

New trends in flood hazard mapping in dense urban area

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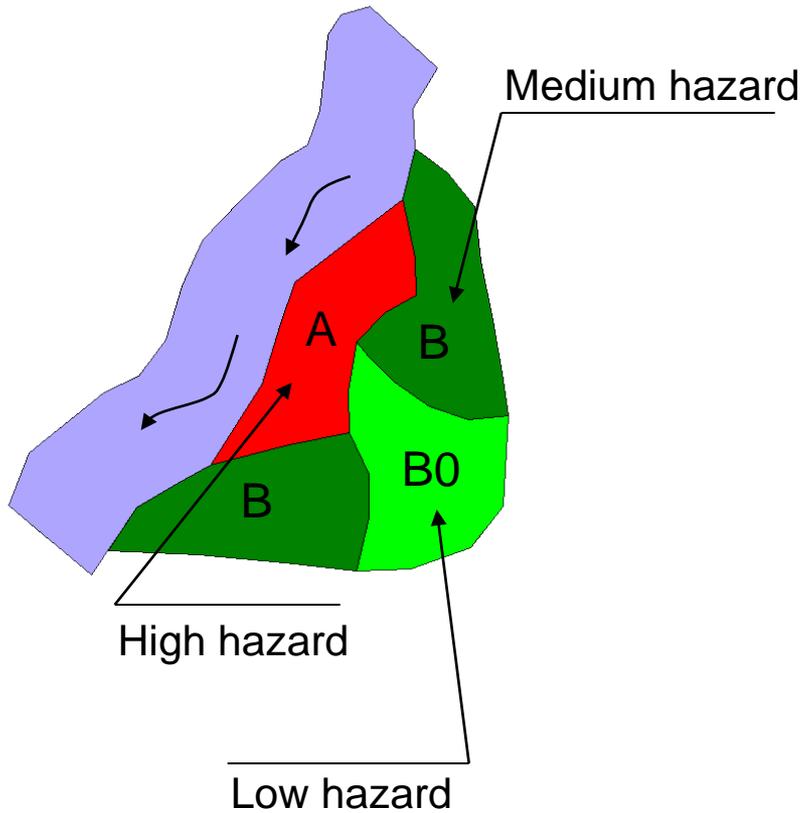




New flood hazard criteria

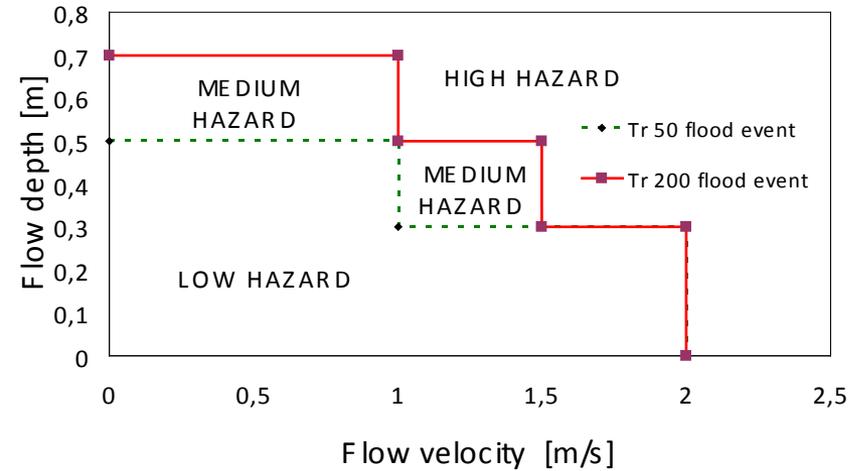


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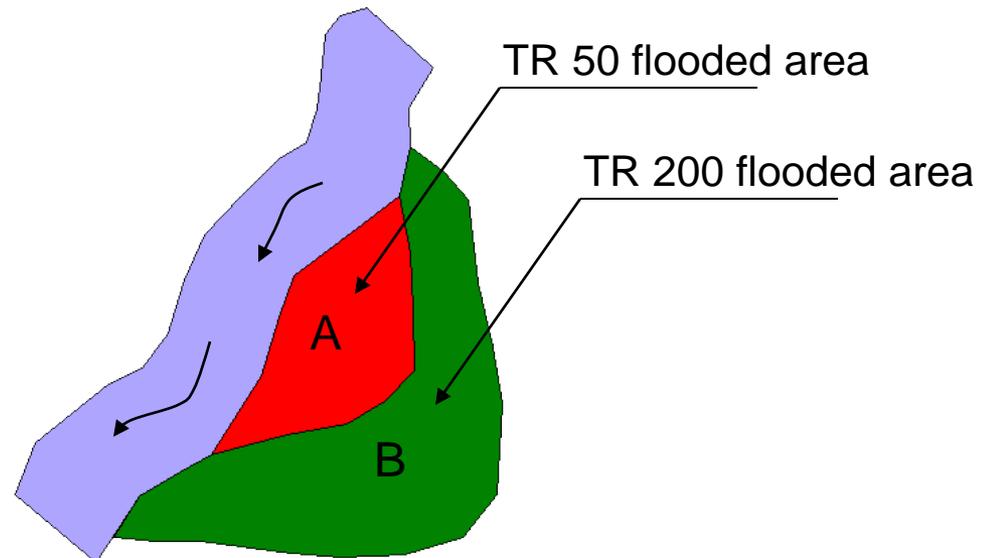


