

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

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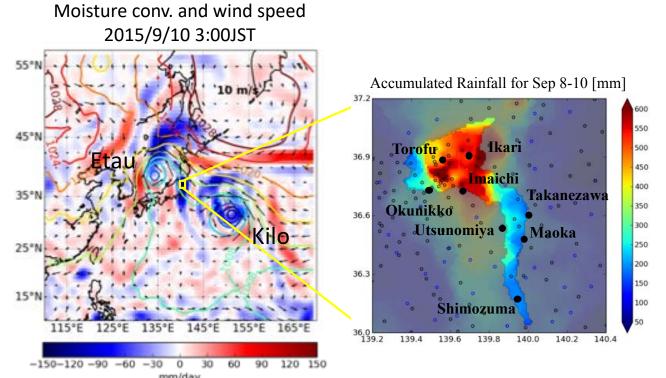




# Kanto/Tohoku Heavy Rain (Sep 2015)

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 km<sup>2</sup> 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.

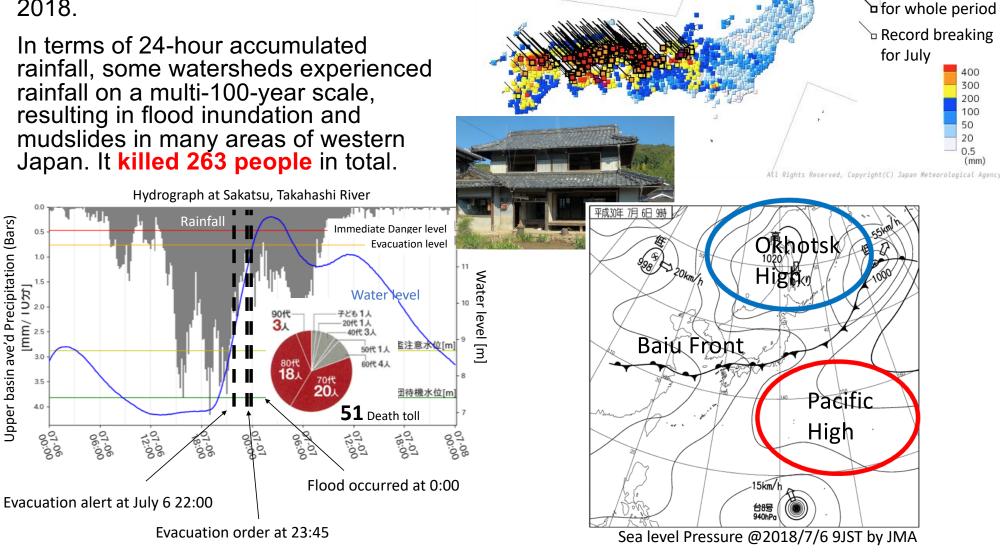






# West Japan Heavy Rain (July 2018)

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.



時間降水量の日最大値 2018年7月7日

Record breaking

Maximum 48-hour rainfall

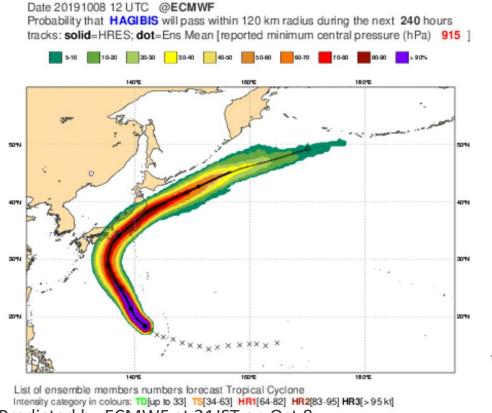
shows many record breaks.



