Predictability of the floods caused by Typhoon Hagibis in 2019 using Today's Earth

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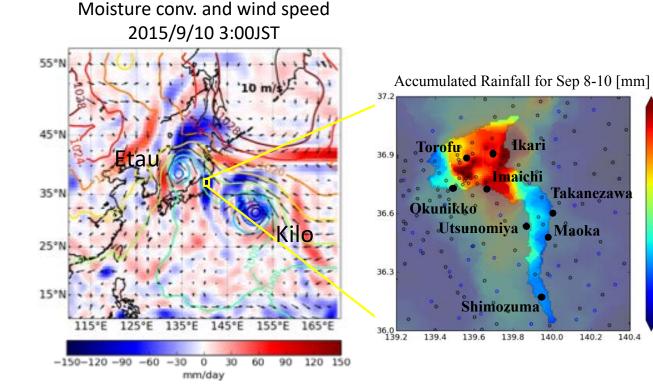


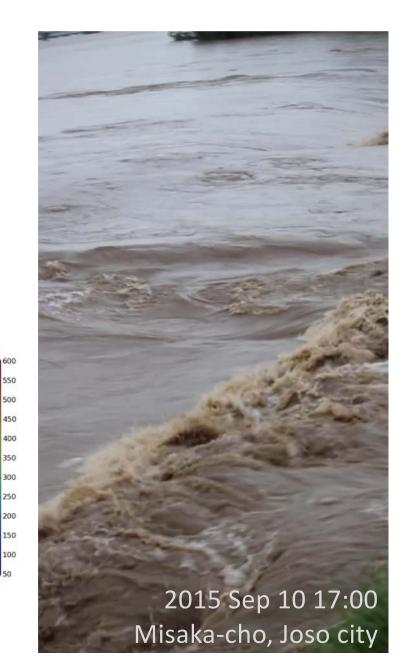


Kanto/Tohoku Heavy Rain (Sep 2015)

Heavy precipitation for 8 to 10 September 2015 over Tochigi and Ibaraki prefectures was caused by clustered linear rain bands influenced by Typhoon Etau (No 18) and Kilo (No 17).

Over 40 km² in Joso-city including 11,000 houses were inundated, evacuation orders were issued for more than 10,000 citizens, and over 2,000 people were rescued by helicopters and boats.



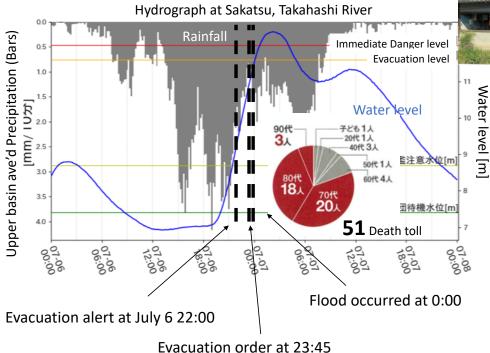


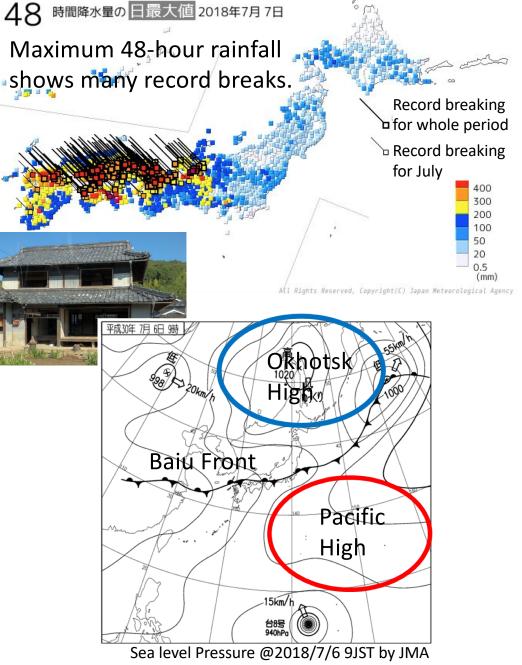


West Japan Heavy Rain (July 2018)

Because of long time halt of Baiu Front, which was influenced by powerful Pacific High and the Okhotsk High, it brought large amounts of precipitation across western Japan from July 5-8, 2018.

In terms of 24-hour accumulated rainfall, some watersheds experienced rainfall on a multi-100-year scale, resulting in flood inundation and mudslides in many areas of western Japan. It killed 263 people in total.

