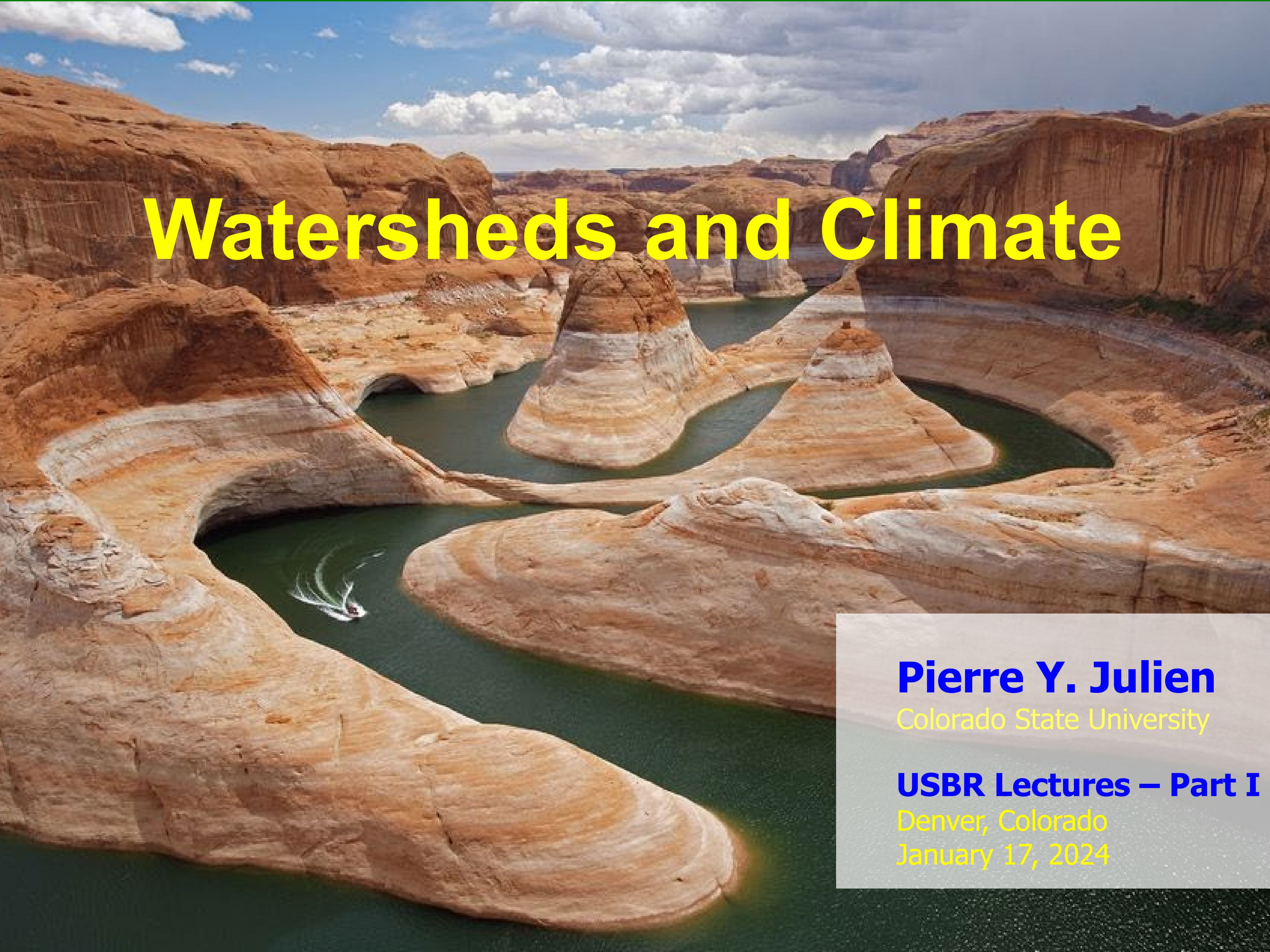
Welcome to this Short Course

USBR Short Course

Four 2-hour lectures by Pierre Julien

1. Watersheds and Climate
2. Sedimentation Engineering
3. Rivers and Dams
4. River Environment

Approx. 75 slides per lecture + Q&A



Watersheds and Climate

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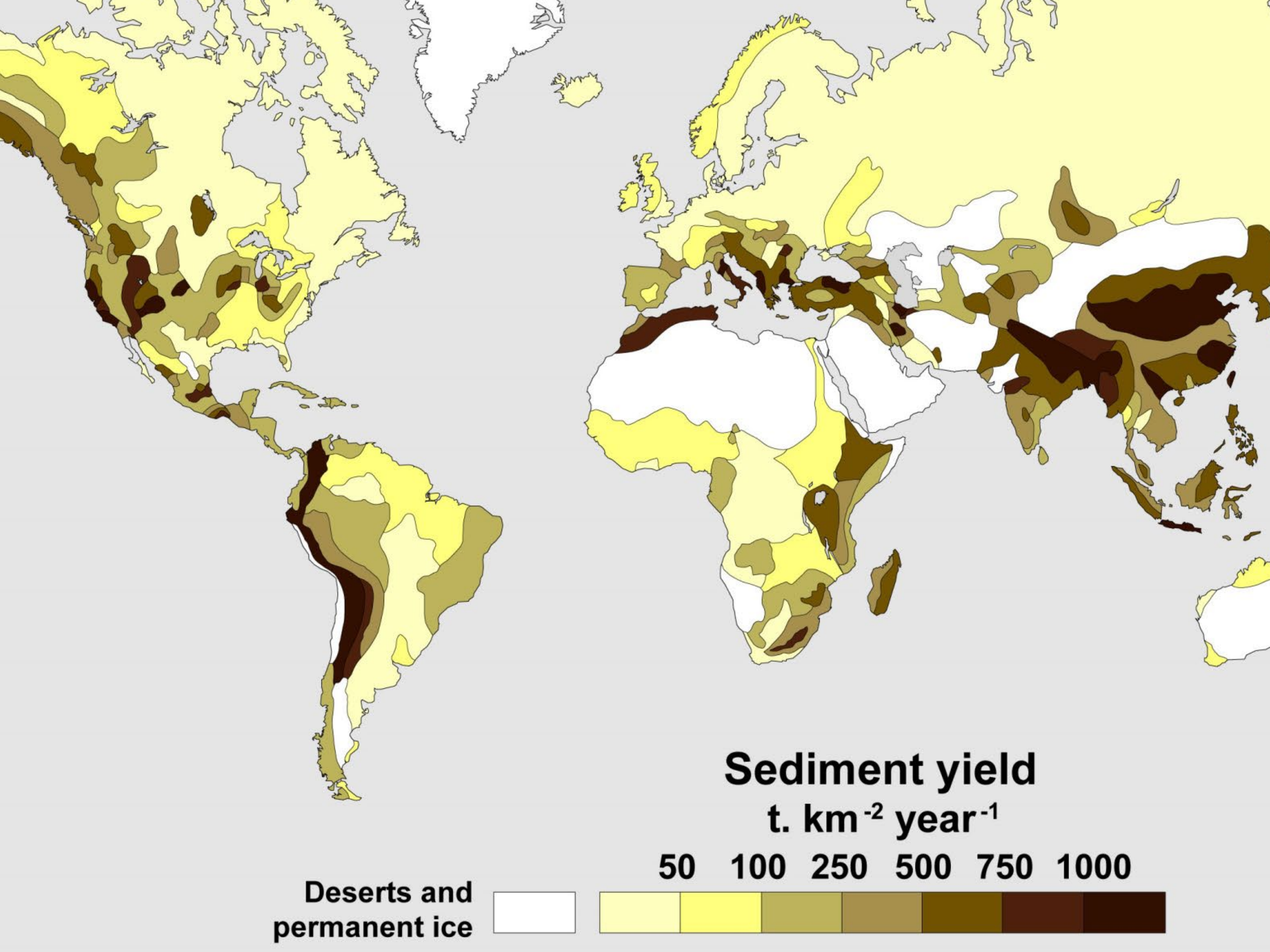
Sediment yield
t. km $^{-2}$ year $^{-1}$
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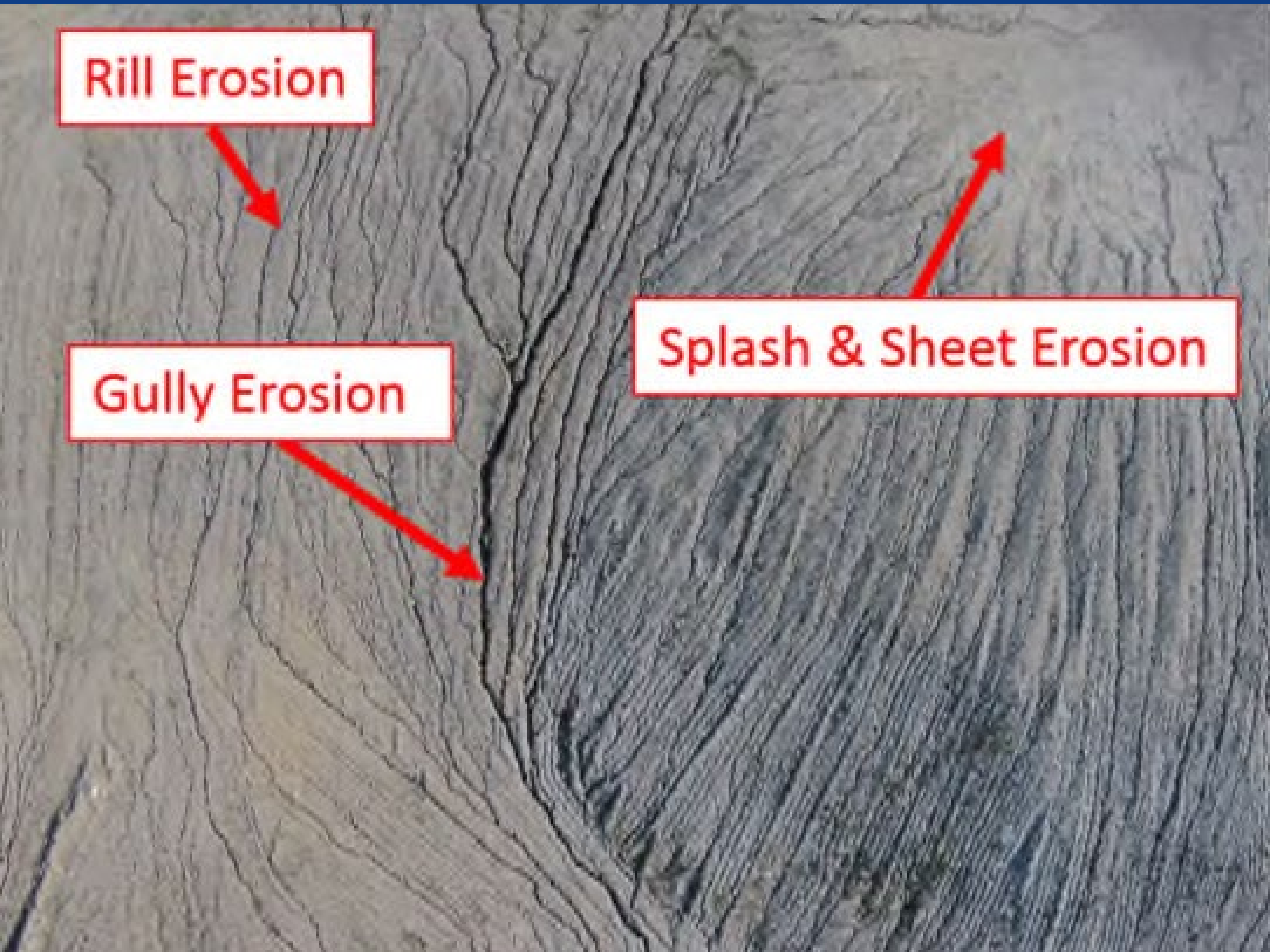
Deserts and
permanent ice

Sediment Sources





Rill Erosion
Splash & Sheet Erosion
Gully Erosion

Revised Universal Soil-Loss Equation (RUSLE)

$$E = R\ K\ L\ S\ C\ P$$

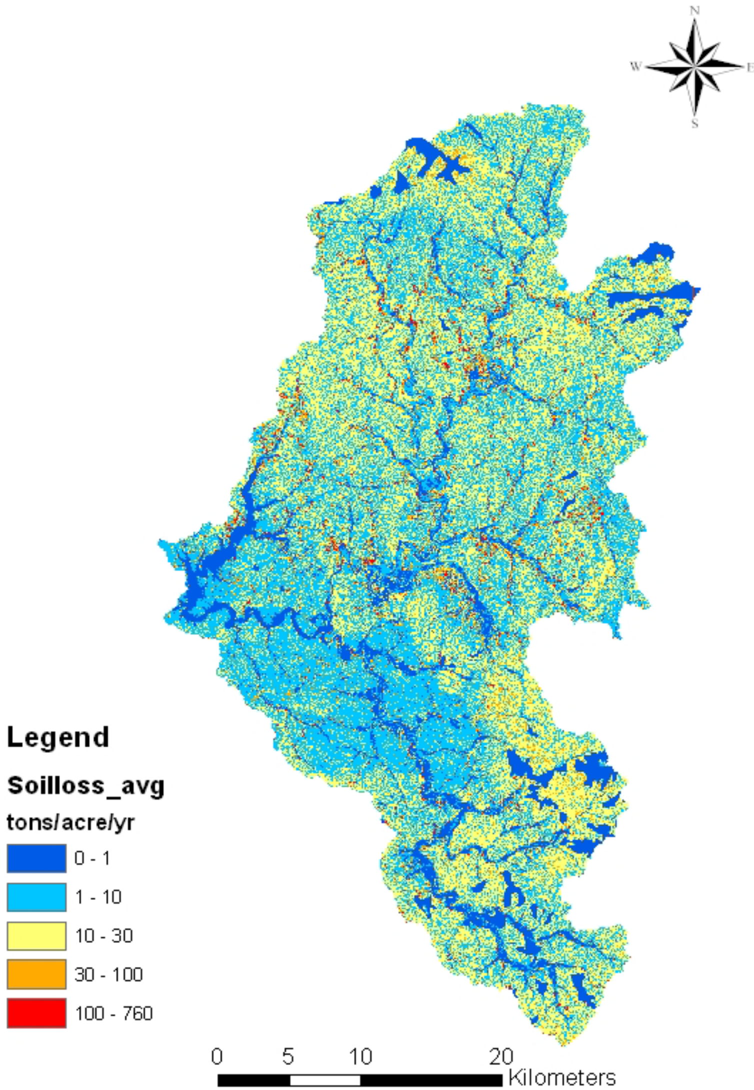
- E: mean annual soil loss
- R : rainfall erosivity
- K : soil erodibility
- L : slope length
- S : slope steepness
- C : cropping management
- P : conservation practice

Example, Imha Watershed, South Korea

- **Watershed area: 1,361 km^2**
- **Channel length: 96 km**
- **Average watershed slope: 40%**
- **Fast and high peak runoff characteristics**
- **30m x 30m resolution**

From Hyeonsik Kim and Julien (2006)

Results: Annual Average Soil Loss Map



- Drainage area A = 1361 km^2
- **Annual average soil loss:**

  E =4.7 x 10^{6} tons/year

  E/A = 3,450 tons/km^2/year
- **Sediment Delivery Ratio**:

  $SDR \cong \mathbf{0.41\ A^{-0.3}} \cong \mathbf{0.047}$
- **Yield** = E x *SDR* ≅ **220, 000** tons/year
- **Specific degradation**
- Y/A ≅ 0.047x3450 ≅ **162** tons/km^2/year

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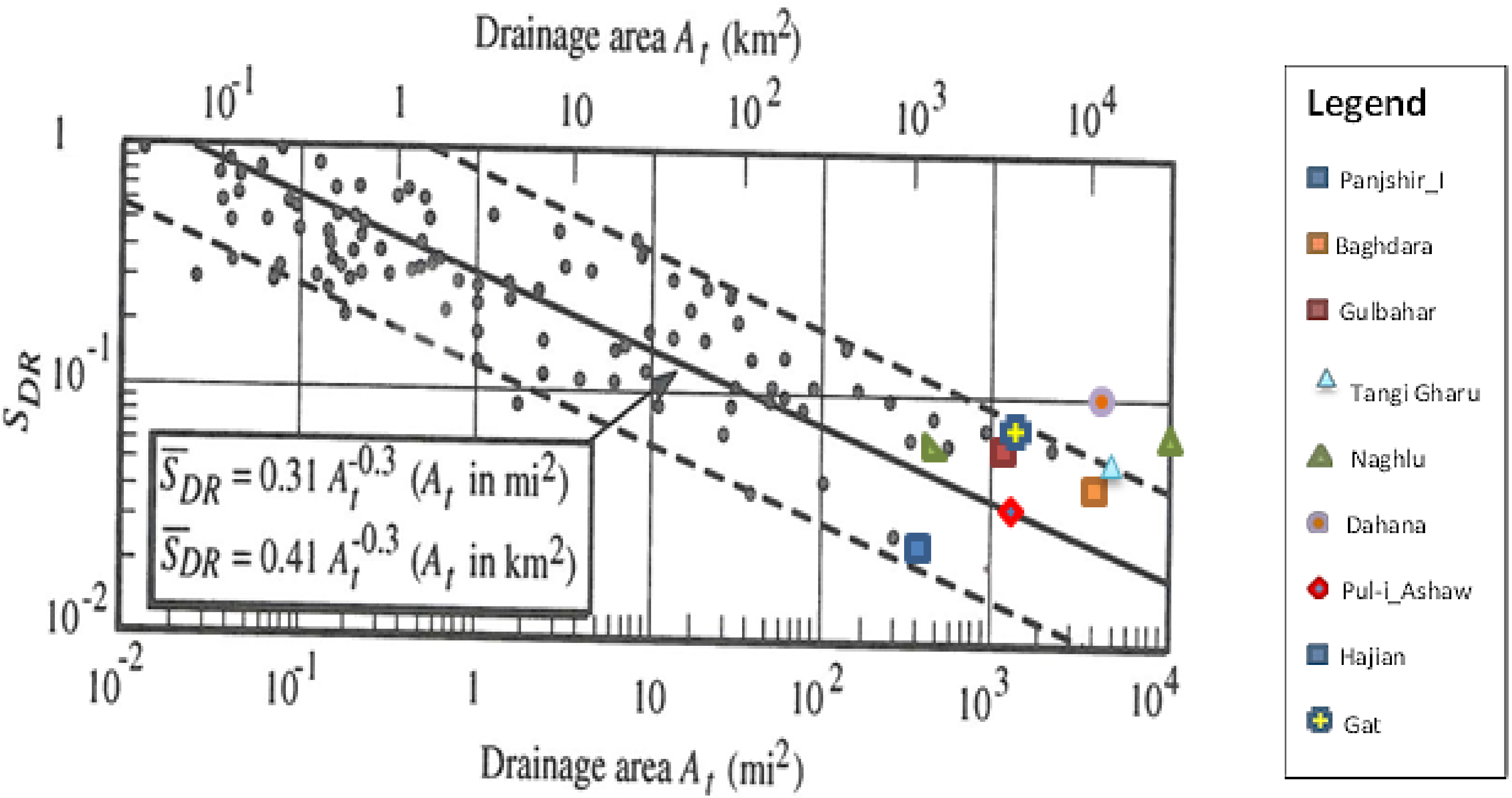
Sediment Delivery Ratio (SDR)

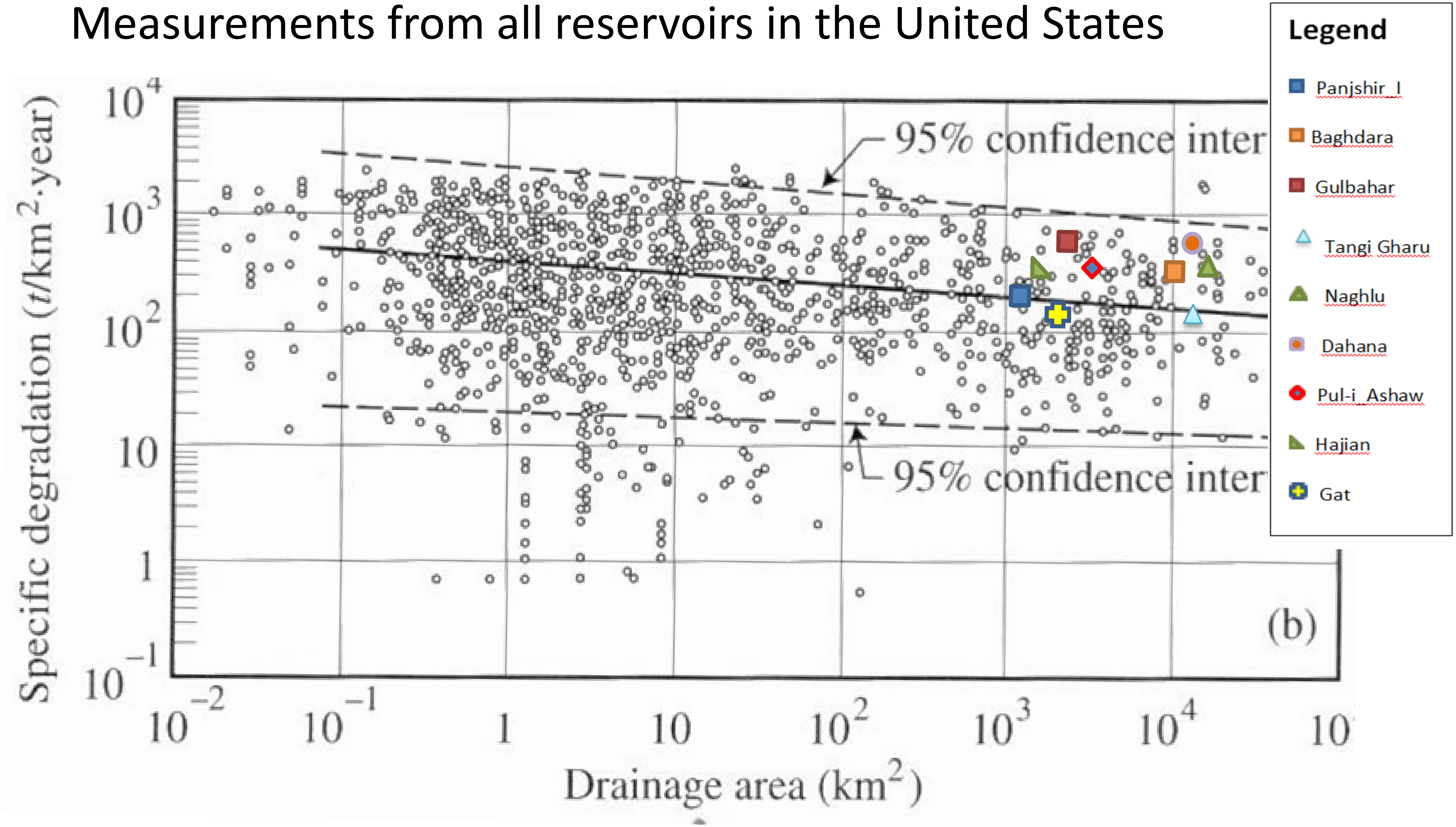


Sediment Yield...

