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Identification and management of geo-hydrological instabilities for a better landscape governance

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Identification, analysis
and monitoring of
hydrogeological
hazards

Extra-ordinary:
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support during and after
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earthquakes,
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1: Landslides classification

2: Landslide mapping, susceptibility, hazard and risk zoning

3 Landslides characterization and monitoring

4 Landslide data management and dissemination

LANDSLIDES CLASSIFICATION





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The term "**landslide**" describes a wide variety of processes that result in the downward and outward movement of slope-forming materials including rock, soil, artificial fill, or a combination of these.

This is the definition reported in the "*Special Report 29, Landslides and Engineering Practice*".

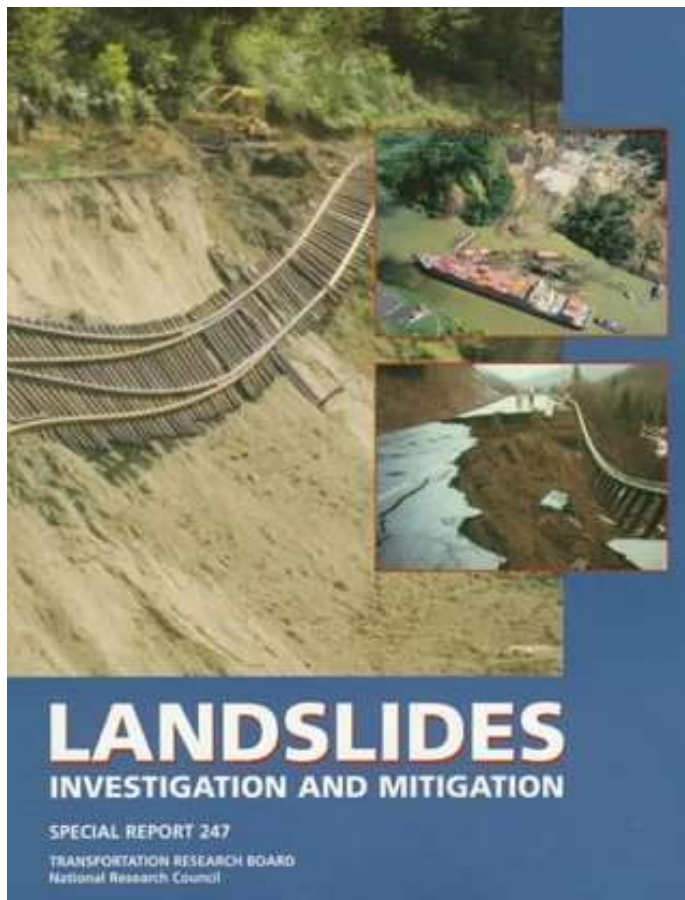
Special Report 29, which was written by the Highway Research Board Committee on Landslide Investigations and published in 1958

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Landslides: Investigation and Mitigation (National Research Council (U.S.) Transportation Research Board Special Report)

by Robert L. Schuster, A. Keith Turner (1996)

This Special Report is a greatly expanded edition of a previous report on landslides (Special Report 176, Landslides: Analysis and Control) published in 1978. The new report, which has been designed with an even broader international scope, contains comprehensive, practical discussions of field investigations, laboratory testing, and stability analysis procedures and technologies; comprehensive references to the literature; and discussions of case studies, state-of-the-art techniques, and research directions. The report is presented in five sections: (1) Principles, Definitions, and Assessment; (2) Investigation; (3) Strength and Stability Analysis; (4) Mitigation; and (5) Special Cases and Materials.



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- Failure surfaces (shape, roughness, defects)
- Surface topography
- Extension of the involved area
- Depositional area
- Type of movement
- Rate of movement
- Size and properties of material (structure, strength, friction angle)
- Age of failure
- Subsurface water level, pore pressure
- Trigger mechanisms

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TYPE OF MOVEMENT		TYPE OF MATERIAL		
		BEDROCK	ENGINEERING SOILS	
			Predominantly coarse	Predominantly fine
FALLS		Rock fall	Debris fall	Earth fall
TOPPLES		Rock topple	Debris topple	Earth topple
SLIDES	ROTATIONAL	Rock slide	Debris slide	Earth slide
	TRANSLATIONAL			
LATERAL SPREADS		Rock spread	Debris spread	Earth spread
FLOWS		Rock flow (deep creep)	Debris flow (soil creep)	Earth flow
COMPLEX		Combination of two or more principal types of movement		

Varnes 1978

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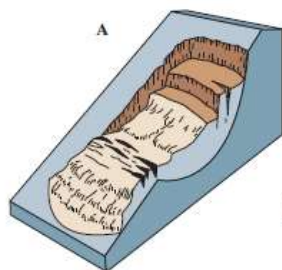
Material	ROCK	DEBRIS	EARTH
FALLS	<p>Rock fall</p>	<p>Debris fall</p>	<p>Earth fall</p>
TOPPLES	<p>Rock topple</p>	<p>Debris topple</p>	<p>Earth topple</p>
SLIDES	<p>Single rotational slide (slump)</p>	<p>Crown Scarp Head Scarp Multiple rotational slide Minor Scarp Failure surface</p>	<p>Successive rotational slides</p>
	<p>Rock slide</p>	<p>Debris slide</p>	<p>Earth slide</p>
SPREADS	<p>Normal sub-horizontal structure Cap rock Clay shale Thinning of beds Plane of decollement Competent substratum</p> <p>Gully Camber slope Dip and fault structure (planned off by erosion) Valley bulge structure (planned off by erosion)</p> <p>e.g. cambering and valley bulging</p>		<p>Earth spread</p>
FLOWS	<p>Solifluction flows (Periglacial debris flows)</p>	<p>Debris flow</p>	<p>Earth flow (mud flow)</p>
COMPLEX	<p>e.g. Slump-earthflow with rockfall debris</p>		<p>e.g. composite, non-circular part rotational/part translational slide grading to earthflow at toe</p>

Rock: is “a hard or firm mass that was intact and in its natural place before the initiation of movement”.

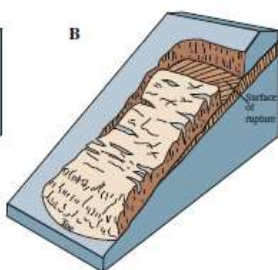
Debris: “contains a significant proportion of coarse material; 20% to 80% of the particles are larger than 2mm, and the remainder are less than 2mm”.

Earth: “describes material in which 80% or more of the particles are smaller than 2mm, the upper limit of sand sized particles”.

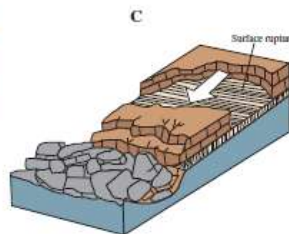
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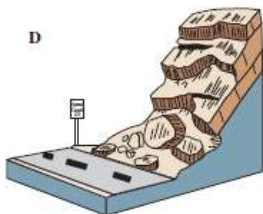
Rotational landslide



Translational landslide



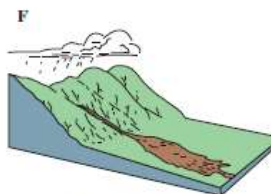
Block slide



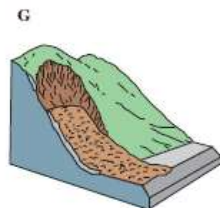
Rockfall



Topple



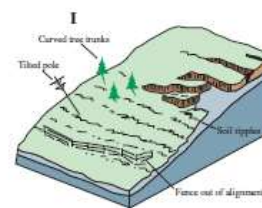
Debris flow



Debris avalanche



Earthflow



Creep



Lateral spread

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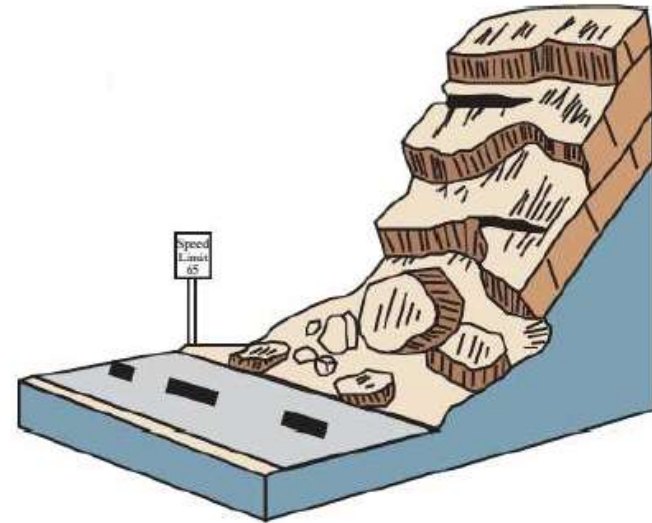
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Falls are abrupt movements of masses of geologic materials, such as rocks and boulders, that become detached from steep slopes or cliffs.

Separation occurs along discontinuities such as fractures, joints, and bedding planes, and movement occurs by free-fall, bouncing, and rolling. Falls are strongly influenced by gravity, mechanical weathering, and the presence of interstitial water.



Figure 4. A rockfall/slide that occurred in Clear Creek Canyon, Colorado, USA, in 2005, closing the canyon to traffic for a number of weeks. The photograph also shows an example of a rock curtain, a barrier commonly applied over hazardous rock faces (right center of photograph). (Photograph by Colorado Geological Survey.)



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FALLS

Occurrence and relative size/range

Common worldwide on steep or vertical slopes—also in coastal areas, and along rocky banks of rivers and streams. The volume of material in a fall can vary substantially, from individual rocks or clumps of soil to massive blocks thousands of cubic meters in size.

Velocity of travel

Very rapid to extremely rapid, free-fall; bouncing and rolling of detached soil, rock, and boulders. The rolling velocity depends on slope steepness.

Triggering mechanism

Undercutting of slope by natural processes such as streams and rivers or differential weathering (such as the freeze/thaw cycle), human activities such as excavation during road building and (or) maintenance, and earthquake shaking or other intense vibration.

Effects (direct/indirect)

Falling material can be life-threatening. Falls can damage property beneath the fall-line of large rocks. Boulders can bounce or roll great distances and damage structures or kill people. Damage to roads and railroads is particularly high: rockfalls can cause deaths in vehicles hit by rocks and can block highways and railroads.

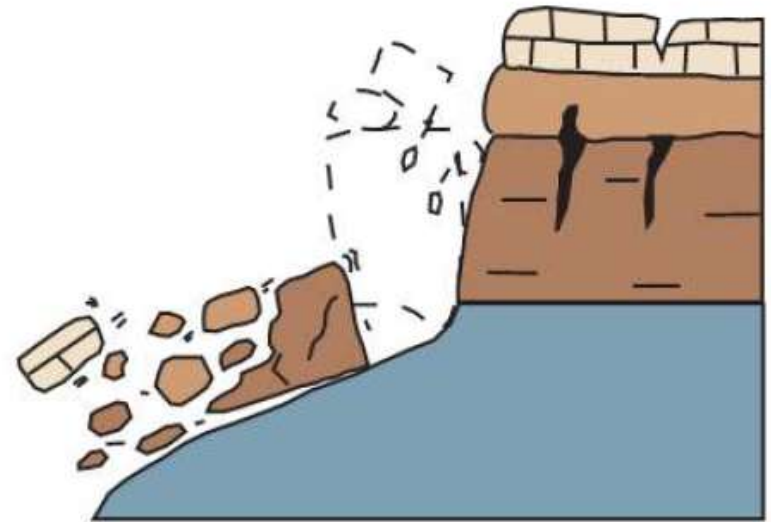
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Toppling failures are distinguished by the forward rotation of a unit or units about some pivotal point, below or low in the unit, under the actions of gravity and forces exerted by adjacent units or by fluids in cracks.



Figure 6. Photograph of block toppling at Fort St. John, British Columbia, Canada.
(Photograph by G. Bianchi Fasani.)



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TOPPLES

Occurrence

Known to occur globally, often prevalent in columnar-jointed volcanic terrain, as well as along stream and river courses where the banks are steep.

Velocity of travel

Extremely slow to extremely rapid, sometimes accelerating throughout the movement depending on distance of travel.

Triggering mechanism

Sometimes driven by gravity exerted by material located upslope from the displaced mass and sometimes by water or ice occurring in cracks within the mass; also, vibration, undercutting, differential weathering, excavation, or stream erosion.

Effects (direct/indirect)

Can be extremely destructive, especially when failure is sudden and (or) the velocity is rapid.

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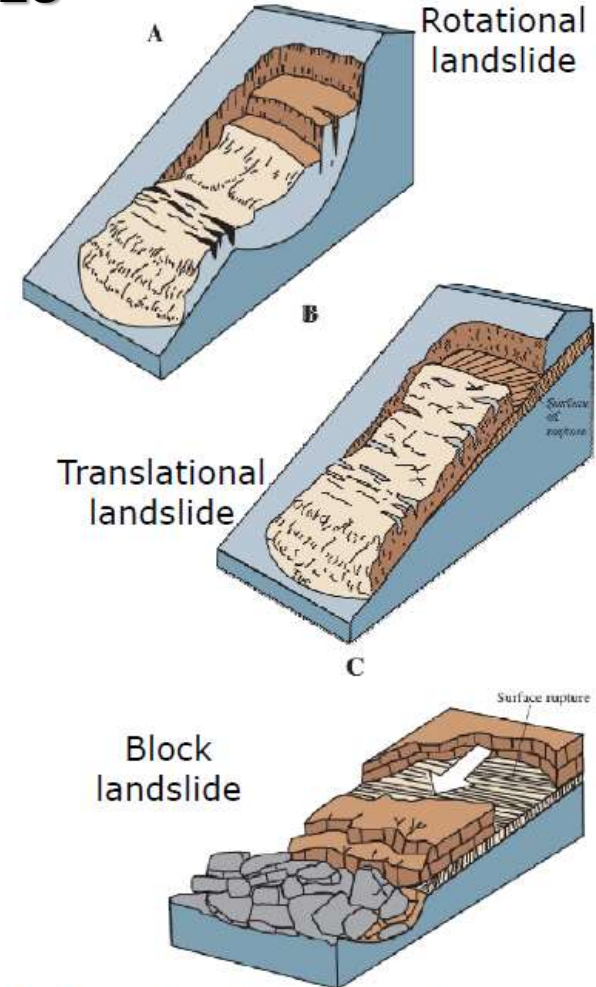
ROTATIONAL SLIDES

Slide is a mass movements, where there is a distinct zone of weakness that separates the slide material from more stable underlying material. The two major types of slides are rotational slides and translational slides.

Rotational slide: This is a slide in which the surface of rupture is curved concavely upward and the slide movement is roughly rotational about an axis that is parallel to the ground surface and transverse across the slide (A).

Translational slide: In this type of slide, the landslide mass moves along a roughly planar surface with little rotation or backward tilting (B).

Block slide is a translational slide in which the moving mass consists of a single unit or a few closely related units that move downslope as a relatively coherent mass (C).



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Courtesy of BGS Coastal Landslide Observatory

Occurrence

Because rotational slides occur most frequently in homogeneous materials, they are the most common landslide occurring in “fill” materials.

Relative size/range

Associated with slopes ranging from about 20 to 40 degrees. In soils, the surface of rupture generally has a depth-to-length ratio between 0.3 to 0.1.

Velocity of travel (rate of movement)

Extremely slow (less than 0.3 meter or 1 foot every 5 years) to moderately fast (1.5 meters or 5 feet per month) to rapid.

Triggering mechanism

Intense and (or) sustained rainfall or rapid snowmelt can lead to the saturation of slopes and increased groundwater levels within the mass; rapid drops in river level following floods, ground-water levels rising as a result of filling reservoirs, or the rise in level of streams, lakes, and rivers, which cause erosion at the base of slopes. These types of slides can also be earthquake-induced.

(The Landslide Handbook—A Guide to Understanding Landslides, 2008)

ROTATIONAL SLIDES

Effects (direct/indirect)

Can be extremely damaging to structures, roads, and lifelines but are not usually life-threatening if movement is slow. Structures situated on the moving mass also can be severely damaged as the mass tilts and deforms. The large volume of material that is displaced is difficult to permanently stabilize. Such failures can dam rivers, causing flooding.

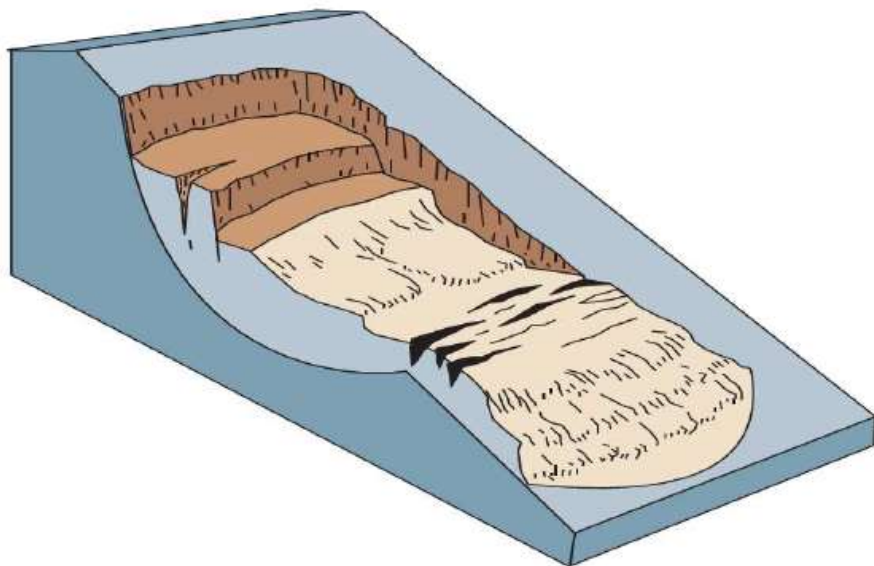


Figure 8. Photograph of a rotational landslide which occurred in New Zealand. The green curve at center left is the scarp (the area where the ground has failed). The hummocky ground at bottom right (in shadow) is the toe of the landslide (red line). This is called a rotational landslide as the earth has moved from left to right on a curved sliding surface. The direction and axis of rotation are also depicted. (Photograph by Michael J. Crozier, Encyclopedia of New Zealand, updated September 21, 2007.)

(The Landslide Handbook—A Guide to Understanding Landslides, 2008)

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TRASLATIONAL SLIDES



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TRASLATIONAL SLIDES

Occurrence

One of the most common types of landslides, worldwide. They are found globally in all types of environments and conditions.

Relative size/range

Generally shallower than rotational slides. The surface of rupture has a distance-to-length ratio of less than 0.1 and can range from small (residential lot size) failures to very large, regional landslides that are kilometers wide.

Velocity of travel

Movement may initially be slow (5 feet per month or 1.5 meters per month) but many are moderate in velocity (5 feet per day or 1.5 meters per day) to extremely rapid. With increased velocity, the landslide mass of translational failures may disintegrate and develop into a debris flow.

Triggering mechanism

Primarily intense rainfall, rise in ground water within the slide due to rainfall, snowmelt, flooding, or other inundation of water resulting from irrigation, or leakage from pipes or human-related disturbances such as undercutting. These types of landslides can be earthquake-induced.

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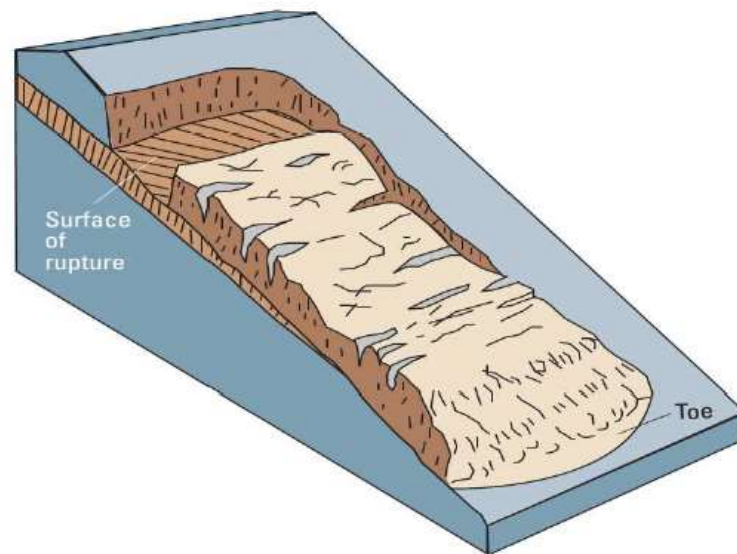
TRASLATIONAL SLIDES

Effects (direct/indirect)

Translational slides may initially be slow, damaging property and (or) lifelines; in some cases they can gain speed and become life-threatening. They also can dam rivers, causing flooding.



Figure 10. A translational landslide that occurred in 2001 in the Beatton River Valley, British Columbia, Canada. (Photograph by Réjean Couture, Canada Geological Survey.)



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Lateral spreads are distinctive because they usually occur on very gentle slopes or flat terrain. The dominant mode of movement is lateral extension accompanied by shear or tensile fractures.

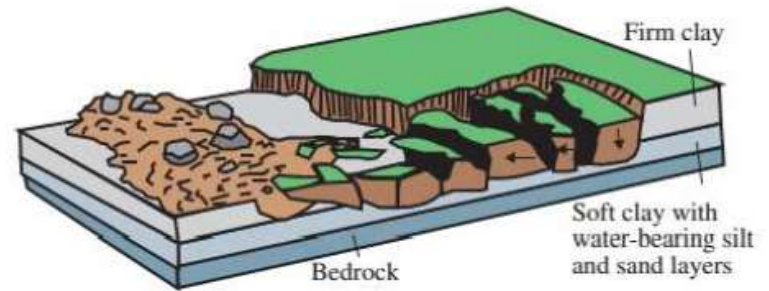
The failure is caused by liquefaction, the process whereby saturated, loose, cohesionless sediments (usually sands and silts) are transformed from a solid into a liquefied state.

Failure is usually triggered by rapid ground motion, such as that experienced during an earthquake, but can also be artificially induced.

When coherent material, either bedrock or soil, rests on materials that liquefy, the upper units may undergo fracturing and extension and may then subside, translate, rotate, disintegrate, or liquefy and flow.

Lateral spreading in fine-grained materials on shallow slopes is usually progressive. The failure starts suddenly in a small area and spreads rapidly. Often the initial failure is a slump, but in some materials movement occurs for no apparent reason.

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LATERAL SPREAD



**Champlong
landslide**

<http://www.italiantouristoffice.se/sv/docs/1675.pdf>

https://issuu.com/comunicambiente/docs/pannelli_web

LATERAL SPREAD

Occurrence

Worldwide and known to occur where there are liquefiable soils. Common, but not restricted, to areas of seismic activity.

Relative size/range

The area affected may start small in size and have a few cracks that may spread quickly, affecting areas of hundreds of meters in width.

Velocity of travel

May be slow to moderate and sometimes rapid after certain triggering mechanisms, such as an earthquake. Ground may then slowly spread over time from a few millimeters per day to tens of square meters per day.

Triggering mechanism

Triggers that destabilize the weak layer include:

- Liquefaction of lower weak layer by earthquake shaking
- Natural or anthropogenic overloading of the ground above an unstable slope
- Saturation of underlying weaker layer due to precipitation, snowmelt, and (or) ground-water changes
- Liquefaction of underlying sensitive marine clay following an erosional disturbance at base of a riverbank/slope
- Plastic deformation of unstable material at depth (for example, salt)

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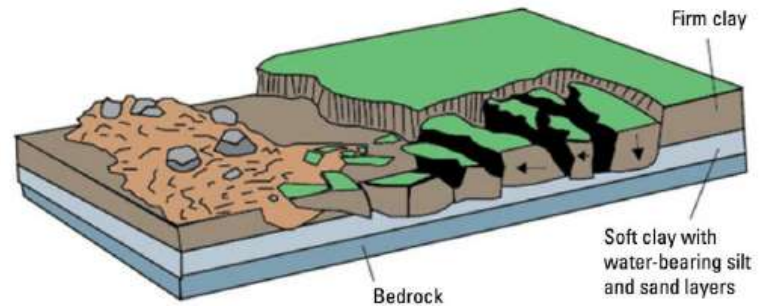
LATERAL SPREAD

Effects (direct/indirect)

Can cause extensive property damage to buildings, roads, railroads, and lifelines. Can spread slowly or quickly, depending on the extent of water saturation of the various soil layers. Lateral spreads may be a precursor to earthflows.



Figure 12. Photograph of lateral spread damage to a roadway as a result of the 1989 Loma Prieta, California, USA, earthquake. (Photograph by Steve Ellen, U.S. Geological Survey.)

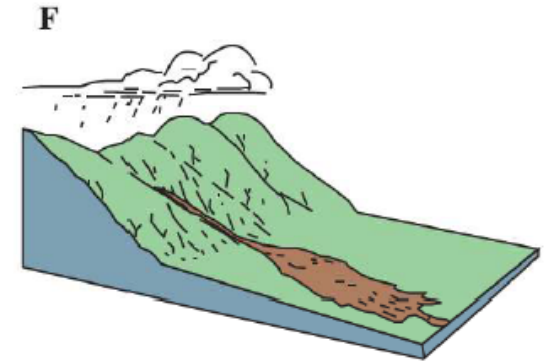


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Flow is a spatially continuous movement in which surfaces of shear are short-lived, closely spaced and not usually preserved. The distribution of velocities in the displacing mass resembles that in a viscous liquid.

There are five basic categories of flows that differ from one another in fundamental ways.



Debris flow: A debris flow is a form of rapid mass movement in which a combination of loose soil, rock, organic matter, air, and water mobilize as a slurry that flows downslope (F). Debris flows include <50% fines. Debris flows are commonly caused by intense surface-water flow, due to heavy precipitation or rapid snowmelt, that erodes and mobilizes loose soil or rock on steep slopes. Debris flows also commonly mobilize from other types of landslides that occur on steep slopes, are nearly saturated, and consist of a large proportion of silt- and sand-sized material. Debris-flow source areas are often associated with steep gullies, and debris-flow deposits are usually indicated by the presence of debris fans at the mouths of gullies. Fires that denude slopes of vegetation intensify the susceptibility of slopes to debris flows.

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Debris Flows

Occurrence

Debris flows occur around the world and are prevalent in steep gullies and canyons; they can be intensified when occurring on slopes or in gullies that have been denuded of vegetation due to wildfires or forest logging. They are common in volcanic areas with weak soil.

Relative size/range

These types of flows can be thin and watery or thick with sediment and debris and are usually confined to the dimensions of the steep gullies that facilitate their downward movement. Generally the movement is relatively shallow and the run out is both long and narrow, sometimes extending for kilometers in steep terrain. The debris and mud usually terminate at the base of the slopes and create fanlike, triangular deposits called debris fans, which may also be unstable.

