

NEAMTWS webinar on Non-seismic tsunami sources

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The NEAM-COMMITMENT project on multi-hazard assessment and the Stromboli volcano test site for tsunami evacuation planning

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✓ **Aim:** Improve tsunami preparedness in the NEAM region, at different scales, for effective risk, evacuation and emergency management.

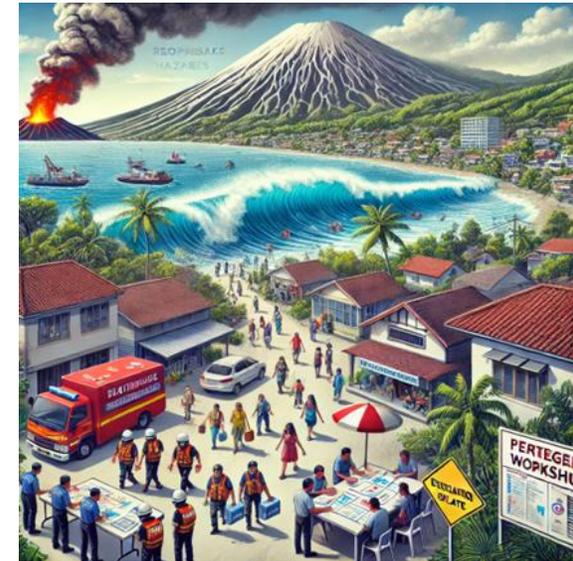
✓ **Objectives** are spanning from the national to local levels, addressing needs for national tsunami risk planning and for enhancing multi-hazard preparedness in coastal communities at risk.

- **National level:**

- National-level tsunami inundation maps are crucial for coastal planning and risk management.
- Support local tsunami hazard assessment and evacuation planning.
- Contribute to important global tsunami initiatives like IOC-UNESCO's Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme (TRRP) and Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme (ODTP) by scaling hazard assessment nationally.

- **Local level:**

- Tsunamis from earthquakes and volcanic activity pose significant risks for coastal communities in the NEAM region.
- A multi-hazard approach considering cascading effects is needed for effective tsunami evacuation and emergency management.
- Emphasis on science-informed participatory and decision-making workshops to improve local planning and implementation effectiveness.



Duration: 24 months, started on 01 February 2025

Call: European Union Civil Protection Mechanism-2024-Knowledge for Action in Prevention & Preparedness

Title: NEAM Collaboration fOr iMproved tsunaMi rIsk miTigation and manageMENT

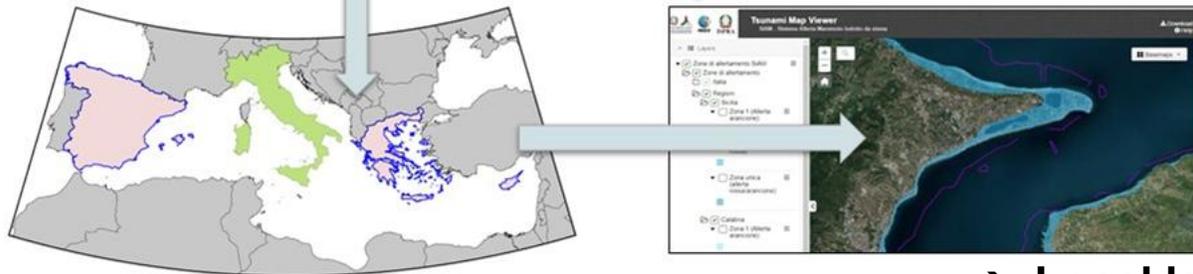
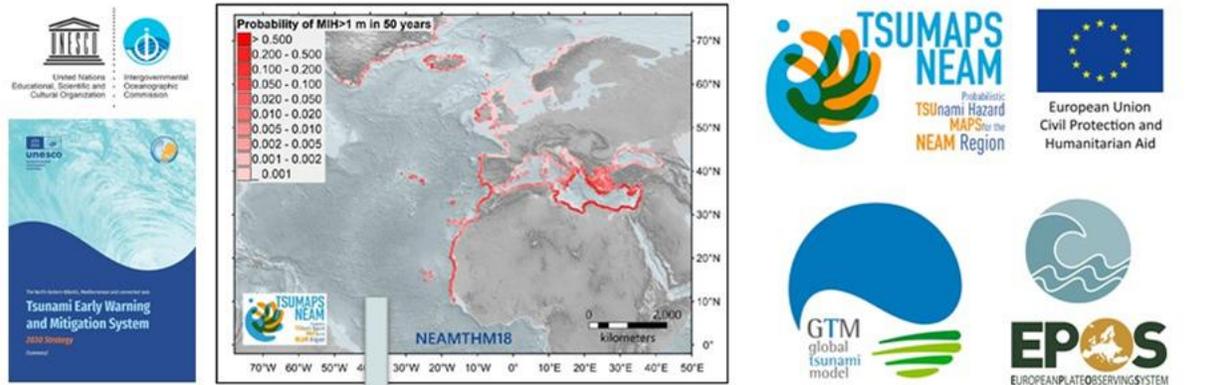
Estimated Project Cost: €985 629.70



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Expected project's outcomes

Objective 1 – common national maps across NEAM countries



→ National level

- Development of national tsunami Inundation maps (CY, GR, ES)
- Development of guidelines and tools for implementation in other countries/regions
- Dissemination of results across relevant national stakeholders
- Dissemination of methodological approach at the international level

Objective 2 – location-specific multi-hazard risk management

Earthquake + tsunami



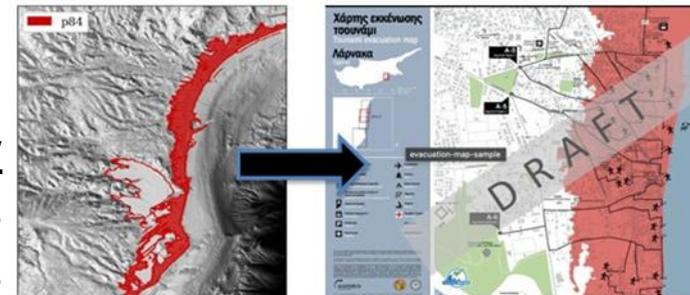
Volcanic activity + tsunami



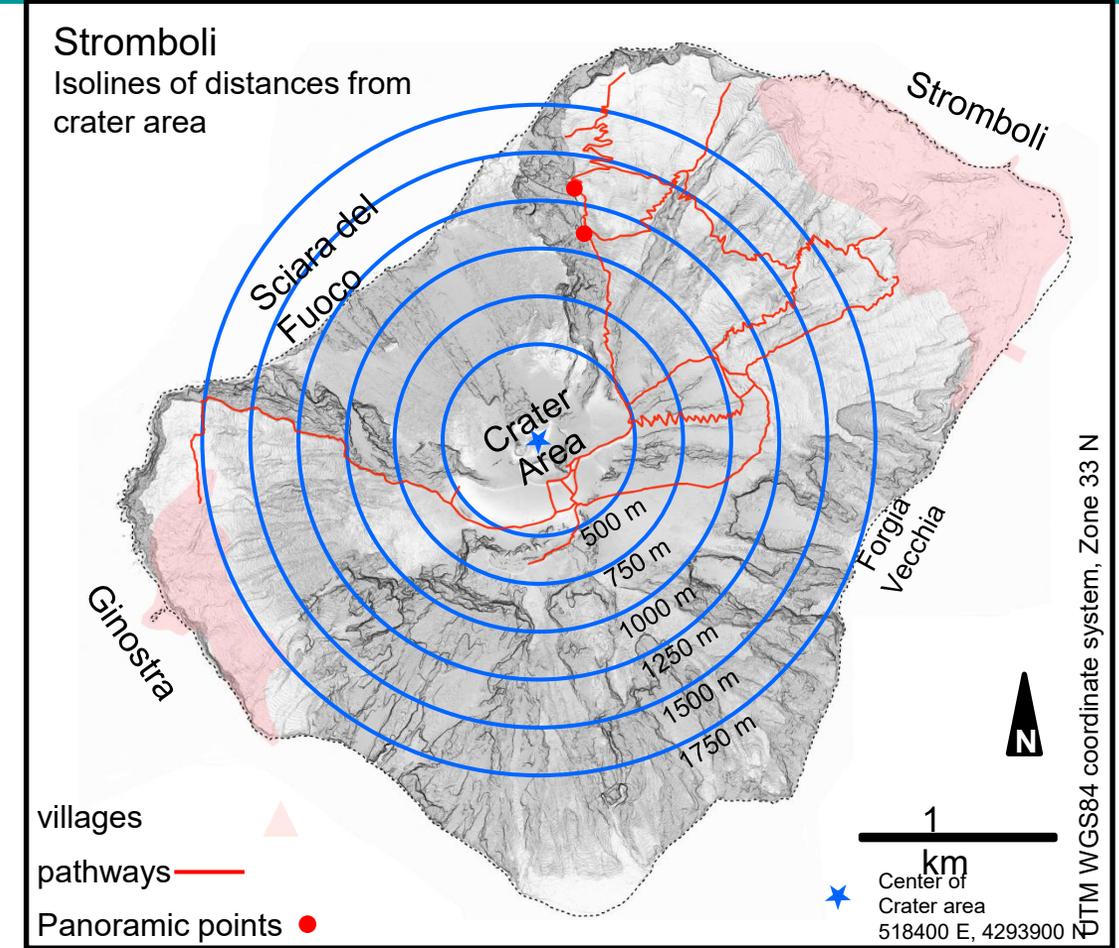
→ Local level

- Application @ two pilot sites in **Greece** and **Italy**
- Local evacuation mapping through science-informed and participatory decision-making, considering multi-hazard cascading effects, i.e. earthquakes and **volcanic activity**

