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ABSTRACT

In the last years, metropolitan areas are more and more exposed to natural risks often intensified by the effects of climatic changes. Clear and complete information about hazards impending on the territory is indispensable for local authorities to define efficient territorial management strategies focused on the risk reduction. A flexible hazard tool which works at different scale and with several sources of hazard is here proposed. We drew maps of monothematic and synthetic indices to describe the hazard status of metropolitan areas. A hazard hotspot map was also elaborated to identify both the areas with high hazard for the single dangerous event and the areas characterized by the concomitance of several hazards. We computed hazard indices for Napoli and Pozzuoli, a densely populated area, located in the Somma-Vesuvio and Campi Flegrei multi-source volcanic zone and also exposed to landslide, flood and coastal erosion hazard.

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1. Introduction

Today 55% of the world's population lives in urban settlements areas and by 2030, urban areas are projected to globally house 60% of people. The impact of natural disasters for such areas characterized by dense population and representing the hubs of government, commerce and transportation can be catastrophic. The vast majority of cities is close to rivers and is hence prone to river flooding, which potentially affects 379 million people, followed by earthquakes (283 million), wind storms (157 million), storm surges (33 million) and tsunami (12 million) (Sundermann, Schelske, & Hausmann, 2014). Volcanic eruptions globally result less catastrophic; approximately 274,000 volcanic fatalities were documented in the historical records and 5.6 million people were affected in the twentieth century (Doocy, Daniels, Dooling, & Gorokhovich, 2013) resulting in about 98,000 fatalities. A risk reduction can be achieved acting on the latter two parameters of Risk formula proposed by UNESCO (1972):

$$R = H * E * V \quad (1)$$

Where H = hazard, is the probability of occurrence of an event in a fixed time window; E = exposure is the number of people, properties and other elements that can be subject to damages and losses; V = vulnerability is the proportion of these elements that might be lost (Varnes, 1984).

In the last decades, the increasing natural and anthropogenic pressure in the urban context required a new approach to solve the problems of human and environmental protection. Scientists, planners and decision-makers gradually realized that the adaptive and flexible approaches of resilient strategies (Lu & Stead, 2013; Tasan-Kok, Stead, & Lu, 2013) for risk reduction work better than vulnerability and exposure control. Resilience represents the capacity of urban systems to prepare, withstand, respond and readily adapt to shocks and stresses to emerge stronger and live better in good times (ARUP, 2015). Moreover, the rise in citizens and local authorities of a consciousness of impending risks helps to render the system more resilient. For example, the Hurricane Irma, that hit the Southern Carolina in 2017, had a reduced impact on the coast thanks to the declaration of an emergency state that made residents and businesses ready for a potential emergency. About 6.3 million people and more than 400 shelters were put in safe (Iavarone, Alberico, Gravagnuolo, & Esposito De Vita, 2019).

In this context, multi-hazard studies are fundamental (Bathrellos, Skilodimou, Chousianitis, Youssef, & Pradhan, 2017; Kappes, Keiler, von Elverfeldt, & Glade, 2012; Kaur, Gupta, Parkash, & Thapa, 2018; Yordanova & Curt, 2018), since they evidence all threats impending on a metropolitan area and consequently the correct strategies to reduce the risks. Multi-hazard can be seen as the process of assessing the role and effects of various independent hazards

endangering the same area or as a process dealing with the possible interactions among different hazardous events (Garcia-Aristizabal et al., 2014).

In the present work, we used a semi-quantitative approach, based on the use of an indicator/index, to draw hazard maps (Alberico & Petrosino, 2015) viable for the phases of hazard-risk mitigation and preparedness management. A time-window in order to determine the hazard level was not fixed and the relations between different hazards, known as cascade (Marzocchi et al., 2009) or domino (Delmonaco, Margottini, & Spizzichino, 2006) effect, were overlooked. These simplifications were forced by the inhomogeneity of data but they did not affect the results of the work, whose main purpose was to support the phases of mitigation and preparedness in the long term. The novelty is the gridding of the whole study area into square cells of 1 km side, that improves the workflow implemented in Alberico and Petrosino (2015) for the indicator/index assessment, in that it avoids forcing induced by the comparison of single hazards with respect to the municipality extent.

We first developed monothematic hazard indices for the single hazard by taking into account the extent of affected areas and the hazard intensity, then we summed up the monothematic indices to get an overview of hazard degrees impending on the single territorial zone (square cell). Moreover, according to Dilley et al. (2005), Satta, Snoussi, Puddu, Flayou, and Hout (2016), Jiménez, Sanuy, Ballesteros, and Valdemoro (2017) and Ferreira et al. (2017) we used the concept of hotspot to identify the zones typified by both the highest value of the single hazard and the coexistence of several hazards.

The method was applied to the case study of Napoli and Pozzuoli municipalities where about 3.183.465 people are possibly exposed to the activity of Somma-Vesuvio and Campi Flegrei as well as to coastal erosion, flooding, landslide and earthquakes. Furthermore, we first proposed a preliminary seismic microzoning of Pozzuoli municipality.

