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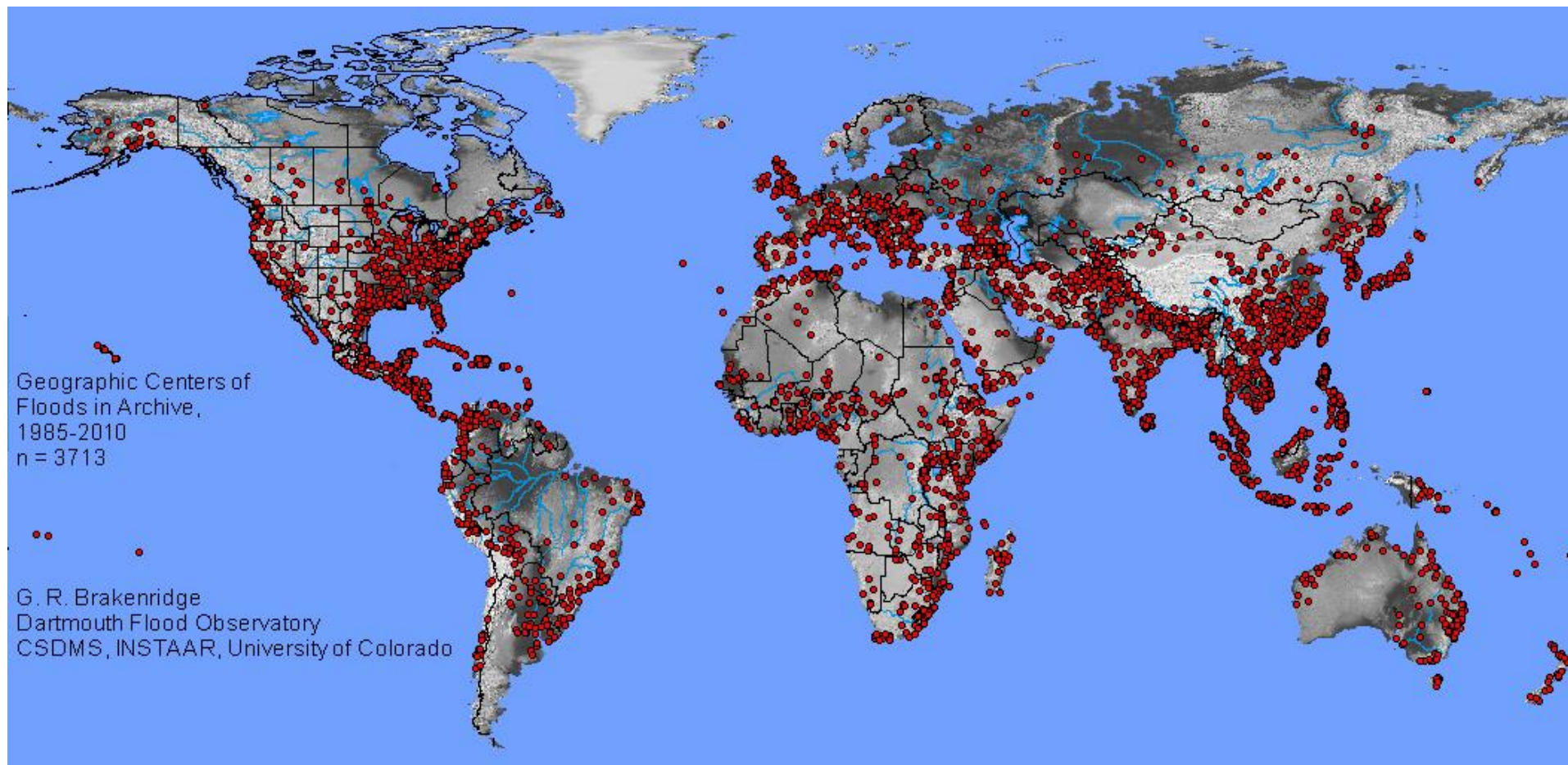
Metodi speditivi per la mappatura del rischio idraulico su larga scala

DEM-based Methods for Flood Risk Mapping at Large Scale

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Flood events recorded during the period 1985-2010



***G.R.Brakenridge, "Global Active Archive of Large Flood Events", Dartmouth Flood Observatory, University of Colorado,
<http://floodobservatory.colorado.edu/Archives/index.html>.***



Impact of Natural Hazards at global scale

THE HUMAN COST OF NATURAL DISASTERS

2015

A global perspective






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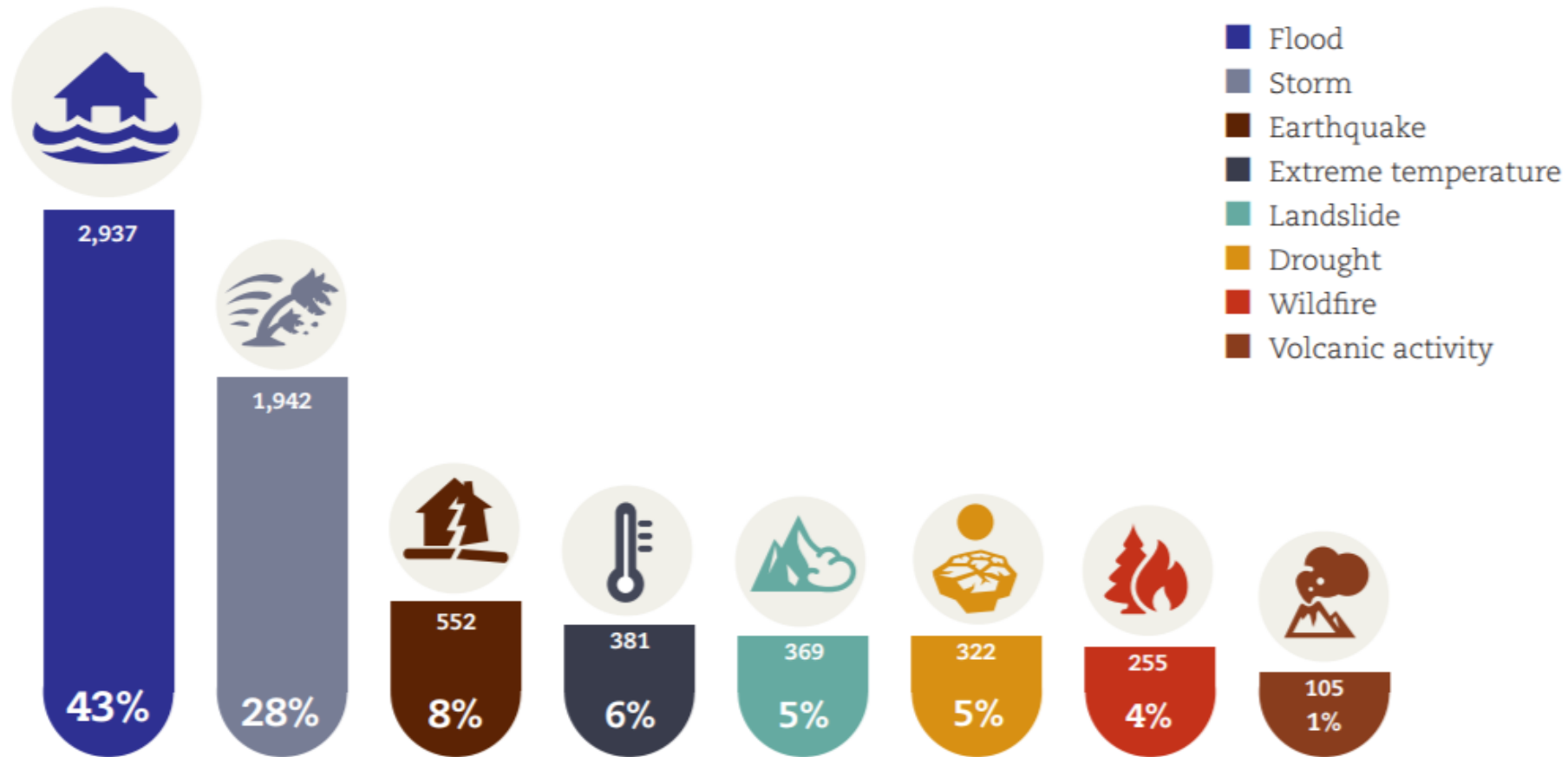


 Geophysical	 Hydrological	 Meteorological	 Climatological	 Biological	 Extra-terrestrial
Earthquake Mass Movement (dry) Volcanic activity	Flood Landslide Wave action	Storm Extreme temperature Fog	Drought Glacial lake outburst Wildfire	Animal accident Epidemic Insect infestation	Impact Space weather

<https://www.researchgate.net/lab/Centre-for-Research-on-the-Epidemiology-of-Disasters-Debarati-Guha-Sapir>

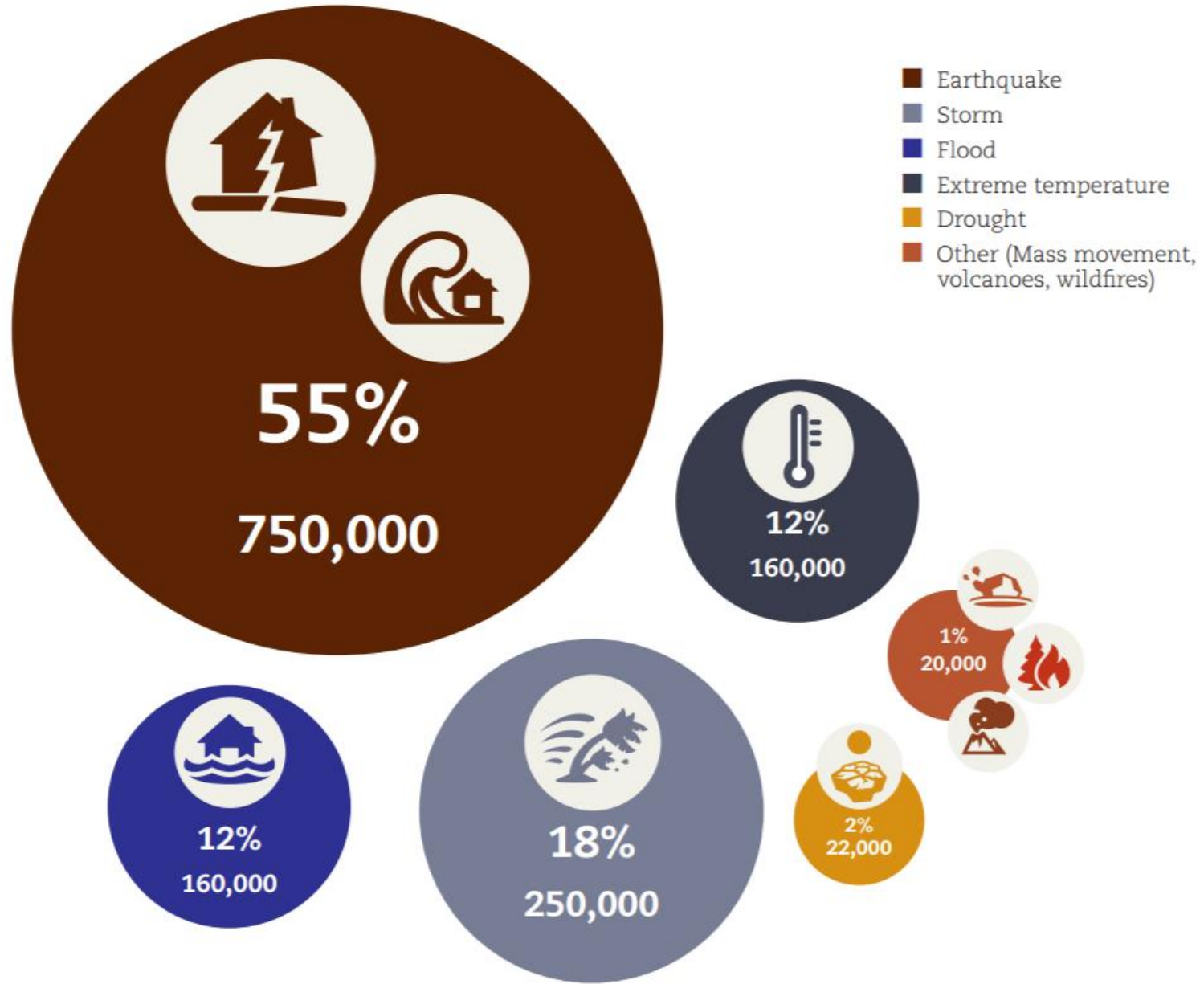
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Distribution of Natural Hazards (1994-2013)

