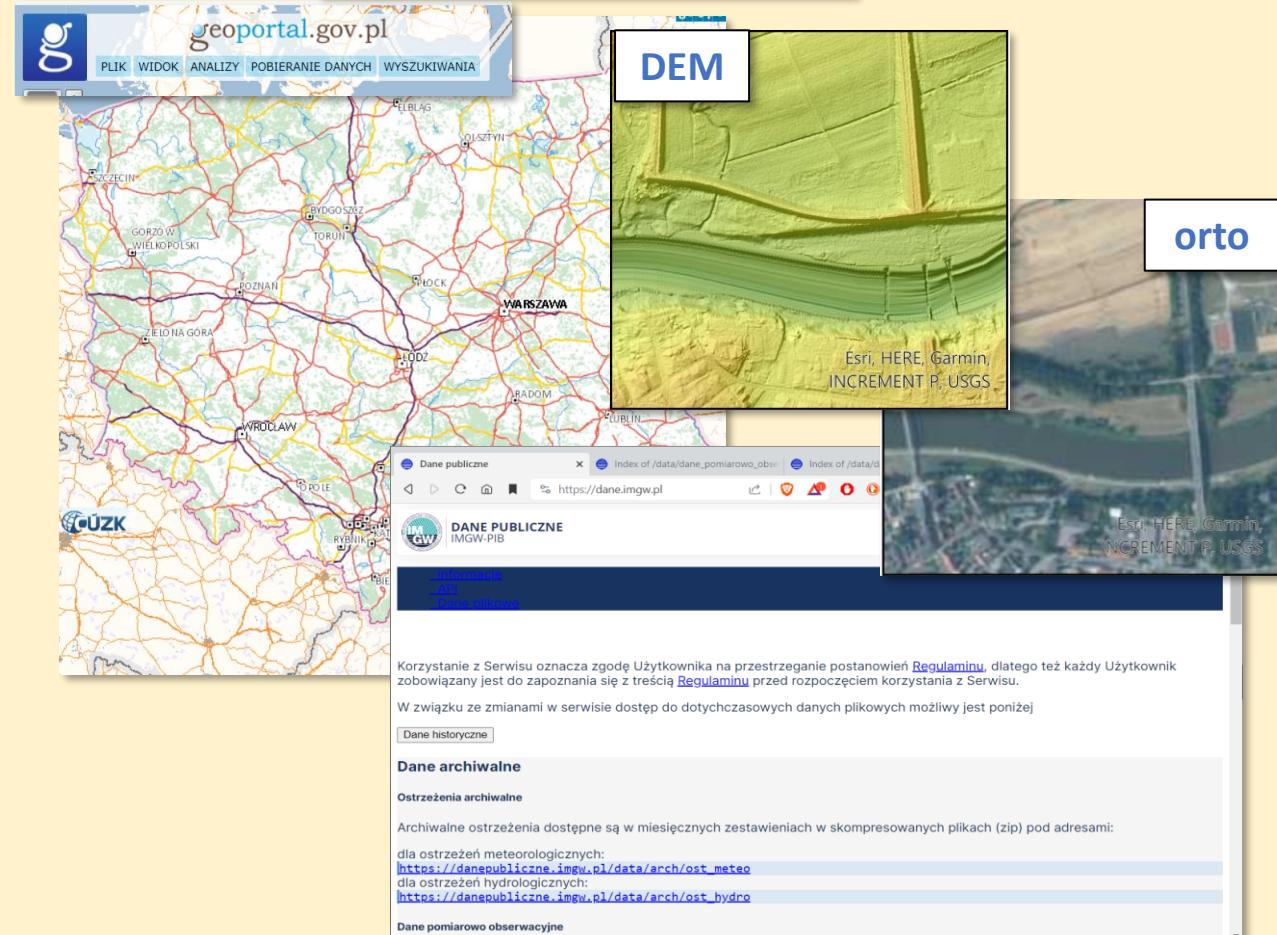
# Flood hazard maps in Poland

## Results and by-products

*Data collection ...*



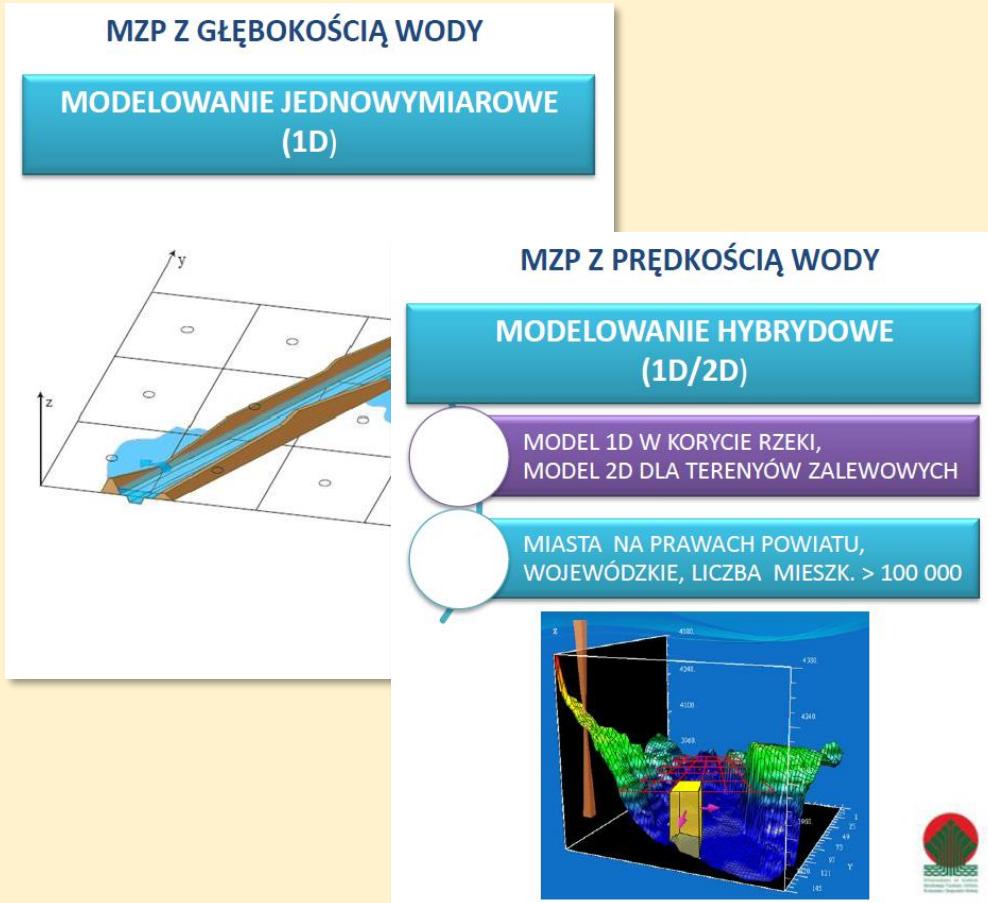
*Public access to the data*



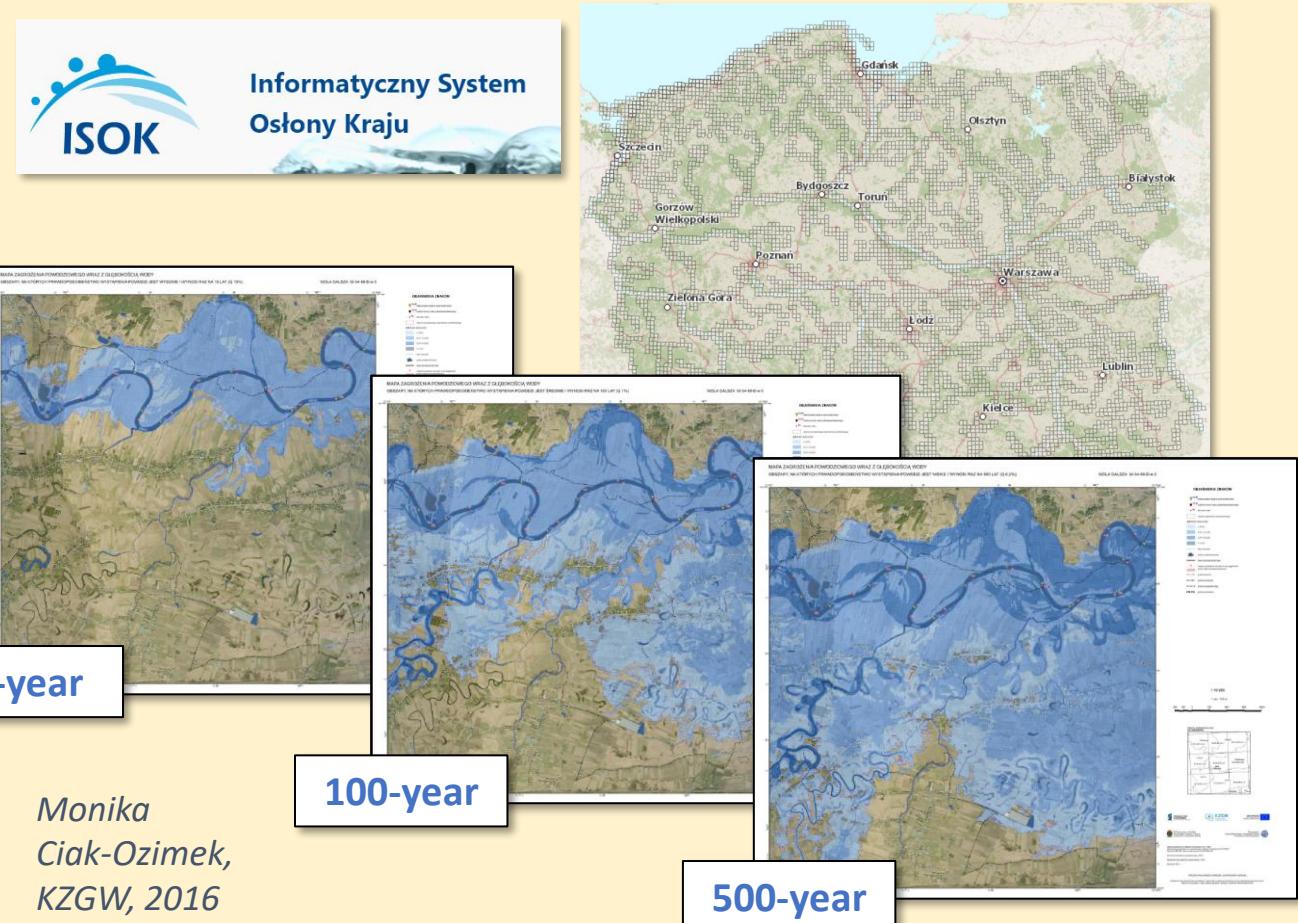
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## Results and by-products

### Hydrodynamic modeling



### Hydroportal



# Flood hazard maps in Poland

## Uncertainty: data quality vs. non-stationarity

### DATA QUALITY

- DEM resolution
- roughness determination
- maximum flows
- ...
- type of modeling applied
- ...
- type of flood

### NON-STATIONARITY

- land cover/use
  - *artificial land use alternations*
  - *vegetation growth*
- climate change
- sediment transport
  - *short-term*
  - *long-term*

# Uncertainty related to non-stationarity

## Short-term sediment transport

### Examples of studies

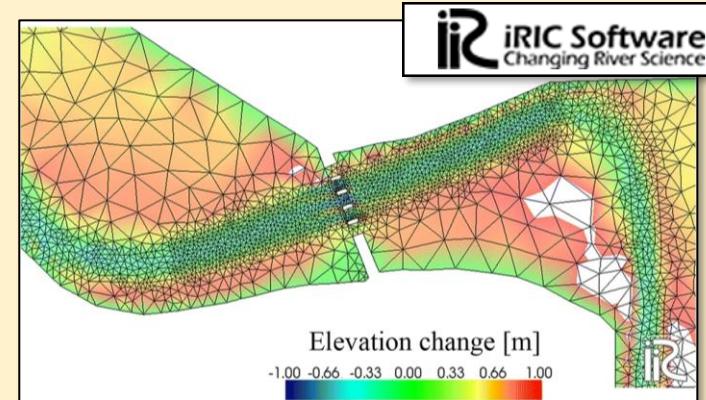
2019 Nones, *Acta Geophysica*

2024 Sanz-Ramos et al., *Water*

...