Velocity of travel

Can be rapid to extremely rapid (35 miles per hour or 56 km per hour) depending on consistency and slope angle.

(The Landslide Handbook—A Guide to Understanding Landslides, 2008)

Debris Flows

Triggering mechanisms

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Effects (direct/indirect)

Debris flows can be lethal because of their rapid onset, high speed of movement, and the fact that they can incorporate large boulders and other pieces of debris. They can move objects as large as houses in their downslope flow or can fill structures with a rapid accumulation of sediment and organic matter. They can affect the quality of water by depositing large amounts of silt and debris.



Figure 14. Debris-flow damage to the city of Caraballeda, located at the base of the Cordillera de la Costan, on the north coast of Venezuela. In December 1999, this area was hit by Venezuela's worst natural disaster of the 20th century, several days of torrential rain triggered flows of mud, boulders, water, and trees that killed as many as 30,000 people. (Photograph by L.M. Smith, Waterways Experiment Station, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.)

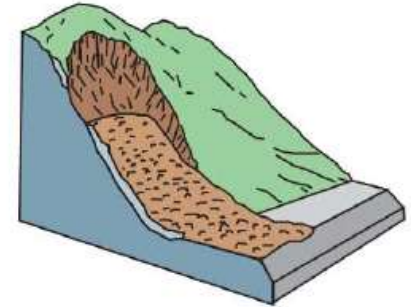
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Flows

Debris avalanche: Debris avalanches are essentially large, extremely rapid, often open-slope flows formed when an unstable slope collapses and the resulting fragmented debris is rapidly transported away from the slope. In some cases, snow and ice will contribute to the movement if sufficient water is present, and the flow may become a debris flow and (or) a lahar (G).

Earthflows: have a characteristic "hourglass" shape (H). The slope material liquefies and runs out, forming a bowl or depression at the head. The flow itself is elongate and usually occurs in fine-grained materials or clay-bearing rocks on moderate slopes and under saturated conditions. However, dry flows of granular material are also possible.

G**H**

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Debris avalanches

Occurrence

Occur worldwide in steep terrain environments. Also common on very steep volcanoes where they may follow drainage courses.

Relative size/range

Some large avalanches have been known to transport material blocks as large as 3 kilometers in size, several kilometers from their source.

Velocity of travel

Rapid to extremely rapid; such debris avalanches can travel close to 100 m/s.

Triggering mechanism

In general, the two types of debris avalanches are those that are “cold” and those that are “hot.” A cold debris avalanche usually results from a slope becoming unstable, such as during collapse of weathered slopes in steep terrain or through the disintegration of bedrock during a slide-type landslide as it moves downslope at high velocity. At that point, the mass can then transform into a debris avalanche. A hot debris avalanche is one that results from volcanic activity including volcanic earthquakes or the injection of magma, which causes slope instability.

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Debris avalanche

Effects (direct/indirect)

Debris avalanches may travel several kilometers before stopping, or they may transform into more water-rich lahars or debris flows that travel many tens of kilometers farther downstream. Such failures may inundate towns and villages and impair stream quality. They move very fast and thus may prove deadly because there is little chance for warning and response.



Figure 18. A debris avalanche that buried the village of Guinsaugon, Southern Leyte, Philippines, in February 2006. (Photograph by University of Tokyo Geotechnical Team.)

(The Landslide Handbook—A Guide to Understanding Landslides, 2008)

Earthflow

Occurrence

Earthflows occur worldwide in regions underlain by fine-grained soil or very weathered bedrock. Catastrophic rapid earthflows are common in the susceptible marine clays of the St. Lawrence Lowlands of North America, coastal Alaska and British Columbia, and in Scandinavia.

Relative (size/range)

Flows can range from small events of 100 square meters in size to large events encompassing several square kilometers in area. Earthflows in susceptible marine clays may run out for several kilometers. Depth of the failure ranges from shallow to many tens of meters.

Velocity of travel

Slow to very rapid.

Triggering mechanisms

Triggers include saturation of soil due to prolonged or intense rainfall or snowmelt, sudden lowering of adjacent water surfaces causing rapid drawdown of the ground-water table, stream erosion at the bottom of a slope, excavation and construction activities, excessive loading on a slope, earthquakes, or human-induced vibration.

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Earthflow

Effects (direct/indirect)

Rapid, retrogressive earthflows in susceptible marine clay may devastate large areas of flat land lying above the slope and also may runout for considerable distances, potentially resulting in human fatalities, destruction of buildings and linear infrastructure, and damming of rivers with resultant flooding upstream and water siltation problems downstream. Slower earthflows may damage properties and sever linear infrastructure.



Figure 20. The 1993 Lemieux landslide—a rapid earthflow in sensitive marine clay near Ottawa, Canada. The headscarp retrogressed 680 meters into level ground above the riverbank. About 2.8 million tons of clay and silt liquefied and flowed into the South Nation River valley, damming the river. (Photograph by G.R. Brooks, Geological Survey of Canada.)

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Montaguto Earthflows



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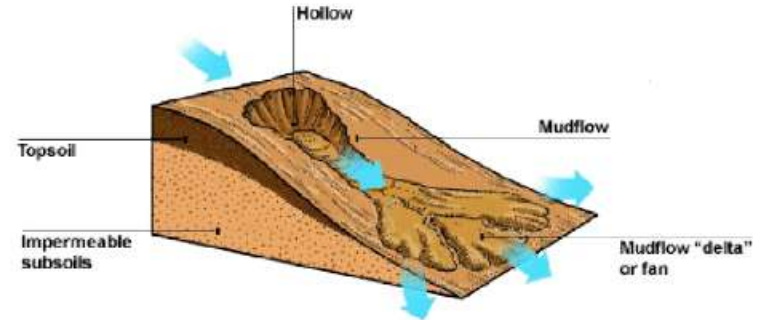
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mudflows

Mudflow: mudflow is an earthflow consisting of material that is wet enough to flow rapidly and that contains at least 50 percent sand-, silt-, and clay-sized particles. In some instances, for example in many newspaper reports, mudflows and debris flows are commonly referred to as "mudslides."



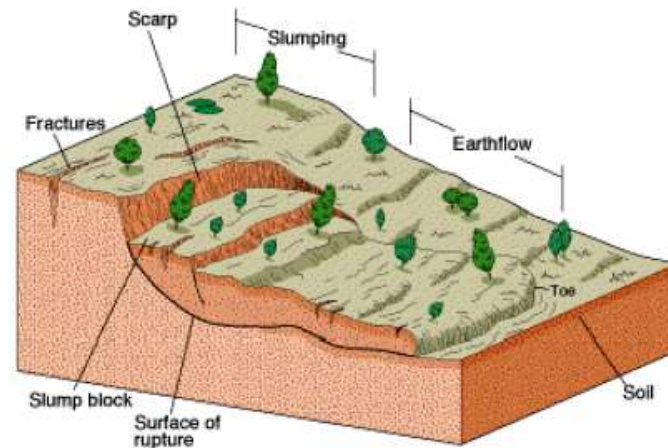
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(<https://watchoutnaturaldisasters.weebly.com/mudflows.html>)

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Complex

Combination of two or more of the above types is known as a **complex landslide**.



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Complex



LANDSLIDE CAUSES

“One of the most common and most obvious causes of landslides consists in the **undercutting of the foot of the slope** or **deposition of earth or other materials along the upper edge of the slope**, both operations produce an increase in the shearing stresses in the ground beneath the slope. If and as soon as **the average shearing stress on the potential surface of sliding becomes equal to average shearing resistance, a landslide occur**”.

Karl Terzaghi

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LANDSLIDE CAUSES

1. Geological causes

- a. Weak or sensitive materials
- b. Weathered materials
- c. Sheared, jointed, or fissured materials
- d. Adversely oriented discontinuity (bedding, schistosity, fault, unconformity, contact, and so forth)
- e. Contrast in permeability and/or stiffness of materials

3. Human causes

- a. Excavation of slope or its toe
- b. Loading of slope or its crest
- c. Drawdown (of reservoirs)
- d. Deforestation
- e. Irrigation
- f. Mining
- g. Artificial vibration
- h. Water leakage from utilities

2. Morphological causes

- a. Tectonic or volcanic uplift
- b. Glacial rebound
- c. Fluvial, wave, or glacial erosion of slope toe or lateral margins
- d. Subterranean erosion (solution, piping)
- e. Deposition loading slope or its crest
- f. Vegetation removal (by fire, drought)
- g. Thawing
- h. Freeze-and-thaw weathering
- i. Shrink-and-swell weathering

<https://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2004/3072/fs-2004-3072.html>

LANDSLIDES CLASSIFICATION

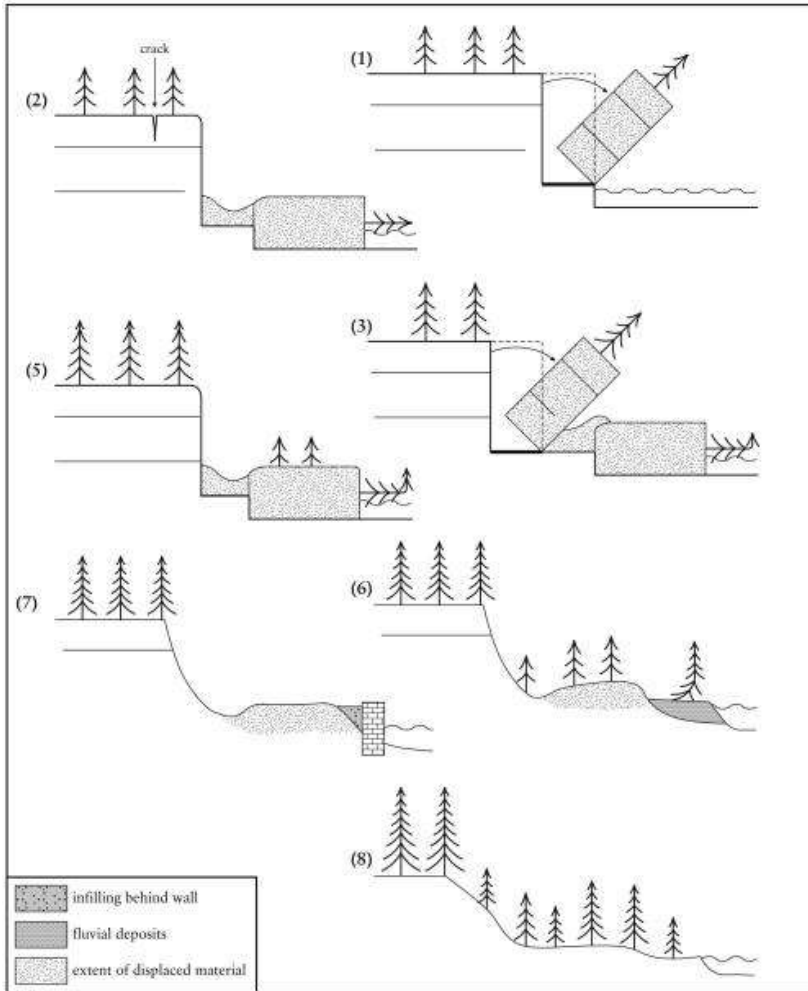
LANDSLIDE VELOCITY

Velocity Class	Description	Velocity (mm/sec)	Typical Velocity	Probable Destructive Significance
7	Extremely Rapid	5×10^3	5 m/sec	Catastrophe of major violence; buildings destroyed by impact of displaced material; many deaths; escape unlikely
6	Very Rapid	5×10^1	3 m/min	Some lives lost; velocity too great to permit all persons to escape
5	Rapid	5×10^{-1}	1.8 m/hr	Escape evacuation possible; structures, possessions, and equipment destroyed
4	Moderate	5×10^{-3}	13 m/month	Some temporary and insensitive structures can be temporarily maintained
3	Slow	5×10^{-5}	1.6 m/year	Remedial construction can be undertaken during movement; insensitive structures can be maintained with frequent maintenance work if total movement is not large during a particular acceleration phase
2	Very Slow	5×10^{-7}	15 mm/year	Some permanent structures undamaged by movement
	Extremely SLOW			Imperceptible without instruments; construction POSSIBLE WITH PRECAUTIONS

Cruden & Varnes 1996

LANDSLIDES CLASSIFICATION

LANDSLIDE STATE OF ACTIVITY



Cruden & Varnes 1996

1 Active: An active landslide is currently moving. In the example shown erosion at the toe causes a block to topple.

2 Suspended: A suspended landslide has moved within the last 12 months, but is not active at present. In the example shown local cracking can be seen in the crown of the topple.

3 Reactivated: A reactivated landslide is an active landslide which has been inactive. In the example shown another block topples and disturbs the previously displaced material.

Inactive: An inactive landslide has not moved within the last 12 months and can be divided into 4 states: Dormant, Abandoned, Stabilised and Relict.

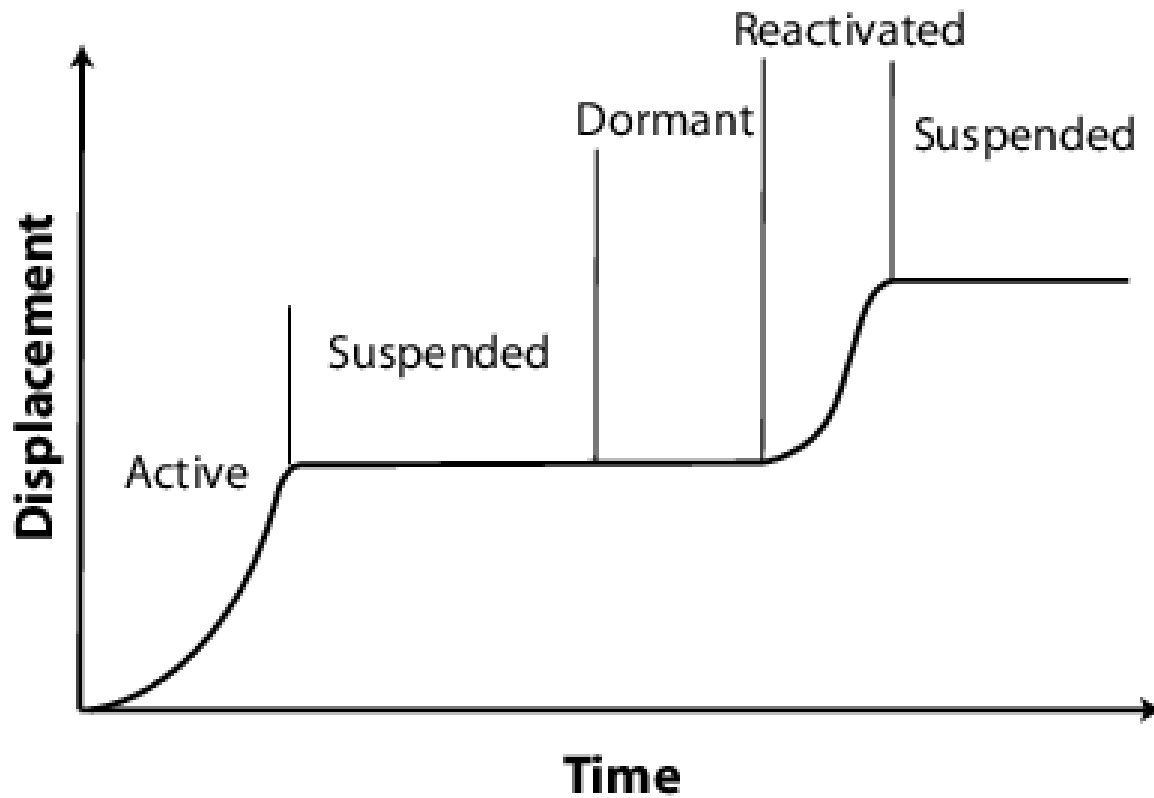
5 Dormant: A dormant landslide is an inactive landslide which can be reactivated by its original causes or other causes. In the example shown the displaced mass begins to regain its tree cover and scarps are modified by weathering.

6 Abandoned: An abandoned landslide is an inactive landslide which is no longer affected by its original causes. In the example shown the fluvial deposition has protected the toe of the slope, the scarp begins to regain its tree cover.

7 Stabilised: A stabilised landslide is an inactive landslide which has been protected from its original causes by remedial measures. In the example shown a retaining wall protects the toe of the slope.

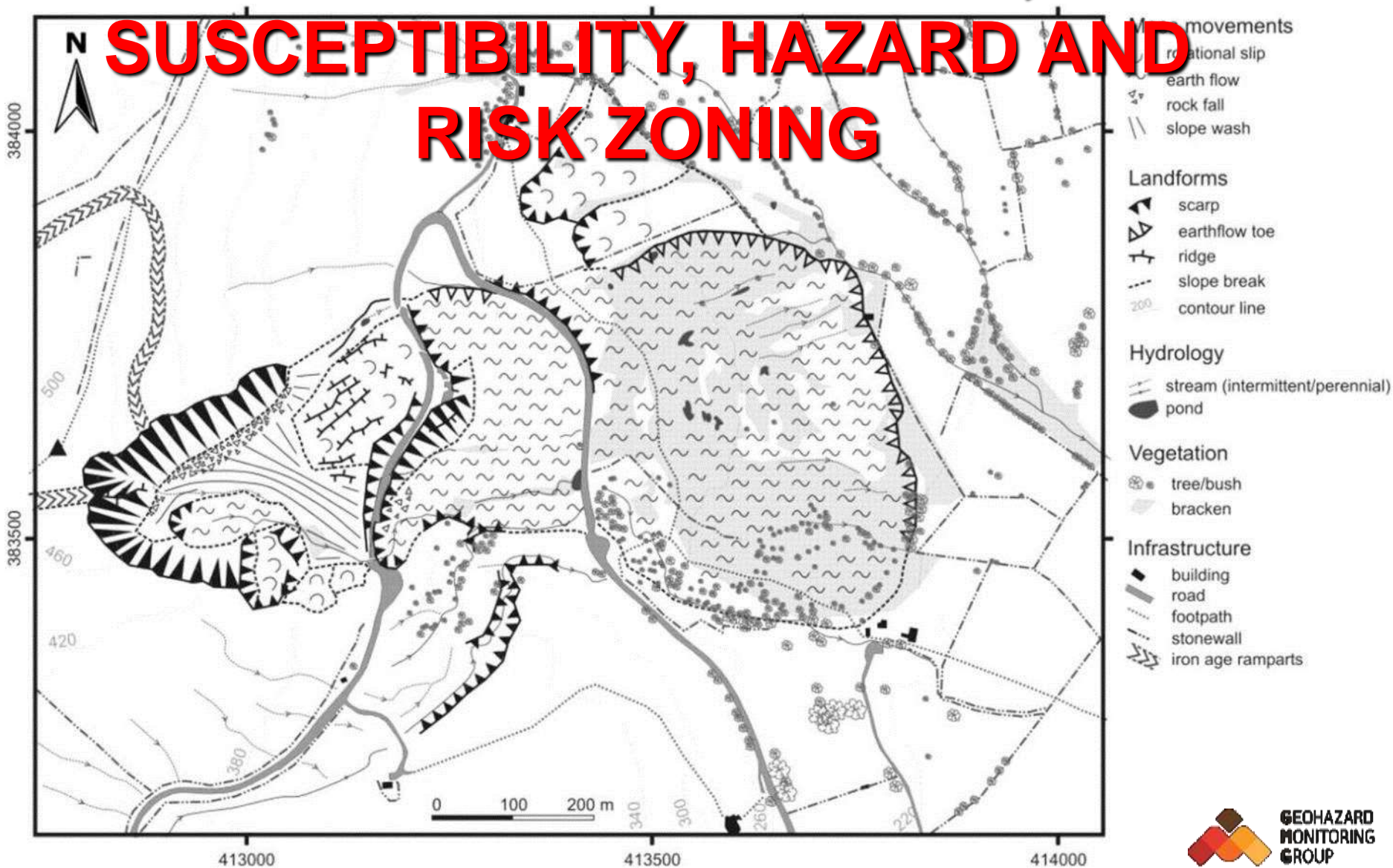
8 Relict: A relict landslide is an inactive landslide which developed under climatic or geomorphological conditions considerably different from those at present. In the example shown uniform tree cover has been established.

LANDSLIDES CLASSIFICATION

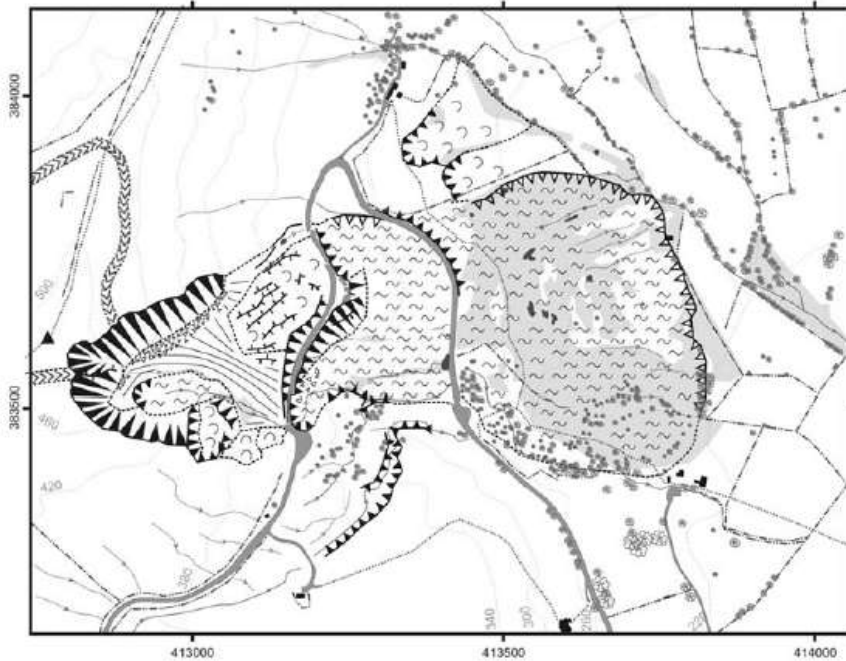


Cruden & Varnes 1996

LANDSLIDE MAPPING, SUSCEPTIBILITY, HAZARD AND RISK ZONING


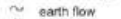




Single slide inventory



LEGEND

Mass movements

-  rotational slip
-  earth flow
-  rock fall
-  slope wash

Landforms

-  scarp
-  earthflow toe
-  ridge
-  slope break
-  contour line



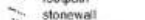
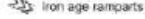

Hydrology

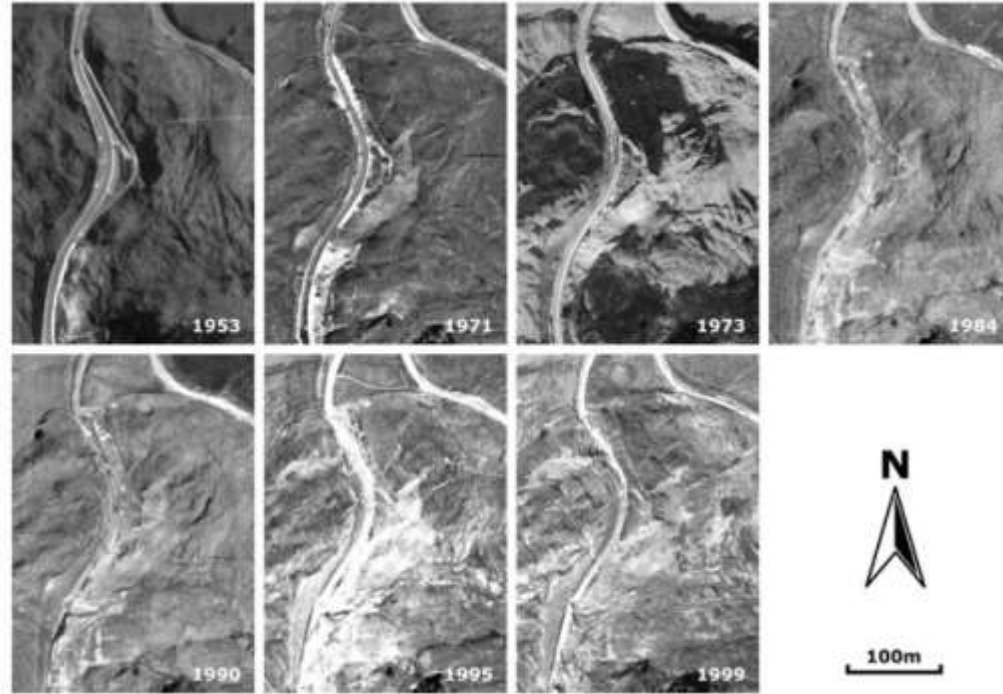
-  stream (intermittent/perennial)
-  pond

Vegetation

-  tree/bush
-  bracken

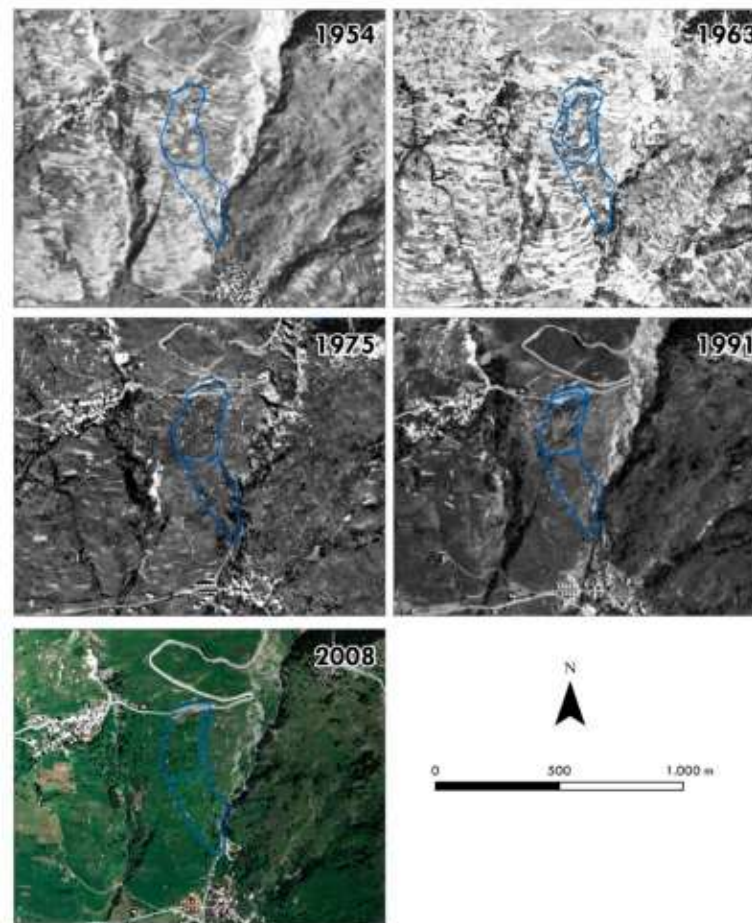
Infrastructure

-  building
-  road
-  footpath
-  stonewall
-  iron age ramparts



J. Walstra, N. Dixon, J.H. Chandler. 2007 Historical aerial photographs for landslide assessment: two case histories. Quarterly Journal of Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology, 40, 315-332

