

# MODELLING OF 3D GEOLOGY AND LANDSLIDE HAZARD IN THE LESSER HIMALAYA, CENTRAL NEPAL

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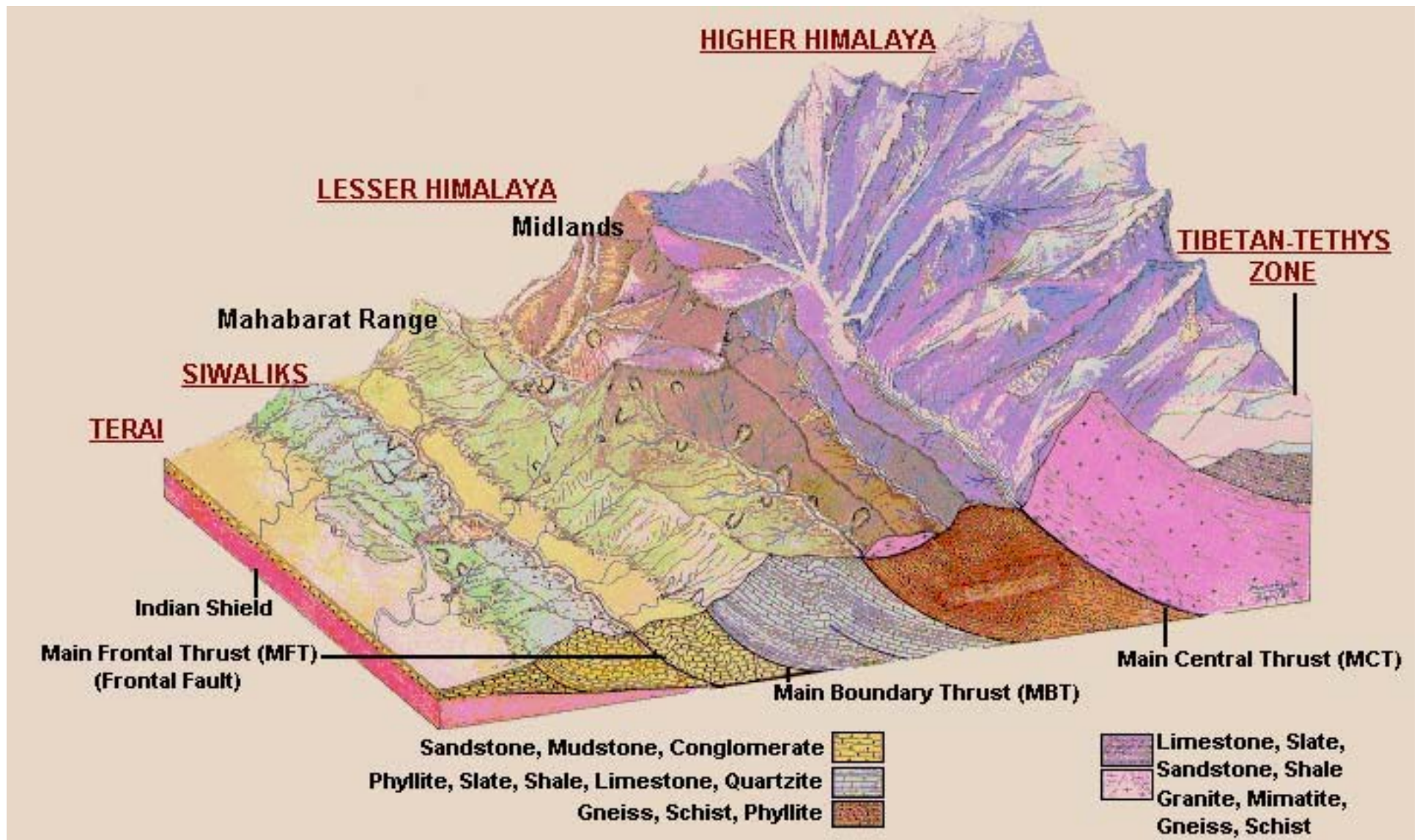
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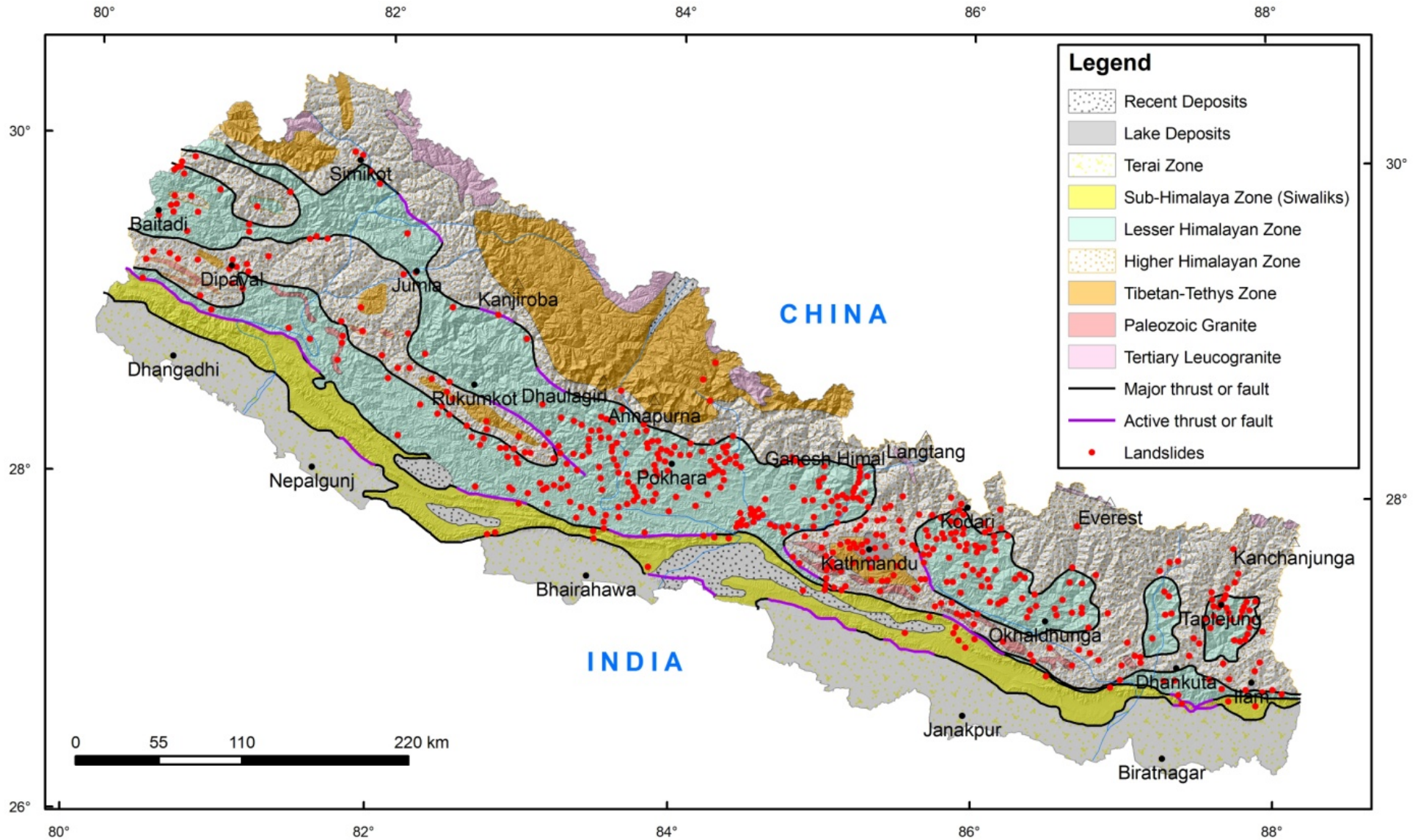
# Physiography and geology of Nepal Himalaya



