



MIKE FLOOD

Modelling of River Flooding

Step-by-step training guide



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1 Getting Started with River Modelling in MIKE FLOOD

1.1 Brief Introduction to MIKE FLOOD

MIKE FLOOD is a tool that integrates the models MIKE 11, MIKE HYDRO, MIKE+ and the MIKE 21 into a single, dynamically coupled modelling system. Using a coupled approach enables the best features of the different models to be utilized, while at the same time avoiding some limitations that may be encountered when using the components separately.

1.2 Purpose of this Document

The purpose of this document is to:

- assist the user in understanding the relationships among the model files and linkage types that make up a MIKE FLOOD river model simulation data set; and,
- provide a step-by-step example of how to set up a basic MIKE FLOOD floodplain model using existing MIKE 11 and MIKE 21 model data files.

The setup of a two-dimensional overland model and a one-dimensional sewer model is treated separately in the document 'Modelling of Urban Flooding'.

2 MIKE FLOOD Example Setup

The files used in this Step-by-step training guide are a part of the installation. You can install the examples from the MIKE Zero start page.

Please note that all future references made in this Step-by-step guide to files in the examples are made relative to the main folders holding the examples.

User Guides and Manuals can be accessed via the MIKE Zero Documentation Index in the start menu.

2.1 Introduction to the Example Model

The example model referenced in this document is the 'Floodplain Demonstration' example discussed briefly in the MIKE FLOOD User Guide, which can be accessed via the MIKE Zero Documentation Index in the start menu:

[MIKE FLOOD User Guide](#)

This document is not intended to provide a step-by-step, comprehensive tutorial on setting up the MIKE 11 and MIKE 21 components of the MIKE FLOOD model. Detailed information on the creation of new MIKE 11, MIKE HYDRO, MIKE+ and MIKE 21 models datasets can be found in their respective software user and reference manuals included with the software installation. Instead, this document is intended to discuss the steps required to link a MIKE 11 one-dimensional river model with the MIKE 21 two-dimensional floodplain model to create a MIKE FLOOD coupled 1D/2D floodplain model. It is assumed that the user has a working understanding of the applicable hydraulic engineering principles and hydraulic modelling in general before beginning this MIKE FLOOD example setup.

2.2 Creating the MIKE FLOOD File for the Example Model Setup

The procedure below will walk you through the steps to link an existing MIKE 11 and an existing MIKE 21 model setup thus constructing a MIKE FLOOD model encompassing the rivers and the surrounding floodplains. You will create a new MIKE FLOOD simulation file and add lateral, structure and zero flow (described in detail in the MIKE FLOOD User Guide) to accomplish this. If you instead wish to load the fully linked MIKE FLOOD simulation coupling file, it can be found in the MIKE Zero Examples folder of the installation:

[.\MIKE_FLOOD\FloodplainDemonstration](#)

In general, it is recommended to copy the examples to a user location through the install examples functionality found in the MIKE Zero start page.