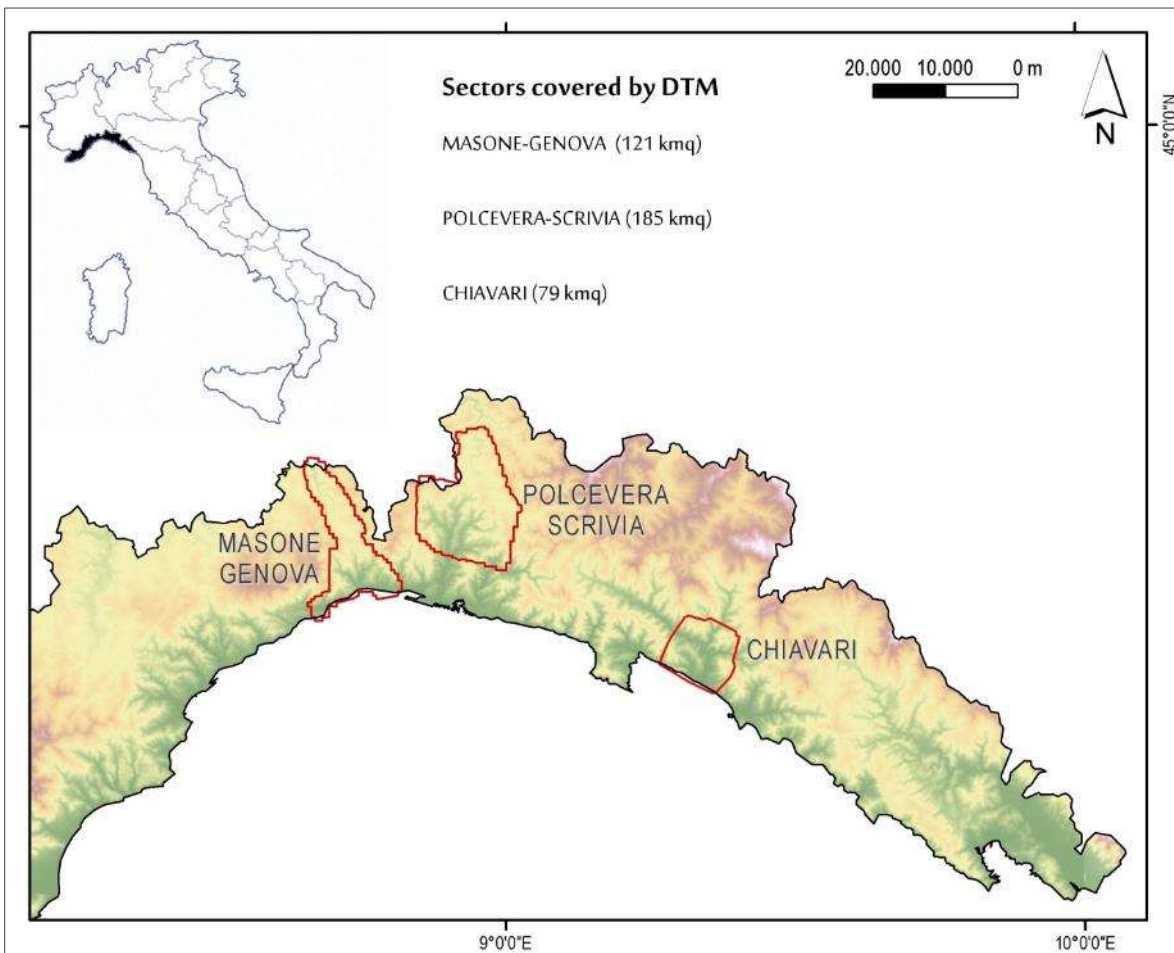
Champlas du Col case study



Cignetti M., Godone D., Wrzesniak A., Giordan D. 2019 Structure from Motion Multisource Application for Landslide Characterization and Monitoring: The Champlas du Col Case Study, Sestriere, North-Western Italy. Sensors, 19, 2364

LANDSLIDE MAP AND INVENTORY

Geomorphological event map



In October/November 2014, a sequence of flash floods struck different sectors of Liguria region causing three victims and a large amount of damages



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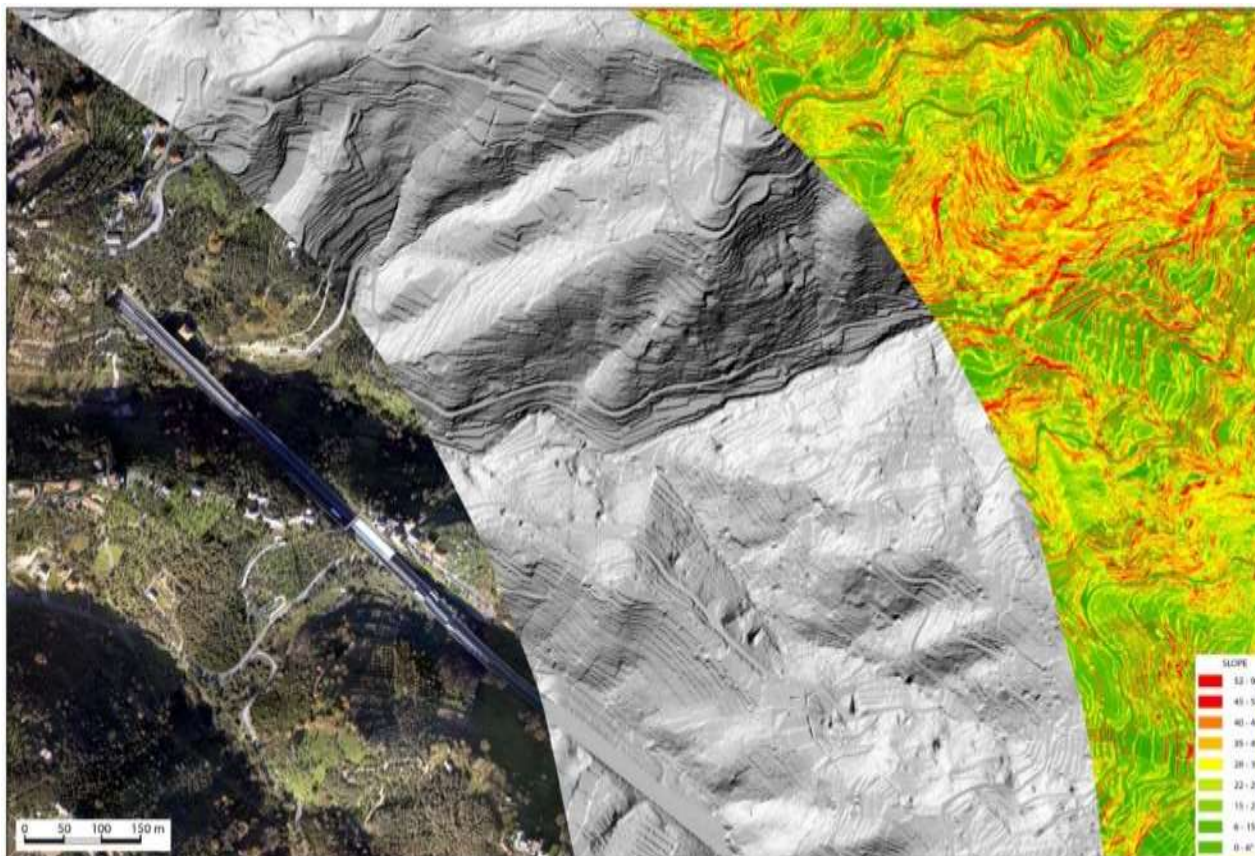
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LANDSLIDE MAP AND INVENTORY

Geomorphological event map

- A) Lidar survey of most involved areas (390 km²):
Digital Elevation Model (5/11 RAW point for meter square)
Orthophoto (25 cm/pixel)**
- B) Geomorphological map with the main geo-hydrological processes affecting slopes (soilslip, debris flow, rotational slide, etc.) and water courses (bank erosion, local deposition, flooding, etc.)**
- C) Analysis of the results focused on the landslides distribution**
- D) Study of the relationship between landslides distribution and man made conditioning of the landscape**

Geomorphological event map



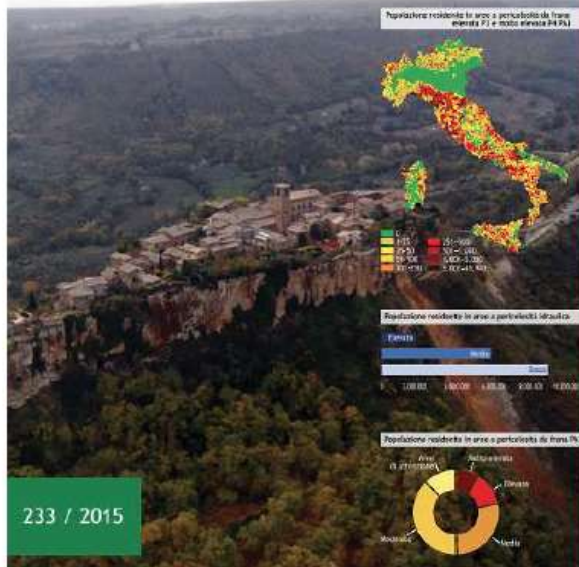
The use of LiDAR was useful for the acquisition of DTM and orthophoto

Regional / national inventory



Dissesto idrogeologico in Italia: pericolosità e indicatori di rischio

Rapporto 2015



RAPPORTI

IFFI Project – Italian landslide inventory

The IFFI Project aims at

- identifying and mapping landslides over the whole Italian territory, based on standardized criteria;
- building up a National Landslide Geographic Information System;
- providing a tool for hazard and risk assessment and land use planning.

528.903 Landslides,
covering an area of almost **22.176 km²,**
which is equivalent to **7,3% of Italy.**

(Inventario dei Fenomeni Franosi in Italia - Progetto IFFI, Report 2015)

Remote sensing systems for landslides mapping

Landslide Recognition			
Method	RS Tool	Authors	
Manual	<i>Aerial photogrammetry and HR/VHR satellite images</i>	Marcelino <i>et al.</i> 2009 [26]; Tsai <i>et al.</i> 2010 [24]; Gao & Maroa, 2010 [27]; Fiorucci <i>et al.</i> 2011 [25]; Ghosh <i>et al.</i> 2012 [34]; Murillo-García <i>et al.</i> 2014 [28]; Dagdelender <i>et al.</i> 2014 [51]; Othman & Gloaguen, 2013 [46]	
	<i>Laser scanning</i>	Agliardi <i>et al.</i> 2009 [103]; Corsini <i>et al.</i> 2009 [104]; Oppikofer <i>et al.</i> 2009 [105]	
	Visual interpretation & geomorphic features extraction	<i>Aerial photogrammetry</i>	Eisenbeiss, 2008 [128]; Rau <i>et al.</i> 2011 [48]; Wiegand <i>et al.</i> 2013 [33]
		<i>HR/VHR satellite images</i>	Cheng <i>et al.</i> 2004 [32]; Barlow <i>et al.</i> 2006 [23]; Moine <i>et al.</i> 2009 [42]; Blaschke, 2010 [40]; Lu <i>et al.</i> 2011 [41]; Mondini <i>et al.</i> 2011 [47]; Lacroix <i>et al.</i> 2013 [38]
Automated/ Semi-automated	<i>Airborne laser scanning</i>	Chigira <i>et al.</i> 2004 [116]; Glenn <i>et al.</i> 2006 [107]; Ardizzone <i>et al.</i> 2007 [108]; Borlat <i>et al.</i> 2007 [109]; Sato <i>et al.</i> 2007 [110]; Van Asselen & Seijmonsbergen, 2007 [111]; Booth <i>et al.</i> 2009 [114]; Kasai <i>et al.</i> 2009 [113]; Bull <i>et al.</i> 2010 [115]; Huat <i>et al.</i> 2012 [118]; Rau <i>et al.</i> 2012 [117]; Tarolli <i>et al.</i> 2012 [112]	

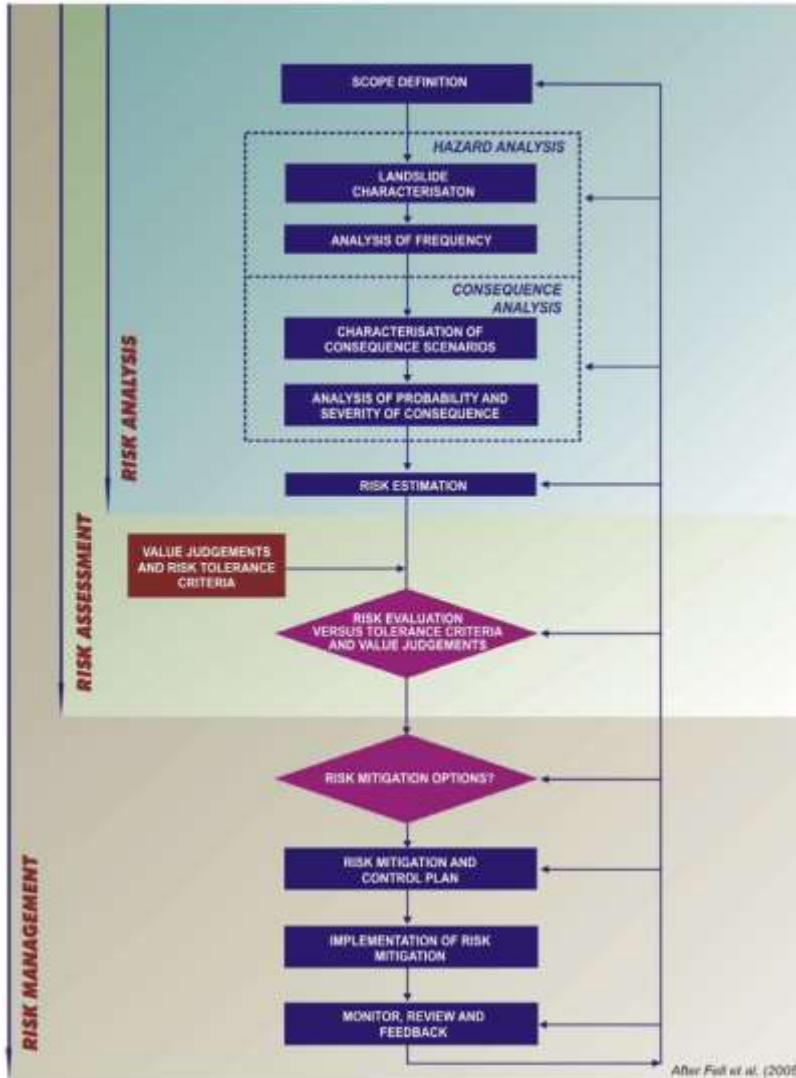
(Scaioni et al, 2014)

Remote sensing systems for landslides mapping

Landslide Recognition		
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Visual interpretation & geomorphic features extraction	Automated/	Terrestrial laser scanning
	Semi-automated	
		Rosser <i>et al.</i> 2005 [120]; Lim <i>et al.</i> 2005 [121]; Squarzoni <i>et al.</i> 2008 [75]; Oppikofer <i>et al.</i> 2009 [105,123]; Abellán <i>et al.</i> 2010 [122]; Stock <i>et al.</i> 2011 [129]; Jaboyedoff <i>et al.</i> 2012 [95]; Longoni <i>et al.</i> 2012 [119]; Viero <i>et al.</i> 2012 [125]; Pesci <i>et al.</i> 2012 [126]
Stereovision	HR/VHR satellite images	Haerberlin <i>et al.</i> 2004 [54]; Bajracharya & Bajracharya, 2008 [55]; Alkevli & Ercanoglu, 2011 [56]
SAR Interferometry	Spaceborne InSAR	Ferretti <i>et al.</i> 2001 [80]; Farina <i>et al.</i> 2006 [87]; Reidel & Walter, 2008 [88]; Guzzetti <i>et al.</i> 2009 [89]; Lauknes <i>et al.</i> 2010 [92]; Yonezawa <i>et al.</i> 2012 [78]; Hölbling <i>et al.</i> 2012 [90]; Lu <i>et al.</i> 2012 [91]; Righini <i>et al.</i> 2012 [86]; Lu <i>et al.</i> 2014 [93]

(Scaioni et al, 2014)

LANDSLIDE SUSCEPTIBILITY, HAZARD AND RISK ZONING



- **Landslide Susceptibility.** A quantitative or qualitative assessment of the classification, volume (or area) and spatial distribution of landslides which exist or potentially may occur in an area. Susceptibility may also include a description of the velocity and intensity of the existing or potential landsliding.

- **Hazard.** A condition with the potential for causing an undesirable consequence. The description of landslide hazard should include the location, volume (or area), classification and velocity of the potential landslides and any resultant detached material and the probability of their occurrence within a given period of time. Landslide hazard includes landslides which have their source in the area or may have their source outside the area but may travel on to or regress into the area.

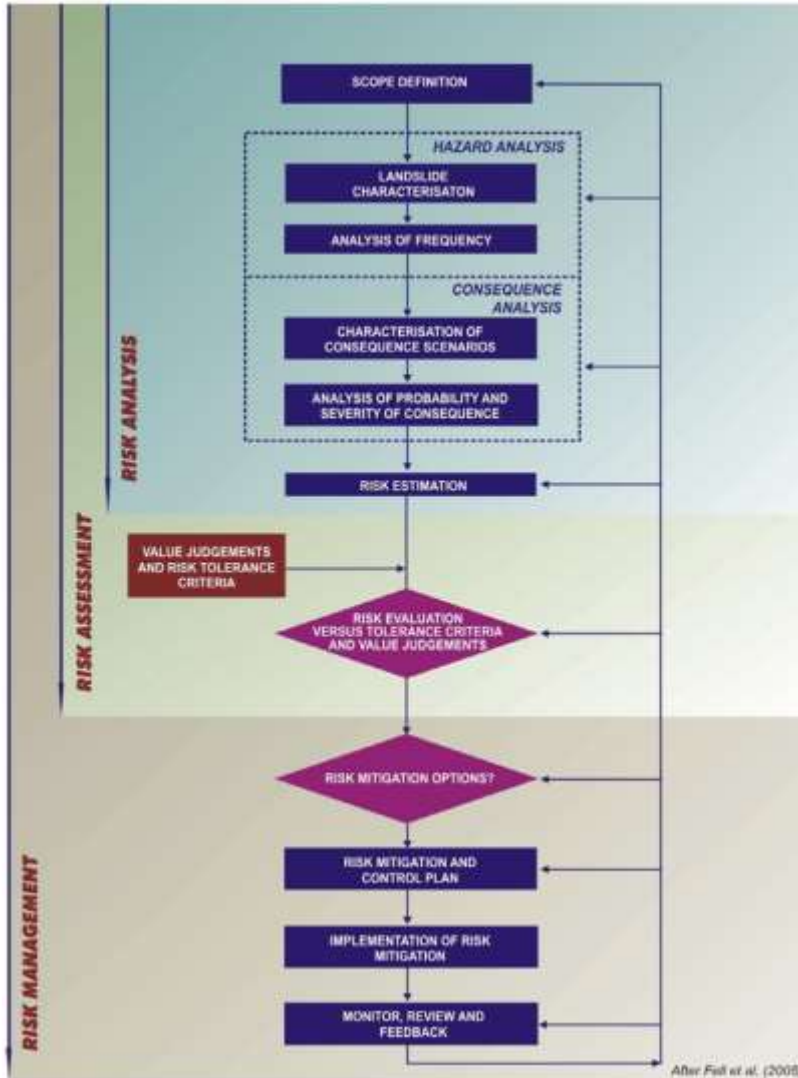
- **Risk.** A measure of the probability and severity of an adverse effect to health, property or the environment. Risk is often estimated by the product of probability and consequences. However, a more general interpretation of risk involves a comparison of the probability and consequences in a non-product form.
 - (a) *For life loss*, the annual probability that the person most at risk will lose his or her life taking account of the landslide hazard and the temporal spatial probability and vulnerability of the person.
 - (b) *For property loss*, the annual probability of the consequence or the annualised loss taking account of the elements at risk, their temporal spatial probability and vulnerability.

- **Elements at Risk.** The population, buildings and engineering works, economic activities, public services utilities, infrastructure and environmental features in the area potentially affected by the landslide hazard.

- **Vulnerability.** The degree of loss to a given element or set of elements within the area affected by the landslide hazard. It is expressed on a scale of 0 (no loss) to 1 (total loss). For property, the loss will be the value of the damage relative to the value of the property; for persons, it will be the probability that a particular life (the element at risk) will be lost, given the person(s) is (are) affected by the landslide.

- **Zoning.** The division of land into homogeneous areas or domains and their ranking according to degrees of actual or potential landslide Susceptibility, hazard or risk.

LANDSLIDE SUSCEPTIBILITY, HAZARD AND RISK ZONING



Landslide Susceptibility Zoning involves the classification, volume (or area) and spatial distribution of existing and potential landslides in the study area. It may also include a description of the travel distance, velocity and intensity of the existing or potential landsliding. Landslide susceptibility zoning usually involves developing an inventory of landslides which have occurred in the past together with an assessment of the areas with a potential to experience landsliding in the future, but with no assessment of the frequency (annual probability) of the occurrence of landslides. In some situations susceptibility zoning will need to be extended outside the study area being zoned for hazard and risk to cover areas from which landslides may travel on to or regress into the area being zoned. It will generally be necessary to prepare separate susceptibility zoning maps to show landslide sources and areas onto which landslides from the source landslides may travel or regress.

Landslide Hazard Zoning takes the outcomes of landslide susceptibility mapping, and assigns an estimated frequency (annual probability) to the potential landslides. It should consider all landsliding which can affect the study area including landslides which are above the study area but may travel onto it and landslides below the study area which may retrogressively fail up-slope into it. The hazard may be expressed as the frequency of a particular type of landslide of a certain volume or landslides of a particular type, volume and velocity (which may vary with distance from the landslide source) or, in some cases, as the frequency of landslides with a particular intensity where intensity may be measured in kinetic energy terms. Intensity measures are most useful for rock falls.

Landslide Risk Zoning takes the outcomes of hazard mapping and assesses the potential damage to persons (annual probability the person most at risk loses his or her life) and to property (annual value of property loss) for the elements at risk, accounting for temporal and spatial probability and vulnerability.

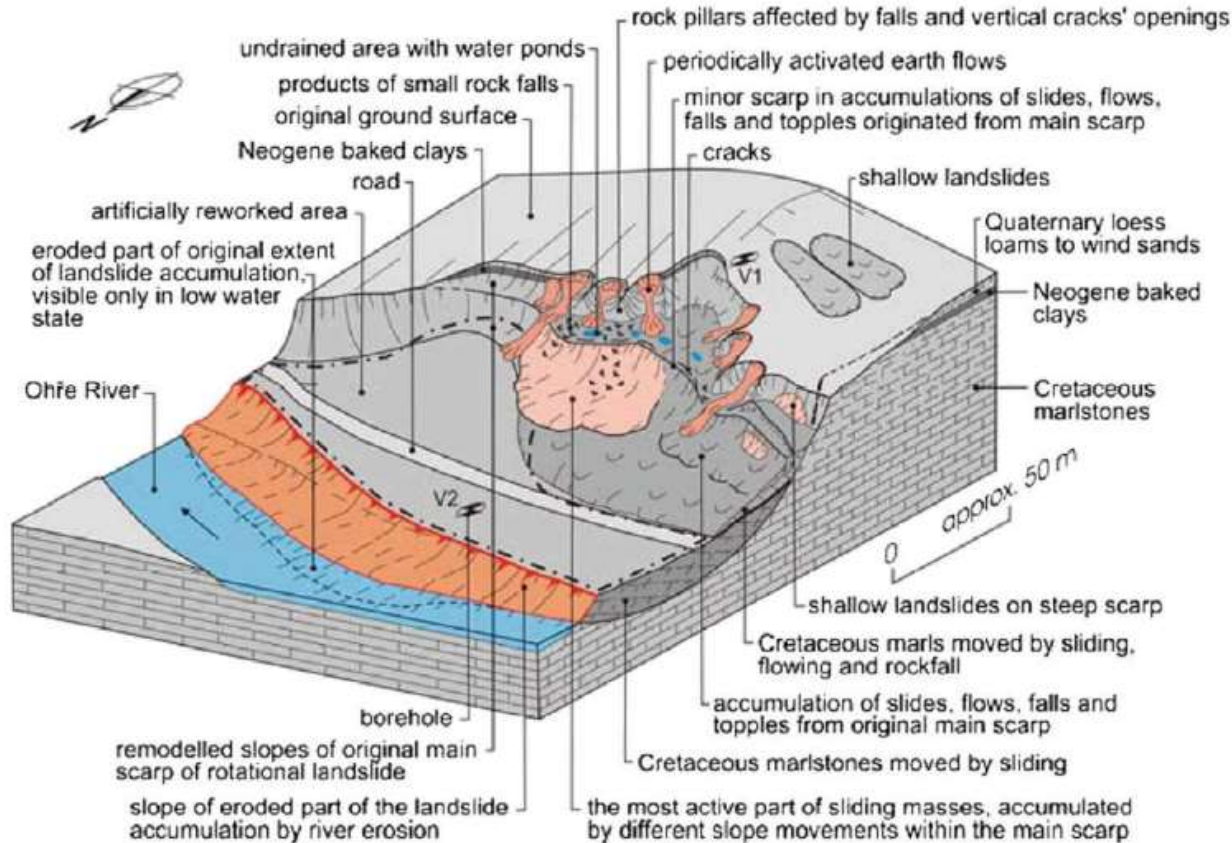
Landslide zoning mapping scales and their application

Scale Description	Indicative Range of Scales	Examples of Zoning Application	Typical Area of Zoning
Small	< 1:100,000	Landslide inventory and susceptibility to inform policy makers and the general public	>10,000 square kilometres
Medium	1:100,000 to 1:25,000	Landslide inventory and susceptibility zoning for regional and local development or very large scale engineering projects. Preliminary level hazard mapping for local areas	1000 – 10,000 square kilometres
Large	1:25,000 to 1:5,000	Landslide inventory, susceptibility and hazard zoning for local areas Preliminary level risk zoning for local areas and the advanced stages of planning for large engineering structures, roads and railways	10-1000 square kilometres
Detailed	> 5,000	Intermediate and advanced level hazard and risk zoning for local and site specific areas and for the design phase of large engineering structures, roads and railways	Several hectares to tens of square kilometres

For further information: **GUIDELINE FOR LANDSLIDE SUSCEPTIBILITY, HAZARD AND RISK ZONING** (<https://landsliderisk.org/resources/guidelines/>)

Journal and News of the Australian Geomechanics Society Volume 42 No 1 March 2007

