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Heavy Rainfalls in Central Chile: Pilot Study in Quebrada de Ramón

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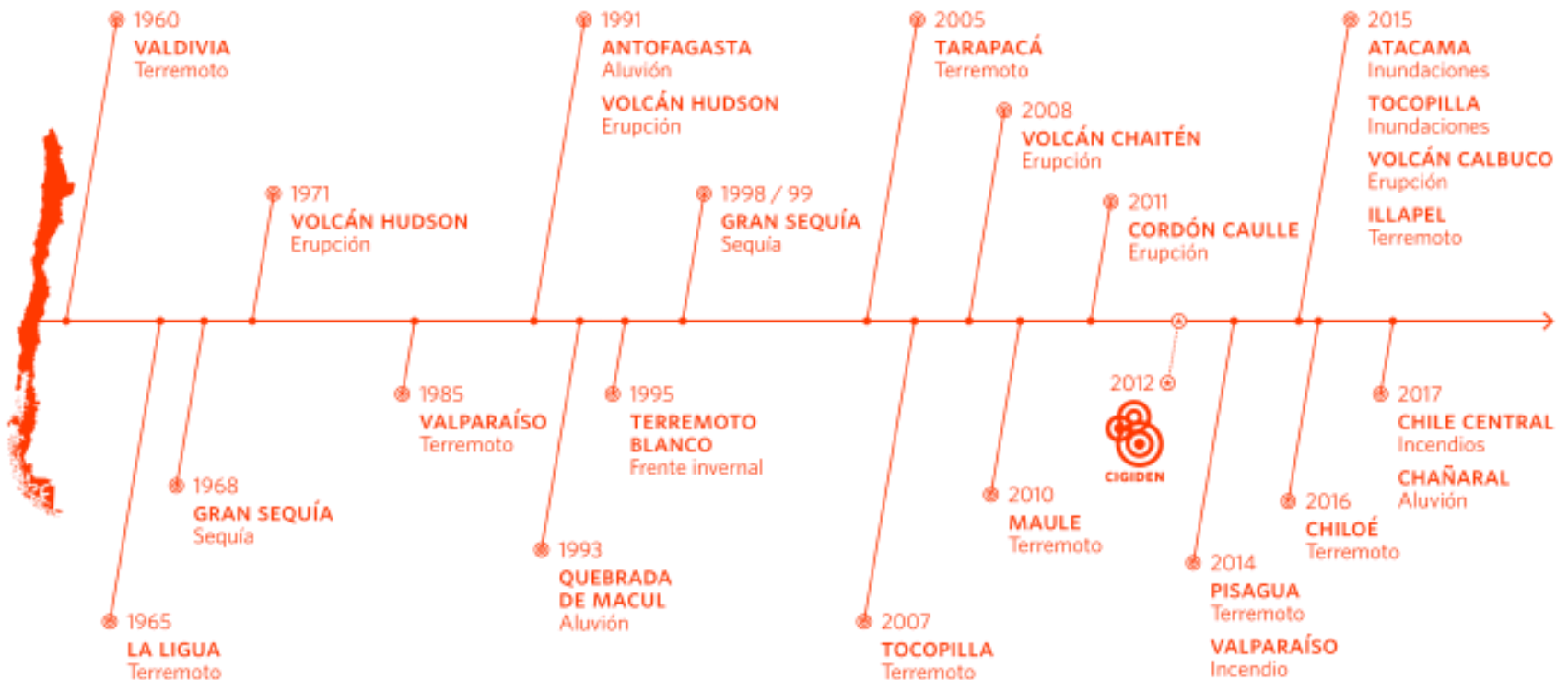
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CHILE: HIGH EXPOSURE TO NATURAL HAZARDS

Global south country highly exposed to multiple natural hazards
International laboratory for disaster sciences



Source: CIGIDEN 2017

NATURAL HAZARDS AND IMPACTS IN CHILE

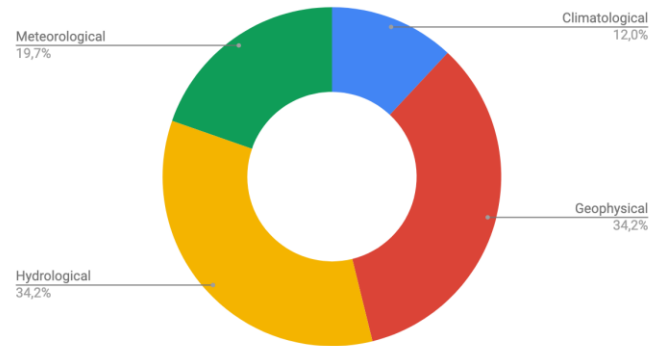
1906-2018

Se cumple al menos 1 de las siguientes condiciones:

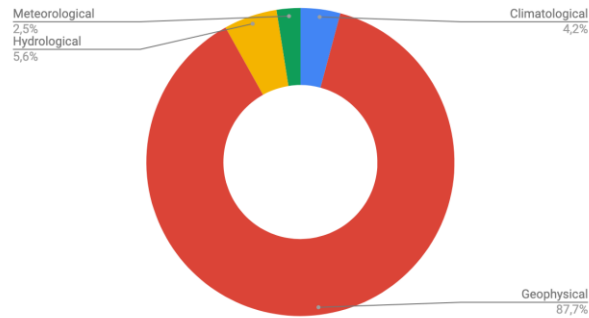
- 10 o más personas fallecidas
- 100 or más personas afectadas
- Declaración de estado de emergencia
- Solicitud de ayuda internacional

Source: EM-DAT 2019

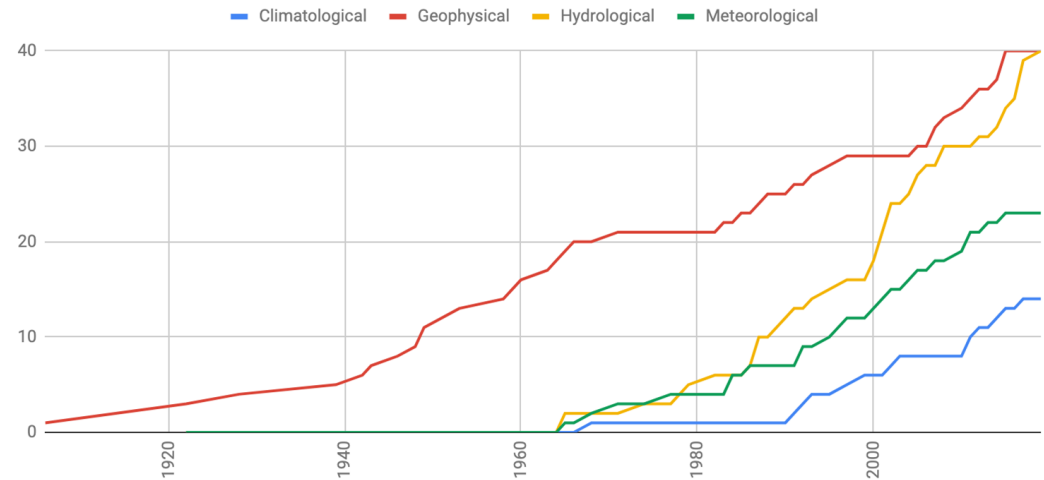
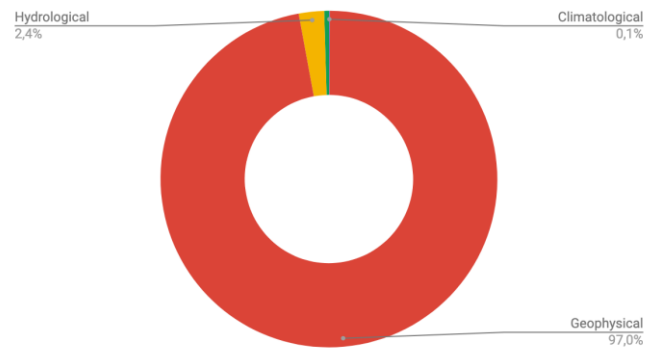
Number of events



Overall losses



Fatalities



SYSTEMIC RISKS AND GOVERNANCE

NO natural disasters



Modificado de IPCC, 2014



- 4 Chilean Universities
- 8 Principal Researchers
- 17 Associate Researchers
- 34 Professionals
- 13 Postdoctoral Fellows
- 20 Sponsored MSc Students
- 26 Sponsored PhD Students



Researchers from other six Chilean universities



PRINCIPAL RESEARCHERS



SOCIAL PRACTICES

RL4 DISASTER CULTURES AND RISK GOVERNANCE

RL6 CITIZEN GOVERNANCE



Manuel Tironi
*Sociology &
Anthropology*



Paula Repetto
*Disaster
Behavioral
Health*



Carolina Martínez
*Geography &
Territorial Planning*



NATURAL SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES

RL1 SOLID EARTH PROCESSES AND ASSOCIATED HAZARDS

RL2 SURFACE WATER PROCESSES AND ASSOCIATED HAZARDS



Gabriel González – Deputy
Director
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Rodrigo Cienfuegos – Director
*Earth Sciences & Civil
Engineering*