## MAIN IDEAS:

- run the sediment transport model with flood routing model
- run the rheological model of sediment and water mixture



shallow water model

+ sediment routing



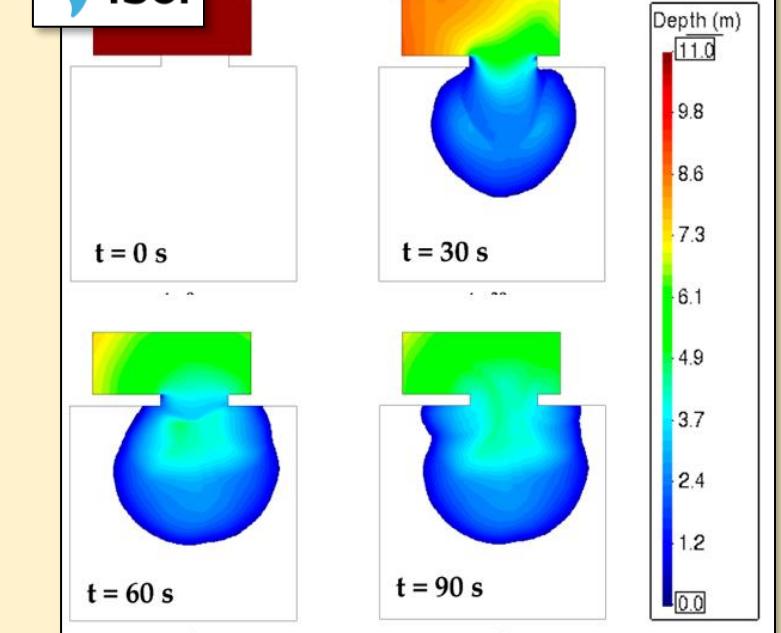
shallow water model

+ sediment routing

+ rheological model

$$S_f = \frac{1}{\rho g h} \left( \frac{3}{2} \tau_y + 3 \frac{\mu_B v}{h} \right)$$

$$S_f = \mu + \frac{v^2}{\xi h}$$

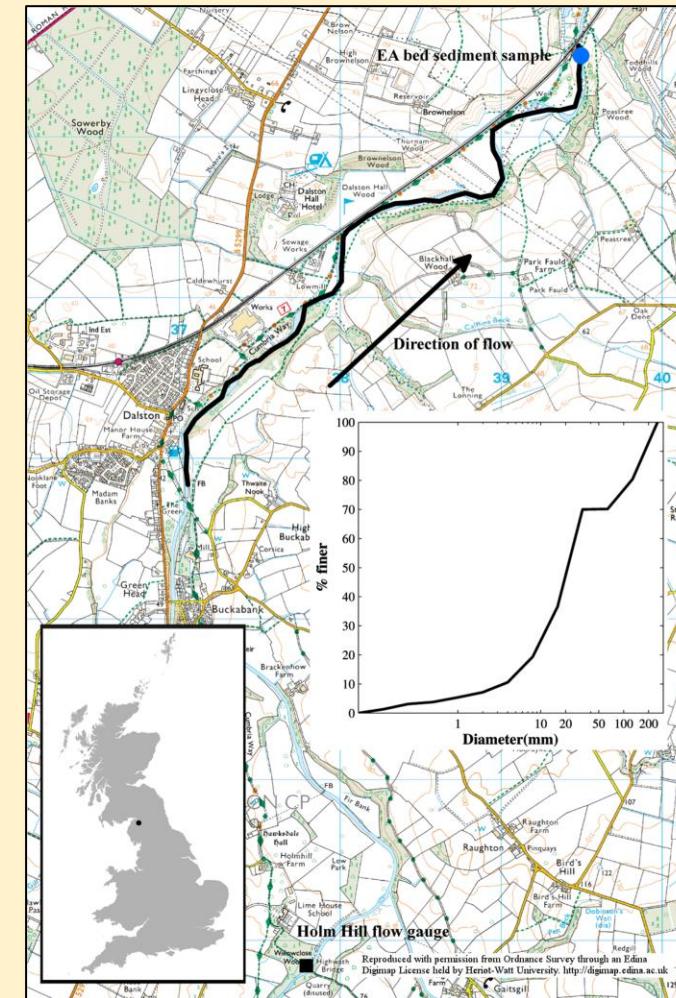


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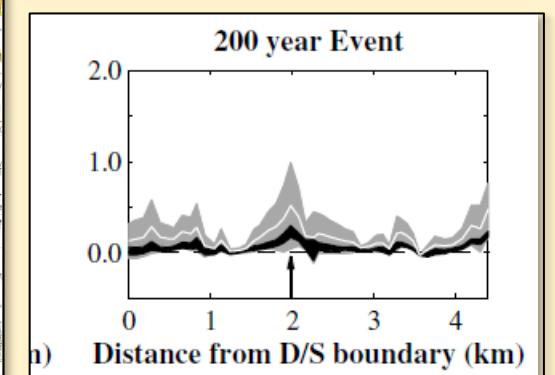
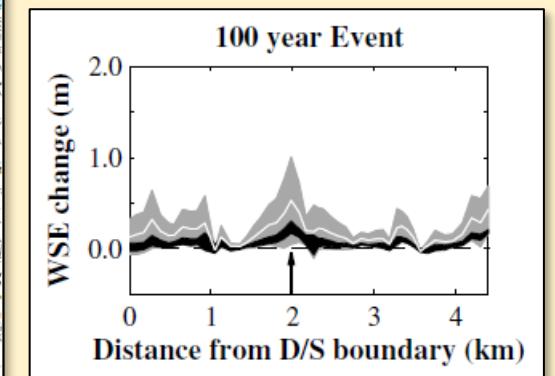
## Long-term sediment transport

### Available publications

- 1995 Sear et al., *Earth Surface Processes and Landforms*
- 2007 Lane et al., *Earth Surface Processes and Landforms*
- 2008 Lane et al., *Geomorphology*
- 2009 Neuhold et al., *Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences*
- 2011 Neuhold et al., *InTechOpen*
- 2013 Radice et al., *Journal of Flood Risk Management*
- 2016 Radice et al., *Water*
- 2016 Pender et al., *Journal of Hydraulic Engineering***



Pender et al., 2016



# Uncertainty related to non-stationarity

## Long-term sediment transport

### Jeziorsko Reservoir

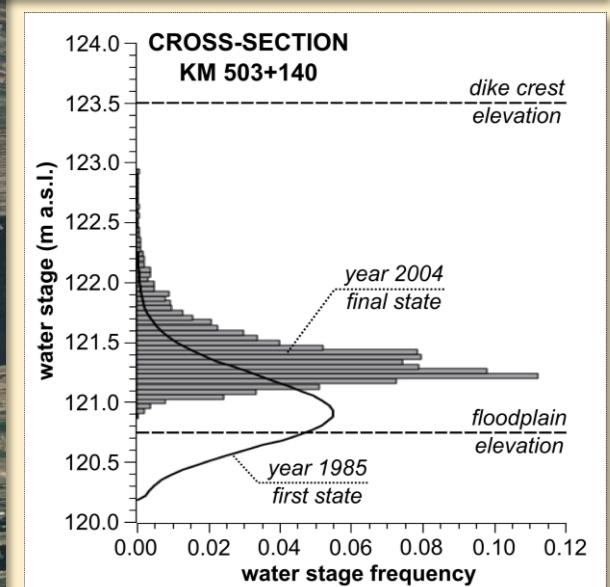
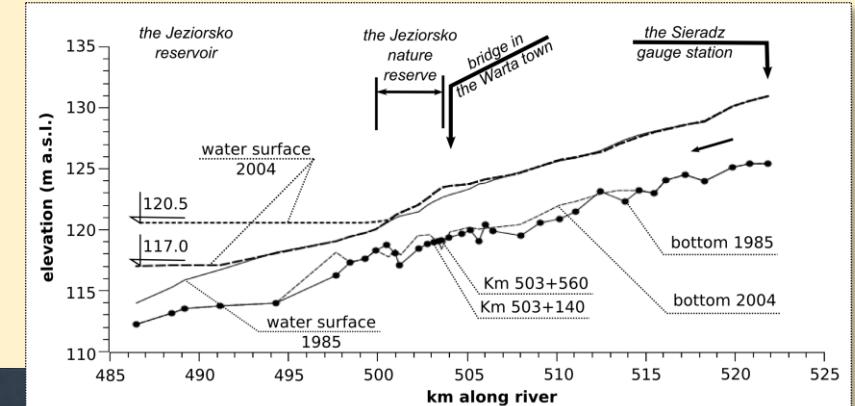
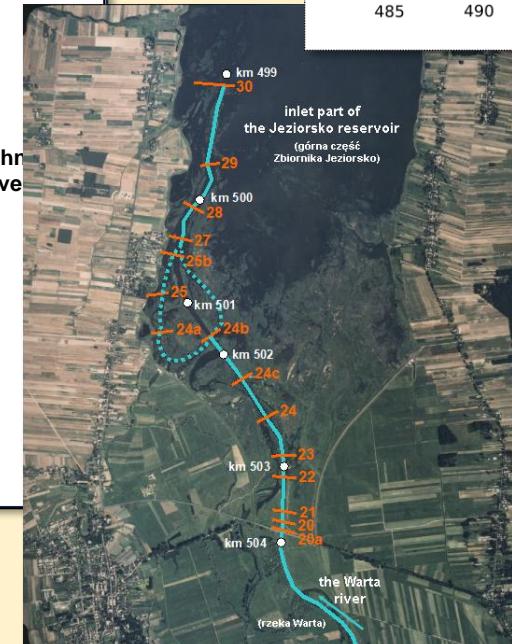
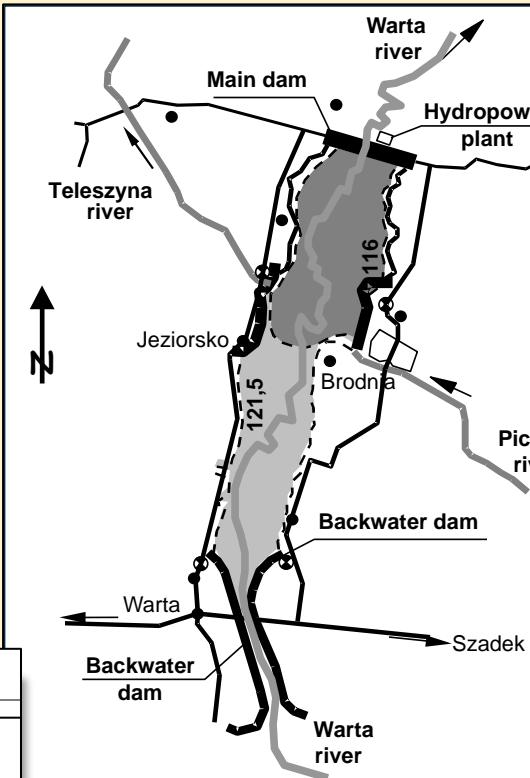
- morphodynamic changes on the basis of design of the reservoir: 1985, field measurements: 1997, 2004
- measurements of vegetation and estimation of roughness changes
- modeling with HEC-RAS 3.x (no GIS tools involved)

