

Probabilistic Flood Hazard Assessment

Panel 8 – Observations, Insights, and Opportunities

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- Respect the past while looking forward toward the future
- Hang ups to address – Some are not technical
- Don't miss or double count the important uncertainties even if they cannot be quantified



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- Large contribution from combinations of less than extreme events
- Scalable and flexible methods – Challenge the existing guidance and methods
- In hindsight we often realize what we could have known



Risk Informed is a Process, Not A Calculation

- Gather
 - ▶ Evidence using multiple sources and methods
- Apply
 - ▶ Art, science, critical thinking, judgment
- Improve
 - ▶ Knowledge, understanding
- Inform
 - ▶ Credible decisions
- Communicate



Truth

- In our quest for the truth, we are very good at making many assumptions that allow us to precisely calculate things that are very uncertain
- In theory there is no difference between theory and practice. In practice there is. (Berra)



Paradigm Shift

Follow the Guideline



Imagine

Meet the Standard



Make the Case

Estimate Things
Right



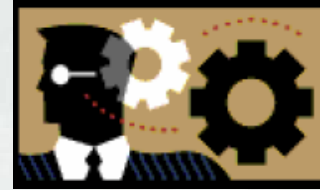
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Data + Imagination



Frequentist



Bayesian