* R. Rosso, 2005

D.G.R. 250/2005*



Previous directive



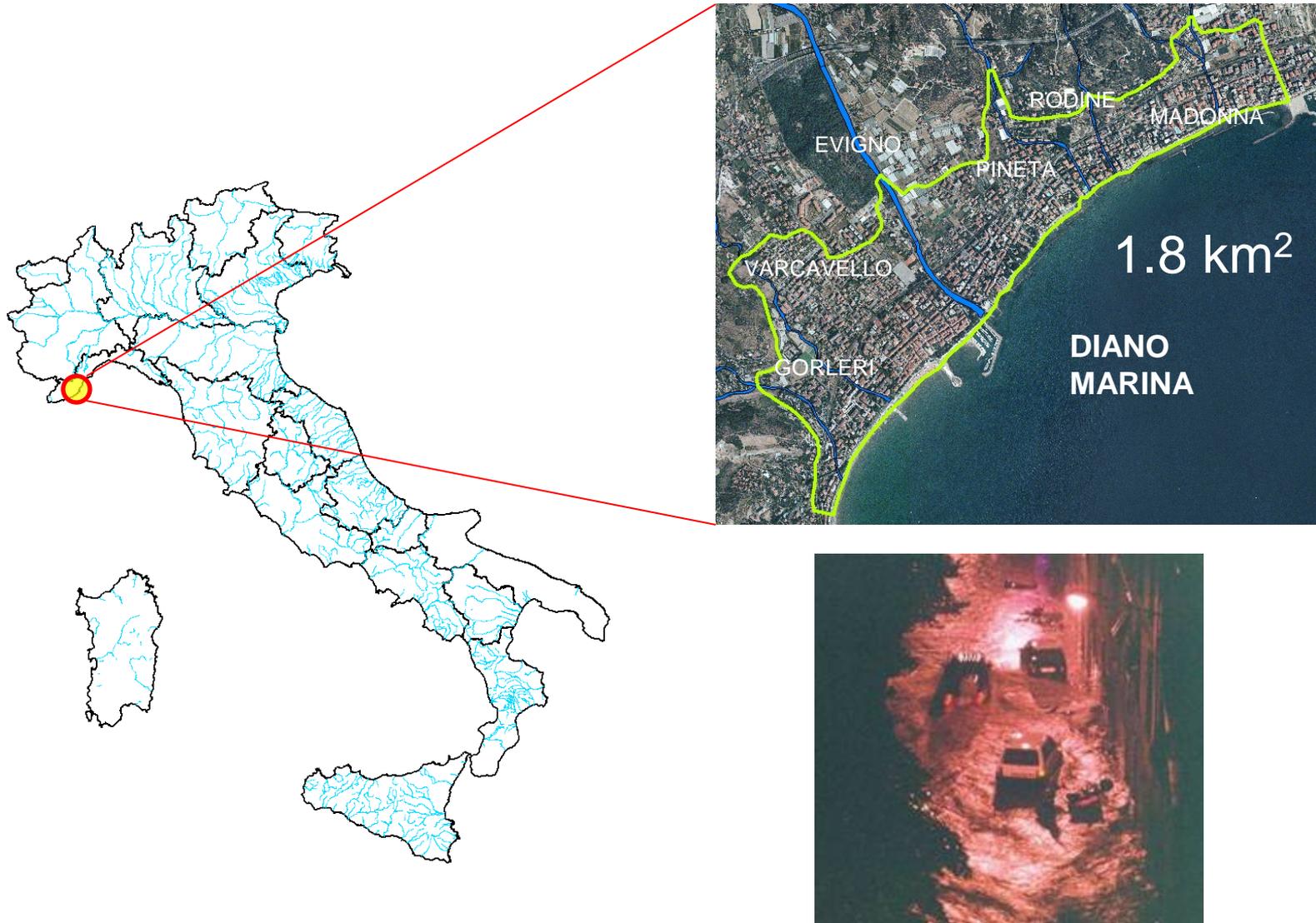


Unsteady models

- * Definition of flood hydrograph as boundary condition for numerical model
- * Choice of the numerical model: 1D or 2D

