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The evaluation of seismic hazard is based on the traditional Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis, i.e. on the probabilistic analysis of earthquake catalogues and of ground motion, from macroseismic observations and instrumental recordings. This leads to severe bias in the estimation of seismic hazard, with artificially inflated errors, because the mathematical model of PSHA, as it is in use today, is inaccurate and leads to systematic errors in the calculation process.

Recently this approach showed its limitation in providing a reliable seismic hazard assessment, possibly due to the insufficient information about historical seismicity, which can introduce relevant errors in the purely statistical approach mainly based on the seismic history.

The probabilistic analysis supplies indications that can be useful but are not sufficiently reliable to characterize seismic hazard. Recent examples Kobe (17.1.1995), Bhuj (26.1.2001), Boumerdes (21.5.2003) and Bam (26.12.2003) events.

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Kobe (17.1.1995), Gujarat (26.1.2001), Boumerdes (21.5.2003) and Bam (26.12.2003) earthquakes PGA(g)

	Expected	Observed
	with a probability of exceedence of 10% in 50 years (return period 475 years)	
• Kobe	0.40-0.48	0.7-0.8
• Gujarat	0.16-0.24	0.5-0.6
• Boumerdes	0.08-0.16	0.3-0.4
• Bam	0.16-0.24	0.7-0.8

To overcome the mentioned limitations and, above all, to improve the pre-seismic information which may lead to an effective mitigation of seismic risk, we are following an innovative approach, that combines Earth Observation (EO) data and new advanced approaches in seismological and geophysical data analysis.

ASI Pilot Project - SISMA

"Seismic Information System for Monitoring and Alert"

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The system we are developing is based on the neodeterministic approach for the estimation of seismic ground motion, integrated with the space and time dependent information provided by EO data analysis through geophysical forward modeling.

The need of integration of different geophysical observables is obvious when the process of earthquake preparation and occurrence is analysed: the lithosphere - a hierarchical system of interacting blocks - accumulates stress, according to strain and strain rates fields due to tectonics, which is partly released during the earthquake occurrence.

System's Overall Description

Seismological data analysis

- **INPUT**

Data on seismicity (earthquake catalogues), geomorphology and geodynamics and Earth structure (velocity, gravity data);

Worldwide tested pattern recognition algorithms for middle-range intermediate-term earthquake prediction and for identification of damaging earthquake prone areas;

Robust and tested codes for the earth structure retrieval and numerical modelling of lithosphere block dynamics.

Seismological data analysis

- **OUTPUT (1)**

Regional alerted areas by the near real time monitoring of seismicity (TIPs for the occurrence of earthquakes with $M \geq M_0$);

Maps of the morphostructural zonation and selection of seismogenic nodes prone to earthquakes with $M \geq 6.0$ & $M \geq 6.5$ within the regional alerted regions;

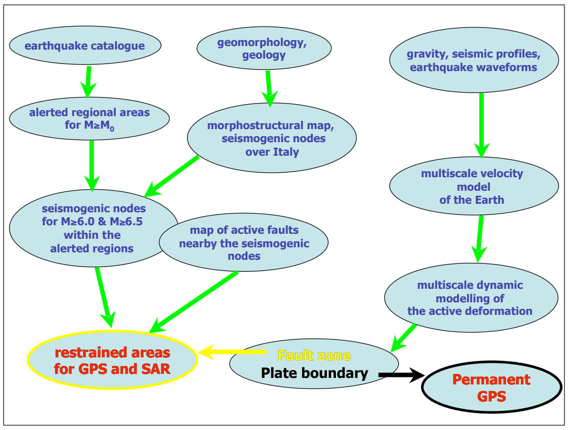
Seismological data analysis

- OUTPUT (2)

Restrained local alerted areas for GPS and SAR investigations;

Multiscale velocity models of the Earth Structure for geophysical forward modelling;

Preferred models for the dynamics of the lithosphere at a regional scale.



