



# Flood risk analysis in Wallonia

## Micro- (and meso-)scale approaches



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## Hazard modelling

**END-TO-END  
FLOOD-RISK  
ANALYSIS  
PROCEDURE**

## Vulnerability modelling

Business, industry



Agriculture

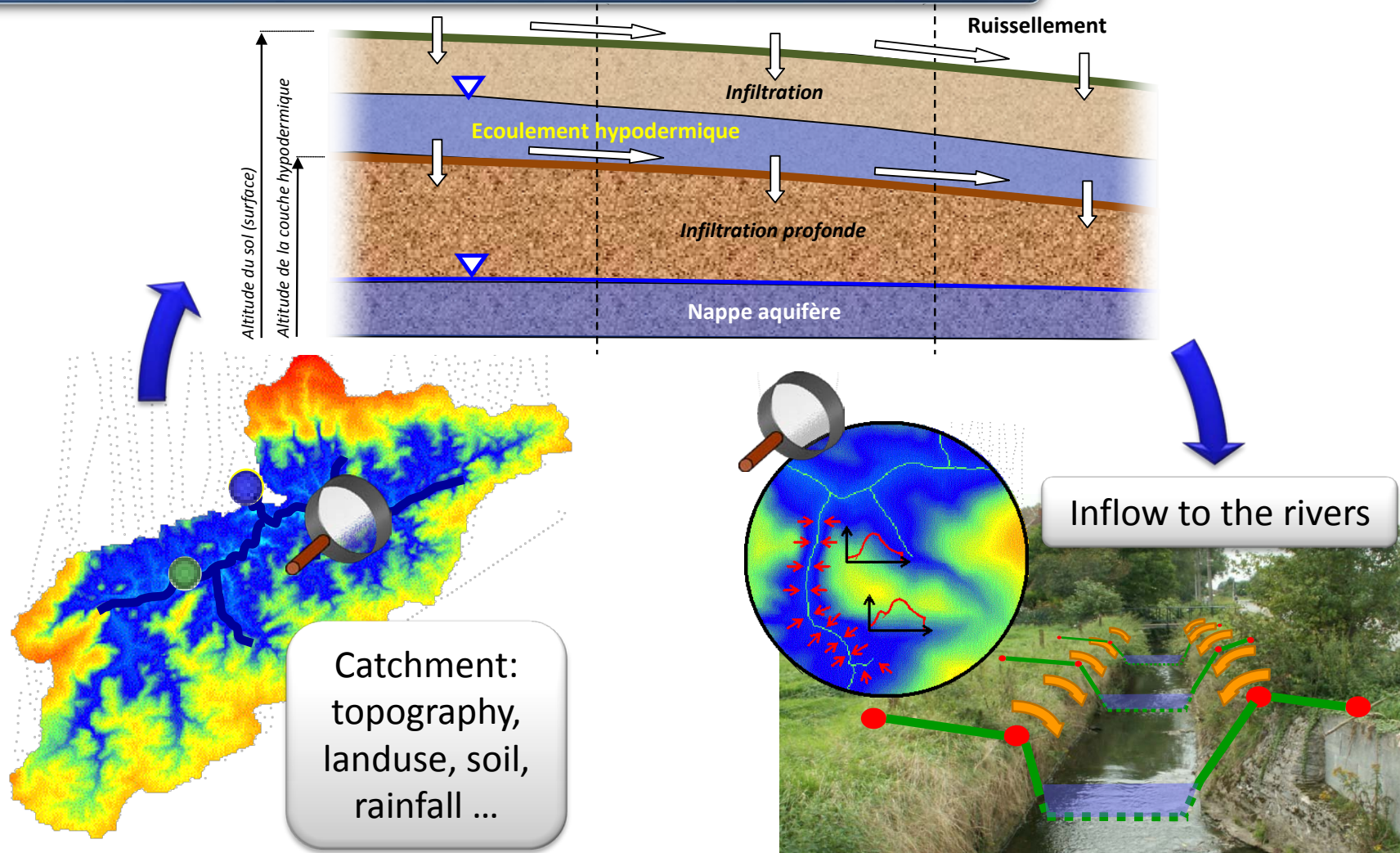


Traffic

**DAMAGE**Water retention  
(incl. large dams)**FLOOD****INUNDATION**Enhance river conveyance  
(maintenance dredging, dikes ...)Restrict/ban building in floodplains  
Reduce vulnerability of assets



