

Incident Management Forecasting System: JBA-led elements

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Two key parts:

- Incident Management Reference Database (IMRD)
- Performance testing module

Environment Agency's Vision

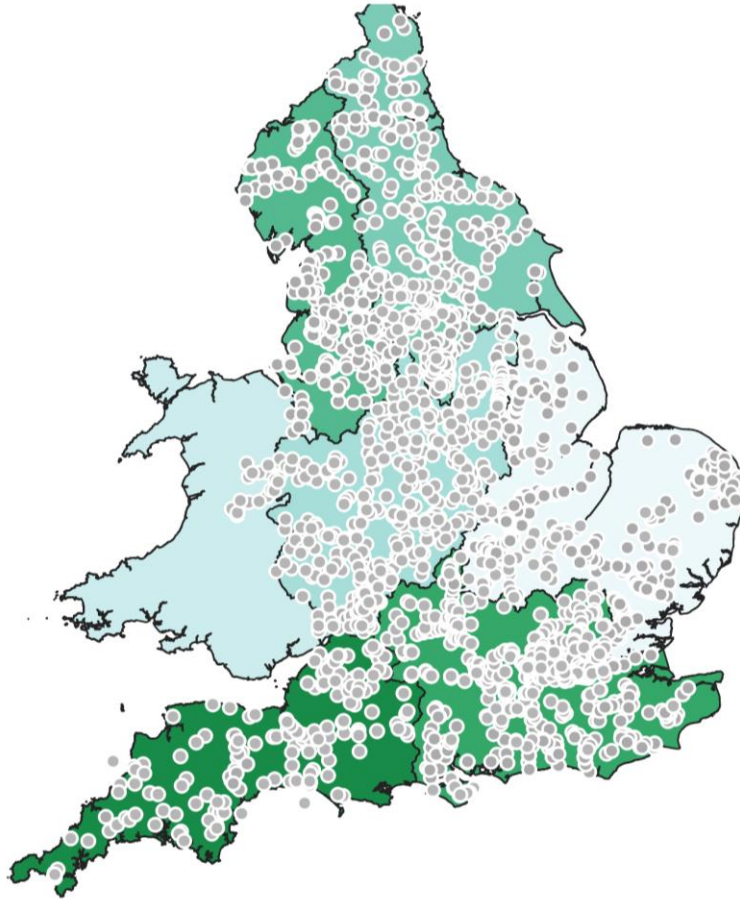


A nationally consistent *service* delivering:

- Probabilistic forecasts
- Flood extents
- Greater coverage
- Model as *assets* (condition/performance)

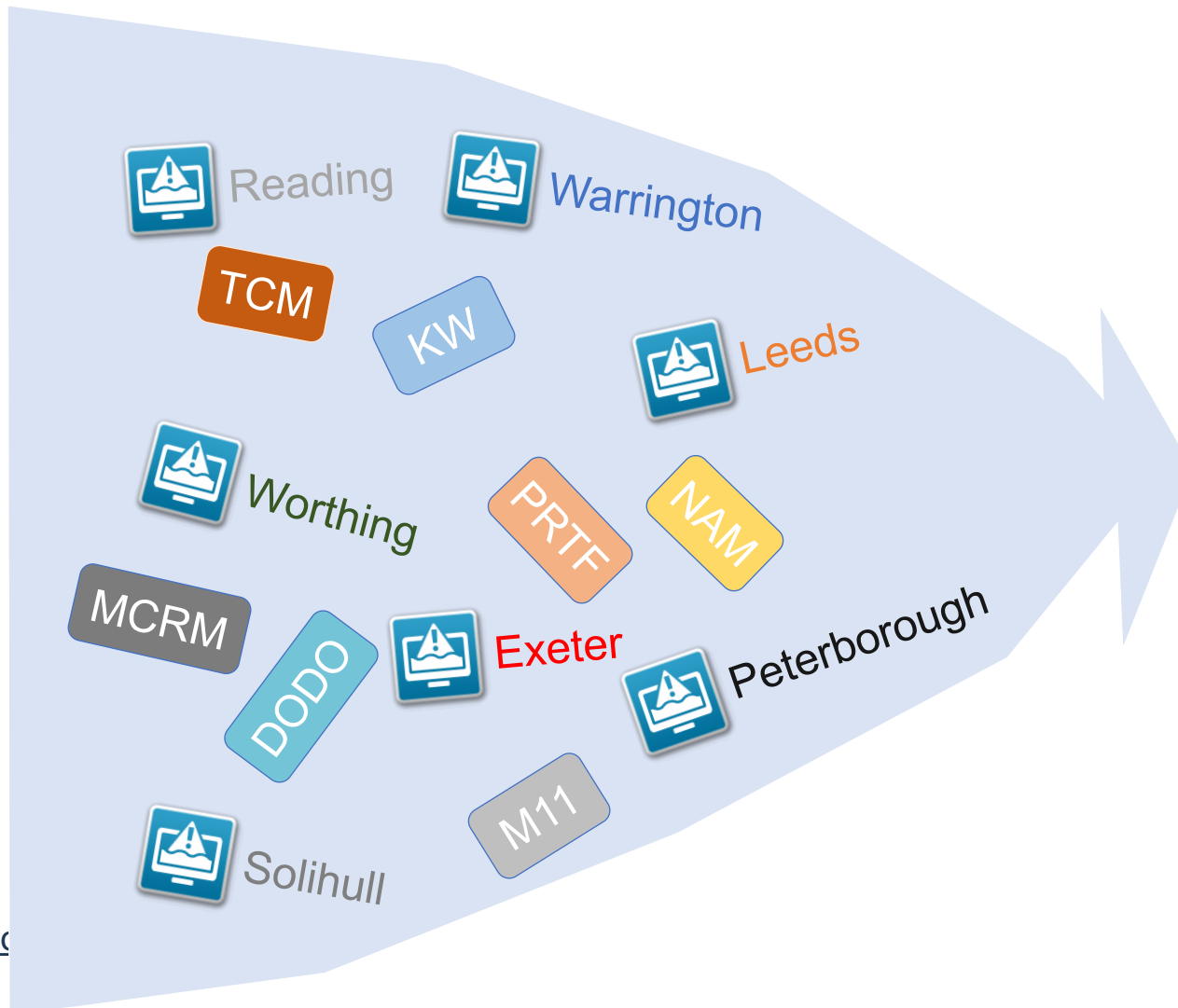


What's holding things back?



- 7 FEWS systems, configured differently
- Old hardware
- 4 River & 5 RR model types
- Different ways of working

Solution: Massive change!



