

# Tsunami inundation mapping

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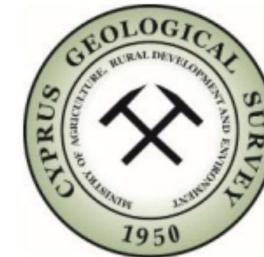
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## Levels of Analysis - HAZUS, FEMA, USA

1. Full consideration of source uncertainty
2. High-Resolution (5m) Shallow Water Numerical Simulations

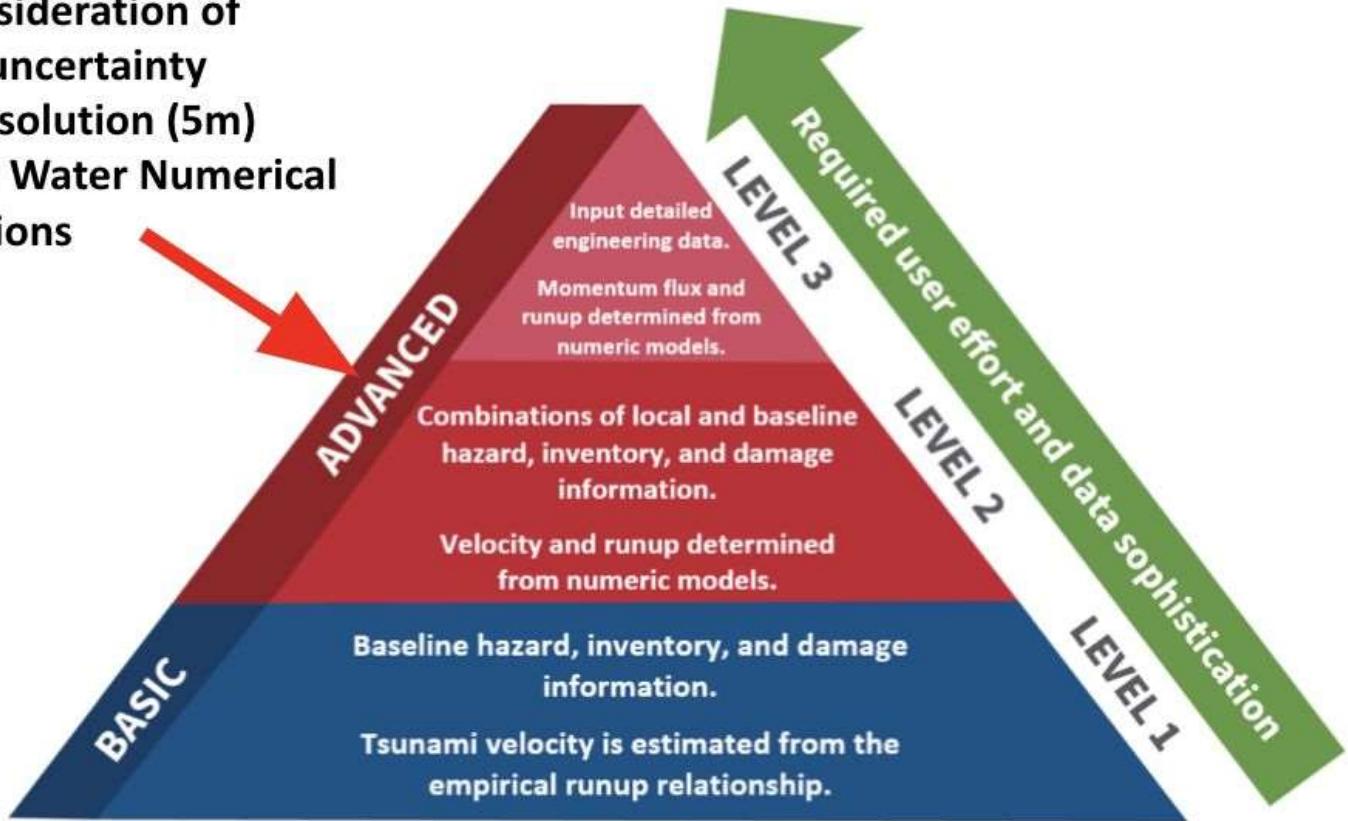
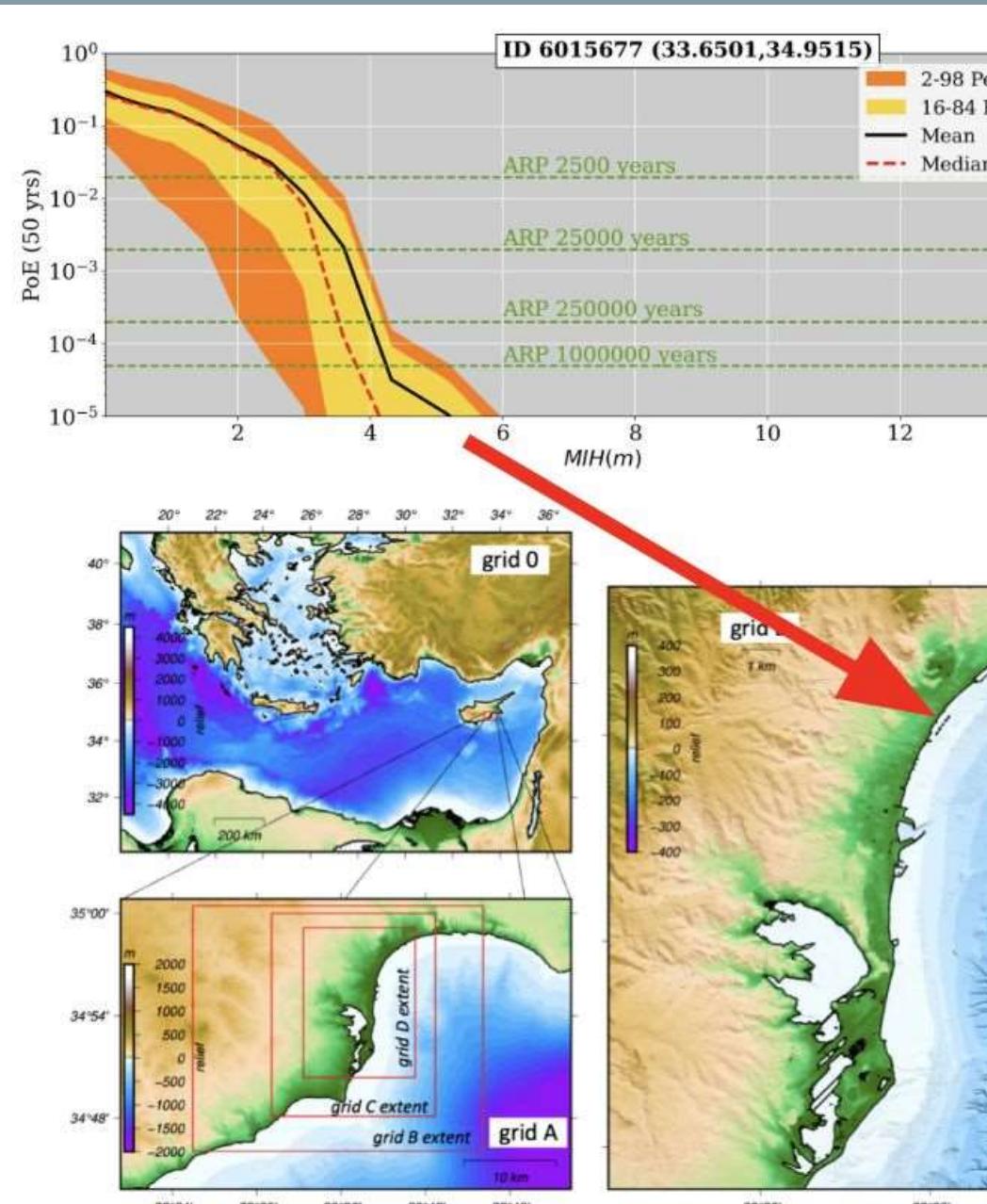


Figure 2-2 Levels of Analysis

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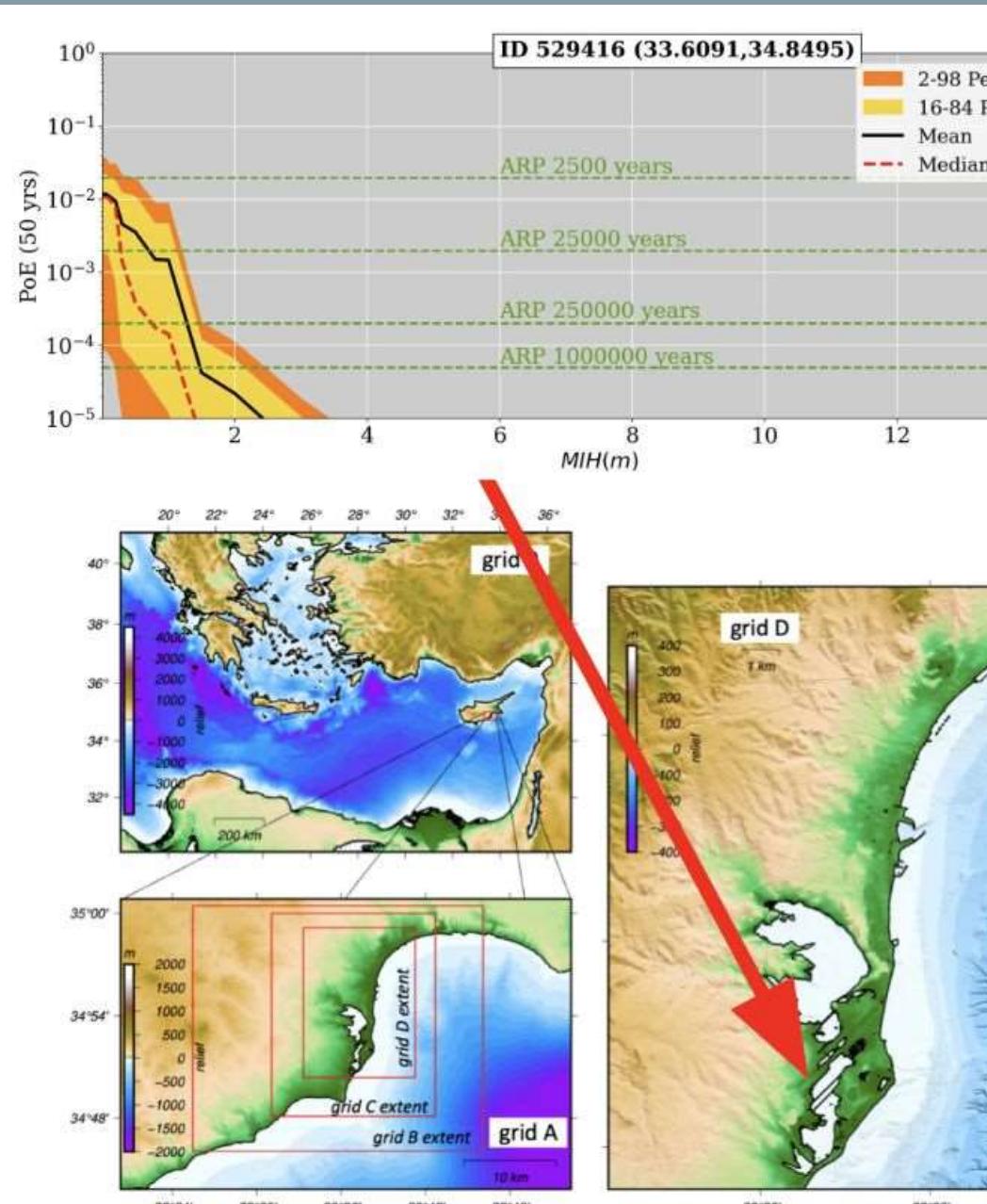
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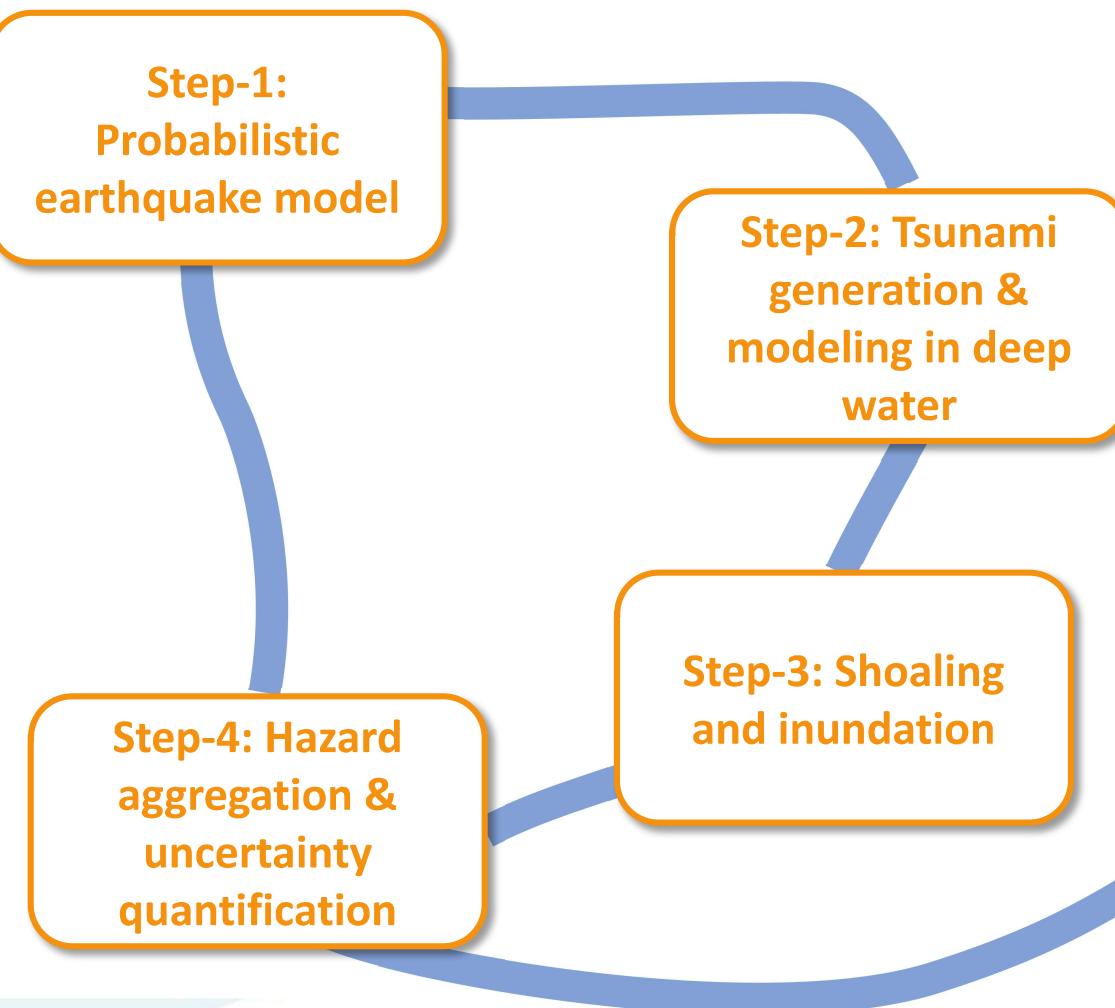
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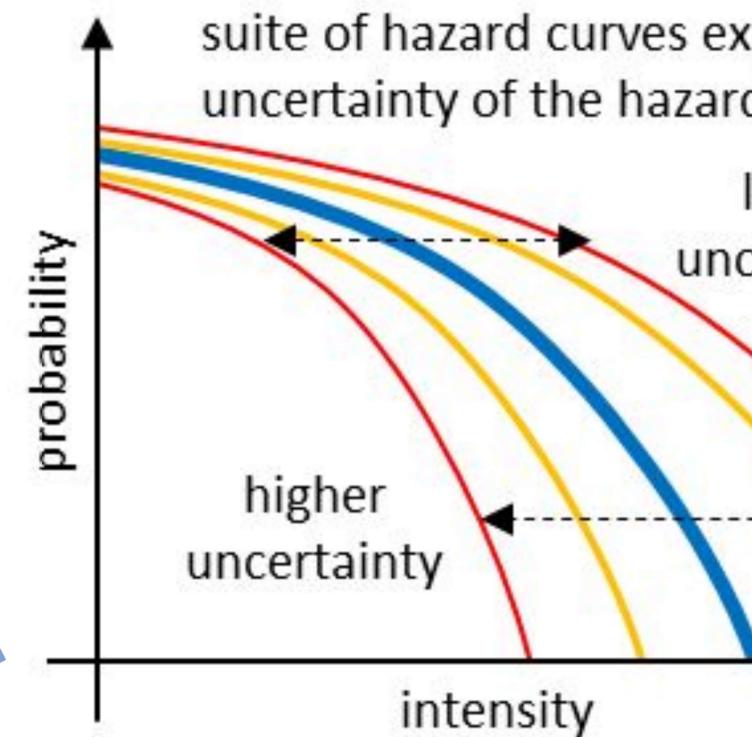
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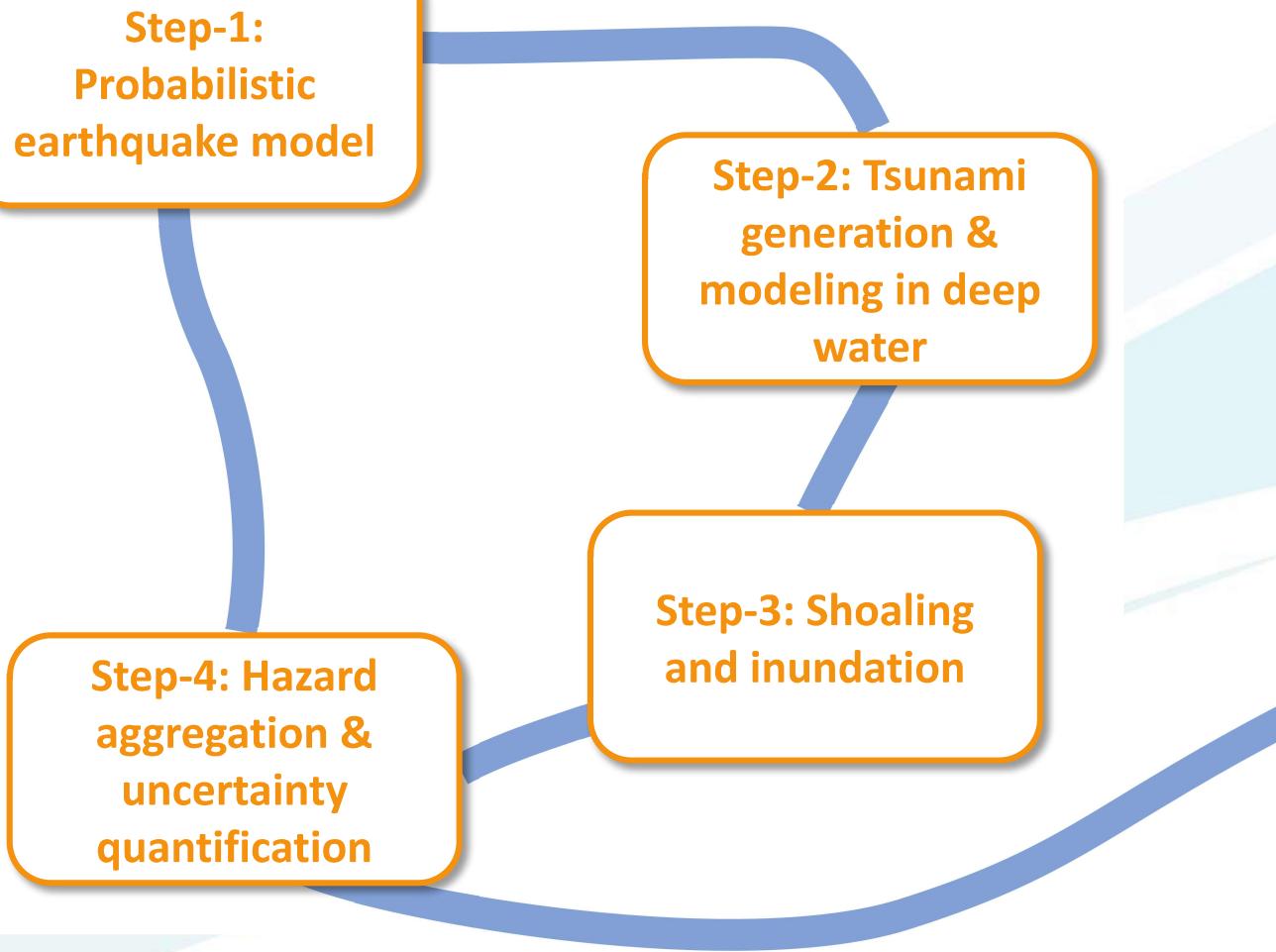
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# Hazard Curve

