

Introducing the new what-if- functionality and its application modes

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Outline

- Why a new what-if functionality?
 - What is the Computational Framework ?
- How does it look and work ?
- How to configure ?
- Let's try on your config

Scenario-analysis

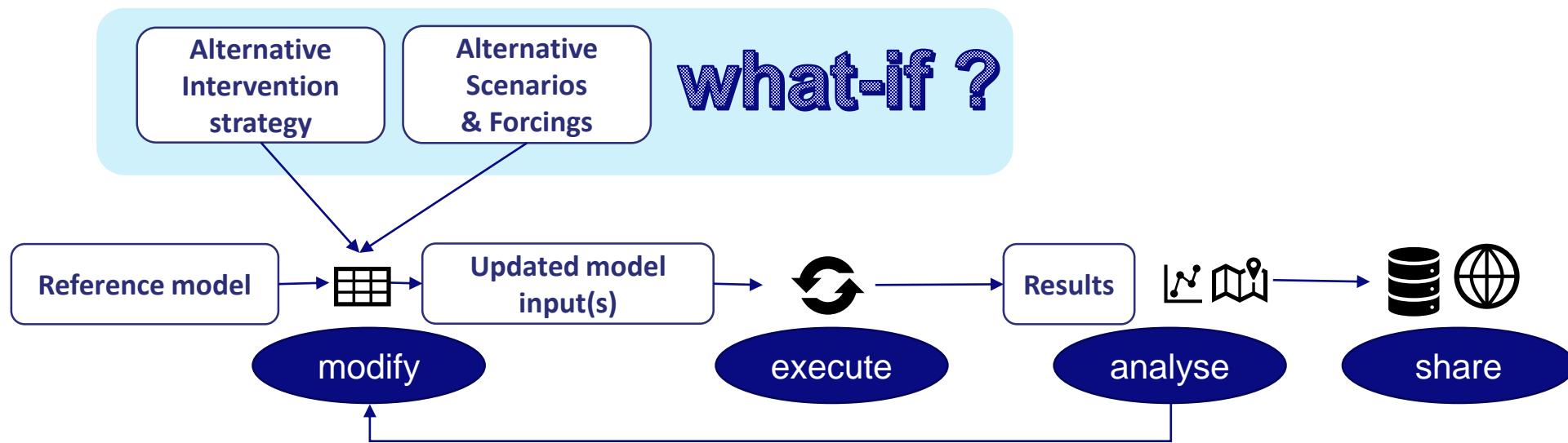


Why ?

Customers are interested in what-if scenario analysis:

- during real-time operations
- in model studies

Delft-FEWS is used for those purposes



Why ? Application characteristics:

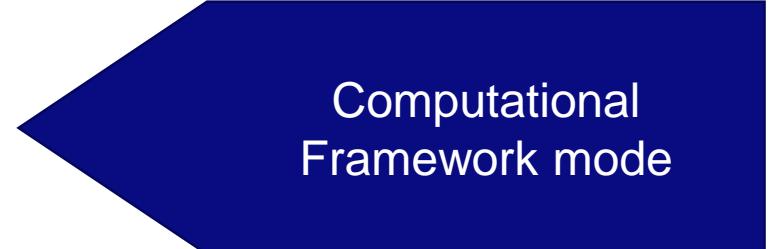
Realtime Operations versus Model Studies

Realtime operations:

- multi-user system (OC/MC/DB/FSS)
- system time (and start time of runs) continuously updated
- automated data removal based on expiry times

Model studies:

- typically single user (Stand-alone)
- fixed system time/start time of the run
- desire for manual control over data removal
- sometimes wish to incorporate non-Fews displays



Computational
Framework mode

Why ?

What-if scenario

only applied when what-if scenario is selected
while dispatching a specific workflow

ability to change input data (legacy)

- typical profile timeseries
- module dataset selection
- module parameter selections/adjustments
- properties

Modifiers

always applied when modifier exists

ability to change input data

- timeseries
- location attributes
- spatial
- model parameters

Why?

investigation study 2019

- Improvement wishes
 - Application of modifiers in what-if run only
 - What-if management and access
 - On-the-fly differences
 - Data management
- Renewal of legacy what-if functionality suites the Roadmap Code clean up

Decision

- End of 2019, Deltires decides to improve the existing Delft-FEWS capabilities to facilitate those needs.
- Introduce term 'Computational Framework' as an application mode (and architecture choice) for model studies

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Towards the Blue Earth-Computational Framework for Model Studies powered by Delft-FEWS



Computational
Framework mode

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What has been achieved ?

Software enhancements implemented:

new what-if functionality

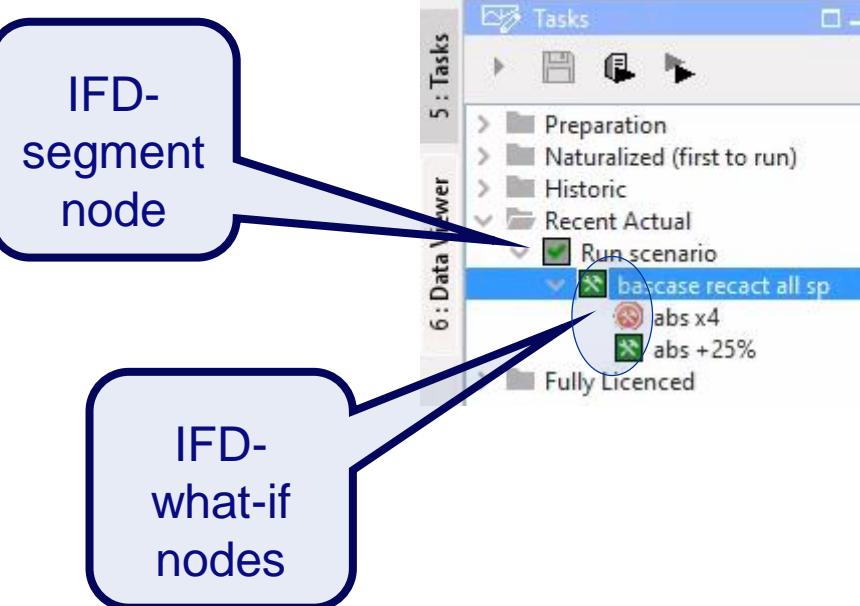
- editor allows combination of modifiers, properties, module datasets
- what-if access integrated in IFD
 - what-if editor
 - what-if visualization in TimeSeriesDisplay
 - what-if visualization in SpatialDisplay
- by default executed as non-approved runs

on-the-fly difference plots between selected runs:

