



# DRIHM

DISTRIBUTED RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE  
FOR HYDRO-METEOROLOGY

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advancing the frontiers



Deltares

Enabling Delta Life



HR Wallingford  
Working with water





- User driven
  - Hydro-Meteorology Research (HMR) community
  - related earth science communities
- e-Infrastructure based
  - leverages European e-infrastructures
  - DEISA/PRACE, EGEE/EGI, NGIs
- Long-term sustainability
  - new services for long-term provisioning over European e-infrastructures
  - Cooperation with different Earth science related communities
- DRIHM builds up on DRIHMS results (White Paper)



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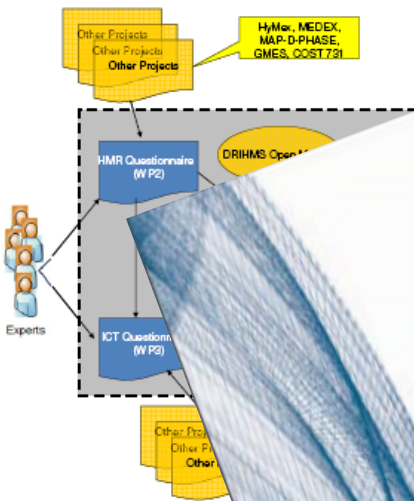




# DRIHMS – A preparatory study for DRIHM



## DRIHMS Consultation Process



DRIHMS project structure

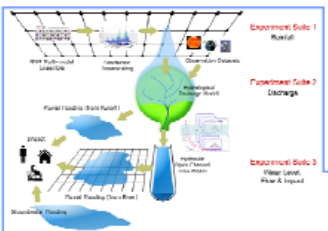
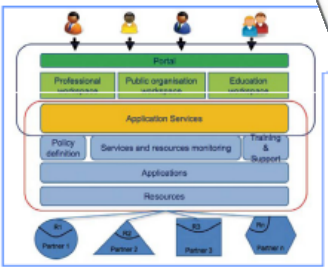
## HMR Hot Topics

Full audience	Meteorology	Hydro-Meteorology	Hydrology	Others
Probabilistic forecasting	Probabilistic Forecasting	Model verification metrics	Model verification metrics	Model verification metrics
Model verification metrics	Other	Data merging/fusion	Probabilistic forecasting	Probabilistic Forecasting
Data merging/fusion	Model verification metrics	Probabilistic forecasting	Precipitation downscaling	Precipitation downscaling
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Results revealed clear choices of hot topics and accompanying ICT

Hot topics for HMR research were identified as probabilistic forecasting (among meteorologists) and model verification metrics (among meteorologists and hydrologists); among the most important ICT challenges were the definition of data formats, definition of libraries of tools for data handling and data storage, and the availability and reliability of high-performance computing. For hydrologists, the key ICT challenges were availability of model outputs in compatible formats, and the availability of libraries of well-tested data processing routines. For meteorologists, the key ICT challenges were the processing and communication of large data sets and the development of data visualization tools. Data management was given only a secondary priority by this study. Accounting and billing issues seem to be regarded as less important.

## A Roadmap for HMR e-Science

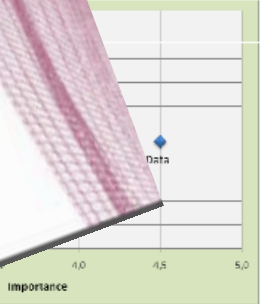


Conceptual view of the meteorological problem forecasting chain



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## for HMR



- Important results related to the HMR hot topics are:
- Respondents perceive data management as very important but they do not see significant progress in the next years.
  - High Performance Computing is perceived important and they expect significant progress within the next years.
  - Workflow management is perceived important but no significant progress is expected even short term.
  - Portals and user interfaces are perceived important and the existing solutions seem to fulfill most of the requirements already.
  - Virtual Organization (VO) management is perceived to be less important but sufficiently mature already.



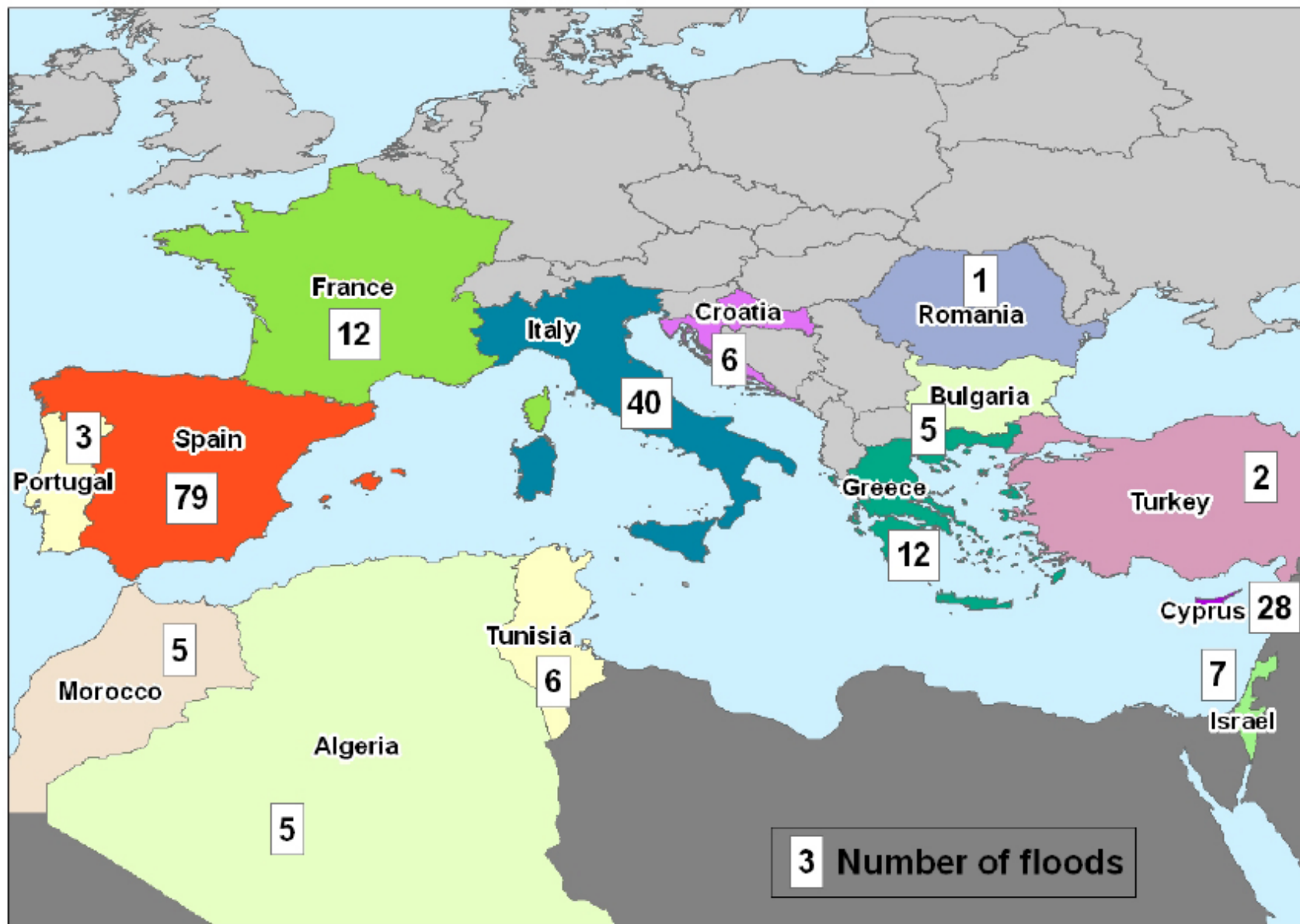
# DRIHM Objectives

- To **support** the development and deployment of a **HMR e-Science environment**
- To **promote** the establishment and diffusion of a **service-oriented culture** (involving specialist scientist users, members of public services, members of the general public)
- To provide **integrated HMR services**
- To design and deploy **user-friendly interfaces**
- To provide HMR e-Science **support centres** and corresponding **training activities**
- To support hydro-meteorological **forecasting chains**





