OpenTopography
High-Resolution Topography Data and Tools

Sharpening our view of earth processes with high resolution topography

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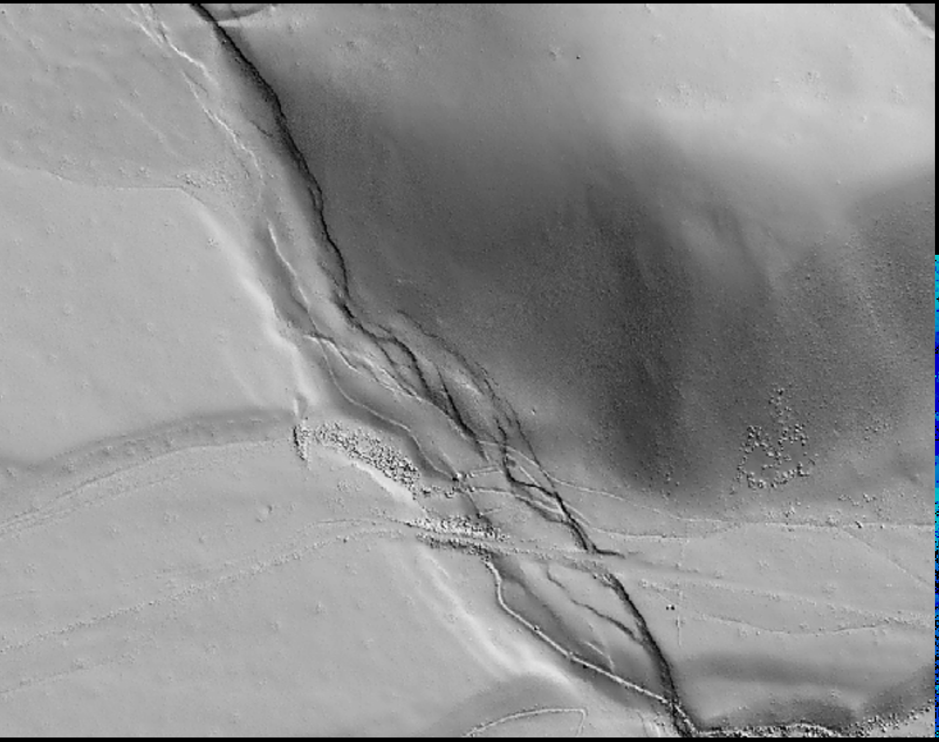
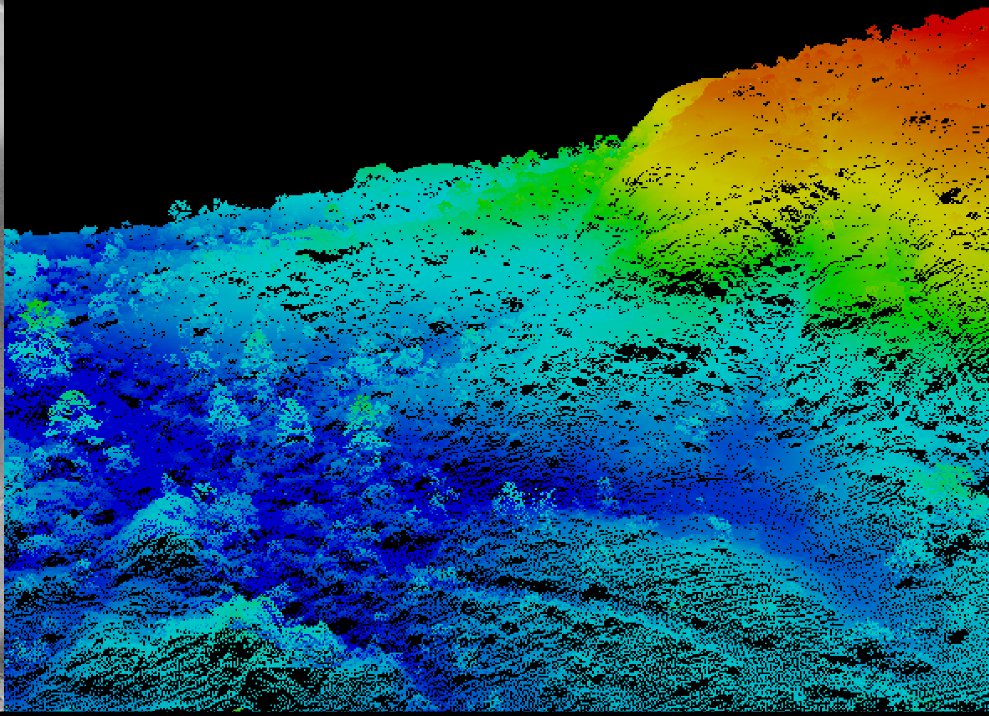


Borah Peak earthquake rupture (ILC)



Granite Dells AZ point cloud (NCALM student seed grant)

Presentation outline

- **Introduction and measuring topography**
- “Seeing” and working at the appropriate scale
- Applications

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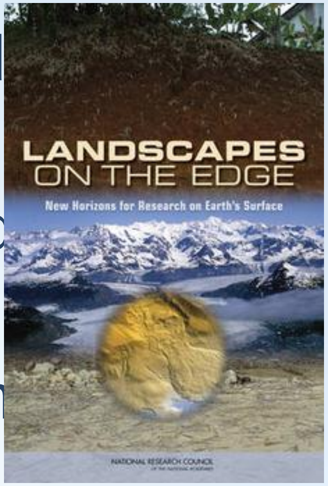
Major US community studies recognize the scientific value of high resolution topography

Science communities

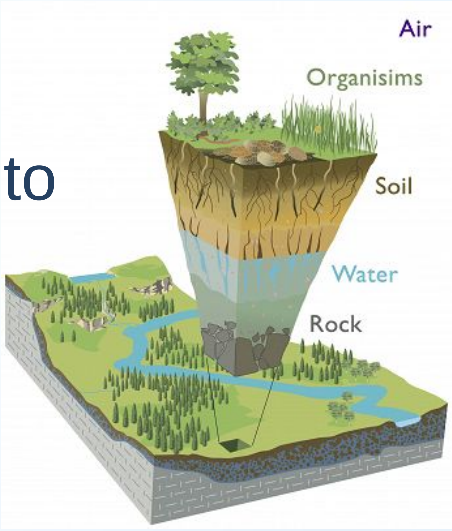
http://nationalmap.gov/3DEP/

Example scientific motivations



- How do geopatterns on the Earth's surface arise and what do they tell us about processes?
- How do landscapes influence and record climate and tectonics?
- What are the transport laws that govern the evolution of the Earth's surface?

- How does the landscape record evidence of prior earthquakes?



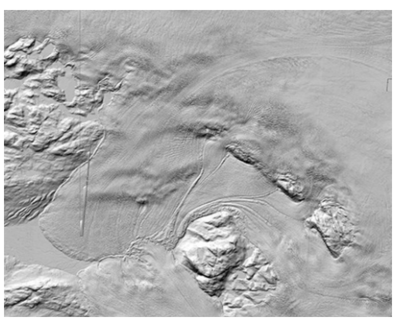
- Coupled hydrogeomorphic-ecosystem response to natural and anthropogenic change
- Landscape and ecosystem dynamics

- Volcano form and process
- Changes in volume of domes, edifice, flows over time

Getting the right coverage in time, space, and resolution for the question

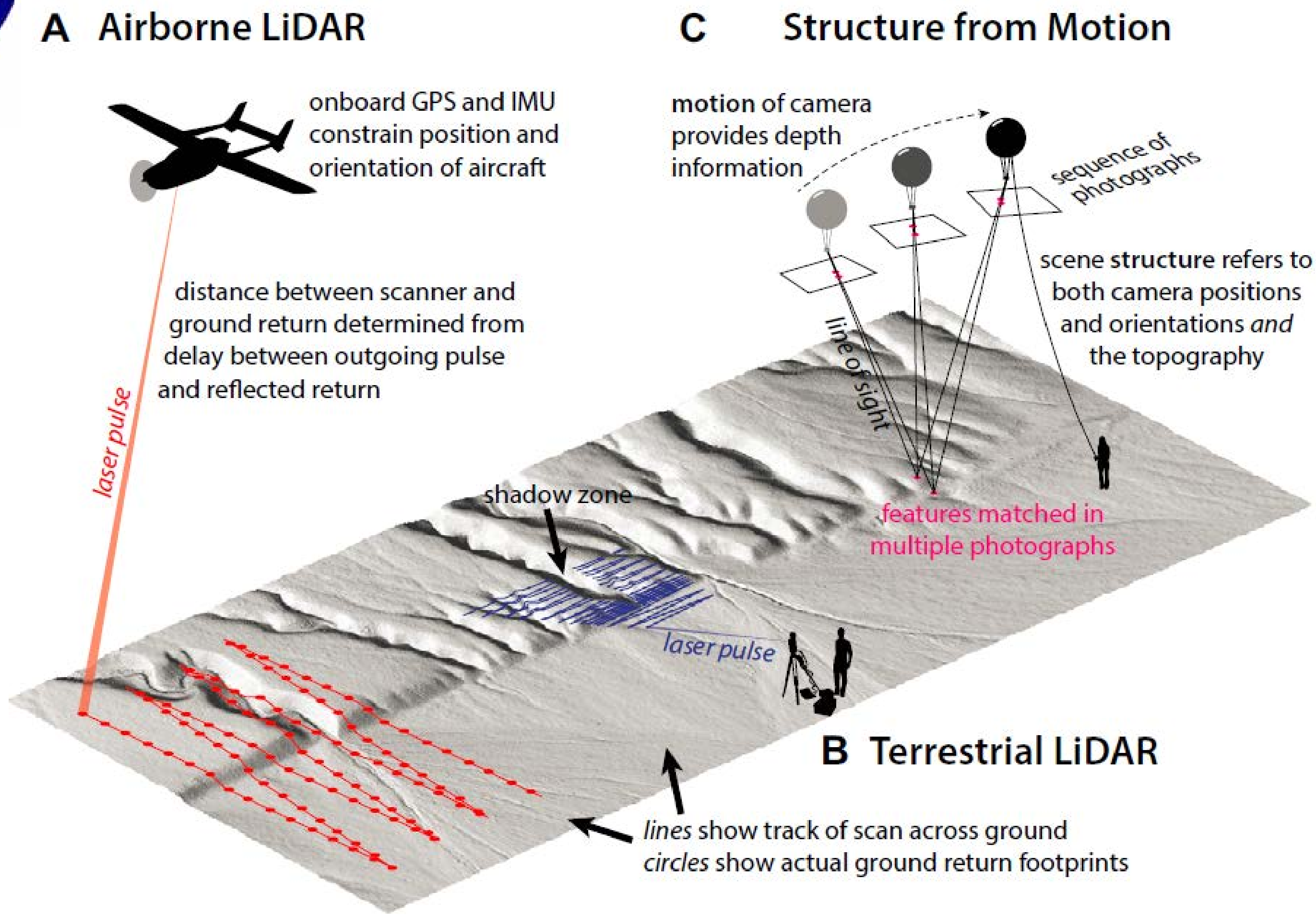
Global and regional topography/bathy (10s-100s m/pix)

+ASTER



Stereo-Photogrammetric Elevation Model (Polar Geospatial Center)

Local to site scale topography (dm to m / pix)



Johnson, K., Nissen, E., Saripalli, S., Arrowsmith, J R., McGarey, P., Scharer, K., Williams, P., Blisniuk, K., Rapid mapping of ultra-fine fault zone topography with Structure from Motion, Geosphere, v. 10; no. 5; p. 1–18; doi:10.1130/GES01017.1, 2014.

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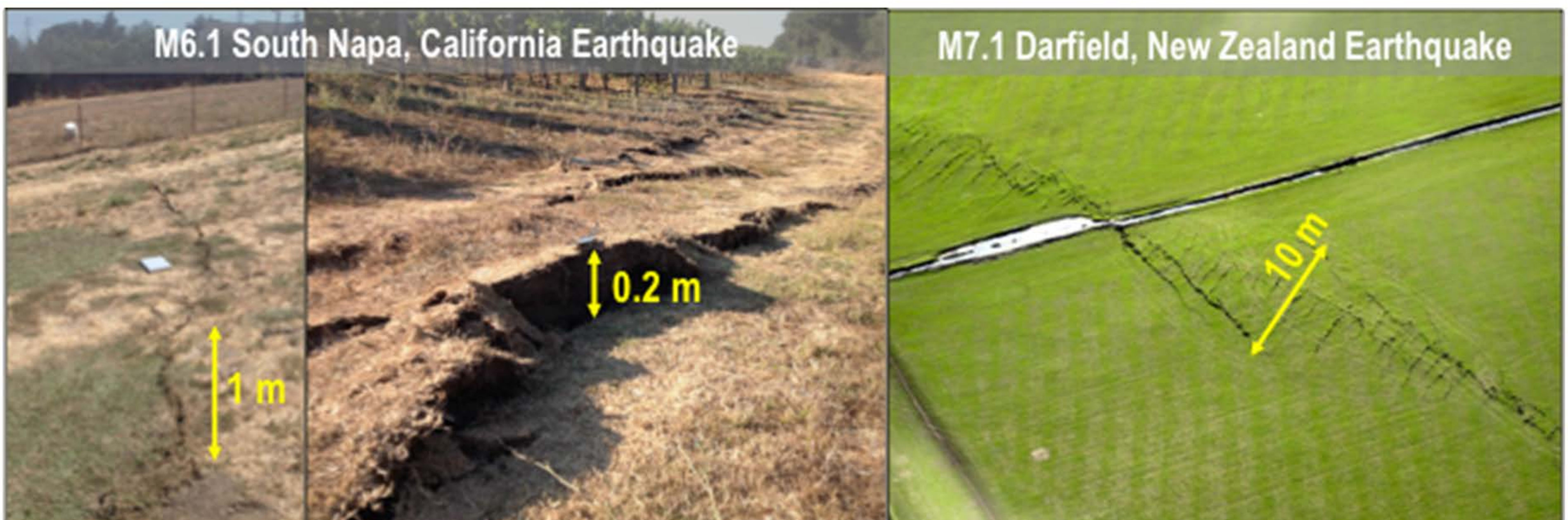
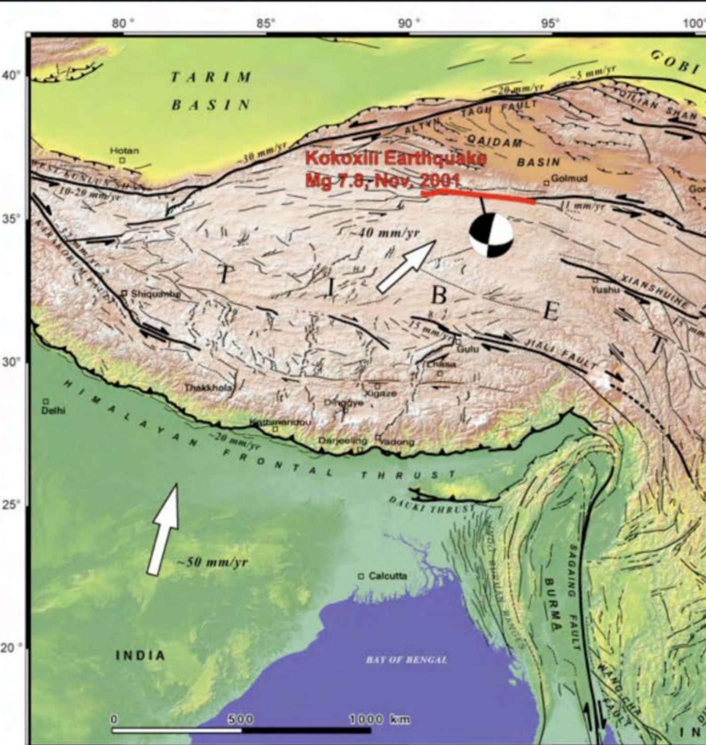
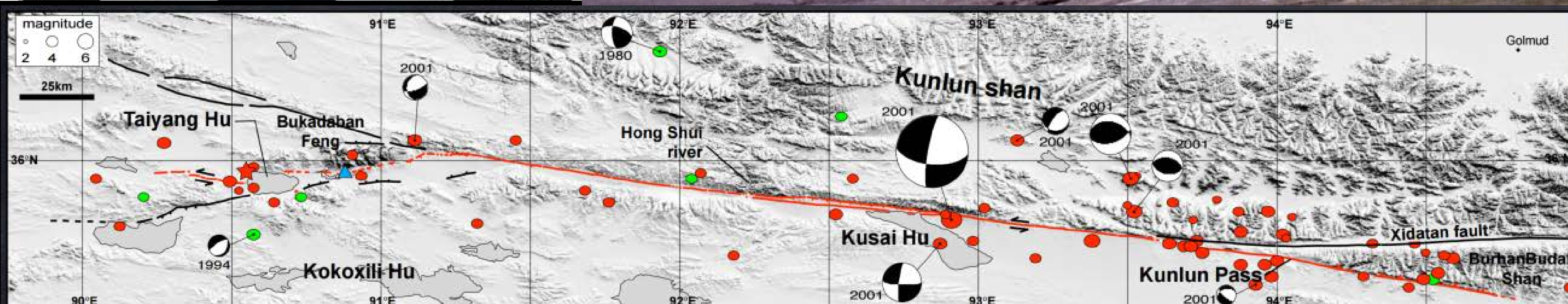
Science requirements

- Need topography data with sufficient spatial extent and resolution to capture phenomena of interest
- Need topography data with sufficient temporal repeat to capture changes of interest