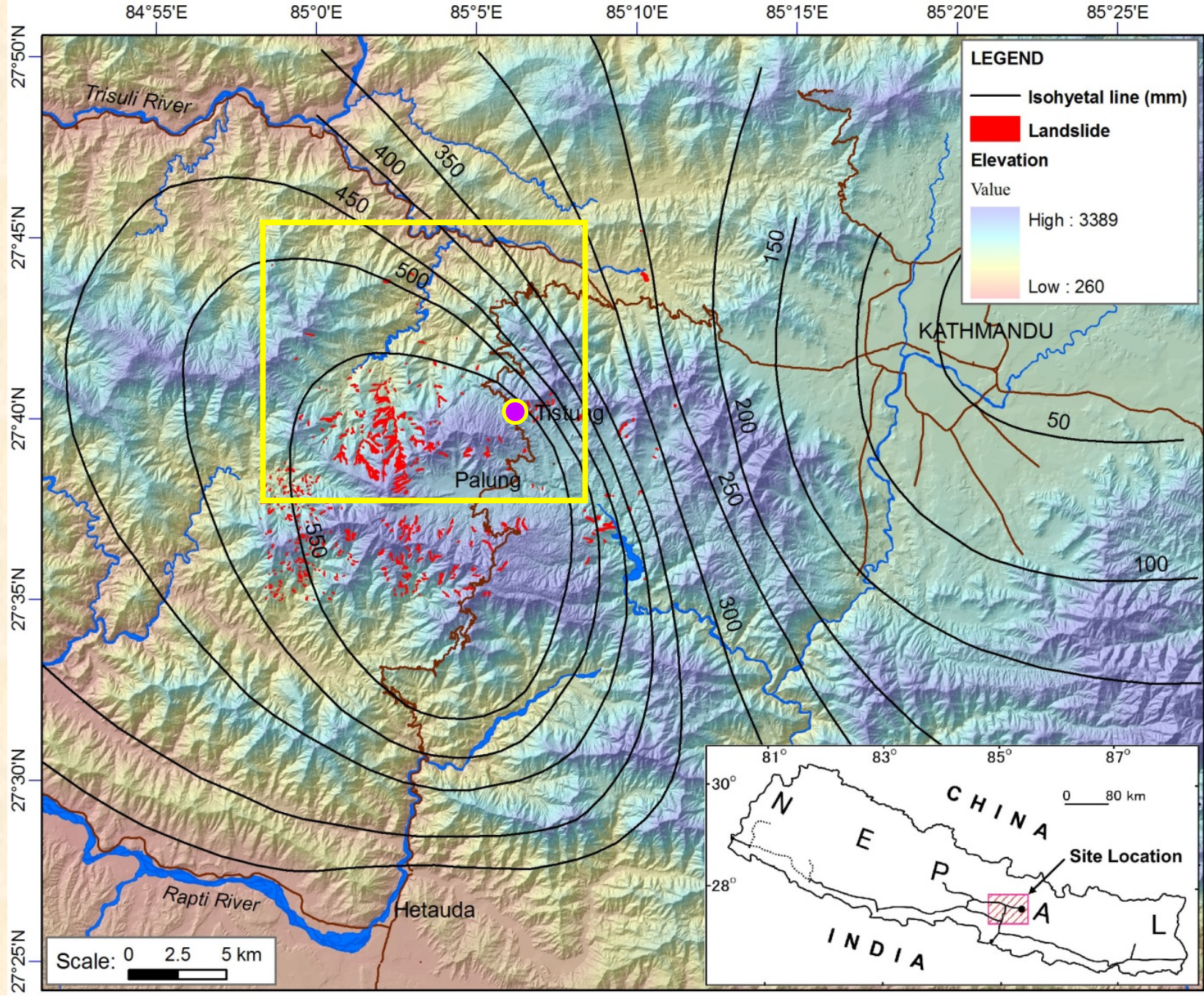
*Nelson et al. 1980*

Extreme vertical variation of topography with respect to geolocal subdivisions

# Occurrence of landslides & tectonostratigraphy of Nepal Himalaya



# Extreme weather event and landslide occurrences (July 1993, central Nepal)

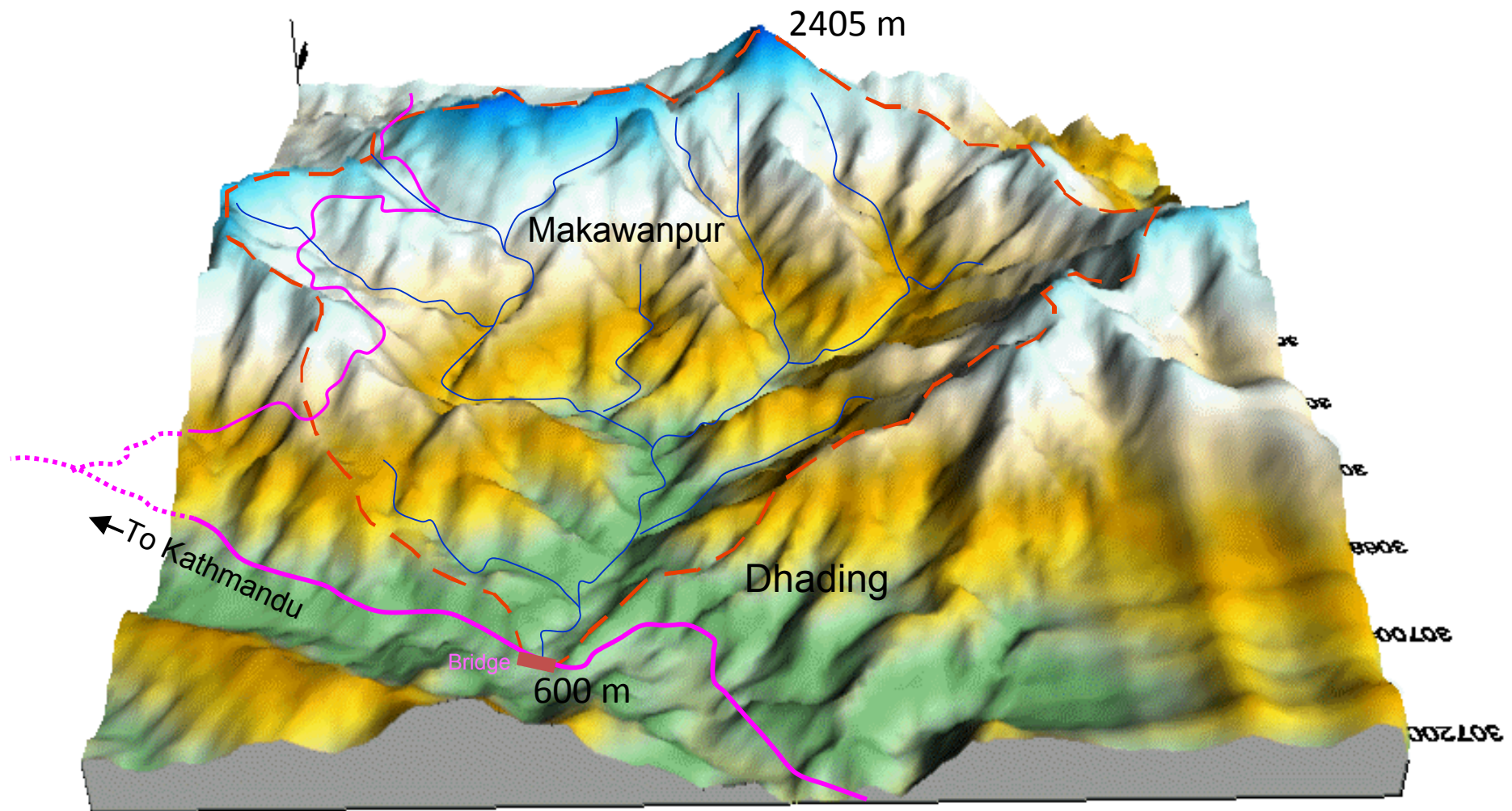


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Extreme weather event of 19–21 July 1993; rainfall measured at **Tistung**, central Nepal (source: Department of Soil Conservation & Watershed Management)

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**Modelling site** (latitudes 27°37' to 27°45' N & longitudes 84°57'38" to 85°08'2" E)



