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Landslides (Mass Wasting)

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1. Landslides Introduction

- ***Mass-Wasting:*** down slope movement of rock and ***regolith*** near Earth's surface, mainly due to force of gravity.
- ***Regolith:*** unconsolidated rock debris, including the basal soil horizons, overlying bedrock.
- The down-slope movement of material, whether bedrock, regolith, or a mixture, is commonly referred to as a ***landslide***.

1. Landslides Introduction

- **Mass-wasting important part of *erosional process*.**
 - *Moves material from higher to lower elevations.*
 - *Streams and glaciers can then pick up material.*
- **Mass-wasting occurs *all the time* on *all* slopes.**
- **Sometimes slow, sometimes very sudden.**
- **As human populations expand and occupy more and more of the land surface, *mass-wasting processes become more likely to affect humans*.**

1. Landslides Introduction

<i>Year</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Fatalities</i>
1916	Italy, Austria	Landslide	10,000
1920	China	Earthquake triggered landslide	200,000
1945	Japan	Flood triggered landslide	1,200
1949	USSR	Earthquake triggered landslide	12,000–20,000
1954	Austria	Landslide	200
1962	Peru	Landslide	4,000–5,000
1963	Italy	Landslide	2,000
1970	Peru	Earthquake related debris avalanche	70,000
1985	Columbia	Mudflow related to volcanic eruption	23,000
1987	Ecuador	Earthquake related landslide	1,000

Nelson SA (2012)

1. Landslides Introduction

- ***Typical year in USA:*** landslides cause >\$1.5 thousand million in damages, 25–50 deaths.
- ***In other countries,*** especially less developed, the loss is usually higher because of:
 - (1) higher population densities
 - (2) lack of zoning laws
 - (3) lack of information about mass-wasting hazards
 - (4) lack of emergency preparedness
- ***Knowledge about relationships between local geology and mass-wasting processes can lead to better planning that can reduce vulnerability to such hazards.***

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Lots of classifications.

Cover 'rapidly' here without lots of detail.

Photos/videos excellent for high-school classes.

See 'notes' on each slide for links and details.





2. Types of Mass-Wasting Processes

- Processes generally grade into one another, so classification is somewhat difficult.
- Two broad categories, but many different classification schemes exist:
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2. Types of Mass-Wasting Processes

2.1 Slope Failures

➤ **Types of SLOPE FAILURES:**

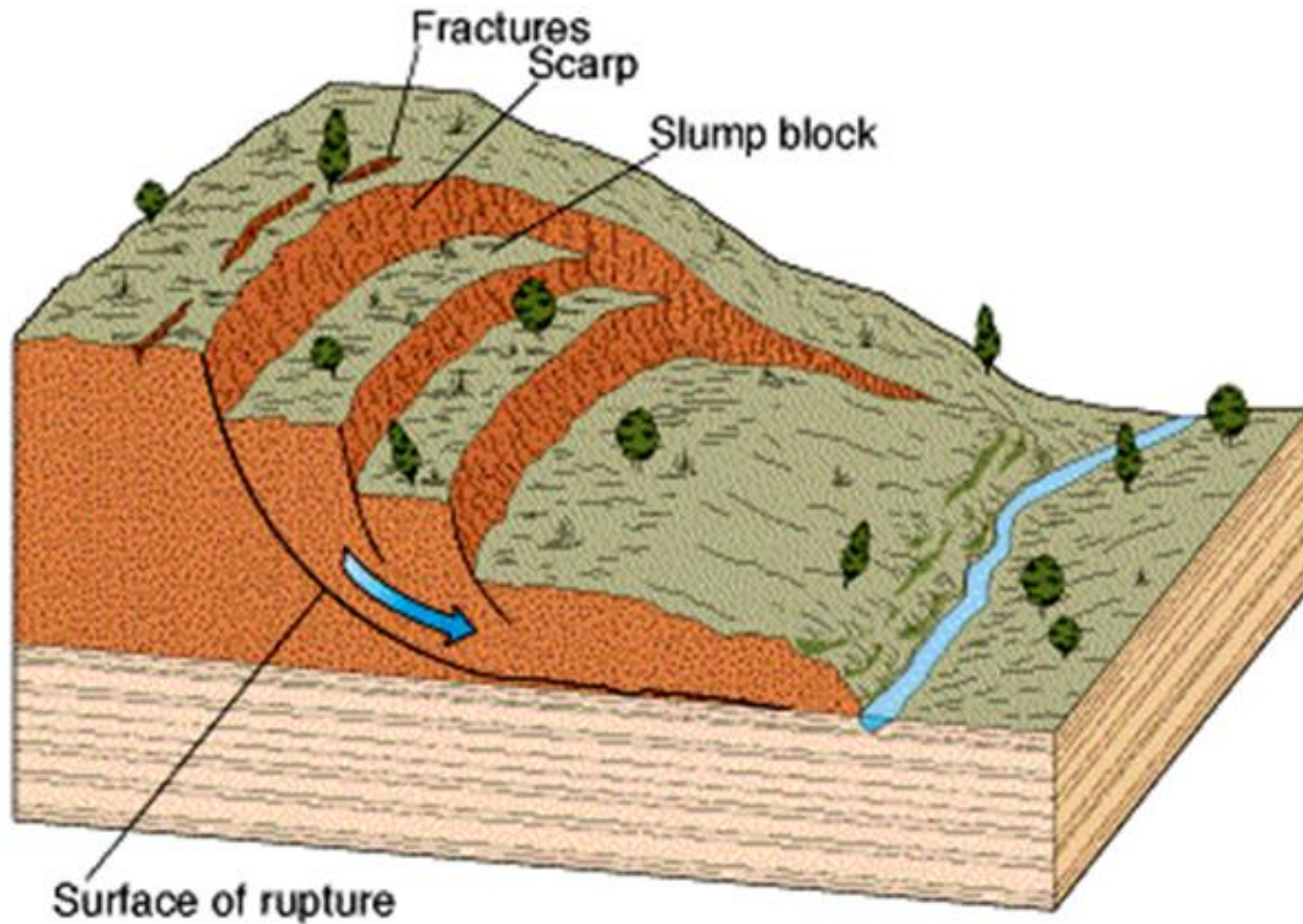
A. Slumps

B. Falls

C. Slides

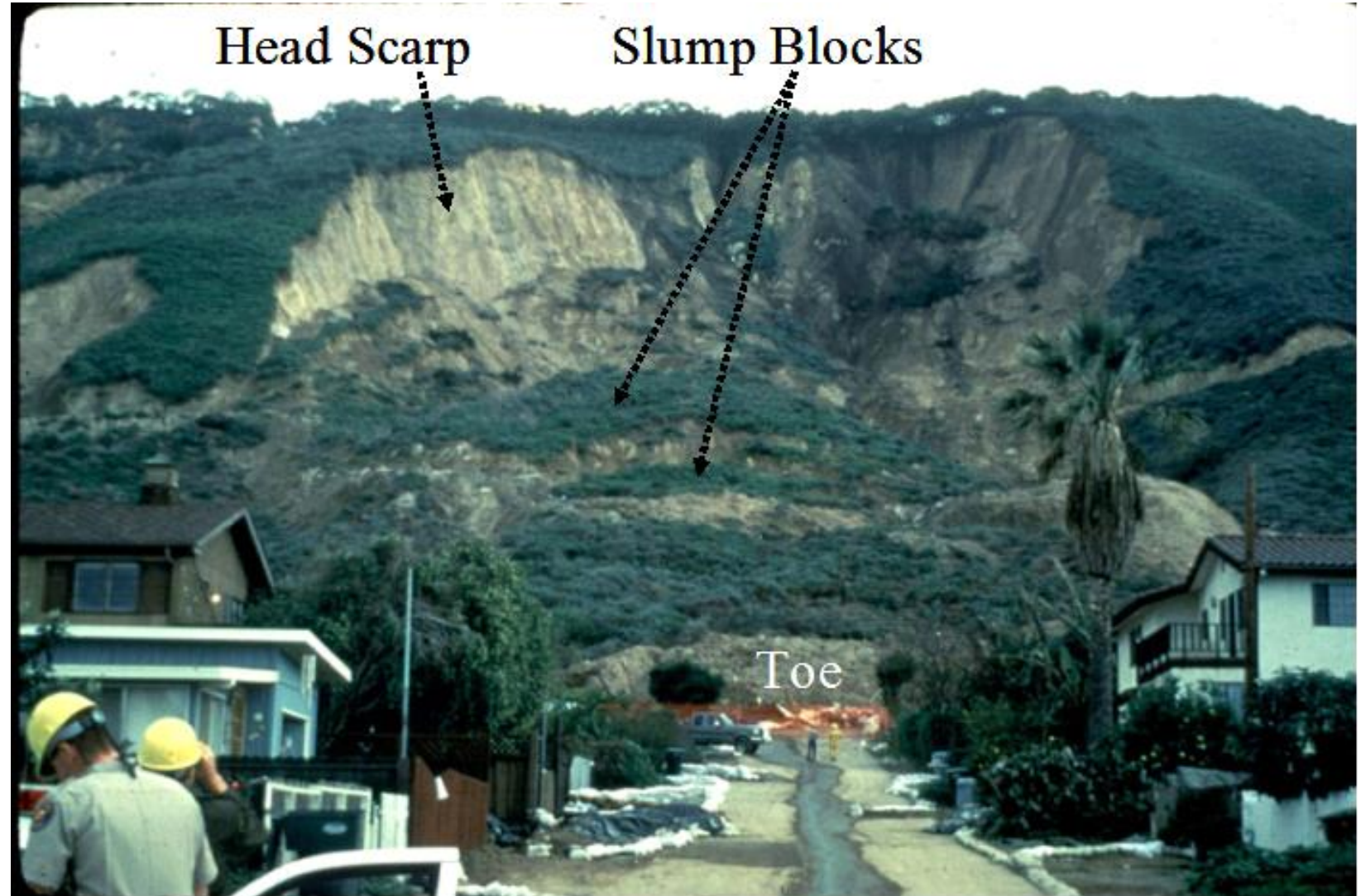
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2.1 Slope Failures [A. Slumps]



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La Conchita, California, 1995 landslide. Photograph RL Schuster (USGS)

2. Types of Mass-Wasting Processes

2.1 Slope Failures [A. Slumps]

Video showing deep-seated San Mateo slump.

- **Occurred in San Mateo County (California), USA, a few days after a 1997 New Year's storm.**
- **Slump opened a large fissure on the uphill scarp and created a bulge at the downhill toe.**
- **Movement continued at average rate of a meter per day.**
- **Uphill side dropped further, broke through a retaining wall, and created a deep depression.**
- **At the same time the toe slipped out across the road.**
- **Over 250,000 tons of rock and soil moved in this landslide.**
- **<http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/elnino/landslides-sfbay/photos.html>**

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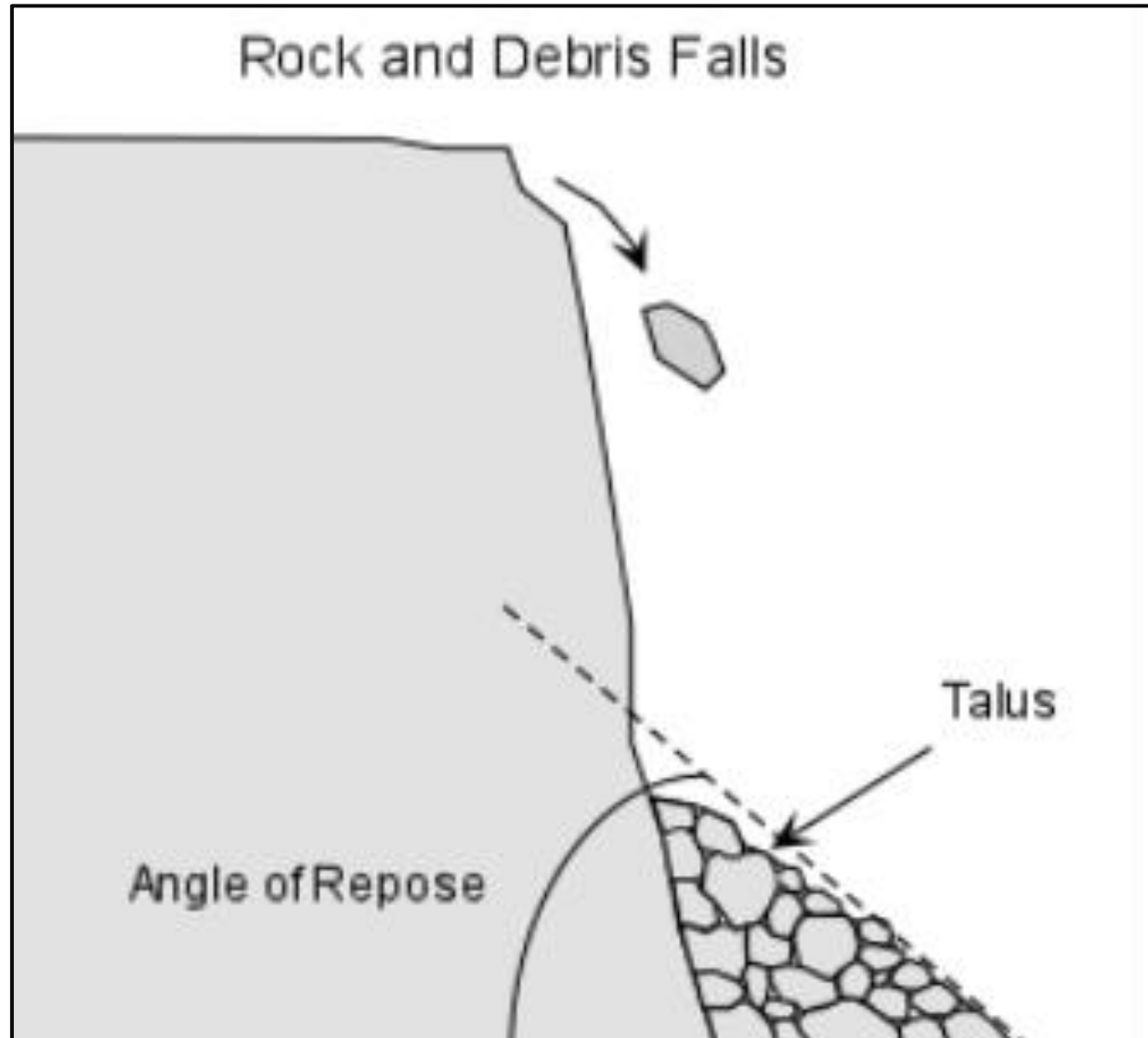
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Rockfall in Fraser Canyon



<http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/earth-sciences/products-services/mapping-product/geoscape/vancouver/6321>

2. Types of Mass-Wasting Processes

2.1 Slope Failures [B. Falls]

**Rockfall in 1999. Sacred Falls Park, Oahu
8 deaths and many injuries**



Jibson & Baum (1999) USGS Open File Report 99-364.

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/1999/ofr-99-0364/>

2. Types of Mass-Wasting Processes

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Video showing debris fall that occurred on the Sultan River, Oregon, USA on 11 December 2004. Video by Andrew Oberhardt.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qu88wb6gROg>



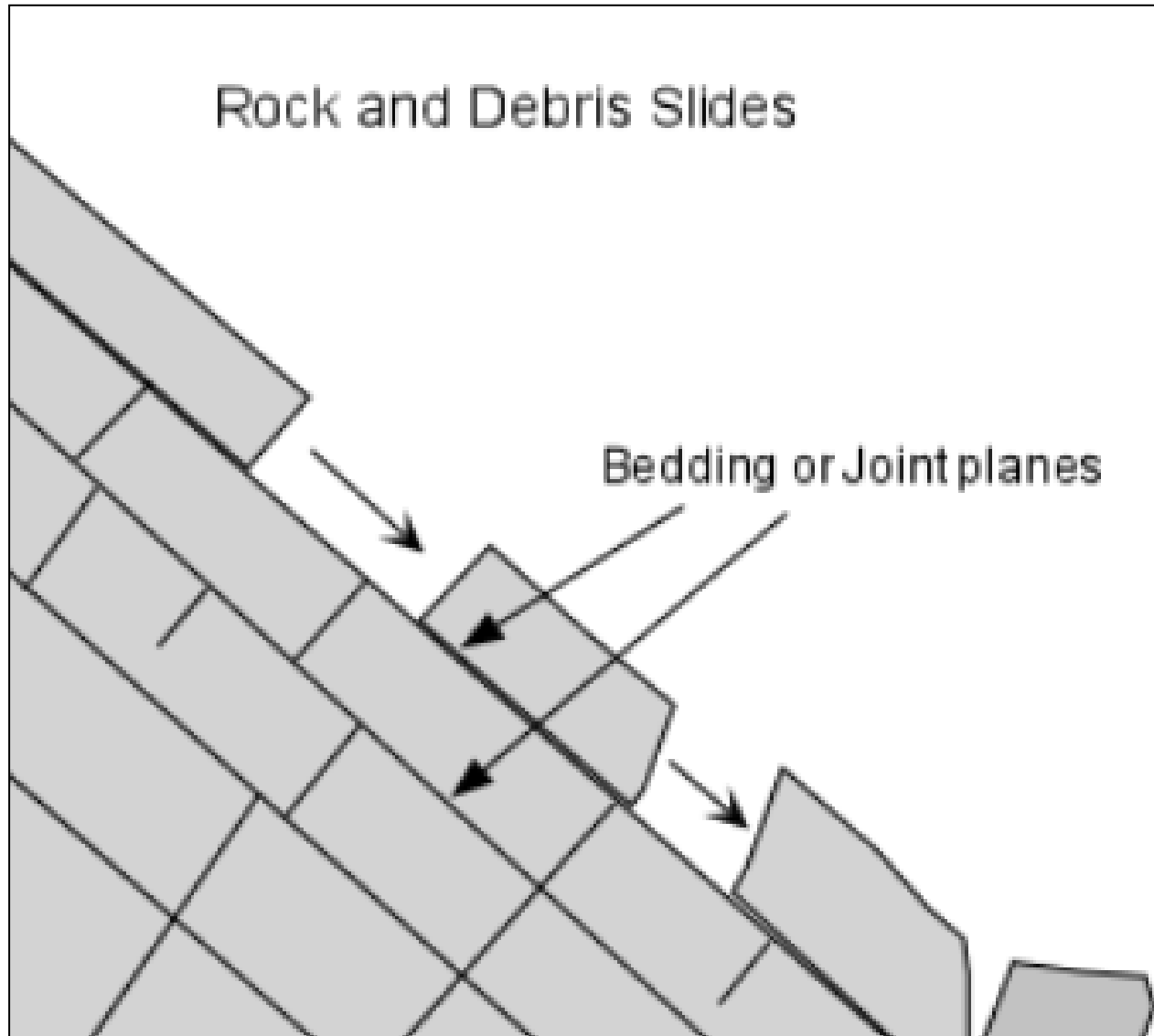
Triggered Landslide Events



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2. Types of Mass-Wasting Processes

2.1 Slope Failures [C. Slides]



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Debris slides in unconsolidated glacial and fluvio-glacial deposits, Puget Sound (Dec 1996)

Triggered by record rainfalls in one week



2. Types of Mass-Wasting Processes

2.1 Slope Failures [C. Slides]

VIDEO

(next slide, not shown here in entirety due to time, but good for high-school students)

Roto-Translational Slide that **EVOLVES** into a **FLOW**

Maierato, Calabria, ITALY; 15 February 2010

No one injured. Slope had several days of preliminary movement, so roads had already been closed off.

