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Landslide hazard in Central Asia

*Understanding the relationship between **slope instabilities**, **tectonic** and **geomorphology** using satellite data and integration into a landslide susceptibility model*

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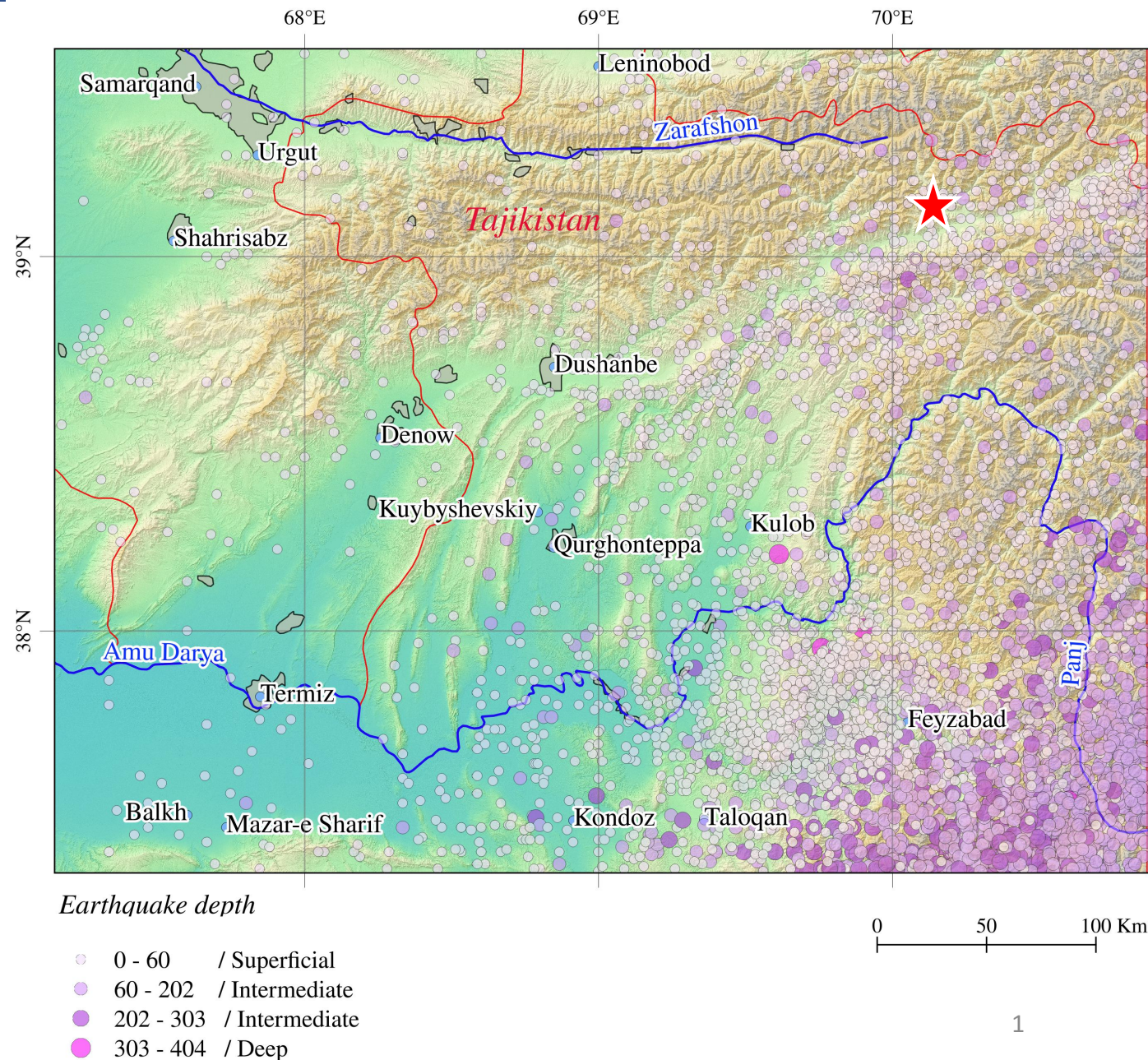
MOTIVATION:

Landslides are natural hazards that leads a huge economic and life losses.

Triggered by rainfall events and/or earthquakes.



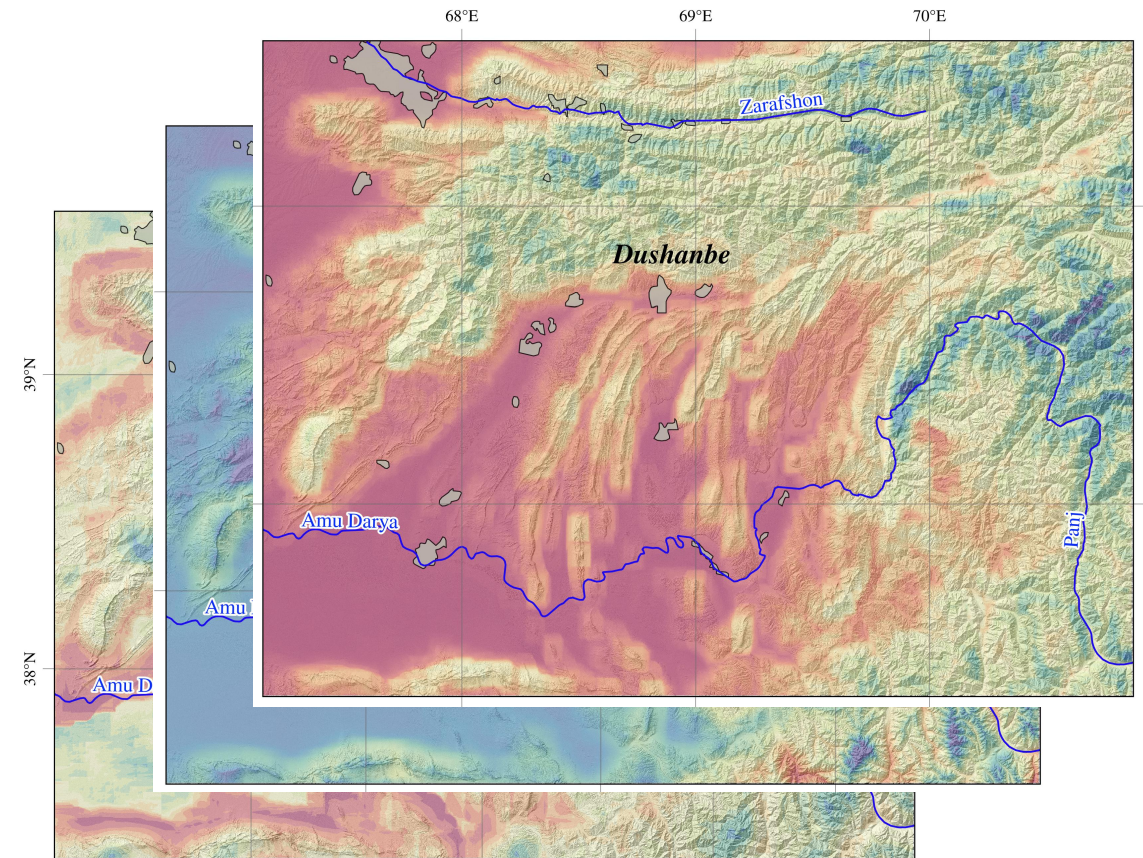
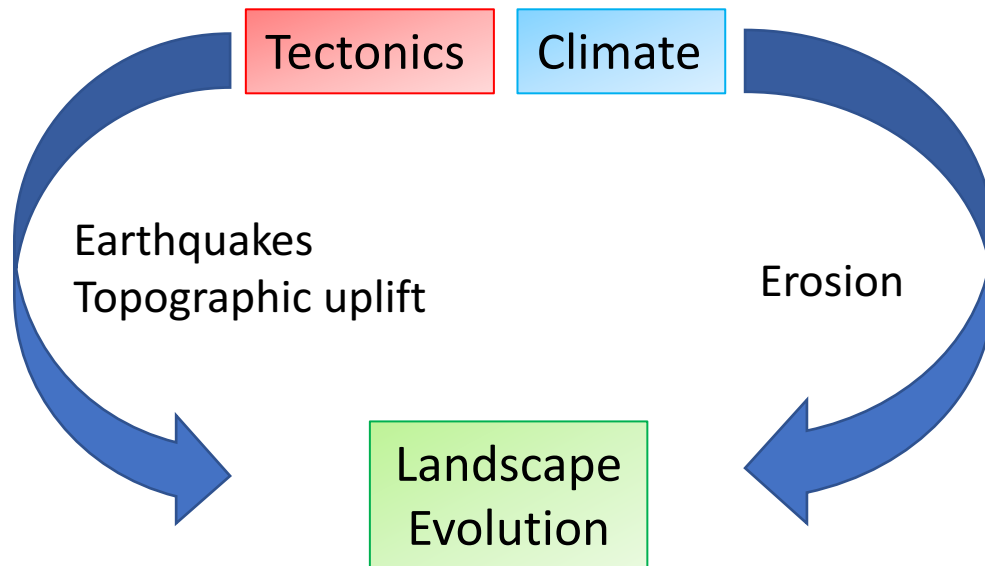
★ Khait Earthquake (M 7.4), 1949



PROBLEM:

- Poor landslide catalogues
- Limited amount of data to implement a landslides susceptibility model

Characterization of the surface processes using **geomorphic indices**.



Relation of triggering factors and the landslide occurrence

Landslide susceptibility



Likelihood of occurrence of a landslide given certain local conditions.

Probability of spatial occurrence of slope failure basis on certain conditions (Chung *et al.*, 1999).



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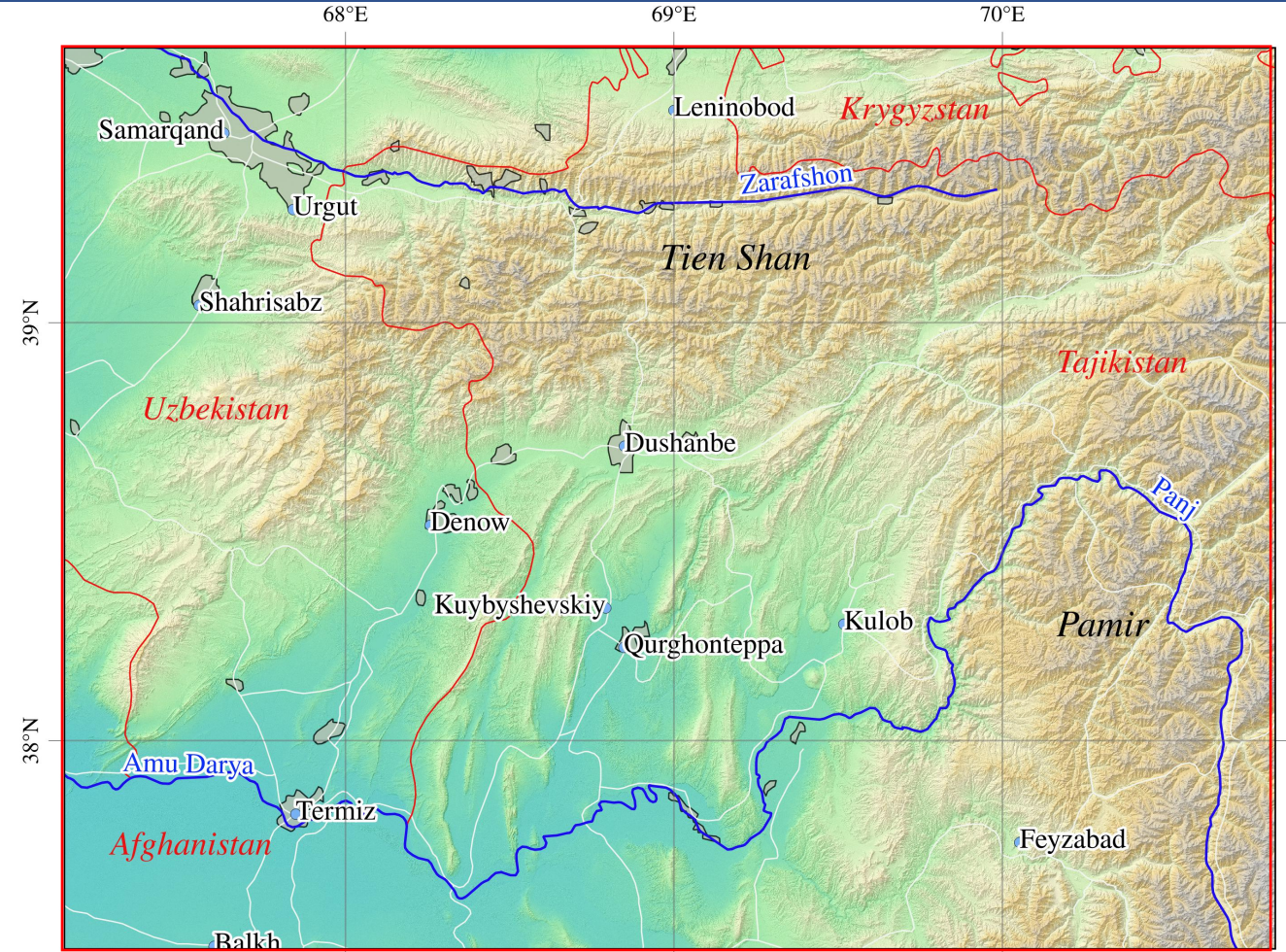
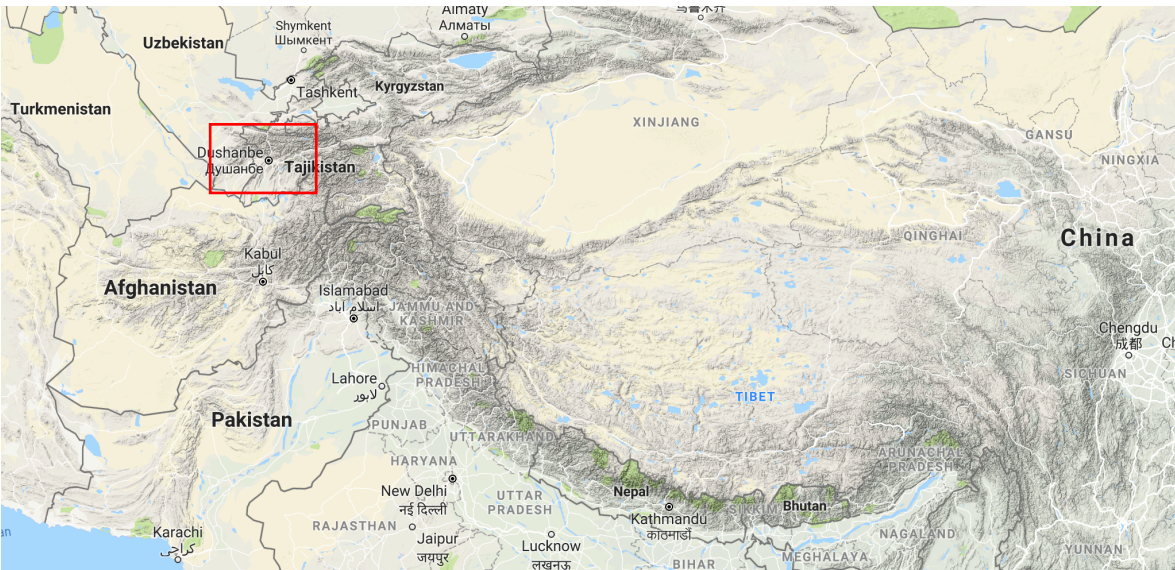
RESEARCH SIGNIFICANCE:

- Improve of the landslide catalogue
- Creation of regional thematic information
- Methodologies based on free sources programs and the handling of large dataset.



CENTRAL ASIA

- 188 316 km²
- 4 countries
- 1 Capital city
- 2nd highest dam in the world
- 2 mountain ranges



Legend

— Rivers □ Country borders • Populated places — Roads ■ Urban areas

Elevation



258

6049 m a.s.l.

