

CEOS Landslide Pilot – China Study Site: Research Progress

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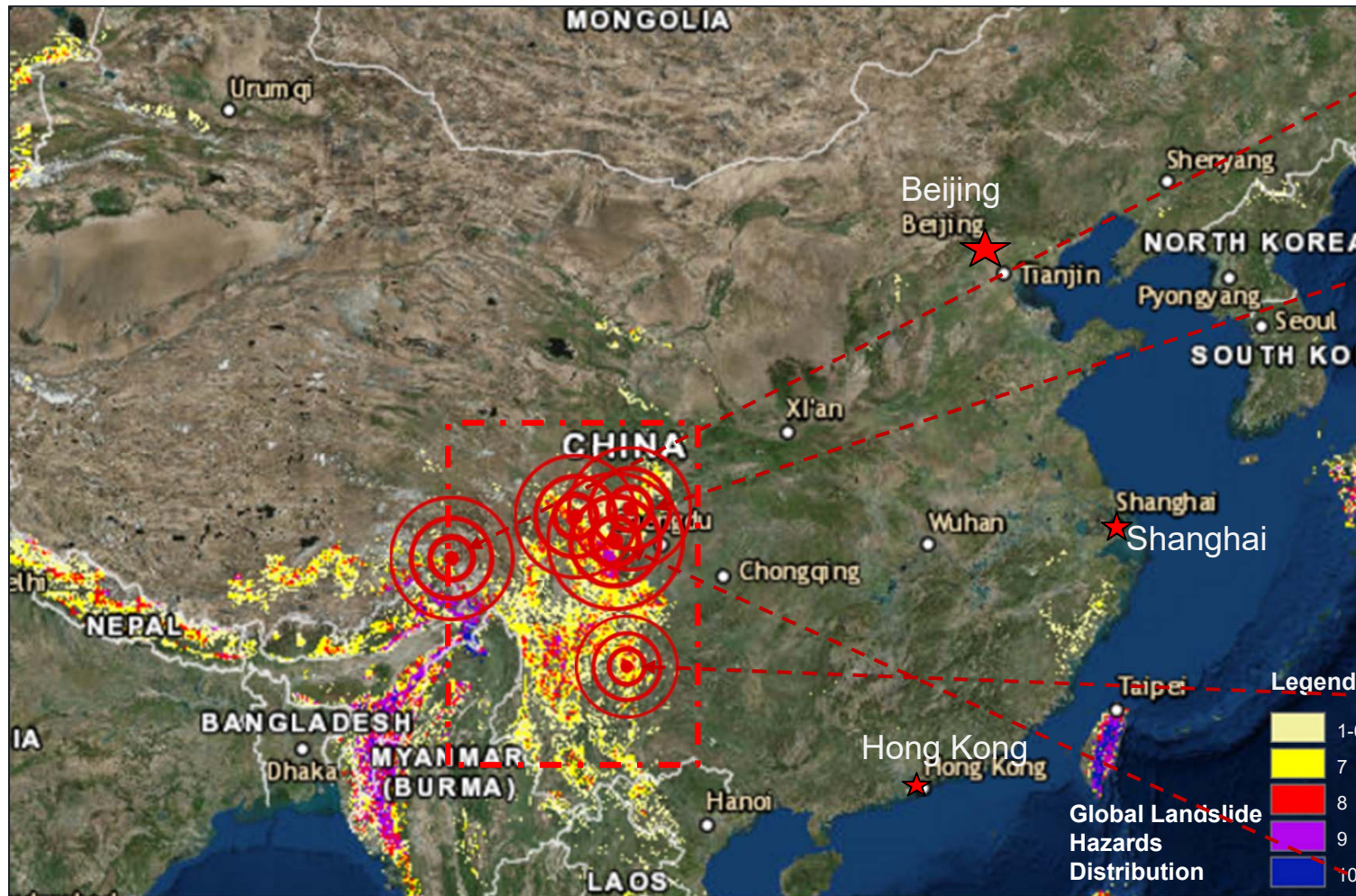
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Region of Interest



Current Study Region: SW China

Big earthquakes & Landslides occur every year.



Ms6.9 Earthquake

- Linzhi, Tiefert, **Nov. 18, 2017**
- Lots of landslides along Highway

Ms7.0 Earthquake

- Jiuzhaigou, **Aug. 8, 2017**
- No. of landslides: unknown
- 25 deaths, 6 missing.