2300 people evacuated.

VIDEOS:

<http://daveslandslideblog.blogspot.com/2010/02/watch-this-extraordinary-landslide.html>

<http://daveslandslideblog.blogspot.com/2010/02/update-on-italian-landslides.html>

See here for aftermath: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJtYTbQecNE&NR=1&>

Gattinoni *et al.* (2012) *Landslides*: <http://www.springerlink.com/content/43ru3g5082171p45/>

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2.2 Sediment Flows

- **Sediment flows** occur when sufficient force is applied to rocks and regolith, so they begin to flow down slope.
- A sediment flow is a mixture of rock and/or regolith with some water or air.
- **Sediment flow types** (*depends on % water present*):

2.2.1 Slurry Flows: 20–40% water present.

As water content increases above 40% slurry flows grade into streams.
Slurry flows are considered water-saturated flows.

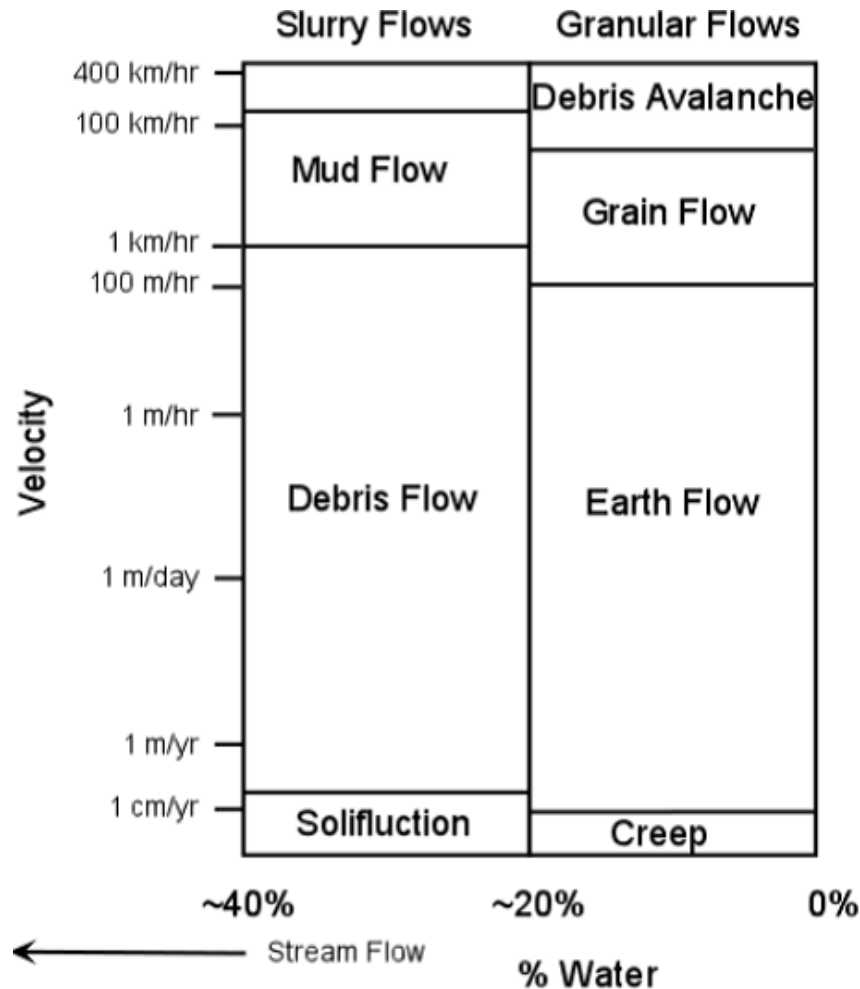
2.2.2 Granular Flows: 0–20% water present.

Granular flows are possible with little or no water.
Fluid-like behaviour is given these flows by mixing with air.
Granular flows are not saturated with water.

2. Types of Mass-Wasting Processes

2.2 Sediment Flows

- Sediment flows can be further subdivided on the basis of the **velocity at which flow occurs.**



2. Types of Mass-Wasting Processes

2.2 Sediment Flows

➤ 2.2 Sediment flow types *(depends on % water present)*:

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- A. Solifluction
- B. Debris Flows
- C. Mudflows

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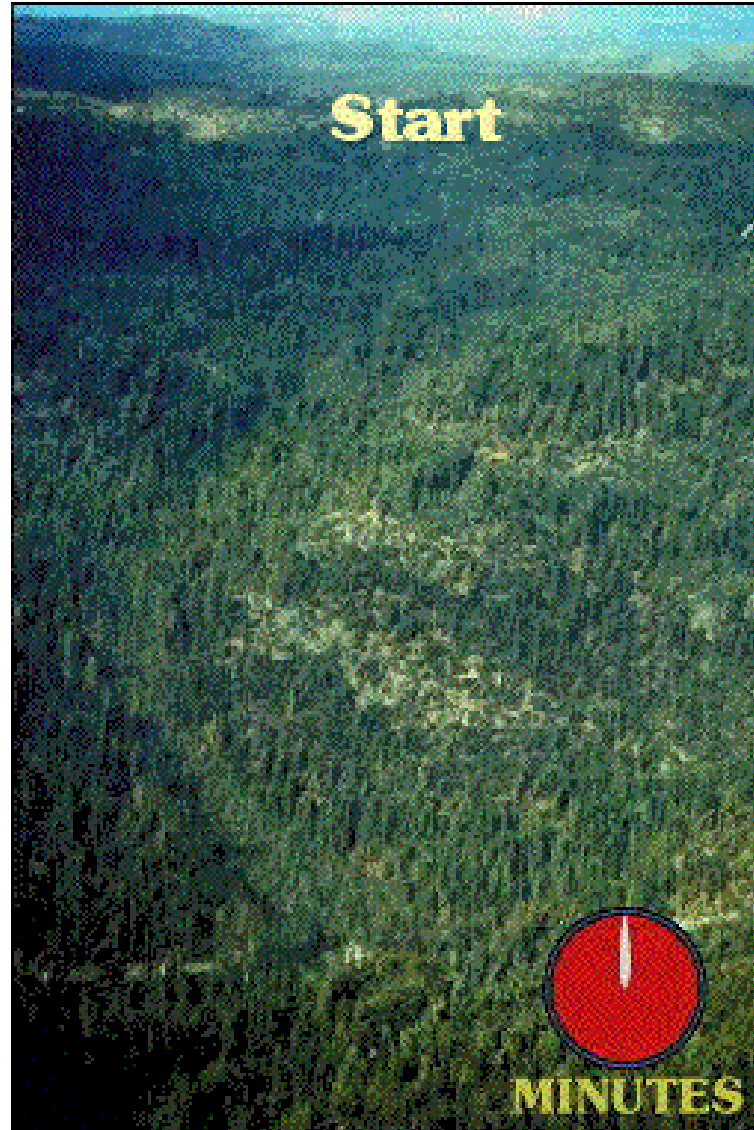
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- D. Debris Avalanches

2. Types of Mass-Wasting Processes

2.2.1 Slurry Flows [B. Debris Flows]

Animated
Gif

<http://elnino.usgs.gov/landslides-sfbay/photos.html>



2. Types of Mass-Wasting Processes

2.2.1 Slurry Flows [B. Debris Flows]



**Debris Flow, Caraballeda, Venezuela. December 1999.
USGS Slides at: <http://pr.water.usgs.gov/public/venezuela/>**

2. Types of Mass-Wasting Processes

2.2.1 Slurry Flows

VIDEO

(not show here due to time, but good for high-school students)

Video showing debris or mud flow (some call this is Lahar) that occurred on Mount Rainier in Washington State, USA on 25th June 2011.

<http://blogs.agu.org/landslideblog/2011/06/28/video-of-the-week-debris-avalanche-on-mout-rainier/20>

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2. *Types of Mass-Wasting Processes*

2.2.2 *Granular Flows [A. Creep]*



2. Types of Mass-Wasting Processes

2.2.2 Granular Flows [A. Creep]



2. Types of Mass-Wasting Processes

2.2.2 Granular Flows [B. Earth Flows]



Earth flow

Figure 13.19: Smithson et al. (2008)



Earth flow, Ellsworth County, USA.

http://www.kgs.ku.edu/Publications/pic13/pic13_2.html

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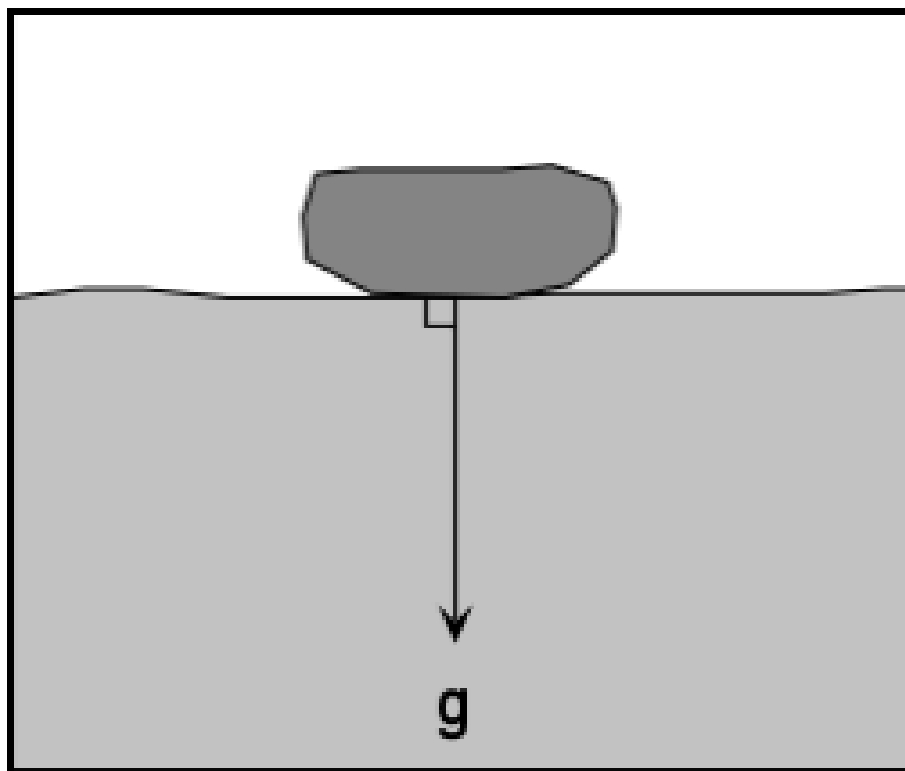


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3. Factors Influencing Slope Stability

3.1 Gravity

- **Gravity:** Main force responsible for mass wasting.
- On flat surface force of **gravity acts downward**.
- So long as the material remains on the flat surface it will not move under the force of gravity.

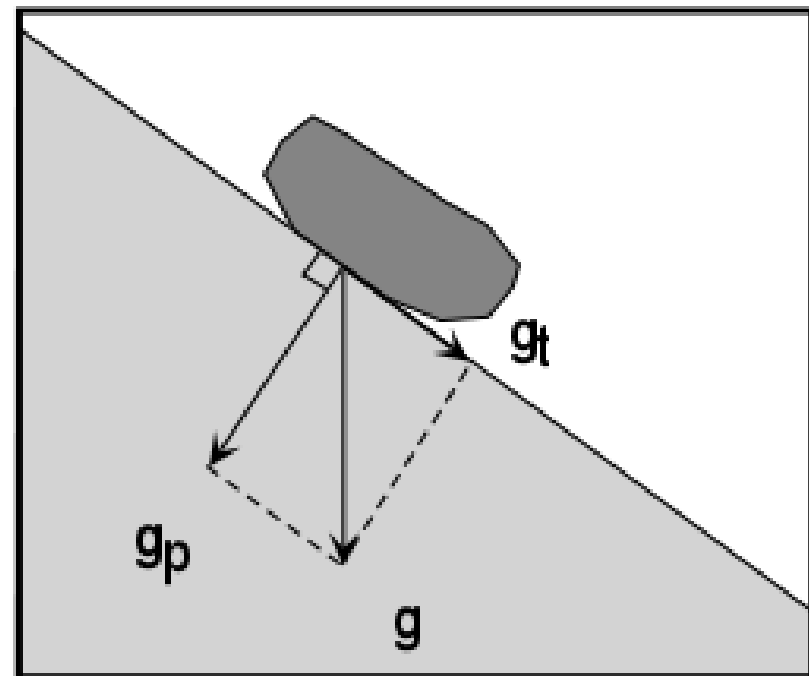
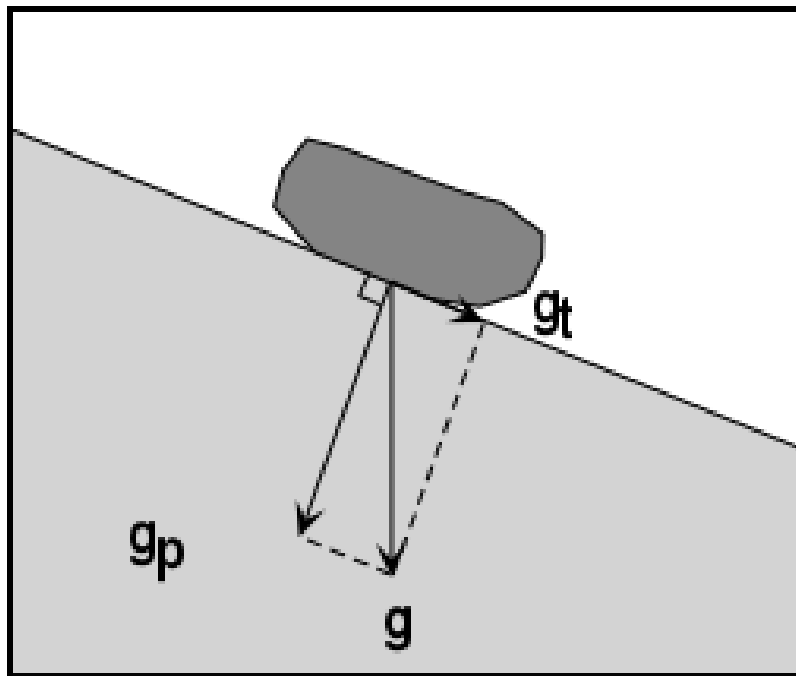




3. Factors Influencing Slope Stability

3.1 Gravity

- **Perpendicular component (g_p):** helps to hold the object in place on the slope.
- **Tangential component (g_t):** causes a *shear stress* parallel to the slope that pulls the object in the down-slope direction.



3. Factors Influencing Slope Stability

3.1 Gravity

- **Shear strength**: All forces resisting movement down the slope including:
 - frictional resistance
 - cohesion among particles making up the object
- When **shear stress** > **shear strength**, the object will move down-slope.
- **Shear stress** is INCREASED by
 - steeper slope angles.
- **Shear strength** is DECREASED by:
 - lowering cohesion among the particles
 - lowering the frictional resistance.

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3. Factors Influencing Slope Stability

3.2 Water

- ***Water*** not always directly involved as transport in mass-wasting processes, but plays important role.

3. Factors Influencing Slope Stability

3.2 Water

➤ Imagine a **SAND CASTLE**.

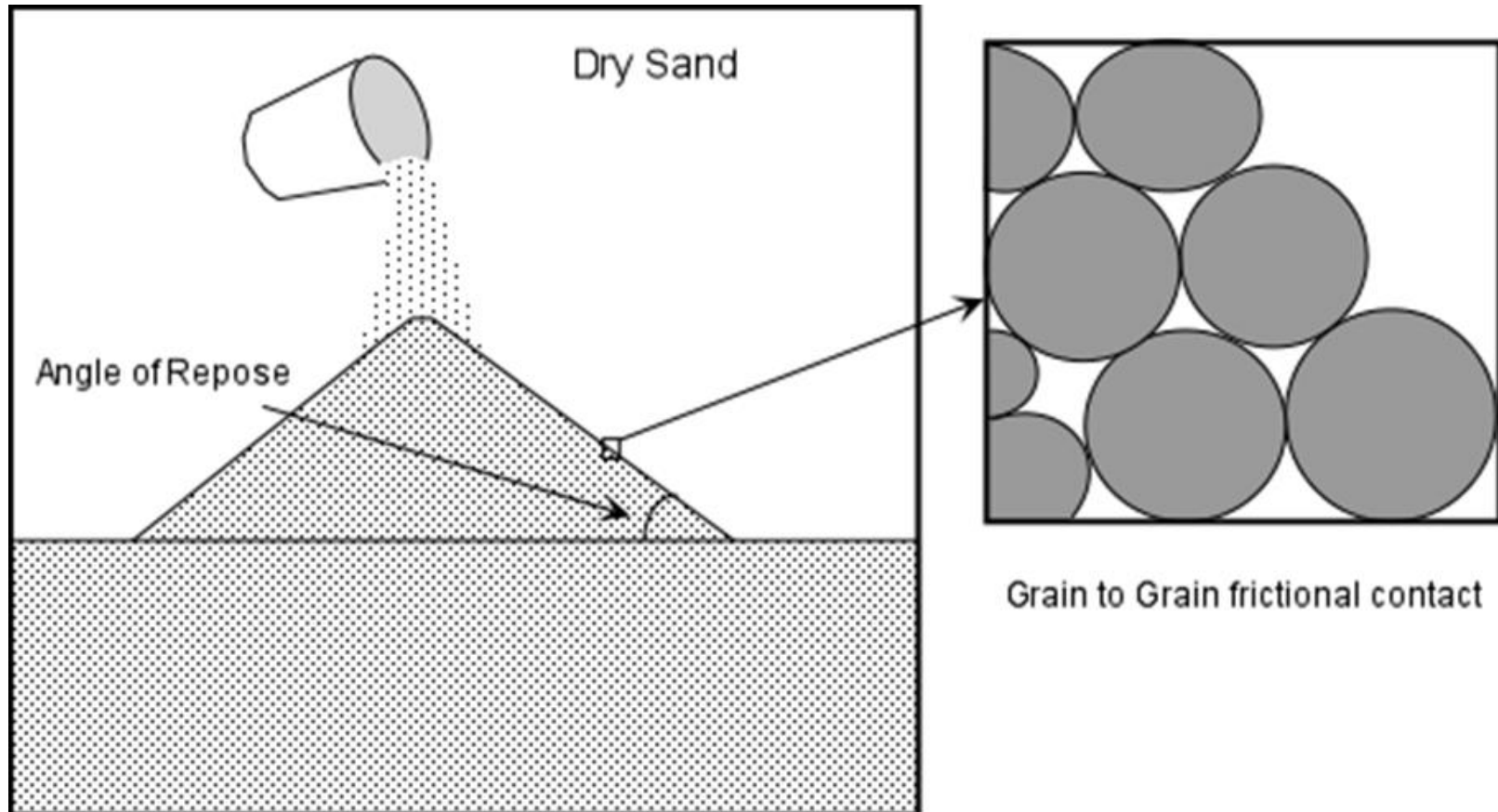
- ***Sand totally dry***: impossible to build a pile of sand with a steep face like a castle wall.
- ***If sand a little wet***: can build vertical wall.
- ***If sand too wet***: flows like a fluid and cannot remain in position as a wall.



