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# Introduction

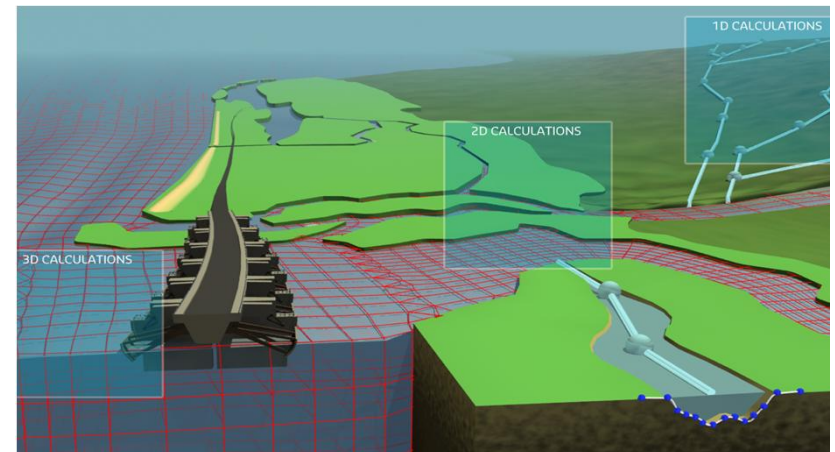
- This webinar is presented by Bernhard Becker (OpenMI Expert, Deltares) and Andreas Burzel (Flood Risk Analyst, Deltares)
- Goal of this webinar is the demonstration of water related models using OpenMI 1.4 and SOBEK 3 and RTC-Tools
- Participants can raise their questions in three interactive Q&A sessions (chat)
  - the Q&A will be also provided via the OpenMI wiki
- A recorded version of the webinar will be available from the Deltares academy website



# Contents



- What is OpenMI?
- Example application cases
- Introduction to the life demonstration
- OpenMI life demonstration
  - coupling of water related models using SOBEK and RTC-Tools
- How to migrate your own code to OpenMI compliance
- Take home messages



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# What is OpenMI?



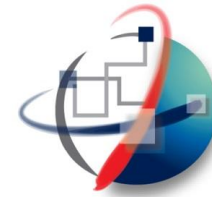
- OpenMI is an open model interface standard for hydro-related models developed by the OpenMI Association
  - Designed for water-related models
  - For legacy code and new code
  - Data-exchange during runtime per time step
  - Open source
  - OpenMI 2.0 is an OGC standard (OGC = Open Geospatial Consortium)
  - More than 30 models already OpenMI compliant, check [www.openmi.org](http://www.openmi.org)







# OpenMI history



**OpenMI**  
10th Anniversary

## HarmonIT - OpenMI v1.0 (2005)

- OpenMI was developed by 14 organizations from 7 countries in the EU-project HarmonIT in order to facilitate the simulation of interacting processes, particularly environmental processes
- the first version has been released as the OpenMI Standard v1.0 (.Net version)

## OpenMI-Life - OpenMI v1.4 (2010)

- Further development has been performed in the OpenMI-Life project with a consortium of 10 partners from 5 countries
- release of v1.4 (.Net, Java), foundation of the OpenMI Association

## Released - OpenMI v2.0, OGC standard (2013)

- Several new features are introduced, including a more flexible way of linking, more flexibility in the overall control flow, less difference between temporal and spatial models
- A new user interface (GUI) and a software development kit (SDK)

## OpenMI webinar (2016)

- OpenMI is presented to a broad audience of CI experts and students by means of this webinar



# Who should apply OpenMI?



“The long term aim is that the OpenMI should become the European and global standard for model linking in the environmental domain.” (from the OpenMI-life website)

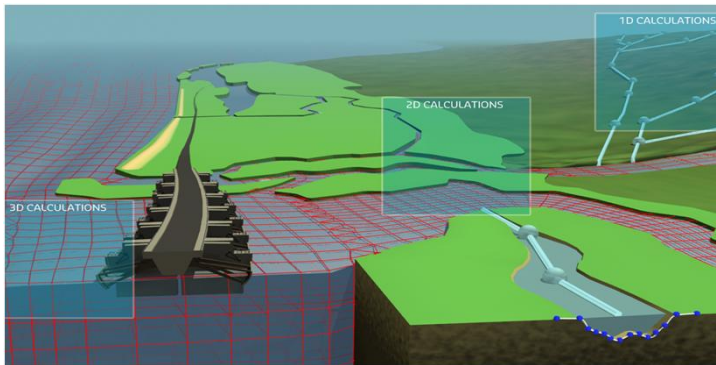
- Researchers that develop source code for their studies
  - research code can be coupled with OpenMI compliant models
- Developers of integrated (hydrological) modelling tools
  - coupling of surface/subsurface flood models
- Consultants that need dedicated model coupling
  - flexible, standardized coupling technique
  - use the OpenMI standard for more than one coupling task
- Multidisciplinary studies
  - CIPRNet - coupling of CI models



# What is a model?



- Conceptual model: How does a system operate?
- Mathematical model: A set of equations
- deterministic (physics-based) – empirical – logical
- Computer model: Coded equations
- Generic model: Simulation software (GUI, input, output)
- Site-specific model: Generic model + site-specific data





