Tsunami Generated by Volcanoes
ad Hoc Team
Report

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TGV activities

- MEETINGS
  The TGV team met 6 times by video-conference, from April 2022 to February 2023.

- SURVEY :
  The TGV team at his first meeting identified that to get as much information as possible related to the volcano observatories activities on tsunami monitoring and warning systems, on volcanic tsunami hazard assessment.
  The TGV ad hoc team decided to perform a survey.

- QUESTIONNAIRES
  A specific questionnaire would be prepared sent to a set of Volcano observatories and institutes in charge of volcano monitoring with identified contact people.

- VOLCANO OBSERVATORIES

Establishment of a list of Volcano observatories located close to sea or oceans with identified contact to send the questionnaire.

TGV Report

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- 4 Volcano monitoring requirements for tsunami warning (Stromboli)
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Chapter 1 – Tsunamis generated by volcano activity and instability

-> background information on the physical phenomena associated with each identified possible tsunami source in a volcanic setting
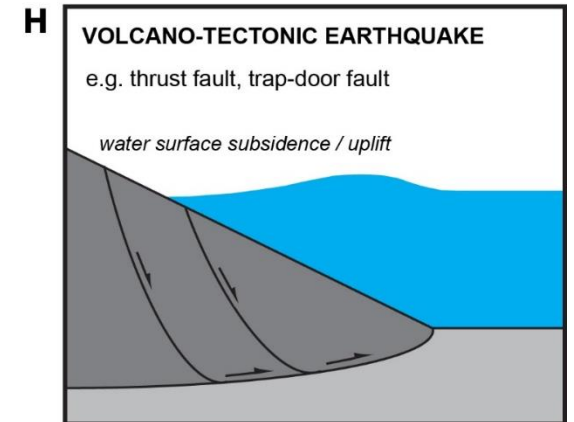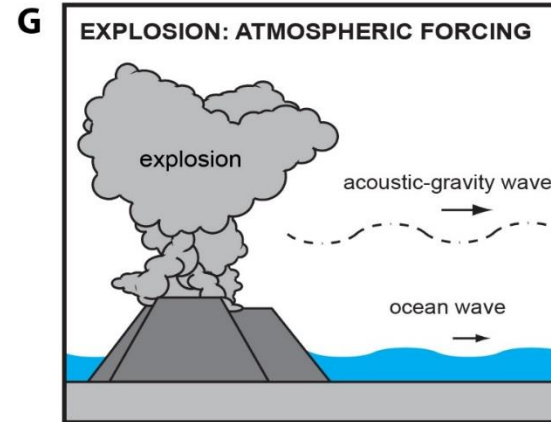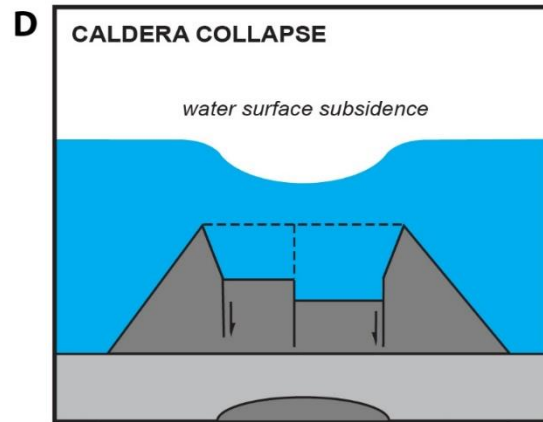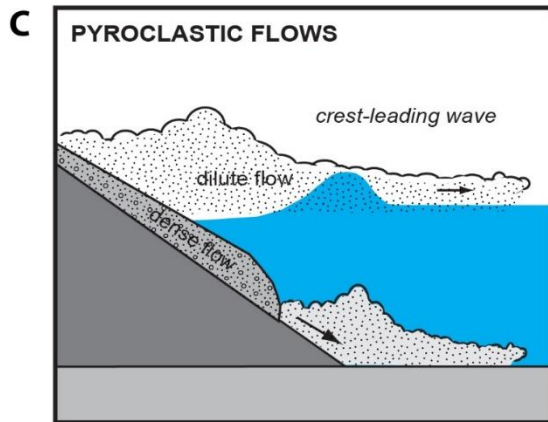-> references on historical and recent case-studies.

A SUBAERIAL LANDSLIDE
crest-leading wave

B SUBMARINE LANDSLIDE
leading crest at front followed by trough

E UNDERWATER EXPLOSION
water crater

F COLLAPSE OF ERUPTIVE COLUMN
eruptive column
crest-leading wave
submarine pyroclastic flow

C PYROCLASTIC FLOWS
crest-leading wave
dilute flow
dense flow

D CALDERA COLLAPSE
water surface subsidence

G EXPLOSION: ATMOSPHERIC FORCING
explosion
acoustic-gravity wave
ocean wave

H VOLCANO-TECTONIC EARTHQUAKE
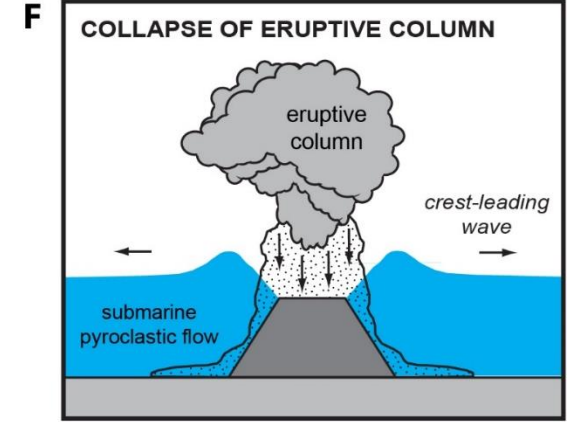e.g. thrust fault, trap-door fault
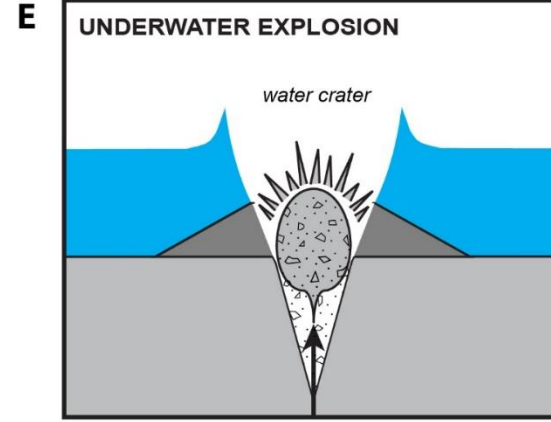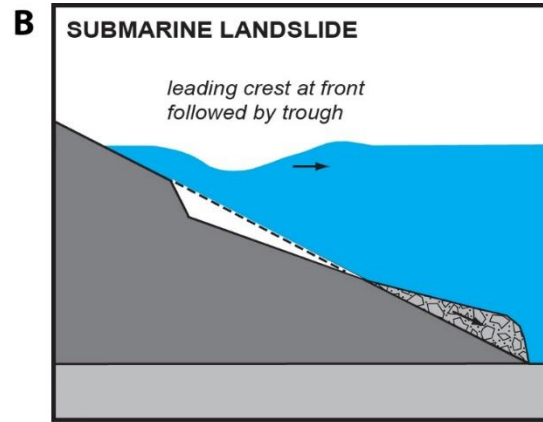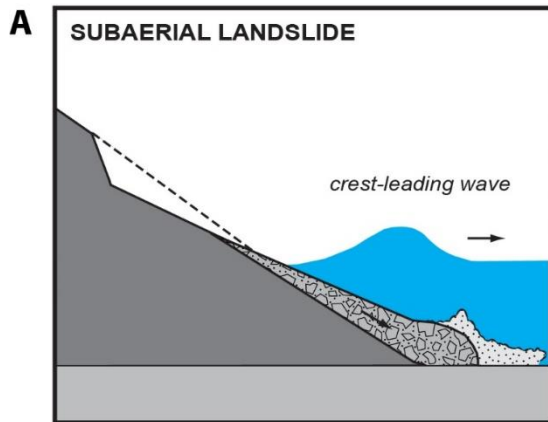*water surface subsidence / uplift*

Table 1 – Examples of tsunami generated by volcano flank instability.

