

PHOTOGRAMMETRIC MONITORING OF AN ARTIFICIALLY GENERATED LAND SLIDE



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- **TRAMM** (Triggering of **Ra**pid Mass Movements in Steep Terrain) an inter-disciplinary project conducted in cooperation of
 - Swiss Federal Research Institute WSL,
 - ETH Zurich, and
 - EPF Lausanne.

• The primary goal: to improve the quantification and predictability of hazardous mass movements, such as landslides.

• Artificial landslides were generated, and the **mass dynamics were studied numerically**.

• **Two artificial rainfall** events in Ruedlingen (Switzerland), conducted in

- autumn 2008 and
- spring 2009 (resulted in mobilising about 130 m³ of debris).

• **Spatial behaviour** of the land slides was monitored using the photogrammetric technique.



CONTENT

• Test site in Ruedlingen

• The First Experiment

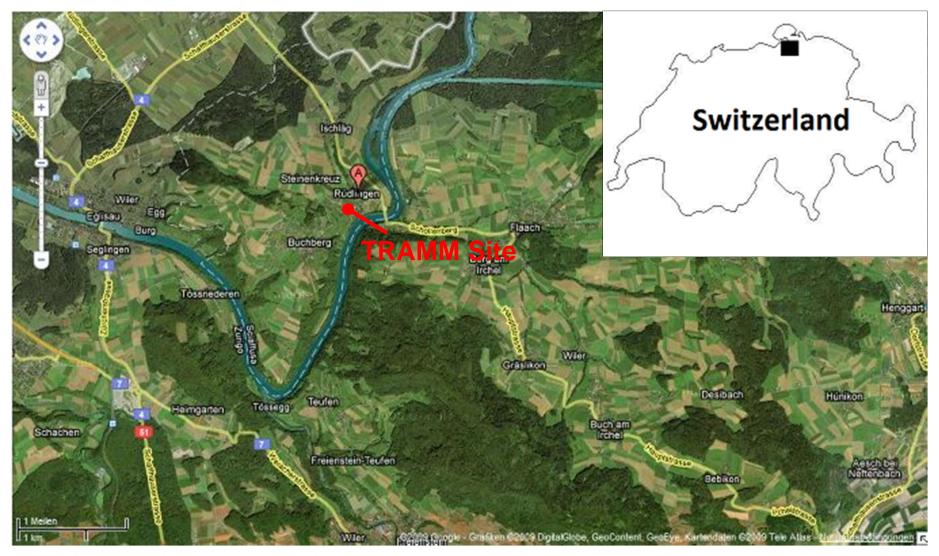
- Network design
- Simulation
- Equipments & installation
- Calibration & orientation
- Point positioning

• The Second Experiment

- Network design
- Calibration
- Point positioning
- Land slide
- Conclusions



Location: Close to Ruedlingen, a small town in the north of Switzerland.





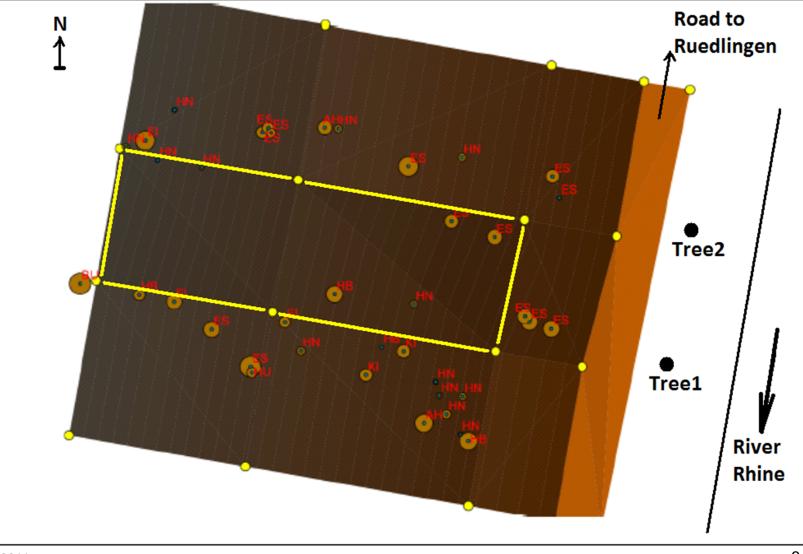
- Size of the test site: 10m x 35m.
- Average **slope** 38 degree.