CONCEPTUAL ENGINEERING GEOLOGICAL MODEL



Combining geological, geomorphological, hydrological, and geotechnical data we can obtain an engineering geological model

Observational model of the Březno landslide in Cretaceous marlstones

(Jan Novotný, 2014)

LANDSLIDE CHARACTERIZATION AND MONITORING

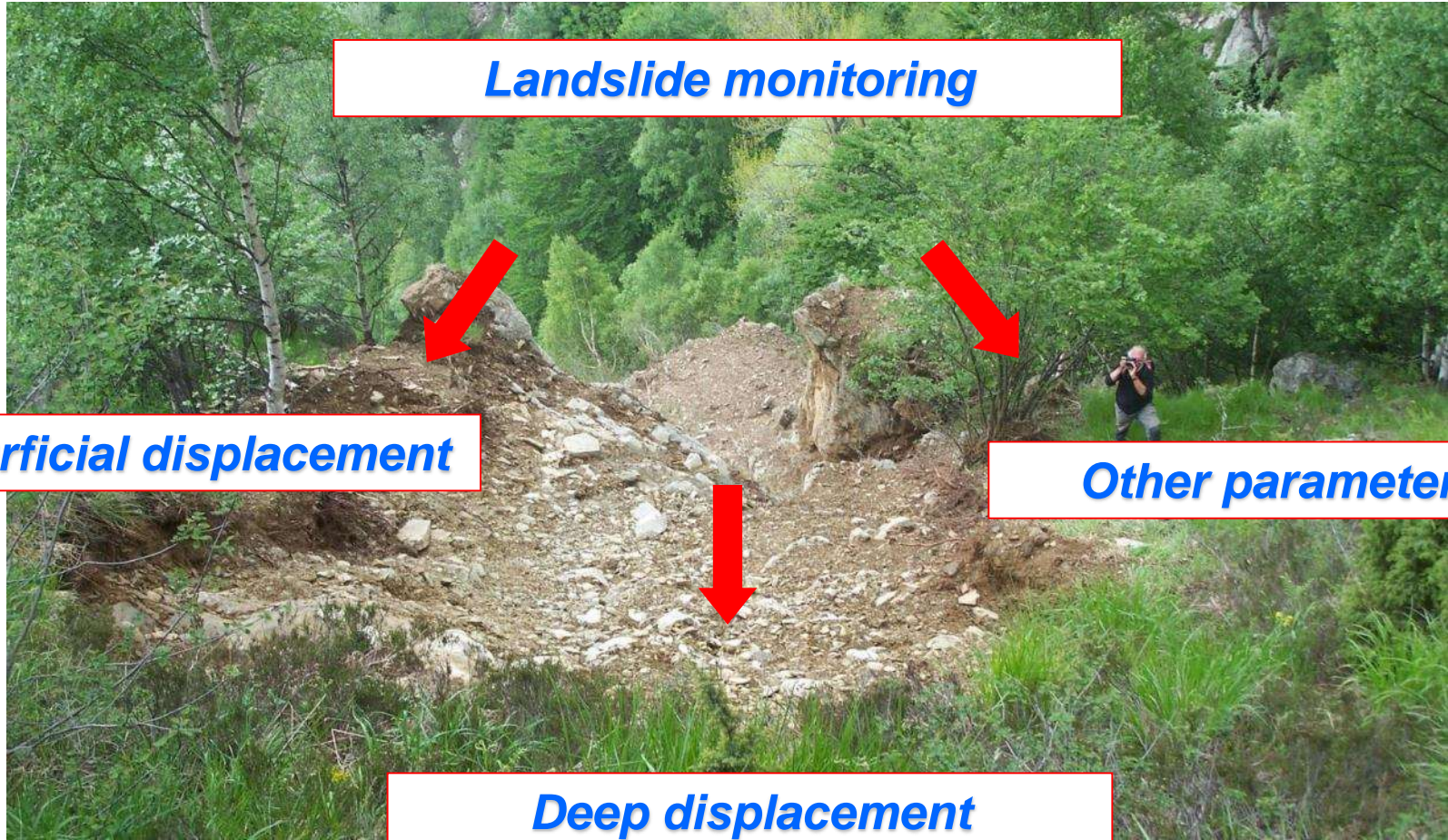


Two main approaches to landslides monitoring:

- (1) the qualitative assessment of the general conditions of a landslide-prone slope along time;
- (2) the quantitative measurement of ground deformation and surface point displacements (also addressed as deformation measurement), variation of geotechnical or geophysical parameters, measurement of water table level...

Angeli, M.; Pasuto, A.; Silvano, S. A critical review of landslide monitoring experiences.
Eng. Geol. 2000, 55, 133–147

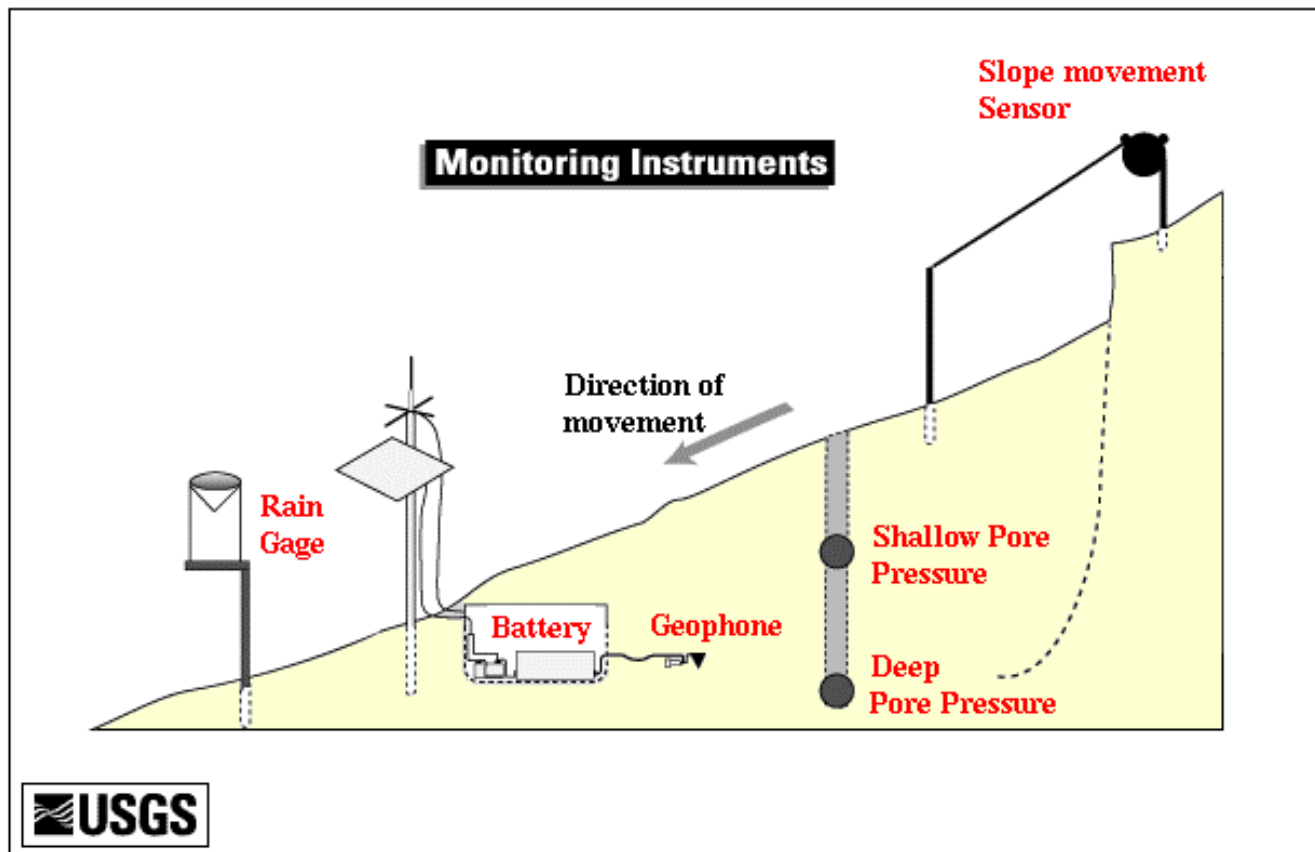
LANDSLIDE CHARACTERIZATION AND MONITORING



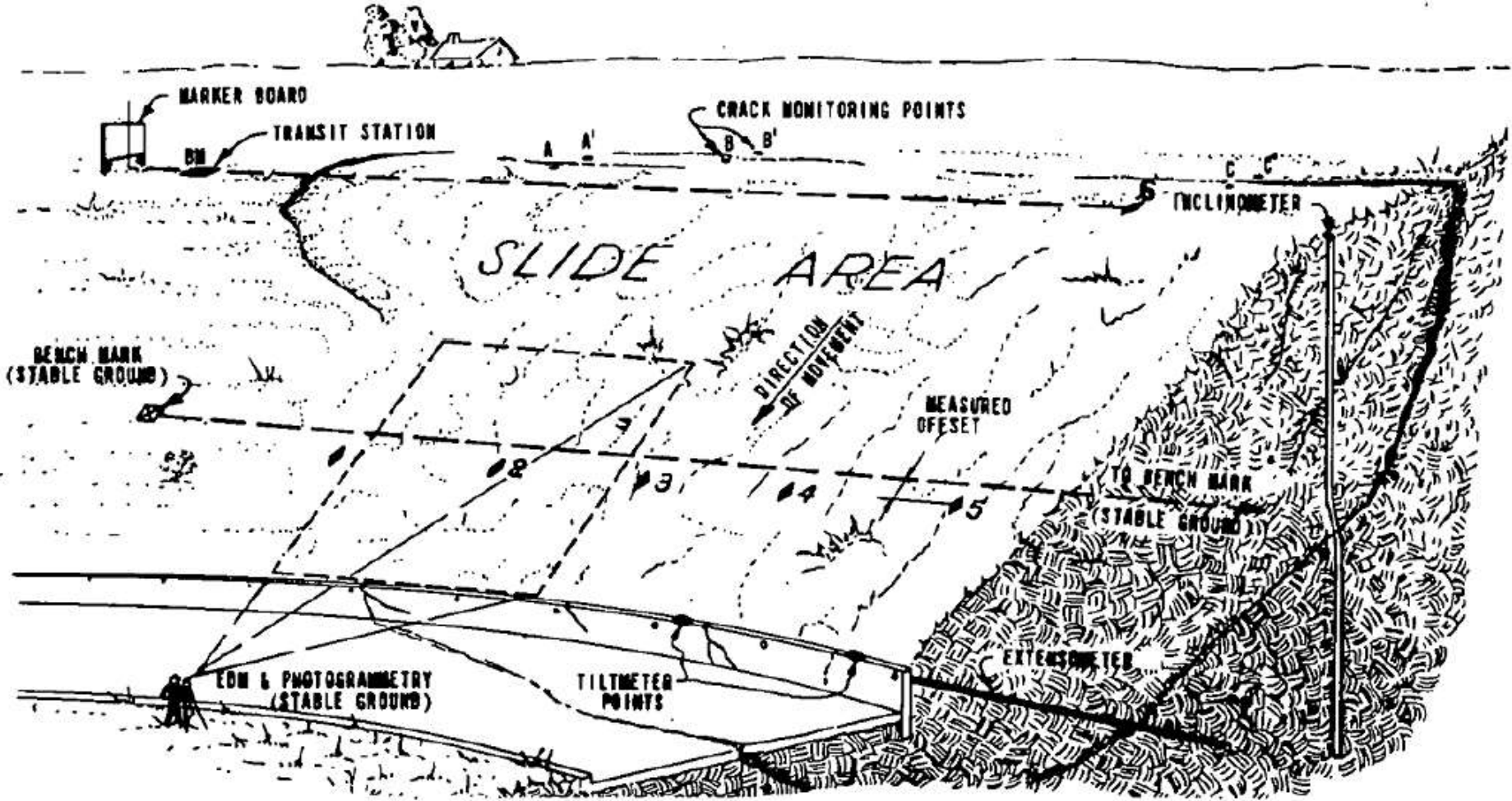
“Every instrument on a project should be selected and placed to assist with answering a specific question:

if there is no question, there should be no instrumentation”

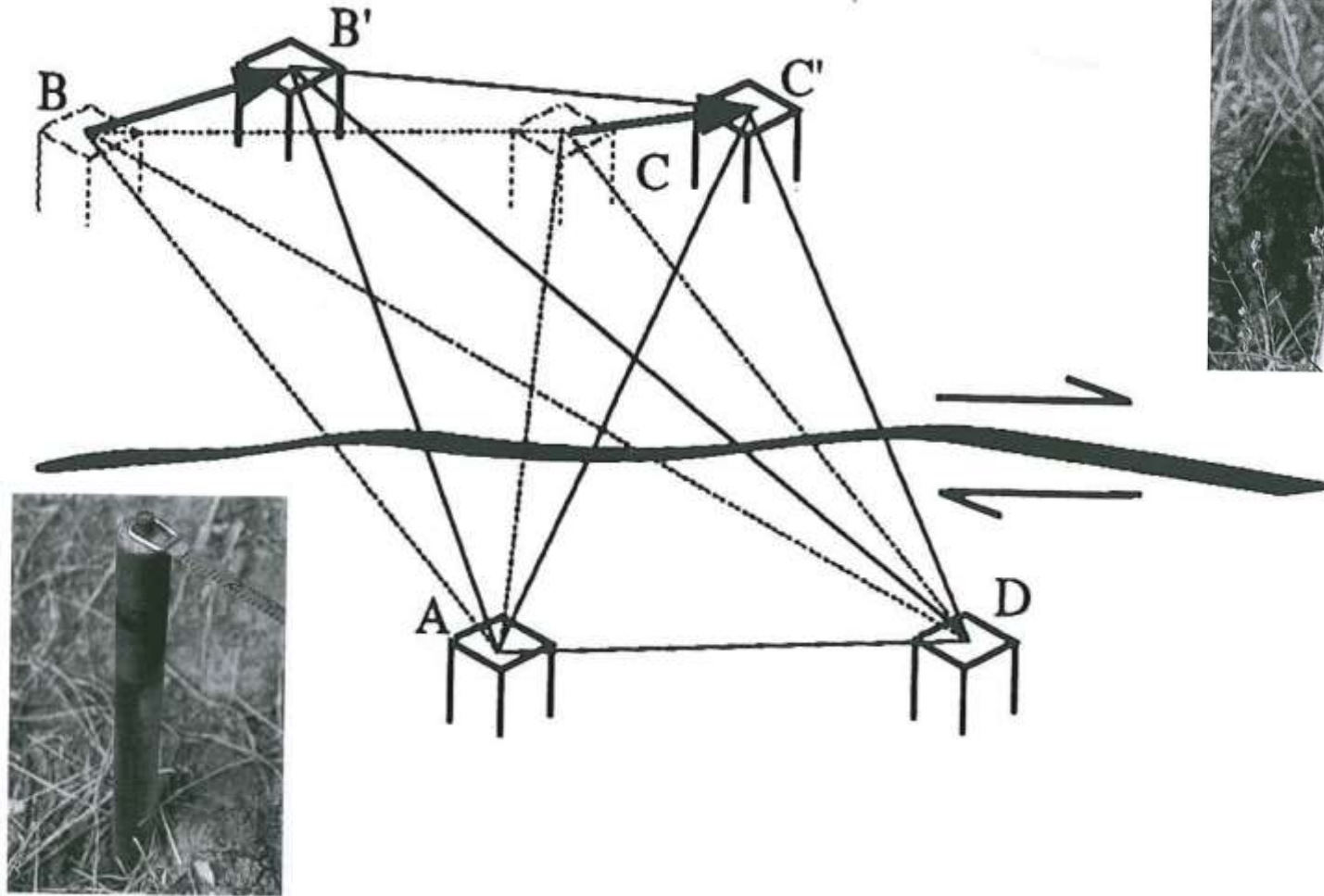
John Duncliff



LANDSLIDE CHARACTERIZATION AND MONITORING



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Unmanned Aerial Vehicles



Remotely Piloted
Aerial Systems



Drones



D. Giordan, Y. Hayakawa, F. Nex, F. Remondino, P. Tarolli. 2018 Review article: the use of remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPASs) for natural hazards monitoring and management. Nat. Hazards Earth Syst. Sci., 18, 1079–1096

LANDSLIDE CHARACTERIZATION AND MONITORING

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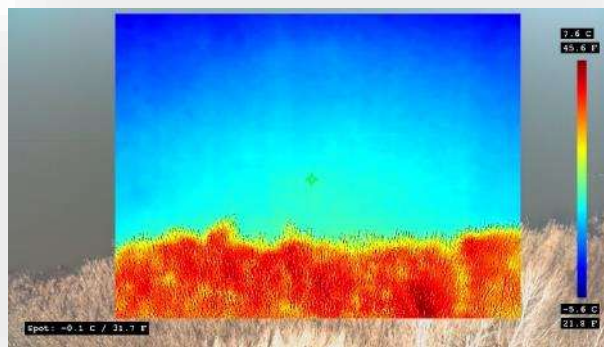


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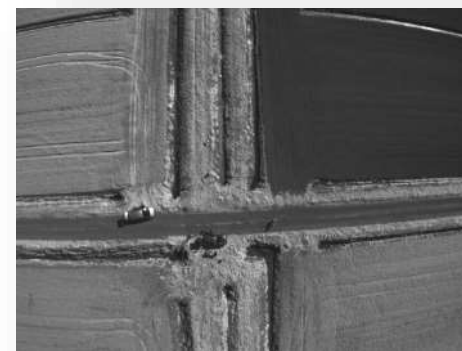
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optical



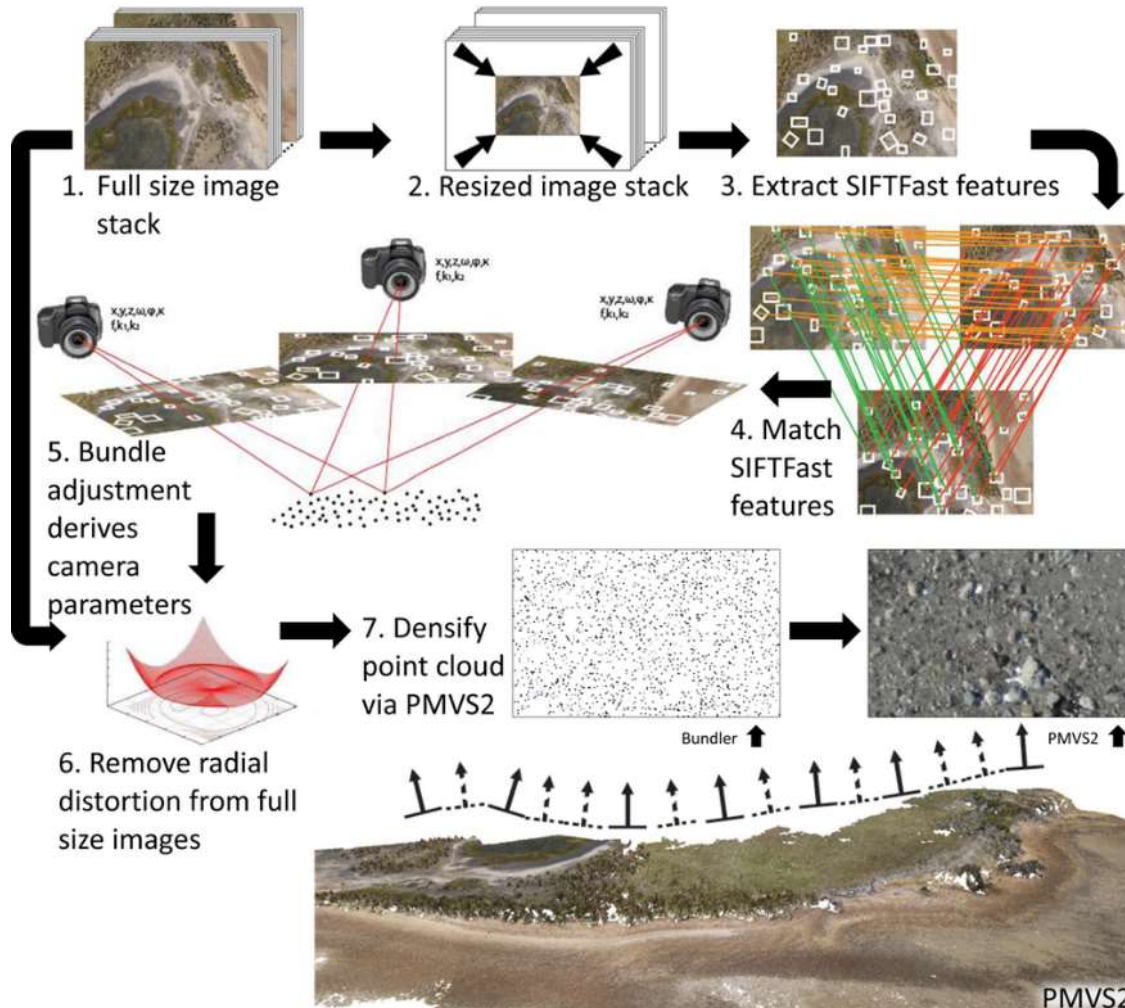
thermal



Multi-spectral

LANDSLIDE CHARACTERIZATION AND MONITORING

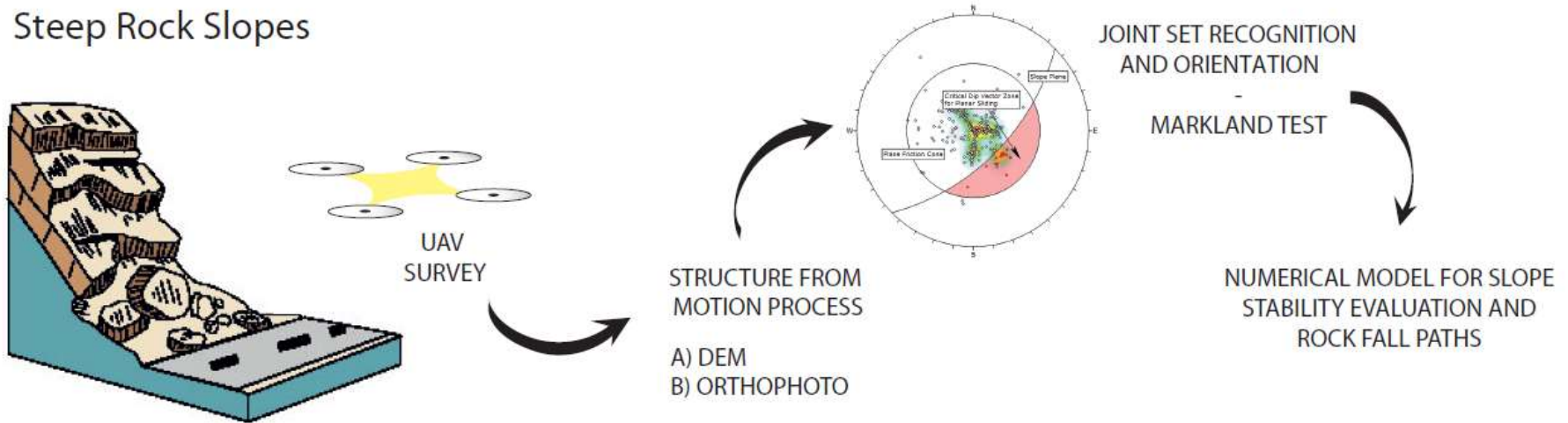
UAV and STRUCTURE FROM MOTION



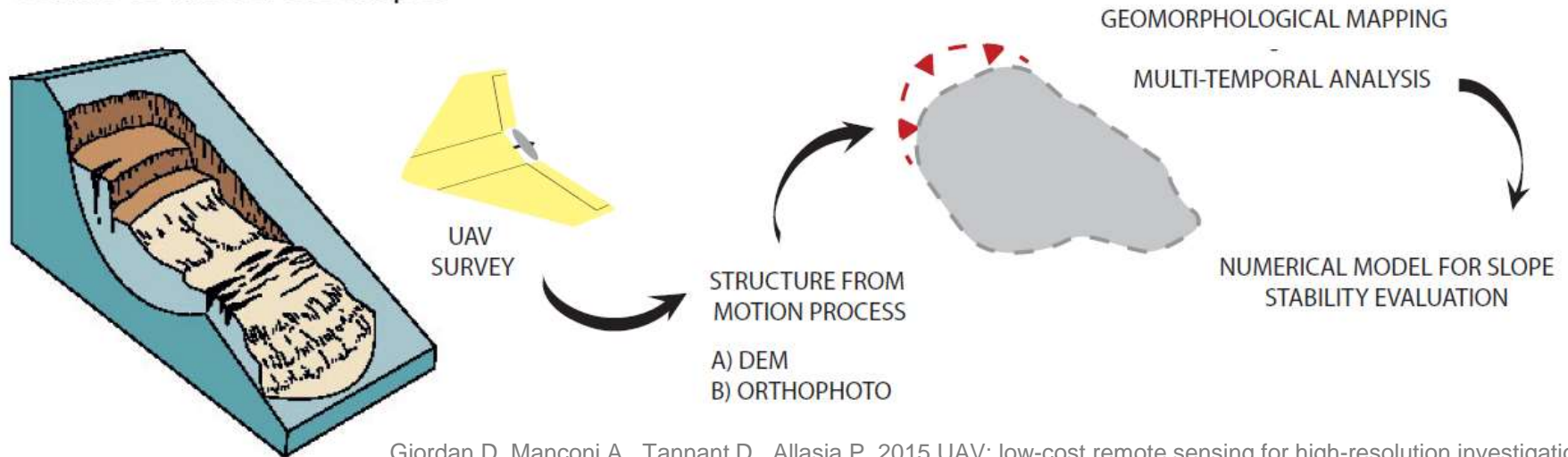
Steve Harwin* and Arko Lucieer
Assessing the Accuracy of Georeferenced Point Clouds Produced via Multi-View Stereopsis from Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Imagery. *Remote Sensing* 2012, 4(6), 1573-1599

