# What it takes to achieve water data sharing: lessons learned from CUAHSI HydroShare

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### Grand Challenges in Hydrology and Water Resources







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- Integration of information from multiple sources
- Easy to use generally accessible shareable computing
- Working as a team and community



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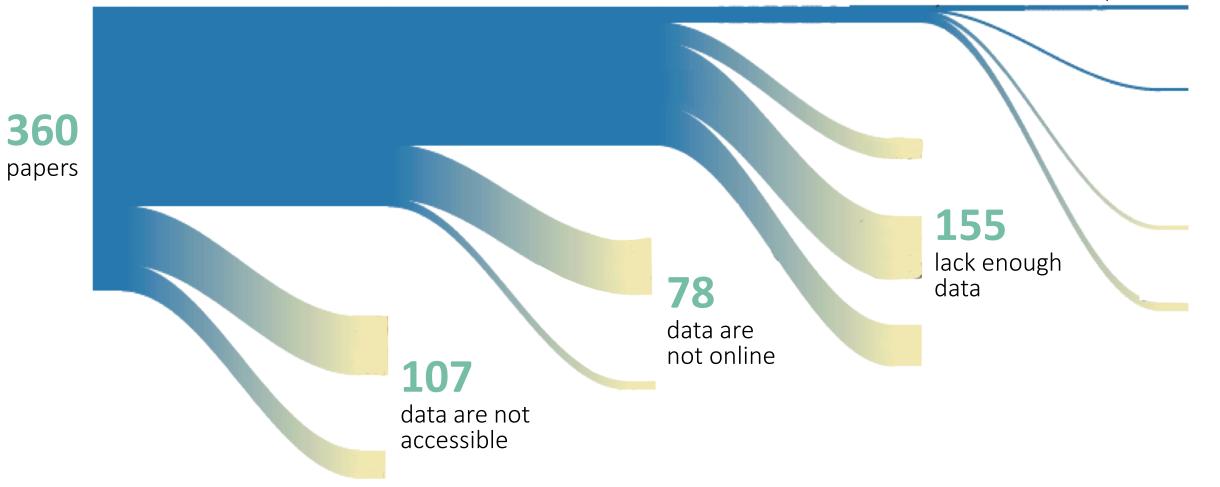
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Working as a team and community



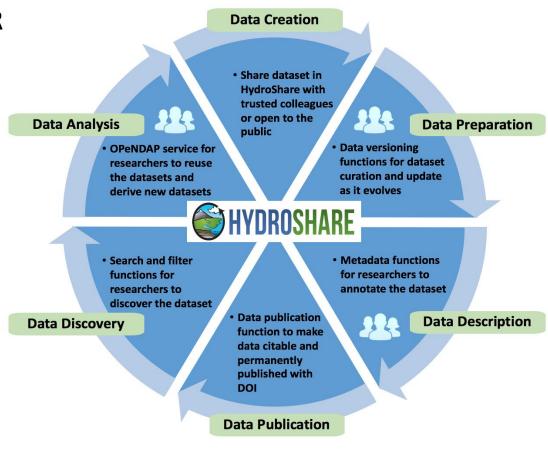
# The Challenge of Reproducibility





### The take home message

- Fulfilling the open data mandate and achieving FAIR data and reproducible trustworthy scientific research requires establishing and advancing information, data and model sharing systems that are easy to use and simplify and facilitate data management through the full data lifecycle
- CUAHSI HydroShare is our effort to achieve this for the Hydrology and Water Resources Research community
- Consider using HydroShare if your data are Water related
- Consider ideas from and approaches developed by HydroShare in other information and data sharing systems and repositories



Gan et al. 2020, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsoft.2020.104706



# HydroShare is a platform for sharing Hydrologic Resources and Collaborating

File Storage

DropBox-ish Functionality

- Meta Data Descriptions
- Data Access API
- Web Apps

Value Added Functionality

- Social Functions
- DOI Data Publication



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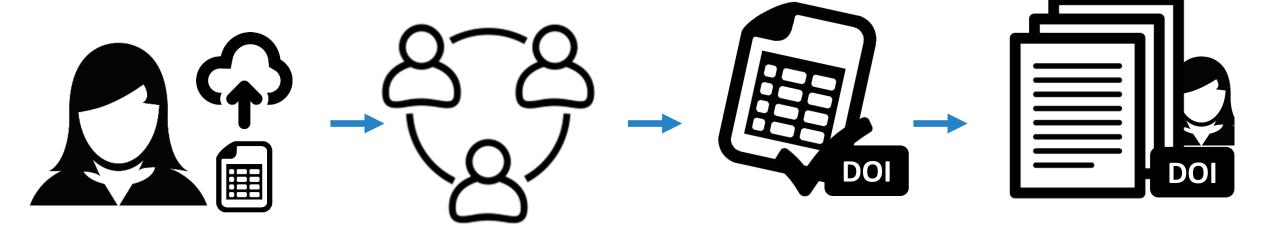
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The goal of HydroShare is to advance hydrologic science by enabling the scientific community to more easily and freely share products resulting from their research - not just the scientific publication summarizing a study, but also the data and models used to create the scientific publication.

