

# From PTHA to planning and evacuation maps in Italy

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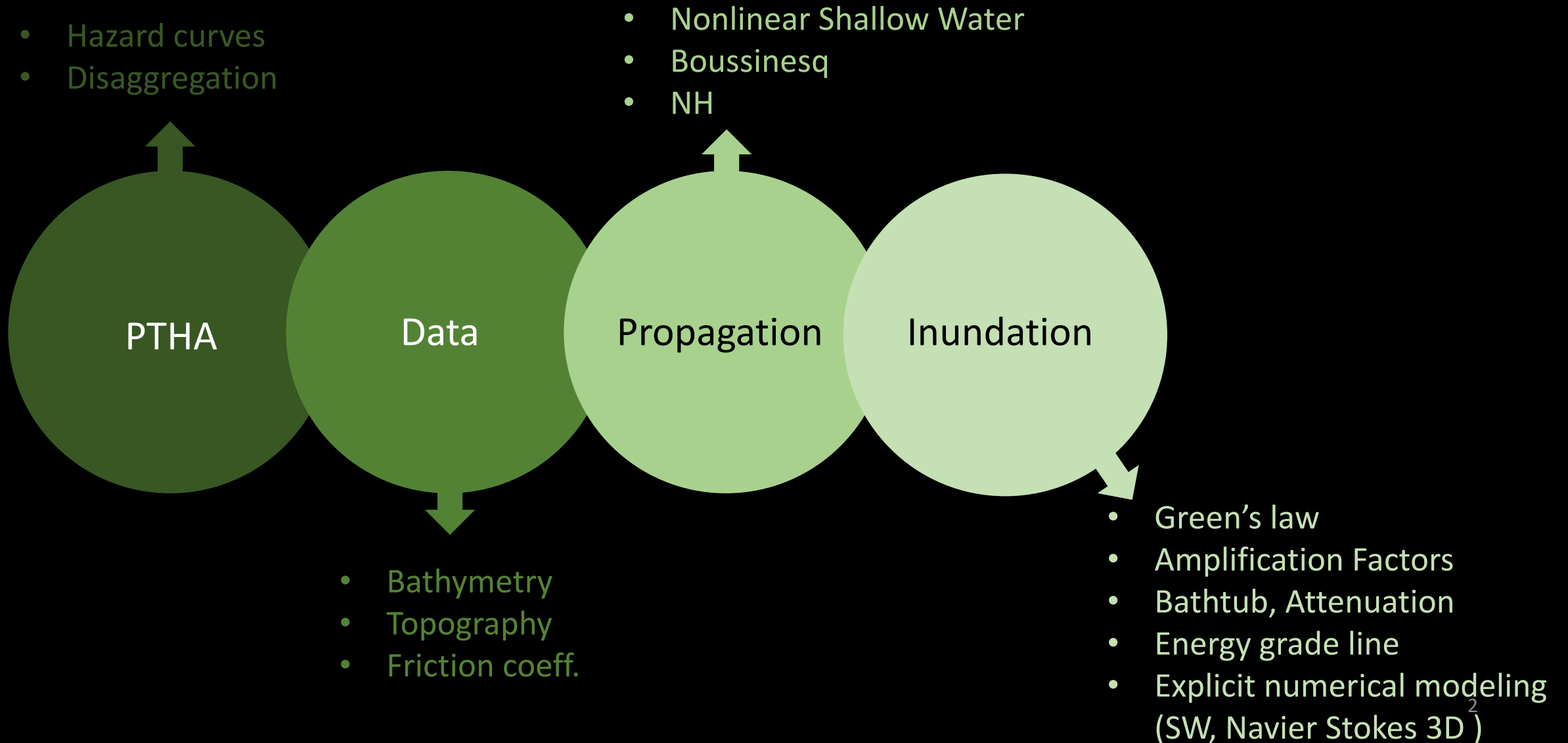
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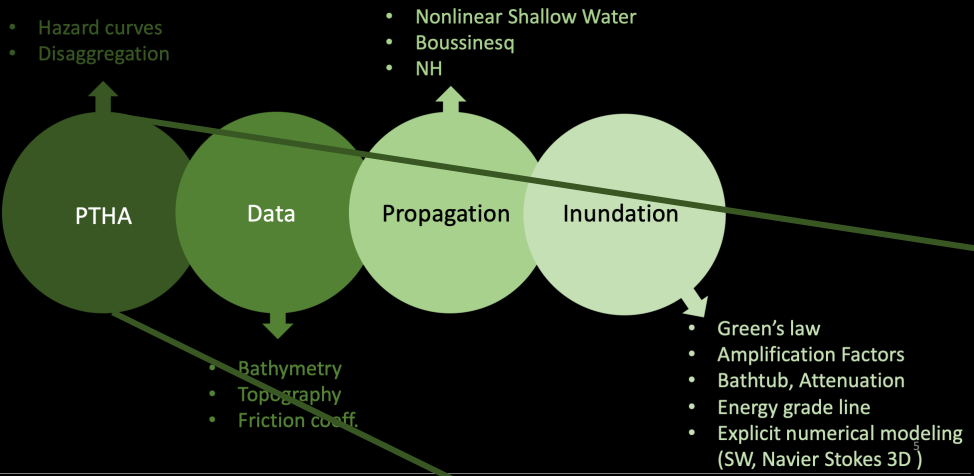
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# Ingredients for a recipe to inundation mapping



# The Italian evacuation and long-term coastal planning



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Tsunami  
Hazard Analysis  
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→ **S-PTHA**

→ Limited observation completeness

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Scenarios Probability

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Tsunami impact

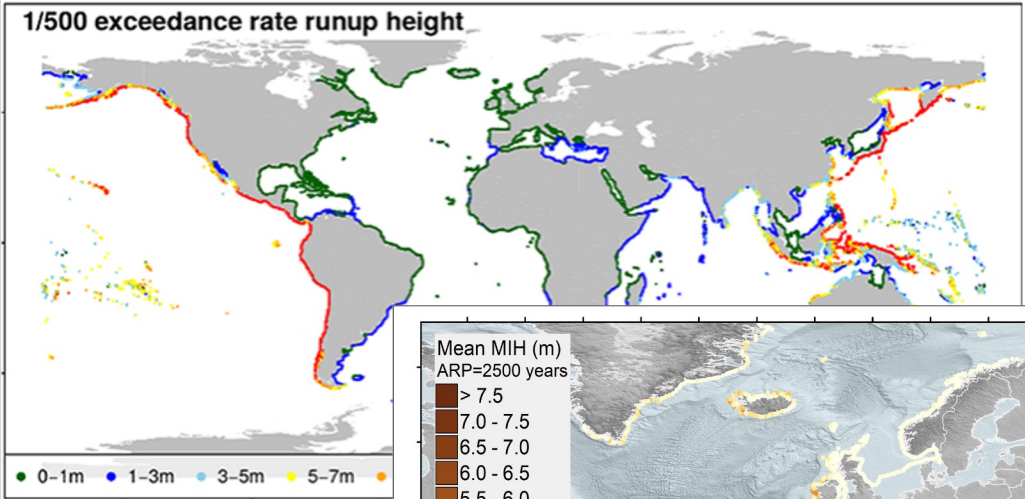
Computation-based S-PTHA

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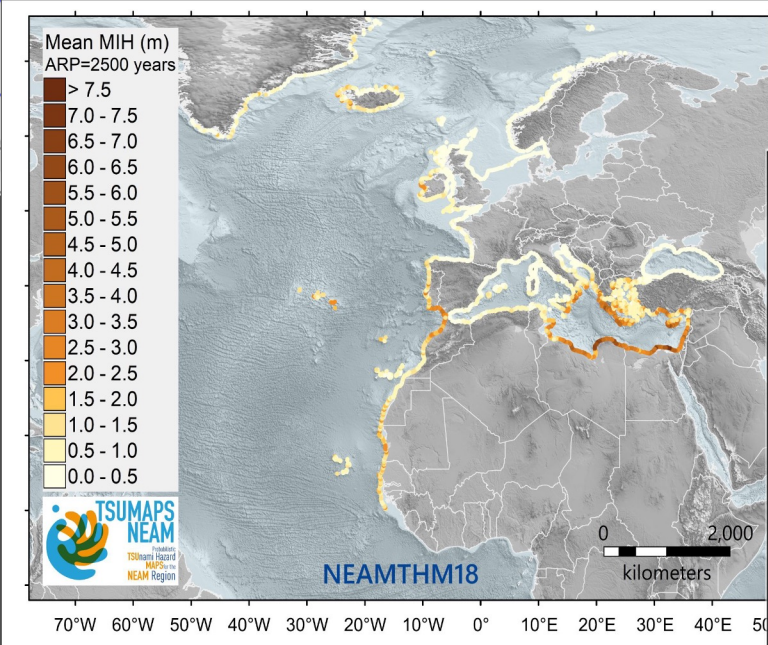
Computational & human resources, accuracy, time, cost

## Different scales



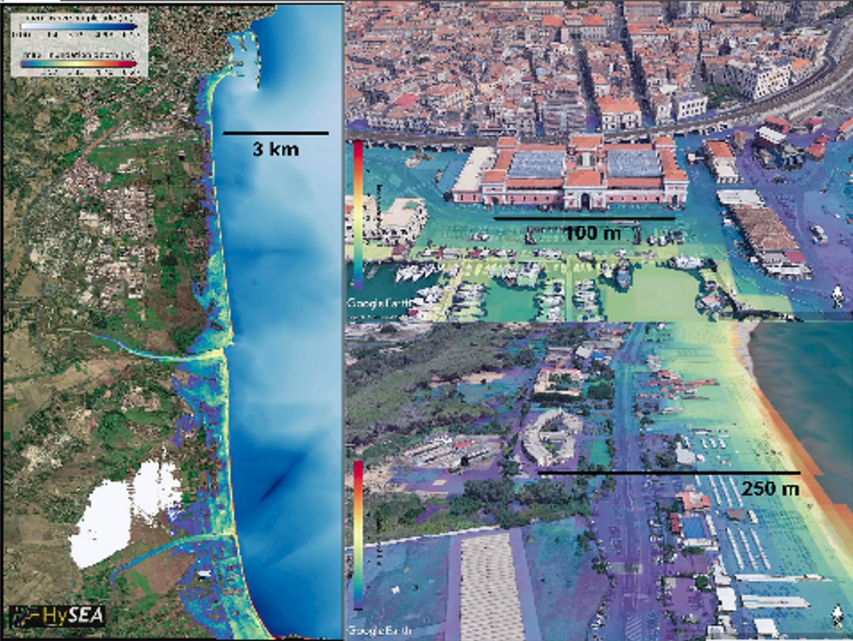
Davies et al., 2018

Global



NEAMTHM18  
Basili et al., 2021

Regional

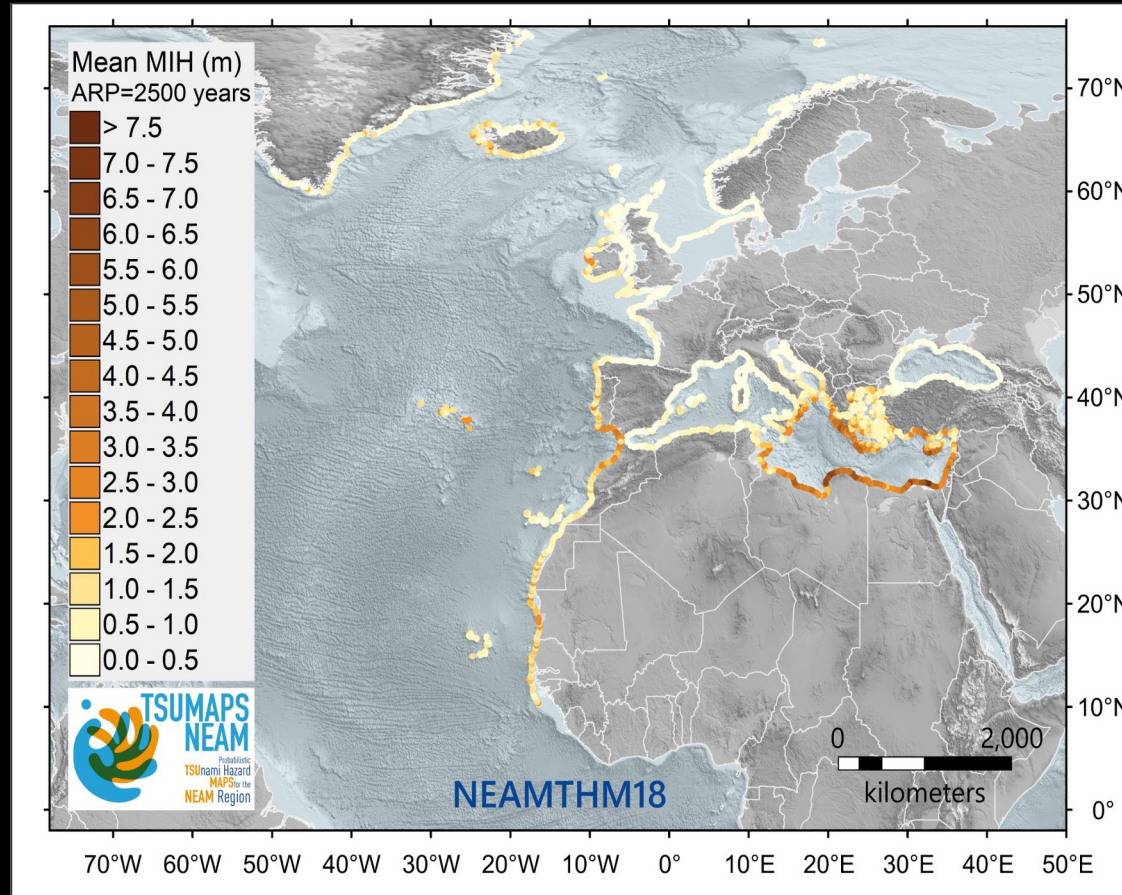


Local

# The Italian evacuation and long-term coastal planning

## The Long-term Regional Probabilistic Tsunami Hazard Model for NEAM

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NEAMTHM18  
Basili et al., 2021

- European Project Networking
- Rigorous Uncertainty treatment
- GTM Pool of Expert (elicitation)
- Revision from external experts



A kind of GTM experiment

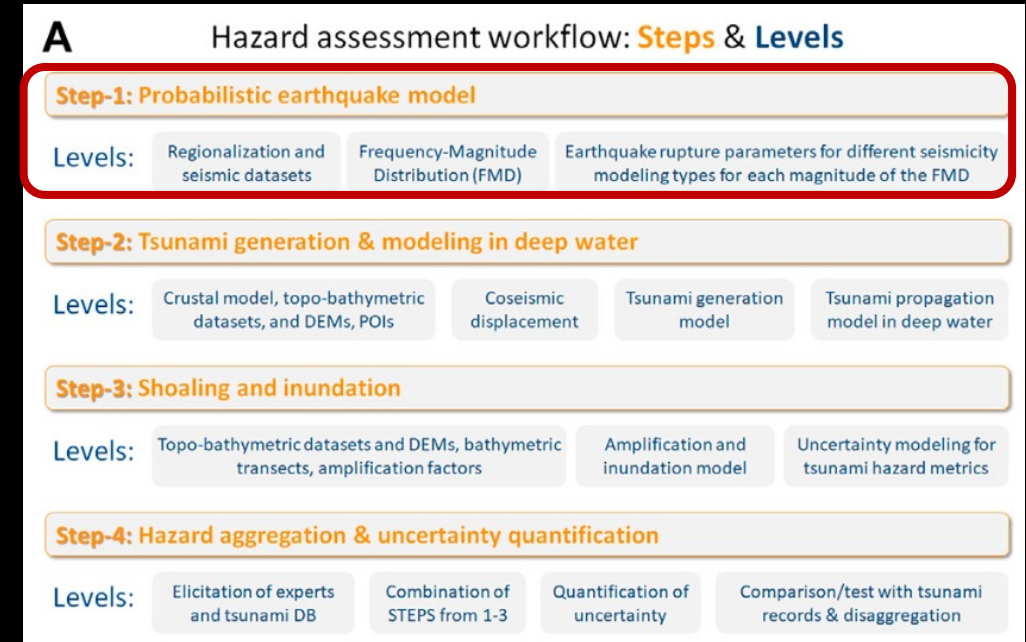
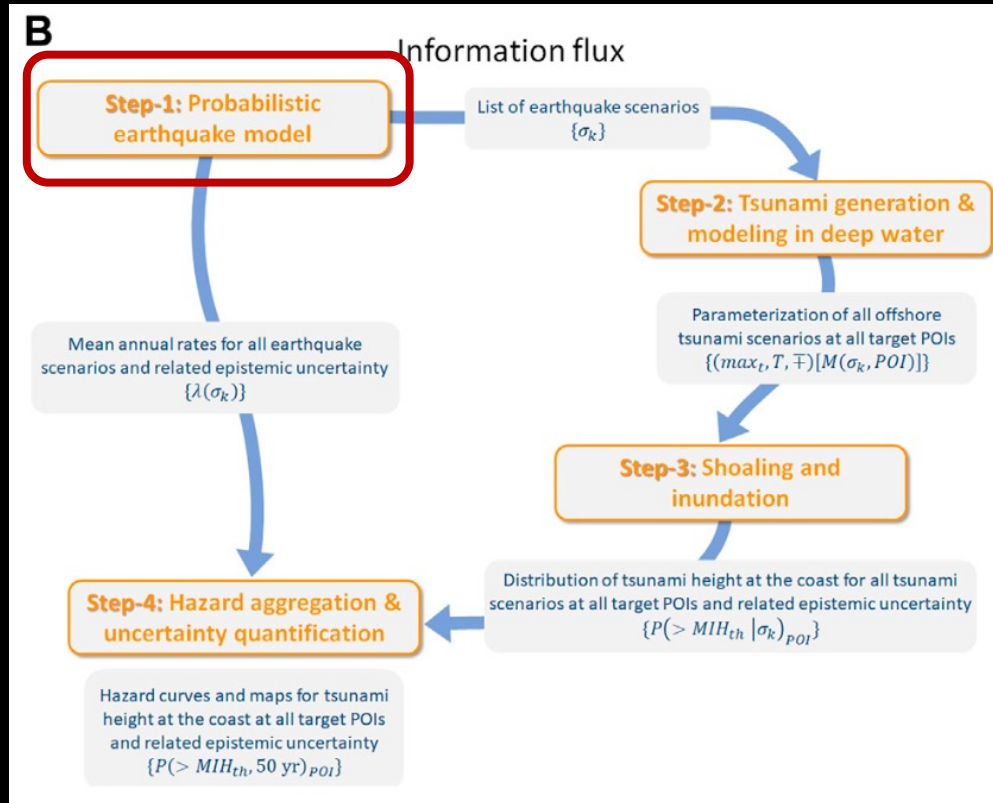
<http://www.tsumaps-neam.eu/>

NEAM: North-East Atlantic, Mediterranean, and connected seas

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## The NEAMTHM18 Workflow

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### Output

- List of earthquake scenarios
- Annual rate for earthquake scenarios
- Epistemic Uncertainty

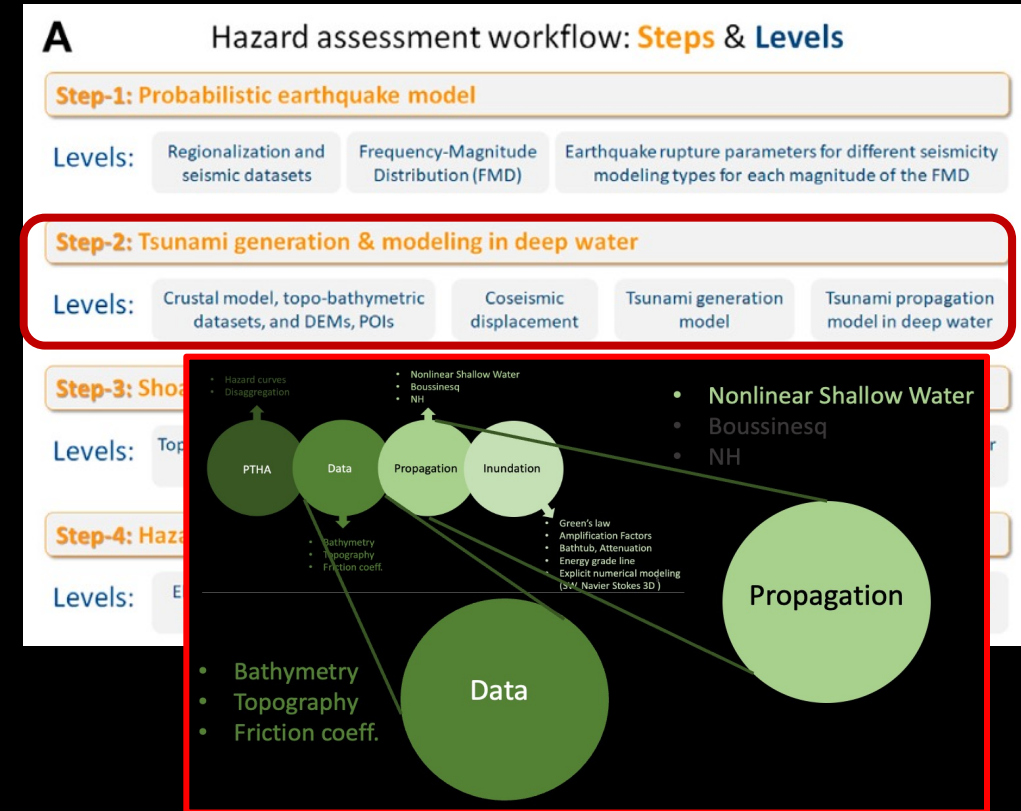
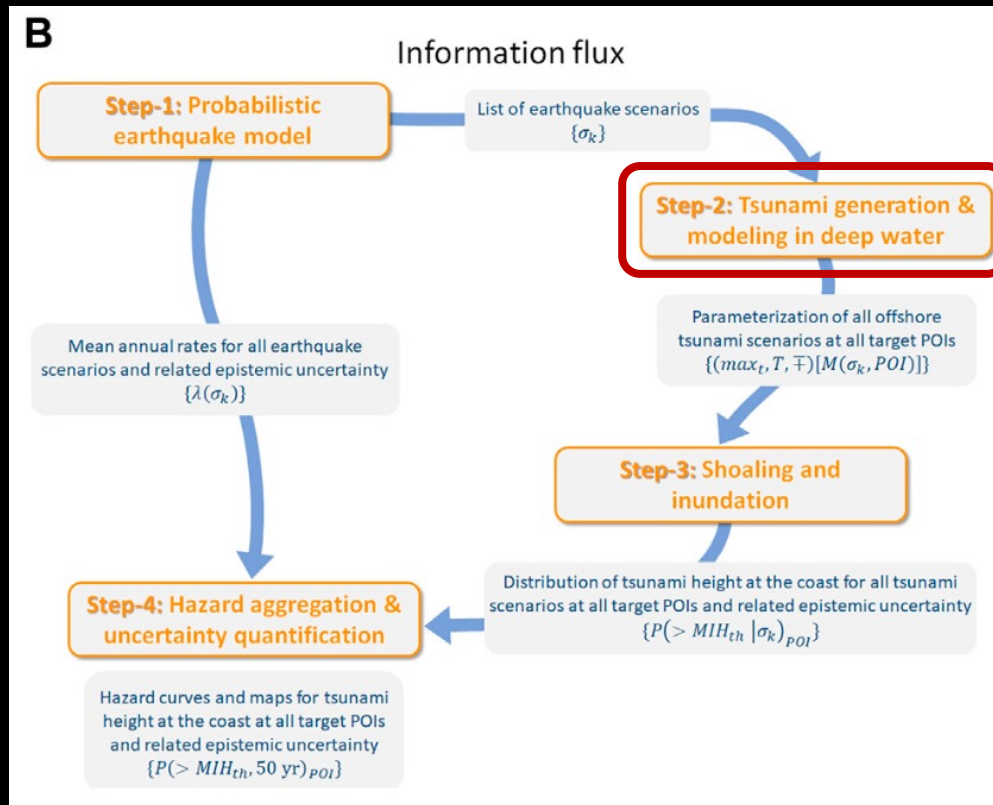
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### Output

- Offshore tsunami parameters (amplitude, period, polarity)

