

# Natural hazard events affecting transportation networks in Switzerland from 2012 to 2016

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## Abstract

Switzerland is a country threatened by a lot of natural hazards. Many events occur in built environment, affecting infrastructures, buildings or transportation networks and producing occasionally expensive damages. This is the reason why large landslides are generally well studied and monitored in Switzerland to reduce the financial and human risks. However, we have noticed a lack of data on small events, which have ~~impacted~~affected roads and railways during these last years. Therefore, we have collected all the reported natural hazard events which have affected the Swiss transportation networks since 2012 in a database. More than 800 events affecting roads and railways have been recorded in five years from 2012 to 2016. These events are classified into six classes: earth flow, debris flow, rockfall, flood, snow avalanche and “others:”.

Data ~~come~~coming from Swiss online press articles were sorted by Google Alerts. The search is based on more than thirty keywords, in three languages (Italian, French, German). After verifying that the article relates indeed an event which has affected a road or a railways track, it is studied in detail. We get finally the information on ~~about sixty~~more than 170 attributes ~~by event~~about of events such as event date, event type, event localisation, meteorological conditions as well as impacts and damages on the track and human damages. From this database, many trends over the five years of data collection can be outlined thanks to the high number of event attributes: in particular, the spatial and temporal distributions of the events, as well as their consequences in term of traffic (closure duration, deviation, costs of direct damage, etc.).

Even if the database is imperfect because of the way it was built and because of the short time period considered, it highlights the ~~not~~non-negligible impact of small natural hazard events on roads and railways in Switzerland at a national level. This database helps to better understand and quantify this type of events and to better integrate them in risk assessment.

## 31 Keywords

32 Natural hazard events, floods, landslides, earth flows, rockfalls, debris flows, snow avalanches,  
33 transportation networks, Switzerland, database.

## 34 1 Introduction

35 Natural ~~hazard~~hazards cause many damages ~~onto~~ transportation networks around the world  
36 (Nicholson & Du, 1997; Hungr et al., 1999; ~~Tatano et al., 2008;~~ Dalziell & Nicholson, 2001;  
37 Karlaftis et al., 2007; Tatano et al., 2008; Erath et al. 2009; Muzira et al., 2010; ~~Erath et al.~~  
38 ~~2009;~~ Jelenius et al., 2012;). Particularly on mountainous areas, floods, landslides  
39 (considered as earth flows in this study), debris flows, rockfalls and snow avalanches (called  
40 avalanches in this paper) can seriously affect the traffic on roads and railways tracks, isolating  
41 areas~~villages or regions~~ and generating infrastructure and economic damages (Bunce et al.,  
42 1997; Budetta et al., 2004; Evans et al., 2005; Collins, 2008; Salcedo et al., 2009; Guemache,  
43 ~~et al., 2011; Jaiswal, et al., 2011; Michoud et al., 2012; Laimer, 2017~~2017b).

44 While large natural hazard events affecting roads and railways are generally well studied and  
45 documented, e.g. the Séchilienne landslide (Kasperski et al, 2010), La Saxe landslide (Crosta  
46 et al. 2014) or La Frasse landslide (Noverraz and Parriaux, 1990), this is mainly not the  
47 same~~case~~ for minor and medium-sized~~size~~ events ranging from a few cubic  
48 ~~decimeters~~decimetres to a few thousand of cubic meters. ~~Some reasons why minor~~They are  
49 numerous and ~~medium-sized natural hazard events are not well documented~~ are because their  
50 ~~direct consequences are often quite rapidly fixed i.e. the road can be re-opened few hours after~~  
51 ~~the event or is only partially closes. They are also too small, difficult to detect and too~~  
52 ~~localized to be easily monitored~~expensive to monitor (Jaboyedoff et al. 2013) and there is less  
53 ~~interest to study them than for of large events that concern scientists and politic people for~~  
54 ~~years.~~2016a).

55 ~~This~~The society tendency is to collect mainly large~~disasters~~ events or events generating~~having~~  
56 any high damages ~~is observable~~social impact (death, high cost, highlighting societal  
57 problems, etc.) in ~~existing natural hazard spatial databases and a~~ database. The criterion to be  
58 listed in the main global disaster databases. ~~Thus, global disaster databases (EMD-DAT from~~  
59 ~~University of Louvain, Swiss Re, Dartmouth)~~ illustrate this since it needs at least ten  
60 causalities or other politics or economic criterions (Guha-Sapir et al., 2015), Sigma from  
61 Swiss Re reinsurance (; Swiss Re, various dates) and Dartmouth from University of Colorado  
62 (; Dartmouth Flood Observatory, 2007) ~~have a disaster entry criteria of respectively at least 10~~

63 ~~people killed and/or 100 people affected, 20 people killed and/or 50 injured, and large floods~~  
64 ~~(Guha Sapir et al. 2002; Tschögl, 2006; Guha Sapir et al., 2015.)~~. If ~~the~~ insurance  
65 ~~possesses databases that are more detailed but they are usually not available such as the~~  
66 NatCat ~~database~~ from Munich Re reinsurance, ~~(Tschögl et al, 2006; Bellow et al., 2009)~~  
67 ~~seems to collect any property damage and/or any person affected~~ (Munich R. E., 2011), ~~its~~  
68 ~~data are only partially available to the public and cannot be analysed as an unrestricted access~~  
69 ~~database (Tschögl et al, 2006). In the same way, numerous~~. At present, ~~most of~~ worldwide,  
70 national and regional ~~spatial natural hazard~~ databases do not generally deal with ~~very~~ small  
71 events that can be considered as insignificant for the experts (Guzzetti et al. 1994, Malamud et  
72 al. 2004; Petley et al. 2005; Devoli et al. 2007; Kirschbaum 2010, Foster et al. 2012; Damm et  
73 al. 2014). ~~Furthermore, with~~ With noteworthy exceptions ~~as the like~~ RUPOK database (Bíl et  
74 al. 2017), ~~natural hazard databases usually do not have much~~ which collects information about  
75 consequences of ~~geohazard events~~ geohazards on transportation networks. ~~For example,~~  
76 ~~the~~ The Swiss flood and landslide damage database (Hilker, 2009) contains also small events  
77 but no information about track and traffic.

78 ~~Problematic~~ ~~caused by the lack of data of small events is nowadays well acknowledged~~. Gall  
79 et al. (2009) ~~highlight that small events highlighted the~~ underreporting ~~generates a bias of~~  
80 ~~small events~~ inducing ~~natural hazards loss~~ bias in data ~~fallacy~~. The director of Global  
81 Resource Information Database at the ~~United Nations Environment Programme recognises a~~  
82 ~~difficulty~~ UNEP recognised a problem to evaluate ~~losses from the true impact of~~ natural  
83 hazards since EMD-DAT database records only events with estimated losses of above 100  
84 000 US\$ ~~are collected in the EMD-DAT database~~ (Peduzzi, 2009). The Head of the ~~United~~  
85 ~~Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction~~ UNISDR, R. Glasser, alerts that  
86 governments underestimate ~~particularly the~~ low cost ~~of small disasters, which result from the~~  
87 ~~incapacity to know small events that are below the radar screen, that still~~ that affect ~~many~~  
88 ~~peoples~~ significantly to the societies (Rowling, 2016).

89 ~~From the observation of the recognized lack of data~~ In order to fill partially a gap in the  
90 knowledge about small events, we focused on the impacts of natural hazard ~~small events in~~  
91 ~~the existing databases added to the need of data about event impacts~~ on road and railways  
92 tracks, ~~we collected all natural hazard~~ collecting as much information as possible on the events  
93 affecting the Swiss transportation network since 2012. ~~It is not an exhaustive~~

94 ~~The goal of this database referred is to geomorphic features determine the main trends of~~  
95 ~~the these events but it is a database focused on traffic and to evaluate the relevance of such~~  
96 ~~concerns.~~

97 ~~The aim of this study is to remedy the deficiency of information about natural hazard events~~  
98 ~~affecting transportation network in Switzerland through a significant effort on small events~~  
99 ~~that are generally below radar screen. The database created for this purpose is used to~~  
100 ~~determine trends of the natural hazard events in order to help decision makers to minimise~~  
101 ~~their impacts on roads and railways.~~

## 102 2 Study area

103 The study area is ~~applied to the whole~~ Switzerland. ~~Its, which possesses a surface area is of~~  
104 ~~41 285 km<sup>2</sup> and its, with an~~ elevation ~~ranges ranging~~ from 193 m (Lake Maggiore) to ~~46344~~  
105 ~~634~~ m a.s.l. (Dufourspitze). The Swiss geography can be divided into three major  
106 geomorphologic-climatic regions: the Alps, the Swiss Plateau and the Jura. The Alps cover  
107 about 57 % of the Swiss territory ~~and are composed of a high altitude mountain range (23'540~~  
108 ~~km<sup>2</sup>)~~ with 48 summits over ~~40004 000~~ m a.s.l., and many inhabited valleys. The Swiss  
109 Plateau, ~~located northwest to the Alps,~~ covers about 32 % of the territory (~~13 360 km<sup>2</sup>)~~ at an  
110 average altitude of about 500 m a.s.l. and is partially flat with numerous hills. Two-thirds of  
111 the Swiss population lives on ~~this plateau~~ ~~the Plateau (13 360 km<sup>2</sup>)~~ which has a population  
112 density of about 450 inhabitants per square kilometre. The Jura Mountains (11% of the  
113 territory, ~~4 385 km<sup>2</sup>)~~ is a hilly and ~~parallel~~ mountain range ~~situated on the north-western~~  
114 ~~border of the plateau~~ with a top summit of ~~16791 679~~ m a.s.l. (Mont-Tendre). ~~Due to its~~  
115 ~~situation in Europe, the~~ The Swiss climate is a mix of oceanic, continental and Mediterranean  
116 climates ~~and which~~ varies ~~largely at a regional scale, greatly because of the reliefs.~~ The average  
117 annual rainfall is around 900-~~12001 200~~ mm years<sup>-1</sup> on the Swiss Plateau, ~~1200-20001 200-2~~  
118 ~~000~~ mm years<sup>-1</sup> on the Jura Mountains and between 500 and ~~30003 000~~ mm years<sup>-1</sup> in the  
119 Alps (Bär, 1971). The Swiss average temperature is about 5.7 °C (MeteoSwiss, 2018).

120 ~~The Swiss road network length is about 72'000 km with 1850 km managed by the Swiss~~  
121 ~~Confederation whose 1450 km of high and motorways, 18000 km of cantonal roads and about~~  
122 ~~55000 km of communal roads (Federal Statistical Office, 2018). The Swiss railway network is~~  
123 ~~5200 km long whose 130 km of cogwheel train lanes and 330 km of tram lanes (Federal~~  
124 ~~Statistical Office, 2018).~~

### 125 3 Data and methods

126 A database ~~to collect all natural hazard event that affect the Swiss roads and railways since~~  
127 ~~2012~~ was ~~designed. The present study focuses on the built over~~ five years ~~timeduring the~~  
128 period 2012-2016 ~~were, collecting~~ 846 events ~~were collected.~~

#### 129 3.1 ~~Information sources~~

130 ~~As there is no such.~~ The minimum threshold for being included in the database is a traffic  
131 disruption (for example, a large velocity reduction) for at national level and least 10 minutes  
132 following a natural hazard event that have reached to a transportation track.

133 We used online press channels as not all cantons have such a database, it was necessary to  
134 find the information from a non-administrative channel. The online press channel was  
135 chosen sources, because it has possesses the best ratio in simplicity/efficiently. Google™ alerts  
136 were used to collect the events from the / efficiency. While an online press, review was  
137 made every working day from 2012 to 2014, since May 2014, Google™ Alerts (Google, 2018)  
138 was introduced with more than fifty keywords in German, French and Italian ~~as tool to scan~~  
139 ~~the (see Table 1-SM in Supplementary material (SM)). These around ten received alerts per~~  
140 ~~day permitted to collect the events from the Swiss online press (see Table 25 in Additional~~  
141 ~~material (AM)). Each day, about ten Google™ alerts were received.~~

142 Each alert contained ~~on average~~ two online press articles in average containing one of the fifty  
143 keywords. Each ~~of these online press articles~~ article was manually analysed read in order to  
144 identify if the related information concerns ~~or not ana~~ natural hazard event or not which ~~has~~  
145 affected ~~ana~~ transportation ~~track~~ networks. If not, it ~~is removed.~~ was not considered.

146 About 10 % of all ~~online press articles these~~ highlighted ~~by Google alerts refer~~ articles referred  
147 to a real natural hazard event. About ~~1200 online press~~ 800 articles were kept ~~in three years~~  
148 ~~(2014-2017).~~ from mid-2014 until the end of 2016. The Swiss traffic information website  
149 ~~is were~~ also periodically manually checked, as well as few social media pages susceptible to  
150 ~~have contain~~ some pictures of events. as the official page of the commune of Montreux on  
151 Facebook (Montreux, 2014). Otherwise, some events were collected directly in the field.

#### 152 3.2 ~~Natural hazard processes considered~~

153 ~~In the present manuscript, Here~~ we ~~assigned~~ classified natural hazards ~~processes affecting the~~  
154 ~~Swiss transportation network~~ according to six ~~natural hazard processes~~ categories:

- 155 - ~~Flood: static~~Static or dynamic ~~flooding processes~~floods with only little sedimentation
- 156 material on the tracks including a few hail events ~~fell~~.
- 157 - Debris flow: ~~;~~ that are often not well described in the media and confounded with
- 158 landslides or floods, ~~debris flows~~. They were often ~~recharacterized~~characterized with
- 159 pictures from the press articles.
- 160 - Landslide: superficial or deep sliding of ~~a mass of~~ soil mass including shallow
- 161 landslides.
- 162 - Rockfall: ~~stones and~~ refers indifferently to rock falls; ~~and~~ rockslide.
- 163 - Avalanche: refers to snow avalanches.
- 164 - Other: snowdrifts (mainly during February 2015 in West of Switzerland) and falling
- 165 trees (mainly during windstorms).

### 166 3.3—Event attributes

167 172 attributes are used to describe the events (~~Figure 25 in the~~ Table 1; Figures 1-SM and 2-

168 SM in Supplementary material). ~~There (SM)) and they~~ are ~~distributed into~~subdivided in eight

169 categories: date, location, event characterization, track characterization, damage, weather,

170 geology and ~~source (Table 1)~~. ~~Date attributes describe when the event occurred, at which~~

171 ~~season or at which day part it occurred~~. ~~Location attributes describe the region, the~~

172 ~~topography, the landscape and the coordinates of the event~~. ~~Event sources~~. ~~Data about date,~~

173 ~~location, event~~ characterization attributes ~~explain the natural hazard process and its features~~.

174 ~~If available, a picture is given to illustrate the event~~. ~~Track characterization attributes describe~~

175 ~~especially the track type (road, railway), its class (highway, main track, secondary track, etc.);~~

176 ~~its sinuosity, its closure duration and its deviation possibility~~. ~~Damage attributes highlight the~~

177 ~~different damages due to the event on the track infrastructure but also on the vehicles and on~~

178 ~~people~~. ~~Weather attributes describe the weather conditions (sun, rain, temperature, storm,~~

179 ~~wind and snow) from the event day to ten days before the event occurrence~~. ~~The weather~~

180 ~~data~~damage come from the ~~closest weather station of the 24 MeteoSuisse weather stations~~

181 ~~considered~~. ~~Temperatures were corrected from the altitude difference between the event~~

182 ~~location and the weather station according the common lapse rate~~. ~~The geology attributes~~

183 ~~characterize the soil (types of geology, hydrogeology, watershed, soil productivity) where the~~

184 ~~event occurred~~. ~~Finally, the sources attributes provide the addresses of the consulted~~ online

185 press articles. Attributes of the database are shortly presented in Table 1.



### 3.4 Types of analysis and statistics

Events were analysed according their 172 attributes making possible to carry out numerous Images from the press articles are used to estimate many attributes as the event classification and the volume estimation of the deposit material if it is not estimated in the press article.

The analyses were either performed in a Geographic Information System (GIS) environment for spatial data or numerically in a standard statistical way for all other data. We have thus extracted simple statistics for each analysis (average, sum, mode, median, standard deviation minimum, maximum, etc.) as well as charts and histograms with trend lines and principal component analysis (PCA) especially for the weather data. The aim of the analyses is In order to extract general trends base on of the 846 events collected natural events affecting the Swiss transportation network during the five years period 2011 from 2012 to 2016, the data were characterized by basic statistics descriptors and displayed with histograms and charts.

Weather data come from 24 weather stations of MeteoSwiss. For each event the reported weather conditions are not always coming from the closest station but from the one with a similar topo-climatic situation. The average distance between weather stations and events is 20 km (SD of 18 km) and the average absolute elevation difference is 200 m (SD of 366 m). The rainfall data are given for: the event day, the last five days and the last ten days, providing the antecedent situations.

The deviation lengths for roads were measured using a GIS. Density maps were made using the kernel density function in a GIS with a search radius of 10 km for events map and 20 km for the road density map with both a 500 m output cell size. Results are classified using 10 classes with the Jenks natural breaks method.

The damage levels have been characterized by four levels partially based on Bíl et al. (2014). The first damage level concerns “no closure or no track damage”. Events of this first level generate only traffic slowdowns and small disruptions. They concern mainly floods often triggered by strong storms (vehicles can drive slowly on a flooded road without the need to close the track) (Figure 6E). The reduction of the traffic velocity generally lasts less than two hours. The second level refers to a complete or partial track closure because of the material deposition on the track. If only one lane is closed, the second lane allows to have an alternated traffic moderated with temporarily traffic lights or traffic regulators. Tracks of the second level of damage can reopen after evacuation works, without any repair work.

The third level, “partial damage”, needs superficial repairs and / or minor stabilization of the track embankments because the events generated small damages on the tracks. Finally, the “total destruction” level means that the track embankment has to be reconstructed, requiring many repair works.

For each damage class, costs per square meter was attributed according to the event intensity (small, middle and large) for both the road and railway. A surface area of 100 m<sup>2</sup> is assumed for small events, 200 m<sup>2</sup> for medium and 300 m<sup>2</sup> for large events. Costs are given in Euros with values in mid-January 2018 of 1 EUR = 1.17 CHF = 1.23 USD. On average a “no closure” cost was estimated at EUR 6 per square meter, at EUR 230 for a “closure”, at EUR 400 for a “partial damage”, at EUR 1 000 for a “total destruction” and at EUR 230 for a “unknown” (Table 2-SM). Direct damage costs evaluation was based on road and railways reports (Canton de Vaud et du Valais, 2012; SBB CFF FFS, 2017) and on the basis of repair works experience by civil engineers. Since direct damage costs are difficult to assess (this is event more true for indirect damage costs), the proposed methodology to determine them must be considered, above all, as a tool to compare the costs of the different damage classes. The cost values should not be considered as true costs for all events but as a order of magnitude of the projected costs (please see also section 5.4).

Table 1: Attributes categories to describe events in the database.

<u>Attribute category</u>	<u>Answer the question</u>	<u>Contains</u>	<u>Number of attributes</u>	<u>Main source</u>
<u>ID</u>	<u>Event ID</u>	=	<u>1</u>	=
<u>Date</u>	<u>Which date and time</u>	<u>Year, season, day part</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Online press article</u>
<u>Location</u>	<u>Where did the event occur?</u>	<u>Region, topography, coordinates</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>Online press article and GIS<sup>1</sup></u>
<u>Event characterization</u>	<u>Which natural hazard event?</u>	<u>Type of hazard, features, picture</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>Online press article</u>
<u>Track characterization</u>	<u>On which track?</u>	<u>Road/railway, features, deviation</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>Swisstopo<sup>2</sup></u>
<u>Damage</u>	<u>Which kind of damage?</u>	<u>Damage on track, vehicle, people</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>Online press article</u>
<u>Weather</u>	<u>What was the weather?</u>	<u>Sun, rain, temp., storm, wind, snow</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>MeteoSwiss<sup>3</sup></u>
<u>Geology</u>	<u>On what soil did it occur?</u>	<u>Soil features</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>Swisstopo<sup>2</sup></u>
<u>Source</u>	<u>What are information sources?</u>	<u>Addresses of online press articles</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>Online press article</u>

<sup>1</sup> GIS: Geographic Information System

<sup>2</sup> Swisstopo: Swiss Federal Office of Topography

<sup>3</sup> MeteoSwiss: Swiss Federal Office of Meteorology and Climatology



## 4 Results

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The 846 collected natural hazard events affecting roads and railways in Switzerland from 2011 to 2016 were analysed according:

- The types of natural hazard processes,
- The temporal distribution,
- The spatial distribution,
- The type of location with the topographic features at large and small scale,
- The types of affected tracks,
- The meteorological distribution,
- The impacts, deviations and closures.

#### 4.1 Types of natural hazards processes

Half (421 (~50%)) of the 846 collected events concerns floods with 50% of all collected events with 421 events, including hail flooding events (1% and 8 events), i.e. 1% (Figure 1A). The second most frequent process is landslides (23% and 192 events); 23%), followed by rockfalls (96; 11% and 96 events) and debris flows (8% and 68 events); 8%). The remaining concerns snow avalanches (2% and 15 events); 2%) and “other” events processes (6% and 54 events), including: 6%) includes snowdrifts (5% and 40 events); 4.5%) and falling trees (2% and 14 events); 1.5%). Snowdrifts mainly result from a unique and sporadic event in February 2015. In a simplified way, it can be said that half of the natural hazard events that have affected the Swiss transportation network for the period 2011-2016 is due to floods, a quarter concern landslides and the rest concern rockfalls, debris flows and other natural hazard events processes.

#### 4.2 Factors of influence

#### 4.2 Spatiotemporal conditions

##### 4.2.1 Spatial distribution

Natural hazard events affecting the Swiss transportation network for the period 2012-2016 are equitably distributed on the geomorphologic-climatic regions Plateau and Alps (371 and 377 events respectively; 44% each). The remaining 12% (98 events) occurred in the Jura area (Figure 1B and Figure 2 and 3; Table 4 in Supplementary material (3-SM)). Flood events are responsible). The spatial distribution of the high percentage of events on the

269 Plateau with more than half of the flood natural hazard events (57%) that occurred on the  
270 beside floods is quite proportional to the surfaces areas of Swiss Plateau; debris flow events  
271 occurred mostly in theregions: Alps (96with 60% of the Swiss territory surface account for  
272 64% of them); more than halfevents expect floods, the Plateau for 30% and 31% and Jura for  
273 10% and 5% respectively. The kernel density maps of landslides events occurred in the Alps  
274 (55%); rockfalls events occurred mostly in the Alps (88%); avalanches occurred exclusively  
275 in the Alps (100%) and the “other” events occurred mostly on the Plateau (78%).all event  
276 types as well as the road density map are shown in Figure 2-SM.

277 Considering all events processes besides flood events, the spatial distribution of events, on the  
278 three geomorphologic climatic Swiss regions is quite proportional to the surface of those  
279 areas: Alps with 60% of the Swiss territory and 64% of events, Plateau with 30% of surface  
280 and 31% of events and finally Jura with about 10% of the territory surface and 5% of all  
281 events. Rockall events occurred mainly in the Alps consecutively to the high proportion of  
282 cliffs above tracks in this region. Likewise, debris flow events are based almost exclusively in  
283 the Alps where are located large steep slopes with mobilizable soil required to trigger them.