LANDSLIDES INVESTIGATION WORKFLOW

Steep Rock Slopes

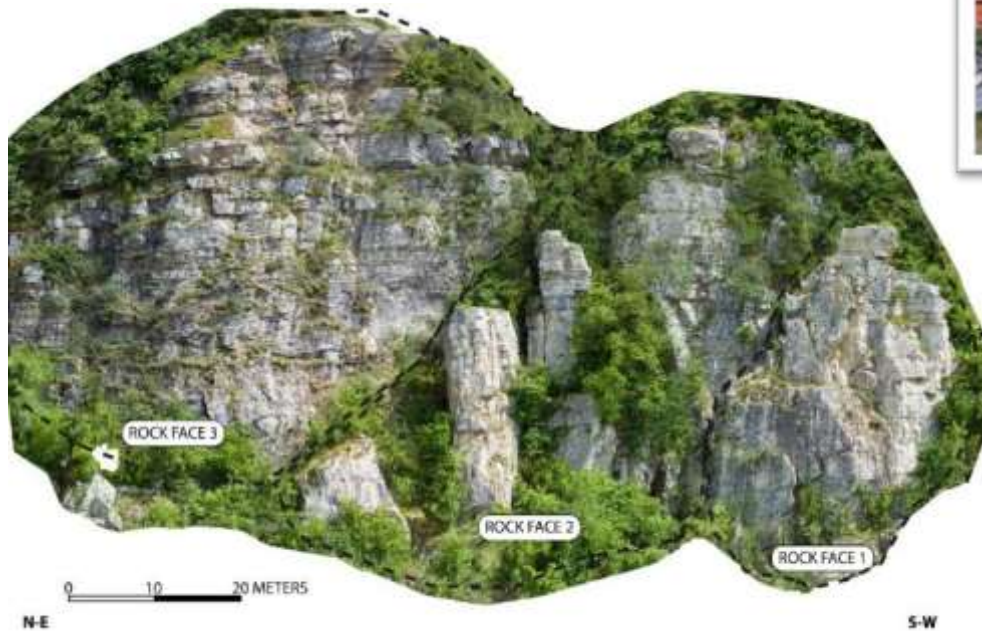


Gentle to Moderate Slopes

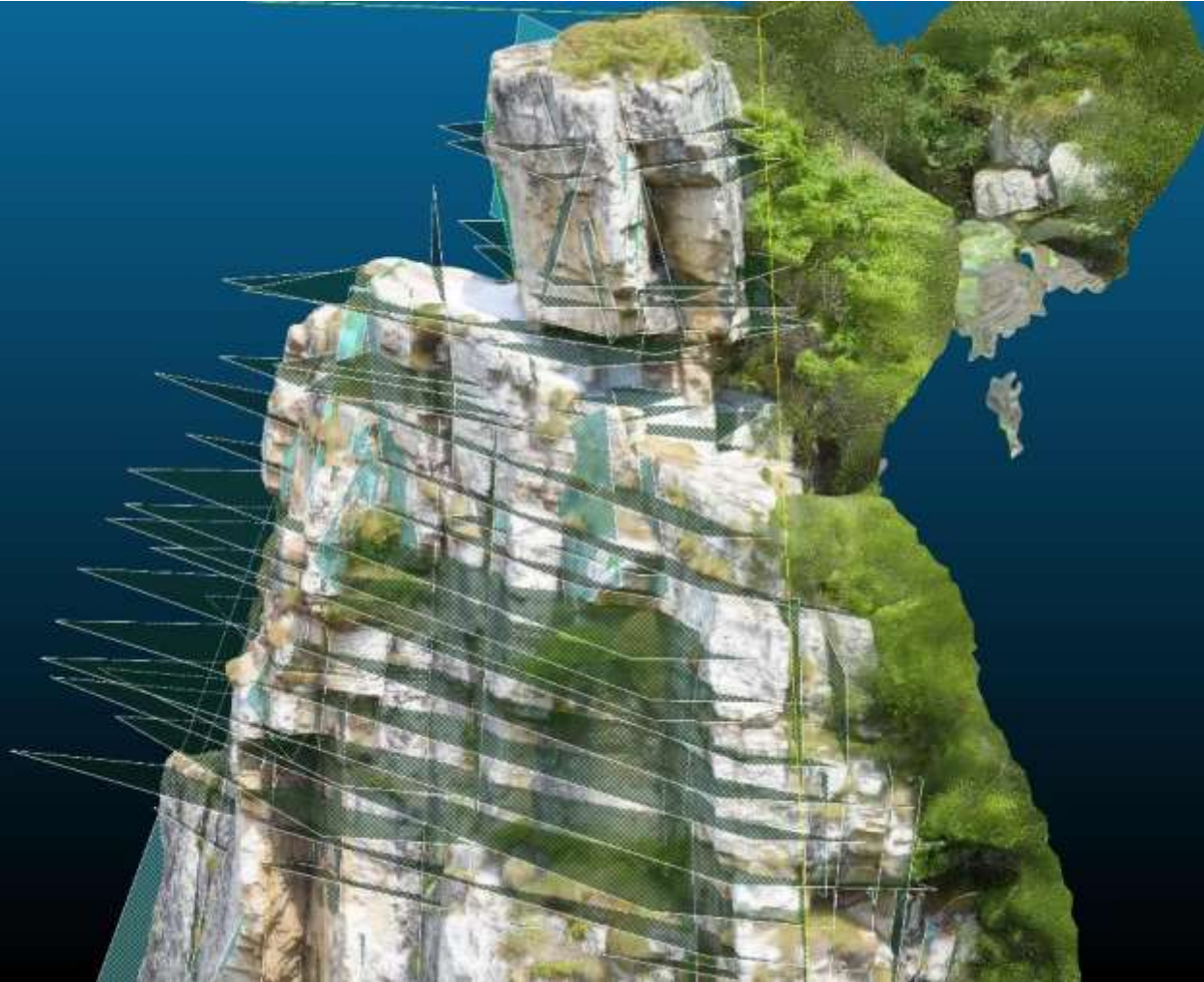


Giordan D. Manconi A., Tannant D., Allasia P. 2015 UAV: low-cost remote sensing for high-resolution investigation of landslides. Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS), 2015 IEEE International, 5344-5347.

Ormea rock falls prone area



Menegoni N., Giordan D., Perotti C., Tannant D. 2019. Detection and geometric characterization of rock mass discontinuities using a 3D high-resolution digital outcrop model generated from RPAS imagery – Ormea rock slope, Italy. *Engineering Geology*, 252, 145-163



ROCK FACE 1: Width: 30 m
Height: 60 m

192 discontinuities + bedding measures

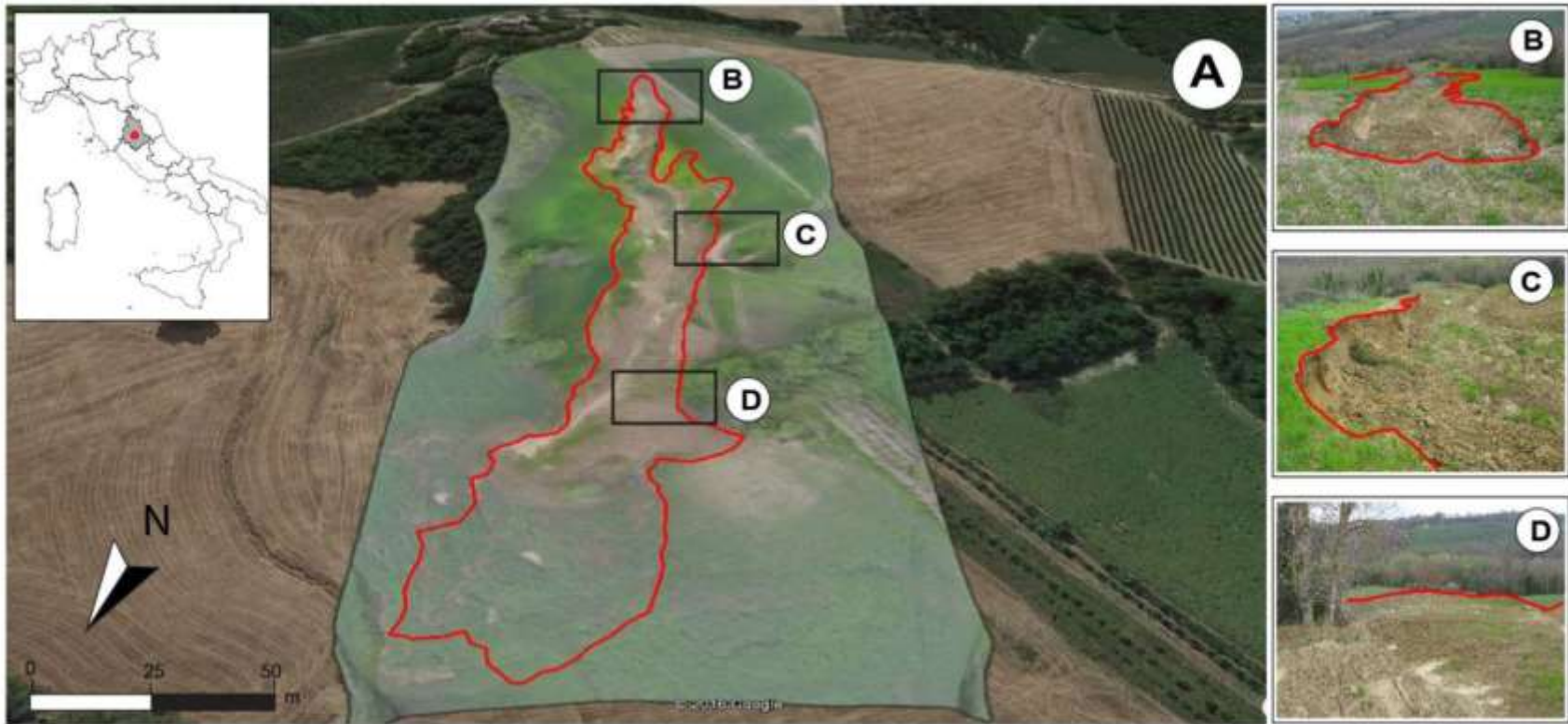
Collazzone slide-earthflow case study

A 'typical' slide-earthflow of central Italian Appenine activated during the flood of March 2014

F. Fiorucci, D. Giordan, M. Santangelo, F. Dutto, M. Rossi, F. Guzzetti. 2018. Criteria for the optimal selection of remote sensing optical images to map event landslides. *Nat. Hazards Earth Syst. Sci.*, 18, 405-417



Collazzone slide-earthflow case study



We chose this landslide to test the best solution for the earthflow mapping:

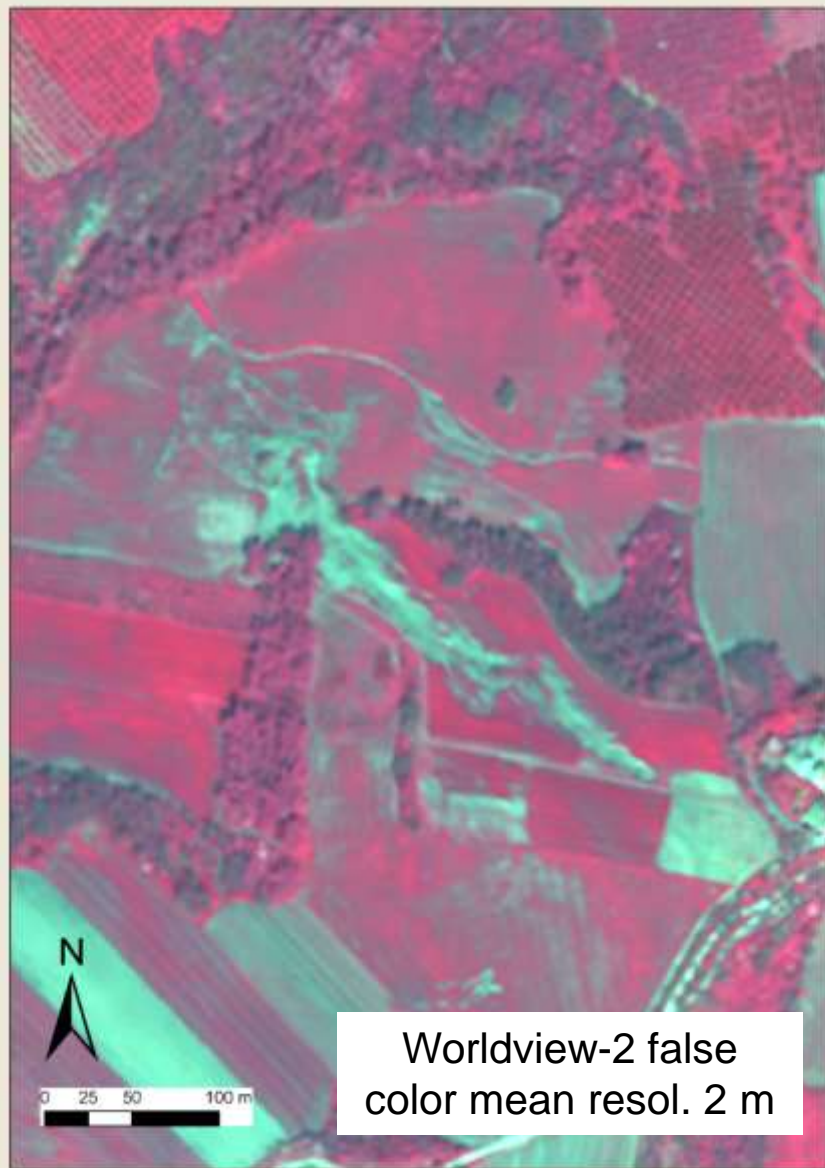
- i) UAV
- ii) Satellite image (Worldview II)
- iii) Field geomorphological mapping
- iv) GPS RTK
- v) (LiDAR)

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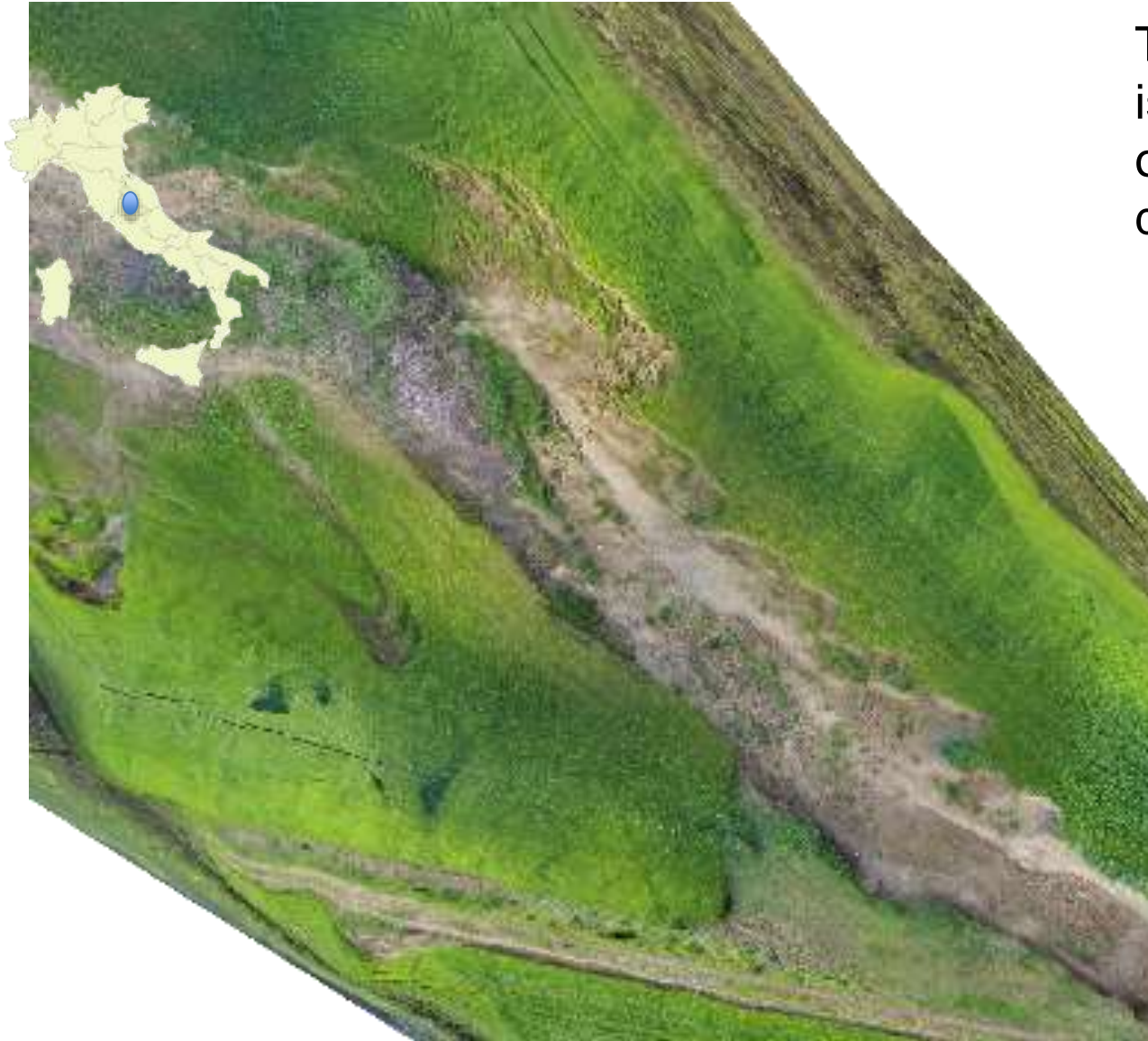


GPS RTK survey of the Collazzone landslide is considered the benchmark

Collazzone slide-earthflow case study



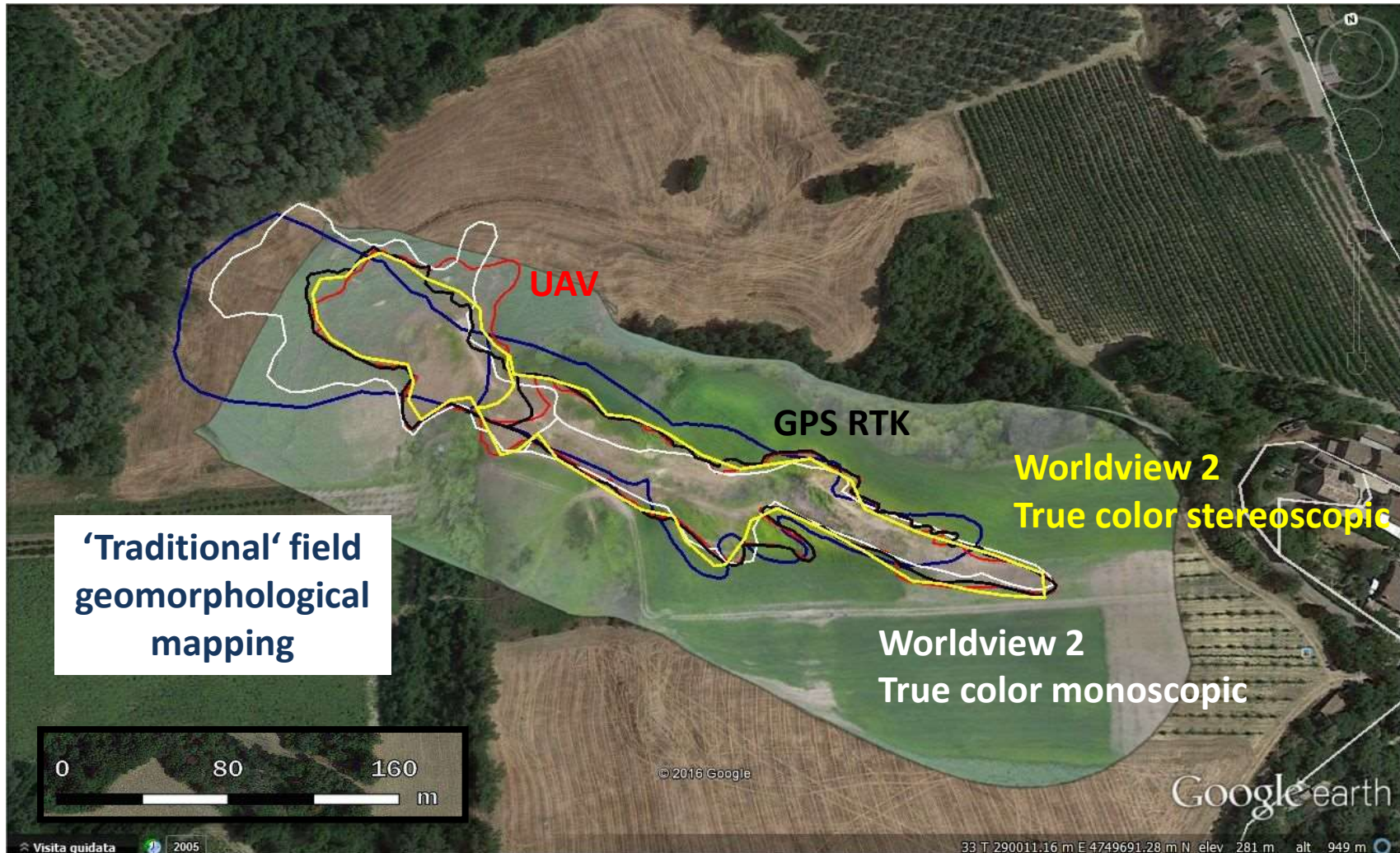
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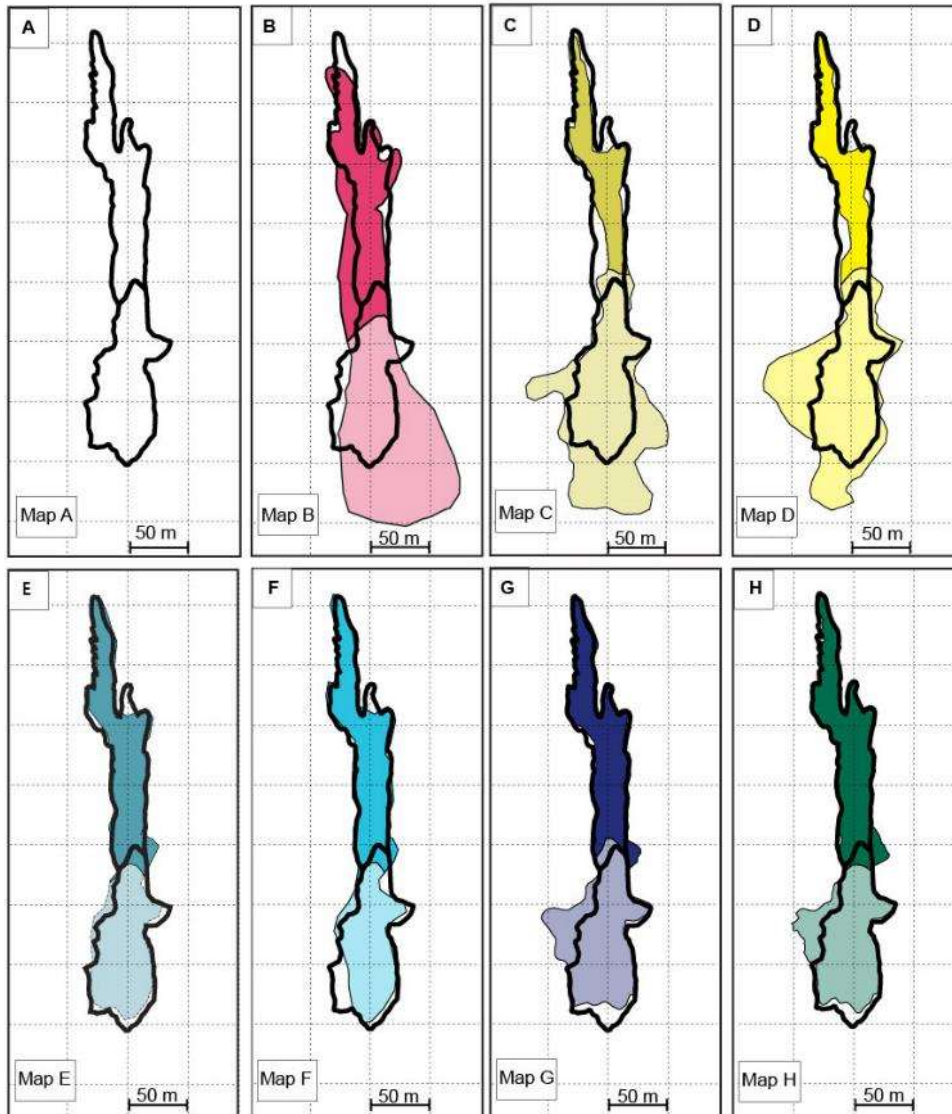
The resolution of UAV is higher than the other available datasets (3 cm/pixel)

UAV image is the only one that could be used for the identification of landslide's morphological features

Collazzone slide-earthflow case study



Collazzone slide-earthflow case study



- A - GPS RTK – benchmark
- B - Field survey
- C - True-colour WordView-2 Monoscopic view
- D - False-5 colour-composite WordView-2 Monoscopic view
- E - True-colour WordView-2 Stereoscopic view
- F - False-5 colour-composite WordView-2 Stereoscopic view
- G - UAV ultra-high resolution Monoscopic
- H - UAV ultra-high resolution Pseudo stereoscopic

Collazzone slide-earthflow case study

			Map A	Map B	Map C	Map D	Map E	Map F	Map G	Map H	Entire landslide
Field mapping		RTK	Map A	0.55	0.45	0.40	0.18	0.20	0.19	0.19	
		VIS	Map B		0.45	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.59	0.59	
Expert visual interpretation	WorldView 2D	TC	Map C			0.29	0.48	0.50	0.46	0.47	
		FCC	Map D				0.42	0.44	0.35	0.37	
	WorldView 3D	TC	Map E					0.15	0.21	0.20	
		FCC	Map F						0.26	0.25	
	UAV	2D TC	Map G							0.08	
		2.5D TC	Map H								

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Best performance

$$E = \frac{(A_{L1} \cup A_{L2}) - (A_{L1} \cap A_{L2})}{(A_{L1} \cup A_{L2})}; 0 \leq E \leq 1,$$

1- True-colour WordView-2 Stereoscopic view

Error indexing (Carrara et alii., 1992)

2 - UAV ultra-high resolution



The history
of a real
emergency
application



Giordan D., Manconi A., Facello A., Baldo M., Dell'Anese F., Allasia P., Dutto F. 2015 Brief Communication: The use of an unmanned aerial vehicle in a rockfall emergency scenario. Nat. Hazards Earth Syst. Sci., 15, 163–169.