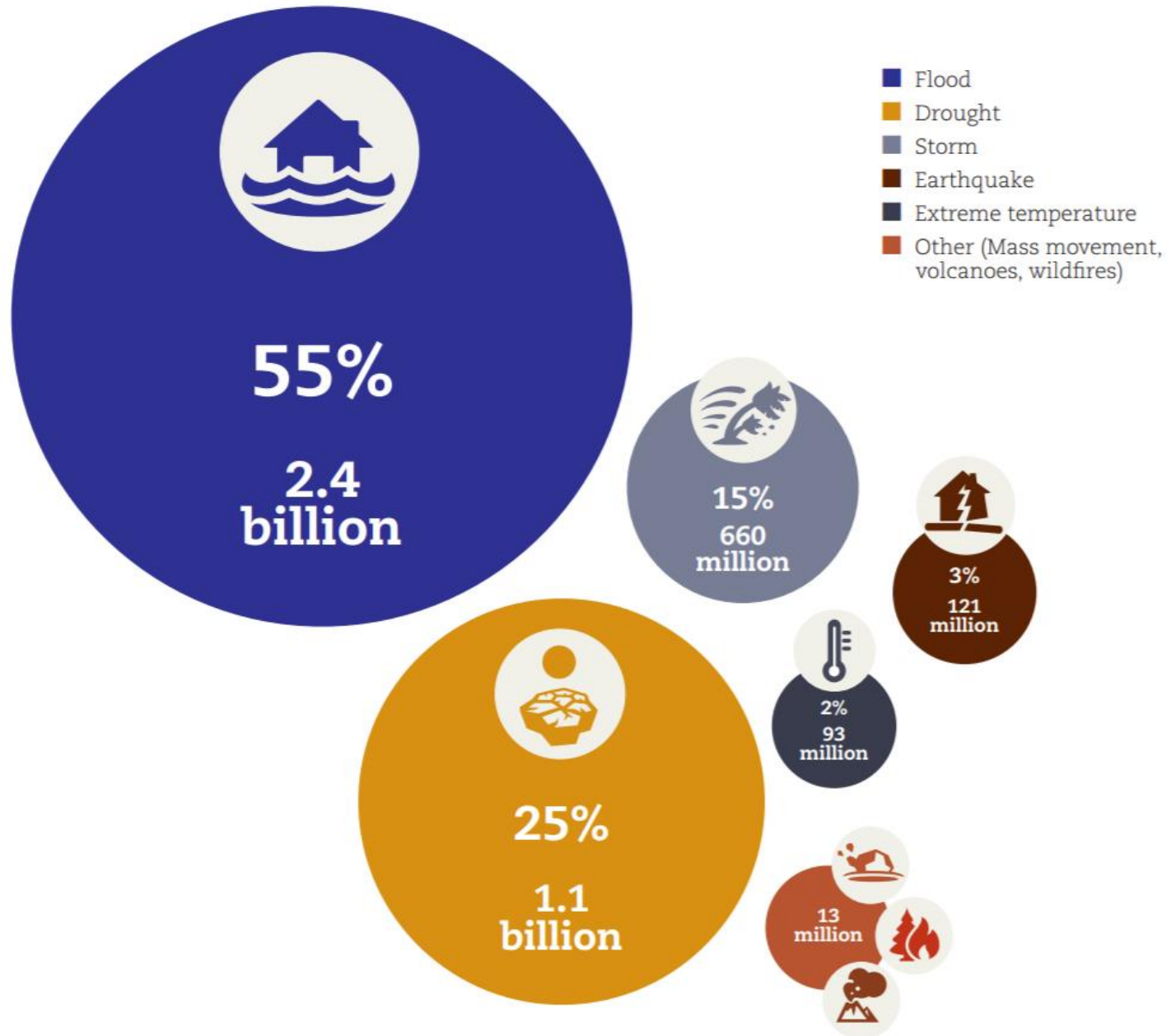


Floods have also become more frequent, rising from 123 per year on average between 1994 and 2003 to an annual average of 171 per year in the 2004-2013 period.

Number of deaths by disaster type (1994-2013)



Number of people affected by disaster type (1994-2013)
(NB: deaths are excluded from the total affected)



Motivation: Why Simplified Procedures?



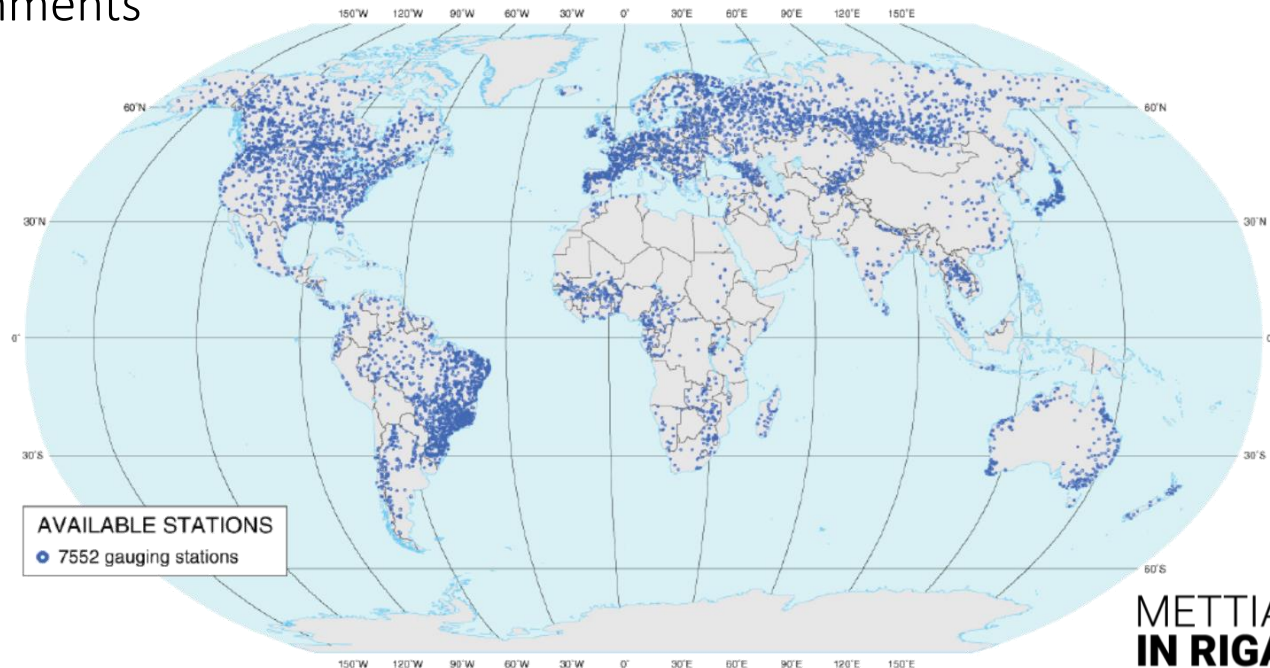
Hydrological and hydraulic models are the best approach for deriving detailed flood hazard maps, but they require large amounts of:



- ✓ Cost;
- ✓ Time;
- ✓ Data and parameters **not available for all areas.**

Flood risk assessment in data poor environments poses a great deal of challenge.

Poor density of gauging stations in some regions (Asia, Africa, Australia).
(Herold and Mouton, 2011)





Geomorphic Procedures

Basin morphology contains an extraordinary amount of information about flood exposure



Does exist a physical attribute of the surface able to reveal if a portion of a river basin is exposed to flooding?

