

Comparing a newly developed DEM-based runout model for hillslope debris flows with full-scale experiments and historical events

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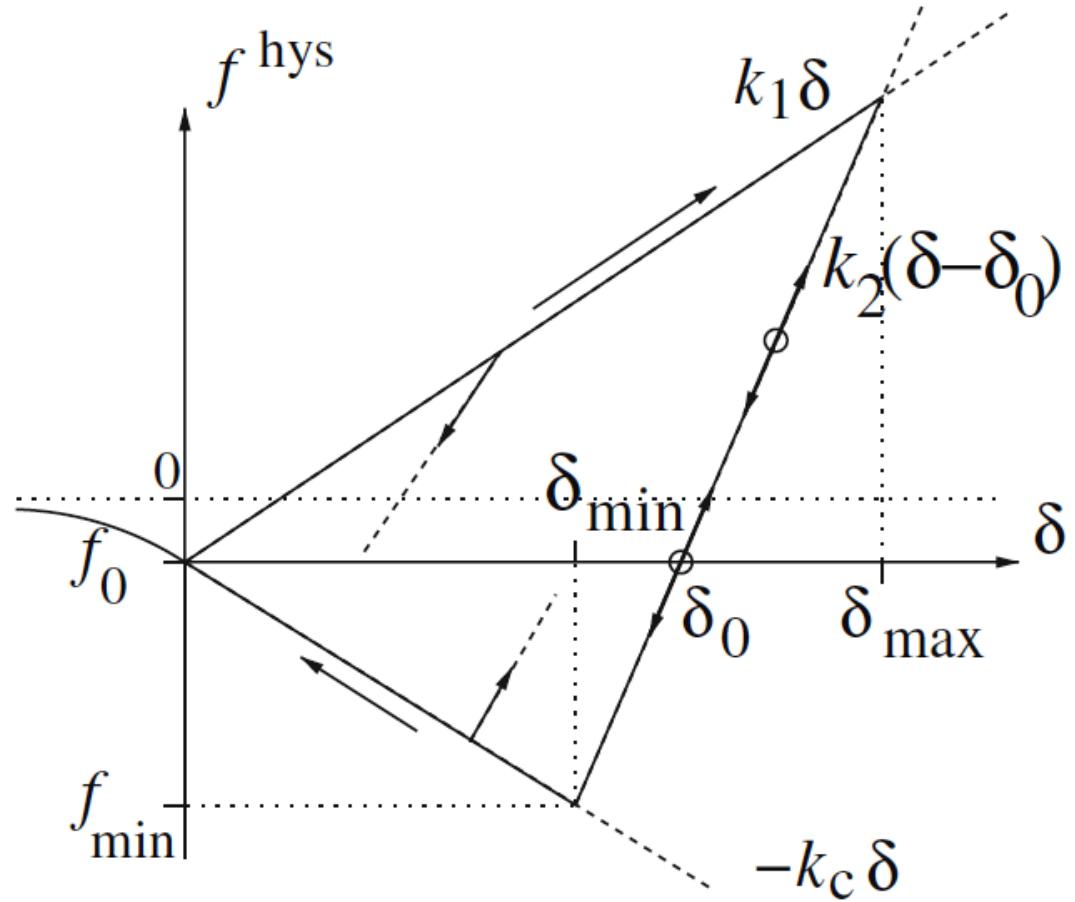
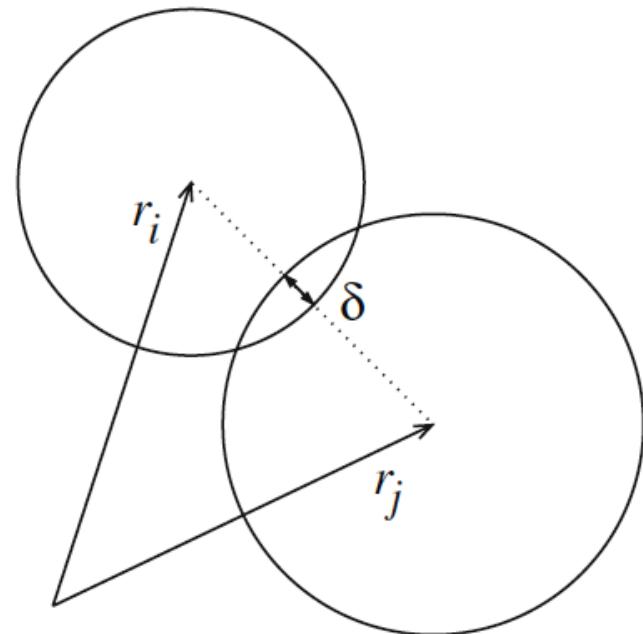
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DEM Contact law: Elasto-plastic adhesive

(Luding, 2008)



Elasto-plastic adhesive contact law

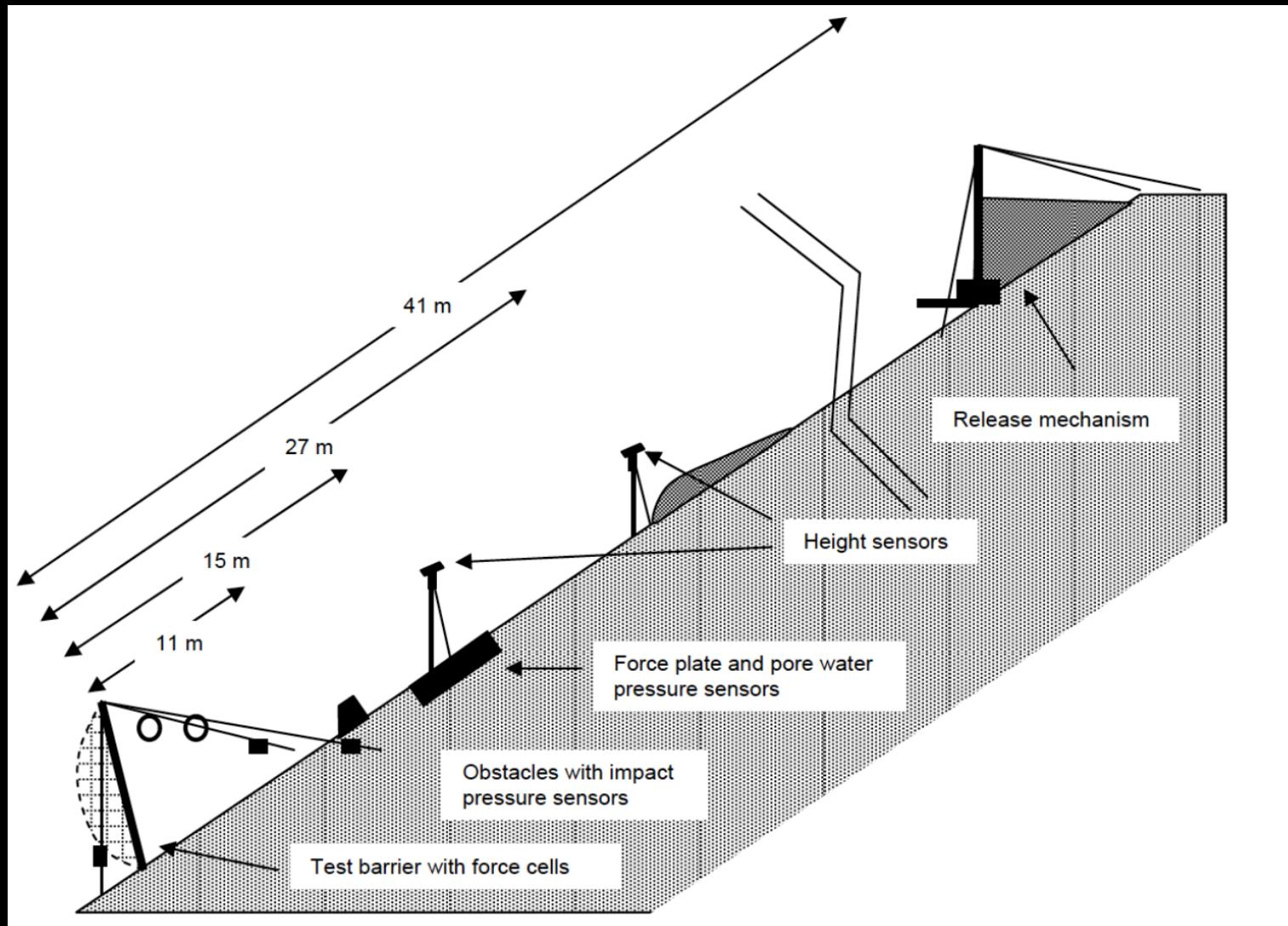
$$f^{\text{hys}} = \begin{cases} k_1\delta & \text{if } k_2(\delta - \delta_0) \geq k_1\delta \\ k_2(\delta - \delta_0) & \text{if } k_1\delta > k_2(\delta - \delta_0) > -k_c\delta \\ -k_c\delta & \text{if } -k_c\delta \geq k_2(\delta - \delta_0) \end{cases}$$

$$\epsilon_n = k_1/k_2 \quad | \quad k_1 = \frac{2E_1r_1E_2r_2}{E_1r_1 + E_2r_2} \quad | \quad \delta_0 = (1 - k_1/k_2)\delta_{max}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_n = (F_{hys} + \gamma_n v_n) \mathbf{n}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_t = \begin{cases} \frac{k_t \mathbf{u}_t}{|k_t \mathbf{u}_t|} |\mathbf{F}_n| \tan \Phi_p & \text{if } |k_t \mathbf{u}_t| > |\mathbf{F}_n| \tan \Phi_p \\ k_t \mathbf{u}_t & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Field experiment of hillslope debris flow (Bugnion, 2012)



Field experiment of hillslope debris flow

- A 41-m-long, 8-m-wide channel was constructed on the side of a rock quarry
- Excavated material in the site was used to prepare the granular flow (different PSD).
- Water content levels of 14-28% which created densities between 1760-2110 kg/m³.
- Laser distance sensors at distances 14 and 26 meters.
- Two pressure plates (2-kHs) installed at a distance 30 meters away from the reservoir gate (small and large).

