



ChangingRISKS: changing pattern of landslide risks as a response to global changes in mountain areas



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Lead: Centre National de Recherche Scientifique (France)

Website: <http://www.lgp.cnrs-bellevue.fr/arnica/>

EURAS-CLIMPACT

Impact of climate change and related glacier hazards and mitigation strategies in the European Alps, Swedish Lapland and the Tien Shan Mountains, Central Asia

Lead: Department of Environmental Geosciences, University of Vienna (Austria)

Website: <http://mediportal.univie.ac.at/uniview/forschung/detailansicht/artikel/wenn-die-gletscher-schmelzen-1/>

ChangingRISKS

Changing pattern of landslide risks as response to global changes in mountain areas.

Lead: Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique / Institut de Physique du Globe de Strasbourg (France)

CAMELEON

CArbon dynamics in Mountain Ecosystems: analyzing Landscape-scale Effects Of aNthropogenic changes (climate and land-use)

Lead: Laboratoire des Sciences du Climat et de l'Environnement - Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique (France)

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KEY RESEARCH QUESTION

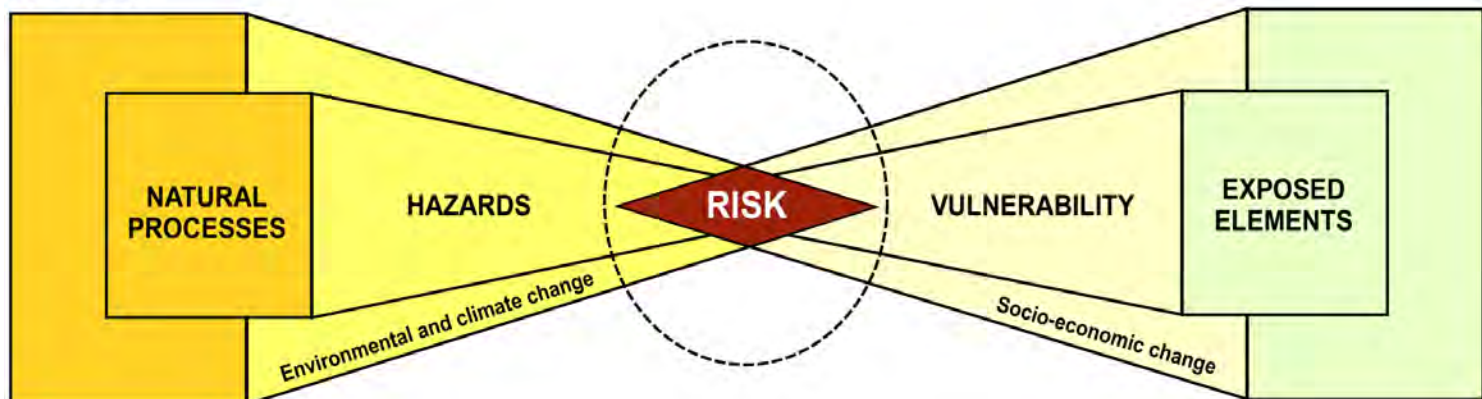
Changing RISKS

- Can we identify changes in **landslide hazard** (susceptibility, frequency, magnitude) and **landslide risks** (vulnerability, costs) associated to climate and landcover change scenarios?
- What **indicators** to express these possible changes?

ACTUAL STATE

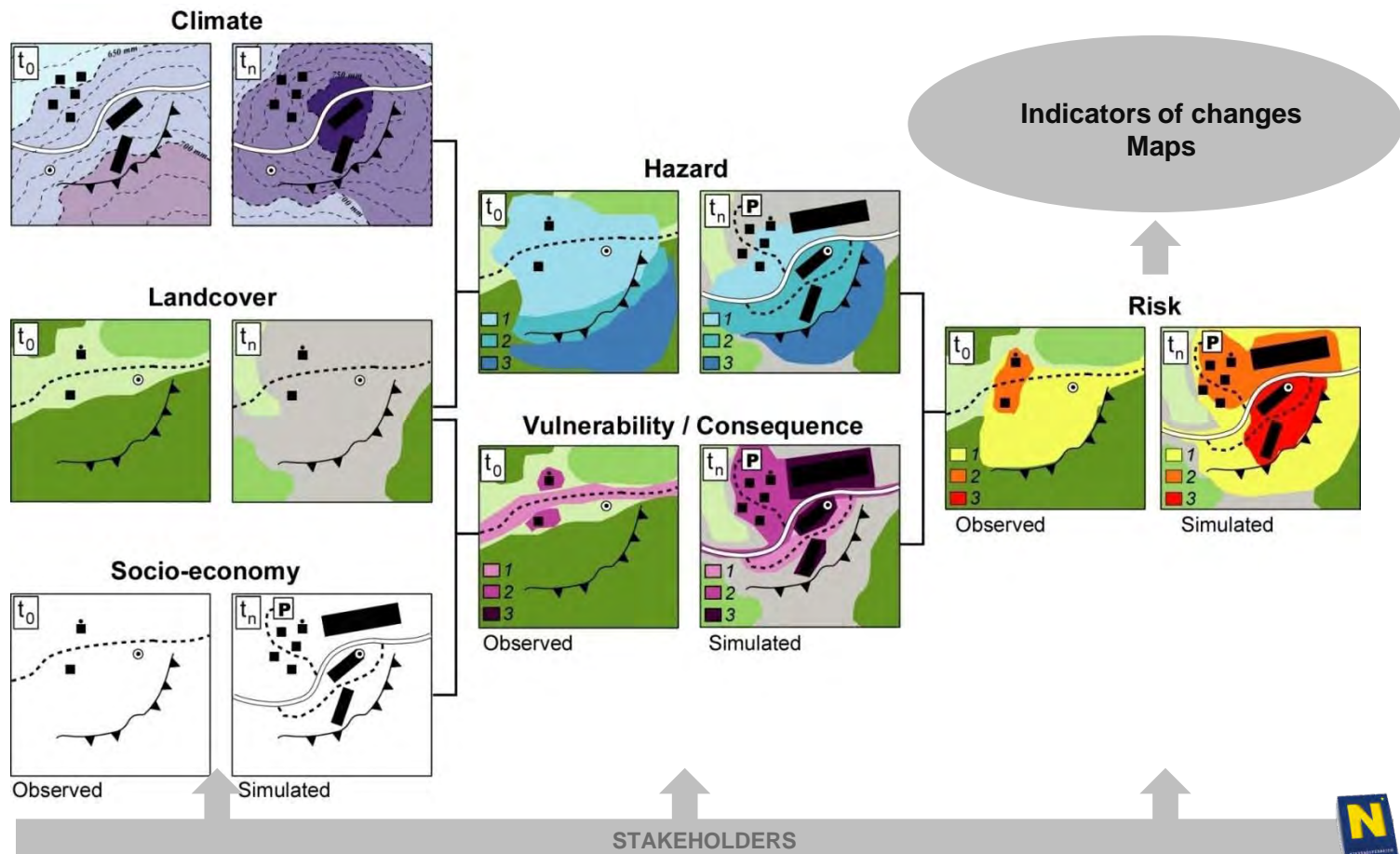


SCENARIO



CONCEPT AND METHODOLOGY

- Definition of time series & maps of actual/changing predisposing/triggering factors
→ Creation of actual and 'changed' landslide hazard maps
- Definition of 'changed' maps of landcover and socio-economic factors
→ Creation of actual and 'changed' landslide risk maps



METHOD

- Comparative analysis of 2 study areas with different environmental conditions and different exposures to landslide risks



Stakeholder:

Service de Restauration des Terrains en Montagne



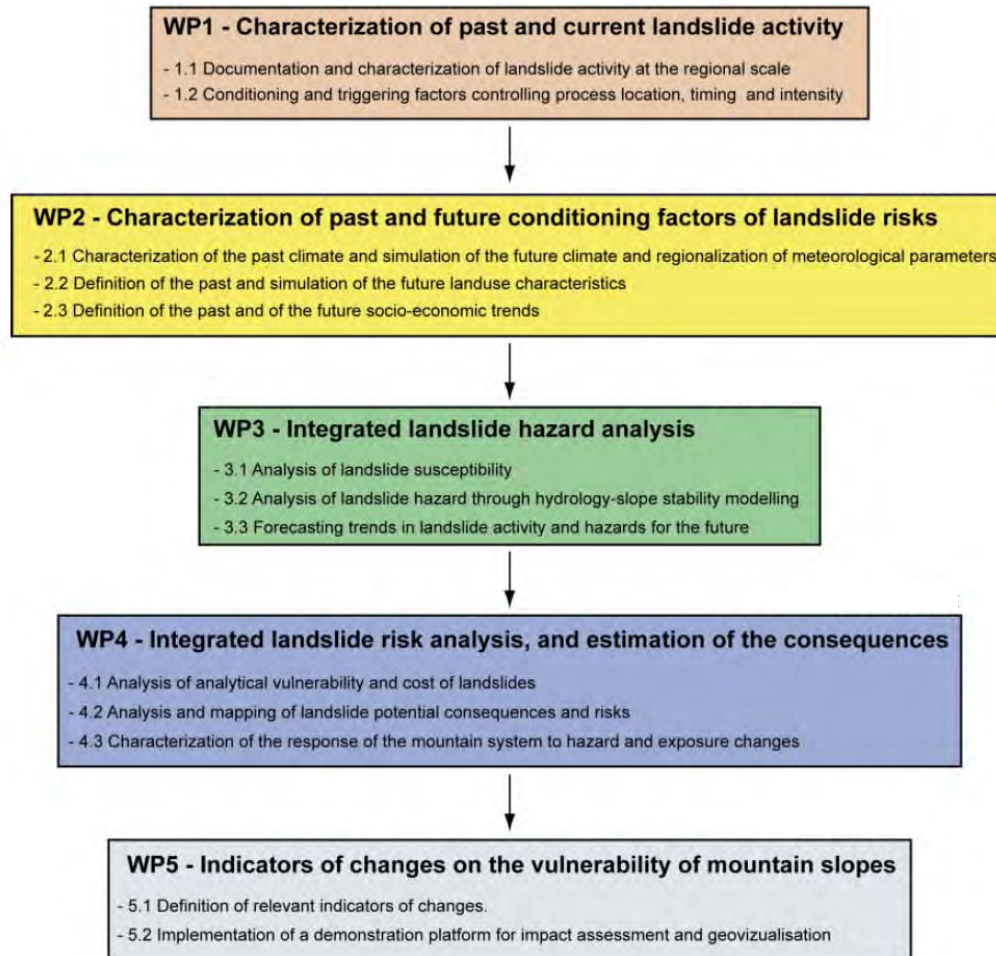
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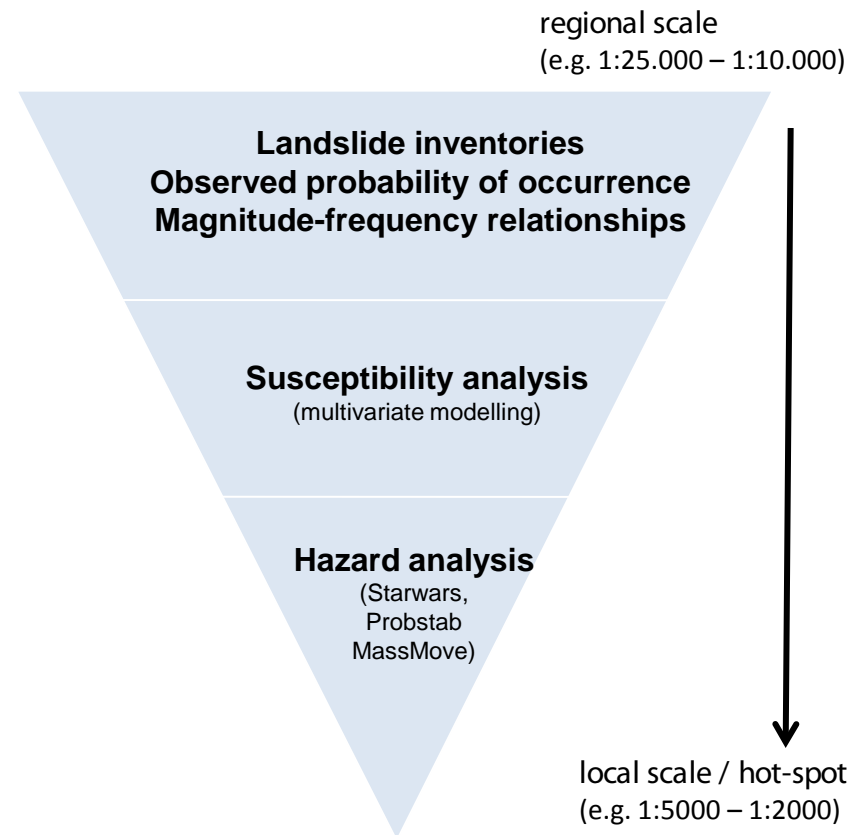


PROJECT ORGANIZATION: TASKS

Flowchart of project tasks



Scale of analysis



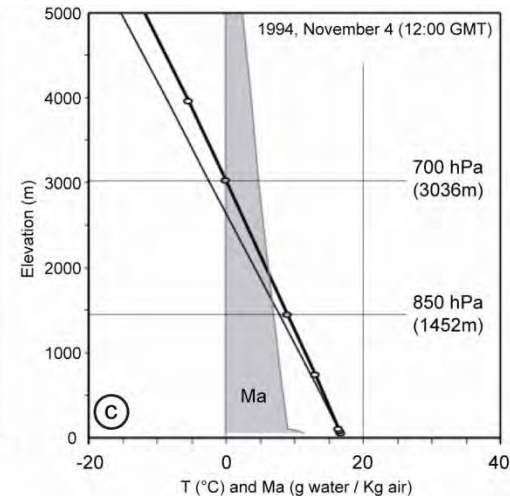
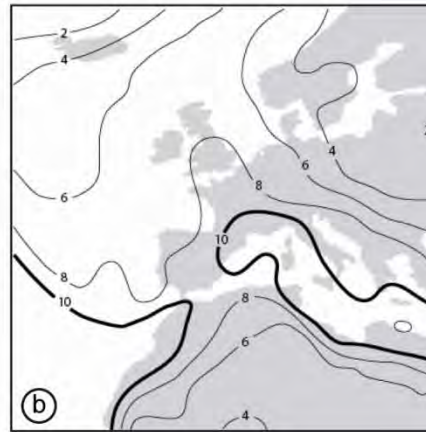
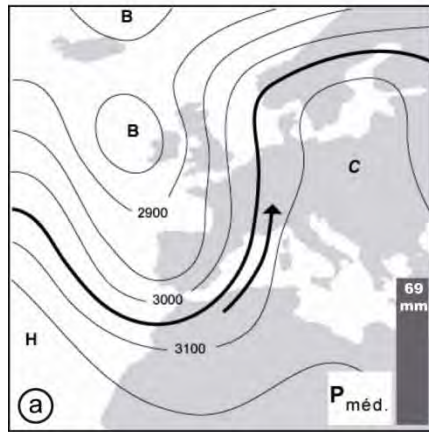
WP1 - Characterization of past and current landslide activity

- 1.1 Documentation and characterization of landslide activity at the regional scale
- 1.2 Conditioning and triggering factors controlling process location, timing and intensity

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Landslide triggering factors analysis

→ Climate classification: analysis of synoptic weather situations for Barcelonnette



Mean characteristics of air-mass type associated to landslides triggering in the Barcelonnette basin for the 1975-2004 period.

| Air-mass | Number of landslides | Number of debris flows | Number of muslides | P (mm) | Temperature at Nimes (°C) | | | Altitude (m) | | Atmospheric moisture (g water / Kg air) | | | |
|----------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------|---------------------------|---------|---------|--------------|---------|---|--------|---------|-------|
| | | | | | ground | 850 hPa | 700 hPa | 850 hPa | 700 hPa | ground | 850 ha | 700 hPa | total |
| P med | 5 | 3 | 2 | 35,5 | 18,0 | 8,2 | -0,8 | 1464,6 | 3043,2 | 11,1 | 6,7 | 4,2 | 27,4 |
| Pm | 7 | 0 | 7 | 17,5 | 15,1 | 5,2 | -6,9 | 1320,7 | 2862,4 | 7,4 | 4,4 | 2,7 | 16,4 |
| Pm d | 8 | 6 | 2 | 20,5 | 18,9 | 8,9 | -0,8 | 1487,4 | 3054,8 | 8,1 | 3,9 | 3,1 | 19,3 |
| T cont | 3 | 3 | 0 | 18,8 | 31,2 | 16,7 | 4,3 | 1558,7 | 3182,7 | 11,5 | 7,0 | 5,2 | 32,6 |
| Tm | 5 | 3 | 2 | 26,3 | 23,0 | 12,1 | 4,3 | 1479,8 | 3086,5 | 11,9 | 6,2 | 5,2 | 27,8 |
| T med | 2 | 2 | 0 | 31,3 | 22,8 | 12,8 | 3,8 | 1473,0 | 3076,0 | 9,9 | 7,3 | 4,8 | 30,6 |