2. Methods

We used two different strategies to map single and total hazards in an exposed territory providing an efficient tool for hazard-risk management. To achieve these goals, according to Alberico and Petrosino (2015), a semi-quantitative methodology based on the use of hazard index/indicators was adopted. The novelty is the gridding of territory into square cells with 1 km side that improves the workflow implemented for the hazard indicator/index assessment since it overwhelms the step of rating the extent of hazard zone and censal district, characterized by different extension, previously needed to make the hazard index comparable on the whole of the investigated area. Moreover, we identified

the hazard hotspots as the zones where the maximum intensity of a single hazard and/or the recurrence of all the hazardous events occur.

2.1. Hazard indices

The index is a single indicator or an aggregation of indicators (OECD, 1993). The indicator is a measure, generally quantitative, useful to simply illustrate and communicate complex phenomena, including trends and progress over time (EEA, 2005). We adopted the indices for their ability to point out the status of a territorial system with regard to a specific theme, and to pass from a qualitative to a semi-quantitative approach for hazard assessment (Kappes et al., 2012). The heterogeneity of data available on both the single hazard (e.g. landslides, flood) and on the relationship between hazards from different sources (e.g. volcanic eruptions that trigger tsunami) forced us to overlook the probabilities of occurrence of single events and the cascade effects. However, the use of hazard and multi-hazard indices for the management of hazard-risk acts on time intervals longer than those of the response to the crisis and this is a guarantee of the applicability of our methodology, devoted to support mitigation and preparedness in the long term.

In the present work, the single index was assessed as follows:

$$H_{ic} = F_j \times w_j \quad (2)$$

where: H_{ic} is a monothematic hazard *index* calculated in each *cell*; F_j is the extent of hazard area in the single cell, calculated through the intersection of the single hazard type and the grid of area exposed to risk; w_j is a value expressing the degree of hazard identified by the classes of a single hazard map (i.e. low hazard = 0.33, medium hazard = 0.66 and high hazard = 1).

Notwithstanding the influence of cell size on the resulting output (Hu & Wang, 2016 and references therein), the choice of a 1 km side cell was driven by the need to balance the preservation of the hazard zoning input data, that were recovered from previously published maps (Table 1), and the possibility to draw a Total hazard index map that could be easily read by stakeholders.

The H_{ic} indices were also used to zone the territory in multi-hazard classes by taking into account all the natural hazards acting in the metropolitan area. To ensure comparability (Lirer, Petrosino, & Alberico, 2010), all indices H_{i1c}, H_{i2c}, \dots were ranked into three classes (low, medium, high hazard), according to equal interval method, and then summed to provide the multi-hazard index (H_{mc}) for the single cell as follows:

$$H_{mc} = H_{i1c} + H_{i2c} + H_{i3c} + \dots \quad (3)$$

Table 1. Summary of the methodologies designed to assess single hazards used for calculation of hazard indices and hotspot map.

Type of hazard	Methodology		Reference	
Volcanic	Pyroclastic Fall	Roof collapsing threshold (300 kg/m ³)	For Campi Flegrei and Somma-Vesuvio, the roof collapsing isopach of the Plinian and sub-Plinian eruptions of the last 10 ky, exceeding the maximum sustainable loading, was selected.	Lirer et al. (2001); Lirer et al. (2010)
		Spatial frequency of overload	The intersection of the roof collapsing isopaches allowed to identify the different spatial frequency (number of events occurring in the same area) of exposed area.	
	Pyroclastic Density Current (PDC)	Vent Opening Probability (VOP)	The hazard related to pyroclastic density current (PDC) at Campi Flegrei is based on the VOP and the spatial frequency of PDC invasion. The territory is discretized in cells and the presence/absence of geological, geochemical and geophysical indicators was used as key element for the VOP assessment.	Alberico, Lirer, Petrosino, and Scandone (2002)
		Invaded area	The invaded area was assessed through three step: (a) the 'energy cone' model (Malin & Sheridan, 1982), for an eruption with Volcanic Explosivity Index = 4, was simulated in each cell of the Campi Flegrei and the boundary of maximum invaded area was outlined. (b) for Campi Flegrei a weight corresponding to the VOP was assigned to the single invaded area; (c) the overlay of all invaded areas made it possible to define the spatial probability of invasion by PDC. Similarly, for the Somma-Vesuvio one simulation with VEI = 4, located in the Vesuvio crater, was realized but the invasion areas of the three main eruptions of the last 10 ky (Avellino, 79, 472 A.D.) were also considered.	Lirer et al. (2010)
Landslide			The methodology is based on two intermediate maps: (a): probabilistic assessment and consequent mapping of landslides detachment susceptibility: landslide inventories and photo-interpretation were used to assess some parameters relevant to the triggering of mass movements (slope gradient -S-, thickness of pyroclastic cover -T-, distance to tracks -D-, land use -L-); and (b) runout susceptibility. The analysis of run-out distance and drop height of past landslide allowed the identification of the angle of reach (Heim, 1932) and consequent drawing of the landslide 'runout susceptibility map'.	Calcaterra, Parise, and Palma (2003)
Flood			The geometrical model of stream channels (obtained by GPS measurement of river courses and basin morphologies) and the hydrological model of basins make it is possible to provide simulations and hydraulic models. Considering a scheme of one-dimensional permanent motion, the simulations are carried out through the use of the calculation code HEC-RAS (Hydrologic Engineering Center – River Analysis System). Using a Digital Elevation Model (DEM) the areas affected by flooding are achieved.	Basin Authority of Central Campania (B.U.R.C. n ° 33 21/05/2012)
Coastal Erosion			The methodology is based on two intermediate maps: (a) A landslide detachment susceptibility map for cliffs is obtained through a field geological survey aiming at the evaluation of the Geological Strength Indexes for cliffs (GSI – Hoek, 1994; Hoek & Brown, 1997; Hoek & Marinos, 2000; Hoek, Marinos, & Benissi, 1998; Marinos & Hoek, 2001; Marinos, Marinos, & Hoek, 2005). This index estimates the strength of rock masses obtained through the assessment of the frequency of discontinuities and their features (e.g. roughness, weathering, presence of fillings), (b) runout susceptibility map that considers exposed to hazard the accumulation zones of past coastal landslides prolonging to sea the class of landslide detachment susceptibility assessed on land (view Main Map).	Basin Authority of Central Campania (B.U.R.C. n ° 33 21/05/2012)