- Development of guidelines
- Awareness raising activities



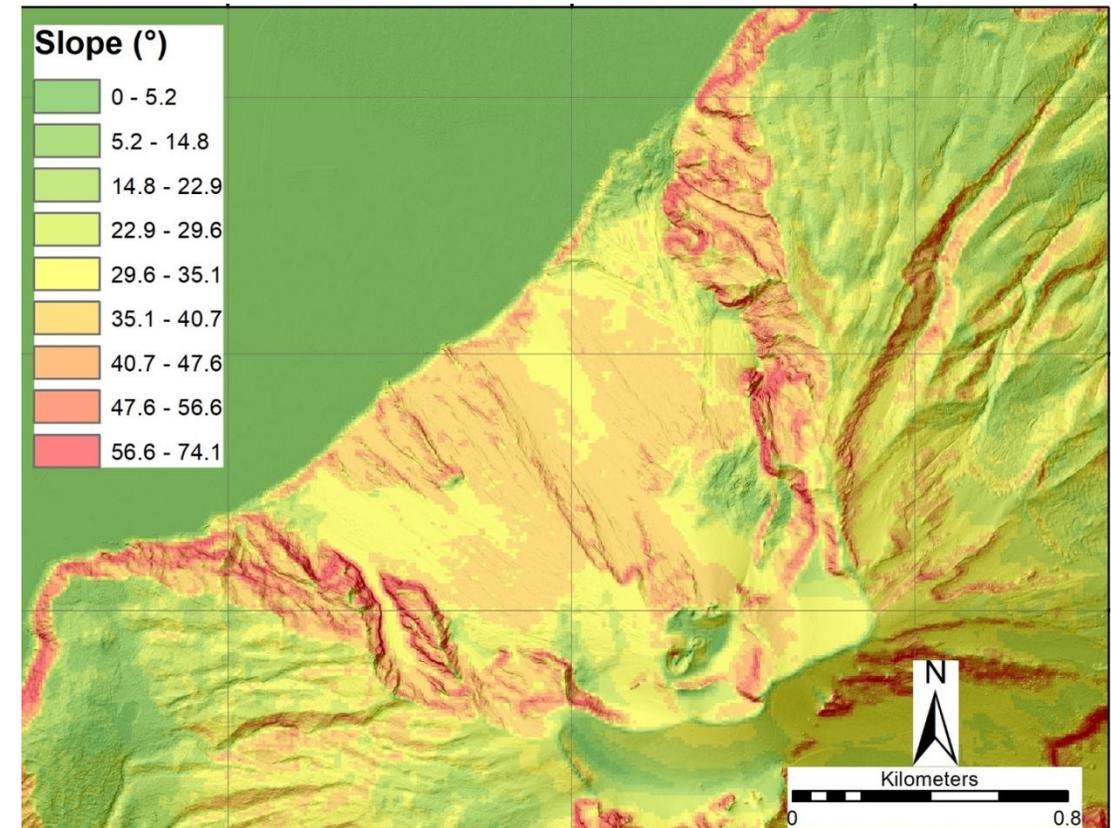
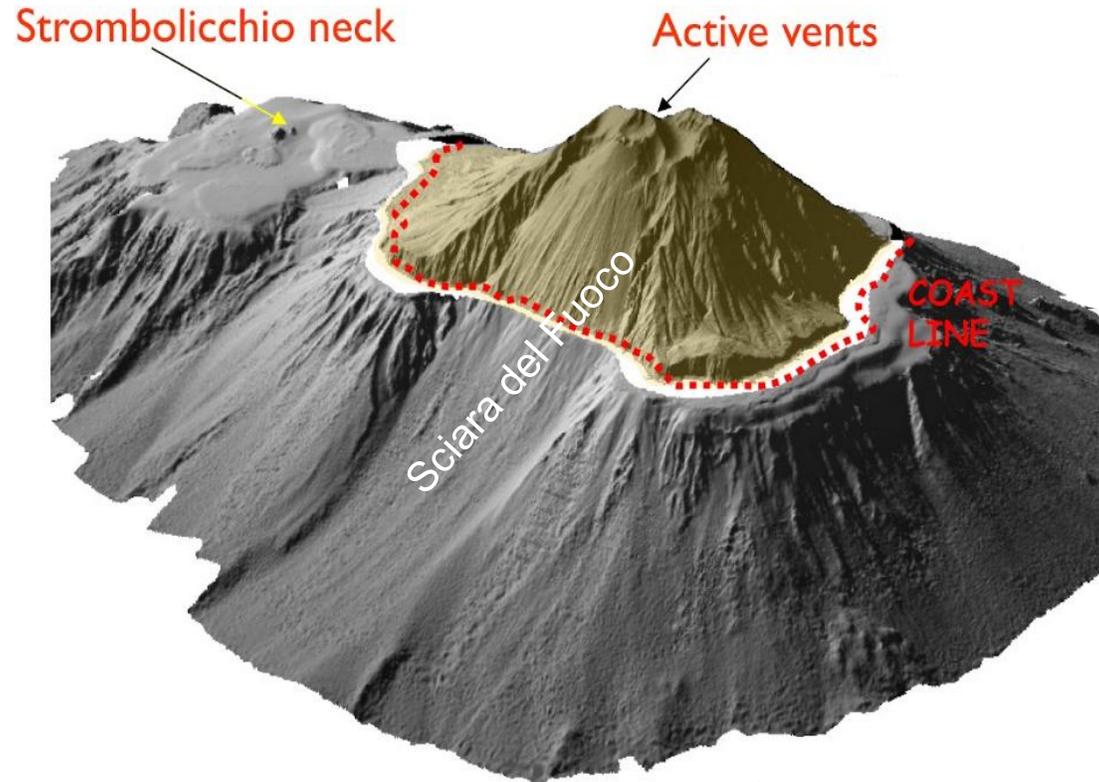
Stromboli volcano



- Stromboli is the Northernmost Aeolian island – its activity is an expression of **arc volcanism**;
- Its total surface is 12.6 km² with two villages (Stromboli and Ginostra) with < 500 permanent inhabitants.
- Important touristic center, with daily arrival of > 2,000 tourists during summer season



Stromboli volcano



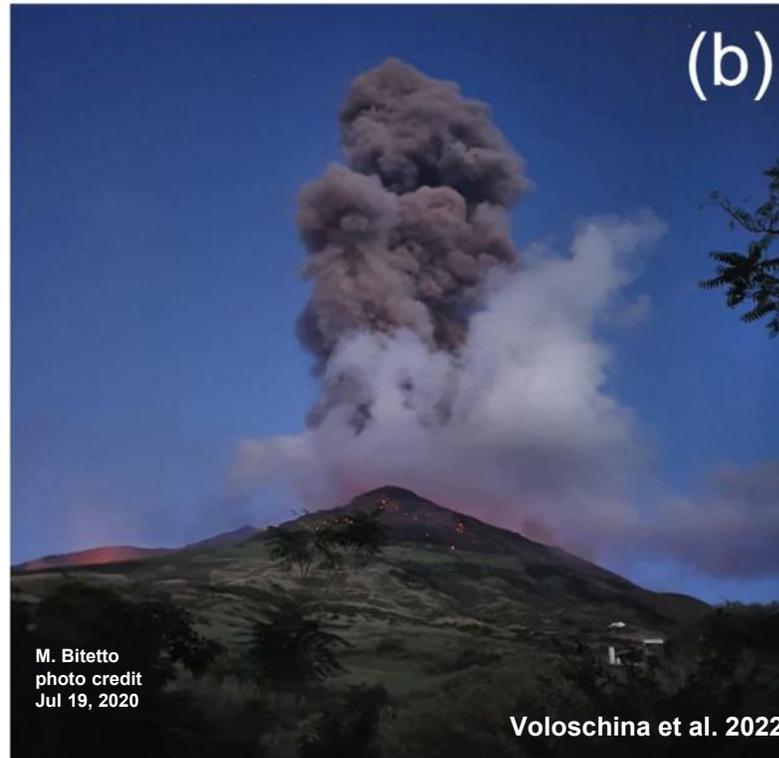
- Stromboli is characterized by **frequent explosive and effusive activity**;
- Current type of activity has not changed significantly starting since **VIII century CE** (Bertagnini et al. 2008; Rosi et al. 2013).
- Large structure to the NW of the volcano («Sciara del Fuoco») with subaerial and submarine part, characterized by steep slopes made of both unconsolidated material and lava flows. Volcanic products from Stromboli activity tend to concentrate here.