# HYDROSHARE enables transparency



User creates dataset and uploads to Hydroshare

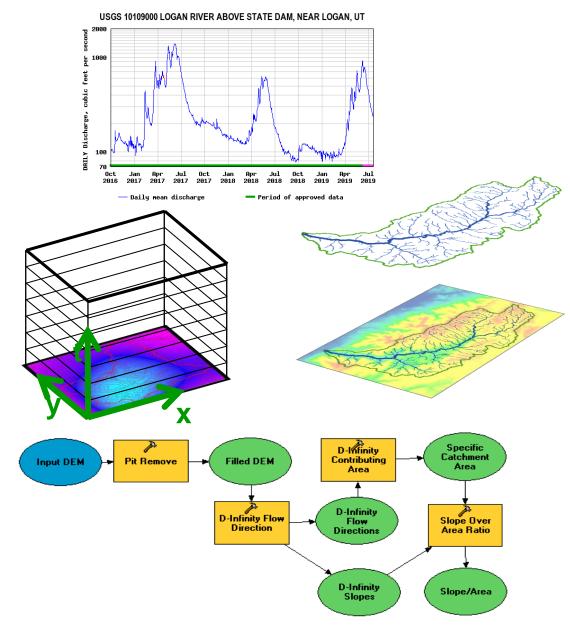
Research team iterates collaboratively

Final version is published and assigned DOI

User cites dataset in paper

### HydroShare founding Principles

- Data and models are first-class products of research and should be shared
- Data and models become social objects
- Data and models are stored in and become shareable "Resources" in HydroShare
- Research data management should start at the beginning of a project
- Resources should be created and systematically managed through the full research life cycle and include analysis and modeling workflows





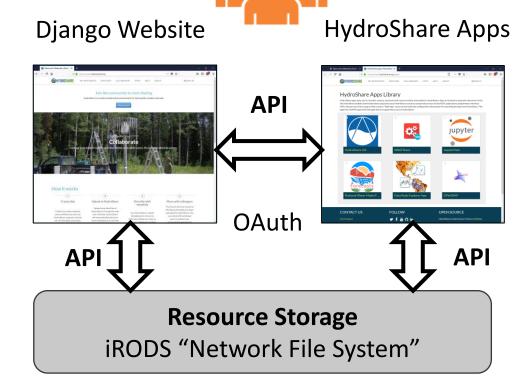
# HydroShare Components

# Resource exploration

- Discover content
- Organize and annotate your Resources
- Group Collaboration
- Manage access

Moving towards fully web based hydrologic innovation environment

Distributed file storage



Resource data model concepts



## Actions on Resources

- Web software to operate on content you have access to (Apps)
- Computation
- Extensibility through user applications

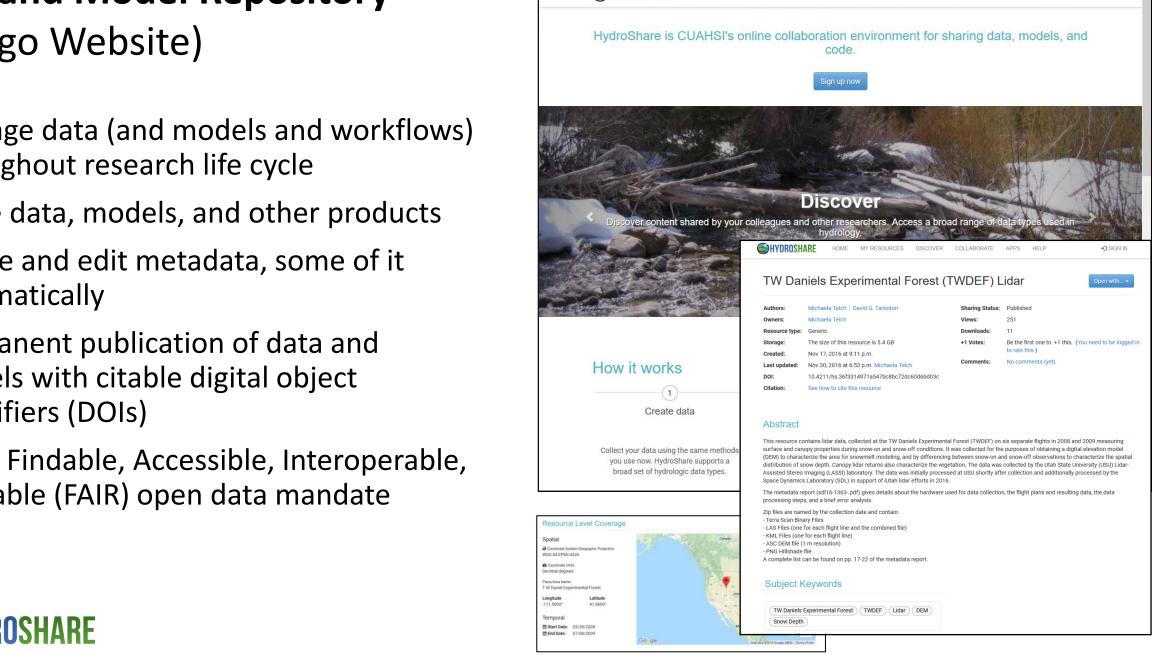
Anyone can set up a server/app platform (software service) to operate on HydroShare resources through iRODS and API

- JupyterHub and CyberGIS
   Jupyter for Water
- MATLAB Online
- Unidata THREDDS
- SWATShare (Hubzero)

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### **Data and Model Repository** (Django Website)

- Manage data (and models and workflows) throughout research life cycle
- Share data, models, and other products
- Create and edit metadata, some of it automatically
- Permanent publication of data and models with citable digital object identifiers (DOIs)
- Fulfill Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable (FAIR) open data mandate



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# Example

### **Water Resources Research**

#### **RESEARCH ARTICLE**

10.1029/2019WR024837

#### **Key Points:**

- Comparison of flood inundation mapped using Height Above Nearest Drainage (HAND) to inundation observed by Planet high-resolution imagery
- Improvements in HAND flood inundation mapping by conditioning the underlying digital elevation model using high-resolution hydrography
- Potential to use satellite observed inundation to infer distributed hydraulic roughness parameters for HAND-based hydraulic routing