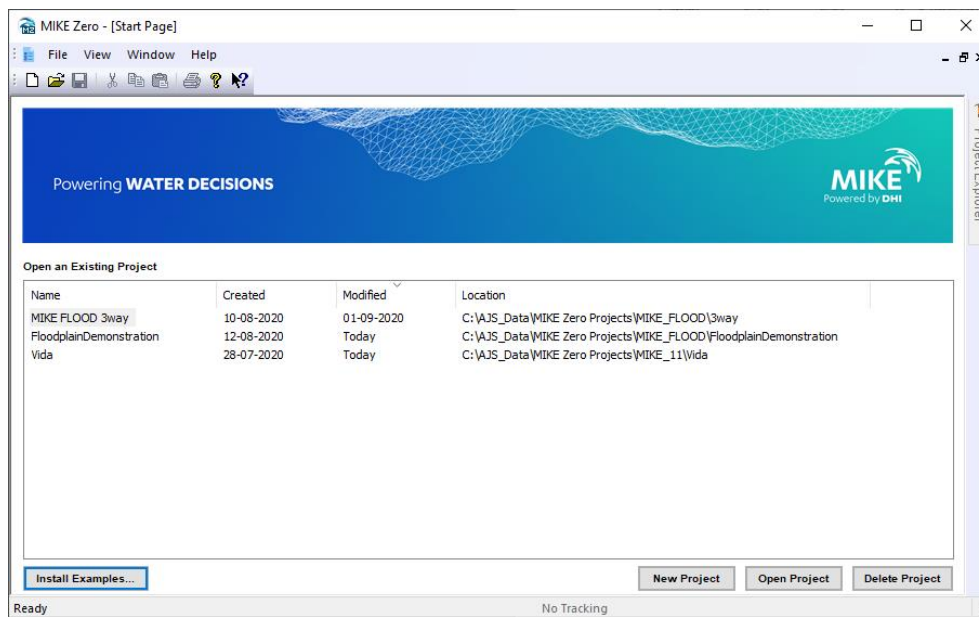


Figure 2.1 Installation of MIKE FLOOD examples

To create the MIKE FLOOD example model from the existing 1D and 2D models do the following:

1. MIKE FLOOD is activated by starting MIKE Zero from your computer's START menu.
2. Create a new MIKE FLOOD simulation file by choosing File→New→MIKE FLOOD→MIKE FLOOD. Save the MIKE FLOOD setup file under a name of your choice in the examples folder

[.\Examples\MIKE_FLOOD\FloodplainDemonstration](#)

3. Don't overwrite the existing MIKE FLOOD setup file in the example files folder.
4. Activate the *Linkage Files* menu item on the left of the MIKE FLOOD interface.
5. Activate the *Surface Model* tick box
6. Select the appropriate MIKE 21 simulation files in the *Linkage Files* section of the MIKE FLOOD editor (found in the folder 'floodplain' - see Figure 2.2).

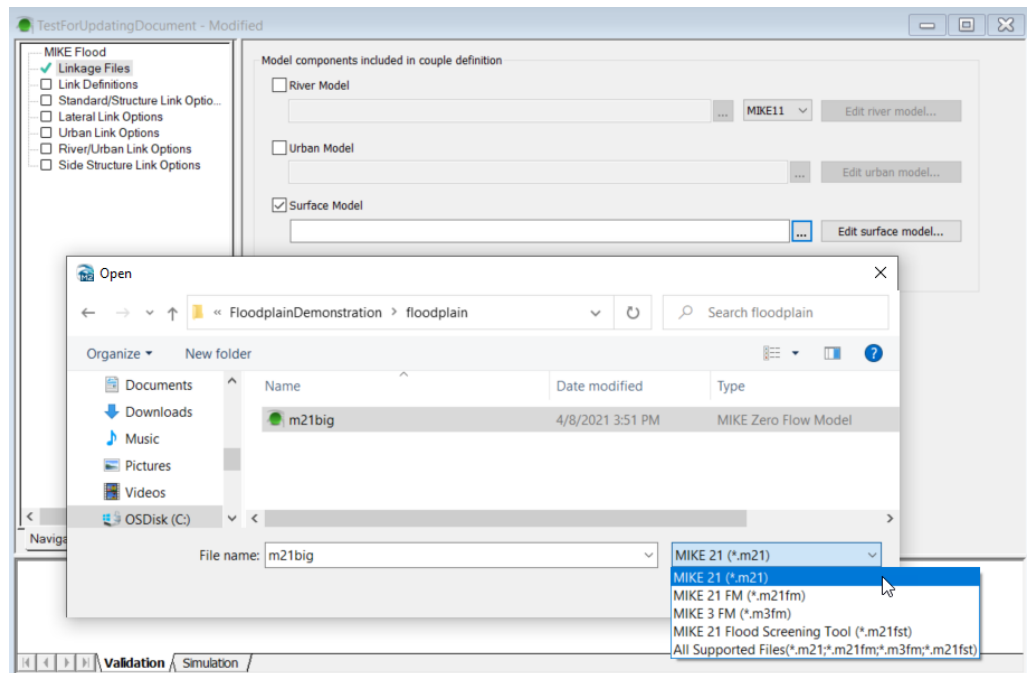


Figure 2.2 Selection of MIKE 21 file

7. Activate the *River Model* tick box to select appropriate MIKE 11 simulation file (found in the folder 'river' - see).