- Spatial Display
- TimeSeriesDisplay after selecting function: difference plot

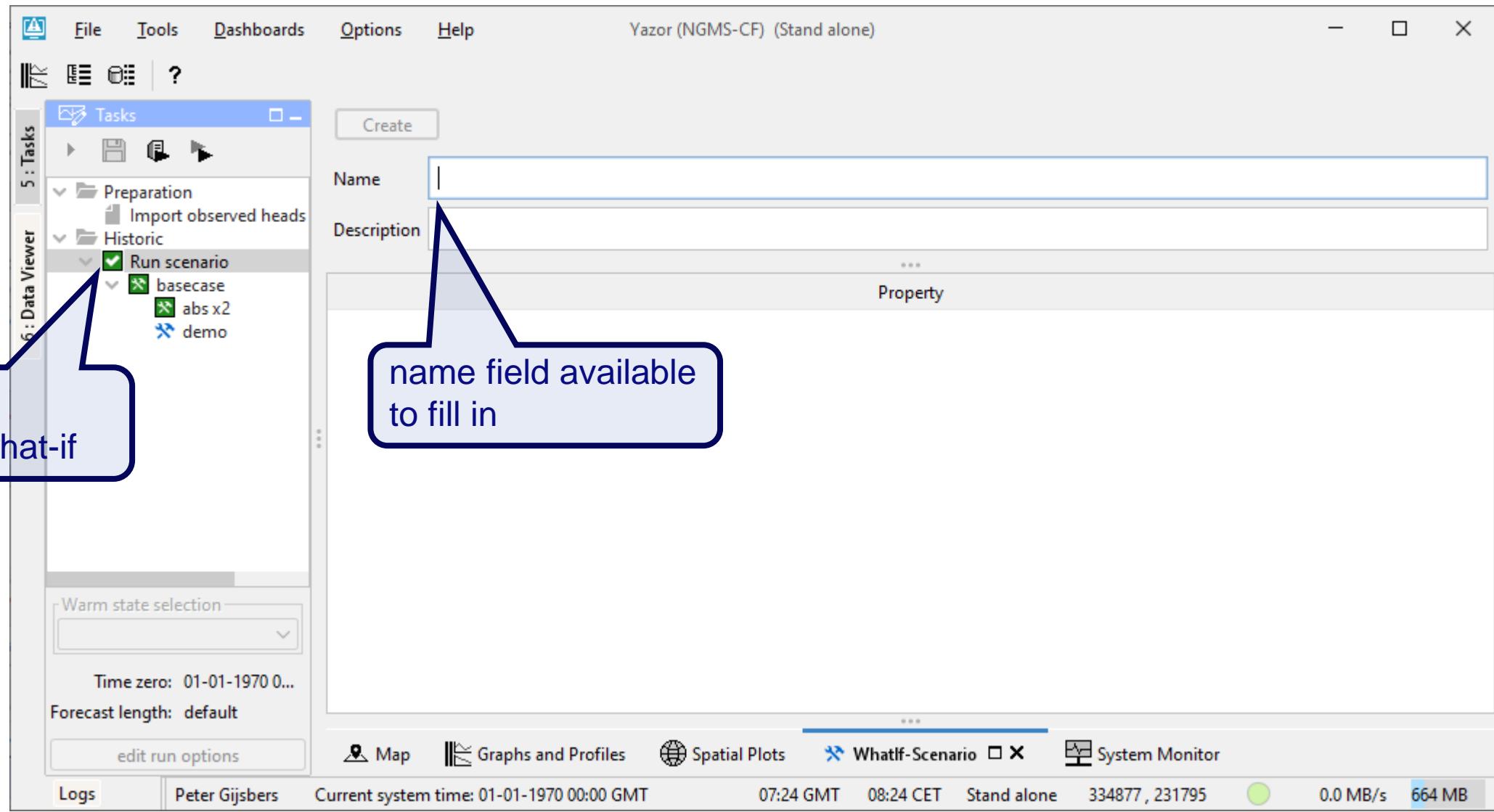
What-If access integrated in IFD

- What-if access via IFD (task/forecast tree)
 - Whatif Editor used for composition, comparing inputs, deleting

