

Summary of the Changes to Reviewer 1's Recommendations and Comments

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Title: Predicting Deep-Seated Landslide Displacement in Taiwan's Lushan Mountain through the Integration of Convolutional Neural Networks and an Age of Exploration-Inspired Optimizer

The authors appreciate the reviewer's valuable feedback. The summary of the changes based on the reviewer's recommendations & comments is listed below. All the revisions are TRACKED in the re-submitted WORD file along with marked **RED COLOR** for the ease of the reviewer's perusal.

Comments of the Reviewer	Authors' Summary of the Changes
I reviewed a previous version of this manuscript and suggested major revisions. The authors have taken care to address my suggestions point-by-point, and their revised manuscript reflects well the efforts of the authors to incorporate these suggestions. The results shown herein are impactful, and I appreciate the thorough investigation of models that can help guide future researchers who may undertake similar efforts. I therefore recommend publication of this work in NHESS; however, I include some additional line-by-line comments for the authors to address below:	We, the authors of this study, would like to express our sincere gratitude to the reviewer. The feedback provided in the previous round has guided our improvements. We strive to meet the expectations of both the reviewer and the NHESS journal.
1 (Title): It is a good idea to insert the country name here so people know where the Lushan mountains are located	We fully agree with the reviewer's suggestion and have added the country name to the title of this manuscript to provide readers with more detailed information about the study location. <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px; margin-left: 10px;"> <p>1 Predicting Deep-Seated Landslide DisplacementsDisplacement in Taiwan'sTaiwan's Lushan</p> <p>2 Mountain through the Integration of Convolutional Neural Networks and an Age of</p> <p>3 Exploration-Inspired Optimizer</p> </div>
38-44: Much improved with the added context here!	We are glad our revisions have met the reviewer's expectations in this section.
45: Should have references to support this	We have included additional references to support the assertion that 'critical factors associated with slope instability exhibit temporal variability' as requested by the reviewer. <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px; margin-left: 10px;"> <p>39 a few meters, deep-seated landslides extend deeper, often exceeding 10 meters, and can involve the</p> <p>40 movement of underlying bedrock (Lin et al., 2013). Predicting these events is challenging and costly (Thai</p> <p>41 Pham et al., 2019). Therefore, extensive efforts have been made to predict such disasters throughout</p> <p>42 history.(Corominas and Moya, 2008; David and Raymond, 1989; Aleotti and Chowdhury, 1999). One</p> <p>43 method that has been employed involves thoroughly examining the physical and geological characteristics</p> <p>44 of the mountainous areas at risk of landslides (Cotecchia et al., 2020). Furthermore, the level of</p> </div>
49: There are much older references than these, e.g., Iverson and Major (1985) and references therein	We acknowledge the value of the reference recommended by the reviewer, which provides an excellent explanation for the argument in question.