### Terrain Analysis Enhancements to the Height Above Nearest Drainage Flood Inundation Mapping Method

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**Abstract** Flood inundation remains challenging to map, model, and forecast because it requires detailed representations of hydrologic and hydraulic processes. Recently, Continental-Scale Flood Inundation Mapping (CFIM), an empirical approach with fewer data demands, has been suggested. This approach uses National Water Model forecast discharge with Height Above Nearest Drainage (HAND) calculated from a digital elevation model to approximate reach-averaged hydraulic properties, estimate a synthetic rating curve,

In an effort to make this study reproducible, the data and computational scripts used to produce the study results have been saved in HydroShare (Garousi-Nejad et al., 2019). The code for the flow direction conditioning tool is part of TauDEM and is available from the TauDEM GitHub repository (<a href="http://github.com/dtarb/taudem">http://github.com/dtarb/taudem</a>).

Garousi-Nejad, I., D. Tarboton, M. Aboutalebi, A. F. Torres-Rua (2019). Data for terrain analysis enhancements to the height above nearest drainage flood inundation mapping method, HydroShare, https://doi.org/10.4211/hs.7235a0d6a18343078b2028085b7d8018



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David Tarboton | Irene Garousi-Nejad Owners:

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The size of this resource is 4.0 GB Storage:

Created: Aug 19, 2019 at 7:35 p.m.

Last updated: Sep 03, 2019 at 5:50 a.m. Irene Garousi-Nejad

DOI: 10.4211/hs.7235a0d6a18343078b2028085b7d8018

Citation: See how to cite this resource

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#### **Abstract**

This resource contains the data and scripts used for: Garousi-Nejad, I., D. G. Tarboton, M. Aboutalebi and A. F. Torres-Rua, (2019), "Terrain Analysis Enhancements to the Height Above Nearest Drainage Flood Inundation Mapping Method," Water Resources Research, http://doi.org/10.1029/2019WR024837.

#### References

#### Related Resources

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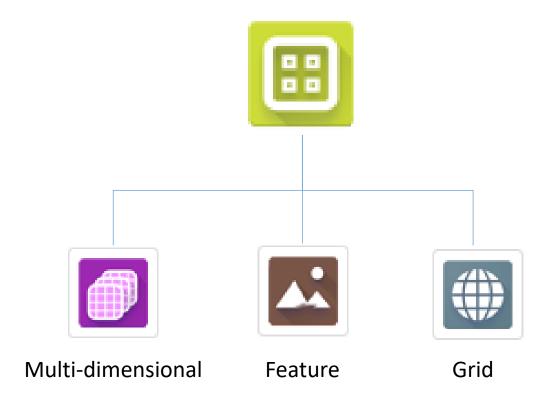
#### **Funding Agencies**

This resource was created using funding from the following sources:

Agency Name	Award Title	Award Number
National Science Foundation	Scalable Capabilities for Spatial Data Synthesis	1443080
Utah Water Research Laboratory	Graduate Student Research Assistantship for I Garousi-Nejad	

### HydroShare OAI-ORE standard based Resource Data Model

- A resource can hold multiple content aggregations
  - Managed as one discoverable resource
  - One unique identifier
  - One set of resource level metadata
  - One set of access controls (Owners, Editors etc.)
  - May be private, shared with others (users and groups), public, or permanently published to encourage early creation and addition of information through full data lifecycle
- A content aggregation
  - Can hold one or multiple files that comprise a single logical object
  - Each being a different type of data
  - One set of aggregation level metadata
  - Content aggregations are automatically created and metadata generated when a recognized file type is uploaded



Schema.org + Dublin Core machine readable metadata to make data in HydroShare FAIR

### Resource Landing Page



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### Logan 10 m Terrain Analysis

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Authors: David Tarboton

Owners: David Tarboton

Resource type: Composite Resource

Storage: The size of this resource is 54.7 MB

Created: Feb 12, 2017 at 5:36 p.m.

Last updated: Feb 16, 2019 at 5:37 p.m. David Tarboton

Citation: See how to cite this resource

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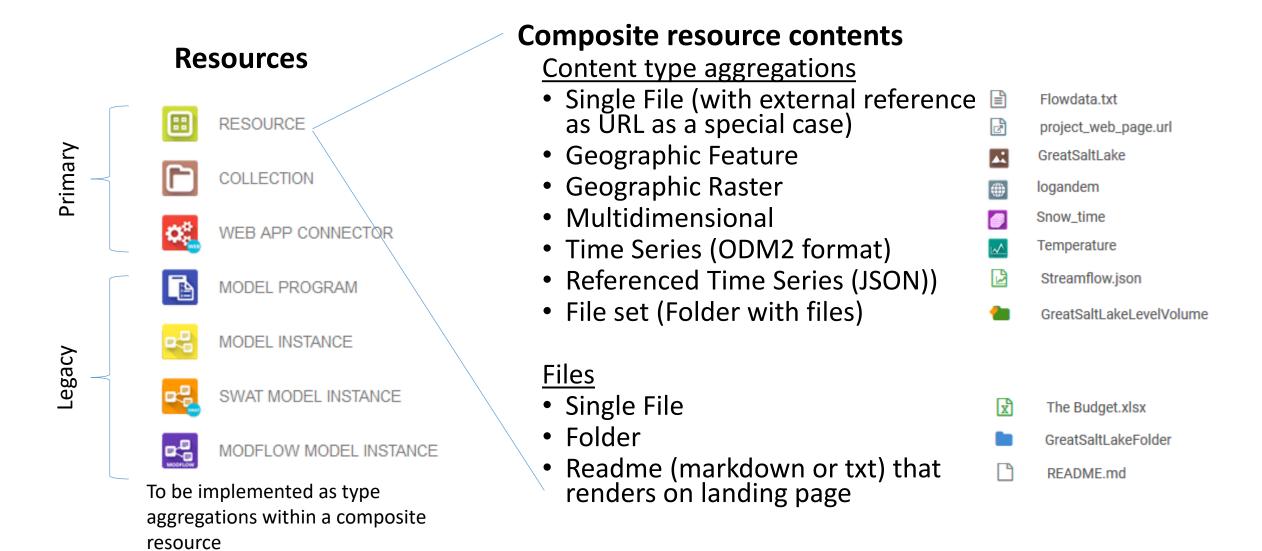
Results from Hydrologic terrain analysis performed on Logan River Basin Digital Elevation model using TauDEM

The input digital elevation model (DEM) is Logan.tif.

