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Disaster Risk Management Unit Directorate E, Joint Research Centre, EC

Activity on river floods:

European/Global Flood Awareness System (EFAS/GLOFAS)

Climate change projections (Alfieri L., Rojas R., Feyen L)

Coastal floods group:

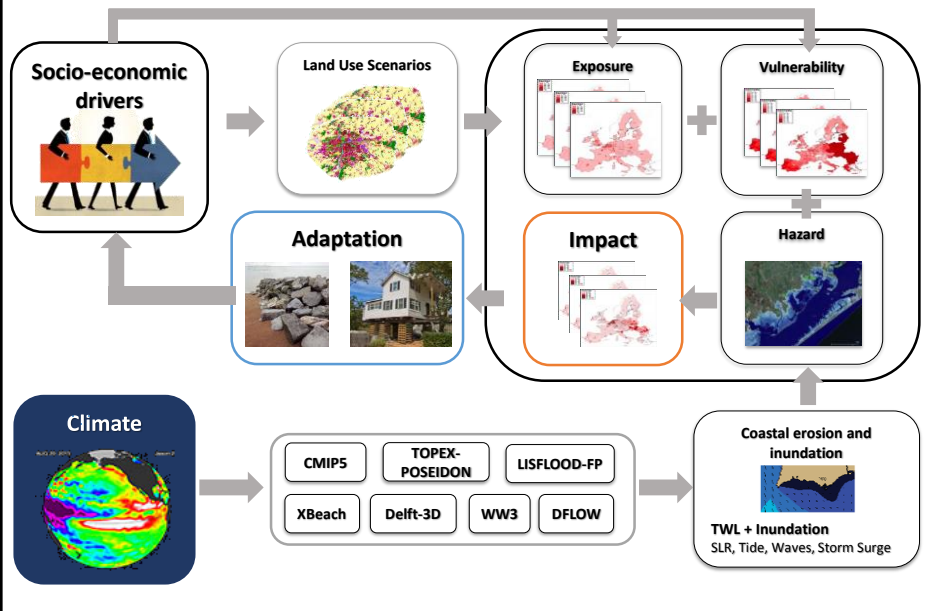
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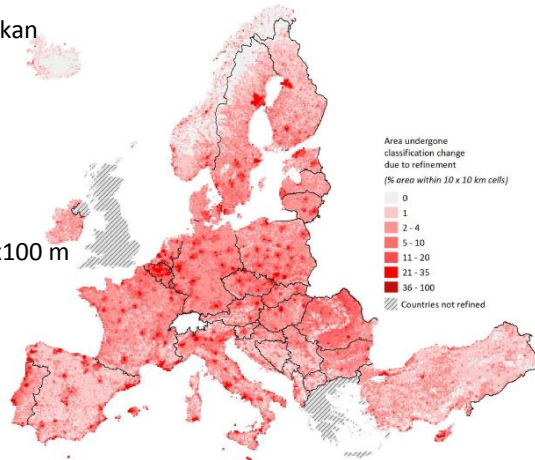
The LISCoAsT approach



The LISCoAsT approach **EXPOSURE-VULNERABILITY**

Exposure: current land use and population

- 2006 land use map, 100x100 m
- EU27 + EFTA + Turkey + Balkan
- 45 thematic classes
- Refined CORINE land use
 - Soil Sealing Layer
 - TeleAtlas®
 - Urban Atlas
- 2006 population map, 100x100 m
- EU27 + EFTA
- SSPs



Batista e Silva, F., Lavallo, C., Koomen, E., 2013. A procedure to obtain a refined European land use/cover map. *Journal of Land Use Science*, 8 (3), pp. 255-283.
 Batista e Silva, F., J. Gallego, C. Lavallo, 2013. A high-resolution population grid map for Europe. *Journal of Maps*, 9, 16-28.

Mapping of large infrastructures and key economic assets

- Non renewable Power Plants (MW)
- Electricity distribution lines (km)
- Unesco cultural sites (number)
- Social infrastructure (number)
- Ports/Airports (No People Served)
- Transport networks (No People Served)
- Urban transport (No People Served)

