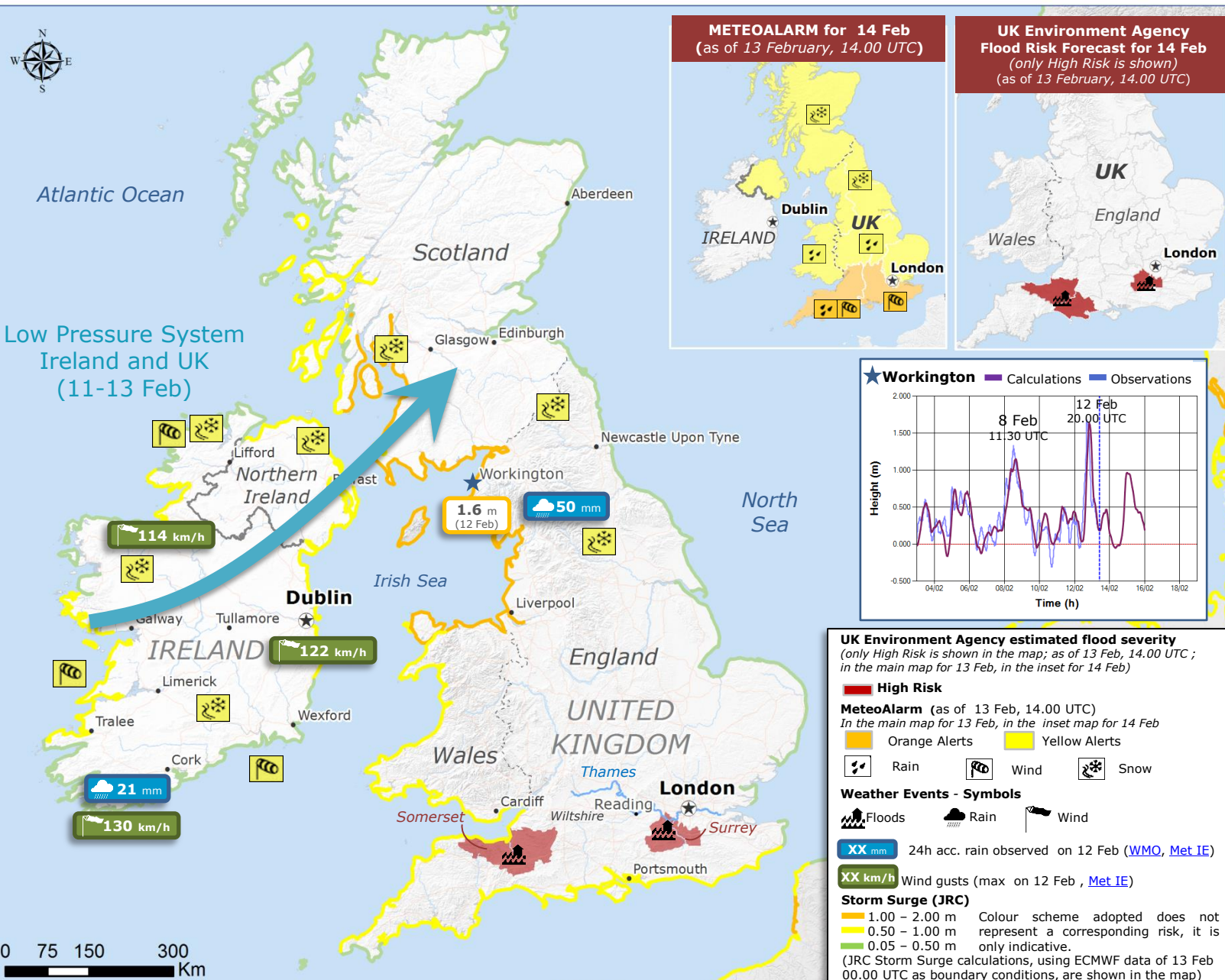


13 February 2014: UK, Ireland – Severe Weather



SITUATION

A low pressure system, formed over the Atlantic Ocean, crossed Ireland and the UK on 12 February, causing heavy rains, strong winds, floods, high waves and storm surge.

IRELAND

- Due to the low pressure area very strong winds affected Ireland, with gusts of up to 160 km/h (media).
- The winds caused damage to a number of buildings and brought down trees and power lines; up to 250 000 customers suffered power cuts on 12 February and 190 000 of them were still without power in the morning of 13 February. Much of the high-voltage network was damaged but outages are expected to be resolved within the next few days.
- On 13/14 February, heavy showers and occasional snow may still affect parts of Ireland.

Sources: [Met IE](#), [Media](#), [ESB Networks](#)

UNITED KINGDOM

- A low pressure area moving across the UK affected western and northern England and Wales with strong winds; gusts of more than 160 km/h were measured on several occasions in the afternoon of 12 February on the coast of Wales and northern England. One person is reported killed in Wiltshire in the south-east by downed power cables. Media report that 130 000 customers remained without power late on 12 February.
- Meanwhile, flooding along the river Thames and in Somerset is expected to continue into the weekend, as further rainfall is forecast for 14 and 15 February. The total number of flooded homes along the Thames has reached 1 135 on 12 February. A total of 16 Severe Flood Warnings remain in effect (14 along the Thames and two in Somerset), as of 13 February 12.00 UTC (UK Environment Agency)

Sources: [BBC](#), [MetOffice](#), [UK Env. Agency](#)