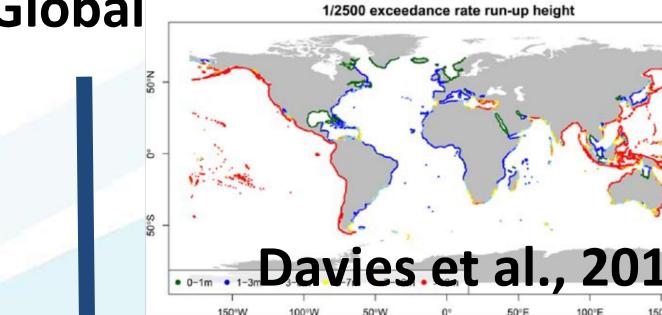


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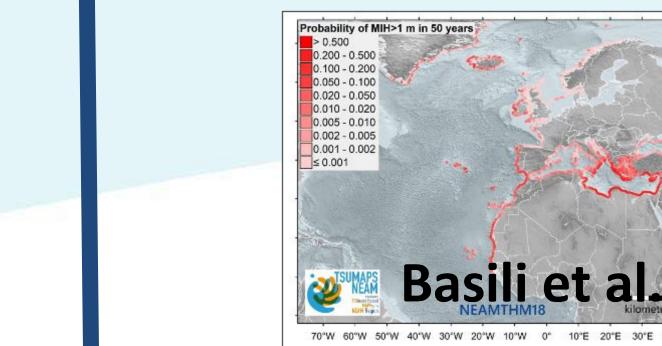


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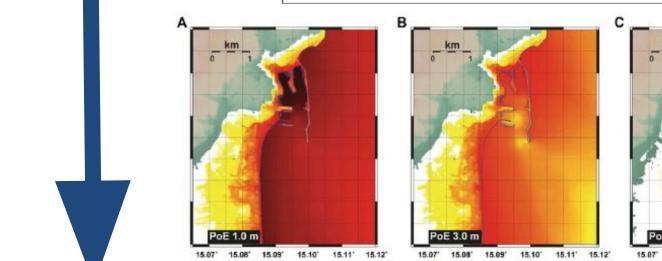
Applies to all scales  
Global



Davies et al., 2011



Basili et al.  
NEAMTHM18



Gibbons et al.,  
2018

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# NEAMTHM18

Basili et al., 2018; 2019; 2021  
(Documentation+Data+Paper)



# The TSUMAPS-NEAM project at a glance (<https://tsumaps-neam.eu>)



NEAMTHM18 is the main outcome of the TSUMAPS-NEAM project whose objectives

- produce the first region-wide long-term homogenous time-independent **PTHA** from **earthquake sources** for the **NEAM** coastlines;
- trigger a common tsunami risk management strategy in the region.

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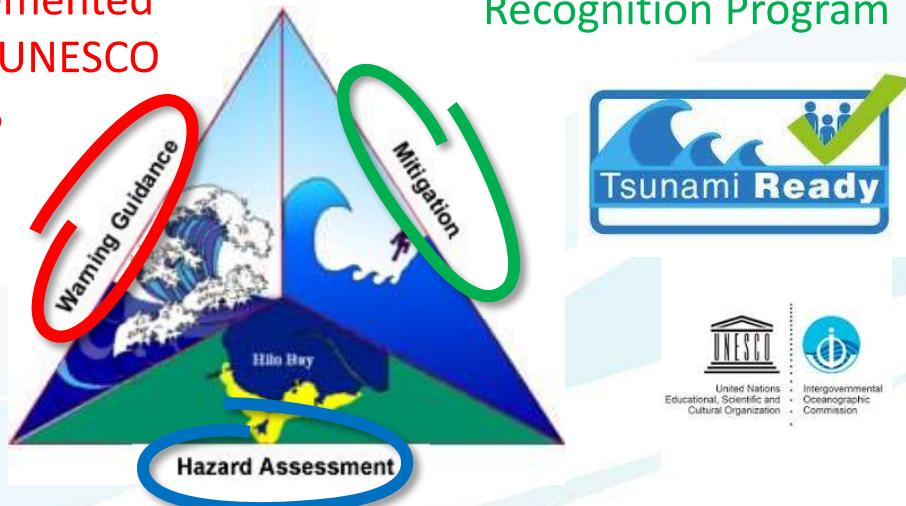
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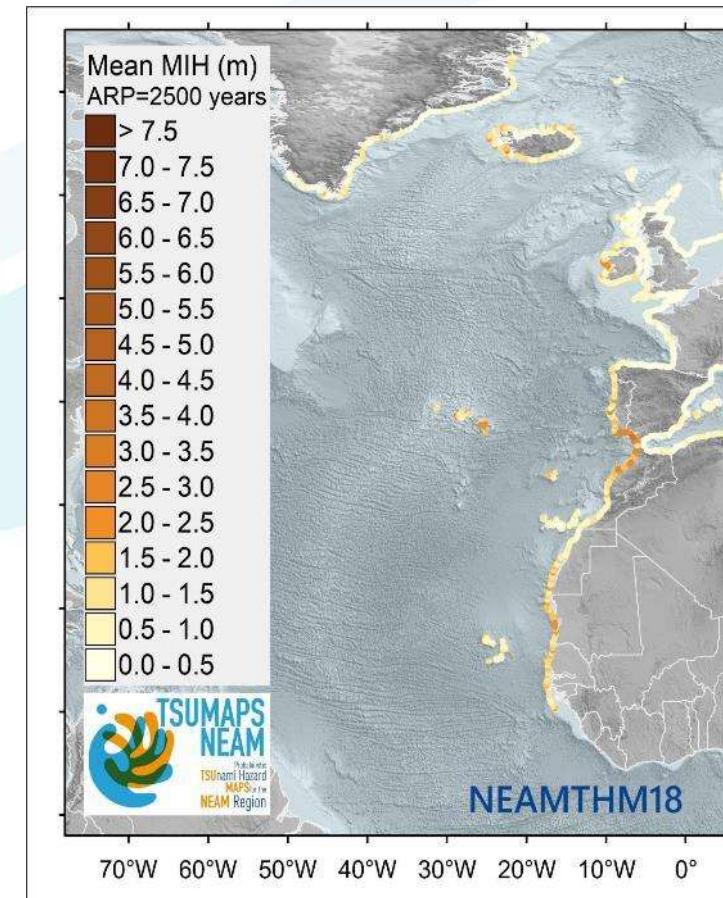
# NEAM = North-Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean, and connected Seas

Tsunami Early Warning has been implemented within the IOC UNESCO ICG/NEAMTWS framework



NEAM Tsunami Hazard Model 2018  
(NEAMTHM18)

Tsunami Ready  
Recognition Program



<https://tsumaps-neam.eu/>

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# Historical tsunami database in the Mediterranean region

(Marama)



294 tsunami events from 6150 BC to the present

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# Paleotsunami database in the Mediterranean region

151 sites and 220 tsunami evidence (events)

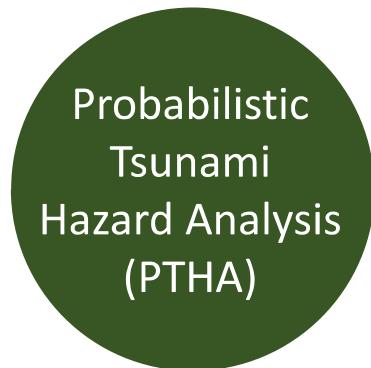
(De Martini et al., 2018)



- Conditions for preserving tsunami deposits must exist
- Scientists have to find out, perform analyses, publish results
- Analysts should carry out the hazard estimations

In the most favorable circumstances, the tsunami history at a given site cannot extend more than a few thousand years

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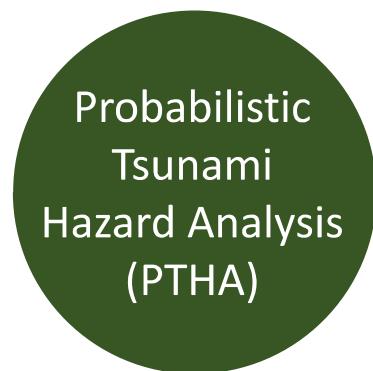
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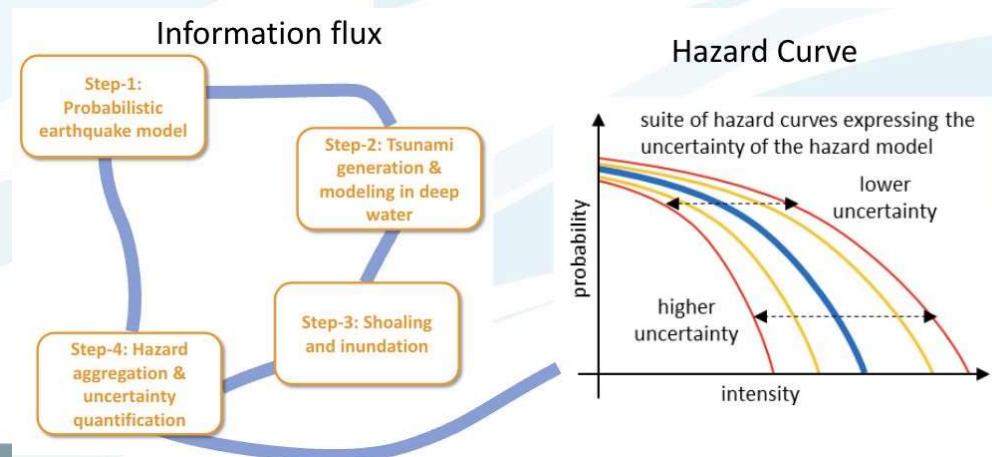
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Tsunami impact