Real-time monitoring of the seismic flow: CN and M8S algorithms

Intermediate-term middle-range earthquake prediction experiment

CN algorithm *(Keilis-Borok et al., 1990; Peresan et al., 2005)*

M8S algorithm *(Kossobokov et al, 2002)*

Main features:

- **Fully formalized algorithms and computer codes available for independent testing;**
- **Use of published & routine catalogues of earthquakes;**
- **Worldwide tests ongoing for more than 10 years permitted to assess the significance of the issued predictions** (*Kossobokov et al., 1999; Rotwain and Novikova, 1999)*

Intermediate-term middle-range earthquake prediction experiment in Italy

CN and M8S algorithms are based on a set of empirical functions of time to allow for a quantitative analysis of the premonitory patterns which can be detected in the seismic flow:

- **Variations in the seismic activity**
- **Seismic quiescence**
- **Space-time clustering of events**

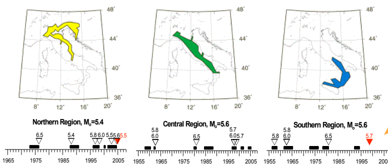
They allow to identify the TIPs
(Times of Increased Probability)
for the occurrence of a strong earthquake within a delimited region

Intermediate-term middle-range earthquake prediction experiment in Italy

- **Stability tests with respect to several free parameters of the algorithms** *(e.g. Costa et al., 1995; Peresan et al., GJI, 2000; Peresan et al., PEPI, 130, 2002);*
- **CN predictions are regularly updated every two months since January 1998;**
- **M8S predictions are regularly updated every six months since January 2002;**

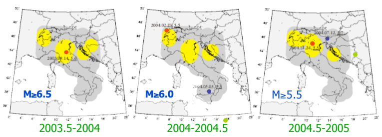
Real time prediction experiment started in July 2003

CN algorithm



Times of Increased Probability for the occurrence of events with M>Mo within the monitored regions

M8s algorithm



Events with M_{max} ≥5.5 occurred since July 2003

Monitored region   Alerted region

Updated to January 2007

Intermediate-term middle-range earthquake prediction

Space-time volume of alarm in CN application in Italy

Experiment	Space-time volume of alarm (%)	n/N	Confidence level (%)
Retrospective* (1954 – 1963)	41	3/3	93
Retrospective (1964 – 1997)	27	5/5	>99
Forward (1998 – 2007)	36	4/5	94
All together (1954 – 2007)	31	12/13	>99

* Central and Southern regions only

Algorithm CN predicted 12 out of the 13 strong earthquakes occurred in the monitored zones of Italy, with 31% of the considered space-time volume occupied by alarms.
(updated to January 1 2007)

Intermediate-term middle-range earthquake prediction

Space-time volume of alarm in M8S application in Italy

Experiment	M6.5+		M6.0+		M5.5+	
	Space-time volume %	n/N	Space-time volume %	n/N	Space-time volume %	n/N
Retrospective (1972-2001)	36	2/2	40	1/2	39	9/14
Forward (2002-2007)	49	0/0	43	0/0	25	5/9
All together (1972-2007)	37	2/2	40	1/2	38	14/23

Algorithm M8S predicted 64% of the events occurred in the monitored zones in Italy, i.e. 17 out of 27 events occurred within the area alerted for the corresponding magnitude range. The confidence level of M5.5+ predicitions since 1972 has been estimated to be about 97%; no estimation is yet possible for other magnitude levels.
(updated to January, 1 2007)

Intermediate-term middle-range earthquake prediction experiment in Italy

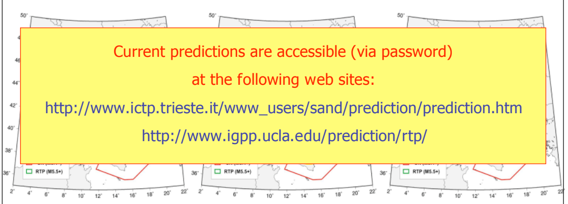
Prediction experiment: launched starting on July 2003, is aimed at a *real-time test* of CN and M8S predictions in Italy. Updated predictions are regularly posted at:

"http://www.ictp.trieste.it/www_users/sand/prediction/prediction.htm"

A complete archive of predictions is made accessible to a number of scientists, with the goal to accumulate a collection of correct and wrong predictions, that will permit to validate the considered methodology.

Current predictions are protected by password. Although these predictions are intermediate-term and by no means imply a "red alert", there is a legitimate concern about maintaining necessary confidentiality.