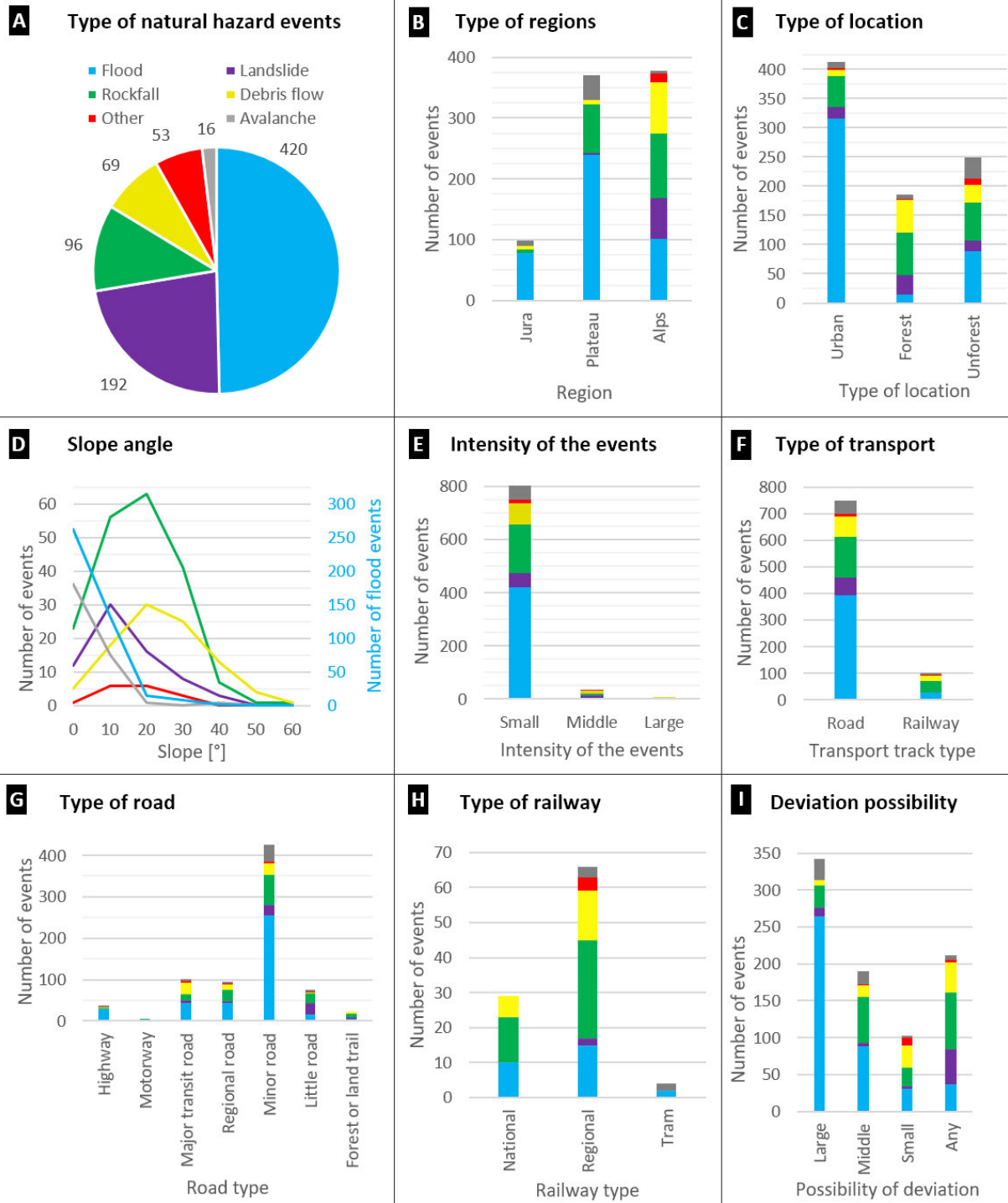
284 Looking more in detail the location of events, we observe that half of events (The majority of  
285 the floods (239; 57%) occurred in the Swiss Plateau. Debris flows are occurred mostly in the  
286 Alps (66; 96%), as well as rockfalls (84; 88%) and avalanches (16; 100%), which not  
287 surprising considering the strong control of the presence of steep slopes. Landslides are more  
288 equally distributed with only 55% (107) in the Alps, because they usually occur in moderate  
289 slope (Stark and Guzzetti, 2009); The “other” events (snowdrift and falling trees) occurred  
290 mostly on the Plateau (41; 79%).

291 Half of events (412 events; 49%)%) occurred in built environment (towns, agglomerations,  
292 villages and hamlets) and half (434; 51%) of events occurred in a natural environment  
293 (countryside: 211, 25%;%, ; forest: 185, 22%; mountain above forest limit: 38, 4%) (Figure 4  
294 and1C; Table 5 in 4-SM).

295 By making risk ratios (Miettinen, 1972; Zhang and Kai, 1998; Spiegelman and Hertzmark,  
296 2005) related to the surface of the regions, floods and “other” are over-represented in the Jura  
297 and in the Plateau while debris flow, avalanche and rockfalls are over-represented in the Alps  
298 (Figure 3A). Risk ratio related to the length of the roads of the three regions indicates that the  
299 Alps have over-represented debris-flow, landslides, rockfalls and avalanches (Figure 3B)

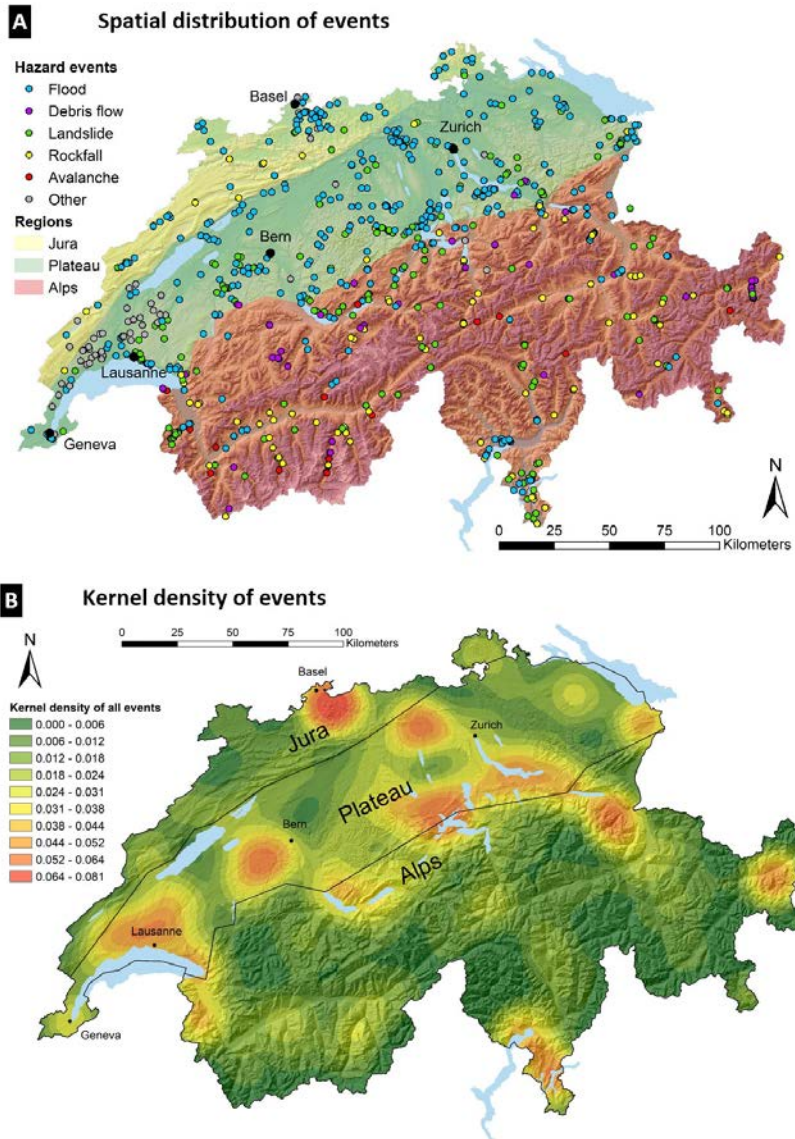
300 The slope angle distribution (Figure ~~5~~and 1D; Table ~~6 in 5~~-SM), ~~based on extracted from a~~  
301 ~~25 m DEM, (Swisstopo, 2018),~~ indicates that 40% (339 events) of all events ~~occurred affect~~  
302 ~~the tracks on a slope rangeslopes ranging~~ from 0° to 5° and 30% ~~of events on a (257) between~~  
303 ~~5° and 15°. 62% (260) of floods affected tracks on the almost flat slope ranging from 0° to 5°,~~  
304 ~~and 43% (30) of debris-flow in 5°-15° slope. A third of landslides (63) and a third of rockfalls~~  
305 ~~(30) events occurred on a 15°-25°. 76% (12) of snow avalanches cross tracks at a slope angle~~  
306 ~~of 10°-30°. Two-thirds (36) of “other” were observed at 0 to 5°.~~

307 Eight slope orientations were estimated based on the Swisstopo maps for 72% (609 events) of  
308 the recorded events (Figure 3-SM). The slopes oriented to south, south-east and west account  
309 for 17% (144) each. The over-representation of these orientation are caused by the debris-  
310 flows occurring in the western slopes (mainly because of debris flows that occurred in the the  
311 S-Charl valley in 2015). Landslides seems more prone in south and west oriented slope.



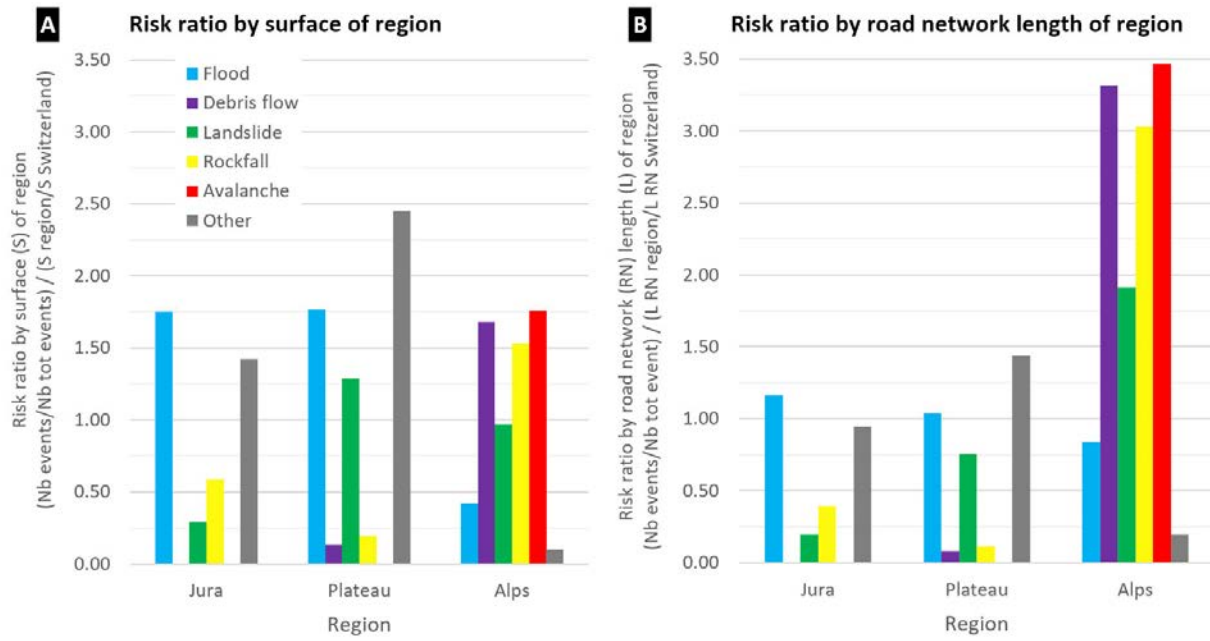
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313 *Figure 1: A: Number of events according to natural hazard events on the Swiss transportation network from*  
 314 *2012 to 2016. B: Distribution according to the three large geomorphologic-climatic regions. C Distribution of*  
 315 *the type of location. D: Slope angle distribution. Flood events are on the secondary vertical axis. E: Distribution*  
 316 *of the events according to intensity. Small event: 0-10 m<sup>3</sup>; middle event: 10-2000 m<sup>3</sup>, large event: >2000 m<sup>3</sup>. F:*  
 317 *Distribution of transport mode. G: Road types distribution. H: Railways types distribution. I: Distribution of*  
 318 *possibility of deviation. Large possibility of deviations: >3 possibilities; middle: 2-3, small: one possibility; any:*  
 319 *no possibility.*



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321 *Figure 2: A: Spatial distribution of natural hazard events affecting roads and railways in Switzerland from 2012*  
 322 *to 2016. Source of the map: swisstopo. B: Kernel density of the events (20 km search radius and results*  
 323 *classified using 10 classes with the Jenks natural breaks method.).*



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*Figure 3: A: Risk ratio by surface of the three geomorphologic-climatic swiss regions. B: Risk ratio by the road network (RN) length of the three geomorphologic-climatic swiss regions.*

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328 4.2.2 Event intensity

329 The debris flow, landslide, rockfall and avalanche events were classified into three intensity  
330 classes (Figure 1E and Figure 4; Table 6-SM) defined by volumes:

- 331 - Small: below ten m<sup>3</sup>.
- 332 - Medium: from ten cubic meters to two thousand m<sup>3</sup>.
- 333 - Large: larger than two thousand m<sup>3</sup>.

334 With one exception (medium intensity), floods were classified -on the basis of the water level  
335 and the flooded area- as events with a small intensity (419 floods). “Other” events (snowdrifts  
336 and falling trees) were also all categorised as small events (53 events). 95% (804) of all events  
337 are classified as small, 4% (33) as medium and 1% (9) as large events. Note that a third (32)  
338 of rockfalls are large.

339 Excluding floods, 39% (146) of the event sources are located at more than 50 m from the  
340 track, 35% (185) are located between 0 and 50 m (Table 7-SM). A quarter (95) of the source  
341 locations are unknown. Almost all sources close to the tracks (that represents 35% (185) of all  
342 events) are human-induced natural hazard events. The sources of debris flows and avalanches  
343 in the Alps are located far from the track with natural origin (100% (69) for debris flow, 94%  
344 (15) for avalanche). Excluding floods, 80% (339) of the sources are located above the track,  
345 7% (29) below and 14% (58) possess unknown origin (Table 8-SM).



346  
347 Figure 4: Examples of events affecting roads. Left: small event already removed but still unstable on the  
348 uniquely accessible road to the small village of Morcles (Canton of Vaud). Middle: middle event on a minor  
349 road in Ollon (Canton of Vaud). Right: large event with a volume estimated at 3500 m<sup>3</sup> that cut a 50 m length on

350 the international road between France and Canton of Valais near the Forclaz pass (Trient). Road closure is  
351 estimated of six weeks. Images taken on 24 January 2018 after a winter storm.

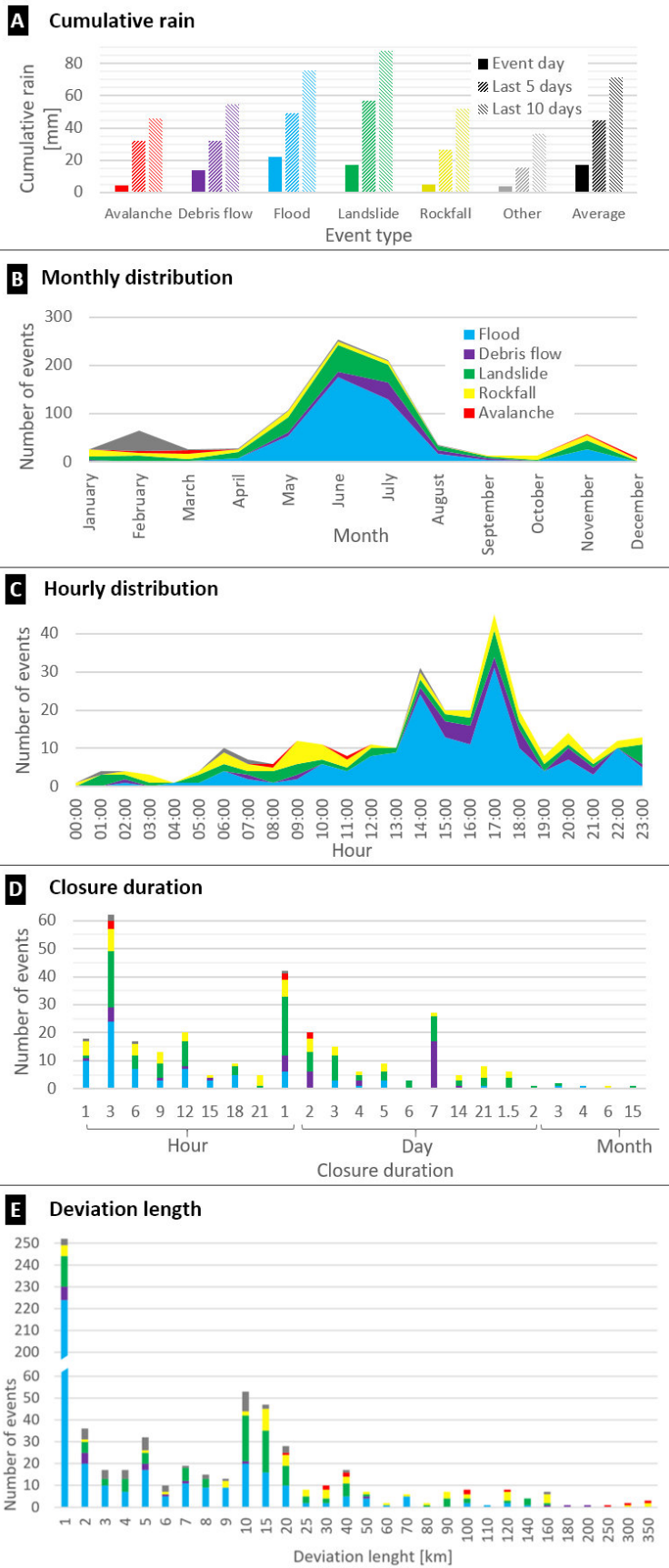
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### 353 4.2.3 Rainfall

354 The average rainfall during the day of the event is 17 mm (Figure 5A; Table 9-SM). On  
355 average, rain amount during the event day is 22 mm, 17 mm, 14 mm, 5 mm and 4 mm for  
356 flood, landslide, debris flow, rockfall and avalanches respectively. The maximal precipitation  
357 recorded (154 mm) in the database occurred in Canton of Ticino, in November 2014, which  
358 triggered a landslide.

359 The debris flows mostly occurred following strong convective summer storms after a quite  
360 sunny day. This means that the precipitations at the location of the debris-flow may be higher  
361 than those recorded by the station. Landslides occurred after the greatest amount of rainfall  
362 recorded in the last ten days preceding the event. The debris flows occurred a few ten of  
363 minutes to a few hours after heavy precipitations, floods after about one day of heavy rainfalls  
364 and landslides occurred up to several days after intense precipitations.

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367 *Figure 5: A: Cumulative rain [mm] distribution of the day of natural hazard events and last five and ten days. B:*  
 368 *Monthly distribution. C: Hourly distribution. D: Closure duration distribution. E: Deviation length distribution*  
 369 *of road closures. The vertical axis is cut between values 60 and 200.*

370 4.3 Temporal parameters

371 4.3.1 Clustering in time

372 Fifteen long-lasting rainfalls were selected during the five considered years (Table 2) with  
373 durations of two days to fifteen days. 515 events, (i.e. 61 %) affected roads and railways  
374 during the 115 days (corresponding to 6% of the five considered years; 4.5 events per days)  
375 indicating the negative impact of long-lasting rainfalls. A third of these 515 events are among  
376 the 50 major loss events around the world, according to the Munich Re Topic Geo annual  
377 reports.

378 *Table 2: Long-lasting rainfalls where occurred 61% of the collected natural hazard events on the Swiss*  
379 *transportation network during from 2012 to 2016.*

Date	Number of days	Number of events	Avg number of event by day <sup>2</sup>	Munich Re event <sup>3</sup>
2012.01.06-07	2	2	1	2012.01
2012.11.04-14	11	12	1.1	-
2013.06.01-03	3	26	8.7	2013.06
2014.02.15-18	4	4	1.0	2014.02
2014.06.03-12	10	10	1.0	2014.06
2014.07.04-15	12	44	3.7	-
2014.07.22-31	10	51	5.1	-
2014.11.13-18	6	35	5.8	-
2015.04.27-05.07	11	55	5.0	-
2015.06.05-15	11	75	6.8	-
2015.07.22-25	4	37	9.3	-
2016.06.02-09	10	80	8.0	2016.06
2016.06.15-25	14	49	3.5	-
2016.07.22-28	7	35	5.0	-
Total	115	515 <sup>1</sup>	4.5	-

380 <sup>1</sup> 61% of all events.

381 <sup>2</sup> Events number / number of days.

382 <sup>3</sup> Sources: Munich Re, [2013](#), [2014](#), [2015](#) and [2017](#).

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384 4.3.2 Monthly distribution

385 The events effecting Swiss roads and railway from 2012 to 2016 are one average 71 events  
386 per month with a median value of 32. It ranges from 9 events for December to 253 events for  
387 July (Figure 5B; Table 10-SM). Two-thirds of all events (570 events; 68%) occurred during  
388 the three months May (107; 13%), June (253; 30%) and July (210; 25%).

389 85% (357) of floods and 64% (123) of landslides occurred in the period May - July. 89% (61)  
390 of debris flow occurred in from May to August. 64% (61) of rockfalls are distributed during  
391 the months January, March, May, October and November. 50% (8) avalanches occurred in  
392 March. 81% (43) of “other” events occurred in February.

### 4.3.3 Time of day and hourly distribution

The hour of occurrence is included for 33% (281) of the events (Figure 5C). 57% (89) of floods with a known hour of occurrence occurred between 2 pm to 7 pm, 61% (17) of debris flows occurred between 3 pm and 7 pm. Landslides and rockfalls are fairly well distributed during a day. Nevertheless, 23% (10) of rockfalls occurred between 9 and 11 am.

## 4.4 Infrastructure parameters

### 4.4.1 Types of tracks

88%, i.e. 747 of all collected events, affected road tracks, while 12%, i.e. 99 events, affected railway tracks (Figure 1F; Table 11-SM). Among the events affecting roads, 53% were floods, 20% landslides, 10% rockfall, 9% debris-flows and 8% other types. For the railway tracks 42% were landslides, 27% floods, 20% rockfalls, 5% others, 4% avalanches and 2% debris-flows. 79% (668) of all events occurred on minor roads or railways tracks while 21% (178) occurred on major roads or railways.

### 4.4.2 Roads

The Swiss road network length is about 72 000 km with 1 850 km managed by the Swiss Confederation, among which 1 450 km are highways and motorways, 25 000 km are major (cantonal) roads and regional roads, and about 45 000 km of roads are at the municipal level (Federal Statistical Office, 2018).

Swiss roads are classified into seven classes, according to the Swiss Federal Office of Topography (Figure 1G; Table 12-SM). Highways have separated traffic and a speed limit of 120 km/h, motorways with a 100 km/h speed limit, both account for 3% of the network length accounting for 5% of the events. Major transit roads with a high traffic load (12%) are affected by 13% of the events and roads of regional importance (22%) account for 12% of the events with a lower traffic load, both have a maximum speed of 80 km/h. The three remaining road classes (63%) based on the width of the road, are related to small roads with a low traffic. 65% of flood affected minor roads, and 42%, 48%, 36% and 82% respectively for debris flow, landslide, rockfall, avalanches and other events.

Interestingly, the frequency along highways and motorways corresponds to one event in every 200 km in each year, one in every 650 km for major and transit roads, and one in every 450 km for all types of minor road (minor roads, little roads and forest trails).

### 4.4.3 Railways

The Swiss railway network is 5 200 km long including 130 km of cogwheel train and 330 km of tram (Federal Statistical Office, 2018).

Railway tracks are classified into three classes: major (34% of the railway network), minor (62%) and trams lines (4%) (CFF, 2018; Federal Statistical Office, 2018) (Figure 1H; Table 13-SM). The major tracks, usually with two lanes, linking the main Swiss or crossing the Alps cities account for 29% (29) of railway events. The minor tracks, often with one lane, are affected by two-thirds (67%; 66) of events. Tram tracks, in or around towns, are affected by 4% (4). 56% of flood occurred on minor tracks and 37% on major tracks.

All debris-flows occurred on minor railways. 68% of landslide affected minor tracks and 32% affected major tracks. 70% of rockfall occurred on minor tracks and 30% on major tracks. All avalanches occurred on minor railways. 60% of “other” occurred on minor tracks and 40% on tram tracks (trees falls).

Concerning the network length of track types, railways tracks are affected by one event in every 250 km in each year, while all tram tracks are affected by one event in every 400 km in each year.

### 4.4.4 Possibility of deviation

For each event we checked how easy it was to find a deviation track (an alternative route in order to reach the next village avoiding the closure area) (Figure 1I; Table 14-SM). For 40% (342) of the events, more than 3 possibilities of deviation exist, for 23% (190) 1 to 3 deviations possibilities and for 12% (102) only one possibility was found. For 25% (212) of events, it is not possible to take an alternative track to bypass the closure because they occurred in valleys containing only one track

Almost two-thirds (264) of flood events and half (27) of “other” events could be bypassed. There are no deviation possibilities for 70% (48) of debris flow events, 43% (41) of rockfall events and 40% (77) for landslide events. This indicates that it is often impossible to find a deviation path for numerous debris-flows, landslides, rockfalls and avalanches.