LANDSLIDE CATALOGUE

Main landslide type: Rock slide or rock fall



Yagnob River - Tien Shan

Drainage blockage



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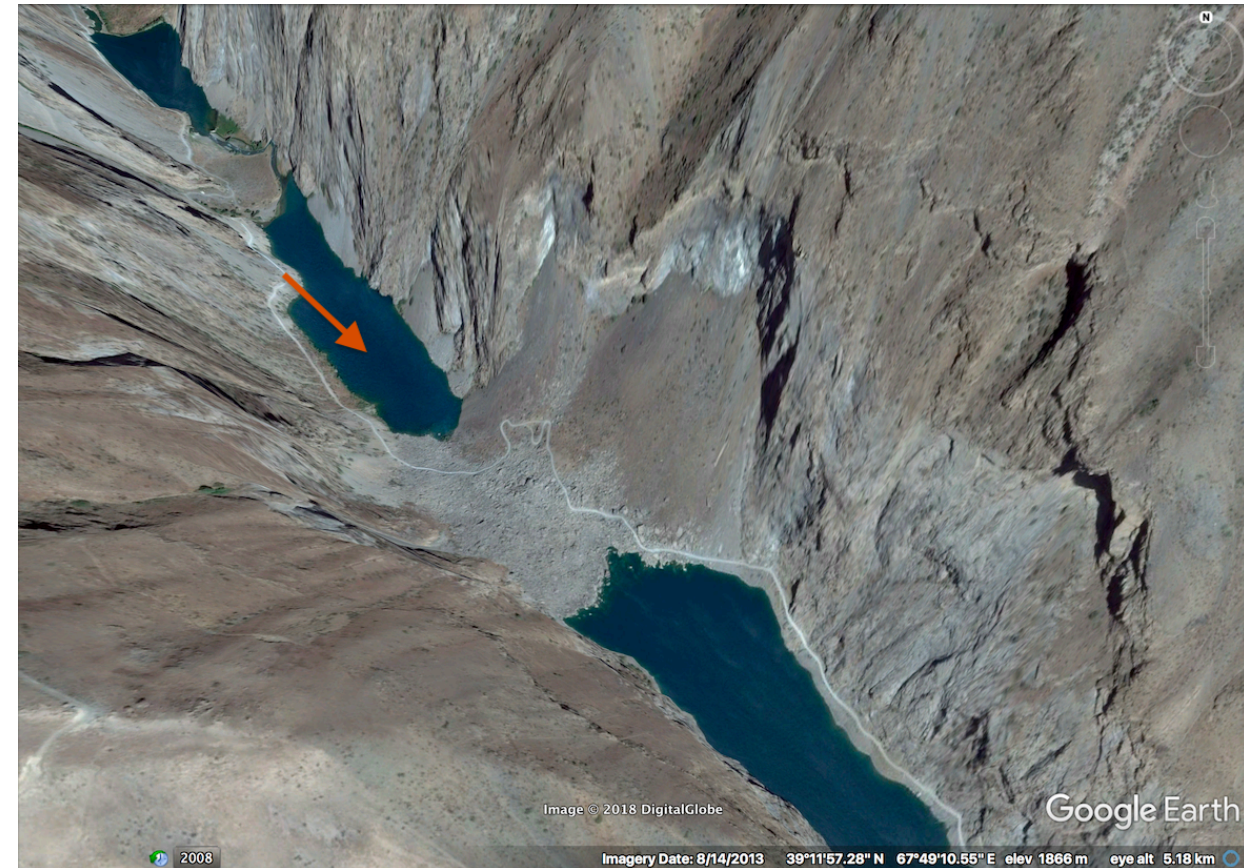
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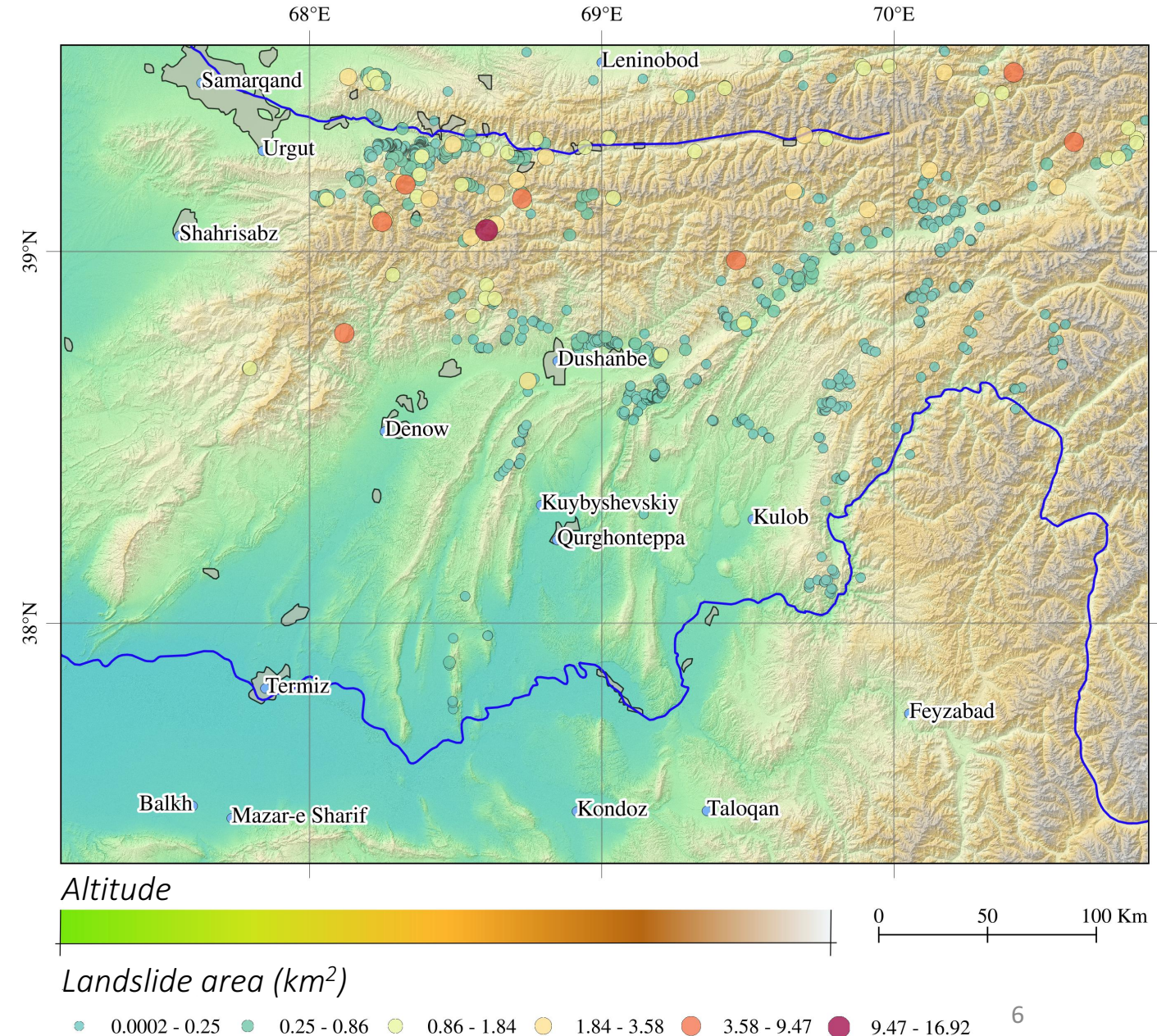
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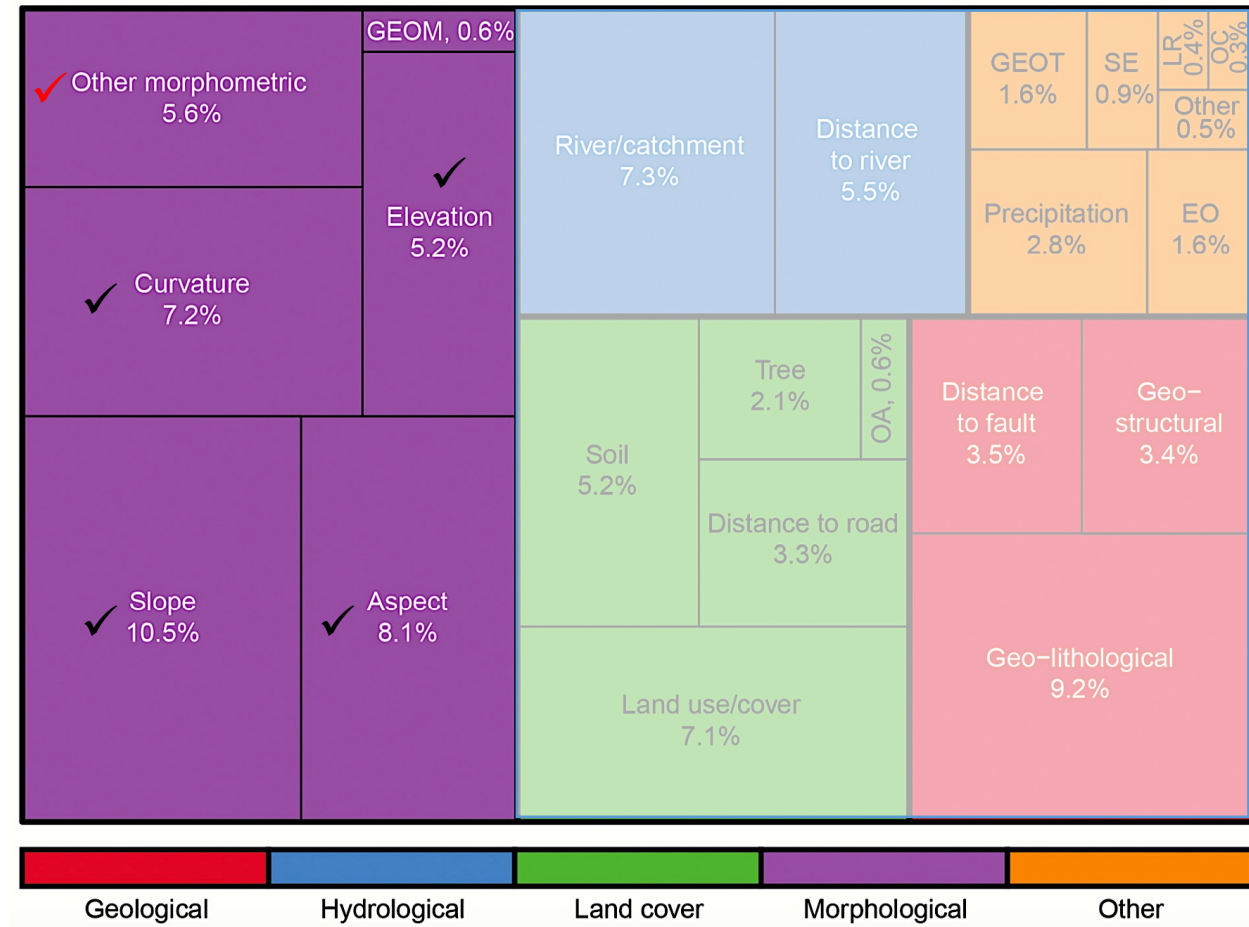
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LANDSLIDE CATALOGUE

- Inhomogeneous distribution of landslides
- Lack of information in the South of the Panj River (High mountainous areas where less remote sensing data is available)



THEMATIC VARIABLES



(Reichenbach et al., 2018)

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Geomorphology

Slope

Aspect

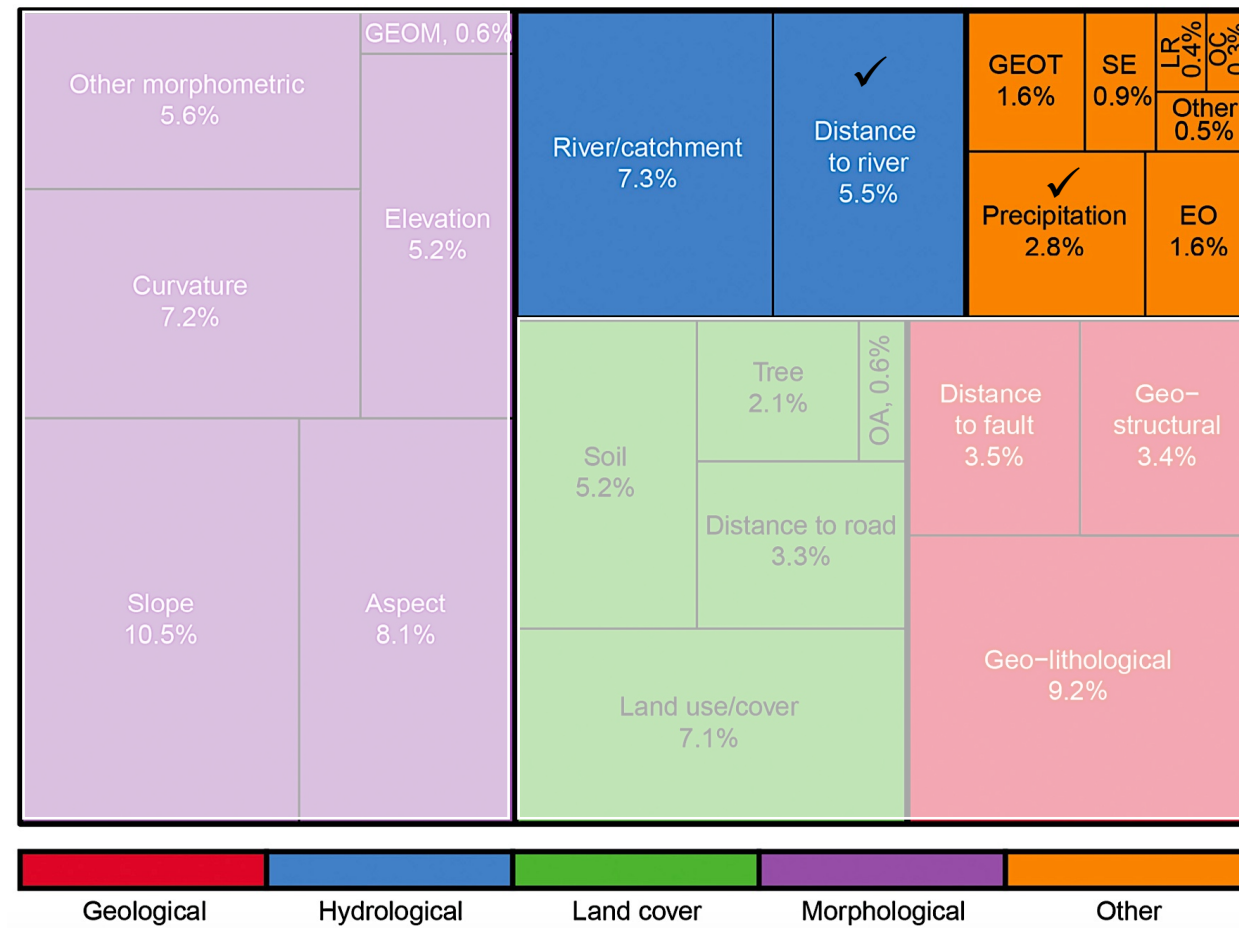
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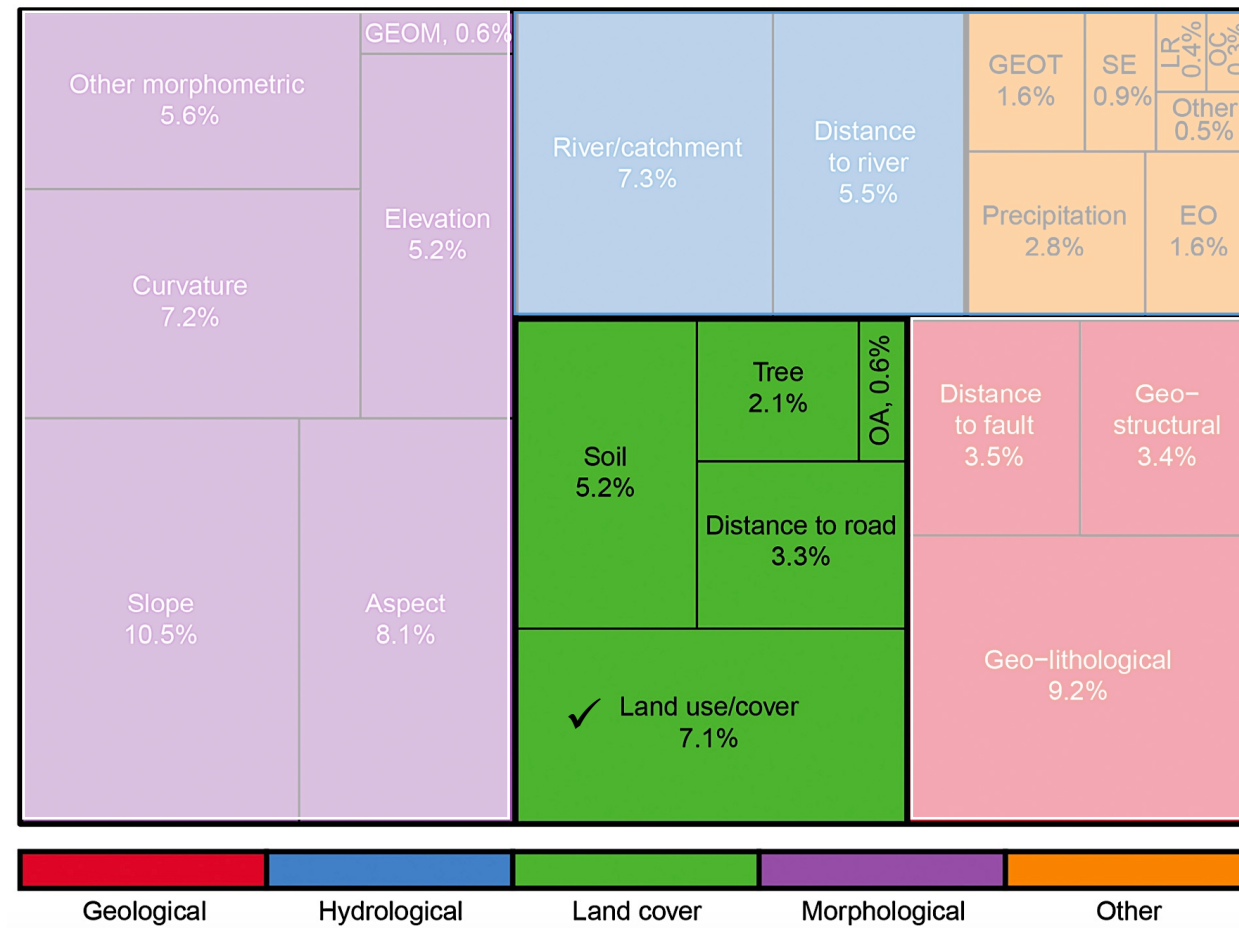
Distance to glacial

Elevation above
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Distance to river

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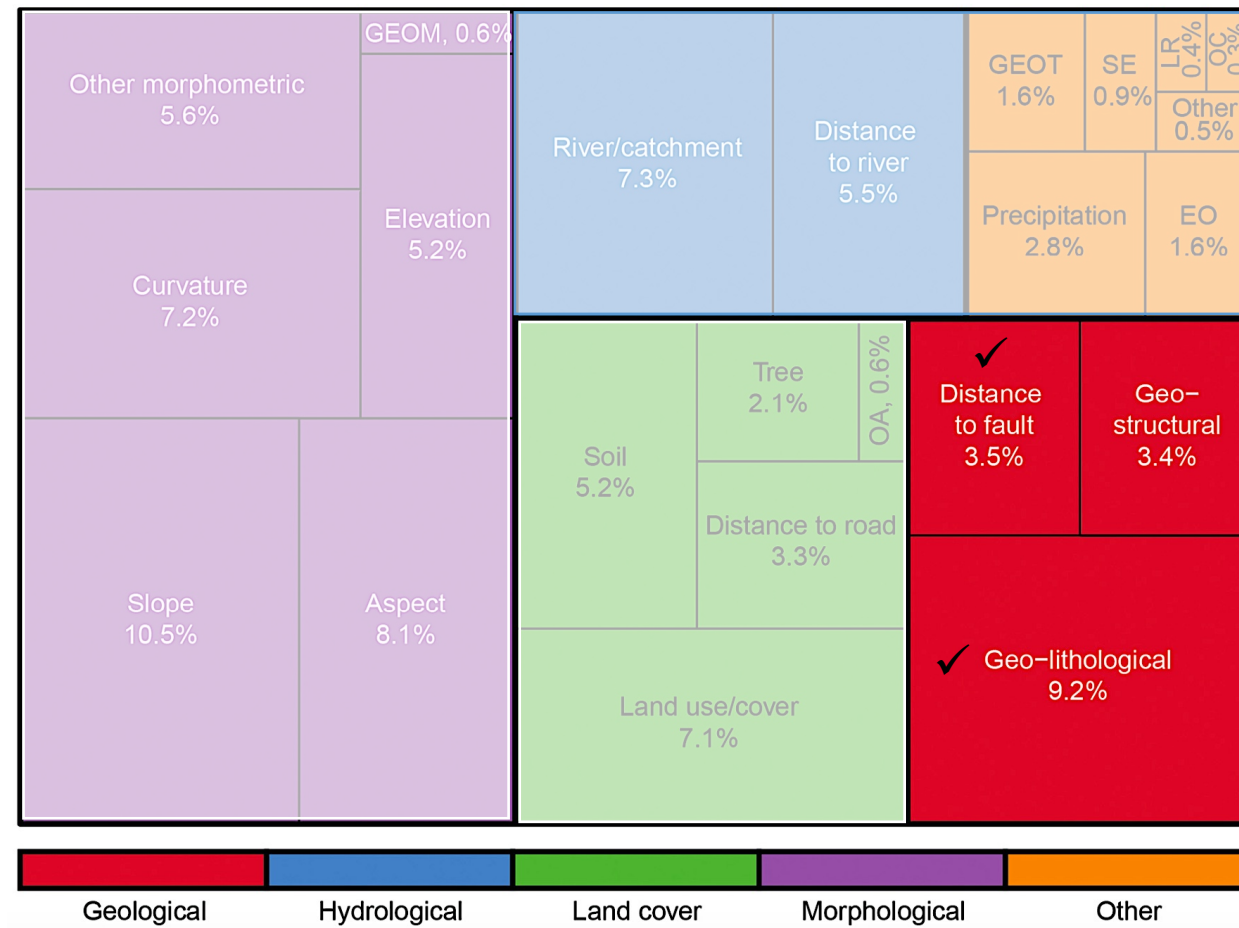
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Tectonic