# When to apply OpenMI?

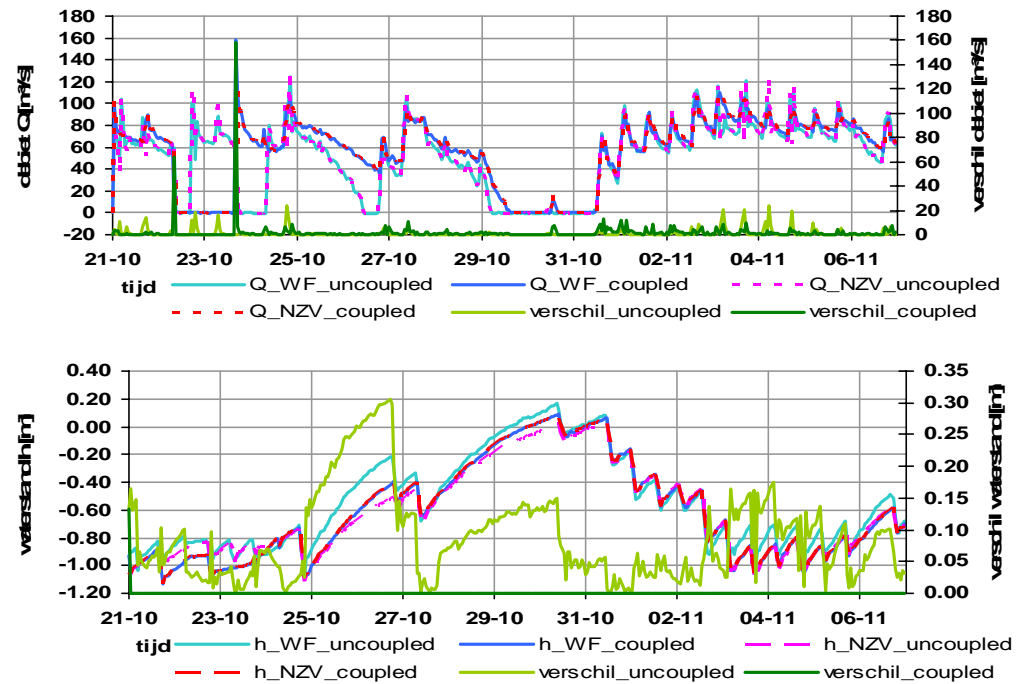
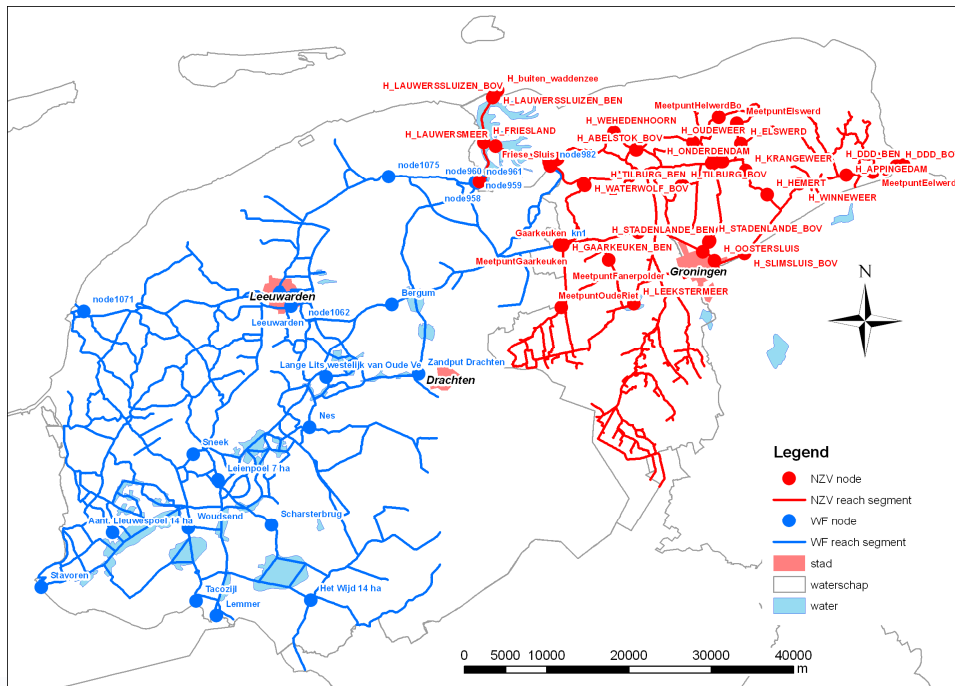


- Coupling of models of different processes
  - one model for each process, with both processes are of similar relevance
  - processes on different time scales
- Coupling of models of the same type
  - models belong to different institutions
  - models are used coupled and uncoupled (maintenance, calibration, local studies)

# Coupling two channel flow models



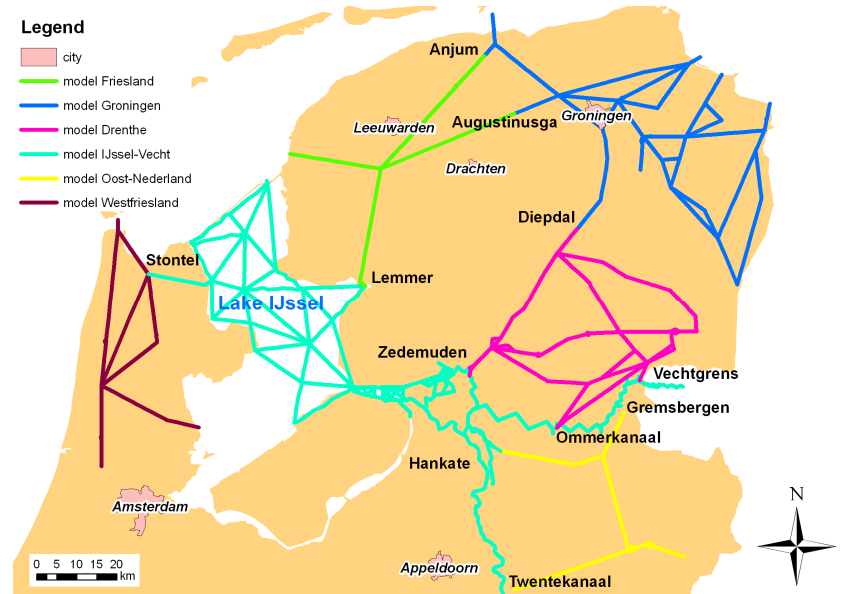
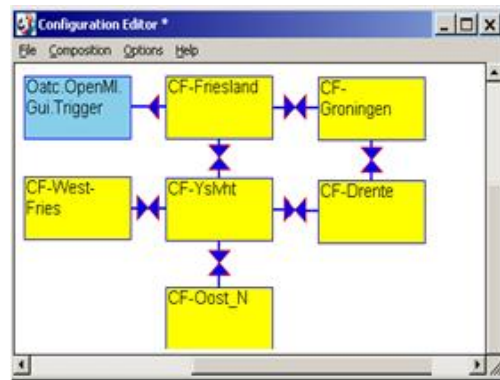
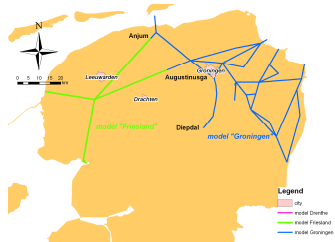
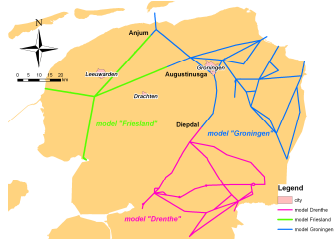
- Channel flow models Wetterskip Fryslân and Noorderzijlvest coupled at three connection points
- One water system, two water authorities



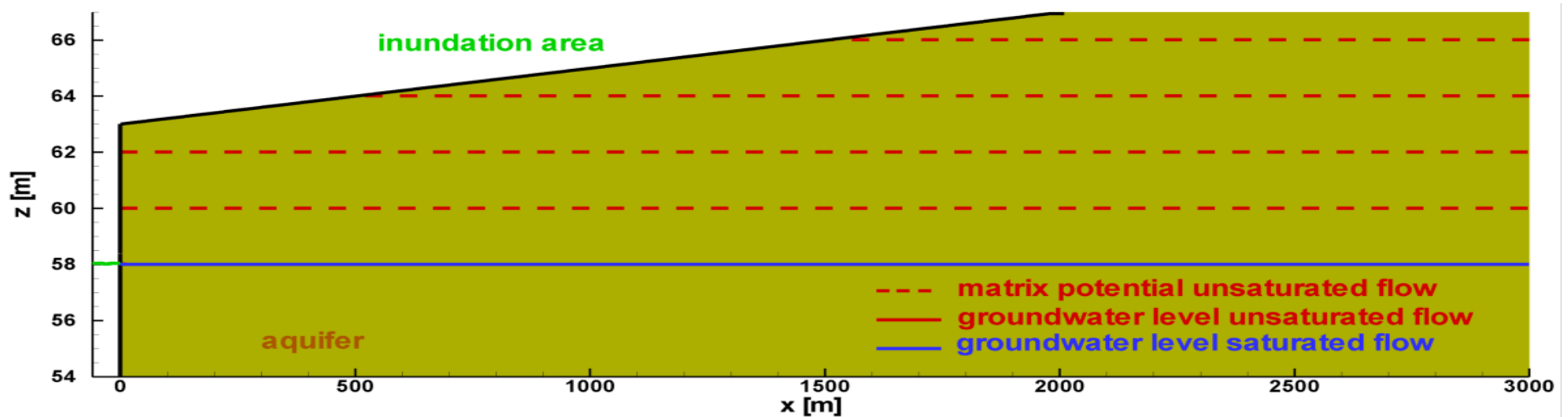
# Dutch Large Scale SOBEK model



- From 2 to 6 model coupled:



# Surface water flow $\leftrightarrow$ groundwater flow

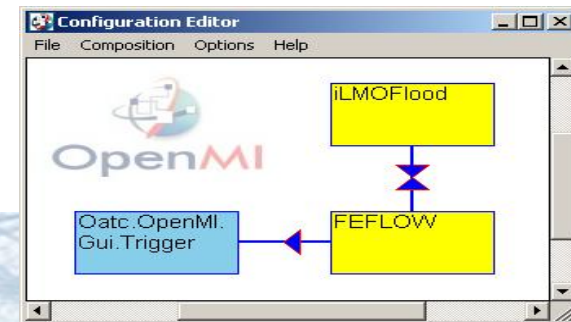


Two coupled simulations:

Surface water		Groundwater
Ilmoflood	$\leftrightarrow$	Feflow saturated
Ilmoflood	$\leftrightarrow$	Feflow unsaturated

coupling:

Ilmoflood		Feflow
<b>head</b>	$\rightarrow$	<b>leakage</b>
<b>flow</b>	$\leftarrow$	<b>flow</b>



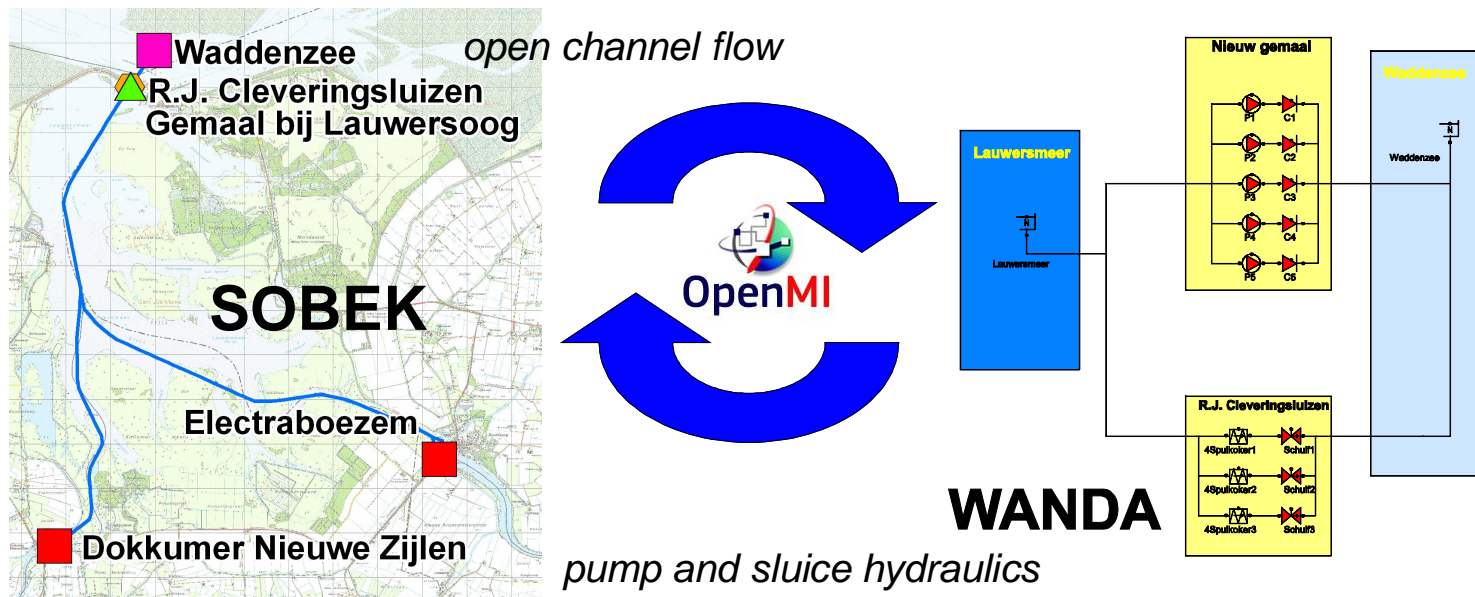


# Channel flow $\leftrightarrow$ industrial hydraulics



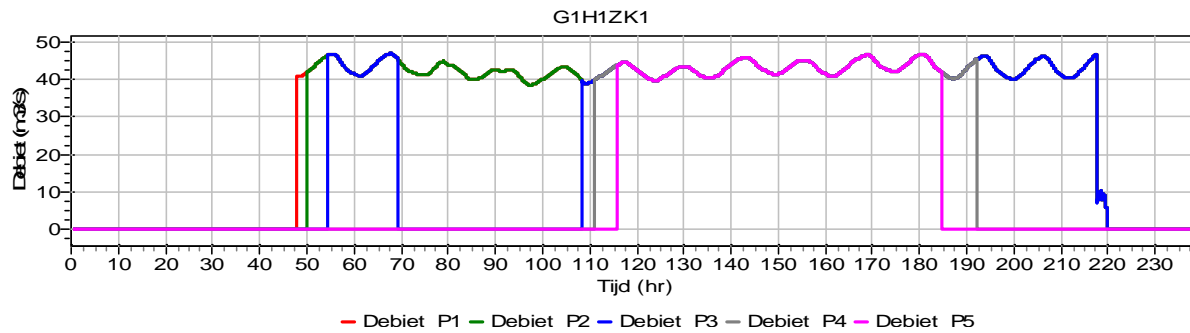
Design of a pump station for lake Lauwersmeer (the Netherlands)

- - more extreme rainfall events and rising sea level expected
- - drainage of polder areas must be facilitated with a pump station

