Introduction to the Environmental Computing Workshop @ ISGC 2016

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Flash Flood Genoa, Italy, 2011

http://www.drihm.eu/images/video/DRIHM_final.mp4

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The Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction took place in 2015.

"World threatened by dangerous and unacceptable levels of risk from disasters."
-- Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General, 2015

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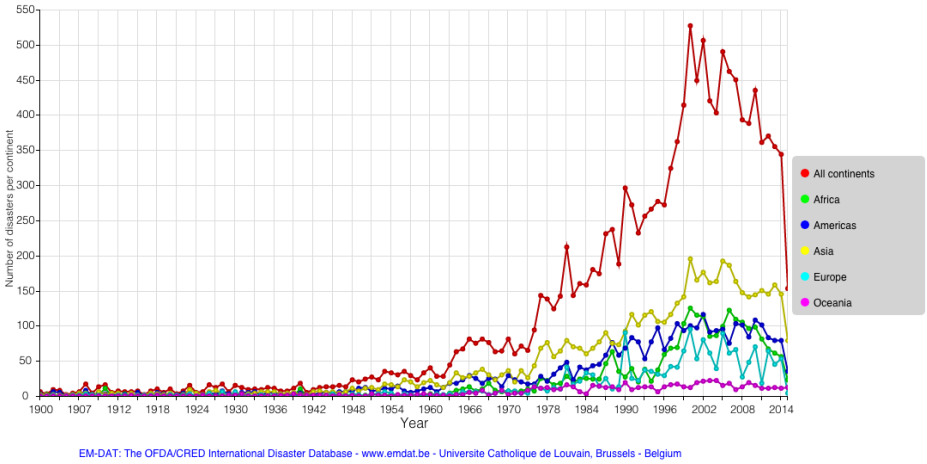
Most disasters that could happen have not happened yet.

Economic losses from disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, cyclones and flooding are now reaching an average of US$250 billion to US$300 billion each year. **Future losses** (expected annual losses) are now estimated at US$314 billion in the built environment alone. **This is the amount that countries should set aside each year to cover future disaster losses.** (→ Chapter 3)

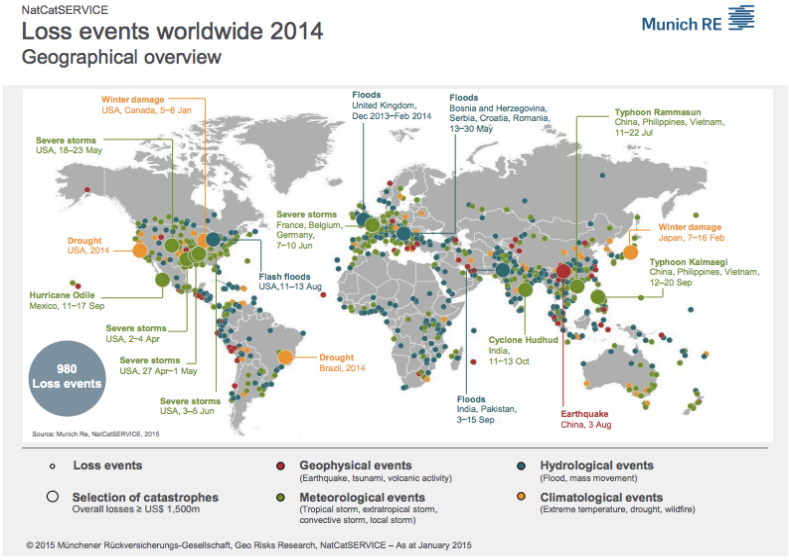
http://www.preventionweb.net/english/hyogo/gar/2015/en/home/GAR_2015/GAR_2015_6.html