Transmission lines



Below 220kV
 220kV - 299kV
 300kV - 379kV
 380kV - 499kV
 500kV - 999kV
 DC

Ports



Railway network

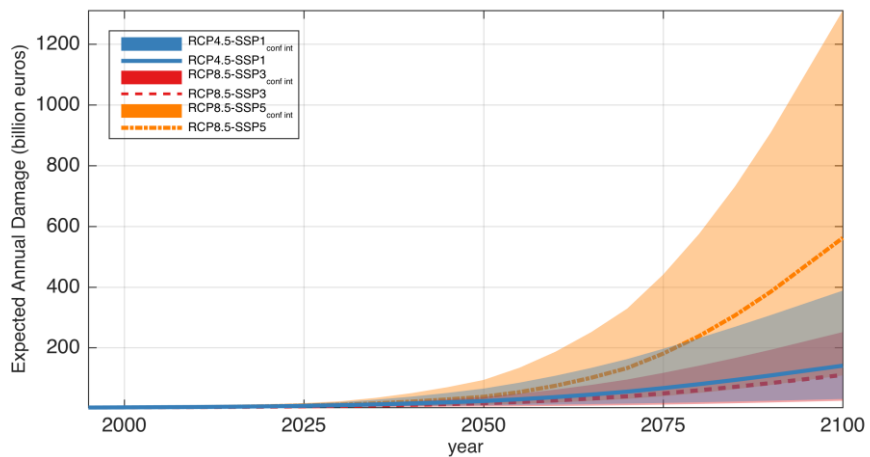




Results

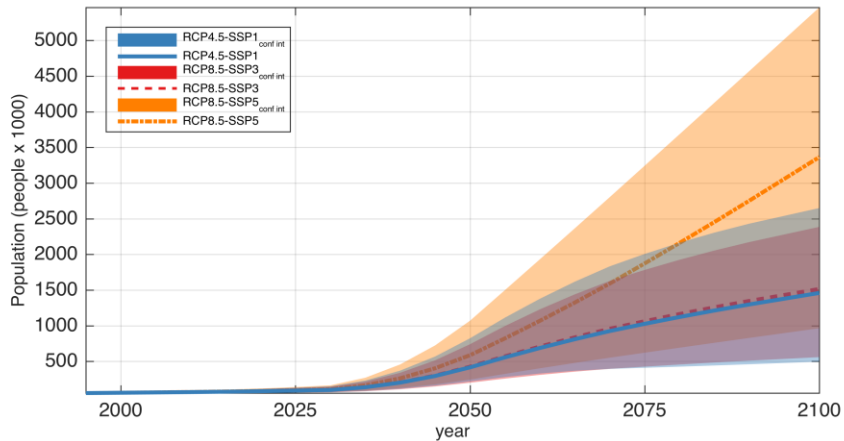
PROJECTIONS OF COASTAL IMPACTS FOR EUROPE

Projections of EAD for RCP4.5 and 8.5



Only direct impacts!

Projections of EA number of people affected

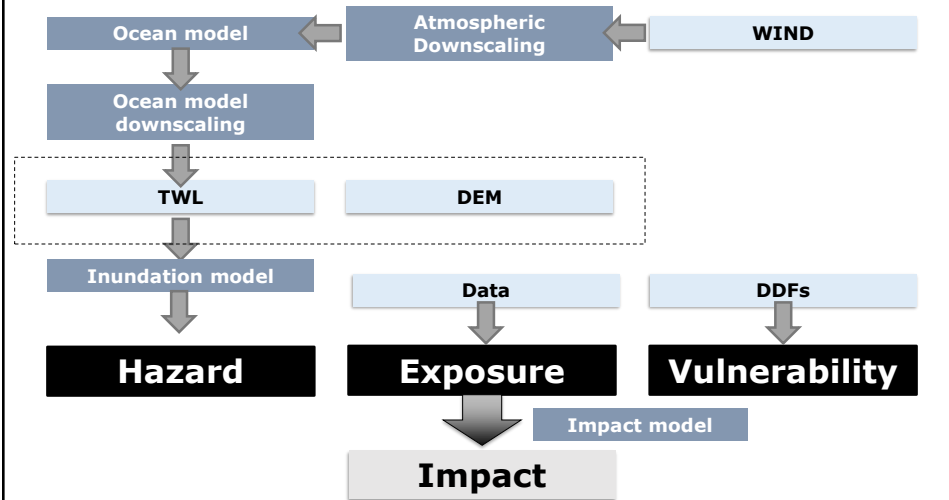


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Critical aspects

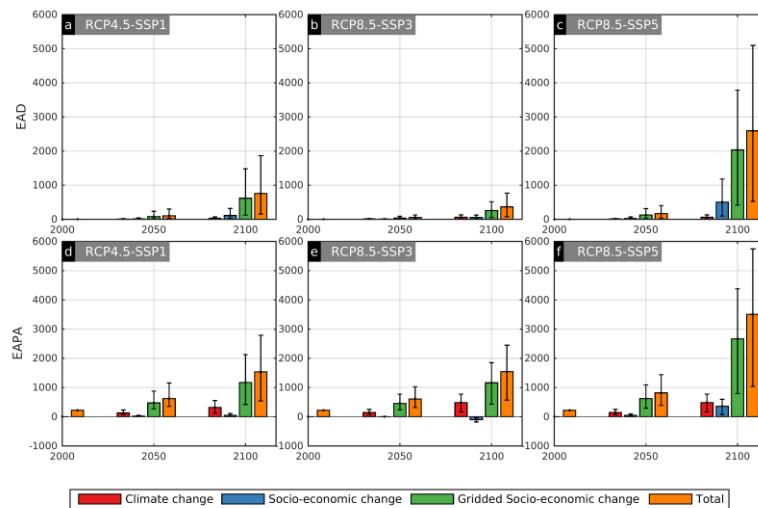
- Temporal and spatial scales
- Consider all processes (tides, waves, storm surge, erosion, protection failure, etc), or exclude the right ones ☺
- Data quality
- Find the right inundation model for the scale and data quality
- Exposure maps, stationary or dynamic
- Find the right impact assessment methodology
- Adaptation pathways

Critical aspects



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Coastal impacts- Socio-economic vs Physical