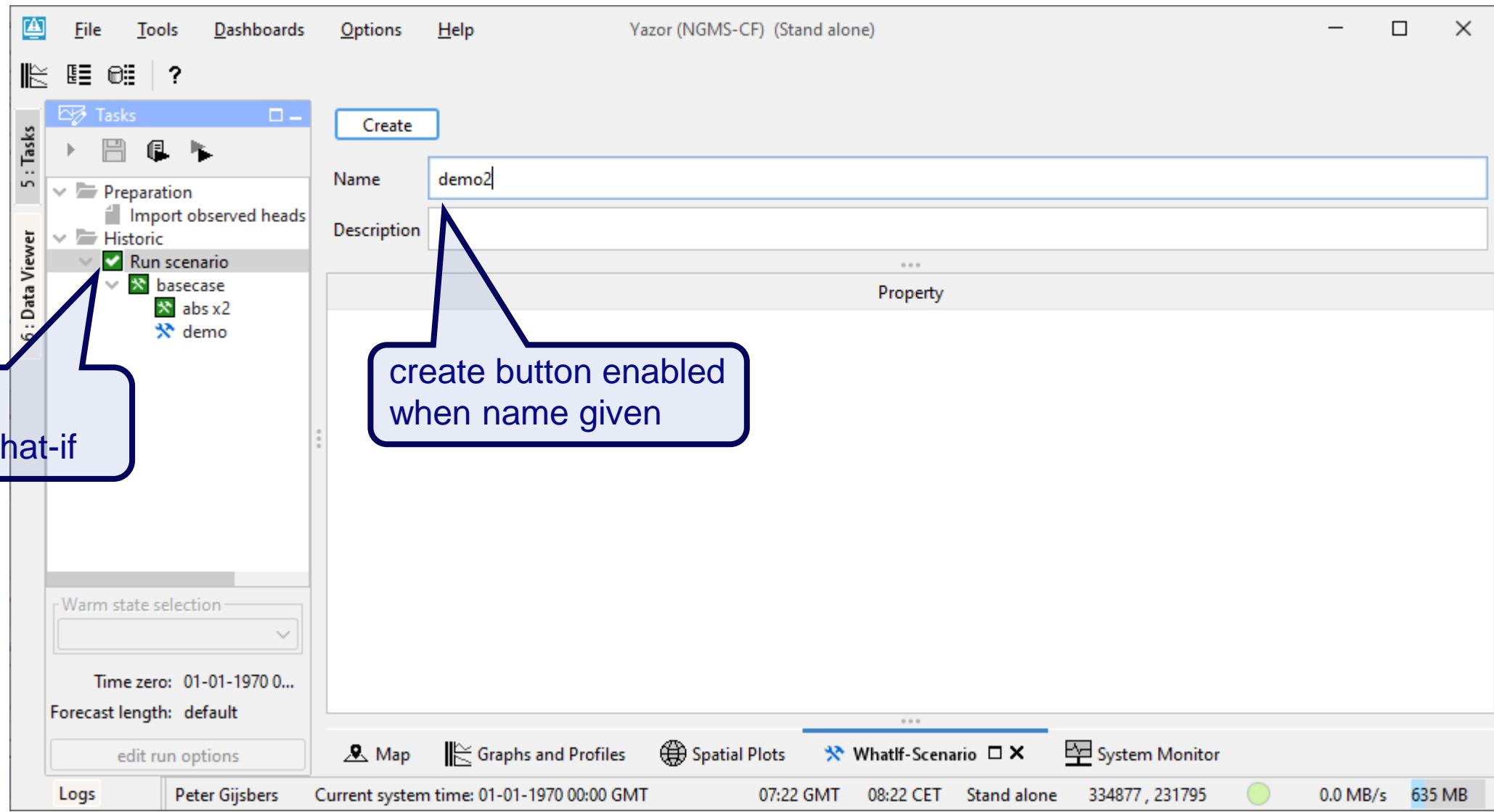


Icon	Meaning	Status
🛠️	whatif defined (not run yet)	Can be changed
🛠️	whatif run locally	Can be changed
🛠️	whatif run on server	Can not be changed
🚫	whatif run failed	

What-If creation



What-If creation



What-If composition

what-if management

modifiers:

- edit
- copy from
- delete

properties:

- select
- edit

edit embedded modifiers

- timeseries
- location attributes

The screenshot shows the Vazor (NGMS-CE) software interface. At the top, there's a menu bar with File, Tools, Dashboards, Options, and Help. Below the menu is a toolbar with Copy, Apply, Delete, Export, and Import buttons. A main panel titled 'Tasks' shows a tree structure with 'Preparation', 'Historic', and 'Run scenario' nodes, with 'basecase' and 'demo' under 'Run scenario'. To the right of the tree is a 'Property' table with various configuration options like 'Abstraction adjustments', 'Zonebudget', 'Statistics', and 'Number of stress periods'. Below the tree is a 'Modifier Properties' section for 'Change abstraction rates (Historic)' with fields for 'Name' (abs +50%), 'Start time' (01-01-1971 00:00:00), and 'End time' (01-04-2029 00:00:00). An 'Operation' dropdown shows 'Time series' selected, with other options like Add, Subtract, Multiply, Divide, Replace, Missing, and Ignore time series. To the right of the operation dropdown is a 'GMT' section with 'Typical Profile' and a table of abstraction rates for various wells over time. On the far right, there's a legend for wells and a plot of abstraction rates. At the bottom, there are tabs for Map, Graphs and Profiles, Spatial Plots, Whatif-Scenario, System Monitor, and Timeseries Lister. The status bar at the bottom shows the current system time (01-01-1970 00:00 GMT), memory usage (0.0 MB/s), and disk usage (589 MB).

What-If composition

The screenshot shows the Vazor (NGMS-CF) software interface. The top menu bar includes File, Tools, Dashboards, Options, and Help. The title bar reads "Vazor (NGMS-CF) (Stand alone)". The left sidebar has sections for Preparation, Historic, Run scenario, basecase, abs x2, and demo. The main area is titled "Tasks" and shows a list of tasks: Copy, Apply (highlighted), Delete, Export, and Import. Below this, a "Name" field contains "demo" and a "Description" field is empty. A large table titled "Property" lists various settings with checkboxes and icons. A callout box points to the "Copy" button in the toolbar and contains the following text:

copy modifiers from:

- spatial modifiers
- parameter modifiers

Below the table is a "Mod type" table:

Mod type	Scenario	Name	Summary ^	Locations	Start	End	Valid Time	User	Creation time
Change ...	abs x2	abs x2	Multiply 2.0	BOREHOLE NEAR LIN...	01-01-1970 00:00:00	02-01-2029 00:00:00	--	Peter Gijsbers	19-09-2022 07:10:...

At the bottom, tabs include Map, Graphs and Profiles, Spatial Plots, Whatif-Scenario (highlighted), System Monitor, and Timeseries Lister. The status bar shows Logs, Peter Gijsbers, Current system time: 01-01-1970 00:00 GMT, 07:06 GMT, 09:06 CEST, Stand alone, 343259 , 232690, 0.0 MB/s, and 594 MB.

What-If composition and comparison

File Tools Dashboards Options Help Test-Itchen (NGMS-AKS) (Operator Client) - □ X

Tasks Copy Apply Delete Export Import

5 : Tasks Name Description

Recent Actual Scenario
Run scenario
bascase recact all sp
abs +25%
abs x4

6 : Data Viewer Recent Actual Scenario
Abstraction adjustments
Change abstraction rates (Recent Actual)
Add new abstraction wells
Specify abstractions rates for new wells (Recent Actual)
Zonebudget
Overrule zonebudget setting
Statistics
Overrule statistics setting
Difference to Naturalized scenario
Overrule differences setting
Number of stress periods from start(used for testing purposes)
Overrule number of stress periods (total=1278, timestep=halfmonth, start=01-01-1965 00:00)

Property abs +25% bascase recact all sp

select multiple what-if node

Time zero: 26-10-2022 14:00:00 Forecast length: default edit run options

Map Graphs and Profiles Spatial Plots Whatif-Scenario System Monitor

Logs Peter Gijsbers Current system time: 26-10-2022 14:00 GMT 15:13 GMT 15:13 UTC mc00 441467, 139190 0.0 MB/s 1.0 GB

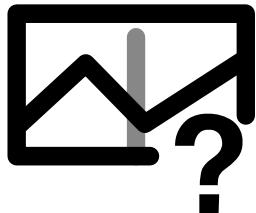
What?