Field experiment: Screenshots of test no. 10

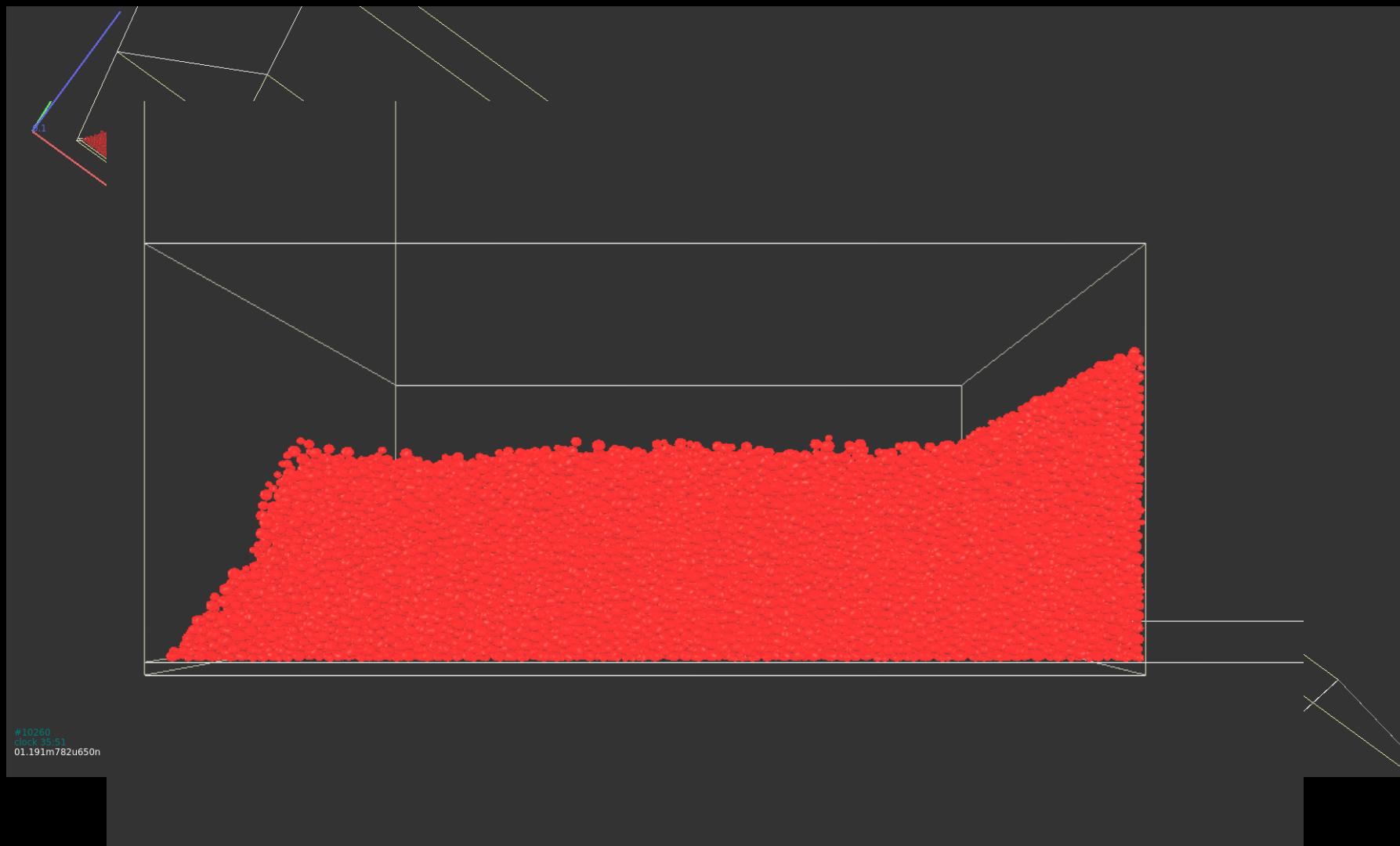


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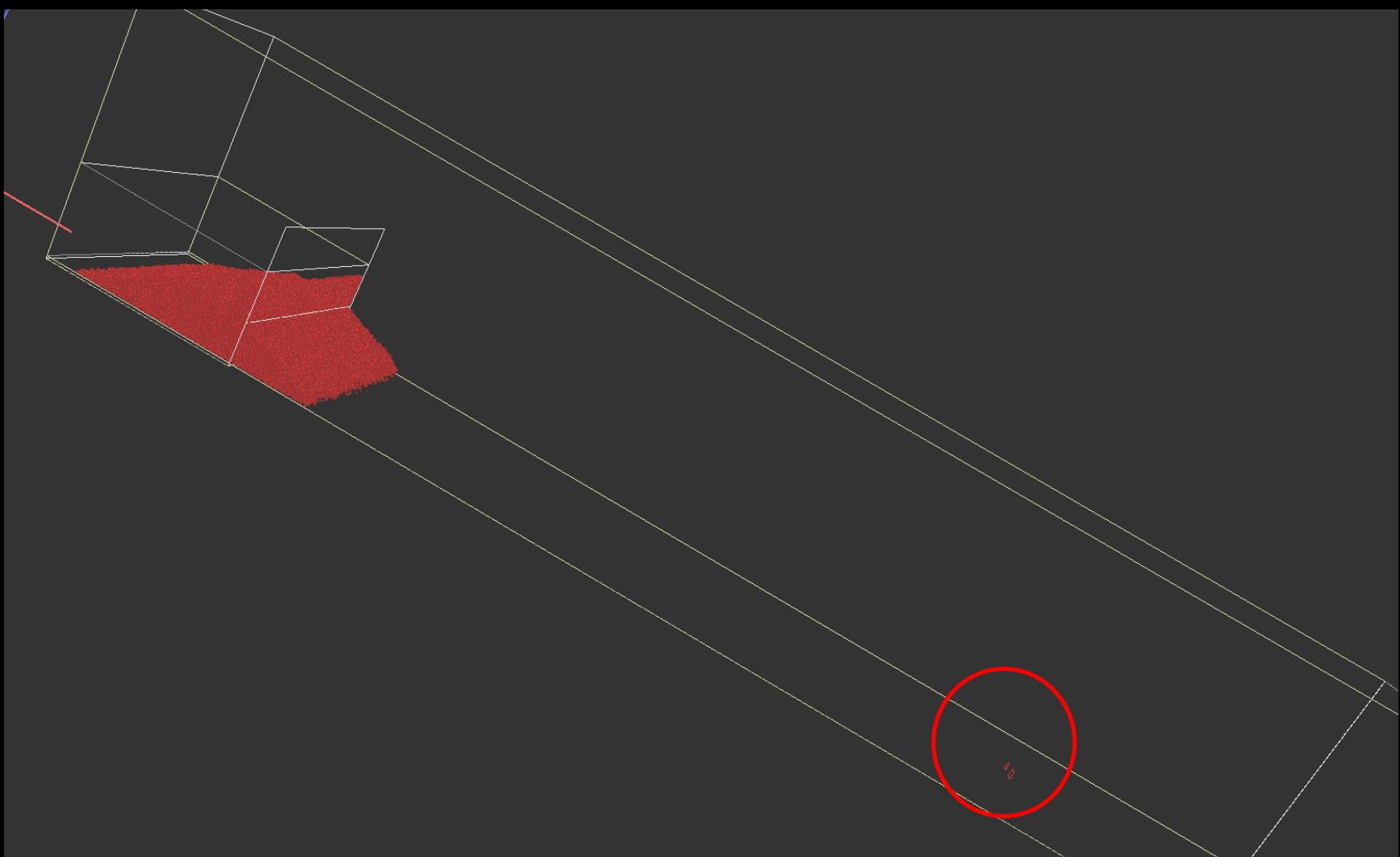


(b)

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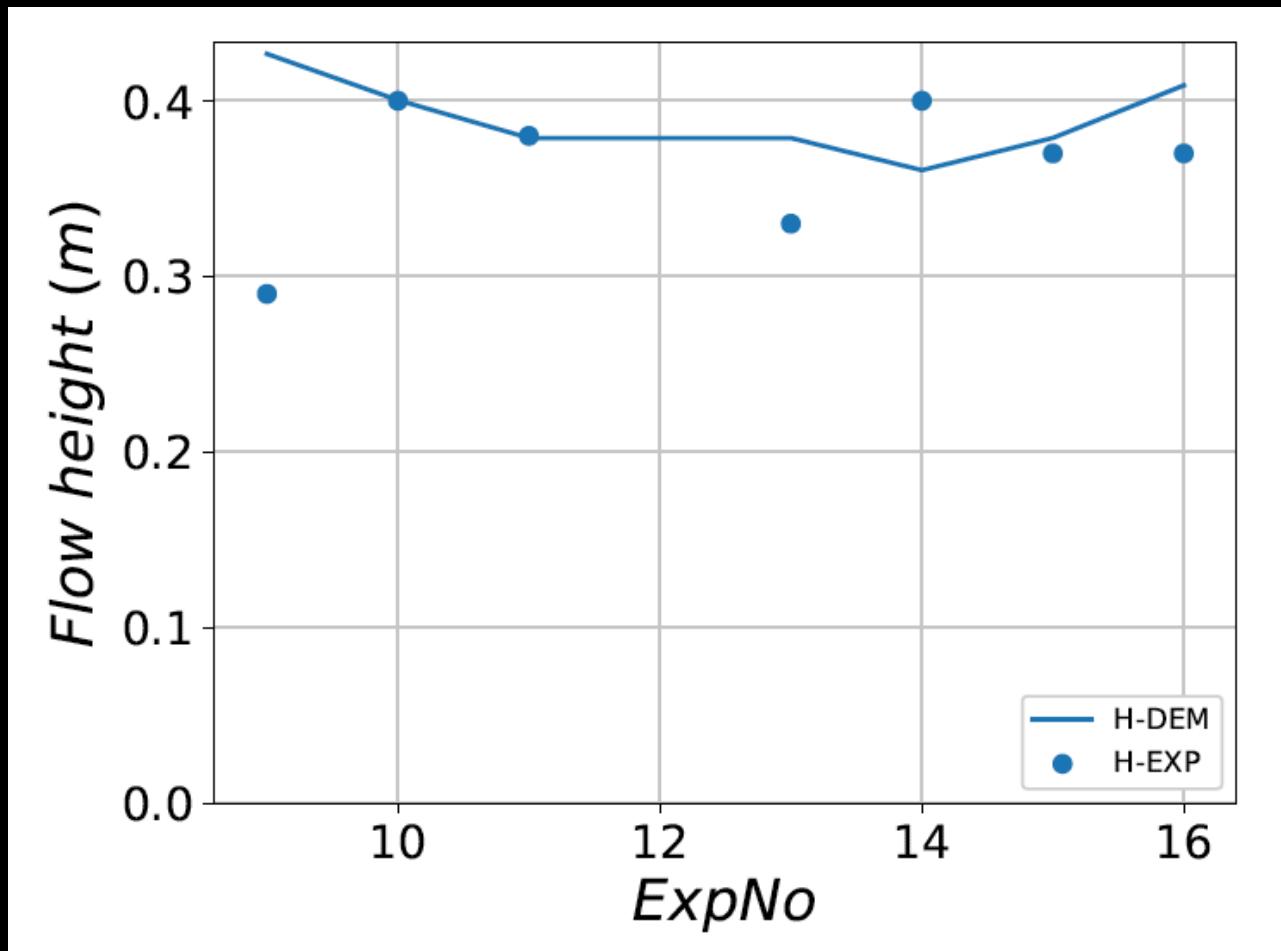
Cross comparison: Chosen field tests

