

## CEOS Landslide Pilot in Chinese Region: A Recent Progress

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Iceland, 24-26 September, 2019

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# Pilot Region: SW China



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# Landslide map of China (01-2019 to 08-2019)



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**Landslide Triggers:**  
● Earthquakes  
● Rainstorms

Landslide information are collected from the internet

# Landslide in Shuicheng, Liupanshui, Guizhou

- Date: 23-7-2019
- **Trigger: Heavy rain**
- The landslide has a volume of about 20 cubic kilometers, a depth of 500 to 800 m, a travel distance of 1.1 km
- Death toll is 42, 9 missing.

23 houses buried



Rescuers are searching for the survivors



Shui Cheng, Liupanshui, Guizhou

# Landslides in Yibin, Sichuan



- Date: 17-6-2019
- Trigger: 6.0 magnitude earthquake in Yibin, Sichuan



# Landslide in Yongjia, Wenzhou, Zhejiang

Annual Precipitation

1 : 20 000 000

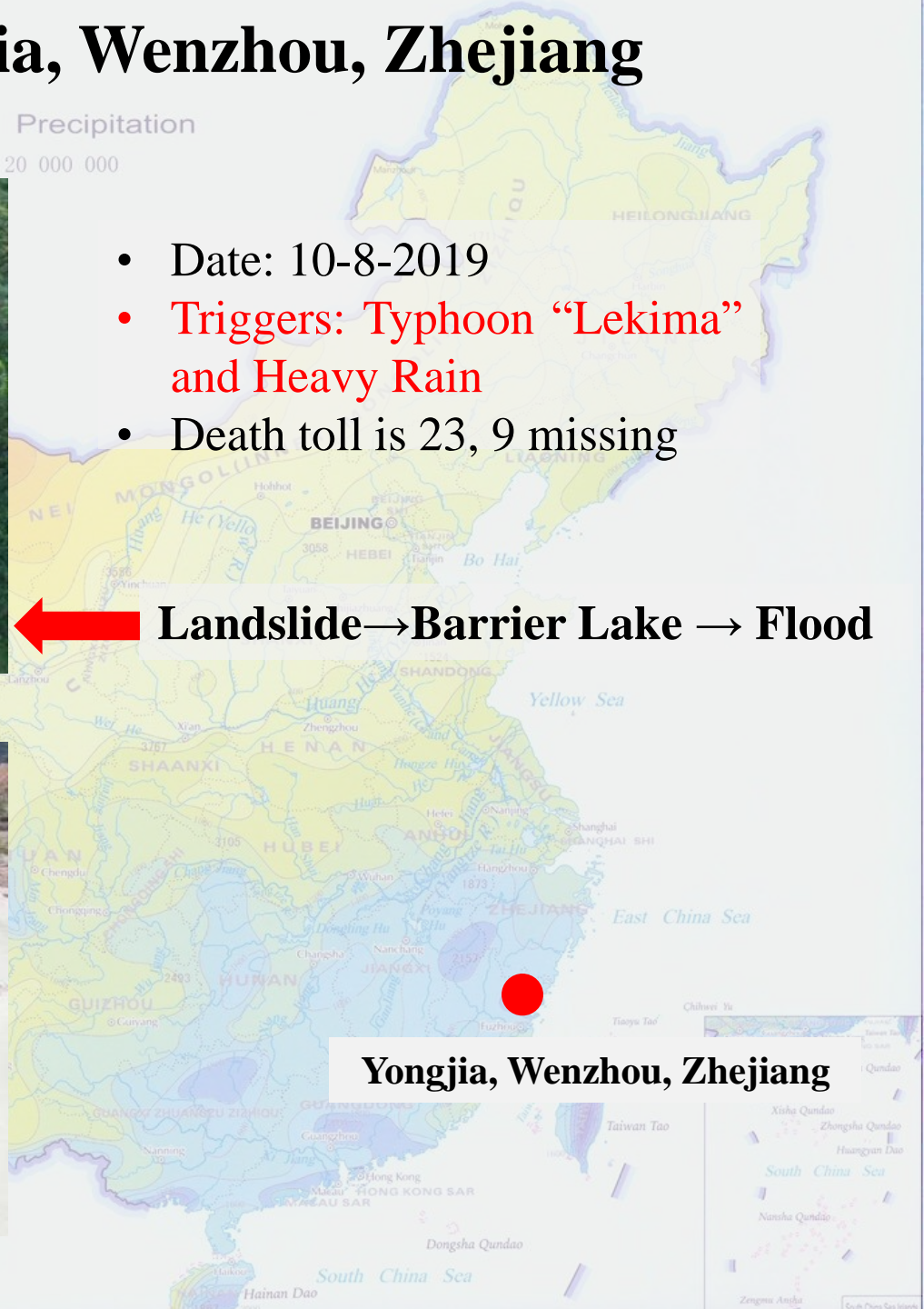


Nanxi River



- Date: 10-8-2019
- Triggers: Typhoon “Lekima” and Heavy Rain
- Death toll is 23, 9 missing

← Landslide → Barrier Lake → Flood



Yongjia, Wenzhou, Zhejiang

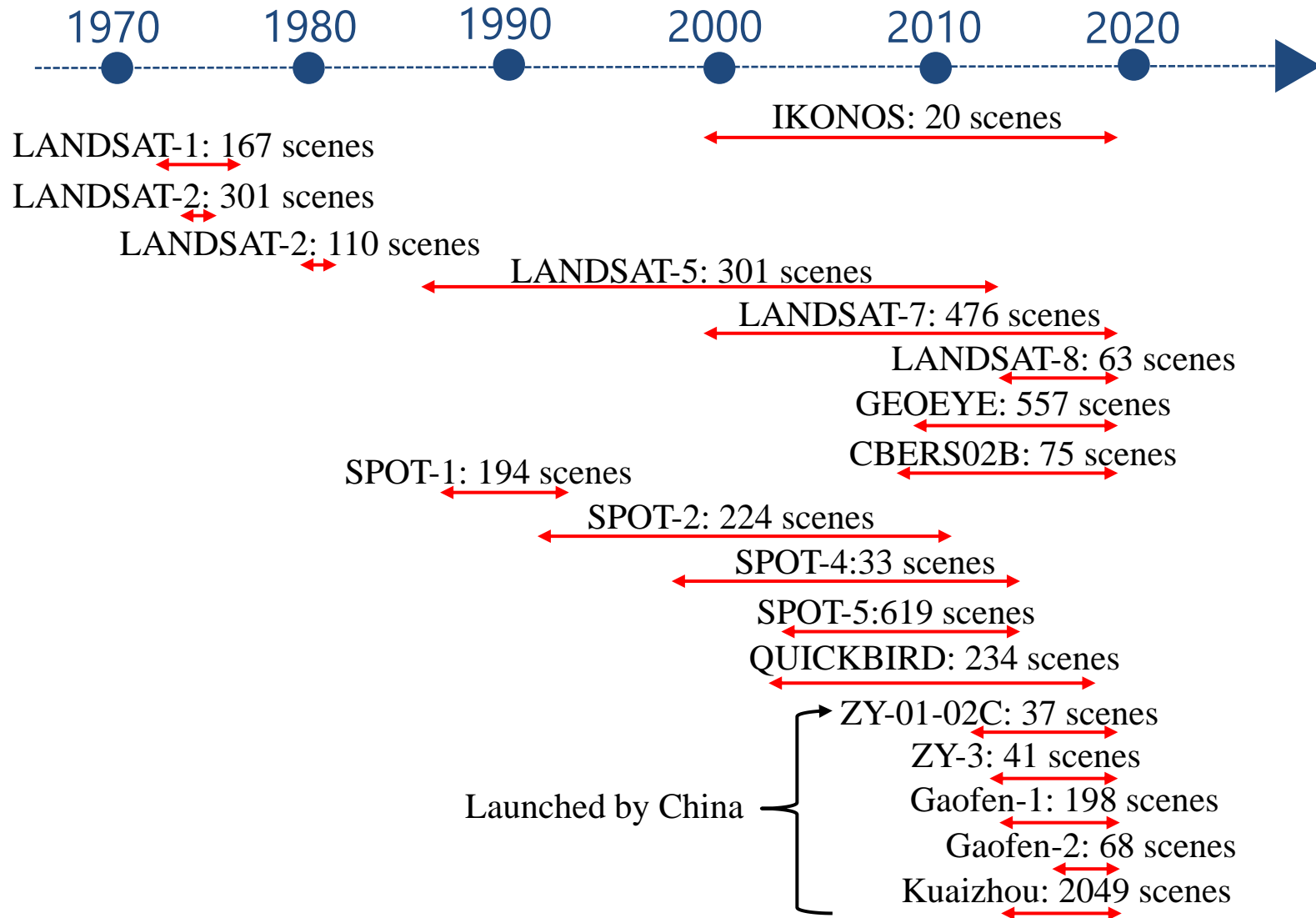
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# Optical Images



