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29 **Abstract**: A flowslide overriding liquefied substrate can vastly enhance its disaster

30 after failure initiation, due to rapid velocity and long-runout distance during

31 landslides mobilized into flows. It is crucial to provide improved understanding to the

32 mechanism of these catastrophic flowslides for hazard mitigation and risk

33 assessment. This study focuses on the Saleshan landslide of Gansu in China, which is

34 a typically catastrophic flowslide overrode a liquefied sand substrate.

35 Geomorphologic and topographic maps along with analysis of seismic signals confirm

36 its dynamic features and mobilized behaviors. ERT surveying detected abundant

37 groundwater in the landslide, which is fundamental to its rapid long-runout distance.

38 Particle size distributions and triaxial shear behaviors affirmed more readily liquefied

39 behavior of superficial loess and underlying alluvial sand than red soil sandwiched

40 them. We also examined the liquefaction susceptibility of the alluvial sand under

41 loading impact at undrained and drained conditions. The alluvial sand is readily

42 liquefied in the undrained condition while it is difficult at drained condition due to

43 rapid water pore pressure dissipation. The results showed that the landslide

44 experienced a sudden transformation from slide on the steep slope where it

45   originated to flow on a nearly flat terrace with abundant groundwater that it

46   overrode. This transformation can be attributed to the liquefied alluvial sand

47   substrate enhancing the whole landslide body mobility. Along with recent, similar

48   findings from landslides worldwide, substrate liquefaction may present a widespread,

49   significant increase in landslide hazard and consequent mobility and our study

50   reveals conditions necessary for this phenomenon to occur.

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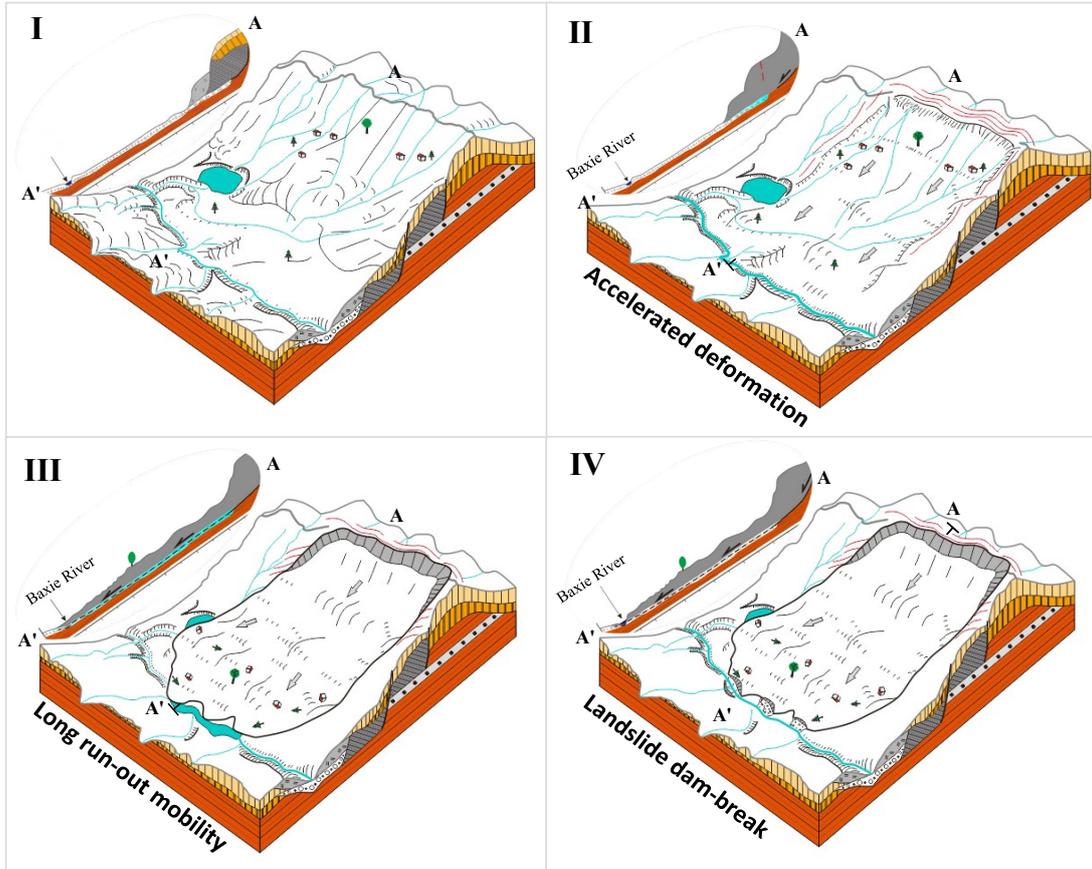
1. Introduction

Flowslide is generally catastrophic worldwide. This kind of flow-like landslides is always characterized by rapid velocity and long-runout distance during landslides mobilized into flows, as such they usually cause more catastrophic threats to people, environment, and property. Hence, it is curial to understand the mobility of these catastrophic flowslides to hazard mitigation and risk assessment.

Some studies have been conducted to gain understanding of rapid long-runout flowslides, involving field evidences, numerical and physical simulations, and shear tests, along with very few field monitoring (Hutchinson and Bhandari, 1971; Misfeldt et al., 1991; Evans et al., 2001; Wang et al., 2003; Hungr and Evans, 2004; Crosta et al., 2009a; Poschinger and Kippel, 2009; Iverson et al., 2011; Crosta et al., 2015; Iverson et al., 2015; Collins and Reid, 2020). However, mechanisms resulting in flowslide mobility remain in debate, but some basic information is relatively clear. These studies showed that the catastrophic flowslides commonly occur a transformation from slide to flow. Furthermore, the transformed progress generally involves an undrained loading by overlying landslide mass, which is more prevalent in granular materials, such as sand, silt, and debris, along the flow path (Hutchinson and Bhandari, 1971; Wang et al., 2003; Sassa and Wang, 2005). The liquefaction of the granular materials is crucial to maintain rapid and long-runout landside mobility (Hutchinson and Bhandari, 1971; Evans et al., 2001; Take and Beddoe, 2014). Furthermore, the liquefied substrates have been considered vital to the transformed landslide mobility (Iverson et al., 1997; Wang et al., 2003; Iverson et al., 2011).

80 Nevertheless, Mangeney (2011) argued that flow-like mobility could also occur in

81 completely dry granular materials due to the lack of cohesion. Essentially, the

82 mobility depends finally on the frictional or rheologic behaviors of sheared granular

83 materials. Additionally, the transformation progress occurs in a channeling flow path,

84 but also on a nearly flat surface. The former has been the focus of considerable

85 research effort in recent years. In comparison, only few studies examined the

86 transformation during movement from steep upper regions onto very flat slopes,

87 focusing on the base liquefaction of the flat flow path (Hutchinson and Bhandari,

88 1971; Take and Beddoe, 2014; Crosta *et al.*, 2015). The 2014 Oso landslide obtained

89 widespread attention to the catastrophic long-runout mobility on a nearly flat

90 surface, due to the apparent presence of a liquified substrate (Iverson *et al.*, 2015;

91 Iverson and George, 2016; Wartman *et al.*, 2016; Aaron *et al.*, 2017; Stark *et al.*,

92 2017; Collins and Reid, 2020). However, understanding the mobility of the flowslide

93 on a nearly flat surface remains unclear, as evidenced by the broad range of

94 hypotheses proposed to explain the well-studied Oso landslide's mobility.

95 Loess flowslides are among the most common of the flow-like landslides, as

96 loess is prone to liquefaction under even an unsaturated condition. Earthquake and

97 rainfall, along with irrigation, have become familiar triggers of the catastrophic loess

98 flowslides in China. Earthquake-induced loess flowslides generally have long-runout

99 mobility if shallow groundwater conditions are present, resulting in liquefied loess

100 with high pore-water pressure and low shear resistance (Ishihara et *al.*, 1990; Wang

101 *et al.*, 2014). Currently, rainfall and irrigation become more frequent triggers to the

102   loess flowslides. Many studies showed that infiltrated water elevates the

103   groundwater, and cause the loess liquefaction forming the loess flowslides

104   (Derbyshire *et al.*, 2000; Zhang *et al.*, 2014; Zhuang and Peng, 2014; Peng *et al.*,

105   2015; Peng *et al.*, 2017a; Peng *et al.*, 2017b; Zhang *et al.*, 2017; Zhang and Wang,

106   2018; Peng *et al.*, 2019). Visibly, water plays a dominant role in the occurrence of the

107   loess flowslides. These studies mentioned above significantly improved our

108   understanding of loess flowslides. Still, much of this effort has been in their initiation

109   and failure mechanisms, examining the liquefied behavior of the loess. Some studies

110   of the mobility of the loess flowslides focused on numerical simulation and field

111   evidence (Peng *et al.*, 2015; Zhang *et al.*, 2017; Kang *et al.*, 2018; Li *et al.*, 2019). Yet

112   there still remains an urgent problem to understand the mobilized mechanisms of a

113   landslide from a slide on the steep upper slope that transforms into a flow on a

114   nearly flat terrace. Such slides frequently threatened the residents and their

115   properties, and also cause major ecological and environmental problems.

116   This study aims to provide an improved understanding of the transformed

117   mechanism from slide to flow overridden on a liquified substrate. We study a

118   catastrophic flowlside, i.e., the Saleshan landslide of Gansu in China, which killed .

119   We produced geomorphologic and topographic maps for analyzing the movement

120   features of the landslide using cartographic and GIS techniques. We performed

121   electrical resistivity tomography (ERT) to detect groundwater conditions on the

122   landslide body and the terrace. Furthermore, we examined the particle size

123   distributions and triaxial shear behaviors of loess, red soil, and alluvial sand from the

landslide deposited zones. We especially performed two loading impact tests on the

alluvial sand specimens under drained and undrained status. Finally, we discussed

the transformed mechanism of this kind of landslide from slide on steep slopes to

flow on gentle terraces, and compare the difference in the liquified entrainment

occurred in a steep channel bed erosion along its flow path. Our findings afford some

fundamental knowledge to the mobility of this kind of flowslides overridden on a

liquefied substrate, and specific assistances for landslide hazard mitigation and risk

assessment.

