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THE EVOLVING NATURE OF FLOOD RISK (INTRODUCTION)

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DIFFERENT CLASSES OF FLOODS



Pluvial



Fluvial



Ice Dam



Groundwater



Storm Surge



Damburst

FLOODS ARE NATURAL...



BUT FLOOD RISK IS PREDOMINATELY MAN MADE

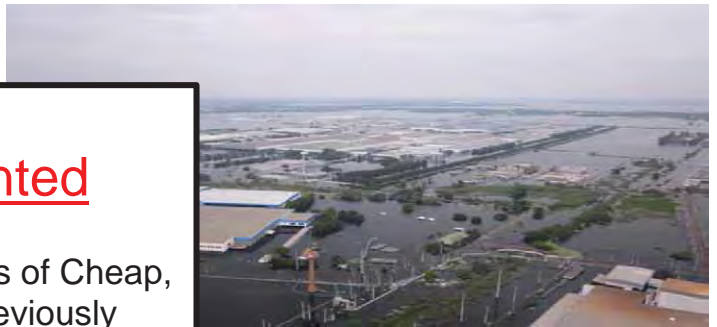


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Large Areas of Cheap,
Flat, Previously
Undeveloped, Land.

Close to Bangkok



Navanakorn Industrial Estate



Hi-Tech Industrial Estate

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Rojana Industrial Estate



Bang Pa-in Industrial Estate

COAST SPECIFIC EXPOSURE CATEGORIES

PORTS



HOTELS & CONDOS



POWER PLANTS



AIRPORTS



REFINERIES



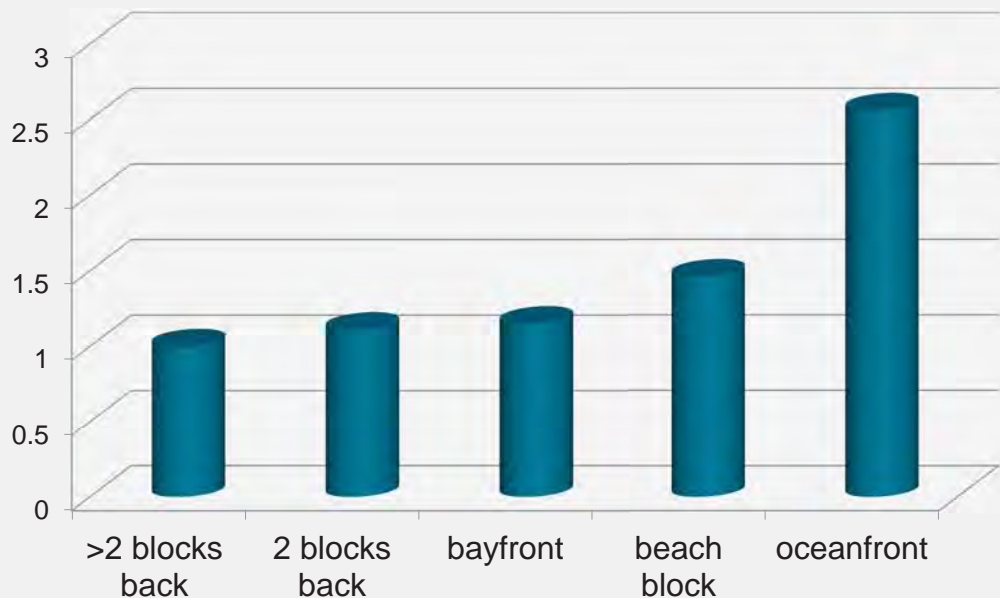
MARINAS



HOW PRICES FOR IDENTICAL HOUSES INCREASE AT THE COAST

Data from Stone Harbor and Avalon, New Jersey 2002/2003

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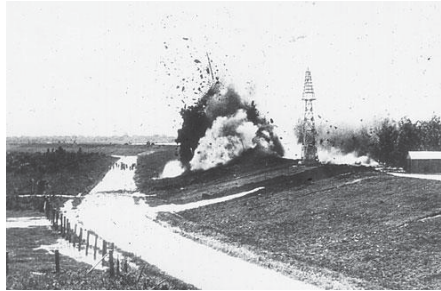
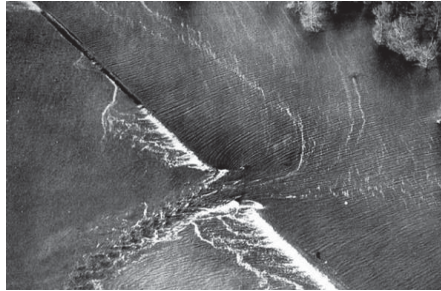


THE MASS PRODUCTION OF COAST



WHAT DETERMINES FLOOD INSURANCE?

HOW THE 1927 MISSISSIPPI FLOODS ENDED U.S. PRIVATE FLOOD INSURANCE



REACTIVE RISK MANAGEMENT: RAISED FLOOD DEFENCES AT THE 7 FLOODED THAI INDUSTRIAL PARKS IN 2012

- Reinforced defences raised 1.5-2.0m
- Demanded by lead Japanese Industries
- Funded by \$200m in soft loans from the Government
- Single site flood risk is now beyond 500 year RP
- No protection for the labour-force or supply lines



Bang-Pa



Bangkadi

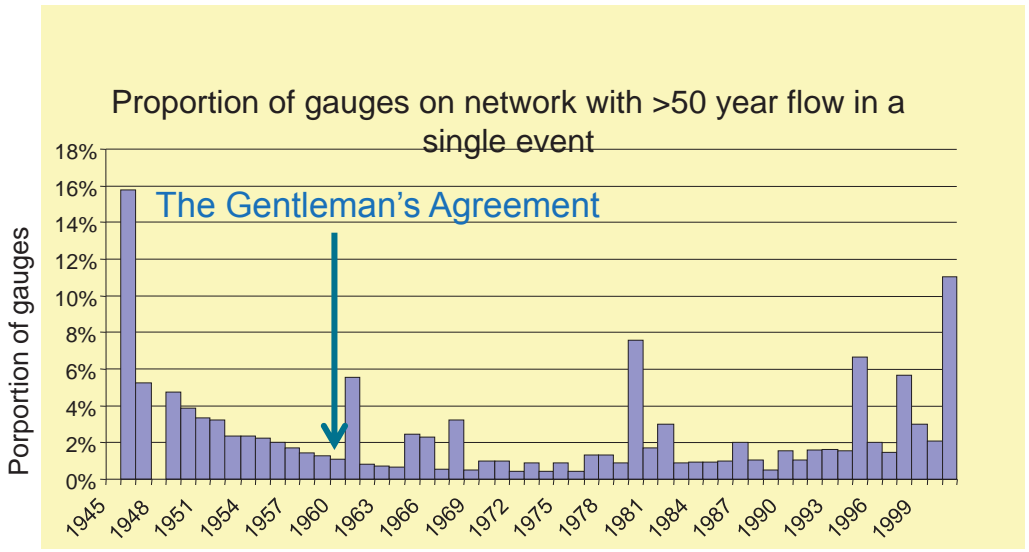


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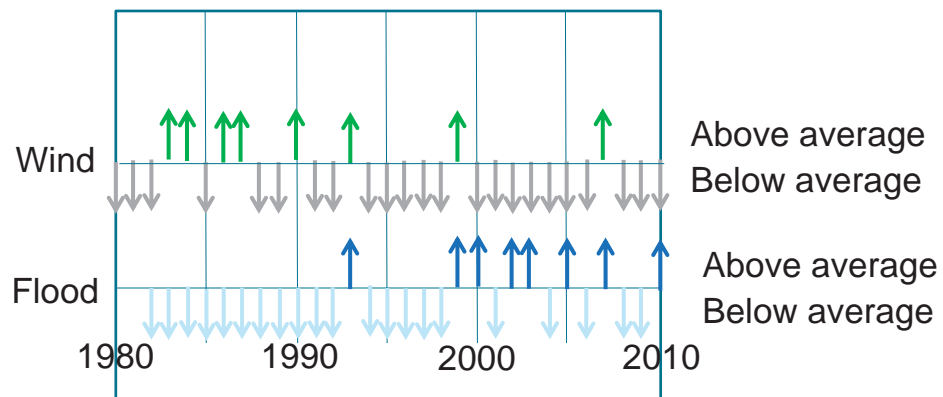


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FLOOD INSURANCE AND CORRELATED RIVER FLOODING IN THE UK

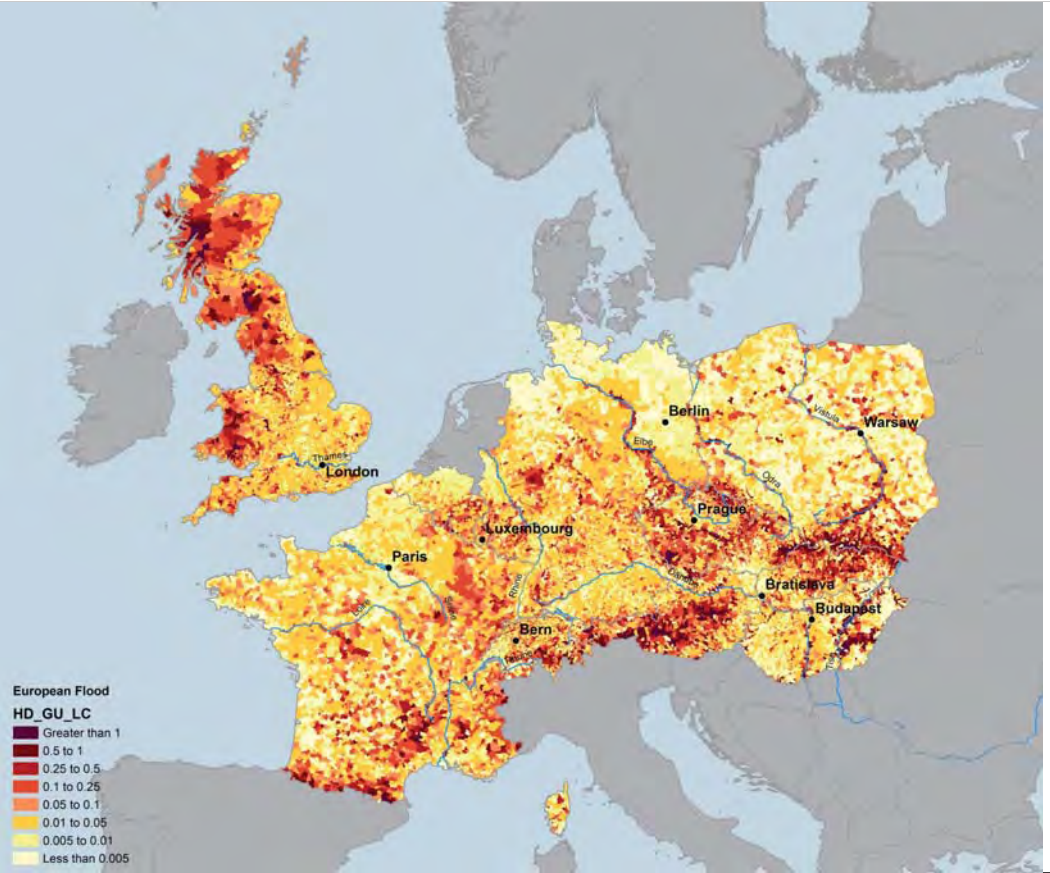


ANNUAL EUROPEAN WIND & FLOOD INSURANCE LOSSES



Europe
IED All Lines
Ground Up
% Loss Cost

Generally higher LCs
in mountainous or
hilly terrain



High resolution hazard maps to support technical flood underwriting

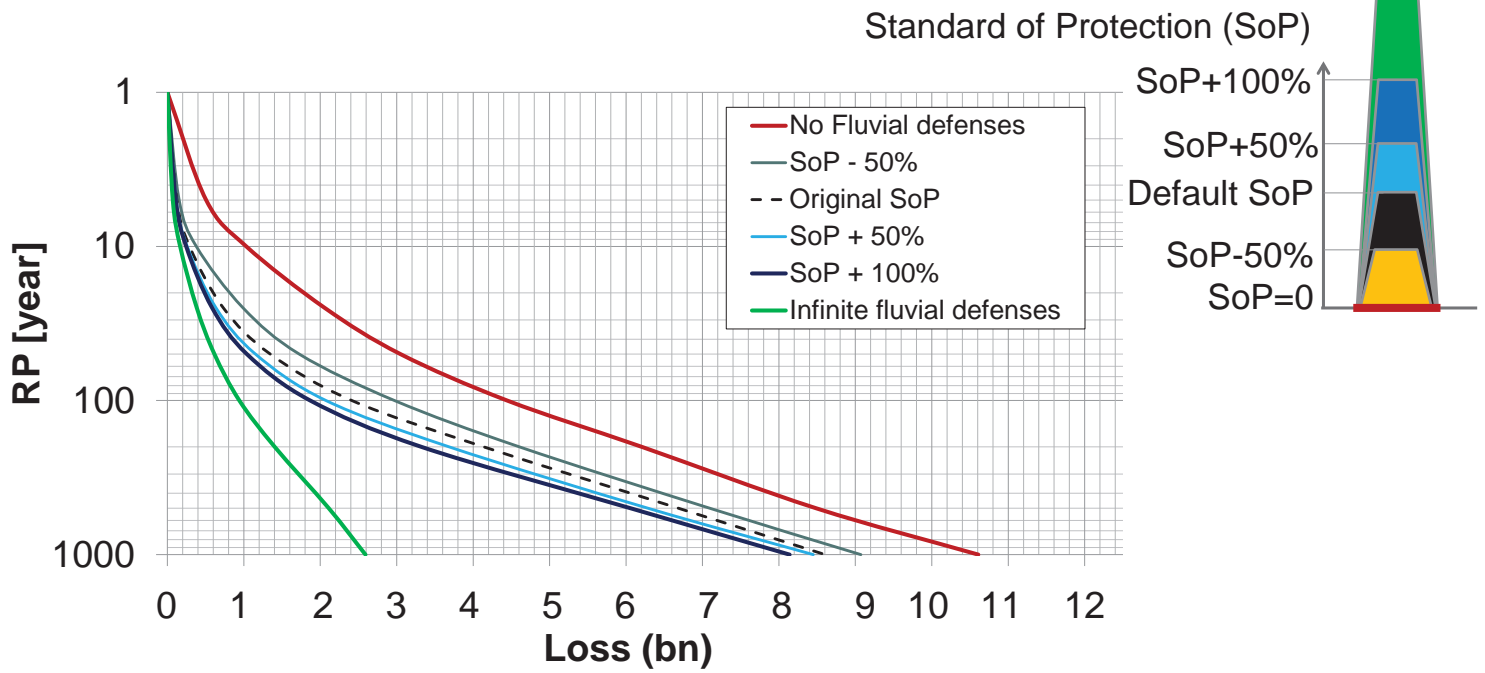
- Flood hazard high-resolution maps:
 - UK 2m
 - Continental Europe 5m
- 7 return periods, 13 flood depth bands
- Provide **Extent** and **Depth** of flooding
- **Undefended** and **defended**

Flood risk cost can vary by 100+% for adjacent buildings

2m RMS RP FL map of London



DYNAMICALLY MODELLED EFFECT OF DEFENCES MULTI-COUNTRY PORTFOLIO

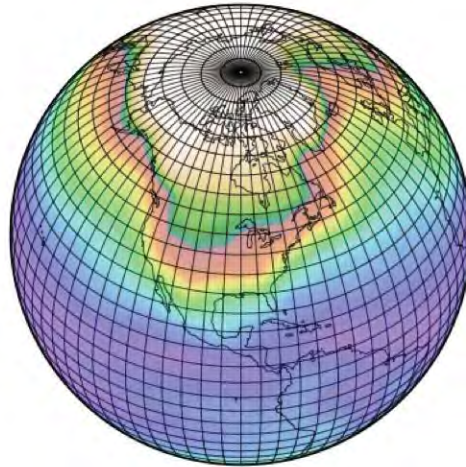


IS CLIMATE CHANGE
ALTERING THE OCCURRENCE
OF EXTREMES?