- Kane and Julien, IJSR (2007)

Afghanistan, Sahaar (2013)

Measurements from all reservoirs in the United States



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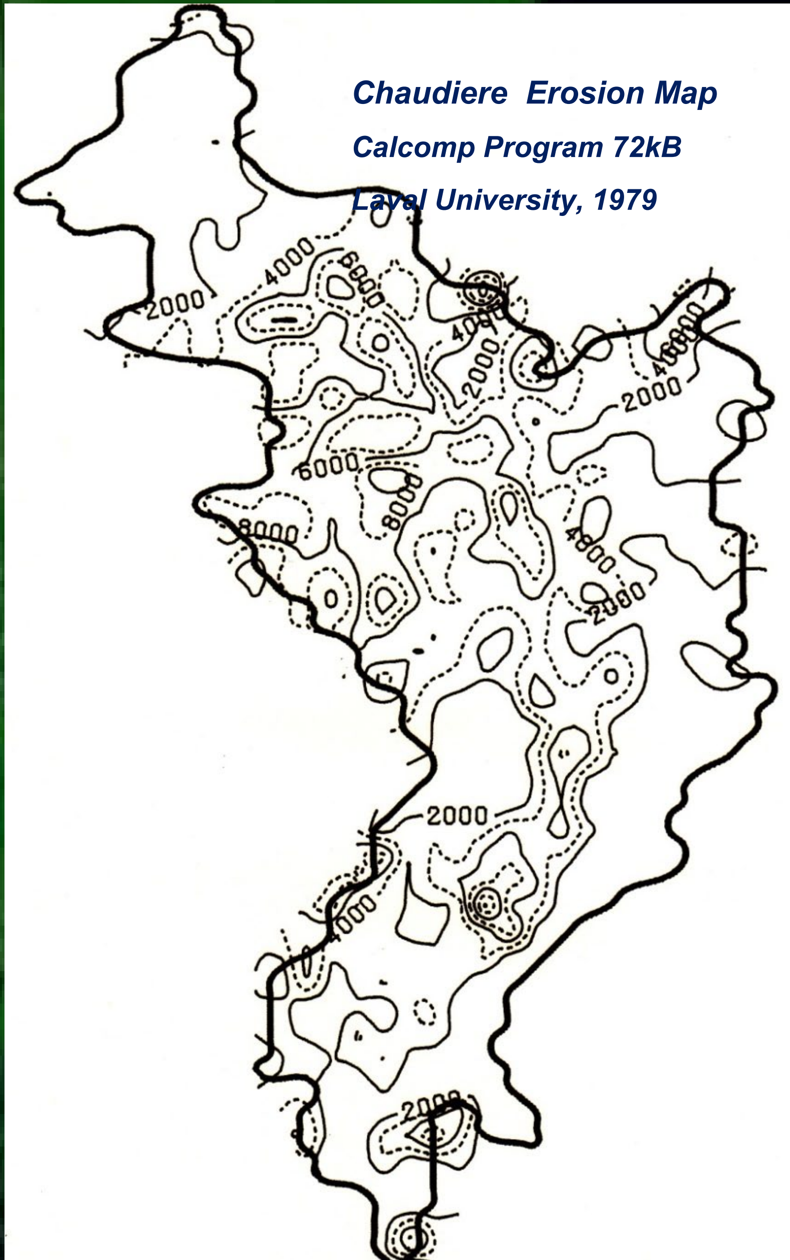
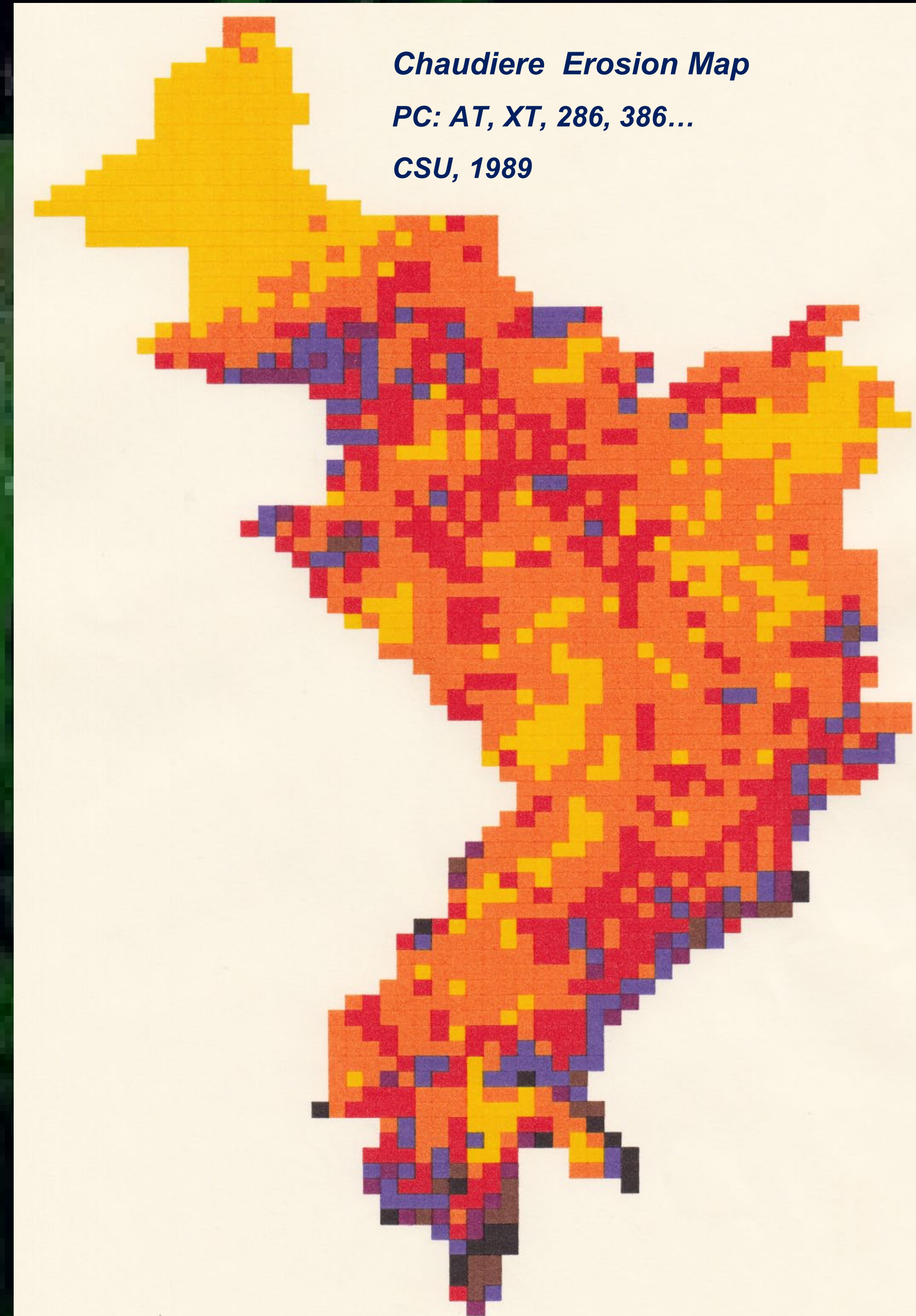
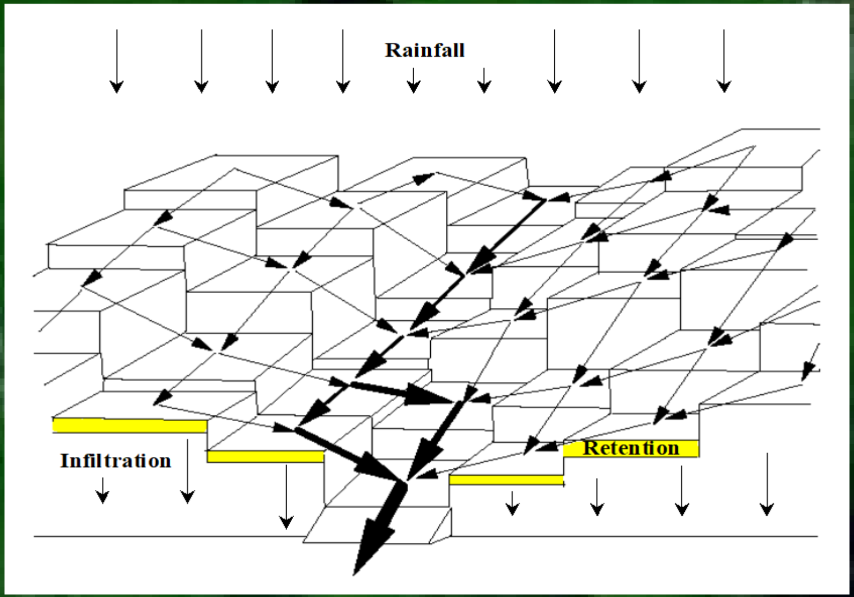




From Julien, MS thesis, 1979



CASC2D- Julien et al. (1995)

Jerry Richardson, PhD ‘89
Bahram Saghafian, PhD ‘92
Fred Ogden, PhD ‘92
William Doe III, PhD ‘92
Don May, PhD ‘93
Darcy Molnar, PhD ‘97

CASC2D-SED – Johnson et al. (2000)

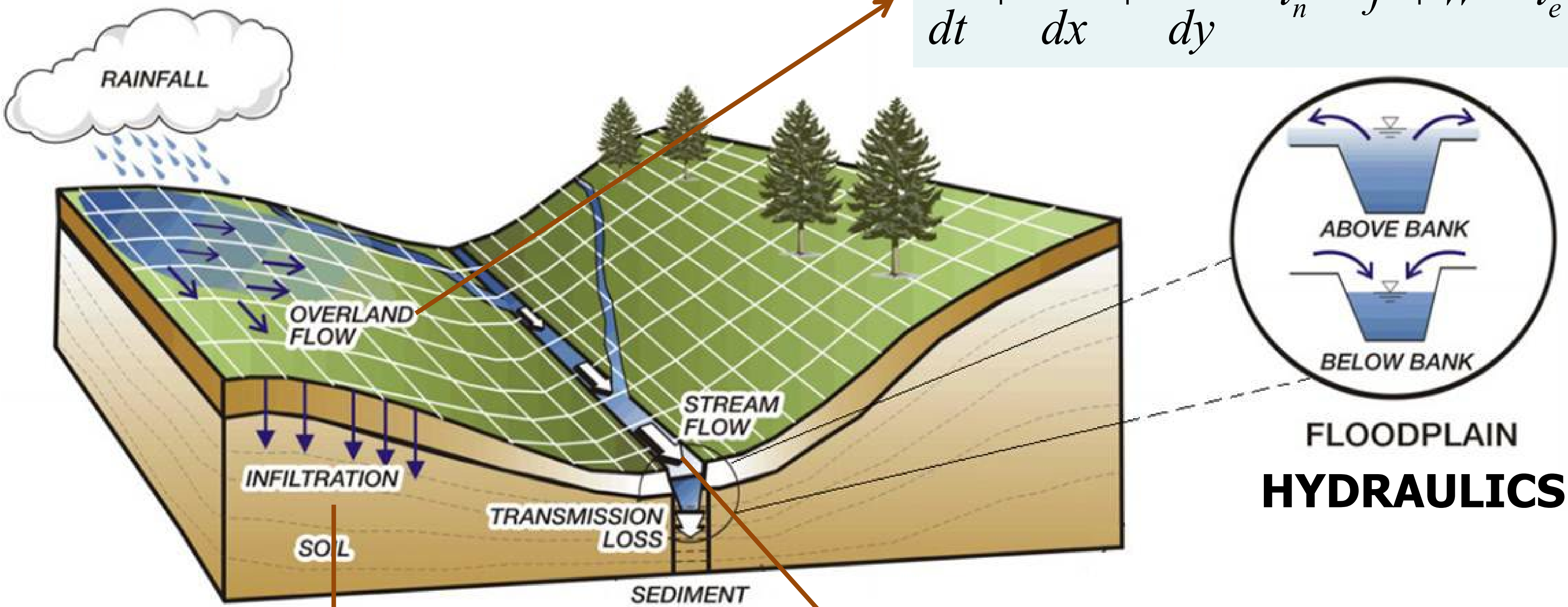
Billy Johnson, PhD ‘97
Jeff Jorgeson, PhD ’99
Amit Sharma, PhD ‘00
Rosalia Rojas, PhD ‘02

Aug. 9, 2005: Before Katrina

TREX: Two-dimensional Runoff Erosion and eXport

HYDROLOGY

$$\frac{\partial h}{dt} + \frac{\partial q_x}{dx} + \frac{\partial q_y}{dy} = i_n - f + \dot{W} = i_e$$



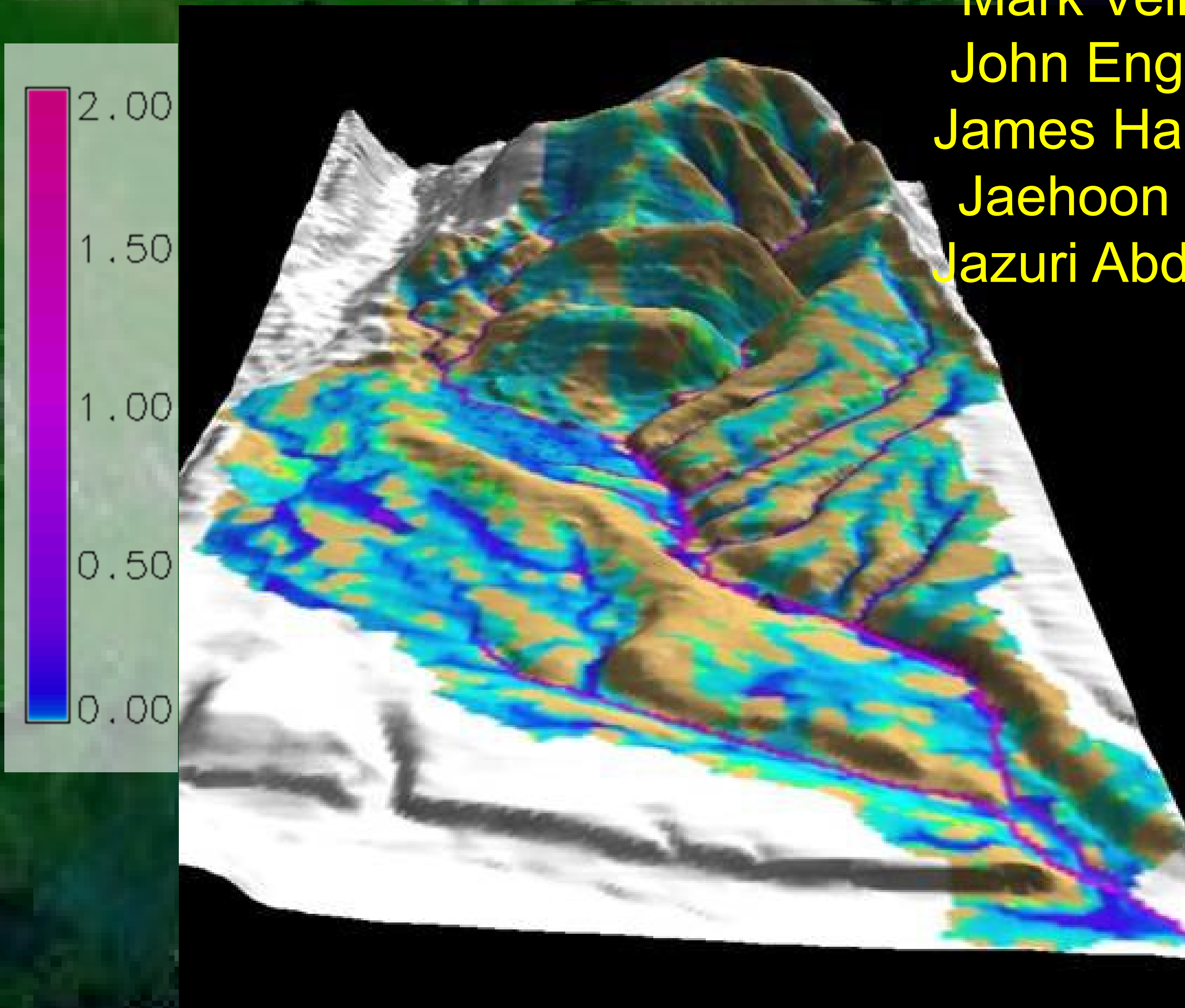
HYDRAULICS

$$f = K_h \left(1 + \frac{H_c \left(1 - S_e\right) \theta_e}{F} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial A}{dt} + \frac{\partial Q}{dx} = q_l + \hat{W}$$

TREX Model

Mark Velleux, Ph.D. ‘05
John England, Ph.D. ‘06
James Halgren, Ph.D. ‘12
Jaehoon Kim, Ph.D. ‘12
Jazuri Abdullah, Ph.D. ‘13



CSU Watershed Model TREX

From J. Halgren, 2009

Runoff and TSS Visualization at Naesung Stream, South Korea

(TREX Simulation from Dr. Mark Velleux, HDR HydroQual, NJ)