Ms6.5 Earthquake

- Ludian, August 3, 2014
- 1,000+ big landslides
- 617 deaths, 112 missing.

Ms7.0 Earthquake

- Lushan, April 20, 2013
- 703 landslides in towns
- 196 deaths, 21 missing.

Ms8.0 Earthquake

- Wenchuan, May 12, 2008
- 48,000 landslides
- 70,000 fatalities (20,000 by landslides)²

Global Landslide Hazards Distribution

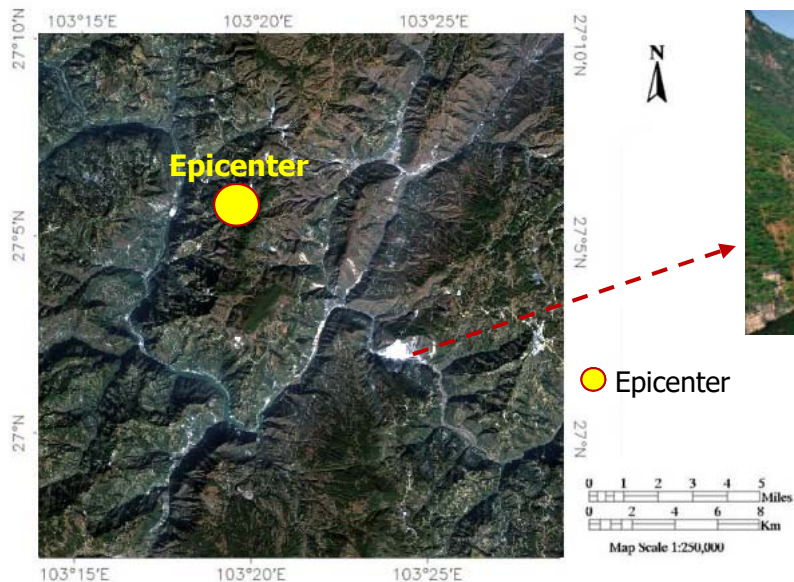
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Credits: Center for Hazards and Risk Research (CHRR); Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), Columbia University; Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (NGI)

Current Study Site (Ludian in SW China) and Data (optical Images)



Zone of Ms6.5 Ludian Earthquake August 3rd, 2014



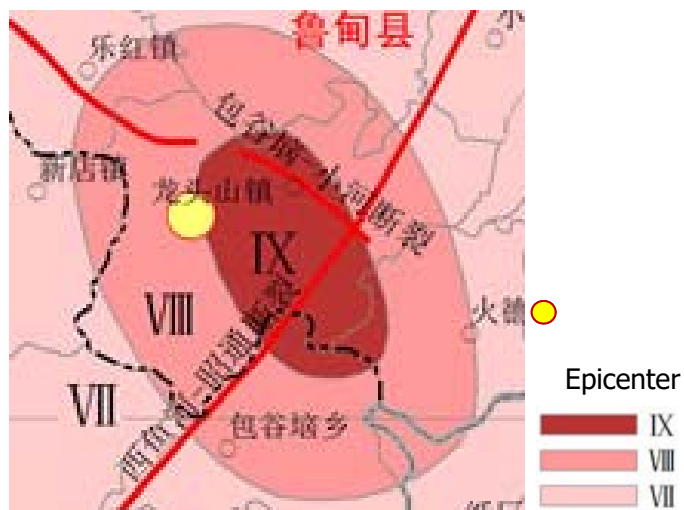
Landslides & Barrier Lake (water level 58m, storage 50 million m³)



Flood discharged (Hydropower station and town uncover)



