

Latest Advancements in WOLF Model for Guiding the Resilient Reconstruction in the Vesdre Valley

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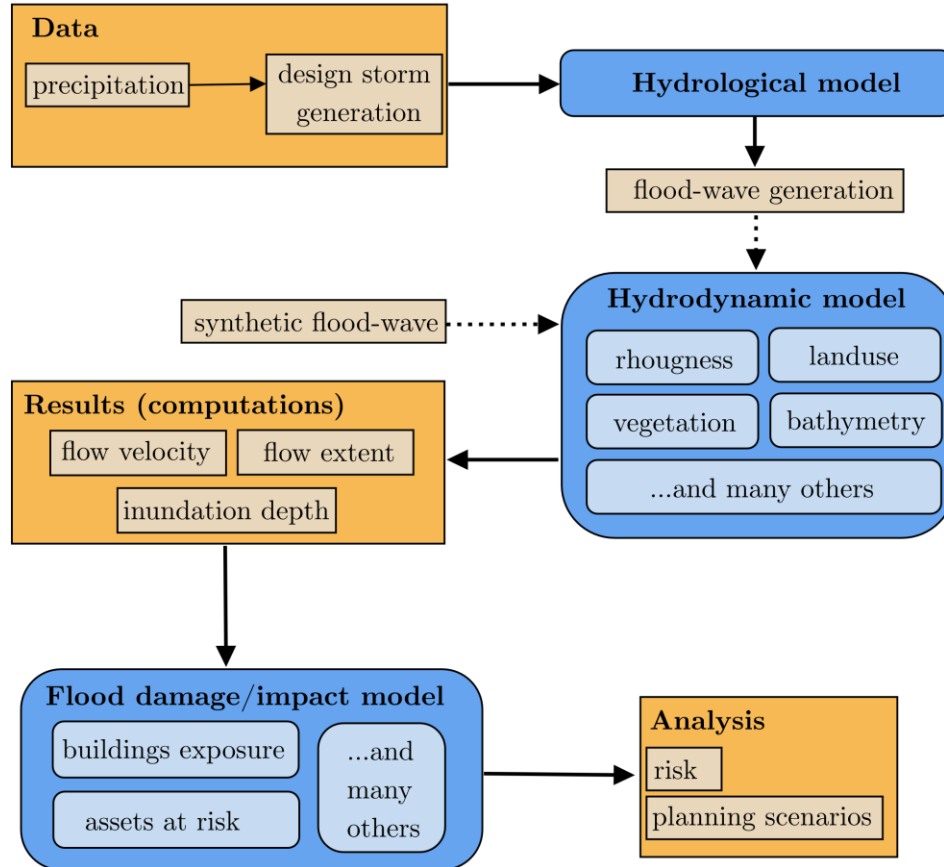
Introduction

WOLF modeling system

WOLF HECE



WOLF HECE | Workflow



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Wolf - main data manager

File Help LAZ Tools Cross sections Colormap Analyze Options Walous

Objects to plot

- Arrays
 - infiltration_zones
 - bath_Caserne_aval
- Vectors
 - Grid
 - Clouds
 - Triangulations
 - Wolf2D
 - Particle systems
- Others
 - SPW hydrometry
 - PICC data
 - Cadaster data
 - Land maps
 - Views
- WMS-background
 - PPNC 1971
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 - PPNC 2022 printemps
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 - Data 2021 IDW
 - Data 2021 Emprise

Add array (binary file - real)



Belgium (*country*)



Vesdre (*river*) catchment

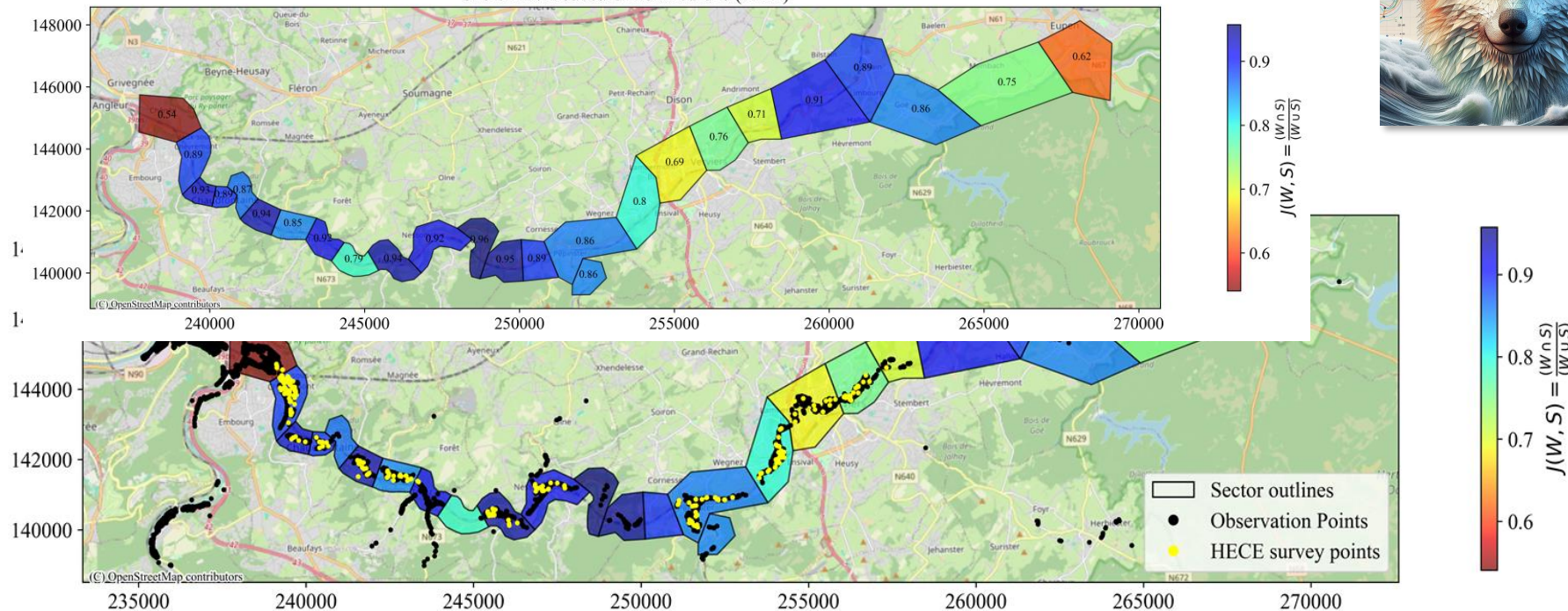
“Does WOLF effectively simulate the 2021 flood event along the Vesdre in terms of **flood extent**, using its hydrodynamic and hydrological components ?”

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Sector-level Jaccard index values (BBA)



$$\text{Jaccard} = \frac{\text{Intersection (A, B)}}{\text{Union (A, B)}}$$

Presentation content

- 1. Scenarios manager**
- 2. Acceptability manager**
- 3. Further investigations**

1. Scenario manager

Efficient way to guide scenarios

1. Scenario manager | Example on Theux



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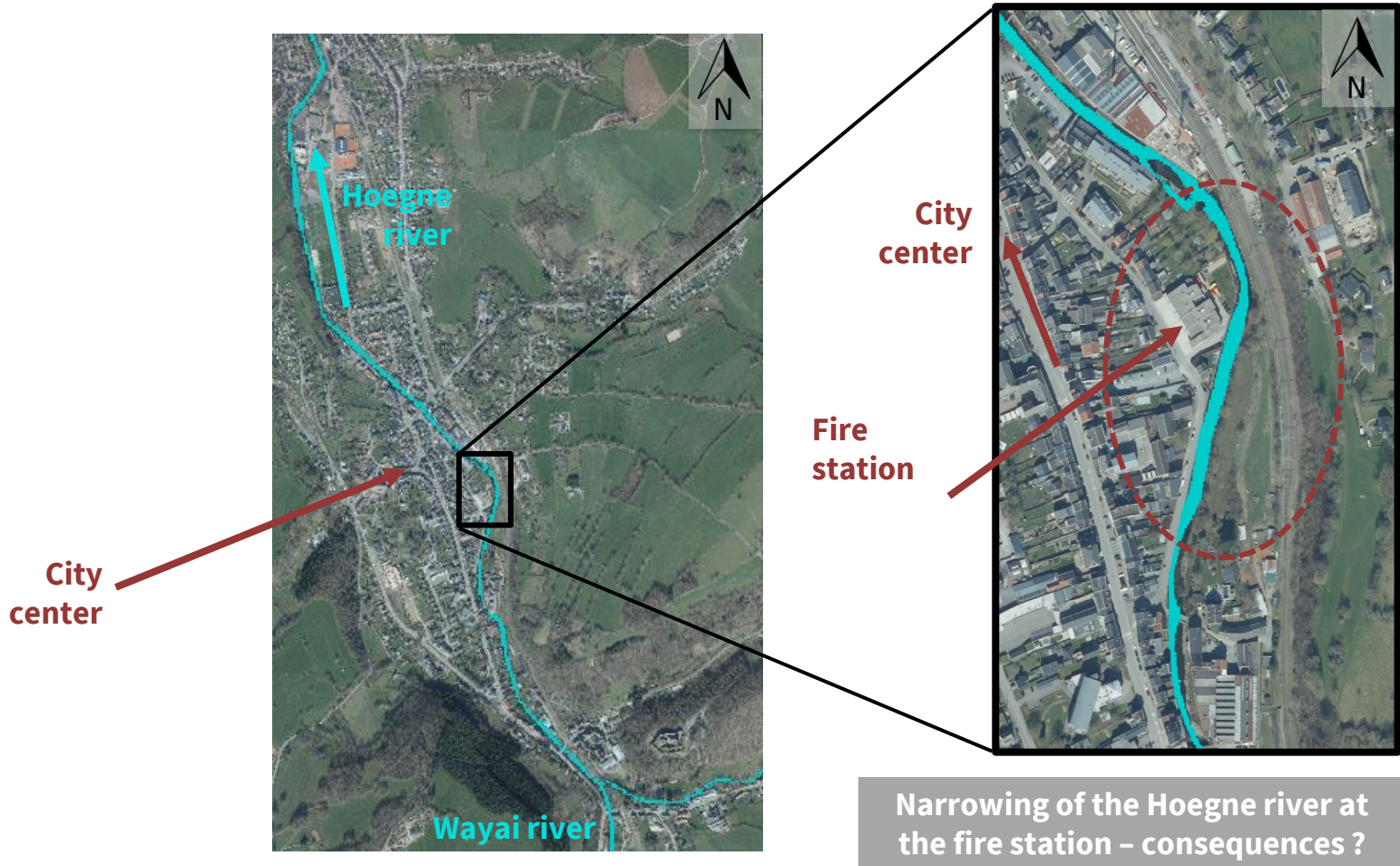