Release No.	Wet density (kg/m^3)	Water mass fraction (%)	Fine mass fraction (%)	Mean front velocity (m/s)	Max. flow height at pos. 2 (m)	Max pressure on large sensor (kPa)
9	1,790	28	48	10.2	0.29	65.9
10	1,900	18	21	8.2	0.4	96
11	2,060	16	27	9	0.38	94.6
13	1,880	22	28	8.4	0.33	98.5
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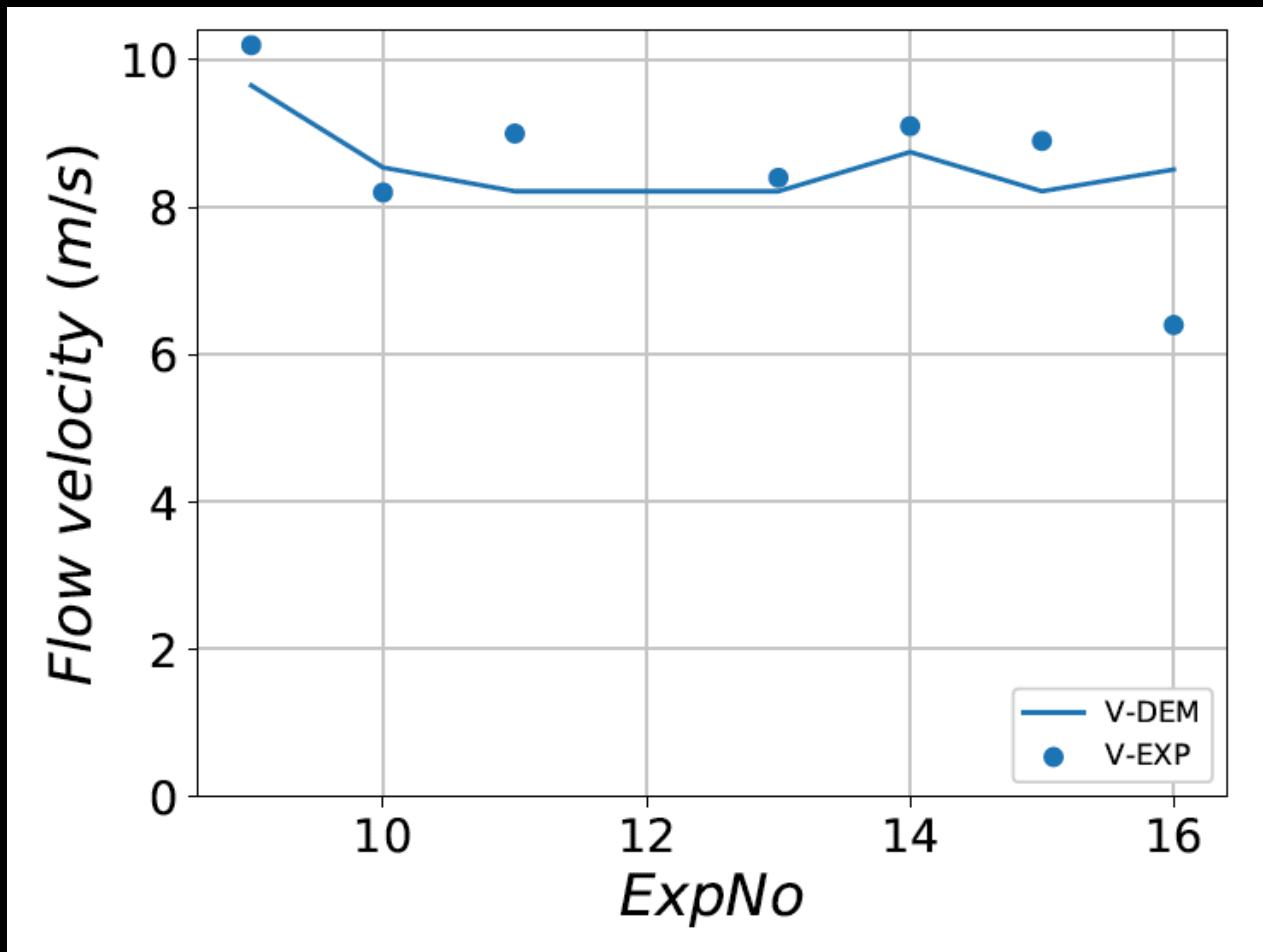
$$R_{min} = \min_{\forall i \in n_s} \left(\frac{\sqrt{(H_{DEM})_i - H_{EXP}}}{H_{EXP}} + \frac{\sqrt{(V_{DEM})_i - V_{EXP}}}{V_{EXP}} + \frac{\sqrt{(P_{DEM})_i - P_{EXP}}}{P_{EXP}} \right)$$