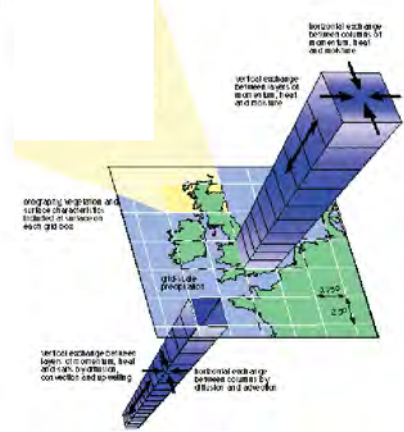
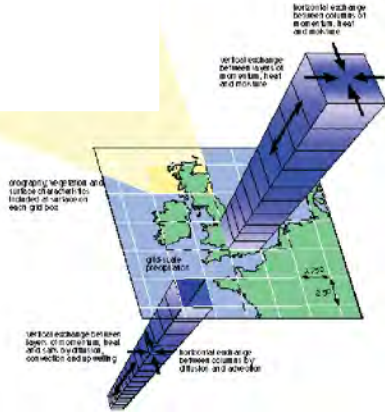


ATTRIBUTION STUDIES

Without post 1950 increase in GHGs



With post-1950 increase in GHGs



LETTER

doi:10.1038/nature09762

Anthropogenic greenhouse gas contribution to flood risk in England and Wales in autumn 2000

Pardeep Pall^{1,2†}, Toju Aina³, Dáithí A. Stone^{1,4}, Peter A. Stott⁵, Toru Nozawa⁶, Arno G. J. Hilberts⁷, Dag Lohmann⁷ & Myles R. Allen^{1,4}

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England and Wales (proxy indicators of flood events). The precise magnitude of the anthropogenic contribution remains uncertain, but in nine out of ten cases our model results indicate that twentieth-century anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions increased the risk of floods occurring in England and Wales in autumn 2000 by more than 20%, and in two out of three cases by more than 90%.

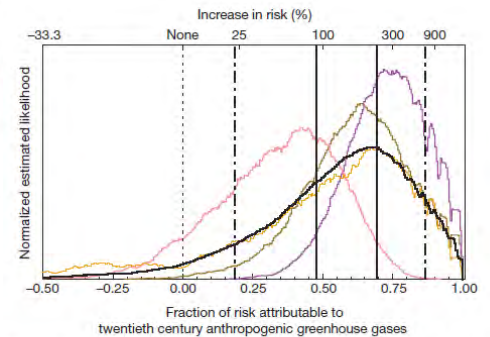
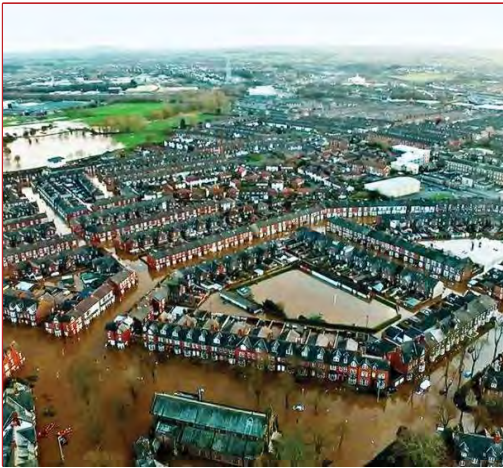


Figure 4 | Attributable risk of severe daily river runoff for England and Wales autumn 2000. Histograms (smoothed) of the fraction of risk of severe synthetic runoff in the A2000 climate that is attributable to twentieth-century anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions. Each coloured histogram shows this fraction of attributable risk (FAR) with respect to one of four A2000N climate estimates in Fig. 3 (with corresponding colours). The aggregate histogram (black) represents the FAR relative to the full A2000N climate, with the dot-dashed (solid) pair of vertical lines marking 10th and 90th (33rd and 66th) percentiles. Top axis is equivalent increase in risk.

ATTRIBUTION STUDIES VS CHANGES IN OVERALL RISK (UK FLOOD)

Increased risk



Storm Desmond 2015 record warm December

Decreased risk



Snow-thaw floods March 1947 at the end of record cold winter

EVOLUTION OF DIFFERENT CLASSES OF FLOODS

Pluvial



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Aspects of flood risk

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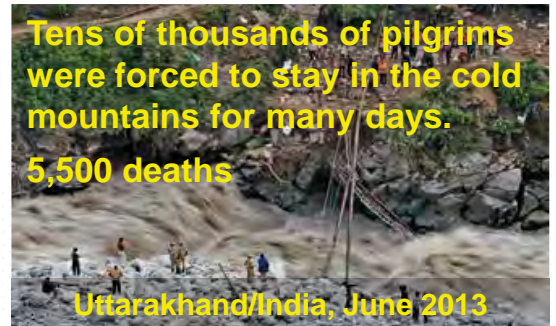
Overall losses: US\$ 13bn
Insured losses: US\$ 3bn
Deaths: 25



Central Europe, June 2013

Recent large flood disasters

Tens of thousands of pilgrims were forced to stay in the cold mountains for many days.
5,500 deaths



Uttarakhand/India, June 2013

Overall losses: US\$ 10bn
Insured losses: US\$ 700m
Deaths: >6,000
Destroyed/damaged buildings: 1,200,000



Philippines, Nov. 2013 (Haiyan)

Overall losses: US\$ 1.5bn
Insured losses: US\$ 500m
Deaths: 31



Atacama-Desert Chile, March 2015

Overall losses: US\$ 43bn
Insured losses: US\$ 10bn
• largest river flood loss ever
• worldwide effects (losses)



Thailand, Sep. – Nov. 2011

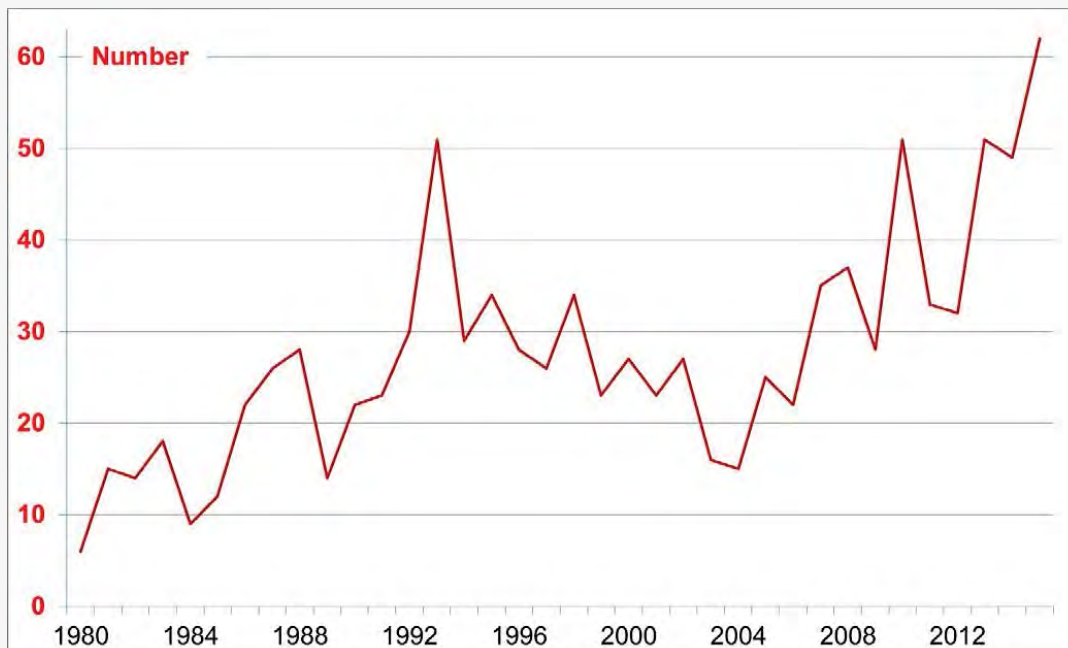
Flood disasters

Increase in number of events



Inland flood losses 1980 – 2015

(only events with inflation-adjusted loss >US\$ 50m are shown)



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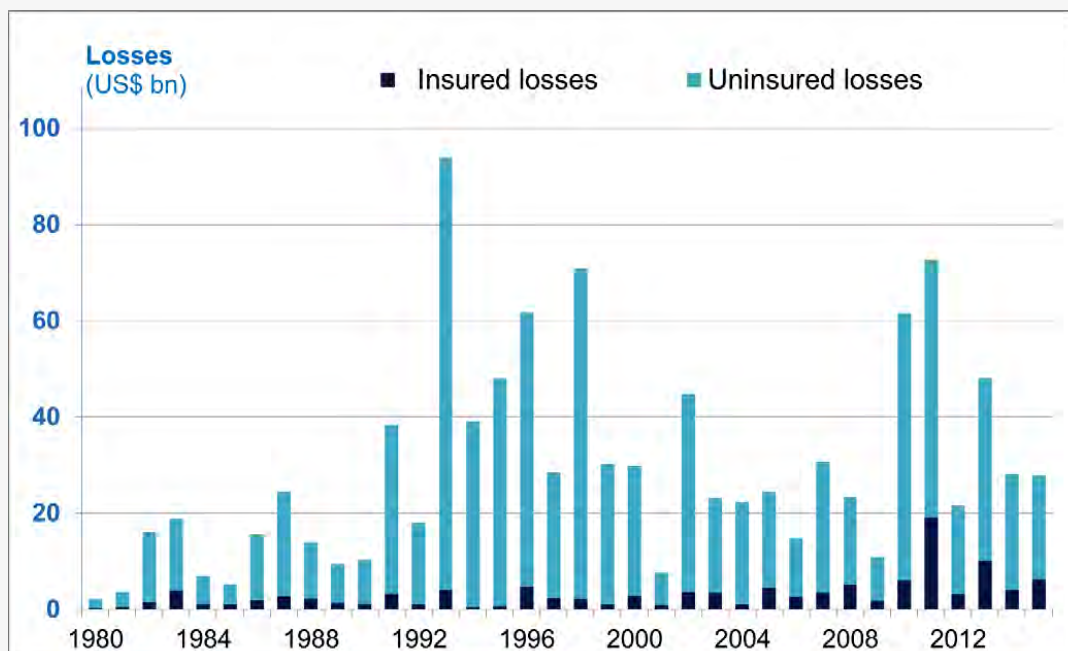
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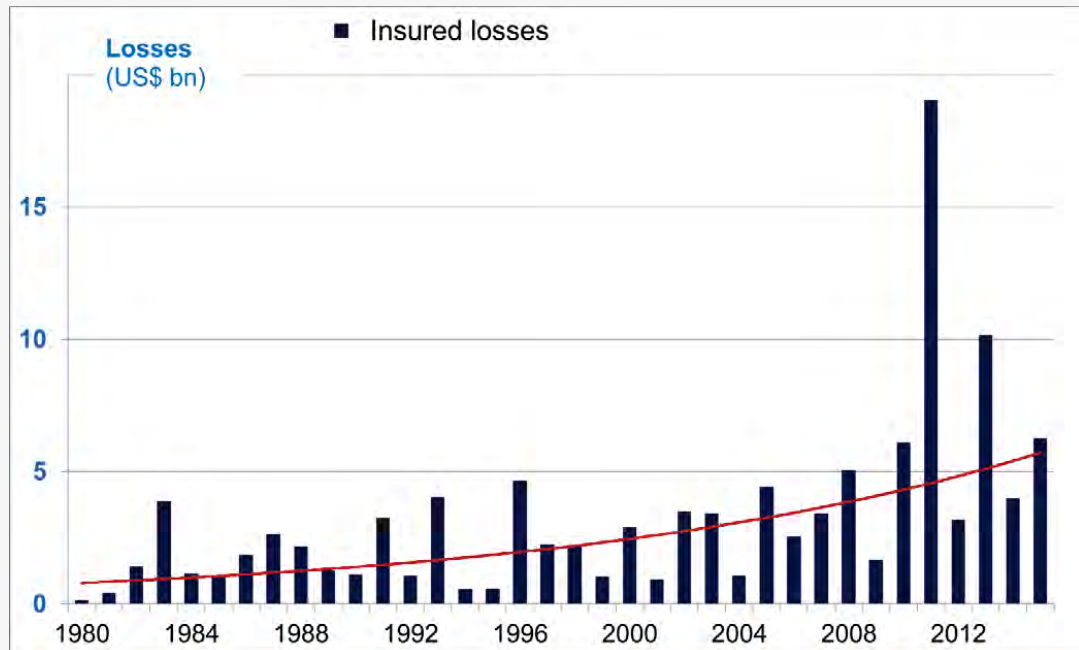
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Flood disasters

Increase in insured losses

Inland flood losses 1980 – 2015

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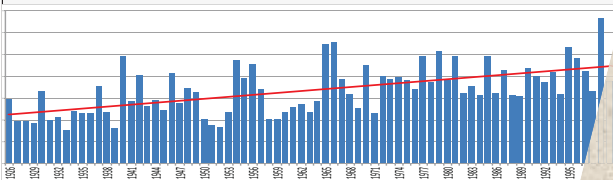


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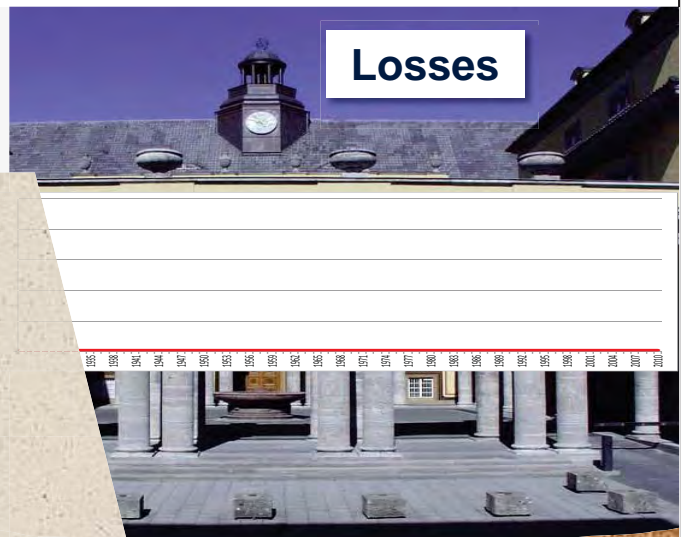
Trends in

Peak discharges



Keyword: Climate change

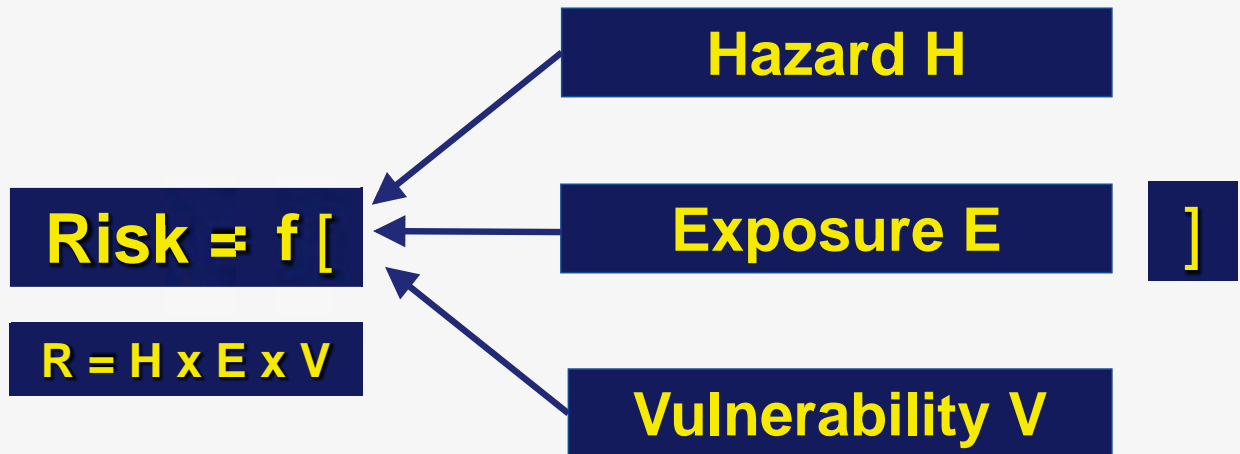
Losses



Loss trends do not always reflect the true risk.