- Forecasting severe storms and floods is a key topic in HMR/early warning
- Storms do not respect country boundaries – a pan-European approach to data access and modeling is necessary
- The analysis carried out within the FLASH project estimated over 29 billion euros the material damages produced by floods in the Mediterranean region during the 1990-2006 period
- The total number of casualties has been estimated over 4,500, concentrating in the Mediterranean African countries especially.



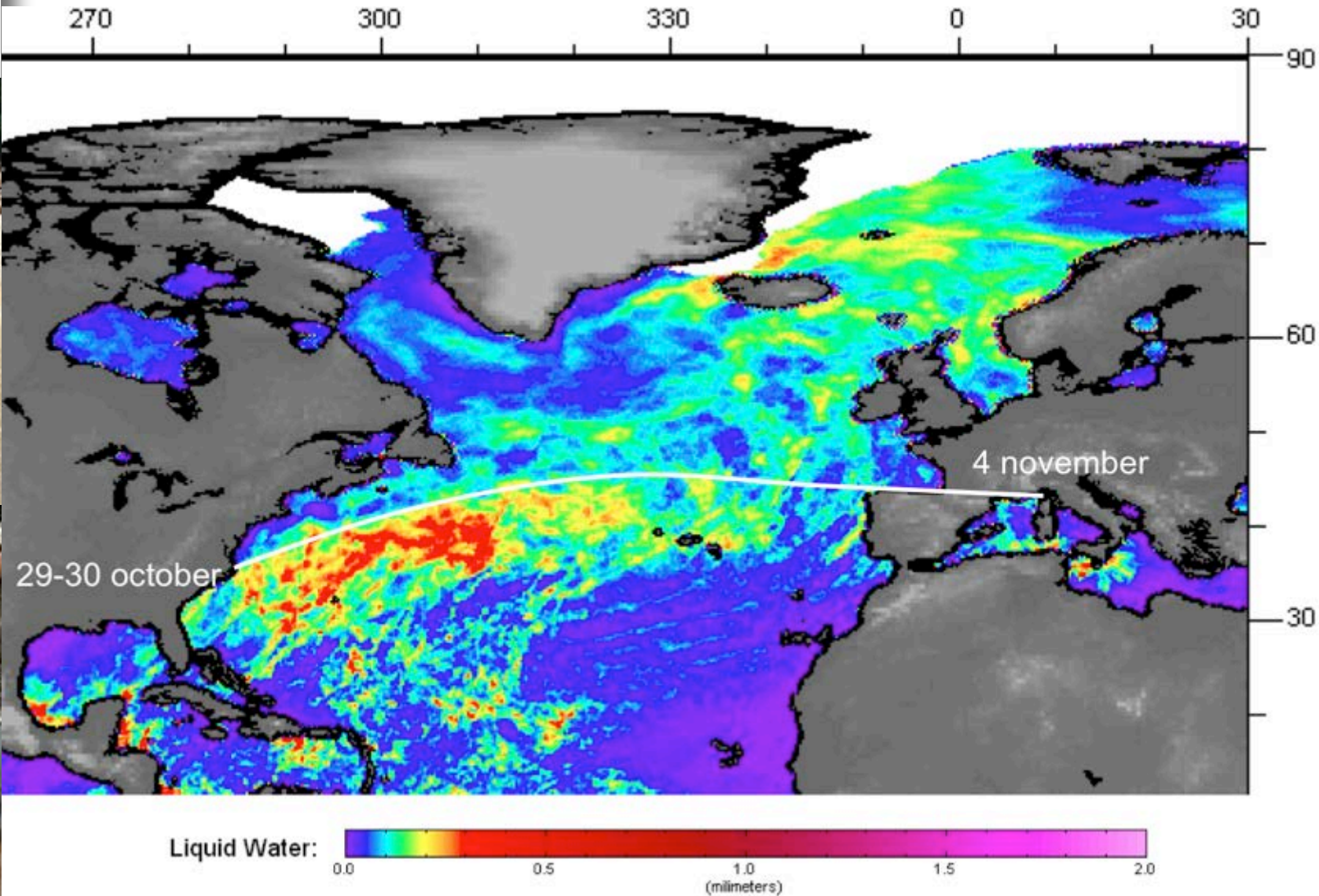
A preliminary distribution of flood cases between 1990 and 2006 (Llasat et al., 2010).



# A DRIHM critical case



- The city of Genoa, which nestles between the Tyrrhenian sea and the Apennine mountains, was rocked by severe flash floods on 4th November 2011. About 450 millimeters of rain - a third of the average annual rainfall - fell in six hours. Six people were killed. The raging waters uprooted trees, swept cars, shattered shops and flooded the town center;
- The torrential rainfall inflicted the worst disaster Genoa has experienced since the flash flood of 1970, when a similar event killed 25 people on the 7th October.