Pm: Polar maritim
Pmd: Polar mediterannean

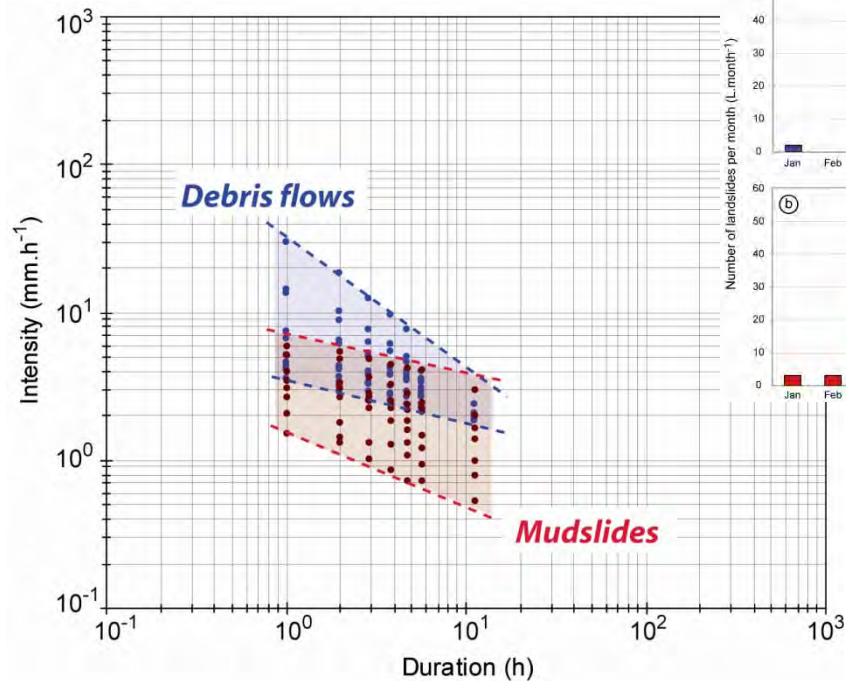
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Landslide triggering factors analysis

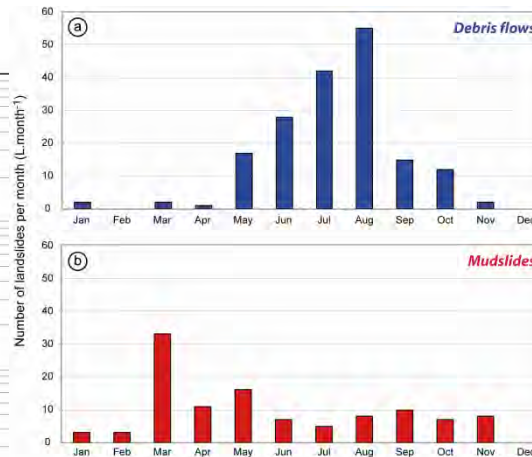
→ Rainfall thresholds: intensity-duration approach - Barcelonnette

Calculations based on the rainfall intensity threshold method (Caine, 1980; Montgomery et al., 2000)

The rainfall intensity is based on the total amount of rainfall for a given duration (1h; 2h; 6h; 12h; 24h), which may trigger or reactivate a landslide



Peak intensity associated to debris flows and mudslides triggering



Seasonal occurrence of landslides in the Barcelonnette basin

-> Events characterized by **high rainfall intensity** and **short episode duration** (i.e. mostly the result of localized convective storms) will trigger mostly **debris flows** and **shallow slides** in relatively permeable soils (e.g. moraines, scree slopes or poorly sorted slope deposits).

-> Long rainfall periods characterized by **low to moderate average and peak rainfall intensity** (i.e. the result of multiple and successive storms during a period of several weeks or months) can trigger/reactivate **shallow and deep-seated landslides** in low permeability soils and rocks (e.g., black marls, clay-rich material).

PROGRESS

- ## ■ Climate modelling

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Example: precipitation field in Barcelonnette
of 1st January 1965

1. Scoccimarro E., S. Gualdi, A. Bellucci, A. Sanna, P.G. Fogli, E. Manzini, M. Vichi, P. Oddo, and A. Navarra, 2011: Effects of Tropical Cyclones on Ocean Heat Transport in a High Resolution Coupled General Circulation Model. *Journal of Climate*, 24, 4368-4384.

WP2 - Characterization of past and future conditioning factors of landslide risks

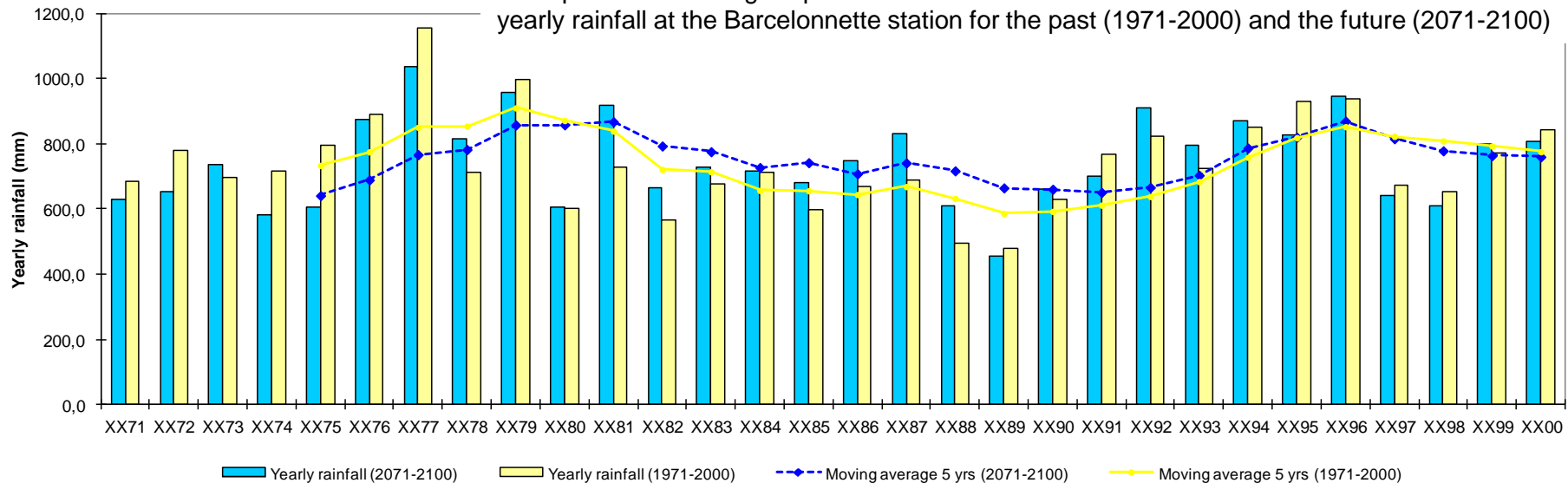
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Climate modelling

Example of meteorological parameter database:

yearly rainfall at the Barcelonnette station for the past (1971-2000) and the future (2071-2100)



→ Creation of parameter maps relevant for landslide triggering

Parameter 1: 90th percentile of maximum n -days summer precipitation ($Pnd_{q0,9}$, $1 \leq n \leq 10$)

- Most landslides are related to intense summer (JJA) rainfall episodes lasting for several days.
- The 90th percentile is the extreme event associated to a recurrence period of 10 years, which seems appropriate for landslide occurrence.
- Creation of maps of summer $Pnd_{q0,9}$ precipitation for the actual and future periods.

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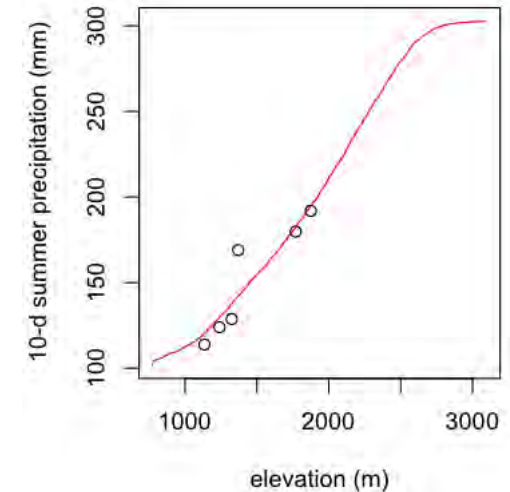
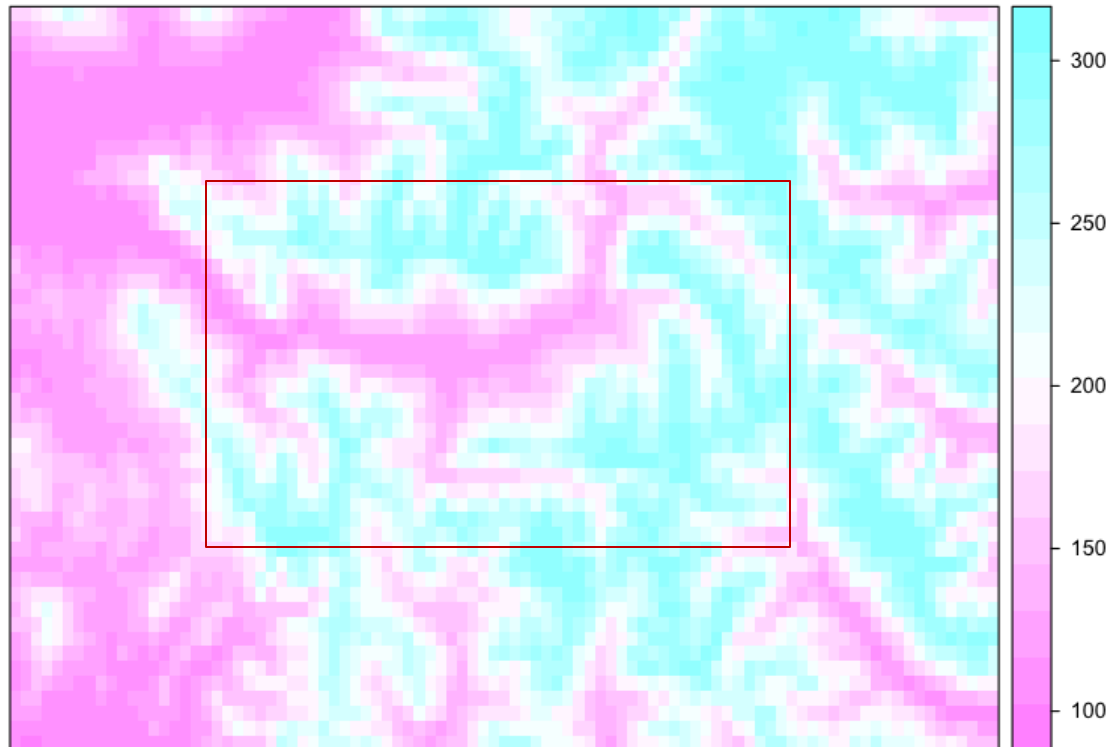
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■ Climate modelling

Map of summer P10d_{q0.9}

- Good relationship with elevation (p-value = 0.00977, $r^2 = 0.84$)
- OLS regression with elevation as covariate.



Regression between summer P10d_{q0.9} and elevation

Map of summer P10d_{q0.9} for the reference period based on station-data

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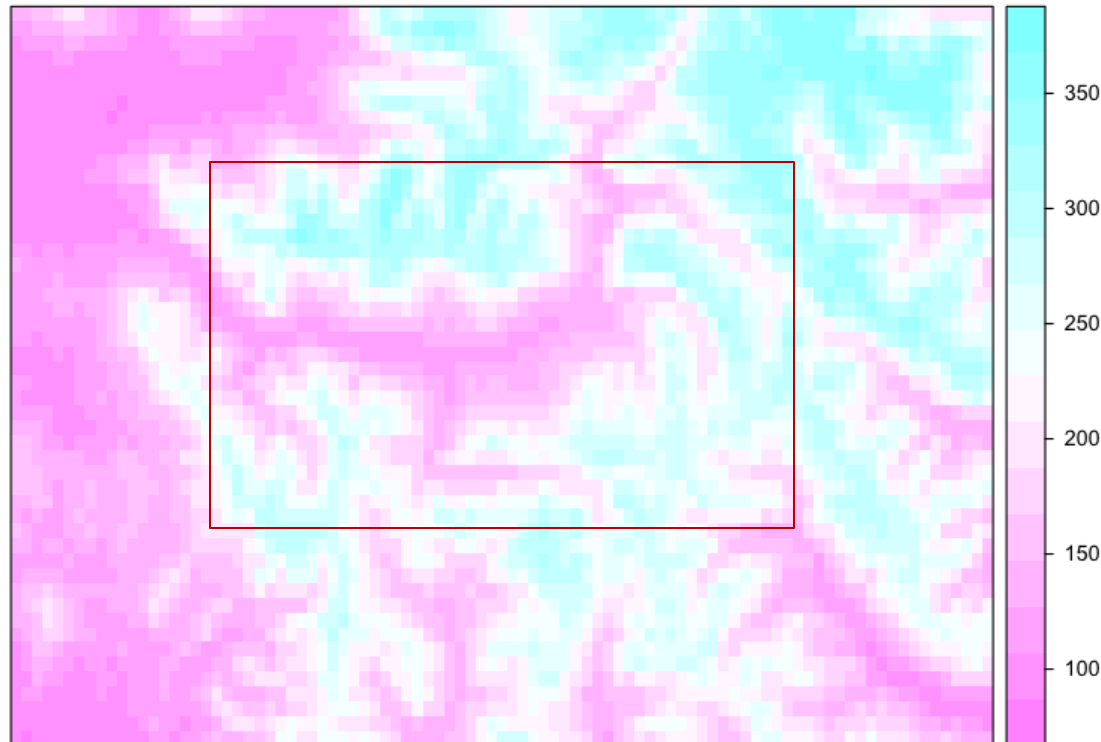
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Extrapolating to future scenario

- Maps of $P10d_{q0.9}$ were computed from GCM data for ref. and future periods.
- Ratio between future and reference periods was used for extrapolating station-based $P10d_{q0.9}$ map to future.