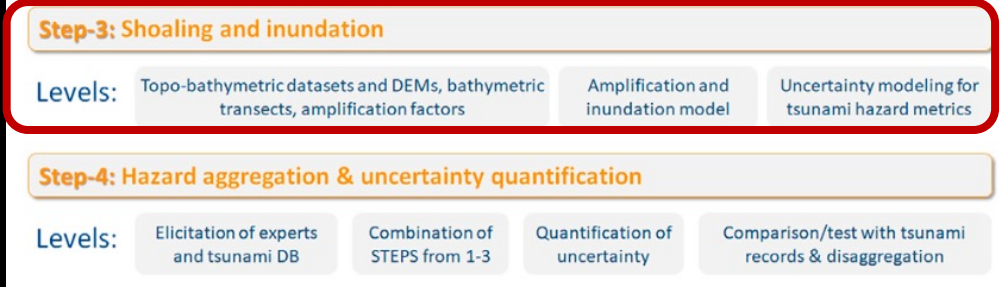
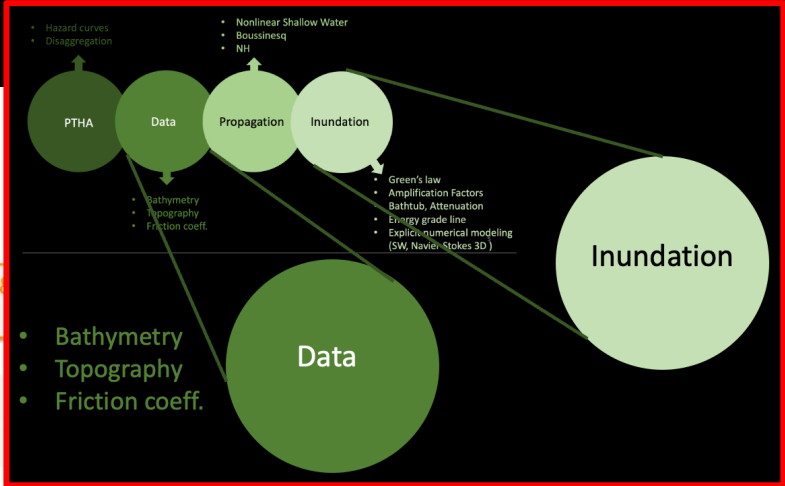
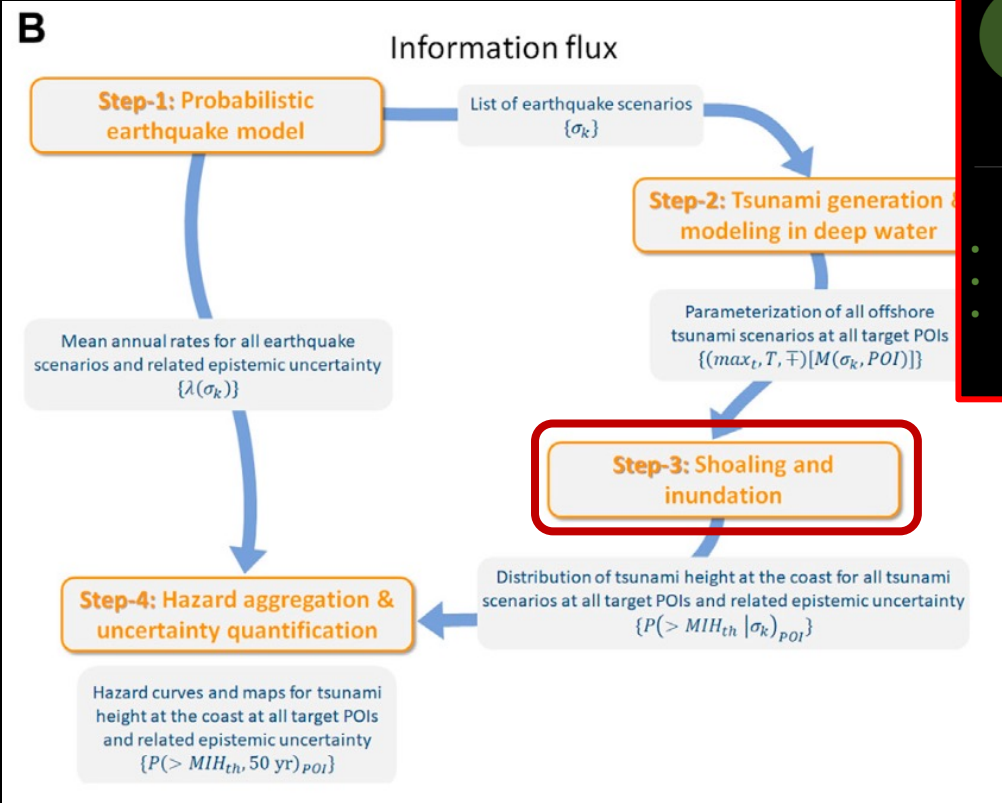
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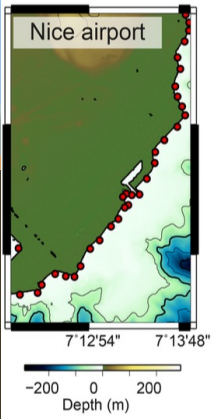
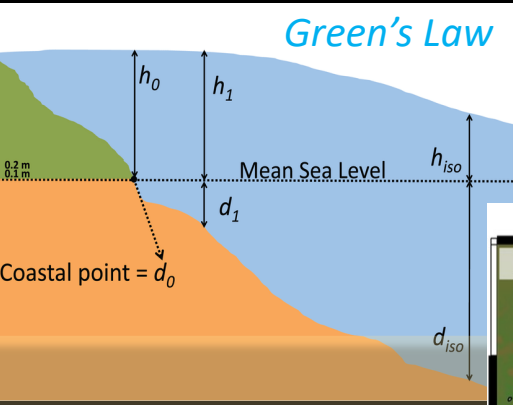
### Output

- Coastal Tsunami height
- Epistemic Uncertainty

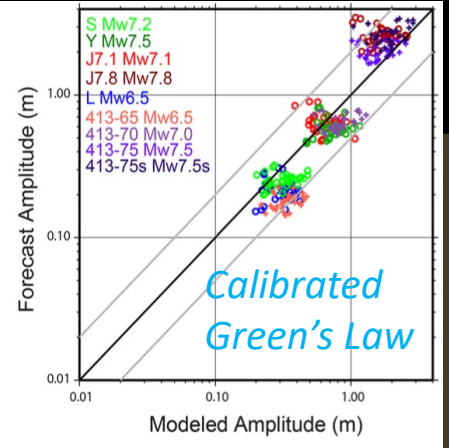
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# Different ways to compute/estimate the tsunami inundation

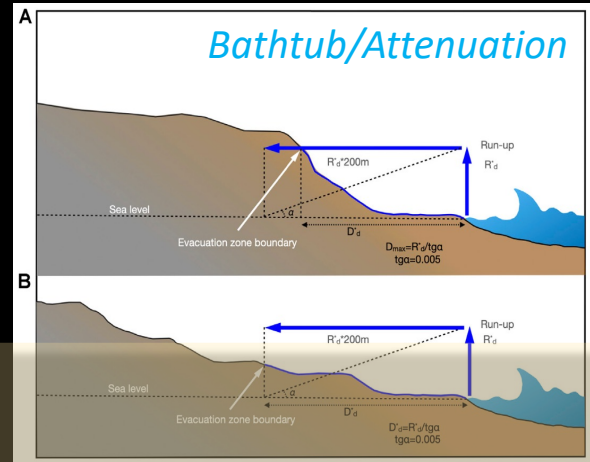
Synolakis, 1991  
Kamigaichi, 2014



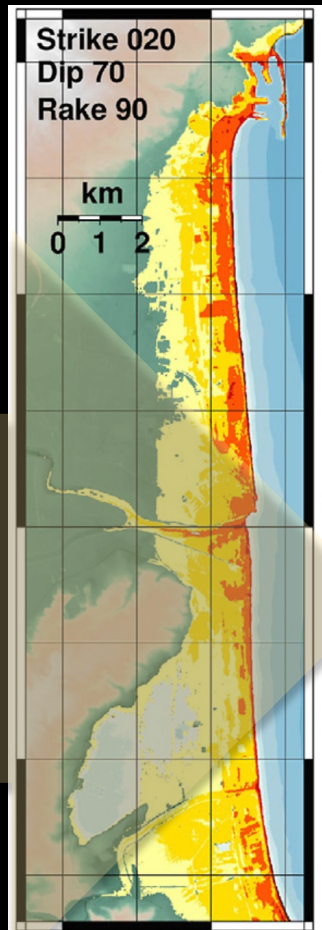
Gailler et al., 2017



Leonard et al., 2008  
Tonini et al., 2021



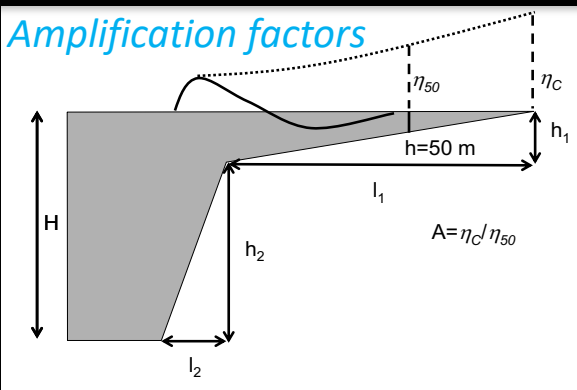
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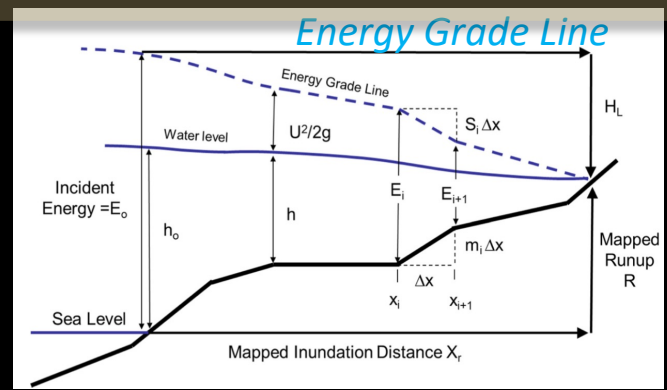
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**Numerical modeling**

Gibbons et al., 2022

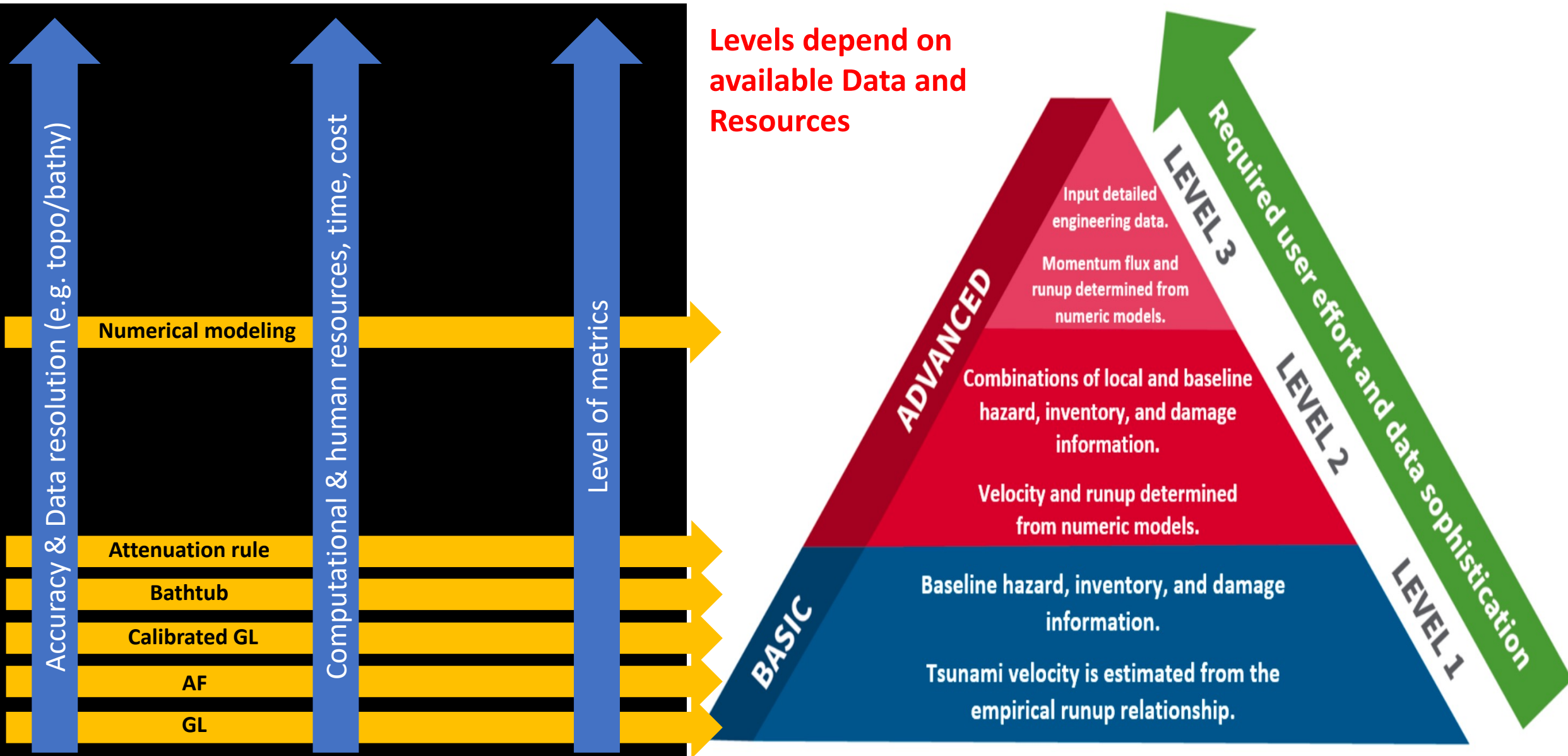


Lovholt et al., 2012  
Glimsdal et al., 2019

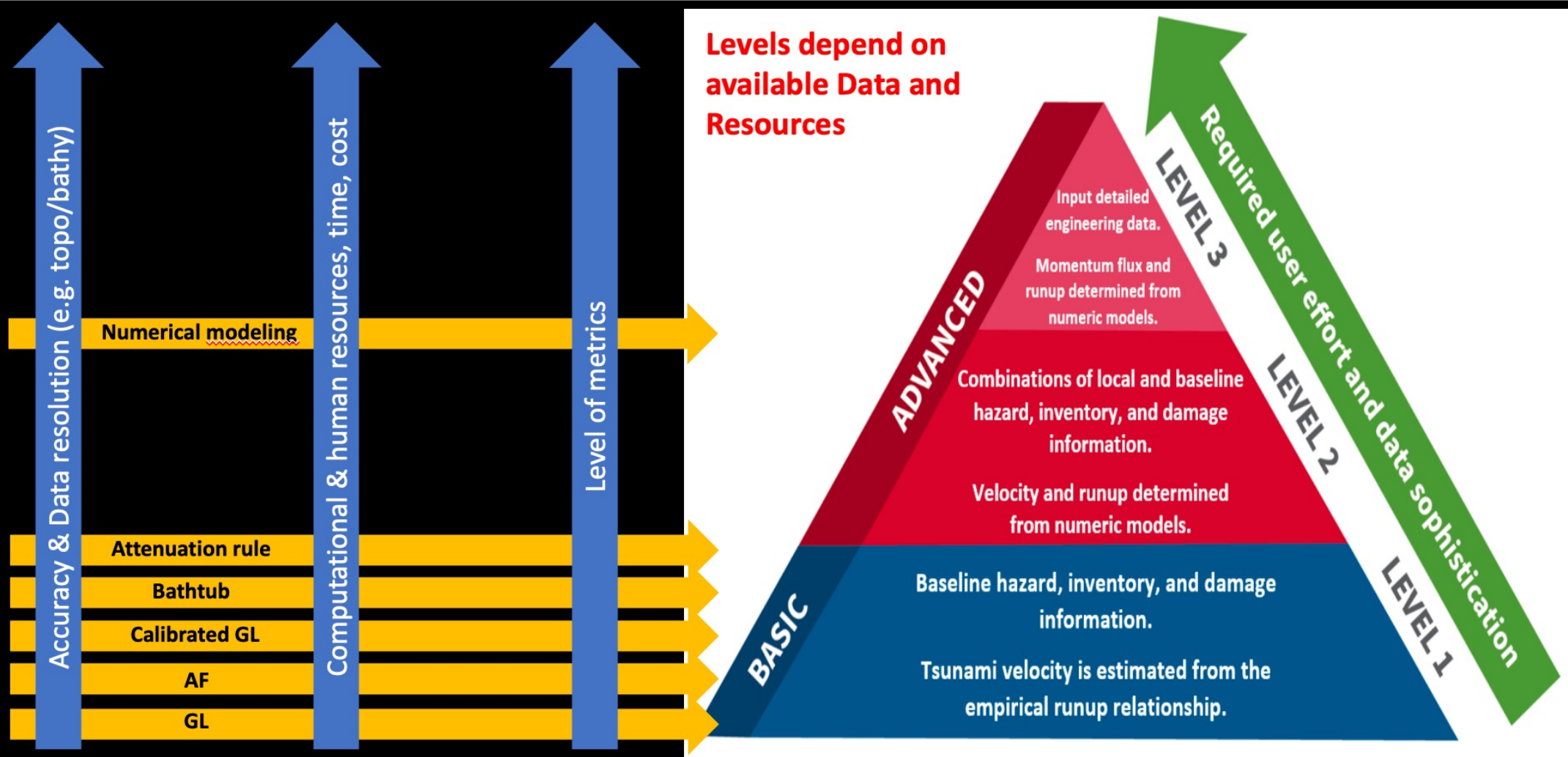


Kriebel et al., 2017  
Tada et al., 2018

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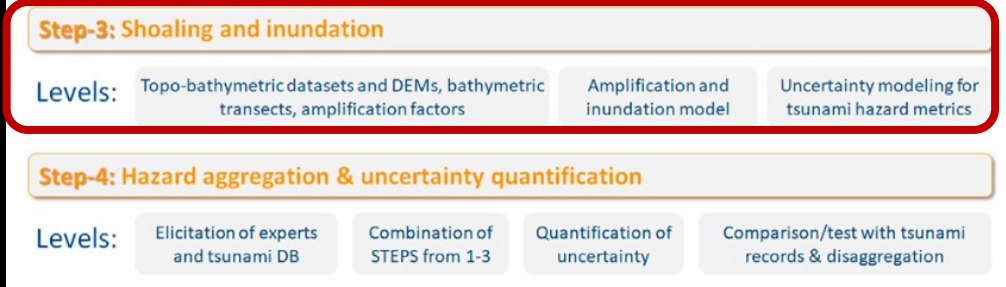
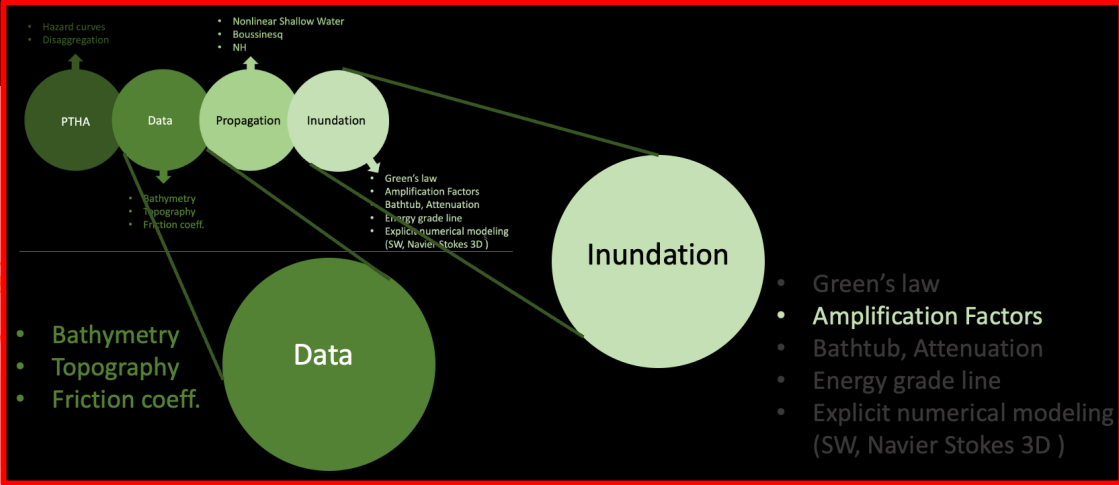
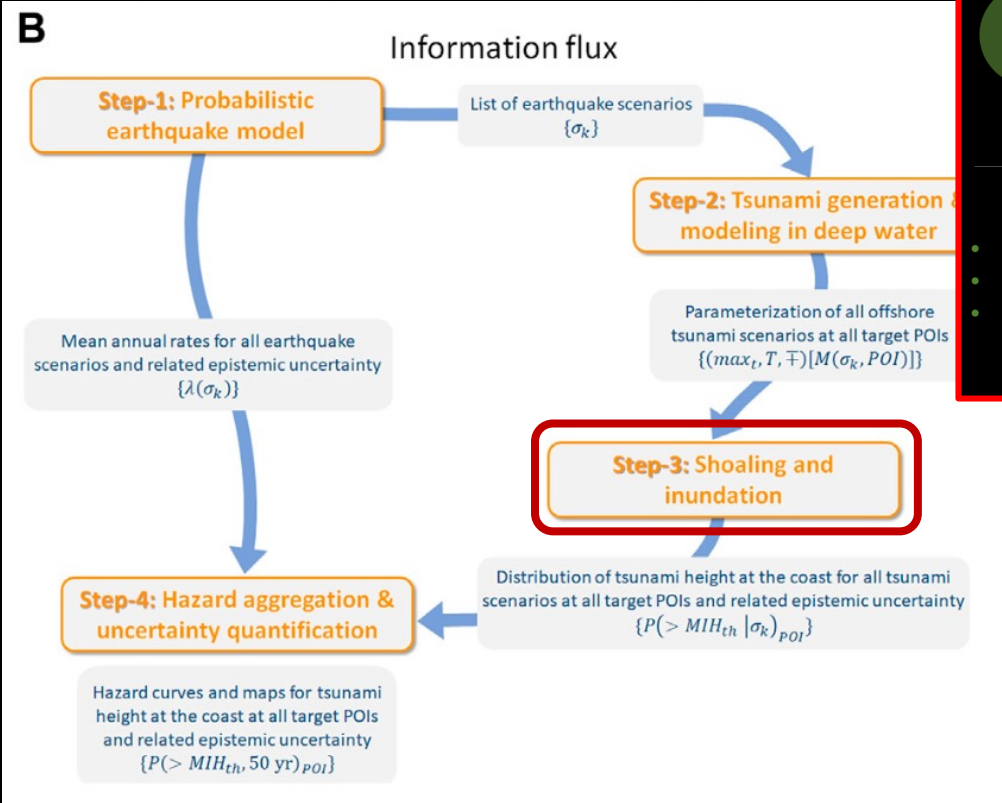
## Beyond the "Pyramid of Levels"

- Considering the uncertainties in the modelling
  - e.g. by adding a log-normal distribution calibrated w/ data or accurate simulations (Davies et al., 2018; NEAMTHM18)

