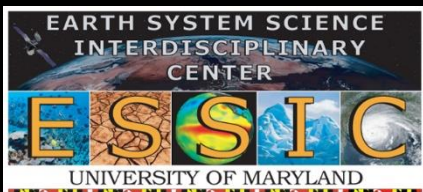




Earth Observation-based landslide mapping, nowcasting and forecasting

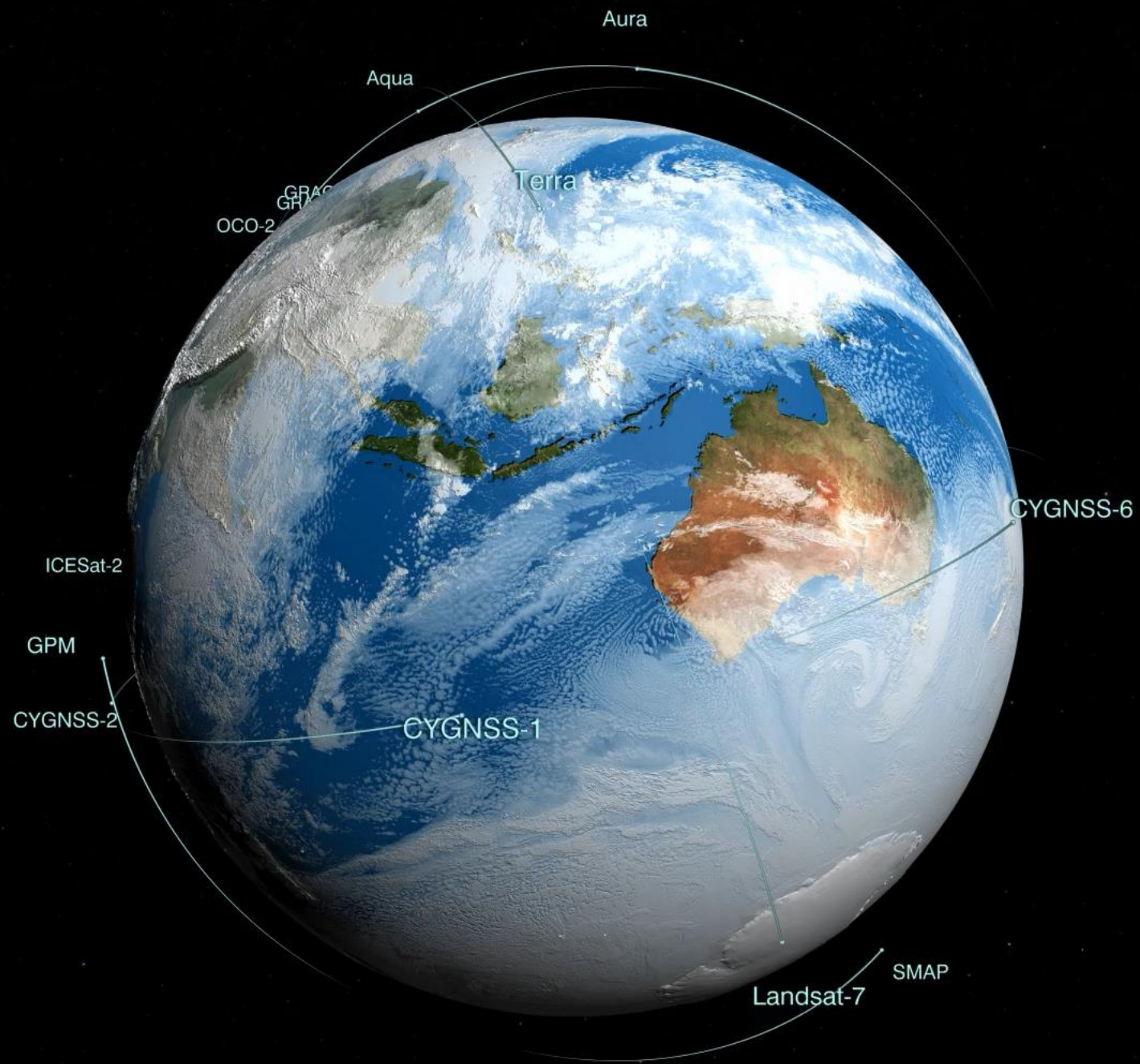
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Landslide Mapping & Modeling: A multi-scale approach using remote sensing data



Local landslide mapping, slope-stability modeling



Regional landslide modeling & mapping



Global rainfall-triggered landslide hazard characterization (LHASA)

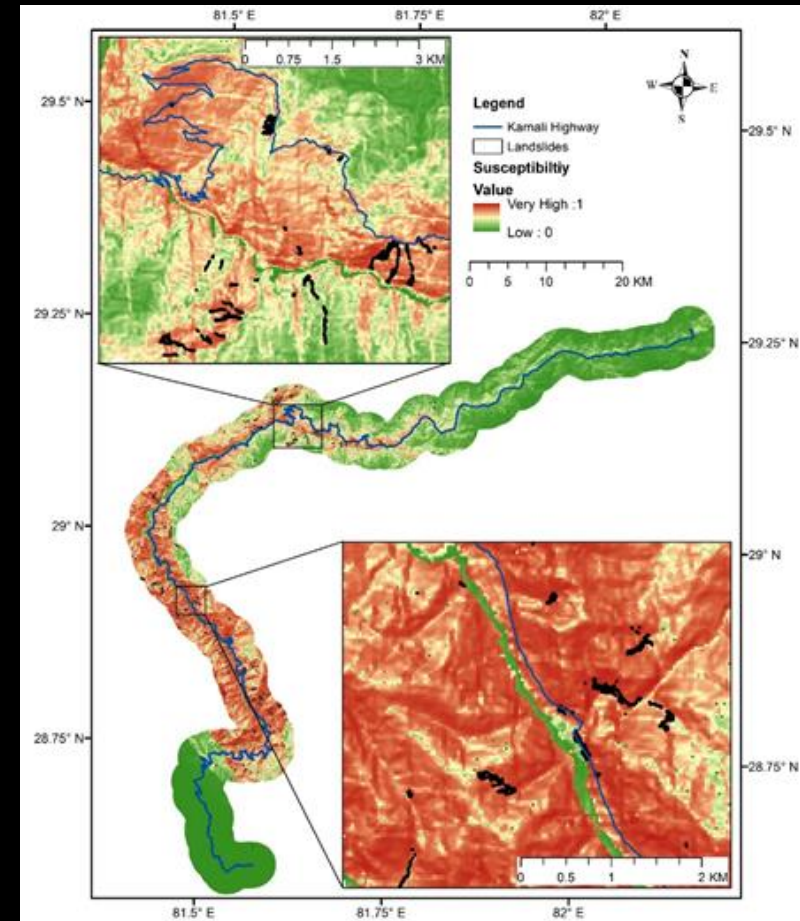
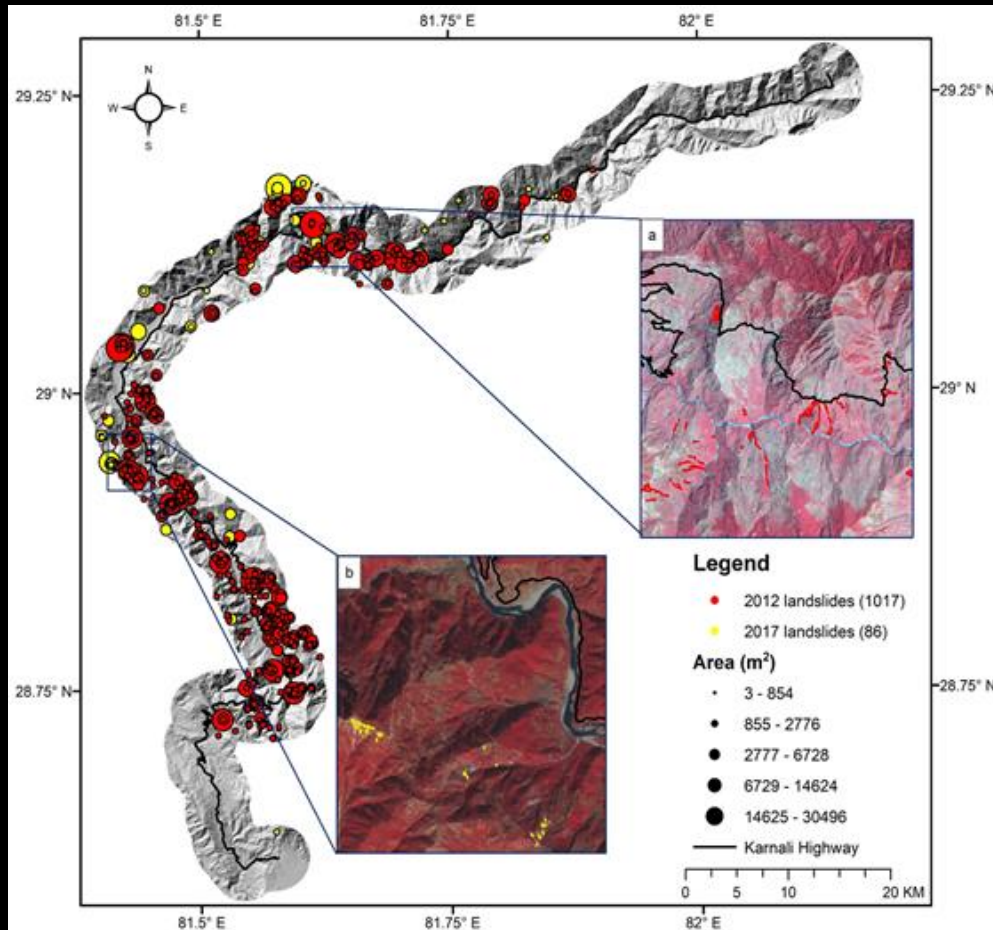
Local

Regional

Global



Landslide and susceptibility mapping along the Karnali highway





Semi-Automatic Landslide Detection (SALaD) system

Python packages:

GDAL

Orfeotoolbox (OTB)

