



Wireless Sensor Network for Detecting Disasters

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Disasters

- Between 2000 and 2012, natural disasters caused
 - \$1.7 trillion in damage
 - affected 2.9 billion people
 - 1.1 million people were killed
- Worldwide in 2011, there were
 - 154 floods,
 - 16 droughts, and
 - 15 cases of extreme temperature
- 2012 → natural disaster damage exceeding \$100 billion.

Disasters

- Floods
 - the most widespread natural disaster
- Earthquakes:
 - cause associated destruction of man-made structures
 - instigate other natural disasters such as tsunamis, avalanches, and landslides
- Hurricanes
 - coupled with storm surges and sever flooding
- Landslides
 - often accompany earthquakes, floods, storm surges, hurricanes, wildfires, or volcanic activity
 - often damaging and deadly than the triggering event

Monitoring Techniques

- Large Scale Monitoring (Macro)
 - Satellite Systems
 - Remote Sensing
 - Mobile Vehicle Based Sensing
- Site Specific Monitoring (Micro)
 - Wireless Sensor Network
 - Mobile Computing
- Participatory Sensing/Monitoring
 - Mobile Phone
 - Participants participation
- Area of Monitoring
- Frequency of Monitoring
- Knowledge of Location
- Uncertainty

Disasters Vs. Parameters

Disasters

- Landslide
- Flood
- Drought
- Hurricane
- Storms
- Avalanche
- Forest Fire
- Earthquake

Parameters

- Rainfall
- Moisture
- Water Level
- Wind
- Movement
- Temperature
- Humidity
- Vibration

Requirements for Monitoring

Sub Systems

- Sensors
- Data Collection Techniques
- Data Aggregation Techniques
- Real-time Communication Technology
- Complex Data Analysis
- Multiple methods for detection
- Alert Dissemination

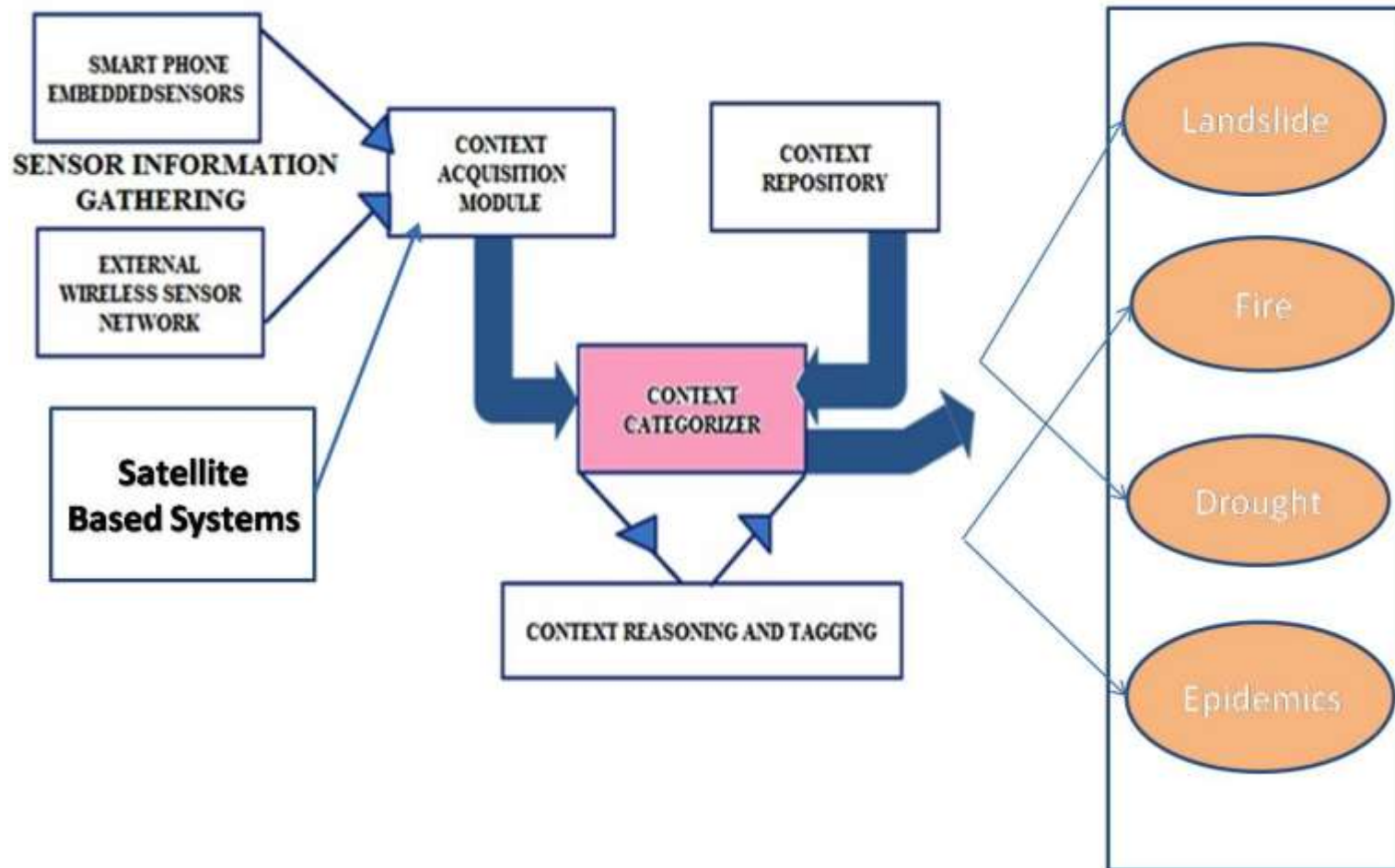
Required Functionalities

- Long Term Monitoring
- Network Lifetime Extension
- Fault Tolerant Communication Technology
- Heterogeneous Data Aggregation, Analysis
- Multi-path for Alert Dissemination



