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NHRA Project T4 - A3 Long-Range Flood Outlook

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How do we currently communicate long-range flood risk?

Short-term:

• Flood Watch and Warning products

Long term:

 Soil moisture / catchment conditions / water storages

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- Climate Outlooks (e.g. chance of very heavy rainfall)
- Climate Drivers (e.g. IOD, ENSO)





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 Probability of threshold exceedance at specific locations











NHRA Project Concept

- Look at long-term flood risk using seasonal forecasts as input:
 - Multi-week to seasonal scale.
- Consider both spatial and point based projections, i.e. long-range...
 - Inundation outlook (probability of inundation)
 - River flood outlook (probability of exceedance -POE)
- Test with past events to assess performance.
- Propose operational implementation for products with skill.



US National Weather Service Long-Range Flood Risk products (NOAA)



NHRA Suite of rainfall & flooding Projects

Leveraging:

- Flash flooding case studies project;
- Extreme rainfall project;
- Along with the long-range flood outlook project.

To provide:

• Optimal value





We would love your input!

- What is of most value to your organisation?
 e.g. seasonal, multi-week / point-based, spatial?
- How could a long-term outlook change preparedness actions?
- What uncertainty is acceptable in a long-term flood outlook?
- Suggestions of case study areas for the project?

Thank you for having us!



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