Accessibility in multi-user context

- What-if definitions are only visible in the IFD for all OCs if the what-if has been submitted to the server
- Permission control has not (yet) been implemented for what-if management (creation, deletion)
- Once created, what-ifs can also be selected from the Manual Forecast Display

What-if execution

How does it work ?



P_MULTIPLIER = 3

Workflow configuration
property: P_MULTIPLIER = 1



Taskrun
property: P_MULTIPLIER = ~~1~~ 3



What-if runs are *unapproved* by default

What-if execution

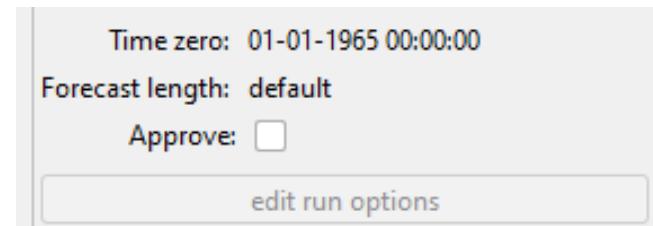
Want to approve the what-if run ?

- Use the Approve option in the Forecast Management dialog



Forecasts in Central Database											...		
..	..	..	T0	Dispatch time	Workflow	What-if s...	Description	FDO	FS...	FSS Group ID	Runti...	Output Ti...	Approve
			01-01-1965 00:00:00	10-10-2022 12:12:28	Run Recent Actual	abs +25%	Run scenario...	Peter Gijsbers	481	windows	5 h 47 ...	53 y 103 d	

- Auto-approve before submitting the run
 - configure the visibility of the 'Approve checkbox' of the IFD (Topology.xml):
`<enableAutoApprove>true</enableAutoApprove>`
 - Put a check in the box before submitting the what-if run

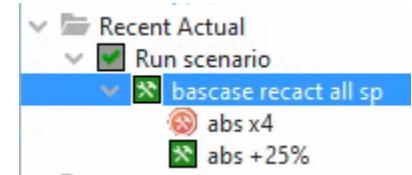


Inspecting results

Access via IFD

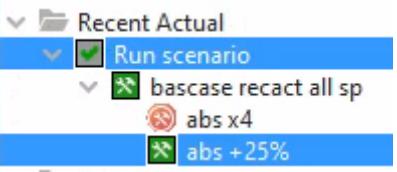
Inspecting a what-if run

- Select the whatif-node in the IFD
 - The associated timeseries are visualized in the TimeSeries and SpatialDisplay
 - The Current Run is not shown



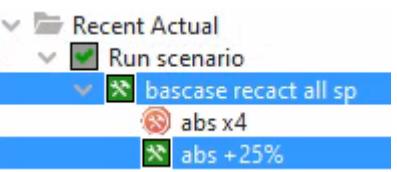
Inspecting a what-if run and the Current Run