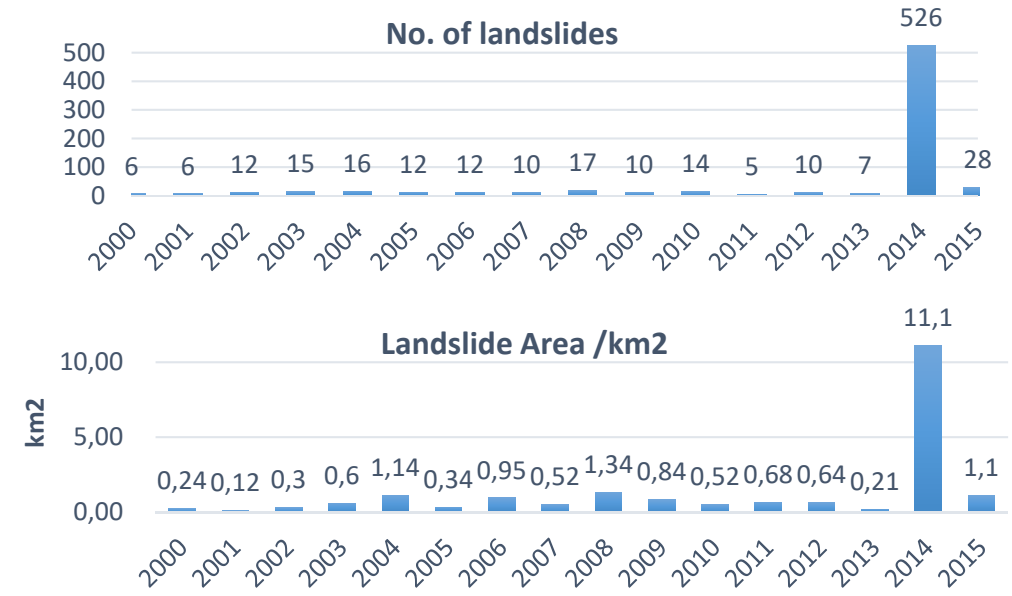
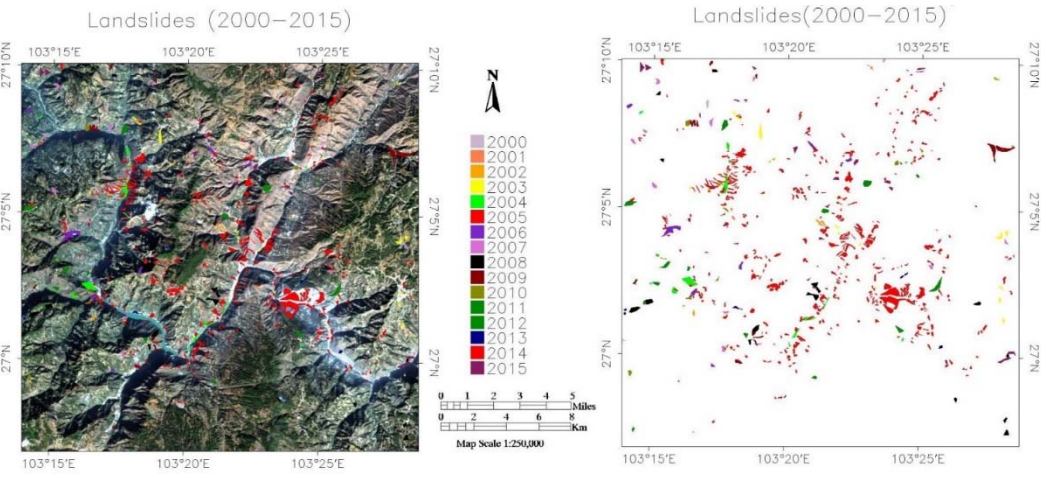