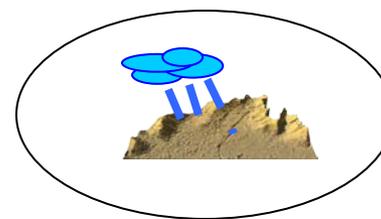
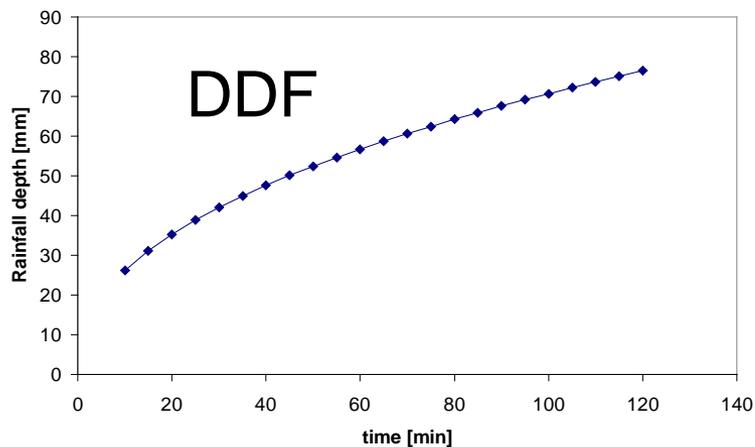


Case Study





Design Hydrographs

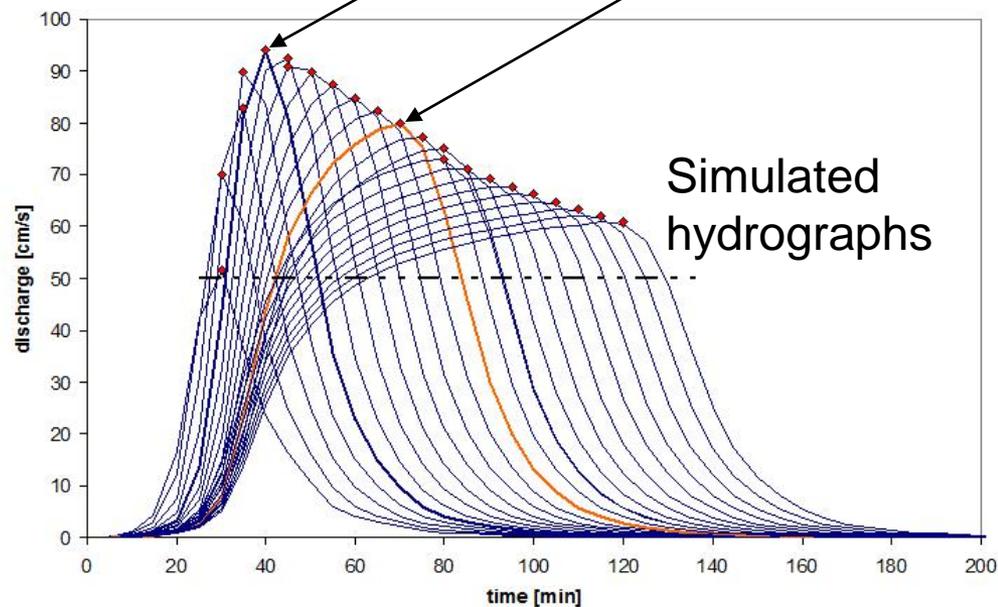
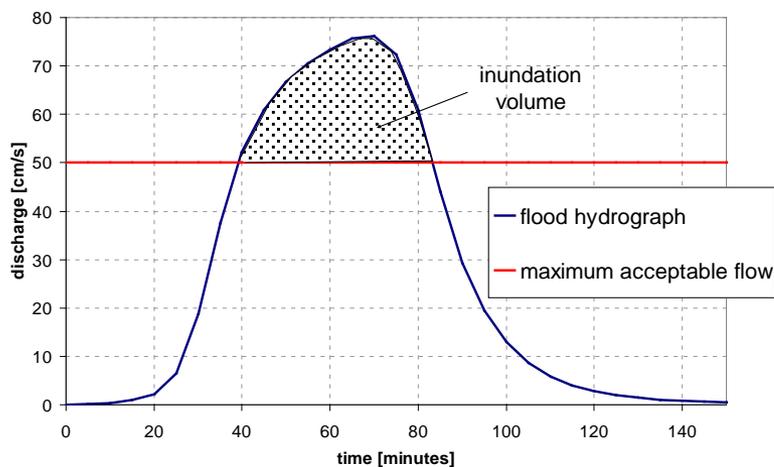