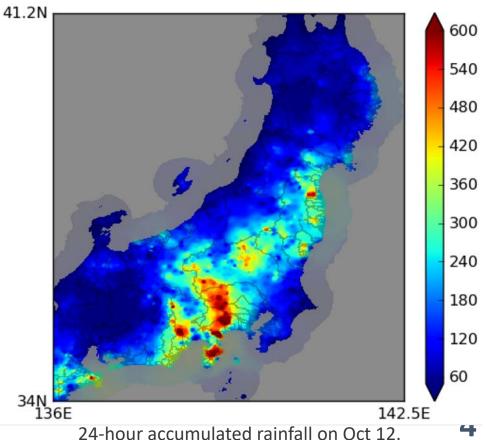
## **Typhoon Hagibis (Oct 2019)**

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.





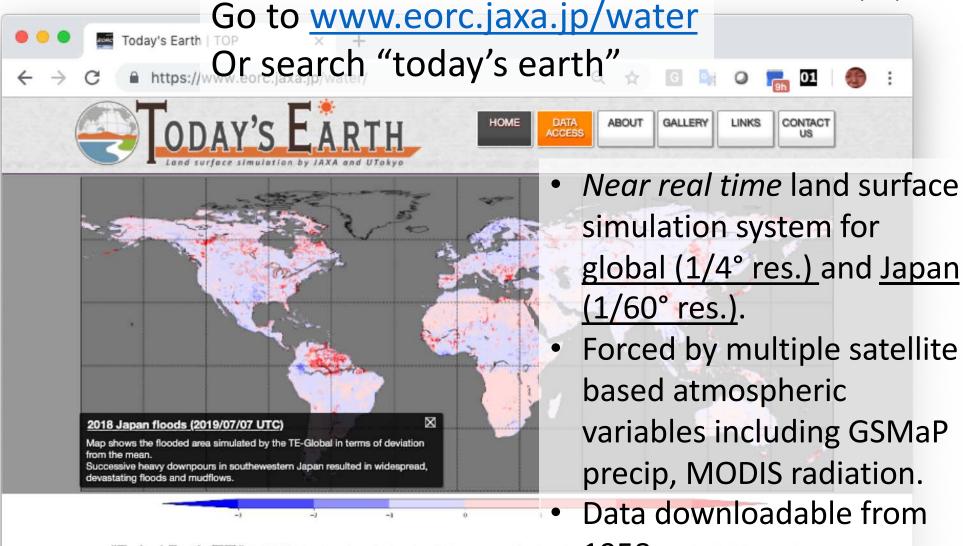
Predicted by ECMWF at 21JST on Oct 8. https://www.ecmwf.int/en/forecasts/charts/tcyclone/tc\_strike\_probability?facets=undefined&time=2019100812,0,2019100812&unique id=25W HAGIBIS 2019