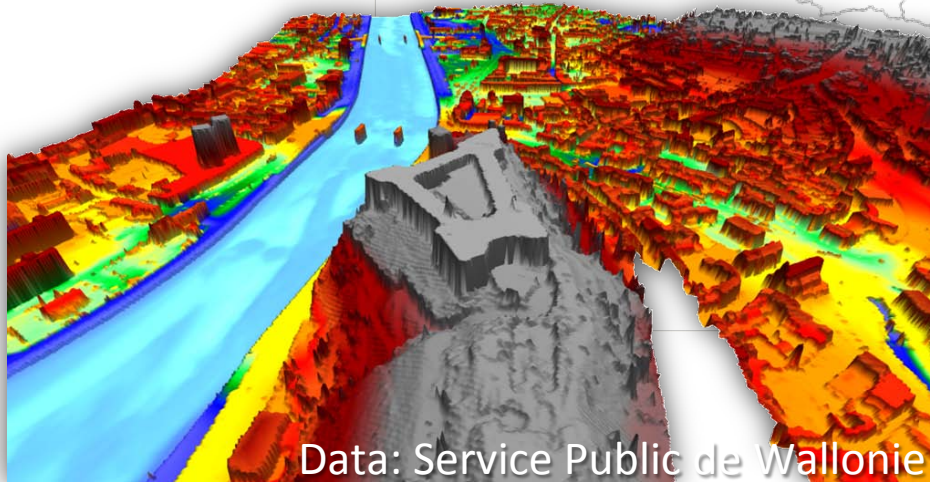
## PROCESS-ORIENTED RAINFALL-RUNOFF MODELLING & FLOOD ROUTING



Khuat Duy, Archambeau, Dewals, Erpicum & Piroton (2010). River modelling and flood mitigation in a Belgian catchment. *Proceedings of ICE : Water Management*. **163**(8) 417–423.

**DETAILED 2D INUNDATION MODELLING**

**FULLY DYNAMIC 2D MODEL,  
APPLIED TO > 1,000 KM OF RIVERS!**



Data: Service Public de Wallonie

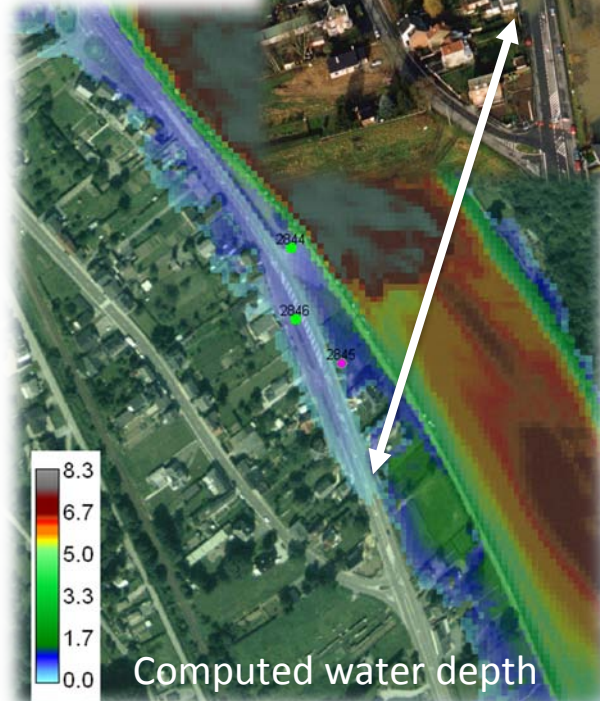
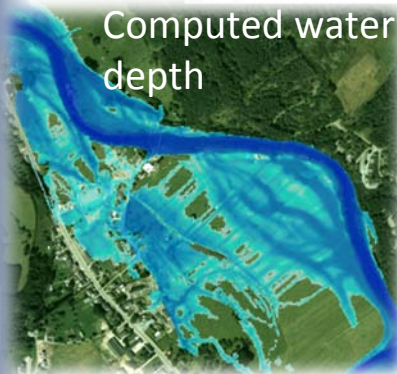
**HIGH ACCURACY AND HIGH  
RESOLUTION TOPOGRAPHIC DATA**