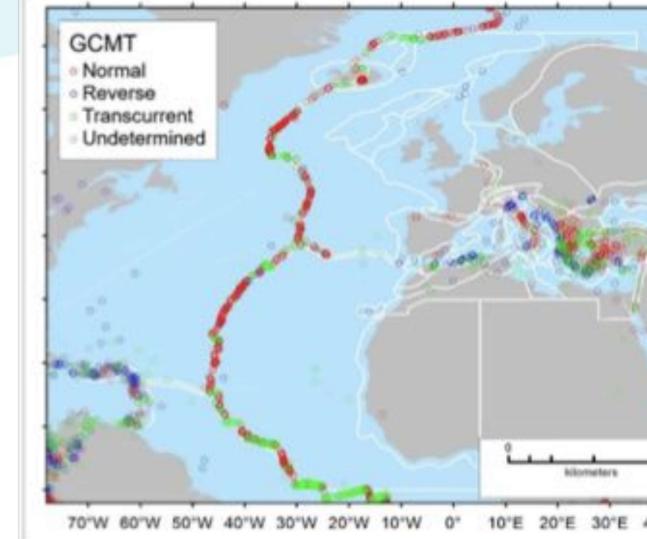
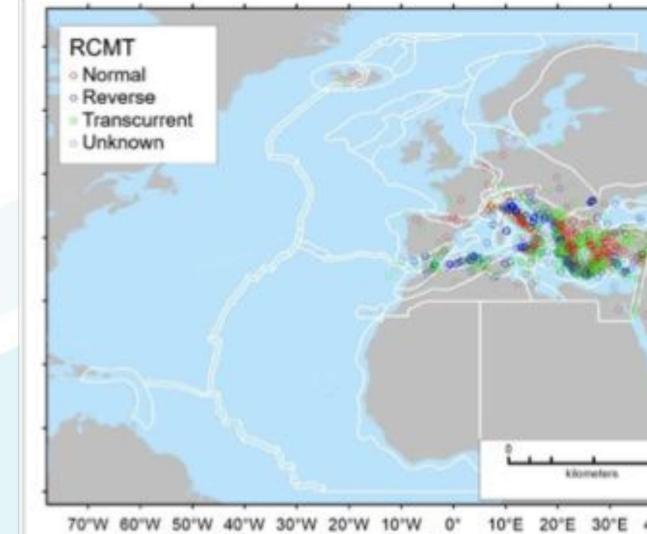
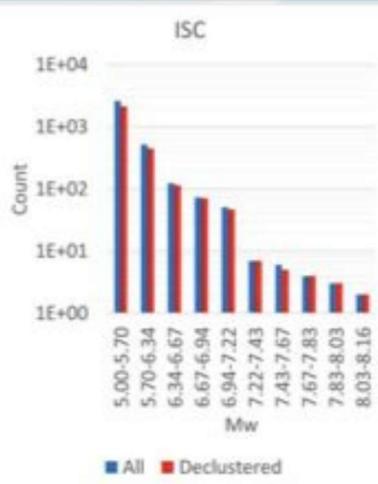
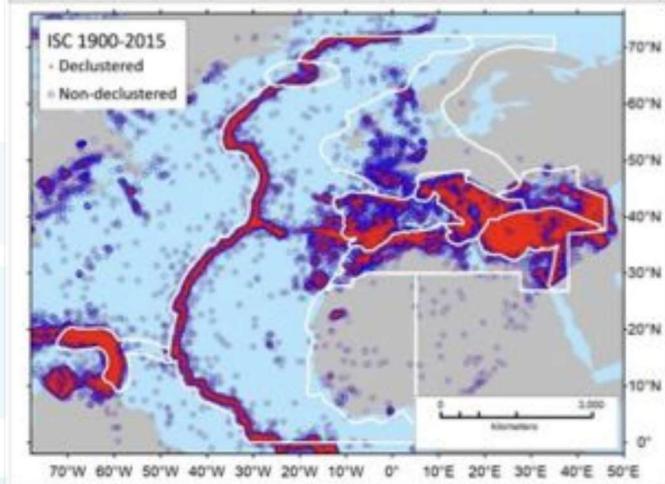
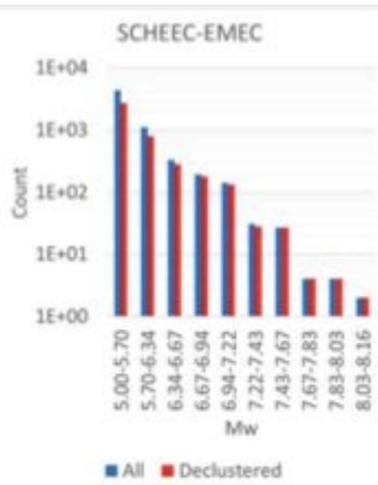
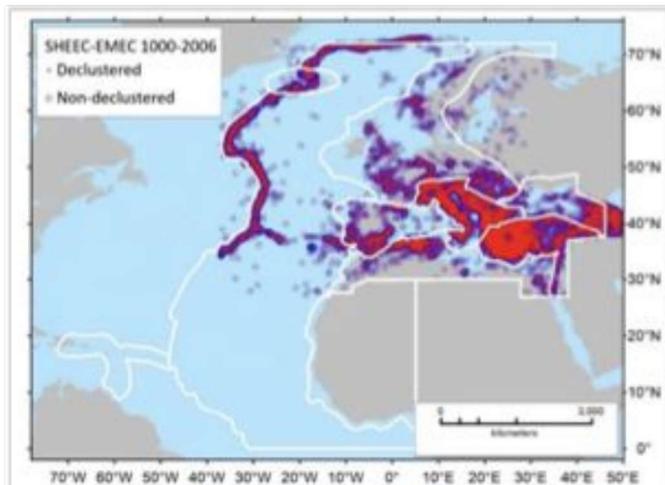


Computation-based

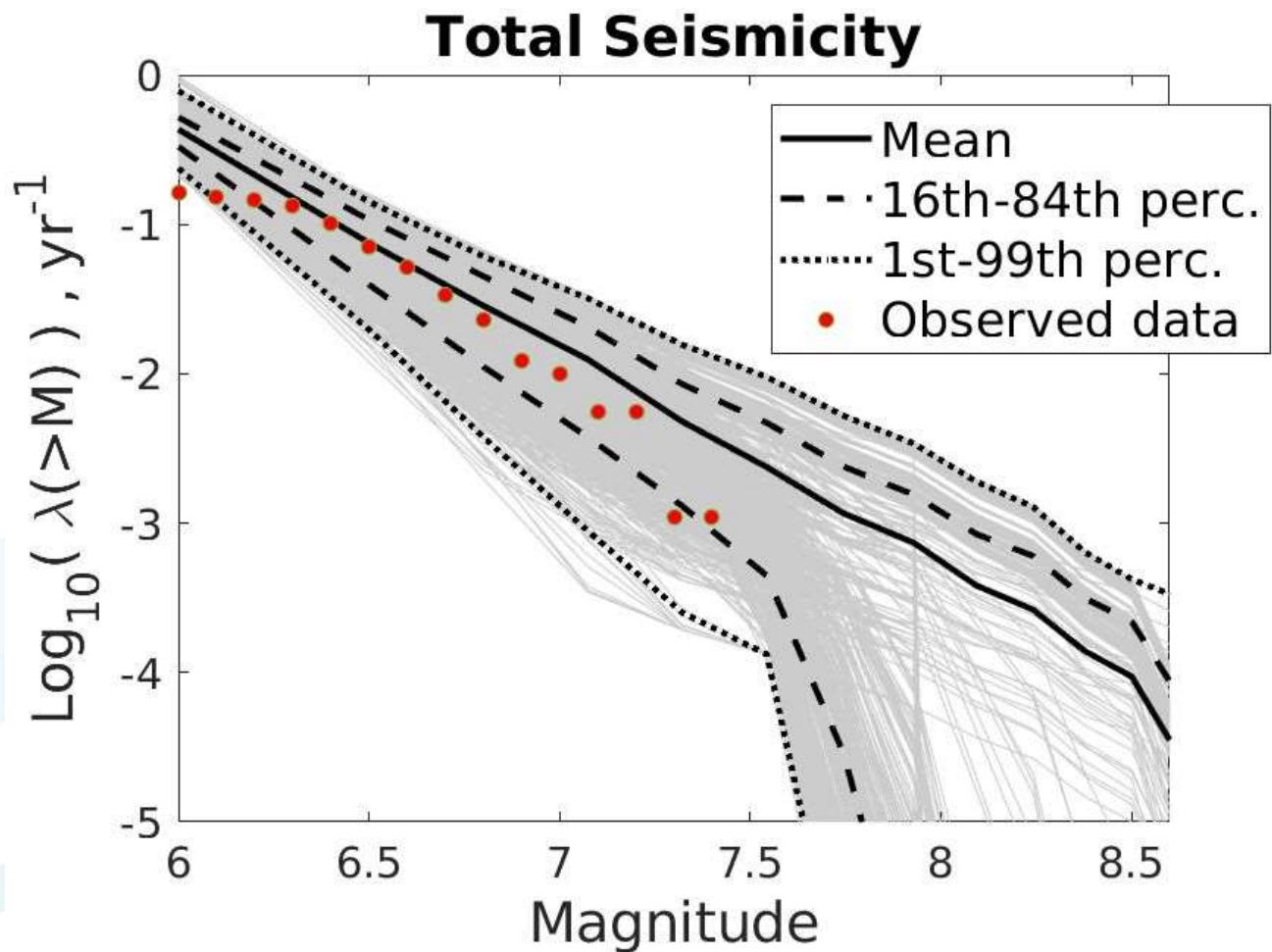
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# Seismic data

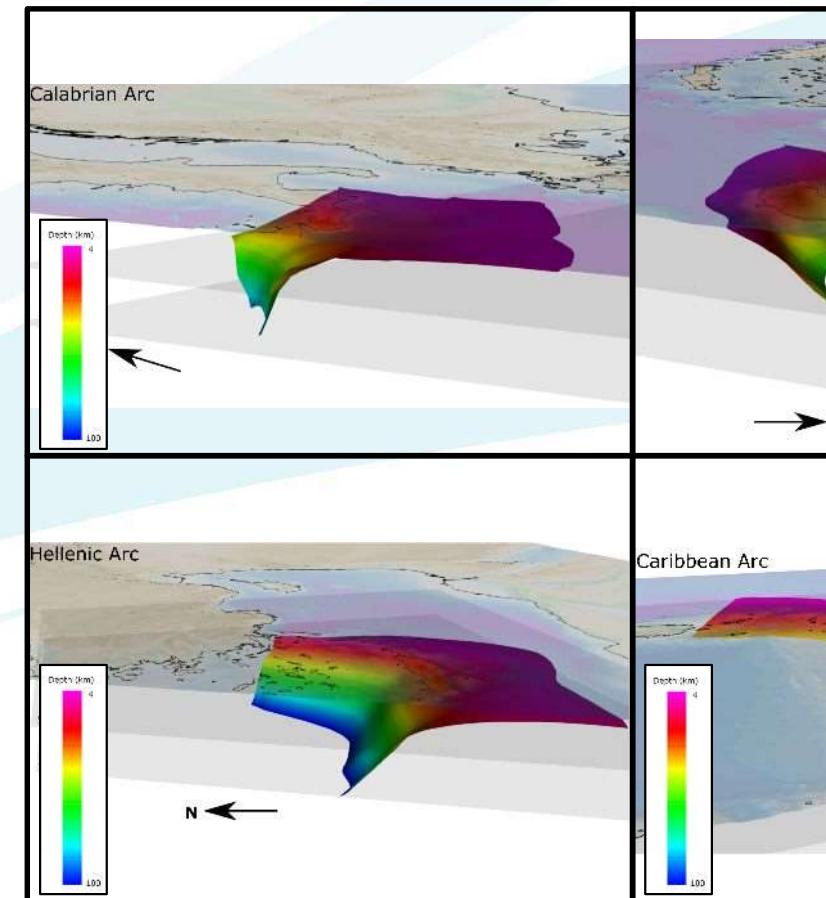
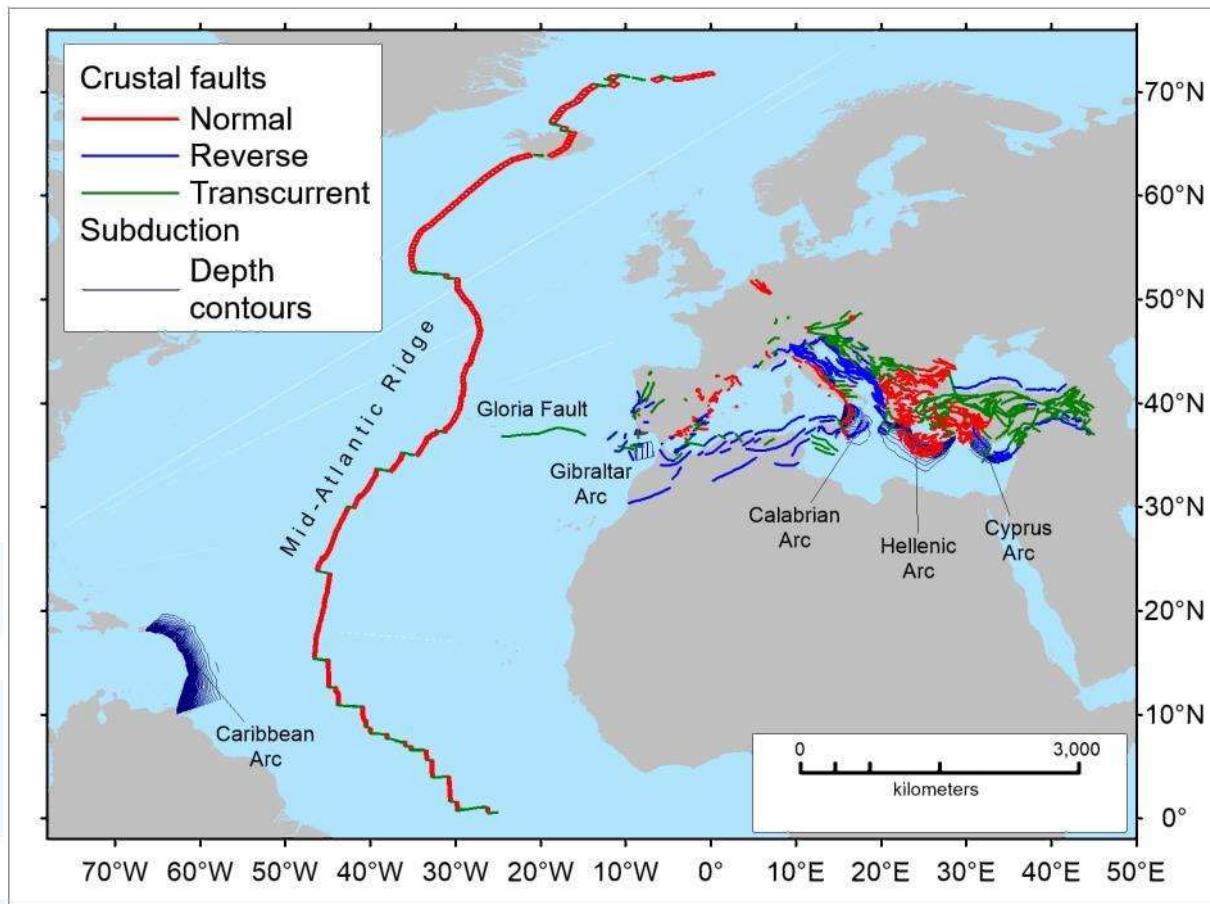