## **Today's Earth system**

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

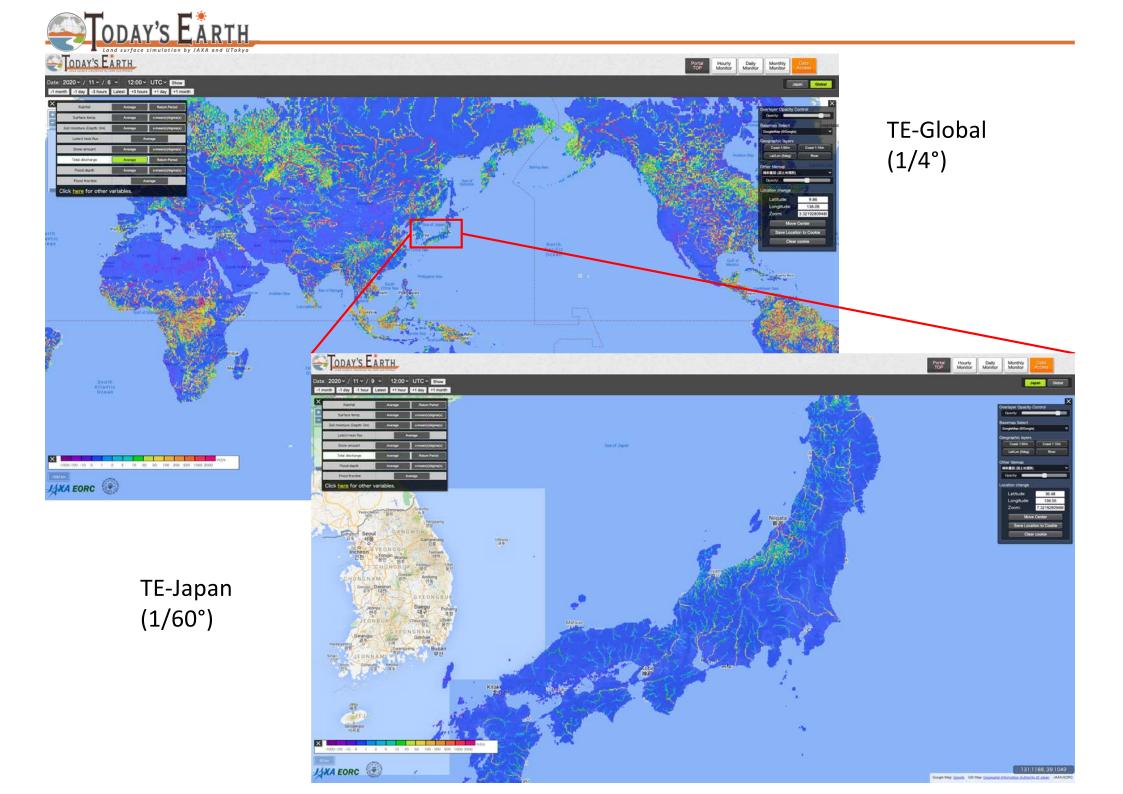


"Today' Earth (TE)" is JAXA's land surface & river simulation system developed und 1558 research with University of Tokyo. The system distributes & visualizes various hydrological products and their magnitudes for disaster monitoring and hydrological research.

Forecast versions are being

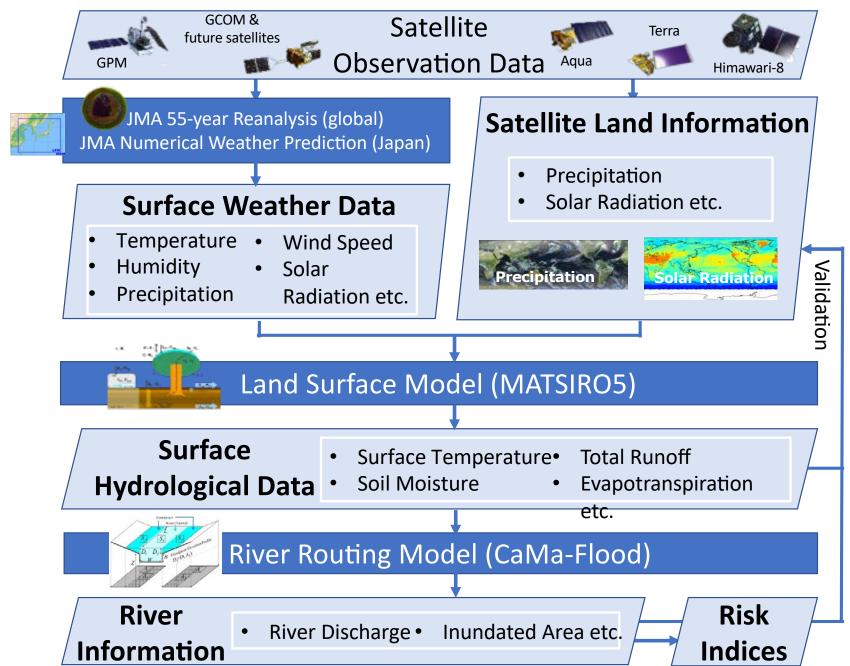


2019/03/29 TE-Japan was opend. (Browse image only.)