## 4.5 Impacts and damages

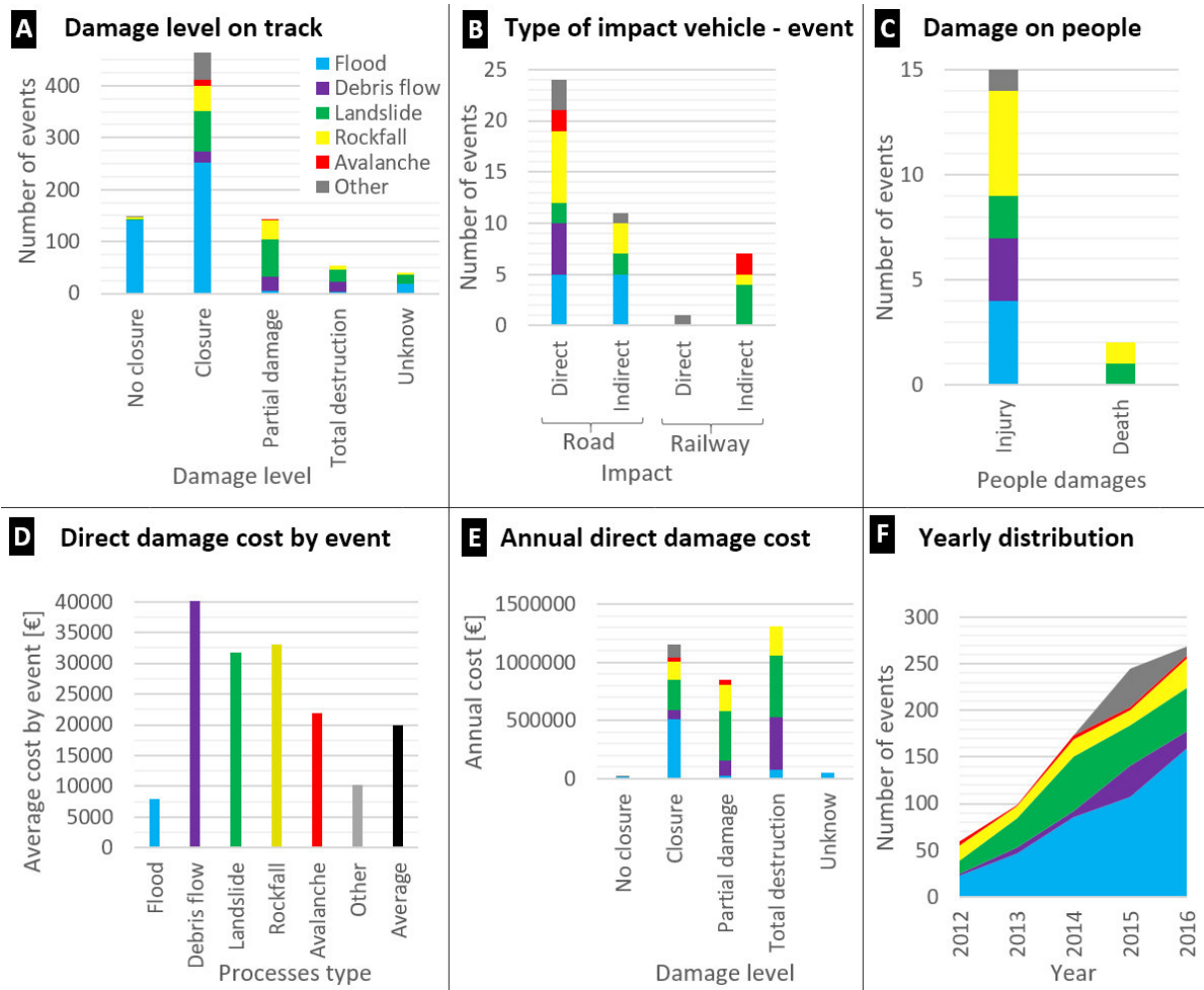
### 4.5.1 On track

80% (677) of all events generated track damages (Figure 6A and Table 15-SM). 149 events (~18% of all events) are categorized in this first damage level “no closure or track damage”.



454 146 of those events are floods. For 463 events (55%), the tracks were closed because of  
455 material on the tracks. In addition to closure, 143 events (17%) belong to the third level  
456 “partial damage”. Finally, the “total destruction” level accounts for 6% of all events (53). 38  
457 events (4%) induced damages that could not be estimated.

458 A third of flood events caused no track closure and the remaining two-thirds of events  
459 generated only track closure, floods are the natural hazard which generate the least damages.  
460 Floods that does not require track closure come from the fact that vehicles or train can pass  
461 through a certain water level. 39% (27) of debris flows generated partial damages and a  
462 quarter (18) of debris flows caused the total destruction. Half (96) of landslides generated no  
463 track damages but only a track closure and about one-third (71) of landslides generated partial  
464 damages on tracks. Half (48) of rockfalls generated only track closures and 39% (37)  
465 generated partial damages. Avalanches generated track closures (13; 81%) as well as “other”  
466 events (51; 96%) due to snowdrifts.



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 468 *Figure 6: A: Damage distribution. B: Distribution of impact types between vehicle on roads or railways and*  
 469 *natural hazard events. C: Distribution of injuries and deaths. D: Average event direct cost distribution. E:*  
 470 *Annual direct cost distribution. F: Annual distribution.*

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 472 **4.5.2 On vehicle**

473 43 (5%) of all collected events generated damages on vehicles (Figure 6B and Table 16-SM).  
 474 25 (3%) events included direct impact on vehicles, while 18 events (2%) caused indirect  
 475 impacts on vehicles(when a vehicle collides the material falling on the track). Except a falling  
 476 tree, which affects a tram directly, all direct impacts concern roads. Two trains were affected  
 477 indirectly by avalanches, four trains by landslides and one train by rockfalls. Only 1% of all  
 478 events affecting railways caused direct impact whereas 7% of the events caused indirect  
 479 impacts. Conversely, 3% of all events affecting roads generated direct impacts while 1%  
 480 caused indirect impacts.

#### 481 4.5.3 On people

482 People are rarely directly affected by events. 831 events (98.2%) of all events did not cause  
483 injuries while 1.8% of events (15 events: 13 on roads and 2 on rail tracks) have caused  
484 injuries (Figure 6C and Table 17-SM). With 5.2% (5) and 4.3% (3) of events generating  
485 injuries, rockfall and debris flow events are natural hazard which generated the highest  
486 percentage of injuries. Twenty injured persons have been identified among which 10 were in a  
487 train derailment in the Canton of Grisons due to a landslide in August 2014.

488 Two events (0.2%) caused death in the above-mentioned event in Grison and in a second  
489 event occurred in March 2012, which was also in Grisons, where a coach without passengers  
490 was directly impacted by a rockfall, killing the driver instantly. Only 0.1% of events on roads  
491 caused the death while 1% of events killed people on railways..

#### 492 4.5.4 Closure duration

493 Closure duration of 296 events (35%) were collected from the online press articles. Half of  
494 those closures (148) lasted less than one day while 41% (121) lasted from one day to one  
495 week and 9% (27) lasted over one week with a maximum of 15 months (Figure 5D). Thus,  
496 87% of flood induced closures duration were less or equal to one day. While this percentage  
497 decreases to 71% for avalanches, 62% for rockfalls, 59% for landslides and 37% for debris  
498 flows.

#### 499 4.5.5 Deviation length for roads

500 For the three quarter (638 events) of the case for which the deviation was possible, there  
501 lengths vary from 1 km to 350 km (Figure 5E and Table 18-SM). Forty percent (255) of all  
502 deviation track lengths are equal to or less than 1 km. One quarter (159) of deviation lengths  
503 measure from 2 to 9 km long, 16% (100) from 10 to 19 km long and the remaining 19% (124)  
504 deviation paths are over 20 km. The average deviation length in the Alps is 40 km, 9 km in  
505 the Jura and 7 km in the Swiss Plateau.

#### 506 4.5.6 Direct damage costs

507 Direct damage costs include all costs directly related to the reparation of the track to guaranty  
508 the normal traffic service, including the full repair costs of the tracks only. If they are difficult  
509 or almost impossible to be assessed, direct damage costs are important in order to give a order  
510 of magnitude of the costs directly induced after a natural hazard event on a transportation  
511 track.

512 For the period 2012-2016, the annual direct damage costs for Swiss transportation track was  
513 estimated at EUR 3.4 million. For one event the average is EUR 19 900. For flood, it  
514 corresponds on average to EUR 8000, to EUR 47 800 for a debris flow, EUR 31700 for a  
515 landslide, EUR 33 100 for a rockfall, EUR 21 900 for an avalanche and EUR 10 200 for an  
516 “other” event (Figure 6D and Table 19-SM). “The annual costs for “total destruction”  
517 correspond to EUR 1.3 million, EUR 1.2 million for “closure” and EUR 0.8 million for  
518 “partial damage” (Figure 6E). A “small” event costs, in average, EUR 15 800, EUR 76 200  
519 for a “medium” and EUR 175 700 for a “large” event.

520 Small events (95% of all events, i.e. 804 events) represent 76% (2.6 mio EUR) of the total  
521 direct costs; middle events (4%; 33) represent 15% (0.5 mio EUR) of the costs; large events  
522 (1%; 9) represent 9% (0.3 mio EUR) of costs. Roads (86% of the total transportation network  
523 length) represent 73% (2.5 mio EUR) of the total cost, while railways tracks (14% of all  
524 Swiss tracks) represent 27% (0.9 mio EUR) of all costs.

## 525 5 Discussion

### 526 5.1 Completeness of the database

527 to 15°. The quality of the presented database is affected by several factors. The online press  
528 articles, the main source of this database, does not report all natural hazard events affecting  
529 Swiss transportation network. The reporting of such events in articles depend on the number  
530 of casualties, the severity of the injuries, the resources available in the article redaction, the  
531 preventive or educational interest, the presence of images, etc. Article occurrence is  
532 theoretically higher in summer, when the actuality is lower because the quieter political  
533 activity. In some cases, the sensitivity increases, like after the two tourists killed in Gotthard  
534 highway in 2006 while a side of the Eiger summit was collapsing, this made the journalist  
535 prone to look at no slope mass movements (RTS, 2006a and 2006b; Liniger M. and Bieri,  
536 2006; Oppikofer et al., 2008). On the contrary, when a lot of events occur simultaneously like  
537 during intense storms, only the most significant disasters are reported in the press. The event  
538 reporting is probably depending on the perception linked to the region of occurrence. For  
539 instance, a 0.5 m<sup>3</sup> rock falling on a track in the plateau has more media impact than if it  
540 occurs in the Alpine area, where it is more common.

541 The collected events from 2012-2016 range from 60 to 269 events per year (Figure 6F and  
542 Table 20-SM). But it is biased because Google Alerts were used since May 2014. The data  
543 collection was less systematic for the years 2012 and 2013 with 60 and 99 collected events

544 respectively. With Google Alerts the number increased to 245 and 269 for the years 2015 and  
545 2016 respectively. In 2014, the 173 collected events, is a transitional year with about half of  
546 the year using Google Alerts. An advantage of the Google Alerts is the variety of the online  
547 from almost all the available online newspapers, which is better than unique source as for  
548 Badoux et al. (2016). Google Alerts permits mainly to improve the event collection of floods.  
549 Moreover, the total number of event increases year after year, even after the use of Google  
550 Alerts because of the increase of floods disruptions (Figure 6F). This shows that the use of  
551 Google Alerts is not fully responsible of the yearly increase of number of events. Those  
552 numbers depend strongly to the weather conditions that are different each year.

553 Statistical predictions about a small sample of events are intrinsically imprecise (Davies  
554 2013). The annual cost damage by natural hazard in Switzerland (Hilker, 2009) in the period  
555 1972-2007 shows great damages disparities over the years, because some extreme rainfall  
556 events or successive storms greatly increase the number of events collected in one year, which  
557 was not the case during our period of record.

558 The collected data must be considered as a photography for a period of time capturing the  
559 background composed of “small” intensity events representing 96% of the total amount of  
560 events and 76% of the total direct costs.

## 561 5.2 Event definition

562 The terminology of natural hazard event on road and railways is partially inappropriate,  
563 because if the origin of the direct event is natural i.e. rainfall, etc., the indirect origin is very  
564 often anthropic. slope Transportation network construction, use and maintenance induce seven  
565 changes or actions, potentially affecting slope stability according to the Terzaghi (1950)  
566 classification of mechanism of landslides (Jaboyedoff et al., 2016a). These causes of  
567 destabilisations are slope re-profiling, groundwater flow perturbation, surface water overland  
568 flow modifications, land degradation, inappropriate artificial structures, traffic vibration and  
569 ageing of infrastructure that modifies landslide occurrence (Larsen and Parks, 1997;  
570 Jaboyedoff et al, 2016). Furthermore, new infrastructures around tracks often induced an  
571 under-sizing of existing, which can induce concentration of the surface or ground water flow  
572 destabilizing slopes. People are thereby very often responsible for the aggravation of the  
573 hazard consequences with constructions built without the sufficient knowledge of natural  
574 hazard risk. Laimer (2017b) indicated that along Austrian railway, 72% of events are human-  
575 induced.

### 5.3 Events trends

~~Some reasons why minor and medium-sized natural hazard events are not well documented are because of their direct consequences, which are often quite rapidly fixed, i.e. the road can be re-opened within a few hours after the event or is only partially closed.~~

~~Slope angle values are lower than common values for natural hazard slopes because there are not slope angles at the event origin but at the end of the propagation, as tracks are located generally much below than sources of propagation. 62% of flood events occurred on a slope almost flat ( $0^{\circ}$ – $5^{\circ}$ ). 43% of debris flow events occurred on a  $5^{\circ}$ – $15^{\circ}$  slope. A third of landslides and rockfalls events occurred on a  $15^{\circ}$ – $25^{\circ}$ . 40% of snow avalanche events occurred on a  $5^{\circ}$ – $15^{\circ}$  slope. Two-thirds of “other” events occurred on a almost flat slope ( $0$ – $5^{\circ}$ ). Lower than sources of propagation.~~

~~Slope orientations of events occurring on mountainsides were estimated based on the Swisstopo map for 72% of events (Figure 6). Divided into eight slope orientations, half of events whose slope orientation was estimated occurred on south oriented, south-east oriented and west oriented slopes (each 17%). North and north-east oriented slopes contain the less events (8% each). Slope orientation of all Swiss mountainsides shows that south-west and north-east slopes are underrepresented unlike north-west and south-east facing slopes that are overrepresented. Comparison between distributions of slope orientation of events and of all of Swiss slopes shows that events on north-west facing slopes are underrepresented and that they are overrepresented on west slopes. A reason for this west overrepresentation are the debris flows that occurred in the the S-Charl valley.~~

Several factors must be considered in the slope distribution. An explanation for the lower number of events on north-facing slopes is that there are less tracks on those slopes because there are less buildings on those shadowed slopes. Furthermore, ~~Northnorth~~ oriented slopes have less solar heat ~~asthan~~ south oriented slopes, and thereby, less freeze-thaw cycles. This can partially explain the high number of rockfall events on west, south and east oriented slopes.

#### ~~4.2.2 Event volume and location of release zone~~

~~Events were classified into three classes of importance (Figure 7 and 8). The “small” class concern little events of volume bellow ten cubic meters. “Middle” event class concern events with a volume from ten cubic meters to two thousand of cubic meters. “Large” event class are events with a volume with a volume larger that two thousand of cubic meters. 95% of all~~



608 events were classified as “small” events, 4% as “middle” events and 1% as “large” events.  
609 With a third of rockfall events classified as “large” events, rockfall processes have the largest  
610 proportion of large events (Table 7 in SM).

611 Without considering flood events, 39% of origins of events are located far from the track (more  
612 than 50 m from the track). 35% of origins of events are near to the track (between 0 and 50 m  
613 from the track) (Table 8 in SM). One quarter of the location of origins of events is unknown.  
614 Generally, all event origins near the track are Human-Induced natural hazard events. This is not  
615 the case for event origins far from the track where a part of them are natural hazards, particularly  
616 with debris flows and avalanches in the Alps. All debris flow event origins arise far from the  
617 track as well as the majority of avalanche events. Without considering flood events, 80% of  
618 the origins of the events are located above the track, 7% are located below and 14% of events  
619 have an unknown origin (Table 9 in SM).

#### 620 4.2.31.1.1 Rainfall

621 Different meteorological features have been attributed for each event. Data come from 24  
622 weather stations from MeteoSwiss. For each event is assigned a weather station which is not  
623 always the closest but which is in a similar topographic situation. Average distance between  
624 weather stations and events is 20 km and absolute average elevation difference is 200 m. All  
625 weather data were given for three following time periods: the event day, the five last days and  
626 the ten last days. Those three periods allow to consider the weather condition from the event  
627 day until the last ten days.

628 17 mm of rainfall during the event day were recorded on average per event (Figure 9 and  
629 Table 10 in SM). Flood events are the natural hazard process with the highest rainfall amount  
630 with 22 mm fallen the event day. After flood events, landslide (17 mm) and debris flow (14  
631 mm) events are the events with the most rainfall amount. Rockfall (5 mm), avalanches (4 mm)  
632 and “other” events brought up the rear. The absolute maximal precipitation recorded during  
633 the event day is 154 mm in canton of Ticino in November 2014 where a landslide occurred.

634 It can be highlighted that debris flows mostly occurred following strong summer storms after  
635 a quite sunny day. Floods generally occurred during days of the highest recorded rainfall  
636 compared to the daily precipitation of all processes. ~~Landslides occurred after the greatest  
637 amount of rainfall recorded in the last ten days preceding the event.~~ This shows generally that,  
638 on a temporal scale, debris flows occurred few ten of minutes to few hours after heavy

639 ~~precipitations, floods after about one day of heavy rainfalls and landslides occurred up to~~  
640 ~~several days after intense precipitations.~~

#### 641 ~~4.3.1.1 Temporal parameters~~

##### 642 ~~4.3.11.1.1 Clustering in time~~

643 ~~Natural hazard events occurred often during bad weather meteorological events when~~  
644 ~~precipitations last for several days. Fifteen long-lasting rainfalls were selected during the five~~  
645 ~~considered years (Table 2) whose duration last from two days to fifteen days. 515 events (61~~  
646 ~~% of all events) have affected roads and railways during the 115 days of the fifteen~~  
647 ~~considered meteorological events. Thus, 61% of events occurred during 6% of the five years~~  
648 ~~time period 2012-2016 which shows the huge influence of intensive long-lasting rainfalls.~~  
649 ~~This gives an average of 4.5 events per days. A third of the meteorological events are part of~~  
650 ~~the Munich Re Topic Geo reports that annually reports the 50 major loss events around the~~  
651 ~~world.~~

#### 652 ~~4.3.2 Monthly distribution~~

654 ~~The monthly distribution of natural hazard events on Swiss roads and railway from 2012 to~~  
655 ~~2016 ranged from 9 events in December to 253 events in July which give a multiplication~~  
656 ~~factor of 28 between those extremes (Figure 10 and Table 11 in SM). The average monthly~~  
657 ~~number of all events is 71 events with a median value of 32 events, which highlights the~~  
658 ~~influence of extreme weather conditions generating many events in few hours or days. Two-~~  
659 ~~thirds of all events (67%) occurred during the three months May (12%), June (30%) and July~~  
660 ~~(25%).~~

661 ~~86% of flood events occurred in the three months May, June and July. 89% of debris flow~~  
662 ~~events occurred in the four months May, June, July and August. Almost two-thirds (64%) of~~  
663 ~~landslide events occurred in the three months May, June and July. Although almost two-thirds~~  
664 ~~of rockfall events are distributed into five months (January, March, May, October and~~  
665 ~~November), they are relatively well distributed. More as half of the collected snow avalanches~~  
666 ~~events occurred in March. 81% of “other” events occurred in February.~~

667 This monthly distribution indicates that flood events mostly depend ~~mostly~~ on two  
668 meteorological conditions: thunderstorms and long-lasting rainfalls, which occur mainly in  
669 spring, particularly with the conjunction of snowmelt, and in summer. The near absence of  
670 floods in winter is the result of the Swiss winter climate with the absence of long or brief but

671 intense precipitations and ~~the~~ by the fact that the ~~precipitation~~precipitations in mountains  
672 ~~are~~fall as snow. However, exceptions are possible with floods caused by winter storms as in  
673 January 2018: (RTS, 2018). Debris flow events mostly occurred in summer, as ~~the results~~a  
674 result of powerful and stationary thunderstorms. Landslide events occurred mainly in spring  
675 as a result of long-lasting rainfalls ~~added~~ with the melting snow ~~melt~~, which generate many  
676 water, saturated soils and low evaporation. ~~Snow melt~~Snowmelt is the second trigger, after  
677 intense rainfalls, for landslides on Austrian railway tracks for the time period of 2005-2015  
678 (Laimer, 2017)-2017b). Laimer (2017b) has shown that intense precipitations are triggers for  
679 78% of landslides on railway tracks in Austria during the time period of 2005-2015. Freeze-  
680 thaw cycles during the winter season are also the strong trigger for rockfalls.

681 Rockfalls events do not follow the trend to ~~occurred~~occur mainly in spring and summer.  
682 ~~There~~They occur in every season but mainly in autumn, winter and spring ~~as the results of~~due  
683 to numerous freeze-thaw cycles at those seasons, which ~~weak~~weaken the cohesion of rocks.  
684 ~~Without surprise~~Not surprisingly, avalanches occurred mostly in winter. They occurred also  
685 in autumn as the result of fresh avalanches on soils, which are not yet covered with snow, and  
686 ~~because of still~~ non-effective winter track closures of roads in the Alps. The ~~almost~~ total  
687 absence of ~~avalanches~~avalanche events in the spring can probably be ~~explain~~explained due to  
688 the still current road winter closures ~~that avoid spring snow avalanches, as well as rockfall~~  
689 ~~and landslide events, on summer opened tracks.~~

#### 690 ~~4.3.31.1.1~~ Time of day and hourly distribution

691 ~~We analysed the hourly distribution based on the 33% of events having an event local~~  
692 ~~standard time value (Figure 11). Half of floods occurred in the afternoon during 4 hours from~~  
693 ~~2 pm to 6 pm. 61% of debris flow events during 4 hours between 3 pm and 7 pm. Except~~  
694 ~~between 5 pm and 18 pm and 11 pm to midnight are landslides fairly well distributed.~~  
695 ~~Comparable situation for rockfall events that are fairly equitably distributed over all hours of~~  
696 ~~the day except between 9 am and 10 am containing 14% of rockfalls. The two avalanches~~  
697 ~~with a precise event time occurred in the morning at 8 am and 11 am.~~

698 Flood events mostly occurred in the afternoon, probably after strong thunderstorms. Debris  
699 flow events mostly occurred in the evening, again probably after strong evening  
700 thunderstorms. Landslide ~~event~~event triggers are not time concentrate aslike the previous  
701 event processes. Rockfall events seem to be triggered during thawing which occur mostly in  
702 the morning. Snowdrifts from the “other” category began in the afternoon, after a few hours  
703 of strong wind. That is why the “other” category events are so concentrated in the afternoon.

704 It should be noted that the time of event does not always match with the real event time,  
705 especially for events occurring during the night or on track with little traffic like country  
706 roads.

#### 707 ~~4.4.1 Infrastructure parameters~~

##### 708 ~~4.4.11.1.1 Types of tracks~~

709 ~~88%, i.e. 747 events, of all collected events have affected road tracks while 12%, i.e. 99~~  
710 ~~events, have affected railway tracks (Figure 12 and Table 12 in SM). Flood events represent~~  
711 ~~53% of events that have affected roads and 27% of events that have affected railway tracks.~~  
712 ~~Debris flow events represent 9% of events that have affected roads and 2% of events that have~~  
713 ~~affected railway tracks. Landslides events represent 20% of events that have affected roads~~  
714 ~~and 42% of events that have affected railway tracks. Rockfall events represent 10% of events~~  
715 ~~that have affected roads and 20% of events that have affected railway tracks. Snow~~  
716 ~~avalanches events represent 1% of events that have affected roads and 4% of events that have~~  
717 ~~affected railway tracks. "Other" events represent 7% of events which have affected roads and~~  
718 ~~5% of events that have affected railway tracks.~~

719 ~~While floods events represent more than half of events affecting roads, they are two time less~~  
720 ~~(27%) for events affecting railways. On the contrary, landslide events represent 42% of all~~  
721 ~~event affecting railways and two times less (20%) for events affecting roads. 79% of all~~  
722 ~~events occurred on minor roads or minor railways tracks while 21% occurred on major roads~~  
723 ~~or major railways. The high proportion of landslides on train tracks can be explained in~~  
724 ~~particular by the presence of very earthy soil embankments or unsuitable fill material along~~  
725 ~~railway tracks.~~

##### 726 ~~4.4.21.1.1 Roads~~

727 ~~Roads are classified into seven classes, according the Swiss Federal Office of Topography,~~  
728 ~~swisstopo, classification (Figure 13 and Table 13 in SM). In order of importance, there are~~  
729 ~~firstly highways with a usually speed limit of 120 km/h and separated traffic, followed by~~  
730 ~~motorways with a 100 km/h speed limit. Both represent 3% of the Swiss road network length.~~  
731 ~~There are then major transit roads with a high traffic load (12% of Swiss roads) and roads of~~  
732 ~~regional importance (22% of Swiss roads) with a lower traffic load (both 80 km/h maximum~~  
733 ~~speed). The three remaining roads classes (63% pf Swiss roads) concern small roads with a~~  
734 ~~(very) low traffic load and with track width ranging from 2 to 6 m: minor roads including~~

735 most streets (4-6 m width), little roads (3-4 m width) and the forest or land trails (2-3 m  
736 width).  
737 57% of events on roads occurred on minor roads, 13% occurred on major transit roads, 12%  
738 on regional roads, 10% occurred on little roads. 5% of events affecting roads occurred on  
739 highways, 3% on forest and land tracks and 0.3% on motorways. According to event  
740 processes, 65% of flood events affected minor roads. 42% of debris flow events affected little  
741 roads occurred on minor roads. 48% of landslide events occurred minor roads. 38% of  
742 rockfall events affected minor roads. 36% of snow avalanches events affected minor roads.  
743 82% of “other” events affected minor roads. Reported to the network length of track classes,  
744 highways and motorways are affected by one event every 200 km each year, major and transit  
745 road every 650 km each year and all types of minor road (minor roads, little roads and forest  
746 trails) every 450 km each year. This shows that and due to their grade limitations. In addition,  
747 despite more protections than the average, highways are proportionally more vulnerable than  
748 other roads ~~maybe~~ because of the alignment with many imposing cuts and fills.