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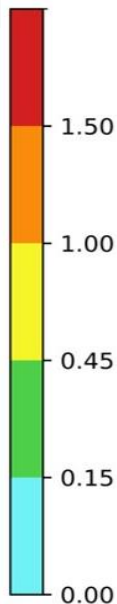
Theux (*municipality*)

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Water depth [m]

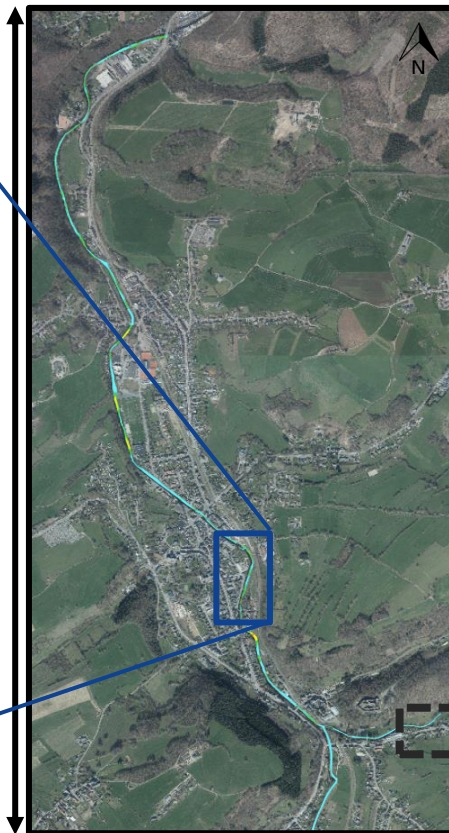


Zoom on the city center

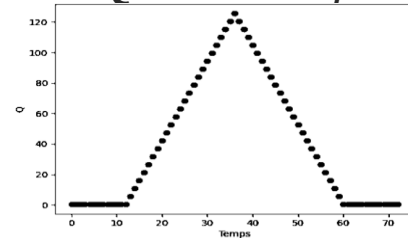


4km

Time : 1.0 [h]



Q [m³/s]



time [hours]

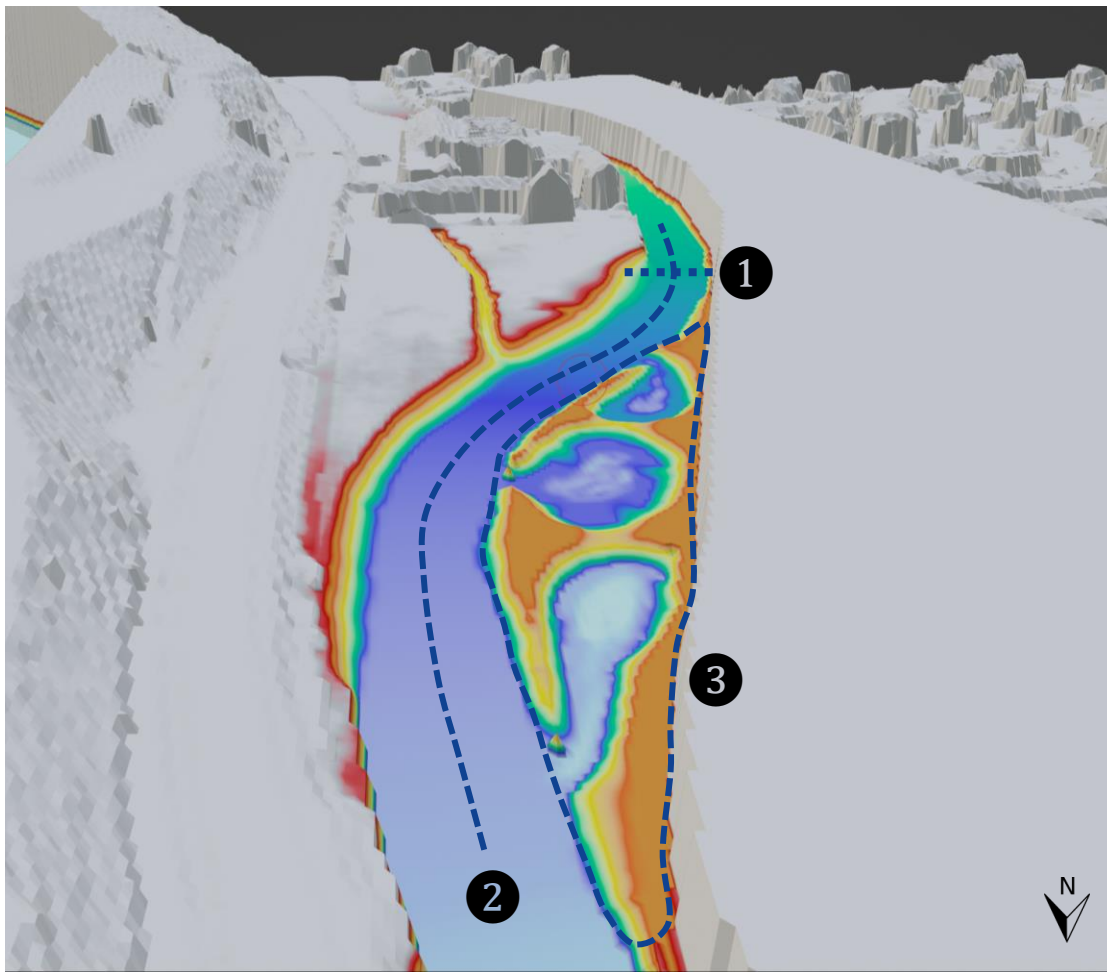
Weak spot for flood risk !

3km

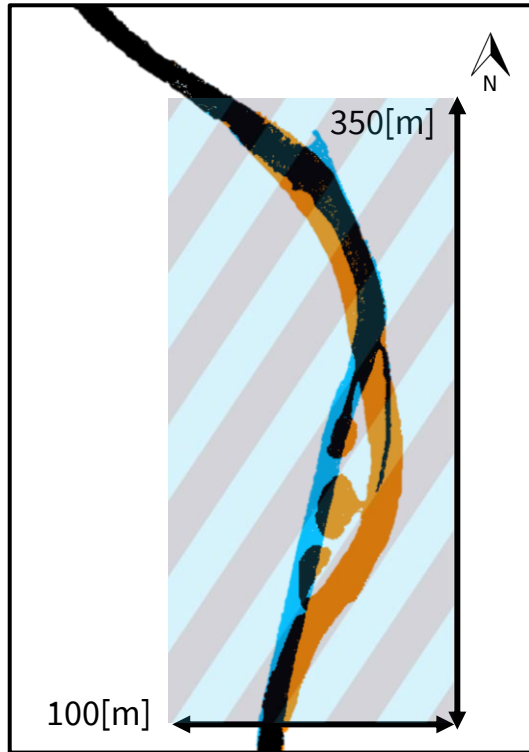
Temporary storage areas (TSAs)
 represent a category of soft-engineered NbS that
 can provide dispersed and small-scale storage
 throughout a catchment

**And modification of the Hoegne
 riverbed**

- ① Increased river width
Give more room to the river
- ② Riverbed relocation
Improve water flow
- ③ Creation of ‘ponds’ for storage
*Additional storage during
 flood event*



3D view of the NbS studied in Theux, generated with WOLF (ULiège, HECE)



Area of the ponds (approximation)

- 1 large : $25 \times 35 [m^2]$
- 2 smaller ones : $20 \times 15 [m^2]$

Storage volume of the ponds :

- $4\,200 [m^3]$

Total net volume gains (with changes of the riverbed) :

