

**Mountain Risks  
Stakeholder Workshop  
Dortmund 24-25/09/2007**

**Study area southern Alps  
(France)**

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- Risk management in France / french partners
- Hydrogeological hazards affecting southern alps
- Landslide risk management in Trieves
- Landslide risk management in Barcelonette basin

# Risk management in France

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- **RM circle** : cf Climchalp project ([www.climchalp.org](http://www.climchalp.org))
- **Role of the institutions**
  - State : reglementation, information , financial support
  - Regional councils : incentive financial support
  - Departmental councils : road and rescue service management, financial support
  - Communes : first responsibility level, land use planning
  - Citizens : right to be informed, civil protection partners (?)
- **Public / private engineering**
  - RTM, BRGM, CETE... : strong field / technical capacities, various status and dynamics
  - Engineering companies
  - Universities / research centers

# French MR partners / PGRN

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## **French partners Mountain risks**

- University Caen
- Univ Joseph Fourier Grenoble
- Cemagref Grenoble

## **Pôle Grenoblois Risques Naturels : NGO**

[www.risknat.org](http://www.risknat.org)

- Members : research and technical institutes of R-Alpes
- Interface Research / public authorities and institutions
- Impulse and coordinate applied research / natural hazards
- Supported by Conseil Général Isère / Région R-Alpes

Earthquakes

Torrents floods and debris flows

River floods

Rockfall, rock avalanches

Landslides and deep slope movements  
(Avalanches)

# Southern Alps : moderate sismicity but high vulnerabilites

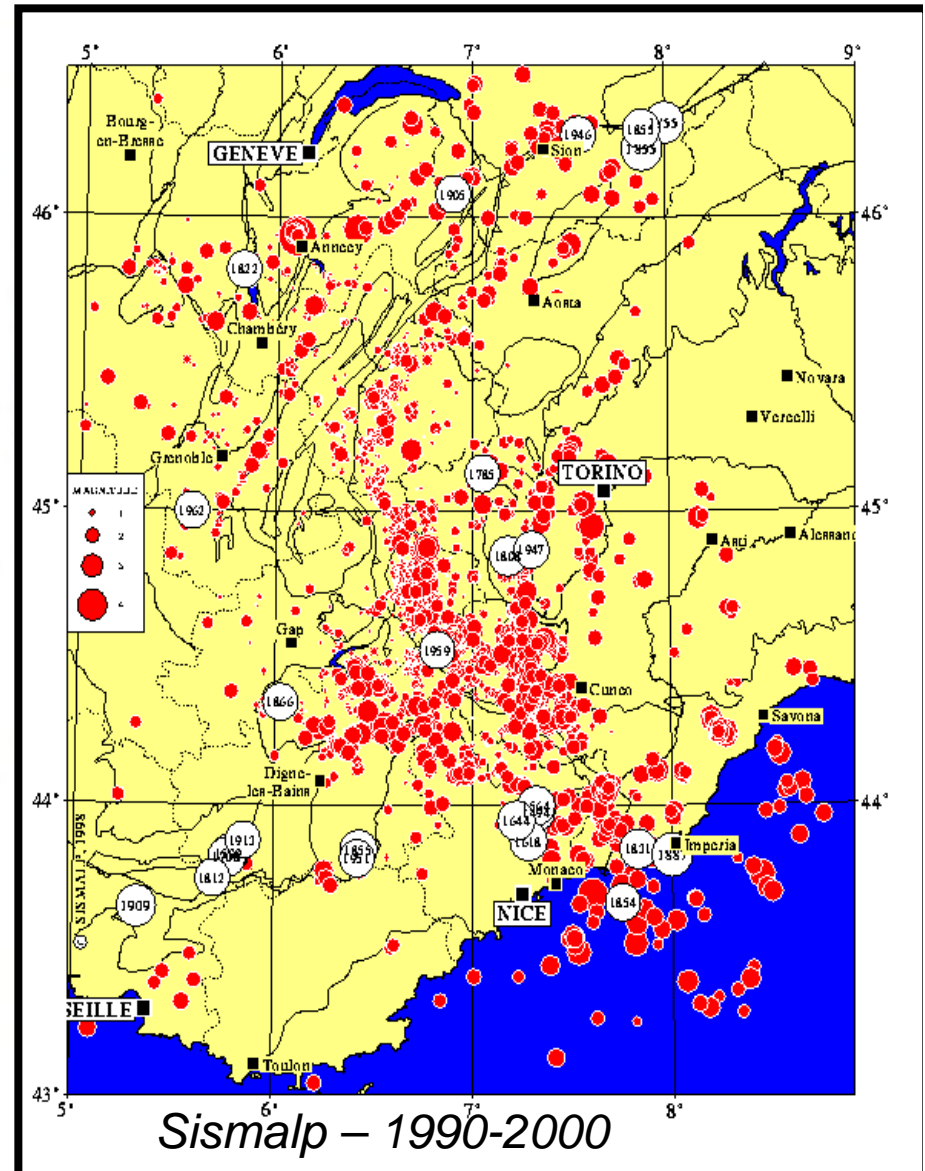
## Moderate sismicity

Intensity VIII-IX

## High vulnerability

Hi-Tech Industries

Chemical and nuclear plants



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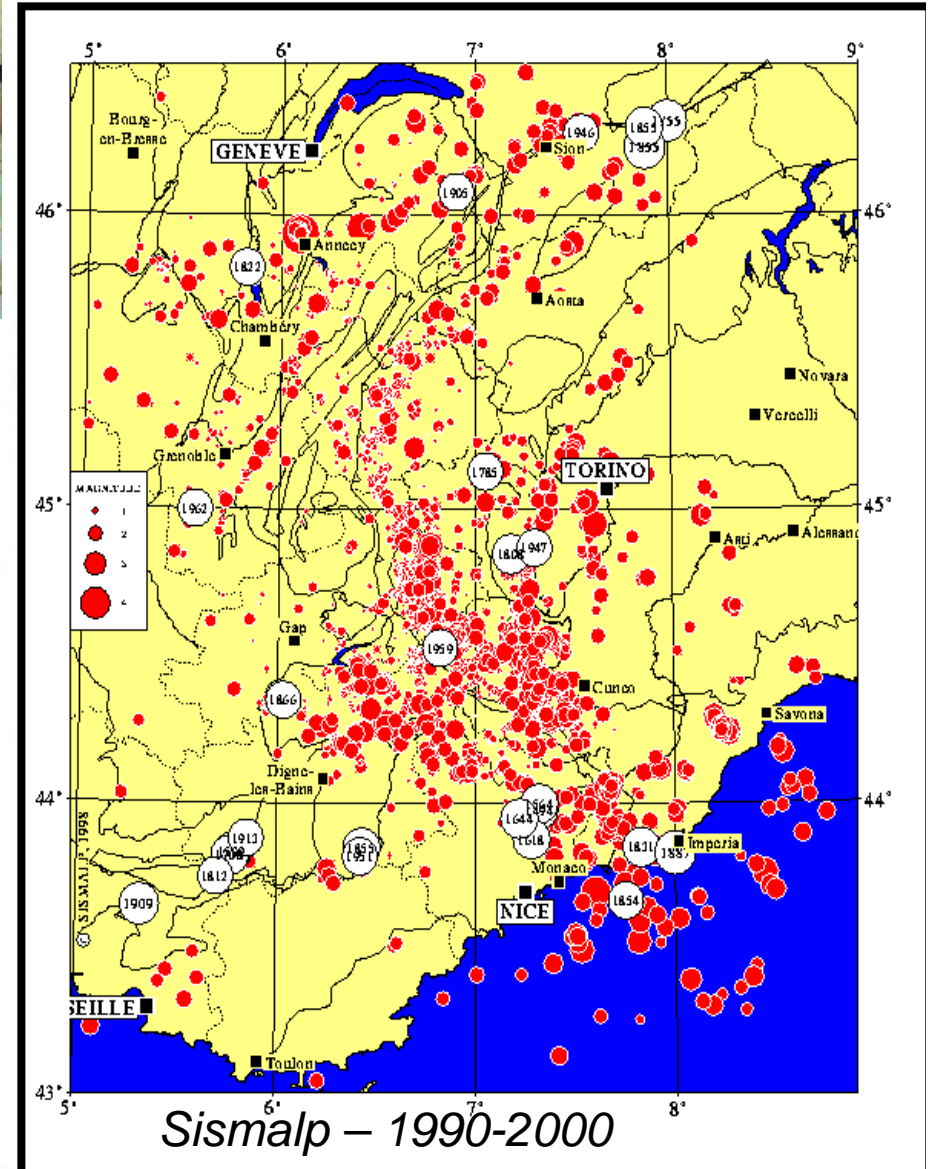
Annecy 1996  
Intensity VII



Corrençon 1962  
Intensity VI - VII



Lambesc 1909  
Intensité VIII à IX

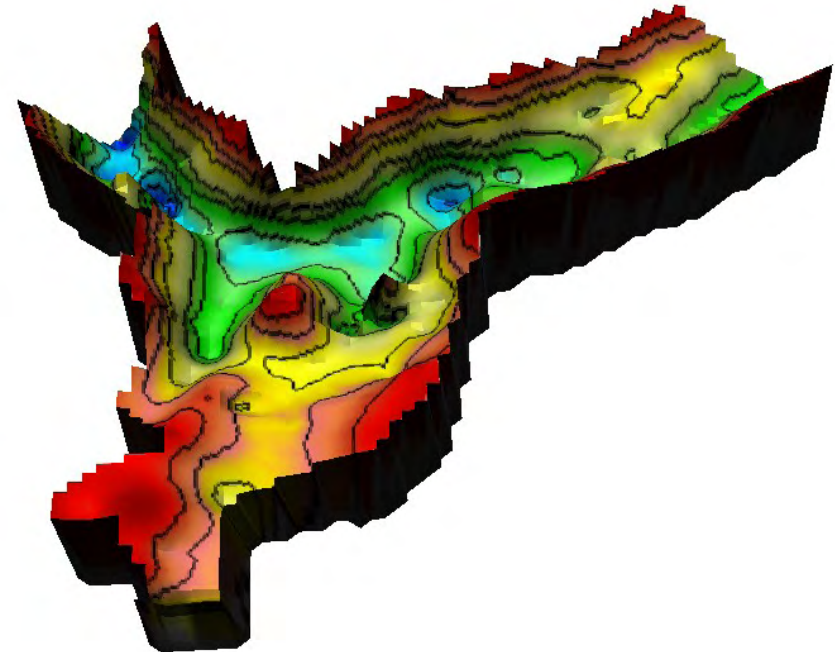


# GRENOBLE : alpine glacial valley filled with clay sediments

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**Bedrock depth :  
up to 800 m**