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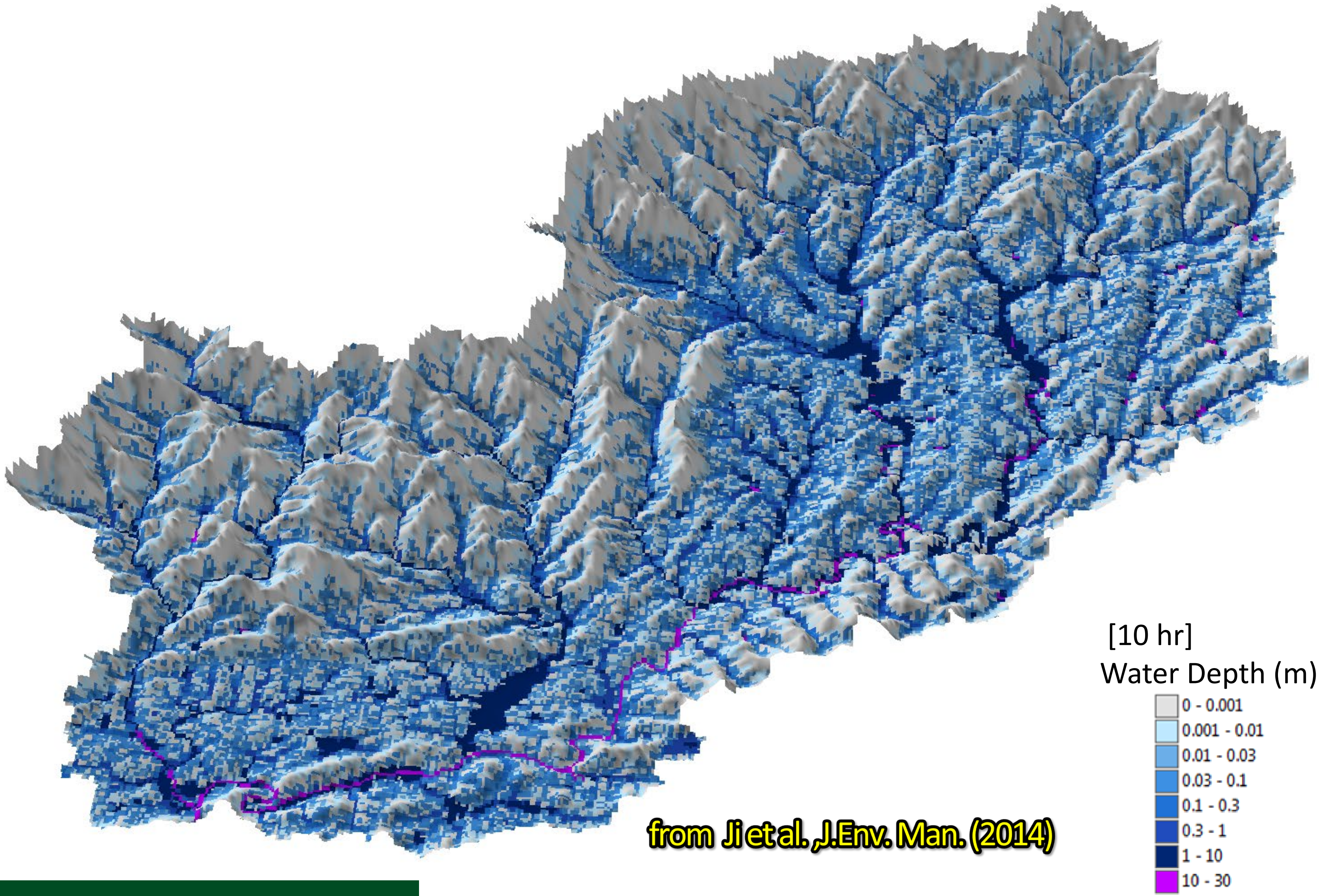
Water Depth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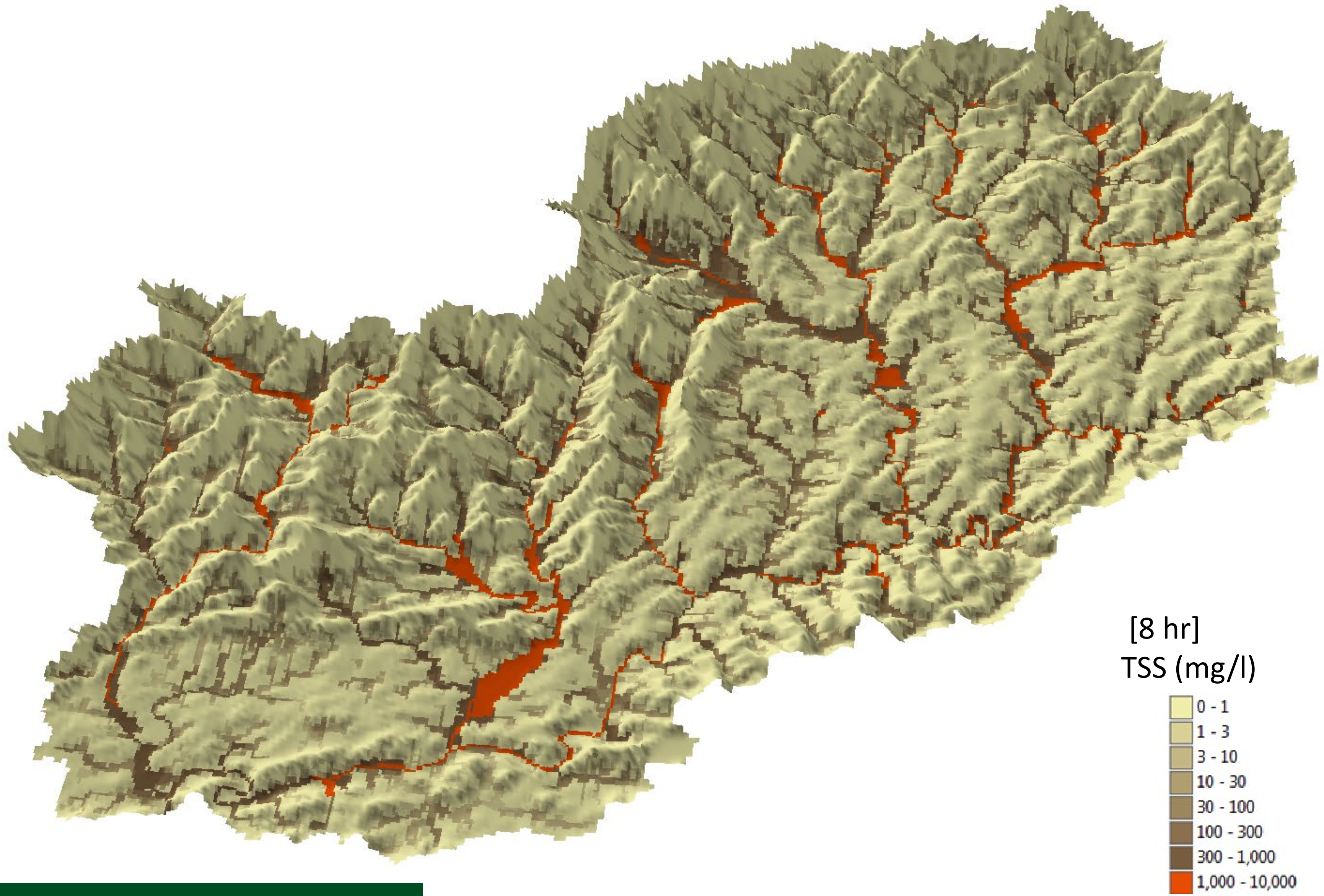
1 - 10
10 - 30
from Ji et al. ,J.Env. Man. (2014)

Total Suspended Solids



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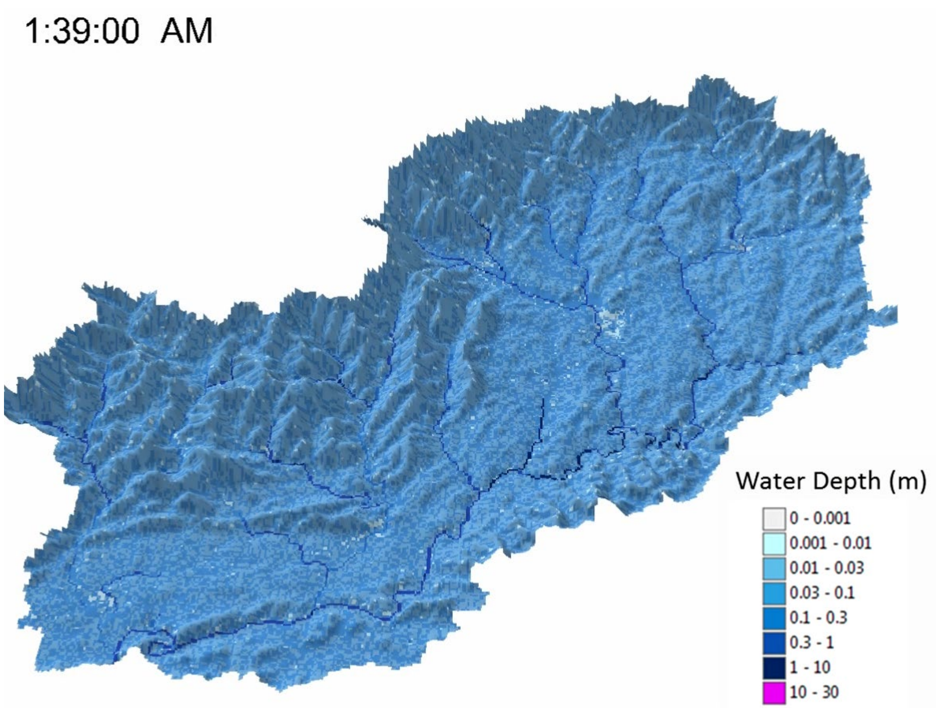
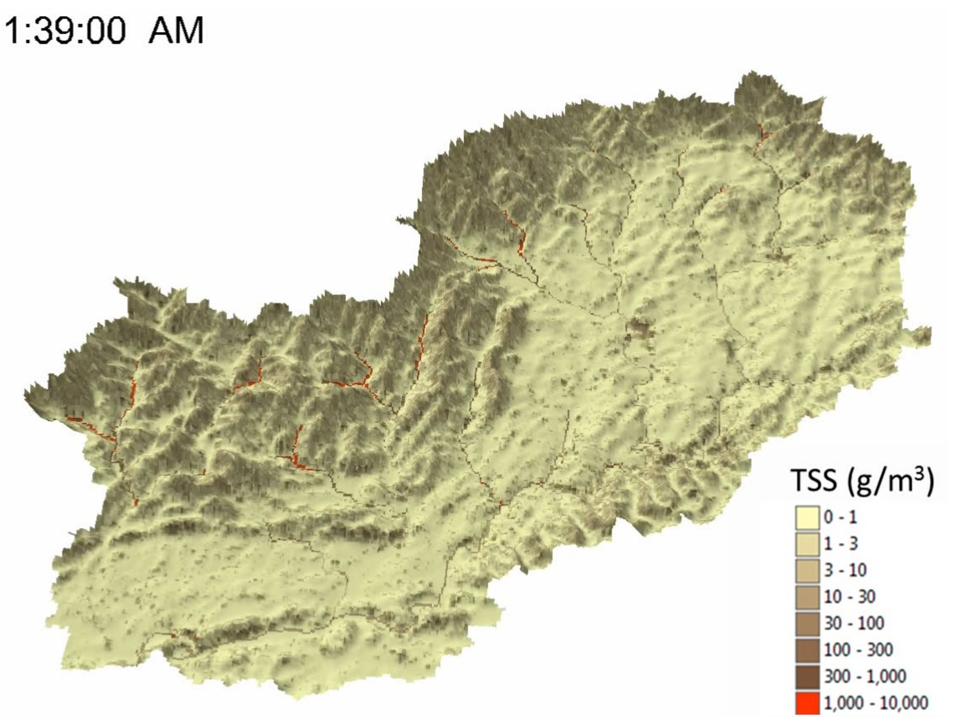
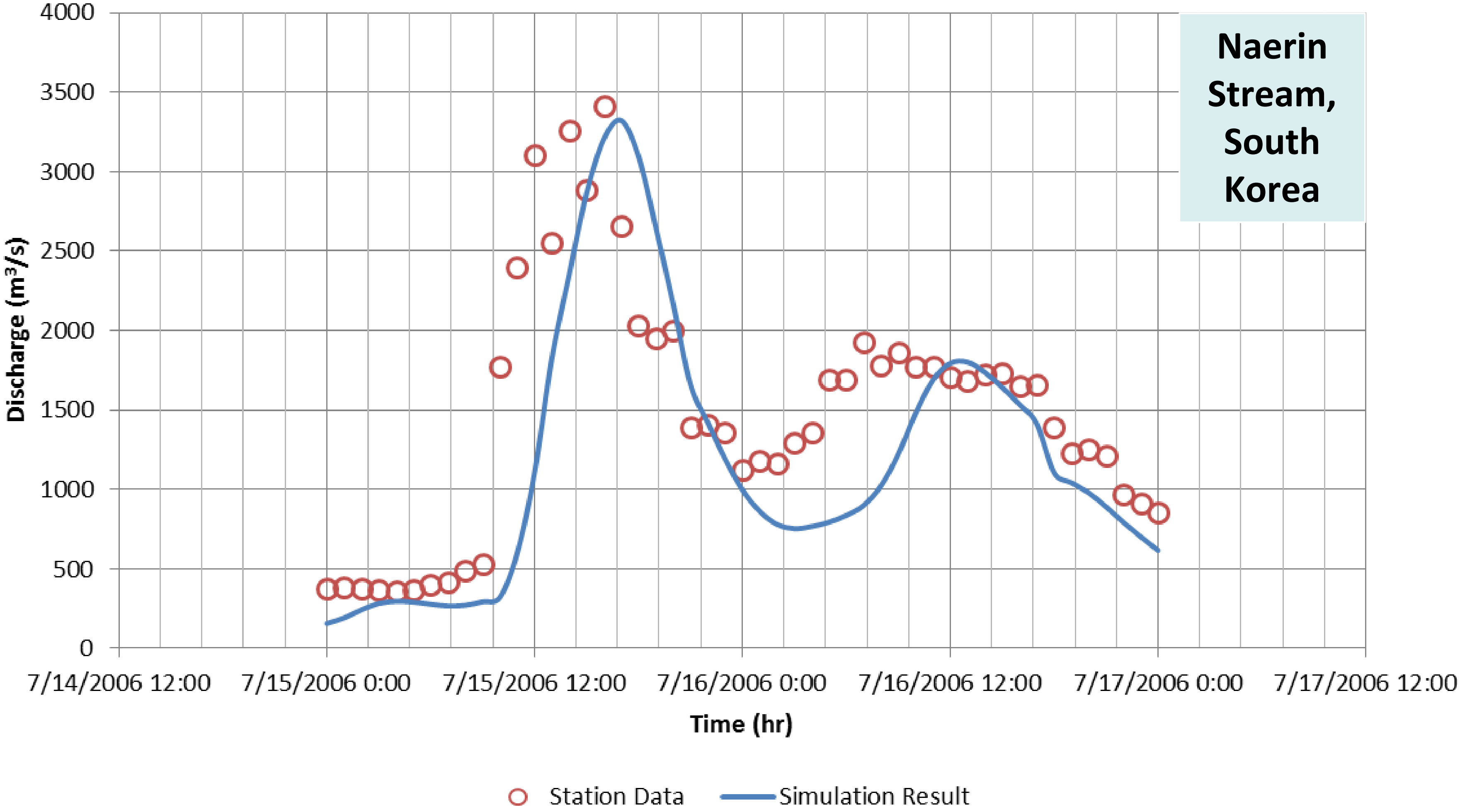




Example of TREX Calibration



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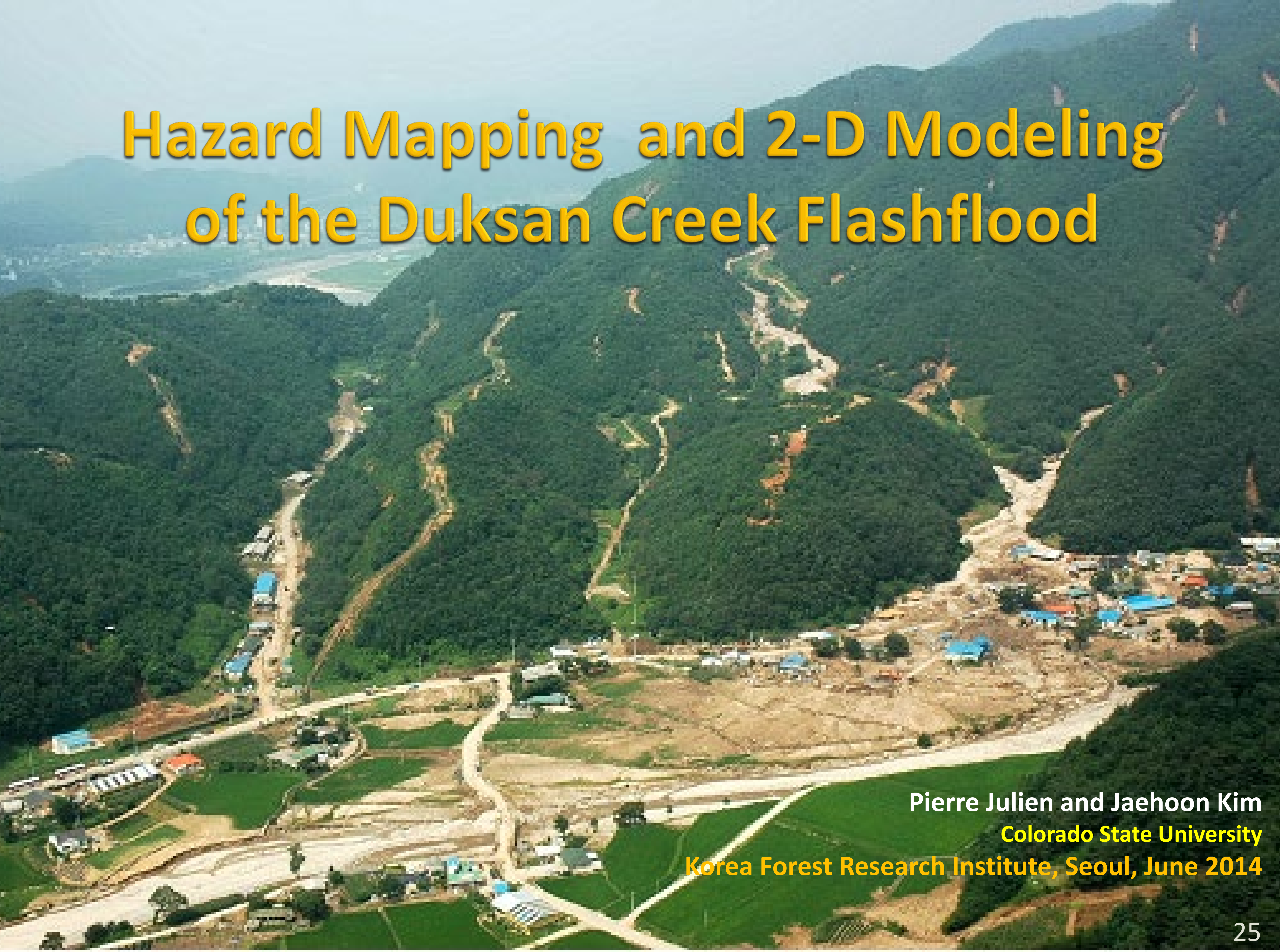
Hazard Mapping and 2-D Modeling of the Duksan Creek Flashflood