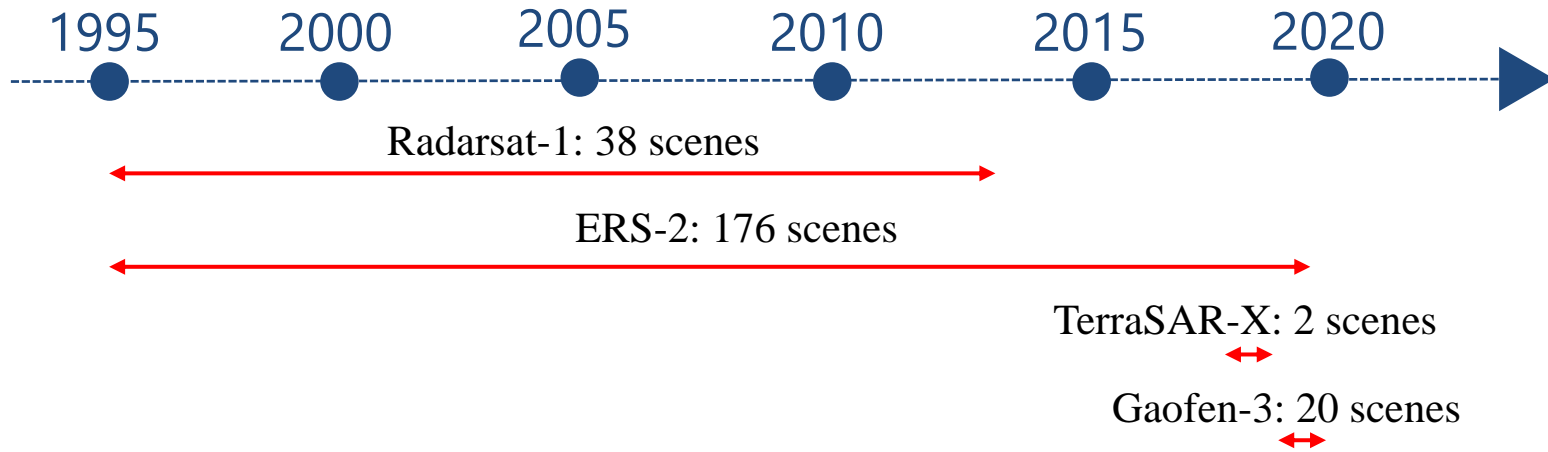
- 5808 Optical Images in Group's Dataset in Total



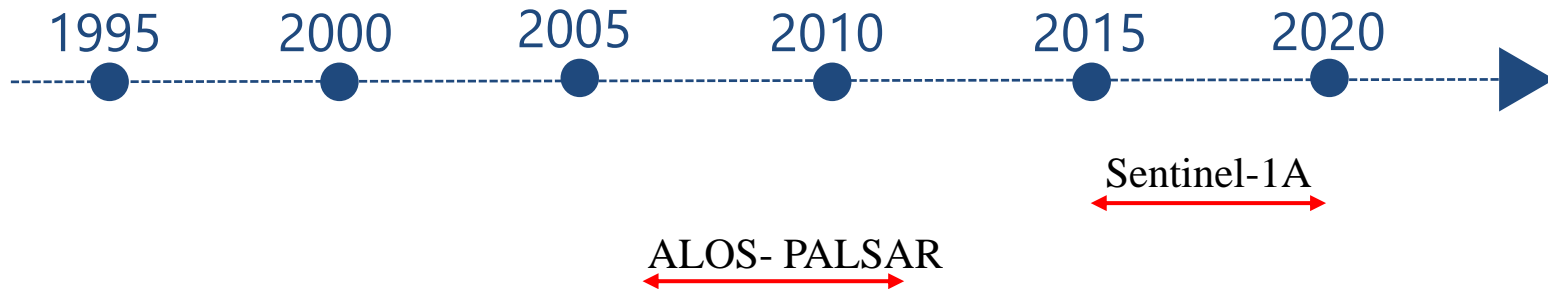
# SAR Images



- 236 SAR Images in Group's Dataset in Total



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- SAR Images from open database



- **Gaofen Project**

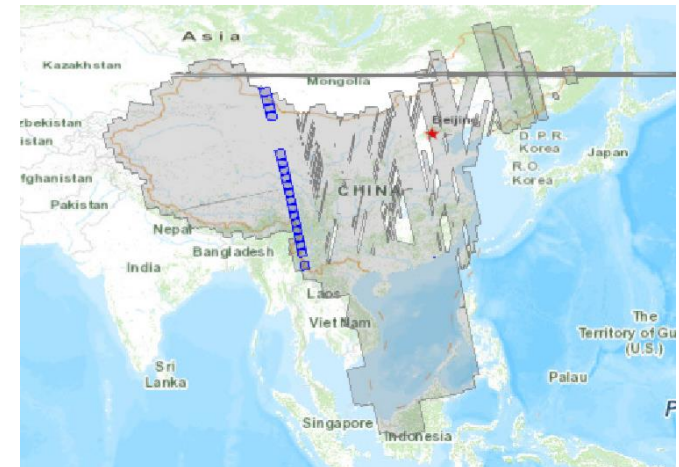
- Supported by the government of China;
- Aiming to develop a high-spectral resolution earth observation system by Year 2020.

- **Gaofen-3 satellite**

- Launched on 10 August 2016 by the China Academy of Space Technology (CAST), in operation since January, 2017;
- With a C-band SAR sensor;
- Sun-synchronous dusk-dawn orbit at 755 km in altitude;
- 12 different working modes: from high-resolution (1 m) to extremely-wide-swath (650 km), from single to full polarization;
- Site access time: 3.5 days at most (1.5 day at 90% probability)



**Gaofen-3**



**The Gaofen-3 data coverage map in China**

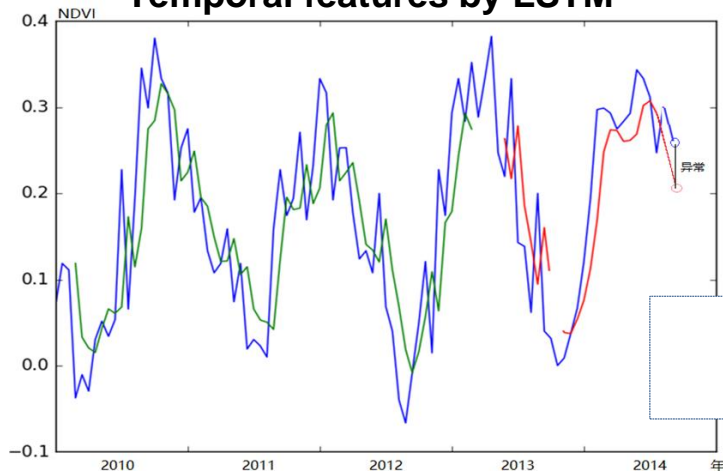
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# Landslide disaster detection by optical image