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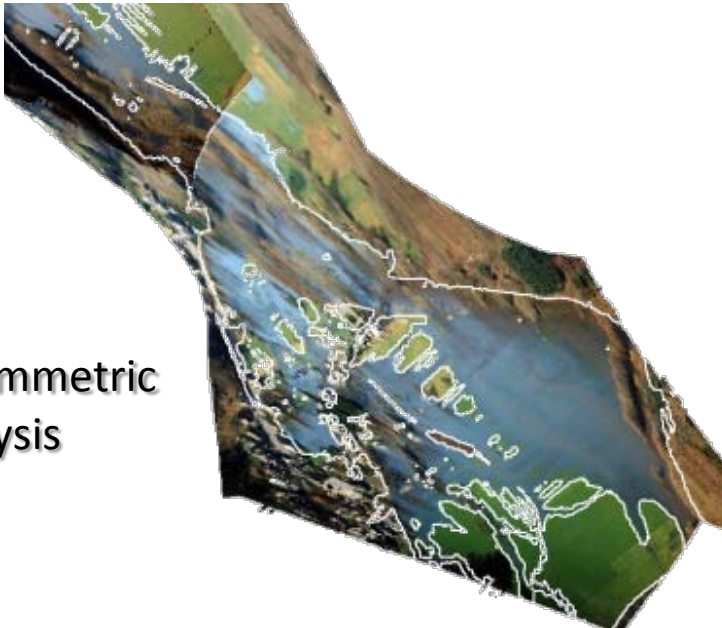


## DETAILED 2D INUNDATION MODELLING

### ACCURATE AND VALIDATED MODEL



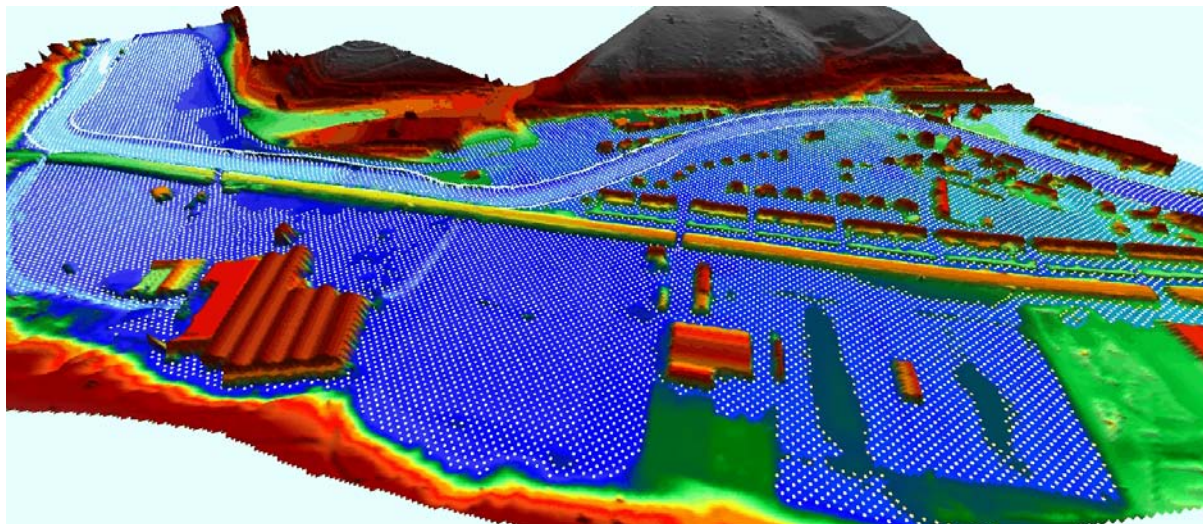
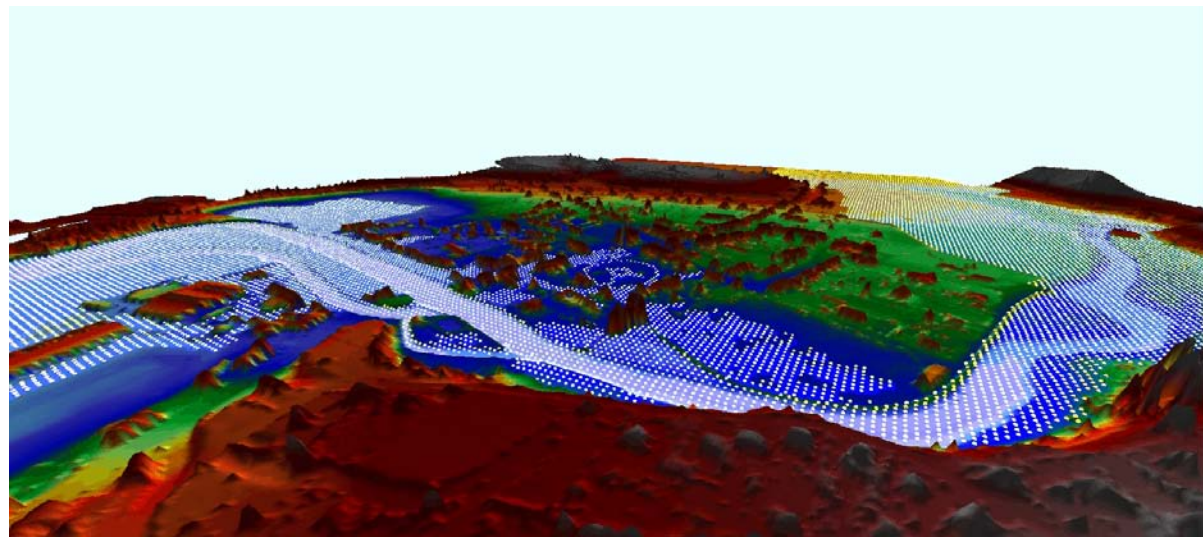
Photogrammetric analysis