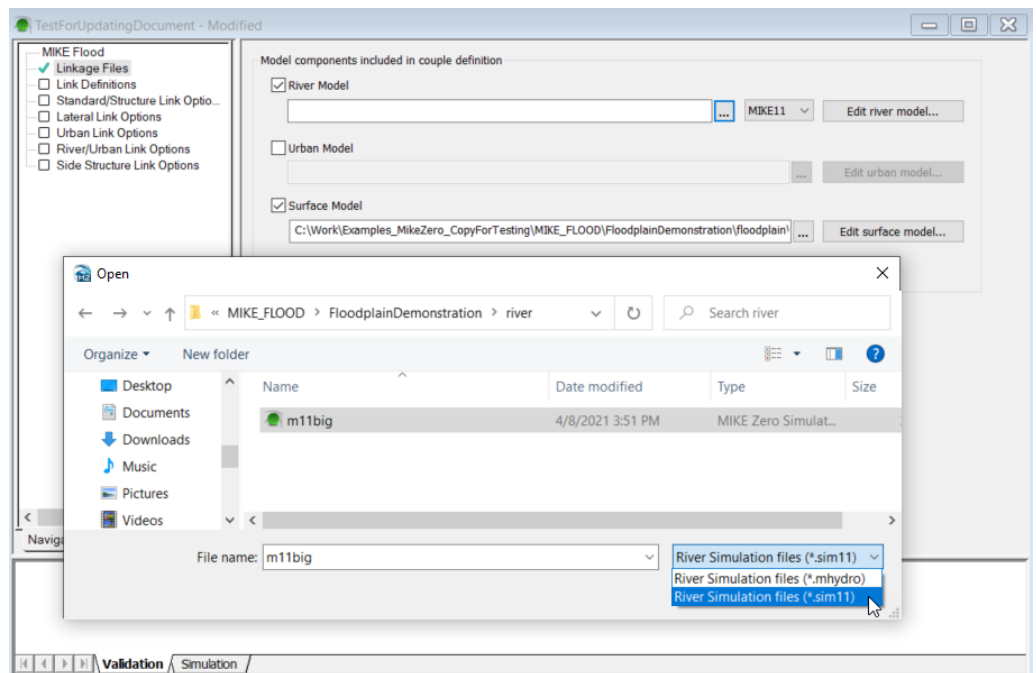


Figure 2.3 Selection of a river setup. Note the tick box, which has been selected prior to activation of the browse button (the ellipses). Furthermore, the buttons are not active until the tick box has been selected

8. Explore the MIKE 11 model network by clicking on the 'Edit river model' button in the Definition dialog. To see the river network, click the Input tab on the resulting dialog box, then click the 'Edit' button beside the item specifying the 'Network' file (see Figure 2.4). Please refer to the MIKE 11 User Guide for information on browsing features and data forms in the river Network file, the Cross-section file, and other MIKE 11 simulation files.