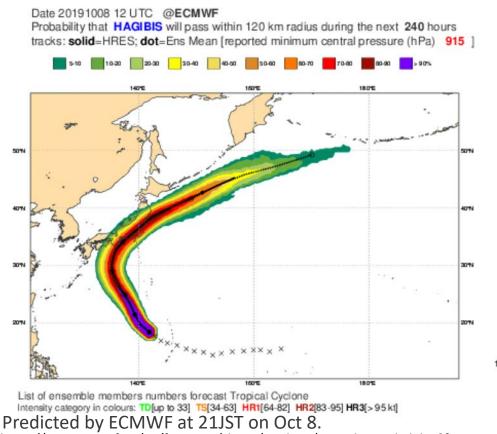






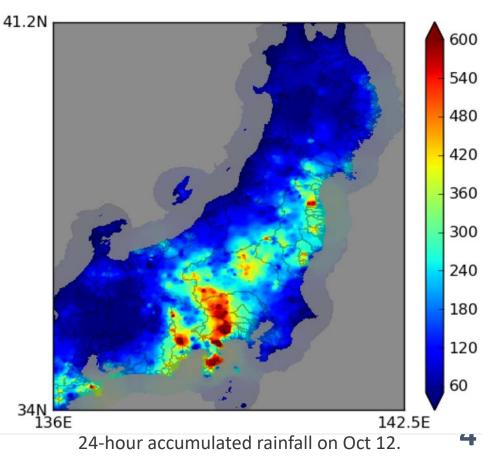
Typhoon Hagibis (Oct 2019)

Typhoon Hagibis (in Japan, No 19 in 2019) was emerged on Oct 6 and became category 5 on Oct 7. On 12 Oct 19:00JST, it made landfall on Izu peninsula, and it moved Kanto region to southern Tohoku region until early morning of 13 Oct. Hagibis caused extensive **damages at more than 70 river systems and killed more than 100 people** in the eastern part of Japan.



https://www.ecmwf.int/en/forecasts/charts/tcyclone/tc_strike_probability?facets=u ndefined&time=2019100812,0,2019100812&unique_id=25W_HAGIBIS_2019

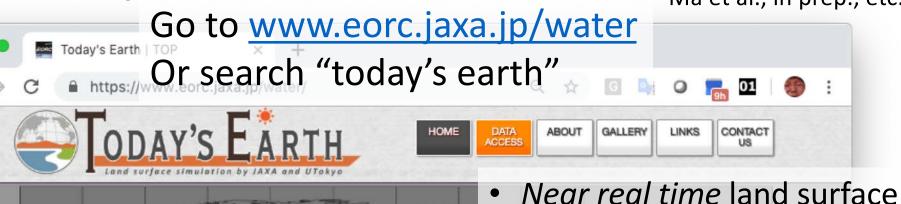


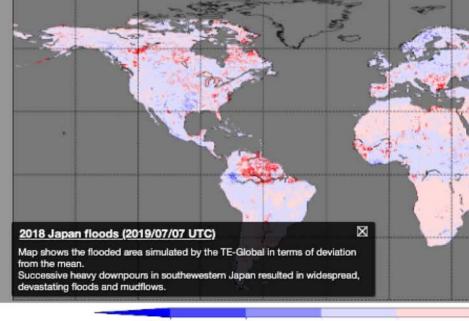




Today's Earth system

Yoshimura et al., 2008 Ma et al., in prep., etc.





- Near real time land surface simulation system for global (1/4° res.) and Japan (1/60° res.).
- Forced by multiple satellite
 based atmospheric
 variables including GSMaP
 precip, MODIS radiation.
- Data downloadable from

"Today' Earth (TE)" is JAXA's land surface & river simulation system developed un 1958 research with University of Tokyo. The system distributes & visualizes various hydrological products and their magnitudes for disaster monitoring and hydrological research.