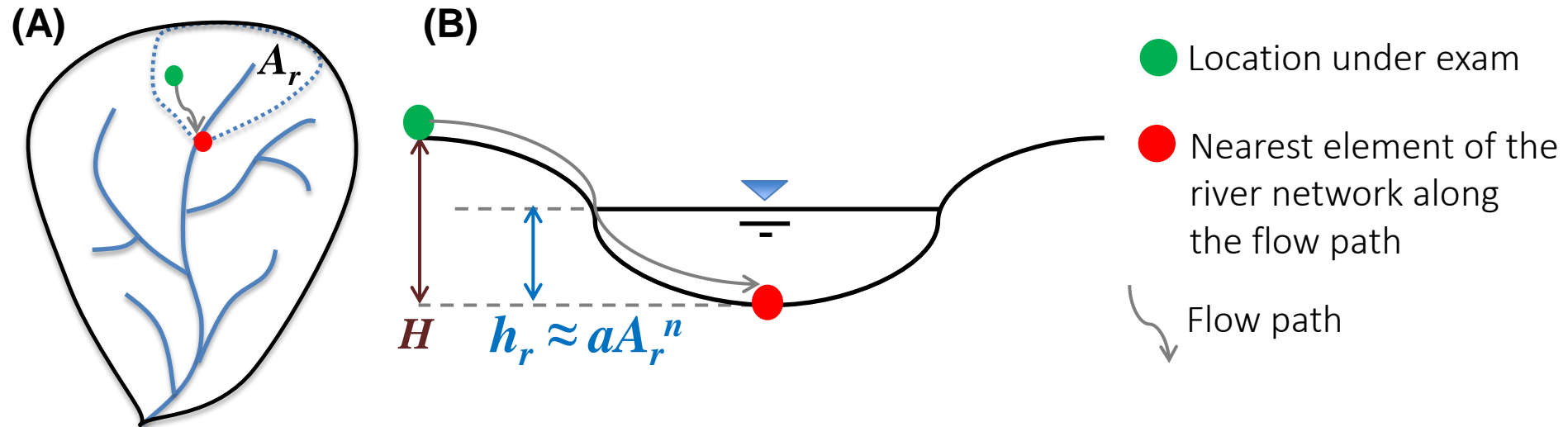


Best performing geomorphic descriptor: GFI



Geomorphic Flood Index

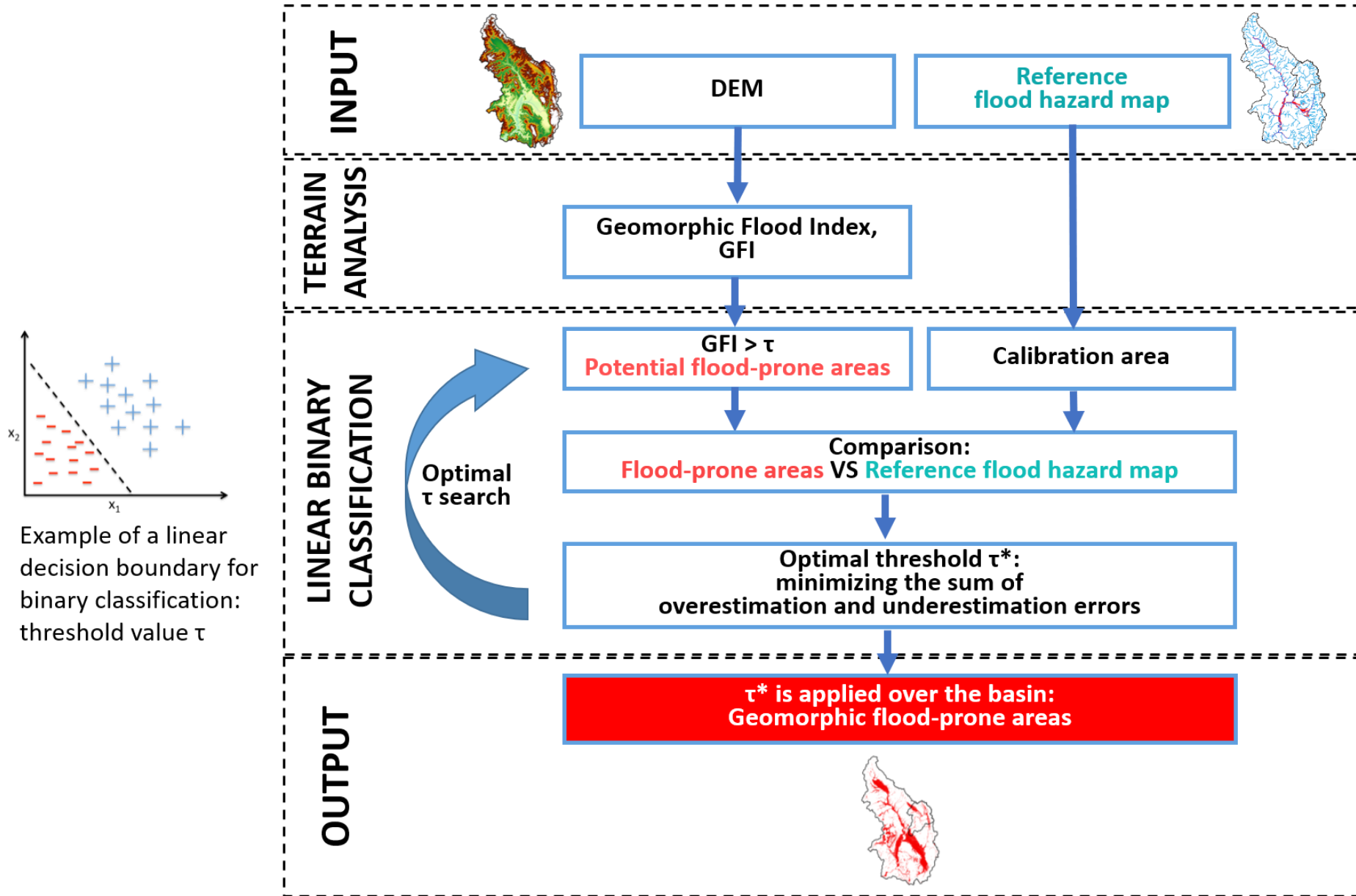
$$\text{GFI} = \ln\left(\frac{h_r}{H}\right)$$



(A) river basin representation; (B) cross-sectional view of the channel and floodplain.

- A_r , upslope contributing area;
- h_r , river depth ('r' stands for river) calculated using a hydraulic scaling relationship (Leopold and Maddock, 1953): $h_r \approx aA_r^n$;
- H is the elevation difference to the nearest stream (i.e. HAND: Rennó et al. (2008); Nobre et al. (2016); Zheng et al. (2018)).

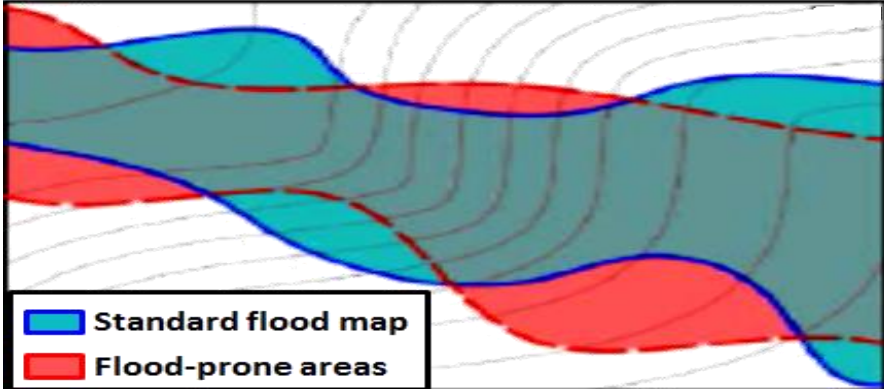
Linear Binary Classification based on the GFI



Measures of Performances



- **True positive rate:** $R_{TP} = TP / (TP + FN)$ → SENSITIVITY
- **False negative rate:** $R_{FN} = 1 - R_{TP}$ → Underestimation
- **True negative rate:** $R_{TN} = TN / (TN + FP)$ → SPECIFICITY
- **False positive rate:** $R_{FP} = 1 - R_{TN}$ → Overestimation

	MODEL PREDICTION (Morphological method)		
	EVENT	NO EVENT	
GOLD STANDARD TRUTH (Standard map)	EVENT	TRUE POSITIVE	FALSE NEGATIVE
	NO EVENT	FALSE POSITIVE	TRUE NEGATIVE

Testing the reliability in different contexts

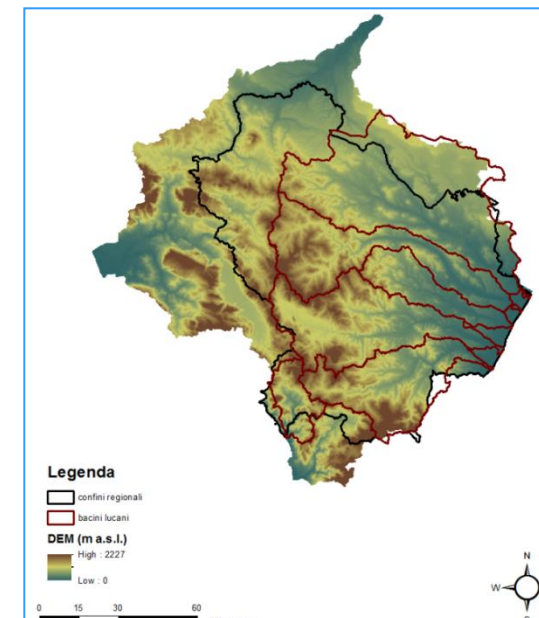
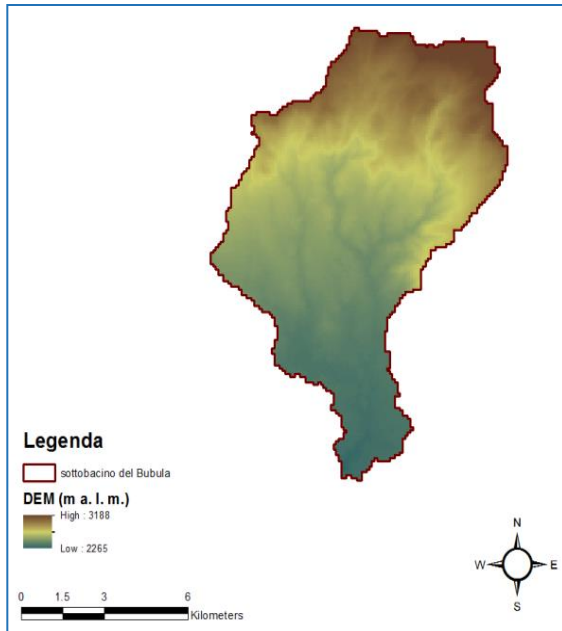


Full continental
U.S.A.
(Samela et al., 2017a,b)

Pan-European region
(Tavares Da Costa et al., 2019)

1 basin in Ethiopia,
AFRICA
(Samela et al., 2016)

8 river basin in ITALY:
(Manfreda et al., 2014, 2015)



Continental United States of America

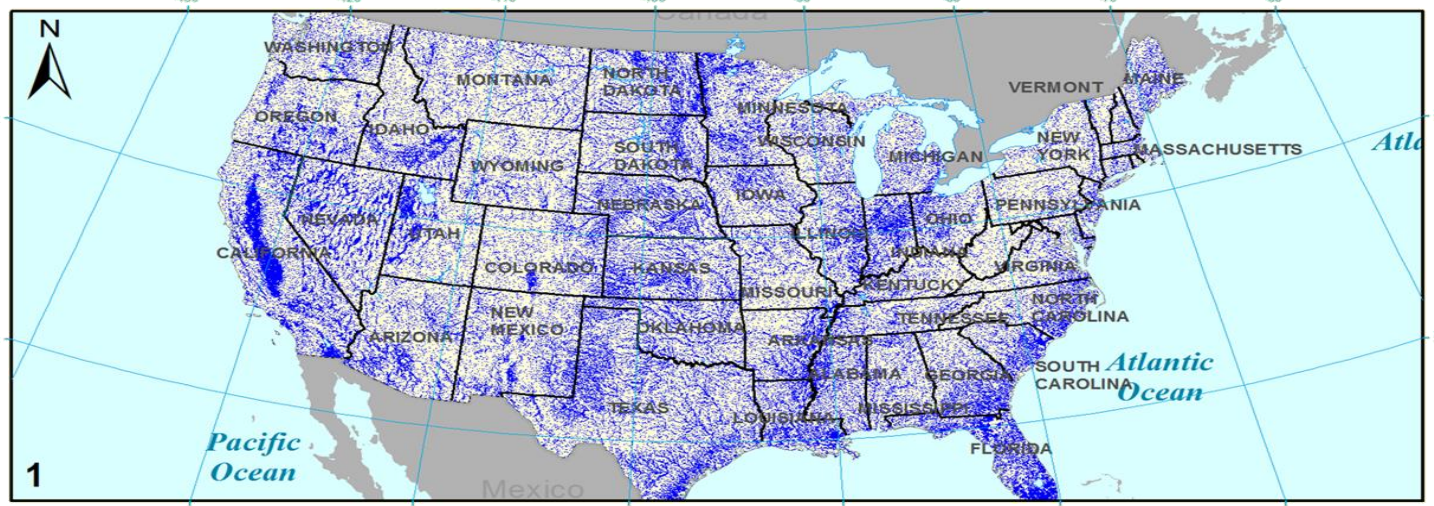


EXAMPLE OF APPLICATION

100-yr flood-prone areas for the continental U.S. according to the linear binary classifier based on the GFI.