What is Risk?

Definition



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Changes in environmental conditions

→ Influences on flood peak and wave propagation



Changes in landuse
→ Creation of loss potential



Population development

(Example Florida)

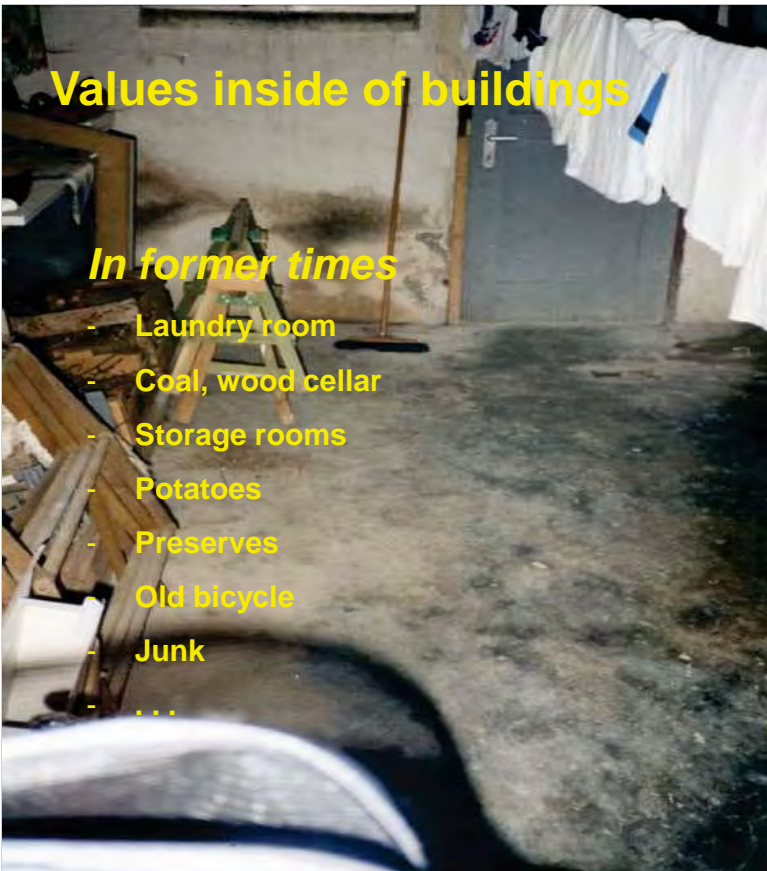
	1920	2000	2020
Inhabitants	100 000	15 000 000	25 000 000
Tourists	0	45 000 000	85 000 000



Values inside of buildings

In former times

- Laundry room
- Coal, wood cellar
- Storage rooms
- Potatoes
- Preserves
- Old bicycle
- Junk
- ...



(Example: basement)

Today

- Electrical washing machines
- Hobby rooms
- Party cellars
- Wall-to-wall carpets
- Computers, TV sets, stereos
- Electrical distribution boxes
- Control devices for air condition/elevators
- Computer centers
- Storages
- ...





High vulnerability



Flood control – prevention – protection

Reduce the risk

Flood control – prevention – protection

. . ., but trust in technical controllability of natural events may generate a false feeling of security.

Consequence: values in protected areas may increase immensely.

Climate change

**Climate change is mainly manifested in WATER-related effects:
Droughts – Torrential rain – Floods – Sea level rise – Storm surges**



Types, causes and impacts of floods

Un-official classification, not comprehensive

- 1 **Coastal floods (sea-borne)**
- 2 **Lake floods**
- 3 **River floods (fluvial floods)**
- 4 **Flash floods (pluvial, off-plain)**
- 5 **Mountain floods**
- 6 **Groundwater/waterlogging floods**
- 7 **Backup floods**
- 8 **„Break“ floods**
- 9 **Subsidence-caused floods**

Types, causes and impacts of floods

1 Coastal floods

Storm surge

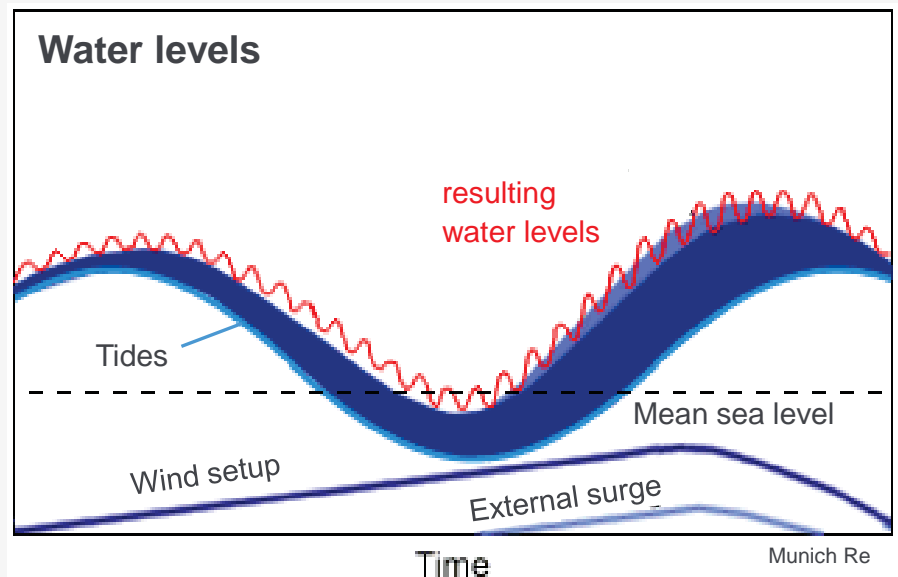


Main cause: wind

High water levels are generated by a superposition of:

- Astronomical tides
- Wind setup
- External surge
- Surface waves

Rain is not a factor!



Types, causes and impacts of floods

1 Coastal floods

Storm surge

Cause:	high water level due to superposition of high tide, wind setup, external surge
Conditions:	strong wind towards the coast for many hours
Exposed areas:	coastal plains
Forecast:	good (several hours up to one day)
Duration:	usually < 1 day
Damage factors:	salt water (corrosive), wave forces
Losses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• very low frequency (high standard of coastal protection)• extremely high loss potential

Types, causes and impacts of floods

1 Coastal floods

Swell/meteo-tsunami

- Induced by air pressure effects
- Can cause damage

High waves

- Extremely powerful
- Can destroy reinforced concrete structures in a short time
- Coastal erosion

Sea level rise

- Climate change-related
- Other effects play a role (see 9 Subsidence)

Tsunami

Generated by:

- Earthquake
- Volcanic eruption
- Landslide (into the water, under water)
- Extraterrestrial impact

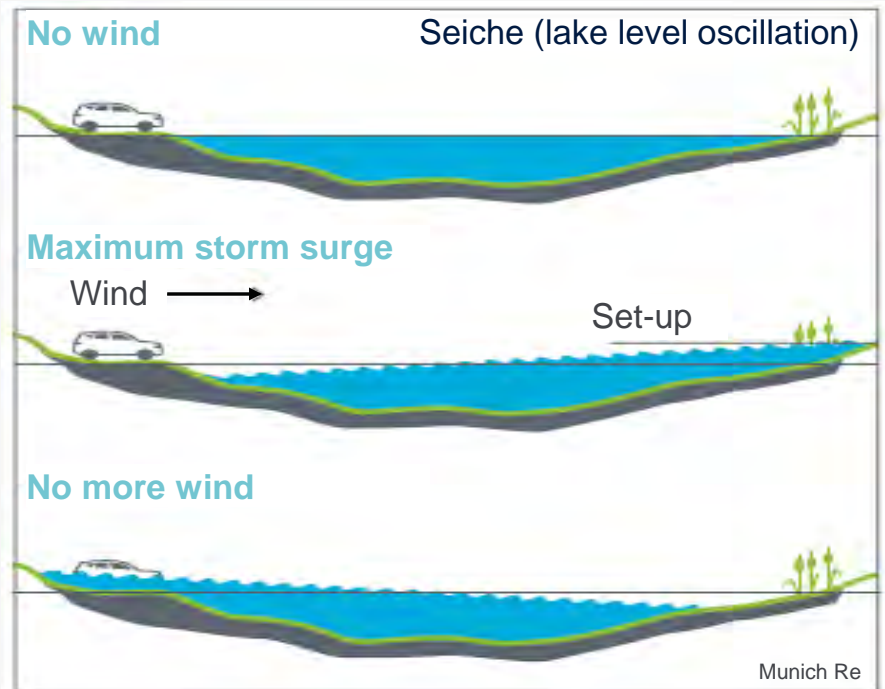
Extremely destructive



Types, causes and impacts of floods

2 Lake flooding

- Overflowing due to high inflows
- Storm surge
- Seiches
- Swell/meteo-tsunamis
- High waves
- Tsunami



Types, causes and impacts of floods

3 River floods (fluvial floods)

Generated by:

- (Long-lasting) Rainfall with high depth over a large area, or snowmelt (→ thaw floods)
- Infiltration capacity of the soil is exceeded.
- Water converges in the drainage system.
- Flood wave builds up in the entire system or in principal stream(s).

Flooding process:

- Areas adjacent to the river are affected first.
- Flooding originates from the river channel.



Impact:

- Flood plains are usually high-value areas
→ huge loss potential

Good news:

- Flood control/protection/prevention is possible (e.g. dikes, reservoirs).
- **These measures always pay off in the long run!**

Types, causes and impacts of floods

3 River floods (fluvial floods)

River flood

Cause:	long-duration rainfall with high depth over a large area (sometimes snowmelt)
Conditions:	soil naturally sealed by previous rainfall
Exposed areas:	floodplains and valleys
Forecast:	depending on the characteristics of the catchment area (several hours to days)
Duration:	days to weeks
Damage factors:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• long-lasting impact of water;• contamination of the water (e.g.oil)
Losses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• low frequency• high loss potential

Types, causes and impacts of floods

4 Flash floods (pluvial floods, offplain floods)

Flash flood



- Fast

- Furious

- Dangerous

- Deadly

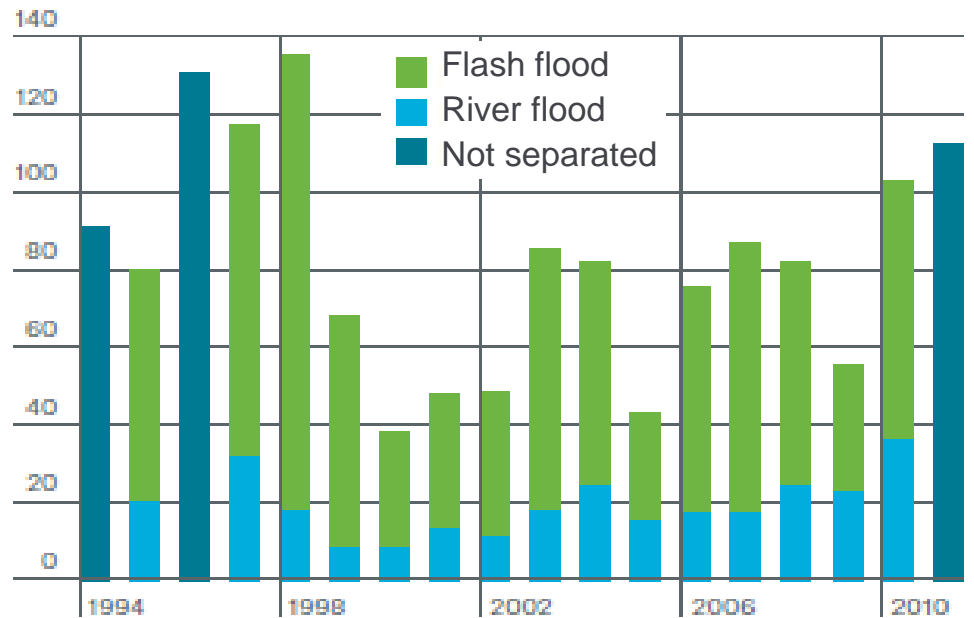
- Destructive

Types, causes and impacts of floods

4 Flash floods (pluvial floods, offplain floods)

Flood-related deaths in the United States

Flash flood is one of the most frequent causes of death from natural hazards in the US (on average >50 per year).



Munich Re, based on NOAA-NWS

Types, causes and impacts of floods

4 Flash floods (pluvial floods, offplain floods)

Urban flooding

- High percentage of impermeable surfaces
- No space for orderly runoff during intense rainfall
- High loss potential



Surface flooding

- Resulting from insufficient capacity of or overwhelmed urban drainage systems



Surface runoff („wild water“)

- Especially on slopes
- May happen where not at all expected



Types, causes and impacts of floods

4 Flash floods (pluvial floods, offplain floods)

Flash flood

Cause:	intense precipitation (thunderstorm, tropical cyclone, orographic amplifying, etc.)
Conditions:	none
Exposed areas:	practically everywhere
Forecast:	only via rainfall forecast (uncertain to hardly feasible)
Duration:	minutes to hours
Damage factors:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• mechanical effects of fast flowing water• sometimes much sediment
Losses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• high frequency (not at the same location)• relatively small losses from single events• damage by erosion

Types, causes and impacts of floods

5 Mountain floods

Torrent

- Special type of flash flood with high sediment transport rates

Debris flow

- Mixture of sediment and water (30-70% of solids)
- High velocity
- Sediment deposits
- Extremely destructive

Lahar

- Washing off of volcanic ash by intense rain
- Melting of snow/ice cover during a volcanic eruption
- High-viscosity flow → fast
- Extremely destructive
- Sometimes hot



Types, causes and impacts of floods

6 Groundwater/waterlogging floods

Rising groundwater table

- Local or widespread high rainfall in flat areas
- Relatively slow onset
- Long lasting
- **Interruption of GW flow**



Seepage underneath a dike

- If coarse valley sediments are present, groundwater may rise quickly during a high flood stage in the river



„Plum rain“ („Meiyu“)

- Very long lasting drizzle-type rain soaks the ground from the surface and thereby seals it.
- In little or moderately permeable underground situations.
- Highly damaging to crops



Types, causes and impacts of floods

7 Backup floods

Landslide/ glacier blocking

- Landslide or glacier backs up a river
- Sudden break-through when natural dam is overtopped



Log jam

- Floating debris clogs river narrows (e.g. a bridge passage) or a river bend



Ice jam

- Less frequent than in the past due intensive use of rivers (e.g. cooling water)
- Regularly a problem in northward flowing rivers in USA, Canada, Russia



Types, causes and impacts of floods

8 „Break“ floods

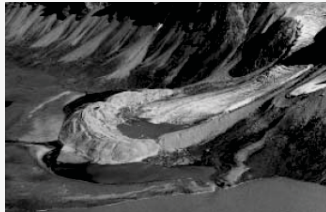
Dambreak flood

- Similar to flash floods/debris flows
- Extreme depths possible
- Very few large dams have failed in history.
- Hundreds of small dams fail every year.