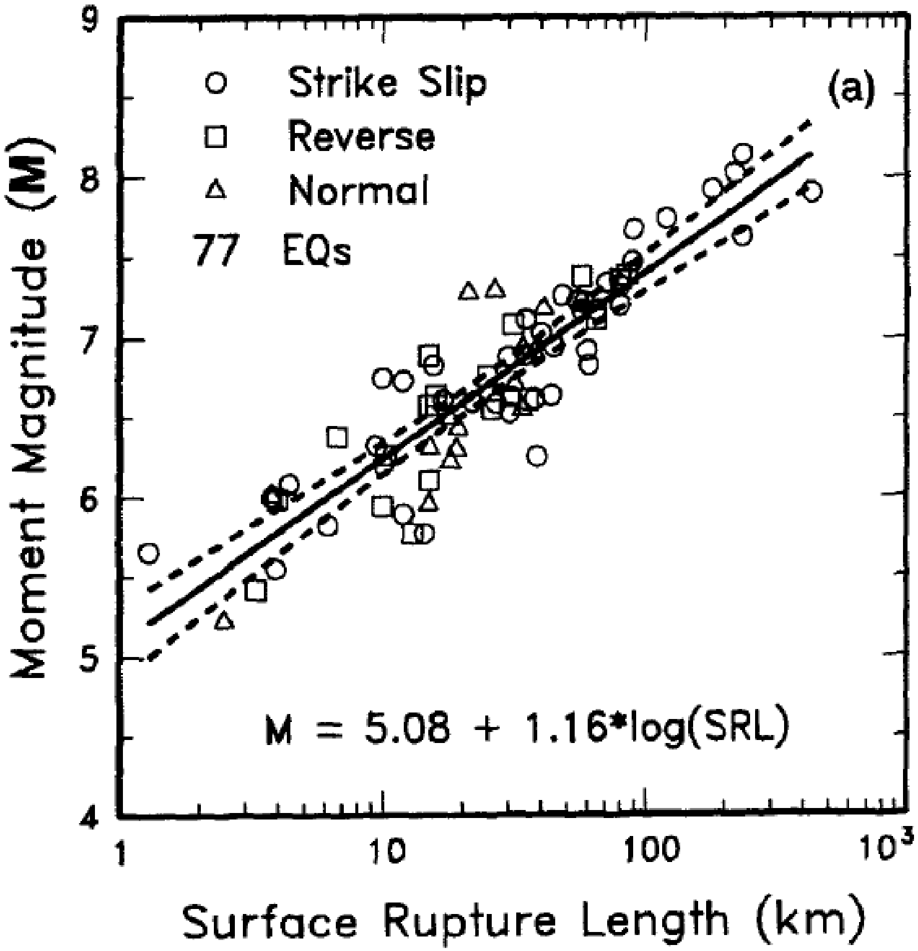


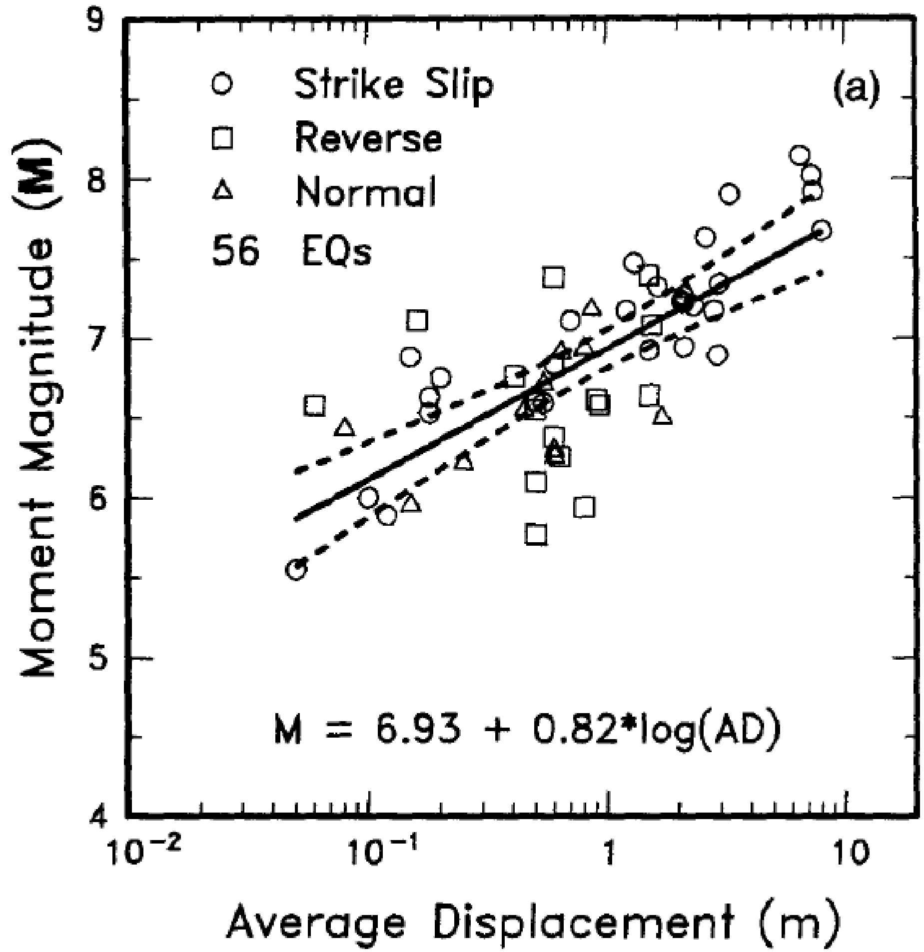
430km of ground rupture, above 4000m

Yann Klinger, IPGP;
http://peer.berkeley.edu/events/2009/sfdc_workshop/Klinger_Kunlun_EQ.pdf

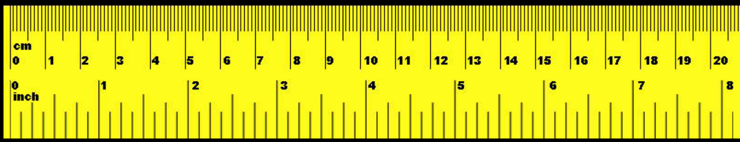
Length scales >10^5m and <1 m

Wells and Coppersmith, 1994





“Seeing” at the appropriate scale means measuring at the right scale



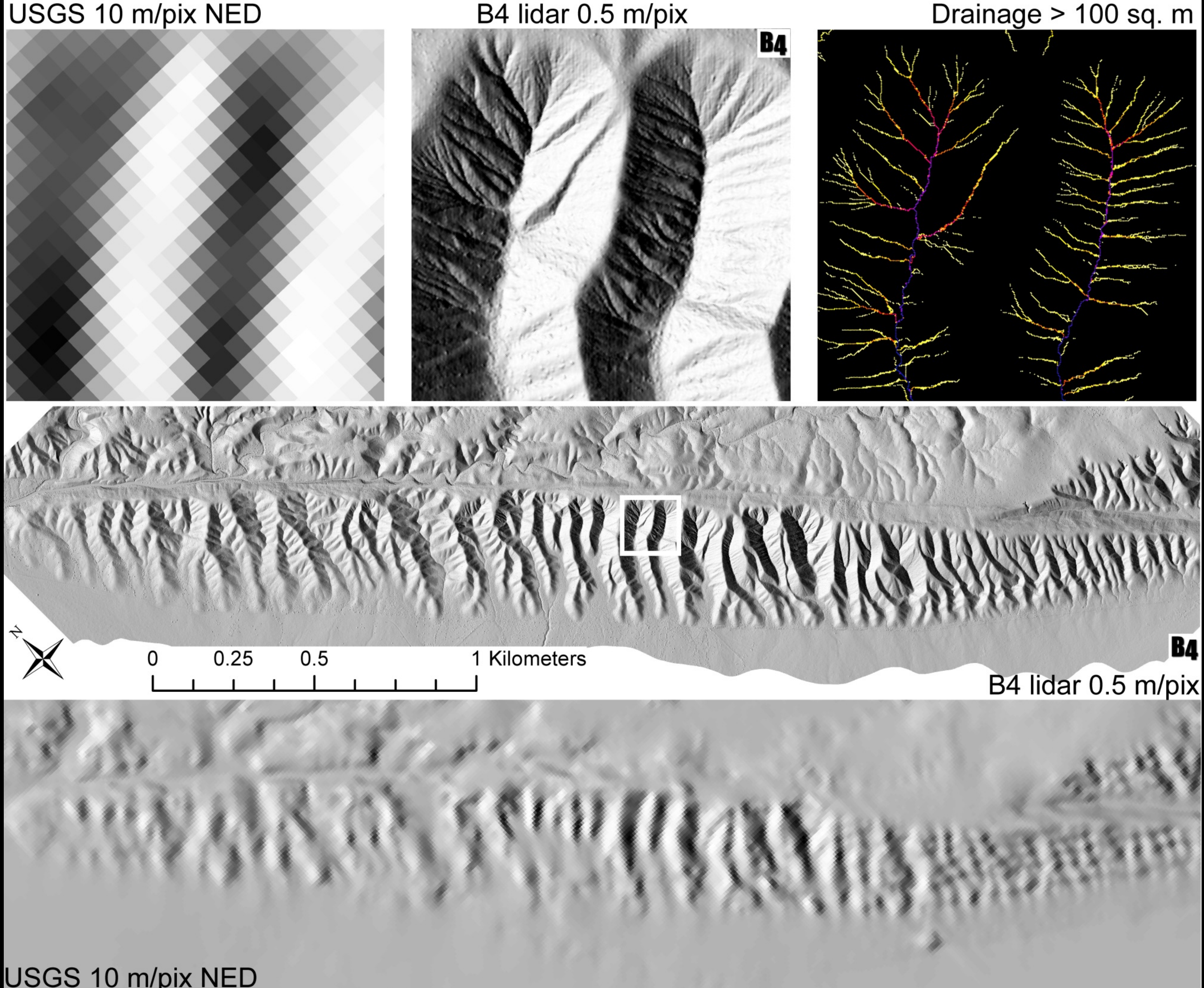
Surface processes act to change elevation through erosion and deposition while tectonic processes depress or elevate the surface directly— their record is best characterized with the right fine scale.

Applies in particular to statistical self similarity

How long is the coast of Britain?
Statistical self-similarity and fractional dimension
Science: 156, 1967, 636-638

B. B. Mandelbrot

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/How_Long_Is_the_Coast_of_Britain%3F_Statistical_Self-Similarity_and_Fractional_Dimension



USGS 10 m/pix NED
B4 lidar 0.5 m/pix
B4
Drainage > 100 sq. m
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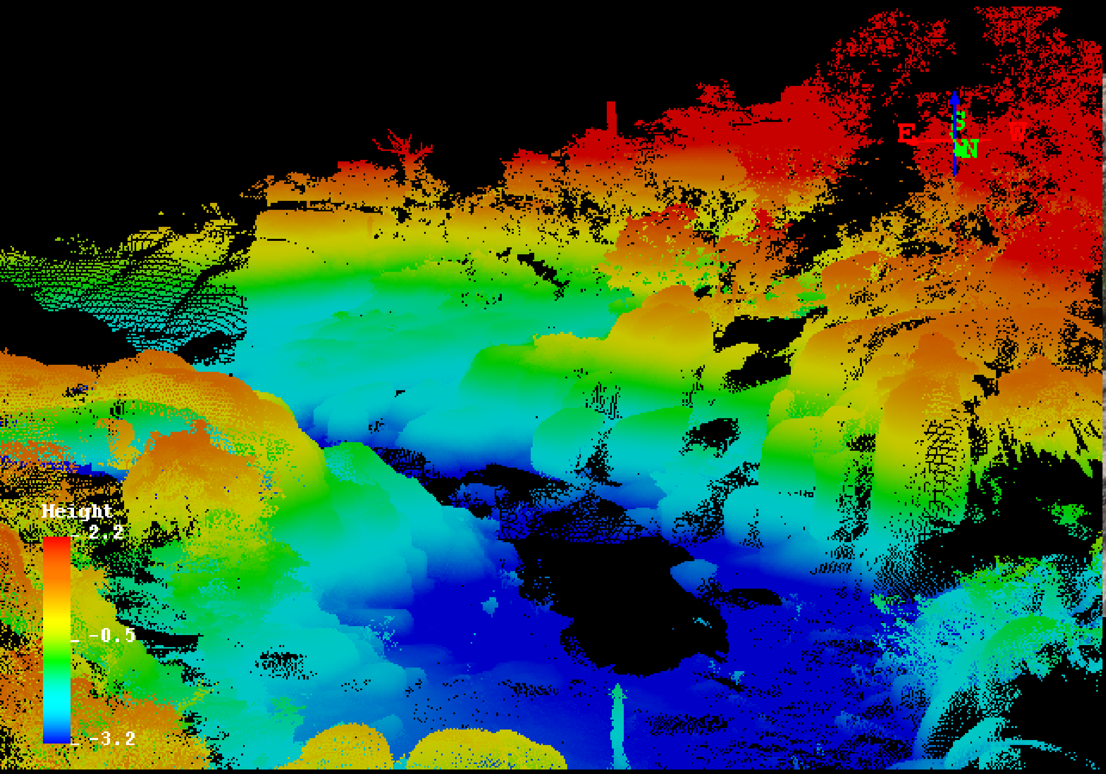


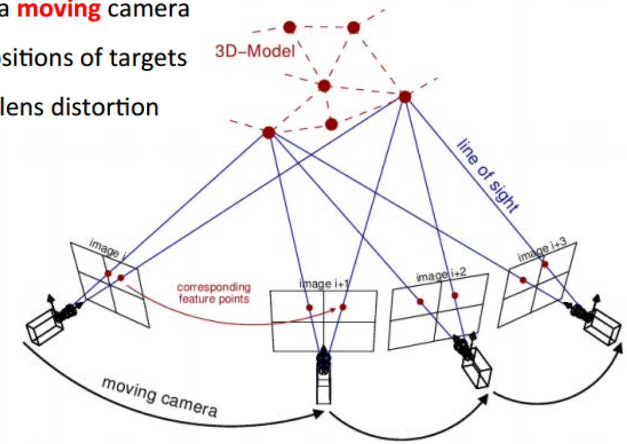
Granite Dells AZ point cloud (Haddad, et al. 2012)

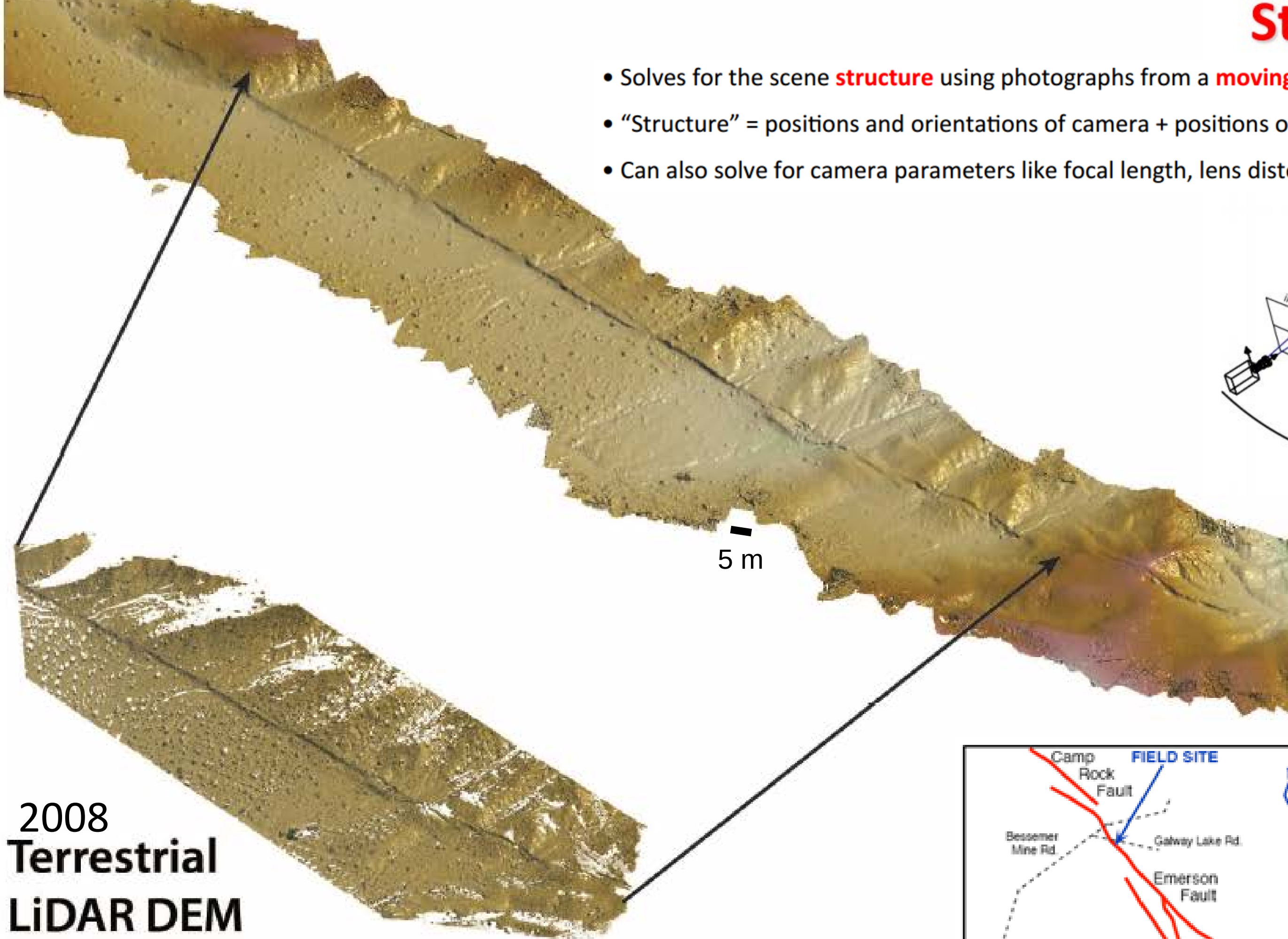
UNAVCO Terrestrial Laser Scanner

absolute measurement capability sufficient to characterize features and changes in challenging geometric arrangements