3. Factors Influencing Slope Stability

3.2 Water

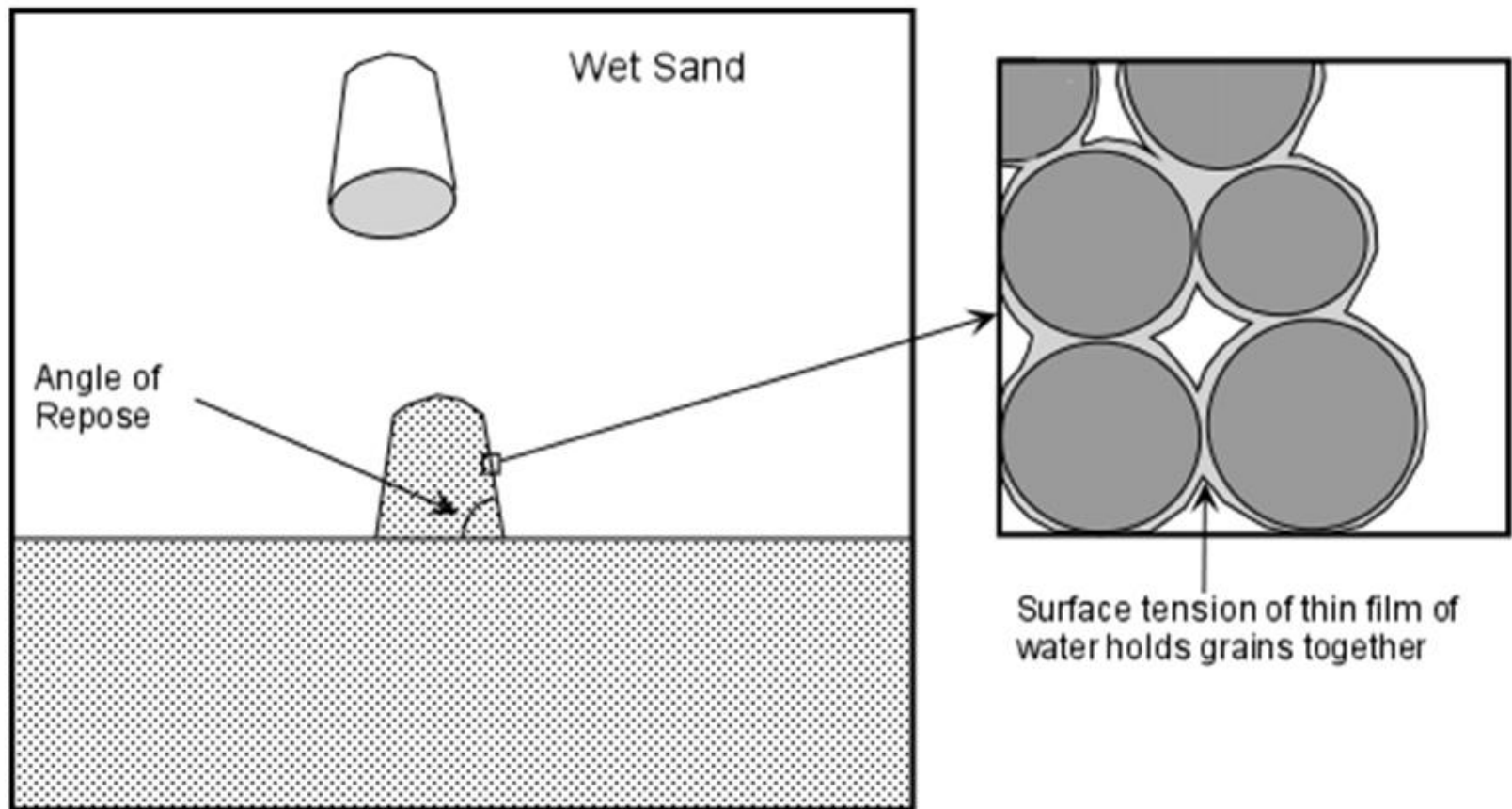
- **Angle of repose for DRY material:** usually lies between about 30–37° [increases with increasing grain size].



3. Factors Influencing Slope Stability

3.2 Water

- **Angle of repose for SLIGHTLY WET unconsolidated materials:** very high angle of repose [because surface tension between water & solid grains tends to hold the grains in place].



3. Factors Influencing Slope Stability

3.2 Water

- **Angle of repose for material SATURATED WITH WATER: very small values** [material tends to flow like a fluid].

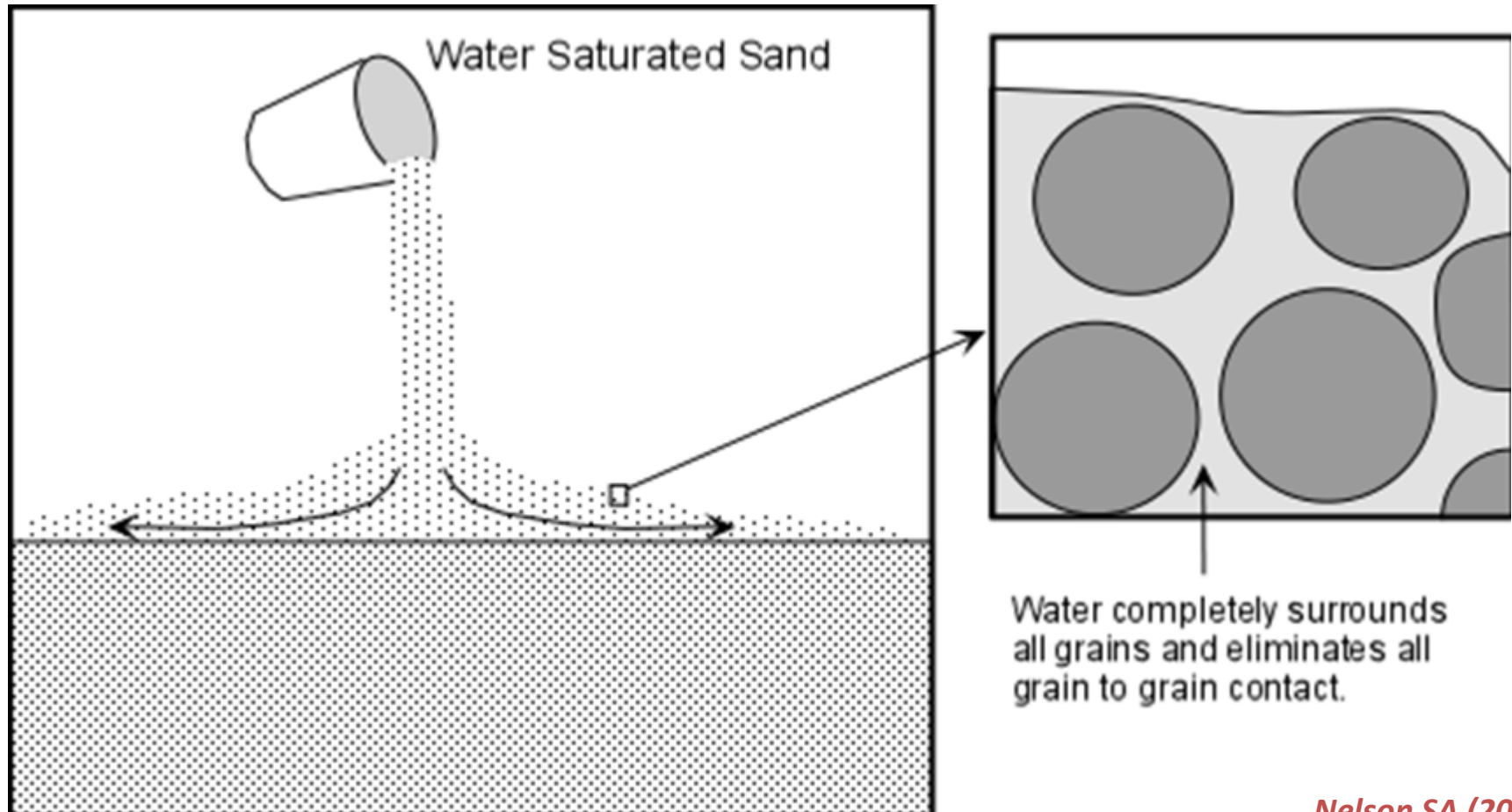


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3. Factors Influencing Slope Stability

3.3 Inexpensive student demonstrations



***What you need to do
this demonstration:
Bottle, sand and Water***

**Dry sand in
bottle, 30-37°
angle of repose.**

**King's College
London Student
Jennifer Holden**

3. Factors Influencing Slope Stability

3.3 Inexpensive student demonstrations



Add a little water, angle of repose very high, observation of sudden 'landslides' as bottle tilted.

3. Factors Influencing Slope Stability

3.3 Inexpensive student demonstrations



Add more water. Sediment saturated (bottle far left) and angle of repose very low; sediment flows like a fluid. Sediment not saturated in right of bottle; angle of repose still high.

3. Factors Influencing Slope Stability

3.3 Inexpensive student demonstrations



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**Subaqueous
landslide**

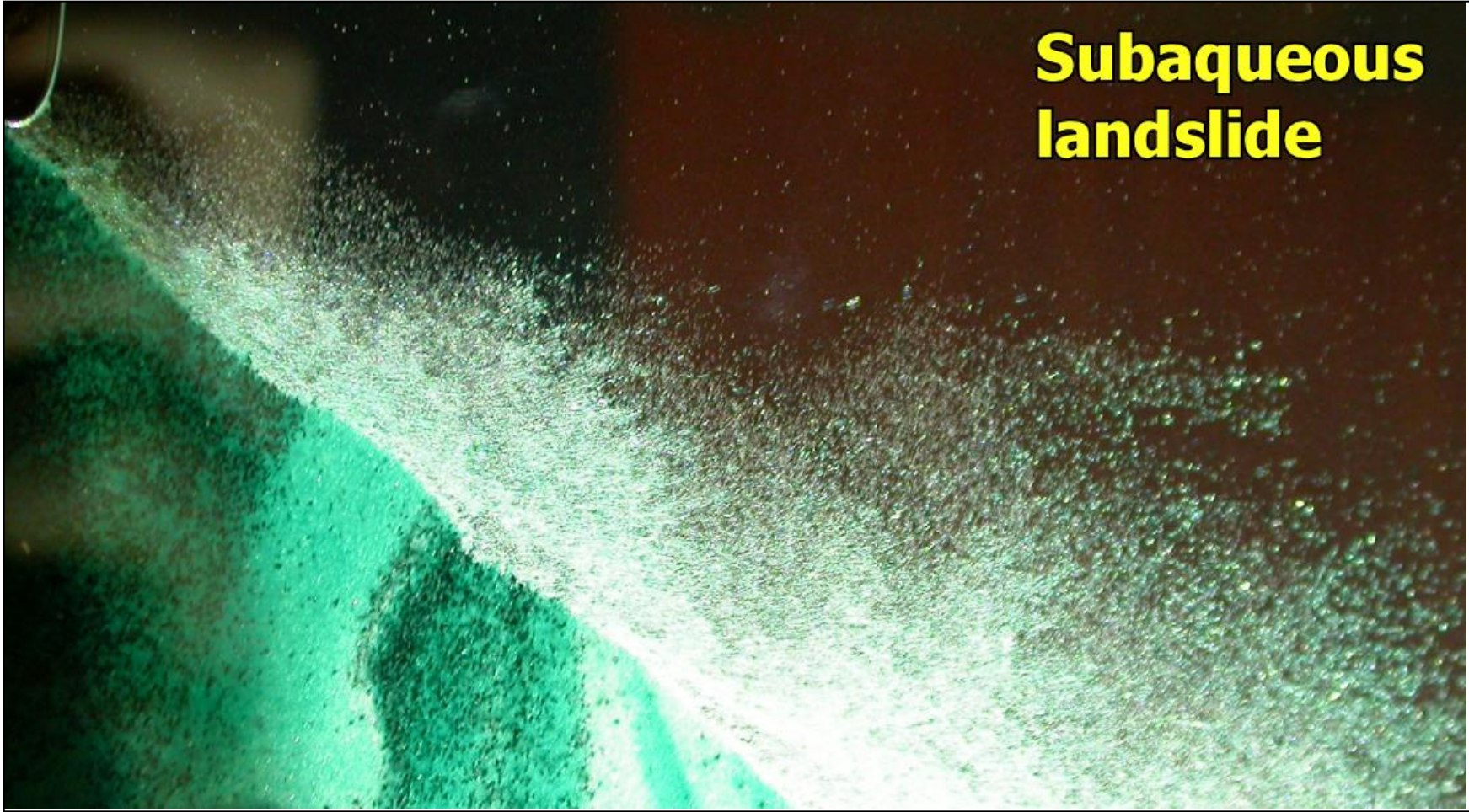


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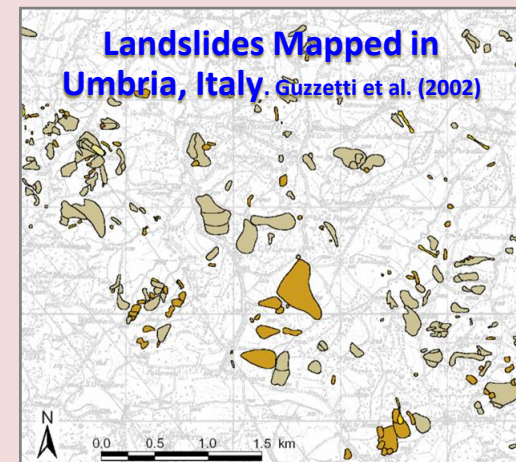
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4. Triggered Landslide Events

4.1 Major Triggers

- A mass-wasting event **can occur any time slope becomes unstable.**
- Sometimes, as in **creep**, slope is unstable at all times and process is continuous.
- But other times, **triggers** can occur that cause a sudden instability to occur.