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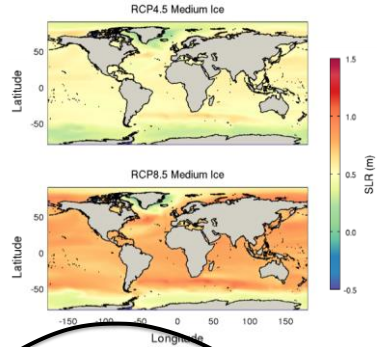
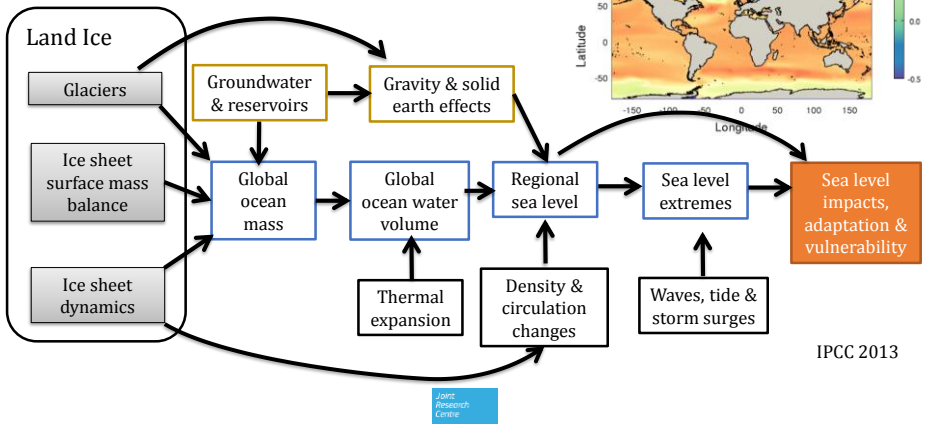
- A flexible coastal impact assessment tool
- Process-based, large scale, but not oversimplified
- Developed, validated and applied first for Europe and then implemented on global scale
- Building upon the group's expertise on inland flooding forecasting and impact assessment
- Collaborations with leading institutes of the field, smaller scale assessments for validation, incentive for improvement



The LISCoAsT approach
HAZARD PROJECTIONS



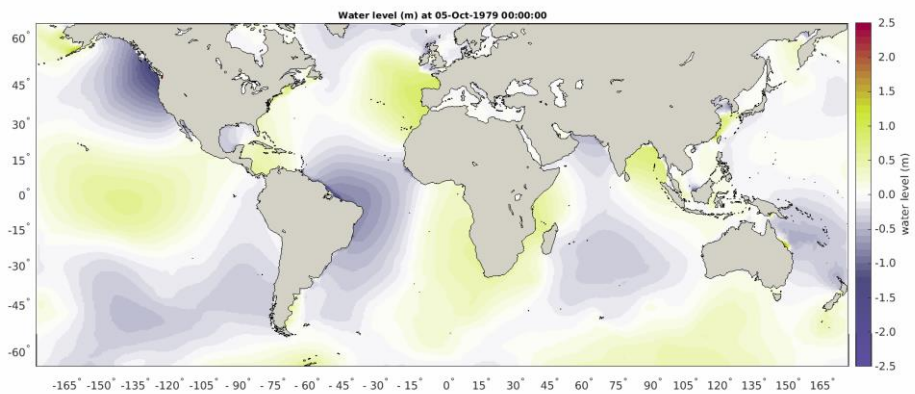
Sea Level Rise and beyond



Sea level extremes: Global Storm Surge Model

Model used: DFLOW
Simulated tidal, wind and pressure driven ocean circulation

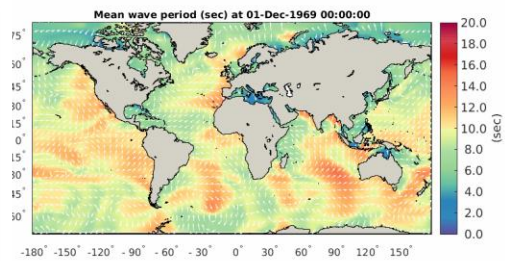
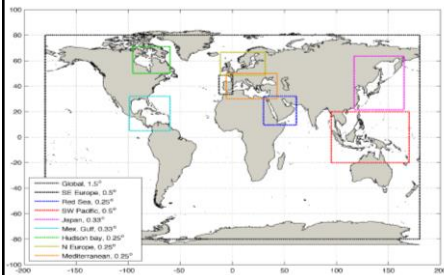
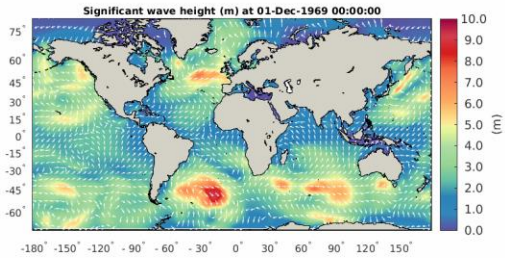
Flexible mesh
Nearshore resolution 0.11° x 0.05°
Offshore resolution 0.94° x 0.42°



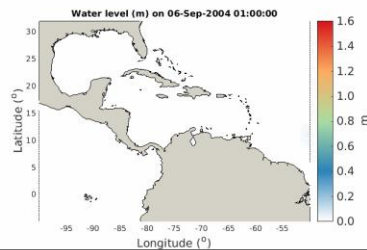
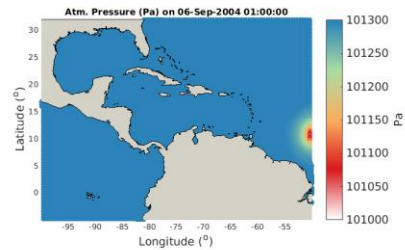
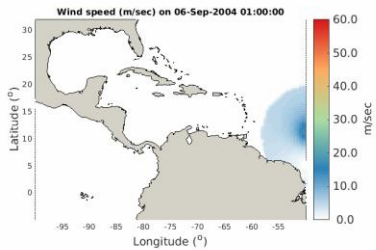


