

# HPC clouds for flood early warning systems

Modeling dike stability and inundation dynamics with real-time sensor input and remote invocation from *UrbanFlood* decision support system



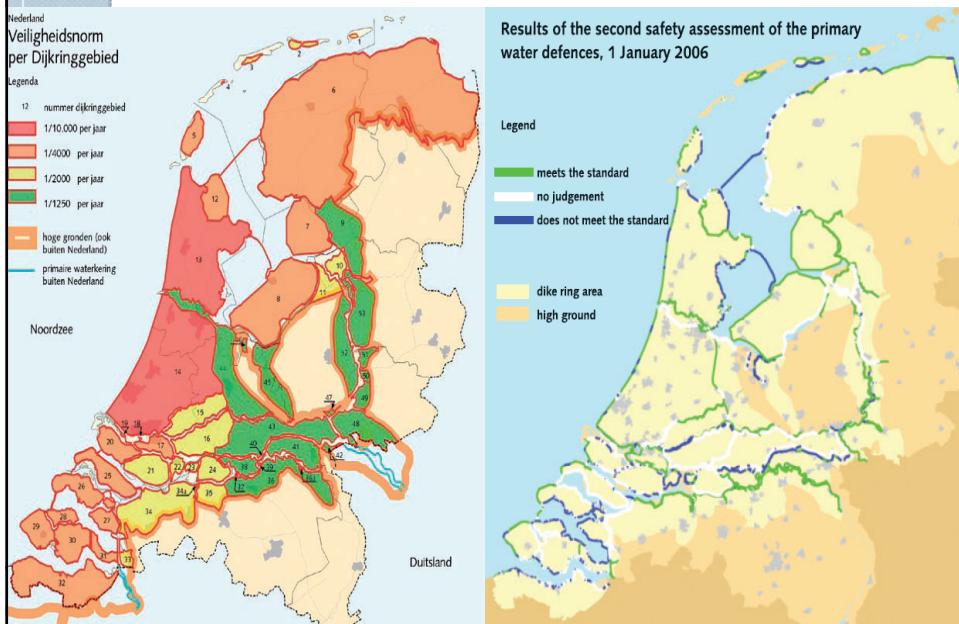
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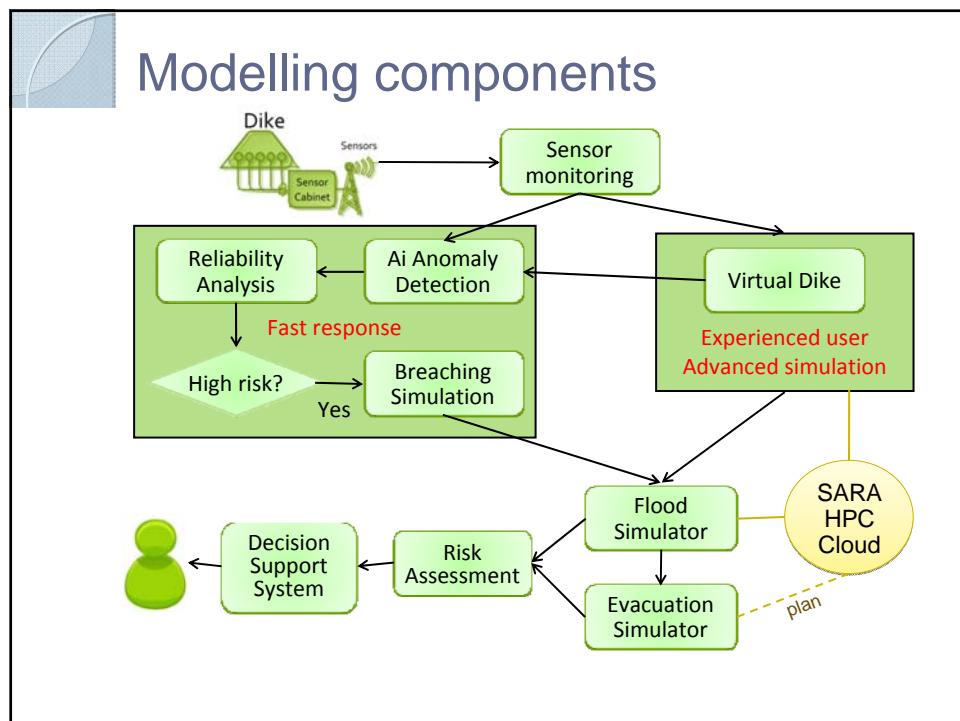
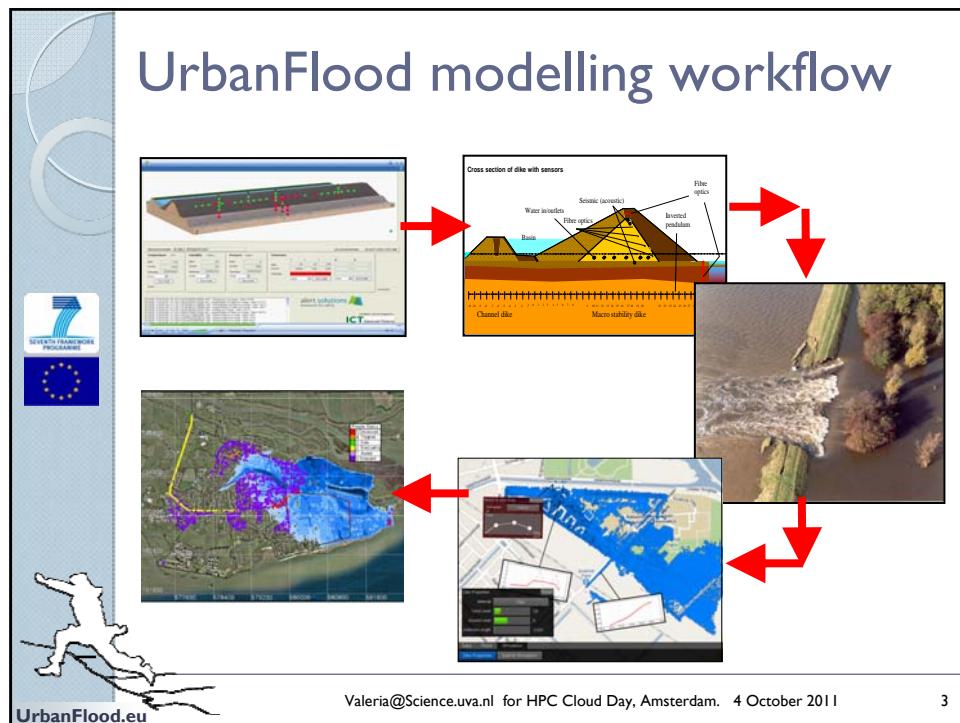
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## Netherlands: half of dikes are weak





