

# Toward Flood Inundation Mapping at the Continental Scale: the Cyberinfrastructure Approach

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# Outline

- Background
- Computational challenges and strategies
- High-performance hydrological information analysis software and services - TauDEM
- National coverage of Height Above Nearest Drainage (HAND)
- National inundation mapping
- Conclusion and discussion

- NFIE: National Flood Interoperability Experiment. PI: David Maidment, UT Austin
  - Part 1 was accomplished by [Si Liu and John Cazes@TACC](#)
- TauDEM: Terrain analysis using digital elevation models. PI: David Tarboton, Utah State Univ.

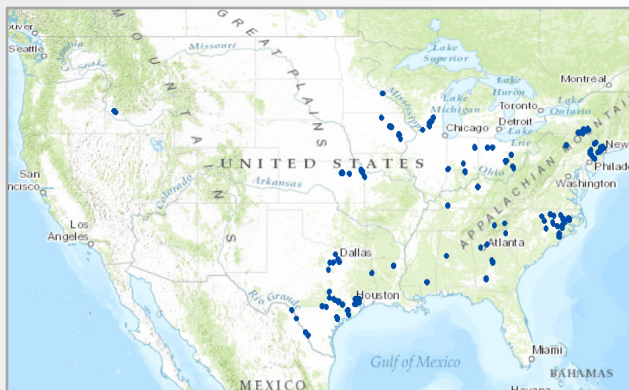


## Team

- **UT Austin**
  - David Maidment – methodology development; PI
  - Xing Zheng – HAND methodology; hydro model coupling
  - Justine Yu – Hydro model integration
- **Utah State University**
  - David Tarboton – methodology development; TauDEM development
  - Nazmus Sazib – TauDEM integration test; HAND methodology
  - Pabitra Dash – HydroShare web
  - Tony Castronova – JupyterHub
- **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)**
  - Yan Liu – coordination; computation; workflow integration
  - Ahmet Yildirim (left) – Inlet identification; block-wise data decomposition in TauDEM; future d8 and dinf algorithm integration
  - Kornelijus Survila – breakthrough of the new flow direction algorithm in TauDEM
  - Nathan Casler, Xingchen Hong, Kiumars Soltani, Dandong Yin, Hao Hu – scalable data storage, query, visualization, JupyterHub environment
- **USGS**
  - Larry Stanislawski – NHD and methodology consulting
  - NHDPlus team
  - 3DEP national elevation program
- **ESRI**
  - Steve Kopp, Dean Djokic, Daniel Siegel – TX inundation mapping; commercial solutions
- **RENCI**
  - Ray Idaszak – iRODS sharing with HydroShare
  - Yi Hong – HydroShare web
- **NCAR**
  - Channel geometry calculation
- **NOAA NWS**
  - Nation Water Center (NWC) - summer institute

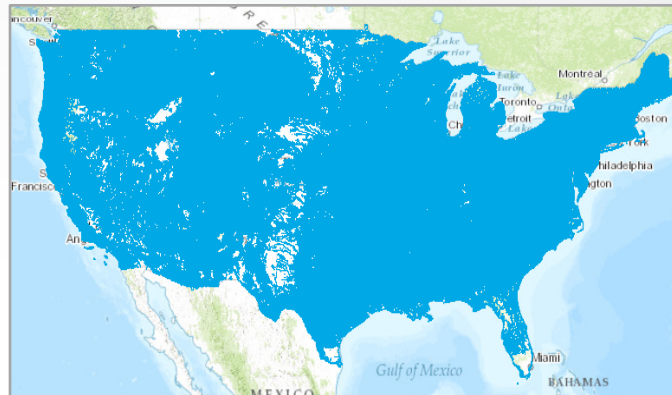
# Real-Time Flood Inundation Mapping

## Existing



**130 Stream Gage Reaches**

## Proposed



**All of Medium Resolution NHD**

	Existing	Proposed	Ratio
Number of Mapped Reaches	130	2,691,344	
Total Mapped Length (Km)	2256	5,192,824	2302
Average Reach Length (Km)	17.4	1.93	0.11

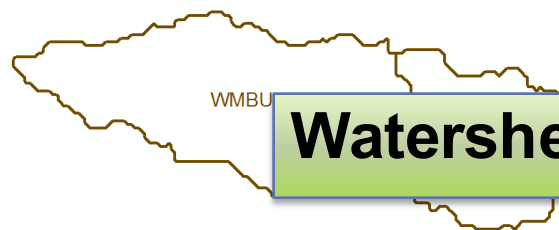
***A tremendous application of USGS elevation and hydrography data!***

## Flow Continuum Model – a national stream network, atmosphere to oceans, coast to coast

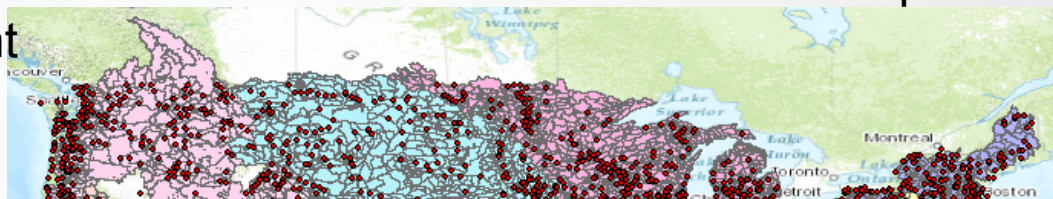
Blanco River at Wimberley

Current: 6600 basins and 3600 forecast points

Two basins and one forecast point



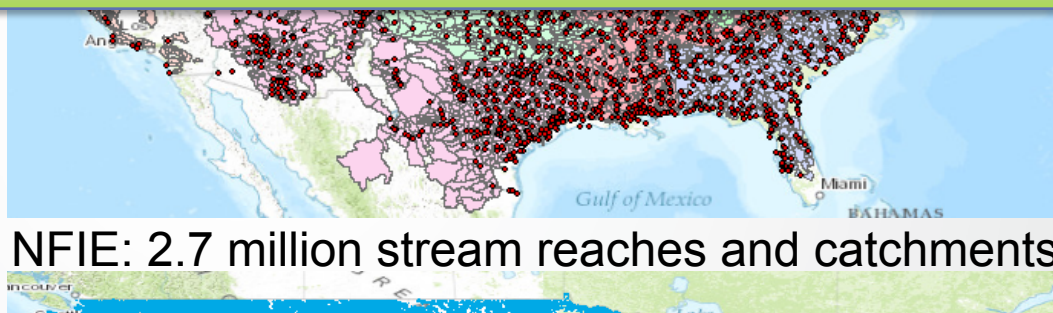
**Watershed Hydrology – basins and outlet points**



becomes ↓



**Continental Hydrology – network flow continuum**



NFIE: 2.7 million stream reaches and catchments

Reach Catchment ~ 1 Sq Mile

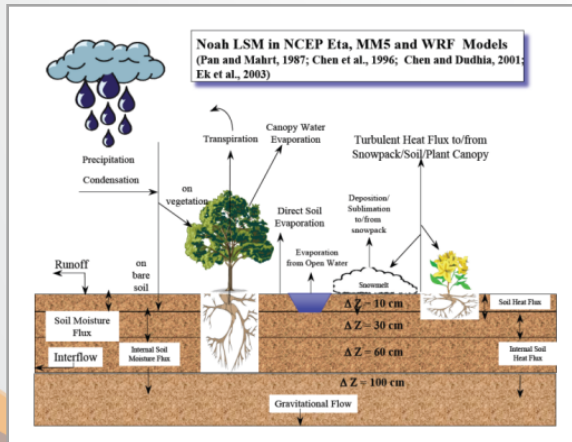
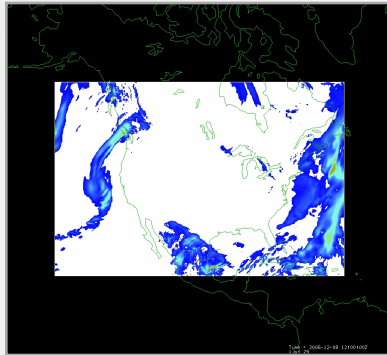
130 Catchments and Flowlines  
uniquely labelled

A national flow network



# National Water Model

## Meteorology



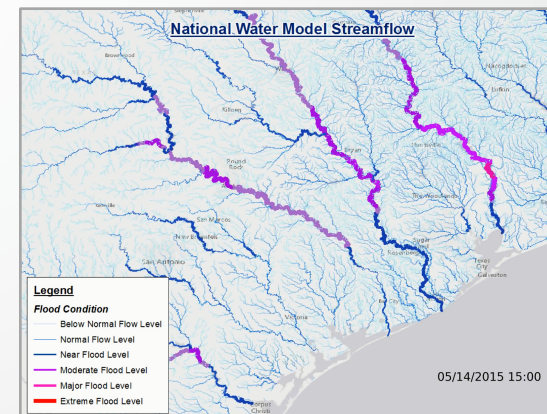
## Hydrology



2.7 million catchments



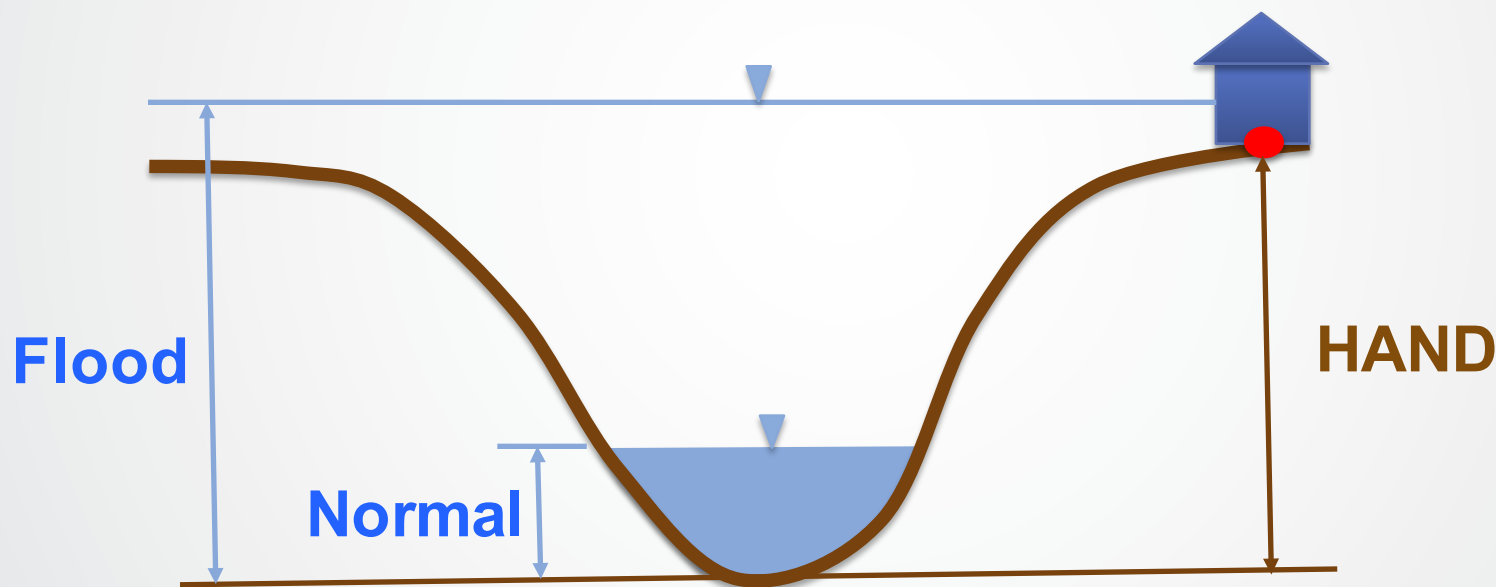
## Mapping and Impacts



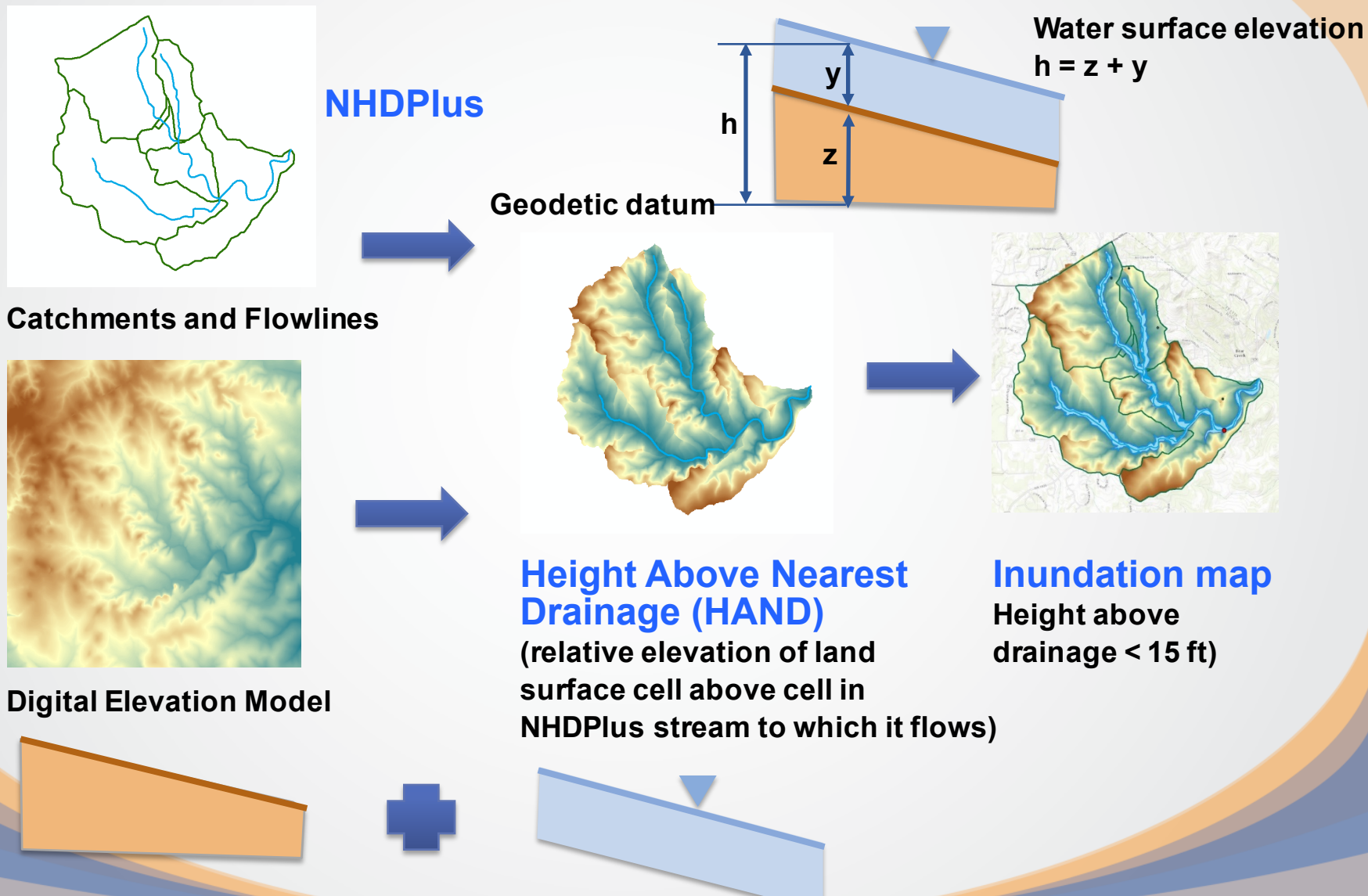
## Hydraulics

# Method for Determining Flood Risk: Height Above Nearest Drainage (HAND)

*Flooding occurs when **Water Depth** is greater than **HAND***

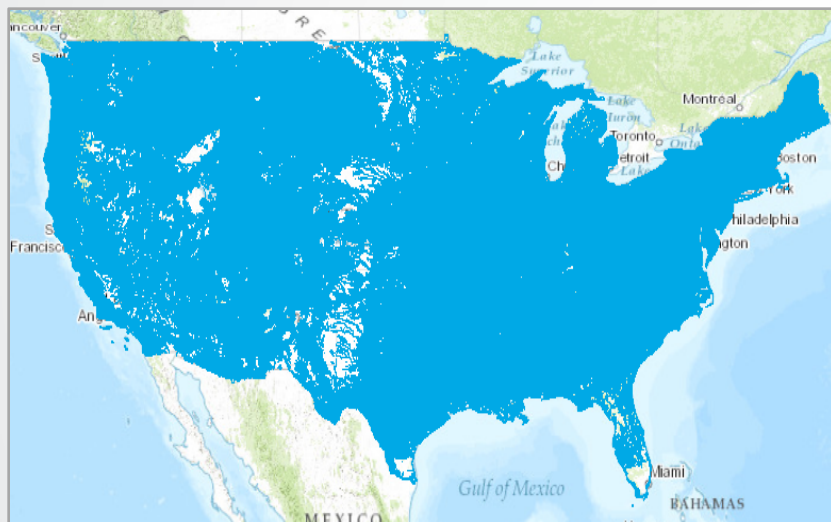


# Flood Inundation Mapping – NHDPlus-HAND Method



# Experiment for 2016:

Combine hydrography and elevation to define river channel geometry and flood inundation extent for 5 million km of stream reaches over continental US