Overview of explosive activity



Normal activity



Major explosions



Paroxysms

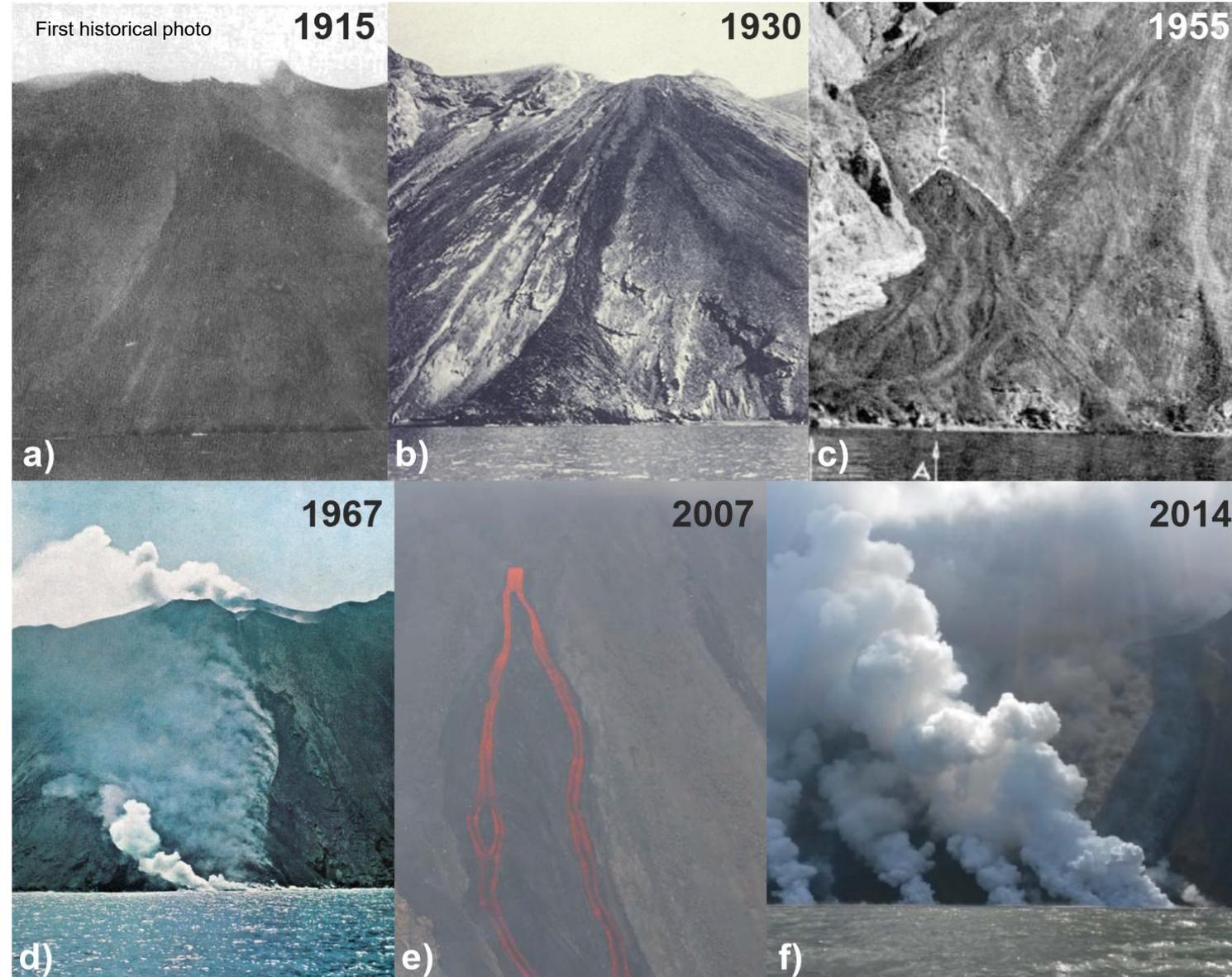
<i>Total duration</i>	4-30 s	< 2 min	5-10 min
<i>Fallout volume</i>	1-10 m ³	10 ² -10 ³ m ³	10 ⁴ -10 ⁵ m ³
<i>Ballistic range/size</i>	200-250 m / centimetric	1000 m / decimetric	Entire island / metric
<i>Column height</i>	50-400 m	1000 m	3000-4000 m
<i>Involved vents</i>	1	Multiple	All

Increasing magnitude/explosive power

Source: Rosi et al. 2006; 2013

Overview of effusive activity

- Effusive activity could span from small, short-lived overflows that are confined to the crater area up to large lava emission that could interests the whole SdF with durations > 1 month;
- In between these two end-members, there is a continuous range of effusive phenomena with variable durations. There is a correlation with explosive activity but there are also isolated effusive phenomena;
- Effusive products of the current activity are almost entirely located within the crater area and the SdF. Lava effusion (both from crater overflows or from new vents/fissures at lower elevation) along the SdF can affect its stability.



Historical photographs of some of the most significant lava flows in the last century. For more details see Marsella et al. (2011).



Tsunami hazard from tsunamigenic landslides/1

With the term “**tsunamigenic landslide**” (TL) we refer to any tsunamigenic sub-aerial or submarine mass flow, including pyroclastic avalanches and primary PDCs.

At Stromboli TL with associated tsunamis caused on Stromboli:

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------------------|
| • Extremely large inundation (at least three times in medieval times); | → | ~180x10 ⁶ m ³ (cumulative) |
| • Medium to large inundation (1916, 1919, 1930, 1944 and 2002); | → | ~1-30x10 ⁶ m ³ |
| • Little or no inundation (1921, 1959, 2019, 2021, 2022 and 2024). | → | ≤ 10 ⁶ m ³ |

TL estimated volumes

30/12/2002 tsunami wave in front of Stromboli village



Photo by G. Cincotta
(INGVvulcani)

MEDIEVAL TSUNAMI

Rosi et al. 2019

Tsunami deposit thicknesses: ~30 cm in trench 2 gradually diminishing at <5 cm in trench 1 (230 m from coastline; 2.8 m a.s.l.).



Tsunami hazard from tsunamigenic landslides/2

In the last ca. 150 years, there were 41 Strombolian paroxysms and **5 major tsunamis**, i.e. characterized by tens to hundreds of meters water ingress in the inhabited areas. In total, **80% of the major tsunamis**, all except 2002, were associated to paroxysms, whereas only **10% of the historical paroxysms** were associated to a major tsunami.

4 additional paroxysms before 1960 are reported to be associated to great waves, agitated seawater and limited inundations, possibly indicating smaller tsunamis, similar to those occurred in 2019-2024. Such minor phenomena are likely to be historically **under recorded**, particularly when they were not associated to a paroxysm.

SEA INGRESSION CHRONICLES – tsunamis reported at about the same time of the main explosions

1916 - tsunami wave of **ca. 20 m ingress** on the North shore (Spiaggia Lunga?), while at Scari only agitated sea.

1919 - water **retreats of 200 m and then inundates 300 m** (Pta. Lena?).

1930 - water **retreats of 100 m and then inundates 200 m** (Pta. Lena).

1944 - water **inundates 200-300 m** (Pta. Lena).

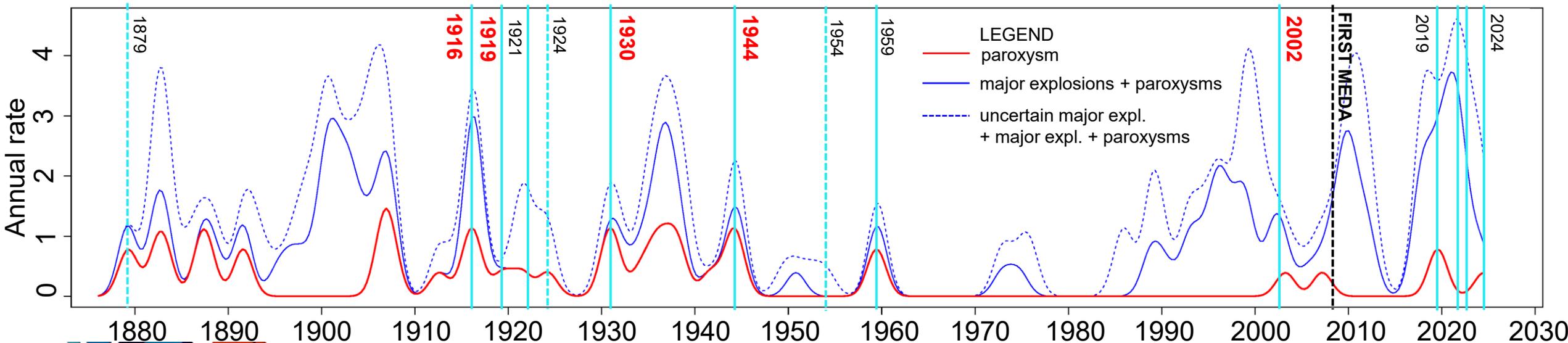
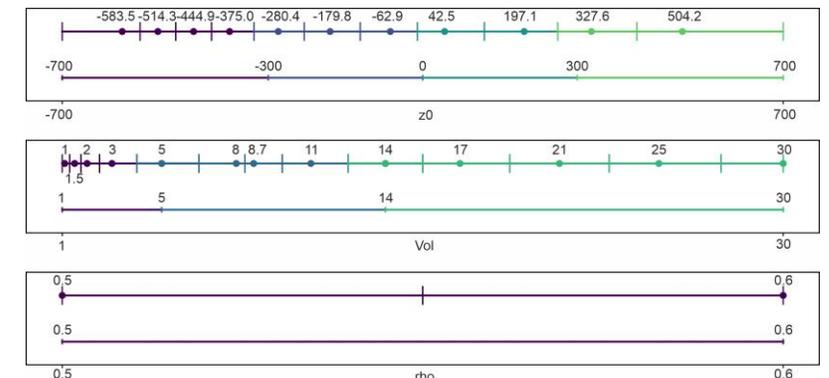
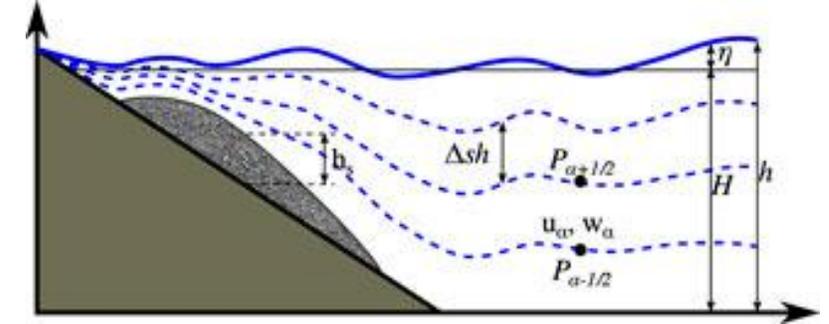


Figure. Kernel density estimation of the **annual rate of paroxysms**, major explosions, and uncertain major explosions. **Historical tsunamis** are marked by cyan vertical lines; those not characterized by significant water ingress in the village are marked by dashed lines.