2. Saleshan landslide background

The Saleshan landslide is situated in Dongxiang County, Gansu Province, China

(Fig. 1a), and occurred on an afternoon at about 5:46 local time on 7 March 1983,

which caused 237 deaths and damage of the four villages. Hence, the Saleshan

landslide is among the most disastrous one in the Baxie River catchment, which has

hundreds of different types of loess landslides at various sizes (Fig. 1b). Following the

updated Varnes landslide classification system, Hungr *et al.* (2014) described the

Saleshan landslide as a flowslide, which is characterized by long runout distance

traveled across a nearly flat surface. Fig. 1 c and d present the panoramic views of

the Saleshan landslide in 1983 and 2015.

2.1 Geological structures

145   Fig. 2 shows the simplified stratigraphic and topographic section through the

146   pre-landslide topography and the Saleshan landslide along its main sliding direction.

147   The presented stratigraphic and topographic section is revised to the previous

148   version from Zhang and Wang (1984) and Zhang *et al*. (2002). The geological

149   structures can be referred to in the previous studies (Zhang and Wang, 1984; Zhang

150   *et al*., 2002).

151   To geological structures before failure (Fig. 2a), the stratigraphic section of the

152   Saleshan landslide include in descending order: (1) Late Pleistocene Lishi Loess (Q_2),

153   (2) Middle Pleistocene Malan Loess (Q_3), (3) Pliocene mudstone and Cobblestone

154   (N_2), (4) Quaternary alluvial sand and gravel, colluvial mudstone and loess (Q_4). The

155   alluvial sand and gravel is located on the first terrace. Moreover, the previous studies

156   speculated that the colluvial mudstone and loess is the deposition of a historical

157   landslide situated over the first terrace (Kang *et al*., 2018). There are no folds and

158   faults in Saleshan landslide area, which exhibits a simple geologic structure (Zhang *et*

159   *al*., 2002). Nevertheless, there are two sets of dominant joints, in which the east-

160   west set is matched with cracks in the main scarp of Saleshan landslide (Zhang *et al*.,

161   2002).

162   To geological structures after failure (Fig. 2b), a simplified stratigraphic section

163   can be described as follow: (1) the displaced material of landslide body covered over

164   the alluvial sand and gravel on the first terrace; and (2) the alluvial layer overlies the

165   undisturbed mudstone bedrock. Zhang *et al*. (2002) considered that the alluvial sand

166   and gravel is undisturbed on the first terrace, while other authors argued that the

167 landslide ploughed or impacted the alluvial layer, leading to erosional liquefaction of

168 the substrate (Wang *et al.*, 1988; Kang *et al.*, 2018). It is interesting to note the life-

169 saving tree on the landslide. When the Saleshan landslide occurred, a person tightly

170 held the tree, moving about 960 m without any injures (Zhang *et al.*, 2002; Kang *et*

171 *al.*, 2018).

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173 **2.1 Geomorphologic characteristics**

174   The Saleshan landslide is located on the south facing side of a steep slope ridge

175 on the northern side of Baxie River. The geomorphologic characteristic change of the

176 Saleshan landslide mainly depends on the Baxie River terraces (Fig. 2). The elevation

177 of the Saleshan landslide ranges from 1950 m to 2280 m, including four terraces with

178 abrupt slope angle change. The top of the slope ridge is 2280 m elevation above the

179 fourth terrace, where the slope angle is larger than 50°. The fourth terrace is located

180 between 2195 m and 2080 m elevation, with a slope angle varying from 30° to 35°.

181 The third and second terraces have developed two gentle platforms, and their

182 elevation varies from 2080 m to 1970 m with a switched deep slope with an average

183 30° slope angle. The lowest first terrace is about 800 m away from the toe of the

184 Saleshan slope with nearly flat surface topography before slope failure. After the

185 Saleshan slope failure, the first terrace became the main accumulation zone. The

186 topographic change reveals that the Saleshan landslide failed from a deep upslope

187 and moved on a flat surface with easy liquified sand and gravel layer, which means an

188 abrupt transformation of movement style. This also indicates that the geologic

189 structure and geomorphologic characteristics is basic conditions for the long-runout

190 mobility during Saleshan landslide propagation.

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2.3 Hydroclimatic conditions

193 The Baxie River basin is a semiarid climate environment. Commonly, the average

194 annual precipitation is 485 mm, with 80% of the total in the period from June to

195 September, and frequent rainstorms in summer (Zhang *et al.*, 2002; Kang *et al.*,

196 2018). However, the climate presents a wetter environment since 1979, with annual

197 precipitation of 650 mm, and the winter precipitation in 1982 was also above

198 average reaching 66.3 mm (Zhang *et al.*, 2002). There has meltwater before failure in

199 March 1983. Thus, the freeze-thaw effect was suggested to trigger the Saleshan

200 landslide (Huang, 2009). However, Kang *et al.* (2018) considered that the meltwater

201 effectively elevated groundwater, which would be attributed to progressive failure.

202 The groundwater is of phreatic water, which has all distributed below the fourth

203 terrace (Ma and Qian, 1998). Many springs overflow from the toe of the terraces on

204 both sides of the River valley. Notably, the shallow aquifer on the first terrace is

205 known from borehole information, and the depth of the groundwater table is about

206 2 m below the ground surface (Ma and Qian, 1998). Besides, the storage water in the

207 Jiuer reservoir was used to the agricultural irrigation on the terraces, guaranteeing

208 the long-term shallow groundwater level. The groundwater information provides

209 useful help to understand the mobility of the Saleshan landslide.

210 Notably, no observed earthquake and rainfall was recorded in the Baxie River

211   basin in March 1983. Therefore long-term accumulated precipitation and irrigation,

212   rather than abrupt seismic shaking and rainfall infiltration, likely played a key role in

213   initiating the Saleshan landslide.

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215   **3. Materials and methods**

216   **3.1 Geomorphological features mapping**

217   The geomorphological mapping provides geomorphologic characteristics as an

218   important aid for understanding the inherent problems on the propagation of the

219   landslide. For this purpose, we collected various data from old photos, field

220   investigations, remote images, previous references about Selanshan landslide, and

221   produced a graphical map of geomorphologic imprints using cartographic and GIS

222   techniques. The geomorphological map in this study is representative of many results

223   both from various published data and unpublished reports.

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225   **3.2 Topographic changes detection**

226   The topographic change detection is a fundamental prerequisite for landslide

227   deposition thickness but also can provide a direct result assessment for landslide

228   numerical modeling. In this context, we first prepared two large scale topographic

229   maps at the scale of 1:10000 from before and after slope failure, and digitized the

230   two maps using ArcGIS software, and then constructed their digital elevation models

231   (DEMs). After which, we compared and analyzed the topographic change using the

232   Geomorphic Change Detection (GCD) 7.0 software (http://gcd.riverscapes.xyz/),

233 which is a powerful tool on geomorphological change detection (Wheaton *et al.*,

234 2010; Wheaton *et al.*, 2015). The GCD produced DEM of Difference (DoD) maps

235 before and after the Saleshan landslide, and estimated the net change in

236 geomorphologic features, such as elevation, volume, area.

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238 **3.3 Movement features analysis**

239 To analyze mobility after slope failure, we produce a map of movement features,

240 including motion displacement, motion direction, and motion velocity. The motion

241 displacement derives a direct estimate from the placemarks on landslide body,

242 including the sites from house and tree before and after failure. We also record the

243 motion direction of all the placemarks referred to the previous research results

244 (Wang *et al.*, 1988). We also calculated the motion velocity from displacement over

245 time at different sites of the Saleshan landslide. The mobility time derives from

246 seismic signals induced by Saleshan landslide at three seismic stations. The detailed

247 procedure can refer to the supplementary, involving how to digitize old analog

248 seismograms to obtain the relatively accurate time using a MATLAB™ toolbox of

249 DigitSeis developed by Bogiatzis (2015), with slight help of manual processing, to

250 revitalize only three NS analog seismograms from the three seismic stations

251 (Supplementary note, Figs. 1 and 2).

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253 **3.4 Textural and mechanical properties test**

254 To obtain the textural and mechanical properties, we taken disturbed loess and

255 red soil (product of mudstone) specimens close to the scarp of the Saleshan

256 landslide, as well as an alluvial sand specimen on the first terrace of Baxie River.

257 These specimens were oven-dried and disaggregated using a rubber hammer. We

258 analyzed particle size distributions of all the samples using a Microtrac S3500 laser

259 diffraction instrument. Each specimen tested eight times for consistency.

260   We conducted a series of consolidated undrained compression (CUC) triaxial

261 tests on all the three samples, and two quasi-dynamic impact stress loading (QSL)

262 drained and undrained triaxial tests on the alluvial sand samples. All the specimens

263 have a height of 10 cm and a diameter of 5 cm. All the examples were saturated by

264 carbon dioxide replacement, de-aired water flushing, and back pressure saturation.

265 The specimens were consolidated under a specified cell pressure and then

266 compressed under undrained conditions by means of the strain-controlled method.

267 The axial strain was increased at a rate of 0.01% per minute. The specimens were

268 consolidated and tested at cell pressures of 100, 200, 300 kPa. In CUC sets,

269 compression at each cell pressure was terminated when the axial strain close to 20%.

270 In QSL sets, the specimens were compressed by utilizing a sinusoidal stress loading

271 module, but in which we used a quarter loading period to load 160 kPa with 10

272 seconds at cell pressures of 200 kPa. Notably, if the stress loading velocity is too

273 rapid, this maybe generates a damage to the triaxial apparatus. We performed one

274 drained stress loading test, and other for the undrained condition.

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276 **3.5 Electrical resistivity survey**

277   To prospect the internal structure and hydrological environment of the Saleshan

278   landslide, we carried out four electrical resistivity tomography (ERT) profiles (see

279   their locations in Fig. 5) to obtain a detailed characterization about the electrical

280   signals in the first tens of meters below the ground surface. During the field survey,

281   we used a multielectrode system with 120 electrodes both in Wenner-Schlumberger

282   and Wenner arrays with an electrode spacing of 5 m. We located these electrical

283   profiles using a GPS and measured their topographic changes using a laser measuring

284   technique. Finally, we inverted the apparent resistivity data by a tomographic

285   inversion technique using the newest RES2DINV software. During the inversion, we

286   implemented a smoothness-type regularization constrained least squares by using

287   incomplete Gauss-Newton optimization technique, taking the topographical changes

288   into account along the profiles. The optimization technique is to iteratively adjust the

289   resistivity to obtain a minimal difference between the calculated and measured

290   apparent resistivity values. The absolute acceptable error provides a measurement of

291   this difference.