Structure from Motion

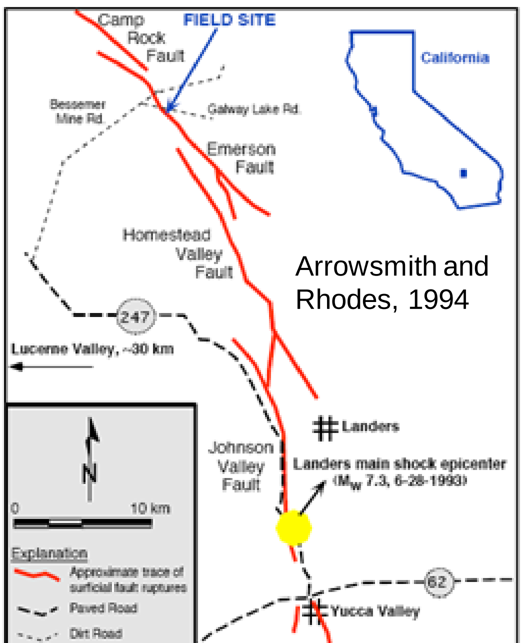
- Solves for the scene **structure** using photographs from a **moving** camera
- "Structure" = positions and orientations of camera + positions of targets
- Can also solve for camera parameters like focal length, lens distortion





2008
Terrestrial LiDAR DEM
Haddad, et al., 2012

2012
Structure from Motion DEM
Johnson, et al. 2014



Arrowsmith and Rhodes, 1994

Landers, 1992 earthquake rupture repeated investigations on the decadal time scale: rupture zone sharp with secondary structures still evident

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Northern San Andreas Fault, California

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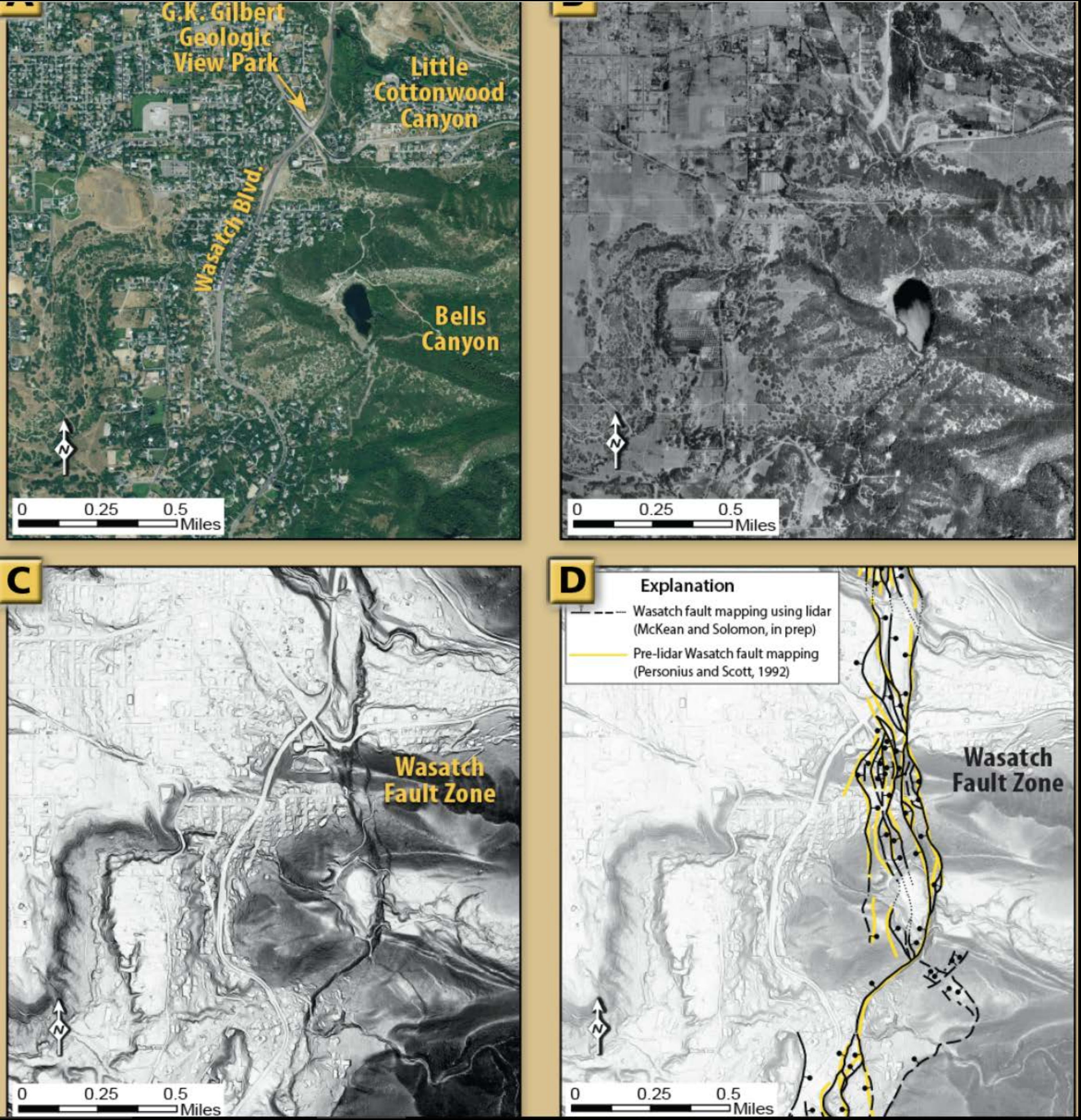
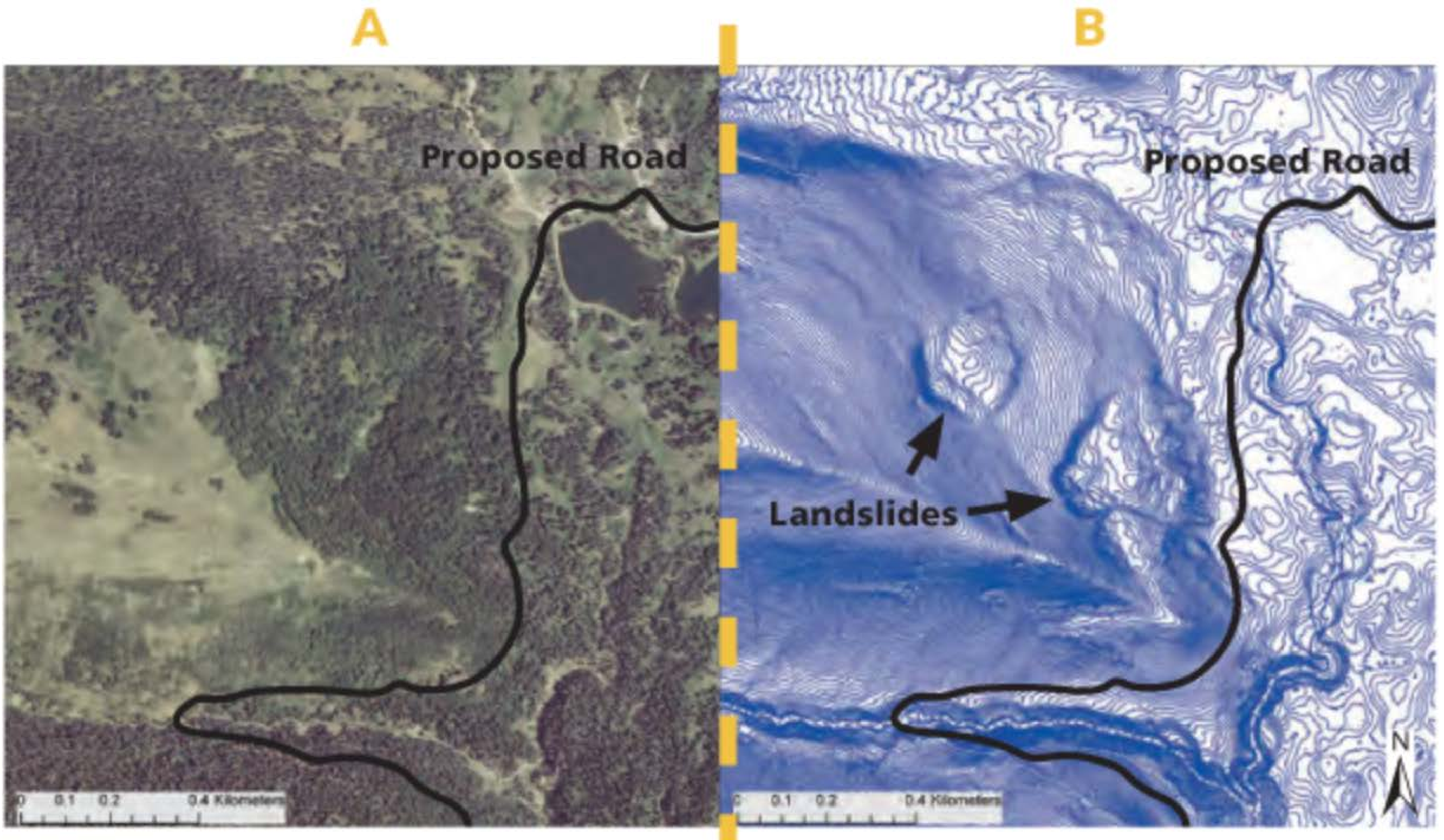


Combine aerial photographic and topographic analysis of Digital Elevation Models and their derivatives: Increase detail and confidence in feature delineation (fault traces)

UGS Sept. 2017

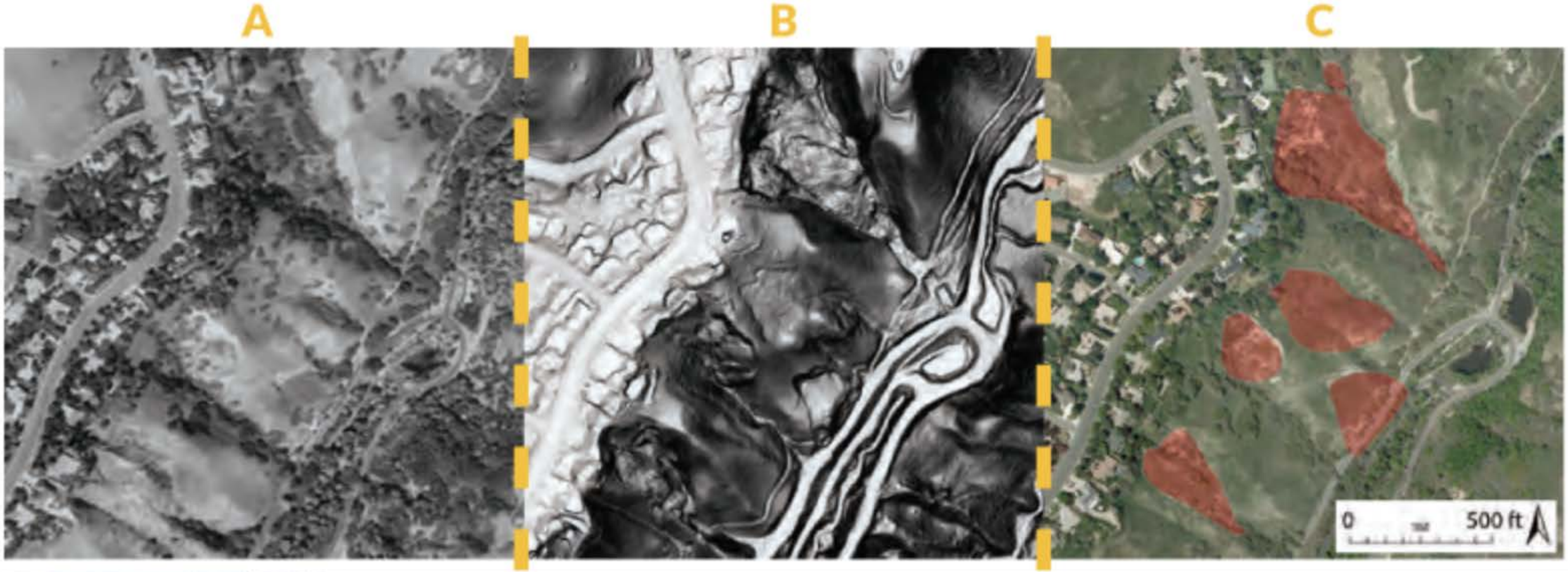


Area of proposed USFS road reroute near Potters Ponds. Landslides on tree-covered slope above proposed road are difficult to discern on 2011 aerial photograph (A), but are clearly evident on 1-meter contour map generated from high-resolution LiDAR (B). 4 / 4

Landslides too

UGS Jan. 2015

https://geology.utah.gov/map-pub/survey-notes/lidar-tool-for-geologists/



Three views of the historically active City Creek landslides that lie between Capitol Boulevard and the City Creek Canyon floor. (A) In the 1990s aerial photograph, the landslides are obscured by brush on the canyon wall, whereas in the new (B) 0.5-meter 2013–14 LiDAR slopeshade map the landslides and their geomorphology are clearly visible. (C) The newly remapped landslides are shown in red on the 2009 aerial photograph. 2 / 4

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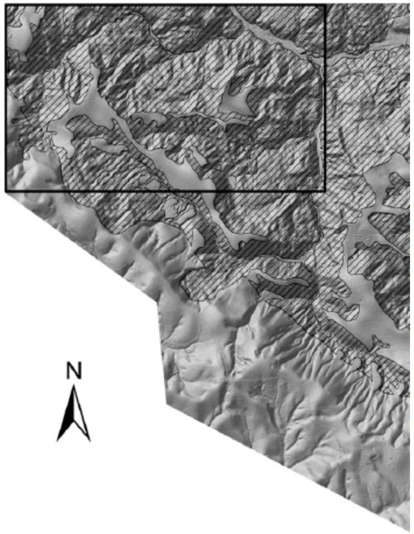
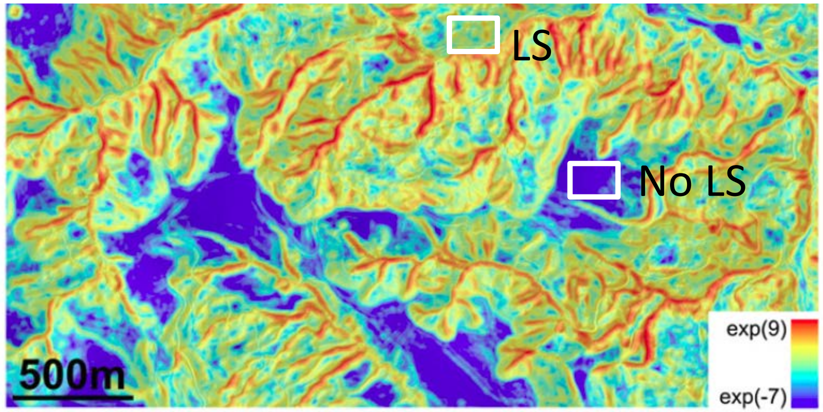
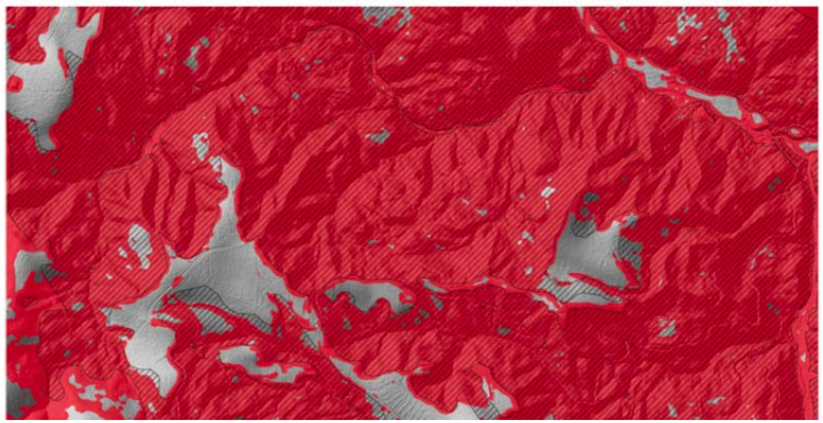
Going beyond pretty pictures: the hillshades are very nice, but…

