

# Triggers and consequences of landslide-induced impulse waves

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## 3D Dynamic reconstruction of the Taan Fiord 2015 tsunami event

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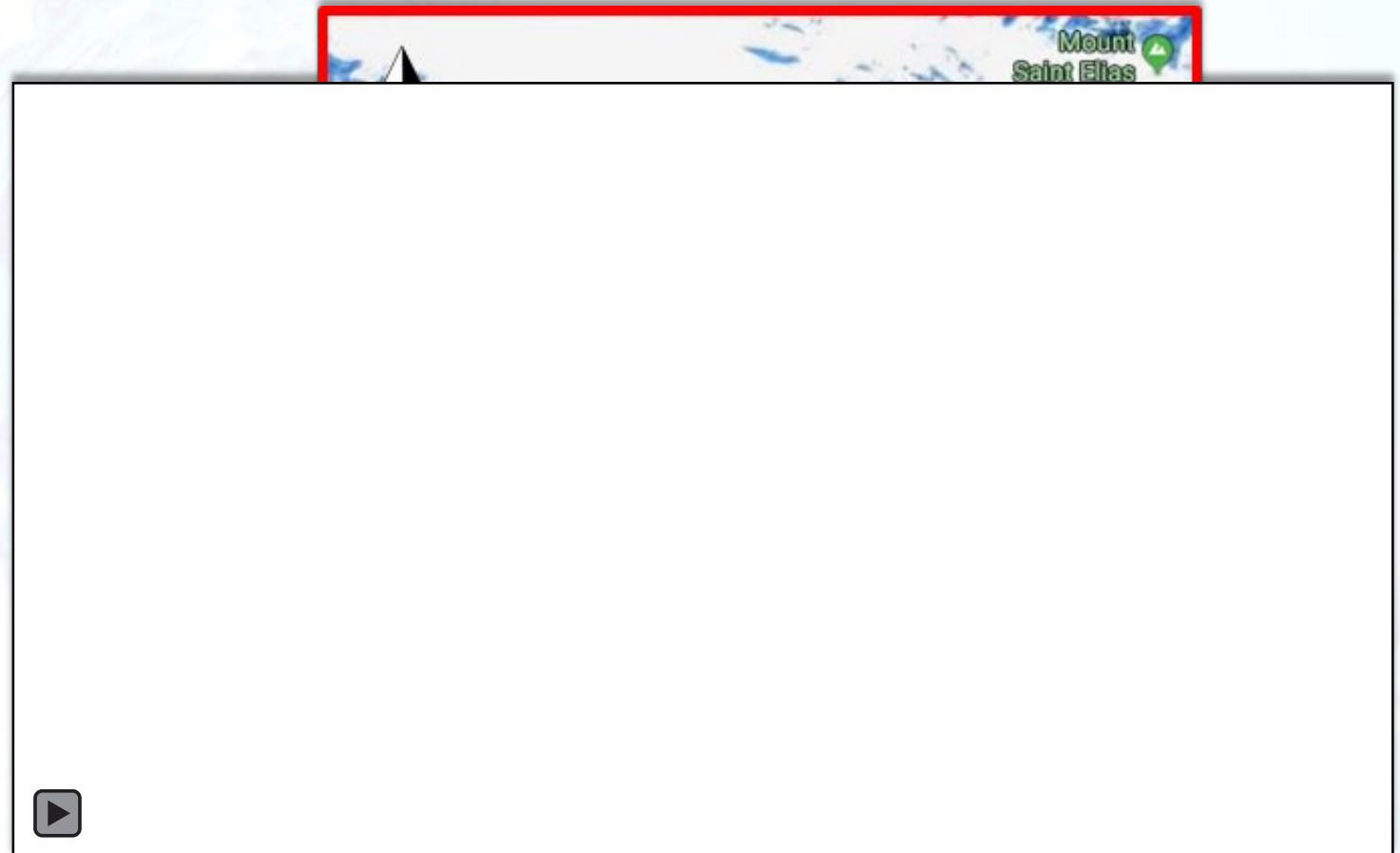
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### Research topic:

- Natural multi-hazards
- Catastrophic response to ongoing climate change
- Ice and glaciers retreat in mountain regions:
  - new-formed water basins
  - unstable slope
- Extreme event:  
landslide-induced impulse waves

### Recent case study:

- The Taan Fiord landslide-induced impulse wave event 2015





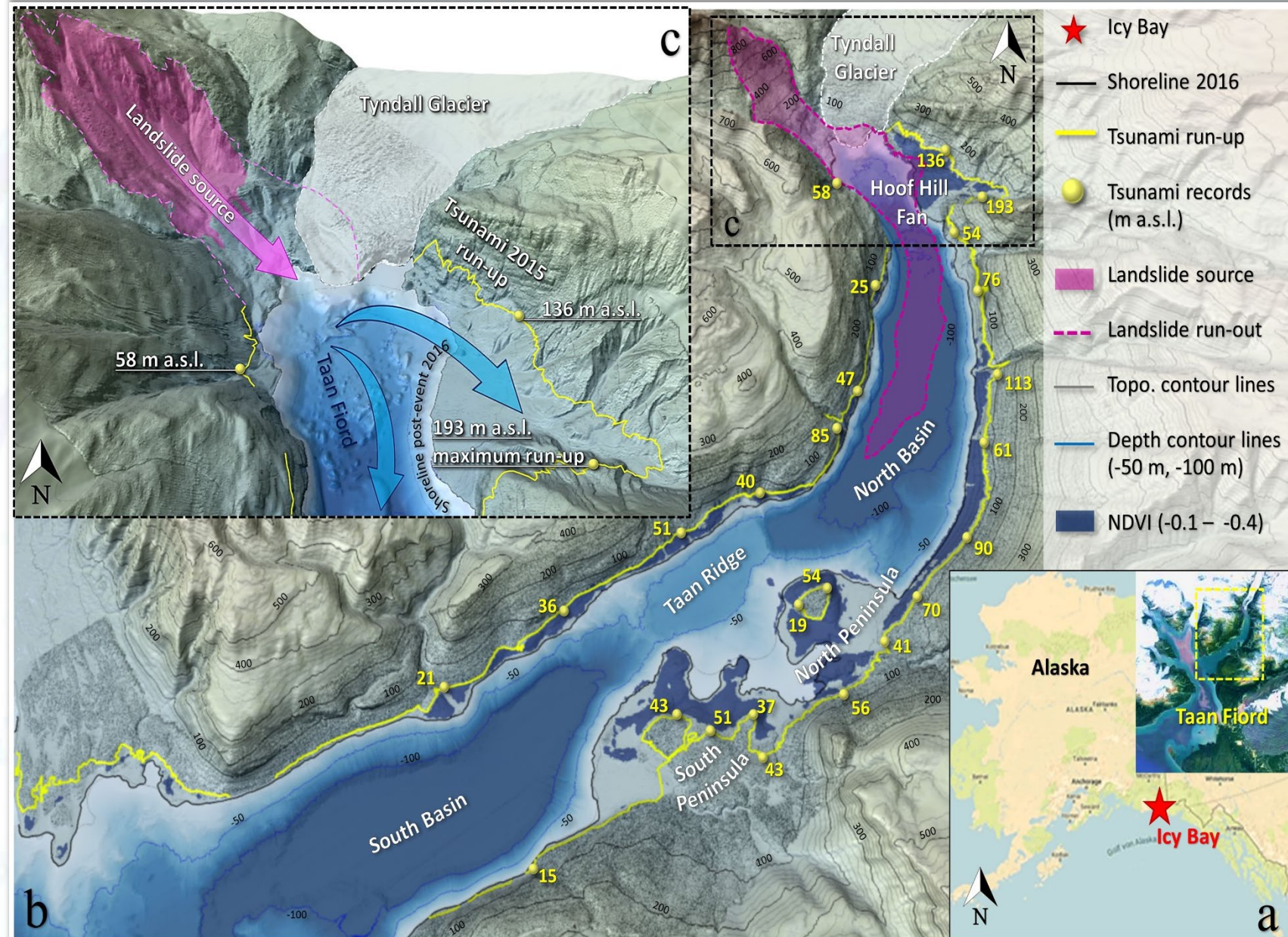
## The Taan Fiord landslide-induced impulse wave event 2015

### Main objectives:

- Multidisciplinary approach for cascade effect analyses
- Deep understanding of the triggering processes and consequences
- Implications for wave hazard assessment