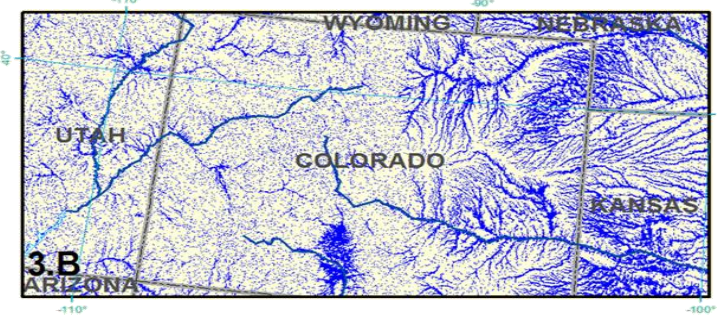
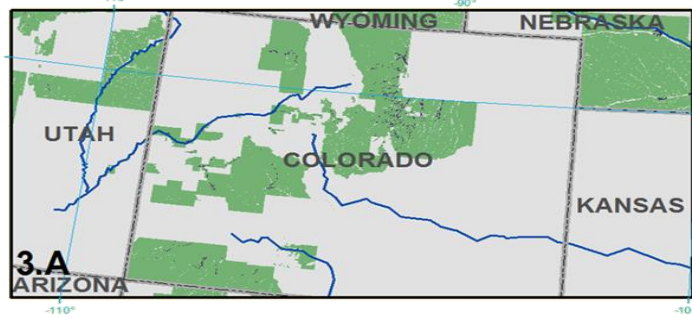
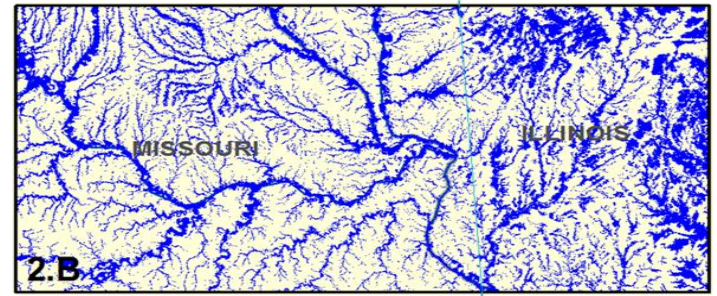
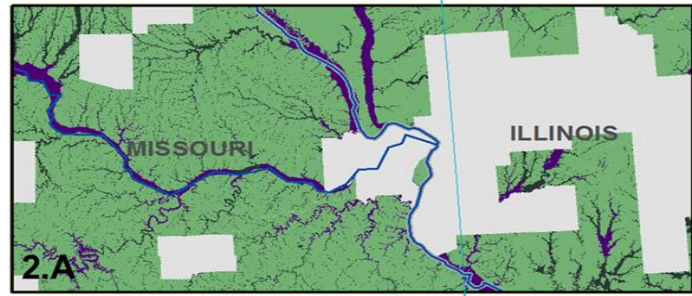
The large-scale map allows to see that the index produces a realistic description of the flood prone areas, with the possibility to extend the flood hazard information where the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps are lacking (grey areas).

The method has been implemented in a QGIS plugin called Geomorphic Flood Area Tool that can be downloaded from the **repository**:
<https://plugins.qgis.org/plugins/GeomorphicFloodIndex/>



FEMA flood map

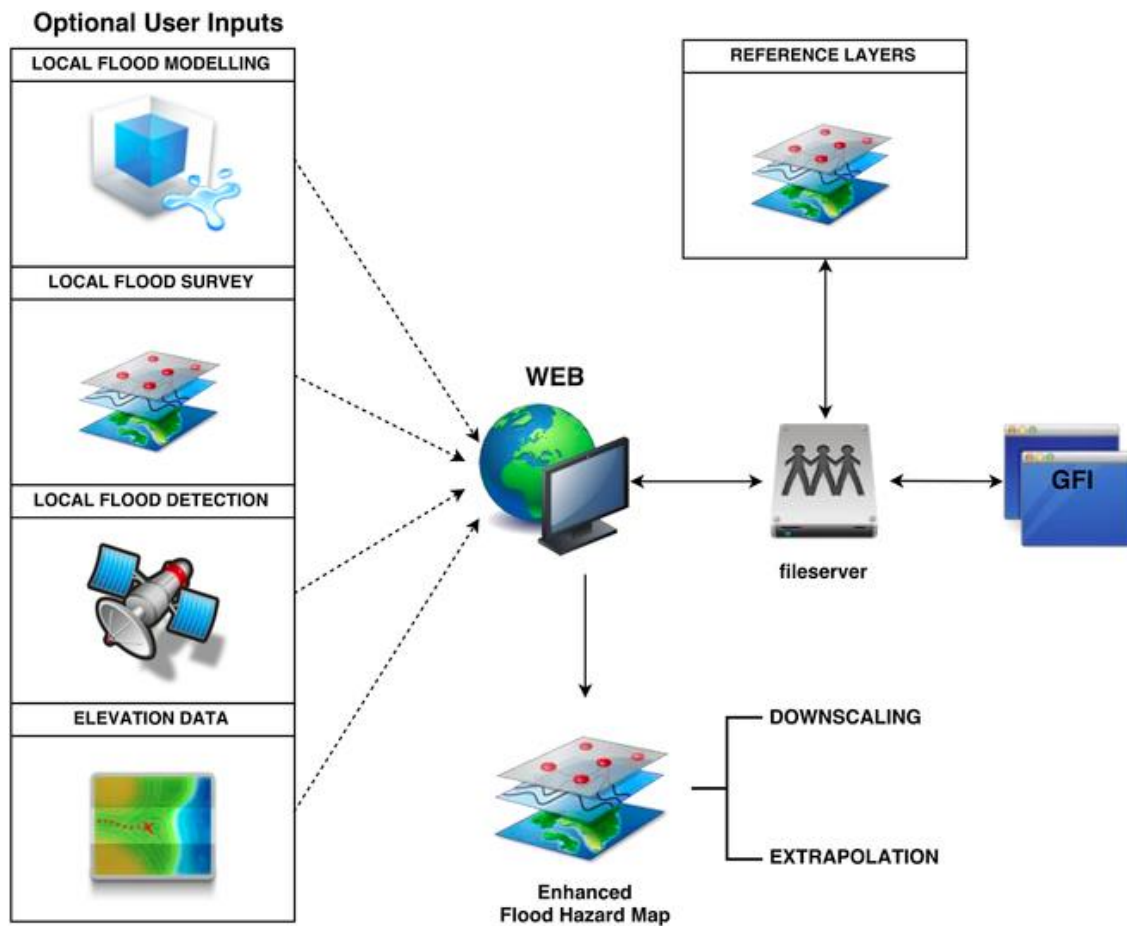
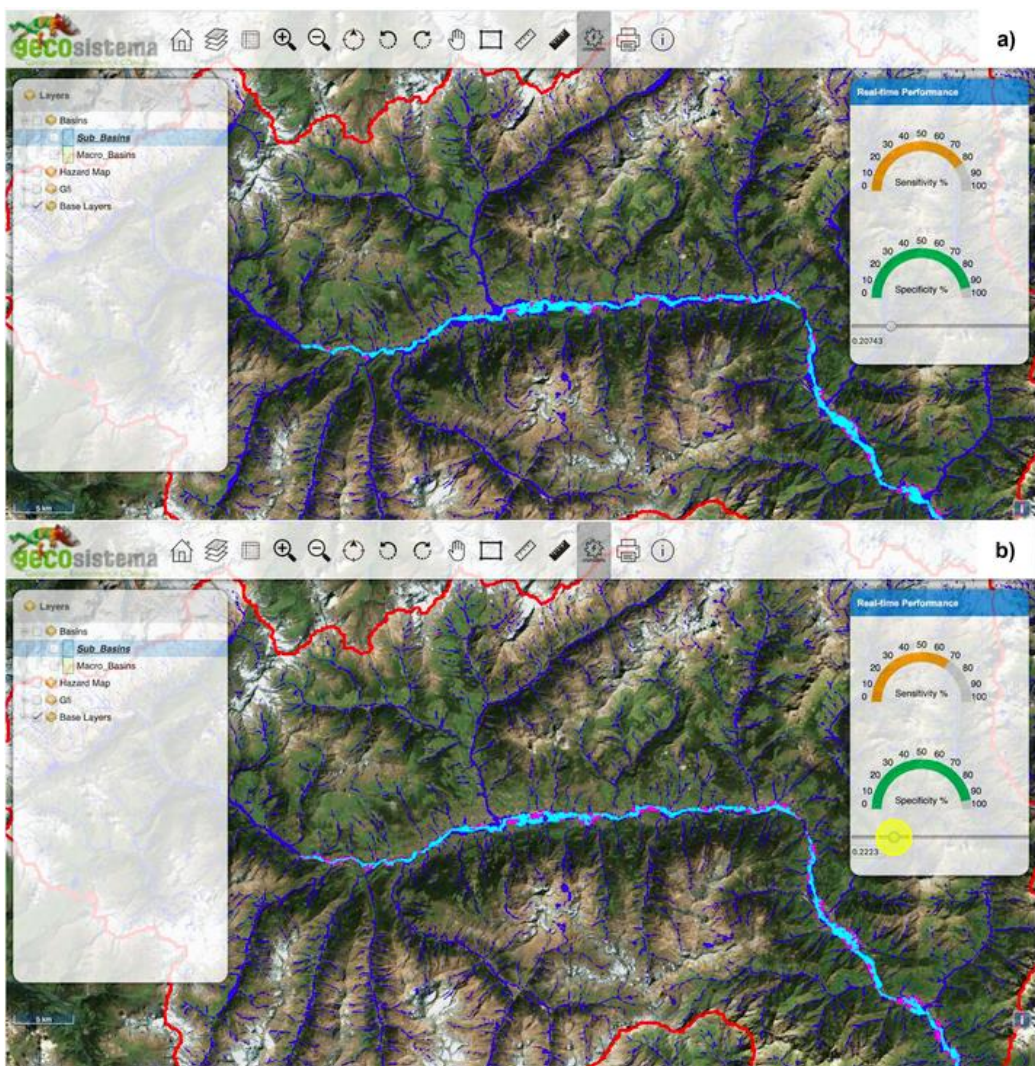
GFI flood-prone areas



Legend

FEMA: Areas of minimal flood hazard	GFI: Areas not prone to floods
FEMA: 1% annual chance floodplains (100 yr)(hydraulic models)	GFI: 100 yr flood-prone areas