Incident Management Forecasting System



England



FMP

Consistent working
practices



System configuration



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ISIS_UpperCherwell_GA_Historical_1 1.01 default.xml
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <!-- edited with XMLSpy v2009 sp1 (http://www.altova.com) by Environment Agency (Capgemini UK plc) -->
3 <!-- NFFS Thames -->
4 <!-- added by JBA Consulting (May 2014) for the Cherwell Improvements project (JBA Ref: 2013s7532) -->
5 <generalAdapterRun xmlns="http://www.wildelft.nl/fews" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
6   xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.wildelft.nl/fews http://fews.wildelft.nl/schemas/version1.0/generalAdapterRun.xsd">
7   <general>
8     <description>ISIS Model run for the Upper Cherwell to Banbury Historical</description>
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10    <workDir>%ROOT_DIR%/_working_folder_</workDir>
11    <exportDir>%ROOT_DIR%/UpperCherwell_Input</exportDir>
12    <exportIdMap>IdISIS_UpperCherwell_Export</exportIdMap>
13    <importDir>%ROOT_DIR%/UpperCherwell_Output</importDir>
14    <importIdMap>IdISIS_UpperCherwell_Import_Historical</importIdMap>
15    <dumpFileDir>%GA_DUMPFILEDIR$</dumpFileDir>
16    <dumpDir>%ROOT_DIR%/dumpDir</dumpDir>
17    <diagnosticFile>%ROOT_DIR%/UpperCherwell_Diagnostics/diagnostics.xml</diagnosticFile>
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19  </general>
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21    <length unit="hour" multiplier="12"/>
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39        <filter>%ROOT_DIR%/UpperCherwell_States/*.*</filter>
40      </purgeActivity>
41    </startUpActivities>
42    <!-- Export activities -->
43    <exportActivities>
44      <!-- Export state (warm state)-->
45      <exportStateActivity>
46        <moduleInstanceId>ISIS_UpperCherwell_GA_Historical_2</moduleInstanceId>
47        <stateExportDir>%ROOT_DIR%/UpperCherwell_States</stateExportDir>
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52            <writeLocation>output.zzs</writeLocation>
53          </stateLocation>
54        </stateLocations>
55        <stateSelection>
56          <warmState>
57            <stateSearchPeriod unit="hour" start="-72" end="-6"/>