Number of Disasters per Region



http://www.emdat.be/disaster_trends/index.html

Munich Re – Loss Events Worldwide 2014



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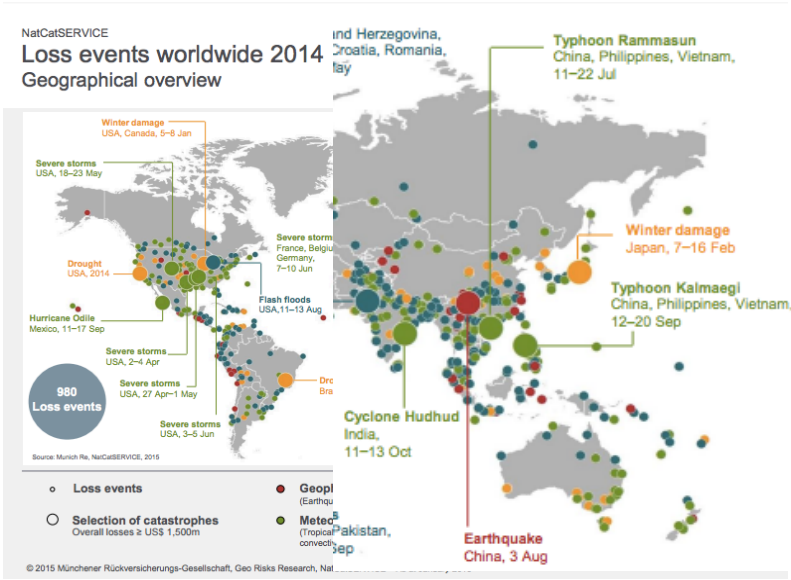

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- Monitoring and forecasting of floods:
  - European Flood Awareness System (EFAS)
  - Global Flood Detection System (GFDS)
  - Global Flood Awareness System (GloFAS)
- Problem: spatial resolution 50-100 km
  ➔ Flash floods remain undetected

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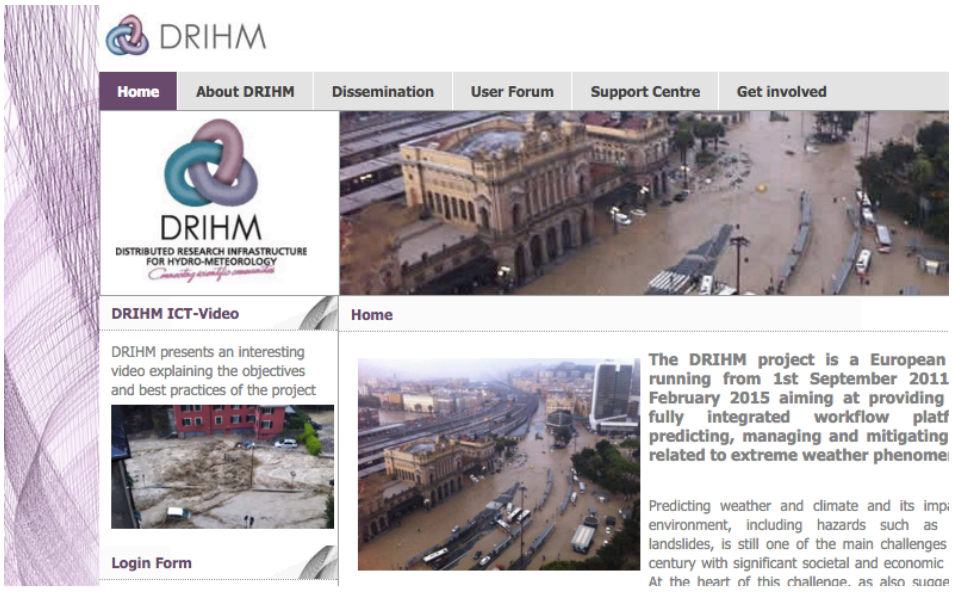

Possible Solution – Environmental Computing

- Combine meteorology, hydrology, hydraulics through computer science
- Increase spatial and temporal resolution (data quality)
  - Regional Climate Models (RCM)
- Compute ensembles of forecasts to cover all potential outcomes
- Start and finish computation in time to provide lead time for evacuation measures

➔ **Simulate ensembles of forecasts with high-resolution on high-performance computing (HPC) infrastructures on demand when triggered by increased rainfall rates**

Agenda of Environmental Computing Workshop

Session I
- Introduction to the Workshop (Dieter Kranzlmüller)
- Keynote: Research Center for Environmental Changes (Huang-Hsiung Hsu)

Session II
- The Big Picture (Matti Heikkurinen)
- DMCC (Eric Yen)
- Mekong Delta (Nam Thoai)
- Environmental Exascale Computing (Dieter Kranzlmüller)

Session III
- Land Use Development Simulation Systems (Feng-Tyan Lin)
- Application of numerical model on extreme weather and environmental studies (Chuan-Yao Lin)
- The Applications of Advanced Numerical Simulation on the Tsunami and Flooding Hazard Mitigation (Tso-Ren Wu)