**National Hydrography Dataset**

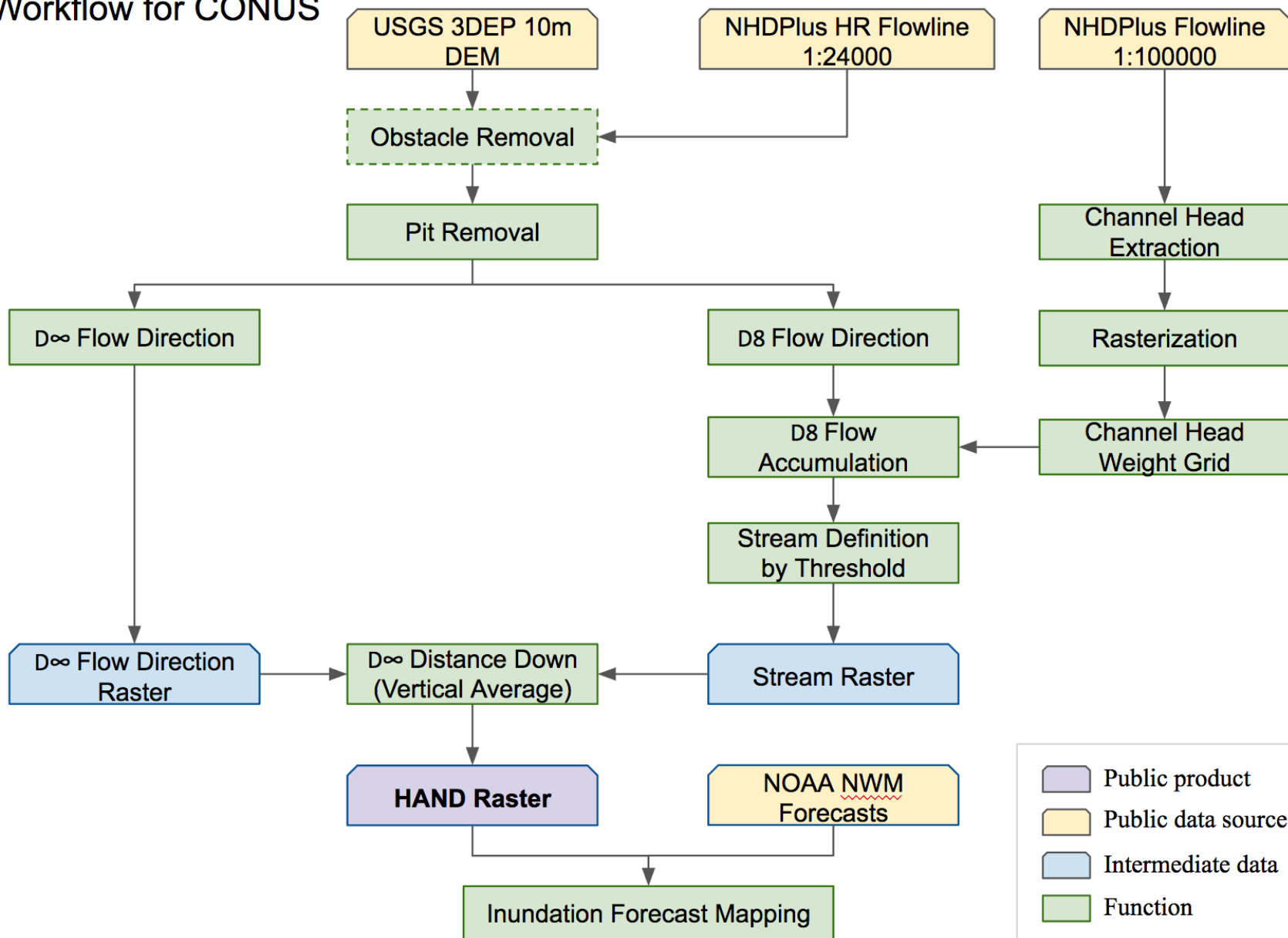


**National Elevation Dataset**

Use the [National CyberGIS Facility \(ROGER supercomputer\)](#) operated by the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



## HAND Workflow for CONUS





# Computational Challenges

- Data

- Input

- DEM: USGS 3DEP elevation data: 10m (667GB GeoTIFF tiles; 180 billion cells)
    - NHDPlus MR: 1km (2.67 million vectors in FileGDB format)
    - NHDPlus HR: 250m (30 million vectors in FileGDB format)

- Runtime and output

- Multiple intermediate and final raster output of similar DEM input size
    - Multiple intermediate and final vector output, size proportional to NHDPlus resolution

- Computing

- Parallel computing code – TauDEM

- Scalability enhancement in the XSEDE ECSS TauDEM project

- IO

- Each TauDEM function reads multiple rasters and writes multiple rasters

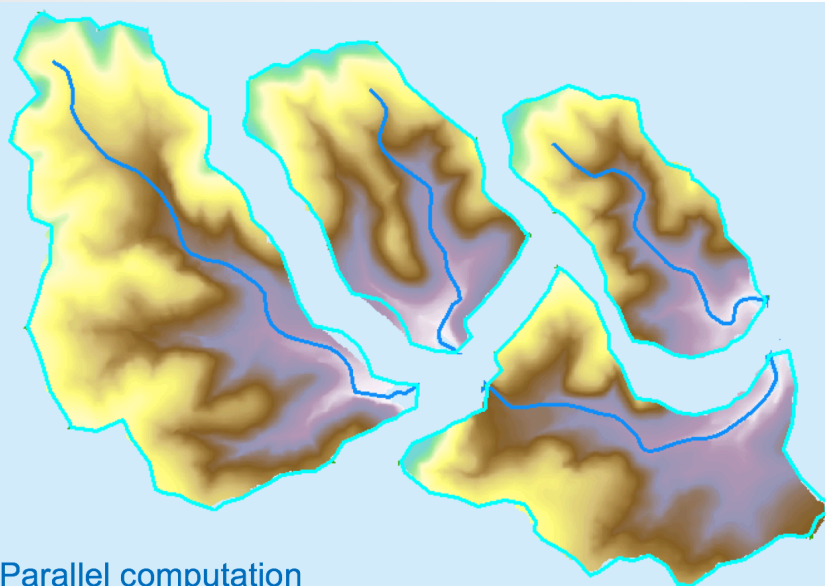
- Memory

- Up to 6x input DEM size

# Strategies

- High-throughput computing on HUC6 level
- High-performance computing for each HUC6 unit

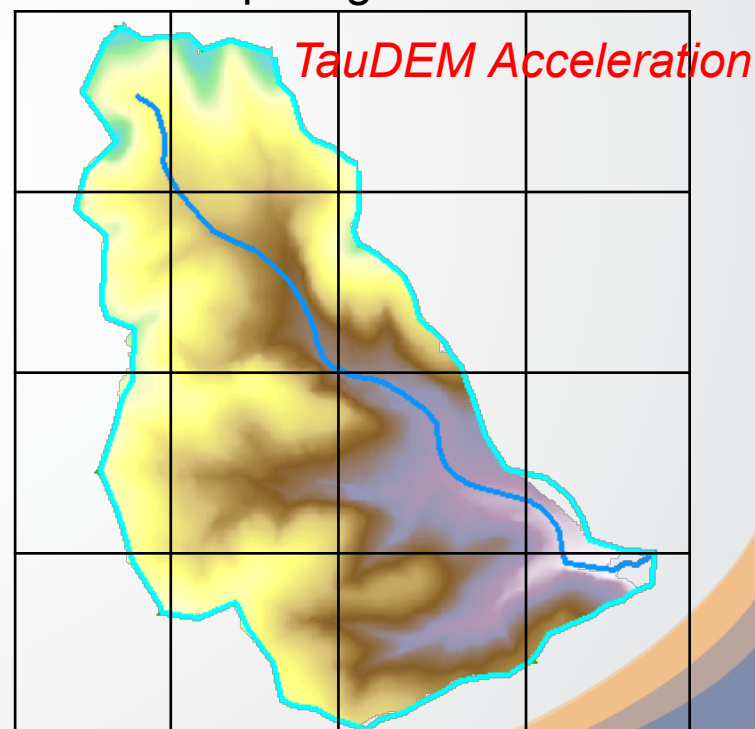
Hydrological unit decomposition



- Parallel computation
- High resolution (e.g. LIDAR) in some areas
- Incremental improvement

Source: [Maidment et. al](#), USGS leadership team briefing. 07/18/2016

Parallel computing on individual units



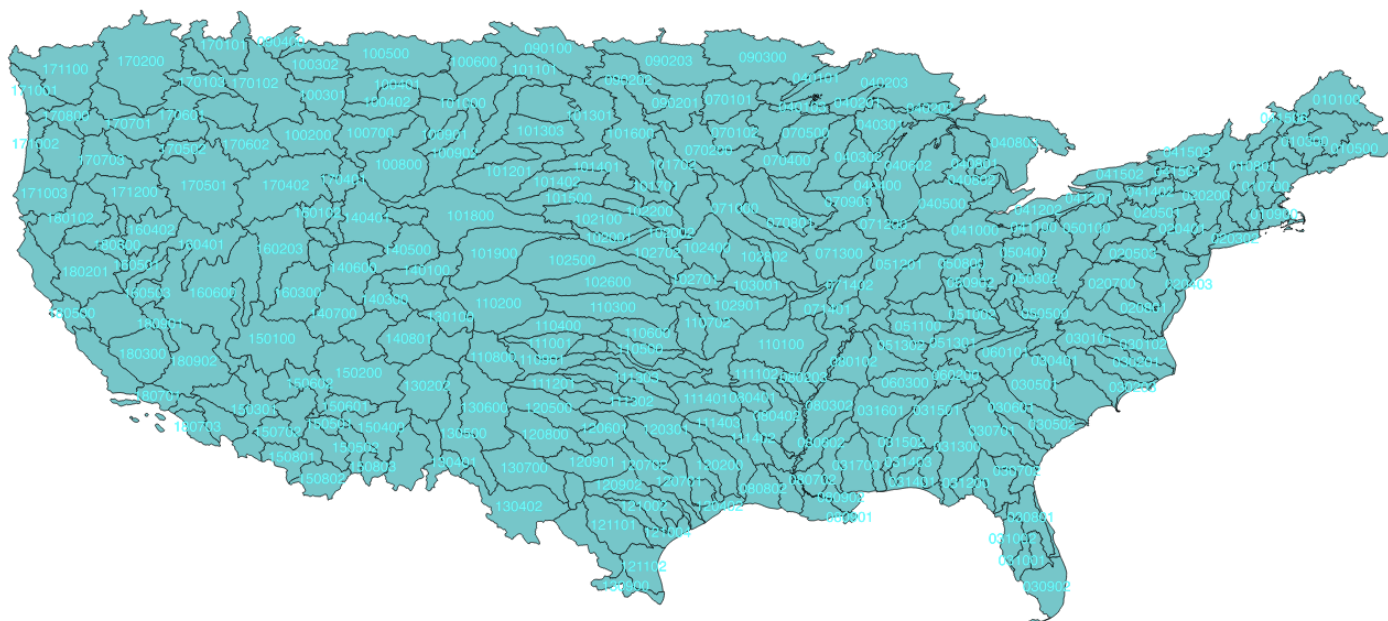
# HUC6 Decomposition for CONUS

## HUC system:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hydrological\\_code](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hydrological_code)

Name	Level	Digits	Average size (square miles)	Number of HUs (approximate)	Example name	Example code (HUC)
<b>Region</b>	1	2	177,560	21	Pacific Northwest	17
<b>Subregion</b>	2	4	16,800	222	Lower Snake	1706
<b>Basin</b>	3	6	10,596	370	Lower Snake	170601
<b>Subbasin</b>	4	8	700	2,200	Imnaha River	17060102
<b>Watershed</b>	5	10	227 (40,000–250,000 acres)	22,000	Upper Imnaha River	1706010201
<b>Subwatershed</b>	6	12	40 (10,000–40,000 acres)	160,000	North Fork Imnaha River	170601020101

## HUC6 map: 331 units for CONUS



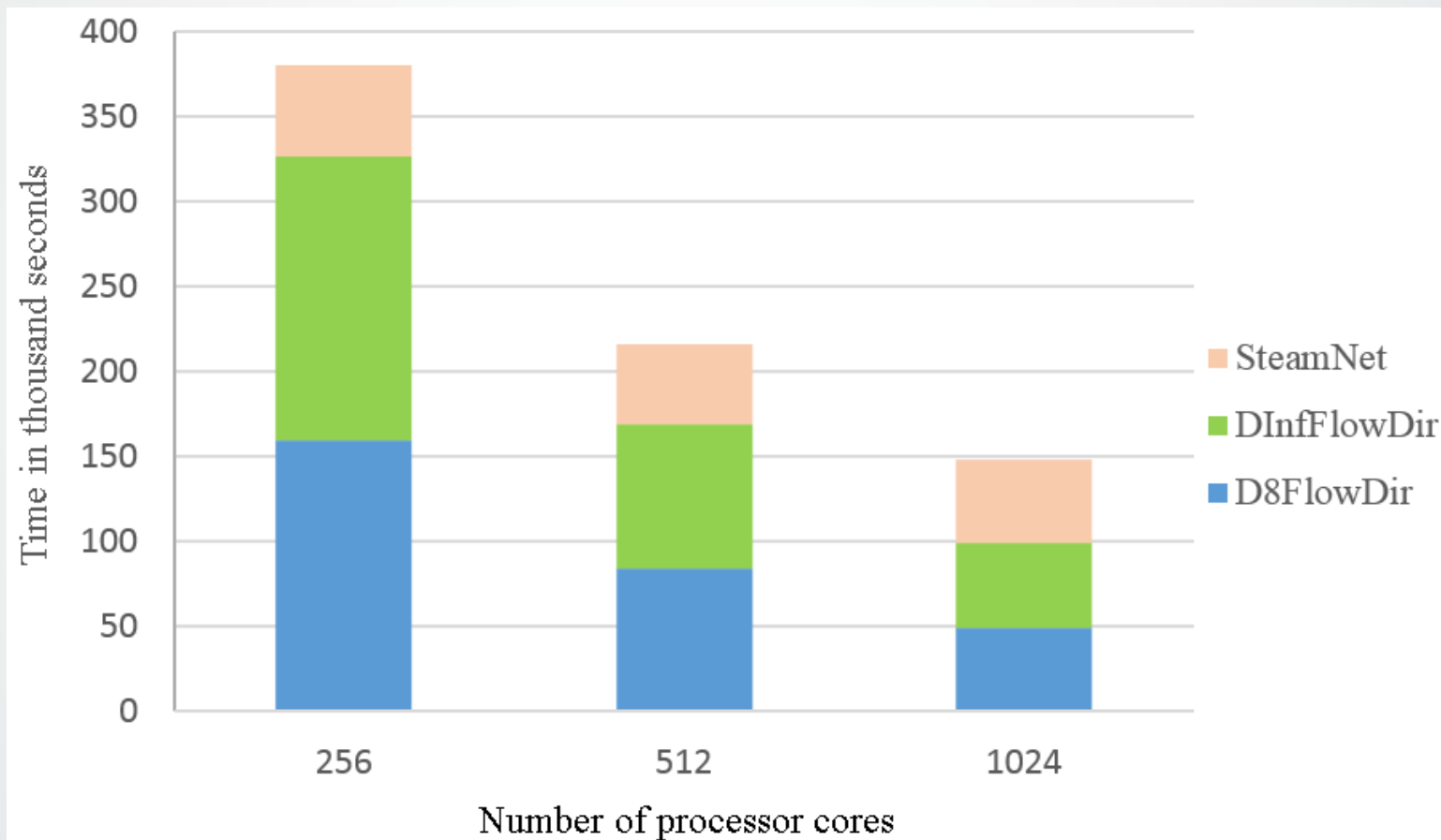
# TauDEM Acceleration

- High-performance enhancements
  - Work update on the new flow direction algorithms
- TauDEM as science gateway services