Pol. J. Environ. Stud. Vol. 20, No. 6 (2011), 1441-1451

Original Research  
Application of Hydrodynamic Simulation and Frequency Analysis for Assessment of Sediment Deposition and Vegetation Impacts on Floodplain Inundation

Tomasz Dysarz\*, Joanna Wicher-Dysarz

2011

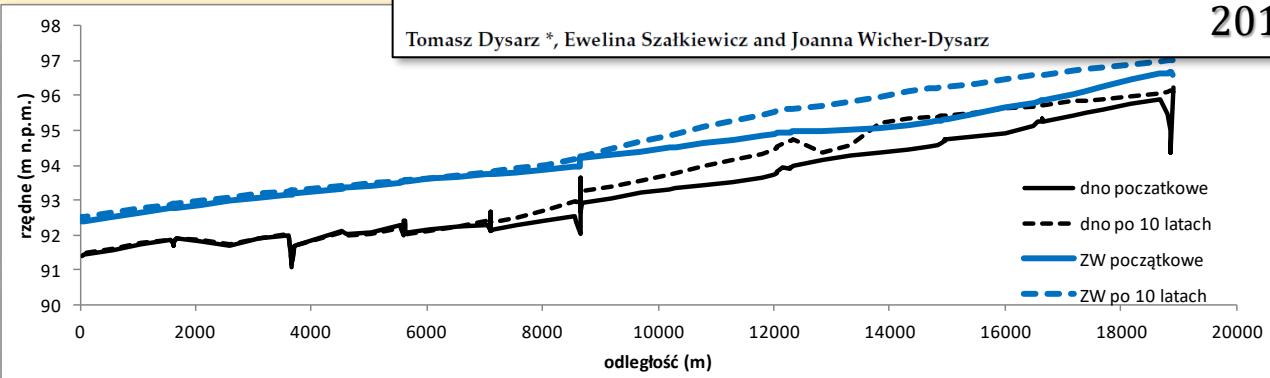
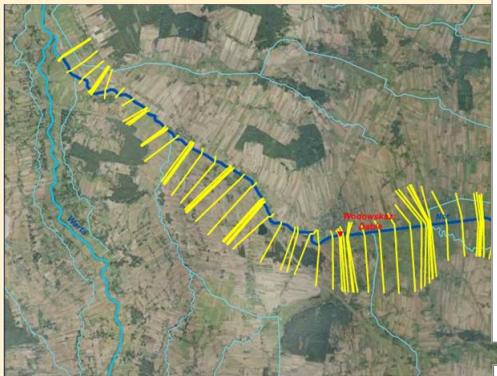


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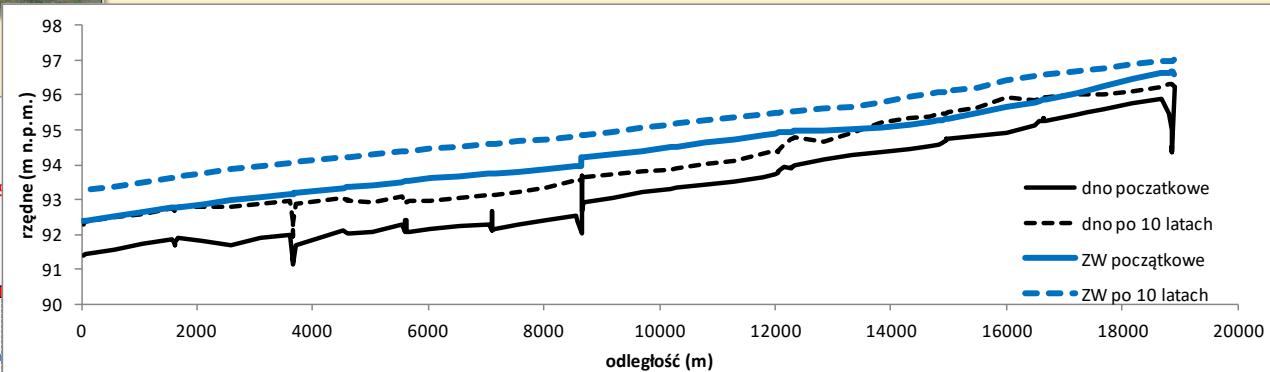
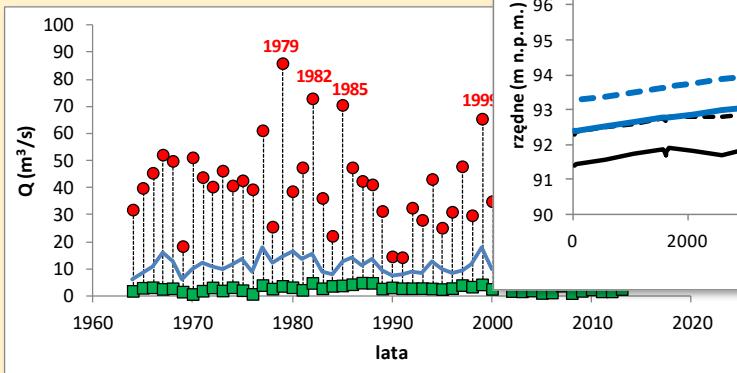
### Changes in WSE in Ner River

- data:  
hydrology  
 $DTM + cross-sections$ ,  
sediment samples
- tested formula  
 $MPM$ , Engelund-Hansen
- hydrographs  $20 \times 10$  years
- discrepancy of results



### Challenges ...

- great number of scenarios
- integrations with GIS
- reconstruction of channel bed

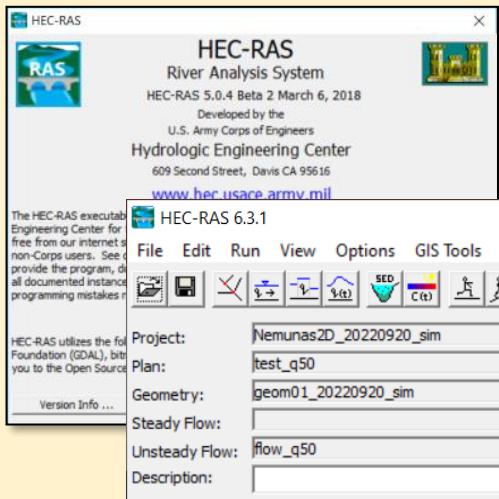


Dysarz, Szałkiewicz & Wicher-Dysarz, XXXV OSH, 2016

Wicher-Dysarz & Dysarz, XXXIII OSH, 2014

# Simulation requirements

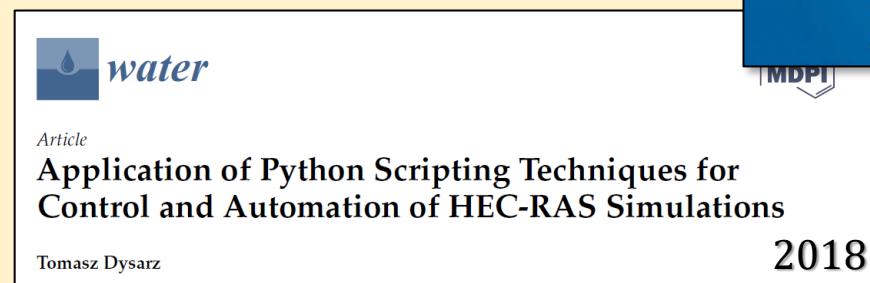
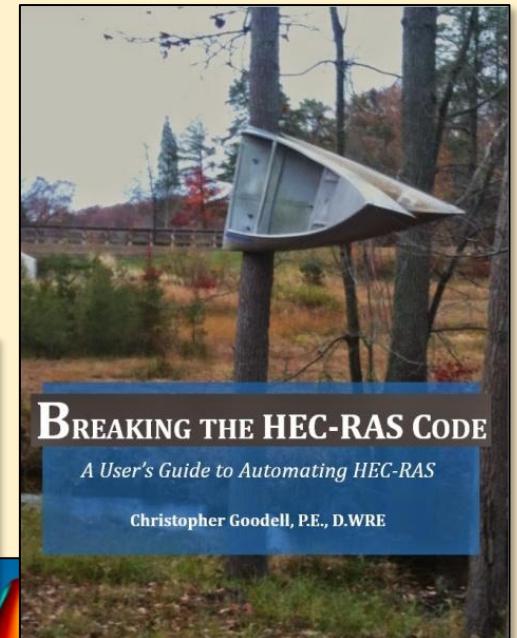
## Automation of simulation process



**RAS Controller → Python**

- independent scripts
- integration with modules of Python
- integration with GIS (ArcGIS, QGIS)
- processing of formats HDF, XML, XLS(X)

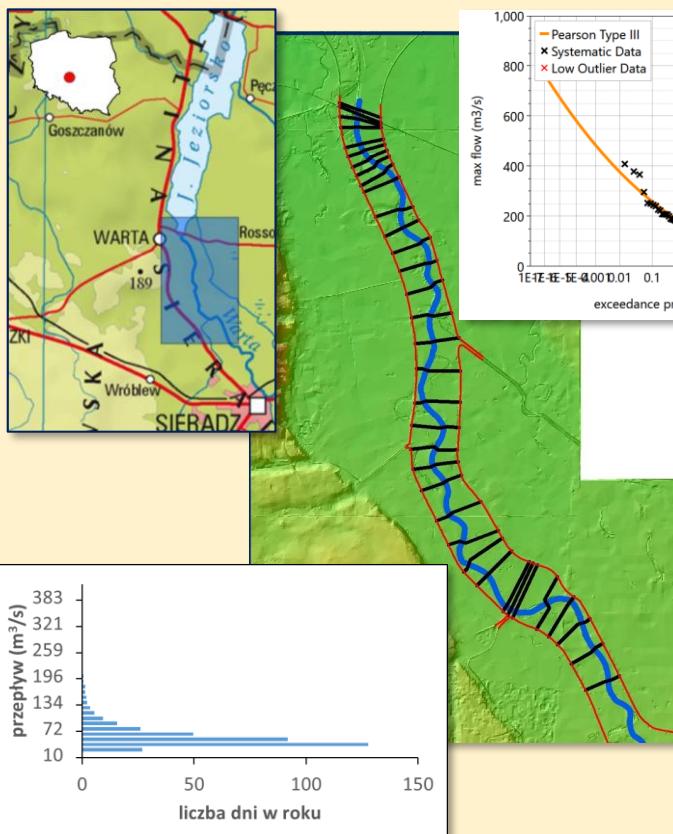
*Goodell, C., 2014. Breaking the HEC-RAS code.  
A User's Guide to Automating HEC-RAS, h2ls:  
Portland, OR, USA*



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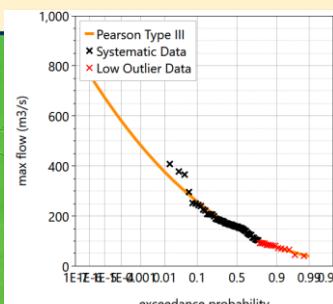
### Study object