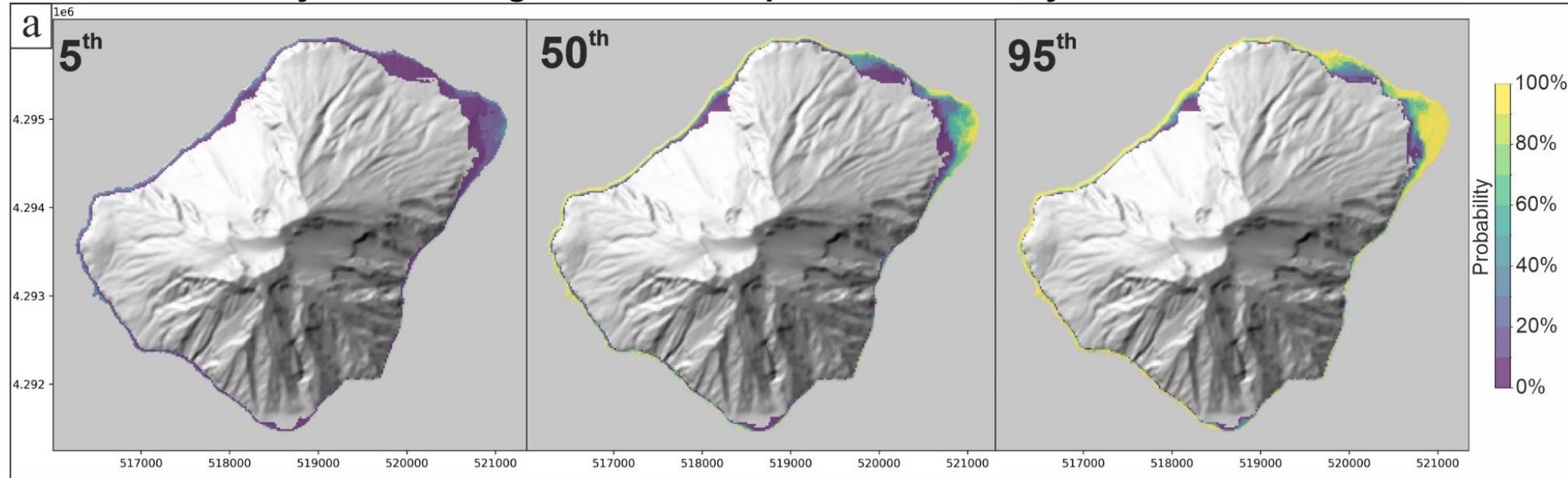
Approach to develop preliminary probabilistic tsunami hazard maps

1. Numerical simulations with the Multilayer-HYSea model (Macías et al. 2020) to get inundation maps
2. Expert elicitation to assign probabilities at different scenarios and to create a temporal model
3. Procedure to combine inundation maps with probabilities from elicitation

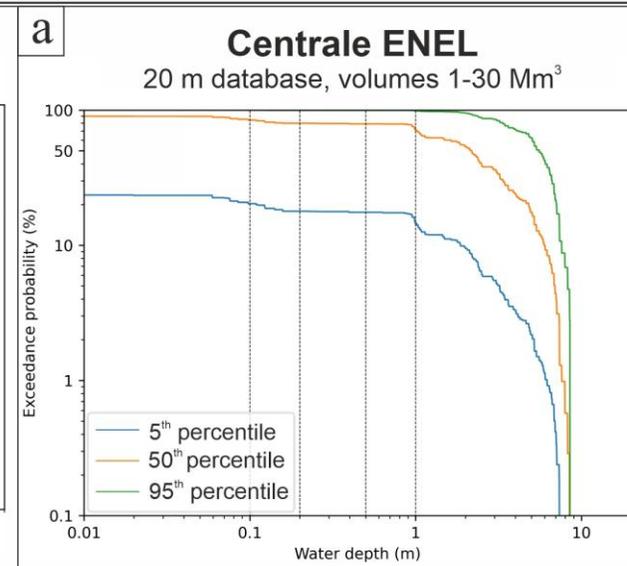
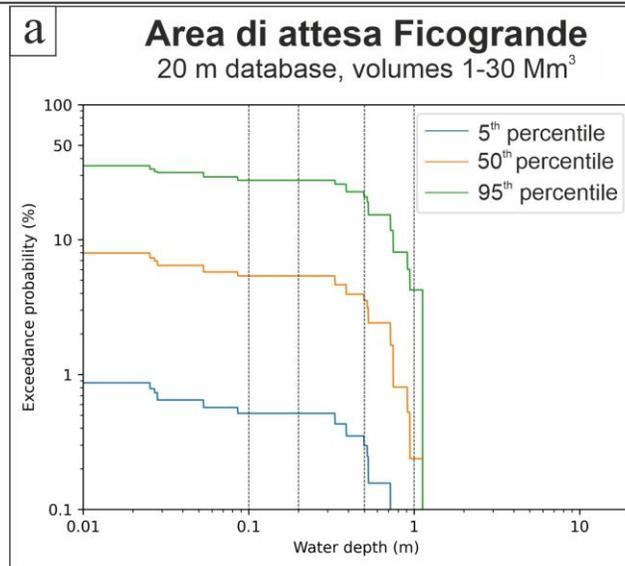


Results

Probability of exceeding 0.5 m water depth in the next 50 years



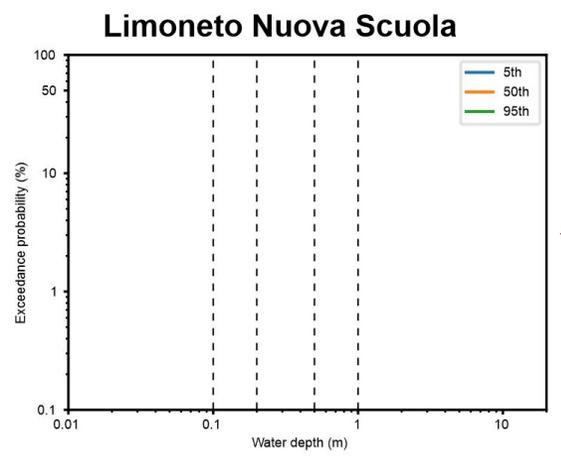
Hazard maps



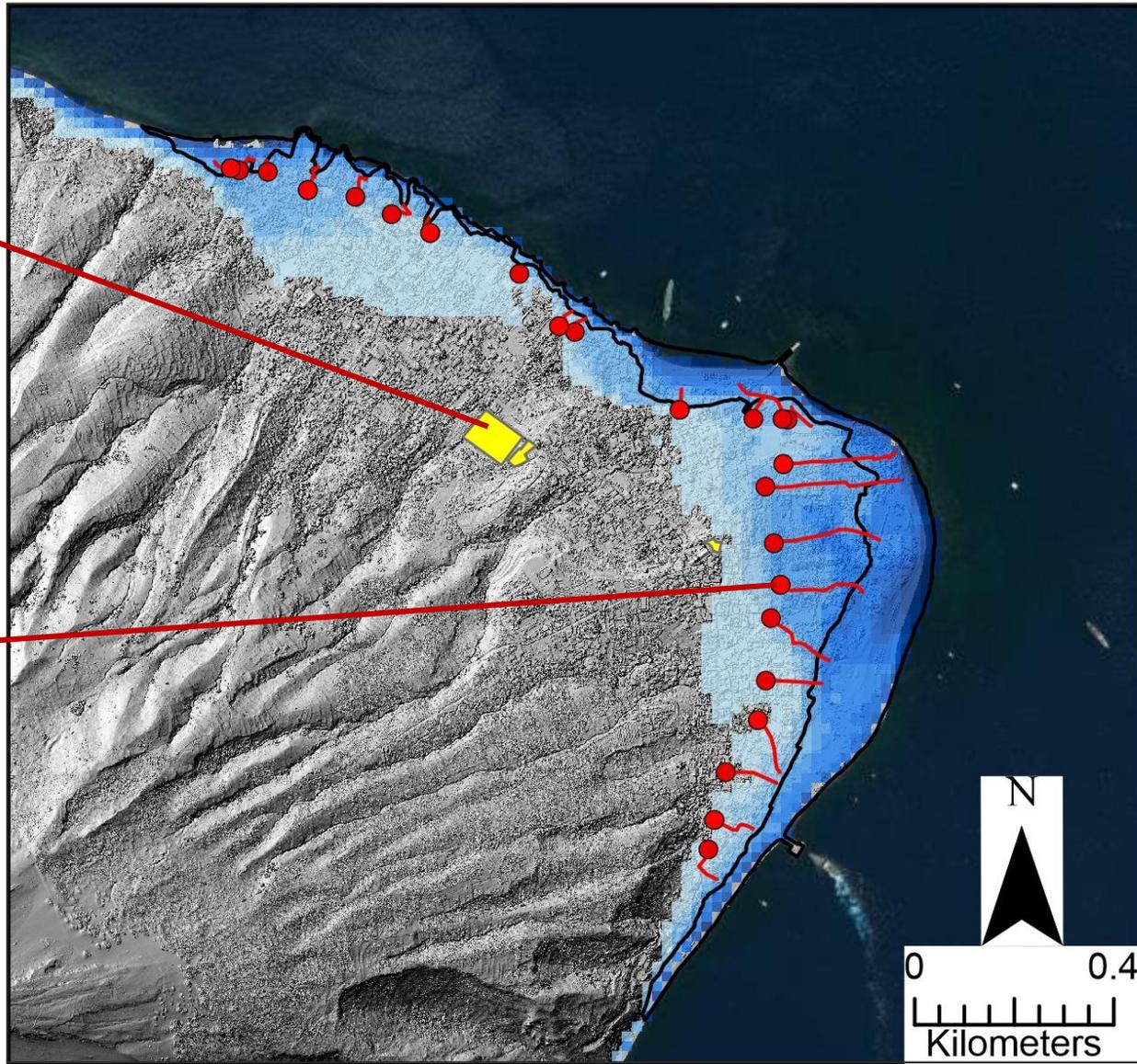
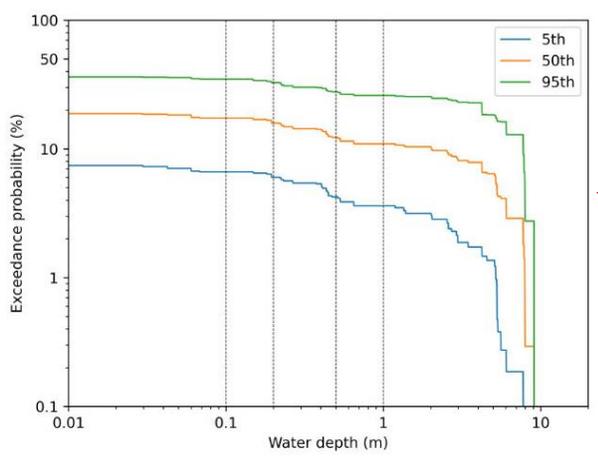
Hazard curves



Comparison hazard maps/existing escape routes



Centrale Enel (520809.0641,4294868.8569)



PROBABILITY OF EXCEEDING 0.5 m WATER DEPTH - CONDITIONAL

**50th percentile map
20m simulations
Volumes 1-30 Mm³**

Legend

- Endpoint of escape route
- Escape route (DPC)
- Inundation 2002 tsunami
- Waiting area (DPC)

Probability (%)