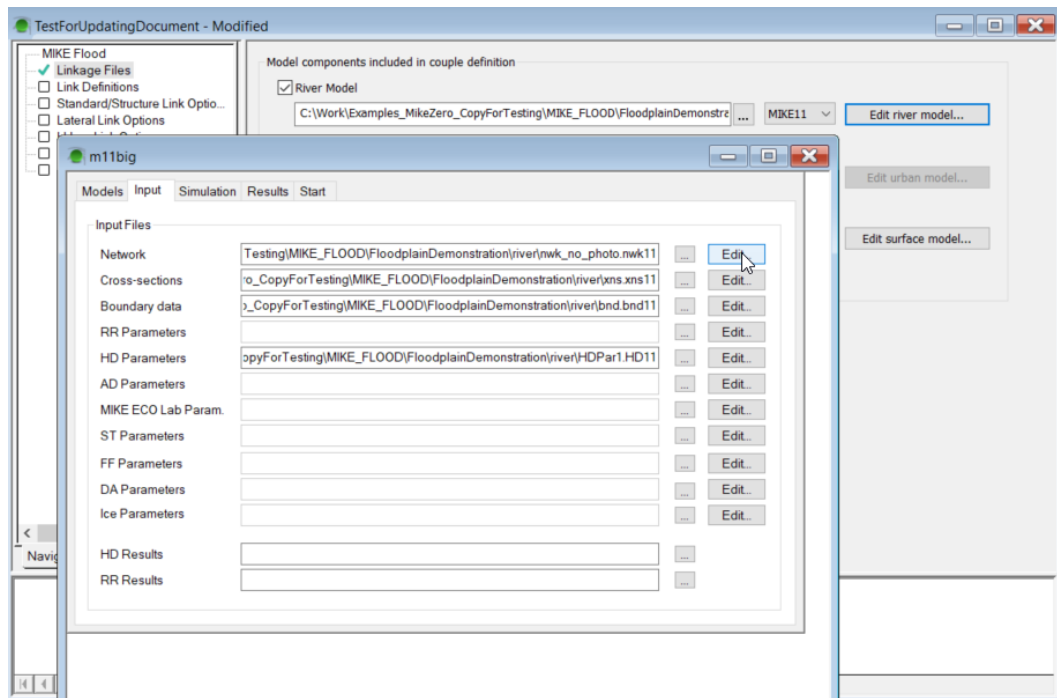


Figure 2.4 Exploring the files in the MIKE 11 model.

9. Explore the MIKE 21 model setup by clicking on the 'Edit surface model' button. Please refer to the MIKE 21 User Guide for a full description of MIKE 21 model parameters and their specification.
10. To see the MIKE 21 model grid describing the floodplain topography select the menu item 'Basic Parameters → bathymetry' and then the 'View' button as shown in Figure 2.5. To better visualize the resulting topography in the graphic view you can choose to generate a new palette. This is done through the main toolbar through the menu 'View → Palette → new'. Go through the steps needed in generating a palette.