Ratio between future and reference summer $P10d_{q0.9}$ based on GCM data: cyan = increase, magenta = decrease



Map of summer $P10d_{q0.9}$ for the future period based on station-data and GCM projected change

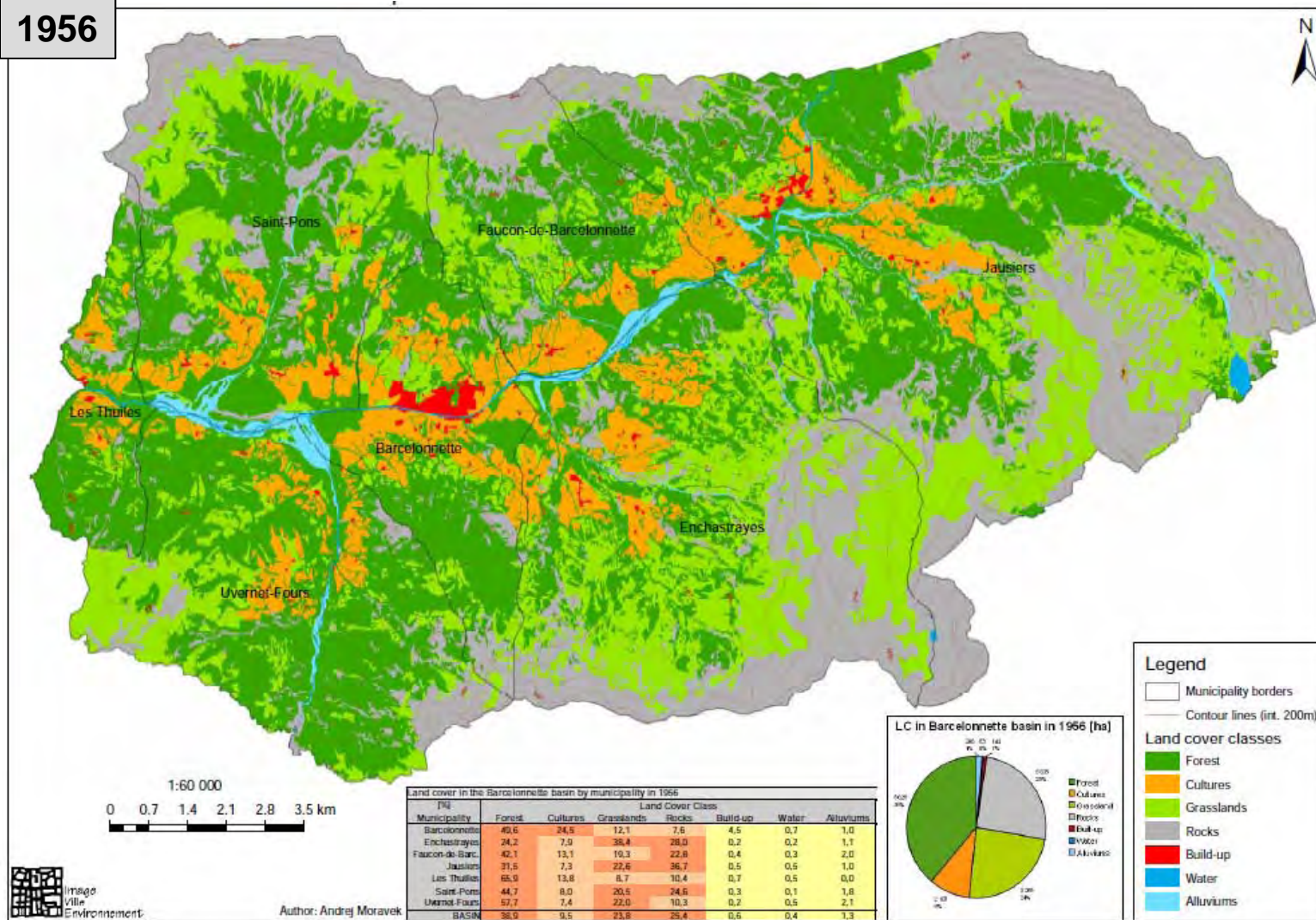
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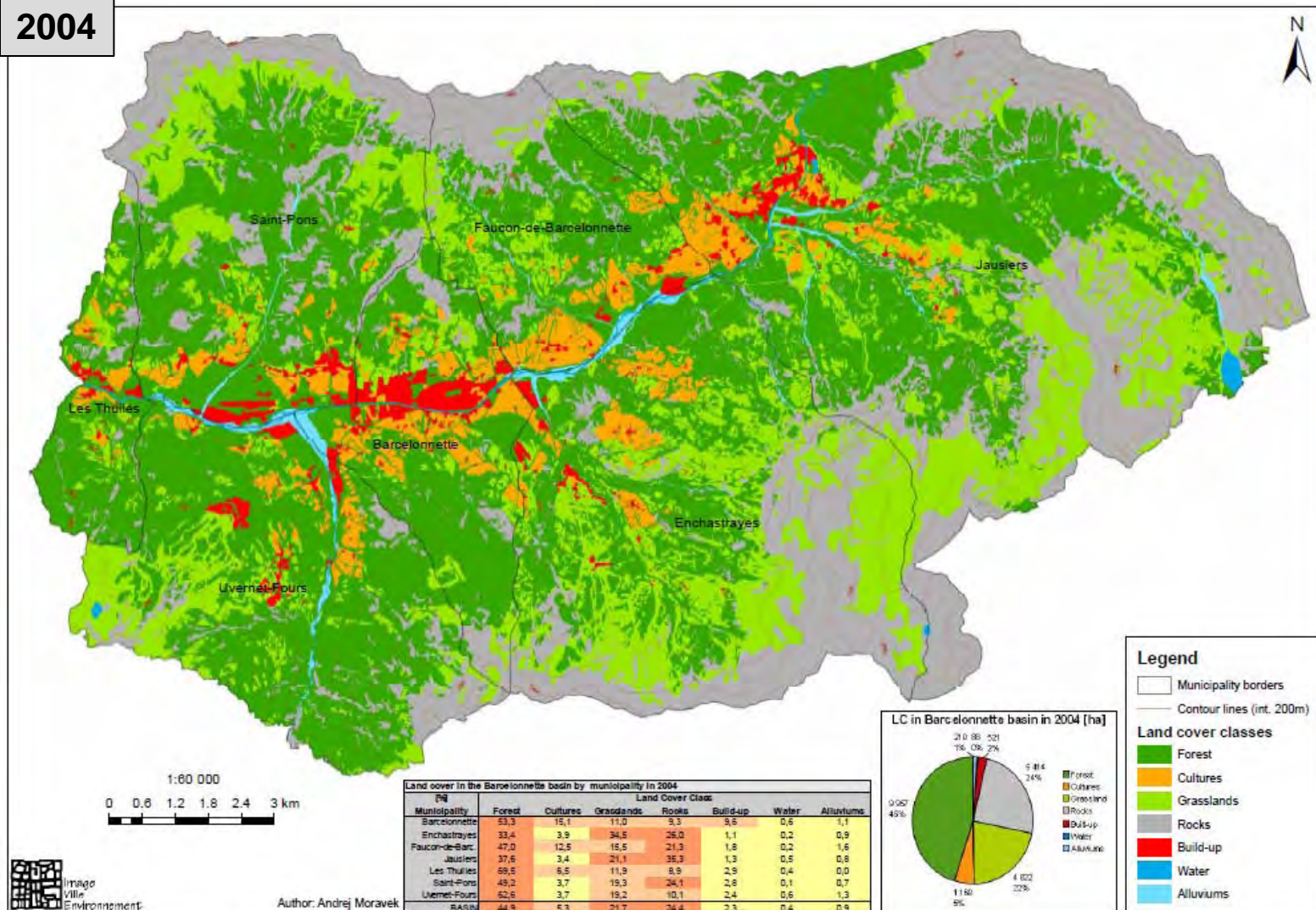
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■ Landcover modelling: observed frequency of changes

Scenario-based approach (e.g. PRUDENCE)

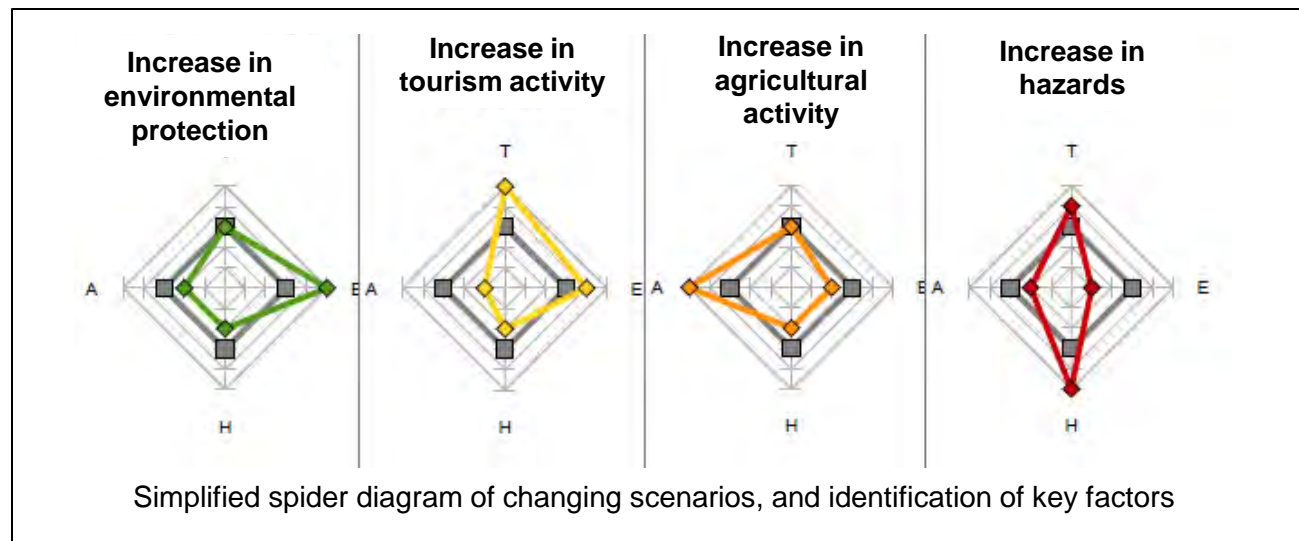
Driving factors:

A: Agriculture

B: Tourism

C: Environmental awareness

D: Natural hazard



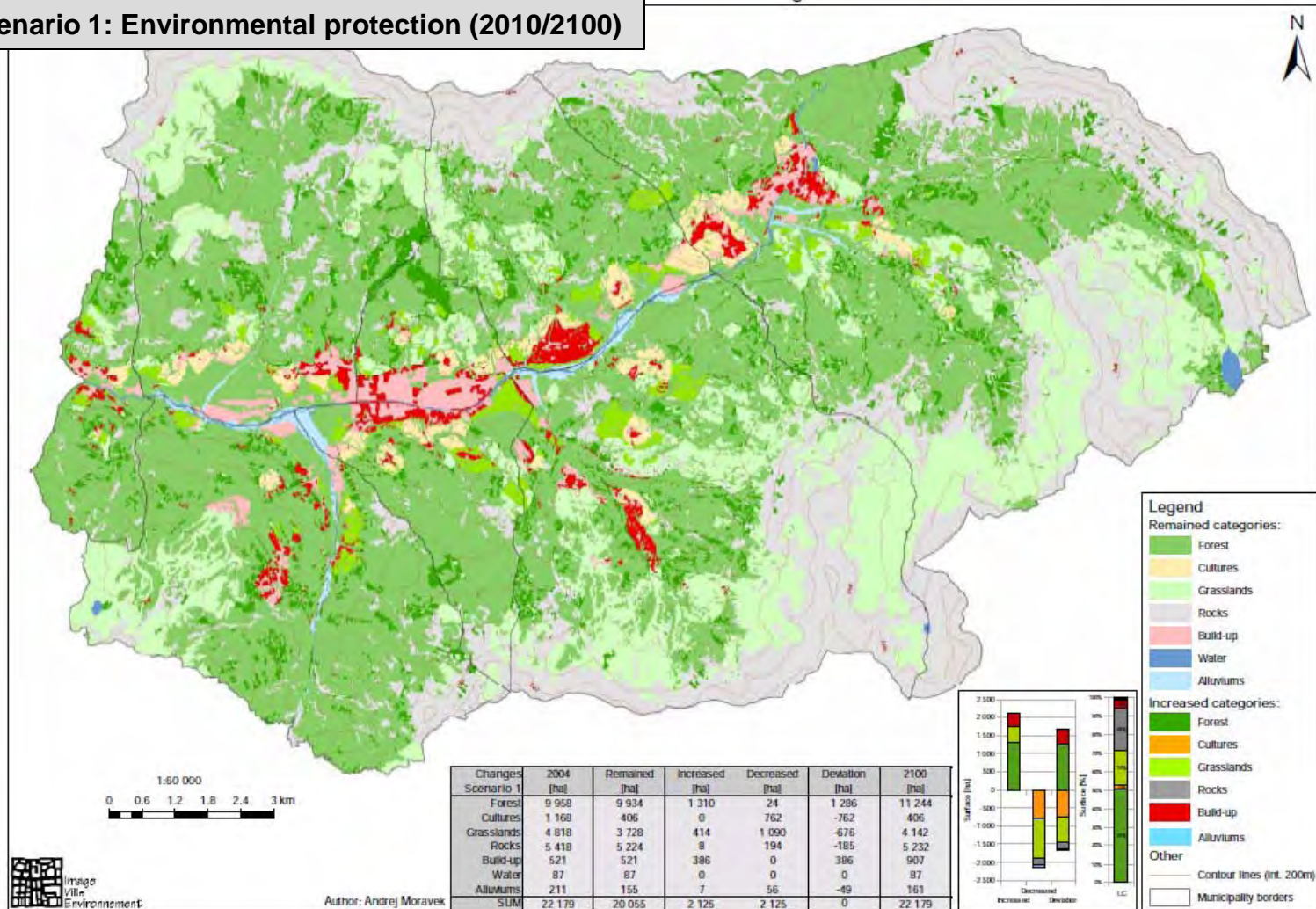
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Scenario 1: Environmental protection (2010/2100)



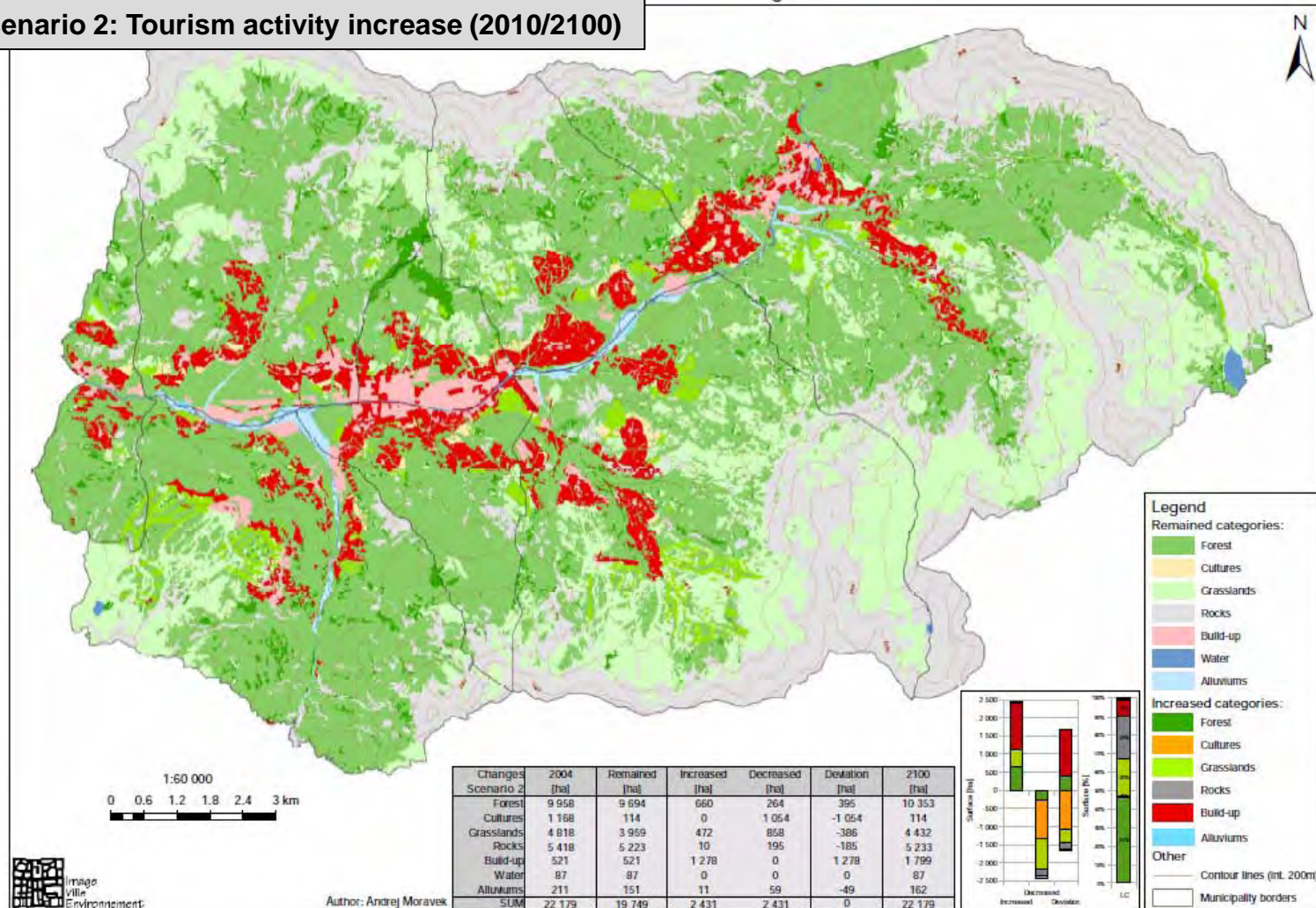
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Scenario 2: Tourism activity increase (2010/2100)