4. Triggered Landslide Events

4.1 Major Triggers

EXAMPLES OF MAJOR TRIGGERS

- **Earthquakes** (major shock)
- **Heavy rainfall, Sudden Snowmelt**
 - changes in hydrologic conditions
 - reduce grain to grain contact, reducing angle of repose
 - saturate rock increasing its weight
- **Volcanic Eruptions**
 - shock like explosions
 - earthquakes
 - melting of snow
 - crater lakes empty

4. Triggered Landslide Events

4.1 Major Triggers

LANDSLIDES IN TRIGGERED EVENTS

Number: *After a trigger, might be zero, one or many thousands of landslides that occur.*

Time: *Landslides occur in the minutes to weeks after the trigger occurs.*

Areas: *Landslide areas range over many orders of magnitude, from m^2 to km^2 .*

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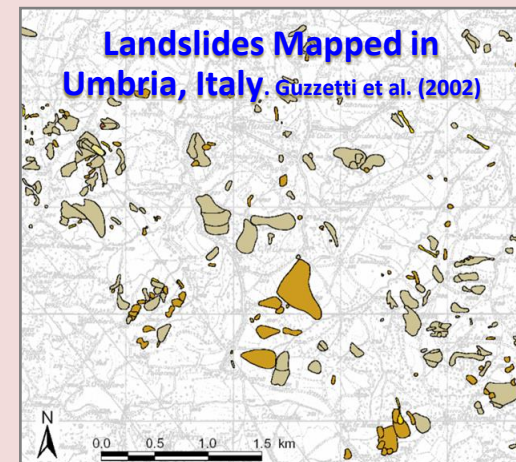
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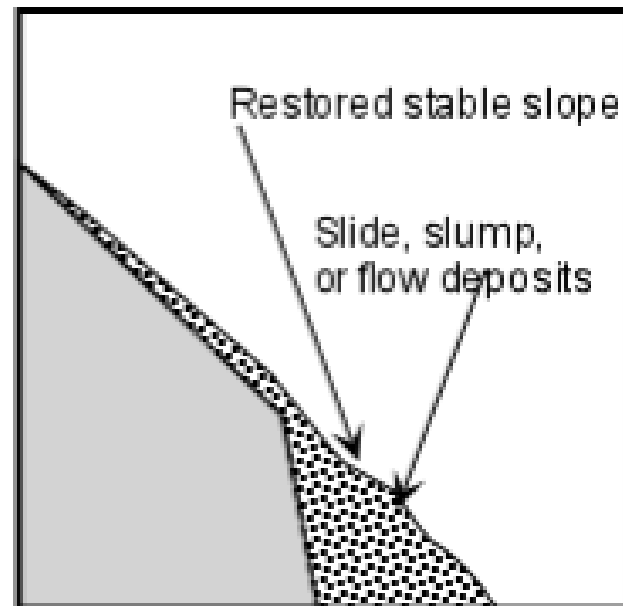
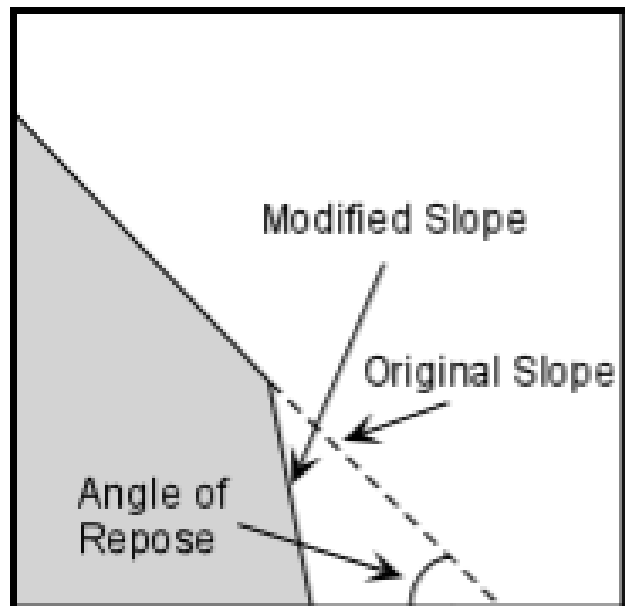
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4.2 Other Triggers of Landslides

➤ OTHER EXAMPLES OF LANDSLIDE TRIGGERS:

(i) **SLOPE MODIFICATION.**

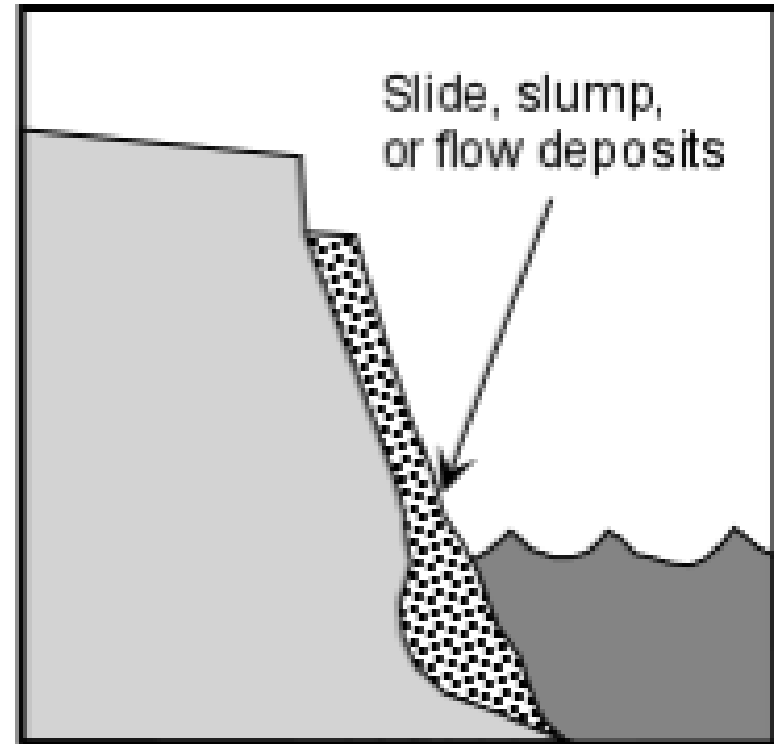
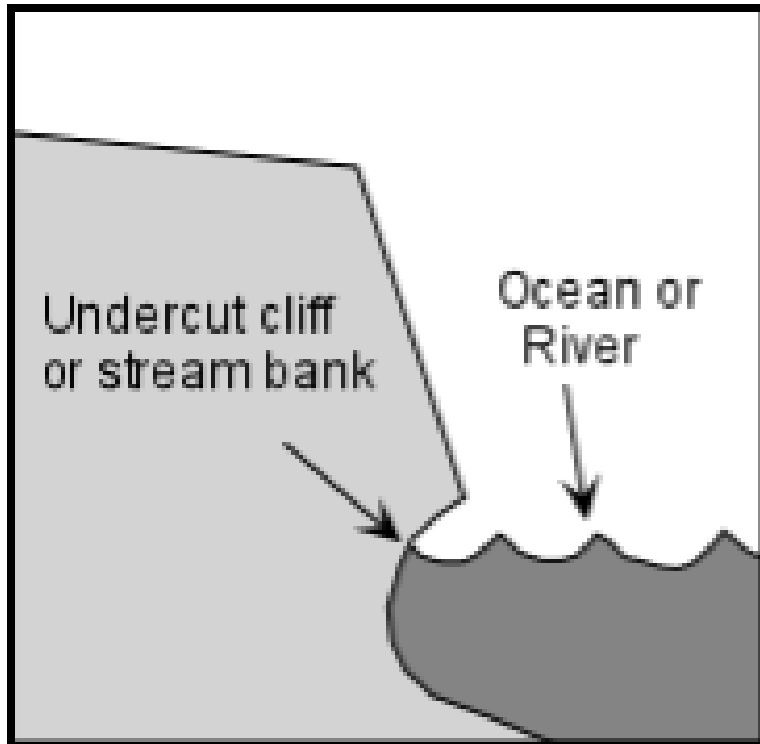
- By humans or by *natural causes*.
- Changes *slope angle* so no longer at angle of repose.
- A mass-wasting event can restore slope to its angle of repose.



4. Triggered Landslide Events

4.2 Other Triggers of Landslides

- **OTHER EXAMPLES OF LANDSLIDE TRIGGERS:**
 - (ii) **UNDERCUTTING**



4. Triggered Landslide Events

4.2 Other Triggers of Landslides

➤ OTHER EXAMPLES OF LANDSLIDE TRIGGERS:

- (iii) **FIRE** can cause *removal of vegetation*, resulting in the regolith becoming less fixed over time.
- (iv) **ADDED MASS** can make a region more prone to mass wasting.

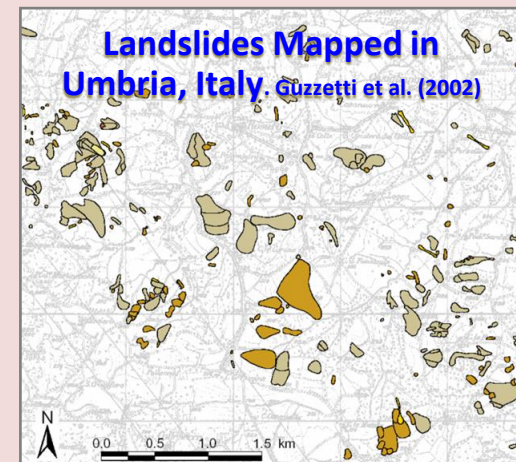
Examples

- waste material
- mining tailings
- structures
- water leakage



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4. Triggered Landslide Events

4.3 Examples of Triggered Landslide Events

<i>Location [Trigger]</i>	<i>Study area (km²)</i>	<i># of landslides</i>	<i>Total area of landslides (km²)</i>
Umbria, Central Italy^a [rapid snowmelt, 1/1/1997]	2,000	4,233	12.7
Northridge, California^b [earthquake, 1/17/1994]	10,000	11,111	23.8
Guatemala^c [heavy rainfall, 10–11/1998, Hurricane Mitch]	10,000	9,594^d	29.5

- a. Guzzetti et al. (2002) *Earth Plan. Sci. Lett.***
- b. Harp and Jibson (1995) *USGS Open File Rep.***
- c. Bucknam et al. (2001) *USGS Open File Rep.***

Landslides Triggered by Rapid Snow-Melt Jan 1997, Umbria Region, Italy

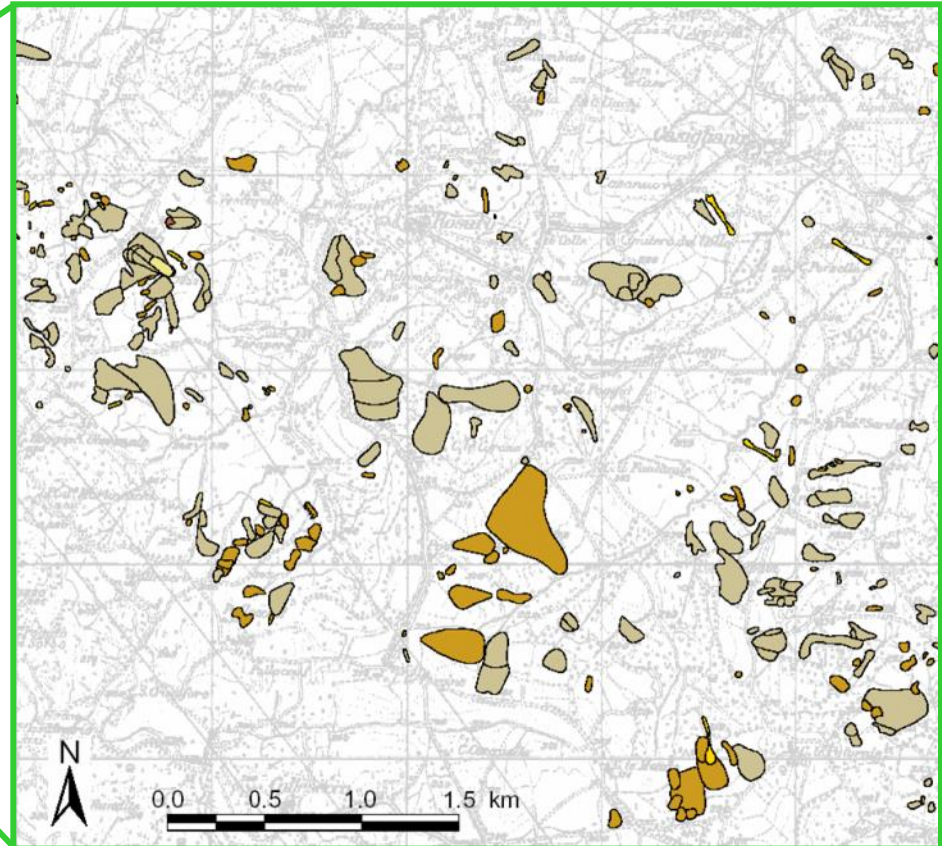
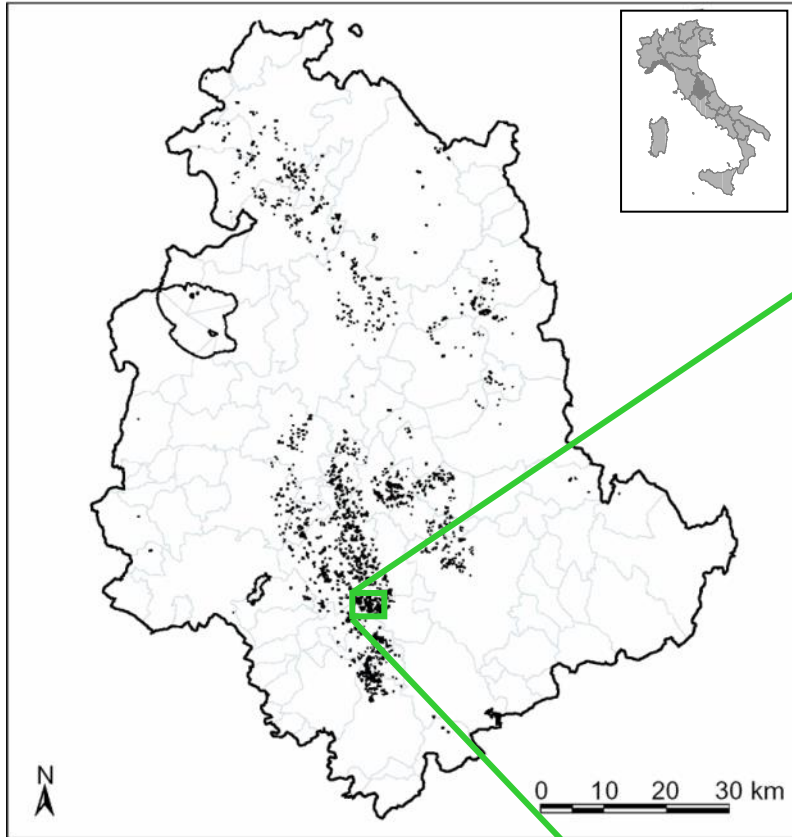


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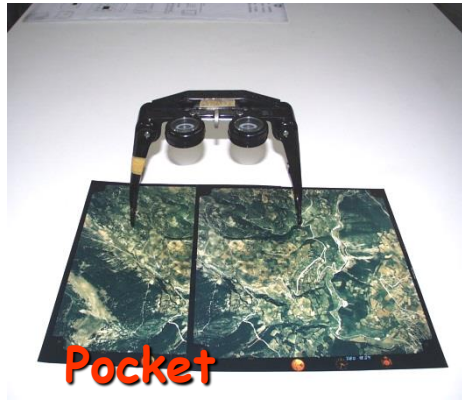
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Shallow soil-slips (53%)
Slump earth-flows (9%)
Deep-seated slides (38%)



4,233
landslide areas

STEREOSCOPES

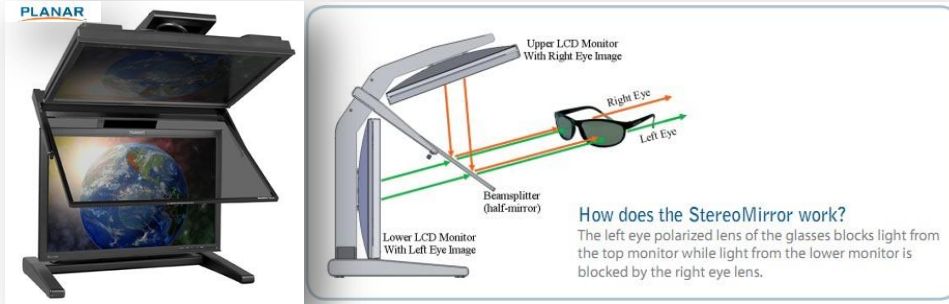


Mirror, Double stereoscope



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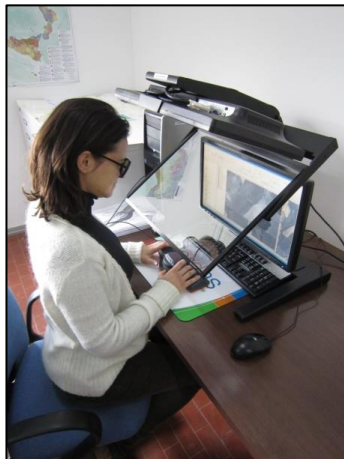
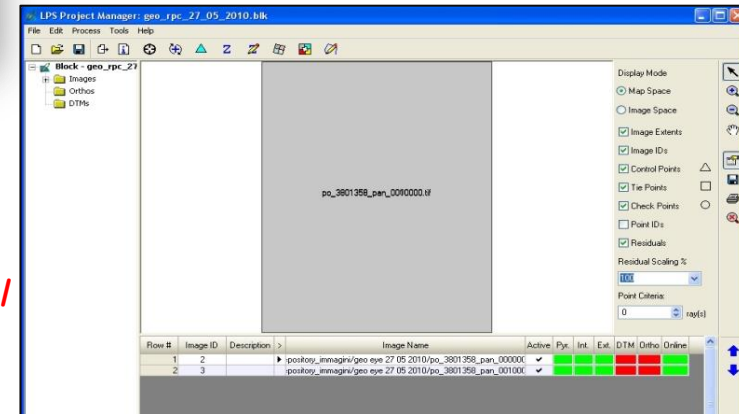


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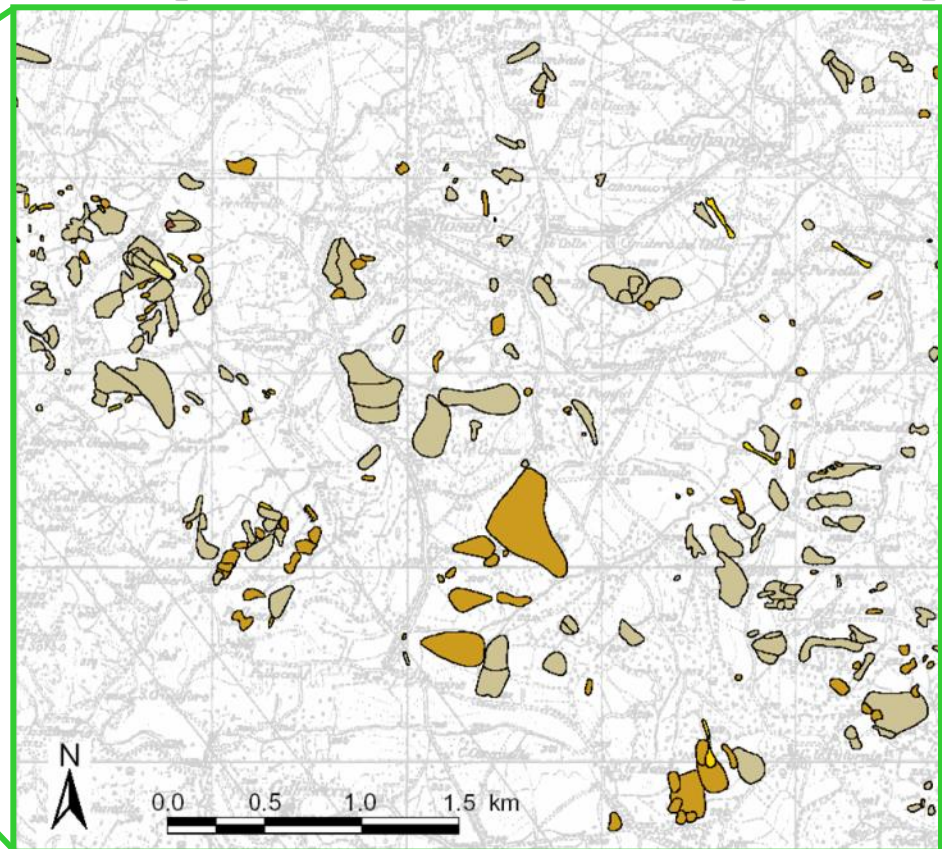
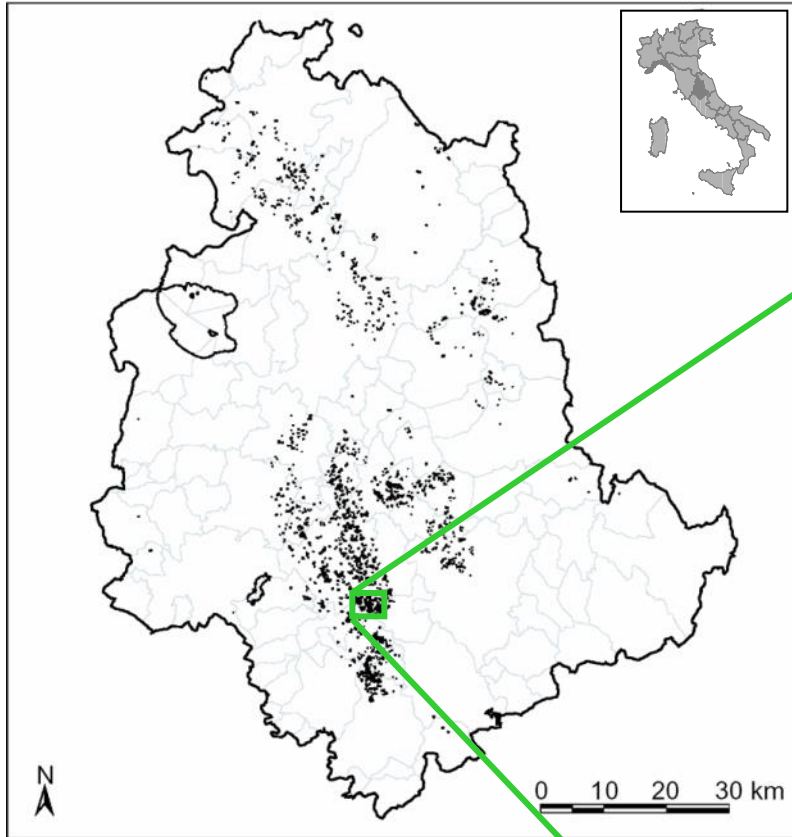


Stereo Analyst for ArcGIS® SW for 3-D visualization of large area, landslide mapping and features storing directly in a GIS database.