#### **TE Data flow**

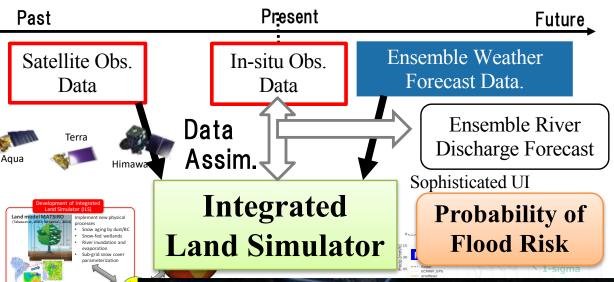






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## Structure of Prediction using Today's Earth



We developed a reliable <u>flood prediction system</u> <u>over all Japan</u>, aiming to provide those information well before hazard (1-2 days ahead) in horizontally 1km resolution.

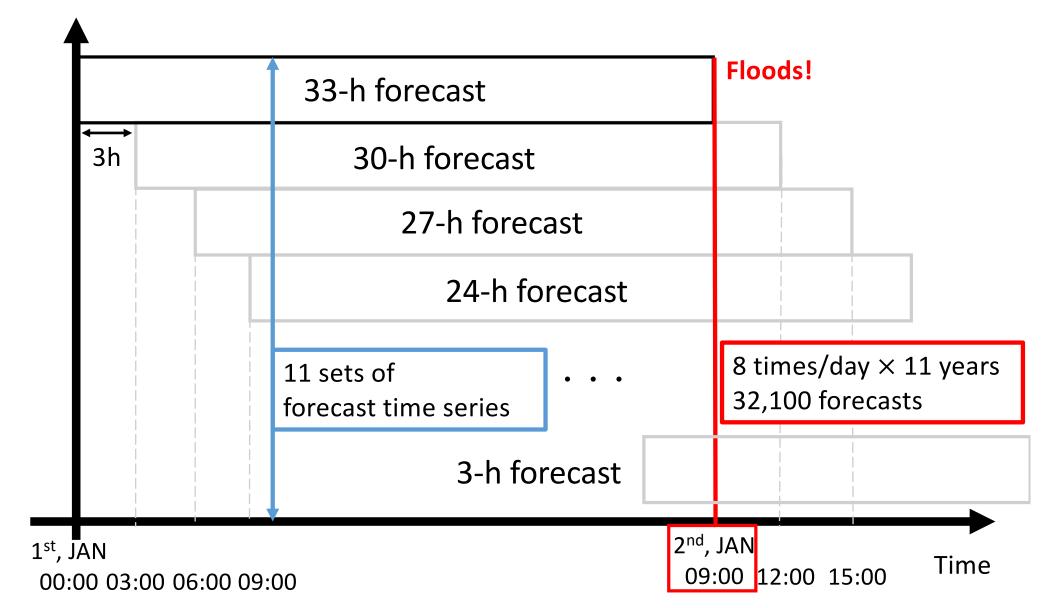




# Validation for 11-year hindcasted runs

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

Assessing the accuracy in each lead time from short to long





## Forecast ability for high flows



[2007 - 2017]

N = 849 stations

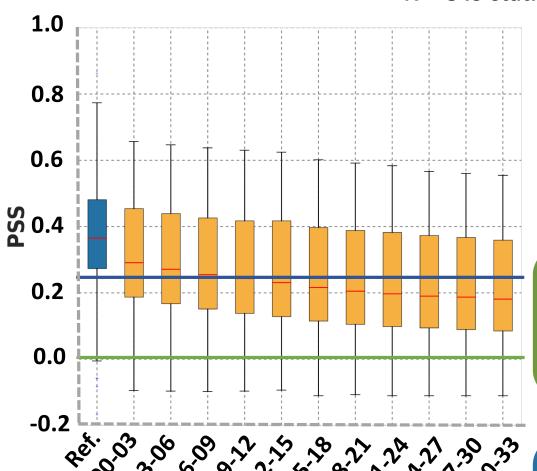
Hit Rate False Alarm
(1—Miss Rate) Rate



[e.g., Addor et al., 2011; Alfieri et al., 2013]

PSS ≥ 0.00 : Have a

**Predictability** 



#### Forecasts 33-h before:

Having a positive PSS at more than **90%** out of 849 stations.