The sequence in the script script.py performs a TauDEM analysis that does the following

- Remove pits (by filling them)
- D8 Flow direction
- D8 Contributing area

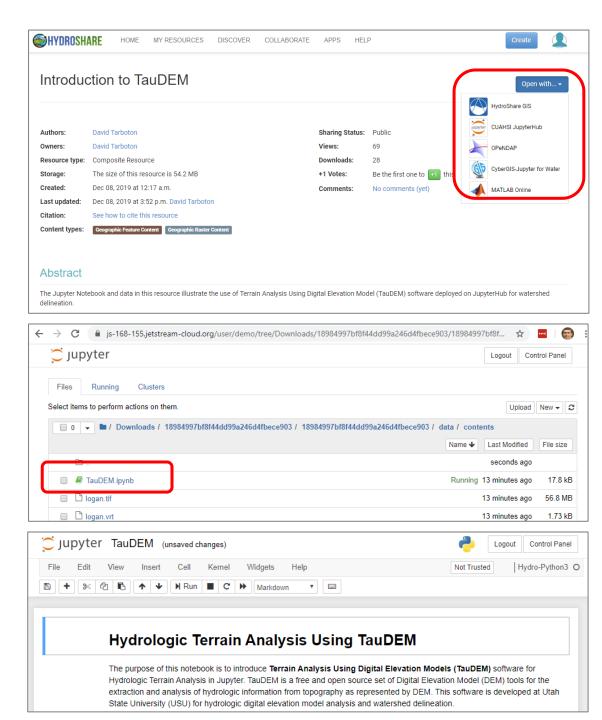
## Resources and content aggregations



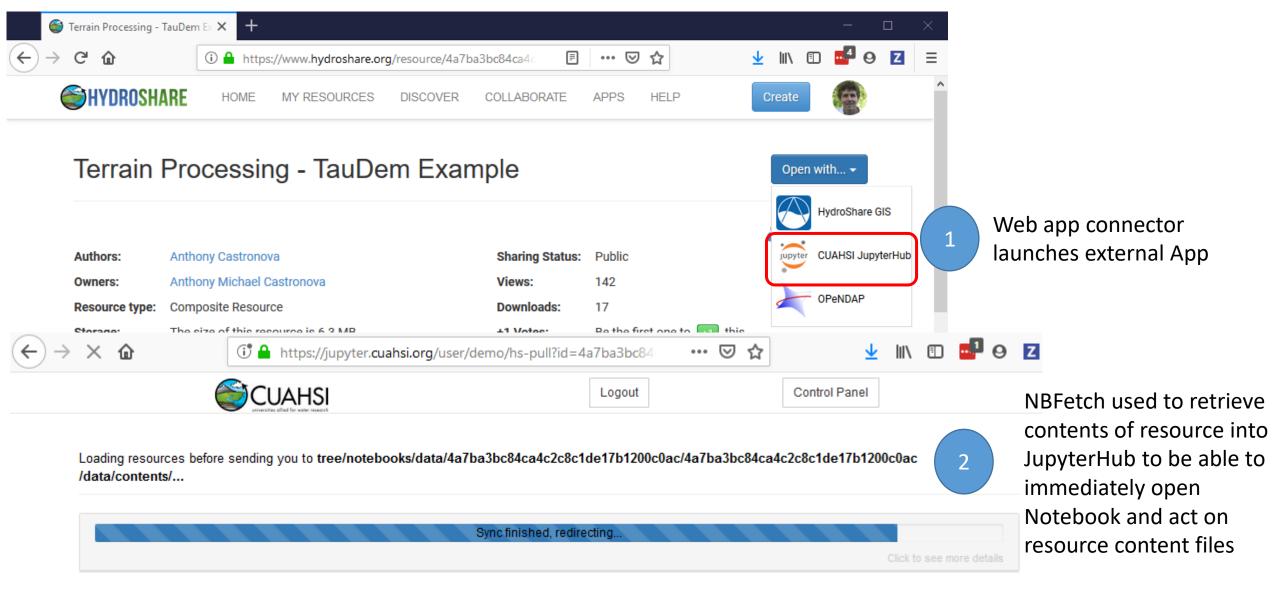
# Web based Gateway to computing (Apps and JupyterHub)

- Provide immediate value
  - What can I do now that I may not be able to easily do on my PC
- Model input data preparation
- Model execution
- Visualization and analysis (best of practice tools)
- Reduced needs for software installation and configuration (platform independence)
- Teaching
- Write and execute code in a Jupyter Notebook, acting on content of HydroShare resources and saving results back to HydroShare Repository
  - Collaboration
  - Access to enhanced computation (HPC, Big data)
- Enhanced trust in research through transparency, replicability and reproducibility





## JupyterHub



Implemented through collaboration with Martin Hunt, Science Gateways Community Institute Consultant