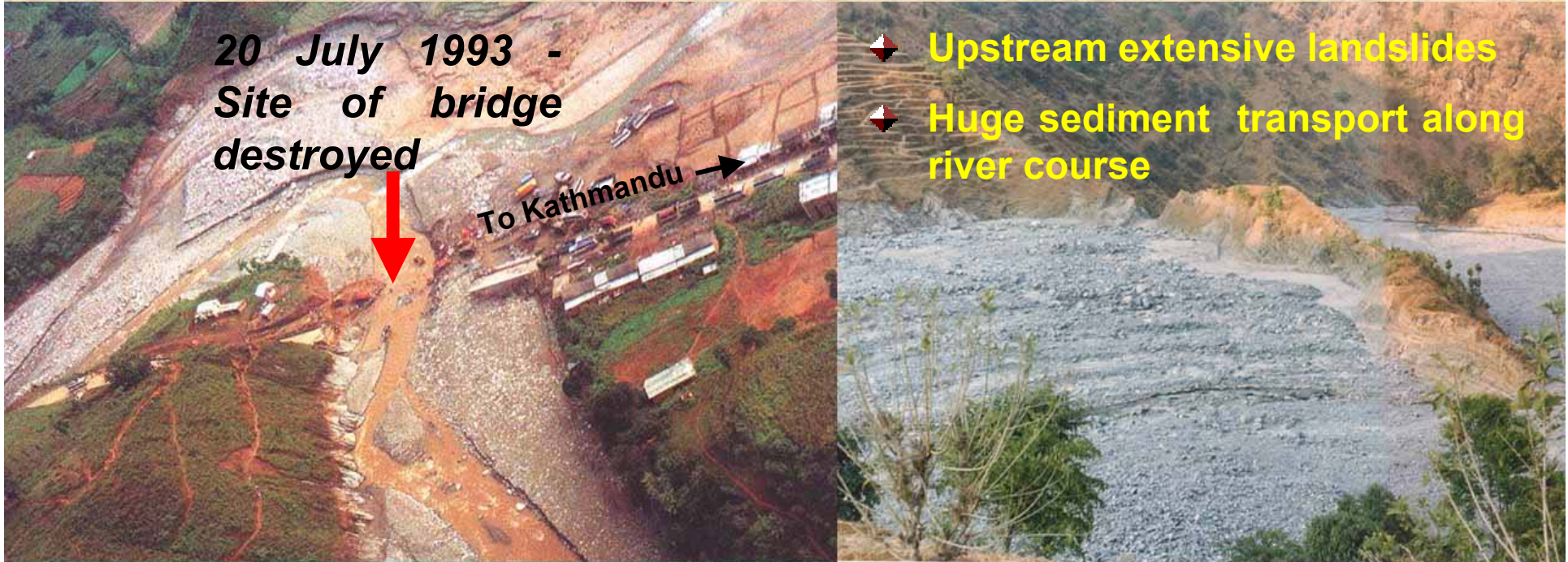
*Lesser Himalaya, central Nepal*

# 19-21 July 1993 Cloudburst & landslide damages

20 July 1993 -  
Site of bridge  
destroyed

To Kathmandu →

- Upstream extensive landslides
- Huge sediment transport along river course