(Short)

**Forecast Leadtime** 

(Long)

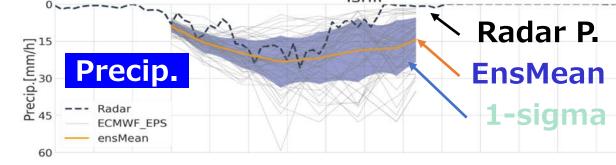
### Forecasts 12-h before:

Having PSS > 0.25 at more than **50%** out of 849 stations.

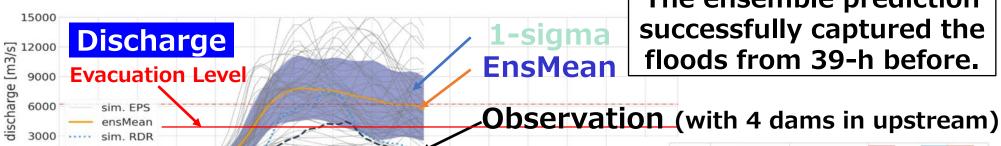
Ishitsuka et al., in prep.



Ensemble forecasts of 39-hour ahead



Although overestimated, **Ensemble prediction** captures the actual radar rainfall



Date [UTC]

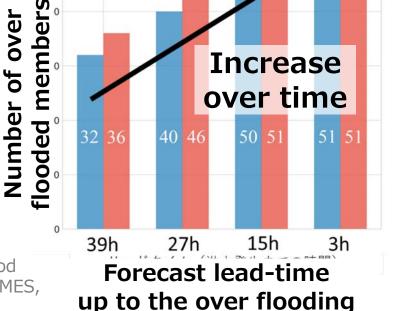
The ensemble prediction successfully captured the floods from 39-h before.

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Successfully forecasted even in the mid-small basin (1,761 km<sup>2</sup>)

The framework is globally applicable

Integration with satellite datasets is highly desired and ongoing.

