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Interactive comment on "Quantitative historical hydrology in Europe" by G. Benito et al.

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The paper is an interesting review of the state the art and methodology to estimate flood discharge and flood frequency by using paleoflood and historical data. The paper also discuss the improvement supposed in flood frequency estimation by merging this kind of data with instrumental data. The authors are recognized experts in the matter and it is undoubtedly a good and useful paper for experts and non-experts on the matter. Having in mind its future application as reference paper on estimation of quantitative historical hydrology, from paleofloods to recent data, the only changes required before its publication are referred to the argument followed in the text (mainly a reorganization) and some references that should be included to update the discussion.

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