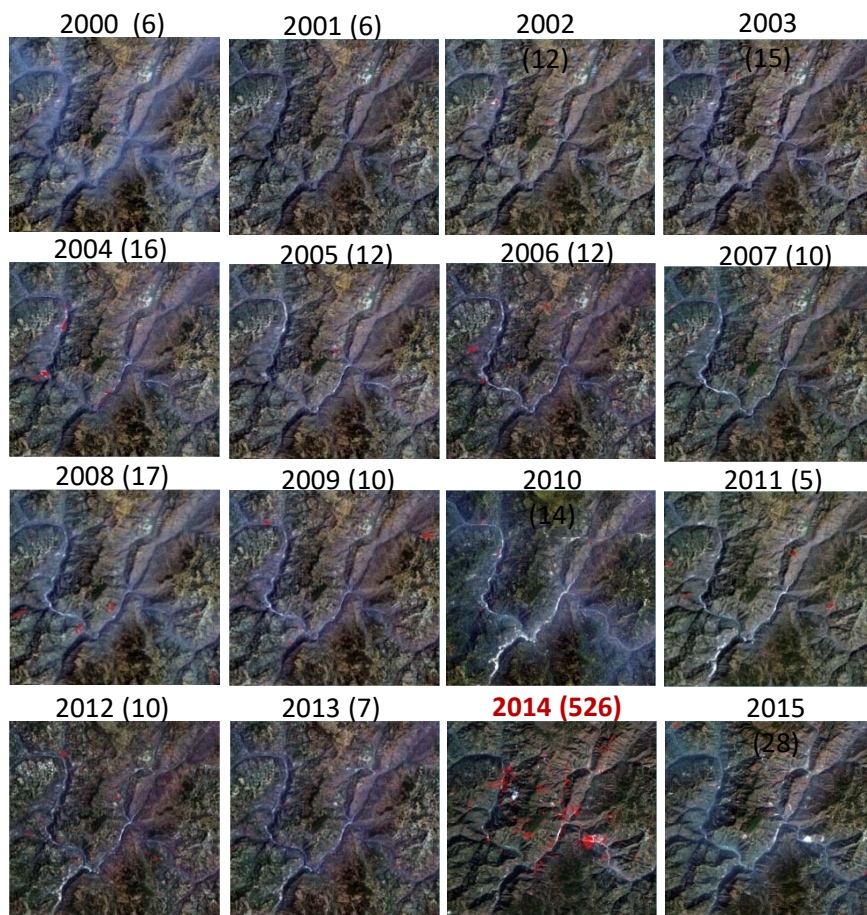
Flood inundated 10+ towns and 30 km² croplands