Volcano	Location	Year	Landslide volume	Max tsunami runup (dist. from source)	Reference
Anak Krakatau	Sunda Strait, Indonesia	2018	210×10^6 m³	85 m (4 km)	Muhari et al. (2019), Walter et al. (2019), Borrero et al. (2020), Perttu et al. (2020), Putra et al. (2020), Hunt et al. (2021)
Stromboli	Aeolian Islands, Italy	2002	17×10^6 m³ and 5×10^6 m³	11 m (1.5 km)	Bonaccorso et al. (2003), Maramai et al. (2005)
Kilauea	Hawaï, USA	1994	$\sim10^5$ m³	15 m (50 m)	Mattox and Mangan (1997)
Iliwerung	Lembata, Indonesia	1979	50×10^6 m³	9 m (18 km)	Lassa (2009), Yudhicara et al. (2015)
Ritter Island	Papua New Guinea	1888	5 km³	15 m (9 km)	Johnson (1987), Ward and Day (2003), Kartens et al. (2019)
Unzen-Mayuyama	Kyushu, Japan	1792	340×10^6 m³	57 m (7 km)	Tsuji and Hino (1993), Inoue (2000)
Oshima-Oshima	Japan Sea, Japan	1741	2.4 km³	13 m (50 km)	Satake & Kato (2001), Satake (2007)

Nb – similar tables are provided for pyroclastic flows, underwater explosions, and atmospheric forcing (HTHH-type).

Table 6 – Types of potentially tsunamigenic volcanoes and associated source mechanisms of tsunamis (updated from Paris et al., 2014a).

Tsunami source	Volcano type			
	Coastal / island stratovolcano	Submarine stratovolcano	Shallow-water caldera	Oceanic shield volcano
Subaerial landslide	■		■	■
Submarine landslide		■	■	■
Underwater explosion		■	■	
Caldera collapse		■	■	
Column collapse		■	■	
Pyroclastic flow	■	■	■	
Volcano-tectonic earthquake				■
Atmospheric forcing	■	■	■	
Examples	Stromboli, Italy	HTHH, Tonga	Taal, Philippines	Kilauea, Hawaii
	Soufriere Hills, Montserrat	Kick'em Jenny, Grenada	Rabaul, Papua New Guinea	Fournaise, Reunion Island
	Unzen, Japan	Kolumbo, Greece	Krakatau, Indonesia	Fogo, Cape Verde

Conclusion

The great majority of volcanic eruptions do not generate tsunami, but a single eruption might combine different sources of tsunamis (Table 6). Thus, the source of a tsunami observed during an eruption is often difficult to characterize. All source mechanisms listed here have different characteristics in terms of location, duration, volume, mass flux, and energy, which have consequences on the waves generated. Landslides are the most frequent sources of volcanic tsunamis. From all points of view, volcanic islands (arcs) are the most exposed to volcanic tsunamis.

List of 89 potentially tsunamigenic volcanoes established upon precise criteria.

1. Volcano was active during the XXth or XXIst centuries.

2. It belongs to one of the following types of volcanoes:

>   A- It is a steep-flanked stratovolcano whose main eruptive centre is located less than 7 km from the coast (sea or lake). Typical examples: Stromboli, Soufrière Hills.

>   B- The volcano belongs to a complex of eruptive centres in a partly submerged caldera. A distinction can be made between caldera lakes (e.g. Taal, Philippines), calderas opened to the sea (e.g. Rabaul, PNG) and submerged calderas with emerged eruptive centres (e.g. Krakatau, Indonesia).

>   C- It is a submarine volcano with shallow-water vents, whose activity and flank instability are clearly potential sources of tsunamis, as demonstrated by the HTHH eruption in 2022.

>   D- It is a shield volcano (ocean island) showing evidence of flank deformation, such as Kilauea volcano in Hawaii, and Piton de la Fournaise in Reunion Island.

3. Additional volcanoes were added to the list, based on suggestions found in the questionnaires sent to volcano observatories.

| NAME	COUNTRY	REGION	SUBREGION/ISLAND	BASIN	LONG, LAT (WGS84)	VOLCANO TYPE	DISTANCE / COAST (km)	LAST ERUPTION Ap	HISTORICAL TSUNAMI
Mount Pelee	FRANCE	WEST INDIES	MARTINIQUE	CARIBBEAN	-61.16488,14.80937	A	5.6	1932	1902
Soufriere	FRANCE	WEST INDIES	GUADELOUPE	CARIBBEAN	-61.66339,16.04370	A	8.7	1976	
Fani Maore	FRANCE	COMORES	MAYOTTE	INDIAN	45.62150,-13.17750	C	0	2022	
Piton de la Fournaise	FRANCE	REUNION ISLAND	REUNION	INDIAN	55.70796,-21.24286	D	9	2021	
Kolumbo	GREECE	AEGEAN SEA	NE SANTORINI	MEDITERRANEAN	25.48477,36.52648	C	0	1650	1650
Santorini	GREECE	AEGEAN SEA	SANTORINI	MEDITERRANEAN	25.39596,36.40419	B	0.8	1950	
Kick em Jenny	GRENADA	WEST INDIES	NW GRENADA	CARIBBEAN	-61.64121,12.29980	C	0	2017	1939, 1965?
Katla	ICELAND	ICELAND		NE ATLANTIC	-19.05228,63.62868	A	23.4	1918	1918
Vestmannnaeyjar	ICELAND	ICELAND	VESTMANN ISLANDS	NE ATLANTIC	-20.2646,63.4165	C	0	1973	
Snaefellsjokull	ICELAND	ICELAND		NE ATLANTIC	-23.77128,64.80388	A	7.8		
Barren Island	INDIA	ANDAMA ISLANDS	BARREN ISLAND	INDIAN	93.86073,12.27905	A	1.5	2020	
Anak Krakatau	INDONESIA	JAVA-SUMATRA	SUNDA STRAIT	INDIAN	105.42572,-6.10129	B	0.5	2022	1883, 1928, 1930, 1981, 2018
Banda Api	INDONESIA	BANDA SEA	BANDA	PACIFIC	129.88246,-4.52215	A	1.5	1988	
Teon	INDONESIA	BANDA SEA	EAST BEBAR	PACIFIC	129.14375,-6.97622	A	1.5	1904	
Batu Tara	INDONESIA	FLORES SEA	KOMBA	PACIFIC	123.58594,-7.78829	A	1	2022	
Rokatenda	INDONESIA	FLORES SEA	PALUWEH	PACIFIC	121.70869,-8.32135	A	2.3	2013	1928
Sangeang Api	INDONESIA	FLORES SEA	SANGEANG	PACIFIC	119.07065,-8.19806	A	5.2	2022	
Gamalama	INDONESIA	MALUKU	GAMALAMA	PACIFIC	127.33344,0.80993	A	4.3	2018	
Gamkonora	INDONESIA	MALUKU	HALMAHERA	PACIFIC	127.52982,1.37824	A	4.8	2007	1673?
Iliwerung	INDONESIA	NUSA TENGGARA EAST	LEMBATA	PACIFIC	123.57291,-8.53105	A	1.5	2021	1973, 1979, 1983
Lewotolo	INDONESIA	NUSA TENGGARA EAST	LEMBATA	PACIFIC	123.50796,-8.27324	A	4	2012	
Awu	INDONESIA	SULAWESI	SANGIHE	PACIFIC	125.4496,3.6901	A	5.5	2004	1856, 1892
Karangetang	INDONESIA	SULAWESI	SIAU	PACIFIC	125.40605,2.78095	A	4	2020	
Ruang	INDONESIA	SULAWESI	RUANG	PACIFIC	125.36997,2.30081	A	1.6	2002	1871
Stromboli	ITALY	AEOLIAN ISLANDS	STROMBOLI	MEDITERRANEAN	15.2120,38.7939	A	1.6	2022	1343, 1879, 1916, 1919, 1930, 1944, 1954, 2002, 2019, 2021, 2022
Vulcano	ITALY	AEOLIAN ISLANDS	VULCANO	MEDITERRANEAN	14.96104,38.40333	B	0.9	1890	1988
Campi Flegrei	ITALY	CAMPANIA		MEDITERRANEAN	14.13877,40.82674	B	0	1538	
Vesuvius	ITALY	CAMPANIA		MEDITERRANEAN	14.42678,40.82131	A	6.4	1944	1631
Etna	ITALY	SICILIA		MEDITERRANEAN	15.00195,37.73129	A	17	2023	1329
Fukutoku-Okanoba	JAPAN	IZU ISLANDS	N MINAMIIWO	PACIFIC	141.48436,24.27931	C	0	2021	2021
Miyake-jima	JAPAN	IZU ISLANDS	MIYAKE	PACIFIC	139.52650,34.08570	A	3	2010	
Myojinsho	JAPAN	IZU ISLANDS		PACIFIC	139.918002,31.888013	C	0	1970	1953
Nishino-jima	JAPAN	IZU ISLANDS		PACIFIC	140.87387,27.24725	B	0.2	2021	
Sumisu	JAPAN	IZU ISLANDS		PACIFIC	140.05,31.486	C	0	1916	1984, 1996, 2006, 2015, 2018
Tori-jima	JAPAN	IZU ISLANDS	TORI	PACIFIC	140.30291,30.48421	A	1.1	2002	
Oshima-Oshima	JAPAN	JAPAN SEA	OSHIMA	PACIFIC	139.36710,41.51003	A	1	1790	1741
Kikai	JAPAN	RYUKYU ISLANDS	IWO-JIMA	PACIFIC	130.30526,30.79310	B	1	2020	
Suwanose-jima	JAPAN	RYUKYU ISLANDS	SUWANOSE	PACIFIC	129.71366,29.63857	A	2.2	2020	
Soufriere Hills	MONTSERRAT	WEST INDIES	MONTSERRAT	CARIBBEAN	-62.17969,16.72027	A	3.2	2013	1997, 1999, 2003, 2006
Saba	NETHERLANDS	WEST INDIES	SABA	CARIBBEAN	-63.23923,17.63598	A	1.3	1640	
The Quill	NETHERLANDS	WEST INDIES	ST EUSTATIUS	CARIBBEAN	-62.96368,17.47764	A	1.2		
White Island	NEW ZEALAND	BAY OF PLENTY	WHITE ISLAND	PACIFIC	177.18057,-37.51937	A	0.8	2019	
Raoul Island	NEW ZEALAND	KERMADEC	RAOUL ISLAND	PACIFIC	-177.91931,-29.26417	A	1.6	2006	
Okataina	NEW ZEALAND	NORTH ISLAND		PACIFIC	176.50012,-38.12027	B	0	1981	