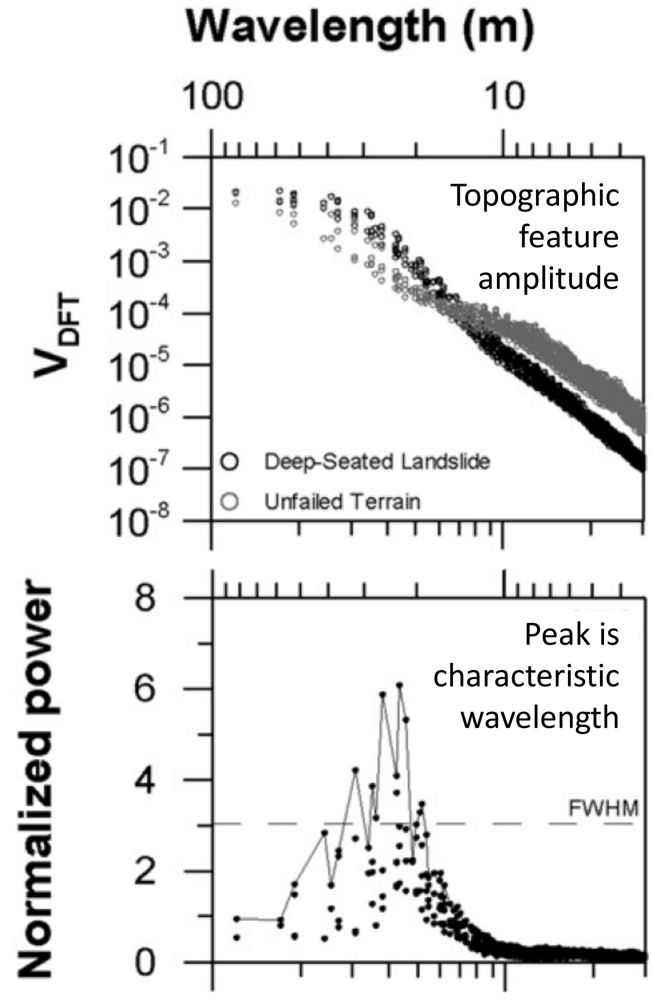


Summed discrete fourier transform spectral power at characteristic wavelength

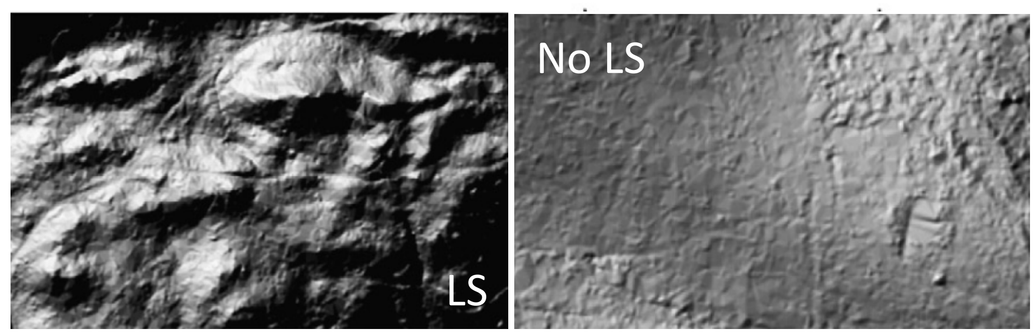




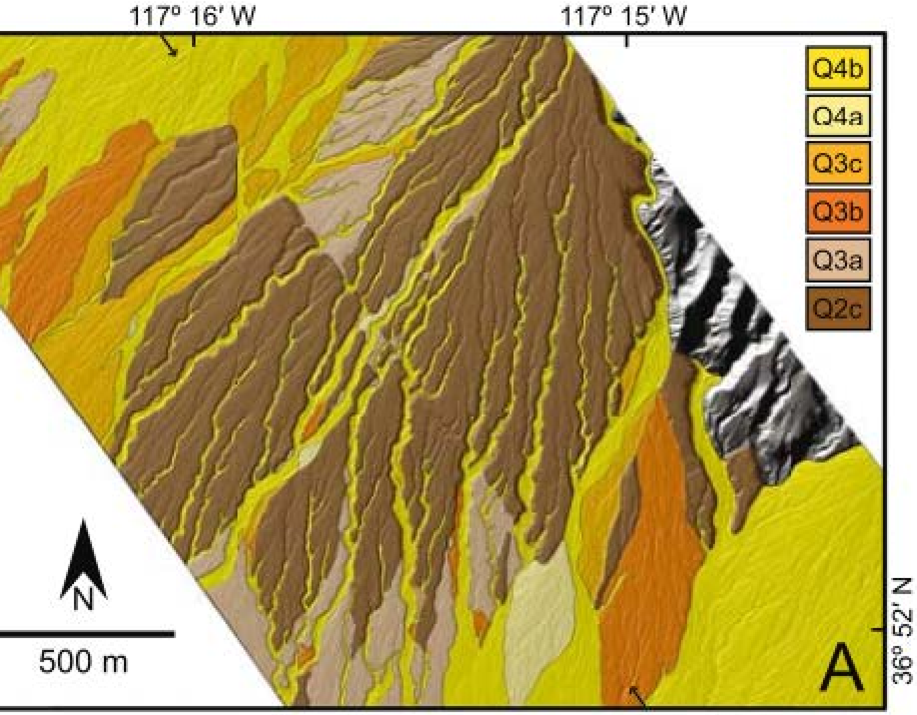
Spectral power cutoff maps landslide domains

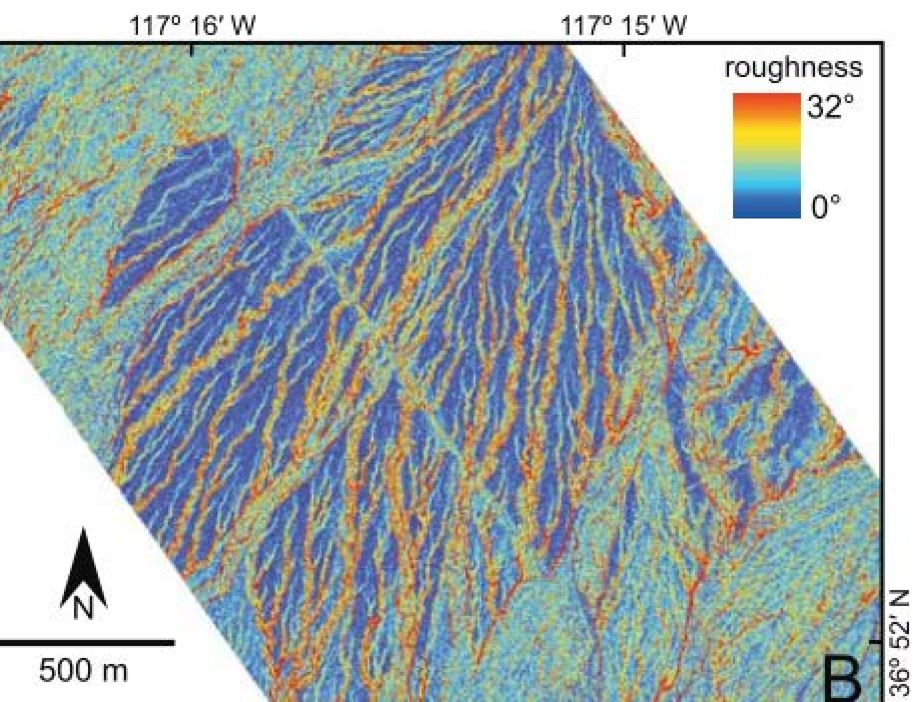


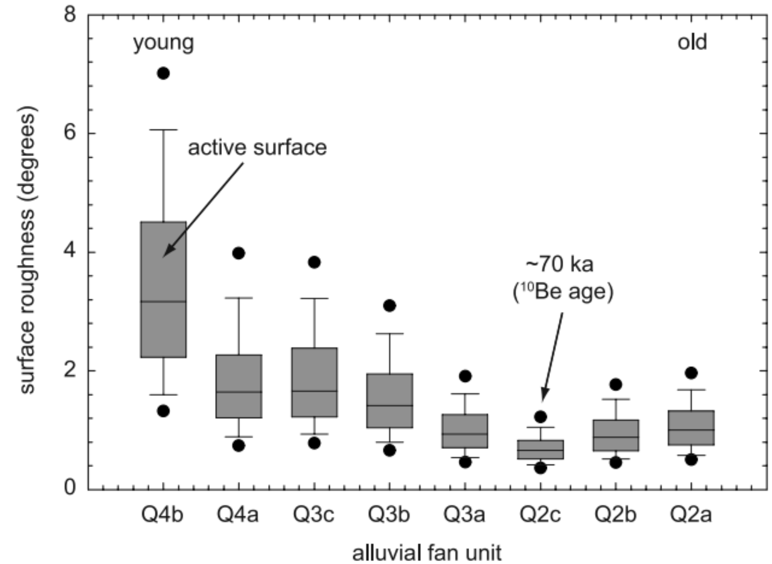
Landslide inventory maps produced with traditional methods — aerial photograph interpretation, topographic map analysis, and field inspection — are often subjective and incomplete. Availability of high-resolution topographic data invites new, automated landslide mapping procedures



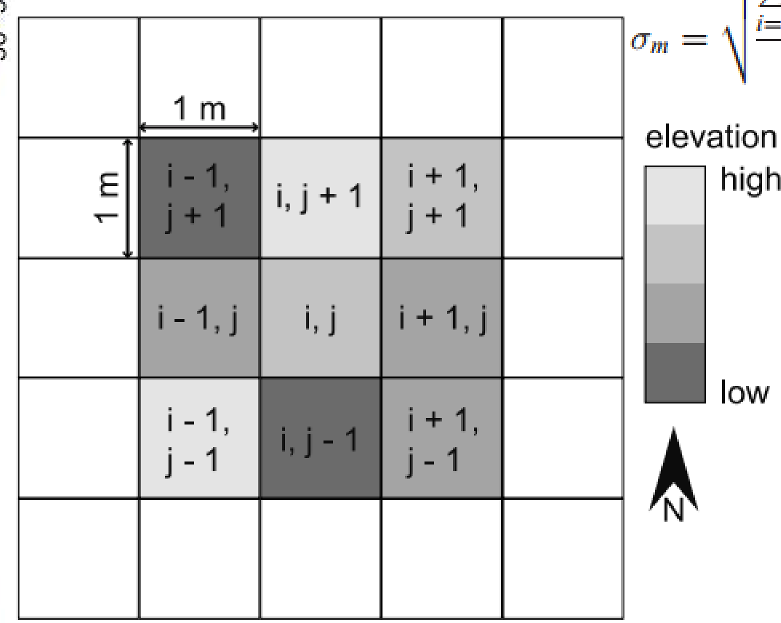
Booth, A. M. Roering, J. J., Perron, J. T., Automated landslide mapping using spectral analysis and high-resolution topographic data: Puget Sound lowlands, Washington, and Portland Hills, Oregon, Geomorphology, 109, 132–147, 2009.





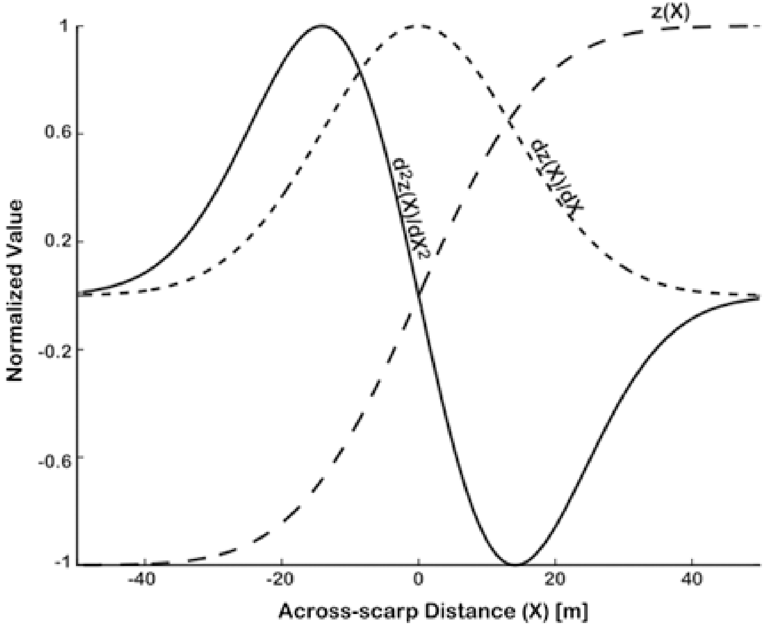


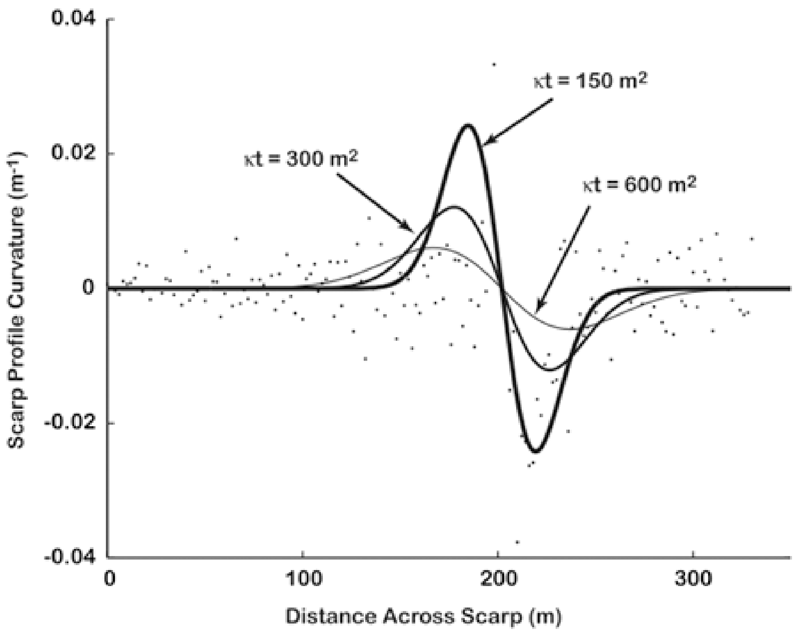
$$\sigma_m = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (m_i - \overline{m})^2}{n}},$$

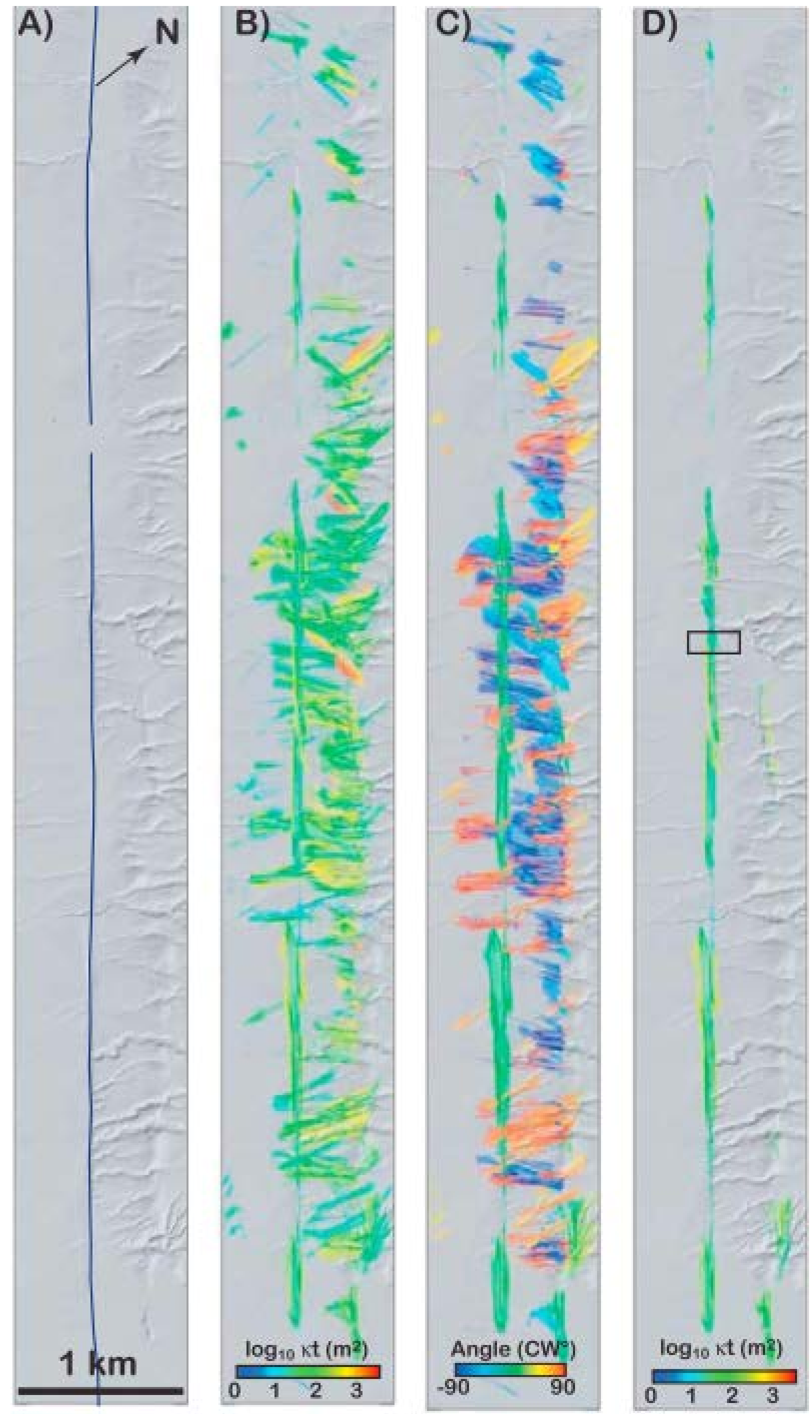


Characterizing arid region alluvial fan surface roughness with airborne laser swath mapping digital topographic data

Kurt L. Frankel[1] and James F. Dolan[1] JGR, 2007







Morphologic dating of fault scarps using airborne laser swath mapping (ALSM) data

