

# Investigation of flooding for a large urban catchment

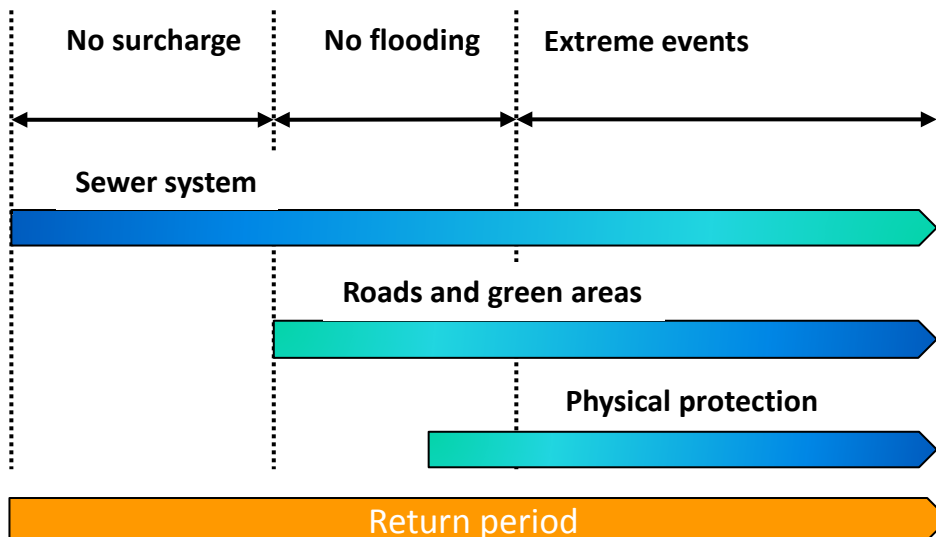
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- **Hazard Analysis and Risk Assessment**
- **Summary**

## Background and European regulations

- Climate change
- Stepwise procedure to analyze effects of flooding

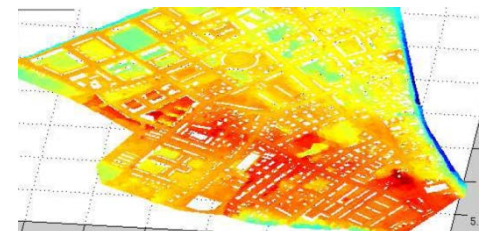
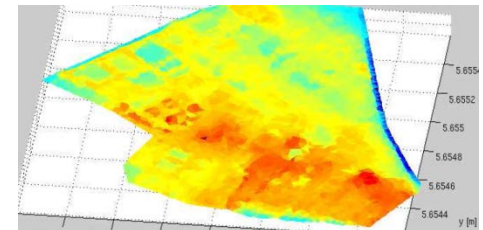


after DWA, 2009

Return period	flooding
Rural areas	10
Residential areas	20
City center	
- with check of flooding	30
- without check of flooding	
Subways/underpasses	50

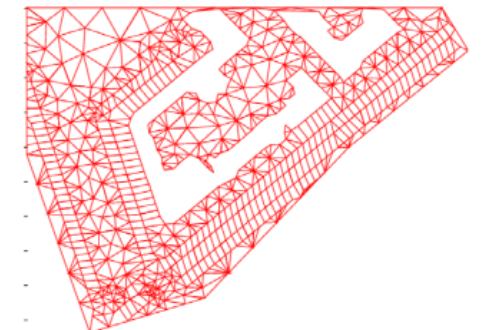
## Problems

- **Limited data or lack of data**
  - **Data mining expensive (for a large catchment)**
  - **Depending on approach**
    - Rough GIS analysis
    - Simple 1-D/2-D approach with rough areal resolution
    - Detailed 1-D/2-D approach with high resolution data
- Computational time and manual effort is a problem**



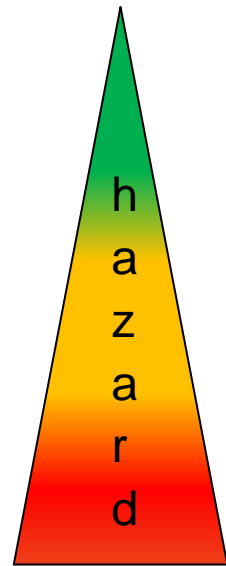
## Solution

- **Identification of areas with risk of flooding**
- **Detailed 2-D approach with high resolution data**
- **Software used: itwh HE-2D, ArcGIS-application**



## Classification – Definition of areas with risk of flooding

- **Stage 1:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Surge and test of flooding (1D)
- **Stage 2:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Analysis of flooding (flow paths and flooding areas) (GIS/2D)
- **Stage 3:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Detailed simulation of flooding on the surface (1D/2D)



classification

## Stage 1: Test of flooding

- Simulation with a "normal" hydrodynamic sewer model
- Return period of design storm according to regulations or objective
- Classification based on water levels and overflow/flooded volumes

Hazard classes (GK)	Classification	Reason
0	No hazard	Water level $\leq 2.5$ m under ground level
1	Slight hazard	Water level $\leq 1$ m under ground level
2	Moderate hazard	Overflow $\leq 5$ m <sup>3</sup>
3	Great hazard	Overflow $< 1,000$ m <sup>3</sup> *)
4	Very great hazard	Overflow $\geq 1,000$ m <sup>3</sup> *)

\*) or assessment in the form of a flood test

- **Optional: calculation of a key hazard figure**

$$RKZ = \frac{1}{L_{ges}} * \sum_{1}^n (RK_i * L_i)$$

GKZ: Key hazard figure drainage system

$L_i$ : Length of the upstream pipe i in meters

$GK_i$ : Hazard class for position i

$L_{ges}$ : Total length of the pipes considered in meters

n: Number of positions considered

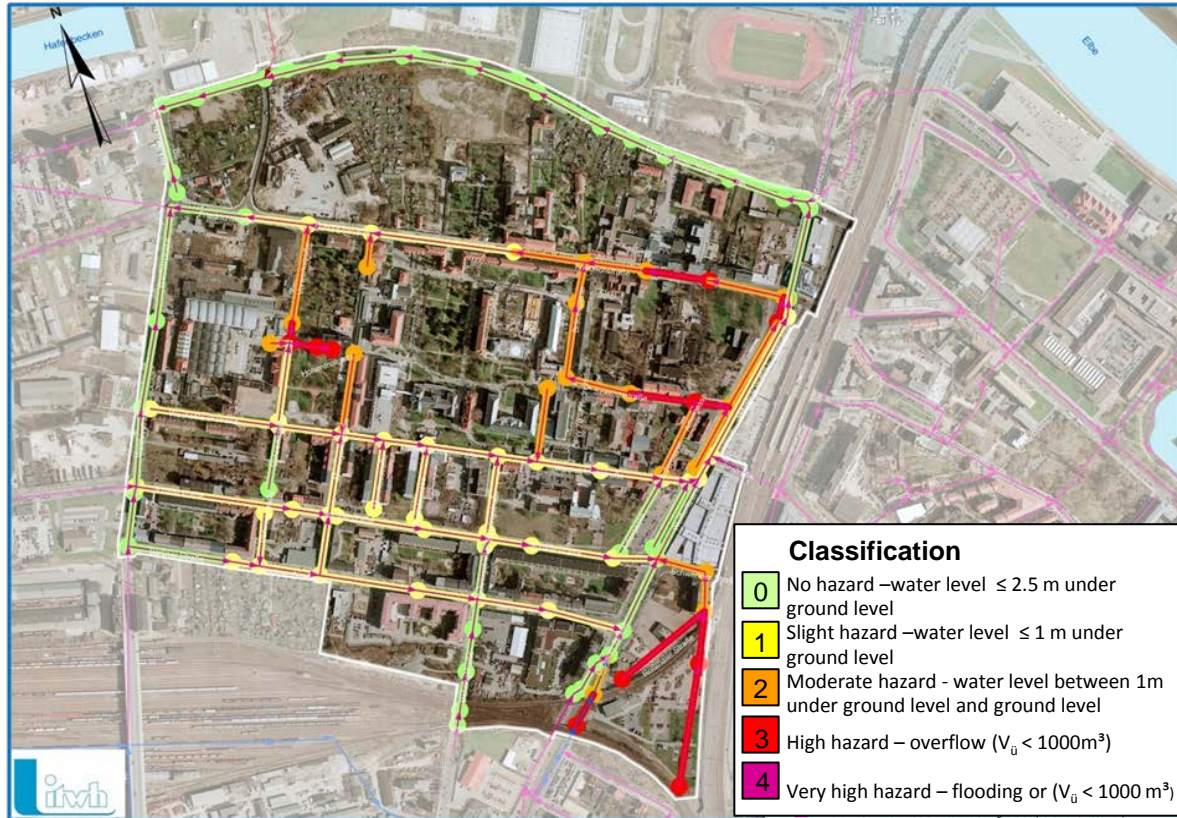


## Stage 1: Example results





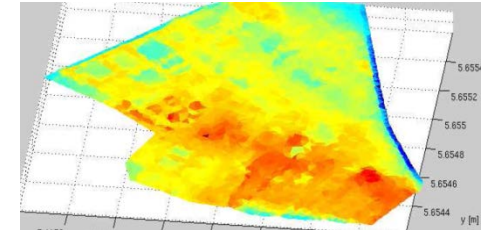
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## Stage 2: Analysis of flooding (flow paths and flooded areas)