58          </warmState>
59        </stateSelection>
60      </exportStateActivity>
61    </exportActivities>
62    <!-- Export time series -->
```



FEWS Core Engine

- ✓ Familiar, mature, well proven
- ✓ Powerful
- ✓ Cloud compatible
- ✓ Very flexible





FEWS Core Engine

- ✓ Mature, well proven
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 - ✓ Cloud compatible
 - × **Very flexible**
- × **Scope for inconsistency**
 - × **File based configuration**
 - × **Skills gap**
 - × **Maintenance time consuming**

UN_CN_3	As a system administrator I need a system that is intuitively configurable with assistance/system tips in configuration being provided by the system (and contained in administrator documentation) so that we can develop and control our own modelling and forecasting capabilities efficiently.
UN_CN_4	As a system administrator I need to configure the system using an intuitive visual interface based on hydrology so that the risk of introducing errors into the system is minimised.
UN_CN_5	As a system administrator I need to complete routine configuration work that is defined by the Authority (such as threshold value changes) quickly and with minimal effort so that I don't have to take on testing or implementation activities that are too cumbersome for the change being made.
	As a system administrator I need to be able to configure both the content

“Intuitive visual interface based on hydrology...”

UN_CN_8	communicate to different audiences.
	As a system administrator I need to be able to configure an overview of high

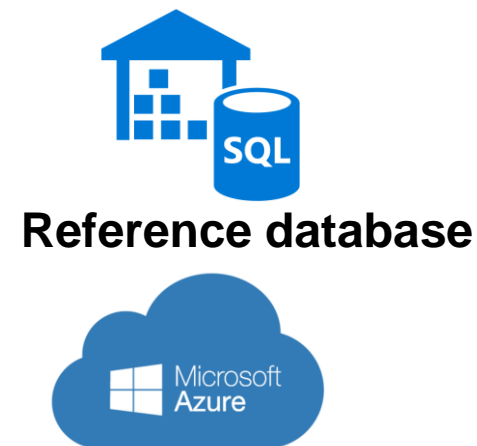
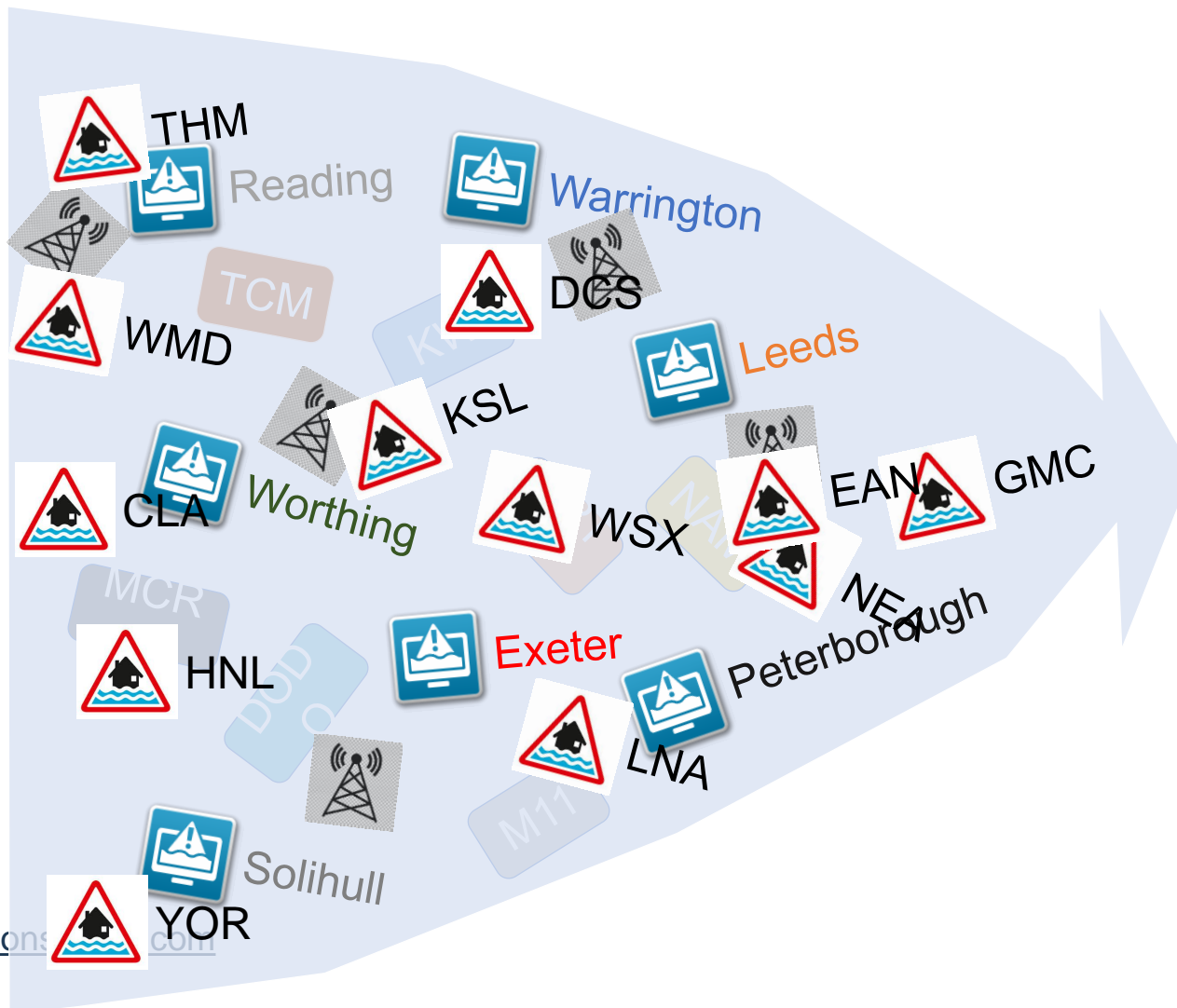
“Configure quickly and with minimal effort”

UN_CN_9	As a system administrator I need to be able to easily add new sources of input to the system (e.g. open data) so that data from these sources can be imported and viewed in the system, and used in models (where appropriate)
	and involvement of the supplier.

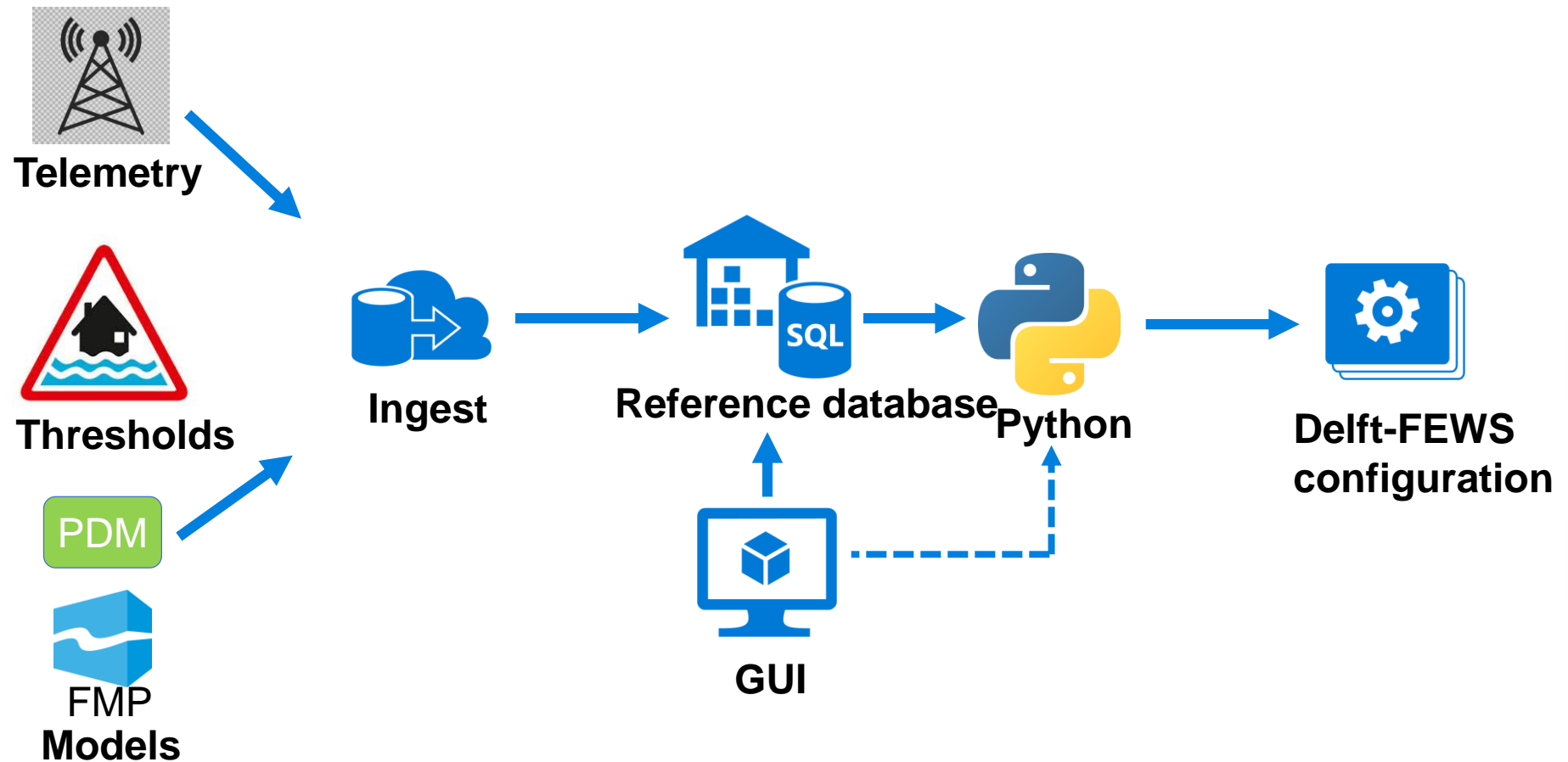
“Self documenting”

UN_CN_11	As a system administrator I need to be able to configure report templates that can be automatically populated with observed and forecast information from the system so that forecasters can be released to add value in other ways.
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Starting with a complete reference dataset