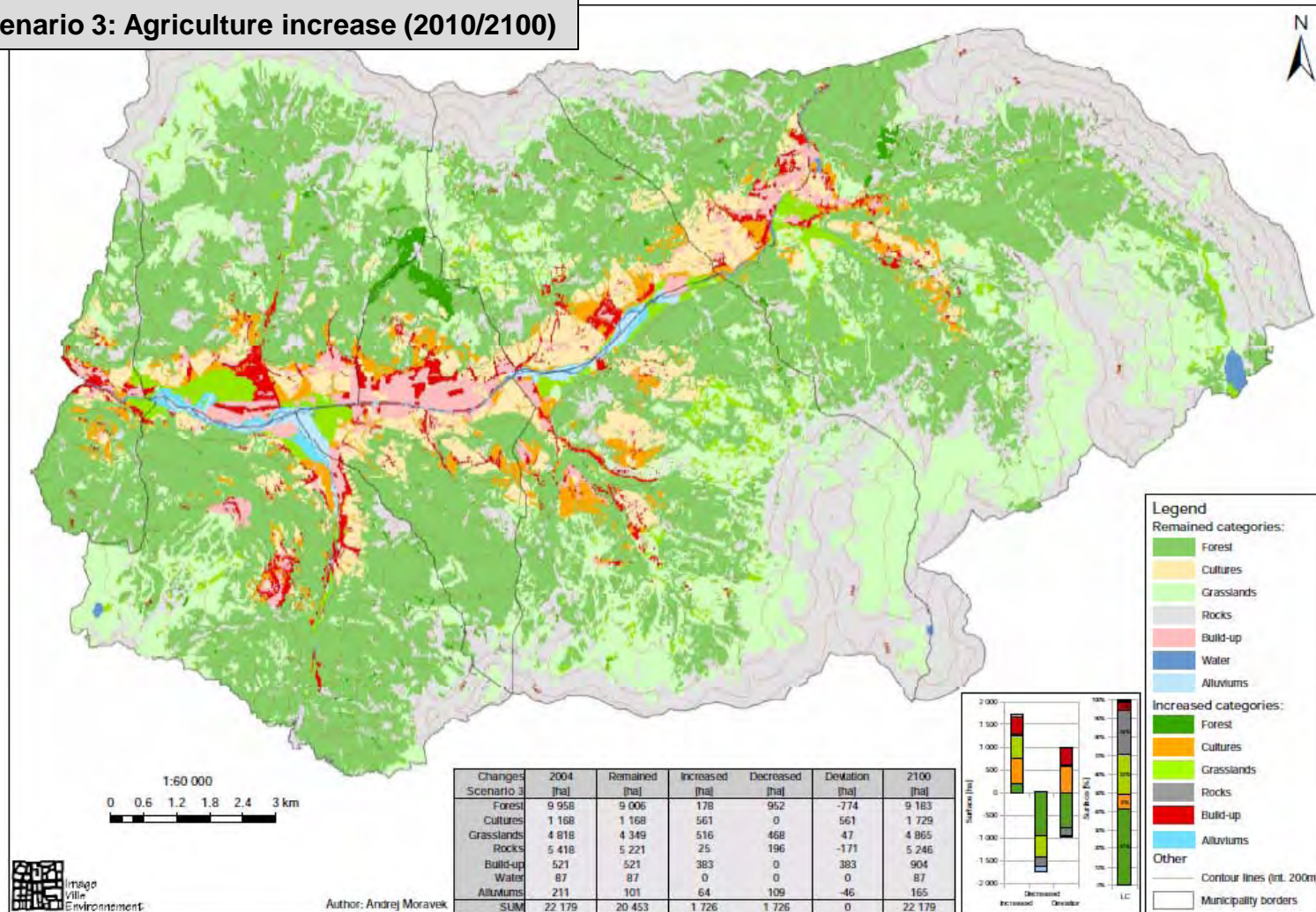
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Scenario 3: Agriculture increase (2010/2100)



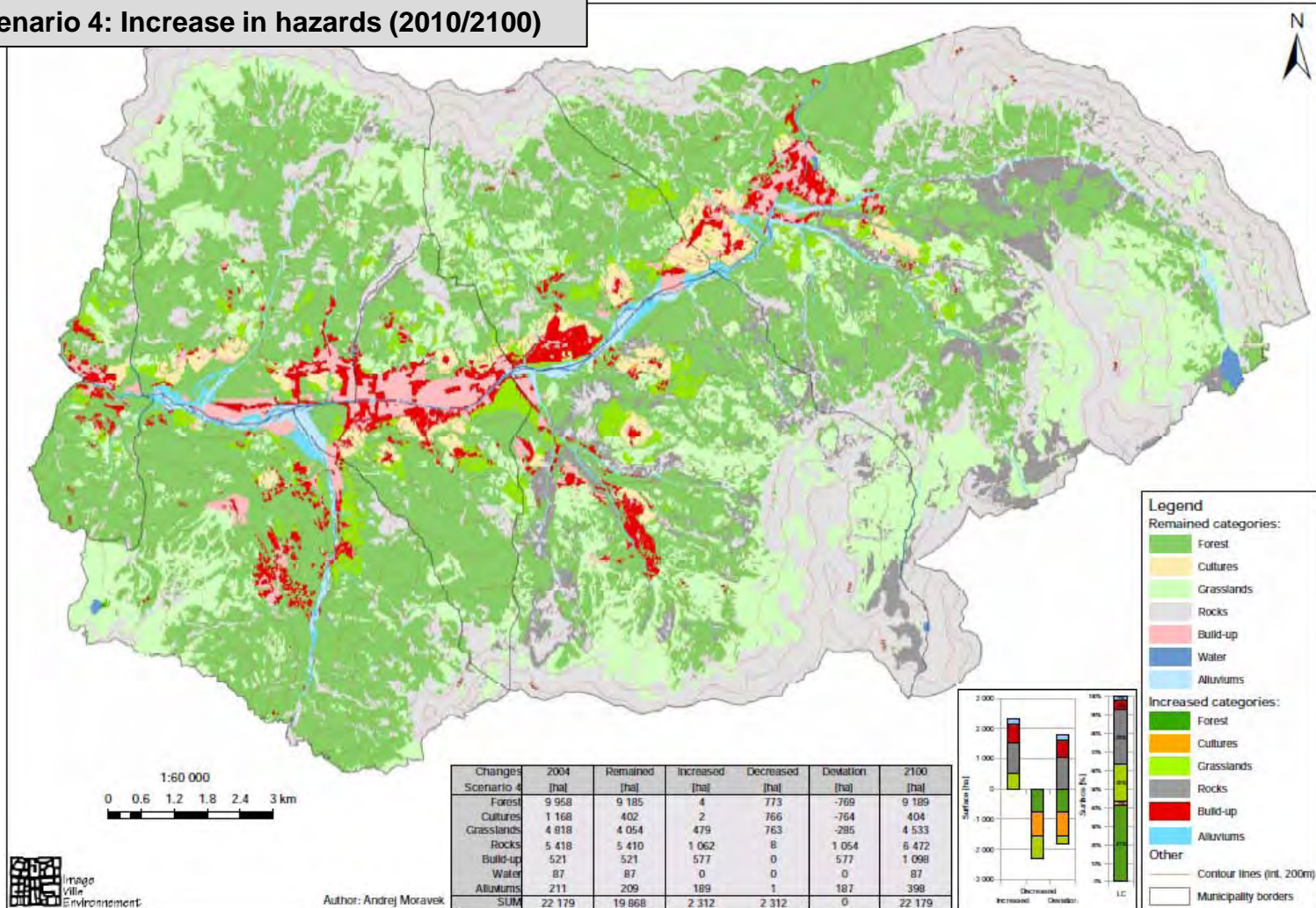
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Scenario 4: Increase in hazards (2010/2100)



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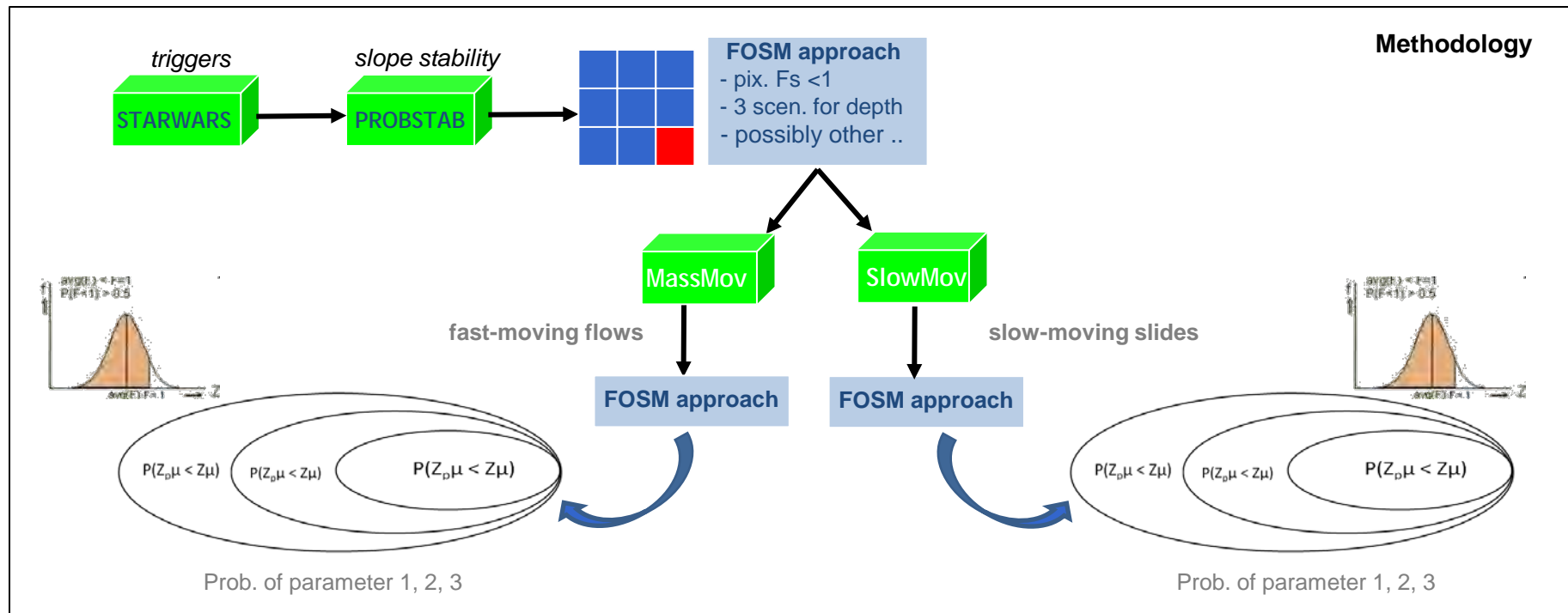
Susceptibility modelling

Integration of climate parameter maps (actual, future) and landcover maps (actual, future) in a multivariate model → e.g. MSc thesis – Barcelonnette : *A. Schmidt (started in February 2012)*

Hazard modelling

Development of processing chain of process-based models:
Starwars – ProbStab – MassMove/SlowMove

(van Beek, 2002; Malet et al. 2005; Begueria et al., 2009; Spickermann et al., 2012)

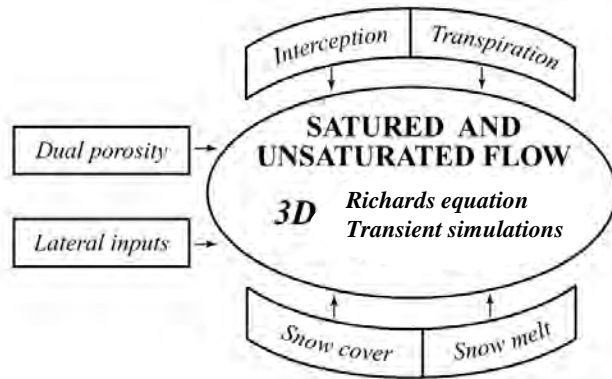


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■ Core model

- Generalized Darcy's law for saturated & unsaturated medium

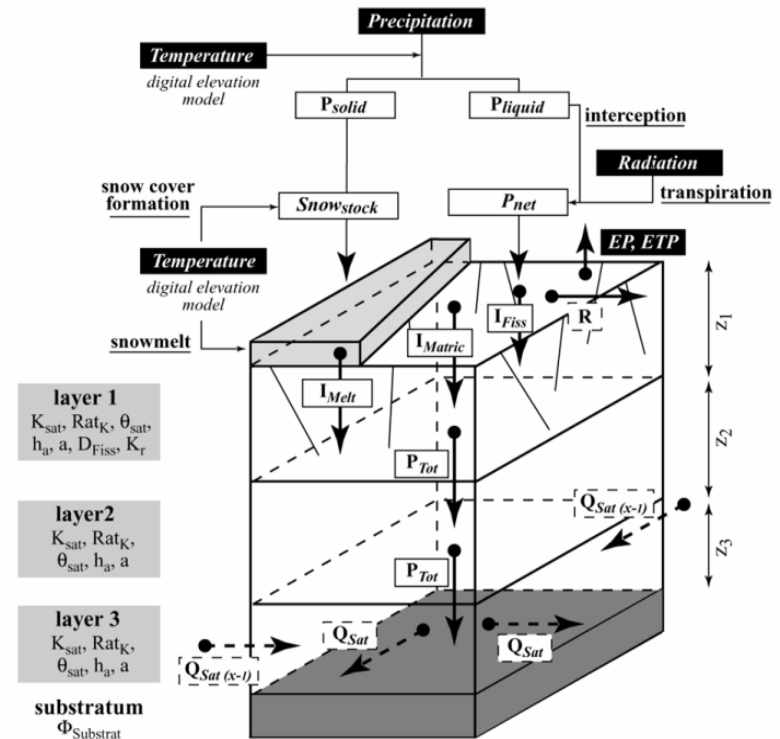
$$q_i = -k_{rw} \frac{\rho_w * g}{\mu_w} k_i \nabla (\Psi + z)_p$$

- Continuity equation

$$\frac{\delta(n\rho)}{\delta t} = \rho \frac{\delta n}{\delta t} + n \frac{\delta \rho}{\delta t}$$

- Richards diffusivity equation

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta x} \left(k(\omega) \frac{\delta h}{\delta x} \right) + \frac{\delta}{\delta y} \left(k(\omega) \frac{\delta h}{\delta y} \right) + \frac{\delta}{\delta z} \left(k(\omega) \frac{\delta h}{\delta z} \right) + W = \frac{\delta \omega}{\delta t}$$



■ Additional capabilities

- dual porosity (fissure flow, matrix flow)
- lateral inputs: $Q_{lat} = f(t)$
- snow cover formation and snow melting
- topographic control: altitude on rainfall temperature
slope gradient on radiation
- vegetation (canopy interception, transpiration)

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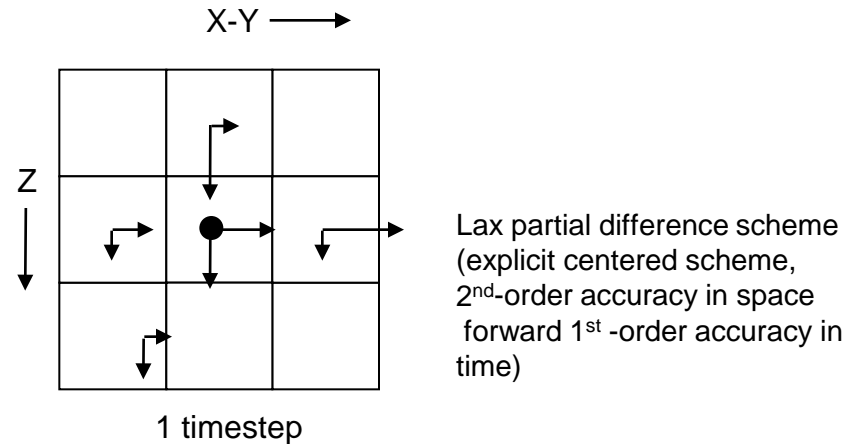
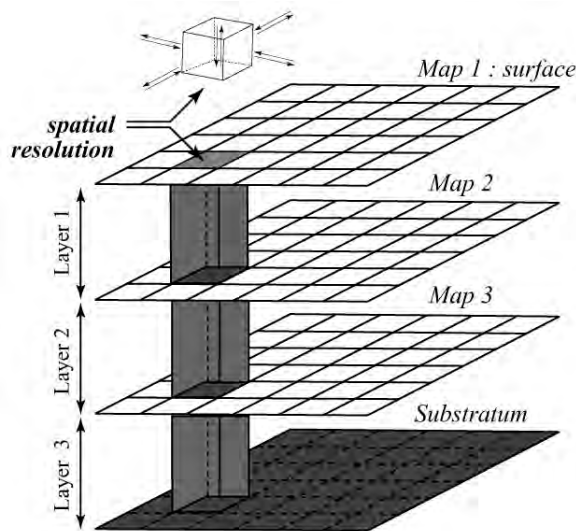
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■ Numerical scheme

$$h_{x,y}^{t+1} = \frac{1}{4} (h_{x-1,y}^t + h_{x+1,y}^t + h_{x,y-1}^t + h_{x,y+1}^t) - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (hu_{x+1,y}^t - hu_{x-1,y}^t) - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta y} (hv_{x,y+1}^t - hv_{x,y-1}^t)$$