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293 **4. Results**

294 **4.1 Geomorphologic imprints**

295   The geomorphologic imprints on a landslide provide direct observation and

296   object analysis for dynamic features at different zones, but is important base to

297   hazard management land planning after the landslide. Fig. 3 shows the

298   geomorphological map of Saleshan landslide, which is a revised version based on the

299 previous conclusions (Zhang *et al.*, 2002; Wu and Wang, 2006). Our

300 geomorphological map presents an immediate and complete description of

301 remaining features at different locations throughout the landslide. From the

302 viewpoint of space elements, we divide the geomorphologic features into three

303 styles. The dotted imprints only have spring outcrop places. The linear features

304 include zone boundaries, major and minor scarps, various cracks, groundwater

305 drainage, and surface water recharge. The planar features involve depressions and

306 hillocks in the zone of depletion, and grooves and hummocks in the zone of

307 accumulation, along with river gully and reservoir adjacent landslide.

308   There are several critical features worth analyzing. First, the different types of

309 cracks portray the deformation behaviors at respective locations. The cracks

310 distributed on the crown portray tensile deformation, and the lateral and transverse

311 cracks that occurred on the flank signify tractive deformation and fracturing process.

312 These radial cracks emerge thrust behavior on the toe. The depressions and hillocks

313 underwent extension and compression during the landslide movement. The

314 significant number of hummocks on the zone of accumulation show the evidence of

315 fluidization and extension during landslide mobility. There are more in the west-slide

316 and central regions than in the east slide in the zone of accumulation. Using

317 hummocks that explain the motion behavior of the fluidized landslides has also been

318 paid special attention by other authors (Paguican *et al.*, 2014; Collins and Reid, 2020;

319 Dufresne and Geertsema, 2020). The hummocks on a landslide can reveal important

320 movement features during their motion.

321   Fig. 4 shows the old photographs illustrating typical geomorphological imprints

322   of the Saleshan landslide. These photographs were taken shortly after the landslide

323   in 1983. They not only well verify the evidence from the geomorphological map (Fig.

324   3), but some of them provide more intuitive clues to uncover movement behavior. As

325   shown in Figs. 4c and 4d, the standing cow and life-saving tree reveal that the

326   displaced materials were incompletely disturbed, mainly maintaining the original

327   stratigraphic structure. Thus, we can speculate that the landslide body moved along a

328   slip surface with low shear resistance. Also, we observe differential movement on the

329   zone of accumulation, due to differences in disturbance and liquefaction of the

330   displaced materials (Fig. 4i-Fig. 4l). The loess at right flank is completely liquified (Fig.

331   4i), and the deposit at the toe dammed the Baxie River gully with high water content

332   (Fig. 4j). While the deposit close to left flank buried the Jiuer reservoir (Fig. 4k), but

333   they hold some original structures presenting a low water content context.

334   From the geomorphologic imprints and evidence, we suggest that the Saleshan

335   landslide exists a motion transformation from slide to flow and that the flow-like

336   materials failed along a week slip surface with some differences in deposit features.

337   Meanwhile, this evidence affords clues to analyze the characteristics of accumulation

338   and mobility after slope failure.

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340   **4.2 Topographic changes**

341   There are few accurate measurements of the volume of a historical landslide,

342   because of a difficulty gaining the pre- and post-landslide topographic data. Fig. 5a

343 shows the elevation difference of the pre- and post-landslide on the Saleshan

344 landslide. Fig 5b and 5c show geomorphic change detection, the areal and volumetric

345 elevation change distributions. The negative elevation is for erosion, and positive

346 elevation is for accumulation, respectively. The elevation change range of erosion

347 area is –142 to 0 m, which located on the depletion zone. The elevation change range

348 of accumulation distributes between 0 and 39 m occurred in the accumulation zone.

349 Volume proportions of erosion and accumulation are almost the same, which are

350 55.69 and 44.31%, respectively. The decrease of accumulation volume may be due to

351 the part of loess flowing into Baxie river and Jieer reservoir. The areal proportion of

352 erosion (35.11%) is about half as much as deposition (64.89%).

353   To better detect the dynamic process of landslides, such as the change of area,

354 volume, and elevation in pre- and post-landslide, we used the Geomorphic Change

355 Detection (GCD) 7.0 software to construct seven two-dimensional profiles of the slip

356 surface in the movement direction and four profiles perpendicular to the movement

357 direction (Fig. 5a). By analyzing the profiles (Fig. 6), we can further understand the

358 characteristics of the topographic change of the Saleshan landslide. With steeper

359 slopes, the erosion probability is higher, and the maximum erosion height up to 139

360 meters, while the majority of accumulation occurs on the flat areas (P1-P7). It also

361 can be found that erosion mainly occurs on the fourth terrace, and the first terrace is

362 the accumulation zone. The accumulation and erosion features are related to the

363 evidence from geomorphologic characteristics. For the four profiles perpendicular to

364 the movement direction, the degree of erosion at area of P8 and P9 is much greater

365 than that of P10 and P11. As P8 and P9 is located at the trailing edge of the landslide,

366 others are at the leading edge of the landslide. Likewise, hillocks and scarps at the

367 trailing edge of the landslides are eroded, while gullies are piled up and filled. These

368 profiles describe the exterior morphological features and structures in the horizontal

369 and vertical directions, and it can highlight some changes in pre- and post-landslide.

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371 **4.3 Rapid and long-runout mobility**

372 In the mobility of the rapid and long-runout landslides, its velocity,

373 displacement, and direction are vital kinematic parameters. Nevertheless, they are

374 often uncertain because this is practically difficult to identify the kinematic

375 parameters accurately. However, the surviving placemarks, e.g., tree and house,

376 could be useful in the dynamic analysis. Fig. 7 shows the motion displacement vector

377 at different placemark locations on the Saleshan landslide, and the calculated

378 kinematic parameters are listed in Table 1. Among these placemarks, there is the

379 most significant motion displacement of 1090 m and the highest motions velocity of

380 19.8 m/s. The results reveal that the Saleshan landslide underwent rapid and long-

381 runout mobility, in which appeared apparent variable zonation of motion.

382 On the depletion zone, the three placemarks are almost the same with the

383 horizontal displacements from 310 to 340 m, which means that the vertical fall is

384 significant in the zone (see Fig. 1b). There has the lowest average velocity of 5.9 m/s

385 in the whole landslide zones with a velocity between 5.8 and 6.2 m/s. Due to the

386 calculated velocities on the total mobilized time of 55 seconds, the velocity of the

387   depletion zone may severely be underestimated in the three placemarks. The

388   previous dynamic studies and eyewitness account showed that the velocity of the

389   sliding blocks both exceeds 20 m/s in the depletion zone (Miao *et al.*, 2001; Zhang *et*

390   *al.*, 2002; Kang *et al.*, 2018).

391   On the accumulation zone, the displacement vectors present distinct kinematic

392   differences. The placemarks of the central accumulation zone have the greatest

393   motion displacement with the highest landslide velocities. There have relatively more

394   significant displacement and velocity on the west accumulation zone than on the

395   east accumulation zone. It should be noted that there have relatively low velocity

396   and small motion displacement closer to both the flanks. It is consistent with the

397   field evidence (Fig. 4k). This means that the displaced materials immediately stop

398   after rupturing the slide surface. In addition, the motion directions of the various

399   placemarks depend on the original topographic changes and geomorphologic

400   features (Fig. 3 and Fig. 4).

401   In sum, the Saleshan landslide was rapid in the progress of long-distance

402   motion. The motion of Saleshan landslide primarily occurred on the accumulation

403   zone, in which the velocity and displacement of the displaced materials decrease

404   from the central zone to two flanks. The motion features are matched with the

405   evidence from geomorphologic maps and topographic changes (Fig. 3~Fig. 6).

406   Besides, the underestimated velocity derived from displacement and time may result

407   in some misleading to kinematic analysis.

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4.4 Structural and hydrological constraints

ERT is widely used in landslide investigation characterized by a complex geological setting (Perrone *et al.*, 2014). And recently time-lapse ERT is increasingly applied in long-term landslide monitoring (Grandjean *et al.*, 2011; Chambers *et al.*, 2013; Wilkinson *et al.*, 2016; Crawford *et al.*, 2019). Thus, ERT used as a conventional geophysical prospecting method to the geological structure and hydrological environment of a landslide, now becomes a convenient technology using in-situ landslide monitoring.

Fig. 8 shows the interpreted Wenner ERT sections of four profiles on the Saleshan landslide, and the detailed location of the four profiles are shown in the index figure and Fig. 6. The profile L1 is longitudinal through the front zone of depletion, and the end zone of accumulation along movement direction (Fig. 8a), and the profile C1 is transverse through the toe region of rupture surface (Fig. 8b). In addition, the interpreted Wenner Schlumberger ERT sections of four profiles are shown in Supplementary Figs 3. The profiles L1 and C2 profiles orthogonally cross through the middle zone of accumulation on the first terrace (Fig. 8c and d). In the profile L1, the high resistivity sections correspond with the front zone of depletion with relatively low water content and complete structure, while the end zone of accumulation presents low resistivity. The information disclosed from ERT image is matched with the data of borehole after the landslide (Wu and Wang, 2006), along with in-situ investigation. Notably, there is an abundant phreatic region around the rupture surface. It can be verified the evidence from the spring exposed on the third

and fourth terrace, along with the surface water convergence in the gully (See Fig. 3).

The low resistivity in the profile C1 is consistent with the gully sites, where there has

high water content in lowland causing thinker deposit and greater mobility (See Fig.

6). Meanwhile, the toe zone of the rupture surface has relatively lower resistivity,

comparing with the zone of depletion. The information from profiles L1 and C2

shows that the displaced materials thickness vary between 15 and 20 m, and that

they deposited on the original ground surface (Fig. 6). The deposit is thinner closer to

the tip of the Saleshan landslide. Notably, the sediments below the farmland ground

exert a very low resistivity signifying a high water content condition. This is well-

matched with direct field observations after the landslide, such as loess liquefaction

and deposit with high water content (see Fig 4j and Fig 4l) on the west zone of

accumulation.

The electrical resistivity could obtain useful geophysical signals varying with the

nature and state of granular materials, as well as the fluid in the granular medium.