Session IV
Panel and Discussion

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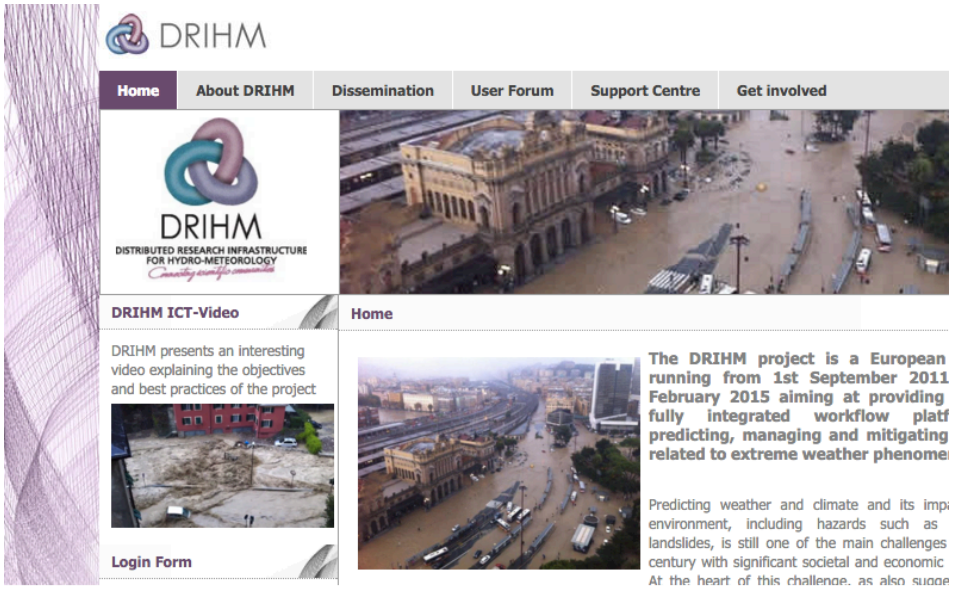

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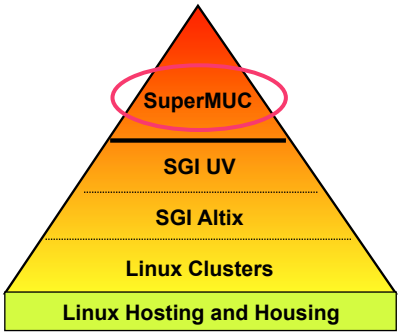
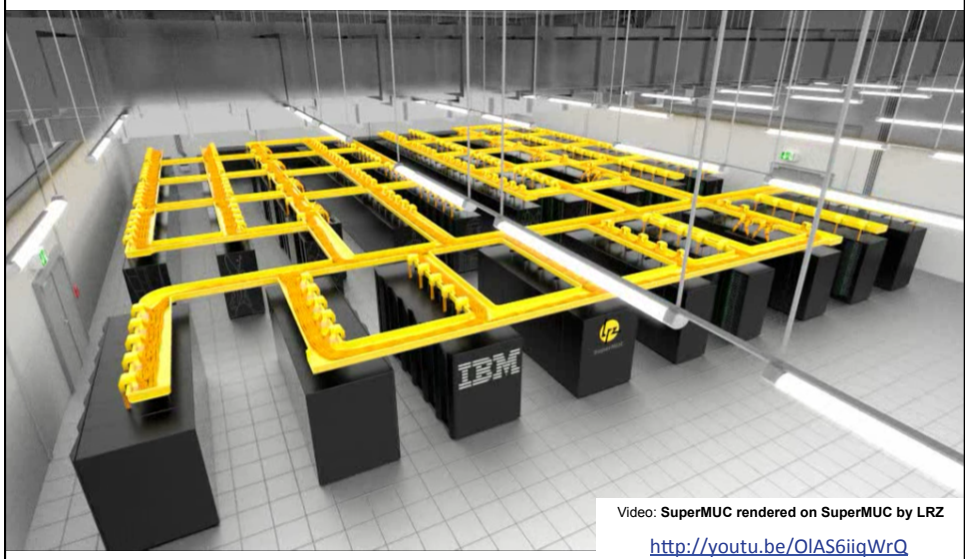