	<p>Notably, this reference was conducted some time ago, indicating that the argument has been widely accepted within the academic community for quite some time. Consequently, we have incorporated this reference as a citation in the relevant section.</p> <p>43 method that has been employed involves thoroughly examining the physical and geological characteristics 44 of the mountainous areas at risk of landslides (Cotecchia et al., 2020). Furthermore, the level of 45 groundwater has been shown by numerous studies in the past to influence the mechanisms behind 46 landslide formation significantly (Miao and Wang, 2023; Preisig, 2020; Iverson and Major, 1987).</p>
<p>63: It is not mentioned what the constraints are of traditional machine-learning models</p>	<p>We have added a discussion on the limitations of machine learning in this section, as suggested by the reviewer.</p> <p>54 One of the most effective solutions for constructing models to predict time series data involves 55 applying data-driven techniques. The advancement of computational capabilities has driven the 56 widespread adoption of data-driven machine-learning models over physics-based models. This shift is 57 based on the premise that the data used for slope monitoring originates from nonlinear systems (Zhou et 58 al., 2018). However, a major significant drawback of traditional machine learning models such as Random 59 Forest and Support Vector Machine, such as Random Forest and Support Vector Machines, is their 60 difficulty in handling spatiotemporal data. These models struggle to capture the sequential relationships 61 necessary for landslide prediction, resulting in lower performance (Zhang et al., 2022a; Tehrani et al., 62 2022).</p>
<p>73: A term to use throughout the manuscript would be “deep-seated landslide displacement”</p>	<p>We fully concur with the reviewer's insight and have consistently utilized the term 'deep-seated landslide displacement' throughout this study.</p> <p>71 substantial effectiveness. Consequently, the fine-tuning of hyperparameters represents a potent avenue for 72 elevating the efficiency of AI models in research focused on predicting deep-seated displacement 73 seated landslide displacement.</p> <p>74 Leveraging the effective methodologies mentioned above, this study employs AI models optimized 75 by an innovative metaheuristic optimization algorithm to predict deep-seated displacement 76 landslide displacement on the northern slope of Lushan Mountain in Ren'ai Township, Nantou County, 77 Taiwan. The geological characteristics of this area have undergone extensive research (Wang et al., 2015; 78 1) To analyze the application of machine learning and deep learning methods to time series data to forecast 79 short-term, deep-seated slope-landslide displacements 80 displacement across the Lushan Mountain area. 81 2) To identify the optimal model and hyperparameters for accurately forecasting deep-seated 82 displacement 83 deep-seated landslide displacement in the study area. 84 3) To evaluate the role of metaheuristic optimization algorithms in fine-tuning the hyperparameters of AI 85 models.</p> <p>90 91 2. Literature Review 92 2.1 Groundwater Levels and the Forecasting of Deep-Seated Displacement 93 Deep-seated landslide 94 displacement 95 Landslide Displacement</p> <p>132 Our research aims to adopt a novel approach compared to previous landslide studies at Lushan 133 Mountain by utilizing AI models and metaheuristic optimization algorithms. This research will utilize 134 weather condition temperature, humidity, and groundwater levels as input datas 135 deep-seated displacement 136 deep-seated landslide displacement, thus aiding in landslide forecasting in this region.</p> <p>356 3.83.5 Age of Exploration-Inspired Optimizer 357 This study employs a range of AI models to forecast deep-seated displacement 358 displacement in mountainous regions. To enhance the prediction accuracy of these AI models, the study 492 3.9.2.4.2 Data Collection and Preprocessing 493 In this study, hourly data of deep-seated displacement 494 deep-seated landslide displacement and 495 groundwater level were collected by the Department of Civil Engineering, College of Science and 496 Technology, at the National Chi Nan University research group over eight years from July 2009 to June 511 Based on the collected data, analyses have examined the correlation between groundwater levels 512 and deep-seated displacement 513 deep-seated landslide displacement at Lushan Mountain. To observe this 514 correlation, graphs illustrating the precipitation of recorded heavy rainfall (Figure 7A), variations in 515 displacement (Figure 7B and Figure 7C), and groundwater levels (Figure 7D) over time have been plotted. 544 June 17, 2012, totaling 1029 mm over 219 hours (as indicated in Table 2 and Figure 7A). The abnormal 545 rise in groundwater levels led to caused a structural alteration in the area's soil increased pore water 546 pressure, consequently amplifying which triggered deep-seated displacement 547 displacement at both stations, namely E_2 and SAA, as evidenced in Figure 7B and Figure 7C.</p>

550 Similar events occurred in November 2017. Heavy rainfall totaling 638.5 mm over 178 hours during
 551 this period also caused a sudden alteration in groundwater levels, resulting in significant ~~deep-seated~~
 552 ~~displacement~~~~deep-seated landslide displacement~~. Through comparison, it is apparent that there were up
 553 to 13 instances of anomalous heavy rainfall during the study period. However, not every example of heavy
 554 rainfall was accompanied by a landslide. In addition to groundwater level data, weather factors such as temperature and humidity are also
 555 utilized as input data for the prediction model. This study includes temperature as an input variable for AI
 556 models to predict ~~deep-seated displacement~~~~deep-seated landslide displacement~~ due to its impact on soil
 557 structure. Elevated temperatures can cause thermal expansion of soil particles, which can increase pore
 558 water pressure. Table 3 displays the input and output variables for AI models to predict ~~deep-seated~~
 559 ~~displacement~~~~deep-seated landslide displacement~~ at Lushan Mountain. Two datasets will be generated: one
 560 for predicting displacement at the E_2 station and another for indicating displacement at the SAA station.
 561 Table 3. Input and output variables of a model predicting ~~deep-seated displacement~~~~deep-seated landslide~~
 562 ~~displacement~~.