# Failure of thin soils along the dip-slopes is the most occurrences



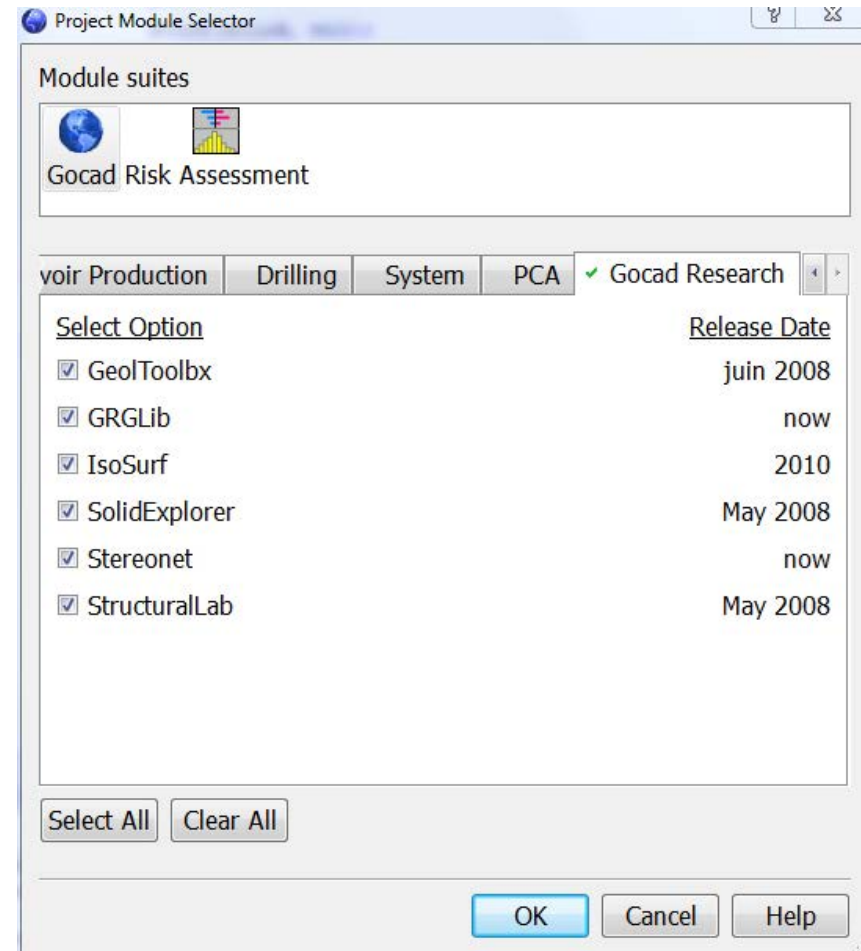
# 3D geological modelling: IMPLICIT APPROACH *(after Caumon et al. 2007)*

Using following research plugins:

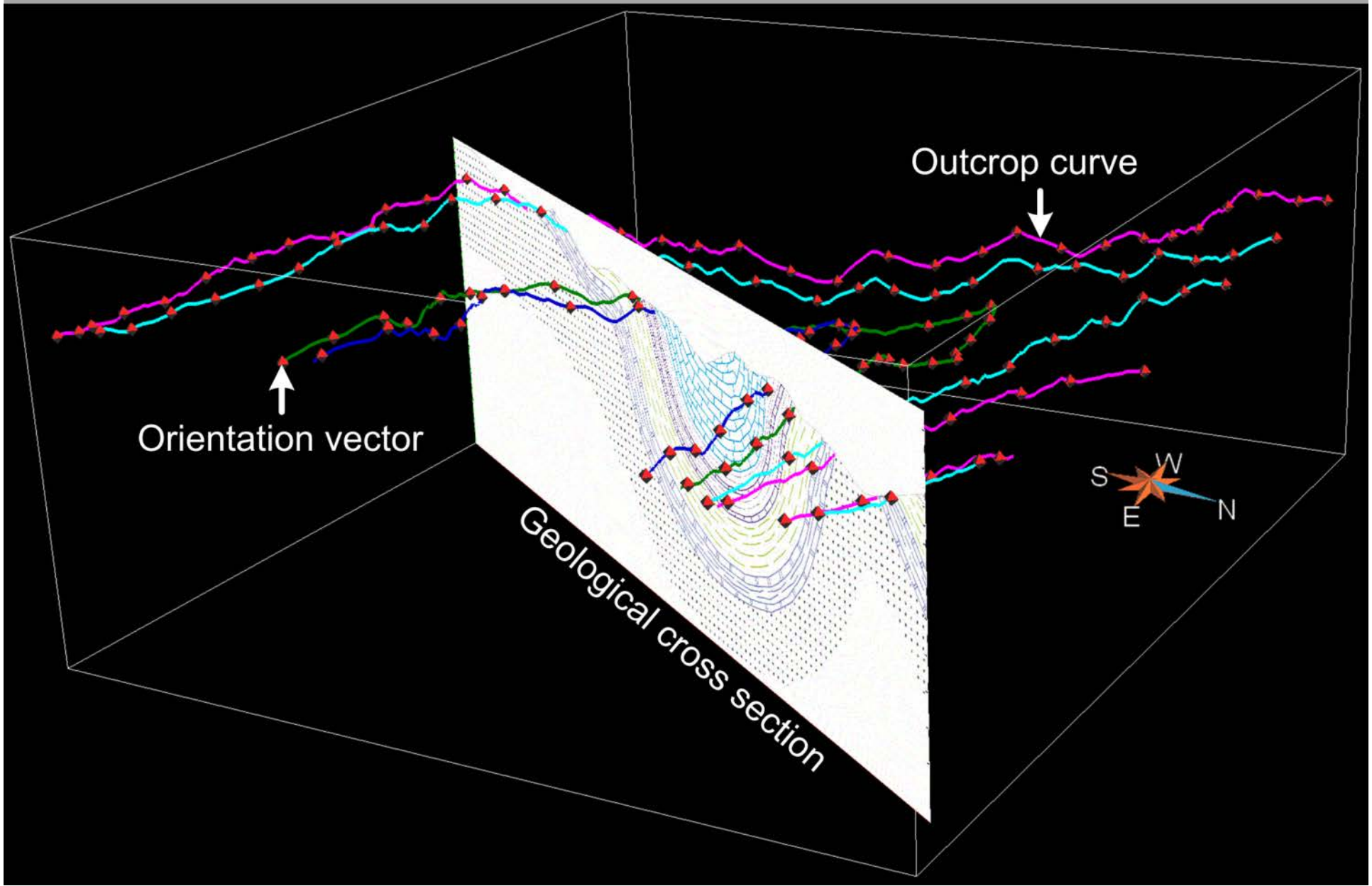
- GeolToolbx
- GRGLib
- IsoSurf
- SolidExplorer
- Stereonet
- StructuralLab