Thus, the four ERT survey images add information on the internal structure of the

Saleshan landslide, which is consistent with the geomorphologic features and

topographic changes. Meanwhile, the ERT images well provide the hydrological

information, which helps the understanding of the propagation of the Saleshan

landslide.

4.5 Liquefaction behaviors

4.5.1 Particle size distribution

453   The particle size distributions are often crucial for appraising liquefaction

454   potential of flow slides (Kramer, 1988; Picarelli, 2010), and could be indirectly used to

455   interpret liquefaction behaviors of fine granular soils. Fig. 9 shows the exemplified

456   particle size distribution of the three types of soil on the Saleshan landslides. To

457   facilitate a much clearer view of particle size, Fig. 9b uses a linear abscissa, rather

458   than a logarithmic abscissa. Other repeated test results were shown in

459   Supplementary Figs. 4. The three samples are silty soils with uniform gradation. The

460   loess has the greatest fine fractions, and the alluvial sands include the coarsest

461   fractions, whereas the red soil is intermediate. Note that there are two modes on the

462   frequency curves with two unimodal curves and one bimodal curve. The loess and

463   red soil have both a smooth unimodal frequency distribution curve. The loess has a

464   single fine component with a size boundary of 20-60 μm and mean practice size (D_{50})

465   of 38 μm. The texture of the red soil is like that of the loess, but it has a deviation

466   with a size range of 25-55 μm, and a mean practice size of 43 μm. This kind of

467   deviation may derive from the modification of weathering processes of mudstone.

468   The alluvial sand has a bimodal frequency distribution of particle size, and the range

469   is from 25 μm to 60 μm with a mean practice size of 48 μm. Generally, the bimodal

470   sand is a typical production of a modern alluvial or fluvial environment (Taira and

471   Scholle, 1979; Sun *et al.*, 2002). Compared to evidence from the particle size

472   distribution in other flowslides (Kramer, 1988; Picarelli, 2010; Zhang *et al.*, 2019), all

473   the three samples on the Saleshan landslide are characteristic of liquefaction

474   features, which have the potential to liquefy when close to saturation.

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4.5.2 Shear properties

It is still necessary to examine the shear properties of soil to understand its liquefaction behaviors directly. Fig. 10 compares the results of the undrained triaxial shear tests of the three soils on the Saleshan landslide at the same confining pressure (i.e., 200 kPa). Fig. 10a and b present the change deviator stress and pore water pressure with axial strain. Fig. 10c depicts an effective stress path. The three specimens have apparent differences in liquefication behaviors. The loess specimen shows a typical strain behavior maintaining high pore water pressure with an obvious decrease in strength after peak value. The results are consistent with those observed in the liquified or collapsed loess elsewhere (Zhang *et al.*, 2013; Wang *et al.*, 2014; Zhang *et al.*, 2014; Zhang and Wang, 2018). This means that the loess in Saleshan landslide area has visible liquefaction behavior under undrained condition, which is matched with in-situ evidence (Fig. 4i). Notably, the red soil has the lowest liquefaction potential with very light strength decrease after peak strength, although its particle size distribution is located between loess and alluvial sand. It may be related to the strong cementation or bonding existing in the weathering products of mudstone, which could attribute to more clay fractions in the red soil. The alluvial sand specimen has the most significant increase in pore water pressure after the peak strength. As shown in Fig. 9, the alluvial sand is comprised of fine sand, and finer suspended muddy. The small amount of suspended muddy slightly decreases the liquefication of the alluvial sand. Similar results have been found in ring shear

497   and triaxial shear tests (Wang *et al.*, 2007; Carraro *et al.*, 2009).

498   Fig. 11 shows the undrained triaxial test results for the alluvial sand specimens.

499   The deviator stress of all the specimens increases a peak value with increasing axial

500   strain; after that, abruptly decreases a steady-state with further increase in axial

501   strain (Fig. 11a). Meanwhile, the pore water pressure continuously increases to a

502   steady value with increasing axial strain (Fig. 11b). The effective stress paths show

503   that pure contractive behavior during undrained compression shearing (Fig. 11c).

504   These results further support that all the alluvial sand specimens present unusual

505   liquefaction behavior, and that is more prominent at low confining pressure.

506   Fig. 12 shows the triaxial test results from quasi-dynamic impact stress loading

507   of the alluvial sand specimens under drained and undrained conditions. In the

508   drained condition, the pore water pressure increases rapidly to 20 kPa in the

509   progress of the impact loading (i.e., 10s), and after that, it has an obvious decrease

510   with almost constant loading deviatoric stress of 160 kPa (Fig. 12a). Meanwhile, the

511   generated pore water pressure dissipated gradually with 100 s. The relatively high

512   dissipation rate in pore water pressure could be attributed to its inherent granular

513   characteristics (Fig.9). This is in contrast to the behavior exhibited in undrained

514   impact loading, and the pore water pressure is the same rapid increase as the

515   drained impact stress loading (Fig. 12b). The desired impact stress could not fully

516   load on the samples, and it has completely collapsed with a rapid increase in pore

517   water pressure. After that, the pore water pressure slightly increases and,

518   accordingly, a striking decrease in deviatoric stress. It is essential for a structural

519   collapse with a great axial displacement. The results show that impact can generate

520   pore water pressure on the alluvial sand, and the undrained impact loading is easier

521   to produce pore water pressure on the alluvial sand than under drained conditions.

522   Meanwhile, the quickly dissipated pore water pressure on the alluvial sand may

523   contribute to the liquefaction of the loess, and consequently enhanced the mobility

524   of the Saleshan landslide. This finding is consistent with those research results from

525   ring shear tests (Wang *et al.*, 2003) and numerical simulation (Collins and Reid,

526   2020).

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528   **4. Discussion**

529   **4.1 Transformation from a slide on the steep slope to flow on the gentle terrace**

530   The Saleshan landslide experienced a typical transformation from progressive

531   slide to catastrophic flow, i.e., velocity transition from slow to fast. The progressive

532   deformation along a sliding surface went through more than four years from the

533   evidence of monitoring data and eyewitness account, while the disastrous mobility

534   after failure initiation only underwent 60 seconds with about 1000 m mobility (Wang

535   *et al.,* 1988; Miao *et al.*, 2001; Zhang *et al.*, 2002; Wu and Wang, 2006; Kang *et al.*,

536   2018). Fig. 13 shows the hypothesized sequence from progressive deformation to the

537   catastrophic mobility of 1983 Saleshan landslide. The stage from slow to accelerated

538   deformation resulted in the pore water pressure accumulation in the toe zone of the

539   slope (Fig. 13a and b). After that, the landslides on dissected steep mudstone slope

540   transformed into a flow-type landslide that travels long runout distance across a

541 nearly flat terrace (Fig. 13c). Finally, the elevated reservoir water triggered landslide

542 dam-break (Fig. 13d). The previous studies have well analyzed the deformation

543 mechanism of the Saleshan landslide, but the unexpected flow-type mobility remains

544 unclear. Thus, we focus here on the transformation mechanisms from the slide on

545 steep upper slope to flow on nearly flat terrace.

546   The transformed landslide from slide to flow could be attributed to the unusual

547 structural and hydrological configurations of the toe and travel zone of the Saleshan

548 landslide. There is enough surface and sub-surface water convergence, leading to a

549 shallow groundwater level in alluvial sand layers with high liquefaction potential on

550 the first terrace. The evidence can prove the speculation from geomorphologic

551 mapping (Figs 2 and 3), ERT survey (Fig 8), and test results (Figs. 9-11). Generally, the

552 groundwater condition is key to the transformation from progressive slide to

553 catastrophic flow in the Saleshan landslide; meanwhile, the highly susceptible to

554 liquefaction alluvial sand is essential to the transformation. On the whole, the

555 transformation strictly depends on the liquefied substrate, i.e., alluvial saturated or

556 even partly saturated sand layer on the first terrace. Of course, as revealed by results

557 in field and laboratory (Figs. 3-5 and Fig. 10), the highly liquefied loess has a

558 particular contribution to the mobility after failure.

559   In the Chinese Loess Plateau, identical loess flowslides have frequently occurred

560 on the Jingyang platform (Xu *et al.*, 2009; Peng *et al.*, 2017a; Peng *et al.*, 2018; Li *et*

561 *al.*, 2019). These researchers also proved that the hydrogeological conditions on the

562 nearly flat river terrace close to the current Wei River, i.e., the alluvial sand layer and

563 high groundwater level, control the transformed progress. Incorporating with

564 evidences from liquefied sand pipes observed in loess deposits (Xu *et al.*, 2009)

565 deduced a conceptualized liquefaction model in double layers (i.e., sand and loess)

566 along sliding surface on the nearly flat terrace. Peng *et al.* (2018) excavated several

567 big exploratory trenches on the accumulation of the flowslides, and they found

568 typical liquefied evidence of sand pipes and sand boils intruded into loess deposits.

569 However, it lacks direct ground evidence, which can be attributed to the thick loess

570 deposits with relatively low permeability. Also, the numerical simulation and shear

571 wave detection supported that liquefaction entrainment of the terrace sand deposits

572 controls their rapid and long runout mobility of those loess flowslides (Peng *et al.*,

573 2017a; Li *et al.*, 2019).

574   In the rest of the world, there have been similar structural and hydrologic

575 constraints with the above loess flowslides, which resulted in the same

576 transformation from slides on steep upper slope to flows with high mobility on a

577 gentle lower terrace. A famous example in Switzerland is the Flims rockslide

578 avalanche, which liquefied alluvial deposits on the terrace, leading to about 13 km

579 displacement and damming of the Vorderrhein river valley (Poschinger and Kippel,

580 2009). There was observed the sub-vertical tubes of gravel composition almost

581 without any fines in the landslide deposits (Pavoni, 1968), and these finer materials

582 such as sand and silt have been washed out during water flow (Pavoni, 1968;

583 Poschinger and Kippel, 2009). This is a typical feature of liquefaction of alluvial

584 deposits. The scholars in Czech Republic found that a massive rockslide avalanche

585 transformed as a long-runout landslide along the terrace in the Bilina river (Burda *et*

586 *al.*, 2018). The data shows that the slope of the terrace is generally lower than 10

587 degrees in this study region (Poschinger and Kippel, 2009; Burda *et al.*, 2018). In

588 Saskatchewa river, there have many landslides dissected on shale slopes; some of

589 them transformed into a fluidized landslide that mobilized far beyond that expected

590 on a nearly flat terrace. Moreover, multiples boreholes revealed that the sliding

591 surface is located on Tertiary sand in the Hepburn aquifer system (Misfeldt *et al.*,

592 1991). Thus, enough groundwater and sand prone to liquefaction are essential to

593 these landslides that occurred in the Saskatchewa river region. Crosta *et al.* (2015)

594 presented multiple examples of landslides from steep slopes falling onto a shallow

595 erodible substrate or water layer, and then travel long-runout distance with typical

596 high velocity. Crosta and his colleagues have confirmed that the loading processes of

597 the overlying landslide mass resulted in the substrate liquefaction is key to the

598 mobility on a flat area (Crosta *et al.*, 2009a; Crosta *et al.*, 2009b; Crosta *et al.*, 2015;

599 Crosta *et al.*, 2016). The very recent 2014 Oso landslide gained a lot of attentions

600 about its long runout mobility mechanism. The Oso landslide failed on steep slopes,

601 and then move along a nearly flat terrace (Iverson *et al.*, 2015; Iverson and George,

602 2016; Wartman *et al.*, 2016; Stark *et al.*, 2017; Collins and Reid, 2020). However,

603 these authors argue about the sequential stages of the Oso landslide and what

604 material was liquefied to explain its long runout mobility on the nearly flat alluvial

605 plain.