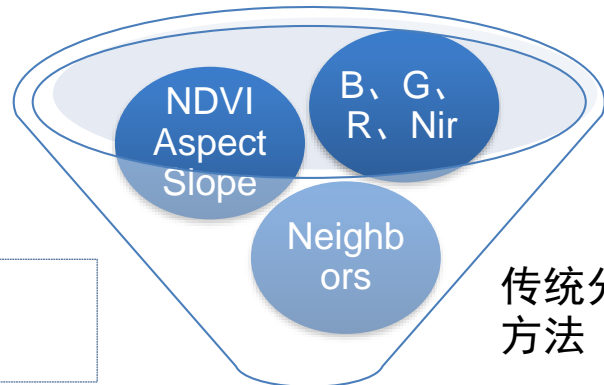


## Features and models:

Temporal features by LSTM

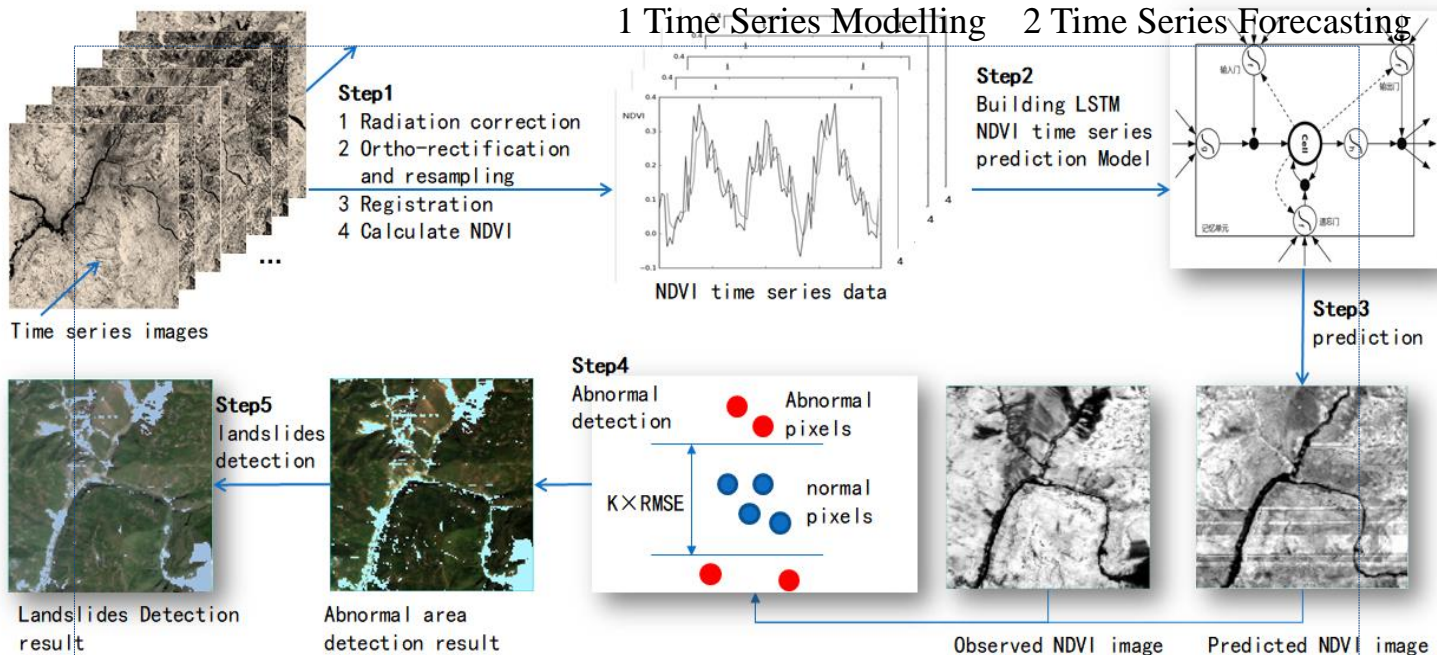


Spectral features by SVM



Temporal & Spectral features

## Method:



5 Landslide Detection

4 Classification

3 Images Change Detection

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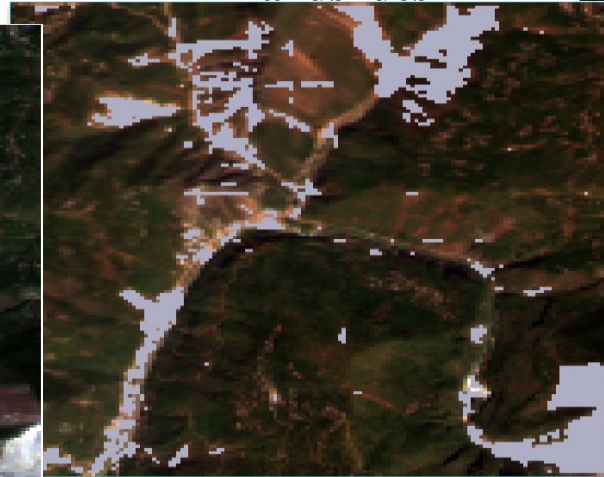


## New available optical image

Gaofen-1 CCD, 11/09/2014



## Automatically Detected Landslides



## Visually Interpreted Landslides



$C_{rate}$	TP	TN	FP	FN	Precision	Detection rate	Accuracy
$\geq 0.15$	1880	18399	1800	421	51.09%	81.70%	90.12%
$\geq 0.25$	1699	19564	635	602	72.79%	73.84%	94.50%
$\geq 0.35$	1576	19620	579	725	73.13%	68.49%	94.20%
$\geq 0.45$	1433	19677	522	868	73.30%	62.28%	93.82%

Change Rate:

$$C_{rate} = \frac{NDVI_{predict} - NDVI_{observed}}{NDVI_{predict}}$$

$$\text{Precision} = TP / (TP + FP)$$

$$\text{Detection Rate} = TP / (TP + FN)$$

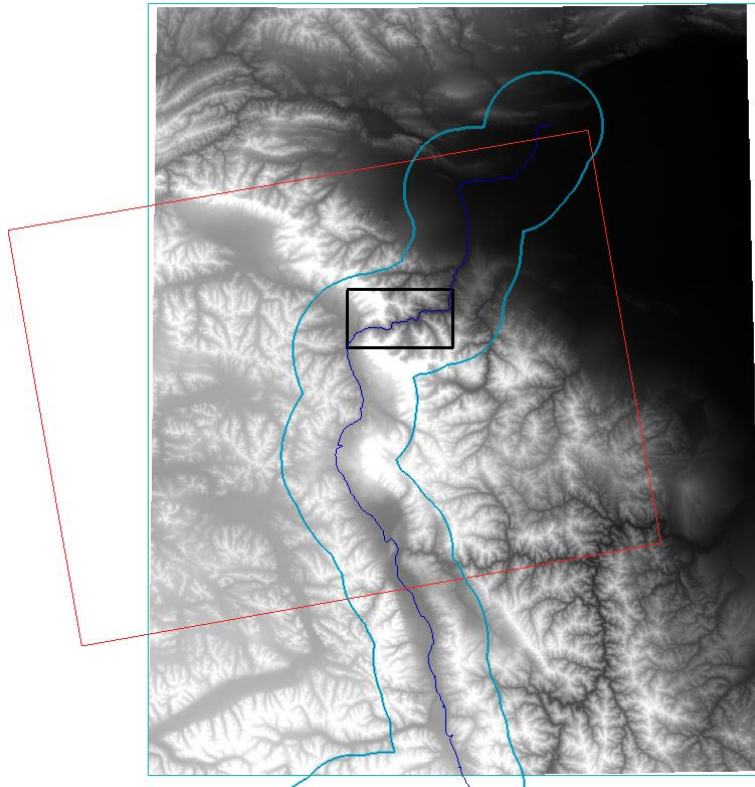
$$\text{Accuracy} = (TP + TN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN)$$

# Landslide disaster detection by SAR image



- Data used

SAR images: Sentinel-1A IW mode, SLC(single-look complex) format.



**Acquisition dates of S1A SAR images  
used for InSAR processing**  
(30 scenes in total)

20150405	20150523	20150710	20150827	20151002
20151119	20160106	20160223	20160411	20160529
20160716	20160902	20161020	20161207	20170124
20170313	20170430	20170605	20170723	20170909
20171027	20171214	20180131	20180320	20180507
20180624	20180811	20180928	20181103	20181209