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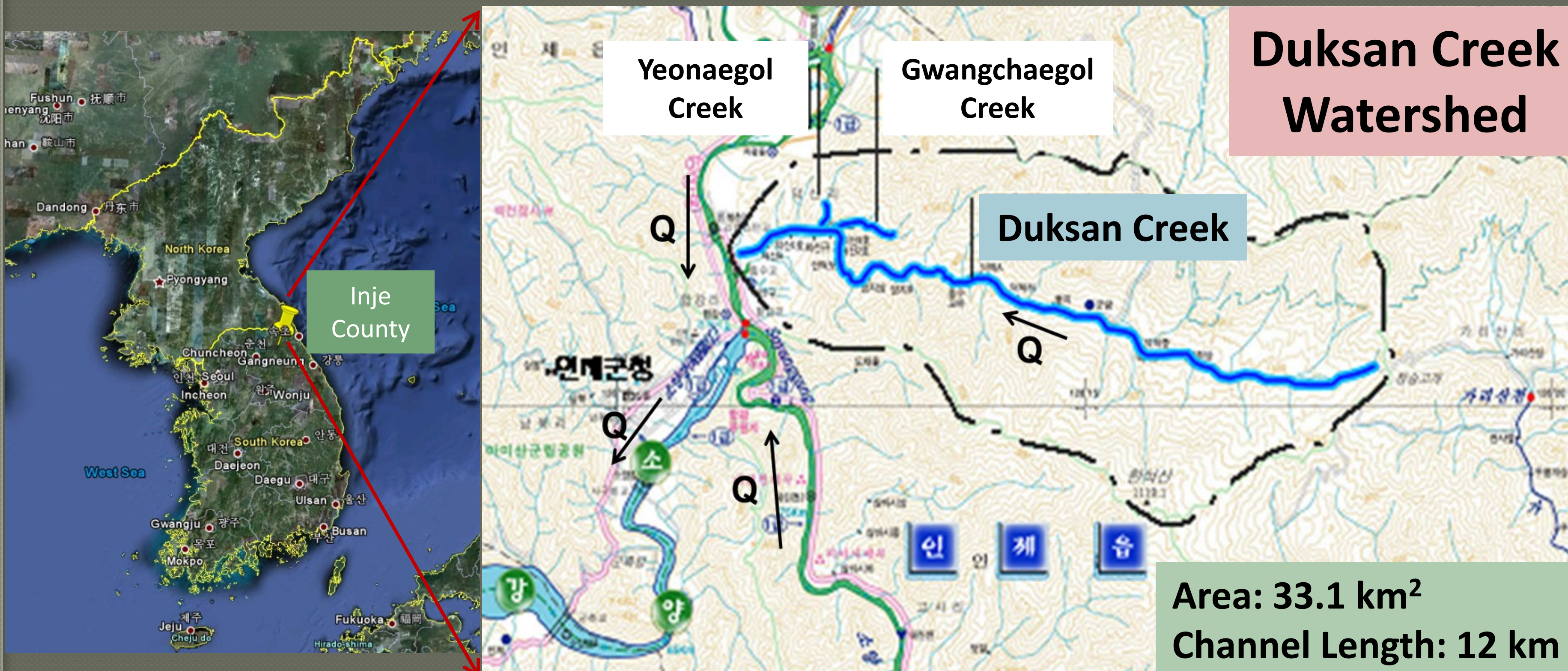
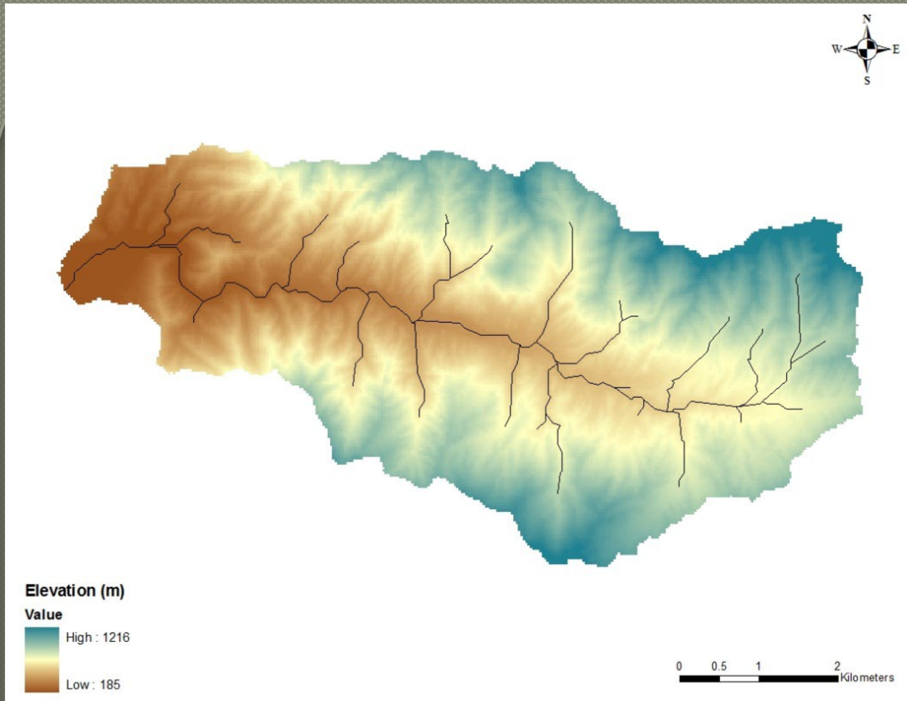
Korea Forest Research Institute, Seoul, June 2014

Site Description

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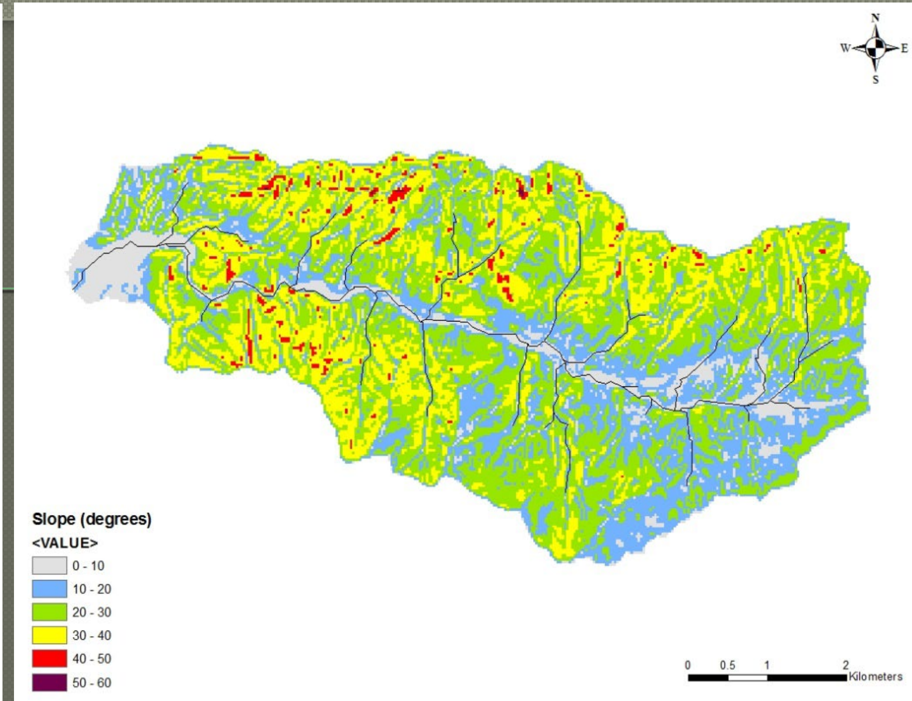
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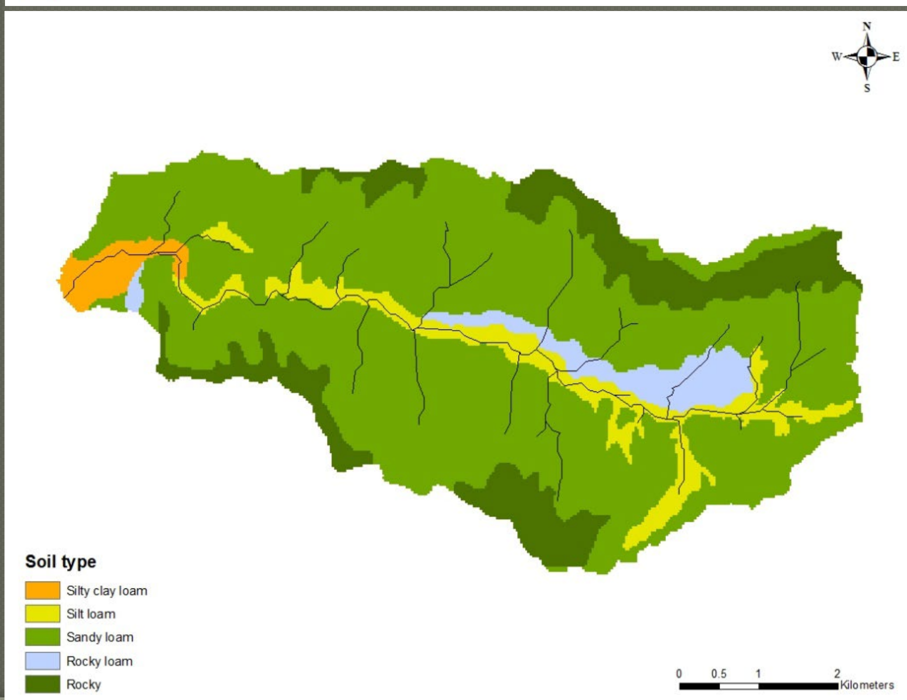
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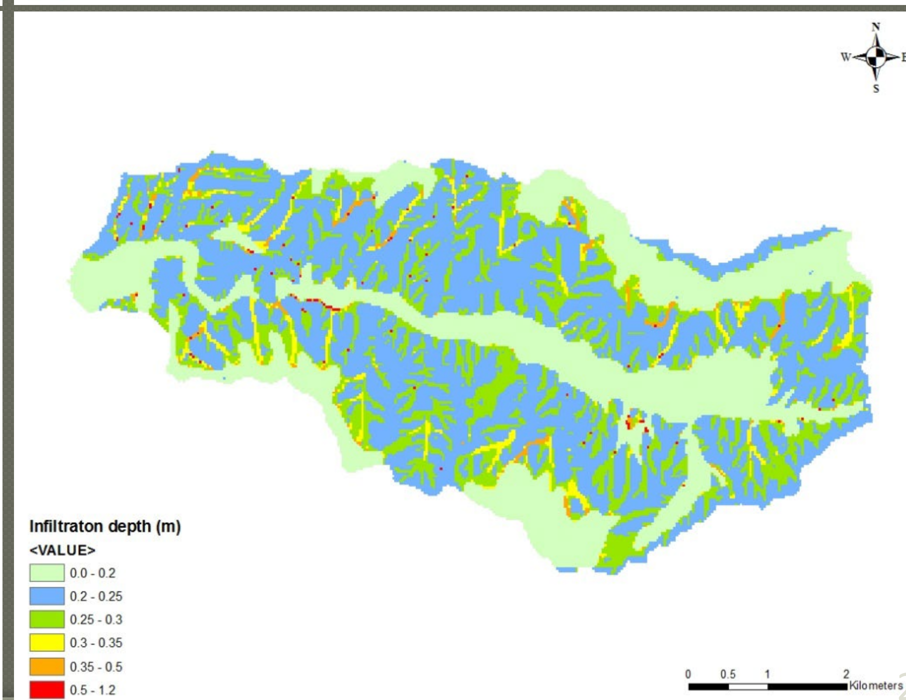
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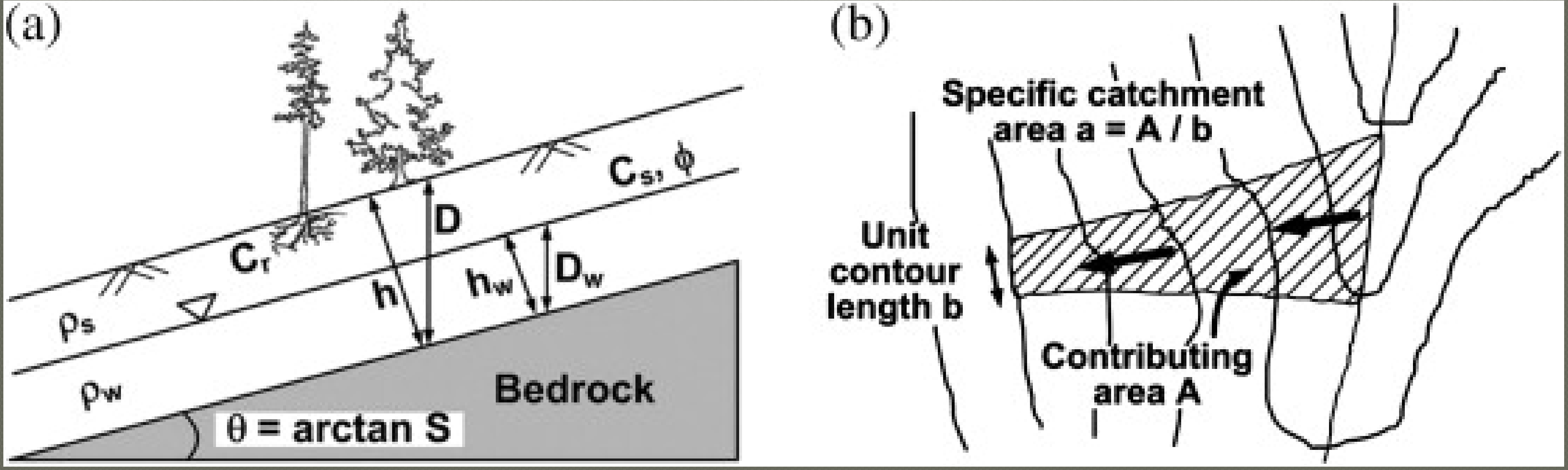
Kilometers

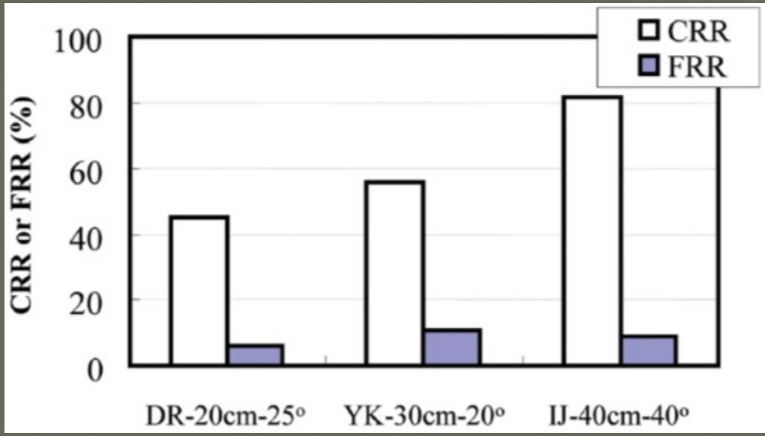
SINMAP

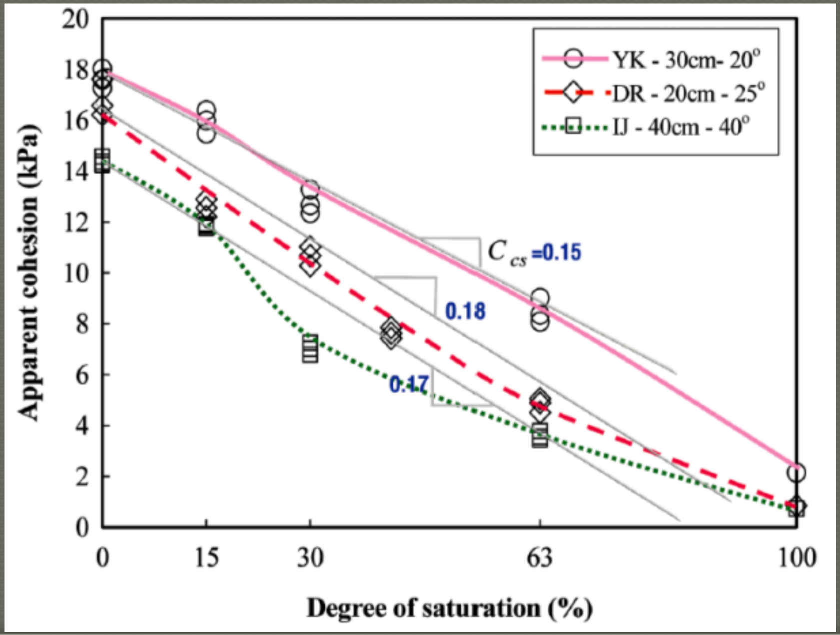


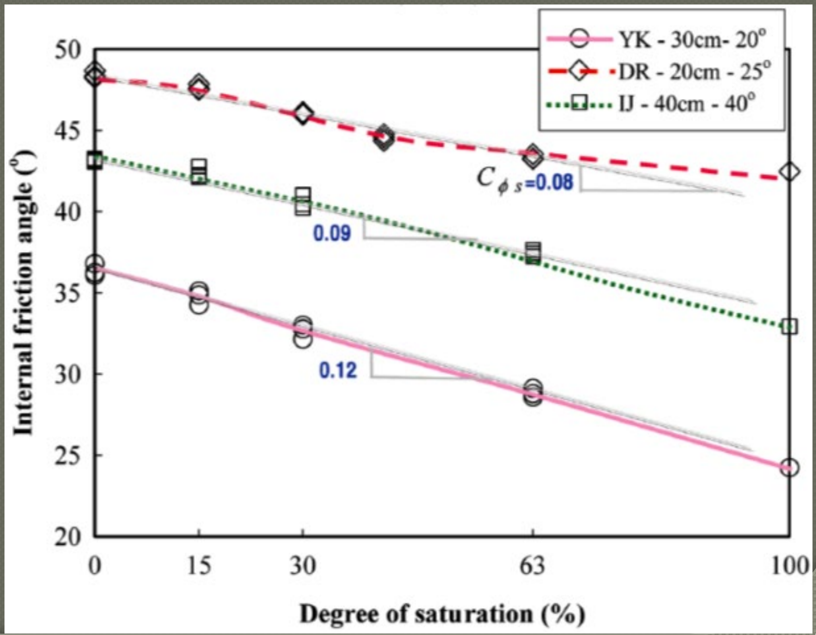
$$FS = \frac{C_r + C_s + \cos^2\theta\left[\rho_s\, g\left(D - D_W\right) + \left(\rho_s\, g - \rho_W\, g\right) D_W\right]\tan\phi}{D\,\rho_s\, g\sin\theta\cos\theta}$$

$$SI = FS\min = \frac{C + \cos\theta\left[1 - \min\left(\frac{R}{T}\frac{a}{\sin\theta}, 1\right) r\right]\tan\phi}{\sin\theta}$$