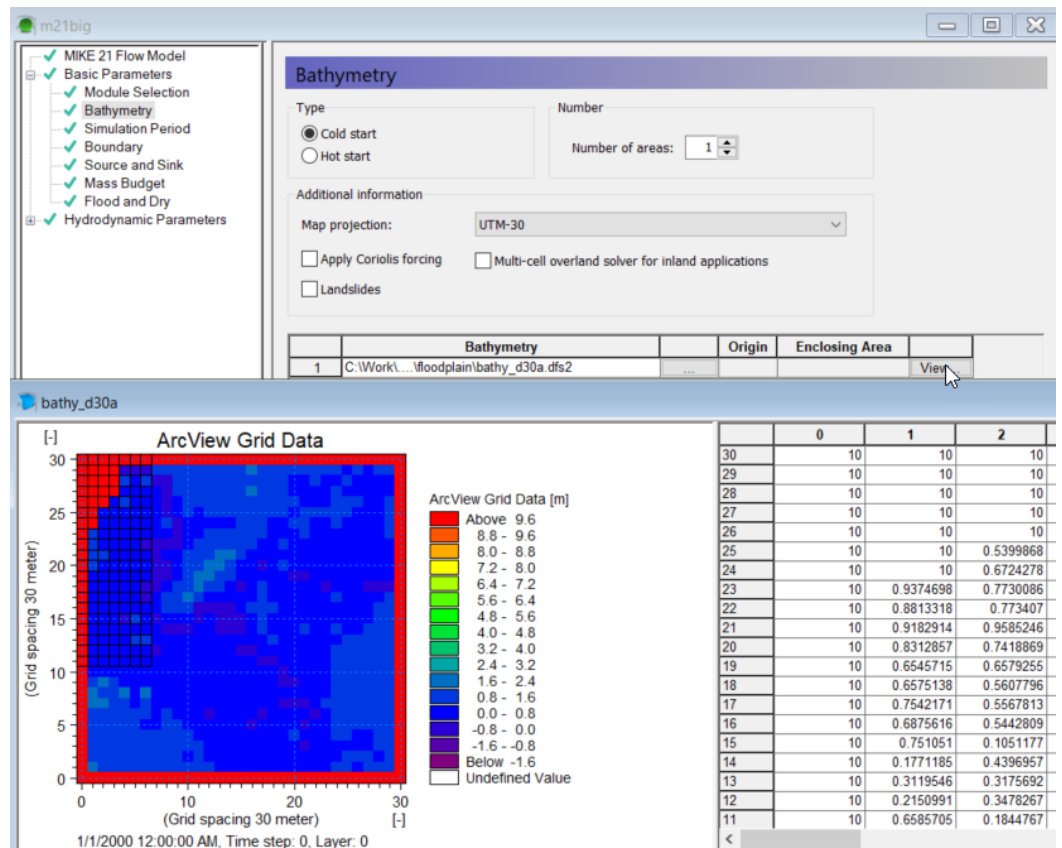


Figure 2.5 Access to the grid file used to describe the floodplain is gained through the MIKE 21 interface

As can be seen the river branches are not defined in great detail in the topographic grid. The location of the rivers is most clearly visualized through the MIKE FLOOD interface by selecting the item 'Link Definitions' in the MIKE FLOOD editor (a close up is shown in Figure 2.6).

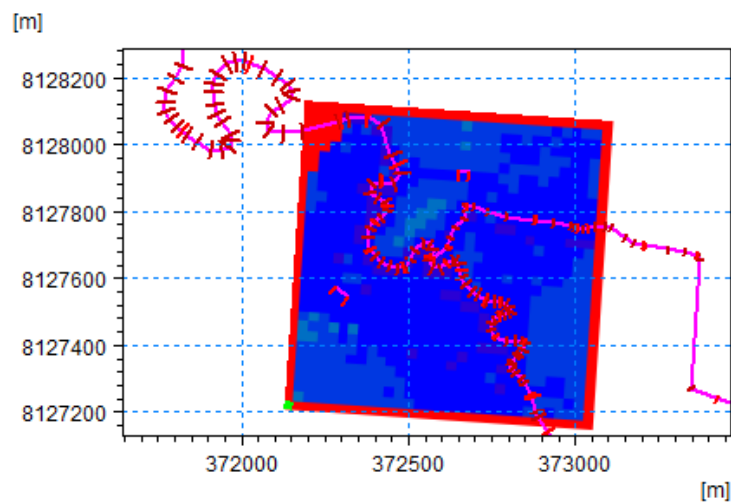


Figure 2.6 Close up of the combined river and flood plain model

At this point the two main model components have been brought into the MIKE FLOOD interface. The goal from here on is to couple the river and the floodplain using the various tools available within the MIKE FLOOD editor.

2.3 Lateral Coupling of Rivers to their respective Flood Plains

The setup has two branches 'River' and 'Trib'. These should be coupled along the riverbanks to the two-dimensional domain.

In order to do this, the following steps should be followed:

1. Right click in the graphical view to display a range of tools.

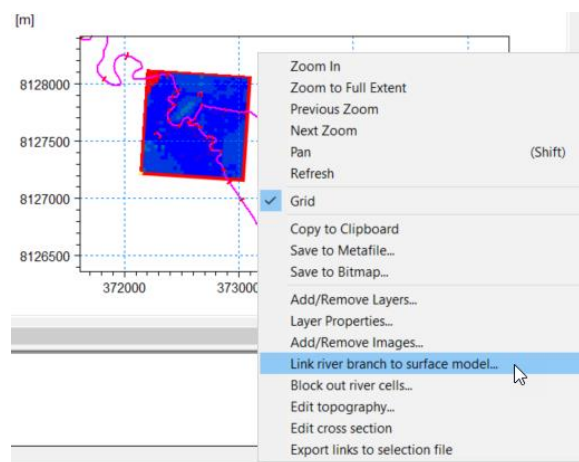


Figure 2.7 Right clicking in the graphical view

2. Select the option 'Link river branch to surface model...' to display the linking menu.
3. This first link is between the tributary stream and the left-over bank floodplain area of the MIKE 11 river branch called 'TRIB'. The linkage extends along the tributary from MIKE 11 chainage 1350.00 metres to chainage 1885.00 metres and should join the MIKE 11 reach to a number of grid cells in the MIKE 21 model. Select the 'Lateral link' as the link type.
4. Select a 'Left' in the combo box.

