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SpatioTemporal Dynamic Mapping of Landslide Susceptibility Based on Deep Learning and PS-InSAR coupling model

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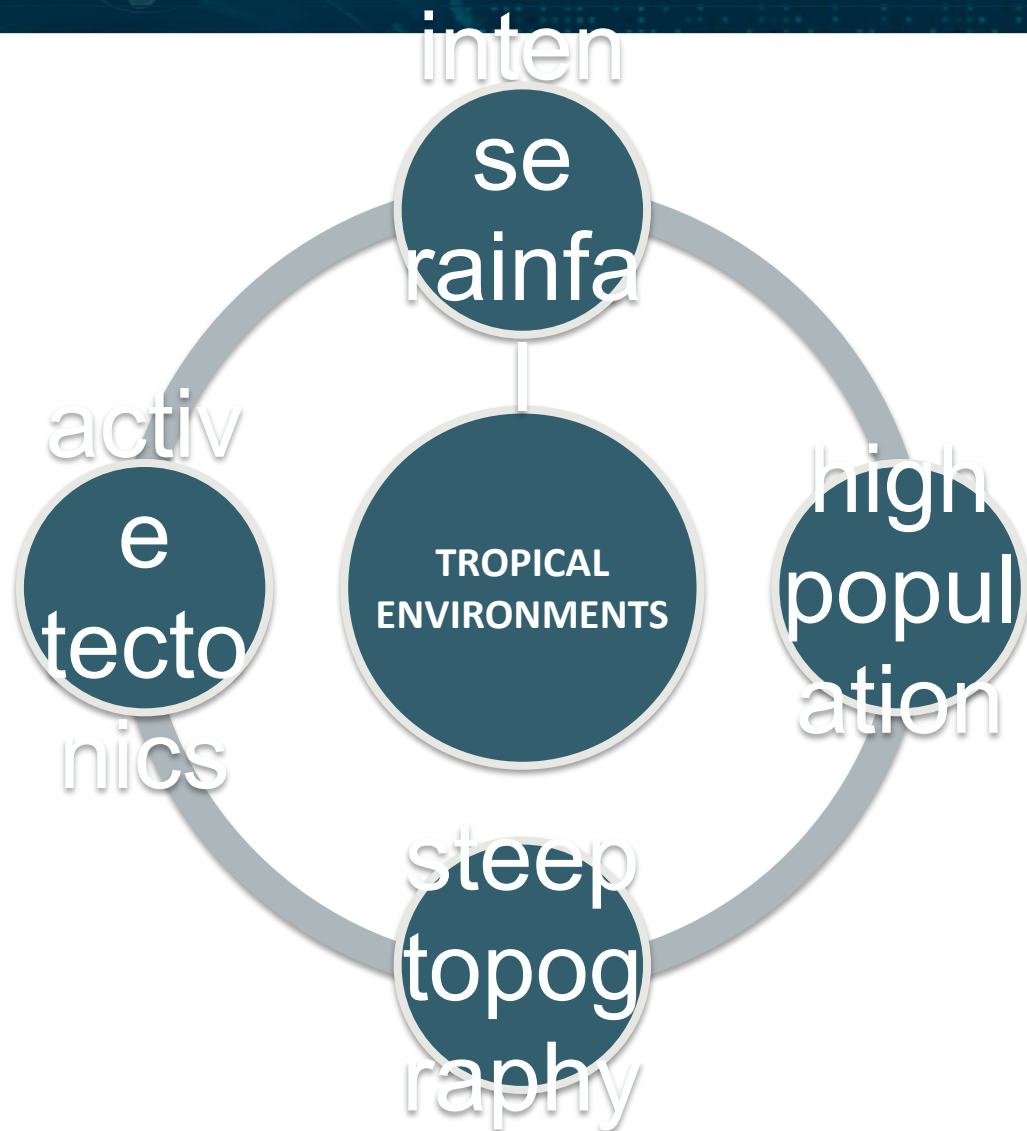


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SCIENTIFIC CONTEXT: Earth a chaotic systems