**Background image:** DEM data

**Red box:** coverage of S1A image

**Blue curves:** buffer area of the study region

**Black box:** Region of Interest(ROI), used for InSAR processing

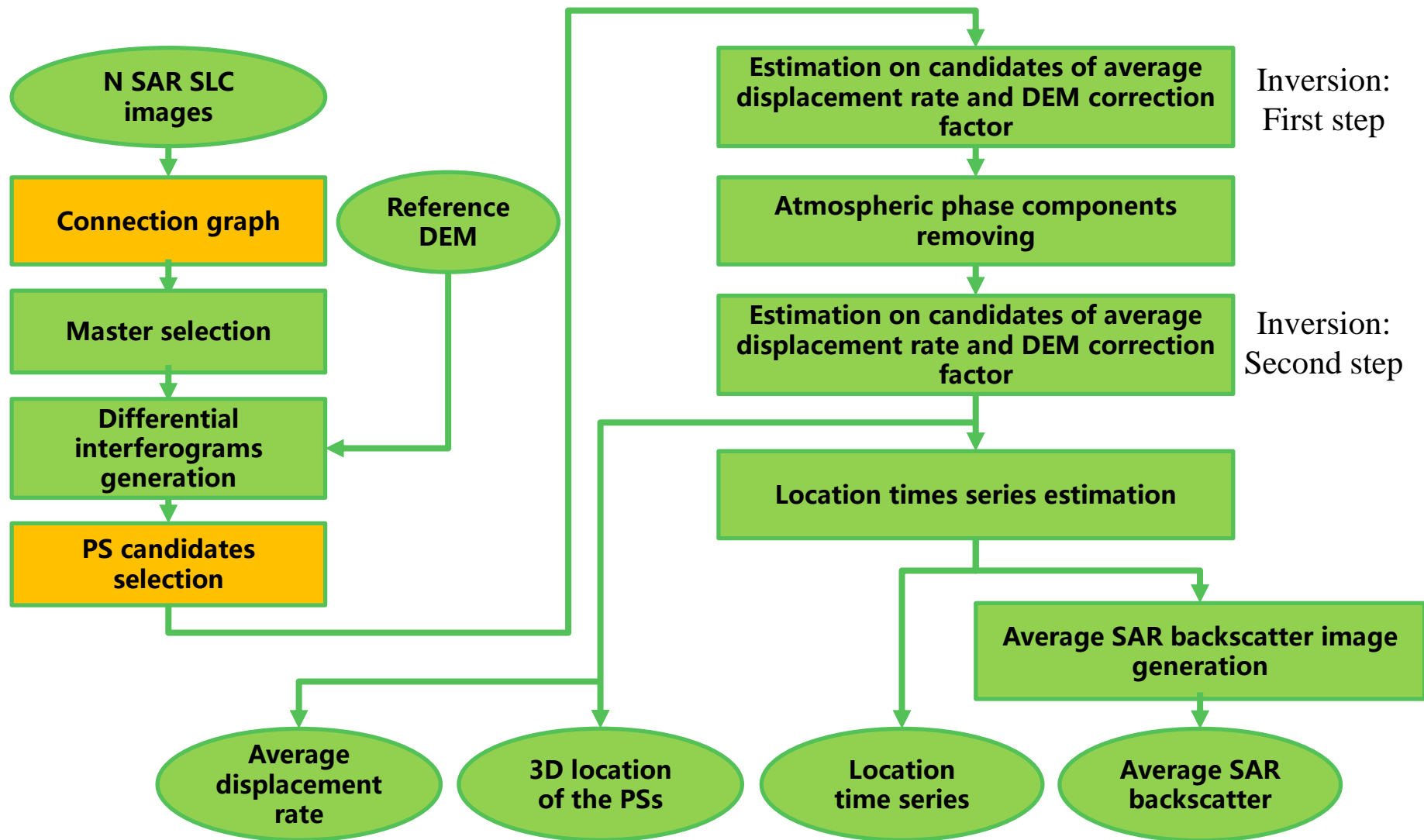
**Lat:** 74°58' E-75°30'E

**Lon:** 38°40'N-38°53'N

# Landslide disaster detection by SAR image



- PS-InSAR processing flow chart (PS: Permanent Scatterers)

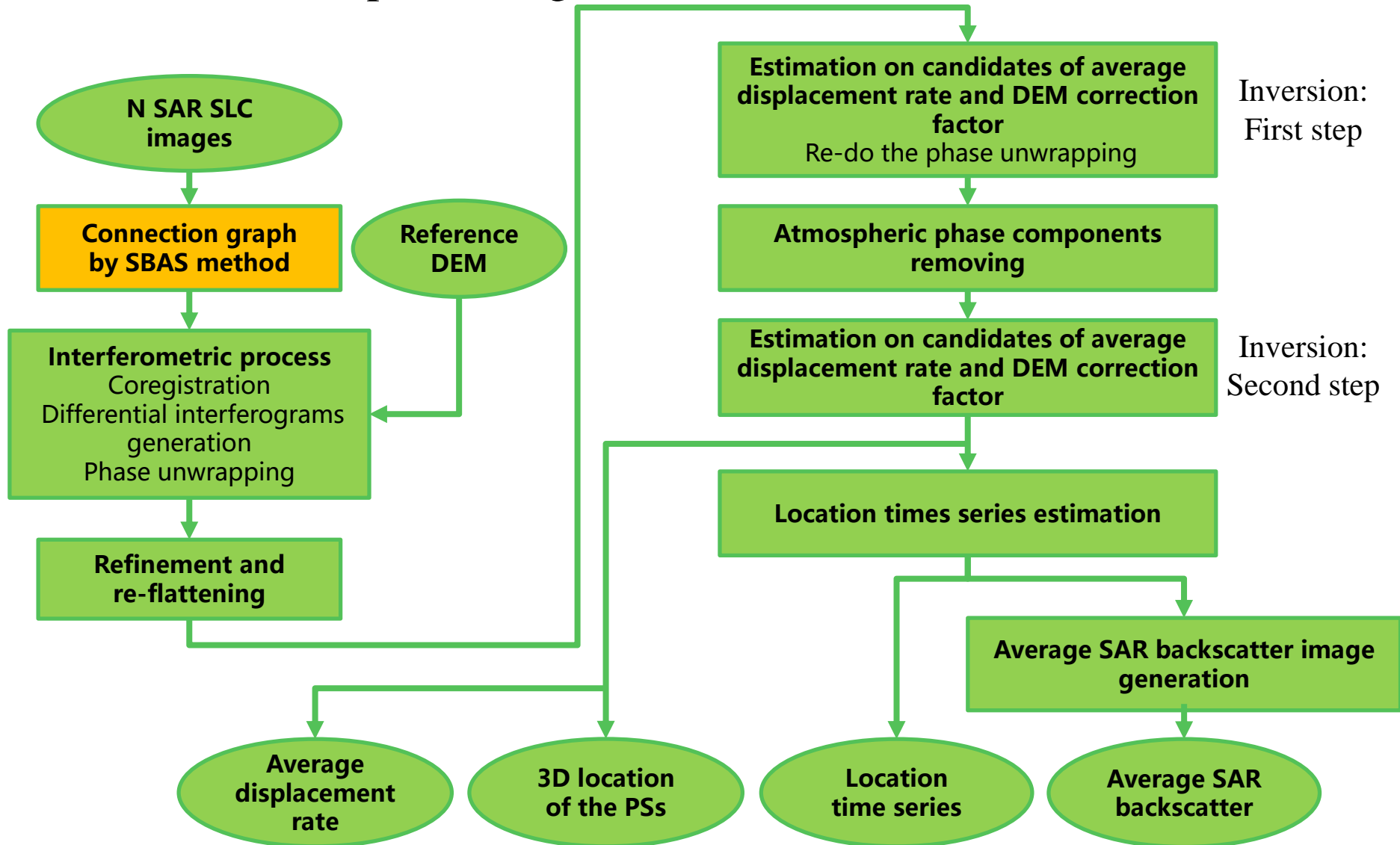




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- SBAS-InSAR processing flow chart (SBAS: Small Baseline)