# TauDEM

- **TauDEM - a Parallel Computing Solution to DEM-based Hydrological Information Analysis**
  - Open source software
  - A suite of DEM tools for the extraction and analysis of hydrologic information from topographic data
  - A growing user community
- **Parallel Computing in TauDEM**
  - Parallel programming model: Message Passing Interface (MPI)
  - Spatial data decomposition
    - Each process reads a sub-region for processing
    - MPI communication for exchanging runtime hydrological information at border cells
    - Each process writes a sub-region defined by output data decomposition
    - Row-wise and block-wise decomposition
  - Input/output (IO)
    - MPI IO for DEM read and write – old version
    - GDAL IO

# Three Costly TauDEM Functions



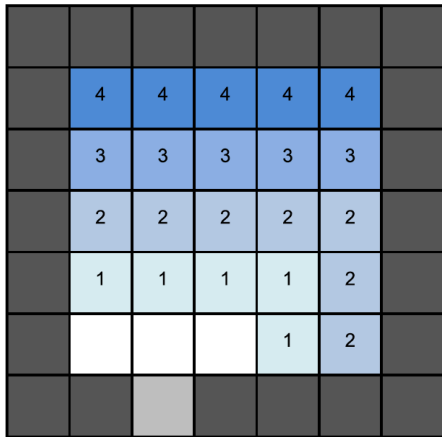
**Execution time of the three most costly TauDEM functions on a 36GB DEM dataset. (*Fan et al. 2014*)**

# TauDEM Flow Direction Algorithm Acceleration

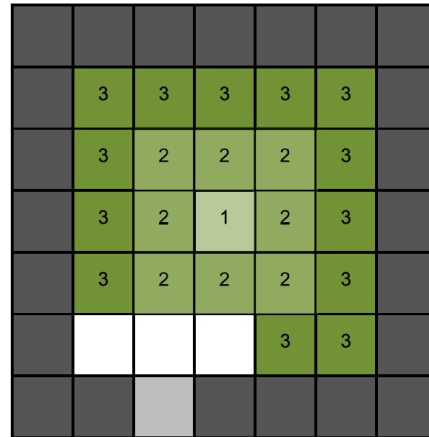
- Performance issues
  - 10m NED tile ( $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ ) – 400MB
    - 3 hours with 1 processor
    - 1 hour with 4 processors
  - 5 NED tiles combined – 2.2GB
    - 1 hour with 100 (faster) processors
  - Most of the time is spent resolving flat regions
- Algorithm issues (Garbrecht & Martz 1997)
  - Pixel by pixel approach
  - No knowledge about the flat regions
    - Yet flat regions are independent
  - Every cell re-checked every iteration
    - ...even if the cell shouldn't change
    - ...even if the whole region is complete
    - Communication after every iteration



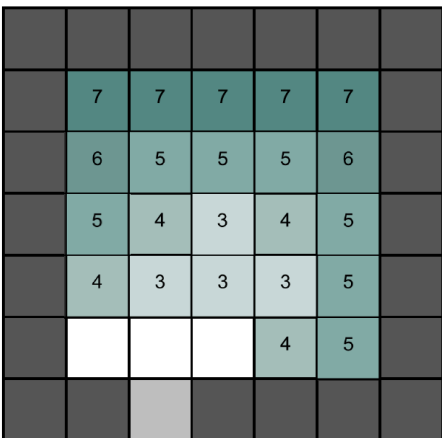
# Flat Resolving Algorithm



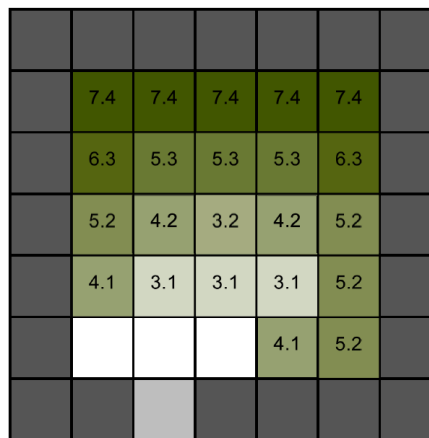
(a) Step 1



(b) Step 2



(c) Step 3



(d) Step 4

Step1. Gradient away from higher;  
Step 2. Gradient toward lower;  
Step 3. Combination;  
Step 4. Recursive resolving if new flats appear

- Dark gray cells have higher elevation
- Light gray cells have lower elevation



# New Parallel Algorithm

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**Algorithm 1** Parallel D8 flow algorithm

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**Require:** Input elevation DEM  $D_p$  of the processor  $p$

**Ensure:** Flow direction grid  $F_p$  of the processor  $p$

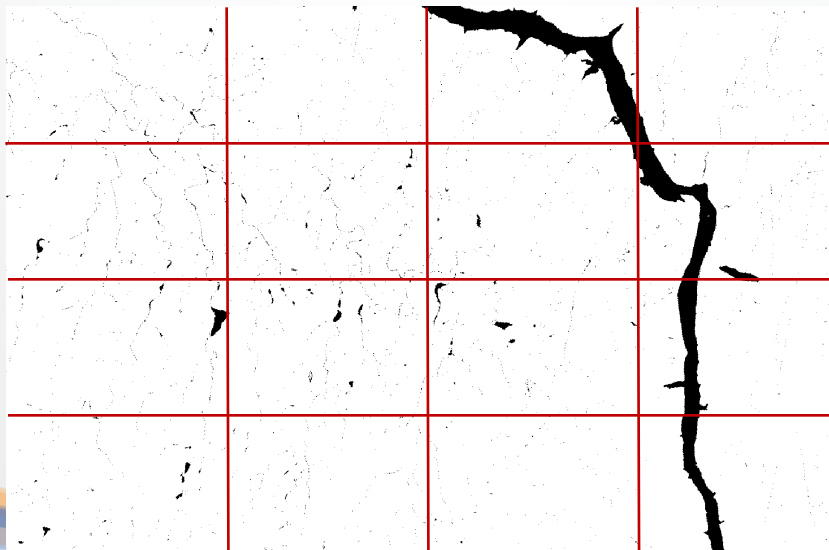
- 1:  $F_p \leftarrow \text{CalculateSlope}(D_p)$
  - 2: **if** there exist cells with  $FLAT$  value in  $F_p$  **then**
  - 3:      $IS \leftarrow \text{findIslands}(F_p)$
  - 4:     **while** there exists shared flat regions **do**
  - 5:          $F_p \leftarrow \text{resolveSharedFlats}(IS)$
  - 6:     **end while**
  - 7:      $F_p \leftarrow \text{resolveLocalFlats}(IS)$
  - 8: **end if**
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# Sequential Algorithm Improvements

- Rewrite of the sequential algorithm
  - Identification of flat regions
  - Every flat cell is visited only once in flat resolving
- Worst case complexity reduced from  $O(n^2)$  to  $O(n)$
- Results
  - 10m NED tile ( $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ ) — 400MB
  - Before:
    - 3 hours with 1 processor
    - 1 hour with 4 processors
  - After: 15 seconds with 1 processor

# New Parallelization Strategies

- Flat regions are independent
  - Figure out which regions cross the partition boundary and need to be synchronized
    - connected-component labeling
  - Rest of regions need no communication!
- Shared area of flat regions can vary from 10% to 80% based on region sizes and number of processors
  - Whole US 10m NED - 70% of flat areas are shared (with 200 processors)
  - Heavily influenced by data decomposition
  - Sparse partitioning
  - New communication layer implementation using non-blocking MPI calls





# Parallelization Results on ROGER

- **Chesapeake DEM (~16 GB)**
  - 100 cores original D8 - 8000s
  - 20 cores new D8 - **177s**
  - 40 cores new D8 - 135s
- **Contiguous US DEM (~700GB)**
  - 750 seconds with 200 cores
    - 368 seconds spent in flat resolution
  - Infeasible with old algorithm

# Performance

*New D8 (100 million cells)*

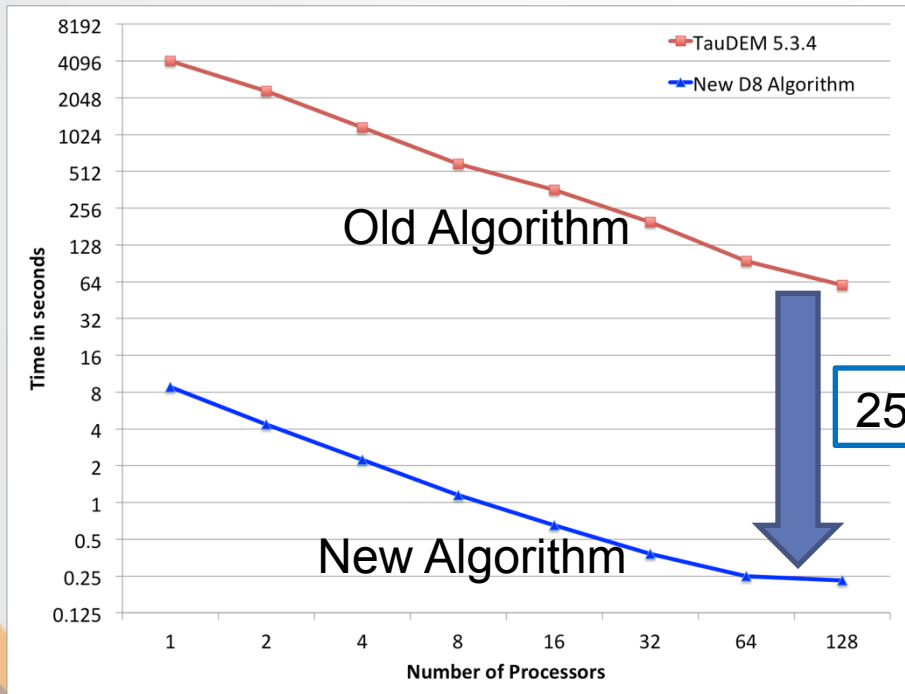


Table 1: Performance on large watershed DEMs (Time in seconds).

Region (HUC2)	Size	Num Flats	Time
Arkansas-White-Red (11)	170919x114734	433,807,730	39.57
Missouri (10)	227191x177787	1,225,082,919	91.43

# TauDEM as Science Gateway Services

- LiDAR-based TauDEM analysis via OpenTopography
- Data and computing coupling through HydroShare-CyberGIS interoperability

## TauDEM in OpenTopography

- Opal2 service integration
- On Gordon IO node
- Collaboration with OpenTopo team@SDSC

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**OpenTopography** HOME ABOUT DATA TOOLS LEARN COMMUNITY

Map Satellite ☐ Usage Heat

RESET

Map data ©2017 Google Terms of Use Report a map error

**1. Coordinates & Classification**

Horizontal Coordinates: Oregon Lambert, NAD83 (CORS96) Intl Feet (EPSG: 2992)  
Vertical Coordinates: NAVD88

Data Selection Coordinates: ☐ Manually enter selection coordinates (in the horizontal coordinate system listed above)

Xmin =	Ymin =	Xmax =	Ymax =
995640.341	1312415.316	1016838.872	1329559.014

The selection area contains 239,863,481 points.

☐ Choose Return Classification ☒ Ground ☒ Unclassified

**2. Point Cloud Data Download**

☒ Point cloud data in LAS format ☐ Point cloud data in LAZ format ☐ Point cloud data in ASCII format

**3A. DEM Generation (Streaming TIN)**

☐ Gridding Method  
☒ Calculate TIN

**Gridding Parameters**

☐ Grid Resolution (Default = 6 ft)   
☐ Max. triangle size (Default 50 units)

**Grid Format**  
☐ GeoTiff

**3B. DEM Generation (Local Gridding)**

**4. Derivative products**

This option is only available when at least one grid is selected in step 3a and 3b (DEM Generation: Zmin, Zmax, Zmean, Zidw or TIN) above.

**5. Visualization**

This option is only available when at least one grid is selected in step 3a and 3b (DEM Generation: Zmin, Zmax, Zmean, Zidw or TIN) above.

**6. Hydrologic Terrain Analysis Products (tauDEM)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrologically correct DEM with pits filled	<input type="checkbox"/> D-Infinity Flow Direction <input type="checkbox"/> D8 Flow Direction:	<input type="checkbox"/> D-Infinity Specific Catchment Area <input type="checkbox"/> D8 Contributing Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Topographic Wetness Index
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# CyberGIS-HydroShare Interoperability

- **CyberGIS Gateway as an online problem-solving environment**
  - Provider of analysis apps, computation on cyberinfrastructure, and interactive analysis environment
  - TauDEM gateway app
- **HydroShare as a hydrological data portal**
  - Data store for hydro-related data, including GIS data
  - REST API based on Django REST framework
  - App framework as a simple wrapper of external services
- **Interoperability model**
  - Portal-portal interoperability
    - Security: OAuth
    - Service interaction: REST
    - Web: HTML5 and web mapping
  - Distributed data management via iRODS
    - User data space model (one generic resource (1GR))
  - Interactive analysis using JupyterHub

# TauDEM in HydroShare



https://www.hydroshare.org/resource/8d3496cc15de49ddac07beb98eee46b3/



MY RESOURCES

DISCOVER

COLLABORATE

APPS

HELP



## loganGR

**Authors:** Yan Liu  
**Owners:** Yan Liu  
**Resource type:** Generic  
**Created:** Oct. 2, 2016, 8:53 p.m.  
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TauDEM CyberGIS Hydro...



JupyterHub-NCSA



HydroShare GIS

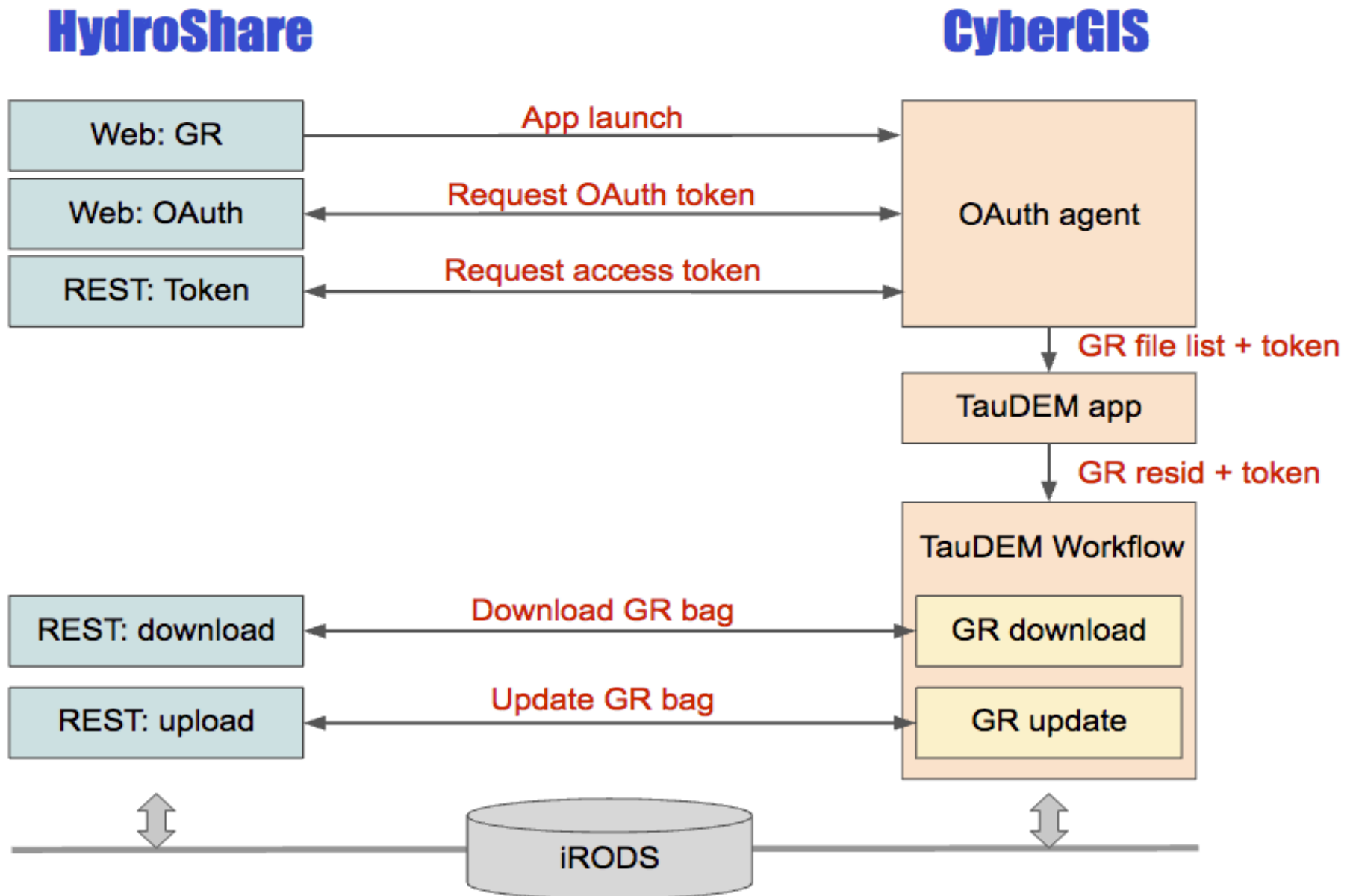
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# CyberGIS TauDEM app

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Gateway gwdev8

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App: TauDEM

My Analysis: -1:my\_taudem

Data and Parameters

Data Source Study Area Workflow

Data Source: HydroShare Data Resource  
Provider: HydroShare Data Resource  
Coverage:  
Lower-left: [-125.001, 23.999]  
Upper-right: [-65.999, 50.001]  
Coverage in Native Projection:  
Lower-left: [-125.001, 23.999]  
Upper-right: [-65.999, 50.001]  
Coordinate System: EPSG: 4269  
Vertical Unit: m

Result Visualization New Analysis Wizard

Analysis Name: Type here... Progress: < Study Area Product(s) Parameter(s) Review > Submit Help

Workflow diagram showing nodes: In, pit, Hy, dsf, Pre, St, ds, dsf, A, thr, St.