## DETAILED 2D INUNDATION MODELLING

### WHY DETAILED FULLY DYNAMIC 2D MODELLING? LUXURY OR NECESSITY?



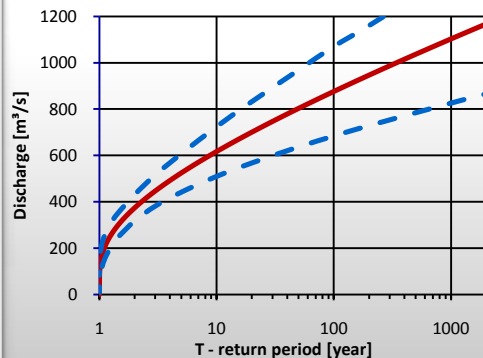
1. Complex urbanized floodplains

2. Consistent with inundation mapping conducted so far

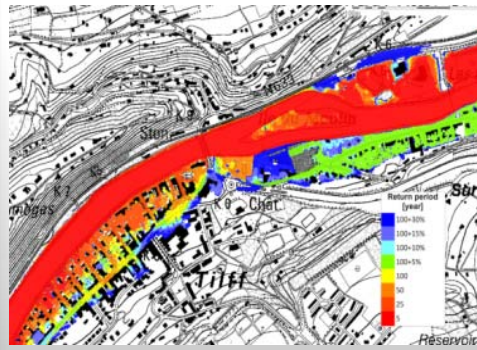
3. Better insight into inundation dynamics

better understanding of the flow enhanced design of protection measures

## Hydrological statistics



## Inundation maps

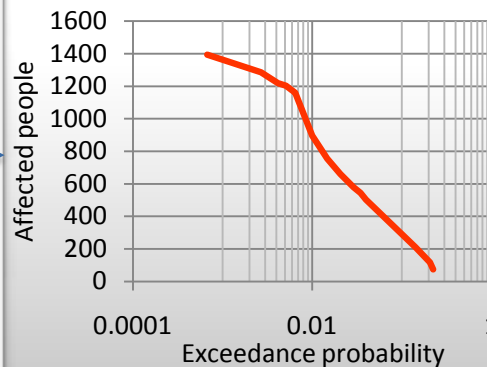


Flood frequency

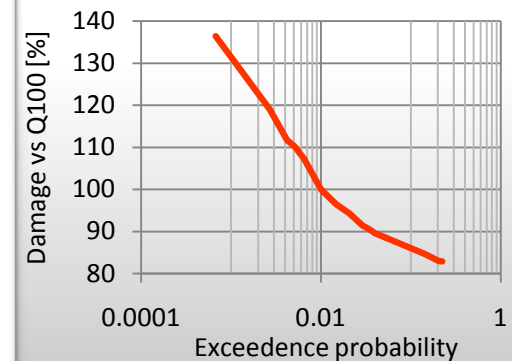
Extent

+ Land use  
data ...