Slide Courtesy of CNR-IRPI (www.irpi.cnr.it)

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Deep-seated slides (38%)



4,233
landslide areas



INVENTORY OF LANDSLIDES TRIGGERED BY THE 1994 NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE



*Most numerous:
Shallow falls
and slides of
rock and debris*

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deeper slumps
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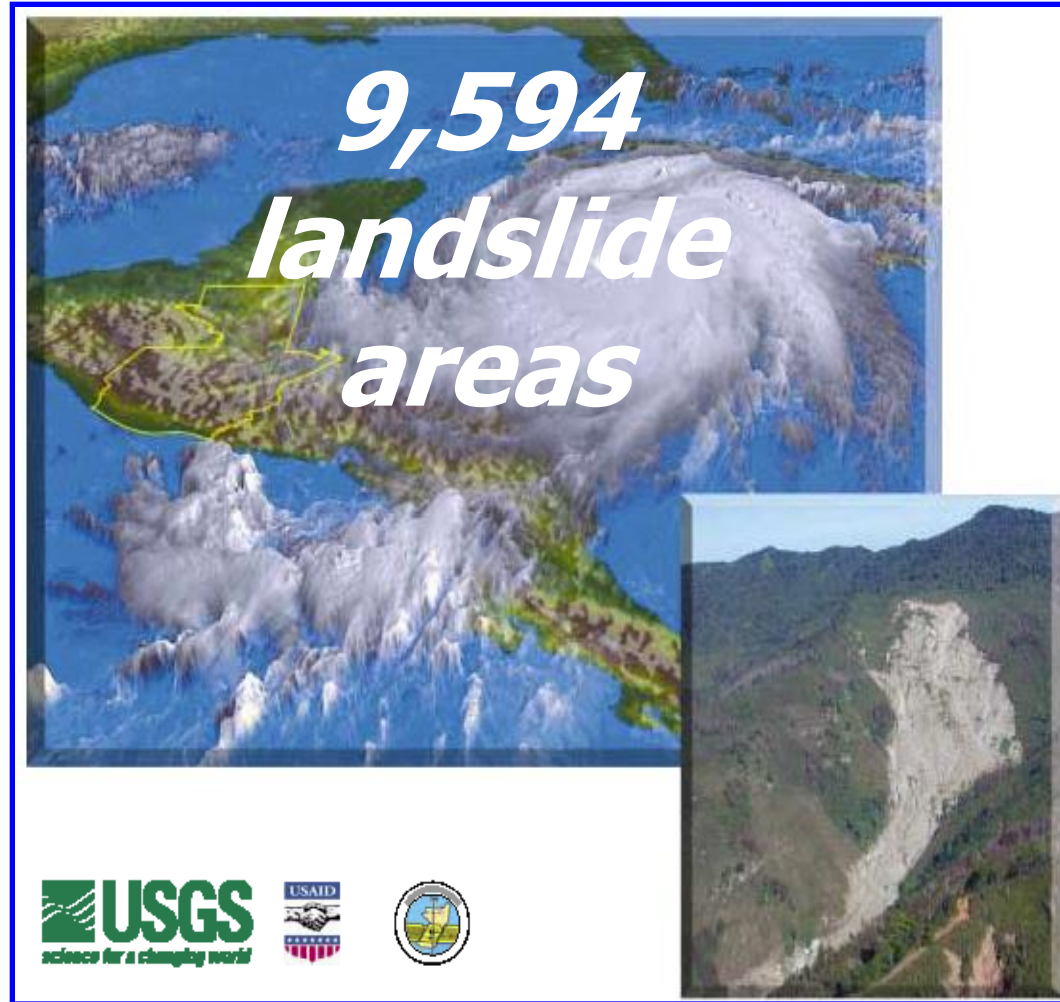
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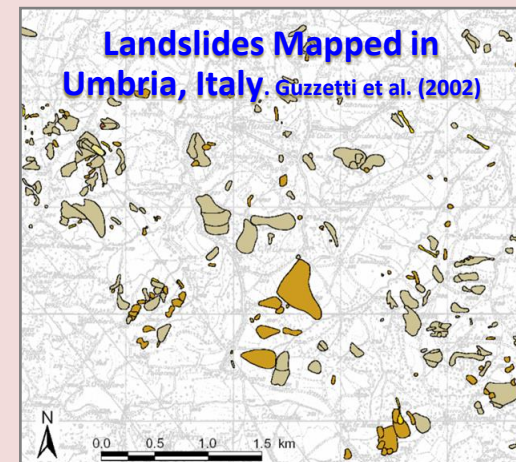
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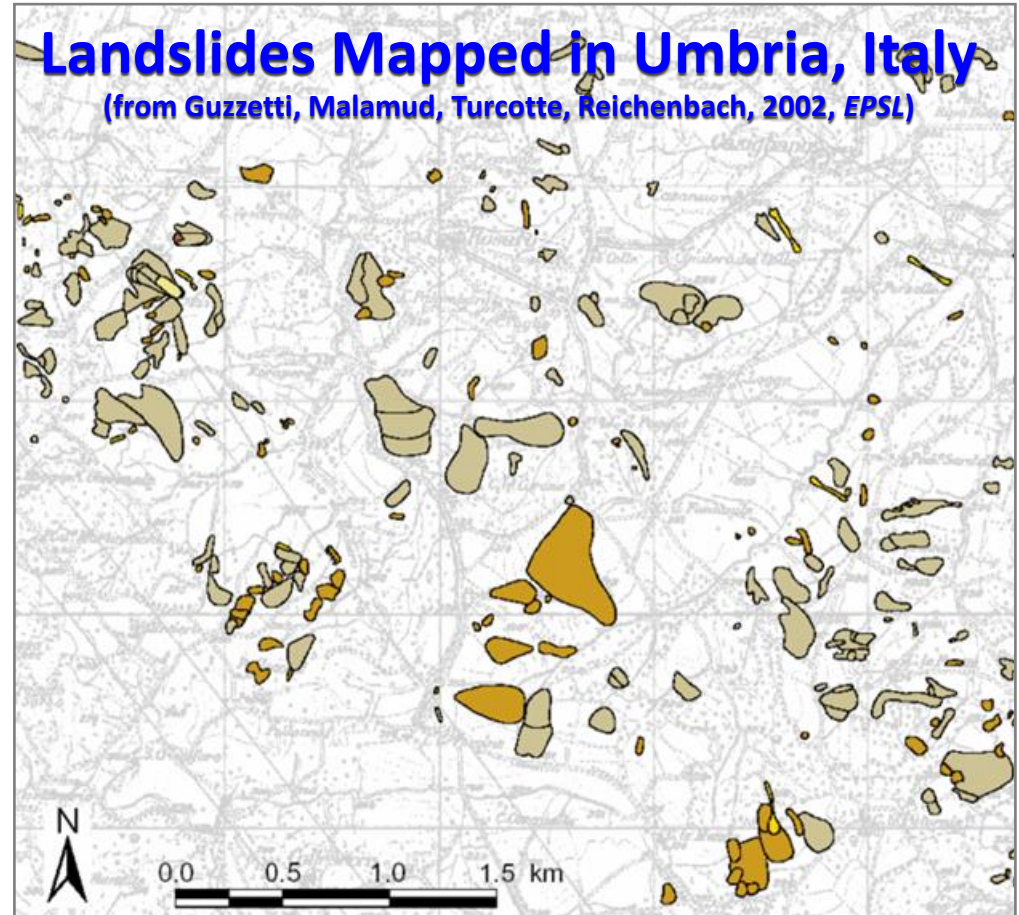


4. Triggered Landslide Events

4.4 Frequency-Size Statistics

Examine number of landslides with sizes:

- Very Small*
- Small*
- Medium*
- Large*
- Very Large*



4. Triggered Landslide Events

4.4 Frequency-Size Statistics

Landslides Triggered by the 1994 Northridge, California Earthquake
11,111 landslide areas




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Guzzetti, Malamud, Turcotte, Reichenbach (2002) EPSL



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9,594 landslide areas



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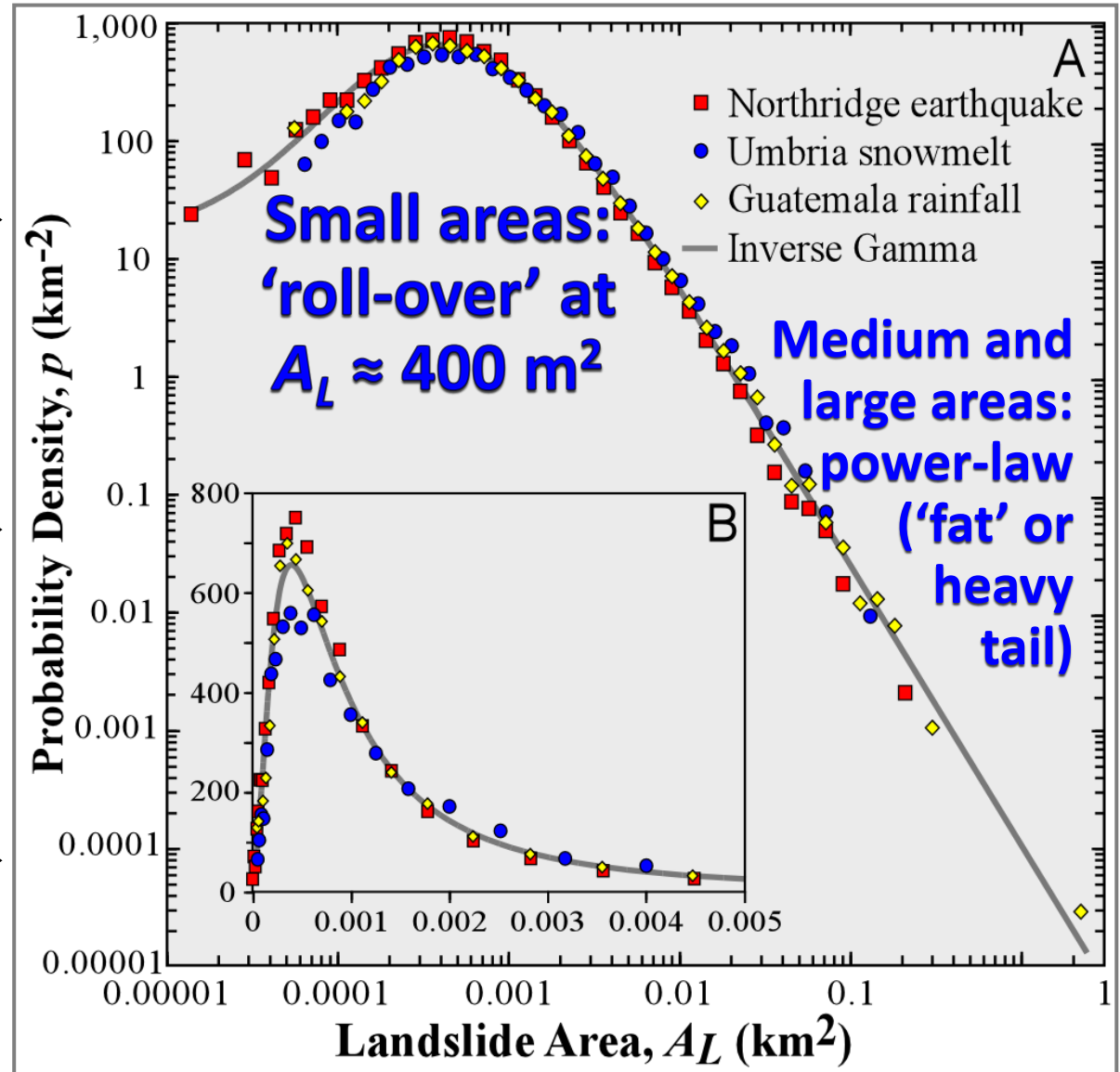
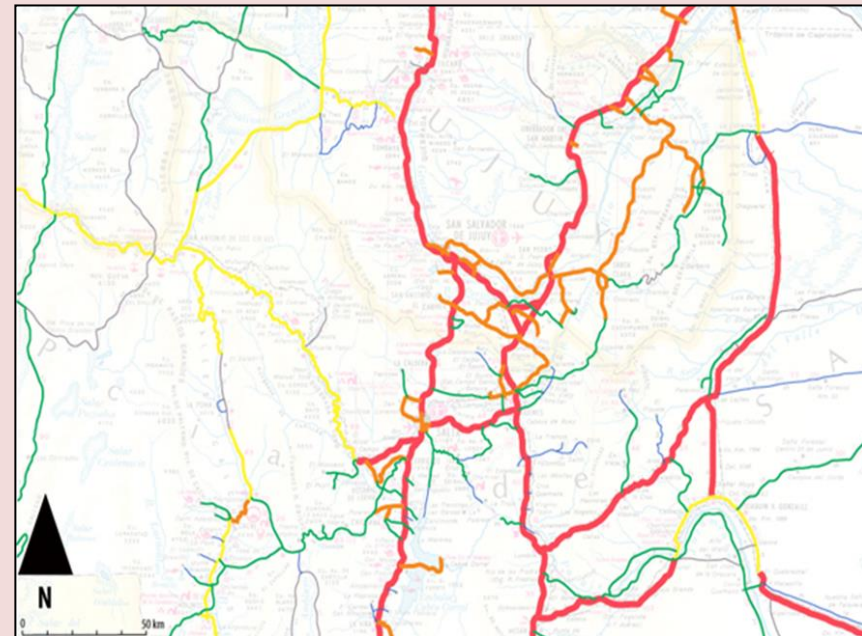


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5. Triggered Events & Road Networks

(Research with *PhD Student Faith Taylor*)



*Taiwan
Landslide,
April 2010.*

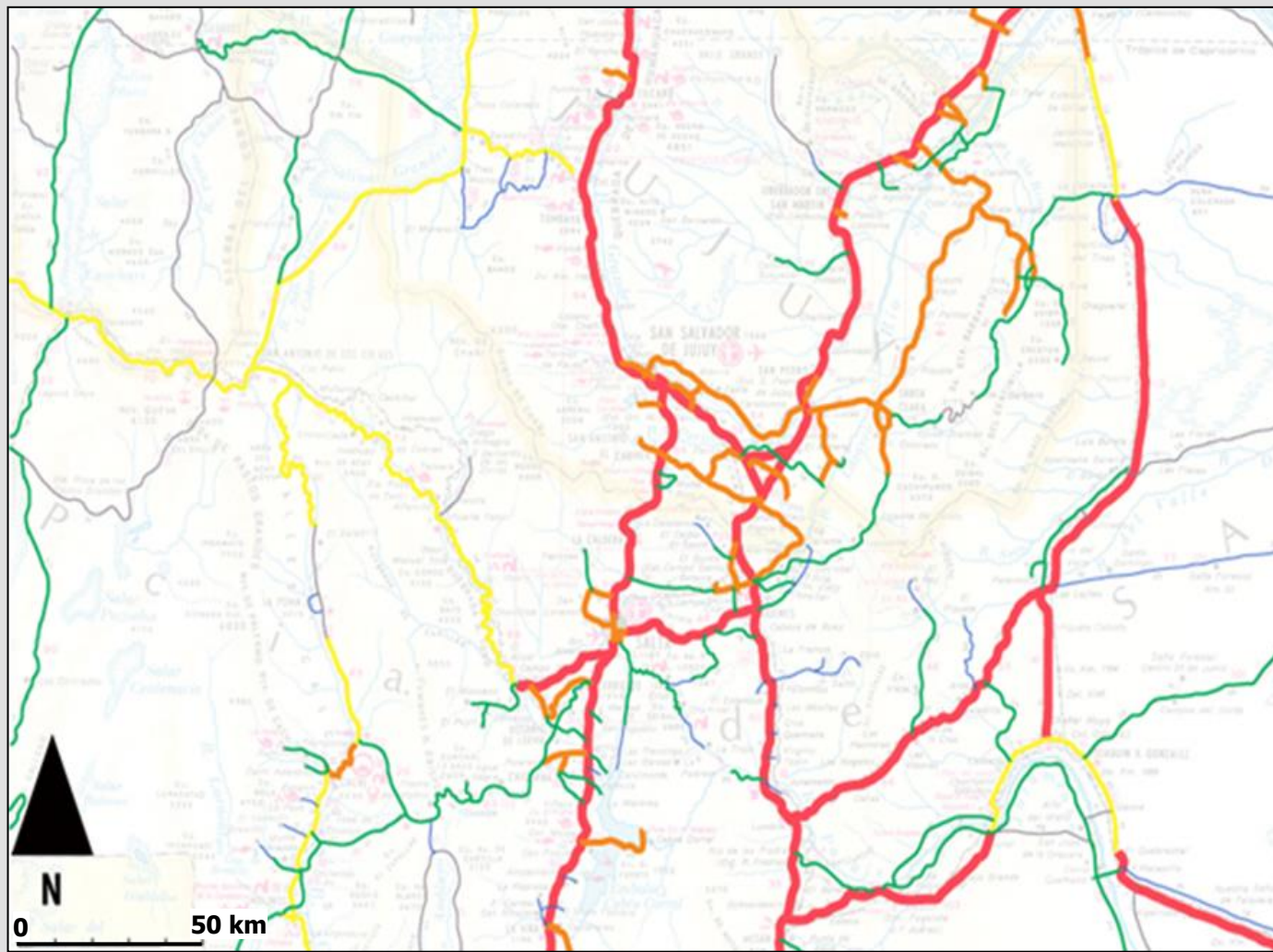
Image: Reuters



Current Research: The intersection of landslides with road networks (NERC funded PhD student in 2nd year, Faith Taylor).