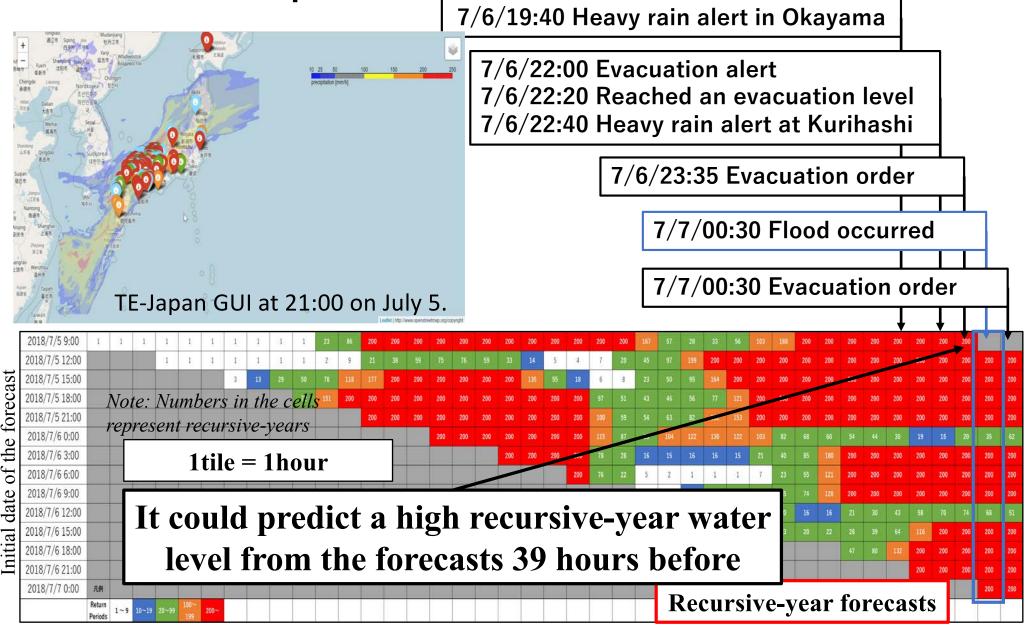


Ishitsuka, Y., D. Yamazaki, K. Yoshimura, Ensemble approach for flash flood forecasting: A case study of the Kinu River flood of 2015, submitted to JAMES, in revision.