*The coordinate system will be in meters, with Z positive upwards.*

GOCAD



# 3D model configuration using GOCAD



# Orientation vector ( $\mathbf{v}$ )

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\theta) \cdot \cos(\phi) \\ \cos(\theta) \cdot \cos(\phi) \\ \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix}$$

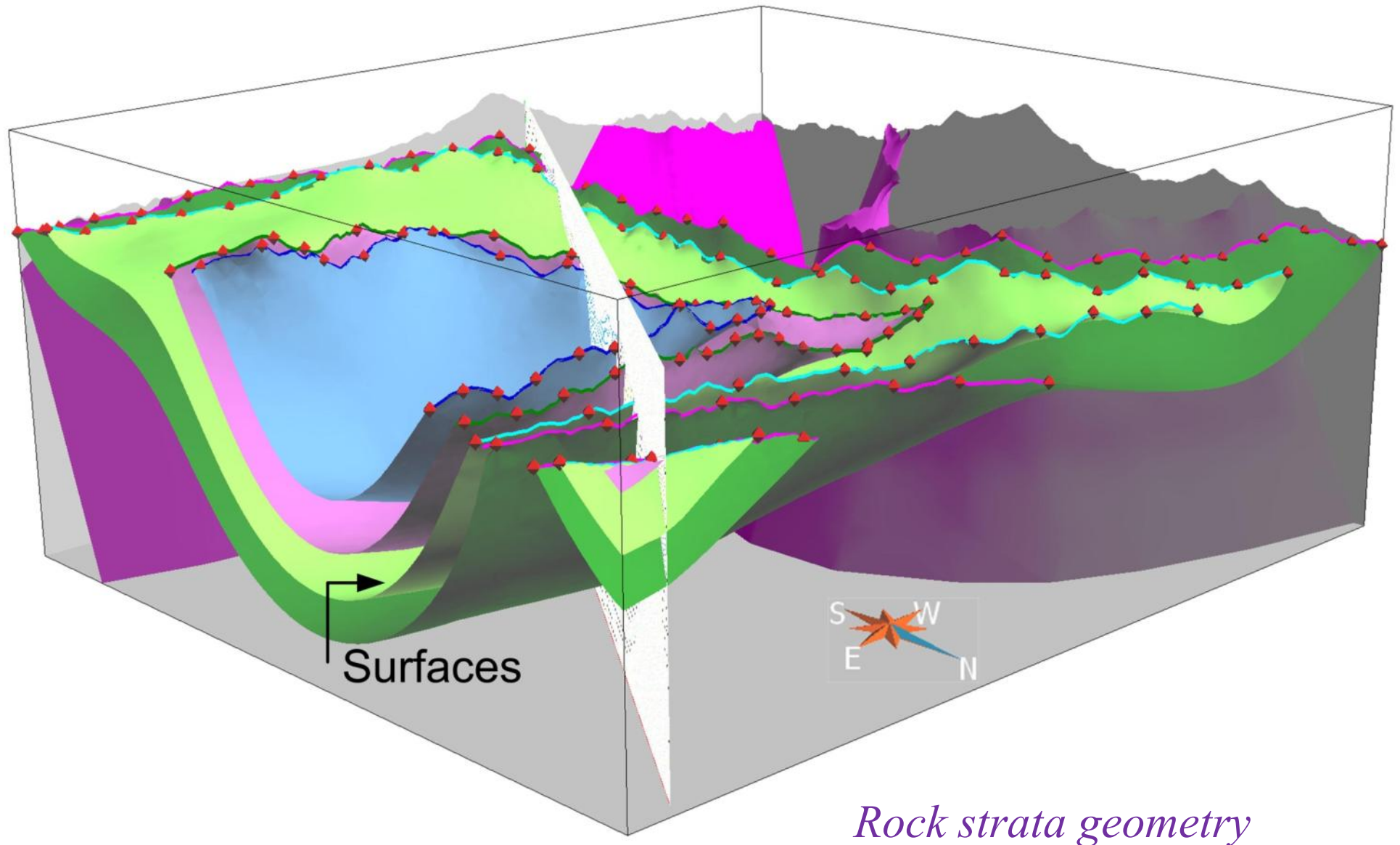
where, dip direction  $\vartheta$  (azimuth) and dip  $\phi$  angles