■ Distributed 2.5-D representation (pseudo 3-D)

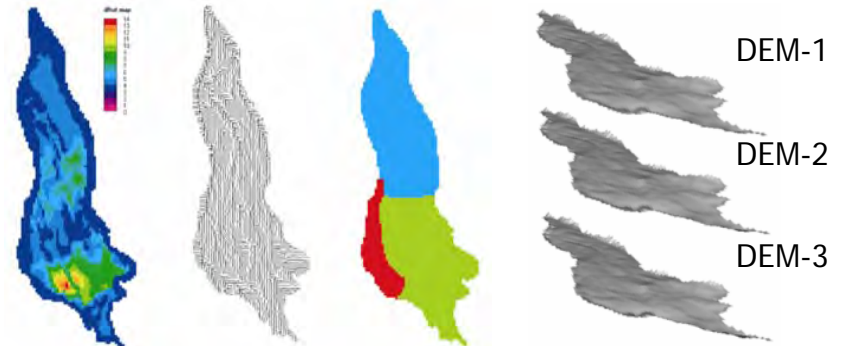
- cell calculation (center of the cell)
- geometry -> DEMs of layer interface



Lax partial difference scheme
(explicit centered scheme,
2nd-order accuracy in space
forward 1st-order accuracy in
time)

■ Spatially explicit input parameters

- adaptive spatial resolution (0.5 m – 100m)
- adaptive temporal resolution (minutes, hours, days)
- landuse-dependant parameters (value distribution)



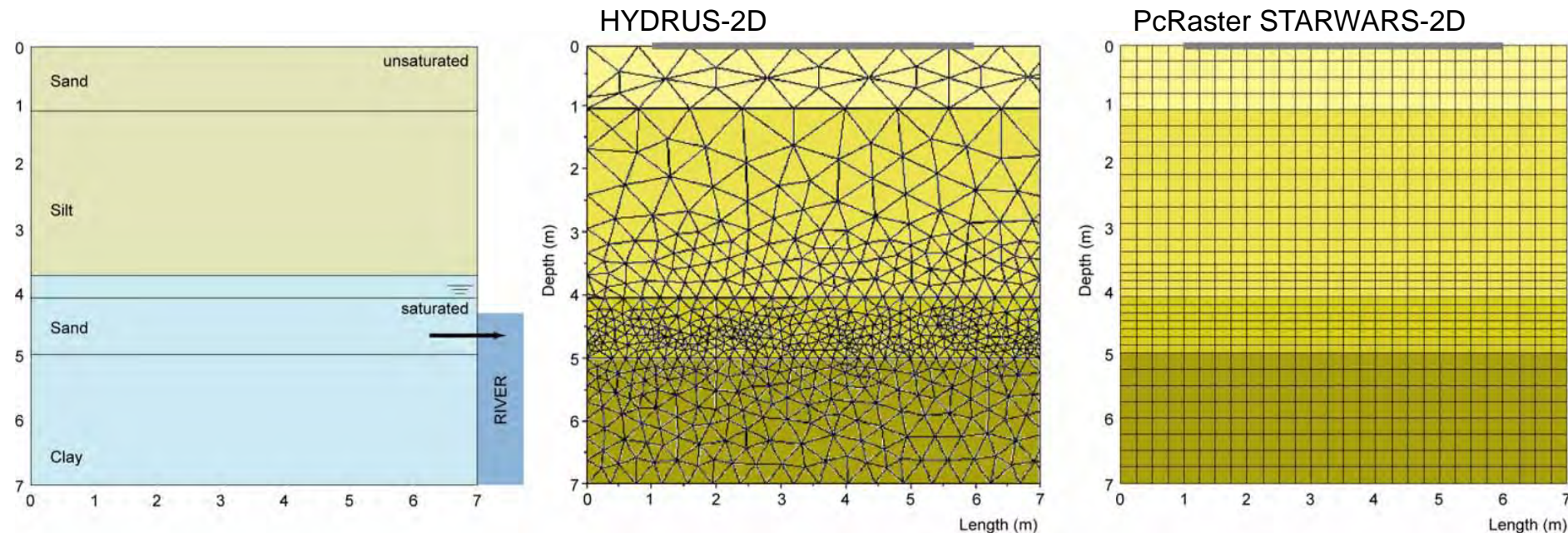
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■ **Benchmarking / model performance: Starwars vs. FE model HYDRUS**



Finite element mesh:

- 10074 triangular elements
- 5072 nodes
- complex Taylor-Galerkin scheme

GIS-based cells:

- 168 square cells
- 56 rectangular cells

Example: 1 model run of 600 timesteps (1 timestep = 1 hour)

Computation time (Pentium IV 2.7 Ghz): 25 min

8 min

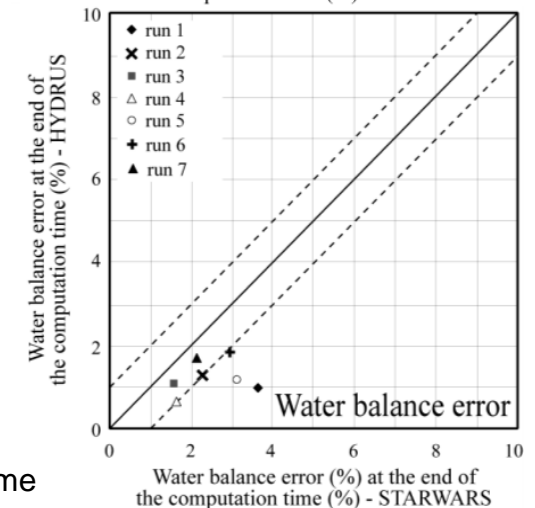
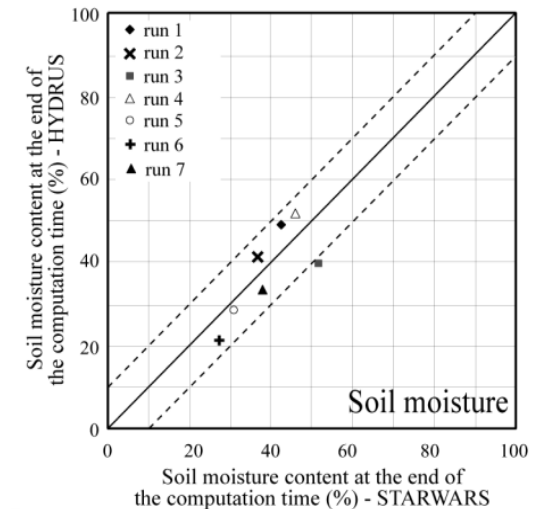
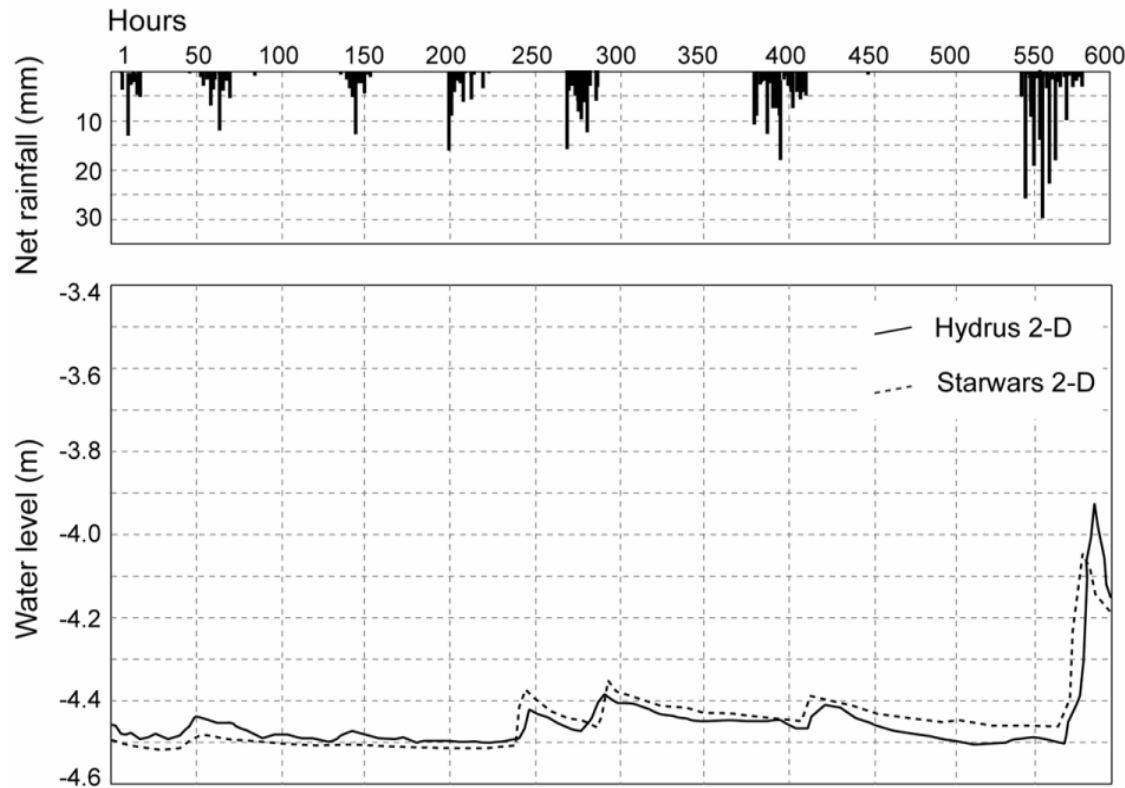
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Difference in modelled storage and mass balance error at the end of the computation time

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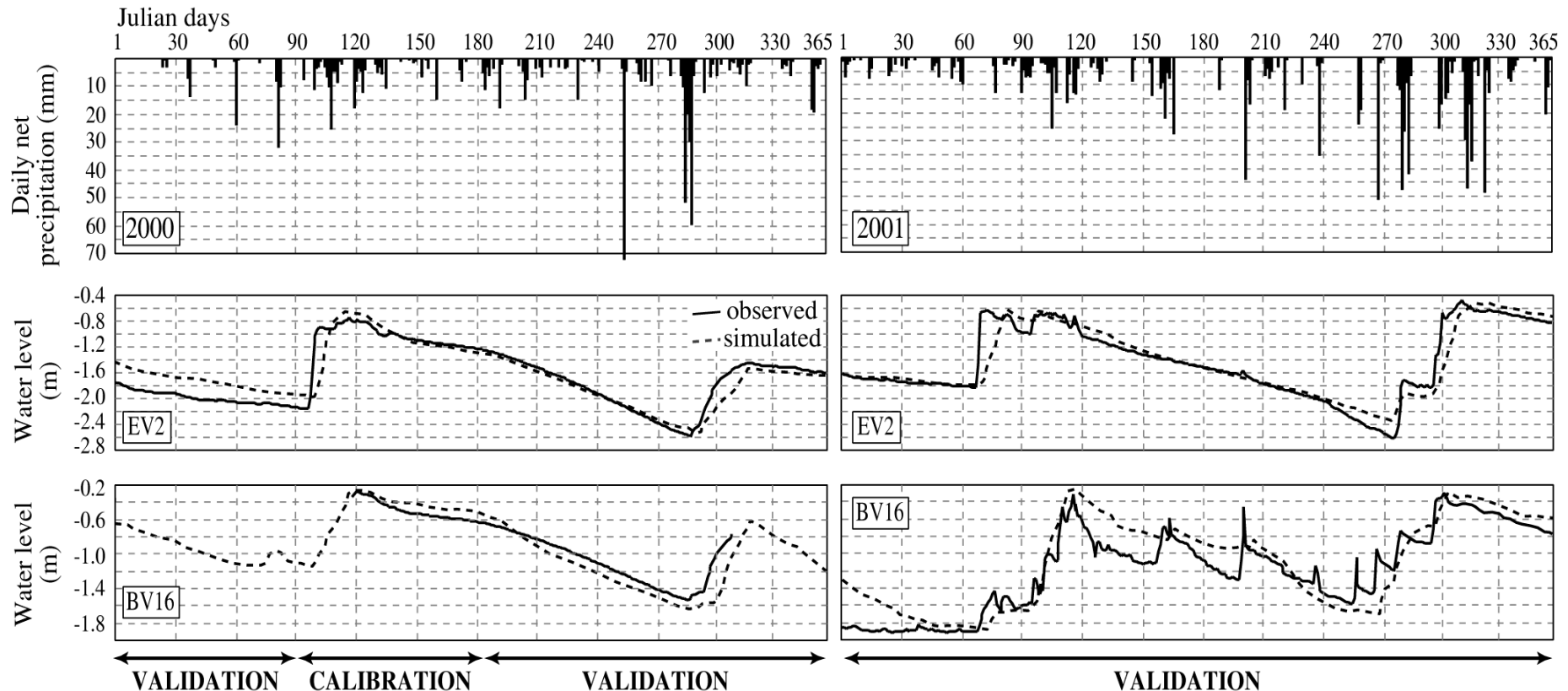
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■ Application to real data: Super-Sauze landslide

- Initial conditions: moisture content and groundwater level = 25 years of time series
- Parameter optimisation (Marquardt-Levenberg algorithm, Pest software): mean observed data \pm 20%
- calibration on 2 piezometers with continuous recording + 10 piezometers with punctual measurements

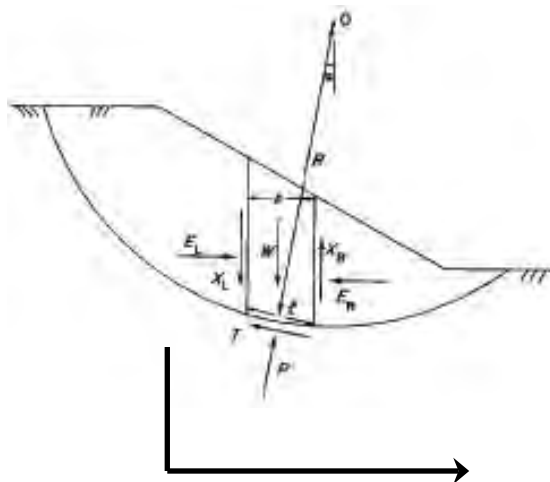
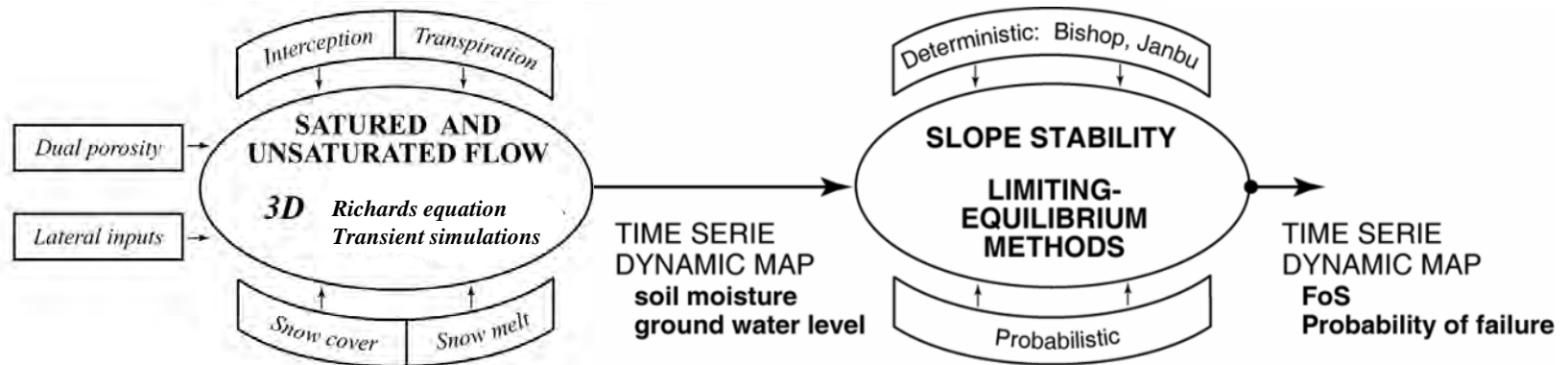


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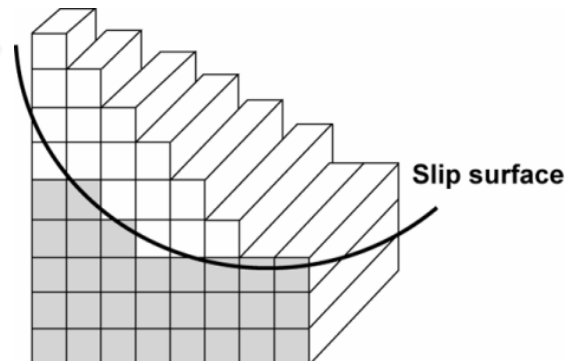
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■ ProbStab: slope stability (van Beek, 2002; Malet, 2003, Malet et al., 2007)