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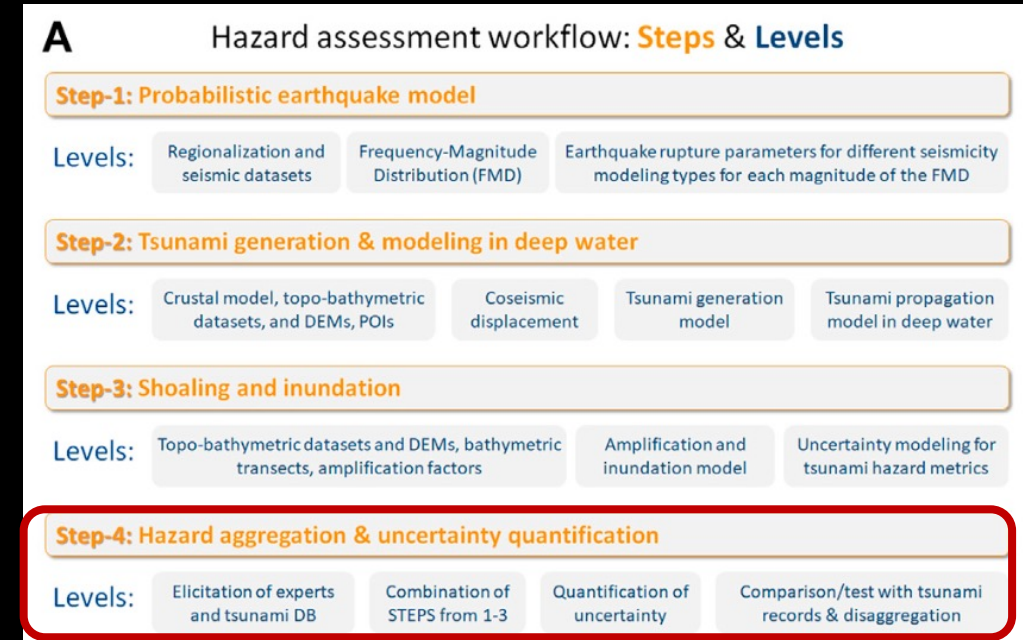
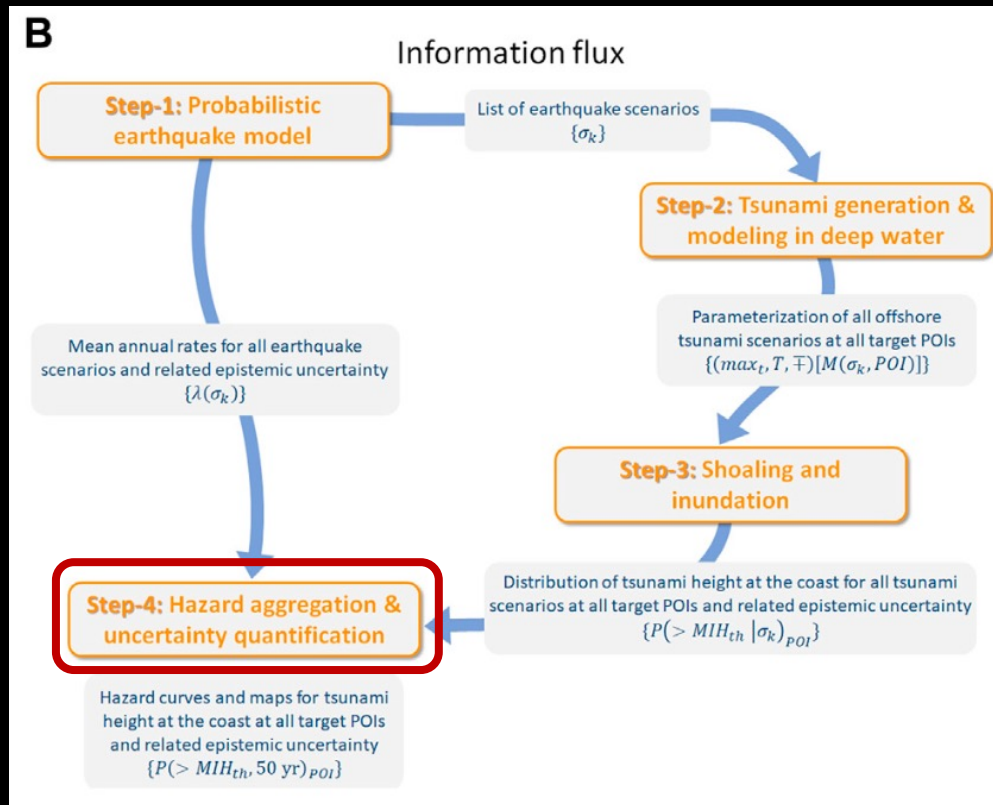
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### Output

- Hazard curves
- Epistemic Uncertainty

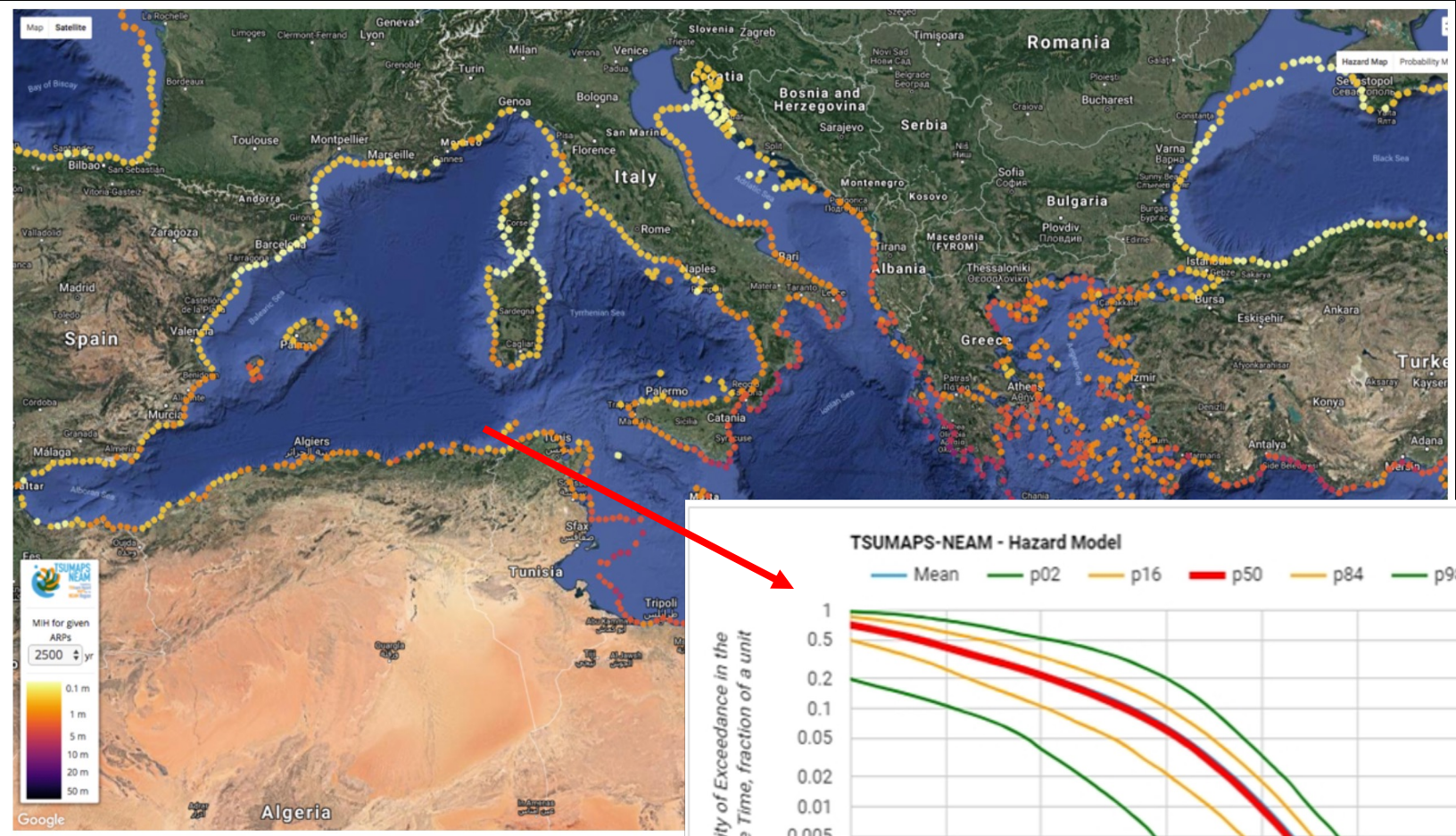
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The model uncertainty in each POI is estimated by means of a variety of hazard curves, one for each **alternative model** obtained by adopting different assumptions, data, parameters, modelling. The distribution of these curves opportunely **weighted** describes the **epistemic uncertainty** associated to the hazard model

## The Hazard Curves



<http://www.tsumaps-neam.eu/>



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From Regional to Local scale

Alert Levels

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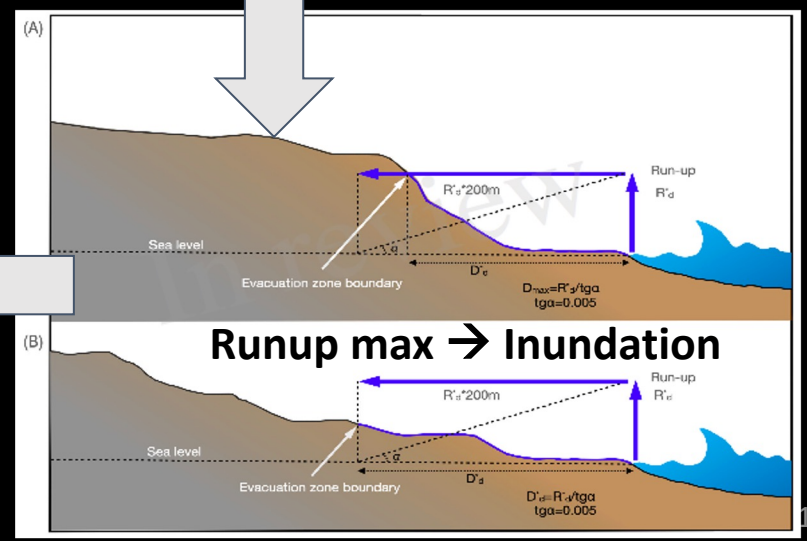
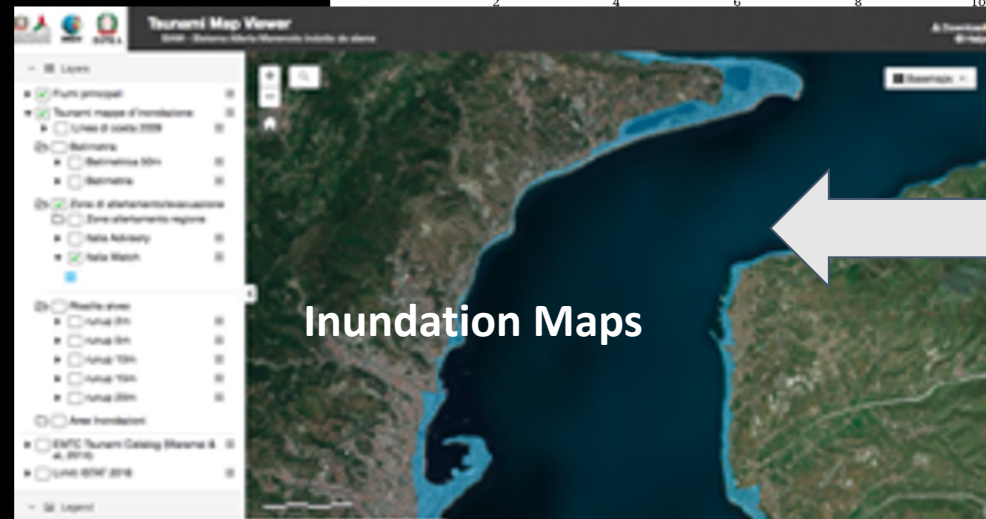
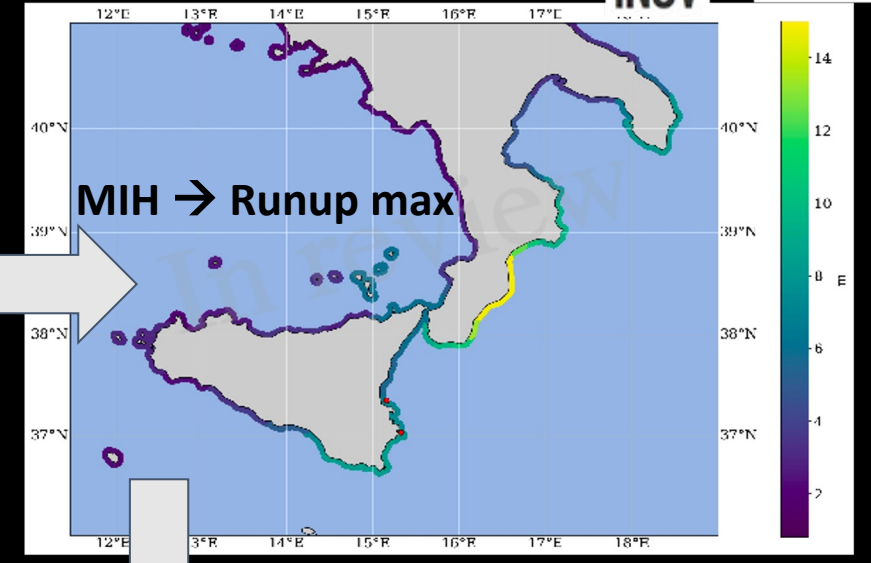
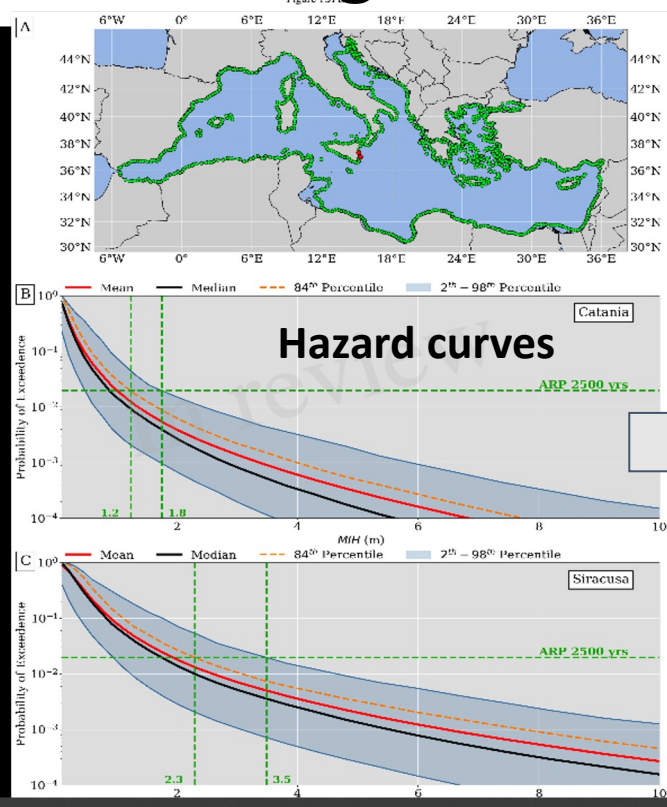
DirPC SiAM; DPC, 2018

Regional Hazard  
 (NEAMTHM18)

2500 yr ARP + 84th percentile

Safety factors

Coastal dissipation



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Depth	M	Epicenter Location	Tsunami Potential	ALERT LEVEL VS DISTANCE		
				$\Delta eq \leq 100$ km	$100 \text{ km} < \Delta eq \leq 400$ km	$\Delta eq > 400$ km
< 100 km	$5.5 \leq M \leq 6.0$	Offshore or Inland $\leq 100$ km	Nil	Information Bulletin		
	$6.0 < M \leq 6.5$	Inland ( $40 \text{ km} < \text{Inland} \leq 100 \text{ km}$ )	Nil	Information Bulletin		
		Offshore or near the coast ( $\text{Inland} \leq 40 \text{ km}$ )	Potential of <b>weak</b> local tsunami $\Delta eq < 100 \text{ km}$	LOCAL Tsunami ADVISORY	Information	
	$6.5 < M \leq 7.0$	Offshore or Inland $\leq 100$ km	Potential of <b>destructive local</b> tsunami $\Delta eq < 100 \text{ km} \mid 400 \text{ km}$	LOCAL Tsunami WATCH	REGIONAL Tsunami ADVISORY	Information
	$7.0 < M \leq 7.5$		Potential of <b>destructive regional</b> tsunami $\Delta eq < 400 \text{ km} \mid \text{basin}$	REGIONAL Tsunami WATCH		BASIN-WIDE Tsunami ADVISORY
$M > 7.5$	Potential of <b>destructive</b> tsunami in the <b>whole basin</b> <b>any</b> $\Delta eq$		BASIN-WIDE Tsunami WATCH			
$\geq 100 \text{ km}$	$M \geq 5.5$	Offshore or Inland $\leq 100 \text{ km}$	Nil	Information Bulletin		
any	any	Inland $> 100 \text{ km}$	Nil	Nil		
				LOCAL	REGIONAL	BASIN-WIDE

Decision Matrix (for  $M \geq 5.5$ ):

From earthquake parameters - Magnitude - hypocentral location to

Alert levels - Watch (land threat), Advisory (coastal and marine threat)

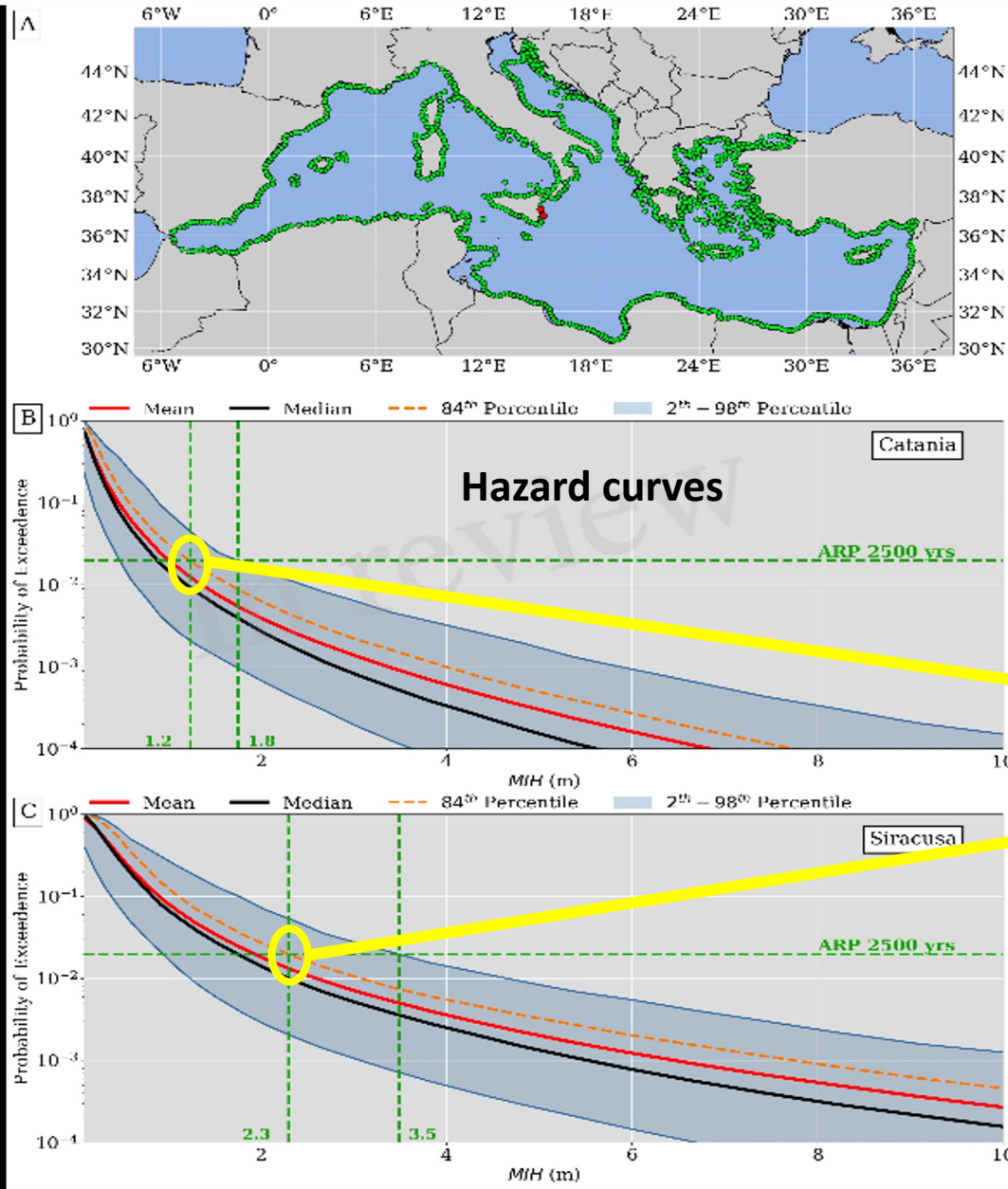
### GAPS

- Implicit, simplistic and worst-case oriented uncertainty consideration (prone to false alarms)
- Neglects source and bathymetry tsunami directivity effects (missed alarms are still possible!)
- Mixes tsunami forecasting with tsunami warning (not a transparent balance and confusion of roles)



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Figure 1.JPEG



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~2% in 50 yr (design probability)

MIH values at POIs

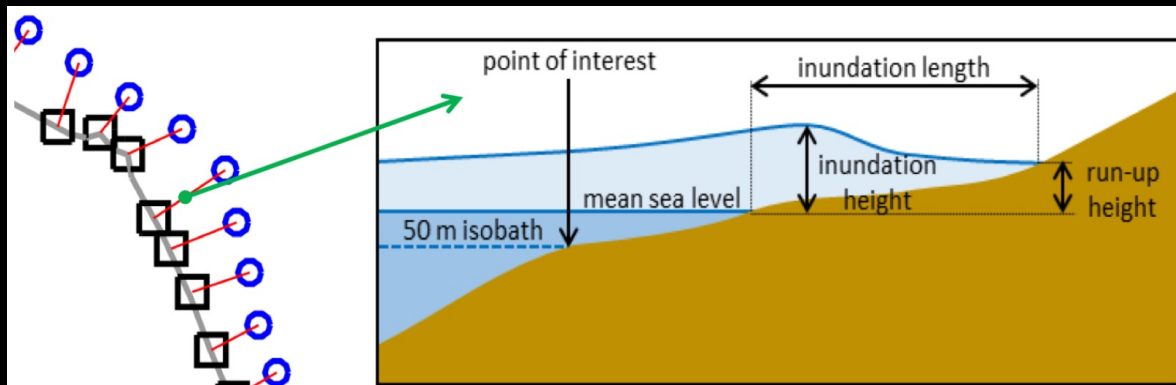
For inundation we need to switch from MIH at POIs to Max Runup for stretch of coast

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From Regional to Local scale

From MIH at POIs to Max Runup for stretch of coast



MIH is a mean value in the inland area corresponding to a specific POI → none 2D perspective

Comparison w/ 2D inundation modeling

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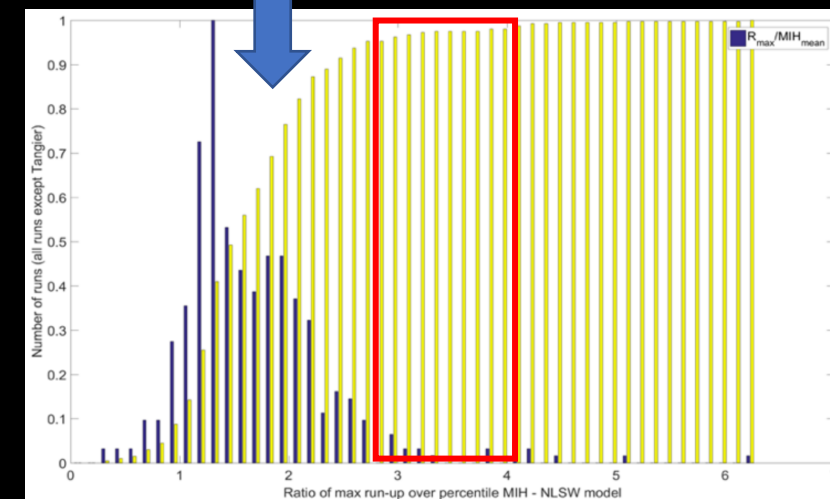
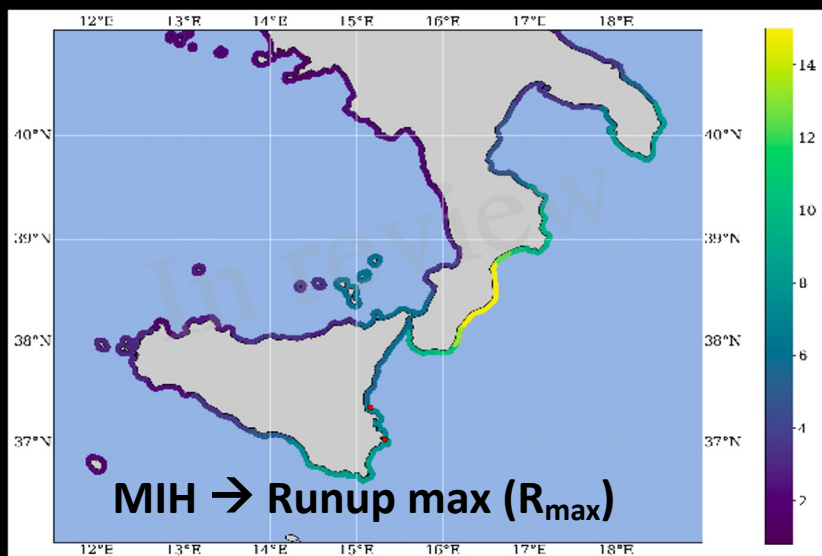
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MIH can be 3-4x larger!!!