#### 749 4.4.3—Railways

750 ~~Railway tracks are classified into three classes: major, minor and tram lines (Figure 14 and~~  
751 ~~Table 14 in SM). Major tracks which represent 29% of events affecting railways are national~~  
752 ~~tracks linking the big towns and few tracks crossing the Alps with often double lanes. Minor~~  
753 ~~tracks, often with one lane, are affected by two thirds (67%) of events affecting railways.~~  
754 ~~Tram tracks, in or around towns, are affected by 4% of events affecting railways. 56% of~~  
755 ~~flood events affecting railways occurred on minor tracks and 37% on major tracks. All debris~~  
756 ~~flow events affecting railways occurred on minor railways. 68% of landslide events affecting~~  
757 ~~railways occurred on minor tracks and 32% on major tracks. 70% of rockfall events affecting~~  
758 ~~railways occurred on minor tracks and 30% on major tracks. All snow avalanches events~~  
759 ~~affecting railways occurred on minor railways. 60% of “other” events affecting railways~~  
760 ~~occurred on minor tracks and 40% on tram tracks. An issue related to regional tracks may be~~  
761 ~~their lack of maintenance on track embankments during the last decades, causing landslides~~  
762 ~~and rockfalls. Reported to the network length of track types, railways tracks are affected by~~  
763 ~~one event every 250 km each year, all tram tracks by one event every 400 km each year., as~~  
764 ~~motorways, require a balanced gradient ratio, and therefore, they must run along the valley~~  
765 ~~sides over far distances. This requires long and steep cut slopes (Laimer, 2017b).~~

#### 4.4.4 Track sinuosity

The sinuosity of the track where events occurred and whose location was enough precisely known, was established on the basis of the swisstopo map. To define the curvature of the event location, six categories were defined: straight line (no curve), near a wide curve (on one side there is a straight line, on the other there is a wide curve which is close), wide curve (the event is located into a wide curve), near a tight curve (on one side there is a straight line or a small curve, on the other there is a tight curve which is close) and tight curve (the event is located into a tight curve). Distinction between wide and tight curve is the curve radius. Both for roads and railways, wide curves require to release the accelerator pedal to pass the curve with a speed which is equal or slightly lower as the straight line speed. In tight curve, drivers have to brake to reduce significantly the speed.

All track sinuosity of events which localisation was “accurate” or “middle” have been estimated (65% of events). About a third of events occurred in a wide curve or near a wide curve while 9% of event occurred in or near a tight curve. 21% of events occurred in a straight line (Figure 15 and Table 15 in SM). Considering event types, flood events occurred mostly on straight tracks while debris flows, landslides, rockfall and avalanche events occurred firstly on wide curve. “Other” events (snowdrifts and fallen trees) occurred both mostly on straight line and wide curves. Events that are located in wide curves can both be avoided by drivers if they are attentive but they can also generate an impact between the vehicle and the fallen material if the driver is not attentive because the visibility is lower than on straight lines.

#### 4.4.5 Intersections

It was analysed if the 65% of events with an enough precise location were located in, near or far track intersections (Figure 16 and Table 16 in SM). In the majority of cases (38%), events occurred on tracks with any intersections, followed by 19% events located near intersection (from few meters to about 100 m). 8% of events are located in intersections. Except flood events, all events occurred mostly on tracks with any intersections around. Because of its urban qualification, flood events occurred mostly near intersections. Intersection means generally greater deviation possibility than track sections without intersection.

##### 4.4.61.1.1 Possibility of deviation

For each event has been defined, how easy it was to find a deviation track (Figure 17 and Table 17 in SM). Four categories of possibilities of deviation were selected: large (many possibilities (>3), mostly in urban areas), middle (few possibilities (1-3), mostly in country areas), small (only one possibility) and any possibility of deviation (mostly in alpine areas).



799 For 40% of events, it was a large possibility of deviation, for 23% of events the possibilities  
800 of deviations were qualified as “middle” and for 12% of events there were given as “small”.  
801 For one-quarter of events, it was no possible to take an alternative tracks to bypass the closure.  
802 By event types, almost two-thirds of flood events and half of “other” events could be  
803 bypassed. In contrary, it existed any deviation possibilities for 70% of debris flow events,  
804 43% of rockfall events and 40% for landslide events. Thus, it is sometime difficult or even  
805 impossible to find a deviation path for numerous debris flow, landslide, rockfall and  
806 avalanche events.

#### 807 ~~4.5.1.1 Impacts and damages~~

##### 808 ~~4.5.11.1.1 On track~~

809 A damage level on tracks and track infrastructure was estimated for all event Damages have  
810 been characterized by four levels partially based on Bill et al. (2015). First level is “no closure  
811 or track damage” where the event generates any traffic perturbation neither track damage. 149  
812 events i.e. less 18% of all events are categorized in this first damage level. Second damage  
813 level is “closure” when the track is closed due to material carried landslide by the natural  
814 hazard event and contain 463 events i.e. 55% of all events. After evacuation work, tracks can  
815 be used again, without any repairing work. The third damage level is “partial damage” when  
816 tracks, in addition of its closure, require superficial repairs and minor stabilization of the track  
817 embankment (143 events, 17% of all events). Fourth level is “total destruction” when the  
818 track embankment has to be reconstructed (53 events, 6% of all events). 4% of all events (i.e.  
819 38 events) have damages that could not be estimated. Three-quarters of all events that  
820 generate no track damages, while one-quarter generates track damages (Figure 18 and Table  
821 18 in SM).

822 With about a third of flood events that cause no track closure and two-thirds remaining events  
823 that generated only track closure, floods are the natural hazard which generate the least  
824 damages. The high percentage of floods which does not require track closure come from the  
825 An issue related to regional tracks may be due to their lack of maintenance on track  
826 embankments during the last decades, causing landslides and rockfalls on old age  
827 infrastructure that were built long before the basics of soil mechanics (Terzaghi, 1925;  
828 Michoud et al., 2011; Laimer 2017a, 2017b).

829 The fact that vehicles on roads or railways can pass through a certain water level. It is not  
830 uncommon to have flooded tracks and keep nevertheless a restricted traffic level. 40% of

831 ~~debris flows generated partial damages of the track and a quarter of debris flows generated~~  
832 ~~damages of total destruction level. Half of landslides generated no track damages but only a~~  
833 ~~track closures and one third landslides generated partial damages on tracks. Almost similar~~  
834 ~~for rockfalls with half of event generating only track closures and 39% generated partial~~  
835 ~~damages. Avalanches generated mainly only track closures (81%) as well as “other” events~~  
836 ~~(96%) due to snowdrifts. Due to their configuration of massive and heavy material, landslides~~  
837 ~~generate often massive damage. Furthermore, when they are located just below the track, they~~  
838 ~~almost always generated total damage to the track infrastructure. Similar for debris flows that~~  
839 ~~could generate high damages due do their high energy stone blocks.~~

#### 840 4.5.2—On vehicle

841 ~~About vehicle damage, 5% of all collected events (i.e. 43 events) have generated damages on~~  
842 ~~different vehicles (Figure 19 and Table 19 in SM). Those vehicle damages can be categorized~~  
843 ~~into two classes: “there are more direct impact” when a vehicle is directly reach by a hazard~~  
844 ~~and “impacts (24) than indirect impact” when a vehicle collides an event mass already fallen~~  
845 ~~on the track. 25 events with a direct impact on vehicles were collected while 18 events caused~~  
846 ~~indirect impacts on vehicles. Except a falling tree impacting directly a tram, all direct impact~~  
847 ~~concern roads. Concerning indirect impacts, two trains impacted indirectly avalanches, four~~  
848 ~~trains impacted indirectly landslides and one train impacted indirectly rockfalls. 1% of all~~  
849 ~~events affecting railways caused direct impact whereas 7% of events on train tracks caused~~  
850 ~~indirect impacts. Conversely, 3% of all events affecting roads generated direct impacts while~~  
851 ~~1% caused indirect impacts. The fact that there are more direct impacts than indirect(11)~~  
852 ~~impacts on roads show that drivers can generally stop their ~~vehiele~~vehicles before to~~  
853 ~~impactbeing affected by a fallen event unlike trains that cannot stopbe stopped on a short~~  
854 ~~distance and that reachreaching the fallen mass. (7 indirect impacts and one direct impact). In~~  
855 ~~addition, there is a much higher probability that a vehicle on a road will be directly impacted~~  
856 ~~by an event than a train on a track because road traffic is excessively more densedenser than~~  
857 ~~on a railway linerailways traffic.~~

#### 859 ~~4.5.31.1.1—On people~~

860 ~~People are rarely affected by events. 98.2% of all events, i.e. 831 events, did not cause~~  
861 ~~injuries while 1.8% of events (15 events: 13 on roads and 2 on rail tracks) have caused~~  
862 ~~injuries (Figure 20 and Table 20 in SM). With 5.2% and 4.3% of events generating injuries,~~  
863 ~~rockfall and debris flow events are natural hazard which generated the highest percentage of~~

864 injuries. 20 injured persons have been identified whose 10 in a train derailment in the Canton  
865 of Grisons due to a landslide in August 2014. Three events (0.4% of all events) generated  
866 each one death. Once of the three events was the same as previously mentioned in canton of  
867 Grisons while the second, again on a train track, occurred in Gurtellen (Canton of Uri) in  
868 June 2012. A rockfall killed a specialist working on a cliff where consolidation works were  
869 carry out following several rockfall on the track. The third event occurred also on the Canton  
870 of Grisons where a coach without passengers has been directly impacted by a rockfall killing  
871 instantly the driver in March 2012. According to track types, 0.1% of events on roads caused  
872 the death while 2% of events on railways generated deaths. Thus, there is one killed people  
873 for three injuries during the considered time period which is too short to extract mortality and  
874 injuries trends.

#### 875 ~~4.5.41.1.1~~ Closure duration

876 Closure duration of 296 events (35% of all events) were collected from the online press  
877 articles. Half of those closures 50% lasted less than one day while 41% lasted from one day to  
878 one week. 9% of closures lasted over than one week with a maximum of 15 months (Figure  
879 21). Closure duration depends largely on the damage level generated by the event. Thus, 87%  
880 of flood events closures lasted less or equal to one day. ~~While this percentage decreases to~~  
881 ~~71% for avalanches, 62% for rockfalls, 59% for landslides and 37% for debris flows.~~

#### 882 ~~4.5.51.1.1~~ Deviation length for roads

883 When they were known, deviation lengths for roads were collected from the online press  
884 articles. For all other events who needed a track closure, they were measured on a GIS. There  
885 are no possibilities for deviation tracks for one quarter of events because it exists any  
886 alternatives tracks. Those events with any deviation tracks are located mostly in narrow alpine  
887 valley. For the remaining three quarter, the deviation length varies from 1 km to 350 km  
888 (Figure 22 and Table 21 in SM). Thirty one percent of all deviation track lengths are equal or  
889 less than one kilometre long. 28% of deviation lengths measure from 2 to 9 km long. One  
890 quarter of deviation lengths measure from 10 to 20 km long. The remaining 16% of deviation  
891 paths measure over 20 km. Deviation length is dependent with the event location. Thus, the  
892 average deviation length in the Alps is 40 km, 9 km in the Jura and 7 km in the Swiss Plateau.

#### 893 ~~4.5.61.1.1~~ Direct damage costs

894 Deviation lengths for railways are difficult to evaluate. In case of replacement buses, the  
895 distance of deviation is calculated with the distance of the replacement buses on the road. For  
896 72 events on railways (75% of all events on train tracks), there were no possibility of

897 deviation using other train tracks. In case of no replacement service, the deviation length for  
898 railway is the distance on train track between the two stations on both sides of the track  
899 closure. The average distance of deviation for this last configuration is 65 km.

900 Comparatively, annual damages caused by natural disasters in Switzerland for the time period  
901 of 1972-2011 are estimated at EUR 290 millions per year (OFEV, 2013). Switzerland  
902 allocates EUR 2.5 billions each year for protection against natural hazards, which corresponds  
903 to 0.6% of its GDP. 21% (EUR 0.5 billion) of this allocated amount concerns intervention and  
904 repair (OFEV/OFS, 2007; OFEV/OFS, 2011).

905 A synthetic example of an event of our database can be summarized as follow: a flood event  
906 occurs in June during an afternoon within the Swiss plateau on a small south-oriented slope  
907 and on a minor road. It generates a road closure of few hours with a deviation distance of less  
908 than one kilometre and causes no injuries or death. The possibility of road deviation is large.  
909 On the day of the event, the sun shined for half of the event day and 10 mm of rain fell (20  
910 mm during the last 5 days and 35 mm during the last 10 days) and the average temperature  
911 during the event was 20°C. There have been about 1000 lightings around the event location  
912 on the event day and the wind speed was 7 km/h blowing a north-east.

#### 913 5.4 Direct damage cost estimation

914 Direct damage costs include all costs directly related to the rehabilitation of the track to  
915 guaranty the traffic service. All repair costs of the tracks are included. The estimated direct  
916 costs did not take into account indirect costs like vehicle repairs (a train repair costs a lot),  
917 implementation of deviations, ~~replacements~~replacement buses in case of railway closure, all  
918 costs generated due to the traffic restriction for road and railway users, as well as all  
919 mitigation works and protective measures.

920 ~~Direct costs were estimated on the basis of the damage on the track. For each damage class~~  
921 ~~was attributed six estimations of costs per square meter according to the event importance~~  
922 ~~(small, middle and large event) and the track type (road or railway). Costs, initially estimated~~  
923 ~~on Swiss francs, were estimated on surface area defined at 100 m<sup>2</sup> for small events, at 200 m<sup>2</sup>~~  
924 ~~for middle events and 300 m<sup>2</sup> for large events. Costs are given in Euros with value as mid~~  
925 ~~January 2018 of 1 EUR = 1.17 CHF = 1.23 USD. A “no-closure” cost was estimated on~~  
926 ~~average at EUR 6 per square meter, at EUR 230 for a “closure” cost, at EUR 400 for a “partial~~  
927 ~~damage” cost, at EUR 1000 for a “total destruction” cost and at EUR 230 for a “unknown”~~  
928 ~~cost (Table 22 in SM). Costs were evaluated in the basis of road and railways reports (Canton~~

929 de Vaud et du Valais, 2012; SBB CFF FFS, 2017) and on the basis of repair works experience  
930 in the civil engineering.

931 The annual direct damage on infrastructure of natural hazard events on Swiss transportation  
932 track was estimated at EUR 3.4 million. On average, cost of one event is EUR 19900. Direct  
933 costs of a flood is, on average, EUR 8000; EUR 47800 for a debris flow; EUR 31700 for a  
934 landslide, EUR 33100 for a rockfall, EUR 21900 for an avalanche and EUR 10200 for an  
935 “other” event (Figure 23 and Table 23 in SM). “Total destruction” costs are the highest costs  
936 (EUR 1.3 million), followed by “closure” and costs (EUR 1.2 million), followed by “partial  
937 damage” costs (EUR 0.8 million) (Figure 24). A “small” event costs in average EUR 15800,  
938 EUR 76200 for a “middle” event and EUR 175700 for a “large” event. Small events (95% of  
939 all events) represent 76% of the total direct costs; middle events (4% of all events) represent  
940 15% of the costs; large events (1% of events) represent 9% of costs. Roads (86% of total  
941 transportation network length) represent 73% of the total cost, while railways tracks (14% of  
942 all Swiss tracks) represent 27% of all costs.

943 Floods generate the least damage by event with about a third of flood events that cause no  
944 track closure and two-thirds remaining events that generated only track closure. The high  
945 percentage of flood events which does not require track closure come from the fact that  
946 vehicles on roads or railways can pass through a certain water level. It is not uncommon to  
947 have flooded tracks and to keep nevertheless an unrestricted traffic level. Debris flows are the  
948 more costly process by event because they generate high track damages. The 17 destructing  
949 debris flow in the S-Charl valley in July 2015 influence those results.

950 Although floods are the less costly process by event, their annual cost comes in second place  
951 (EUR 0.58 million per year) because of their high number of events. Annual cost of debris  
952 flows is estimated to EUR 0.54 million, almost almost as much as floods because of their high  
953 individually damage cost. Annual cost of landslides reach almost the million Euro (EUR 0.95  
954 million) which the highest annual cost of all processes. The reason is because their  
955 individually cost is high and because they are numerous. Similar to debris flow annual cost,  
956 the annual cost of rockfall is evaluated to half million Euro. With EUR 50000 and EUR 90000  
957 per year, avalanches and “other” events costs are much lower than other processes.

## ~~5.1 Discussion~~

## ~~6.1 Results~~

### ~~6.1 Data quality~~

#### ~~6.2.1.1 Completeness of the database~~

~~The integrity of the presented database is affected by several factors. Natural hazard events affecting Swiss transportation network are not all identified in the online press articles. The publications of those type of articles depend of numerous criteria such the number of casualties, the severity of the injuries, the resources available in the article redaction, the preventive or educational interest, the presence of images, etc. Article occurrence is theoretically higher in summer when the actuality is lower because the quieter the actuality, the less likely it is that a subject will be published. If an terrorist attack occurs in the middle of the summer, the likelihood of the natural hazard article appearing decreases. When a large natural hazard event occur, small events affecting roads or railways are not in a priority list. Sources for the articles are press agencies, concurrent media, social media as well as reader reporters.~~

~~A advantage of the Google Alerts is the variety of the online sources as all available online newspapers are checked and not only one unique source as for Badoux et al. 2016. To publish press articles about natural hazards affecting transportation tracks is challenging because we talk here mostly not about fatalities which are usually well reported in newspaper. For example, a Swiss German newspaper will relate with a high probability a death resulting of a natural hazard on a track in the Swiss french part of Switzerland or in Ticino (Badoux et al. 2016), while it will probably not relate a forest path closure near of the redaction building.~~

~~Another factor influencing the data collection is the difference of perception between different areas as the Swiss Plateau and the Alps. A 0.5 m<sup>3</sup> rock fallen on a track in the plateau have more probability to be related in a press article as a similar event in the Alps. That because for people living in mountainous areas, those events are more or less common while they are exceptional for people living in the Swiss Plateau. Furthermore, when several events occur simultaneously like during an intensive a bad weather meteorological event, the probability that events are related in press articles decreases because media do not relate all events because they focus on the most impressive ones.~~



988 ~~In order to estimate the proportion of missed events with our methodology, we compared our~~  
989 ~~results for the Canton of Vaud with data from the natural hazard division of the administration~~  
990 ~~of the same canton. The missing proportion of data our database for the canton de Vaud~~  
991 ~~compared with the database of the canton de Vaud administration is about two thirds. Many~~  
992 ~~of those missing events occurred on forest paths and were collected by the forest service. If~~  
993 ~~we extrapolate the missing data proportion to the entire country, we must multiply our total~~  
994 ~~number of collected events by three, which gives about 2'500 events for the 5 considered~~  
995 ~~years and thus gives 500 events by year and 1.4 event by day. Compared with results of~~  
996 ~~events affecting roads and railways in 2014 derived from the Swiss flood and landslide~~  
997 ~~damage database (Hilker, 2009), the missing proportion of data our database is a third. If we~~  
998 ~~extrapolate the missing data proportion, we must multiply our number of events by 1.5, which~~  
999 ~~gives about 1'250 events in five years and thus about 250 events by year and 0.7 event by~~  
1000 ~~day. We see here the difficulty to have a complete database and we note that a database at a~~  
1001 ~~large scale, i.e. Switzerland, is less complete as a little scale database, i.e. canton of Vaud~~  
1002 ~~even though we collected events that were not considered in the canton of Vaud database.~~

#### 1003 6.2.1—Range of considered years

1004 ~~During the 5-year period 2011–2016, 846 events were collected. They ranged from 60 to 269~~  
1005 ~~events by year (Figure 25 and Table 24 in SM). Google Alerts were only used since May~~  
1006 ~~2014. Before this date, event collection was less systematic which generated less events~~  
1007 ~~observations. Thus, we observe a average number of events of 80 for the years 2012 and 2013~~  
1008 ~~(data collected without Google Alerts) and a average number of events of 257 for the years~~  
1009 ~~2015 and 2016 (data from Google Alerts). 2014, with 173 collected events, is a transitional~~  
1010 ~~year with about half of the year carries out with Google Alerts and the other part without.~~

1011 ~~The observed period of five years (2012–2016) is too short to show trends of the events.~~  
1012 ~~Statistical predictions about a small sample of events are intrinsically imprecise (Davies~~  
1013 ~~2013). The annual cost damage by natural hazard in Switzerland (Hilker, 2009) in the period~~  
1014 ~~1972–2007 shows great damages disparities overs the years. This indicates that some extreme~~  
1015 ~~meteorological events as long lasting rainfall or successive storms greatly increase the~~  
1016 ~~number of events collected in one year.~~

1017 ~~Our database must be considered as a focus on the time period 2012–2016 and must not be~~  
1018 ~~considered as representative of natural hazard events affecting roads and railways during the~~  
1019 ~~last 50 years. Collected data are like a photography at time  $t$  capturing the events and their~~  
1020 ~~impacts of a high number of events which could be classified at 95% as “small” with low~~

1021 ~~impacts on the track and low material volume (lower than 10 m<sup>3</sup>). Those small events are like~~  
1022 ~~a background noise of natural hazard events where large events are well studied. But together,~~  
1023 ~~this background noise represent a certain amount of roads and railway disturbance that could~~  
1024 ~~be highlighted.~~

### 1025 6.3—Estimation of direct damage costs

1026 ~~Estimation of direct damage costs~~ depend ~~ofon~~ many factors that are difficult to estimate. The  
1027 hour has an impact ~~ofon~~ the cost: repair works during the night or the weekend are greater ~~as~~  
1028 ~~duringthan~~ office hours. The event location ~~impactsaffects~~ the costs too: costs in ~~aan~~ alpine  
1029 valley far away ~~offrom~~ any construction companies ~~isare~~ higher than works in ~~aan~~  
1030 agglomeration where construction machines and landfill for the excavated material are close  
1031 ~~to~~. The date has also ~~in~~an impact on the costs: an event occurring during a time period where  
1032 weather conditions are difficult will last longer. The emergency of the situation has also an  
1033 influence ~~ofon~~ the direct cost: damage on a secondary road or ~~on~~ a highway will be treated  
1034 with a different emergency level. We can also notice the influence of the ~~among of~~ traffic, the  
1035 presence of damaged retaining walls and protective measures, the slope angle, the financial  
1036 situation of the responsible administration for the repair works, necessity of work in the slope  
1037 or the cliff above the track, etc~~..~~. Works on railways cost more than ~~repair costs on roads~~  
1038 because the access is often more difficult ~~as on roads~~ and because contact line and rails  
1039 repairs can become very quickly expensive. All those factors can easily vary costs by plus or  
1040 minus 50%.

1041 An estimation of the ~~direct~~ costs of the “small” events is ~~possible~~more credible than the costs  
1042 of events of greater damage, because the main work is to release the road from fallen  
1043 materials. Costs estimation for the “middle” events and especially for “larges” ones is more  
1044 complicated because the repairs require large construction sites which have their own  
1045 characteristics that can not be compared ~~that can not really be compared.~~

1046 The estimated costs must be considered as order of magnitude of the direct costs generated by  
1047 natural hazard events on the Swiss transportation network. However, obtained results are  
1048 more refined ~~as results in~~than the previous study of Voumard et al. (2016)), where costs of  
1049 event ~~bellow~~below EUR 8500 were not considered.

### 1050 6.4—Events trends

1051 ~~Statistic analyses and data analysis with especially PCA did not highlight particular or~~  
1052 ~~unexpected trends. Rain precipitations, with on average 17 mm water the event day, 45 mm~~

1053 the last 5 days and 71 mm the last 10 days, seems to have a undoubted influence as event  
1054 trigger. As well as long precipitation periods as short strong storms are strong triggers for  
1055 floods, debris flows, landslide and rockfalls. Laimer (2017) has shown that intense  
1056 precipitations are triggers for 78% of landslides collected on railway tracks in Austrian during  
1057 the time period 2005–2015. Freeze–thaw cycles during the winter season are also strong  
1058 trigger for rockfalls.