The Main Map depicts the outcomes of this workflow implemented into a Geographic Information System framework that for each cell records not only the H_{mc} index but also the degree of the single hazard. This allows us to discriminate between two cells with the same multi-hazard index to which diverse hazards contribute and/or with the same type of hazard but different dangerousness for society.

2.2. Hazard hotspot

In a territory exposed to potential damage, a hotspot is an area with the highest hazard level (Arnold et al.,

2006; Dillely et al., 2005) or, in case of multi-hazard, with the highest spatial frequency of hazardous events (Alberico & Petrosino, 2015). To better focus the attention on the most critical points of metropolitan area, we here propose to identify the hotspots in the light of both these meanings. The areas where each single hazard shows the highest values, selected from the respective hazard map (volcanic, seismic, landslide, coastal erosion...), are hence considered hotspots along with those areas exposed to at least two hazards, notwithstanding their degree, identified through the overlap of the Boolean maps obtained for the single hazard.

3. Case study

The municipalities of Napoli and Pozzuoli (hereafter, PNMs) were chosen as the test area to validate the proposed methodology. It hosts about 3.183.465 people (ISTAT, 2017) and is exposed to volcanic (Lirer, Petrosino, Alberico, & Postiglione, 2001; Orsi, De Vita, & Di Vito, 1996), seismic (Esposito, Porfido, Luongo, & Petrazzuoli, 1992; Nunziata, 2004; Nunziata, Sacco, & Panza, 2011), flood (Esposito, Matano, & Scepi, 2018; Vennari, Parise, Santangelo, & Santo, 2016), landslide (Di Martire, De Rosa, Pesce, Santangelo, & Calcaterra, 2012) and coastal erosion (De Pippo et al., 2008) hazards. This area, about 162,5 km² wide, mostly pertains to the Campi Flegrei caldera that collapsed as a consequence of two main explosive events, the Campanian Ignimbrite (CI – ca. 39 ka, De Vivo et al., 2001) and the Neapolitan Yellow Tuff (NYT – ca. 15 ka, Deino, Orsi, De Vita, & Piochi, 2004) eruptions. Its inner part is morphologically shaped by post-NYT monogenetic volcanoes (e.g. Gauro, Astroni, Monte Nuovo) and by Camaldoli and Posillipo Hill, which separates the Fuorigrotta and Sebeto coastal plains. The easternmost high is the northern flank of Somma-Vesuvio (Figure 1).

The deposits outcropping in the area were mainly emplaced by post-CI Campi Flegrei volcanic activity, and are made up of loose to lithified (tuffs) pyroclastic products and minor lava flows. The plains are filled by alluvial and remobilized volcanic deposits,

together with sediments reworked by intense anthropic activity.

In the following, a brief summary of the single natural hazards is reported, and the specific methodology is resumed in Table 1. Only for seismic hazard assessment, firstly carried out for the purposes of the present paper, the methodology is extensively explained in the text.

3.1. Volcanic hazard

The PNMs are exposed to the volcanic hazard from both Campi Flegrei and Somma-Vesuvio. This hazard was recently studied by Bevilacqua et al. (2015), Neri et al. (2015), and Bevilacqua et al. (2017) that published several sketch maps focused on a single volcanic source at a time. Therefore, the volcanic hazard map published by Lirer et al. (2010), that discretizes the territory in hazard classes integrating all the hazards caused by the possible resuming of explosive activity at both volcanoes, represents the data source for the present study (Table 1). The map showed four hazard classes (very low, low, medium and high) but, in order to make it comparable with other maps, we reduced the number of classes to three by merging very low and low classes (Figure 2).