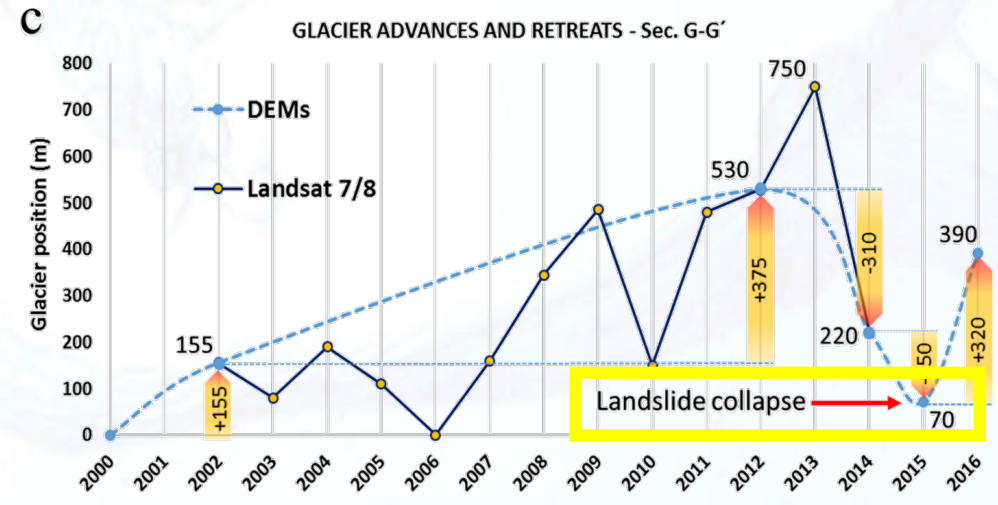
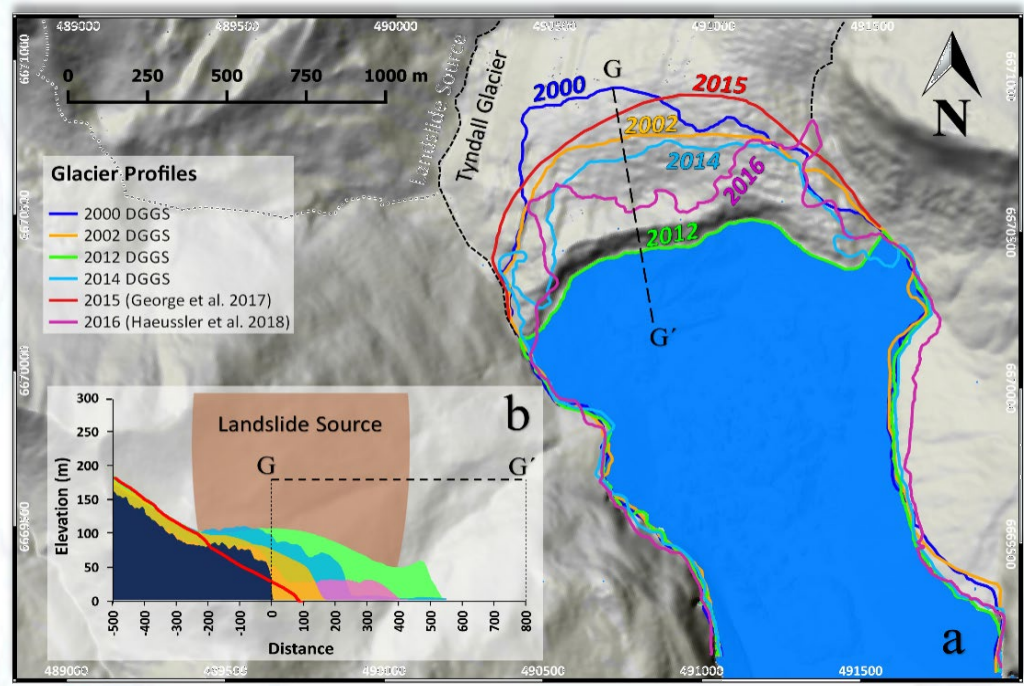
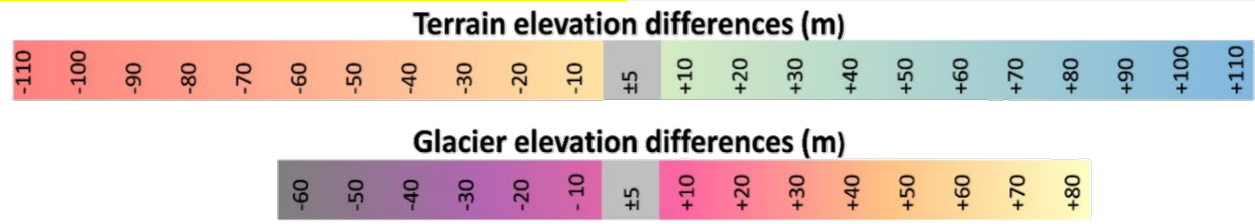
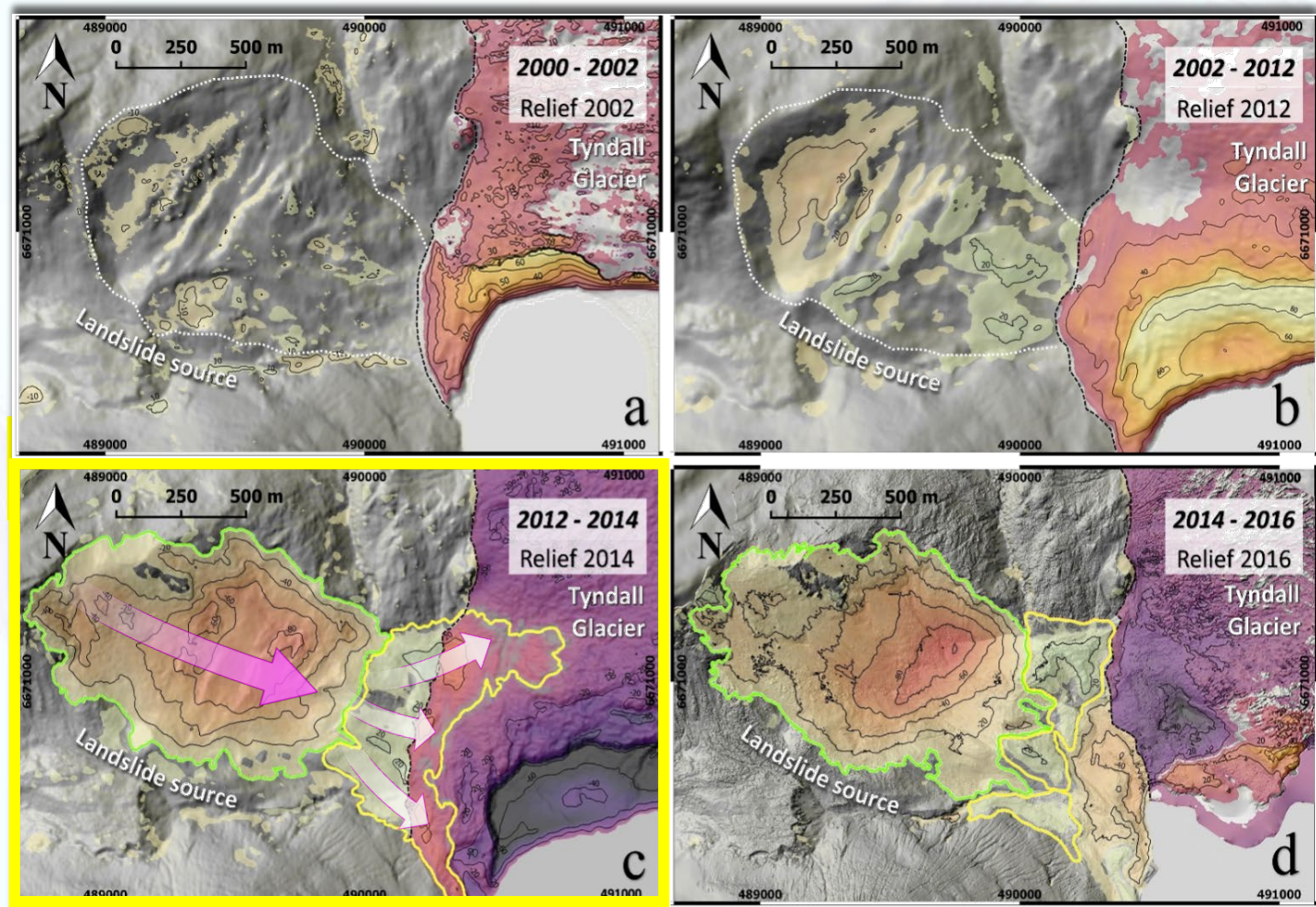
### Methods:

- Geomorphological investigations
- Numerical modelling for wave-dynamics reproduction
- Wave hazard mapping



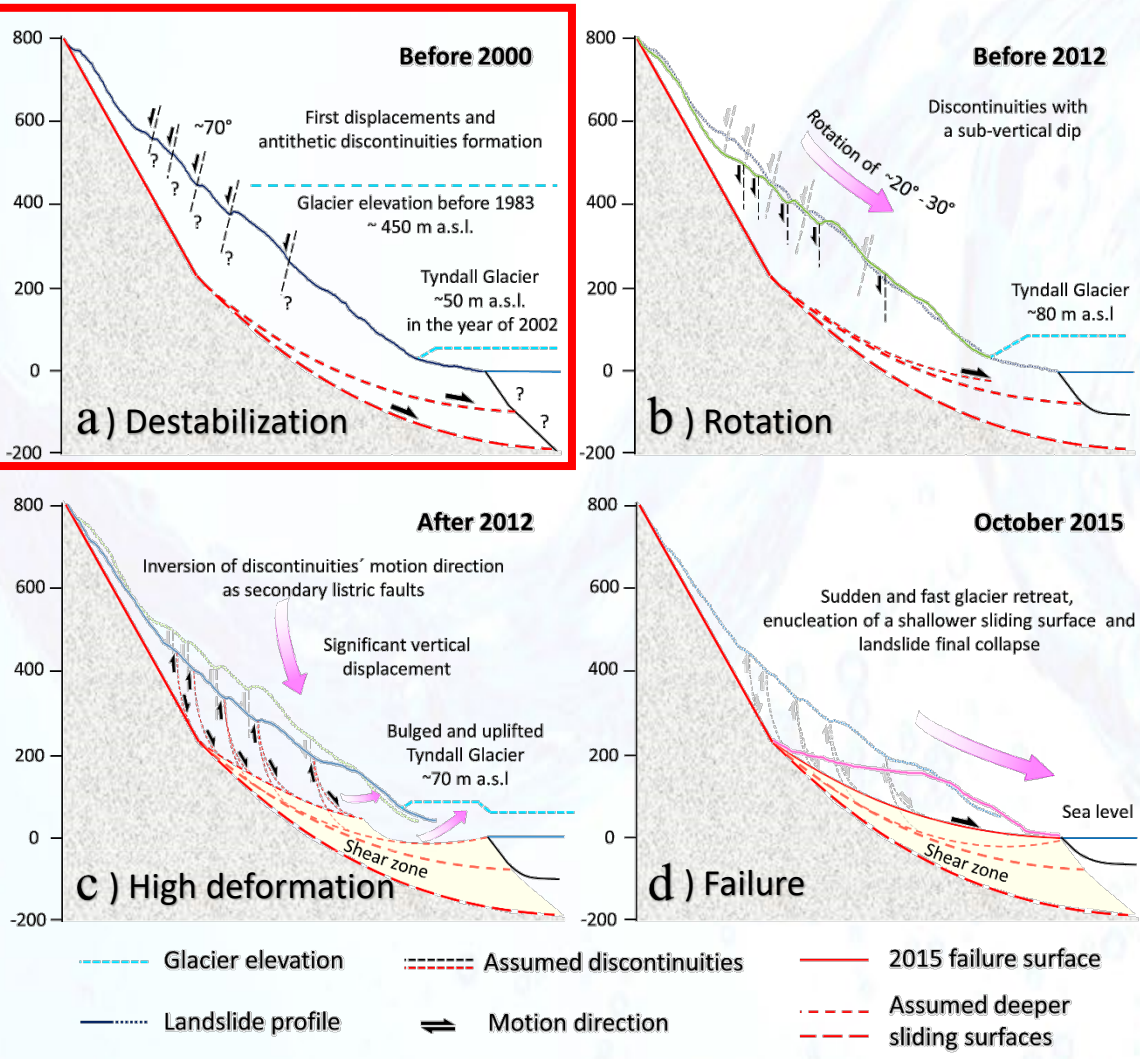


# Geomorphological investigations: glacier and landslide dynamics (DEMs elaboration)





# Geomorphological investigations: a new interpretation and data



Data	Symbol	Dimension	Value	References
Landslide crown elevation	-	m a.s.l.	830	From this study
Height difference between slide crown and toe	$L$	m	765	From this study
Landslide width	$W_d$	m	915	From this study
Landslide slope length	$L_d$	m	~1630	From this study
Landslide max. thickness	$S$	m	93	From this study
Max. depth of the sliding surface	$D_r$	m	105	From this study
Landslide centre of mass	-	m a.s.l.	~340	Gualtieri & Ekström (2018)
Landslide impact speed	$v_s$	m/s	36-45	Highman et al. (2018), Dufresne et al. (2018)
Duration of the sub-aerial sliding process	-	s	~90	Gualtieri & Ekström (2018)
2015 landslide volume onshore	-	Mm <sup>3</sup>	23.4	Haeussler et al. (2018)
2015 landslide volume entered in the fiord	-	Mm <sup>3</sup>	26.0	From this study
2015 total landslide volume	$V_a$	Mm <sup>3</sup>	49.4	From this study
Impact slope angle	$\alpha$	°	10-20	George et al. (2017)
Grain density (weakly lithified sandstone)	$\rho_g$	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	2150-2650	Highman et al. (2018)
Mean grain density	$\rho_g$	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	2350	Highman et al. (2018)
Grain diameter (onshore)	$d$	m	0.1-20	Dufresne et al. (2018)
Grain angle of repose	-	°	34	From this study
Grain friction angle	$\varphi_g$	°	36-42	From this study
Maximum run-up elevation	-	m a.s.l.	193	Haeussler et al. (2018)
Maximum wave crest elevation	$H_w$	m a.s.l.	~100	Highman et al. (2018)
Mean water depth (impact area)	$h_w$	m	~100	Meigs et al. (2006)