# Magnitude-frequency distributions

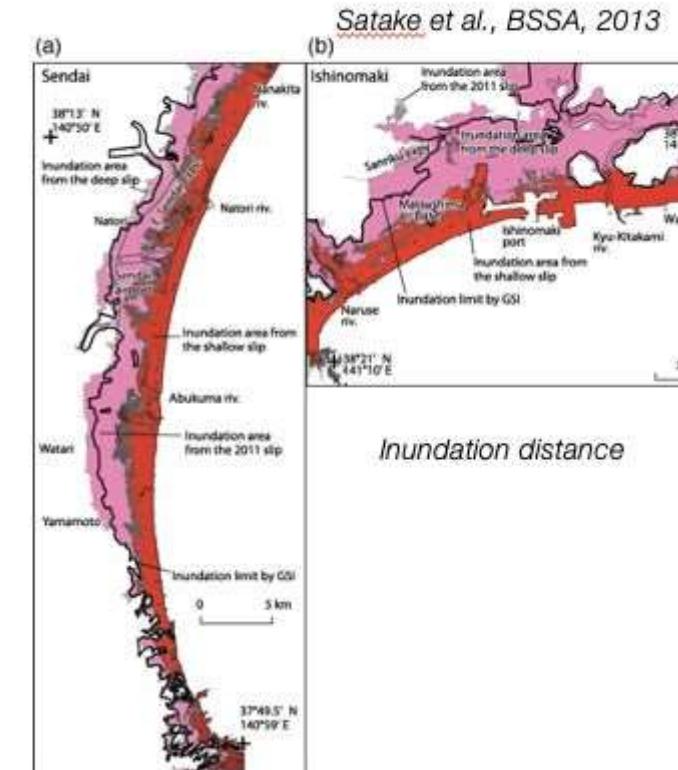
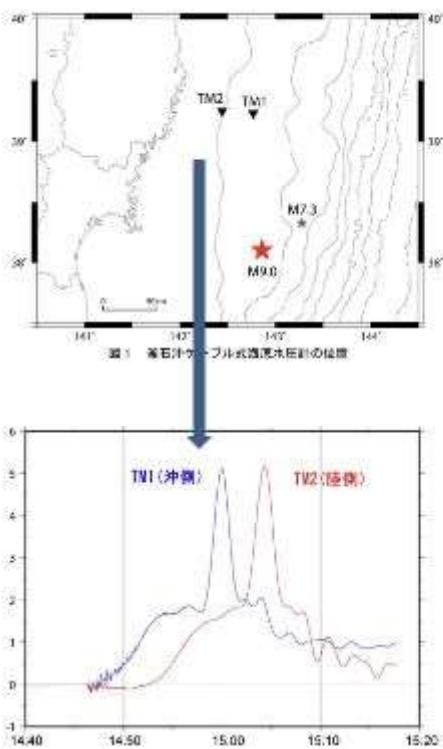
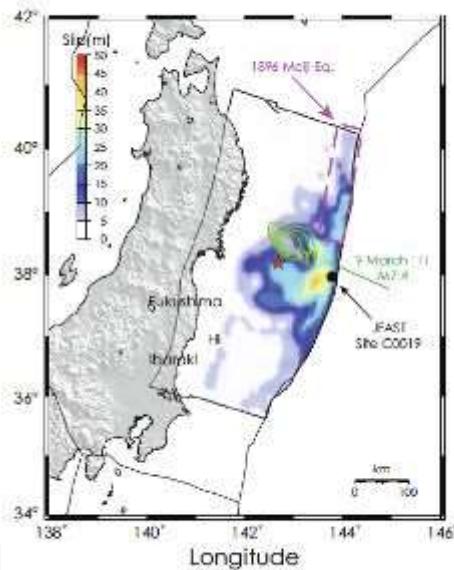


Example of frequency-magnitude distributions for the Kefalonia-Lefkada, Greece region

# Crustal faults and subduction interfaces



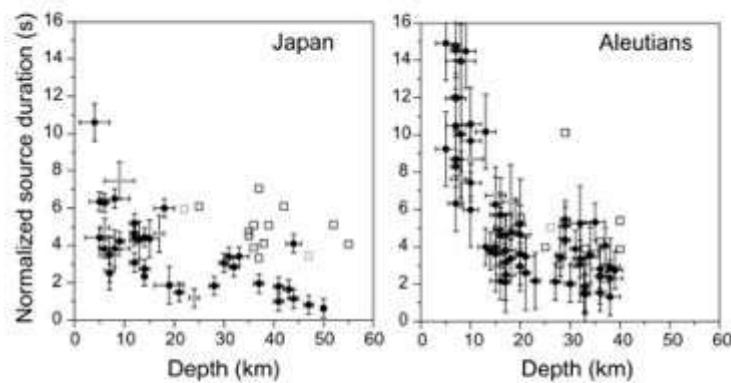
# Importance of slip heterogeneity



Shallow slip → Short wavelength → Small inundation distance

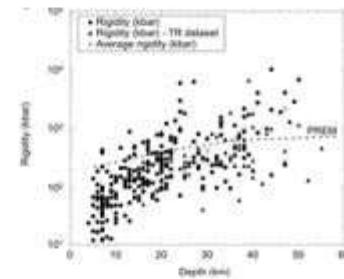
Deep slip → Long wavelength → Large inundation distance

# Depth-dependent earthquake features



$$\tau = T \left( \frac{M_0^{\text{ref}}}{M_0} \right)^{1/3}$$

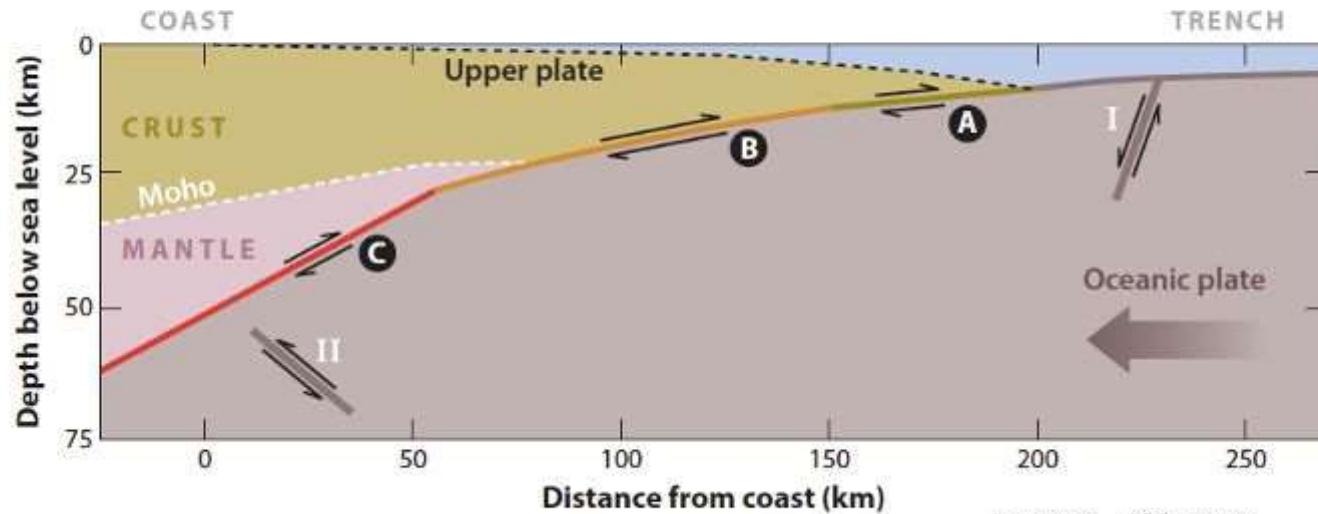
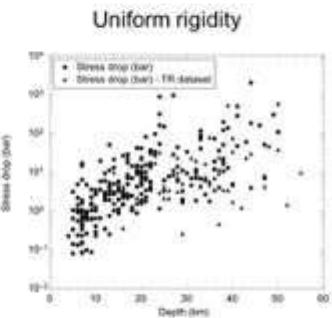
Uniform stress drop



To make the observable independent from the size of the event

$$\tau \sim \frac{L(\sim \Delta \sigma^{-1/3})}{V_r(\mu^{1/2})}$$

Bilek & Lay 1999  
Nature



Lay et al., JGR, 2012  
Kanamori, AREPS, 2014

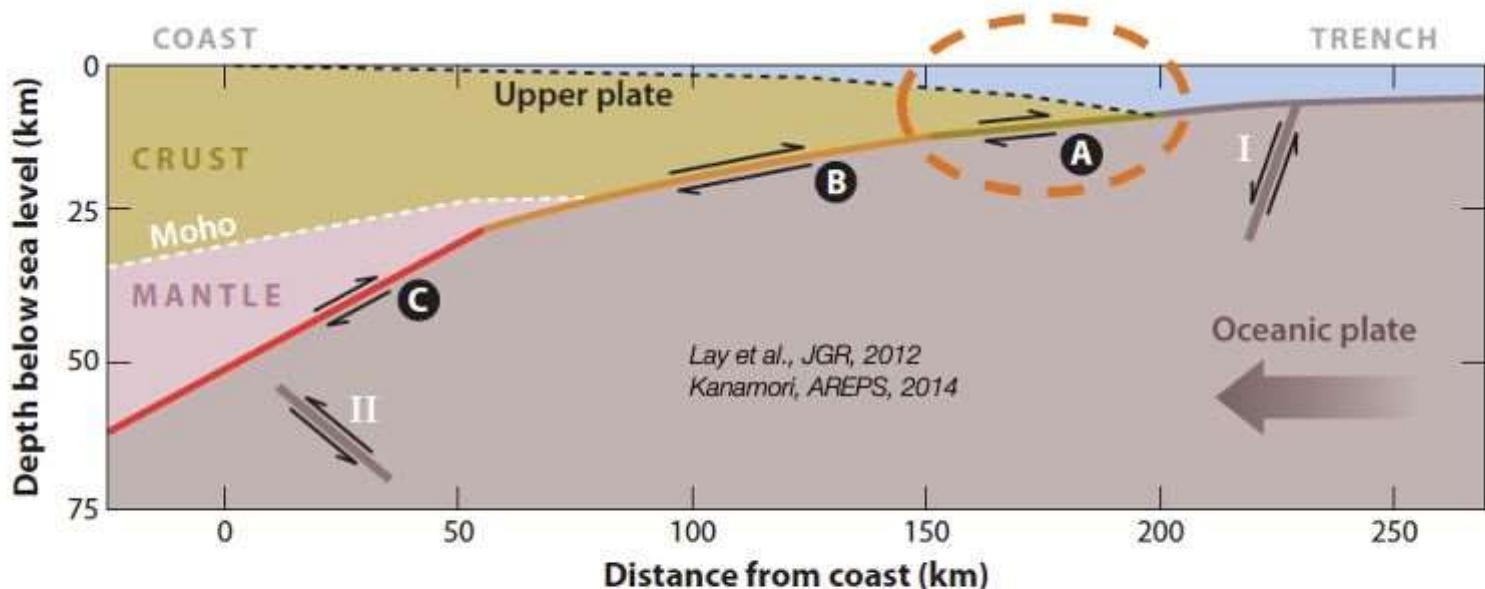
# Depth-dependent earthquake features (tsunami earthquake)

Earthquakes that directly cause a regional and/or teleseismic tsunami that is greater in amplitude than would be typically expected from their seismic moment magnitude

Polet & Kanamori, 2009

Two families of simplified models:

- Slumping-like displacement of accretionary wedge
- Splay fault



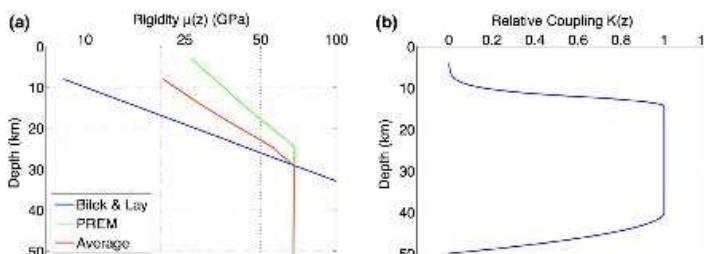
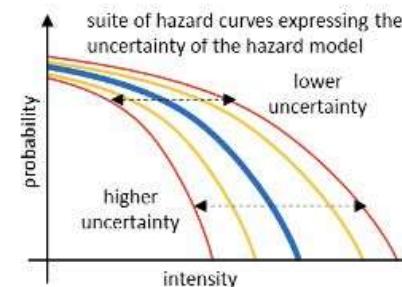
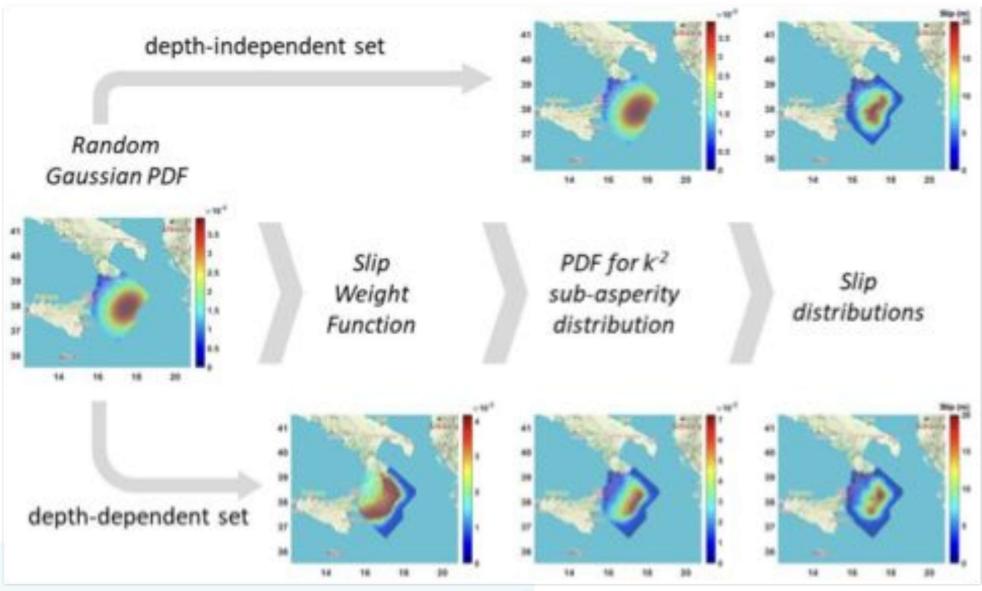
Shallow (i.e. low rigidity  $\mu$ )

$$M_0 = \mu AD$$

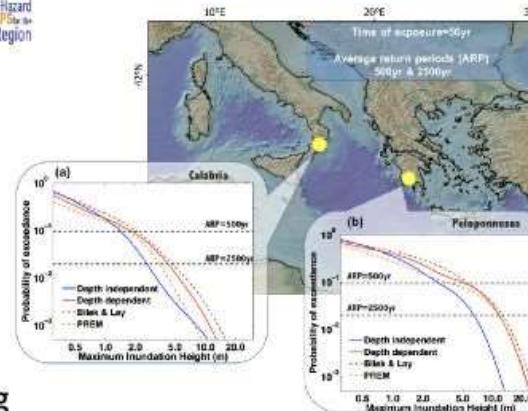
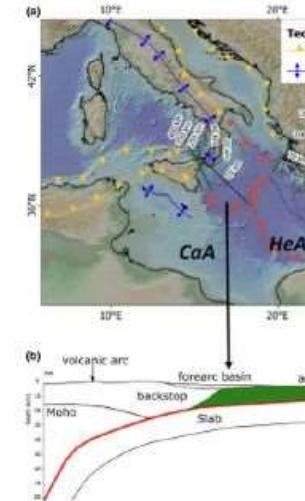