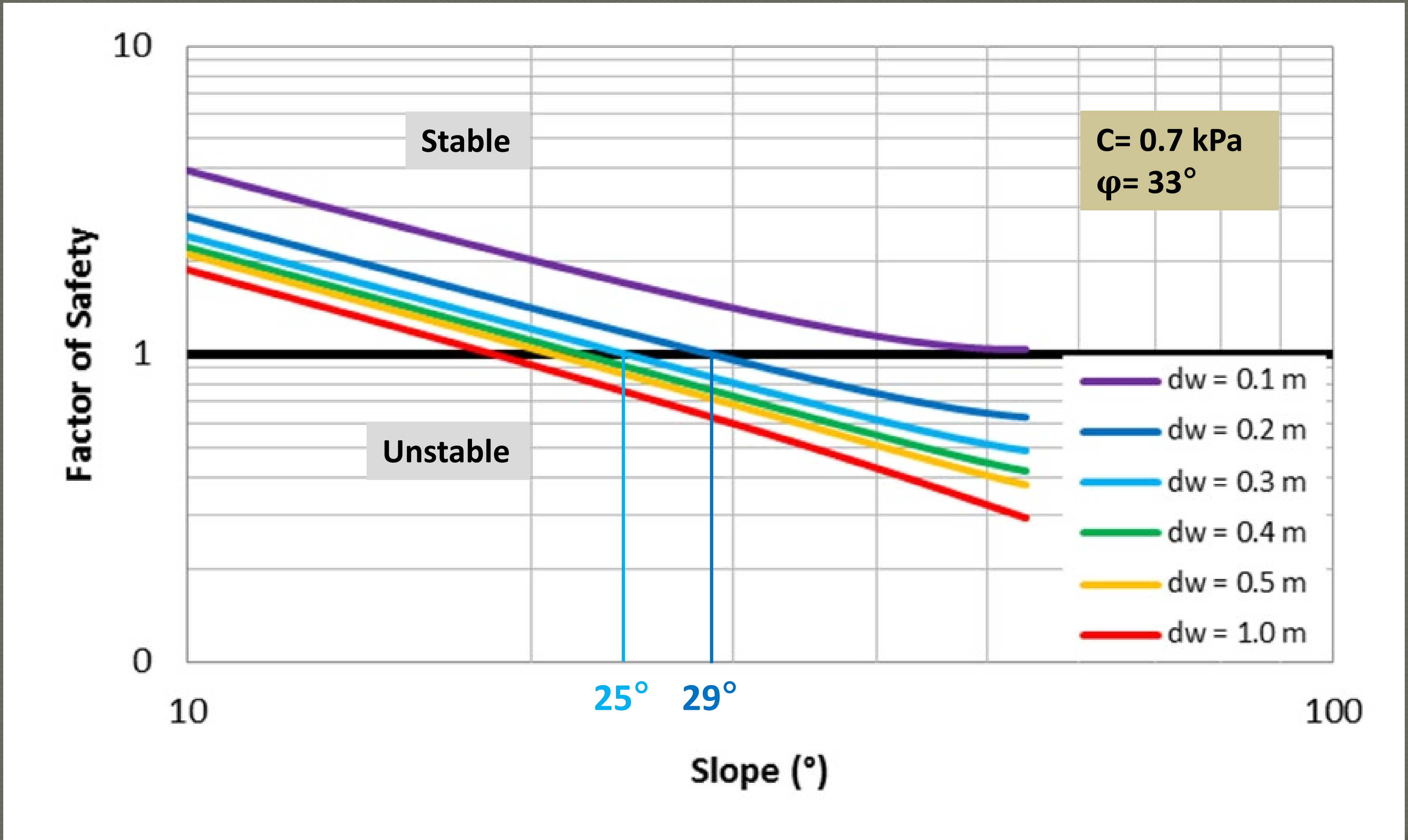
Soil cohesion and Friction angle



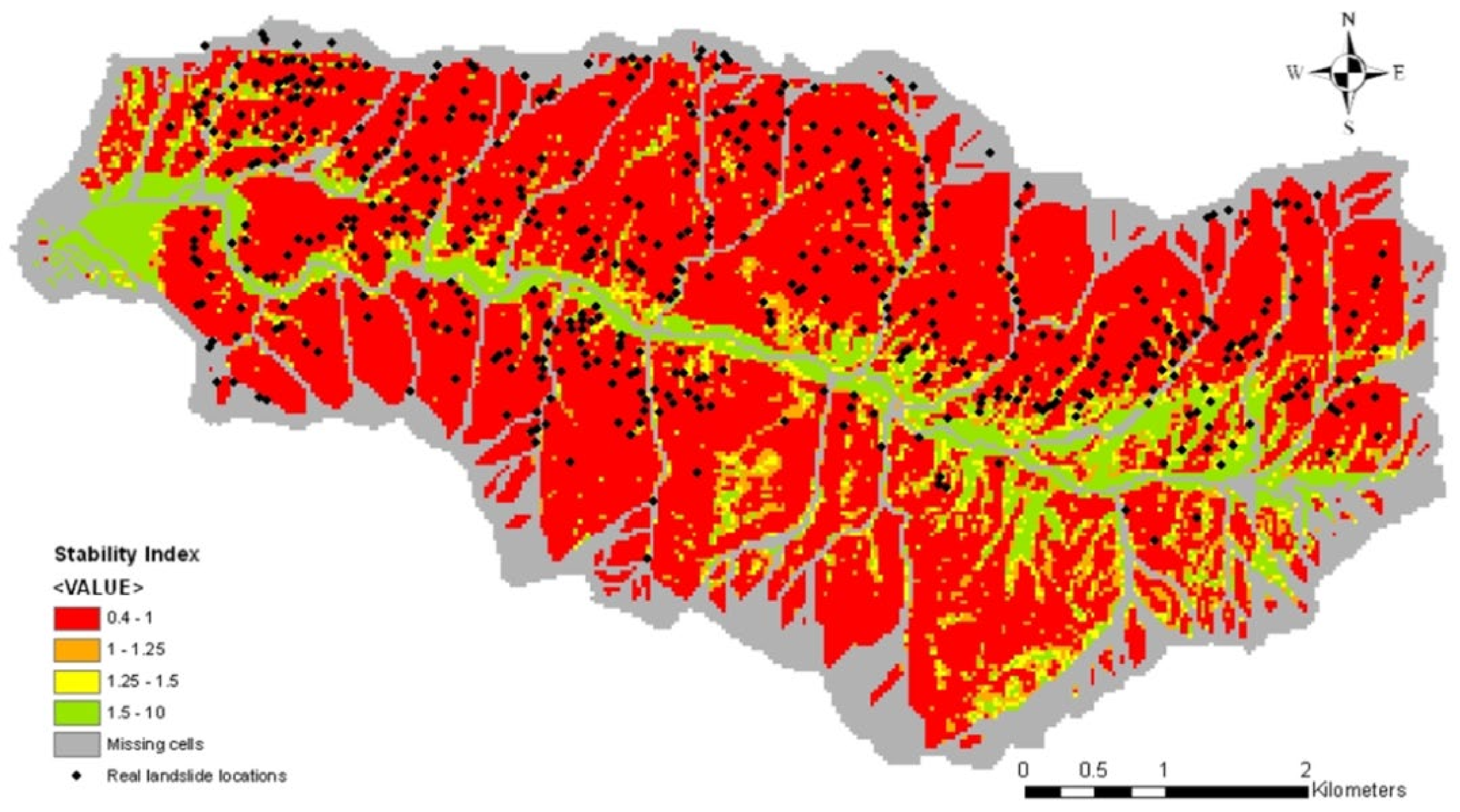




Critical Slope Analysis

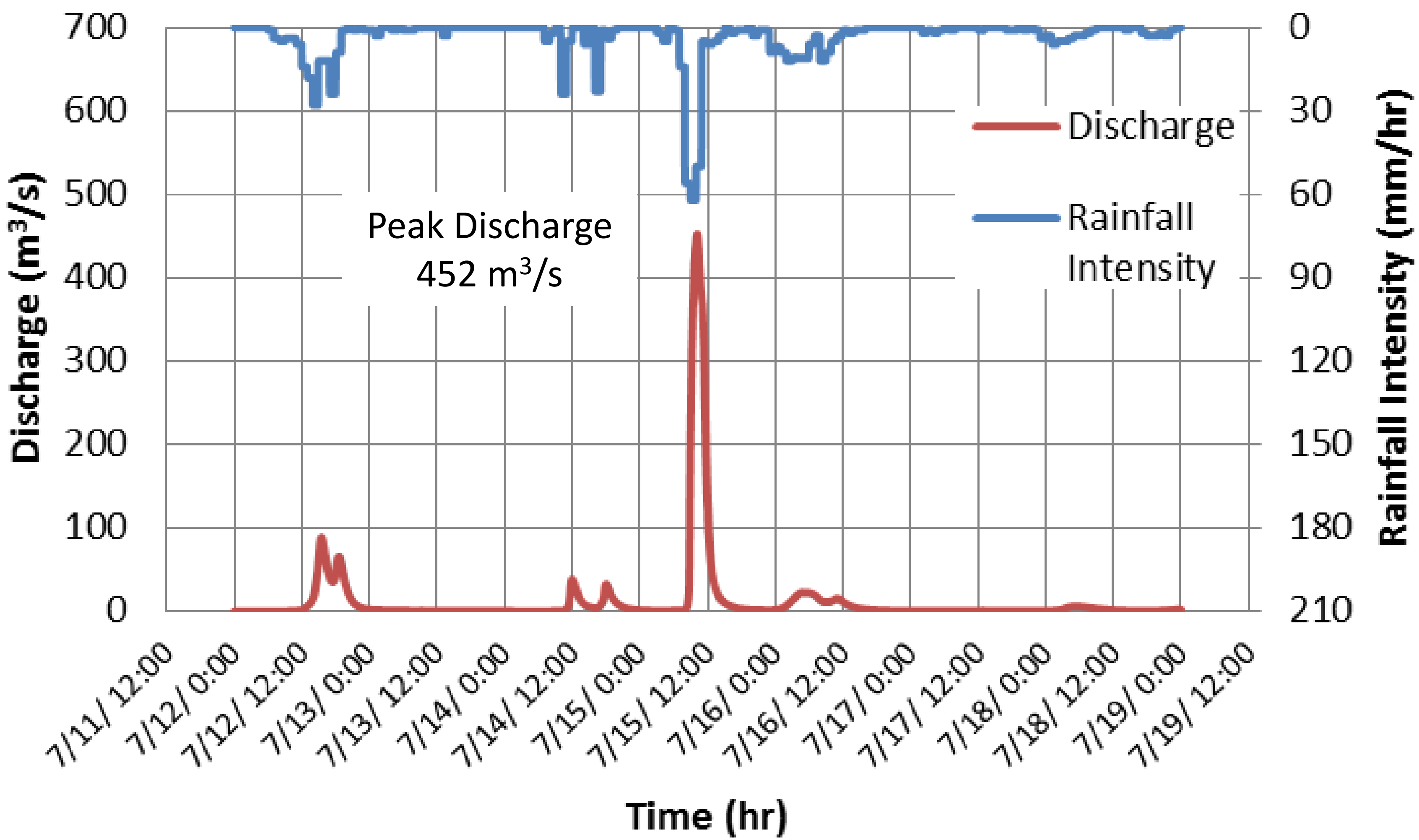


SINMAP result

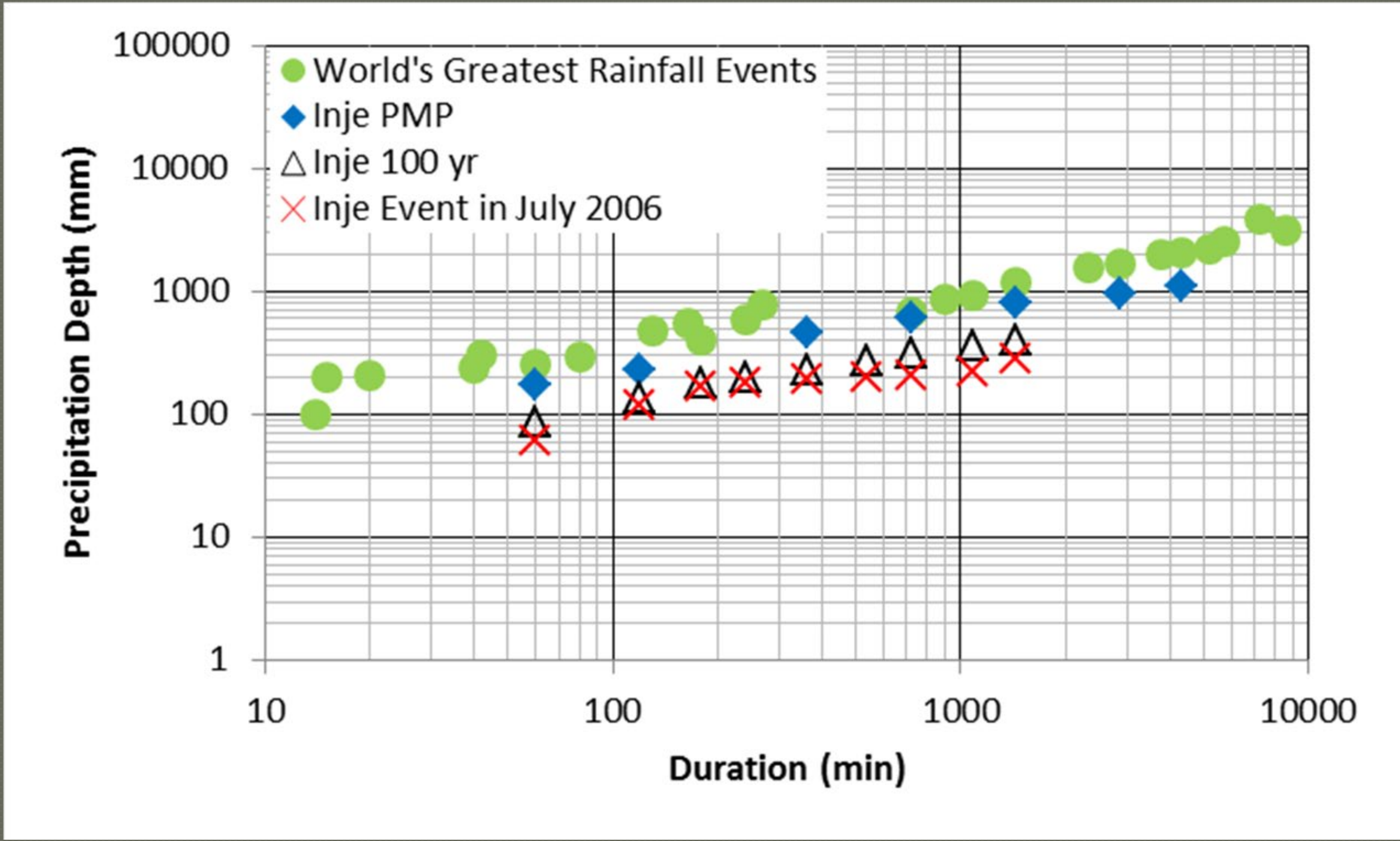


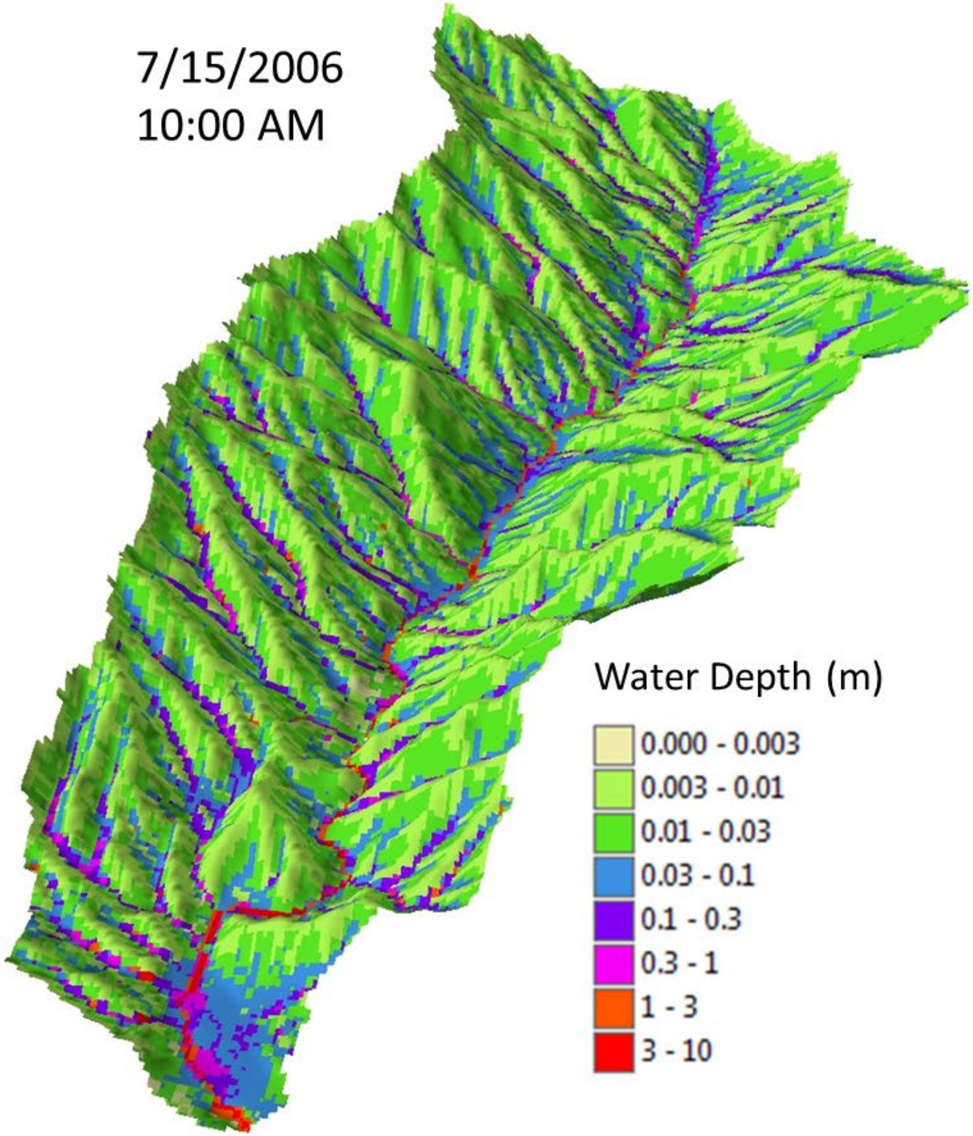
Duksan Creek

Hydrograph in the Duksan Creeek



Extreme Event on July 15, 2006

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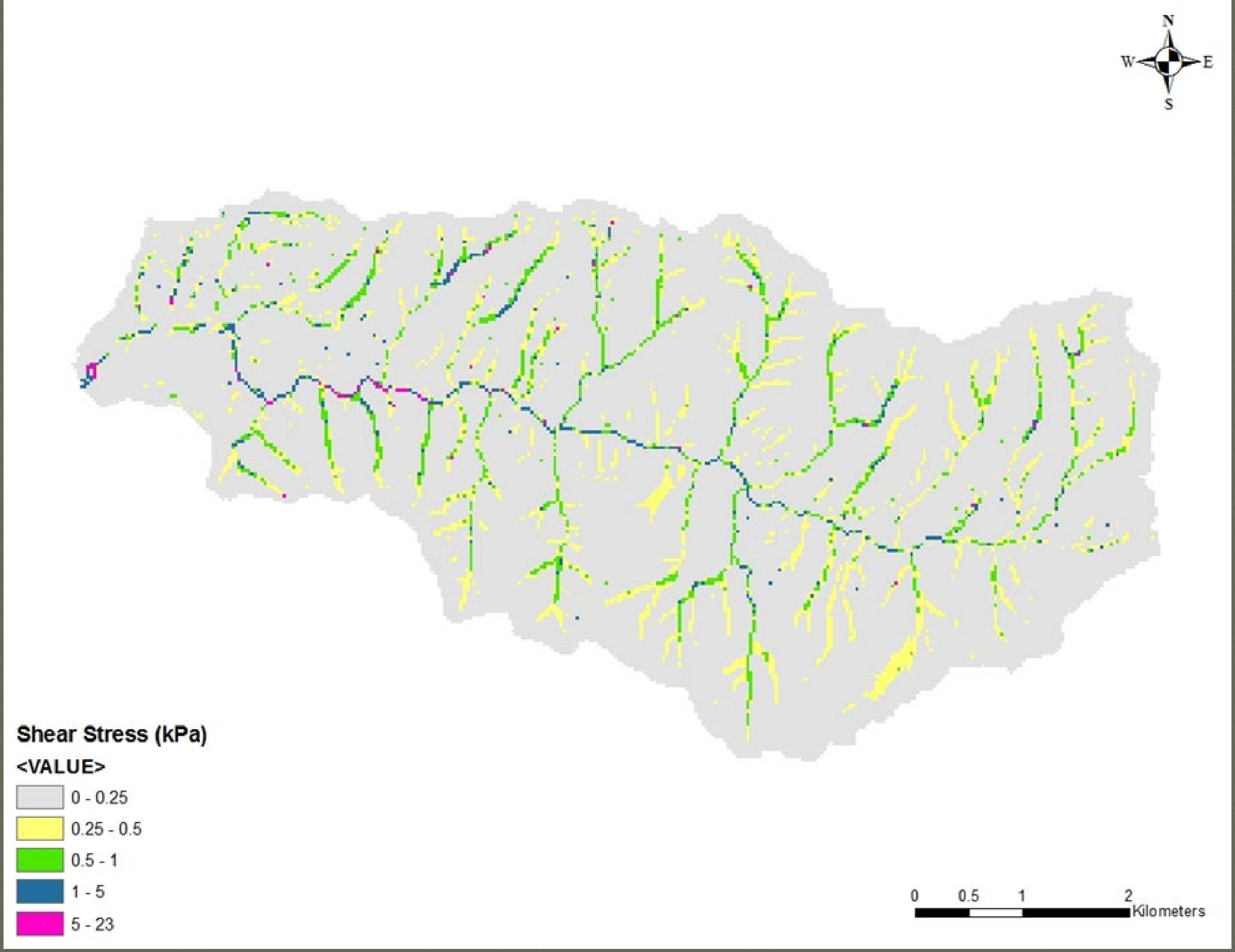
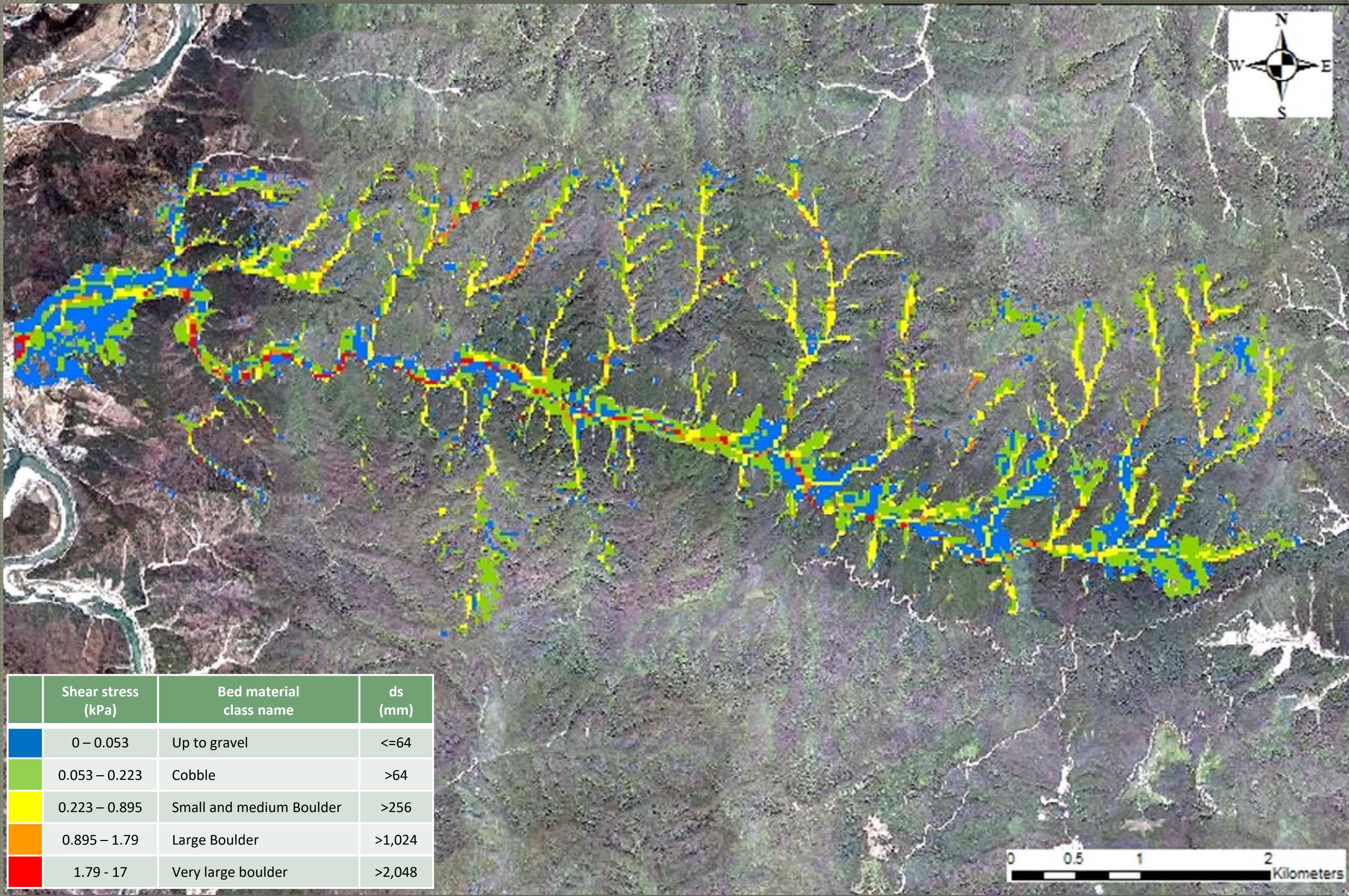
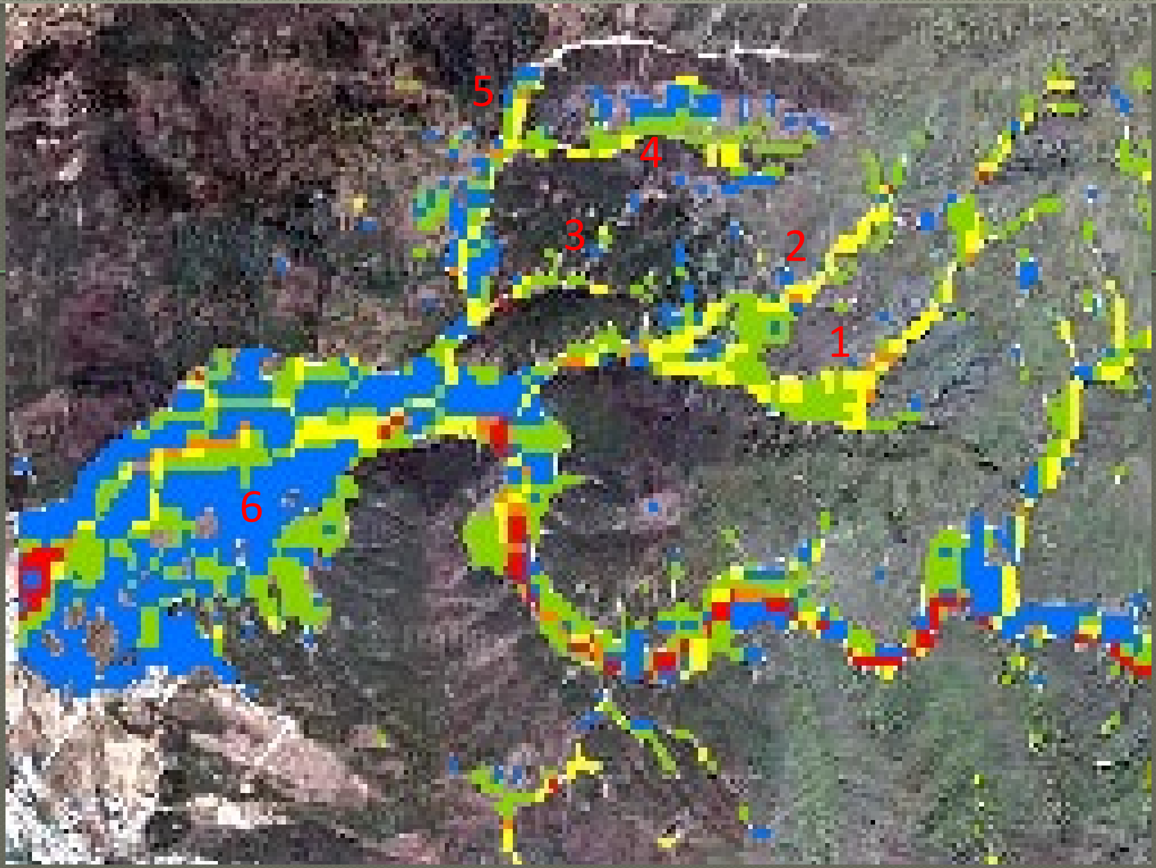
Shear Stress





