



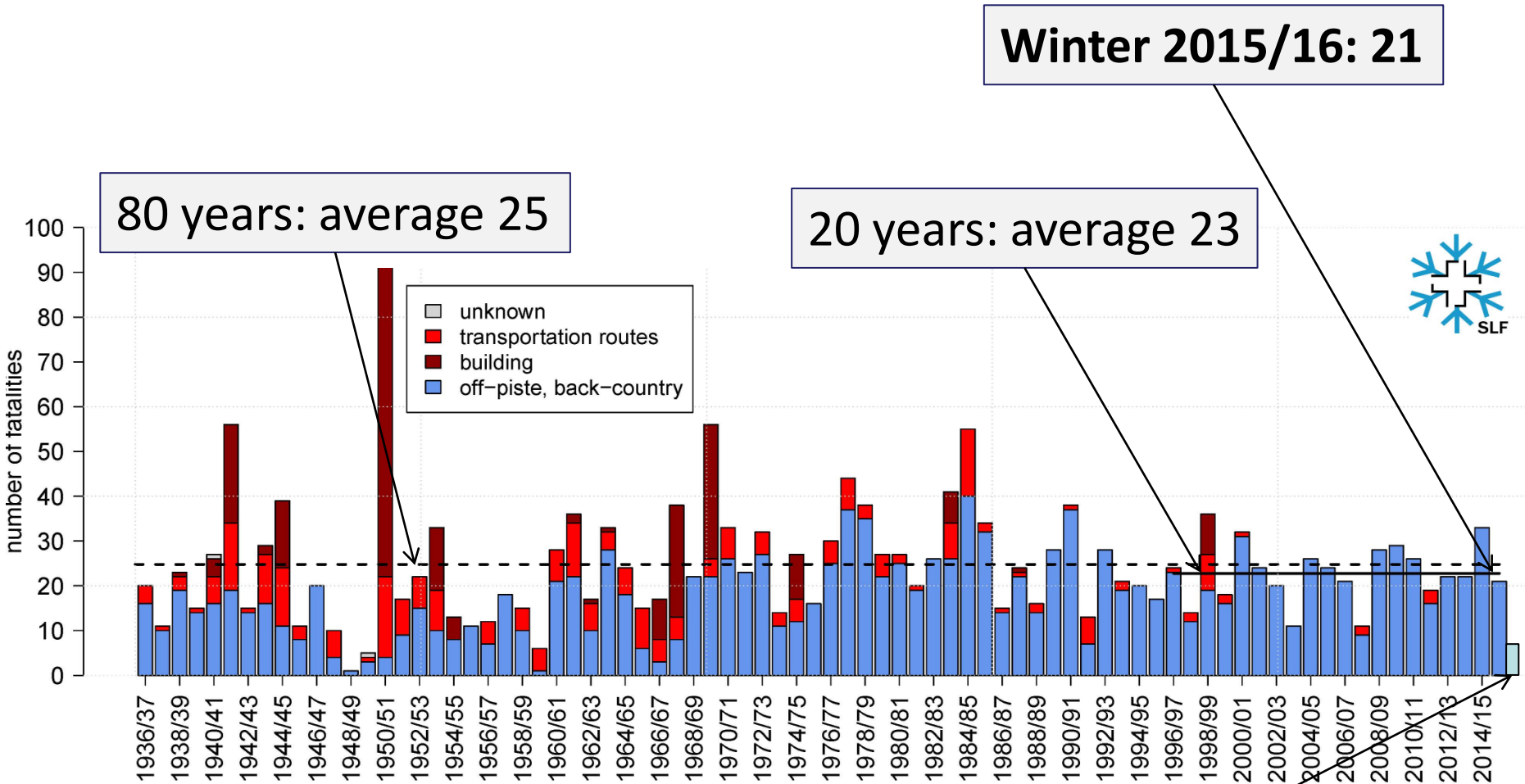
Avalanche accidents winter 2016/17 Swiss Alps

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Avalanche fatalities since 1936/37