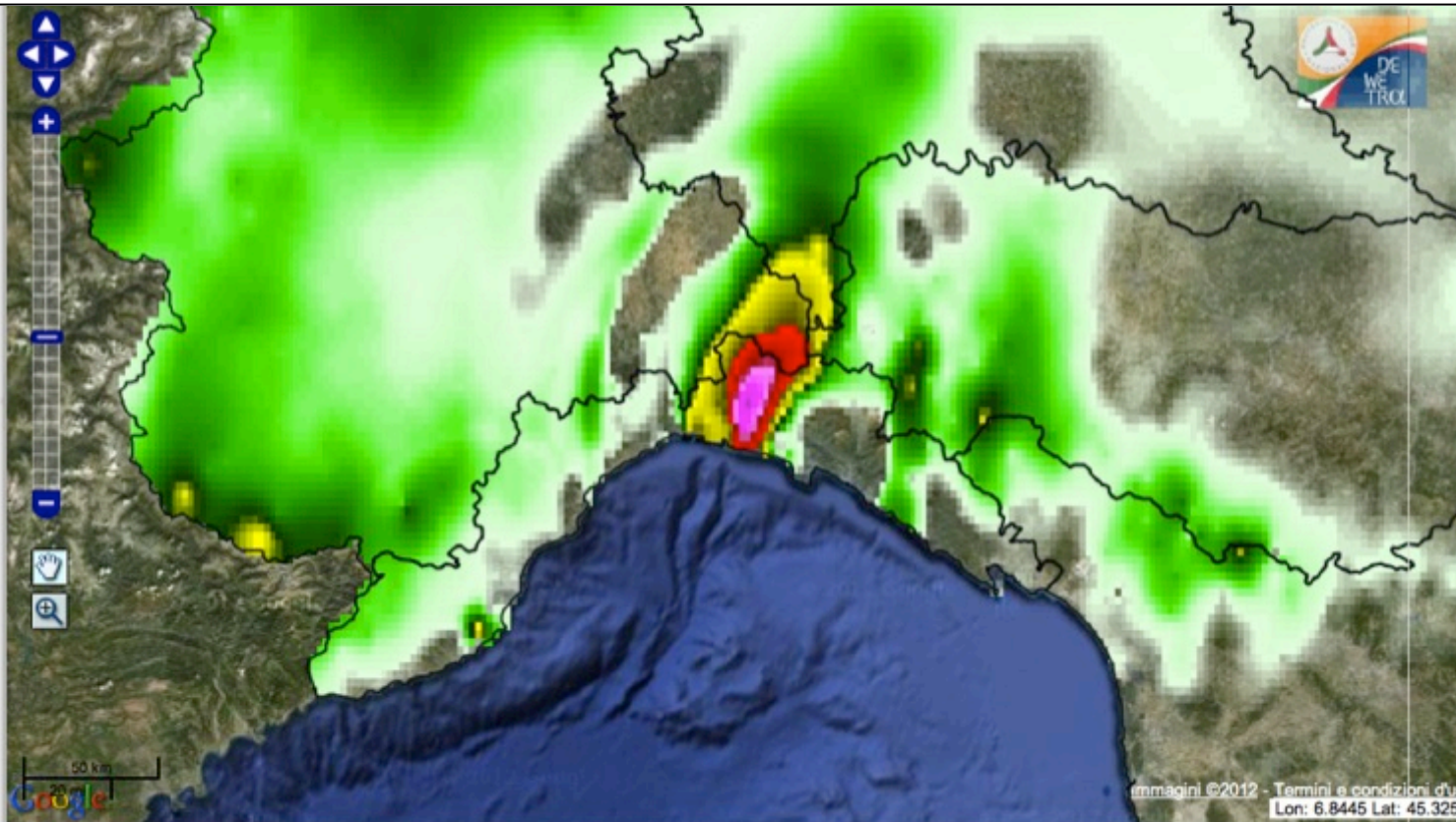
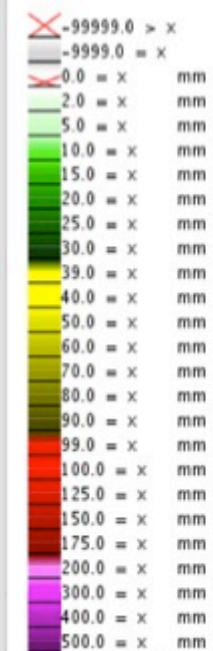


Satellite cloud liquid water composite (week ending 5/11/2011) clearly shows the cyclone track from USA east coast to Mediterranean.





Data: 04/11/2011 15:00 UTC  
Sensor: Raingauge  
Cumulative Rainfall: last 6 h  
Interpolator: GRISO Ver. 2  
Value Filter: All Values  
Spatial Resolution: Native



**Total rainfall depth between 9 and 15UTC, as provided by the ICPD raingauge network.**

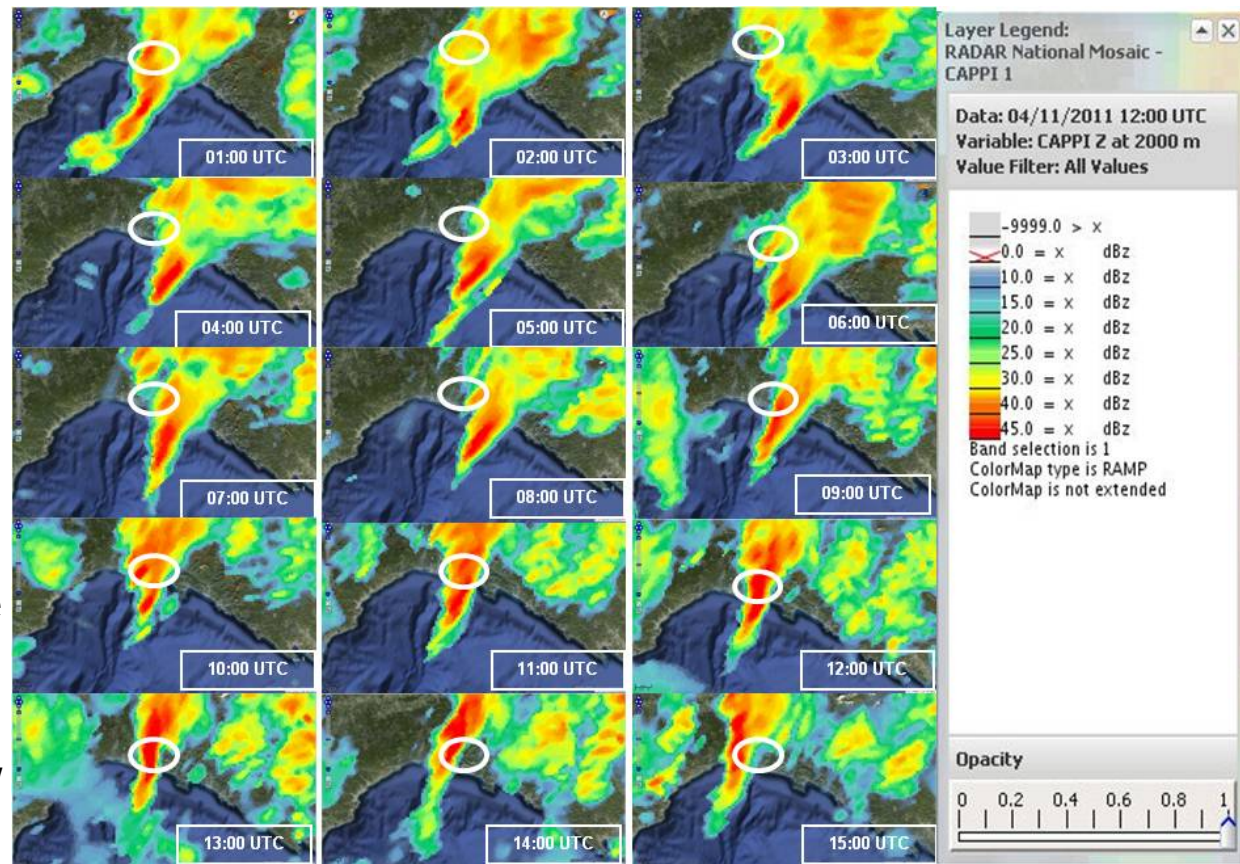




Flash flood of the Genoa town center. Top right corner: the similar event of 1970