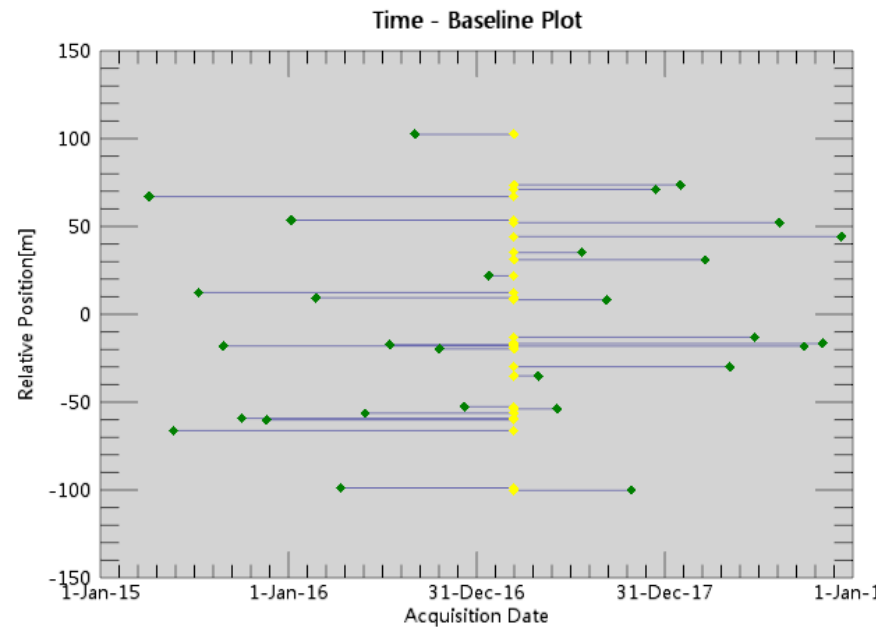




- Connection graphs: PS-InSAR *vs.* SBAS-InSAR

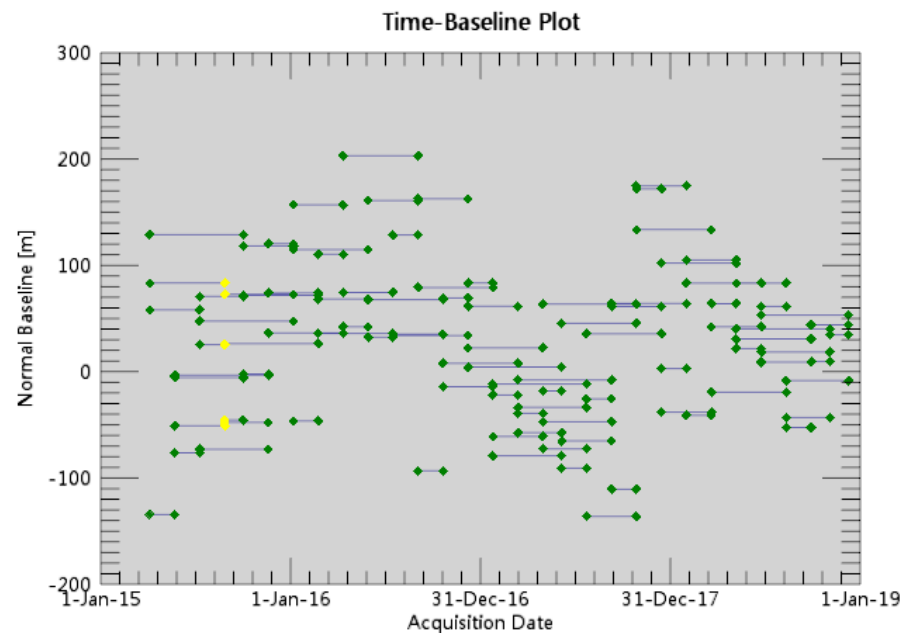
## ① PS-InSAR (30 scenes used)

## ② SBAS-InSAR (30 scenes used)



Master image: 2017.03.13

InSAR image pairs: 29



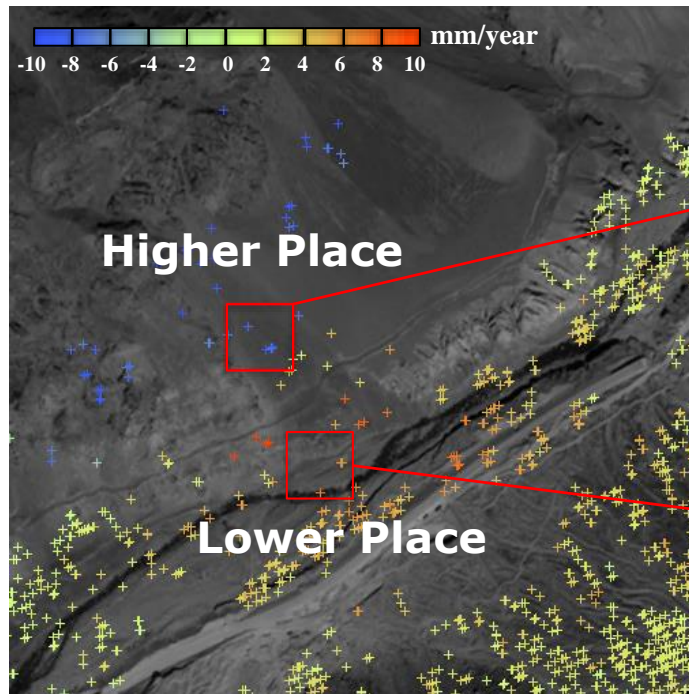
Super master image: 2015.08.27

InSAR image pairs: 94

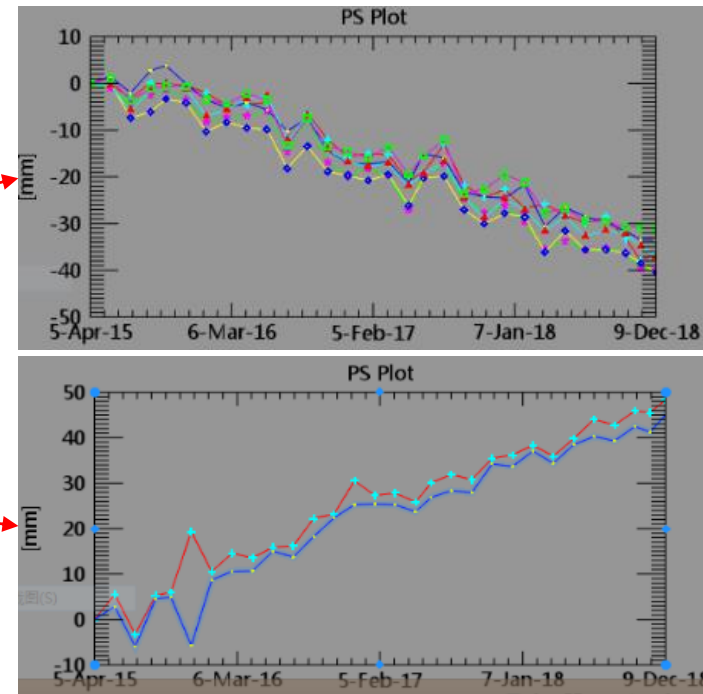
# Landslide disaster detection by SAR image



- PS-InSAR processing result



The mapping of PS points

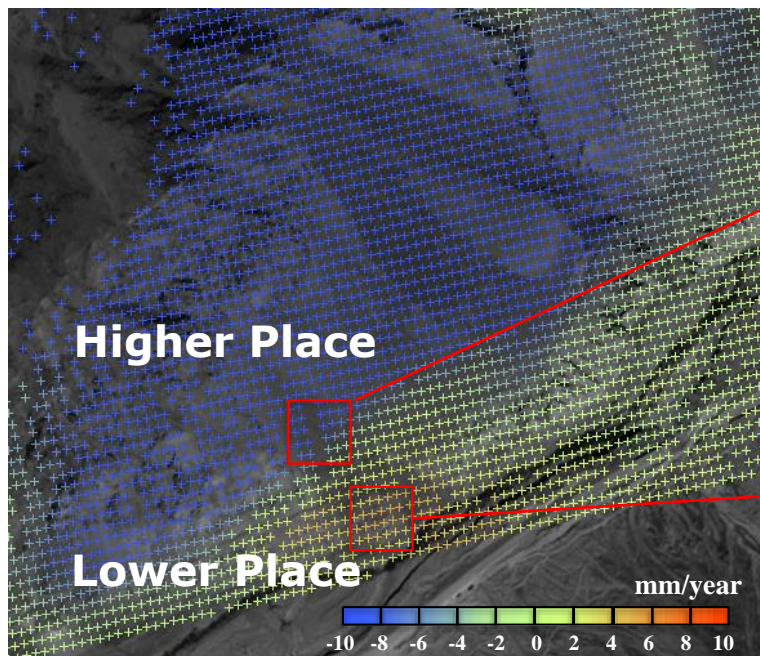


Surface deformation history extracted by PS method

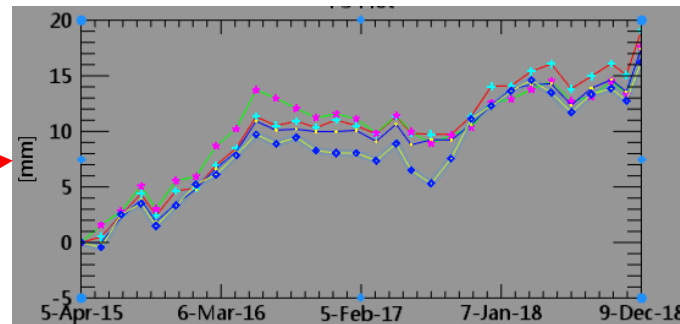
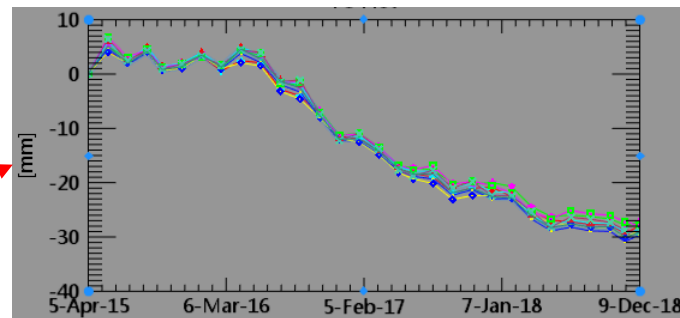
**Area of interest:** surface elevation descending and ascending both happened in the same period, which is close to the feature of landslide.