Sea level extremes: Global wave model

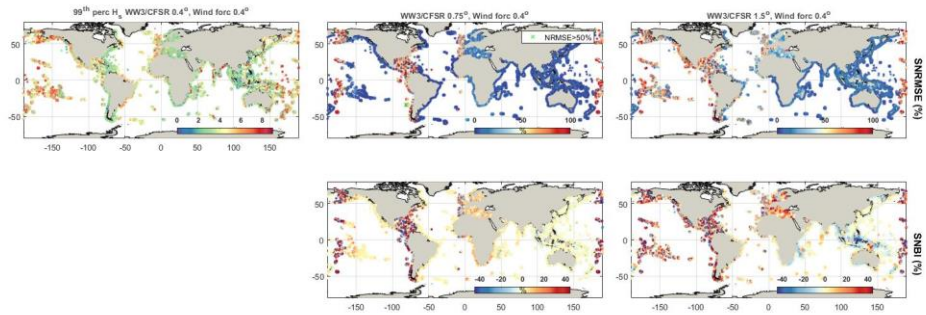
Model used: WaveWatch3 v4.18
Generates waves from wind fields
Resolves all wave directions and frequencies
Considers several parameters including
temperature, ice concentration



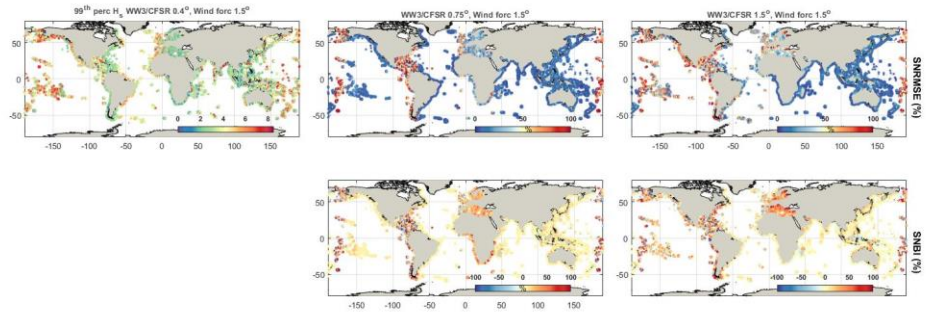
Sea level extremes: Tropical cyclones



Sea level extremes: Grid resolution effects

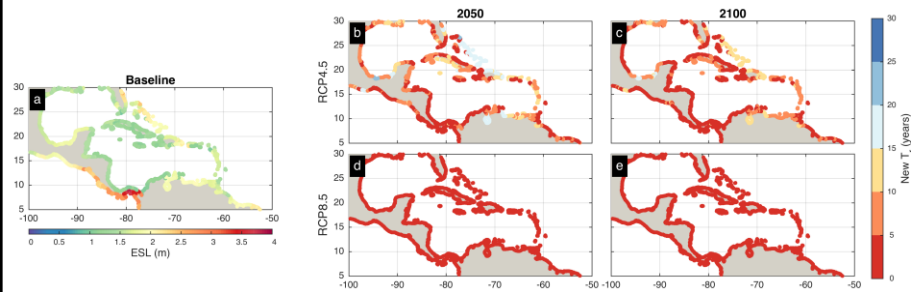