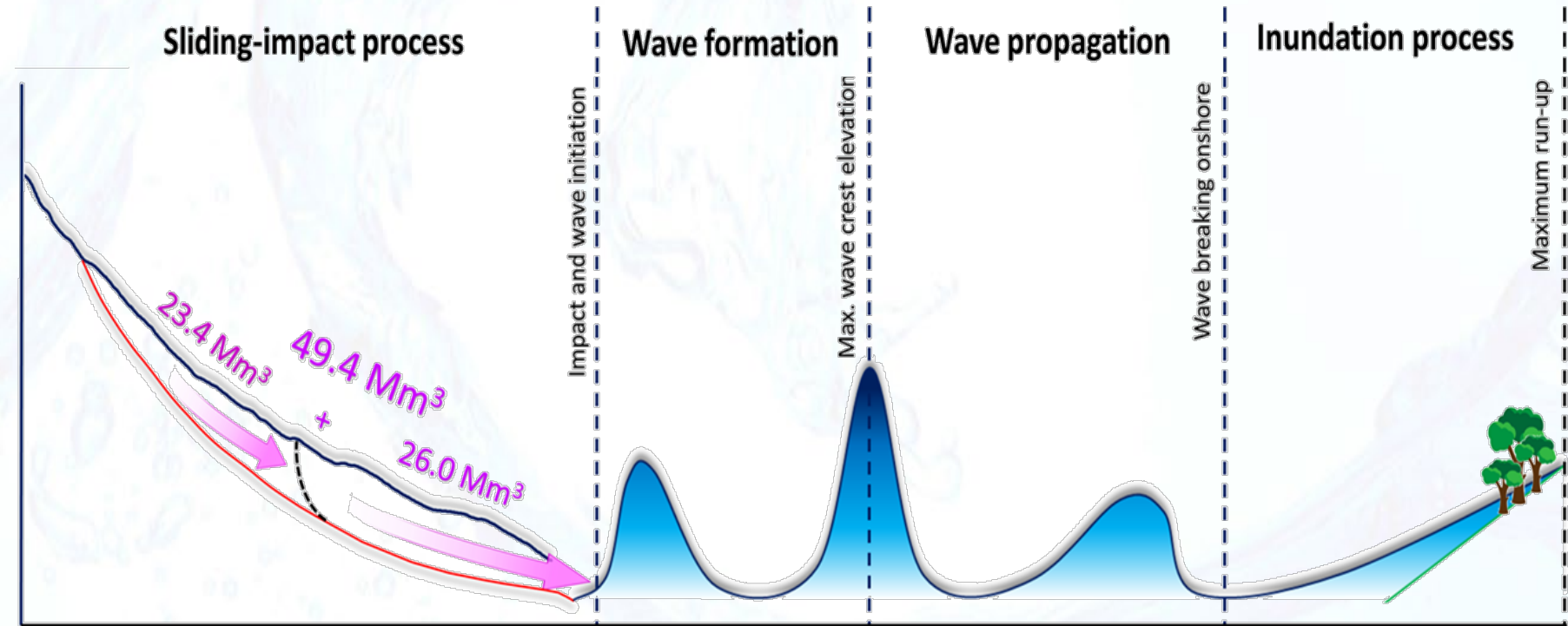
### Numerical method:

- Computational fluid dynamic (CDF)
- RANS Equations
- FVM – mesh based
- 3D approach

### Model-concept for impact:

- Dense fluid (26 Mm<sup>3</sup>)
- Granular media - slurry (49.4 Mm<sup>3</sup>)

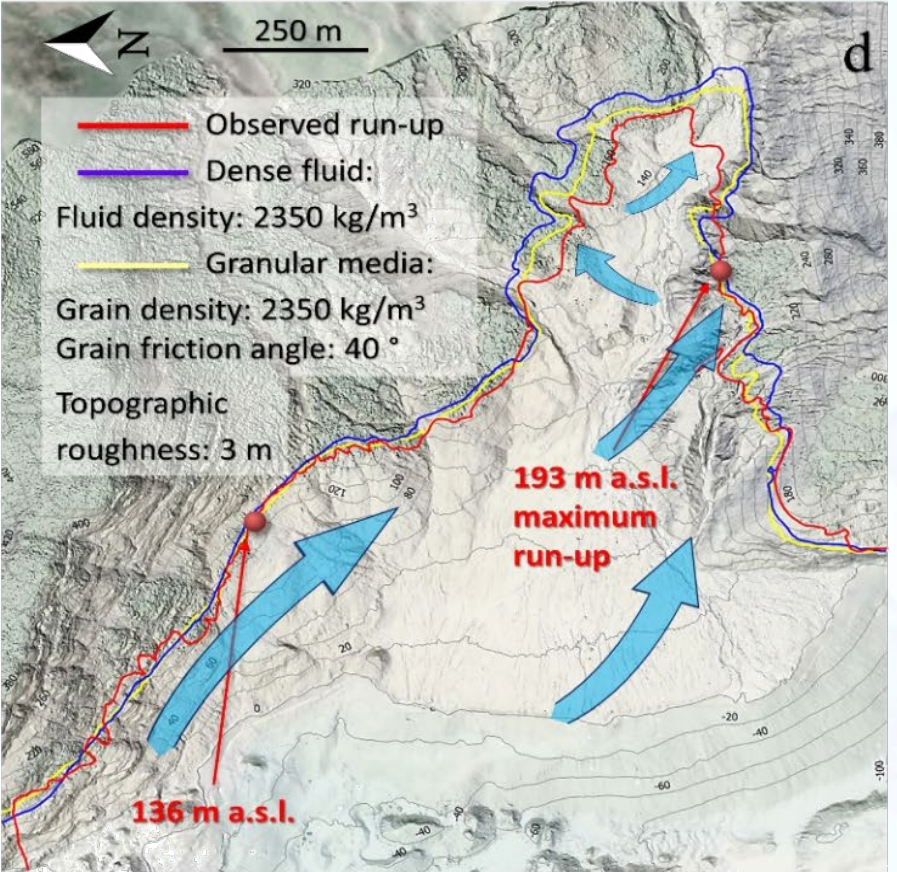
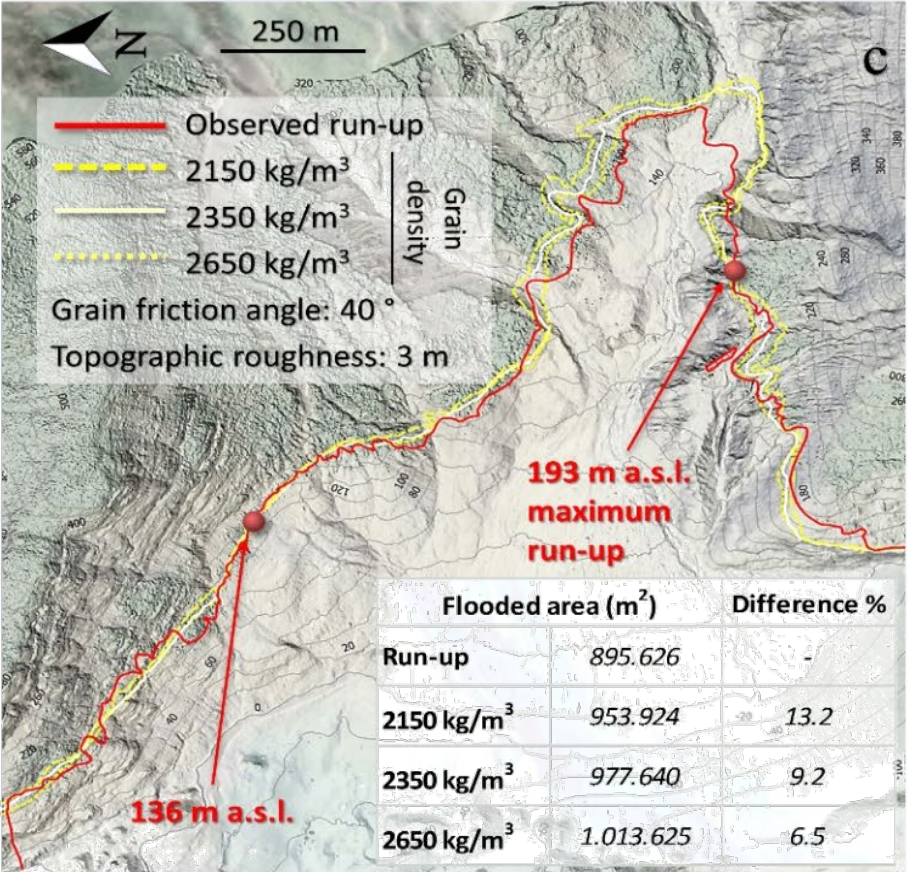
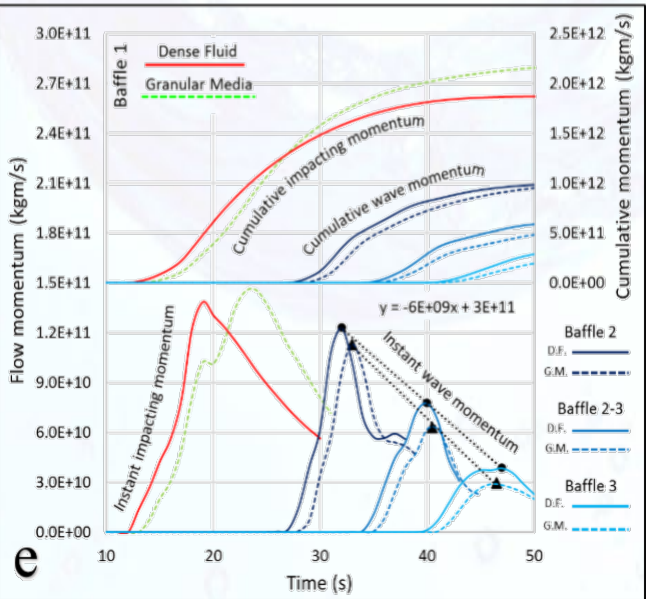
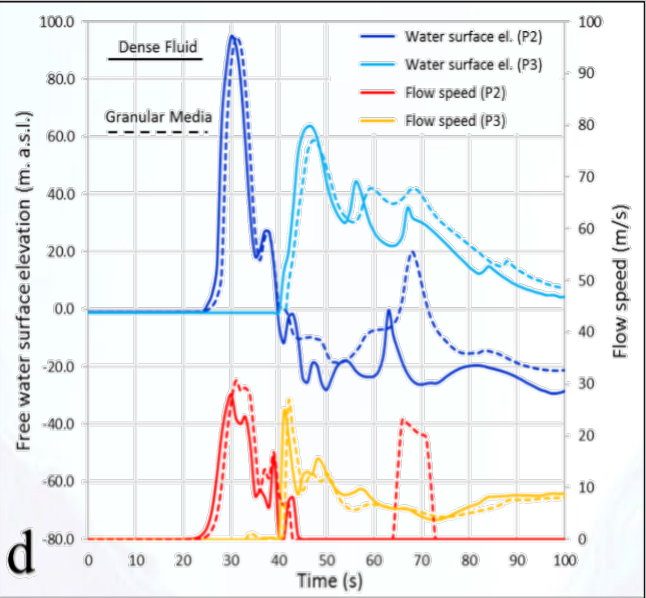
**FLOW-3D**