Raster stats

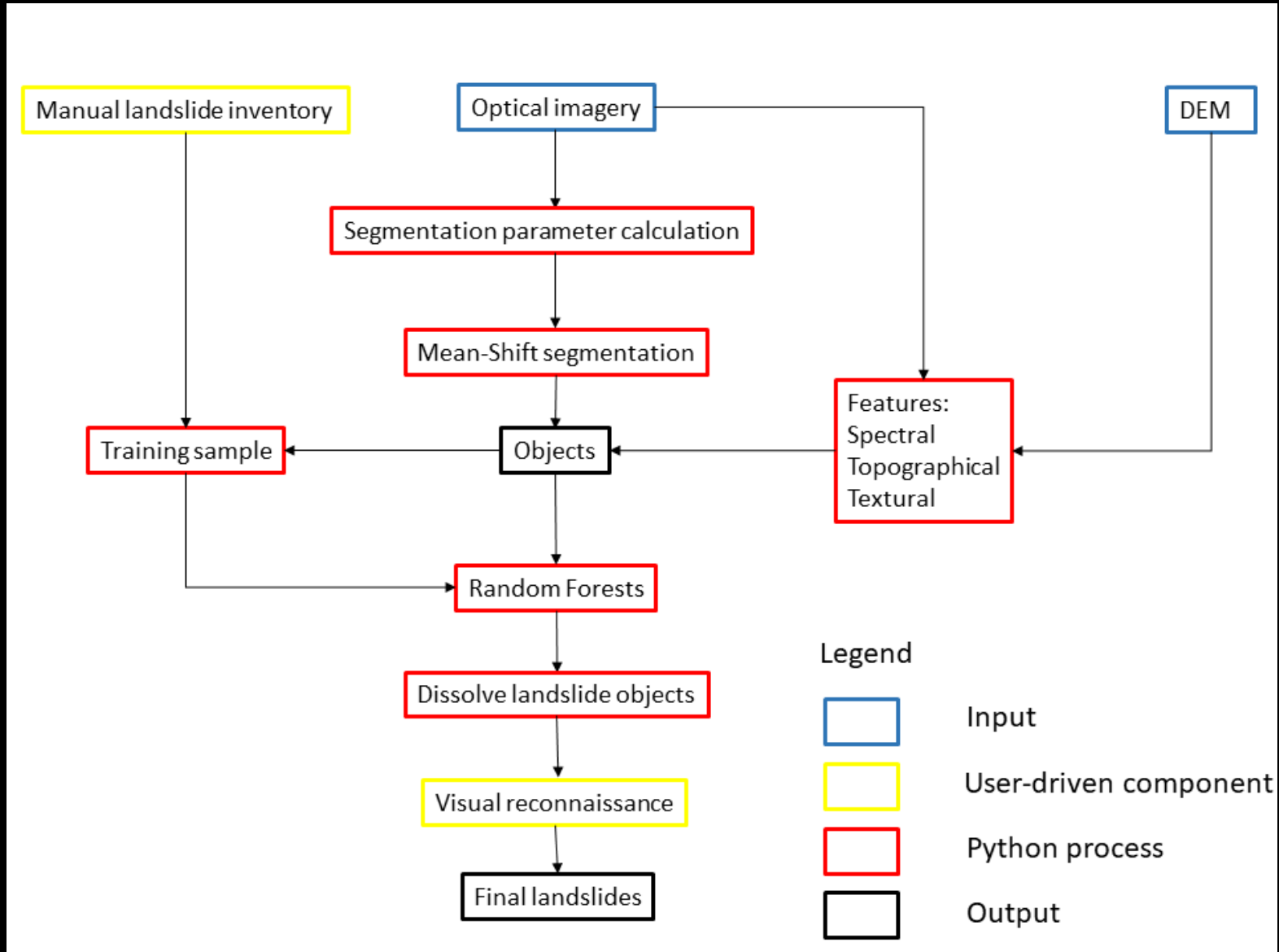
Scikit-Learn

Geopandas

Operating System: Linux
or Windows

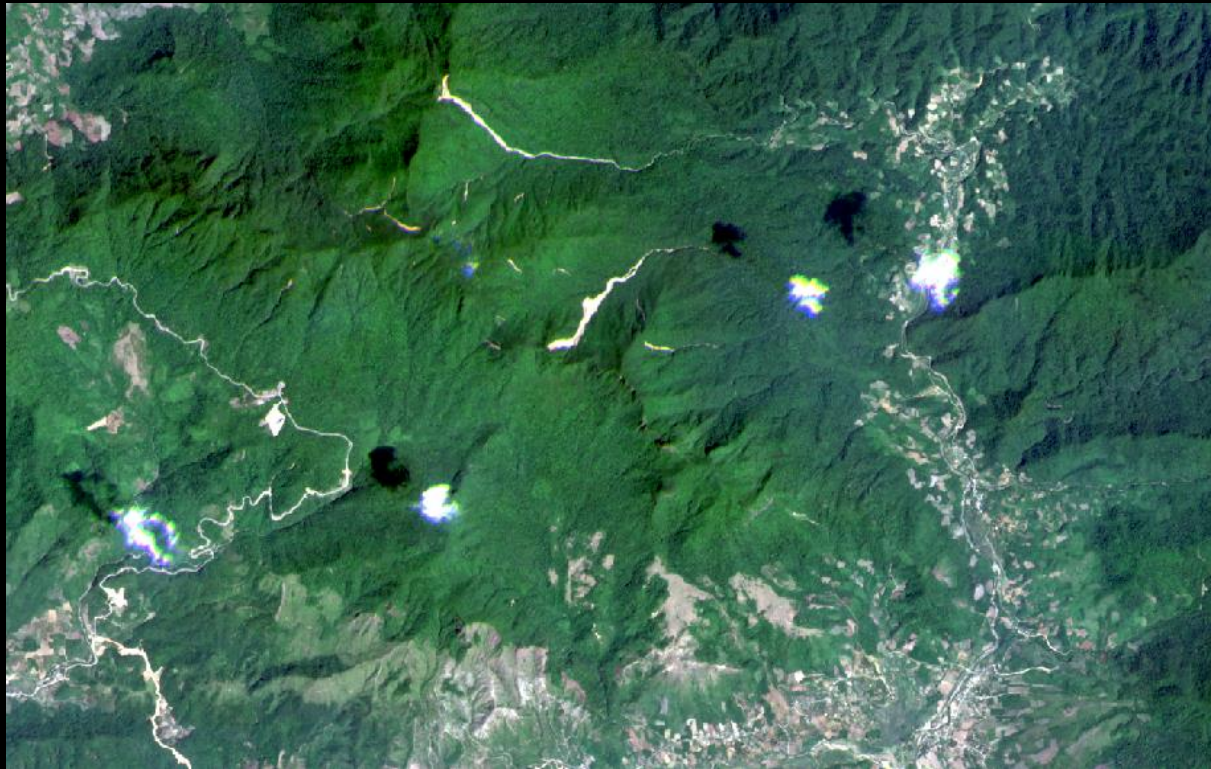
Currently configured in
NCCS ADAPT Linux
platform

Amatya et al. (2021)

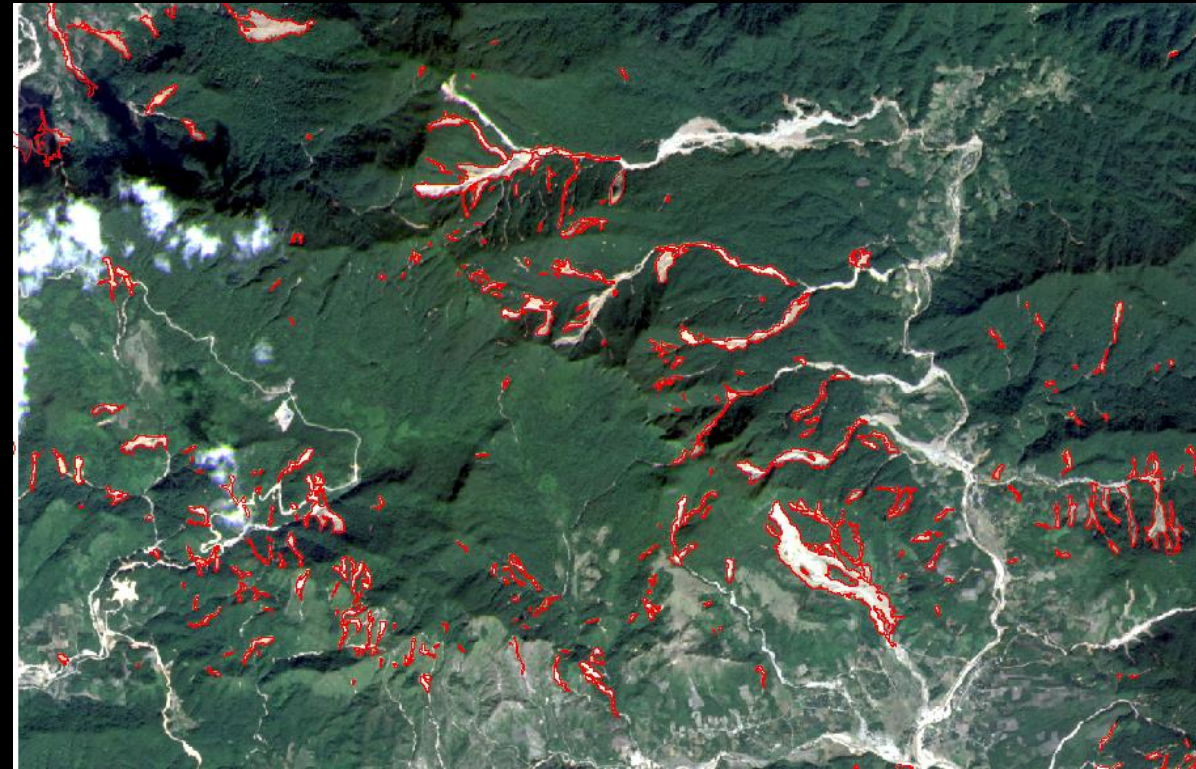




Landslides mapped using SALaD and Planet Imagery

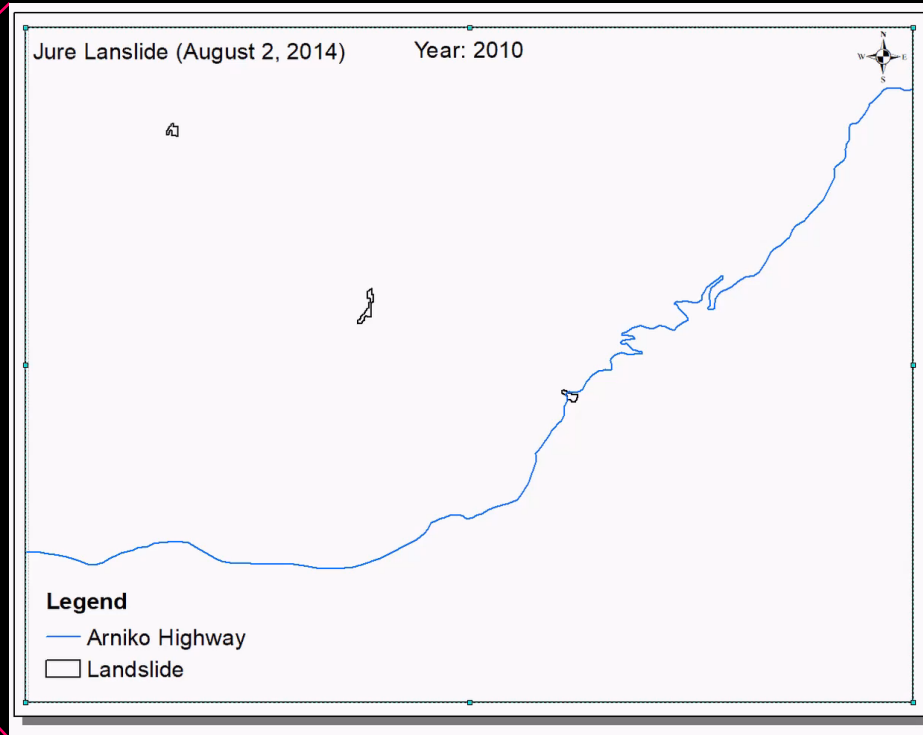
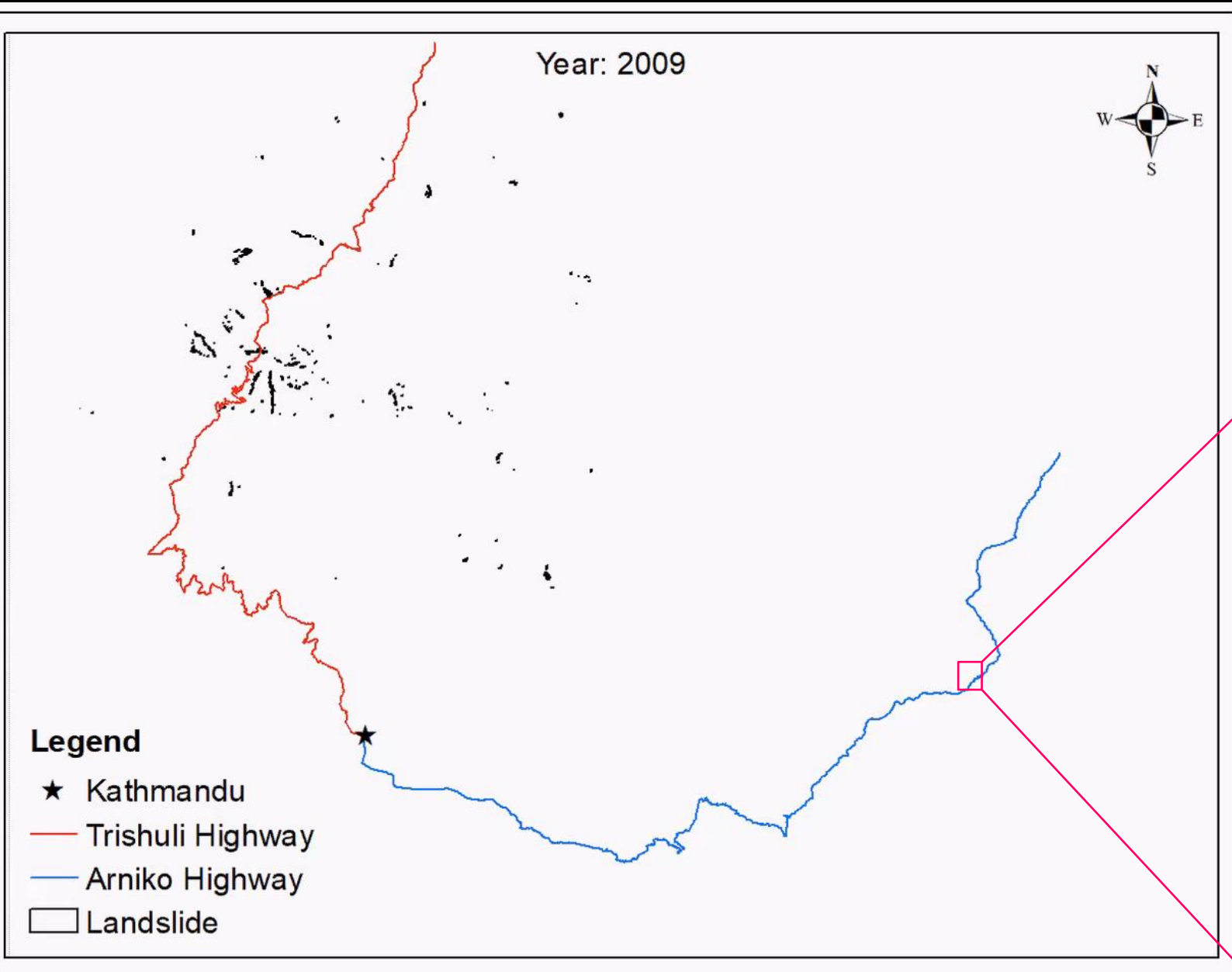