GLOF (Glacial Lake Outburst Flood)

- Moraine dam formed by a retreating glacier breaks
- Sudden release of large masses of water



Jökulhlaup

- Melting of a glacial icecap during a volcanic eruption
- Sudden escaping of water from a subglacial lake
- Jökulhlaups have produced the largest known discharges on earth.



Types, causes and impacts of floods

9 Subsidence-caused floods

Man-made causes:

Groundwater Pumping + Load from buildings

- Settlement of ground up to several meters
- Many coastal cities affected
- Effect is like sea level rise



Reduced sediment input

- Sediment is trapped in reservoirs
- River training prevents flooding and sediment input on flood plains and deltas
- Sediment is conveyed to and deposited in the sea.

Natural causes:

Earthquake Isostatic sinking

- Vertical displacement of crustal plates
- Late effect of past ice age: land movement due to changed ice load



Does the flood risk increase?

River floods

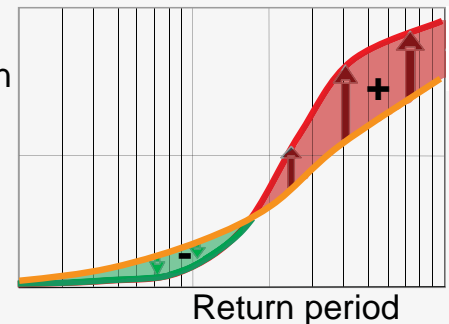
Flood control measures can be concentrated along rivers;
early warning is often possible.

The risk up to medium exceedance probabilities (in the order of 1%) will decrease despite increasing values and climate change.

The risk from extreme events will increase, because values increase and flood control has only a limited effect.

A generally valid statement with regard to the total risk is not possible.

Loss expectation



Does the flood risk increase?

Flash floods

General protection against floods following intense local precipitation is not feasible.

Instead of quantitative forecasts only qualitative warnings are possible.

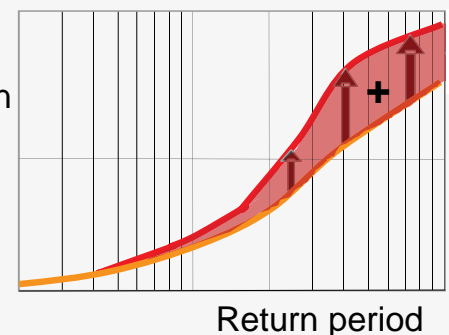
Structural precaution is easily possible for newly constructed buildings, but hardly feasible (and expensive) for existing buildings.

Values do increase.

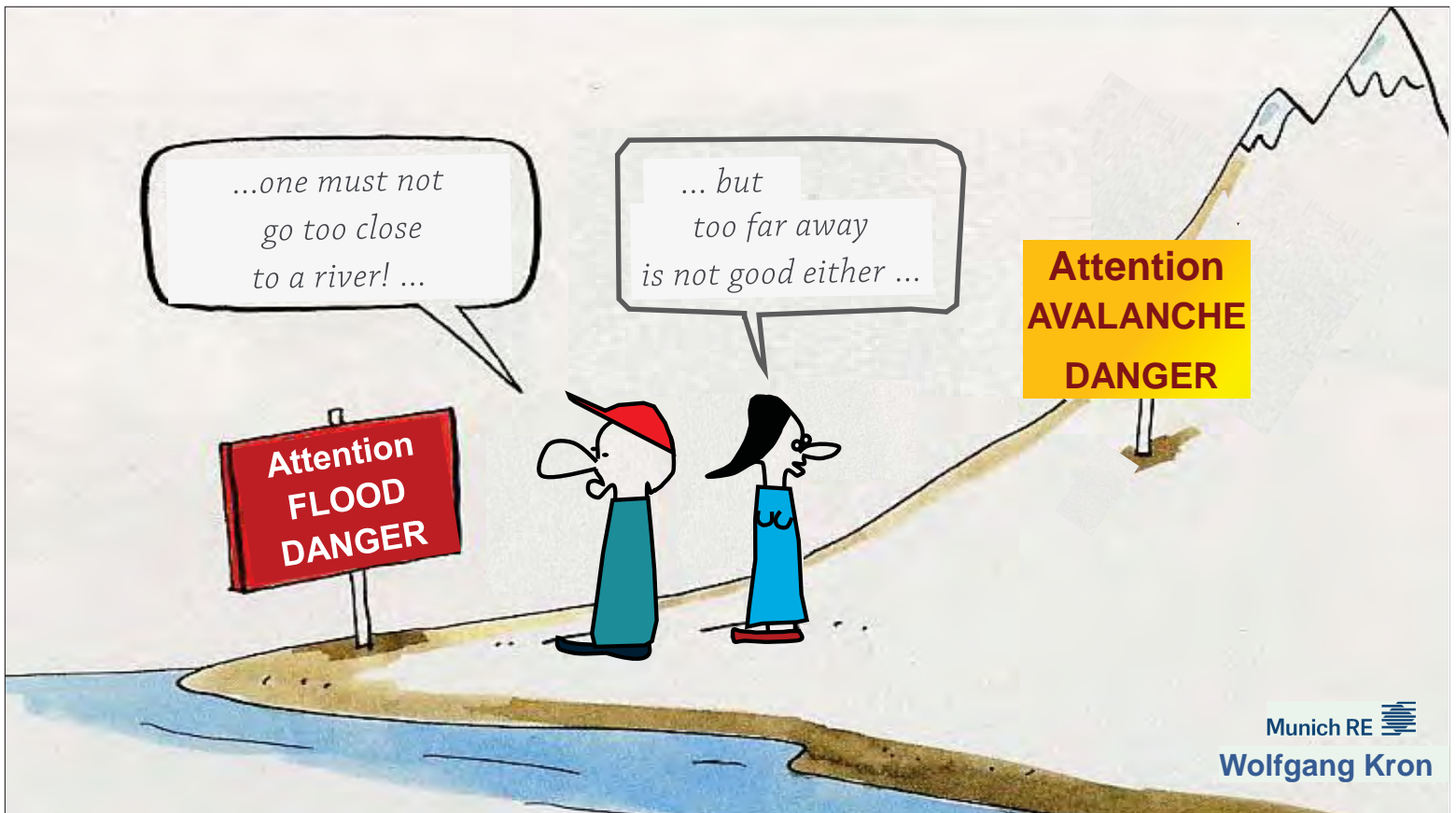
Climate change is happening.

The risk from flash floods will increase.

Loss expectation



We must learn to live with the flood hazard, but, at the same time, develop a culture of coping with the resulting risk.



PRIX : 60 centimes



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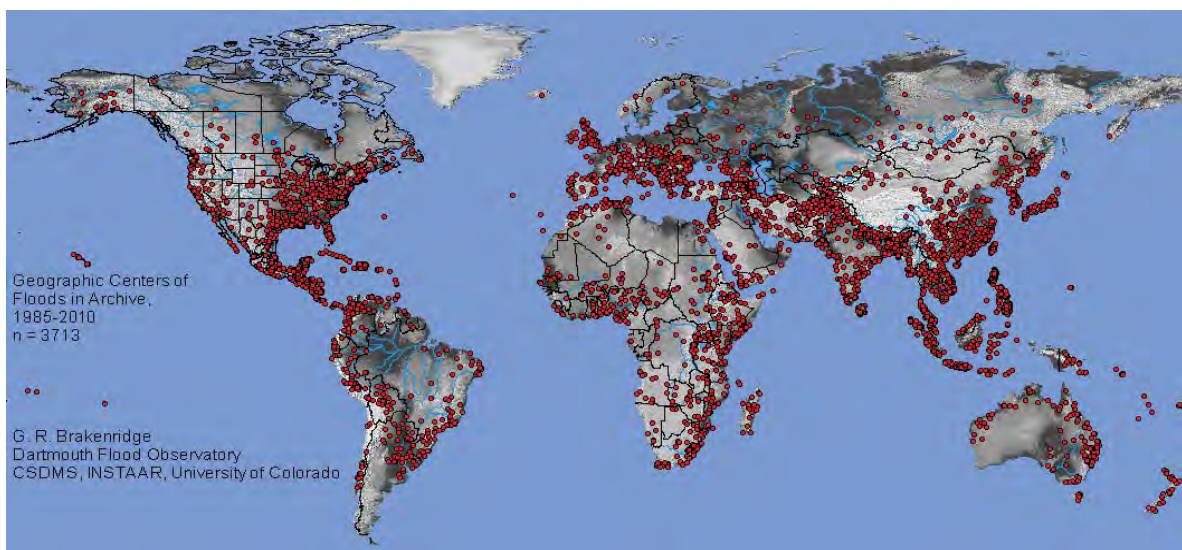
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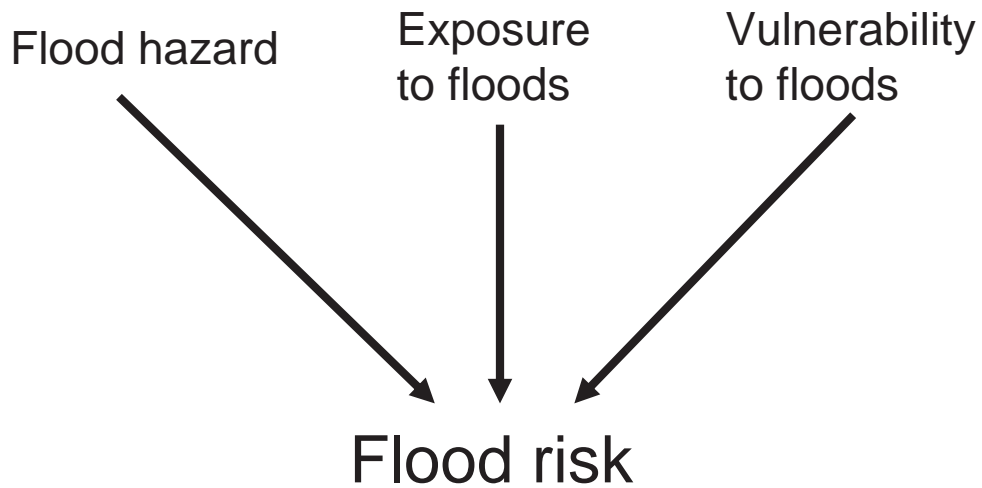
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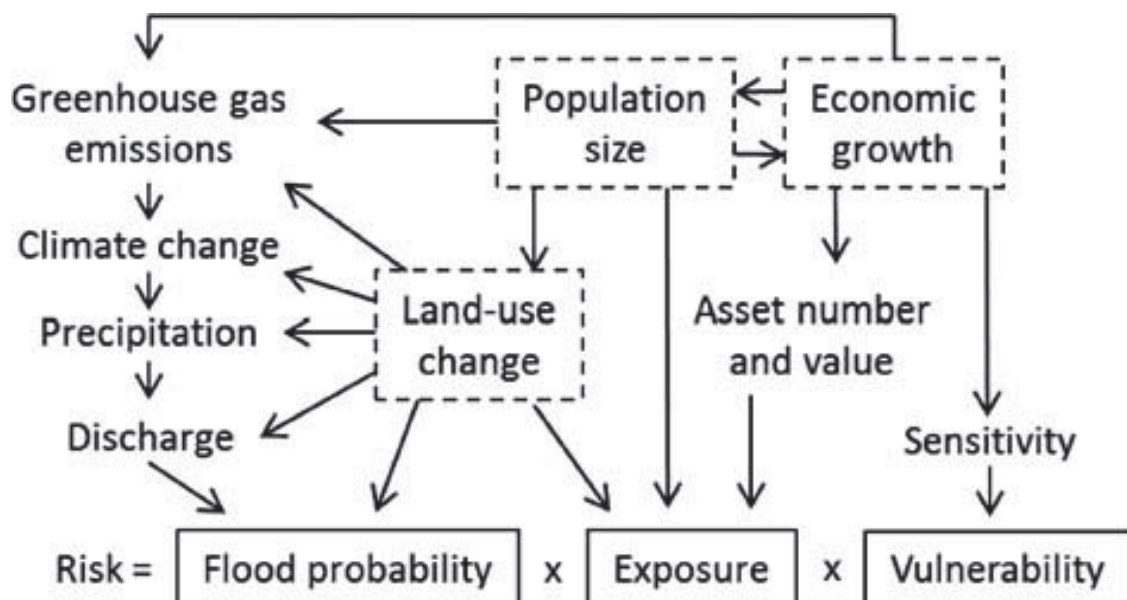


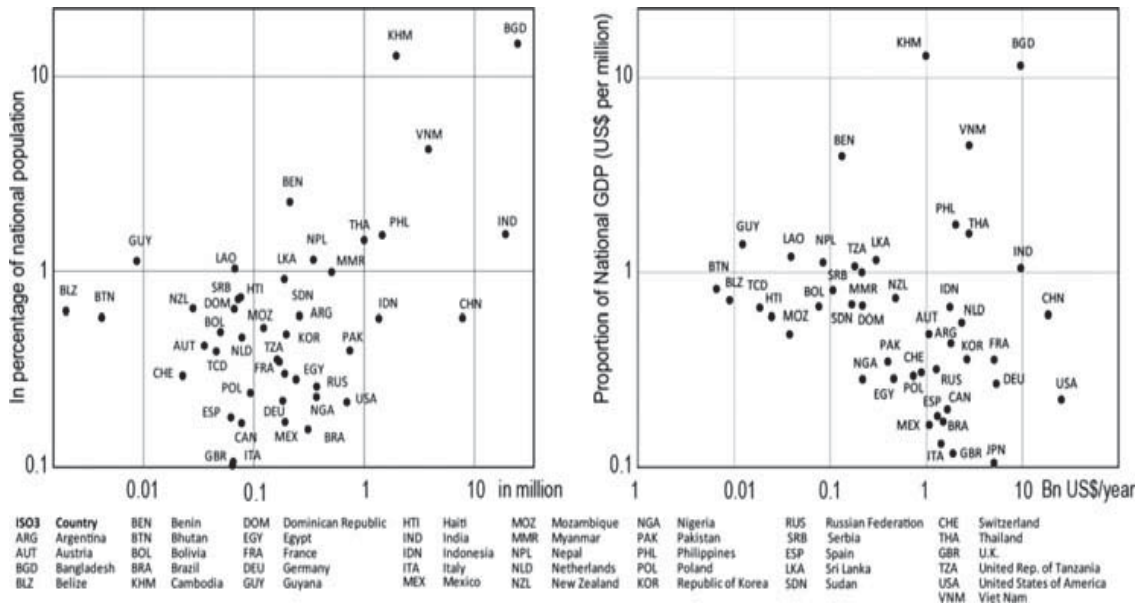
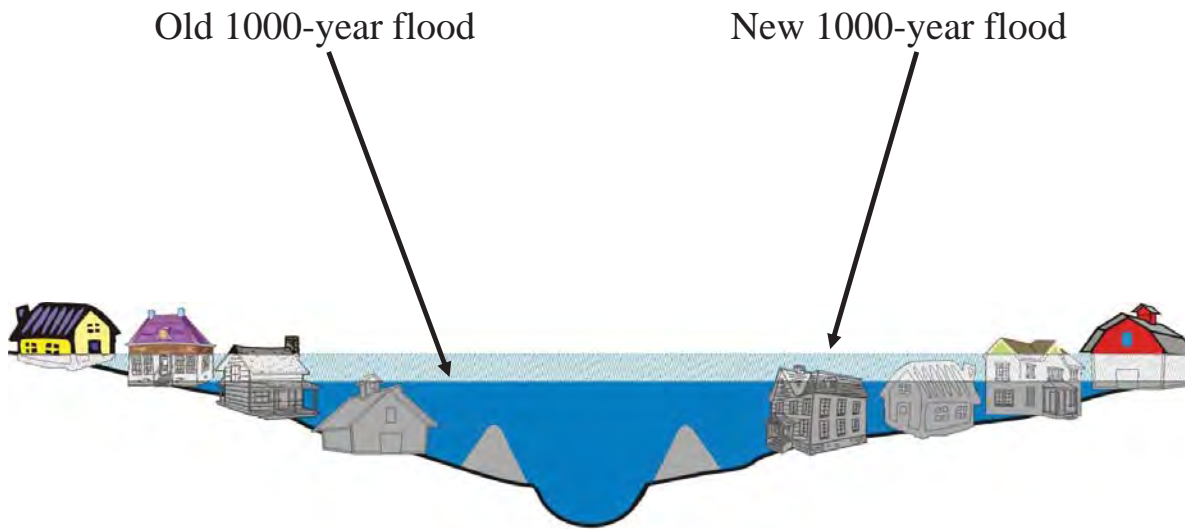
Many floods with high material damage and fatalities have been recorded worldwide. Source: G. R. Brakenridge.