- SBAS-InSAR processing result



Dot matrix of SBAS-InSAR processing result



Surface deformation history extracted by SBAS method

Result obtained by SBAS-InSAR is similar to the result obtained by PS-InSAR, in view of their trends.

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- **A new Topographic Deformation Monitor:**

Based on the basic theory of photogrammetry, which has proven to be an effective tool to monitor the displacement and deformation caused by geological disasters.



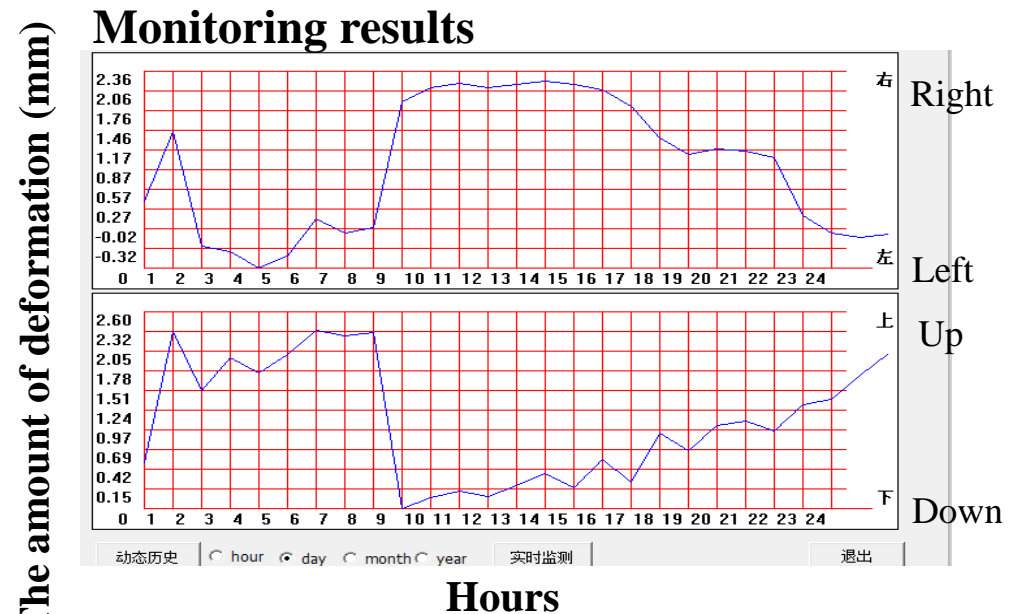
The 1st generation



Installment

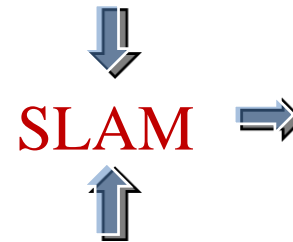
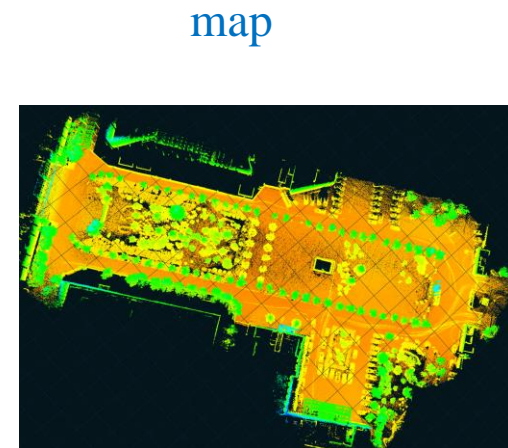


The 2nd generation



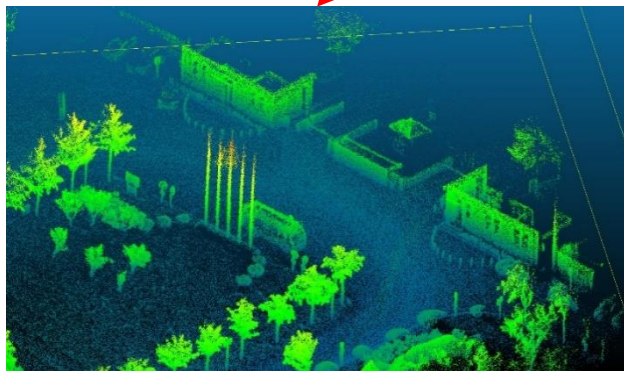
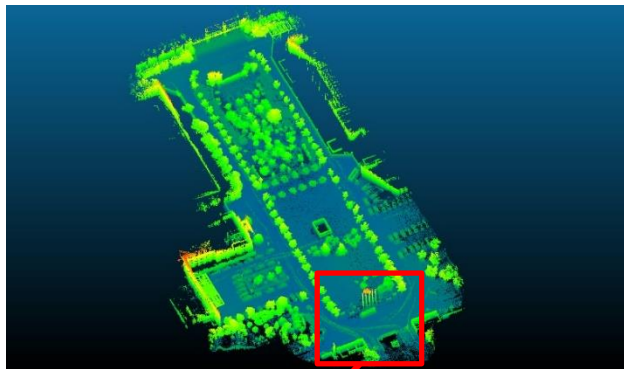
- The changes of targets per hour can be observed from 4 directions.
- The instrument has been working for about 14 months, from July, 2018.

- **Simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM) technology:**  
Constructing or updating a map of an unknown environment while simultaneously keeping track of an agent's location within it.

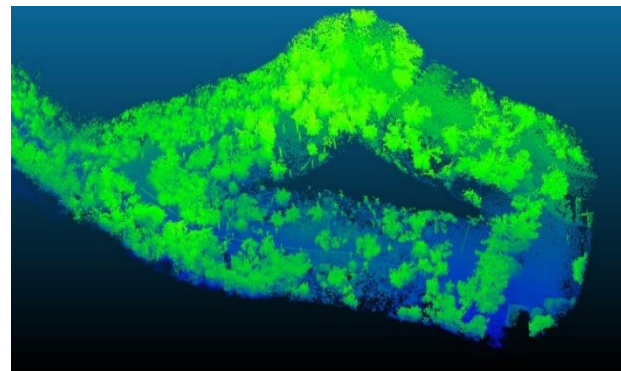
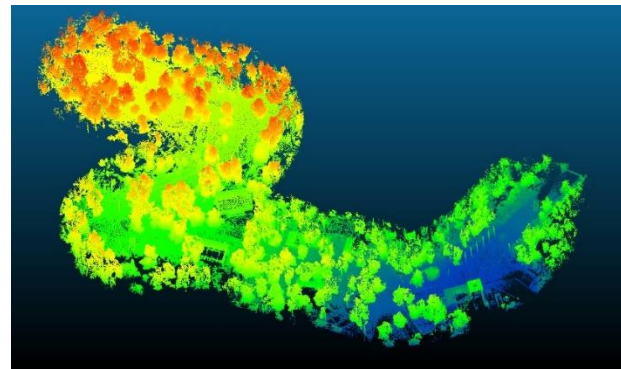


Outdoor mobile mapping without GNSS, applying for Digital City, Terrain Mapping, Precision Forestry, autonomous UAV/UGV, et al. The drift error is around **0.3%**.