Landslides (Mass Wasting)

-  **Principal Paved Roads**
-  **Secondary Paved Roads**
-  **Primary unpaved roads**
-  **Secondary unpaved roads**
-  **Tracks**
-  **Other**



Figures: courtesy of Faith Taylor.

Road Network from Salta Province, NW Argentina



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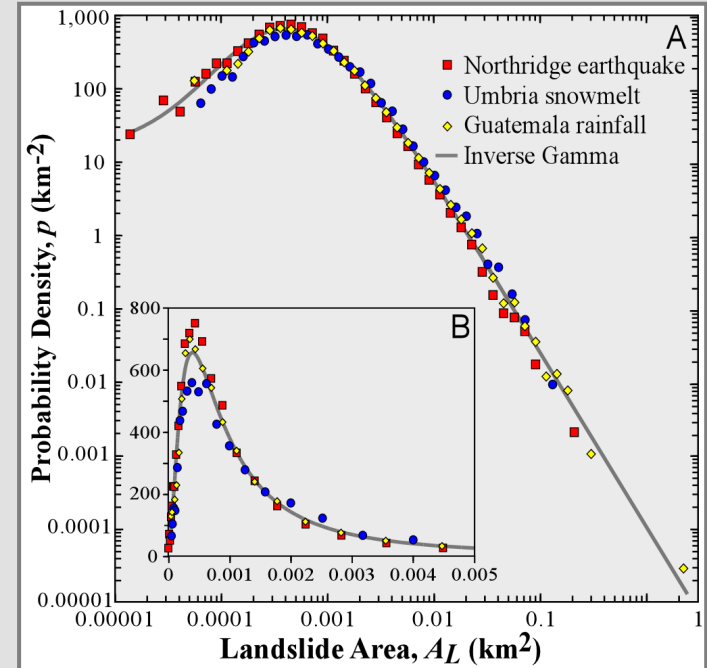
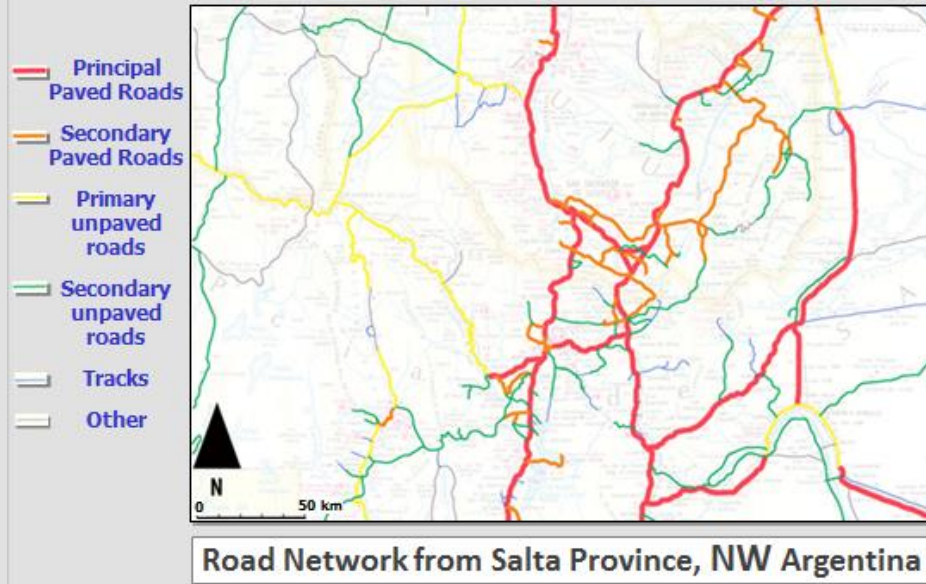
Route 14, Utah, USA after a landslide destroyed 400 m of road.
(Image: MSNBC Photoblog, 2011)

Attabad Landslide (Jan 2010), Karakoram Highway.
(Image: Parnir Times, 2010)





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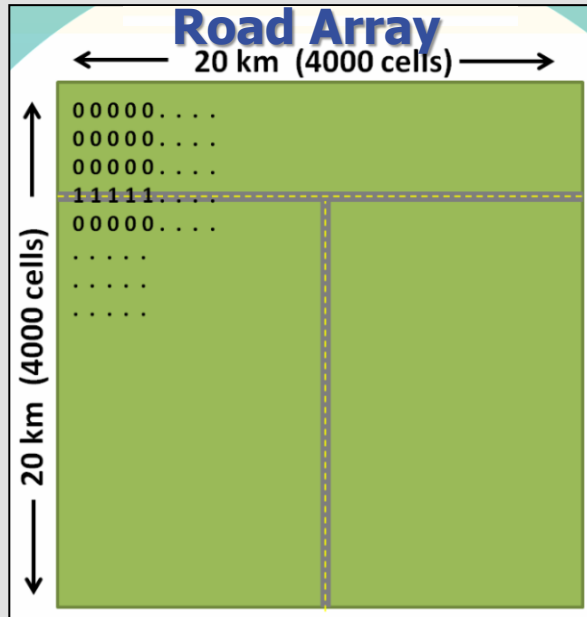
Create a computer model to randomly drop landslides on road networks.

Use 'general' probability distribution for landslide areas.

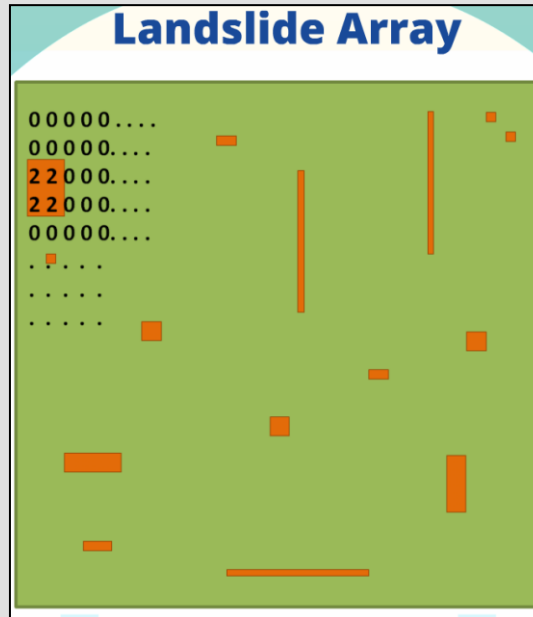


Taiwan Landslide,
April 2010. Image: Reuters

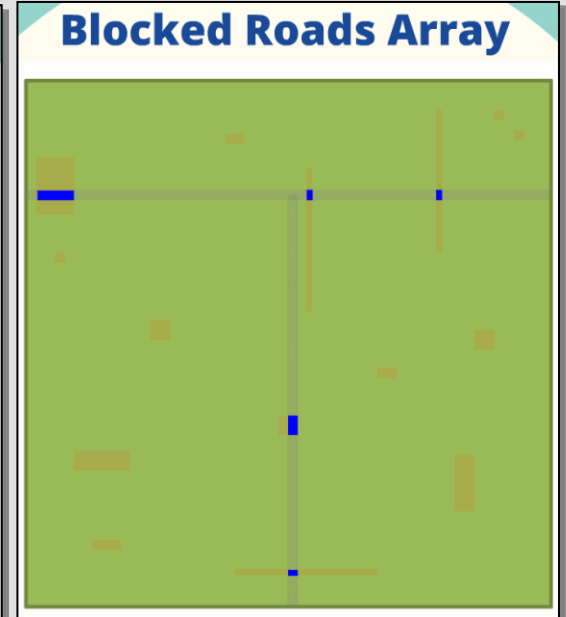
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- 4000 x 4000 cell array
 - 5 m x 5 m cell 'resolution'
 - 20 km x 20 km study region



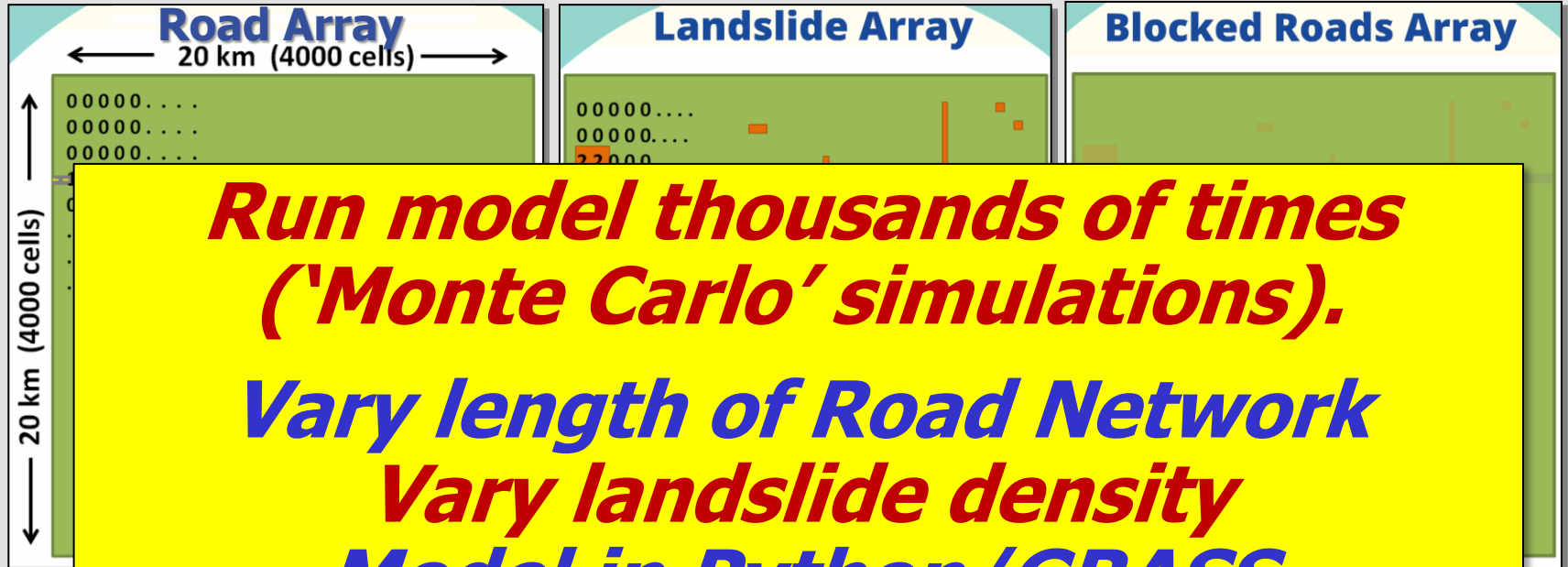
- Landslide areas from **'general' landslide probability distribution.**
- 200–800 landslides.
- Variable length to width ratio



- Location, number, and size of road blockages.



Current Research: The intersection of landslides with road networks (NERC funded PhD student in 2nd year, Faith Taylor).



Run model thousands of times ('Monte Carlo' simulations).

Vary length of Road Network

Vary landslide density

Model in Python/GRASS

Future: Add more 'reality'.

➤ 20 km x 20 km study region

distribution.

- 200–800 landslides.
- Variable length to width ratio

Blockages.

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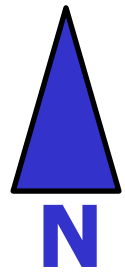
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16 km (approx.)

Example from Collazone, Italy

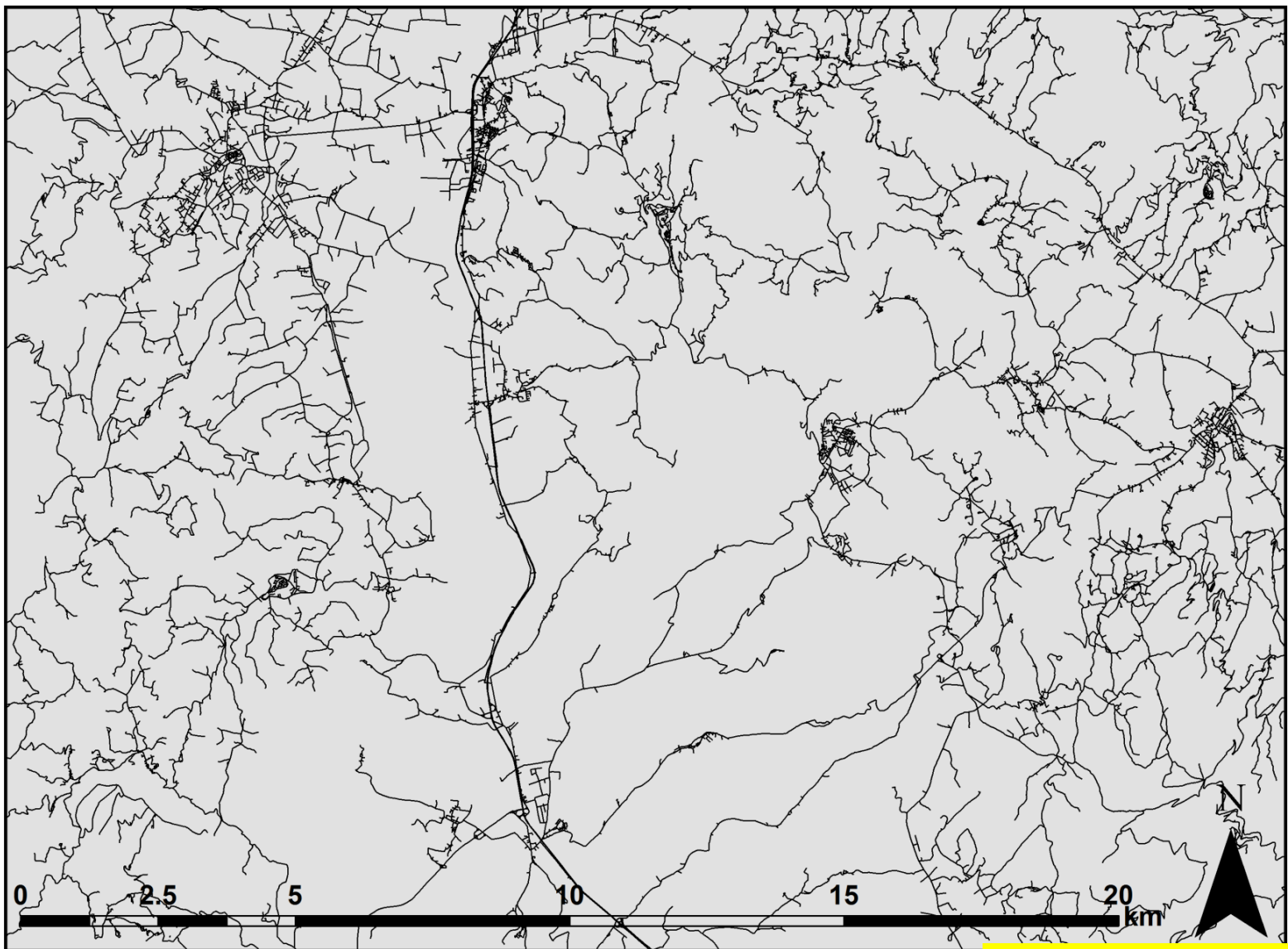
- A. 'Real' Road Network**
- B. 'Simulated' Landslides**
- C. Road Network, Simulated Landslides, & Resulting Road Blockages**
- D. Just Resulting Road Blockages**

25 km (approx.)