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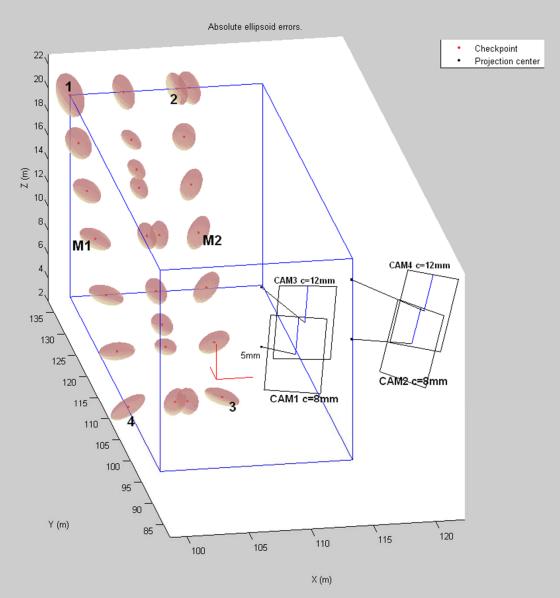


- **Two tall trees** (Tree1 & Tree2), approx. 25m in height, selected to set-up the cameras.
- A 4-camera arrangement, 2 cameras per tree.





- Network simulation with inhouse developed tools.
- Camera formats and lenses were interactively examined.
- **Design consideration** for point positioning ± 1-2 cm.







Based on the network simulations, hardware components decided.



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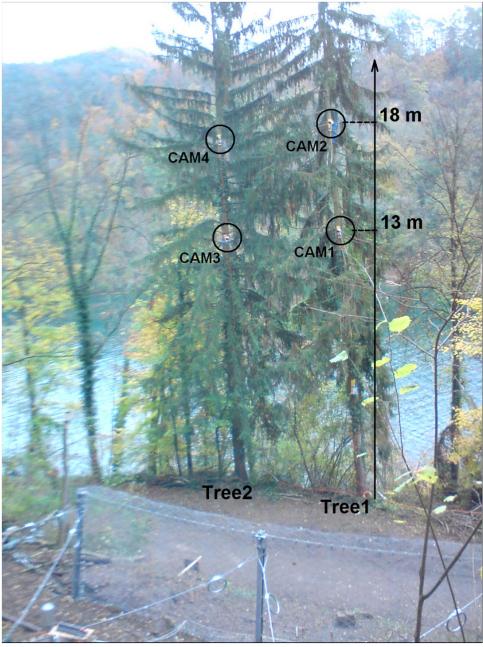
- 1280 x 1024 pixel
- CCD, global shutter
- 14 fps
- 4.65 micron pixel pitch
- Gigabit Ethernet

- 2 Cams x 8.0mm lens
- 2 Cams x 12.0mm lens

Equipments and installation

• CAM1 and CAM3, equipped with 8 mm C-mount lenses, directed towards the **bottom** side,

• CAM2, and CAM4, equippped with **12 mm** C-mount lenses, directed towards the **upper** side.









Cameras placed in **housing shields**, which protect them against snow, rain and other environmental effects.





Four cameras fixed on two trees by a professional climber.









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- Cameras connected to a central computer using 100 m Cat-6 Ethernet cables.
- The control computer was a Supermicro server
 - Intel Xeon QuadCore 2.33 GHz CPU,
 - 4 GB DDR2 RAM memory,
 - 16x 250 GB 7200 rpm SATA II harddisks and
 - MS Windows Server 2003 R2 Enterprise OS.
- An Intel Pro/1000 PT Quad Port **NIC** used for the **Ethernet protocol comm**.