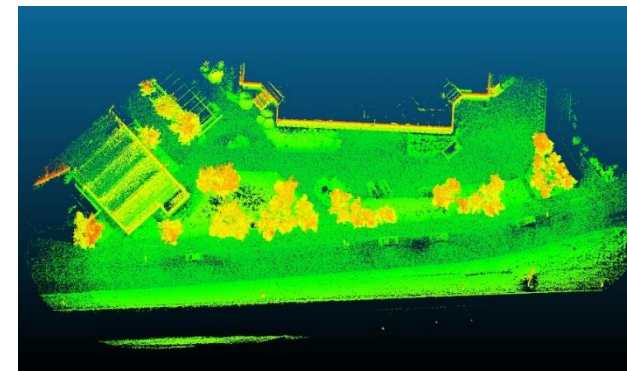
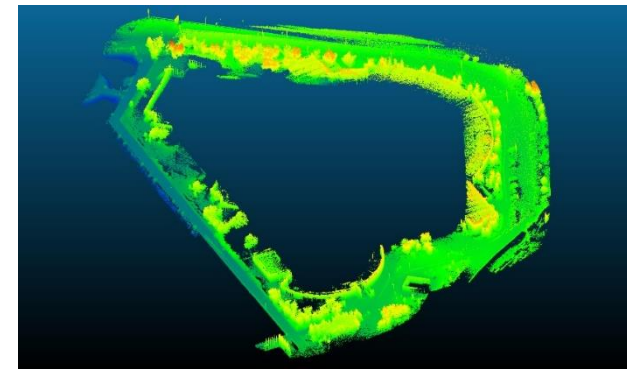
**Park of Academy of Opto-Electronics**



**Nordic Forest in Finland**



**Outside Environment of Microsoft building (Finland)**





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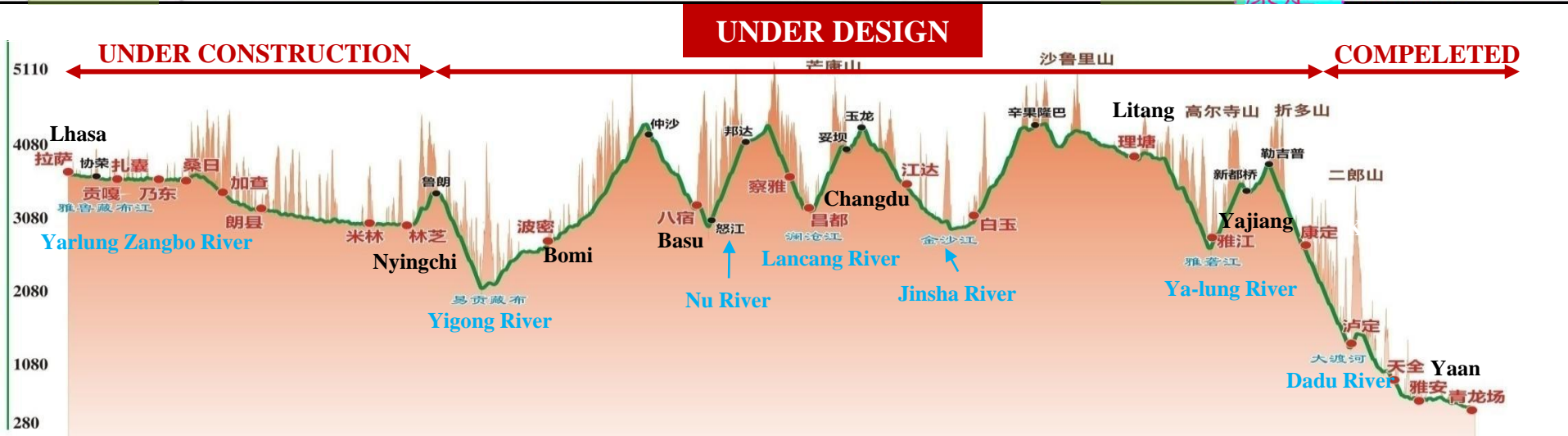
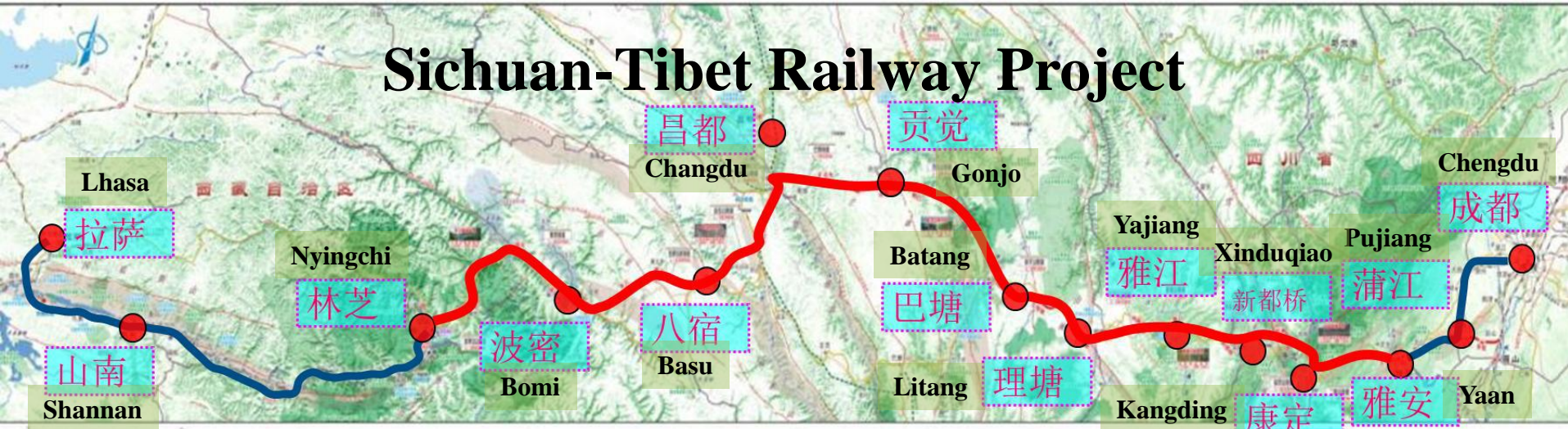
## – **Objective A:**

- Develop effective methodologies for the landslide risk management of Sichuan-Tibet Railway.

## **Sichuan-Tibet Railway Project**

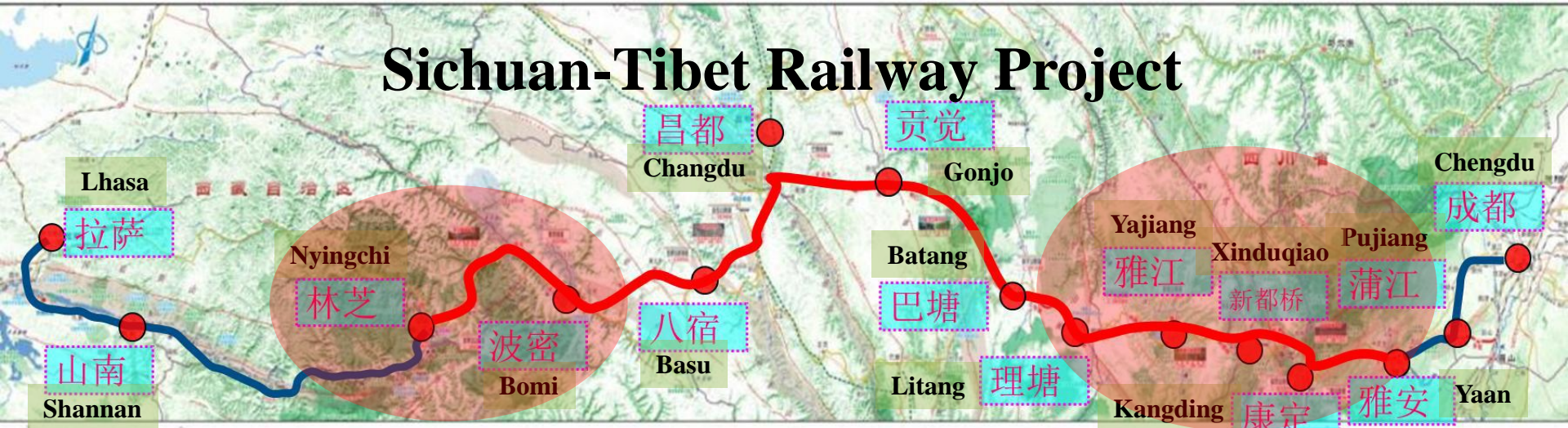
- Key project for China's 13th Five-Year Plan from 2016 to 2020, planned to be finished by Year 2030;
- The railway will connect Chengdu, Sichuan and Lhasa, Tibet;
- The second railway into southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region after the Qinghai-Tibet Railway;

# Sichuan-Tibet Railway Project



- Covering a distance of **1,543 kilometers**, the Sichuan-Tibet railway consists of three sections from east to west, including **Chengdu-Kangding**, **Kangding-Nyingchi** and **Nyingchi-Lhasa**;
- The Section from Kangding to Nyingchi, which is the most difficult and the longest section, is still under design.