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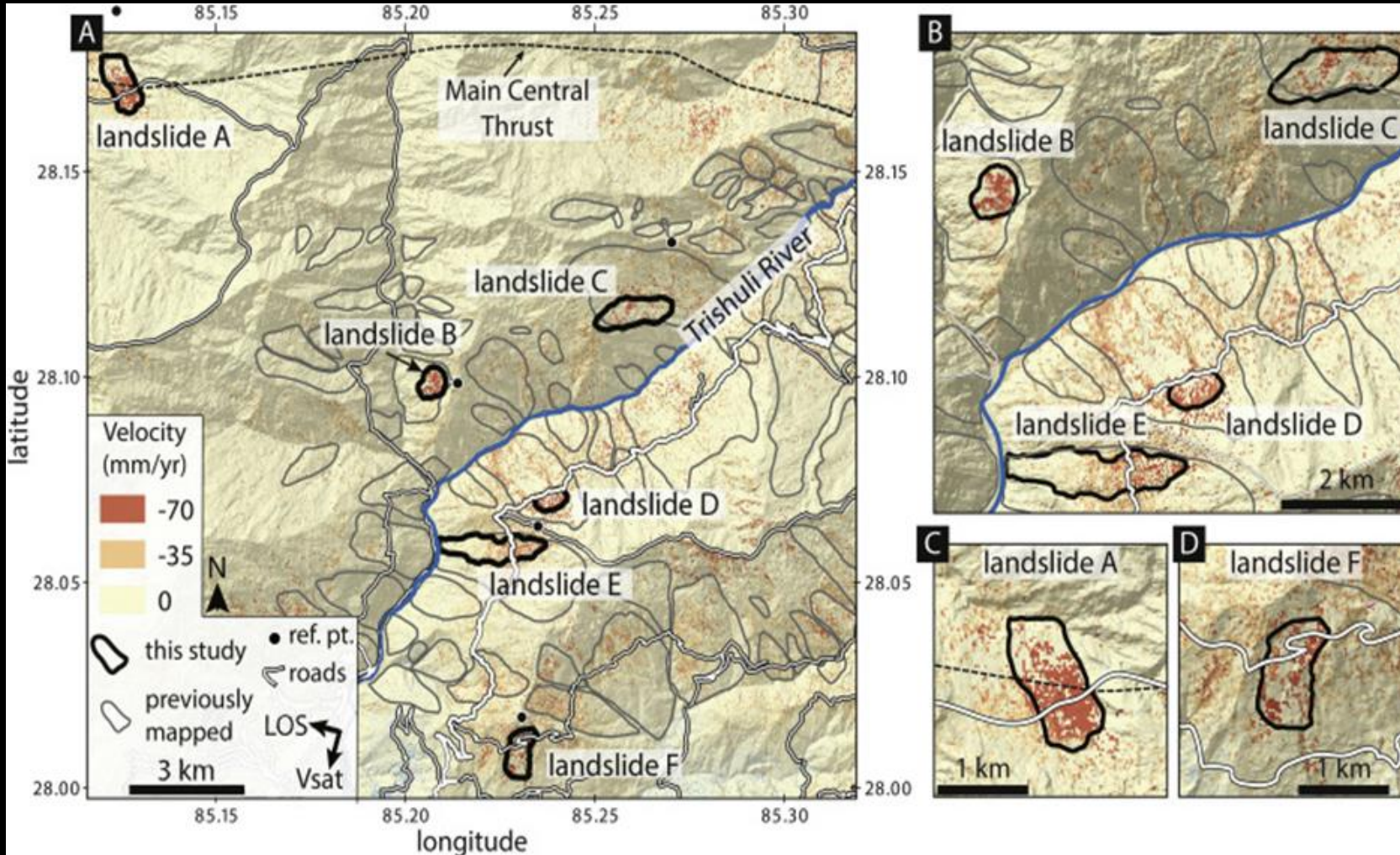
Post

Landslides along Arniko and Pasang Lhamu highway (2009 – 2018)





Trishuli Basin Sentinel-1 Slow-moving landslides



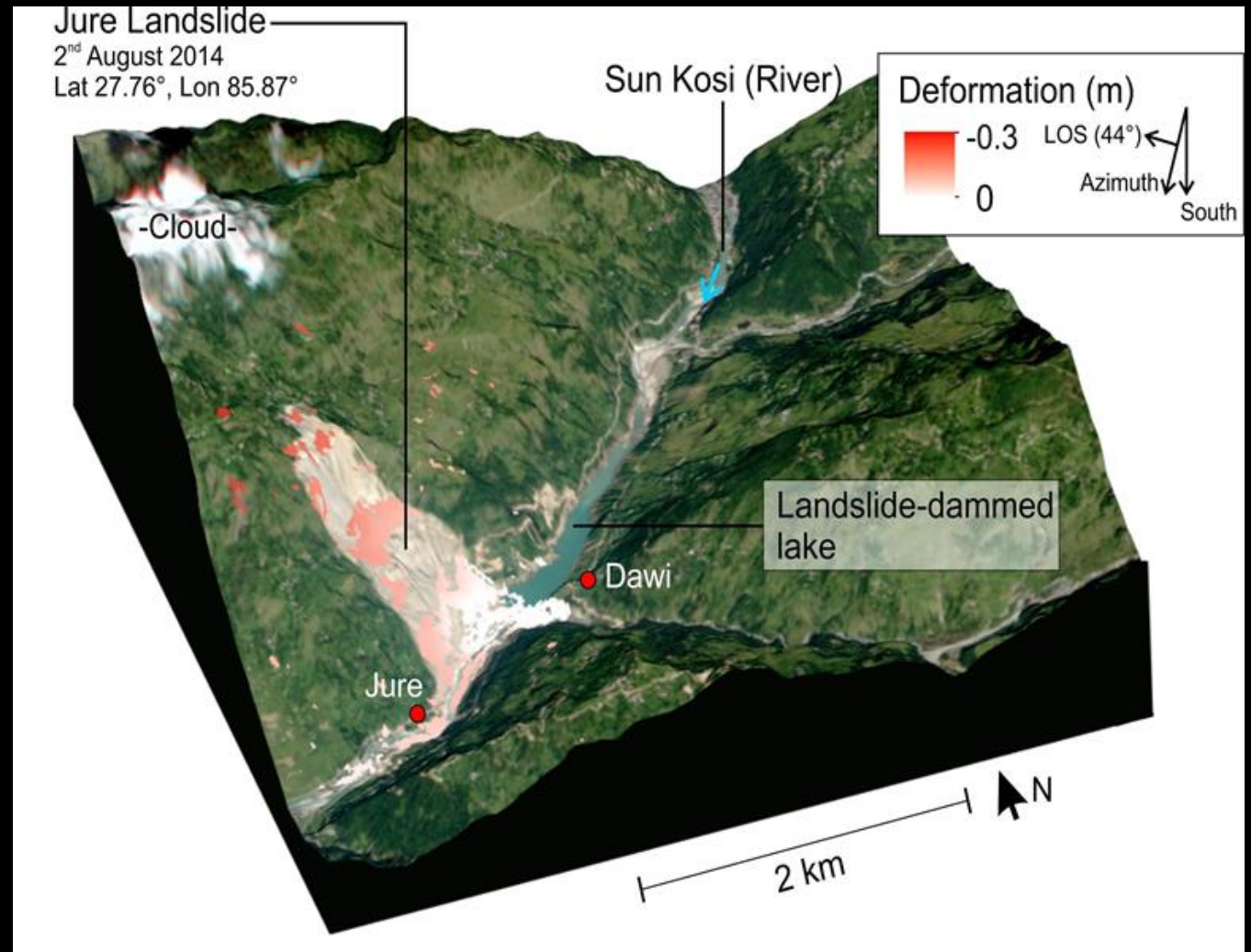
A novel method is developed to detect landslides in mountainous terrain. InSAR time-series is used to identify and monitor slow-moving landslides



Monitoring Jure landslide using CSK data post 2015 EQ, Nepal

On the outcrop of the Jure Landslide scarp, surface deformation of about 0.3 m in line-of-sight (LOS) direction, was measured by stacking three post-seismic InSAR pairs using SBAS analysis.