Rainfall runoff transformation : FEST98



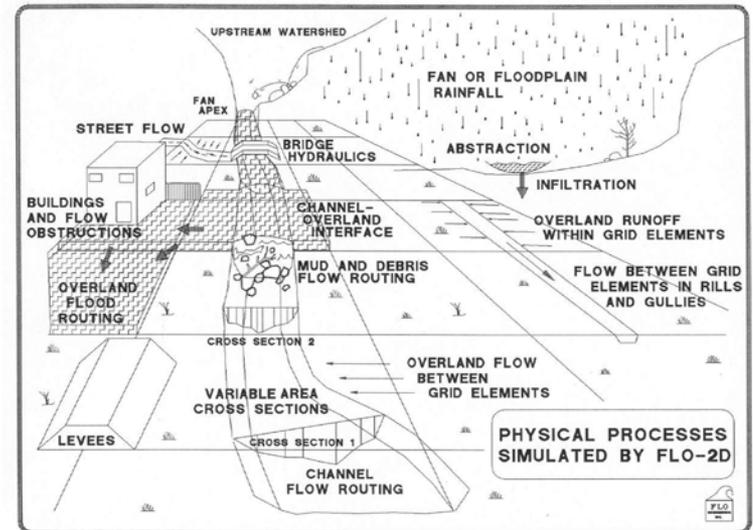
max Peak

max Volume





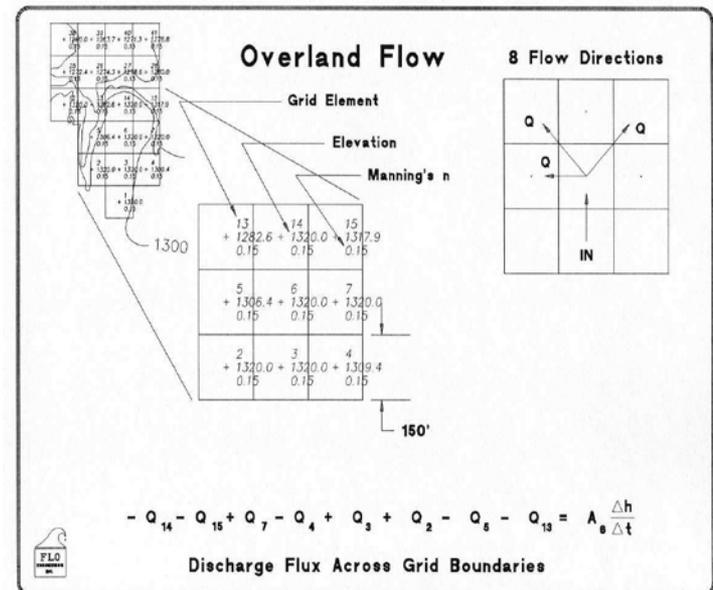
- Grid cell approximation of the domain
- Channel : 1D
- Floodplain: 2D



- Solve De Saint Venant equations in the 8 directions surrounding a cell:

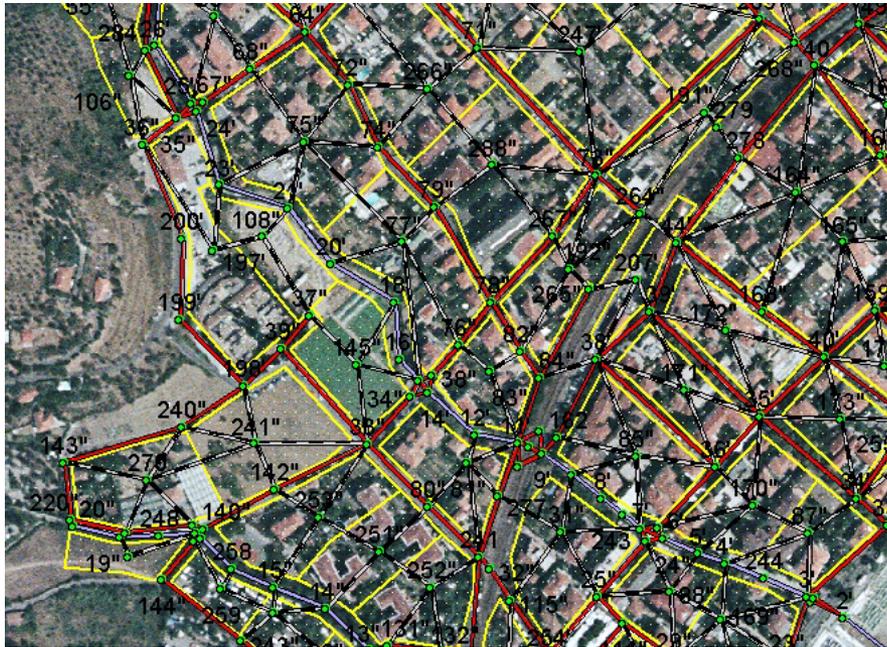
$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(hV_x)}{\partial x} = i \\ \frac{1}{g} \frac{\partial V_x}{\partial t} + \frac{V_x}{g} \frac{\partial V_x}{\partial x} + \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} - S_{0x} + S_{fx} \right) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Explicit finite difference scheme





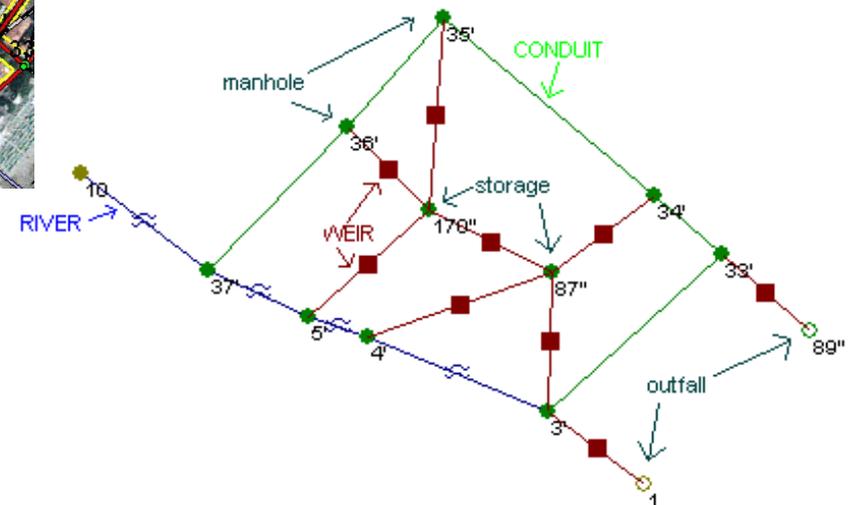
InfoWorks™ CS



Rivers and main streets are represented by conduits.

The street junctions and the connection between watercourse and street are represented by means of manholes.

Conduits are linked to storages through weirs



Preissman implicit finite difference scheme

HAZARD MAPS, RIVER GORLERI :

DTM 1



Spatial resolution: 2.5 m
Simulation time: 24 hours
Volume conservation error:
10% on the entire domain



DTM 2



Spatial resolution: 10 m
Simulation time: 15 minutes
Volume conservation error:
 $8 \cdot 10^{-4}\%$ on the entire domain