landslides are chaotic systems that can lead to significant impacts



LANDSLIDES are expected to increase due to population growth and climate change

Landslides can be triggered by various factors

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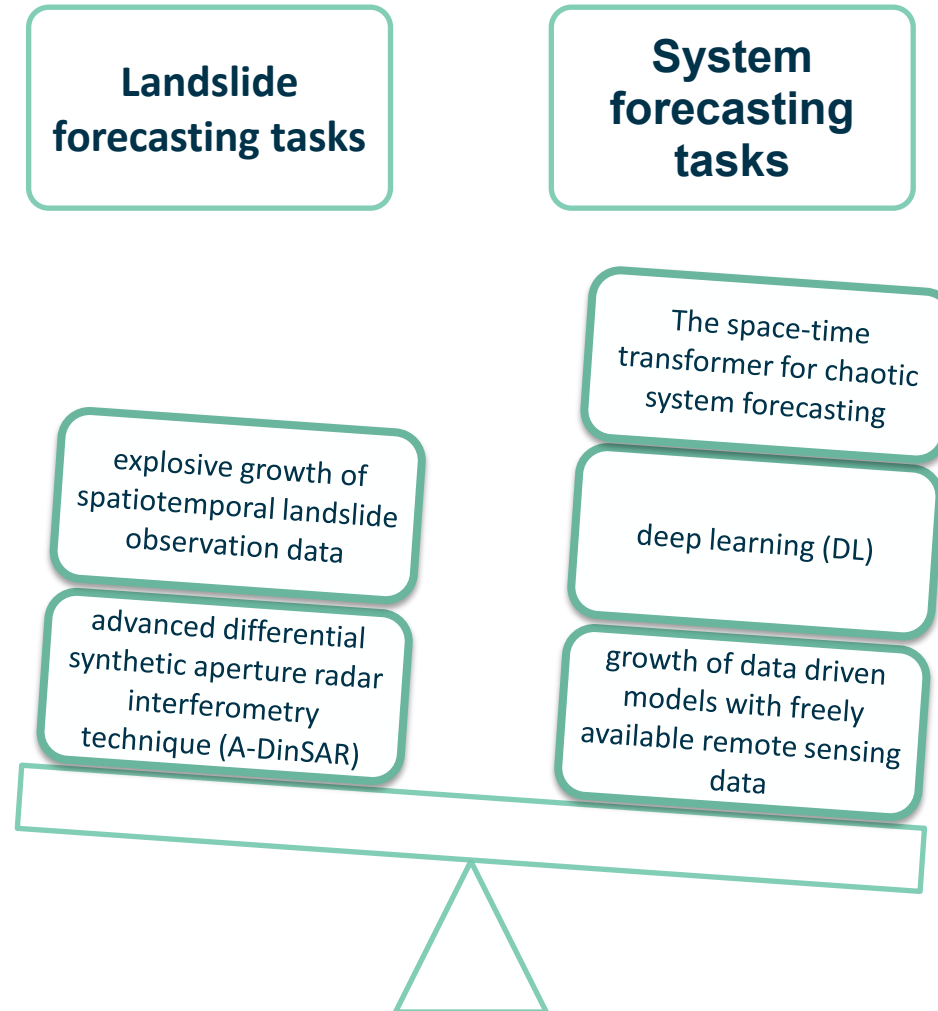
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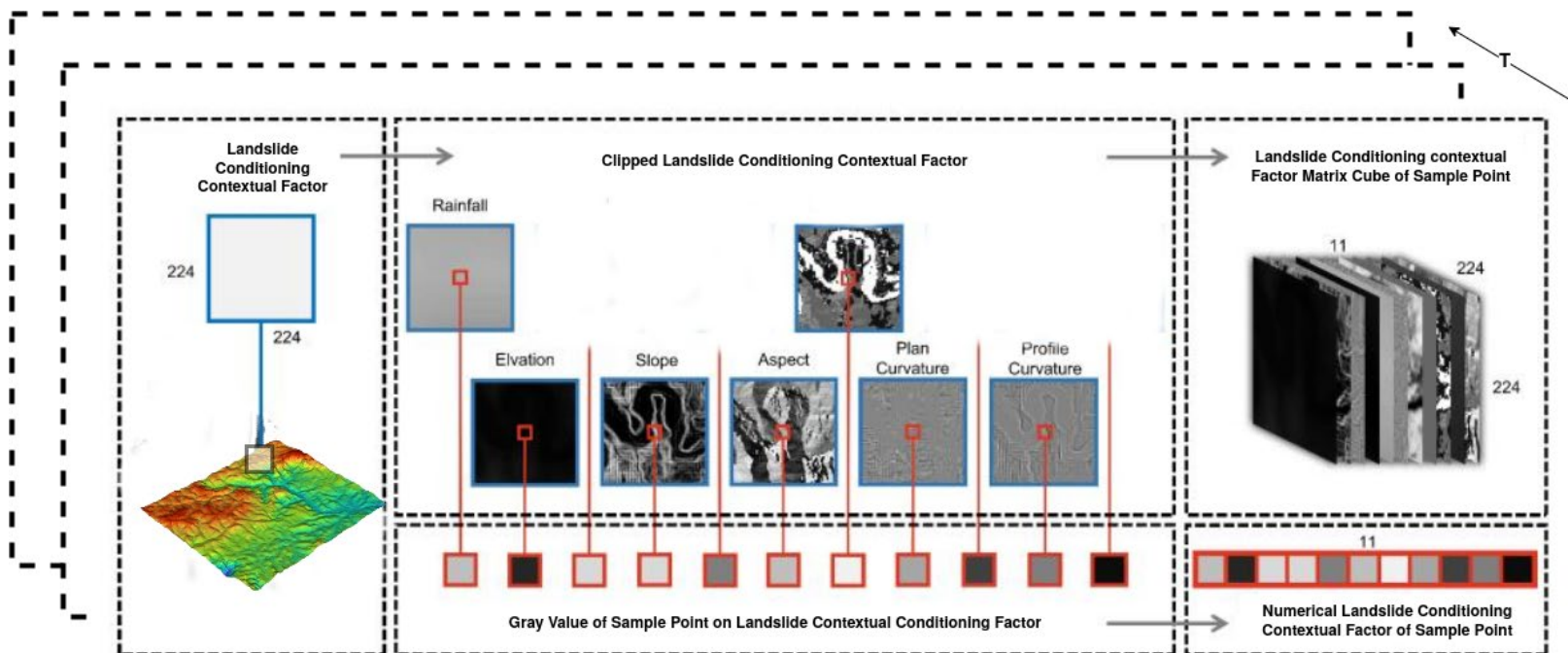
initiation and their evolution

how to couple the spatio-temporal transformer with contextual trigger factors and the most powerful A-DinSAR technique, PS-inSAR, to predict a signature in dynamic landslide susceptibility mapping (LDSM) using Sentinel-1 data?