	Shear stress (kPa)	Bed material class name	ds (mm)
	0 – 0.053	Up to gravel	<=64
	0.053 – 0.223	Cobble	>64
	0.223 – 0.895	Small and medium Boulder	>256
	0.895 – 1.79	Large Boulder	>1,024
	1.79 - 17	Very large boulder	>2,048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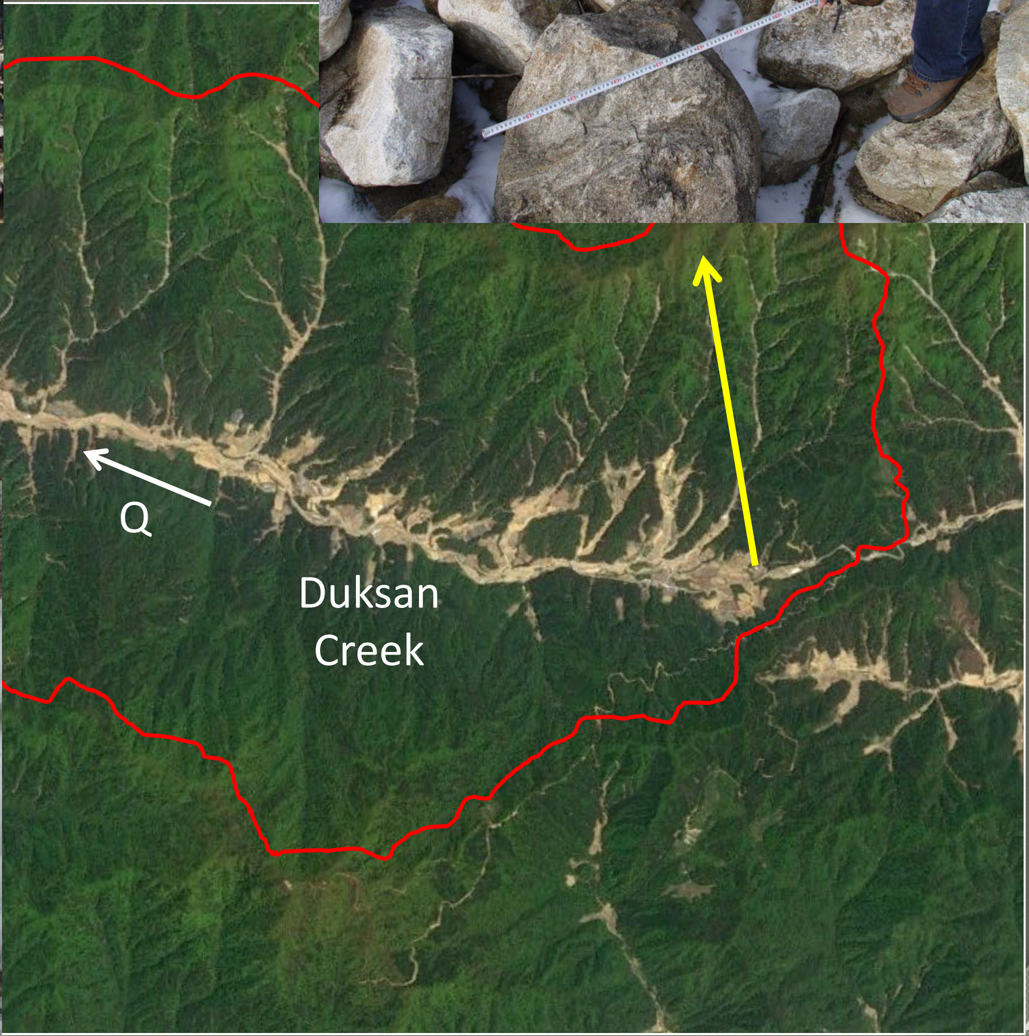

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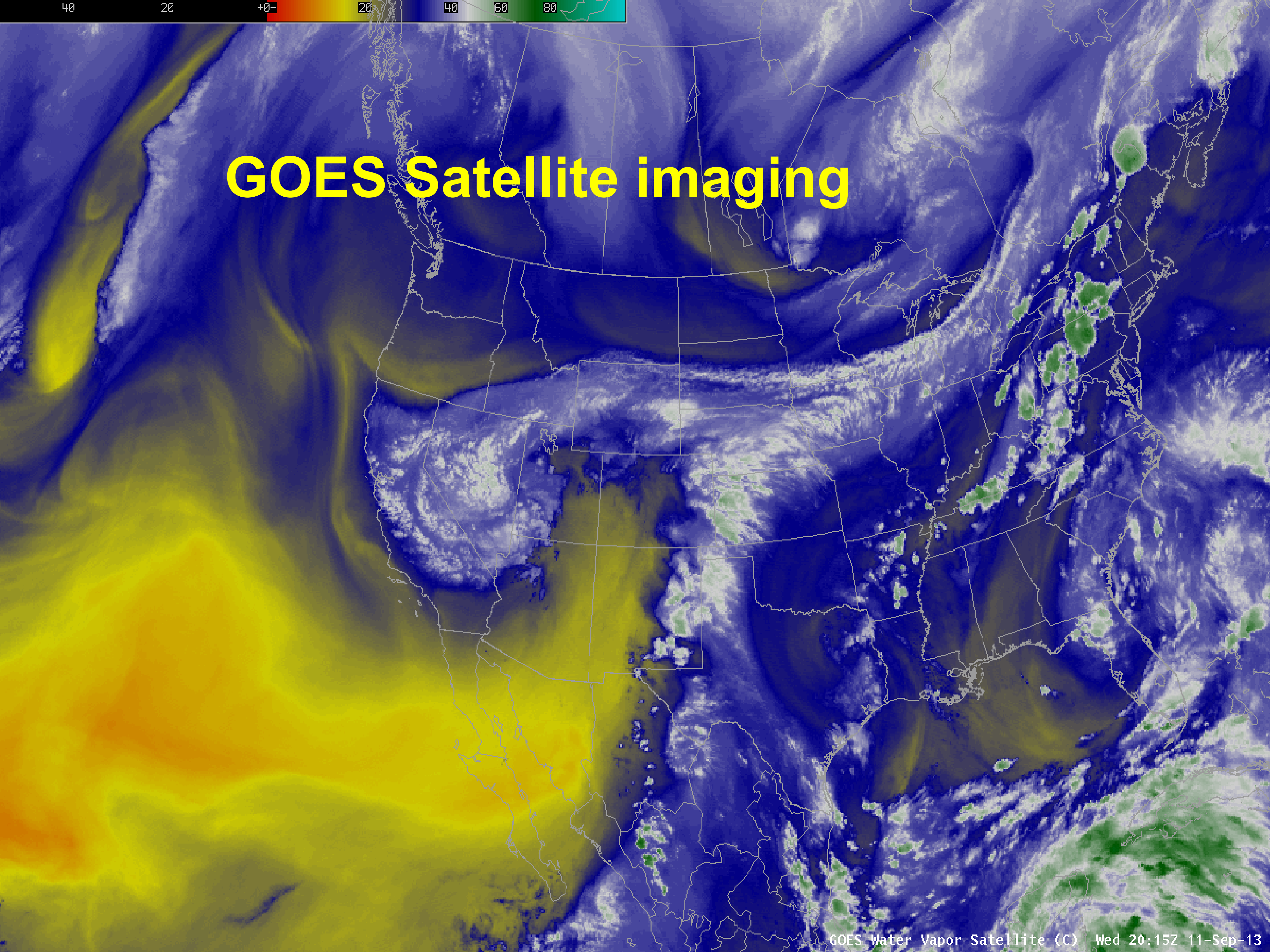
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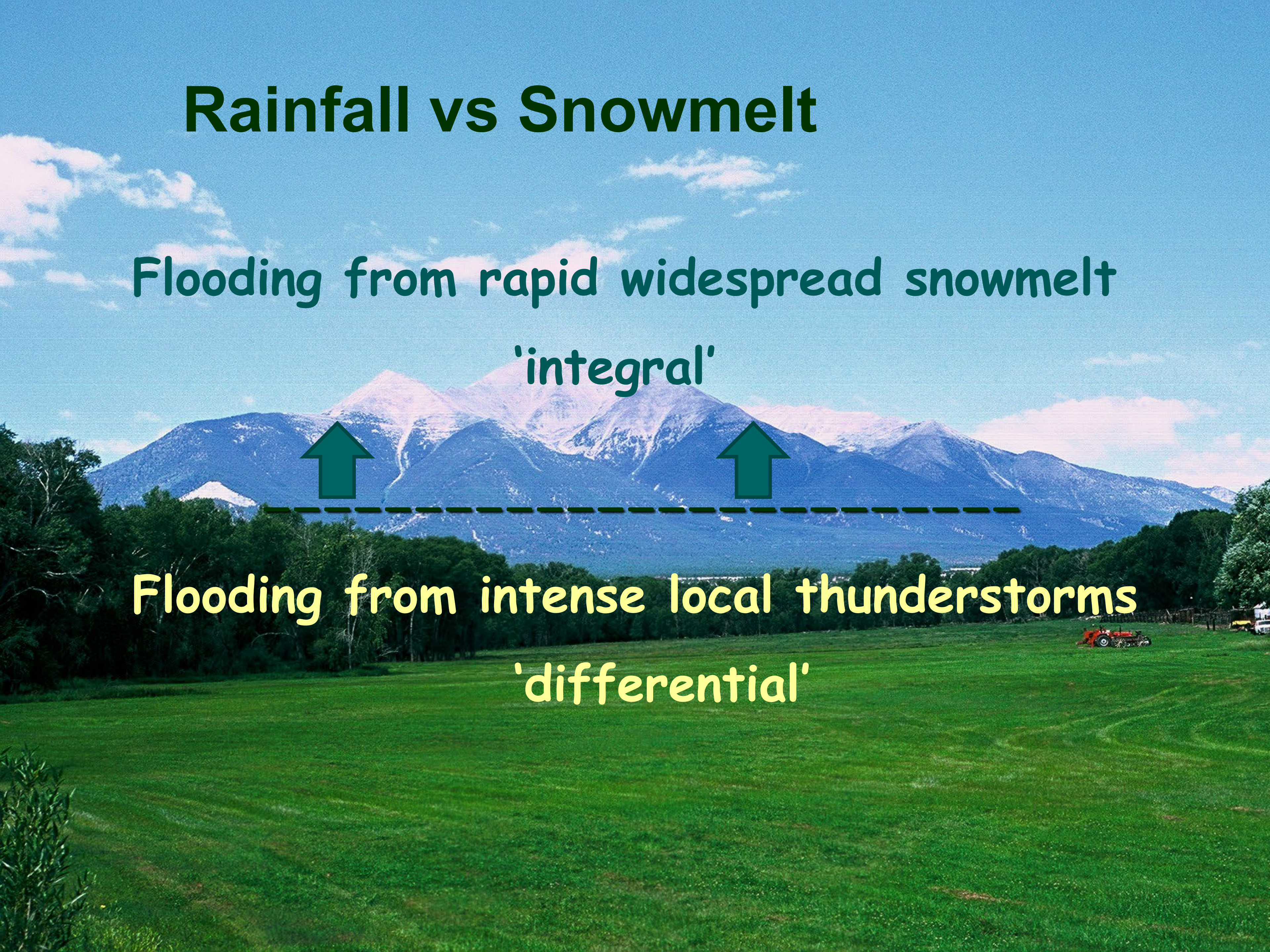
Climate Change Perspective

1. Snowmelt and thunderstorms


1917
Athabasca Glacier, Jasper National Park Canada in 1917 and 2005. Wheeler Survey photo (above) © 2005 Gary Braasch
2005
Athabasca Glacier
Jasper National Park, Canada



Rainfall vs Snowmelt

Flooding from rapid widespread snowmelt

'integral'

Flooding from intense local thunderstorms

'differential'


Heavy rains on saturated soils after a snow-heavy winter
Cedar Rapids, IA, June 2008

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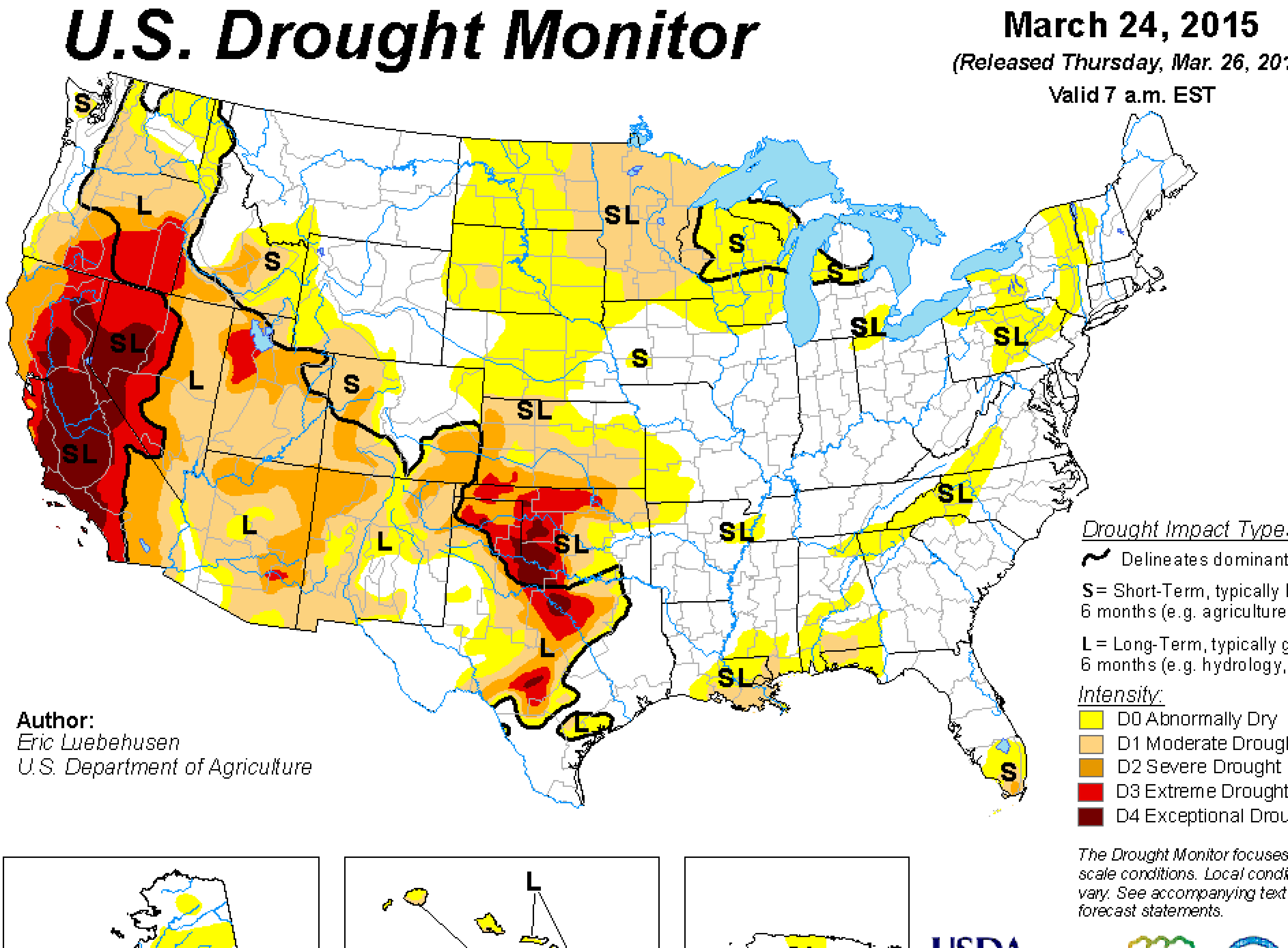
U.S. Drought Monitor
March 24, 2015
(Released Thursday, Mar. 26, 20
Valid 7 a.m. EST
Drought Impact Type
Delineates dominant
S = Short-Term, typically
6 months (e.g. agriculture
L = Long-Term, typically
6 months (e.g. hydrology,
Intensity:
D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Droug
D2 Severe Drought
D3 Extreme Drought
D4 Exceptional Drou
The Drought Monitor focuses
scale conditions. Local condi
vary. See accompanying text
forecast statements.
Author:
Eric Luebehusen
U.S. Department of Agriculture