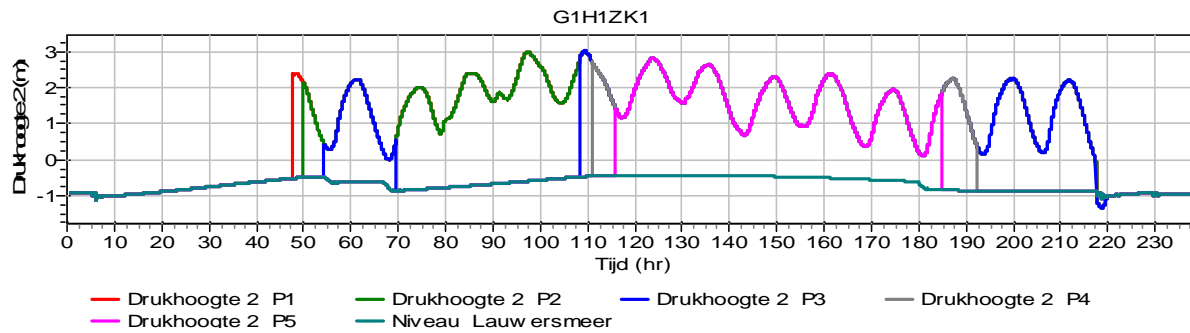




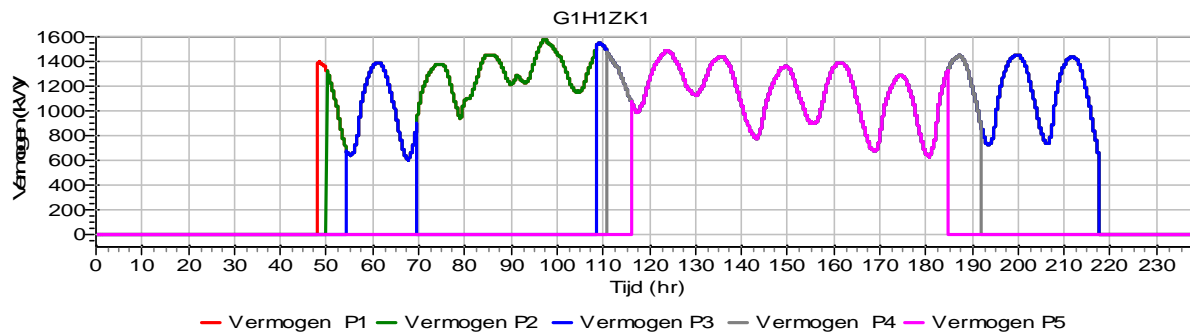
# Channel flow $\leftrightarrow$ industrial hydraulics



*discharge from WANDA for SOBEK*



*Pressure head from SOBEK (tidal influenced)*



*power consumption from WANDA for design*



# Channel flow ↔ human operations

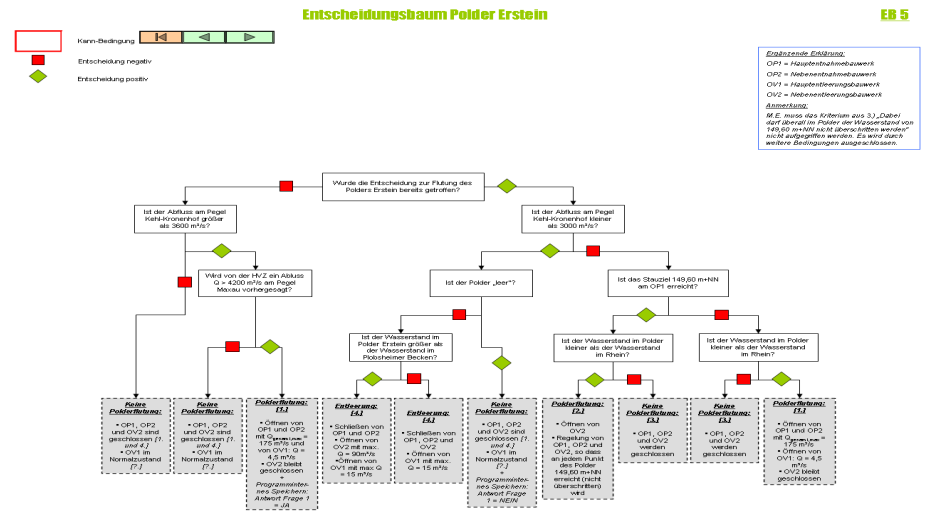


- Control of the Upper Rhine water system:
- Decision tree and open channel system

SOBEK: open channel flow



RTC-Tools: human operations (control)



SOBEK	→	RTC-Tools
Channel flow (Q, h)		Water system state
Control parameter	←	Control parameter (crest level, turbine discharge)



# Q&A block 1



# What is conjunctive modelling?



## Conjunctive modeling:

- link models to model process interaction

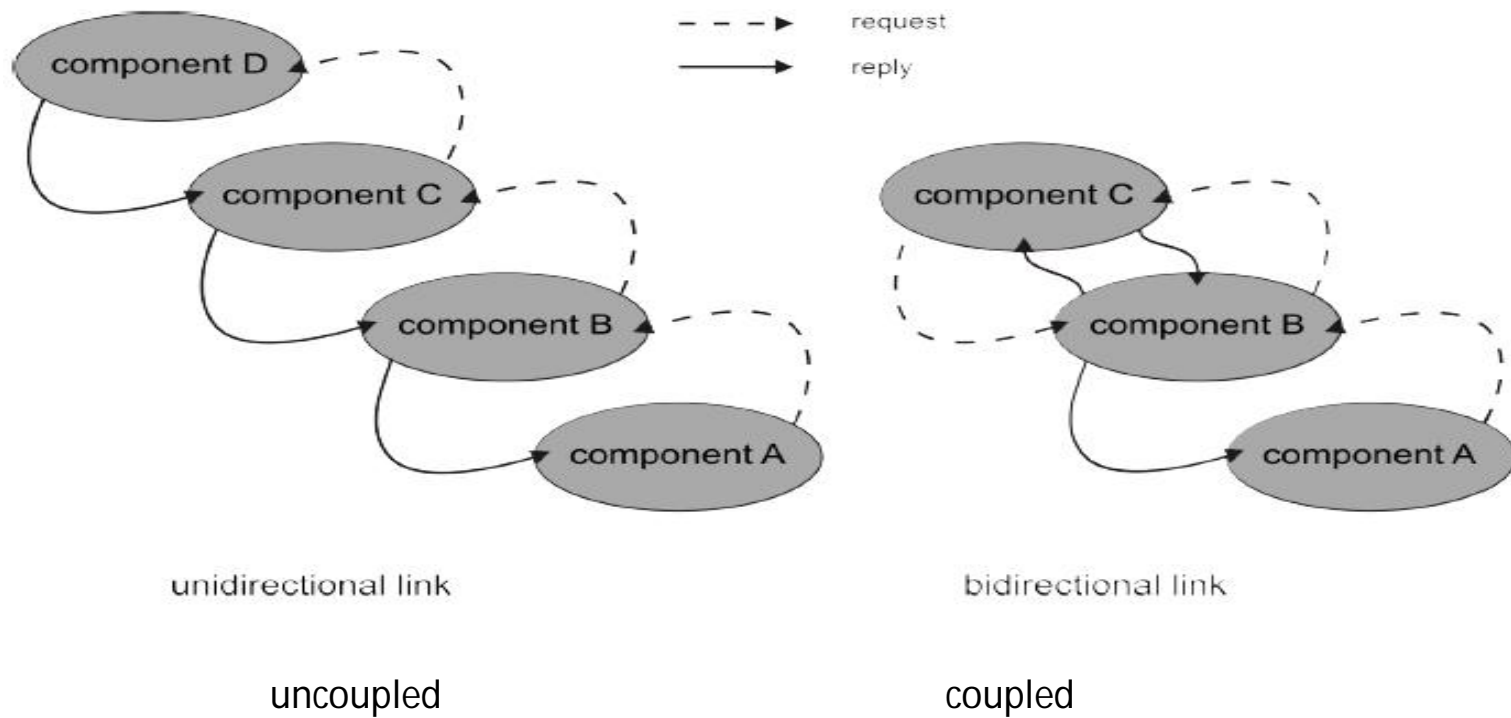
### Coupled modeling:

- data transfer in two directions.
- requires data exchange on a time step basis

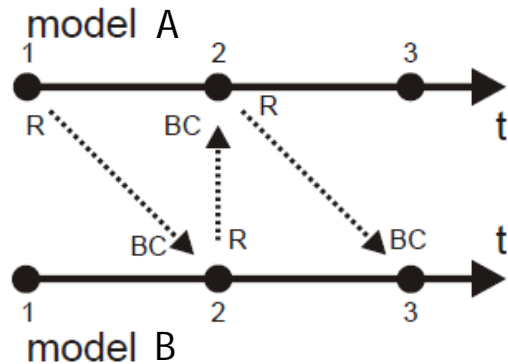
### Uncoupled conjunctive modeling:

- data transfer in one direction
- not necessarily on a time step basis.