- Select the segment node of the IFD as well as a what-if node

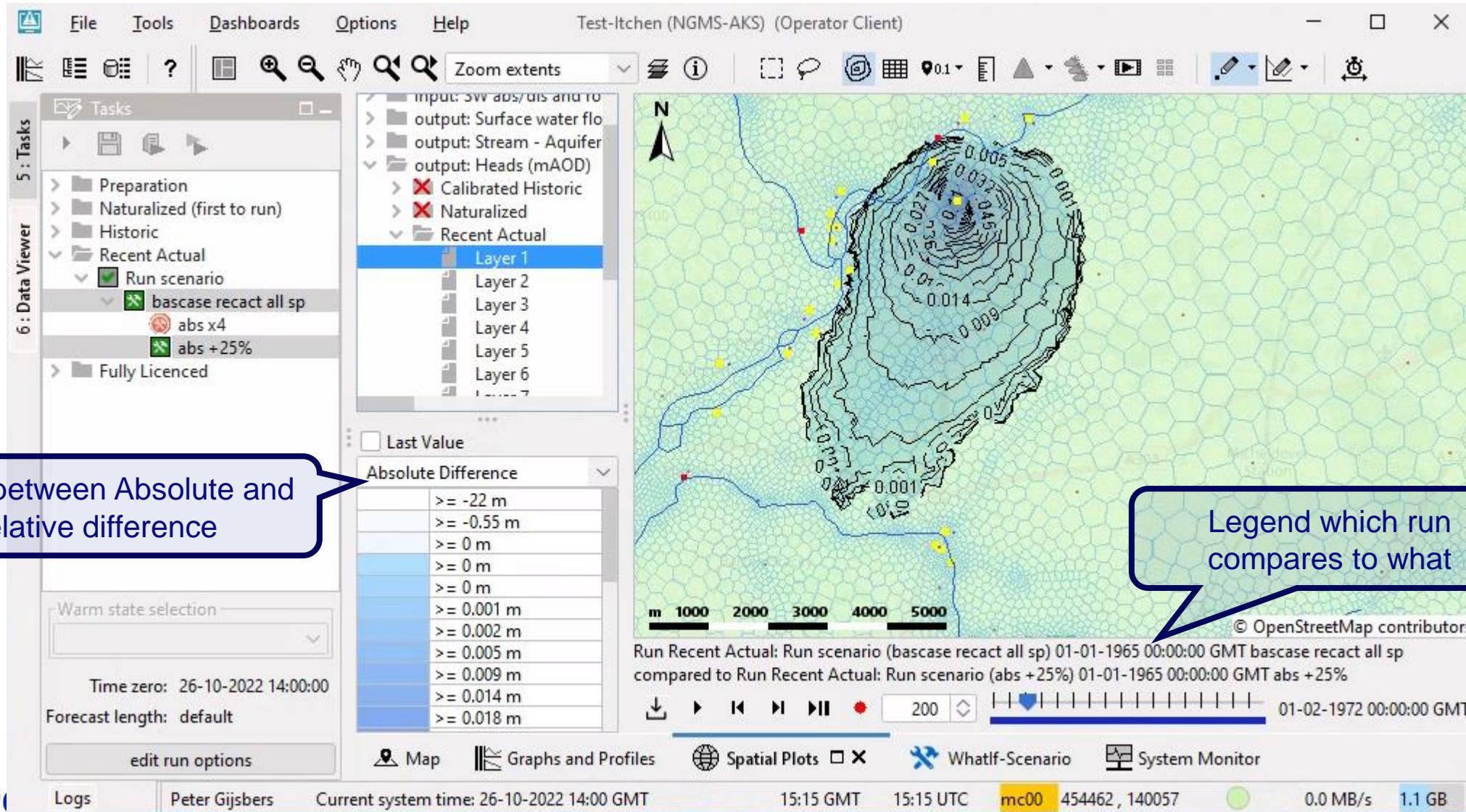


Inspecting multiple what-if runs

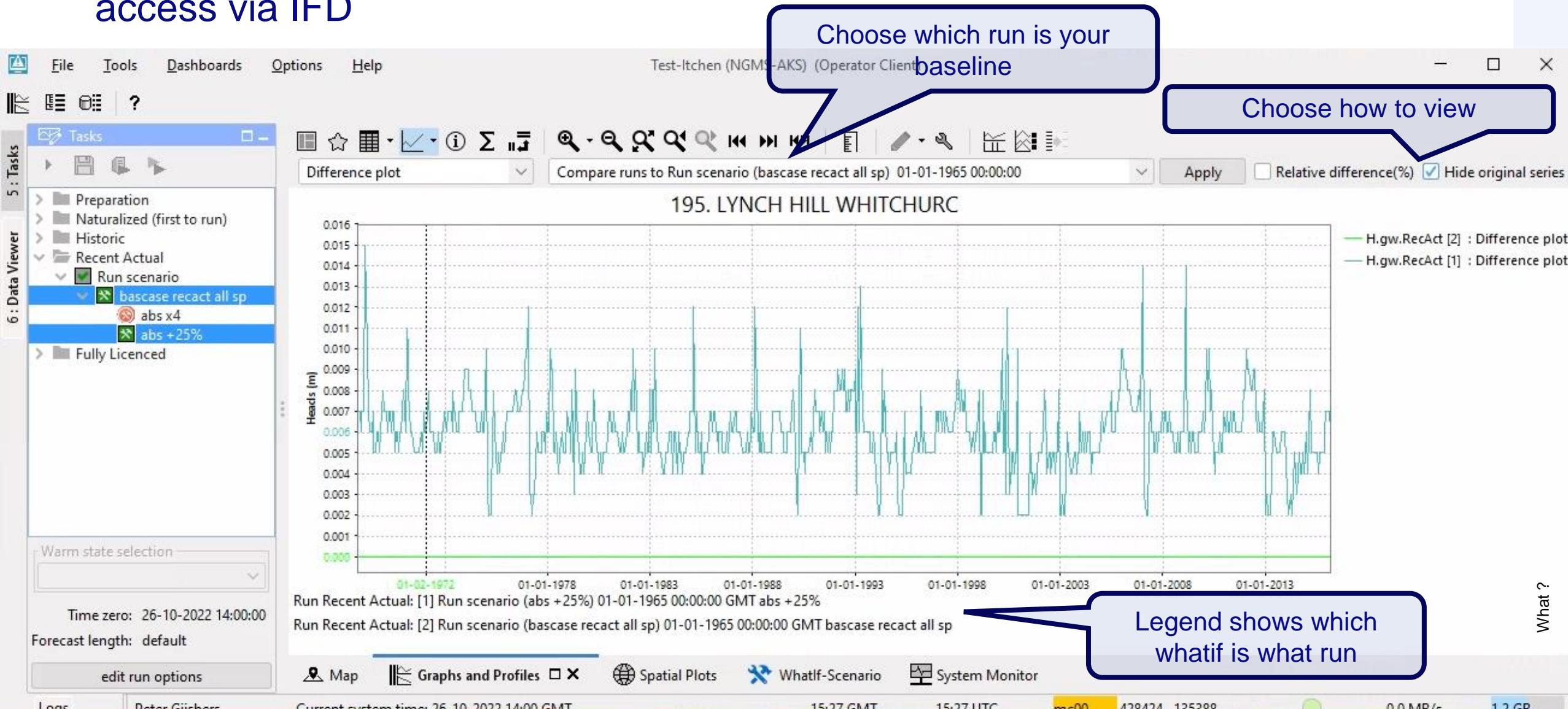
- Select multi what-if nodes



What-If comparison: Spatial Display access via IFD



What-If comparison: Time Series Display access via IFD

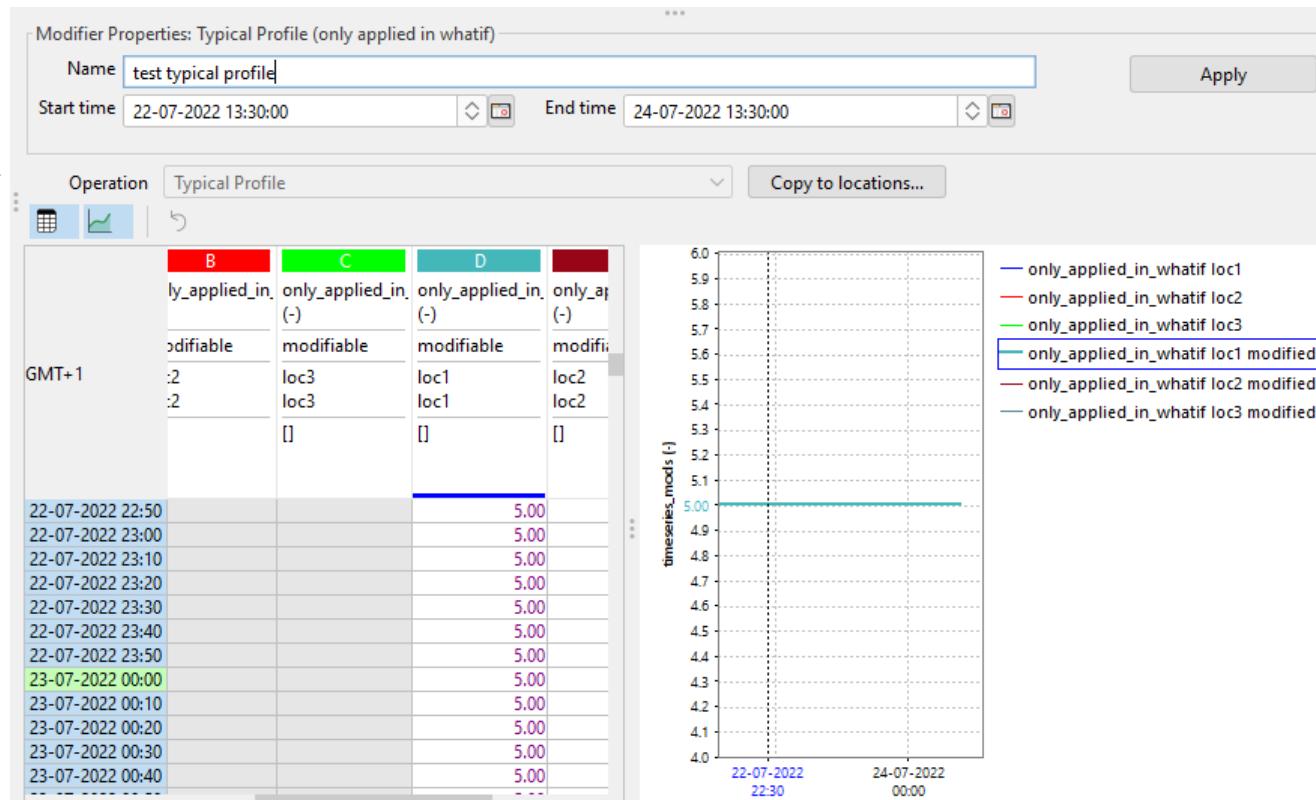


typicalProfile Modifier

- A typicalProfile modifier applies a timeseries array relative to T0 ('fixed' when creating the modifier)
- Timeshift applied to the array when applying at a different T0 (as is common in live systems)

'fixed' version of a timeseriesModifier