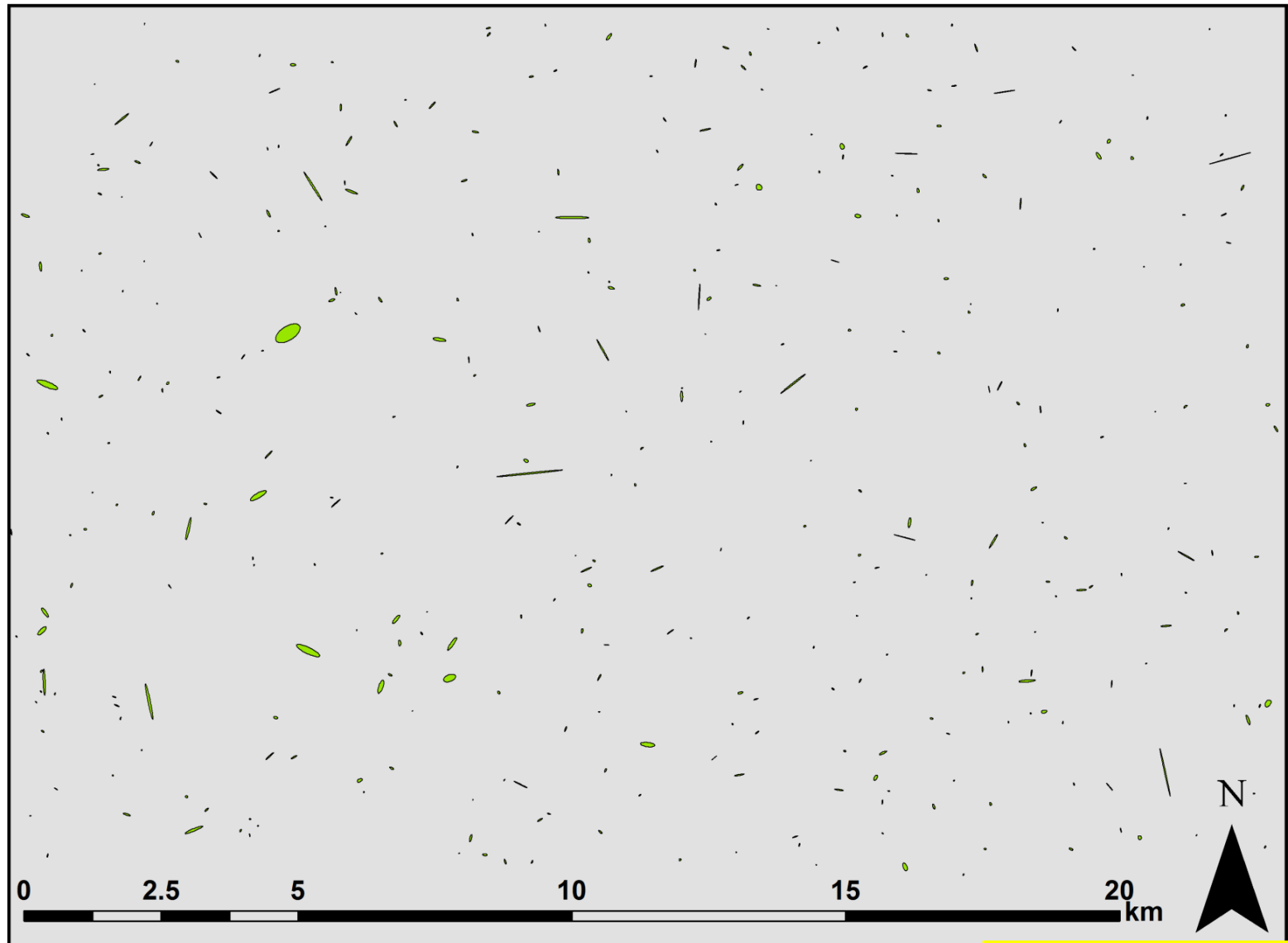
A. Collazone (Italy) Road Network

1359 km of roads

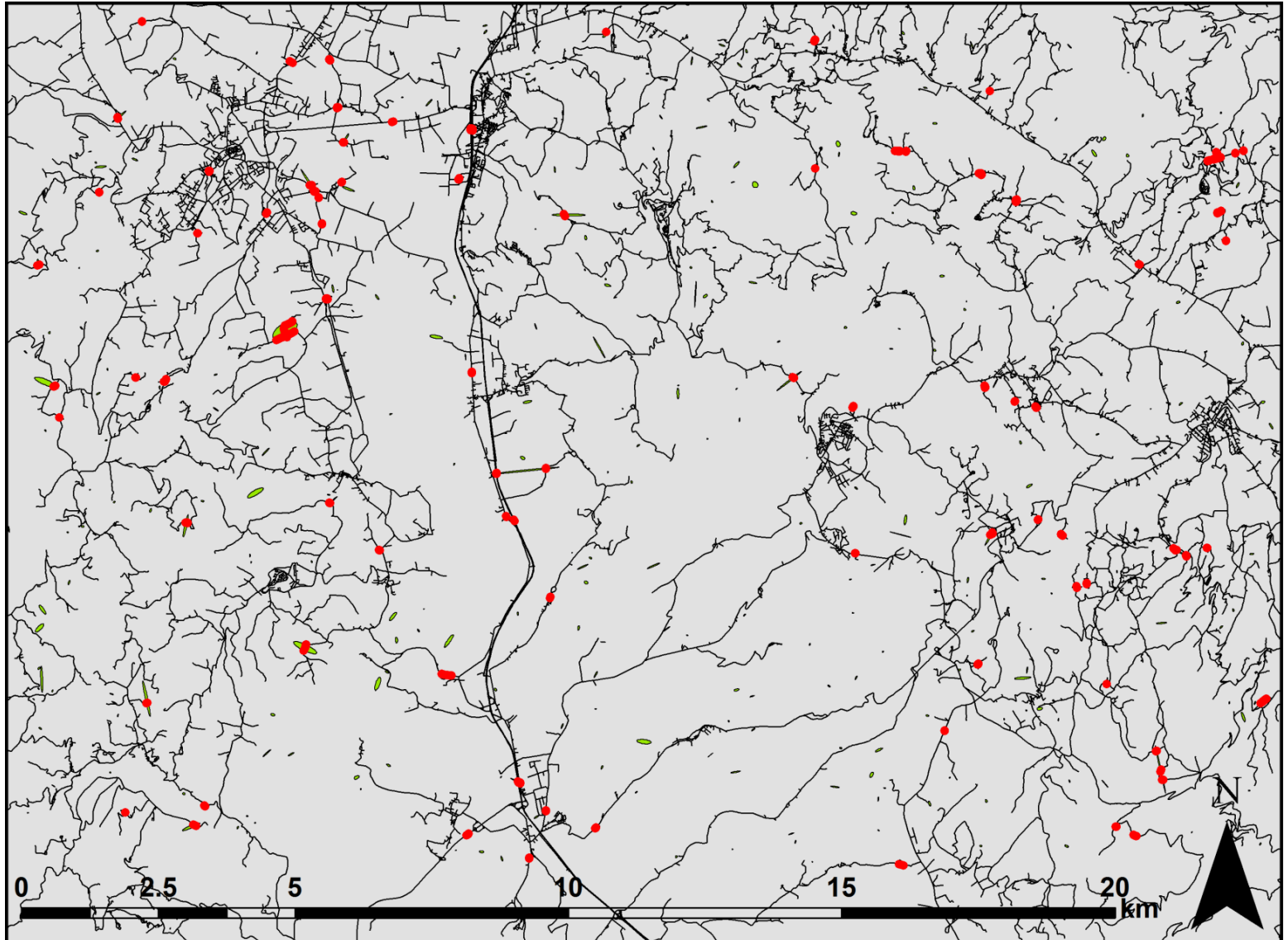


Landslides (Mass Wasting)

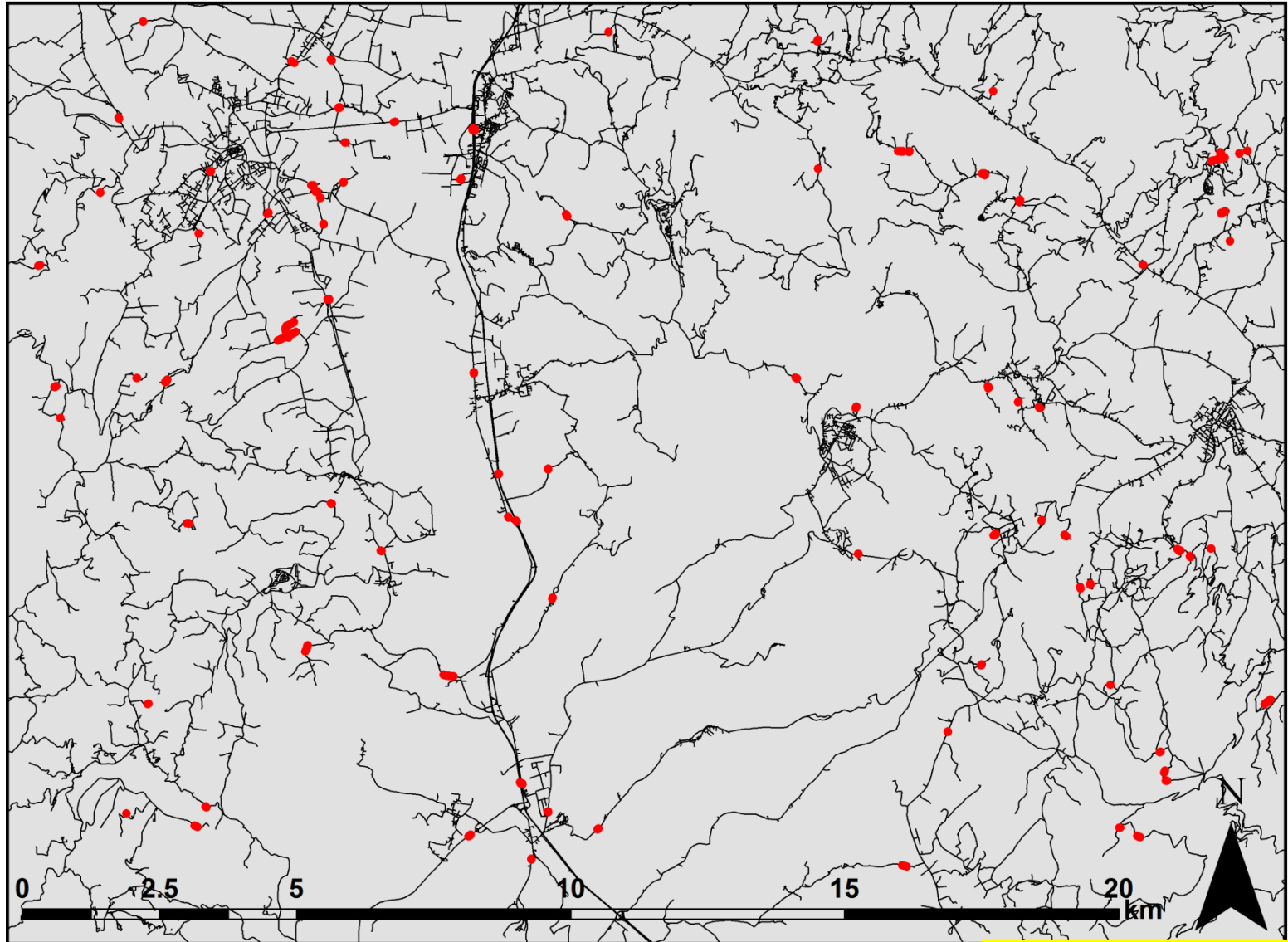
B. 'Simulated' landslides (400)



C. Collazone Road Network, Simulated Landslides & 108 Resulting Road Blockages

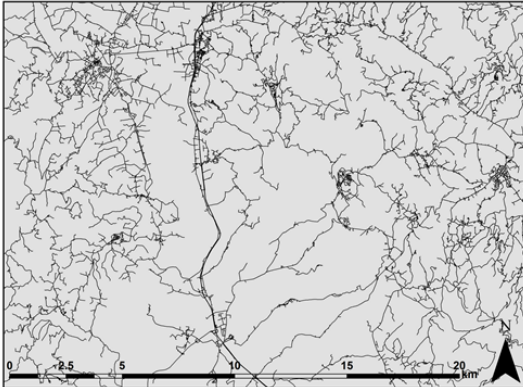


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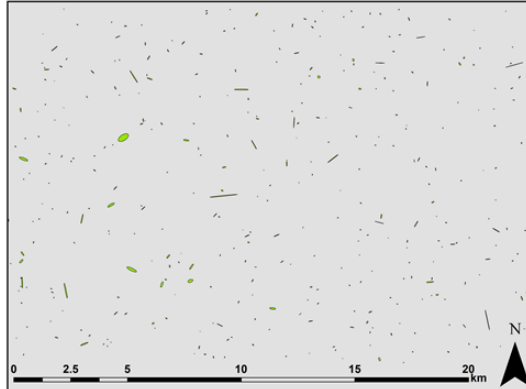


Collazone (Italy) Simulation of Landslides Interacting with Road Networks

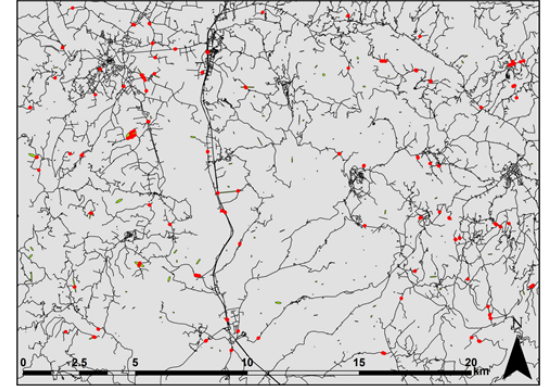
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C. Collazone Road Network, Simulated Landslides, & Resulting Road Blockages



- **400 km² region, 1359 km of roads.**
- **400 'simulated' landslides dropped.**
- **On average: One landslide blocked road for every 12.5 km of roads.**
- **Event of similar magnitude (Guzzetti *et al.*, 2003): 1 landslide per 13 km of roads.**



VIDEO of Collazone (Italy) Simulation of Landslides Interacting with Road Networks

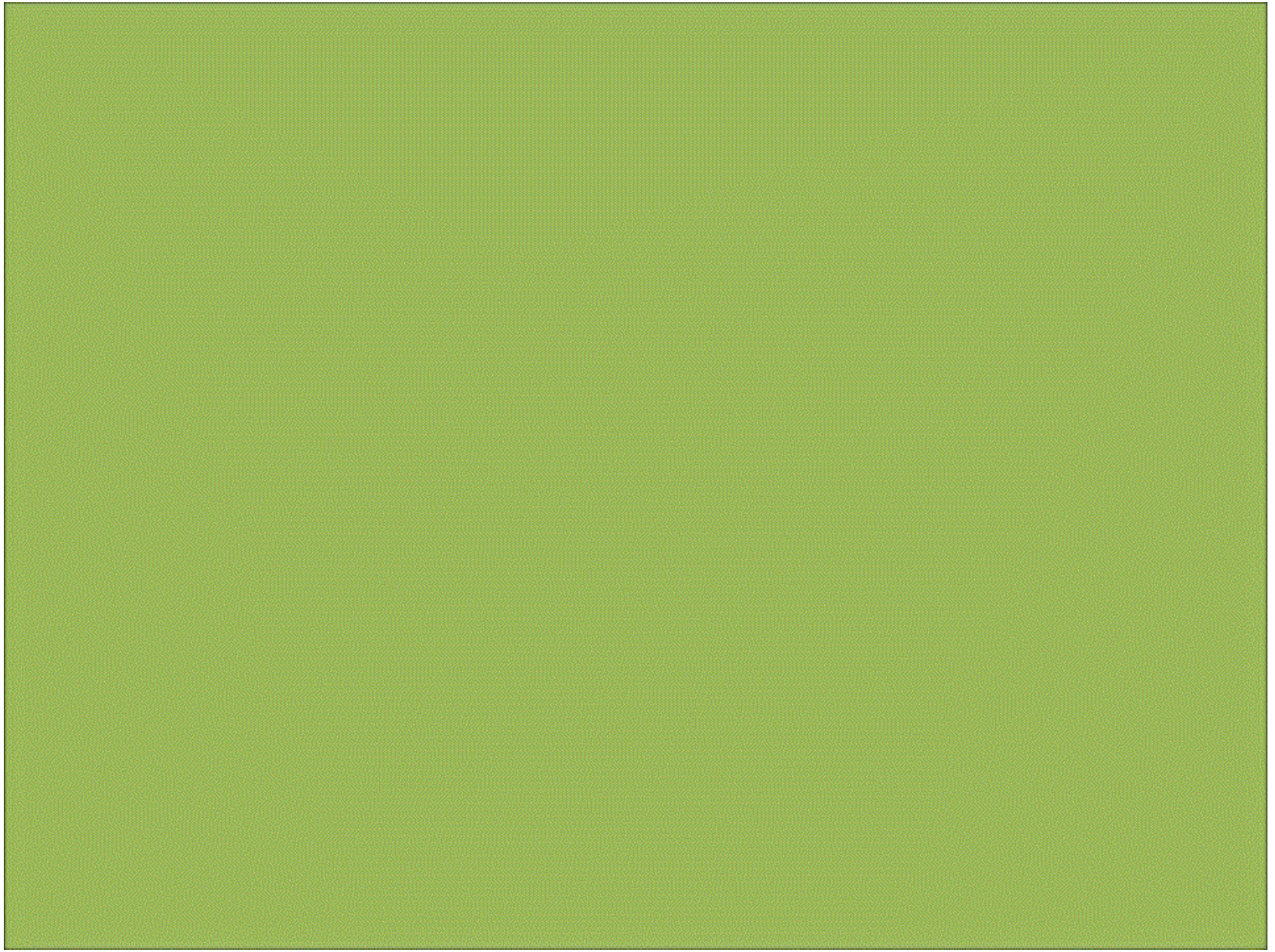


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Video: courtesy of Faith Taylor.