Distance to fault

Seismo-zones

Geology

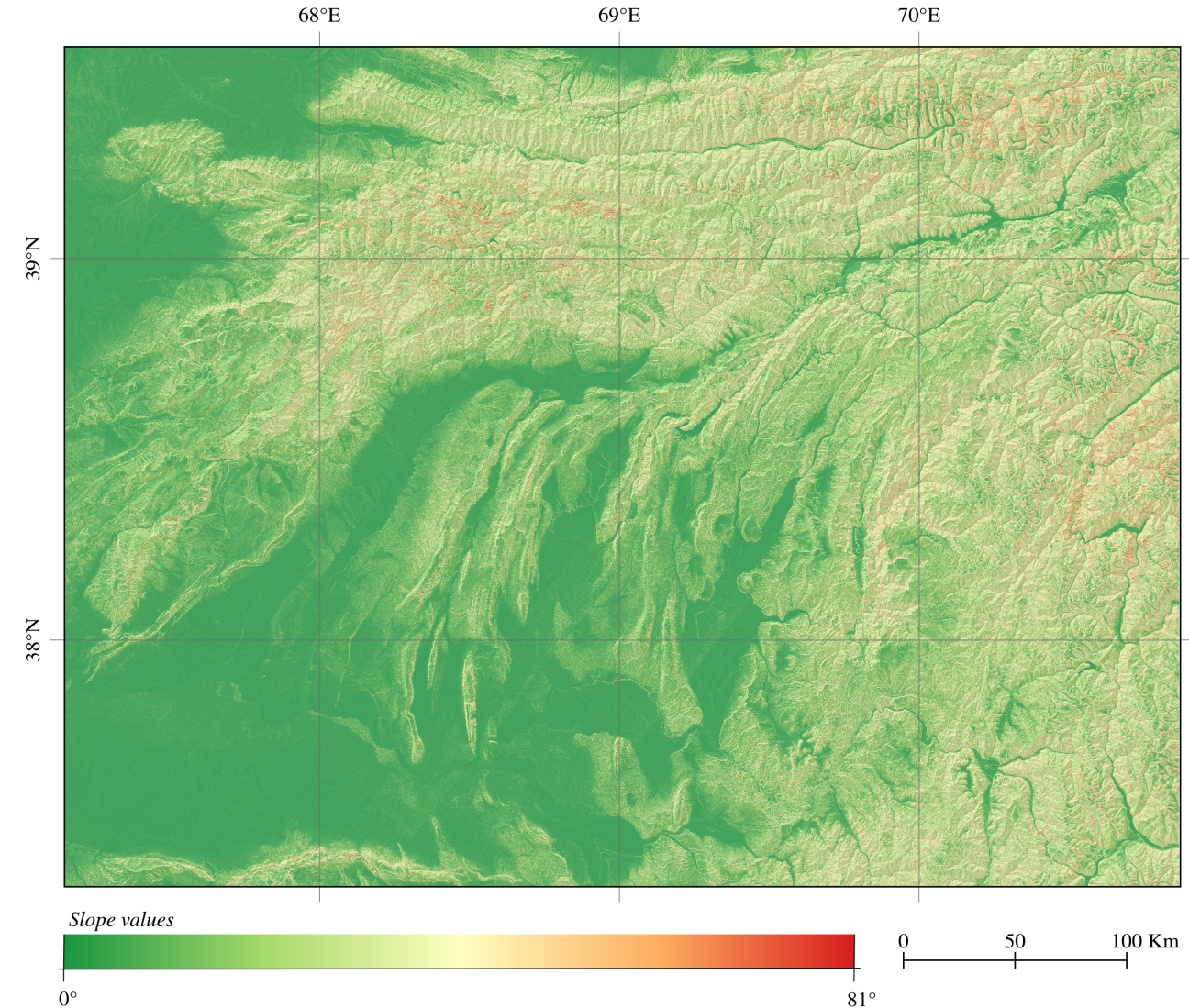
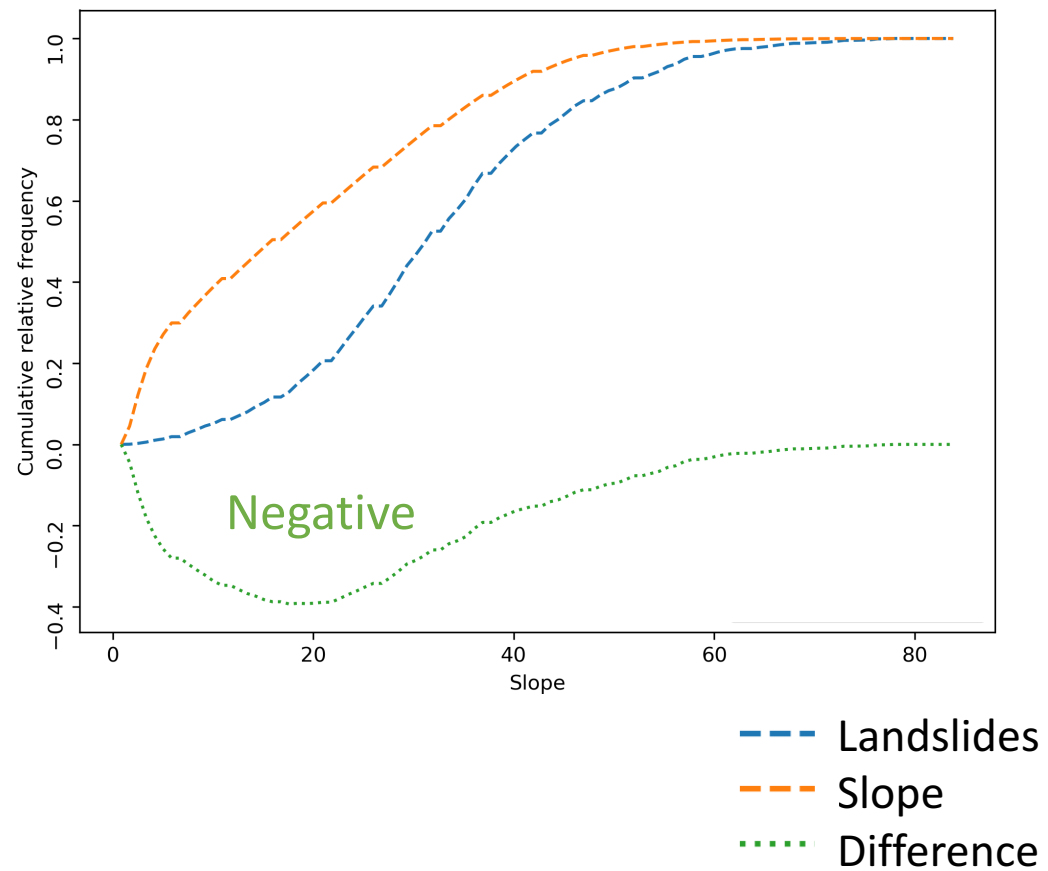
Lithology

THEMATIC VARIABLES

Local description

- *Slope*
- *Aspect*

Spatial association



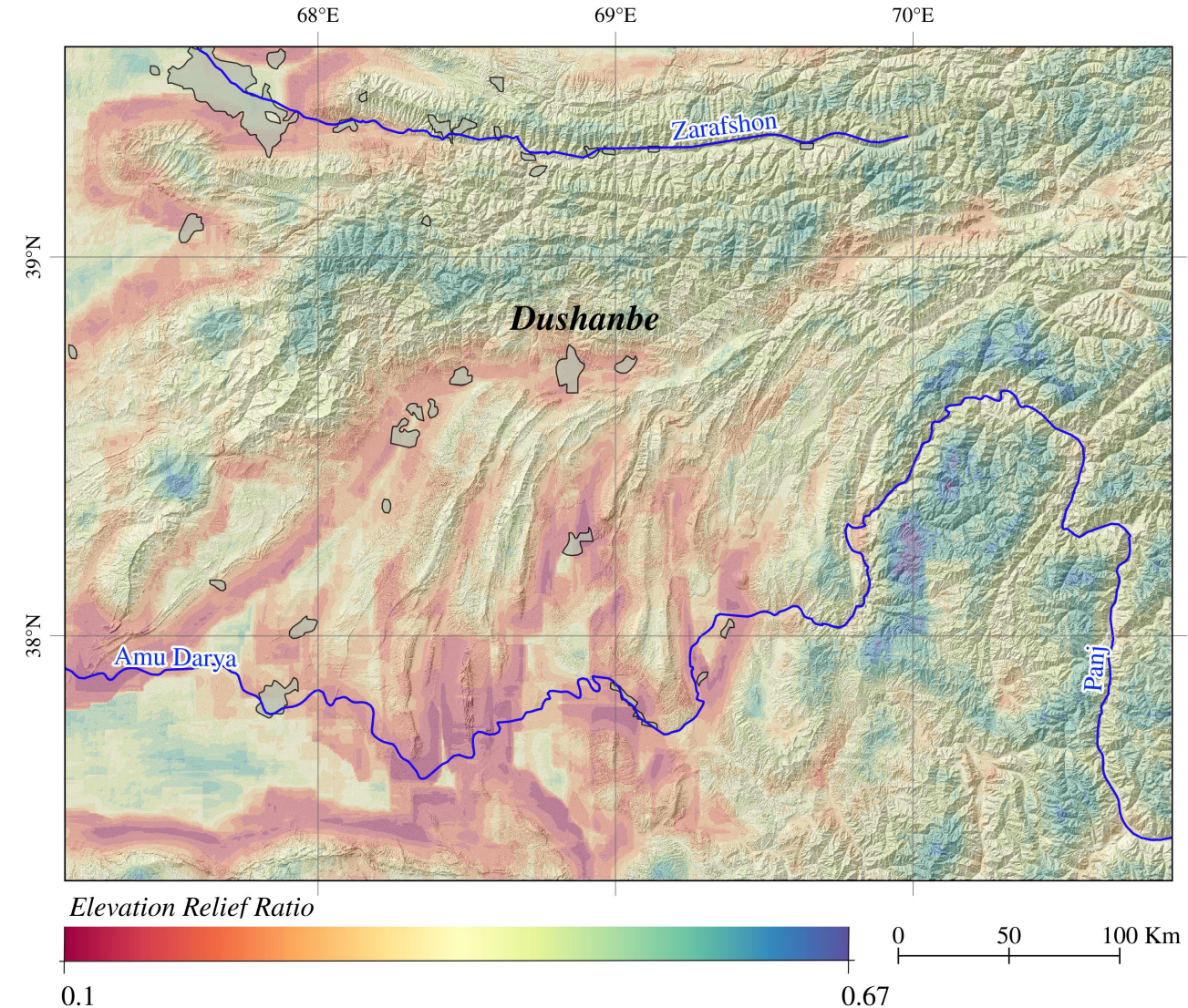
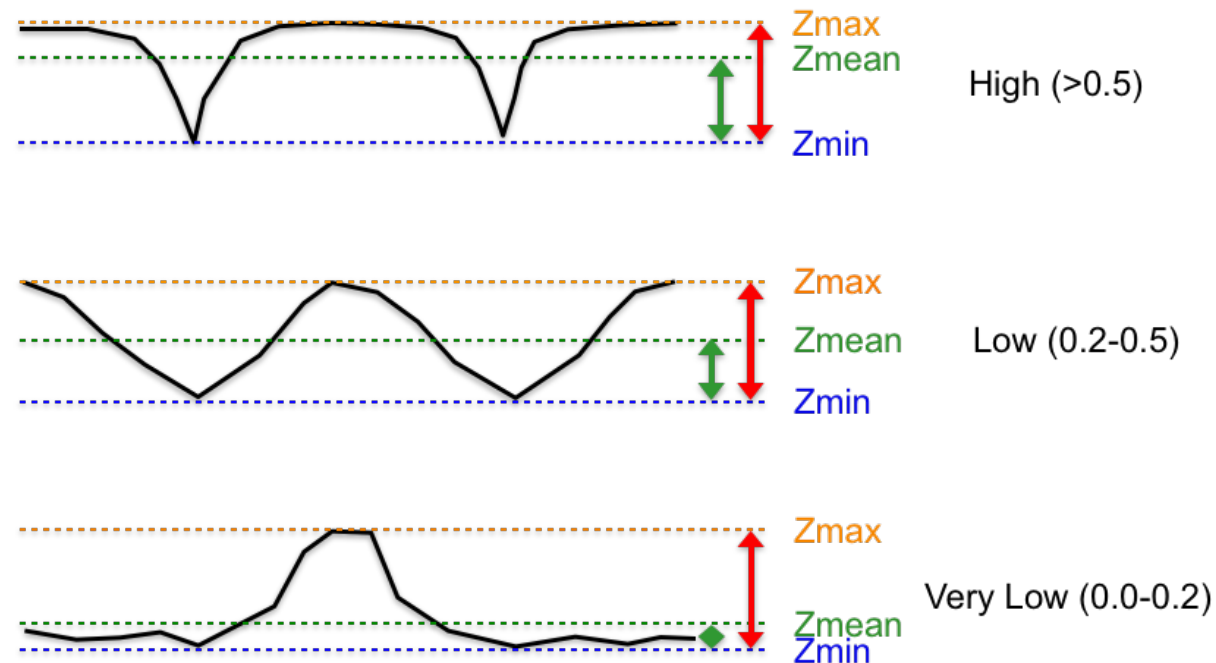
THEMATIC VARIABLES

Broad description (Window size)