606   The aforementioned typical examples improve our understanding of the

607 transformed landslide from slides on steep upper slopes to flow along gently terrace

608 and provide important insight of the base liquefaction of terrace deposits controlling

609 rapid and long-runout mobility, although disagreement remains regarding

610 mechanisms involved. However, these example landslides confirm that the unusual

611 structural and hydrologic configurations on the slope toe and fronted terrace zones

612 are critical for producing a rapid, long-runout landslide overriding terrace deposits.

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614 **4.2 Rapid and long-runout mobility overridden on a liquefied substrate**

615 There should be similar transformed and mobilized mechanisms between

616 Saleshan landslide and these landslides mentioned above. The landslides detected

617 on steep upper slopes transformed into flow-type landslides, causing a rapid and

618 long-runout mobility overridden on the sand substrate on the nearly flat or gentle

619 terrace with enough water. Overall, there can divide into two stages after slope

620 failure. One is the instantaneous transformation of movement style at the toe of the

621 slope; the second is then long-runout mobility on the fronted terrace. They are both

622 attributed to dynamic loading from upper landslide mass on the lower liquefied

623 substrate, which is generally composed of alluvial sand and silt of terrace deposits.

624 And consequentially, the impact loading results in the generation of excess pore

625 water pressure on the liquefied sand at the toe of the terrace deposits under

626 undrained condition, causing a dramatic decrease in shear resistance of the

627 saturated sand. Nevertheless, there has an essential difference during transformation

628 and mobility. The transformed moment should be in an undrained condition with

629 almost constant pore water pressure, along with a lower shear resistance. While the

630 mobilized progress is more like a drained condition with almost constant shear

631 resistance, comparing continuously dissipated pore water pressure. Our triaxial

632 dynamic impact loading provides a reasonable explanation for the hypothesized

633 mechanism to transformation and mobility (Figs. 12). This mechanism is consistent

634 with those obtained in physical and numerical simulations performed by other

635 authors (Take and Beddoe, 2014; Crosta et al., 2016; Collins and Reid, 2020).

636   It is worth to mention another type of the transformed landslide from slide to

637 flow coupled with a channel bed erosion along its flow paths. In these events, the

638 displaced materials after failure entrain and liquefy saturated soil from its flow paths

639 along the channel on a slope (Evans *et al.*, 2001; Wang *et al.*, 2003; Hungr and Evans,

640 2004; Iverson *et al.*, 2011). There also had a typical case study in Chinee loess areas,

641 i.e., the Dagou loess flowslide with significant entrainment (Peng *et al.*, 2015; Zhang

642 *et al.*, 2017). The underlying process of entrainment and liquefaction is a rapid

643 undrained loading from the overriding landslide mass. As the dynamic undrained

644 loading leads to an increase in pore water pressure (Hutchinson and Bhandari, 1971;

645 Sassa and Wang, 2005; Wang *et al.*, 2013), and liquefy the underlying deposits on the

646 channel (Wang *et al.*, 2013; Collins and Reid, 2020), causing entrainment of landslide

647 with higher volume and greater mobility (Hungr and Evans, 2004). As the

648 channelizing topography can focus landslide momentum (Iverson *et al.*, 2015), and

649 wet bed deposit can enhance its mobilized capacity (Iverson *et al.*, 2011; Iverson *et*

650　*al.*, 2015). In the study to the 2014 Oso landslide, however, Iverson *et al.* (2015)

651　pointed out that the transformed landslide into a nearly flat surface is unlike virtually

652　all the flow along the channelling path. This is because, as suggested by Hutchinson

653　and Bhandari (1971), the rapid mobility overridden on a nearly flat slope partakes

654　more of mass transport than the mass movement.

655　　　　Hence, the transformation from slide to flow includes two modes due to

656　topographic differences. However, there is the same increase in pore water pressure

657　in the liquefied substrate triggered by dynamic loading (Fig. 14). Meanwhile, the

658　transformation of the two movement types is both transients to the generation of

659　pore water pressure in the erosional layer, and the followed long-runout mobility

660　depends on topographic change and dissipated time of the pore water pressure.

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662　**5. Conclusions**

663　　　　The flowslide overridden on a liquified substrate generally mobilized on a nearly

664　flat flow path, causing rapid long-runout distance and catastrophic threats. We

665　studied the Saleshan landslide of Gansu in China, which is a typical loess flowslide

666　mobilized on the nearly flat terrace with an easily liquefied alluvial sand substrate.

667　The geomorphologic imprints and topographic changes present the different

668　dynamic features and mobilized behaviors at different zones of the Saleshan

669　landslide. And its accumulated features and the placemarks show that the landslide

670　exists a motion transformation from the slide on the steep slope to flow on the

671　gentle terrace with rapid velocity and long-runout distance. Meanwhile, ERT

672 surveying confirms the existence of abundant groundwater in the accumulation zone

673 of the Saleshan landslide, which is crucial to the motion transformation.

674   Our triaxial shear tests suggest that loess, alluvial sand, and red soil are sensitive

675 to liquefaction at the undrained conditions. Among them, the loess is the easiest

676 liquefaction. The impact loading test results show that the alluvial sand is natural

677 liquefaction at undrained condition while it is difficult to drained condition due to

678 rapid water pore pressure dissipation. This aggravated the occurrence of the

679 mobilized loess. As a result, the progress enhanced the mobilization of the Saleshan

680 landslide on the nearly flat terrace. Overall, we conclude that the hydrologic

681 condition of the terrace is essential to the movement of the Saleshan landslide, and

682 the liquefaction features of the materials are the key to its transformation during the

683 landslide's movement. Meanwhile, this kind of flowslide overridden on the liquified

684 substrate partakes more of mass transport than a mass movement.

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694   from ERT, particle size distribution and triaxial shear test are available upon request

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850 **Figure captions**

851 Fig. 1 Geographical location and reviews of the Saleshan landslide. (a) Location of the

852 Saleshan landslide in Gansu Province, China; (b) Landslide inventory of Baxie River

853 catchment; (c) Panoramic photograph of the Saleshan landslide in 1983 (Courtesy of

854 Y. Wang); (d) Panoramic photograph of the Saleshan landslide in 2015.

855 Fig. 2 Simplified stratigraphic and topographic section of the Saleshan landslide. (a)

856 Before slope failure; (b) After slope failure.

857 Fig. 3 Geomorphologic map of Saleshan landslide. 1 Depletion zone; 2 Accumulation

858 zone 3 Depressions; 4 Hillocks; 5 Grooves; 6 Hummocks; 7 Main scarp; 8 Minor scarp;

859 9 Crown cracks; 10 Lateral cracks; 11 Transverse cracks; 12 Radial cracks; 13 Flanks;

860 14 Contour lines; 15 Gullies; 16 Springs; 17 Baxie River; 18 Jieer reservoir. The boxes

861 indicate photo locations in Fig. 4, respectively.

862 Fig. 4 Photographs illustrating typical geomorphological imprints of Saleshan

863 landslide in 1983. (a) Sub-vertical main scarp; (b) Head scarp with depression and

864 hillock; (c) Standing cow in accumulation zone; (d) Life-saving tree at the toe (photo

865 from Zhang *et al.*, 2002); (e) Lateral cracks on the east-side at left flank; (f)

866 Transverse cracks on the west-side at right flank; (g) Transverse cracks on the east-

867 side at left flank; (h) Radial cracks at the toe; (i) Loess liquefaction at right flank on

868 accumulation zone; (j) landslide deposition and dammed lake in Baxie River; (k)

869 Buried Jiuer reservoir and transverse cracks; (l) incompletely liquefied loess on the

870 east-side accumulation zone. See Fig. 3 for photo locations.

871 Fig. 5 Topographic change detection of pre- and post landslide of the Saleshan

872 landslide. (a) The elevation difference map; (b) the areal change distribution; and (c)

873 the volumetric elevation change distribution. Black lines indicate the profile locations

874 in Fig. 6, and red lines show the profile locations of the ERT surveying in Fig. 8.

875 Fig. 6 The topographic changes of alternative profiles of the Saleshan landslide, and

876 the specified locations see Fig. 5.

877 Fig. 7 Motion displacement vector at different placemark locations on the Saleshan

878 landslide. 1 Depletion zone; 2 West accumulation zone; 3 Central accumulation zone;

879 4 East accumulation zone; 5 House location before failure; 6 House location after

880 failure; 7 Ground marks before failure; 8 Ground marks after failure; 9 Tree location

881 before and after failure; 10 Life-saving tree before and after failure; 11 Placemark

882 number.

883 Fig. 8 Interpreted Wenner ERT sections of four profiles on the Saleshan landslide.

884 Note: the dashed lines are derived from the real topographic profile, and the detailed

885 locations see Fig. 5 and Fig. 6.

886 Fig. 9 The exemplified particle size distribution of the three types of soils on the

887 Saleshan landslide. (a) Cumulative distribution curves of particle size; (b) Frequent

888 distribution curves of particle size.

