

Smart Control of the Climate Resilience in  
European Coastal Cities



# From Global to Local scale: Predicting the effects of climate change on coastal cities

**2 Models for downscaling – step 1 : from global scale  
to basin and coastal scale**

*Hydrological model*

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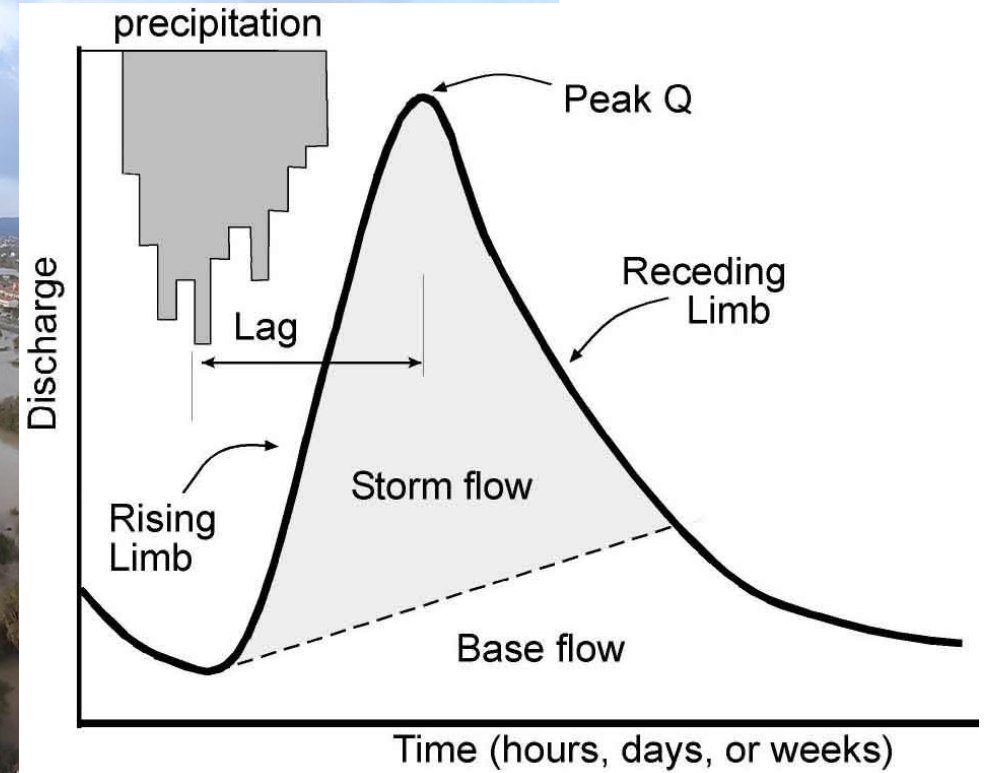
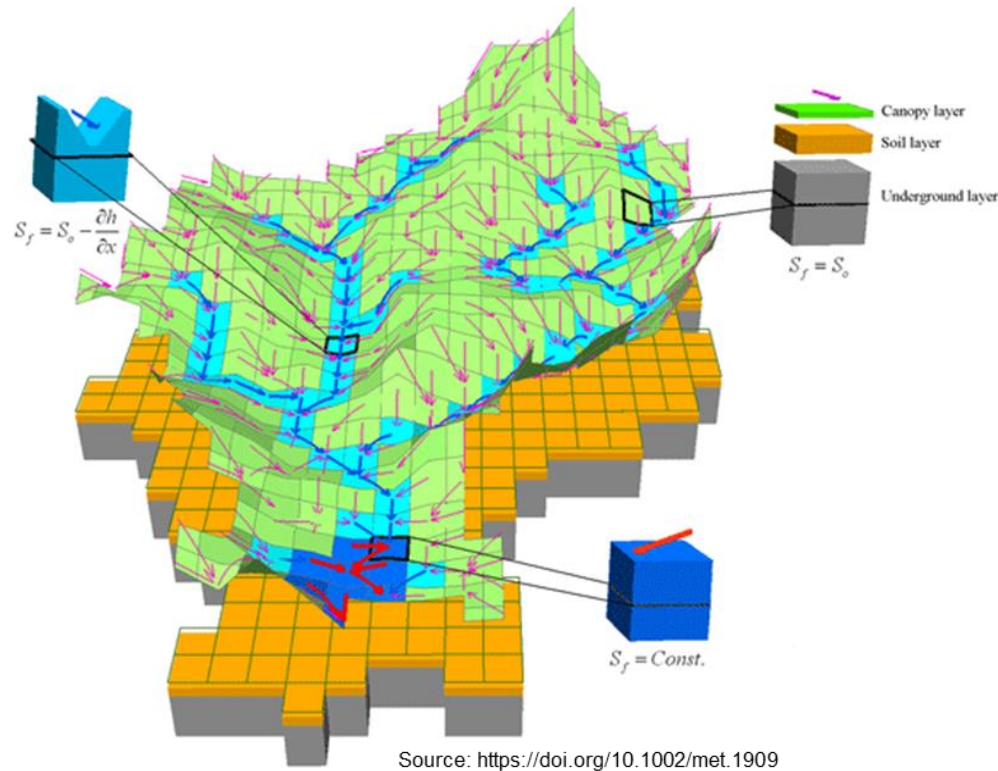
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## Hydrological model