GRL, 2010

G. E. Hilley,[1] S. DeLong,[2] C. Prentice,[2] K. Blisniuk,[3] and JR. Arrowsmith[4]

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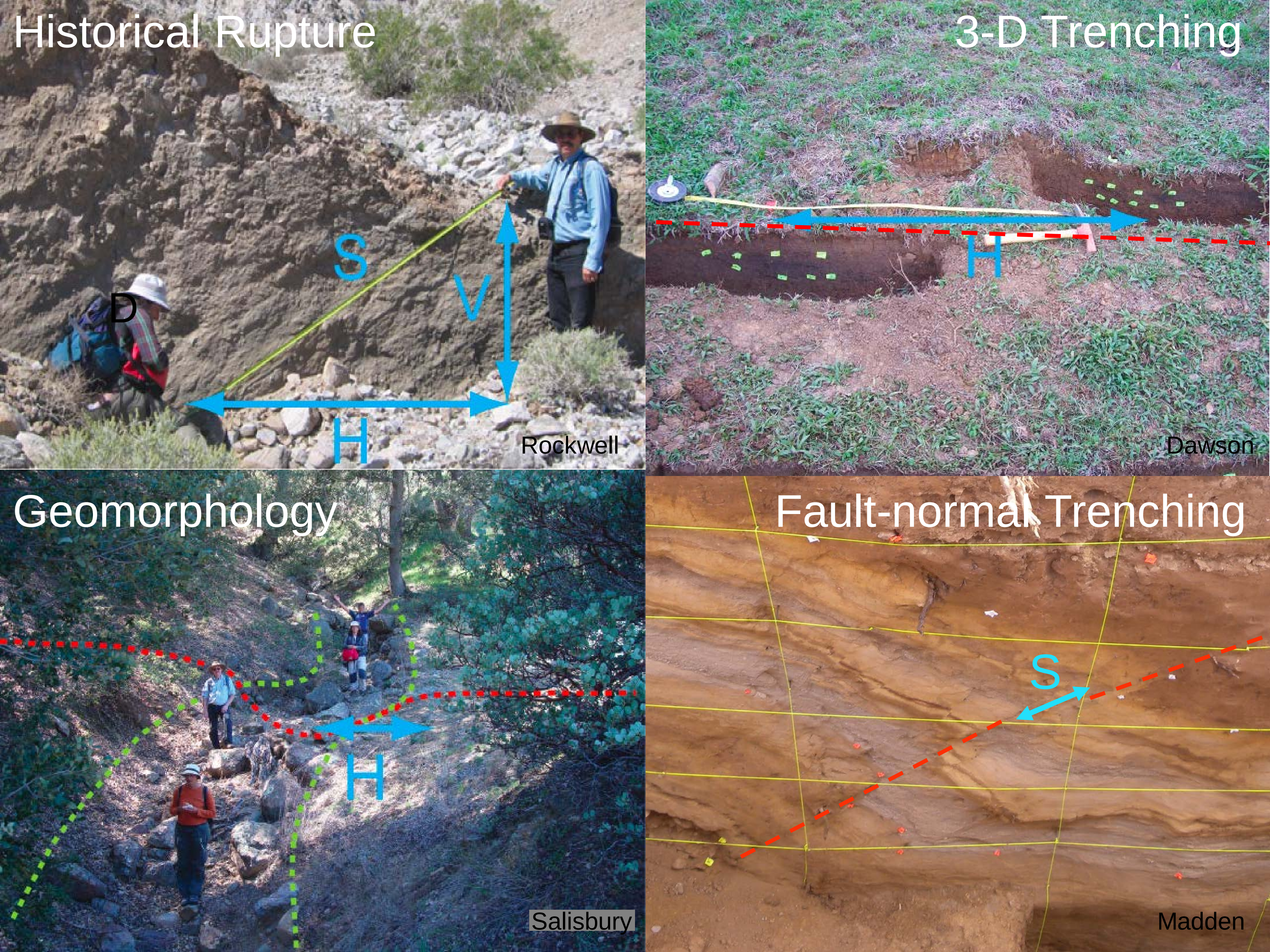
Historical Rupture
S
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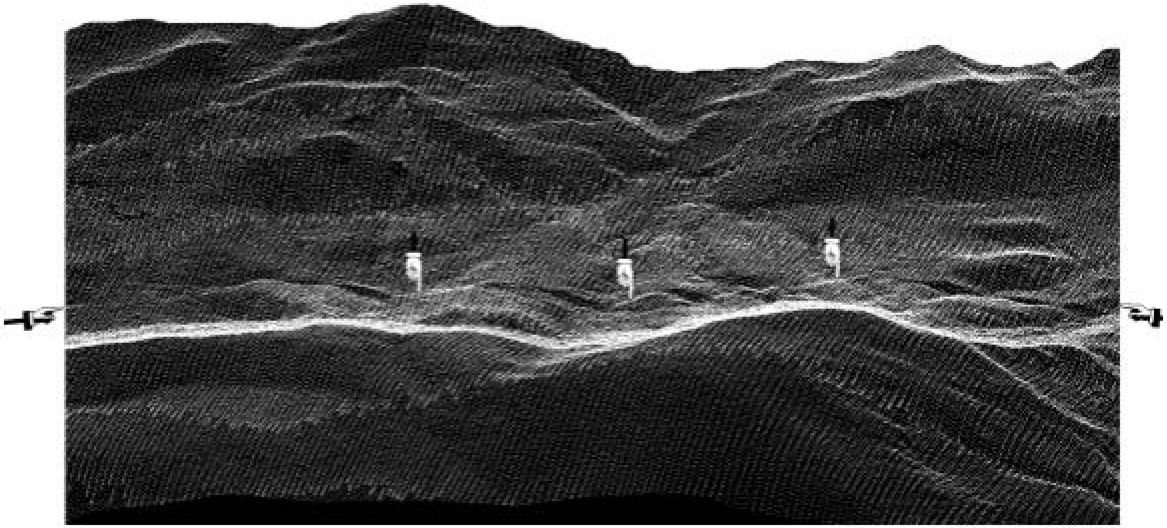


Figure 2. Oblique view of Hector Mine earthquake surface rupture that experienced 3.5–4.5 m of right-lateral displacement. The rupture trace is pointed out by finger icons; the light and dark bands below and above the surface rupture are subparallel, topographic escarpments. Several offset ridges are now juxtaposed with gullies, forming 'shutter' ridges. Raw laser hits are used to illuminate the ground surface in this point-cloud image. From tens to hundreds of hits per square meter were collected along the primary surface ruptures.

Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America, Vol. 92, No. 4, pp. 1570–1576, May 2002

High-Resolution Topography along Surface Rupture of the 16 October 1999 Hector Mine, California, Earthquake (M_w 7.1) from Airborne Laser Swath Mapping

by K. W. Hudnut, A. Borsa, C. Glennie, and J.-B. Minster

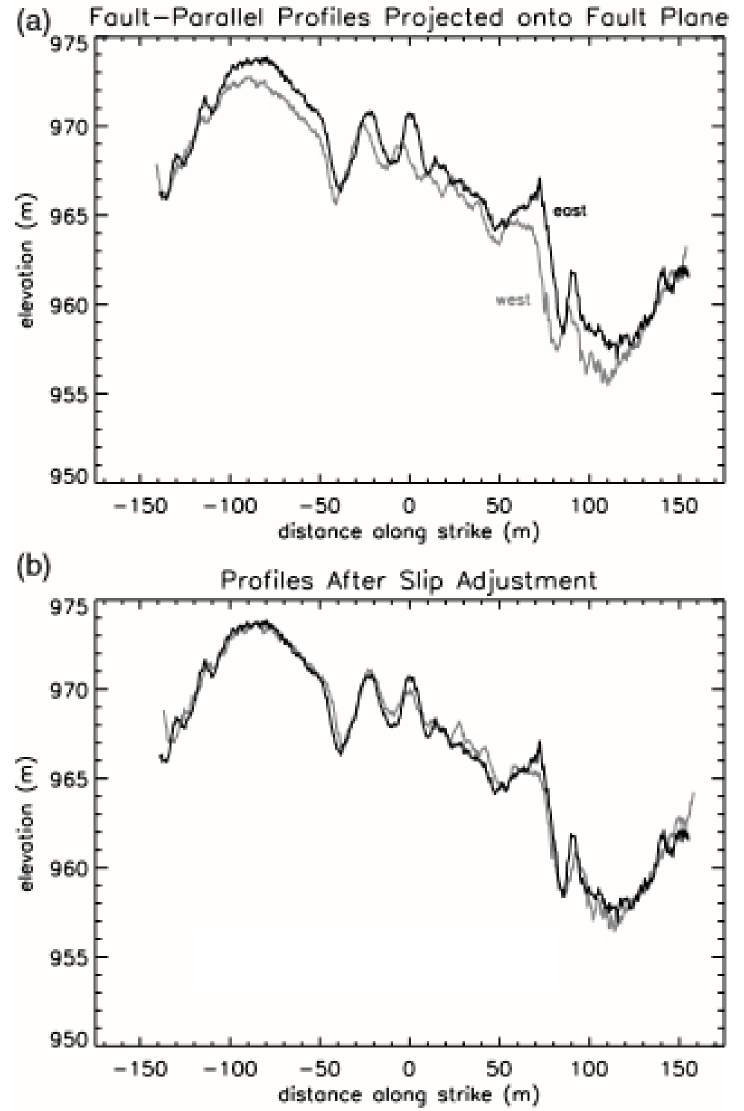
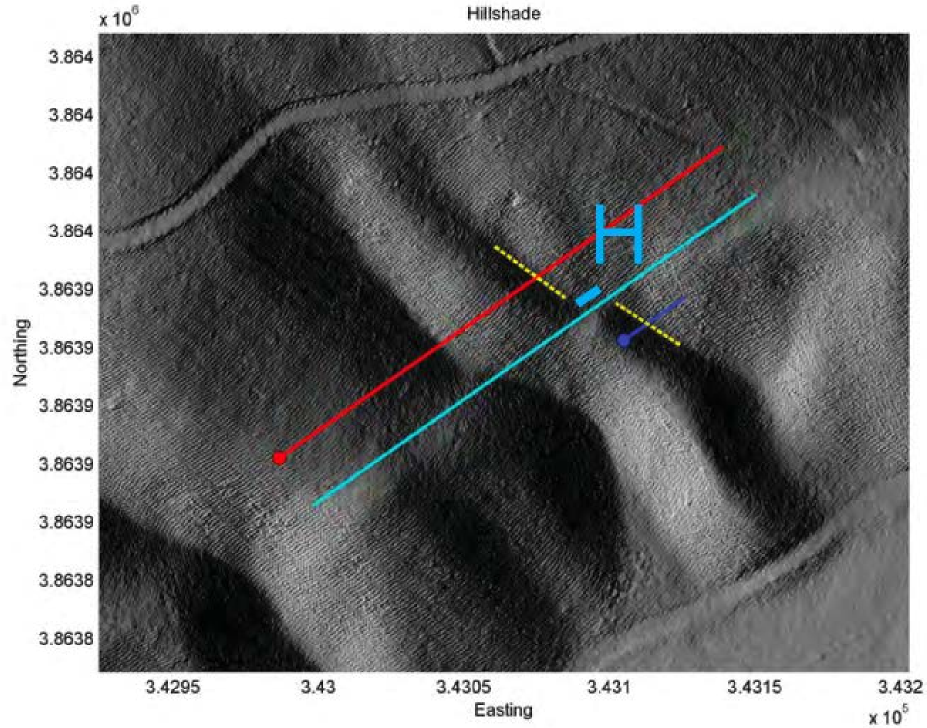
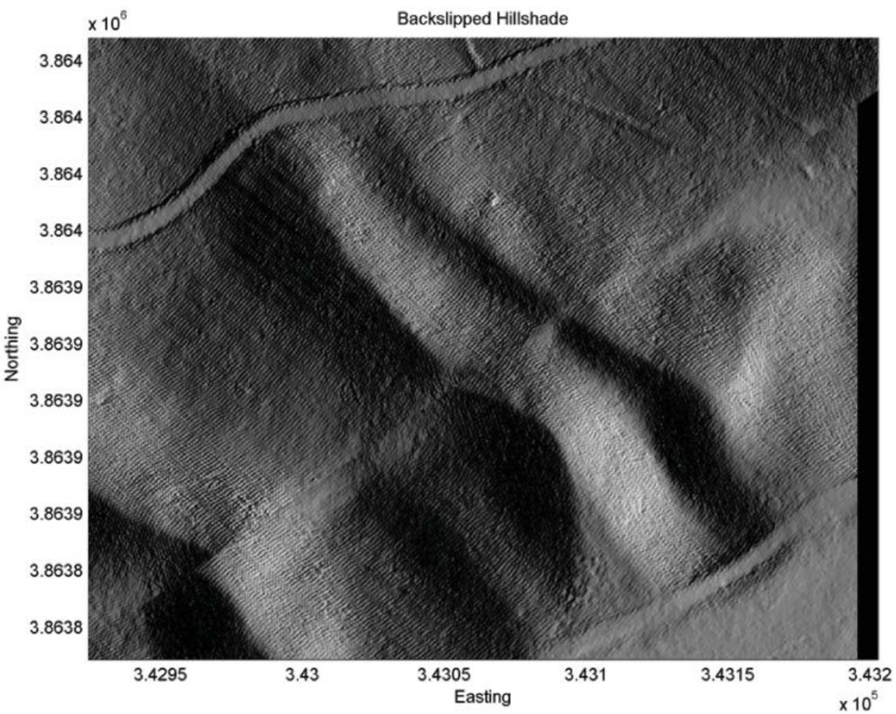
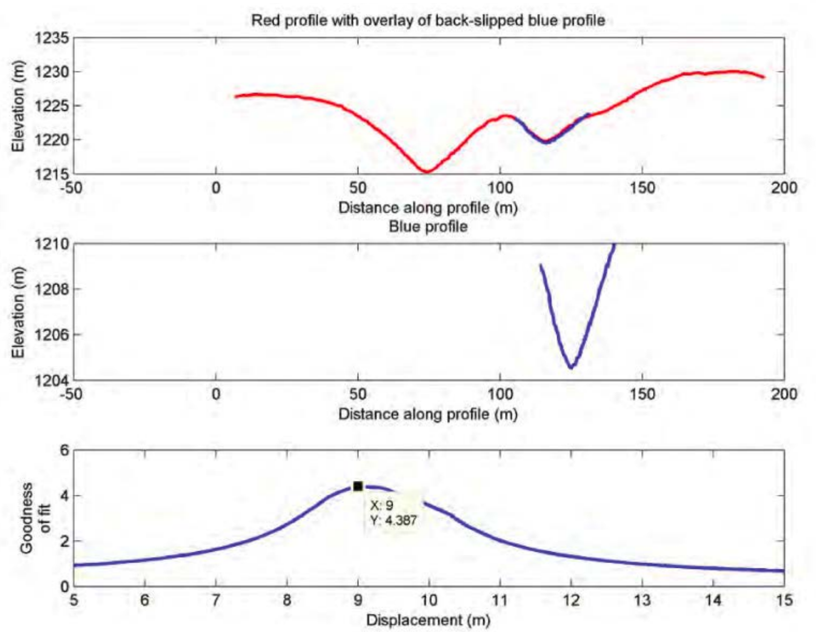


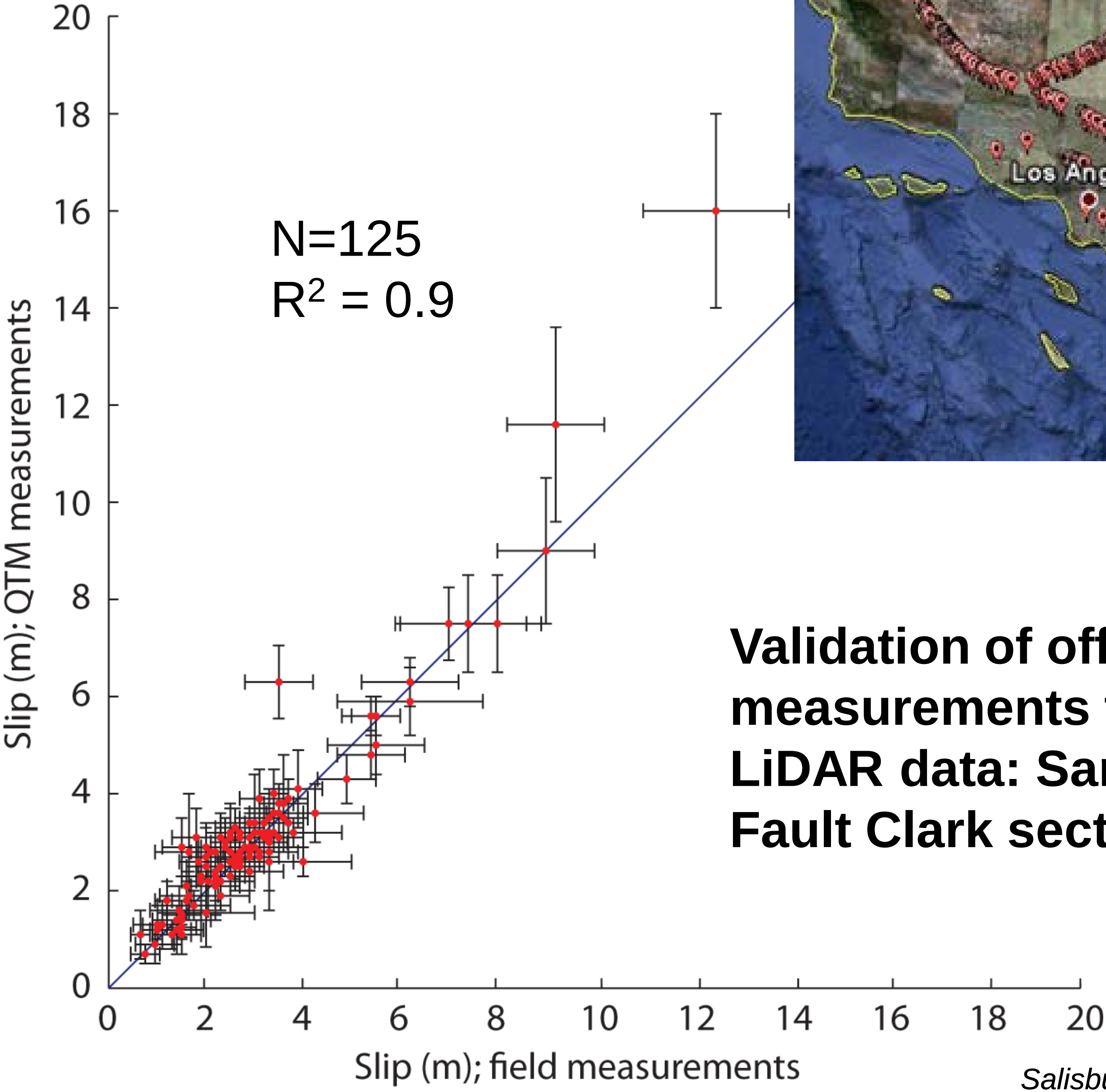
Figure 6. (a) Cross sections through the raw laser data on either side of the surface rupture, along the east and west profiles shown in Figure 4, are shown projected onto the fault plane (a ground-slope correction has already been removed). (b) Comparison of the topographic profiles on either side of the fault, after shifting the profiles shown in Figure 6a to remove our best estimate of the lateral and vertical offset along this 300-m section.