California Imposes First Mandatory Water Restrictions to Deal With Drought
PHILLIPS, Calif. — Gov. Jerry Brown on Wednesday ordered mandatory water use reductions for the first time in California's history, saying the state's four-year drought had reached near-crisis proportions after a winter of record-low snowfalls.
Oroville Lake, April 2015

Pine beetle and the Colorado Forest


Waldo Fire
Colorado June 2012


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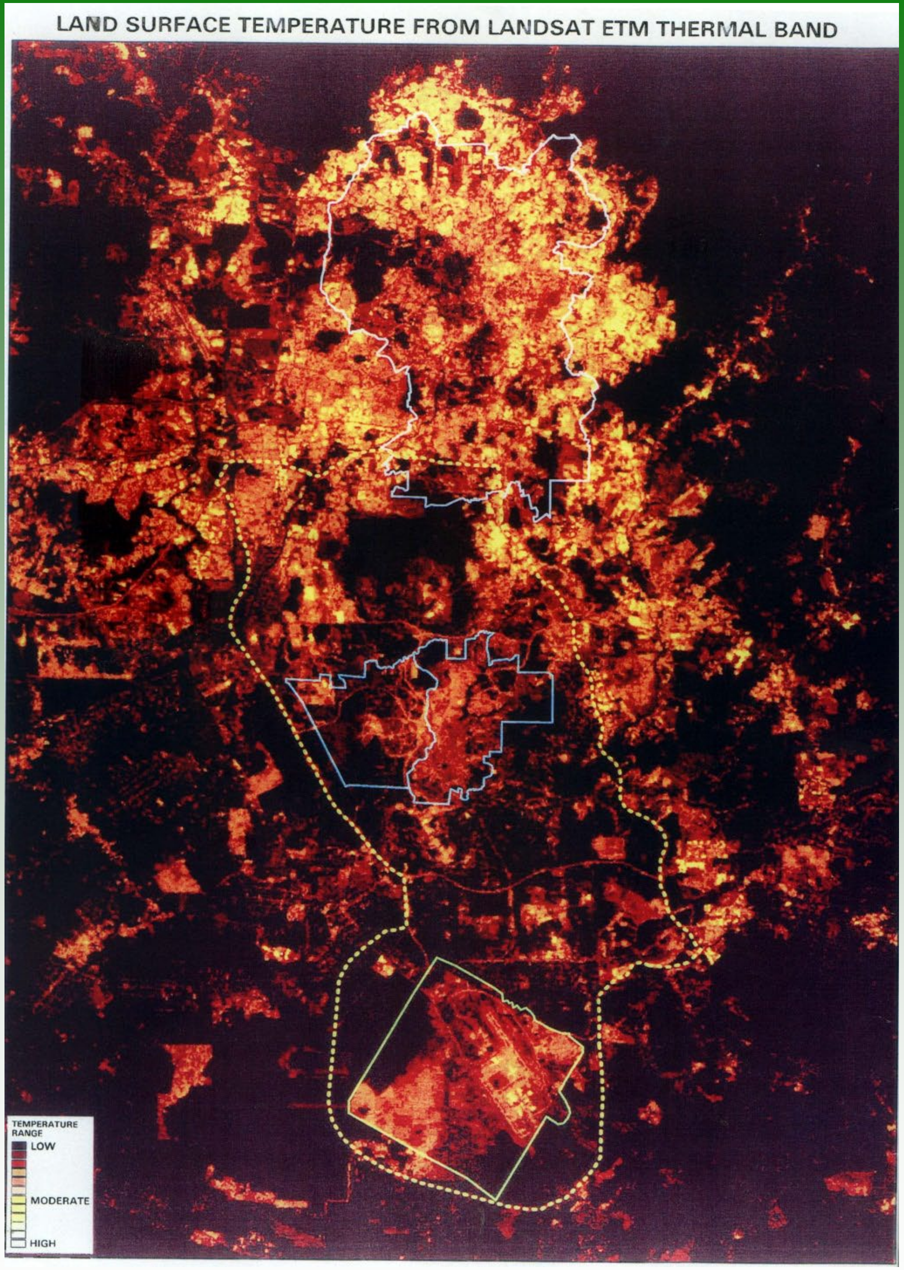
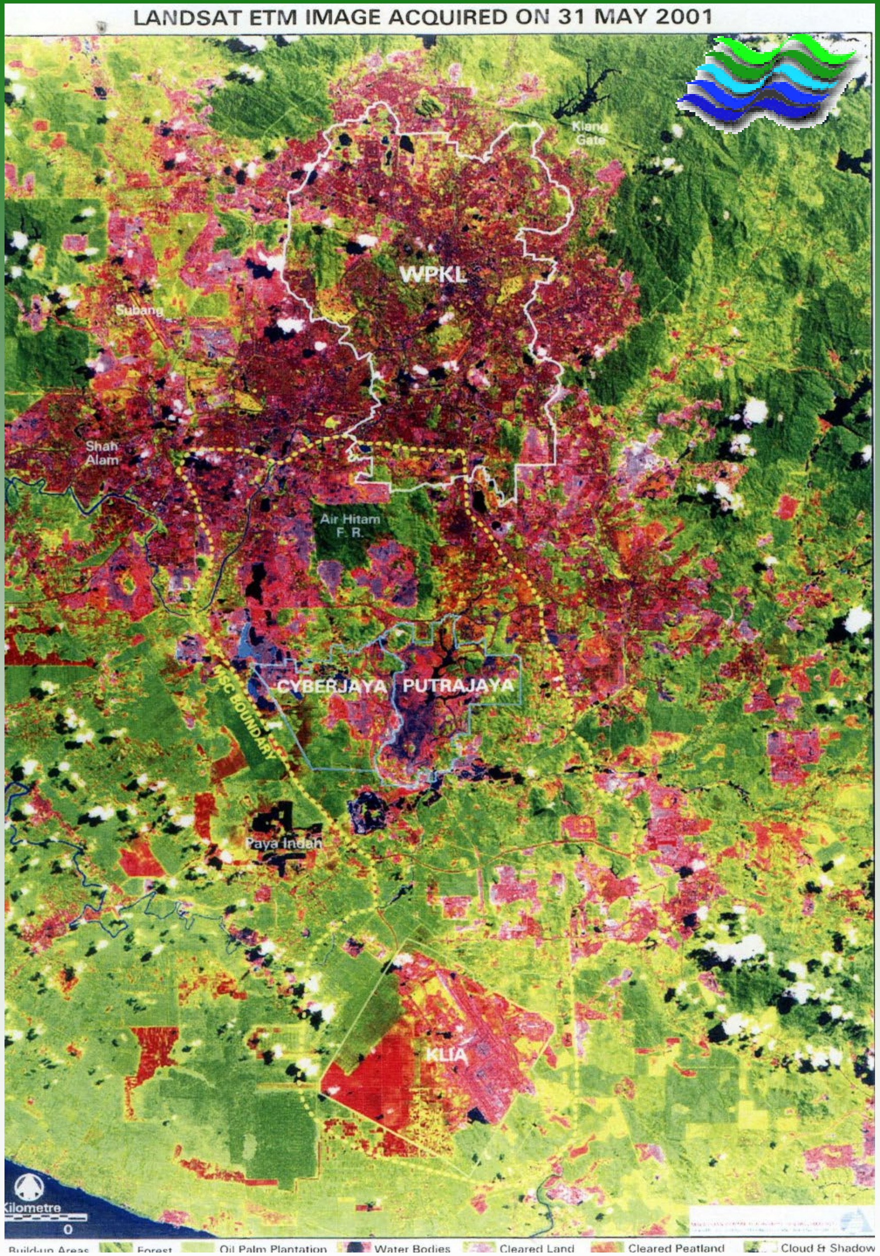
Urbanization and Heat Island
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia





Satellite image of Kuala Lumpur

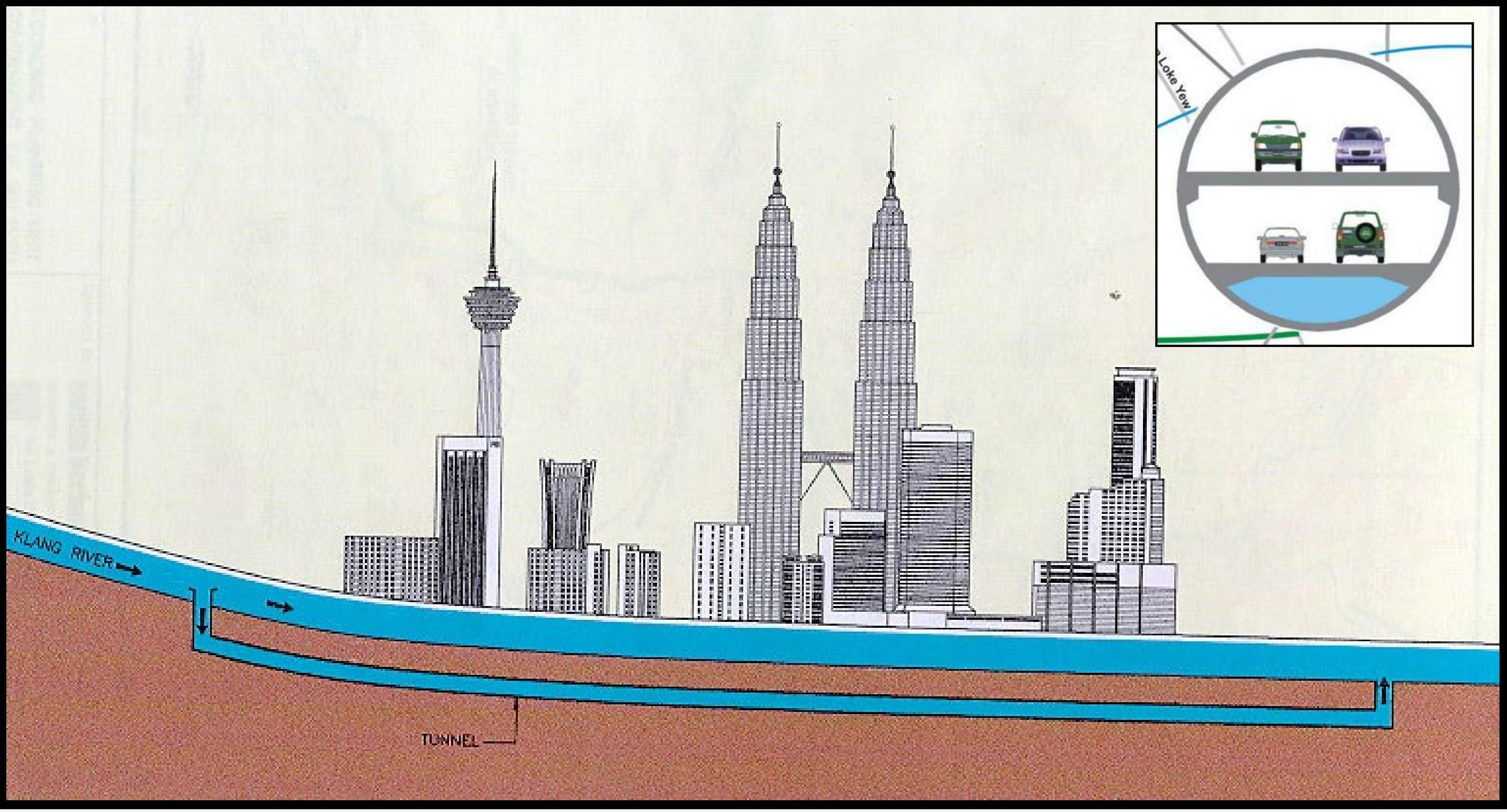
Jalan Dang Wangi Pada 10 Jun 2003

WATER QUANTITY CONTROL

Flash Floods

Damage in Klang Valley RM 50 M /yr

SMART TUNNEL



SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF A FLOOD TUNNEL UNDER KLANG RIVER

TBM No.1 – SOUTH DRIVE

Tunnel Boring Machine break-through, June 2005

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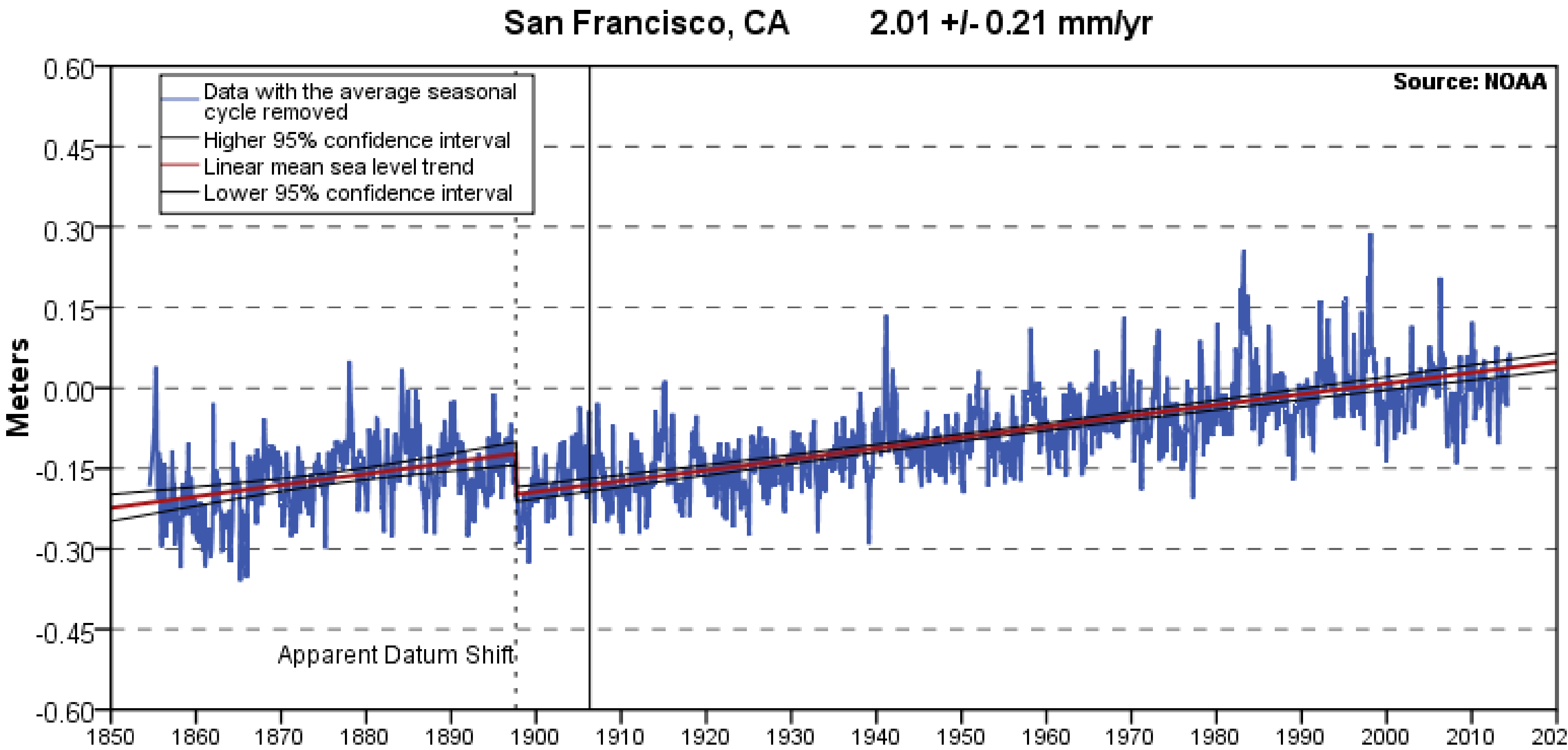
Mean Sea Level Trend

9414290 San Francisco, California



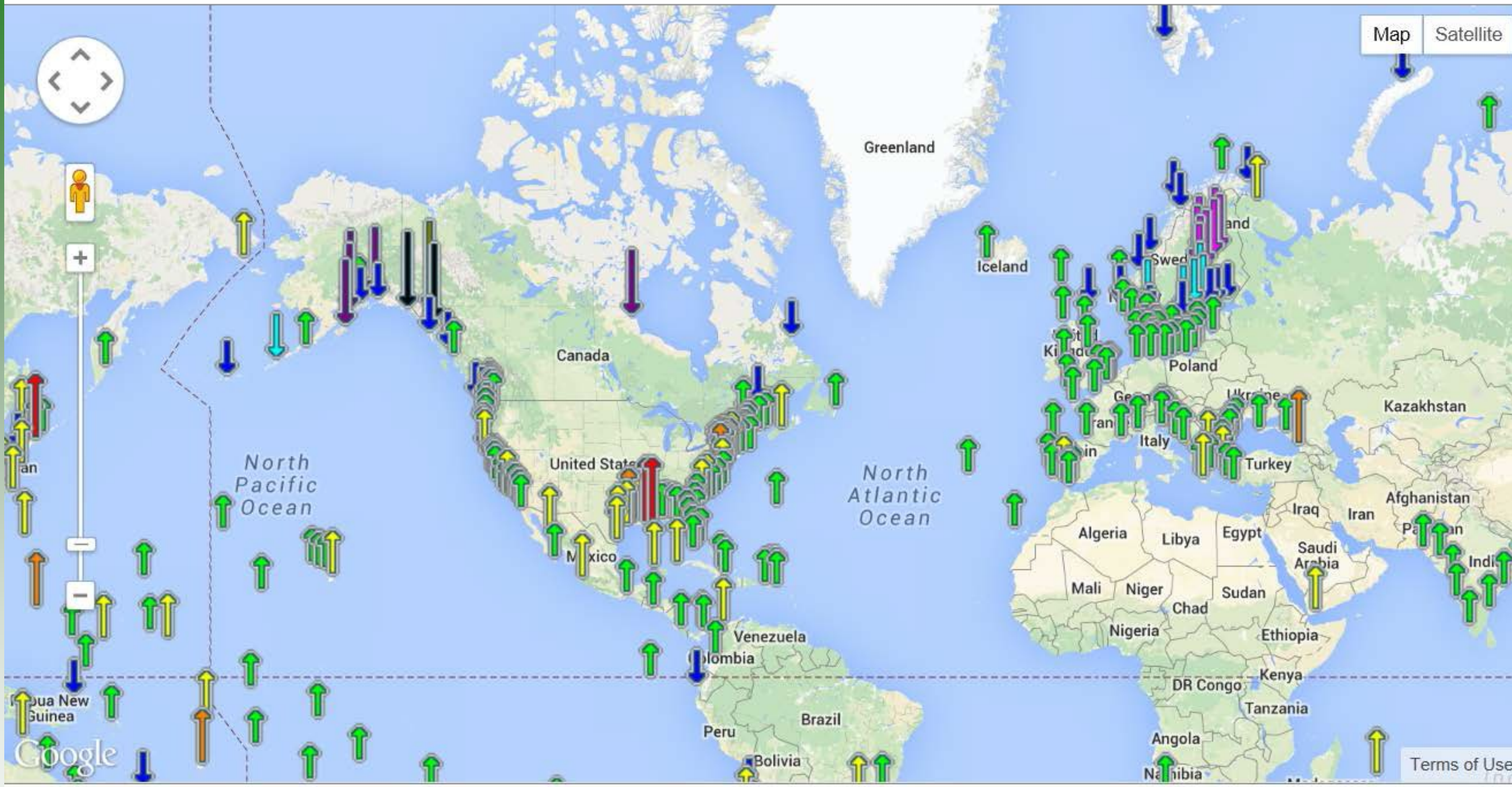
rs/year with a 95% confidence interval of +/- 0.21 mm/yr based on monthly mean sea level data from 1897 to 2006 whic 100 years.