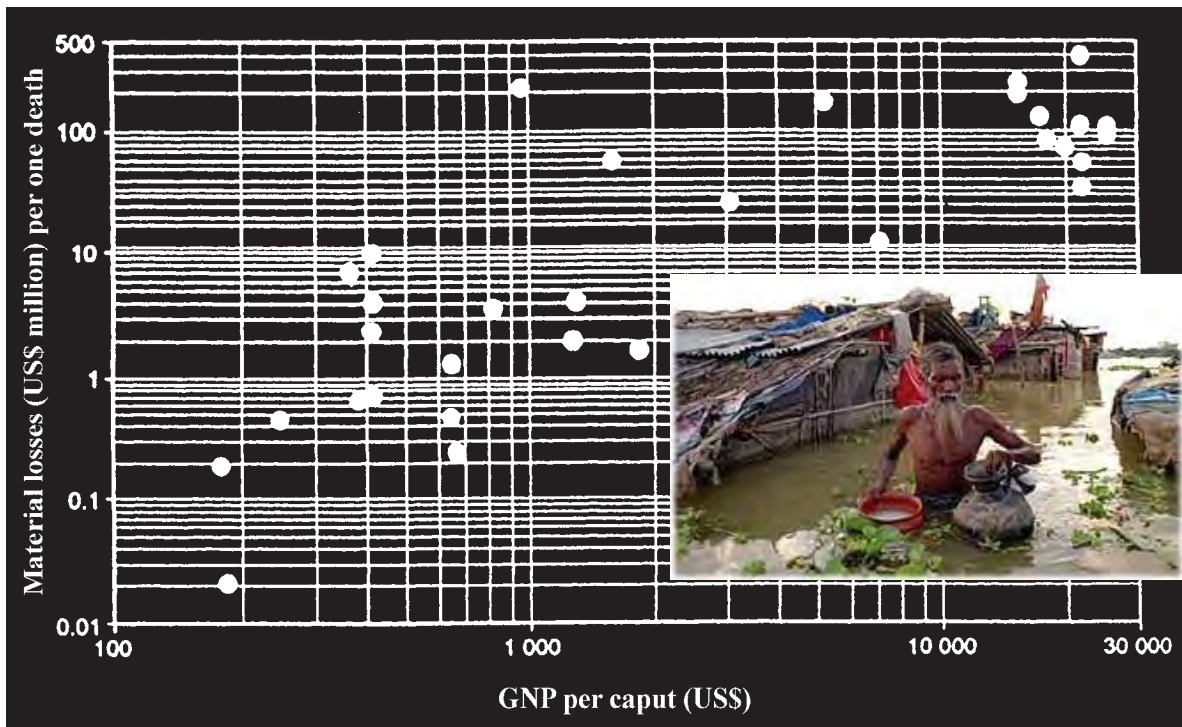
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Exposure to floods: (left) number of people exposed to floods (per year) in terms of absolute numbers and relative proportions; (right) total assets and GDP exposed to floods (per year), absolute and relative.

Source: Kundzewicz, Z. W.; Kanae, S.; Seneviratne, S. I.; et al., (2014) [Flood risk and climate change: global and regional perspectives.](#) *Hydrol. Sci. J.* 59(1), 1-28. Based on work by **Peduzzi**.

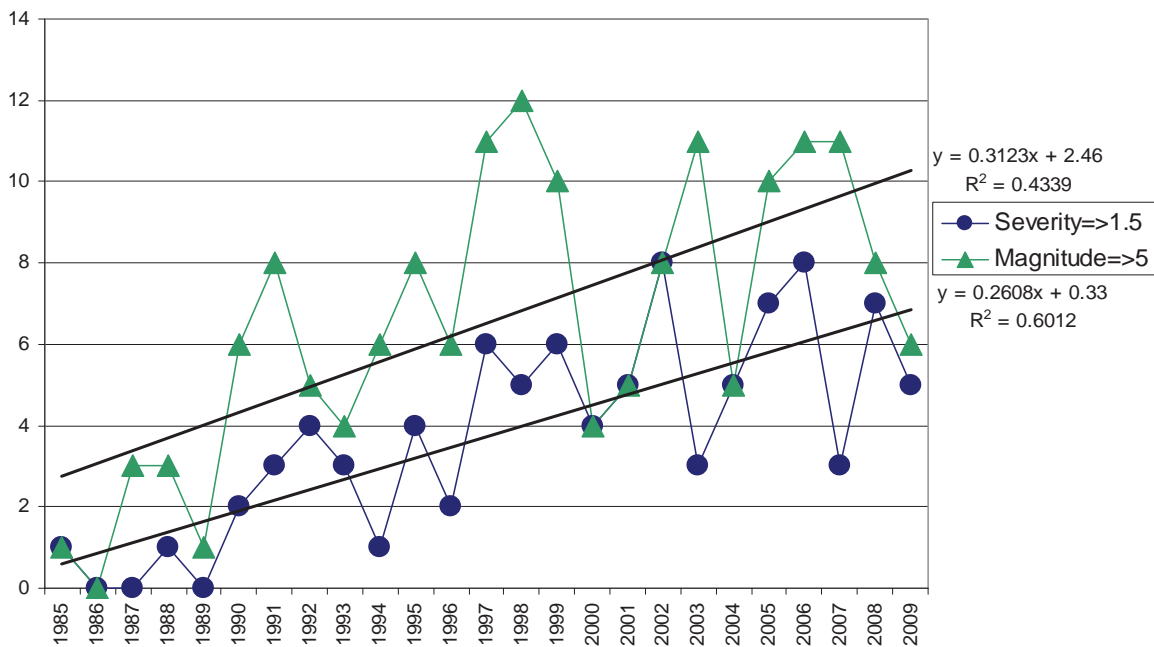


Flood preparedness depends on wealth

[Kundzewicz & Takeuchi, 1999]

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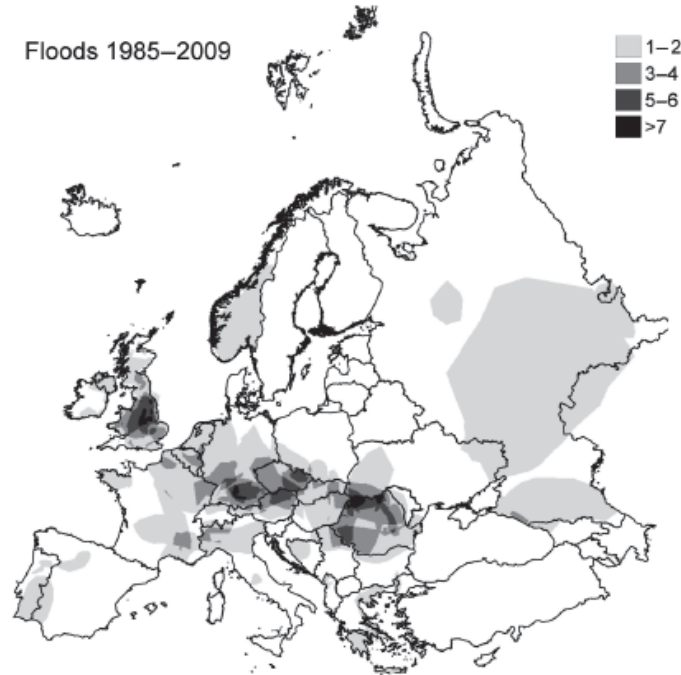
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Increasing number of large floods in Europe, according to the data in Dartmouth Flood Observatory. Source: Kundzewicz, Z.; Pińskwar, I.; Brakenridge, R. (2013) Large floods in Europe, 1985-2009. HYDROL. SCI. J. 58(3), 736-736.

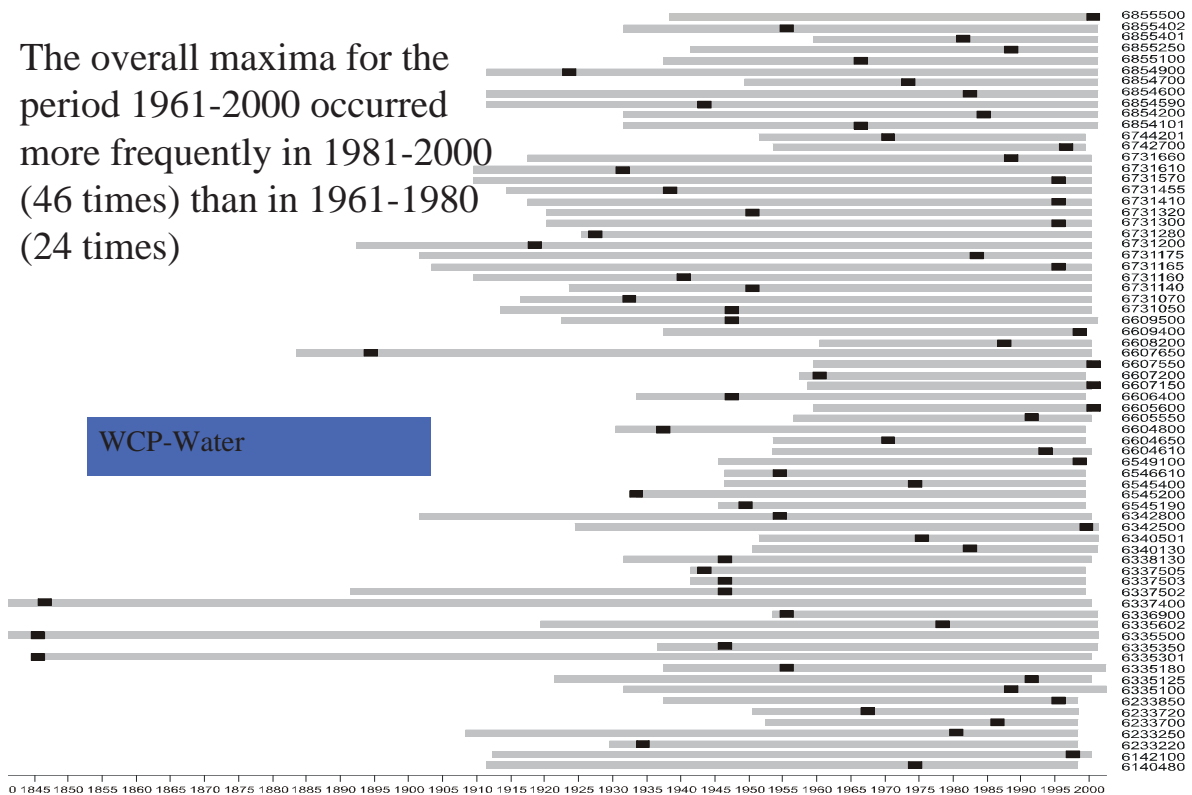
Spatial distribution of number of large floods in Europe, 1985-2009

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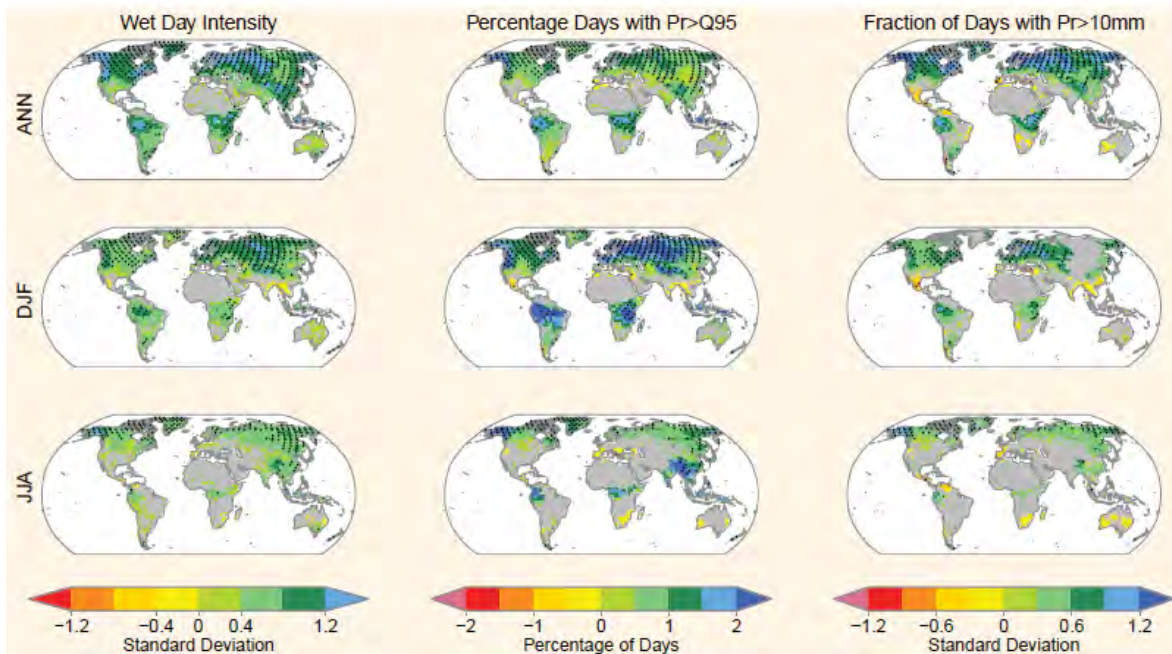
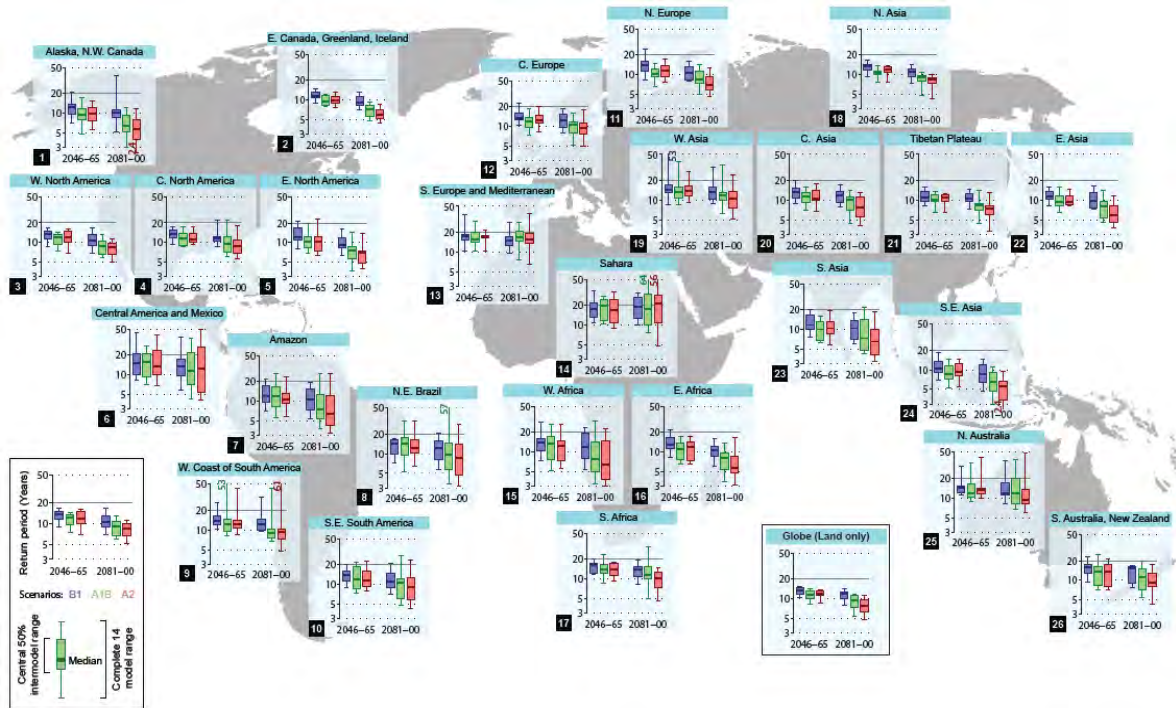
Year of occurrence of maximum flow in Europe (Source: Kundzewicz et al., *Hydrol. Sci. J.*, 2005)