LiDAR Measurements



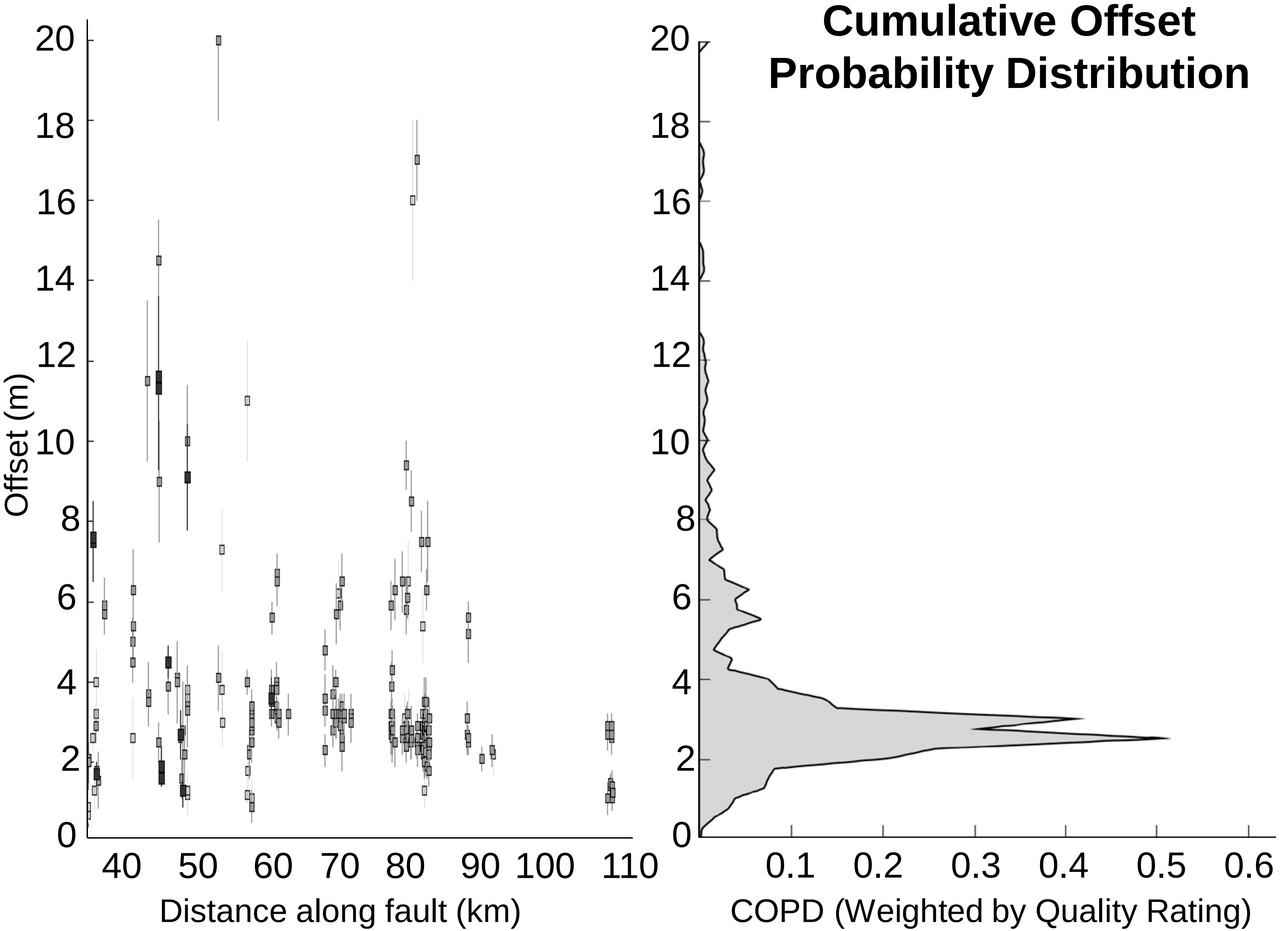






Validation of offset measurements from field and LiDAR data: San Jacinto Fault Clark section

Salisbury et al., 2012


Cumulative Offset Probability Distribution
Offset (m)
Distance along fault (km)
COPD (Weighted by Quality Rating)
0
2
4
6
8
10
12
14
16
18
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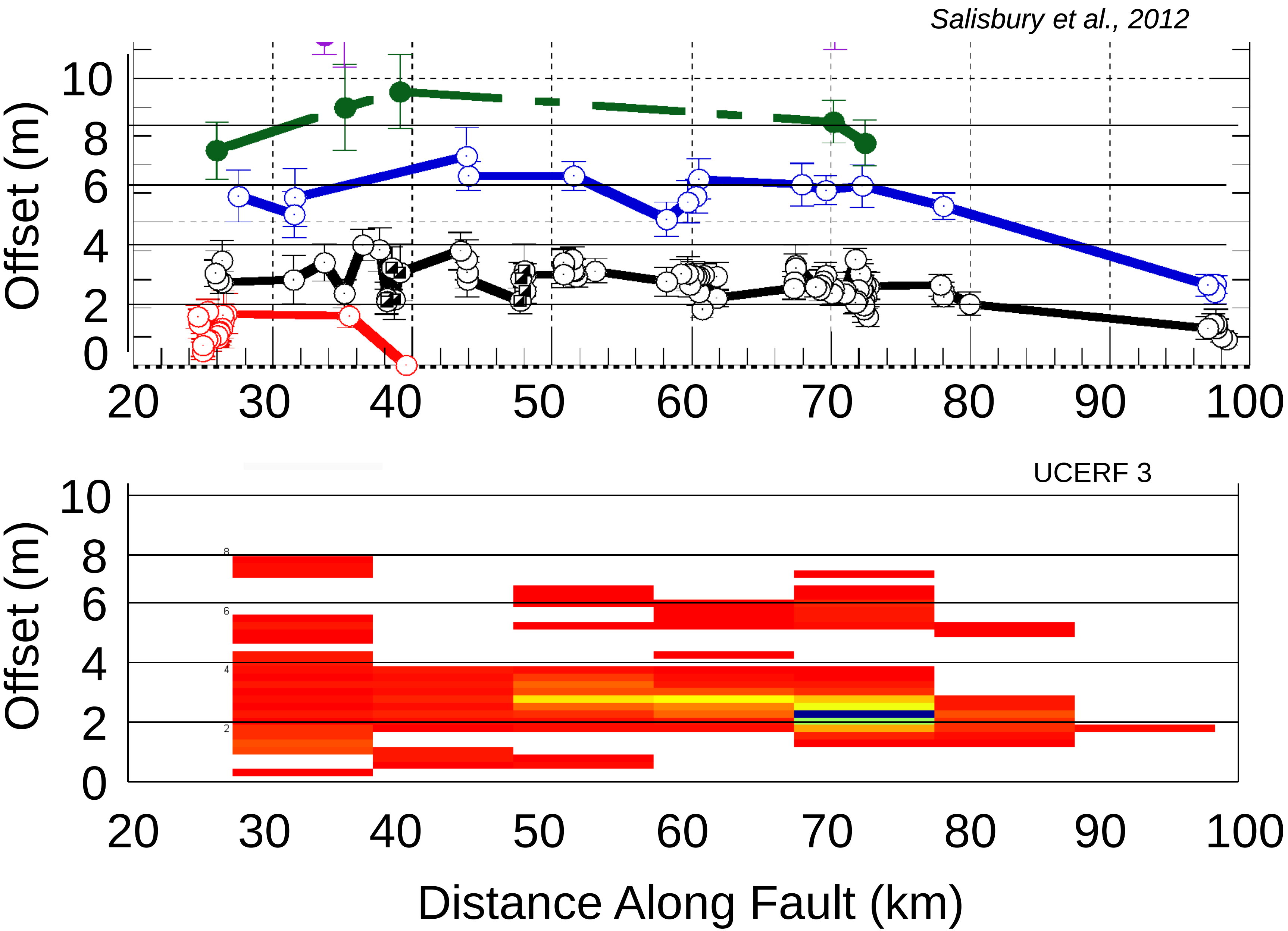

Salisbury et al., 2012
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UCERF 3
Offset (m)
Distance Along Fault (km)

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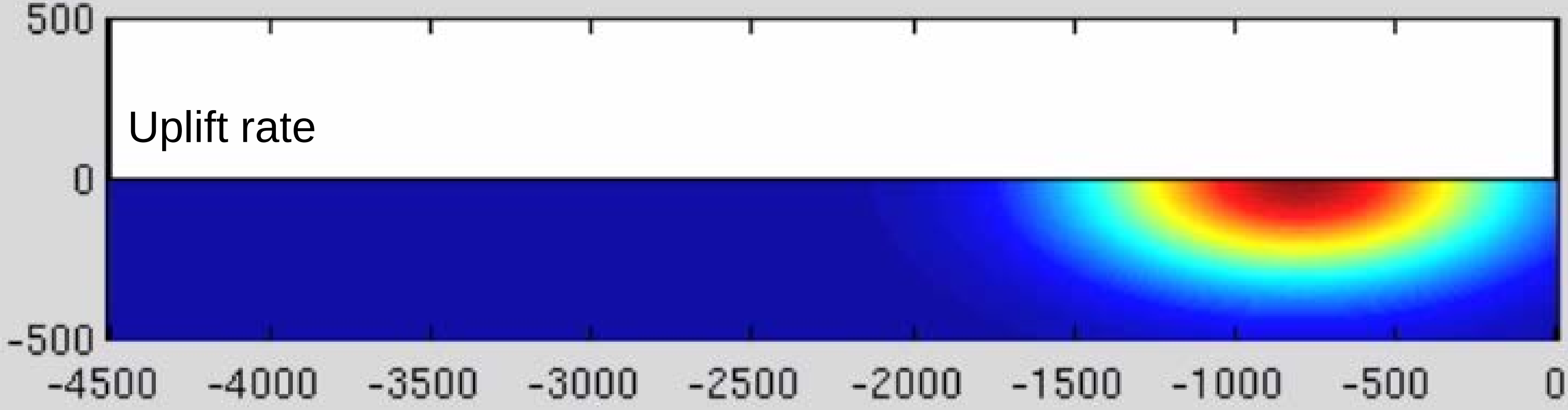
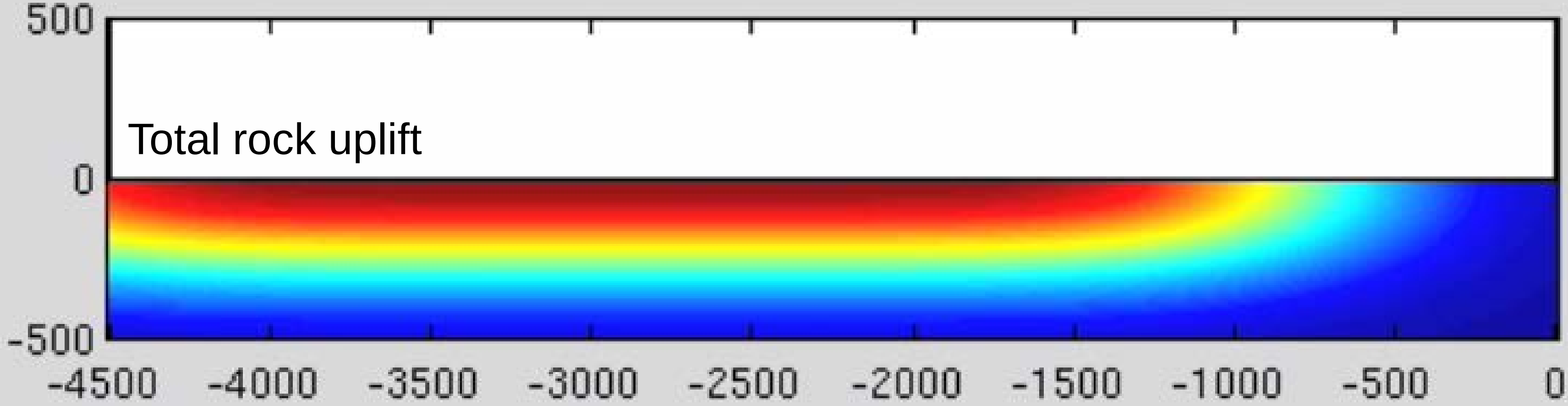
Understanding geomorphic response to uplift



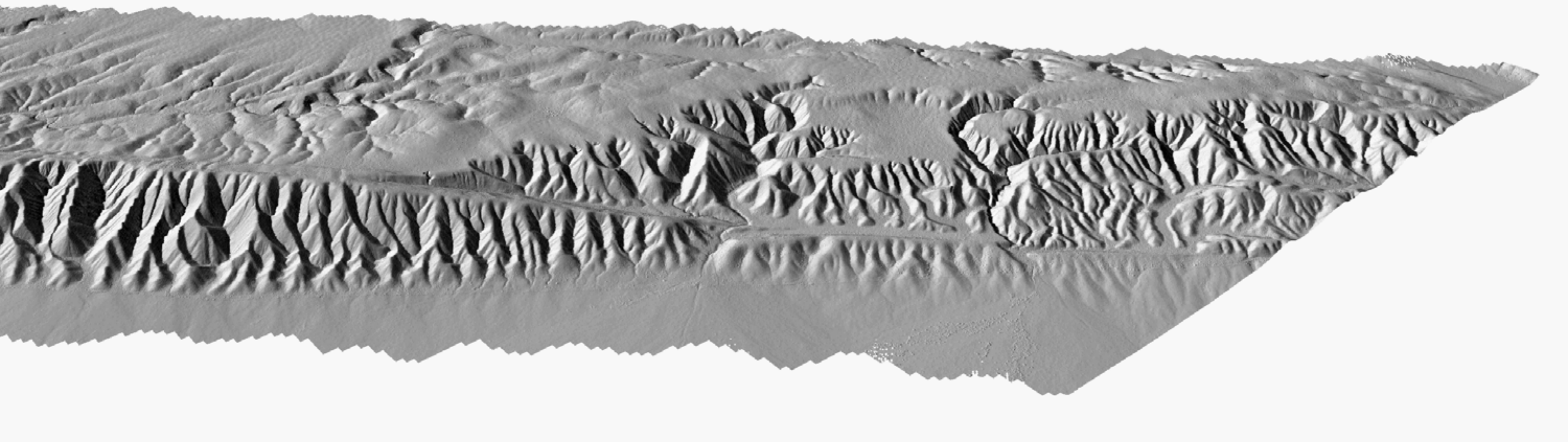
Material moves along fault though relatively stationary uplift zone:

How does landscape respond?

What will the landscape tell us about the geometry of the uplift?