Inspector:

Type: /data/contents/log.tif  
ID: /data/contents/logan.tif  
Name: /data/contents/loganad8o.tif  
Override: /data/contents/loganfel.tif  
Select a resource to override this node

Legend: need attention configurable function file

pitremove  
This function doesn't require anything from user.

d8flowdir  
This function doesn't require anything from user.

PeukerDouglas  
pd1:\* 0.4  
pd2:\* 0.1  
pd3:\* 0.05

aread8  
o.shp file: Select from the external resources

threshold  
threshold:\* 0  
Domain mask: Select from the external resources



## TauDEM Raster Processing Notebook

This notebook demonstrates basic watershed processing using the TauDEM GIS library. For more information about TauDEM, see <http://hydrology.usu.edu/taudem/taudem5/>. This tutorial is divided into the following three categories:

- [Setup and Preparation](#)
- [GIS Processing using TauDEM](#)
- [New Resource Creation using HydroShare](#)

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### 2. Remove DEM Pits

```
In [ ]: # Fill the DEM Pits

# set the output paths
fill = os.path.join(data_directory, 'loganfel.tif')
cmd = 'pitremove -z %s -fel %s' % (raw_dem_path, fill)
taudem.run_cmd(cmd, processors=4)
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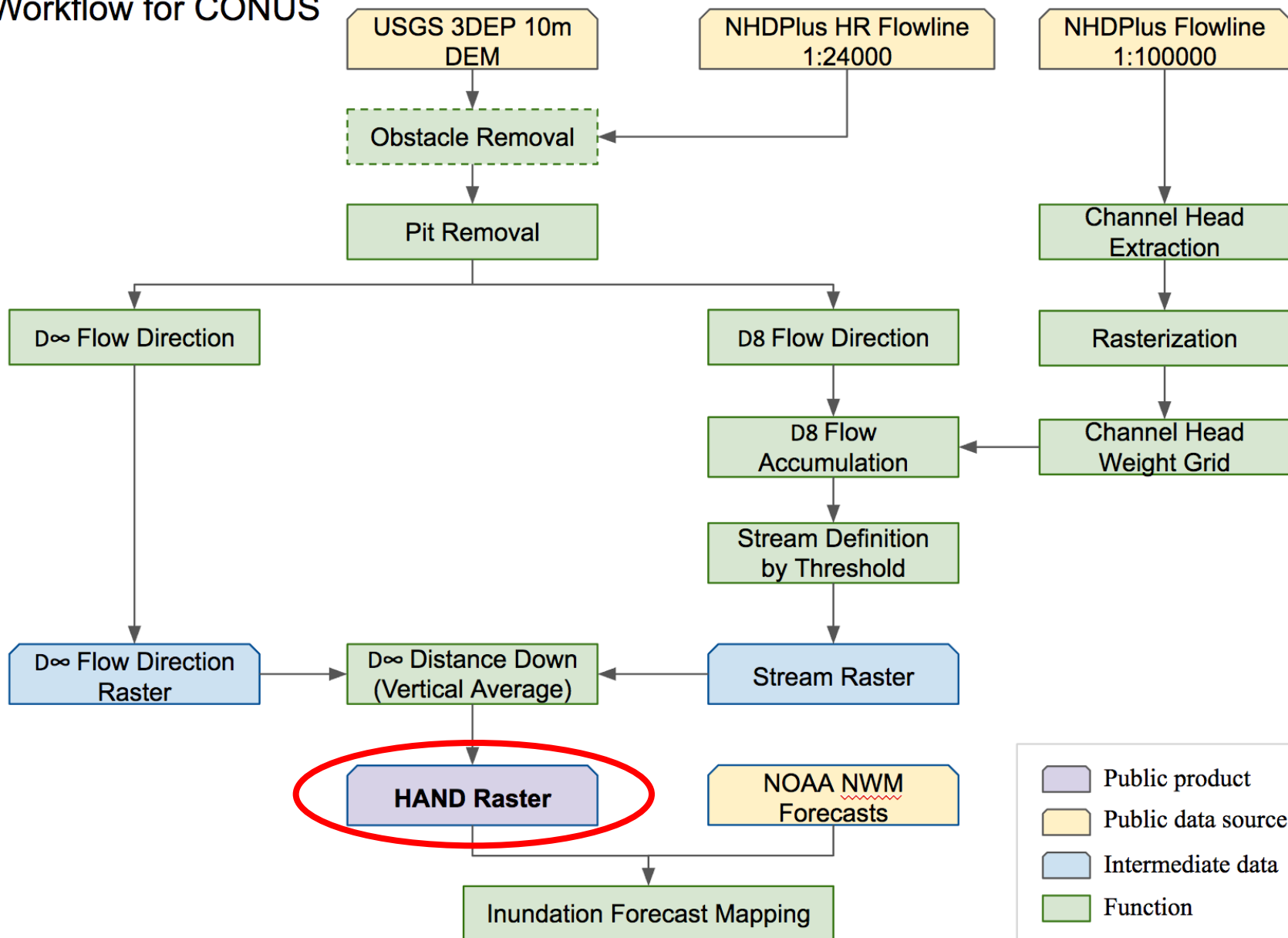
### 3. Calculate Flow Directions

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In [ ]: #####
# D8 Flow Direction #
#####

# set the output paths
fdr = os.path.join(data_directory, 'fdr.tif') # flowdir
sd8 = os.path.join(data_directory, 'sd8.tif') # slope

cmd = 'd8flowdir -fel %s -sd8 %s -p %s' % (fill, sd8, fdr)
taudem.run_cmd(cmd, processors=4)
```

## HAND Workflow for CONUS



# Workflow Development

- Collaboration

- UT Austin, Utah State Univ., UIUC, RENCi, USGS
- NSF project collaboration: CyberGIS, HydroShare, NFIE, ROGER MRI

- Code

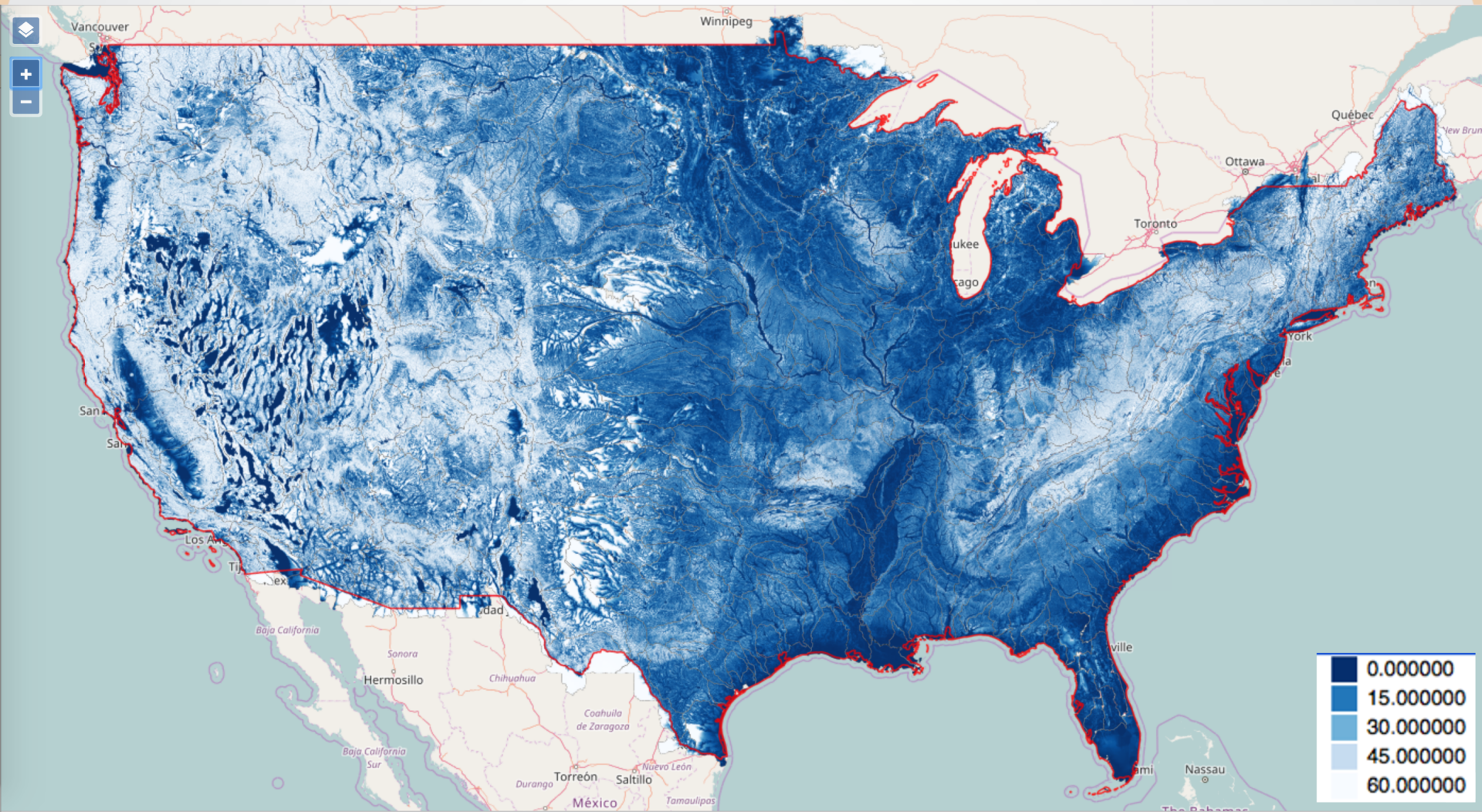
- <https://github.com/cybergis/nfie-floodmap>

- Cyberinfrastructure

- ROGER@UIUC
- Job management: PBS (Torque and Maui)
- MPI: mpich 1.3
- TauDEM: 5.3.5 with GDAL IO support and new flow direction algorithms
- GDAL: 1.11.4 and 2.0.2 (with PROJ4, GEOS, HDF5/NETCDF4, Esri FileGDB, spatialite/sqlite, Java, Python support)
- Data sharing: iRODS and web server (on ROGER cloud)
- Ensemble computation: GNU Parallel
- Visualization
  - Tiled Map Service (TMS) (<http://nfie.roger.ncsa.illinois.edu/nfie/TMS/>)



# HAND 10m for CONUS





# HAND Output

- Intermediate + final results: 4.9TB
- HAND raster
  - 363GB compressed GeoTIFF as VRT (virtual raster format)
  - Online map (zoom level 5-10) through Tile Map Service (TMS)
    - [http://nfie.roger.ncsa.illinois.edu/nfiedata/maps/maps.html#source=..%2Fyanliu%2Fviz%2Fhuc6-mercator-new-singlelayer.json&extent=-14392000\\_2436200\\_-7279500\\_6594375](http://nfie.roger.ncsa.illinois.edu/nfiedata/maps/maps.html#source=..%2Fyanliu%2Fviz%2Fhuc6-mercator-new-singlelayer.json&extent=-14392000_2436200_-7279500_6594375)

## Metadata for each HUC6 HAND output

`{HUCID}-wbd.shp` - Boundary polygon shape file of the HUC unit, extracted from USGS WBD  
`{HUCID}-wbdbuf.shp` - Buffered boundary polygon shape file of the HUC unit (10km buffer)  
`{HUCID}-flows.shp` - Flowline shape file of the HUC unit, extracted from NHDPlus medium resolution  
`{HUCID}-inlets0.shp` - Point shape file of all the inlets in the HUC unit, in NHDPlus projection  
`{HUCID}-inlets.shp` - Point shape file of all the inlets in the HUC unit, in NED projection EPSG:4269  
`{HUCID}-weights.tif` - Weight grid of the rasterized inlet points, used by TauDEM aread8 as weight  
`{HUCID}.tif` - clipped DEM from USGS 10m National Elevation Dataset (NED) with a buffer size (10km)  
`{HUCID}fel.tif` - pit removed DEM; output of TauDEM pitremove  
`{HUCID}p.tif` - D8 flow direction raster; output of TauDEM d8flowdir  
`{HUCID}sd8.tif` - D8 slope raster; output of TauDEM d8flowdir  
`{HUCID}ang.tif` - Dinfinit flow direction raster; output of TauDEM dinfflowdir  
`{HUCID}slp.tif` - Dinfinit slope raster; output of TauDEM dinfflowdir  
`{HUCID}ssa.tif` - Contributing area raster; output of TauDEM aread8  
`{HUCID}src.tif` - Stream grid; output of TauDEM threshold (threshold=1)  
`{HUCID}dd.tif` - Buffered HAND raster; output of TauDEM dinfdistdown (vertical distance down)  
`{HUCID}hand.tif` - HAND raster, buffer removed, final result

# Computation Summary

- *36 hours in total for 331 HUC6 units*
- 1.34 CPU years
- On average, **each job used 65.26 cores** and took **0.54 hours** to compute
- The two **flow direction algorithms** only took 12.65% computing time, on average
- The rest of the time was spent on transformation and pre- & post-processing of geospatial data

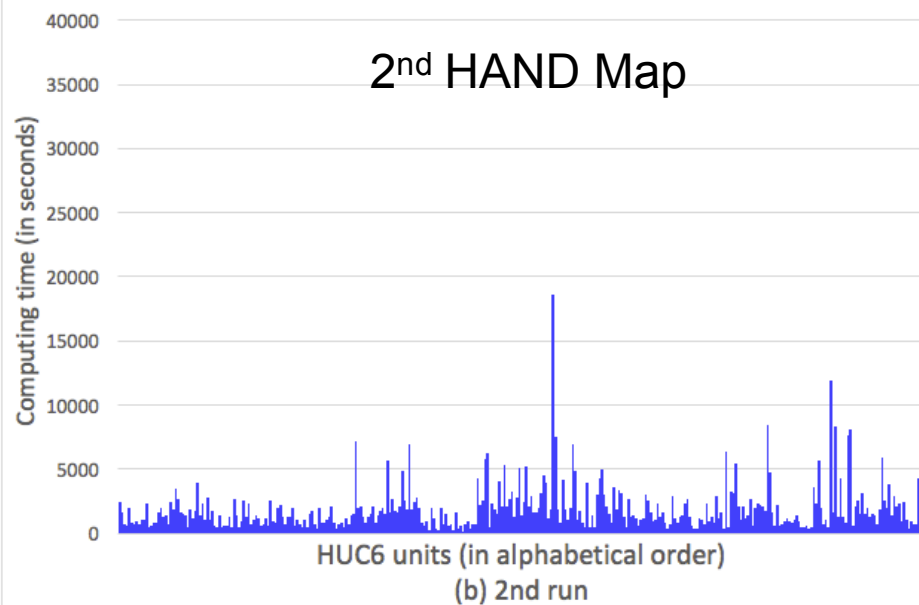
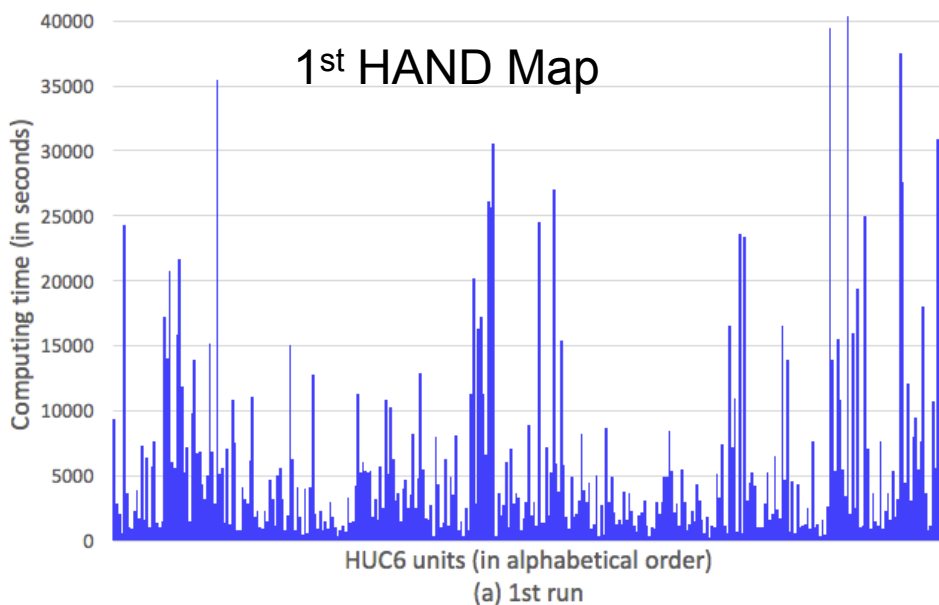
# Computing Time Comparison