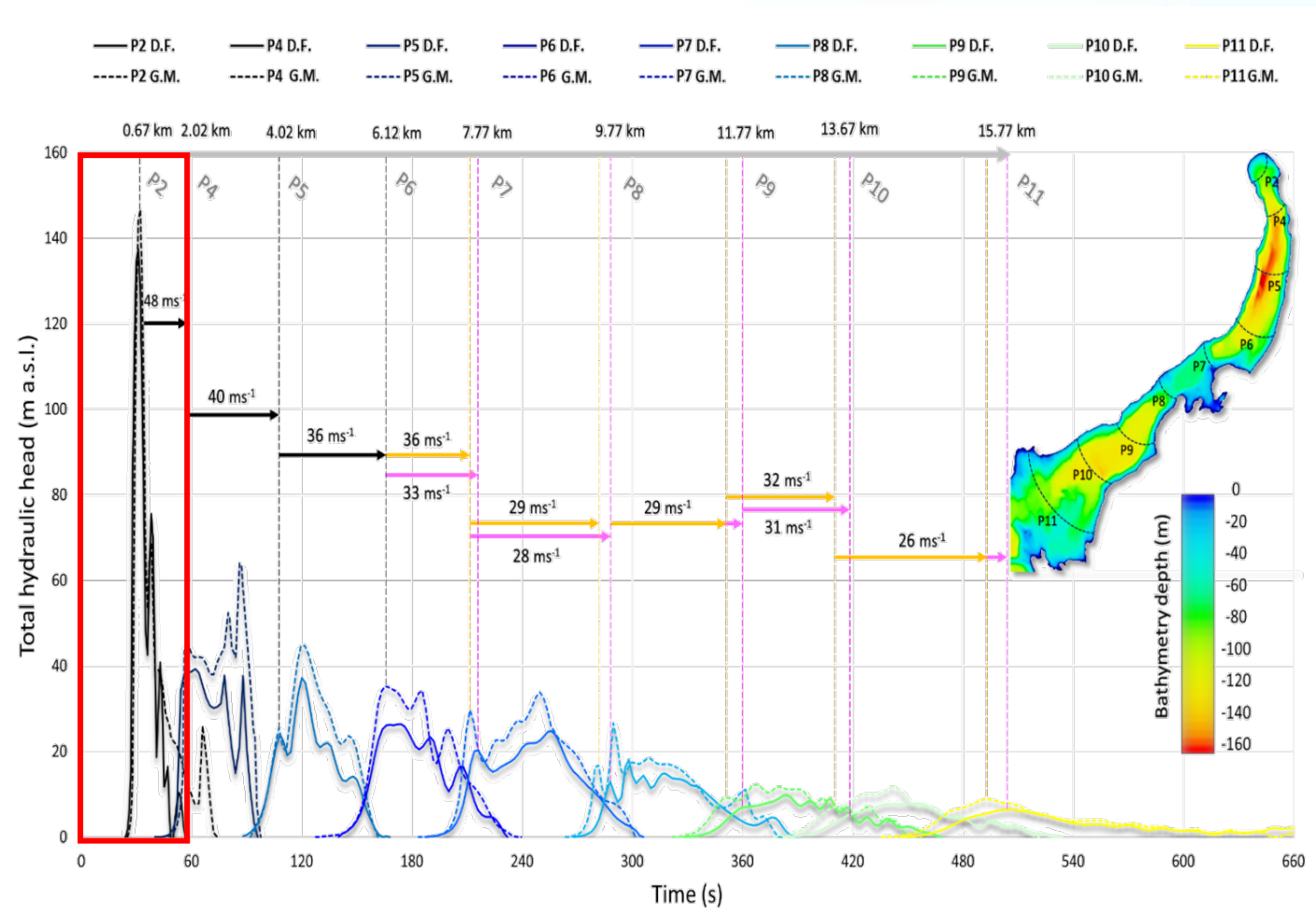
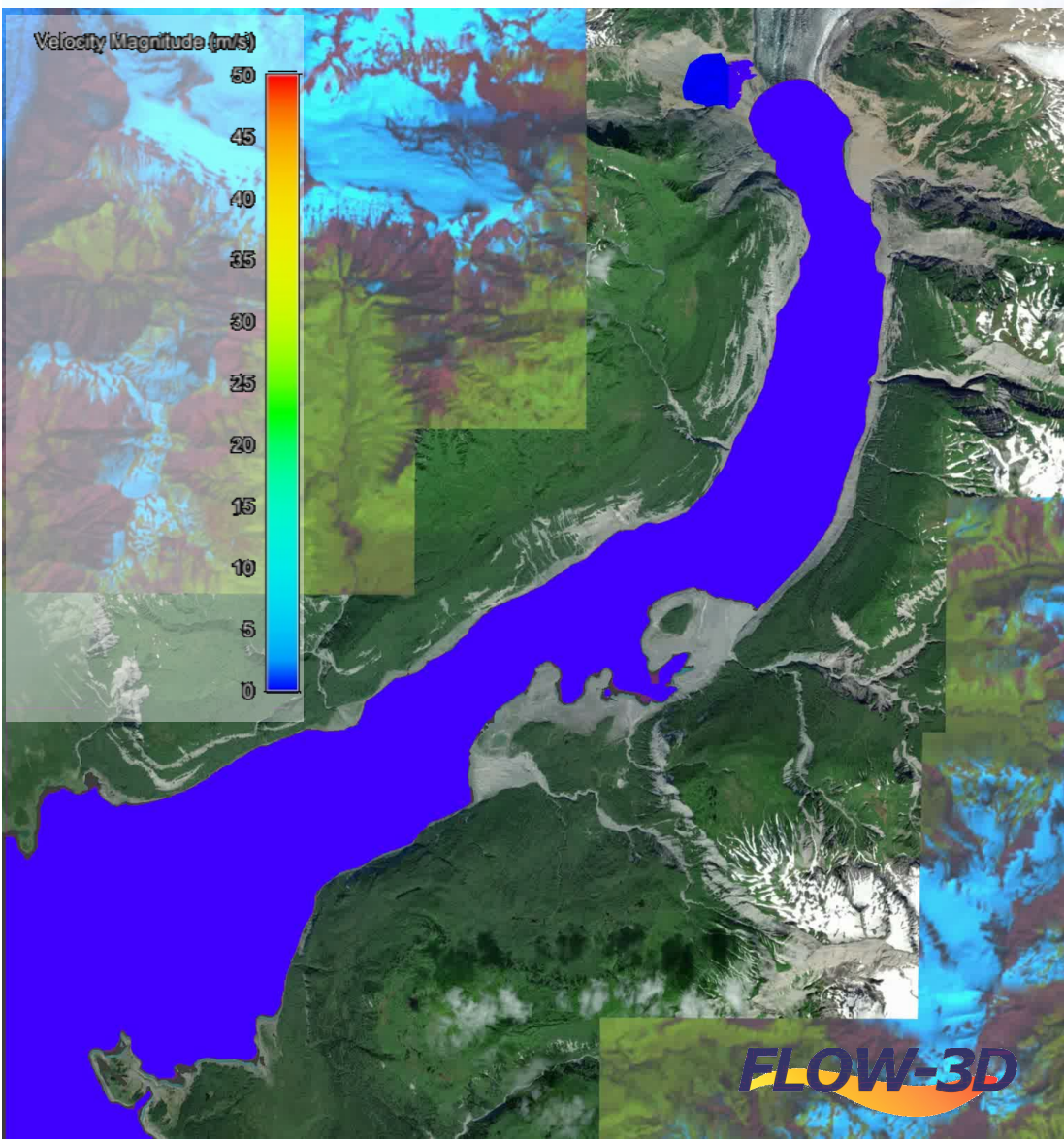








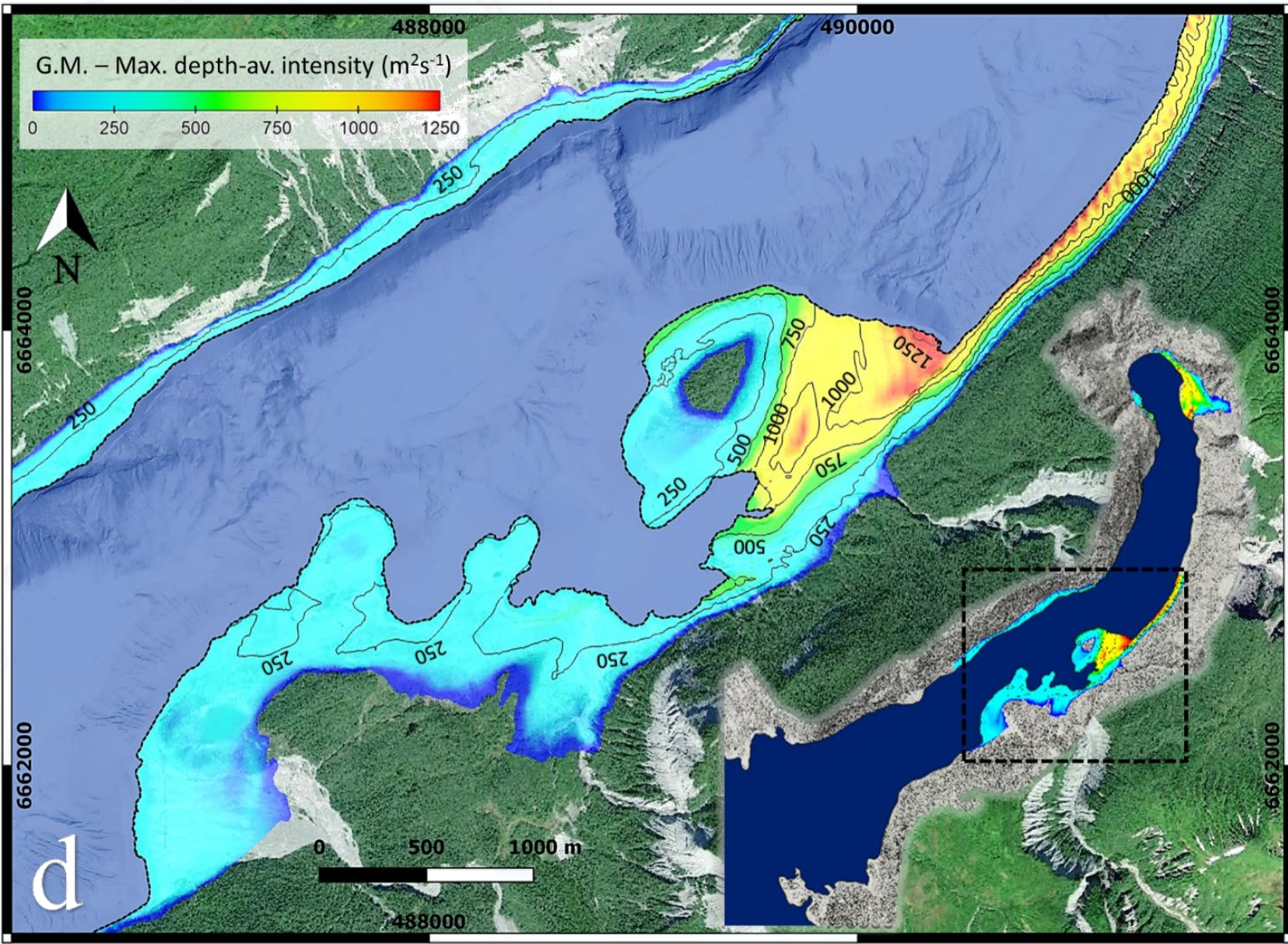
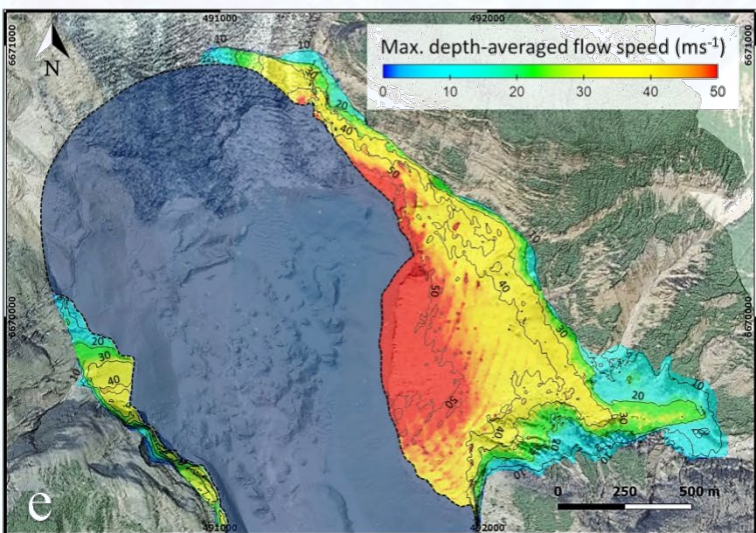
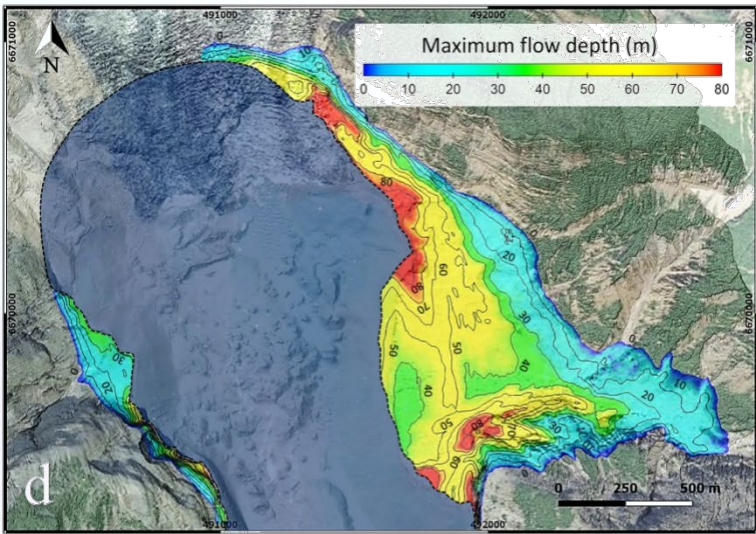
# Hydrodynamics analysis: whole fiord - far field analysis