The history
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March 7, 2014
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Before the rock-slide: videos and images were used to support local authorities decisions to close the road and isolate the Pramollo municipality

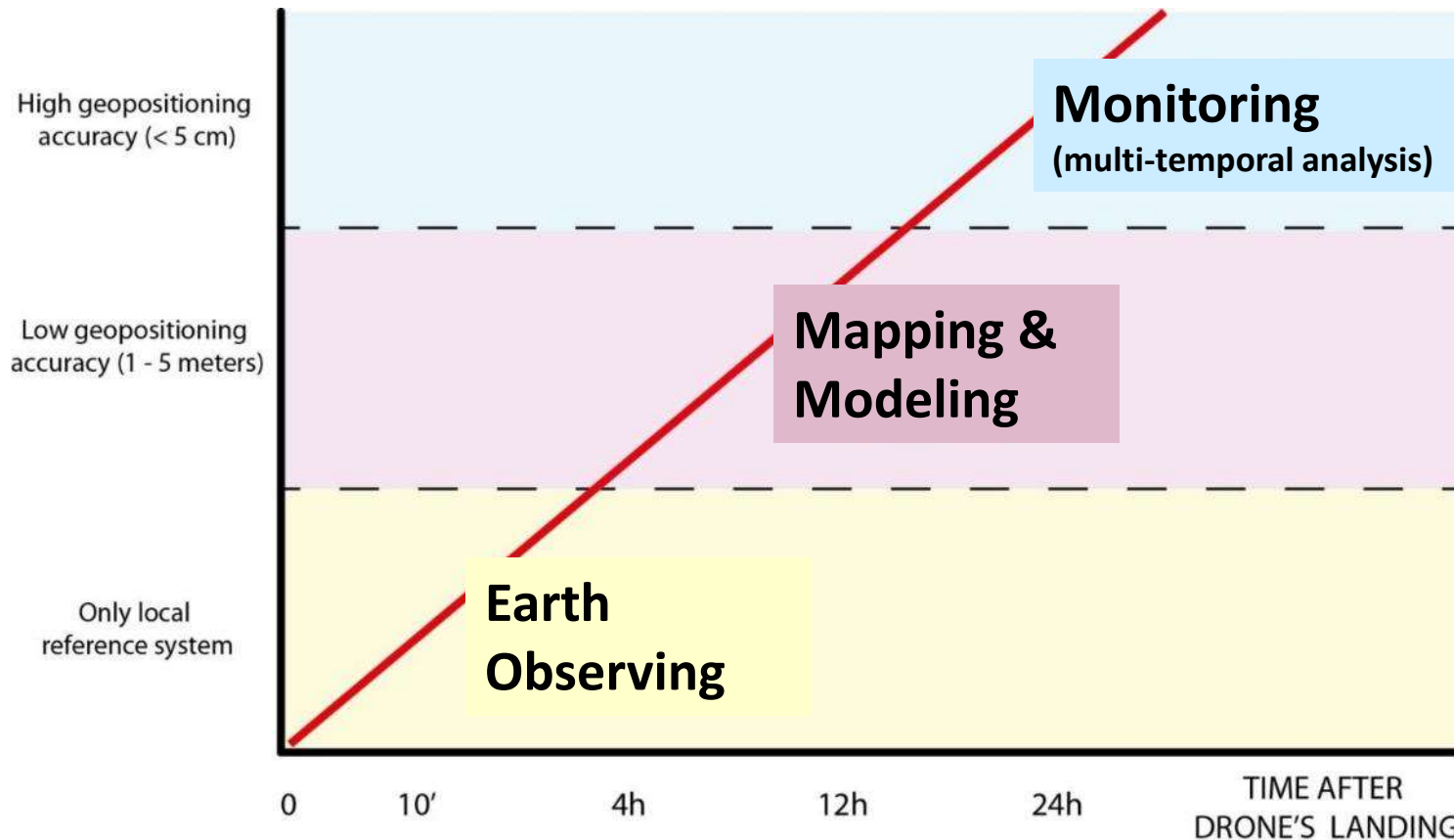




After the rock-slide: images used for a first damages evaluation and to support remedial works

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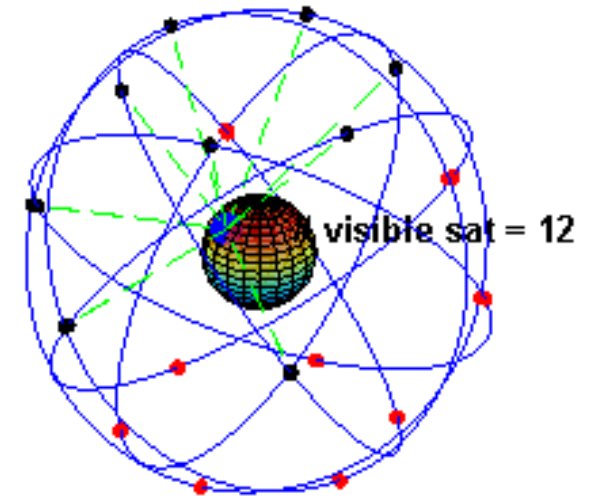
For the use of UAV (in particular during emergencies) it is important to consider not only RESULTS but also the TIME



D. Giordan, A. Manconi, A. Facello, M. Baldo, F. dell'Anese, P. Allasia, and F. Dutto. Brief Communication "The use of UAV in rock fall emergency scenario" Nat. Hazards Earth Syst. Sci. Discuss., 15, 1639-1644, 2015

GNSS – global navigation satellite system

The **global navigation satellite system (GNSS)**, is a global navigation satellite system that provides geolocation and time information to a GNSS receiver anywhere on or near the Earth where there is an unobstructed line of sight to four or more GNSS satellites. The GNSS concept is based on time and the known position of GNSS specialized satellites. The satellites carry very stable atomic clocks that are synchronized with one another and with the ground clocks. In the same manner, the satellite locations are known with great precision. GNSS satellites continuously transmit data about their current time and position. A GNSS receiver monitors multiple satellites and solves equations to determine the precise position of the receiver and its deviation from true time.



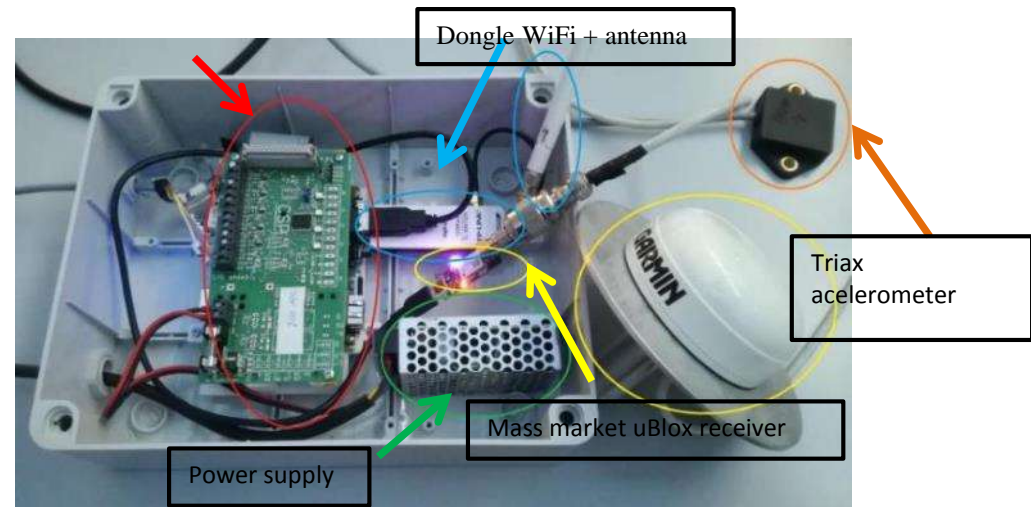
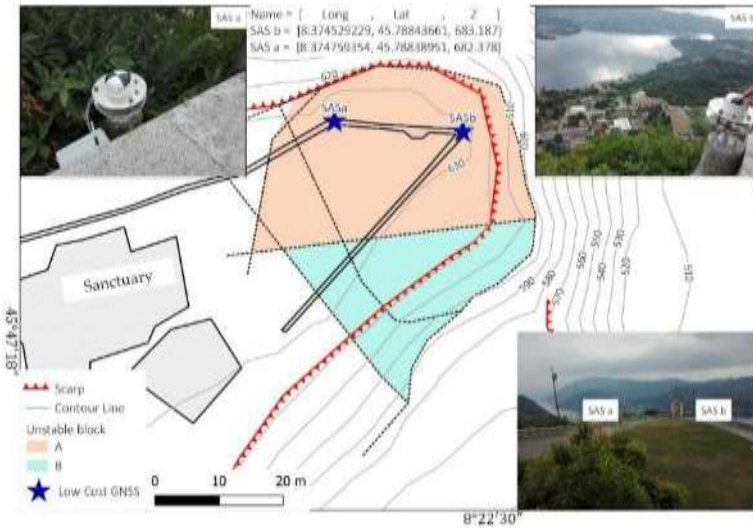
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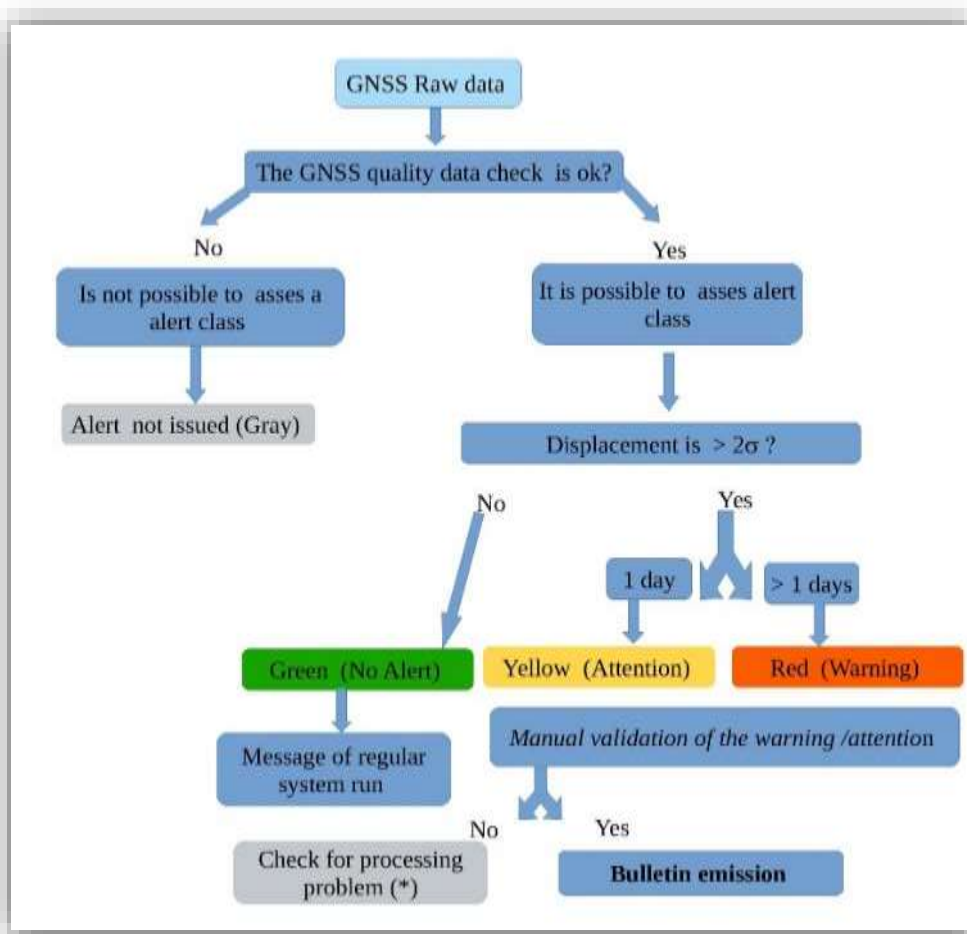
Madonna del Sasso Sanctuary GNSS low cost monitoring solution



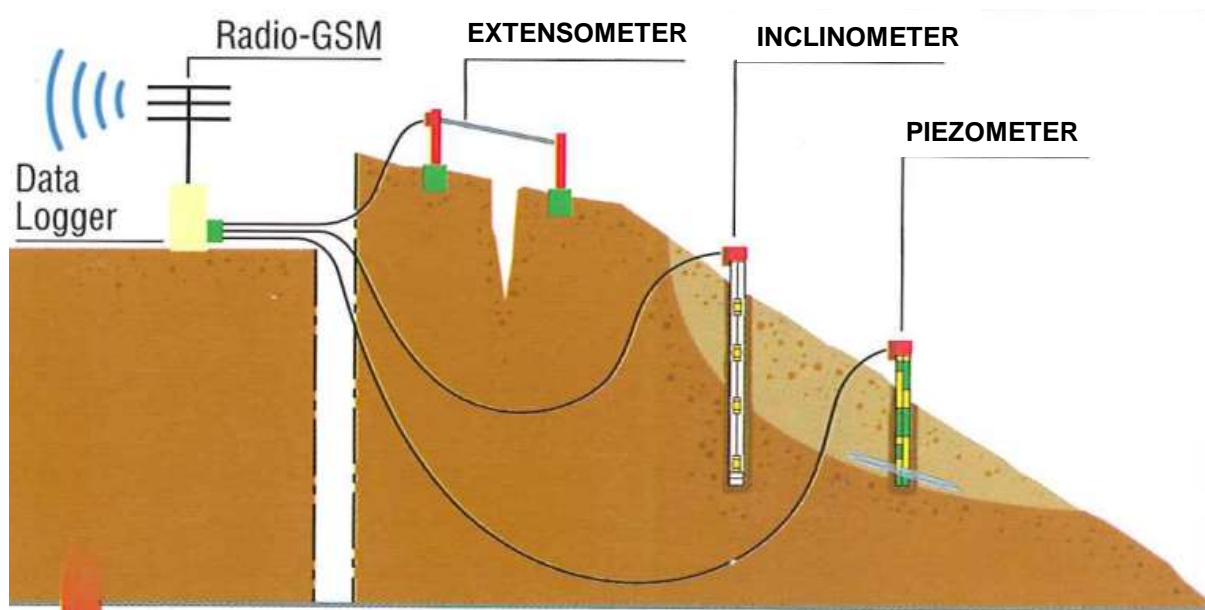
Instrument	Unit Cost
GNSS uBlox L1	70 €
Garmin antenna	50 €
Tri-axial accelerometer + temperature sensor	150 €
Micro PC mainboard, plastic box and dongle Wi-Fi	200 €
batch procedure RTKlib per RT e PP from NRTK SPIN	free



Madonna del Sasso Sanctuary GNSS low cost monitoring solution



Deep displacement monitoring

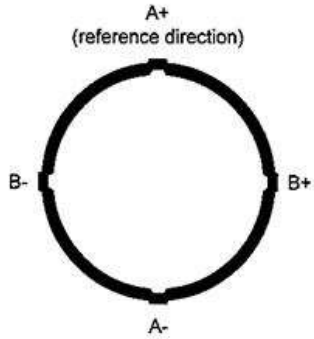


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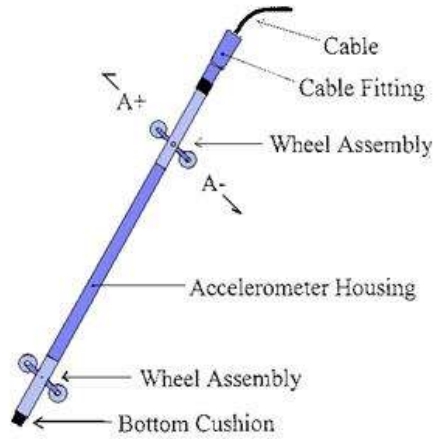
Manual inclinometer



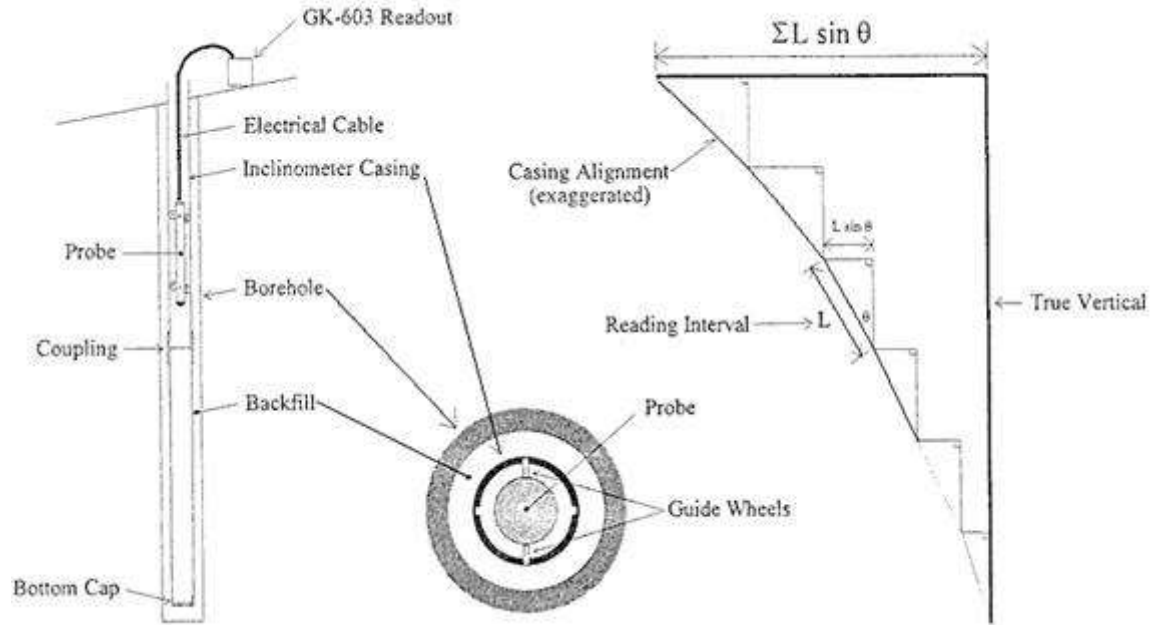
LANDSLIDE CHARACTERIZATION AND MONITORING



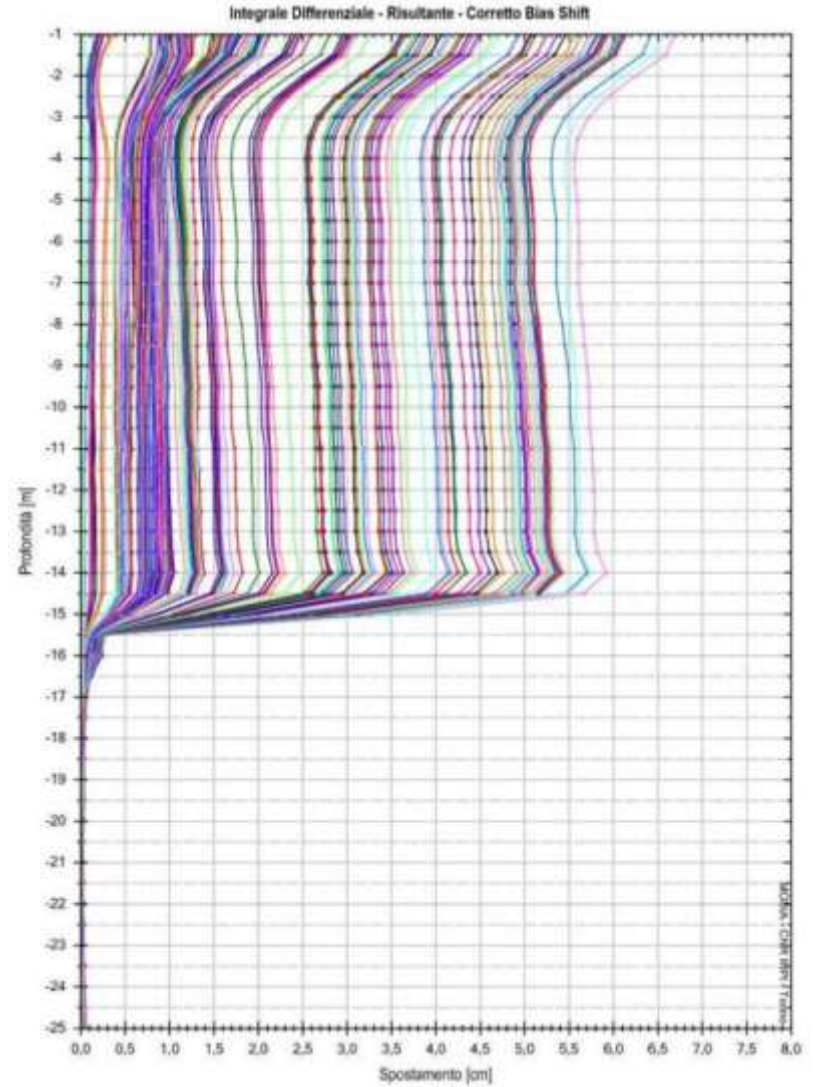
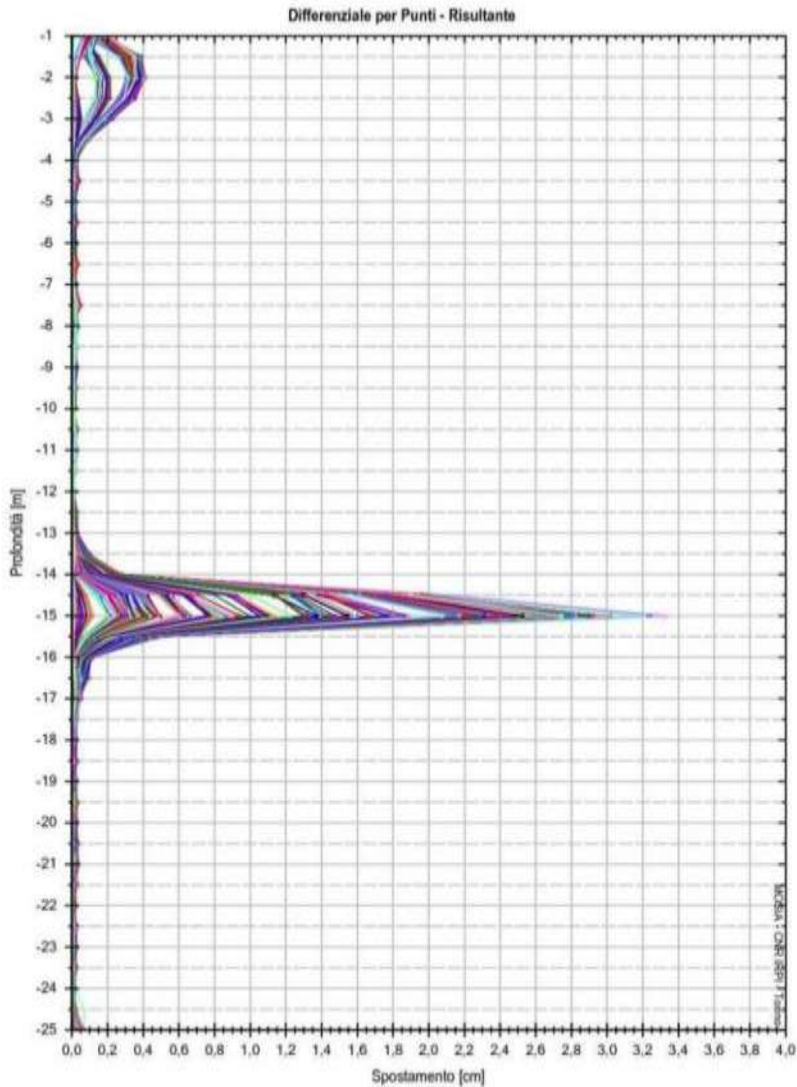
Inclinometer grooves, A+A- is the primary direction, B+B- is the secondary direction



Inclinometer probe

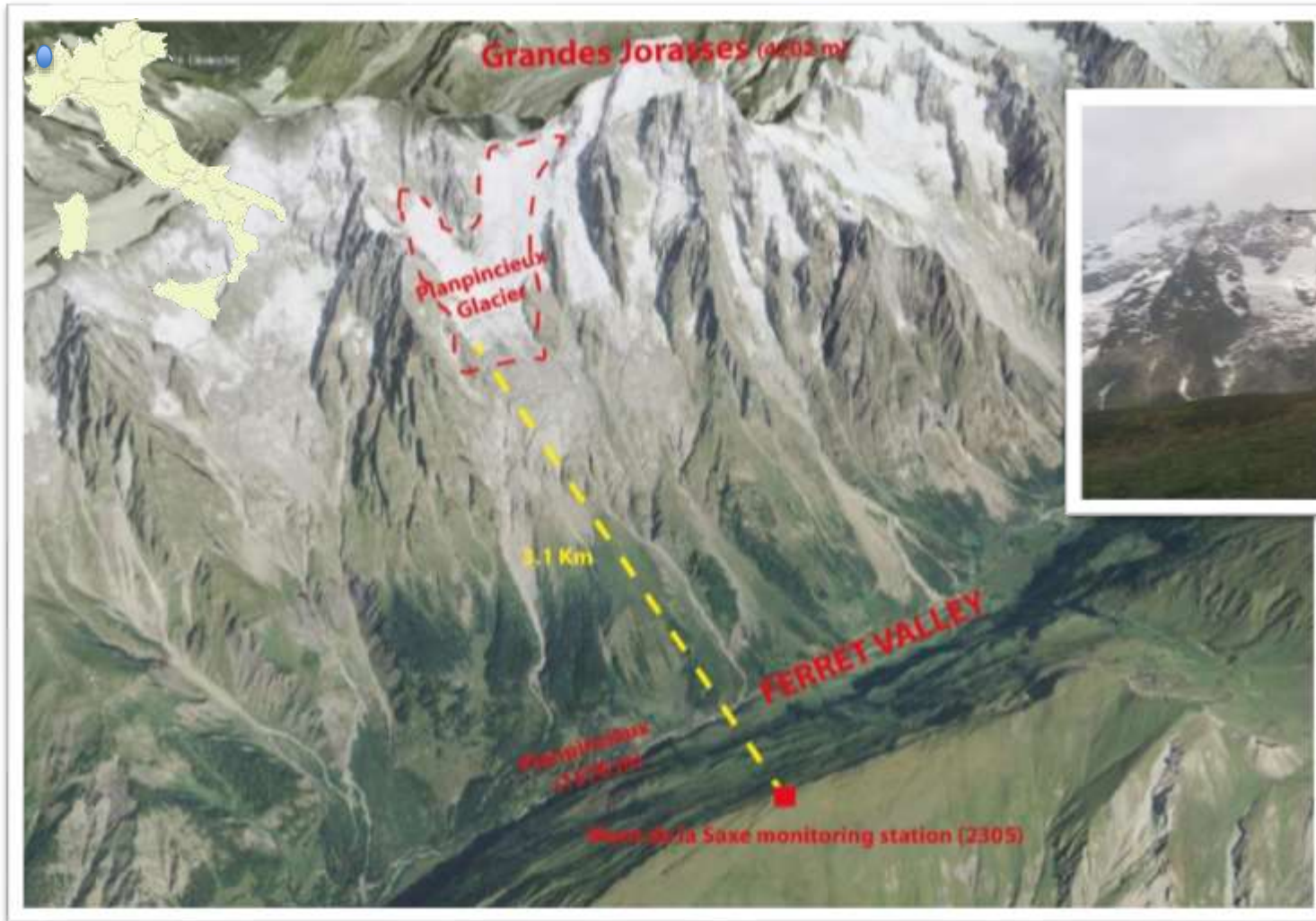


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Optical based monitoring system

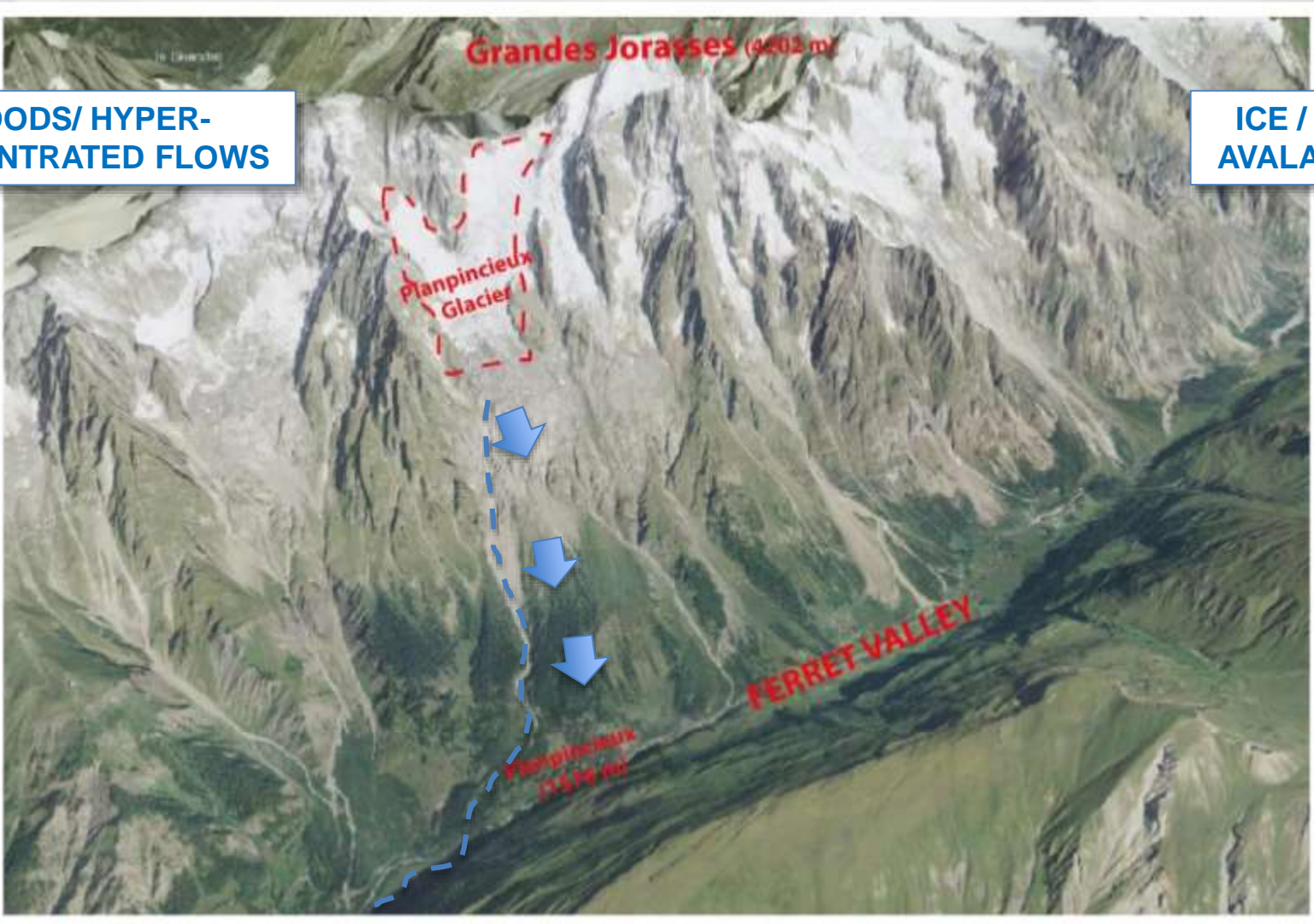


Giordan et al.; A low-cost optical remote sensing application for glacier deformation monitoring in an Alpine environment; *Sensors*, 16, 1750; 2016.