1059 ~~With a summary of all the values of attributes, features of the mean natural hazard event~~  
1060 ~~affecting the Swiss transportation network for the time period 2011–2016 are the following: it~~  
1061 ~~is a flood occurring in Spring, in June, during the afternoon, located on the Swiss plateau, on a~~  
1062 ~~small South-oriented slope, in the canton of Bern, on a minor road, on a straight path near an~~  
1063 ~~intersection in a village. It generates a road closure of few hours with a deviation distance less~~  
1064 ~~as one kilometre but causes no injuries or death. The possibility of deviation is large.~~  
1065 ~~Population is moderately directly affected by the road closure and little indirectly affected~~  
1066 ~~(minor road in a village). The soil of the event location is composed of gravel and sand and~~  
1067 ~~the soil productivity is a exploitable saturated zone. The day of the event, the sun shone half~~  
1068 ~~of the event day and it fell 10 mm of rain (20 mm the last 5 days and 35 mm the last 10 days)~~  
1069 ~~and the temperature average during the event was 20°C. There have been about 1000 lightning~~  
1070 ~~around the event location the event day and the wind speed was 7 km/h and a North North-~~  
1071 ~~East.~~

#### 1072 ~~6.51.1 Event definition~~

1073 ~~The terminology of natural hazard event on road and railways is quite usurped because if the~~  
1074 ~~direct event origin is natural i.e. rain, heat, etc., the indirect origin is very often anthropic.~~  
1075 ~~Transportation network construction, use and maintenance induce the seven changes or~~  
1076 ~~actions potentially affecting slope stability proposed by Jaboyedoff et al. (2016) that is based~~  
1077 ~~on Terzaghi (1950) classification of mechanism of landslides. Those causes are slope re-~~  
1078 ~~profiling, groundwater flow perturbation, surface water overland flow modifications, land~~  
1079 ~~degradation, inappropriate artificial structures, traffic vibration and ageing of infrastructure.~~  
1080 ~~Indeed, track construction generates a modification of the slope topography that imbalance the~~  
1081 ~~natural slope stability and that modify landslide occurrence (Larsen and Parks, 1997).~~  
1082 ~~Furthermore, new infrastructures added in an already built area often generate an under sizing~~  
1083 ~~of existing drains that are are not suitable to the adding of new track. Water can be~~  
1084 ~~concentrated into slope parts and generate its destabilisation. People are thereby very often~~  
1085 ~~responsible to aggravate the hazard consequences with constructions build without an enough~~

1086 ~~knowledges about natural hazard risk. Those natural hazard events can be hence characterised~~  
1087 ~~as Human-Induced natural hazard events (Jaboyedoff et al., 2016). This high proportion of~~  
1088 ~~Human-Induced events on transportation tracks is shown in the study of Laimer (2017) with~~  
1089 ~~72% of events that are Human-Induced events.~~

#### 1090 6.65.5 General discussion about natural hazard and transportation networks

1091 ~~If Several methods exist to quantify the thematic costs of natural hazard-affecting roads and~~  
1092 ~~railways has interest for some experts working with this topic, this is not the case for the most~~  
1093 ~~of political people and population. Compared with other societal thematises like health, old-~~  
1094 ~~age pensions or even transport sector, our interest obtains only little financial support because~~  
1095 ~~it is not in the prior list of the political people as a result of a lack of knowledge of the~~  
1096 ~~involved risk.~~

1097 ~~However, depending of current latest events, natural hazard-affecting transportation network~~  
1098 ~~becomes a current thematic in Switzerland. For this, the event in Bondo, canton of Grisons,~~  
1099 ~~Switzerland, where a mountain collapse of 3 million m<sup>3</sup> generated a debris flow which~~  
1100 ~~destroyed an international road in August 2017 is a good example. Thus, the magazine of the~~  
1101 ~~Touring Club Suisse, the largest motor club in Switzerland, dedicated twelve pages to natural~~  
1102 ~~hazards impacts on transportation network in its newspaper in autumn 2017.~~

1103 ~~Recent events in Switzerland ask the questions of the cost of track closures that are very~~  
1104 ~~difficult to estimate. Several methods exists (Nicholson, 1997; Erath 2009)), but they are all~~  
1105 ~~more or less imperfect not satisfactory because of the quantification of costs, especially for~~  
1106 ~~indirect costs, depends of many factors that are various and whose damage costs are difficult~~  
1107 ~~to estimate. We think that calculate, and the resilience must be carefully considered since~~  
1108 ~~people find often find solutions to skirt the track closure (deferred travel, meeting realized~~  
1109 ~~with digital technologies, alternative sources of supply, etc.). This question concerns more~~  
1110 ~~scientists as political since The closure costs due to natural hazards, such as traffic jam costs,~~  
1111 ~~are not compensated in Switzerland.~~

1112 ~~If issues, but models must include the potential loss of natural hazard-affecting income by~~  
1113 ~~taxes if the economy of the region is slow down. In addition, there are several ways to replace~~  
1114 ~~a transportation tracks are not understood, there is no interest to have database of such route or~~  
1115 ~~means. For example, train can be replaced by buses between two stations. Using other train~~  
1116 ~~routes can be very complicated and long. For road deviation, they are usually much easier;~~  
1117 ~~however, in some valleys in the Alps, deviation lengths can reach more than hundreds of~~

1118 ~~event~~km and ~~thus there~~sometimes, it is any interest to collect data, particularly even  
1119 impossible. It must be noted that the increase of the travel duration in case of railway closures  
1120 is more relevant for ~~small events.~~ ~~Event if any natural event can always be qualified as a large~~  
1121 ~~event, depending on the point of view of the affected people. Similarly to passengers than the~~  
1122 distance of deviation itself. Davies (2013), ~~which~~) puts back the importance of the event in the  
1123 context of the affected person, ~~a.~~ A minor landslide that affect a person is completely  
1124 unworthy of notice to the vast majority of the population, but is also momentary considered  
1125 as catastrophic for the person that must reconsider its travel and find an alternative route or  
1126 even cancel its displacement.

1127 ~~After different discussions with several people using natural hazard databases, observations~~  
1128 ~~are clear cut concerning data acquisition: information~~Information acquisition is challenging  
1129 and hard for such database, because it depends ~~of~~on several people working ~~on~~in field like  
1130 ~~roadmenders~~road menders, railway maintenance workers and forestry workers, who have  
1131 sometimes no time or little interest into fill the ~~natural hazard thematic.~~ ~~Their primary purpose~~  
1132 ~~is to guarantee the passage of vehicles or trains. They usually have little time and/or interest to~~  
1133 ~~collect event data. This generates a loss of information and special situations where it is not~~  
1134 ~~uncommon for a state service to obtain information about an event in the press rather than~~  
1135 ~~through their services. Events can also be reported in a very inhomogeneous matter according~~  
1136 ~~the responsible person of the event announcement.~~relevant database fields. Hence, there are  
1137 possible improvements of database quality by ~~the state governments (municipal, cantonal and~~  
1138 ~~federal levels) and for semi or private companies as SBB (Swiss main railway company) to~~  
1139 ~~collect data. To this end, using~~ new tools such as off-line collaborative web-GIS (Balram,  
1140 2006; Pirotti et al., 2011; Aye et al. 2016; Olyazadeh et al., 2017) that can ~~help to~~  
1141 ~~facility~~facilitate the event ~~collect~~collection in field.

1142 ~~Aequitance~~The collection of the natural ~~hazards impacts on~~hazard events affecting roads  
1143 and railways ~~also goes through make known events for the population. This can be made~~  
1144 ~~by improved using~~ different communication channels ~~as the traditional media (newspapers,~~  
1145 ~~TV, radio) or the social media. As example of tool to sensitize the population is the~~such as  
1146 Facebook page of the Colorado Department of Transport (CDT) in United States. ~~In addition~~  
1147 ~~of preventive posts, all daily traffic restrictions are related on an active Facebook page. This~~  
1148 diffusion channel allows the CDT to highlight all natural hazard events that affect roads in the  
1149 Colorado department ~~as thus,~~ allowing to sensitize drivers of their travel impacts.

## 1150 76 Conclusion and perspectives

1151 ~~In this study, we collected from online press articles~~Using newspapers and Google Alerts,  
1152 natural hazard events that have affected the Swiss transportation network ~~for a 5-year period~~  
1153 from ~~2011~~2012 to 2016. ~~With 172 attributes by event in different domains like~~ were collected.  
1154 ~~Collected 846~~ natural hazard, ~~traffic and track infrastructures, this database is, from our point~~  
1155 ~~of view,~~ events were characterized by 172 attributes, which makes it unique at the Swiss  
1156 level. We are able to describe in detail the 846 collected events classified into six hazard  
1157 processes ~~flood, debris flow, landslide, rockfall, avalanche and “other” processes~~ with their  
1158 ~~damages and consequences on the traffic~~ for Switzerland (Table 3).

1159 ~~We can thereby estimate that the frequency of a natural hazard event affecting a track is of~~  
1160 ~~one event every two days. We estimate, on the basis of a database of a cantonal~~  
1161 ~~administration, that our database represent a third of known events by the experts.~~1). Our  
1162 results highlight the ~~certain importance~~impact of natural hazard events on the Swiss roads and  
1163 railways, especially ~~of little event~~for small events with ~~a fallen~~ volume of less ~~asthan~~ 10 m<sup>3</sup>  
1164 that are ~~commonly are~~ rarely or not collected ~~and that.~~ They represent 95% of the database  
1165 events. The direct costs of all events were estimated at EUR 3.4 million ~~byper~~ year ~~and~~  
1166 ~~the~~with an average cost per event ~~cost~~ at EUR ~~19900~~19 900. Direct ~~cost~~costs of small events  
1167 ~~was~~were estimated at EUR 2.5 million by year, which represents three quarter of the total  
1168 direct costs. ~~Comparatively, annual damages caused by natural disasters in Switzerland for the~~  
1169 ~~time period 1972-2011 are evaluated at EUR 290 millions (OFEV, 2013). Switzerland~~  
1170 ~~allocates EUR 2.5 billions by year for protection against natural hazards, which corresponds~~  
1171 ~~to 0.6% of its GDP (OFEV/OFS, 2011). 21% (EUR 0.5 billion) of this allocated amount~~  
1172 ~~concerns intervention and repair (OFEV/OFS, 2007).~~

1173 ~~With several factors as climate change generating always more extreme weather conditions~~  
1174 ~~and permafrost melt~~Because of heavy storms, densification of the infrastructures, traffic  
1175 increase and lack of funding for track maintenance, we could ~~wait for always~~expect more  
1176 natural events affecting the Swiss transportation networks ~~with an increase of damages on~~  
1177 ~~tracks and people. Moreover, a lot of events like flood and landslide events could occur~~  
1178 ~~almost everywhere and it is impossible to protect every meters of road and railways tracks~~  
1179 ~~with protective measures as the financial help is only just enough or even insufficient to~~  
1180 ~~protect the most critical areas.~~ As usual, the key to reduce the natural hazard risk ~~due to~~  
1181 ~~natural hazard~~ on tracks is obviously financing. ~~In canton of Valais, the third canton in~~  
1182 ~~number of collected events and that has a lot of mountain roads, there is a lack of money of~~



1183 about EUR 35 million per year to provide services of the 1800 km of cantonal roads (Le  
1184 Temps, 2018). Even worse, there is a lack in the road maintenance and the rehabilitation of  
1185 this cantonal road network is estimated at EUR 1.3 billion. The Valais mobility strategy will  
1186 reduce on a third the length of the network by transferring 600 km to the communes. These  
1187 will leave the least used tracks. There is also different projects to reduce costs like for  
1188 example to replace a 10 km road whose rehabilitation and security would cost EUR 30 million  
1189 by a 6.6 km cable car whose investment is estimated at EUR 21 million (Le Temps, 2018).

1190 In view of obtained results and, we perceive in winter storms one of the greatest threat for the  
1191 Swiss transportation network because they can trigger many natural hazard events that  
1192 requires track closures preventively or following an event occurrence. Winter storms, that are  
1193 relatively rare occurrence, produce generally heavy precipitations falling in the form rain on  
1194 the Swiss plateau and that can fall of the form snow in the Jura and the Alps with a zero  
1195 degree limit around 1000 m a.s.l.. In such a case, many roads and railways are preventively  
1196 closed because of the danger of avalanche in the Alps and rockfall, landslide, debris flows and  
1197 floods affect the Swiss plateau since runoff water can no longer infiltrate into a saturated soil.  
1198 After few hours or days in this precipitation configuration, it is quite possible that zero degree  
1199 limit takes altitude up to 2000—2500 m. This generates high snowmelt producing many  
1200 floods and other natural processes in all country. Winter storms can generate also many track  
1201 closures due to falling trees. First half of January 2018 has seen successively three winter  
1202 storms that produced a lot of track closure. As example, 150 road and railways track closures  
1203 were identified for the single day of 13 January 2018. This number represents almost 90% of  
1204 the average annually number of events collected in the five years time period 2012-2016.

1205 The presented database and its event analysis can be helpful for the decision makers at the  
1206 three Swiss politic levels (the Confederation, the cantons and the municipalities) to plan and  
1207 enforce protective measures. For this purpose, we create open access online maps of the  
1208 events in Google Maps and ArcGis Online (Figures 26 and 27 in SM) in order to promote the  
1209 problematic. Our analysis also useful to take notice of the real impacts of known little events  
1210 that can be considered as almost insignificant taken separately and that are generally  
1211 unknown to enforce protective measures in case of observable hot spots in the database.

1212 Risk management in Switzerland may therefore be improved with such a database. For  
1213 examples, it shows the important alternative ways to bypass the obstacles. We have  
1214 highlighted that for one quarter of events, there were no deviation routes. This proportion is  
1215 high and must be reconsidered by the authorities. It is evident that to protect all swiss tracks

1216 against natural hazard processes would be much too expensive. Thus, it is essential to guaranty  
1217 alternative tracks and to fund protective measures with the best ratio cost / risk reduction.  
1218 Minor roads often belong to the municipalities which does not have a great interest to  
1219 maintain them. The Cantons and the Confederation would be advised to participate or even to  
1220 take over the maintenance of some of them that can be vital in case of closure of main roads  
1221 or railway tracks. This is particularly appropriate in transportation corridor when the minor  
1222 road is located on the other valley side than the major road. With its national scale, this  
1223 database helps to consider the risk of transportation networks tracks more from a network  
1224 perspective than from a track scale.

1225 For this purpose, we created open access online maps of the events in Google Maps and  
1226 ArcGIS Online (Figure 5-SM-AA and Figure 6-SM-AA) in order to promote the problematic  
1227 issue. Our analysis also useful to take notice of the real impacts of known little intensity  
1228 events that can be considered as almost insignificant and that are generally largely  
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1519 **Supplementary Material**

1520 *Table 1-SM: 51 key words (in red) used in the Google Alerts to create the database. Numbers between brackets*  
 1521 *in the following tables refer to the number of considered elements according to the line or column attribute.*

<u>English</u>	<u>French</u>	<u>German</u>	<u>Italian</u>
<u>avalanche</u>	<u>avalanche</u>	<u>Lawinne</u>	<u>valanga</u>
<u>bad weather</u>	<u>intempéries</u>	<u>Unwetter</u>	-
<u>flood</u>	-	<u>Hochwasser</u>	-
<u>hail</u>	<u>grêle</u>	<u>Hagel</u>	1524
<u>heavy rainfall</u>	<u>forte pluies</u>	<u>Heftige Regen</u>	-
<u>ice avalanche</u>	-	<u>Eislawine</u>	-
<u>inundation</u>	-	<u>Überflutung</u>	1525
<u>inundation</u>	<u>inondation</u>	<u>Überschwemmung</u>	-
<u>landslide</u>	<u>glissement de terrain</u>	<u>Erdrutsch</u>	<u>frana</u>
<u>landslide</u>	-	<u>Hangrutsch</u>	-
<u>landslide</u>	-	<u>Hachrutsche</u>	-
<u>landslide</u>	-	<u>Rüfenniedergang</u>	-
<u>landslip</u>	<u>glissement</u>	<u>Rutschung</u>	-
<u>mountain</u>	<u>pan de montagne</u>	-	-
<u>mud</u>	<u>boue</u>	<u>Schlamm</u>	-
<u>mudflow</u>	<u>coulée de boue</u>	<u>Schlammlawine</u>	-
<u>mudslide</u>	-	<u>Erdlawine</u>	-
<u>pirock</u>	<u>caillou</u>	<u>Stein</u>	<u>massi</u>
<u>rockfall</u>	-	<u>Bergsturz</u>	-
<u>rockfall</u>	-	<u>Felsabbruch</u>	-
<u>rockfall</u>	<u>éboulement</u>	<u>Felsbrock</u>	-
<u>rockfall</u>	<u>écroulement</u>	<u>Felsbrocken</u>	-
<u>rockfall</u>	-	<u>Felssturz</u>	-
<u>rockslide</u>	<u>chute de blocs</u>	<u>Steinschlag</u>	<u>cadono sassi</u>
<u>scree</u>	-	<u>Geröll</u>	-
<u>scree</u>	<u>éboulis</u>	<u>Schutt</u>	-
<u>storm</u>	<u>tempête</u>	<u>Sturm</u>	-
<u>thunderstorm</u>	<u>orage</u>	<u>Gewitter</u>	-
<u>under water</u>	<u>sous l'eau</u>	-	-
<u>wine</u>	<u>vent</u>	<u>Wind</u>	-

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1527 *Table 2-SM: Cost values estimation by square meter for the cost evaluation according event importance,*  
 1528 *damage level and transport mode.*

Damage level [EUR]	Cost by m <sup>2</sup> , small event,	Cost by m <sup>2</sup> , middle event,	Cost by m <sup>2</sup> , large event,	Cost by m <sup>2</sup> , small event,	Cost by m <sup>2</sup> , middle event,	Cost by m <sup>2</sup> , large event,
	road	road	road	train	train	train
No closure	5	5	5	5	5	5
Closure	85	130	170	300	340	385
Partial damage	255	300	340	470	510	555
Total destruction	850	890	980	1065	1105	1145
Unknown damage	130	170	215	255	300	340

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1530 *Table 3-SM: Distribution of event location according the three Swiss geomorphologic-climatic regions and*  
 1531 *according event processes.*

Geomorphologic- climatic region	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Average
Jura (98)	19%	0%	3%	6%	0%	15%	12%
Swiss Plateau (371)	57%	4%	42%	6%	0%	79%	44%
Alps (377)	24%	96%	55%	88%	100%	6%	44%
Total (846)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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1534 *Table 4-SM: Distribution of event location according event processes.*

Event location	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Average
Town (151)	15%	0%	9%	1%	0%	6%	18%
Village (261)	46%	14%	12%	6%	13%	4%	31%
Forest (185)	4%	46%	38%	58%	13%	13%	22%
Unforest (249)	0%	6%	5%	12%	69%	0%	29%
Total (846)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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1537 *Table 5-SM: Distribution of slope angle according event processes.*

Slope angle	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Average
0°-10° (339)	62%	17%	12%	5%	6%	68%	40%
10°-20° (257)	31%	43%	29%	19%	38%	28%	30%
20°-30° (131)	4%	23%	33%	31%	38%	2%	15%
30°-40° (85)	2%	12%	21%	26%	19%	0%	10%
40°-50° (26)	0%	4%	4%	14%	0%	2%	3%
50°-60° (6)	0%	0%	1%	4%	0%	0%	1%
60 and more (2)	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Total (846)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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1540 *Table 6-SM: Distribution of events importance according event processes.*

Location of process origin	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Average
Small <sup>1</sup> (804)	100%	78%	96%	24%	81%	100%	95%
Middle <sup>2</sup> (33)	0%	19%	3%	43%	19%	0%	4%
Large <sup>3</sup> (9)	0%	3%	1%	33%	0%	0%	1%
Total (846)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

1541 <sup>1</sup> Small event: volume <10 m<sup>3</sup>.

1542 <sup>2</sup> Middle event: volume between 10-2000 m<sup>3</sup>.

1543 <sup>3</sup> Large event: volume > 2000 m<sup>3</sup>.

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1546 *Table 7-SM: Distribution of distances of the process origin types processes according event processes.*

Distance of the process origin	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Average
Near <sup>1</sup> (185)	0%	52%	33%	6%	100%	35%
Far <sup>2</sup> (146)	100%	11%	43%	94%	0%	39%
Unknown (95)	0%	37%	24%	0%	0%	26%
Total (426)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

1547 <sup>1</sup> Near: 0-50 m from the track.

1548 <sup>2</sup> Far: > 50 m from the track.

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1551 *Table 8-SM: Distribution of location of process origin according event processes.*

Location of process origin	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Average
Above track (339)	100%	60%	89%	100%	100%	80%
Below track (29)	0%	14%	2%	0%	0%	7%
Unknown (58)	0%	26%	9%	0%	0%	14%
Total (426)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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1554 *Table 9-SM: Rainfall [mm] during the natural hazard events.*

Rainfall* [mm]	Flood	Debris flow	Landslide	Rockfall	Avalanche	Other	Average
Event day	22	14	17	5	4	4	17
Cum. last 5 days <sup>1</sup>	49	32	57	27	32	15	45
Cum. last 10 days <sup>1</sup>	76	55	88	52	46	36	71
Daily rain avg last 5 days <sup>2</sup>	10	6	11	6	6	3	9
Daily rain avg last 10 days <sup>2</sup>	7	5	9	5	5	4	7
Max daily rain last 5 days <sup>3</sup>	30	21	32	15	18	11	27
Max daily rain last 10 days <sup>3</sup>	33	26	36	20	21	15	30
Abs max daily rain <sup>4</sup>	100	65	154	42	13	39	-
Abs max daily rain last 5 days <sup>4</sup>	154	75	154	77	140	39	-
Abs max daily rain last 10 days <sup>4</sup>	154	75	154	109	140	39	-

\* Average by event processes except for absolute values (last three lines of the table).

<sup>1</sup> Cumulative rainfall of the 5 and respectively 10 days ago from the event day.

<sup>2</sup> Daily rainfall average of the 5 and respectively 10 days ago from the event day.

<sup>3</sup> Maximum daily rainfall of the 5 and respectively 10 days from the event day.

<sup>4</sup> Absolute maximum rainfall recorded (i.e. for one event) of the event day, the 5 and respectively 10 days from the event day.

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1561 *Table 10-SM: Monthly distribution of events according event processes.*

Year	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Average
January (27)	0%	4%	4%	15%	6%	0%	3%
February (65)	0%	1%	6%	6%	19%	81%	8%
March (26)	1%	0%	2%	13%	50%	2%	3%
April (28)	2%	0%	6%	7%	0%	2%	3%
May (107)	13%	10%	16%	15%	0%	2%	13%
June (253)	41%	16%	29%	7%	0%	8%	30%
July (210)	31%	51%	19%	8%	0%	2%	25%
August (35)	4%	12%	4%	1%	0%	2%	4%
September (14)	1%	6%	2%	2%	0%	0%	2%
October (14)	1%	0%	1%	10%	0%	0%	2%
November (58)	6%	0%	9%	11%	6%	2%	7%
December (9)	0%	0%	1%	4%	19%	0%	1%
Total (846)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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*Table 11-SM: Distribution of transport mode according event processes.*

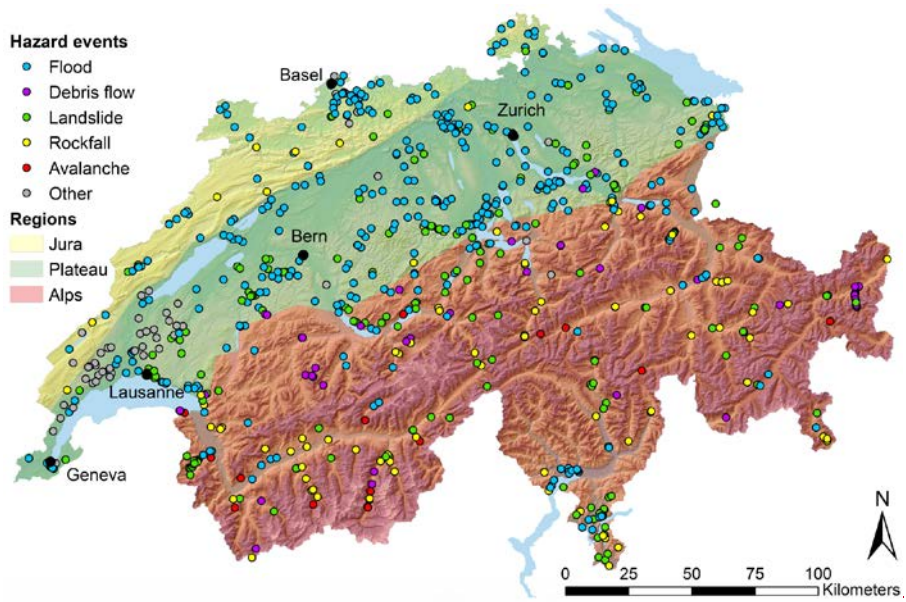
Transport mode	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Total
Road (747)	53%	9%	20%	10%	1%	7%	100%
Railway (99)	27%	2%	42%	20%	4%	5%	100%

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*Table 12-SM: Distribution of road classes according event processes.*

Road classes	Flood (393)	Debris flow (67)	Landslide (151)	Rockfall (76)	Avalanche (12)	Other (48)	Average
Highway (34)	7%	0%	2%	1%	10%	2%	5%
Motorway (2)	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Major transit road (99)	11%	8%	11%	36%	36%	6%	13%
Regional road (94)	11%	7%	18%	18%	9%	8%	12%
Urban road (426)	65%	37%	48%	38%	36%	82%	57%
Minor road (72)	4%	42%	15%	4%	9%	2%	10%
Forest or land trail (20)	2%	6%	5%	5%	0%	0%	3%
Total (747)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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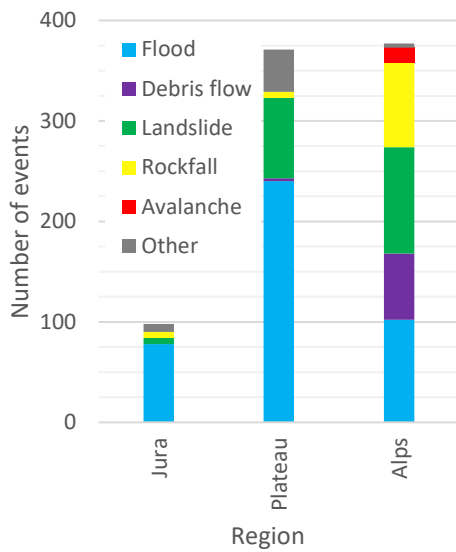
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*Figure 2: Spatial distribution of natural hazard events affecting roads and railways in Switzerland from 2012 to 2016. Source of the map: swisstopo.*