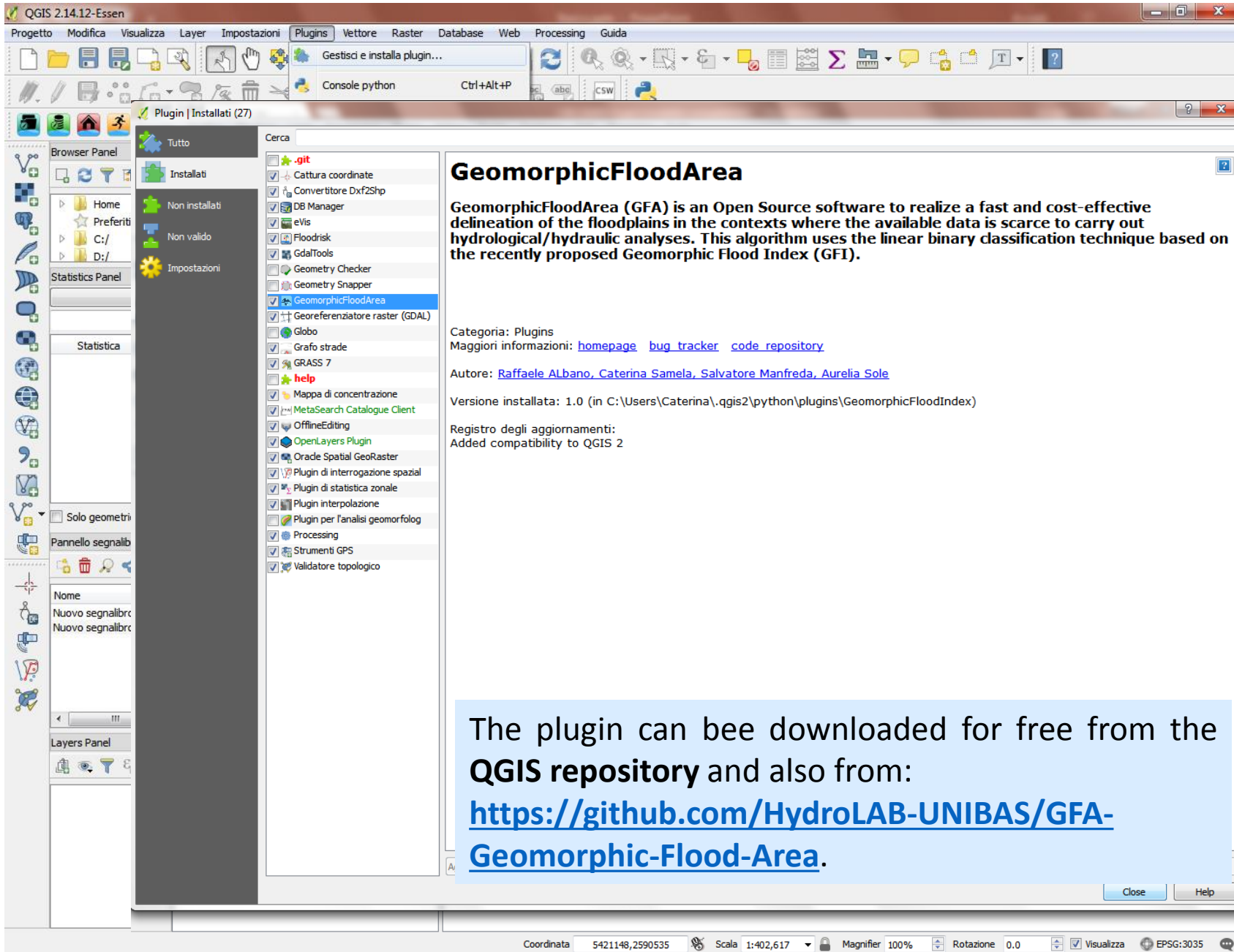
Smartflood



<http://gecosistema.com/smartflood>

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QGIS plugin: Geomorphic Flood Area (GFA) tool



The screenshot displays the QGIS 2.14.12-Essen interface. The 'Plugins' menu is open, and the 'GeomorphicFloodArea' plugin is selected in the 'Cerca' (Search) panel. The main window shows the plugin's details, including its description, category, author, version, and update history.

GeomorphicFloodArea

GeomorphicFloodArea (GFA) is an Open Source software to realize a fast and cost-effective delineation of the floodplains in the contexts where the available data is scarce to carry out hydrological/hydraulic analyses. This algorithm uses the linear binary classification technique based on the recently proposed Geomorphic Flood Index (GFI).

Categoria: Plugins
Maggiori informazioni: [homepage](#) [bug_tracker](#) [code_repository](#)

Autore: [Raffaele Albano](#), [Caterina Samela](#), [Salvatore Manfreda](#), [Aurelia Sole](#)

Versione installata: 1.0 (in C:\Users\Caterina\.qgis2\python\plugins\GeomorphicFloodIndex)

Registro degli aggiornamenti:
Added compatibility to QGIS 2

The plugin can be downloaded for free from the QGIS repository and also from:
<https://github.com/HydroLAB-UNIBAS/GFA-Geomorphic-Flood-Area>.

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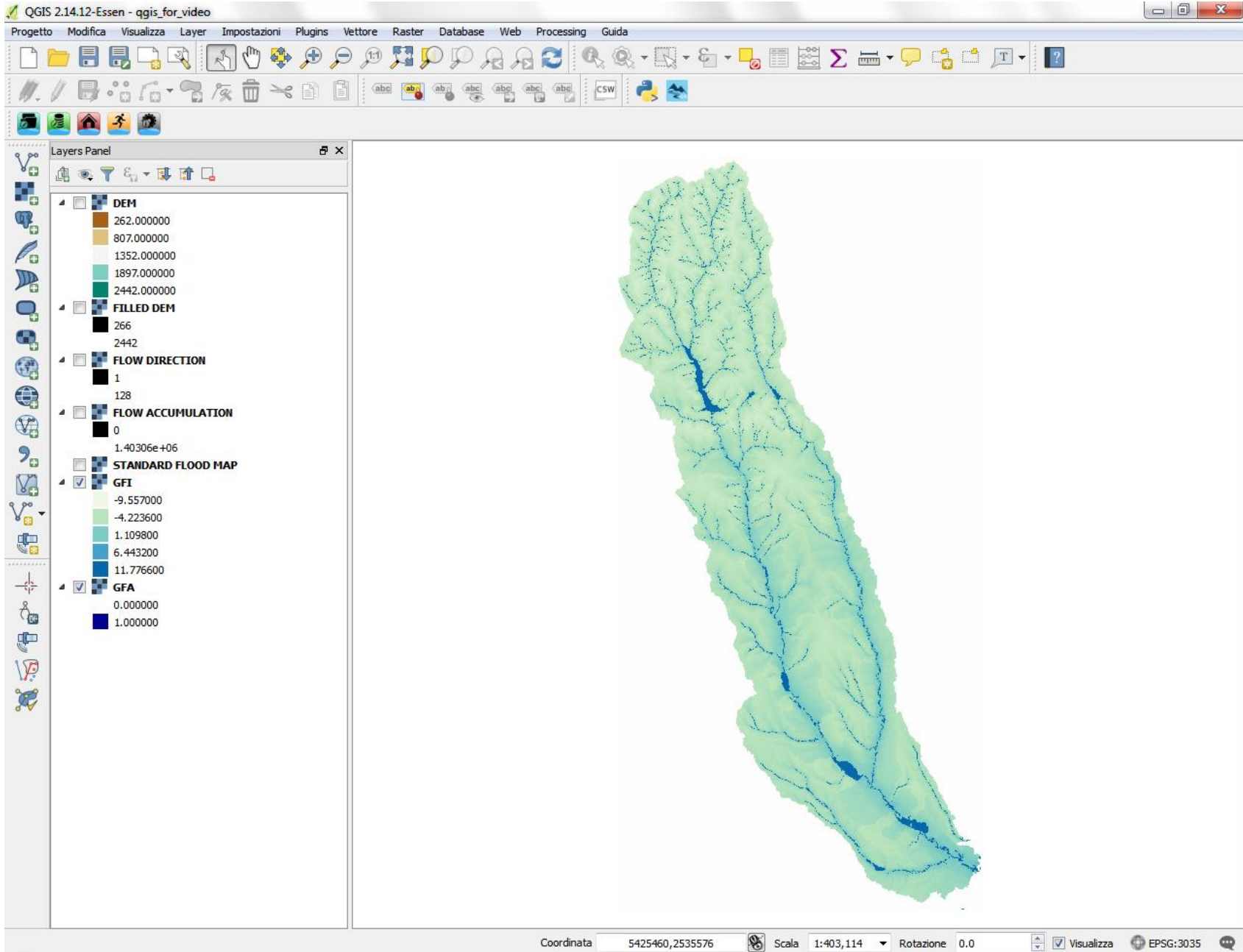
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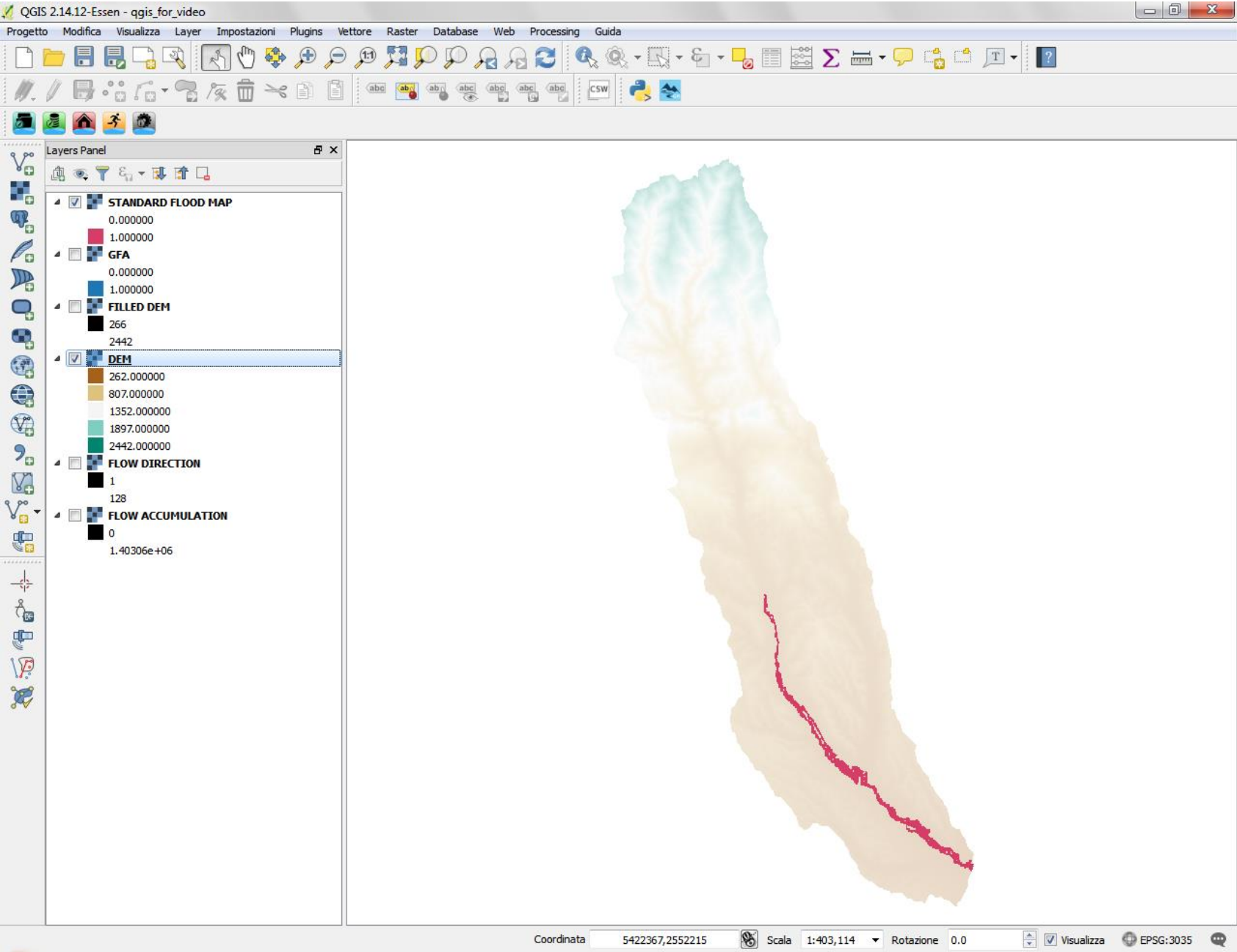
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Geomorphic flood Index map