# Unidirectional and bidirectional coupling

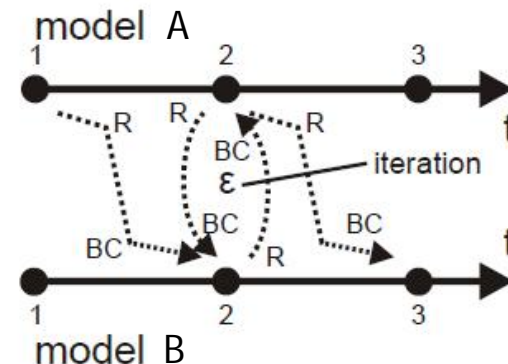


# Model coupling



External coupling

- easy to implement
- mass balance errors



Iterative coupling

- advanced
- more accurate
- computationally more expensive

Simultaneous solution: multiple processes in one equation system

- highest level of coupling
- accurate
- time steps resolution must be the same
- equations must be of the same type





# Q&A block 2

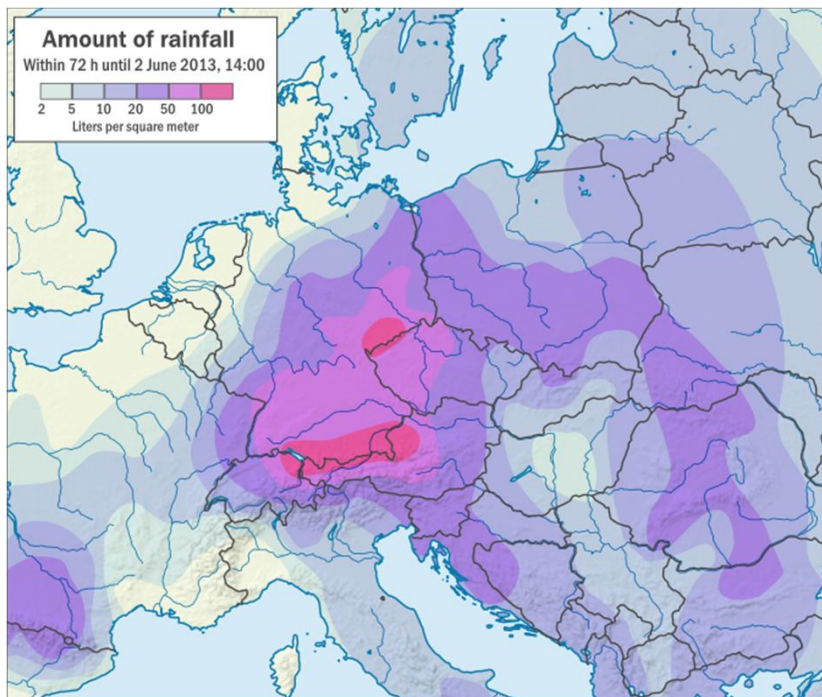


# Introduction Demonstration



- Flood events can have major impact on CI
  - end of May 2013 a low pressure weather situation over central Europe
    - highly saturated soils in Austria and Germany
    - About 400mm rainfall within 4 days
  - highest water levels on river gauges along Elbe, Danube and their tributaries expected (and observed)
  - several impacts on CI such as
    - Damages on a high-speed railway bridge at the Elbe (breakdown > 5 month)
    - Flooding of major highways along the Danube River (breakdown > 4 weeks)
    - Potential flooding of a power distribution station (breakdown >> 12 month)

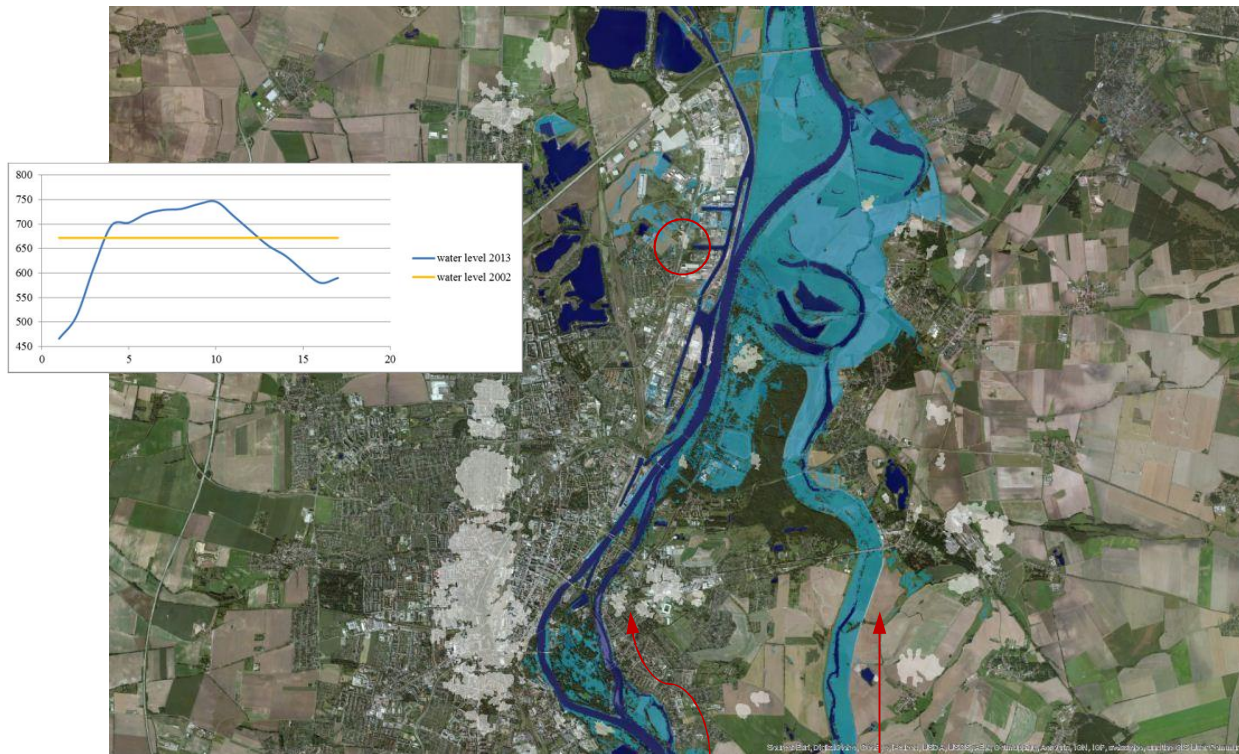
# Elbe 2013 around Magdeburg



Source: (both figures): wikipedia.org



# Elbe 2013 around Magdeburg



Source: own GIS analysis, based on remote sensing data provided from perils.org



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obtained from N24.de (top) and mdr.de (bottom)