The overall maxima for the period 1961-2000 occurred more frequently in 1981-2000 (46 times) than in 1961-1980 (24 times)

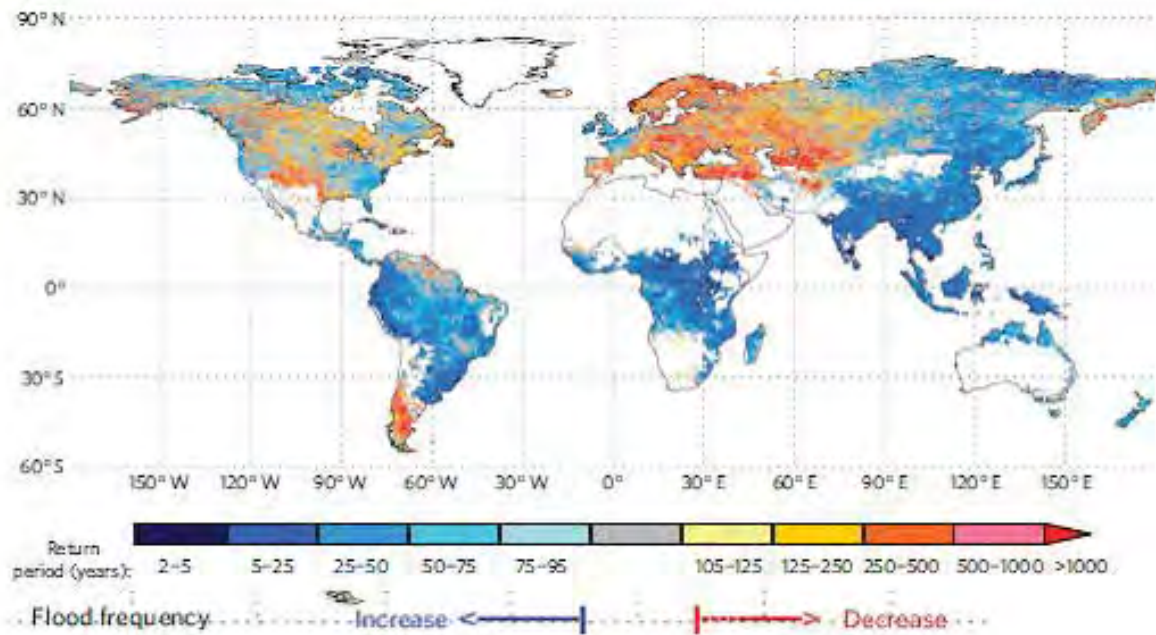


Projections show increase of intense precipitation

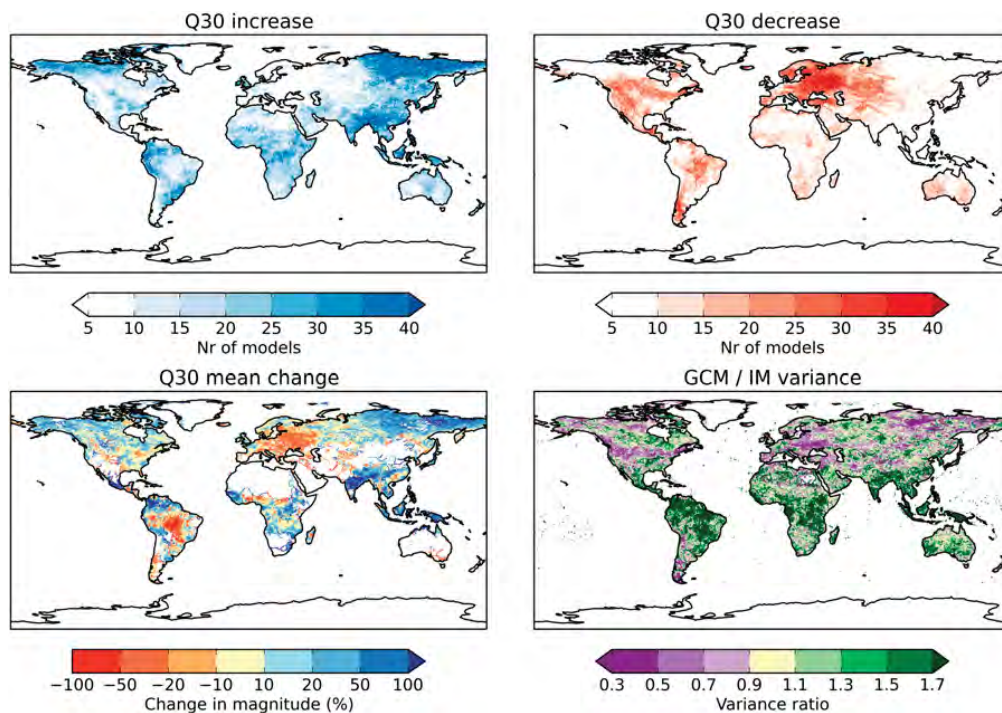
Source: IPCC SREX



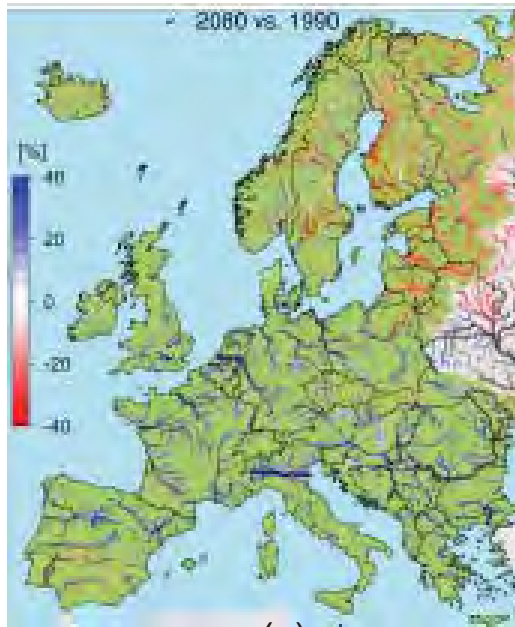
Projected annual and seasonal changes in three indices for daily precipitation (Pr) for 2081-2100 with respect to 1980-1999, based on 17 GCMs contributing to the CMIP3. Source: Seneviratne et al., SREX, 2012.



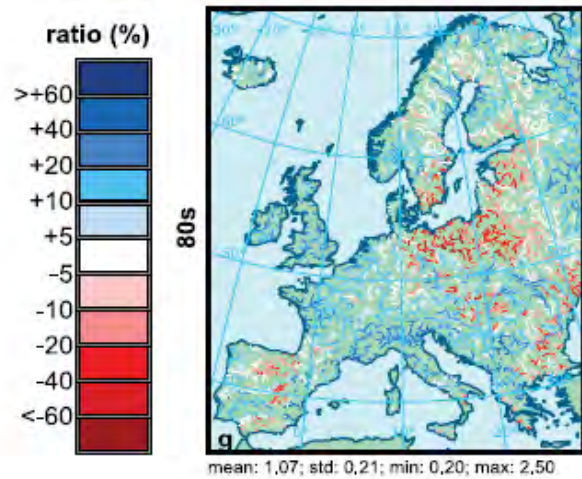
Changes in frequency of 100-year river discharge (Hirabayashi et al., 2013)



(Upper) Number of experiments (out of 45 in total) showing an increase (Left) or decrease (Right) in the magnitude of Q30 of more than 10% in 2070–2099 under RCP8.5, compared with 1971–2000. (Lower Left) Average change in the magnitude of Q30 across all experiments. (Lower Right) Ratio of GCM variance to IM variance. Source: **Dankers et al., PNAS, 2014**

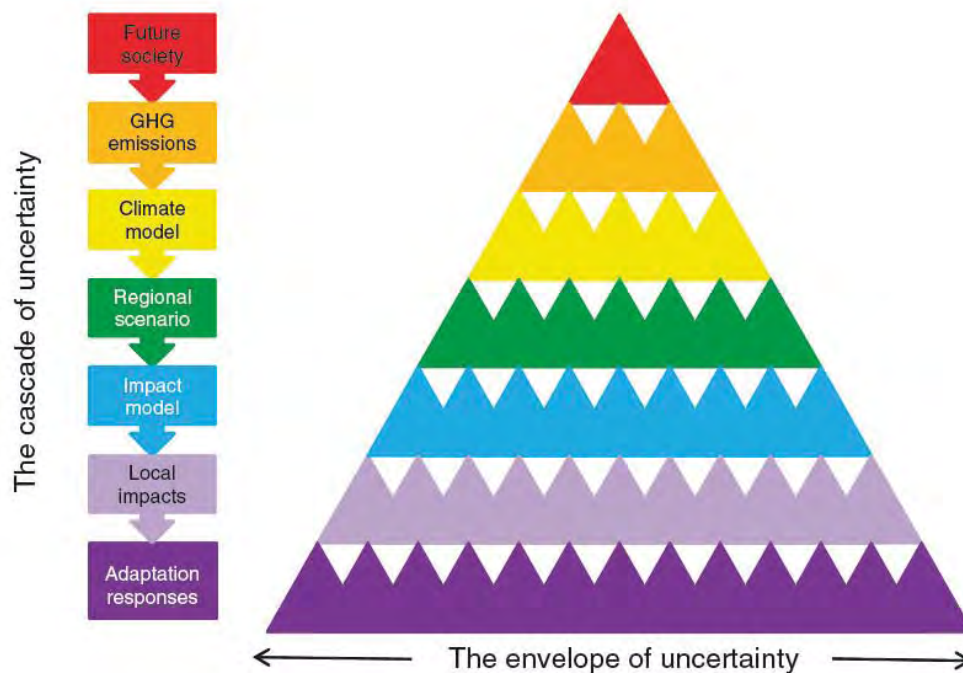


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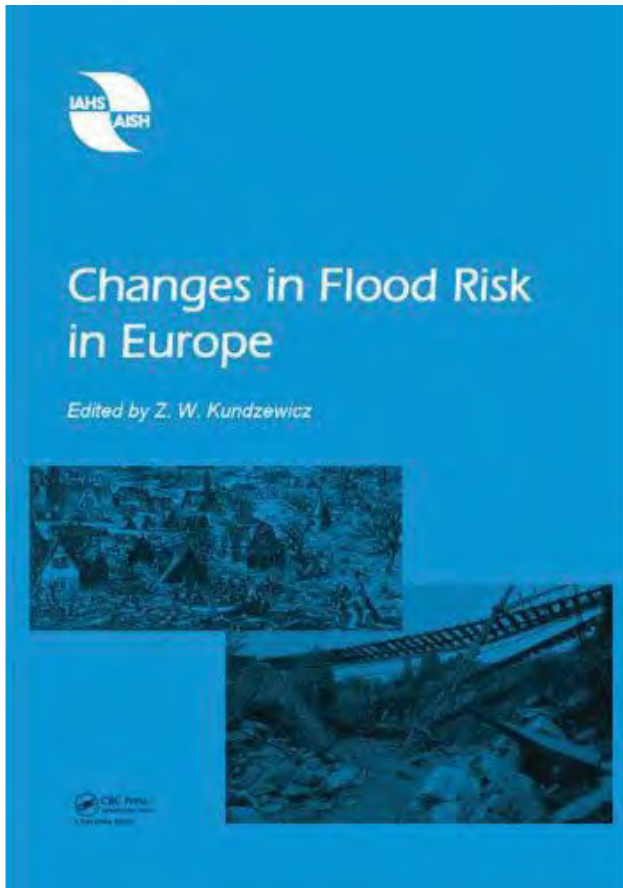


(b)

Comparison of flood hazard projections reported in (a) Alfieri *et al.* (2015) and (b) Rojas *et al.* (2012). Maps show changes in Q100 between the time horizon 2080s and the control period (a) 1976-2005 and (b) 1961-1990. Source: Kundzewicz, Z. W., Krysanova, V., Dankers, R., Hirabayashi, Y., Kanae, S., Hattermann, F. F., Huang, S., Milly, P. C. D., Stoffel, M., Driessen, P.P.J., Matczak, P., Quevauviller, P., Schellnhuber, H.-J. (2016) Differences in projections of changes in flood hazard in Europe – their causes and consequences for decision making – submitted to *Climatic Change*.