Slip D increases

# Treatment in NEAMTHM18

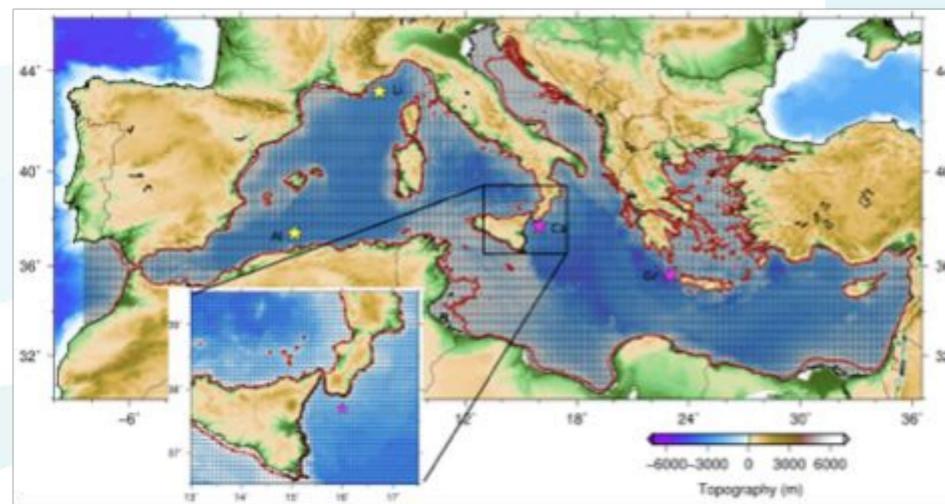
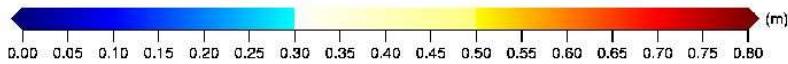
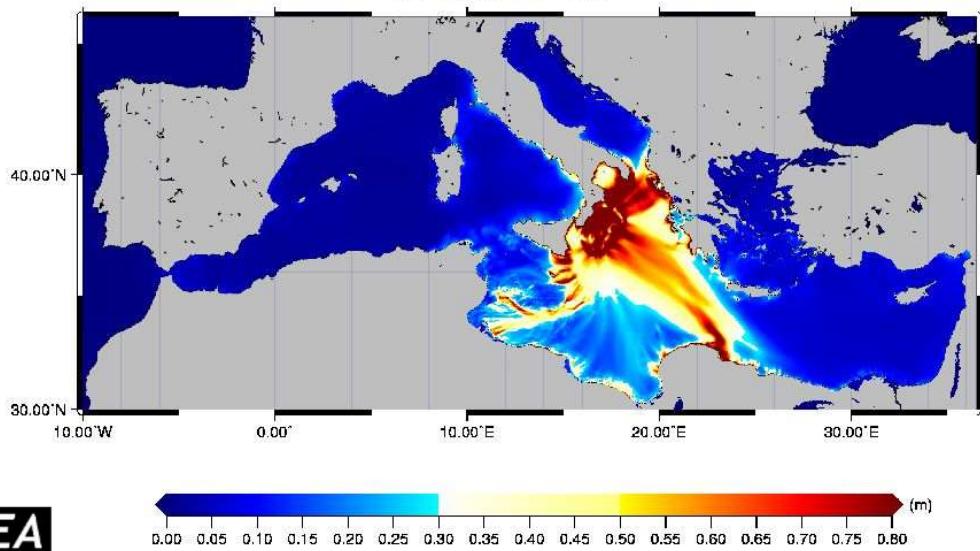


Depth-dependent rigidity and coupling – Long term Rate Balancing  
Scala et al., PAGEOPH, 2019



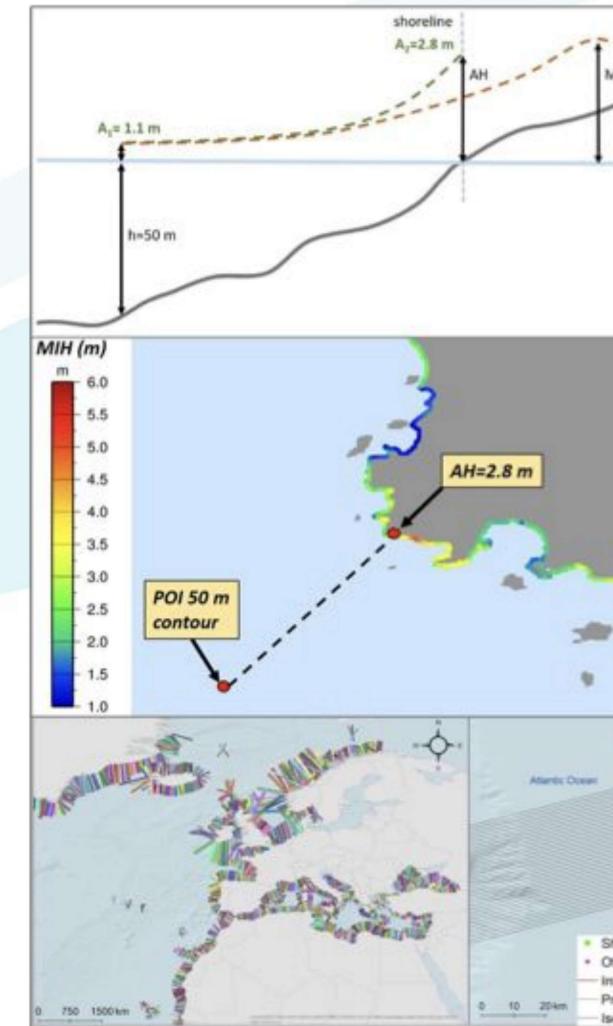
For each seismic source and each point of interest (POI)= Millions of tsunami

3D Slab M=8.5



Molinari et al., 2016

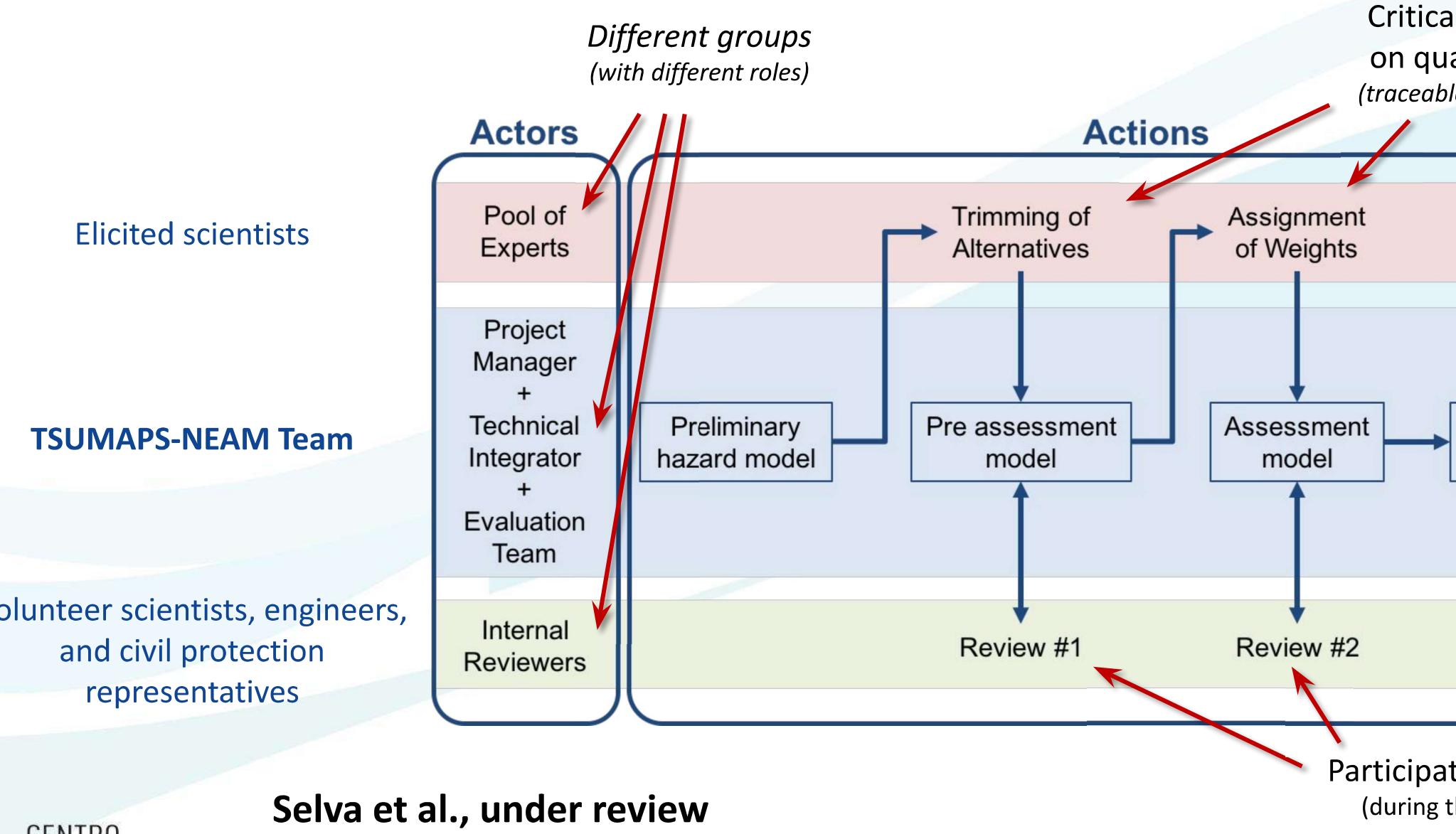
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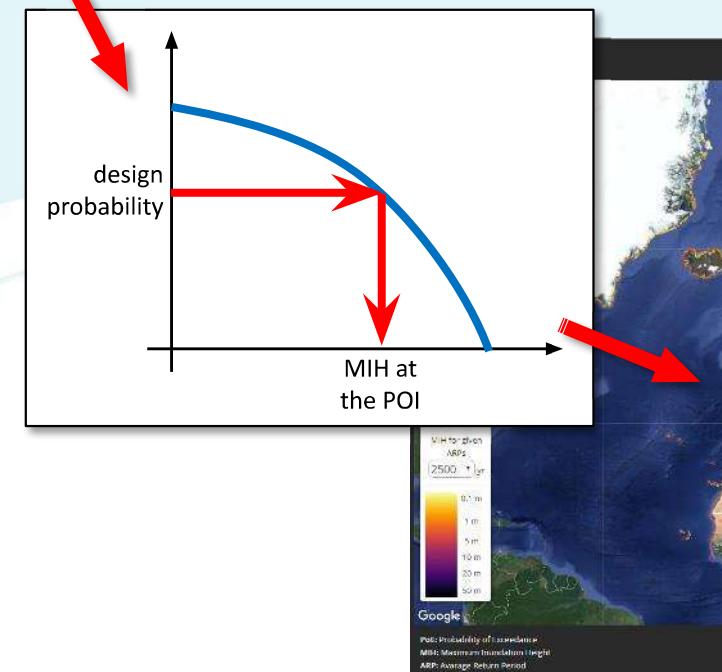
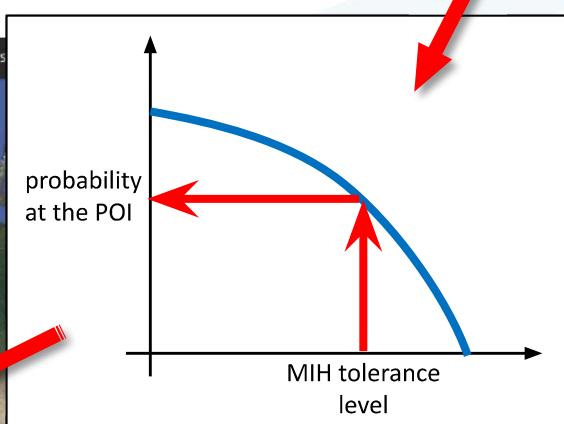
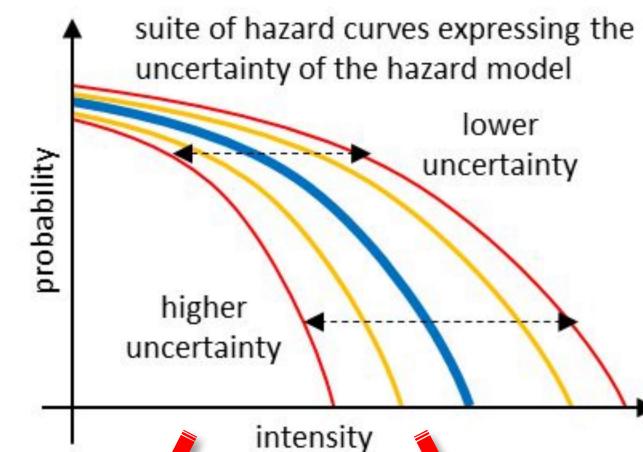
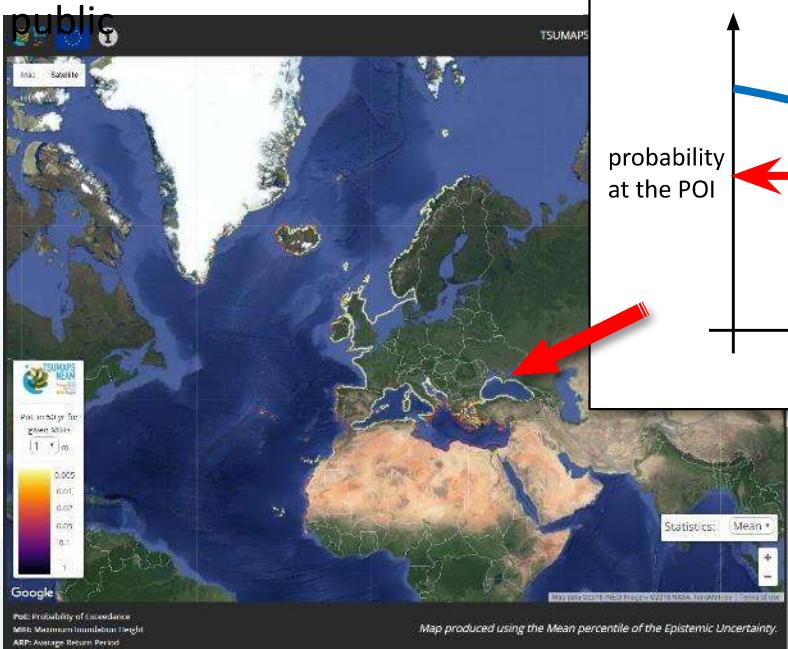
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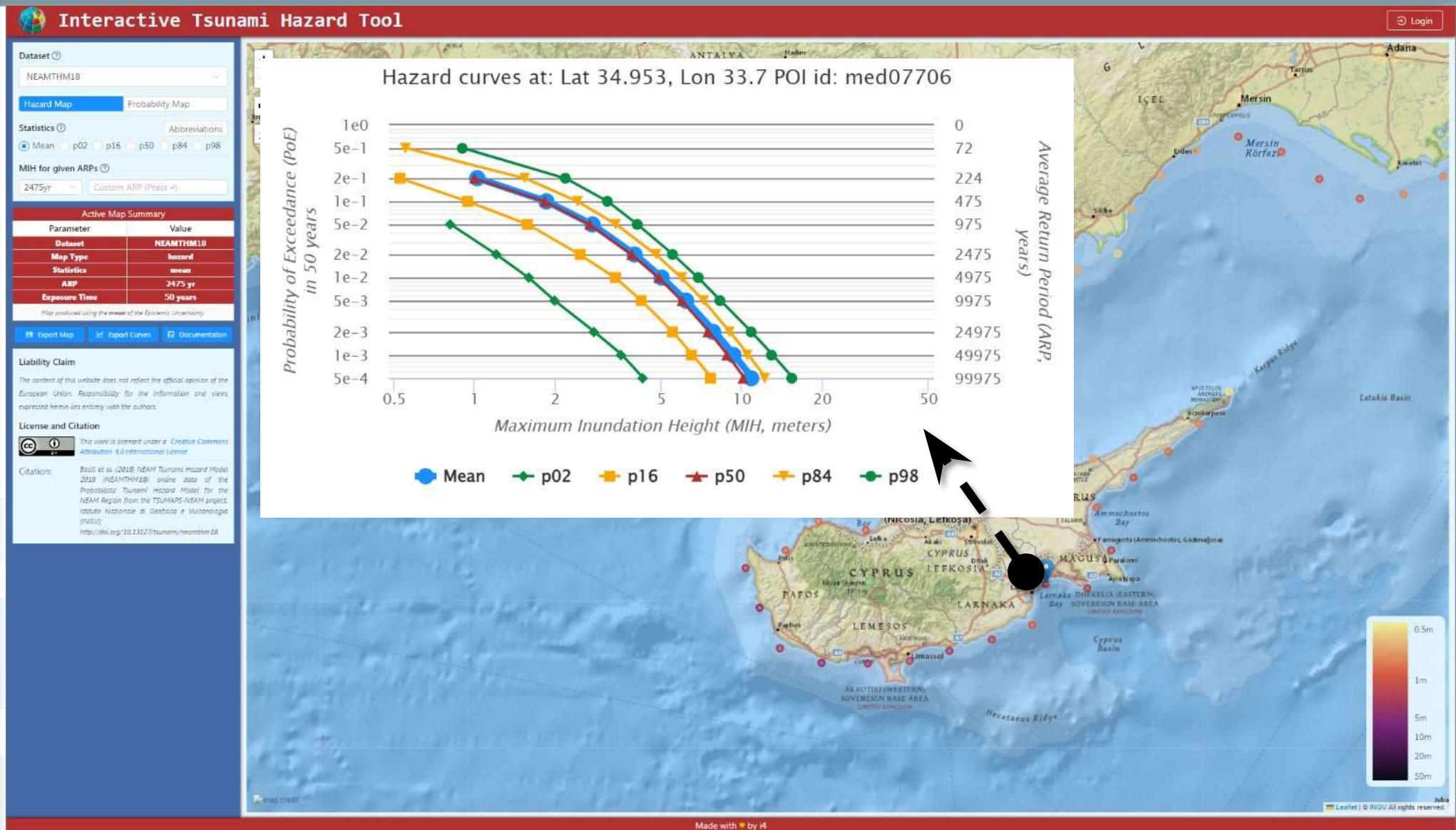
# NEAMTHM18 Results: Probability and Hazard Maps

## PROBABILITY MAPS

more effective to communicate the hazard to administrators, decision-makers, and the general public



# NEAMTHM18 sample hazard curves



# from NEAMTH18 to inundation mapping in Italy

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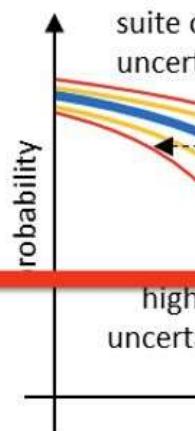
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For coastal planning  
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- 2500 yr ARP
- 84<sup>th</sup> percentile

i.e.