- **Method**

- GIS or rough 2-D model

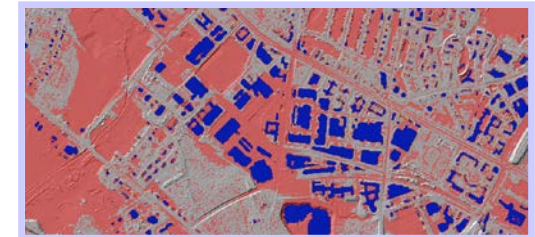


- **Necessary data**

- Results of simulation model (overflow/flooded volumes)
- Digital terrain model/areal photograph

- **Results**

- Identification of flow paths and depressions
- Extended classification
- Rough quantification of potential damage
- Identification of areas for detailed simulation



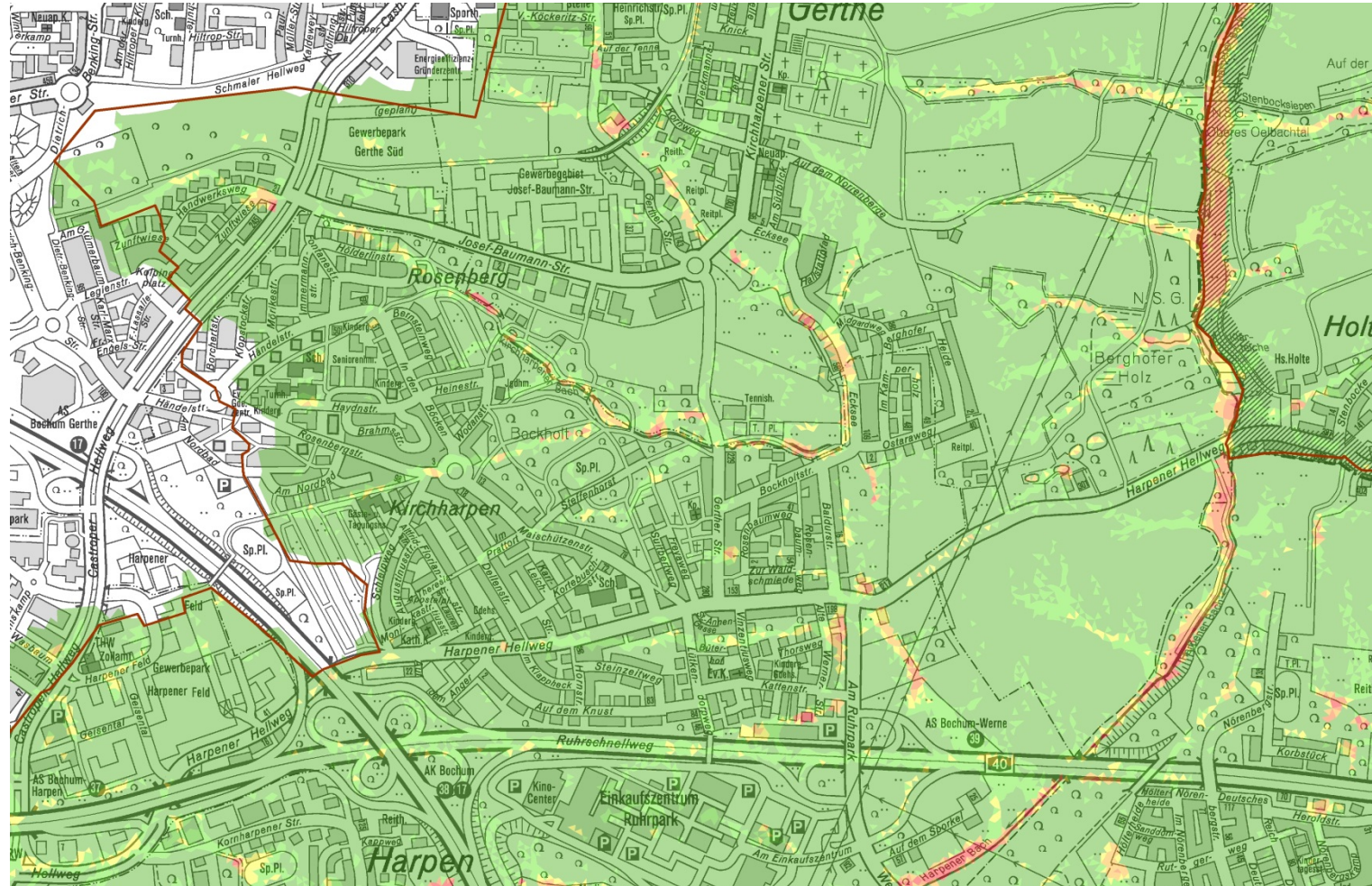
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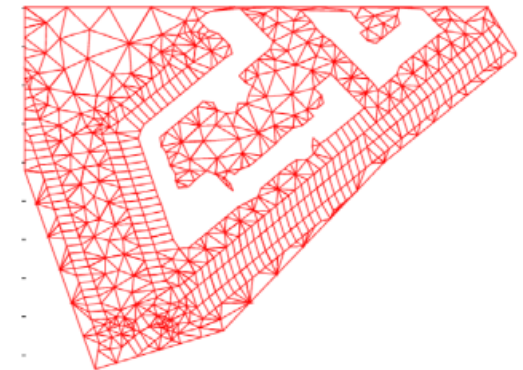
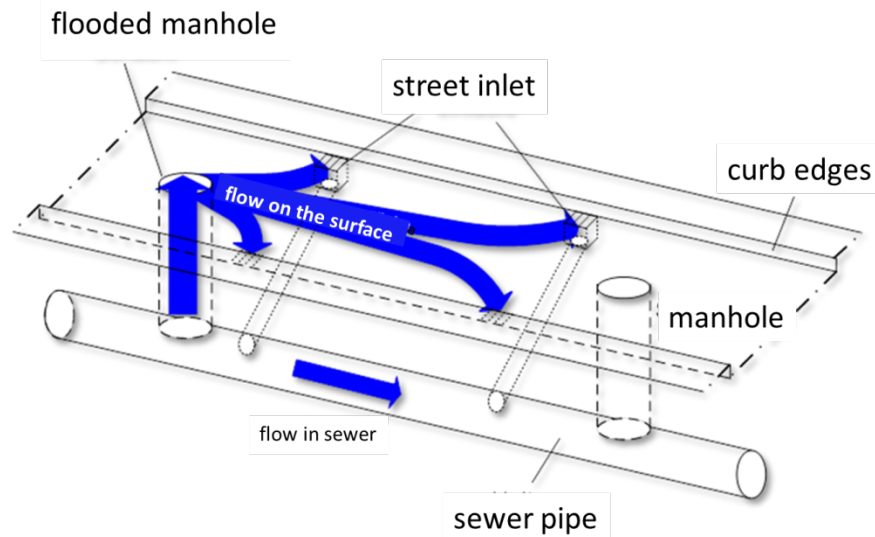
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## Stage 3: Detailed simulation of flooding