RISK AND RESILIENCE ANALYSIS

RL3 RISK AND RESILIENCE OF COMPLEX SYSTEMS
AND NETWORKS

RL5 SOCIO-ECONOMIC OF DISASTERS AND MITIGATION
STRATEGIES FOR RESILIENT CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS



Juan Carlos De la Llera
*Civil Engineering/Risk
Resilience of Physical Systems*

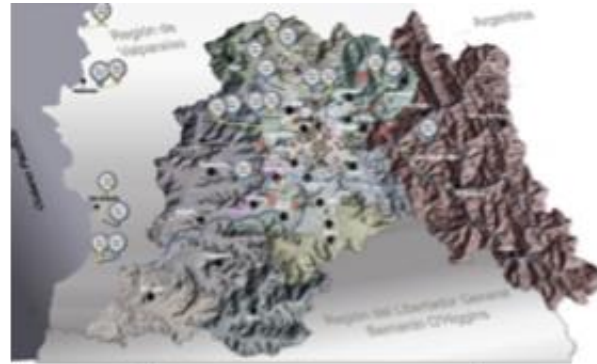


Nicolás Bronfman
*Risk Perception and
Socio-Economic
Assessment*

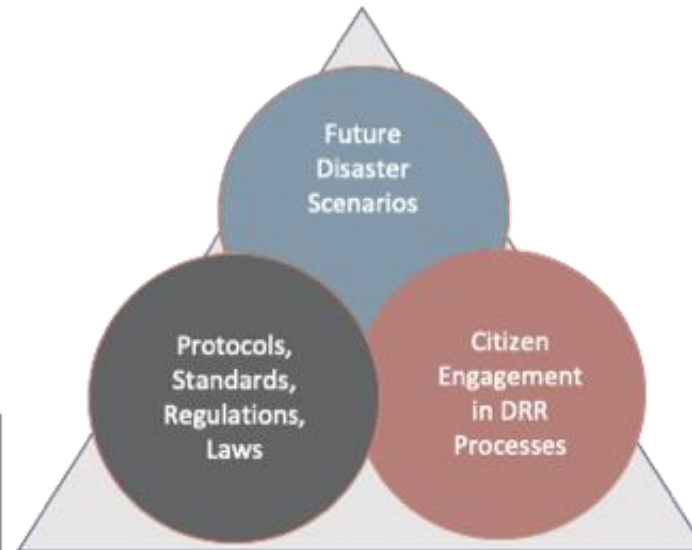


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NEW MODEL FOR KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE



Prospective Risk Assessment



Institutions (national and regional scales)

- Resilience of critical infrastructure networks.
- Urban and territorial planning for DRR, resilience, and sustainability.
- Socio-economic dimensions



Communities (local scales)

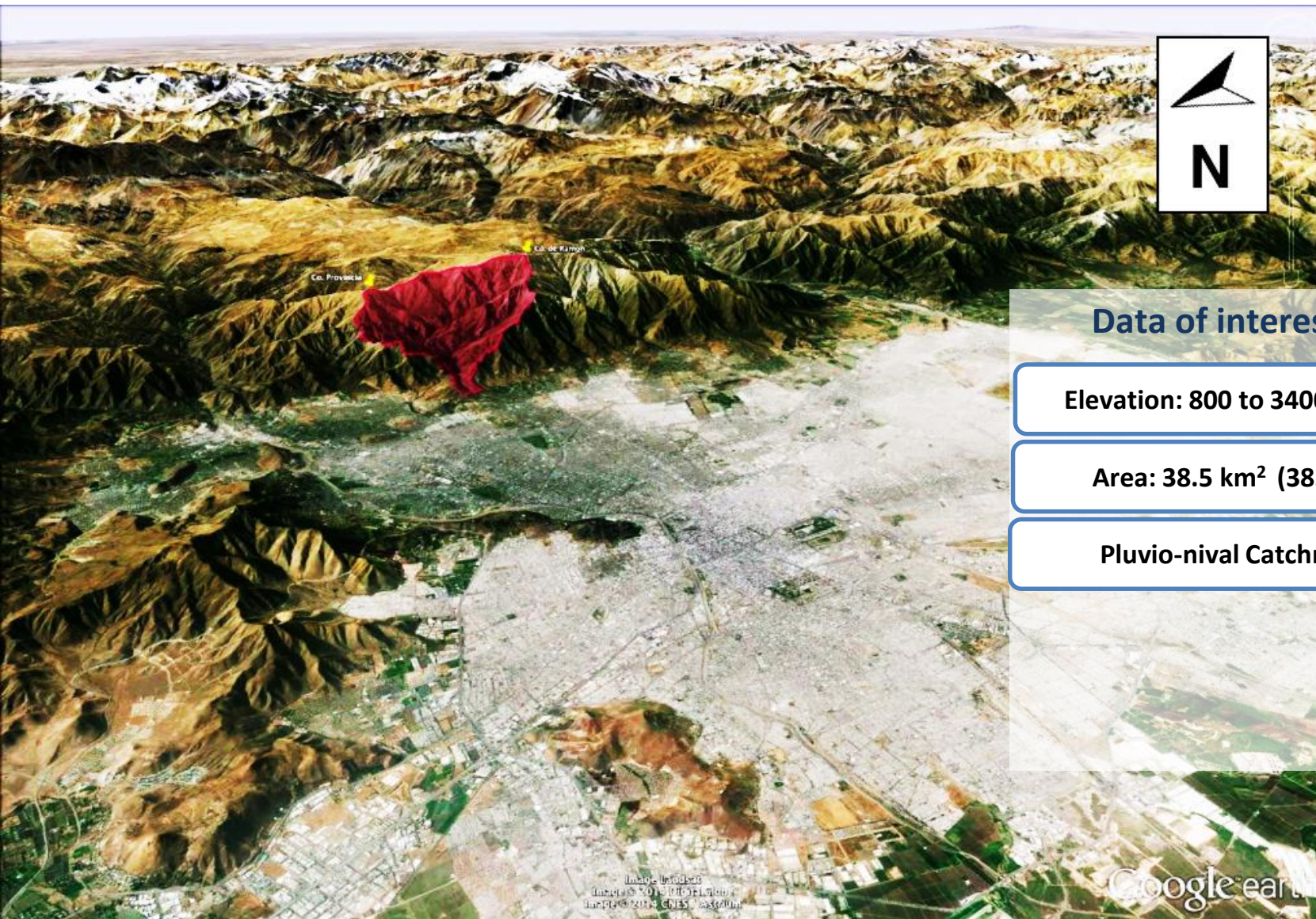
- Appraisal of social practices and contextual cultural heritages.
- Knowledge exchange and dialogues with local communities.
- Education and participation.