The current situation of alarms



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at the following web sites:

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http://www.igpp.ucla.edu/prediction/rtp/

Alarmed areas by:

- M8S algorithm for M5.5+, M6.0+, M6.5+
- CN algorithm for M≥5.4

(Peresan , Kossobokov, Romashkova, Panza 2005, Earth Science Reviews, 69)

- RTP algorithm for M≥5.5

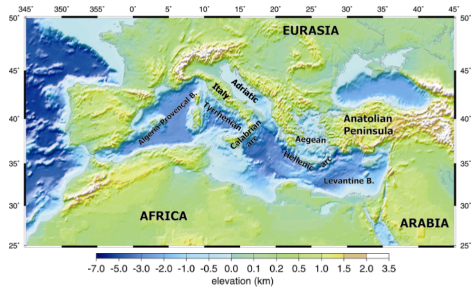
(Keilis-Borok , Shebalin, Gabrielov, Turcotte, 2004 , PEPI, 145)

Monitored territory

Morphostructural zonation and pattern recognition of earthquake prone areas

Morphostructural zonation and pattern recognition of earthquake prone areas

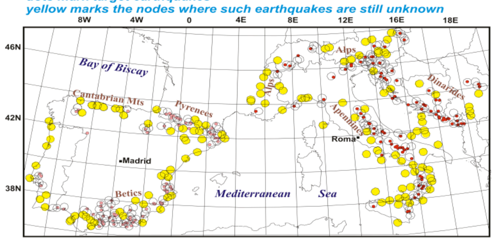
- The Morphostructural Zonation method, MSZ *(Alekseevskaya et al., 1977),* allows to identify, independently from seismicity information, the sites where strong earthquakes are likely to occur.



Recognition of nodes where strong earthquakes may nucleate in the Mediterranean area

Target magnitudes: *M* ≥6.0 - Alps, Apennines and Dinarides
M ≥5.0 - Iberia

circles show earthquake-prone nodes
dots mark target earthquakes
yellow marks the nodes where such earthquakes are still unknown



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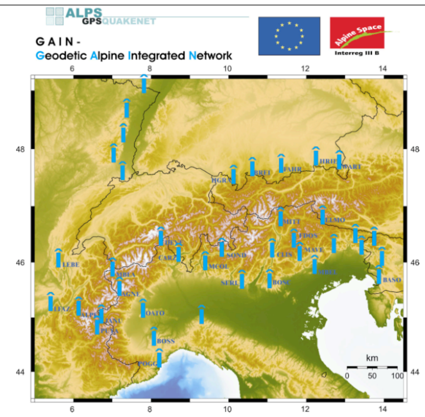
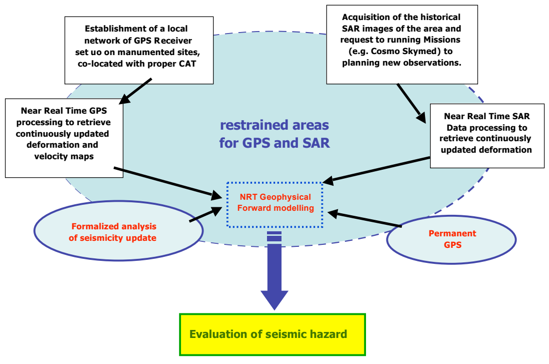
Seismic Flow and EO data

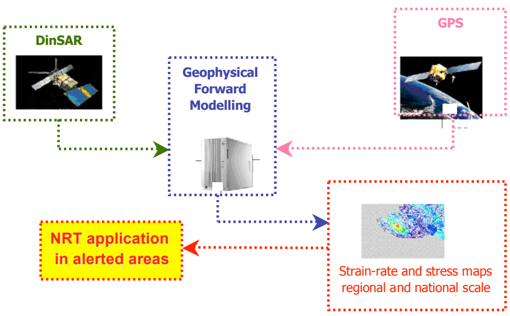
- **Maps of areas alerted by CN and M8s will be compared with EO information, taking into account modelling of the reology provided by Geophysical Modelling;**

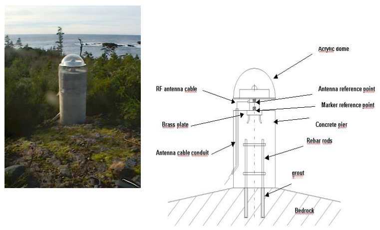


- EO observations, consisting of GPS and Din – SAR Images, will permit to draw deformation maps on the surface;
- Stress maps at the depth of the active faults will be obtained through integration of EO geodetic information into Geophysical Forward Modelling.