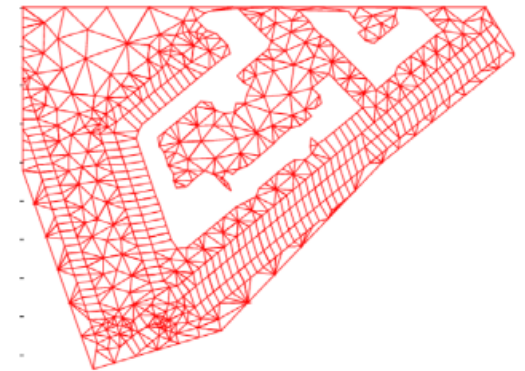
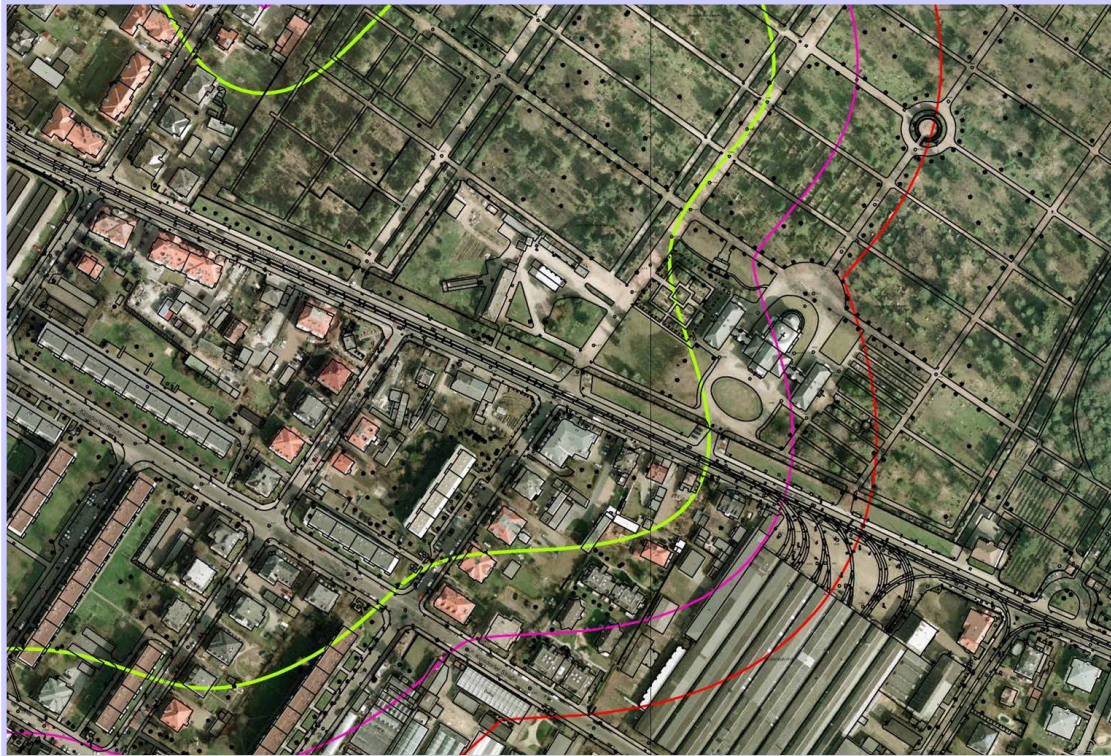
- **Method**

- Bidirectional coupled (integrated) simulation of flow in sewer system (1-D) and flow on the surface (2-D)



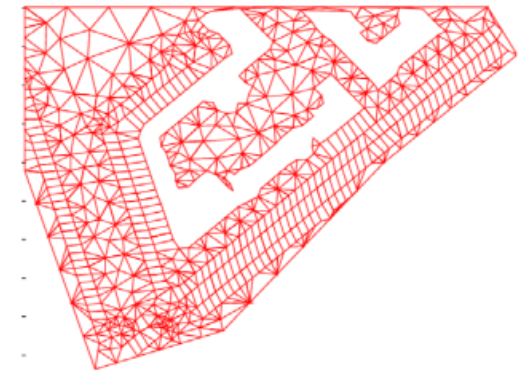
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- **Necessary data**
  - Aerial photograph – Definition of area for detailed simulation



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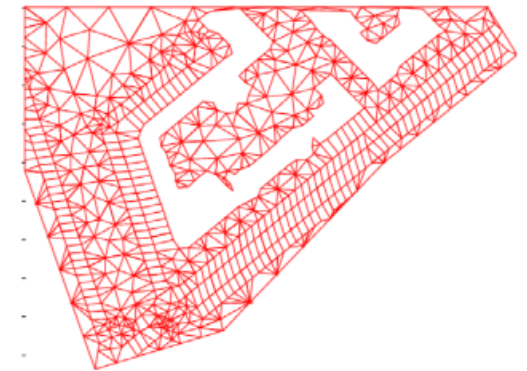
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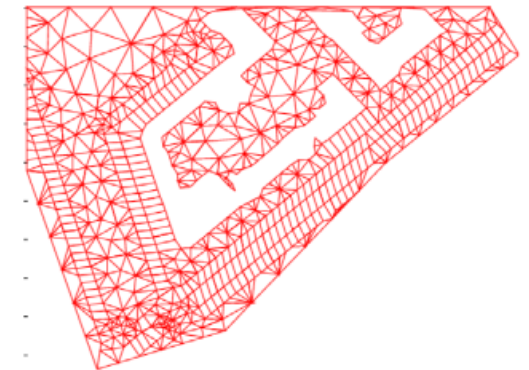
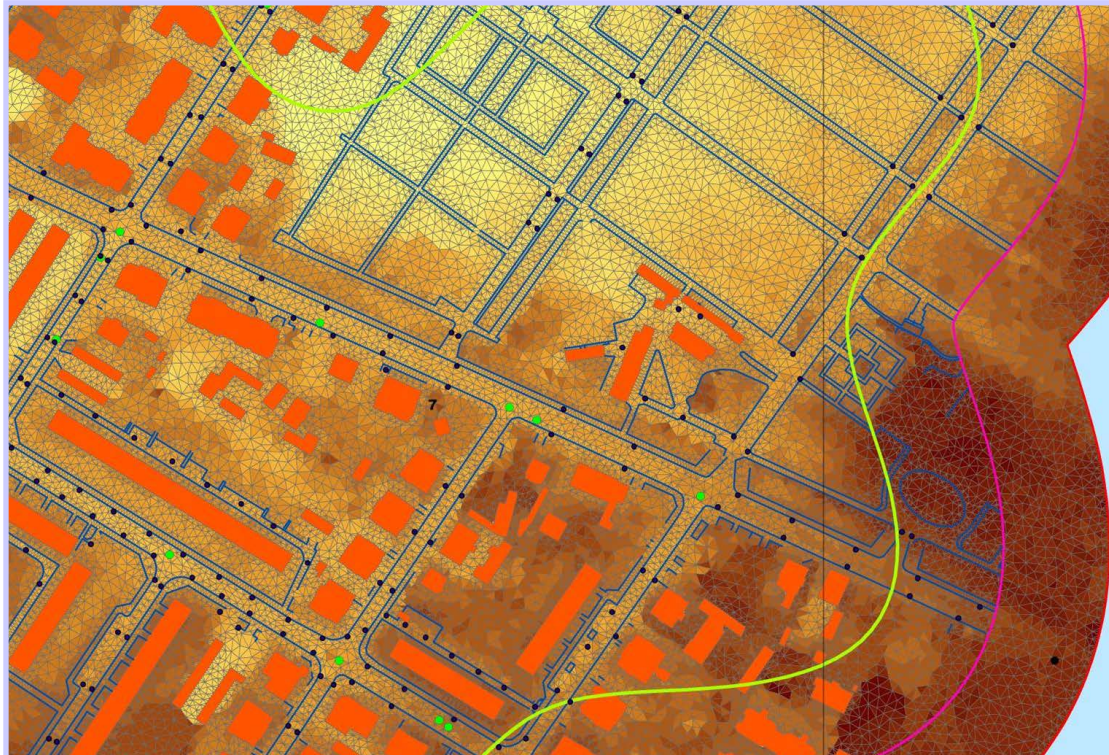
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- **Necessary data**
  - Building polygons, street boundaries, type of surface, street inlets