Sea level extremes: Forcing resolution effects





Caribbean TWL projections: Changes in frequency



Data to be available

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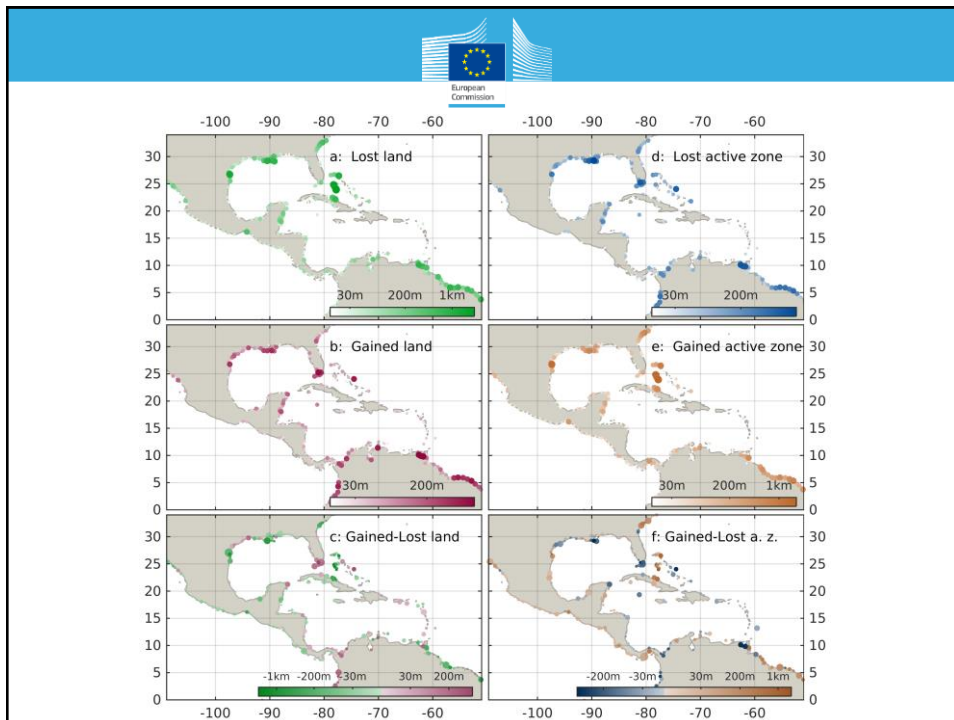
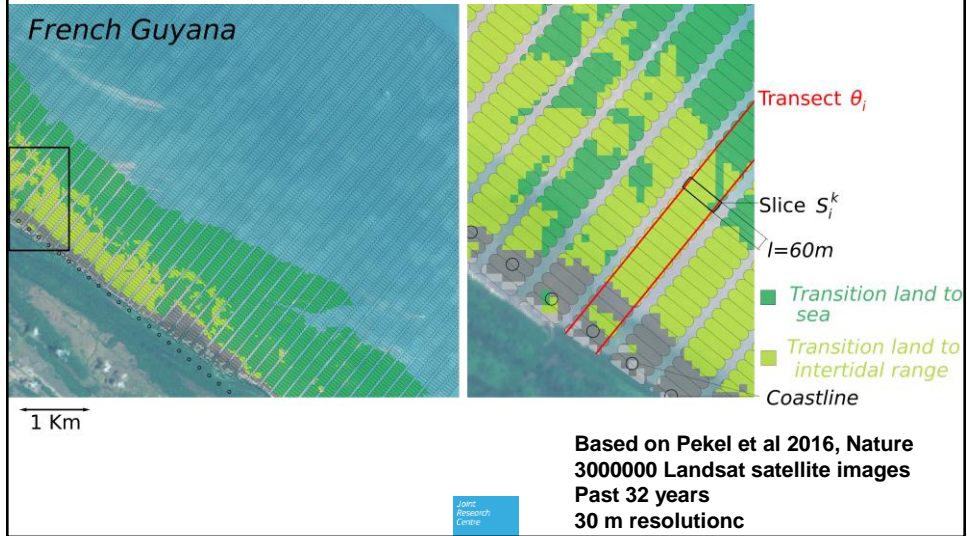


<https://global-surface-water.appspot.com>

Current Global Erosion Trends

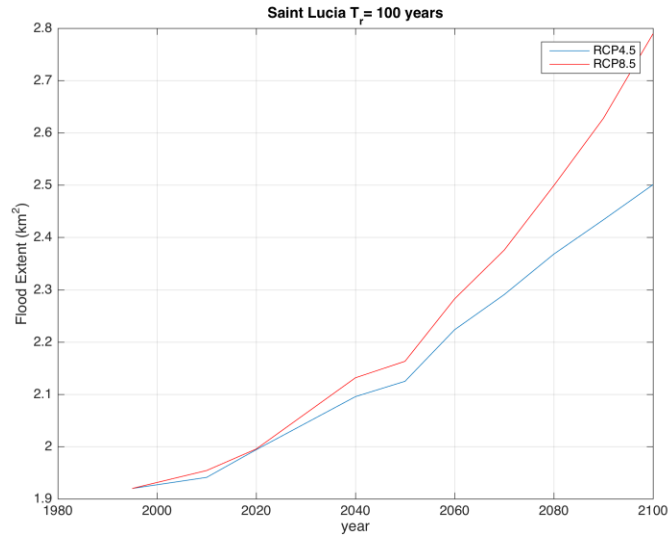
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Long-term shoreline dynamics