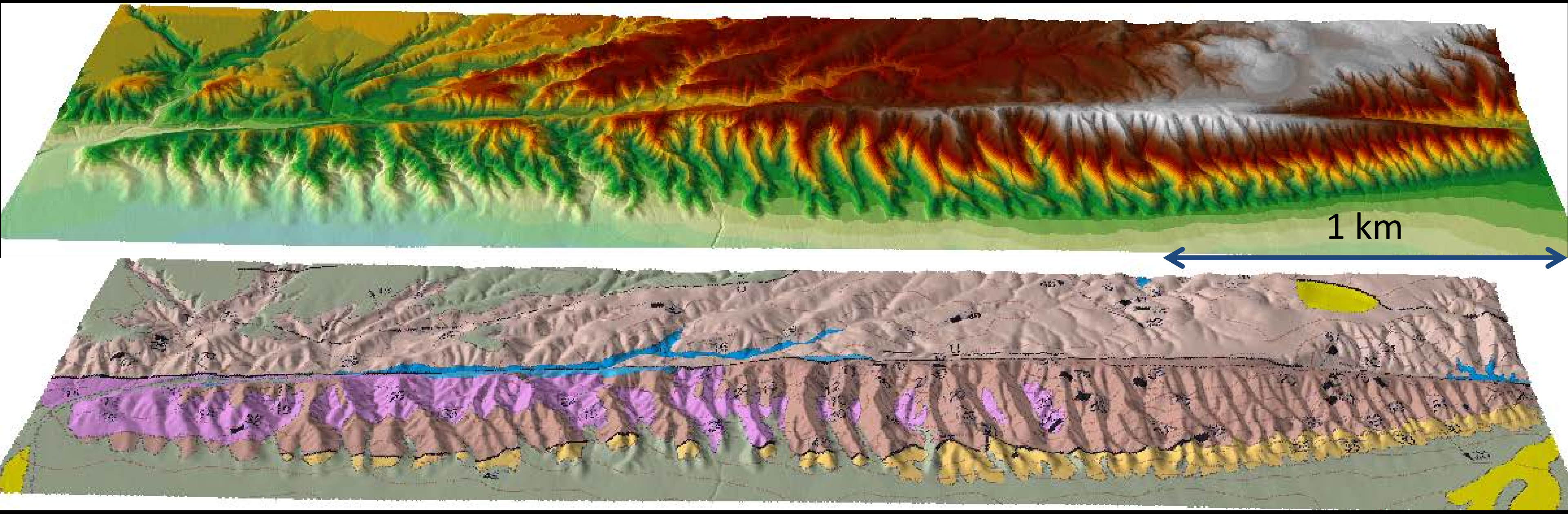


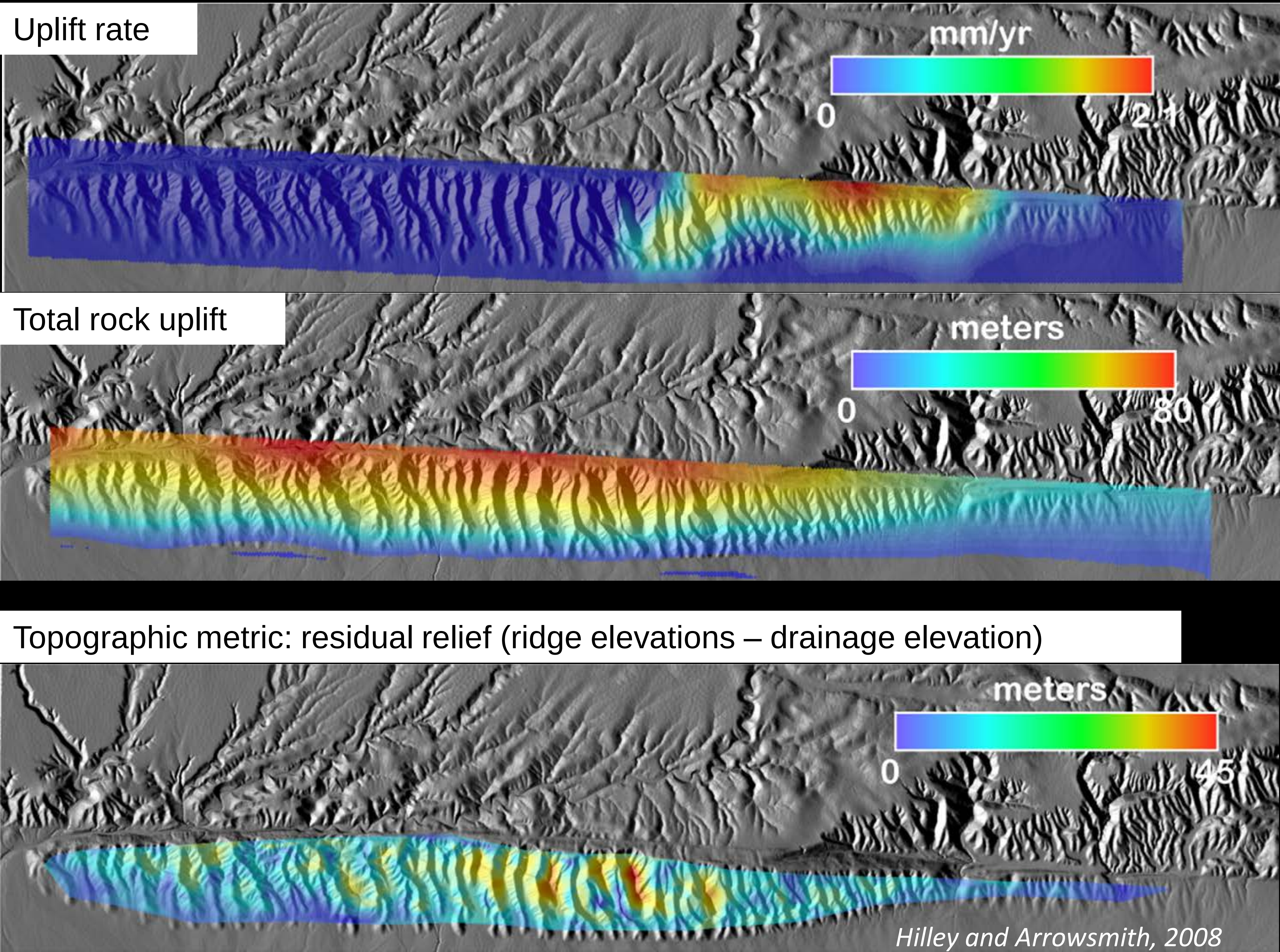
-G. E. Hilley



Dragon’s Back Pressure Ridge, Carrizo Plain California

Arrowsmith, 1995; Hilley, 2001; Hilley and Arrowsmith, 2008



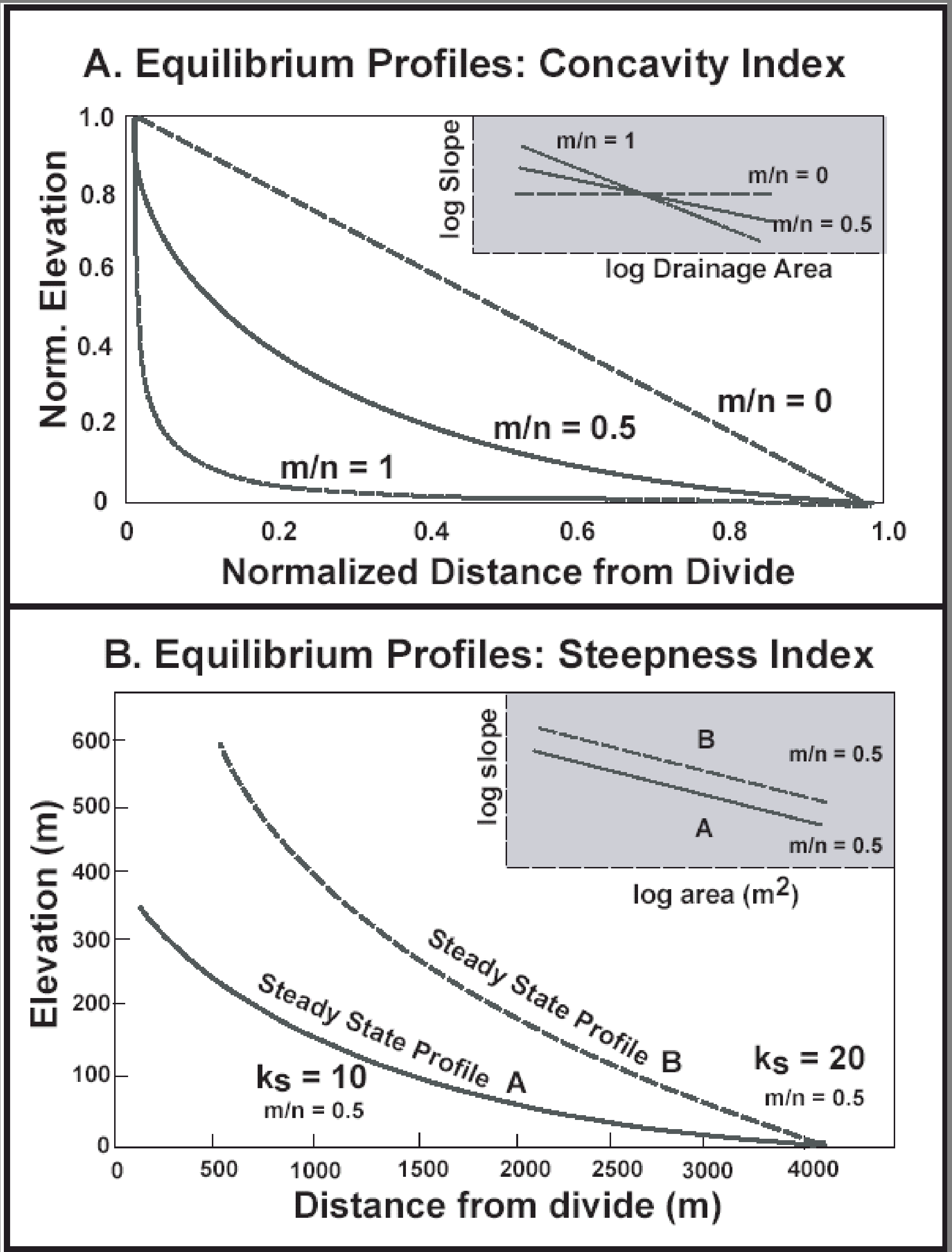

Uplift rate
mm/yr
0
2.1
Total rock uplift
meters
0
80
Topographic metric: residual relief (ridge elevations – drainage elevation)
meters
0
45
Hilley and Arrowsmith, 2008

Duvall, Kirby, and Burbank, 2004, JGR-ES

U = Rock Uplift Rate

Concavity (θ) invariant with U

Steepness (Ks) varies with U

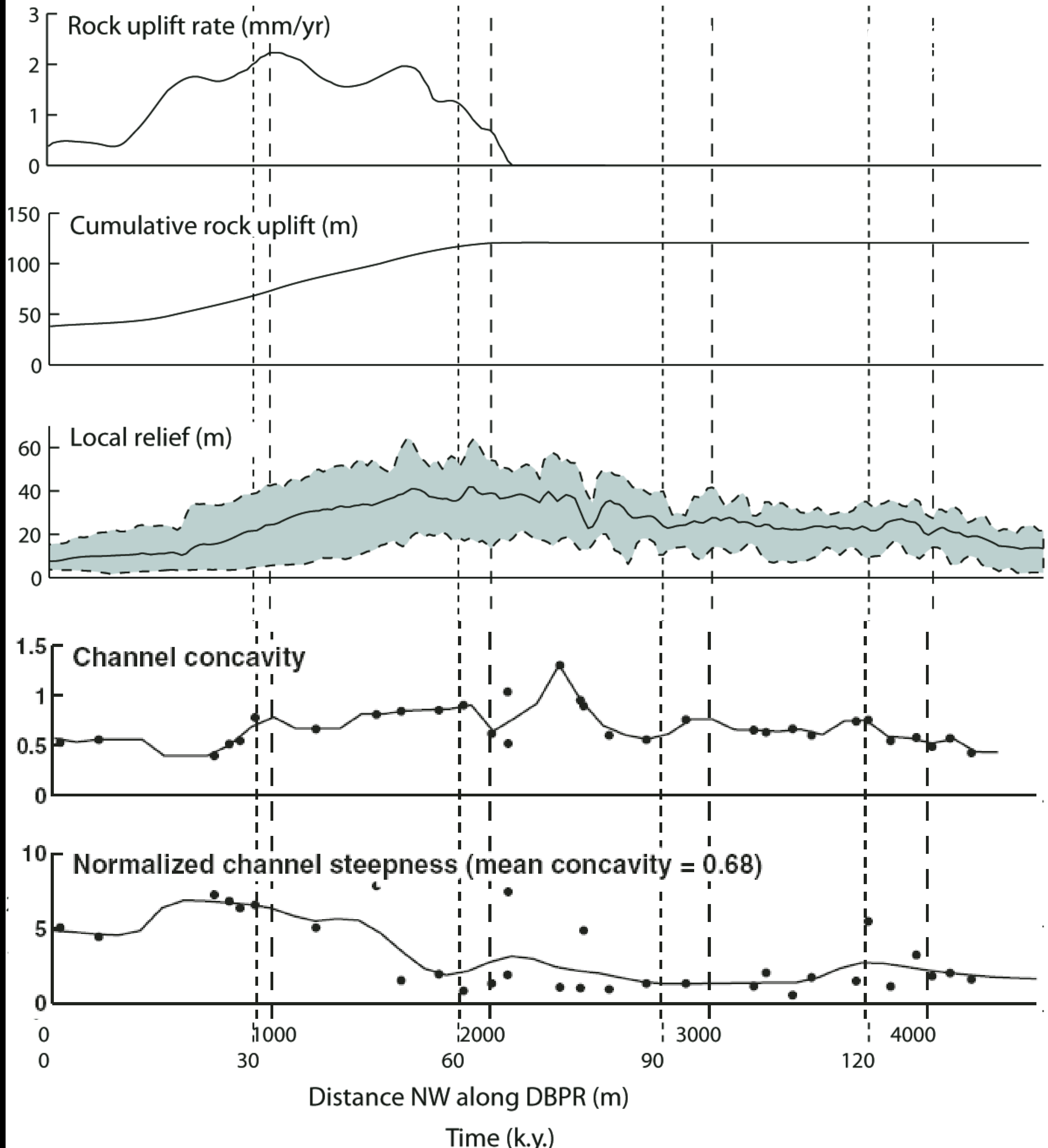


$\theta = m/n$

$S = k_s A^{-\theta}$

k_s

--K. X Whipple



Hilley and Arrowsmith, 2008

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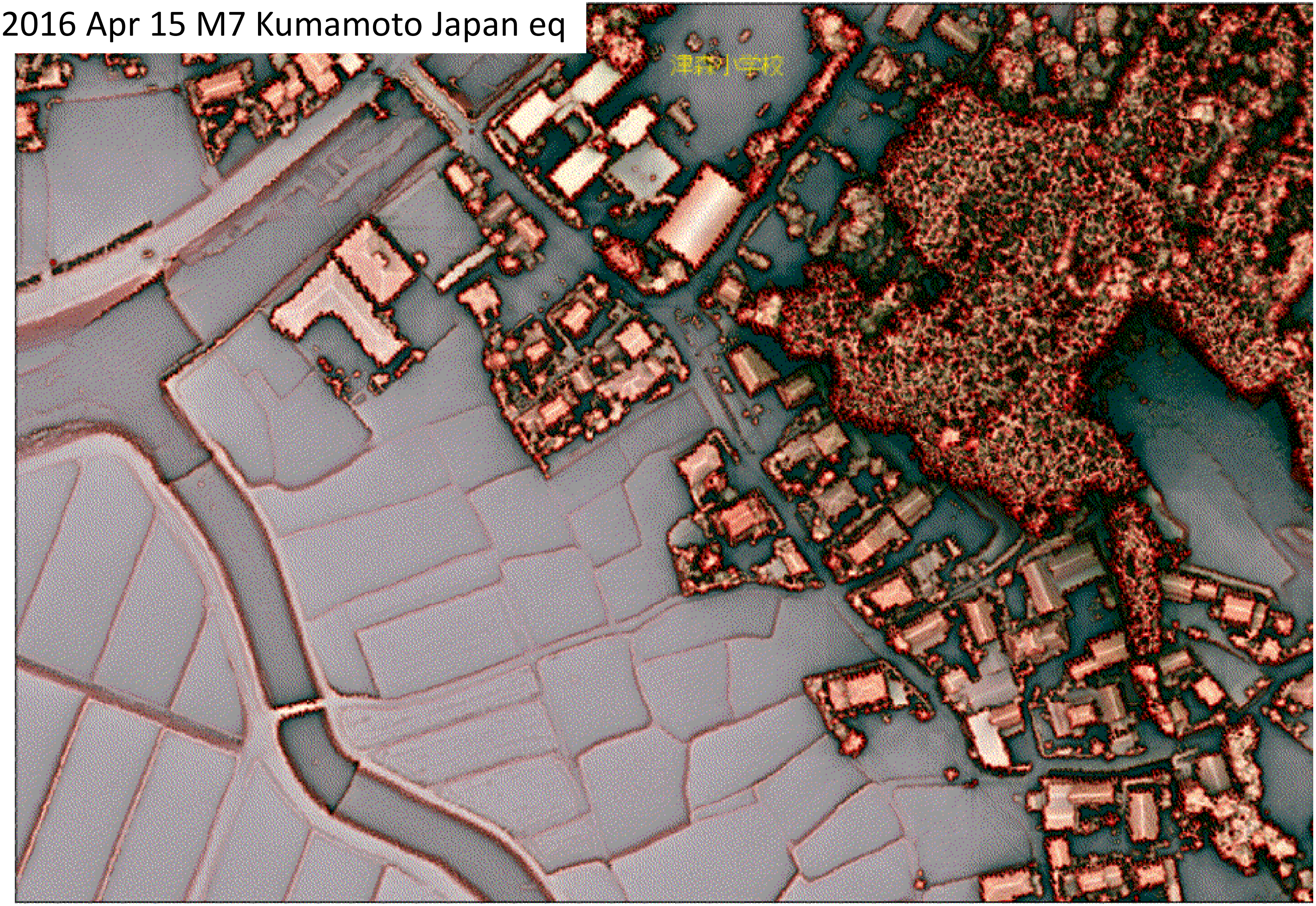
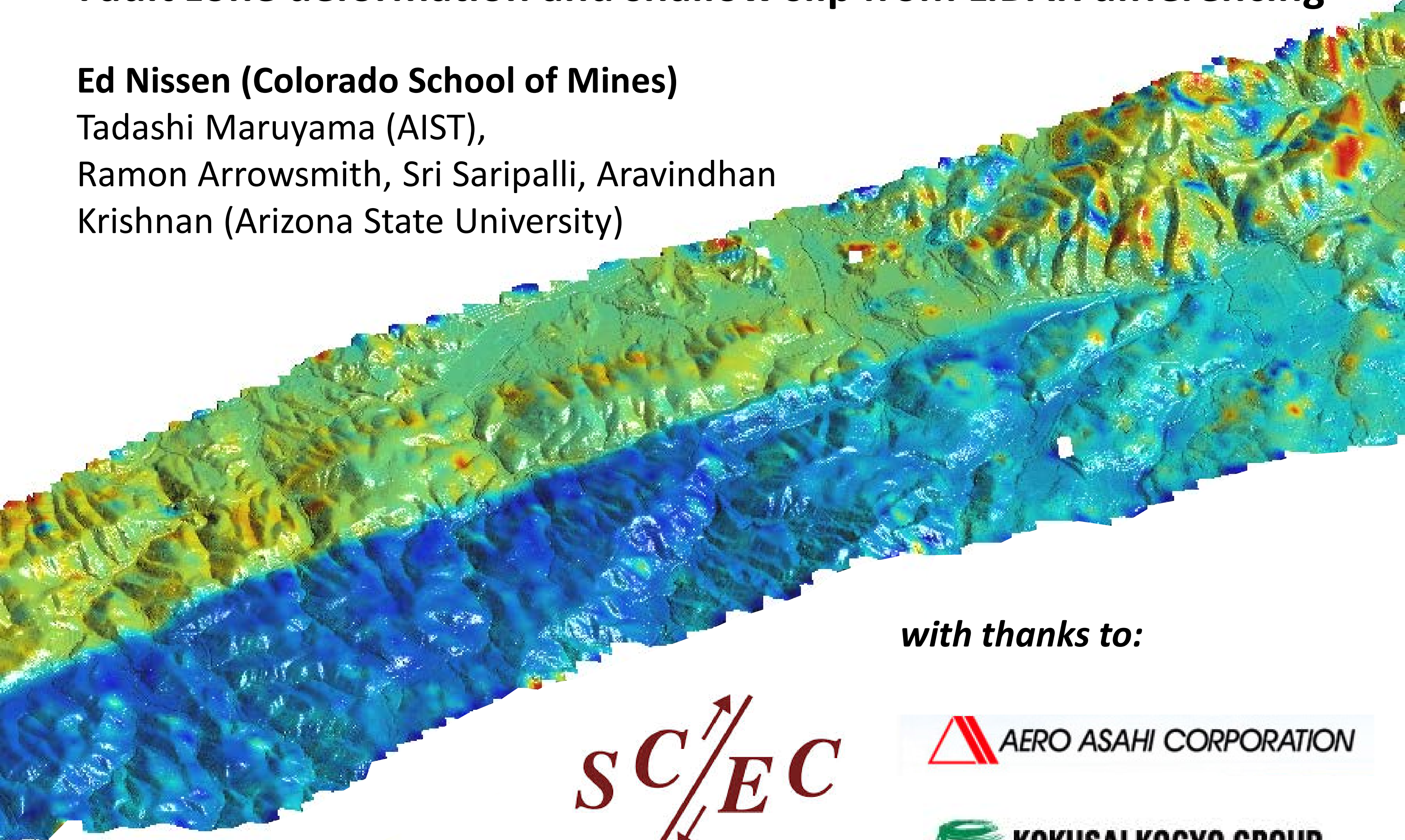