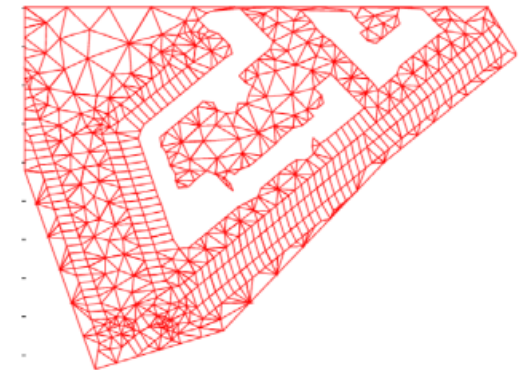
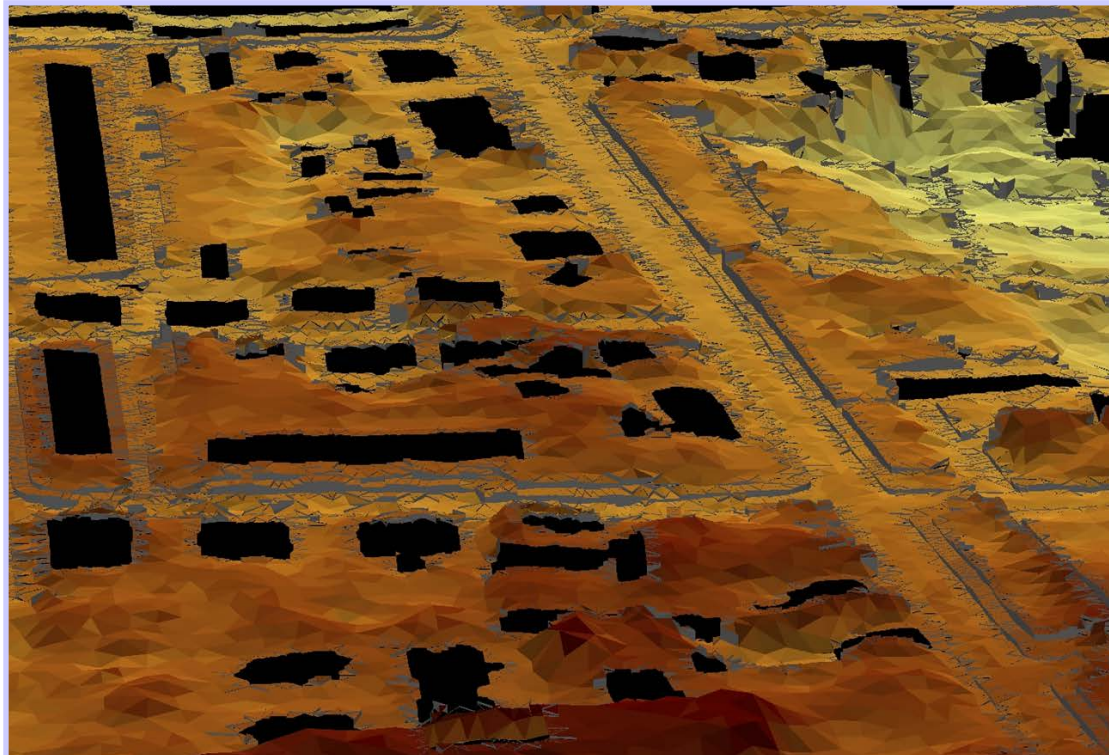
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  - Digital terrain model (DTM)



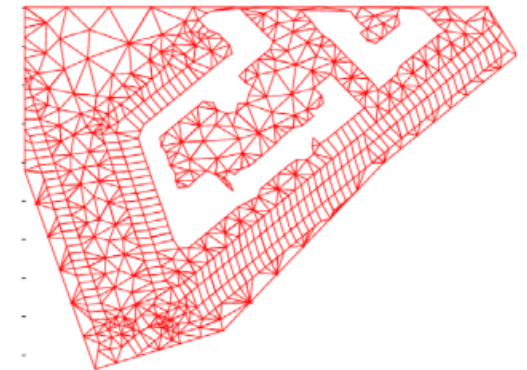
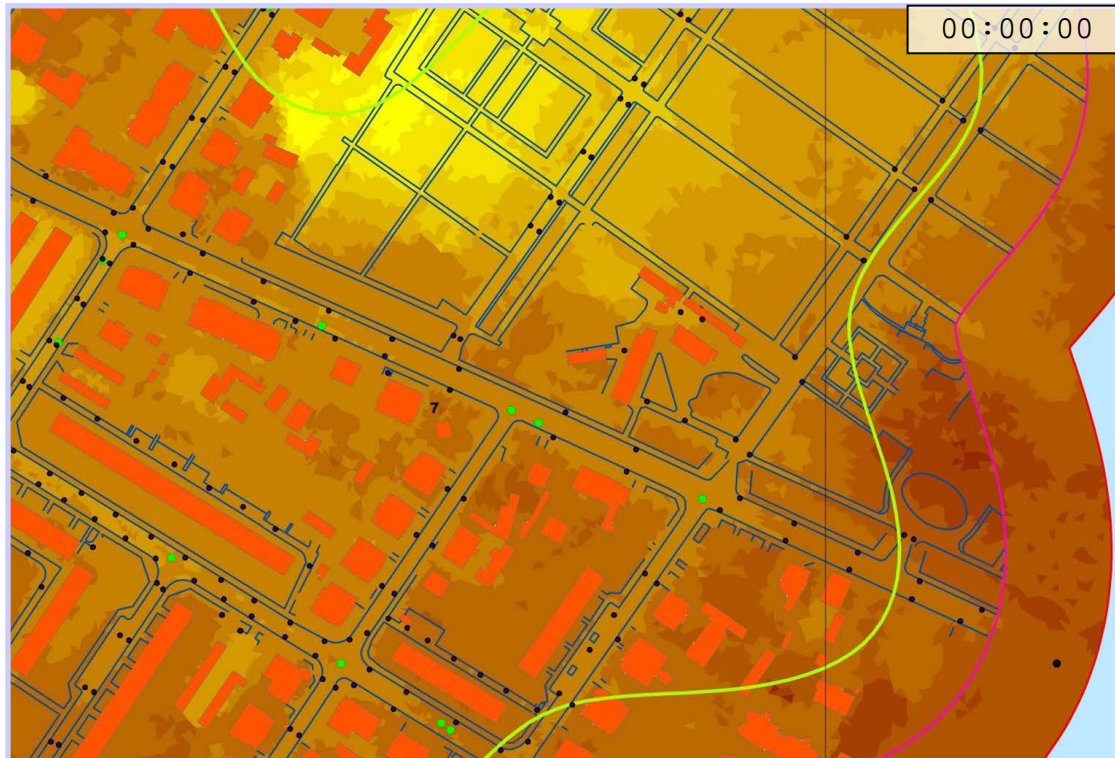
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- **Necessary data**
  - Detailed simulation network (3D view)



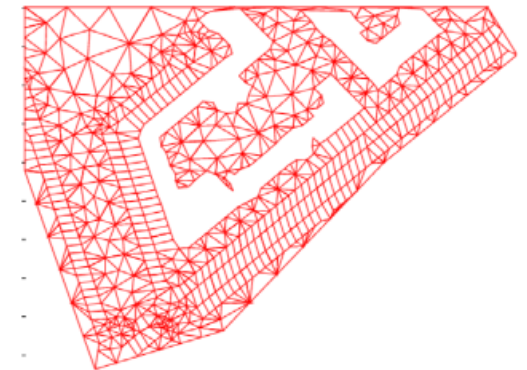
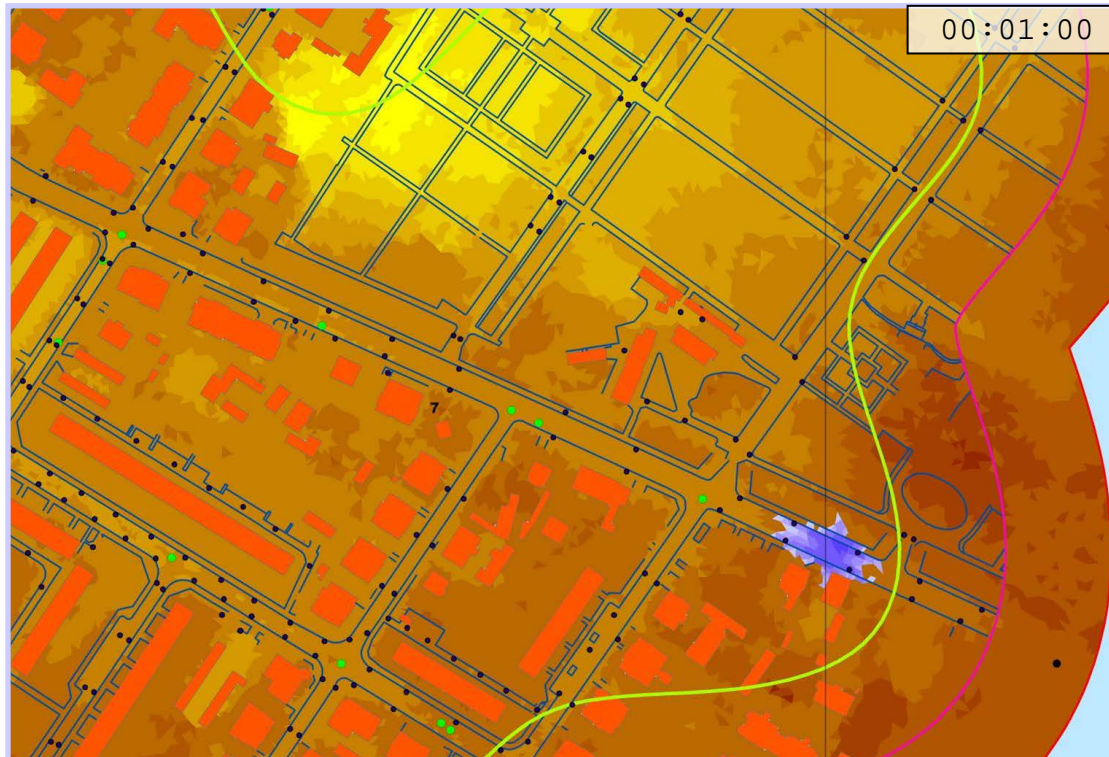
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- **Results**
  - Water level on the surface, velocities, basis for detailed damage analysis