	Attributes group	Attributes	Variable ID	Dataset of E_2 station	Dataset of SAA station
Output variables	Deep-seated displacement	Displacement extensometer at station E_2 (mm)	Y1	✓	-
		Displacement extensometer at station SAA (mm)	Y2	-	✓
	Deep-seated landslide displacement measures	Displacement extensometer at station E_2 (mm)	Y1	✓	-
		Displacement extensometer at station SAA (mm)	Y2	-	✓

612 Predicting ~~deep-seated displacement~~~~deep-seated landslide displacement~~ at Lushan Mountain is
 613 undoubtedly highly challenging, given that such landslides depend on numerous factors. Therefore,
 614 multiple methods will be employed simultaneously to identify the optimal AI model for prediction. These
 615 methods include numerical AI models, machine learning models, and metaheuristic optimization algorithms.
 616 In addition to the numerical AI models, this study employs individual CNN models for predicting
 617 ~~deep-seated displacement~~~~deep-seated landslide displacement~~. Subsequently, similar to the approach
 618 above, the best CNN model with the highest displacement prediction capability will be fine-tuned by the
 619 ~~4.2.4.5.2.1 Numerical Models~~~~AI Models~~
 620 **a. Machine Learning Models**
 621 Initially, single machine learning models will be employed to predict ~~deep-seated displacement~~~~deep-~~
 622 ~~seated landslide displacement~~. In this phase, machine learning models will utilize default hyperparameters,
 623 as detailed in the research of Chou and Nguyen (2023). The prediction results of these models at both E-

74: Would insert the country name here as well

We have included information regarding the country Taiwan to enhance the reader's understanding of the study's geographical context.

75 by an innovative metaheuristic optimization algorithm to predict ~~deep-seated displacement~~~~deep-seated~~
 76 ~~landslide displacement~~ on the northern slope of Lushan Mountain in Ren'ai Township, Nantou County,
 77 Taiwan. The geological characteristics of this area have undergone extensive research (Wang et al., 2015;
 78 Lin et al., 2020). Previous studies have identified varying depths of the shear plane. Specifically, Lin et

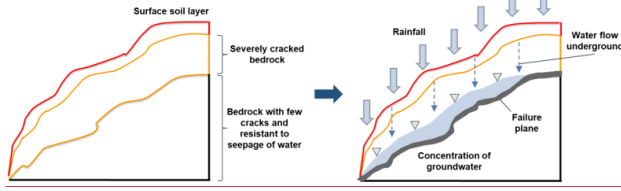
131: Specify which atmospheric variables will be used instead of the term “weather conditions”

Specifying the variables related to weather conditions undoubtedly enriches the information presented and enhances the clarity and comprehensibility of this study for readers. Accordingly, we have incorporated this information following the reviewer's suggestion.

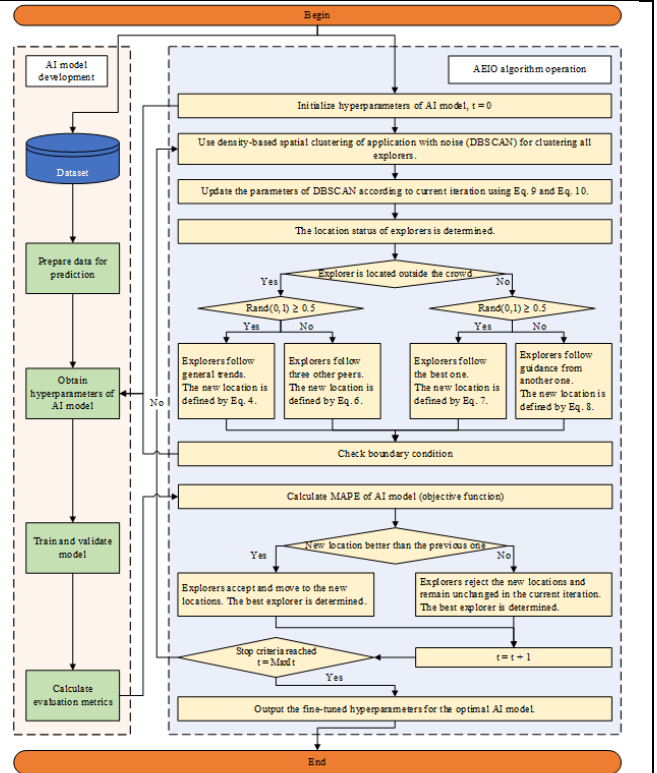
132 Our research aims to adopt a novel approach compared to previous landslide studies at Lushan
 133 Mountain by utilizing AI models and metaheuristic optimization algorithms. This research will utilize
 134 ~~weather-condition~~~~temperature, humidity~~, and groundwater levels as input ~~datas~~ for AI models to predict
 135 ~~deep-seated displacement~~~~deep-seated landslide displacement~~, thus aiding in landslide forecasting in this
 136 region.