SuperMUC @ LRZ



Video: **SuperMUC rendered on SuperMUC by LRZ**

http://youtu.be/OlAS6iiqWrQ

Top 500 Supercomputer List (June 2012)

Rank	Site	Computer/Year Vendor	Cores	R_{max}	R_{peak}	Power
1	DOE/NNSA/LLNL United States	**Sequoia** - BlueGene/Q, Power BQC 16C 1.60 GHz, Custom / 2011 IBM	1572864	16324.75	20132.66	7890.0
2	RIKEN Advanced Institute for Computational Science (AICS) Japan	K computer, SPARC64 VIIIfx 2.0GHz, Tofu interconnect / 2011 Fujitsu	705024	10510.00	11280.38	12659.9
3	DOE/SC/Argonne National Laboratory United States	**Mira** - BlueGene/Q, Power BQC 16C 1.60GHz, Custom / 2012 IBM	786432	8162.38	10066.33	3945.0
4	Leibniz Rechenzentrum Germany	**SuperMUC** - iDataPlex DX360M4, Xeon E5-2680 8C 2.70GHz, Infiniband FDR / 2012 IBM	147456	2897.00	3185.05	3422.7
5	National Supercomputing Center in Tianjin China	**Tianhe-1A** - NUDT YH MPP, Xeon X5670 6C 2.93 GHz, NVIDIA 2050 / 2010 NUDT	186368	2566.00	4701.00	4040.0
6	DOE/SC/Oak Ridge National Laboratory United States	**Jaguar** - Cray XK6, Opteron 6274 16C 2.200GHz, Cray Gemini interconnect, NVIDIA 2090 / 2009 Cray Inc.	298592	1941.00	2627.61	5142.0
7	CINECA Italy	**Fermi** - BlueGene/Q, Power BQC 16C 1.60GHz, Custom / 2012 IBM	163840	1725.49	2097.15	821.9
8	Forschungszentrum Juelich (FZJ) Germany	**JuQUEEN** - BlueGene/Q, Power BQC 16C 1.60GHz, Custom / 2012 IBM	131072	1380.39	1677.72	657.5
9	CEA/TGCC-GENCI France	**Curie thin nodes** - Bullx B510, Xeon E5-2680 8C 2.700GHz, Infiniband QDR / 2012 Bull	77184	1359.00	1667.17	2251.0
10	National Supercomputing Centre in Shenzhen (NSCS) China	**Nebulae** - Dawning TC3600 Blade System, Xeon X5650 6C 2.66GHz, Infiniband QDR, NVIDIA 2050 / 2010 Dawning	120640	1271.00	2984.30	2580.0

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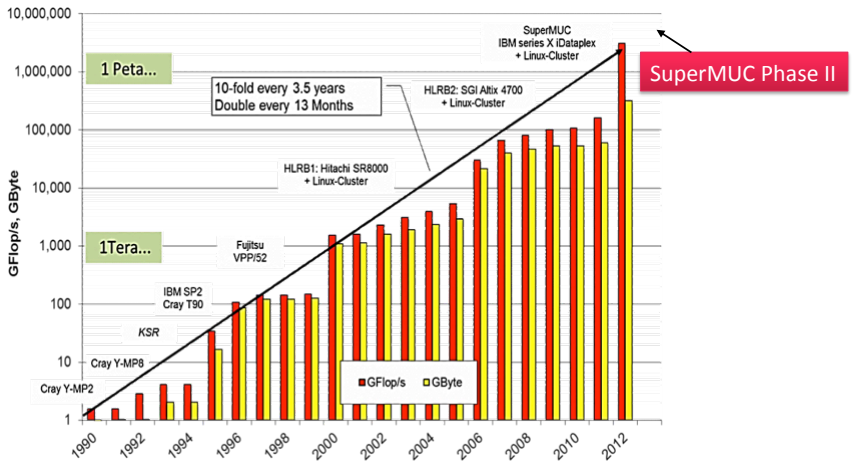
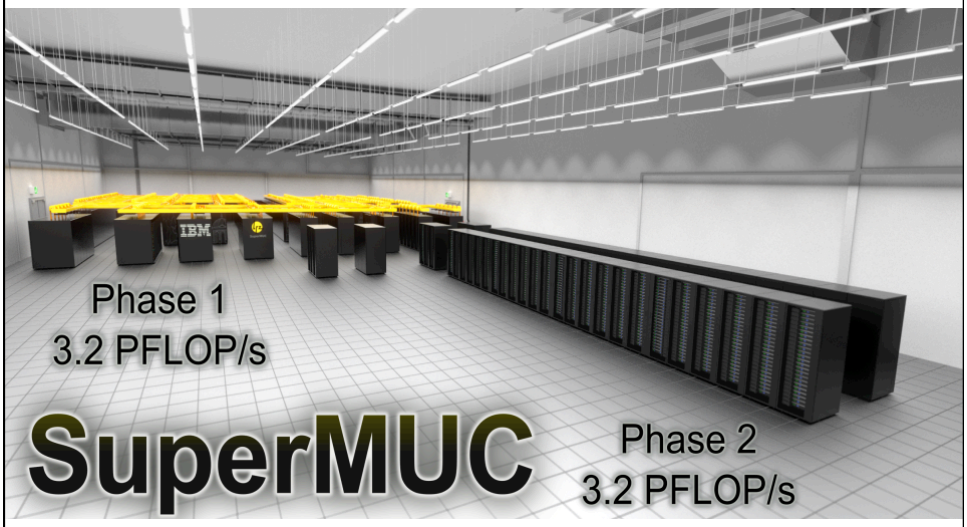
LRZ Supercomputers