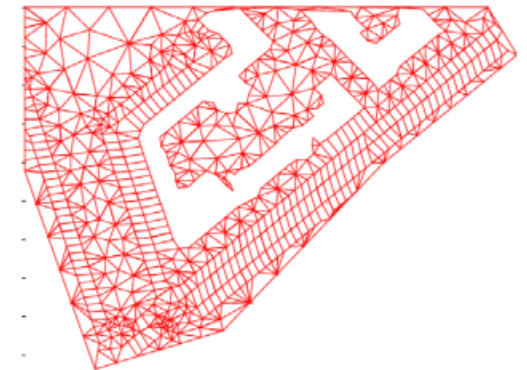
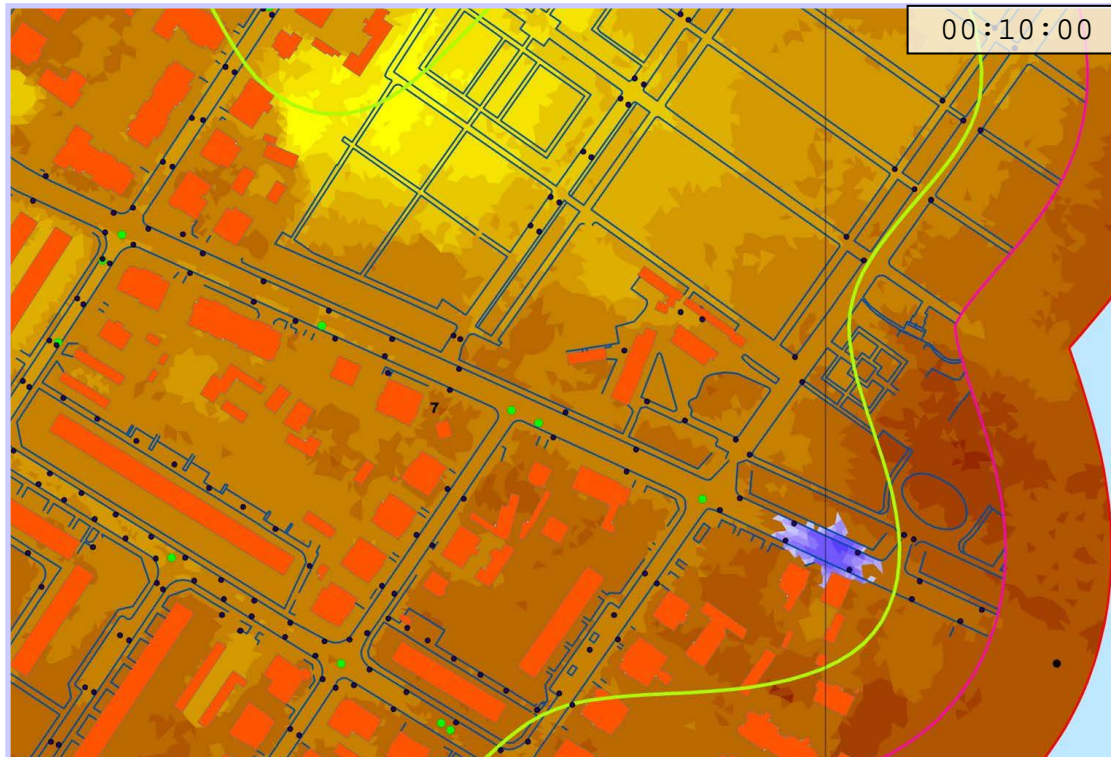
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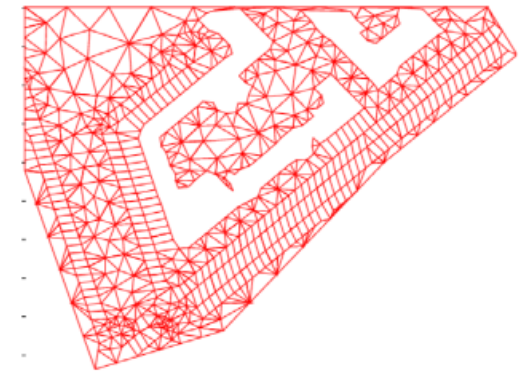
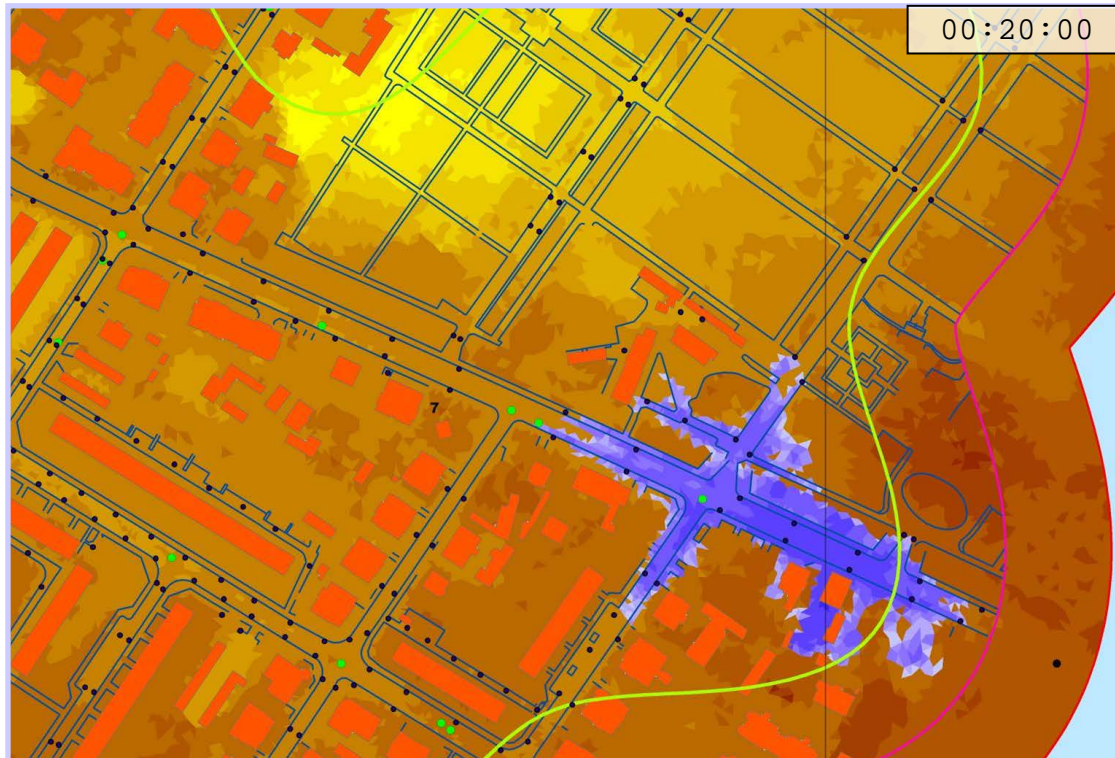
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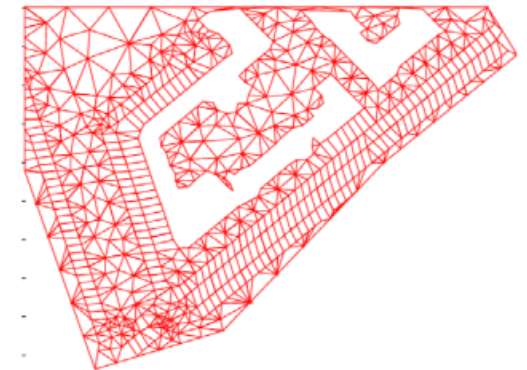