# Wave hazard mapping: a potential tool for wave hazard assessment

Wave hazard maps for  
the granular media concept





## Findings:

- The creeping-motion of the landslide related to the glacier dynamics
- Fast ice retreat as possible trigger of landslide failure
- Both models concepts unable the wave-dynamics reproduction

## Implications:

- Numerical modelling approaches suitable for hazard analysis
- Maps out of the hydrodynamics models as useful tool for wave hazard assessment in mountain regions

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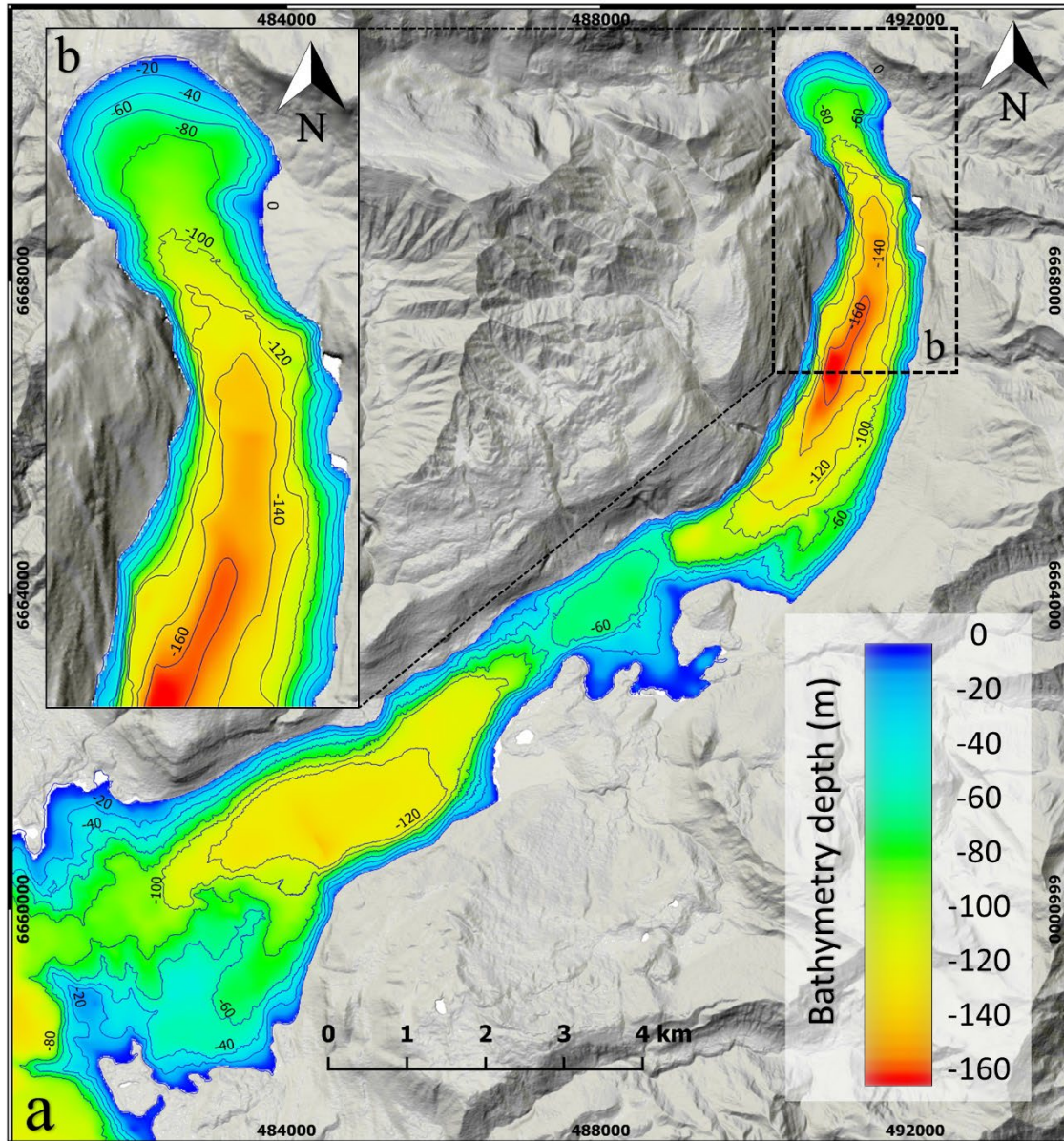
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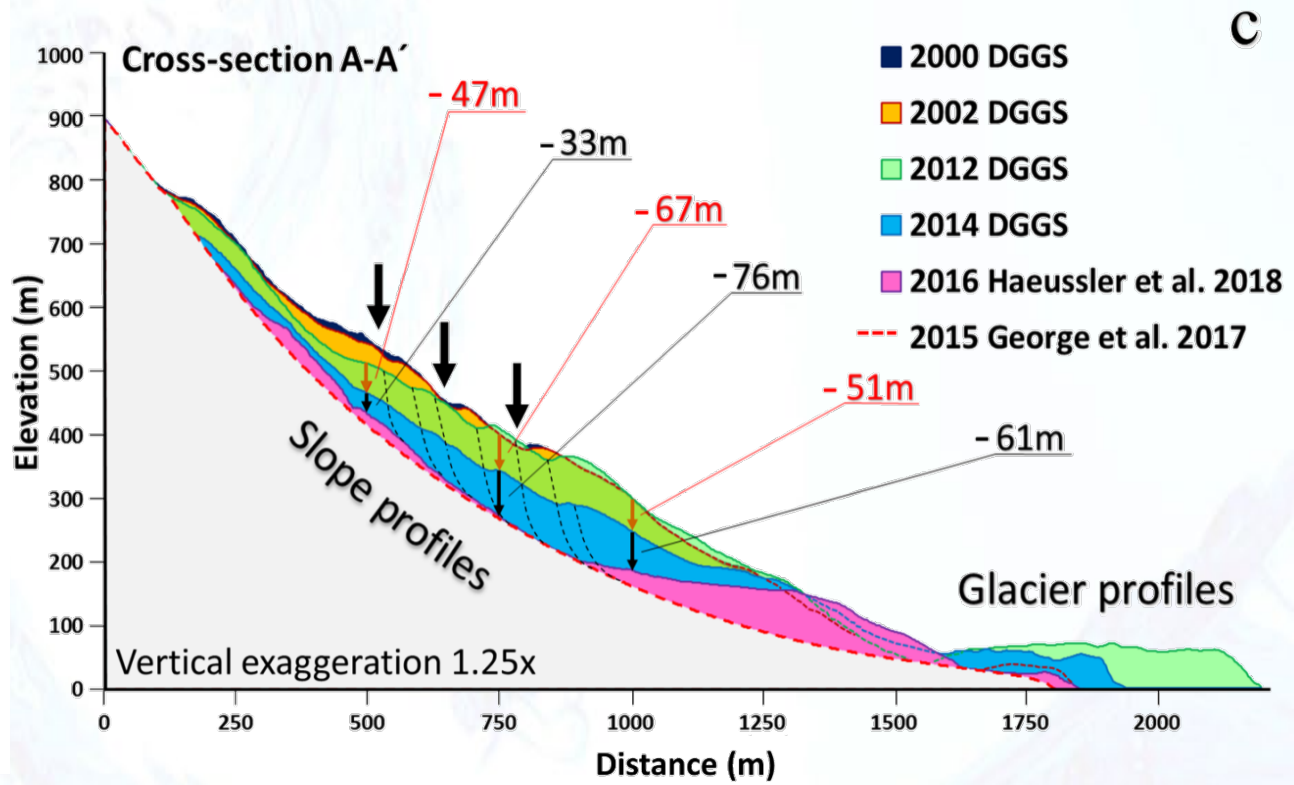
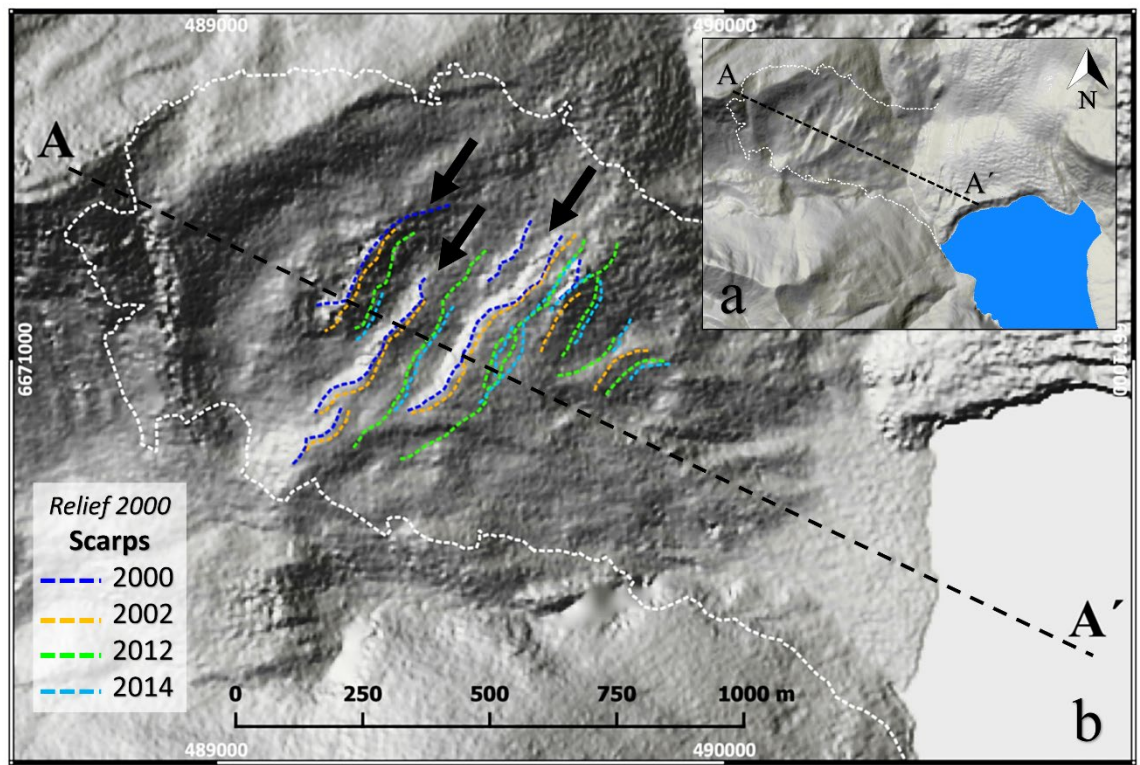
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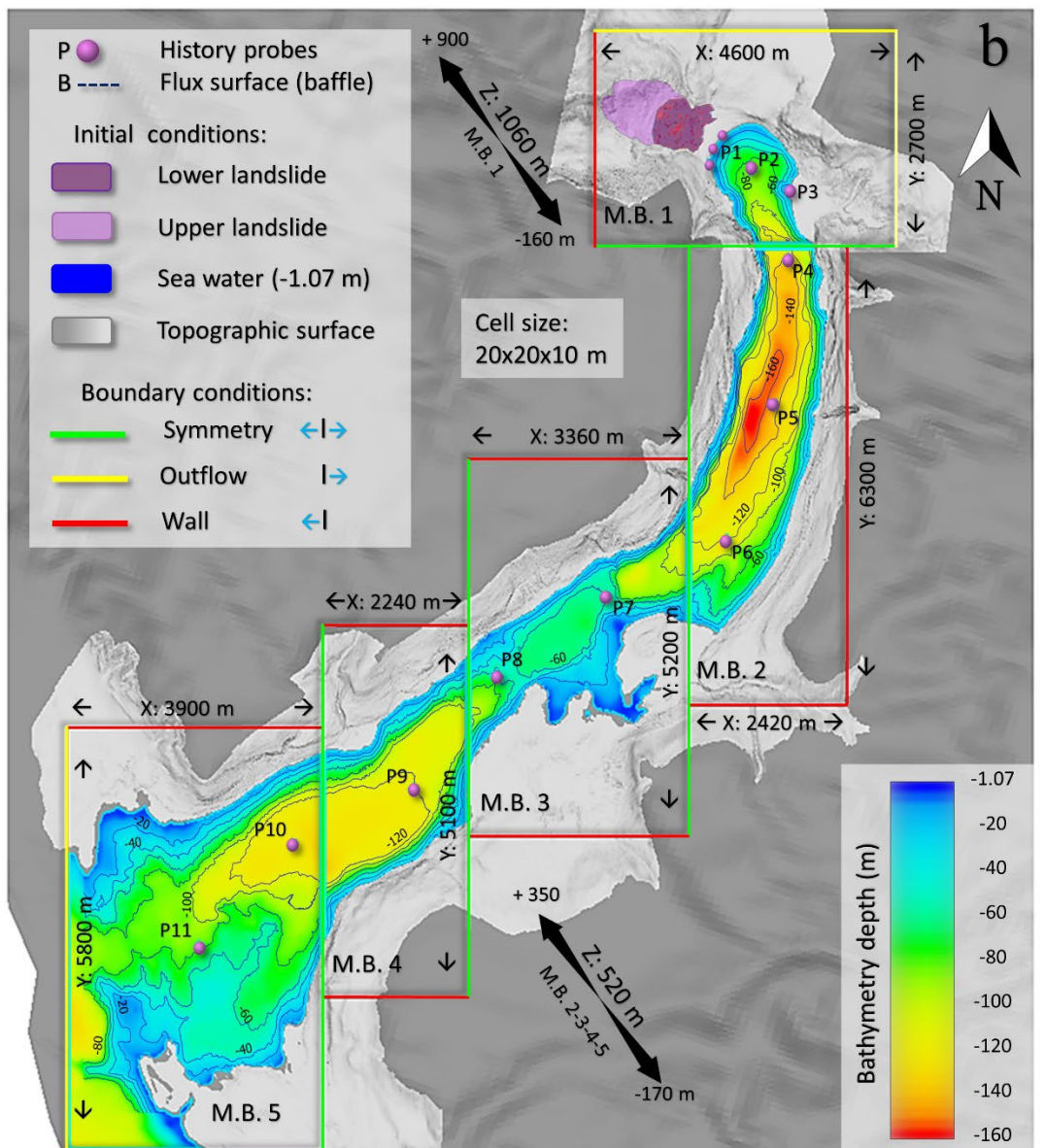
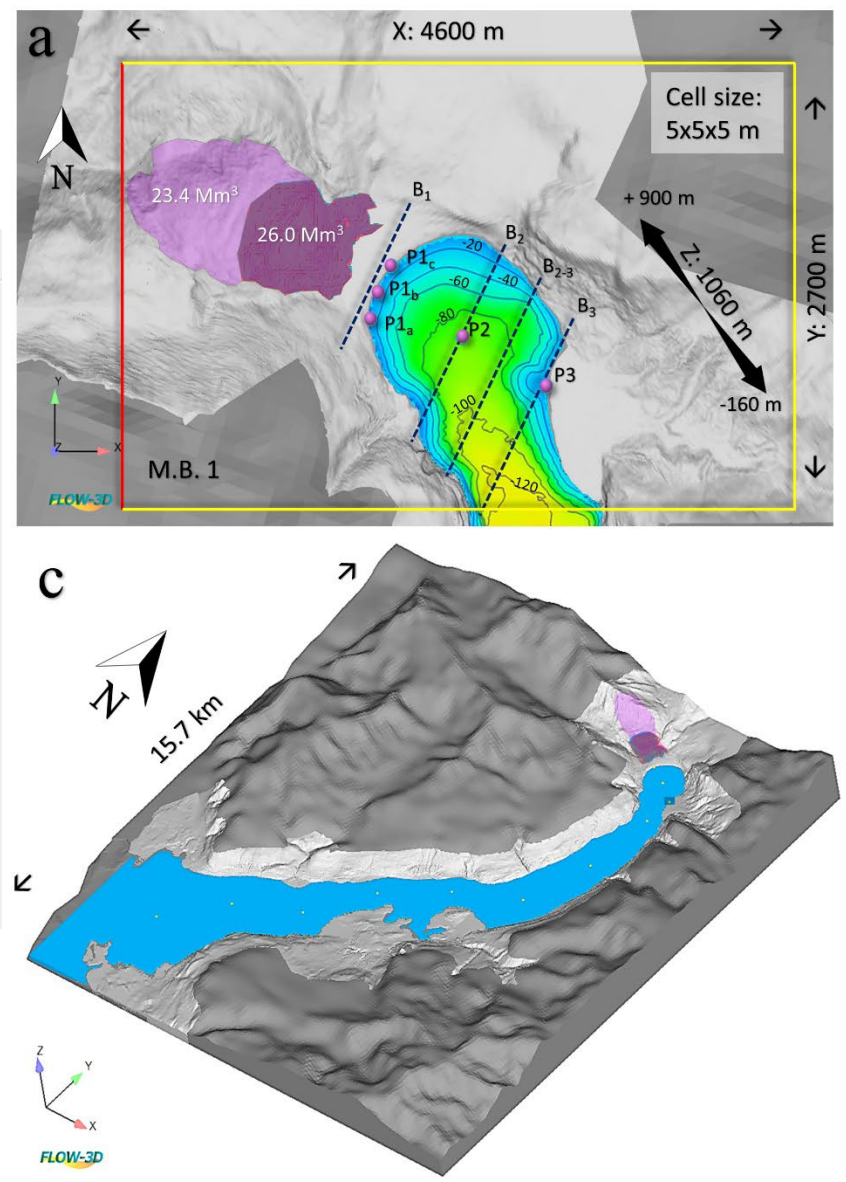