3.2. Seismic hazard

The previous knowledge of seismic hazard is not homogeneous for PNMs since only for Napoli city a

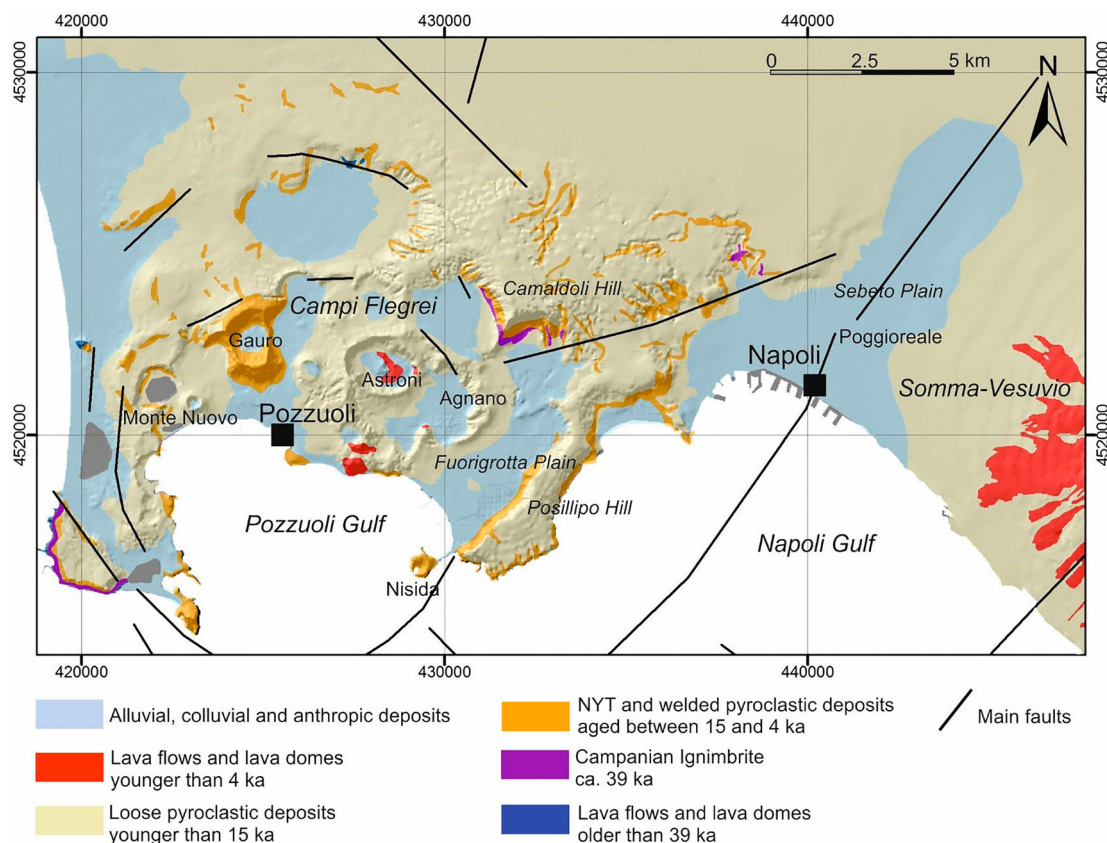


Figure 1. Geo-lithological and structural sketch map of the study area.

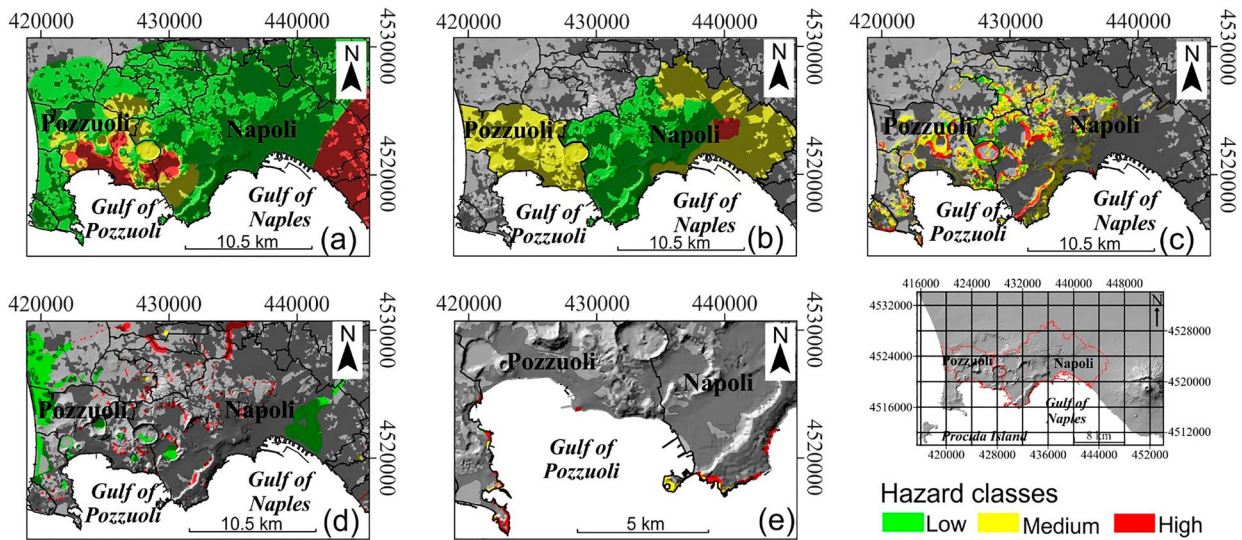


Figure 2. Maps displaying natural hazards characterizing the Napoli and Pozzuoli municipalities: (a) volcanic hazard; (b) seismic hazard; (c) landslide hazard; (d) flood hazard; (e) coastal erosion hazard. On the bottom right of the figure, the shaded relief of Campania Region shows the two municipalities in a wide territorial setting.

