

Fig. 4 Geophysics at Ripley Landslide: a) location of terrestrial and waterborne ERT surveys (2013 to 2017) and surface monitoring installations (GNSS and InSAR), map projection NAD83 Zone 10, north to top of map; b) terrestrial ERT set-up and d) waterborne ERT set-up; e) unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) oblique air photograph looking northeast, showing the north-south (N-S) and east-west (E-W) oriented electrode arrays and CPR bungalow housing the PRIME system developed by the British Geological Survey (captured by R. MacLeod, GSC); f) inside the CPR bungalow showing the PRIME unit with composited cables to be installed according to the position of ground electrodes on the arrays.

bedrock. Saturated bedrock, clay, till and gravel containing soil water are all conductive bodies (<80 Ωm) and coloured blue.

CONTINUOUS ERT DATA ACQUISITION (2017 to Present)

Merged 2D datasets captured a clear, static proxy image of soil moisture and groundwater conditions in surficial deposits and bedrock during November 2013 (land) and 2014 (river). With lithology and porosity as fixed baselines, variations in electrical resistivity over time reflect ground moisture and temperature changes in the landslide (Bobrowsky et al. 2017; Holmes et al. 2018; Sattler et al. 2018).

Between August and November 2017, continuous (real-time) ERT monitoring was deployed to characterize the long-term hydrological behaviour of geological unit in the landslide (cf. Uhlemann et al. 2017). Two intersecting Wenner arrays were permanently installed in 20 cm-deep trenches dug across the slide body and crown: a north-south array was 91 m-long with 45 evenly spaced ground electrodes; and an east-west array was 54 m-long with 27 electrodes (Fig. 4 e). Cables and electrodes were wrapped in foam to insulate against the elements and encased within plastic pipe in high-traffic areas, then buried with soil and capped with small boulders to protect against damage by animals (Fig. 6).

Scree observed at the steepest point on the easternmost part of the slide body (unit 8) accounts for the higher resistivity values close to the surface (Fig. 5). The distribution of these units suggests a 290 m elevation limit to eastward headscarp retrogression and potential maximum volume of approximately 0.8 x 10⁶ m³ for the landslide. Resistive surficial material, Composited cables were connected to a *PR*oactive *Infrastructure Monitoring and Evaluation* (*PRIME*) system with continuous 12 V power supply and internet starting on the western side of the CN rail tracks and ending in the Thompson River bed, consists of the alluvial boulder field exposed between the coarse rail ballast (unit 10) and low access via a modem (Fig. 4 f). Apparent resistivity pseudo-sections were processed using RES2DINV (Geotomo Software 2012) to create a 2D resistivity mode water mark at the river's edge (unit 9). Tension cracks in these unconsolidated materials are surface expressions of active translational or rotational movement along slide planes within of the sub-surface for December 2017 (**Fig. 6**). This shows a coarse-grained colluvial unit with high apparent resistivity (>500 Ωm) overlying fine-grained the high conductivity layer below. Borehole logs and ERT profiles suggest these failure surfaces are developed in underlying till (unit 4) and glaciolacustrine clay (units 2 and 3). glaciolacustrine and morainal units with low to moderate apparent resistivities (<50-200 Ωm). The percentage change in resistivity ground values from this baseli are also presented in Fig. 6, with red shading indicating an increase in resistivity (i.e., the ground becoming less conductive), and blue shading indicating a Above the headscarp, zones of higher conductivity occur where soil water is migrating toward the water table through silt, sand, and cobbles exposed by hill-slope erosion. decrease in resistivity (i.e., ground becoming more conductive) between December 2017 and May 2018.

PROACTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE MONITORING AND EVALUATION (PRIME) INSTALLATION IN CANADA: PROTECTING NATIONAL RAILWAYS BY MONITORING MOISTURE IN AN ACTIVE LANDSLIDE NEAR ASHCROFT, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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On ERT depth slices between 200 m to 220 m elevation (**Fig. 5**), resistivity values vary from 88 Ω m to >120 Ω m, consistent with competent and esite and rhyolite (unit 1) as evidenced by observed outcrops and the recovery of massive bedrock from boreholes (Fig. 3). It is possible there is a layer of weathered, less competent regolith overlying the bedrock layer causing the slightly lower resistivity values layered on top (i.e., a coarse basal facies of unit 2). Along the northern and southern landslide boundaries, a transition from bedrock to saturated clay-