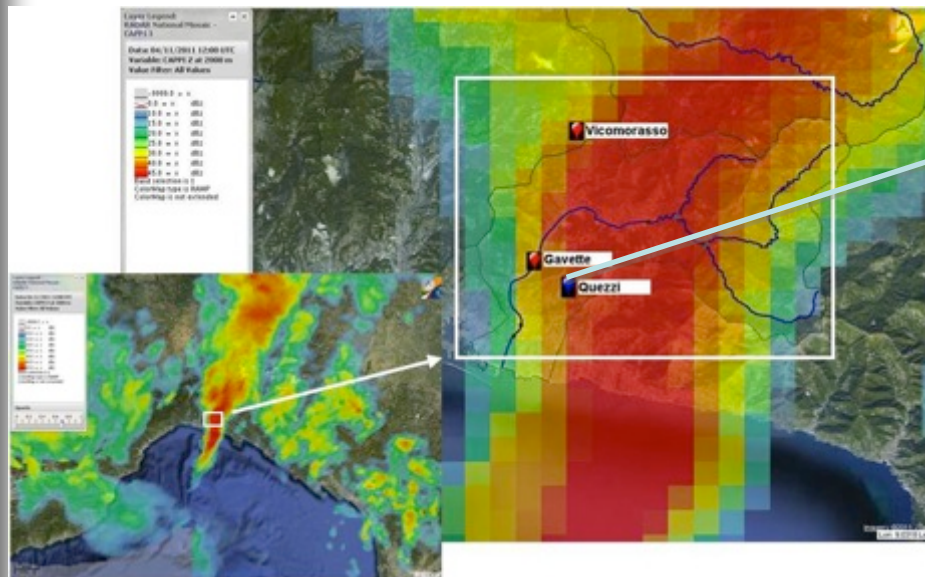


Radar maps from the Italian radar network showing the intense thunderstorm wandering along the Liguria coastline (1-15UTC): White ellipsoid identifies the mostly affected area

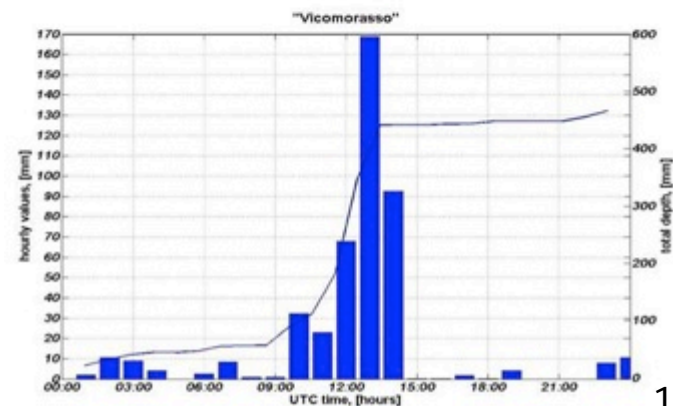
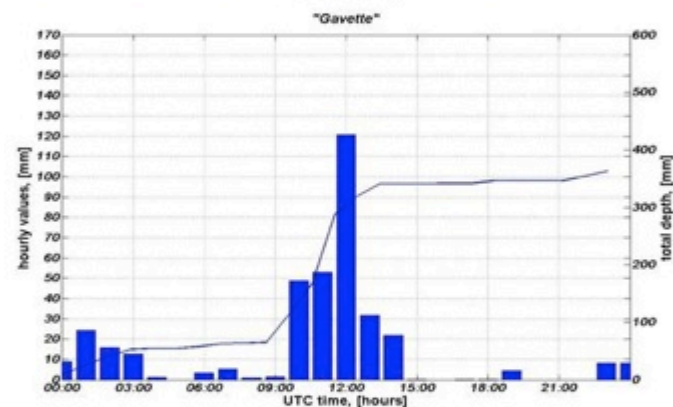
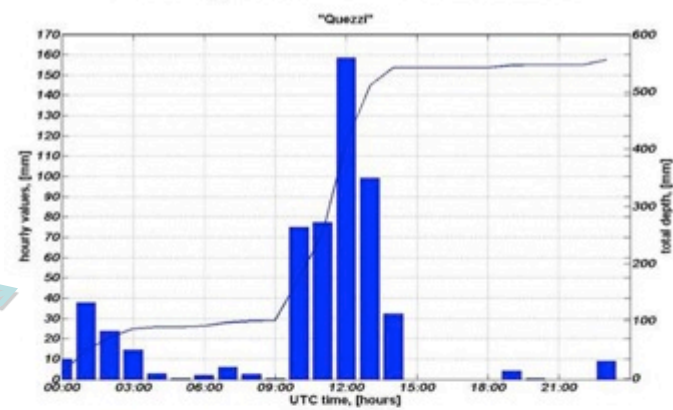




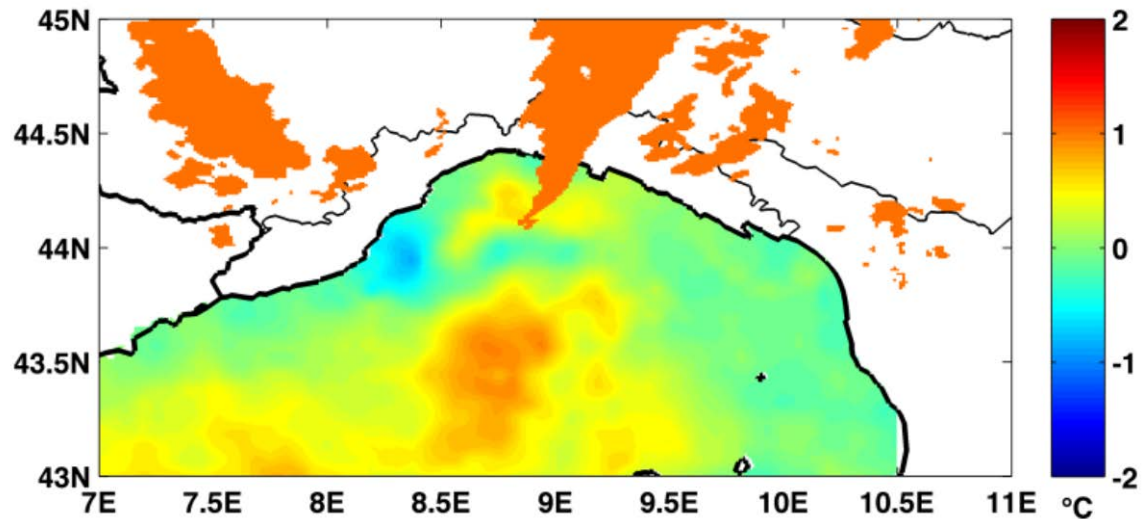
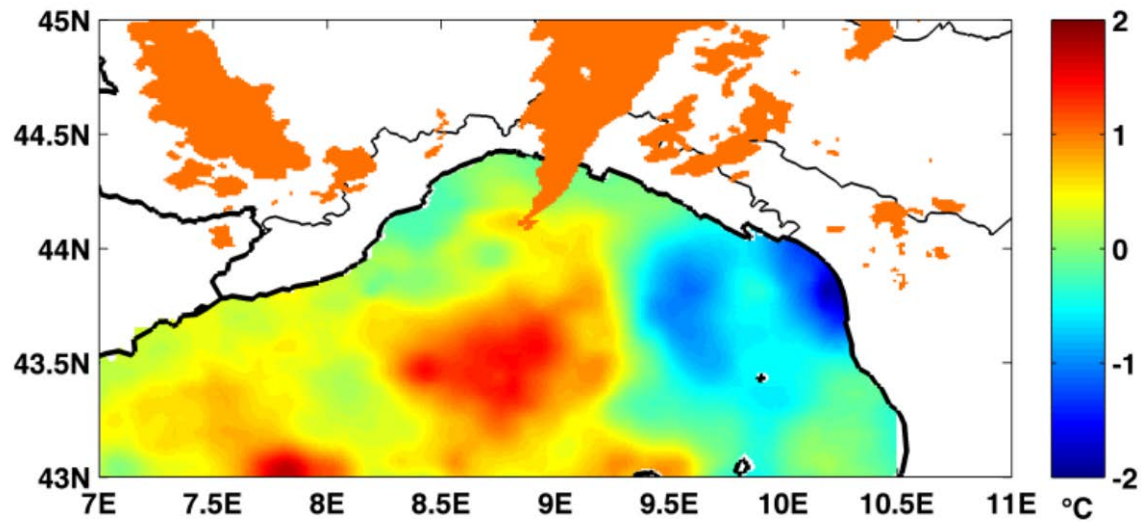
About 90 Personal Weather Stations (PWS) are available in Liguria (LIMET group): <http://www.centrometeoligure.it/rete/reteosservativa.php>