CONTEXTUAL TRIGGERS FACTOR

space-time input data: First Component



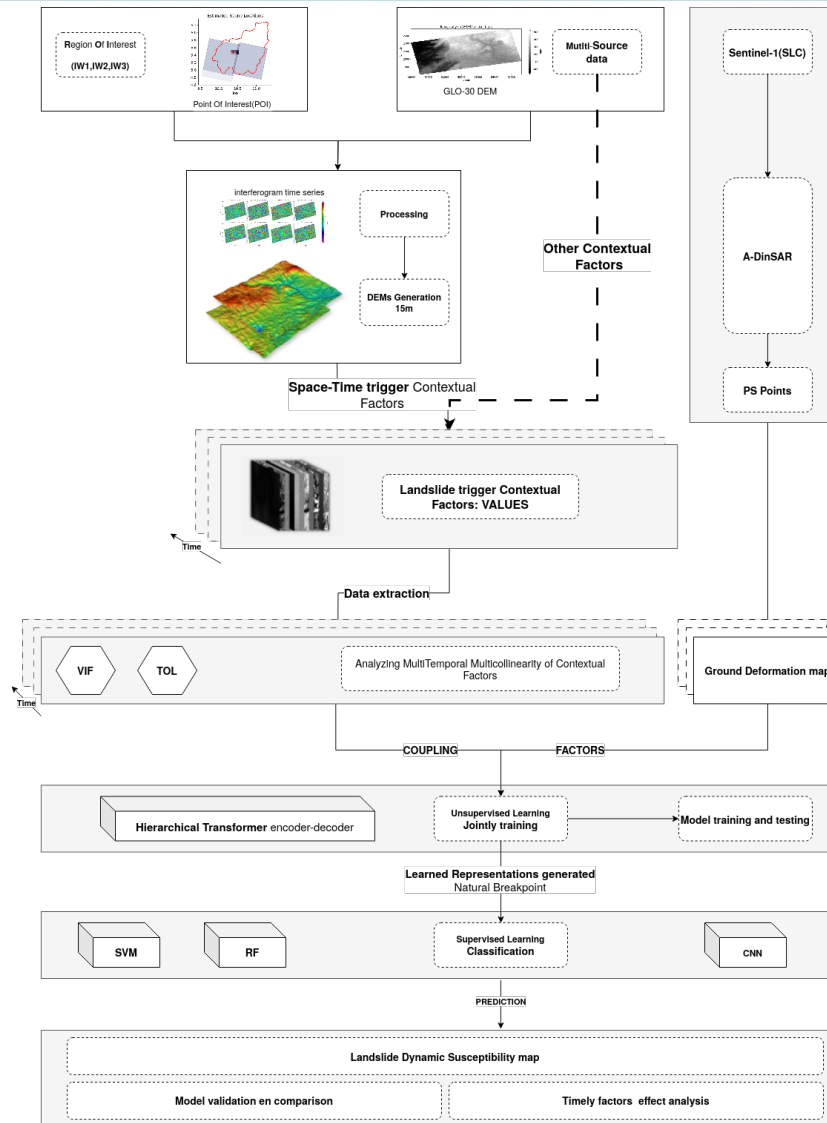
The first component, **contextual factors(07)**, includes a range of temporally related landslide data, encompassing parameters such as "Elevation", "Slope", "Aspect", "Plan Curvature", "Profile Curvature", "Rainfall" and "Topographic Wetness Index" (TWI). This dataset is collected on a 12 and 24-daily basis, with each observation captured in a 1008x969 pixel frame

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FLOW CHART OF THE PROPOSED METHOD



1- Multi-Temporal CONTEXTUAL FACTORS EXTRACTION



2- Multi-Temporal MULTICOLLINEARITY ANALYSIS

3- Space-time UNSUPERVISED LEARNING

4- Natural Breakpoint Method and SUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION

Baseline selection, generation of multi-temporal DEMs and extraction of contextual triggers factors

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MITIGATE the impact of MT-Contextual Factors LINEAR CORRELATION

Liu, L.L., Yang, C., Huang, F.M., Wang, X.M.: Landslide susceptibility mapping by attentional factorization machines considering feature interactions. Geomatics, Natural Hazards and Risk 12 (1), 1837-1861 (2021)

transformers have shown to be very effective in capturing complex patterns and dependencies in sequential data

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Classification of rich and contextual learned representations

Chen, L., Wang, W., Wu, W.B.: Inference of breakpoints in high-dimensional time series. Journal of the American Statistical Association 117 (540), 1951-1963 (2022)





Gouache IV, Bafoussam, CAMEROON

(5 o 28' North, 10 o 25' East)
403 km² , with altitudes ranging from 1,100 m to 1,600 m

1. **Tropical equatorial climate:** 02 seasons,
2. **Average Temperature:** 21.6 °C,
3. **Annual Rainfall:** 1,871 mm
4. **Rapid growth and High land prices:** have pushed poorer populations to settle in unplanned, disaster-prone peripheral areas
5. **Flooding on October 28,2019:** deaths of 47 people, the loss of livestock, the destruction of animal enclosures and fields, and burying about 11 residential structures

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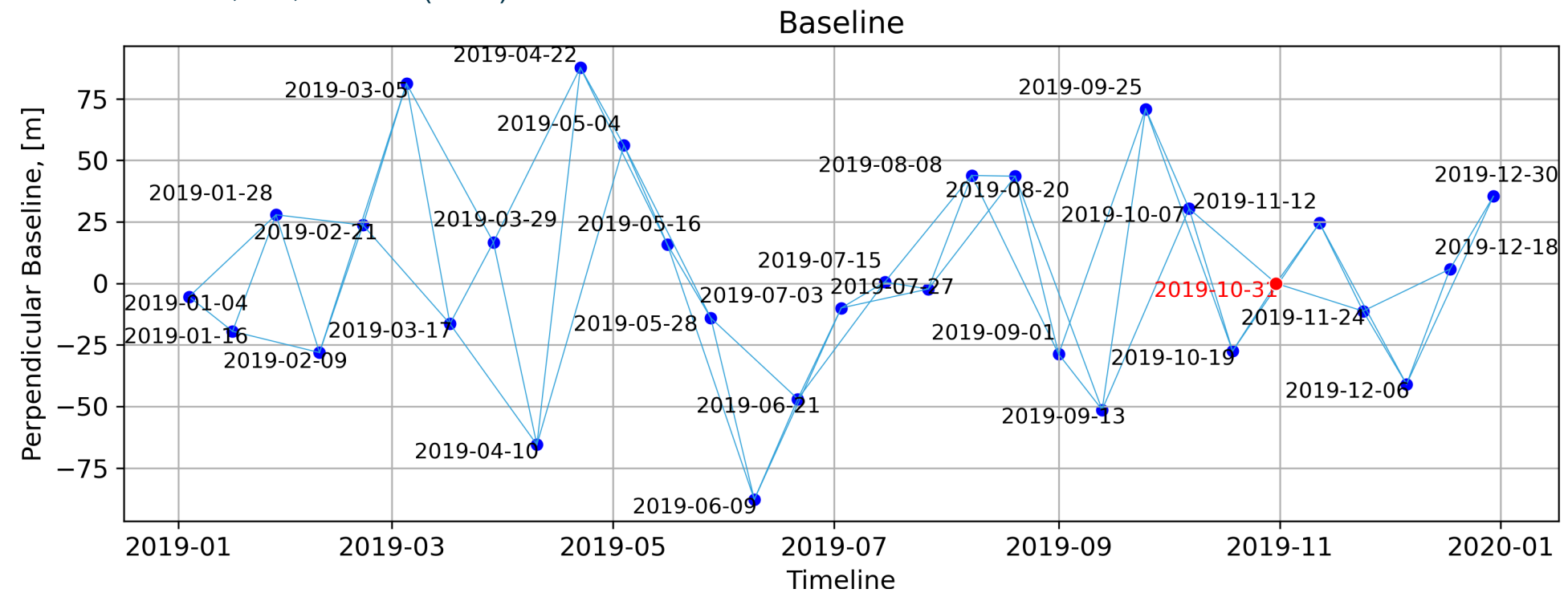
DATASET: Trend Baseline on our Study area(58 pairs in our dataset)