The pseudo-3D model shows a significant portion of the landslide lying below river level (approximately between 230 m and 270 m elevation), with the main slide body represented as an ovate conductive zone (<80 Ωm) containing inliers of resistive material (>120 Ωm) along the northern, eastern, and southern flanks (Fig. 5). These latter features are interpreted as locally-derived bedrock blocks that were remobilized during glaciation. Surface and borehole monitoring indicate the landslide moves very slowly (cumulatively <55 mm/yr) on gentle (>2° February 17, 2018 -1°C; precipitation falling snow on slope; soil frozen

to <3°) channel-sloping failure planes developed in weak, highly plastic layers of glaciolacustrine silt and clay (Fig. 3). The 250 m and 260 m elevation ERT depth slices show that these failing sediments are conductive, saturated with groundwater, and extend under the river (Fig. 3). **ABOVE THE RAILWAY TRACKS** Upslope of the river floodplain and railway ballast, at elevations from 270 m to 280 m, ERT depth slices intersect resistivity values in excess of 140 Ωm (Fig. 5). This range in values is consistent with unsaturated silt, sand and cobble colluvium overlying bedrock mapped in the field and in boreholes (Fig. 3). Relatively lower resistivity values (>50 Ωm and <100 Ωm) suggest the presence of groundwater in fine-grained glaciolacustrine material (units 2, 3 and 5), till diamicton (unit 4), glaciofluvial gravel (unit 6), and alluvial fan deposits (unit 7). The distribution of groundwater in consistent with surface water infiltrating through vertical and horizontal tension fractures into the underlying glaciolacustrine beds and colluvium (units 2 and 3) and bedrock (unit 1).

PRIME RESULTS AND INTERPRETATION

Rapidly drained coarse-grained colluvial, fluvial, and anthropogenic units have high apparent resistivities (>500 Ωm). Poorly drained fine-grained glaciolacustrine and moraine units have low to moderate apparent resistivities (<50-200 Ωm) (**Fig. 6**).

From 2017 to 2018, changes in ground resistivity are attributed to seasonal variation in sub-surface moisture. Precipitation (rain and snow) and ground temperature (Fig. 7 a) are recognized as important controls on the distribution of infiltrating soil water and groundwater flux in the slide body. Slope stability at this site is highly sensitive to moisture content.

Between late fall (November) and early spring (February), resistivity values increase in glacial deposits as snowfall blankets the slope, the ground freezes (<0°C) to an estimated depth <2 m, and the river reaches its lowest level (Fig. 7 b). The greatest displacement rates indicated by GNSS and InSAR occur with during winter and spring when transitional ground conditions allow snow melt and rainfall to penetrate deep into the still-frozen (or thawing) slide body by way of tension cracks, planar fractures and bedding surfaces

From late spring (March) to early fall (October), when ground temperatures are >0°C (i.e., unfrozen), infiltrating precipitation results in a progressive decrease in resistivity at depth as the moisture content of sub-surface clay-rich units increases. Over this period, Thompson River levels are high (Fig. 7 b) and support the submerged portions of the toe slope. It is during this period that GNSS and InSAR monitoring indicate minimum rates of surface displacement

EVALUATION OF MULTI-DIMENSIONAL APPROACH

An unprecedented level of insight into the internal composition and structure of the very slow-moving Ripley Landslide has been gained by combining the results of terrestrial, waterborne, and borehole geophysical surveys. These datasets are evaluated in the context of ground observations, surficial geology mapping, ar instrumental monitoring (e.g., Huntley and Bobrowsky 2014; Hendry et al. 2015; Journault et al. 2018).

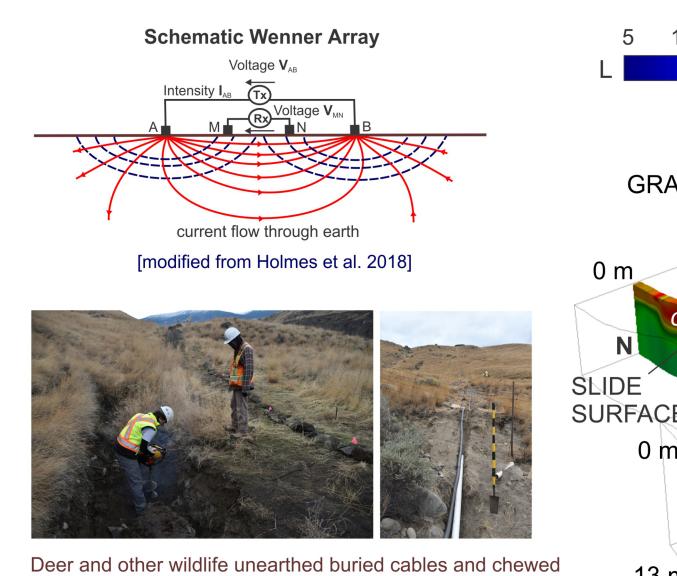
Small and irregular anomalies, areas of complex subsurface geometry, and groundwater-rich zones are interpreted along all ERT survey lines. Terrain mapping and geophysical surveys indicate a high relief bedrock sub-surface overlain by a 10 m to >30 m-thick package of complex sediments containing groundwater. Planar sub-surface features revealed in surface exposures, borehole logs, and geophysical profiles include tabular bedding and terrain unit contacts (Fig. 3, Fig. 5). Terrestrial profiles also show discrete curvilinear features interpreted as rotational-translational failure planes in clay-rich beds in the main body of the slide beneath the rail ballast and retaining wall (Fig. 6).