# Sichuan-Tibet Railway Project



The Sichuan-Tibet Railway has **four major environmental characteristics**:

- Significant terrain elevation differences
- Strong plate activities
- Frequent mountain disasters
- Sensitive ecological environment

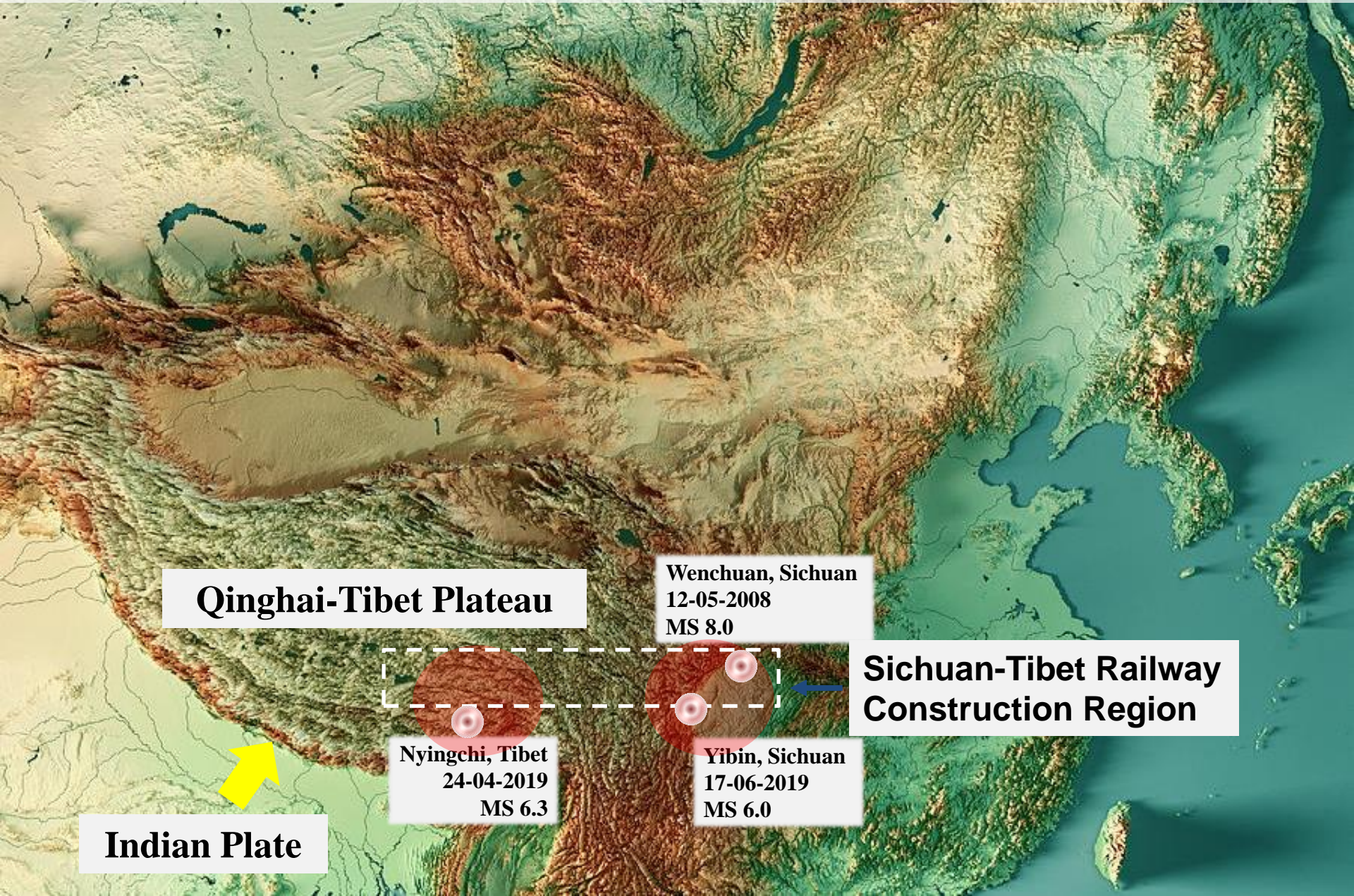
**Including Landslides**

The landslides mainly happen in the alpine gorges of the Hengduan Mountains and southeastern Tibet.

**THE MAJOR CHALLENGE**

# Sichuan-Tibet Railway Project

## Landslide Trigger 1: Earthquakes



**Qinghai-Tibet Plateau**

Wenchuan, Sichuan  
12-05-2008  
MS 8.0

**Sichuan-Tibet Railway  
Construction Region**

Nyingchi, Tibet  
24-04-2019  
MS 6.3

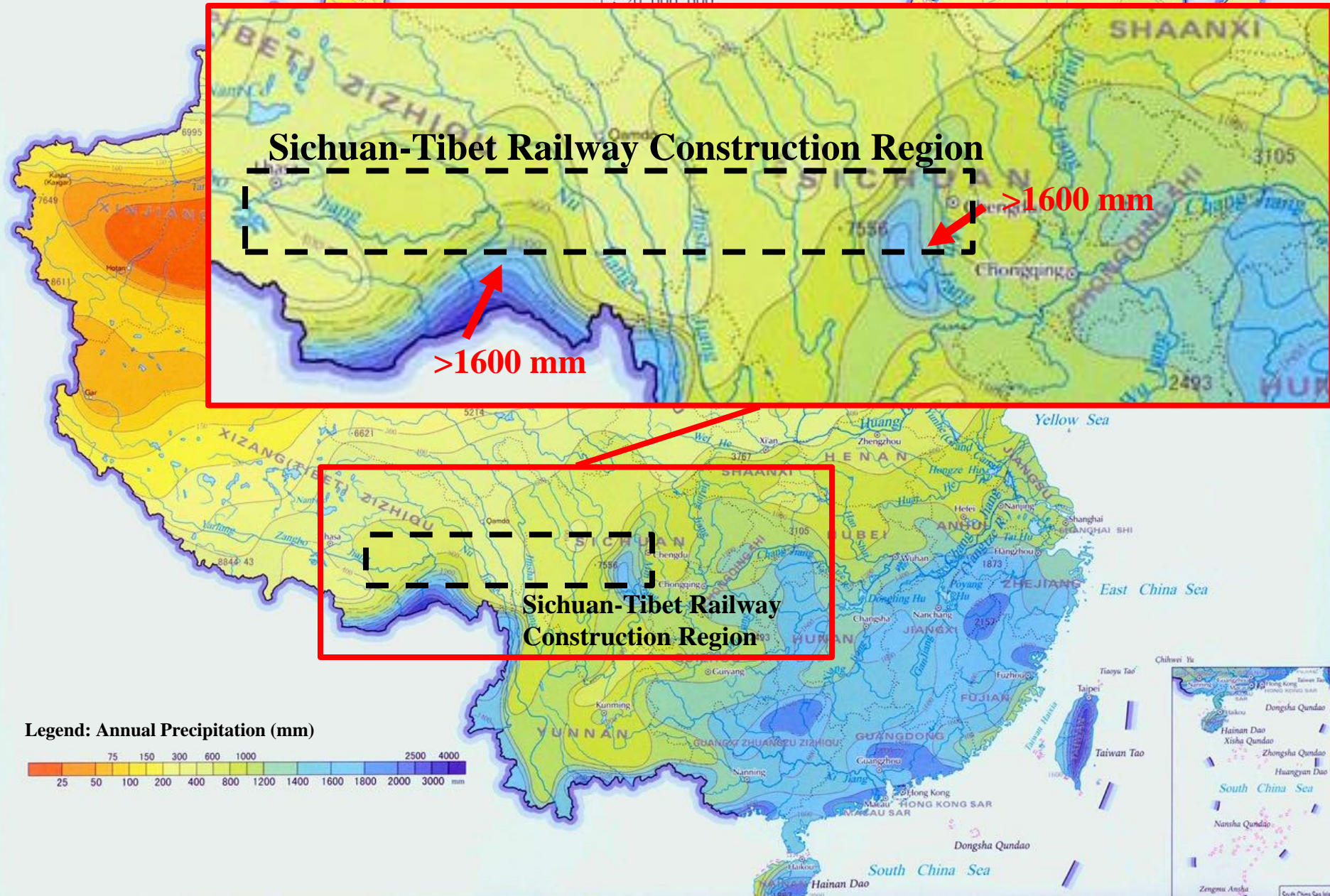
Yibin, Sichuan  
17-06-2019  
MS 6.0

**Indian Plate**

# Sichuan-Tibet Railway Project

## Landslide Trigger 2: Heavy Rainfalls

Annual Precipitation  
1:20,000,000



# Sichuan-Tibet Railway Project



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**Sichuan-Tibet**  
**Railway**  
**Construction**  
**Region**



- **Objective B:**

- Combining the aerospace and *in-situ* methods, develop landslide monitoring algorithms for optical, SAR and LiDAR images.

- **Objective C:**

- Develop landslide monitoring methods to support global disaster detection in the future.





# Thank you!

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