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Taupo	NEW ZEALAND	NORTH ISLAND		PACIFIC	175.91988,-38.80097	B	0	260	
Momotombo	NICARAGUA	LAKE MANAGUA		PACIFIC	-86.53808,12.42113	A	3.5	2016	
Cosiguina	NICARAGUA	PACIFIC COAST		PACIFIC	-87.57093,12.98246	A	6.1	1859	1835?
Bam	PAPUA - NEW GUINEA	BISMARCK SEA	BAM	PACIFIC	144.81801,-3.61275	A	1.1	1960	
Kadovar	PAPUA - NEW GUINEA	BISMARCK SEA	KADOVAR	PACIFIC	144.58806,-3.60754	A	0.5	2020	2018
Long Island	PAPUA - NEW GUINEA	BISMARCK SEA	LONG ISLAND	PACIFIC	147.11783,-5.35215	A	7	1993	
Manam	PAPUA - NEW GUINEA	BISMARCK SEA	MANAM	PACIFIC	145.03743,-4.07896	A	5	2020	
Ritter Island	PAPUA - NEW GUINEA	BISMARCK SEA	RITTER ISLAND	PACIFIC	148.11472,-5.51957	C	0	2007	1888, 1972, 1974, 2007
Dakataua	PAPUA - NEW GUINEA	NEW BRITAIN		PACIFIC	150.10607,-5.05447	B	5.5	1895	
Rabaul	PAPUA - NEW GUINEA	NEW BRITAIN		PACIFIC	152.20300,-4.27081	B	0.6	2014	1878, 1937, 1994
Tuluman	PAPUA - NEW GUINEA	NEW BRITAIN	SOUTH MANUS	PACIFIC	147.30293,-2.45519	C	0	1957	
Ulawun	PAPUA - NEW GUINEA	NEW BRITAIN		PACIFIC	151.32889,-5.05038	A	10.5	2022	
Didicas	PHILIPPINES	BABUYAN ISLANDS	NE CAMIGUIN	PACIFIC	122.20254,19.07709	B	0.2	1978	1969?
Camiguin	PHILIPPINES	BOHOL SEA	CAMIGUIN	PACIFIC	124.7201,9.1754	B	4	1953	1871
Taal	PHILIPPINES	LUZON		PACIFIC	120.9930,14.0070	B	2.2	2021	1716, 1749, 1754, 1911, 1965
Sao Jorge	PORTUGAL	AZORES ISLANDS	SAO JORGE	ATLANTIC	-28.07764,38.65153	D	1.5	1902	
Raikoke	RUSSIA	KURIL ISLANDS	RAIKOKE	PACIFIC	153.24978,48.29220	A	0.7	2019	
Sarychev	RUSSIA	KURIL ISLANDS	SARYCHEV	PACIFIC	153.20003,48.09158	A	2.8	2021	
Tinakula	SOLOMON ISLANDS	EAST SOLOMON	TINAKULA	PACIFIC	165.80392,-10.38640	A	1.1	2020	1897, 1966
Kavachi	SOLOMON ISLANDS	WEST SOLOMON	SOUTH VANGUNU	PACIFIC	157.97888,-8.99099	C	0	2021	1951
Savo	SOLOMON ISLANDS	WEST SOLOMON	NORTH GUADALCANAL	PACIFIC	159.80749,-9.13400	A	2.3	1847?	
Cumbre Vieja	SPAIN	CANARY ISLANDS	LA PALMA	ATLANTIC	-17.83715,28.56832	D	1.2	2021	
Liamuiga	ST KITTS & NEVIS	WEST INDIES	ST KITTS	CARIBBEAN	-62.80896,17.37007	A	4.4	1843?	
Soufriere	ST VINCENT	WEST INDIES	ST VINCENT	CARIBBEAN	-61.18092,13.33104	A	3.5	2020	1902, 2020
Home Reef	TONGA	TONGA	WEST NEIAFU	PACIFIC	-174.77517,-18.99183	C	0	2006	
Hunga Ha apai	TONGA	TONGA	NORTH TONGATAPU	PACIFIC	-175.39068,-20.54491	B	0.1	2022	2015, 2021, 2022
Lateiki - Metis Shoal	TONGA	TONGA	WEST NEIAFU	PACIFIC	-174.86999,-19.18002	C	0	2019	
Tofua	TONGA	TONGA	TOFUA	PACIFIC	-175.07002,-19.75023	A	3	2014	1892
Unnamed	TONGA	TONGA	WEST TONGATAPU	PACIFIC	-175.55041,-20.85174	C	0	2017	
Augustine	USA	ALASKA	AUGUSTINE	PACIFIC	-153.43023,59.36302	A	4	2006	1883
Bogoslof	USA	ALEUTIAN ISLANDS	BOGOSLOF	PACIFIC	-168.03530,53.93010	A	0.2	2017	
Kasatochi	USA	ALEUTIAN ISLANDS	KASATOCHI	PACIFIC	-175.50881,52.17454	A	0.4	2008	2008
Mono Lake	USA	CALIFORNIA		PACIFIC	-119.02835,38.00242	B	0.6	1790	
Kilauea	USA	HAWAII	BIG ISLAND	PACIFIC	-155.2889,19.4202	D	14	2022	1975
Loihi	USA	HAWAII	SOUTH BIG ISLAND	PACIFIC	-155.2681,18.9262	D	0	1996	
Anatahan	USA	MARIANA ISLANDS	ANATAHAN	PACIFIC	145.67389,16.35038	A	1.5	2008	
NW-Rota 1	USA	MARIANA ISLANDS	WEST SINAPALU	PACIFIC	144.77496,14.60064	C	0	2010	
Ruby	USA	MARIANA ISLANDS	NORTH SAIPAN	PACIFIC	145.56974,15.61975	C	0	1995	
South Sarigan	USA	MARIANA ISLANDS	SARIGAN	PACIFIC	145.77989,16.57998	C	0	2010	2010
Edgecumbe	USA	ALASKA	EASTERN ALASKA	PACIFIC	-135.75289,57.05220	A	5.1	2080 BCE	
East Epi	VANUATU	VANUATU	EAST EPI	PACIFIC	168.37002,-16.68009	C	0	2023	
Eastern Gemini	VANUATU	VANUATU	SOUTH ANATOM	PACIFIC	170.28844,-20.98807	C	0	1996	
Kuwae	VANUATU	VANUATU	SOUTH EPI	PACIFIC	168.53500,-16.83028	C	0	1974	
Lopevi	VANUATU	VANUATU	SE AMBRYM	PACIFIC	168.34504,-16.50700	A	2.2	2007	