## Hourly Rainfall Timeseries



- PWS were useful in the real-time monitoring of the event together with official weather stations
- A PWS, "Quezzi", owned by a citizen-scientist, registered the peak rainfall depth over 6 hours (about 450 mm) observed during the torrential event
- The PWS captured the tremendous fine-grained structure of the thunderstorm (see comparison with official weather stations "Gavette" and "Vicomorasso")
- PWS data will be published on the DRIHM e-Infrastructure
- Possible contribution of LIMET citizen-scientists to the DRIHM User Forum



Reflectivity footprint of the precipitation structures considered in this paper: the orange areas represent the pixels with reflectivity values larger than 25 dBZ (Italian Radar Mosaic, November 4th at 11:00 UTC). Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly by G1SST (upper panel) and GMES MyOcean (lower panel).



All together, these observations challenge our current scientific understanding and call for focused and joint hydro-meteorological and ICT research to:

(a) understand, explain and predict the physical processes producing such extreme storms

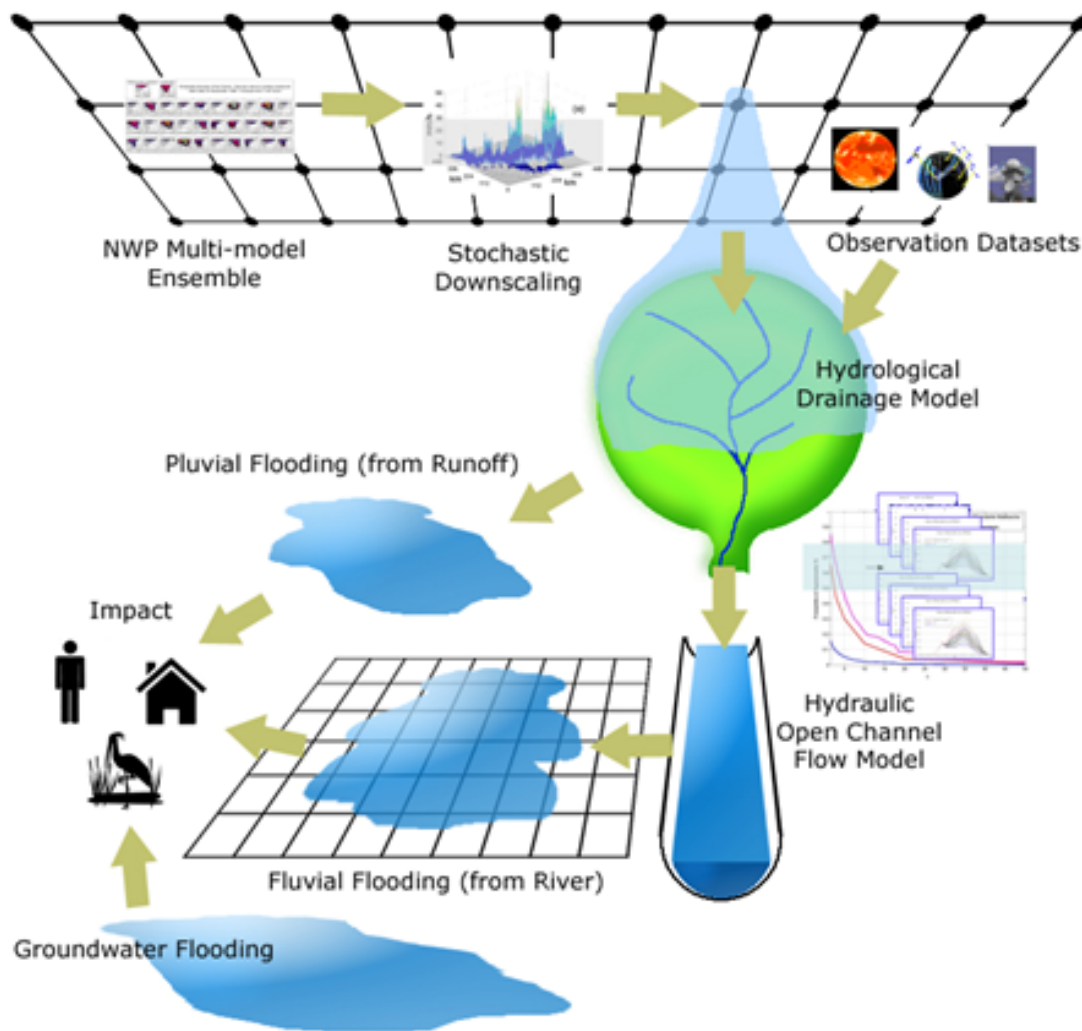
(b) understand the possible intensification of such events in the Mediterranean region and their physical origin;

(c) explore the potential of the increasing computational power and Information Communication Technology (ICT), such as grid computing and petascale computing systems, to provide deeper understanding of those events through fine resolution modeling over large areal extents