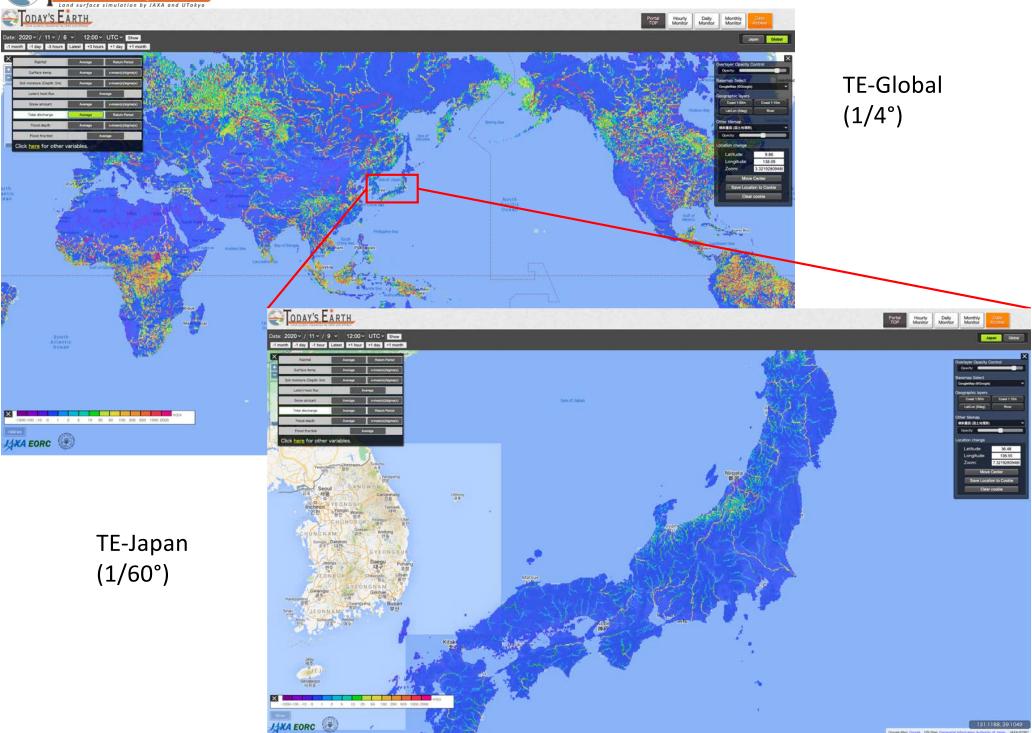
Forecast versions are being

TE-Global Explore Our Changing



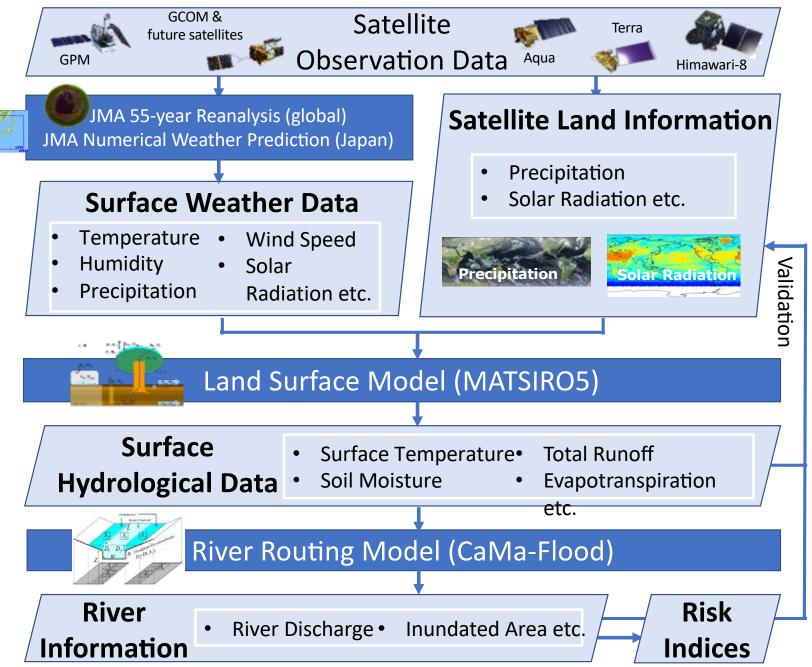
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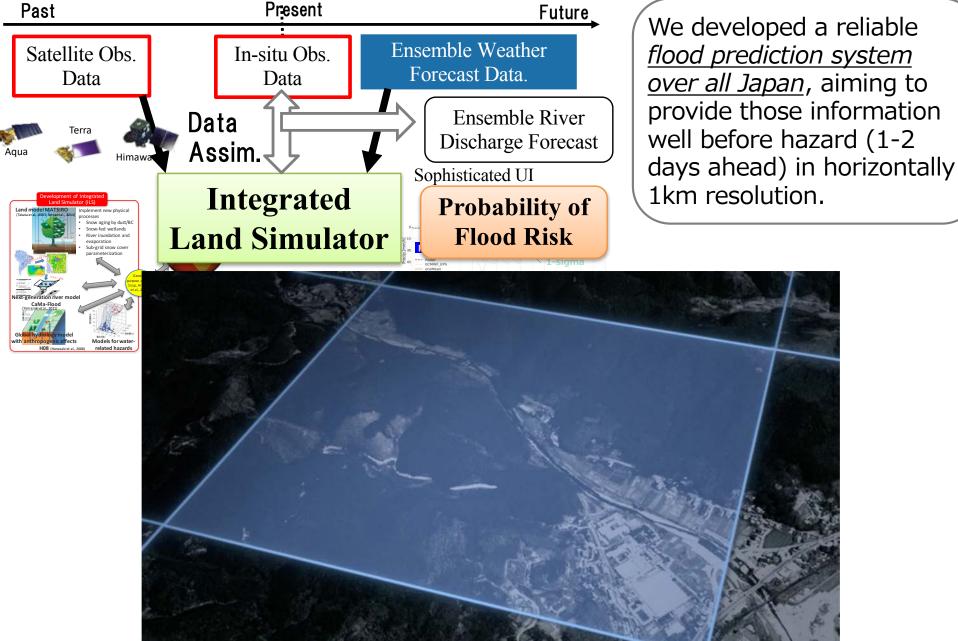
TE Data flow