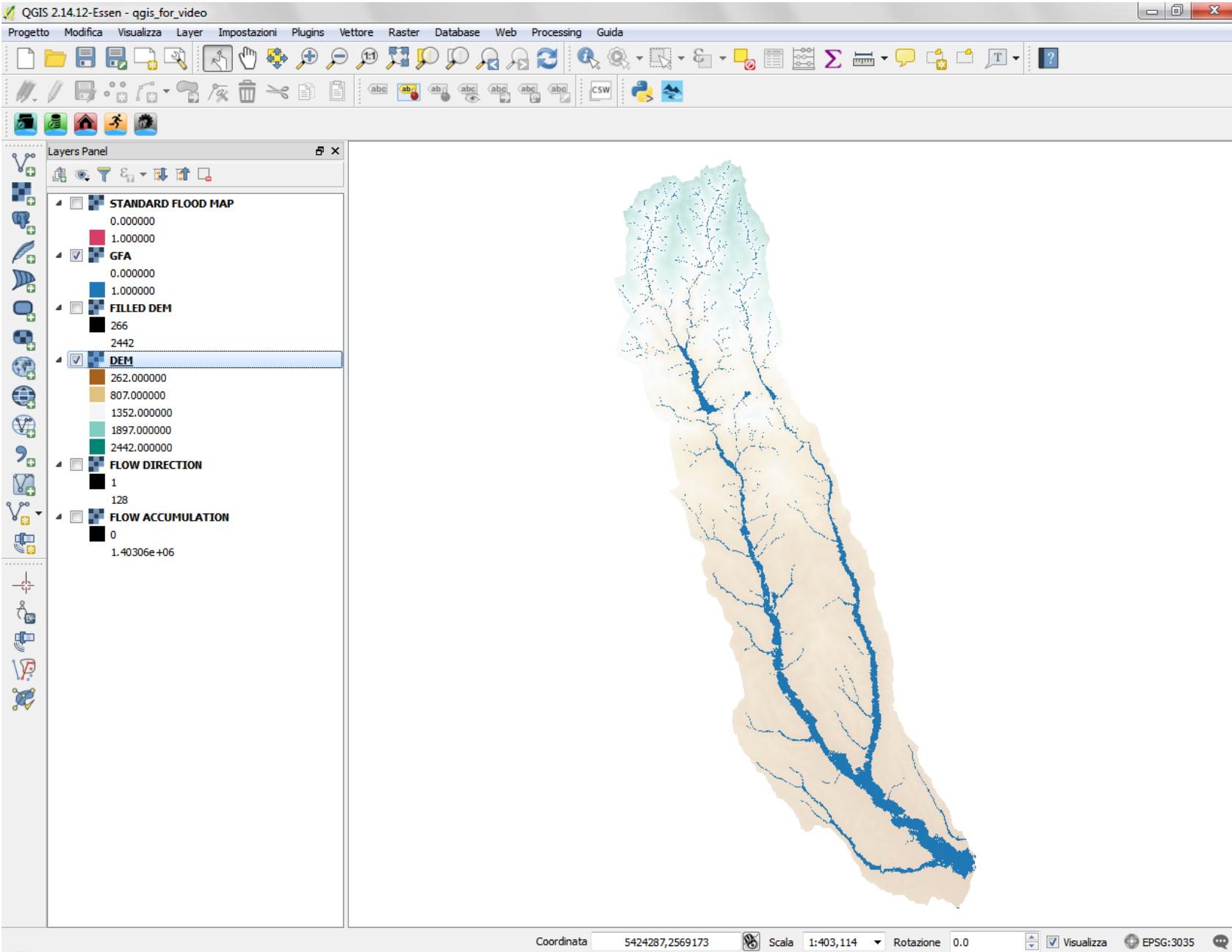
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Calibration map



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Geomorphic flood Areas map



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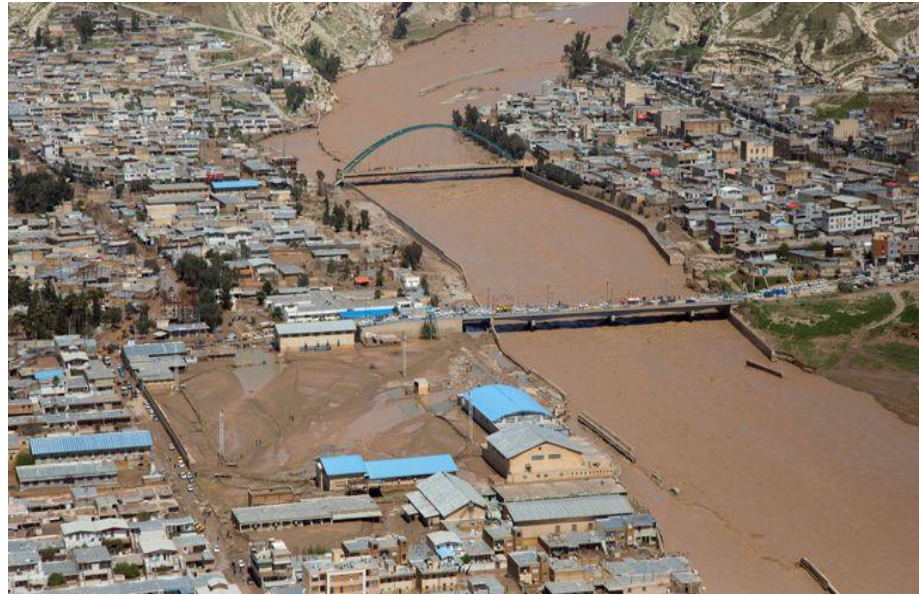
Water Depth Estimate

In addition to flood extent, the inundation depth is a key factor in many riverine settings for estimation of flood induced damages.

Therefore, recently the GFI method has been further exploited to derive in a simple way an **approximate**, but **immediate**, estimate of the **water surface elevation** in a river and surrounding areas.



Nepal, July 2018



Iran, April 2019



Water Depth Estimate

Hydraulic scaling relationship (Leopold and Maddock, 1953):

$$h_r \approx aA_r^n$$

- The hydraulic scaling relationship might be difficult to calibrate, since it requires streamflow observations and paired values of (h_r, A_r) from a number of gauging stations sufficient to carry out a linear regression.
- Therefore, in case calibration is not possible, the **exponent n may be assigned based on literature***, while the parameter **a is assumed equal to one.**
- This implies that the **$\ln(a)$ will be included** in the computed GFI and therefore its value will be incorporated in the **calibrated threshold.**

Geomorphic Flood Index:

$$GFI = \ln\left(\frac{h_r}{H}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{aA_r^n}{H}\right) = \ln(a) + n \ln(A_r) - \ln(H)$$

(*e.g. Samela et al., 2017; Nardi et al., 2006; Engelund and Hansen, 1967; Ibbitt, 1997; Ibbitt et al., 1998; Knighton, 2014; Leopold et al., 1965; Leopold and Maddock, 1953; Li, 1974; McKerchar et al., 1998; Park, 1977; Rodriguez-Iturbe and Rinaldo, 1997; Smith, 1974; Whiting et al., 1999)



Water Depth Estimate

In this case, the obtained GFI may be expressed as:

$$GFI' = GFI - \ln(a) = \ln\left(\frac{A_r^n}{H}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{h_r}{aH}\right)$$

Along the boundary of decision/calibrated threshold:

$$\ln\left(\frac{h_r}{aH}\right) = \tau \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{h_r}{H} = 1;$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) = \tau \quad \rightarrow \quad a = \left(\frac{1}{\exp(\tau)}\right)$$

In this way, we can correct the values of river water depth $\mathbf{h_r = aA_r^n}$.

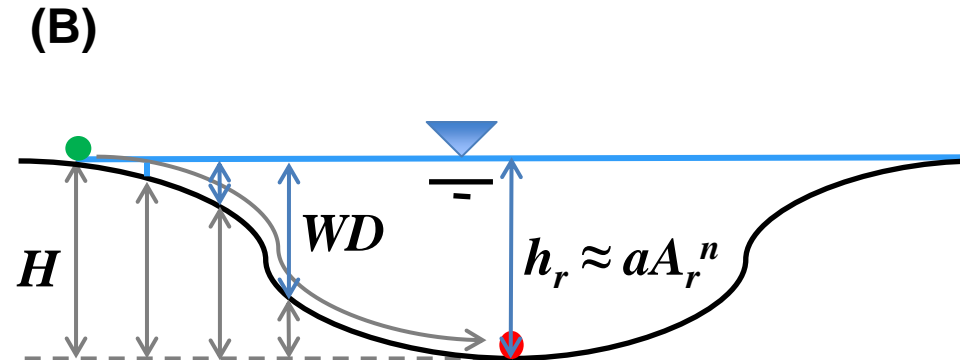
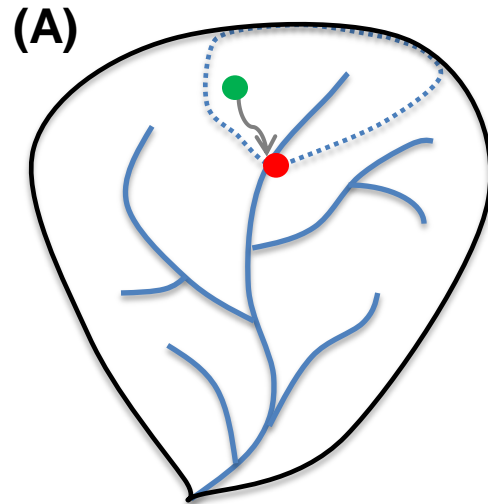
Water Depth Estimate



At this point, we can use the h_r values to estimate, in a simple and direct way, the water depth (WD) cell by cell of the flood-prone areas:

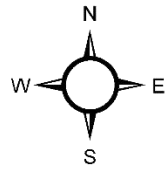
$$WD = h_r - H$$

Schematic description of the parameters used to derive the GFI and the water level depth estimated in a hypothetical cross-section:



- Location under exam
- Nearest element of the river network along the flow path
- ↪ Flow path

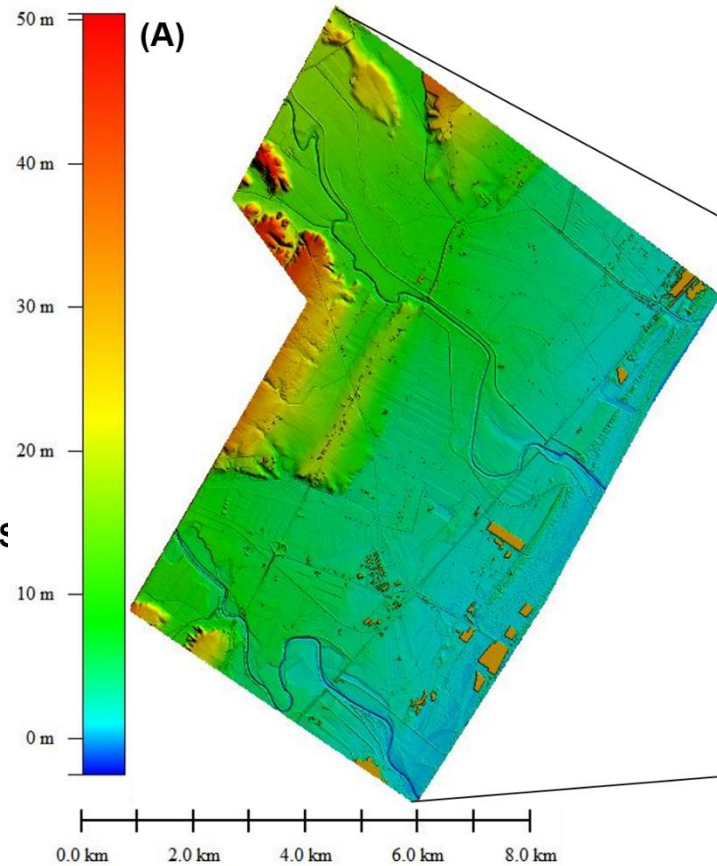
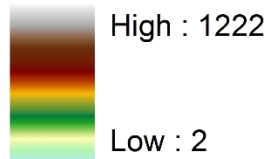
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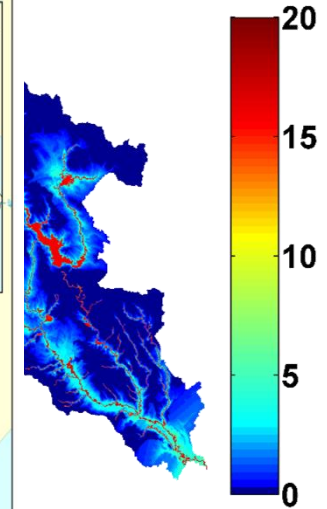
Legend

DEM

Elevation (m a.s.l.)