## Old flow direction algorithms

## New flow direction algorithms

### 1<sup>st</sup> HAND Map

### 2<sup>nd</sup> HAND Map



5.76 CPU Years

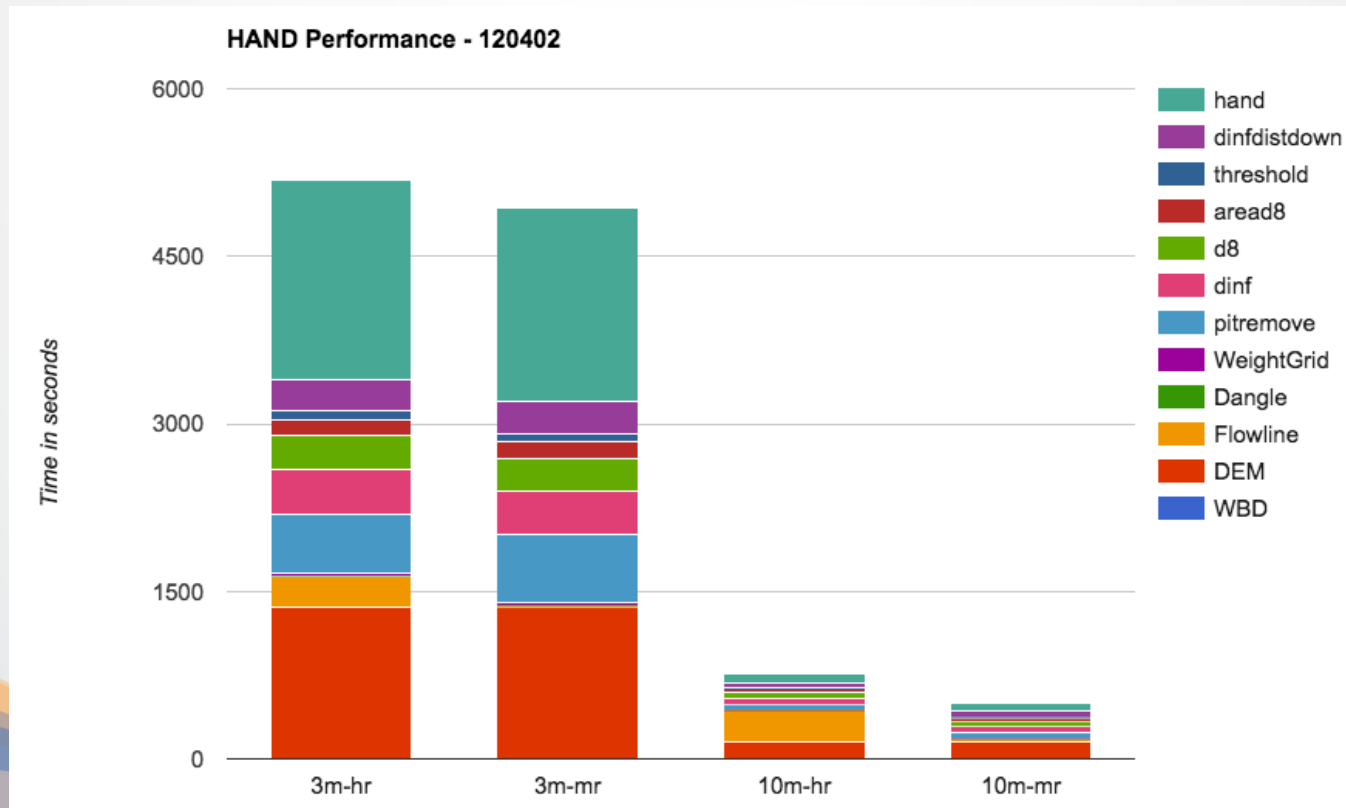
8 days of elapsed time

1.34 CPU Years

1.5 days of elapsed time

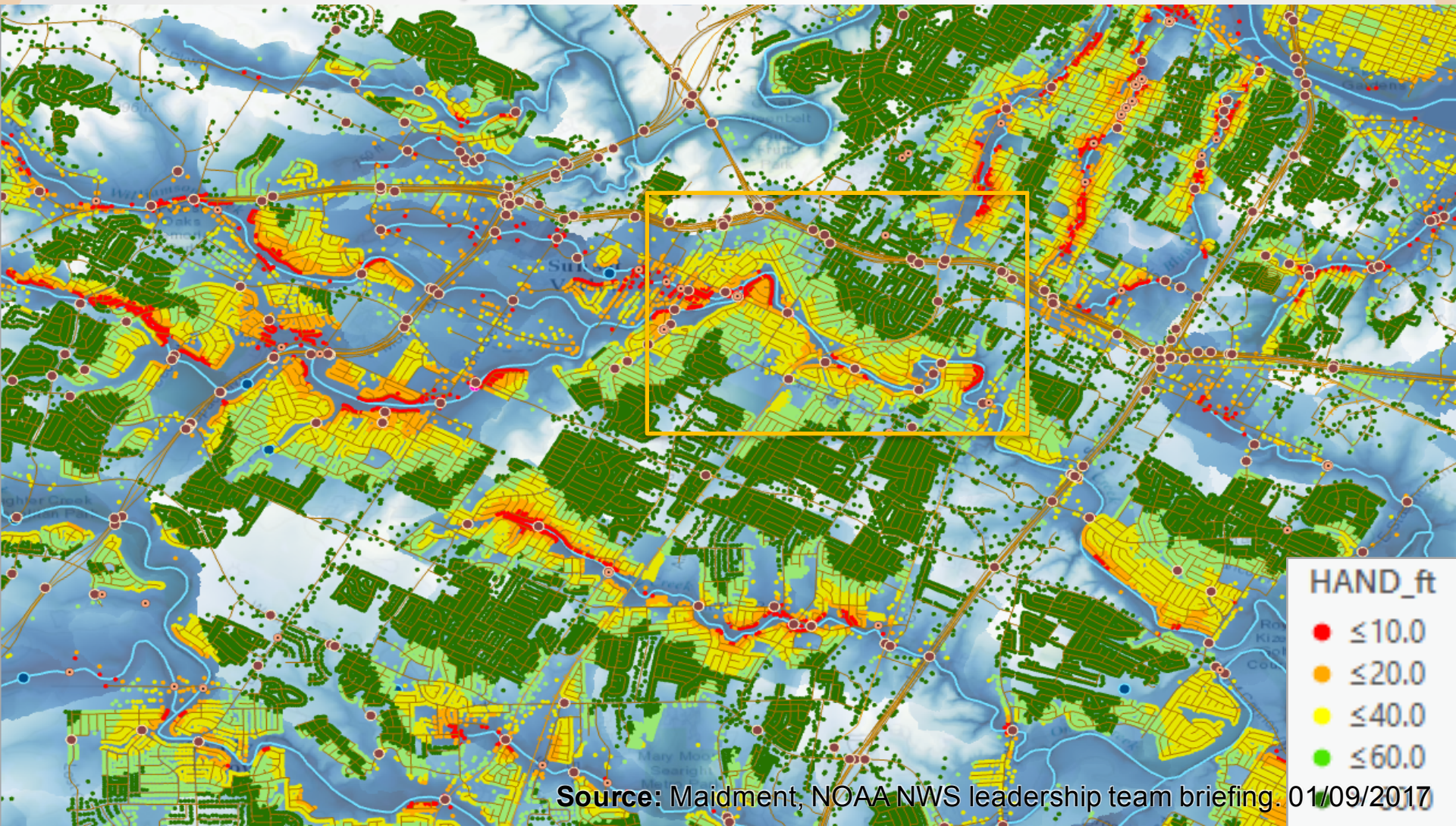
# Scalability - HAND Computation

- Experiment on HUC6 unit 120402
  - 6 nodes, 120 cores
- 3m vs. 10m DEM
  - 5.4GB vs. 595MB
- NHDPlus MR vs. NHDPlus HR





# Williamson Creek, South Austin: address points attributed with HAND



Source: Maidment, NOAA NWS leadership team briefing. 01/09/2017

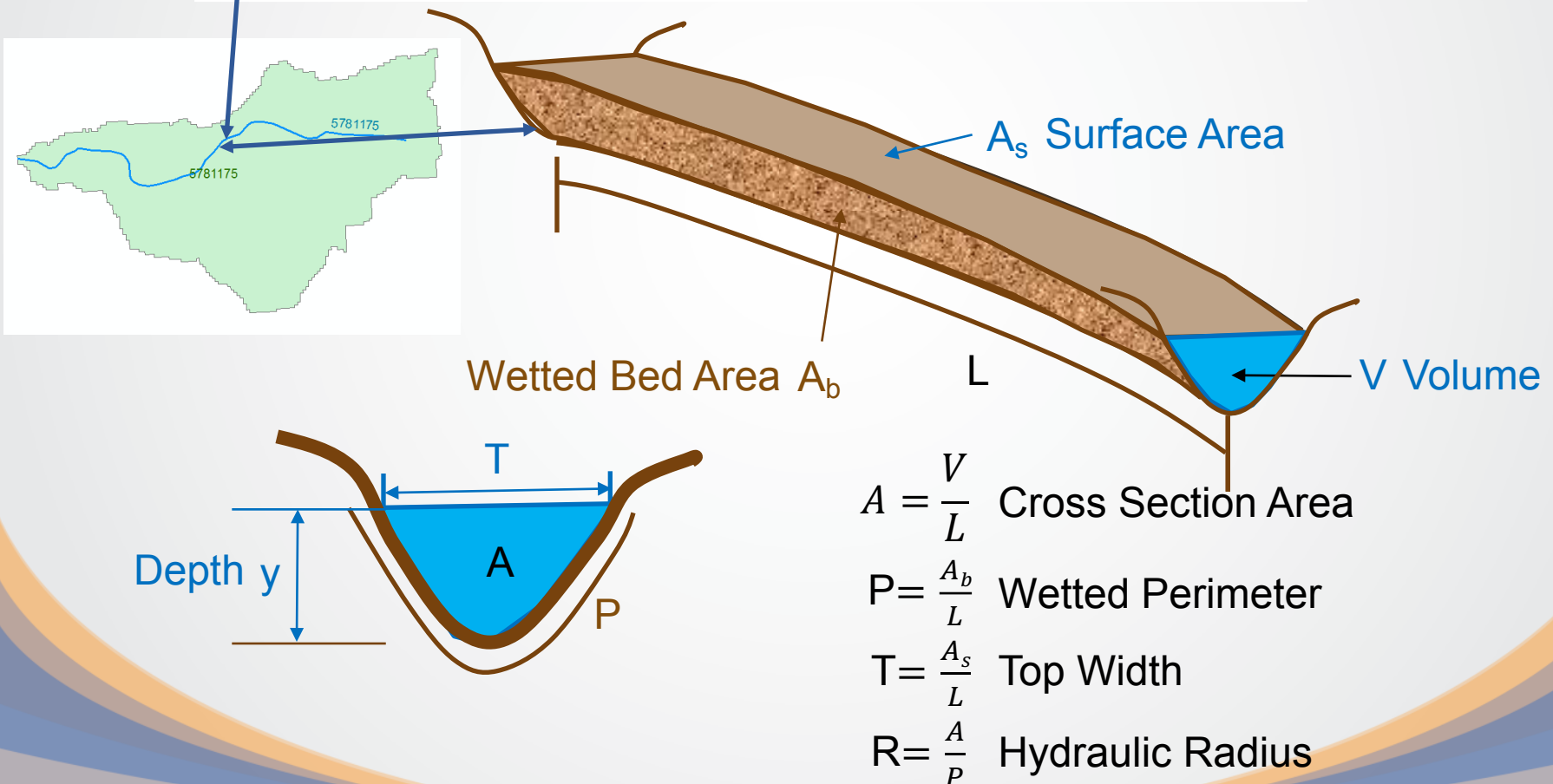
# Inundation Mapping

- Create hydro property table for CONUS
  - 2.7m river reaches
  - 82 water depth stages
- Inundation forecast mapping
  - Inundation forecast table for CONUS
  - Inundation map for each HUC6 unit
  - Inundation map for CONUS
  - Visualization



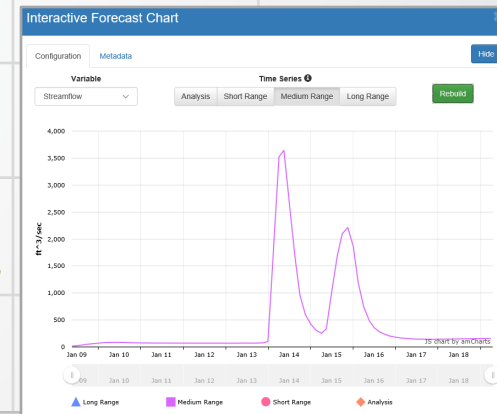
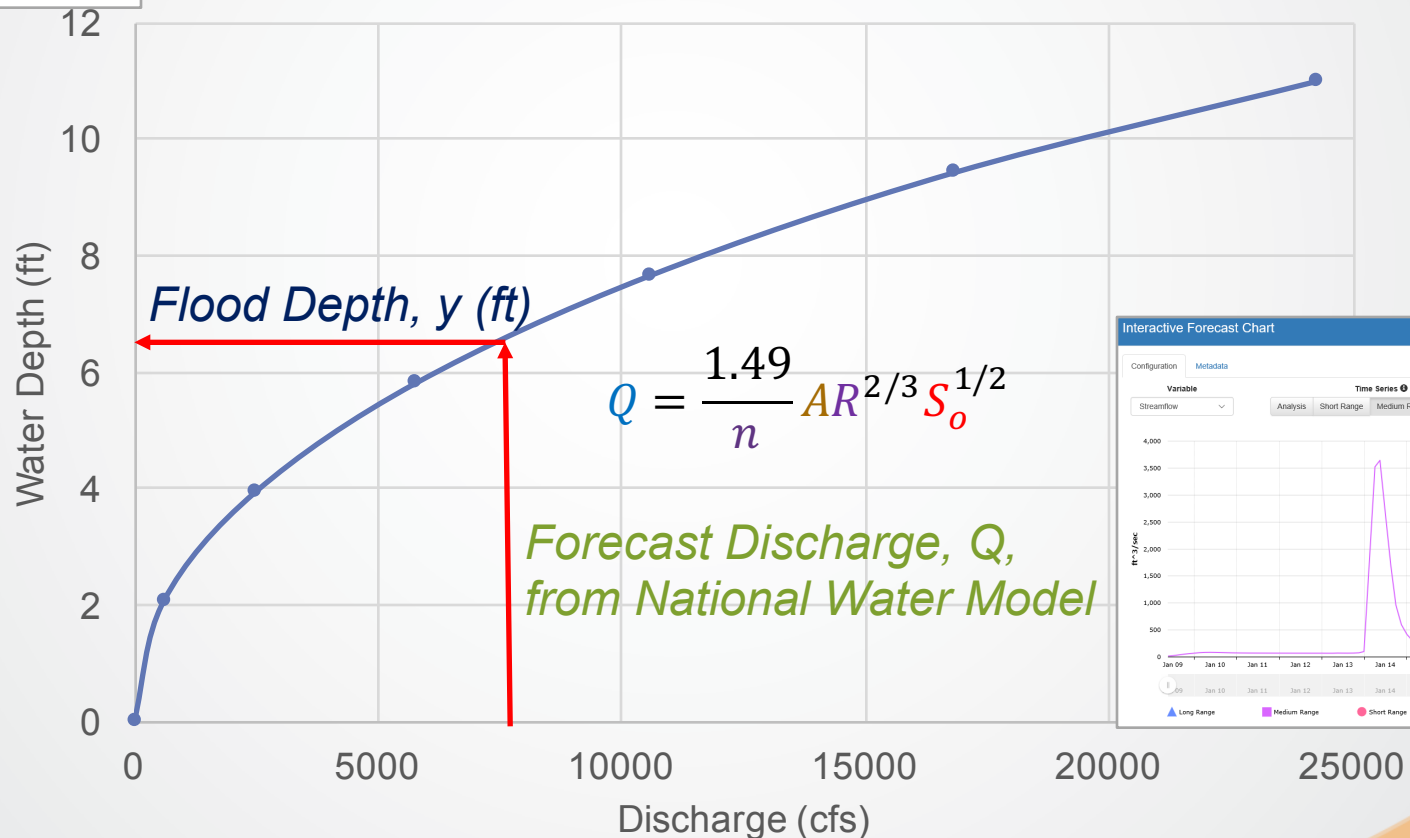
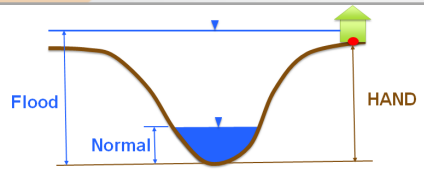
# Reach Hydraulic Parameters