GCOM & future satellites

Structure of Prediction using Today's Earth

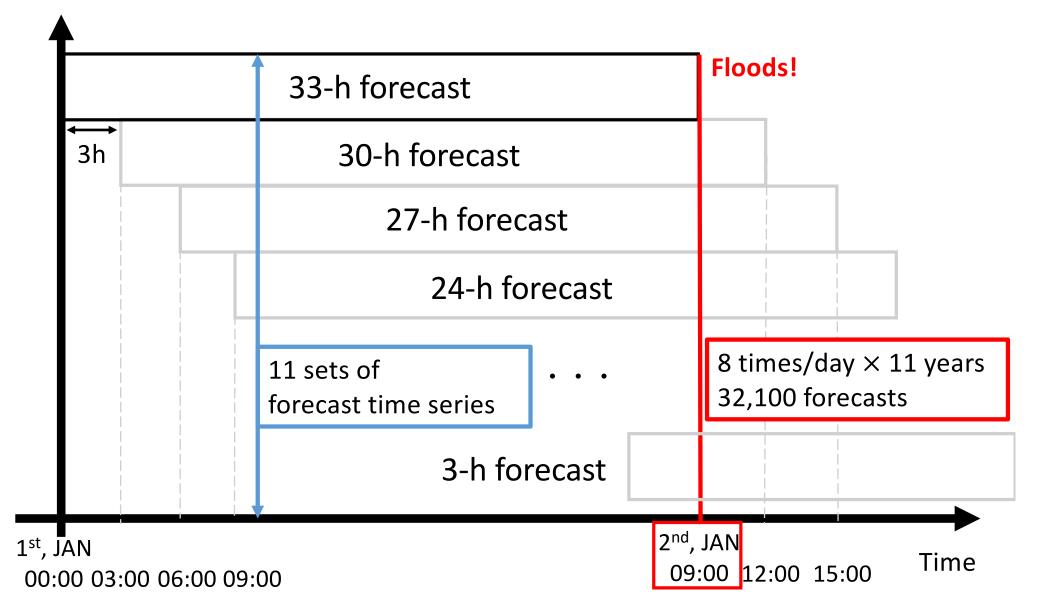




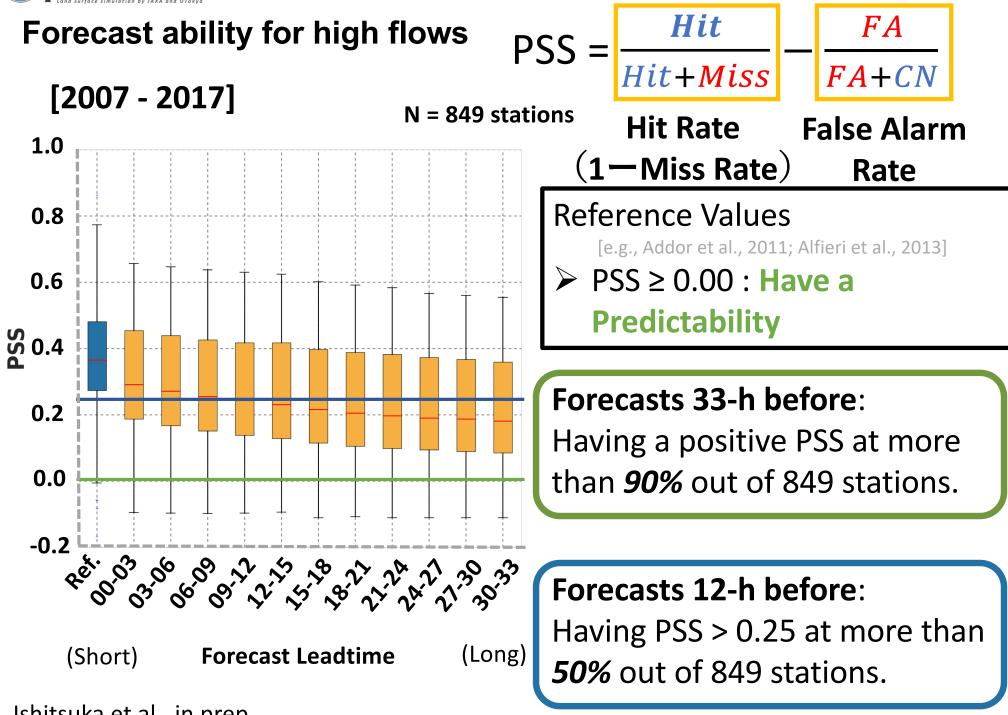
Validation for 11-year hindcasted runs

Forecasts: 33-h lead time, Issued every 3hours

Assessing the accuracy in each lead time from short to long





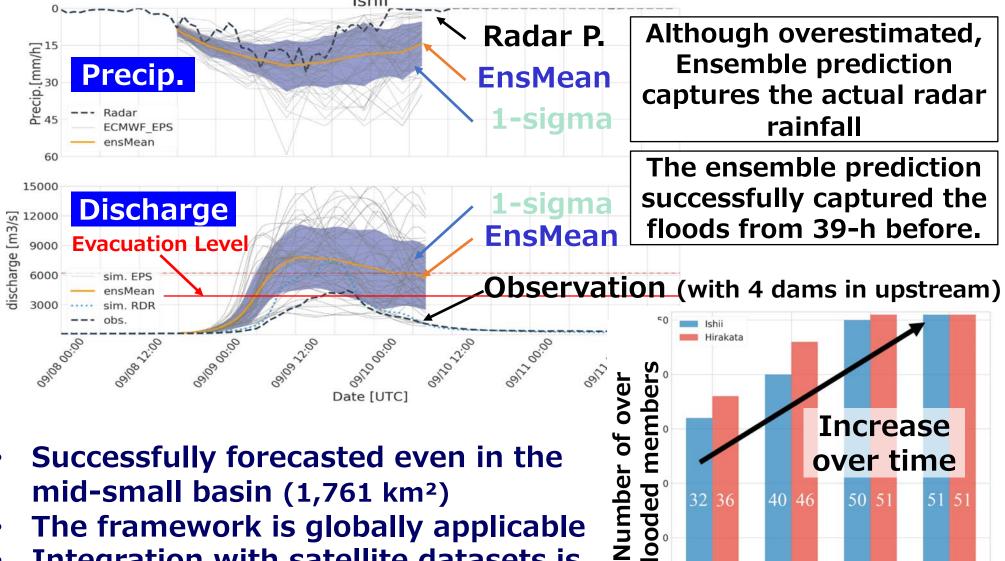


Ishitsuka et al., in prep.



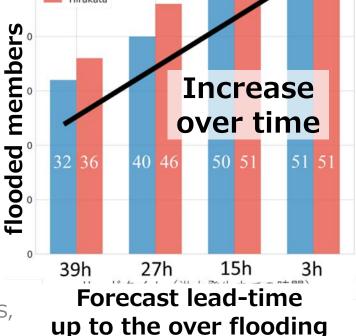
2015's case