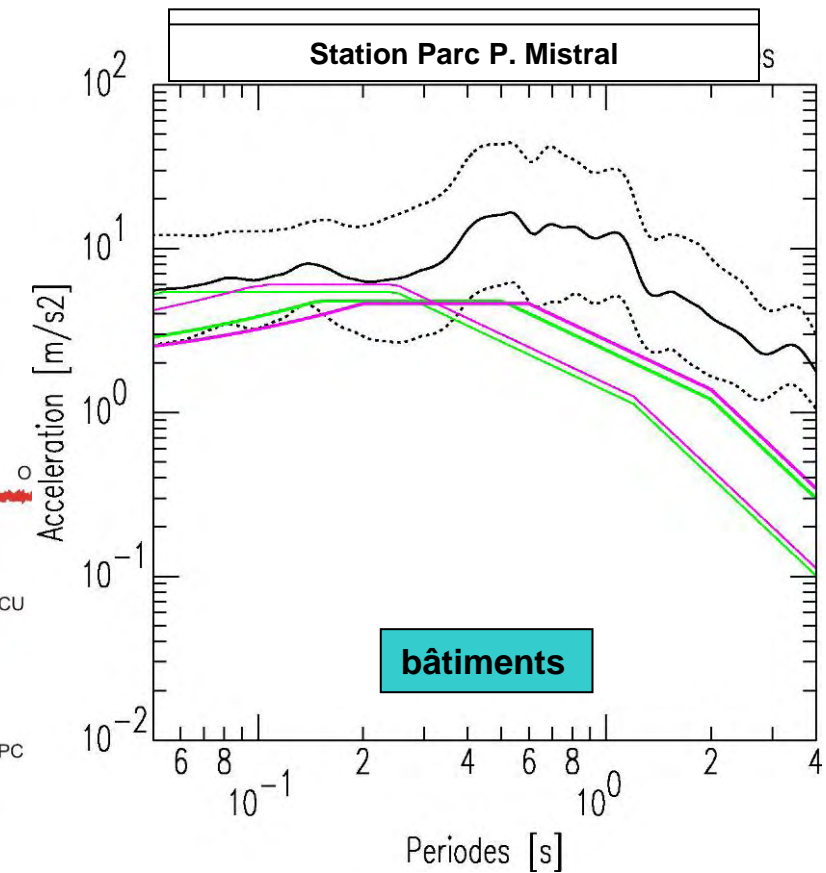
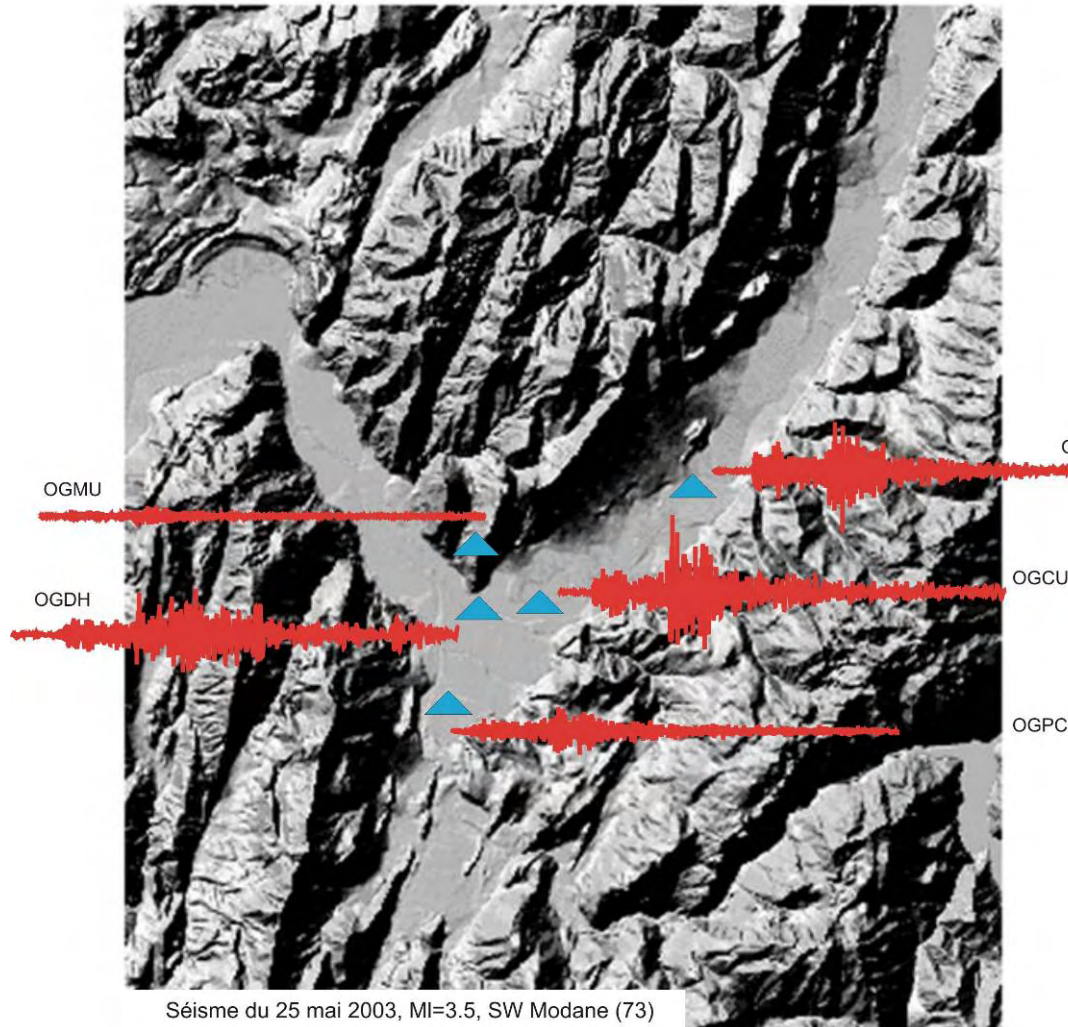


*Vallon, 1999*

# SITE EFFECT : SEISMIC AMPLIFICATION

Observations  $M_l=3.5$  – SO de Modane (73)

Simulation  $M=5.5$  Laffrey



- : sol de classe B
- : sol de classe C
- : sol de classe A (rocher)



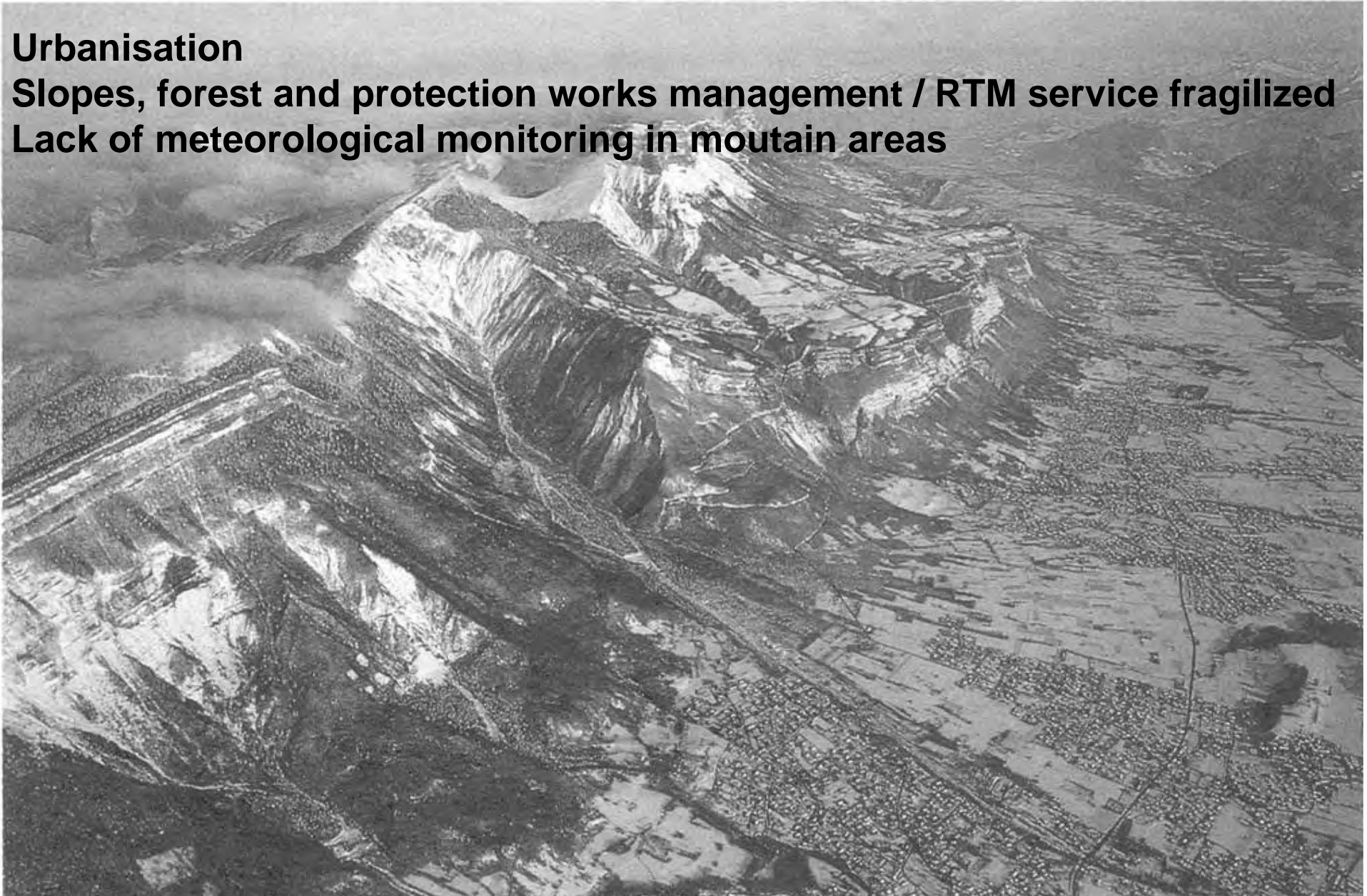
# Torrents

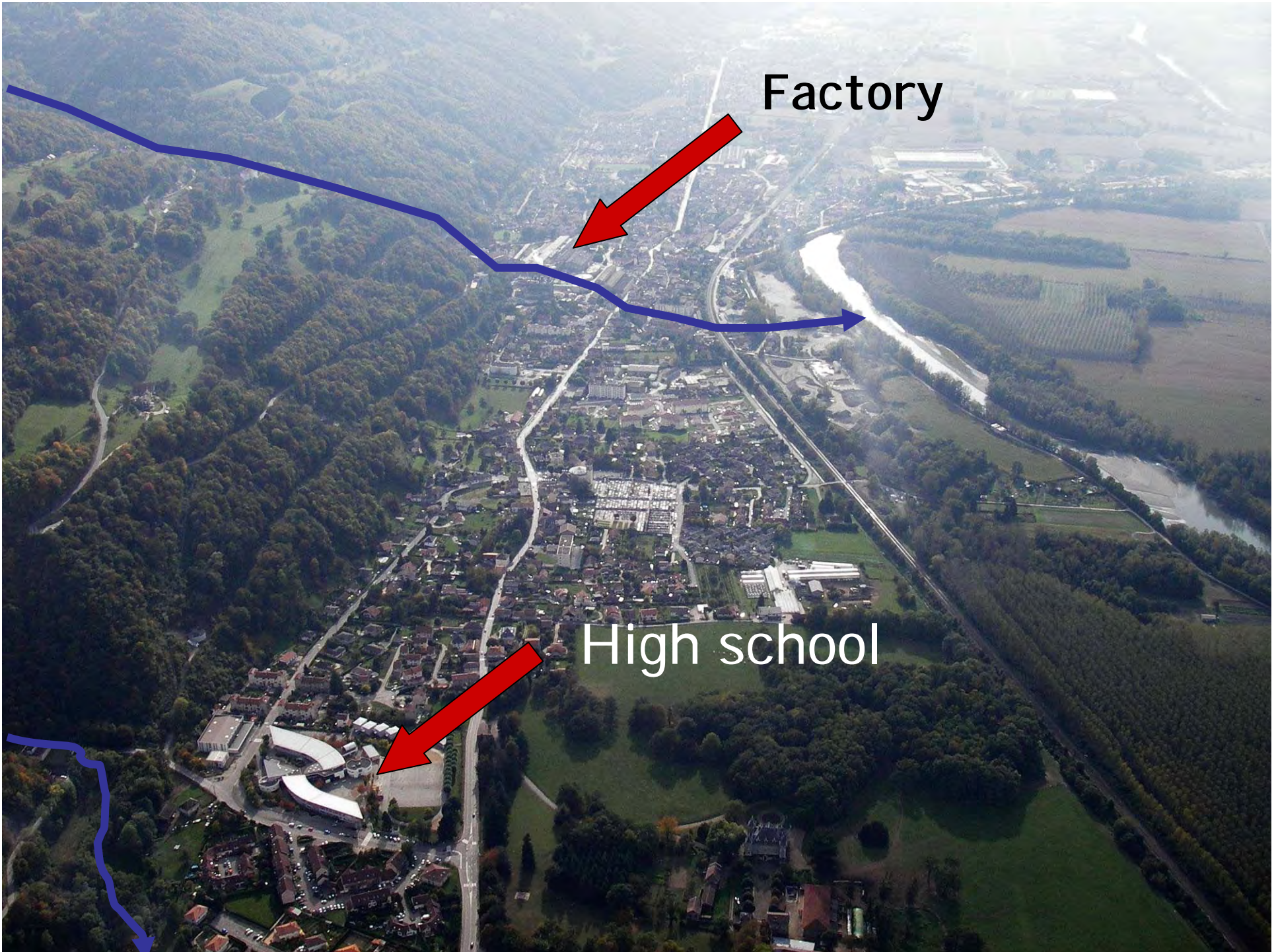
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## **Urbanisation**