134 (Fig. 1): Why is the orange layer filled in on the second panel and not the first? Why not the upper layer too? Additionally, water tables typically include an inverted triangle denoting their position.

We have revised Figure 1 to ensure color consistency between the images on the left and right. In the right image, only the water layer is filled with color, while the soil and rock layers remain uncolored. Additionally, we have added an inverted triangle symbol to mark the location of the groundwater.

	 <p>15 16 Figure 1. Schematic illustration showing the effects of groundwater on deep-seated slope failure.</p>
<p>149: change to “physically based” from “physical-based”</p>	<p>We have made the changes as per the reviewer's suggestion.</p> <p>153 Moreover, physically-based numerical and laboratory modeling methods are also gaining traction 154 in landslide research. These methods aim to maintain forecasts using various data types while reducing</p>
<p>164-171: There is a deep literature on this subject and I encourage the authors to include some more fundamental contributions to slope stability analysis here. It does not need to be a substantially longer paragraph as that is not the focus of this work. However, some more foundational work should be briefly referenced.</p>	<p>In response to the reviewer's request, we have included additional citations of studies that employ stability analysis in landslide assessments.</p> <p>166 Stability analysis is another commonly used method related to physics, which evaluates the forces 167 acting on a slope behavior. Fu and Liao (2010) presented a technique for implementing the non-linear 168 Hoek-Brown shear strength reduction, determining the correlation between normal and shear stress based 169 on the Hoek-Brown criterion. Subsequently, the micro-units (microscopic components of the rock mass) 170 instantaneous friction angle and cohesive strength under specific stress conditions are calculated. 171 Although this approach effectively addresses cost and labor issues, it still heavily relies on the researcher's 172 assumptions and is limited by the ability to utilize only a small portion of data from the research area. 173 <u>Additionally, there are several other limitations. For instance, Mebrahtu et al. (2022) indicated that</u> 174 <u>stability analyses become less reliable in scenarios involving seismic load/seismic load scenarios.</u> Safaei 175 <u>et al. (2011) also noted that stability analysis necessitates a substantial amount of detailed input data</u> 176 <u>obtained from laboratory tests and field measurements, thereby limiting the areas that can be effectively</u> 177 <u>assessed.</u></p>
<p>172-180: I'm not sure I understand this paragraph. Why are AI models better suited to incorporation of new data than, say, deterministic models? I think the advantage may be that most deterministic modeling requires some knowledge of physics to predict displacement, which can be exceedingly complex in a large landslide, and these kinds of models rarely can achieve predictive success of a few percent.</p>	<p>We greatly appreciate the reviewer's suggestion, which allowed us to revise this section for greater clarity. We have updated the passage to explain why conventional methods were not used, as they require users to have specialized knowledge in physics and demand specific types of input data, making them less flexible compared to AI models. Therefore, given the advantages of AI models, they will be utilized in this study.</p> <p>178 <u>However, in landslide studies, monitoring data is constantly updated, generating large volumes daily</u> 179 <u>with a temporal relationship (Peternel et al., 2022; Corominas et al., 2014).</u> As previously mentioned, 180 using conventional methods <u>poseposes significant challenges, as their application requires a deep</u> 181 <u>understanding of both the physics involved and the complex behavior of soil in landslide research presents</u> 182 <u>numerous challenges whenever data changes or gets updated. In addition, conventional/traditional methods</u> 183 <u>require specific types of input data, highlighting the rigidity and lack of flexibility inherent in these</u> 184 <u>approaches (Safaei et al., 2011).</u> In contrast, AI models can overcome these difficulties by automatically 185 learning to identify <u>connections-mapping functions</u> between input and output data, <u>eliminating the need</u> 186 <u>for users to have users needing specialized knowledge of soil behavior and physics.</u> Additionally, AI 187 <u>models can be updated to incorporate new input variables, offering flexibility to leverage available data</u> 188 <u>based on real-world conditions. AI models can be updated to incorporate additional input variables and</u> 189 <u>handle increasing amounts of data flexibly in response to real-world conditions.</u> Therefore, AI models will 190 be utilized in this research instead of conventional methods.</p>
<p>184-186: There is somewhat of a disconnect here because the Margarint et al. paper does not appear to utilize AI, it just presents an analysis using a standard logistic regression model. The preceding sentence should therefore be changed, or a more appropriate example should be provided.</p>	<p>Based on the reviewer's comment, we reference a different citation that employs AI models in landslide research to align better with the core content of this section.</p>