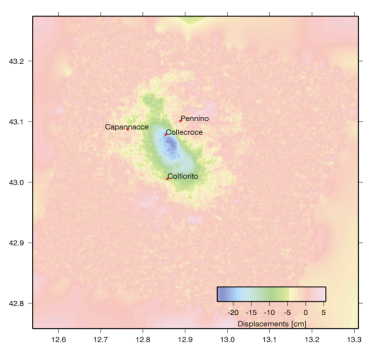


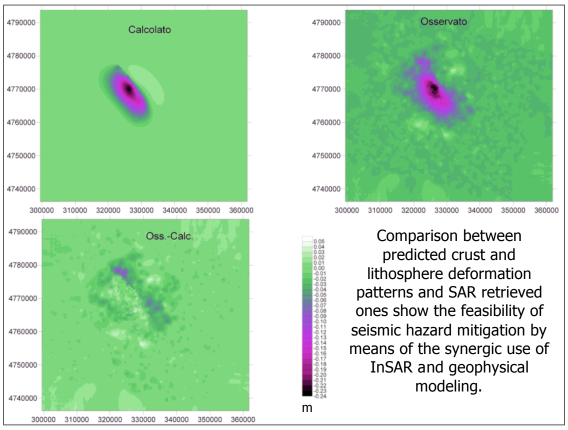
EO Data in Near-Real-Time Application





Methodology for detecting the vertical movements during the pre-seismic, co-seismic and post-seismic phases in earthquake prone areas.





Comparison between predicted crust and lithosphere deformation patterns and SAR retrieved ones show the feasibility of seismic hazard mitigation by means of the synergic use of InSAR and geophysical modeling.

Multiscale Neo-deterministic Hazard Scenarios

Regional seismic hazard scenarios

(ground motion at bedrock)

- Scenarios associated to alerted CN and M8S regions (+ time)
- Scenarios associated to seismogenic nodes

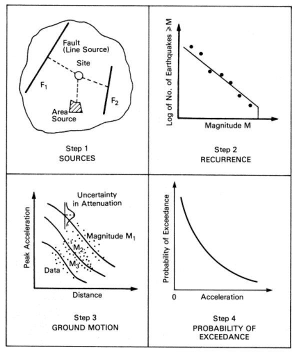


FIGURE 10.2 Basic steps of probabilistic seismic hazard analysis (after TERA Corporation 1978).

Probabilistic

Step 2 - Recurrence can be represented by a linear relation only if the size of the study area is large with respect to linear dimensions of sources.

Step 3 - Attenuation relations are not translation invariant in the phase space (M, R, S)

Step 4 - ???

M - magnitude; R - source distance; S - local soil conditions

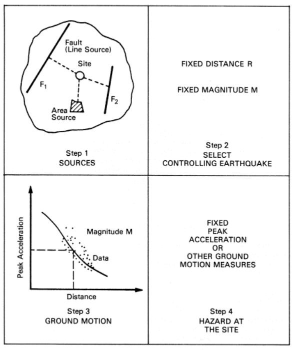
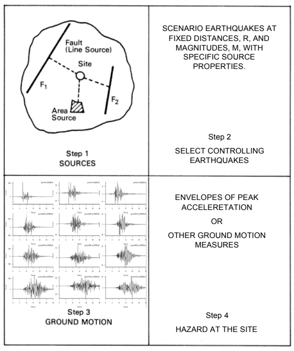


FIGURE 4.1 Basic steps of deterministic seismic hazard analysis (after TERA Corporation 1978).

Deterministic

Step 3 - Attenuation relations are not translation invariant in the phase space (M, R, S)

M - magnitude; R - source distance; S - local soil conditions



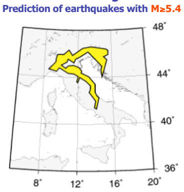
NEODETERMINISTIC

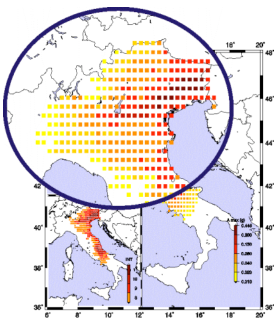
New approach based on synthetic signals computation