SHORT TEMPORAL BASELINE(58 PAIRS)

INITIAL DATASET of interferogram pairs with temporal baseline values less than a threshold of **24 days** for maintaining dataset consistency.(temporal baseline ranging from 12 to 24 days)

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MultiTemporal - DEM GENERATION: on best pairs(24 pairs)

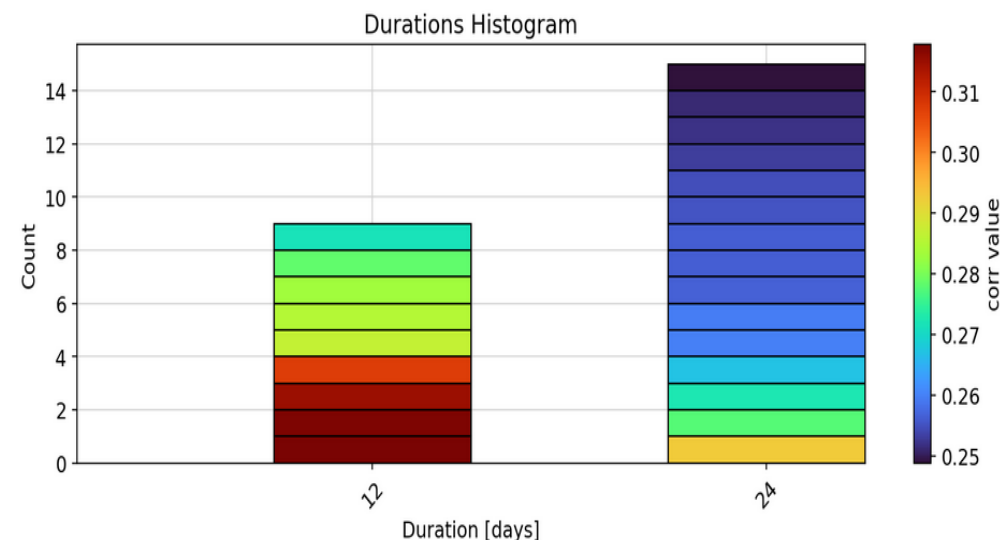
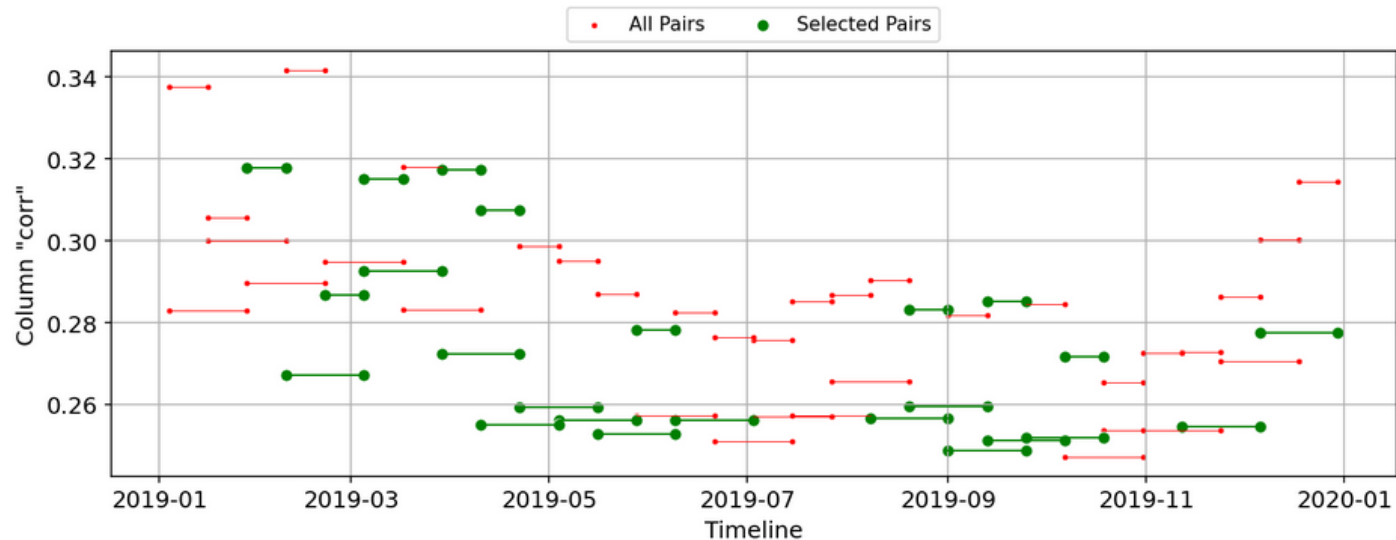


PERPENDICULAR BASELINE > 50m and < 300 m (24 PAIRS)