Kirschbaum et al. (2019)

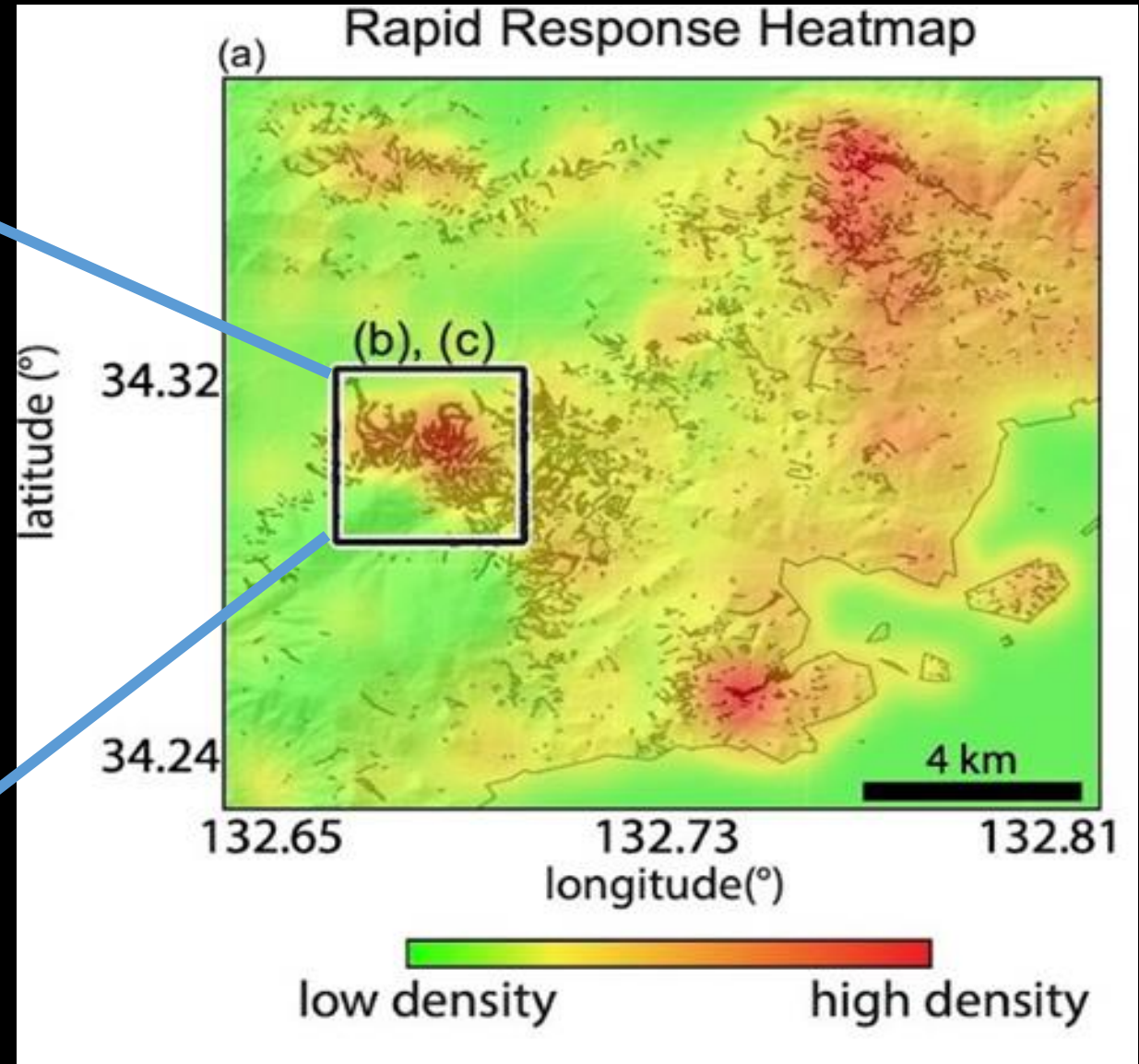




SAR amplitude-based change detection method in Google Earth Engine



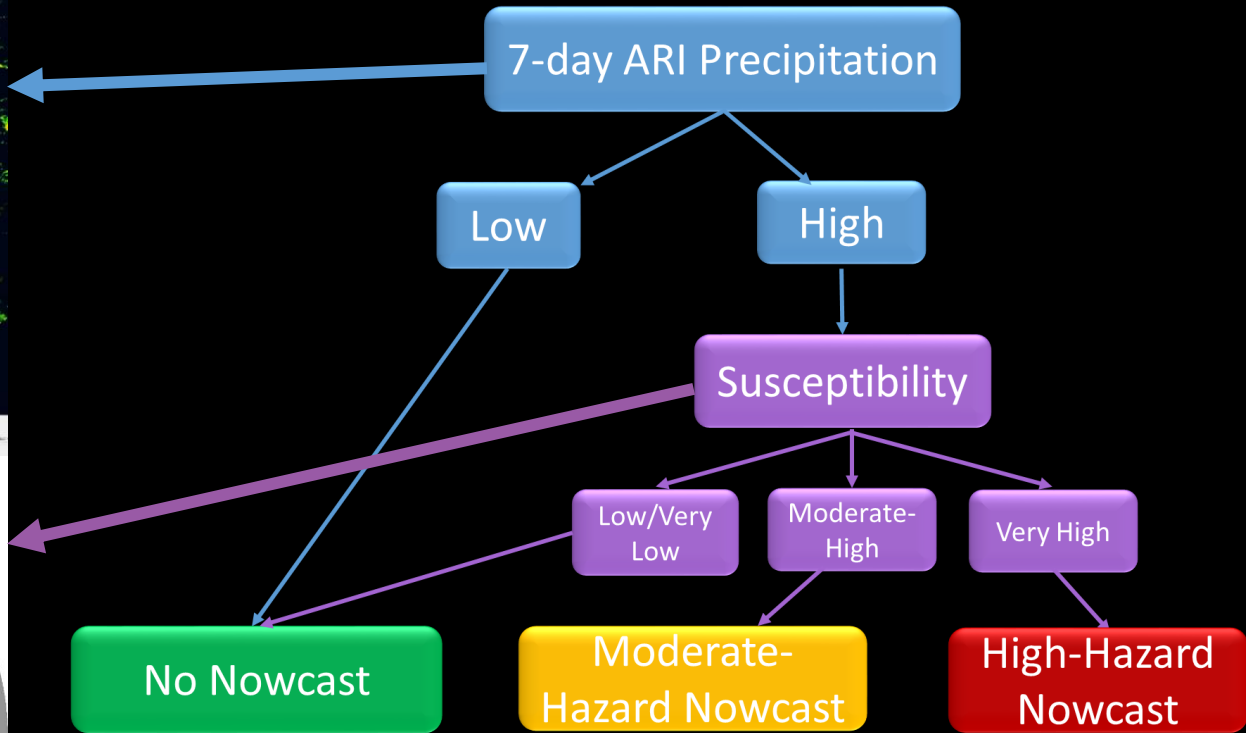
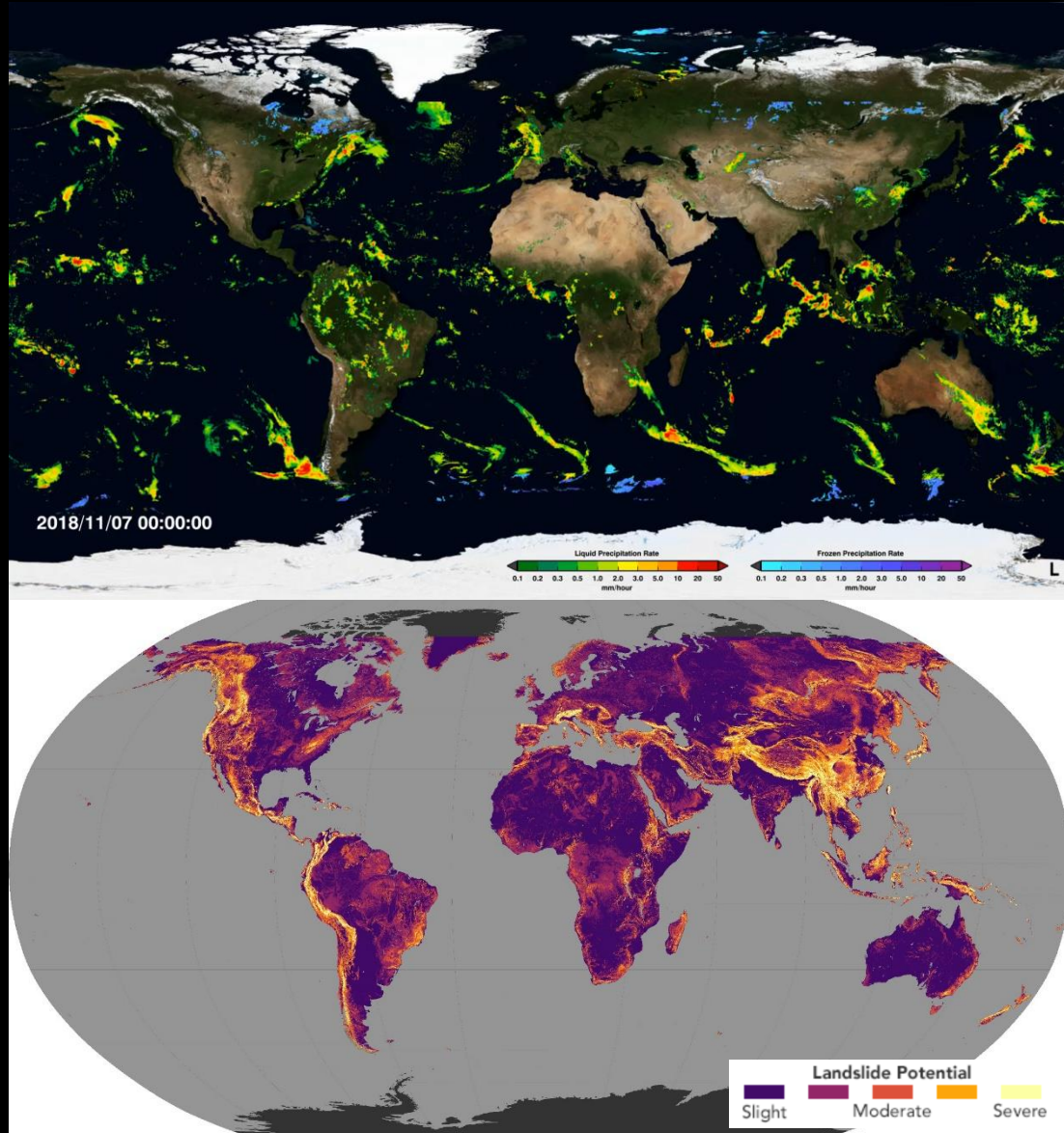
Hiroshima, Japan,
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Alexander Handwerger (JPL) and Mong-Han Huang (Uni. Maryland)



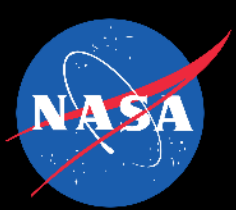
Landslide Hazard Assessment for Situational Awareness (LHASA Version 1.1)