	0 - 5		40 - 50
	5 - 10		50 - 60
	10 - 20		60 - 70
	20 - 30		70 - 80
	30 - 40		80 - 100



Preliminary assessments of areas affected by ballistic projectile fallout from paroxysms at the endpoints of tsunami escape routes

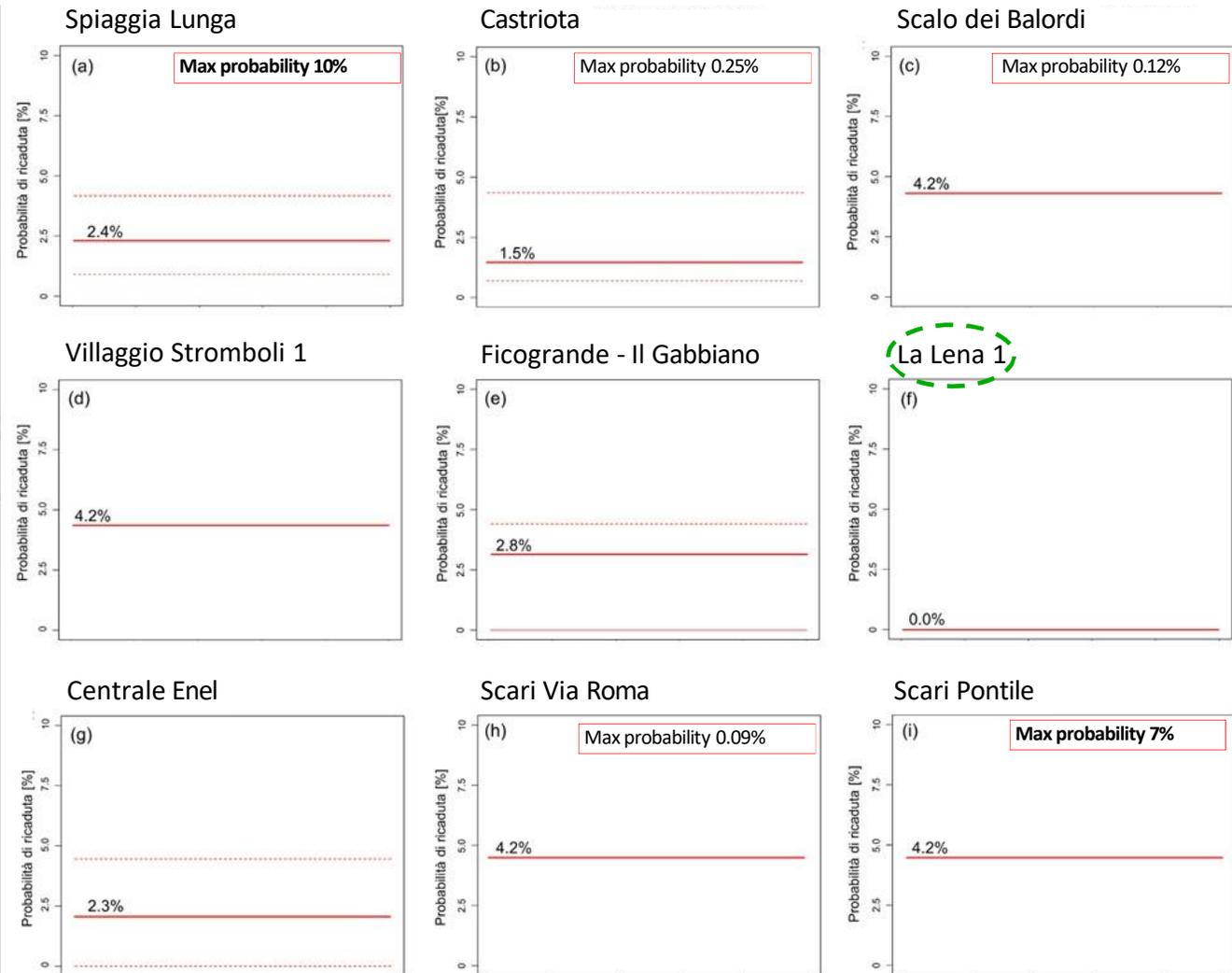
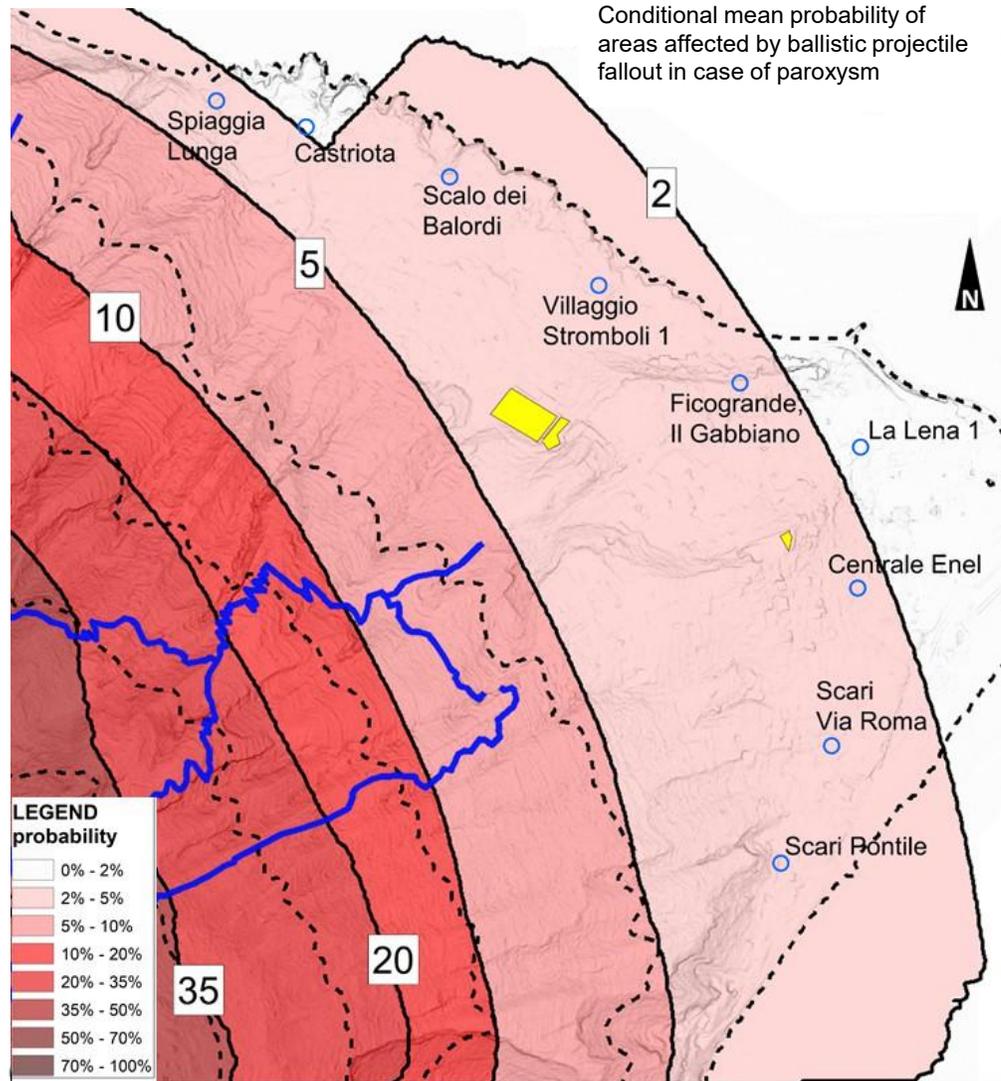


Figure. Probability of ballistic projectile fallout conditional on the occurrence of a paroxysm, and examples of probability estimates at the endpoints of tsunami escape routes. The red lines are the mean value; the pink lines refer to any uncertainty in the estimate.



Preliminary assessments of the hazard from deposit-derived PDCs at the endpoints of tsunami escape routes