# Elbe 2013 around Magdeburg



- Power Distribution Station *Rothensee*
  - 110kV network for local power distribution
  - responsible for about 30,000 households, industries and infrastructure
  - Urgently required for pumping of flood water, drinking water and other vital services
  - Cascading effects of cut-off not known
- Located along the Elbe River
  - Significantly lower than the flood water level
  - Temporarily secured by a sand bag barrier



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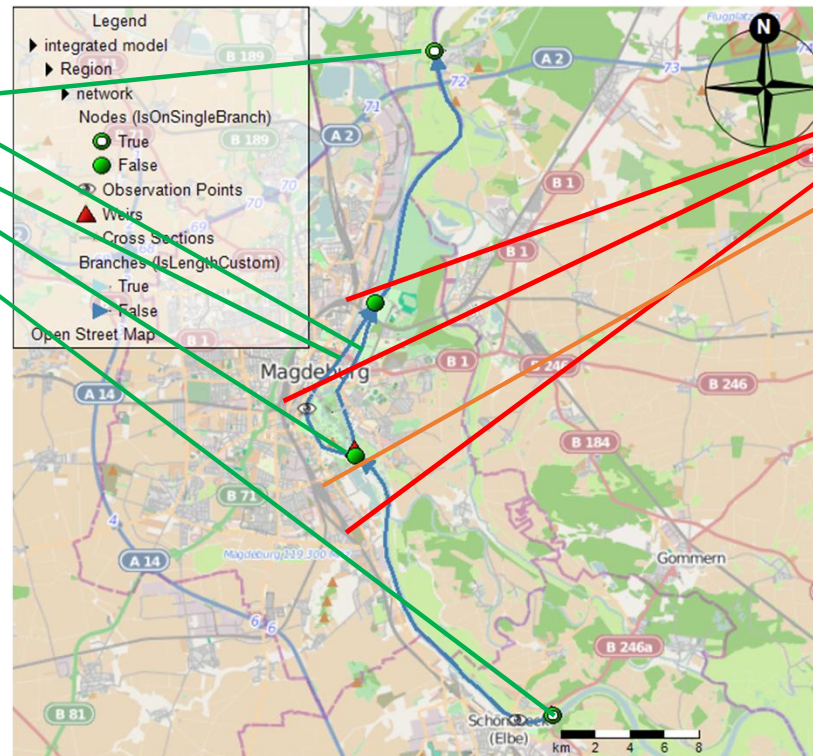


# Demo: Elbe river, Magdeburg (Germany)



Study area with SOBEK model schematization

- Hydraulic objects
- Gauges "Magdeburg"
  - Old Elbe branch
  - Main river channel
  - Weir
  - Gauge "Schönebeck"



- Critical infrastructure
- Railway track junctions
  - Main railway station
  - Power Substation

Background map: OSM contributors



# Modelling question



Control the weir in such a way that the water level in the main river remains below the flood warning level (54.75 m).



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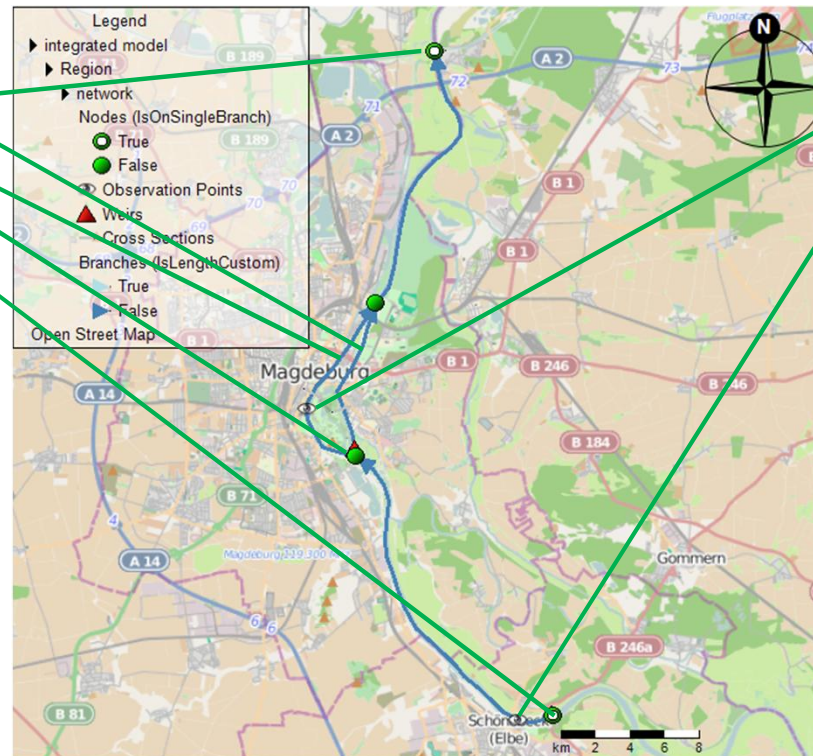
Approach: Coupled model for open channel flow and real-time control.

# The open channel flow model

Study area with SOBEK model schematization  
physical model (St.-Venant equations)



- Hydraulic objects
- Gauges "Magdeburg"
- Old Elbe branch
- Main river channel
- Weir
- Gauge "Schönebeck"