	<p>192 In studies employing machine learning and deep learning models for landslide research, a plethora 193 of research utilizes discrete data to train AI models to predict the probability of landslides or to construct 194 maps depicting landslide susceptibility. For instance, Margarint et al. (2013) employed a logistic 195 regression model to predict landslides based on discrete data in four regions of Romania. The logistic 196 regression model yielded promising predictions, with an AUC value (area under the curve) ranging 197 between 0.851 and 0.94 for the validation dataset. Pradhan and Lee (2010) used Geographic Information 198 System (GIS), remote sensing, and a neural network model to analyze landslide susceptibility in Cameron 199 Highlands, Malaysia. Ten factors, including topographic slope and drainage distance, were processed to 200 generate a susceptibility map. The model achieved 83% accuracy in predicting landslide locations. 201 Subsequently, these results were utilized to construct a map of landslide susceptibility in the study area. 202 In a similar study, Pham et al. (2016) used multiple AI models, including support vector machines (SVM), 203 logistic regression (LR), Fisher's linear discriminant analysis (FLDA), Bayesian network (BN), and naive 204 Bayes (NB), for landslide susceptibility assessment in a region within the Uttarakhand state of India. The 205 SVM model yielded the best prediction results among the models used.</p>
<p>474-477: The DBSCAN algorithm is not mentioned previously to this point and thus it is confusing. Furthermore, Equations 13 and 14 do not exist in the manuscript. Some additional prior explanation is needed here.</p>	<p>To explain the AEIO algorithm in this study, we have added citations and a description of the DBSCAN algorithm. We hope this addition will enhance the reader's understanding of the algorithm.</p> <p>370 The strength of the AEIO algorithm lies in its ability to develop specific strategies for particles based 371 on their positions, enabling faster convergence to the optimal point. Using using density-based spatial 372 clustering of applications with noise (DBSCAN) for particle clustering. DBSCAN is an unsupervised 373 clustering method that organizes data points by their spatial closeness in high-dimensional spaces (Ester 374 et al., 1996). This algorithm is particularly effective at detecting clusters of different shapes and densities. 375 It relies on two primary parameters: ϵ (the radius of the neighborhood) and $MinPts$ (the minimum number 376 of points required to form a dense area). Clusters are created by locating neighboring points that have 377 enough surrounding points, while those points with enough surrounding points, while those that do not 378 belong to any cluster are classified as noise or outliers. 379 Using the DBSCAN algorithm, the AEIO determines whether particles are in favorable or 380 unfavorable positions, reminiscent of explorers during the Age of Exploration. The proximity (within 381 clusters) allows explorers to gather information and move toward optimal locations, thereby enhancing</p> <p>Additionally, we have rechecked the numbering of the equations and made necessary corrections to ensure their accuracy.</p> <p>435 The exploratory steps in the AEIO algorithm begin by classifying positions using the DBSCAN 436 algorithm. Subsequently, the explorers update the crowd control mechanism according to equations (913) 437 and (1044), and move according to various strategies defined by equations (48), (640), (744), and (842). 438 This process is conducted iteratively until the maximum number of iterations is reached.</p> <p>We have also updated the numbering of the equations in the flowchart to facilitate easier tracking for the readers.</p>