**Slopes, forest and protection works management / RTM service fragilized**

**Lack of meteorological monitoring in moutain areas**





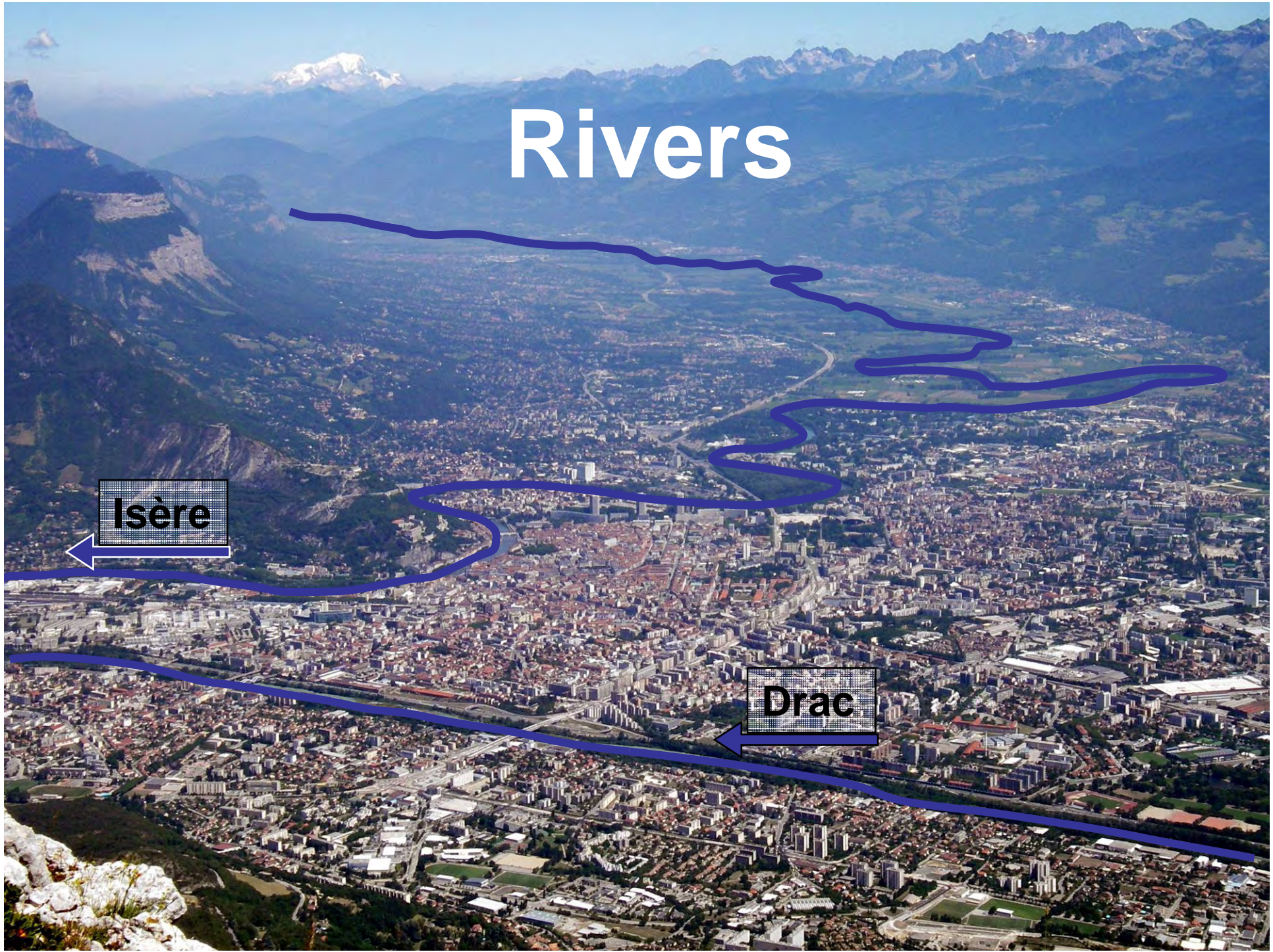
Factory

High school

# Rivers

Isère

Drac



# Rivers : enough space ?

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Embankment / flooding areas

Social acceptation / risk dialog ?

Isère :

- Flood Prevention Plans
- Project upstream Grenoble



# Rivers : transit capacity ?

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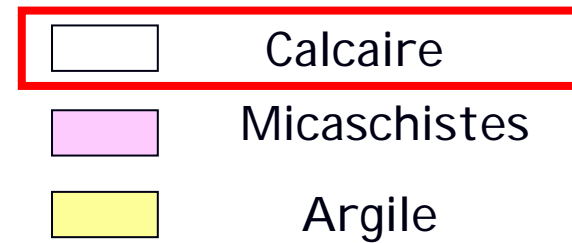
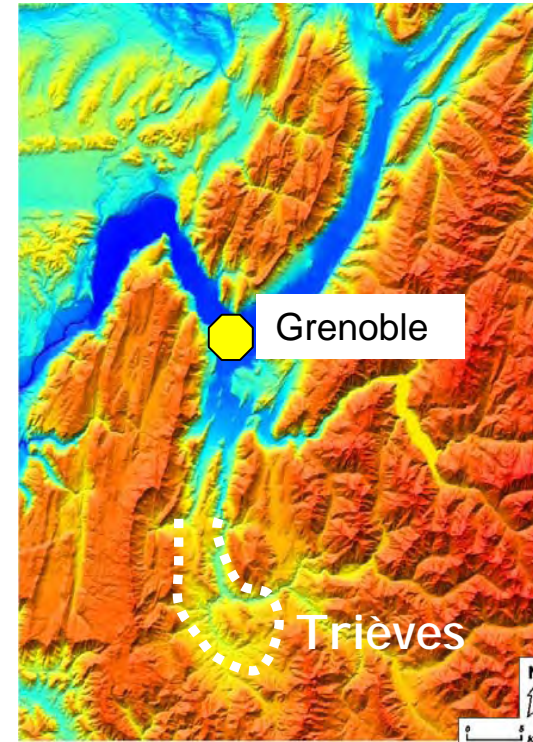
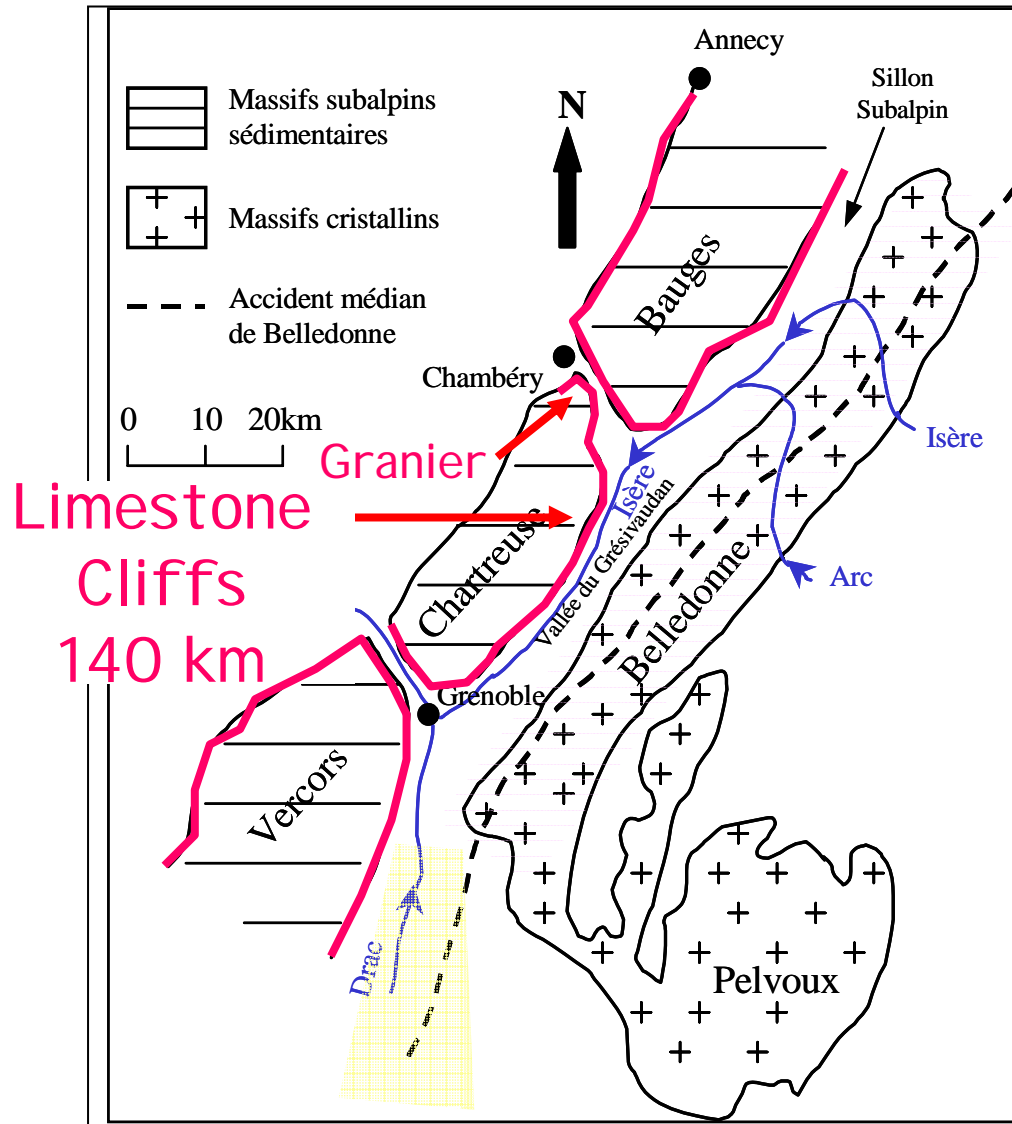
Biological management of river beds  
Upstream / downstream sediments management  
(+ / - : Drôme river lack of sediments / reforestation)

*Drac à Jarie 1907*

*Drac à Jarie 1997*



# Rockfall - rockavalanche risks near Grenoble



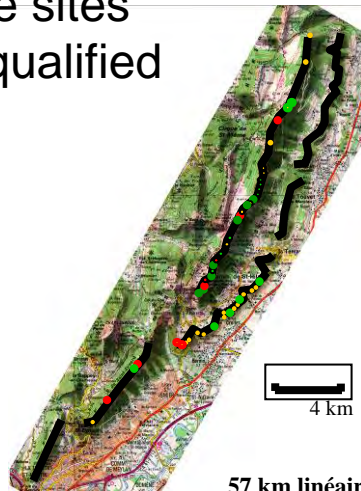
# Rockavalanche risks in alpine valleys near Grenoble



Strategical study /  
landuse planification

Chartreuse east : 57 km cliff

- 9 unstable sites
- 19 to be qualified



57 km linéaire de falaise

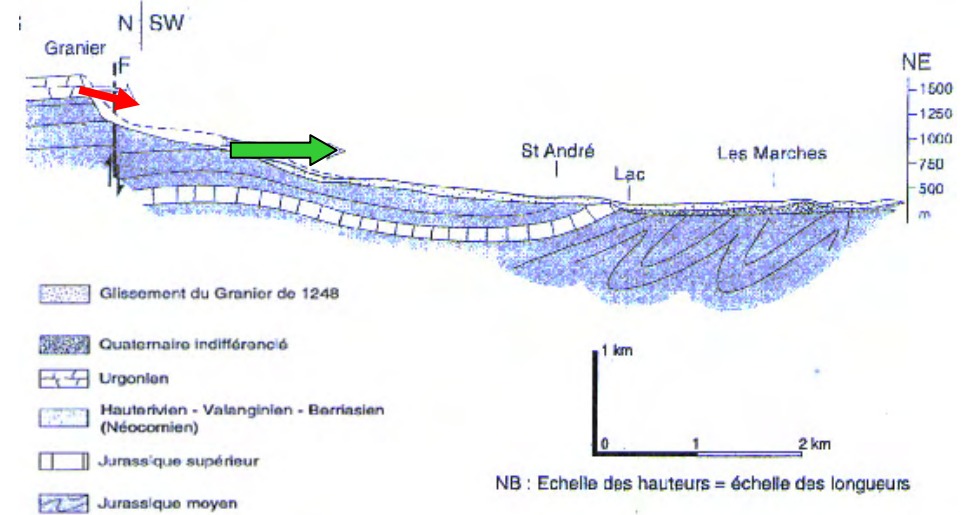
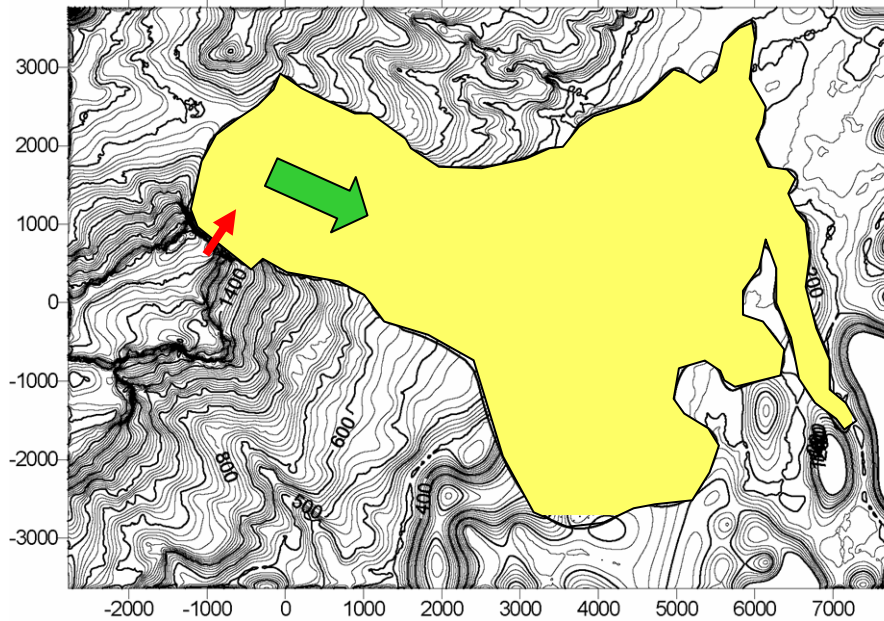
Rockfall : every day management  
Rockavalanches : out of scope of Prevention Plans