where n_s is the number of simulations

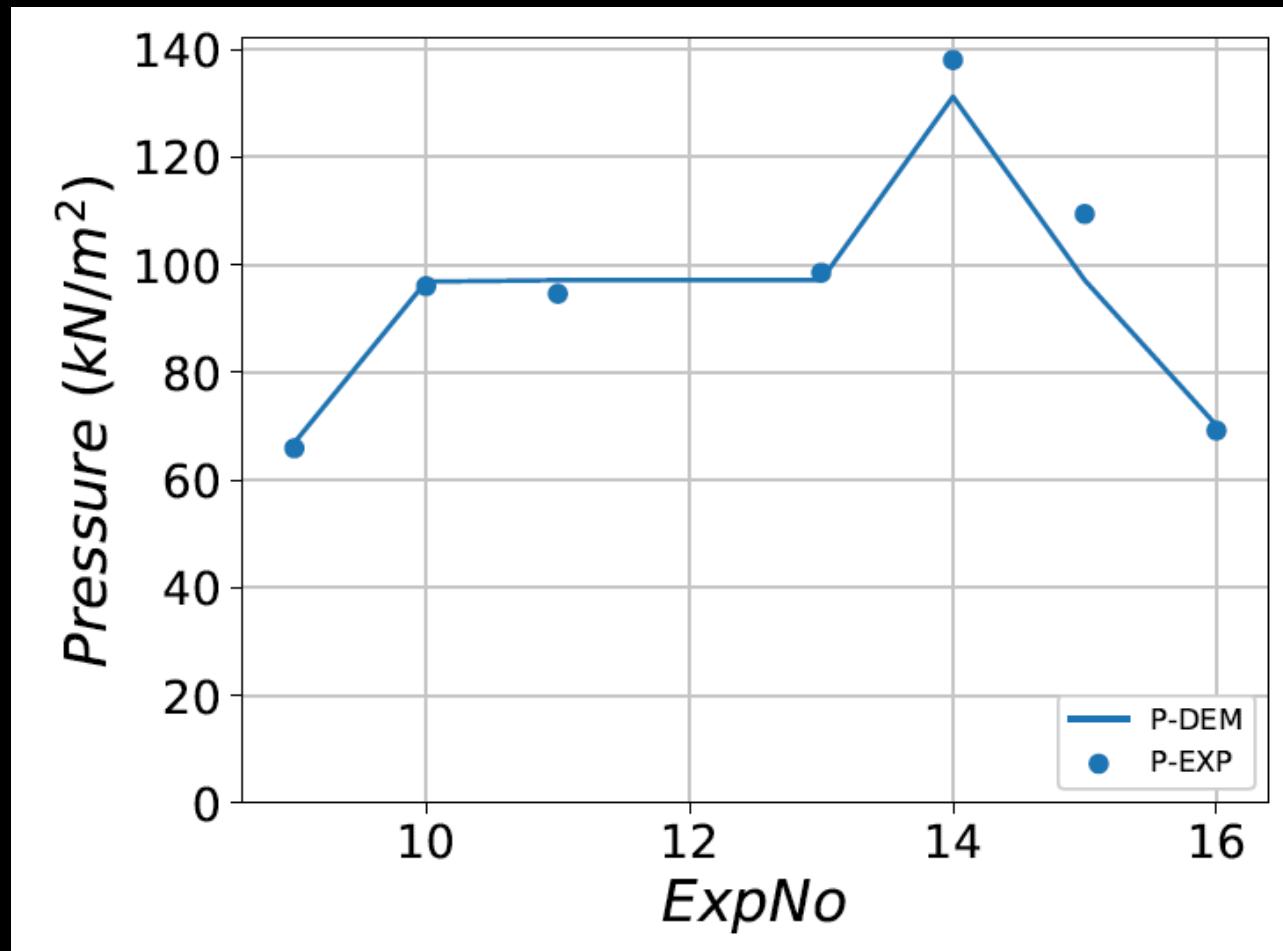
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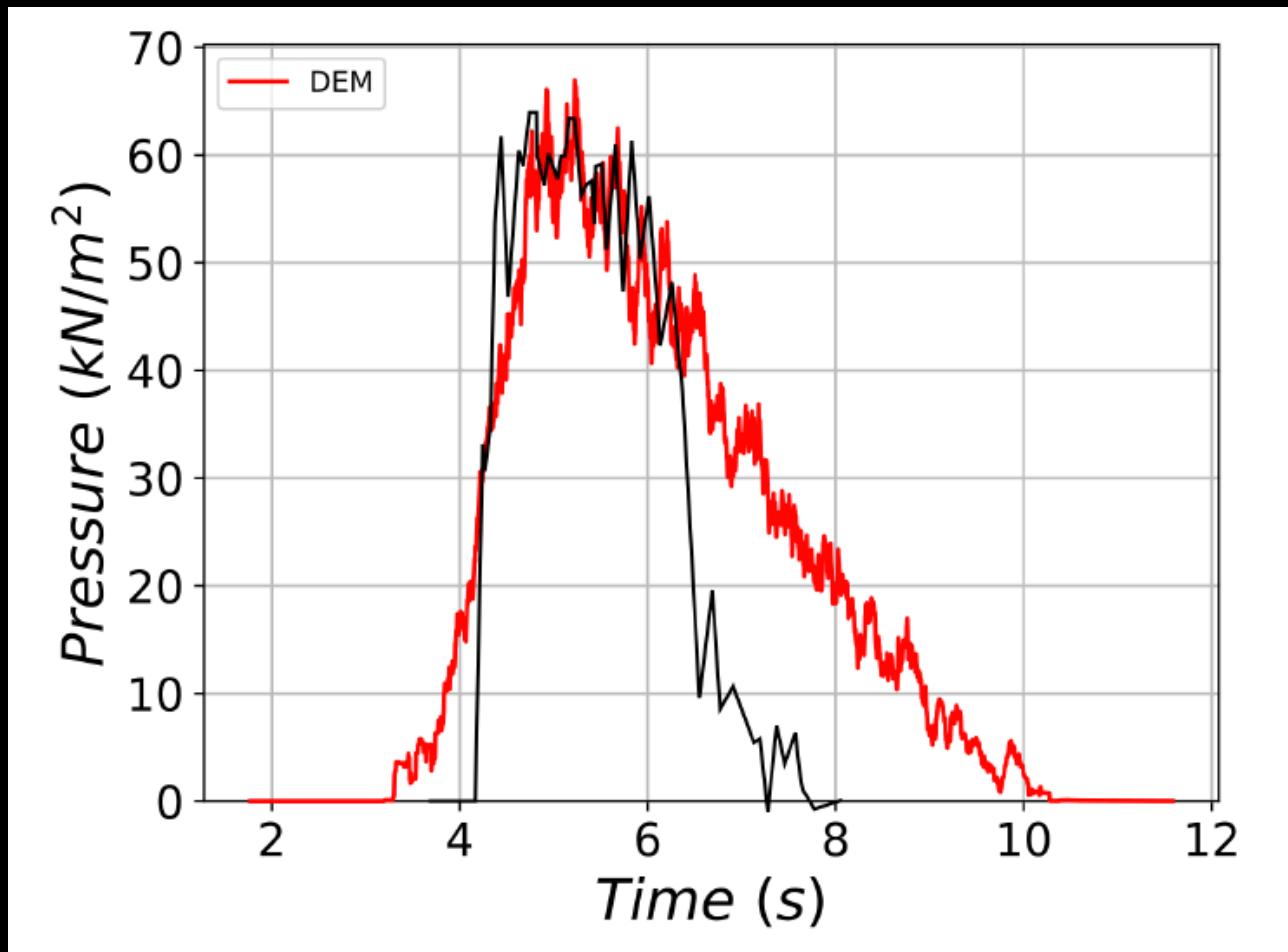
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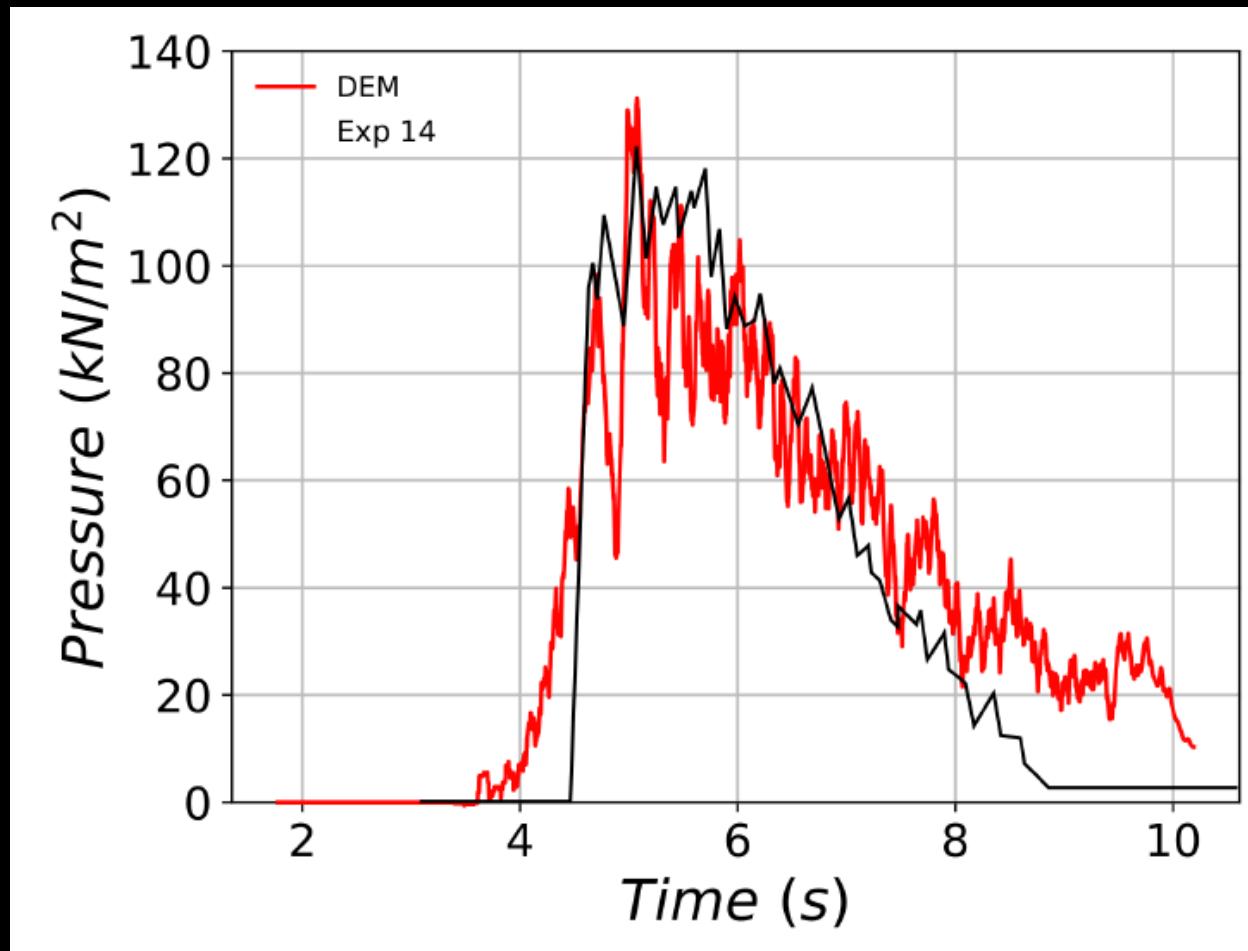
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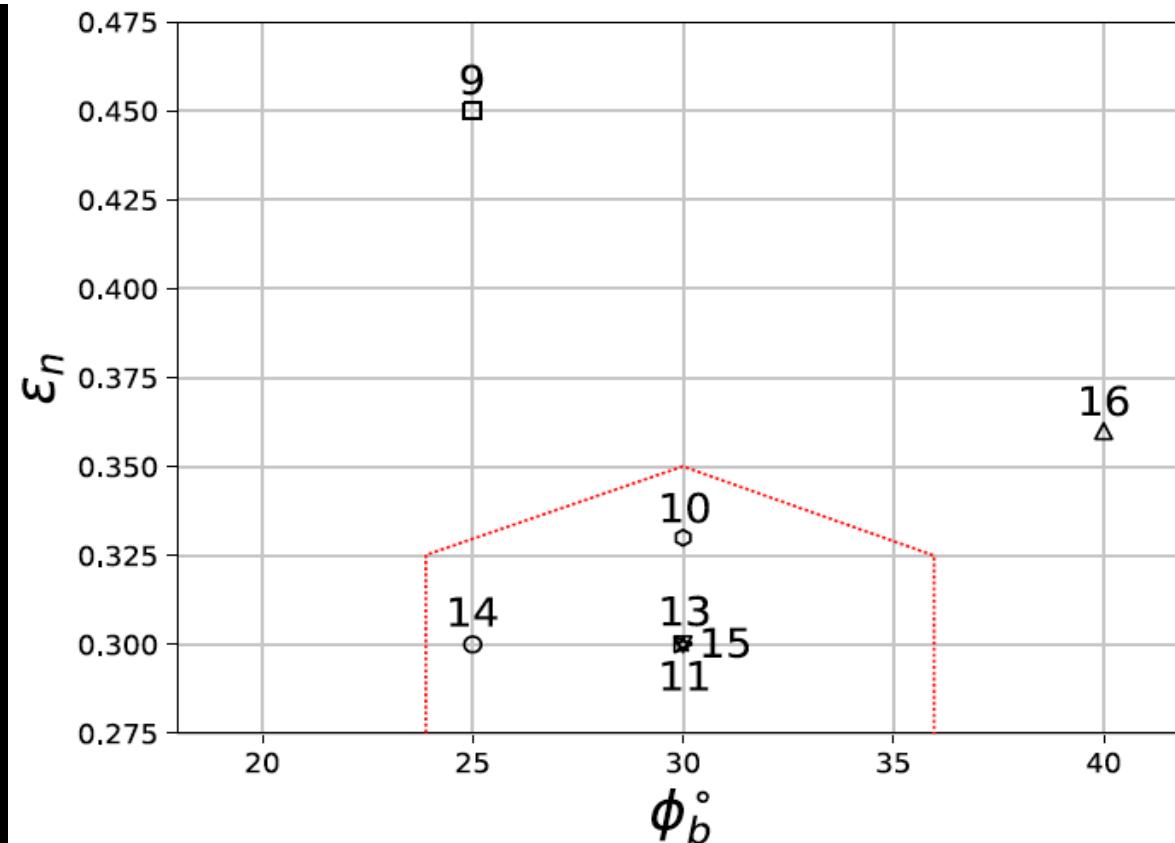
Cross comparison results: Pressure evolution test no. 9



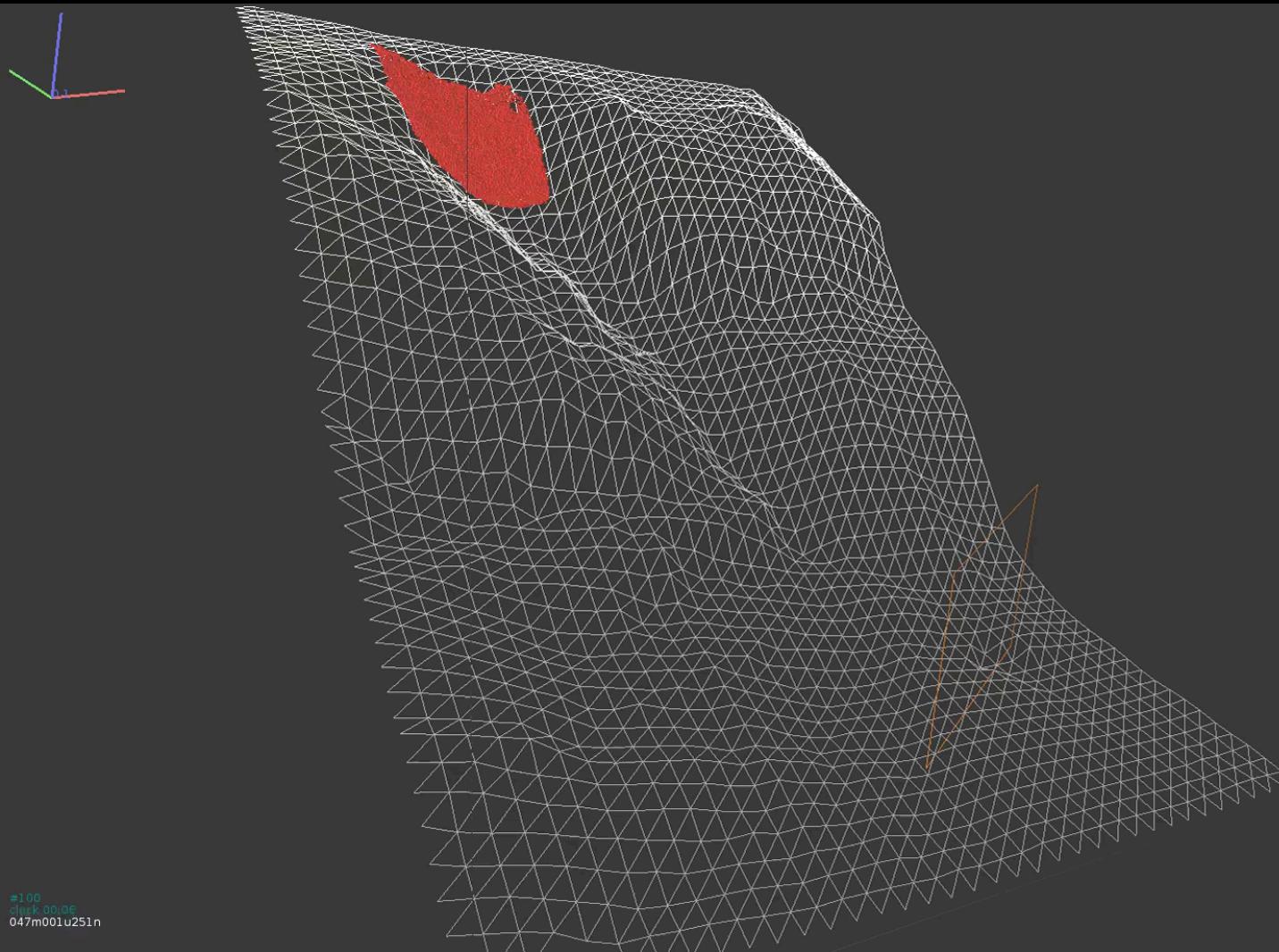
Cross comparison results: Pressure evolution test no. 14