List of potentially tsunamigenic volcanoes -> GIS database
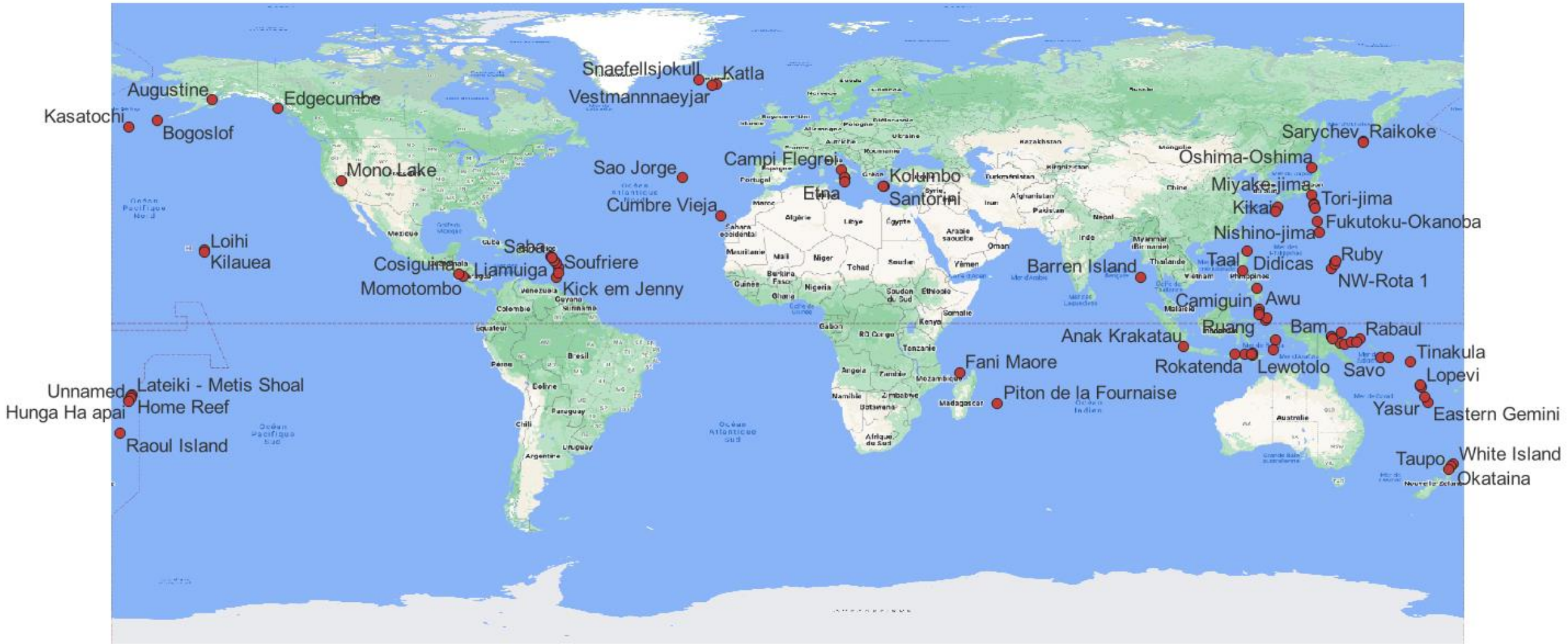
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NAME	Stromboli
COUNTRY	ITALY
REGION	AEOLIAN ISLANDS
SUBREGION/ISLAND	STROMBOLI
BASIN	MEDITERRANEAN
LONG	15,212
LAT (WGS84)	38,7939
VOLCANO TYPE	A
DISTANCE / COAST (km)	1,6
LAST ERUPTION April 2022 update	2022
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	1879
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	2002
	2019
	2021
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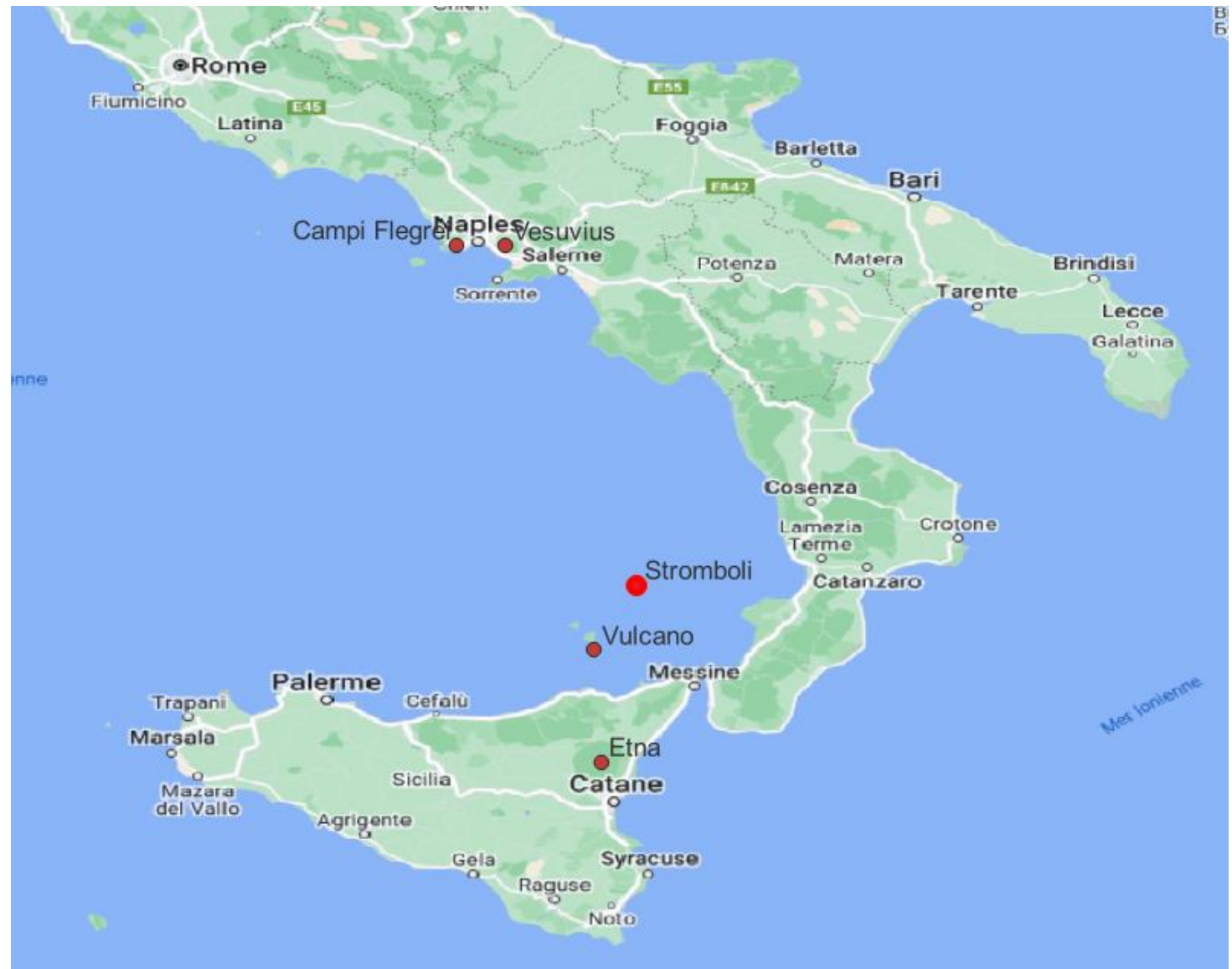
Next step to be completed soon: adding possible source (e.g. landslide, explosion) of tsunami for each volcano (from table 6).