Volume in

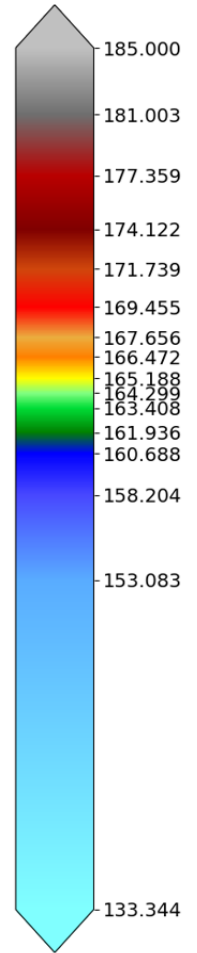
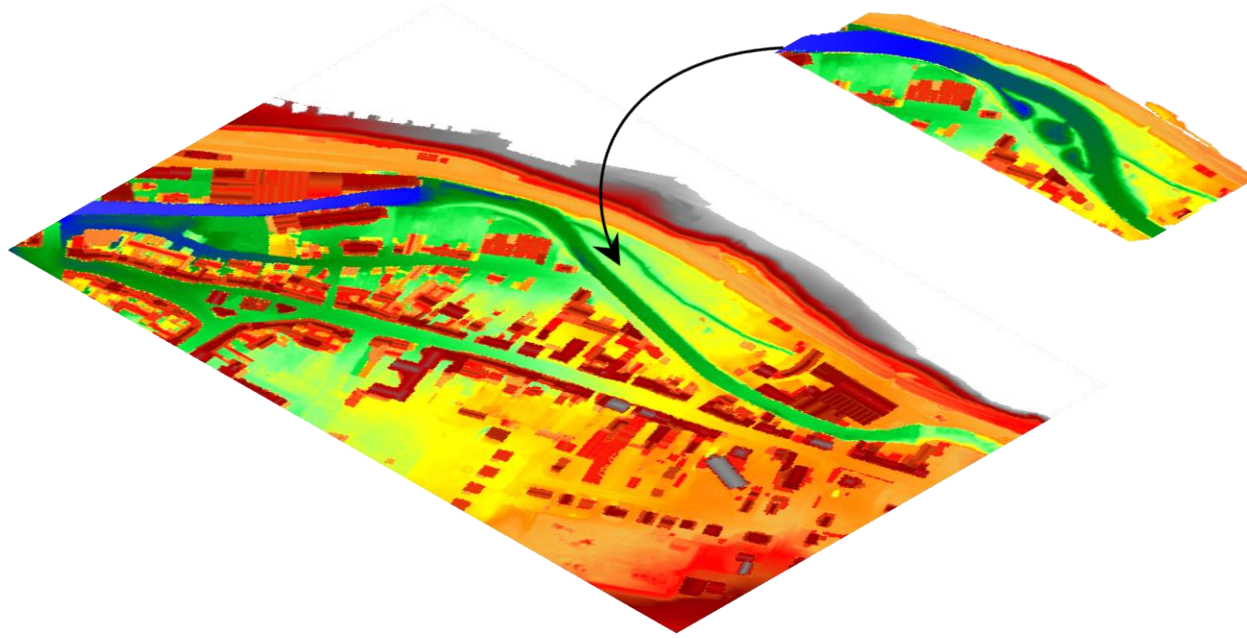
-Without the project : $16\,000 [m^3]$

-With the project : $28\,800 [m^3]$

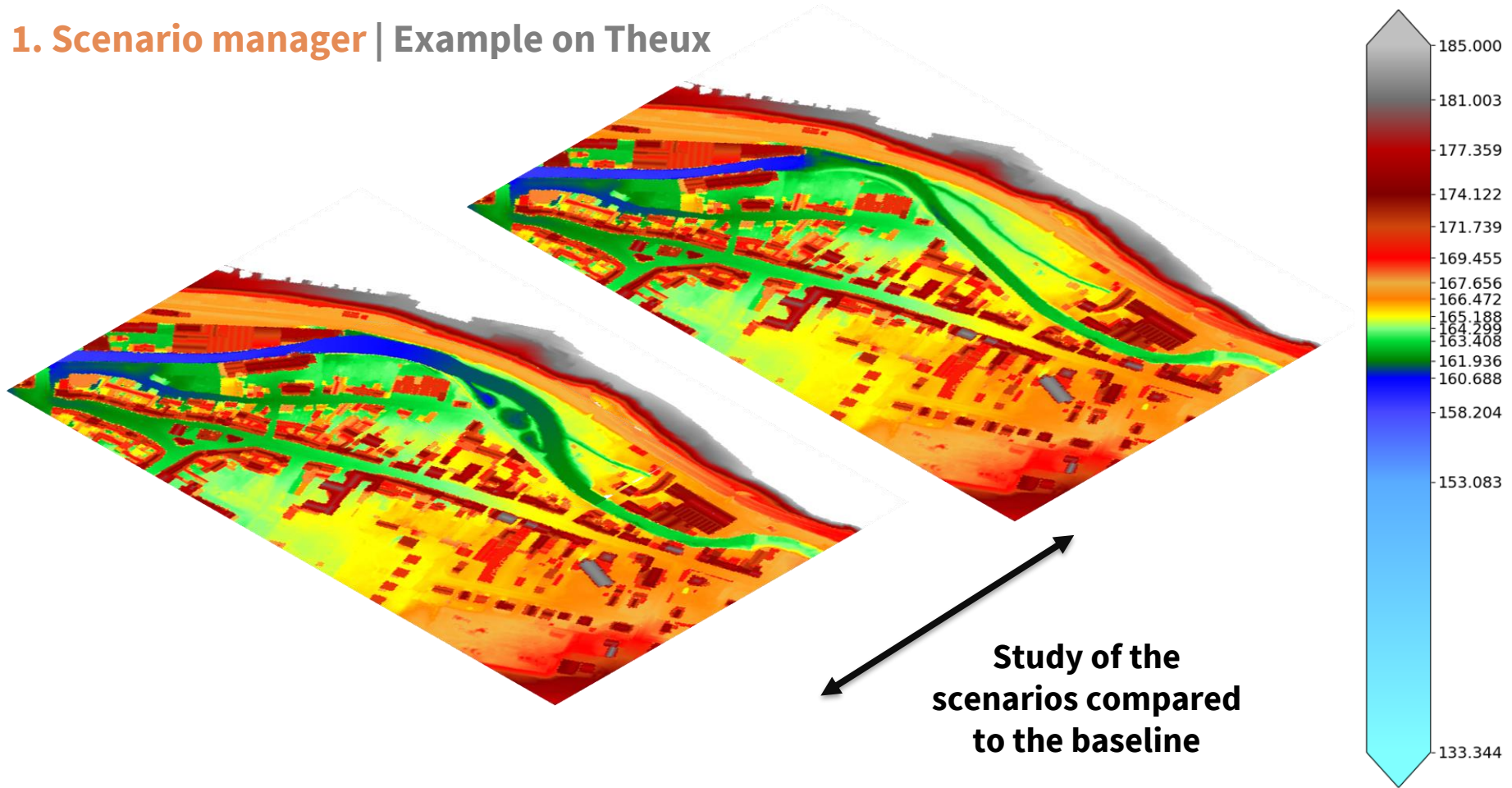
→ Increase of 80%

Efficient ? Need for unsteady simulations

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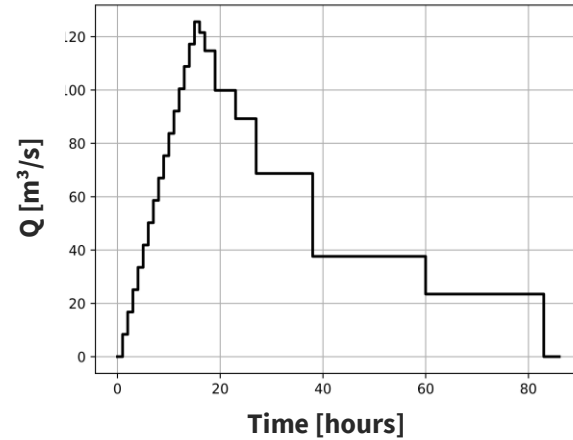
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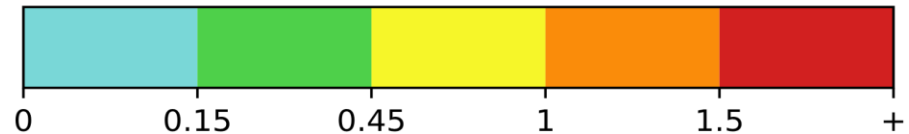
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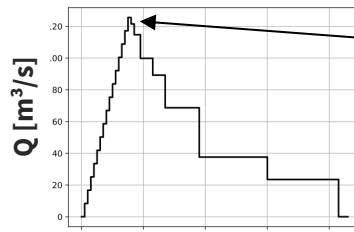
Storage measures: need for an unsteady simulation

- 25 years return period
- $Q_{\text{peak}} = 125 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- Rising limb: 16 h
Recession limb: 70 h



A look at the evolution of water depth with **AKWS+ color scale**

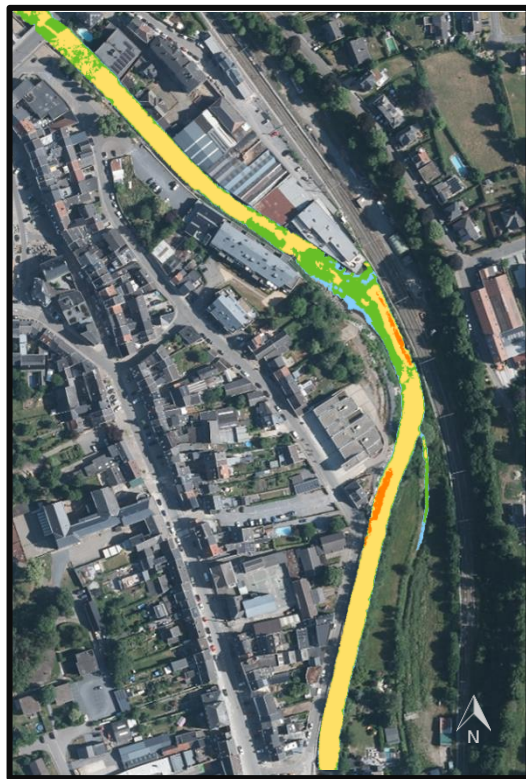




$Q_{\text{peak}} = 125 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ (T25)

16 h rise,
70 h recession

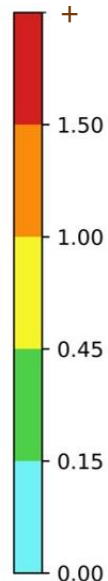
Without the TSA



time
[hours]

Time : 1.0 [hours]

Water depth [m]