Optical Images Time Series (332 images, 8-30m Res., 2000-2016)

Satellite Sensor	Period	Images count.	Revisit period	Spatial Res.	Country
Landsat TM/ETM+/OLI	2000~	172	16 d	15/30 m	USA
GaoFen-1 CCD	2013~	68	4 d	2/8/16m	China
HuanJing-1 CCD	2008~	92	4 d	30 m	China

Preliminary Results – Visually Interpreted Landslides (2000-2015)



Year (Landslides)
 • Landslides > 90*120 m²

- Landslides occurred every year due to geologic activity and precipitation.
- A large amount of huge landslides were induced by the earthquake in 2014

Method developing 1: Detect historical landslides in optical image time series



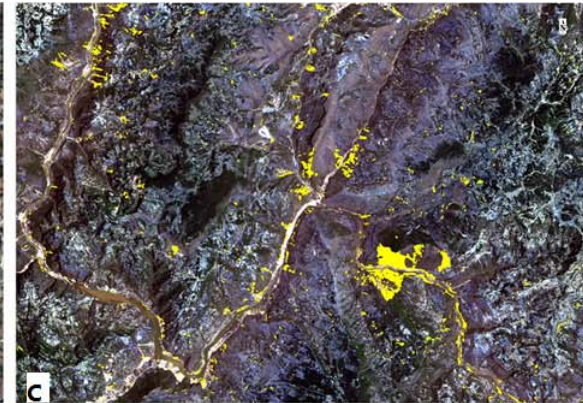
Landsat-8 OLI, 22/04/2015



Visually Interpreted Landslides



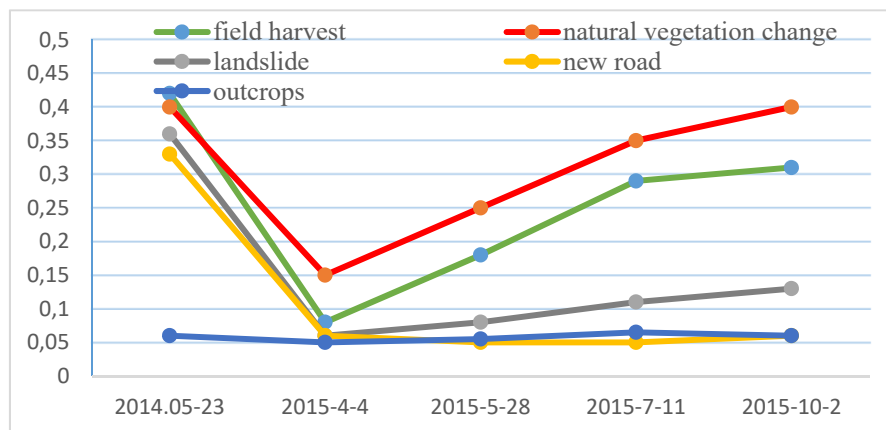
Automatically Detected Landslides



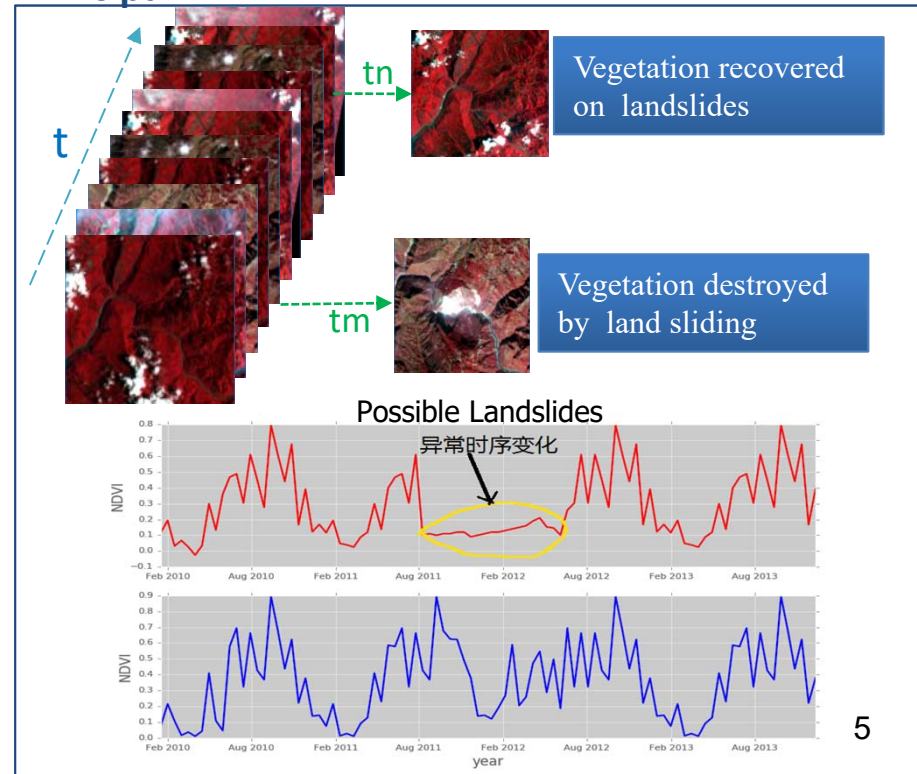
Results:

Detect	Interpreted	TP	FN	Producer Accuracy	User Accuracy
1372	1017	872	145	63.56 %	83.28 %

Different Revegetation Rates to differentiate Crops harvest, Seasonal change, Landslide, Outcrops and Road



Principal:



Method developing 2: Detect new landslides in new available optical images



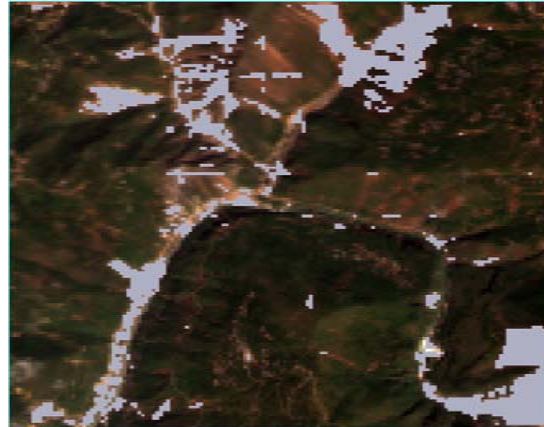
New available optical image

Gaofen-1 CCD, 11/09/2014



Automatically Detected Landslides

in new image using LSTM and SVM

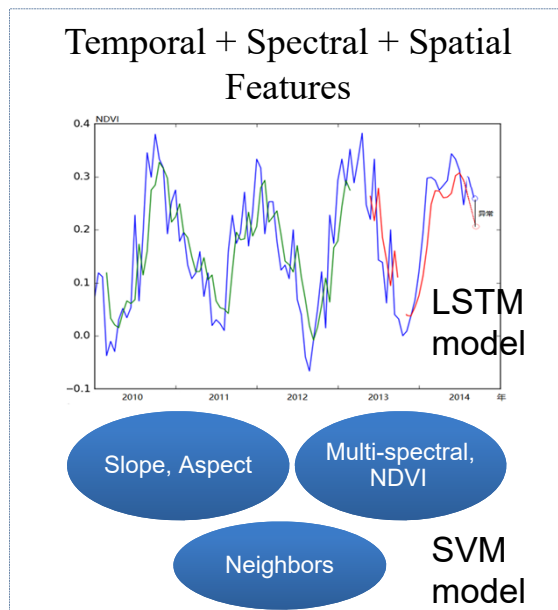


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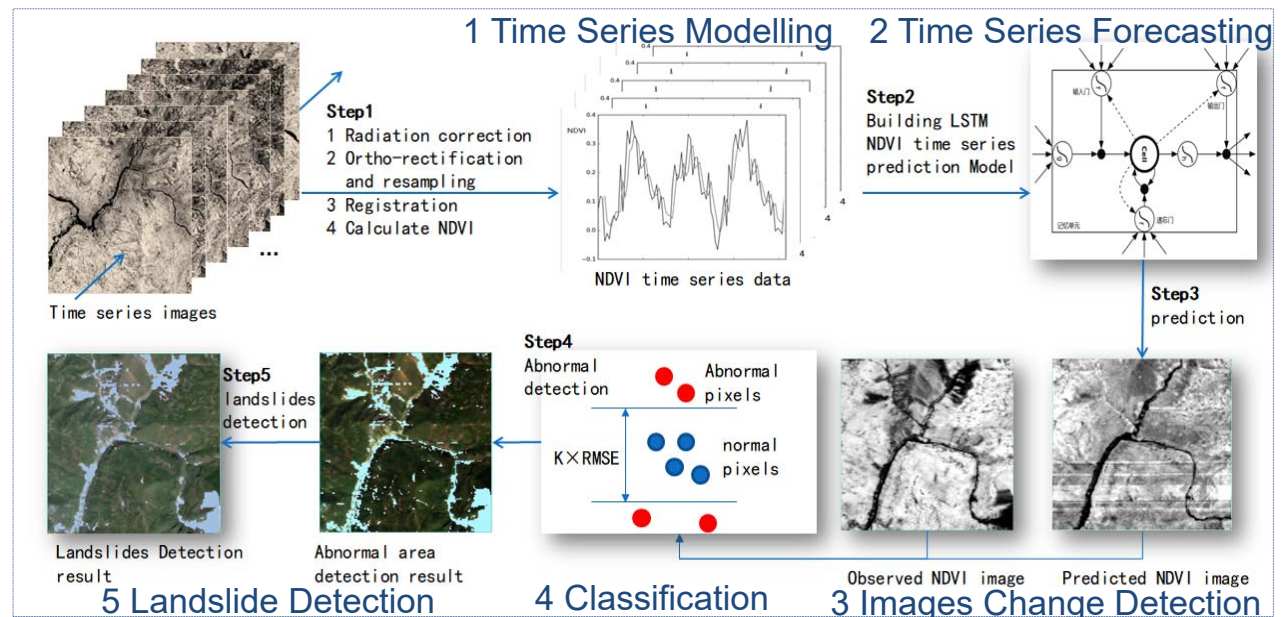
in new image



Features and models:



Method:

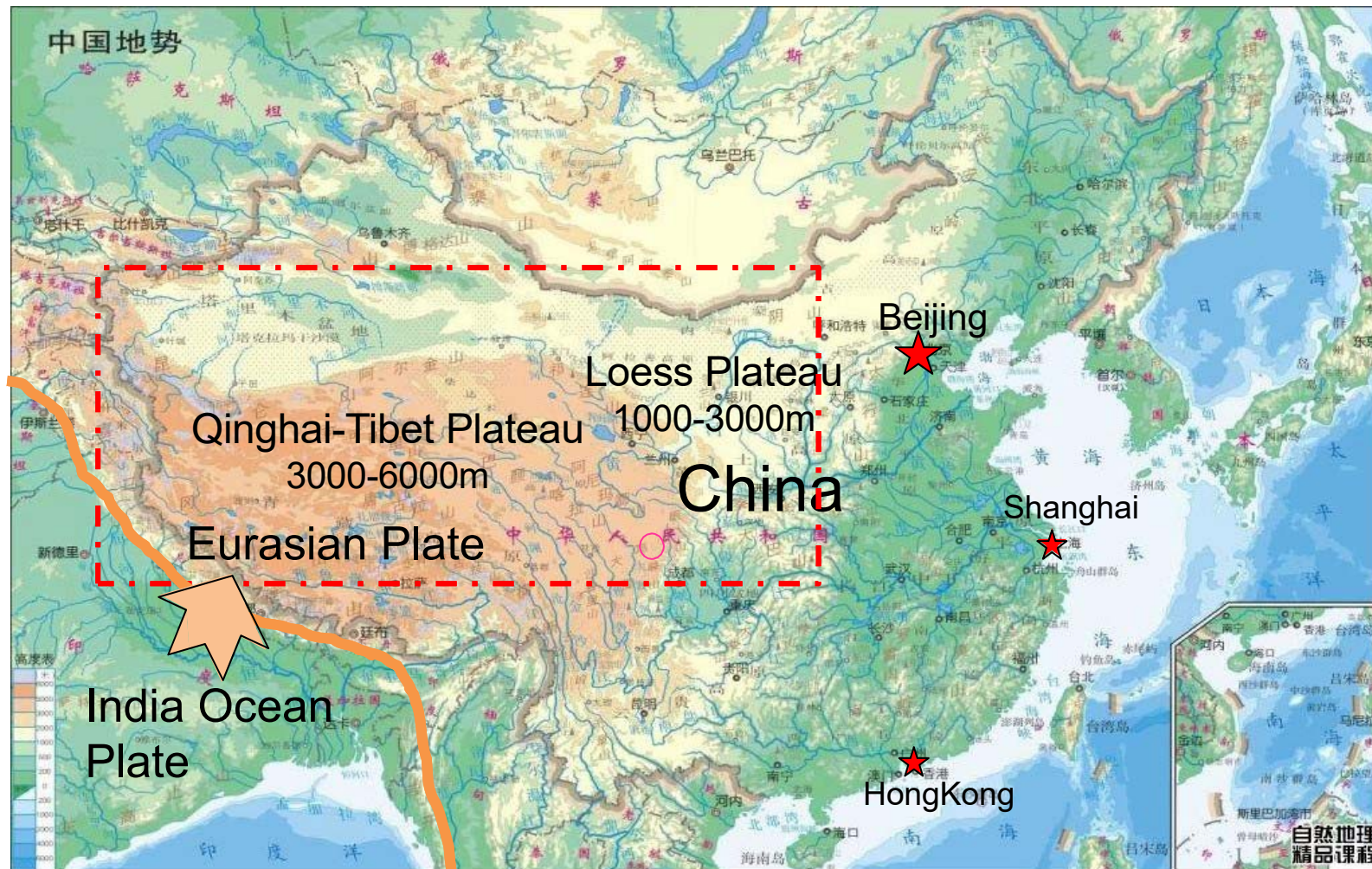


Extended Study Region – West China



West China: Geologically active, Cold and Arid Regions

High altitude and/or Little rainfall : Elevation: 1000-3000m & 3000-6000m
Precipitation: $\leq 200\text{mm/year}$