**Major disasters instigate
other multiple types of
disasters**

Ubiquitous Mult-Context Model

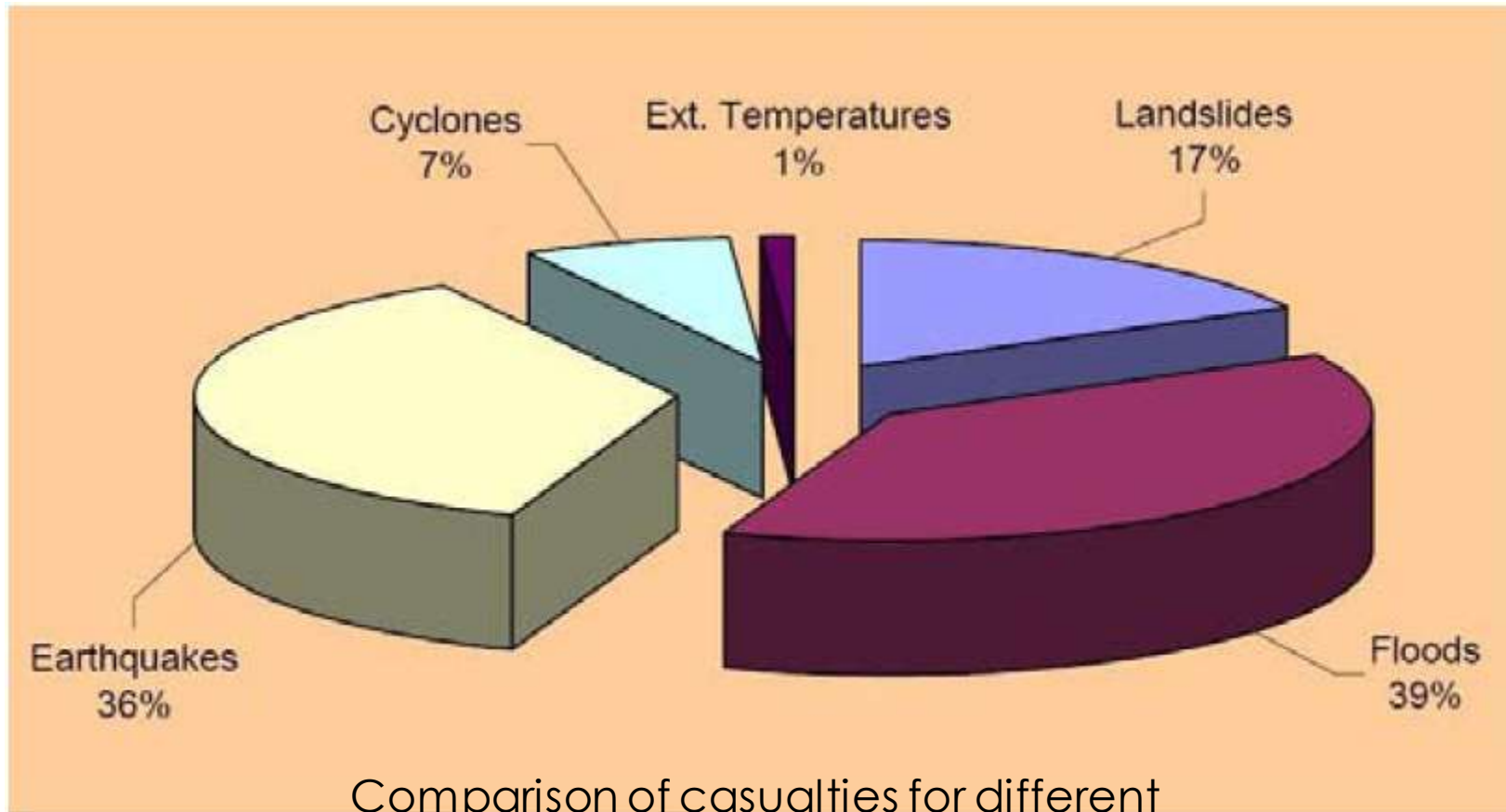


Wireless Sensor Network for Monitoring and Detection of Landslides

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Introduction

- Environmental Disasters: Landslides are the third most deadly natural disaster on earth



Comparison of casualties for different natural hazards (Source: CRED)

Introduction

- ▶ Environmental disasters are largely unpredictable and occur within very short spans of time.
- ▶ Wireless sensors are one of the cutting edge technologies that can quickly respond to
 - Rapid changes of data,
 - Process data, and
 - Transmit the sensed data
- ▶ Limitations include
 - relatively low amounts of battery power and
 - low memory availability compared to many existing technologies
- ▶ Main advantage: Deploying sensors in hostile environments with a bare minimum of maintenance.

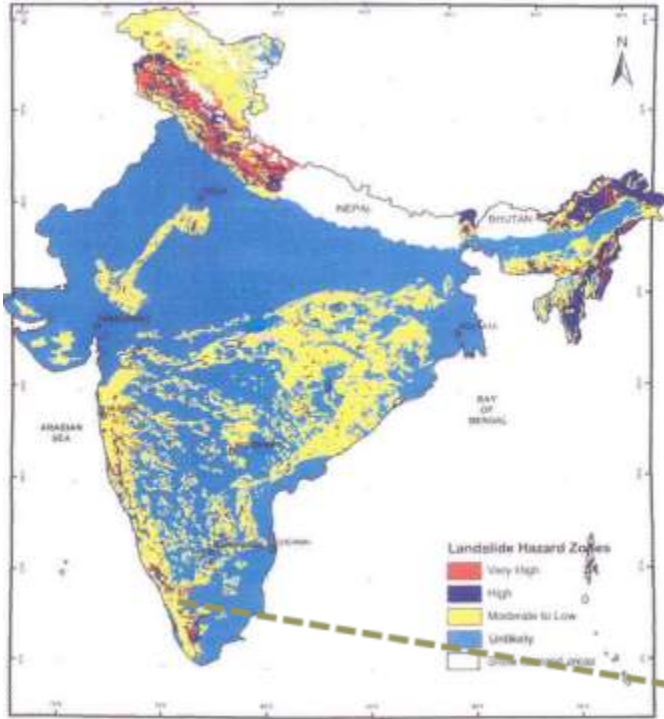


Major Outcomes

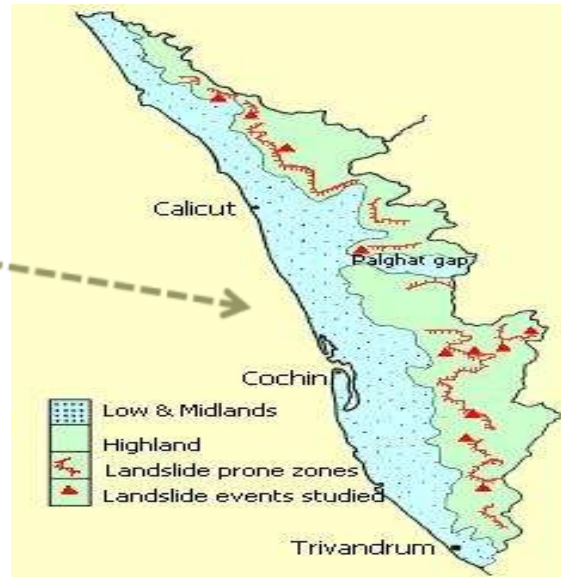
- **“World’s first ever comprehensive wireless sensor network for landslide detection” -AMRITA wireless sensor network for landslide detection**
- **“India’s first ever landslide laboratory set up for landslide detection” -AMRITA landslide laboratory set up for landslide detection**