(also available as operation choice in normal timeseriesModifier)

'T0' timestamp of the typical profile



Configuration

- The **structure** of a WhatIf is specified in a WhatIfTemplate:
 - RegionConfigFiles/**WhatIfTemplates.xml**
- A WhatIfTemplate is workflow specific
 - **connection** defined in **WorkflowDescriptors.xml**
- Modifiers can be made whatif-specific:
 - **modifier behavior** defined in **ModifierTypes.xml**

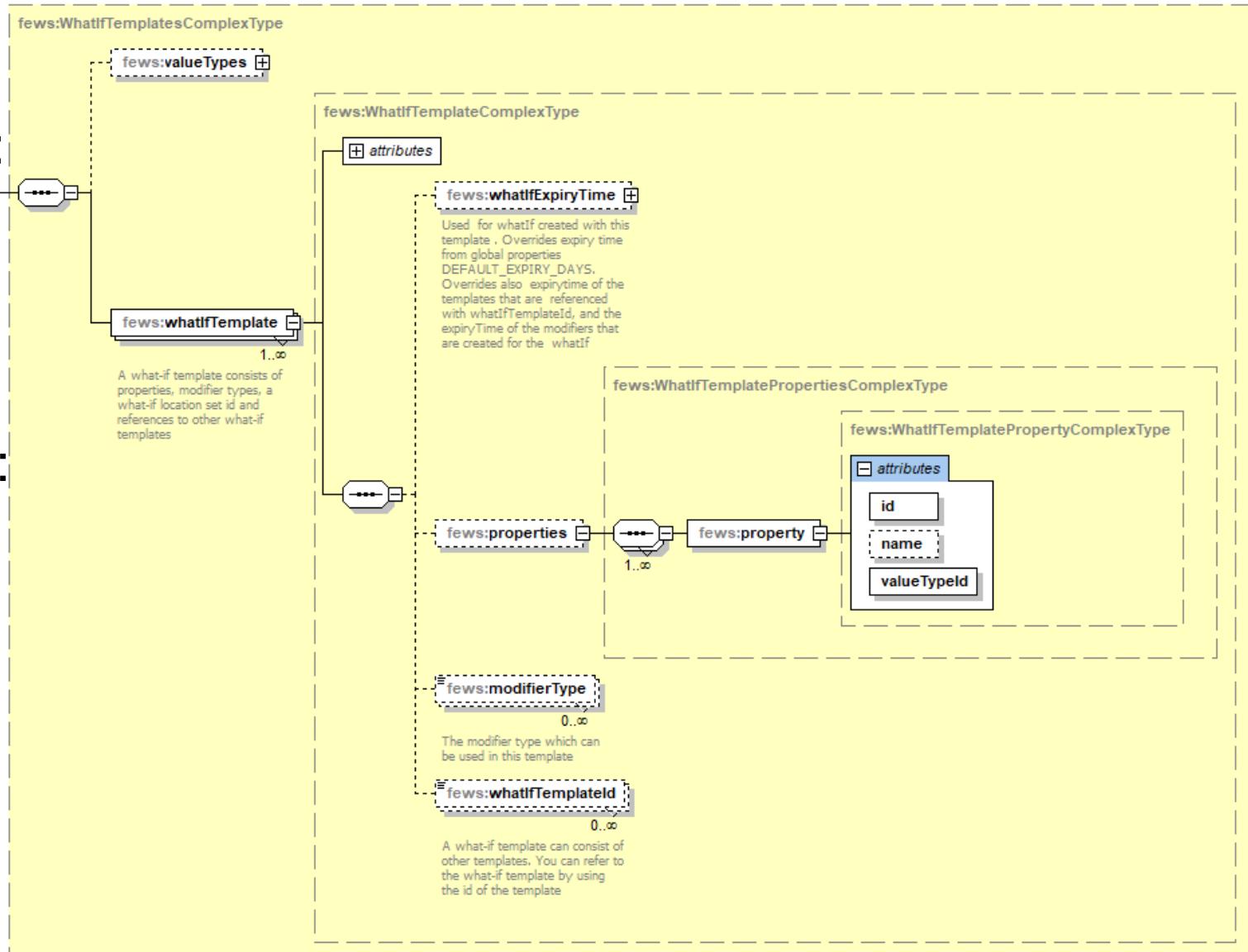
Configuration: WhatIfTemplates.xsd

A **whatif-instance** can hold:

- property values
- references to modifiers included

A **WhatIfTemplate** can hold:

- property keys
- Modifier types
- whatif-template nesting

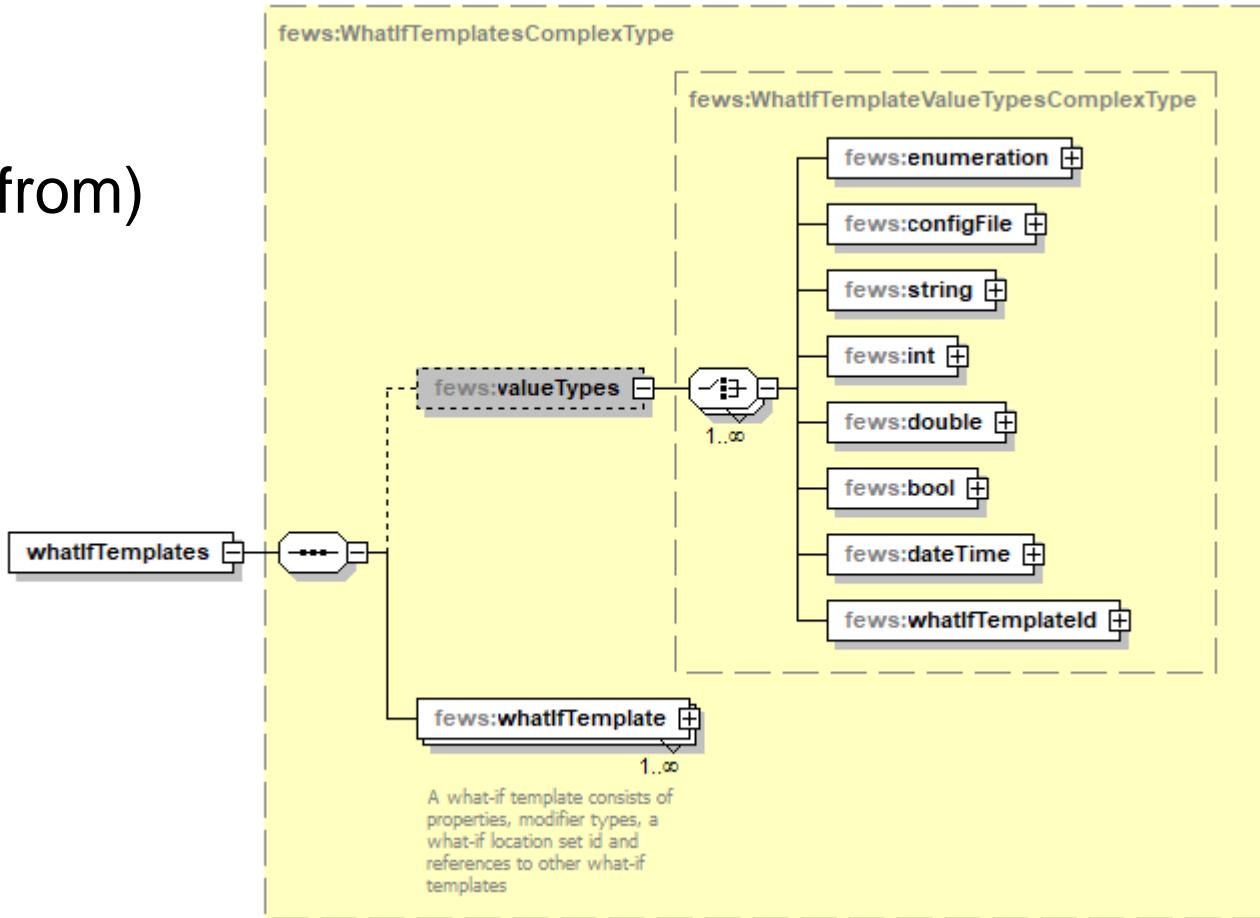


Configuration: WhatIfTemplates.xsd

valueTypes define property keys
(and possibly its values to select from)

Available configuration options:

- string (entry)
- enumeration (selection)
- int (entry)
- double (entry)
- configfile (selection)
 - parameter file
 - moduledataset
 - cold state
- whatIfTemplateId
 - can be used to reference an existing what-if instance to pass on associated timeseries



Configuration: WhatIfTemplates.xml example

- Example property

```
<whatIfTemplate id="$MODELID$n_stress_hist" name="Number of stress periods from start (used for testing purposes)">
  <properties>
    <property id="N_STRESS_PERIOD" valueTypeId="n_stress_period_selection" name="Overrule number of stress periods"/>
  </properties>
</whatIfTemplate>
```

```
<valueTypes>
  <enumeration id="n_stress_period_selection" default="1000000">
    <value code="24" label="24 stress periods"/>
    <value code="48" label="48 stress periods"/>
    <value code="96" label="96 stress periods"/>
    <value code="1000000" label="All stress periods"/>
  </enumeration>
```

Workflow
property key

Property based
on ValueType

ValueType
definition

Number of stress periods from start (used for testing purposes)	
Overrule number of stress periods (total=2844, timestep=semi-weekly, start=01-01-1970 00:00:00, ...)	All stress periods
	24 stress periods
	48 stress periods
	96 stress periods
	All stress periods

Configuration: WhatIfTemplates.xml example

- Example modifier

```
<whatIfTemplate id="$MODELID$_change_abstractions_hist" name="Abstraction adjustments">
  <modifierType>change_abstraction_rates_hist</modifierType>
  <modifierType>add_new_wells</modifierType>
  <modifierType>new_wells_abstraction_rates_hist</modifierType>
</whatIfTemplate>
```

Property based
on ValueType

WhatIfTemplate
header

Abstraction adjustments	
Change abstraction rates (Historic)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> abs +50%   
Add new abstraction wells	<input type="checkbox"/> No modifier defined   
Specify abstractions rates for new wells (Historic)	<input type="checkbox"/> No modifier defined   

Configuration: WhatIfTemplates.xml example

- Example whatif-template nesting

```
<whatIfTemplate id="$MODELID$_whatif_hist" name="Historic Scenario">
    <whatIfTemplateId>$MODELID$_change_abstractions_hist</whatIfTemplateId>
    <whatIfTemplateId>$MODELID$_zb_hist</whatIfTemplateId>
    <whatIfTemplateId>$MODELID$_n_stress_hist</whatIfTemplateId>
</whatIfTemplate>
```

Each whatIfTemplate
in bold

Historic Scenario
Abstraction adjustments
Change abstraction rates (Historic)
Add new abstraction wells
Specify abstractions rates for new wells (Historic)
Zonebudget
Overrule zonebudget setting
Statistics
Overrule statistics setting
Difference to Naturalized scenario
Overrule differences setting
Number of stress periods from start (used for testing purposes)
Overrule number of stress periods (total=2844, timestep=semi-weekly, start=2010-01-01)