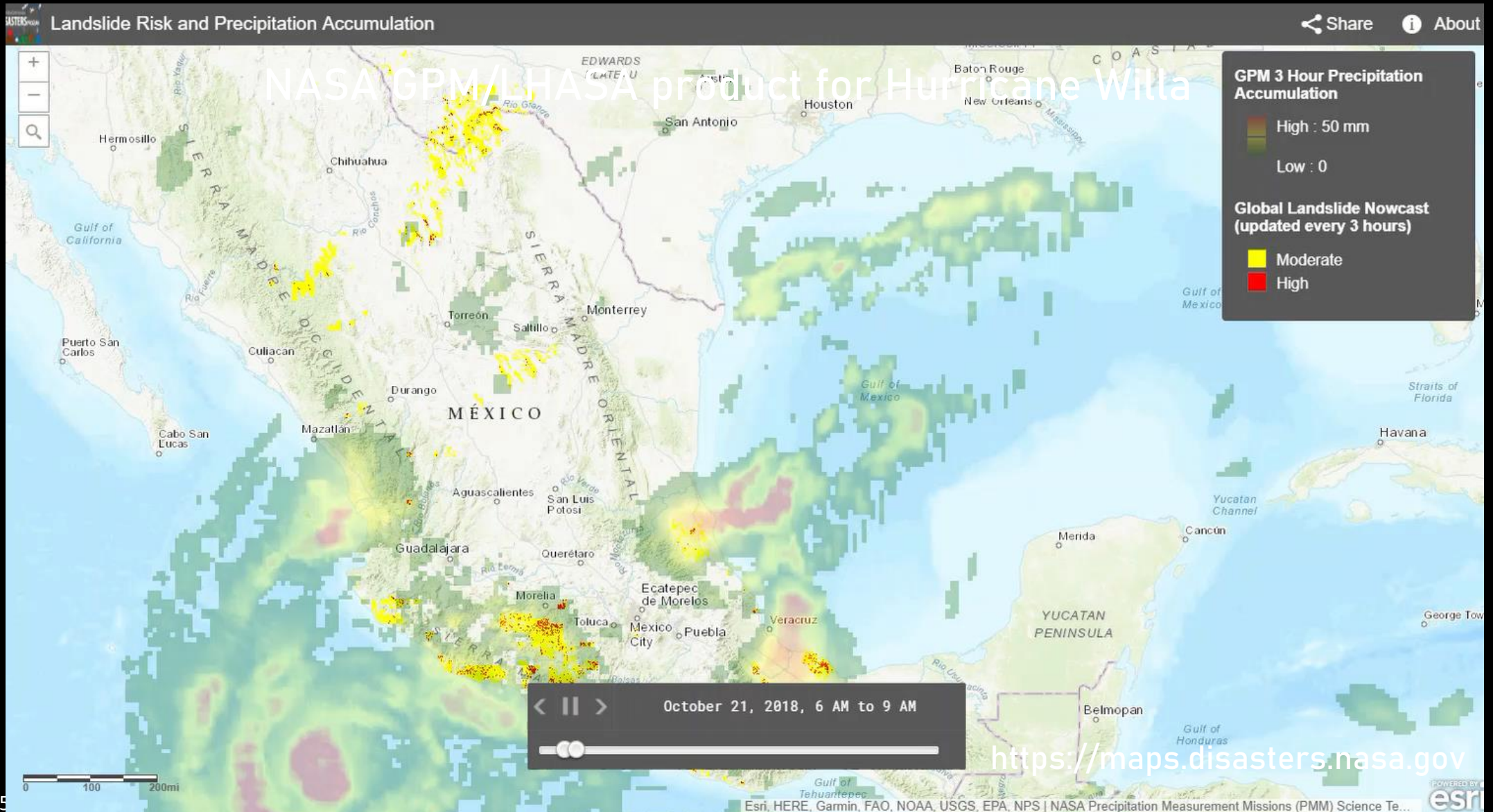
Kirschbaum and Stanley 2018

<https://landslides.nasa.gov>

Kirschbaum and Stanley (2018)



LHASA Output for Hurricane Willa, 2018





LHASA 2.0

Static Factors

DEM
Geology
Rock strength

Triggers

Satellite Rainfall
Rainfall Forecast
Soil Moisture
Snow Mass

Earthquake

PGA
(% shaking),
recent events

Post-fire Debris Flow Module

Methodology:

XGBoost machine-learning
model trained with
different types of landslide
data

Landslide Nowcast & Forecasts:

Probability of

- Rainfall-triggered landslides
- Post-fire debris flows

Exposure Model

Population
Roads
Infrastructure



LHASA 2.0 Nowcast dynamic variables

Antecedent conditions represent year-to-date



Soil Wetness
= Full-profile
Soil Moisture
/ Porosity

SMAP L4

Soil
Temperature

SMAP L4

Antecedent
Rainfall =
$$\sum_{t=-1}^{-2} rain$$

IMERG Late NRT

Current
Daily
Rainfall
Total

IMERG
Early
NRT





LHASA 2.0 Forecast dynamic variables

Antecedent conditions represent year-to-date



Soil Wetness =
Full-profile Soil
Moisture /
Porosity
GEOS-FP

Antecedent
Rainfall =
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IMERG Late NRT

Forecasted
Precipitation
1-3 days

GEOS FP



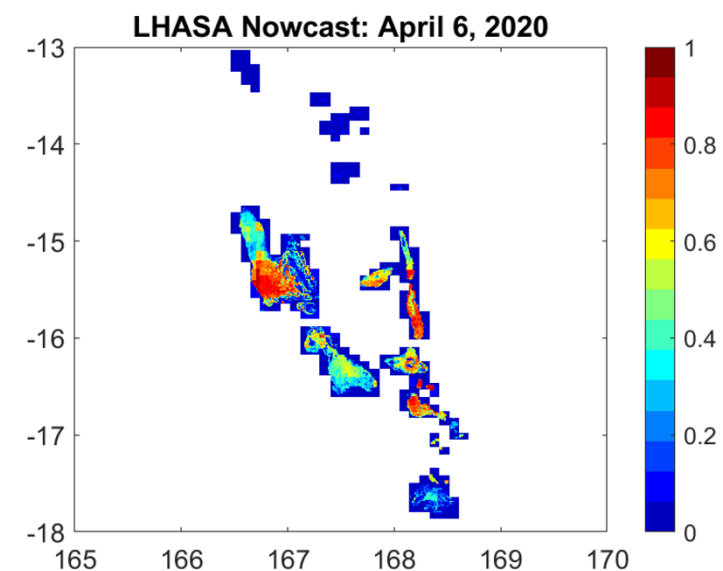
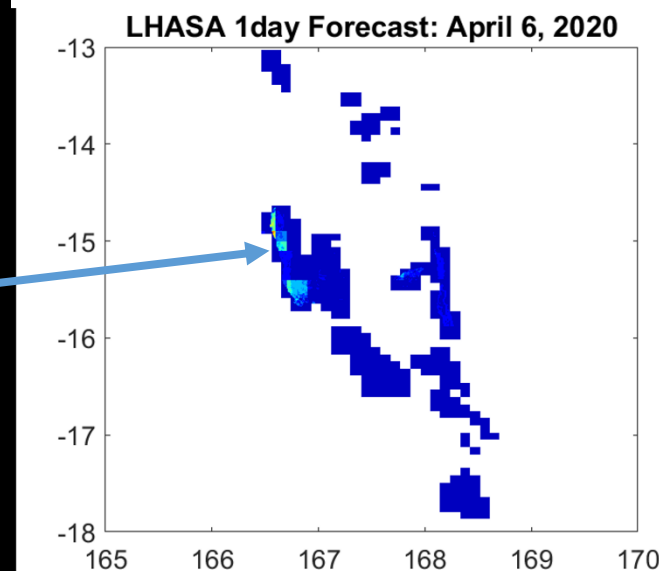
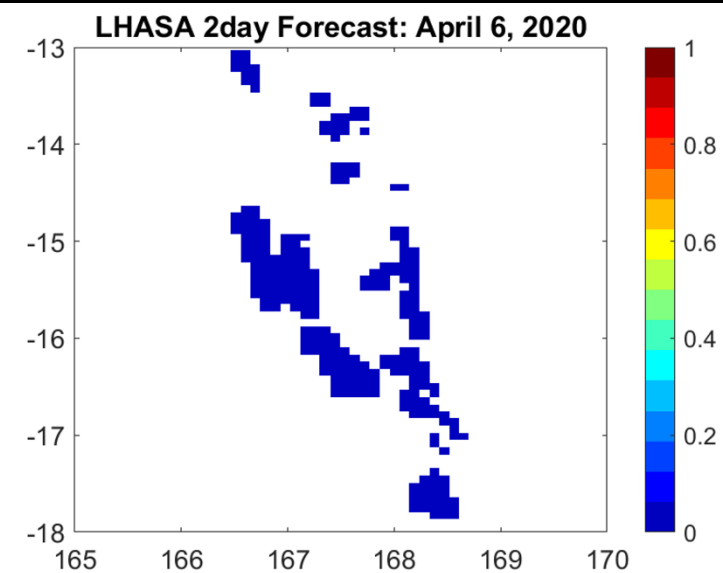
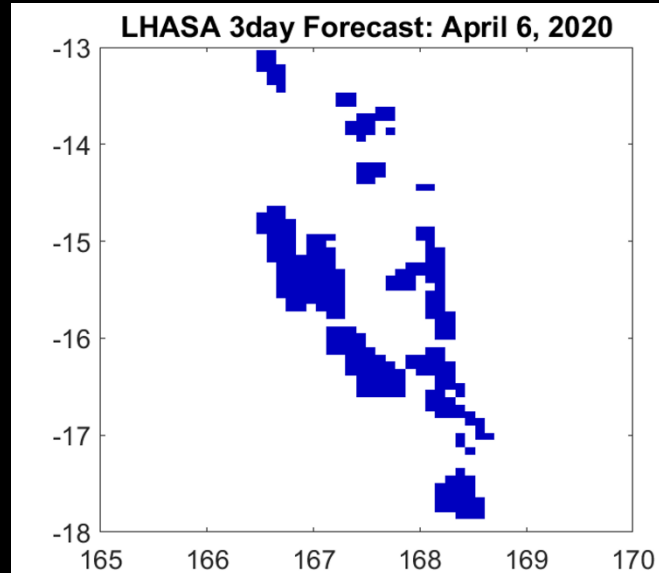
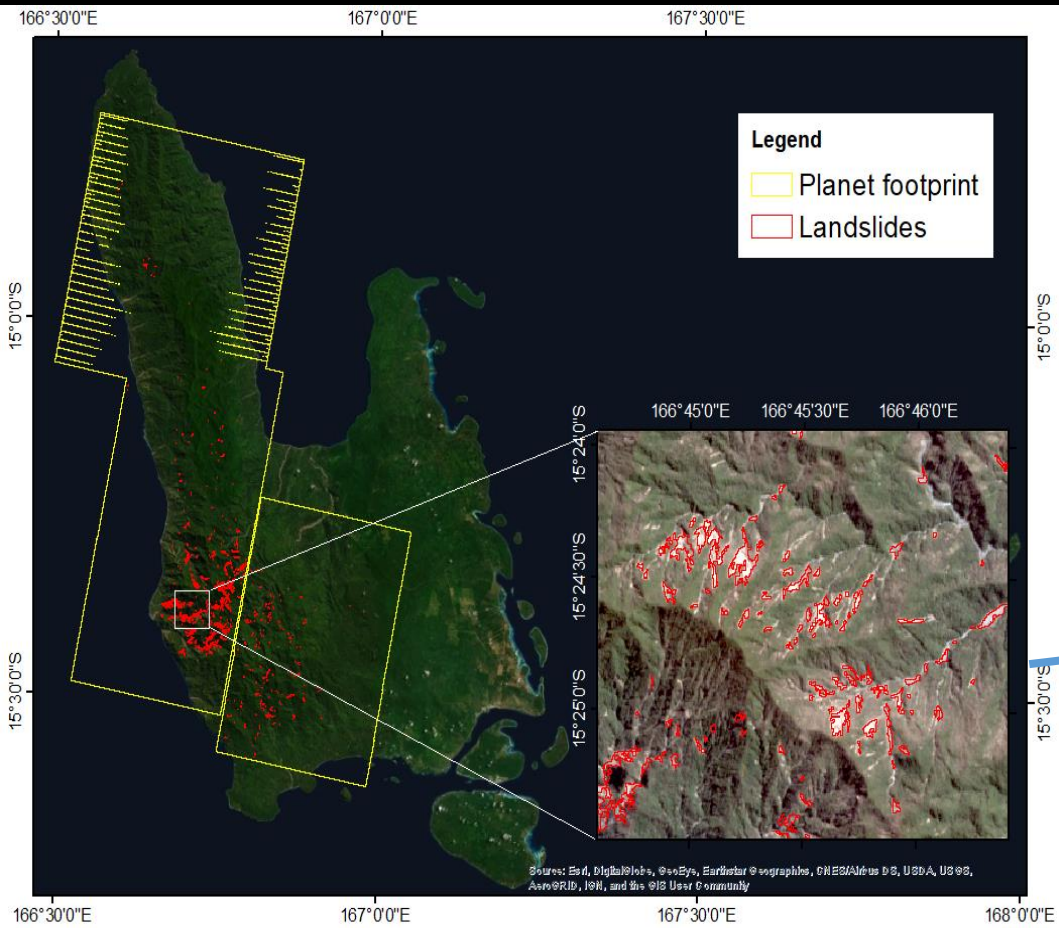
Snow Depth
GEOS-FP