With the TSA

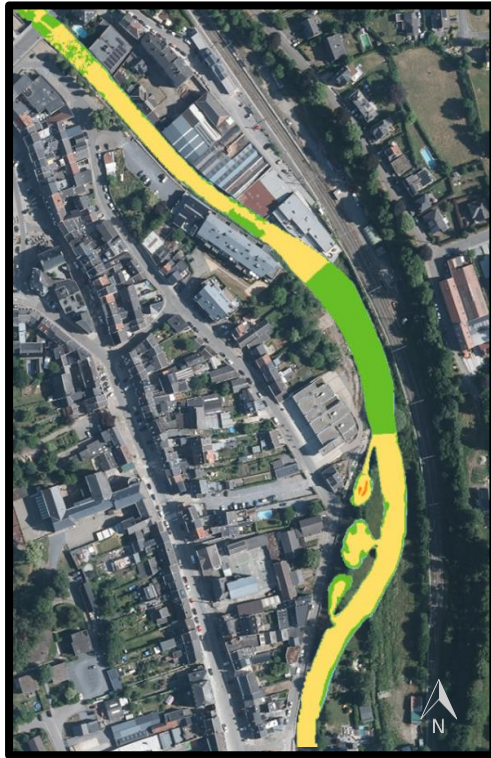


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Time : 1.0 [hours]

T [years]	25	50	100
Qmax [m ³ /s]	125.57	162.6	214.8

T25



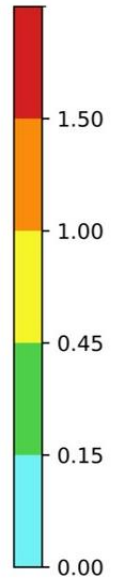
T50



T100



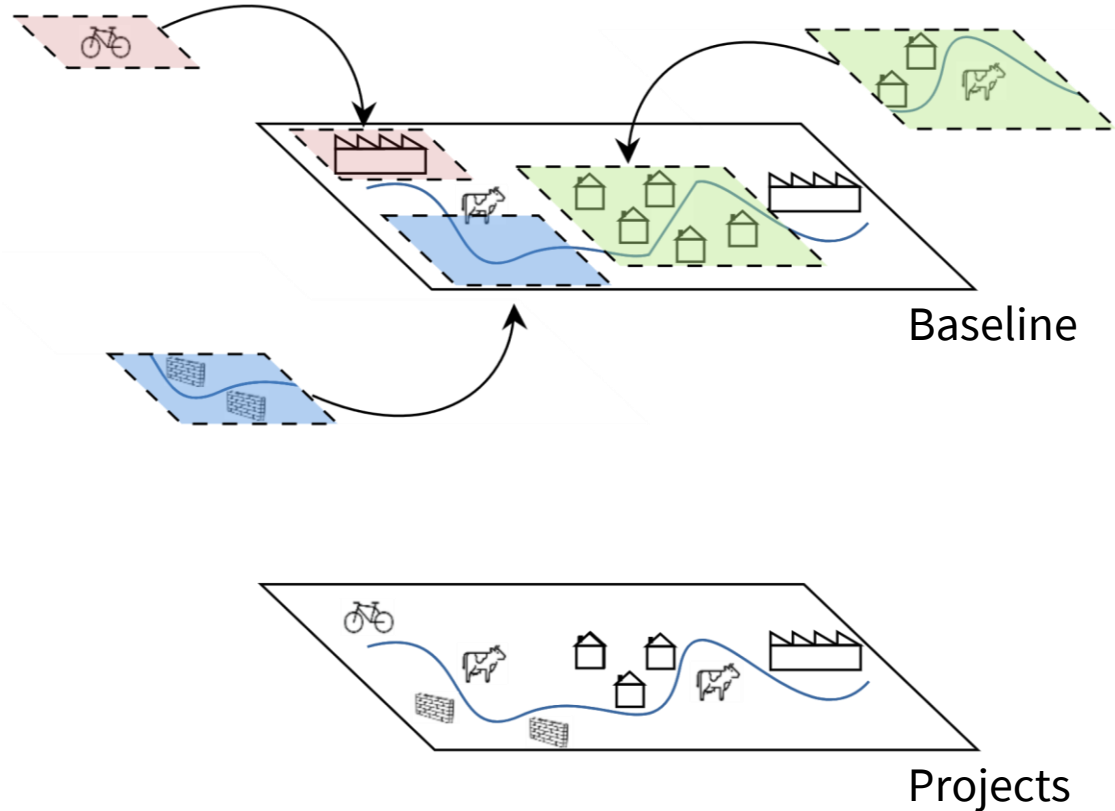
Water depth [m]



1. Scenario manager | A user-friendly tool

A tool to edit **locally** different rasters, allowing to guide project studies and more.

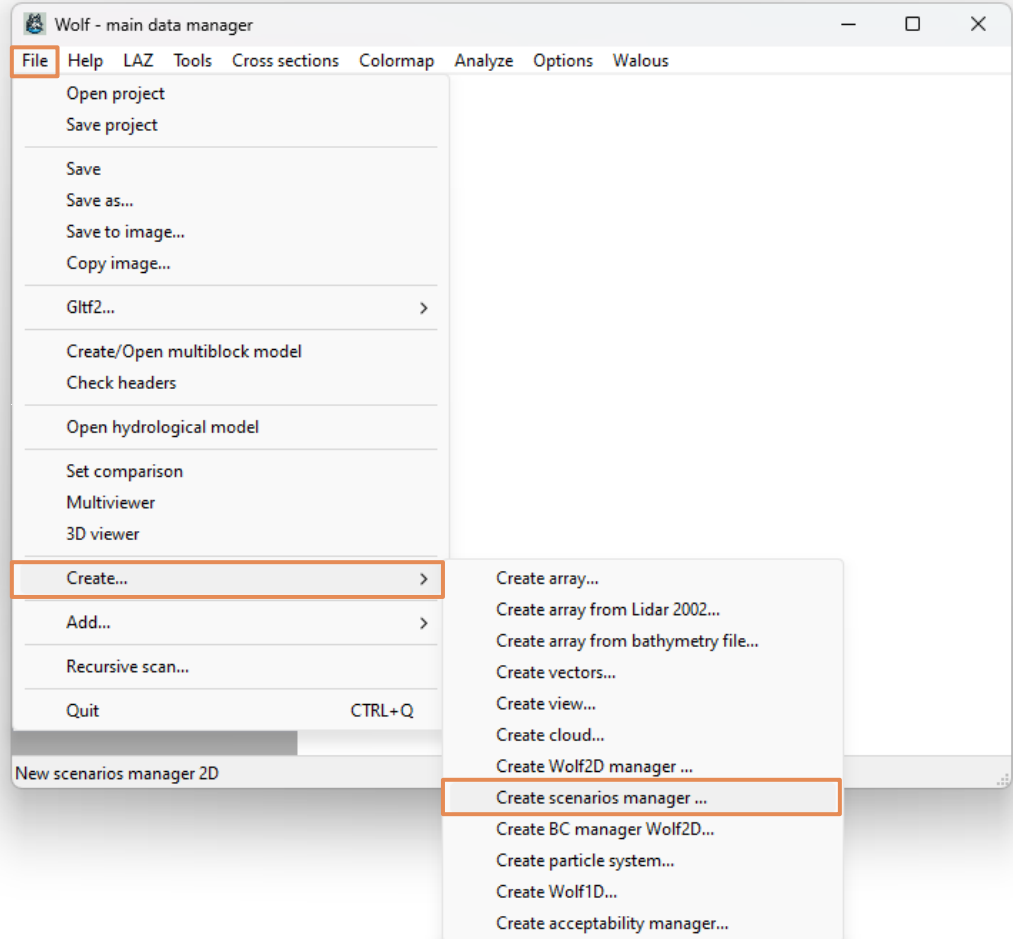
Also applicable for **multiple modifications**, allowing the study of complete design plans.