## Exposure



## Risk



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## SCALE-DEPENDENT LANDUSE DATABASE

## Micro-scale analysis

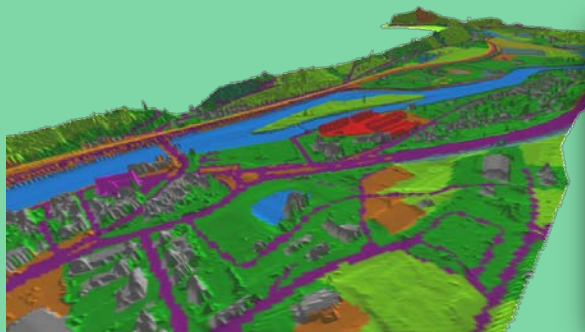
*For technical planning*

► Mainly cadastral data:

- Location of exposed buildings
- Building type and use



Complemented by Top10v-GIS and/or PICC data



Data: IGN - Bruxelles

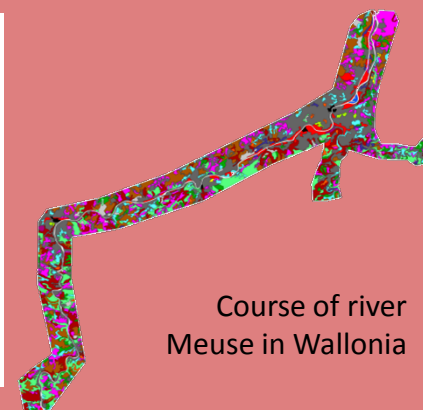
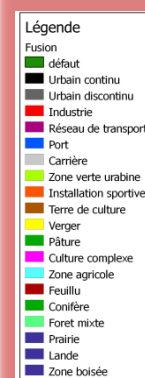