250 white **ping-pong balls** (with 40 millimeter diameter) glued on 20-30 centimeter wooden sticks.



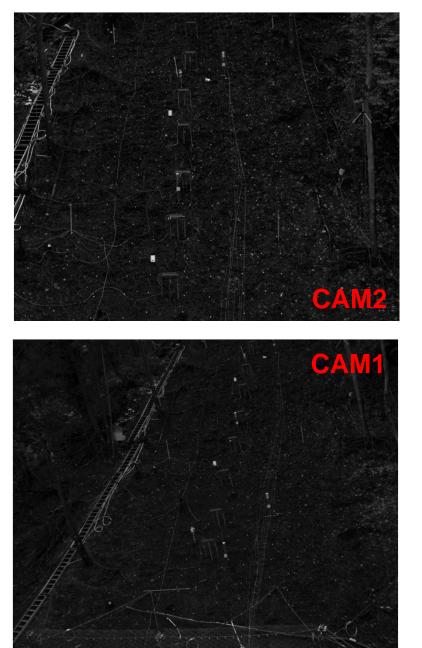






- The camera calibration was performed in the field.
- **Ten consecutive image frames** were measured for each of the four cameras.
- The collected image measurements were input to a **self-calibrating bundle block adjustment** procedure.
- Since the camera stations on two tall trees were **not stable platforms** and were moving with the wind, the exterior orientations of the cameras were calculated for each camera/image frame **individually**, by use of the GCPs.









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- The TRAMM-I experiment started on October 28, 2008.
- The four cameras continuously worked on four days.
- Gathered approximately 350 GB of image data.
- Some deformations were measured in the top right quarter of the field, but the landslide did not occur.
- Only three epochs of the entire image set were processed.
 - October 28, at 3:12 pm,
 - October 30, at 3:16 pm,
 - October 31, at 3:00 pm.

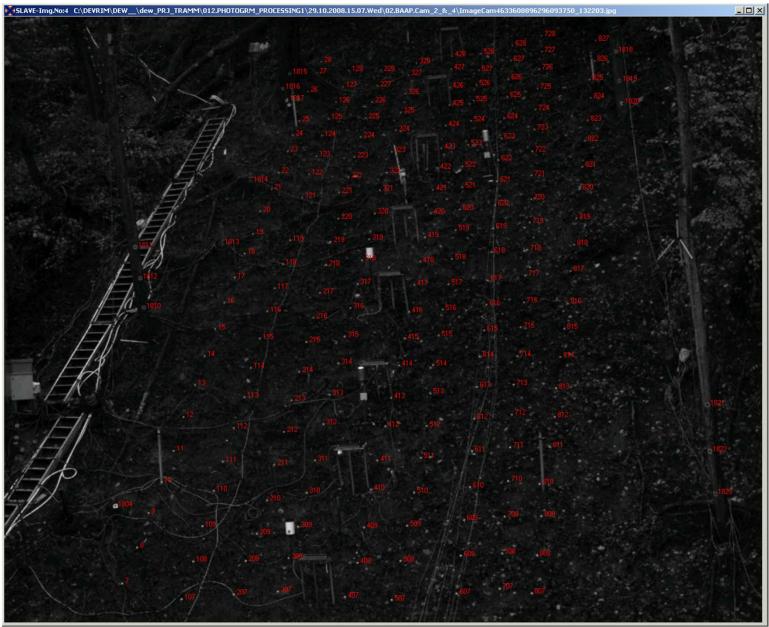


An example of the **CAM4** day time images.