Granular Flow in Liquid (Slurry)

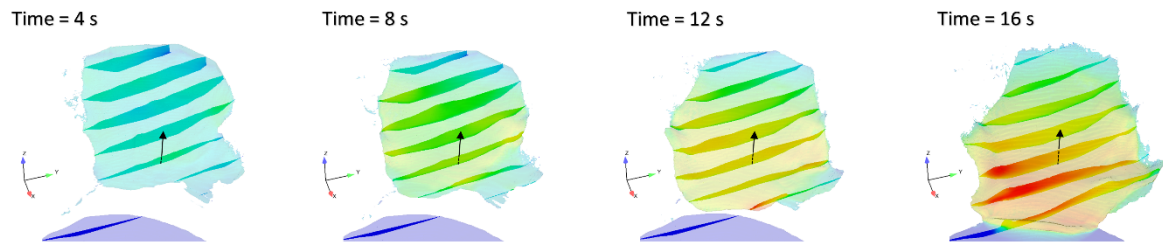
Granular Flow Properties

Global vent coefficient	0.02
Close packing volume fraction	0.63
Mechanical jamming volume fraction	
Loose packing volume fraction	0
Average grain diameter	0 m
Grain density	0 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Fluid density	0 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Fluid viscosity	0 kg/m/s
Multiplier in packing drag	1
Multiplier in threshold packing velocity	1
Friction angle	degree(s)
Angle of repose	34 degree(s)
Minimum volume fraction of granular phase	
Grain restitution coefficient	0.7

