



# Parameterize a snow slide routine (SnowSlide) on the basis of Remotely sensed data



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## TEST SITE BERCHTESGADEN



- Area: ca. 210 km<sup>2</sup>
- Good instrumentation
- Two sites for field measurements
- Rough topography







# Challenge

The pattern can be extremely different











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## THE COUPLING OF TWO MODELS. A SCALE ISSUE.



Centimeters to tens of meters INTERACTIONS BETWEEN SNOW AND VEGETATION



Tens of meters to +- 200 hundred meters WIND INDUCED SNOW TRANSPORT



Hundreds to thousands of meters OROGRAPHIC DRIVEN EFFECTS

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#### **INTERPOLATION**



#### Workshop on Cold Regions Hydrology





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Average gain of SWE for the total glacier area = 22cm SWE or 12% of the snowy precipitation.





## SnowSlide



Is this process relevant for the runoff generation of Alpine catchments?







## SnowSlide



SnowSlide: a simple routine for calculating gravitational snow transport Bernhardt M. and Schulz K. Geophysical Research Letters 2010 (accepted)

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## The spatial characteristics of the snow distribution is very similar from year to year







3m snow depth





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### 2m snow depth

0m

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