# Historical catastrophe : Mont Granier

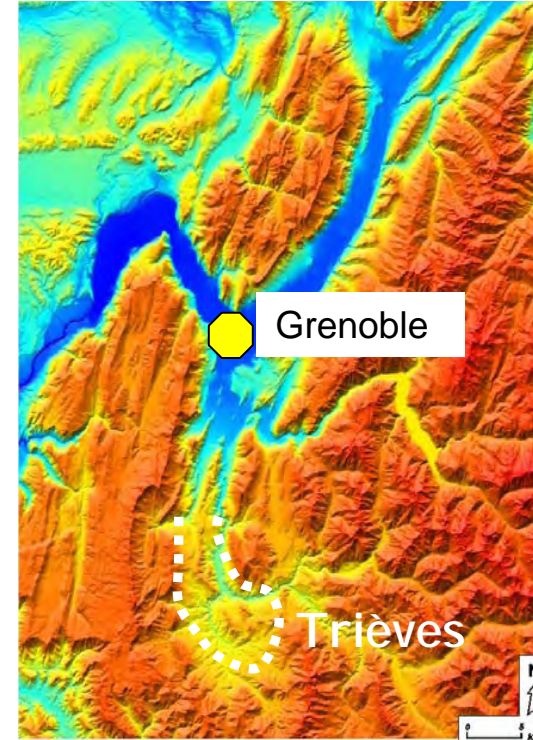
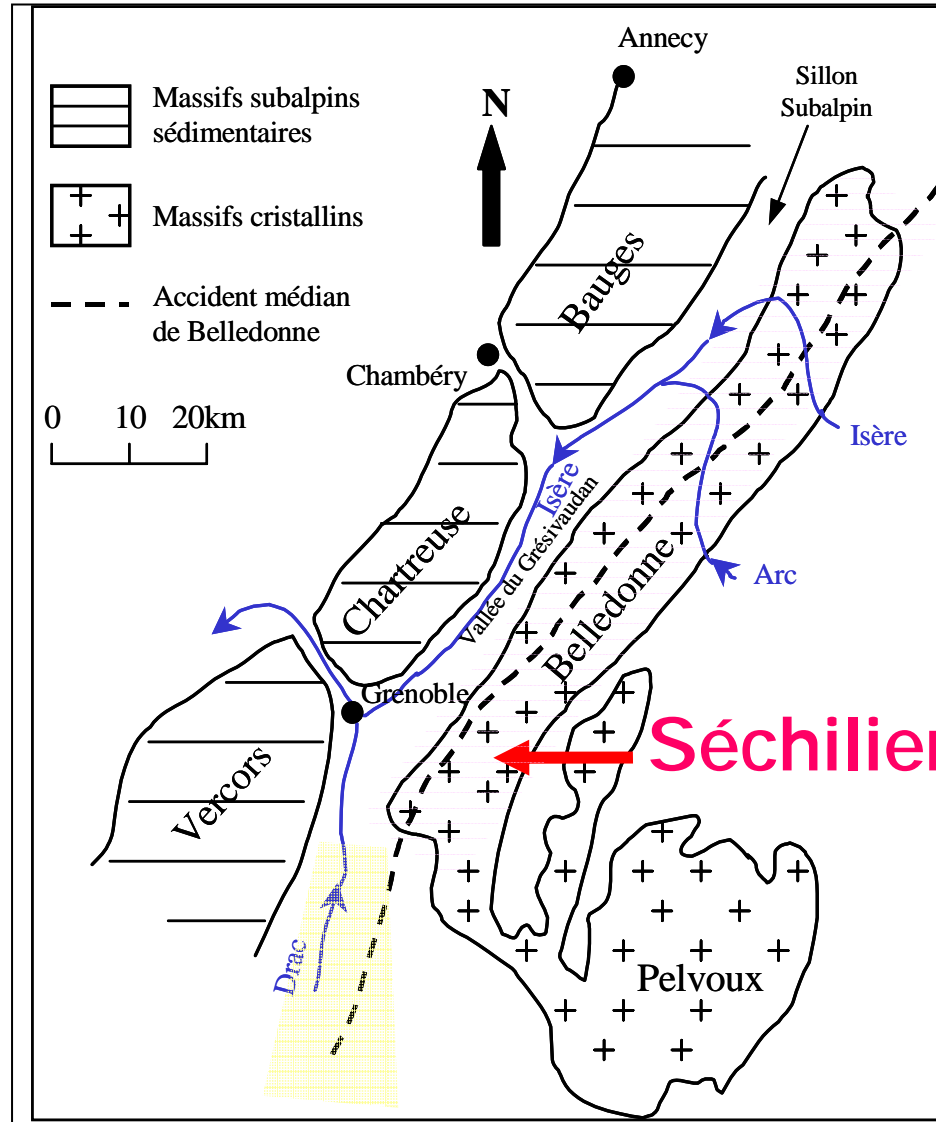
1248 : huge mudflow (300-500 Mm<sup>3</sup>)  
triggerred by rockavalanche  
(10-50 Mm<sup>3</sup>)

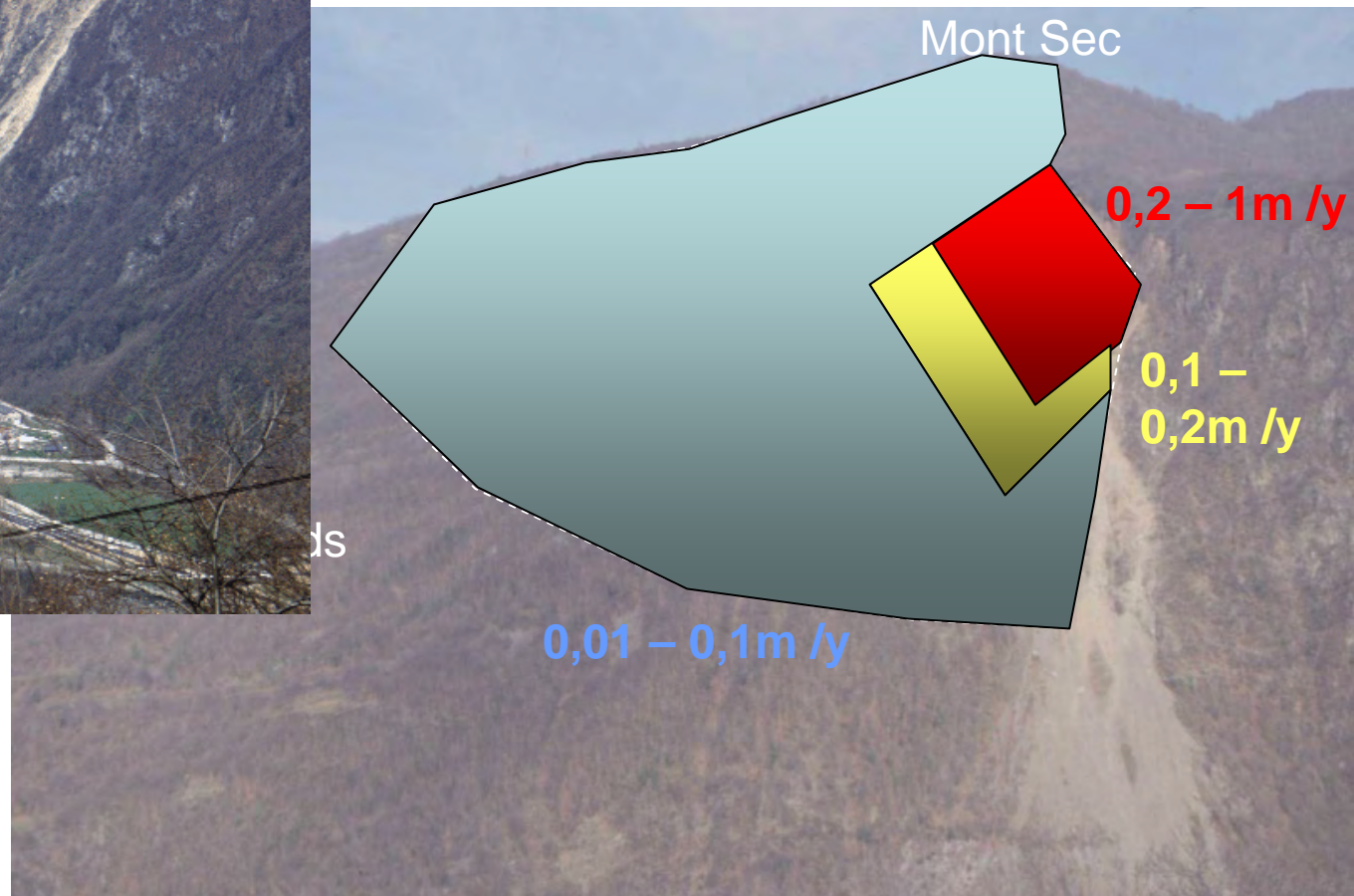
XX° : several rockfall 10<sup>4</sup> – 10<sup>5</sup> m<sup>3</sup>