### JupyterHub



Open Notebook

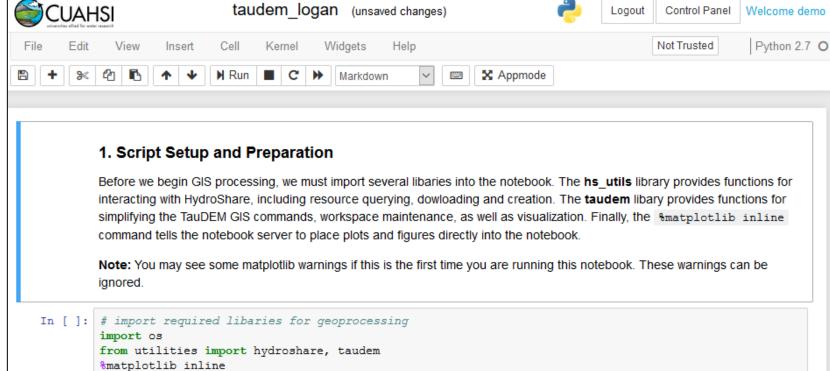
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Analysis in JupyterHub

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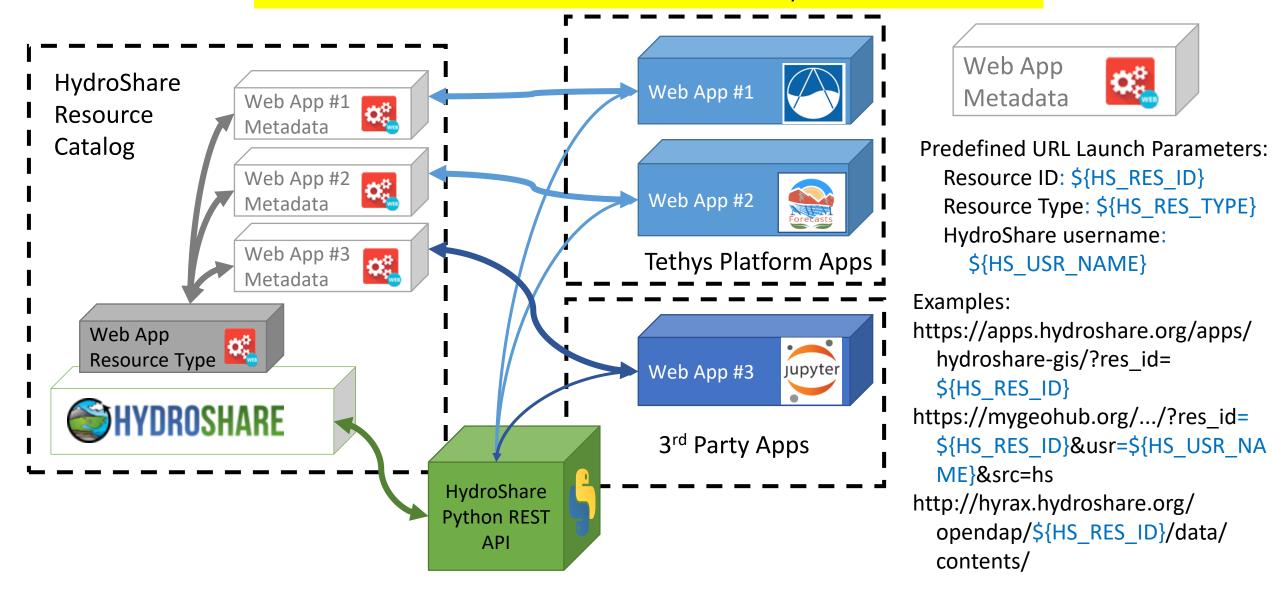
Save Results back to HydroShare



### Web App Connector

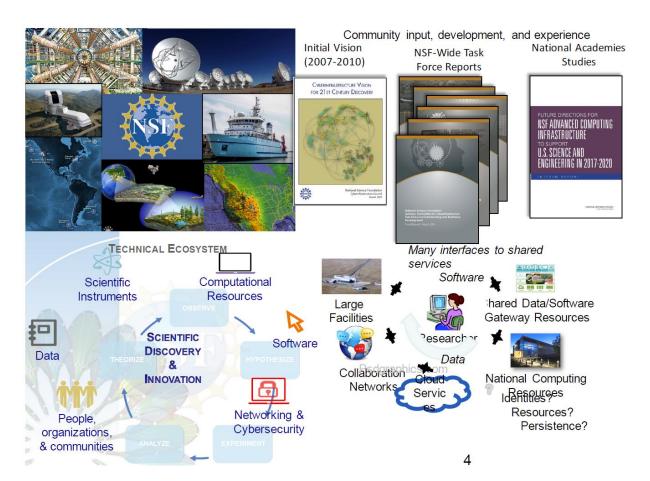
Anybody can create a web app on any web server and configure a web app