Planpincieux glacier

FLOODS/ HYPER-CONCENTRATED FLOWS

ICE / SNOW AVALANCHES



1929

1984

1985

1986

1987

1996

1998

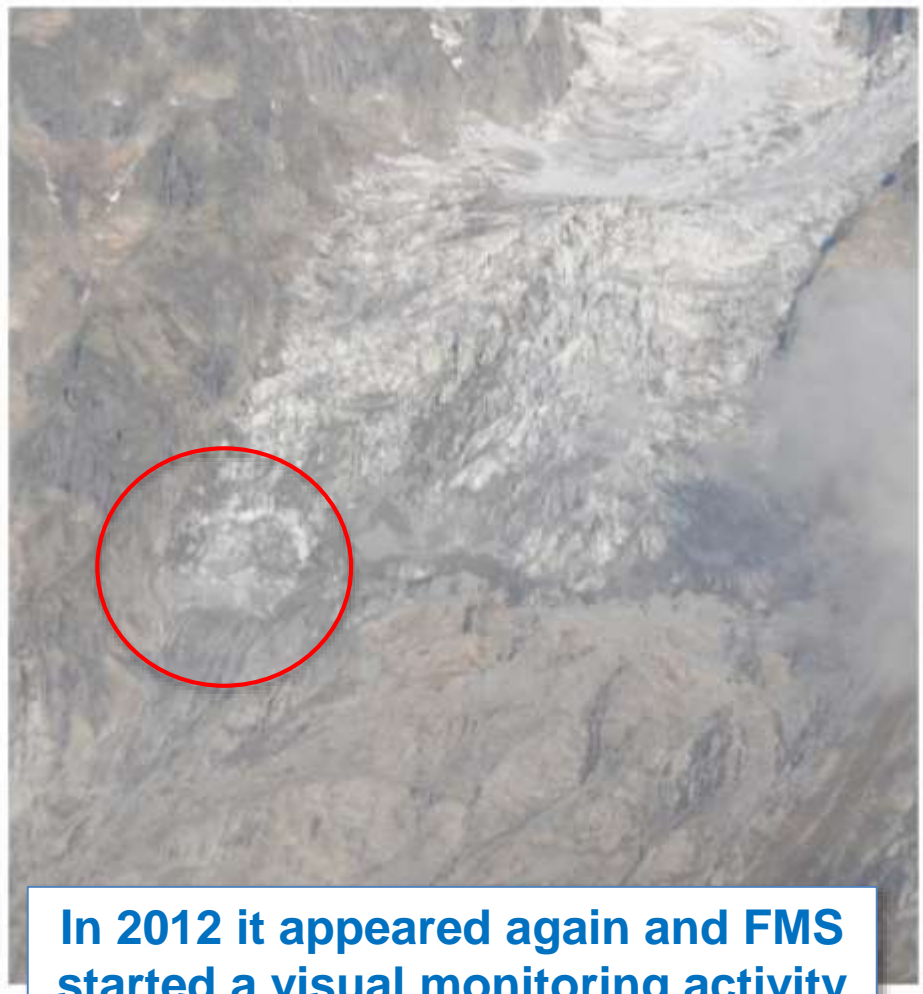
2008

1952

1982

2005

Planpicieux glacier

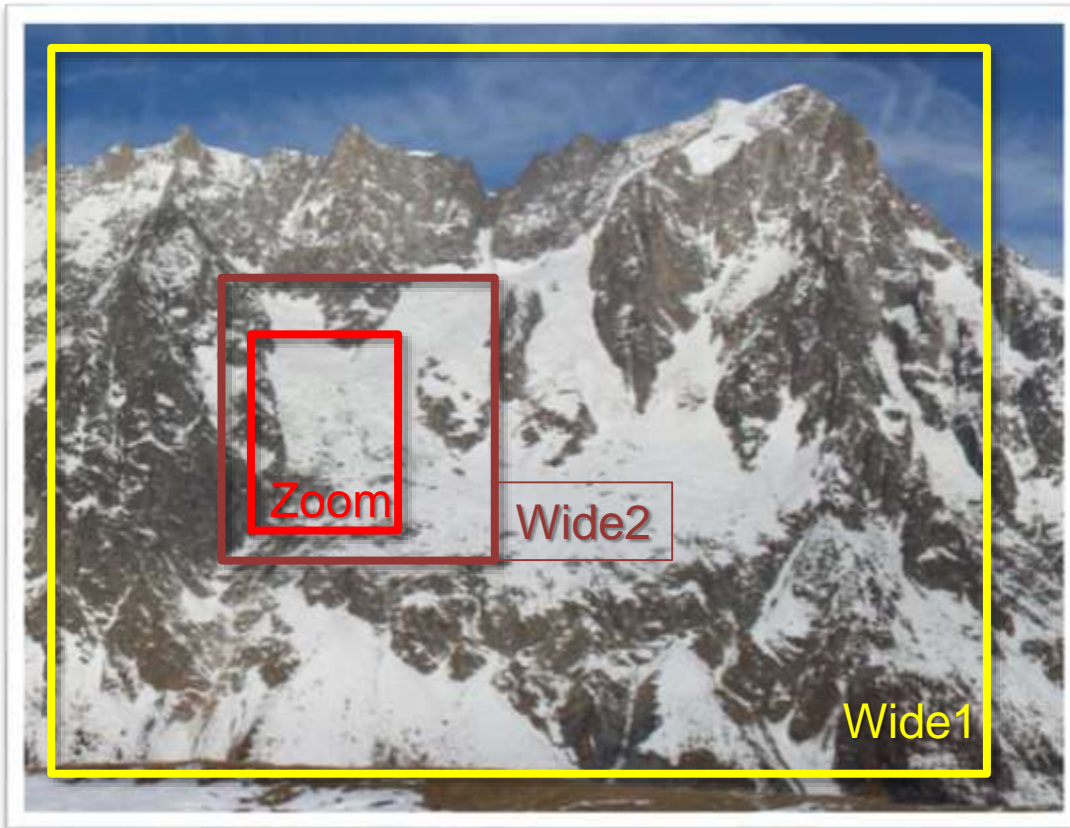


OCTOBER 2011
A large anomalous crevasse opening was observed in the most active part of the glacier tongue

In 2012 it appeared again and FMS started a visual monitoring activity of the glacier evolution



Planpicieux glacier



Monitoring module	Camera	Sensor/resolution	Aperture lens	Camera lens	Auto focus	ISO (maximum)
ZOOM	Canon EOS 600D	CMOS 18 MPixel	f/8	100-400mm (settled at 297 mm)	manual	200 (6400)
WIDE1	Canon powershot	CMOS 8 MPixel	Auto f/2,6-5,5	20 110 mm	Auto 9 points manual	100 (3200)
WIDE 2	Canon EOS 600D	CMOS 18 MPixel	f/8	100-400mm (settled at 297 mm)	manual	200 (6400)



Monitoring station management workflow

IMAGE ACQUISITION AND TRANSFER

Automatic acquisition at Mont de la Saxe monitoring station and transfer to CNR Ftp Server in Torino

IMAGE CO-REGISTRATION

Automatic processing, dataset organization and filtering

VISUAL INTERPRETATION AND IMAGE SELECTION

Qualitative analysis of images for main processes effects recognition and selection of top quality images

PIXEL OFFSET ALGORITHM APPLICATION

Surface displacement maps and time series

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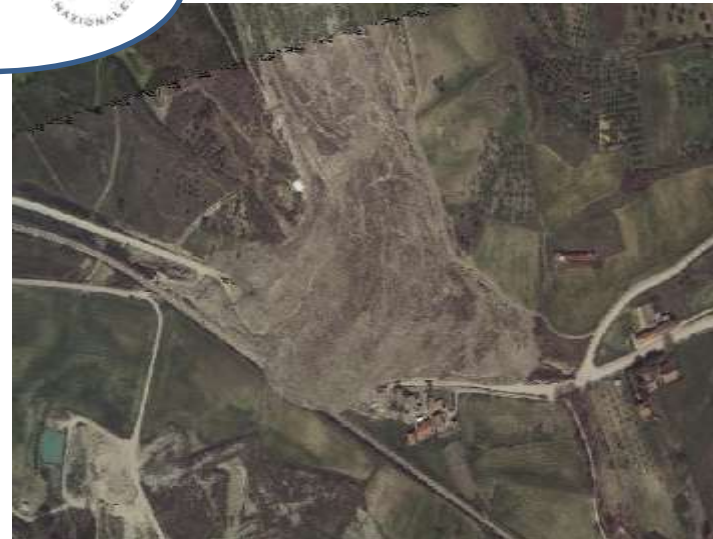
5 Terre (UNESCO) Flood



Costa Concordia



Mt de La Saxe rockslide (10 M m³)



Montaguto earthflow (6 M m³)

LANDSLIDE DATA MANAGEMENT AND DISSEMINATION

The use of monitoring systems can be considered a good solution for the acquisition of a dataset that can be very useful for the study of the evolution of the slope instability

Acquired data can be also important during emergency, when decision makers have to activate (often in critical conditions) measures to assure the safety of population



The question is:

ARE DECISION MAKERS AND/OR POPULATION ABLE TO UNDERSTAND MONITORING DATA RESULTS?

Giordan D., Wrzesniak A., Allasia P. 2019. The importance of a dedicated monitoring solution and communication strategy for an effective management of complex active landslides in urbanized areas. *Sustainability*, 11(4), 946

Giordan D., Manconi A., Allasia P., Bertolo D. 2015. Brief Communication: On the rapid and efficient monitoring results dissemination in landslide emergency scenarios: the Mont de La Saxe case study. *Nat. Hazards Earth Syst. Sci.*, 15, 2009–2017



One of the largest active rockslide in Italy (8M m³)

Manconi A., Giordan D. 2016. Landslide failure forecast in near-real-time. *Geomatics, Natural Hazards and Risk*, 7 (2), 639, 648. DOI: 10.1080/19475705.2014.942388

Crosta G.B., Lollino G., Frattini P., Giordan D., Tamburini A., Rivolta C., Bertolo D. 2015 Rockslide Monitoring Through Multi-temporal LiDAR DEM and TLS Data Analysis. In: Lollino G., et al. (eds.) *Engineering Geology for Society and Territory – Volume 2*, Springer International Publishing Switzerland, 613-617

Manconi A., Giordan D. 2015. Landslide early warning based on failure forecast models: the example of the Mt. de La Saxe rockslide, northern Italy. *Nat. Hazards Earth Syst. Sci.*, 15, 1639–1644.

Mt. de la Saxe rockslide

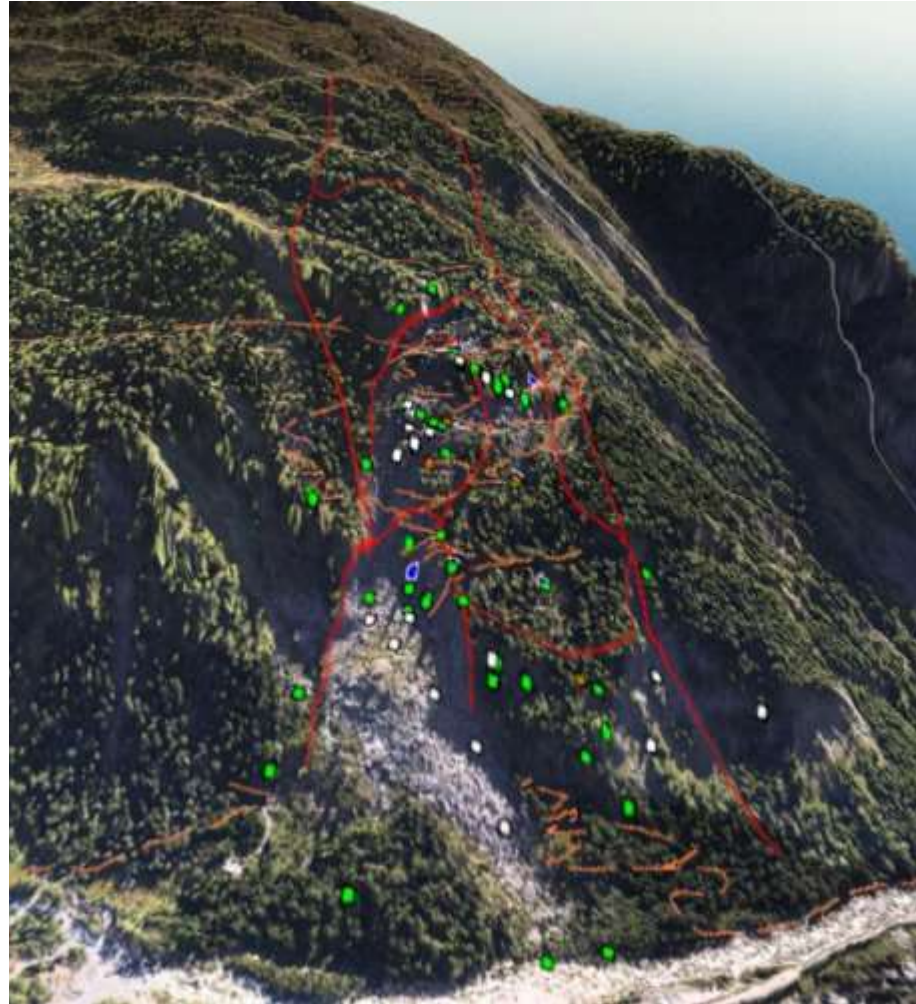
HIGH VALUE TARGETS AT STAKE - A COMPLEX MONITORING SYSTEM

**Elements at risk
evaluated in more
than 1 B €**

**One of the most
complex
monitoring
network ever
installed in Italy**

**Near real time
network installed
in 2009**

**Cost of
monitoring
network 2 M €**



Legend

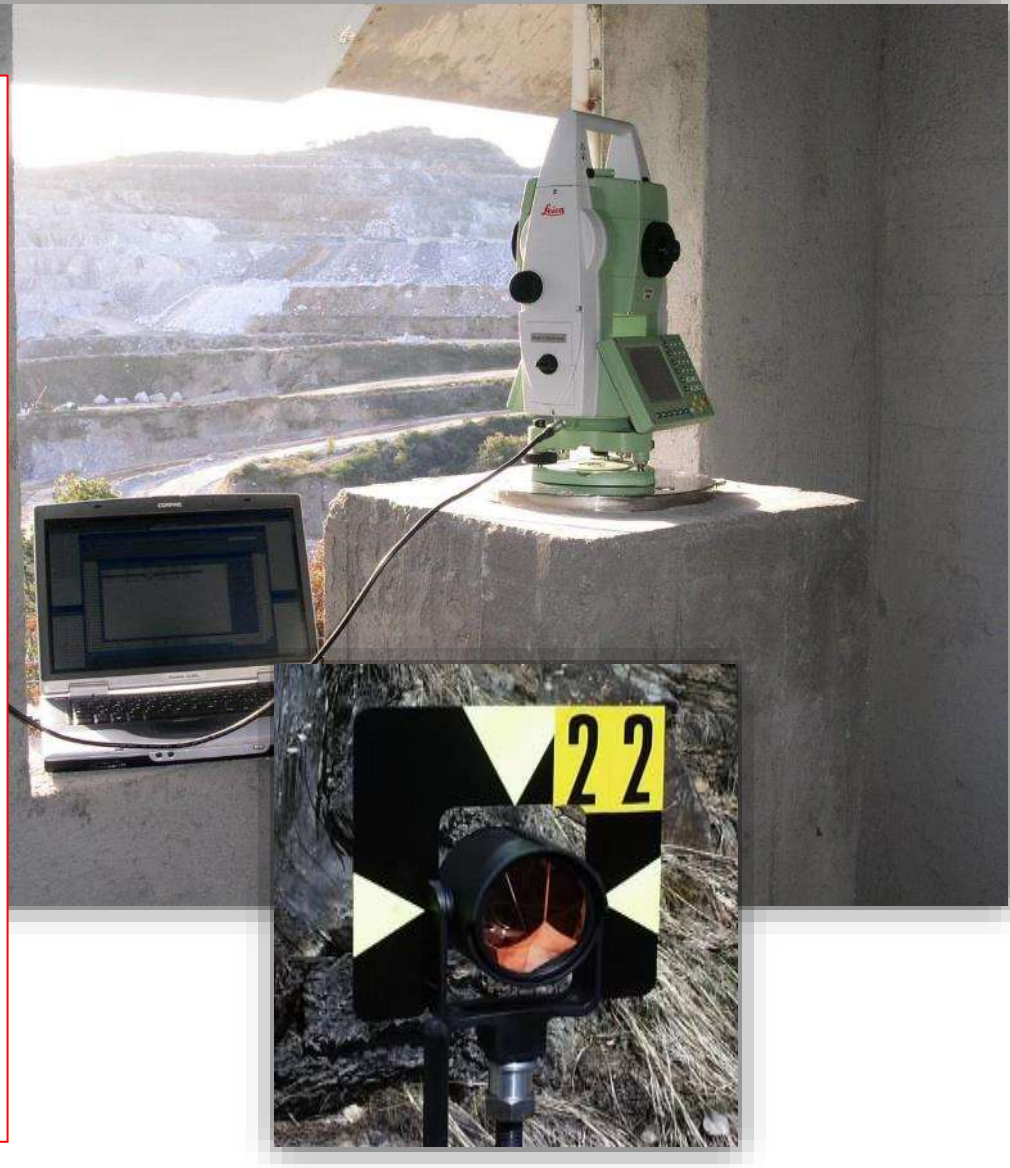
Monitoring System

- RTS target
- DMS
- GPS
- GbInSAR Virtual Point
- Landslide
- ▬ Access road

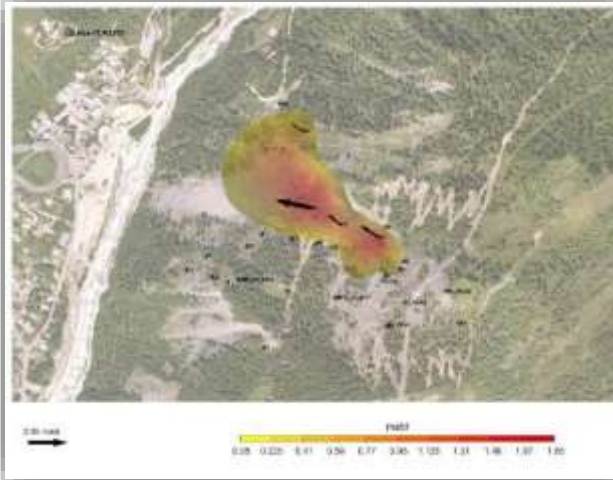
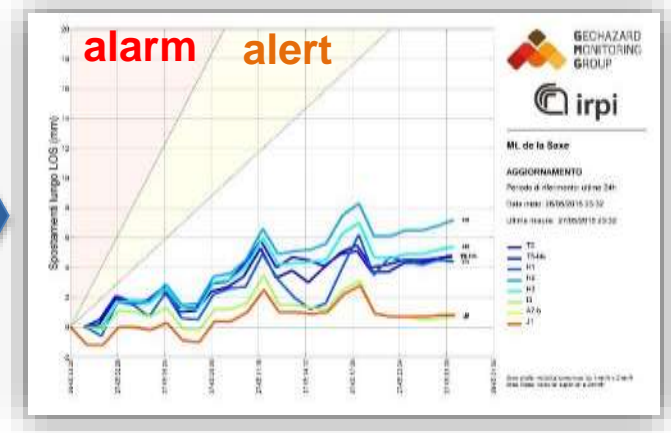
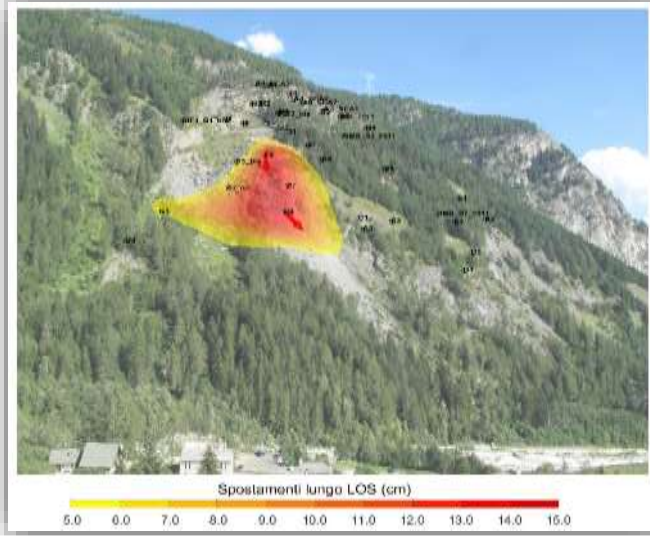
- RTS 44 targets
- 8 GNSS receivers
- 6 multiparametric DMS probes, down to 110 m
- 1 Gb-InSAR
- 1 Geosurveyor Hi-RES Computer Vision System for rockfall detection



A **RST (robotized total station)** is an electronic/optical instrument used for surveying and building construction. The total station is an electronic theodolite (transit) integrated with an electronic distance measurement (EDM) to read slope distances from the instrument to a particular point, and an on-board computer to collect data and perform advanced coordinate based calculations. Robotic total stations allow the operator to control the instrument from a distance via remote control. This eliminates the need for an assistant staff member as the operator holds the reflector and controls the total station from the observed point.