Landslides

- **The rapid down-slope movement of soil, rock and organic materials under the influence of gravity.**
 - Short-lived and suddenly occurring phenomena
 - Causes extraordinary landscape changes and
 - destruction of life and property
- **In India,**
 - Landslides mainly happen due to the heavy rainfall.
 - Annual loss due to landslides equivalent to \$400 million
- This study concentrates on *rainfall induced landslides*



Landslide Risk Zones in Kerala



Landslide Prone Area - Munnar





Anthoniar Colony is located 700 meters Northwest of Munnar town. Two levels of slide were observed at Anthoniar Colony.

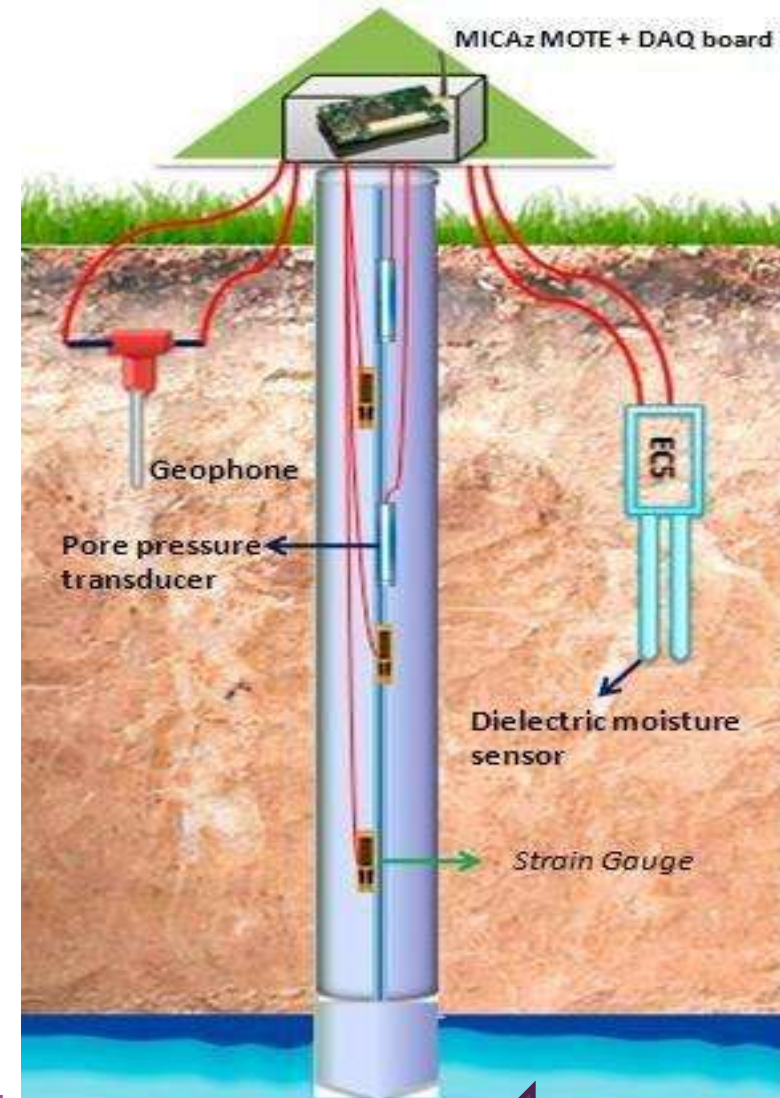
- The first one occurred in 1926.
 - It was a massive landslide with an estimated volume of 10^5 m^3 .
 - The scarp has a concave curvature.
- The second landslide occurred on 26 July 2005.
 - It was a complex rotational slide–debris flow with a volume of approximately 10^4 m^3 and was triggered by a torrential downpour.
 - The total rainfall recorded in Munnar on 26 July 2005 was 451mm. The same downpour also triggered two other landslides in the vicinity

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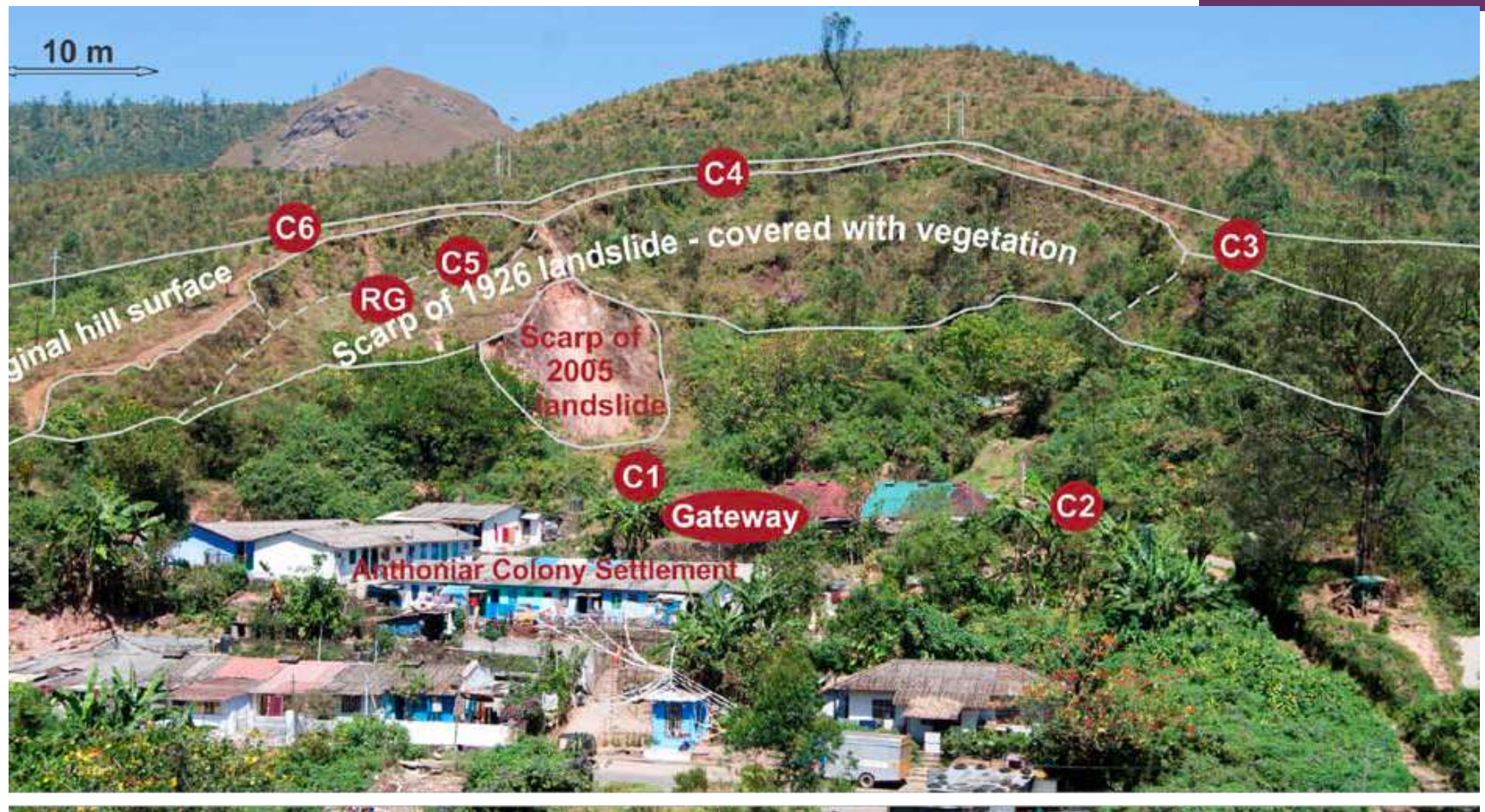
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Wireless Deep Earth Probe