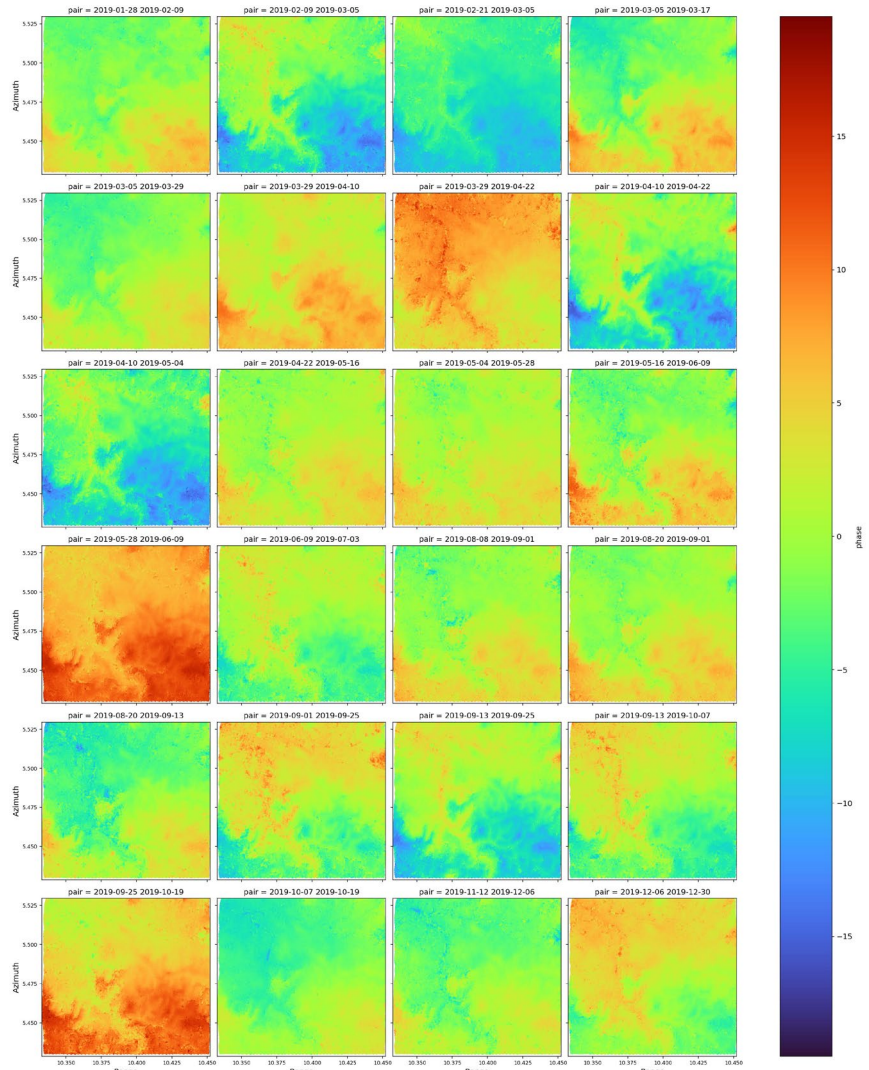
Our **DATASET** with **24 best pairs** ensuring that the coherent phase did not become increasingly dissimilar is characterized by:

- temporal baseline ranging from **12 to 24 days**
- perpendicular baselines from **54.08 to 151.18 m**
- average coherence ranging from **0.27 to 0.34**

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MultiTemporal - CONTEXTUAL TRIGGERS FACTORS EXTRACTION on best pairs(24 pairs)



Unwrapped Phase in Geographic Coordinates

MultiTemporal -Triggers Factors extraction - techniques

Elevation

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Slope

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Aspect

Plan Curvature

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Profil Curvature

Rainfall(Millimeter)

Ebodé, V.B.: Analysis of the spatio-temporal rainfall variability in cameroon over the period 1950 to 2019. Atmosphere 13 (11), 1769 (2022)

TWI

Schmidt, F., Persson, A.: Comparison of dem data capture and topographic wetness indices. Precision Agriculture 4 , 179-92 (2003)

CONTEXTUAL TRIGGERS FACTORS: MultiTemporal - MULTICOLLINEARITY TEST



Triggers Factors	VIF	TOL
Elevation	0.920	1.087
Slope	0.958	1.044
Aspect	0.704	1.420
Plan Curvature	1.707	0.586
Profil Curvature	1.705	0.586
Rainfall(Millimeter)	0.558	1.792
TWI	0.989	1.011

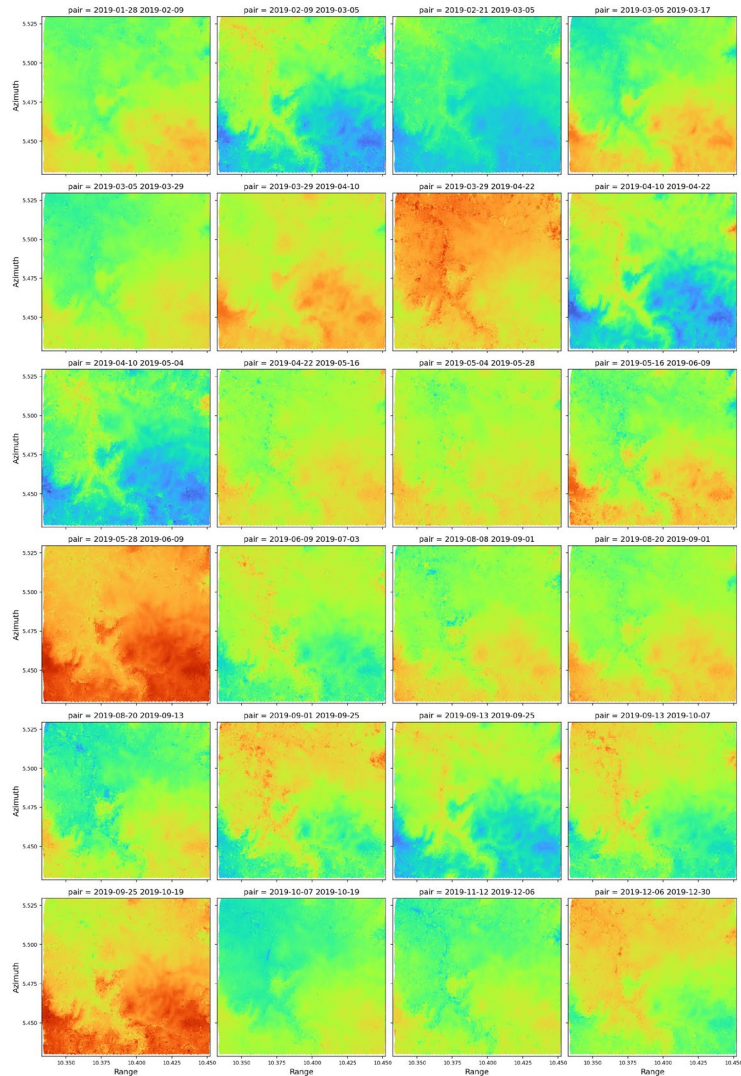
VIF = Variance In_x001D_ation Factor
TOL = Tolerance