## SARA cloud user interface

- VM control
- VM image management
- Java VM image upload applet
- CPU hours quotas and other settings

HPC Cloud Management Console

vm overview vm configuration disk image upload disk image management hosts networks public firewall exceptions quotas

Logged in as valeria - logout | version: 1.0.3

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Cloud vm's:

Id	User	Name	VM State	LCM State	Cpu	Memory	Host	VNC Port	Time	Links	Selection
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Deploy a new VM

Selection:

Flood simulator

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## Remote invocation & control



### Advantages:

- Full VM access: allocation, deployment, migration, removal, getting information
- Simple, easy to use, libraries for all programming languages

### Disadvantages:

- Can only be accessed from SARA VM (via SSH)

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## HPC Cloud benefits

- Different VM types supported
- Different OS supported (tested: Ubuntu Linux and Windows XP)
- Great performance (up to 128 cores: 16 nodes X 8 cores, 24 GB RAM per node)
- VM images are stored permanently (100 TB disk space available with 20 Gbps connection)
- Very fast and competent Support team

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## Things to improve

- Delays in VM invocation 5-30 min (~disk size)
- Unknown resource availability
- Windows VMs require manual settings (especially network drivers)
- Change VM parameters without stopping the VM
- Automatic VM format conversion  
(Citrix XEN → Open XEN)
- Stopped VMs still "use" resources
- Quotas?

The screenshot shows a web-based management interface for an HPC cloud. At the top, there are navigation links: 'vm overview', 'vm configuration', 'disk image upload', 'disk image management', 'hosts', 'networks', 'public firewall exceptions', and 'logout'. Below this, it says 'Logged in as valeria - logout | version: 1.0.1'. The main content area is titled 'Quotas' and contains the following text: 'Currently only CPU hours are recorded to count towards your quota.' Below this is a table:

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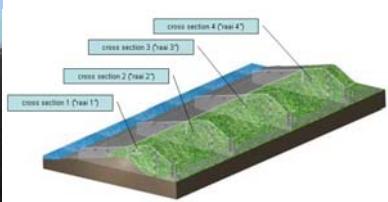
## Virtual Dike

- FSI model: water flow through porous media + structural dynamics
  - Partially saturated soils with water retention
  - Finite element method
- Dike in Groningen, NL
  - tidal water load and flood conditions
  - sensor input



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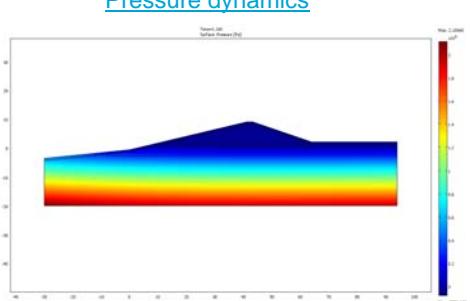