- Elevation relief ratio* → Characterization of the landscape

$$ERR = \frac{Z_{mean} - Z_{min}}{Z_{max} - Z_{min}}$$

Window size



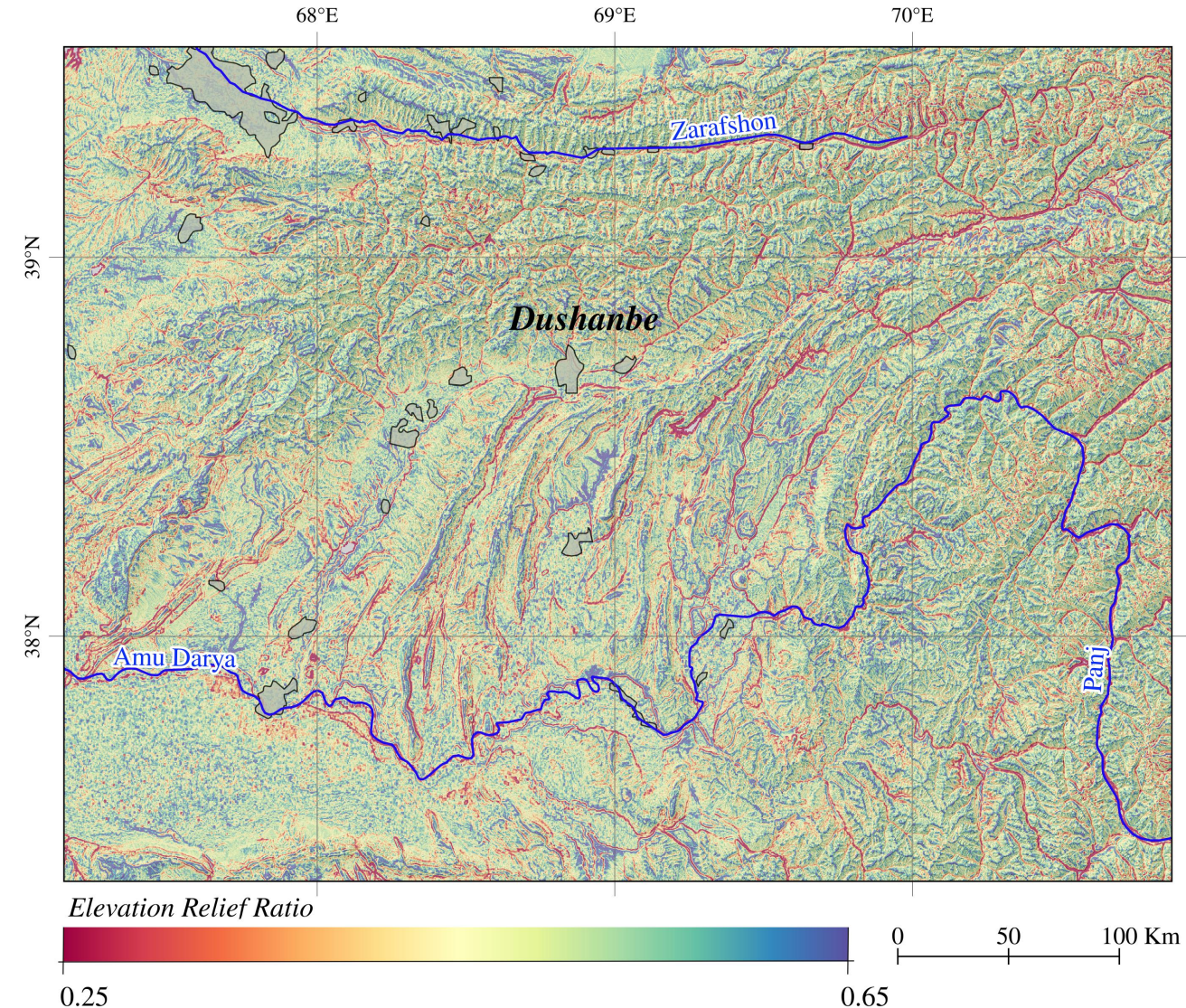
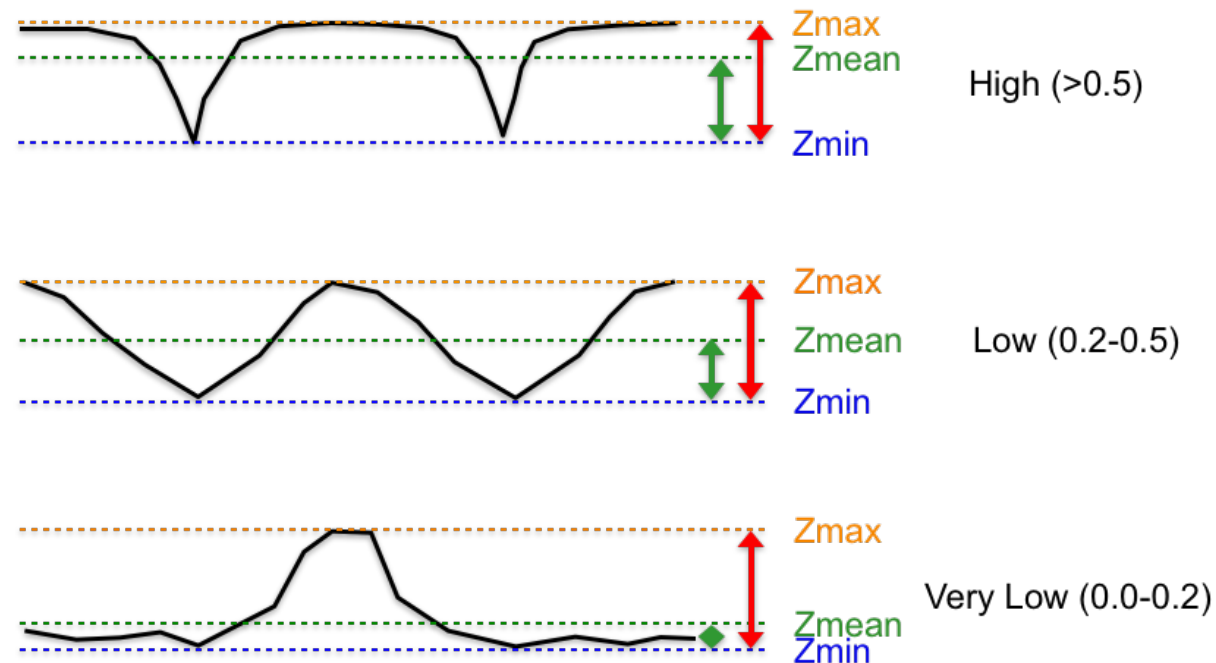
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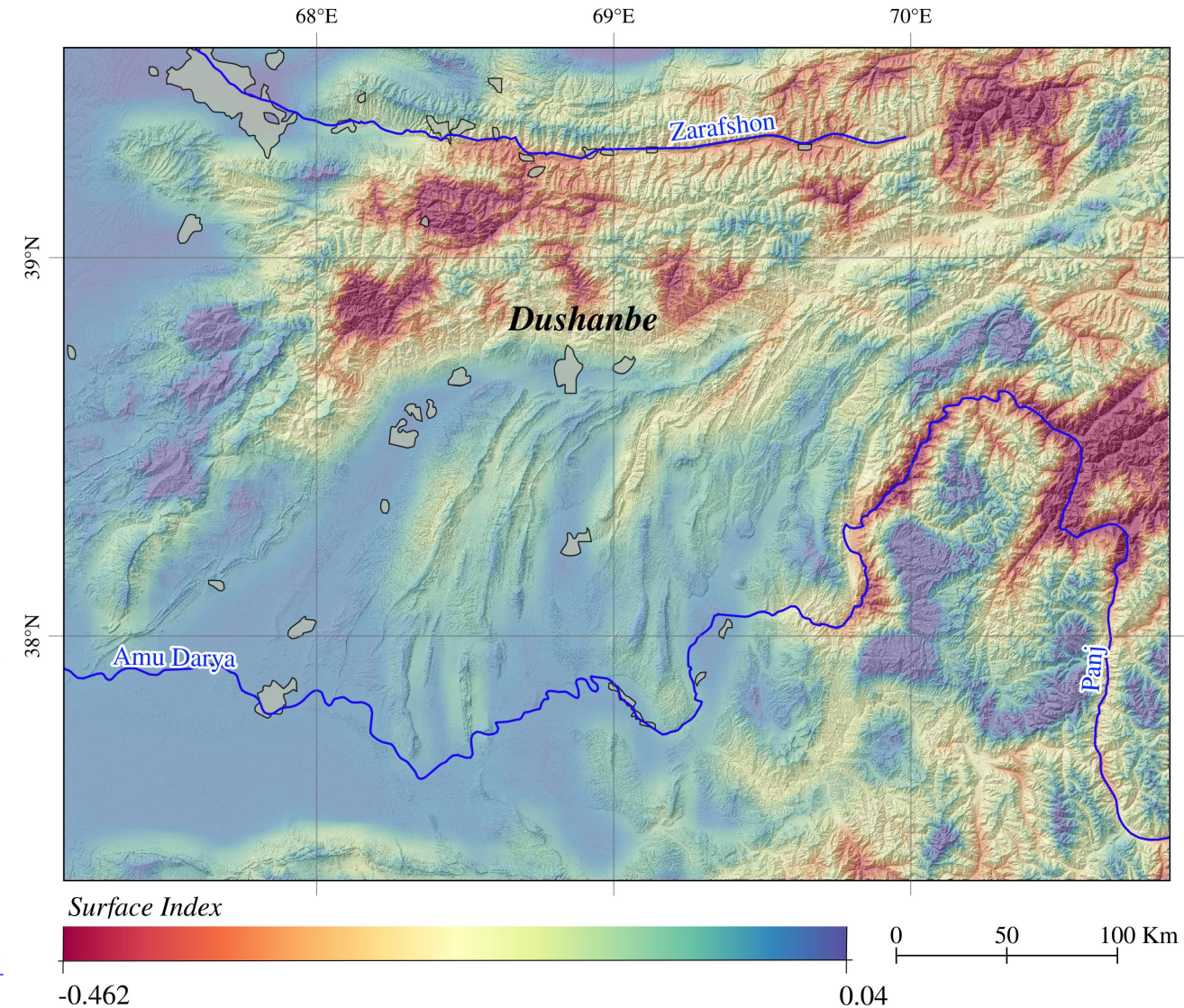
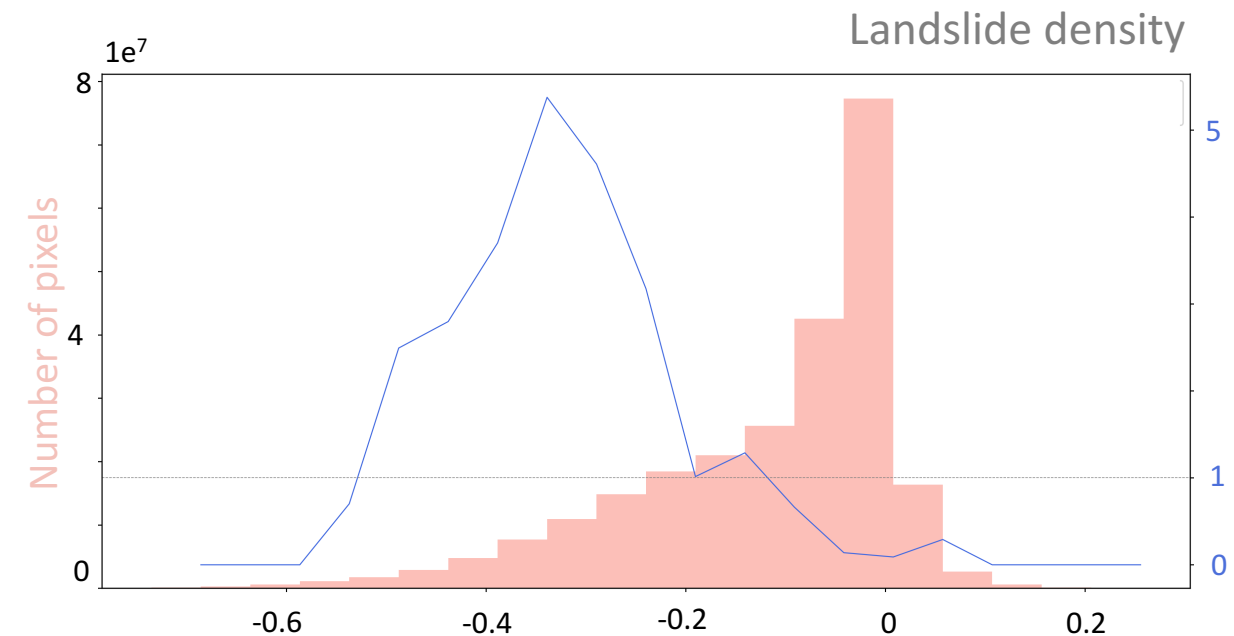