Ensemble forecasts of 39-hour ahead



- Successfully forecasted even in the ۲ mid-small basin (1,761 km²)
- The framework is globally applicable
- Integration with satellite datasets is highly desired and ongoing.

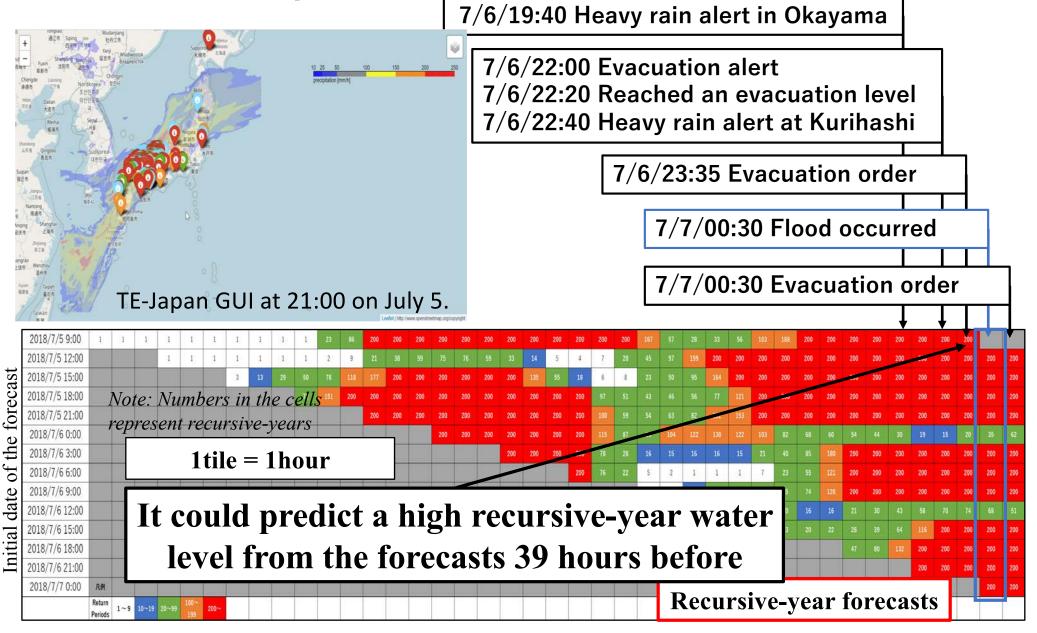
Ishitsuka, Y., D. Yamazaki, K. Yoshimura, Ensemble approach for flash flood forecasting: A case study of the Kinu River flood of 2015, submitted to JAMES, in revision.