PILOT STUDY

Early Warning System for Flash Floods

QUEBRADA DE RAMÓN, A REPRESENTATIVE SMALL ANDEAN CATCHMENT



Data of interest

Elevation: 800 to 3400 m.a.s.l.

Area: 38.5 km² (3850 ha)

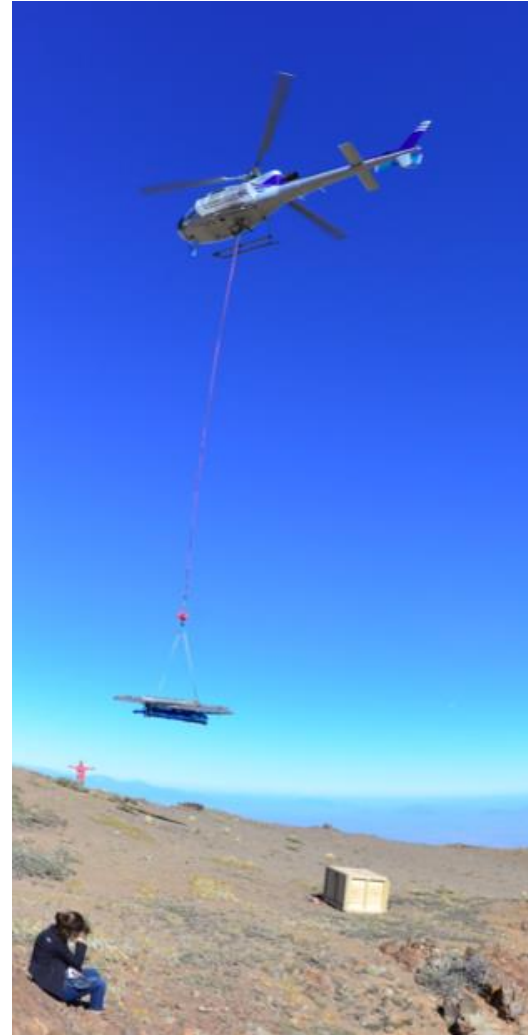
Pluvio-nival Catchment

Image provided
December 2013
Imágenes 2013 CNES - Airbus

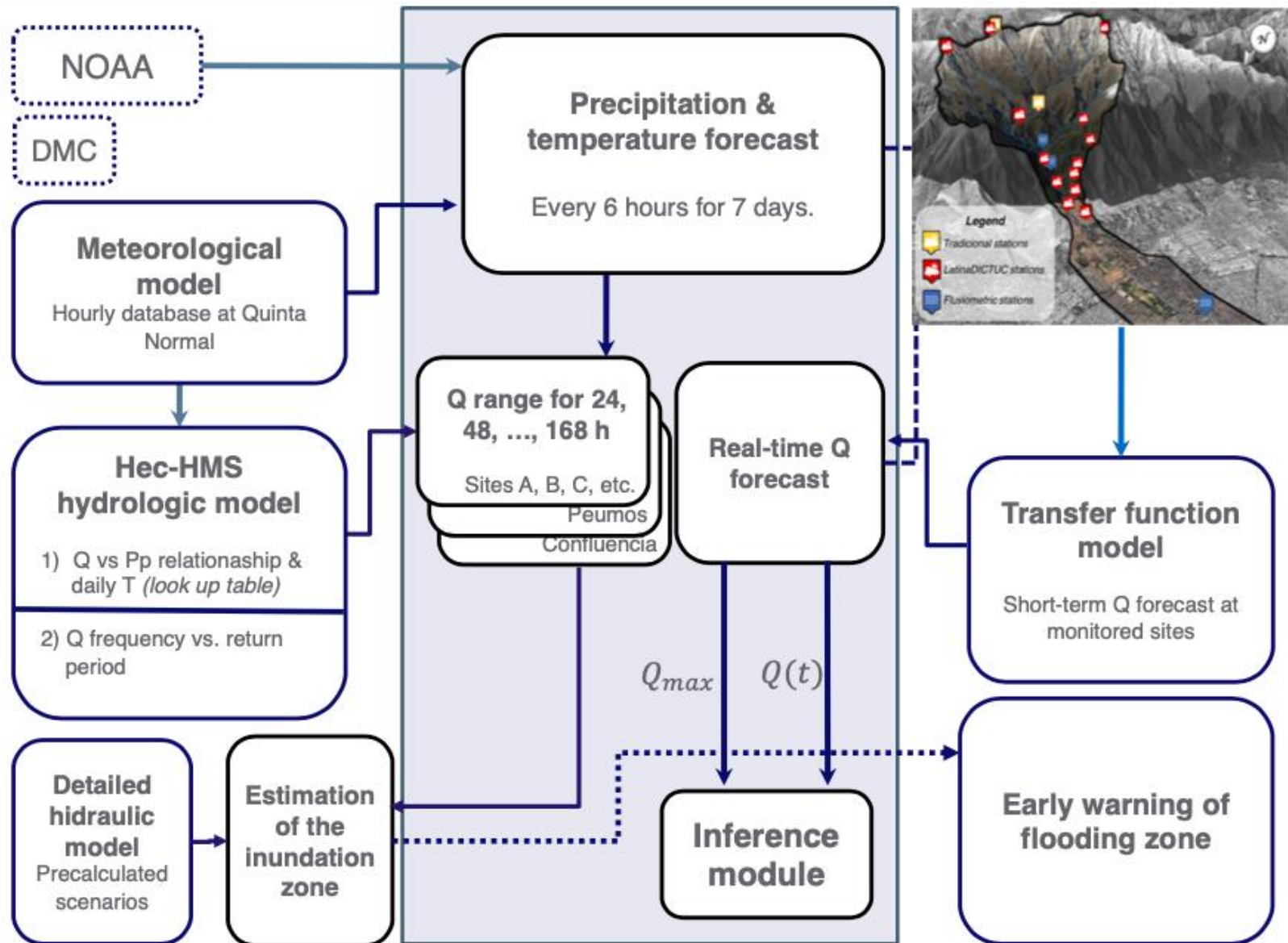
Google earth

QUEBRADA DE RAMÓN, A REPRESENTATIVE SMALL ANDEAN CATCHMENT

- Frequent and documented historical records
- Large exposed urban population
- Appropriate size for research purposes
- Proximity and easy of access for scientific campaigns
- Controlled public access
- Sensitive to height-temperature variations (Zero isotherm)
- Adequate for pilot testing