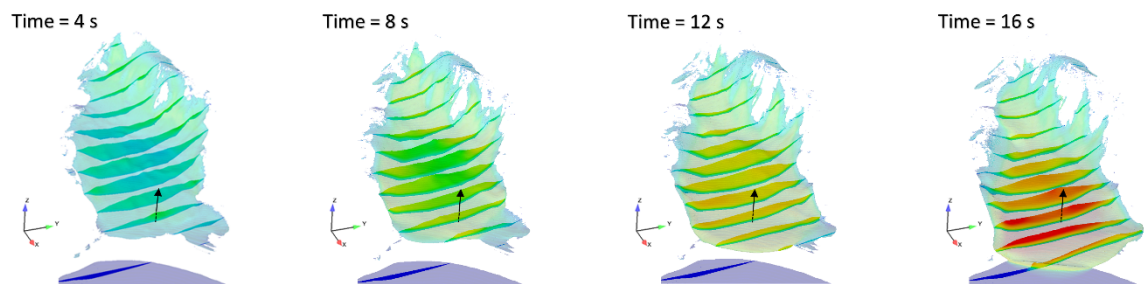




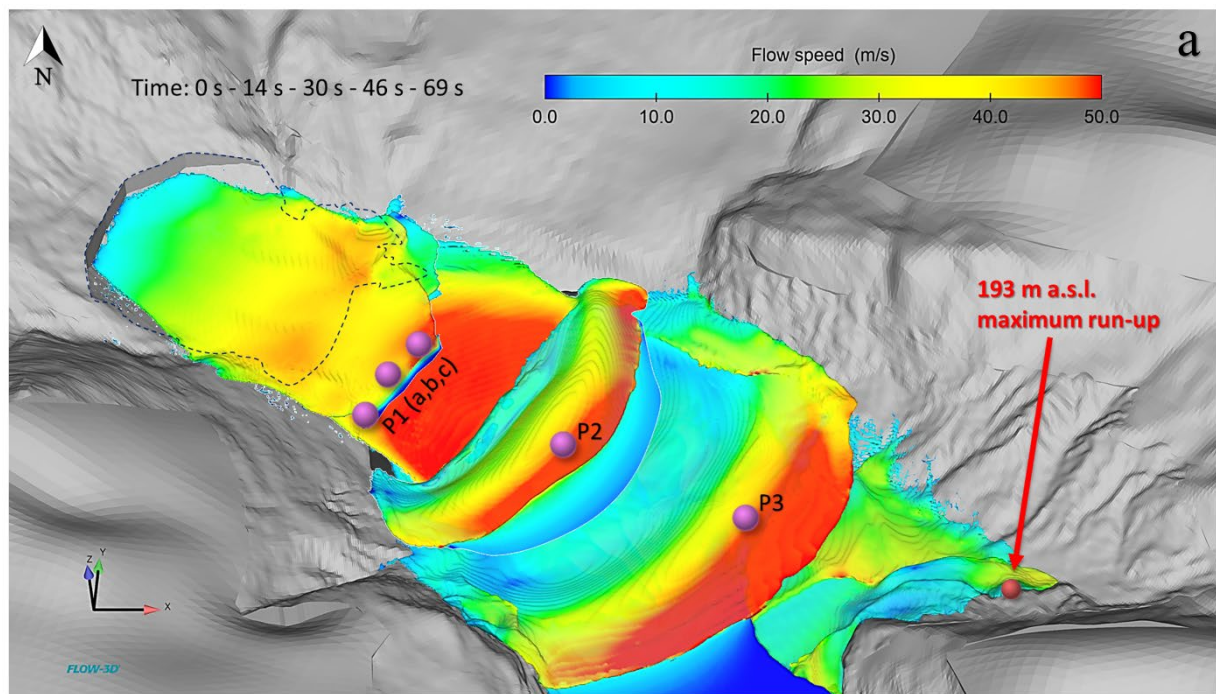
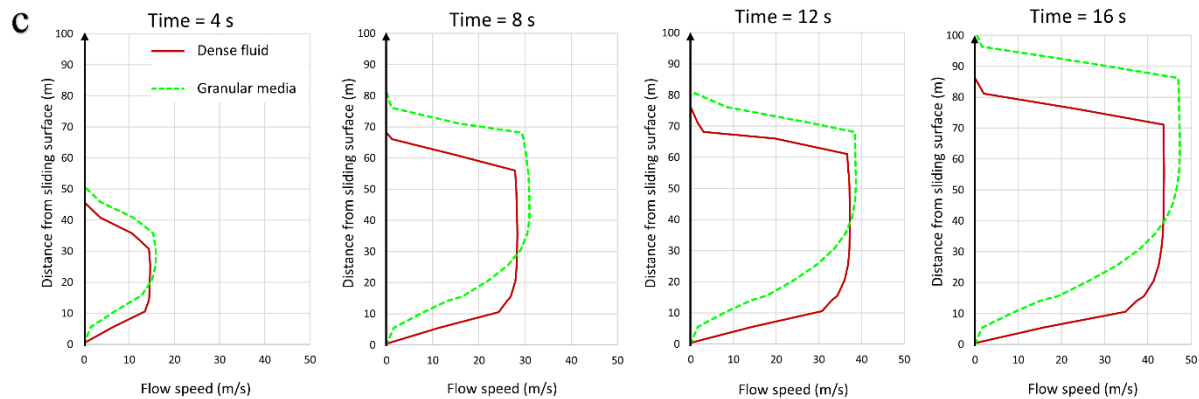
**a** Dense fluid model concept



**b** Granular media model concept

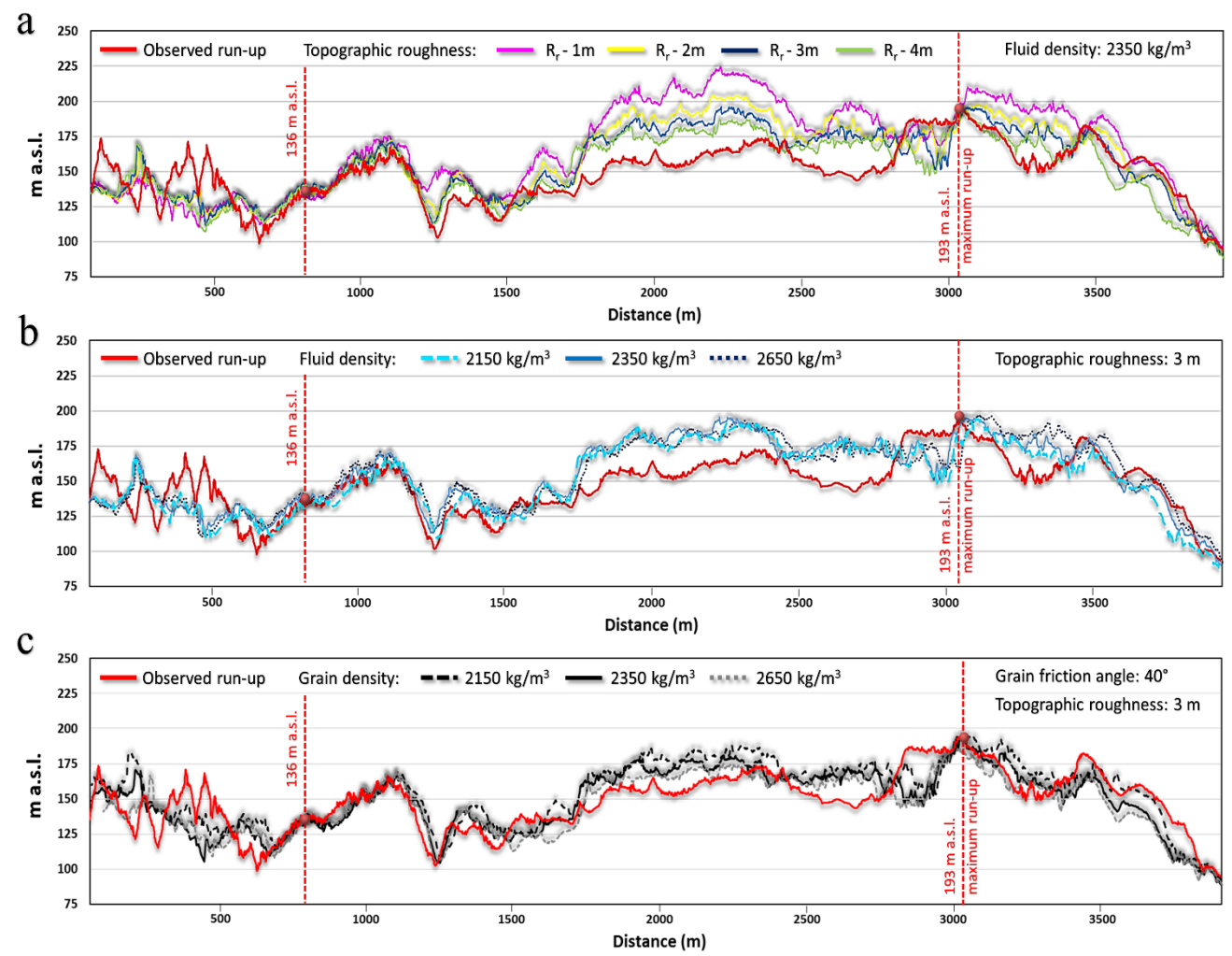
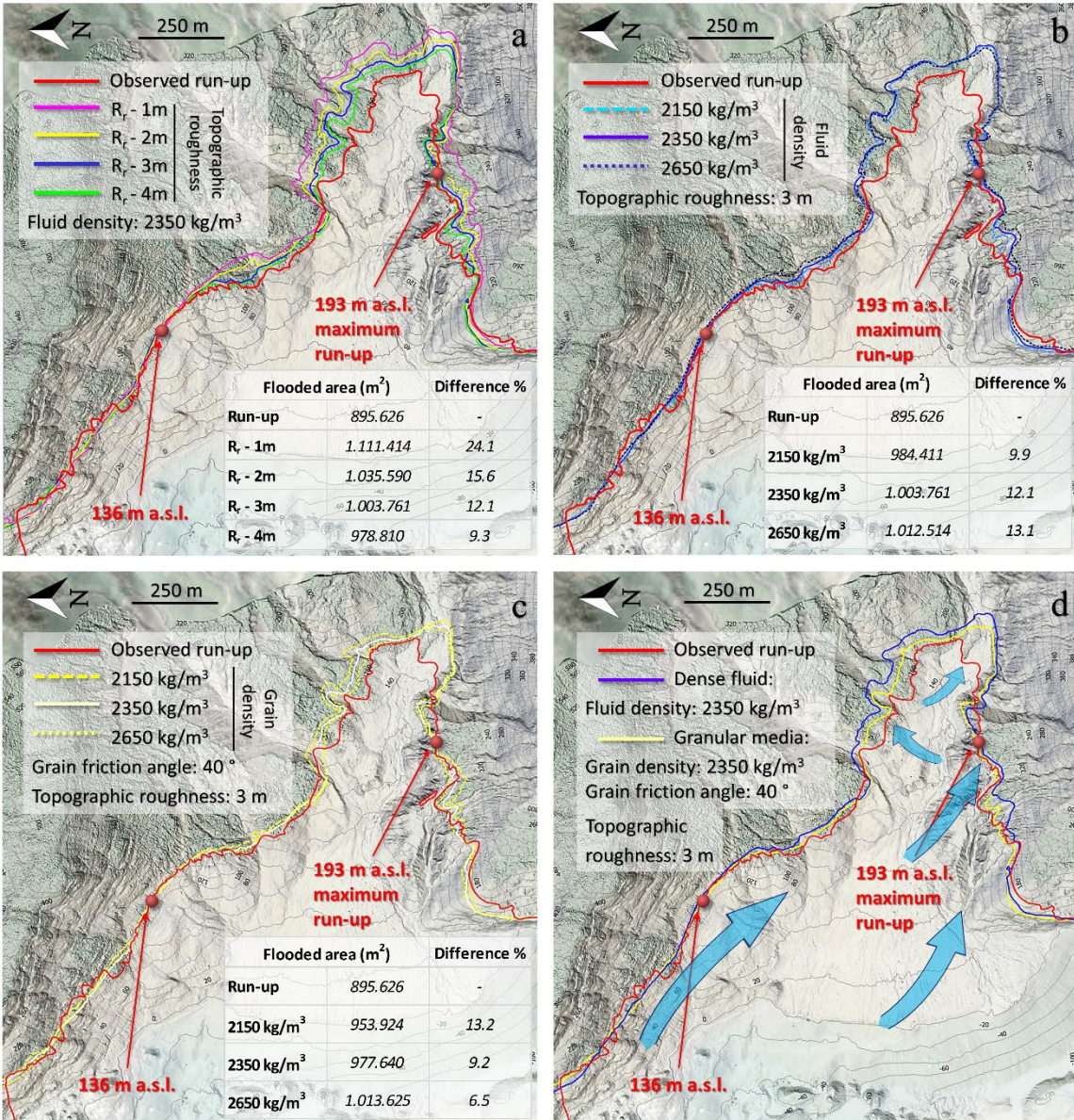


Flow speed (m/s)