- Geophysical sensors
 - Wired
 - High Maintenance
- Wireless Sensor Networks
 - Commercially available wireless sensor nodes do not have the geophysical sensors such as
 - Rain gauge
 - Moisture sensor
 - Pore pressure sensor
 - Strain gauge
 - Tilt meter
 - Geophone
- Geophysical sensors are interfaced with the wireless sensor node through an
 - Interfacing circuit
 - Data acquisition board



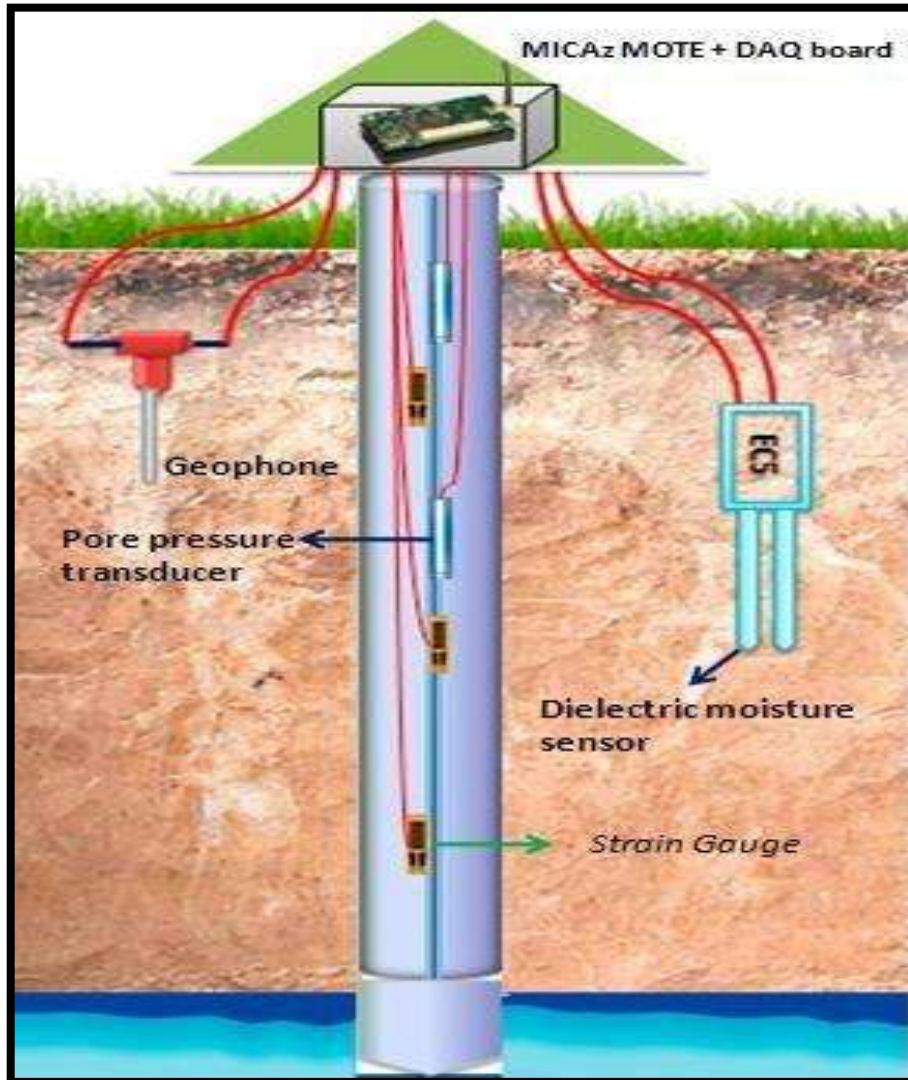
Locations of the Deep Earth Probe (DEPs) and Rain Gauge (RG)



