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Title: DANA episode modelling with multi-n-dimensional cellular automata and MQTT architecture.

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Abstract: Severe weather events like the DANA (Depresión Aislada en Niveles Altos) present a critical challenge for emergency response and urban planning, particularly in vulnerable Mediterranean regions like Valencia. Traditional predictive frameworks often struggle to seamlessly combine discrete geospatial structures with meteorological models and continuous physical fluid dynamics. This talk introduces a novel simulation and visualization pipeline that leverages the Multi-n-Dimensional Cellular Automaton (m:n-CA^k) framework. By utilizing its tensorial data structures and continuous space-time evolution, we successfully overcome the limitations of classical, rigid CA models to capture the complex, fluid boundaries of flash floods. To bridge the gap between theoretical simulation and real-time operational response, our architecture integrates the Lightweight Message Queuing Telemetry Transport (MQTT) protocol. Simulated events are pushed instantaneously from the server to a decoupled web-based viewer. Furthermore, this visualization platform can ingest live telemetry from remote sensors across the Valencia watershed, cross-referencing simulated projections with real-world empirical data, and become the engine of a digital twin to assist in emergency response management. We discuss how this combination of generalized tensorial simulations and low-latency IoT telemetry provides a highly scalable, high-fidelity tool for dynamic flood monitoring and risk mitigation. Furthermore, it may help in the educational purpose of making people aware of what it means to live in risk areas.

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