Configuration: connecting to a workflow

A WhatIfTemplate is connected to a workflow in the WorkflowDescriptors.xml

```
> <workflowDescriptor id="RunHistoric" name="Run Scenario" forecast="true" visible="true" autoApprove="false">
    <workflowFileName>RunModelWorkflow</workflowFileName>
    <runExpiryTime unit="hour" multiplier="6"/>
    <properties>
        <string key="REFTYPE" value="hist"/>
        <string key="ZBLEVEL" value="all"/>
        <string key="STATPROCLEVEL" value="All"/>
        <string key="DIFPROCLEVEL" value="All"/>
        <string key="N_STRESS_PERIOD" value="1000000"/>
    </properties>
    <timeOut unit="hour" multiplier="12"/>
    <whatIfTemplateId>$MODELID$._whatif_hist</whatIfTemplateId>
</workflowDescriptor>
```

reference to
what-if template

Configuration: modifierTypes.xsd

Modifier behavior:

- always apply in workflow (=default)
- only apply if referenced in what-if workflow
- never apply in what-if workflow

Specified using:

- whatIfModifierType (optional)

```
<timeSeriesModifier id="change_abstraction_rates_hist" name="Change abstraction rates (Historic)">
  <expiryTime unit="day" multiplier="3650"/>
  <expiryTimeDeletedModifiers unit="day" multiplier="365"/>
  <whatIfModifierType>a</whatIfModifierType>
  <timeSeries>
    <moduleInstanceId>always apply in workflow</moduleInstanceId>
    <parameterId>apply if referenced in what-if workflow</parameterId>
    <locationSetId>never apply in what-if workflows</locationSetId>
    <timeSeriesType>simulated forecasting</timeSeriesType>
  </timeSeries>
  <defaultStartTime>time zero</defaultStartTime>
  <defaultEndTime>end run</defaultEndTime>
  <resolveInWorkflow>true</resolveInWorkflow>
  <resolveInPlots>false</resolveInPlots>
</timeSeriesModifier>
```

Configuration: Explorer.xml

- Add the what if editor to your displays in the Explorer.xml

```
<explorerTask name="WhatIf">
    <predefinedDisplay>what if editor</predefinedDisplay>
    <toolbarTask>true</toolbarTask>
    <menubarTask>true</menubarTask>
    <loadAtStartup>true</loadAtStartup>
</explorerTask>
```

Data administration

What-if holds:

- id
- name
- property values

Modifier tables holds:

- modifier-whatif relation

Mod type	Name ^	Summary	...	Start	End	...	User	...	Cre...	Act...	Priority	De...	Copy	Scenario
Change abstraction rates...	abs +50%	Multiply 1.5	...	01-01-19...	01-04-20...	...	Peter...	...	28-...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		X		demo
Change abstraction rates...	abs x2	Multiply 2.0	...	01-01-19...	02-01-20...	...	Peter...	...	19-...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		X		abs x2

Thank you

- Available in Release 2022.01
 - We are finetuning the some GUI items
- Questions ?
- Opportunities ?
- Concerns ?
- Let's try on your configuration

Let's try it on your configuration

Make your own plan:

- Choose a **workflow** in your configuration for which you would like to make a scenario variant
 - e.g. a multiplier on precipitation
- Choose which choices you want to offer to the user:
 - as a fixed multiplier using a property
 - as a timeseries multiplier using a (typical profile) modifier

Let's try it on your configuration

Adjust your configuration:

- WhatIfTemplates.xml:
 - create a valueType for your property (most likely an double)
 - create a WhatIfTemplate where you include this valueType
- Workflowdescriptors.xml
 - add the default value of the property to your workflow
 - add the whatifTemplate reference

WhatIfTemplates.xml

```
<valueTypes>
  <double id="p_multiplier" min="0" default="1"/>
</valueTypes>
<whatIfTemplate id="whatif_p_multiplier" name="Whatif Precipitation multiplier">
  <properties>
    <property id="P_MULTIPLIER" name="Precipitation multiplier" valueType="p_multiplier">
  </properties>
</whatIfTemplate>
```

WorkflowDescriptors.xml

```
<workflowDescriptor id="Run_Hydro_model" name="Run my Hydrology model" forecast="true" visible="true" autoApprove="true">
  <properties>
    <double key="P_MULTIPLIER" value="1"/>
  </properties>
  <whatIfTemplateId>whatif_p_multiplier</whatIfTemplateId>
</workflowDescriptor>
```

- Explorer.xml
 - Add the whatif editor as a display
- adjust your processing steps (Module Config Files)
 - use the property in your preprocessing of the precipitation

Explorer.xml

```
<explorerTask name="Whatif">
  <predefinedDisplay>what if editor</predefinedDisplay>
  <toolbarTask>true</toolbarTask>
  <menubarTask>true</menubarTask>
  <loadAtStartup>true</loadAtStartup>
</explorerTask>
```

Let's try it on your configuration

Adjust your configuration:

- `ModifierTypes.xml`
 - create a `typicalProfileModifier` (or `SpatialModifier`)
- `WhatIfTemplates.xml`:
 - create a `WhatIfTemplate` where you include this modifierType
- `WorkflowDescriptors.xml`
 - add the `whatifTemplate` reference

```
<typicalProfileModifier id="typical_profile_p_multiplier" name="P multiplier profile">
<whatIfModifierType>apply if referenced in what-if workflow</whatIfModifierType>
<timeSeries>
  <moduleInstanceId>preprocess_Hydrology_model</moduleInstanceId>
  <parameterId>P</parameterId>
  <qualifierId>multiplier</qualifierId>
</timeSeries>
<defaultStartTime>start run</defaultStartTime>
<offsetDefaultStartTime unit="hour" multiplier="-1"/>
<defaultEndTime>end run</defaultEndTime>
<resolveInWorkflow>true</resolveInWorkflow>
<resolveInPlots>false</resolveInPlots>
</typicalProfileModifier>
```

`WhatIfTemplates.xml`

```
<whatIfTemplate id="whatif_p_multiplier" name="Whatif Precipitation multiplier">
  <modifierType>typical_profile_p_multiplier</modifierType>
</whatIfTemplate>
```

`WorkflowDescriptors.xml`

```
<workflowDescriptor id="Run_Hydro_model" name="Run my Hydrology model" forecast="true" visible="true" autoApprove="true">
  <whatIfTemplateId>whatif_p_multiplier</whatIfTemplateId>
</workflowDescriptor>
```

- `Explorer.xml`
 - Add the `whatif` editor as a display
- adjust your processing steps (Module Config Files)
 - use the timeseries in your preprocessing of the precipitation

```
<explorerTask name="Whatif">
  <predefinedDisplay>what if editor</predefinedDisplay>
  <toolbarTask>true</toolbarTask>
  <menubarTask>true</menubarTask>
  <loadAtStartup>true</loadAtStartup>
</explorerTask>
```

`Explorer.xml`

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