# The DRIHM Showcase



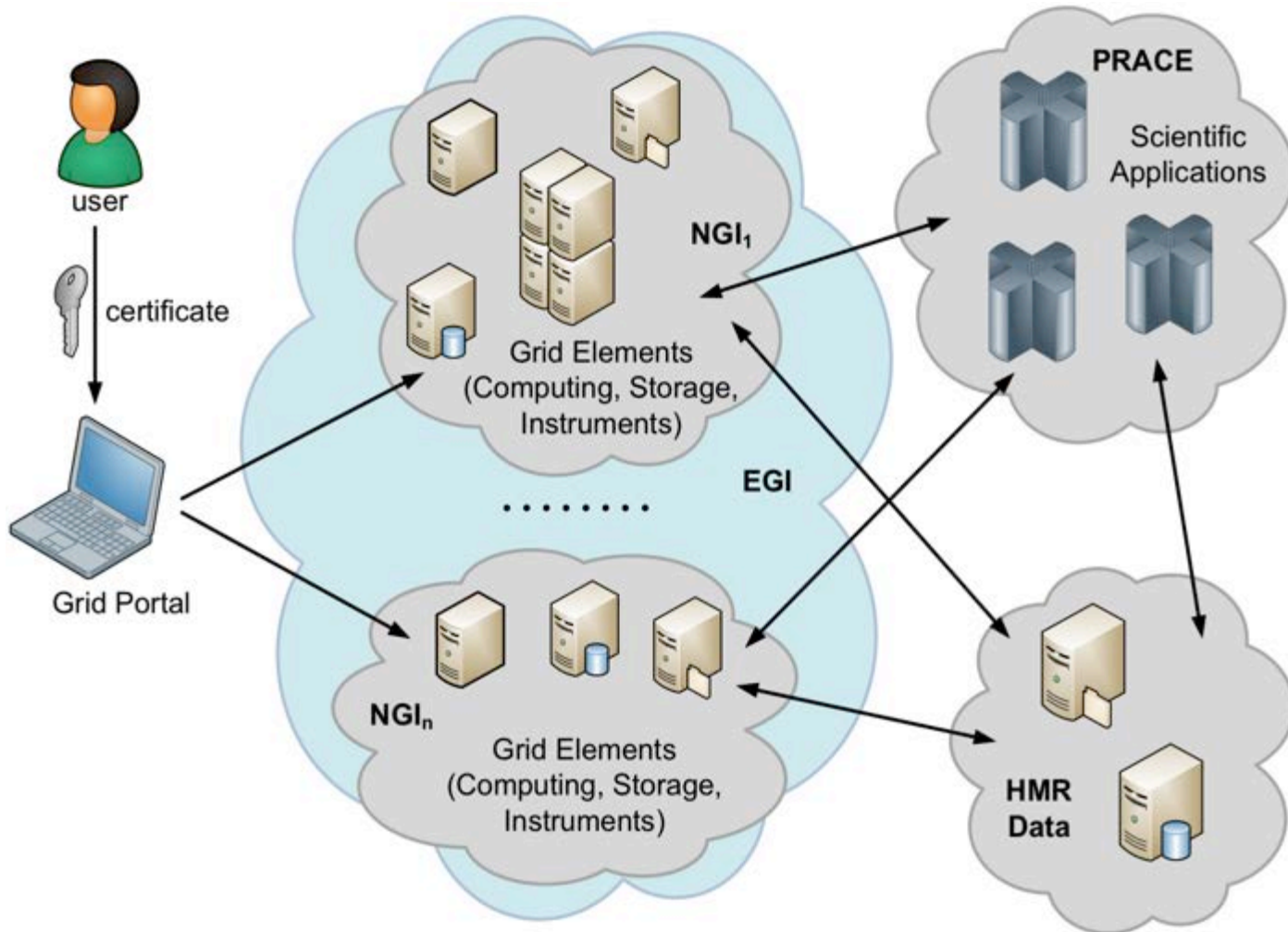
**Experiment Suite 1**  
Rainfall

**Experiment Suite 2**  
Discharge

**Experiment Suite 3**  
Water Level,  
Flow & Impact

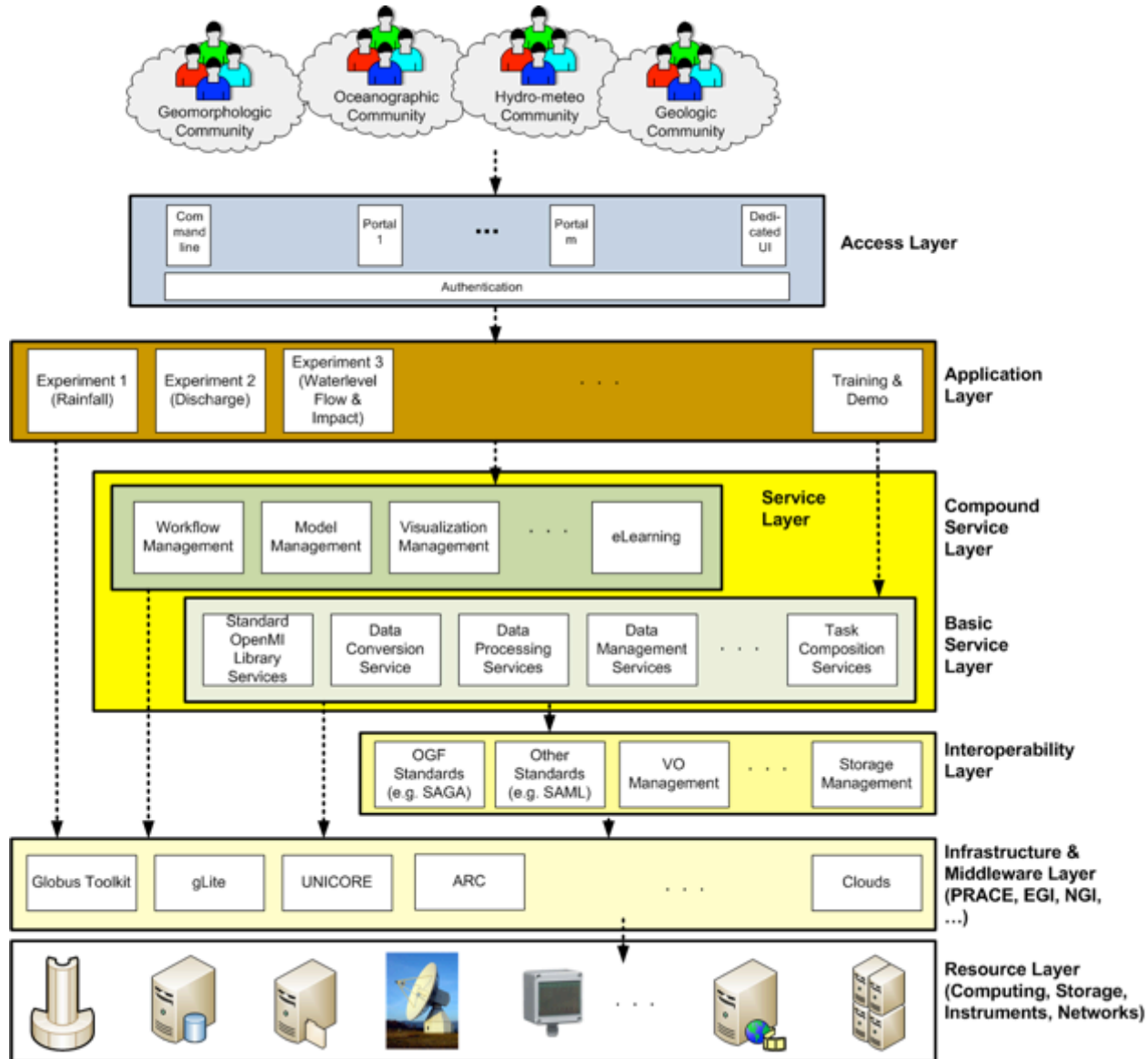


# DRIHM e-Science environment





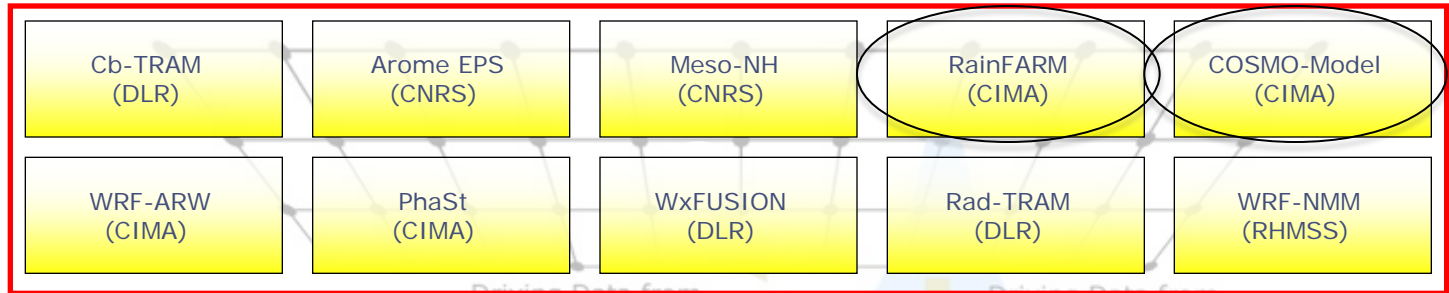