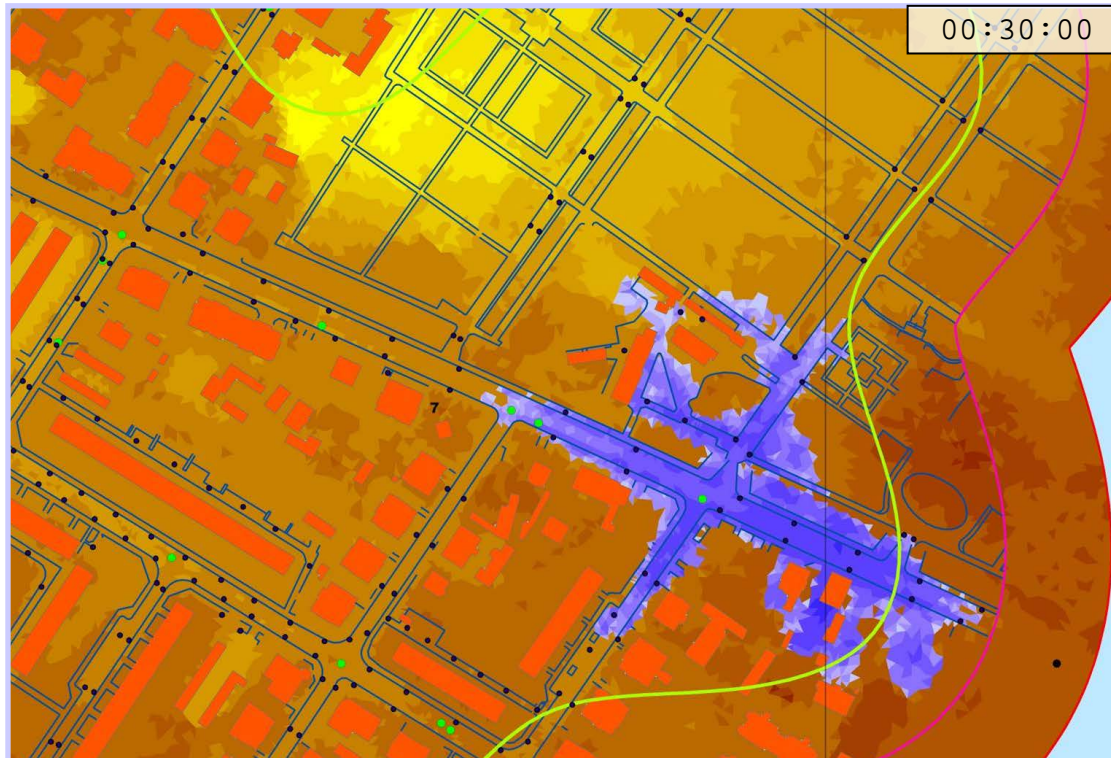
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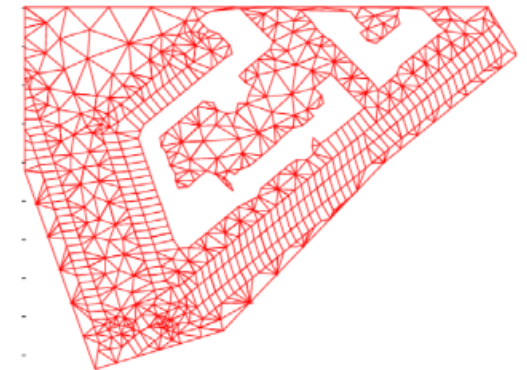
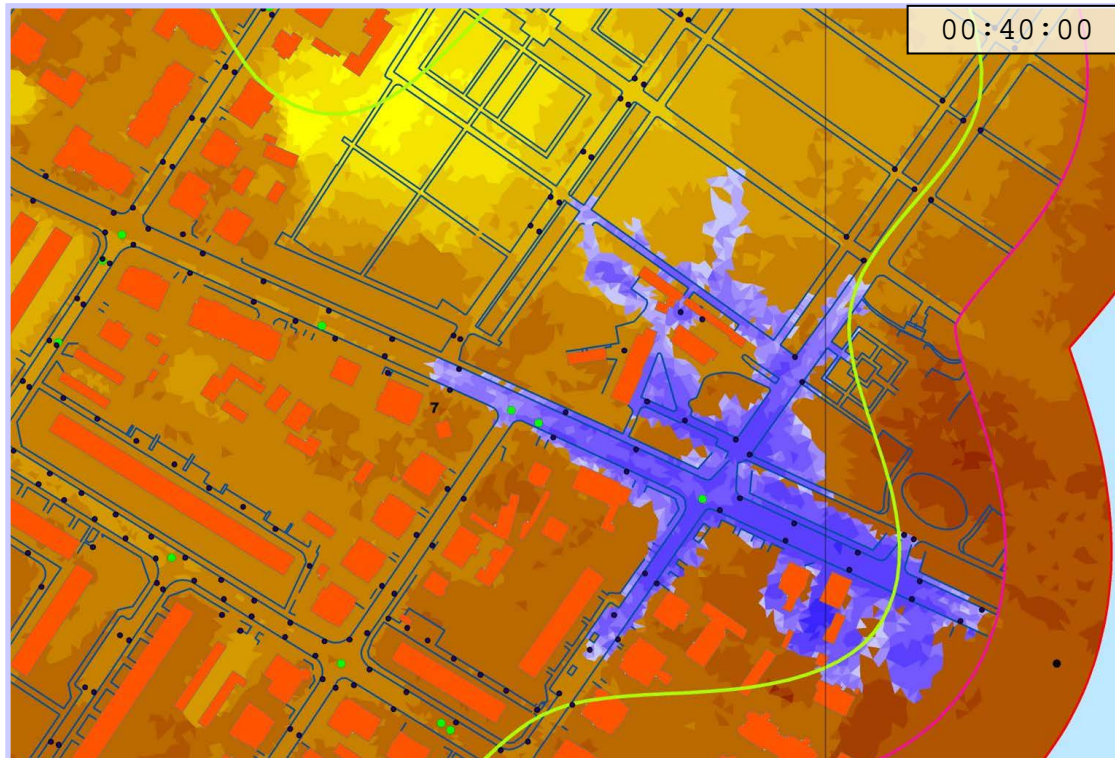
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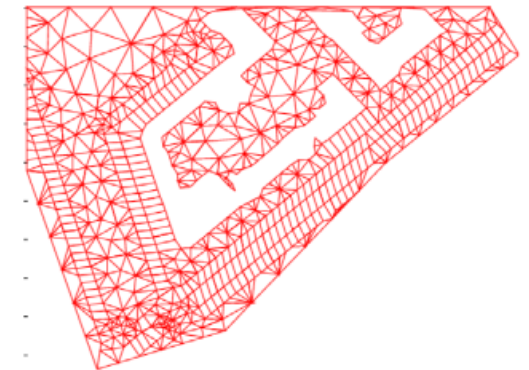
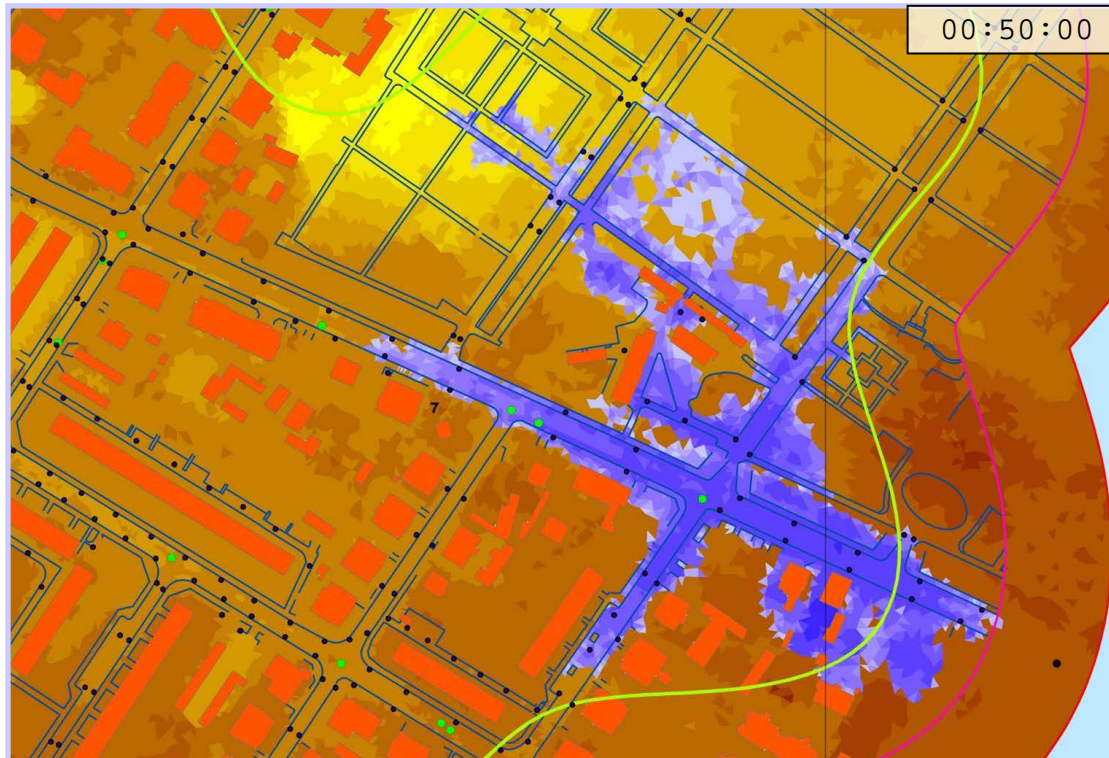