THEMATIC VARIABLES

Broad description

- *Surface Index* → Discrimination between erosional and steady-state landscape

$$SI = (DEM \times ERR) - SR$$

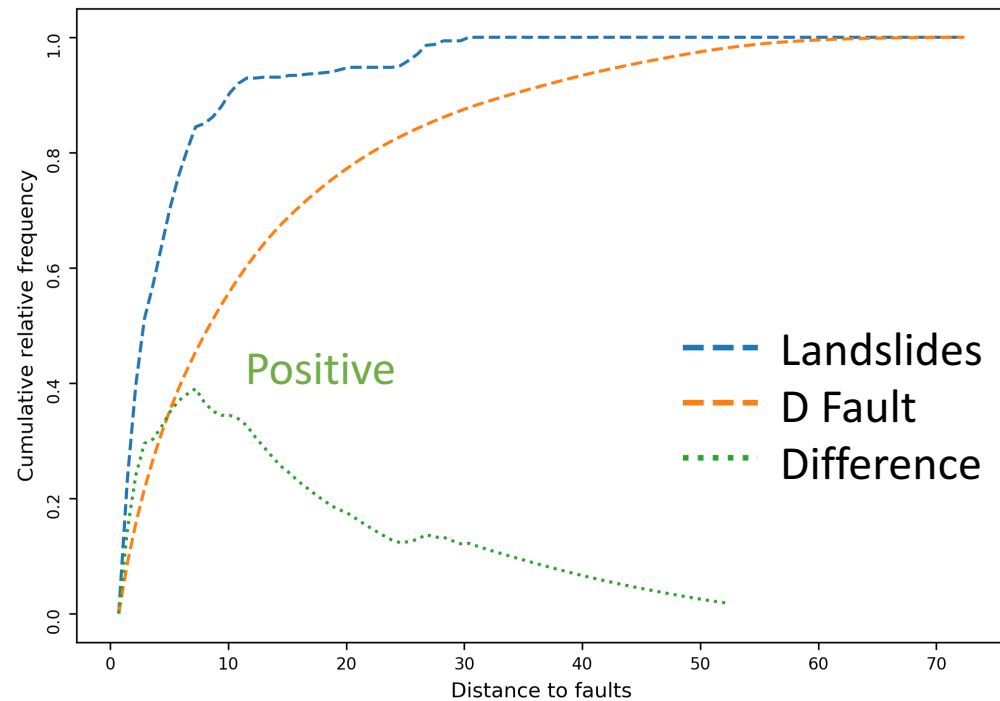


THEMATIC VARIABLES

Tectonics

- Distance to fault

Spatial association

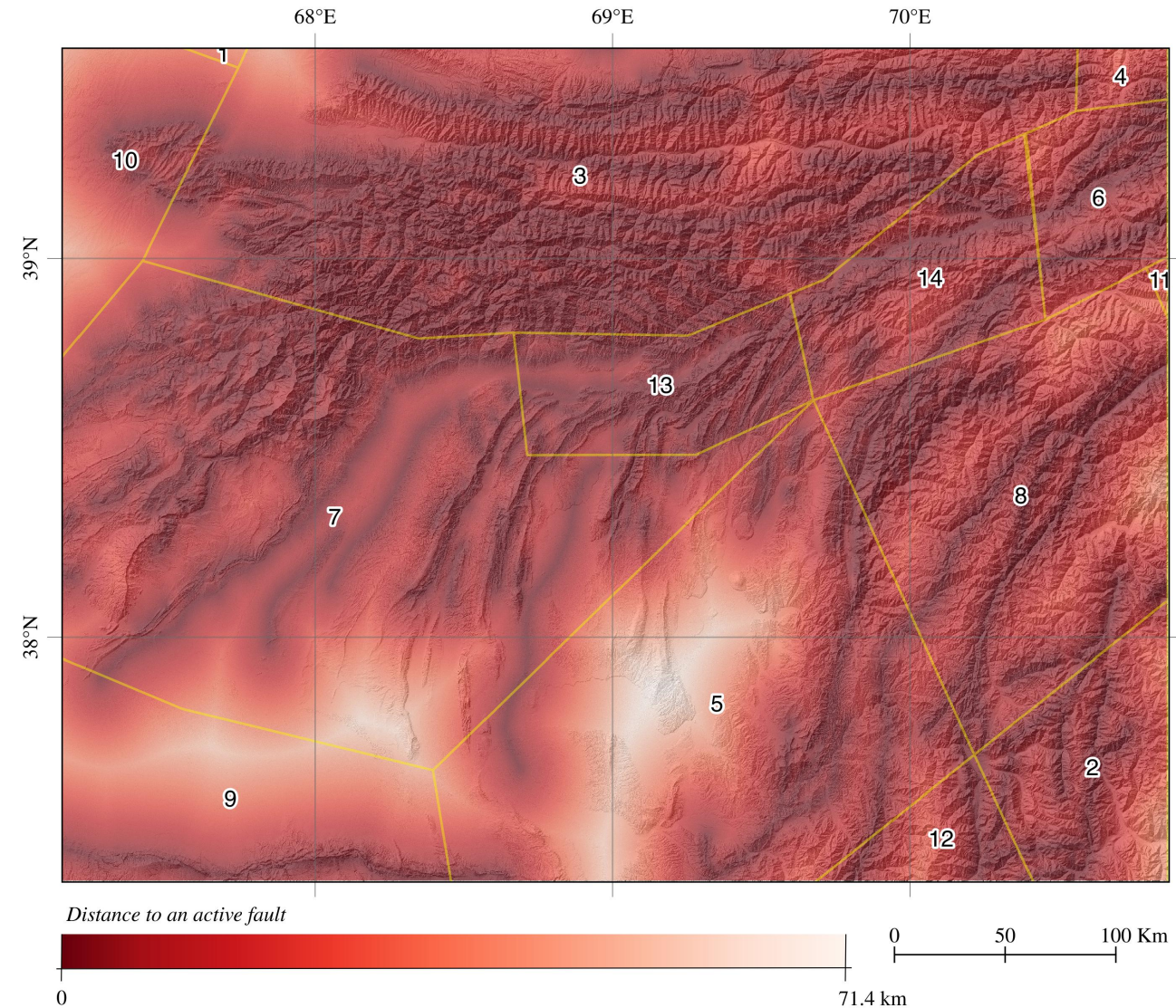


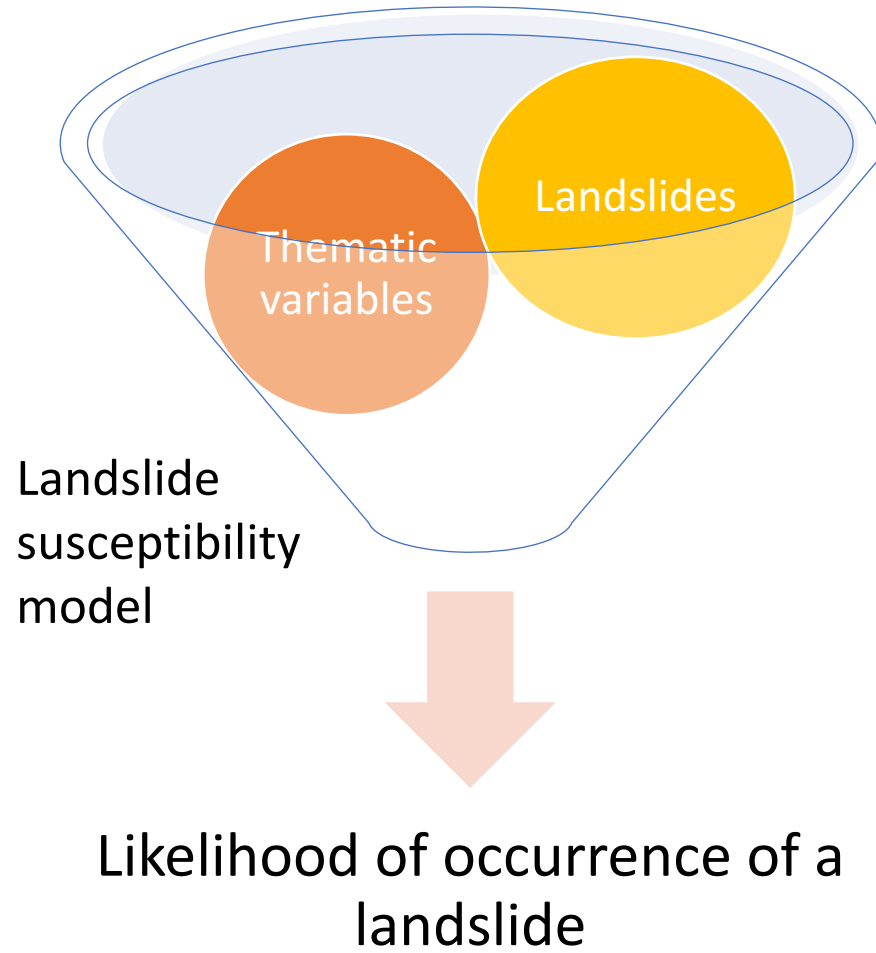
- Seismo-zones

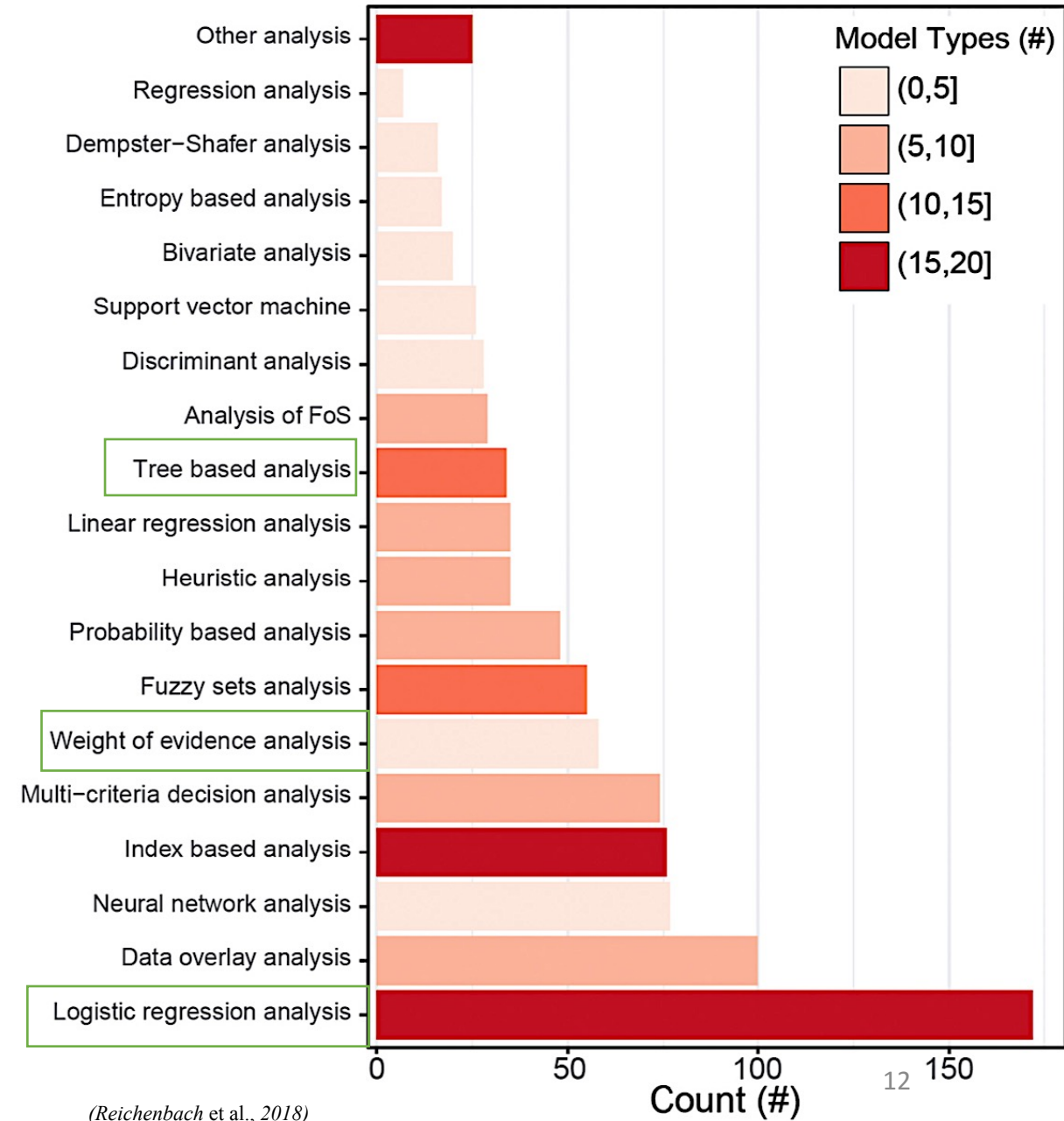
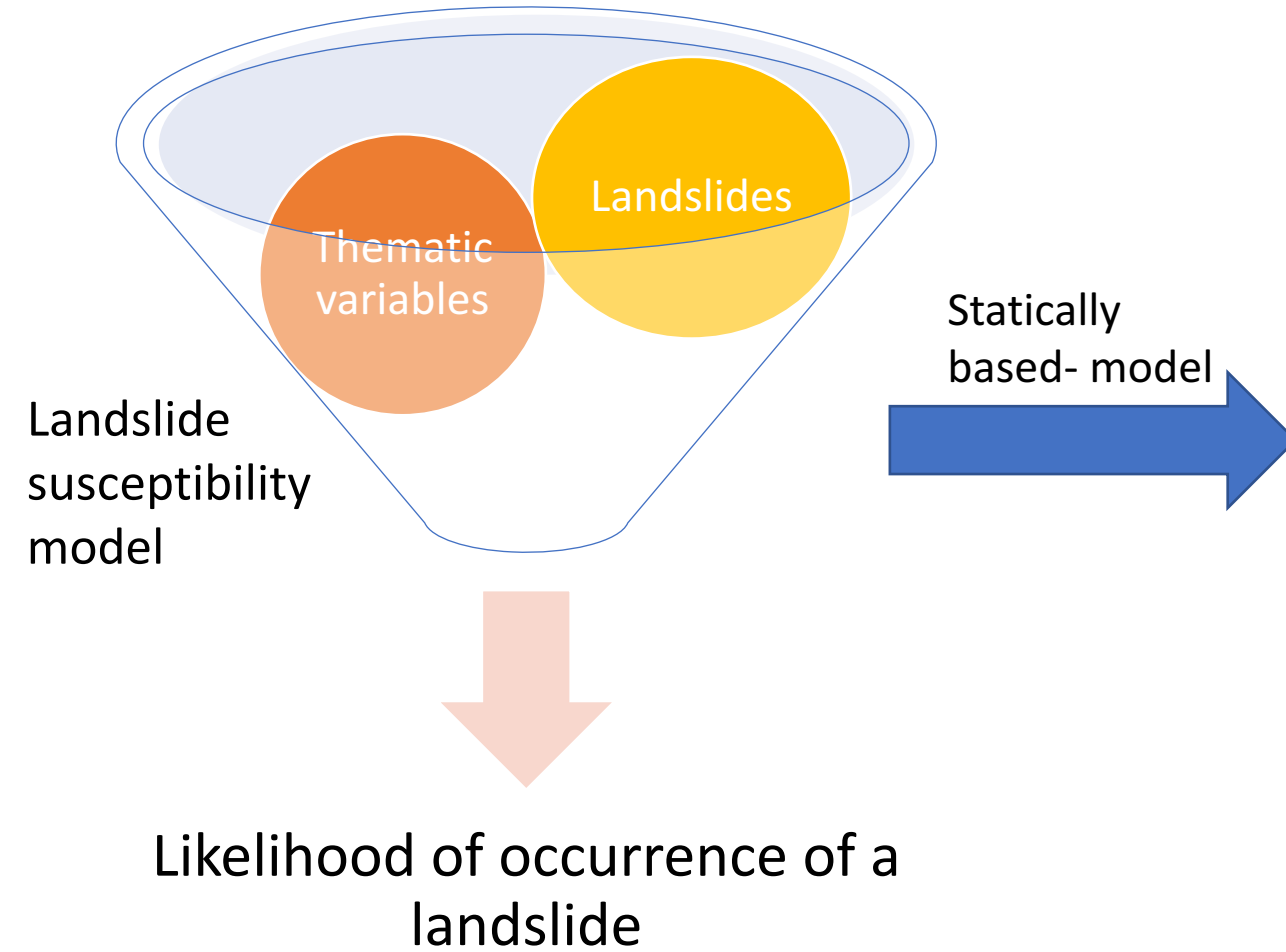
Zones:

2-5-12 -- Subduction area

6-13-14 – Cortical shortening

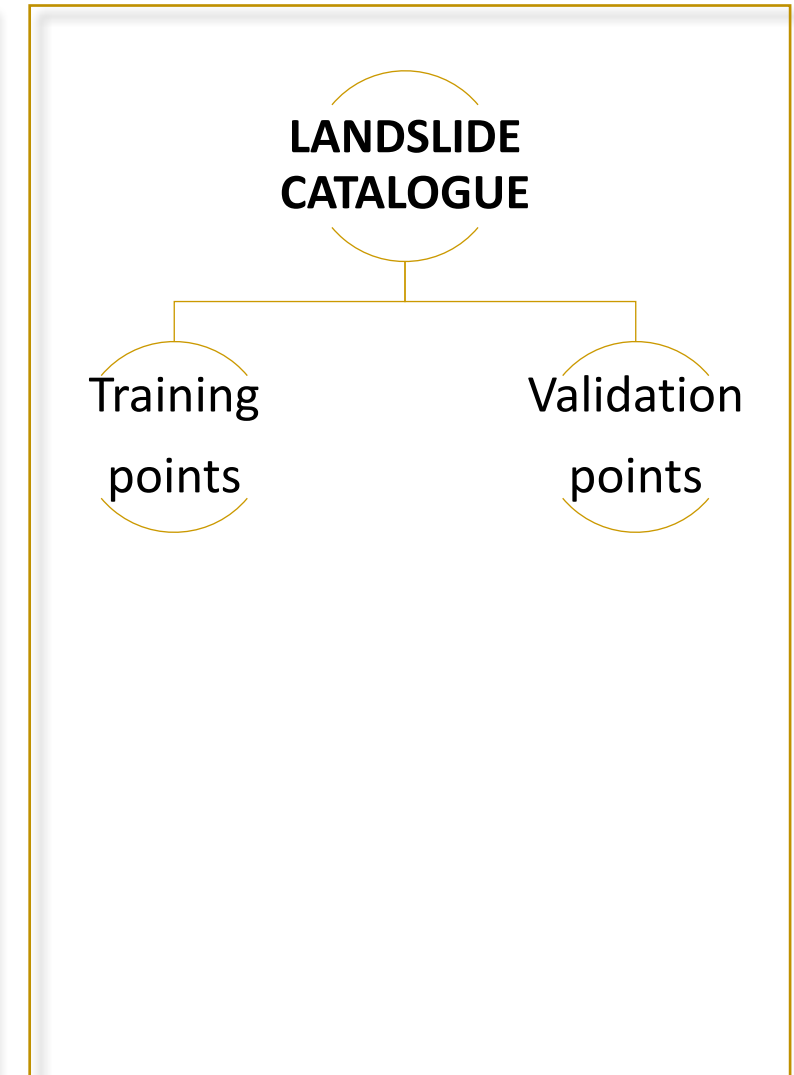
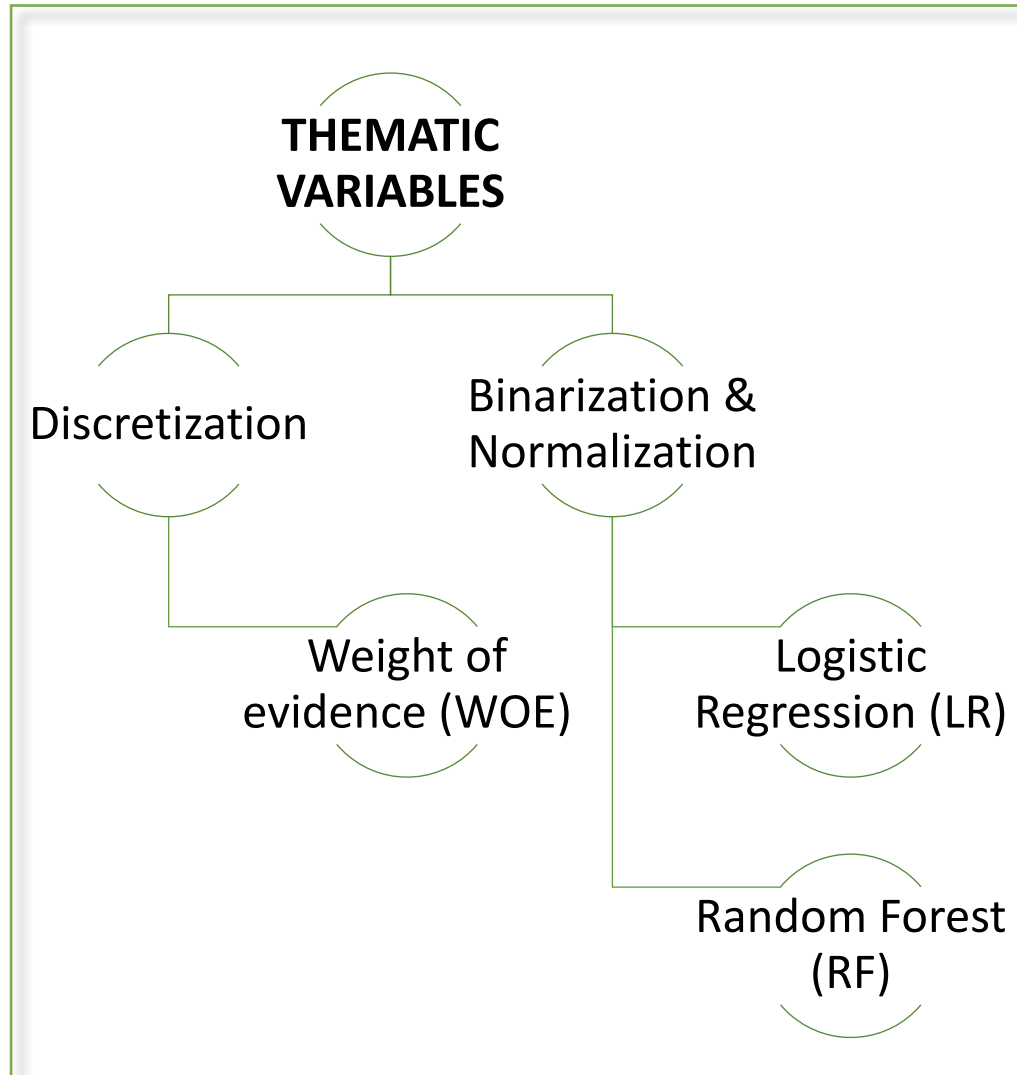






GENERAL WORKFLOW

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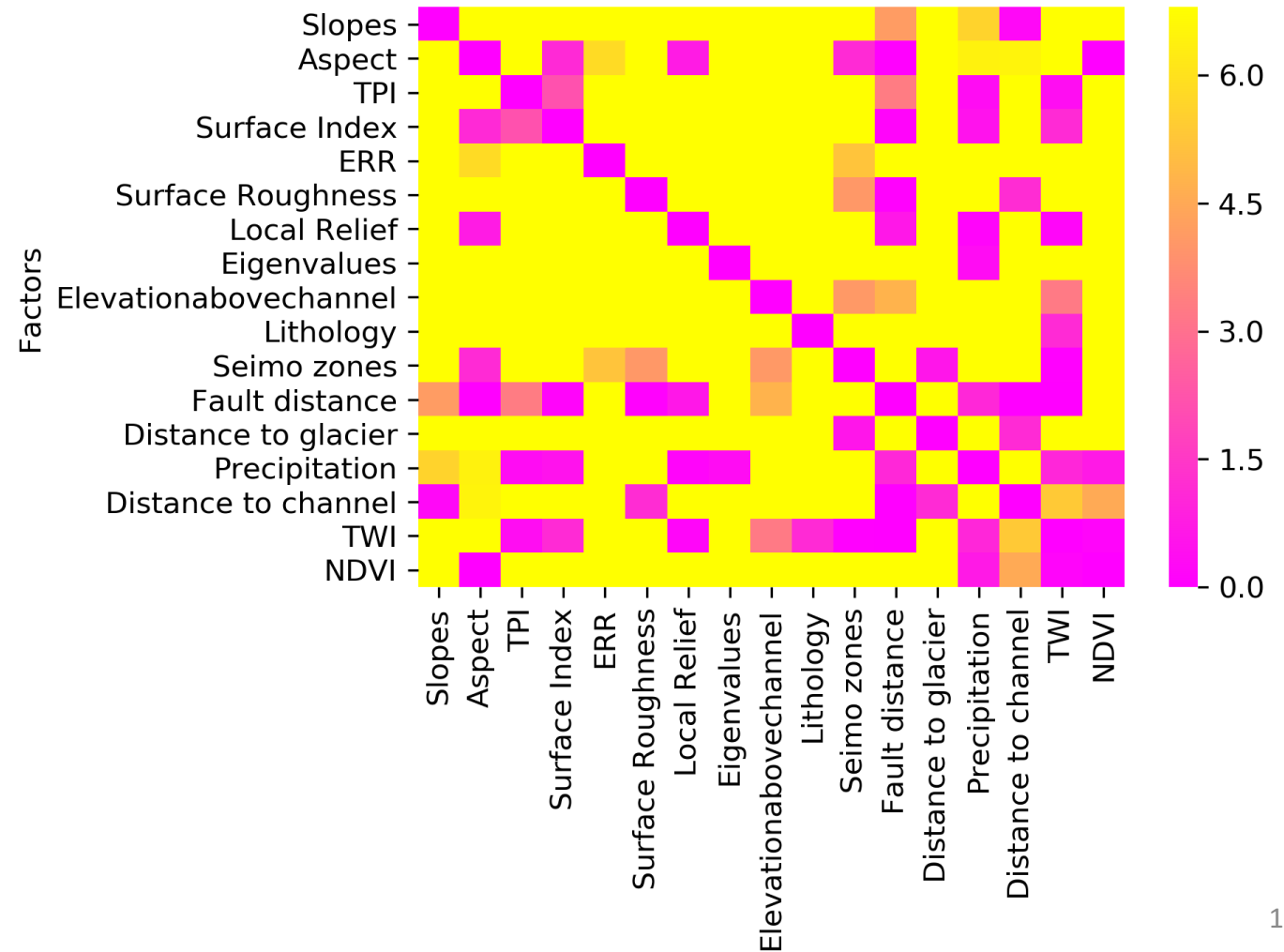
GENERAL WORKFLOW

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Selection of
thematic variables

WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE

Test of conditional independence



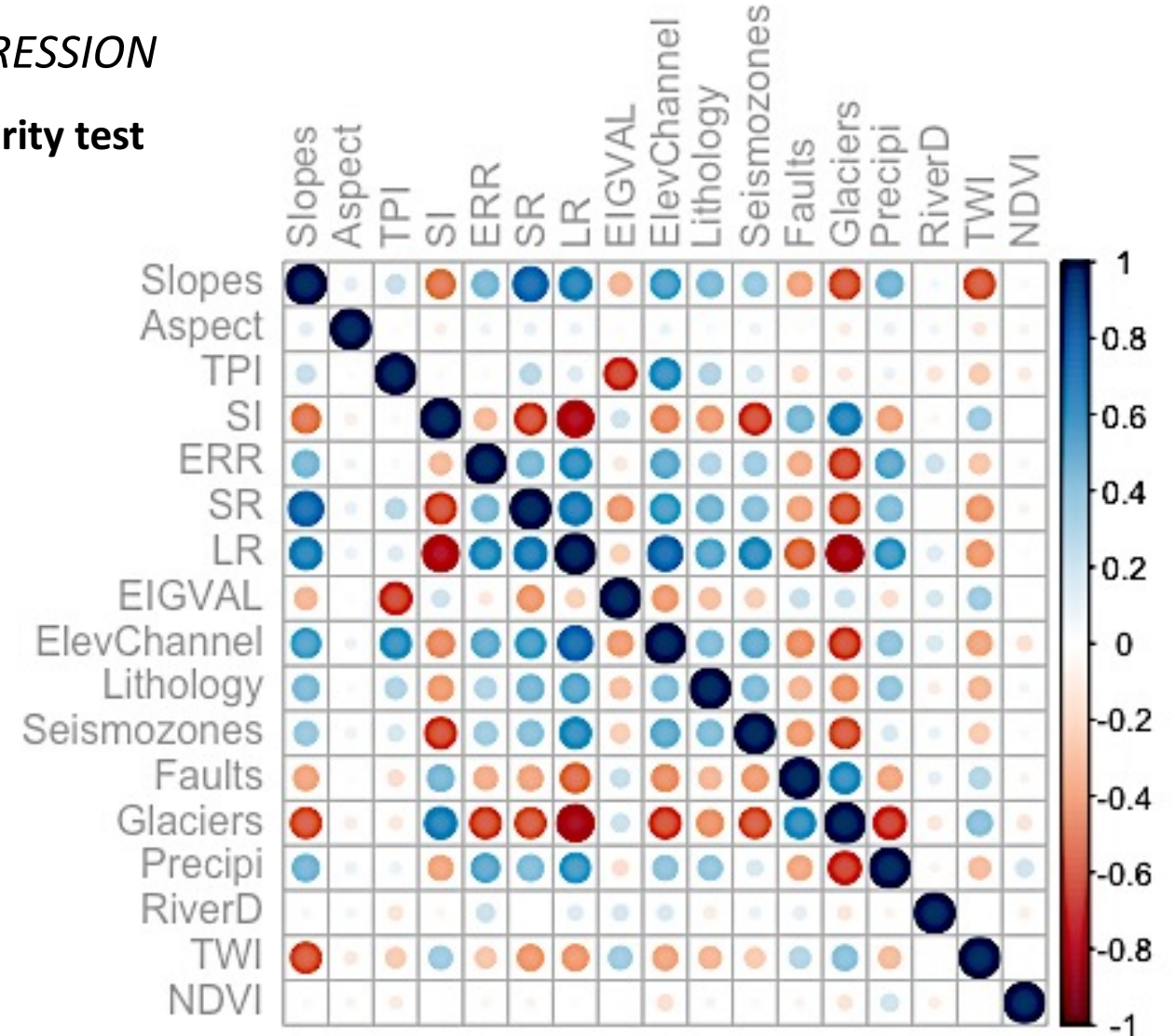
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LOGISTIC REGRESSION