The alternative solution



IMRD demo



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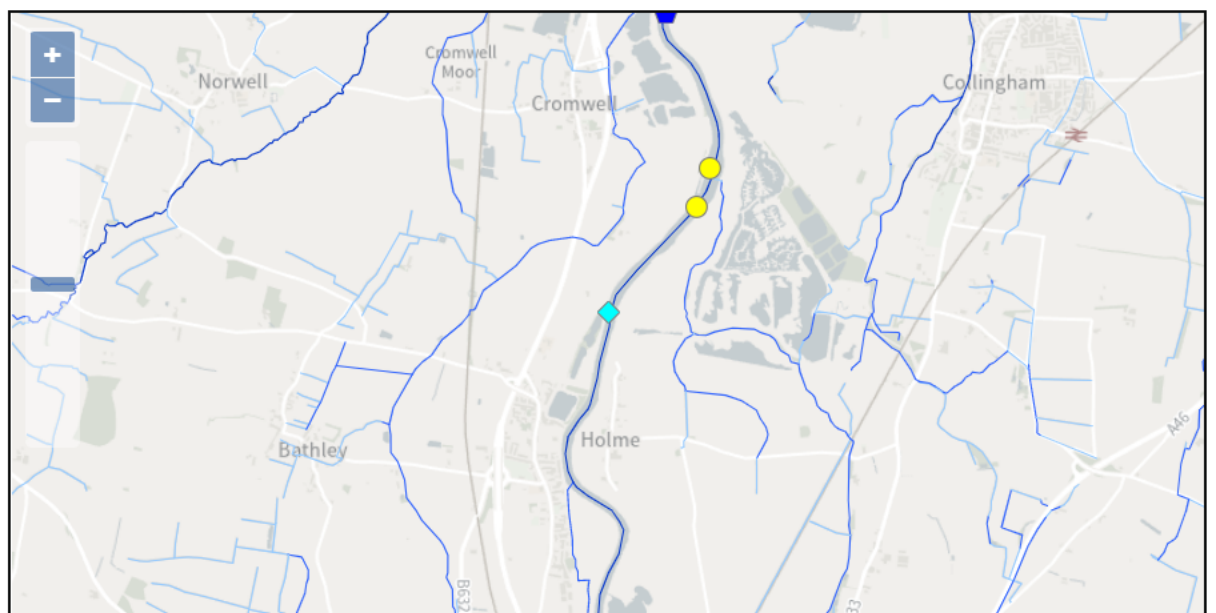
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North Muskham

Hydrological Gauge

IMFS ID	4022
Category	Fluvial - Flow - Gauge
Description	Hydrological Gauge
Admin comment	SIGNED OFF 25/05/2017 EM
River	River Trent
Easting/Northing	480140, 360080
Lat/Long	53.1318664511249, -0.803660401292193
G2G	480500, 361500
Gauge zero	5
Centre	Birmingham
Additional centres	CIM, FFC, RLOI
WISKI ID	4022
Telemetry ID	4022
RLOI ID	2109



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Time Series

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b1dacf99-5d73-4772-bed2-af858875983c	4022	Flow		4022	FL	m3/s	Q.obs	View monitoring asset
c9573d0e-cb51-4f43-8c33-489d44c12178	4022	Water Level	Stage	4022	SG2	mALD	H.obs	View monitoring asset

Models

Name	Type	Sub basin		
North Muskham FMP	FMP	Lower Trent		Details
River Trent FMP	FMP	Trent HD FMP		Details
Tidal Trent FMP	FMP	Tidal Trent HD FMP		Details

Processes

Module ID	Type	Sub basin		
4022_FMP_Q	ARMA	Lower Trent		Details
Telemetry_4022_H_obs	Import			Details
Telemetry_4022_Q_obs	Import			Details

Rating curves

Qualifier	Rating type	Season	
Power	Power	All	View/edit values

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North Muskham FMP

Model type	FMP
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Sub basin Lower TrentBasin Trent

Comments	Added with Converged Models

Estimated run time	1
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(seconds)

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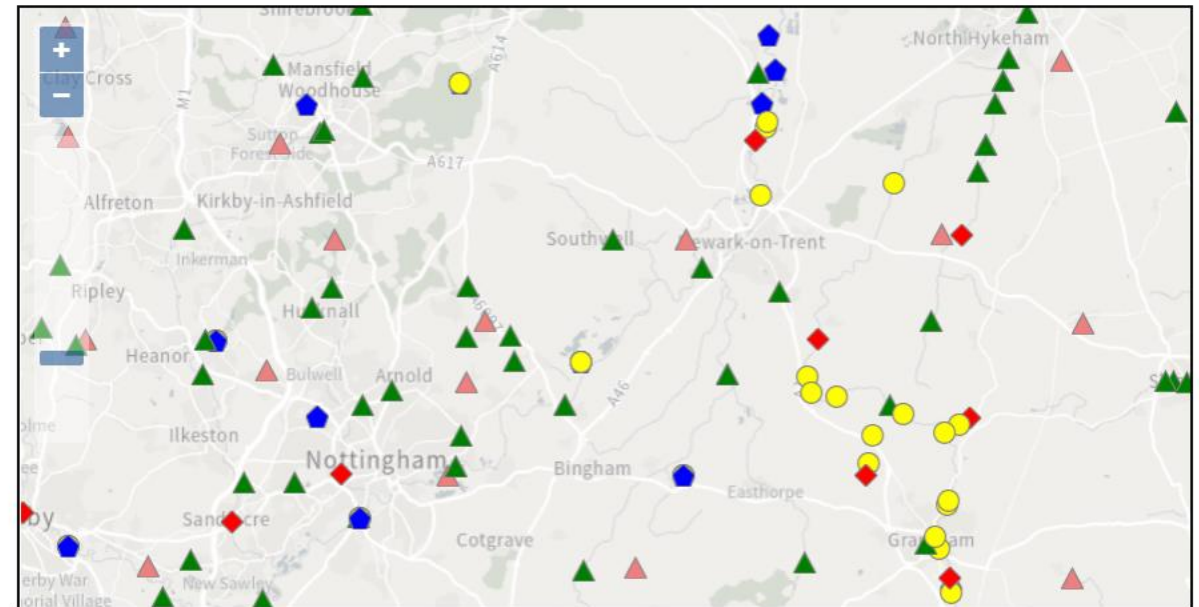
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Model Documentation [Add file](#)

Alternative Configurations

Add Alternate Configuration

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Model Files

Ini file	4022_north_muskham.ini	Replace
Dat file	RS.dat	Replace
Zzs file	input.zzs	Replace
Ief file	hot.ief	Replace

Additional files

RS.gxy	RS.gxy	Remove Replace
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Input

Location	Parameter	External ID	Initial value	Scale	Lag (minutes)	Offset	Minimum	Connection		
Colwick	Q.fcast.upd	cINFLW01	0	1	0	0	0.046	ARMA(4009_FMP_Q)	Edit Boundary	Edit Connection Remove Connection