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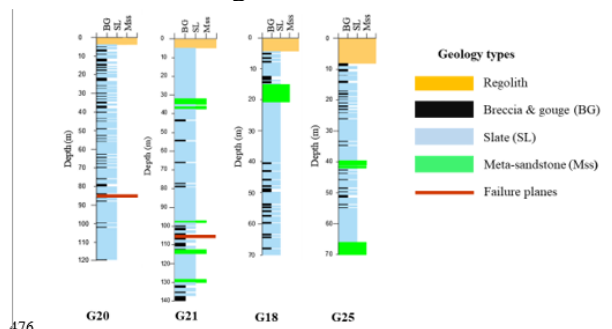
Figure 4. Flowchart of the fine-tuning process of AI models by the AEIO algorithm.

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490 (Fig. 6): It would be useful to have the approximate failure plane depths measured for G20 and G21 shown graphically here.

Incorporating the location of the failure plane is undoubtedly essential, as it provides readers with a clearer understanding of the geological conditions in the area. Therefore, we have included this information in Figure 6.



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Figure 6. Illustration of geological drilling survey.

494: I think the term “youthful” is too colloquial here

We agree with the reviewer's suggestion and will replace 'youthful' with 'incipient.' This term is more academically appropriate and accurately reflects the geological conditions of the area, where many valleys are in the early stages of formation.

457 The current study focuses on the northern slope of the Lushan hot spring in Renai Township, Nantou
458 County, Taiwan (Figure 5), with Nengqiao Mountain to the east, Hehuan Peaks to the north, Zhuoshe
459 Mountain to the south, and Puli Basins to the west. The terrain features rugged mountain ranges,
460 incipiently youthful valleys, and notable river erosion (Lee and Chi, 2011). Lushan Hot Springs is located
461 below the hill, and the main access roads for nearby settlements and hot spring sites include Provincial
462 Highway 14 and County Highway 87.

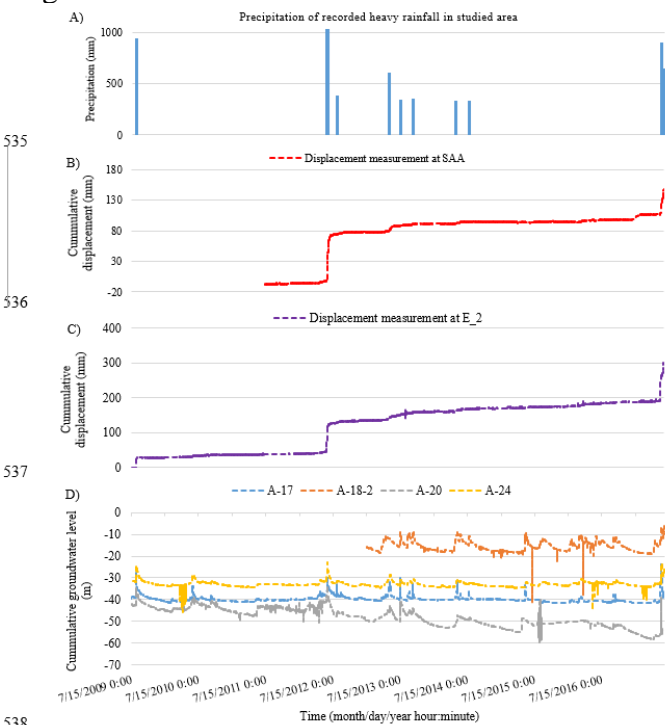
514-521: I don't think my previous comment regarding the definition of "cleavages" was sufficiently addressed here. Please specify what this term means in this context, or utilize a different term throughout

This revision has replaced the term 'cleavage' with 'fracture.'