889 Fig. 10 Undrained triaxial test results of the three different specimens at same

890 confining pressures. (a) Deviator stress versus axial strain; (b) Pore water pressure

891 versus axial strain; (c) Effective stress path

892 Fig. 11 Undrained triaxial test results of the alluvial sand specimens at different

893 confining pressures. (a) Deviator stress versus axial strain; (b) Pore water pressure

894   versus axial strain; (c) Effective stress path

895   Fig. 12 Triaxial test results from quasi-dynamic impact stress loading of the alluvial

896   sand specimens. (a) drained impact loading condition; (b) undrained impact loading

897   condition.

898   Fig. 13 Hypothesised sequence from progressive deformation to the catastrophic

899   mobility of the Saleshan landslide.

900   Fig. 14 Schematic illustration of two types of entrainment. (a) Mobility overridden on

901   the liquefied substrate on nearly flat flow path; (b) Mobility eroded the liquefied

902   layer in relatively steep channel flow path.

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Legends	
Lishi loess	
Malan loess	
Pliocene mudstone	
Cobblestone	
Sand and gravel	
Colluvial mudstone	
Colluvial loess	
Displaced material	
Old surface of rupture	
Slide surface	
Inferred slide surface	
Original ground line	
Present ground line	
I	River terrace
	Life-saving tree

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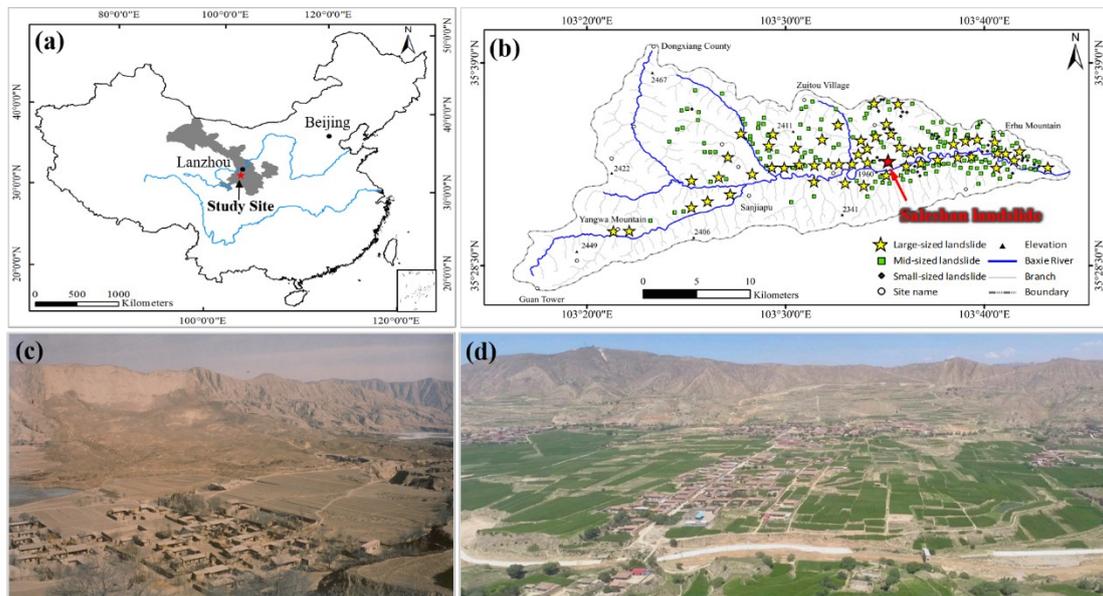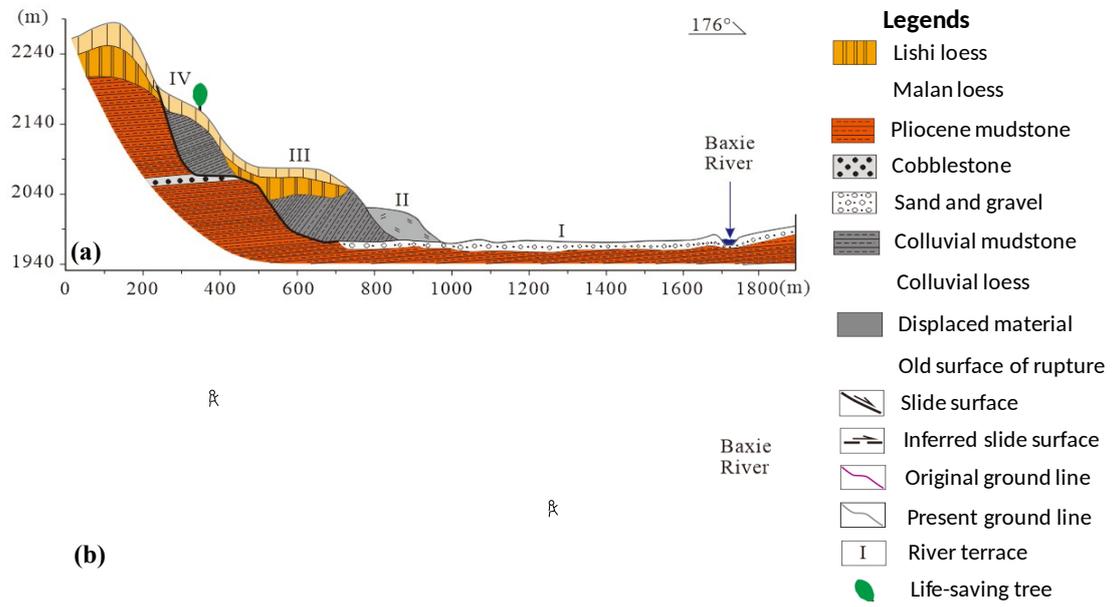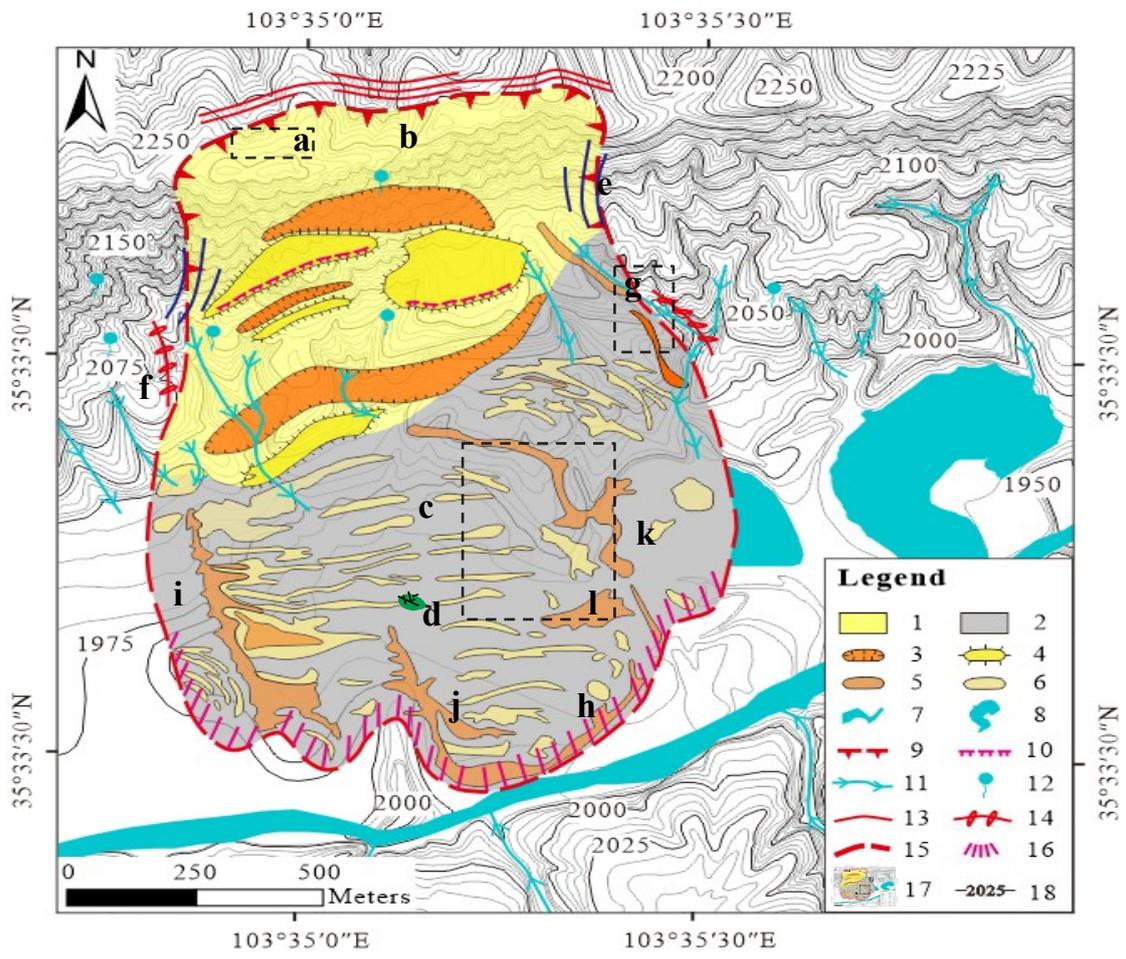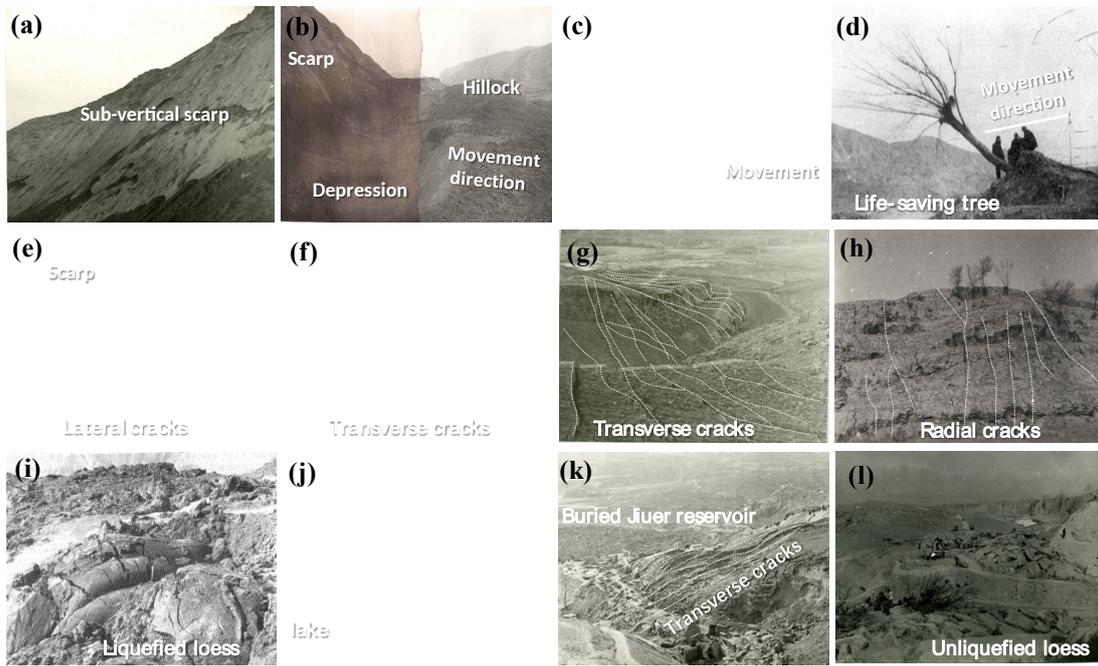
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Legend:
- Surface lowering zone
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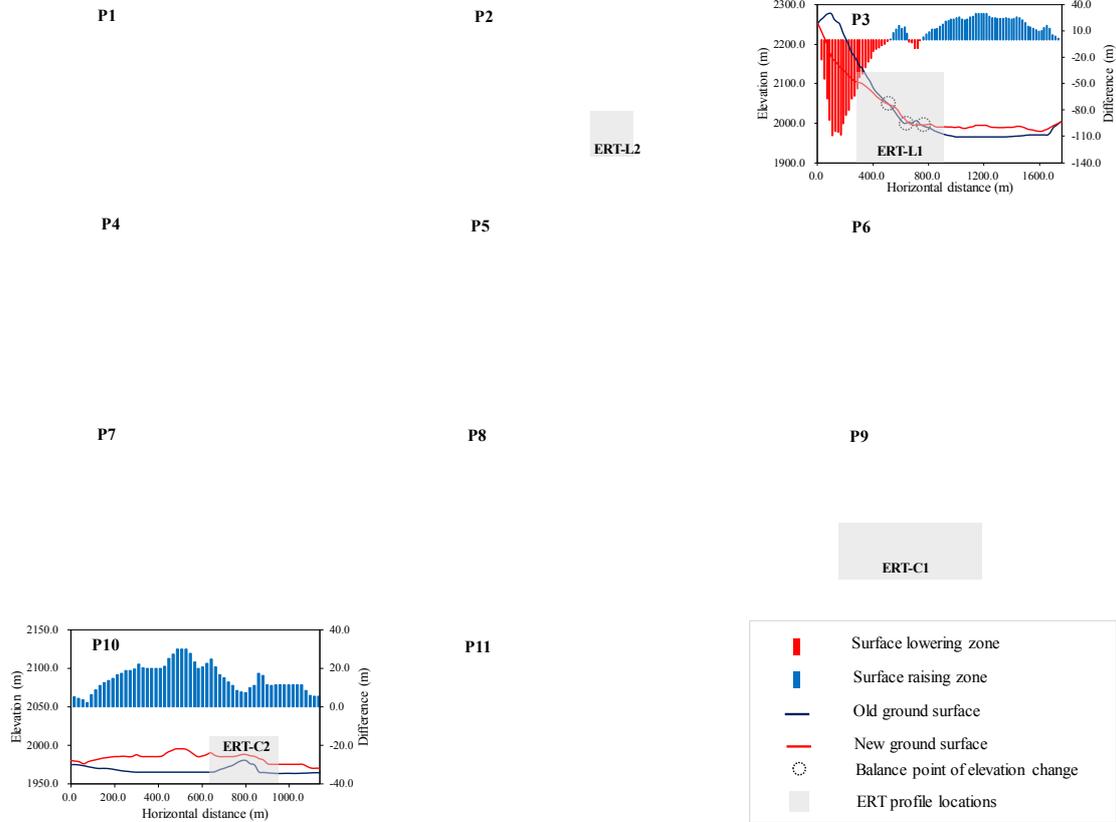
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Alluvial sand and gravel