Devon Lat UG Smite	Q.fcast.sim	cINFLW04	0	0.32	0	0	0	Devon Lat UG PDM	Edit Boundary	Edit Connection Remove Connection
Trent to Colwick Scaled Lower Trent Lat UG	Q.fcast.sim	cINFLW02	0	0.9	0	0	0	Lower Trent Lat UG PDM	Edit Boundary	Edit Connection Remove Connection

IMRD - North Muskham FMP

imfs-pre1-reference-frontend.azurewebsites.net/process/ed88c3d1-f347-54af-a4f6-f93a9e66b925

Trent to Colwick Scaled Lower Trent Lat UG	Q.fcast.sim	cINFLW02	0	0.9	0	0	0	Lower Trent Lat UG PDM	Edit Boundary	Edit Connection Remove Connection
Trent to Kelham Scaled Lower Trent Lat UG	Q.fcast.sim	bINFLW02	0	0.1	0	0	0	Lower Trent Lat UG PDM	Edit Boundary	Edit Connection Remove Connection
Wensor Bridge	Q.fcast.upd	cINFLW03	0	1	0	0	0.046	ARMA(4191_FMP_Q)	Edit Boundary	Edit Connection Remove Connection

Output

Location	Parameter	External ID	Initial value	Calculate Rated Level	Export	Connection
Gunthorpe	Q.fcast.sim	cRCH_08	0.02	<div><div></div></div> View curve	<div><div></div> FFOI</div> <div><div></div> Telemetry Map</div>	Edit Boundary
North Muskham	Q.fcast.sim	bRCH_09e	0.046	<div><div></div></div> View curve	<div><div></div> FFOI</div> <div><div></div> Telemetry Map</div>	ARMA(4022_FMP_Q) Edit Boundary

More actions

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Basins

Open all

Birmingham

+ Add basin

Severn

Trent

+ Add sub-basin

Tame

Dove

Upper Derwent and Ashford HD FMP

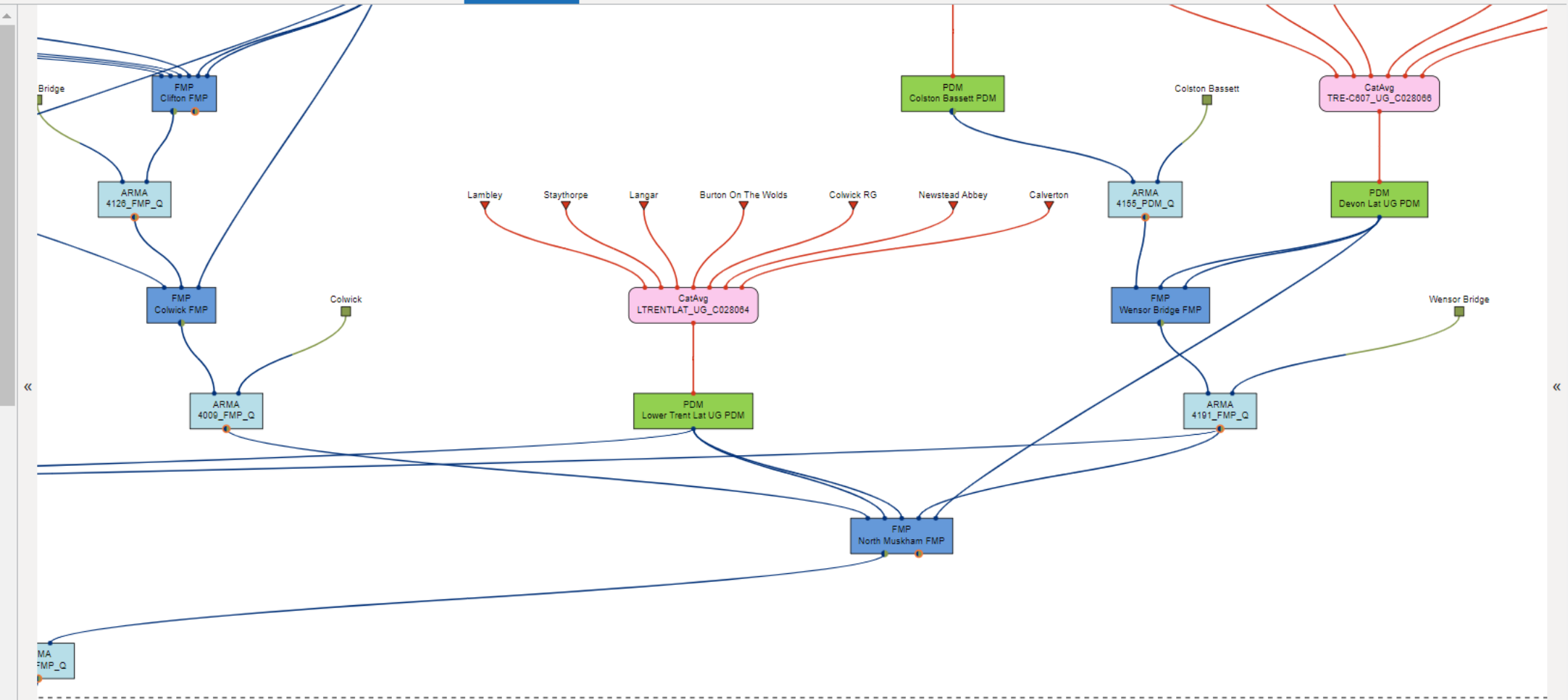
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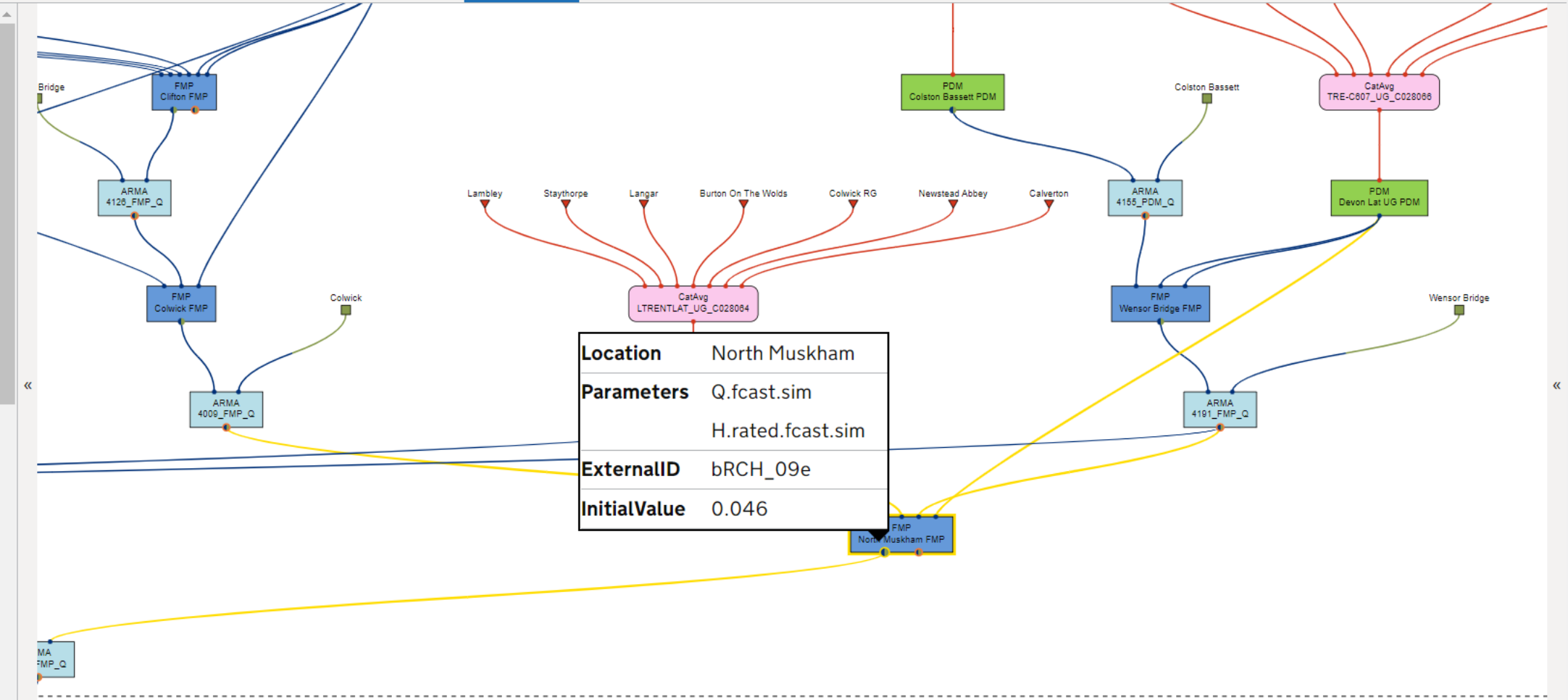
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East Midlands

Lower Trent

- Willington Cableway
- Shardlow
- Shardlow Plus Churchwilne UG
- Trent To Derwent Confluence
- Cranfleet Lock
- Clifton Bridge
- Colwick
- Nottingham Carlton Ouse Dyke
- Lowdham Grange
- Nottingham Woodborough Main Street
- Oxton Dumble
- Lowdham
- Southwell
- Farndon
- Woolsthorpe
- Colston Bassett
- Newark on Trent Balderton Staple Lane
- North Muskham

Derwent

North Muskham

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North Muskham

Datum: 5m

Quick Site Summary

- Model performance is excellent. Above 2.95m, models tends to slightly underestiamte peak levels (by 5-10cm), whilst below 2.70m model tends to overestimate by 5-10cm. Timing of forecast peak is also excellent (particularly above 1.55m), forecast peak tends to be very slightly earlier than observed peak.