Data: SPW

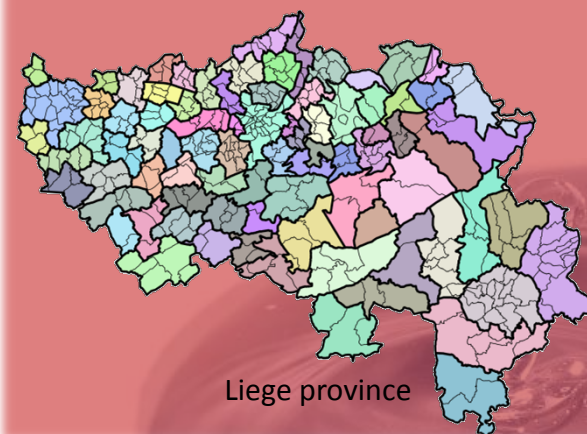
## Meso-scale analysis

*Catchment-scale analysis*

Mainly CORINE data

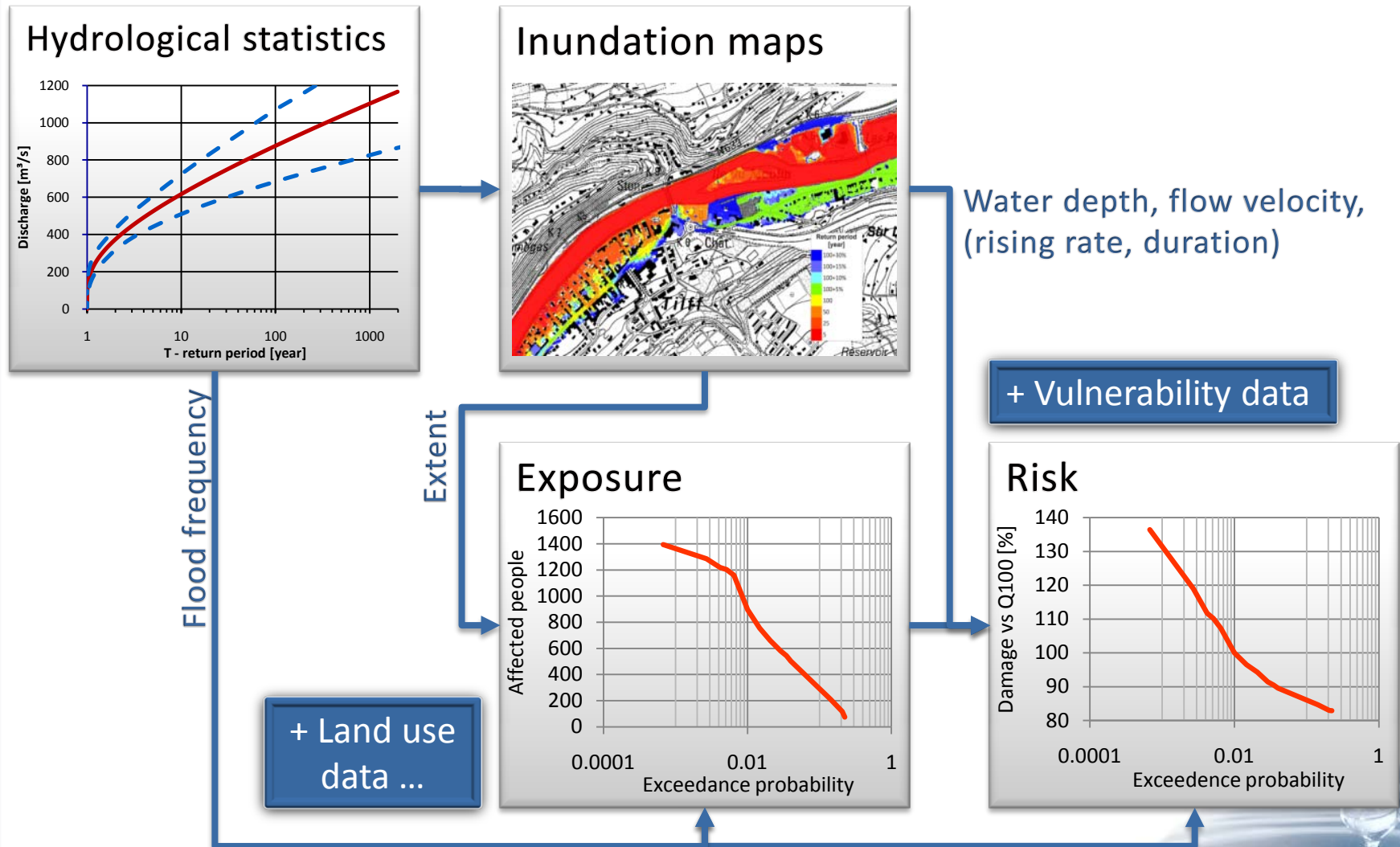


Course of river  
Meuse in Wallonia



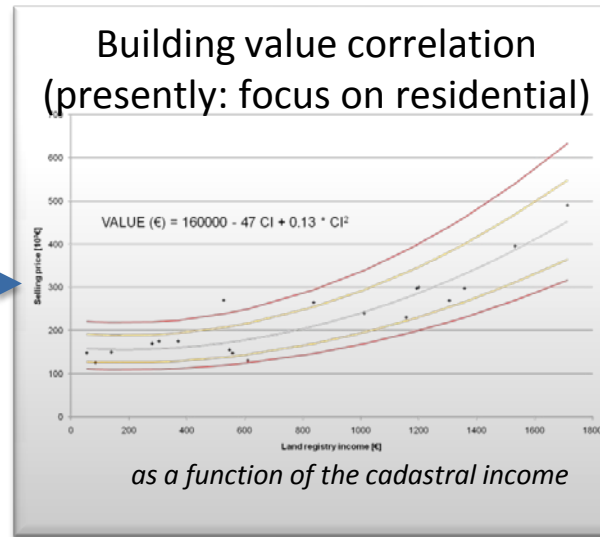
Liege province





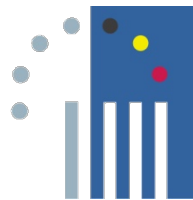
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of **each** building

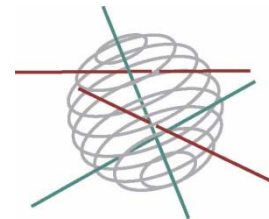


Value of **each** asset

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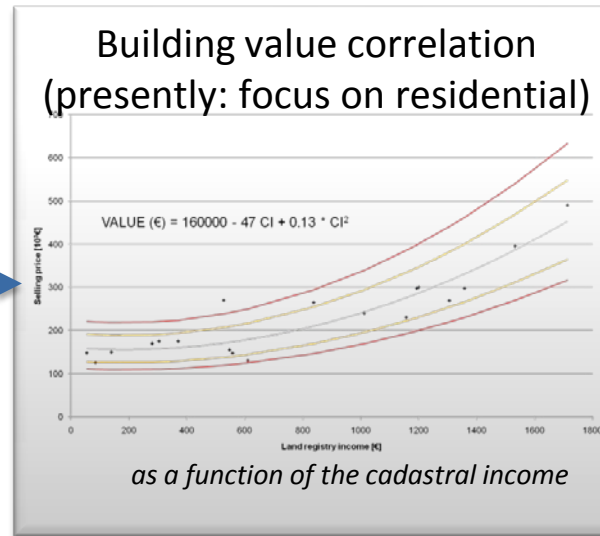
ADAPT  
Project



► Need for better database and/or a better  
access to inventory with values of assets at risk