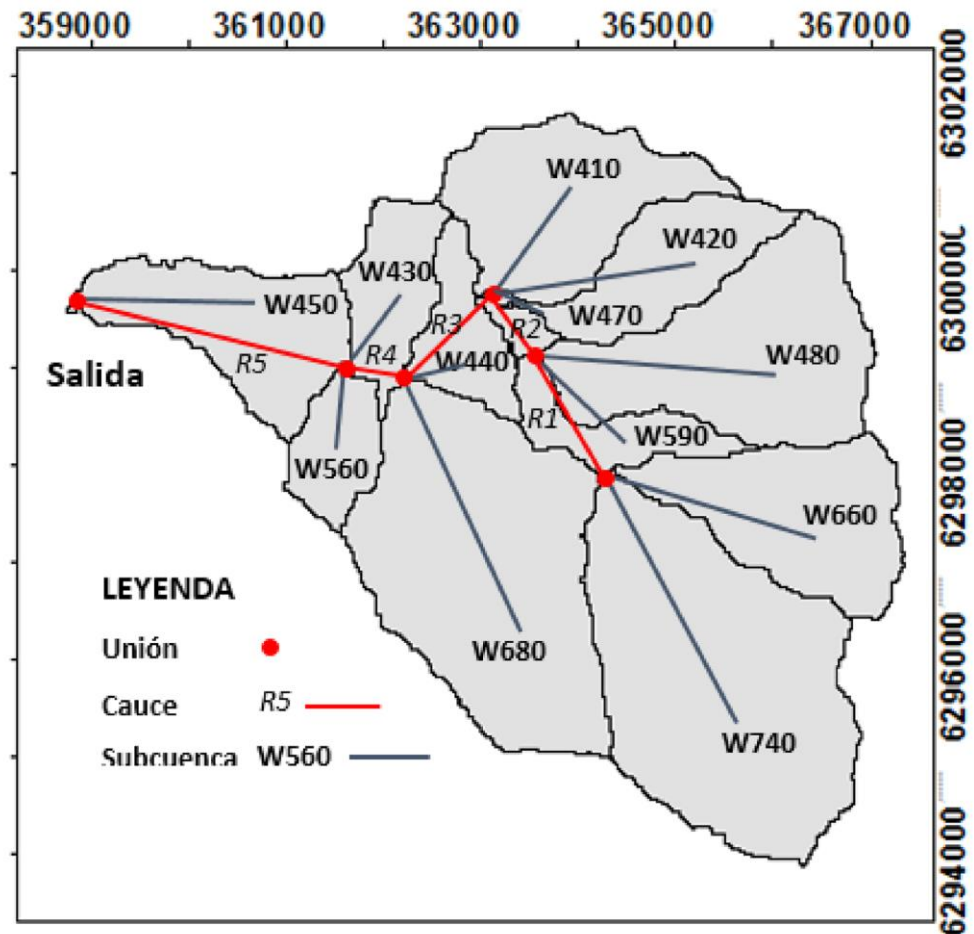


REAL TIME MONITORING SYSTEM & FLOOD FORECAST

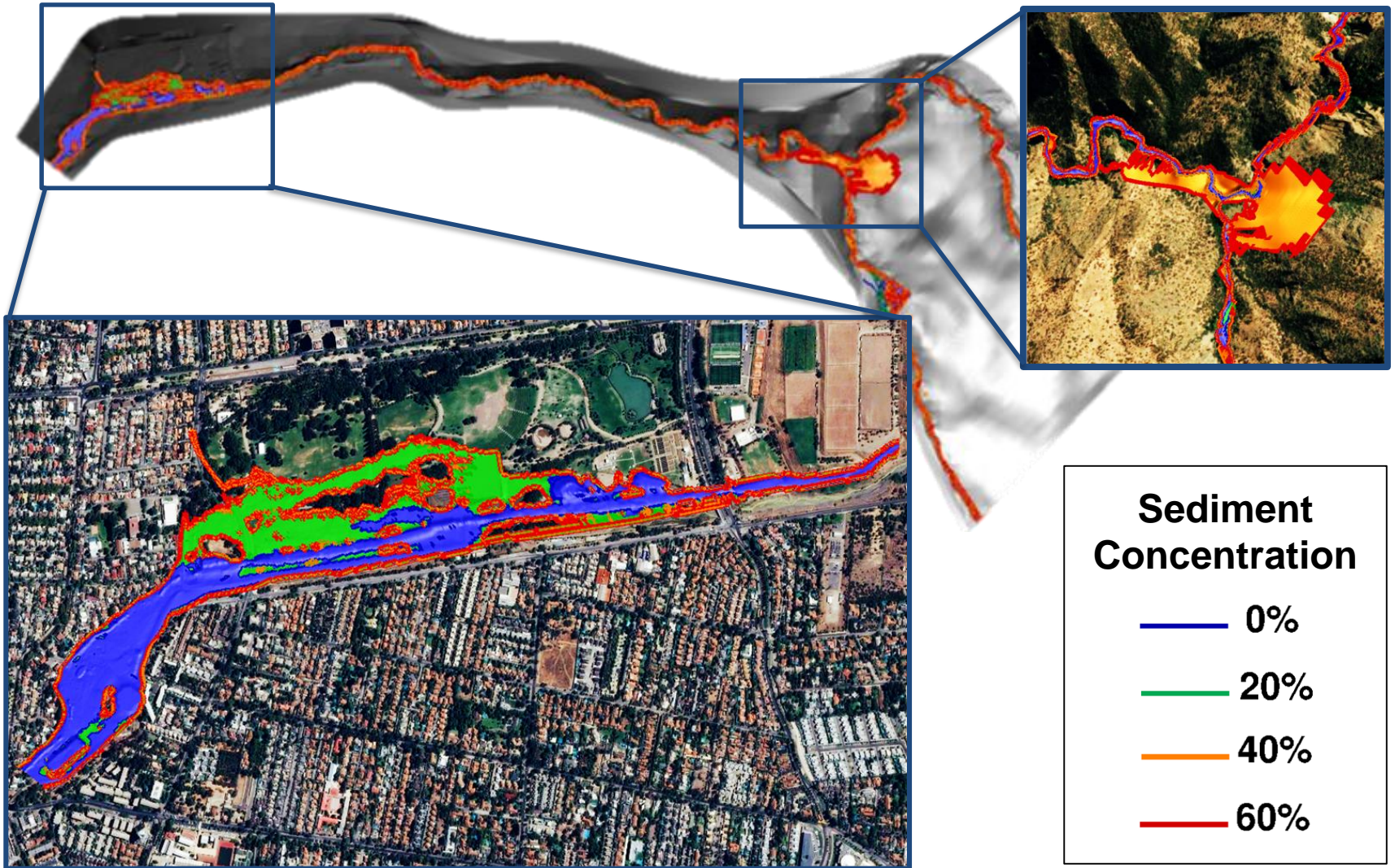


HEC-HMS HYDROLOGICAL MODEL

- **Historical Record:**
 - Rainfall and Temperature in Quinta Normal Station (1971 – 2010)
 - Temporal Disaggregation of daily values to hourly values