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LHASA 2.0 and SALaD outputs

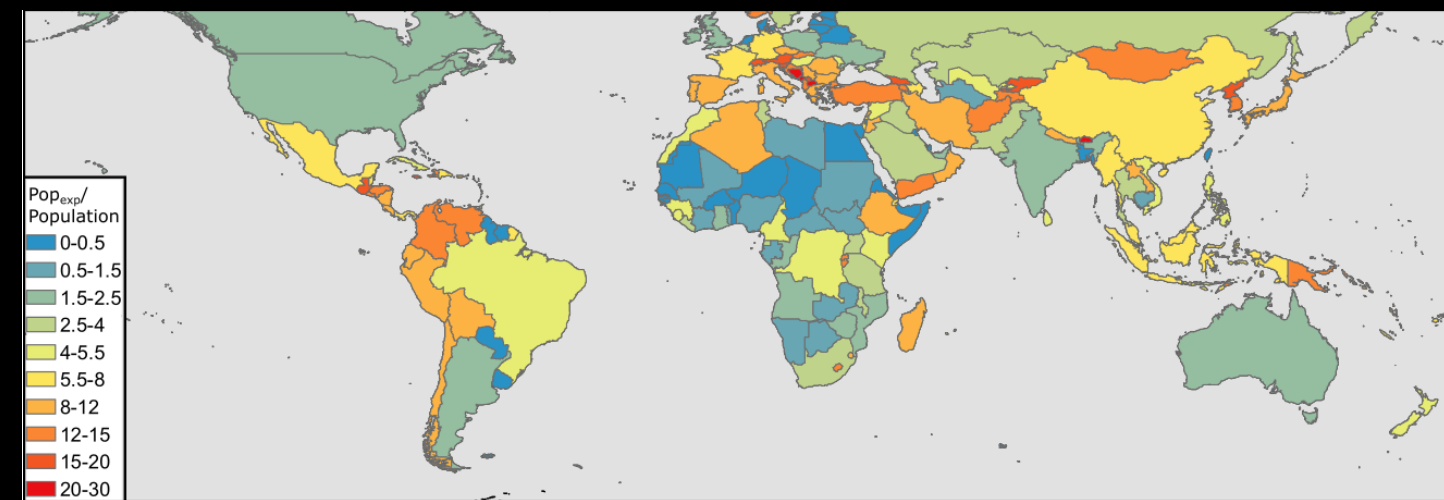
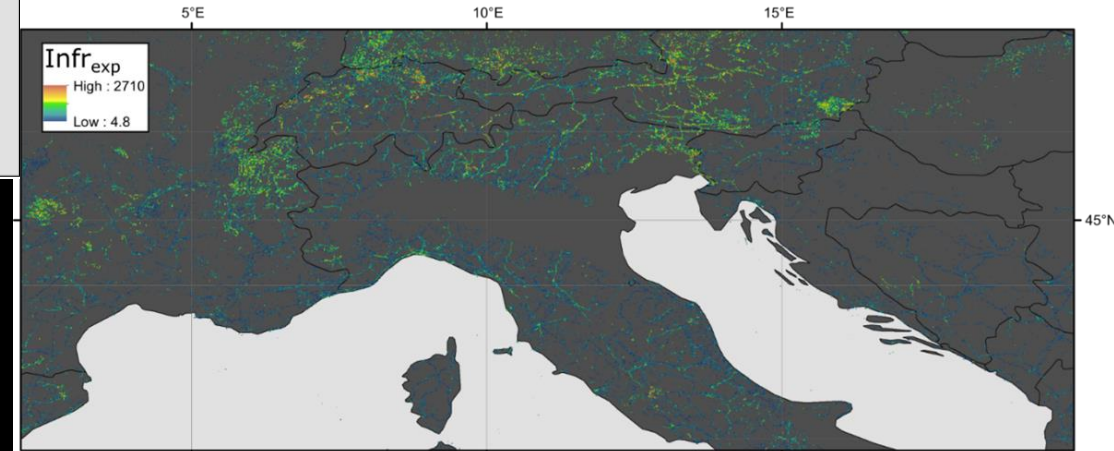
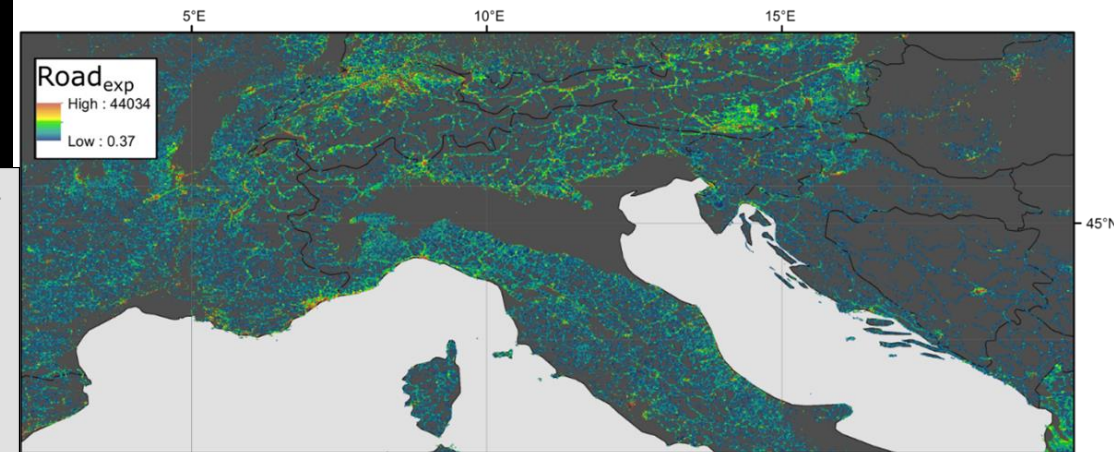
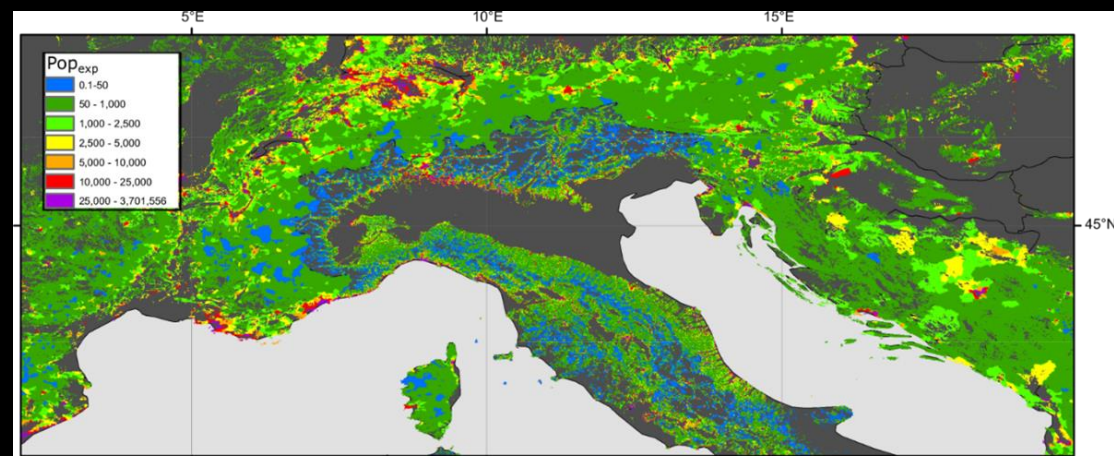


Cyclone Harold, Vanuatu (April 1-11, 2020)



Exposure Estimates

1 km resolution maps of exposure to landslides for population, roads, and critical infrastructure