seismic microzoning based on the 1980 earthquake is available (Nunziata, 2004). Therefore, we drew a preliminary global hazard map that suffers from the paucity of information for the Pozzuoli municipality.

For Napoli, we attributed the maximum *peak ground acceleration* (PGA) to geologically homogenous zones of Nunziata (2004). The PGA values were reclassified into three hazard classes.

For Pozzuoli municipality, the lack of measurements of shear wave velocities (V_S) suggested to estimate them by using literature relations with geotechnical data and by attributing the values of similar lithotypes outcropping in the close urban area of Napoli. In particular, we used: (1) empirical correlations between q_c values from Cone Penetration Tests (CPT) and V_S ; (2) empirical correlations between N_{SPT} values from Standard Penetration Tests (SPT) and V_S ; (3) correlation with Neapolitan lithologies.

The approach 1 yielded to the less reliable results because of: (i) too shallow depth of the CPT tests; (ii) non-specificity of the empirical correlations for volcanic soils; (iii) scarce reliability of CPT tests when carried out in soils coarser than sands (pozzolana grain size can be very heterogeneous). As regards the approach 2, empirical correlations between N_{SPT} values from SPT and V_S are not available for volcanic soils. Despite the inadequacy of the approaches 1 and 2, we used them for the computation of V_S and compared the results with the dataset of Neapolitan lithotypes (Nunziata, Natale, & Panza, 2004) (Figure 3). This comparison was suggested by the observation that all values computed through empirical correlations fall in the range of the Neapolitan velocity database. In particular, for pozzolana, cinerites, fine and coarse ash, scoria, pumice and lapilli we used the V_S data reported for recent pyroclastic products. The lack of any

description or physical parameters like RQD (Rock Quality Designation – Deere & Deere, 1988) prevented us to establish the degree of fracturing of the tuff, hence we used the correlation with NYT soil facies.

As V_S values vary with depth, we considered two layers (0–20 m, 21–37 m) and, for each drilling, we attributed the mean V_S obtained by the correlation. Then we computed the V_{S30} parameter by excluding the first 7 meters of soil:

$$V_{S30} = \frac{30}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{h_i}{V_i}} \quad (5)$$

Using NTC, 2008, we defined soil category C for the entire area of Pozzuoli, for which the PGA was assumed as that coded for the SLD (Damage Limit State – after an earthquake, the building in all its parts must not have suffered damages capable to endanger people who use it and to significantly affect its strength and stiffness), that is 0.085 g for a:

- V_n (nominal life of the building – number of years in which it is expected to maintain specific levels of performance) = 50 years;
- c_u (coefficient of use) = 1.

This assumption was based on some considerations:

- The maximum PGA for Napoli is 0.11 g (southern part of Poggioreale);
- The pozzolana composing the soils of Pozzuoli has the same lithological features of that found in Napoli. Moreover, the technical characteristics of pozzolana can vary because of the different degree of cementation and/or welding: very often, these characteristics get worse with the distance from