Continuous (real-time) ERT monitoring has now been deployed to characterize the long-term hydrological behaviour of geological units in the landslide (Bobrowsky et al. 2017; Holmes et al. 2018; Sattler et al. 2018). This installation is capturing dynamic (4D) changes in electrical resistivity of the hydrogeological units in the landslide. A real-time dataset is helping to better define surface water and groundwater flow paths in the main slide body, and their relationship to fluctuating pore-water pressures and landslide activity.

In turn, this monitoring will improve our understanding of soil strength and landslide stability. Understanding the impact of season variations in ground resistivity will enable us to develop moisture paths and threshold for the prediction of slope failure at Ripley Landslide and, by extension, other slides in the Thompson River transportation corridor.

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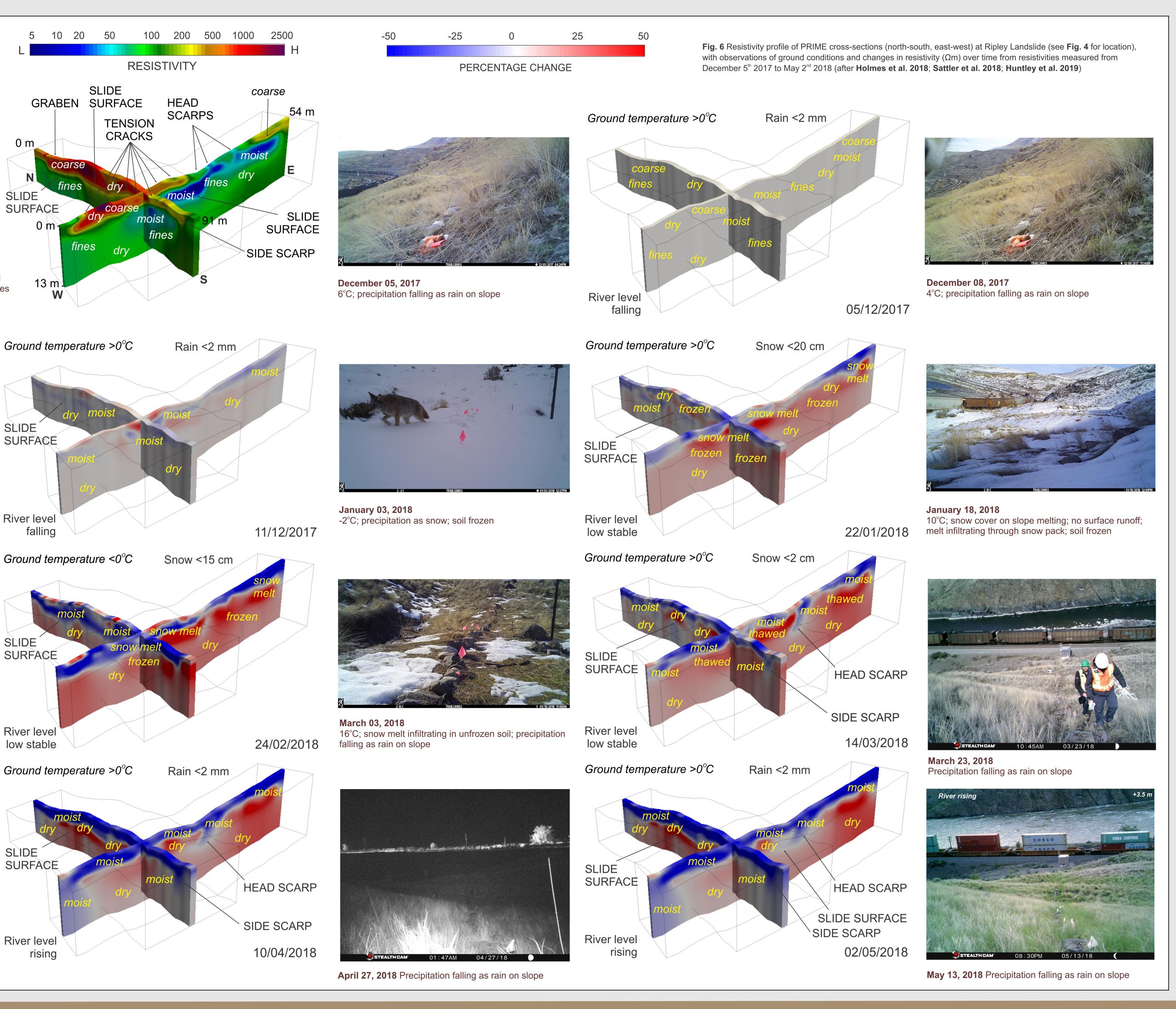
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through wires at several locations on the arrays. Buried cables and electrodes armoured by cobbles and boulders