- No observed events between 2.70m - 2.95m to compare to modelled data, so hard to know for definite how model perfoms at these levels, but fair to assume the model transistion from underestimating to overestimating from 2.95m - 2.70m, so model probably performs very well between these values.
- Levels are **simulated accurately**.
- There is a large, active **floodplain** and multiple **small lakes and ponds**.
- Last gauge on the fluvial Trent before the tidally influenced section begins just downstream at Cromwell Weir.

Tidal Trent FMP (Stage)

Rating curve: N

ARMA corrected: No

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River Trent FMP (Stage)

Rating curve: N

ARMA corrected: No

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North Muskham FMP (Flow)

[View full historical report \(stage\)](#)

North Muskham FMP (Flow)

Rating curve: Y
ARMA corrected: Yes
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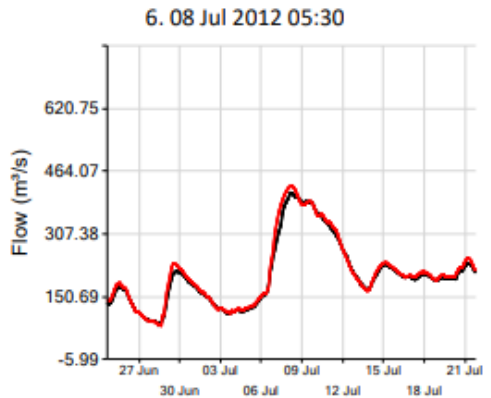
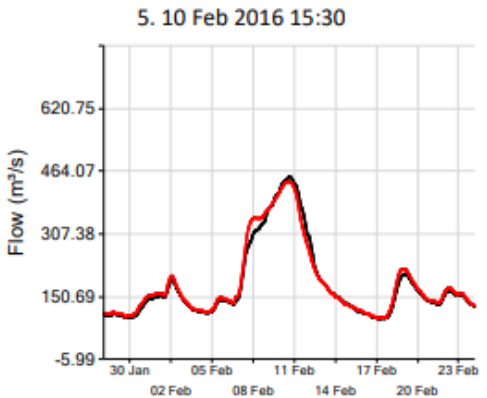
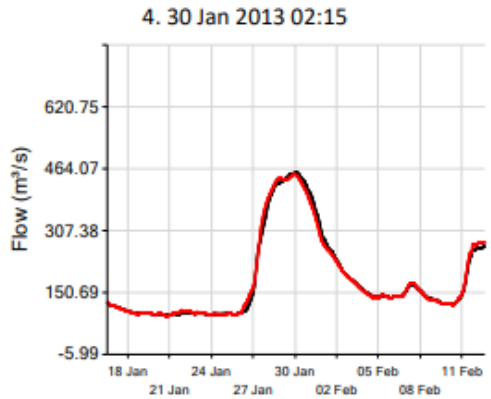
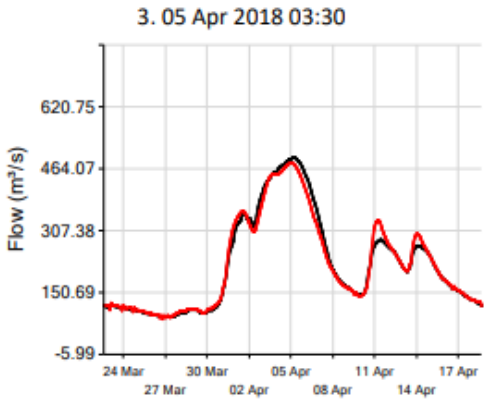
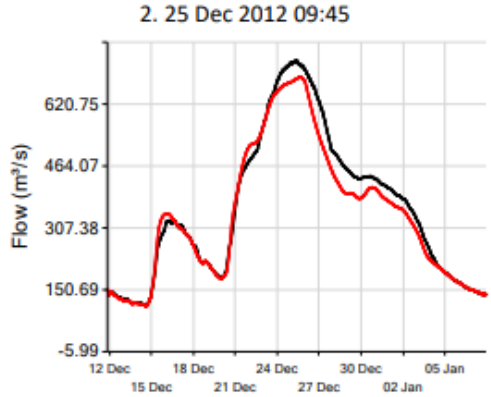
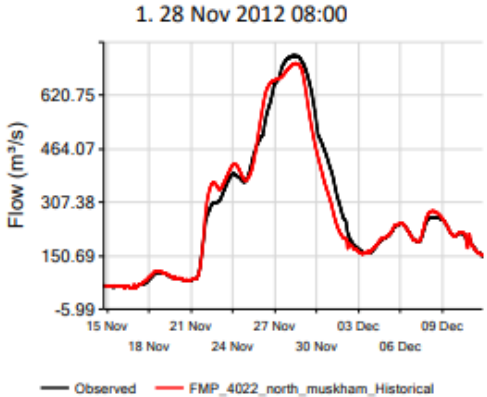
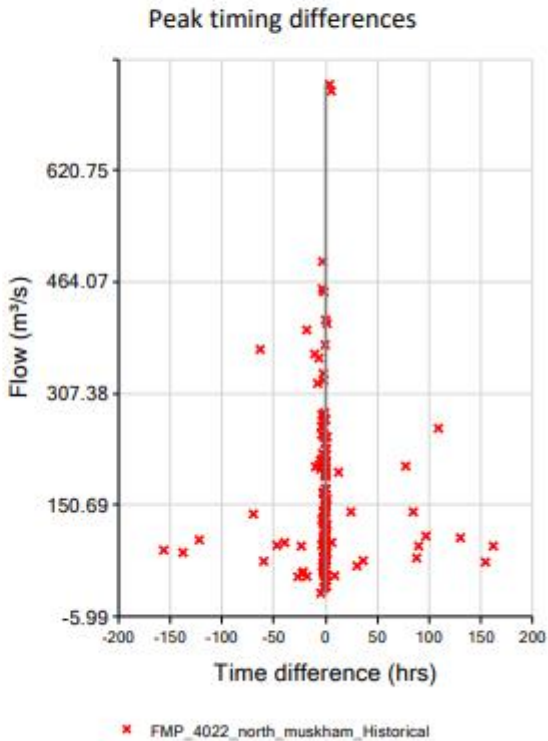
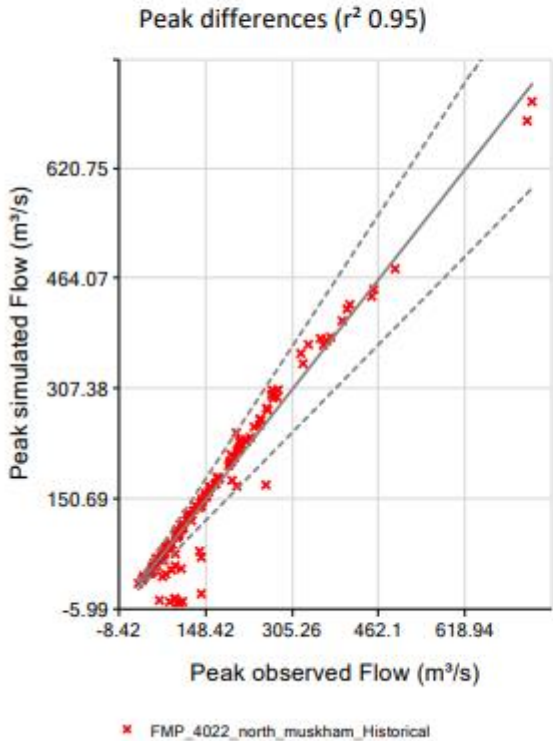
Model Performance Description

- Levels are **simulated accurately**.
- **Reasons for poor performance:**
 - Observed flows are missing from Wensor Bridge in the November 2000 event affecting performance of the model for that event.
 - Operationally, errors will be cascaded from upstream.

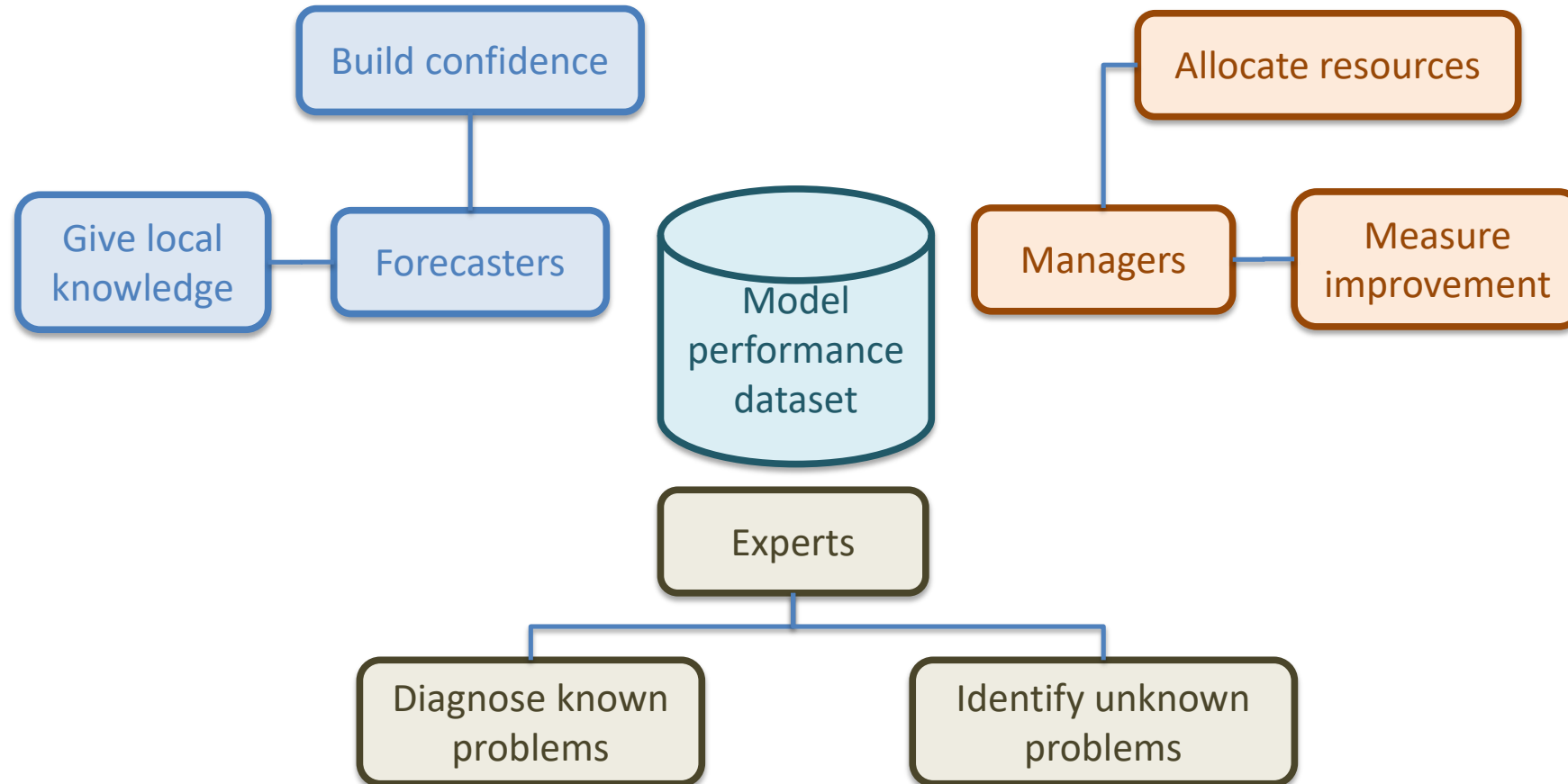
River Trent FMP (Flow)

Historical Report for 01 Oct 2011 to 01 Jan 2020 using:
LevelToFlow\4022\Q.rated
FMP_4022_north_muskham_Historical\4022\Q.hist.sim

	Date	Obs (m³/s)	Date	Sim (m³/s)	% Peak Diff	% Vol Diff	NSE	r²
1	28 Nov 2012 08:00	740.13	28 Nov 2012 11:45	715.34	-3.4%	-1.6%	0.969	0.970
2	25 Dec 2012 09:45	731.28	25 Dec 2012 15:15	688.18	-5.9%	-3.2%	0.970	0.982
3	05 Apr 2018 03:30	492.11	05 Apr 2018 00:30	477.57	-3.0%	-2.5%	0.985	0.986



Model performance data



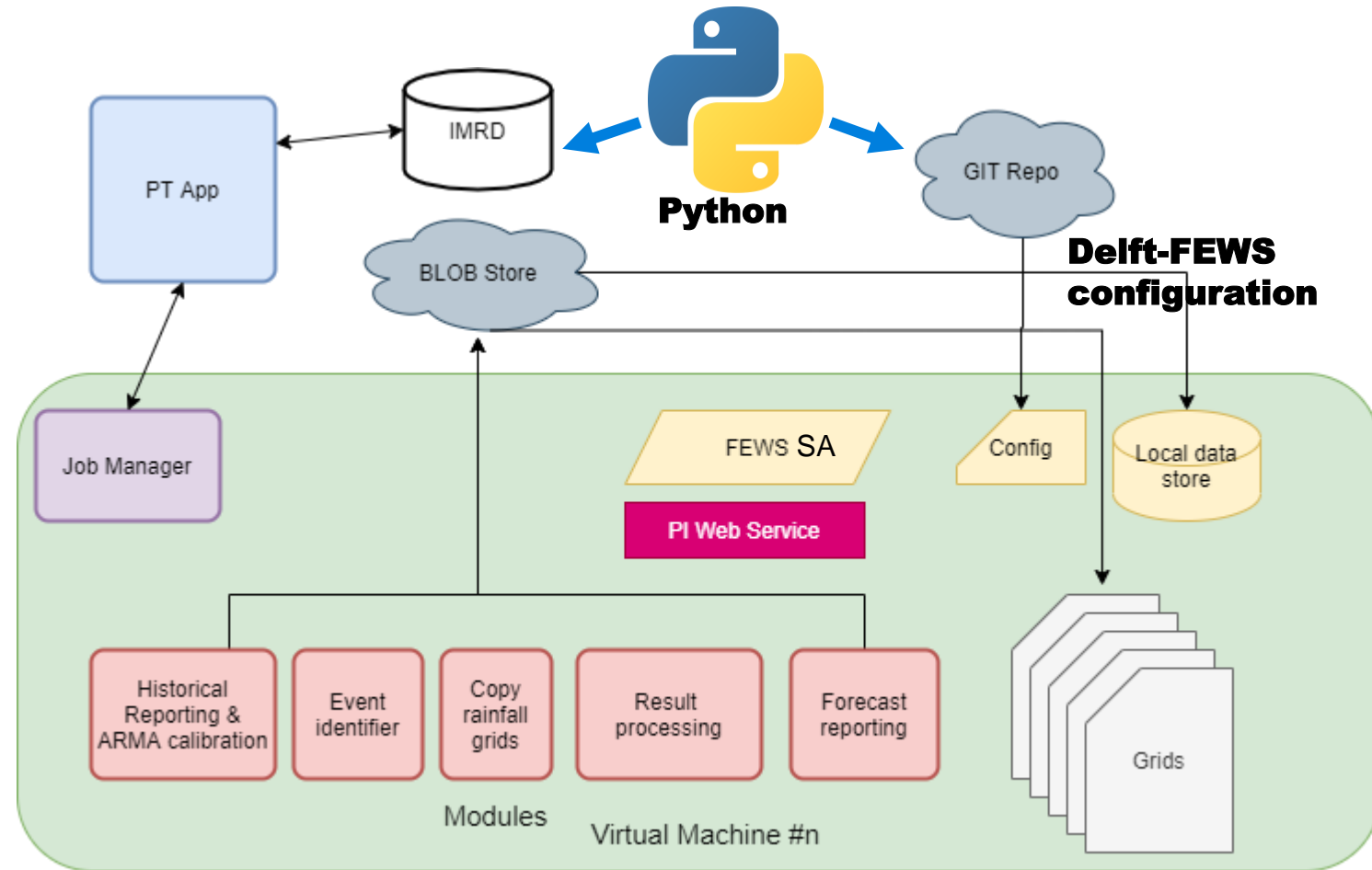
Basic requirement



- Run a long historical & visualise results
- Run MANY pseudo real-time forecasts with different rainfall scenarios