## Virtual Dike simulation results

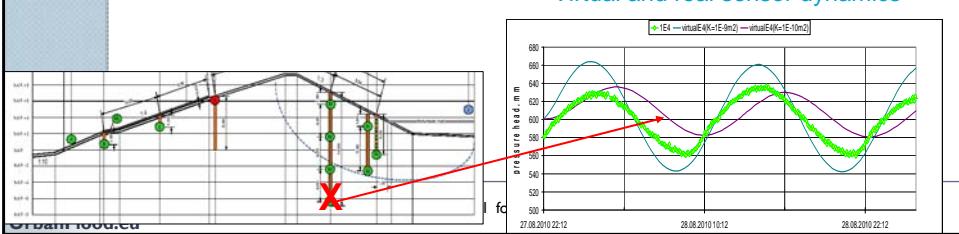
Velocity vectors



Pressure dynamics

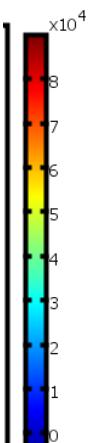
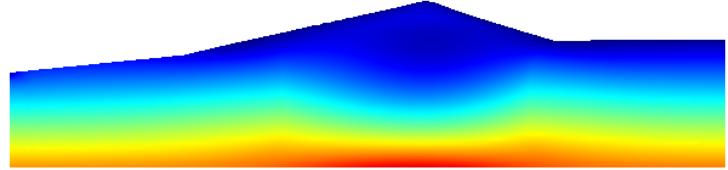


Virtual and real sensor dynamics



## Dike structural stability

Stable: Stability\_criterion >0



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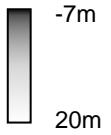
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## Flood Simulator

- Model: simplified shallow water eq.
- University of Amsterdam Science Park



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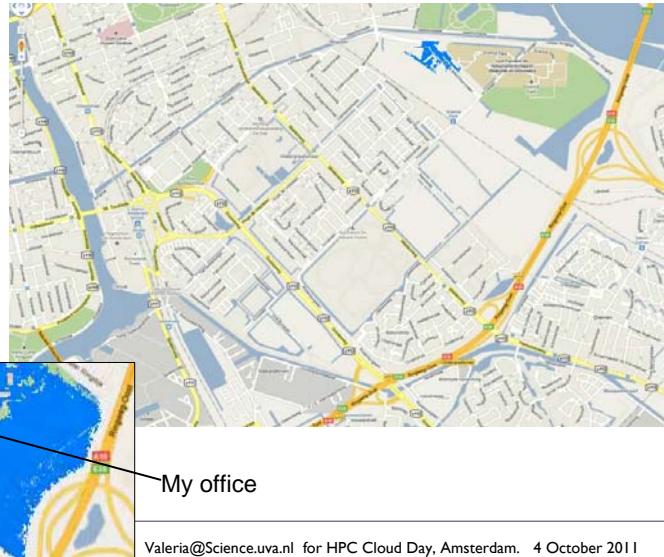
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## Simulated flood of UvA Science Park



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## Simulated flood

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- Boston, UK



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## City evacuation

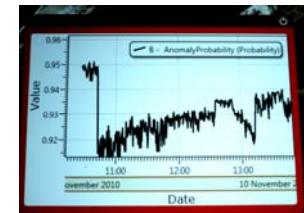
- Agent-based
- Coupling is in progress



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## Decision Support System

- Sensor data
- Alert on dike abnormal condition
- Relevant information: maps, weather, ships, roadwork
- Simulation results



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## DSS on multi-touch table

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## UrbanFlood Plans

- Create a resource management system for UrbanFlood consortium resources (UvA, TNO, Cyfronet, Siemens, **SARA**)
- Port more components to SARA (City evacuation model)
- Virtual Dike: 3D simulations of several dikes (Eemshaven, Zeeland, Ringdijk, Stammerdijk, ...)
- Flood Simulator: flood areas protected by the dikes; develop tools for automatic map extraction for flood simulations

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## UrbanFlood EWS demos

- [www.UrbanFlood.eu](http://www.UrbanFlood.eu)
- BBC World Series – Horizons, June 2011

The screenshot shows a YouTube search results page for the query "ICTdijk". The results are titled "Search results for ICTdijk" and show about 3 results. The first video is "UrbanFlood flood mitigation support demonstration" (2:17), the second is "UrbanFlood Dike and environment monitor system and anomaly detection" (5:43), and the third is "Ijkdijk experiment september 2008" (1:08). Each video thumbnail includes a play button and the number of views (e.g., 67 views, 76 views, 888 views).



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