Hazard map: effect of hydrograph

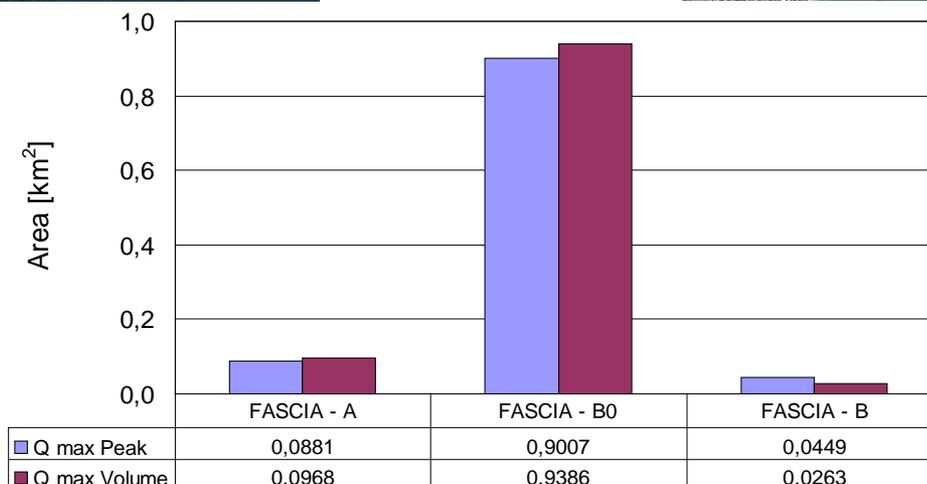
Max Peak Hydrographs



Max Volume Hydrographs



Hazard Extent

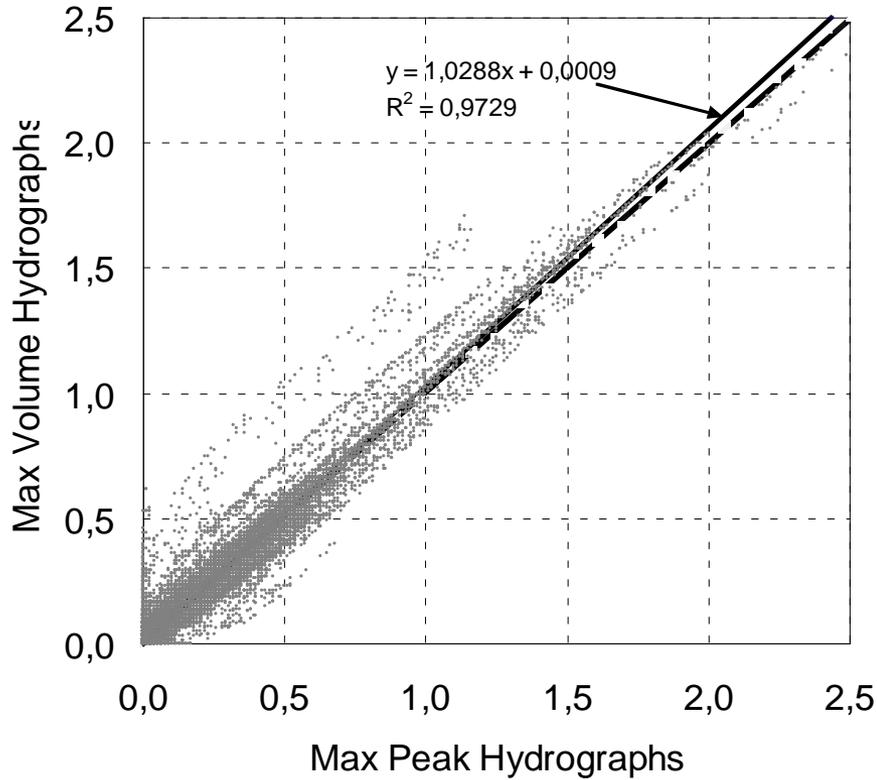


2D model simulation

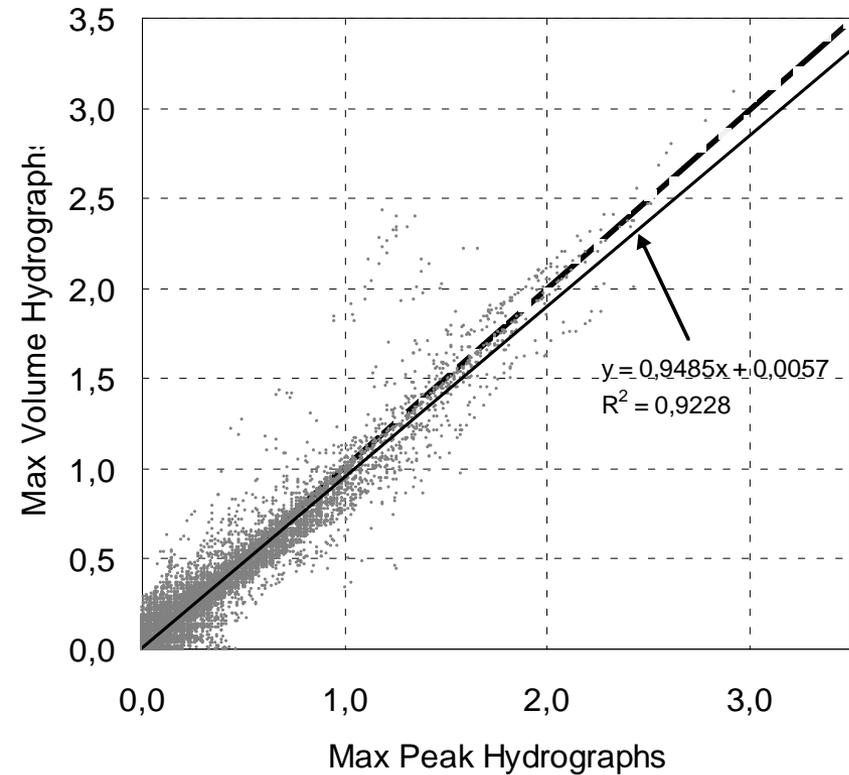


Hazard map: effect of hydrograph

Flow Depth Tr50



Flow Velocity Tr50





Hazard map: effect of the model

INFOWORKS-CS

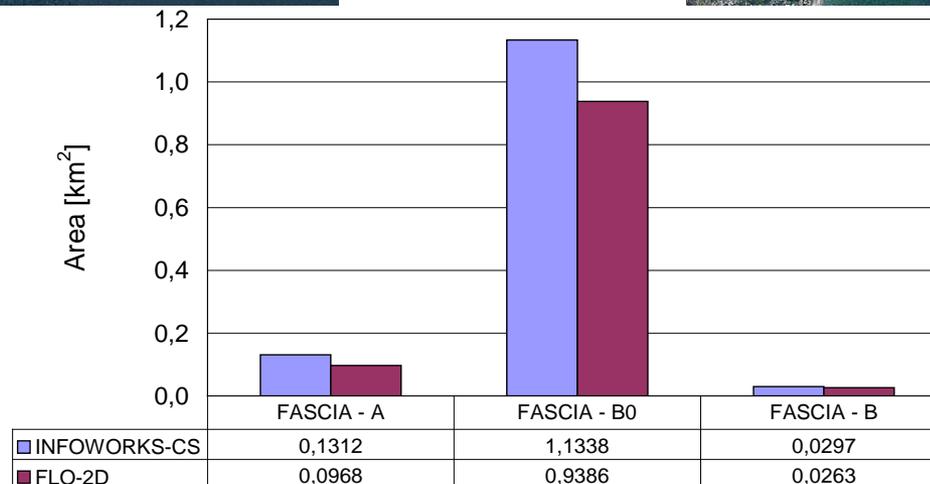


FLO-2D



Hazard Extent

Max Volume
Hydrographs

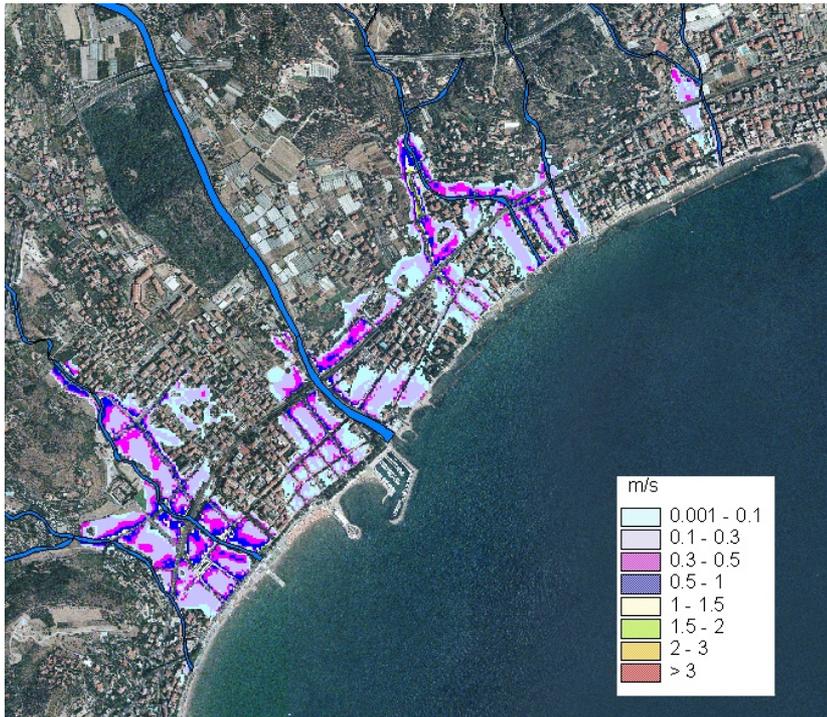




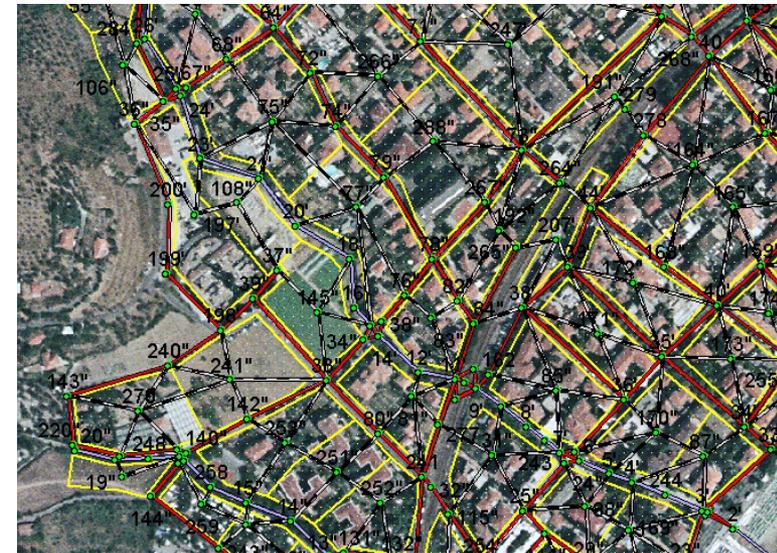