- Analyse then visualise results

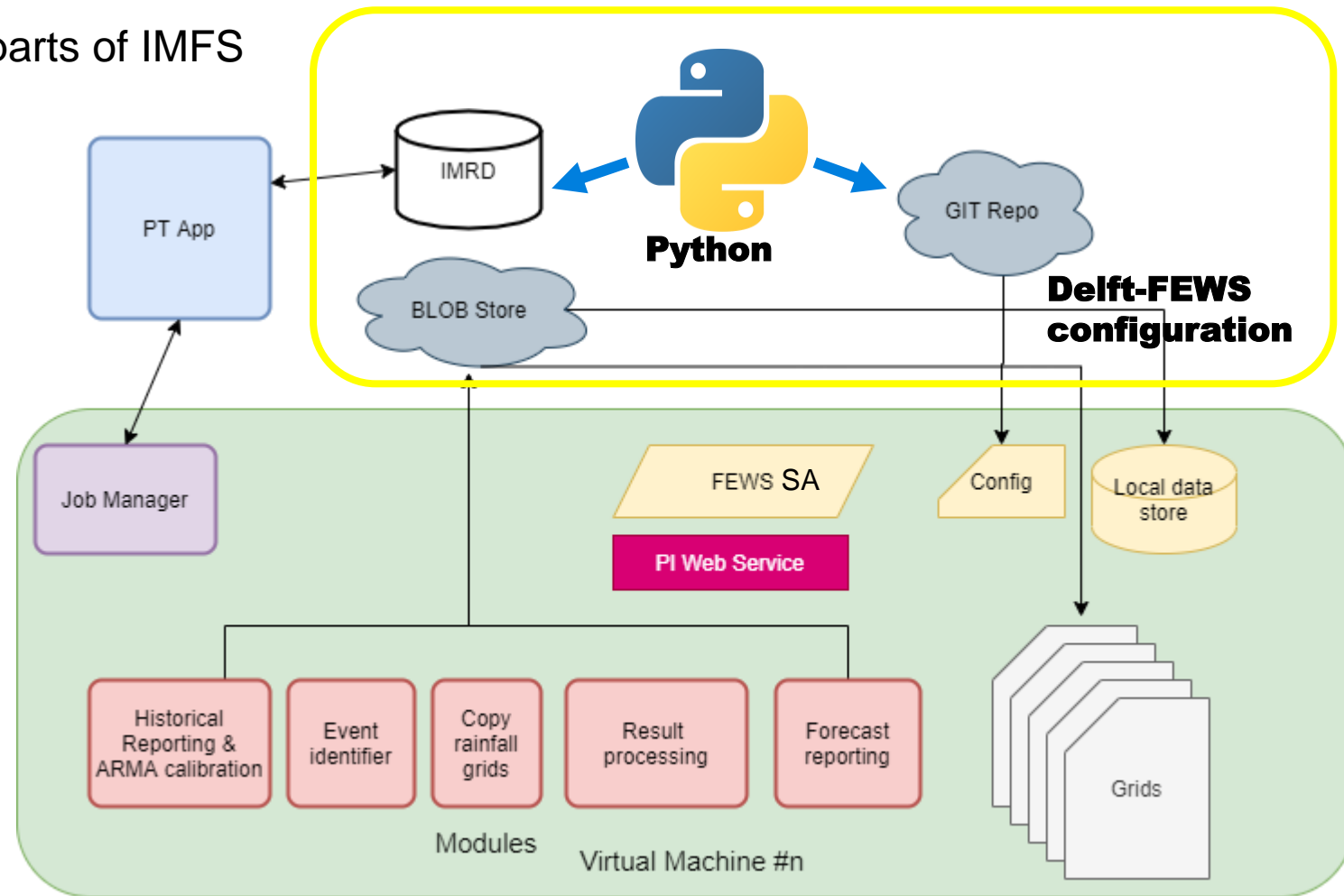


How the App does it



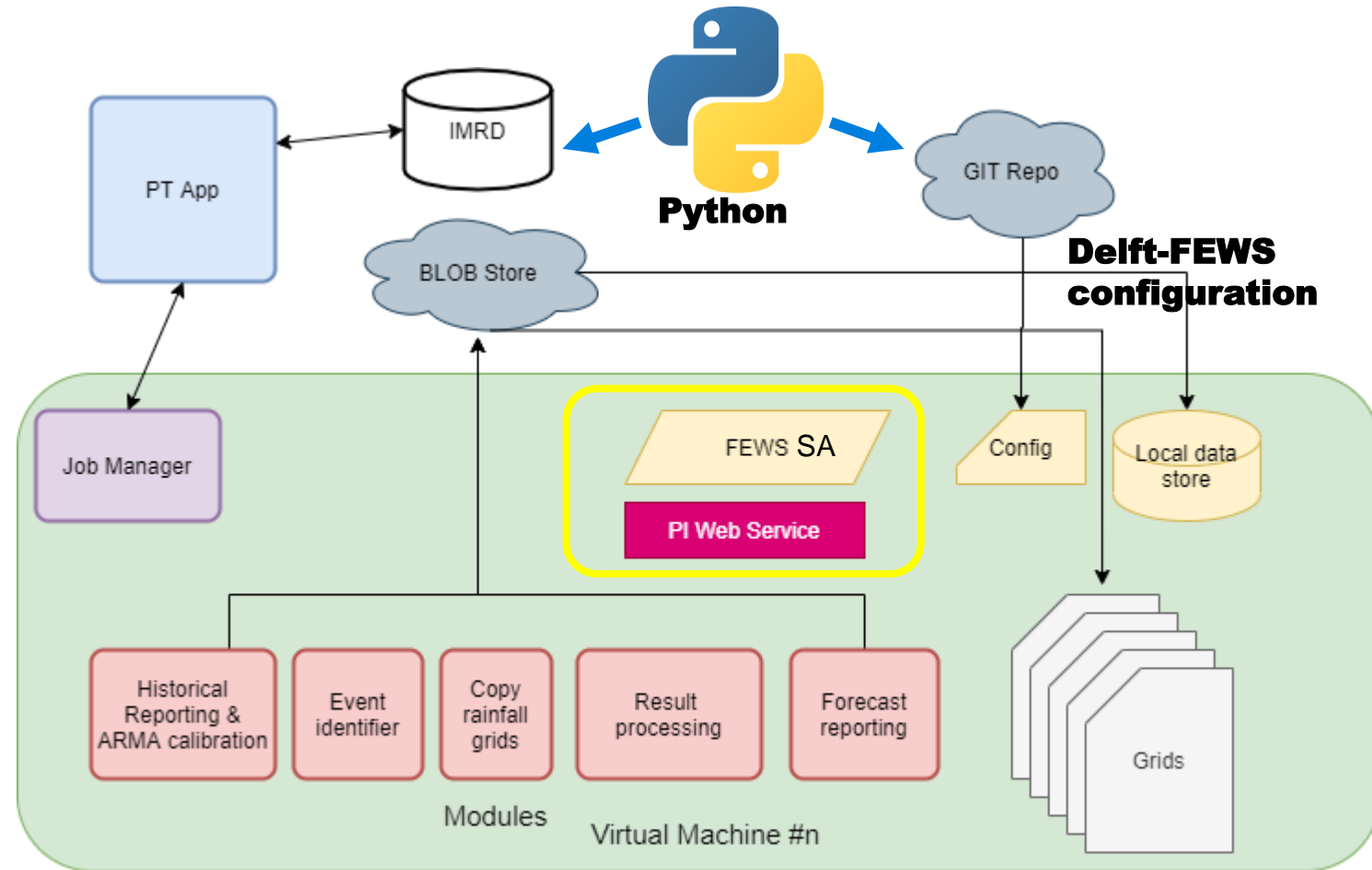
How the App does it

Key parts of IMFS



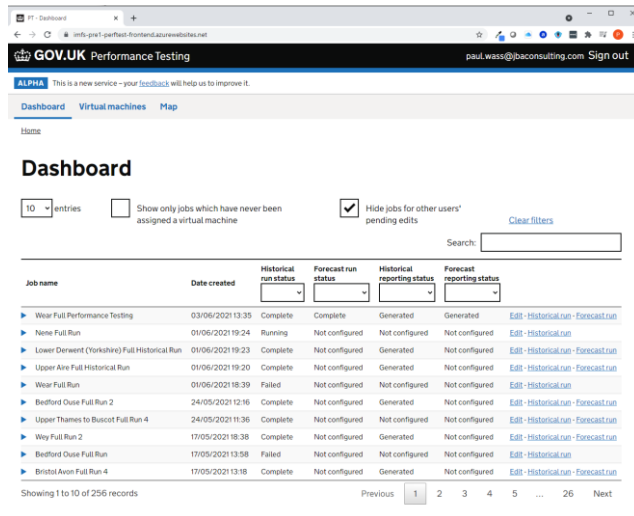
How the App does it

Performance testing uses
a FEWS standalone and
the PI web service



How the App does it

Azure 'Web App'



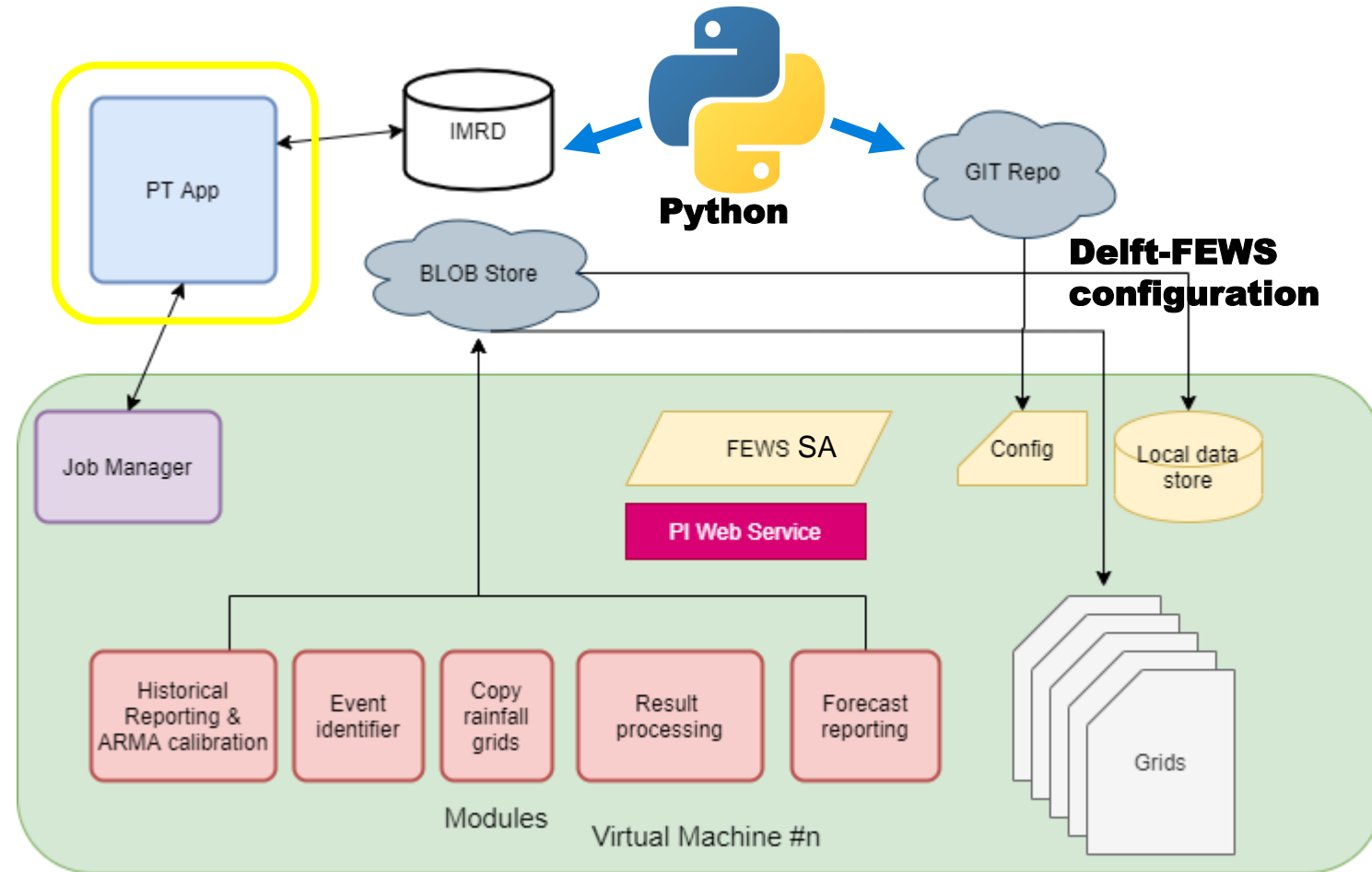
Dashboard

10 entries ☐ Show only jobs which have never been assigned a virtual machine ☒ Hide jobs for other users' pending edits [Clear filters](#)

Job name	Date created	Historical run status	Forecast run status	Historical reporting status	Forecast reporting status	
Wear Full Performance Testing	03/06/2021 13:35	Complete	Complete	Generated	Generated	Edit - Historical run - Forecast run
Nene Full Run	01/06/2021 19:24	Running	Not configured	Not configured	Not configured	Edit - Historical run
Lower Derwent (Yorkshire) Full Historical Run	01/06/2021 19:23	Complete	Not configured	Generated	Not configured	Edit - Historical run - Forecast run
Upper Aire Full Historical Run	01/06/2021 19:20	Complete	Not configured	Generated	Not configured	Edit - Historical run - Forecast run
Wear Full Run	01/06/2021 18:39	Failed	Not configured	Not configured	Not configured	Edit - Historical run
Bedford Ouse Full Run 2	24/05/2021 12:16	Complete	Not configured	Generated	Not configured	Edit - Historical run - Forecast run
Upper Thames to Bascot Full Run 4	24/05/2021 11:36	Complete	Not configured	Not configured	Not configured	Edit - Historical run - Forecast run
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Bedford Ouse Full Run	17/05/2021 13:58	Failed	Not configured	Not configured	Not configured	Edit - Historical run
Bristol Avon Full Run 4	17/05/2021 13:18	Complete	Not configured	Generated	Not configured	Edit - Historical run - Forecast run

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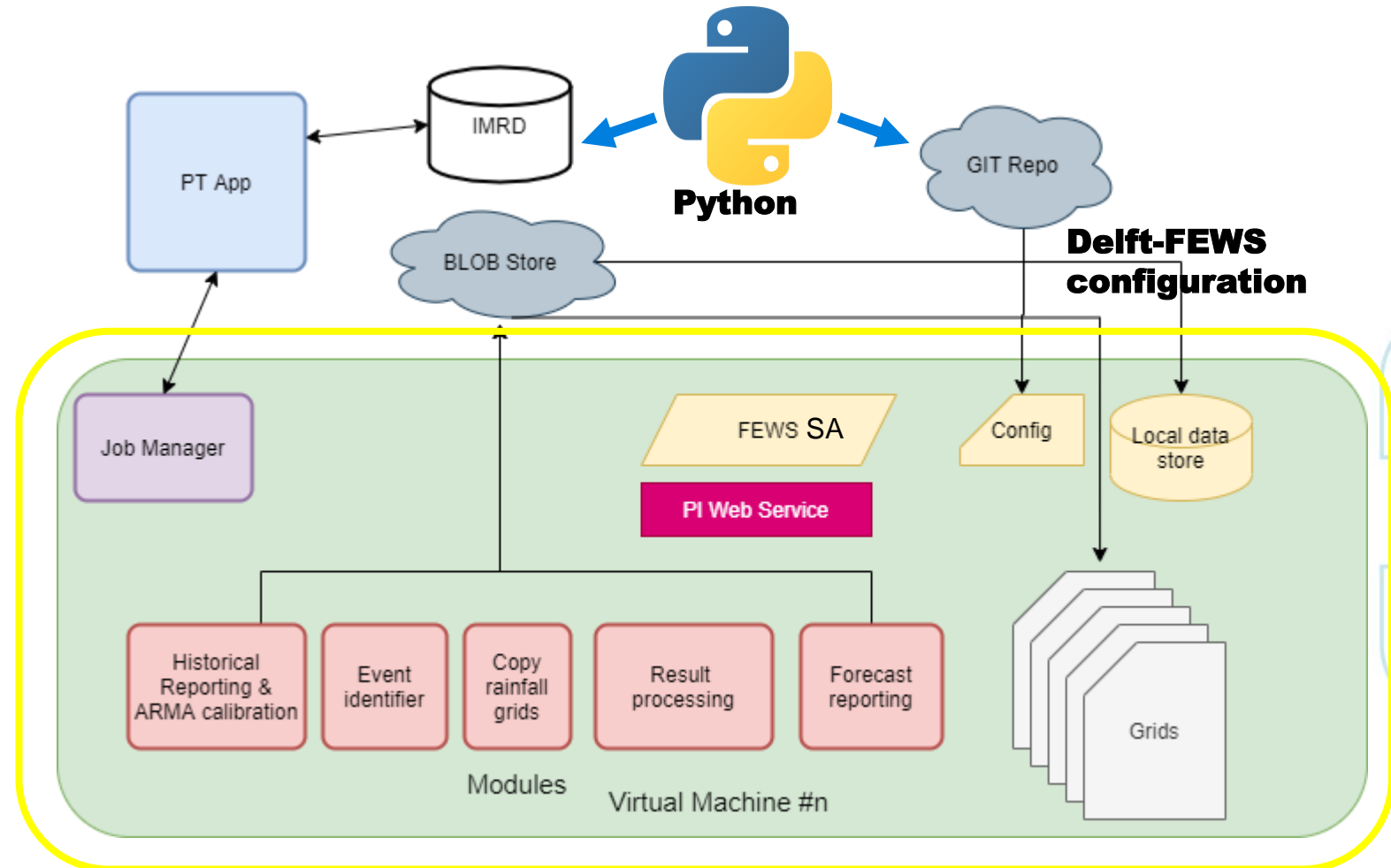
- User interface
- Links to IMRD
- Controls job flow



How the App does it

Virtual machine(s)

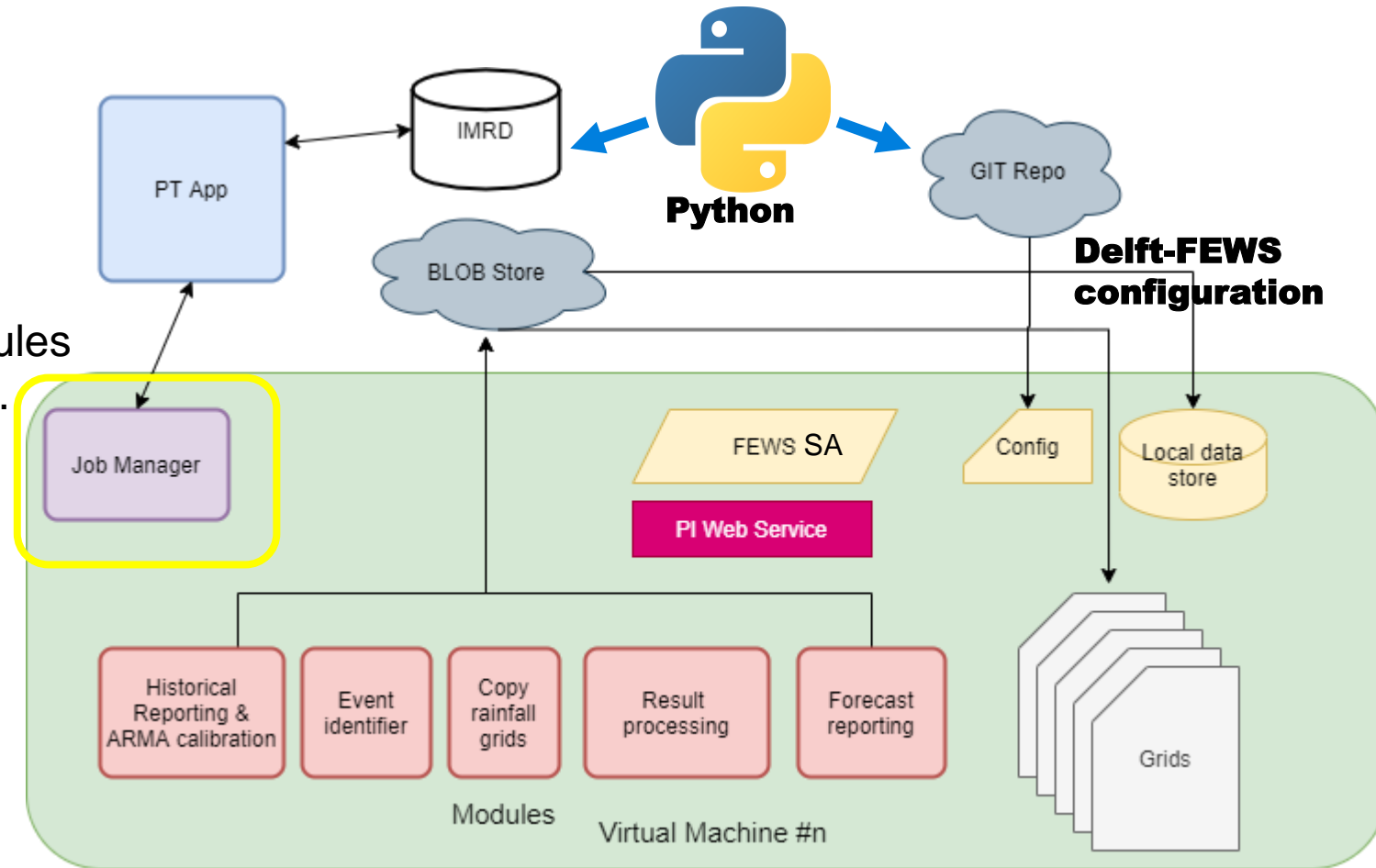
- 20+ Identical machines
- 1 is the 'lead' for a job
- Others added when running forecasts
- Allocated/deallocated through the Web App



How the App does it

Console application

- Instructed by Web App