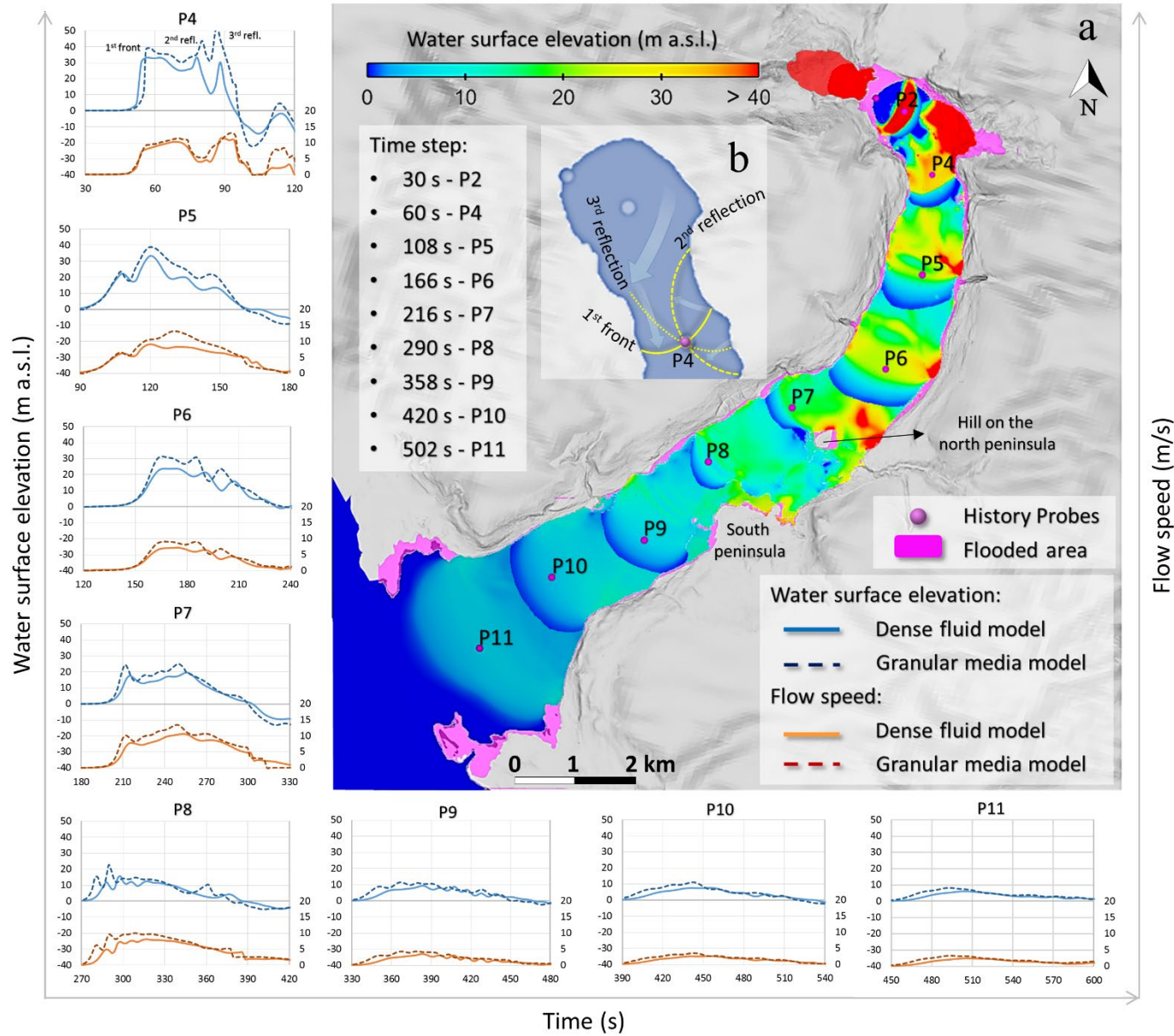




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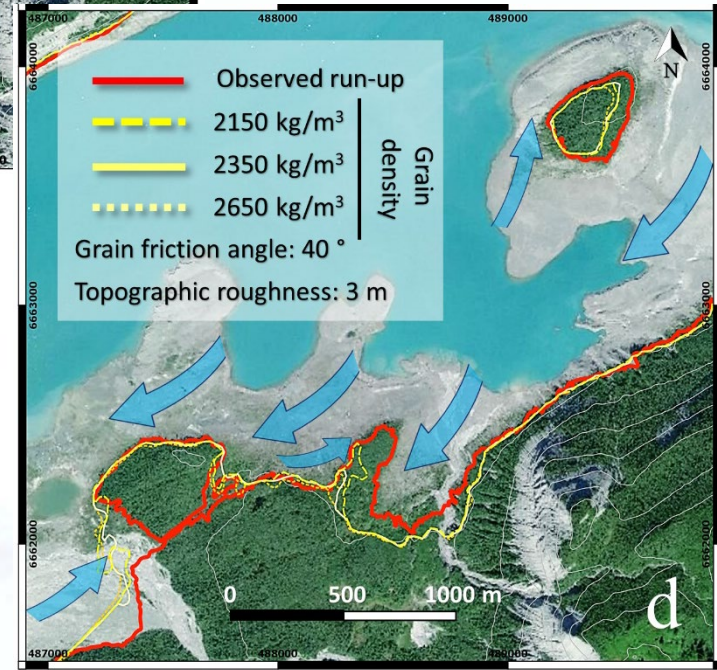
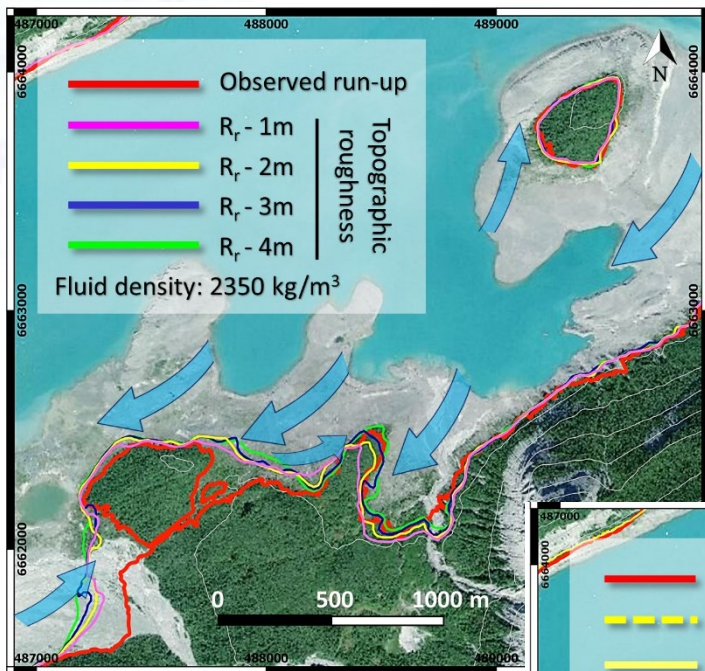
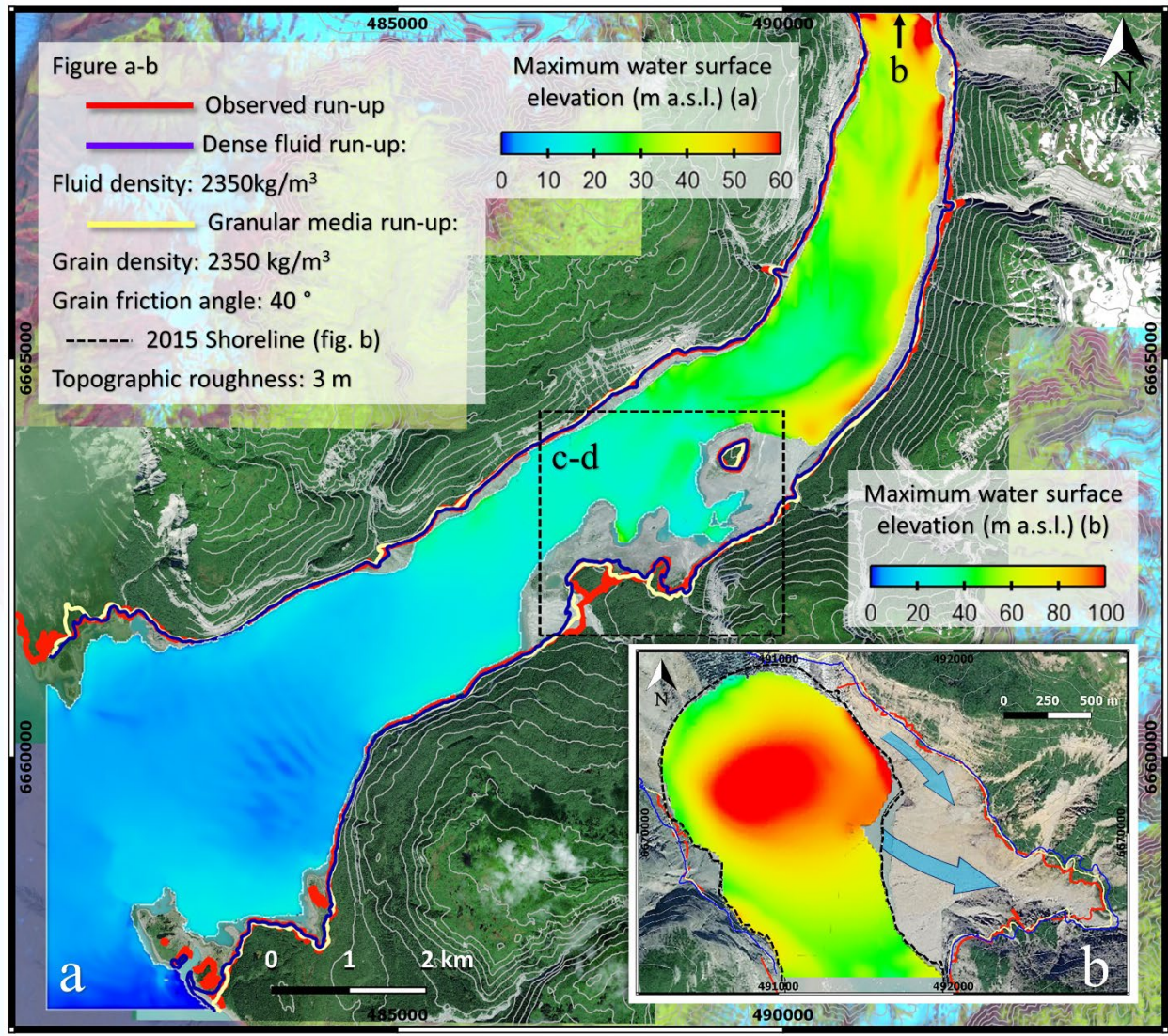








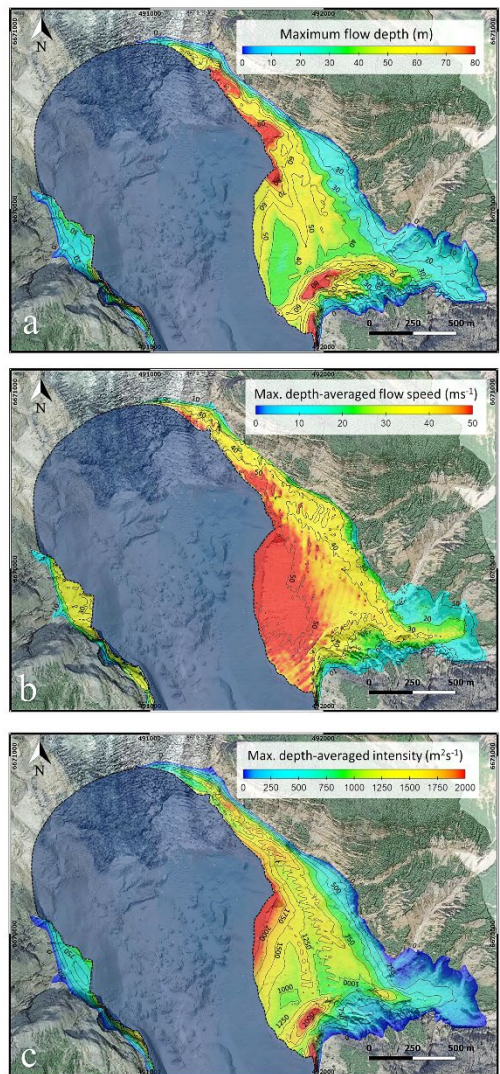
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Wave hazard maps for the dense fluid concept



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