Chapter 2 – Numerical modeling of volcanic tsunamis

1. General consideration of model applications for volcanic tsunamis

   - Complex sources (different fluids, fast processes, phase-shifts) = sophisticated models = high computational cost
   - Shorter wave length compared to earthquake-induced tsunamis -> faster attenuation -> local tsunamis
   - Short time to forecast -> real-time applications are thus challenging
   - How far can we go in the approximation in order to save time?

2. Tsunami generation and initialization modeling: *the most challenging phase*

   - ❑ Instantaneous initialization : tsunami happens rapidly compared to the shallow water wave speed
      E.g. underwater explosions, ~~caldera collapse~~ (not realistic)

   - ❑ Finite time initialization : forcing happens over a specified time at the start of the modelling
      - Ground deformation : sea floor motion as a forcing term. *E.g. submarine landslide, caldera collapse.*
      - Multi-layer models : all fluids are modelled as separated layers + interactions. *E.g. subaerial landslides, pyroclastic flows.*
      - Ongoing forcing by a pressure anomaly, such as Lamb waves produced by *large explosions in the atmosphere*.

3. Tsunami propagation modeling
   Most propagation models are suitable, but dispersive effects are important -> Boussinesq approximation often required.

4. Tsunami inundation modeling
   Similar to any long wave inundation, but distribution of wave runups is similar to landslide (local) tsunamis (except HTHH-type)
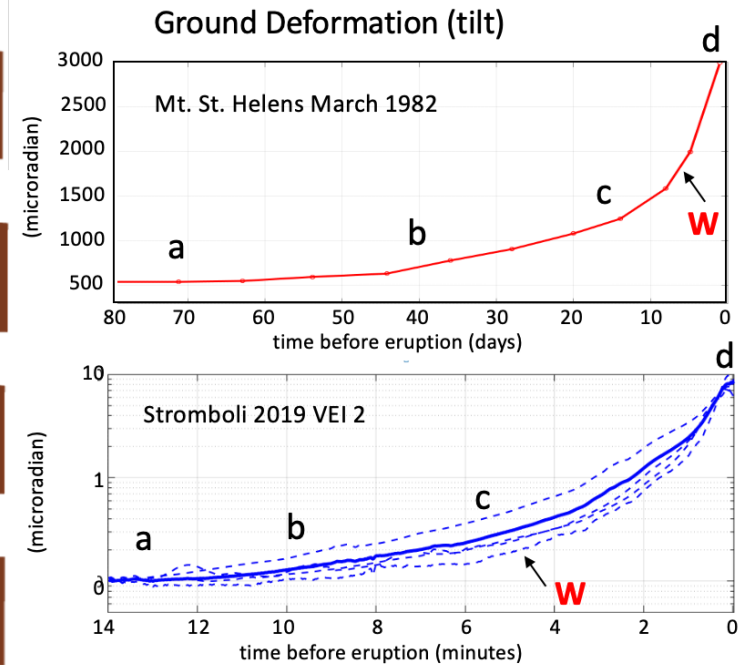
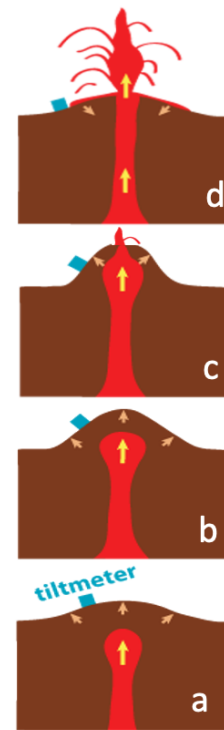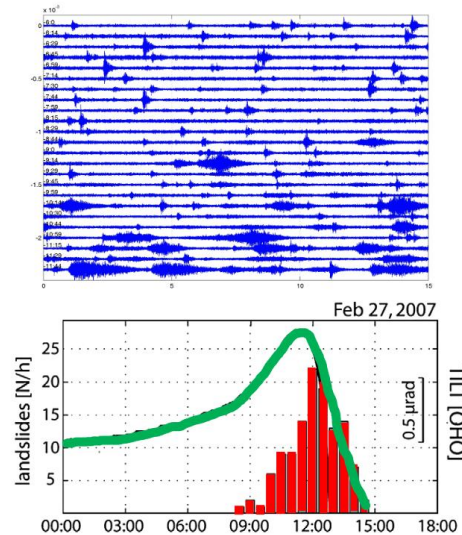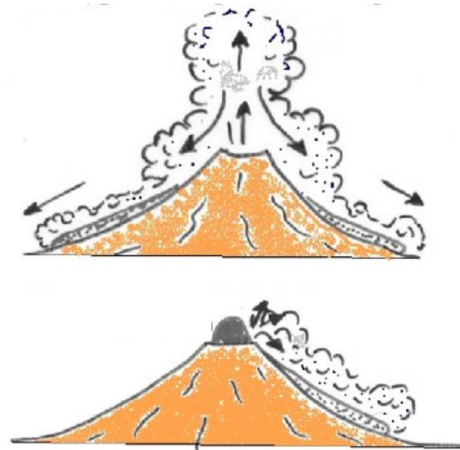# 3 Volcanic tsunami hazard assessment
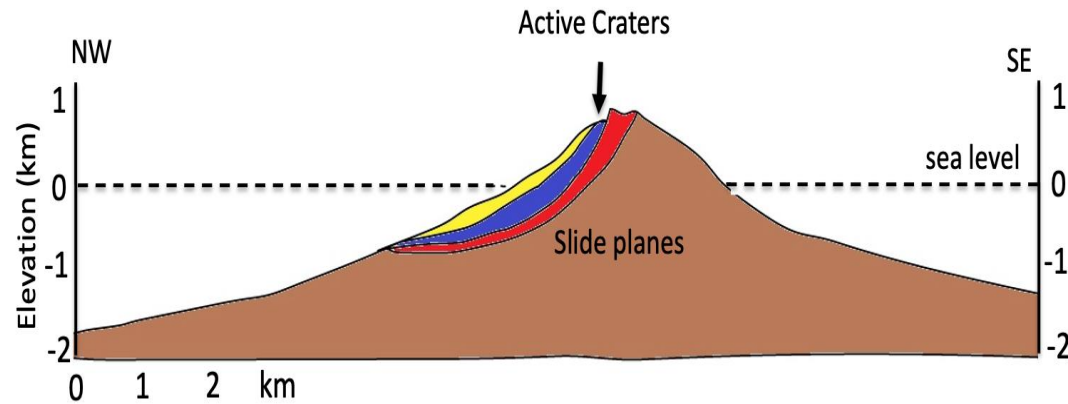
Position of the sliding planes of the 3 main collapses (from Tibaldi, 2001) of Vancori (in red), NeoStromboli (in blue) and Pizzo (in yellow).
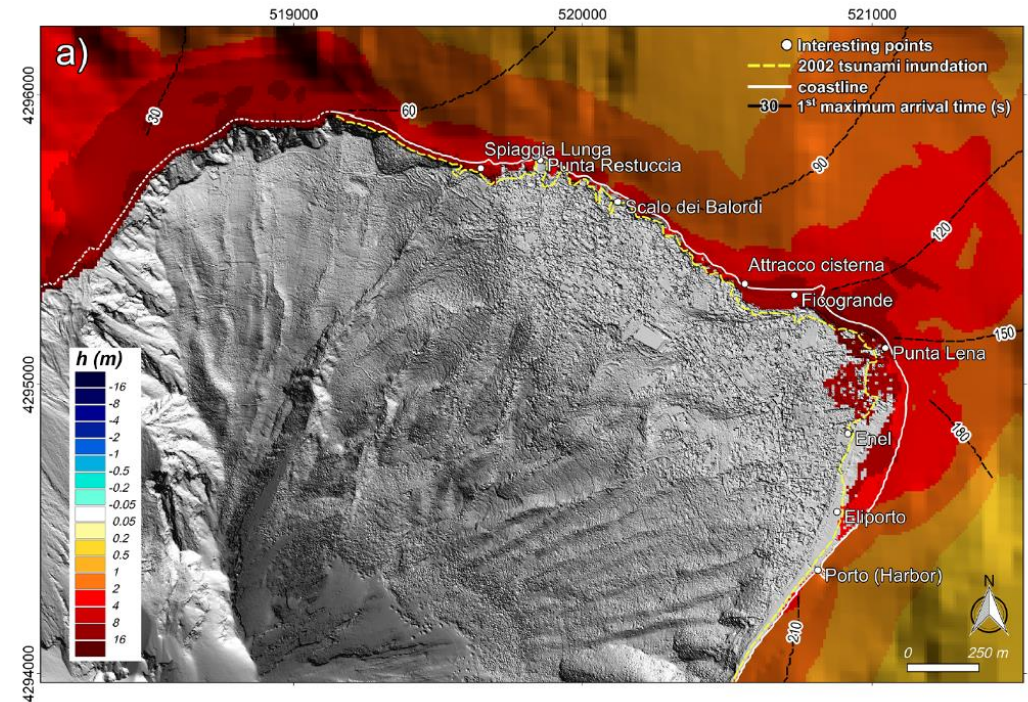
. Observed and simulated tsunami wave heights (December 2002) and runups on Stromboli