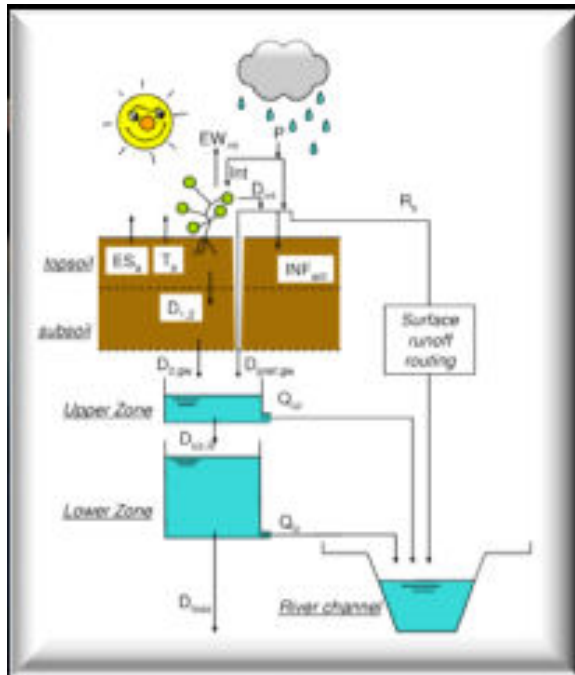
Floods in Tuscany, Italy, early November 2023. Photo: Government of Tuscany

# 2 Models for downscaling – step 1 : from global scale to basin and coastal scale

## Hydrological model

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## LISFLOOD Distributed Water Balance and Flood Simulation Model



*Revised User Manual*

Peter Burek, Johan van der Knijff, Ad de Roo

2013

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**code**

Lisflood OS - LISFLOOD

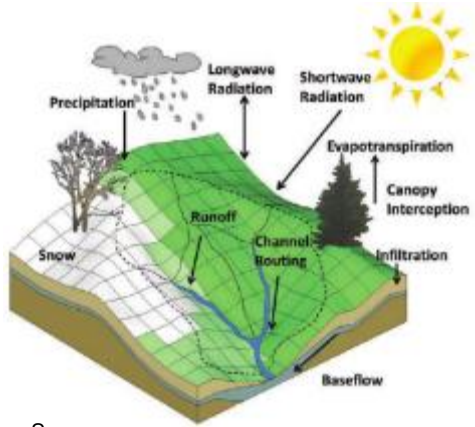


The LISFLOOD model is a hydrological rainfall-runoff model that is capable of simulating the hydrological processes that occur in a catchment.