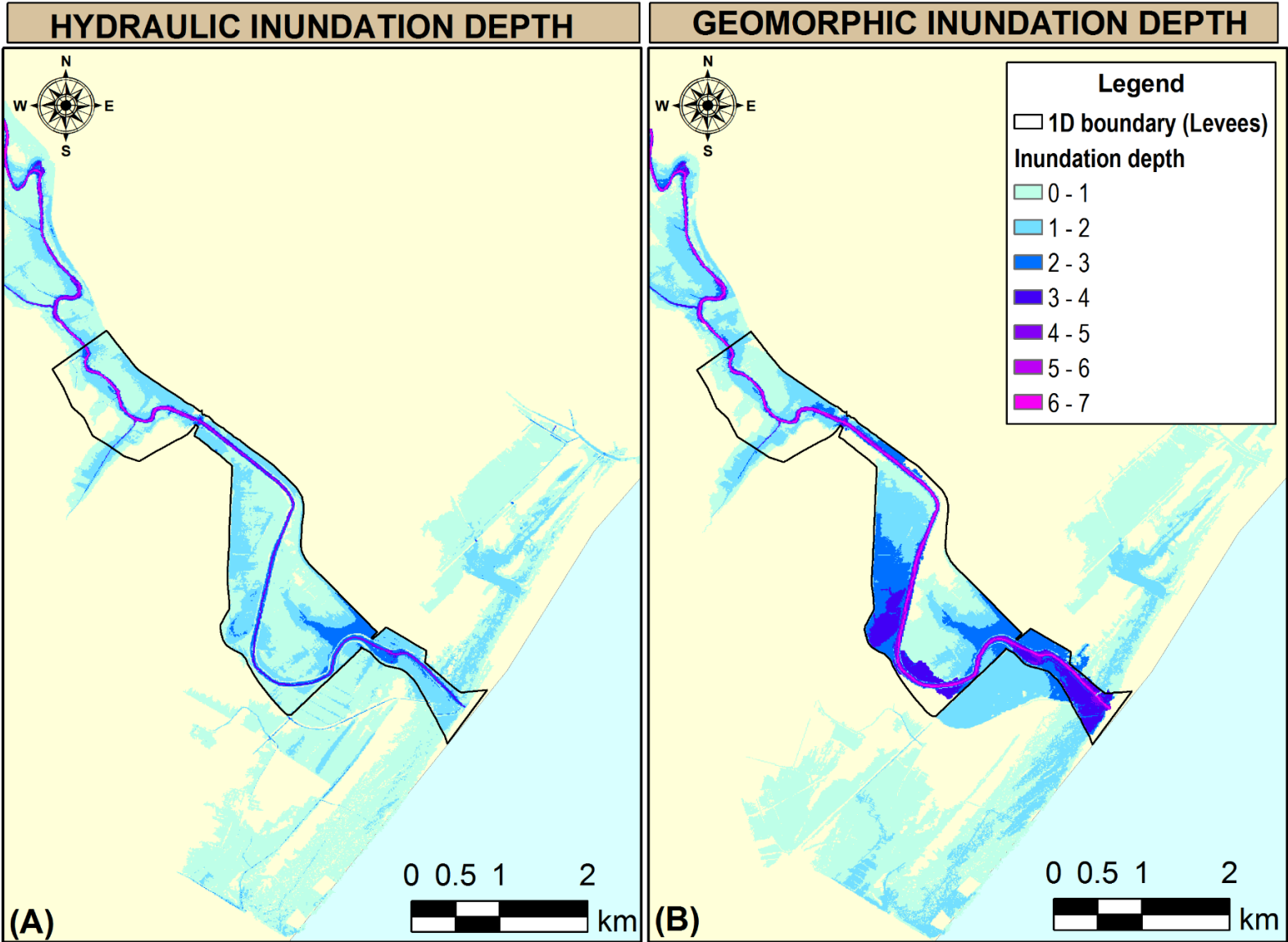
(B) Geomorphic Flood Index



50 Kilometers

Case study: Bradano River, Italy (outlet)

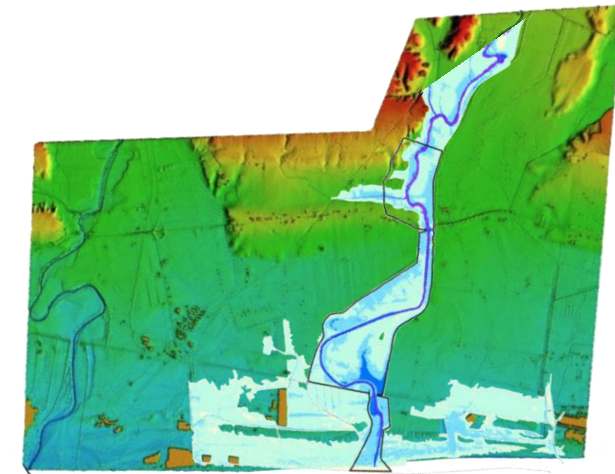
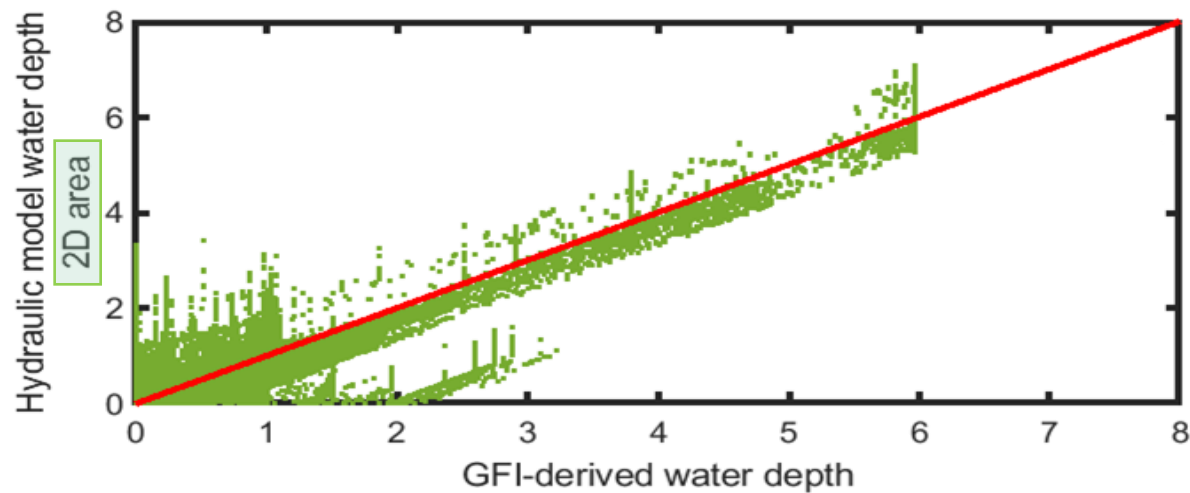
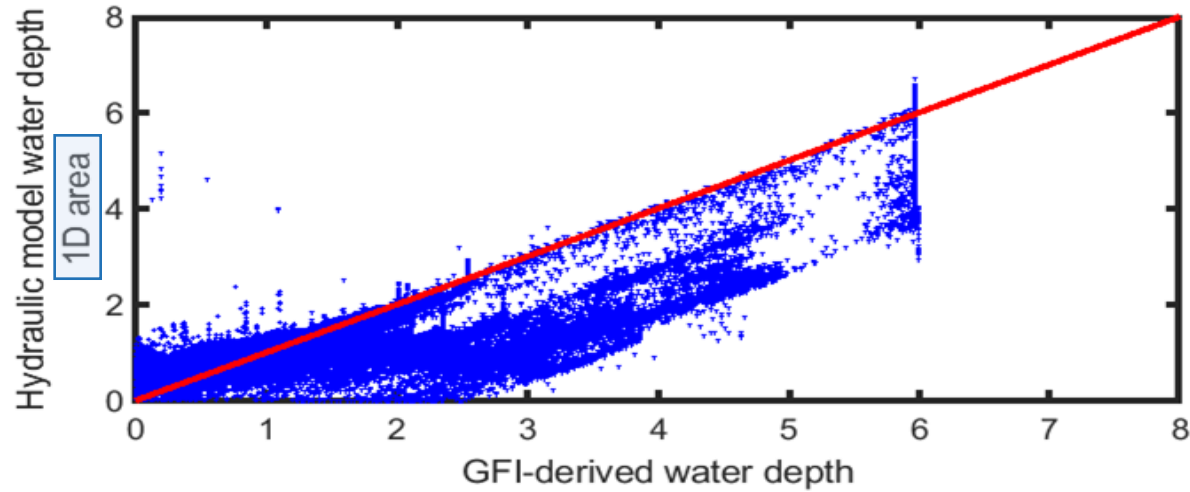
Hydraulic model VS GFI method



Hydraulic model VS Geomorphic approach



Water depth: GFI method VS hydraulic simulation



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Case Study: Bradano River (Italy)



Table 1. Performances of the linear binary classification based on the GFI during Calibration.