Results from TE-Japan for 2018-Floods

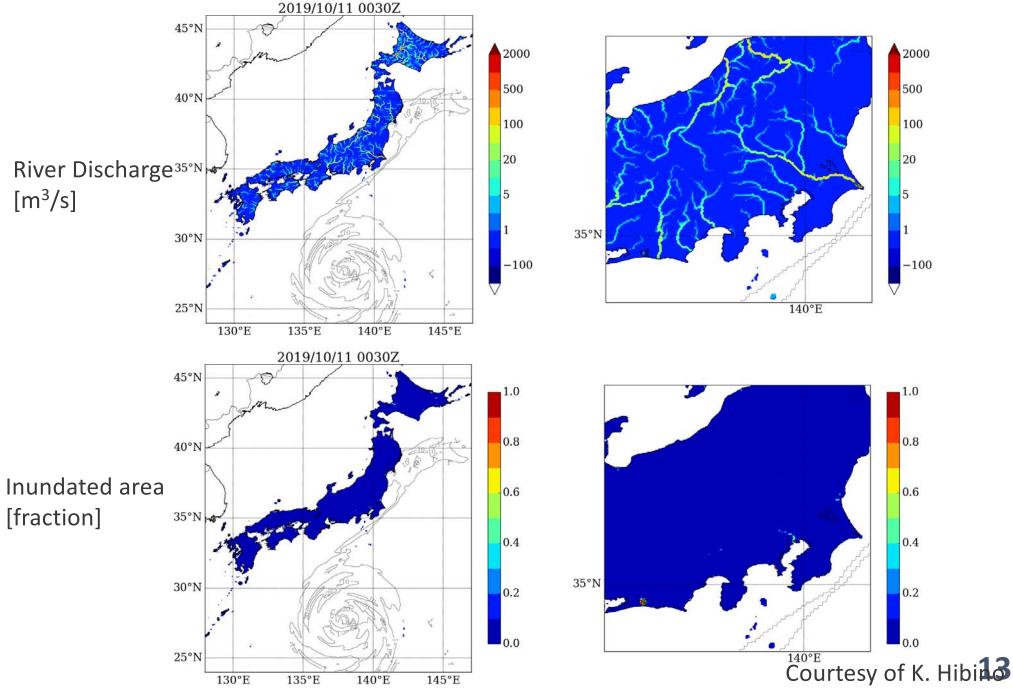
2018's case



7/5/9:00 7/6/0:00 7/6/12:00 time

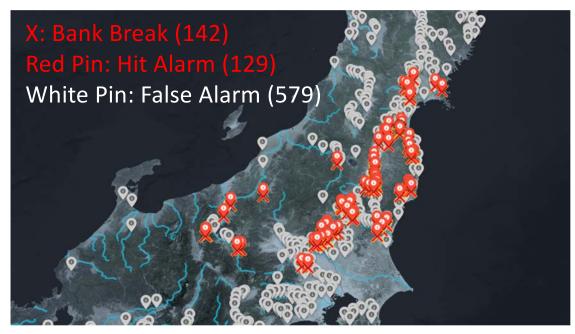


# Prediction from 11 Oct 9JST by TE-Japan (1km-ver.)





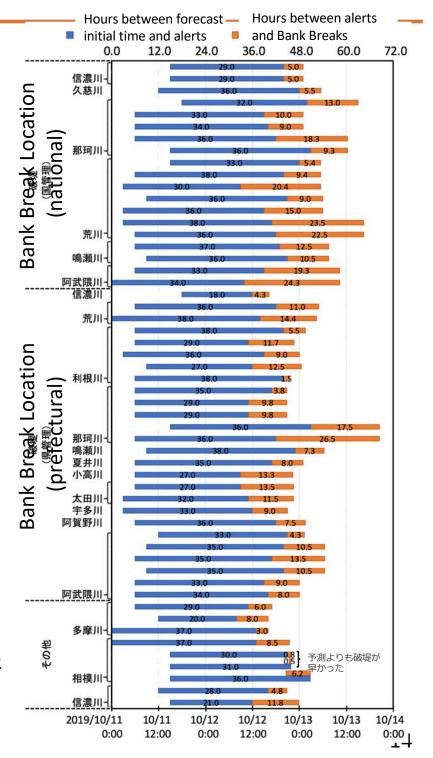
## **Predictability for Floods by Hagibis**



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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):

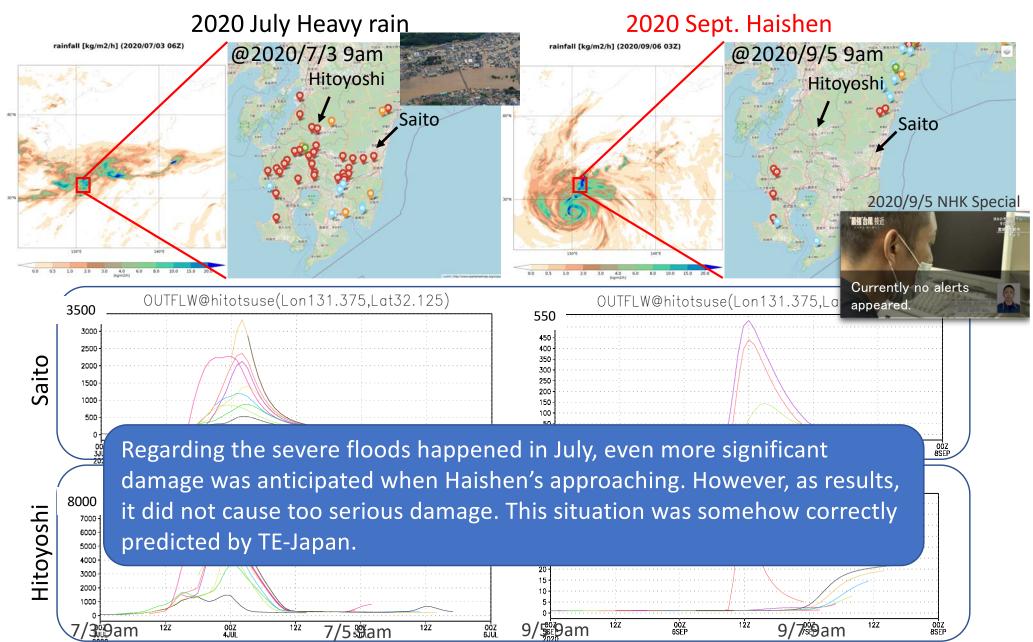
- Miyazaki city / Miyazaki
- Saito city / Miyazaki
- Takanabe city / Miyazaki
- Nagano city / Nagano
- Matsuyama city / Ehime
- Masaki town / Ehime
- Mito city / Ibaraki
- Joso city / Ibaraki
- Tsukuba city / Ibaraki
- TsukubaMirai city / Ibaraki
- Sakai town / Ibaraki
- Hitachiomiya city / Ibaraki
- 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