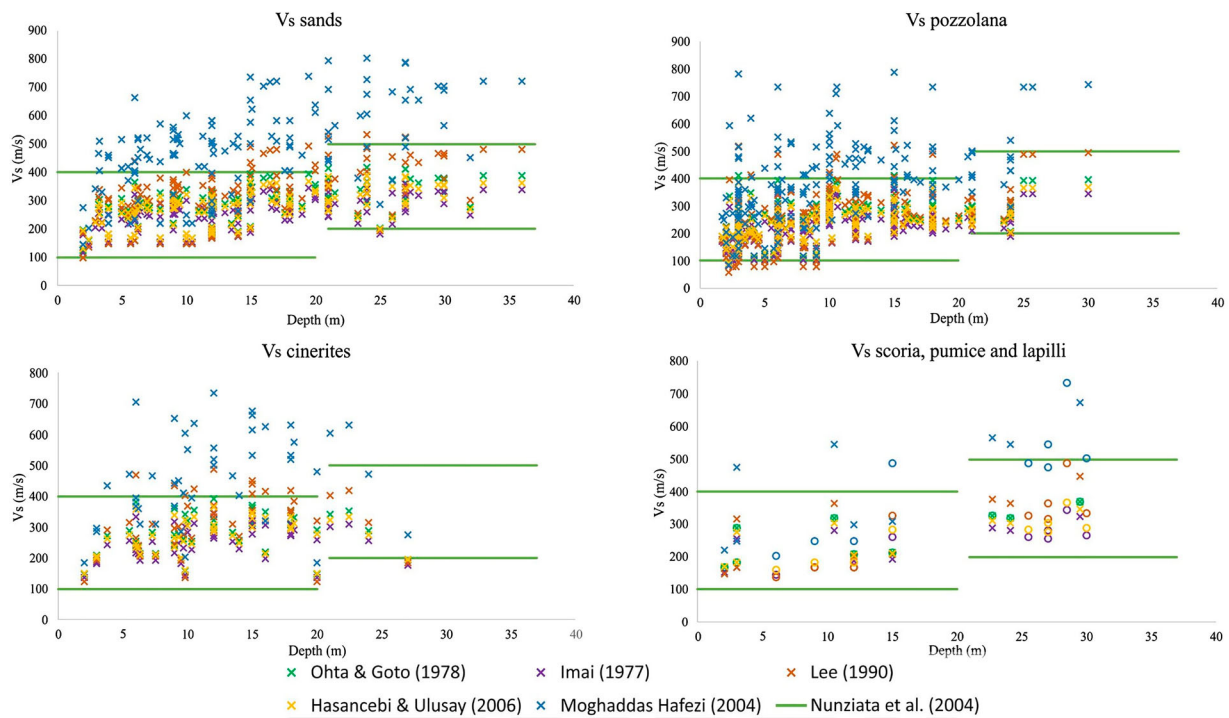


Figure 3. Comparative diagrams between Vs values obtained using empirical correlations NSPT-VS and using correlations with Neapolitan lithotypes.

the vent. Assuming Campi Flegrei as the source, it is therefore unlikely that the characteristics of the Pozzuoli soils are worse than those of Napoli's;

- Pozzuoli is farther than Napoli from the Apennine seismic sources; this involves greater attenuation for Pozzuoli, so it is unlikely that here we could have values higher than the PGA expected for Napoli.

Therefore, the area of Pozzuoli falls into the intermediate hazard class of seismic hazard map.

It is necessary to emphasize that the hazard map for the whole of the investigated area here obtained (Figure 2) is just a preliminary product; in fact, it is the result of two non-homogeneous approaches for the two municipalities.

3.3. Landslide hazard

The presence of unwelded pyroclastic deposits and the steepness of both volcano flanks and caldera rim favors the occurrence of landslides. In the last decades, the most common landslide types are slides, flows and slide-flows (Di Martire et al., 2012). Landslides occur mainly along high angle slopes ($>30^\circ$) and are mostly triggered by heavy rainfalls and human activities (Di Martire et al., 2012).

The landslide hazard map published by the ex-Basin Authority of Central Campania (today Southern Apennine Hydrogeomorphic District) (B.U.R.C. n°33 21/05/2012) represented our data source for the hazard index assessment (Table 1). The map is drawn by

combining landslides detachment susceptibility and runout susceptibility maps consisting of four classes (low, medium, high, very high). Once again, for the sake of comparison, we reduced these classes to three by merging the two lower hazard classes (Figure 2).

3.4. Flood hazard

In PNMs, the zones interested by flooding events are mainly flat areas, internal parts of craters and the foot of valleys cutting hills and monogenetic vents. Among these phenomena, there are also flash floods (Esposito et al., 2018; Vennari et al., 2016), consequent to heavy rains occurred in a short time interval (Borga, Boscolo, Zanon, & Sangati, 2007), here disregarded due to the lack of a hazard zoning over the whole territory.

Areas subject to flood hazard (Table 1) are evidenced in the flood hazard map drawn by the ex-Basin Authority of Central Campania. According to three return periods (50, 200, 500 years), three hazard classes are identified (low, medium, high) (Figure 2).

3.5. Coastal erosion hazard

In PNMs, the sandy coastal areas are few because most of the littoral is artificial. Along the coastal cliffs, mainly built up of NYT/other tuff formations or cemented volcanoclastic rocks, landslide events can occur only when these are characterized by a fracture network that favors the detachment of rock blocks. Such fractures are the results of the coexistence of rocks with different cementation degree, or of the

presence of structural discontinuities and/or differential erosion (Evangelista, Scotto Di Santolo, Zimbardo, Ercoli, & Nocilla, 2010). In addition, volcanoclastic rocks are deeply erodible by marine waves although they are cohesive. According to the methodology reported in Table 1, three hazard classes are identified (low, medium, high) (Figure 2).

4. Results: multi-hazard assessment

We used the quoted source maps to draw the single hazard index, multi-hazard and hotspots maps. Through these maps, we investigated different but equally important aspects of hazard management: the hazards level and the spatial recurrence.

(a). Monothematic hazard index maps

Applying the formula (2) for PNMs, we obtained five monothematic hazard index maps (one for each hazard). Results (Main map) highlighted that:

- The territory shows the dominance of cells with a low volcanic hazard index (161 cells out of 278 – ~58%). This occurs for all cells characterized only by low volcanic hazard or by two/three hazard classes among which low hazard prevails. High hazard class is more frequent than medium one (60 cells out of 278 – ~21.6%).