Connector for it to be launched from HydroShare



### Interoperability and Software Ecosystems

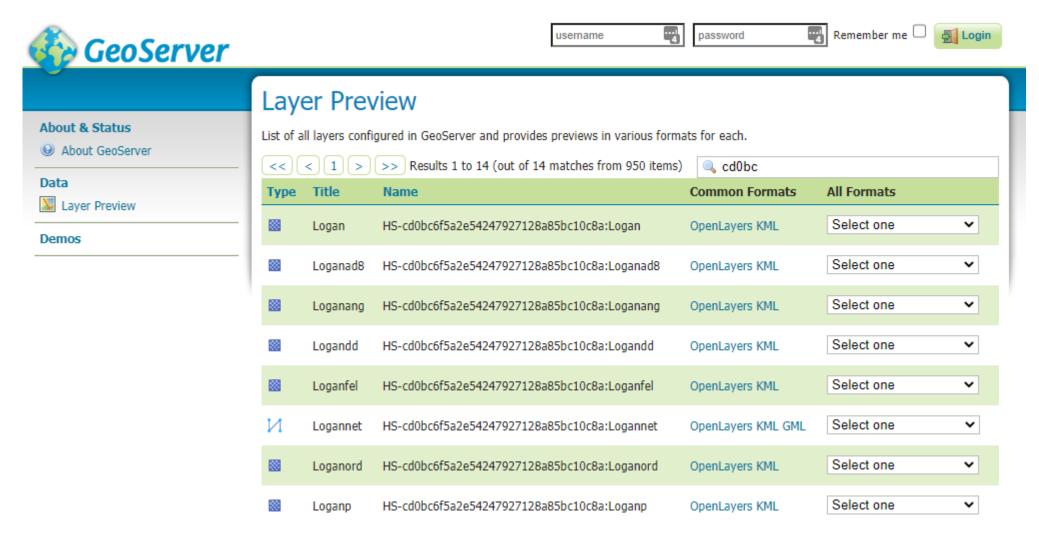
- A foundation of the web
- No one system can do it all
- Applications programming interfaces (APIs)
- Unique Identifiers that enable linked data (web URI's)
- A cyberinfrastructure ecosystem of many interfaces to shared services
- Personal Cyberinfrastructure
  - Individually managed set of CI tools you assemble and learn to use to do your work



NSF vision for a cyberinfrastructure of many interfaces to shared services [Rajiv Ramnath, NSF Division of Advanced Cyberinfrastructure

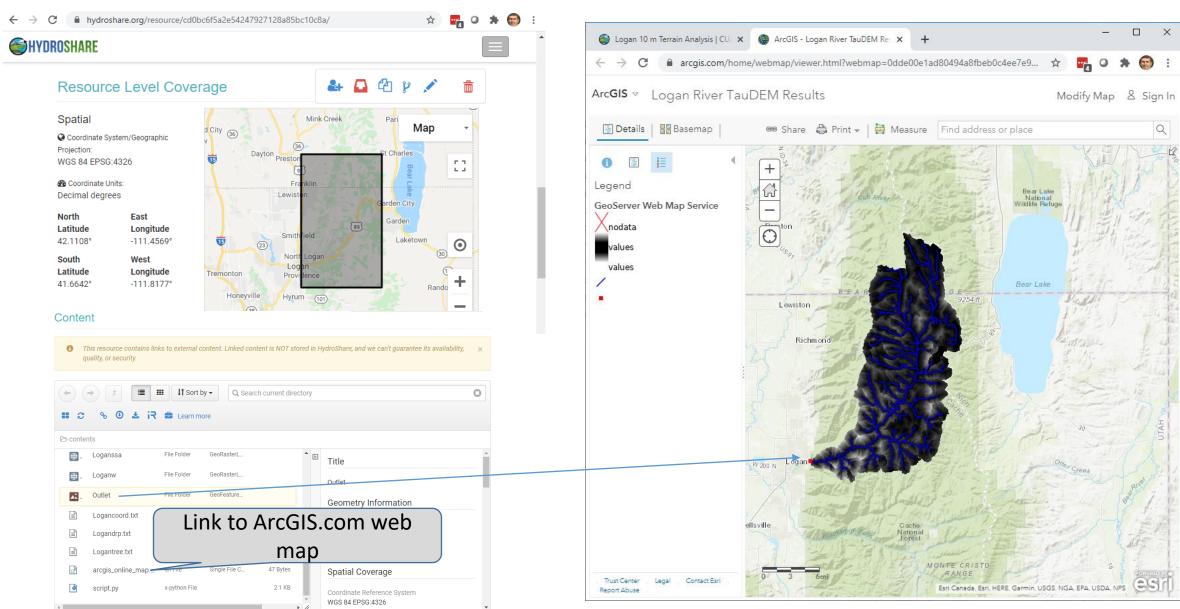
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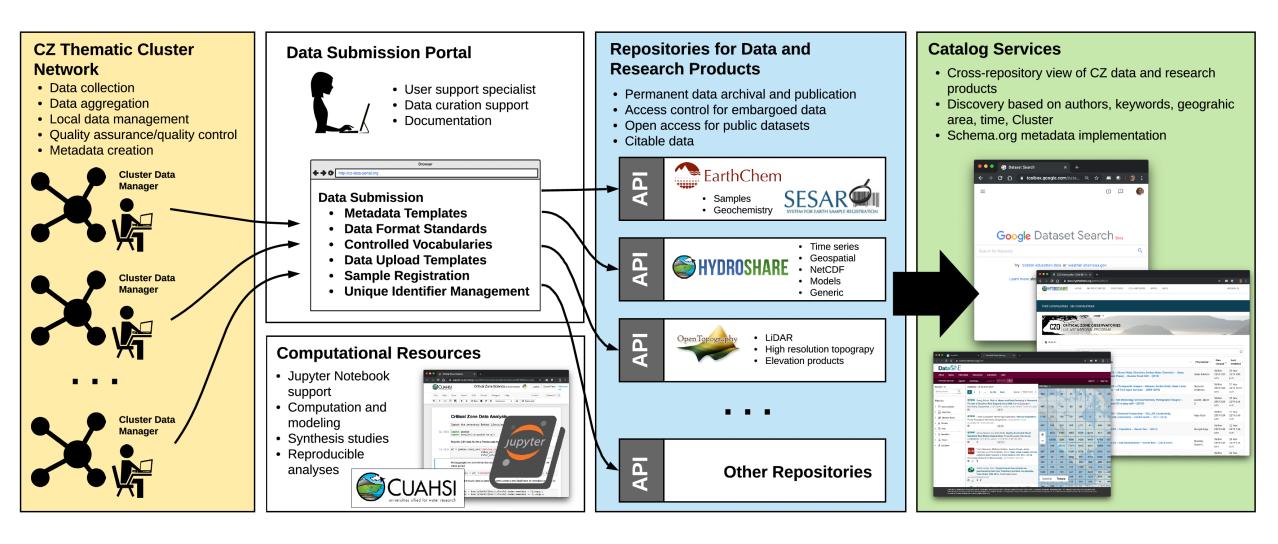