Seven triggers Factors:

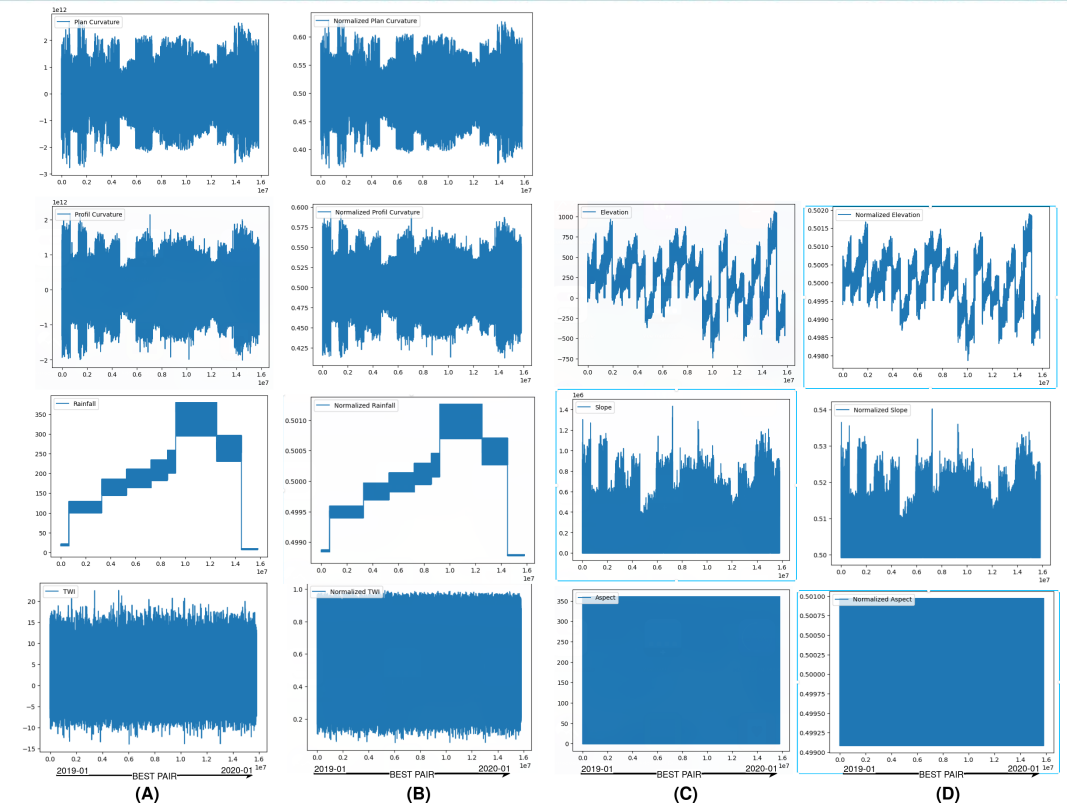
- "Plan Curvature" and "Profile Curvature" factors show slightly higher VIF values In addition, their low TOL indicates that they have some redundancy, but not to the point of compromising the analyses
- Other variables, such as elevation , slope , aspect and Topographic Wetness Index, also show low VIF values, suggesting good independence.
- The variable Rainfall has the lowest VIF (0.557) and a high TOL (1.792), indicating that it is the least correlated with the other factors

The **VIF** values for **all factors** are **< 5**, well below the **critical threshold** indicating worrying MT-multicollinearity.

MultiTemporal - CONTEXTUAL TRIGGERS FACTORS NORMALISATION on best pairs(24 pairs)



- ### Triggers Factors
- Elevation
 - Slope
 - Aspect
 - Plan Curvature
 - Profil Curvature
 - Rainfall(Millimeter)
 - TWI