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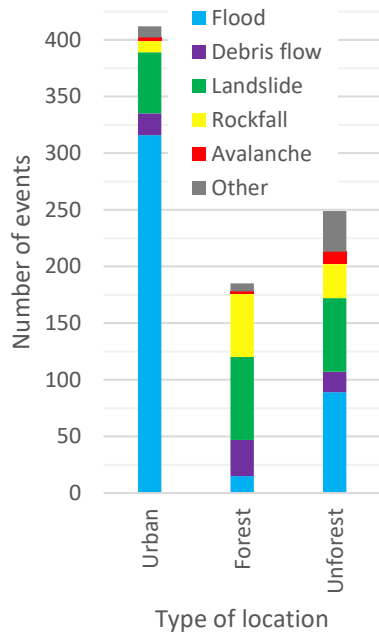
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*Figure 3: Distribution of natural hazard events on the Swiss transportation network from 2012 to 2016 according to the three large geomorphologic-climatic regions.*

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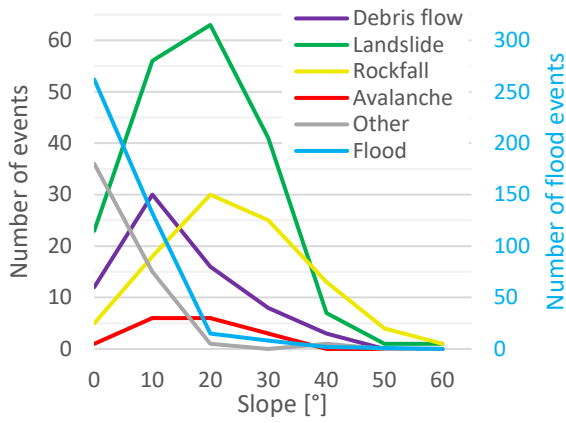
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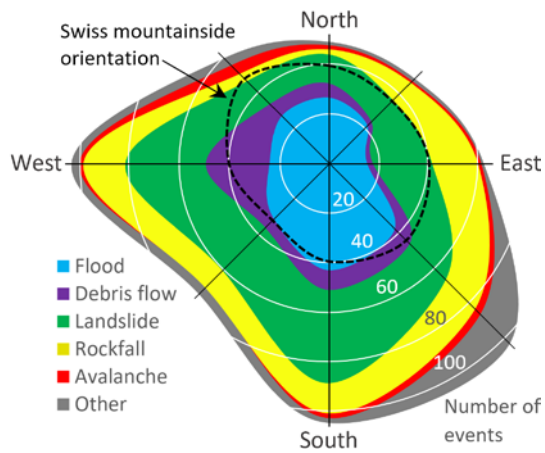
1581 *Table 13-SM: Distribution of the type of location of natural hazard events on the Swiss transportation network*  
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1585 *Figure 5: Slope angle distribution of natural hazard events on the Swiss transportation network from 2012 to*  
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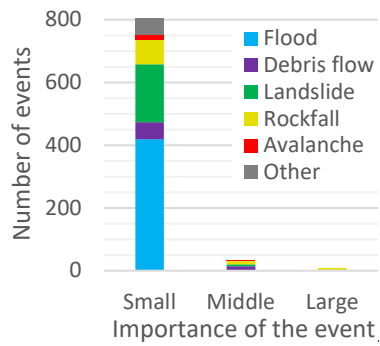


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*Figure 6: Slope orientation distribution of natural hazard events on the Swiss transportation network from 2012 to 2016. Relative distribution of Swiss mountainsides orientation is given with the black dashed line.*



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*Figure 7: Importance of natural hazard events on the Swiss transportation network from 2012 to 2016. Small event:  $0-10\text{ m}^3$ ; middle event:  $10-2000\text{ m}^3$ ; large event:  $>2000\text{ m}^3$ .*





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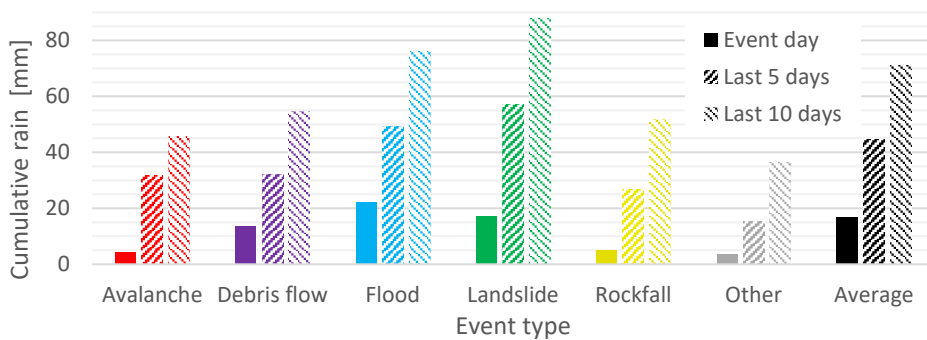
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*Figure 8: Examples of events affecting roads. Left: small railway classes according event already removed but still unstable on the unique access road to the small village of Moreles (canton of Vaud). Middle: middle event on a minor road in Ollon (canton of Vaud). Right: large event with a volume estimated at 3500 m<sup>3</sup> that cut on a 50 m length the international road between France and canton of Valais near the Forclaz pass (Trient). Road closure estimated of six weeks. Images taken on 24 January 2018 after a winter storm processes.*

Track class	Flood (27)	Debris flow (2)	Landslide (41)	Rockfall (20)	Avalanche (4)	Other (5)	Average
National (29)	37%	0%	32%	30%	0%	0%	29%
Regional (66)	56%	100%	68%	70%	100%	60%	67%
Tram (4)	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	40%	4%
Total (99)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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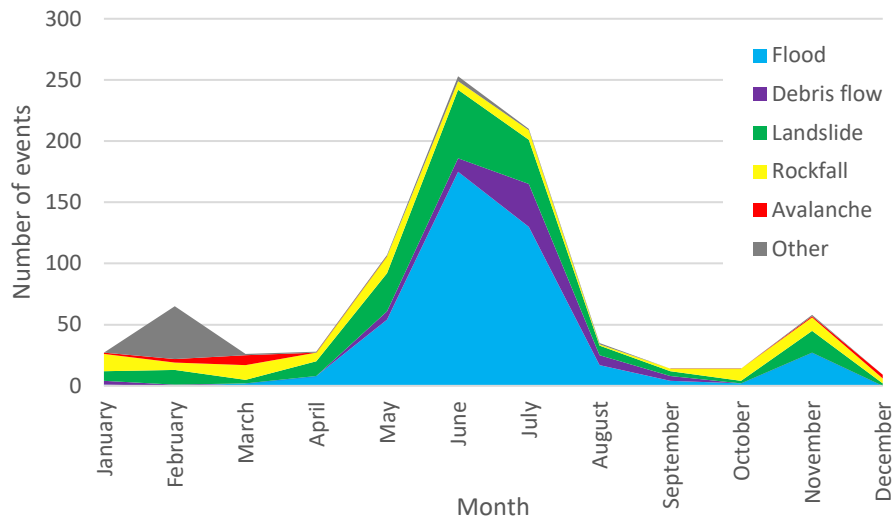


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*Figure 9: Cumulative rain [mm] distribution of the day of natural hazard events and last five and ten days.*



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1605 *Figure 10- Table 14-SM: Distribution of possibility of deviations according event processes.*

Possibility of deviation	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Total
Large (342)	63%	17%	15%	8%	0%	52%	40%
Middle (190)	21%	7%	32%	17%	7%	33%	23%
Small (102)	7%	6%	13%	32%	66%	4%	12%
No (212)	9%	70%	40%	43%	27%	11%	25%
Total (846)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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1607 *Table 15-SM: Distribution of track damage according event processes.*

Damage level	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Total
No closure (149)	34%	0%	1%	3%	6%	4%	18%
Closure (483)	60%	35%	50%	50%	81%	96%	57%
Partial damage (143)	1%	39%	37%	39%	13%	0%	17%
Total destruction (53)	1%	26%	12%	8%	0%	0%	6%
Unknown damage (18)	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
Total (846)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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1609 *Table 16-SM: Distribution of damage and impact on vehicle according event processes.*

Damage and impact type on vehicle	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Total
No damage (803)	98%	93%	96%	89%	80%	89%	95%
Vehicle damage: direct impact <sup>1</sup> (25)	1%	7%	1%	7%	7%	7%	3%
Vehicle damage: indirect impact <sup>2</sup> (18)	1%	0%	3%	4%	13%	4%	2%
Total (846)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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<sup>1</sup> Direct impact: a vehicle is directly reach by a hazard.

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<sup>2</sup> Indirect impact: a vehicle collides an event mass already fallen on the track.

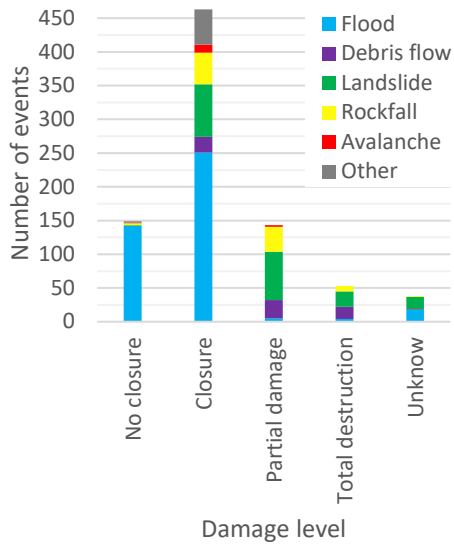
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1613 *Table 17-SM: Distribution of injury and death importance according event processes.*

Injury and death	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Total
No damage on people (828)	99%	96%	98%	93%	100%	98%	98%
Injury (15)	1%	4%	1%	5%	0%	2%	2%
Death (3)	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%
Total (846)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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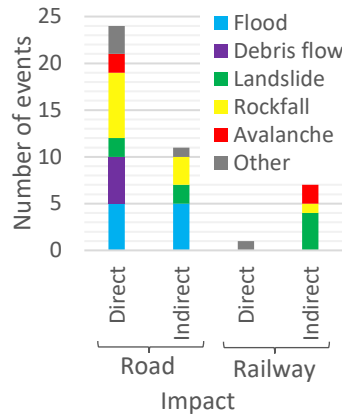
*Figure 18- Damage Table 18-SM: Distribution of deviation length on roads according event processes.*

<u>Deviation length</u>	<u>Flood</u>	<u>Debris flow</u>	<u>Landslide</u>	<u>Rockfall</u>	<u>Avalanche</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Mean</u>
0-1 km (255)	58% (383)	29% (21)	12% (116)	9% (58)	0% (11)	12% (49)	40%
2-5 km (102)	14%	38%	16%	3%	0%	39%	16%
6-9 km (57)	9%	10%	9%	7%	0%	14%	9%
10-19 km (100)	9%	5%	34%	21%	0%	22%	16%
20-49 km (63)	5%	0%	17%	26%	45%	8%	10%
50-99 km (24)	3%	5%	5%	12%	0%	0%	4%
100-249 km (30)	2%	14%	6%	17%	18%	4%	5%
250-350 km (7)	0%	0%	0%	5%	36%	0%	1%
<b>Total (638)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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1620 *Table 19-SM: Direct damage costs distribution of natural hazard according events on the Swiss transportation*



1621 *network from 2012 to 2016.*

1622 *Figure 19: Distribution of impact types.*

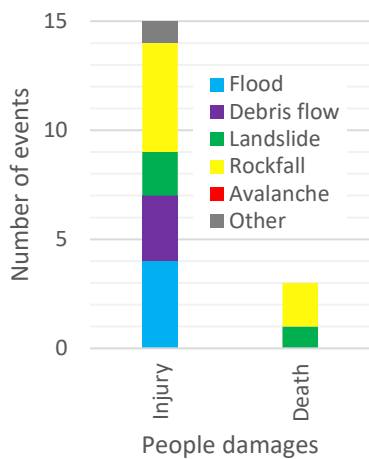
Damage level [EUR]	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Total
Annual cost [EUR]							
No closure (149)	12 665	340	85	765	255	170	14 280
Closure (483)	514 250	71 400	262 650	160 650	28 900	107 950	1 145 800
Partial damage (143)	25 500	127 500	425 000	227 800	40 800	0	846 600
Total destruction (53)	72 250	459 850	528 700	246 500	0	0	1 307 300
Unknown damage (18)	45 900	0	0	0	0	0	45 900
Annual cost [million €]	0.67	0.66	1.22	0.64	0.07	0.11	3.36
Avg. cost by event	8 000	47 800	31 700	33 100	21 900	10 200	19 900

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1624 *Table 20-SM: Annually distribution of events according event processes.*

Year	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Average
2012 (60)	5%	3%	7%	17%	25%	2%	7%
2013 (99)	11%	10%	16%	14%	6%	2%	12%
2014 (173)	20%	10%	30%	20%	25%	0%	20%
2015 (245)	25%	49%	22%	17%	25%	77%	29%
2016 (269)	38%	28%	24%	33%	19%	19%	32%
Total (846)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

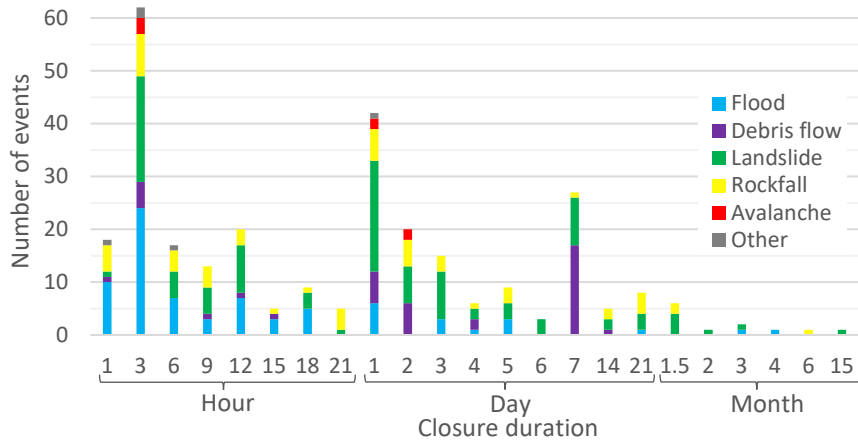
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1627 *Figure 20: Distribution of injuries and deaths resulting of natural hazard events on the Swiss transportation*  
 1628 *network from 2012 to 2016.*

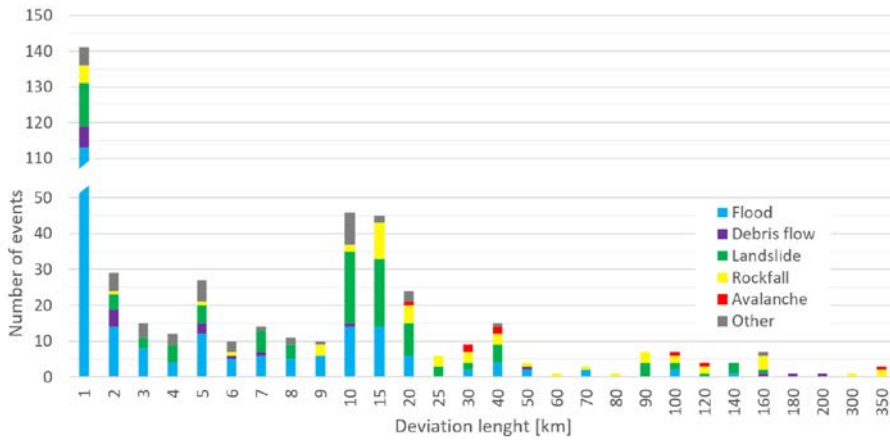
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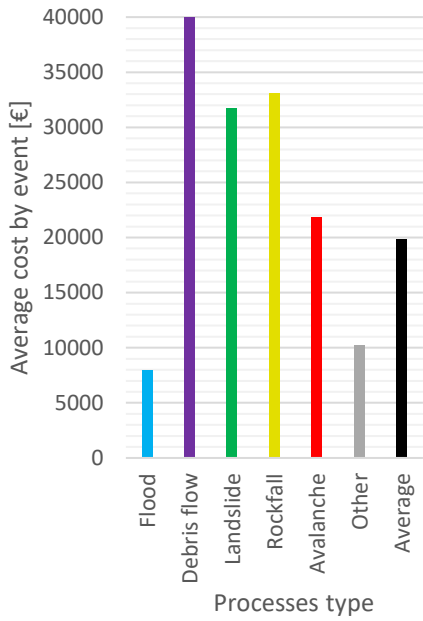
1631 *Figure 21: Closure duration distribution of natural hazard events on the Swiss transportation network from*  
 1632 *2012 to 2016.*

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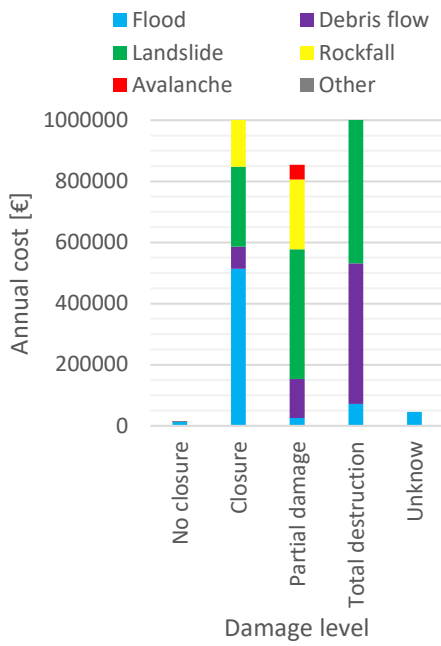
1635 *Figure 22: Deviation length distribution of road closures due to natural hazard events on the Swiss*  
 1636 *transportation network from 2012 to 2016. The vertical axis is cut between values 50 and 110.*



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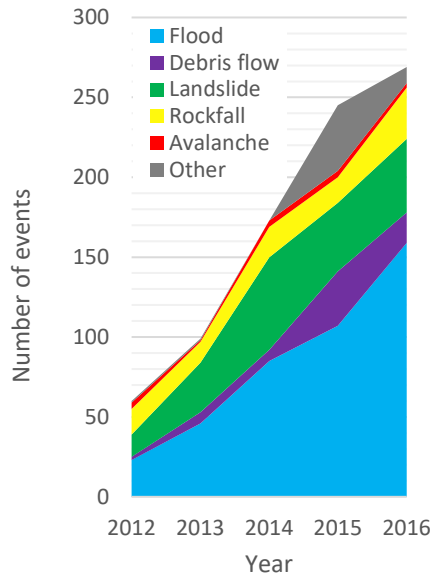
*Figure 23: Average event direct cost distribution of natural hazard events on the Swiss transportation network from 2012 to 2016*



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*Figure 24: Annual direct cost distribution of natural hazard events on the Swiss transportation network from 2012 to 2016.*



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Figure 25: Annual distribution of natural hazard events on the Swiss transportation network from 2012 to 2016.

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Table 1: Attributes categories to describe events in the database.

Attribute category	Answer the question	Number of attributes	Main source
ID	Event-ID	1	-
Date	When did the event occur?	15	Online press article
Location	Where did the event occur?	21	GIS <sup>1</sup>
Event characterization	Which natural hazard event?	12	Online press article
Track characterization	On which track?	17	Swisstopo <sup>2</sup>
Damage	Which kind of damage?	11	Online press article
Weather	What was the weather?	68	MeteoSwiss <sup>3</sup>
Geology	On what soil did it occur?	11	Swisstopo <sup>2</sup>
Source	What are information sources?	16	Online press article

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<sup>1</sup>GIS: Geographic Information System

<sup>2</sup>Swisstopo: Swiss Federal Office of Topography

<sup>3</sup>MeteoSwiss: Swiss Federal Office of Meteorology and Climatology

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Table 2: 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2016.



*Table 21-SM:3: Summary of event processes key features.*

Attribute (with values of the greatest occurrence)	Flood	Debris flow	Landslide	Rockfall	Avalanche	Other	Mean
Event importance	Small	Small	Small	Small	Small	Small	Small
Yearly number of events	84	14	38	19	3	11	169
Months	6, 7	7, 6	6, 7, 5	1, 5, 3, 11, 10	3	2	6, 7
Season	Spring	Summer	Spring	Spring, Winter	Winter	Winter	Spring
Day part	Afternoon	Afternoon	All day	All day	Morning	All day	Afternoon
Hour	12-19	15-19	0-24	0-24	8-13	0-24	14-19
Region	Plateau	Alps	Alps	Alps	Alps	Plateau	Alps, Plateau
Canton	Bern	Graubünden	Valais	Valais	Valais	Vaud	Bern
Slope angle	0-10	10-20	20-30	20-30	10-20	0-10	0-10
Slope orientation	S	W	S	W	N-W	S-E	S, S-W and W
Location	Village	Forest	Forest	Forest	Mountain	Country	Village
Damage on track	Closure	Partial dam.	Closure	Closure	Closure	Closure	Closure
Direct costs by event (Euro)	6 900	39 000	25 700	261 000	155 000	8 600	16 000
Track geometry	Str. line	Wide curve	Wide curve	Wide curve	Wide curve	S. line & w. curve	Wide curve
Crossing	Near	No	No	No	No	No	No
Closure duration	3 hours	1 week	1 day	3 hours	1-2 days	3 hours	3 hours
Possibility of deviation	Large	<del>AnyNo</del>	<del>AnyNo</del>	<del>AnyNo</del>	Small	Middle	Large
Deviation length	0-1 km	No deviation	No deviation	No deviation	250-350 km	2-5 km	0-1 km
Event origin distance	-	Far	Near	Far	Far	Near	Near
Event above bellow	-	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Altitude [m a.s.l.]	525	1139	809	897	1274	614	701
Track type	Road	Road	Road	Road	Road	Road	Road
Track importance	Minor	Minor	Minor	Minor	Minor	Minor	Minor
Rainfall event day [mm]	22	14	171	5	4	4	17

## 9—Supplementary material

### 9.1—Tables

*Numbers between brackets in the following tables refer to the number of considered elements according to the line or column attribute.*

**Table 4:Table 5:Table 6:Table 7:Table 8:**

**Table 9:Table 10: Rainfall [mm] during the natural hazard events on the Swiss transportation network during from 2012 to 2016.**

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**Table 13: Distribution of road classes according event processes.**

Road classes	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landsl ide (192)	Rockf all (96)	Avala nehe (16)	Other (53)	Avera ge
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**Table 14: Distribution of railway classes according event processes.**

Track class	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Average
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**Table 15: Distribution of track sinuosity according event processes.**

Sinuosity	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Total
Straight Line (175)	29%	6%	11%	9%	0%	35%	21%
Near Wide Curve (30)	2%	14%	2%	4%	0%	4%	4%
Wide Curve (265)	14%	55%	49%	44%	80%	35%	31%
Near Tight Curve (39)	2%	3%	8%	14%	0%	4%	4%
Tight Curve (40)	4%	9%	3%	6%	0%	13%	5%
Unknown* (297)	49%	13%	27%	23%	20%	9%	35%
Total (846)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

\*Localisation at communal level.

**Table 16: Distribution of track intersection according event processes.**

Sinuosity	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Total
No intersection (319)	15%	61%	55%	71%	73%	56%	38%
Near intersection (158)	23%	12%	16%	6%	7%	31%	19%
In intersection (72)	13%	14%	2%	0%	0%	4%	8%
Unknown* (297)	49%	13%	27%	23%	20%	9%	35%
Total (846)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

\*Localisation at communal level.

**Table 17: Distribution of possibility of deviations according event processes.**

Possibility of deviation	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Total
Large (342)	63%	17%	15%	8%	0%	52%	40%
Middle (190)	21%	7%	32%	17%	7%	33%	23%
Small (102)	7%	6%	13%	32%	66%	4%	12%
Any (212)	9%	70%	40%	43%	27%	11%	25%

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*Table 19: Table 20: Table 21: Distribution of deviation length on roads according event processes.*

Deviation length	Flood (231)	Debris flow (21)	Landslide (115)	Rockfall (56)	Avalanche (11)	Other (46)	Mean
1 km (146)	51%	28%	11%	9%	0%	11%	31%
2-5 km (84)	17%	38%	16%	4%	0%	39%	18%
6-9 km (45)	10%	10%	9%	7%	0%	15%	10%
10-20 km (116)	16%	5%	44%	31%	12%	31%	25%
25-50 km (41)	4%	5%	9%	18%	50%	2%	7%
60-90 km (15)	1%	0%	4%	11%	0%	0%	3%
100-200 km (27)	1%	14%	7%	15%	25%	2%	5%
250-350 km (6)	0%	0%	0%	5%	13%	0%	1%
Total (480)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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*Table 22: Table 23: Direct damage costs distribution according events types*

Damage level [EUR]	Flood (420)	Debris flow (69)	Landslide (192)	Rockfall (96)	Avalanche (16)	Other (53)	Total
Annual cost [EUR]							
No closure (149)	12665	340	85	765	255	170	14280
Closure (483)	514250	71400	262650	160650	28900	107950	1145800
Partial damage (143)	25500	127500	425000	227800	40800	0	846600
Total destruction (53)	72250	459850	528700	246500	0	0	1307300
Unknown damage (18)	45900	0	0	0	0	0	45900
Avg. cost by event	8000	47800	31700	33100	21900	10200	19900

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## 9.2 Table 24: Key words

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*Table 25: Key words (in red) used in the Google Alerts to create the database.*

English	French	German	Italian
avalanche	avalanche	Lawinne	valanga
bad weather	intempéries	Unwetter	
flood		Hochwasser	
hail	grêle	Hagel	
heavy rainfall	forte pluies	Heftige Regen	
ice avalanche		Eislawine	
inundation		Überflutung	
inundation	inondation	Überschwemmung	
landslide	glissement de terrain	Erdrutsch	frana
landslide		Hangrutsch	
landslide		Hachrutsche	
landslide		Rüfenniedergang	
landslip	glissement	Rutschung	
mountain	pan de montagne		
mud	boue	Schlamm	
mudflow	coulée de boue	SchlammLawine	
mudslide		Erdlawine	
pirock	caillou	Stein	massi
rockfall		Bergsturz	
rockfall		Felsabbruch	
rockfall	éboulement	Felsbrock	
rockfall	écroulement	Felsbrocken	
rockfall		Felssturz	
rockslide	chute de blocs	Steinschlag	cadono sassi
scree		Geröll	
scree	éboulis	Schutt	
storm	tempête	Sturm	
thunderstorm	orage	Gewitter	
under water	sous l'eau		
wind	vent	Wind	

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Figure 26:1-SM: Attributes of the database.