~ 2% in 50 yr



Similar approaches:

- New Zealand inundation mapping
- US ASCE7-16 Building Codes

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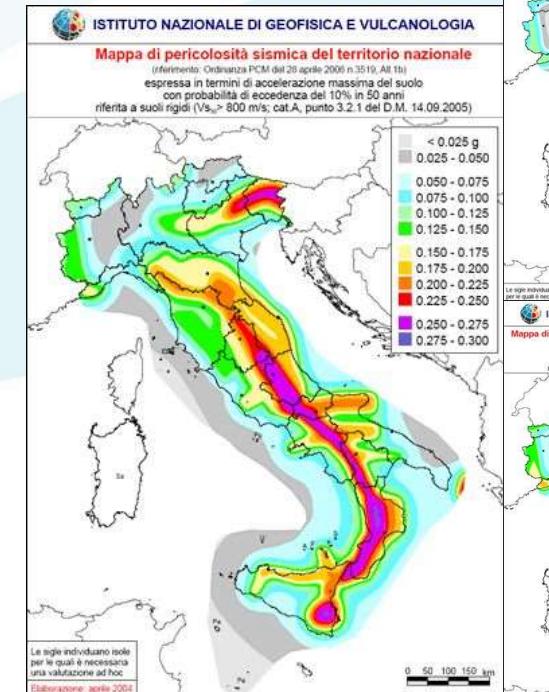
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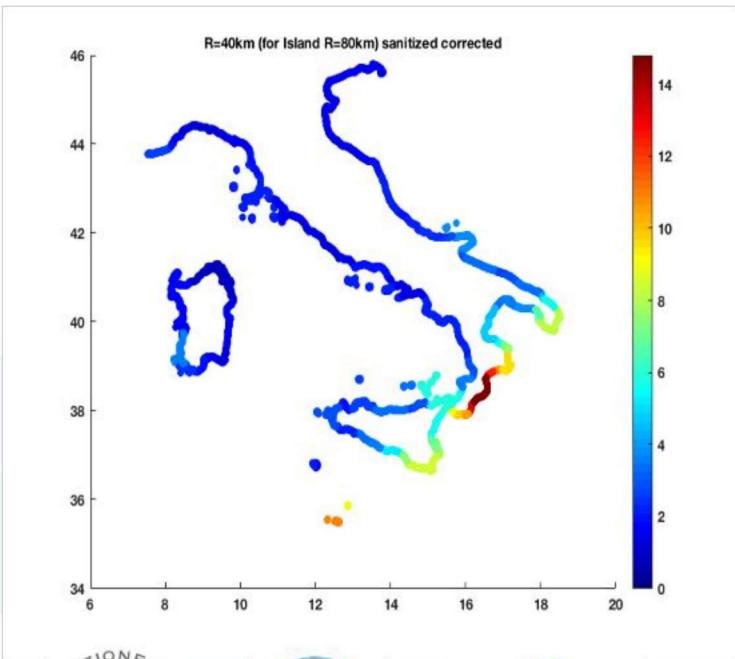
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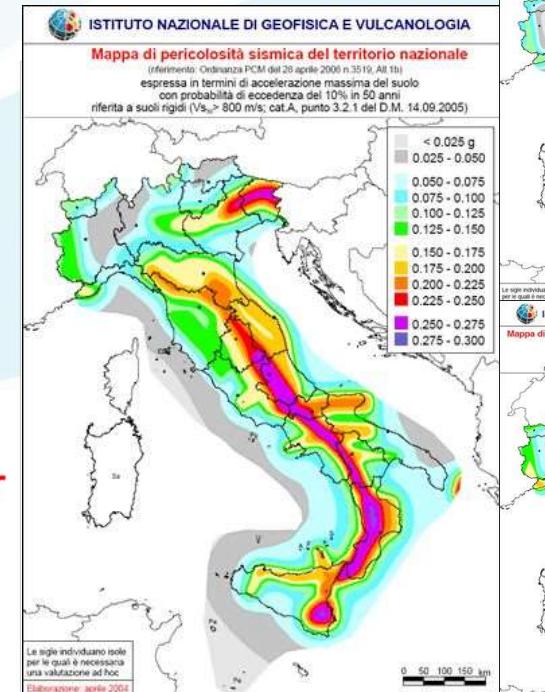
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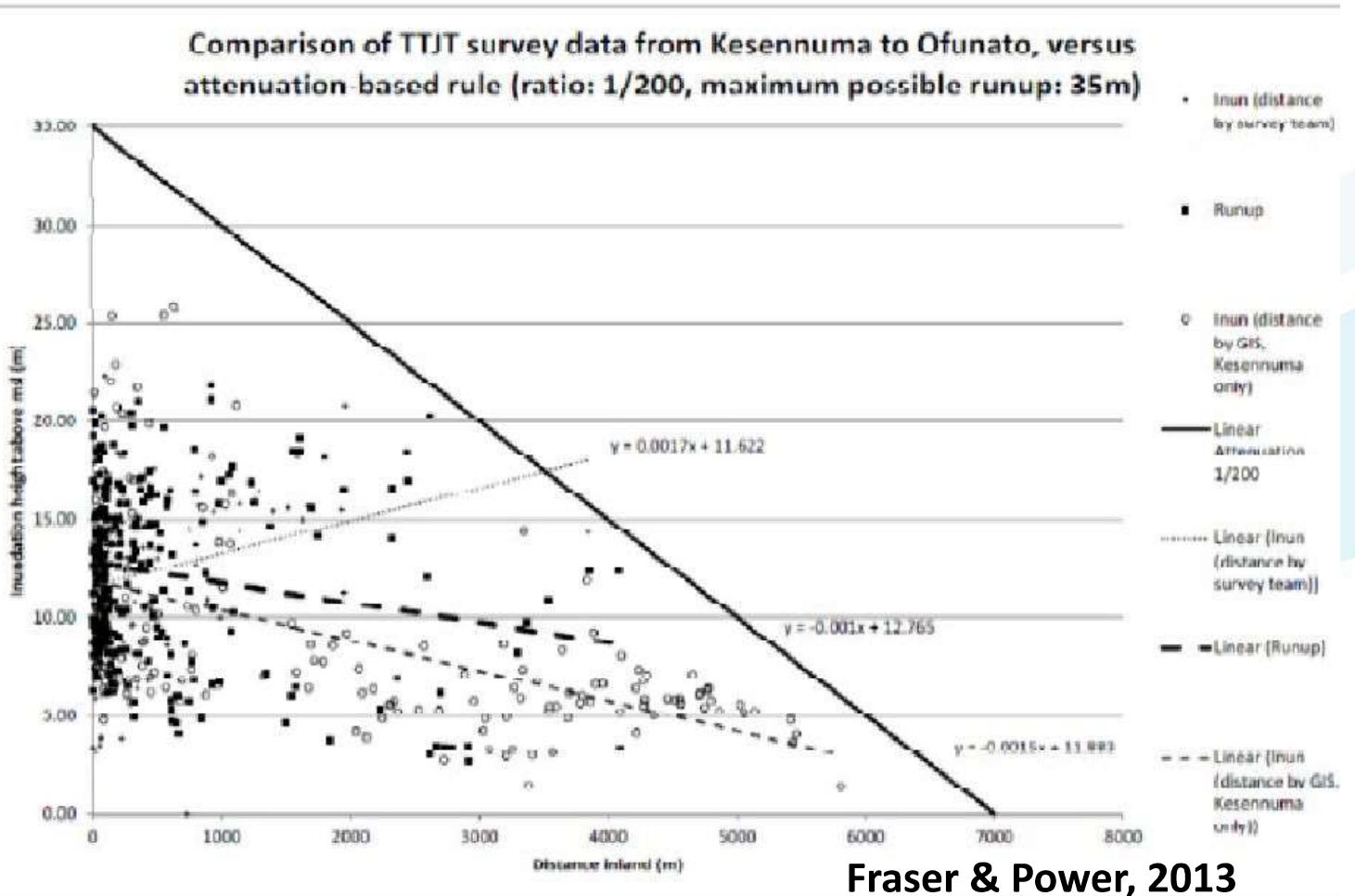
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We adopted a GIS-based approach following an empirical model of propagation and inundation.

Following Fraser & Power (2013), a linear attenuation rule between the Run-up values and the maximum expected inland inundation distance is applied.

The empirical relationship between run-up and inland wave penetration is based on the filed surveys and observations of recent and historic tsunami events, especially in the Pacific area, in particular that of Tohoku (Japan) in 2011.

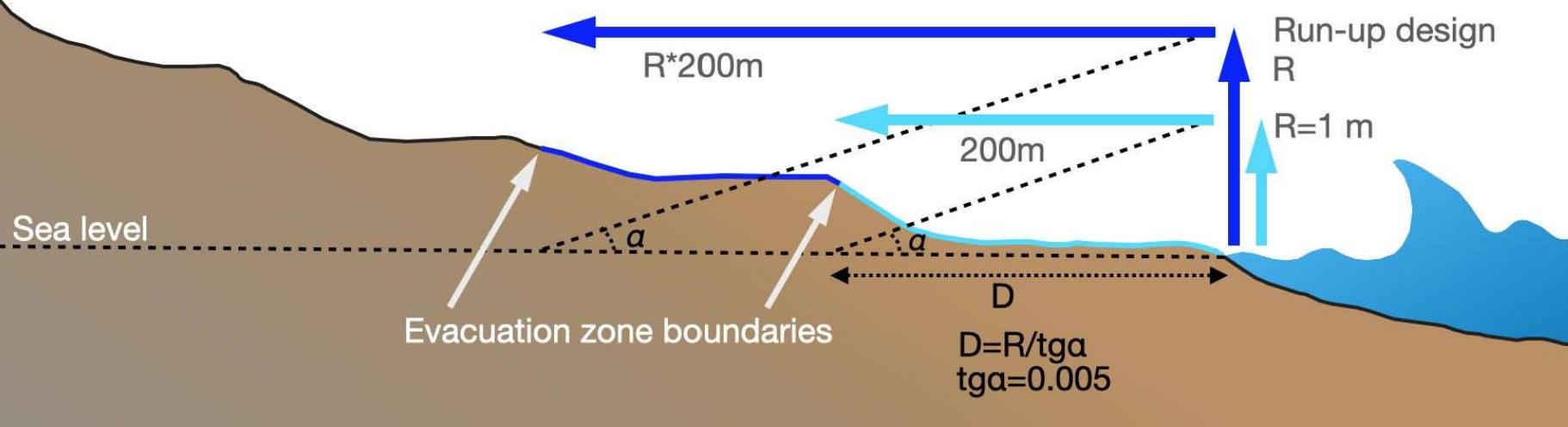
Calculation of dry/wet pixels by GIS tools

# Empirical relationship between run-up and inundation distance

Section (not in scale) shows the definition of the boundary of the alert zones corresponding to the Advisory e Watch levels

Attenuation rule between design run-up ( $R$ ) and the expected maximum inundation distance ( $D$ ):

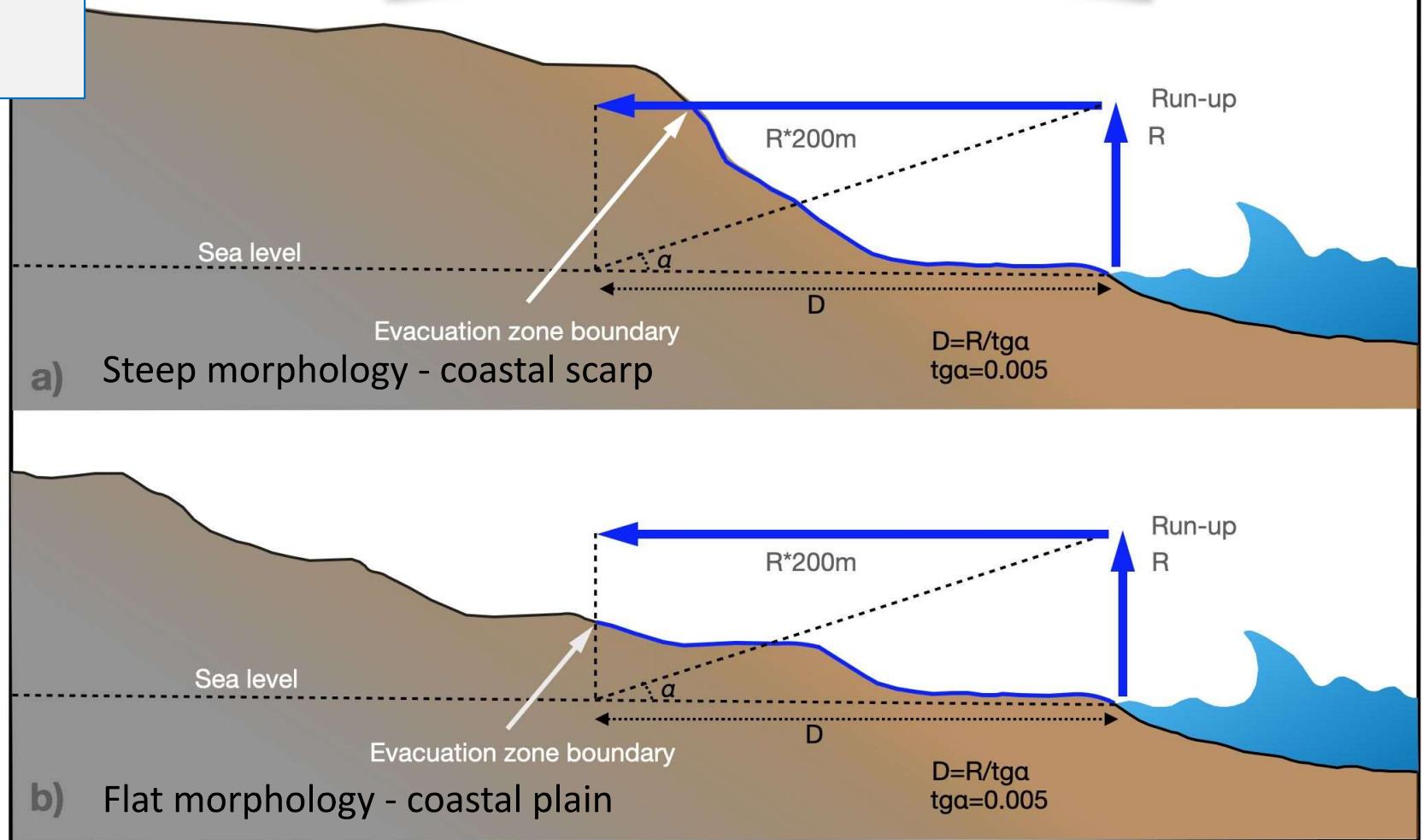
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$R$  is the calculated design run-up for each coastal sector  
 $D$  is the maximum expected inundation distance -  $D(R)$

This sketch (not in scale) shows the method used to draw inundations maps in different coastal morphology .