- Mohr-Coulomb constitutive equation (c- and ϕ - parameters)
- Limit equilibrium approach
- Bishop or Janbu solution
- Circular or non circular slip search (minimum FOS) through a grid search specification utility function



- ➔ Volume of released material
- ➔ Probabilities of release

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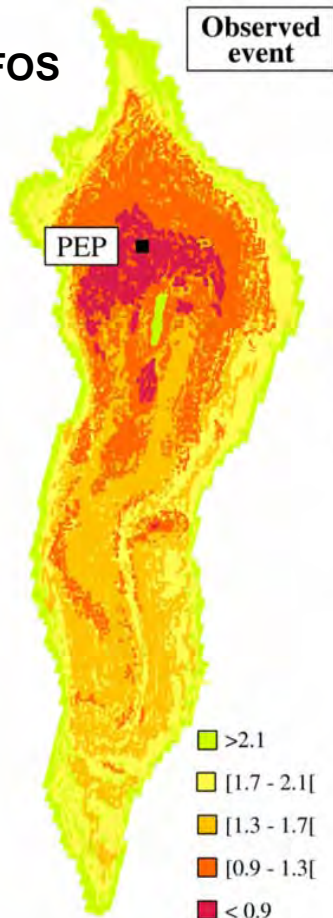
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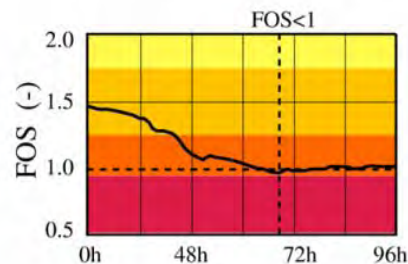
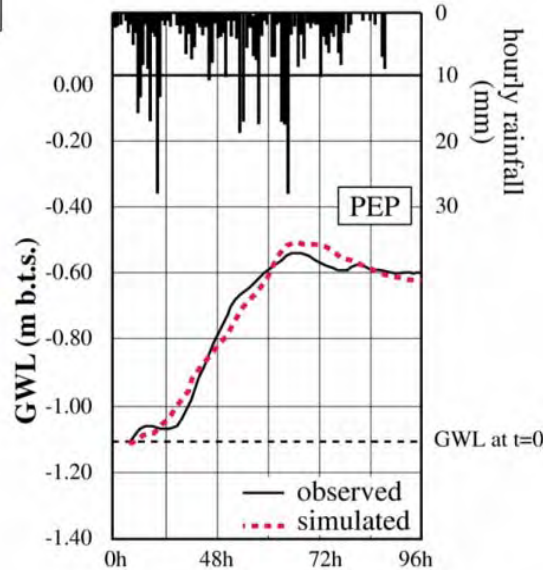
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• FOS

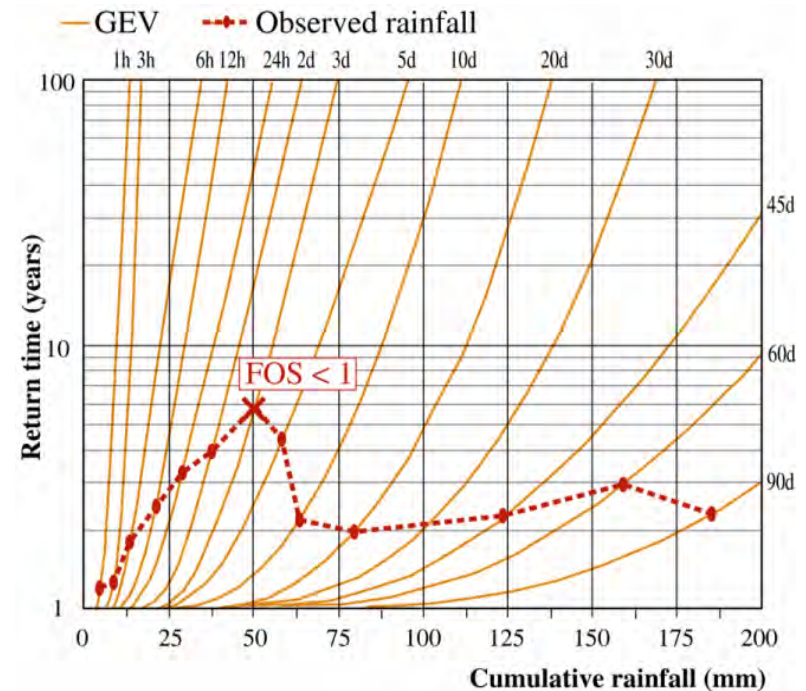


• Observed/simulated GWLs



→ volumes

• GEV & observed event



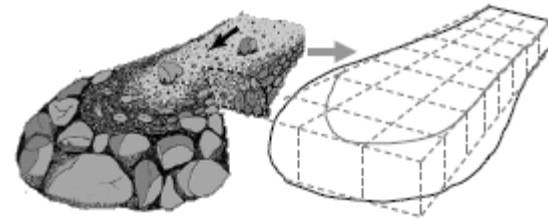
- Rainfall: 50 mm in 70h
- 6-years return period

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■ MassMov: mass flow kinematics (Begueria et al., 2009)

Assumptions:

- Saint-Venant equation (shallow water approximation)
- One-phase flow
- Depth-integrated solution



Mass and momentum conservation:

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + c_x \frac{\partial(hu)}{\partial x} + c_y \frac{\partial(hv)}{\partial y} = 0$$

flow thickness flow velocity x- flow velocity y-

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \underbrace{c_x u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + c_y v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}}_{\text{convective acceleration}} + \underbrace{c_x k \frac{\partial(c_x gh)}{\partial x}}_{\text{pressure acceleration}} = - \underbrace{c_x g (S_x + q_x S_f)}_{\text{local acceleration}}$$

slope friction

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + c_y v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + c_x u \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + c_y k \frac{\partial(c_y gh)}{\partial y} = - c_y g (S_y + q_y S_f)$$

Rheology:

- Viscous fluid (Bingham, Couloimb-viscous, Hershel-Bulkley)
- Frictional (pure Coulomb, Voellmy)

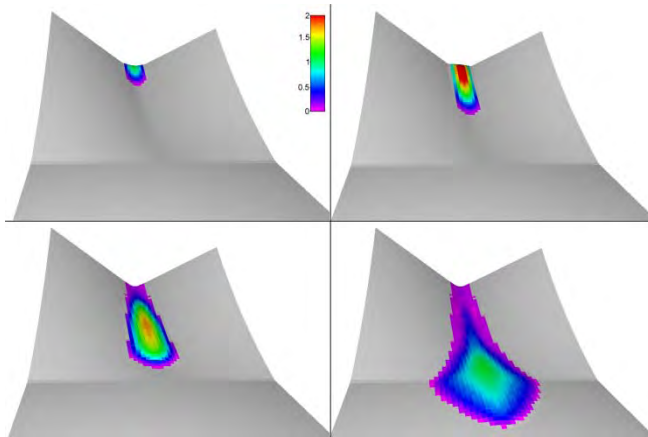
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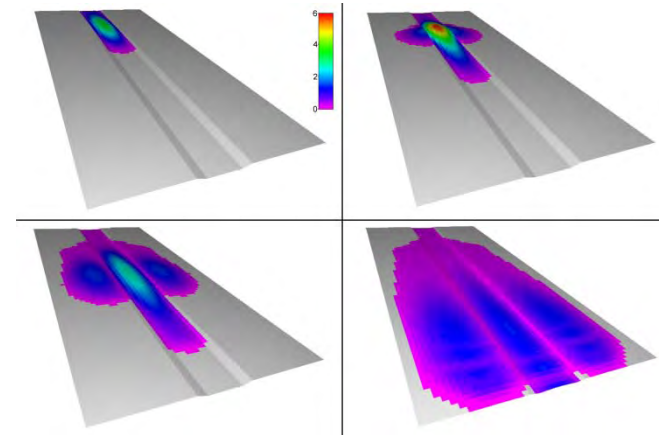
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■ Application to synthetic cases

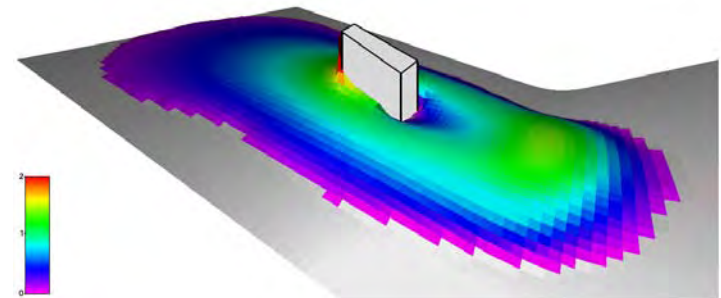


Simulation of the propagation of a slurry wave over an idealized fan topography. An inlet area of five pixels was defined at the upper part of the fan, which represents the connexion with an upstream torrent. A constant input rate of 80 cm of mud flow was applied at the inlet during the first 20 seconds. The panels show the thickness of the flow at times $t = 5, 20, 35$ and 50 s, in m.



Propagation of a mud flow slurry on a channel. The input hydrograph had a triangular shape, raising from 0.65 m to 0.85 m at 25 seconds and then falling to 0 m at 30 seconds. The panels show the flow thickness at times $t = 15, 30, 45$ and 60 seconds.

Simulation of the interaction between a mudflow and a rigid obstacle over a slope. Color scale: flow depth (m).



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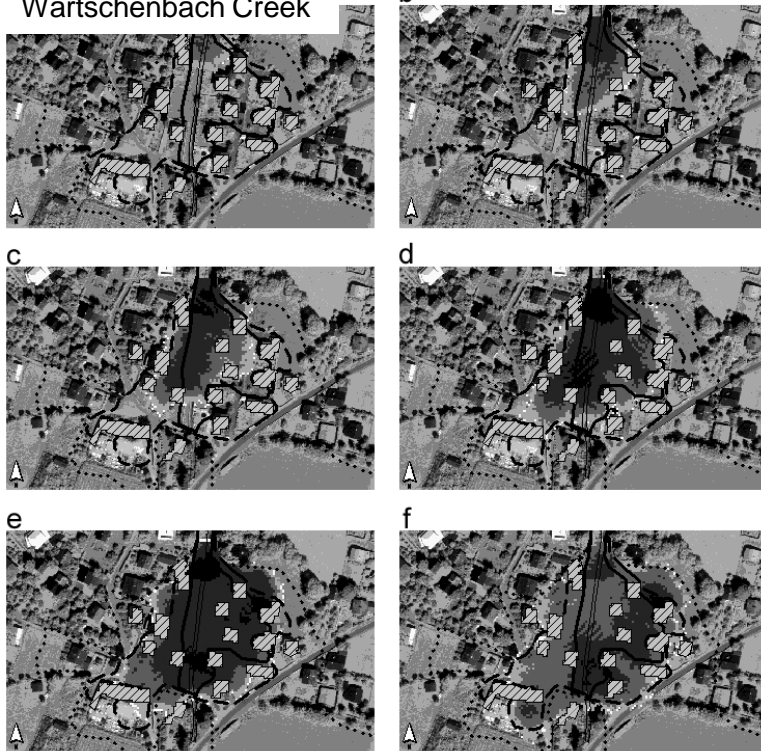
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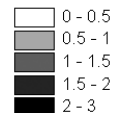
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Wartschenbach Creek



Simulated deposition - Velocity (m/s)



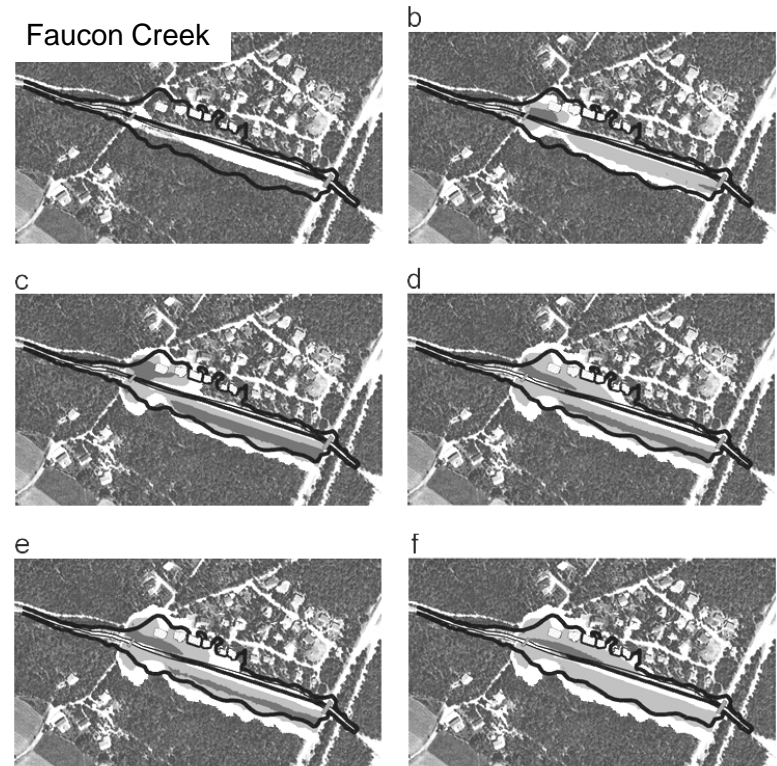
Observed deposition - Limits

- debris flow coarsest deposits
- - - debris flow deposits boundary
- fine deposits

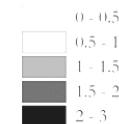
Others

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- Channel

Faucon Creek



Simulated deposition - Thickness (m)



Observed deposition - Limits

- extension of debris flow deposits

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- Bridges

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■ Further development of the code and new implementation (Sanchez et al., in prep).

- closer to reality: advanced numerical solution with minimum diffusion
- faster model runs (C++ implementation)
- several interfacing options (PCRaster, GRASS, R, Python...)
- freedom to choose the license for distributing the code (was not possible with the previous implementation of MassMov2D in PCRaster)
- optimized for stochastic modelling (e.g. multi model-runs)

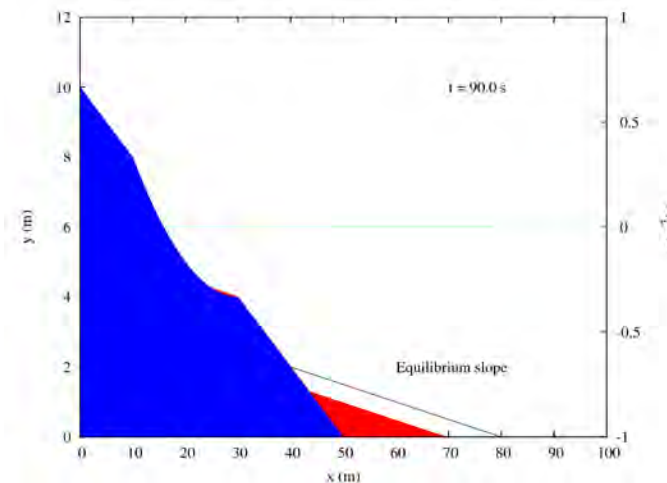
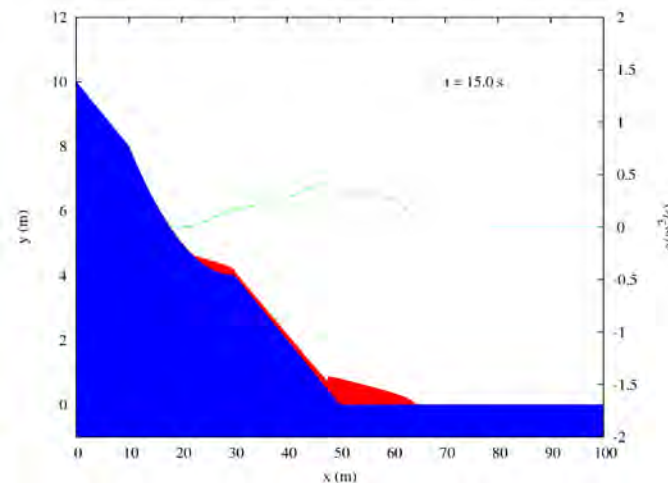
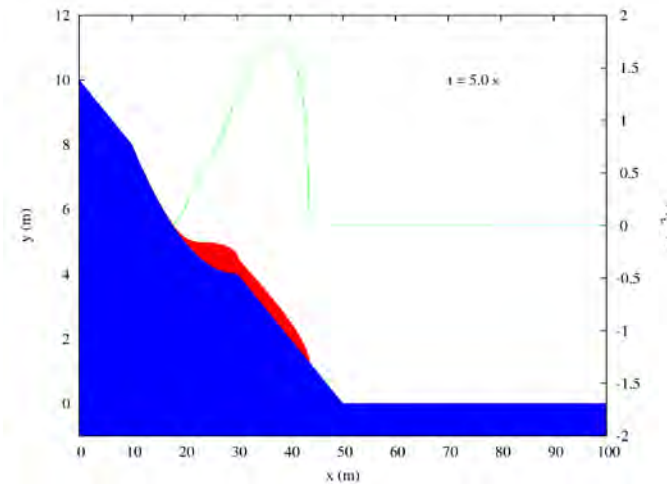
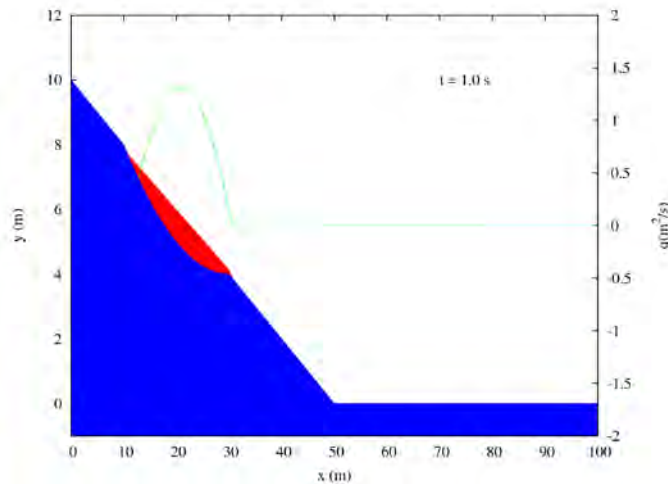
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Example of 1D simulation: basal topography (blue), debris flow depth (red, left axis) and q (green, right axis). Initial state, intermediate states ($t = 5, 15$ s) and equilibrium (final) state.