In Pozzuoli municipality, high volcanic hazard index typifies the southern area of Astroni and the city center. In Napoli, on the counterpart, the highest volcanic hazard index characterizes the eastern part of the city due to the proximity to Somma-Vesuvio volcano.

- The medium seismic hazard index class is dominant (129 cells out of 278–46.4%). Most Napoli city is characterized by a low seismic hazard index, due to the presence of tuff at shallow depth, and only 3 cells of the Poggioreale zone show a high seismic hazard index. The entire territory of Pozzuoli shows a medium seismic hazard index.
- In the landslide hazard index map, 108 out of 278 cells (~38.8%) show a low hazard index, 33 cells (~11.8%) a medium hazard (e.g.; Solfatara) and 10 cells (~3.6%) a high hazard index (e.g.; Camaldoli, in Napoli, and Astroni in Pozzuoli).
- Similarly, the flood hazard index map shows a predominance of low hazard index (131 cells out of 278 – ~47%), 15 cells (~5.4%) have medium (e.g.; eastern sector of Napoli and northern of Pozzuoli) and 8 cells (~2.9%) (e.g.; SE of Napoli and W of Pozzuoli) high hazard index.
- In the coastal erosion hazard index map 6 out of 10 cells have low, just 1 cell has medium and 3 cells have high hazard index. Most of the coast is man-

made hence very few areas are affected by coastal erosion.

(b). Total hazard index map

The sum of the five monothematic hazard indices and their ranking into three classes allowed us to draw the total hazard index map. This map shows a predominance of cells with a medium multi-hazard index (113 out of 278 – 96 cells have low and 68 cells high hazard index).

The largest number of cells with a high total hazard index is concentrated in Pozzuoli; here we have the combination of several types of hazard, most of which with high/medium index. For example, a low total hazard index class may be the result of: (i) the coexistence of three low monothematic hazard indices; (ii) the presence of a single high monothematic hazard index; (iii) the different combinations between two monothematic hazard indices (for detail, see the Main map).

To preserve this information, fundamental for hazard-risk management, four radial graphics were drawn. In these diagrams, each radius corresponds to a cell, the color of the segments forming the radius is referred to the type of hazard and the number of segments to the monothematic hazard index class (Main Map).

(c). Hazard hotspot map

The hotspots (Fig. 4) correspond to the areas where at least two hazards occur, as well as to those exposed to a single hazard at its highest degree. Figure 4 has been drawn depicting with different full colors the areas where the highest single hazard is recorded, whereas the areas where more than one hazard occurs have been contoured with different colors and filled with different patterns.

The highest hazard affects: (a) the lowlands in Pozzuoli municipality and the eastern area of Napoli exposed to both the propagation of PDC and the deposition of pyroclastic fall (volcanic hazard); (b) the southern part of Poggioreale in Napoli due to the presence of unconsolidated sediments and peat layers (seismic hazard); (c) the Monte Nuovo, Gauro, Astroni and Agnano crater rims and Camaldoli and Posillipo hills, all characterized by steep slopes and unwelded pyroclastic deposits potentially made instable by heavy rainfalls and uncontrolled human activities (landslide hazard); (d) restricted areas at the mouths of valleys cutting the Camaldoli, Agnano and Posillipo hills where relief energy and torrential regime favor inundation events (flood hazard) and (e) the Posillipo and Nisida Island characterized by cliffs made up of fractured tuffs (coastal erosion).