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5781175	3							
5781175	4							



# Rating Curve – Connects Discharge with Depth

Rating Curve for Eanes Creek, ComID = 5781289



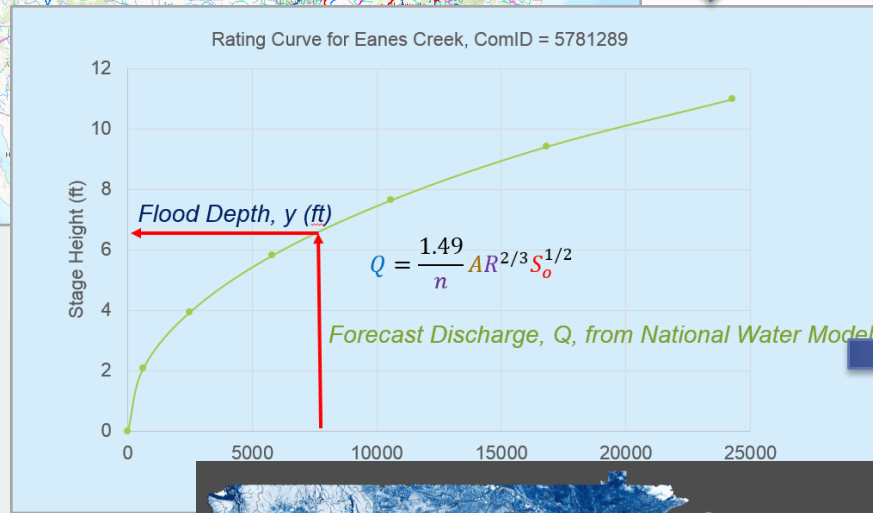


# Continental-Scale Flood Inundation Mapping



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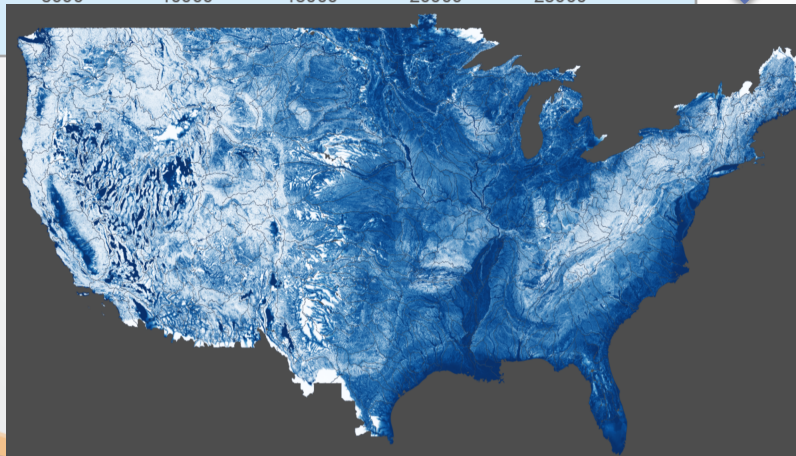
1. Forecast **discharge** with National Water Model



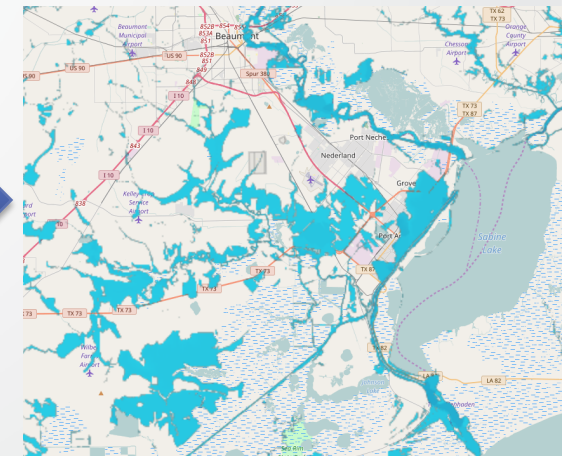
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2. Convert discharge to **depth** using rating curve

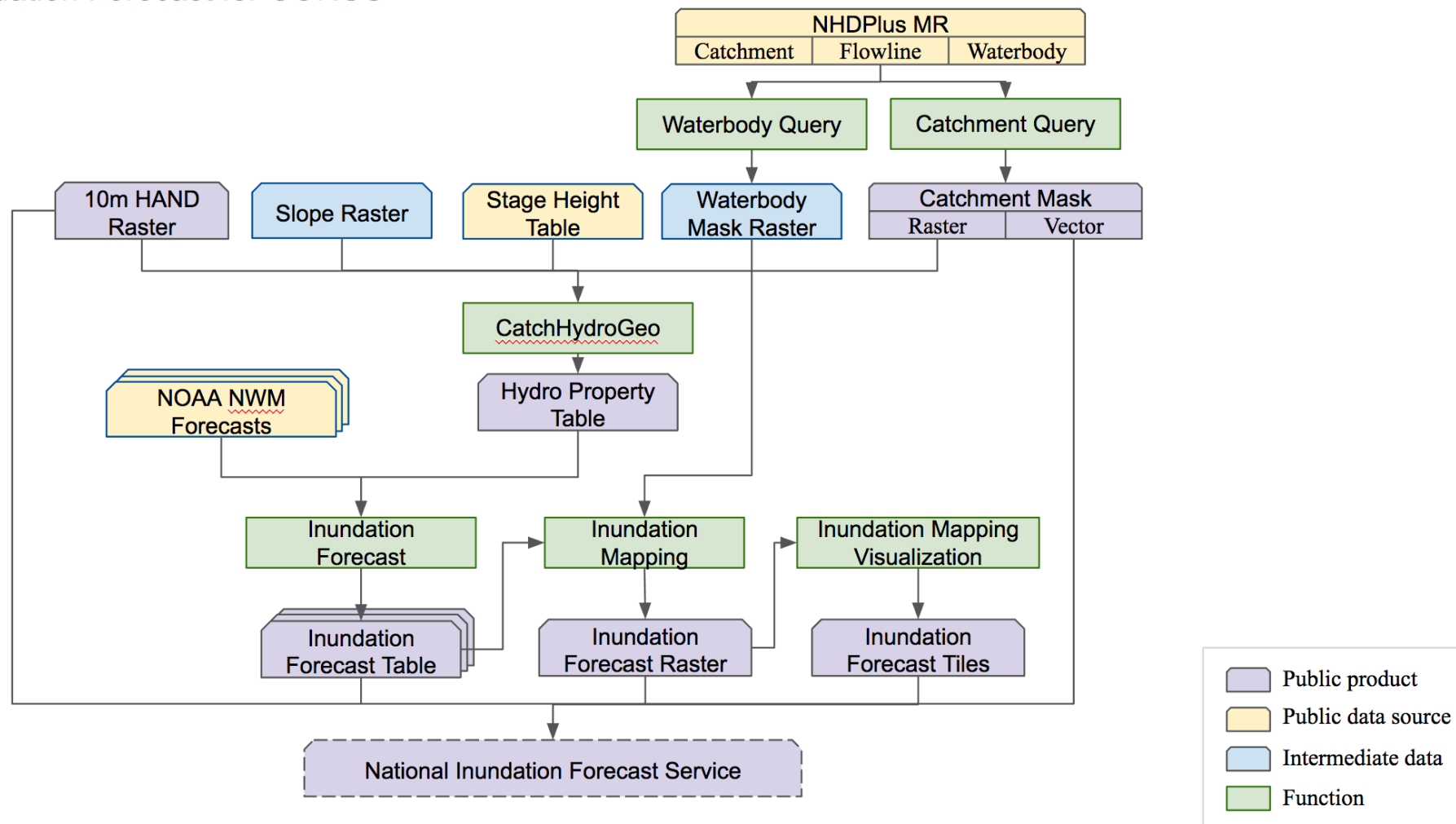
3. Convert depth to **inundation** using HAND



3



## Inundation Forecast for CONUS



# NWM Operational Configuration

Running Continuously on WCOSS since May 9<sup>th</sup>

## Analysis & Assimilation

## Short-Range

## Medium-Range

## Long-Range

### Cycling Frequency

Hourly

Hourly

Daily at 06Z

Daily Ens (16 mem)

### Forecast Duration

- 3 hrs

0-15 hours

0-10 days

0-30 days

### Forecast Latency (latency of external forcing data accounts for most of delay)

1 hour

1 hour 45 mins

6 hours

19 hours

### Meteorological Forcing

MRMS blend/  
HRRR/RAP bkgnd.

Downscaled HRRR/RAP  
blend

Downscaled GFS

Downscaled & bias-  
corrected CFS

### Spatial Discretization & Routing

1km/250m/NHDPlus  
Reach

1km/250m/NHDPlus  
Reach

1km/250m/NHDPlus  
Reach

1 km/NHDPlus Reach

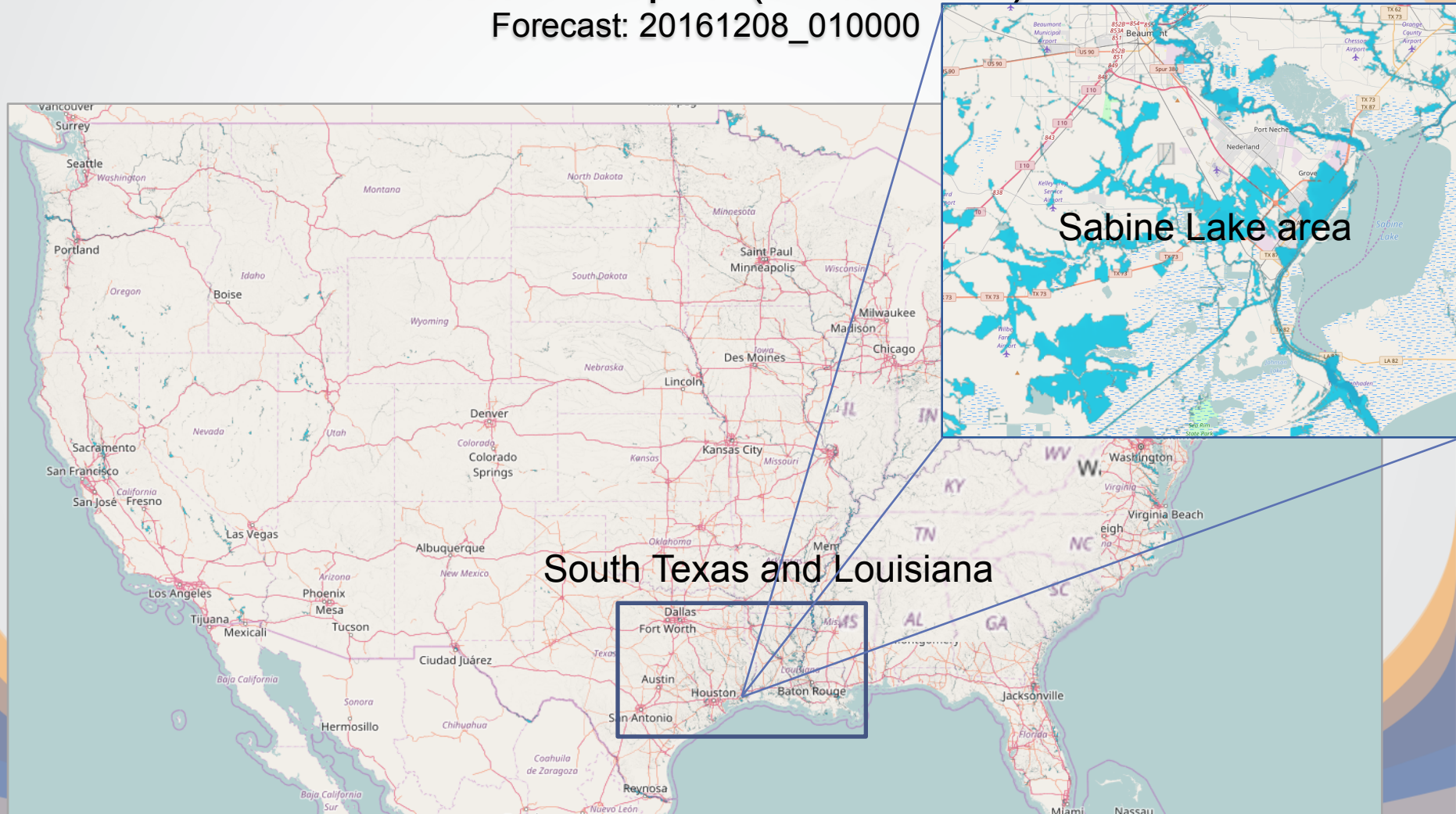
Assimilation of USGS Obs

Reservoirs (1260 water bodies parameterized with level pool scheme)



# Continental-Scale Flood Inundation Mapping Process, Version 1 Alpha (01/06/2017)

Forecast: 20161208\_010000



**Source:** Maidment, NOAA NWS leadership team briefing. 01/09/2017

# CONUS-scale Computation Cost

Product	Size	Input	Performance on ROGER	Frequency
10m HAND raster - HUC6	635939 x 282122 (180b cells); 718GB uncompressed geotiff	USGS NED 10m: same size NHDPlus MR: 2.69m reaches 18GB FileGDB NHDPlus HR: 30m+ reaches	36 hours for 331 HUC6 units; 1.34 CPU years; 65.26 processors/unit; 0.54 hours/unit	Once
10m catchment mask raster - HUC6	same as HAND	NHDPlus MR: Catchment layer Flowline layer Each with ~3m vectors	330 HUC6 units: 16 hours; 1 processor	Once
Catchment mask vector - HUC6	2.69m catchment polygons			
Hydro property table - CONUS	2638933x83 rows 14 columns indice: COMID and stage height	HAND raster: Slope raster: Catchment mask: same size as HAND Stage height table: 83 height values	330 HUC6 units: 10.5 hours; 1 node, 20 processors	Once
Inundation forecast table - CONUS	2615396 rows 3 columns (comid, H, Q)	NWM forecast per Time: 2699225 stations 6 columns Hydro property table	3hr15min using 330 HUC6 hydroproc 8min using CONUS netcdf; one processor	Per NWM forecast
Inundation map raster - HUC6	HAND raster size / 4 * 2 byte datatype; pyramids	HAND raster; HUC6 comid raster; Waterbody mask raster; Inundation forecast table	5hrs; 1 node, 1 processor	Per NWM forecast
HUC6 Inundation map viz: TMS tiles generation	zoom level 5-10: 300MB	Inundation map raster; Coloring table	6.5hrs: 1 node, 10 processors 1hr: 10 nodes, 10 processors/node	Per NWM forecast
CONUS Inundation map viz: TMS tilemerge for CONUS	zoom level 5-10: 151MB	TMS tiles	28m; 1 node, 1 processor	Per NWM forecast

# Ongoing Work

- Methodology improvements
  - Soft burnin
  - River channel geometry
  - Flat and coastal area handling (non-DEM approaches)
  - High-resolution LiDAR-derived DEM
- A big data visualization challenge
  - Exploring industrial and open source solutions
  - Big raster+vector visualization
    - Animation
    - Data partitioning, indexing, querying, and online streaming
- Software code polishing and release
- EOT
  - UCGIS summer school (May 2017)
  - NWC summer institute (June 2017)



# Conclusion

- Built all the technical pieces for continental inundation mapping
- Produced the 1<sup>st</sup> 10m HAND map for CONUS
  - May 29, 2016
- TauDEM accelerated to handle high-resolution DEMs for CONUS
- Produced the 1<sup>st</sup> real-time inundation map for CONUS at 10m raster resolution and 1km NHDPlus vector resolution
  - Jan 06, 2017
- Community feedback
  - USGS and NOAA NWS leadership team briefings, 07/18/2016 and 01/09/2017
  - Conference presentations
    - AWRA'16 summer, CyberGIS'16
  - EOT
    - NWC summer institute'16
    - Online class Fa'16