From P. O'Brien, USACE

Sea Level Trends

East Coast | West Coast | Gulf Coast | Alaska | Hawaii | Global

View in Google Earth

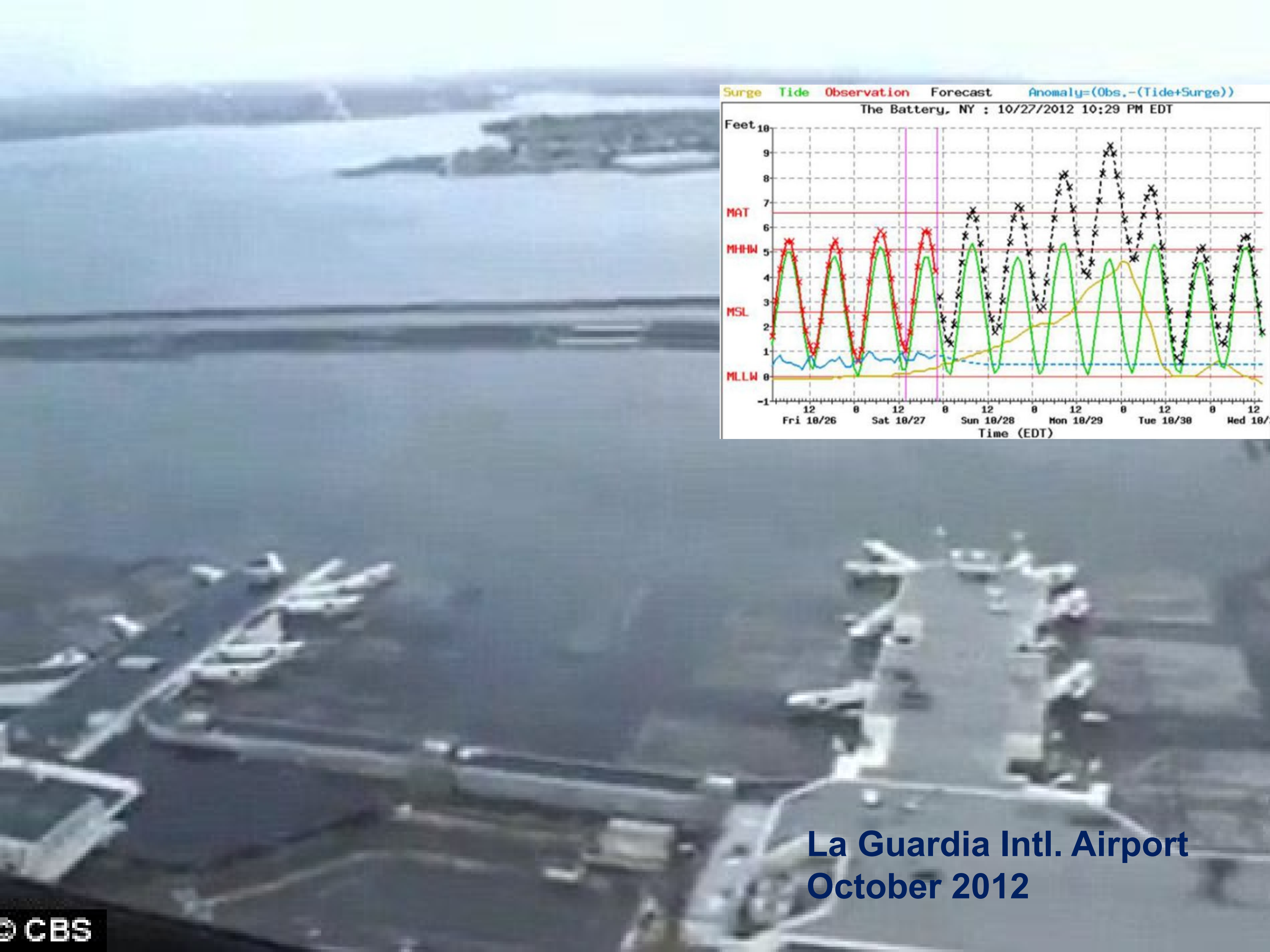


The map above illustrates regional trends in sea level, with arrows representing the direction and magnitude of change. Click on an arrow to access additional information about that station.

Sea Level Trends

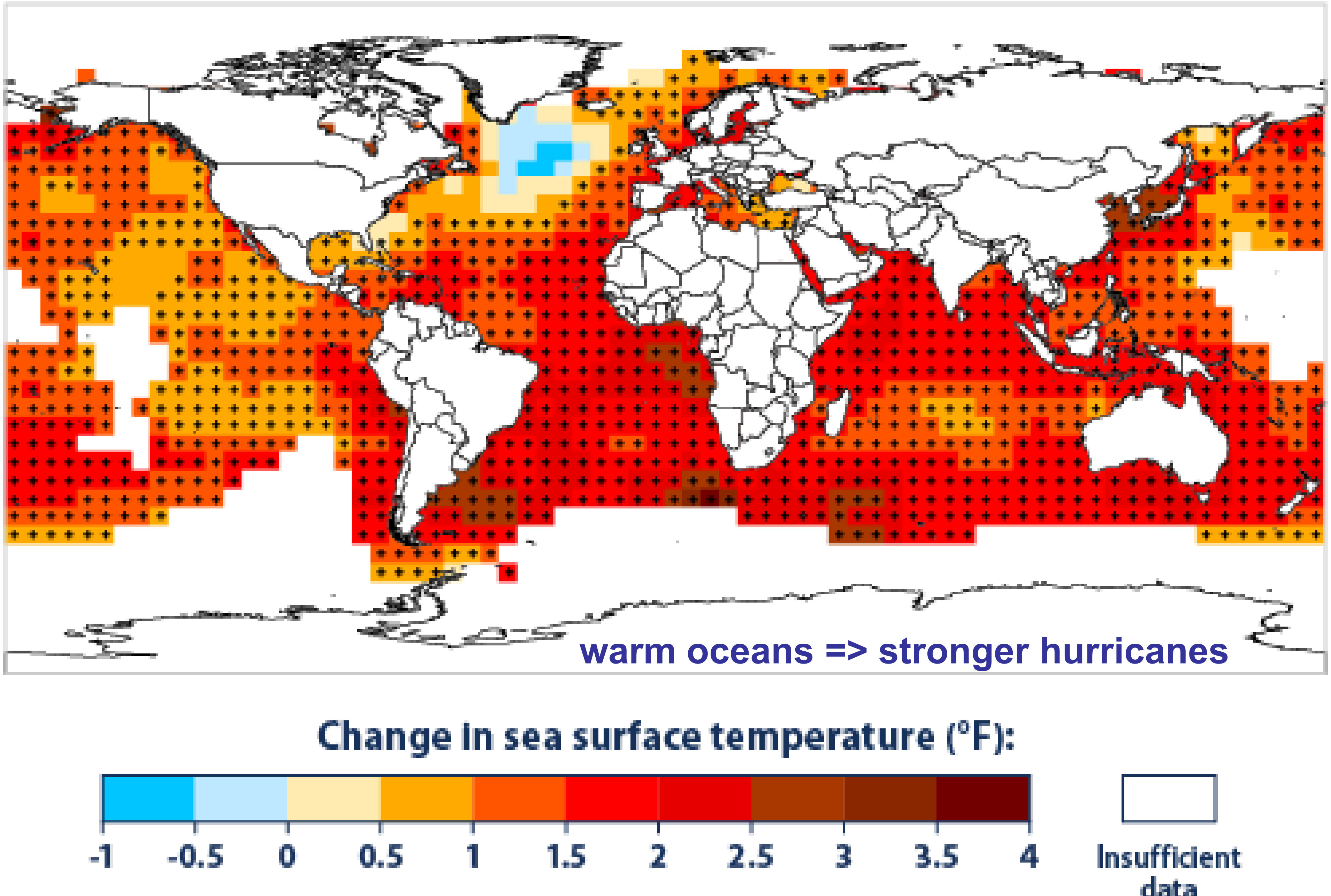
mm/yr (feet/century)

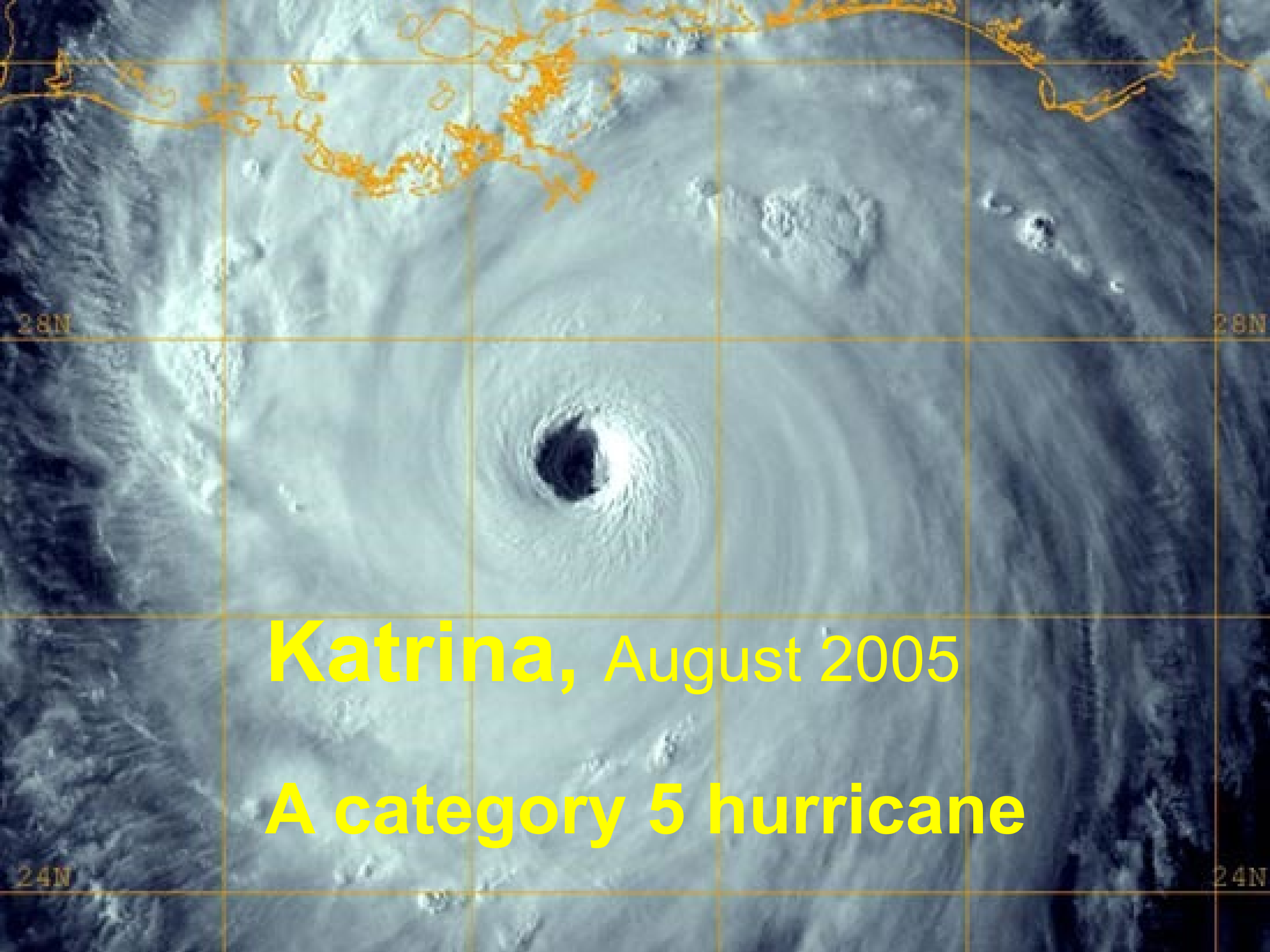
15 to 21 (5 to 7)	6 to 9 (2 to 3)	-3 to 0 (-1 to 0)	-12 to -9 (-4 to -3)
12 to 15 (4 to 5)	3 to 6 (1 to 2)	-6 to -3 (-2 to -1)	-15 to -12 (-5 to -4)
9 to 12 (3 to 4)	0 to 3 (0 to 1)	-9 to -6 (-3 to -2)	-18 to -15 (-6 to -5)



La Guardia Intl. Airport
October 2012

Figure 2. Change in Sea Surface Temperature, 1901–2012




28N
28N
Katrina, August 2005
A category 5 hurricane
24N
24N


New Orleans in August 2005
after Hurricane Katrina
Damage $108 billions

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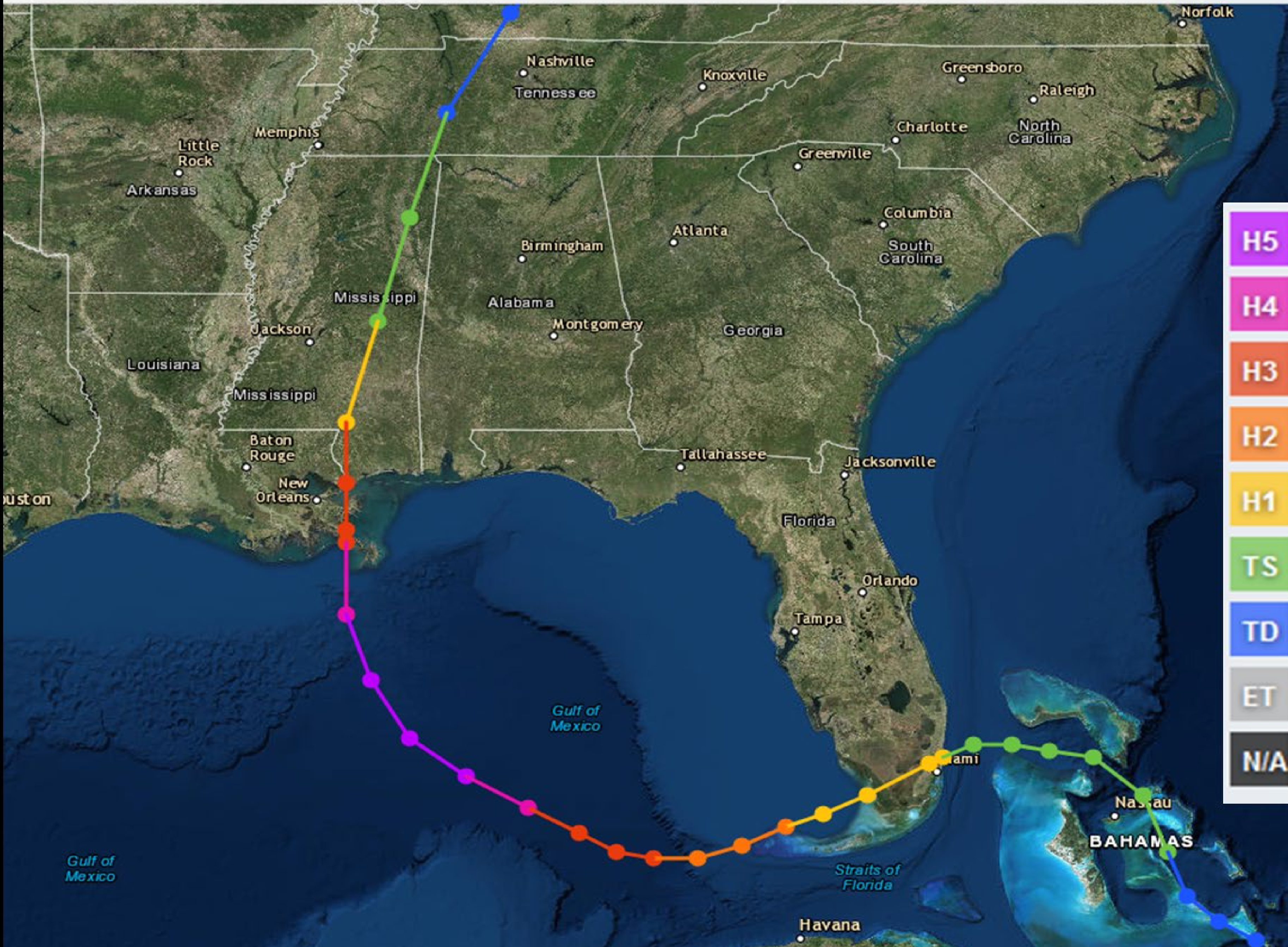
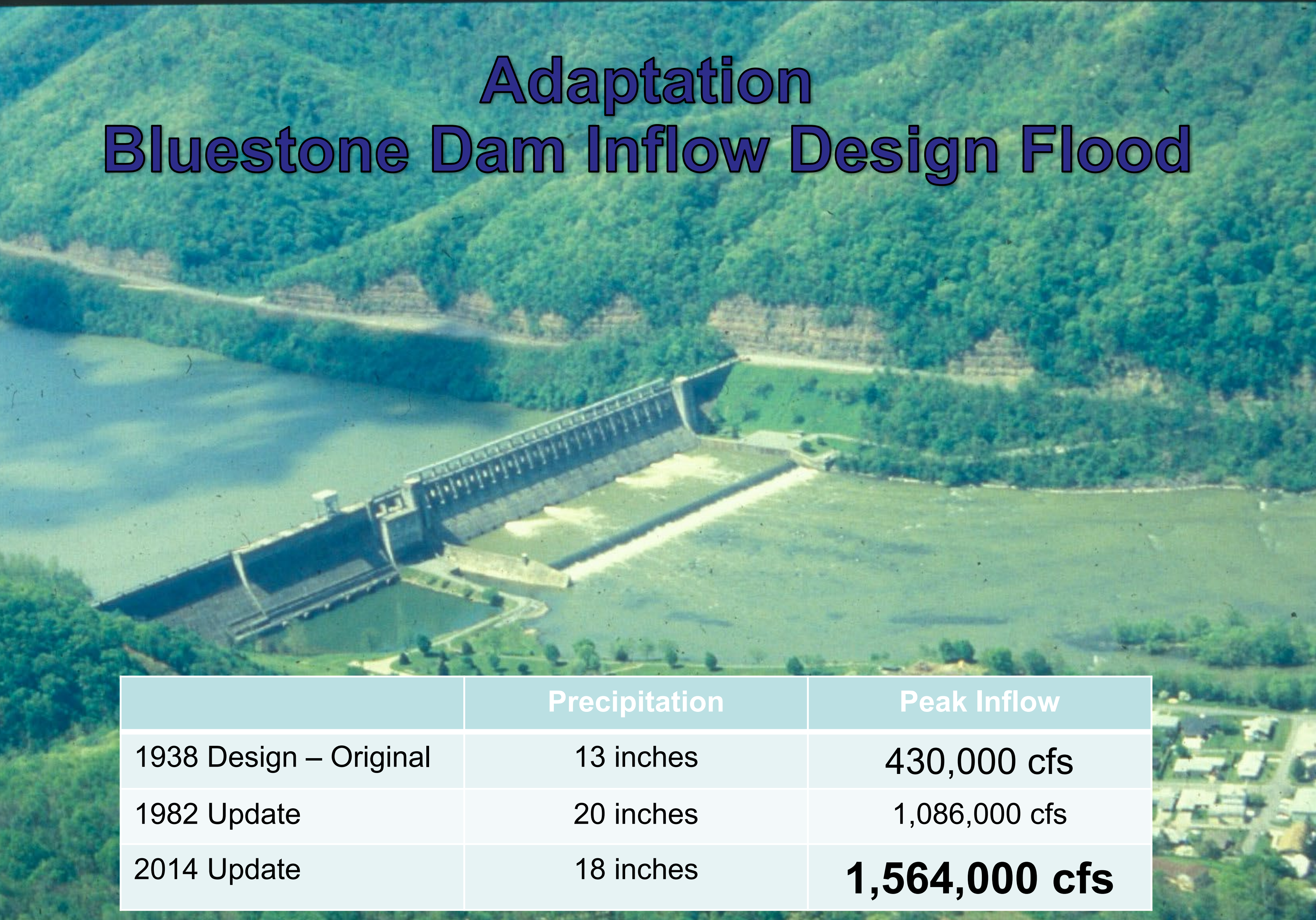
5. Can anything be done?


Lake Borgne Surge Barrier, New Orleans, LA
Is $1.1 billion … too much or not enough?

Historical Hurricane Tracks



Adaptation
Bluestone Dam Inflow Design Flood



	Precipitation	Peak Inflow
1938 Design – Original	13 inches	430,000 cfs
1982 Update	20 inches	1,086,000 cfs
2014 Update	18 inches	**1,564,000 cfs**

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Structural Measures at a Glance

GENERAL COASTAL RISK REDUCTION PERFORMANCE FACTORS:
STORM SURGE AND WAVE HEIGHT/PERIOD, WATER LEVEL

Levees

Benefits/Processes

Surge and Wave attenuation and/or dissipation

Reduce Flooding

Risk Reduction for vulnerable areas

Performance Factors

Levee height, crest width, and slope

Wave height and period

Water level

Storm Surge Barriers

Benefits/Processes

Surge and Wave attenuation

Reduced Salinity Intrusion

Performance Factors

Barrier height

Wave height

Wave period

Water level

Seawalls and Revetments

Benefits/Processes

Reduce flooding

Reduce wave overtopping

Shoreline stabilization behind structure

Performance Factors

Wave height

Wave period

Water level

Scour protection

Groins

Benefits/Processes

Shoreline stabilization

Performance Factors

Groin length, height, orientation, permeability and spacing

Depth at seaward end

Wave height

Water level

Longshore transportation rates and distribution

Detached Breakwaters

Benefits/Processes

Shoreline stabilization behind structure

Wave attenuation

Performance Factors

Breakwater height and width.

Breakwater permeability, proximity to shoreline, orientation and spacing

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But wait, some still ask:
Hm … is this climate thing for real?
Galveston Texas, Sept. 14, 2008
after Hurricane Ike

Summary and Conclusions

1. Runoff and Sediment Yield

Erosion mapping locates problem source areas

2. Dynamic Modeling

Dynamic models like TREX can simulate extreme floods

3. Flashflood Case Study

Models quantify flow parameters during extreme events

4. Climate Change

More widespread flooding from snowmelt and more extreme localized thunderstorms

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