No need of attenuation relations

Neo-deterministic hazard scenarios associated to alerted regions

CN algorithm
Northern Region
Prediction of earthquakes with M≥5.4



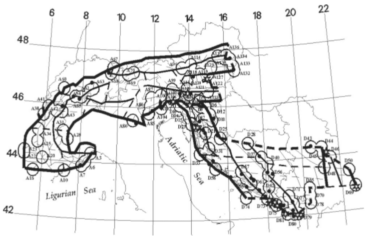


Pattern Recognition of Earthquake Prone areas

- **Pattern recognition technique is used to identify, independently from seismicity information, the sites where strong earthquakes are likely to occur.**
- **Assumption: strong events nucleate at the nodes, specific structures that are formed around intersections of fault zones.**
- **The nodes are defined by the Morphostructural Zonation Method, based on: topography, tectonic data, geological data.**

Morphostructural zonation of the Alps and Dinarides

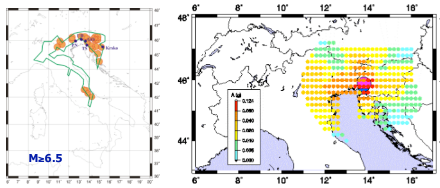
Lineaments (lines), **epicenters** (dots) and **Nodes** (circles) **prone to earthquakes with M≥6.0 in the Alps and Dinarides**



Gorshkov et al. (2003)

Scenario associated to earthquake prone nodes

Example: node determining the maximum ground motion in the city of TRIESTE
corresponding to an earthquake with M=6.5
(compatible with seismic history and seismotectonics)



PGD (cm)	PGV (cm/s)	DGA (g)	I_{max} computed ING	I_{max} computed ISG	I_{max} observed
2.0 – 3.5	4.0 – 8.0	0.08-0.15	IX	VIII	VII

Peak Ground Displacement (PGD), Peak Ground Velocity (PGV), Design Ground Acceleration (DGA) and maximum computed intensity (I_{max} computed), estimated using the conversion tables proposed by Panza et al. (2001). The observed intensity in the city of Trieste is the same in the ING and ISG data sets.

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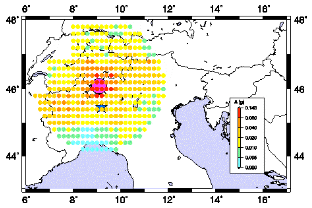

PGD (cm)	PGV (cm/s)	DGA (g)	I_{max} computed ING	I_{max} computed ISG	I_{max} observed
2.0 – 3.5	2.0 – 4.0	0.02-0.04	VIII	VII	VII

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Multiscale Neo-deterministic Hazard Scenarios

Detailed scenarios of ground motion including local site effects

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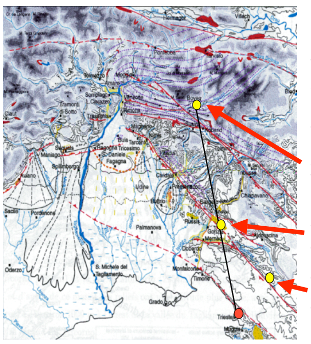
Example: scenarios of ground motion in the city of Trieste



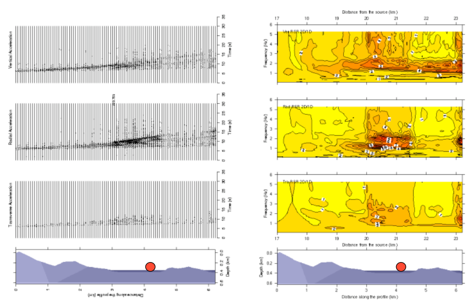
Based on the morphostructural zonation, three possible seismic sources have been considered for ground motion modelling in Trieste:

A seismic source in the Bovec zone (65 km from Trieste)

A seismic source East of Gorizia (30 km from Trieste)

The closest seismic source at 17 km from Trieste

Profil 1 - Bedrock “B” - Dist. 17 km - M=6.0
Accelerations and Amplifications (RSR 2D/1D)



Good news towards implementation:

An agreement has been signed among the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theorethical Physics, ICTP, and the Civil Defence of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region (NE Italy) for the practical implementation of the integrated neo-deterministic hazard procedure.

Routinely updated time dependent seismic hazard maps will be made available to the Civil Defence (end user).