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Resistivity in ohm.m   Iteration 5 Abs. error=16.8   **L1-W**

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Alluvial sand and gravel   **Alluvial sand and gravel**

Alluvial sand and gravel

(b)   Iteration 5 Abs. error=2.3   **C1-W**

0.0   80.0   160.0   240.0 **L2**   0.0   80.0 **C2** 160.0   240.0

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-30.0   **Alluvial sand and gravel**
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(c)   Iteration 5 Abs. error=4.3   **C2-W** **(d)** Iteration 5 Abs. error=3.4   **L2-W**

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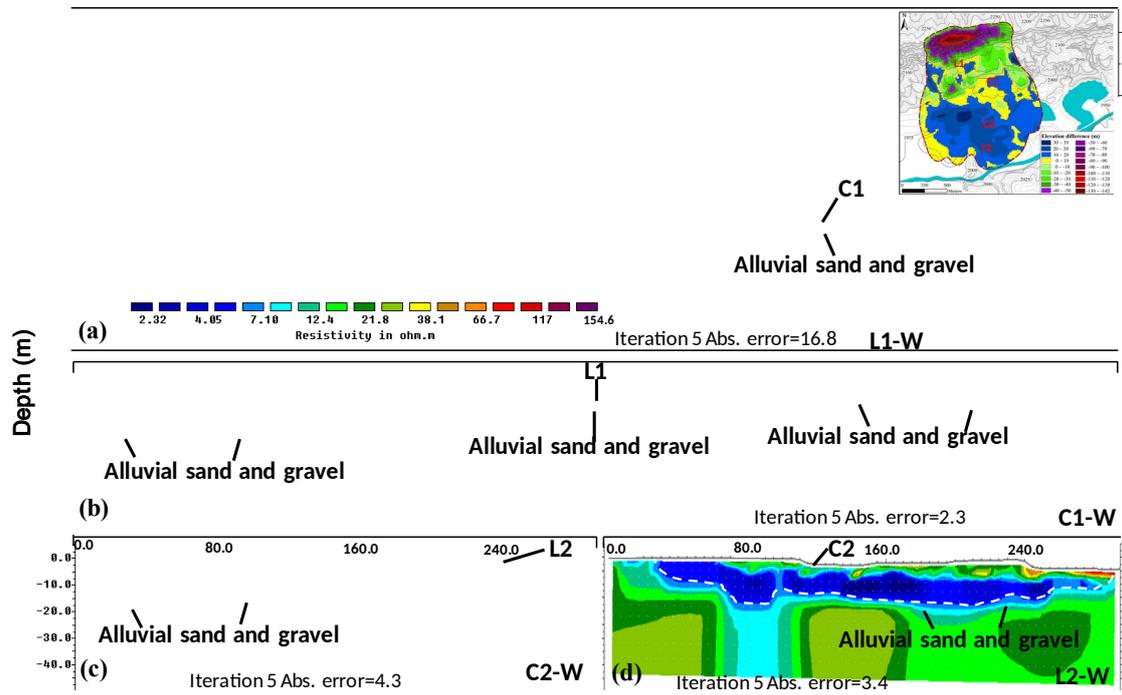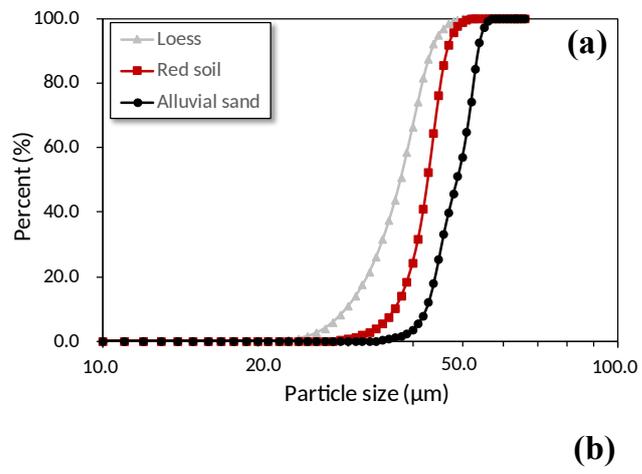
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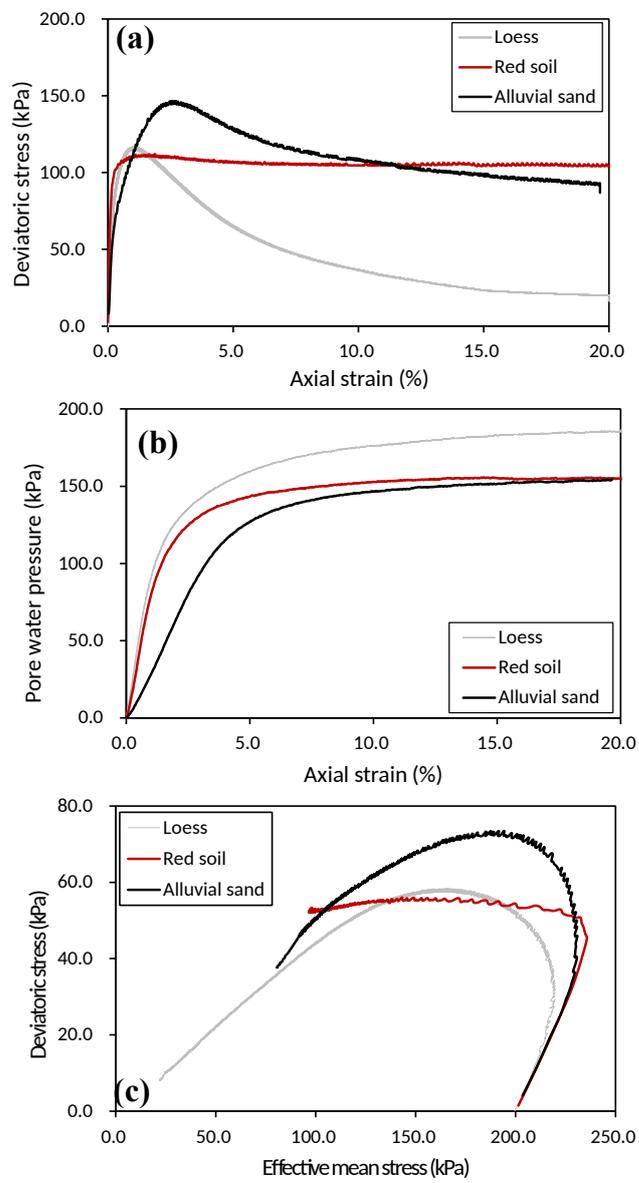
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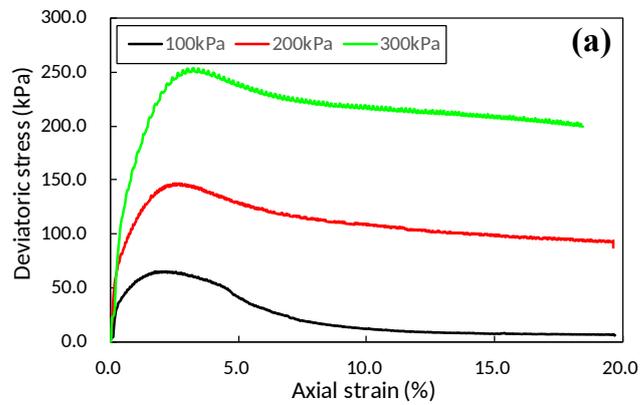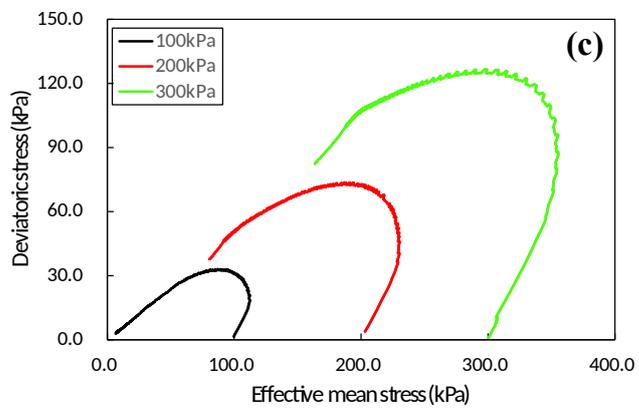
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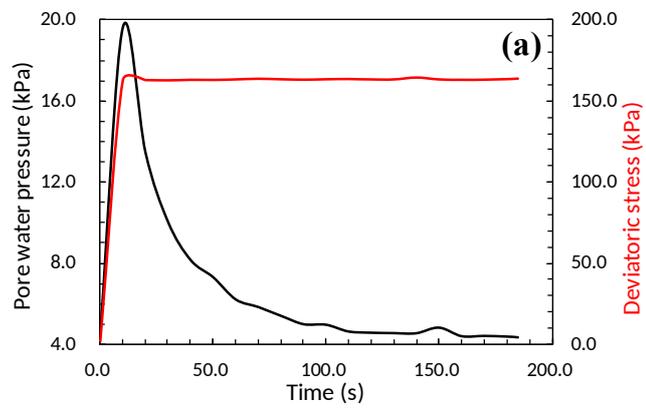
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Depth
v: Slip velocity estimate
u: Pore water pressure