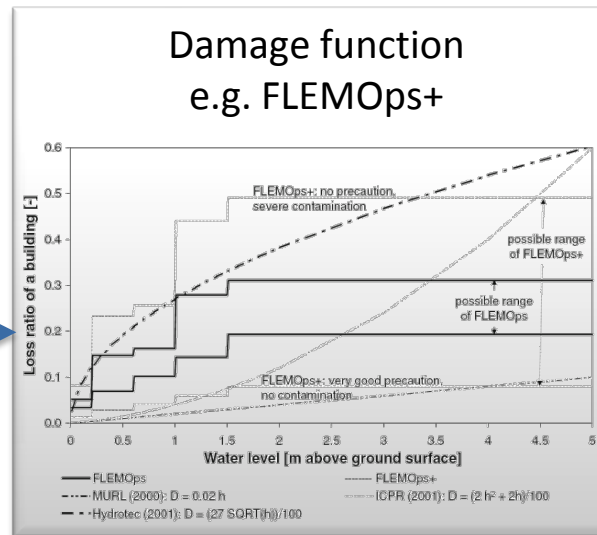
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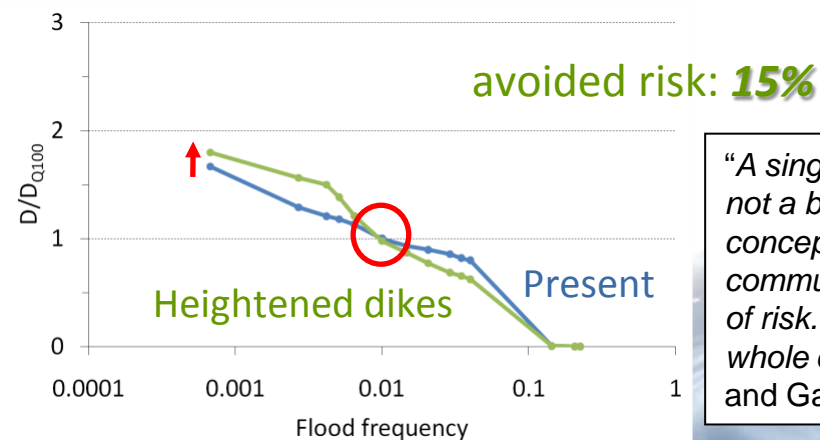
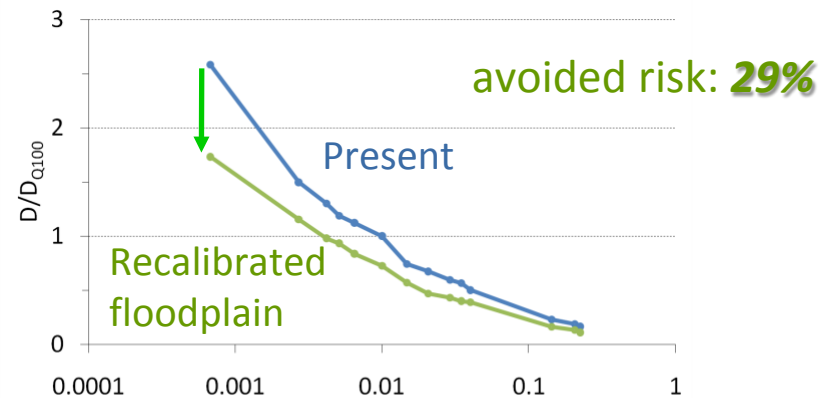
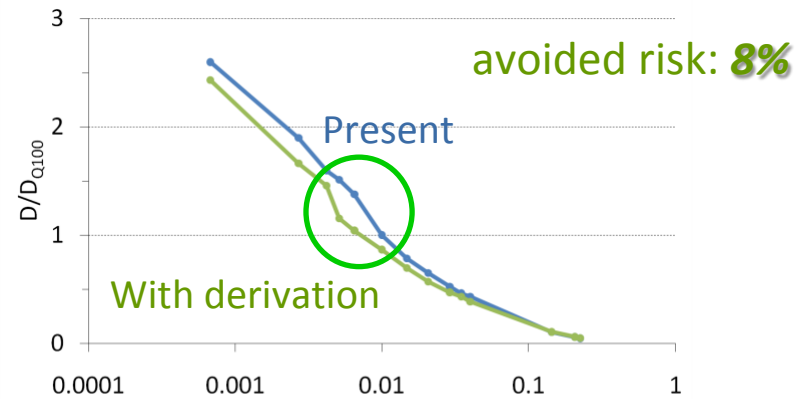
Value of **each** asset