 - Spatial extrapolation to subcatchments
- **Topography:** 2 meters Digital Elevation Model grid size.



HYDRAULIC AND SEDIMENT CONCENTRATION MODELING



STATISTICAL FORECAST FOR FLOOD DEPTHS

Objective: Hourly or finer Forecast with quick incorporation of real-time data (Flow, Temperature, Rainfall, Soil Moisture, etc.)

Regression Model:

$$H_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \dots, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

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**Forecasted Flow
depth**

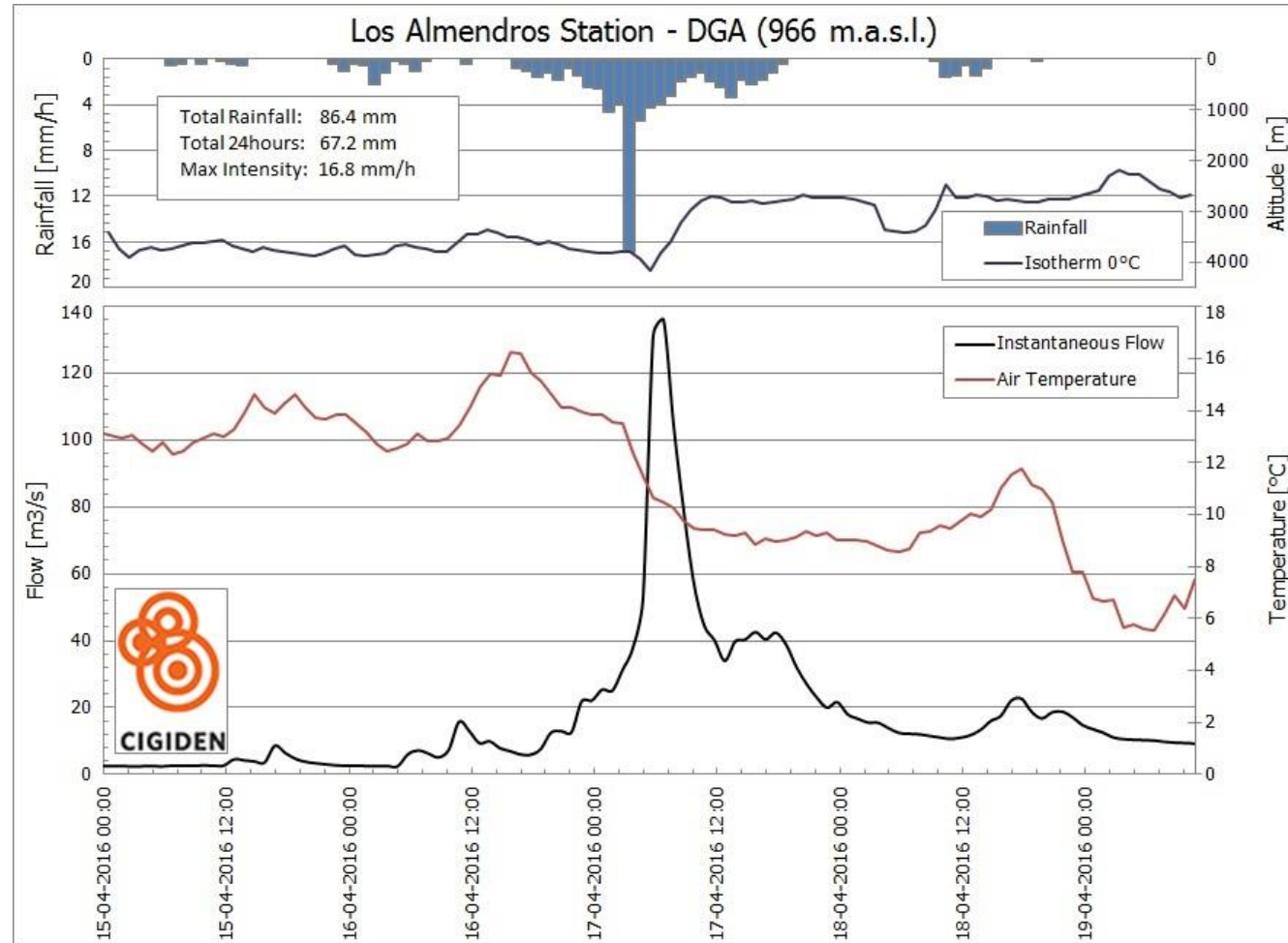
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Regression Coefficients