4 Volcano monitoring requirements for tsunami warning

Collapse of the eruptive plume and/or crater rim/dome generates pyroclastic flows and rock avalanches along the steep volcano slope (from Francis, 1993).

Before explosive eruptions, upward magma migration progressively inflates the ground. This inflation can be used to deliver a warning days or minutes before eruption. Inflation at Mt. St. Helens (upper panel) started several days before the 19 March 1982 eruption. At Stromboli (lower panel), ground inflation is smaller but follows a regular pattern which is used to automatically issue alerts 4-5 minutes before violent explosive events (Ripepe et al., 2021).

# 4 Volcano monitoring requirements for tsunami warning
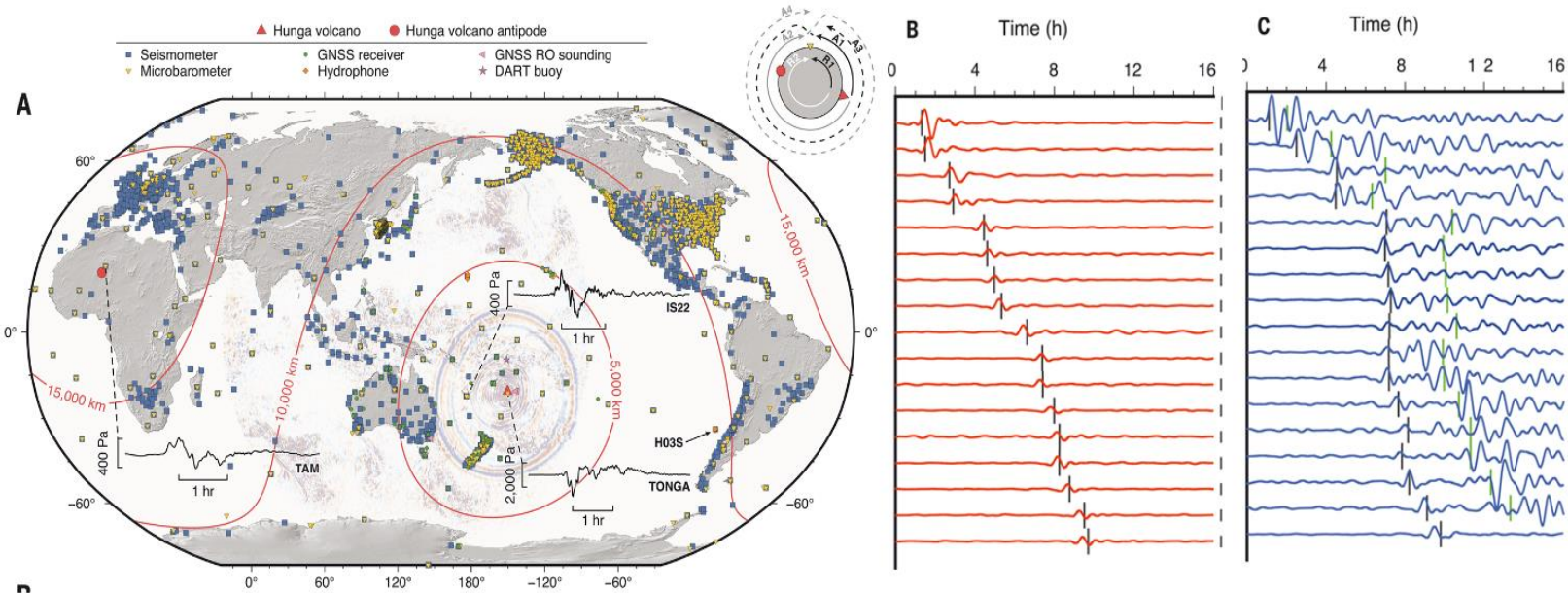
(A) Global distribution of recording geophysical sensors Background image is brightness temperature difference (Himawari-8) at 07:10 UTC on 15 January 2022. Selected 4-hour pressure waveforms are filtered from 10,000 to 100 s. Upper-right inset shows Hunga wave paths around Earth. (B) Observed barograms. (C) Observed ocean bottom pressure gauge waveform (Matoza et al., 2022; Kubota et al., 2022).

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Alert Level	Meaning
GREEN/NORMAL.	Background
YELLOW/ADVISORY	Above Background
ORANGE/WATCH	Escalation of Parameters
RED/ALERT	Eruption imminent/Ongoing

. **Color code representing the Volcano Alert levels (VAL)** used by many Volcano Observatories to issue alerts, which could be integrated in the Tsunami Warning Systems to actuate pre-warning procedures..