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# Fusion with Satellite Observation (SAR)

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

Prior probability

139.5E 140.0E 140.5E

Flood simulation 25 50 km

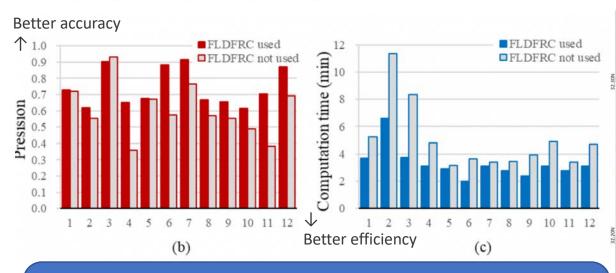
Flood risk

Rivers -

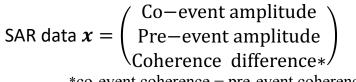
Probability density function of SAR data for each class

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

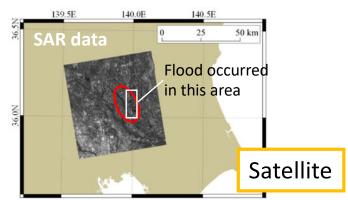
N: Gaussian Distribution  $\mu$ ,  $\Sigma$ : Parameters of N (should be set along the incidence angle)

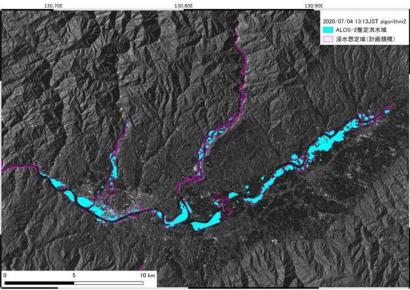


Even though TE-J's low resolution (i.e., 1km), using predicted flood fraction as prior helps to improve the SAR-based (3m) inundation estimates.



\*co-event coherence – pre-event coherence

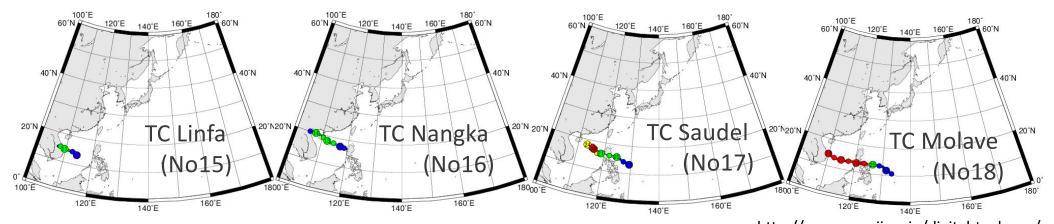




Estimate of inundation is promptly announced in case of July flood 2020.



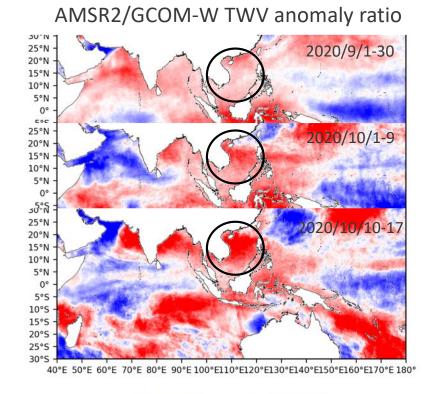
# Example of global view: TCs Linfa, Nangka, Saudel, Molave...



http://agora.ex.nii.ac.jp/digital-typhoon/

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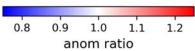
20N

15N

Houses are submerged in flood waters in Thua Thien Hue Province, central Vietnam, October 10, 2020. Photo by VnExpress/Vo Thanh.

[JRA55] Return Period of River Discharge [yr] 2020/10/01Z

Courtesy of Mr. Ohara (JAXA)



Courtesy of Mr. Yamamoto (JAXA)

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## 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.