FLOOD EXTENT PERFORMANCES						
Calibrated threshold, τ	Scale factor, a	SENSITIVITY: True Positive Rate, R_{TP}	ERROR Type II: False Negative Rate, R_{FN}	SPECIFICITY: True Negative Rate, R_{TN}	ERROR Type I: False Positive Rate, R_{FP}	Objective function: $R_{FP} + R_{FN}$
1.014	0.3627	89%	11%	90%	10%	21%

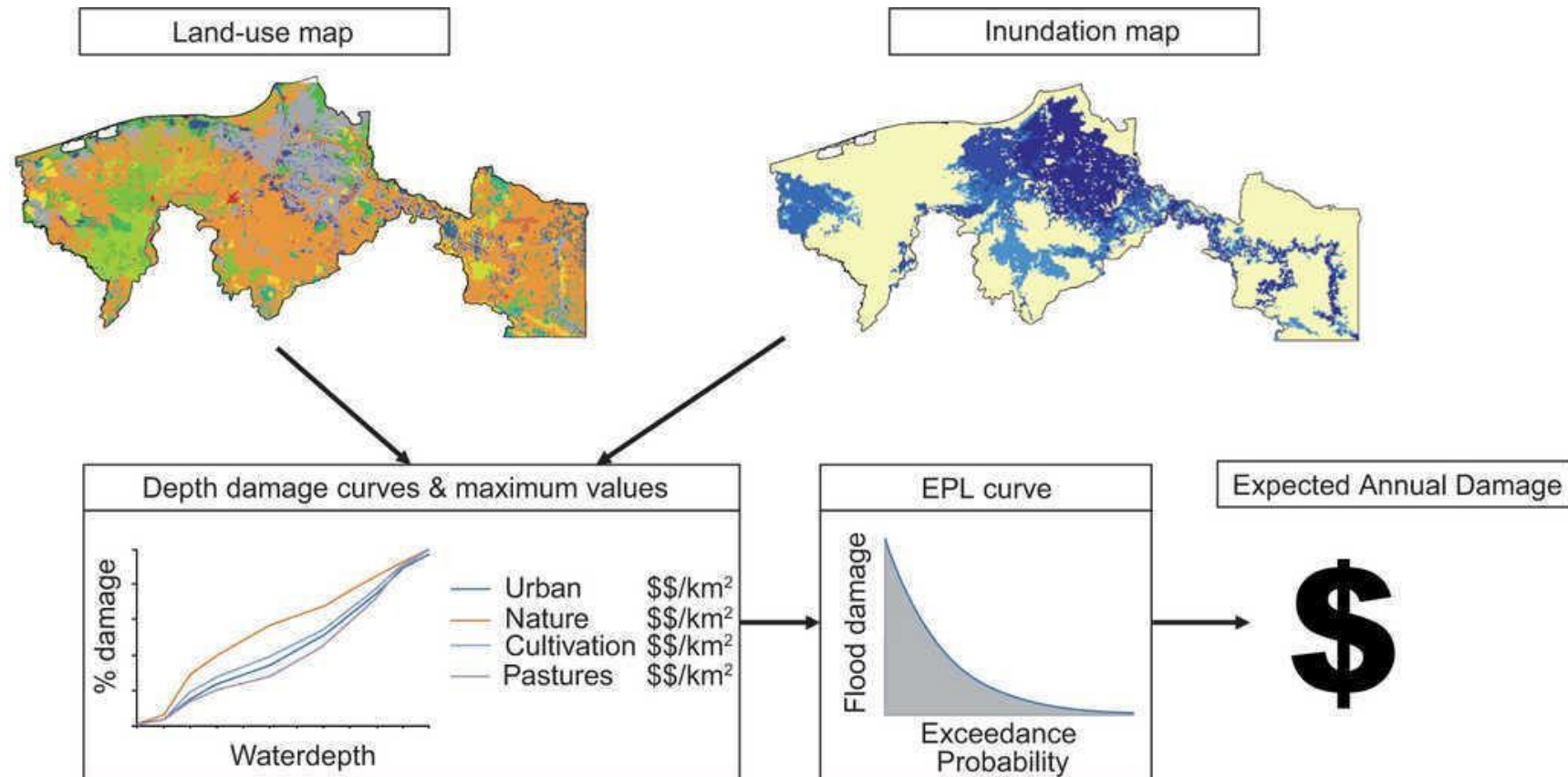
Table 2. Performance measures calculated comparing the water depths estimated using the Geomorphic Flood Index method and the FLORA-2D hydraulic model.

INUNDATION DEPTH PERFORMANCES		
	Comparison over the 1D-domain of the hydraulic simulation	Comparison within the 2D-domain of the hydraulic simulation
Linear correlation coefficient, r	0.917	0.906
Root Mean Square Error, RMSE (m)	0.620	0.335

Flood risk as the conjunction of hazard and vulnerability



As next step, we are working with **stage – damage functions**, which relate inundation depth to damage level.



Case Study: Romania

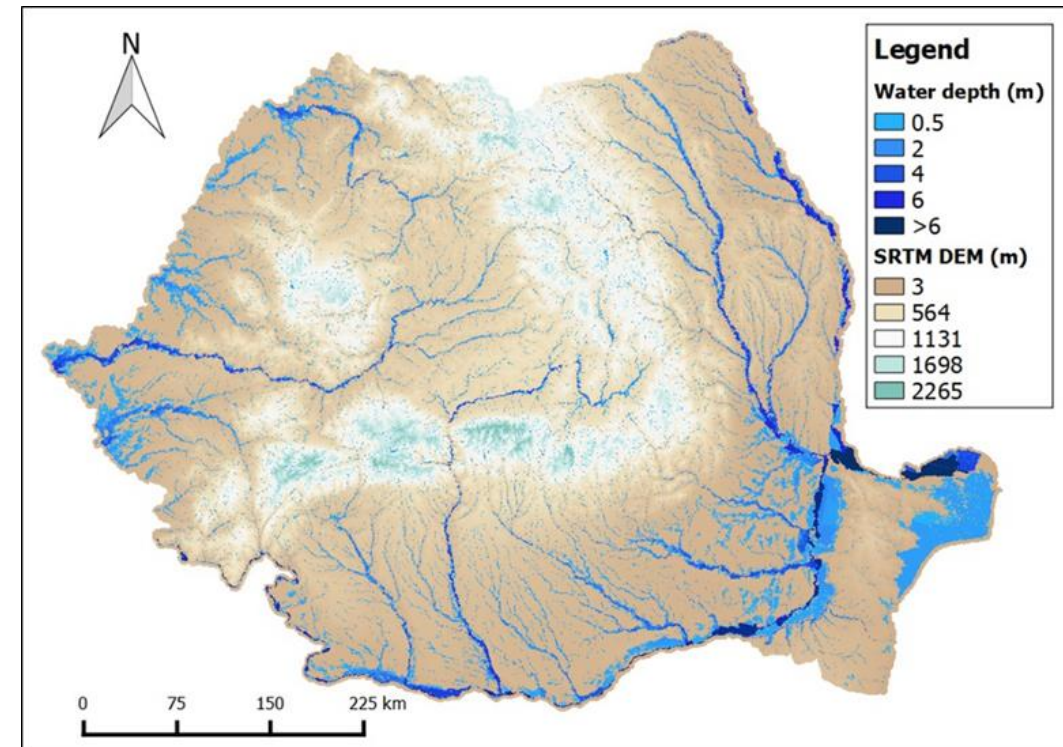


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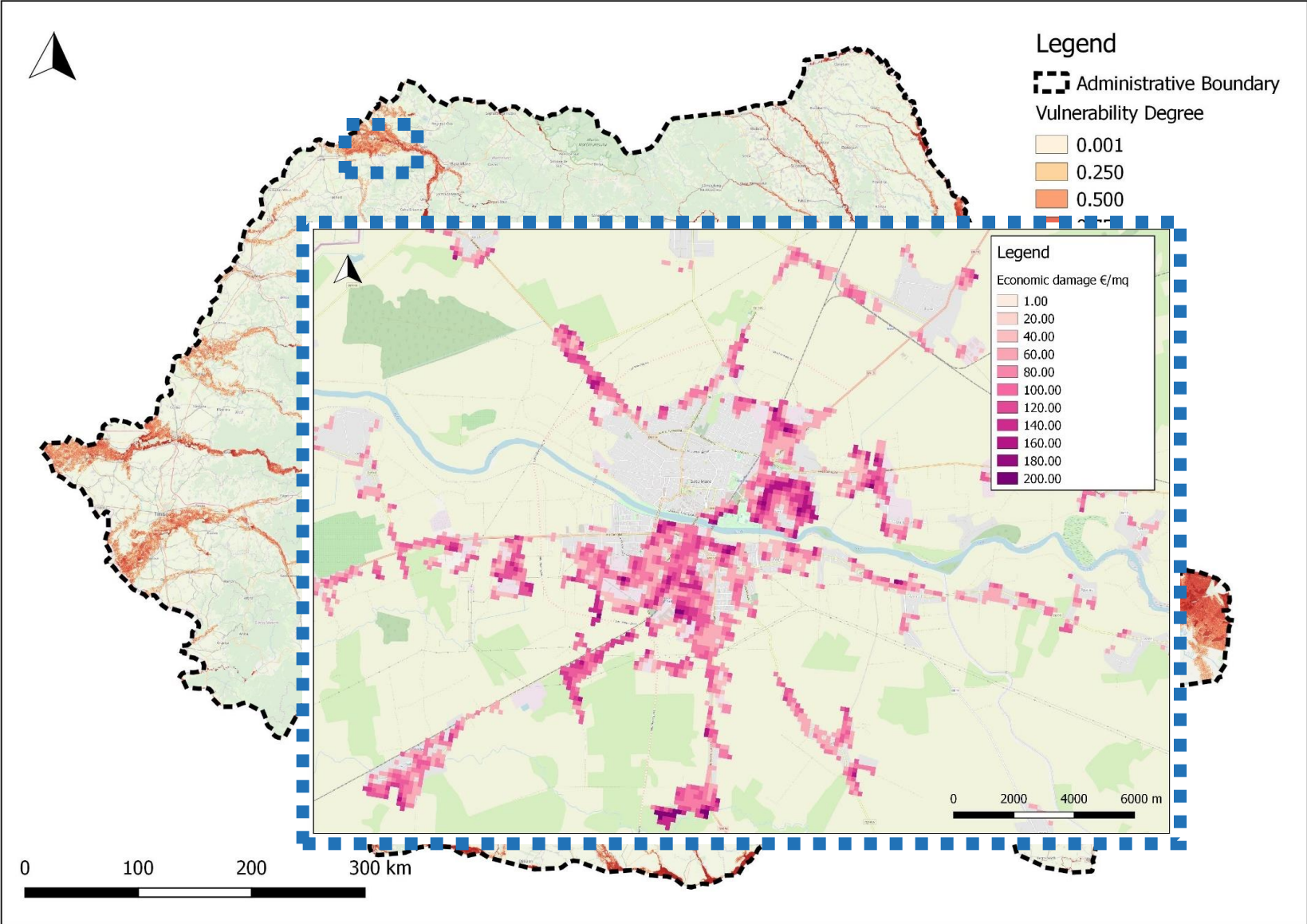
- ✓ **Reference flood hazard study:** pan-European 100-years flood hazard maps at 100m resolution derived by the Joint Research Centre (JRC) for river basins with an upstream area greater than 500 km² (Alfieri et al., 2014);
- ✓ **DEM:** 30-m resolution SRTM 1 Arc-Second Global elevation data.

OUTPUT:

Geomorphic flood-prone areas and expected inundation depth for Romania
(30m resolution and delineation also in basins with a drainage area lower than 500 km²).



Flood Risk Map derived for Romania



Limitations



- The method does not perform a hydrologic analysis (no use of precipitation); it is calibrated using a flood hazard map derived for a specific return period, and this is the only link to hydrology.
- It does not solve the fluid hydrodynamic equations: it cannot describe the flood wave propagation;
- It is based on two input data and is therefore dependent from the accuracy of those data: **DEM** (quality vertical accuracy, and resolution, pre-processing conditioning procedure) and flood hazard map (accuracy, size of the calibration area);
- It is not able to consider the presence of transversal structures (e.g. bridges and culverts) and other man-made features, especially sub-grid scale features, for example embankments;
- This simplified method produces errors, with a general tendency to overestimate both extent and water depth.

Advantages and Potentials



- Low cost and simple data requirement: use of data freely available;
- Computationally efficient method;
- Ability to map at high resolutions large geographic areas both in data-poor and data-rich environments.



Possibility to start from **detailed flood studies** existing for **limited areas** and **extend** and downscale **the delineation over large undetermined areas**, enhancing both spatial detail and coverage of flood hazard information.

Suitable for applications in **undetermined/unstudied areas**, over **large-scale basins**, or **minor tributaries**, **data-scarce regions** and **across political borders**, providing information that, although approximate, may be of practical utility for preliminary assessment of expected flood damage, flood management and mitigation at regional/national/continental/global scale.



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