LISFLOOD has been developed by the floods group of the Natural Hazards Project of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission. The specific development objective was to produce a tool that can be used in large and trans-national catchments for a variety of applications, including:

- Flood forecasting
- Assessing the effects of river regulation measures
- Assessing the effects of land-use change
- Assessing the effects of climate change

# Hydrological and Hydraulic Models



Source  
<https://doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-12-00212.1>

## Input datasets

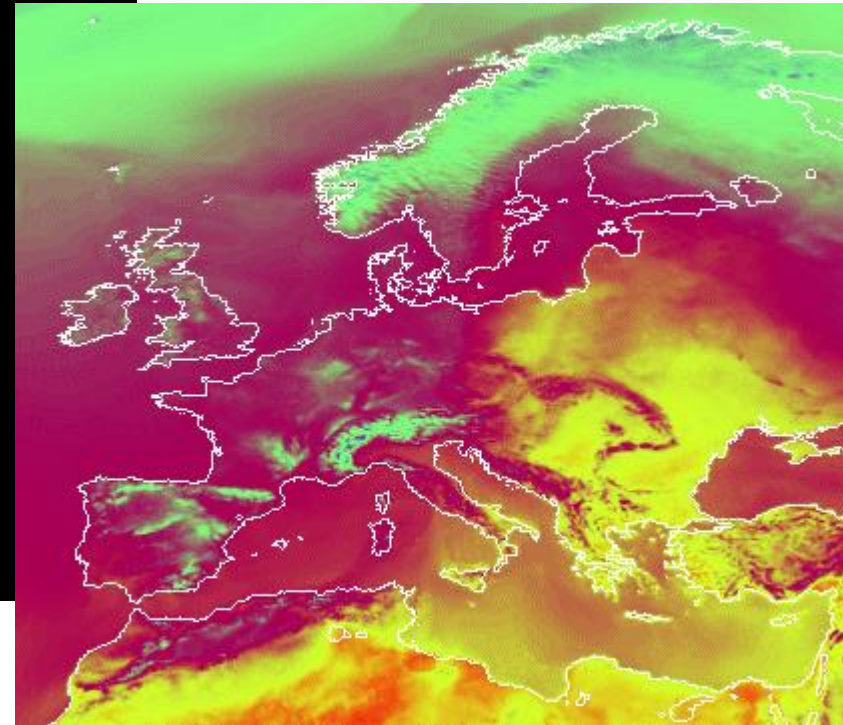
- **meteorological forcings:** These maps provide time series of values for each pixel of the computational domain. The meteorological forcings provide the values of precipitation, temperature and reference values of evaporation from different terrains.
- **static maps:** These maps provide information of morphological, physical, soil, and land use properties for each pixel of the computational domain.

# Meteorological forcing

total precipitation (mm/hour)



average daily temperature at 2m (°K)



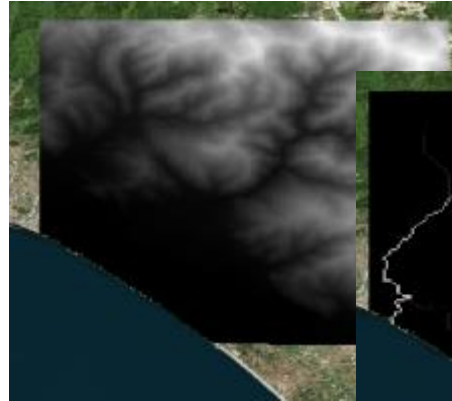
reference value of evaporation (mm/day)



# Input datasets

static maps:

Dem



Flow accumulation



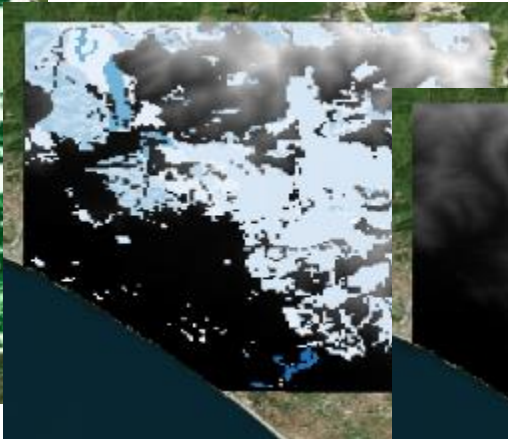
Local Drain Direction



Fraction of Forest



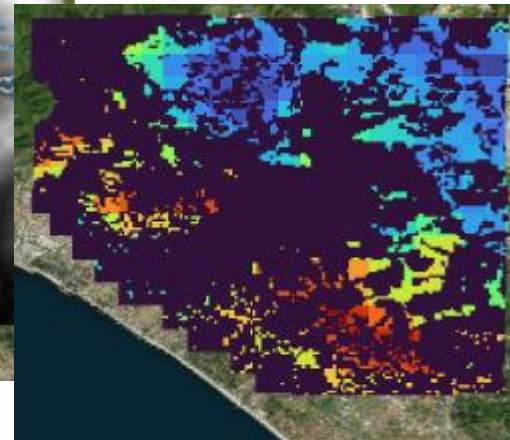
Ksat forest



Stream Slope



Leaf Area Index



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## 1 Introduction

2 Install packages and load auxiliary functions

3 Define variables and paths

4 Download input data

5 DEM and mask

6 Land use maps

7 Land use depending maps

8 Soil hydraulic properties maps

9 Channel geometry maps

10 LAI maps

11 Reservoir maps

12 Rice calendar maps

13 References

# Preprocessing input data for LISFLOOD hydrological model with R

Massimo Perna, Francesca Caparrini & Giovanni Vitale

January, 2024

## 1 Introduction

LISFLOOD is a model that simulates the full water cycle from rainfall to water in rivers, lakes and groundwater. The model simulates, in large areas such as river basins, continents or the entire globe, the combined effects of weather and climate changes, land use, socio-economic changes on water demand, as well as policy measures for water savings or flood control. The model is used for water and climate studies, as well as flood and drought forecasting. Informations [here](#)

In this document a workflow of input data setup in R is presented.

The following picture show the workflow of th LISFLOOD model; for any information about the model see [References](#)

# SCORE hydrological modelling

- **LISFLOOD model** setup for 3 coastal cities (Massa, Villanova and Orsoaldea)
  - 100 m spatial resolution