**DSI** (Mallet 2002)

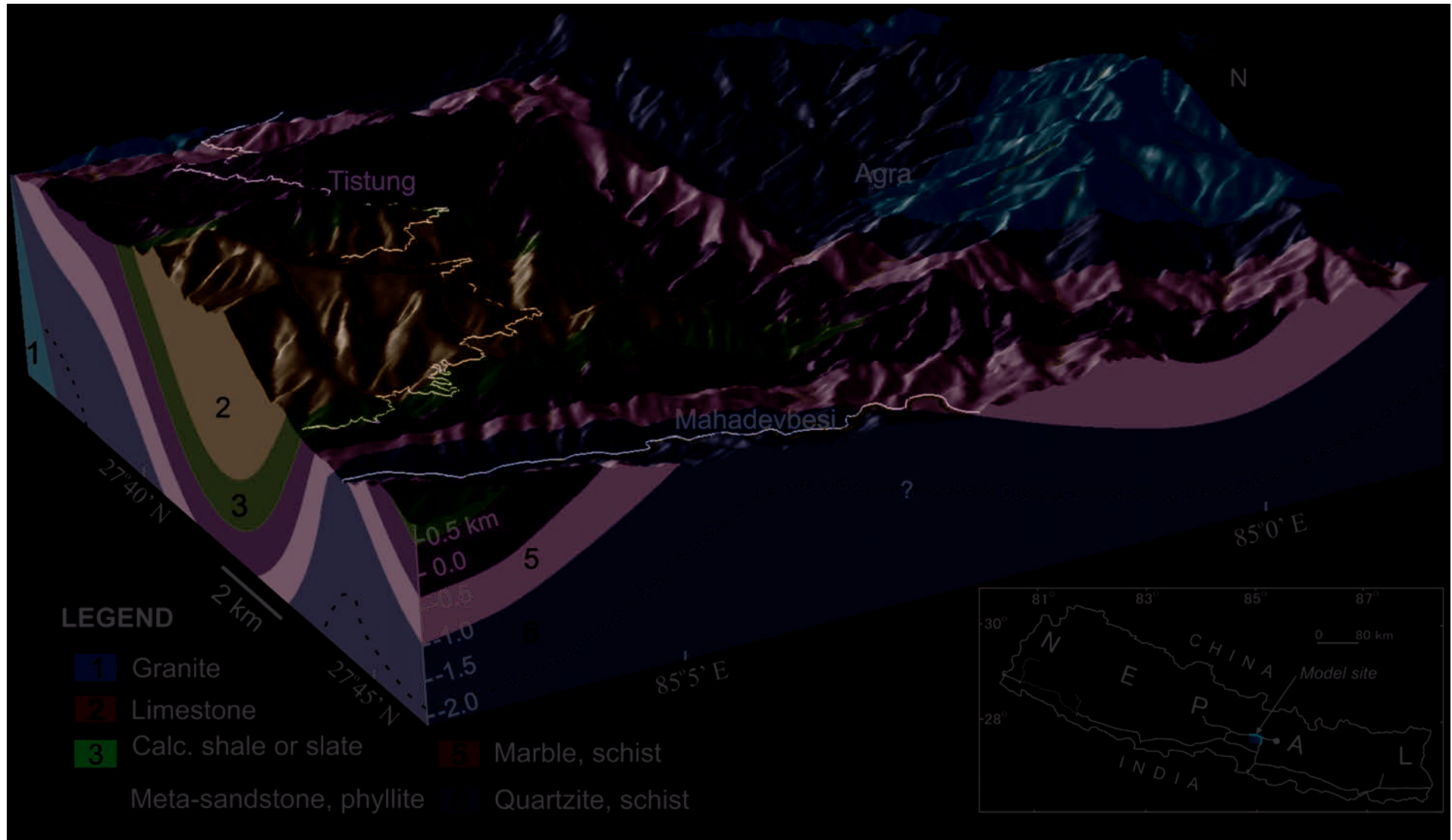
$$R^*(\varphi) = \sum_{\alpha \in \Omega} \mu(\alpha) \cdot R(\varphi|\alpha) + (\phi \cdot \varpi) \cdot \sum_{c \in C \approx} \varpi_c \cdot \rho(\varphi|c)$$

where,  $R(\varphi|\alpha)$  is the local roughness at node  $\alpha$ ,  $\rho(\varphi|c)$  is a constraint defined for node  $\alpha$ ,  $\mu$  is a stiffness coefficient, and  $\varpi_c$ ,  $\phi \cdot \varpi$  are weight coefficients

## Computed stratigraphic surfaces for Model3D



# 3D geological model of Lesser Himalaya, central Nepal



# Landslide hazard modelling using LR

If the probability of presence (1) of a phenomenon is  $P_a$ , then  $P_b$  represents the absence (0).

(i. e.  $P_a + P_b = 1$ )

$$P(Y) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-Z}}$$

Where  $P(Y)$  is the probability of an event occurring.

$$Z = b_0 + b_1A_1 + \dots + b_nA_n$$

Where,  $b_i$  ( $i=0,1, \dots, n$ ) is coefficient estimated from sample data, and  $A_i$  ( $i=1,2, \dots, n$ ) is independent variables (i.e. **landslide related physical parameters**)



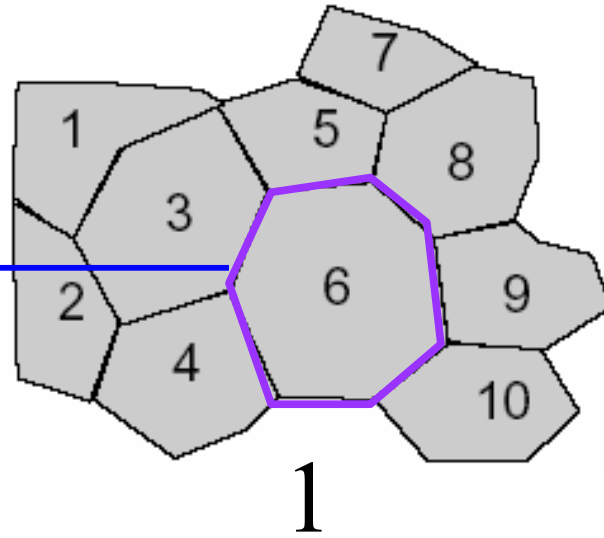


# Logistic Regression Coefficients

Variables	Coef.	Variables	Coef.
<b><i>Slope angle</i></b>		<b><i>Slope complexity</i></b>	
<15°	-0.217	Granite slope (GS)	-1.662
15°-25°	0.074	Oblique slope (OS)	-0.349
25°-35°	0.778	Dip-slope ≥ slope (DS-EL)	1.357
35°-45°	0.417	Dip-slope > slope (DS-G)	-0.023
>45°	-0.145	Counter dip-slope (CDS)	-0.163
<b><i>Slope aspect</i></b>		Fractured zone (FZ)	-1.030
Flat	-0.385	<b><i>Land use</i></b>	
North (N)	0.117	Forest (Fo)	1.536
North East (NE)	0.253	Shrub land (SrL)	-0.124
East (E)	0.590	Grassland (GrL)	0.880
South East (SE)	-0.177	Cultivated land (CuL)	0.657
South (S)	0.195	Barren land (BaL)	2.845
South West (SW)	-0.348	Constant	-3.640
West (W)	-0.027		
North West (NW)	0.333		
<b><i>Engineering geology</i></b>			
Thin soil [1-3 m] (TnSl)	-0.203		
Thick soil [>3 m] (TkSl)	-0.272		
Colluvium (Clv)	-0.876		
Alluvium (Alv)	0.240		
High Rock Mass Strength (HRMS)	-0.868		
Medium Rock Mass Strength (MRMS)	0.222		
Low Rock Mass Strength (LRMS)	1.420		