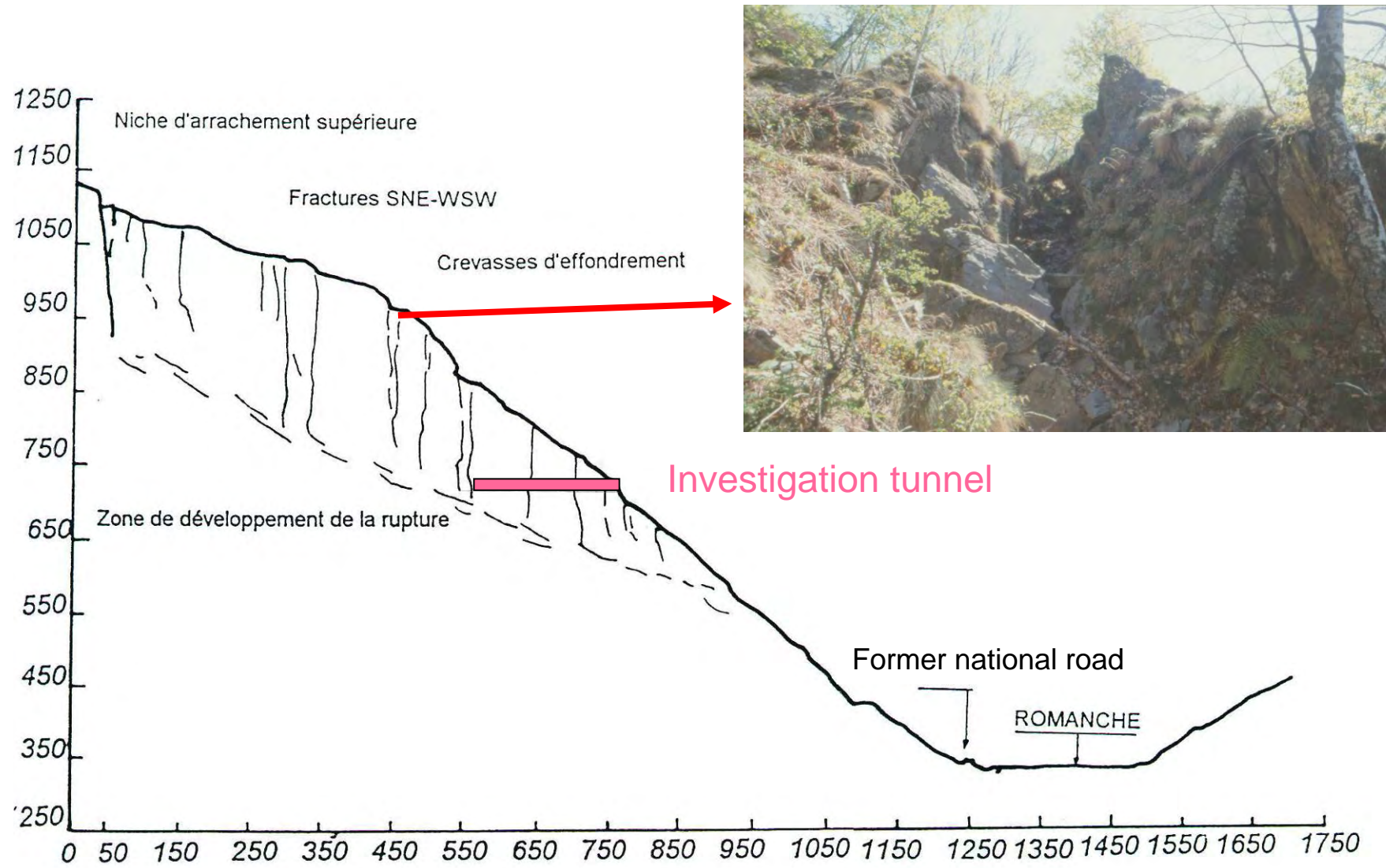
# Sechilienne : major slope instability





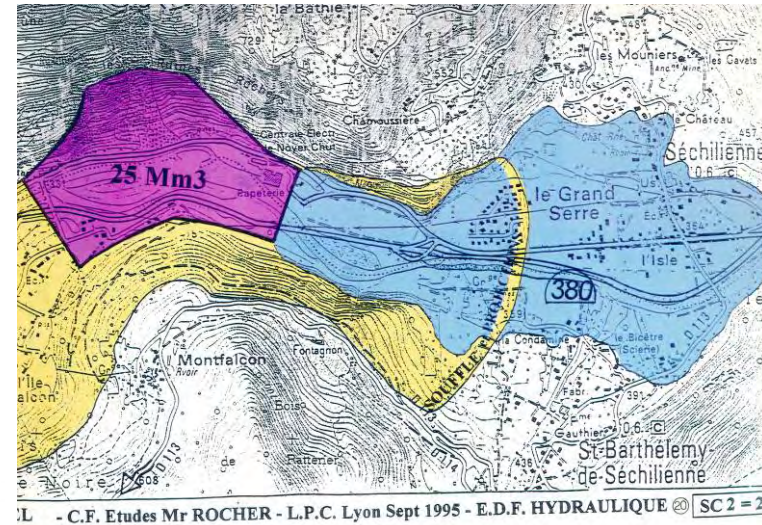
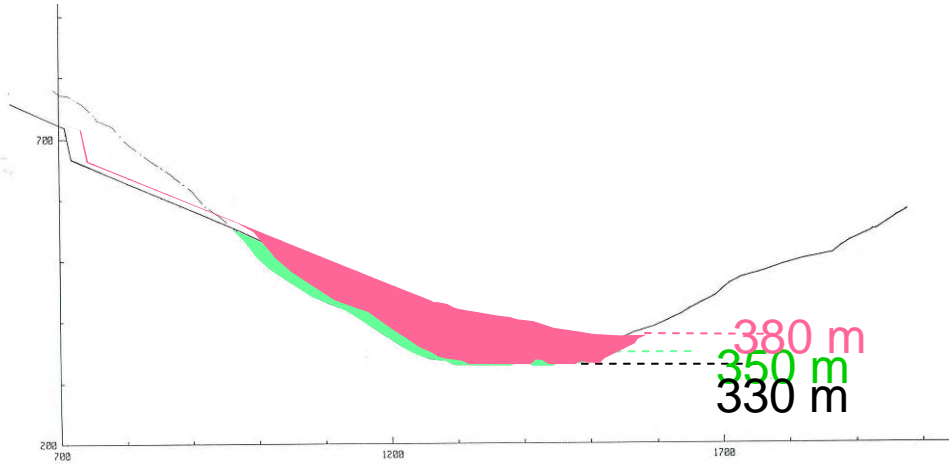
# SECHILLENNE

# Cross section



# SECHILLENNE

## Rockavalanche Hypothesis 7 and 25 Mm3

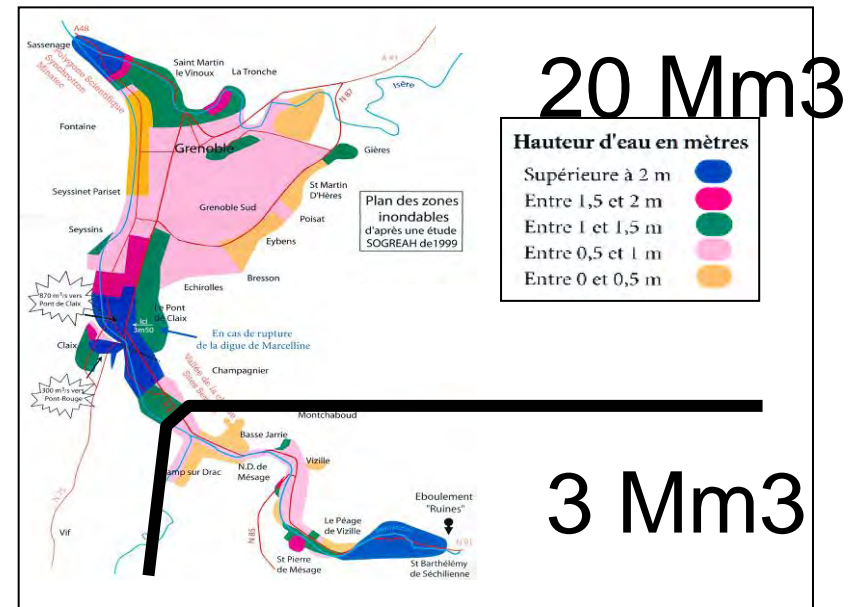


### Narrow valley : risk of natural damming

Interruption of main road transit to southern Alps / Italy : 1-2 M€/day

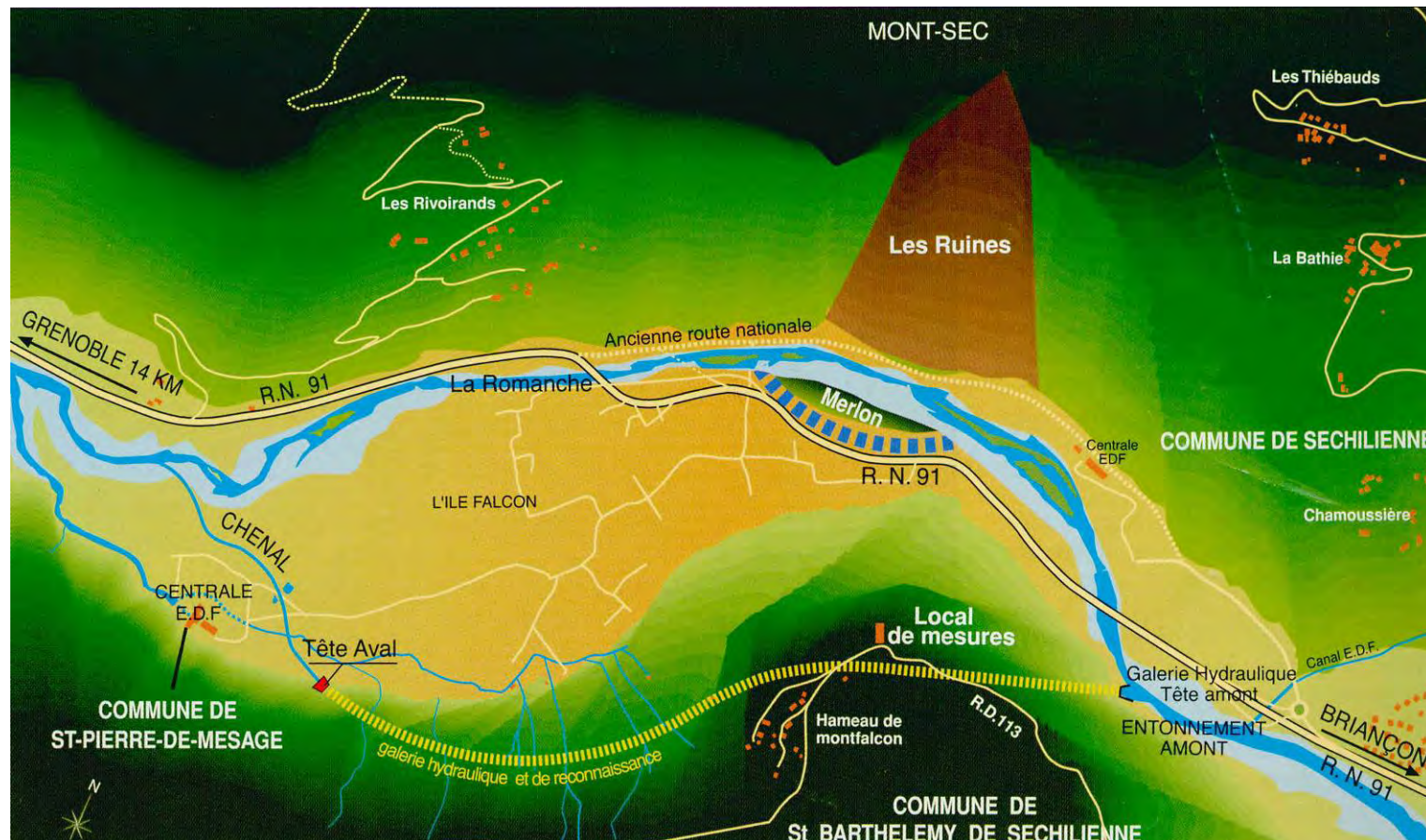
Upstream slow flooding risk : impact on local development

Downstream wave flooding risk / urban zones and chemical plants

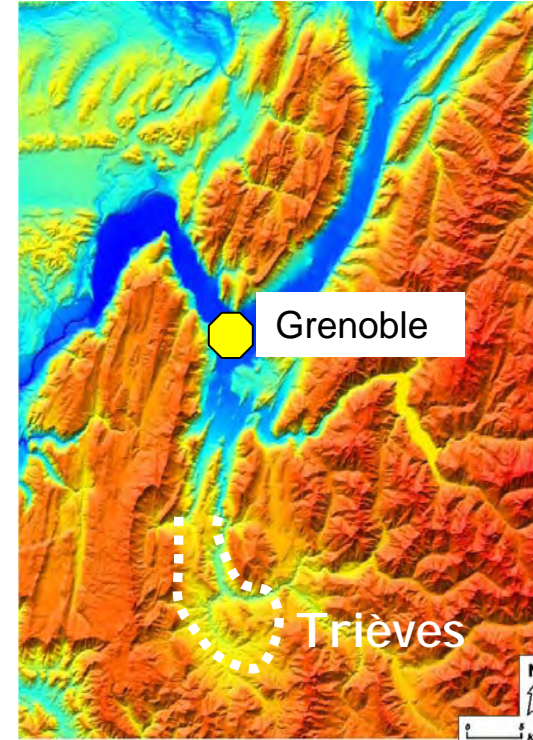
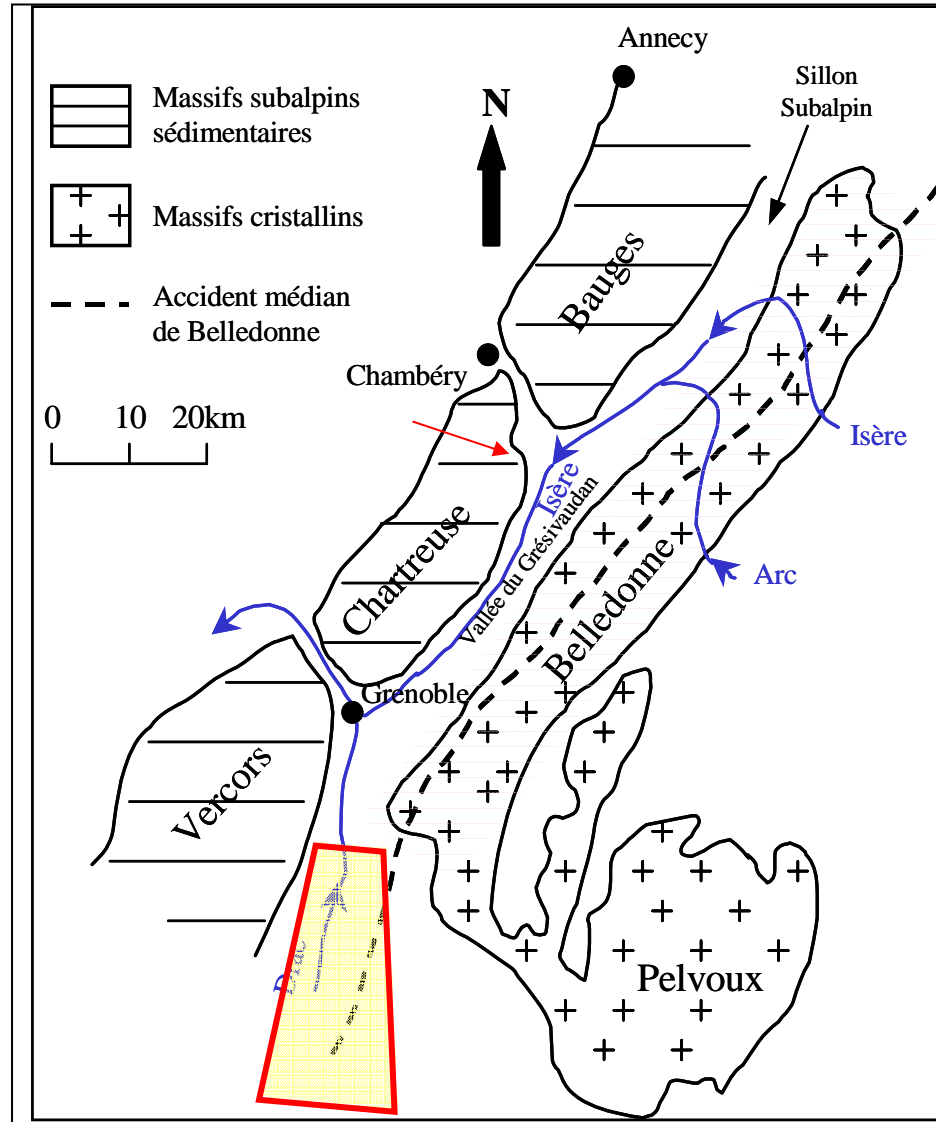


**Decisions :**

- Intense monitoring (State : CETE Lyon)
- Alert system / Civil Protection Plan downstream
- Paper factory and 50 houses preventive expropriation (Loi Barnier, 1°)
- Road uplift on opposite slope (project 2009)
- Hydraulic tunnel : investigation gallery done, studies going on... funding ?