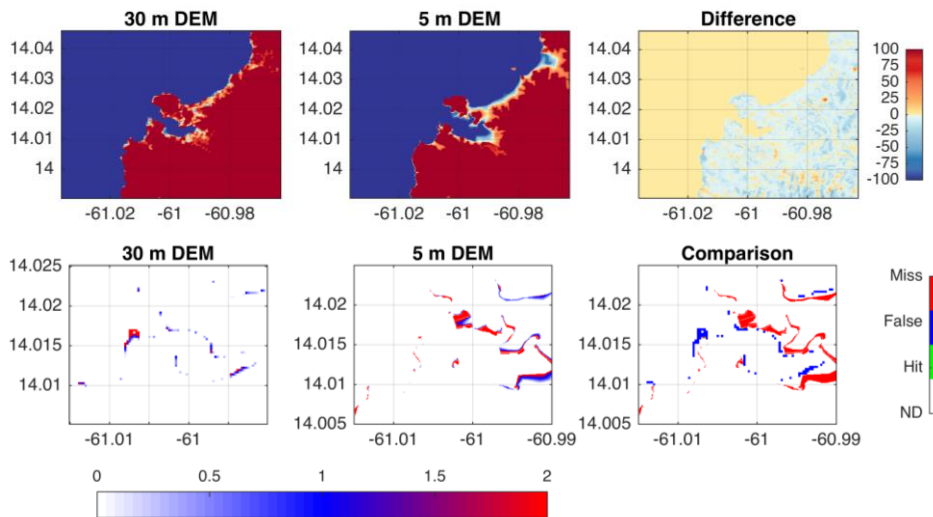




Flood extent projections for St Lucia



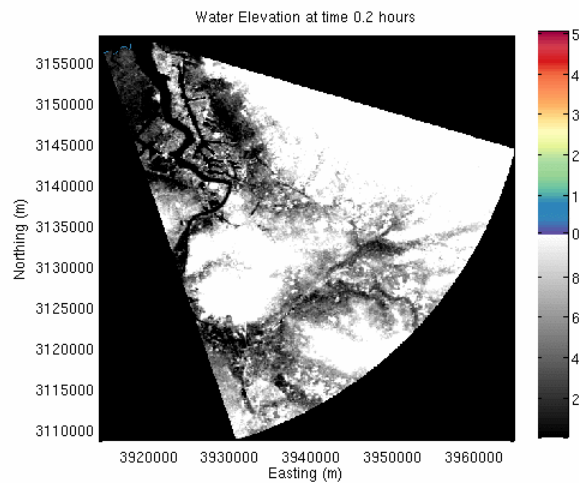
Digital Elevation data



2D vs 3D inundation simulations



Coastal Inundation: type of model



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Abstract. Coastal flooding related to marine extreme events has severe socio-economic impacts, and even though the latter are projected to increase under the changing climate, there is a clear deficit of information and predictive capacity related to coastal flood mapping. The present contribution reports on efforts towards a new methodology for mapping coastal flood hazard at European scale, combining (i) the contribution of waves to the total water level; (ii) improved inundation modelling; and (iii) an open, physics-based framework which can be constantly upgraded, whenever new and more accurate data become available. Four inundation approaches of gradually increasing complexity and computational costs were evaluated in terms of their applicability for large-scale coastal flooding mapping: static inundation (SM); a semi-dynamic method, considering the water volume discharge over the dykes (VD); the Flood Intensity Index approach (IW); and the model LISFLOOD-FP (LFP). A validation test performed against observed flood extents during the Xynthia storm event showed that SM and VD can lead to an overestimation of flood extents by 33% and 200% while IW and LFP

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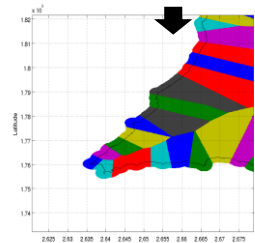
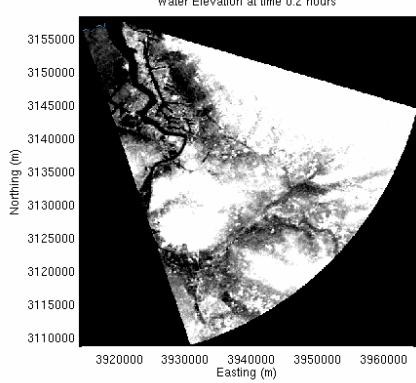
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Coastal Inundation on EU scale

- TWL components estimated every 25 km of coast
- SRTM DEM
- Similarly coastline and all data divided in 25 km long segments, extending 50 km inland

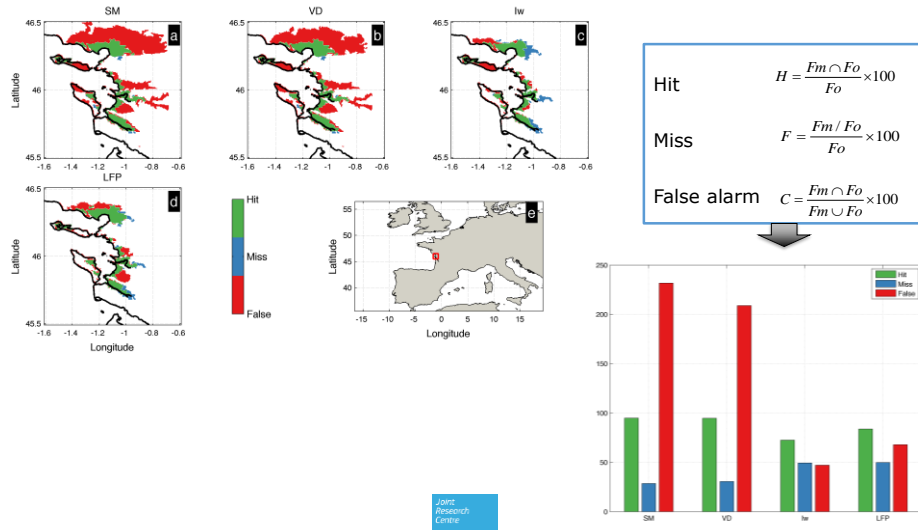



Water Elevation at time 0.2 hours

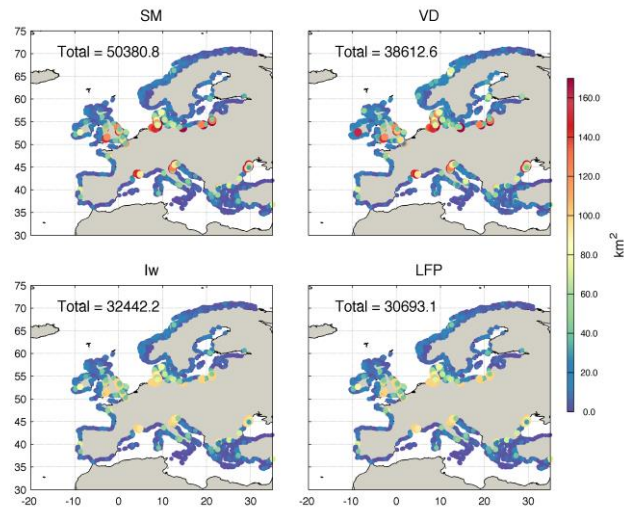
$$\eta_{TWL} = \eta_{MSL} + RSLR + \eta_{tide} + \eta_{stormsurge} + \eta_{wave}$$