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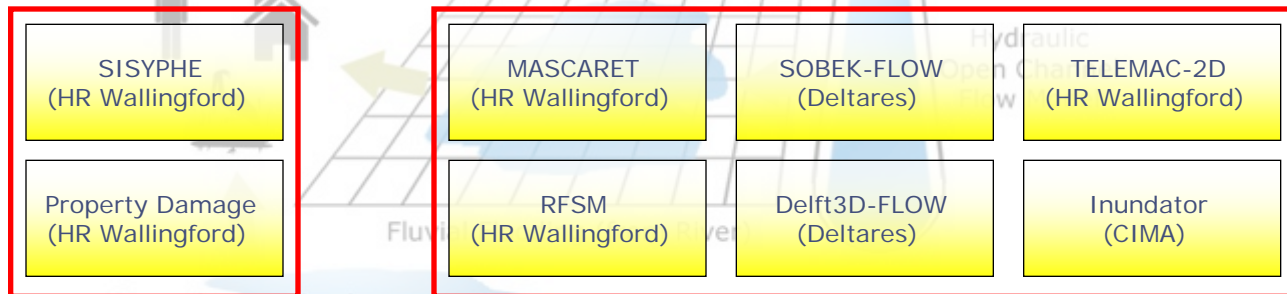
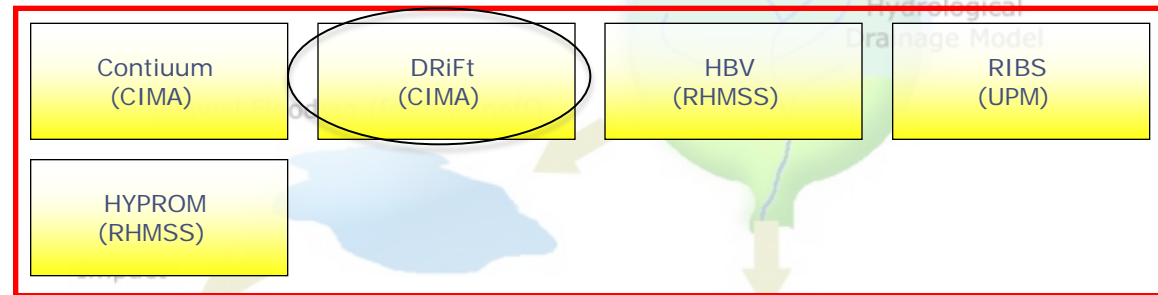


# The DRIHM Models



Meteorologic

Hydrologic



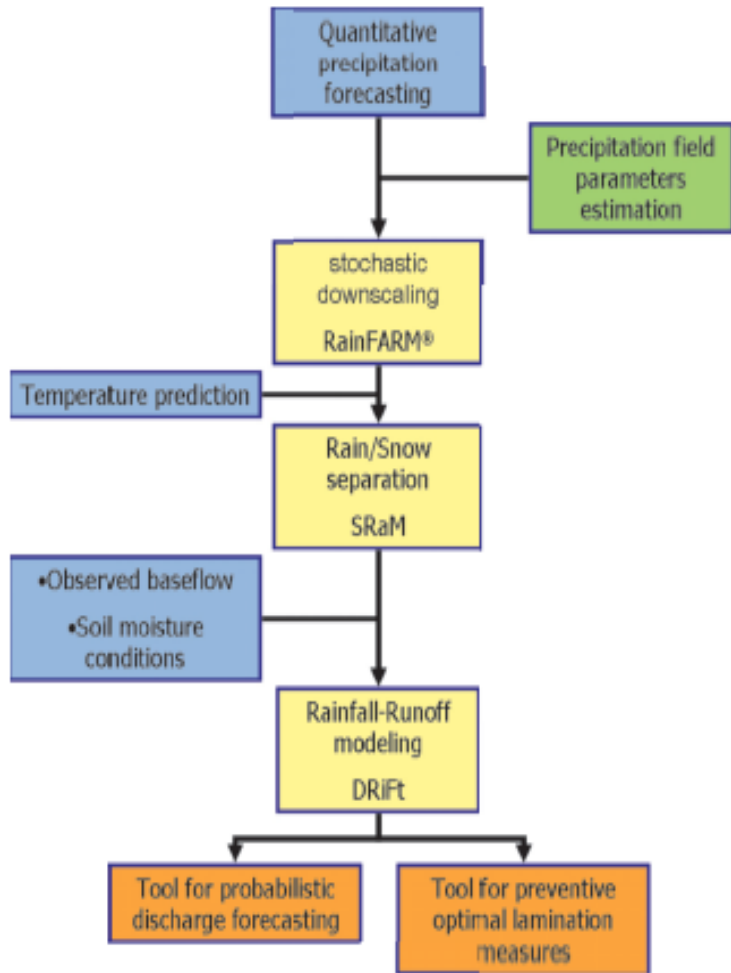
Impact

Hydraulic

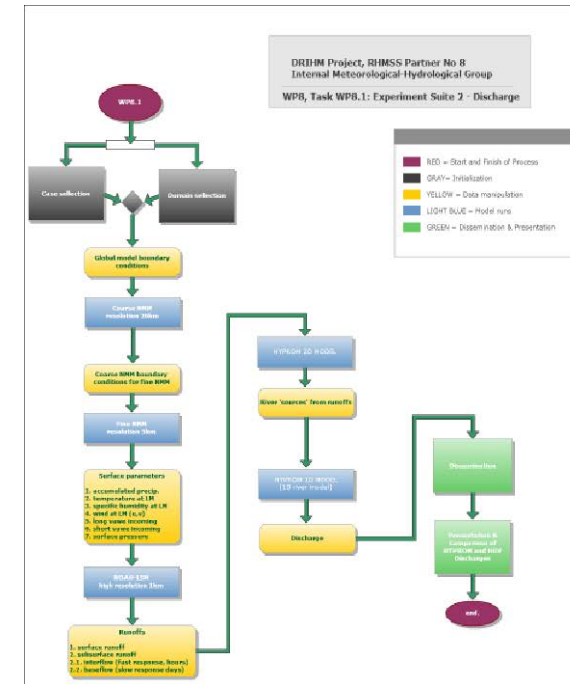
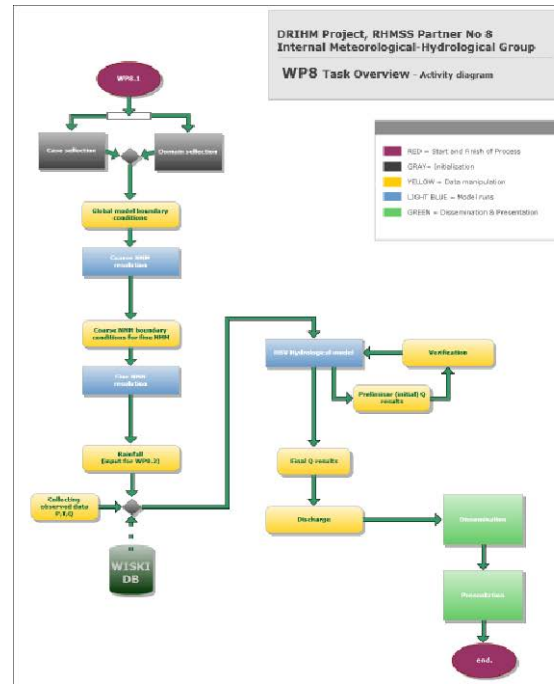