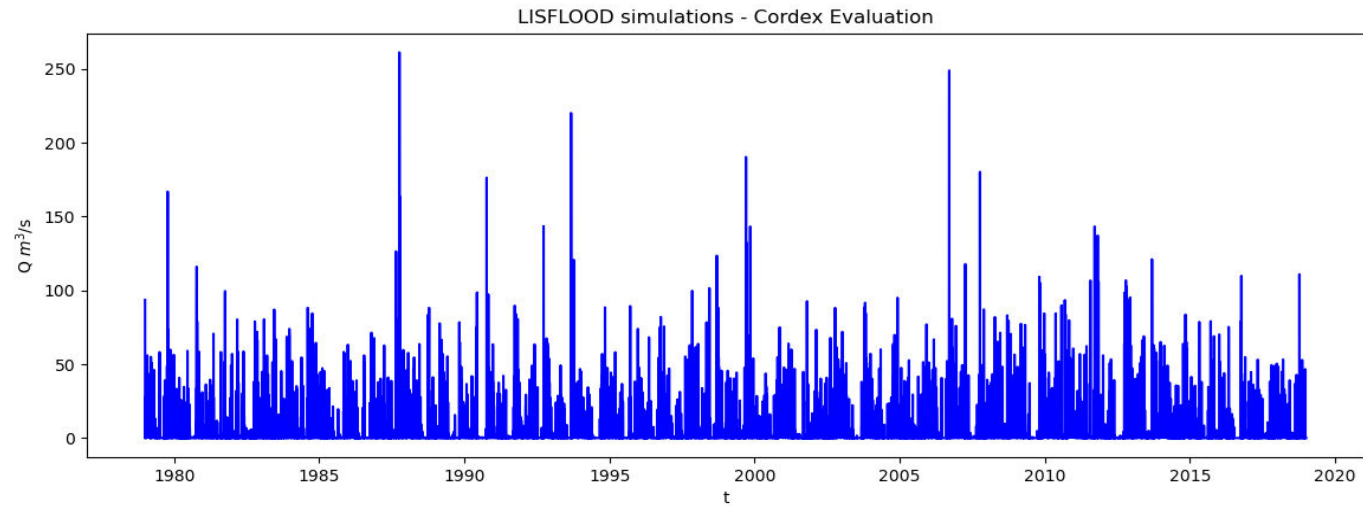
- Test/calibration run with **CORDEX evaluation** scenario (1979-2018, 1-hr time step)
- Run with **rcp45** and **rcp85** scenario (2006-2099, 1-hr time step)
- Preliminary statistical analysis and extreme events (design hydrographs for different Cordex scenarios, to be used in the hydraulic/2D flood simulations)



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## MASSA case study

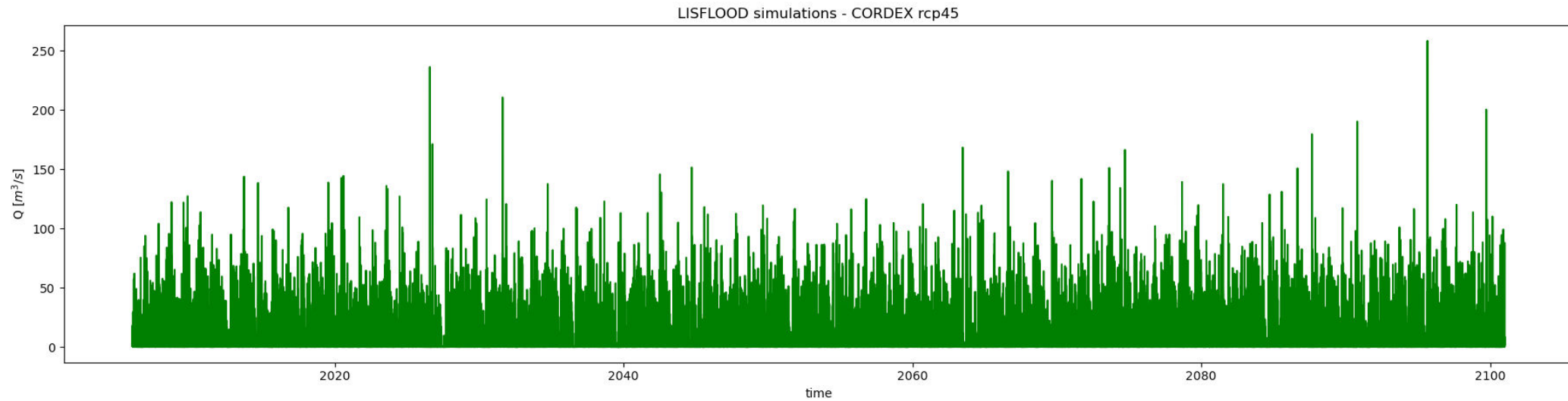
- Example of Massa test/calibration run with **CORDEX evaluation** scenario (1979-2018, 1-hr time step)



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## MASSA case study

- Example of Massa run with **CORDEX rcp45** scenario (2006-2099, 1-hr time step)



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## MASSA case study

- Example of Massa run with **CORDEX rcp85** scenario (2006-2099, 1-hr time step)