The GPS network in the Alps

ALPS GPS QUAKENET
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Alpine Integrated GPS Network: Master Model for Continental Deformation and Earthquake Hazard

Interreg III B

build-up a high-performance transnational space geodetic network of more than 40 GPS receivers in the Alps

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image the distributed continental deformation over the widest possible range of spatial and temporal scales

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particular emphasis on the detection of transient deformation signals in test sites

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GAIN - Geodetic Alpine Integrated Network

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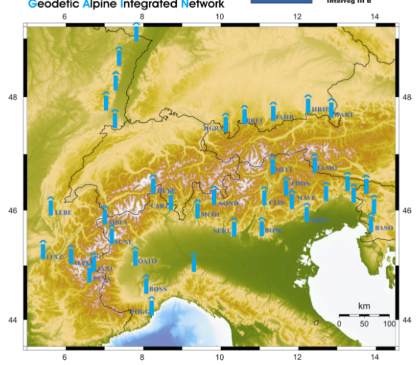

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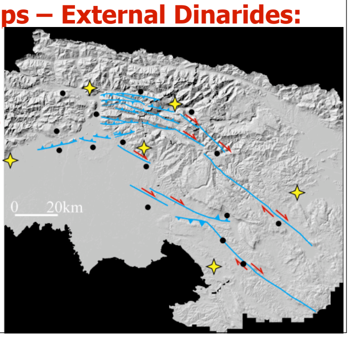
Southeastern Alps – External Dinarides:

Active faults
Continuous GPS
Campaign GPS



ALPS GPS QUAKENET

Alpine Space Interreg III B

the 1976 Friuli earthquake initiated a lithosphere-scale rock mechanics experiment:

ALPS GPS QUAKENET

Alpine Space Interreg III B

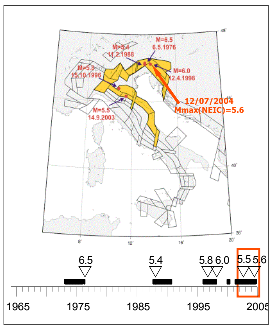
establish geometry, initial and boundary conditions:
(e.g. surface geology and geomorphology, kinematic parameters of faulting, Earth structure through surface wave tomography and non-linear inversion)

take relevant deformation measurments:
(e.g. seismicity, continuous and campaign GPS, plaeoseismology)

use models to resolve fault/rock constitutive properties:
(e.g. visco-elastic modeling, rate and state friction laws)

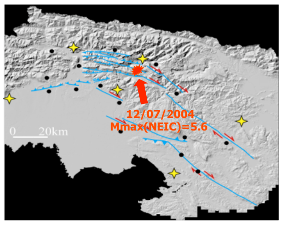
A physical model for strain accumulation that carries a predictive power for future stress patterns

The Slovenia earthquake, July 12 2004

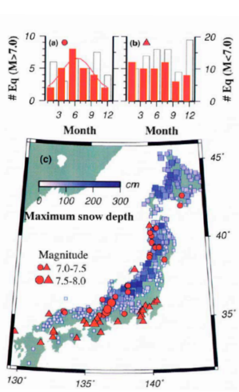


Alarmed area for M≥5.4
by CN algorithm *(Peresan et al., 2004)*
(As on 1 July 2004)

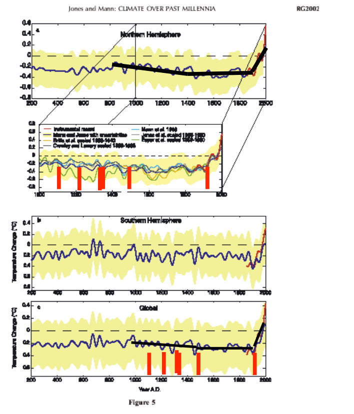
Southeastern Alps – External Dinarides
InSAR - CGPS - Campaign GPS monitoring



Glaciation and earthquakes



Number of earthquakes occurred in 2-month intervals, within (a) and outside (b) the snowy region. Red and white histograms show M≥7.0 (left) and 7.0>M≥6.0 (right) events, respectively. In (c) blue squares show maximum snow depths in a winter at AMeDAS stations (only points with snows deeper than 20.0 cm are shown). Epicenters of M≥7.0 earthquakes are shown in (c) as circles (snowy region) and triangles (outside). Red curve in (a) is the best-fit probability density function of the earthquake occurrence based on the two-component (stationary and annual) model (Heki, EPSL, 2003).