$$R_{max} = MIH * 3$$

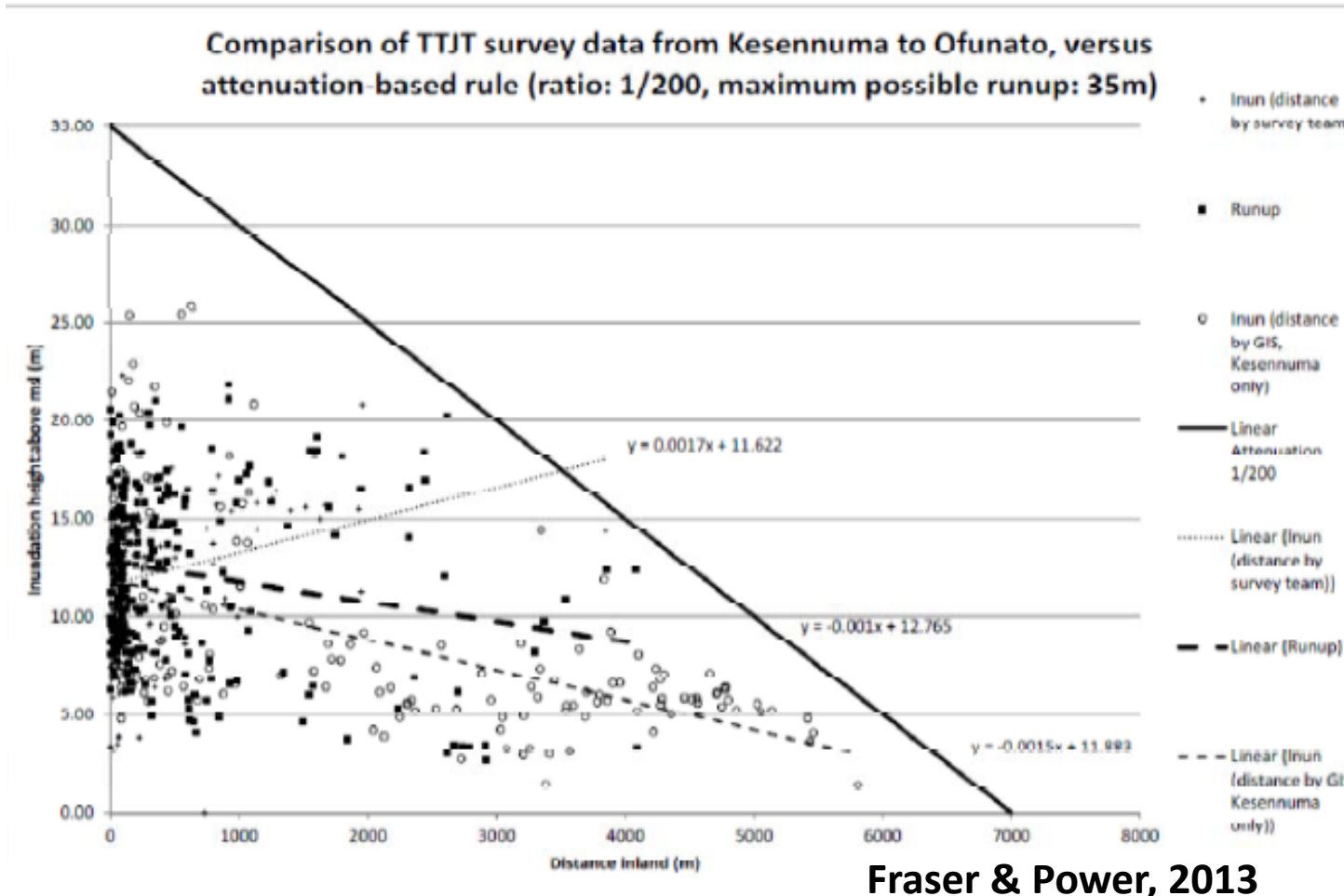
3 is the safety factor

To account the tsunami variability along the coast,  $R_{max}$  on the coast is the maximum value within 40 km

## SiAM evacuation zones

### Summary of the presentation

- Methodology: GIS approach and empirical rule application
- Input data and processing
- Results: inundation maps/alert zones
- Tsunami Map Viewer: availability and accessibility of inundation maps
- Future goals - improving the maps and the methodology



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

Following Fraser & Power (2013), a linear attenuation rule between the R (run-up) values and D (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 following 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):
- 200 m of inundation every 1m of design run-up
  - 400 m of up-river inundation every 1m of design run-up

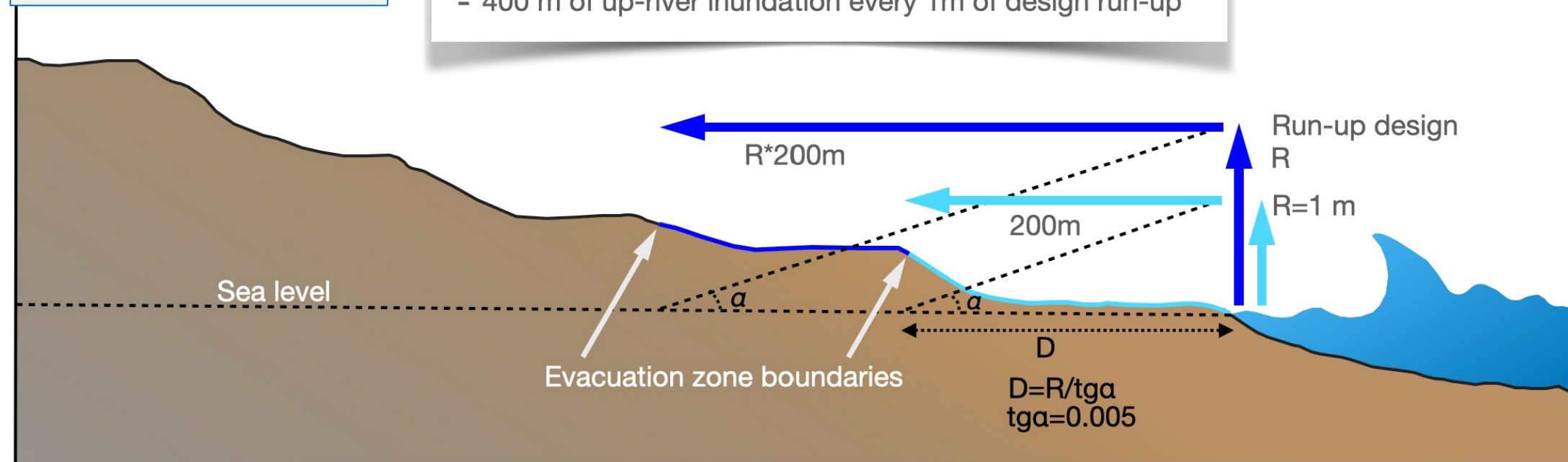
$$D=R*f$$

$$f=1/tg\alpha$$

$$D=R*200$$

$$tg\alpha=0.005$$

$$f=1/tg\alpha=200$$



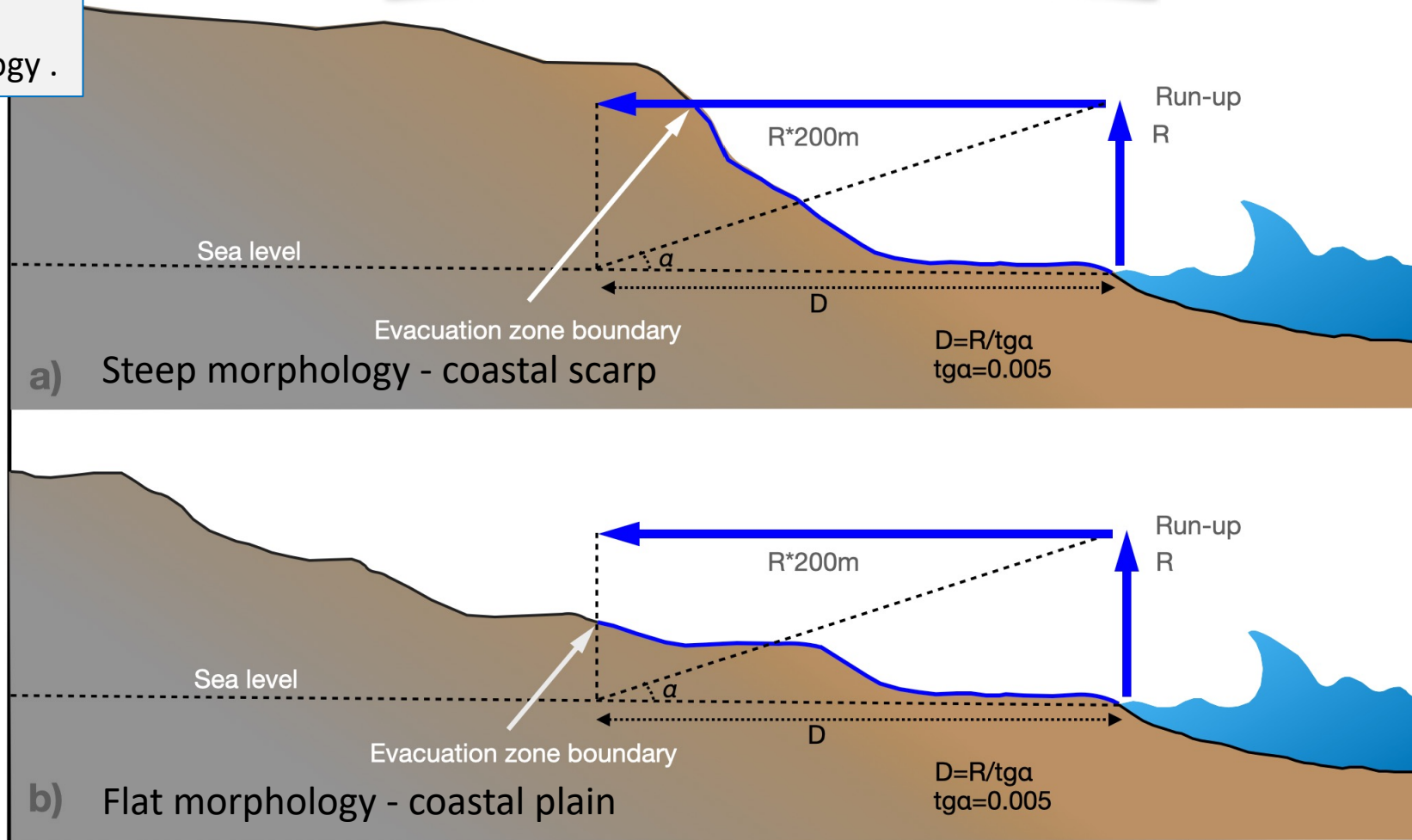
R is the calculated design run-up for each coastal sector  
D is the maximum expected inundation distance - D(R)

# Evacuation zones boundary and coastal morphology

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

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

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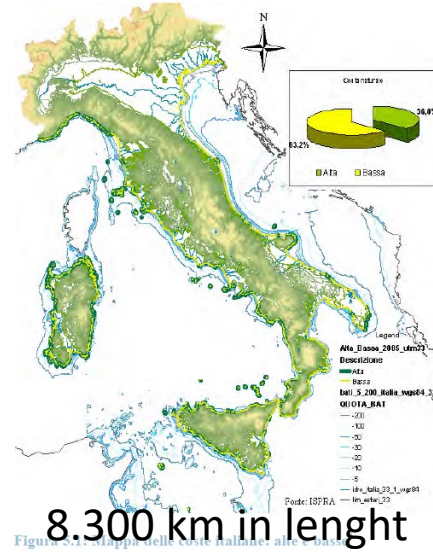
# Input data: collected elevation and morphological dataset



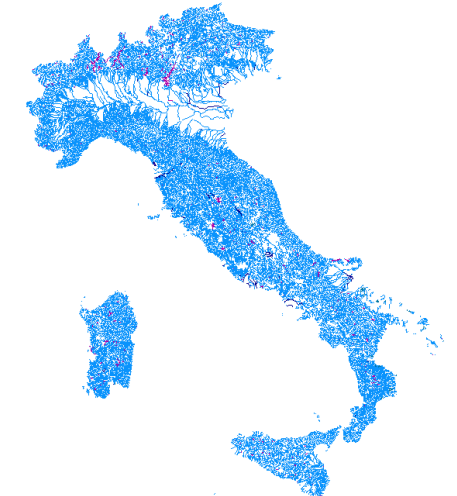
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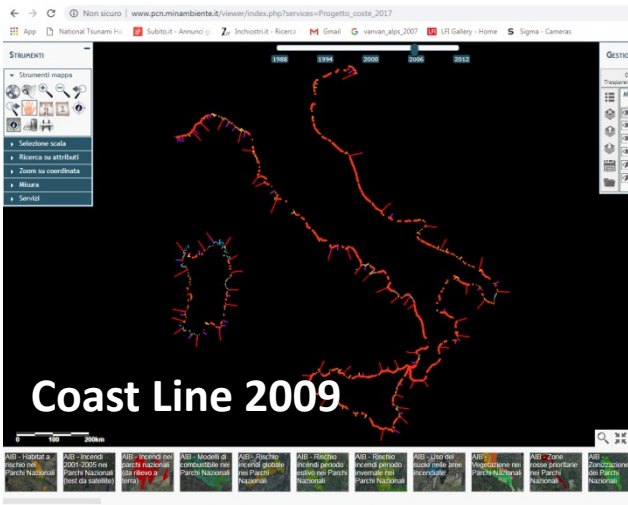
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Coast Line 2006



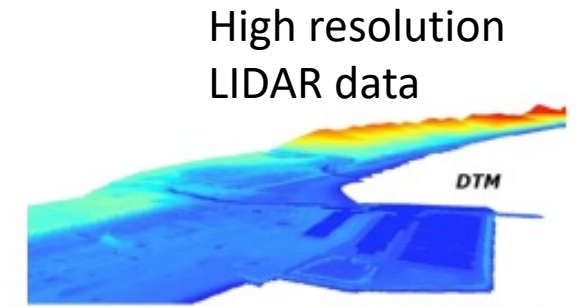
River network  
ISPRA – 250k (updated  
at 10.000 scale)



Coast Line 2009

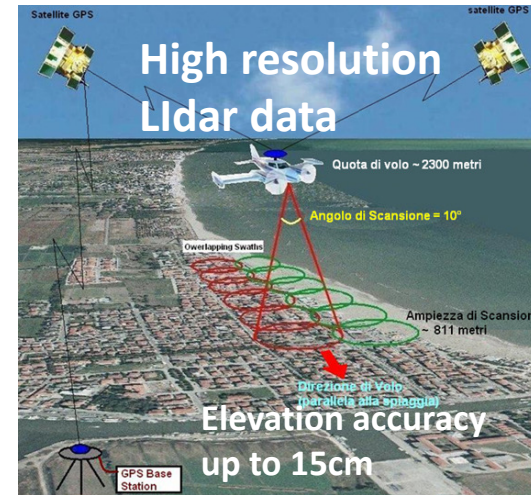


Regional DTMs 1-2-5  
metres resolution



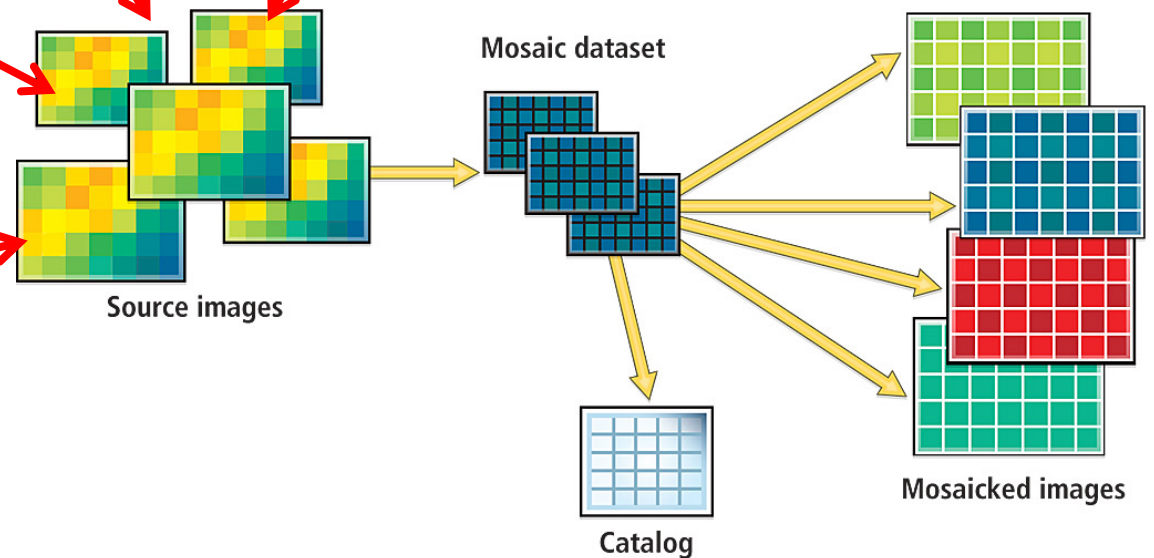
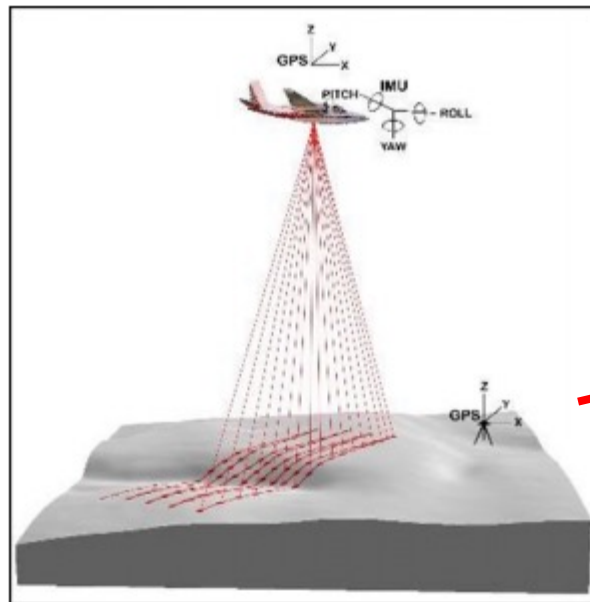
Elevation accuracy up to 15cm

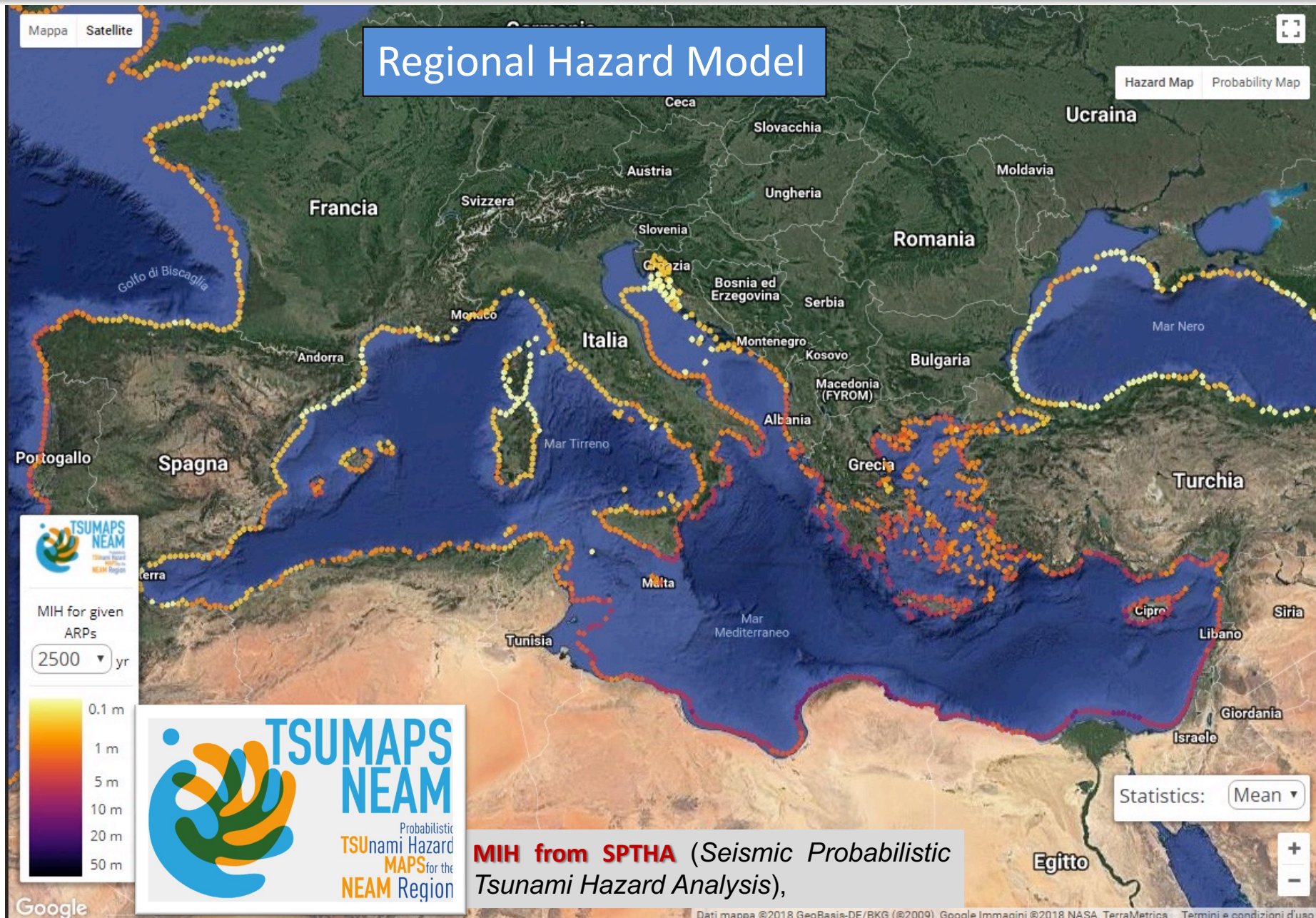
# Input data: mosaicking and the harmonization



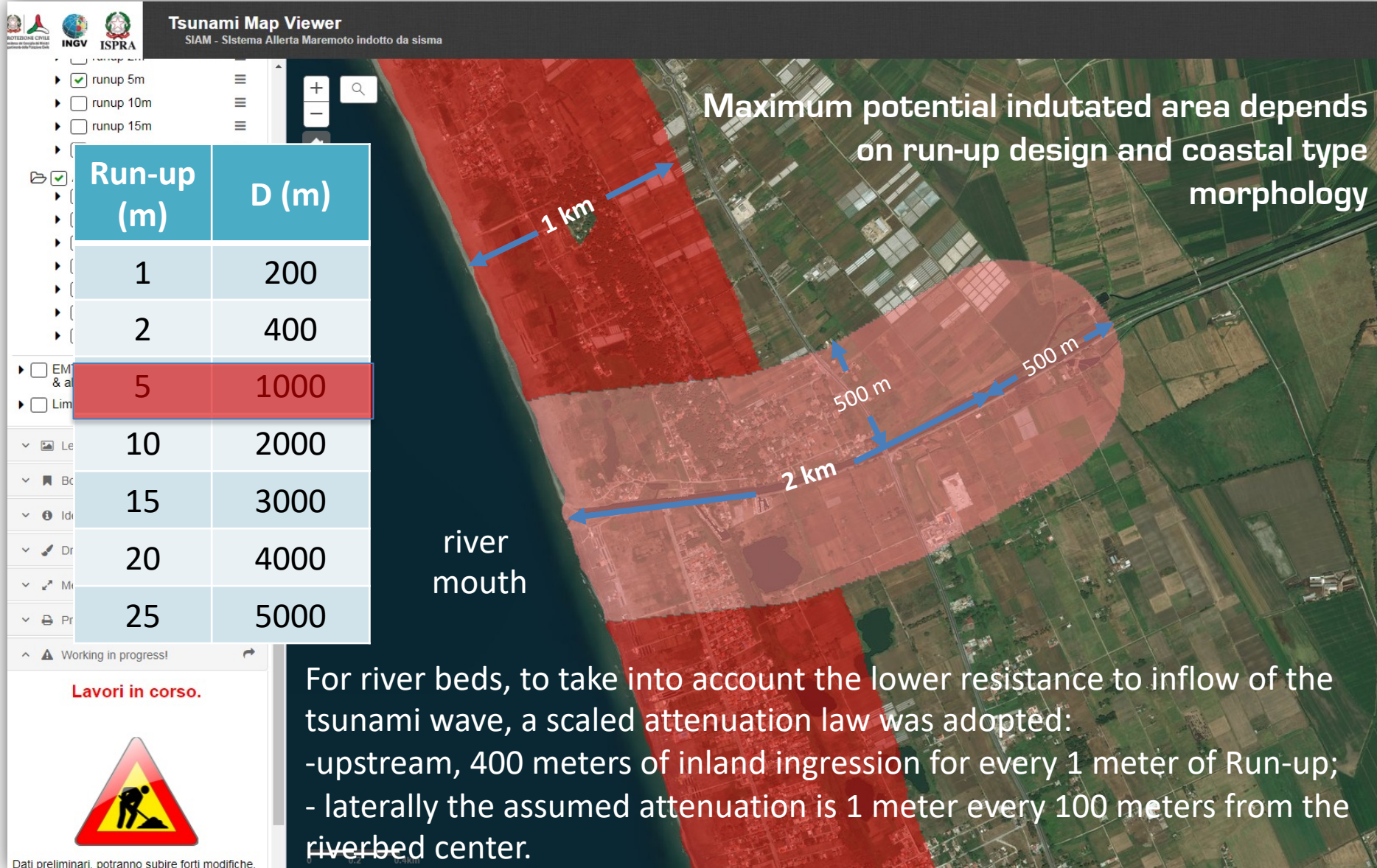
New mosaicked homogeneous raster covering the whole potential inundation area

DTM 1-2-5-10 metres res.