- Orchestrates individual modules
- Pulls data, runs modules etc.



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NSE for error corrected time series of different lead times (minutes)

Event	Simulated	t-15	t-30	t-45	t-60	t-75	t-90
1. 06 Dec 2015 00:15	0.7632	0.9982	0.9971	0.9956	0.9932	0.9899	0.9870
2. 09 Feb 2020 15:30	0.9723	0.9992	0.9981	0.9967	0.9954	0.9940	0.9929
3. 06 Sep 2008 18:45	0.9068	0.9995	0.9990	0.9981	0.9967	0.9947	0.9919
4. 15 Nov 2015 12:00	0.8924	0.9995	0.9989	0.9981	0.9966	0.9945	0.9922
5. 26 Dec 2015 23:45	0.8652	0.9996	0.9992	0.9986	0.9975	0.9959	0.9941
6. 15 Jan 2011 23:45	0.9575	0.9995	0.9992	0.9988	0.9984	0.9977	0.9968
7. 18 Nov 2009 11:45	0.8902	0.9997	0.9993	0.9981	0.9963	0.9937	0.9904
8. 16 Mar 2019 18:45	0.9407	0.9996	0.9992	0.9988	0.9978	0.9966	0.9951
9. 16 Feb 2020 00:30	0.9504	0.9995	0.9988	0.9978	0.9962	0.9941	0.9915
10. 10 Aug 2019 21:30	0.9299	0.9989	0.9982	0.9967	0.9946	0.9920	0.9886
11. 18 May 2013 17:15	0.8523	0.9997	0.9988	0.9971	0.9946	0.9915	0.9879
12. 28 Jun 2012 21:45	0.9289	0.9995	0.9982	0.9956	0.9920	0.9879	0.9834
13. 25 Nov 2009 04:15	0.9551	0.9998	0.9996	0.9991	0.9982	0.9969	0.9953
14. 04 Dec 2015 03:30	0.9296	0.9996	0.9990	0.9979	0.9964	0.9941	0.9913
15. 05 Feb 2011 08:30	0.9412	0.9994	0.9990	0.9986	0.9979	0.9968	0.9957
16. 01 Nov 2009 19:45	0.9117	0.9997	0.9990	0.9973	0.9944	0.9903	0.9850
17. 22 Dec 2015 15:30	0.9415	0.9996	0.9993	0.9985	0.9971	0.9951	0.9924
18. 25 Sep 2012 11:00	0.9429	0.9991	0.9983	0.9970	0.9953	0.9921	0.9883
19. 05 Jan 2016 16:00	0.8798	0.9994	0.9988	0.9982	0.9971	0.9954	0.9932
20. 18 Jul 2009 05:15	0.7519	0.9997	0.9992	0.9982	0.9964	0.9937	0.9903
21. 12 Jan 2009 10:45	0.9800	0.9996	0.9993	0.9990	0.9984	0.9975	0.9965
22. 08 Dec 2011 17:45	0.9338	0.9996	0.9988	0.9977	0.9961	0.9940	0.9914
23. 11 Jan 2020 23:00	0.9577	0.9995	0.9987	0.9979	0.9963	0.9939	0.9908
24. 10 Dec 2015 06:15	0.8312	0.9995	0.9987	0.9974	0.9950	0.9915	0.9869

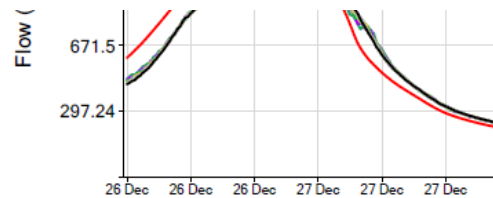
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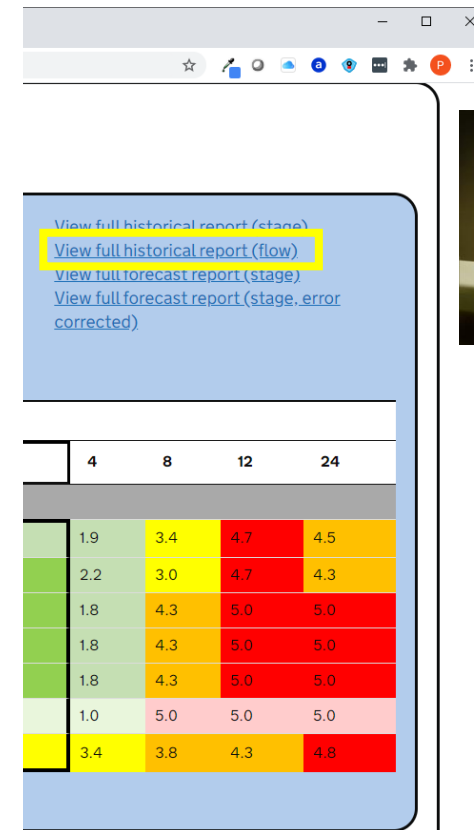
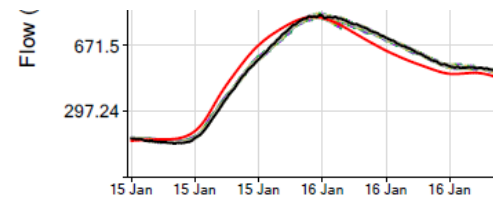
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Current status

- Simulation results for everywhere by January -> inform model improvements programme
- Then, 'real time' results after that...

Thank you