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# Input data: elevation and morphology

## Digital Terrain Model

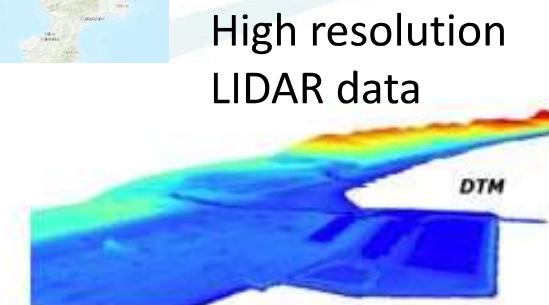


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Regional DTMs 1-2-5 metres resolution



DEM IGM 20m



Elevation accuracy up to 15cm

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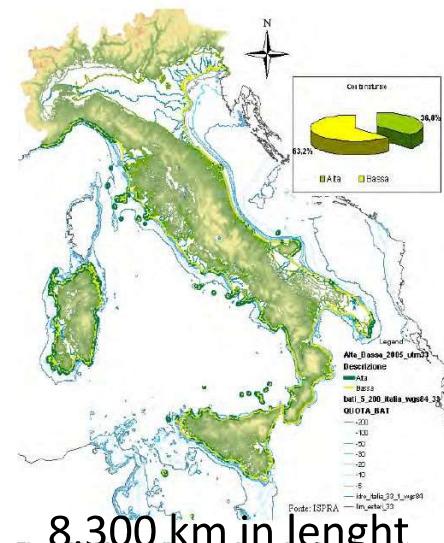


Figure 11: tracciati delle coste italiane alla clessidra

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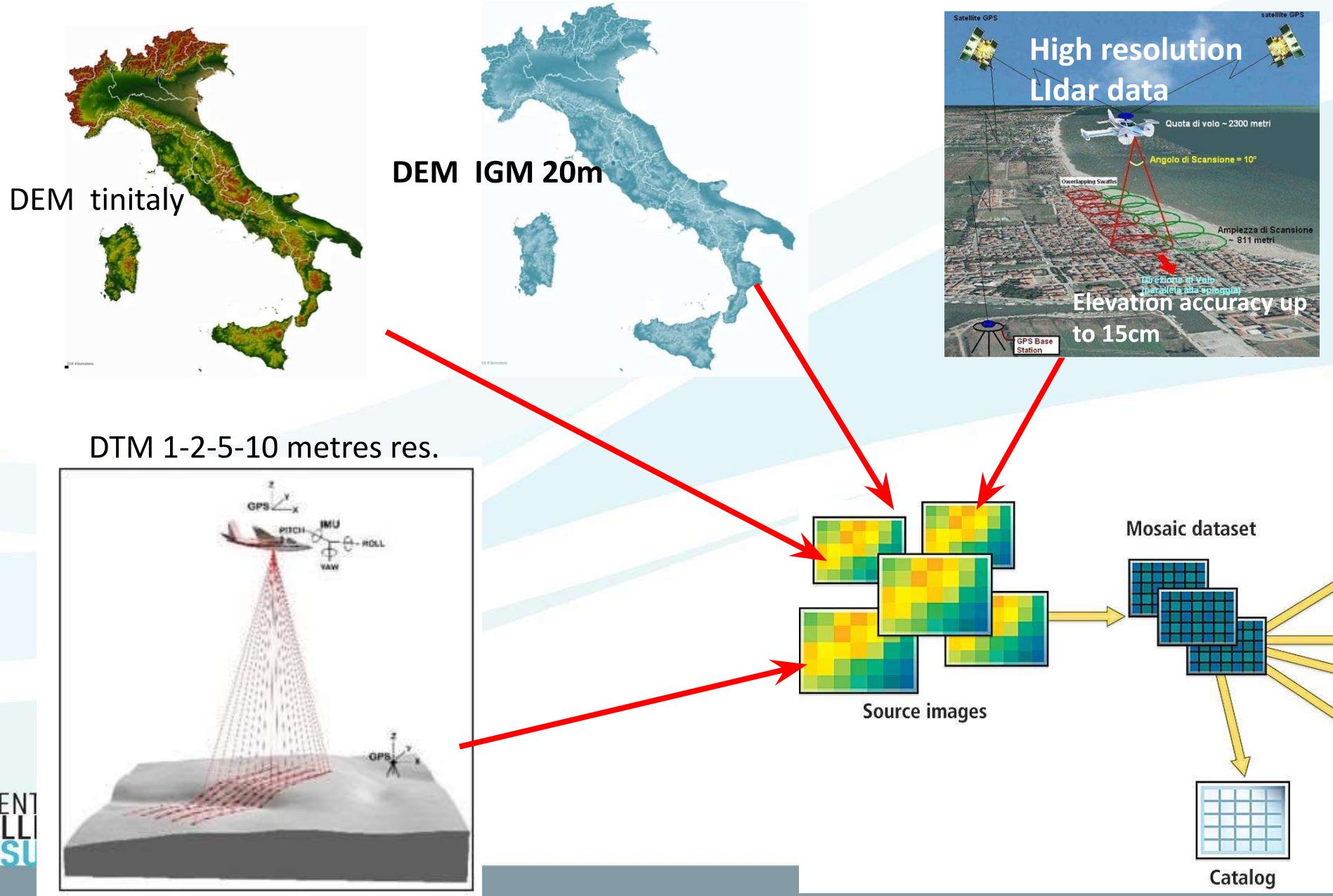
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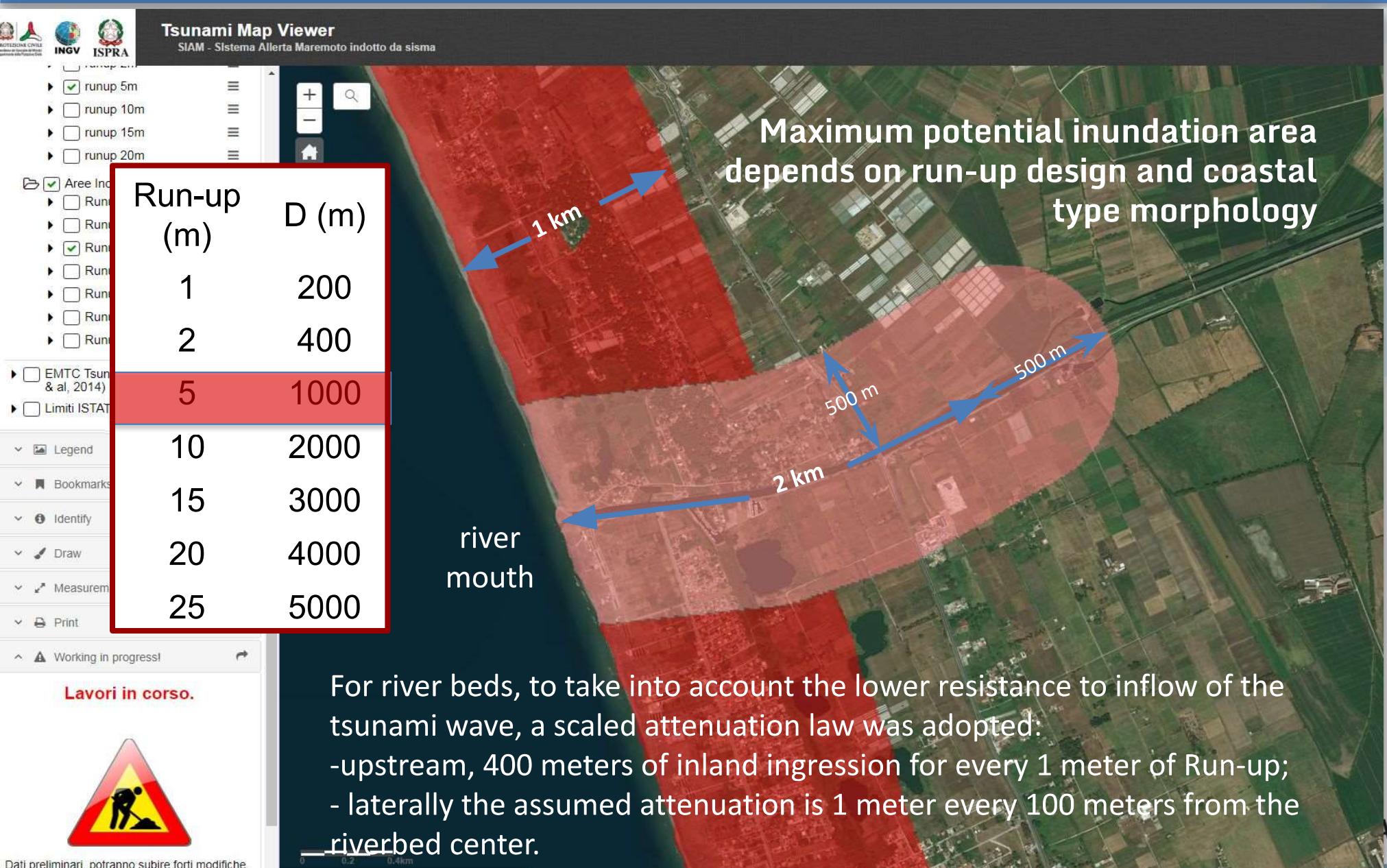
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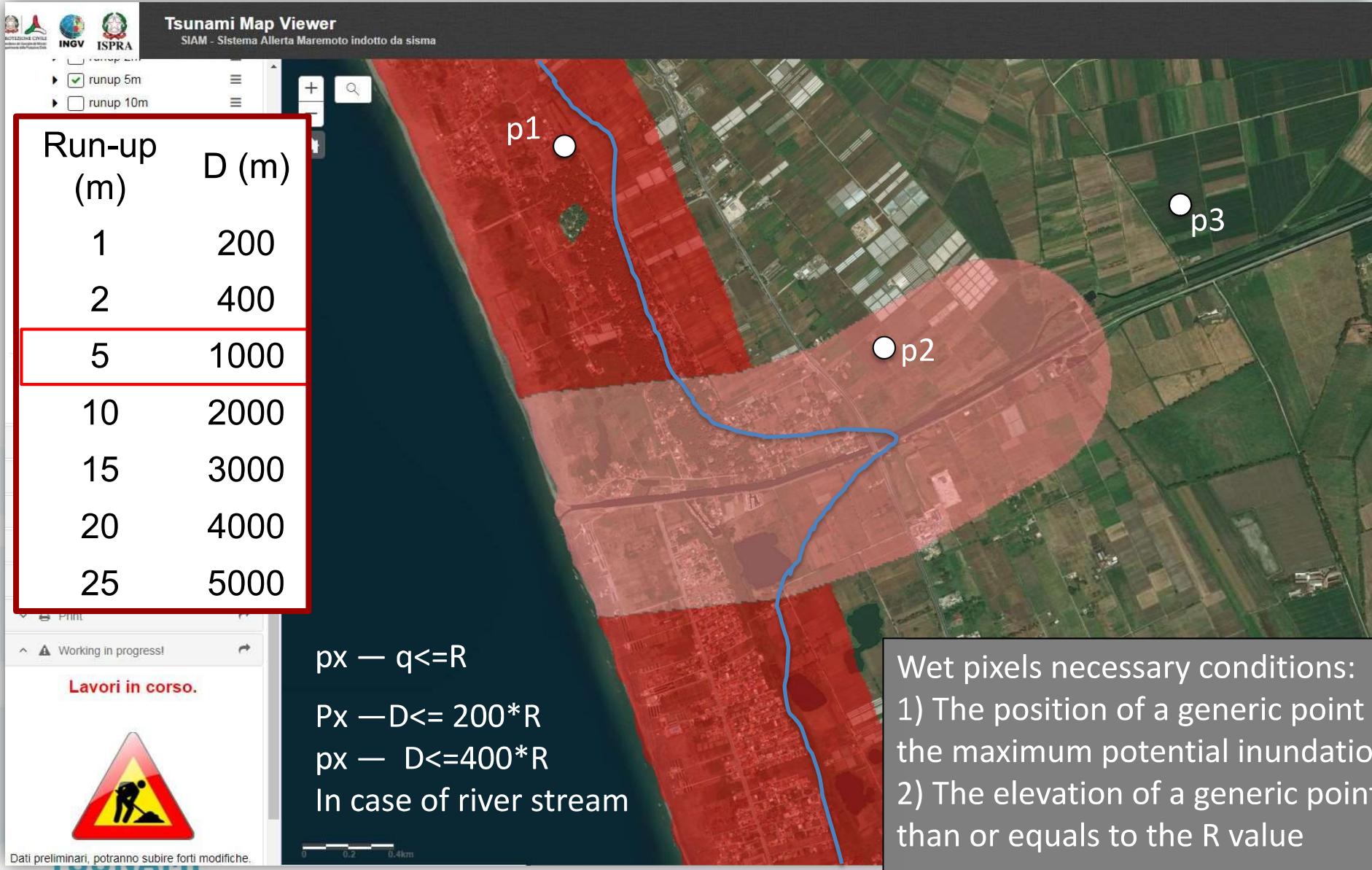
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1) The position of a generic point x is inside the maximum potential inundation area;  
2) The elevation of a generic point x is less than or equals to the R value

# Tsunami Map Viewer – evacuation m



## Tsunami Map Viewer

SIAM - Sistema Allerta Maremoto indotto da sisma

### Layers

#### Zone di allertamento SiAM

#### Zone di allertamento

##### Italia

##### Regioni

###### Sardegna

###### Veneto

###### Friuli Venezia Giulia

###### Emilia-Romagna

###### Toscana

###### Marche

###### Abruzzo

###### Molise

###### Lazio

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###### Sicilia

###### Calabria



The alert zones are available at the link: <http://sgl2.isprambiente.it/tsunamimap/>

## Testing activity: comparison with historical e

Inundation of the Pellaro coast for R= 10 and R=20m

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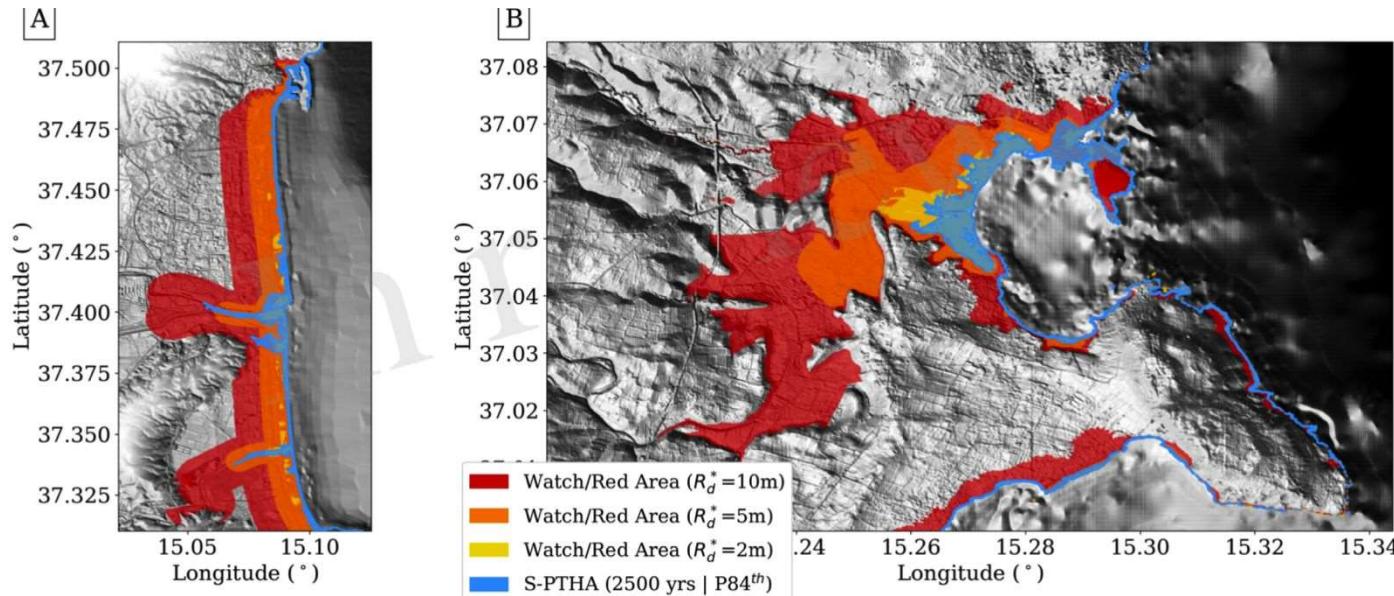