Dysarz, XXXVII OSH, 2018

### Types of tests

- water surface profiles

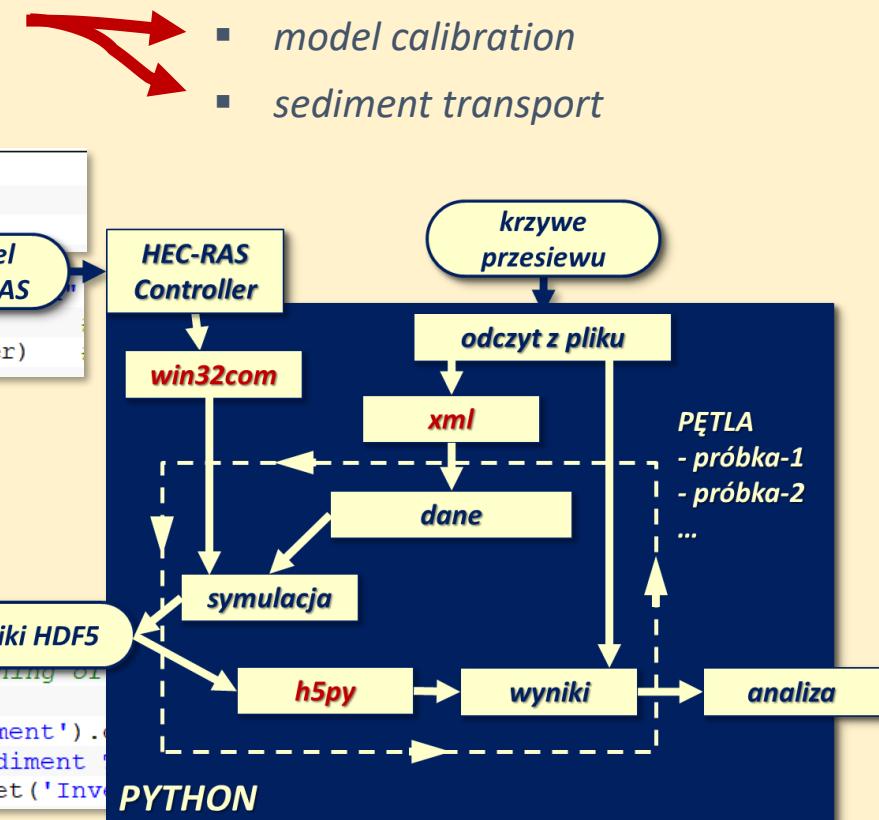


```
1. import win32com.client, os, math
2. import numpy as np
3. from scipy import optimize as opt
...
55. print "\nIteration process: Nelder-M
56. x0 = np.array([0.08,0.014,0.08])
57. Xopt = opt.fmin(ObjFun,x0,callback=PokazIter)
58.
```