Landslides (Mass Wasting)



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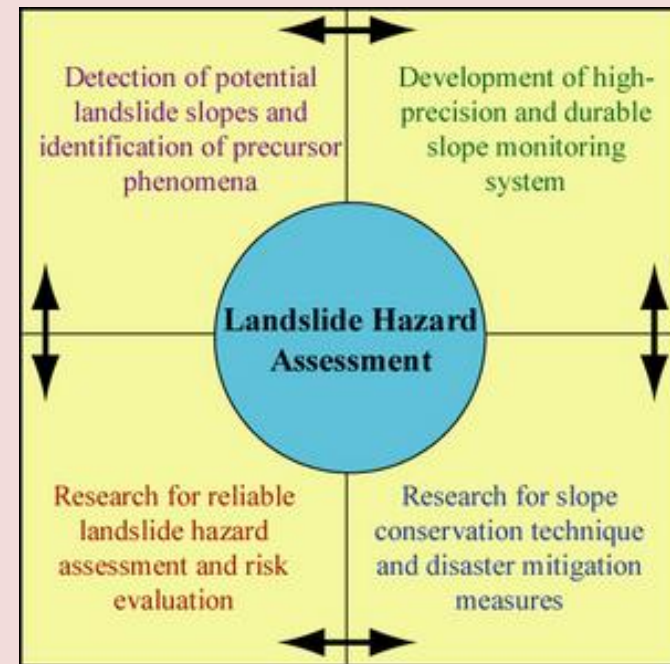


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6. Hazard Assessment of Mass Wasting

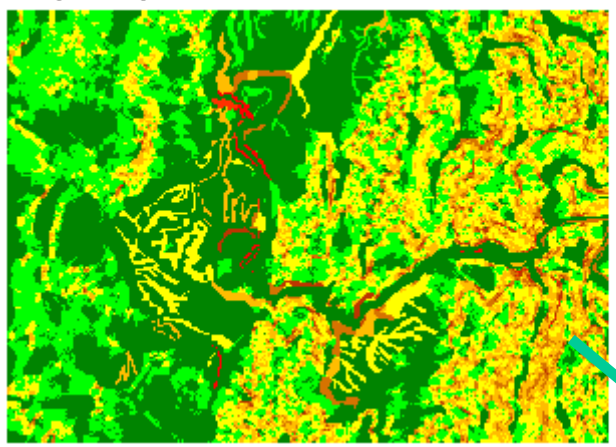
- Mass-wasting events can be **extremely hazardous** and result in extensive loss of life and property.
- In most cases:
 - (i) *Areas prone to such hazards can be recognized with some geologic knowledge.*
 - (ii) *Slopes can be stabilized or avoided.*
 - (iii) *Warning systems can be put in place that minimize the hazard.*



6. Hazard Assessment of Mass Wasting

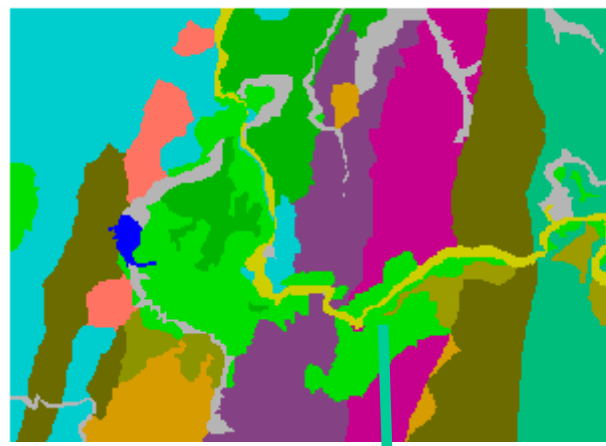
Chinchiná area, department of Caldas, central Colombia

Slope map



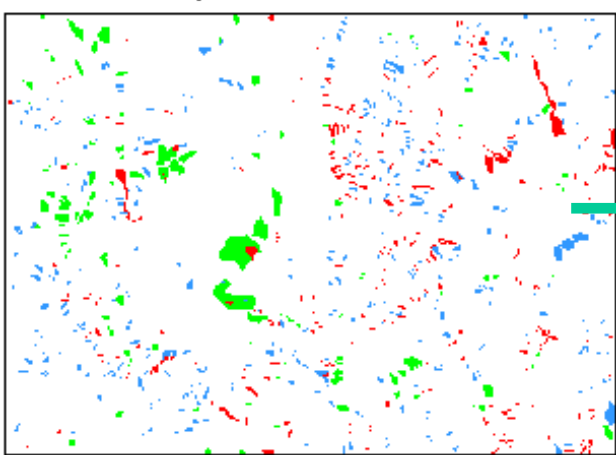
- 0 - 10°
- 10 - 20°
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- 50 - 60°
- 60 - 70°
- 70 - 80°
- 80 - 90°

Geological map



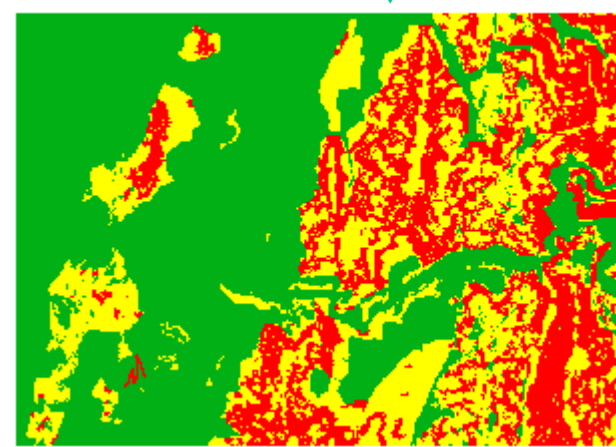
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Landslide map



- Active
- Dormant
- Stable
- Unknown

Landslide hazard map



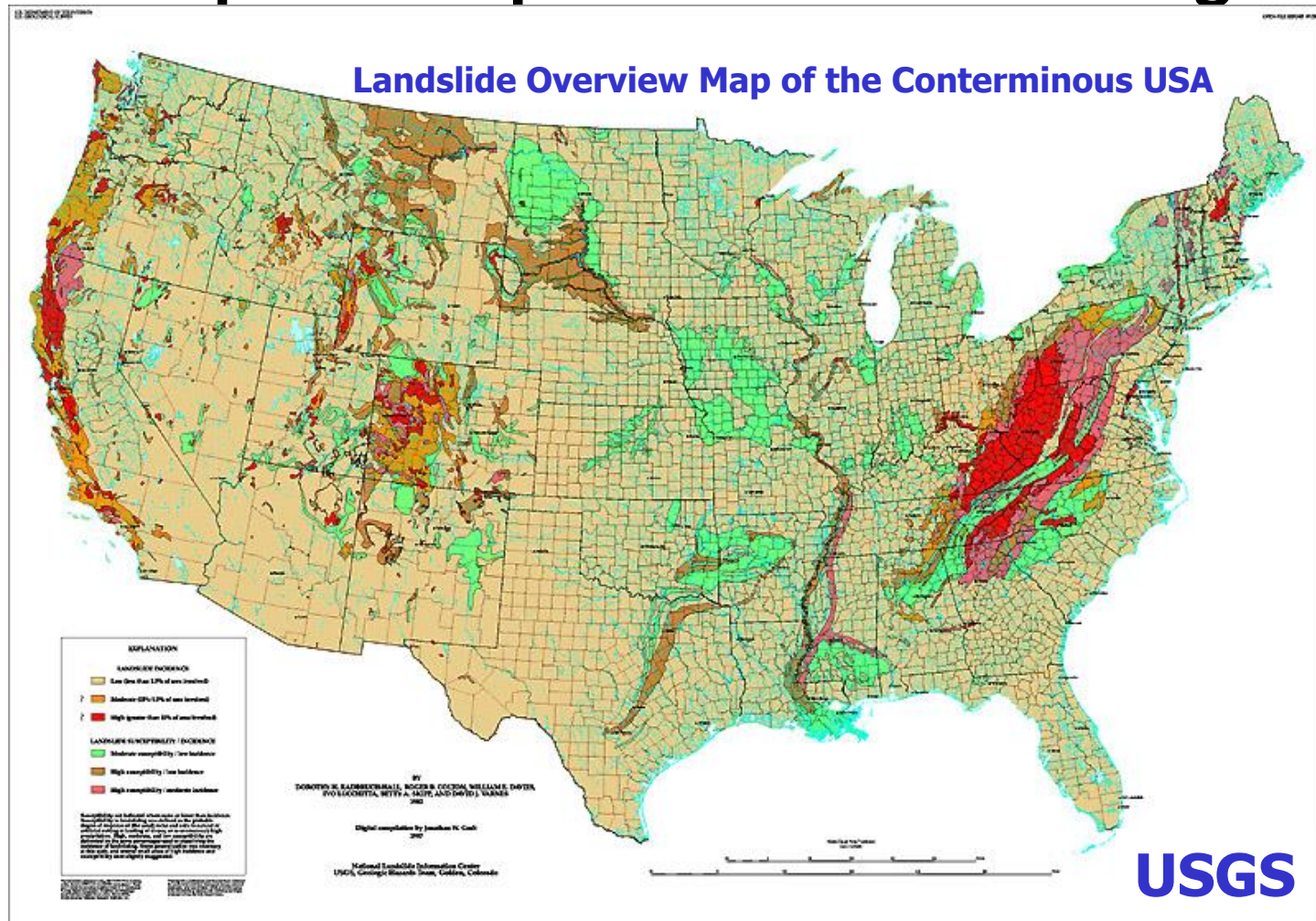
- High hazard
- Moderate hazard
- Low hazard

6. Hazard Assessment of Mass Wasting

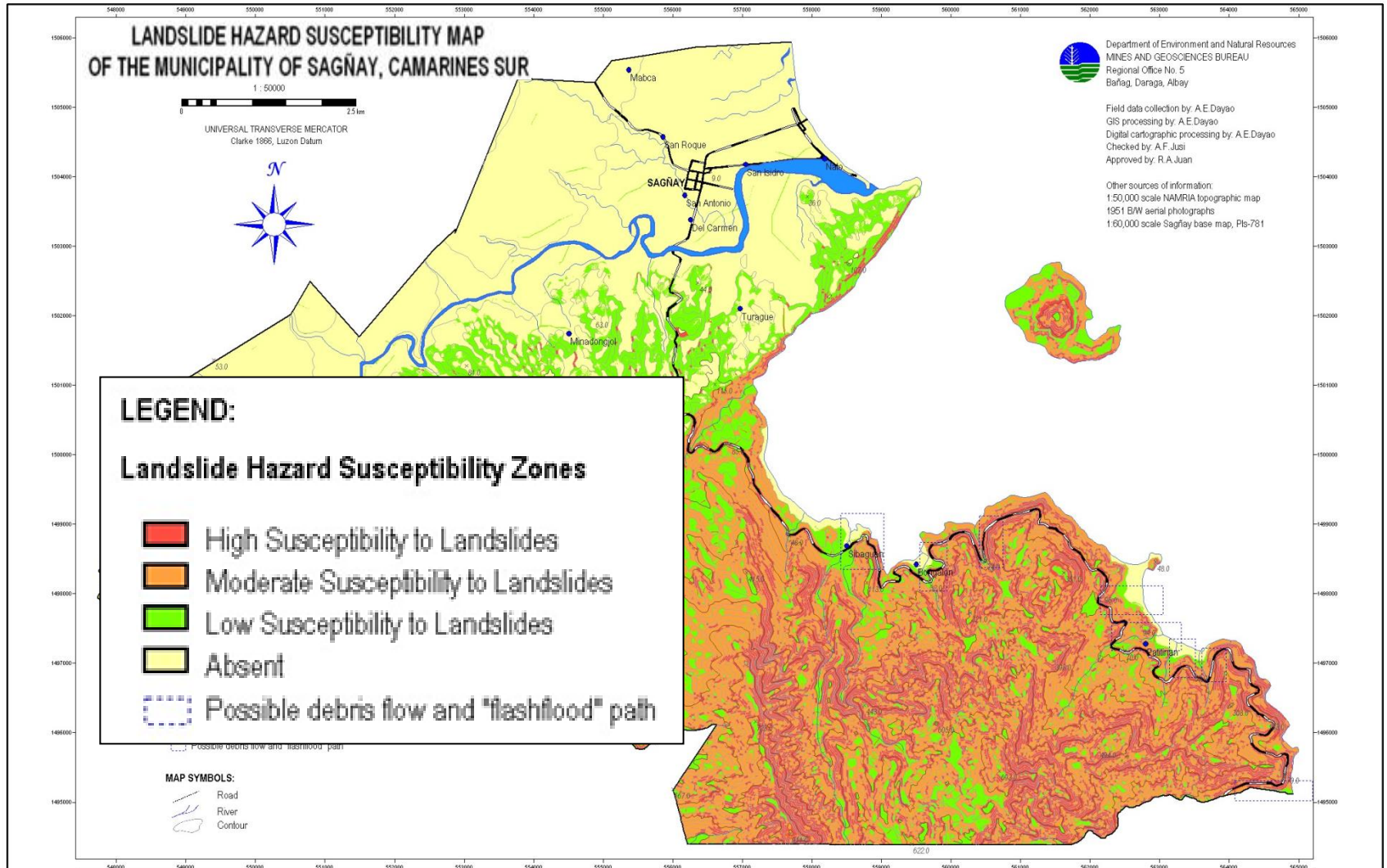
- **Many case histories of mass-wasting disasters:** looking at event in hindsight shows us that **hazardous conditions** and **previous history of mass wasting** existed prior to the event.

6. Hazard Assessment of Mass Wasting

- *If resources available*, construct maps of all areas prone to possible mass-wasting.



6. Hazard Assessment of Mass Wasting



6. Hazard Assessment of Mass Wasting

- **Planners can use such hazards maps to:**
 - **make decisions about land use policies**
 - **take steps can be taken to stabilize slopes to attempt to prevent a disaster.**
- ***What are the barriers to making these hazard maps in ALL mass-wasting prone region of the world?***

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Gansu, China
Photo: B.D. Malamud

7. Prevention & Mitigation of Mass Wasting

➤ *Slope Assessment:*

- *All slopes are susceptible to mass-wasting hazards if a triggering event occurs.*
- *Thus, all slopes should be assessed for potential mass-wasting hazards.*

➤ Mass-wasting events can sometimes be avoided by employing *engineering techniques* to make slope more stable.

➤ *Engineering mitigation technique examples:*

- (i) Steep slopes can be covered or sprayed with *SHOTCRETE, CONCRETE, or METAL MESH.*
- (ii) *RETAINING WALLS* can be built to stabilize slope.

7. Prevention & Mitigation of Mass Wasting

- Engineering mitigation technique examples (SHOTCRETE)



7. Prevention & Mitigation of Mass Wasting

- **Engineering mitigation technique examples (SHOTCRETE)**



7. Prevention & Mitigation of Mass Wasting

- Engineering mitigation technique examples (RETAINING WALLS)



Scotia Hollow Road, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, USA

<http://www.earthincorp.com/projects.html>

7. Prevention & Mitigation of Mass Wasting

➤ Engineering mitigation technique examples



7. Prevention & Mitigation of Mass Wasting

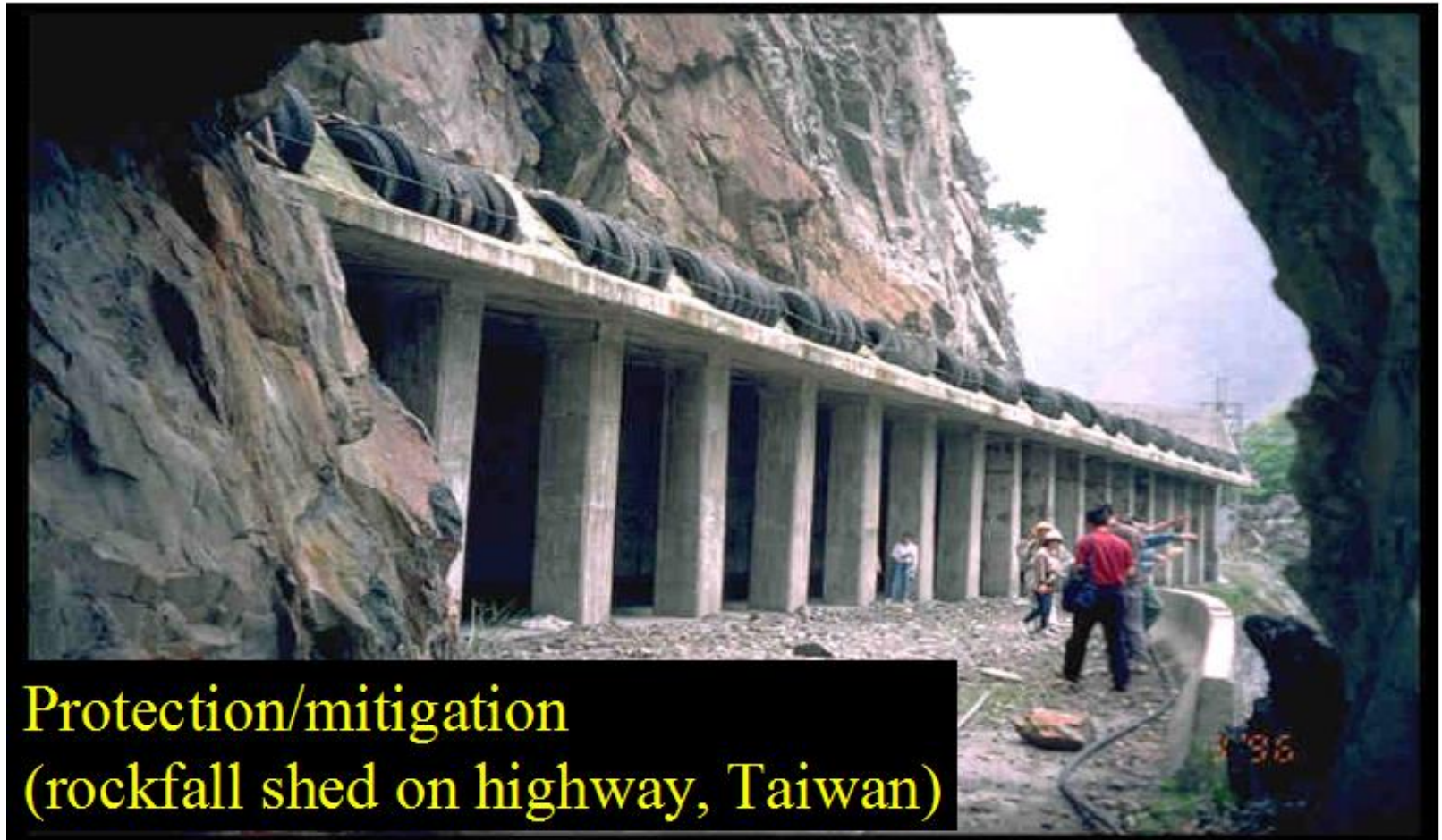
- **Engineering mitigation technique examples:**
 - (iii) **DEBRIS CHUTES** can be used to channel flows.



(debris torrent chute in Alps)

7. Prevention & Mitigation of Mass Wasting

- **Engineering mitigation technique examples:**
 - (iv) **ROCKFALL SHEDS** can protect road/railway.



Protection/mitigation
(rockfall shed on highway, Taiwan)

7. Prevention & Mitigation of Mass Wasting

- **Engineering mitigation technique examples:**
- (v) **Drainage pipes** inserted in slope to more easily allow water to get out [thus avoiding fluid pressure increase, liquefaction possibility, or increased weight due to water addition].



7. Prevention & Mitigation of Mass Wasting

➤ *Engineering mitigation technique examples:*

(vi) *Over-steepened slopes could be graded* to reduce the slope to the natural angle of repose.

➤ *Other mitigation technique examples:*

(i) In mountain valleys subject to mudflows, plans could be made to *rapidly lower levels of water in human-made reservoirs* to catch and trap the mudflows.

(ii) *Land use planning*: humans should avoid high risk areas (*what might be problem with implementation of this?*).

7. Prevention & Mitigation of Mass Wasting

- Other mitigation technique examples:
 - (iii) **WARNING SIGNS.**



7. Prevention & Mitigation of Mass Wasting

- Other mitigation technique examples:
 - (iv) *MONITOR* high risk slopes.

Continuous monitoring of high-risk landslides

E=extensimeters
B= instrumented boreholes



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9. QUESTIONS and COMMENTS



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