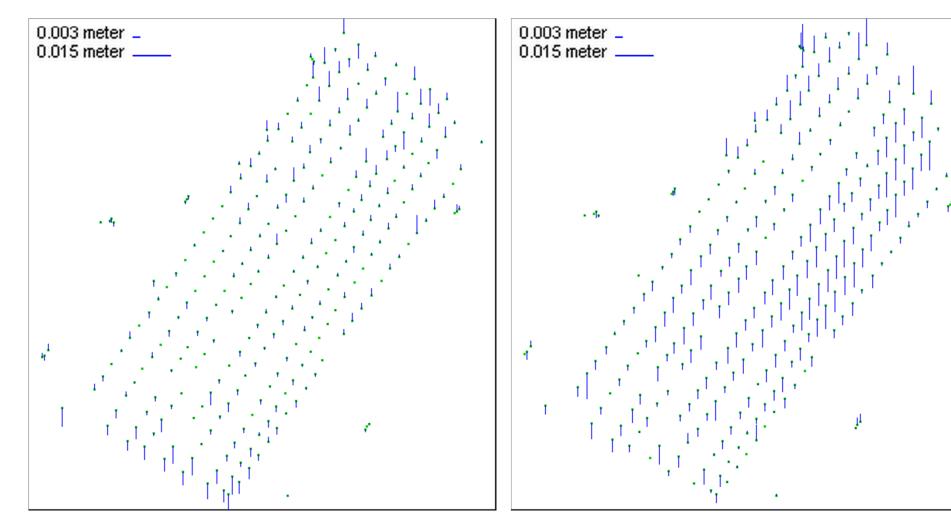


Semi-automatic Image measurement with BAAP software.



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Surface deformation between October 28 – October 29.

Surface deformation between October 28 – October 31.



THE SECOND TRAMM EXPERIMENT

- There was less permeable base rock underlying the top of slope.
- Therefore, the area of interest was moved approx. 5 meters up the slope.
- Photogrammetric network design & simulation steps repeated.
- Similar camera arrangement.
- Ping-pong balls \rightarrow tennis balls.

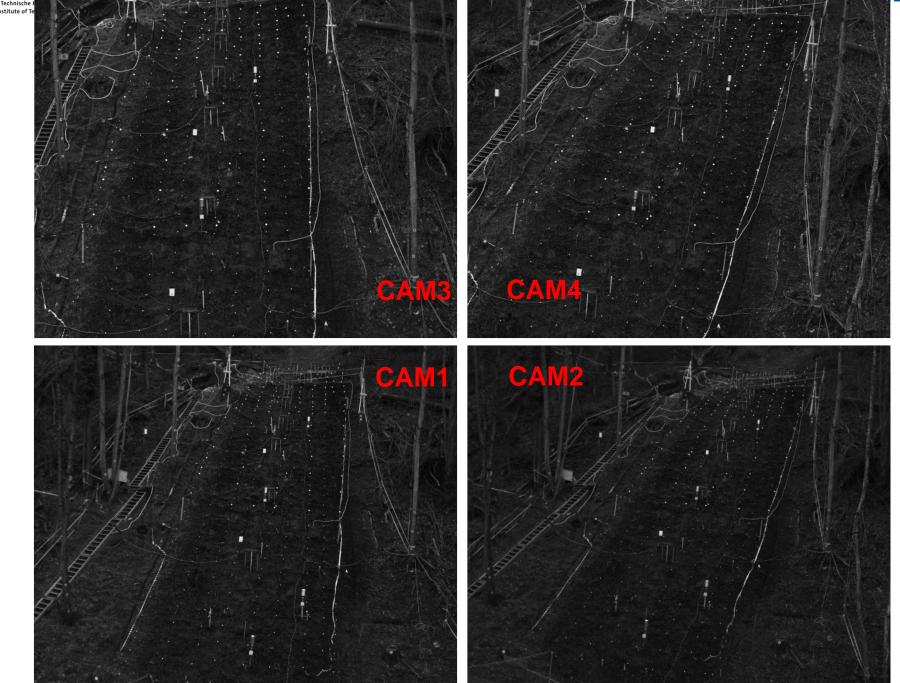


Laboratory Camera Calibration



- In-door testfield
- Self calibrating bundle adjustment
- Point measurement with LS image matching

	<u>So</u>	<u>Average StdDev X-Y-Z at CHK+TIE points</u>		
CAM1	0.34 micron	0.221	0.477	0.151 mm.
CAM2	0.34	0.187	0.330	0.129
CAM3	0.40	0.141	0.331	0.114
CAM4	0.35	0.134	0.365	0.120