485 Previous research has detected signs of brittle deformation in the area. These indications include
 486 chevron folds within **fracturecleavages**, visible cracks, and intricate jigsaw puzzle-like patterns at the head
 487 of the rock formations. Overturned and flexural toppling **fracturecleavages** are prevalent towards the toe
 488 of the slope. Additionally, kink bands are observable on fractures recently undergoing flexural folding
 489 along the eastern boundary. Notably, horizontal **fracturecleavages** near the toe region also
 490 ~~exhibitexhibitexhibit~~ inter-**fracturecleavage** gouges. Further details on this geological information can be
 491 found in the study by Lin et al. (2020). These instances highlight the potential for significant geological
 492 changes and landslide risk in this region.

546 (Fig. 7): This is much improved from the previous figure, although there is an issue now in that the timing does not appear to line up between the plots. For example, the large displacement in 2012 appears to come before the rise in water levels in (D).

The synchronization of events across all four charts is vital, highlighting the interrelationship within the dataset used in this study. This alignment forms a solid basis for selecting input variables for the AI models. We have carefully fine-tuned the data to ensure that the events in all four charts are precisely aligned.

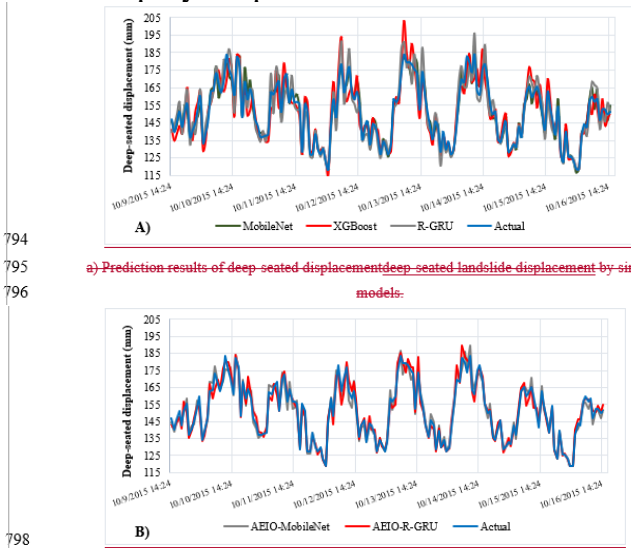


538 Figure 7. Unified timeline visualization of data in this study.
 539 A) Precipitation of recorded heavy rainfall in the studied area; B) Measured displacements from extensometer SAA C)
 540 Measured displacements from extensometer E_2; D) Groundwater levels at stations A-17, A-18-2, A-20, and A-24.

554-556: Did a previous study show specifically that a structural alteration in soil took place? Also, the failure plane is well below the "soil" depth and the landslide displacement should be insensitive to the soil present at the landslide surface. I recommend re-writing to say that, based on the temporal association of rapid displacement with a rapid rise in groundwater levels, it could be inferred that enhanced pore water pressure lead to the onset of motion.

In previous studies on the landslide in Lushan Mountain, Taiwan, other authors did not specifically demonstrate that a structural alteration in the soil occurred. Therefore, based on the reviewer's analysis in this comment, we have revised our explanation to state that enhanced pore water pressure led to motion onset.

542 The graphs above show that the displacement values at both stations often exhibit significant
 543 increases coinciding with periods of pronounced fluctuations in groundwater levels. Specifically, in June
 544 2012, there was a notable surge in groundwater levels attributed to heavy rainfall from June 8, 2012, to