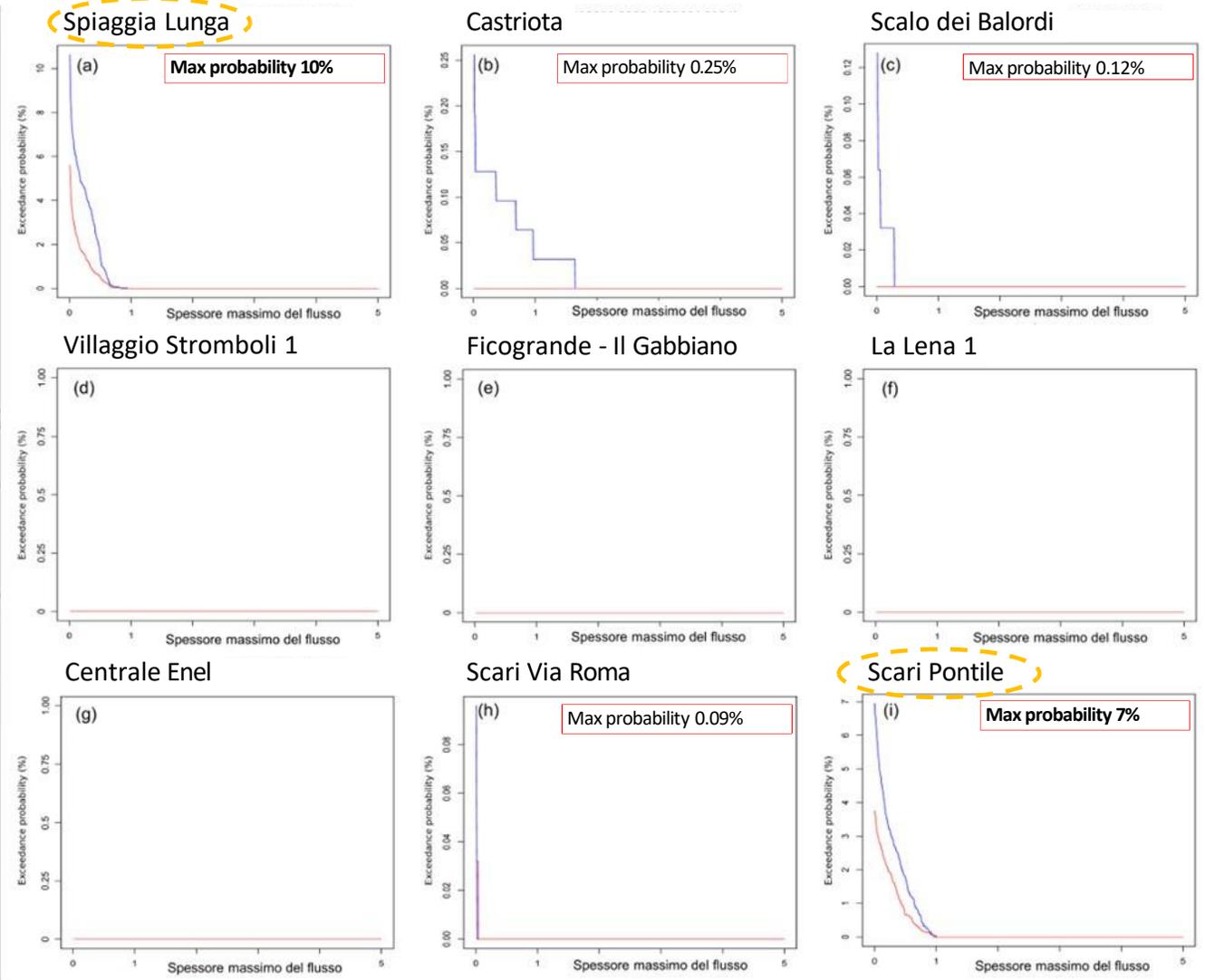
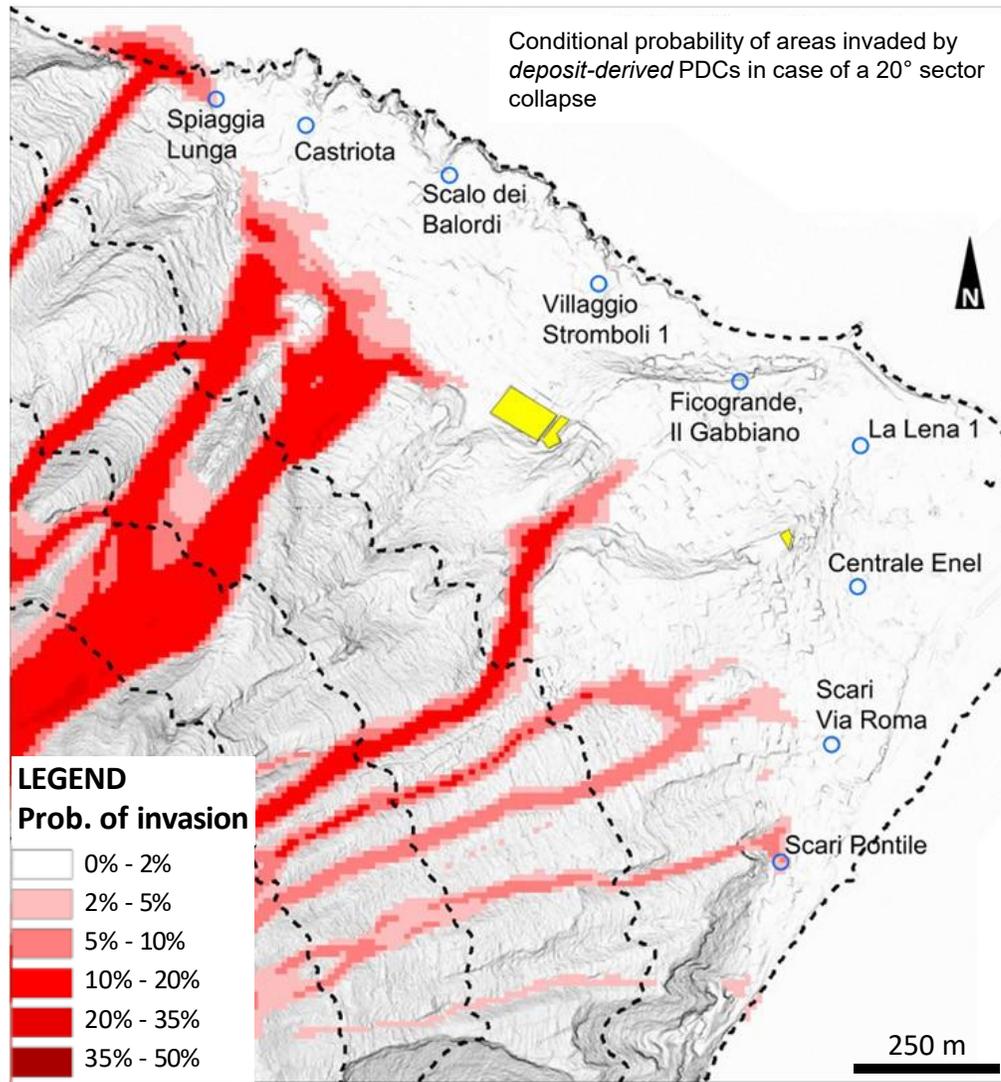


Figure. (left) Probability of invasion by remobilization pyroclastic flows conditional on the collapse of a **random 20° circular sector**, with respect to a maximum flow thickness threshold of 0.1 m. (right) Hazard curves at the endpoints of tsunami escape routes with respect to variable thickness thresholds and circular sectors of 20° (red) and 45° (blue).



Conclusions

- The NEAM-COMMITMENT project, among its tasks, include the update of tsunami escape routes at Stromboli volcano through science-informed and participatory decision-making
- At Stromboli, inhabited areas have been affected (and could be affected in the future) by volcanic-induced tsunamis.
- In addition, ballistics, deposit-derived pyroclastic density currents and wildfires could be source of hazard interfering with tsunami escape routes.
- Within the framework of the DPC-INGV agreement, various research groups of INGV are finalizing preliminary probabilistic hazard maps of the above-mentioned hazards.
- Regarding the tsunami hazard at Stromboli, as part of the DPC-INGV agreement, preliminary probabilistic tsunami inundation maps and hazard curves for selected sites of interest are being finalized and delivered.
- These maps and curves were produced using an innovative process that combines numerical modeling, expert elicitation, and statistical approaches. The products include explicit uncertainty quantification, are available for various databases, and have a 50-year validity period.
- As part of the NEAM-COMMITMENT project, we proposed several comparisons:
 - Between selected maps and current escape routes and waiting areas
 - Between different hazard curves developed for the end points of escape routes and waiting areas (this latter done for tsunami, ballistic and PDC hazard)

Significant work still needs to be done by INGV with respect to:

- Study the occurrence probabilities of the various phenomena
- Start developing multi-hazard evaluations (e.g., tsunami + other hazards)
- Harmonize (where possible) the format with the PTHA of NEAM-COMM.

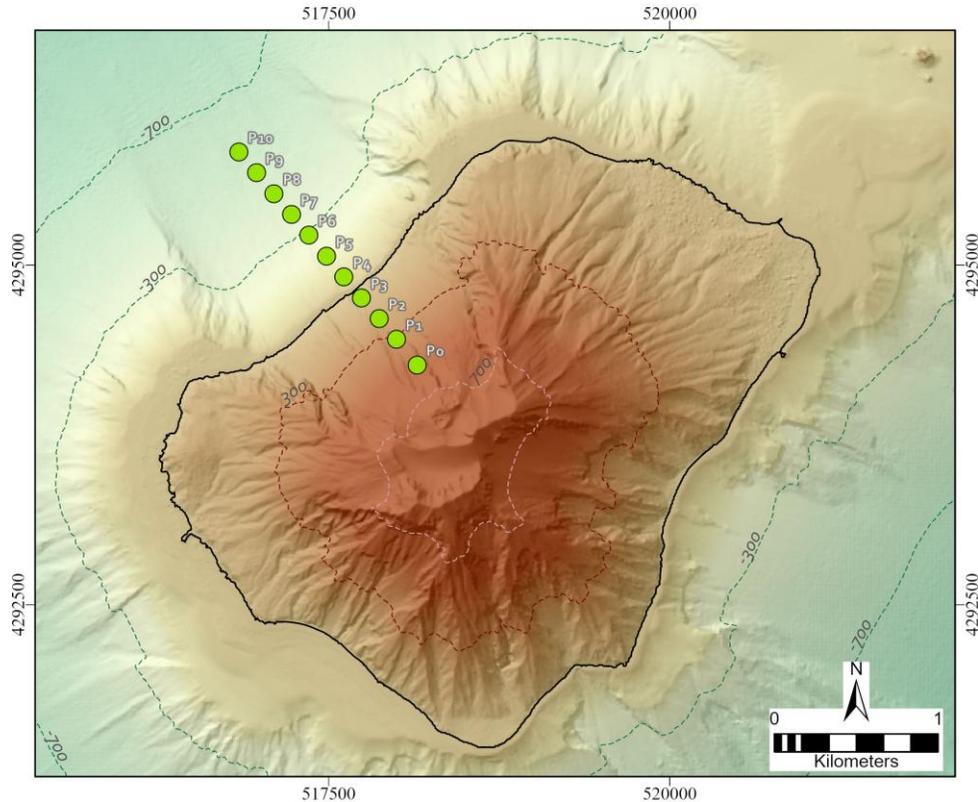


ADDITIONAL SLIDES



Approach to develop tsunami probabilistic invasion maps

1. Numerical simulations (Multilayer-HySEA) along the SdF, varying initial positions, volume and landslide density



11 positions (P0-P10) along the Sciara del Fuoco centerline

48 at elevations +300/+700 (P00,P01)

48 at elevations 0/+300 (P02, P03)