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12 GCPs

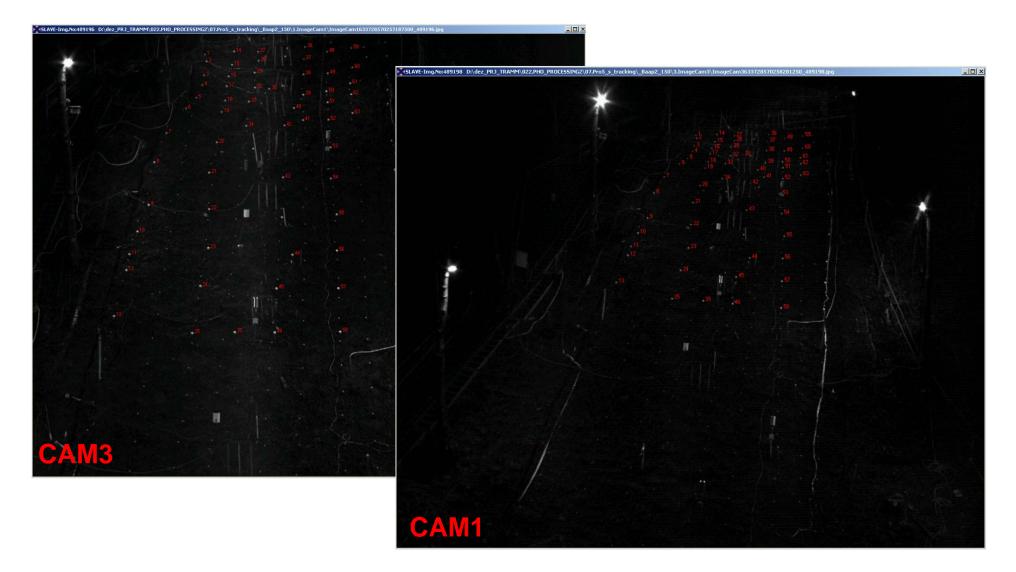
Tennis balls as targets







Automatic Image Tracking & Measurement



Automatic image measurement with image tracking + cross-correlation





- TRAMM-II experiment was started on March 16, 2009 at 3:28 pm.
- The land slide occurred on March 17, at 3:23 am.
- It took 36 seconds to mobilize about 130 m3 of soil and roots.







The images were processed in three temporal frequency groups:

• Hour-by-hour:

1 frame per hour (1 fph) starting from 6:00 pm until 3:00 am, totally 8 epochs, and 8x4 = 32 images.

• Minute-by-minute:

1 frame per minute (1 fpm) starting from 3:01 am until 3:23 am, totally 23 epochs, and 23x4 = 92 images.

• Original imaging frequency:

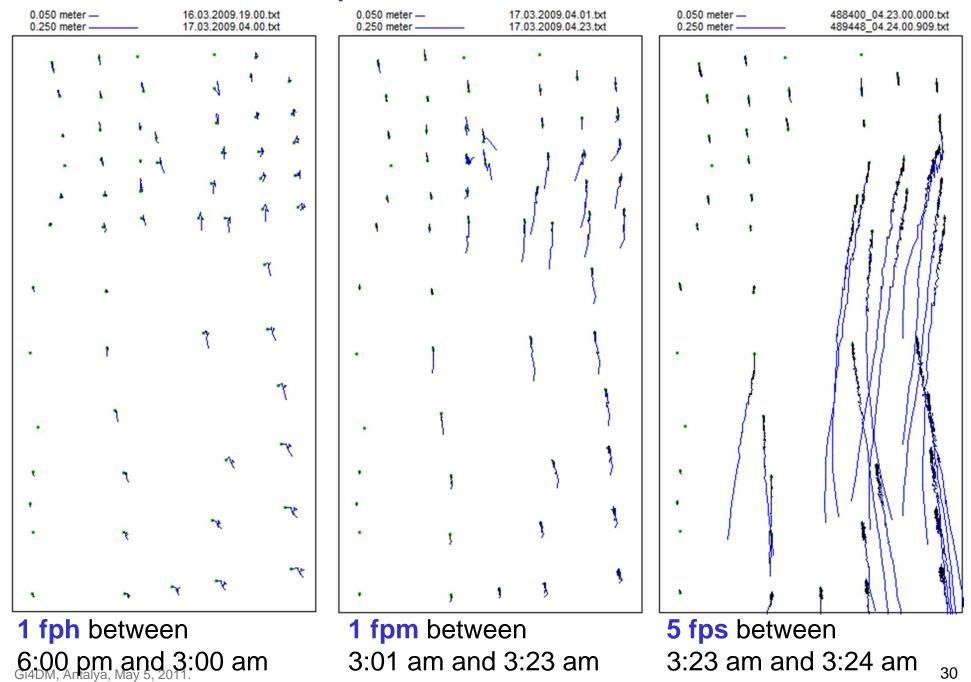
5 frames per second (5 fps) starting from 3:23:00.000 am until 3:24:00.909 am, totally 263 epochs, and 263x4 = 1052 images.