The Project provides MIH values for POIs. MIH values have been converted in run-up values for every coastal sector and used for the definition of the evacuation zones



The empirical rule application is based on GIS tools

For river beds, to take into account the lower resistance to inflow of the tsunami wave, a scaled attenuation law was adopted:

- upstream, 400 meters of inland ingression for every 1 meter of Run-up;
- laterally the assumed attenuation is 1 meter every 100 meters from the riverbed center.

# Calculation of dry/wet pixels by GIS tools



Raster calculation of dry/wet pixels by GIS tools based on the application of the  $D=Rf$  empirical rule

Both the conditions are satisfied for the point p1 only

The blue line is the inundation boundary

Wet pixels necessary conditions:  
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 maps accessibility

The screenshot displays the 'Tsunami Map Viewer' interface. At the top left, there are logos for 'PROTEZIONE CIVILE', 'INGV', and 'ISPRA'. The title 'Tsunami Map Viewer' is prominently displayed, with the subtitle 'SIAM - Sistema Allerta Maremoto indotto da sisma' below it. On the top right, there are links for 'Download' and 'Help'. The main map area shows a satellite view of the Mediterranean region with a blue overlay representing alert zones. A 'Layers' panel on the left lists various categories, with 'Zone di allertamento SiAM' expanded to show 'Zone di allertamento' and 'Italia' checked. Below these, a list of Italian regions is shown, with 'Regioni' checked and all individual regions (Sardegna, Veneto, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Emilia-Romagna, Toscana, Marche, Abruzzo, Molise, Lazio, Liguria, Campania, Puglia, Basilicata, Sicilia, Calabria) unchecked. The map includes navigation controls like zoom in (+), zoom out (-), search (magnifying glass), and home (house icon). A 'Basemaps' dropdown menu is visible in the top right corner of the map area. A scale bar is located at the bottom left of the map.

Layers

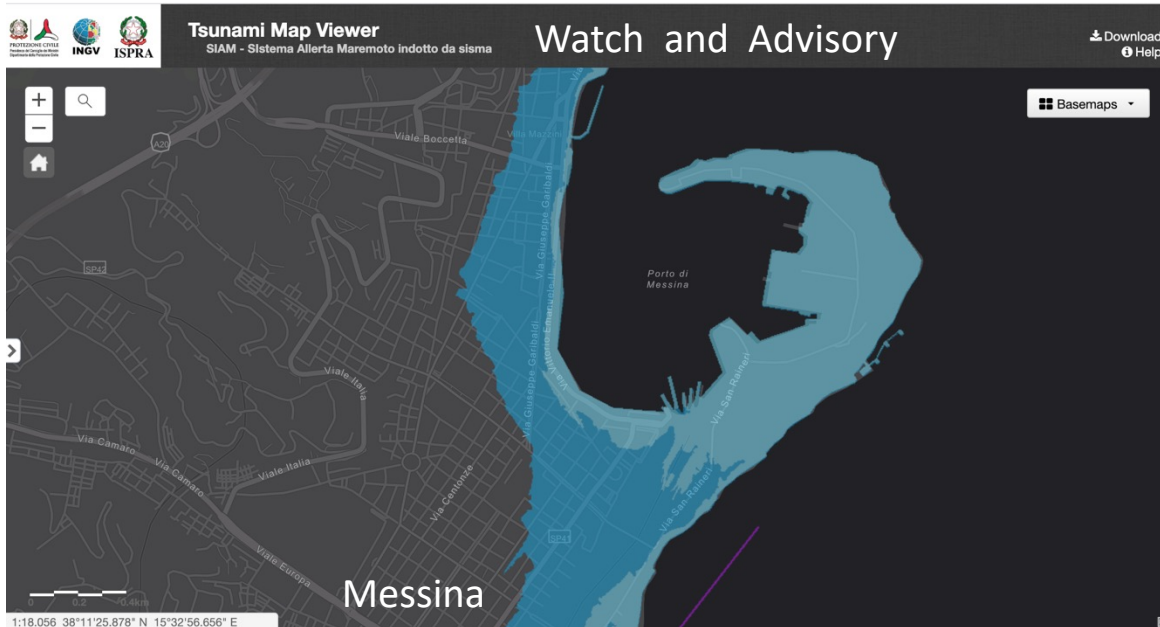
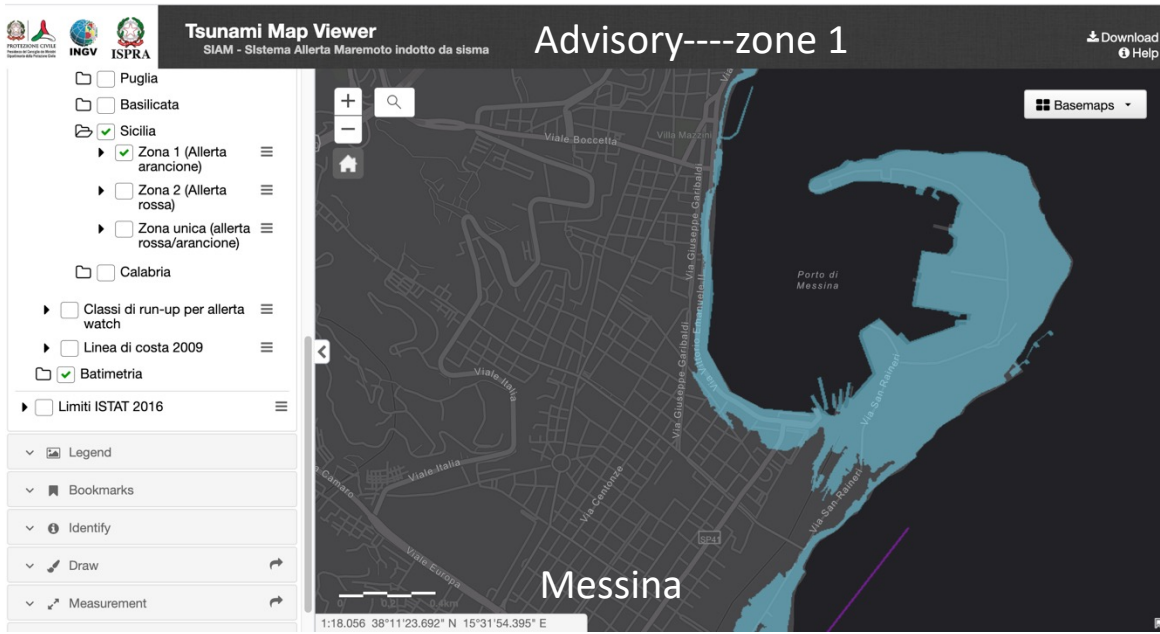
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        - Basilicata
        - Sicilia
        - Calabria

Download Help

Basemaps

The alert zones are available at the link: <http://sgi2.isprambiente.it/tsunamimap/>

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As for all the datasets of the Geological Survey of Italy, the Tsunami Map Viewer dataset is provided with specific metadata

The Tsunami Map Viewer dataset is INSPIRE compliant, following the INSPIRE *application schema* for Natural Risk Zones (NZ- <https://inspire.ec.europa.eu/id/document/tg/nz>).

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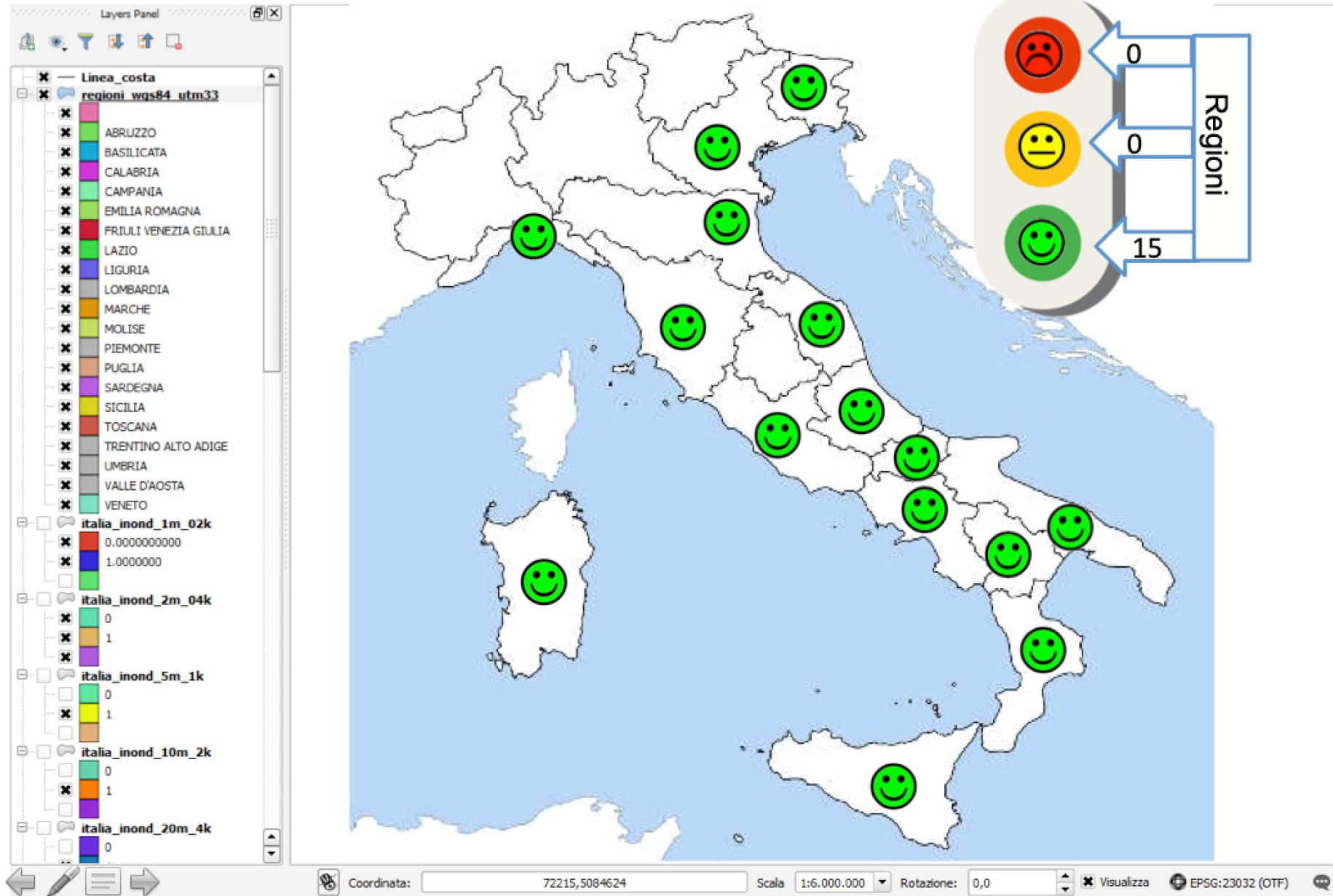
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# SiAM – evacuation maps availability



The evacuation maps have been elaborated for all the Italian coastal regions. We completed the elaboration at the end of 2021. The SiAM is fully operational

**The now available SiAM evacuation maps could be considered as a preliminary version, subject to improvement and periodical updates and changes**

### **New version and release based on**

#### **Availability of new input data**

- High resolution DTM coverage
- Increase of LIDAR data coverage through new acquisition
- Updating data on coast line and river network
- Detailed coastal bathymetry data
- Detailed 3D data on coastal protection works, easy to flow ways, etc.

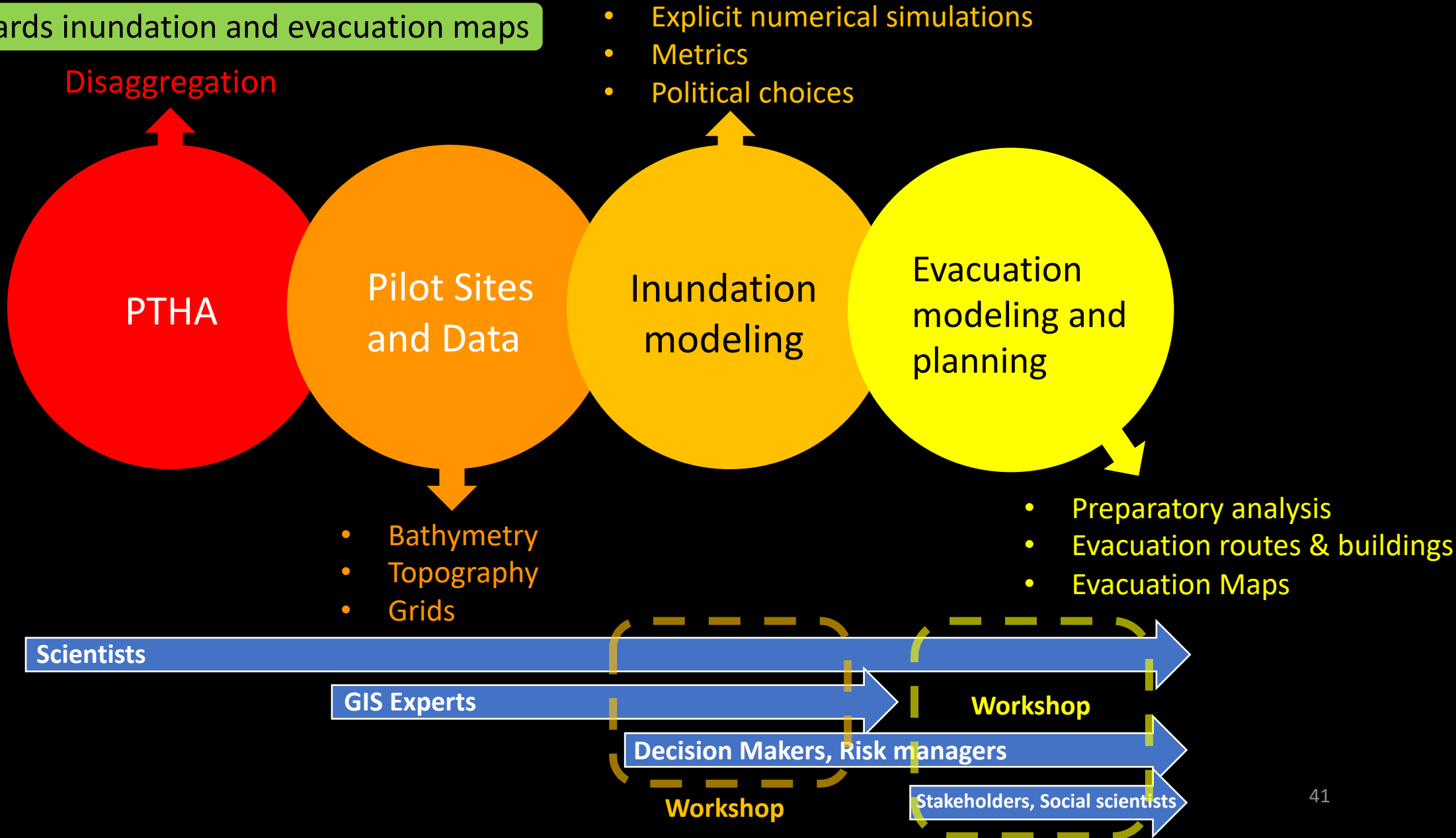
#### **Progress in the methodology**

- Use of specific factors as function of the morphology and of the land use
- Use of attenuation factors associated with protective structures/barriers
- Contextualization of the analyses, considering local conditions (barriers and easy to flow ways, typical in urbanized areas)
- Integration with the results of numerical modelling for relevant coastal sectors
- Uncertainty estimation improvement



# What we need for inundation and evacuation maps

The route towards inundation and evacuation maps



# Thank you

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# Green's Law (GL)

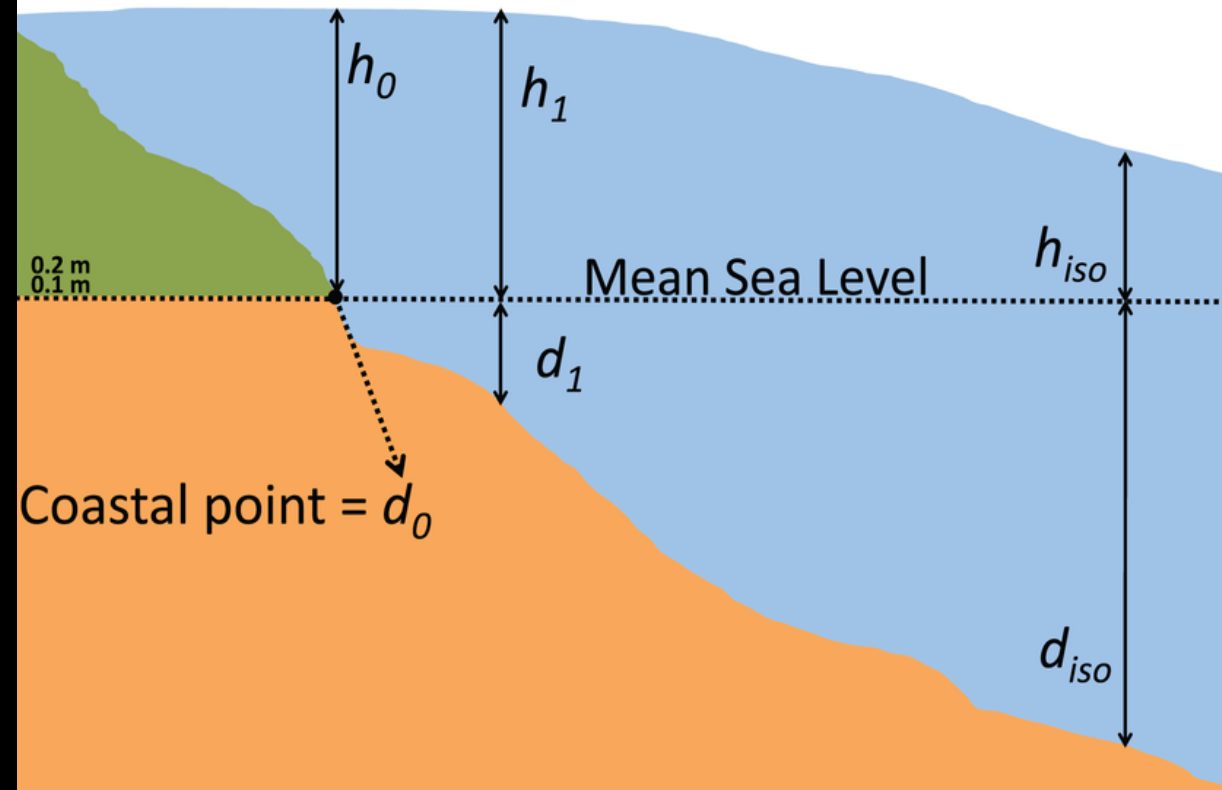
- Compute the tsunami wave shoaling
- Assumptions: Long non-breaking waves, gentle slopes

Used to estimate the maximum runup (e.g. *Sørensen et al. 2012*) when:

- Lack of hi-res bathy/topo models
- Reduced computational resources

Limitations:

- 1D
- Wave amplification must be evaluated at depth  $> 1\text{m}$  (avoid instabilities)
- Does not take into account coastal nonlinear effects
- Does not take into account wave period/polarity



Synolakis, 1991  
Grezio et al., 2020

$$h_1 = h_{iso} \sqrt[4]{\frac{d_{iso}}{d_1}}$$

# Amplification Factors (AF)

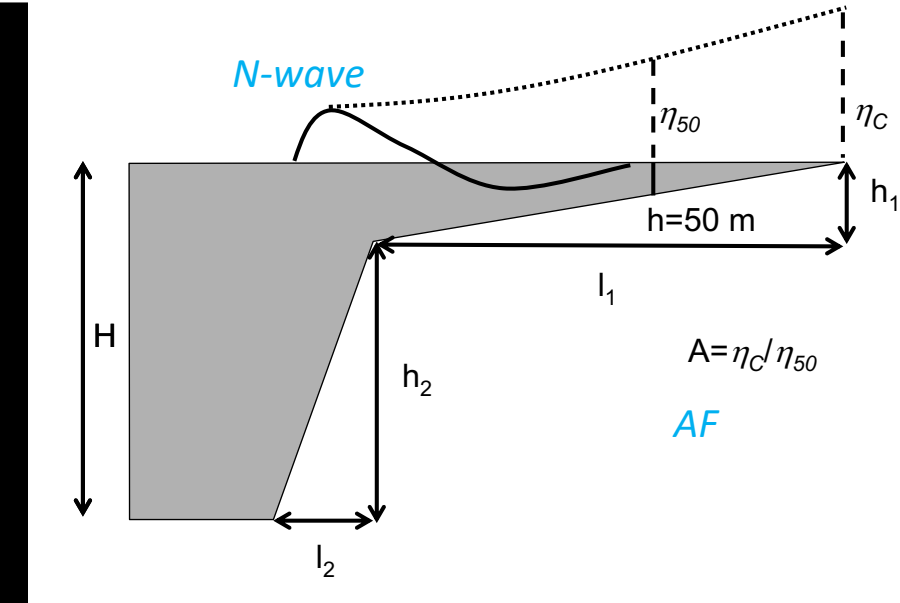
- Estimate the tsunami amplitude at the shoreline  $\rightarrow$  an approximation for the Maximum Inundation Height (MIH)
- Assumptions: Linear hydrostatic non-breaking waves; N-wave (sin shaped) as input; tsunami offshore at 50m

W/ respect to GL:

- Account for several wave periods and polarity combinations
- More computational demanding (but still feasible)

Limitations:

- 1D
- Does not take into account coastal nonlinear effects
- Site-dependent
- MIH represents a stretch of coast  $\rightarrow$  coarser resolution than explicit numerical simulations



*Lovholt et al., 2012*

MIH: Flow-depth + topography

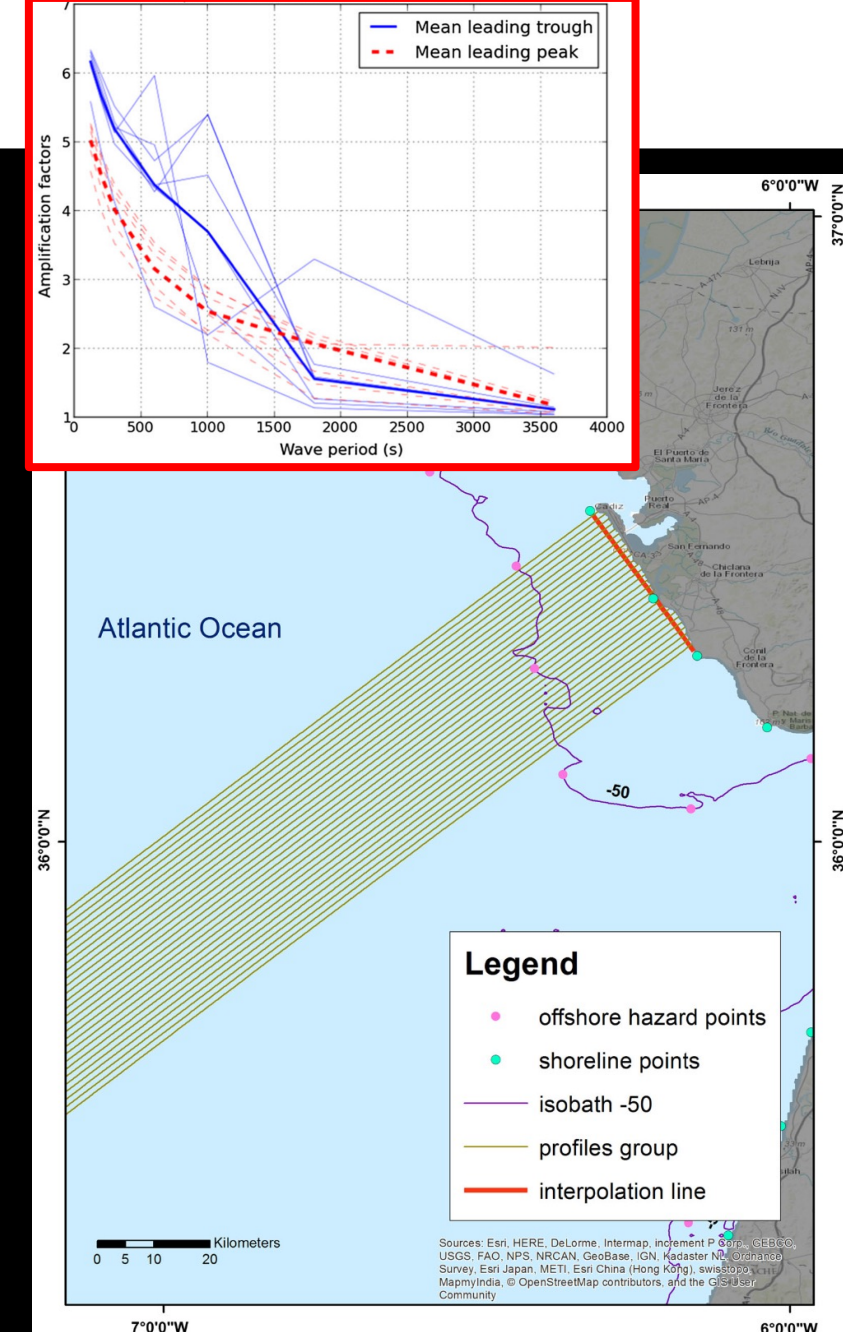
# Amplification Factors (AF)