# Discussion

- **ECSS**
  - Sometimes, benchmarks and profiling may not be enough
    - New parallel computing algorithms need to be developed
  - Community engagement
    - Computation as a way to engage domain science community expertise
      - Supercomputing makes it possible to present data, results, process of unprecedented sizes to end users
- **XSEDE resource usage models for end users**
  - Advantages of hybrid supercomputing architecture
    - Sandbox solution
      - Resources: HPC, cloud, storage
      - User space: data, software, online services, user environment
  - End-to-end solutions
    - Lower the barrier for users to pick up the sandbox
    - Usability
      - Short turnaround on issue resolving
      - Regular user engagement
    - Sustainability and portability
    - Measures
      - Data products
      - Software products
      - Online services
      - Science use cases

# CyberGIS ROGER

Dell PowerEdge r730

24 Compute Nodes

- 2x Xeon 2.6GHz
- 10 cores each
- 128GB RAM
- 500GB HD
- 10 Gb network

12 GPU Nodes

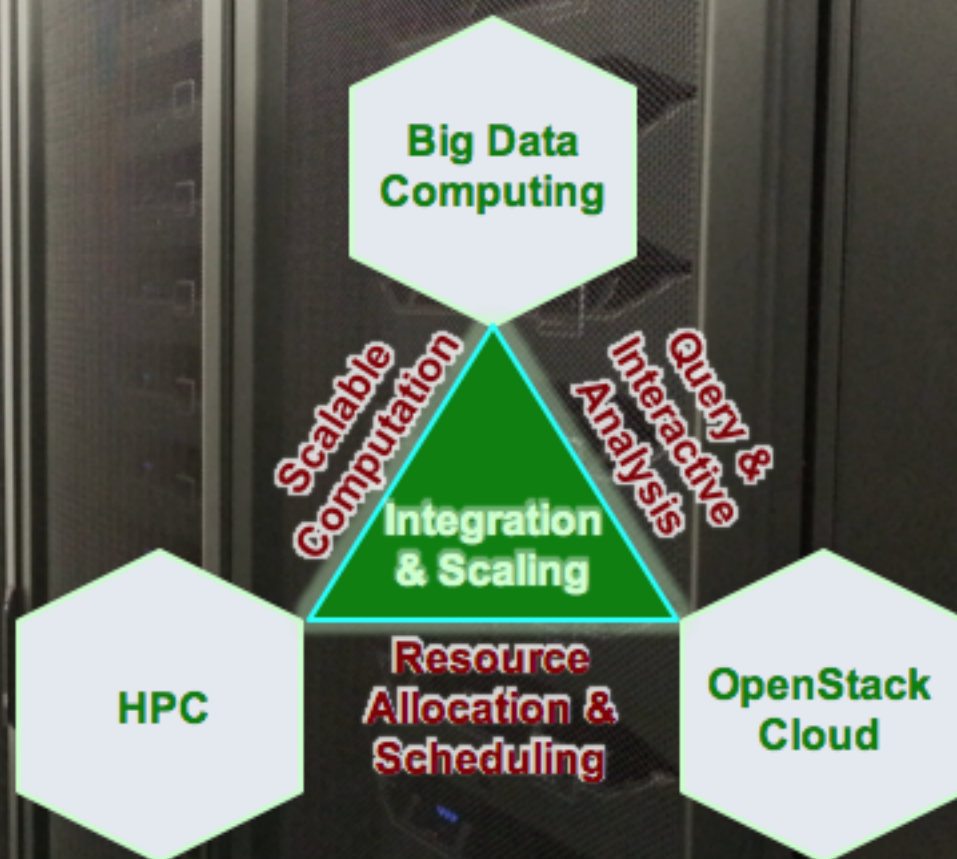
- Nvidia Tesla K40M

16 High Memory Nodes

- 256GB RAM
- 800GB SSD

2 GridFTP Nodes

- 40 Gb network



Resourcing Open Geospatial Education and Research  
after Roger Tomlinson  
~45 TFLOPS

# ROGER

- NSF MRI for dedicated cyberGIS research
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-tier XSEDE resource at NCSA
- HPC component
  - Geospatial software environment
    - GDAL, GEOS, PROJ4, GRASS, SPATIALITE, GEOTOOLS, NETCDF/HDF (parallel)
  - 5PB storage via GPFS
- Data-intensive computing component
  - Hadoop, Spark, Accumulo, Cassandra, Redis
- Cloud component
  - OpenStack

# NFIE and TauDEM on ROGER

- HUC-based computation on ROGER HPC
  - NFIE code: /projects/nfie/nfie-floodmap
  - TauDEM development version: /gpfs\_scratch/taudem/
  - Software environment
    - GDAL, NetCDF4/HDF5, Python libs, GEOS, PROJ4, ESRI FileGDB, Spatialite/SQLite, MPI
- 3DEP and NHDPlus data deployment on GPFS
  - /gpfs\_scratch/usgs/ned{1|3|10}m
  - /gpfs\_scratch/usgs/nhd
  - /gpfs\_scratch/usgs/wbd
- Data & visualization server in ROGER cloud
  - <http://nfie.roger.ncsa.illinois.edu/nfiedata/>
- Gateway environment
  - Jupyter interactive analysis environment
    - <http://hydroroger.ncsa.illinois.edu/>
  - CyberGIS Gateway
    - <http://sandbox.cigi.illinois.edu>
- iRODS and GridFTP
  - iRODS NCSA vault: cg-hm02.cigi.illinois.edu:/projects/nfie/irods/nfie\_vault
  - External access
    - RENCI iRODS
    - TACC Wrangler



# Lowering Access Barrier - JupyterHub

```
In [1]: import roger  
roger.Roger()
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Submit New Job

Check Job Status

Job name

Test

Executable

getNodes.sh

No. nodes

4

Cores per node

1

GPU needed

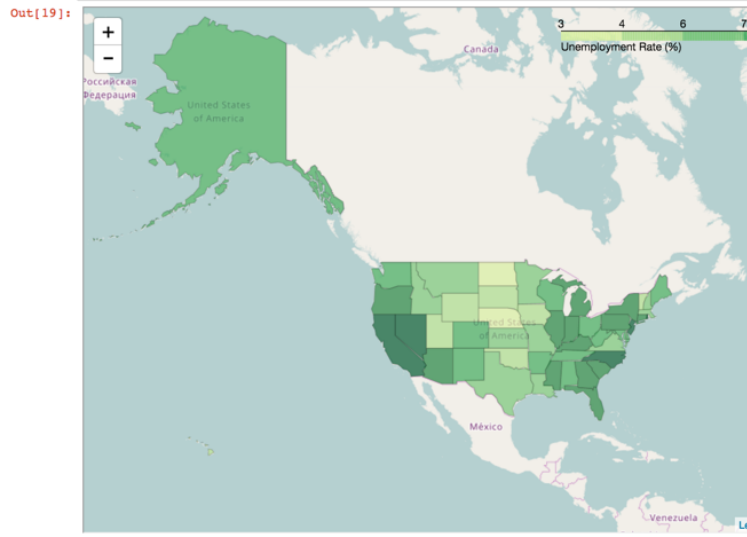
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☐ GPU

Walltime (h)

0.5

Submit Job

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    columns=['State', 'Unemployment'],  
    key_on='feature.id',  
    fill_color='YlGn',  
    fill_opacity=0.7,  
    line_opacity=0.2,  
    legend_name='Unemployment Rate (%)',  
    highlight=True  
)  
  
m.save(os.path.join('results', 'GeoJSON_and_choropleth_11.html'))  
m
```



ROGER job submission cell

Mapping cells using Folium



# Resources

- Code:
  - <https://github.com/dtarb/TauDEM>
  - <https://github.com/cybergis/nfie-floodmap>
- Data: <http://nfie.roger.ncsa.illinois.edu/nfiedata/>
- Maps:
  - HAND raster:  
[http://nfie.roger.ncsa.illinois.edu/nfiedata/maps/maps.html#source=..%2Fyanliu%2Fviz%2Fhuc6-mercator-new-singlelayer.json&extent=-14392000\\_2436200\\_-7279500\\_6594375](http://nfie.roger.ncsa.illinois.edu/nfiedata/maps/maps.html#source=..%2Fyanliu%2Fviz%2Fhuc6-mercator-new-singlelayer.json&extent=-14392000_2436200_-7279500_6594375)
  - Inundation map – 20161208\_010000:  
[http://nfie.roger.ncsa.illinois.edu/nfiedata/maps/maps.html#source=..%2Fyanliu%2Fviz%2Finunmap-mercator-singlelayer-1color.json&extent=-14392000\\_2436200\\_-7279500\\_6594375](http://nfie.roger.ncsa.illinois.edu/nfiedata/maps/maps.html#source=..%2Fyanliu%2Fviz%2Finunmap-mercator-singlelayer-1color.json&extent=-14392000_2436200_-7279500_6594375)

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- NOAA NWS
- USGS
- City of Austin
- Texas Division of Emergency Management

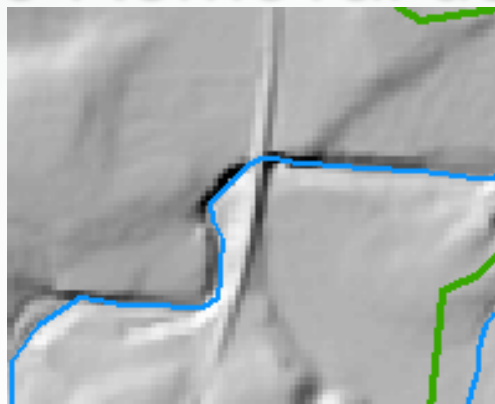
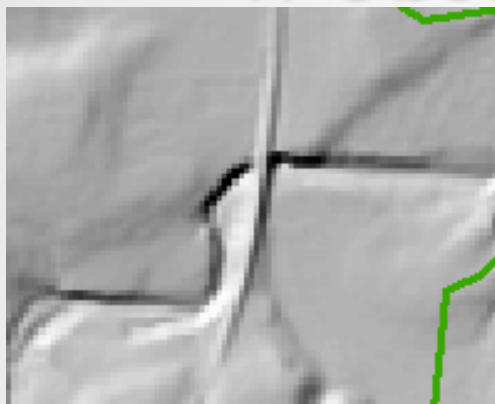
## ■ Industry

- Environmental Systems Research Institute (Esri)

## **Appendix: HAND and Inundation Mapping Methodology**

# NHD-HAND Workflow

## 1. Obstacle Removal using NHD HR



48	48	49	48	47
48	46	50	46	45
47	45	51	43	39
44	40	51	47	47
41	45	52	48	48

48	48	49	48	47
48	46	50	46	45
47	45	51	43	39
44	40	51	47	47
41	45	52	48	48

48	48	49	48	47
48	46	50	46	45
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44	40	51	47	47
41	45	52	48	48

**Obstacles, like this railroad that are present in DEM are removed tracing down NHD HR streams ensuring that elevation never increases along a stream.**

## 2. Remove (Fill) Sinks

Raw DEM  
(Obstacles removed)

36	35	36	39	42	48	50
39	32	33	35	38	46	51
47	40	36	32	38	43	46
52	48	39	36	31	35	34
52	50	47	38	34	31	30
51	50	49	45	40	35	33
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Pit-Removed DEM  
(Hydrologically conditioned)

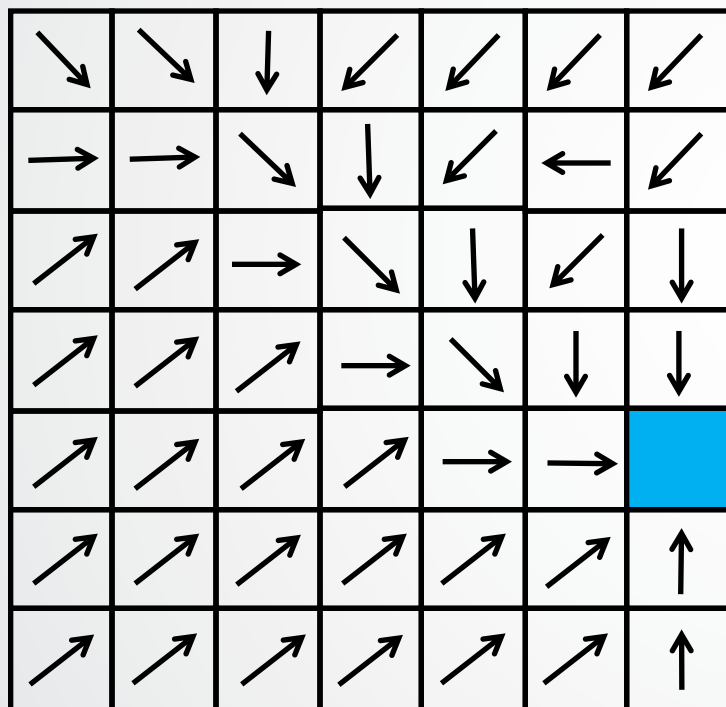
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— Sinks

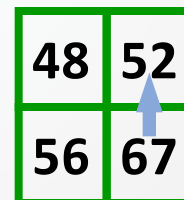
### 3. D8 Flow Direction

#### D8 Flow Direction



Flow direction from each grid cell set in the steepest downslope direction to one of eight adjacent neighbors

Routing across flats away from high terrain and towards low terrain (Garbrecht and Martz, 1997)



$$\frac{67 - 52}{30} = 0.50$$

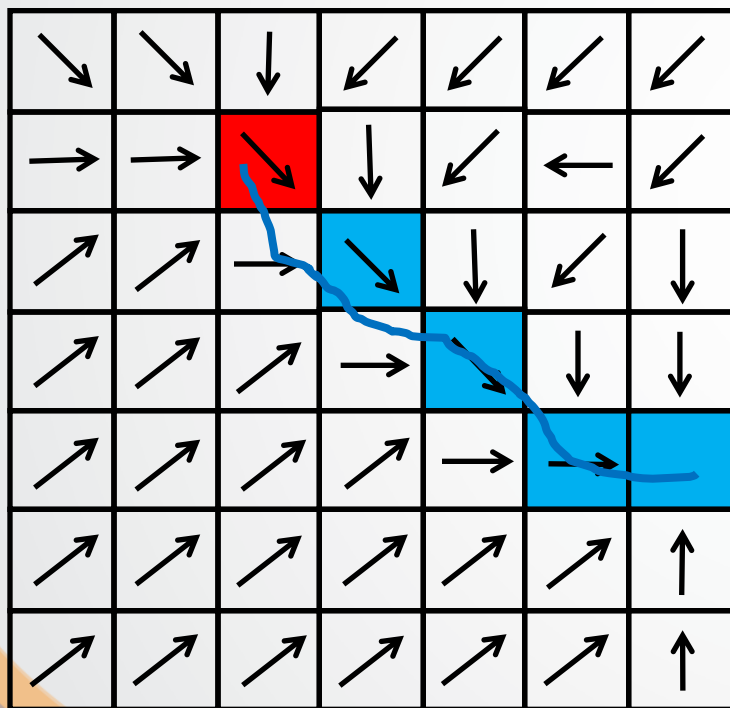
$$\frac{67 - 48}{30\sqrt{2}} = 0.45$$



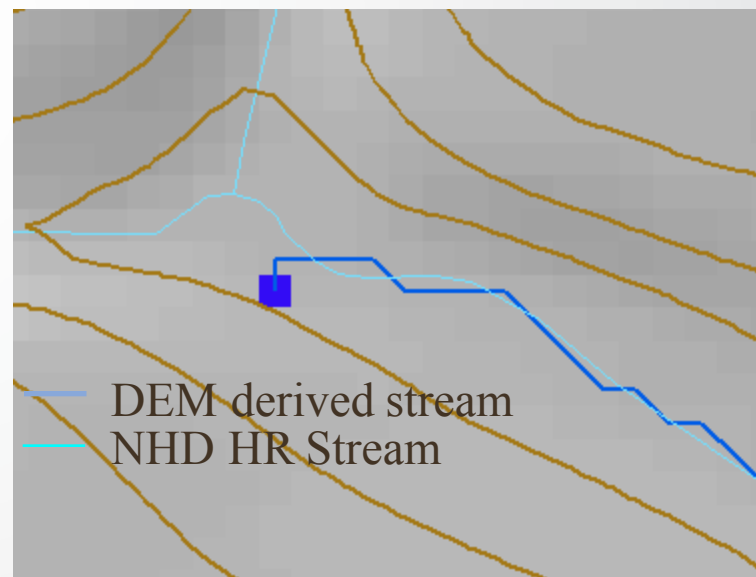
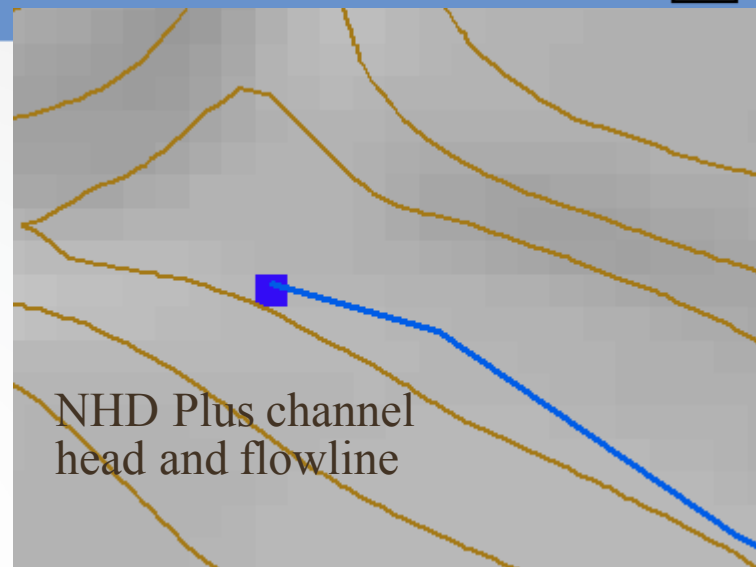
## 4. Stream Definition