WSN Monitoring & Warning System

24/7 operational Landslide Monitoring & Detection

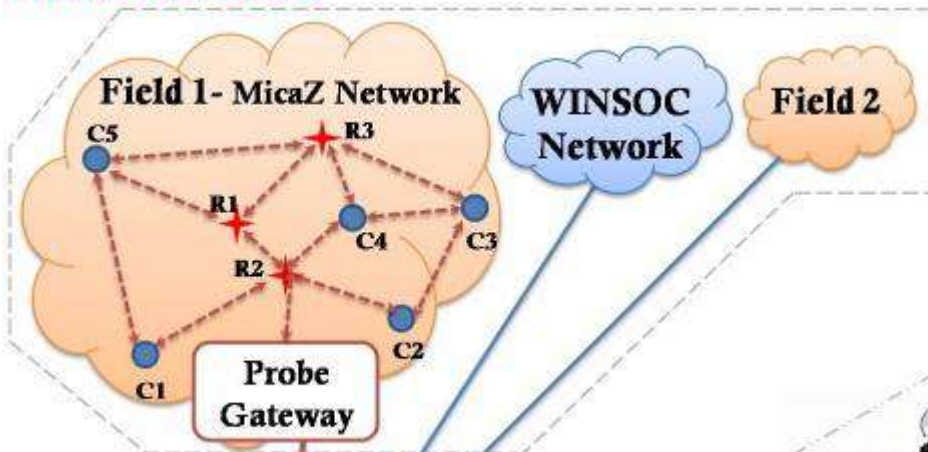
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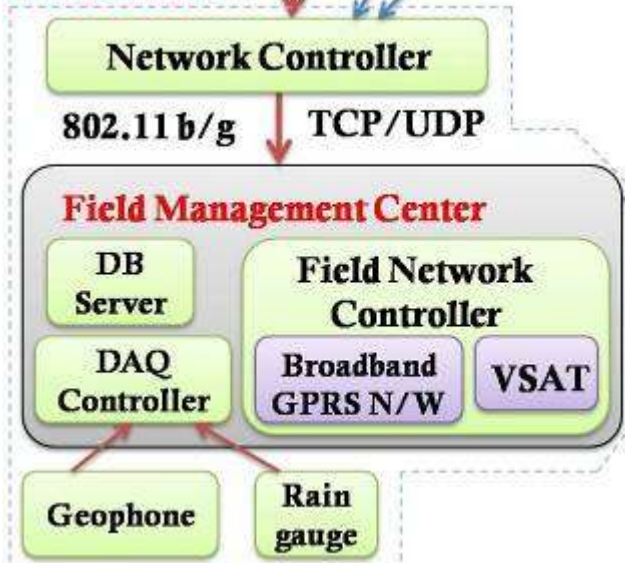
- 20 Deep Earth Probes (DEPs) (maximum 23 meter deep)
- 150 geophysical sensors deployed
 - Pore Pressure transducers
 - Strain gauges
 - Tilt meters
 - Dielectric moisture sensor
 - Geophone
 - Rain gauge
- 20 wireless sensor nodes

Overall System Architecture

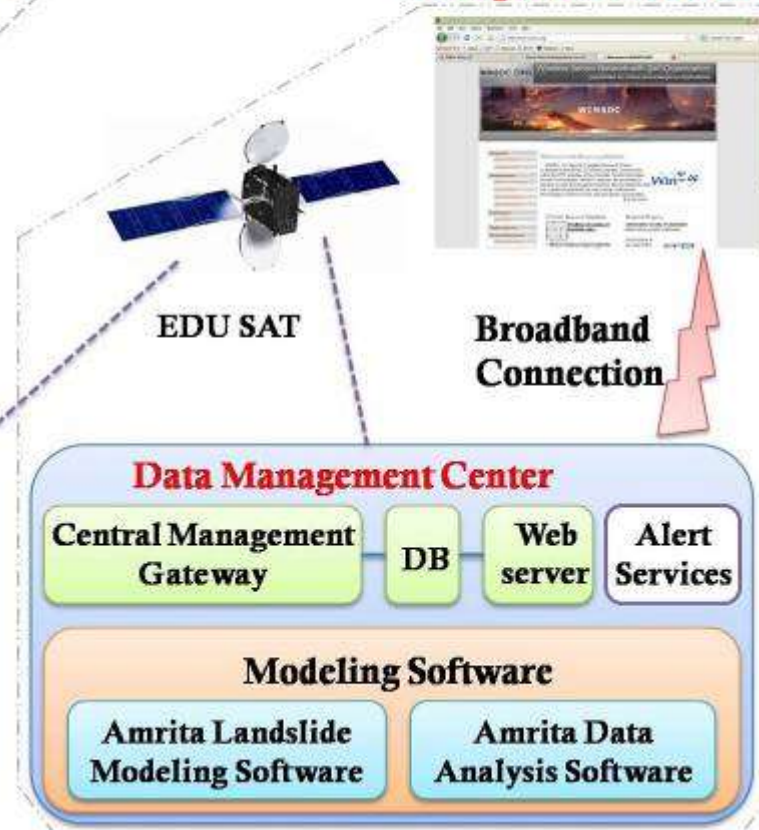
Probe Network



Field LAWN



Adaptive WAWN



Warning system

- Real-time Data Analysis - Three Level Warning System
 - Warning 1: Threshold level of rain gauge & dielectric moisture sensor
 - Warning 2: Threshold level of pore pressure transducer
 - Warning 3: Detection of movement initiation
- Landslide Modeling Software
- Landslide Laboratory Setup

Design of Feedback System

- Remote administering,
 - the sampling rate of the geological sensors
 - with respect to real-time climatic variations,
 - monitor the level of battery charges,
 - monitor the level of solar charging rate,
 - indicate faulty wireless sensor nodes or geological sensors etc.