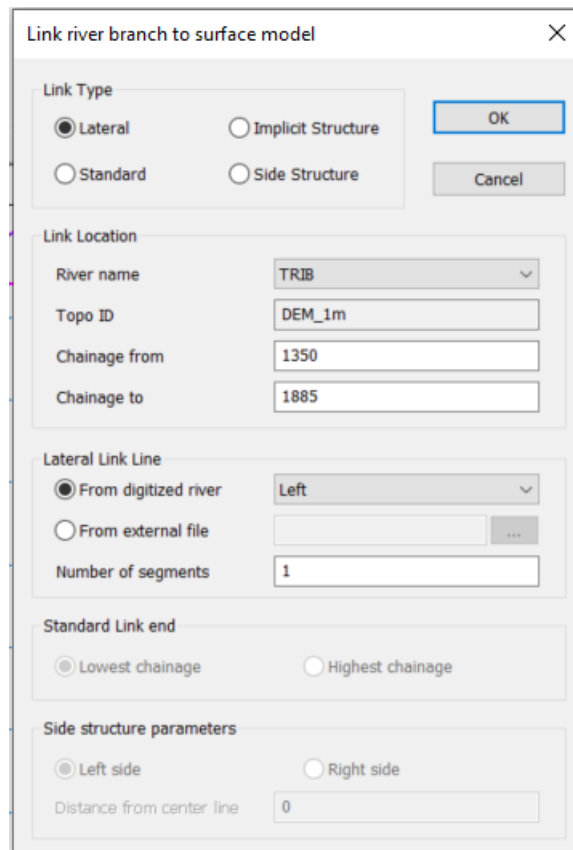


Figure 2.8 The lateral linkage tool

5. Specify the river name and the Topo ID along with the chainages of the reach to be coupled. The setup should be as shown in Figure 2.8.
6. The appropriate cells have now been selected in the grid.
7. The first link entry is empty and should be deleted. This is done by marking it and then clicking the delete button on the right (see Figure 2.9).

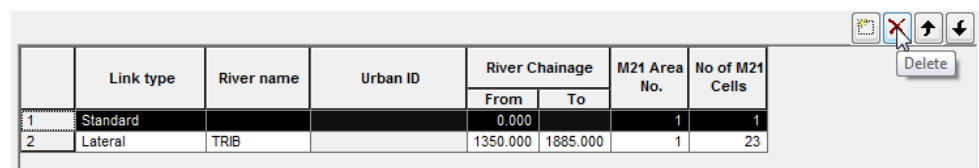


Figure 2.9 Deleting the first non-valid row in the MIKE FLOOD editor

8. The specific linked cells are specified in the tab in the left table named 'Cell Indices'. MIKE 21 grid cells are set up in a J and K coordinate system instead of Northing and Easting, to allow for rotated grids. In this case, the J direction represents columns in the grid (which would be X or Easting in a typical map coordinate system), and the K direction represents rows in the grid (Y or Northing in a non-rotated grid). The rotation of the MIKE 21 grid is determined upon initial model setup and should generally be oriented so that predominant flow direction follows either the J or K direction.

9. After you've specified *where* the flooding from MIKE 11 should enter the left-side floodplain, now you need to specify *how* flow will be interchanged for this link between MIKE 11 and MIKE 21. So, in the MIKE FLOOD editor, click the Lateral Link Options section. Set up the lateral link options as shown in Figure 2.10. Please refer to the MIKE FLOOD User Guide for a description of the meaning and use of the options available here for Lateral and other types of links.

Lateral Link Options														
	Link type	River name	River Chainage		M11	Structure							External Files	
			From	To		Side	Method	Type	Source	Depth Tol	Weir C	Fric(n)	FLC	Geometry
1	Lateral	TRIB	1350.0	1885.0	Right	Cell to Cell	Weir 1	HGH	0.100	1.838	0.050			

Figure 2.10 The lateral link options for the left link along the 'Trib' branch

Congratulations! You've now set up your first MIKE FLOOD model by linking MIKE 11 to MIKE 21. You can start the model simulation by choosing Run → Start Simulation from the top menu, and then explore the model results to see how flow is exchanged in this very basic model. All you need to do now is to connect the remaining branches to their respective floodplains to complete the lateral linking process.