Public Resources with Geographic Content are published on Geoserver using OGC Web Services

# HydroShare GeoServer contents in Arcgis.com



# NSF Critical Zone (CZ) Collaborative Network Data Management

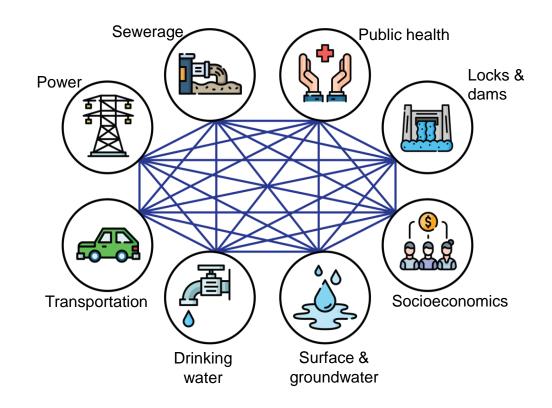


# UF-OKN Urban Flooding Open Knowledge Network

- Delivering flood information to anyone, anytime, anywhere
- Holistic approach for better understanding how floods impact the urban multiplex (water, transportation, power, civic infrastructure networks etc.)
- Knowledge graph to deliver results based on natural language queries

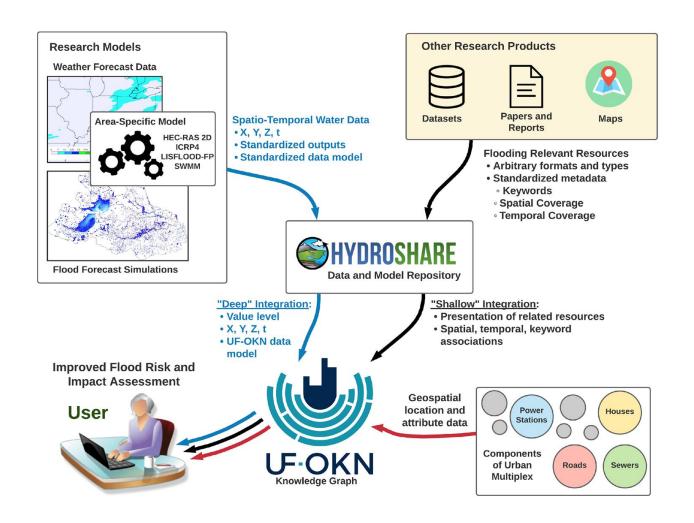
What areas of my city are at risk?

NSF Convergence Accelerator project





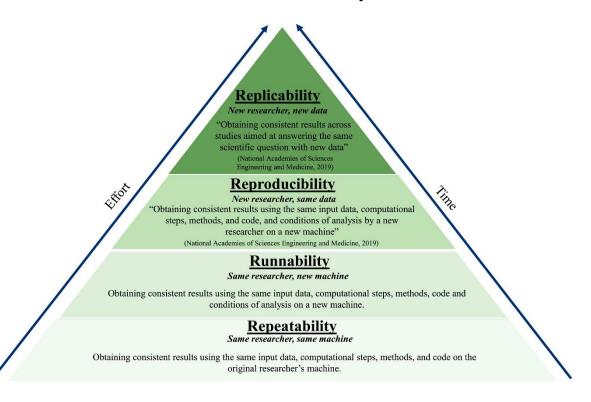
# HydroShare supporting UF-OKN Research Community and Data Integration



# Reproducibility

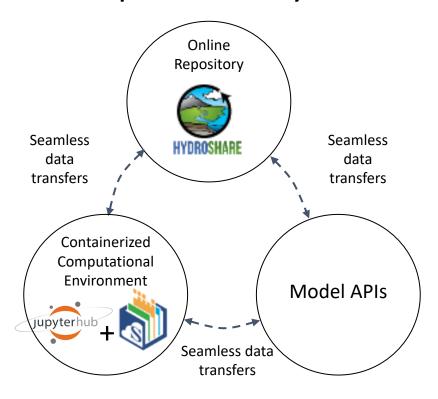


### What it means to reproducible



Essawy, et al., 2020, A taxonomy for reproducible and replicable research in environmental modeling, *Environmental Modelling & Software*, 134:104753, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsoft.2020.104753

### EarthCube Reproducibility Workbench

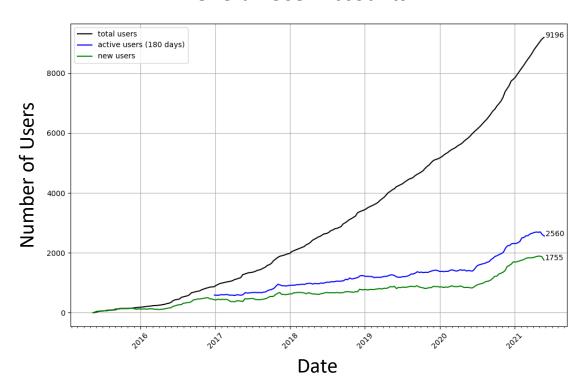


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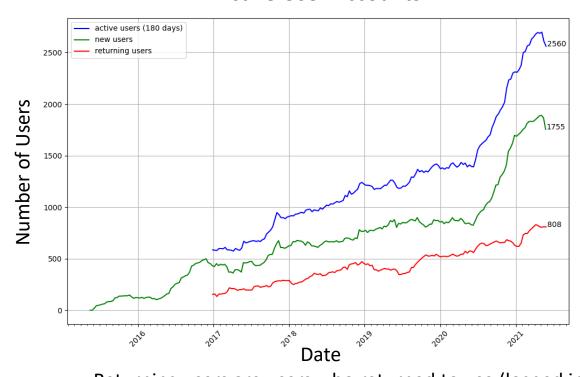
### Audience and Use