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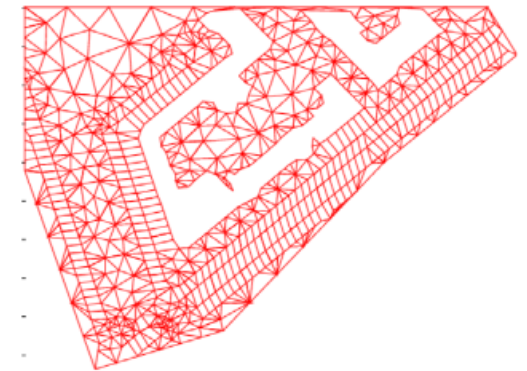
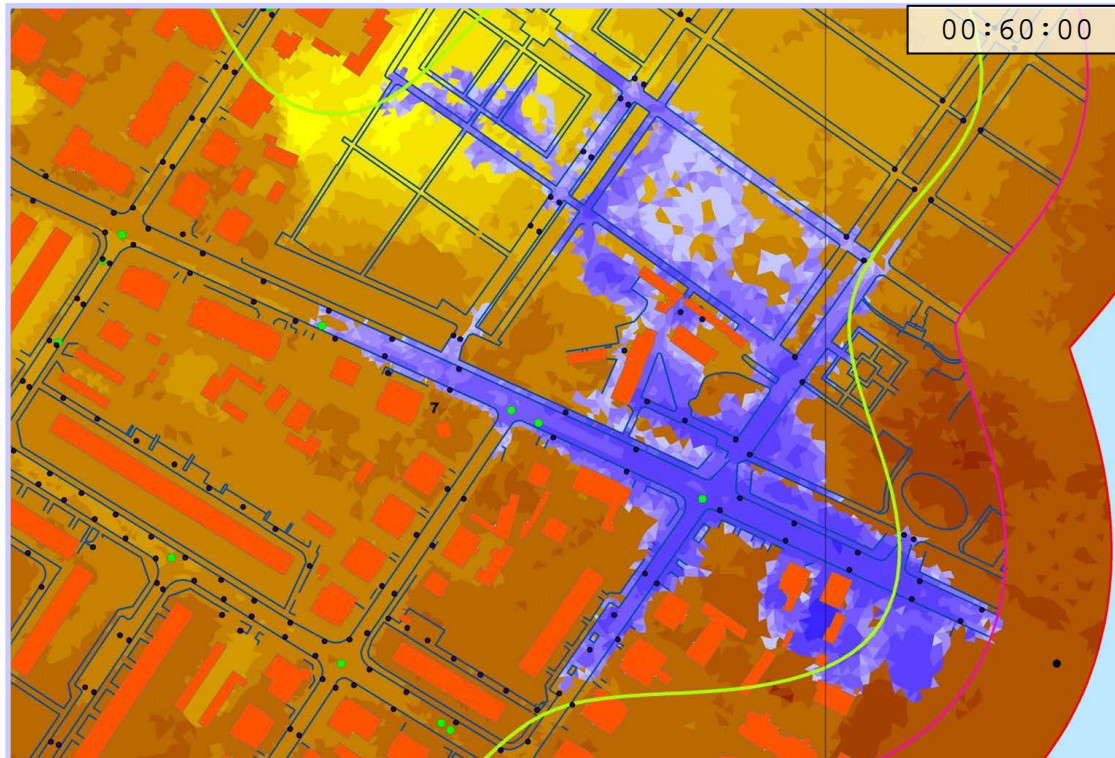
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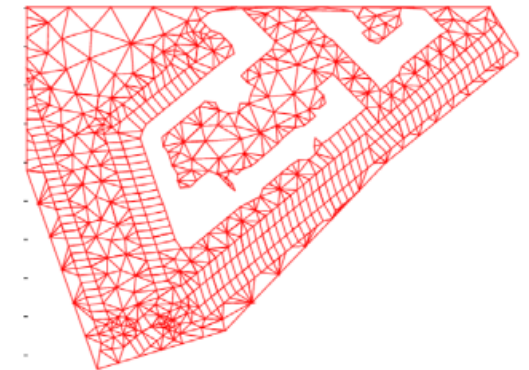
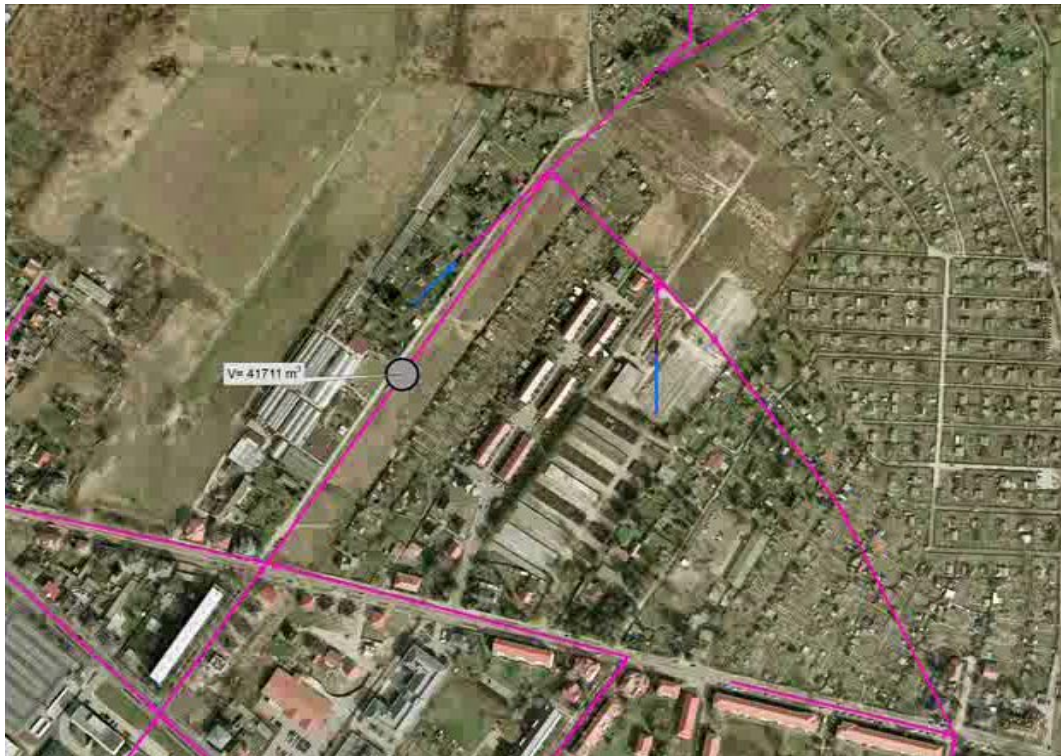
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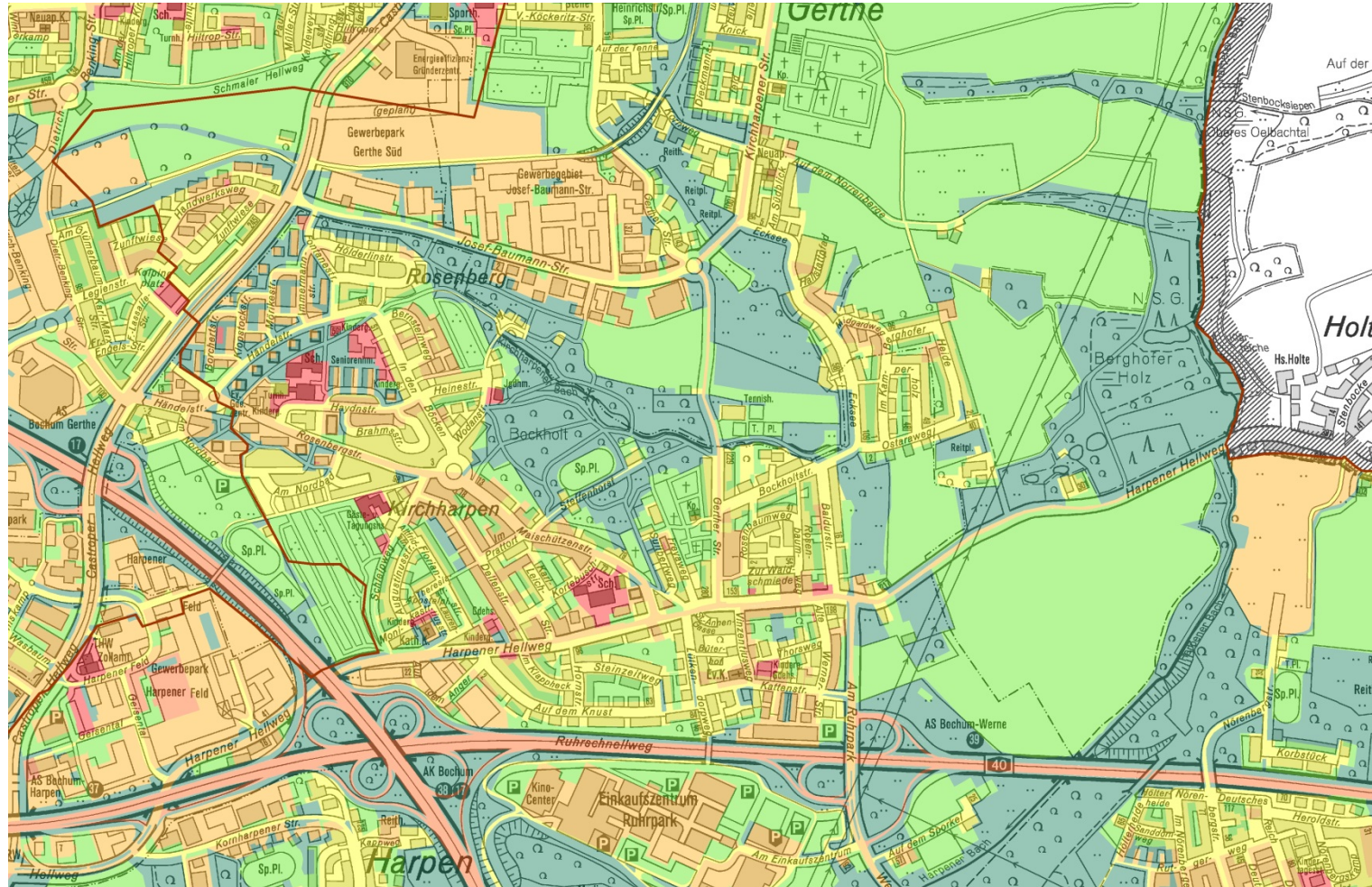