## How it works:

- Select a stretch of coast
- Extract a set of **topographic** (mid-to-hi resolution) **profiles** orthogonal to the coast (1 km spaced)
- Simulate N-waves w/ different **period (120-3600s)** & **polarity** (Løvholt et al., 2012)
  - 1m amplitude in deep water (50m)
  - Resolution grid variable based on both depth and wave period
  - Courant constant = 0.9
  - No-flux B.C. at shoreline
- Compute AF (offshore to shoreline amplitudes ratio)
- **Lookup table** (AF vs Period)
  - One for each polarity
  - Median (?) value among the profiles to avoid unrealistic fluctuations along the coast

## Specific issues

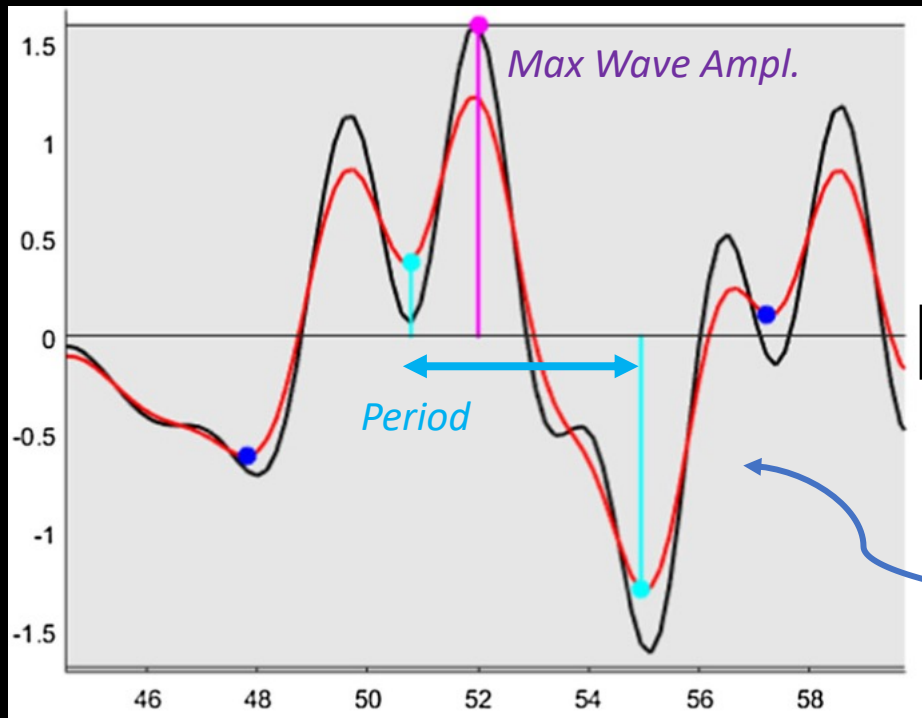
- Automatic procedure except for small islands and/or narrow bays (e.g. fjords)



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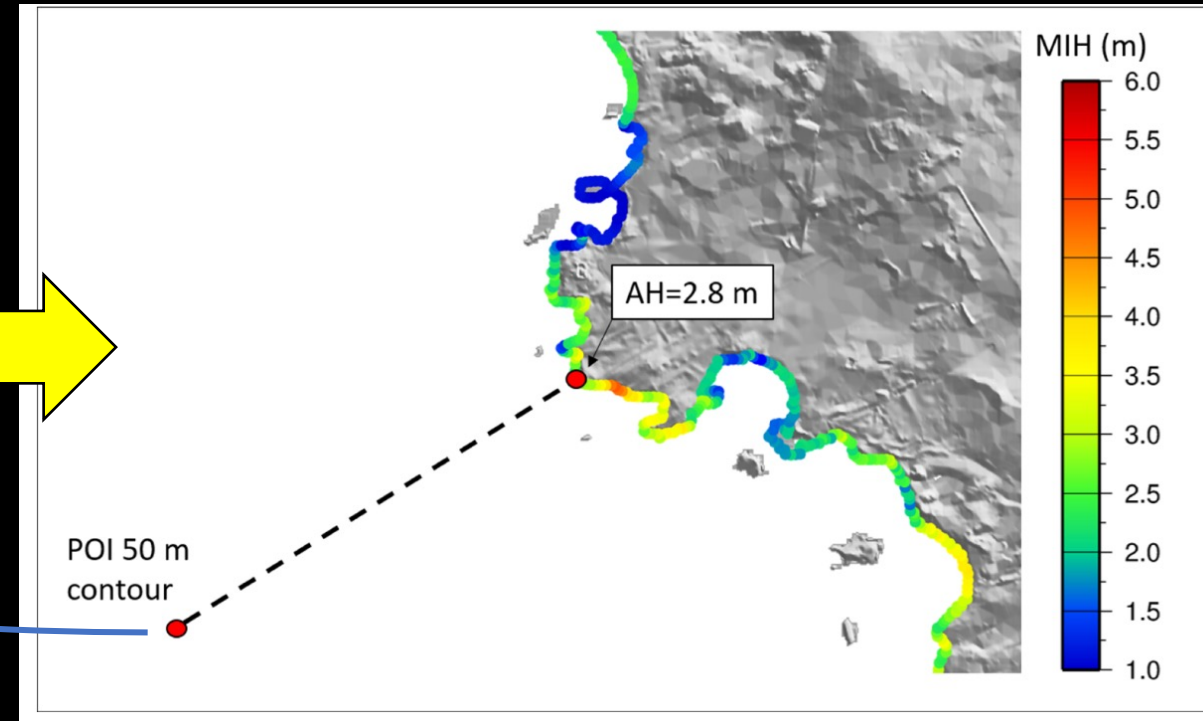
From AF to MIH for a given scenario:

- for selected Points of Interest (POI) located at 50m depth and for each scenario
  - Analysis of the time series to extract **Maximum Wave amplitude**, **Dominant Period**, and **Polarity**
  - MIH from the Lookup table



Lookup table

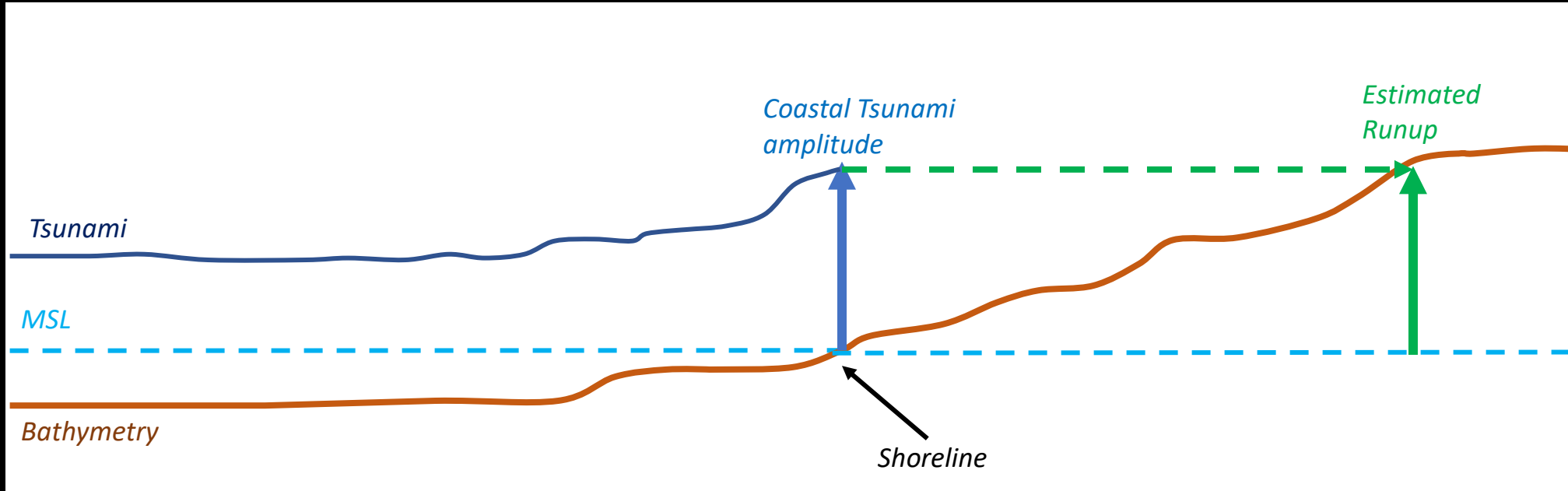
Glimsdal et al., 2019



# Bathtub

How it works:

- Consider the **tsunami amplitude at the coast**
  - GL or AF methods can be adopted
- Identify (w/ a GIS) all the **areas inland below this height** to determine an inundation footprint.



Benefits:

- Computationally efficient
- Easy to implement

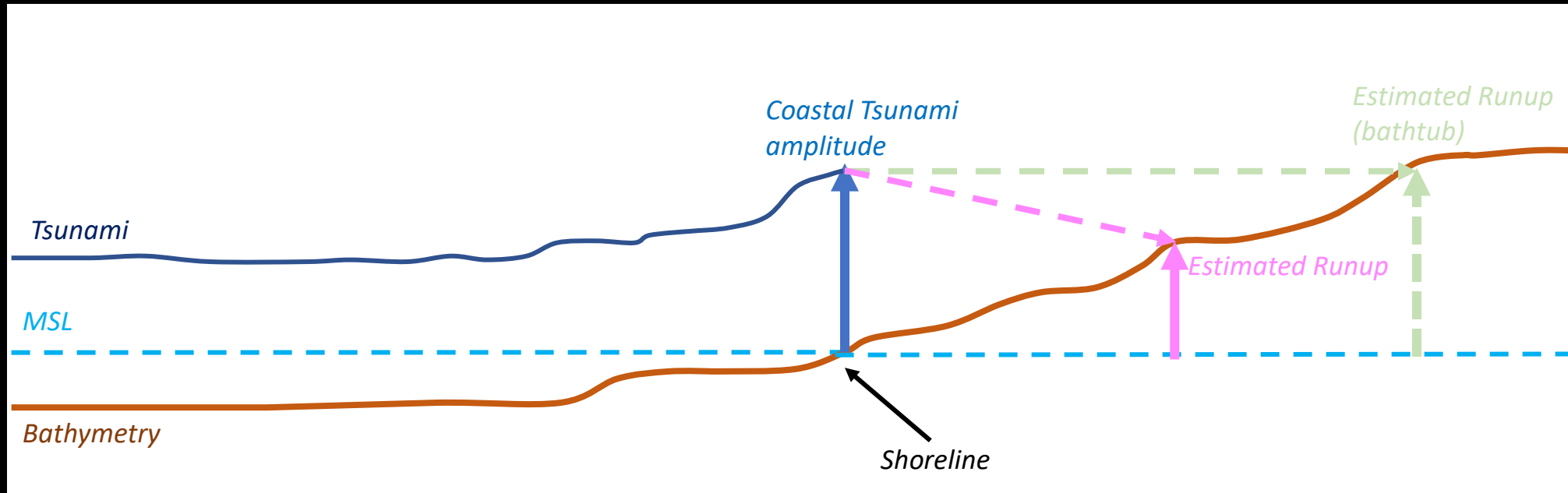
Limitations:

- Flow dynamics not considered
- Unlikely results in low-lying areas

# Attenuation rule

How it works:

- Consider the **tsunami amplitude at the coast** (similar to Bathtub method)
  - GL or AF methods can be adopted
- Apply an **attenuation rule** (w/ a GIS) to estimate the maximum inundation distance (and runup)



Benefits:

- More realistic inundation (decrease w/ distance)
- Easy to implement

Limitations:

- Flow dynamics not considered
- Attenuation (friction) rule depends on site

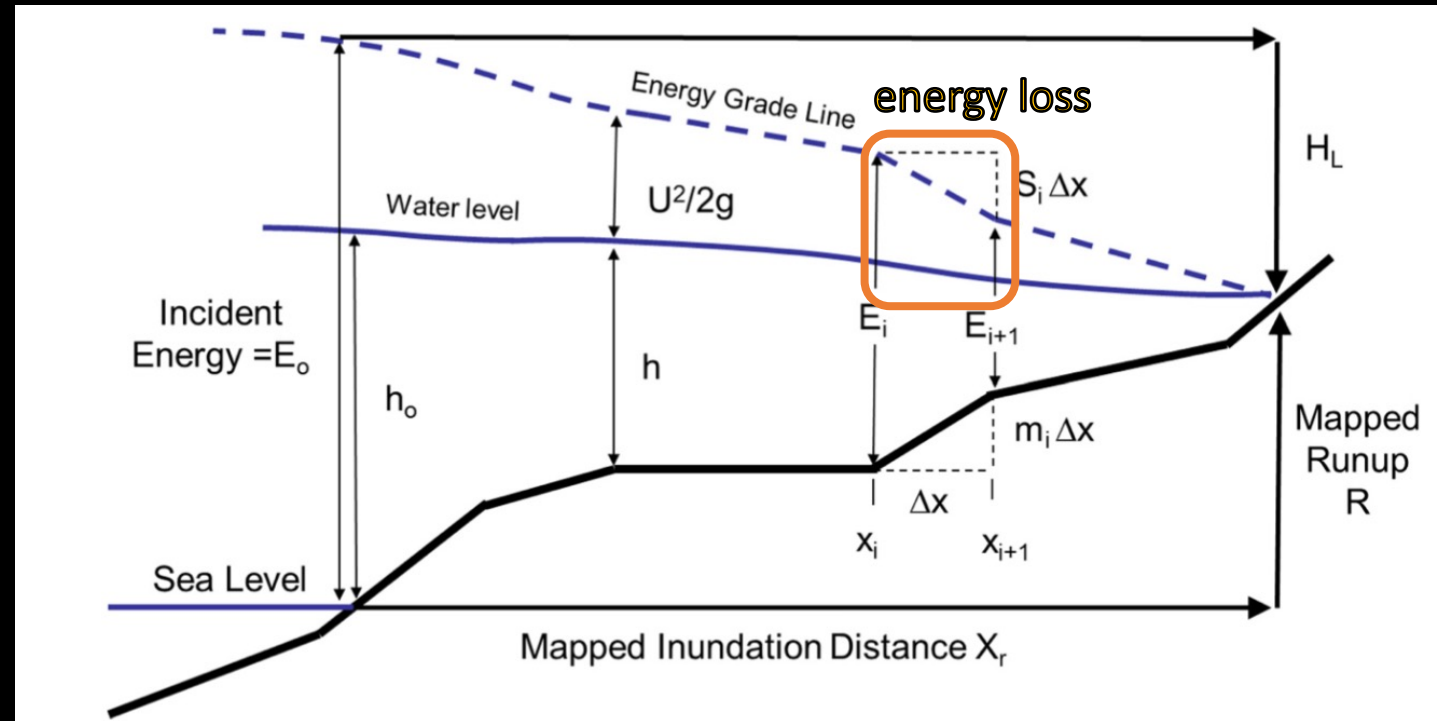


# Energy Grade Line (EGL)

- The method considers the energy balance (kinetic + potential) of the tsunami and the dissipation due to the ground friction
- **Used by engineers to evaluate the potential tsunami impact on the structures**
- Can be used provided having a **hi-res topographic model** and knowing the **1) tsunami amplitude** at the shoreline or the **2) maximum inundation distance**
  - 1) forward modelling
  - 2) backward modelling

## How it works:

- define a topographic profile crossing the inundation line and orthogonal to the coast
- Compute the **energy loss** along the profile (as the contribution of ground friction and topographic gradient)
  - Set a **Manning** friction coefficient
  - Set a decay law for the **Froude number** w/ the distance



Kriebel et al., 2017

# Numerical Modeling

Tsunami inundation is preceded by the shoaling phase



Shorter wavelengths and higher spatial resolution is needed to properly model the flow

The more accurate way to compute tsunami inundation is the numerical modelling because takes into account:

- Dynamic of the flow
- Topo/Bathymetric features
- Dissipation of the wave inland

We need hi-resolution topo-bathymetric models and high performance computational resources

# Numerical Modeling

## Different models



More physics

- 2D NonLinear Shallow Water
- Boussinesq
- 3D Navier Stokes
- ...



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More physics

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More computational demanding

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(hu)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(hv)}{\partial y} &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial(hu)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( hu^2 + \frac{1}{2}gh^2 \right) + \frac{\partial(huv)}{\partial y} &= gh \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + S_x, \\ \frac{\partial(hv)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( hv^2 + \frac{1}{2}gh^2 \right) + \frac{\partial(huv)}{\partial x} &= gh \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} + S_y.\end{aligned}$$

- NLSW are typically enough to model the tsunami inundation stage
- Some limitations to model the vertical details of many coastal effects (being depth-integrated)

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However, what we need is:

- Accurate topographic/bathymetric data
- Computational resources

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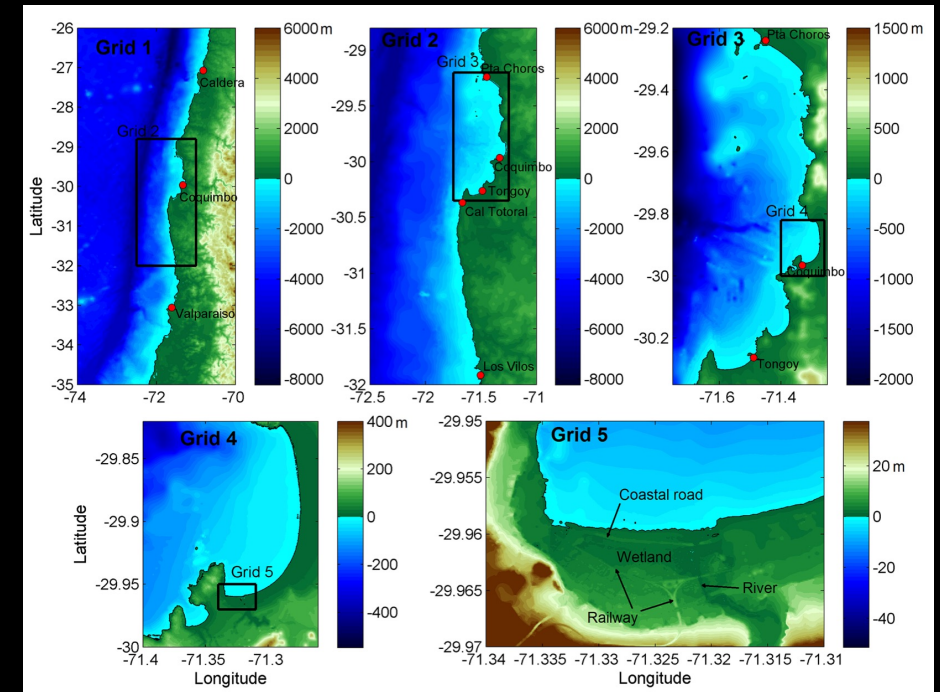
- Accurate topographic/bathymetric data
- Computational resources

Optimise the resources by using Telescopic nested grids:

- Up to 5-10 m resolution
- Spatial ratio of 3,4 between grids

Try to limit numerical instabilities

- by making topo/bathy features coherent between grids
- No grid corners in the sea (if possible) or within a strong bathymetric gradient



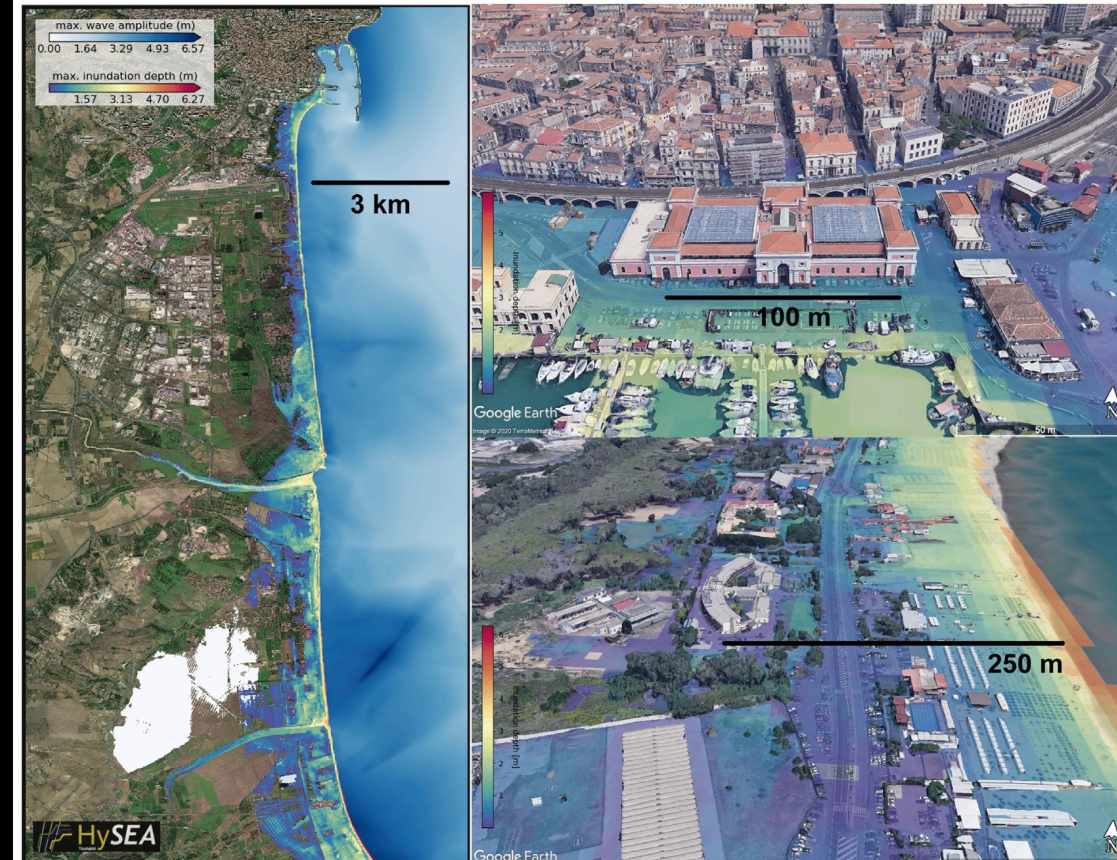
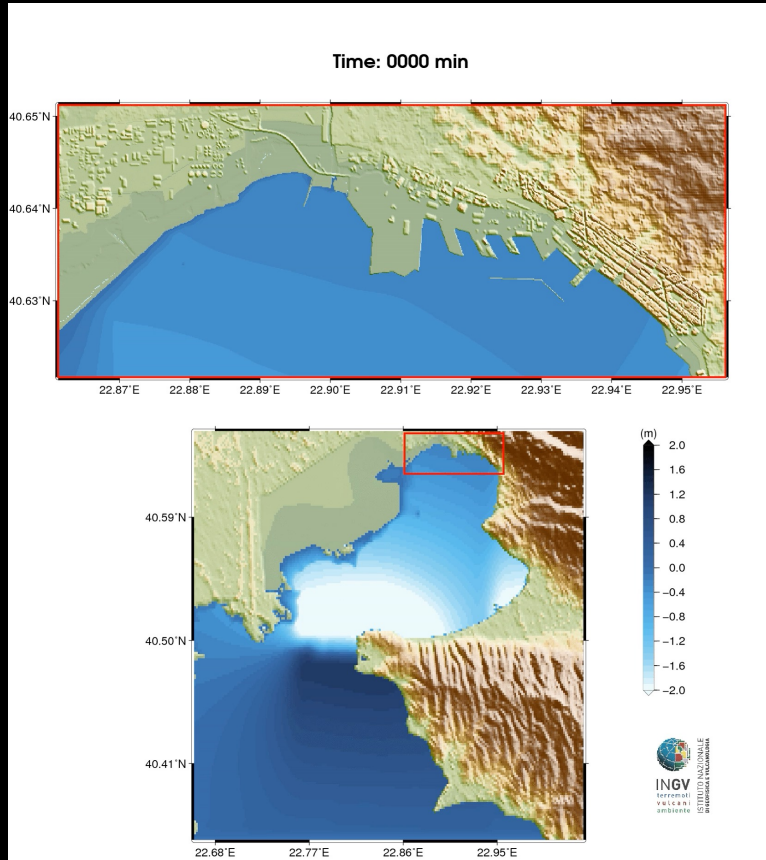
Aranguiz et al., 2017