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Horizontal displacements of the tennis balls



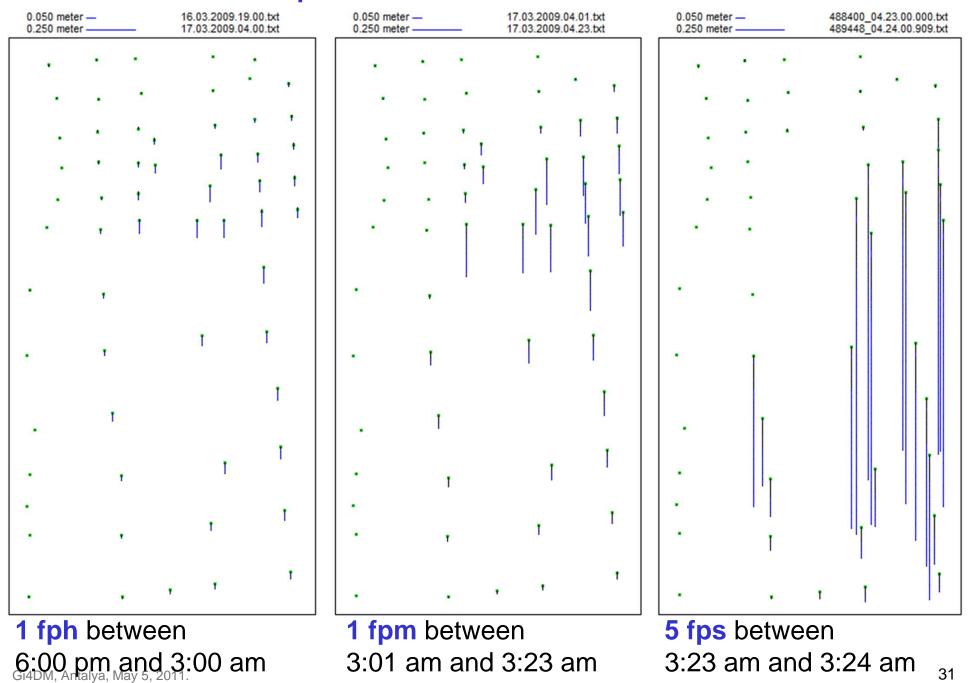


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Vertical displacements of the tennis balls









The landslide occurred between 3:23 am and 3:24 am.

In this time span, the upper right quadrant flowed along the slope with an **average speed of 14.0 cm/seconds**, and a **maximum speed of 100.4 cm/seconds** was reached at some locations.



CONCLUSIONS

• A photogrammetric network was **designed** and **installed** to monitor an artificially triggered **landslide**.

- Photogrammetry is a cost-effective and accurate method for such tasks.
- The surface deformation was **quantified** by tracking the small (ping-pong and tennis) balls pegged on the ground.
- The average 3D point-positioning precision of ±1.6 cm was achieved in the first experiment and ±1.8 cm in the second experiment.
- The results of the photogrammetric work provide a better understanding of surface dynamics of landslides.





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