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Validation for the Xynthia storm

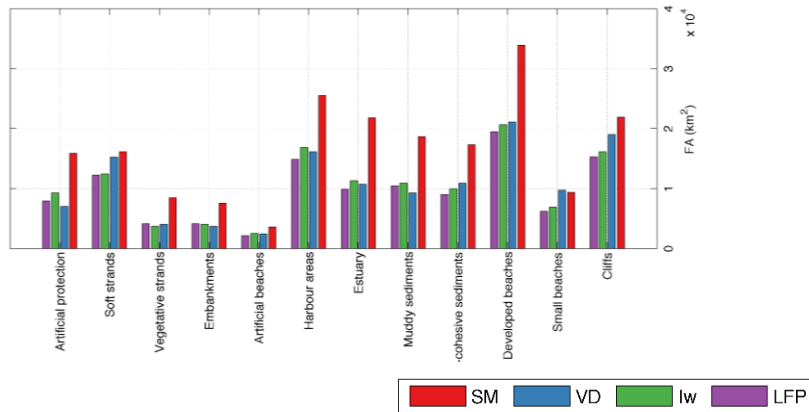


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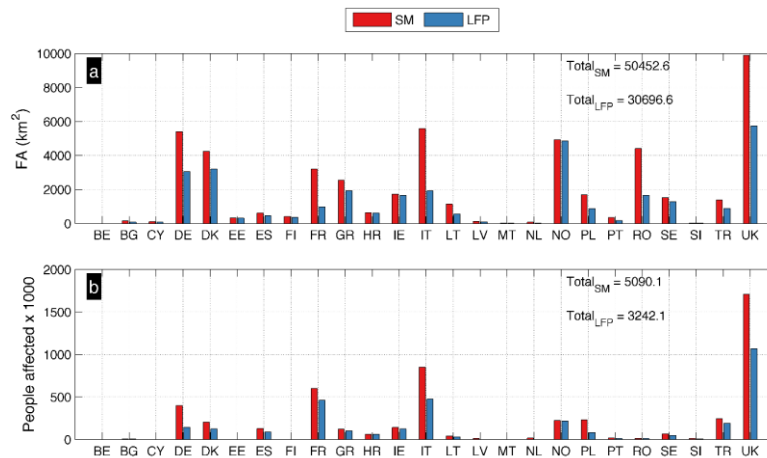




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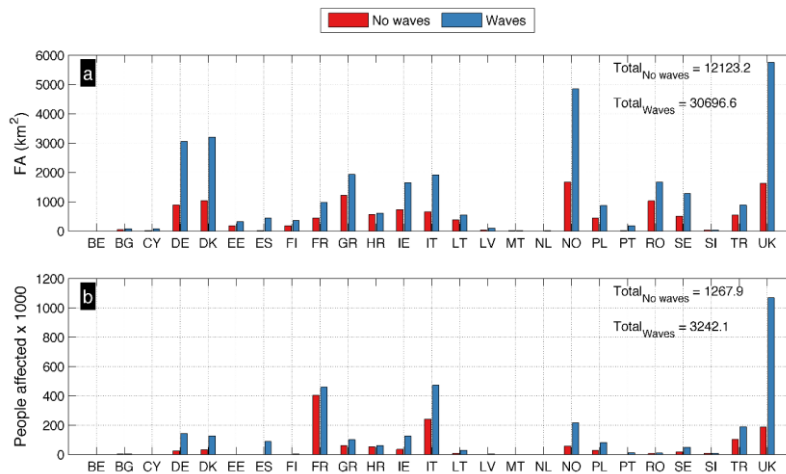
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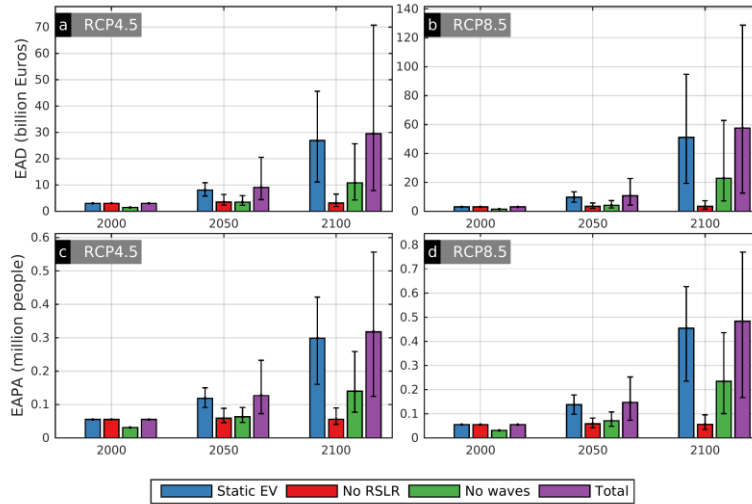
Coastal Inundation: considering waves



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Coastal impacts- Physical contributions