# Numerical Modeling

However, what we need are:

- Accurate topographic/bathymetric data
- Computational resources

- HPC resources
- GPU codes



Tsunami HySEA,  
Univ. of Malaga

Macias et al., 2017

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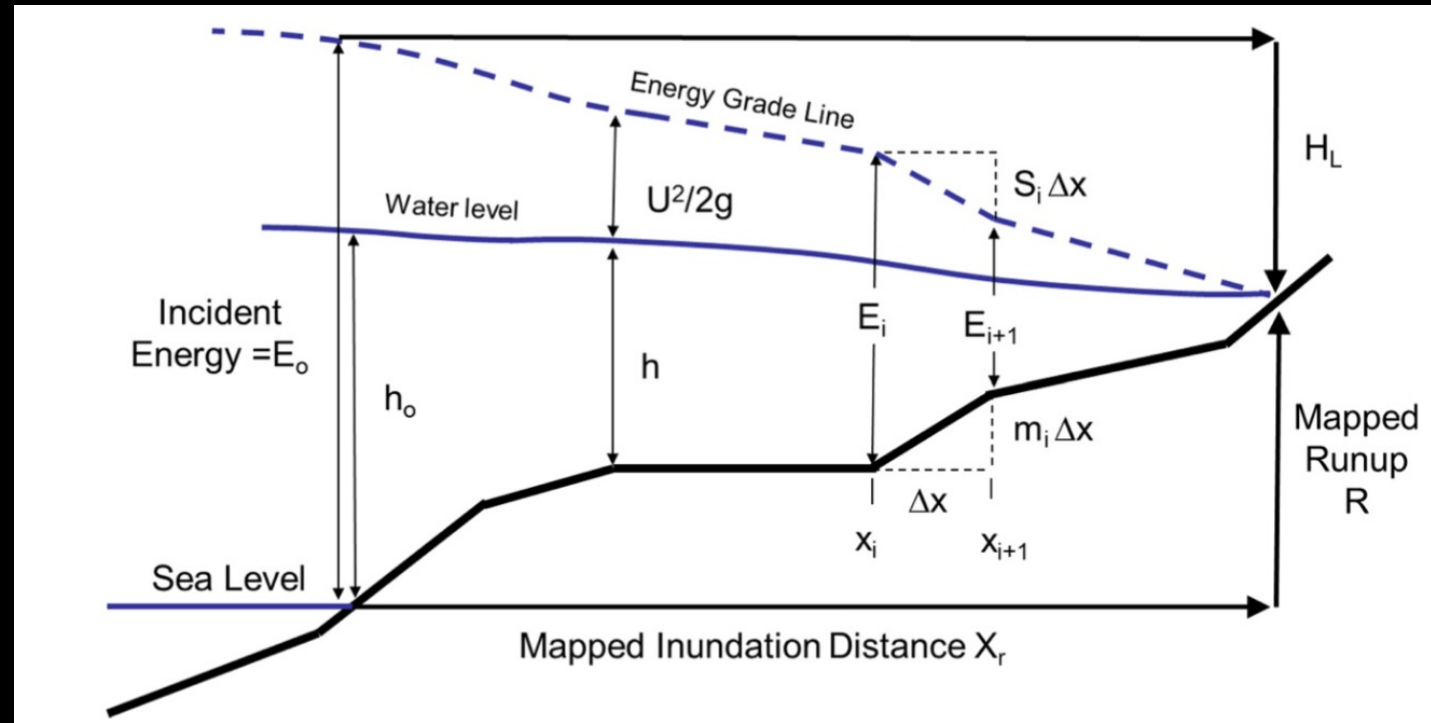
## Backward modelling

- Inundation distance (i.e. runup) well known
  - Wave amplitude = 0
  - Froude number ( $\sim$ velocity) = 0

## Forward modelling

Wave amplitude at shoreline known (or estimated by GL, AF)

- Wave amplitude  $\sim$  0
- Froude number ( $\sim$ velocity)  $\sim$  0 (and unknown)



*Kriebel et al., 2017*

While EGL Backward modelling is fairly well constrained, EGL Forward modelling intrinsically not.



Specific issues must be taken into account



# Energy Grade Line (EGL)

## Specific issues #1

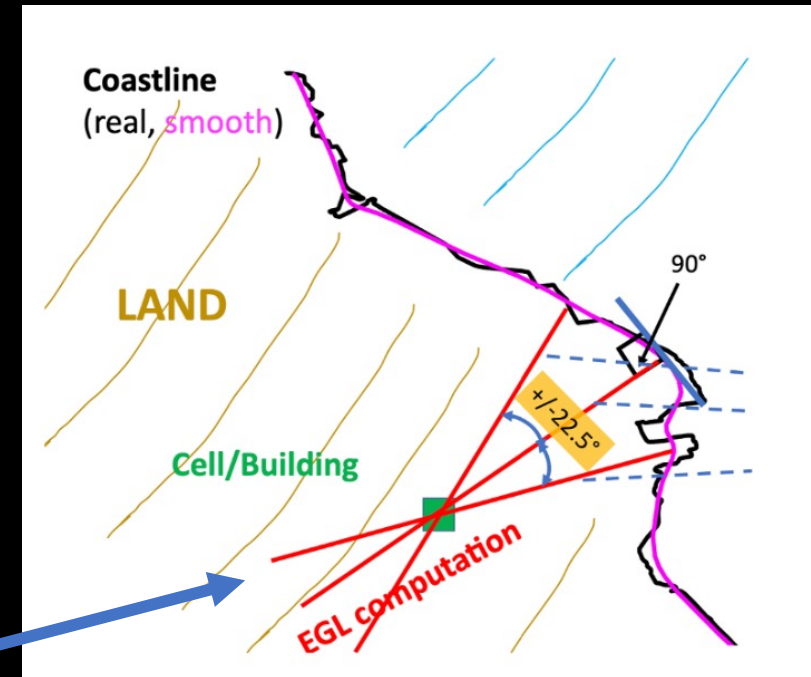
EGL is applied along a 1D topographic profile



2D dynamic of the flow is not considered (e.g. wall, topographic high, obstacles)



A set of 3 profiles is adopted to try and capture the inundation



# Energy Grade Line (EGL)

## Specific issues #2

Using EGL forward modelling also means we don't have hi-res simulation nearshore



We must use approximate methods (e.g. GL or AF) to estimate the tsunami in front of the coast



The coastline in the topography might be affected (in position) due to the coseismic deformation



Specific treatment of the topography or the input wave amplitude is carried out depending whether there is subsidence or uplift

# Energy Grade Line (EGL)

## Specific issues #3

Using EGL forward modelling the Froude number is unknown at the shoreline



We must use a predefined value or try and follow an iterative approach to estimate the Froude number

**IMPORTANT** difference w/ other approximate methods:

- With EGL, the relation between Froude number and wave amplitude allows to compute in land also velocity and momentum flux.

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From Regional to Local scale

Alert Levels

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**Watch: runup exceeding 1m**

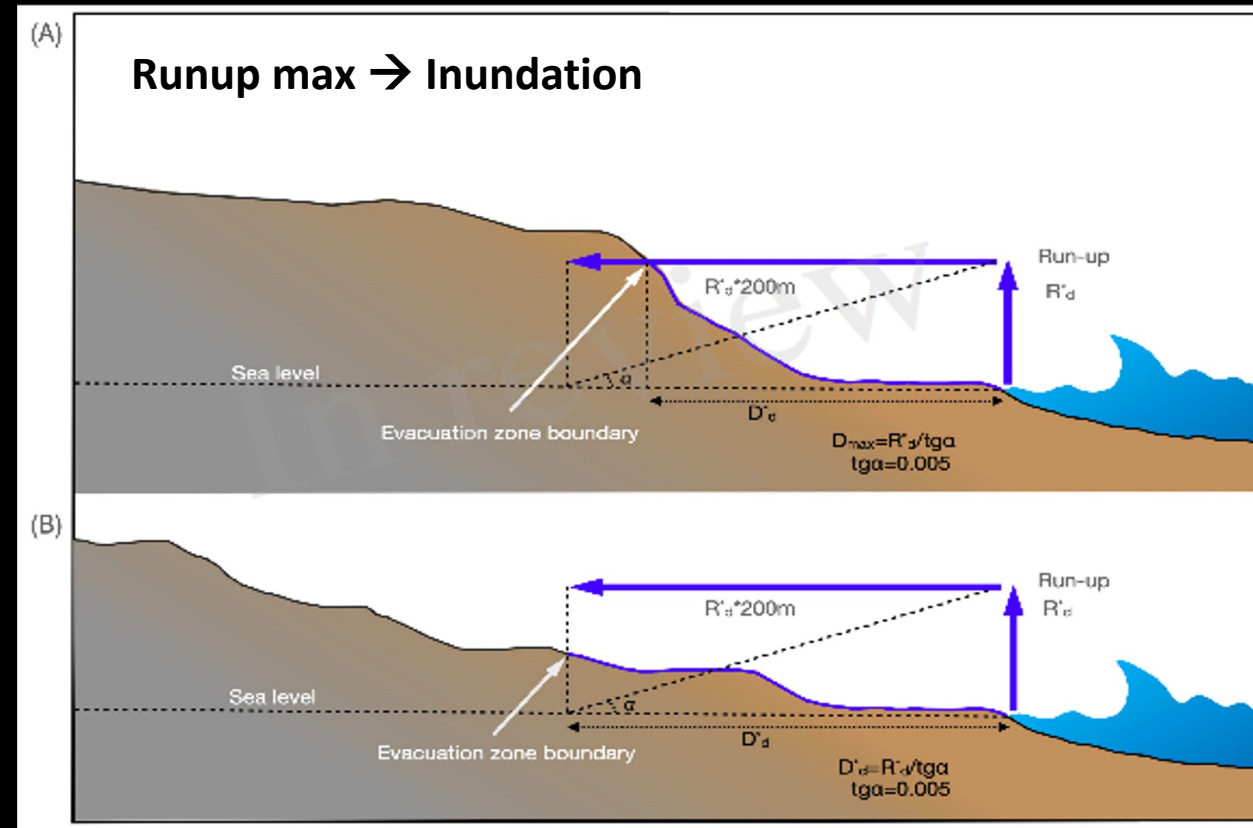
DirPC SiAM; DPC, 2018

Regional Hazard  
(NEAMTHM18)

2500 yr ARP + 84th percentile

Safety factors

Coastal dissipation



Leonard et al., 2008

Attenuation rate: 1m every 200m (1m every 400m for rivers)

Max inundation distance  
**WITH** obstacles

Max inundation distance  
**WITHOUT** obstacles

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<http://sgi2.isprambiente.it/tsunamimap/>

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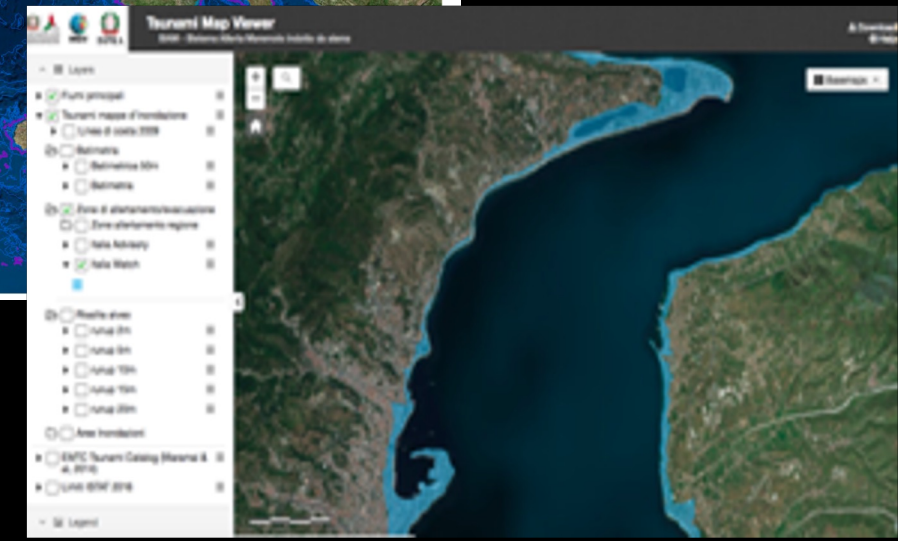
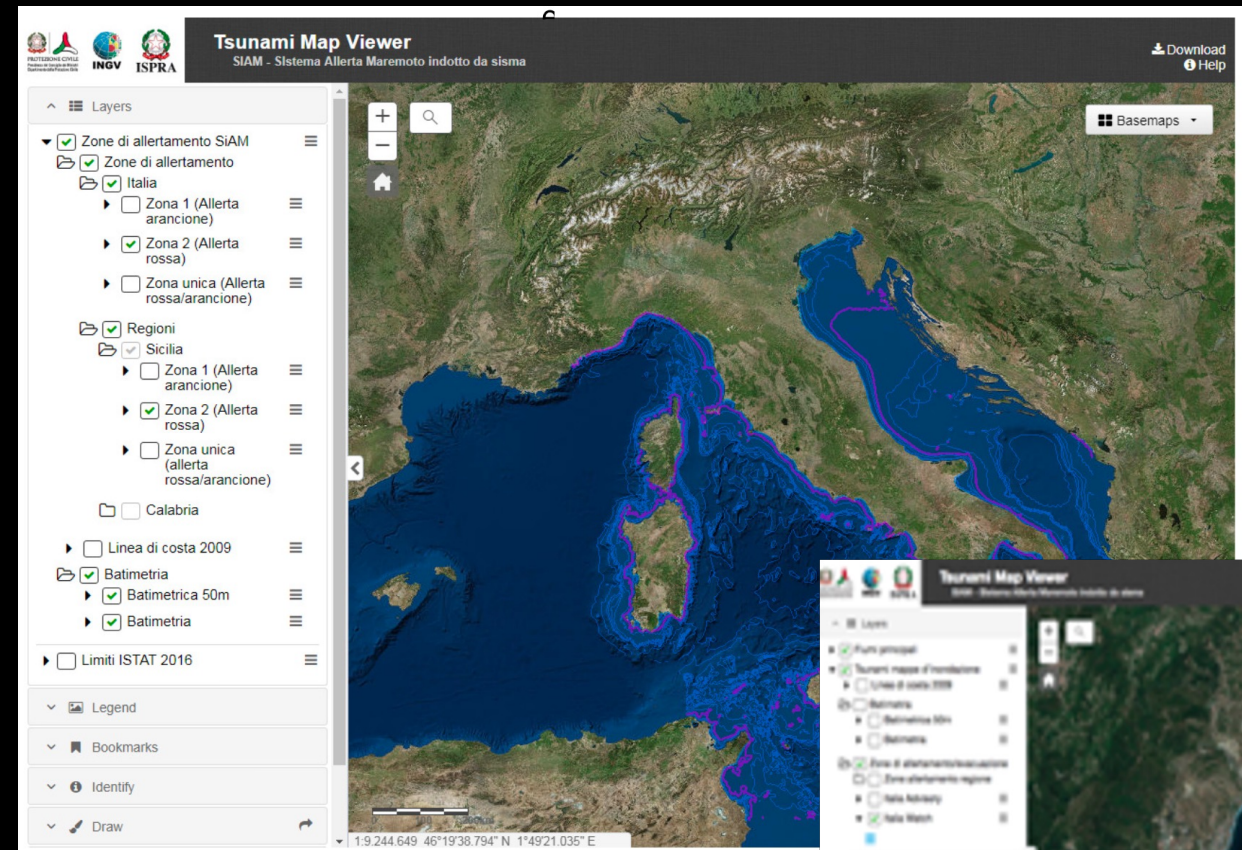
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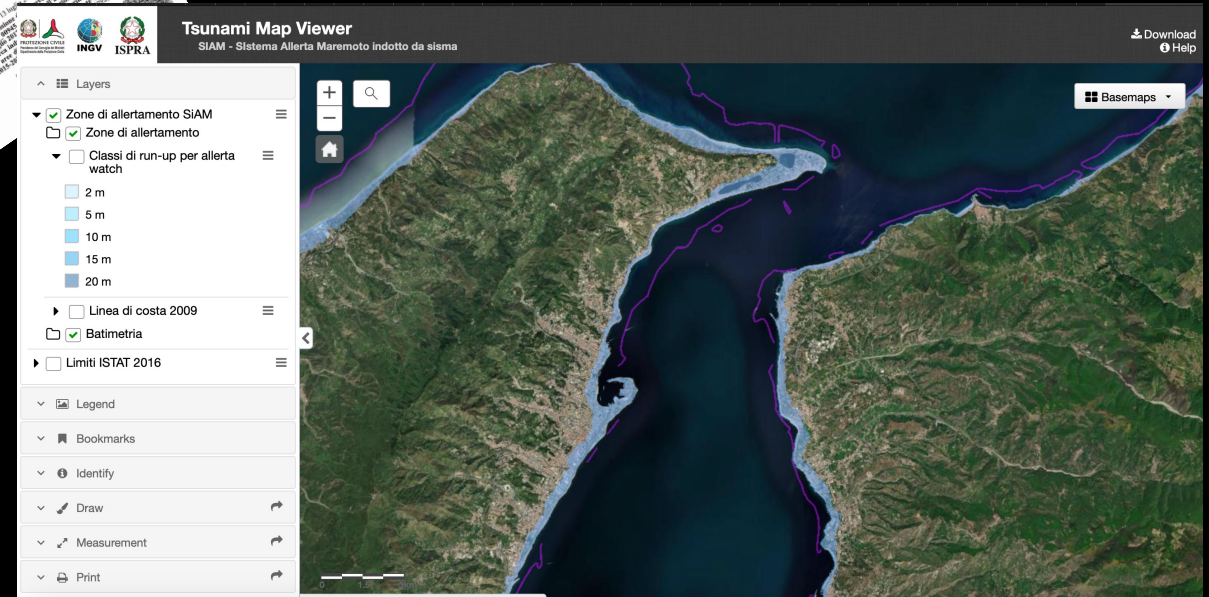
Inundation mapped through GIS

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## Civil Protection indications to local authorities for local planning

**INDICAZIONI PER L'AGGIORNAMENTO DELLE PIANIFICAZIONI DI PROTEZIONE CIVILE PER IL RISCHIO MAREMOTO**

Ai sensi della Direttiva del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri del 17 febbraio 2017, pubblicata nella Gazzetta Ufficiale n. 128 del 5 giugno 2017 recante "Istituzione del Sistema d'Allertamento nazionale per i maremoti generati da sisma- SiAM" e del Decreto Legislativo 2 gennaio 2018, n.1 del 2018 "Codice della protezione civile".



### Several Annexes

- Alert zones definition
- Alert messages distribution
- Vertical evacuation guidelines
- Emergency signs

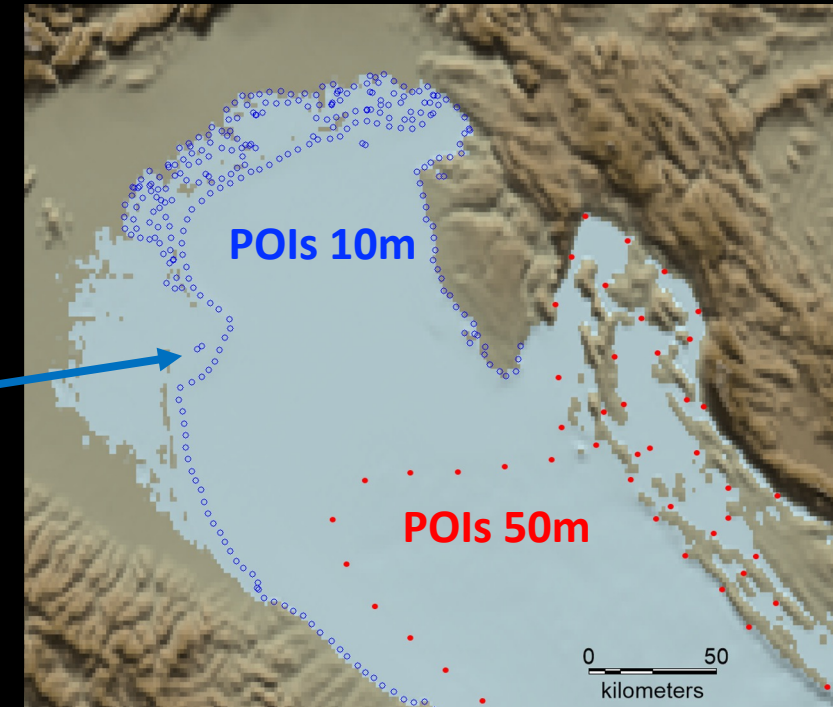
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How to improve the current "picture"

- Replace Green's functions w/ direct numerical simulations

**Why?**

- We can deal with the propagations nonlinear effects
  - POIs at 10m depth → new amp factors



**But....**

- 1M+ scenarios to be simulated



**HPC**



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...and the Probabilistic Tsunami inundation maps?

Hi-res (5-10m) topography/bathymetry models



- Computationally demanding to be designed for all the Italian coasts
- Building hi-res models is a long (demanding and expensive) process

But, due to these limitations, the analysis can be faced for specific test sites, which?