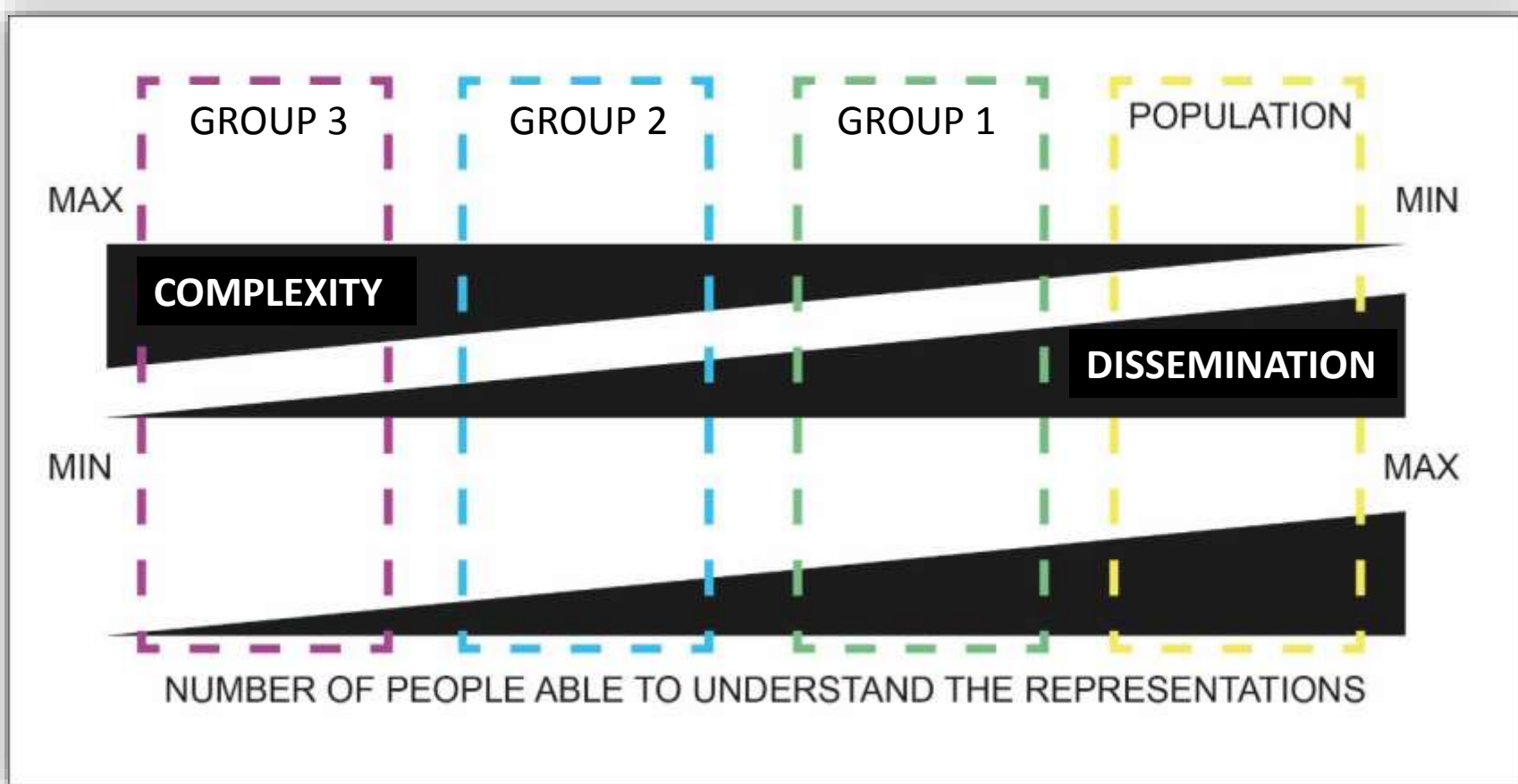


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Data dissemination examples from the same dataset

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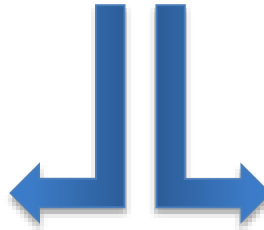
The same dataset should be represented in different ways according to the communication target

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LANDSLIDE DATA MANAGEMENT AND DISSEMINATION

LANDMON communication strategy

Near real time website application for the publication of monitoring results



Periodically bulletins with the description of the landslide evolution



Description of recent landslide evolution -
Support to decision makers that need a fast and effective system for the management and visualization of the available dataset



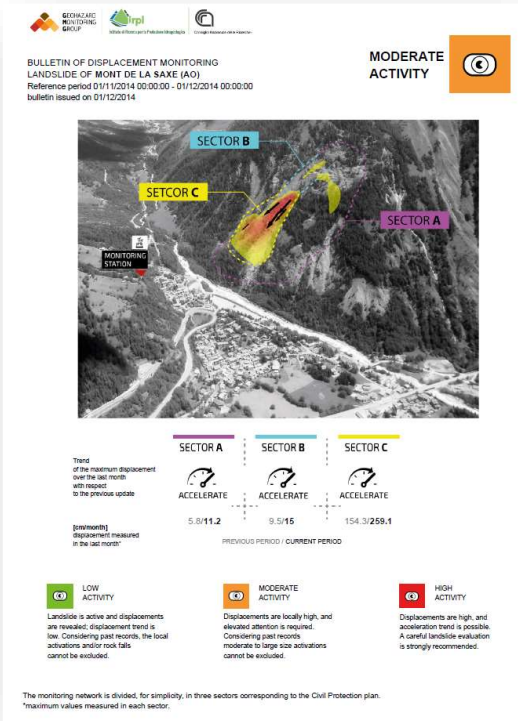
The use of bulletins is important for a correct **analysis of landslide evolution**

LANDSLIDE DATA MANAGEMENT AND DISSEMINATION PERIODICALLY BULLETINS

Single page bulletin
For a rapid information

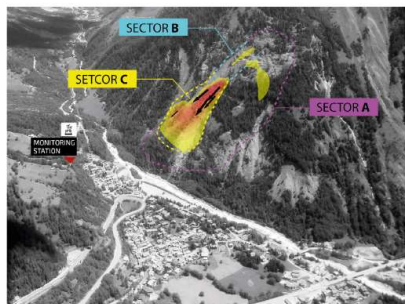
Extended bulletin
For a detailed analysis

Operative Monography
Synthesis of all collected data



**BULLETIN OF DISPLACEMENT MONITORING
LANDSLIDE OF MONT DE LA SAXE (AO)**
Reference period 01/11/2014 00:00:00 - 01/12/2014 00:00:00
bulletin issued on 01/12/2014

**MODERATE
ACTIVITY**



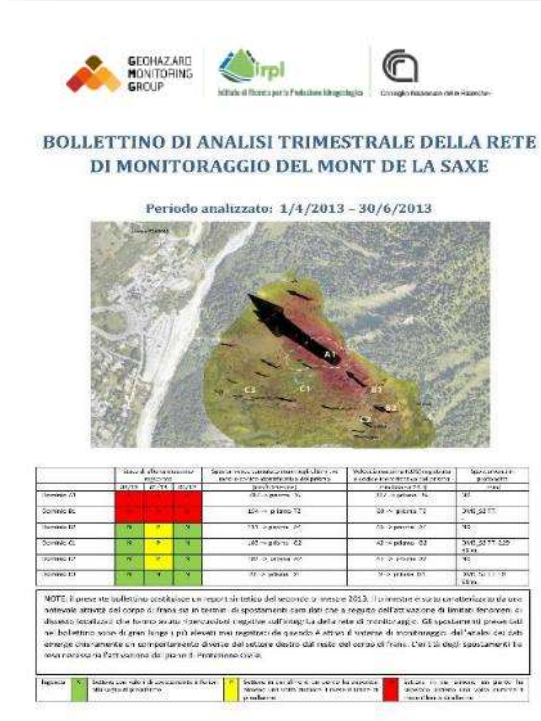
Trend of the maximum displacement over the last month with respect to the previous update:

SECTOR A	SECTOR B	SECTOR C
ACCELERATE	ACCELERATE	ACCELERATE
5.8/11.2	9.5/15	154.3/259.1

(maximum) displacement measured in the last month:


SECTOR A	SECTOR B	SECTOR C
LOW ACTIVITY	MODERATE ACTIVITY	HIGH ACTIVITY

The monitoring network is divided, for simplicity, in three sectors corresponding to the Civil Protection plan.
*maximum values measured in each sector.



**BOLLETTINO DI ANALISI TRIMESTRALE DELLA RETE
DI MONITORAGGIO DEL MONT DE LA SAXE**

Periodo analizzato: 1/4/2013 - 30/6/2013



	Stato di attivazione monitoraggio	Stato di attivazione monitoraggi per settore	Stato di attivazione monitoraggi per settore	Stato di attivazione monitoraggi per settore
Settore A	Attivo	Attivo	Attivo	Attivo
Settore B	Attivo	Attivo	Attivo	Attivo
Settore C	Attivo	Attivo	Attivo	Attivo

NOTE: Il presente bollettino sintetizza le informazioni tecniche del servizio di monitoraggio 2013. Il servizio è stato autorizzato dalla Regione Autonoma Valle d'Aosta con la delibera di giunta n. 100 del 2013. Il servizio è stato autorizzato dalla Regione Autonoma Valle d'Aosta con la delibera di giunta n. 100 del 2013. Il servizio è stato autorizzato dalla Regione Autonoma Valle d'Aosta con la delibera di giunta n. 100 del 2013.



**ANALISI dei FENOMENI FRANOSI
ATTUALMENTE INSERITI nella RETE
di MONITORAGGIO della REGIONE
AUTONOMA VALLE d'AOSTA**

Frana del Mont de La Saxe

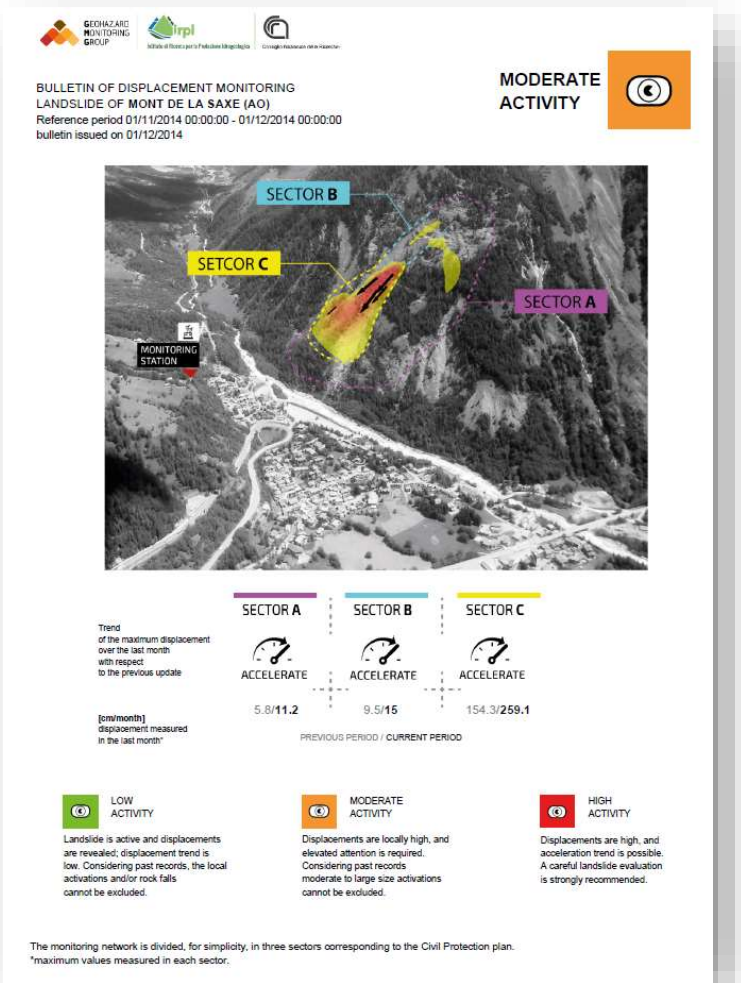
DATA PUBBLICAZIONE
AGOSTO 2013



Not in near real time but important for a more detailed analysis of landslide evolution

LANDSLIDE DATA MANAGEMENT AND DISSEMINATION

SINGLE PAGE BULLETIN



Automatic publication system

User friendly representation of the landslide evolution

Covered time interval: from 12 hours to 1 month

Use of infographics for an easy representation of monitoring results

Developed for a correct information of population during emergencies

Giordan D., Manconi A., Allasia P., Bertolo D. 2015. Brief Communication: On the rapid and efficient monitoring results dissemination in landslide emergency scenarios: the Mont de La Saxe case study. Nat. Hazards Earth Syst. Sci., 15, 2009–2017

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EXTENDED BULLETIN



BOLLETTINO DI ANALISI TRIMESTRALE DELLA RETE DI MONITORAGGIO DEL MONT DE LA SAXE

Periodo analizzato: 1/4/2013 – 30/6/2013



	Stato di attivazione monitorata				Spinta verso valle (in mm) negli ultimi 30 giorni e trend di spostamento del punto	Velocità media (in mm/giorno) o valore limite di stato del punto	Spazio rimanente ipotetico
Stazione A1	0	0	0	0	2000 mm (0)	0 (0 - giorno 0)	0
Stazione B1	0	0	0	0	1000 mm (0)	0 (0 - giorno 0)	2000 mm (0)
Stazione C1	0	0	0	0	500 mm (0)	0 (0 - giorno 0)	0
Stazione D1	0	0	0	0	200 mm (0)	0 (0 - giorno 0)	2000 mm (0)
Stazione E1	0	0	0	0	100 mm (0)	0 (0 - giorno 0)	0
Stazione F1	0	0	0	0	50 mm (0)	0 (0 - giorno 0)	2000 mm (0)

NOTE: il presente bollettino costituisce un report di sintesi del servizio trimestrale 2013. Il territorio è stato caratterizzato da una notevole attività del corpo di frana sia in termini di spostamenti cumulati che a seguito dell'attivazione di limitati fenomeni di dissesto localizzati che hanno avuto ripercussioni negative sull'integrità della rete di monitoraggio. Gli spostamenti avvenuti sui bastioni sono di gran lunga i più rilevanti non registrati da questo sistema di monitoraggio. Dall'analisi dei dati emerge chiaramente e in modo inequivocabile il carattere di settore destro del resto del corpo di frana. Ulteriori spostamenti hanno interessato l'attivazione dei piani di Protezione Civile.

Legenda: ■ Stazioni con stato di attivazione a rischio; ■ Stazioni con stato di attivazione a rischio; ■ Stazioni con stato di attivazione a rischio; ■ Stazioni con stato di attivazione a rischio.

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Detailed analysis of recent landslide evolution

Covered time interval: three months

Not only infographics but also commented plots

Dedicated to the landslide monitoring team

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OPERATIVE MONOGRAPHY



**ANALISI dei FENOMENI FRANOSI
ATTUALMENTE INSERITI nella RETE
di MONITORAGGIO della REGIONE
AUTONOMA VALLE d'AOSTA**

Frana del Mont de La Saxe

DATA PUBBLICAZIONE
NOVEMBRE 2016

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Operative document with a synthesis of all the available information

Not only monitoring data but also geological, geotechnical.....

Updated every year

Dedicated in particular to the Geological Survey and to the landslide monitoring team

Giordan D., Cignetti M., Wrzesniak A., Allasia P., Bertolo D. 2018 The Operative Monographies: development of a new tool for an effective management of landslide risks. Geosciences, 8, 455

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OPERATIVE MONOGRAPHY

Starting from ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) procedure for the redaction of Aviation Company manual of operations, we defined a standard for the organization and publication of available data of a studied landslide.

The Operative Monography is a standardized document that has always the same organization, even if some chapter can be empty.

The main chapters are:

- Geological-Geomorphological survey (GeoGeomS);
- Geological map (GeoM);
- Geomorphological map (GeomM);
- Structural Survey (StrM);
- Geological Profile (GeoP);
- Hydrological/Hydrogeological (Hyd/Hydg);
- Risk scenarios and Spatial prediction model (Rsk/Sc);
- Monitoring Network report (MonNet).

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OPERATIVE MONOGRAPHY

**Aosta Valley
geological
survey**



**Cinque Terre
National Park**



**Puglia
geological
survey**

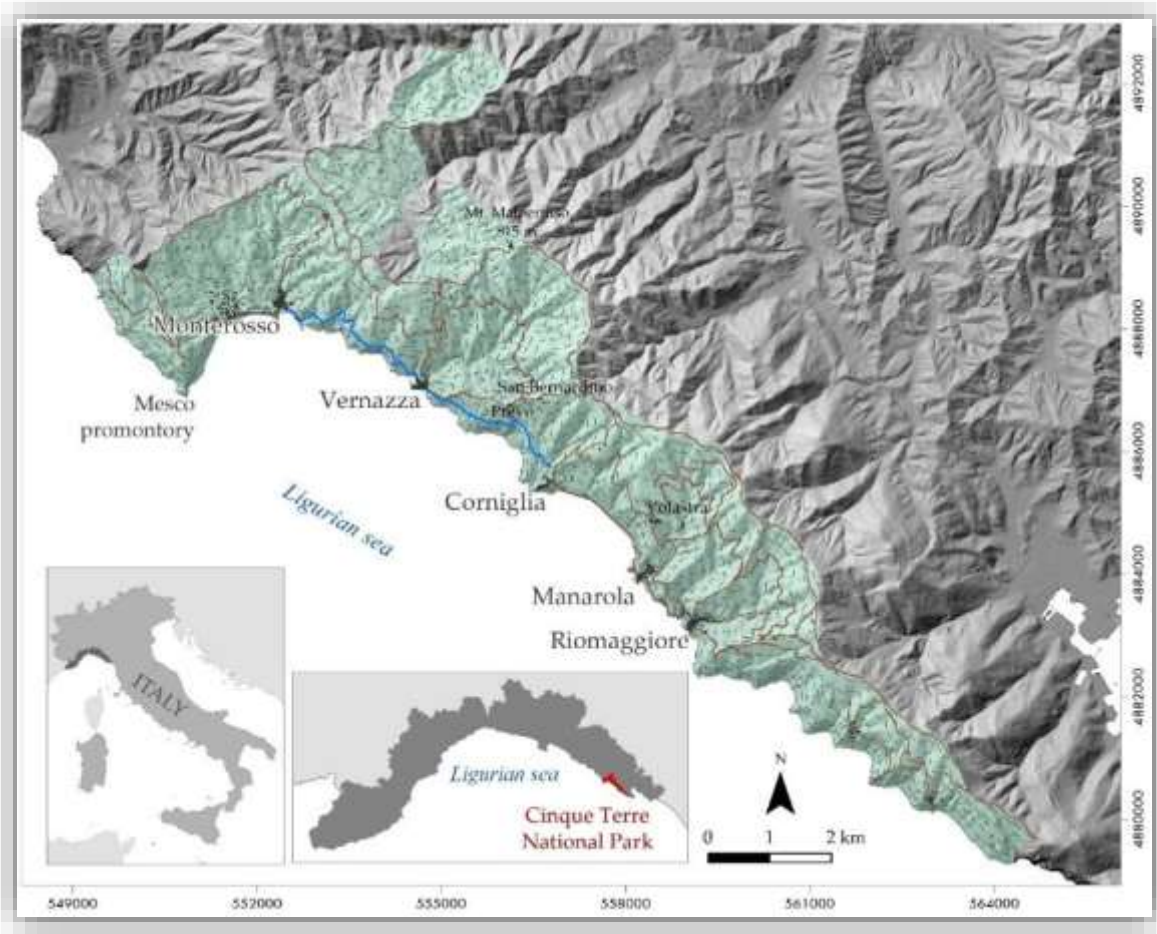


**Bacino
dell'Agri slope
instabilities
analysis**



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Cinque Terre National Park case study



UNESCO area since 1997

One of the most famous and visited Italian National Park

The “Sentiero Azzurro” trail is one of the most visited of the Cinque Terre National Park

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We organized all available information of these instabilities in 11 Operative Monographies that describe what we know

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Cinque Terre National Park case study

After the 2011 flood that seriously damaged the Cinque Terre area, all trails are automatically closed when a critic weather condition is forecasted.

The regional authority send a red meteorological alert and a civil protection procedure is immediately activated.

From normal days ...



Monterosso, Via Roma – Pastanelli creek coverage
Photo from <http://www.about-cinqueterre.com>

to

October 25, 2011



Monterosso, Via Roma – Pastanelli creek coverage 25/10/2011
Photo from www.youreporter.it



Vernazza, Via Roma – Vernazza creek old course
Photo from <https://emilayusof.com>, mod.

Height reached by
debris during the
October 25, 2011 flood

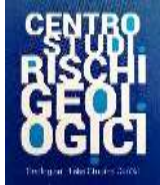


Vernazza, Via Roma – Vernazza creek old course
26/10/2011 Photo from www.youreporter.it

Courtesy of Prof. Andrea Cevasco

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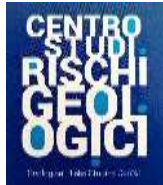


With the Study Center for Geological Risks of Cinque Terre National Park has been implemented a procedure for the management of trails that can be affected by activation/reactivation of slope instabilities

ACTIONS	RESULTS
1. HISTORICAL DATA COLLECTION 2. FIELD SURVEY 3. OPERATIVE MONOGRAPHIES APPLICATION	OPERATIVE MONOGRAPHIES
4. ANALYSIS OF SURVEY ACTIVITIES RESULTS COLLECTED AFTER PREVIOUS RAINFALL EVENTS	SURVEY FORM
5. IDENTIFICATION OF CINQUE TERRE NATIONAL PARK NEEDS AND DEVELOPMENT OF A DEDICATED PROCEDURE	CODIFIED PROCEDURE FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND MAPPING OF EFFECTS OF HEAVY RAINFALL EVENTS

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SURVEY FORM for the ASSESSMENT of the PRACTICABILITY STATE OF THE TRAIL NETWORK CINQUE TERRE NATIONAL PARK	
Date:	Form n.:
Operator:	
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	
Municipality/Locality/Path:	
G-PS Geographical coordinates (datum WGS84):	
latitude:	longitude: altitude m a.s.l.:
Photos and/or geo-referenced photographic reference (in annex):	
Cartographic and geological setting of the site (in annex):	

GEO/HYDROLOGICAL PHENOMENA and/or OTHER EVIDENCES DETECTED	
1) - Hydraulic issues or otherwise evidences due to water flow and runoff features	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description:	
Timing of the occurred event (if now): Date: Hour:	
2) - Geomorphological issues due to slope instability or landslide exposure	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description:	
Timing of the occurred event (if now): Date: Hour:	
3) - Practicability issues due to vegetation and/or to the vegetation setting (e.g. trails overrun by vegetation, presence of unstable or fallen trees)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description:	
4) - Practicability issues due to the path structure or otherwise due to local instabilities close to the path (e.g. disconnected trails, damaged or absent stairways, rock outcropping, dry-stone walls or unstable or collapsed upstream and downstream retaining structures)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description (indicate causes and typology of the observed phenomenon, and the estimated dimensions of the involved structures for planning purposes of the remedial works):	
Timing of the occurred event (if now): Date: Hour:	

5) - Issues due to degradation and damage of the retaining structures and the existing infrastructures or due to their eventual absence (e.g. fences, stairs, bridges)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description:	
6) - Issues due to degradation and damage of the sign or the possible absence of this	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description:	
7) - Other issues or notifications:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description:	

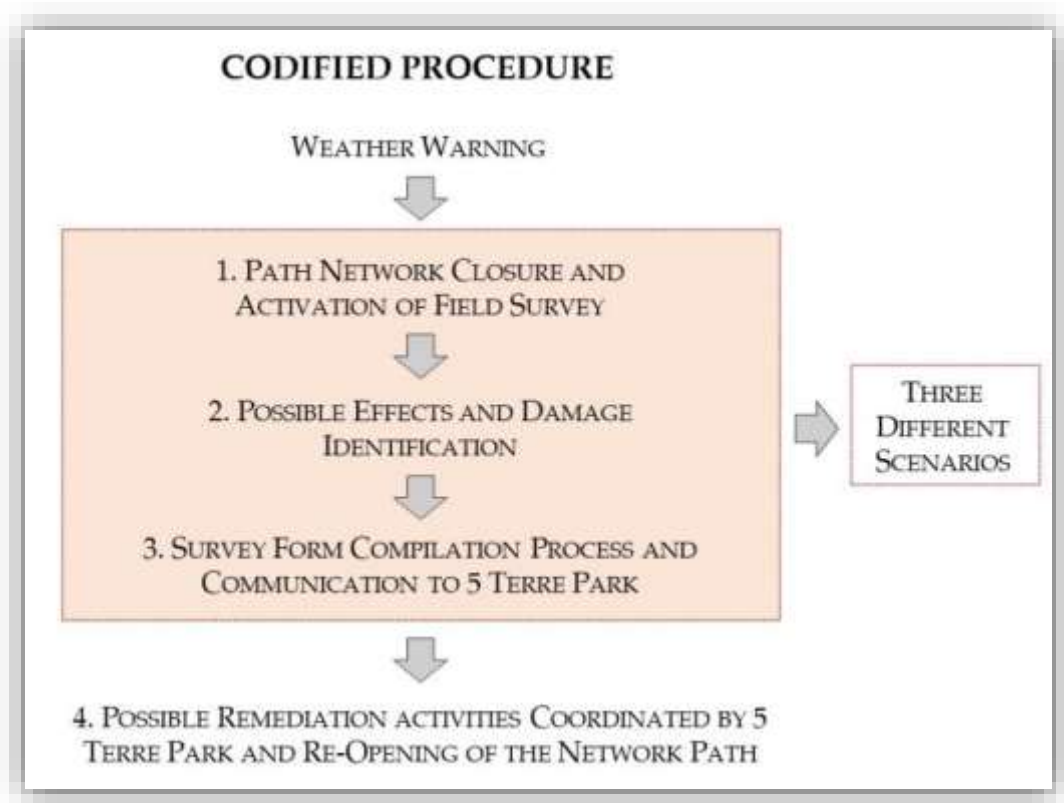
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We defined a survey form that can be adopted after the meteorological event by geologists who have to check the presence of slope instabilities and other possible problem along the trail.

This codified procedure, the first in Italy, is based on the combined use of Operative Monographies (that describes what is already present on the trail) and the survey form (that can be used for the description of new problems, damages, instabilities)



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Cinque Terre National Park case study

Scenario 1

1. ACTIVATION OF "PRESIDIANTI"



2. FIELD SURVEY SUPPORTED BY OPERATIVE
MONOGRAPHERS FOR THE DESCRIPTION OF PRE-EVENT
CONDITION OF MAIN GEO-HYDROLOGICAL PROCESSES



3. NO EVIDENT EFFECTS IDENTIFIED BY "PRESIDIANTI"



4. COMMUNICATION BY "PRESIDIANTI" TO 5 TERRE PARK
THAT THE SURVEY DOES NOT PRODUCE ANY NEW SURVEY
FORMS



5. END OF "PRESIDIANTI" SURVEY

LANDSLIDE DATA MANAGEMENT AND DISSEMINATION

Cinque Terre National Park case study

Scenario 2

1. ACTIVATION OF "PRESIDIANTI"



2. FIELD SURVEY SUPPORTED BY OPERATIVE MONOGRAPHS FOR THE DESCRIPTION OF PRE-EVENT CONDITION OF MAIN GEO-HYDROLOGICAL PROCESSES



3. IDENTIFICATION OF OCCURRED EFFECTS AND DAMAGE



IDENTIFIED DAMAGE ARE LIMITED



4. TRANSFER OF COMPILED SURVEY FORMS TO 5 TERRE PARK THAT ACTIVATE REMEDIAL WORKS



5. END OF "PRESIDIANTI" SURVEY

Scenario 3

1. ACTIVATION OF "PRESIDIANTI"



2. FIELD SURVEY SUPPORTED BY OPERATIVE MONOGRAPHS FOR THE DESCRIPTION OF PRE-EVENT CONDITION OF MAIN GEO-HYDROLOGICAL PROCESSES



3. IDENTIFICATION OF OCCURRED EFFECTS AND DAMAGE



IDENTIFIED DAMAGE ARE RELEVANT
(E.G. ACTIVATION OF NEW GEO-HYDROLOGICAL INSTABILITIES)



4. TRANSFER OF COMPILED SURVEY FORMS TO 5 TERRE PARK THAT CAN ACTIVATE DEDICATED STUDIES AND REMEDIAL WORKS



5. UPDATE OF OPERATIVE MONOGRAPHS



6. END OF "PRESIDIANTI" SURVEY



Thank you

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