SuperMUC Phase 1 + 2



SuperMUC System @ LRZ

Phase 1 (IBM System x iDataPlex):

- 3.2 PFlops peak performance
- 9216 IBM iDataPlex dx360M4 nodes in 18 compute node islands
- 2 Intel Xeon E5-2680 processors and 32 GB of memory per compute node
- 147,456 compute cores
- Network Infiniband FDR10 (fat tree)

Phase 2 (Lenovo NeXtScale WCT):

- 3.6 PFlops peak performance
- 3072 Lenovo NeXtScale nx360M5 WCT nodes in 6 compute node islands
- 2 Intel Xeon E5-2697v3 processors and 64 GB of memory per compute node
- 86,016 compute cores
- Network Infiniband FDR14 (fat tree)

Common GPFS file systems with 10 PB and 5 PB usable storage size respectively
Common programming environment
Direct warm-water cooled system technology

LRZ Application Mix

- Computational Fluid Dynamics: Optimisation of turbines and wings, noise reduction, air conditioning in trains
- Fusion: Plasma in a future fusion reactor (ITER)
- Astrophysics: Origin and evolution of stars and galaxies
- Solid State Physics: Superconductivity, surface properties
- Geophysics: Earth quake scenarios
- Material Science: Semiconductors
- Chemistry: Catalytic reactions
- Medicine and Medical Engineering: Blood flow, aneurysms, air conditioning of operating theatres
- Biophysics: Properties of viruses, genome analysis
- Climate research: Currents in oceans

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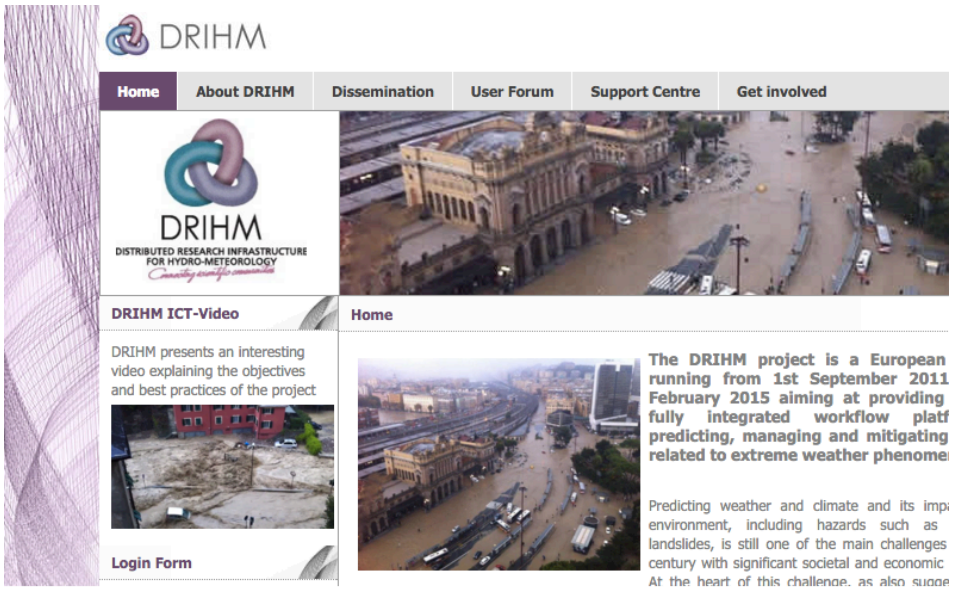