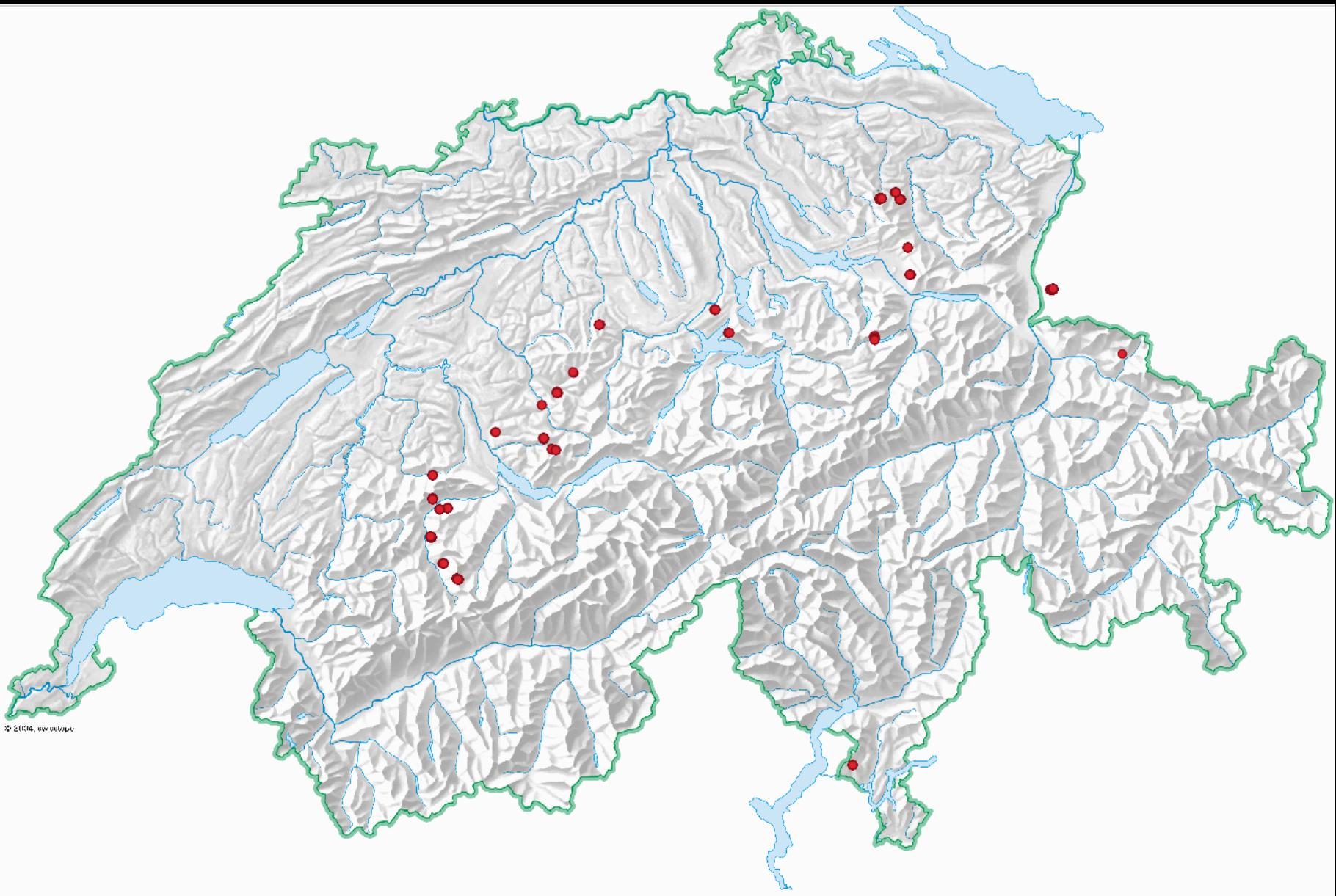
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YADE simulation of historical Hill slope debris flow events in Switzerland



Database of historical events in CH



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Kornverteilungsdiagramm

Objekt:Trockensiebung Nasssiebung Schlämmanalyse

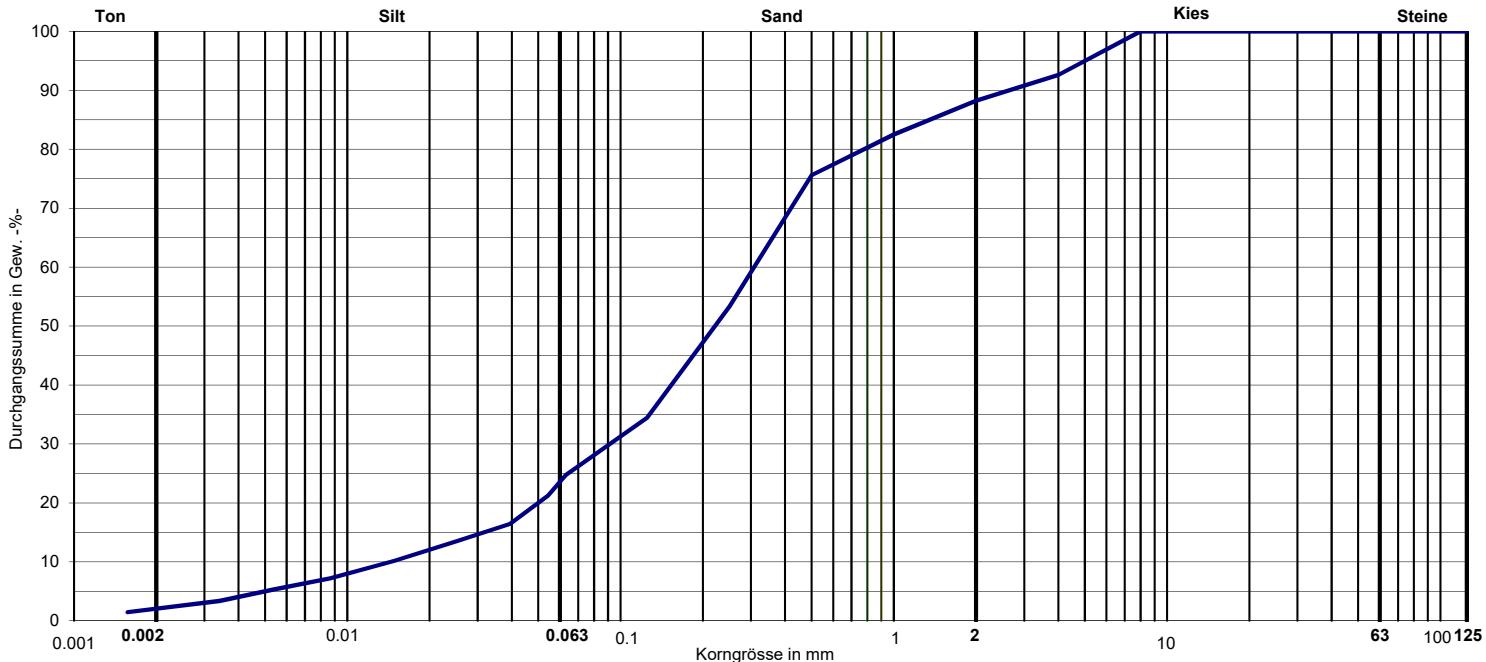
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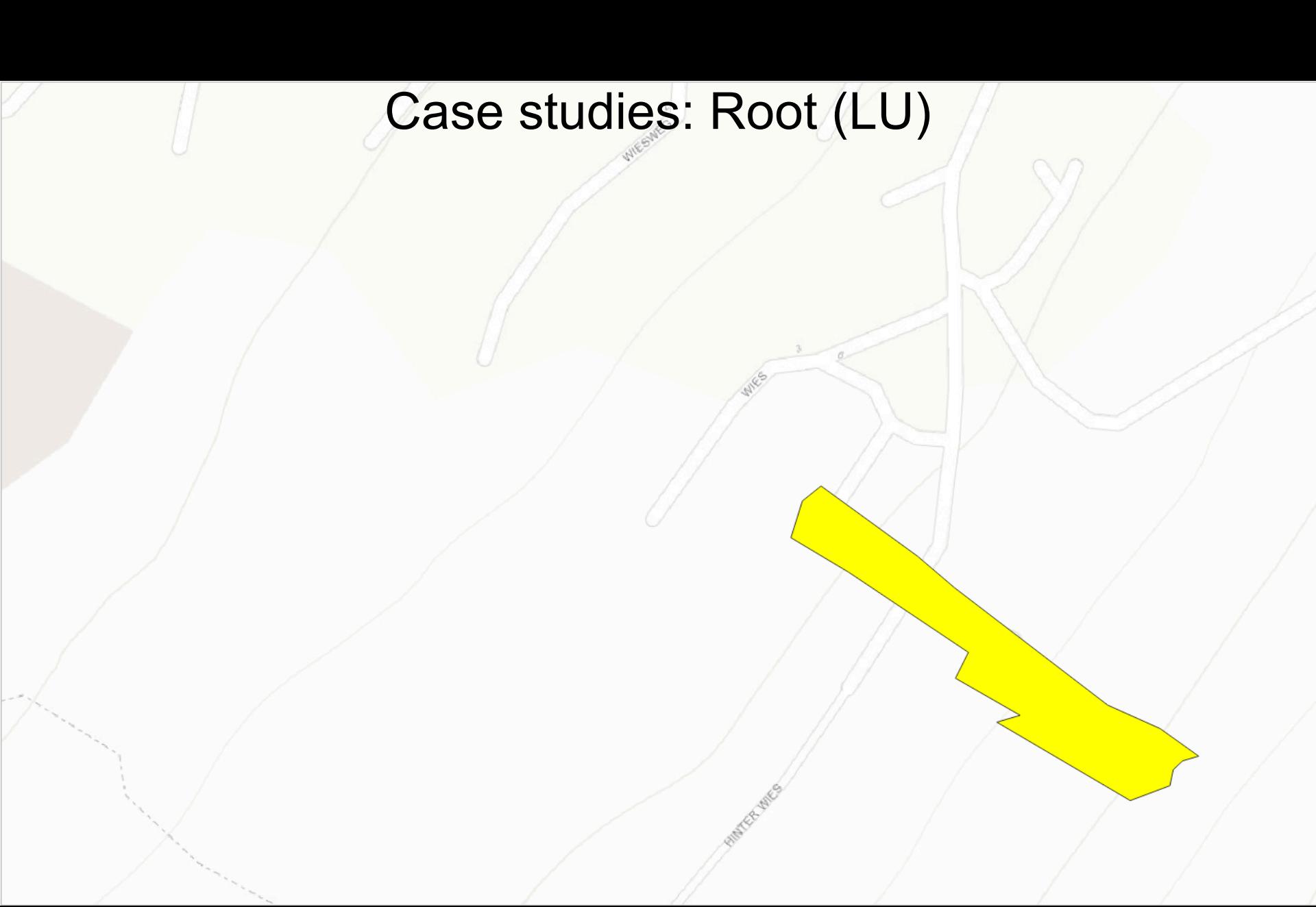
Probennummer