- They can be selected based on available data and the probabilistic hazard model



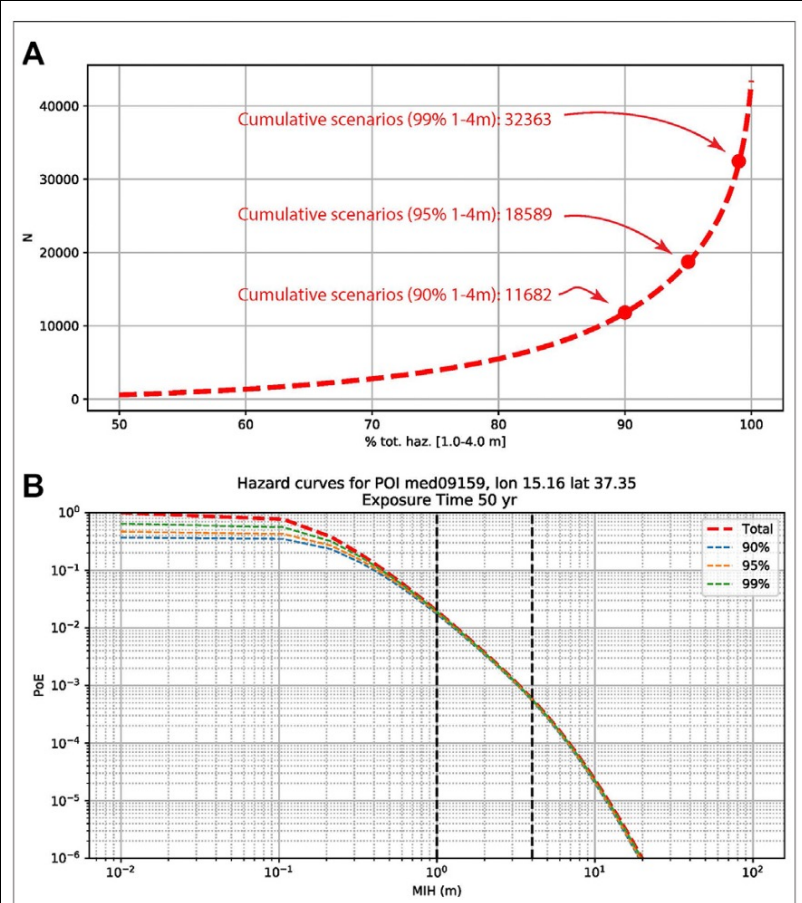
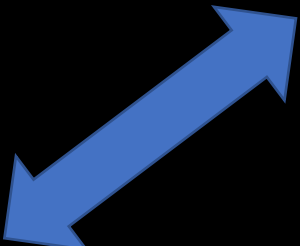
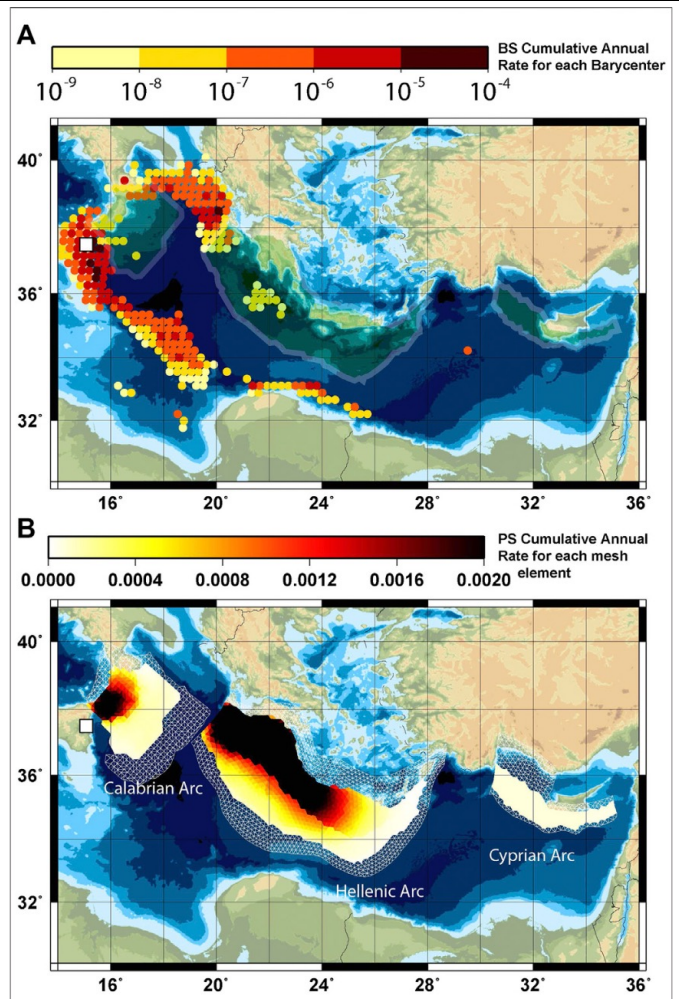
disaggregation



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Disaggregation:

- Used to individuate only the scenarios that significantly contribute to the hazard for a specific POI (namely the one representing the target area for the inundation)

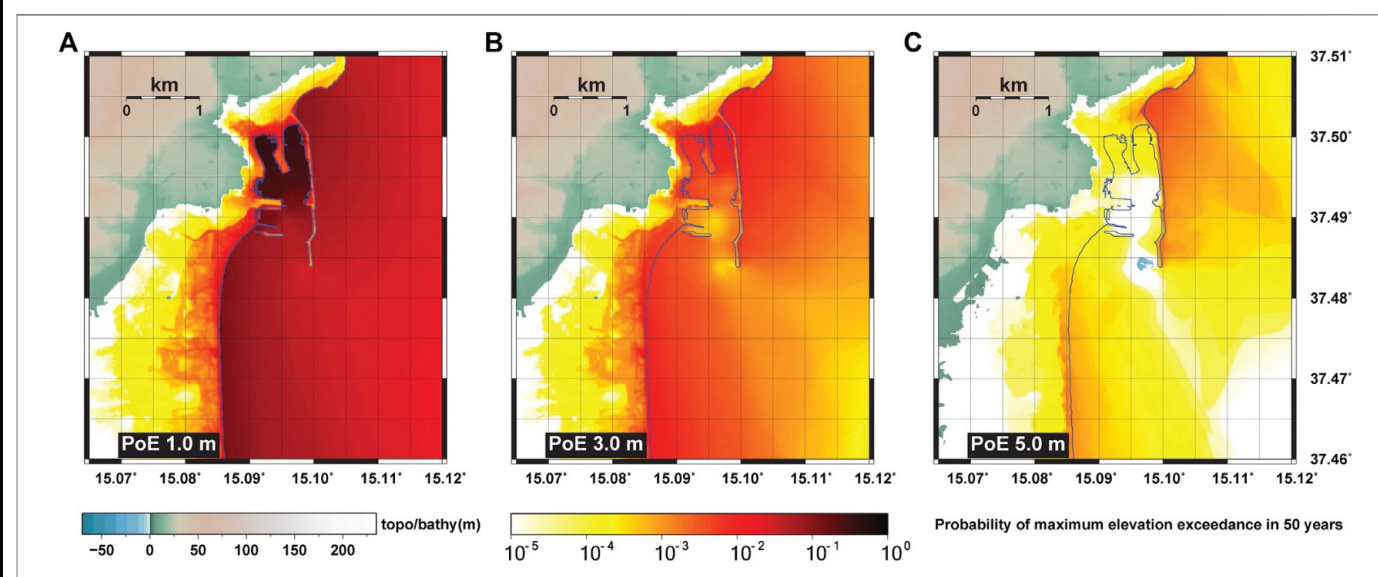


Gibbons et al., 2020

Selected scenarios to be explicitly simulated

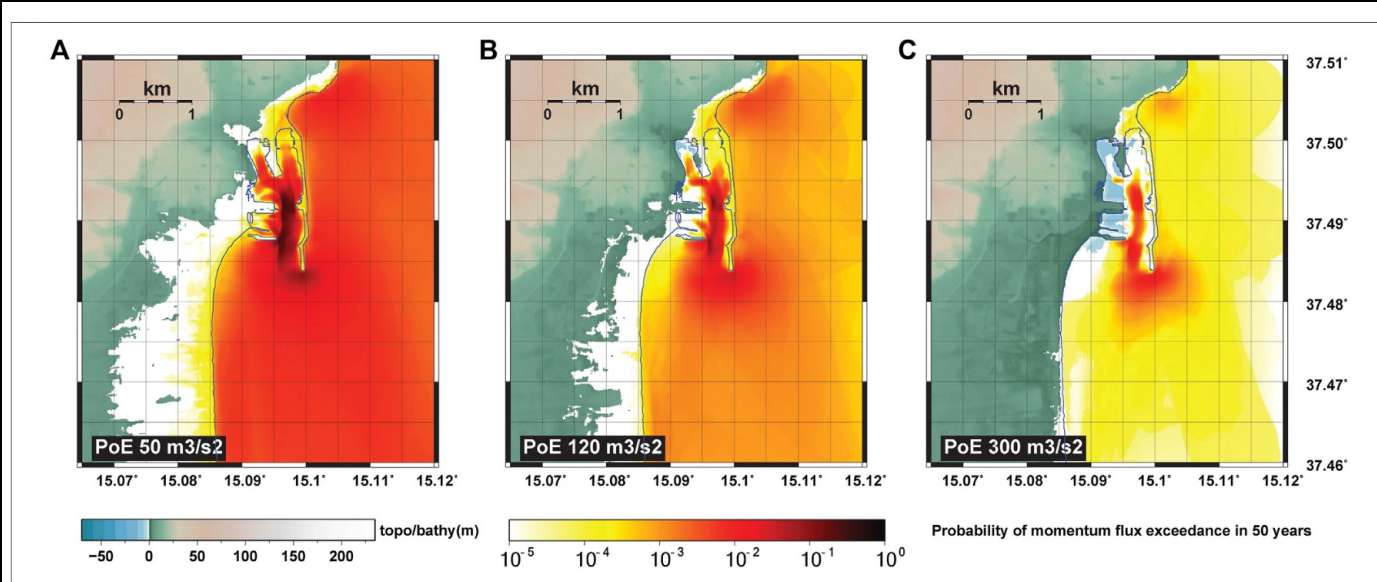
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## Inundation maps



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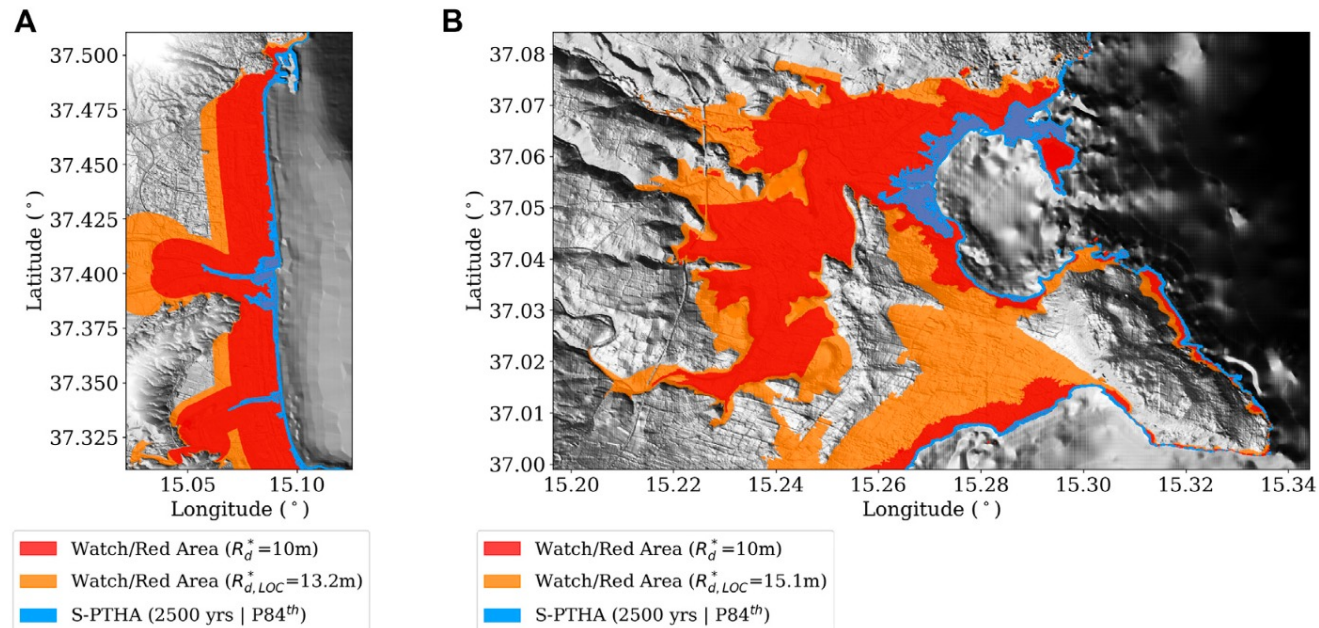
And also additional metrics (e.g. Maximum Momentum Flux)



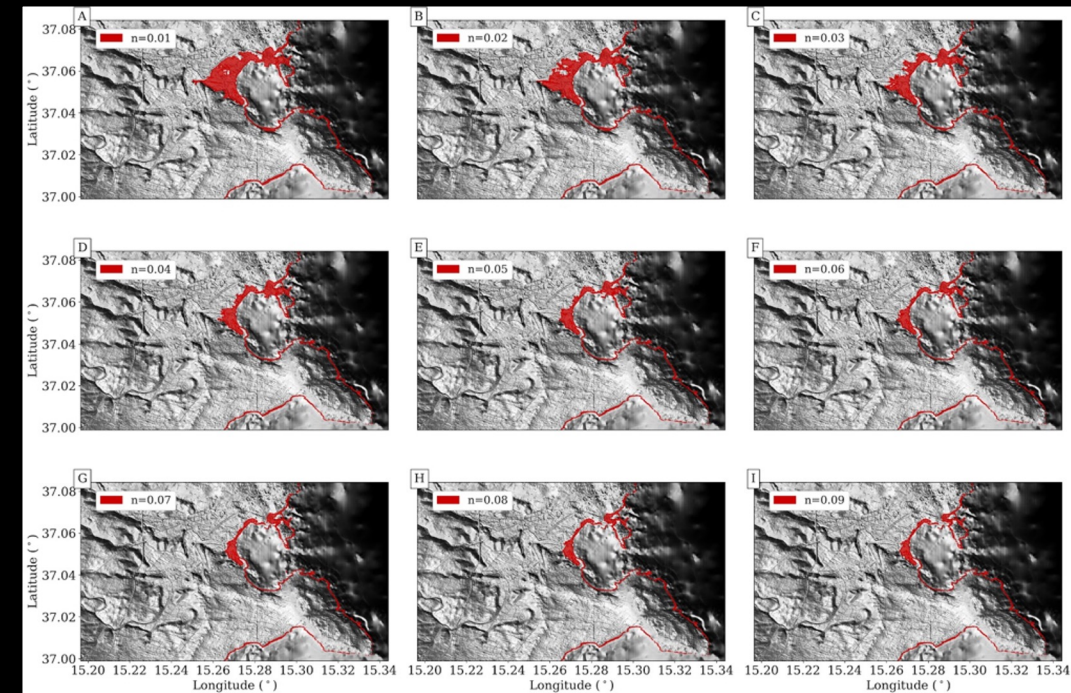
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Next steps: taking into account the uncertainties about

- Source modeling and tsunami generation
- Topo-bathymetric model
- Numerical Inundation modeling
- Friction



Tonini et al., 2021



Gibbons et al., 2022

# Testing activity: comparison with historical events scenarios

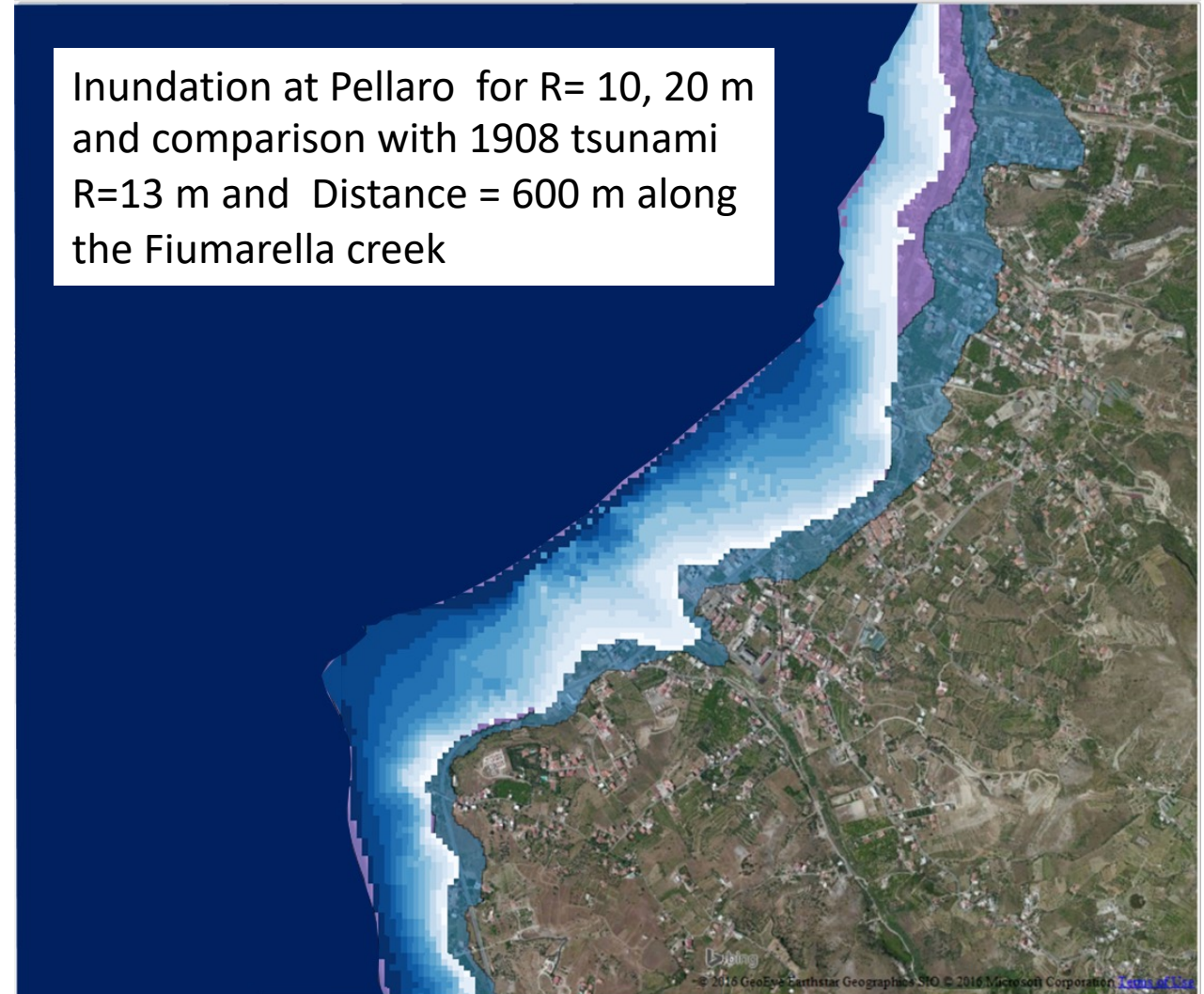
Inundation of the Pellaro coast for R= 10 and R=20m

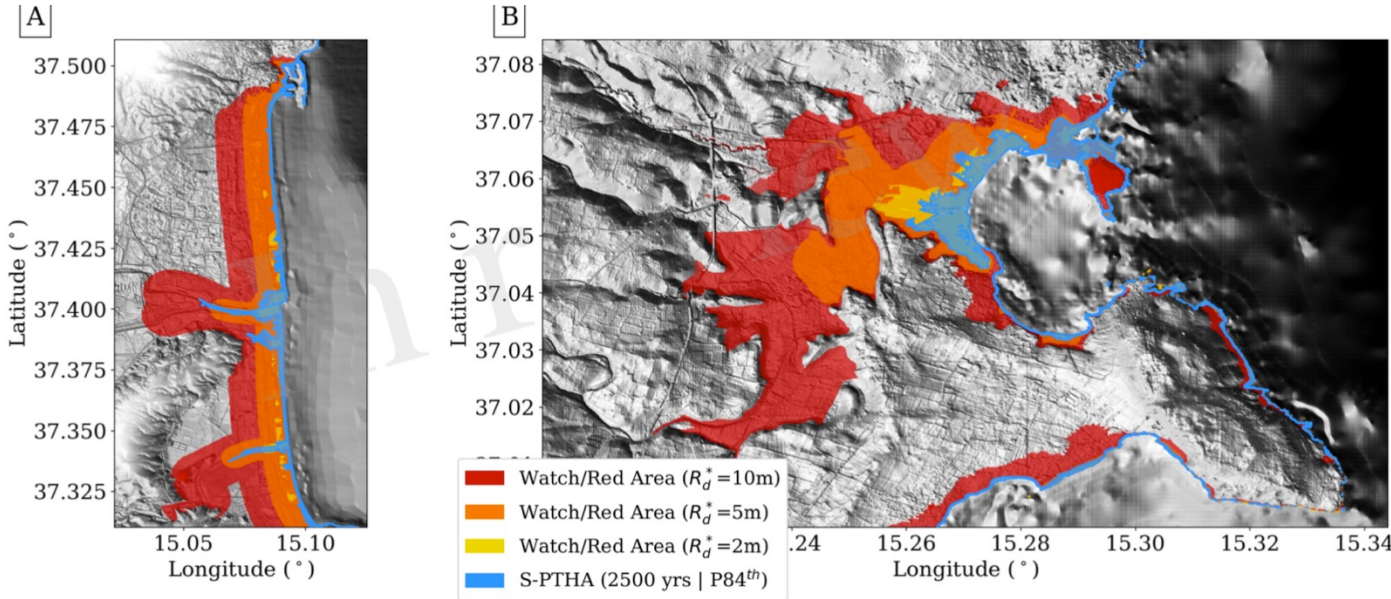
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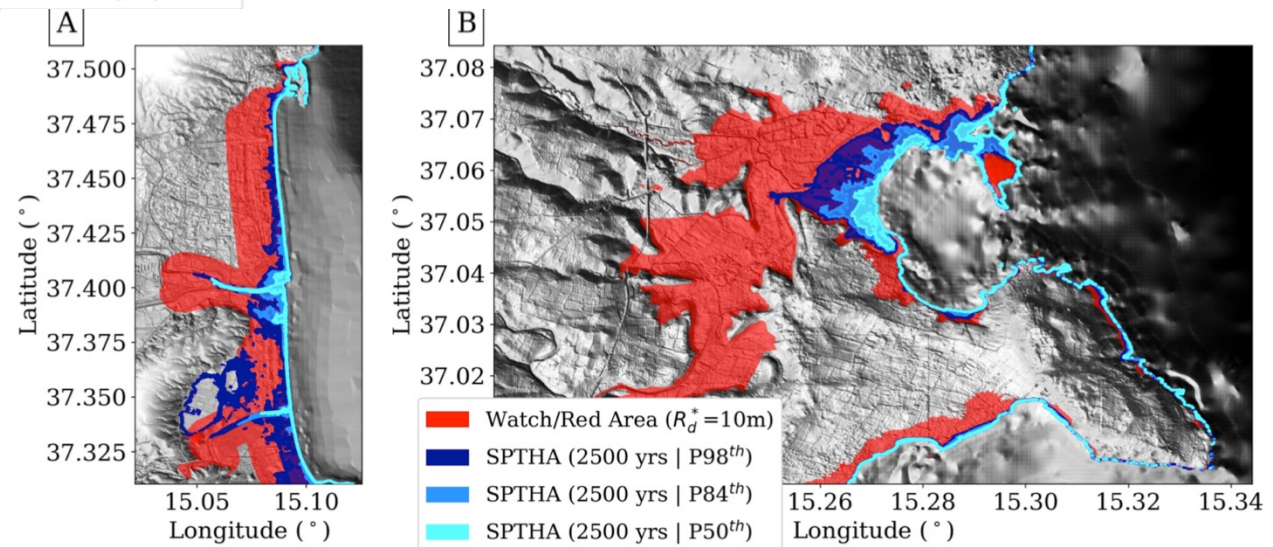
Comparison with 1908 Messina and Reggio tsunami event inundation scenarios

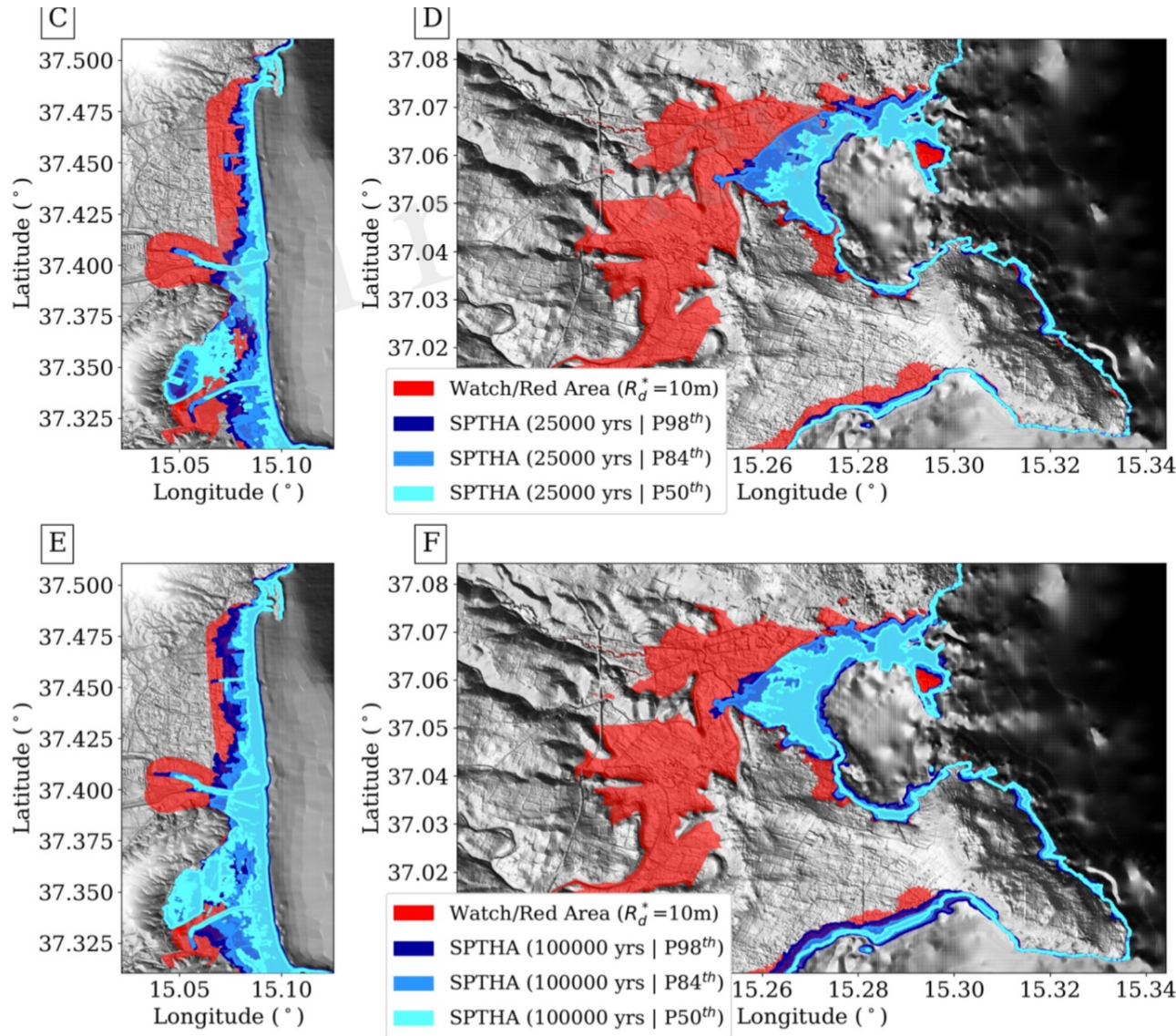
Inundation at Pellaro for R= 10, 20 m and comparison with 1908 tsunami R=13 m and Distance = 600 m along the Fiumarella creek





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





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

GIS-based inundation maps used for planning deal conservatively with potential hazard underestimation at the local scale

Detailed discussion of the results is available in the paper Tonini et al., 2021