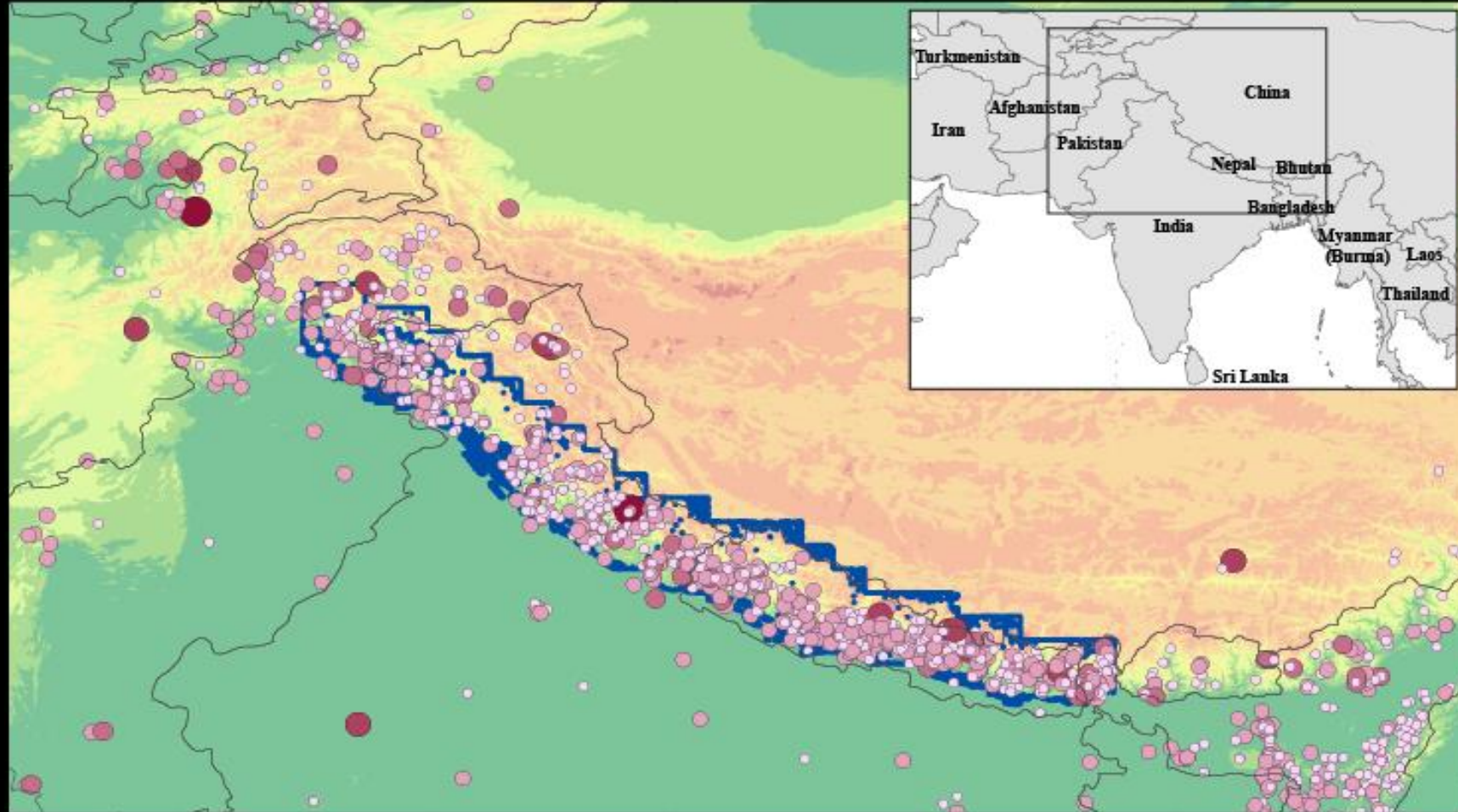


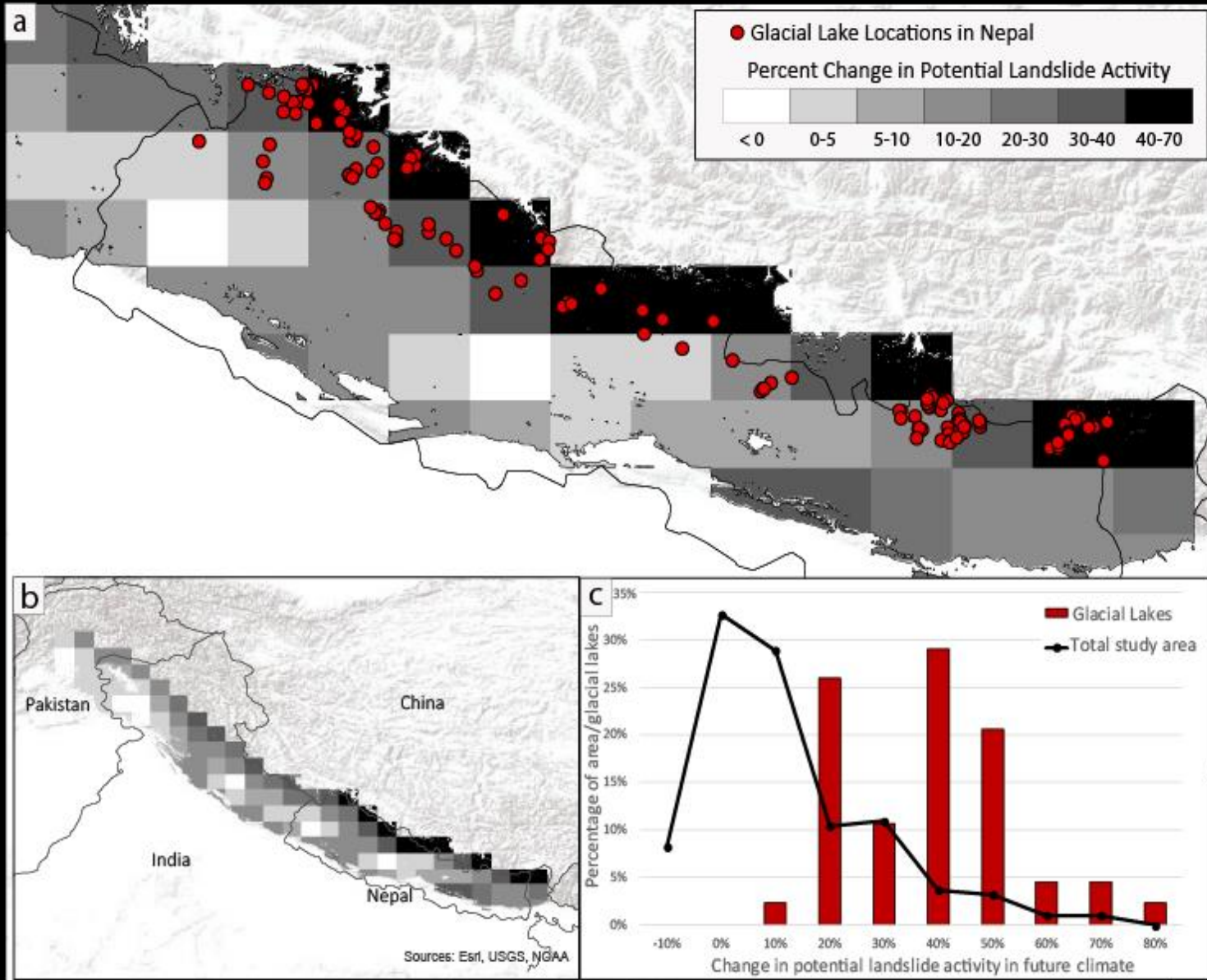
Population exposure normalized by total population

Emberson et al. (2020)



Landslide Mapping and Modeling over High Mountain Asia





Percent change in potential landslide activity at end of century

- Compared present (1961-2000) and future scenarios (2061-2100)
- Rate of increase in landslide activity at the end of the century is expected to be greatest over current glaciers and glacial lakes
- Demonstrates the feasibility of applying Global Climate Model outputs to model landslide impacts at timescales affected by climate change



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NASA's High Mountain Asia Team

Collaborative research to study cryospheric changes

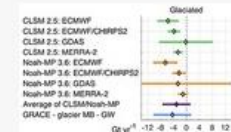


Get Data

Model Validation and Data Assimilation

Optimizing and standardizing model evaluation and assimilation techniques

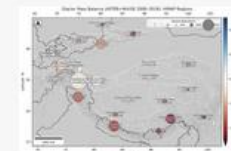
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Cryosphere

Changes in the High Mountain Asia Cryosphere in response to climate change

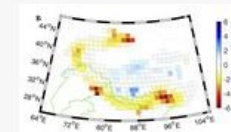
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Water Budget – Processes

Closing the water budget in High Mountain Asia

Last updated on Jan 19, 2021



What we do

... and how we do it

Some of the questions that guide our research:

1. What is driving changes in hydrology and cryosphere?
2. What range of possible impacts on local stakeholders?
3. ...

In our research, we use satellite data, model simulations, and field observations to study the hydrology and cryosphere of the High Mountain Asia region.

ORIGINAL RESEARCH article

Front. Earth Sci., 04 September 2019 | <https://doi.org/10.3389/feart.2019.00197>



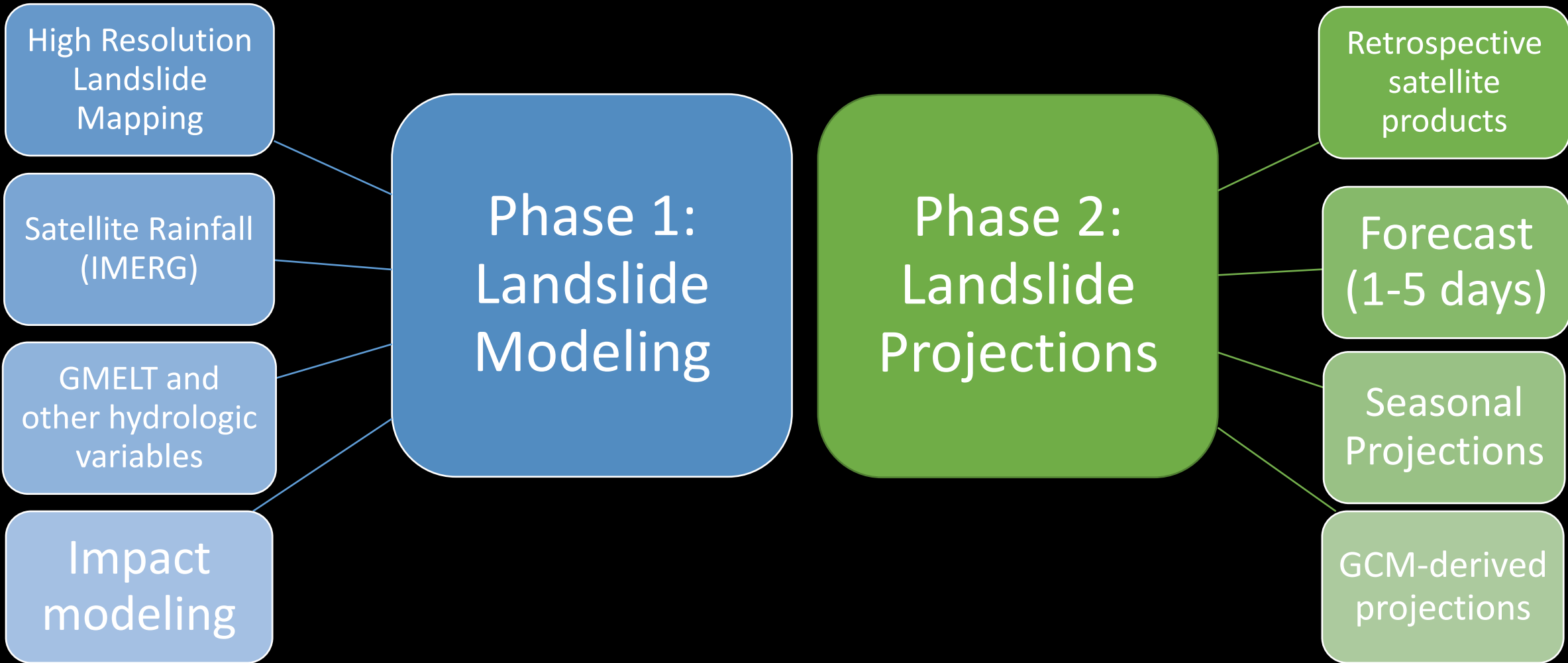
The State of Remote Sensing Capabilities of Cascading Hazards Over High Mountain Asia

Dalia Kirschbaum^{1*}, C. Scott Watson², David R. Rounce³, Dan H. Shugar⁴, Jeffrey S. Kargel⁵, Umesh K. Haritashya⁶, Pukar Amatya^{1,7}, David Shean⁸, Eric R. Anderson⁹ and Minjeong Jo^{7,10}

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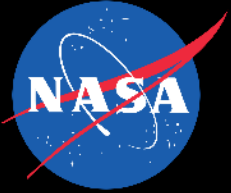
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Conclusions

- The proliferation of publicly available remote sensing and model data increase our ability to better characterize landslide hazard and exposure
- Regional efforts including NASA's High Mountain Asia Science Team and NASA Disasters Program are focused on developing new data and models that address changes in hydrology and the cryosphere, which could be a key set of variables to advance regional landslide hazard assessment
- Data and model discovery, access and stakeholder capacity to implement these capabilities remains a challenge and continued co-development, trainings and engagement may address this in part