- Observation point
- Warning level
- Control point

*SOBEK*  
open channel  
flow model

Background map: OSM contributors

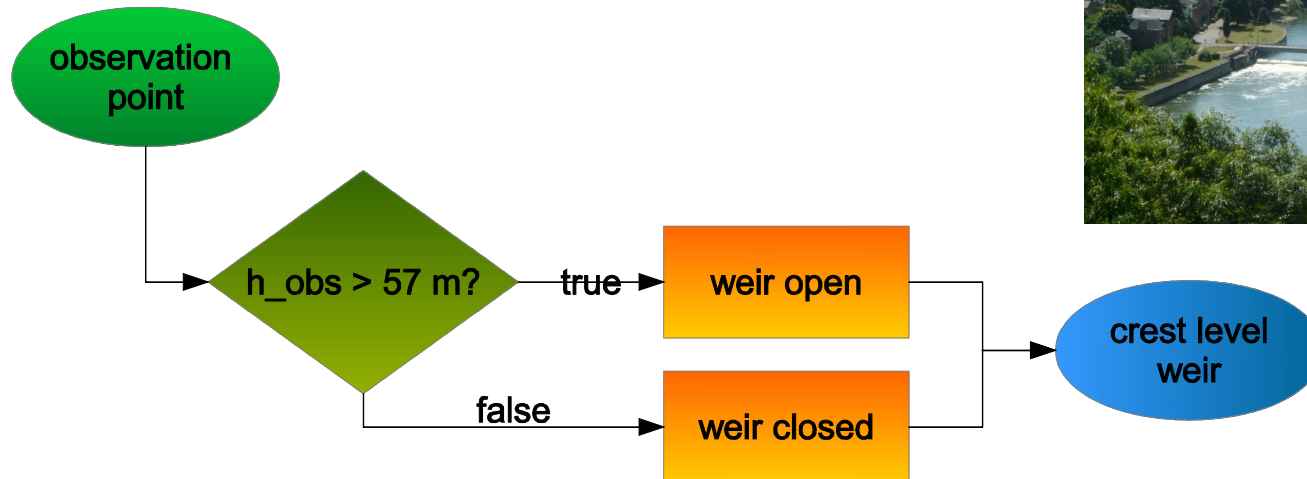
# The real-time control model



*RTC-Tools*  
real-time control  
model



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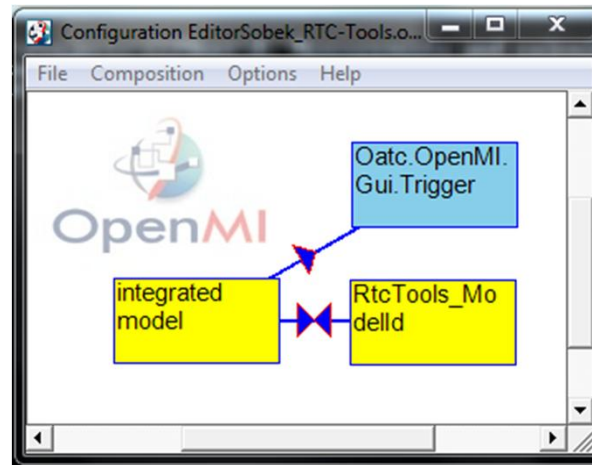


logical/relational model in RTC-Tools

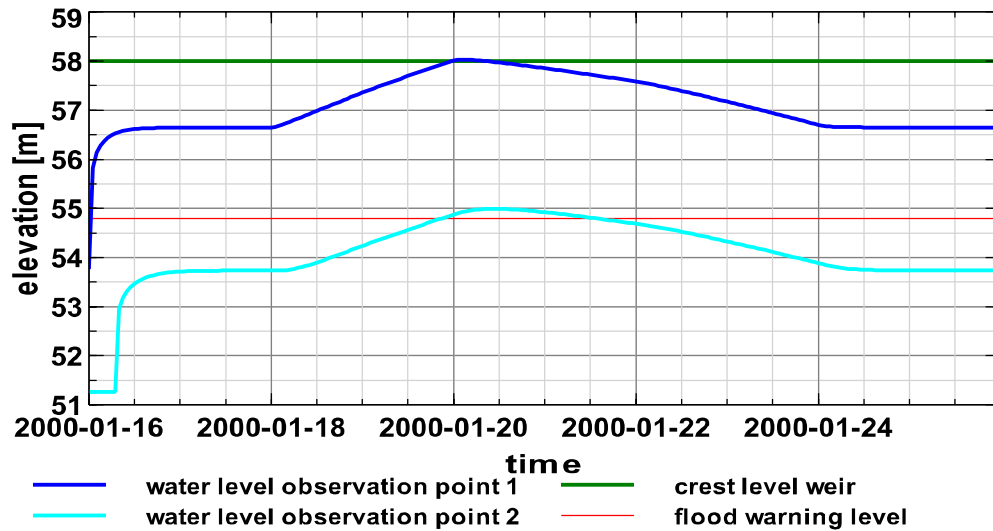


# Processes and models

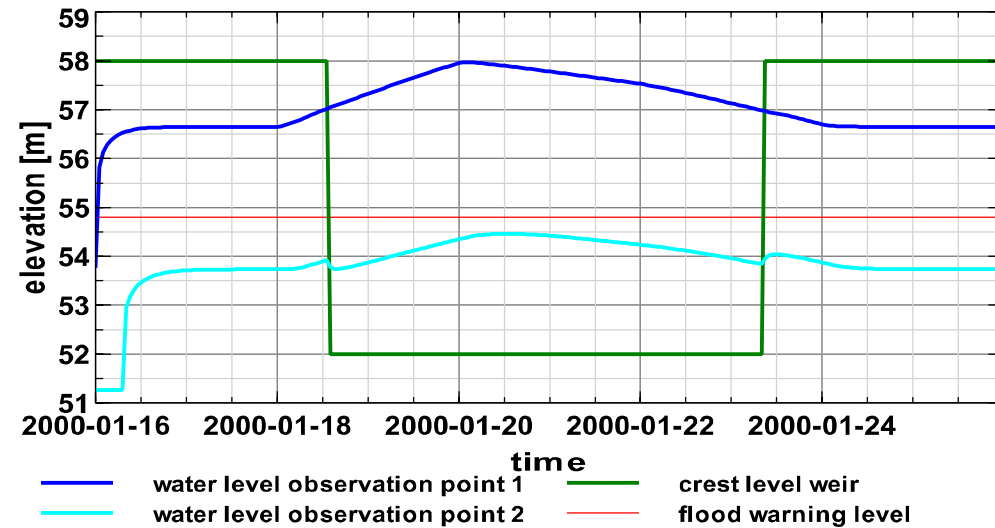
	Open channel flow	Human operations (control of hydraulic structures)
Simulation programme	SOBEK	RTC-Tools
Output parameters	Water level, discharge	Crest level
Input parameters	Crest level	Water level