$$F(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( WSE_i^{(c)} - WSE_i^{(o)} \right)^2}$$

```
44. hdfname = os.path.join(os.getcwd(), 'Results.hdf')
45. dane = h5py.File(hdfname, 'r')      # opening of file
46. # accessing bed elevations
47. XSbed = dane.get('Results').get('Sediment').
48. XSbed = XSbed.get('Sediment').get('Sediment ')
49. XSbed = XSbed.get('Cross Sections').get('Inv
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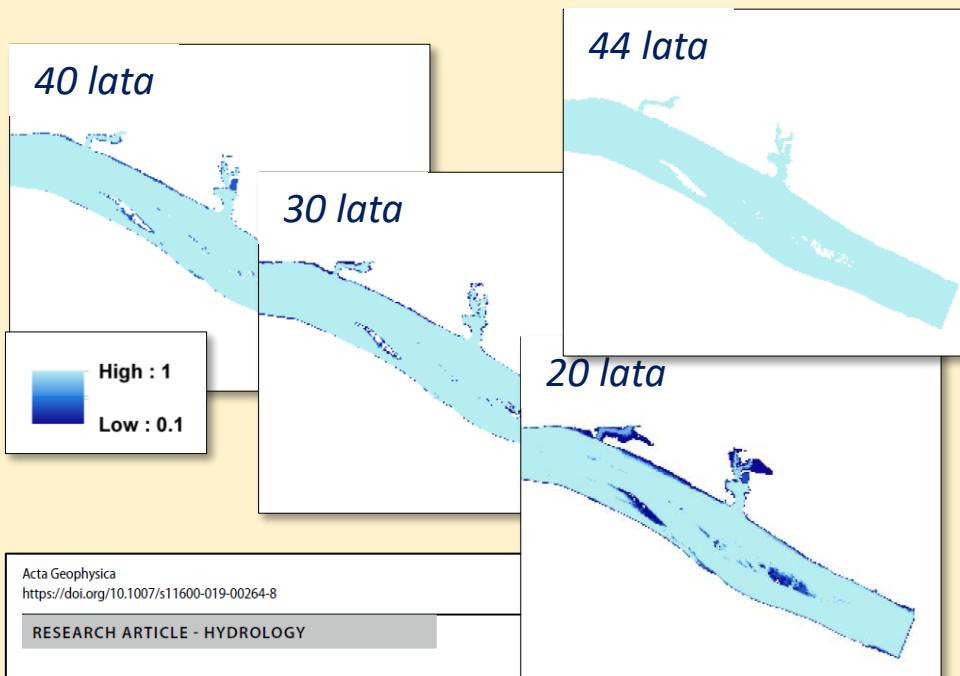
water Article Application of Python Scripting Techniques for Control and Automation of HEC-RAS Simulations 2018 Tomasz Dysarz



# Simulation requirements

## GIS integration and map generation

### Uncertainty of maximum flows

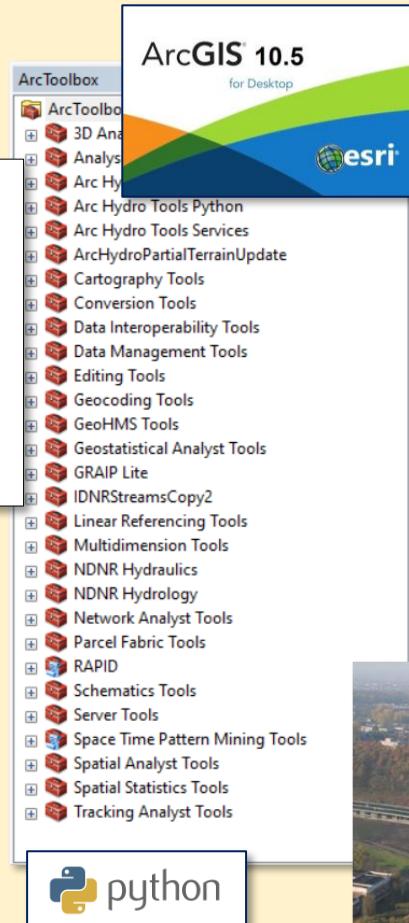


Analysis of extreme flow uncertainty impact on size of flood hazard zones for the Wronki gauge station in the Warta river

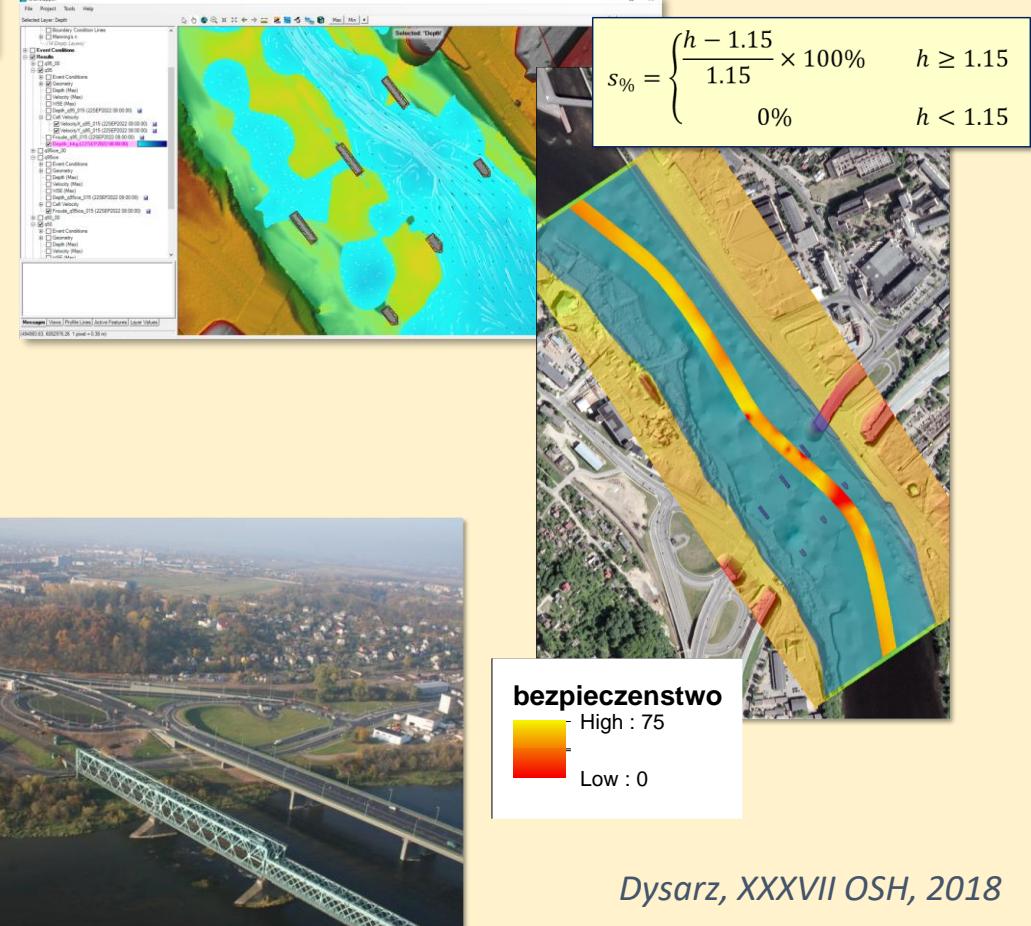
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2019

Wicher-Dysarz et al., XXXVII OSH, 2018



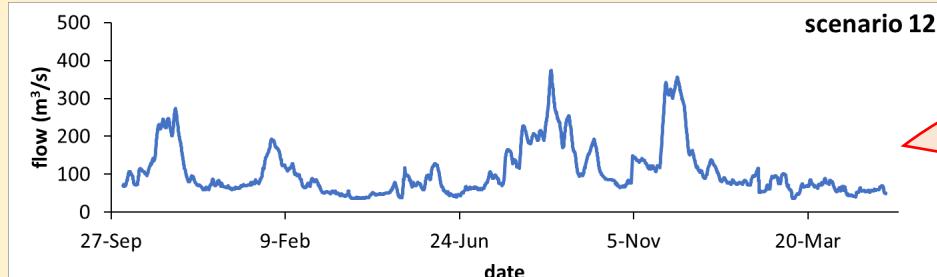
### Waterway in Nemunas River, Lithuania



# Simulation requirements

## Sediment transport modeling

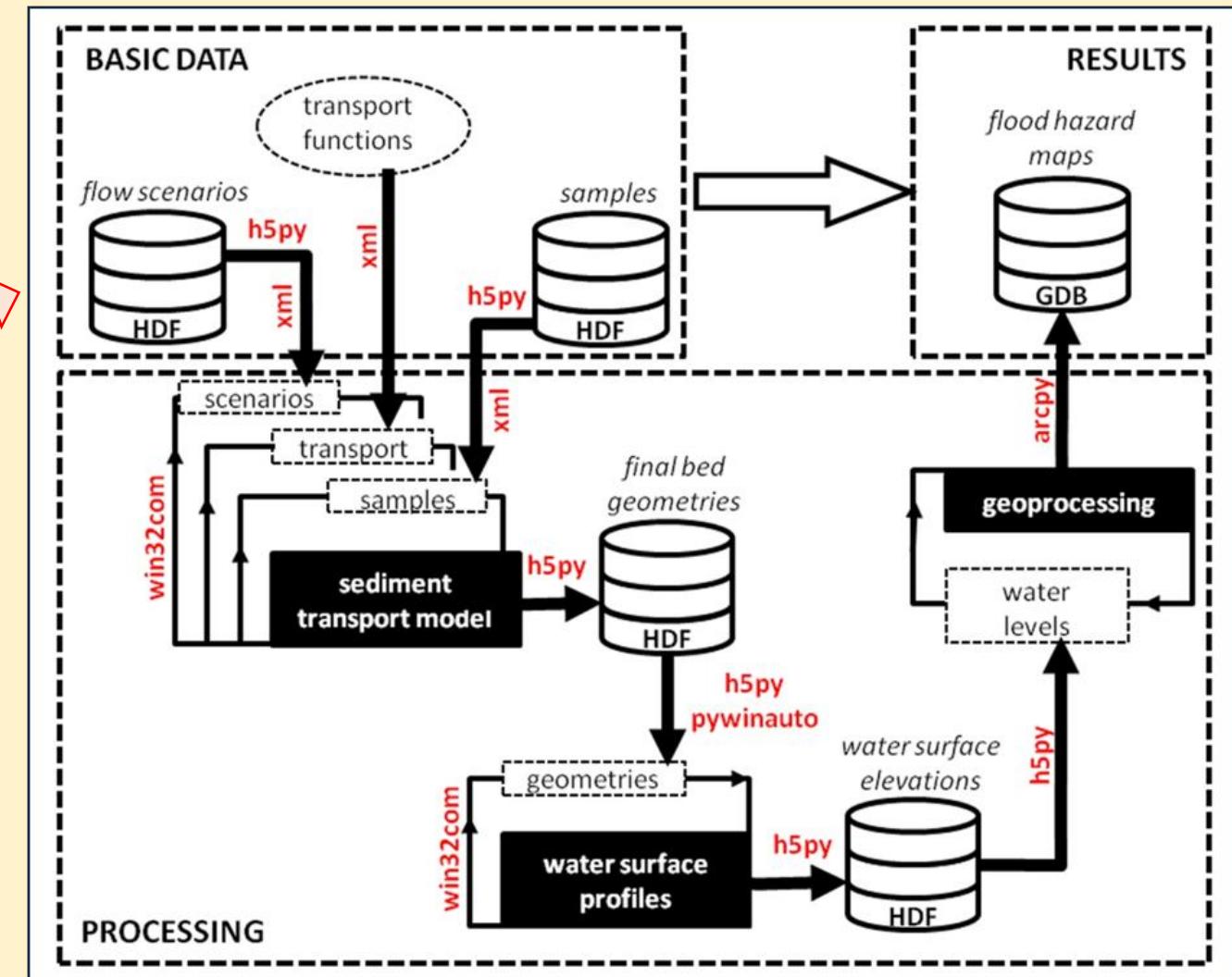
### Computational flowchart



period 1971-2017

gauge station	river	10-year flood	100-year flood	500-year flood
		( $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ )		