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Selected variable data: Rainfall,
Temperature, Upstream Flow, etc.

OBSERVATIONS FOR APRIL 2016

HEAVY RAINFALL

- Abnormal Rainfall Amount
- High Intensity peak
- Isotherm 0°C at high altitude
- Quebrada de Ramón drainage system at maximum capacity
- Large flooding in Santiago

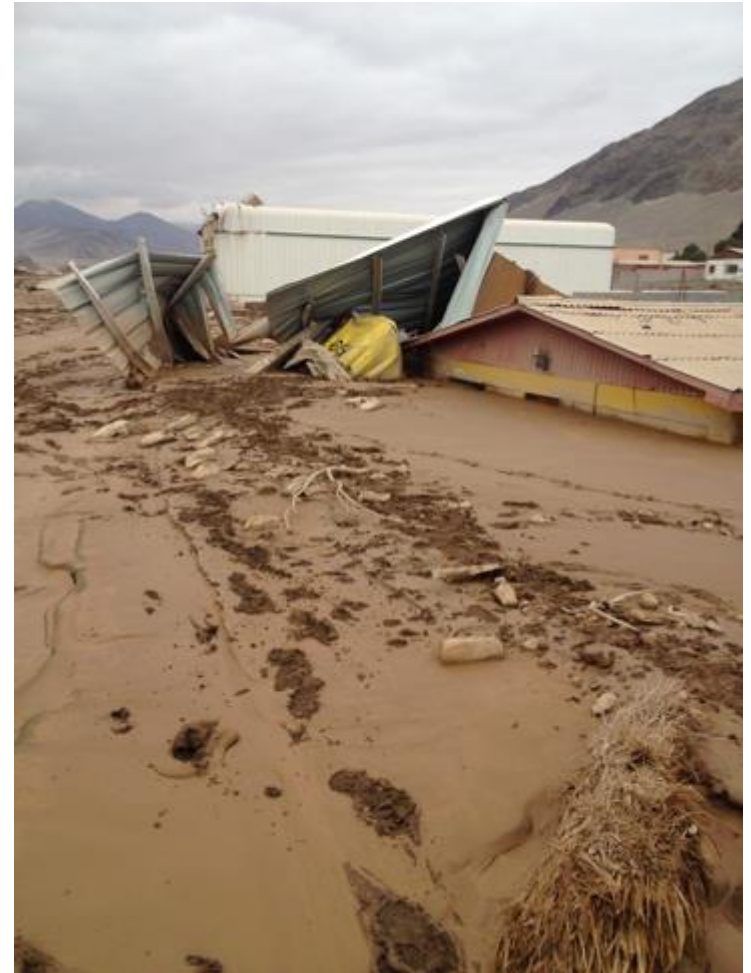




INSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES

CLIMATE CHANGE & EXTREME EVENTS

- Sparse institutional framework
 - DMC, MOP-DGA-DOH, MMA, SERNAGEOMIN-ONEMI
- Data and information integration
- Need for monitoring at higher resolutions
- Until now main focus on water resources management, not in disaster risk management
- Huge challenge for infrastructure management and adaptation to climate change
- Opportunities for Government-Universities-Private Sector-NGOs consortiums
- Technological and social innovation for disaster risk management



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