







FLASH FLOOD EVENTS ON SALERNO COAST (SOUTHERN THYRRHENIAN SEA)

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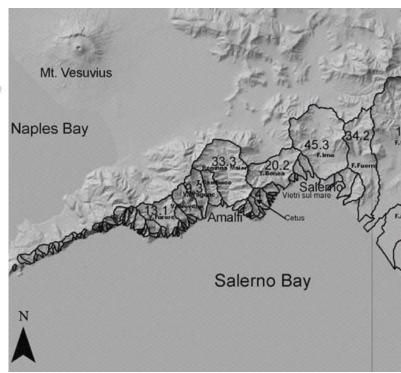


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Geomorphology of the area

- Little basins (max 30-40 km²)
- high orographic gradient from the sea level and short and steep streams
- factors that have a decisive influence on the occurrence of flash floods





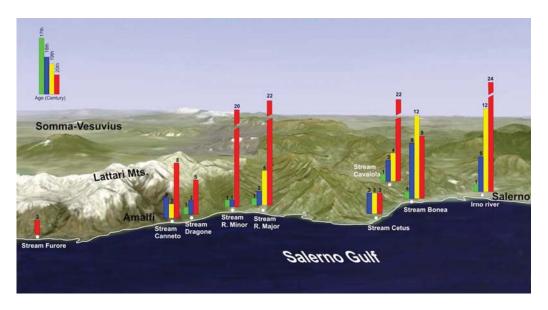


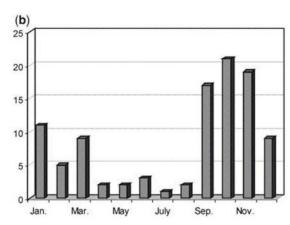




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Recurrence and seasonality of events





 More than 100 relevant events from 16th century, 7 of which with catastrophic effects





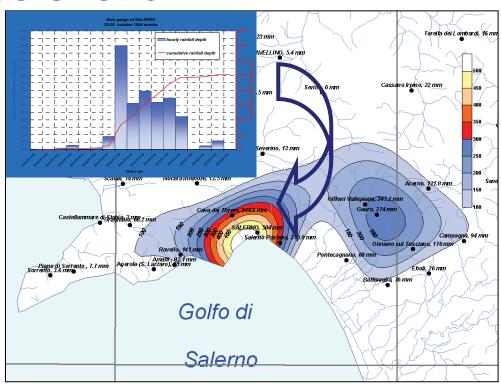


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The most intense event

October 25-26 1954 Salerno flash flood

- Total 504 mm during about 11 hours
- Max 150 mm/h



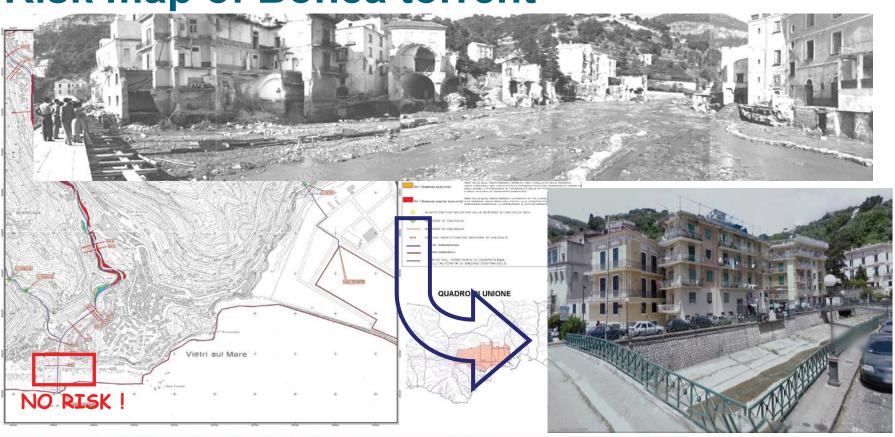






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Risk map of Bonea torrent



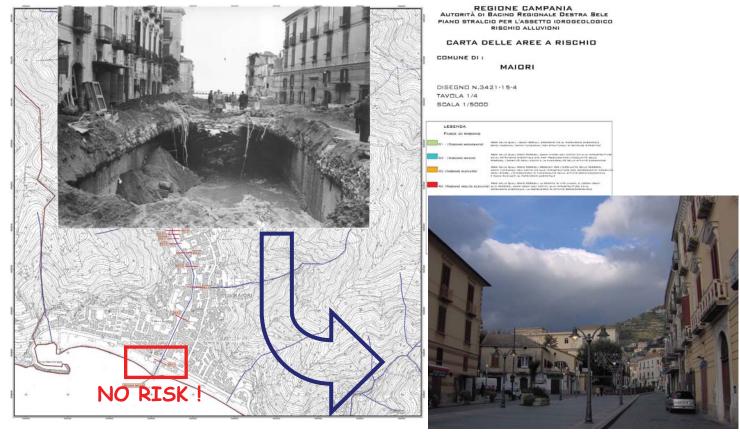






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Risk map of Ragina Major stream











Conclusions

Flash floods present essential differences as compared with large river floods.

- large sediment and debris transport
- high flow velocities

If these different conditions are not take into account, the risk assessment in the flash flood prone areas could be underestimated

Thanks for attention