Collinearity test



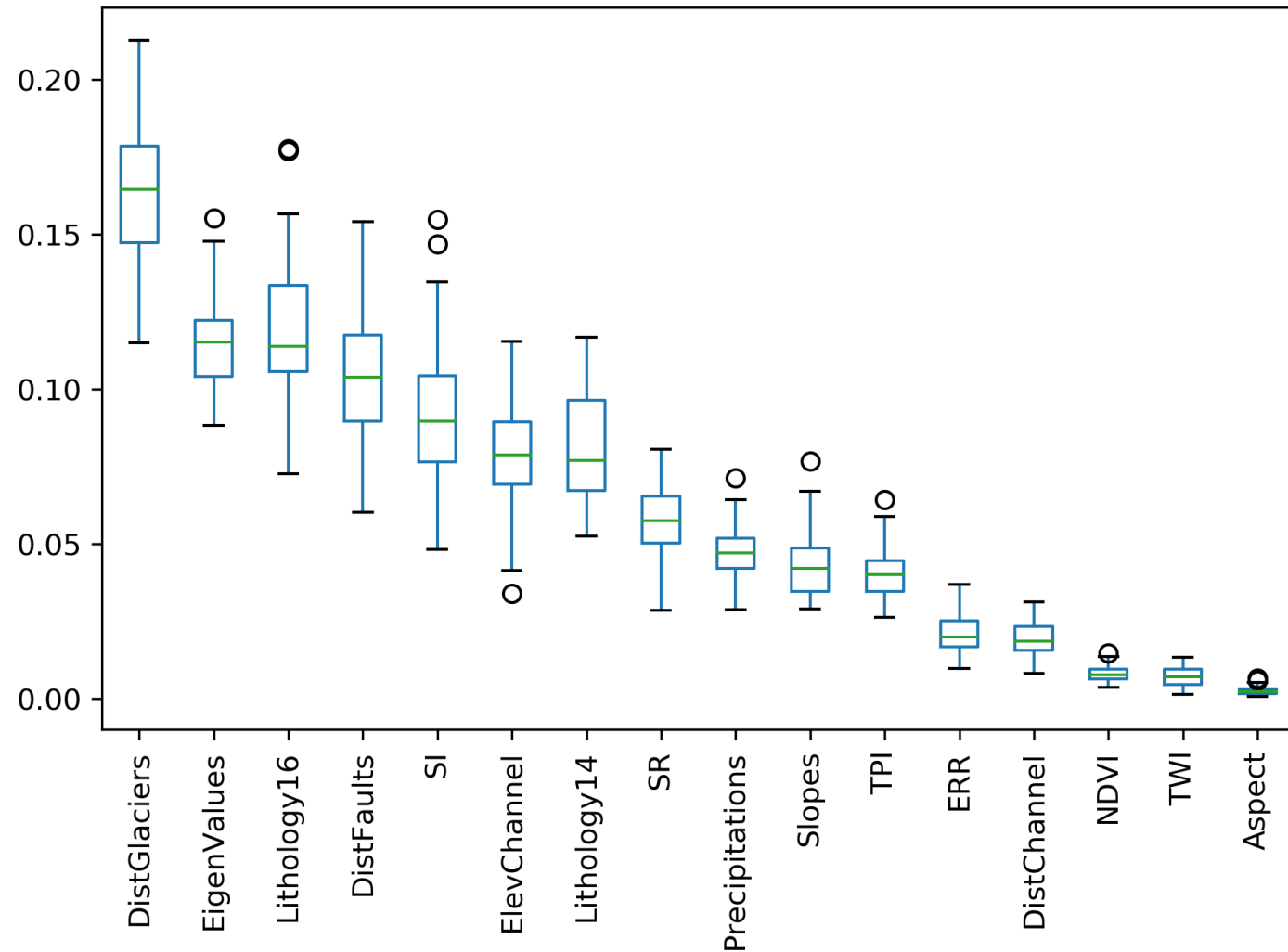
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RANDOM FOREST

Ranking of importance



GENERAL WORKFLOW

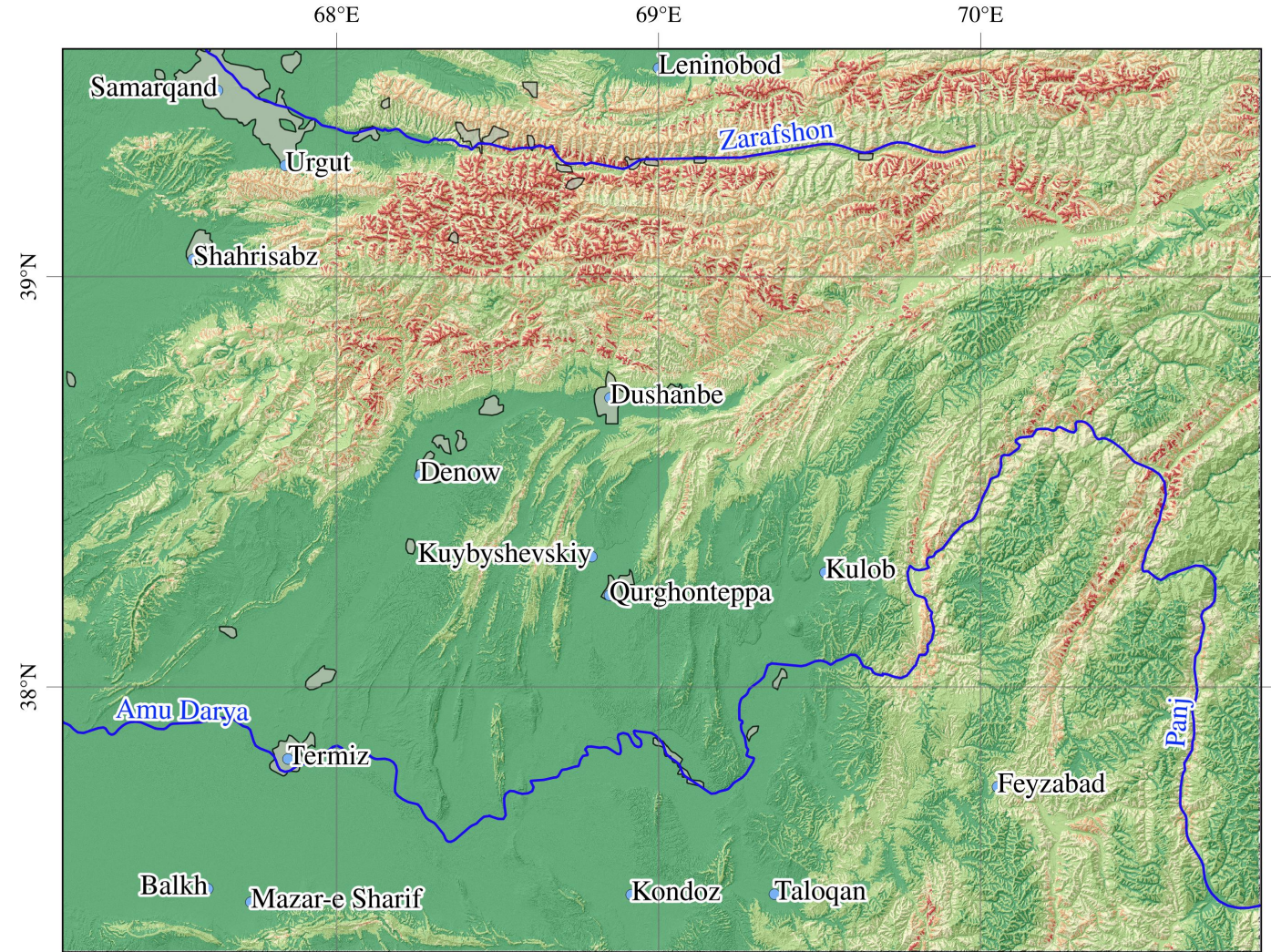
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Model
implementation

WOE = Total weight

LR = Probability of be or not a landslide (1-100)



Random Forest - Landslide susceptibility map

MODEL 4

0 50 100 Km

Very low LS Low LS Intermediate LS High LS Very high LS

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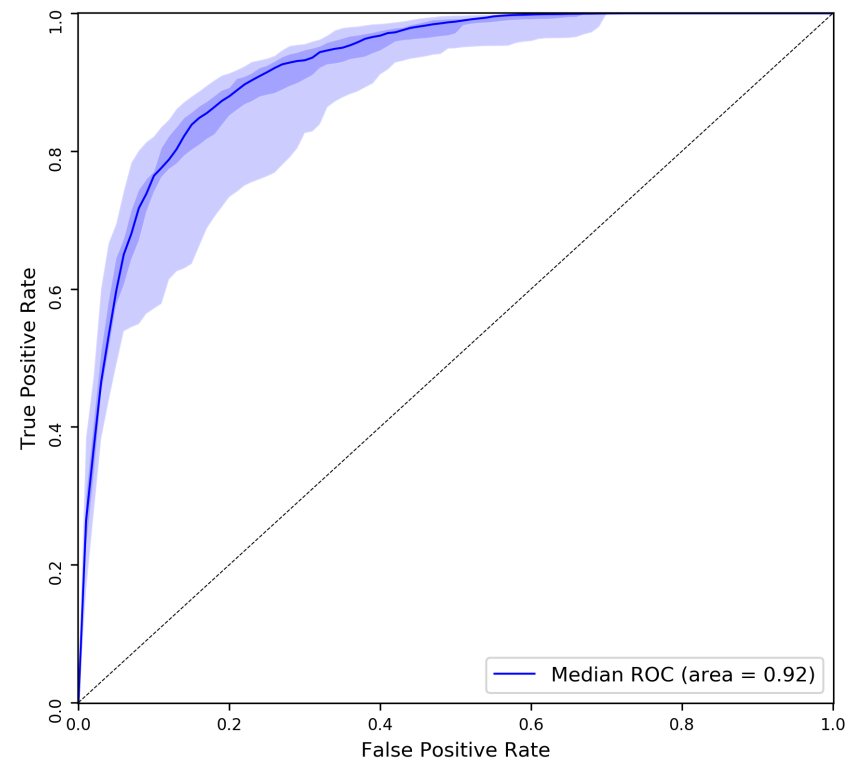
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Model evaluation

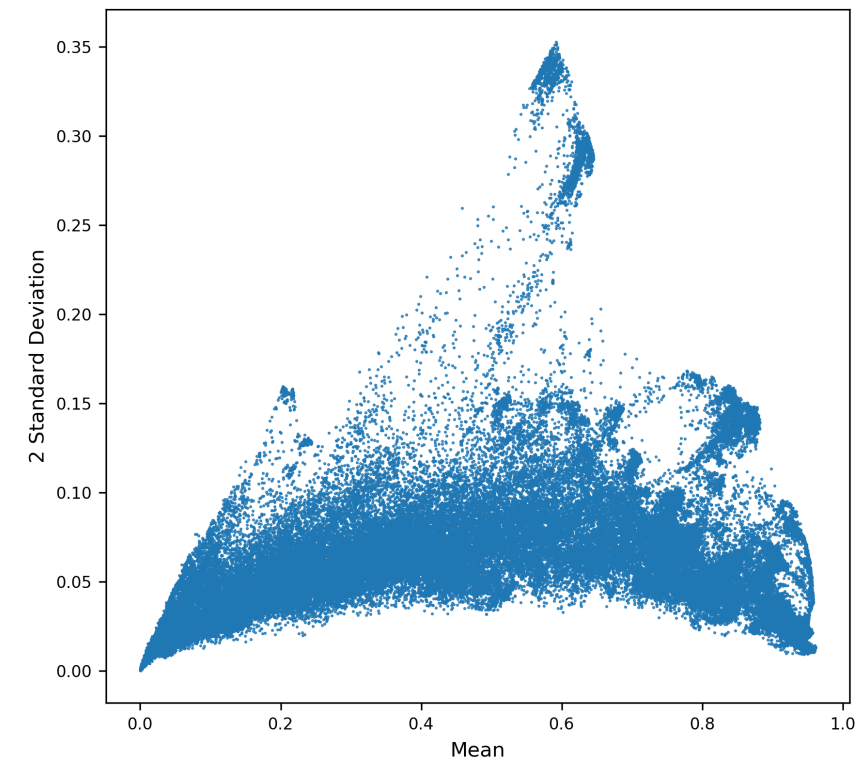
Receiver operator curve (ROC)