# Probability calculation using logistic regression

For example:



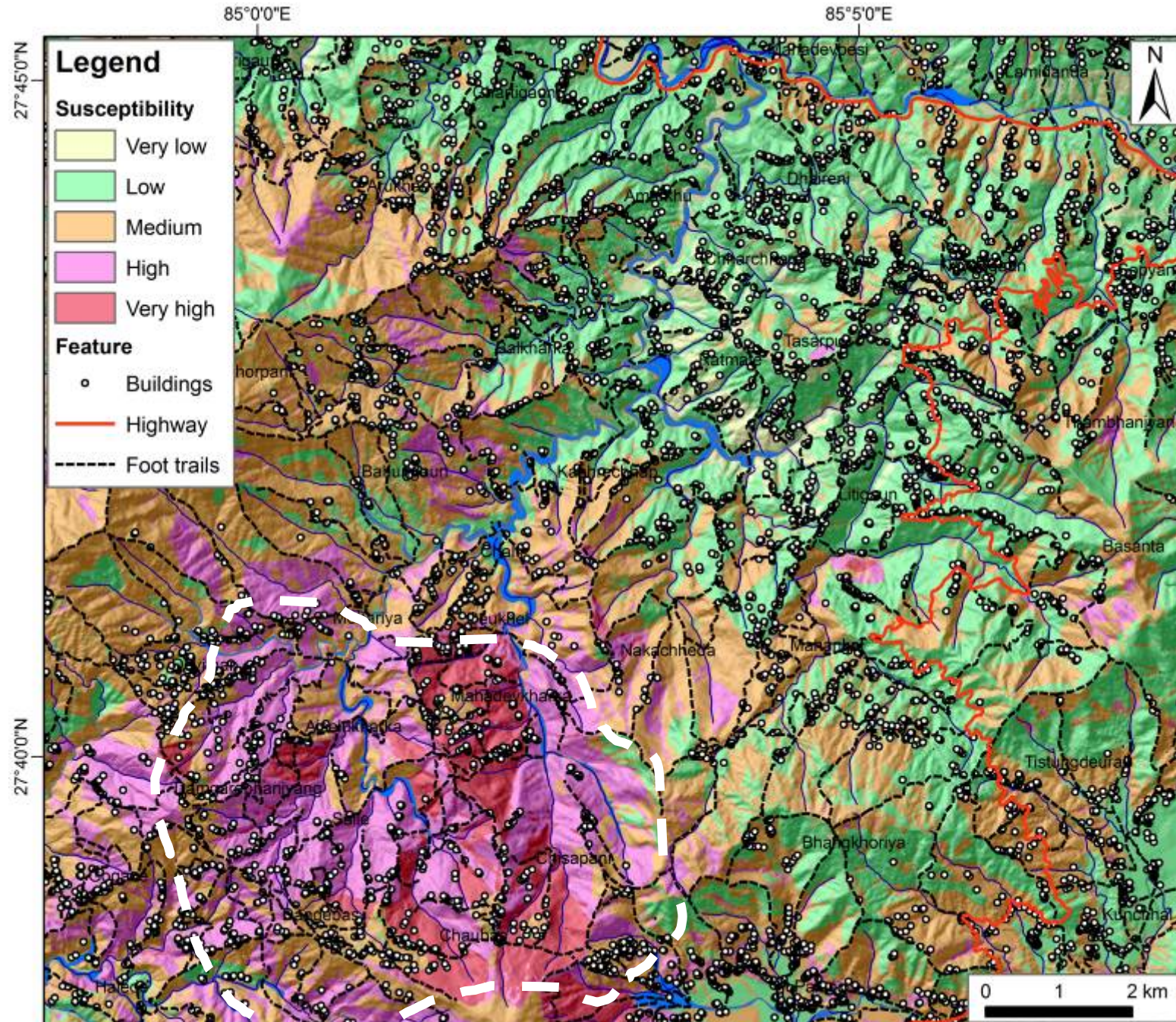
$$p(Y) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{quartzite} + \beta_2 \text{Forest} + \beta_3 \text{Slope}(15-25) + \beta_4 \text{AspectNW})}}$$

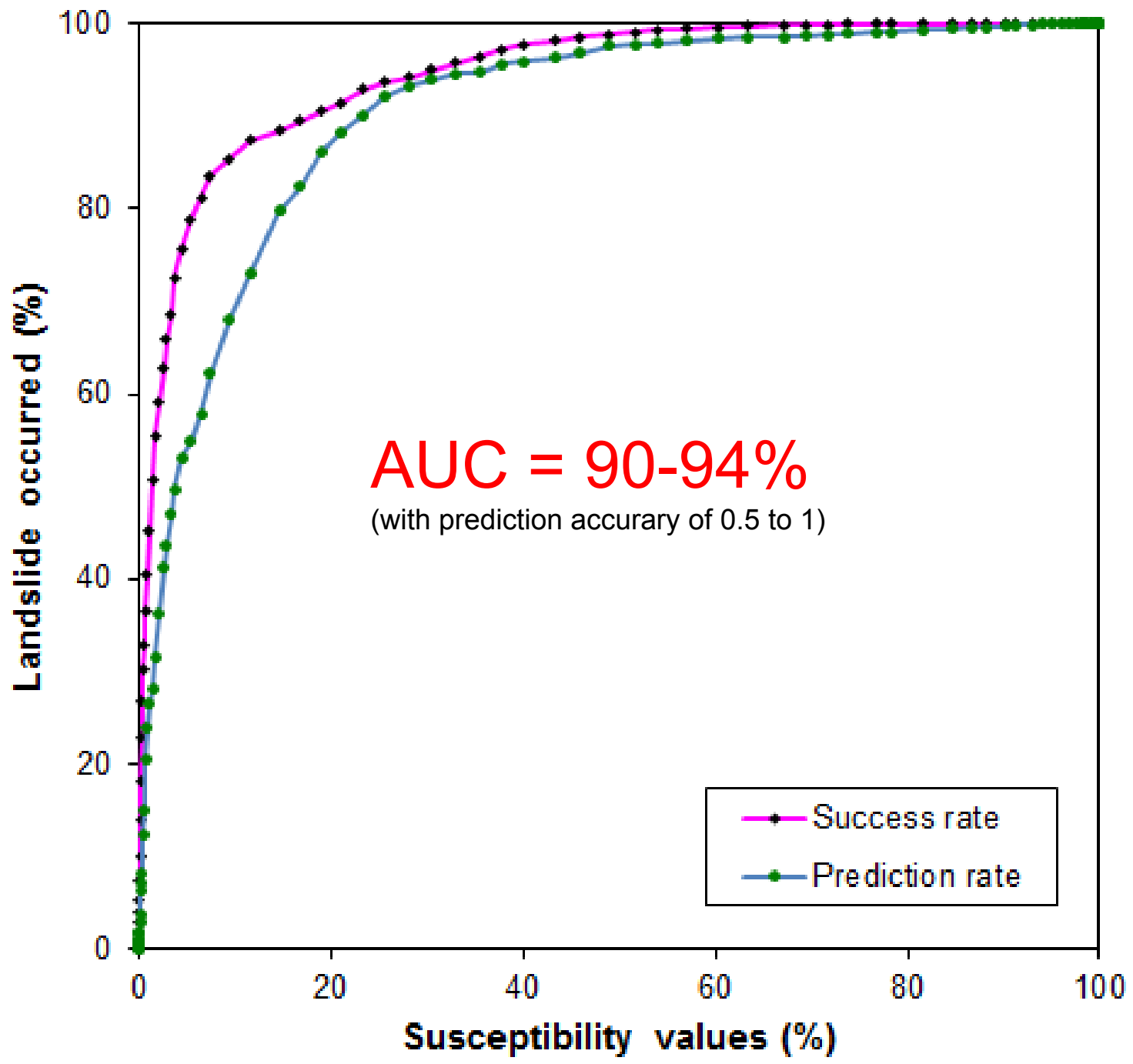
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Regression value