Flow velocity inside storage



Flow velocity from FLO-2D
surrounding buildings



Building blocks are
simulated as storages in
INFOWORKS

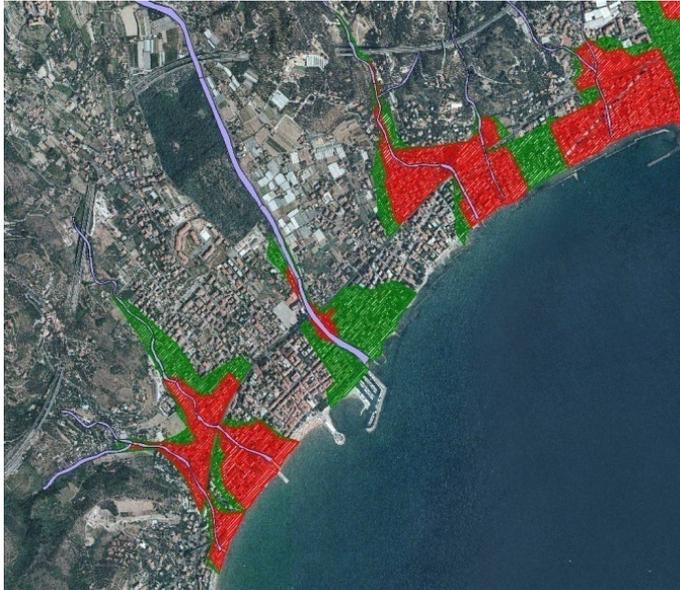




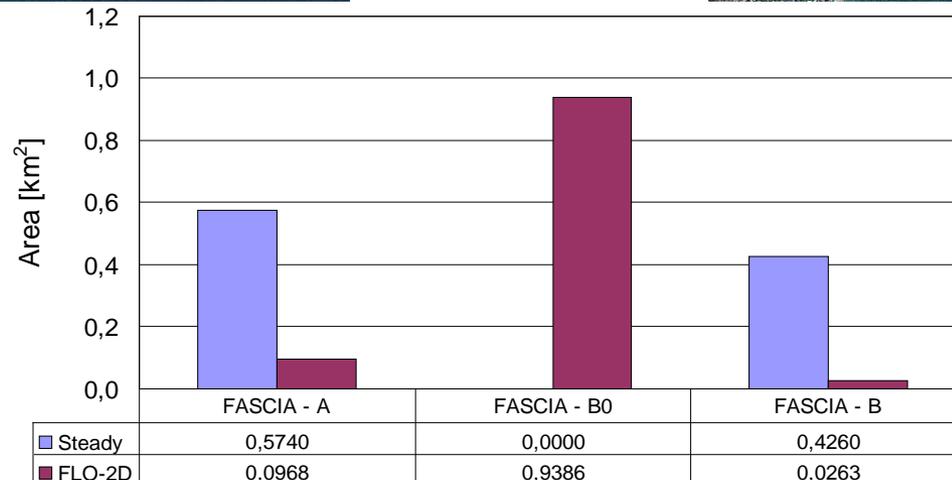
What change

Previous approach (1D, steady, only h)

New approach (2D, unsteady, h and v)



Hazard Extent





- The use of different hydrographs (Q max Peak, Q max Volume) seems not to affect significantly the results in terms of flood hazard map.
- The comparison between results coming from 2D model (FLO-2D) and Quasi-2D model (INFOWORKS) shows that pattern of inundation is very similar. Differences are due to different approach to simulate hydraulic structures (still to be investigated).
- Further validation of the assumptions of Quasi-2D model comes from the analysis of flow velocity field simulated by FLO-2D in the area surrounding buildings: flow velocity is very low, aggregation of buildings can be simulated as storages.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !

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