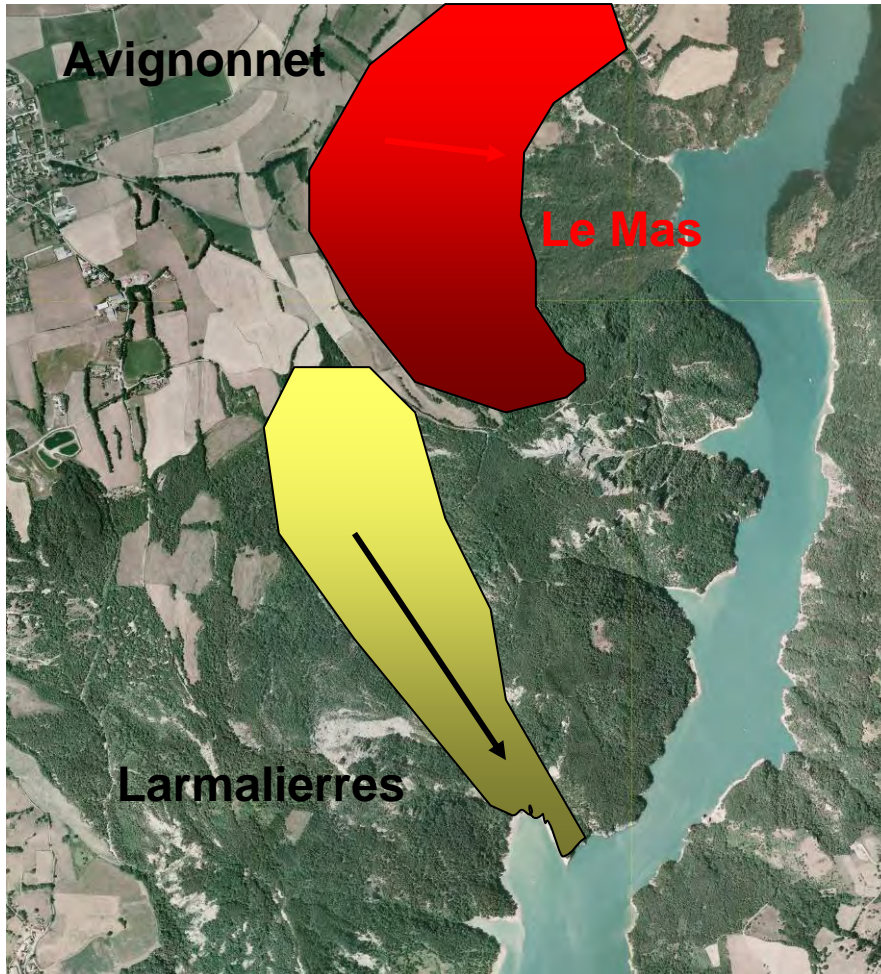
# Mouvements de terrain dans la région de Grenoble



Trièves landslides

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MR partner : LGIT – Univ Joseph Fourier



# Trièves landslides

## Larmalierres



**EDF**  
**hydropower dam :**  
**risk evaluated**  
**as low,**  
**no specific monitoring**



# Avignonnet landslide management

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## Avignonnet

Le Mas village :

- damages to houses, danger to habitants
- limited monitoring (RTM – CG 38)
- expropriation procedure going on
- Social risk dialog : ...?



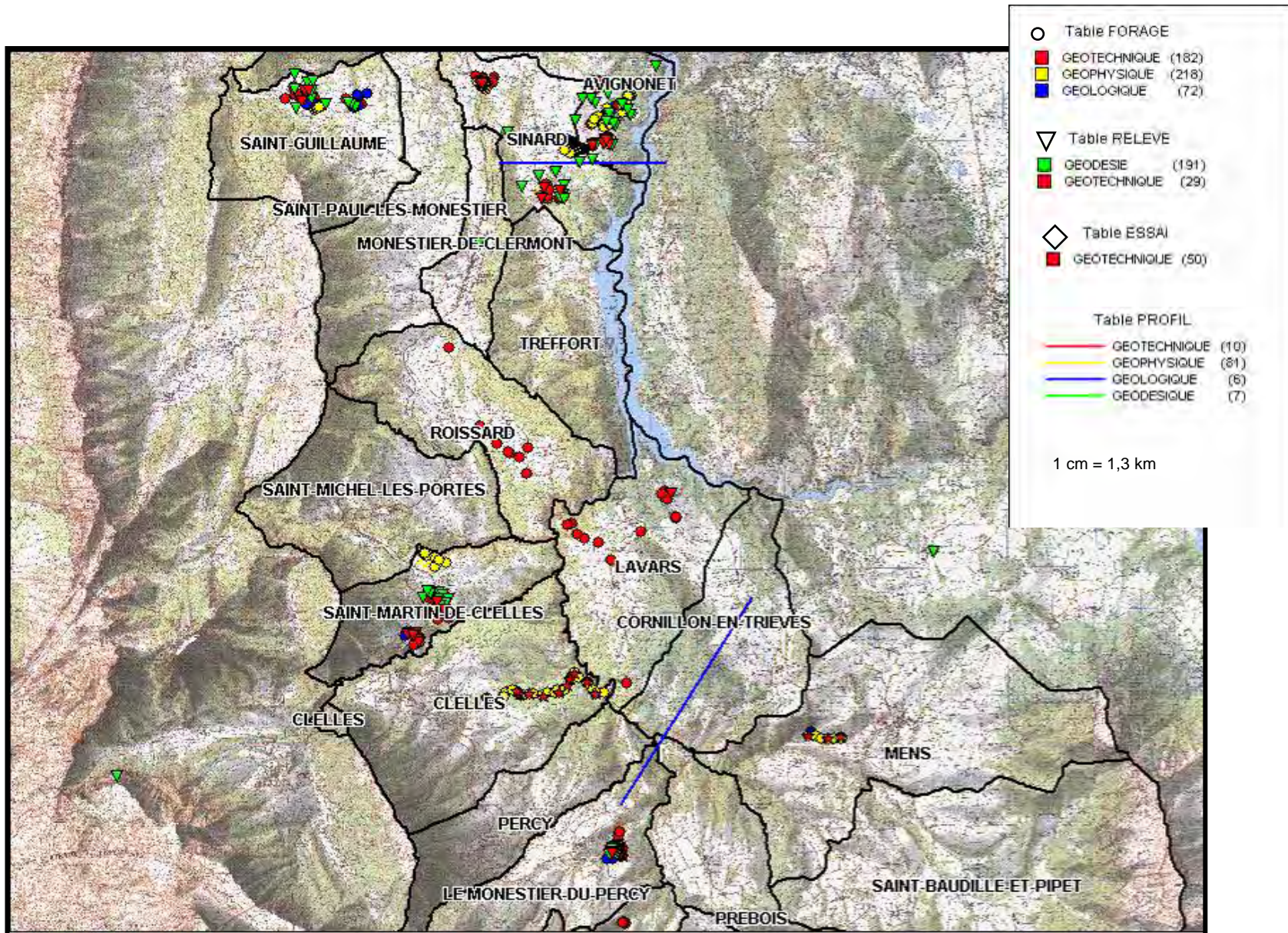
# Set up of the MOUVARGI observatory

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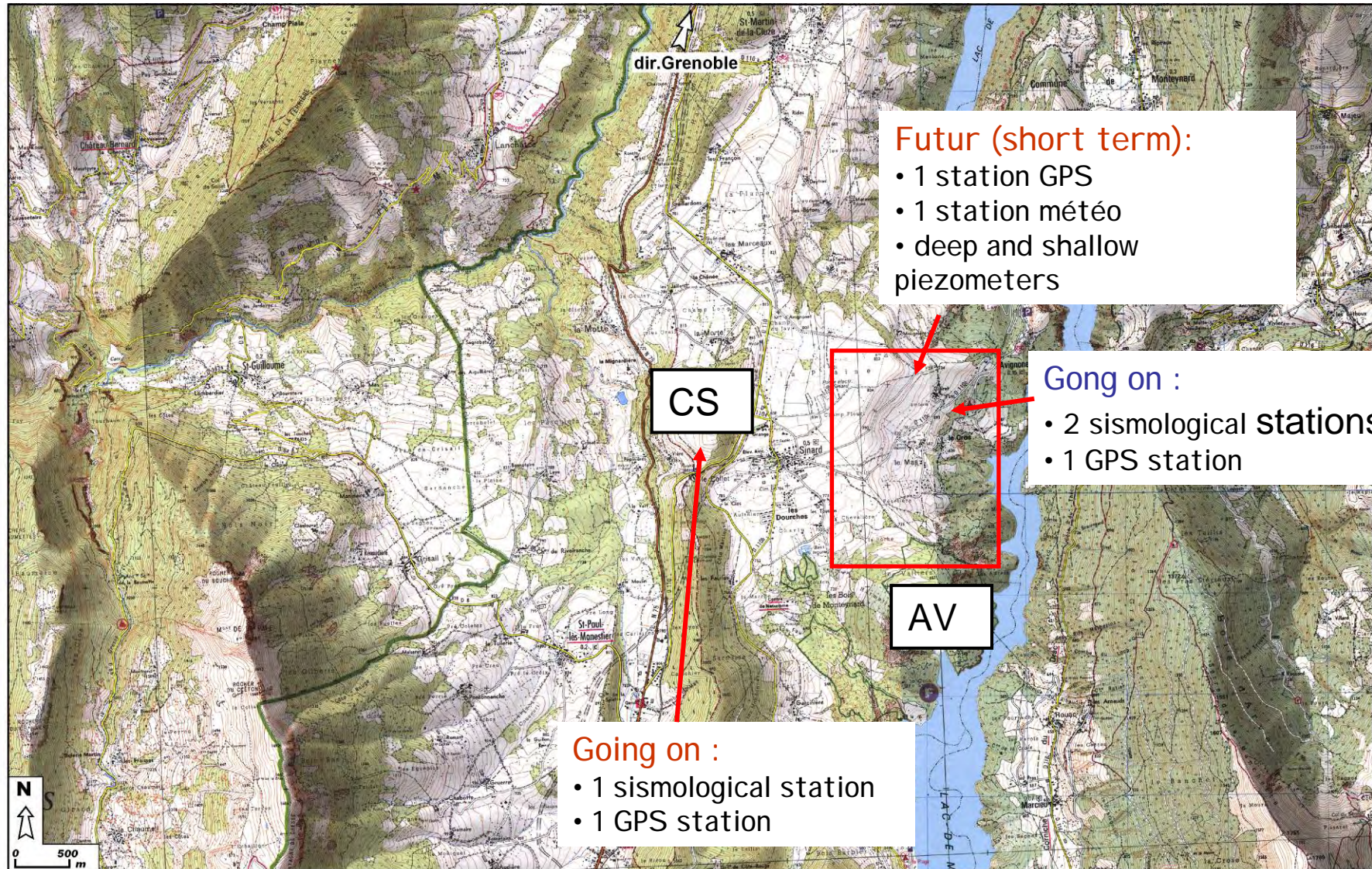
- Creation of a geotechnical database (2005-2006; funds Conseil Général Isère / State)
- Permanent geotechnical and geophysical measurements on Avignonnet landslide (funds Région Rhône-Alpes)
- Scientific projects, open data access

National label with 3 other sites  
(Séchilienne, La Clapière, Super-Sauze)