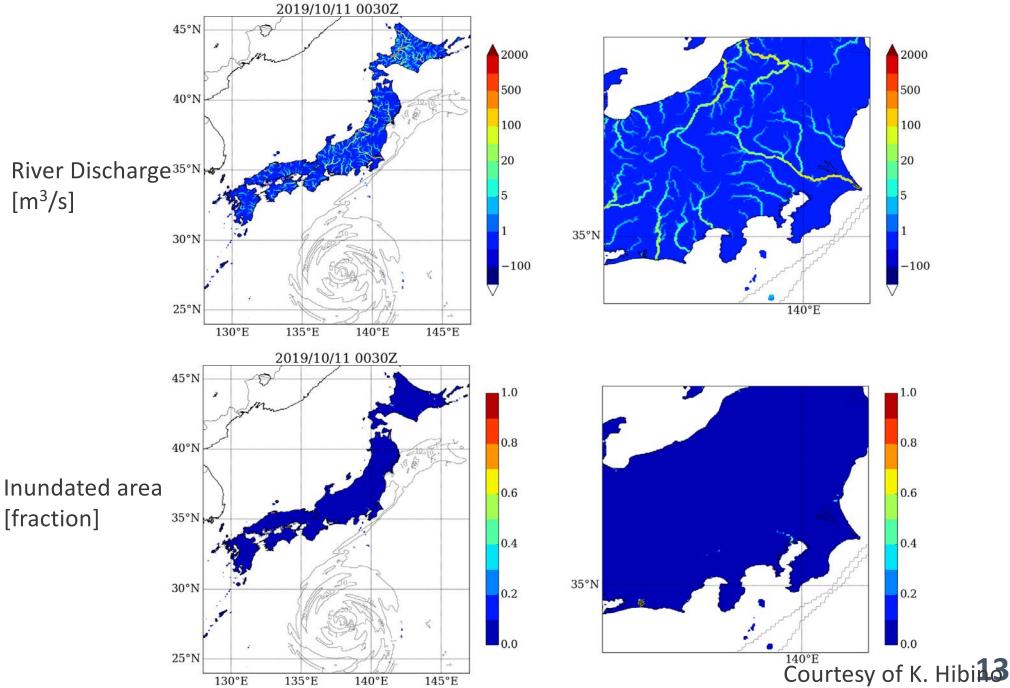
Results from TE-Japan for 2018-Floods

2018's case





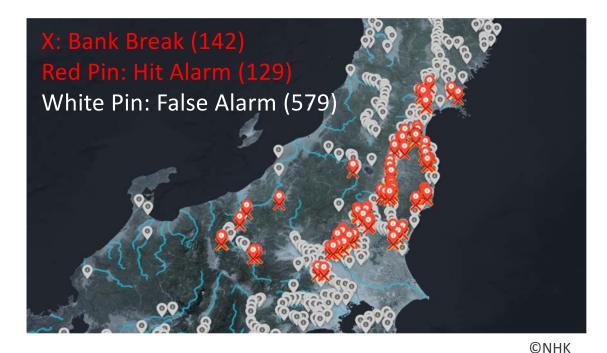
Prediction from 11 Oct 9JST by TE-Japan (1km-ver.)



2019's case



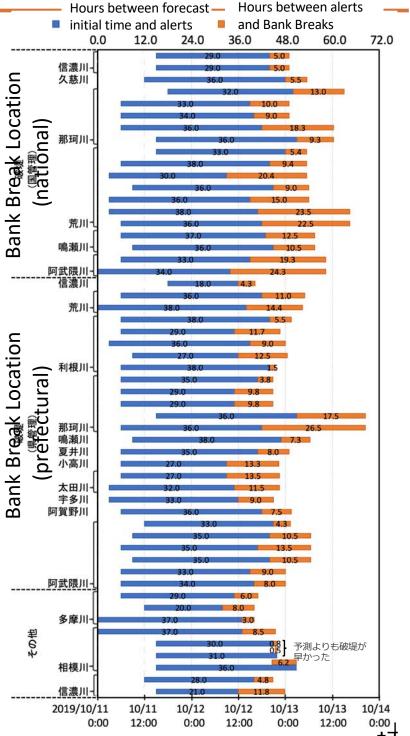
Predictability for Floods by Hagibis



According to authority, there were **142 levee-broken** sites. TE-Japan successfully gave "alerts" at 129 sites (i.e., 1/200yr water level) with sufficient lead time (in average 32.3 hours). Levees were destroyed 8.5 hours later than the "alerts".

False alarm rate is about 90% at 3am Oct 11, but decreased to 70% since 9am Oct 11, and reached 60% at 9pm Oct 12, when actual flooding started to occur.

Ma et al., in prep.