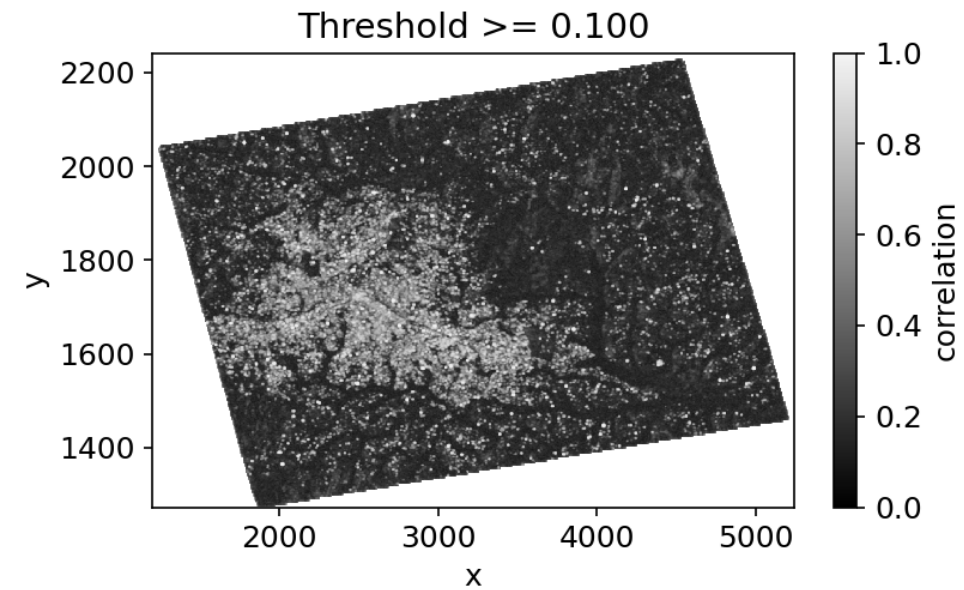
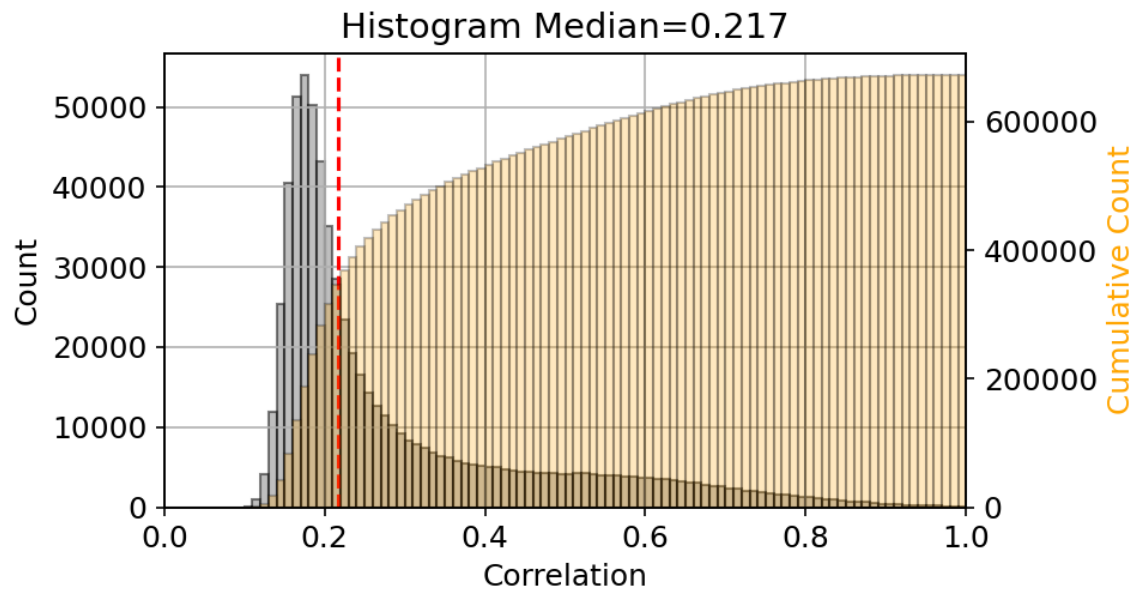
Unwrapped Phase in Geographic Coordinates

Triggers factors dataset on our selected region of interest, derived from DEMs generated from **January 2019 to January 2020**. (A) and (C) illustrate the dynamics of value variations over this period, while (B) and (D) represent data normalized to prepare the data for deep learning training. The high 12 variability of values ranges from 0 to around $\pm 3 * 10$ and from 0 to 1 for normalized data



STACK CORRELATION of the Best 24 Image

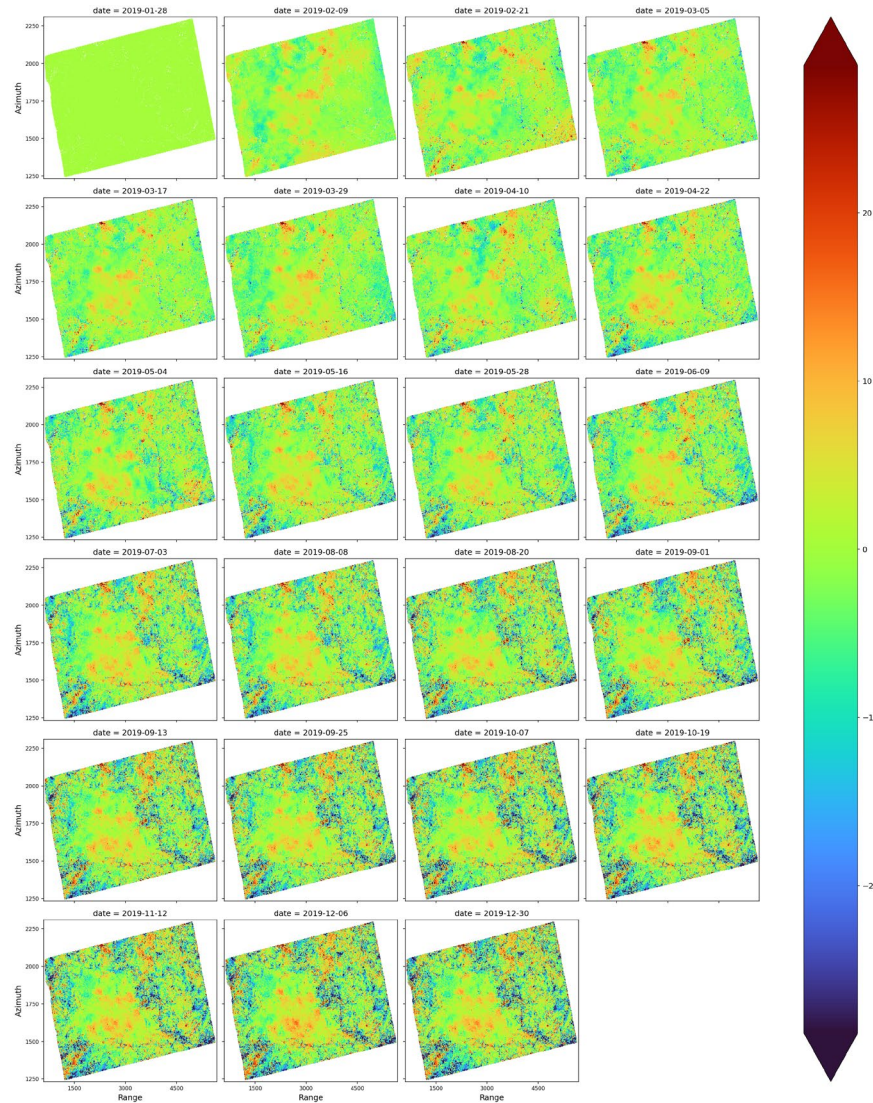
The **best pairs demonstrate a higher correlation** according to the correlation stack, which represents the mean correlation value for each pixel in the **correlation map of each optimal pair with a threshold greater than 0.100**, along with a **histogram median correlation value of 0.217**. This suggests an increased reliability in measuring surface deformations. This level of correlation is essential to minimize uncertainty in the results obtained and to ensure the validity of the analyses derived from the dataset.