Number of attributes: 172

Attributes of the UNIL database of natural hazard events affecting the Swiss transportation network (2012-2016)

Category	Attribute	DATE													
		EventID	Date	Number of attributes: 15											
		D_IDdate	D_Year	D_Month	D_Day	D_MonthWeek	D_DayName	D_Season	D_Hour	D_HourPrecision	D_DayPart	D_IDDay	D_SameClimLongPeriod	D_SameClimShortPeriod	MuenichRe
Description	Unique ID for each event containing the date	Unique ID for each event containing the date	Year of the event	Month of the event	Day of the event	Month divided into 4 quarters	Name of the day of the event	Season of the event	Hour of the event hourly rounded	Hour of the event	Day part of the event	Unique ID for each event day (same ID when >1 event per day)	Long time period in which the event is included	Short time period in which the event is included	Period given by MuenichRe in which the event is included
Unit		Y m d XX	year	month	day	-	-	-	h:m:s	h:m:s		Y m d	Y,m,d-y,m,d	Y,m,d-y,m,d	Y,m,d-y,m,d
Exemple	431	2015050400	2015	5	4	5-1	Monday	Spring	10:00:00	10:15:00	Morning	20150504	2015.04.27-2015.07.25	2015.04.27-2015.05.07	2014.06.03-2014.06.12
Comment			From 2011 to 2015			First quarter (1) of the 5th month (5)	Useful to categorise the day and weekend				5 parts: morning, afternoon, evening, night and unknown	Allow to recognise the day when with several events	The maximal ID by event day gives the nb of events during this day		From MuenichRe yearly natural catastrophes analysis
Source			Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article				MünichRe

Category	Attribute	Location									
		L_Canton	L_Commune	L_Detail	L_Precision	L_SitGeo	L_OnSlope	L_Urbanity	L_Slope	L_SlopeRounded	L_Landscape
Description	Canton where event occurs	Commune where event occurs	Detail to help the location	Precision of the location	Geographical situation of the event	If slope: orientation of the slope	Urbanity of the event	Slope angle average in an 25 meter radius around the event	Slope angle rounded to the nearest ten	Landscape of the event	
Unit								[°]	[°]		
Exemple	Valais	Bagnes		Accurate	Slope	North-East	Forest	13	13	Dry mountains landscape of western central Alps	
Comment				Three levels of accuracy: accurate, middle and communal accuracy	Four classes: plain, ridge, slope and valley bottom	Nine classes: north, north-east, south-east, south-west, north-west and any slope	Seven classes: mountain, forest, country, hamlet, village, agglomeration and town	From 0° to 56°	From 0° to 60°	36 types	
Source	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article and map	Map	Map	Map	GIS	GIS	GIS	

LOCATION										
L_Areas	L_Area_reg	L_MN03_X	L_MN03_Y	L_MN03_Z	L_MN95_X	L_MN95_Y	L_MN95_Z	L_WGS84_Lo	L_WGS84_La	L_WGS84_Z
Areas of the event location	Regional area of the location	X coordinates in CH1903 coordinate system [m]	Y coordinates in CH1903 coordinate system [m]	Z coordinates in CH1903 coordinate system [m]	X coordinates in CH1903+ coordinate system [m]	Y coordinates in CH1903+ coordinate system [m]	Z coordinates in CH1903+ coordinate system [m]	Longitude in WGS84 coordinate system [°]	Latitude in WGS84 coordinate system [°]	Altitude in WGS84 coordinate system [m]
Alpine region	Alps	588456	98247	1377	2588455	1098247	1377	7.289538659	46.03566307	1431
5 types: Alpine region, Swiss Plateau and Tabular Jura, Folded Jura and Independent	3 types: Jura, Plateau and Alps	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GIS	Map	GIS	GIS	GIS	GIS	GIS	GIS	GIS	GIS	GIS
27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37

Event characterization Number of attributes: 12

Category	Event characterization											
	E_Type	E_TypePrec	E_UpDownst	E_UpDownst Risk	E_Provenan	E_Volume	E_Masse	E_Width	E_Importan	E_Other	E_PictureName	E_Picture
Attribute	E_Type	E_TypePrec	E_UpDownst	E_UpDownst Risk	E_Provenan	E_Volume	E_Masse	E_Width	E_Importan	E_Other	E_PictureName	E_Picture
Description	Type of natural hazard event	Precise type of natural hazard event	Origin up or downstream of the natural hazard event	Origin up, downstream or only risk of the event	Estimation of the distance of the event origin	Volume of the event	Mass of the event	Width of the event mass on the track	Importance of the event	Other information	Picture name of the event	Picture
Unit	-	-	-	-	[m] or -	[m <sup>3</sup> ]	[kg]	[m]	-	-	-	Picture
Exemple	Landslide	Landslide	-	-	-	-	-	-	Small	-	2015050400.jpg	-
Comment	6 types: rockfall, debris flow, landslide, avalanche, flood, hail, snowdrift, falling tree	8 types: rockfall, debris flow, landslide, avalanche, flood, hail, snowdrift, falling tree	3 classes: upstream, downstream and unknown	4 classes: upstream, downstream, preventive closure and unknown	3 classes: near (few meters to 10 meters, far (>10 m) or prevention (only preventive closure)	Estimation of the volume on the track of the event	Mass of the event (only for rockfall)	-	3 classes: small, middle, big (huge event)	-	-	-
Source	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article or field visit
38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	

Track characterization Number of attributes: 17

Category	Track characterization																
Attribute	T_Type	T_TrainClasses	T_RoadClasses	T_MajorMin	T_Closure	T_DetailClosure	T_ClosureDuration	T_ClosureDurationRound	T_Deviation	T_DistDev	T_DistDevRound	T_PossDevi	T_PopDIAf	T_PopDIAf	T_Sinuosity	T_Crossing	
Description	Distinction between road and railway	Classes of the affected train tracks	Classes of the affected road tracks	Simplified classification of track importance	Track closure or not	Detail of the track closure	Time of track closure in hours	Rounded time of track closure in hours	Deviation or not	Distance of the deviation path	Rounded distance of the deviation path	Capacity to have other deviation paths	Population directly affected by the track closure	Population indirectly affected by the track closure	Sinuosity of the affected track	Crossing near of the event or not	
Unit	-	-	-	-	-	-	[h]	[h]	-	[Km]	[km]	-	-	-	-	-	
Exemple	Road	White	White	Minor	Yes	-	23	24	-	8	10	Large	Any	Small	NSC	NO	
Comment	2 types: road or railway	3 classes: national, regional, tram	8 classes: highway, semi-highway, red, yellow, white, white dash and black	2 classes: minor and major	Three classes: yes, no, unknown	-	-	-	2 classes: yes or no	-	-	4 classes: large, middle, small, any	5 classes: very large, large, middle, small, any	5 classes: very large, large, middle, small, any	6 types: Straight Line, Wide Curve, Tight Curve, Near Wide Curve, Near Tight Curve	4 types: In a crossing, NEAR a crossing, NO crossing in the area and unknown (not enough location accuracy)	
Source	Online article	Map	Map	Map	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Map	Map	Map	Map	Map	Map	Map	Map	
	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	62	63	64	65	66	

Damage Number of attributes: 11

Category	Damage										
Attribute	D_Form	D_Injured	D_InjuredNb	D_Death	D_DeathNb	D_Vehicle	D_Impact	D_VehType	D_VehNb	D_TrackDetail	D_Infras_Type
Description	Form of track damage	Injured people?	Number of injured people	Killed people?	Number of killed people	Damage to vehicle	Type of impact between vehicle and event	Type of damaged vehicle	Number of damaged vehicle	Detail of track damage	Type of infrastructure damage
Unit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exemple	?	No	-	No	-	No	-	-	-	-	-
Comment	6 classes: ? (unknown), NC (no closure), C (closure due to sedimentation), P (partial damage), T (total destruction), and not studied	2 types: yes or no	-	2 types: yes or no	-	2 types: yes or no	Three types: no impact, direct impact or indirect impact	-	-	-	-
Source	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article
	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77

Weather Number of attributes: 68

Category	M_Meteo	M_Sun	M_Sun_avg_5d	M_Sun_avg_10d	M_Sun_max_5d	M_Sun_max_10d	M_Sun_min_5d	M_Sun_min_10d	M_Rain	M_Rain_5dCum	M_Rain_10dCum	M_Rain_max_5d	M_Rain_max_10d	M_Rain_avg_5d	M_Rain_avg_10d	M_Storm_near	M_Storm_near_5d	M_Storm_near_10d	M_Storm_near_max_5d	M_Storm_near_max_10d	M_Storm_near_avg_5d	M_Storm_near_avg_10d	M_Storm_near_max_avg_5d	M_Storm_near_max_avg_10d	
Attribute																									
Description	Rain information for a given time period	Percentage of sun during the event day	Percentage of sun of the last 5 days from event	Percentage of sun of the last 10 days from event	Maximum percentage of sun of the last 5 days from event	Maximum percentage of sun of the last 10 days from event	Minimum percentage of sun of the last 5 days from event	Minimum percentage of sun of the last 10 days from event	Rain the event day	Cumulative rain of the last 5 days from event	Cumulative rain of the last 10 days from event	Maximum daily rain of the last 5 days from event	Maximum daily rain of the last 10 days from event	Average daily rain of the last 5 days from event	Average daily rain of the last 10 days from event	Number of near storms the event day	Number of near storms from event	Number of near storms of the 10 days from event	Number of near storms from event	Number of near storms of the 10 days from event	Number of near storms from event	Number of near storms of the 10 days from event	Number of near storms from event	Number of near storms of the 10 days from event	Maximum number of near storms of the 5 days from event
Unit	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Example	4	29.4	34.1	77	98	98	0	0	0.2	28.7	38.4	19.9	19.9	5.74	3.84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Comment	Only for some events	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	
Source	Sturmarchiv	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	

Weather

M_Storm_near_avg_5d	M_Storm_near_avg_10d	M_Storm_near_max_5d	M_Storm_near_max_10d	M_Storm_near_avg_5d	M_Storm_near_avg_10d	M_Storm_near_max_5d	M_Storm_near_max_10d	M_Storm_near_avg_5d	M_Storm_near_avg_10d	M_Storm_near_max_5d	M_Storm_near_max_10d	M_Storm_near_avg_5d	M_Storm_near_avg_10d	M_Storm_near_max_5d	M_Storm_near_max_10d	M_Storm_near_avg_5d	M_Storm_near_avg_10d	M_Storm_near_max_5d	M_Storm_near_max_10d	M_Storm_near_avg_5d	M_Storm_near_avg_10d	M_Storm_near_max_5d	M_Storm_near_max_10d	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	Near storm: <3 km around the weather station	
7	10	15	14	-3	1	7	5	1	10	1	5	1	10	1	5	1	10	1	10	1	5	1	5	
Average temperature the last 5 days from event	Average temperature the event day	Maximum temperature the last 10 days from event	Maximum temperature the last 10 days from event	Minimum temperature the last 10 days from event	Minimum temperature the last 5 days from event	Minimum temperature the event day	Maximum number of all storms from event	Maximum number of all storms from event	Number of all storms of the 10 days from event	Number of all storms of the 5 days from event	Maximum number of all storms of the 10 days from event	Maximum number of all storms of the 10 days from event	Number of all storms of the 10 days from event	Number of all storms of the 5 days from event	Number of all storms of the 10 days from event	Number of all storms of the 5 days from event	Number of all storms of the 10 days from event	Number of all storms of the 5 days from event	Number of all storms of the 10 days from event	Number of all storms of the 5 days from event	Number of all storms of the 10 days from event	Number of all storms of the 5 days from event	Number of all storms of the 10 days from event	Number of all storms of the 5 days from event
7	10	15	14	-3	1	7	5	1	10	1	5	1	10	1	5	1	10	1	10	1	5	1	5	
MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	



M_Temp_av_g_10d	M_Temp_av_n_Corr	M_Temp_mi_n_5d_Corr	M_Temp_mi_n_Corr	M_Temp_ma_x_5d_Corr	M_Temp_ma_x_10d_Corr	M_Temp_av_g_Corr	M_Temp_av_g_5d_Corr	M_Temp_av_g_10d_Corr	M_Temp_av_p_Corr	M_Temp_am_p_5d_Corr	M_Temp_am_p_10d_Corr	M_Wind_avg	
Average temperature the last 10 days from event	Corrected minimum temperature the last 10 days from event	Corrected minimum temperature the last 5 days from event	Corrected maximum temperature the last 10 days from event	Corrected maximum temperature the last 5 days from event	Corrected maximum temperature the last 10 days from event	Corrected average temperature the event day	Corrected average temperature the last 5 days from event	Corrected average temperature the last 10 days from event	Temperature amplitude the event day	Temperature amplitude the last 10 days from the event	Temperature amplitude the last 5 days from the event	Average wind speed the event day	
[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[km/h]	
7	-1	3	16	16	17	12	9	9	9	12	15	8	
	Correction with height difference between weather station and event location with lapse rate of -0.65 °C for +100m altitude	Correction with height difference between weather station and event location with lapse rate of -0.65 °C for +100m altitude	Correction with height difference between weather station and event location with lapse rate of -0.65 °C for +100m altitude	Correction with height difference between weather station and event location with lapse rate of -0.65 °C for +100m altitude	Correction with height difference between weather station and event location with lapse rate of -0.65 °C for +100m altitude	Correction with height difference between weather station and event location with lapse rate of -0.65 °C for +100m altitude	Correction with height difference between weather station and event location with lapse rate of -0.65 °C for +100m altitude	Correction with height difference between weather station and event location with lapse rate of -0.65 °C for +100m altitude	Correction with height difference between weather station and event location with lapse rate of -0.65 °C for +100m altitude	Temperature amplitude the last 10 days from the event	Temperature amplitude the last 5 days from the event		
MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	
116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129

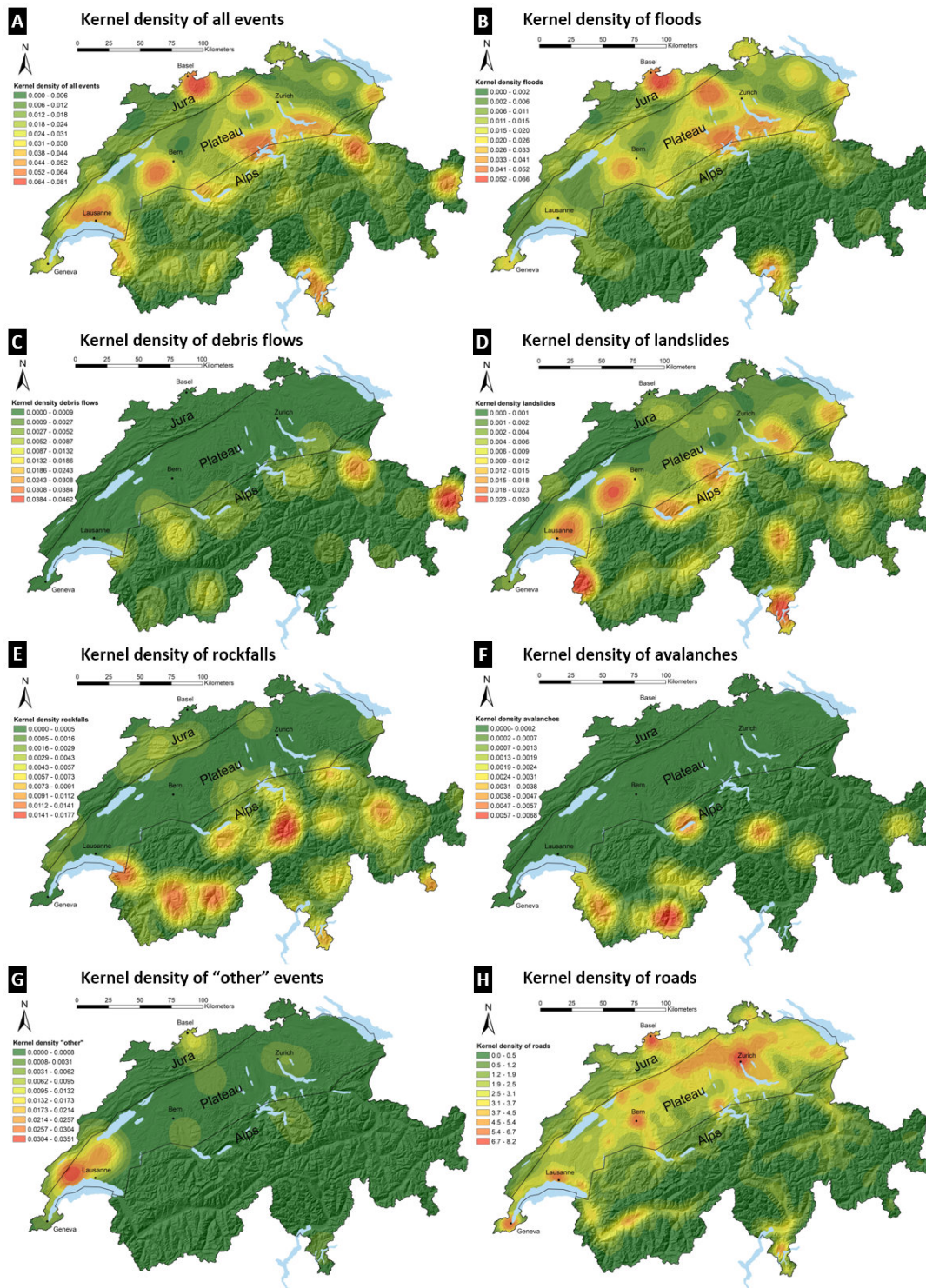
M_Wind_avg_5d	M_Wind_avg_10d	M_Wind_max_5d	M_Wind_max_x_5d	M_Wind_dir_10d	M_Wind_dir_5d	M_Win_dir_10d	M_Snow	M_Fresh_snow_5d	M_Fresh_snow_10d	M_Acronym_Weather	M_Alt_Station_Weather	M_Diff_Alt_Station_Weather			
Average wind speed the last 5 days from event	Average wind speed the last 10 days from event	Maximum wind speed the last 5 days from event	Maximum wind speed the event day	Average wind direction the last 10 days from event	Average wind direction the last 5 days from event	Average wind direction the last 10 days from event	Snow cover height the event day	Fresh snow cover height the last 5 days from event	Fresh snow cover height the last 10 days from event	Acronym of the used weather station	Altitude of the used weather station	Altitude difference between the weather station and the event location			
[km/h]	[km/h]	[km/h]	[km/h]	[°]	[°]	[°]	[cm]	[cm]	[cm]	[cm]	[m] a.s.l.	[m]			
9	10	32	38	47	48	63.9	0	0	0	ZER	1638	-261			
				0° = North, 90° = East, 180° = South, 270° = West	0° = North, 90° = East, 180° = South, 270° = West	0° = North, 90° = East, 180° = South, 270° = West									
MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss			
130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145

Geology Number of attributes: 11

Category Attribute	Geology										
	G_Watershed	G_Geol	G_Tecto_f	G_Geol_f	G_Tect1_f	G_Tect2_f	G_Tect3_f	G_Acquifer	G_Hydrogeology	G_Productivity	G_Geology
Description	Watershed on the event			Geology	Tectonic1	Tectonic2	Tectonic3	Acquifer	Hydrogeology	Productivity of the event	General geology
Unit	-	-	-	Gneiss et micaschistes (y compris phyllites, princ. metasedimentés)	-	-	-	-	Sparsely productive aquifer reservoirs in non-karstified cracked and porous coherent rocks	Field	-
Exemple	RHONE	er	pi		Nappes de socle cristallin penniques moyennes	Nappe du Mont-Fort		Acquifer reservoirs in coherent rocks		Variable productivity	Sericite gneiss
Comment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Source	Swisstopo 146	Swisstopo 147	Swisstopo 148	Swisstopo 149	Swisstopo 150	Swisstopo 151	Swisstopo 152	Swisstopo 153	Swisstopo 154	Swisstopo 155	Swisstopo 156

Source Number of attributes: 16

Category Attribute	Source																
	Source1	Source2	Source3	Source4	Source5	Source6	Source7	Source8	Source9	Source10	Source11	Source12	Source13	Source14	Source15	Source16	
Description	Source 1 for the event	Source 2 for the event	Source 3 for the event	Source 4 for the event	Source 5 for the event	Source 6 for the event	Source 7 for the event	Source 8 for the event	Source 9 for the event	Source 10 for the event	Source 11 for the event	Source 12 for the event	Source 13 for the event	Source 14 for the event	Source 15 for the event	Source 16 for the event	
Unit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Exemple	https://www.rts.ch/info/suisse/749453-le-chablais-et-le-bas-valais-restent-enstat-dalents-face-aux-pluies.html	http://www.24h-aures.ch/vaud-region/valais-chablais-le-bas-valais-accousson-epidemie-des-les-tristes-de-la-viase/story/2249-0259	http://www.24h-aures.ch/vaud-region/valais-chablais-le-bas-valais-accousson-epidemie-des-les-tristes-de-la-viase/story/1094-3703	http://www.24h-aures.ch/vaud-region/monthly-revillie-soulage-3703	http://www.lenco-veliste.ch/articles/valais/cantons/montions-48205510656/le_groupe_du_e_dans_toute_la_suisse	https://www.let-empa.ch/Page/UID/04525de-0c0-11e4-8a43-4a205510656/le_groupe_du_e_dans_toute_la_suisse	http://www.arci-fo.ch/articles/regions/neuchate-latt-littoral/montal-pnsa-cornau-et-378552	http://www.com-sole.com/news/le-chablais-forenens-montal-1589-780.com	http://www.rts.ch/info/suisse/49455-les-tristes-de-la-viase-forenens-pluies.html	http://www.24h-aures.ch/suisse/romand/central-suisse-49455-les-tristes-de-la-viase-forenens-pluies.html	http://www.rts.ch/info/suisse/romand/central-suisse-49455-les-tristes-de-la-viase-forenens-pluies.html	http://www.20m-in.ch/ro/news/romand/story/25-748211	-	-	-	-	-
Comment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Source	Google Alerts 157	Google Alerts 158	Google Alerts 159	Google Alerts 160	Google Alerts 161	Google Alerts 162	Google Alerts 163	Google Alerts 164	Google Alerts 165	Google Alerts 166	Google Alerts 167	Google Alerts 168	Google Alerts 169	Google Alerts 170	Google Alerts 171	Google Alerts 172	



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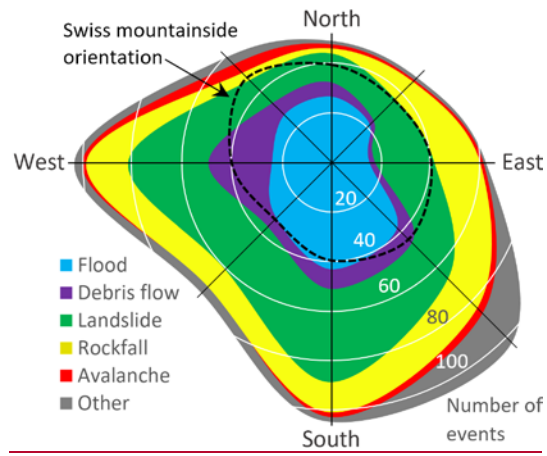
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*Figure 2-SM: Kernel densities maps. Search radius for events: 20 km. Search radius for road network: 10 km. Results were classified using 10 classes with the Jenks natural breaks method. A: All events; B: Floods; C: Debris flows; D: Landslides; E: Rockfalls; F: Avalanches; G: "Other"; H: Roads. Hillshade and map ground sources: swisstopo.*

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*Figure 3-SM: Slope orientation distribution of natural hazard events on the Swiss transportation network from 2012 to 2016. Relative distribution of Swiss mountainsides orientation is given with the black dashed line.*

Number of attributes: 172

Attributes of the UNIL database of natural hazard events affecting the Swiss transportation network (2012-2016)

Number of attributes: 15

Category	Attribute	Date																
		EventID	Date	D_Date	D_Year	D_Month	D_Day	D_Week	D_DayName	D_Season	D_Hour	D_HourPrecision	D_DayPart	D_JDay	D_IDEventsSameDay	D_SameClimLongPeriod	D_SameClimShortPeriod	MuenichRe
Unit	Unique ID for each event containing the date	-	y.m.d.XX	-	year	month	day	-	-	-	h:m:s	h:m:s	-	y.m.d	y.m.d-y.m.d	y.m.d-y.m.d	y.m.d-y.m.d	Period given by MuenichRe in which the event is included
Exemple	Unique ID for each event	431	2015050400	2015	5	4	5-1	Monday	Spring	10:00:00	10:15:00	Morning	20150504	2	2015.04.27-2015.07.25	2015.04.27-2015.05.07	2014.06.09-2014.06.12	
Comment	Unique ID for each event	-	-	-	-	-	-	Useful to categorise (1) of the 5th business day and weekend	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	From MuenichRe yearly natural catastrophes analysis
Source	Unique ID for each event	-	-	-	-	-	-	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	-	-	-	-	-	MuenichRe