# Trièves : geotechnical database



# Avignonnet : permanent measurements



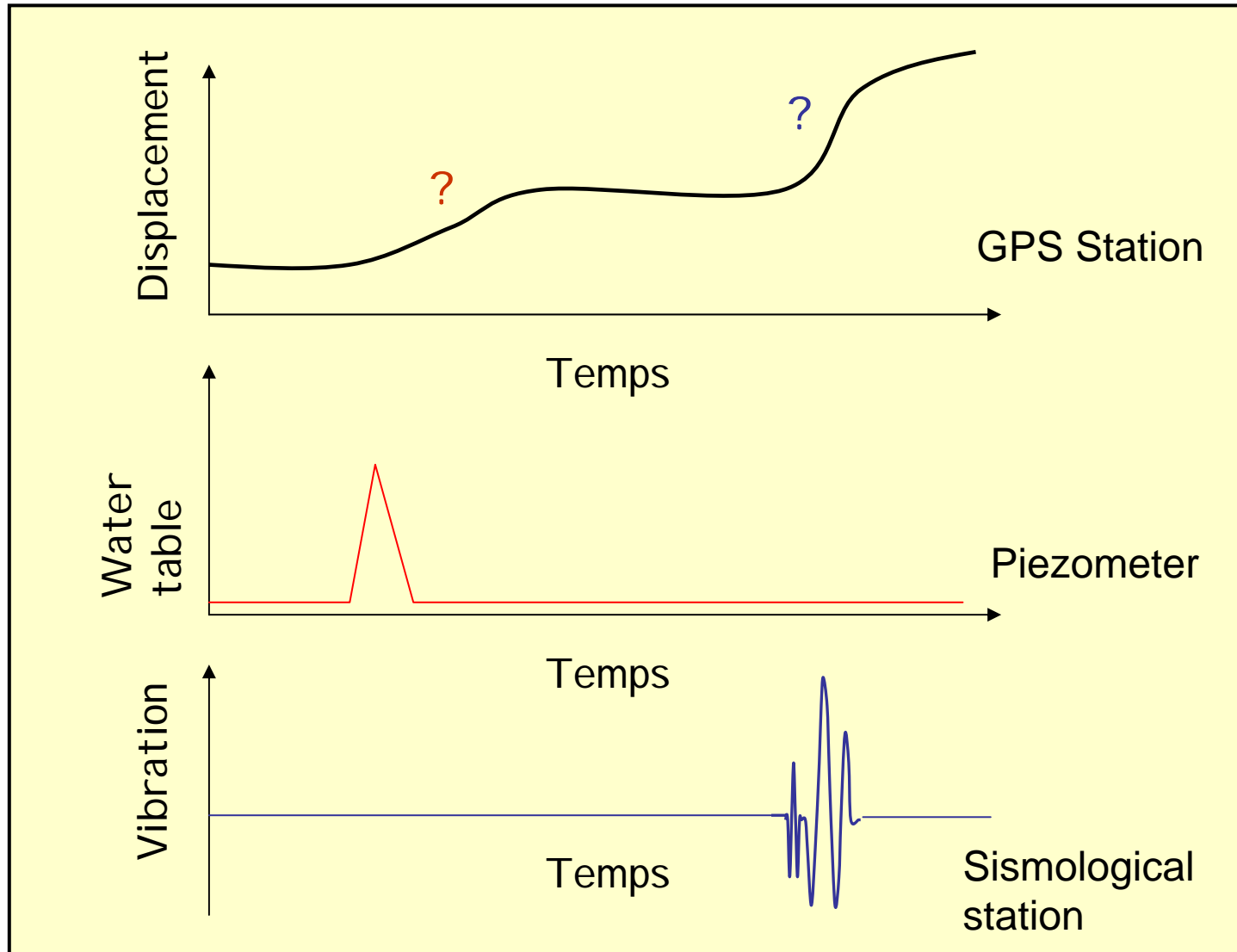
# Avignonnet landslide

## Permanent equipments



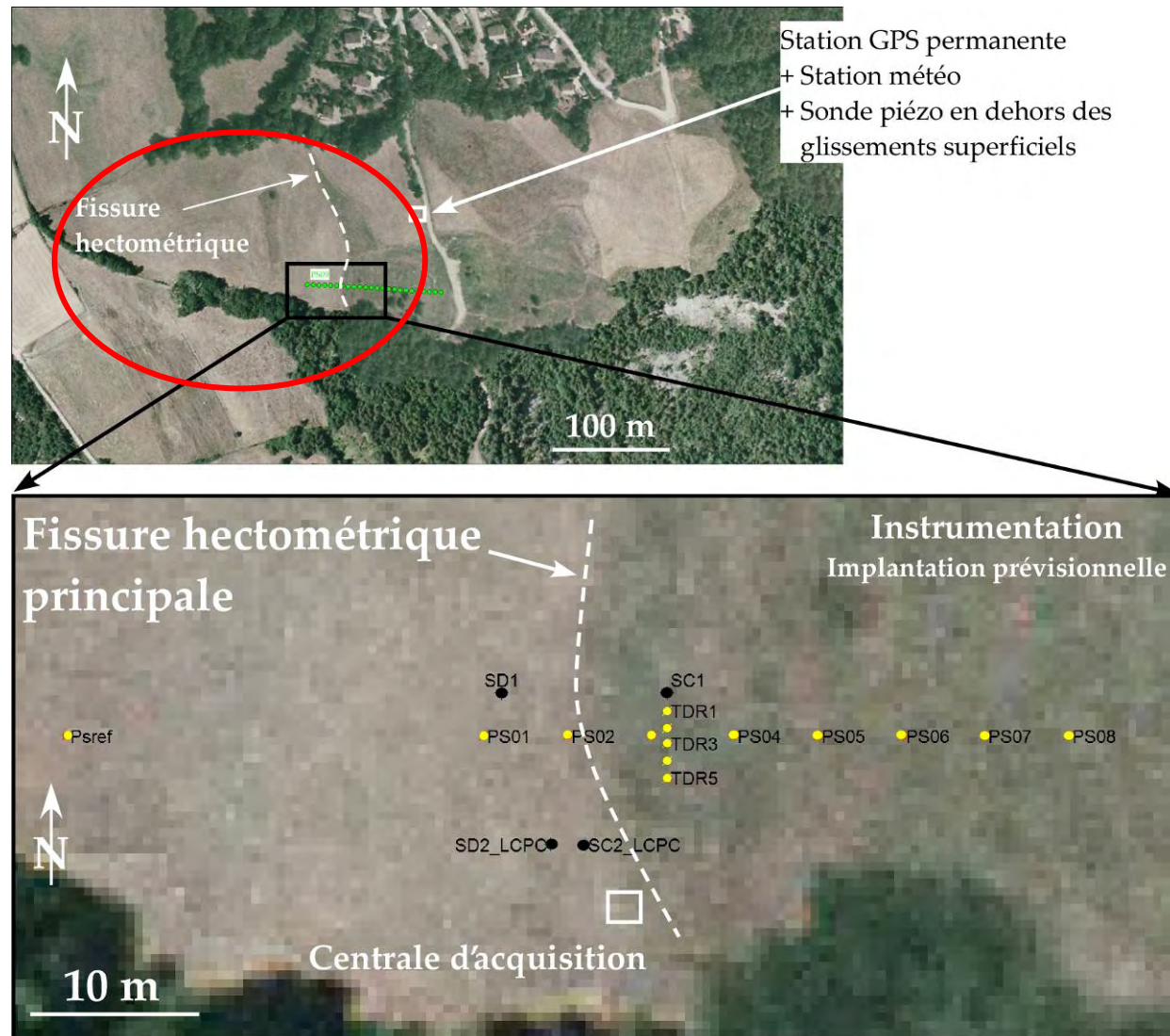
# Understanding Avignonnet landslide

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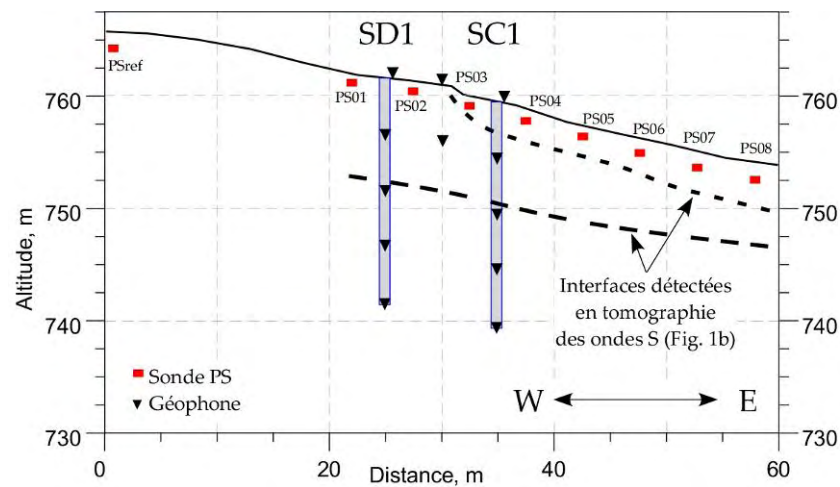
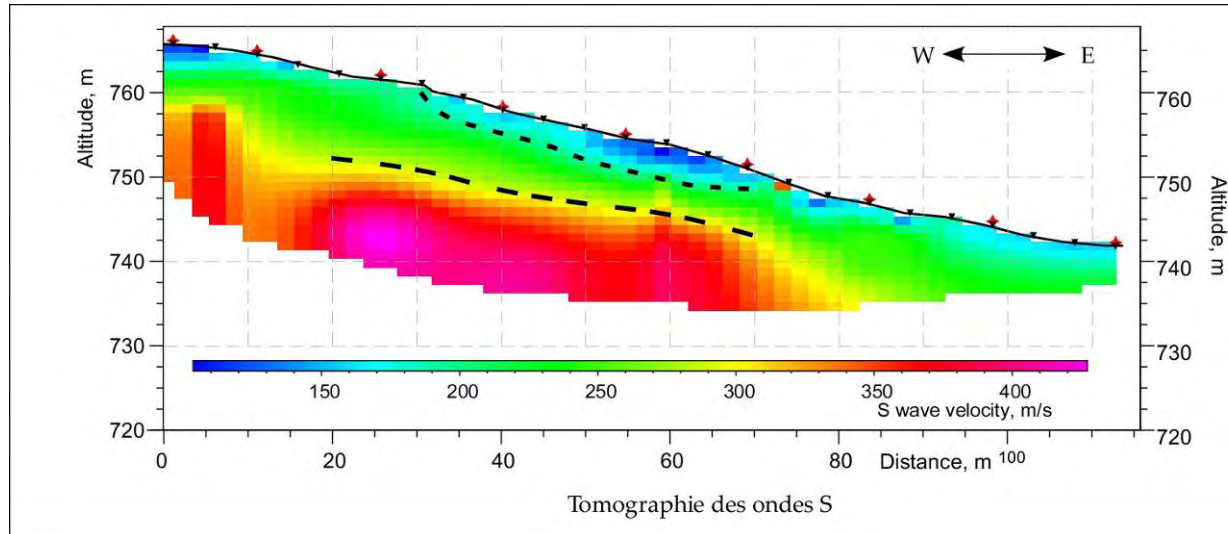
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## Investigation of hectometrical extension cracks



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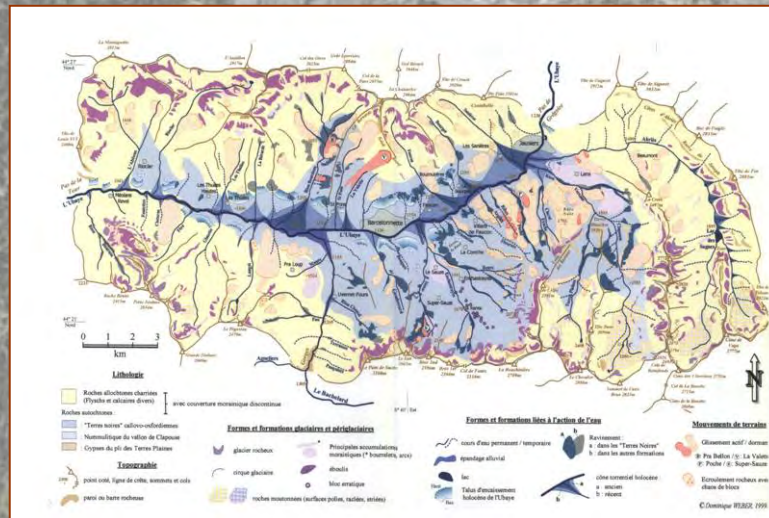
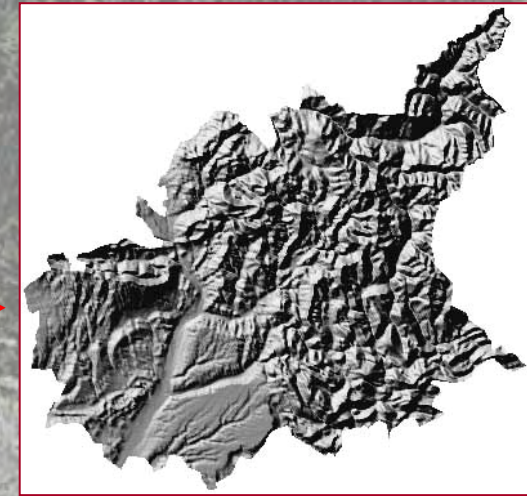
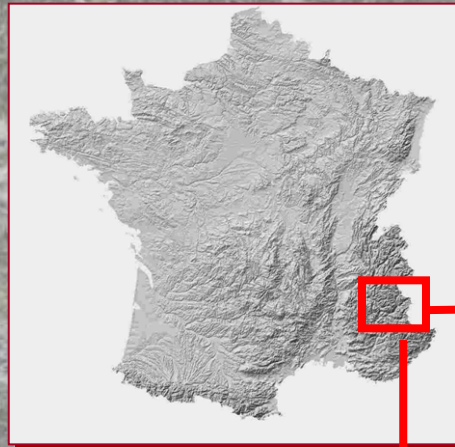
## Investigation of hectometrical extension cracks