	<p>545 June 17, 2012, totaling 1029 mm over 219 hours (as indicated in Table 2 and Figure 7A). The abnormal 546 rise in groundwater levels led tocaused a structural alteration in the area's soil <u>increased pore water</u> 547 <u>pressure, consequently amplifying which triggered deep-seated displacement</u>deep-seated landslide 548 <u>displacement</u> at both stations, namely E_2 and SAA, as evidenced in Figure 7B and Figure 7C.</p>
<p>616: "Deep-seated landslide displacement"</p>	<p>We have revised the terminology in this section and throughout the manuscript to 'deep-seated landslide displacement' per the reviewer's suggestion.</p> <p>611 4.5 <u>Model Establishment and Analysis Results</u> 612 4.15.1 <u>Model Establishment</u> 613 Predicting deep-seated displacement<u>deep-seated landslide displacement</u> at Lushan Mountain is 614 undoubtedly highly challenging, given that such landslides depend on numerous factors. Therefore, 615 multiple methods will be employed simultaneously to identify the optimal AI model for prediction. These</p>
<p>776 (Fig. 10). Why are the descriptions at (a) and (b) above the introduction to Fig. 10? Second, in panel (a) there are a bunch of confusing floating dots that fall below the main plot and cover the legend. Third, the dots in general are distracting because it is difficult to see the subtle differences in each time series. I would remove the dots and just show lines for each model.</p>	<p>For the issues identified in Figure 10, we have made several revisions per the reviewer's suggestions. These revisions include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Move the descriptions of charts A and B below the introduction of Figure 10. - The floating dots appearing in the main plot and covering the legend are due to an error during the PDF export process. We will ensure this issue does not occur in the subsequent sections. - Remove the dots on each line to avoid confusion and simplify the plots. <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>794 795 a) Prediction results of deep-seated displacement deep-seated landslide displacement by single AI 796 models: 798 799 b) Prediction results of deep-seated displacement deep-seated landslide displacement by AI models 800 optimized using the AEIO algorithm: 801 Figure 10. Graph comparing the real and predicted deep-seated displacement<u>deep-seated landslide</u> 802 <u>displacement</u>. A) Prediction results of deep-seated landslide displacement by single AI models. B) 803 <u>Prediction results of deep-seated landslide displacement by AI models optimized using the AEIO</u> 804 <u>algorithm.</u></p> </div>
<p>783: This is not entirely fair as there are a number of studies now that use AI to forecast landslide displacement as a function of environmental variables.</p>	<p>Other studies have indeed employed AI models to forecast landslide displacement, and claiming this approach as entirely novel is inaccurate. Consequently, we have made several revisions in this part. At the beginning of Section 4.3 (Discussion), we concisely summarized the study's</p>

	<p>objectives and removed any misleading information to ensure clarity for the readers.</p> <p>806 4.4.5.3 Discussion</p> <p>807 This study focuses<u>centers</u> on landslides in Lushan Mountain, Taiwan, with the aim of</p> <p>808 developing<u>intending</u> to develop models to predict deep-seated landslide displacement for both 1-day and</p> <p>809 7-day forecasts. These predictive models utilize input data such as groundwater levels, temperature, and</p> <p>810 humidity in the region<u>the region's</u> groundwater levels, temperature, and humidity. Accurately<u>adopting a</u></p> <p>811 fundamentally different approach than previous research. While past studies primarily focused on</p> <p>812 constructing AI models for classification, calculating the probability of landslide occurrences, and</p> <p>813 generating landslide susceptibility maps (Balogun et al., 2021; Hakim et al., 2022; Jaafari et al., 2022);</p> <p>814 our study is oriented towards predicting displacement to provide warnings about potential landslide</p> <p>815 hazards.</p> <p>816 As utilized in our calculations, computing deep-seated displacement<u>deep-seated landslide</u></p> <p>817 <u>displacement</u> offers several benefits. Firstly, understanding internal displacements<u>it</u> provides <u>accurate</u></p> <p>818 <u>timely</u> information for engineers to assess the resilience of structures and infrastructure in at-risk areas,</p> <p>819 facilitating the issuance of sensible warnings. Secondly, forecasting deep-seated displacement<u>deep-seated</u></p> <p>820 <u>landslide displacement</u> offers insights into the severity of the disaster, aiding in effective evacuation and</p> <p>821 rescue planning.</p>
<p>826: I would specify that this study addresses the persistent threat of large, slow-moving landslides.</p>	<p>We are very grateful to the reviewer for this suggestion, which helped clarify the type of landslide most relevant to our study. We have made the necessary revisions in line with the reviewer's recommendation.</p> <p>854 5.6 Conclusion</p> <p>855 This study addresses the persistent threat of <u>large, slow-moving</u> landslides, a primary concern due to</p> <p>856 their severe impact on lives and property. Employing various AI models, such as machine learning, time</p>