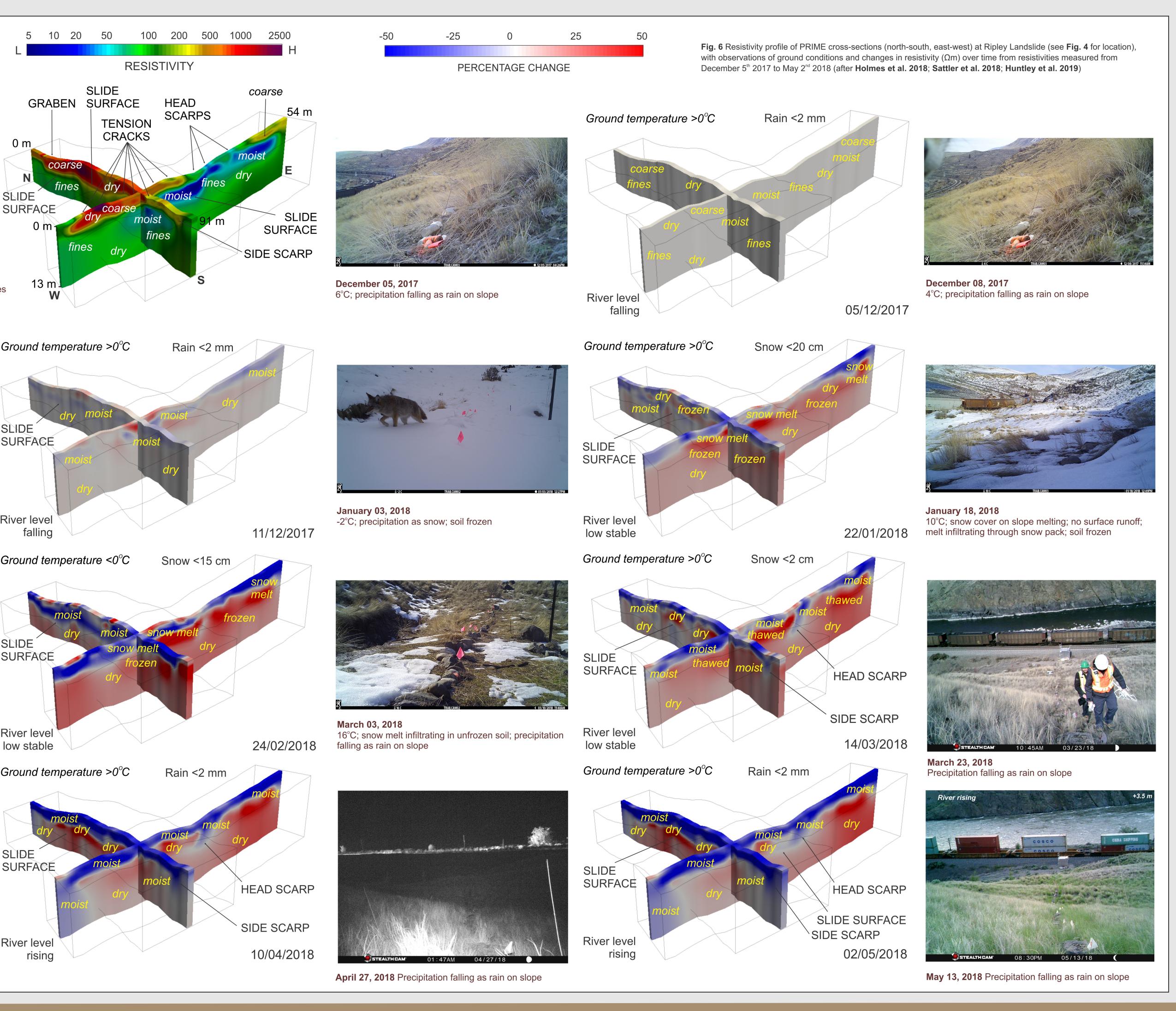
December 08, 2017 4°C; precipitation falling as rain on slope; soil unfrozen







River level



April 15, 2018 Precipitation falling as rain on slope

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