First Landslide Warning Issued in July 2009

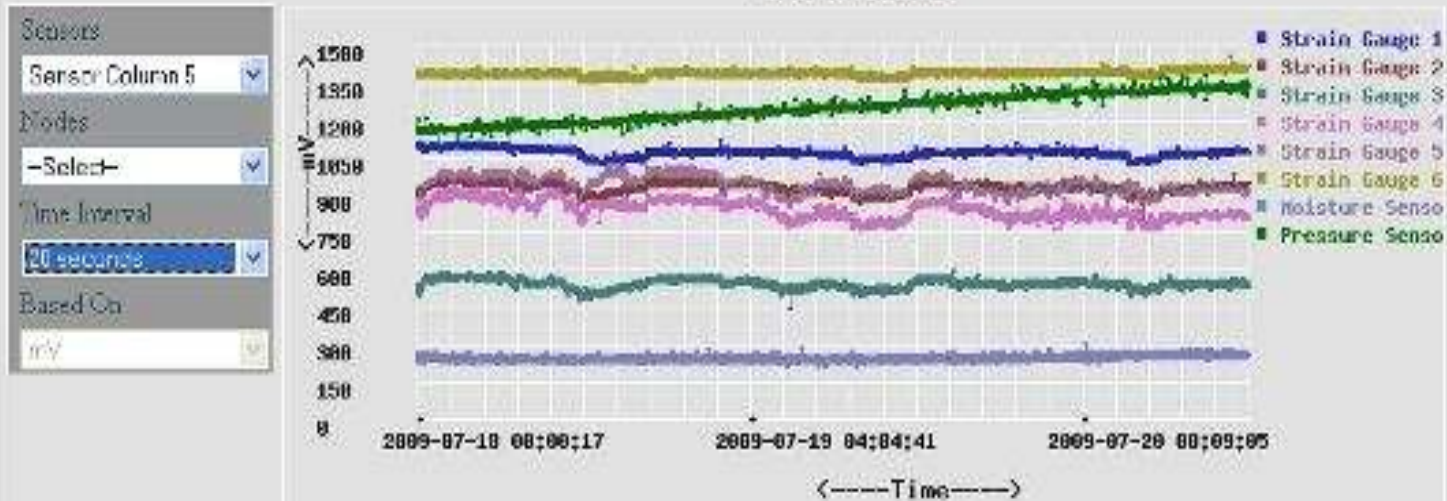


Visualisation Software



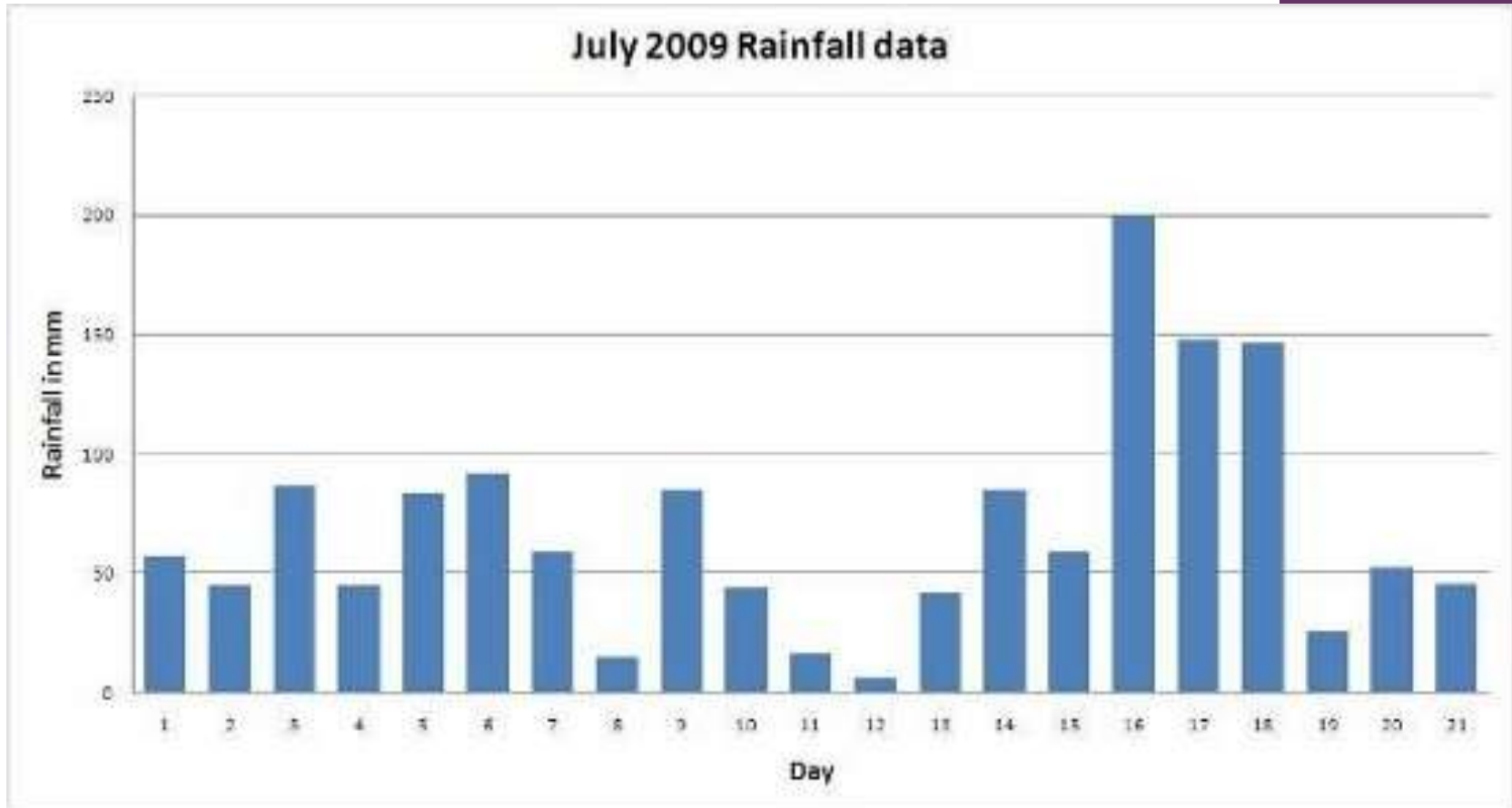
Realtime Streaming / Admin

Sensors in Online



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Landslide Warning Issued



Landslide Warning Issued

- July 21, 2009
- Heavy rain fall
- Increase in pore pressure
- Slight movements
- Rainfall threshold exceeded with respect to Caine (1980)

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Landslide laboratory set up

Medium scale laboratory set up

- Medium Scale Laboratory Set up
 - 2m long by 1 meter wide by 0.5 m tall and holds around 0.6 m³ of soil
 - Slope angle can be varied from 0 degree to 45 degree
 - Rainfall Simulator – Accurate raindrop size distribution and velocity
 - Seepage Simulator – Various infiltration rate



Large scale landslide laboratory set up

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- 4.6 m long by 2.6 m wide by 2 m tall
- designed to hold approximately 12 m³ of soil.
- up to 24 tone's of soil can be tested, at a maximum depth of up to 4 feet
- Slope angle can be varied from 0 degree to 45 degree
- Rainfall Simulator - Accurate raindrop size distribution
- Seepage Simulator - Various infiltration rate



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Research Initiatives



- The State Government & Disaster Management Departments has requested us to expand the wireless sensor network installation to other landslide prone areas in future major regions all over India:
 - Maharashtra State,
 - Kerala State,
 - the North Eastern region, and
 - the Himalayan region

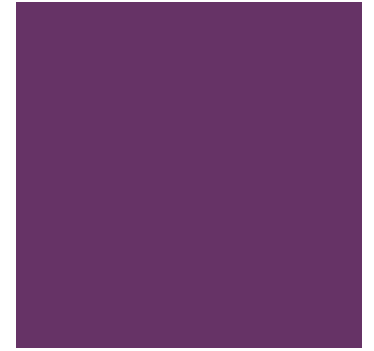
Drought Forecast and Alert System [2]