Measure of model performance



Model error dispersion

Measure of overfitting

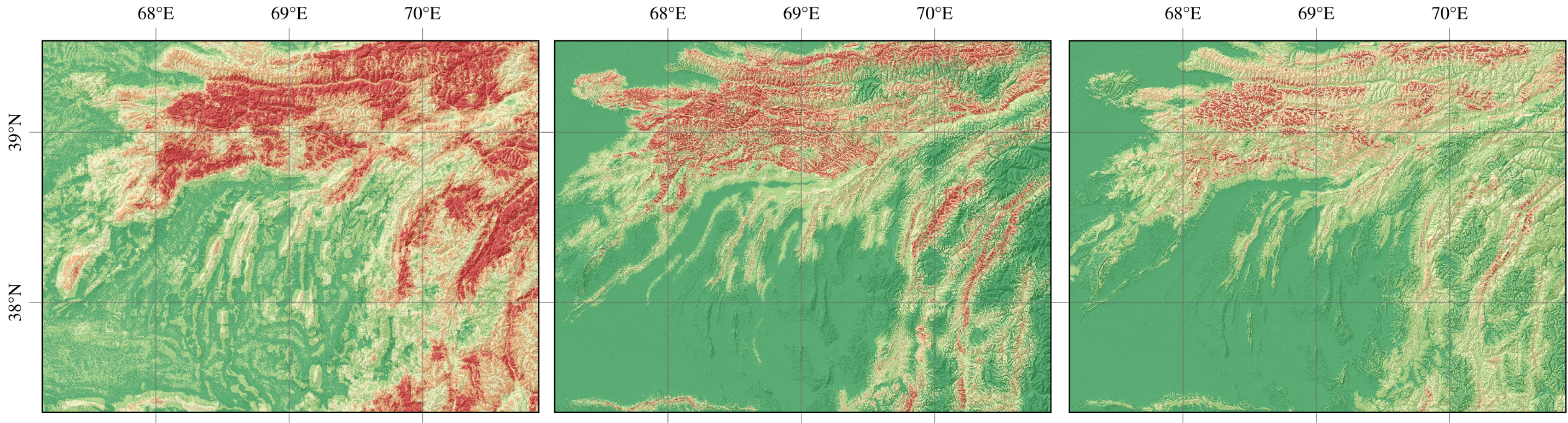


Same model 50 times

BEST MODEL

Landslide susceptibility classes

Very low Low Intermediate High Very High



Landslide susceptibility map
Weight of evidence

Mean ROC = 0.88

Landslide susceptibility map
Logistic regression

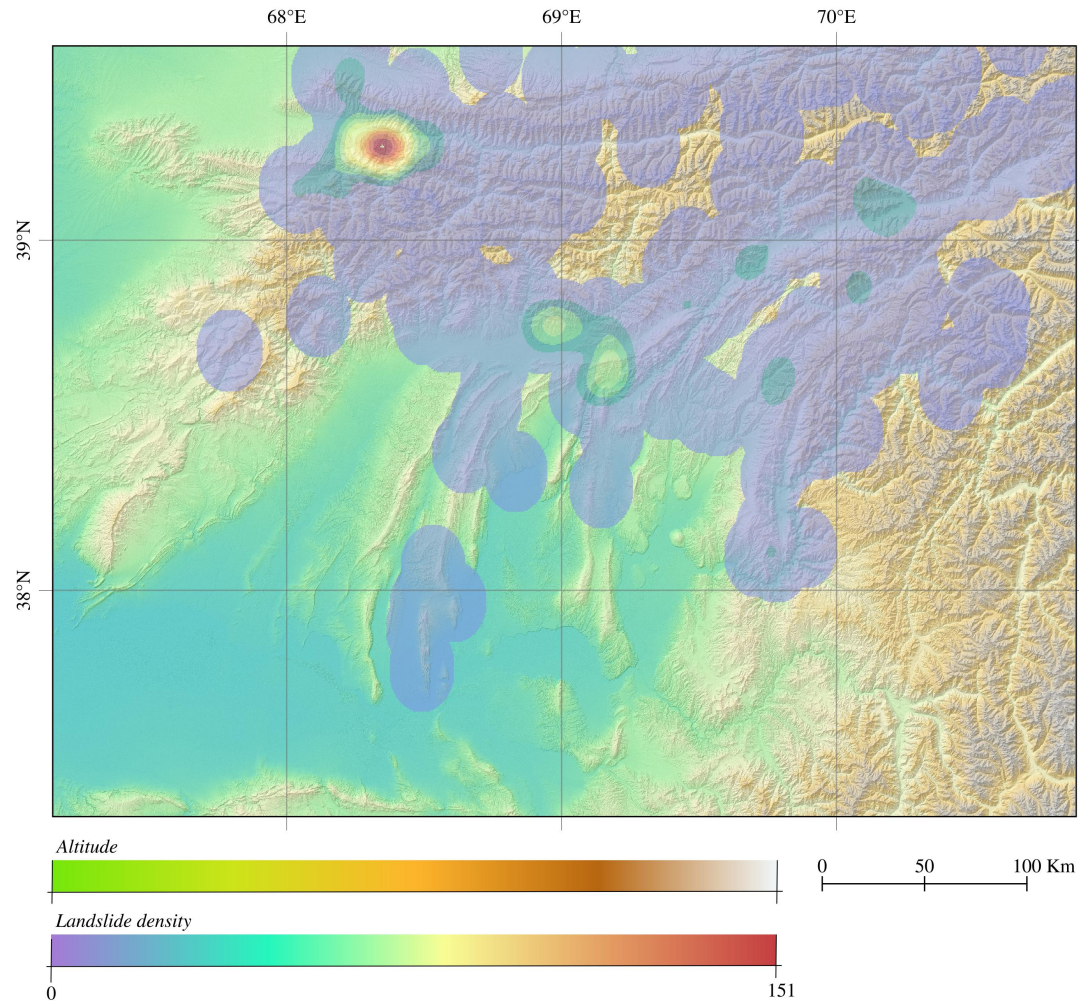
Mean ROC = 0.89

Landslide susceptibility map
Random forest

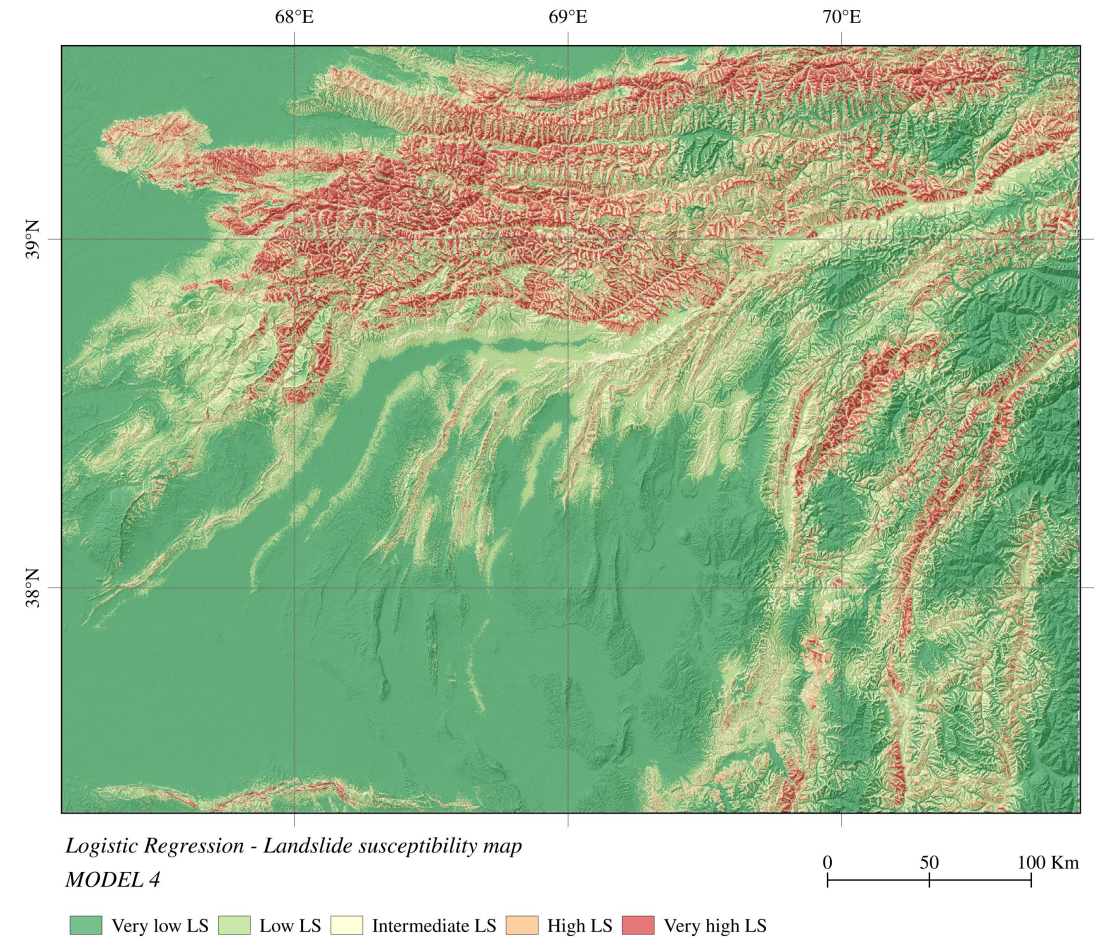
Mean ROC = 0.92

0 50 100 Km

INFLUENCE OF THE LANDSLIDE CATALOGUE



Spatial distribution bias.
More landslides in Tien San than in Pamir



Influence in the reliability of the results.
Results are less significant in the Pamir.

THEMATIC VARIABLES

More relevant

- Lithological information
Cretaceous and Jurassic sequences where calcareous rocks and shales are dominant

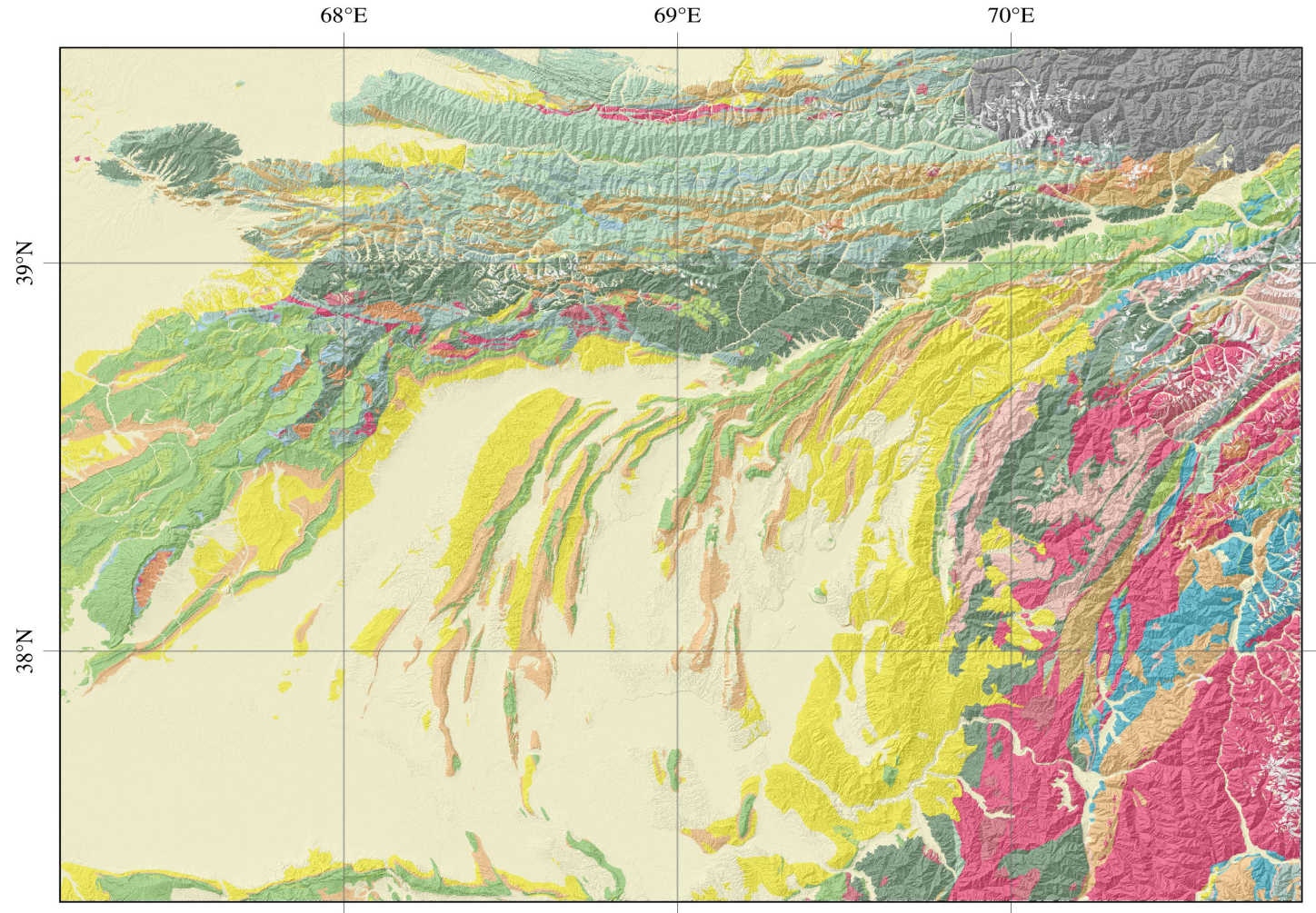
- Valleys and ridges
EigenValues – TPI and Elevation relief values

- Identification of erosive areas

Surface roughness

- Tectonic influence

Surface Index



Lithological units

■ No data	6 Cretaceous - Jurassic	12 Carboniferous - Igneous
1 Quaternary	7 Jurassic	13 Devonian
2 Neogene	8 Jurassic - Triassic	14 Silurian
3 Paleogene	9 Permian - Igneous	15 Cambian/ Precambian
4 Paleogene - Intrusive	10 Permian	
5 Cretaceous	11 Carboniferous	

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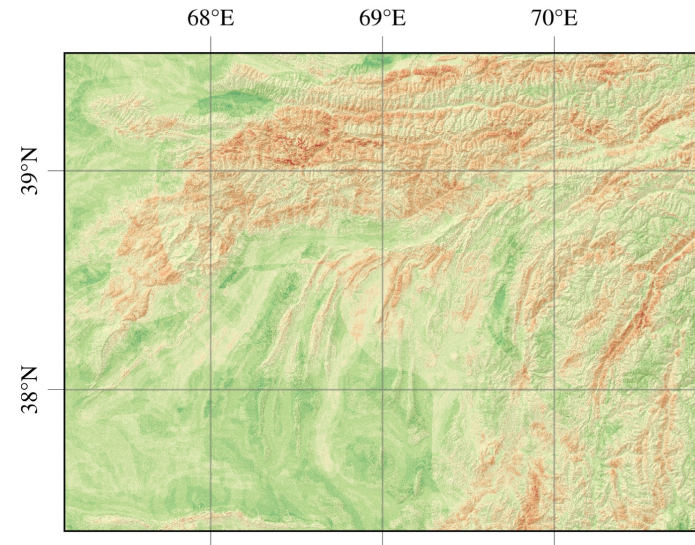
Relevant but not used

- Distance to glaciers

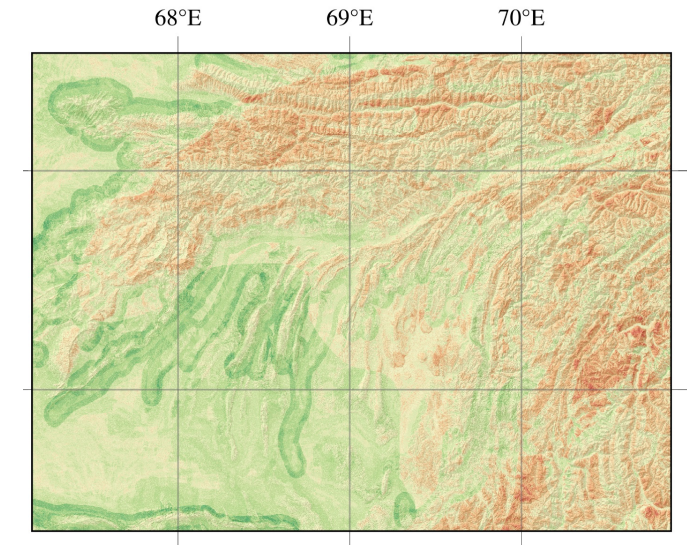
Important geomorphological environment; however, create zonation.

- Precipitation

Detailed data is need in order to be considered a more relevant input.

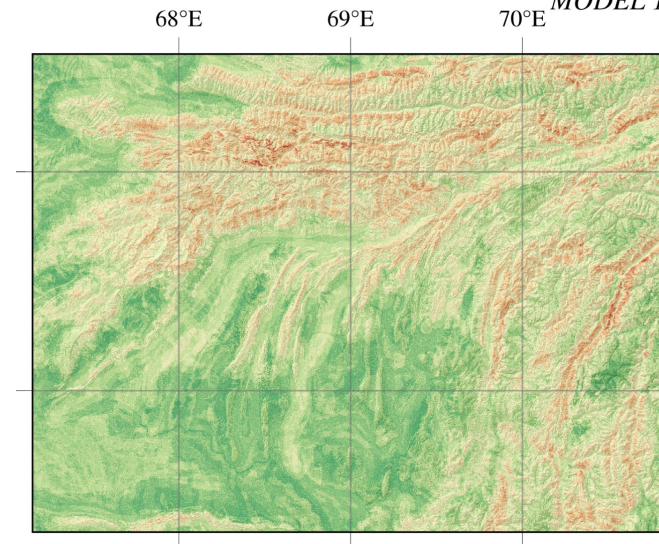


Weight of evidence - Landslide susceptibility map
MODEL 11-1



Weight of evidence - Landslide susceptibility map
MODEL 11-2

Distance to glaciers &
Precipitation



Weight of evidence - Landslide susceptibility map
MODEL 11-3

Precipitation

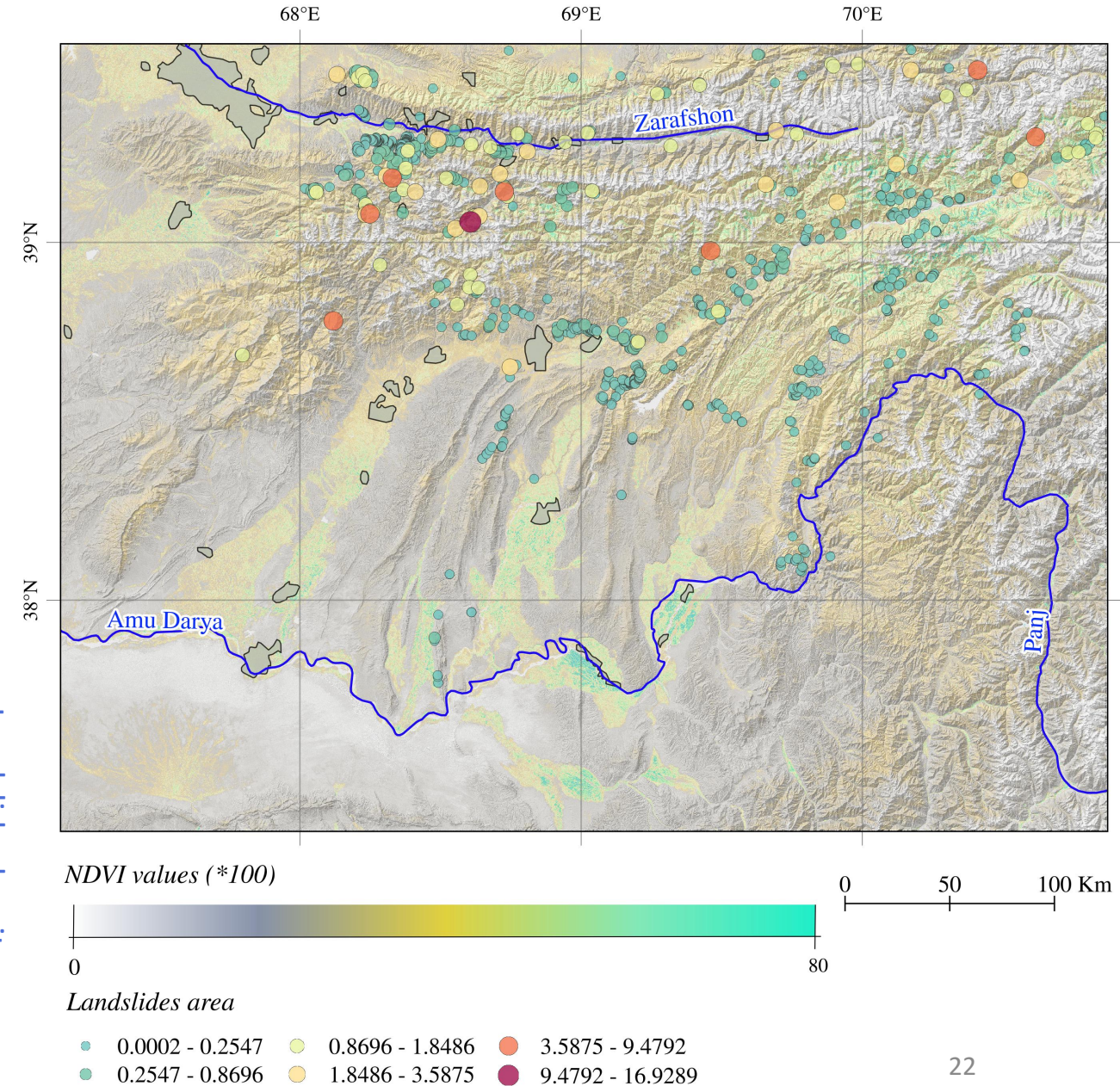
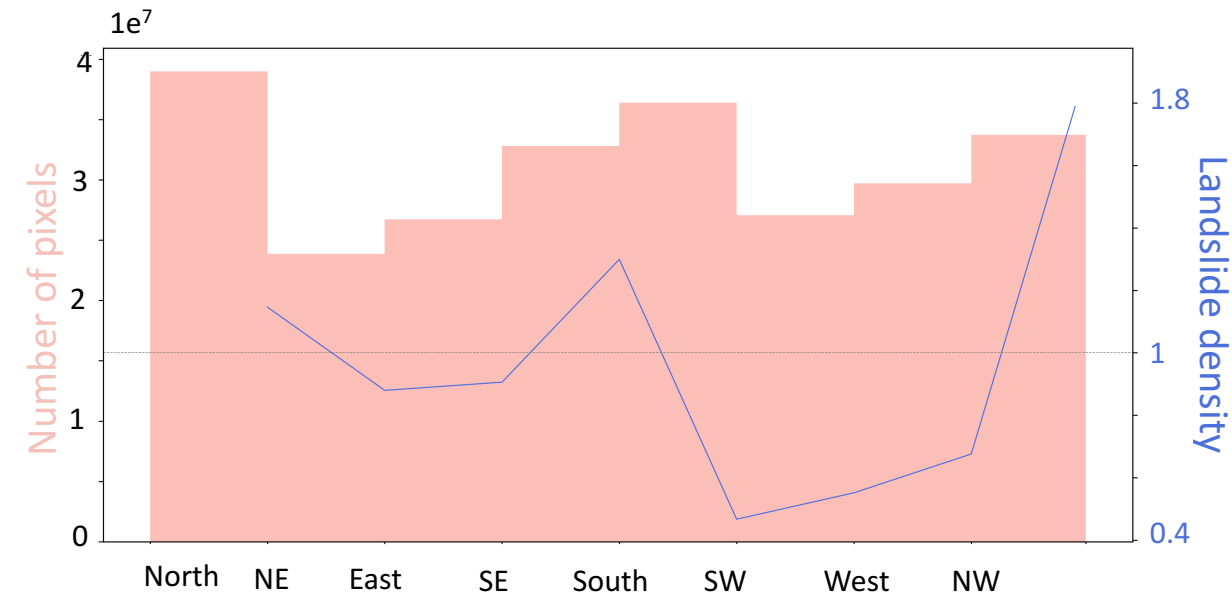