Oborniki	Warta	495.57	730.14	868.06
Wronki	Warta	548.08	814.85	973.43
Kowanówko	Wełna	59.62	115.74	155.22

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{flow} & \text{flood} & \text{maps} \\ \text{scenarios} & \text{events} & \text{in total} \\ 240 & \times & 3 = 720 \end{array}$$



# Simulation requirements

## Climate change impact

### The team

#### Warsaw University of Life Sciences - SGGW

- Dorota Mirosław – Świątek
- Mikołaj Piniewski
- Paweł Marcinkowski

#### Poznań University of Life Sciences

- Tomasz Dysarz
- Joanna Wicher-Dysarz
- Zbigniew W. Kundzewicz

### The concept

#### Database of climate projections for Poland

- Mezghani A, Dobler A, Haugen JE, Benestad RE, Parding KM, Piniewski M, Kardel I, Kundzewicz ZW (2017) CHASE-PL climate projection dataset over Poland–bias adjustment of EURO-CORDEX simulations.

Regional  
Climate Models  
(RCM)



emission  
scenarios  
RCP4.5, RCP8.5



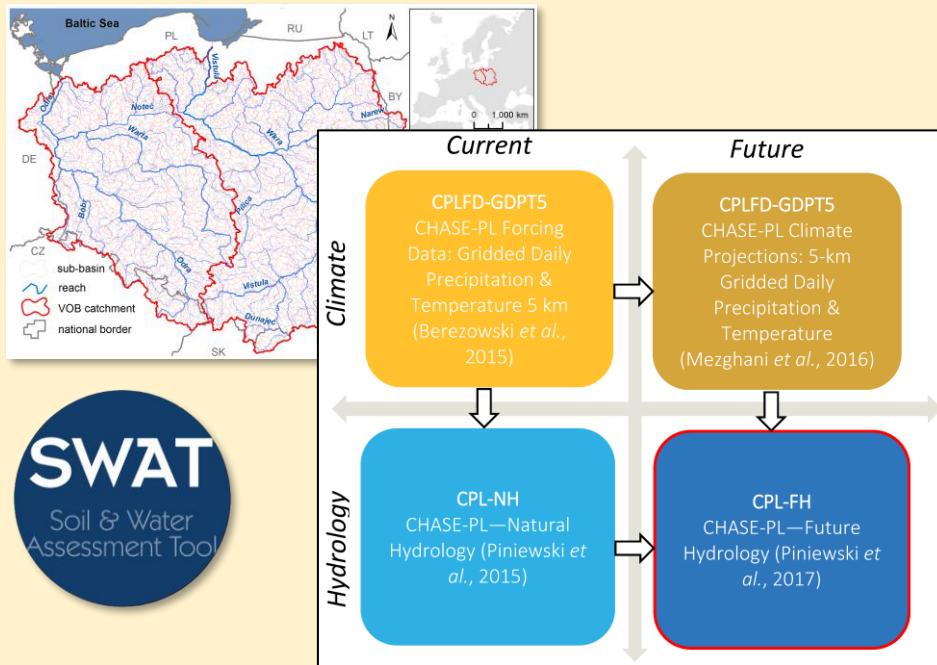
CHASE-PL  
climate projection  
dataset

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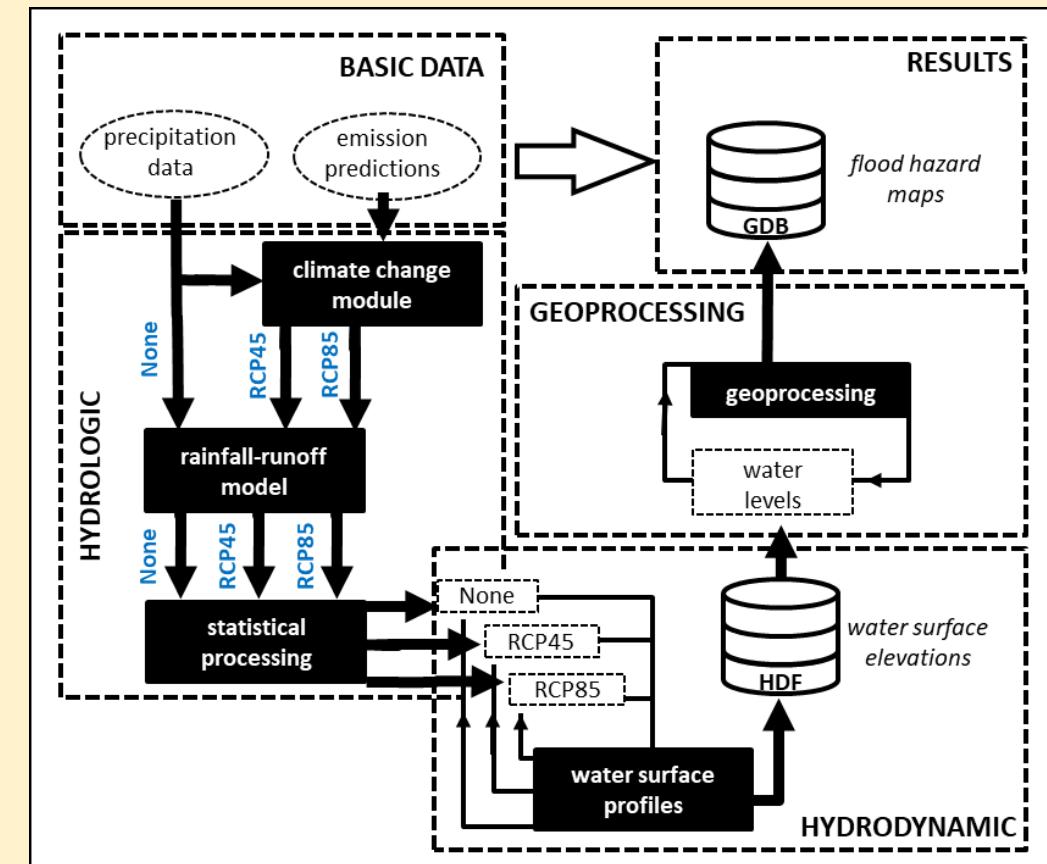
## Climate change modeling

### The transformation to flow data

- Piniewski M, Szcześniak M, Kardel I (2017a) CHASE-PL—Future hydrology data set: projections of water balance and streamflow for the Vistula and Odra Basins, Poland. *Data* 2(2):14. <https://www.mdpi.com/2306-5729/2/2/14>