Drought

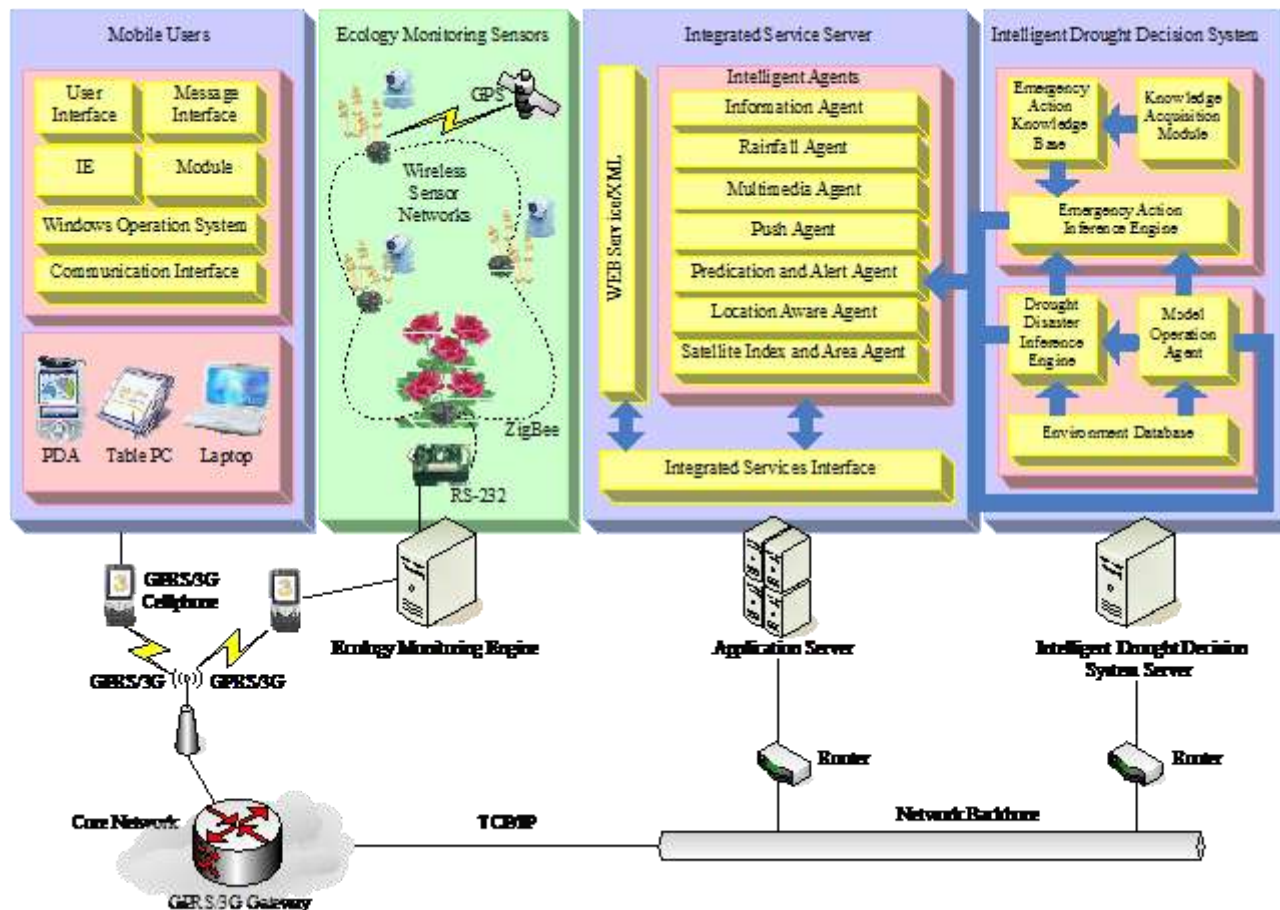
- Meteorological drought refers to the drought caused by abnormal climate and maladjusted rainfall.
- Hydrological drought indicates that there is not enough water supply for various applications due to water shortage in ground surface, such as lower water level of river or reservoir.
- Agricultural drought indicates that crops cannot grow normally due to insufficient soil moisture caused by water shortage within a certain period of time.
- Therefore, DFAS takes the rainfall and soil moisture as major variables for drought identification and monitoring covering meteorological and agricultural drought.

DFAS

- identification and monitoring of meteorological and agricultural drought
- Major Parameters and Sensors
- Rainfall → Rainfall sensor
- Moisture → soil moisture sensor