Bezeichnung der Probe: Hangmure

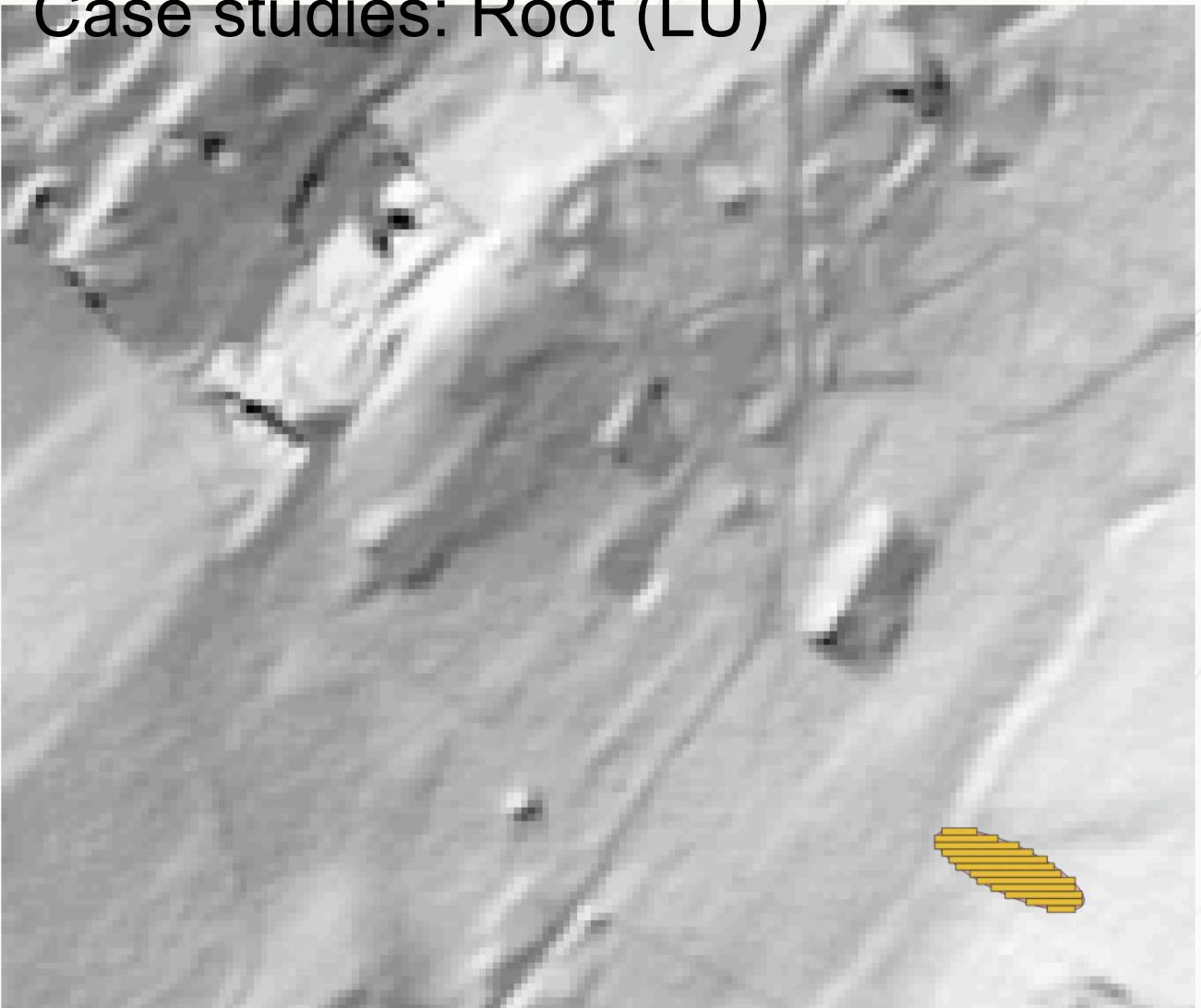
SM		siltiger Sand			
Symbol		Gruppenname			
D ₆₀ [mm]	0.325	w _L [%]	28.2		
D ₅₀ [mm]	0.228	w _p [%]	24.3		
D ₃₀ [mm]	0.097	I _P [%]	3.9		
C _{cd}		w _{Lat} [%]			
C _{ud}					



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Objekt: Hangmure

Trockensiebung

Nasssiebung

Schlämmanalyse

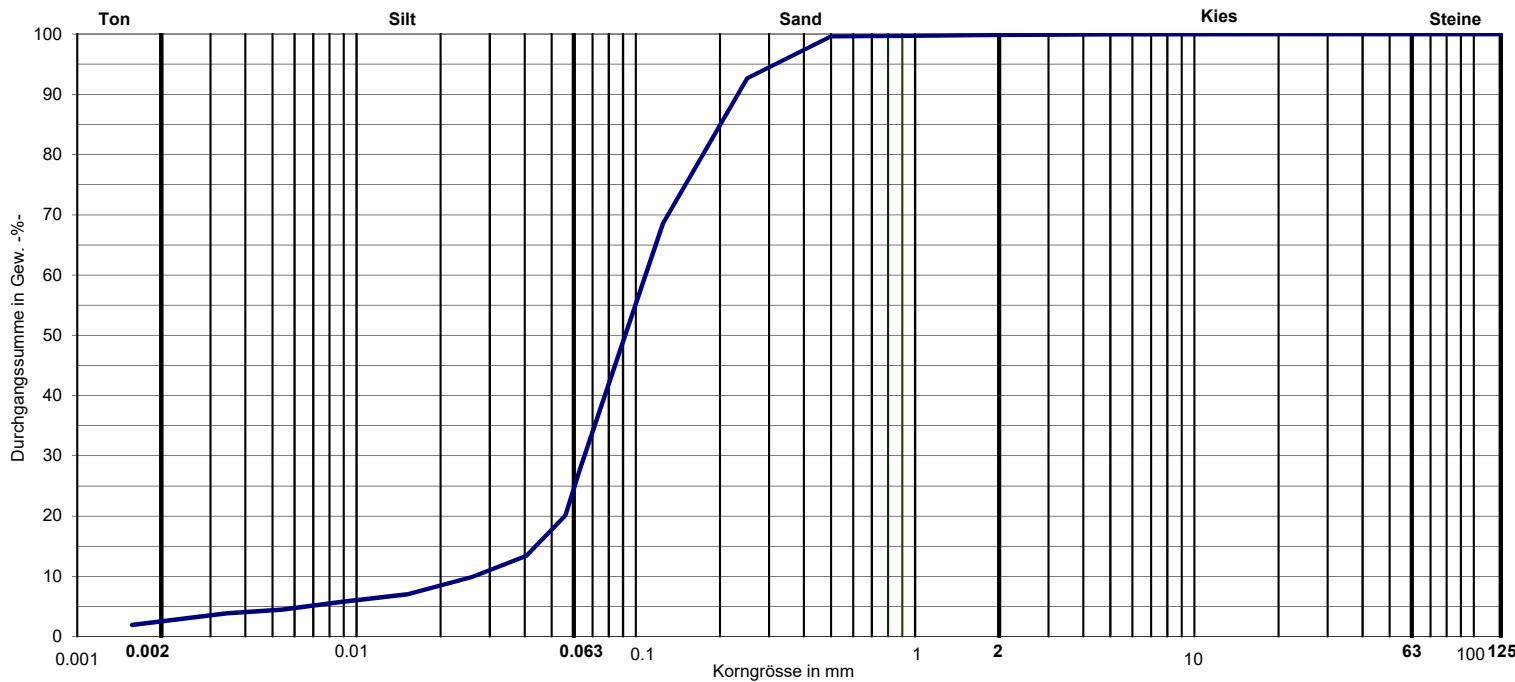
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Probennummer 2

Bezeichnung der Probe: Root

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Symbol	Gruppenname			
	D ₆₀ [mm]	0.112	w _L [%]	24.8
	D ₅₀ [mm]	0.097	w _p [%]	21.7
	D ₃₀ [mm]	0.066	I _P [%]	3.1
C _{od}	D ₁₀ [mm]	0.026	w _{Lat} [%]	
C _{ud}				



Case studies: Root (LU)



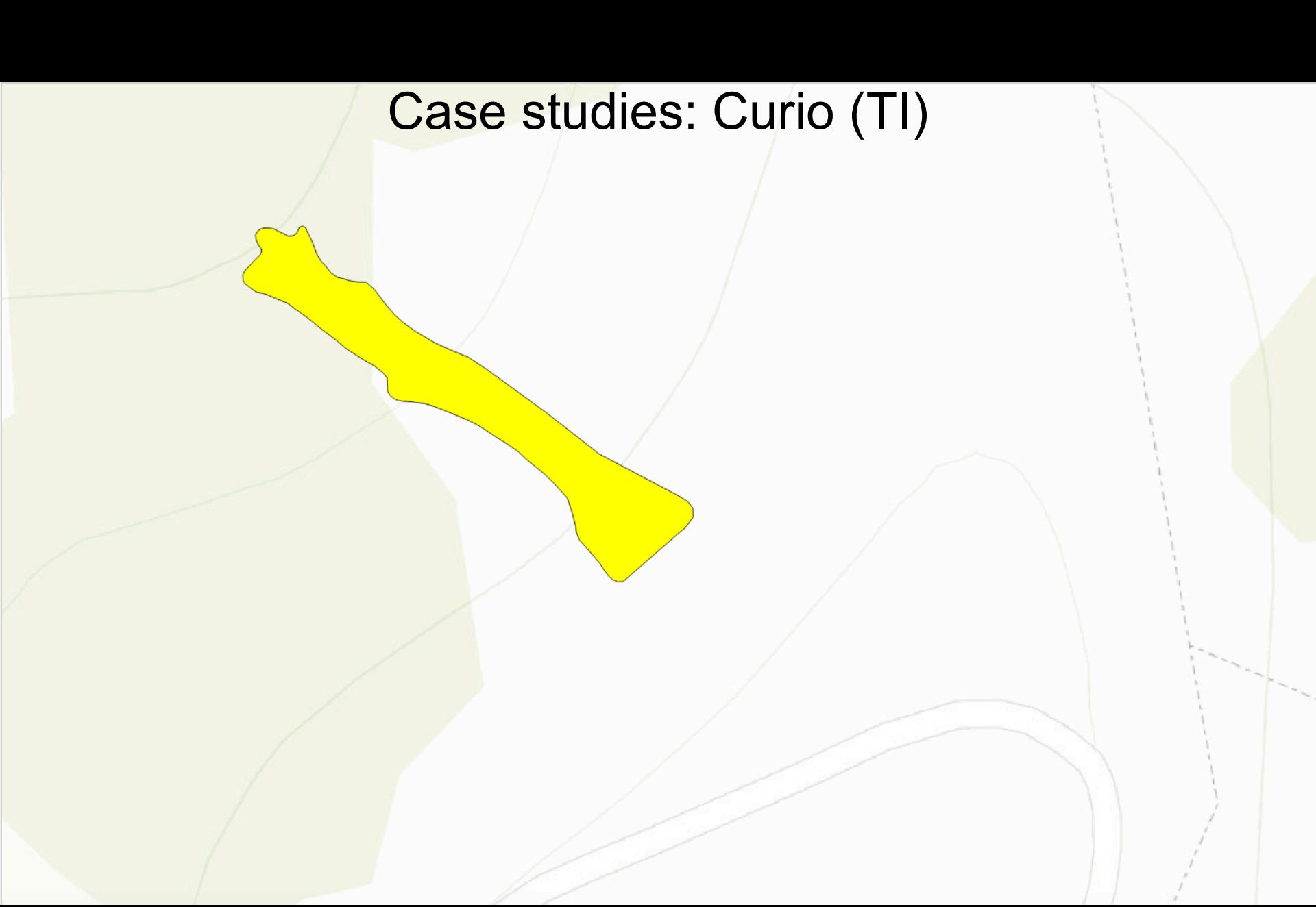
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Case studies: Curio (TI)