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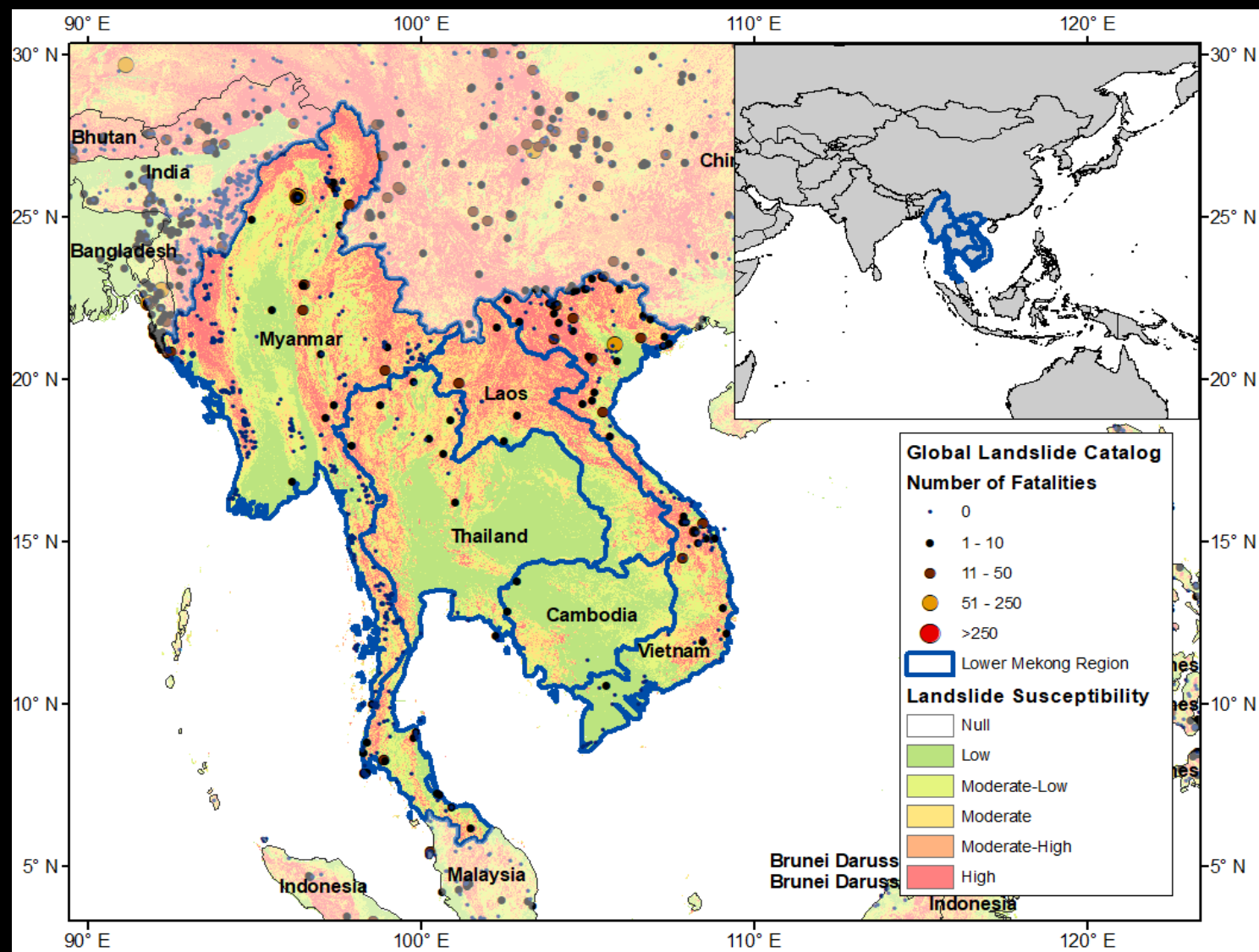


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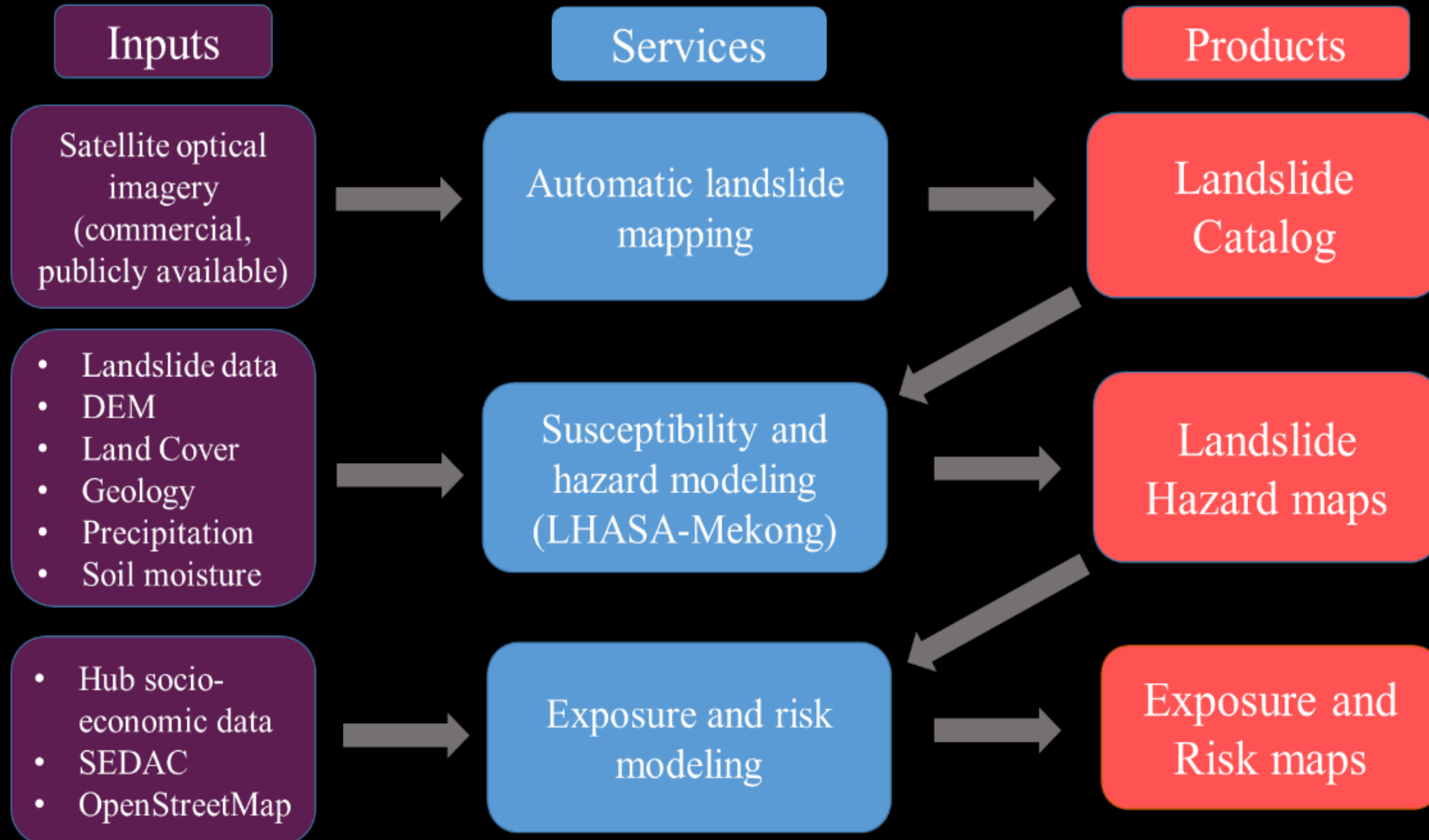
Goals of Project:

- Enable informed decision making on landslide hazard and risk leveraging EO data
- Build the capacity of regional and national agencies and other stakeholder groups to increase situational awareness, support preparedness activities
- Create a suite of products and services that will inform comprehensive landslide characterization and awareness



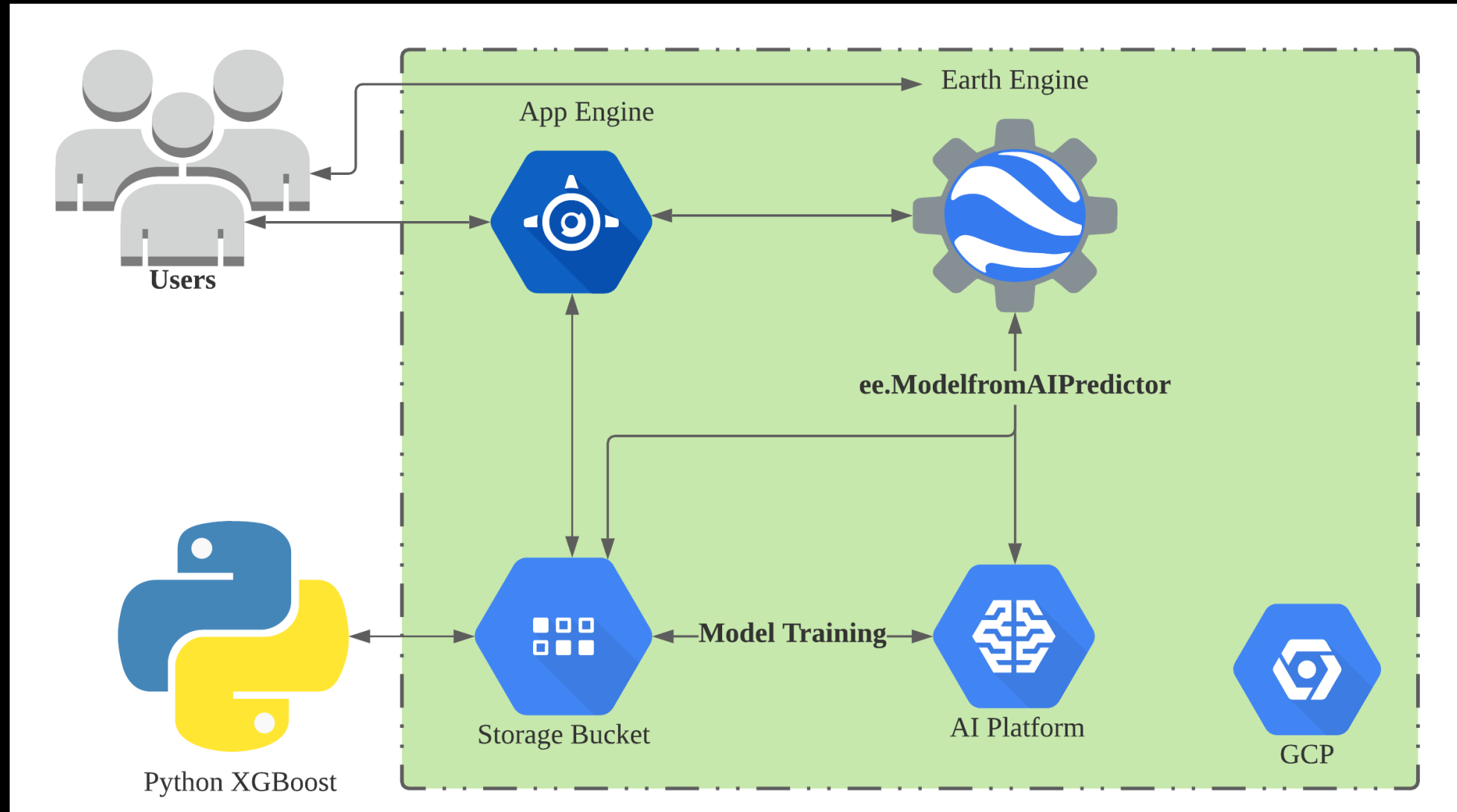


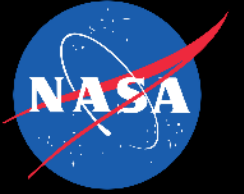
LHASA-Mekong structure





LHASA-Mekong in Google Earth Engine





Landslides in Huong Hua district, Vietnam (18 October, 2020)



19 OCTOBER 2020

Huong Phung: another deadly landslide in Vietnam

Posted by [Dave Petley](#)



Huong Phung: another deadly landslide in Vietnam

Early on Sunday 18 October 2020 a large landslide struck an army barracks in Huong Phung commune in Huong Hoa District of Quang Tri Province in Vietnam. This was the latest in a [series of deadly landslides in Vietnam in recent weeks](#), triggered by heavy rainfall. It is the second event to kill a substantial number of soldiers.



LHASA 2.0 output