Municipals started using prediction by TE-Japan

Because of Japanese law, it is NOT permitted to provide predicted results to public (Meteorological Service Act Article 17-1). Therefore, currently *TE-Japan*'s prediction is only used by municipals as a collaborative feasibility study. Member municipals of our collaborative feasibility study are as follows (as of Nov 2020):

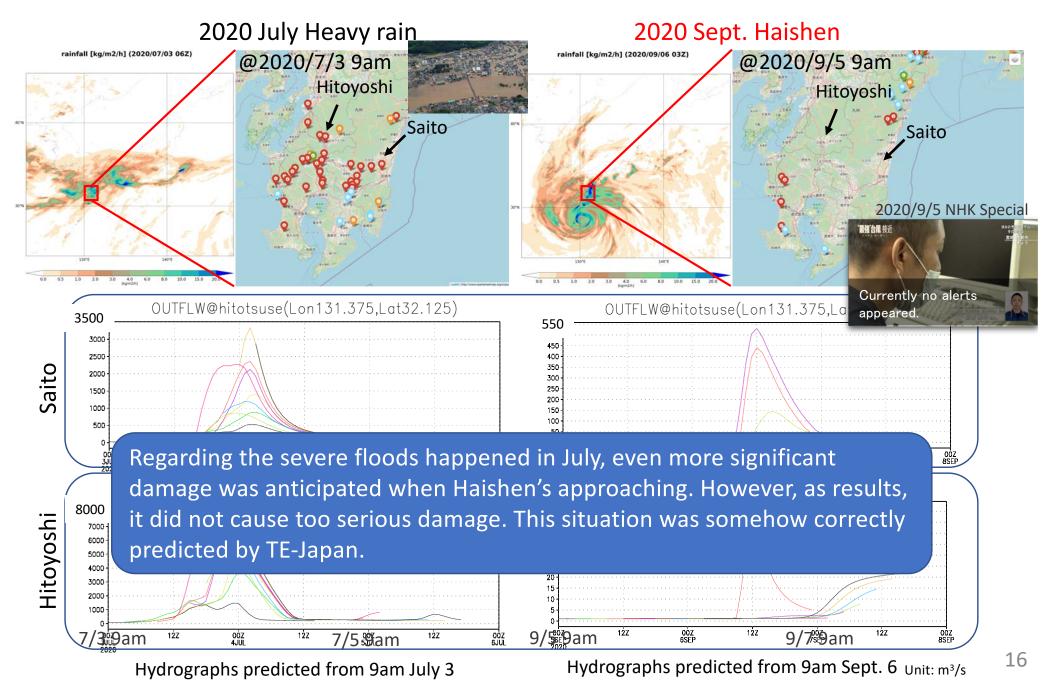
- Miyazaki city / Miyazaki
- Saito city / Miyazaki
- Takanabe city / Miyazaki
- Nagano city / Nagano
- Matsuyama city / Ehime
- Masaki town / Ehime
- Mito city / Ibaraki
- Joso city / Ibaraki
- Tsukuba city / Ibaraki
- TsukubaMirai city / Ibaraki
- Sakai town / Ibaraki
- Hitachiomiya city / Ibaraki
- Hitachiota city / Ibaraki
- Wakayama pref.
- Hitachinaka city / Ibaraki
- Jori town / Ibaraki
- Edogawa ward / Tokyo
- Daigo town / Ibaraki
- Ryugasaki city / Ibaraki
- Tokushima city / Tokushima
- Nagano Pref.
- Bando city / Ibaraki



Meeting with Mito city, 2020/9/5 NHK Special



Kyushu floods in July 2020 and Typhoon Haishen in Sept. 2020





Fusion with Satellite Observation (SAR)

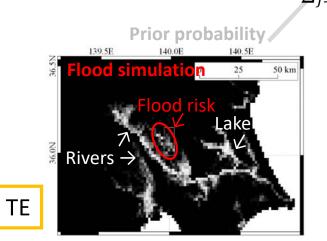
 $P(\boldsymbol{x}|F_i) = N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)$

N: Gaussian Distribution

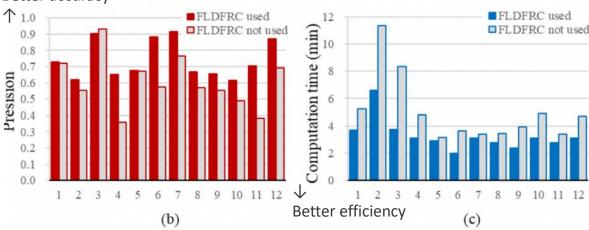
 μ, Σ : Parameters of N

(should be set along the incidence angle)

Probability of class $i P(F_i | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{P(F_i)P(\mathbf{x}|F_i)}{\sum_{j=0}^{3} P(F_j)P(\mathbf{x}|F_j)}$