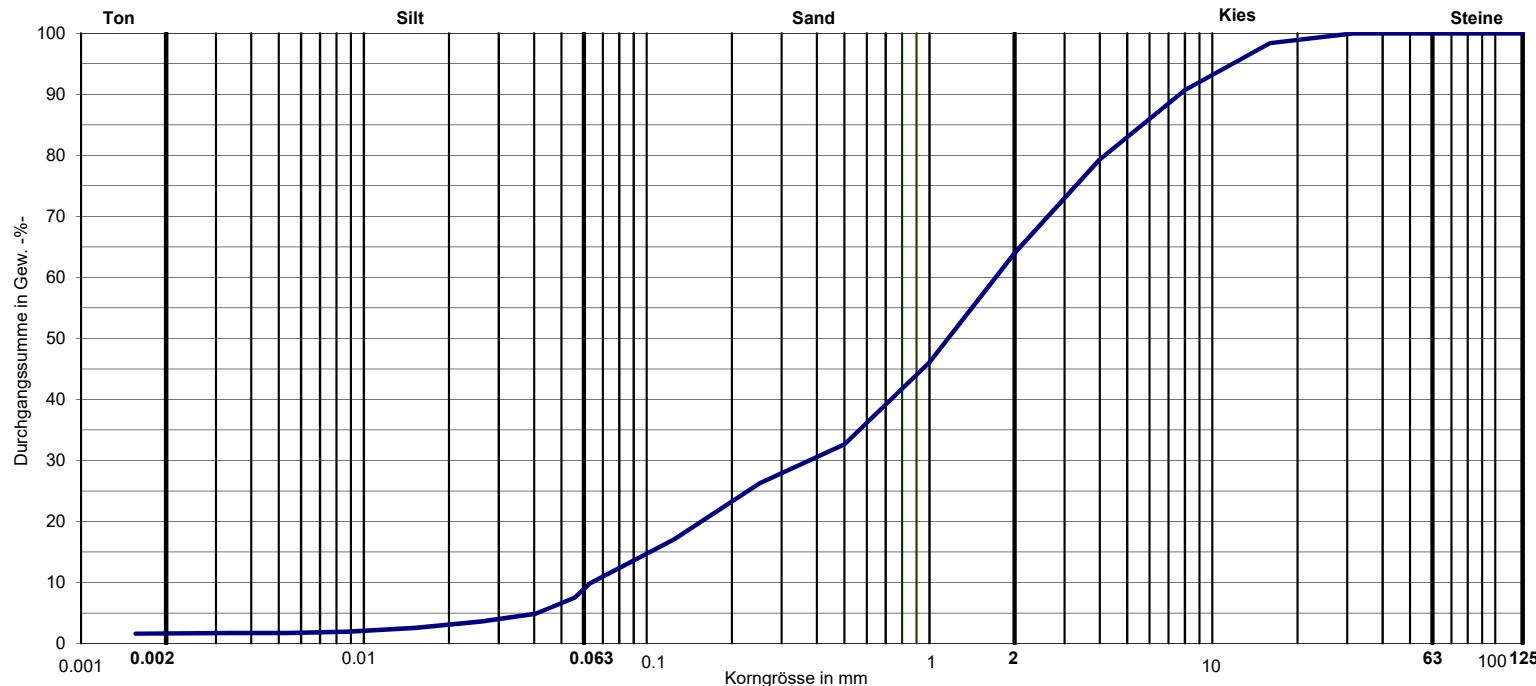
Case studies: Curio (TI)



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Objekt: Hangmure
Trockensiebung Nasssiebung Schlämmanalyse
Prüfaufzeichnungs-Nr. 8871-01-PA-44
Wareneingangsnummer: 3594
Probennummer: 4
Bezeichnung der Probe: Curio Rutschmasse

SW-SM		gut abgestufter Sand mit Silt und Kies		
Symbol	Gruppenname	D ₆₀ [mm]	W _L [%]	W _p [%]
	Durchgang bei 2.000 mm [%]	64.0	1.778	36.3
	Durchgang bei 0.063 mm [%]	9.8	1.219	33.5
	Durchgang bei 0.002 mm [%]	1.6	0.398	2.8
C _{cd}	1.4	D ₁₀ [mm]	0.064	W _{Lnat} [%]
C _{ud}	27.6			34.6



Case studies: Curio (TI)



Ciglio di stacco della colata detritica di versante. Larghezza del ciglio: 16 m (in rosso). La freccia blu indica il punto di fuoriuscita di acqua sorgiva dopo l'evento.

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Vista dall'altro della zona di scorimento.

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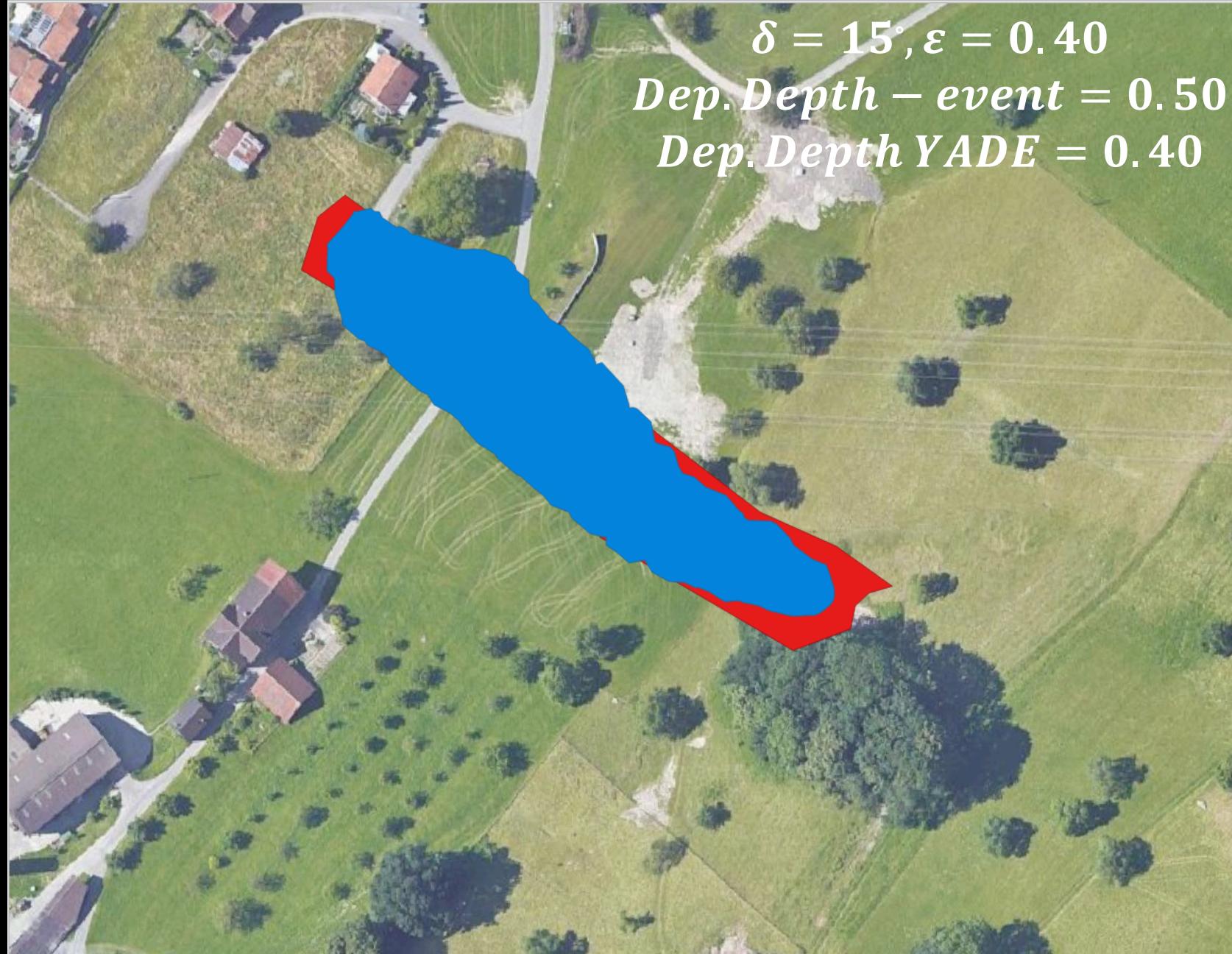
Best fit sim. YADE (TRUB-BE)

$\delta = 20^\circ$, $\varepsilon = 0.30$

Deposit Depth – YADE = 0.6 m



Best fit sim. YADE (ROOT-LU)