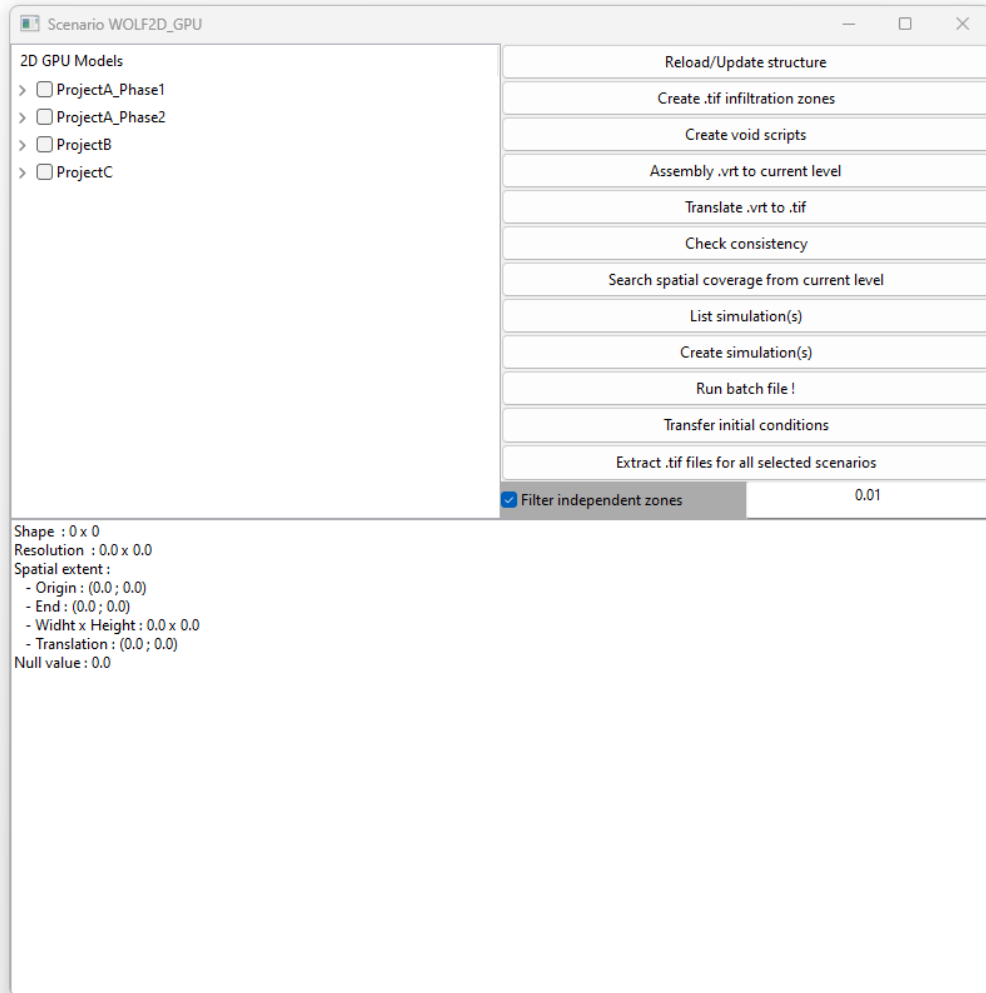
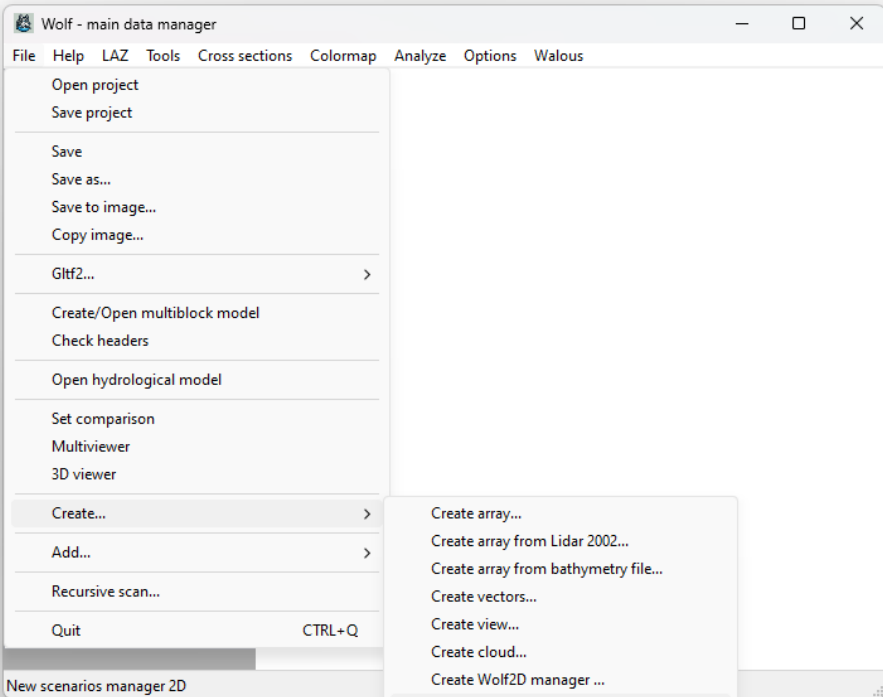


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A tool developed in WOLF for local raster editing within a defined area, enabling to guide project studies and more.

Also applicable for multiple modification, allowing the study of complete design plans



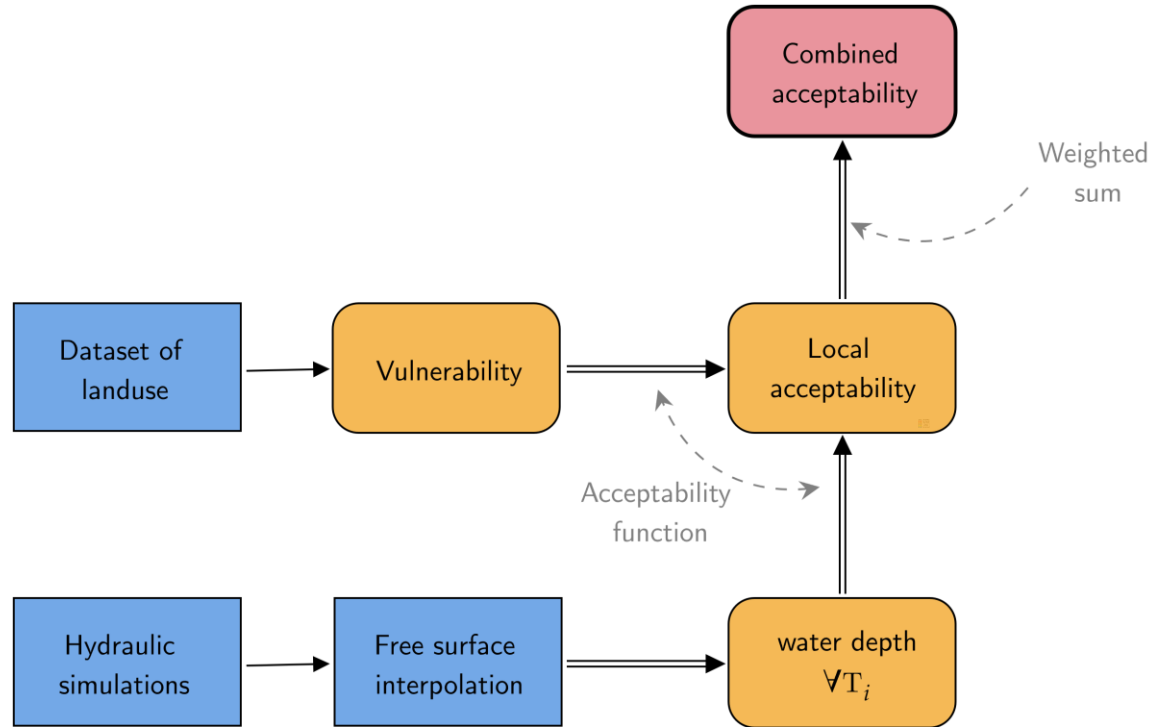


2. Acceptability¹ manager

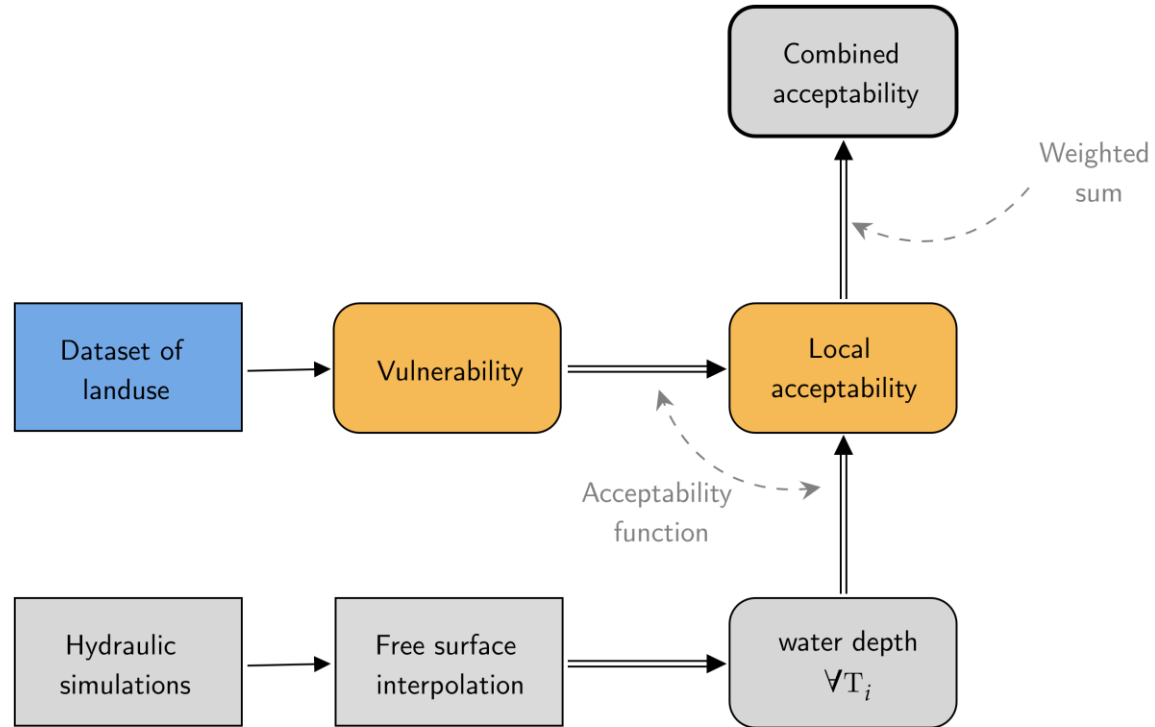
A risk module incorporated in WOLF

¹First results of the Resilience Working Group led within the framework of the Flood Transversal Group