Preliminary Results – Geohazards in Cold & Arid Regions in West China

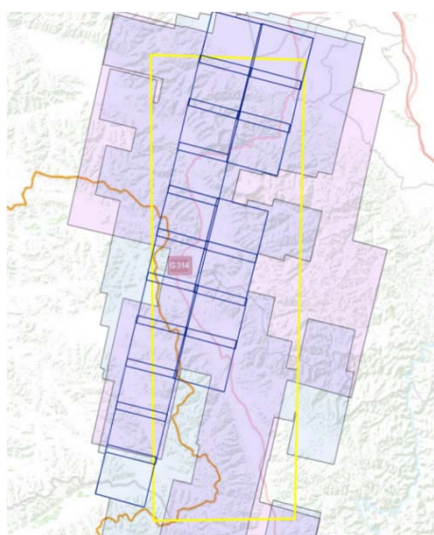


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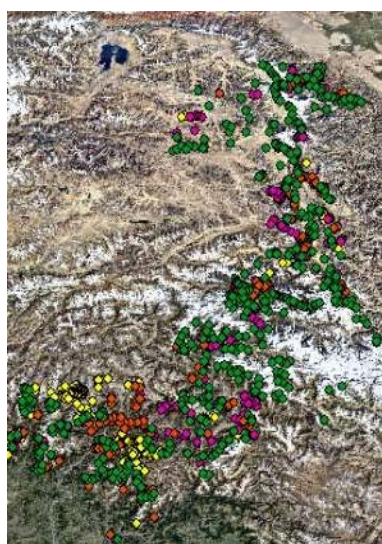
China's US\$1-trillion investment in trade, industry, infrastructure and science is inspired by ancient trade routes that connected East and West (red and blue lines). Shared Earth-observation data are needed to track threats to sustainable development in more than 60 countries.



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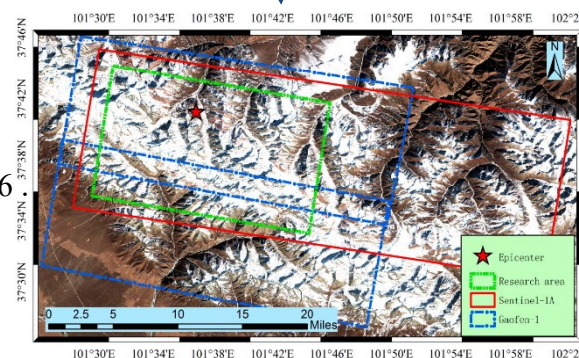


Optical images:
Chinese Gaofen-1: 2/8 m
Chinese Gaofen-2: 1/4 m



Visually interpreted:
Landslide & collapse: 237
Debris flow: 491
Gravel-sliding slope: 212

Sentinel 2A image shows area of Ms 6.4 Menyuan Earthquake on 21/01/2016



12 large possible geohazards detected by Sentinel-1A.
bg: Chinese Gaofen-1 optical images.



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Field investigations in Cold & Arid Regions of West-China



Along National Highway on Qinghai-Tibet Plateau

Elev.: $\approx 4000\text{m}$ Prec: $\approx 70\text{mm/a}$
(in July 2018)

Landslide & Gravel-sliding Slope



LiDAR scanning



Team Climbing

Landslide & Debris flow



LiDAR scanning



Yaks passing by

Along National Highway on Loess Plateau

Elev.: $\approx 2000\text{m}$ Prec: $\approx 200\text{mm/a}$
(in March 2018)

Loess Landslides

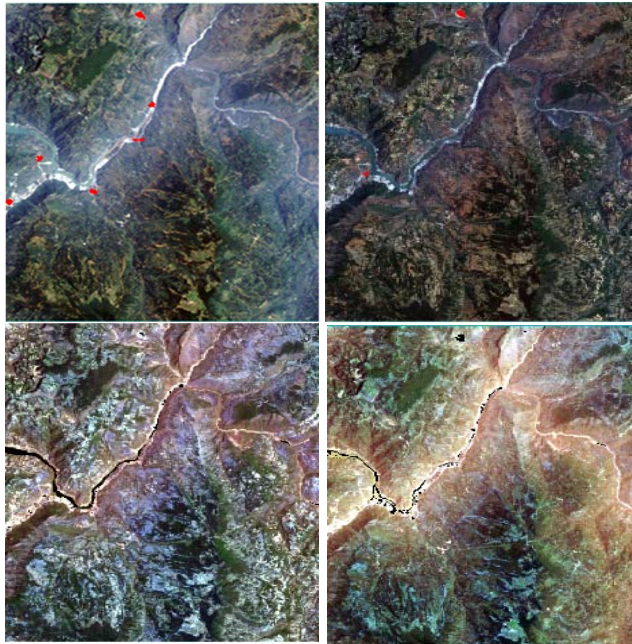


What's next for China Study Site



- For densely vegetated region in Southwest China:

Improve the methods to detect landslides on a quarterly to monthly basis using optical images time series.



Intra-annual landslides detection in vegetation-covered area

- For non- or sparsely vegetated region in West China :

Explore methods to recognize landslides in cold and arid areas using radar & optical images.



Landslides detection in Cold & Arid region

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