Best fit sim. YADE (CURIO-TI)

$$\delta = 25^\circ, \epsilon = 0.30$$

Dep. Depth – event = 2.00 m

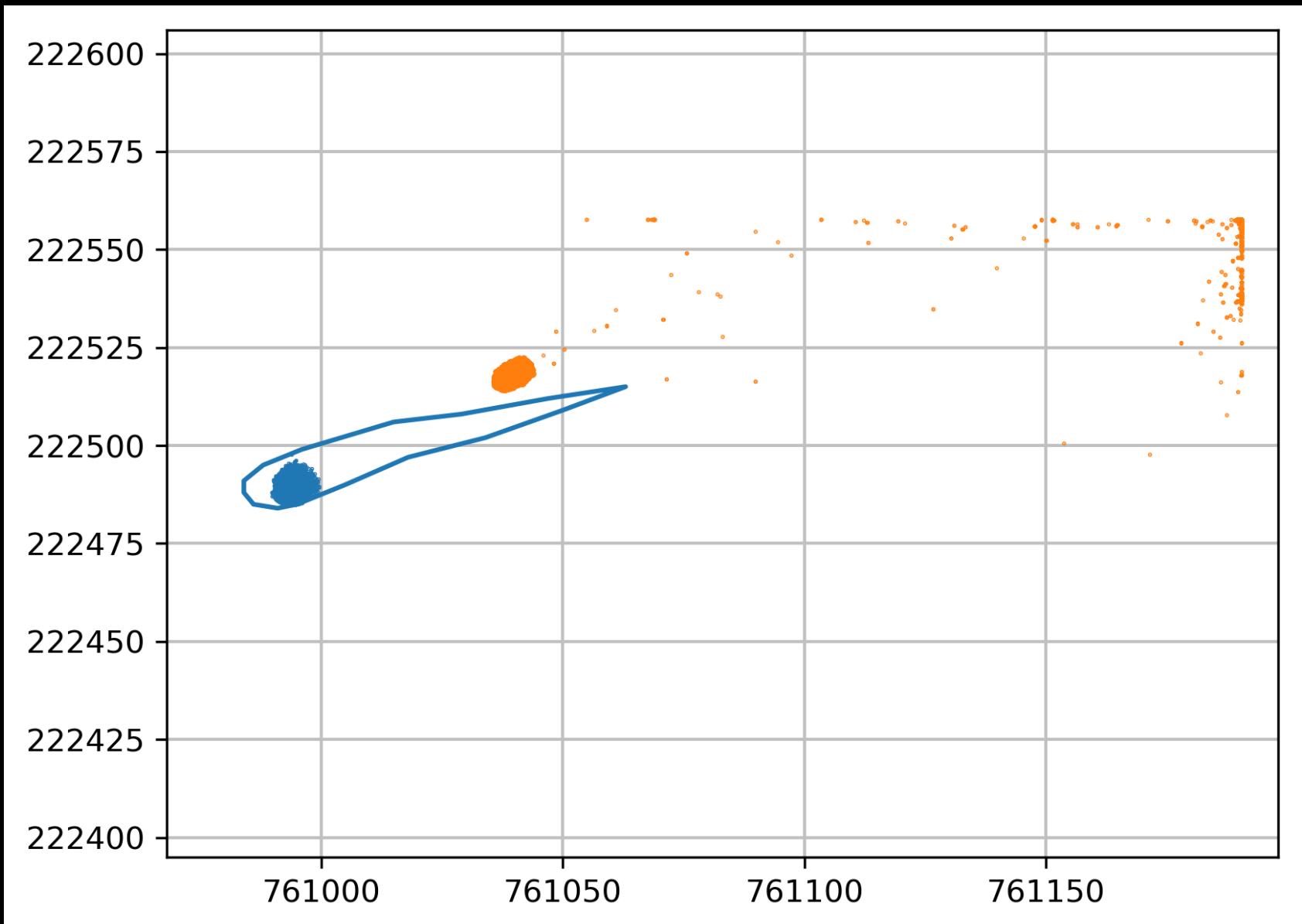
Dep. Depth – YADE = 1.97 m



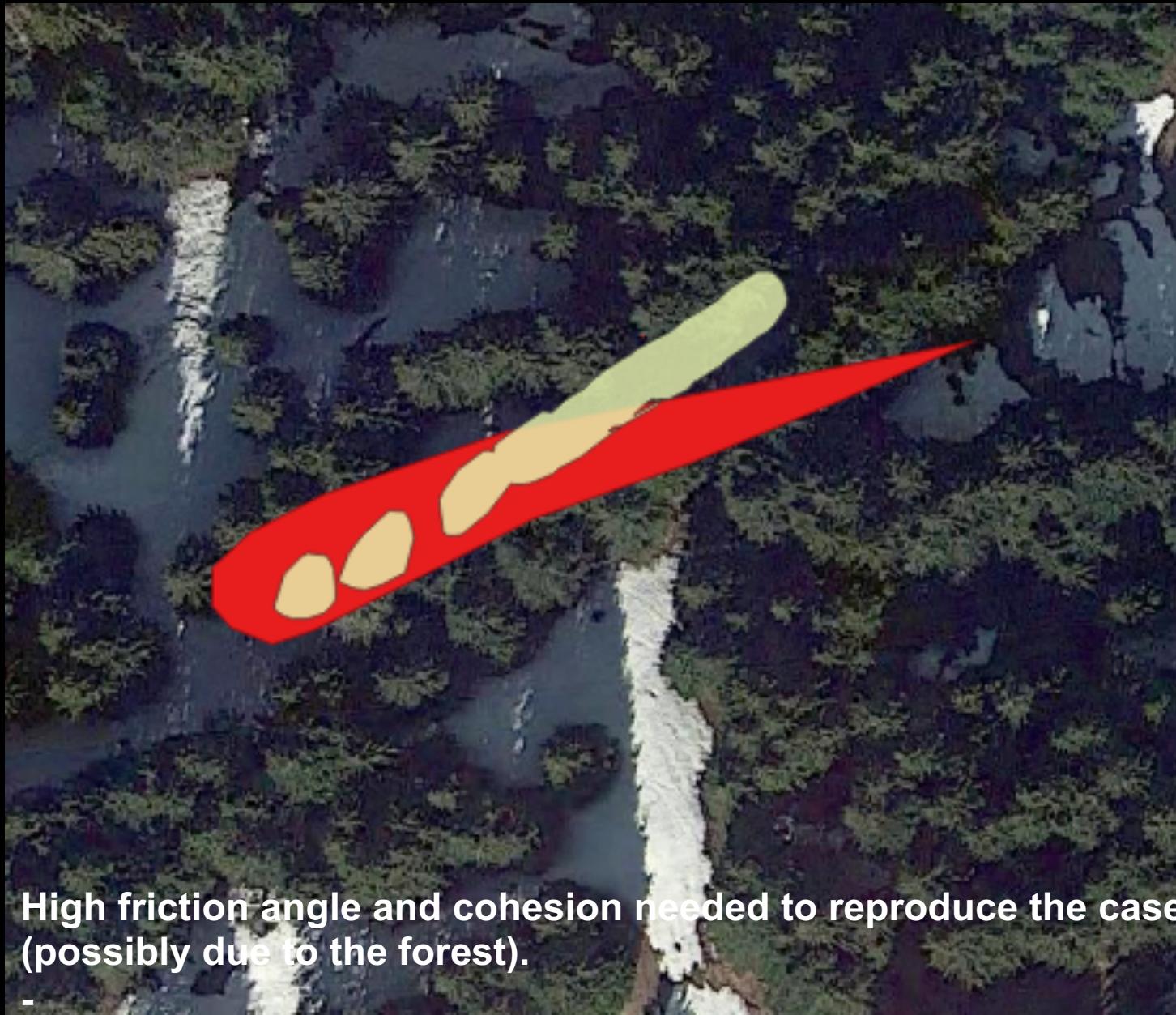
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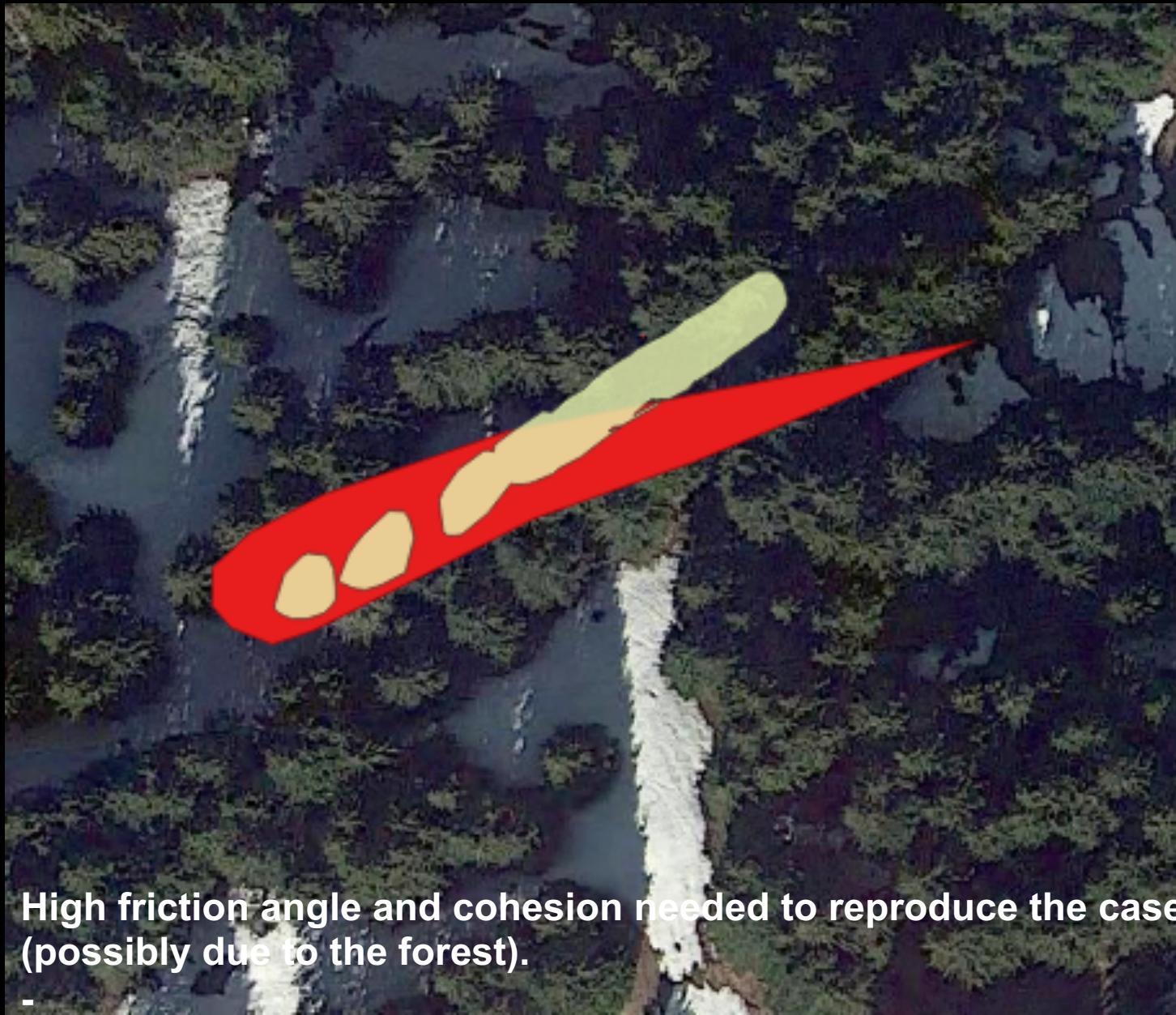
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