Key Gaps

(as observed during the DRIHM project)

- Technical interoperability and portability
  - Models
  - Data formats
  - Execution environments
  - Metadata describing them
- Semantics
- Workflows linking all of the above together
  - Pre-DRIHM hydrometeorological model chain would have taken weeks of manual integration work
  - Despite the fact that webservices and science gateways are available

Actionable Knowledge

How we could have used the information
if it was available beforehand?

How could we utilize the outcomes of environmental computing for societey?

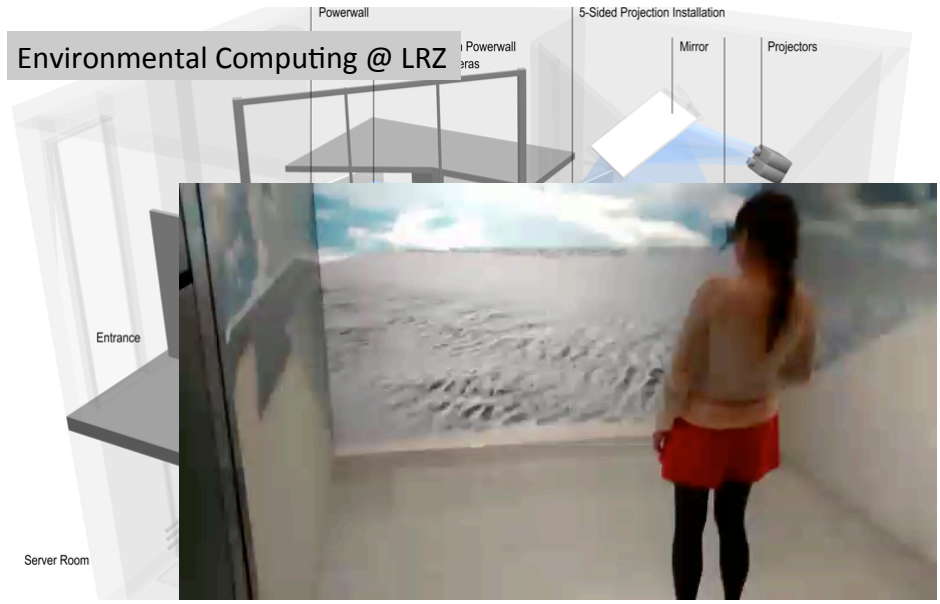
- Links with civil protection
- Risks due to a disaster with a certain probability vs. certain risks related to evacuation
  - False alarms? We don't want to be the "computer that cried flood"
  - There are rules regarding how much of a lead-time warning the population needs (30 minutes before would just trigger chaos, make society more vulnerable

Communicating the Results

How can non-scientists use the information?

- Civil protection model probably fairly well-established ("client" is used to data with certain uncertainty built in)
- Risk reduction: need to answer questions related to long-term infrastructure development projects and policy formation
  - Injecting uncertain data into political process!!
  - Dealing with financial interests unavoidable: protection infrastructure in itself, impact on development:
    - No building permits on flood-prone areas, housing developers not happy
    - Re-classifying existing housing, house owners not happy (lose flood insurance or increase in premiums)

Analyze Simulation Results



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Summary

- We are talking about an issue with considerable socioeconomic importance
- UNISDR data re. costs of disasters
- Disaster risk reduction is not cheap either
  (UK data regarding need for flood defences)
- There will be growing demand for environmental computing, e.g. through Sendai Framework, development, any initiative working on societal resilience
- We focused on flooding as starting point, but there are other risks

Wrap-Up and Goal of Workshop

There are many activities addressing some of the gaps identified,
but we are not aware of efforts to look into all of them
in a coherent manner

The goal of this workshop is to try to capture, structure and conceptualise this very broad scope in a way that we all can work together and communicate joint results more efficiently


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