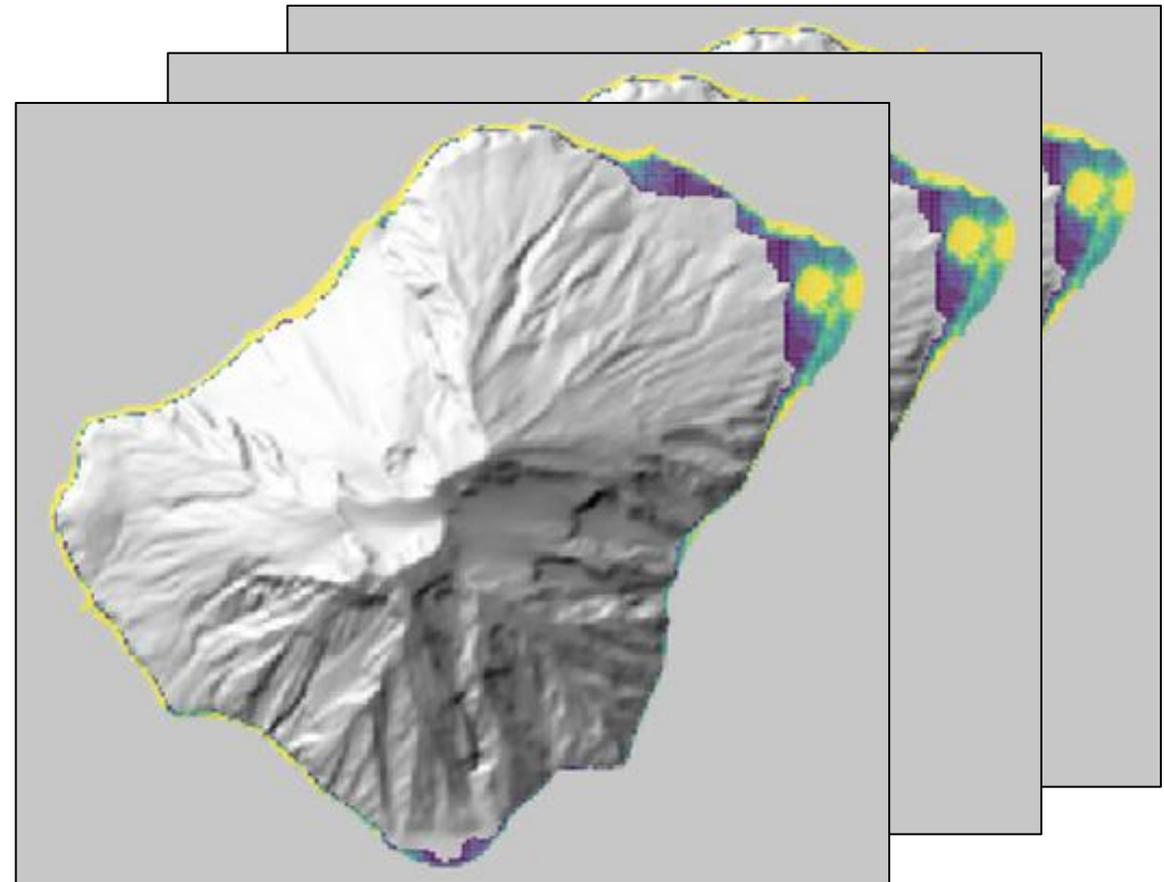
72 at depths 0/-300 (P04, P05, P06)

96 at depths -300/-700 (P07, P08, P09, P10)

12 volumes (1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 8.7, 11, 14, 17, 21, 25, 30 Mm³)

2 landslide densities (2000, 1670 kg/m³)

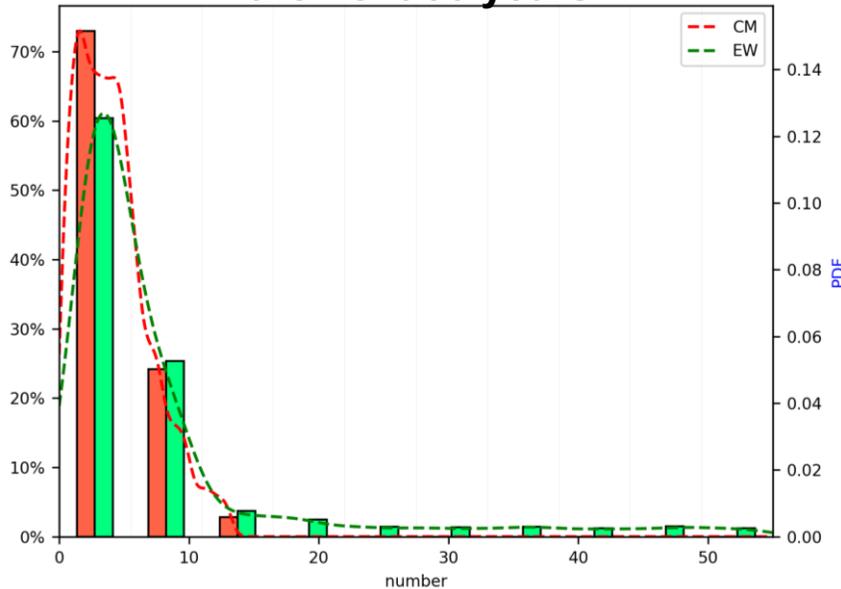
286 simulations
286 inundation maps (water depth)



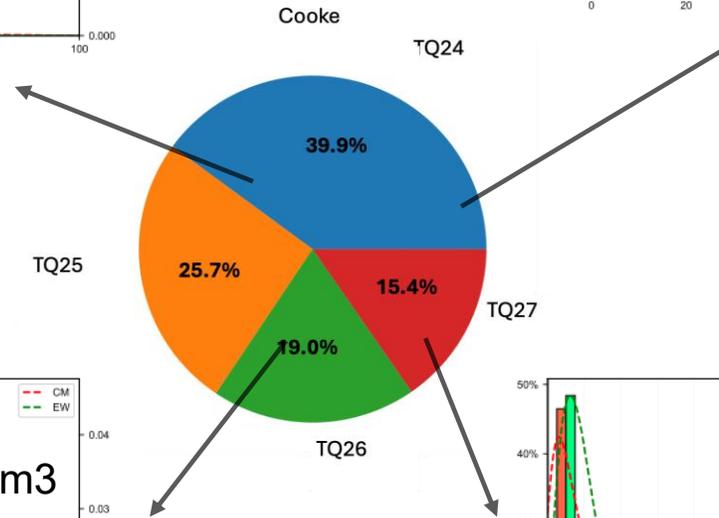
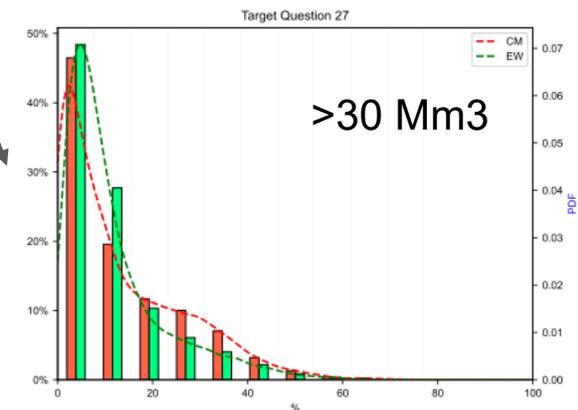
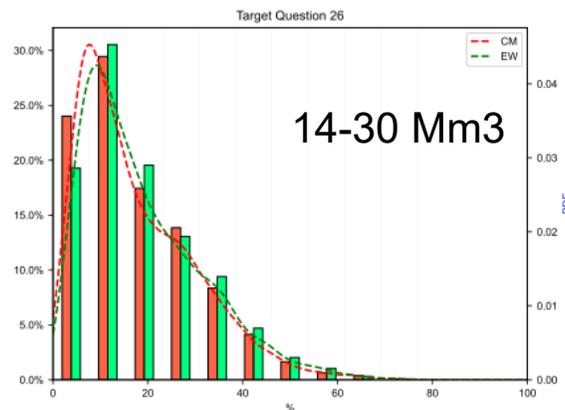
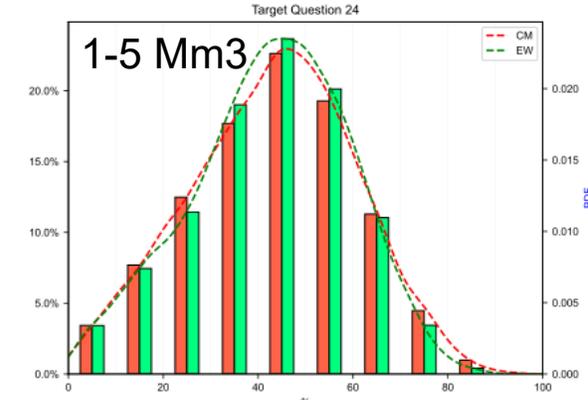
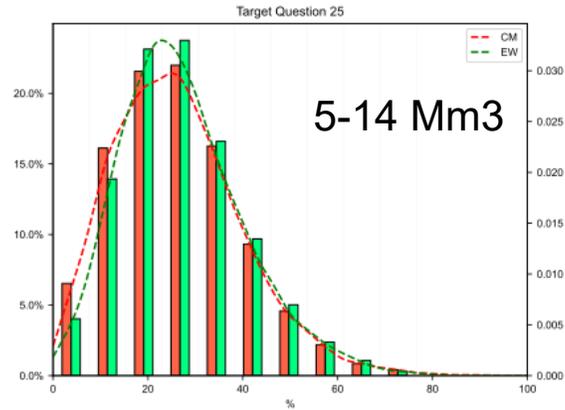
Approach to develop tsunami probabilistic invasion maps

2. Expert elicitation to assign weights to different simulations and to develop a temporal model for the next 50 years (with uncertainty quantification)

