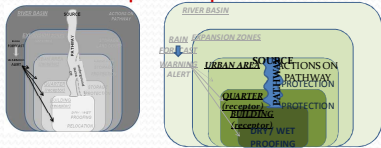


# UNDERSTANDING EXTREME SPANISH COASTAL FLOOD EVENTS

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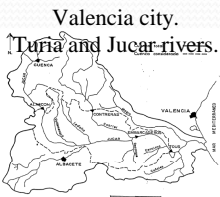
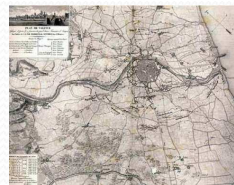
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From flood management systems to flood resilient systems:  
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## Valencia Case Study



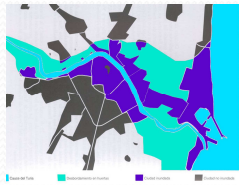
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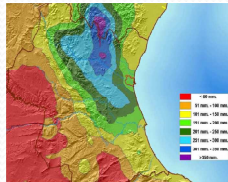
Jucar Basin and its tributaries



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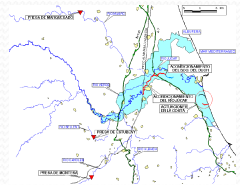
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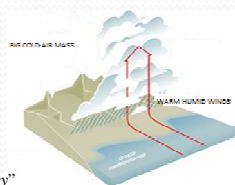
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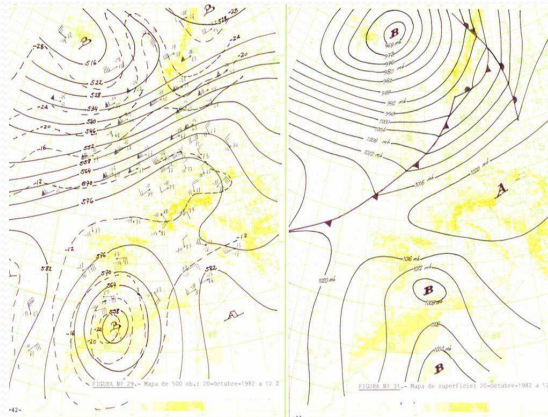
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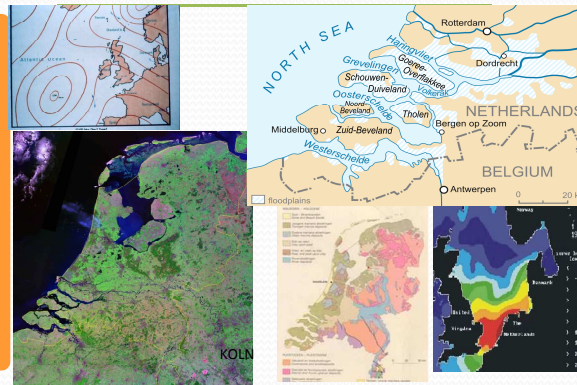
The Cold Drop Phenomenon



the "cold drop" meteorological phenomenon



## COASTAL & INLAND FLOODS



## CONCLUSIONS

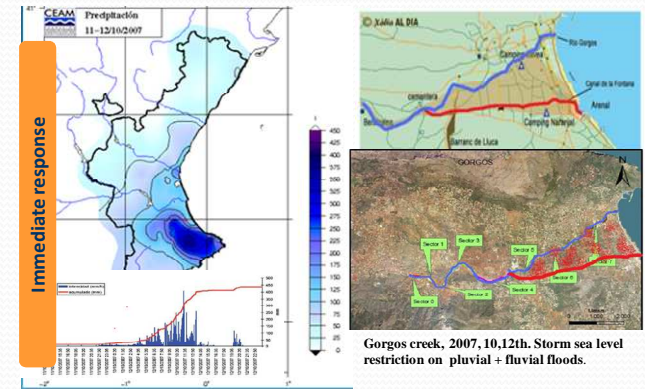
- Sea level may produce or not direct sea-water flood but always restrict inland evacuation.
- Rains are main factor for pluvial (flash), fluvial and even groundwater floods, that generally combine, especially in coastal zones.
- Storm sea level rise and next & far inland rains are parts of the same climate thermal-mechanic event
- Most of flood events are deeply characterized by maritime climate conditions, hence to observe the hydrologic phenomena in a holistic way.

## Ebro river

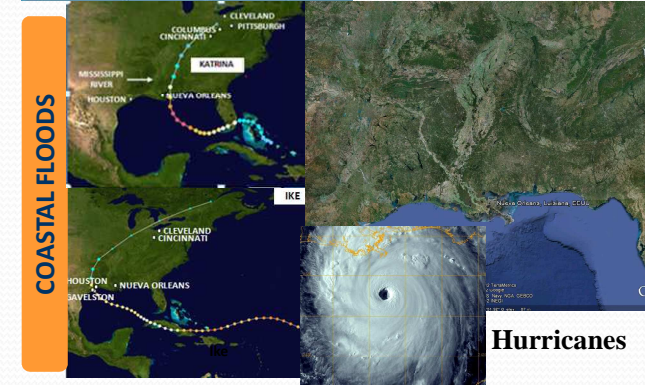


## EBRO RIVER BASIN

- Oceanic climates: Cantabrian and Mediterranean
- Sources: Direct Rains (Autumn) and Thaw (Spring)
  - \*Rains: Cantabrian and Bizcay & Lion cold drops
  - \*Thaws: Cantabrian and Pyrenees snow heights
  - Paths: Cantabrian and Pyrenees Ridges



Gorgos creek, 2007. 10.12th. Storm sea level restriction on pluvial + fluvial floods.



Hurricanes

## WHY IMPROVING FLOOD ESTIMATION ?

**CLASSIC PURELY HYDROLOGICAL AIMS FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENT**  
SMARTeST: "Complete flood risk mapping"  
**FLOOD RISK (RESILIENT) MANAGEM. REQUIREMENT**  
\*SMARTeST: "Integrated flood -resilience- risk management policy"