Grids from the NHD Plus channel head cell to the outlet cell are defined as Stream Cells

Channel Head

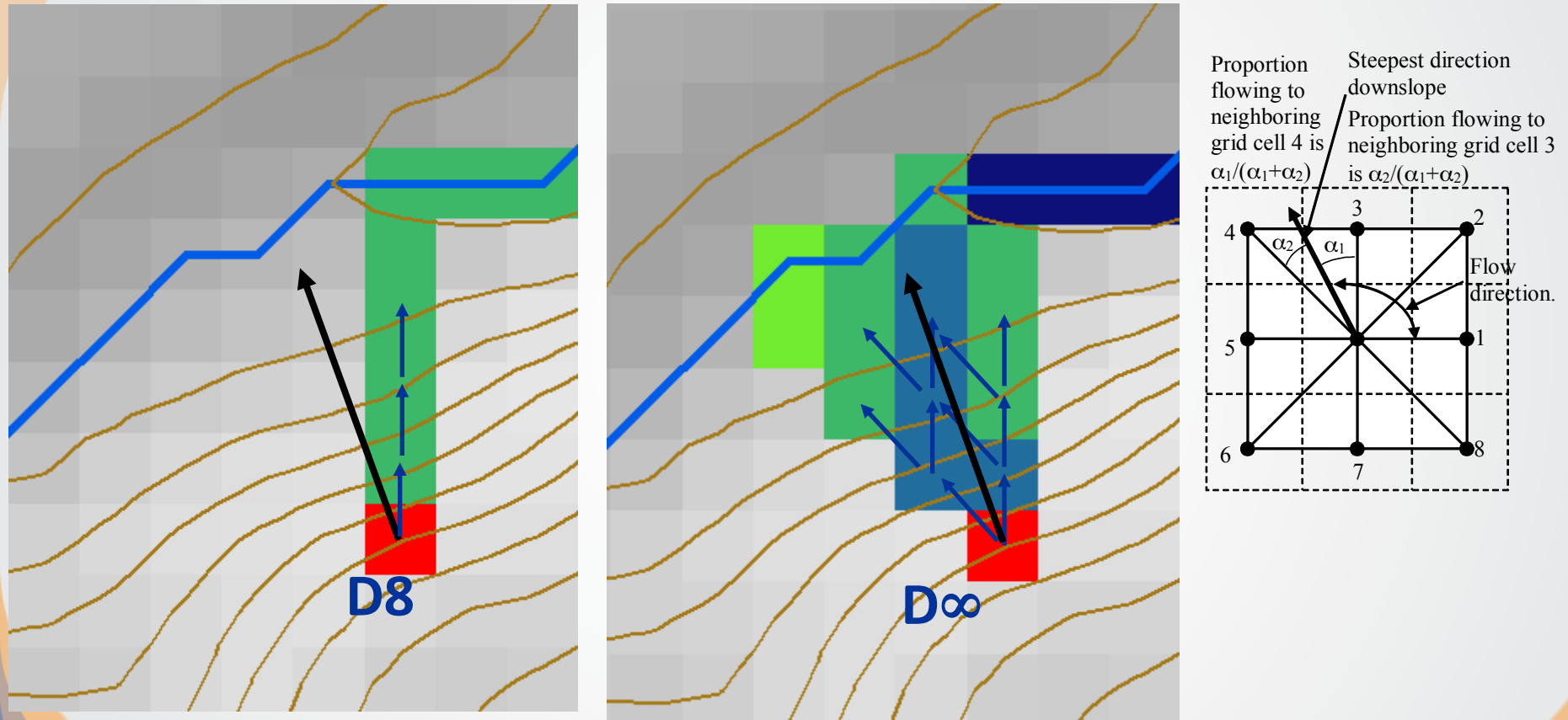


NHD Plus  
Flowline



DEM derived stream network is consistent with the DEM but at the scale (drainage density) of NHD Plus.

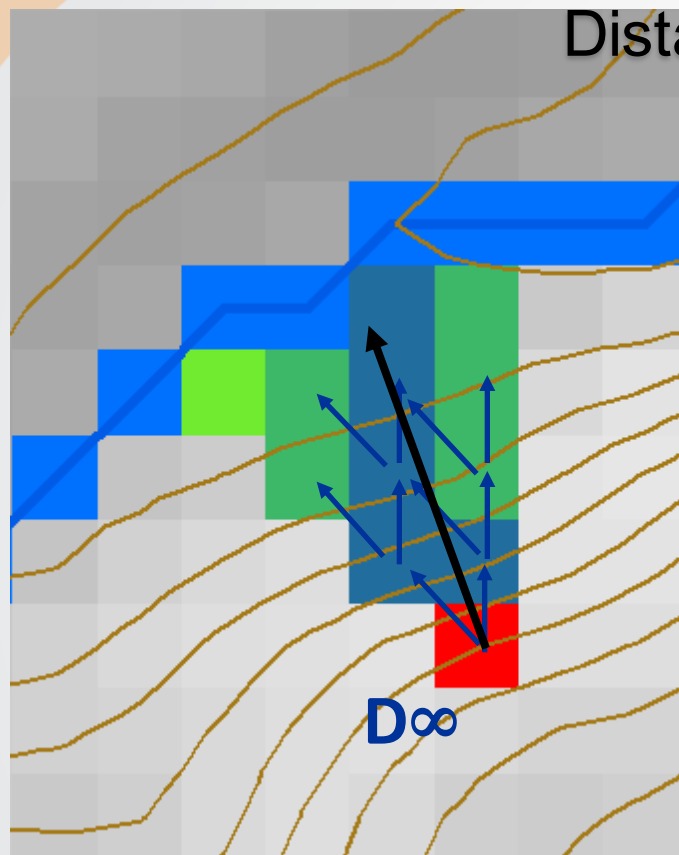
## 5. TauDEM Dinfinity Representation of Flow Field



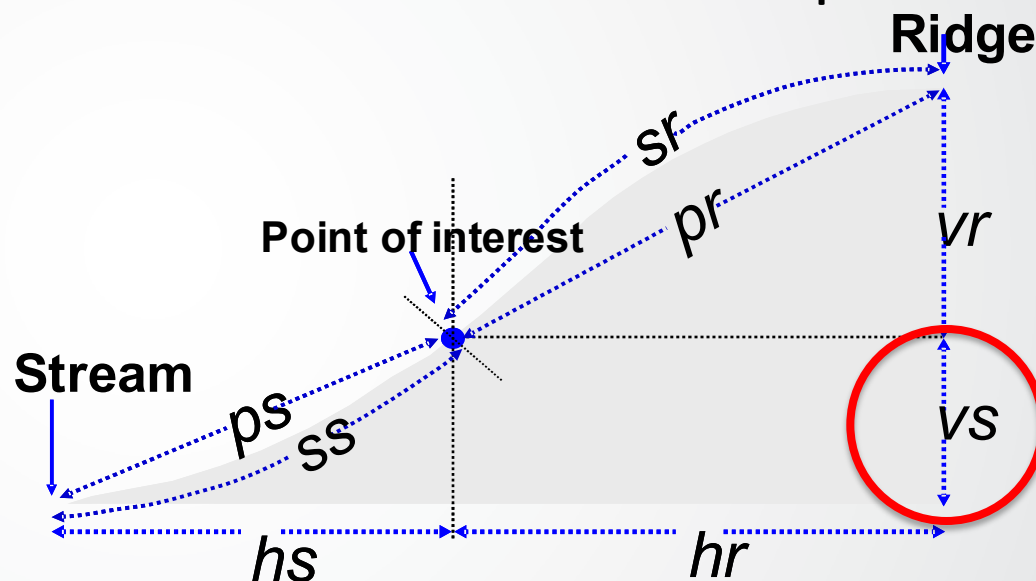
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<http://hydrology.usu.edu/taudem>

## 6. HAND evaluated using TauDEM Dinfinity Vertical Distance Down function



### TauDEM Distance Down and Distance Up

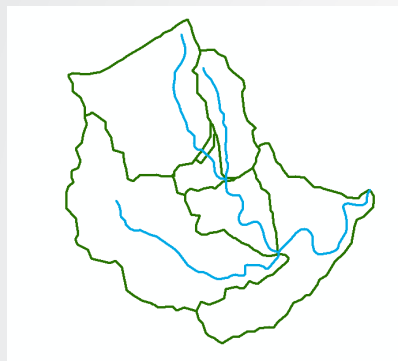


Vertical distance to stream evaluated as weighted average over multiple flow paths. This results in a “smooth” height above nearest stream layer

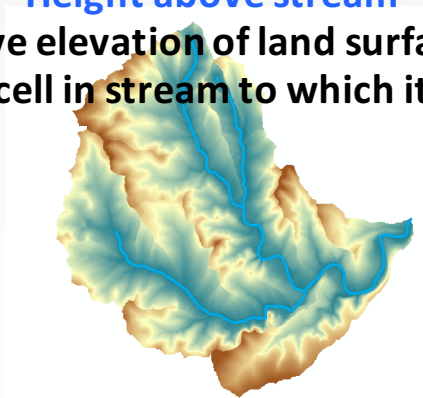
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# Implementation based on NHDPlus catchments and reaches

**Flowlines**



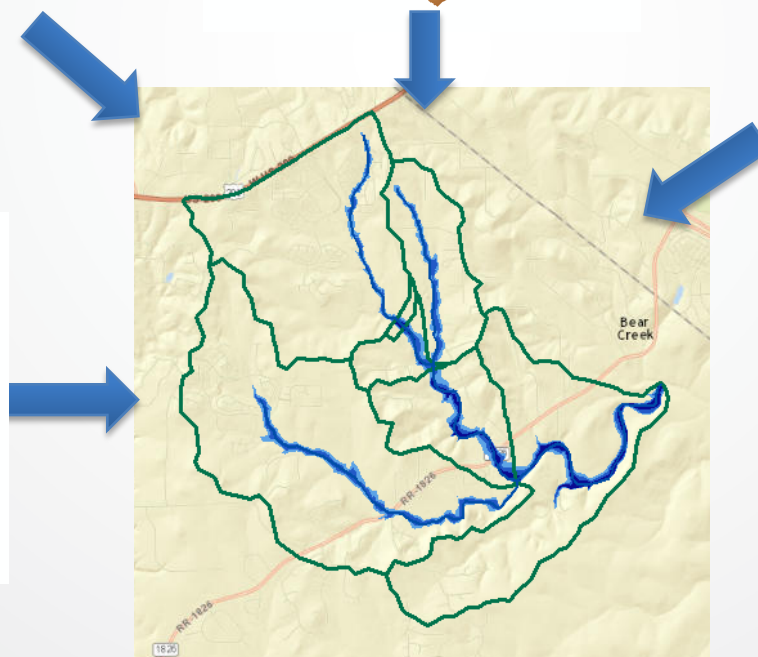
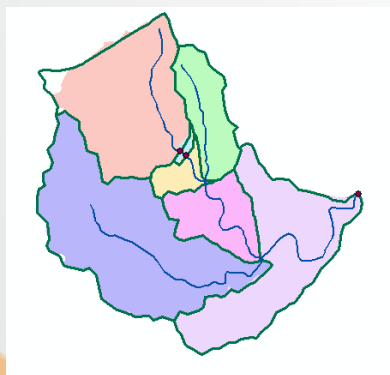
**Height above stream**  
(relative elevation of land surface cell  
above cell in stream to which it flows)



**Reach Scale Flood Depth**

Comid	Depth (ft)
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5781381	9
5781405	10
5781401	15
5781399	14
5781383	12
5781933	11

**Catchments**

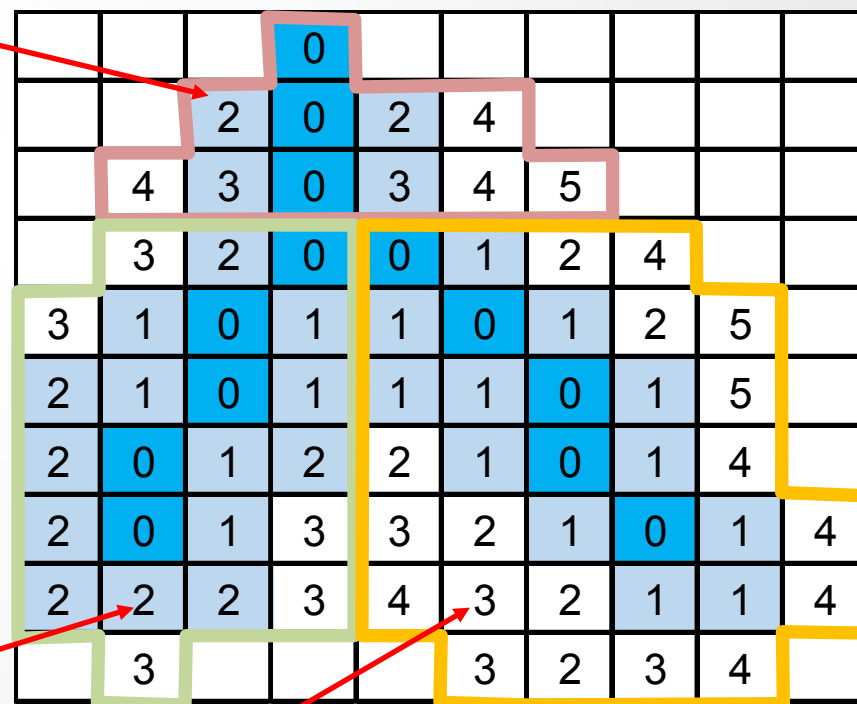
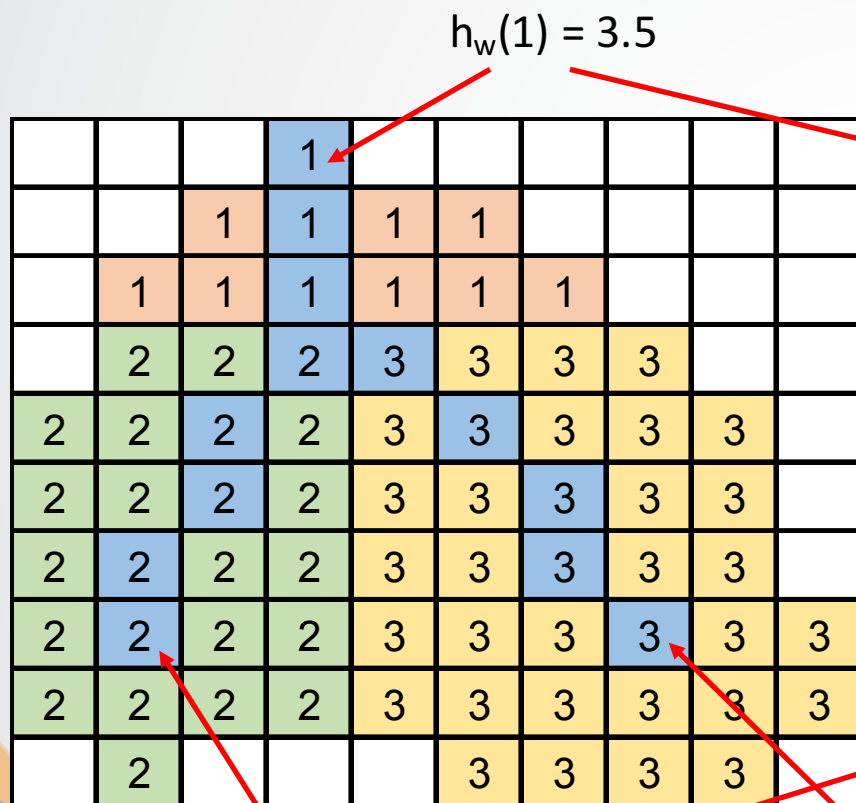


**Inundation map**

## 7. Mapping from height above nearest drainage to flood extent

Reach and Watershed id

Height above nearest drainage raster  $h_{\text{HAND}}$



$h_w(2) = 2.5$

$h_w(3) = 1.5$