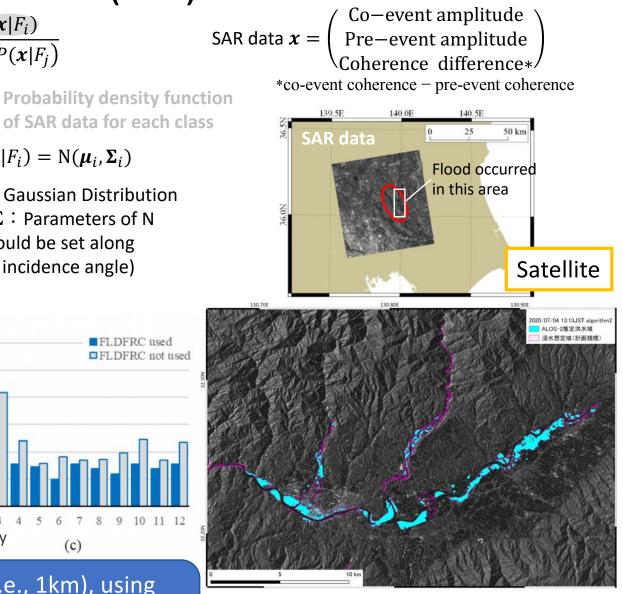


Better accuracy



Even though TE-J's low resolution (i.e., 1km), using predicted flood fraction as prior helps to improve the SAR-based (3m) inundation estimates.

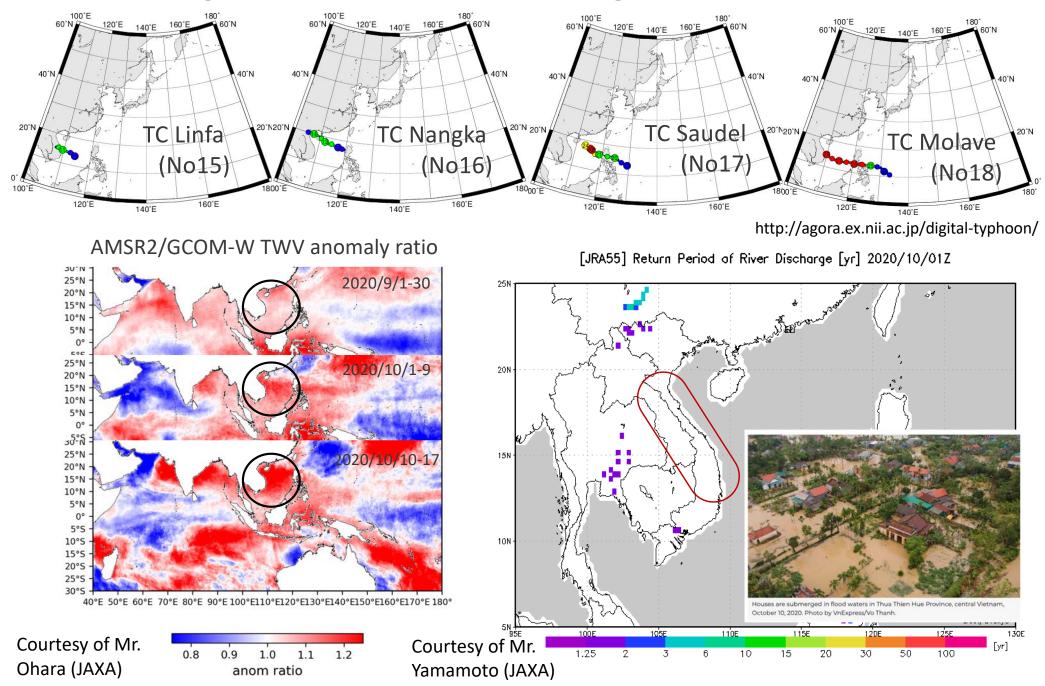
Ohki et al. 2020



Estimate of inundation is promptly announced in case of July flood 2020.



Example of global view: TCs Linfa, Nangka, Saudel, Molave...





Summary

- We developed *Today's Earth*, or *TE*, a simulation system that provides integrated estimates of physical quantities related to the water cycle on land (e.g., soil moisture content, river flows, evapotranspiration, and many others).
- Today's Earth utilizes the land surface simulation technology of the University of Tokyo and the satellite data analysis technology of JAXA/EORC, respectively, and enables us to continuously monitor global land conditions through the internet.
- In the Japanese region in particular, we have established a system to distribute real-time prediction with a resolution of 1/60° grid (about 1 km grid) to the public. It is called *TE-Japan*. Global version (*TE-Global*) has 1/4° grid (about 25km grid).
- We tested the performance of *TE-Japan* for some extreme events. In the case of Typhoon Hagibis in 2019, at 129 of the 142 sites where breaches were reported, the system predicted a once-in-200 years flood level (defined as an alert) for an average of 32.3 hours prior to the event.
- The false alarm rate was around 70% to 80 % throughout the period. This predictive information is being considered for use in a variety of fields, such as the distribution of disaster prevention information in the domestic media and public municipal offices.
- Fusion of *TE* and SAR makes the inundation area estimate better.