TQ3: n° of Tsunamigenic Landslides in the next 50 years

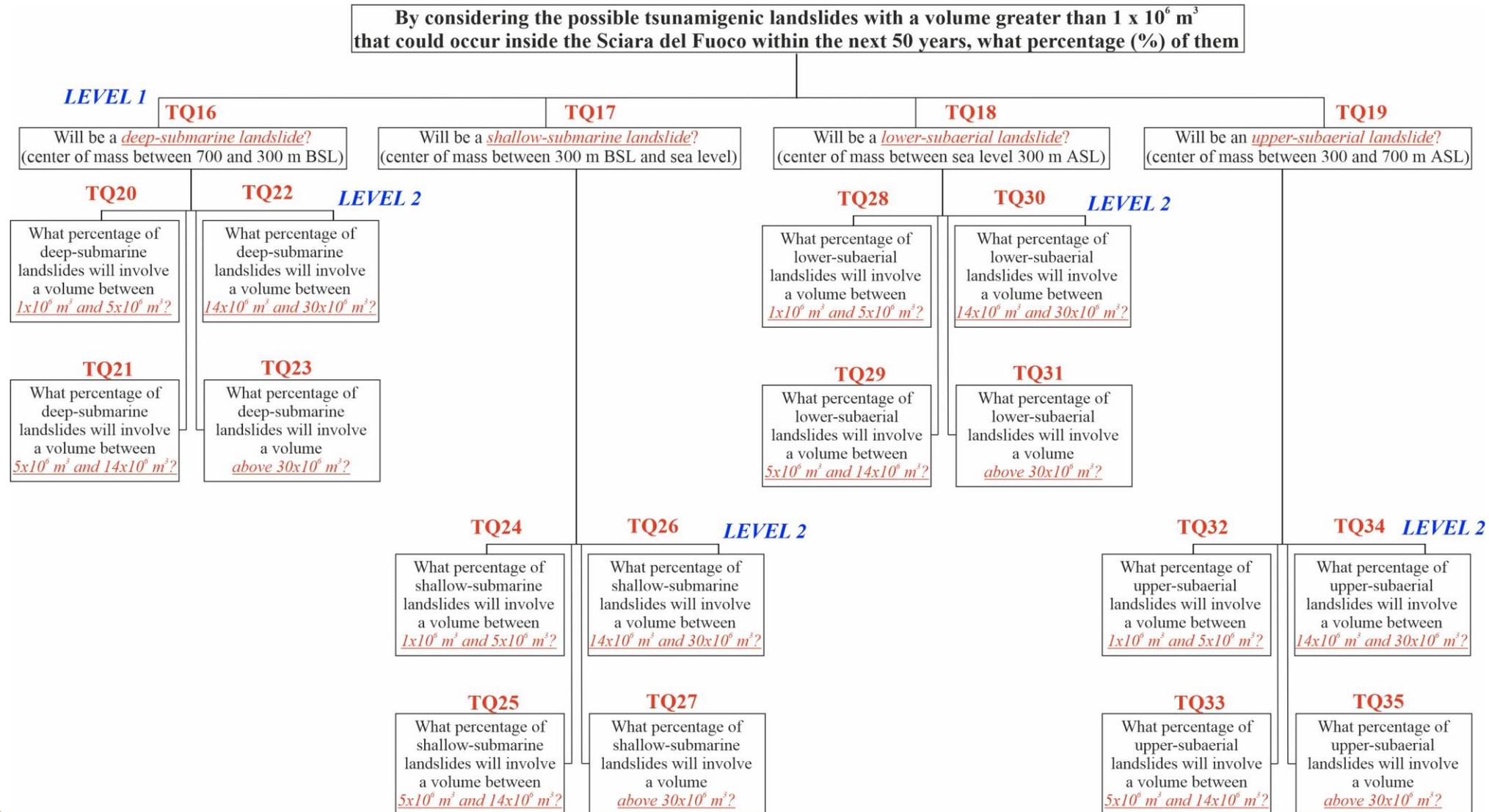


- TQ24: Shallow Submarine position, 1-5 Mm3
- TQ25: Shallow Submarine position, 5-14 Mm3
- TQ26: Shallow Submarine position, 14-30 Mm3
- TQ27: Shallow Submarine position, >30 Mm3



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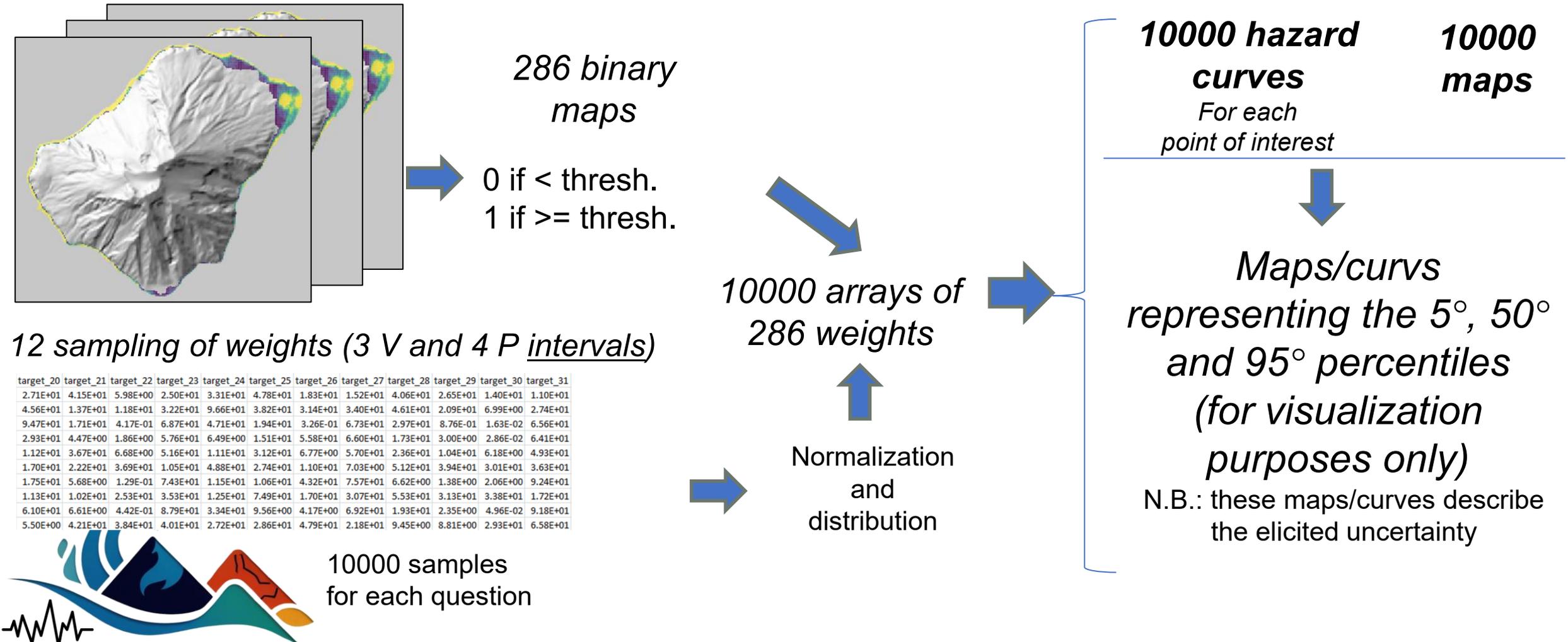
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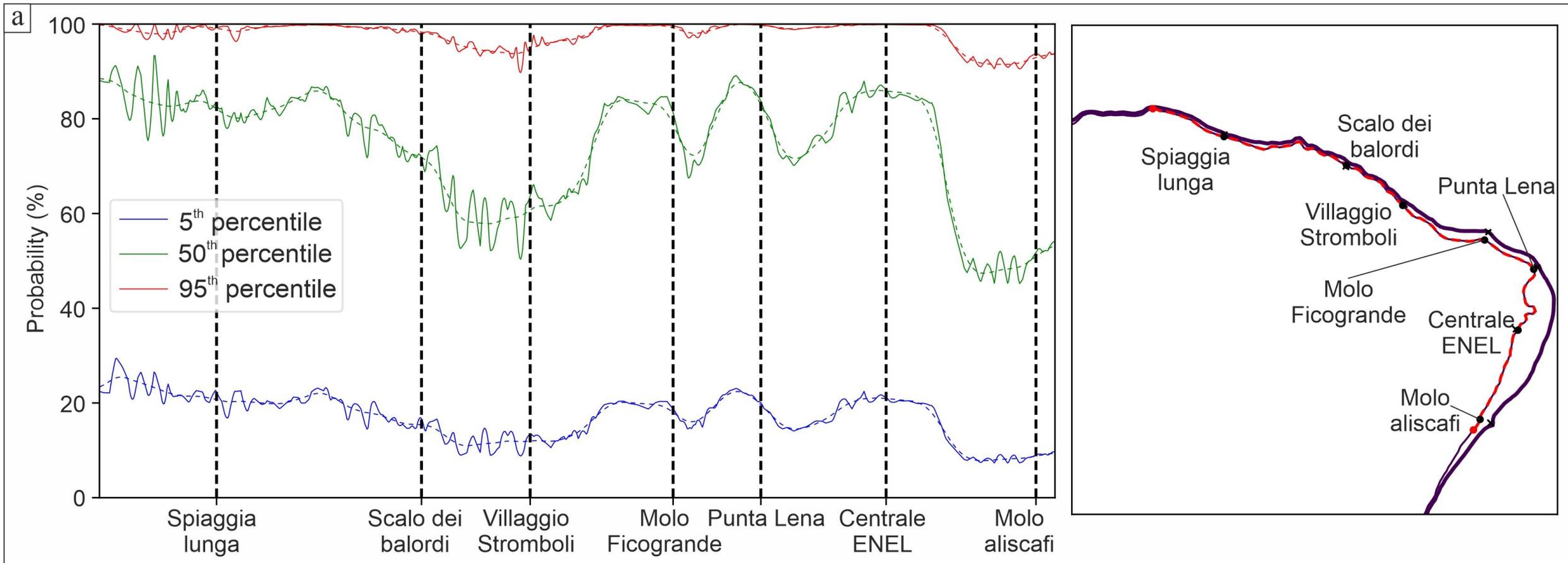
3. Combination of inundation maps with weights from elicitation, in order to produce probabilistic maps for fixed water depth thresholds, maps for fixed probability and hazard curves for specific sites of interest

For each chosen inundation threshold (e.g. 0.5 m) and for volumes between 1 and 30 Mm³



Probability variation along isoline

Probability of exceeding 0.5 m water depth within the next 50 years along the 5 m a.s.l. isoline



Preliminary study on escape routes in case of tsunami at Stromboli

Within the DPC-INGV agreement, it has been produced a **first evaluation on escape routes and evacuation times at Stromboli**, and the material has been published in two papers on NHESS and Annals of Geophysics (Bonilauri et al., 2024a,b).

Figure.
Example of
escape routes
and evacuation
times within
Ficogrande
beach,
Stromboli.

Modified from
Bonilauri et al.,
2024.