RELEVANT THEMATIC VARIABLES

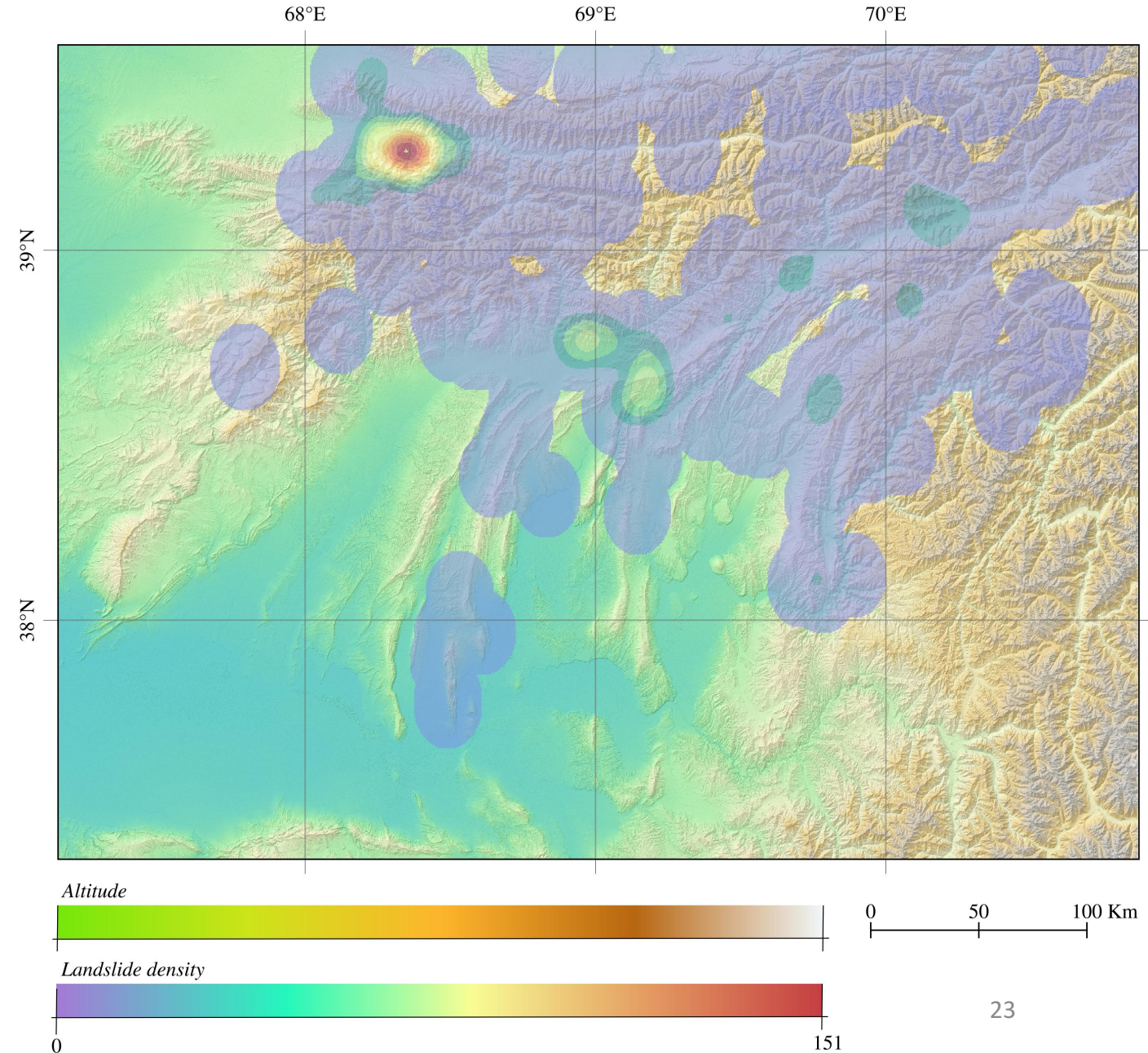
Less relevant

- NDVI
- Aspect
- TWI

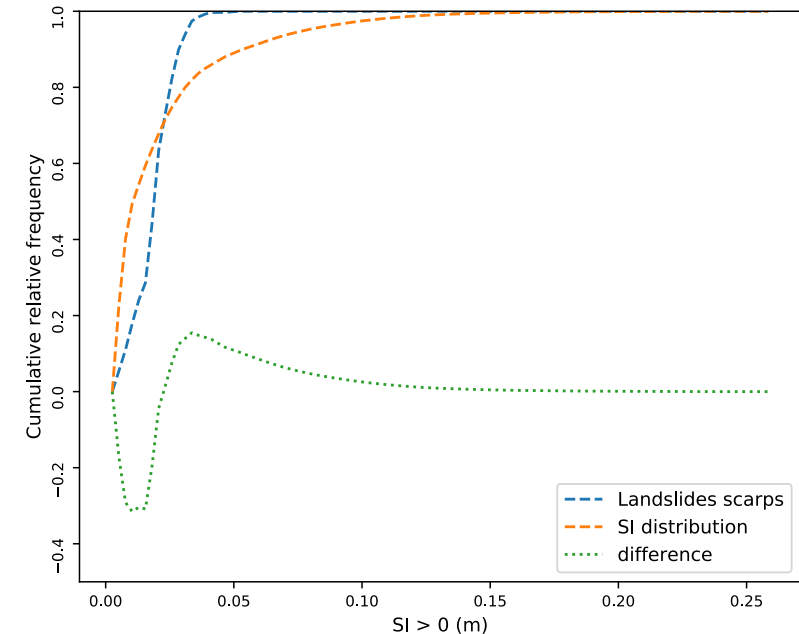
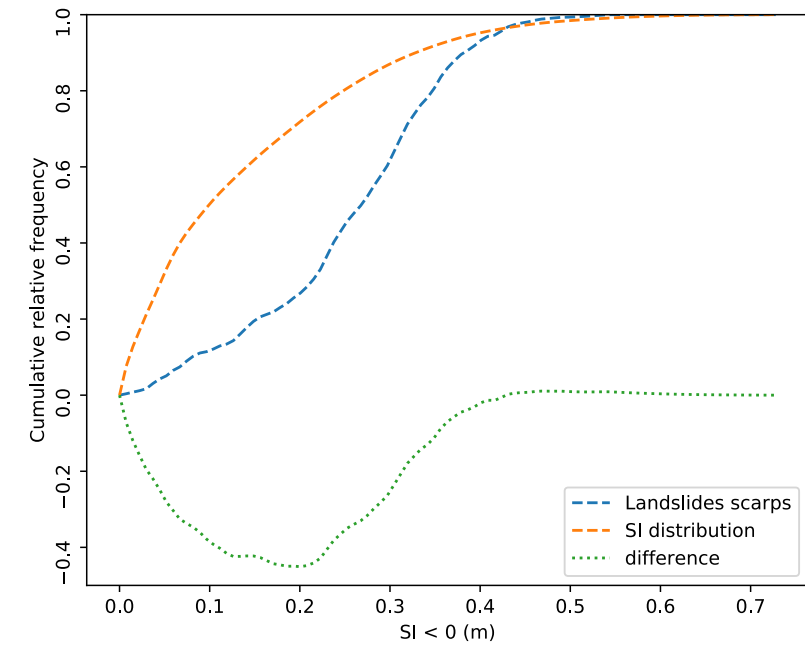
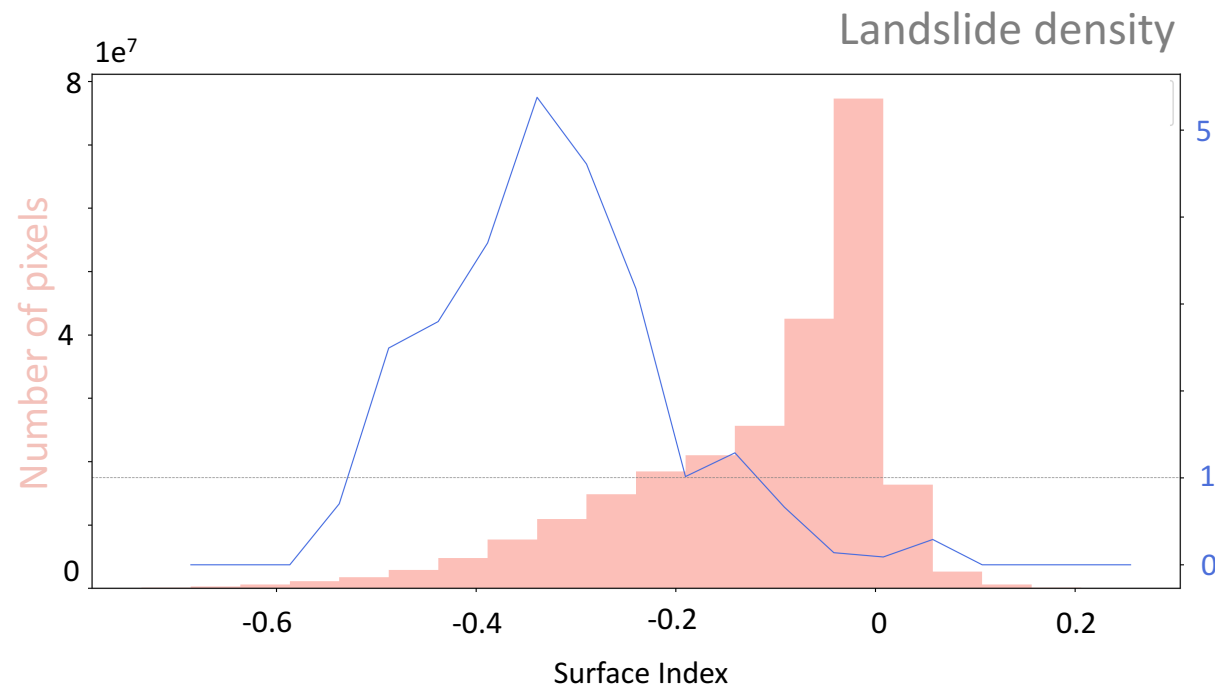
The values associated to the landslides are similar to the areas with no landslides.



The **landslides catalogue** created allows an assessment of the landslides susceptibility of the area; however, also biases are introduced to the models.

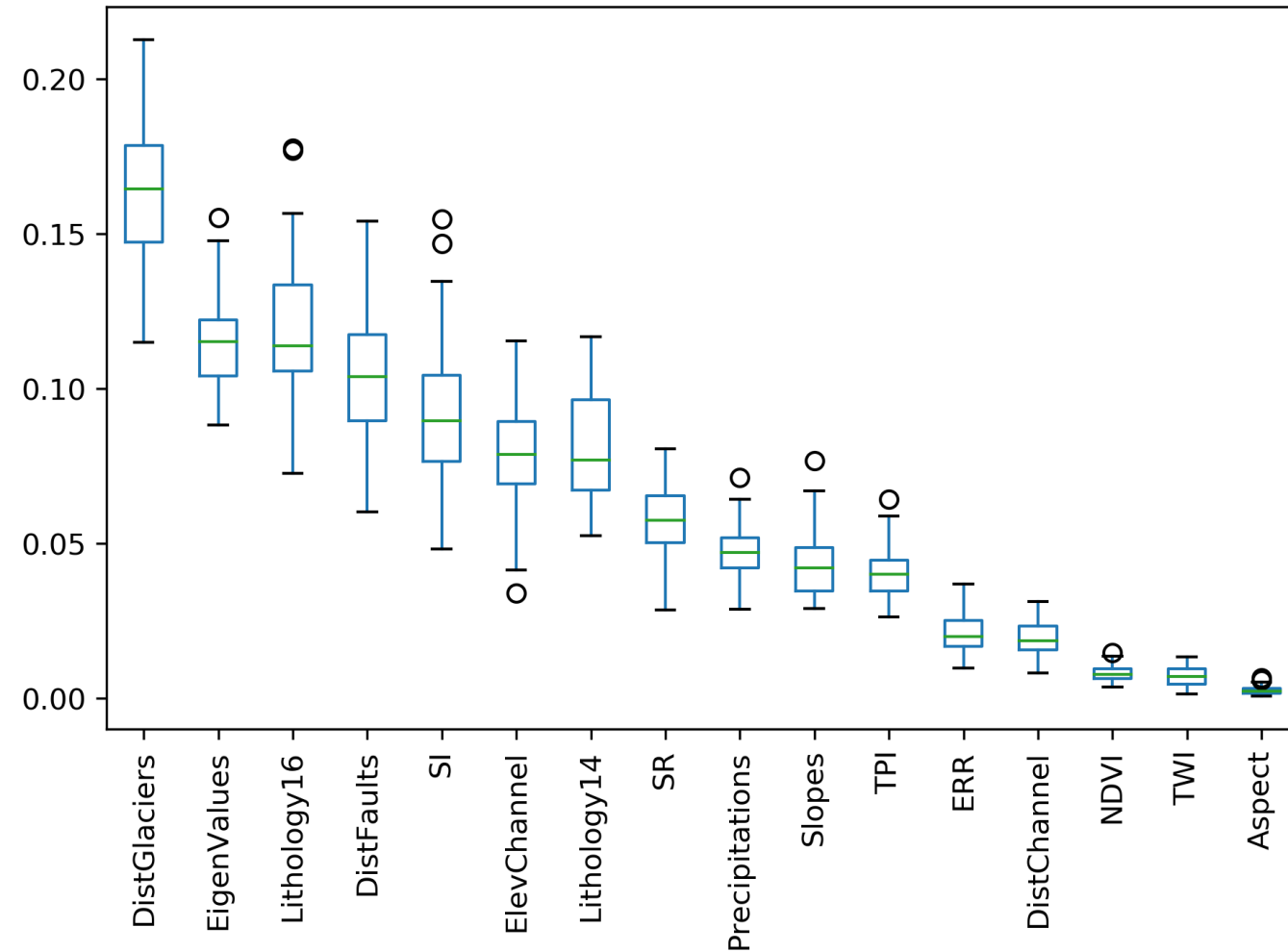


The interaction and the **spatial association** between different factors and mass movements is analyzed based on *landslide density* and *cumulative frequencies*.

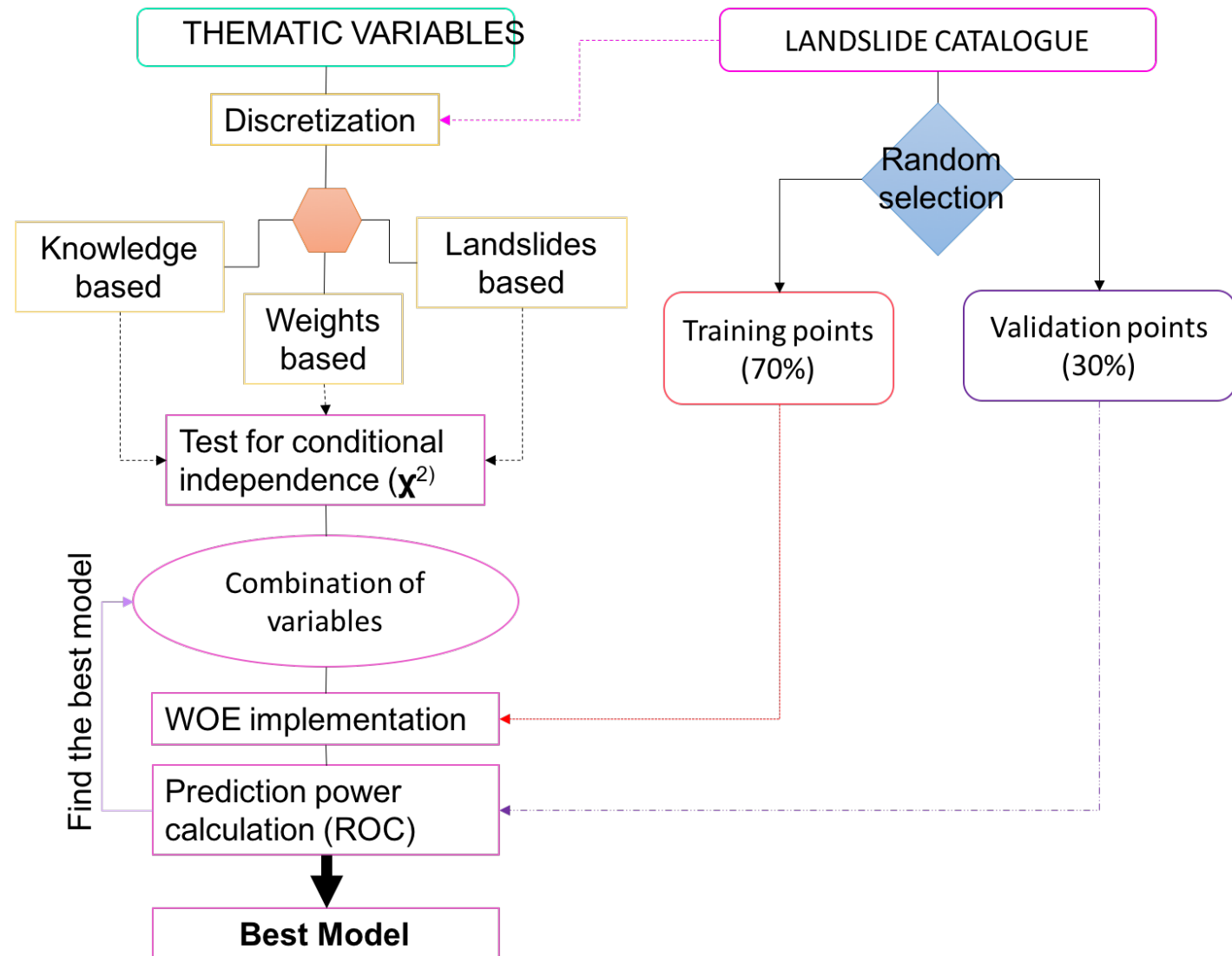


The **importance** of each of the thematic variables is analyzed by the implementation of three different approaches to landslide susceptibility.

Different **geomorphological parameters** are proven as **relevant** in the improvement of the results of the landslide susceptibility models and the understanding of the relation between the different processes that modify the landscape.



Individual methodologies are created to implement each of the statically-based landslide susceptibility approaches. All of them based on free sources programs.





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