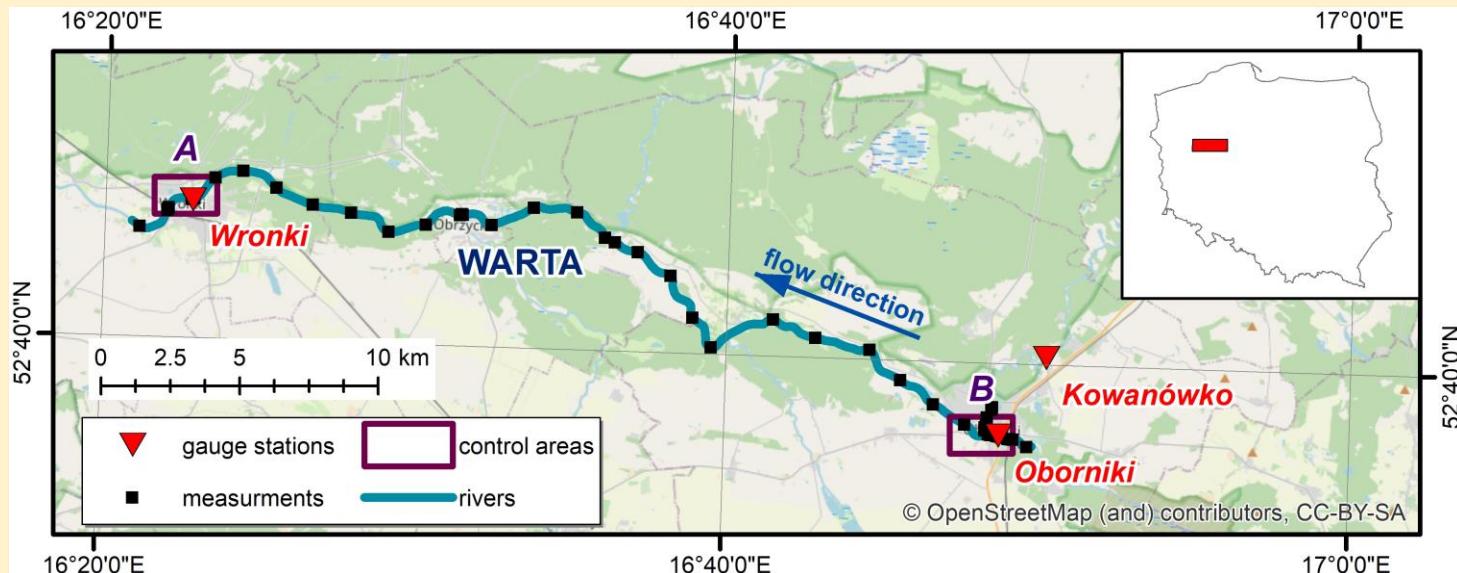


### Computational flowchart



# Example and selected results

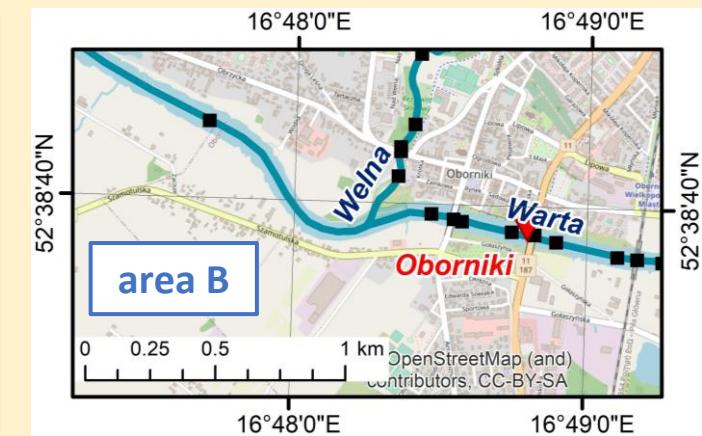
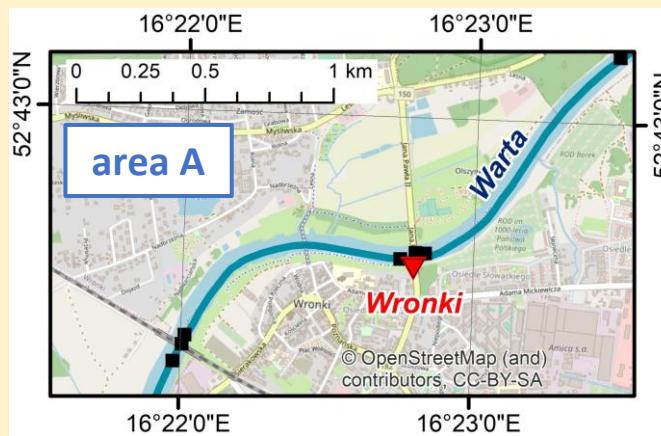
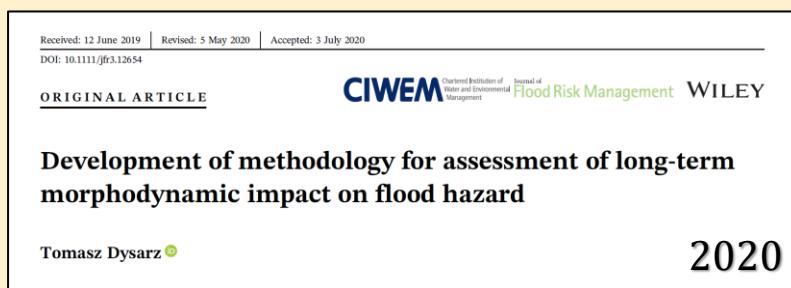
## Study case: the Warta River reach



period  
1971-2017

flow	mean	max
	$m^3/s$	
Oborniki	112	806
Wronki	122	928
Kowanówko	8.37	96.4

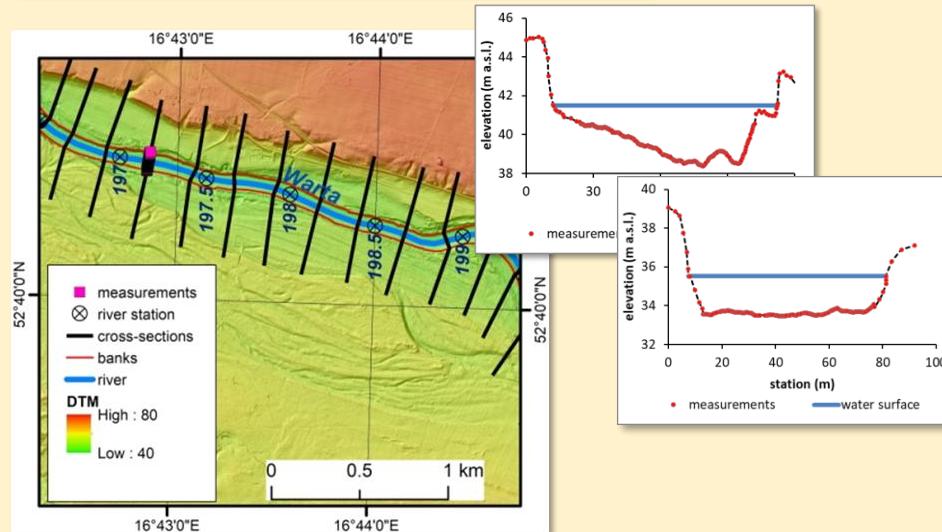
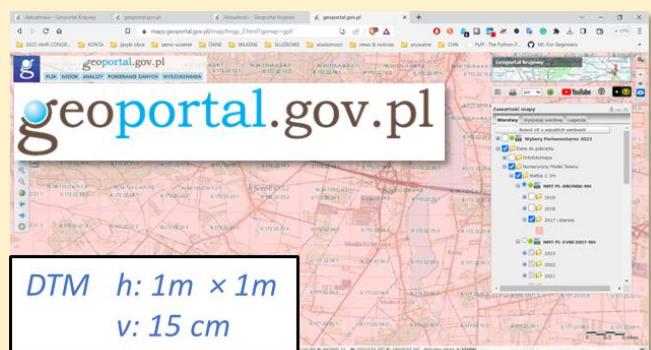
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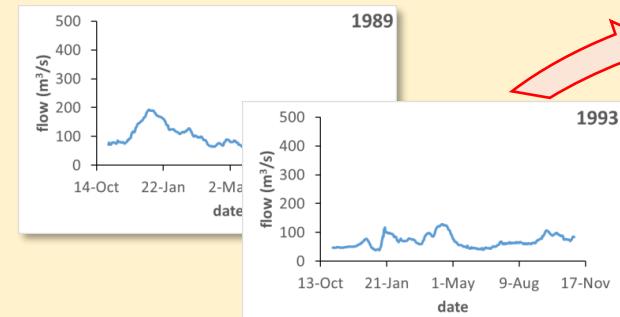
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## Study case: applied data

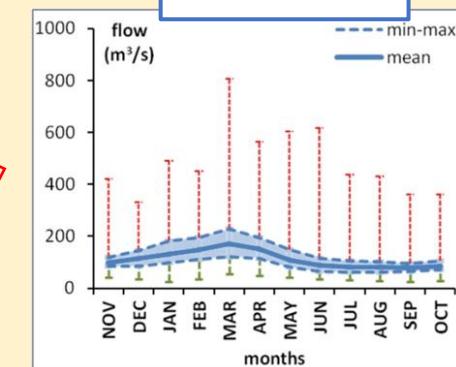
### Public data



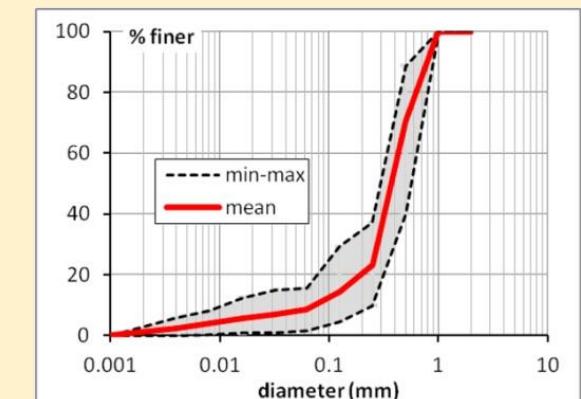
Instytut Meteorologii i Gospodarki Wodnej  
Państwowy Instytut Badawczy



### Oborniki



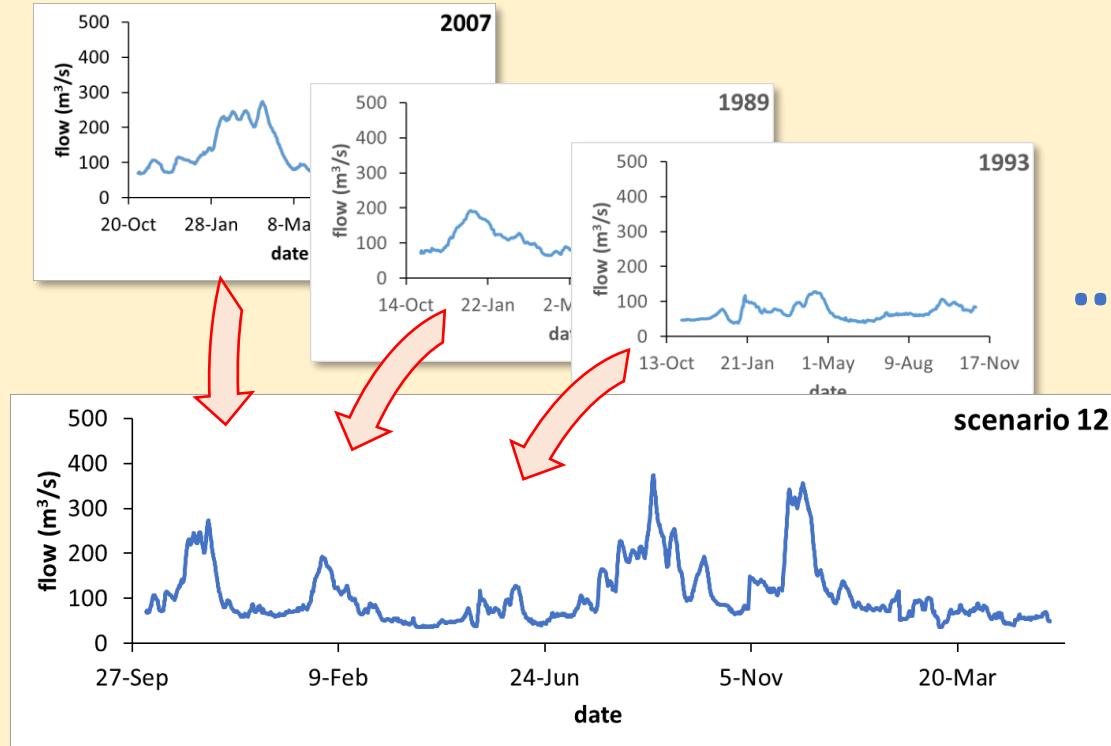
### Own measurements



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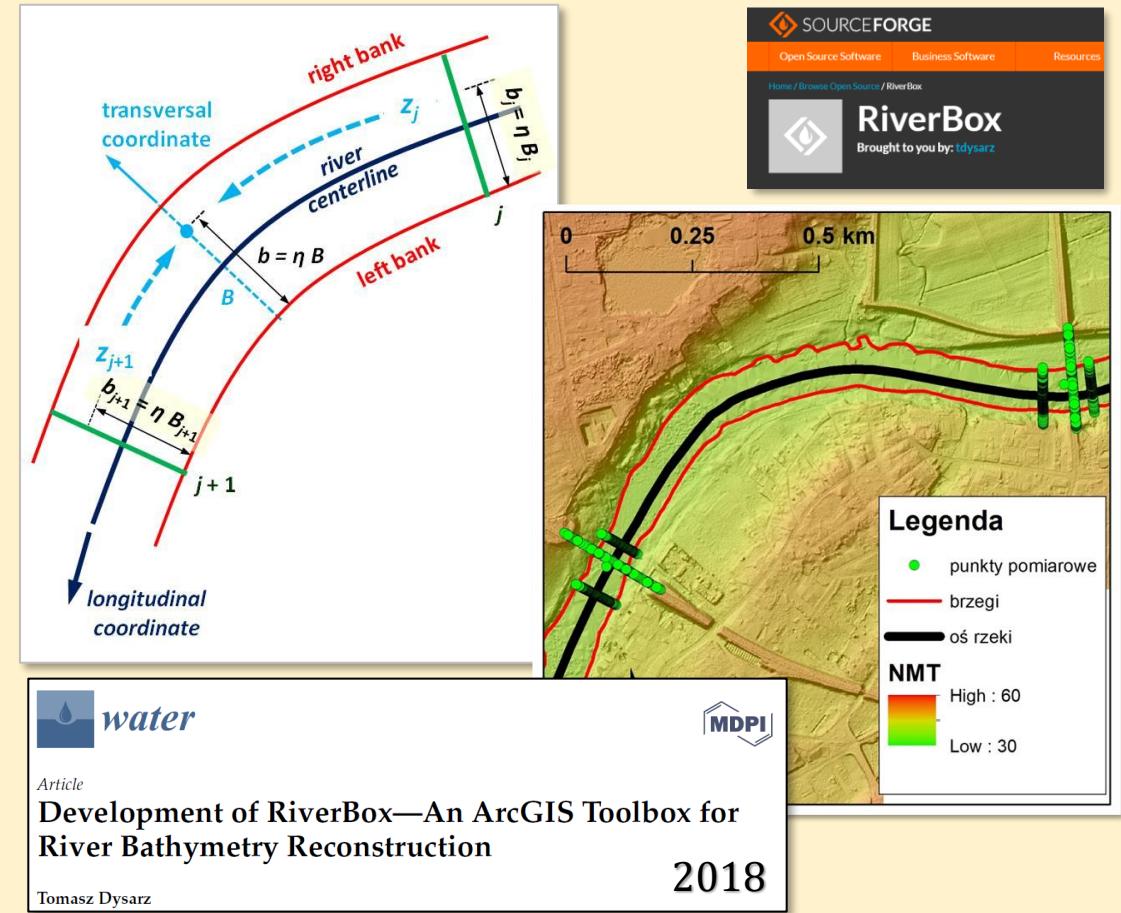
## Study case: data processing

### Inflow scenarios



$$\begin{array}{lcl} 6 \text{ years} & \rightarrow & 30 \text{ scenarios} \times 4 \text{ formula} = 120 \\ 12 \text{ years} & \rightarrow & 30 \text{ scenarios} \times 4 \text{ formula} = 120 \end{array} \quad \text{IN TOTAL} \quad 240$$

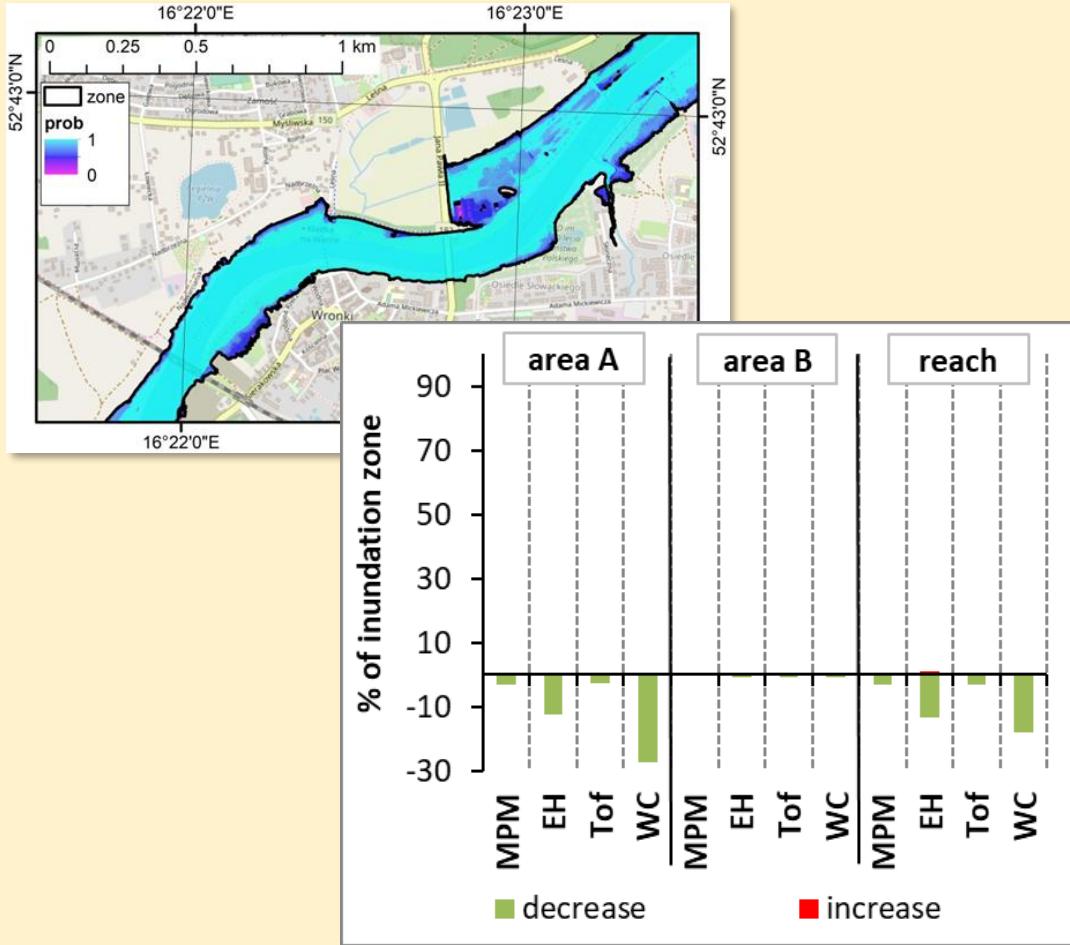