Liquefied substrate

(b)

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Depth
v: Slip velocity estimate
u: Pore water pressure

Liquefied layer

Entraining deposition
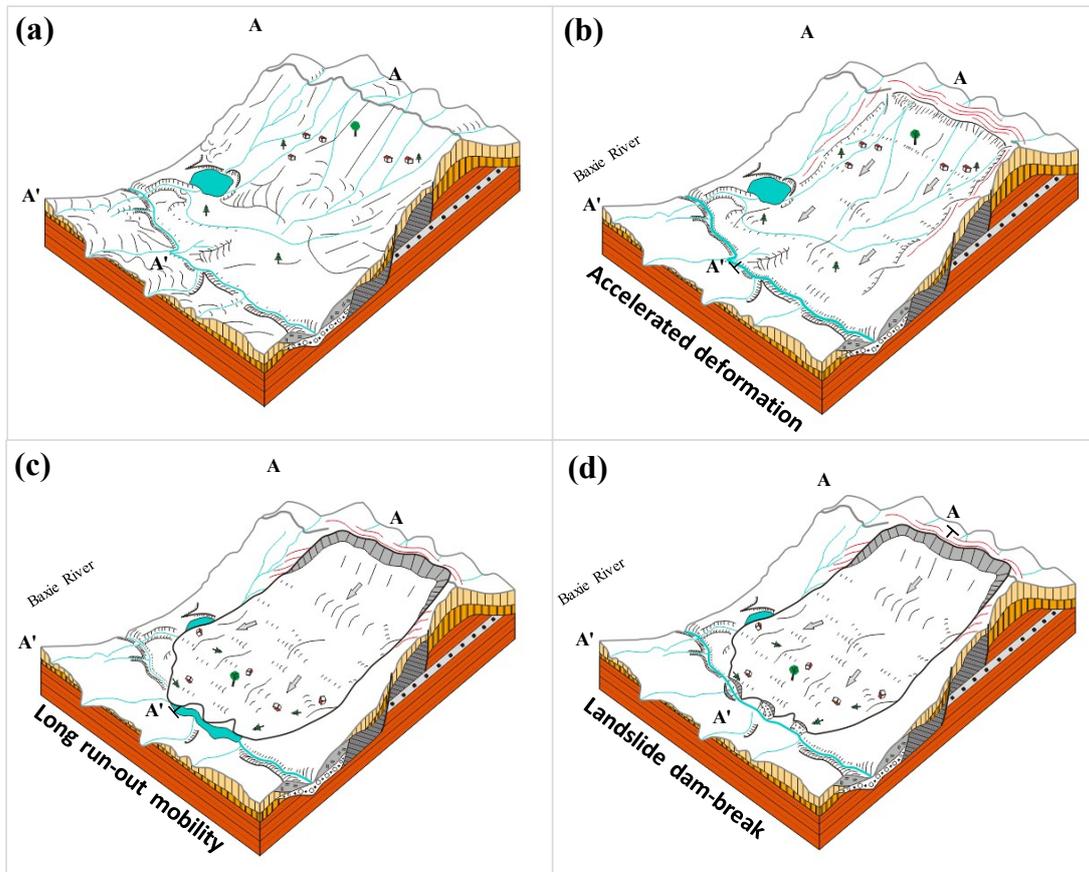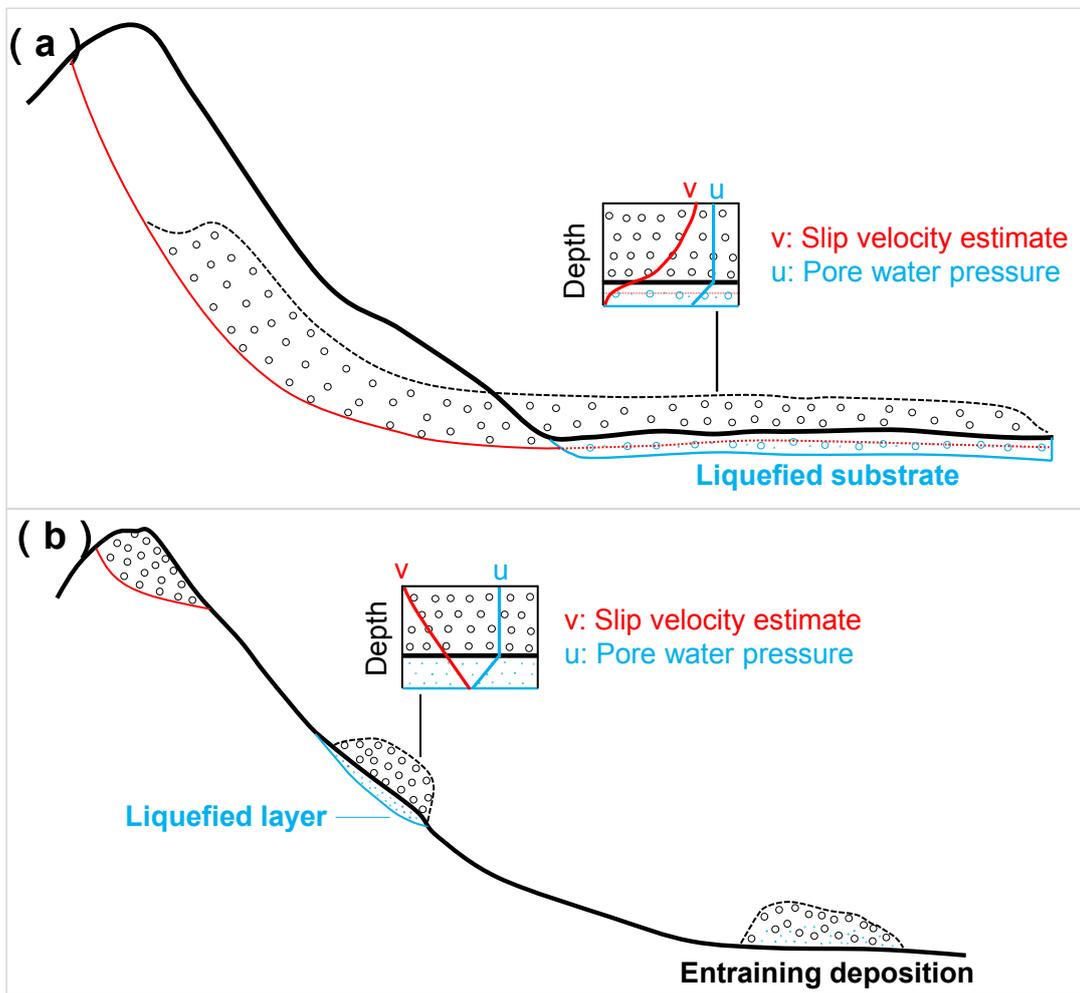
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972 Table 1: Kinematic parameters of different placemark locations on the Saleshan

973 landslide

No.	PL	TD (°)	HD (m)	V (m/s)	AV (m/s)
1		195	100	1.8	
2	WAZ	187	500	9.1	8.8
3		183	540	9.8	
4		188	800	14.5	
5		167	1090	19.8	
6	CAZ	173	960	17.5	16.7
7		170	850	15.5	
8		166	900	16.4	
9	EAZ	150	420	7.6	7.2
10		149	370	6.7	
11		179	340	6.2	
12	DZ	180	320	5.8	5.9
13		175	310	5.6	

974 Note, No.: Placemark number; PL: Placemark location; TD: Travel direction; HD:

975 Horizontal displacement; V: Velocity; AV: Average velocity; WAZ: West accumulation

976 zone; CAZ: Central accumulation zone; EAZ: East accumulation zone; DZ: Depletion

977 zone.