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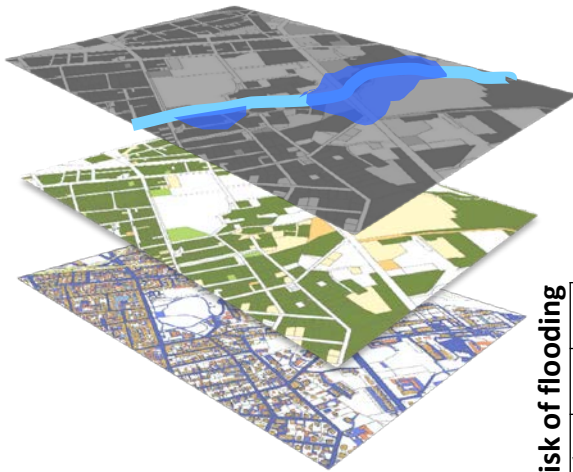
## Stage 4: Definition of potential of damage



Potential of damage

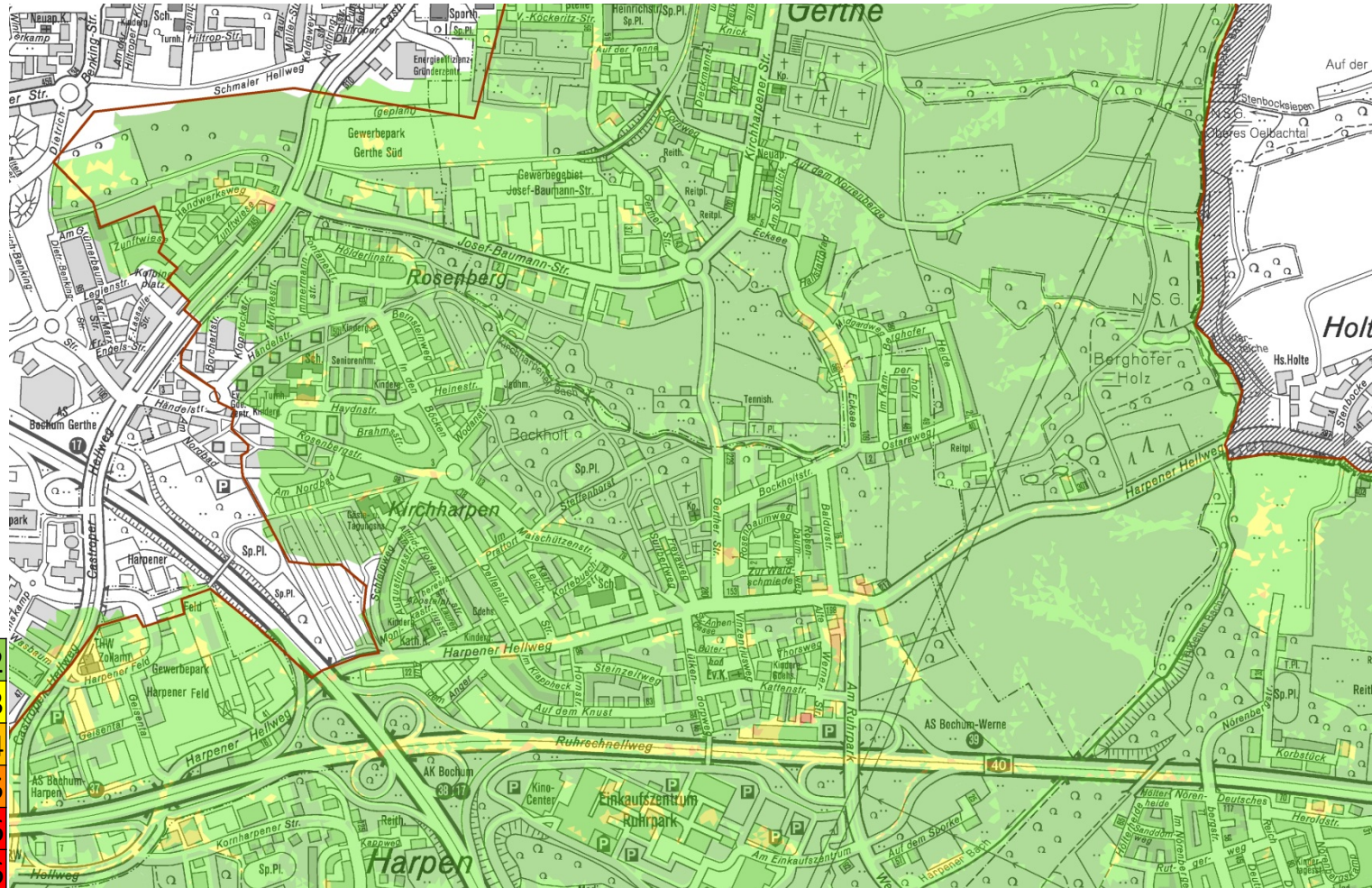
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## Stage 5: Mapping potential damage and risk of flooding



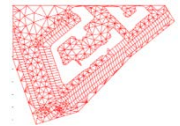
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			1	2	3	4	5	6
Risk of flooding	very low	1	1	1	2	2	2	3
	low	2	1	2	2	3	3	4
	moderat	3	2	2	3	3	4	5
	slight high	4	2	3	3	4	4	5
	high	5	2	3	4	4	5	6
	very high	6	2	3	4	5	6	6

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## Summary

- **Detailed analysis of flooding for large urban areas is a problem of computational time**
- **Stepwise procedure recommended**
  - Identification of areas with flooding with normal sewer model
  - GIS-based analysis or rough 2-D surface model follows
  - Detailed analysis strongly recommended for areas with high risk
- **Definition potential of damage**
- **Mapping risk of flooding with potential of damage**
- **Remaining challenges**
  - Return periods, solutions, transfer to politician/public



1	1	2	2	2	2
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2	2	3	3	4	4
2	3	3	4	4	5
2	3	4	4	5	6
3	4	5	5	6	6



## Summary

Water should not be treated as an enemy but as a friend

# Living with water



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