4/15計測　DSMデータによる赤色立体地図
益城町　津森小学校周辺

http://www.ajiko.co.jp/saigai/kumamoto_2016_04_2/gif_a.gif

Fault zone deformation and shallow slip from LiDAR differencing

Ed Nissen (Colorado School of Mines)
Tadashi Maruyama (AIST),
Ramon Arrowsmith, Sri Saripalli, Aravindhan Krishnan (Arizona State University)



Vertical displacements in the 2011 Mw 6.6 Iwaki earthquake

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The 2008 Iwate-Miyagi earthquake (Mw 6.9), Japan

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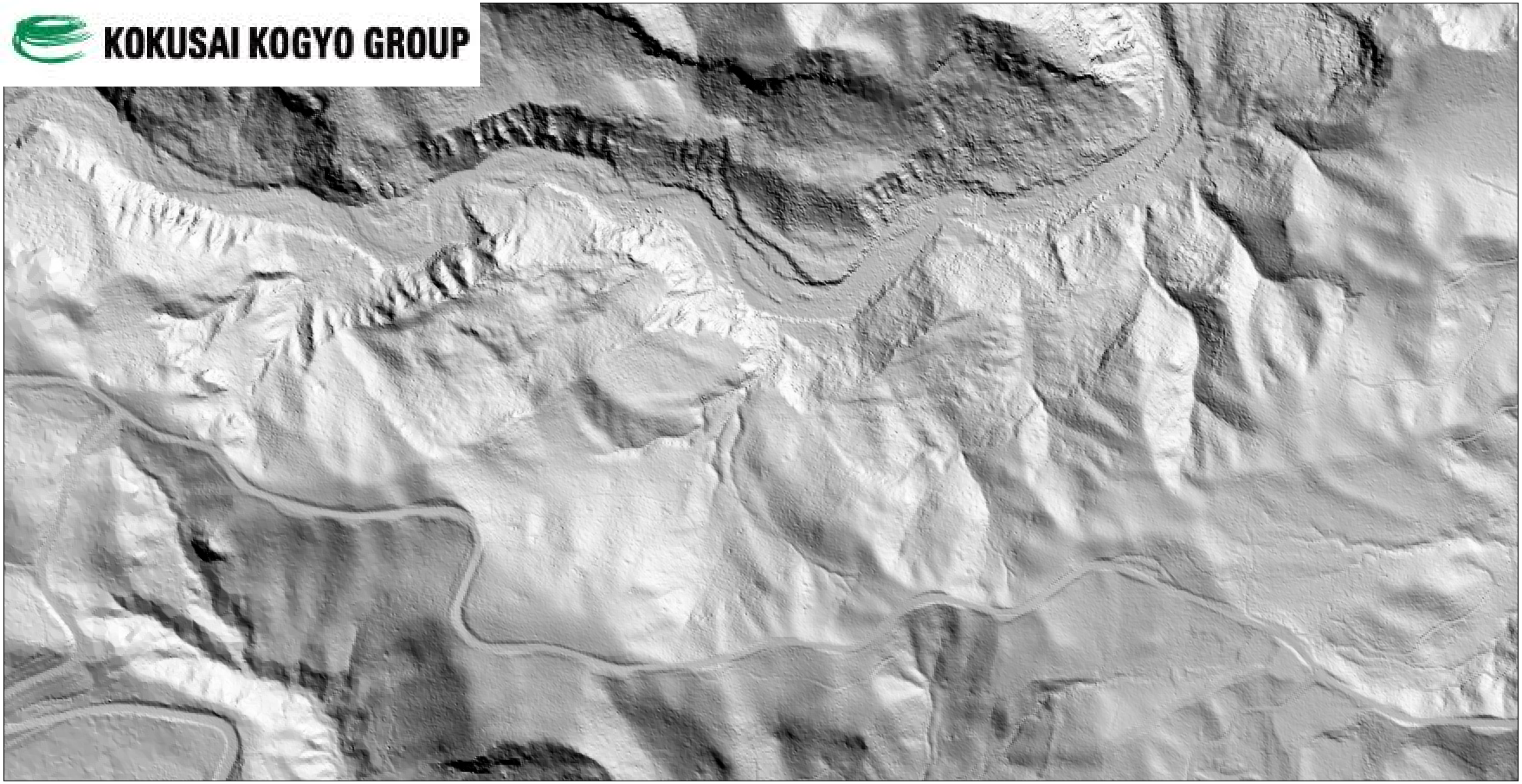

Pre-earthquake DEM (2m)

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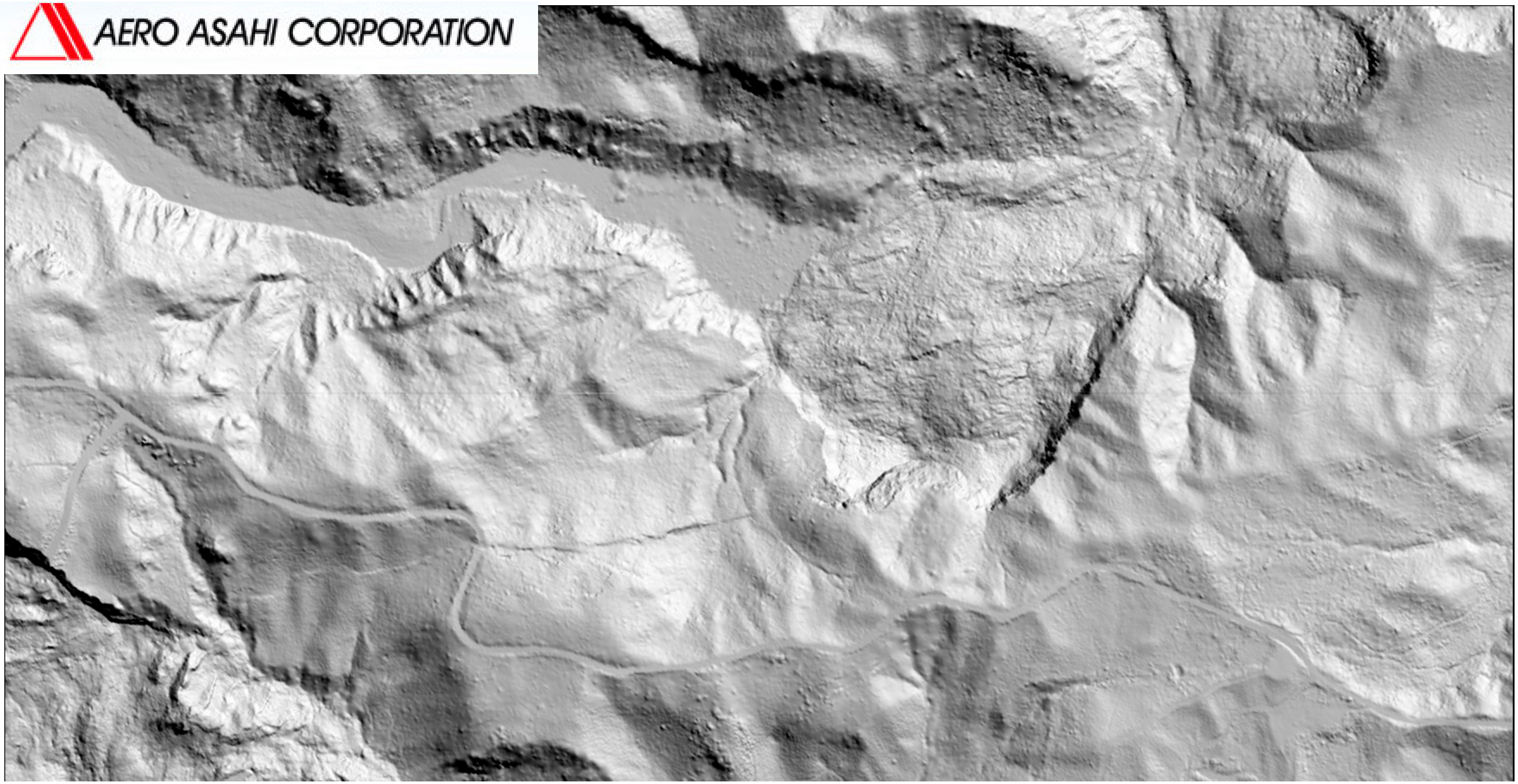

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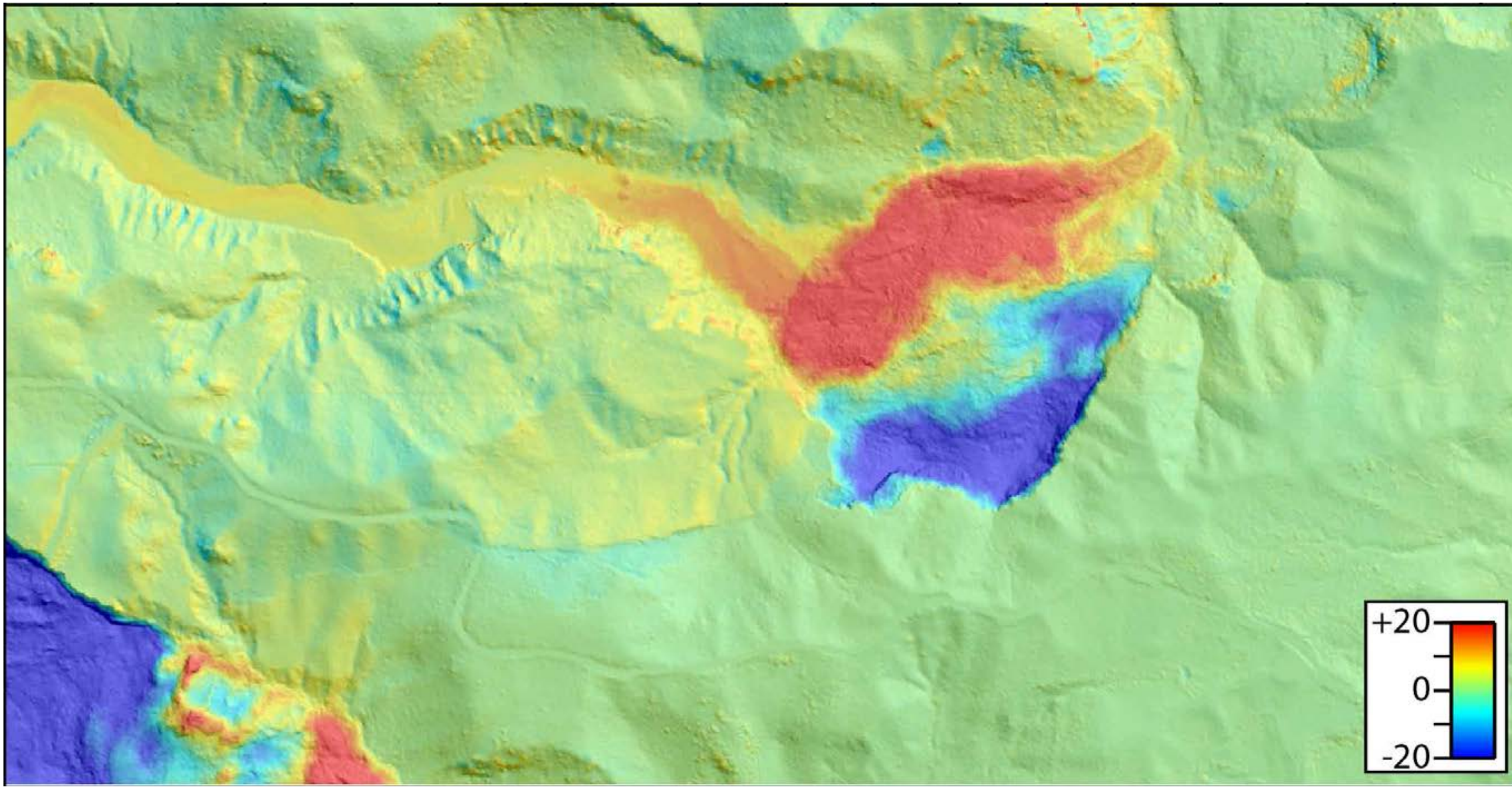

2006-2008 vertical difference (m)

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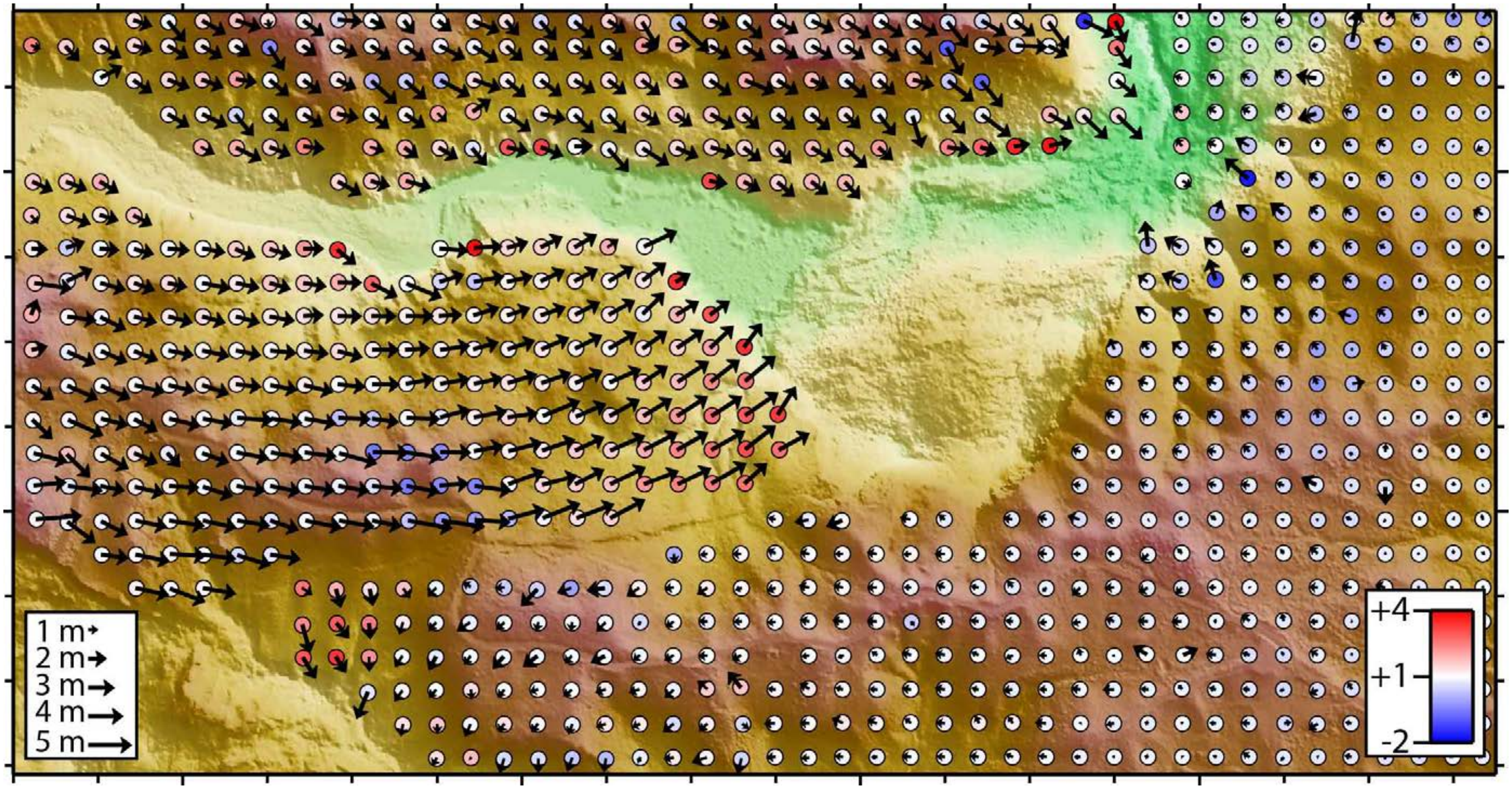

Dense 3-D displacements in an area InSAR cannot image

The displacement sense and magnitude agrees with (limited) field observations

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Summary

- LiDAR provides dm to cm global accurate measure of the earth's surface
- Meter scale (high resolution topography) is critical for measuring and understanding volcanic, structural, & geomorphic processes
- Main applications in volcano- and faulting-related investigations can be separated into fault zone mapping, reconstructing offsets, investigating geomorphic responses to active deformation, and differencing of repeat surveys

Looking ahead

- Lots more data and problems out there!
- 4 dimensions: directly measuring the displacements
- Processing and filtering enhancements: looking for the signal in all the data (e.g., Hilley, et al., 2010; Delong, et al., 2010)
- Bring these data and their depiction of the earth's volcanic, geomorphic, and tectonic processes to geoscience education/public outreach