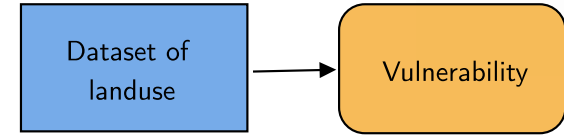
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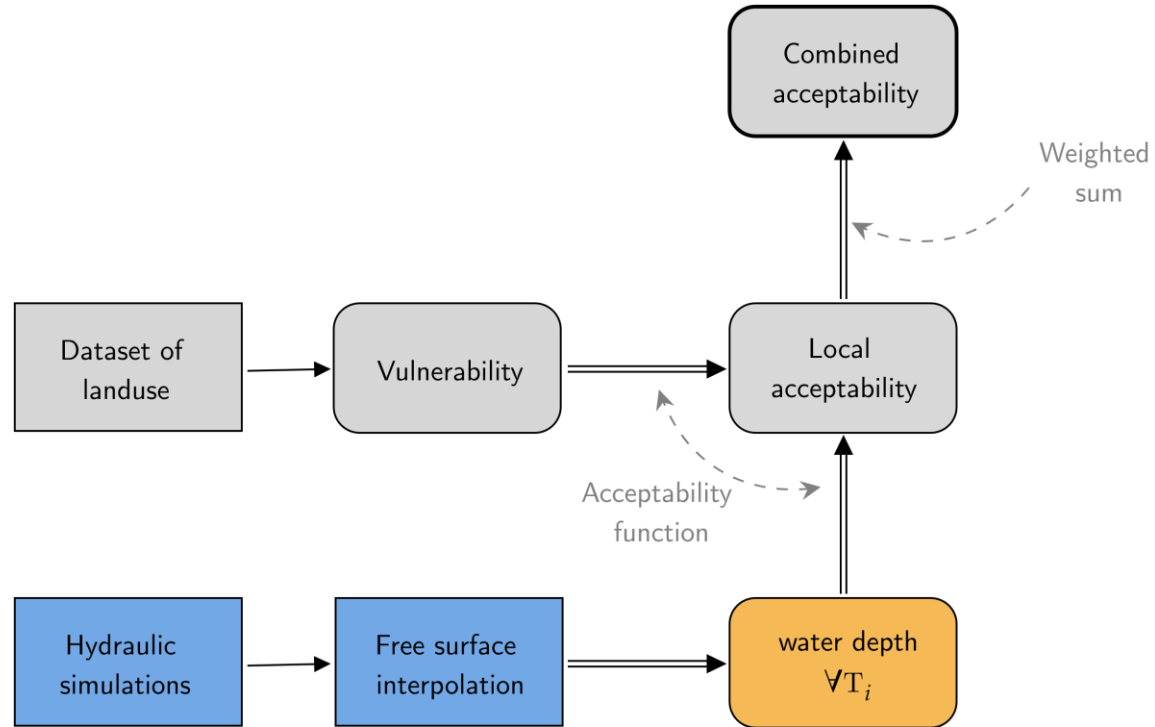


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Level	Vulnerability	Criterion
5	Huge	Examples: Hospitals, fire stations, civil protection. Description: Extreme impact. Severe constraints with high risks; submersion is likely to cause major disruption or damage, requiring extensive mitigation measures.
4	High	Examples: Nursing homes, health services, police. Description: Significant impact. Submersion leads to considerable constraints, with substantial risks and potential for severe disruption or damage.
3	Moderate	Examples: Residential buildings, schools, economic activities. Description: Moderate impact. Some constraints are present; submersion may cause noticeable effects but can be managed with standard measures.
2	Low	Examples: Recreational areas, storage zones, ports. Description: Minimal impact. Limited constraints; submersion poses negligible risk, with manageable effects on functionality and operations.
1	Null	Examples: Natural reserves, parks. Description: No constraints. Submersion is generally beneficial.

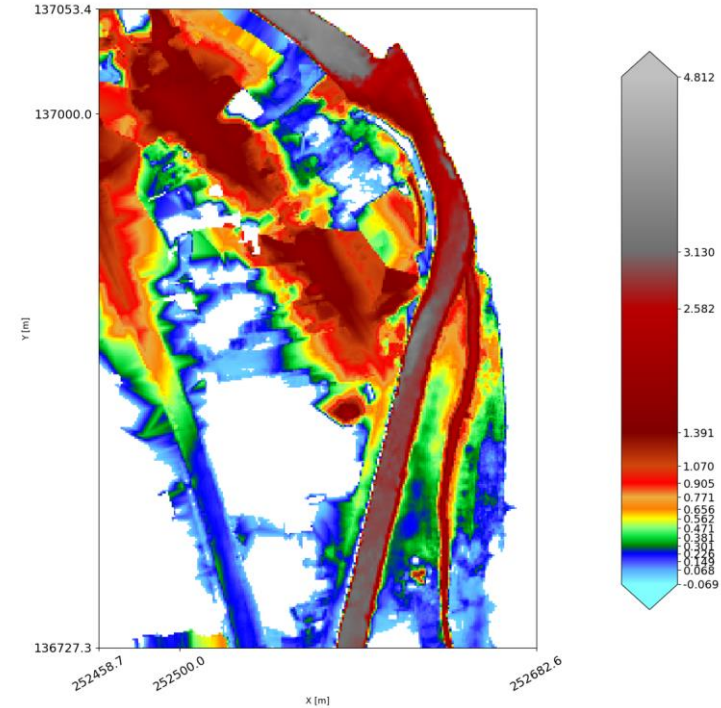
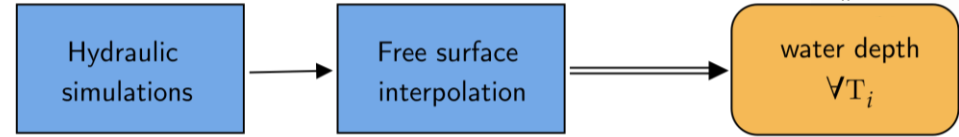
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Inputs

- Roughness coefficient
- Boundary conditions
- Topography/ bathymetry

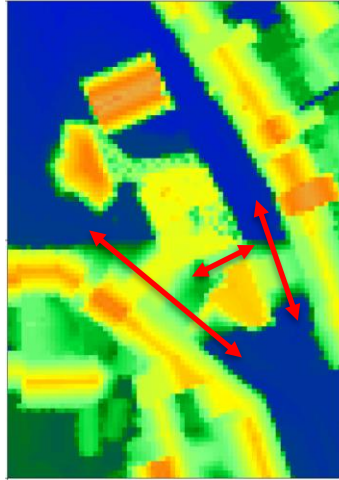


2. Acceptability manager | Note on data treatment (topography)

Green LIDAR (2023,
50[cm] resolution) data

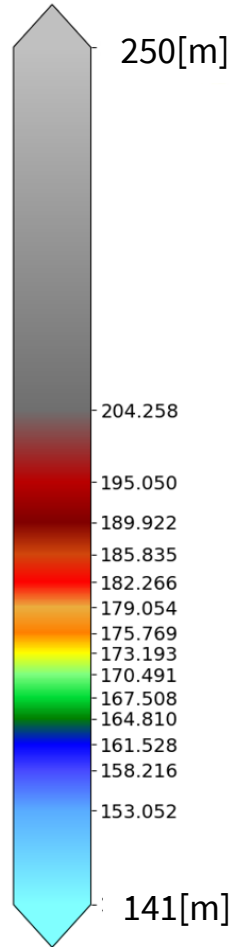
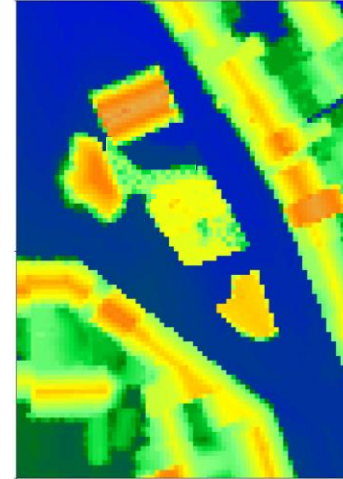


Existence of
interpolation problems

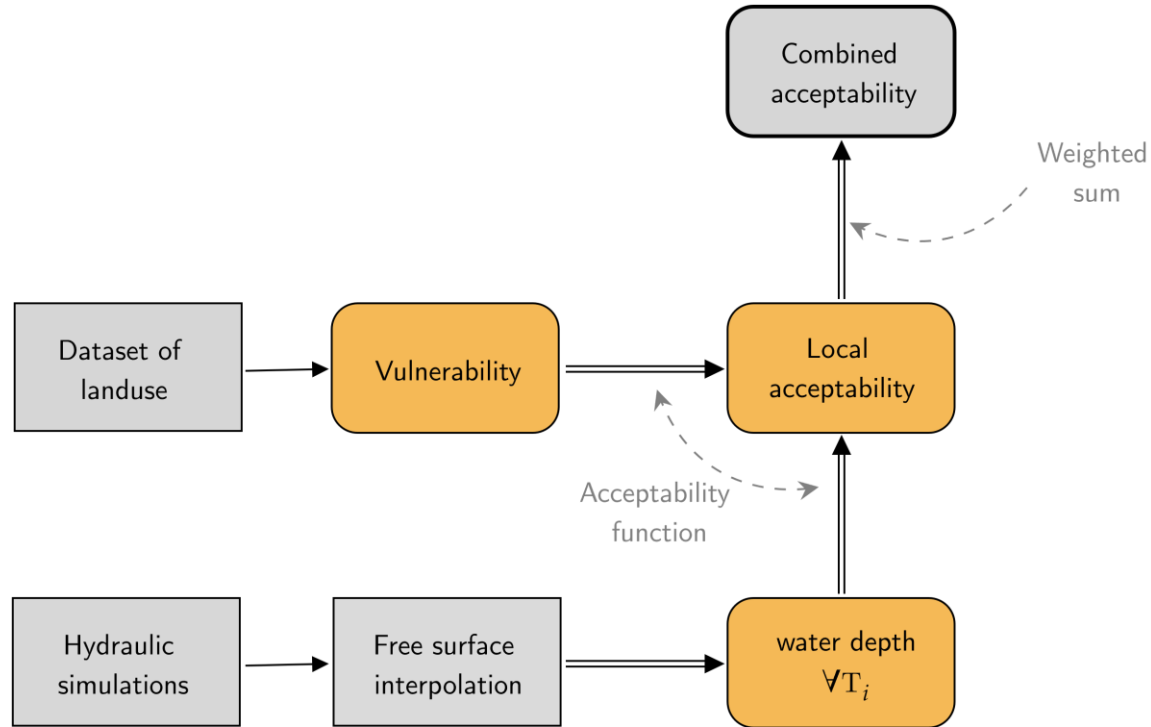


*e.g until 7[m] errors at the
municipality in Theux*

Correction with tool
existing in WOLF

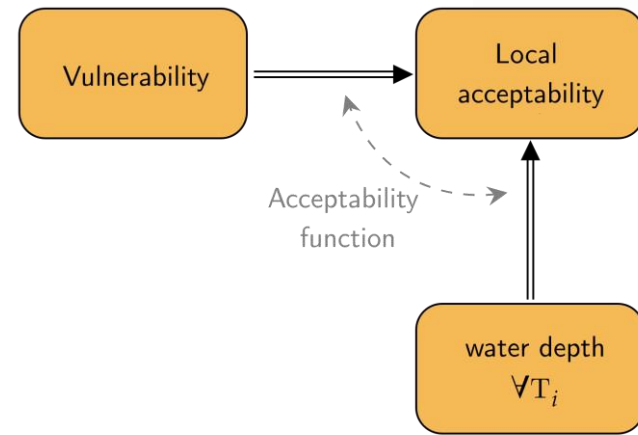


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Score	Acceptability
-2	Not acceptable
-1	To be avoided
0	Neutral
1	Favorable
2	Unconstrained