GROUND DYNAMIC(PS-INSAR) space-time input data: Second Component



Ground Dynamic measurement
Phase
Coherence
Amplitude

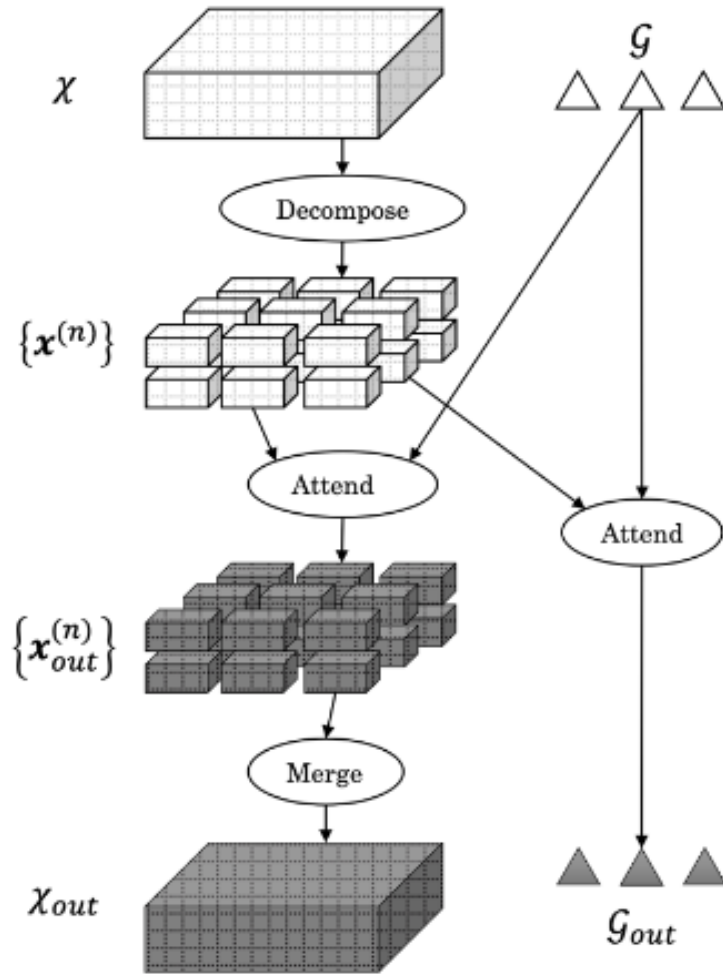


The second component, **ground dynamic(03)**, focuses on ground deformation metrics, which include **"Phase"**, **"Coherence"** and **"Amplitude"**. Our dataset is also collected every 12 and 24 days and shares the same spatial resolution of 1008x969 pixels.

cumulative Line Of Sight displacement



HIERARCHICAL TRANSFORMER FOR UNSUPERVISED LEARNING



X: Contextual Factors(07) + Ground dynamic(03)

X⁽ⁿ⁾: spacetime decomposition + Attention.
N Days decomposition and 48x51 spatial resolution

X_{out}⁽ⁿ⁾: Generation.
N Days rich learned representations

X_{out}, G_{out}: Merge.
capture complex relationships and dependencies

2) Cuboid attention with global vectors

unsupervised learning techniques using transformer architectures, which utilize attention mechanisms to capture complex relationships and dependencies across the dataset. This approach enables the model to generate rich "learned representations" that take into account not only the contextual factors(07) but also the dynamic interactions observed in the ground deformation data(03).

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transformer architectures

$$X_{out}, G_{out} = \text{CubAttn}_{\theta}(X, G, \text{cuboid_size}, \text{strategy}, \text{shift})$$



$$\begin{aligned} \{x^{(n)}\} &= \text{Decompose}(X, \text{cuboid_size}, \text{strategy}, \text{shift}) \\ x_{out}^{(n)} &= \text{Attention}_{\theta}(x^{(n)}, \text{Cat}(x^{(n)}, G), \text{Cat}(x^{(n)}, G)) \\ G_{out} &= \text{Attention}_{\phi}(G, \text{Cat}(G, x^{(n)}), \text{Cat}(G, x^{(n)})) \\ X_{out} &= \text{Merge}(\{x_{out}^{(n)}\}_n, \text{cuboid_size}, \text{strategy}, \text{shift}) \end{aligned}$$

Natural Breakpoint Method and supervised classification

We have chosen to **apply the natural breakpoint method** in order to **generate classes from our rich learned representations data, in response to the scarcity of available labels.**

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Topál, D., Matyasovszky, I., Kern, Z., Hatvani, I.G.: Detecting breakpoints in artificially modified and real-life time series using three state-of-the-art methods. *Open geosciences* 8 (1), 78_x0015_98 (2016)

Landslide Susceptibility Classes
Very Low (VL)
Low(L)
Moderate(M)
High(H)
Very High(VH)

Landslide Dynamic Susceptibility Mapping

Comparative Assessment of

RF

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SVM

Vapnik, V. Support-vector networks. *Mach. Learn.* 1995, 20, 273–297.

CNN

LeCun, Y.; Bengio, Y. Convolutional networks for images, speech, and time series. In *The Handbook of Brain Theory and Neural Networks*; MIT Press: Boston, MA, USA, 1995; Volume 3361, pp. 255–258.

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