Number of attributes: 21

Category	Attribute	Location																		
		L_Canton	L_Commune	L_Detail	L_Precision	L_SitGeo	L_OnSlope	L_Urbanity	L_Slope	L_SlopeRound	L_Landscape	L_Slope	L_Urbanity	L_OnSlope	L_SitGeo	L_Precision	L_Detail	L_Commune	L_Canton	
Description	Canton where occurs the event	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unit	Canton where occurs the event	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exemple	Canton where occurs the event	Vaud	Bagnes	-	Accurate	Slope	North-East	Forest	13	13	Dry mountainous landscape of western central Alps	13	Forest	North-East	Slope	Accurate	-	Bagnes	Vaud	
Comment	Canton where occurs the event	-	-	-	Three levels of accuracy: accurate, middle and communal accuracy	Four classes: plain, ridge, slope and valley bottom	Nine classes: north, north-east, south-east, south-west, north-west and any slope	Seven classes: mountain, forest, country, hamlet, village, agglomeration and town	From 0° to 56°	From 0° to 60°	36 types	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Source	Canton where occurs the event	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article and map	Map	Map	Map	GIS	GIS	GIS	GIS	Map	Map	Map	Online article and map	Online article	Online article	Online article	



LOCATION									
L_Areas	L_Min03_X	L_Min03_Y	L_Min03_Z	L_Min95_X	L_Min95_Y	L_Min95_Z	L_WGS84_Lo	L_WGS84_La	L_WGS84_Z
Regional area of the event location	X coordinates in CH1903 coordinate system [m]	Y coordinates in CH1903 coordinate system [m]	Z coordinates in CH1903 coordinate system [m]	X coordinates in CH1903+ coordinate system [m]	Y coordinates in CH1903+ coordinate system [m]	Z coordinates in CH1903+ coordinate system [m]	Longitude in WGS84 coordinate system [°]	Latitude in WGS84 coordinate system [°]	Altitude in WGS84 coordinate system [m]
Alpine region	588456	98247	1377	2588455	1098247	1377	7.289538659	46.03566507	1431
5 types: Alpine region, Swiss Plateau, Tabular Jura, Folded Jura and independent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GIS	Map	GIS	GIS	GIS	GIS	GIS	GIS	GIS	GIS

Category	Event characterization											
	Number of attributes: 12											
Attribute	E_Type	E_TypePrec	E_UpDownst	E_UpDownst Risk	E_Provenan	E_Volume	E_Masse	E_Width	E_Importan	E_Other	E_PictureName	E_Picture
Description	Type of natural hazard event	Precise type of natural hazard event	Origin up or downstream of the natural hazard event	Origin up, downstream or only risk of the event	Estimation of the distance of the event origin	Volume of the event	Masse of the event	Width of the event mass on the track	Importance of the event	Other information	Picture name of the event	Picture
Unit	-	-	-	-	[m] or -	[m <sup>3</sup> ]	[kg]	[m]	-	-	-	-
Exemple	Landslide	Landslide	-	-	-	-	-	-	Small	-	2013050400.jpg	-
Comment	6 types: rockfall, debris flow, landslide, avalanche, flood, other	8 types: rockfall, debris flow, landslide, avalanche, flood, hail, snowdrift, falling tree	3 classes: upstream, downstream and unknown	4 classes: upstream, downstream, risk (no event, only preventive closure) and unknown	3 classes: near (few meters to 10 meters, far (> 10 m) or prevention (only preventive closure)	Estimation of the failed volume on the track of the event	Masse of the event (only for rockfall)	-	3 classes: small, middle, big (huge event)	-	-	-
Source	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article or field visit

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Track characterization Number of attributes: 17

Track characterization																
Category	T_Type	T_TrainClasses	T_RoadClasses	T_MajorMin	T_Closure	T_DetailClosure	T_ClosureDuration	T_ClosureDurationRound	T_Deviation	T_DistDev	T_DistDevRound	T_PossDevi	T_PopDfAF	T_PopDfAF	T_Sinuosity	T_crossing
Description	Distinction between road and railway	Classes of the affected train tracks	Classes of the affected road tracks	Simplified classification of track importance	Track closure or not	Detail of the track closure	Time of track closure in hours	Rounded time of track closure in hours	Deviation or not	Distance of the deviation path	Rounded distance of the deviation path [km]	Capacity to have other deviation paths	Population directly affected by the track closure	Population indirectly affected by the track closure	Sinuosity of the affected track	Crossing near of the event or not
Unit	-	-	-	-	-	-	[h]	[h]	-	[km]	[km]	-	-	-	-	-
Exemple	Road	White	White	Minor	Yes	-	23	24	-	8	10	Large	Any	Small	NSC	NO
Comment	2 types: road or railway	3 classes: national, regional, tram	8 classes: highway, semi-highway, red, yellow, white, white dash and black	2 classes: minor and major	Three classes: yes, no, unknown	-	-	-	2 classes: yes or no	-	-	4 classes: large, middle, small, any	5 classes: very large, large, middle, small, any	5 classes: very large, large, middle, small, any	6 types: Straight Line, Wide Curve, Tight Curve, Near Wide Curve, Near Tight Curve	4 types: In a crossing, NEAR a crossing, NO area and unknown (not enough location accuracy)
Source	Online article	Map	Map	Map	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Map	Map	Map	Map	Map	Map	Map	Map
	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	62	63	64	65	66

Damage Number of attributes: 11

Damage											
Category	D_Form	D_Injured	D_InjuredNb	D_Death	D_DeathNb	D_Vehicule	D_ImpactType	D_VehType	D_VehNb	D_TrackDetail	D_InfrasType
Description	Form of track damage	Injured people?	Number of injured people	Killed people?	Number of killed people	Damage to vehicle	Type of impact between vehicle and event	Type of damaged vehicle	Number of damaged vehicle	Detail of track damage	Type of infrastructure damage
Unit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exemple	? (unknown), NC (no closure), C (closure due to sedimentation), P (partial damage), T (total destruction), and not studied	No	-	No	-	No	-	-	-	-	-
Comment	6 classes: ? (unknown), NC (no closure), C (closure due to sedimentation), P (partial damage), T (total destruction), and not studied	2 types: yes or no	-	2 types: yes or no	-	2 types: yes or no	Three types: no impact, direct impact or indirect impact	-	-	-	-
Source	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article	Online article
	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77



Weather Number of attributes: 68

Category	M_Meteo	M_Sun	M_Sun_avg_5d	M_Sun_avg_10d	M_Sun_max_5d	M_Sun_max_10d	M_Sun_min_5d	M_Sun_min_10d	M_Rain	M_Rain_5d_cum	M_Rain_10d_cum	M_Rain_max_daily_5d	M_Rain_max_daily_10d	M_Rain_avg_daily_5d	M_Rain_avg_daily_10d	M_Storm_near	M_Storm_near_sum_5d	M_Storm_near_sum_10d	M_Storm_near_max_daily_5d	M_Storm_near_max_daily_10d	M_Storm_near_avg_daily_5d	M_Storm_near_avg_daily_10d				
Attribute																										
Description	Rain information for a given time period	Percentage of sun during the day	Percentage of sun of the last 5 days from event	Percentage of sun of the last 10 days from event	Maximum percentage of sun of the last 5 days from event	Maximum percentage of sun of the last 10 days from event	Minimum percentage of sun of the last 5 days from event	Minimum percentage of sun of the last 10 days from event	Rain the event day	Cumulative rain of the last 5 days from event	Cumulative rain of the last 10 days from event	Maximum daily rain of the last 5 days from event	Maximum daily rain of the last 10 days from event	Average daily rain of the last 5 days from event	Average daily rain of the last 10 days from event	Number of near storms the event day	Number of near storms the 5 days from event	Number of near storms the 10 days from event	Maximum daily rain of the last 5 days from event	Maximum daily rain of the last 10 days from event	Average daily rain of the last 5 days from event	Average daily rain of the last 10 days from event	Number of near storms the event day	Number of near storms the 5 days from event	Number of near storms the 10 days from event	Maximum number of near storms of the 5 days from event
Unit		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	-	-	-	mm	mm	mm	mm	-	-	-	
Example	-	4	29.4	34.1	77	98	0	0	0.2	28.7	38.4	19.9	19.9	5.74	3.84	0	0	0	19.9	19.9	3.84	0	0	0	0	
Comment	Only for some events	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Source	Sturmarchiv	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	
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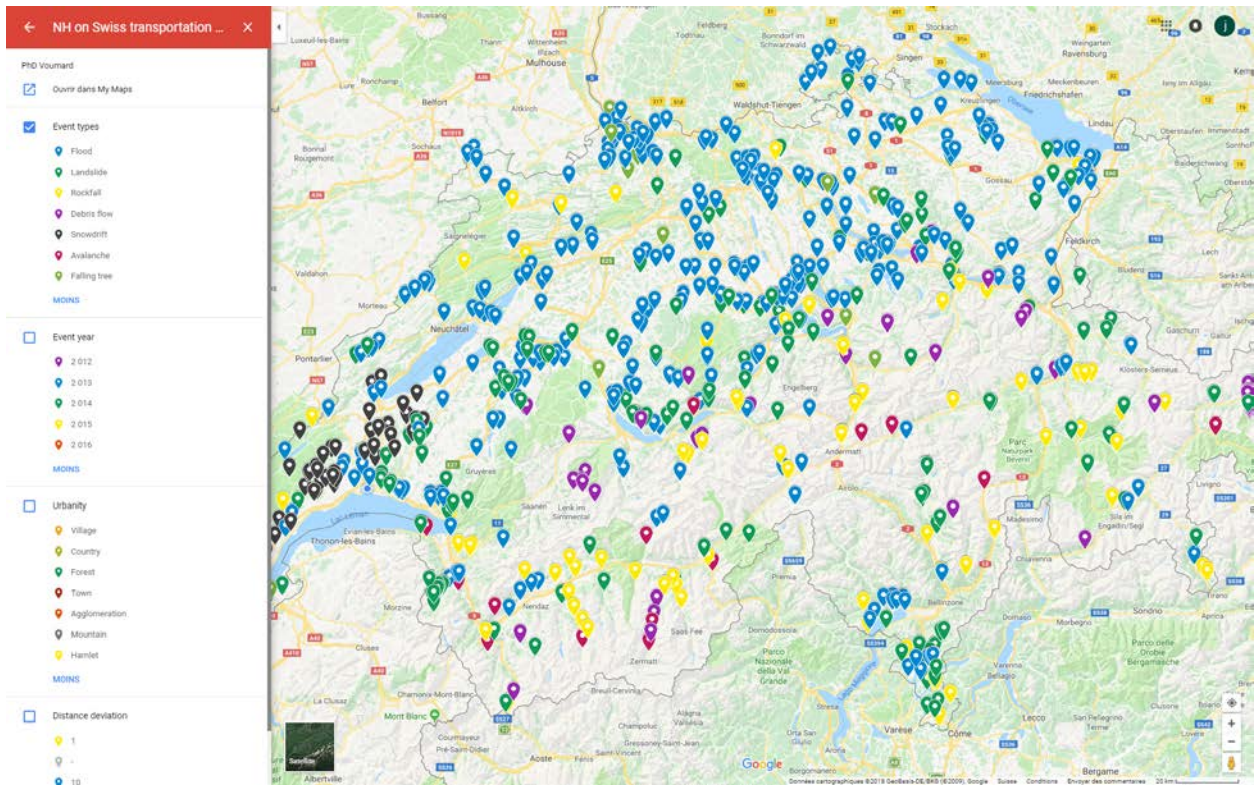
Category	M_Storm_near_max_daily_5d	M_Storm_near_max_daily_10d	M_Storm_far_max_daily_5d	M_Storm_far_max_daily_10d	M_Storm_all_max_daily_5d	M_Storm_all_max_daily_10d	M_Temp_min_n_5d	M_Temp_min_n_10d	M_Temp_max_x_5d	M_Temp_max_x_10d	M_Temp_avg_g_5d									
Attribute																				
Description	Maximum number of near storms of the 5 days from event	Maximum number of near storms of the 10 days from event	Maximum number of far storms of the 5 days from event	Maximum number of far storms of the 10 days from event	Maximum number of all storms of the 5 days from event	Maximum number of all storms of the 10 days from event	Minimum temperature the last 5 days from event	Minimum temperature the last 10 days from event	Maximum temperature the last 5 days from event	Maximum temperature the last 10 days from event	Average temperature the last 5 days from event									
Unit	-	-	-	-	-	-	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]									
Example	0	0	0	0	1	5	7	-3	14	15	10									
Comment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-									
Source	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss									
	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115

M_Temp_av_g_10d	M_Temp_av_n_Corr	M_Temp_mi_n_5d_Corr	M_Temp_mi_n_10d_Corr	M_Temp_ma_x_5d_Corr	M_Temp_ma_x_10d_Corr	M_Temp_av_g_5d_Corr	M_Temp_av_g_10d_Corr	M_Temp_av_p_Corr	M_Temp_am_p_5d_Corr	M_Temp_am_p_10d_Corr	M_Wind_avg		
Average temperature the last 10 days from event	Corrected minimum temperature the last 10 days from event	Corrected minimum temperature the last 5 days from event	Corrected maximum temperature the last 10 days from event	Corrected maximum temperature the last 5 days from event	Corrected average temperature the last 10 days from event	Corrected average temperature the last 5 days from event	Corrected average temperature the last 10 days from event	Temperature amplitude the last 10 days from the event	Temperature amplitude the last 5 days from the event	Temperature amplitude the last 10 days from the event	Average wind speed the event day		
[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[°C]	[km/h]		
7	9	3	-1	16	17	12	9	9	12	15	8		
	Correction with height difference between weather station and event location with lapse rate of -0.65 °C for +100m altitude	Correction with height difference between weather station and event location with lapse rate of -0.65 °C for +100m altitude	Correction with height difference between weather station and event location with lapse rate of -0.65 °C for +100m altitude	Correction with height difference between weather station and event location with lapse rate of -0.65 °C for +100m altitude	Correction with height difference between weather station and event location with lapse rate of -0.65 °C for +100m altitude	Correction with height difference between weather station and event location with lapse rate of -0.65 °C for +100m altitude	Correction with height difference between weather station and event location with lapse rate of -0.65 °C for +100m altitude	Temperature amplitude the last 10 days from the event	Temperature amplitude the last 5 days from the event	Temperature amplitude the last 10 days from the event			
MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss		
116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129

M_Wind_avg_5d	M_Wind_avg_10d	M_Wind_max	M_Wind_max_5d	M_Wind_max_x_10d	M_Wind_dir_5d	M_Wind_dir_10d	M_Snow	M_Fresh_snow_5d	M_Fresh_snow_10d	M_Fresh_snow_10d	M_Alt_Station_Weath	M_Diff_Alt_Station_Weath	M_Dist_Station_Weath
Average wind speed the last 5 days from event	Average wind speed the last 10 days from event	Maximum wind speed the event day	Maximum wind speed the last 5 days from event	Maximum wind speed the last 10 days from event	Average wind direction the last 5 days from event	Average wind direction the last 10 days from event	Snow cover height the event day	Fresh snow cover height the last 5 days from event	Fresh snow cover height the last 10 days from event	Fresh snow cover height the event day	Altitude of the used weather station	Altitude difference between the weather station and the event location	Distance between the weather station and the event location
[km/h]	[km/h]	[km/h]	[km/h]	[km/h]	[°]	[°]	[cm]	[cm]	[cm]	[cm]	[m] a.s.l.	[m]	[km]
9	10	32	38	46	47	63.9	0	0	0	0	1638	-261	36
					0° = North, 90° = East, 180° = South, 270° = West	0° = North, 90° = East, 180° = South, 270° = West							
MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss	MeteoSwiss
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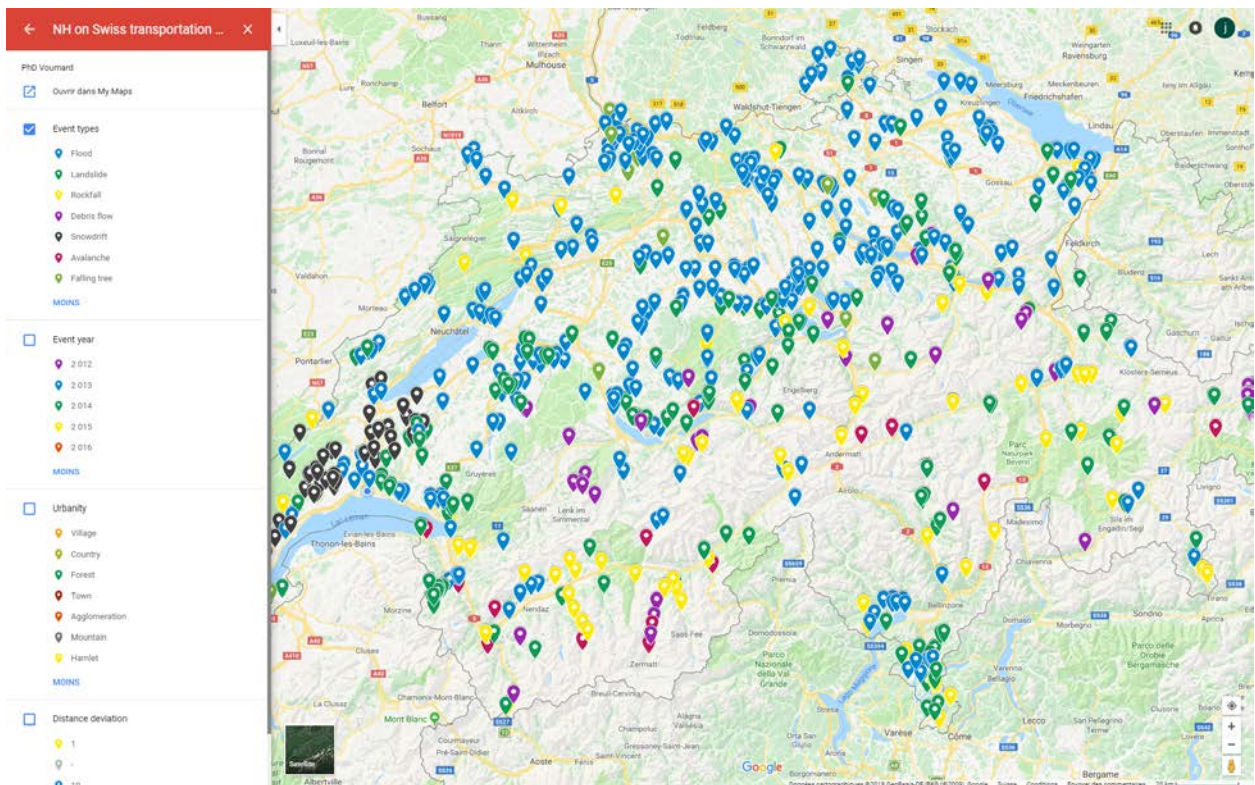






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1706 **9.4.1—Figure 4-SM:** Database on Google Maps



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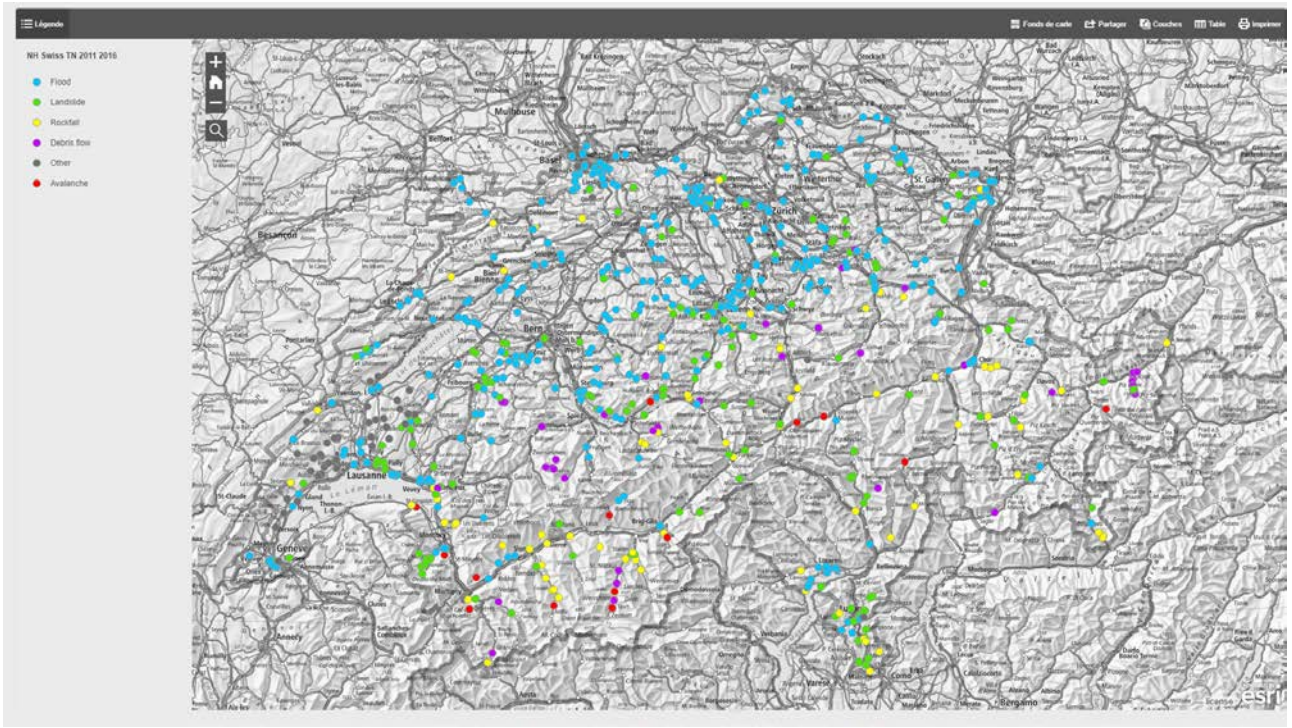
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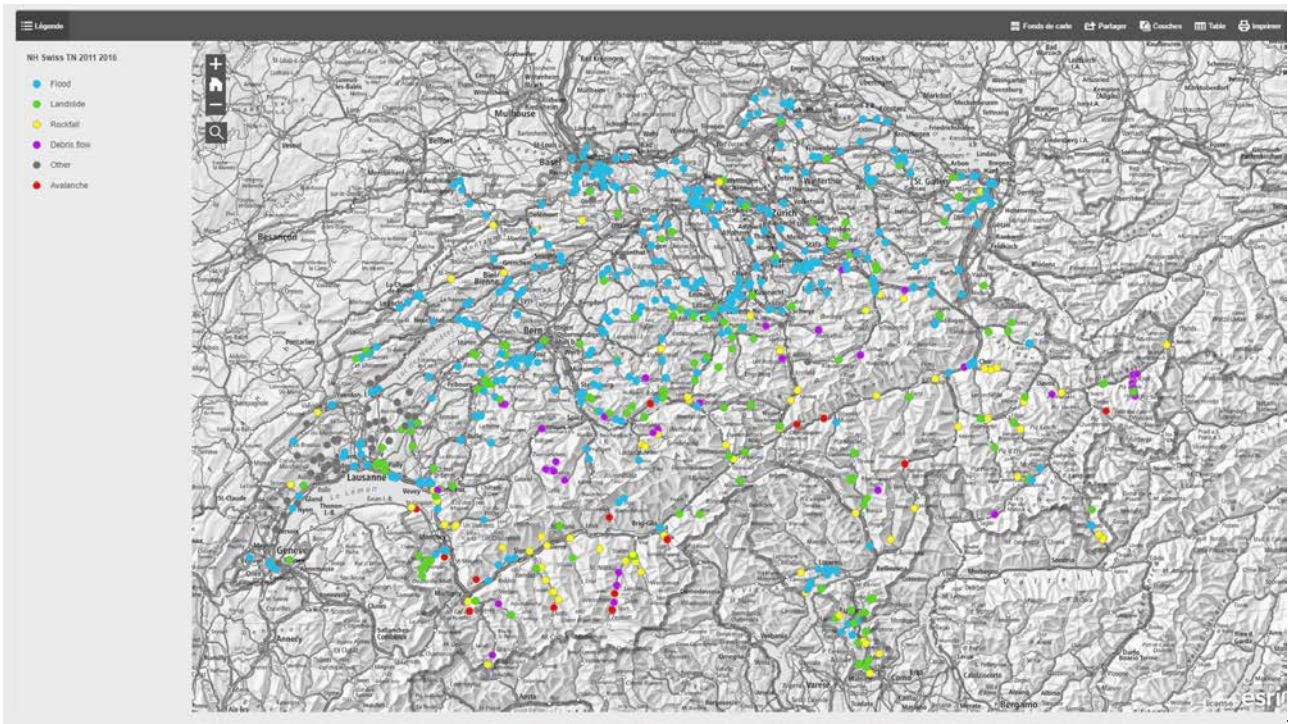


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1716 *Figure 28: Database on ArcGIS online.*

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