2.4 Setting up a Structure Link

This section will focus on coupling a culvert under a major road embankment to the two-dimensional domain. The culvert has already been set up in a short MIKE 11 branch with just two cross-sections. The goal is now to couple the end points of this branch to cells within the two-dimensional domain.

The following procedure should be followed to accomplish this.

10. Right click in the graphical view (see Figure 2.7) and select the 'Link river branch to surface model ...'
11. Select *Implicit Structure* as Link Type
12. Select 'CULV1' under *River name* and click OK.
13. Two new structure links have now been added to the table. One for each end of the branch CULV 1.

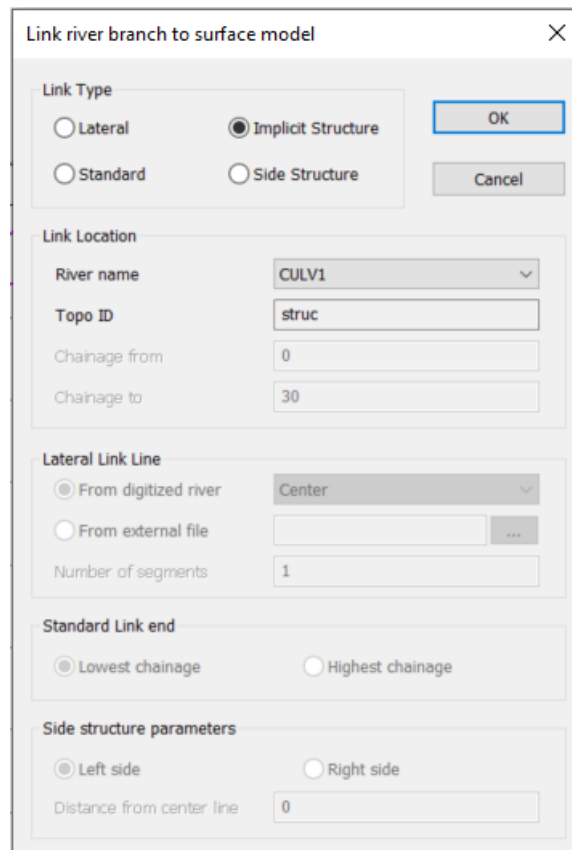


Figure 2.11 The selection of the branch end to couple for the culvert

14. Note that the table on the left only holds one set of (J, K) coordinates per link though it is possible to link multiple cells by adding them manually.
15. Once again, you have to specify how flow will be interchanged for these culvert links between MIKE 11 and MIKE 21. In the MIKE FLOOD editor, click the Standard/Structure Link Options section and set up the link options as shown in rows 2 and 3 in Figure 2.12.

Standard/Structure Link Options										
	Link type	River name	Chainage	Mom Fact	Ext Fact	Add/Replace Flow	Depth Adjust	Activation Depth (min)	Activation Depth (max)	Exponential smoothing factor
1	Lateral	TRIB	1350.000							1.000
2	Structure	CULV1	0.000			Replace	No			0.500
3	Structure	CULV1	30.000			Replace	No			0.500

Figure 2.12 The lateral link options for both ends of the culvert

Please refer to the MIKE FLOOD User Guide for a description of the meaning and use of the options available here for Structure and other types of links. Since these culvert links are Structure type links, there is no information to fill in on the Lateral Link Options section of the MIKE FLOOD Editor.

You can now run the simulation again, to see what effect adding the culvert has, by choosing Run → Start Simulation from the top menu.

3 The Complete Setup

Now that you've created your own basic MIKE FLOOD model, with two of the most common link types, you may want to explore an expanded version of this same model area by opening the original example. The larger model includes several more links, including lateral links for the left and right overbanks of both the tributary branch 'TRIB' and the main river branch 'RIVER' and a second culvert called 'CULV2'. This example file also includes two zero-flow linkages, which are here used to prevent flows from crossing from one side of a river to the other side in MIKE 21 without first passing through the MIKE 11 river channel network.

You can read more about zero-flow links and also the Standard link type and find detailed descriptions of the linkage options available in MIKE FLOOD, in the MIKE FLOOD User Guide.