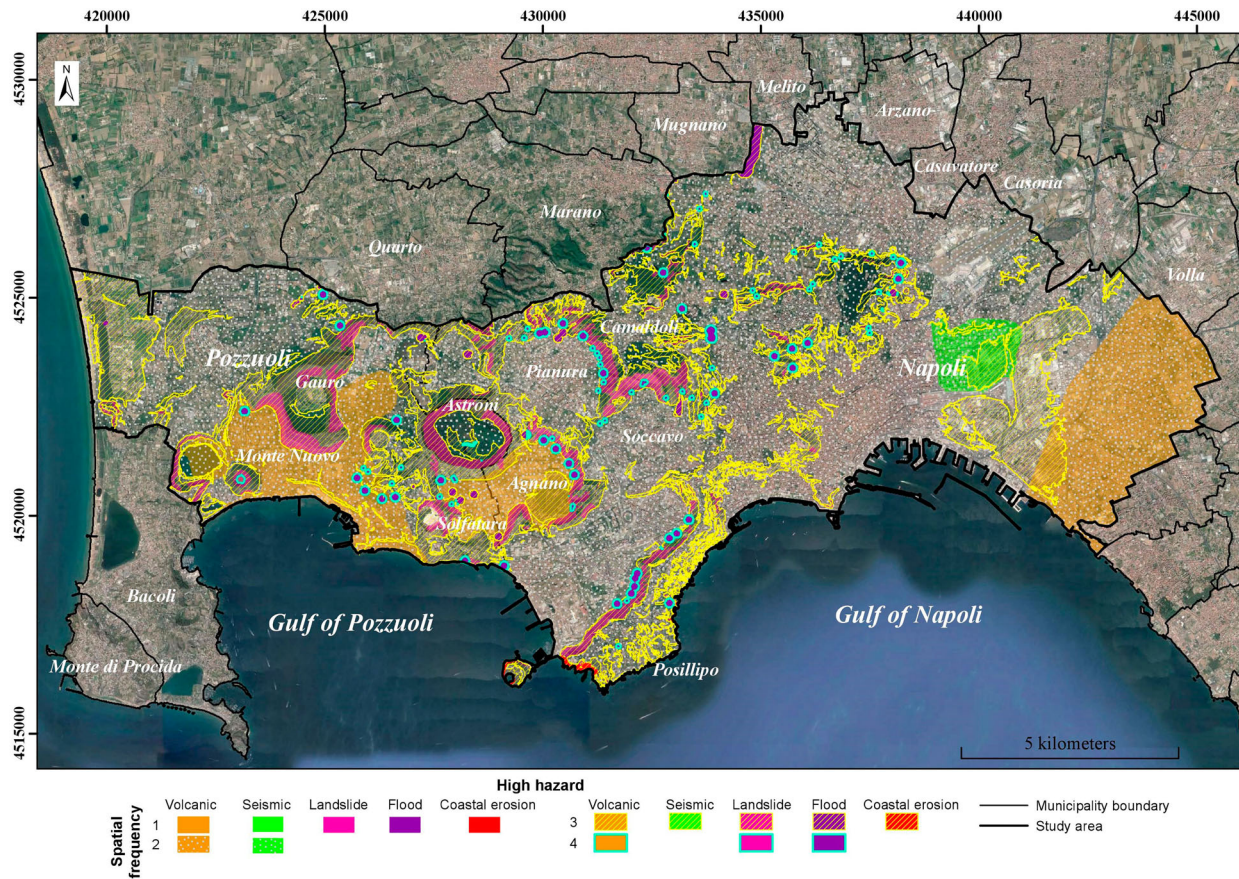


Figure 4. Hotspots map displaying both areas affected by high hazard for the single dangerous event and areas characterized by the concomitance of two or more hazards.

In both municipalities, the compresence of at least 2–4 types of hazard is detected. The totality of territory is exposed to volcanic and seismic hazard; in fact, about 78% of Napoli and 61% of Pozzuoli municipalities respectively are characterized by the compresence of 2 types of hazard (areas contoured by white lines and filled with grey dot pattern in Figure 4).

The overlapping of 3 types of hazard (areas contoured by yellow lines and filled with yellow line pattern) is due to the coexistence of volcanic and seismic hazard with: (i) landslide hazard for 13% of Napoli and 26% of Pozzuoli municipality; (ii) flood hazard, confined to the foot of valleys cutting the hills (7,5% of Napoli and 12% of Pozzuoli municipality) and (iii) coastal erosion for about 0.3% of Napoli (only 0.02% of Pozzuoli). Areas with 4 types of hazard (contoured by a light blue line and with no pattern) are small and remark the spatial concurrence of volcanic, seismic, flood and landslide hazards; they are mostly concentrated at the foot of major reliefs and crater rims (e.g.; Posillipo, Agnano, Camaldoli) (see light blue boundary in Figure 4).

5. Conclusions

This research focused on the use of hazard indices and hotspots concept to identify the metropolitan zones

needing priority of intervention aimed at reducing hazard-risk.

The hazard indices allow the territorial zoning in response to the spatial extent of areas exposed to hazard and to the hazard intensity, while through the hotspots we easily identify the areas exposed to the highest hazard and/or to the largest number of hazards. The concomitant use of both tools brings to map the hazard degree accounting for the level of multi-hazard as the sum of all the hazard indices, without losing the information on the single hazard intensity, and on the spatial occurrence of all hazards endangering the metropolitan areas.

For the single cell of Napoli and Pozzuoli, we defined the multi-hazard index that in a synthetic and speedy way allows the visualization of the portions of territory more exposed to natural hazards. Additionally, for each multi-hazard class, a description of the single hazard together with the spatial occurrence of hazardous events is given.

In summary, 34% of Pozzuoli and 21% of Napoli municipality are characterized by high hazards and in only two cases, the central portion of Pozzuoli and a small sector of Poggioreale in Napoli, the high hazard zones are also exposed to more than one hazard.

The analysis of such a big amount of data was supported by the use of algorithms available in a GIS

environment and resulted in a tool that makes it possible to:

- easily adapt the methodology to a different scale;
- upgrade the workflows with both the progress of knowledge about a hazard and the integration of other types of hazard (e.g. anthropic hazards);
- export the methodology to other endangered areas;
- address local authorities to better land management and land use;

This research arises in the context of an active support to the strategies of territorial management; it develops an agile and flexible methodology that can be ultimately used as an aid to identify zones of priority of intervention and properly address funds and energies. Finally, such approach could be used as a preliminary tool for the implementation of Municipal Emergency Plans (MEP – Civil Protection Law -n. 100 July 12th 2012), which are critical documents where all the hazard sources should be effectively combined.

Software

The development of all of the hazard indices and hot-spot maps was performed using ArcGIS® 10.3.

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