Position of the two elastic beacons (PLB and PDC)
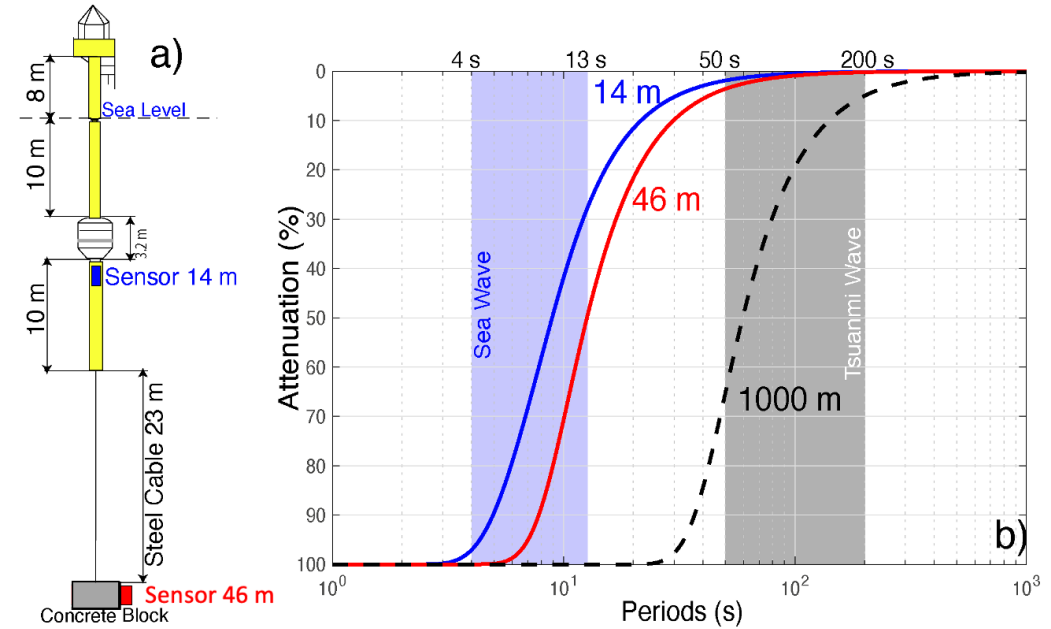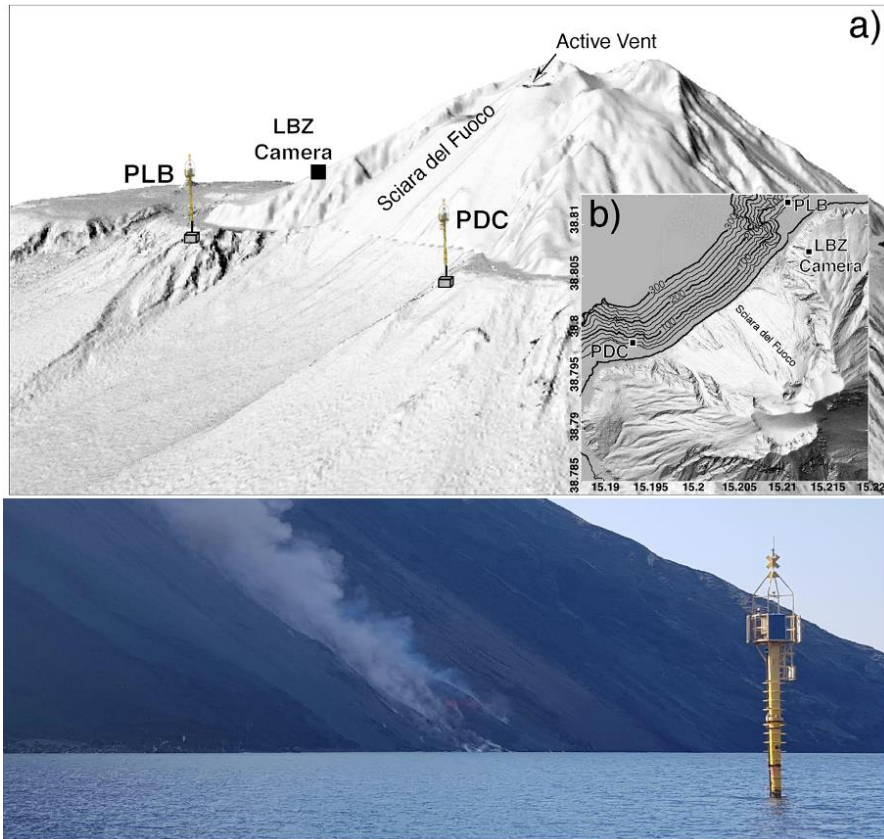
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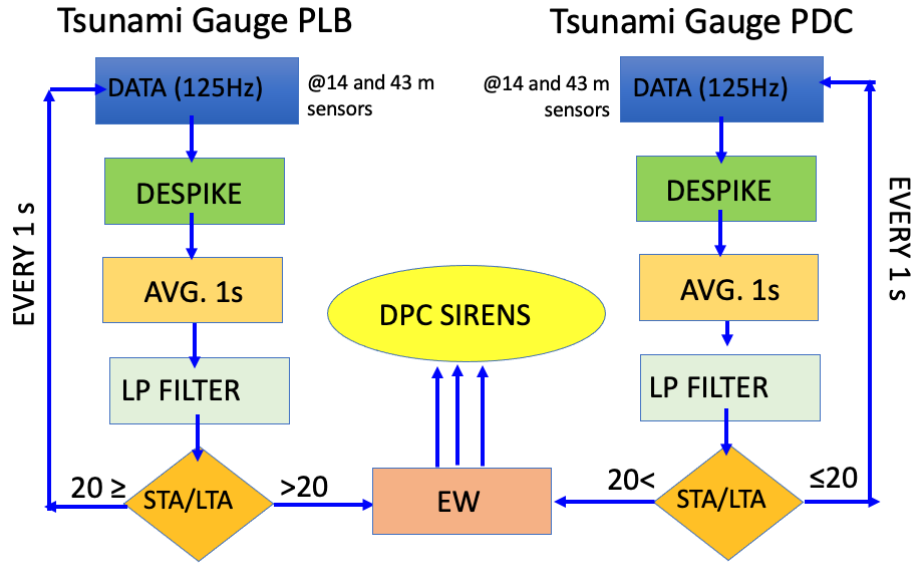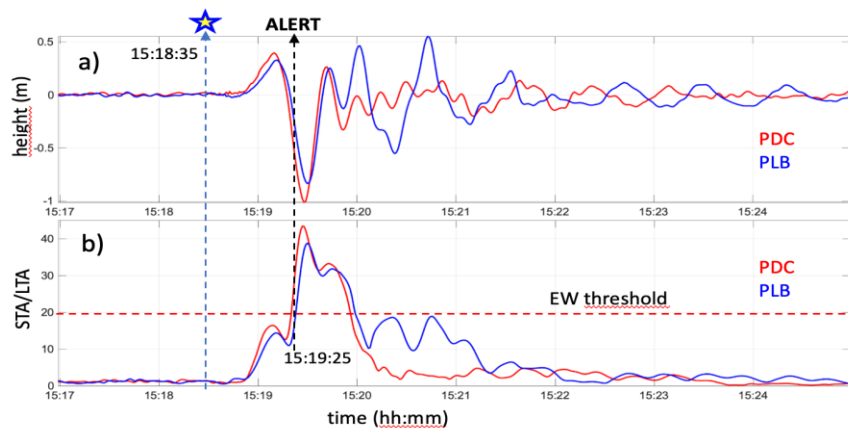
Chart flow of the automatic tsunami detection algorithm operating at Stromboli

Sequence of frames taken from the LBZ camera of the December 4, 2022, pyroclastic flow which moving downslope the Sciara del Fuoco

The tsunami generated by the impact of the pyroclastic density current occurred at Stromboli on December 4, 2022

. Tsunami signage at Stromboli indicating a) the limit of the Tsunami Hazard zone, b) the direction of the safer "Escape route" and c) the direction to waiting areas (from Bonilauri et al., 2021).