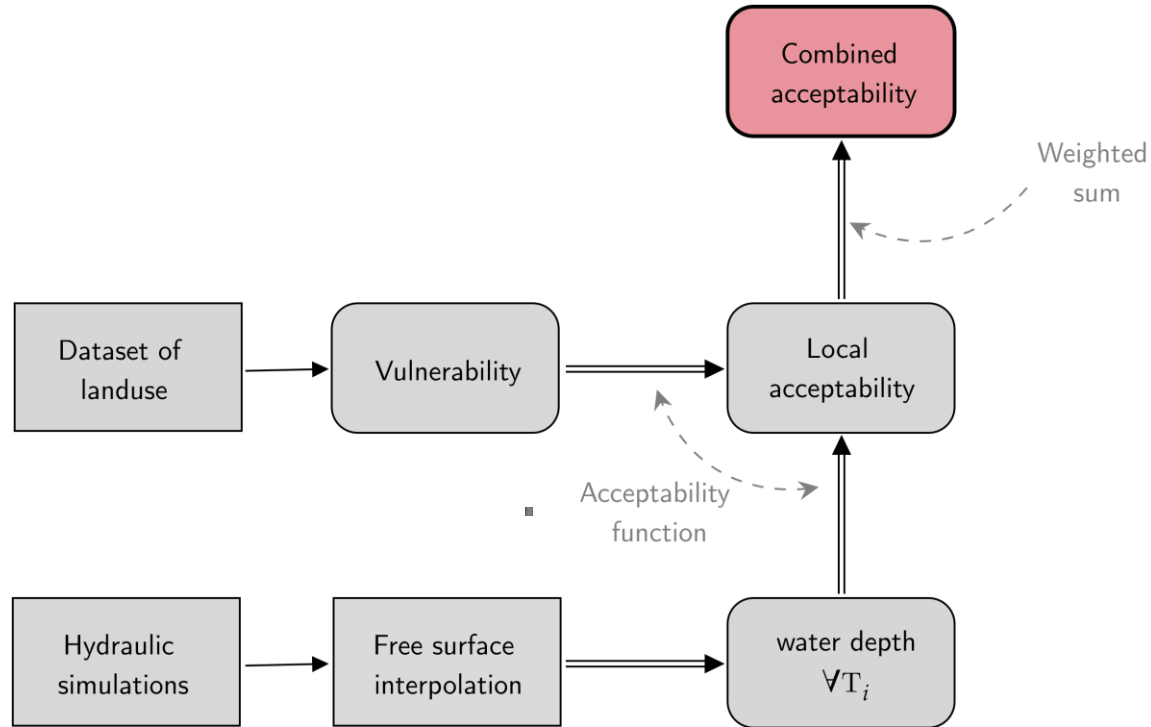
e.g Simplistic local acceptability score example

Vulnerability level X



T \ wd	wd ₀	wd ₁	wd ₂	wd ₃	wd ₄
T _a	0	0	-1	-2	-2
T _b	0	0	-1	-2	-2
T _c	0	1	0	-2	-2
T _d	0	1	0	-1	-2
T _e	0	2	1	0	-1

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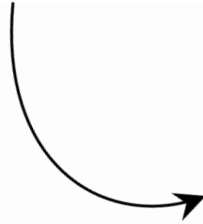
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Combined
acceptability

Combined acceptability matrix

$$A^* = \sum_{i=k}^n a_i A_i \quad (1)$$

with the normalized weighting coefficients a_i defined in Eqs.(2,3,4) and A_i the local acceptability matrices.



Normalized weighting coefficients

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T_k} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{T_k} - \frac{1}{T_{k+1}} \right) \quad (2)$$

$$a_l = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{T_{l-1}} - \frac{1}{T_l} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{T_l} - \frac{1}{T_{l+1}} \right) \quad (3)$$

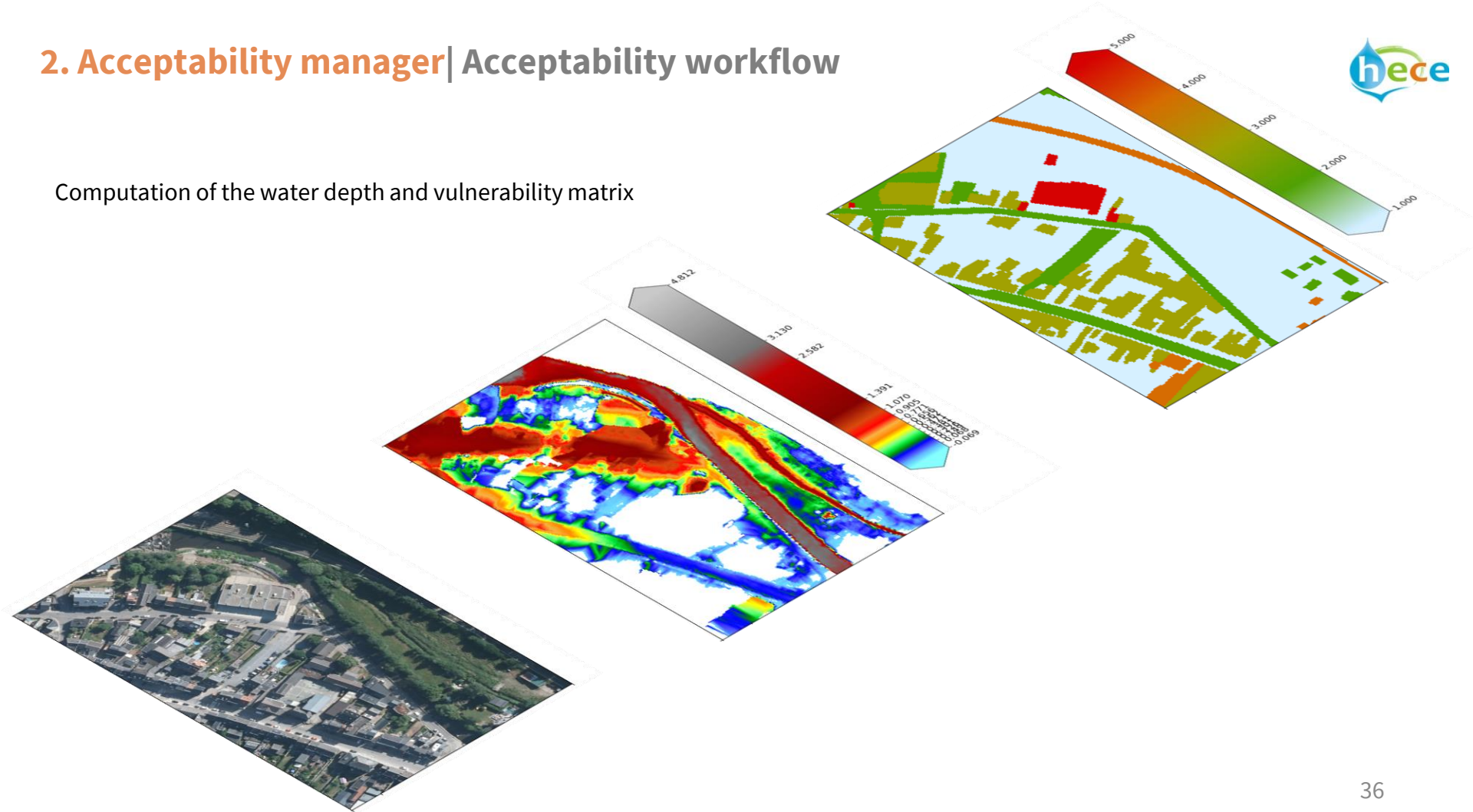
$$a_m = \frac{1}{T_m} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{T_{m-1}} - \frac{1}{T_m} \right) \quad (4)$$

with the subscript k corresponding to the weighting coefficient for the first available return period denoted T_k , m to the last, and l for intermediate elements. The notation +1 (or -1) corresponds to the next (or previous) available return period.

a_2	a_5	a_{15}	a_{25}	a_{50}	a_{100}	a_{1000}
0.65	0.2	0.08	0.04	0.015	0.0095	0.0055