## SOBEK



## SOBEK and RTC-Tools



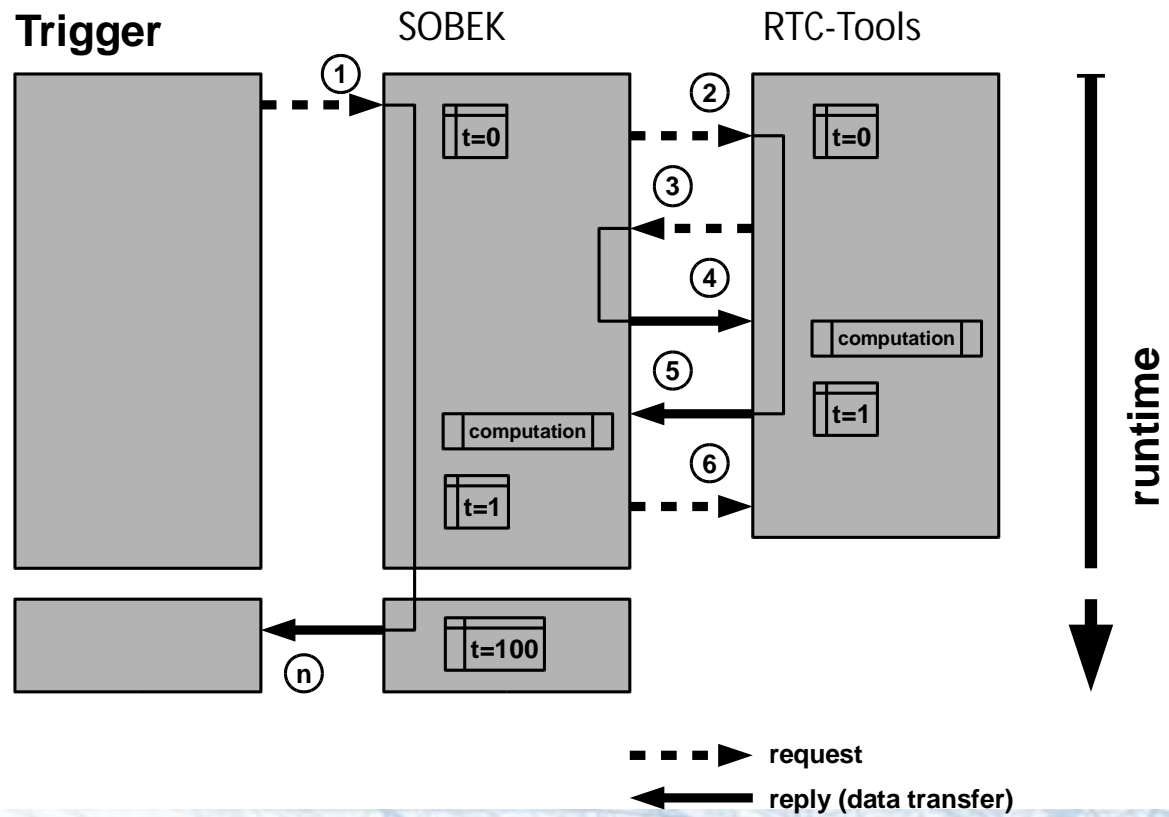


# Q&A block 3

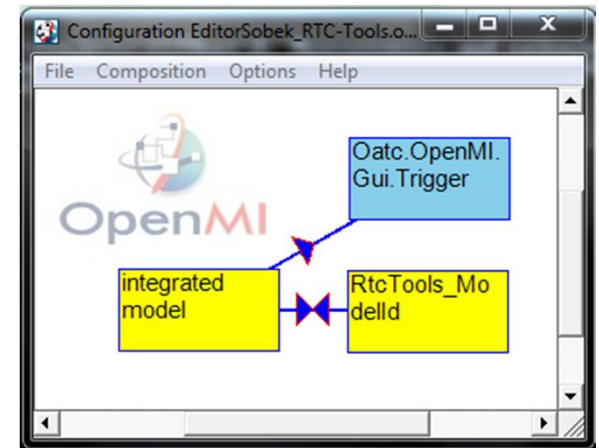




# Data exchange mechanism



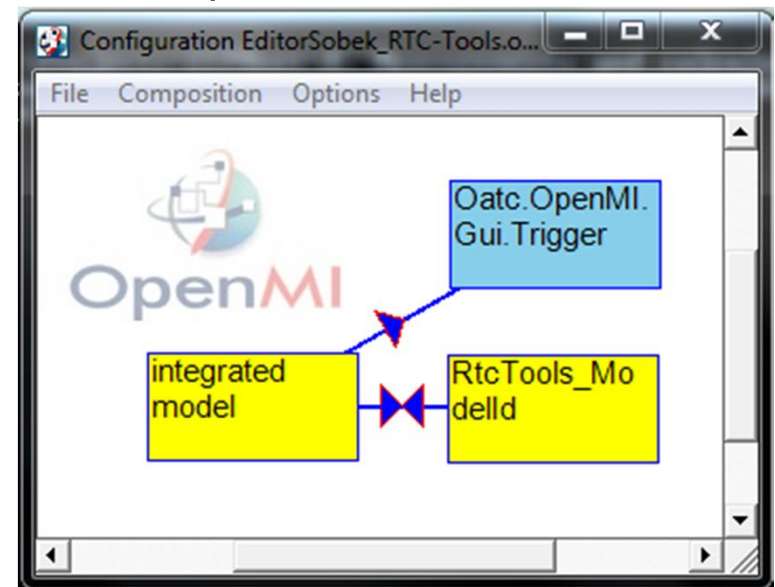
- 2: crest level?
- 3: water level?
- 4: water level!
- 5: crest level!
- 6: crest level?



# Setting up an OpenMI-Composition



- omi-file: the OpenMI-Compliant Component
  - Where is the DLL with the computational core and OpenMI-Interface?
  - Where are the input files?
  - What else? (Command line arguments)
- opr-file: the OpenMI-Composition
  - Which components (i. e. models)?
  - How coupled?
  - Which simulation period?
  - Where is the Trigger linked with?



# OpenMI Exchange items



What?

- water level in metres
- discharge in m<sup>3</sup>/s
- crest level in metres

Where?

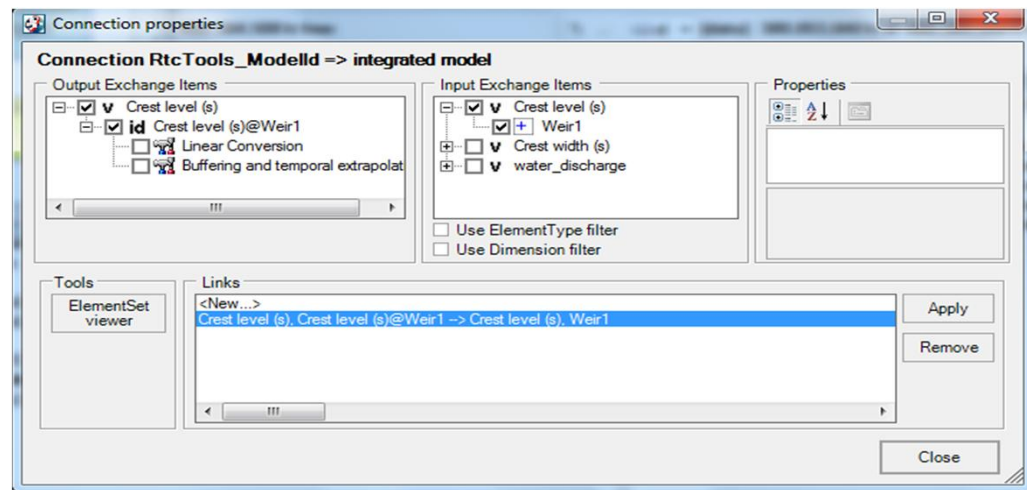
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input exchange items:

- boundary conditions
- control states

output exchange items

- simulation results





# OpenMI-compliance



- DLL with OpenMI-functions
  - `Initialize()`
    - read input files
    - populate exchange items (e.g. water level in meters at node number 62)
  - `GetCurrentTime()`
    - returns the current simulation time as Modified Julian Day
  - `GetValues()`
    - returns a simulation result for an Output Exchange Item
  - `SetValues()`
    - sets a value for an Input Exchange Item (boundary condition)
  - `PerformTimestep()`
    - solves the model equation(s) for one time step



# Migration to OpenMI compliance



Re-organise the computational core

- `.exe` → `.exe` and `.dll`
- break the big loop over all time steps ( $t < tend$ )
- provide internal functions ("native layer")
  - `ComputeOneTimeStep()`
  - `ReturnListOfNodes()`
  - `ReturnSimulationTimeInSeconds()`

Couple the computational core (engine) with the OpenMI source code (C#) via MSDN PlatformInvoke

Fill the OpenMI `ILinkableEngine` member functions



# Q&A block 4







# Take home messages



- Coupling of models allows to simulate interaction processes
- OpenMI offers the possibility to couple models in different ways
- Results and computation time depend on the coupling properties



# Further Reading



- OpenMI Association (<http://www.openmi.org>)
  - general information about OpenMI and the OpenMI Association
  - download and documentation of OpenMI 1.4 and 2.0
  - Publications related to OpenMI
- OpenMI on Sourceforge (<http://sourceforge.net/projects/openmi/>)
  - source code, support and discussion pages
- Deltares OpenMI public wiki ([http:// publicwiki.deltares.nl](http://publicwiki.deltares.nl))
  - documentation, tutorials, support
  - slides of this presentation, additional lecture notes



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