# LANDSLIDE RISK MANAGEMENT IN THE BARCELONNETTE BASIN

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# HAZARD TYPE: LARGE MUDSLIDES

La Valette mudslide



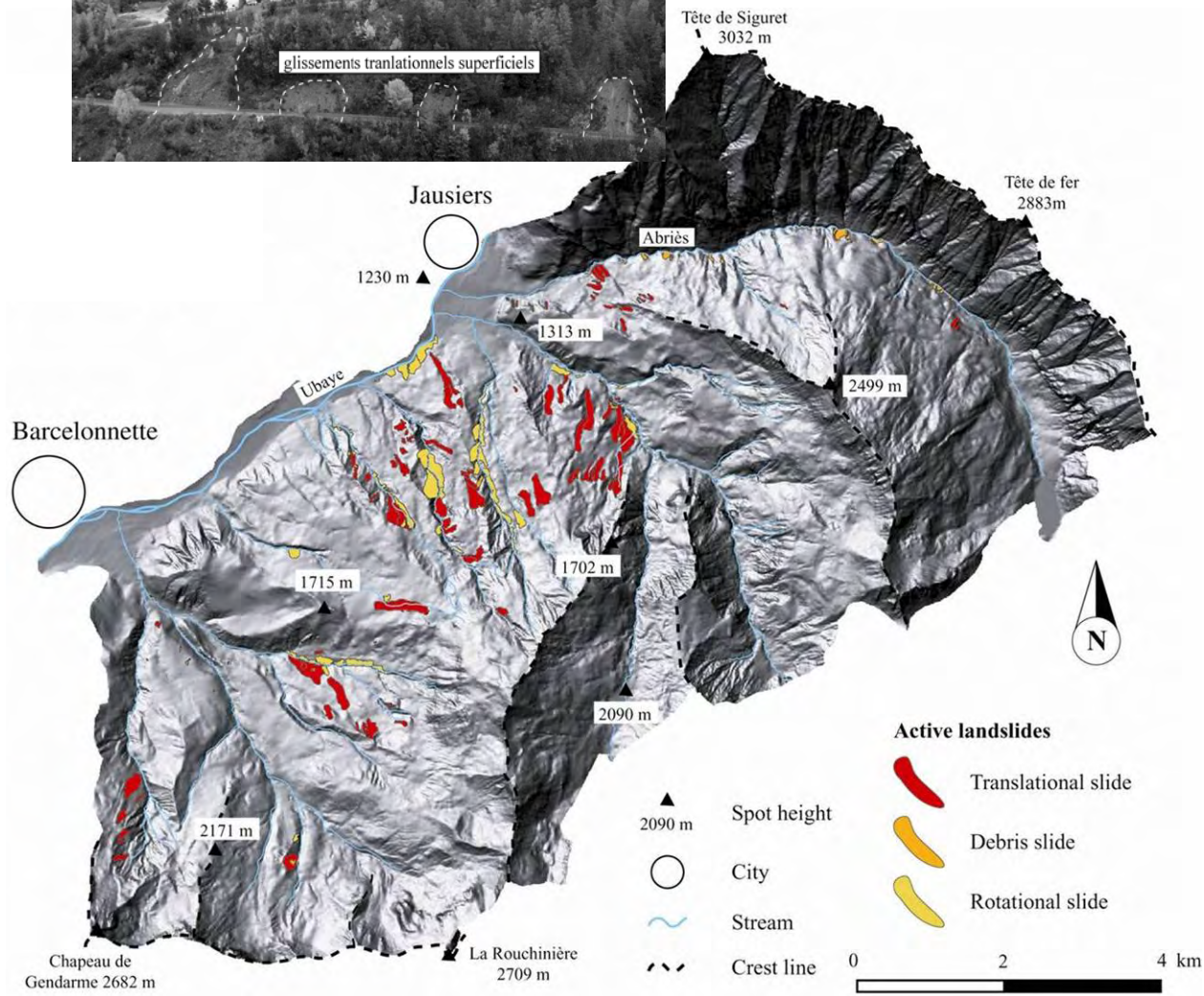
Several 'Slide2Flow' risk catchments



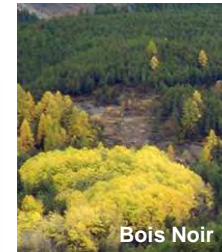
# HAZARD TYPE: DEBRIS FLOWS – 26 active torrents



# HAZARD TYPE: SHALLOW SLIDES



## • Translational slide



Depth (m)	$\mu = 7$	$\delta = 4.7$
Length (m)	$\mu = 207$	$\delta = 146.5$
Width (m)	$\mu = 76$	$\delta = 69$
$\alpha$ (°)	$\mu = 20$	$\delta = 7$

## • Shallow translational slide



Depth (m)	$\mu = 3.5$	$\delta = 1.35$
Length (m)	$\mu = 112$	$\delta = 76$
Width (m)	$\mu = 38$	$\delta = 25$
$\alpha$ (°)	$\mu = 25$	$\delta = 8$

## • Rotational slide

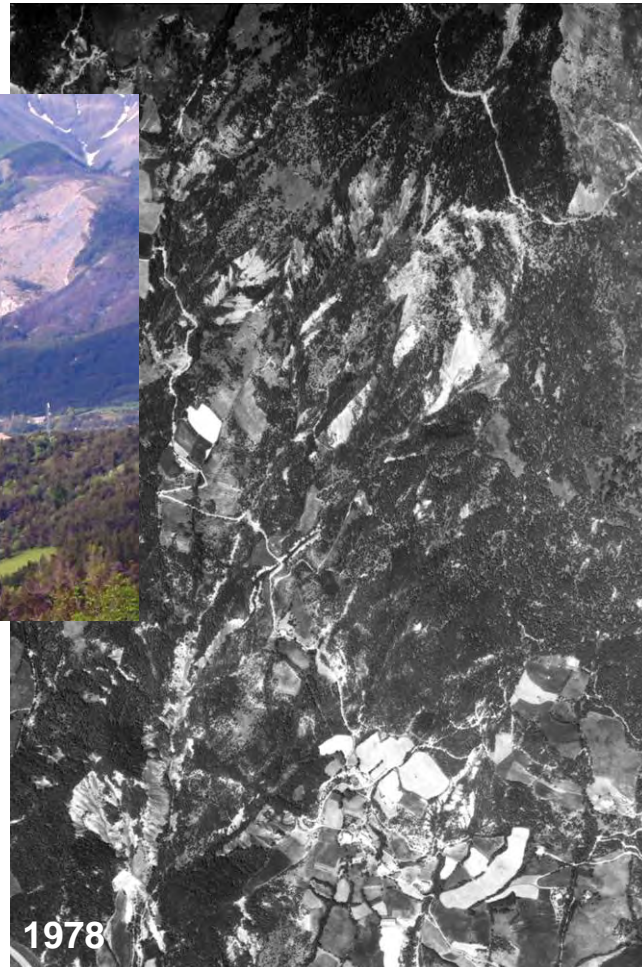


Depth (m)	$\mu = 6$	$\delta = 2.9$
Length (m)	$\mu = 128$	$\delta = 116$
Width (m)	$\mu = 146$	$\delta = 138.5$
$\alpha$ (°)	$\mu = 20.4$	$\delta = 8.9$

# HAZARD & RISK MANAGEMENT

## Tasks of RTM – ‘Restauration des Terrains en Montagne’

- **Large landslides:** setup of monitoring systems and mitigation works (drainage, etc)



Monitoring of  
La Valette mudslide

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Debris flow alert system

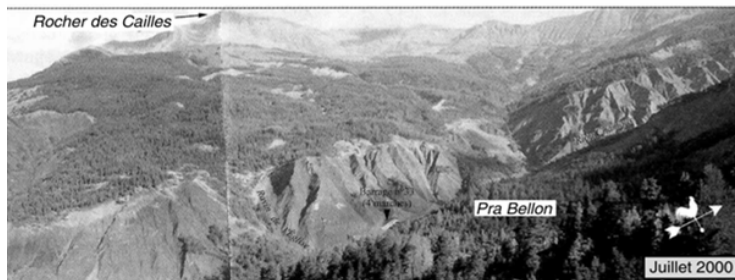


Sediment trap & storage dam

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- **Debris flow activity:** Setup and maintenance of torrent check dams, eco-engineering, risk mapping



Reforestation

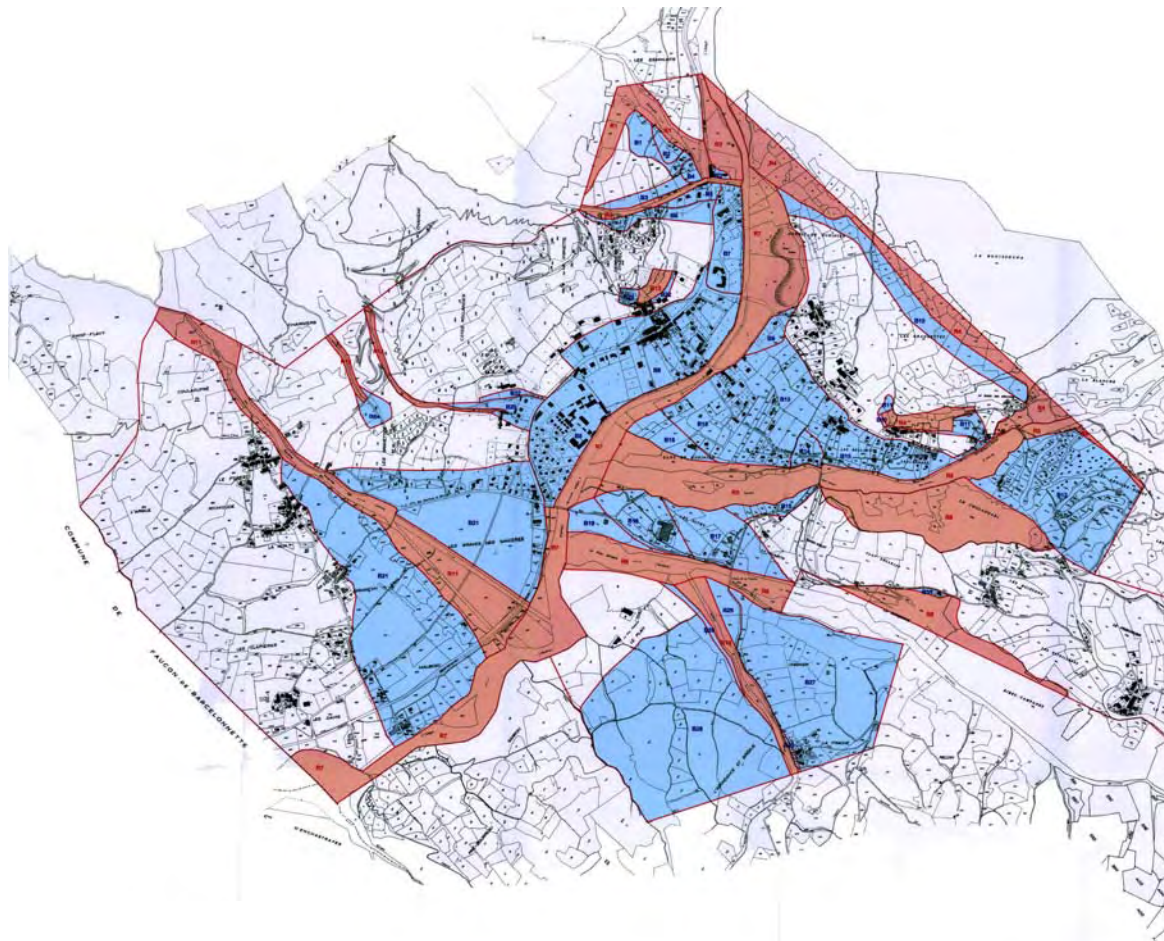


Torrent mitigation works

# HAZARD & RISK MANAGEMENT

- Hazard & risk mapping: Plan de Prévention des Risques (PPR), Building authorization

## Tasks of State (contracts with RTM, BRGM or private companies)

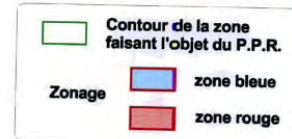


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### PLAN DE PREVENTION DES RISQUES NATURELS PREVISIBLES

	Approbation
Document initial	A.P. N° 95-449 du 17/3/95
Modification N°1	A.P. N° 97-584 du 10/3/97
Modification N°2	Présent document

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