Volcano monitoring SOP for tsunami pre-alert

Color code representing the Volcano Alert levels (VAL) used by many Volcano Observatories to issue alerts.

Alert levels are usually defined by volcano observatories and represent the "official" communication of volcano status by scientists to civil protection authorities

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Following a similar strategy to that used by the ICAO for the ash dispersal in the atmosphere, the Volcano Tsunami Alert Notification (VOTAN) levels should indicate:

a) two levels of pre-eruption volcanic activities ; a significant unusual and/or increasing volcanic activity (YELLOW) or a larger increasing activity (ORANGE) which could presage a volcanic eruption.

b) ongoing volcanic eruption (RED); description of the eruption including whether flank instability or a large plume is occurring.

c) volcanic eruption cessation (GREEN).

Such monitoring system don't provide any information about :
- **Estimated day and arrival time of tsunami waves**
- **Tsunami Threat level**

Stromboli Operating Procedure – using sea level records
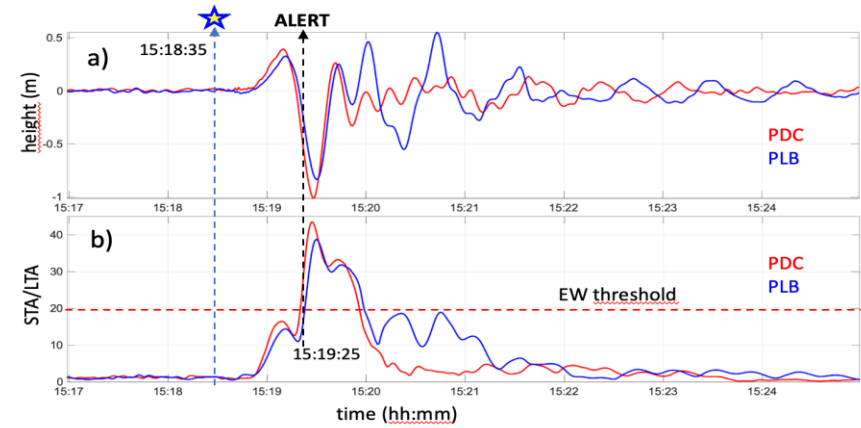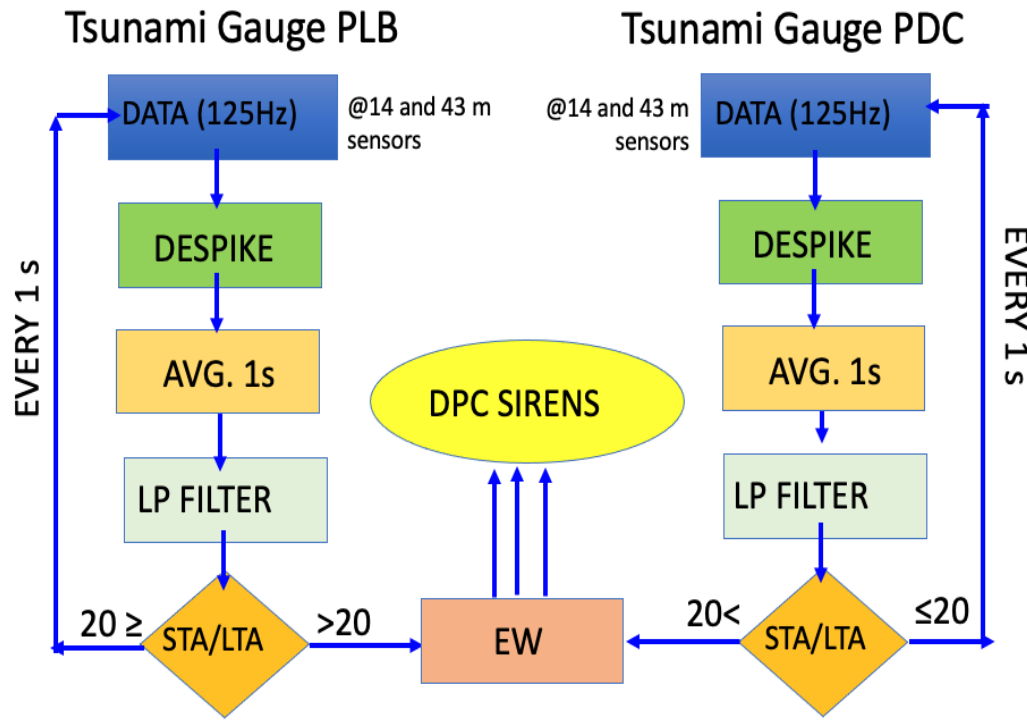
The Automatic Alert detection and tsunami generated by the impact of the pyroclastic density current occurred at Stromboli on December 4, 2022

Chart flow of the automatic tsunami detection algorithm operating at Stromboli

The Stromboli Automatic Alert System based on tsunami waves detection would automatically send an alert in about 20s after the onset of the waves that activates the sirens at Stromboli and other islands as the South Eastern coasts of Tyrrhenean sea.

Non SOP Stromboli

- In case of a tsunami detection by the TEWS (Figure 19) the Department of Italian Civil Protection (DPC) has defined in cooperation with the Sicily Regional Civil Protection, the Lipari Municipality and the monitoring centers of INGV and University of Florence (LGS) national PROCEDURE for non-conventional tsunami. Given the short alert time (<4 minutes), the TEWS will send the alert before tsunami wave will be fully developed (generally within the first 20 s from the onset). this gives no time to run models to estimate the possible effects on the nearby coast. Therefore, in spite of the amplitude of the tsunami wave, once received the notification from the TEWS, the DPC will automatically activate for three minutes the acoustic alert (sirens) at Stromboli and Ginostra villages, Panarea and Lipari island, and in the control room of the Harbour Office of Milazzo (see Figure 15) with a continuous monotone sound. Besides, emails and SMS messages will be automatically sent to a list of previously selected Authorities with the following text: "Tsunami wave in progress at Stromboli".

- The early-warning message is thus automatically delivered to control room for the Emergency of i) the National Civil Protection, ii) the Sicily Regional Civil Protection, iii) the Lipary Municipality, and iv) the Prefecture of Messina. In coordination and cooperation with the National Department of Civil Protection the in-charge Authorities will keep the contact with i) the Mayor's delegates for the islands of Stromboli, Vulcano, Panarea, Alicudi, and Filicudi; ii) the municipalities along the Sicily and Calabria coast, iii) the operating structures present on the territory (e.g. Police, Firefighters, Forestry Corps, etc.) and iv) the voluntary structures of Civil Protection present on the different islands with the aim to inform people, apply the safety procedure at local level, and regulate the navigation and the docking of boats.

- Once the tsunami risk is declared over, the Lipari Municipality, with the support of the Regional Department of Civil Protection, will evaluate the opportunity to inform with a message the population of Stromboli, Ginostra, and Panarea by using the same acoustic alert system in "voice" mode. The Department of Civil Protection, will monitor the possible effects of the tsunami along the coasts, and in agreement with the Sicilian Region, it will evaluate the activation of the emergency national civil protection plan.

SOP and NTWC

- The TEWS implemented at Stromboli is the first early warning system developed to automatically deliver an alert in case of a tsunami generated by volcanic activity (Lacanna & Ripepe, 2020).

- At the moment operating outside the standard procedure developed for earthquake-generated tsunami.

- On August 2022 the University of Florence (LGS) and the National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology (INGV), in the framework of the operational monitoring activities for the National Department of Civil Protection (DPC), signed a Cooperation Agreement to integrate the TEWS of Stromboli within the activities the national Tsunami Alert Center (CAT) of the INGV.