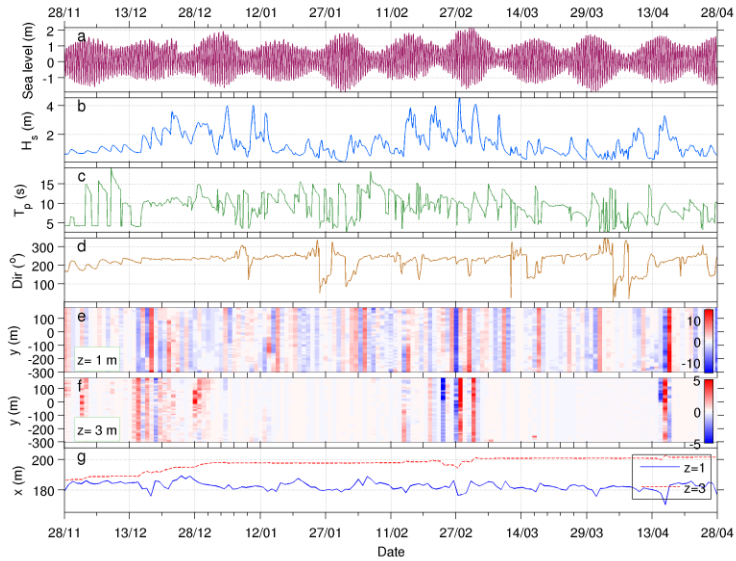
Coastal erosion and inundation



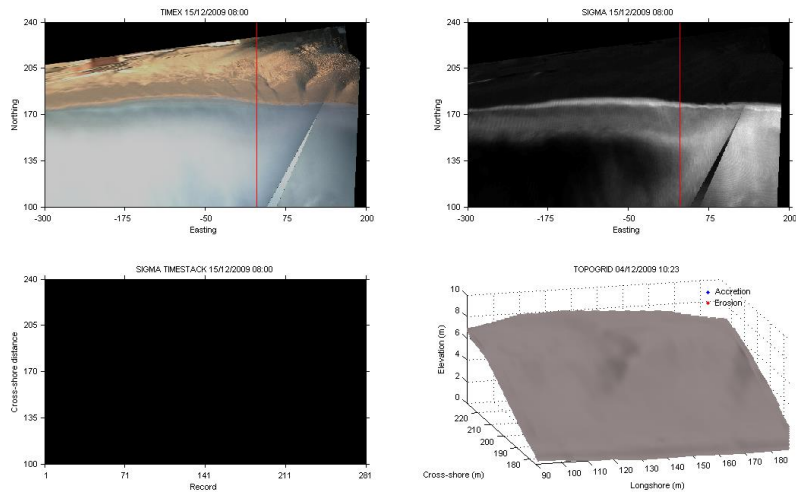
Hurricane Matthew, USGS



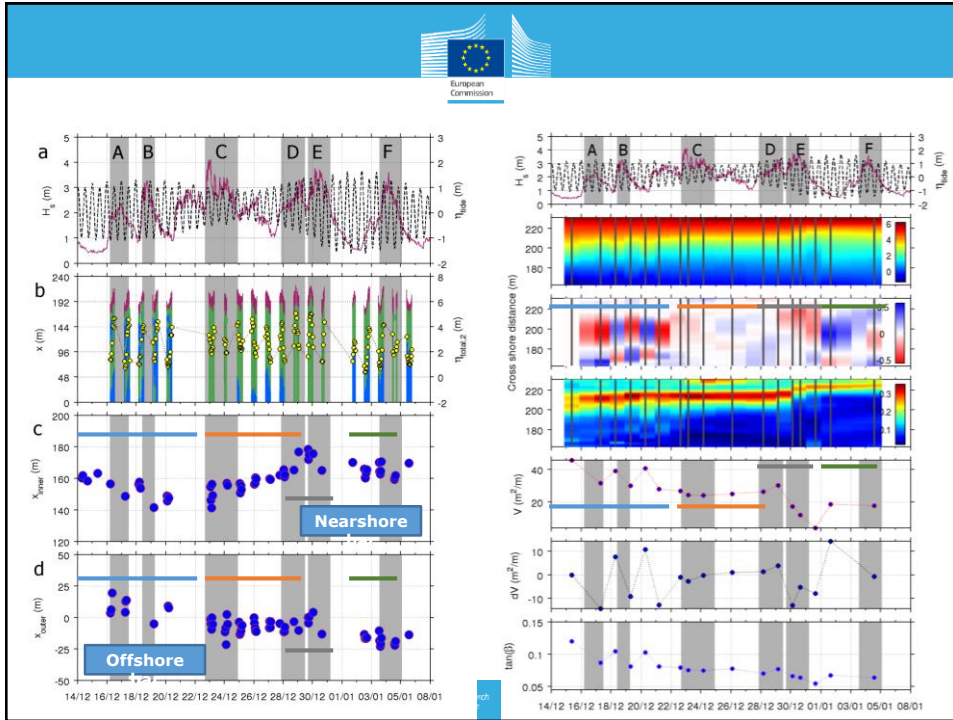
Intertidal topography



Storms and morphology



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Monitoring and Modelling morphology

There are simple solutions

- Design Disaster Risk Reduction procedures
- Schedule inspections/monitoring
- Identify available information sources
- Combine with local knowledge
- Understand the coastal systems and vulnerabilities
- Preparedness when there are anticipated impacts (protecting critical/sensitive points, issuing warnings, evacuating in extreme cases)