Comparison with 1908 Messina and event inundation scenarios

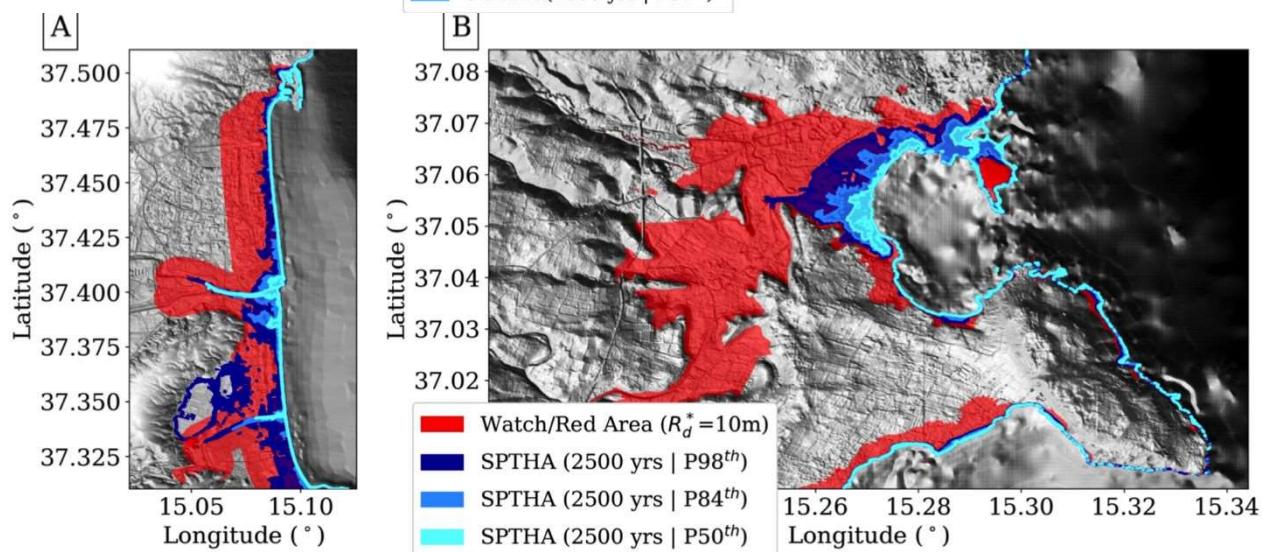
Inundation at Pellaro for R= 10, 20 m and comparison with 1908 tsunami R=13 m and Distance = 600 m along the Fiumarella creek



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We compared the SiAM inundation maps with numerical modelling results for two site in eastern Sicily: Catania Plain and Syracuse Bay



The comparison corroborates reliability and goodness of the methodology used in the definition of the SiAM alert zones

GIS-based inundation maps used for planning are conservative and hazard underestimates at local scale

Detailed comparison of results in Tonini et al. (2021)

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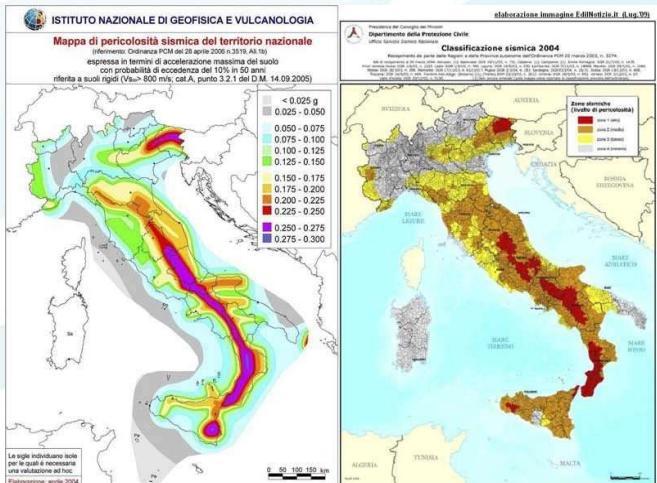
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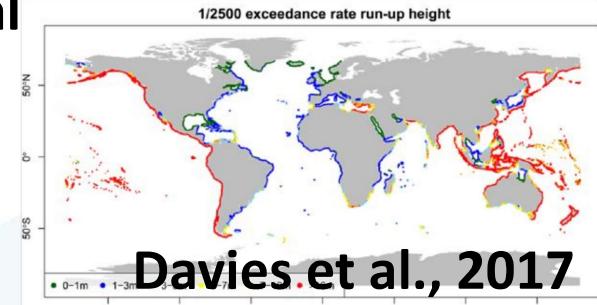
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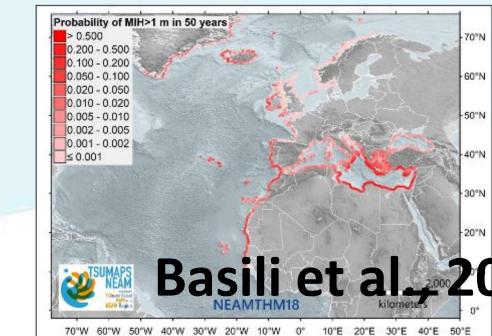
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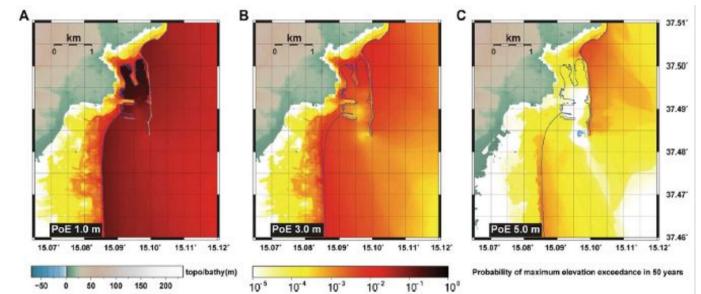


Davies et al., 2017



Basili et al., 2021

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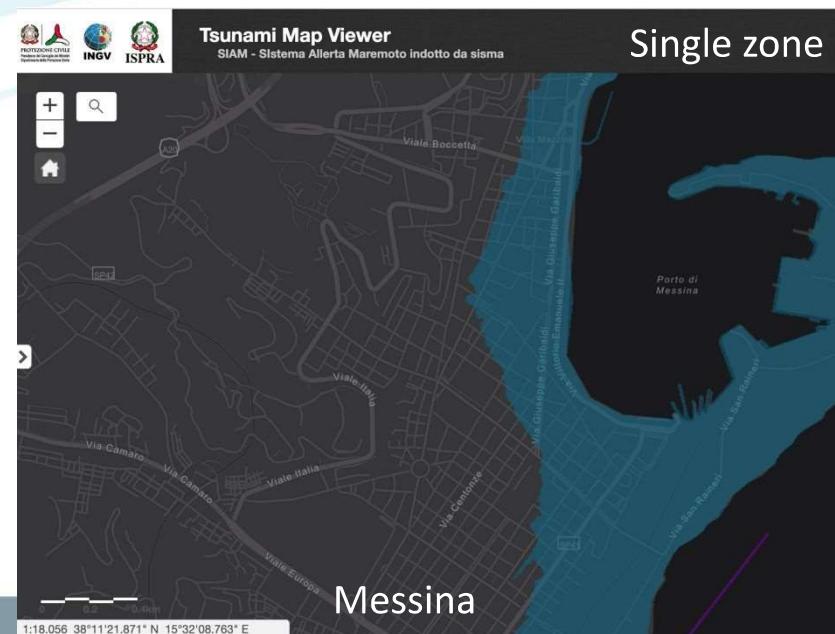
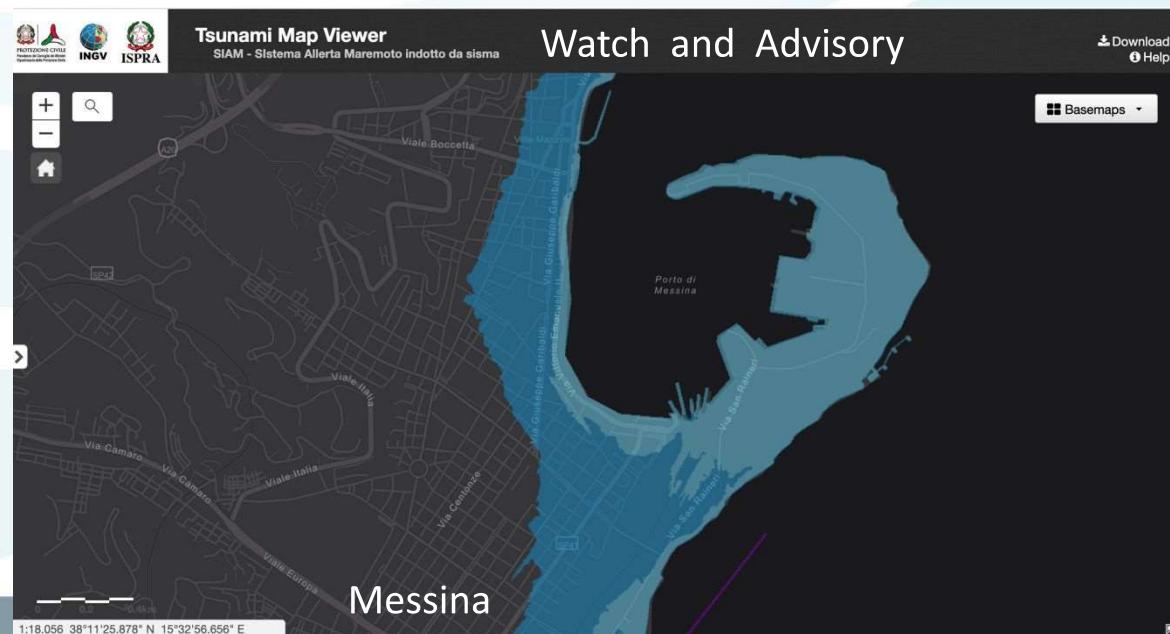
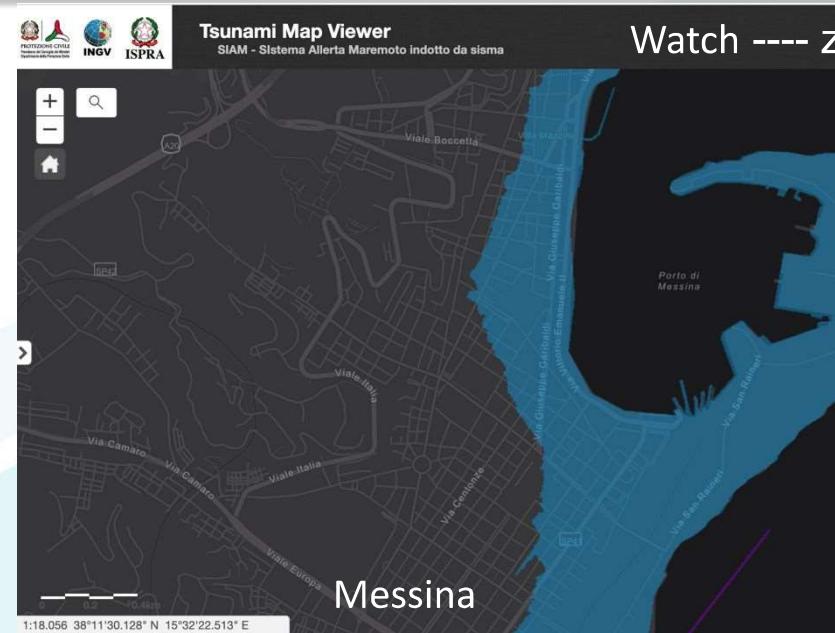


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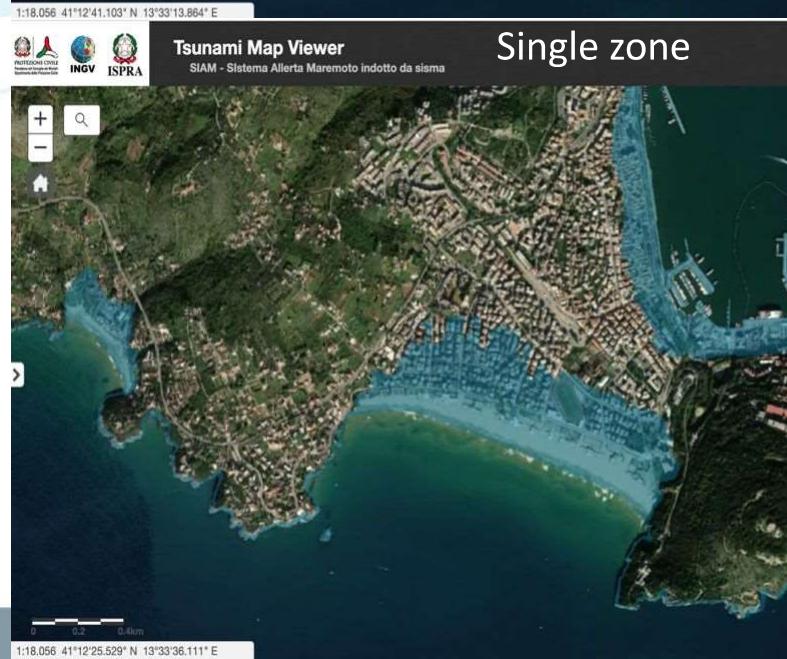
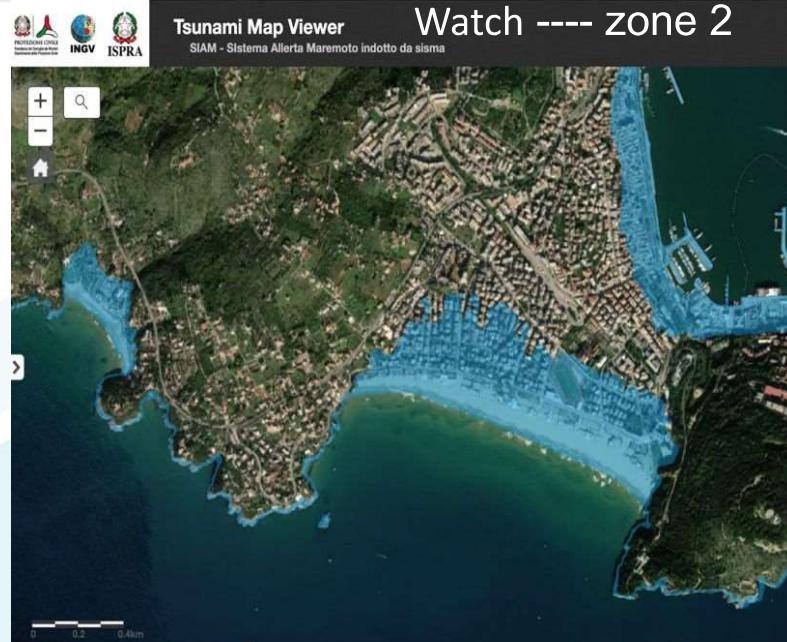
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