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■ Slow-Move: mass sliding (Spickermann et al., 2012)

Assumptions:

- Limit equilibrium theory and Mohr-Coulomb failure criterion
- Sliding localized at shear band; possibility of varying the vertical profile of velocity
- Up to now: fully water saturated mixture (e.g. one phase flow)

Mass and momentum conservation:

$$\rho h \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \right) = \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{S} - \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{N}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\mathbf{W} \sin \alpha}{1 / \cos \alpha} = \mathbf{W} \sin \alpha \cos \alpha$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{\min/\max} = K_{a/p} \frac{\mathbf{W} \cos \alpha}{1 / \cos \alpha} \nabla h = K_{a/p} \mathbf{W} \cos^2 \alpha \nabla h$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{\mathbf{W} \cos \alpha}{1 / \cos \alpha} \tan \varphi_{app} = \mathbf{W} \cos^2 \alpha \tan \varphi_{app}$$

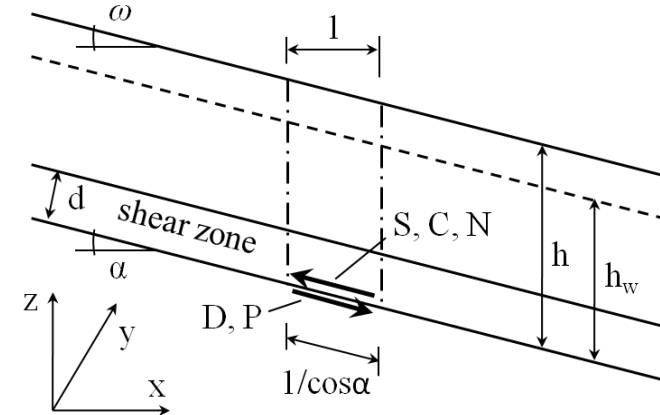
$$\tan \varphi_{app} = (1 - r_p) \tan \varphi$$

$$r_p = \frac{\gamma_w h_w \cos^2 \alpha}{\rho g h}$$

$$\mathbf{N} = \eta \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial z} \right) = \eta \left(\frac{\mathbf{v}}{d} \right)$$

$$\rho h \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} \right) = \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{S} - \mathbf{N}$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (h \mathbf{v}) = 0$$



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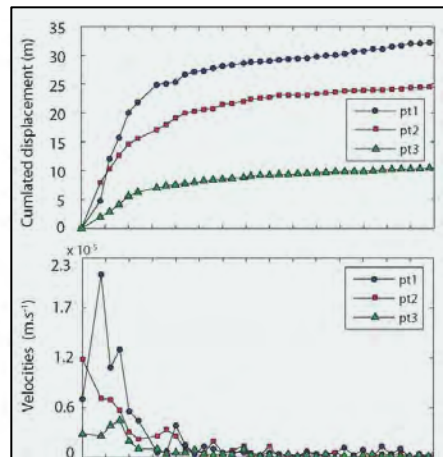
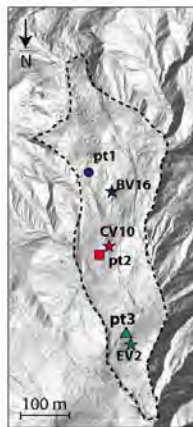
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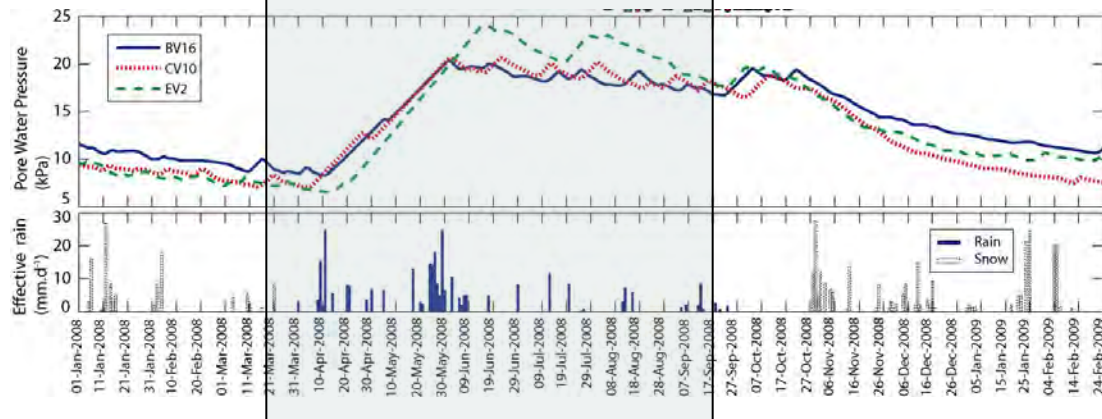
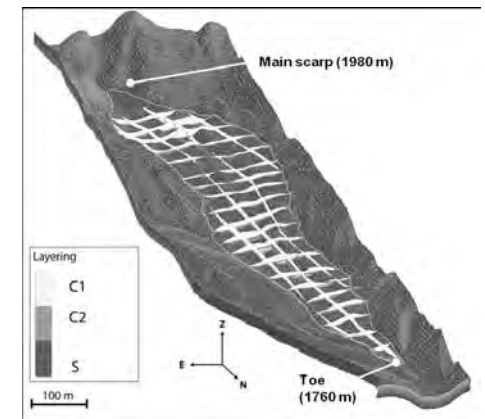
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Measurement points



3D geometry



Modelling period

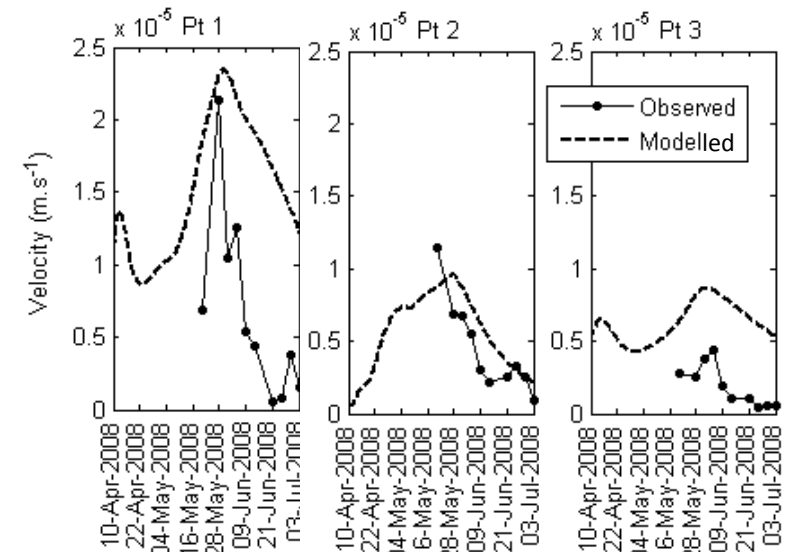
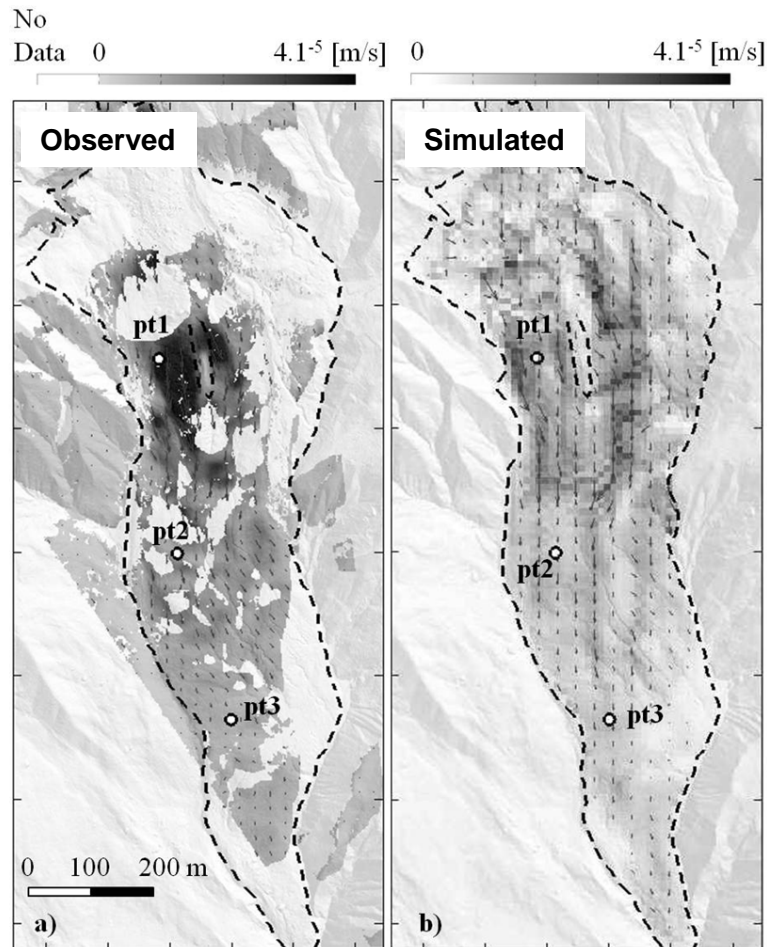
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■ Further development of the code

- Integration with Starwars

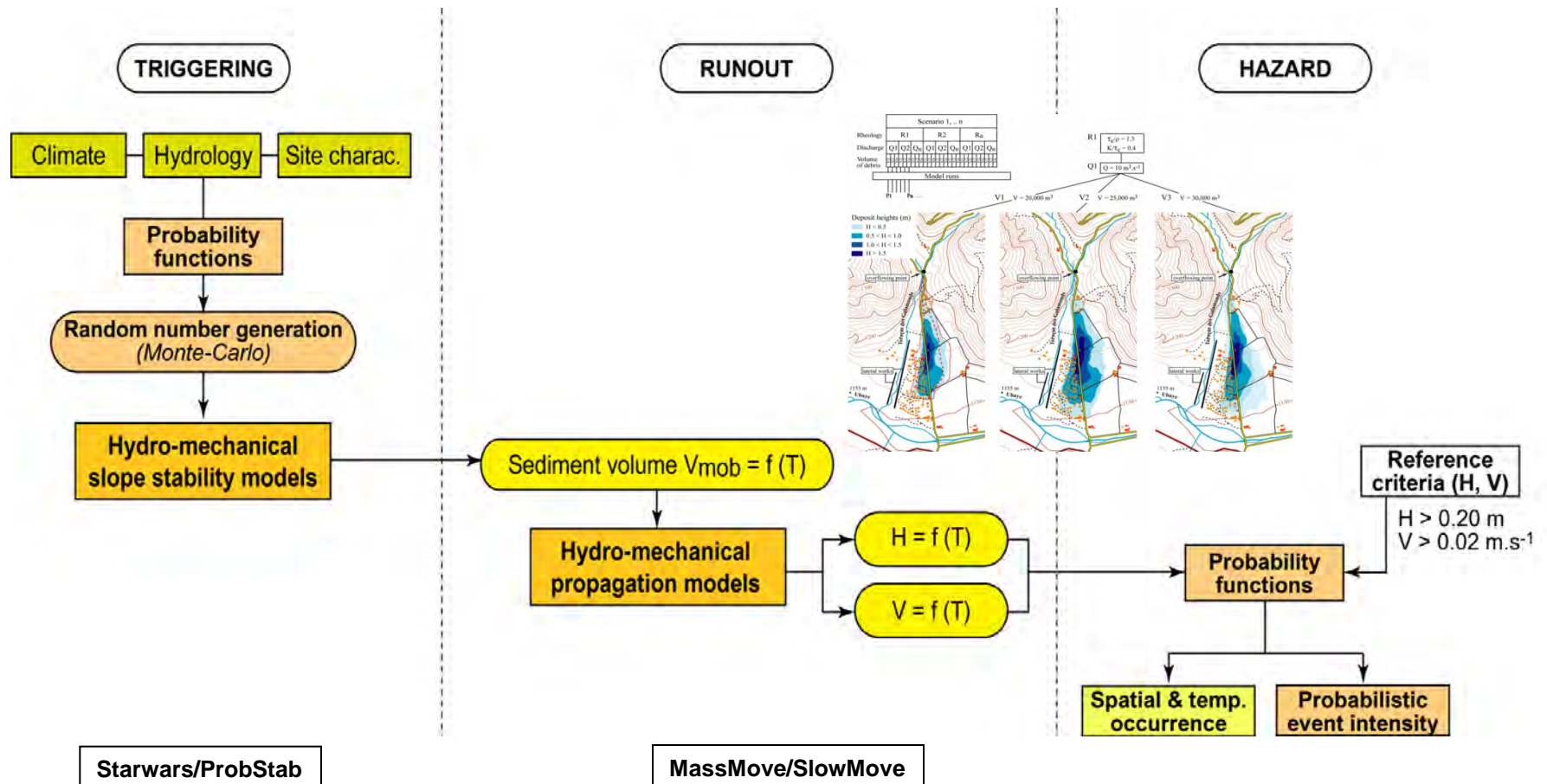
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Hazard assessment through modelling

Estimation of probabilities of failure, runout distances and magnitude parameters (velocity, impact forces, thickness) through Monte-Carlo simulations