Occurrence year of major events in the Alps area

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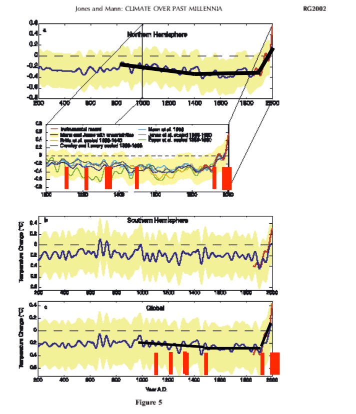
1222 Verona
1348 Carnia
1356 Basel
1511 Istria
1976 Friuli



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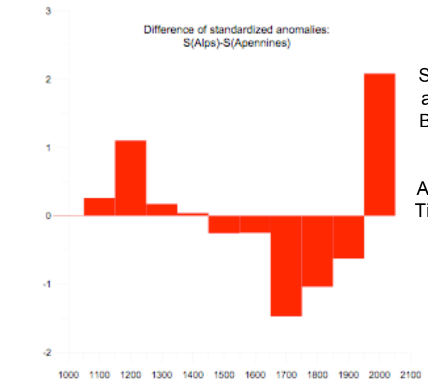
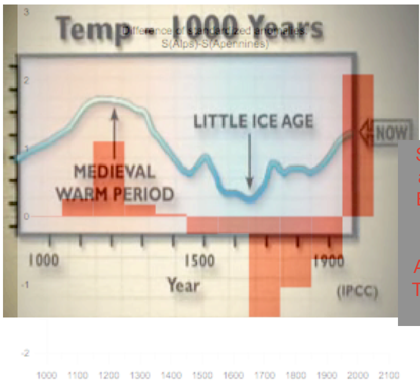


Standardized anomalies in Benioff strain release (ALPS-APENNINES) Time windows 100 years



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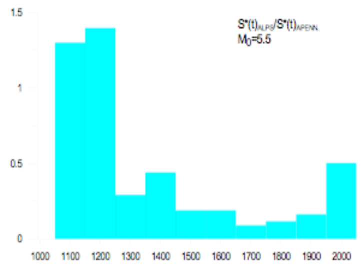
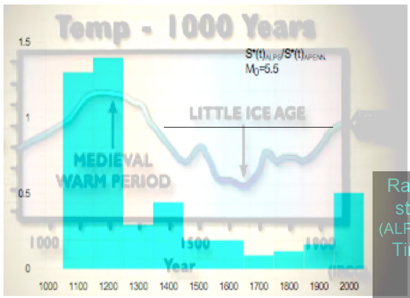


Ratio of Benioff strain release (ALPS/APENNINES) Time windows 100 years



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Major events in Himalaya

~1100 (>8.5)	1255 (7.5-8.0)?
~1413 (>8.5)	1505 (>8.5)
1555 (8.0-8.5)	1681 (7.5-8.0)?
1724 (7.5-8.0)	1803 (7.5-8.0)
1833 (7.5-8.0)	1897 (7.5-8.0)
1905 (7.5-8.0)	1934 (8.0-8.5)
1947 (7.5-8.0)	1950 (>8.5)
2005 (7.5-8.0)	

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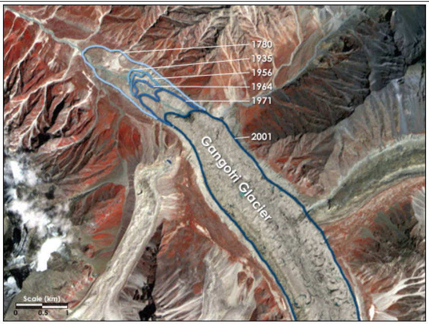
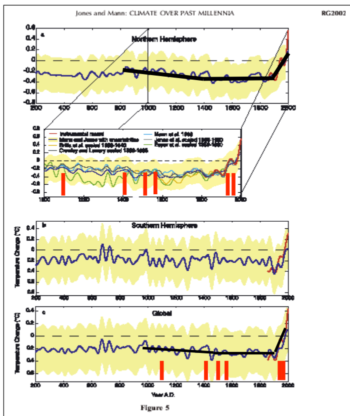


This false-color satellite image shows the retreat of the Gangotri Glacier, one of the largest glaciers in the Himalaya. Gangotri has been receding since 1780. Research work has shown that the retreat of this glacier accelerated after 1971.



Occurrence year of major events (M>8)in the Himalaya area

1100	1413
1505	1555
1934	1950

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