**POTENTIAL  
DAMAGE  
(€)**

Water depth, velocity,  
(rising rate, duration)



Relative damage



*"A single number is not a big enough concept to communicate the idea of risk. It takes a whole curve". Kaplan and Garrick (1981)*



## ON-GOING RESEARCH: AMICE PROJECT

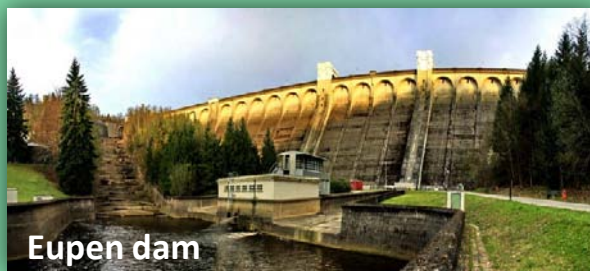


## Micro-scale analysis

New operation rules for the Vesdre reservoirs

*River length = 70km; catchment = 700 km<sup>2</sup>*

Liège  
200,000 inhabitants

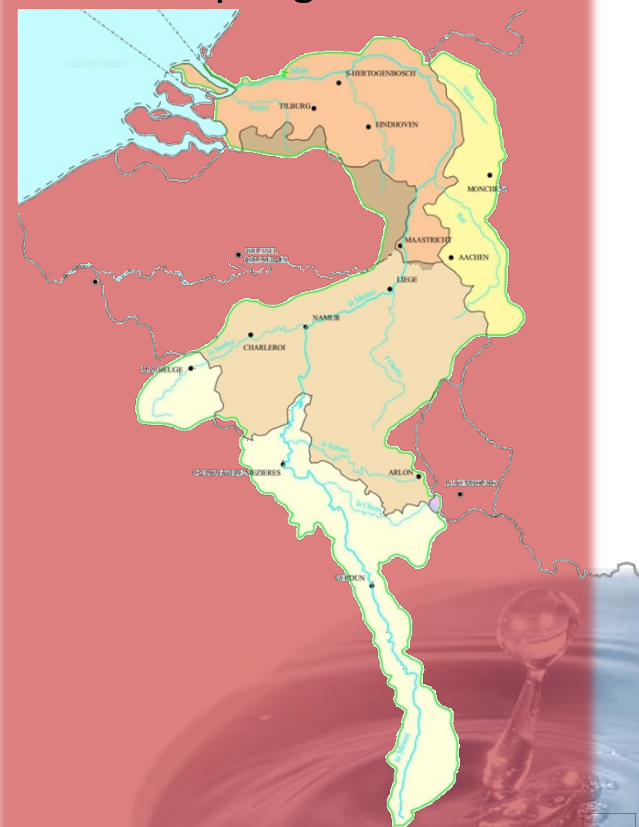


Verviers:  
55,000 inhabitants



## Meso-scale analysis

Flood risk analysis for the whole course of river Meuse, from spring to mouth



End-to-end flood risk analysis procedure  
embedded in our modelling system WOLF

Detailed 2D inundation modelling = genuine added value for  
understanding complex inundation processes and elaborate  
relevant protection strategies

Micro-scale analysis with consistency in data & model  
resolution throughout the procedure of hazard and  
vulnerability modelling

Flexible combination of micro- and meso-scale analyses  
depending on data availability and purpose of the study,  
*as well as social impact analysis (ADAPT project)*



For more details ...  
*see next issue of*



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ORIGINAL PAPER

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**Abstract** The paper presents a consistent micro-scale flood risk analysis procedure, relying on detailed 2D inundation modelling as well as on high resolution topographic and land use database. The flow model is based on the shallow-water equations, solved by means of a finite volume scheme on multi-block structured grids. Using highly accurate laser altimetry, the simulations are performed with a typical grid spacing of 2 m, which is fine enough to represent the flow at the scale of individual buildings. Consequently, the outcomes of hydraulic modelling constitute suitable inputs for the subsequent exposure analysis, performed at a micro-scale using detailed land use maps and geographic database. Eventually, the procedure incorporates social flood impact analysis and evaluation of direct economic damage to residential buildings. Besides detailing the characteristics and performance of the hydraulic model, the paper describes the flow of data within the overall flood risk analysis procedure and demonstrates its applicability by means of a case study, for which two different flood protection measures were evaluated.

**Keywords** Flood risk analysis · Micro-scale · Inundation modelling · Land use maps · Digital surface model · Finite volume

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