Primary audience is US Hydrologic Research community (NSF funding) but open to international use and use by water resource professionals, educators and citizen scientists

#### **Overall User Accounts**



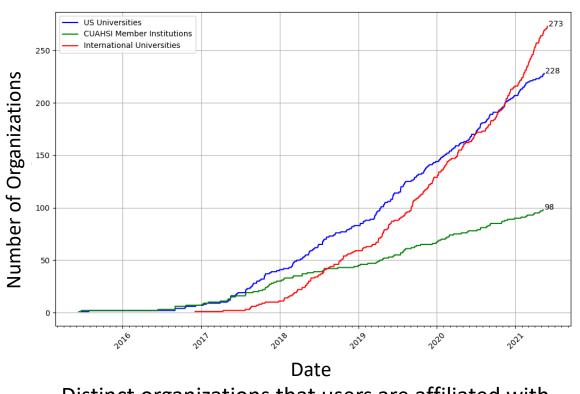
#### **Active User Accounts**

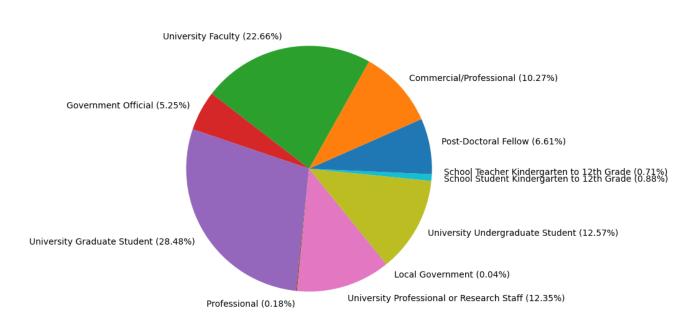


Returning users are users who returned to use (logged in to) HydroShare in the last 180 days after having created their account prior to the last 180 days

Data from: <a href="http://public.cuahsi.org/metrics-report/">http://public.cuahsi.org/metrics-report/</a>

### Organizations and Users by Types



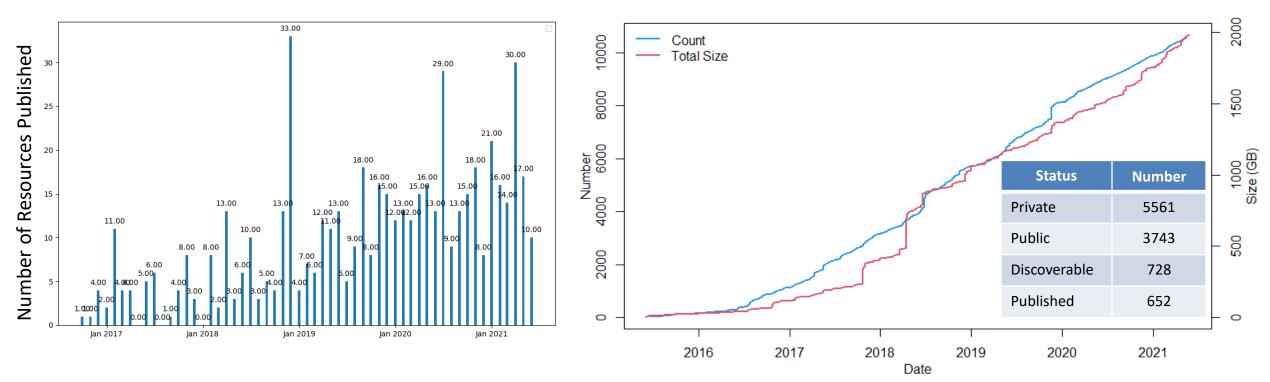


Distinct organizations that users are affiliated with.

Users by type (from 54 % of users reporting type)



### Resources



Number of resources permanently published with digital object identifier (DOI) issued per month

Cumulative number and size of resources in HydroShare

### **Lessons Learned**

- Having a community is critical. Listen and address community needs
- Provide immediate value
  - (fulfilling open data mandate is not immediate value)
  - DOI's for citation and credit
  - Simplified access to computational capacity
- Standards
- Be Interoperable participate in services oriented architecture Ecosystem
- Partnering to expand use and funding base



# Summary

HydroShare is a web based collaboration environment to enable more rapid advances in hydrologic understanding through data sharing, analysis and modeling

- Sharing and publication of data (DOI)
- Social discovery and added value
- Model and workflow sharing

- Model input data preparation
- Model execution
- Visualization and analysis (best of practice tools)

Collaboration, Reproducibility, Credit, Transparency



- Platform independence
- Big data
- Reproducibility
- Interoperability
- Reduced needs for software installation and configuration

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### What is CUAHSI?

- CUAHSI is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Consortium of about 130 U.S. Academic Institutions, Non-Profits, and International Universities
- Mission is to shape the future of water science by:
  - Strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration in the water-science community
  - Empowering the community by providing research and education services
  - Promoting education in the water sciences at all levels
- Key Activities
  - Community Services, such as workshops, community meeting, training, etc.
  - Data and Model Services, including HydroShare and time-series services