### Longitudinal interpolation



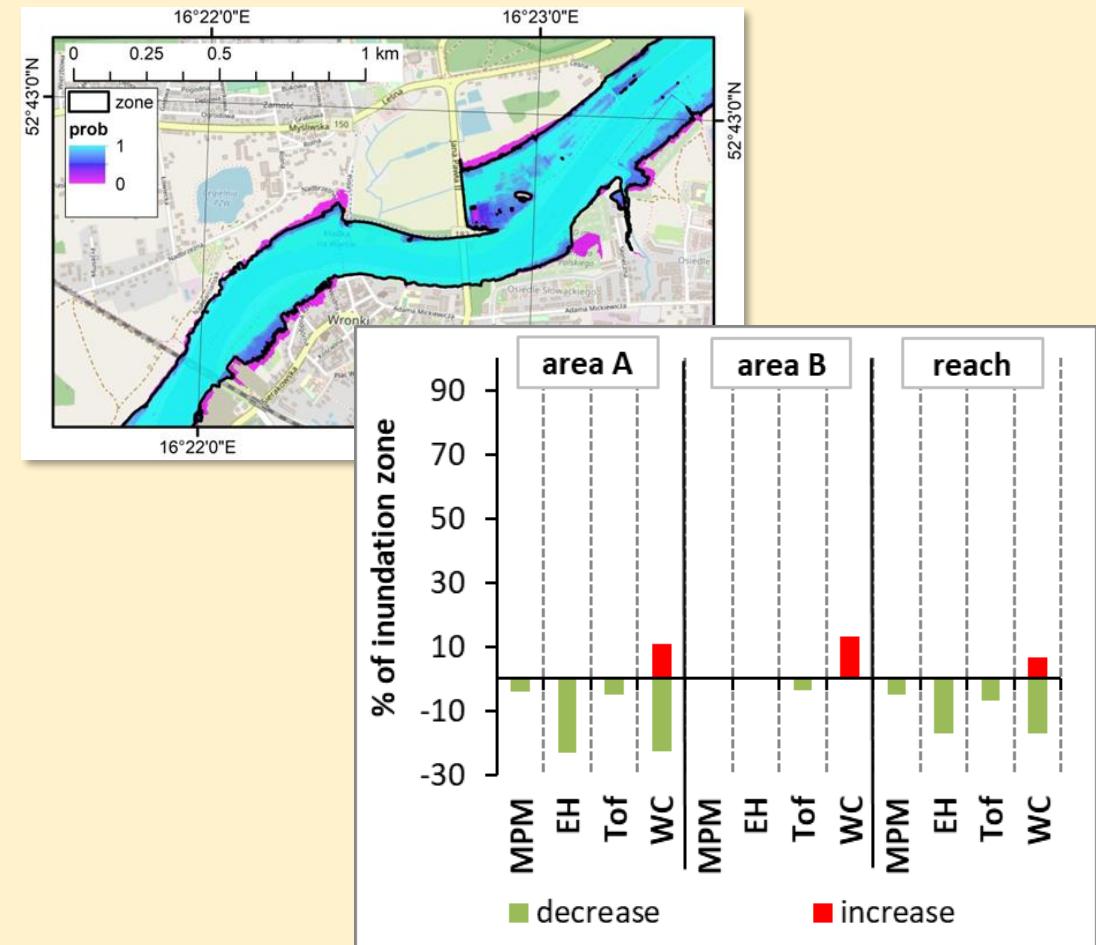
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## Long-term sediment transport

SEDI: 6-year simulation

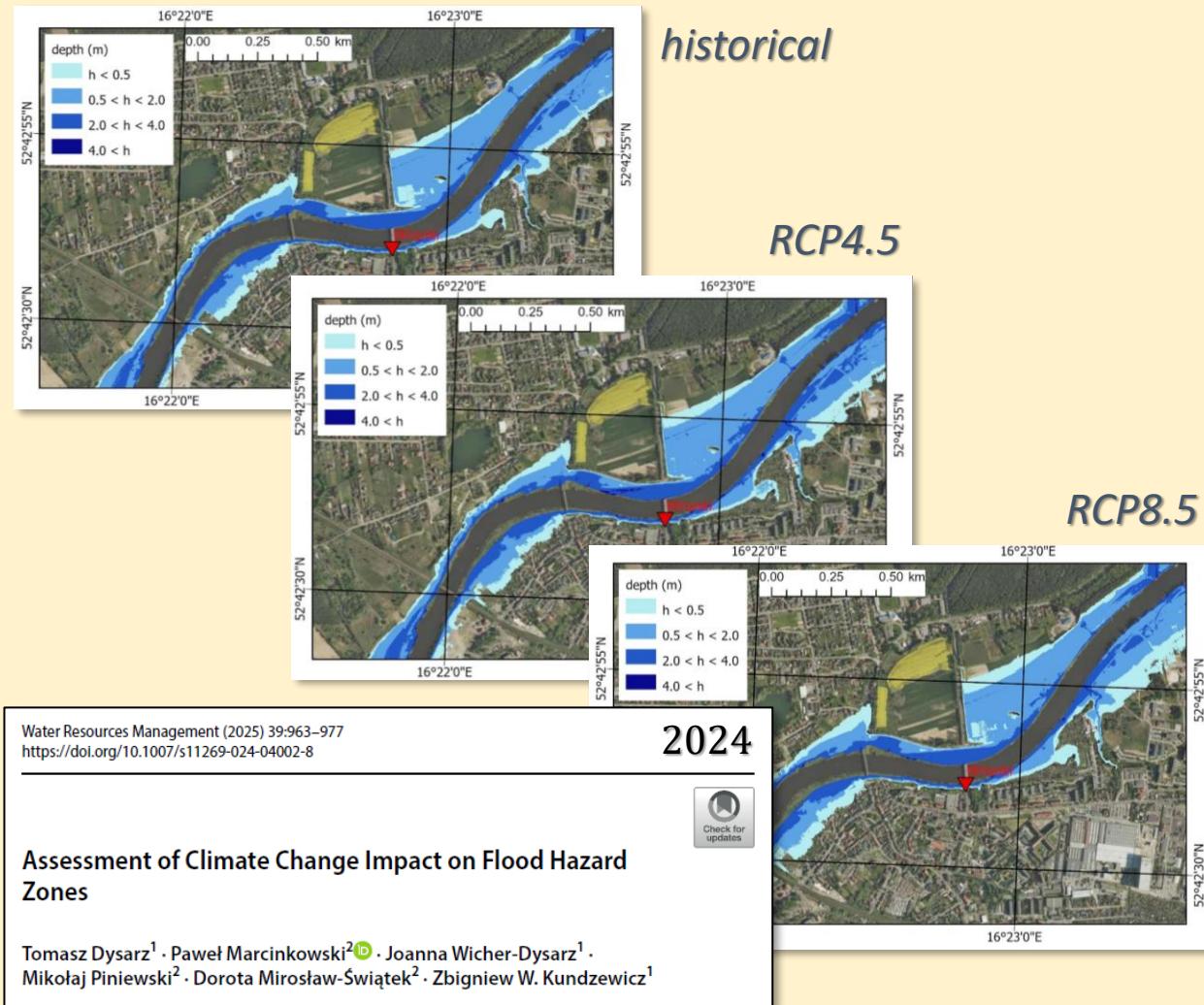


SEDI: 12-year simulation

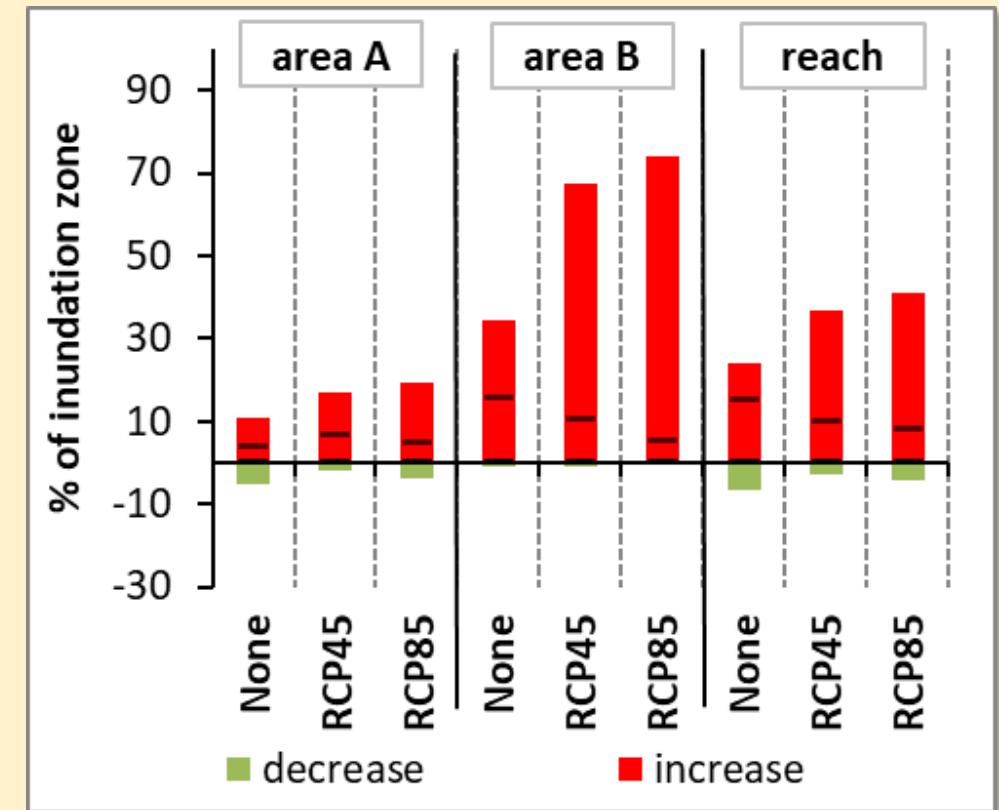


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## Climate change impacts

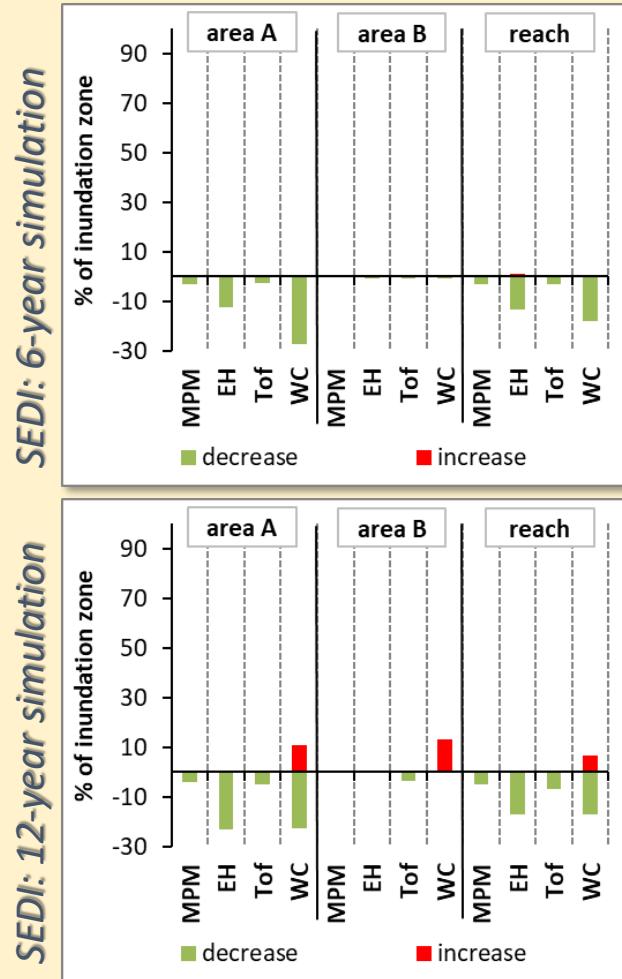


## Summary of climate change

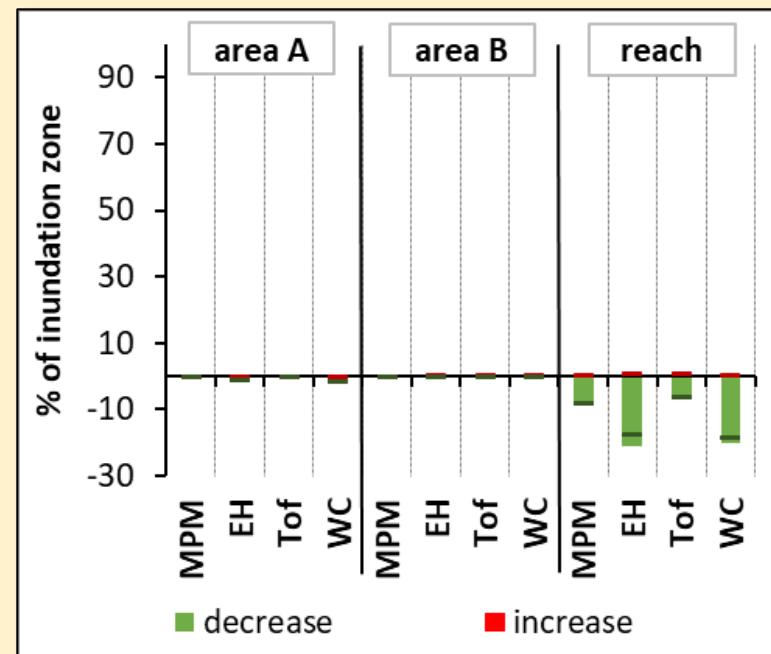


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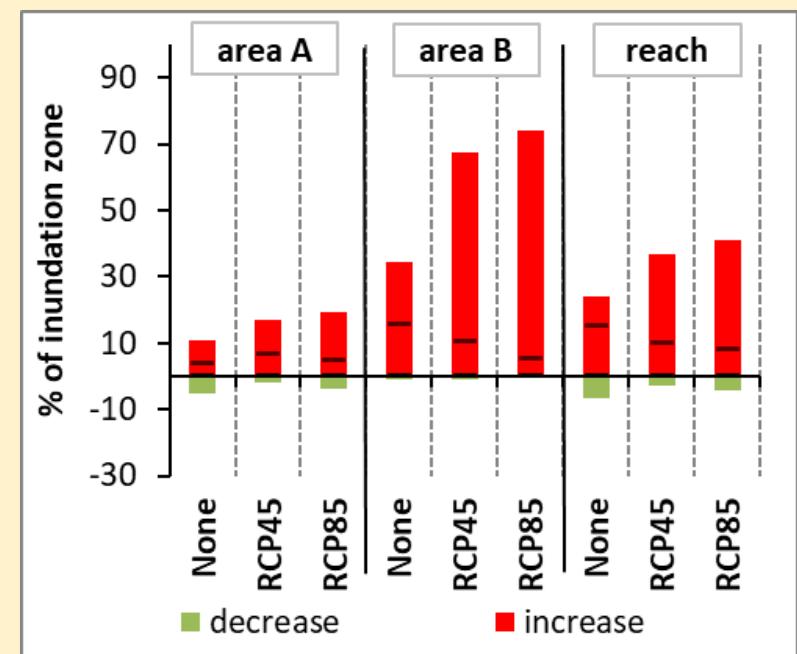
## Sediment transport vs. climate change



*SEDI: 38-year simulation*



*CLIMAT CHANGE*



# Summary and conclusions

- The EU Flood Directive and other directives are evidently important for collecting and accessing environmental data.
- The methodology can be effectively used for the assessment of sediment transport and climate change impacts in flood hazard.
- The analysis of the climate change impact provides rather unstable results due to the differences of RCM and long-time horizons.
- The impact of sediment transport may be crucial for evaluating the entire hazard and plays the major role in the short-term analyses.
- The flood hazard zones are changing and should be updated regularly, including new measurements and new available technology.



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