Source: Wilby & Dessai, 2010



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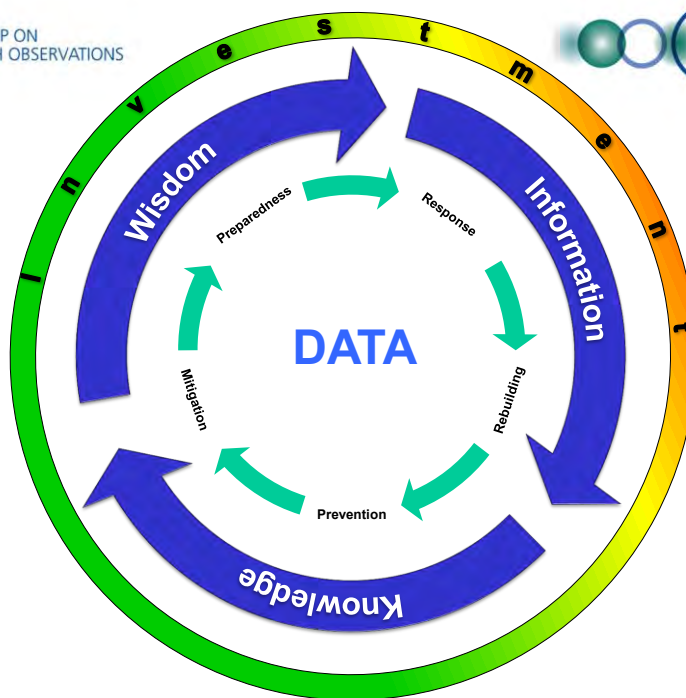
Swiss Alps, 13-15 October 2000



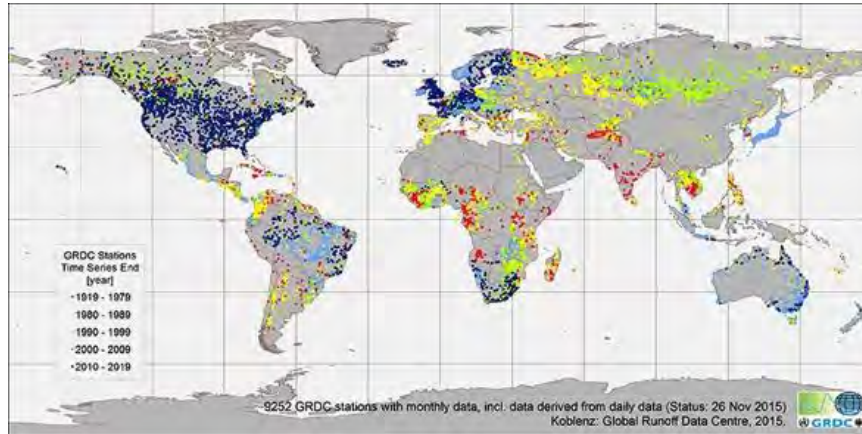


Messages

1. Floods are complex processes. They occurred, and will occur, anywhere and anytime.
2. Prevention is the best solution
3. Survey is the key
4. Cooperation is crucial



National hydrometry networks



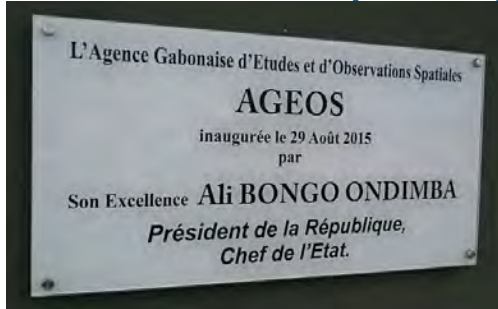
Hydrometry networks are: 1. Essential and 2. Insufficient

55 CEOS Agencies Operate 131 EO Satellites
300+ sensors and measurements





Satellite data acquisition, example of Gabon

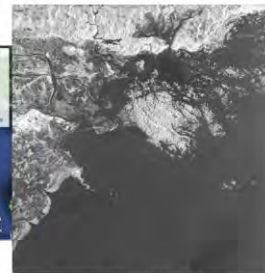
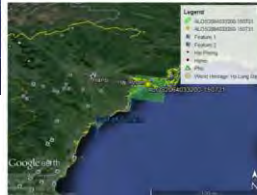


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Example of satellite product

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HV-polarized ALOS-2 Charter image from Vietnam flooding, 0445 UTC 31 July 2015

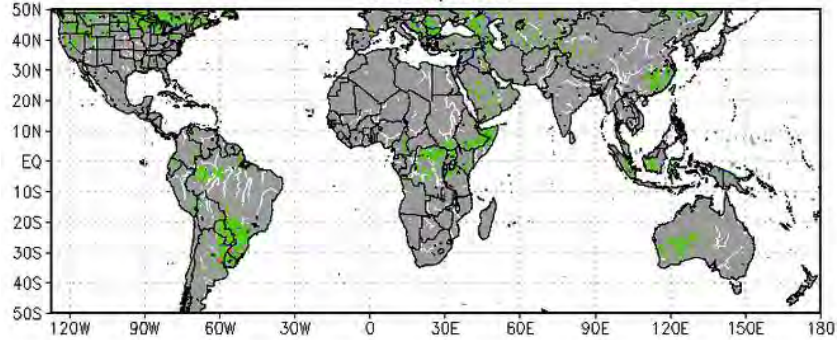
JAXA, Courtesy Bob Kuligowski - NOAA Federal



The Global flood monitoring System (GFMS), University of Maryland

Real-time quasi-global hydrological calculations at 1/8th degree and 1 km resolution (source: flood.umd.edu)

Flood Detection/Intensity (depth above threshold [mm])
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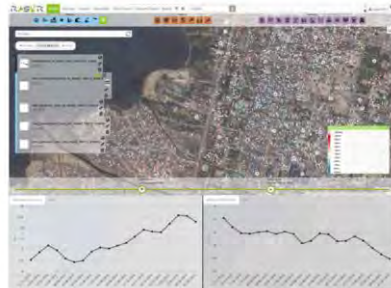


Prototype of Flash Flood dashboard for Caribbean/Central America

<http://matsu-flashflood.opensciencedatacloud.org/>



Courtesy: Stu Fivie, NASA

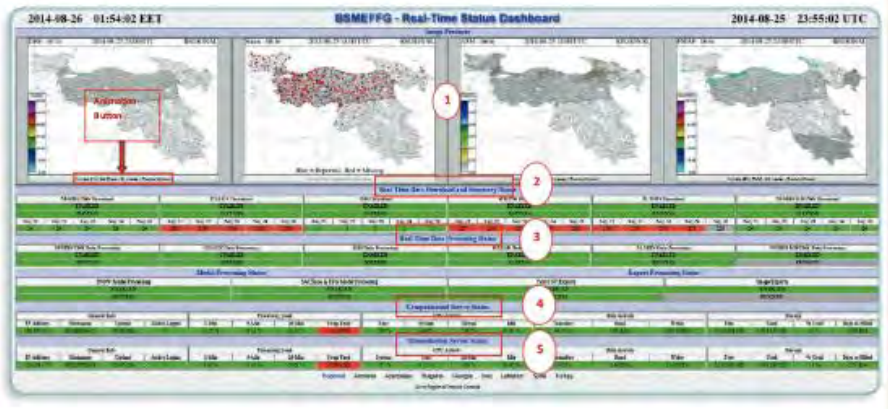


Map of Port-au-Prince with elevation changes determined by RASOR team (red=decrease; blue=increase) based on ~1 year of RADARSAT-2 images. This can in turn be related to changes in flood risk. (Credit: F. Kuodogbo, Altamira)

Courtesy: Stu Fivie, NASA



Example of real time data integration: Black Sea flash floods system



From: From: Black Sea And Middle East Flash Flood Guidance System User Guide, Turkish Meteorological Service, 2015



Example of ensemble-based early warnings products for extreme weather events: TIGGE

Operational ensemble forecasts from global centres: ECMWF, JMA, UKMO and NCEP (THORPEX program, see TIGGE Museum)

Ensemble-based warning for severe weather events

[A river aside \(pdf\)](#)

Area:

Center:

Multi-Center Grand Ensemble

ECMWF

JMA

NCEP

UKMO

All

LE: Week (1-7 days)

Week2 (8-14 days)

+0-1 days

+1-2 days

+2-3 days

+3-4 days

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[Detailed probabilistic forecast for severe weather](#)

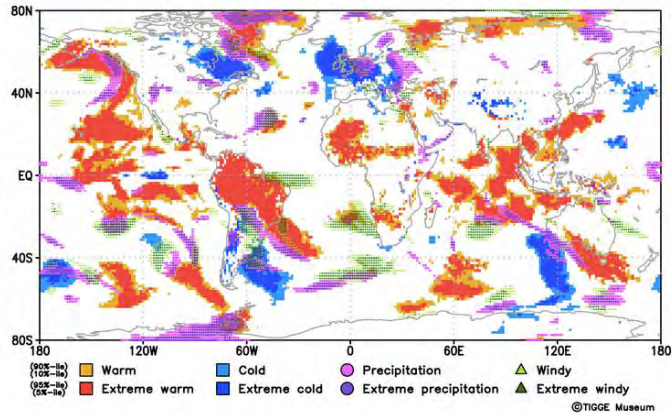
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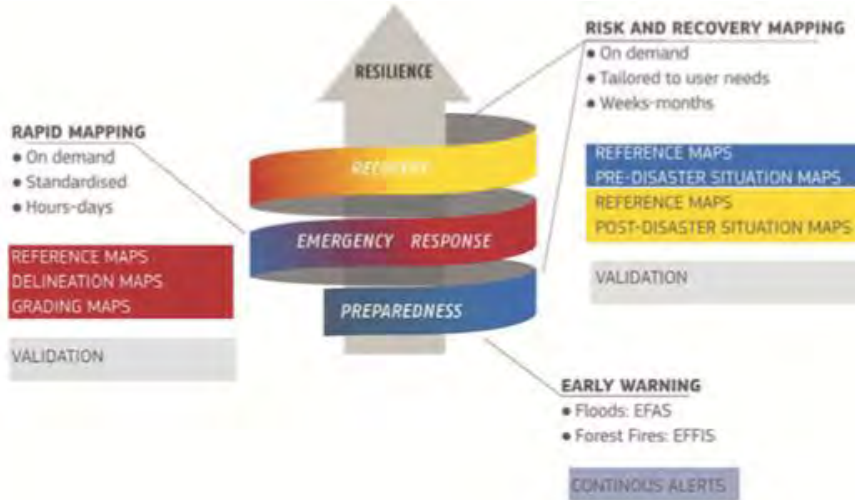


Expected severe weather events (grand ensemble)
Initial: 2016.04.23.12UTC, Valid: 2016.04.26.12UTC





COPERNICUS Emergency service



Including EFAS (European Flood Awareness System)

Courtesy Françoise Villette, EC-COPERNICUS

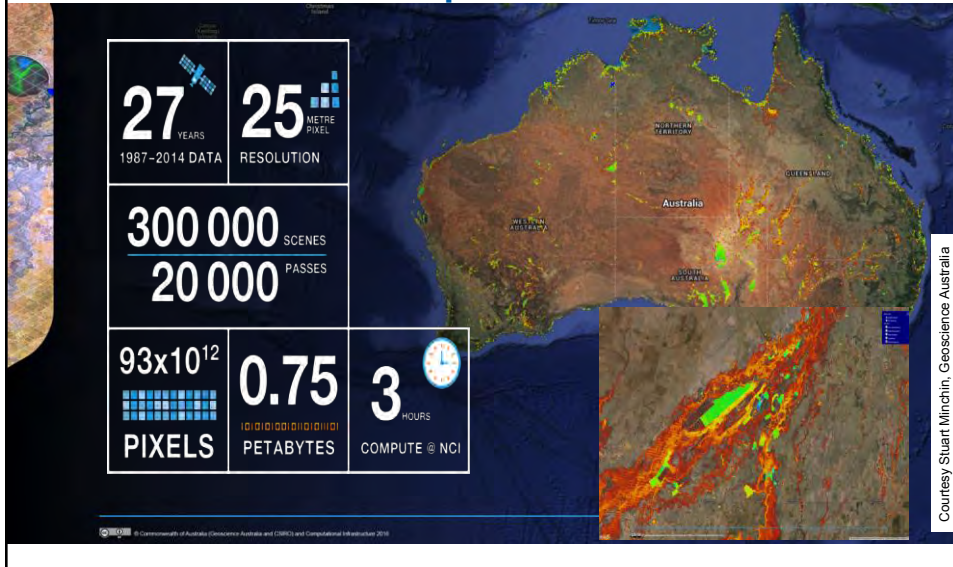


Multiple algorithms: the Australian Data Cube



Courtesy Stuart Minchin, Geoscience Australia

Data Cube example: combination of water observations from space



Many actors involved in disaster risk reduction





The intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations (GEO)

- Voluntary partnership between governments and organizations
- **Coordinated, comprehensive and sustained Earth observations and information** informing decisions and actions, for the benefit of humankind
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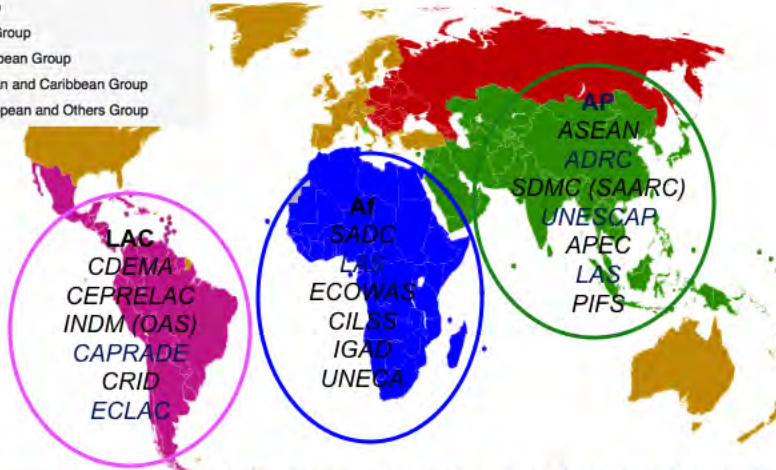
Cooperation exemple: GEO – DARMA starting in 2016

Establish an inclusive, comprehensive process to address local DRR requirements by using EO technologies efficiently.



GEO-DARMA Partnership Approach

- African Group
- Asia-Pacific Group
- Eastern European Group
- Latin American and Caribbean Group
- Western European and Others Group



Courtesy Ivan Pettiville, ESA

International: consider regional processes and programmes of GFDRR, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO, across regions and in areas where there is no regional organisation (e.g. Central Asia)



Summary

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0 \quad \rho \left(\frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \varepsilon \right) - \nabla \cdot (K_H \nabla T) + p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \mathbf{F} + \frac{\mu}{\rho} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

From Data to Decision: a multidisciplinary value chain

Many new developments, many remaining challenges: IMPACT!

Partnerships & coordination mechanisms for data collection AND interpretation

Thank you!