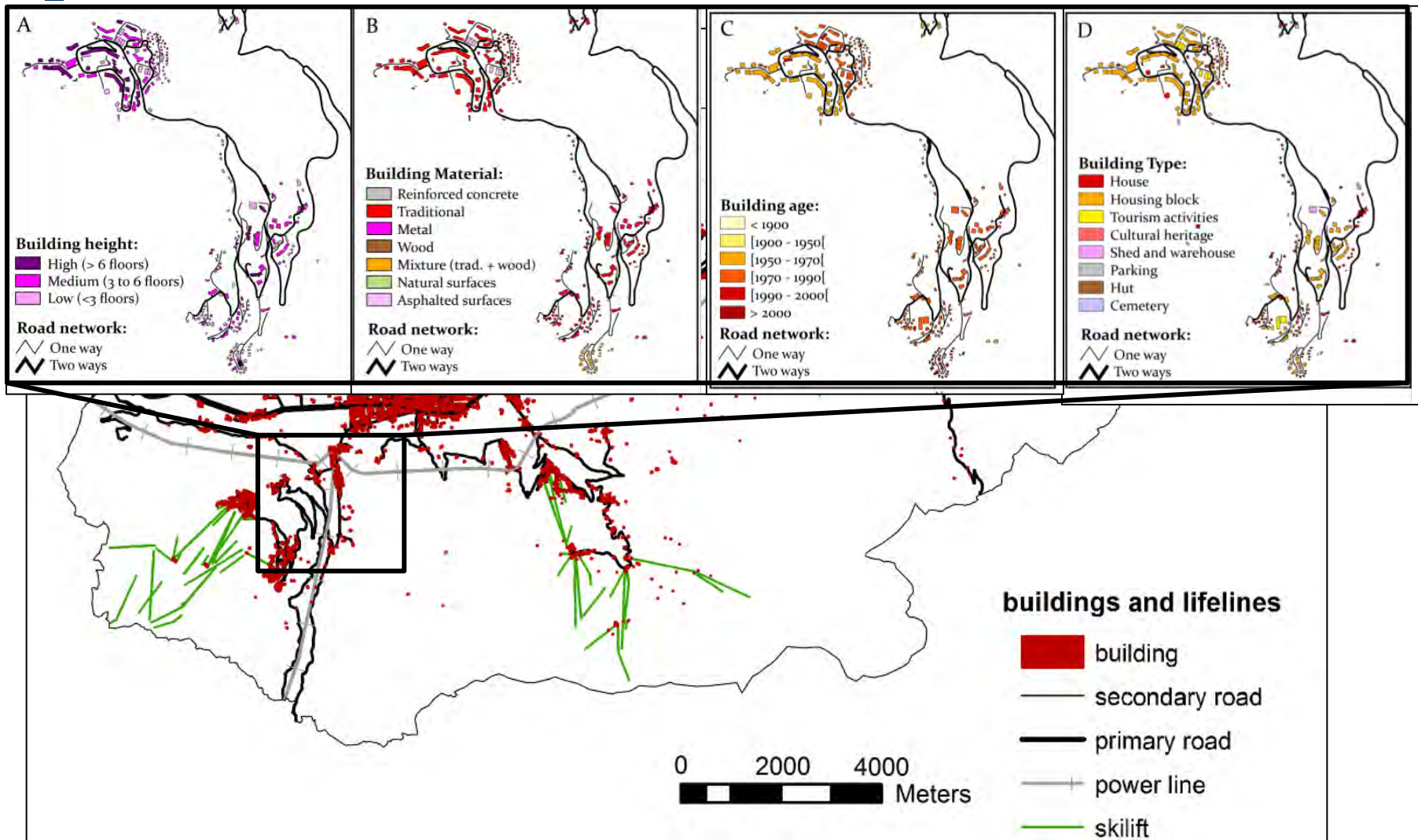


WP4 - Integrated landslide risk analysis, and estimation of the consequences

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■ Element at risk mapping and characterization



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■ Building time serie analysis from old maps and cadasters



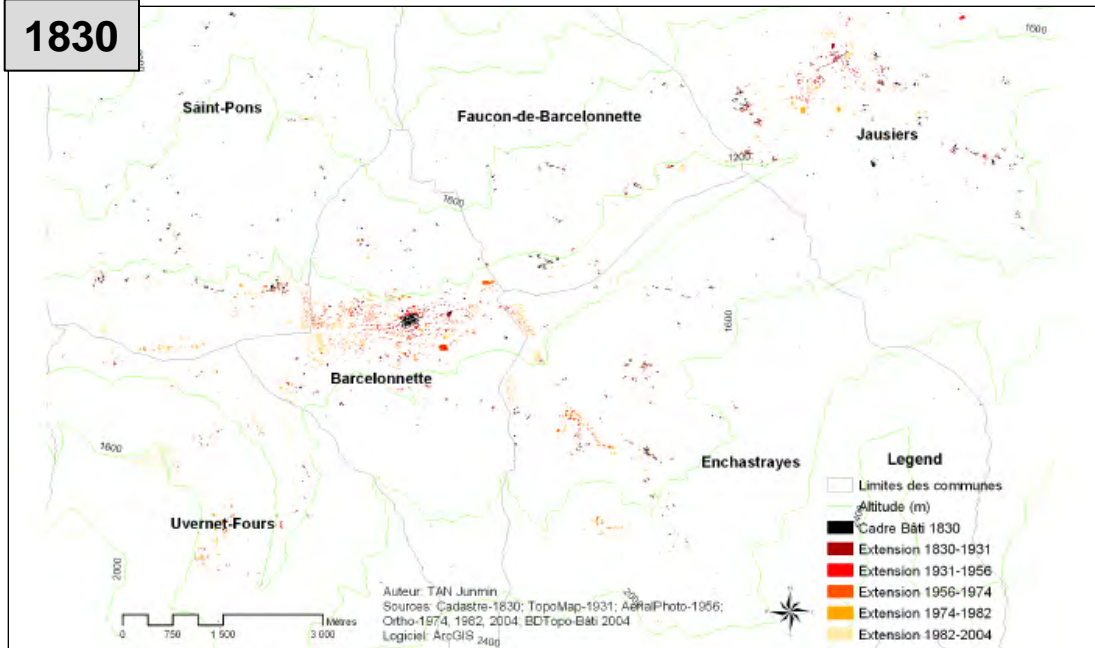
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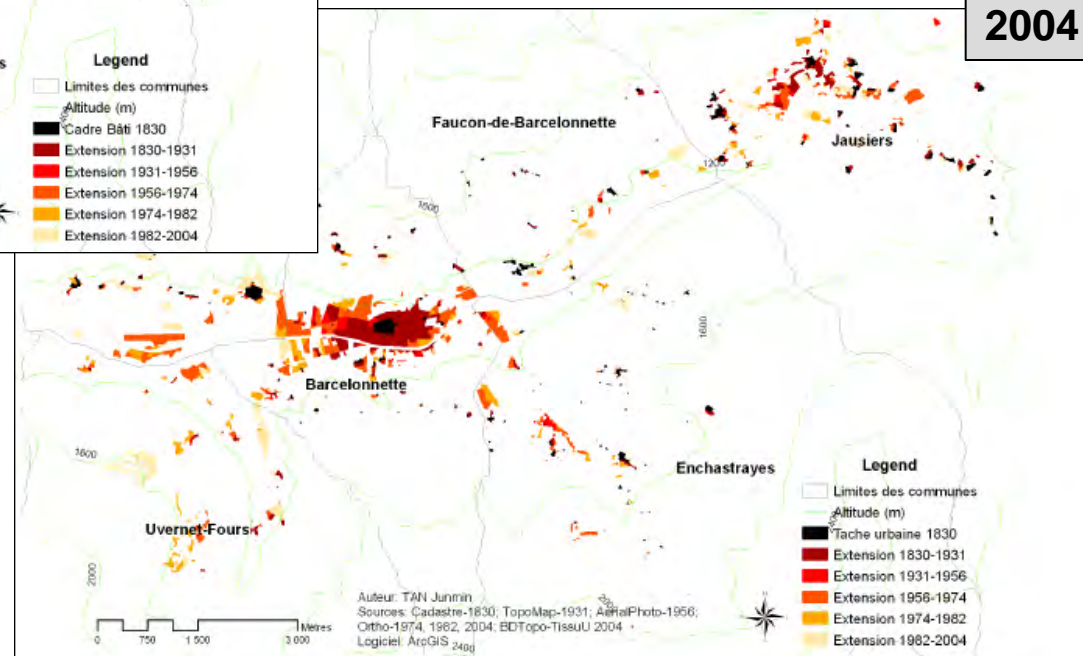
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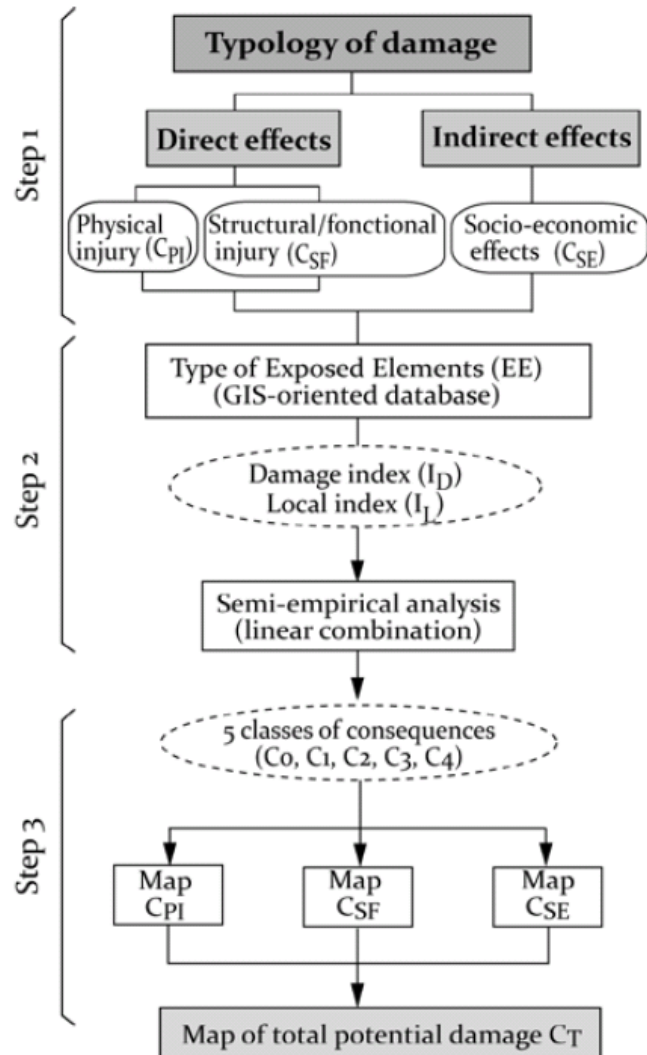


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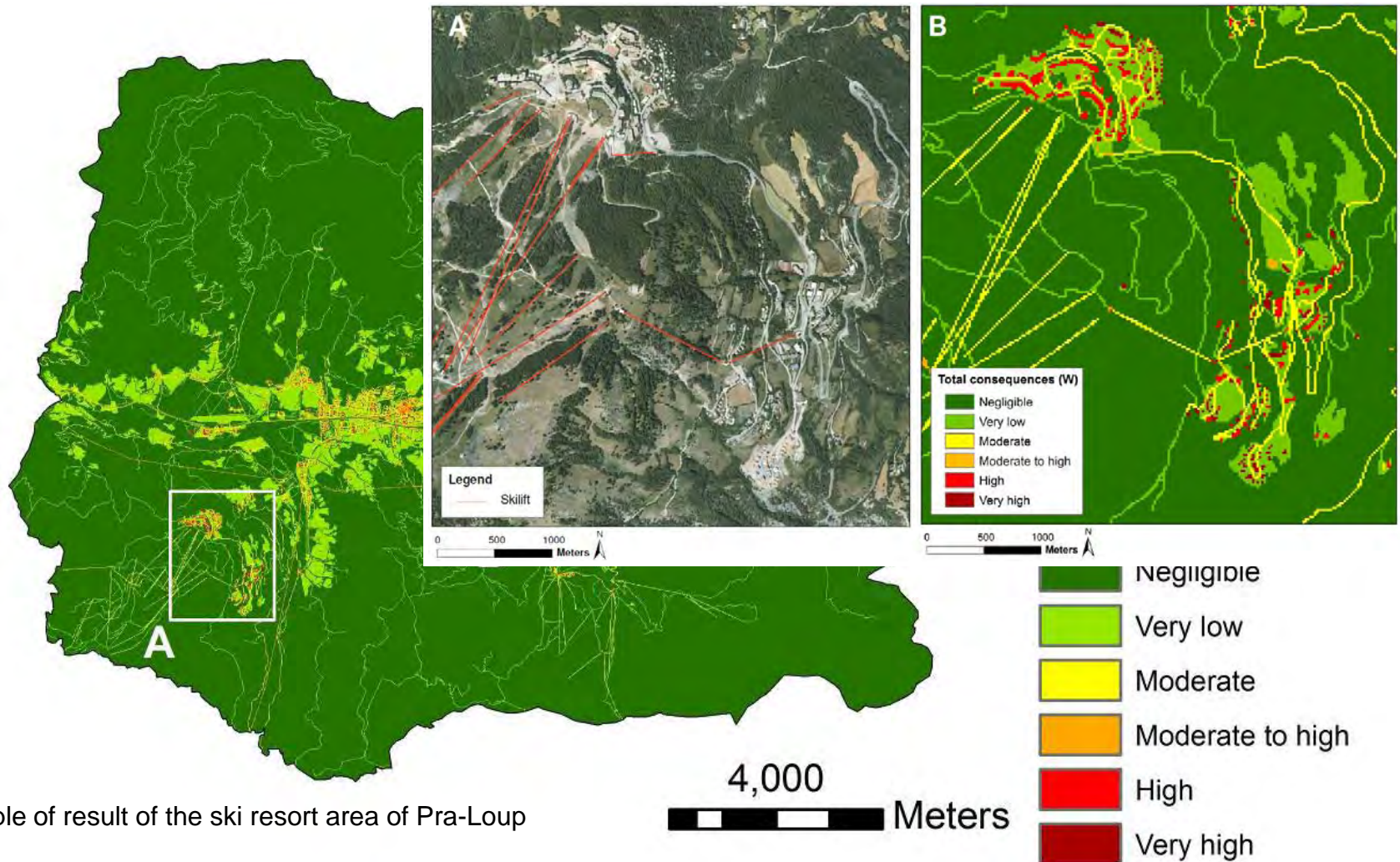
➔ indicator-based methodology of Puissant et al. (2005) applied to the whole Barcelonnette Basin

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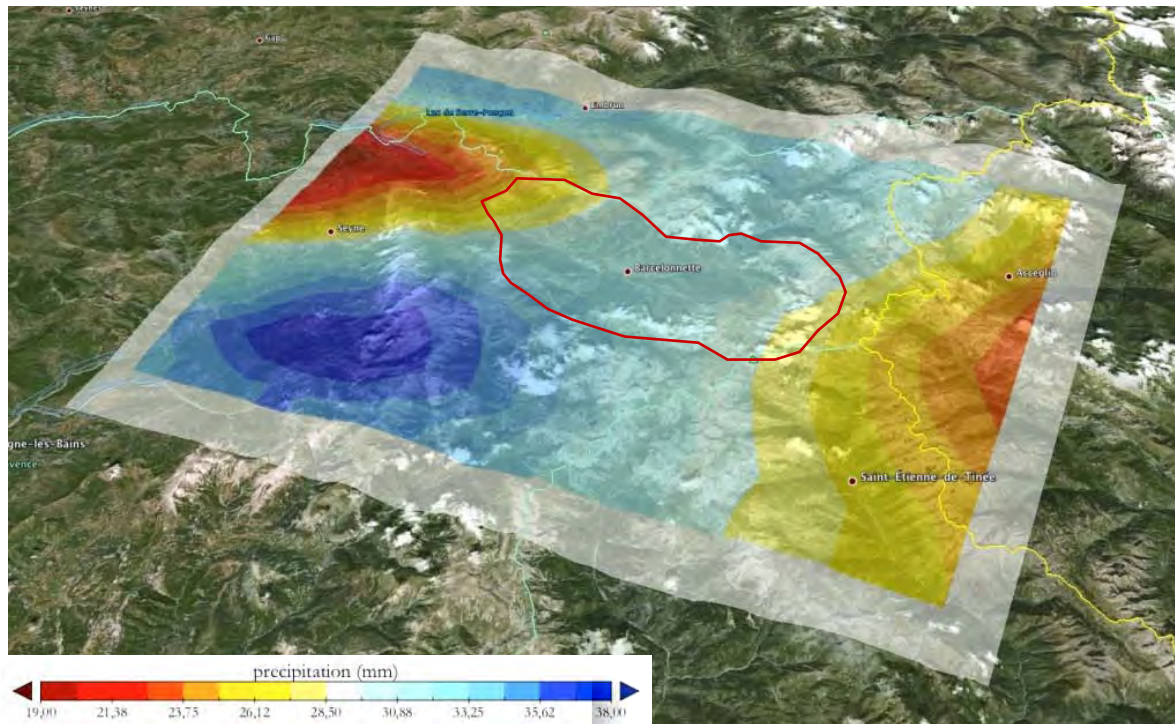
Example of result of the ski resort area of Pra-Loup


WP5 - Indicators of changes on the vulnerability of mountain slopes

- 5.1 Definition of relevant indicators of changes.
- 5.2 Implementation of a demonstration platform for impact assessment and geovisualisation

PROGRESS

- Indicators of changes: to be defined
- Demonstration platform: Google Earth .kml products



A photograph of a steep, eroded hillside. The top of the hill is covered in green grass, but the middle section shows significant soil erosion, with exposed brown earth and some patches of grass. A small stream or gully is visible on the left side of the eroded area. The background shows a forested hillside and some trees under a cloudy sky. A blue rectangular text box is overlaid on the middle of the image.

Thank you for your attention!