Drought forecast and alert system and network architecture

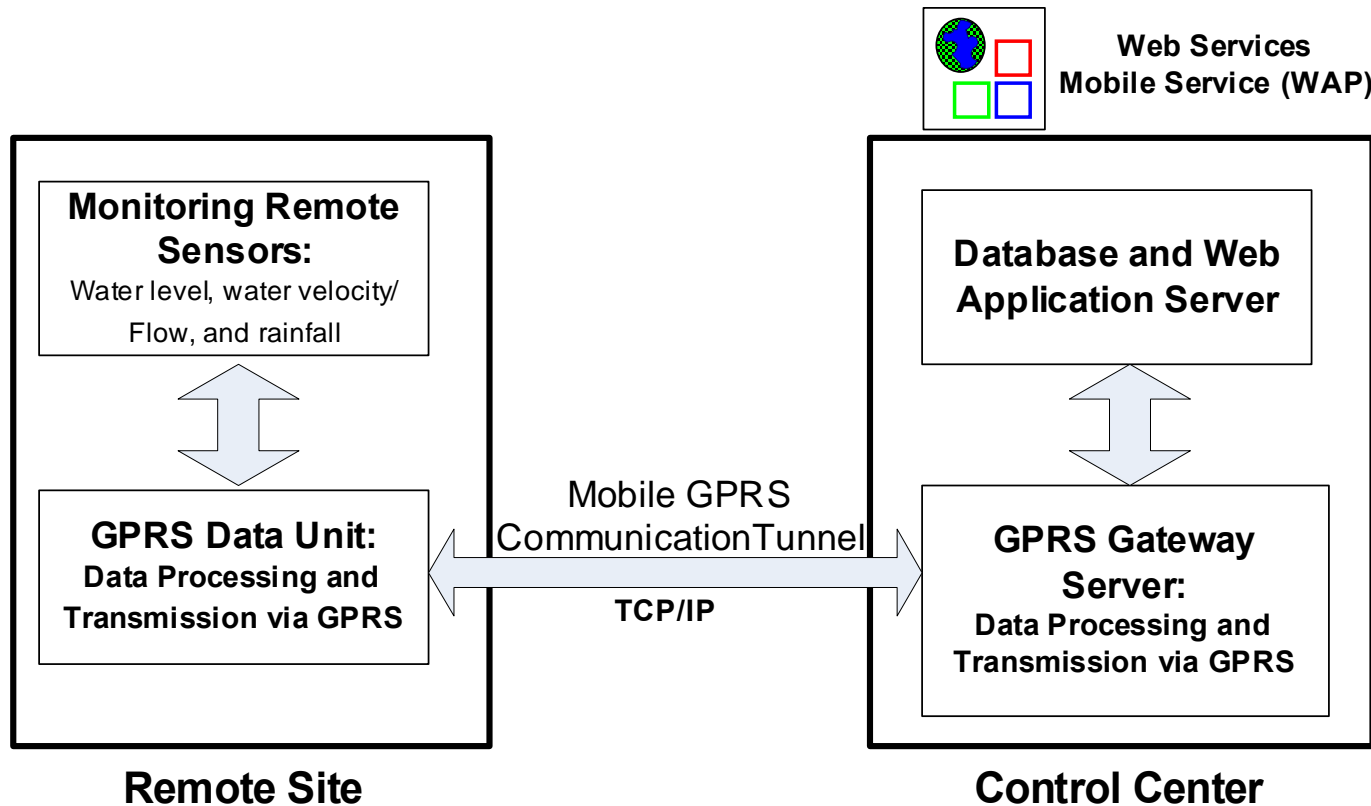


Real-time flood monitoring and warning system

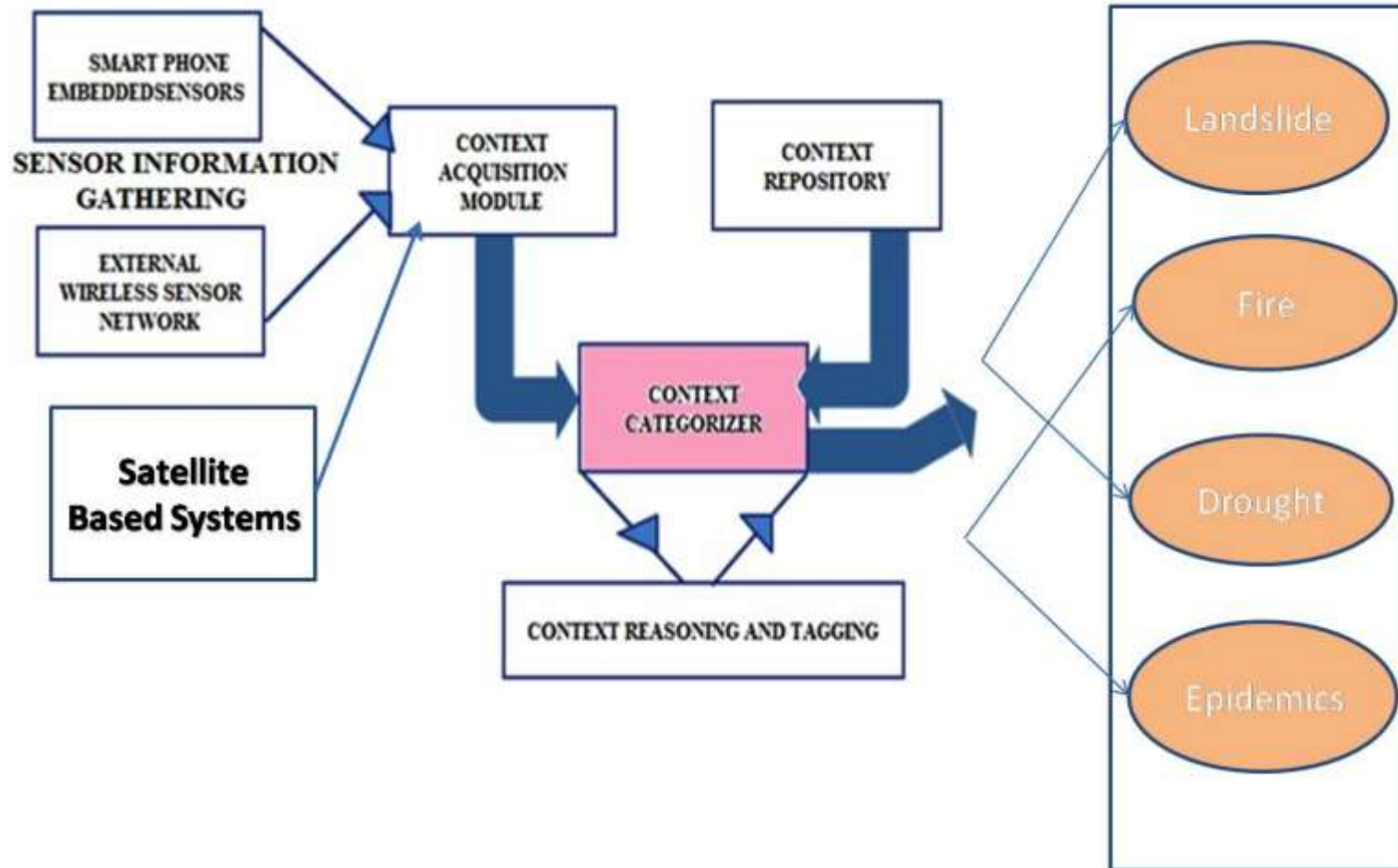
Sensing Parameters

- The system for real-time monitoring of water conditions:
 - water level
 - flow
 - precipitation level
- This system was developed to be employed in monitoring flood in Nakhon Si Thammarat, a southern province in Thailand

Architecture

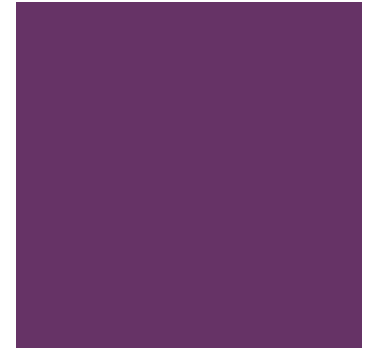


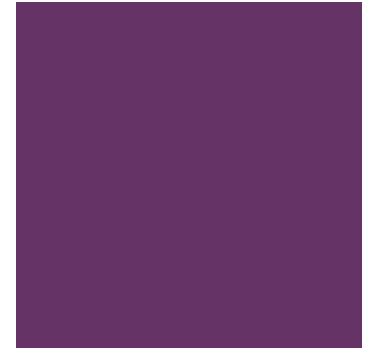
Ubiquitous Mult-Context Model



Requirements Multi--Context System

- Context Aware System
- Location Based System
- Context Classification
- Heterogeneous Data Aggregation
- Adaptive Alert System





Monitor and Detect major disasters

**Monitor and Detect other multiple types
of disasters instigated by the major
disaster**

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