# The DRIHM baseline experiments



CIMA chain

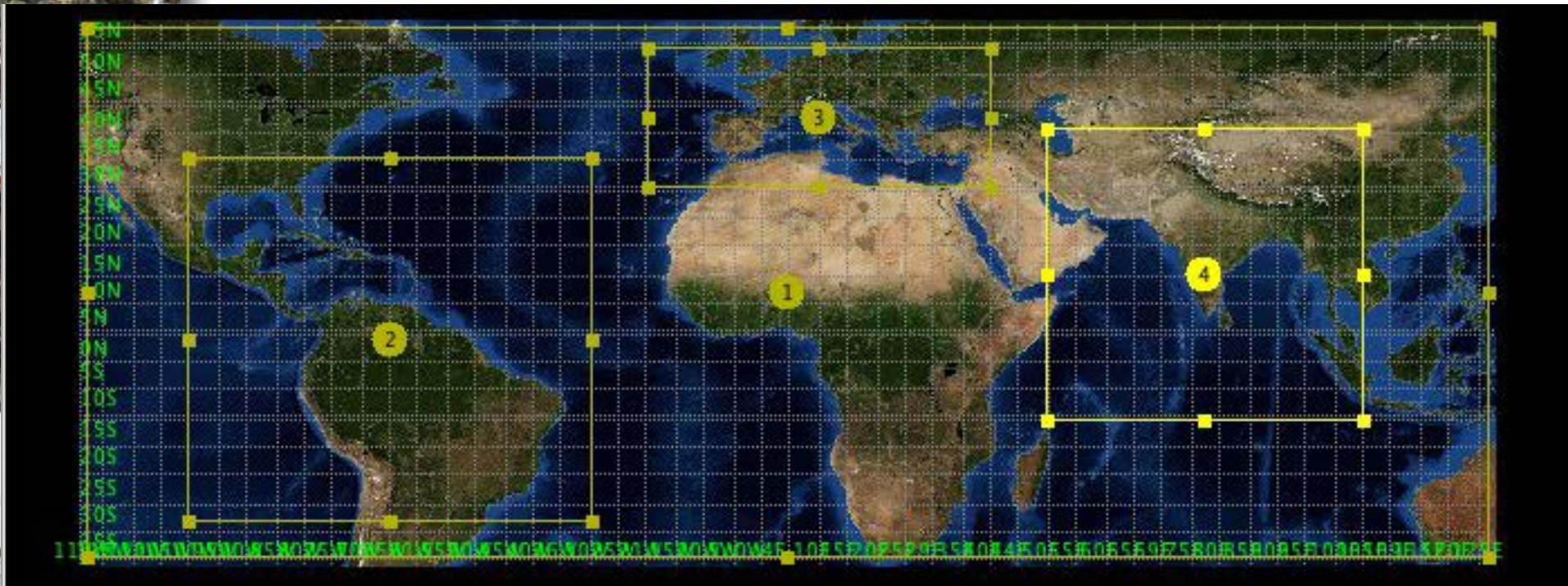


RHMSS chain

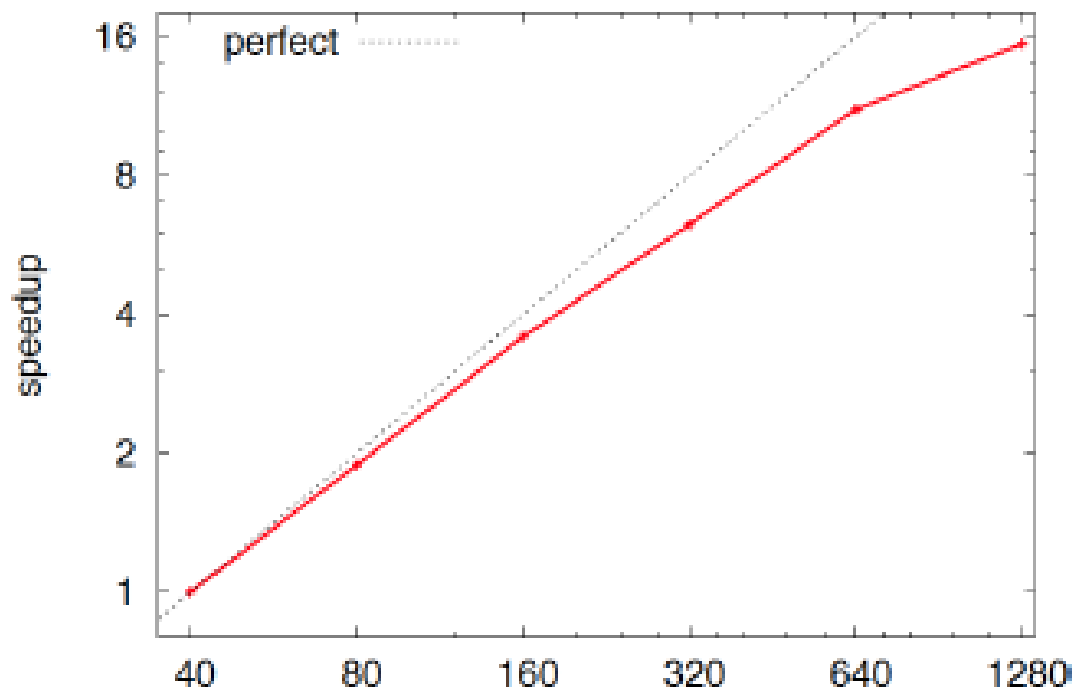


# “Only” HYDRO-METEO RESEARCH? NO!

EXPRESS-HYDRO (EXtreme PREcipitation and Hydrological climate Scenario Simulations-HYDRO)



Run type	# Runs	# Steps/Run	Walltime/Step	# CPU cores	Total core hours/Type Run
1 (ERA-interim control)	102	19440	8.89 sec	1280	6.25 Mio core hours
2 (EC-Earth control)	102	19440	8.89 sec	1280	6.25 Mio core hours
3 (RCP 4.5 scenarios for 3 time slices)	3x102	19440	8.89 sec	1280	18.75 Mio core hours
4 (RCP 8.5 scenarios for 3 time slices)	3x102	19440	8.89 sec	1280	18.75 Mio core hours





# First experiment

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Rain (WRF 0.25 x 0.25 ). July  
1995



Rain (ERA-1 0.25 x 0.25 ). July  
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Questions?