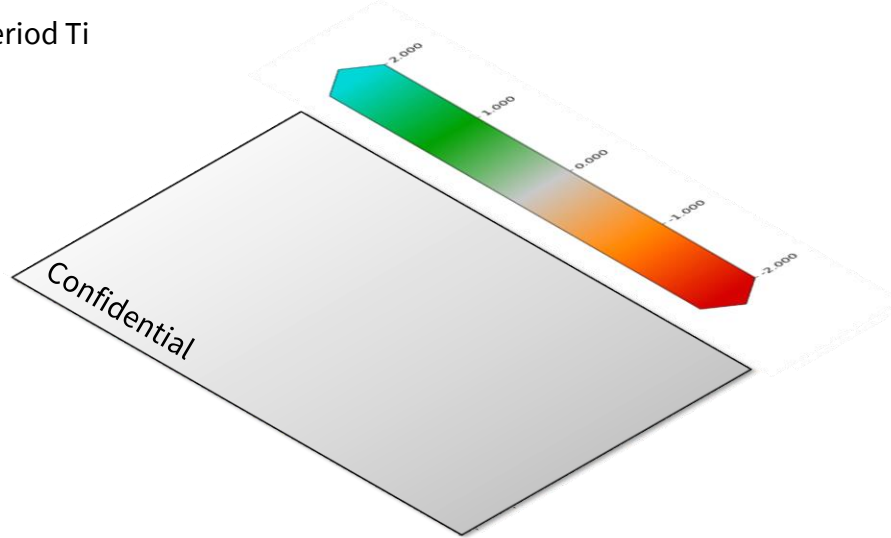
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Computation of the water depth and vulnerability matrix



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Computation of the water depth and vulnerability matrix
for each simulated return period T_i



Local T_a
acceptability

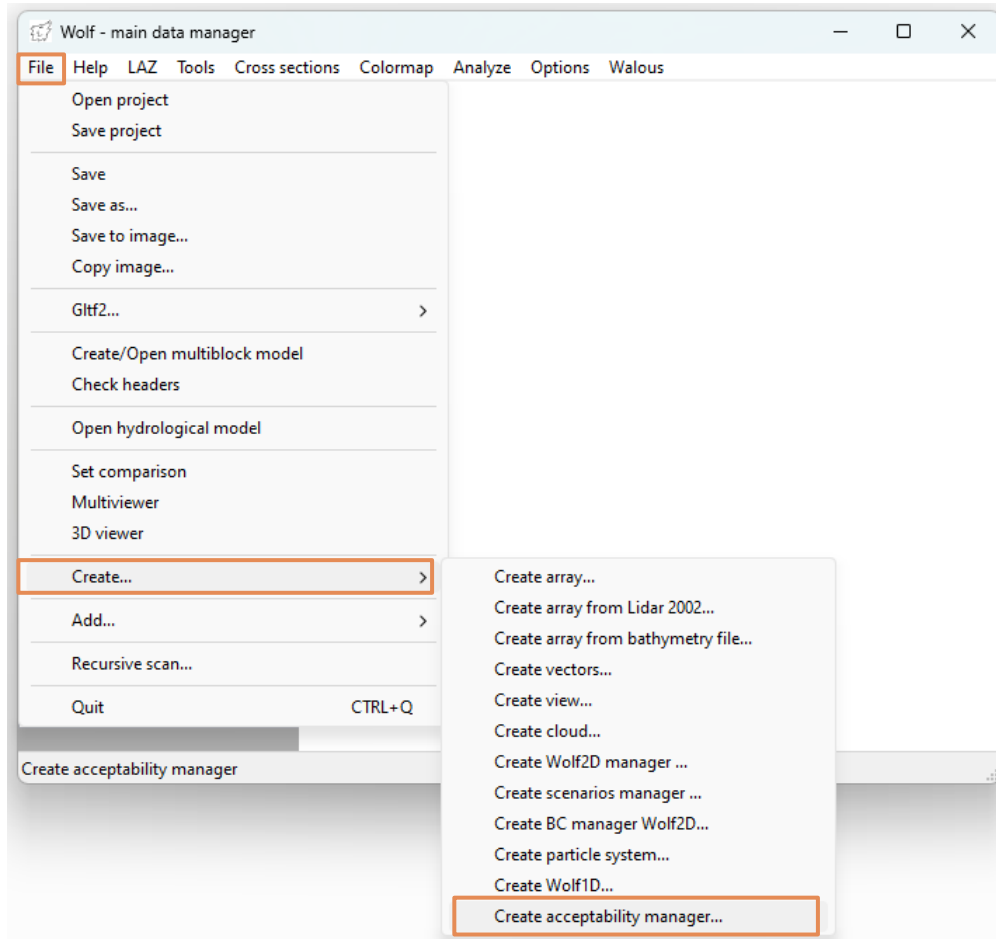
Local T_b
acceptability

Local T_c
acceptability

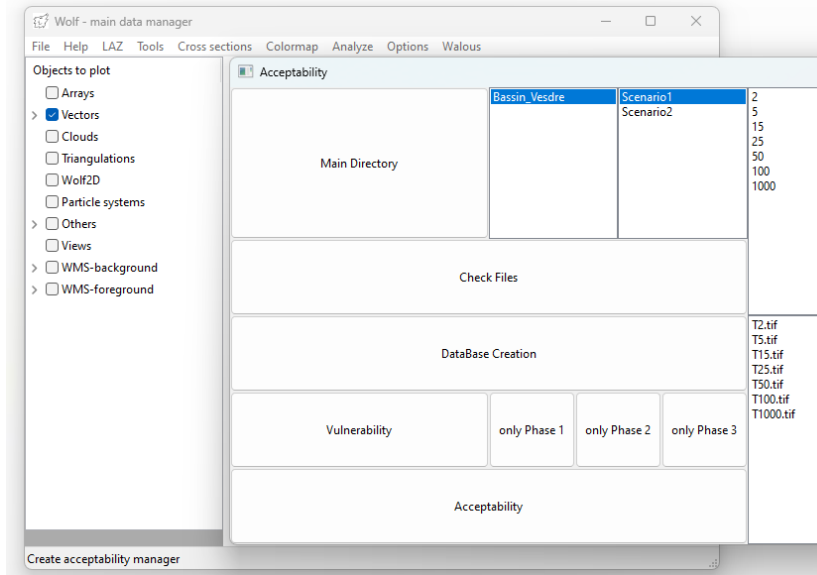
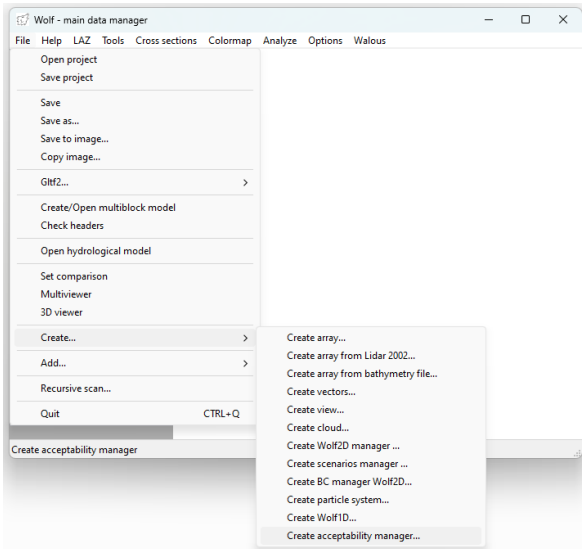
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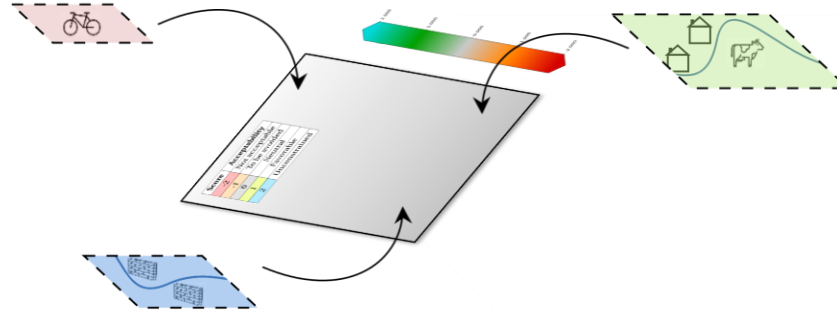
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3. Further investigations

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- Questioning the weighting coefficients;
- In-depth analysis of the Theux case study, and generalization;
- Creation of a technical tool for managing scenarios in terms of acceptability.



3. Further investigations | Simulate to communicate

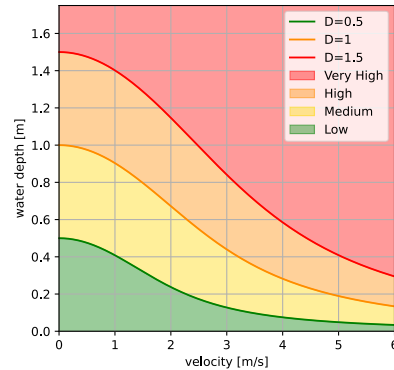
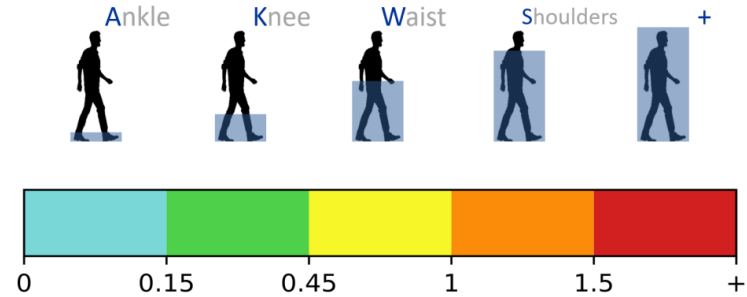
Attention must be paid for communicating results.

For example, focusing on **pedestrian risks**.

Two examples :

AKWS+ scale

‘**Total depth $D(wd, v)$ [m]**’ which is equivalent height corresponding to the **force** exerted by the water flow



“2D shallow water GPU parallelized scheme for high resolution real-field flood simulations”, R Vacondio et al., River Flow 2014



Thank you for your attention

Other questions ?

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