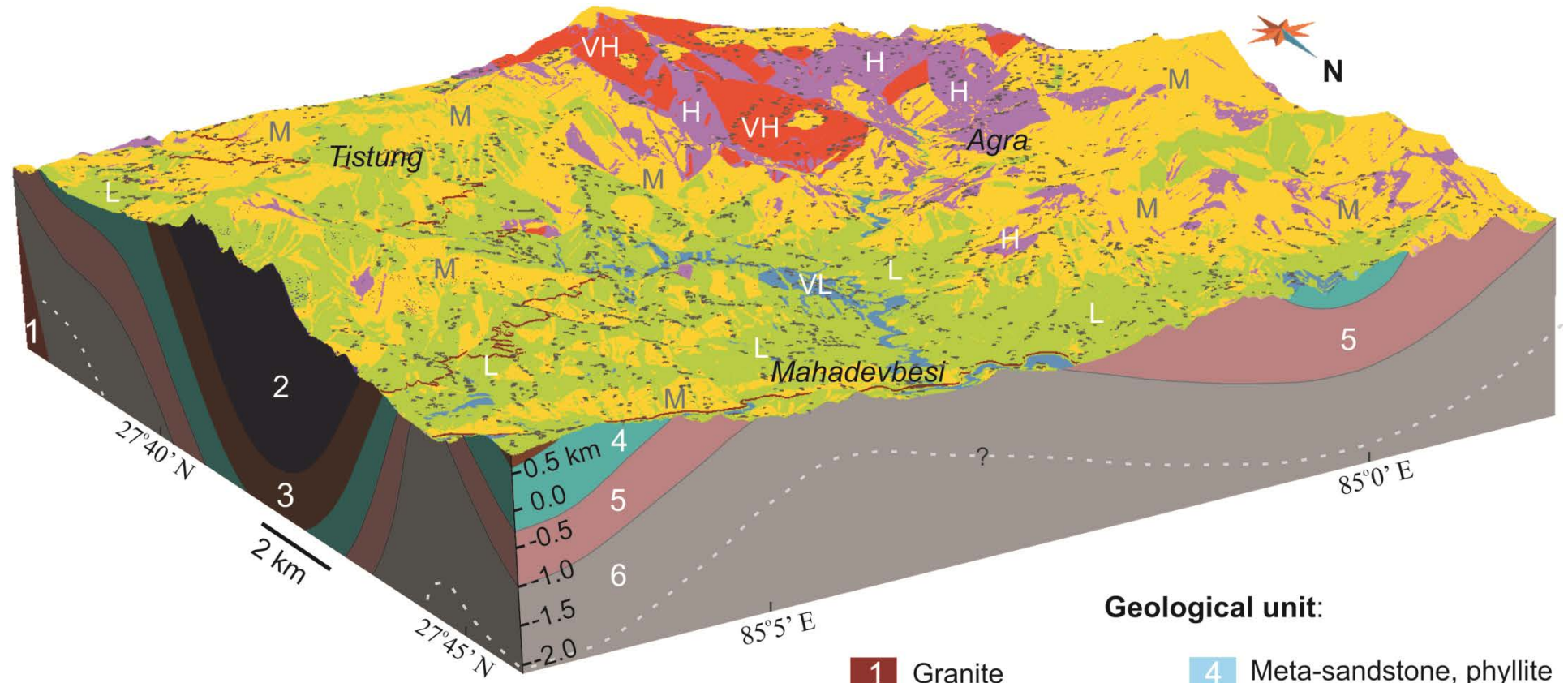
Present = 1  
Absent = 0

# Predicted Landslide Hazard/suceptibility Map





# Integration of 3D geomodel & Landslide hazard/suceptibility



## Landslide hazard:

**VH** Very High   **H** High   **M** Medium   **L** Low   **VL** Very Low

## Geological unit:

- |                               |                                   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Granite              | <b>4</b> Meta-sandstone, phyllite |
| <b>2</b> Limestone            | <b>5</b> Marble, schist           |
| <b>3</b> Calc. shale or slate | <b>6</b> Quartzite, schist        |

**Feature:** — Road   • Buildings

## CONCLUDING REMARKS

- ✚ Implicit approach of “sparse data” modelling quite illustrative to compute geologic-boundary surfaces.
- ✚ **Statistical modelling** of landslide hazard is particularly suited in regional terrain of central Nepal.
- ✚ **3D geomodel and landslide hazard** has provided interactive evaluation of integrated scenarios.



***Thank you very much !!!***