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The Evolving Nature of Flood Risk – Understanding Flood Drivers and Impacts

Milan Simic, PhD



Main Innovations in Modelling Flood Risk




Many Organisations are Contributing to the Global Understanding of Flood Risk




Flood Hazard Maps have Become Well-Established


River Network



Historical Footprint



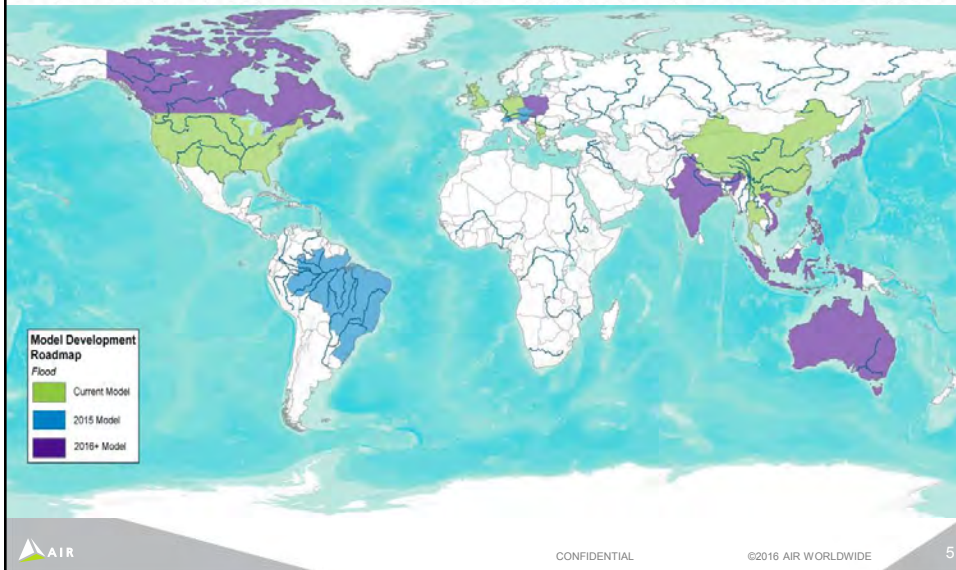
100-Year Hazard Map



- Hazard maps are
 - Areas of uniform hazard
 - 100 year, 250 year, and 500 year
 - Defined by the probability of hazard
 - Can use physical processes and/or statistical regression
- Hazard maps are NOT
 - Footprints of individual events or potential events
 - Based on loss information

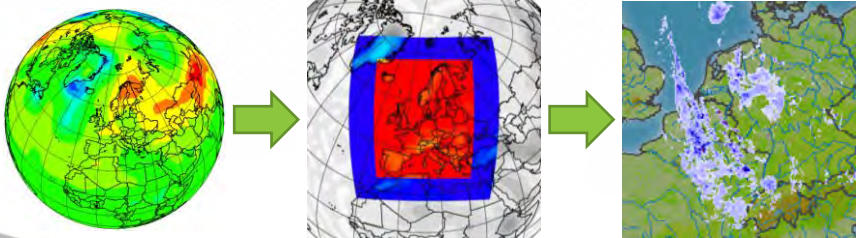
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Flood Hazard Map Coverage and Quality Increases All the Time ... but They Have Known Limitations

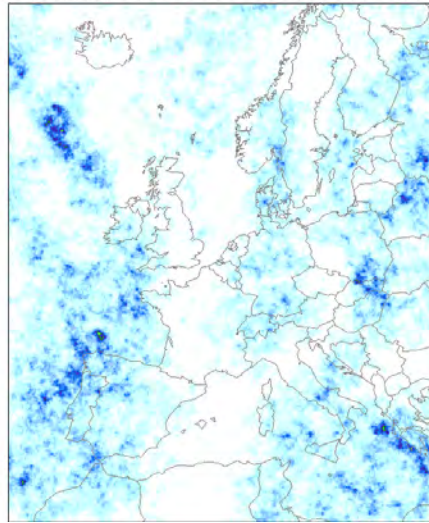
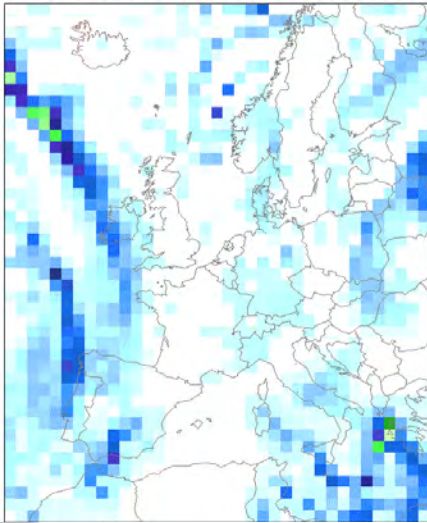


How to Model Local Realisation of a Global Phenomenon?

Coupling Global Circulation Models (GCMs) at global scale with mesoscale Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) models at regional scale can provide coherent large-scale precipitation patterns

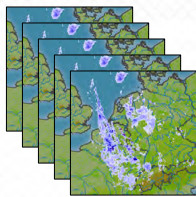


Advanced Downscaling Can Take Coarse Simulation Results and Generate Realistic Looking Precipitation Patterns



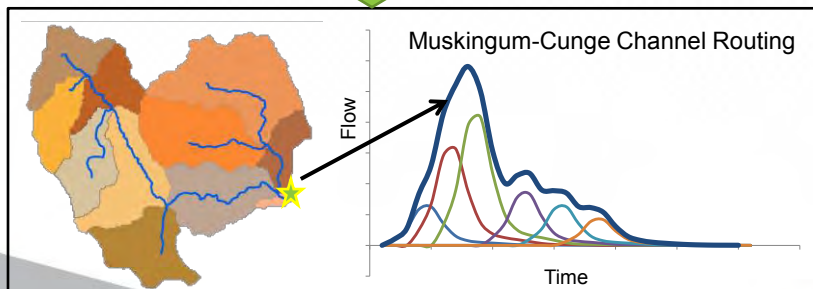
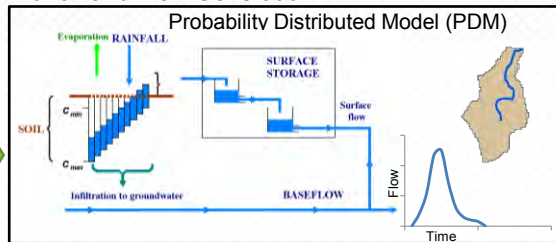
How to Transform Precipitation to Flow?

Precipitation, $i = 1 \dots 10,000$ years

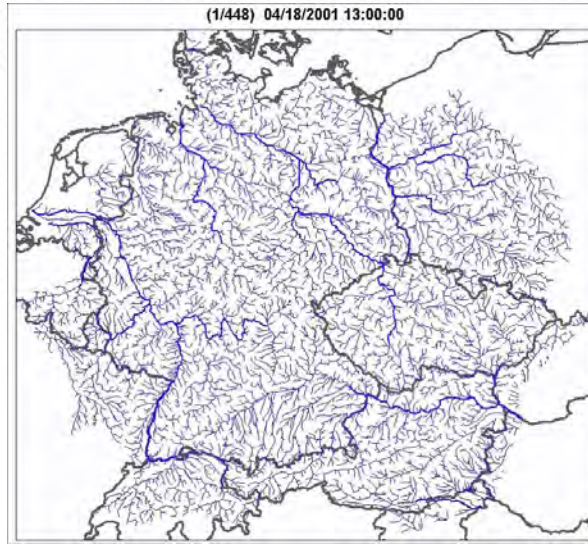


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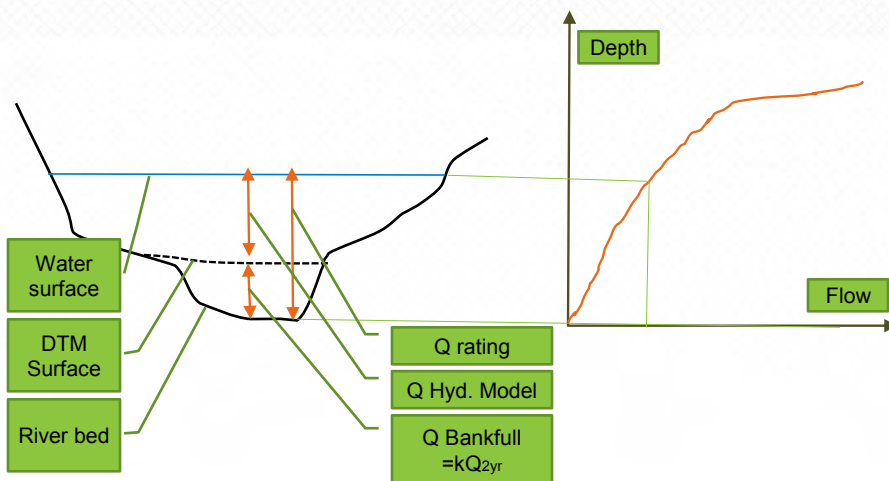
Runoff and Flow Generation



Precipitation Correlation Needs to be Preserved and Flow Calculated Over Large Distances



How to Estimate Water Level Along the River Network for Various Flows?

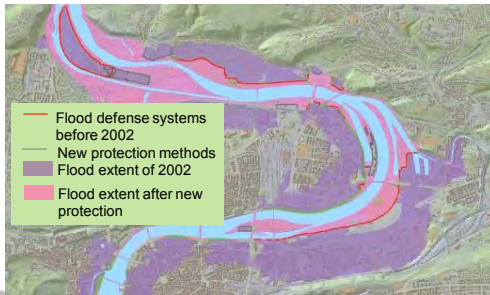
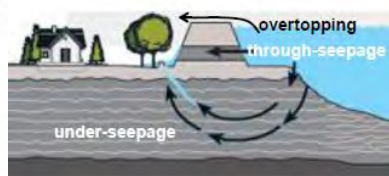
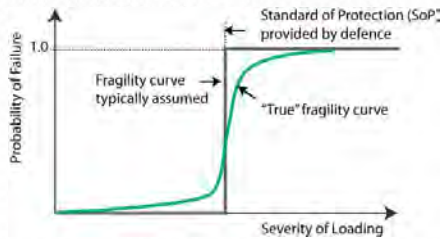


How to Determine Flood Extent Based on Water Level and Flow Results?

- Combination of hydraulic model with flood mapping provides a realistic flood extent
- Many flood extent layers can be created to account for the hazard more accurately



How to Take into Account Flood Defences and Their Potential Failure?

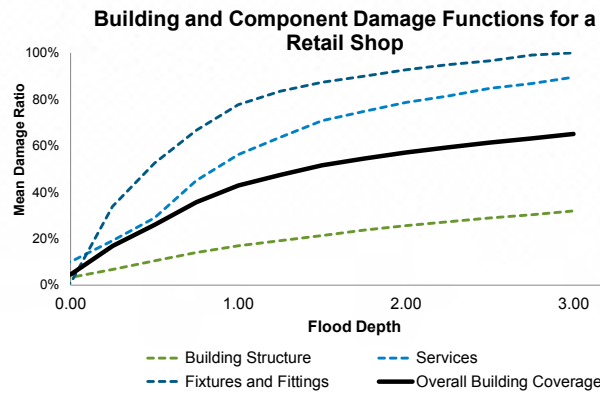


How to Model Vulnerability to Flood?

- Property is divided into key flood-vulnerable components
- Each component vulnerability is aggregated using component cost breakdown to determine the overall building vulnerability



■ Building Structure
■ Services
■ Fixtures and Fittings



Remaining Challenges in Understanding Flood Risk

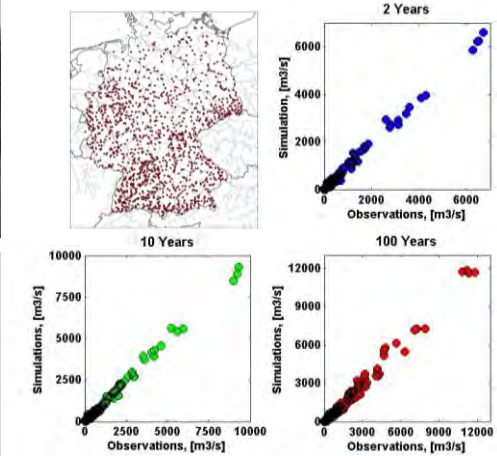
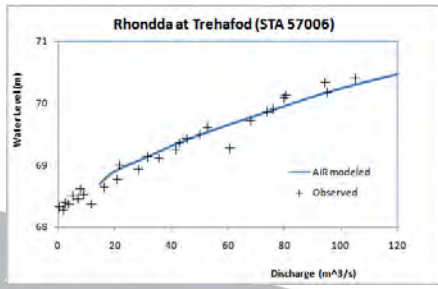
Reliable Flood Footprints are Still not Quickly and Readily Available



Availability, Quality and Choice of DTMs Can Play a Major Role in Understanding and Quantifying Flood Risk



Flow and Water Level Validation Requires More and Better Data

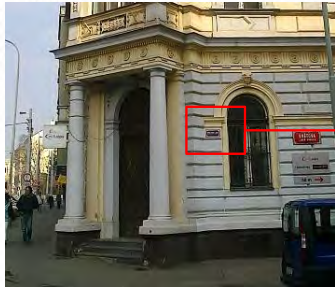


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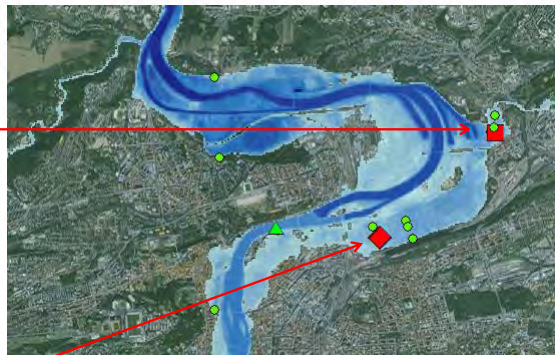
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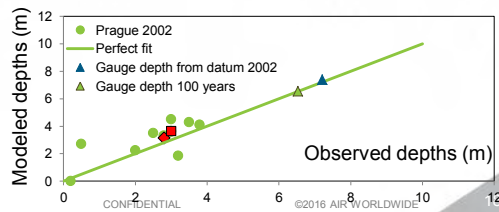
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Thámova, Karlín, ~ 3 m depth



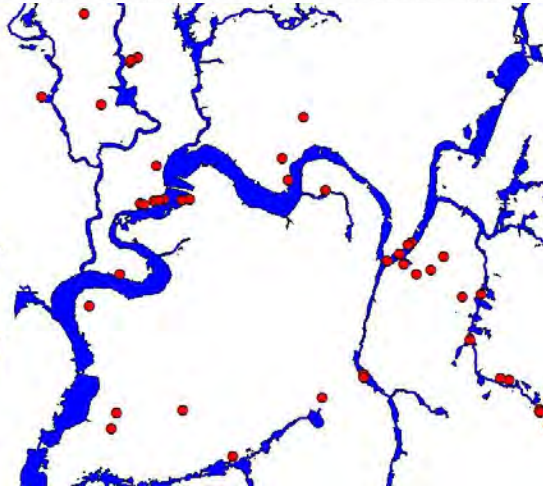
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Understanding and Quantification of Off-flood Plain Losses Can Still be Improved

- On plain flood
- Off plain flood
 - Sewer backup
 - Sheet flow
 - Flash flooding
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Geocoding Accuracy and its Treatment can Have Profound Impact on Quantification of Flood Losses

Original Geocoding



0 50 100 200 300 400 Meters

Best Estimate: Grid Geocoding



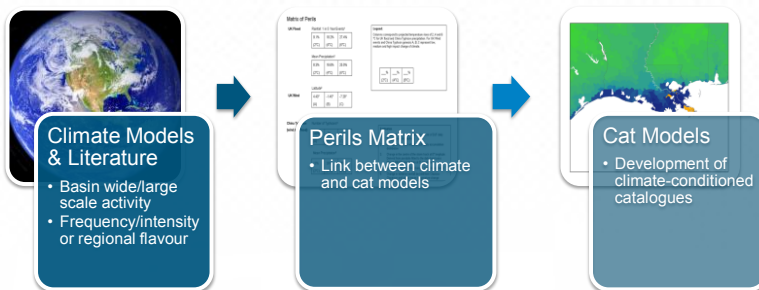
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Accuracy of Flood Risk Assessment is Often Better at Aggregate Level



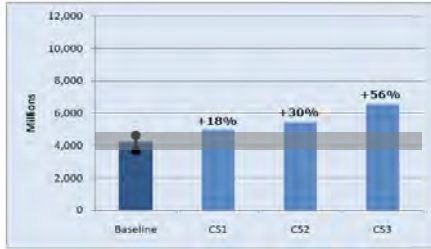
Ability to Deal With the Impact of Climate Change Within Flood Cat Models is Still Relatively Poorly Understood

- Coupling between Met Office's climate models and AIR's catastrophe models



Example Changes in 1.0% Exceedance Probability Loss Conditioned on Met Office Climate Scenarios

100-Year (1.0% Annual Probability) Loss



CS1



CS2



CS3