Winter 2016/17: 8

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Lawinenopfer im Winter 2016/17

Deutlich weniger Menschen wissen Tod

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Ein wichtiger Teil der Sucharbeit

Das Wichtigste in Kürze

- Der vergangene Winter
- Ob der späte Schneefall für den Rückgang sind

Ein Winter mit auffällig wenig Lawinenopfern

Dieses Jahr sind in der Schweiz in den Vorjahren. Dafür gibt es



Unglück ohne Todesopfer: Ein Chalets zerstört hatte. (21. März)

04.04.2017

Im zu Ende gehenden Winter sind

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1 statt 17 Tote

Markant weniger Lawinenopfer in der Schweiz

DAVOS - Im zu Ende gehenden Winter sind so wenige Personen bei Lawinen ums Leben gekommen wie seit zehn Jahren nicht mehr. Ganz eindeutige Erklärungen dafür gibt es nicht.



Winter 2016/17 less dangerous?

Possible reasons:

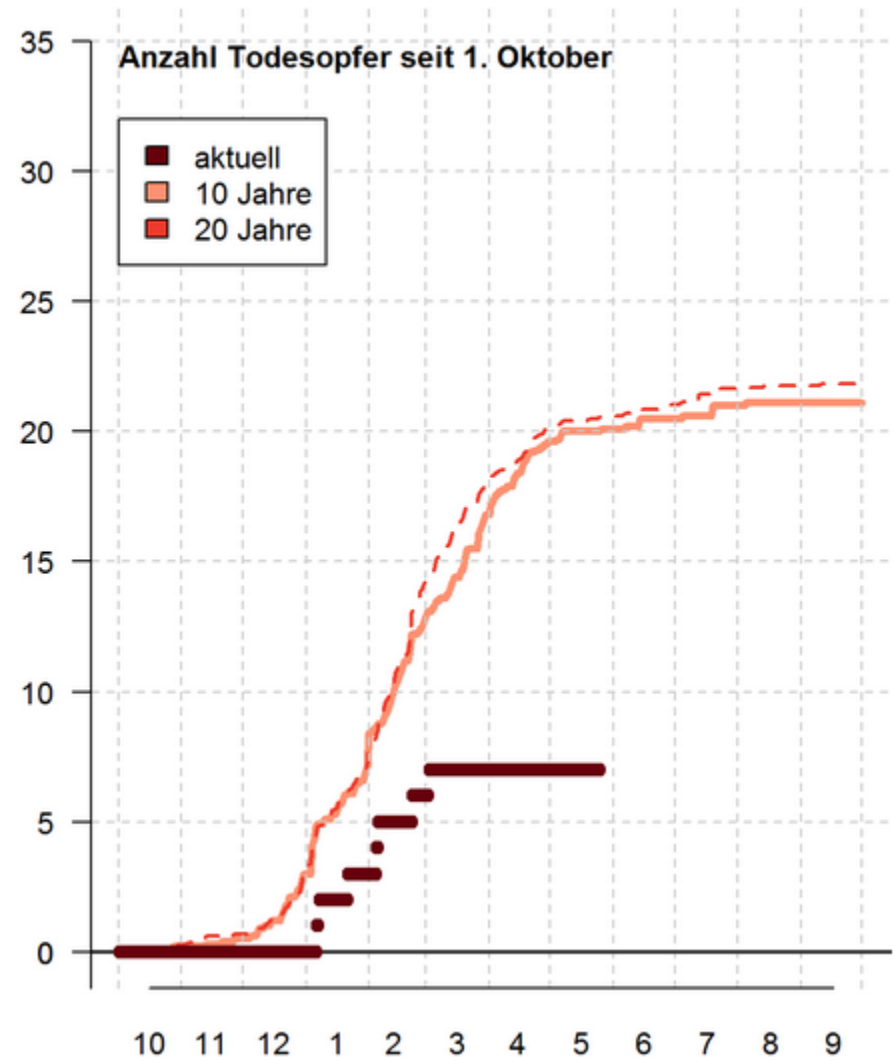
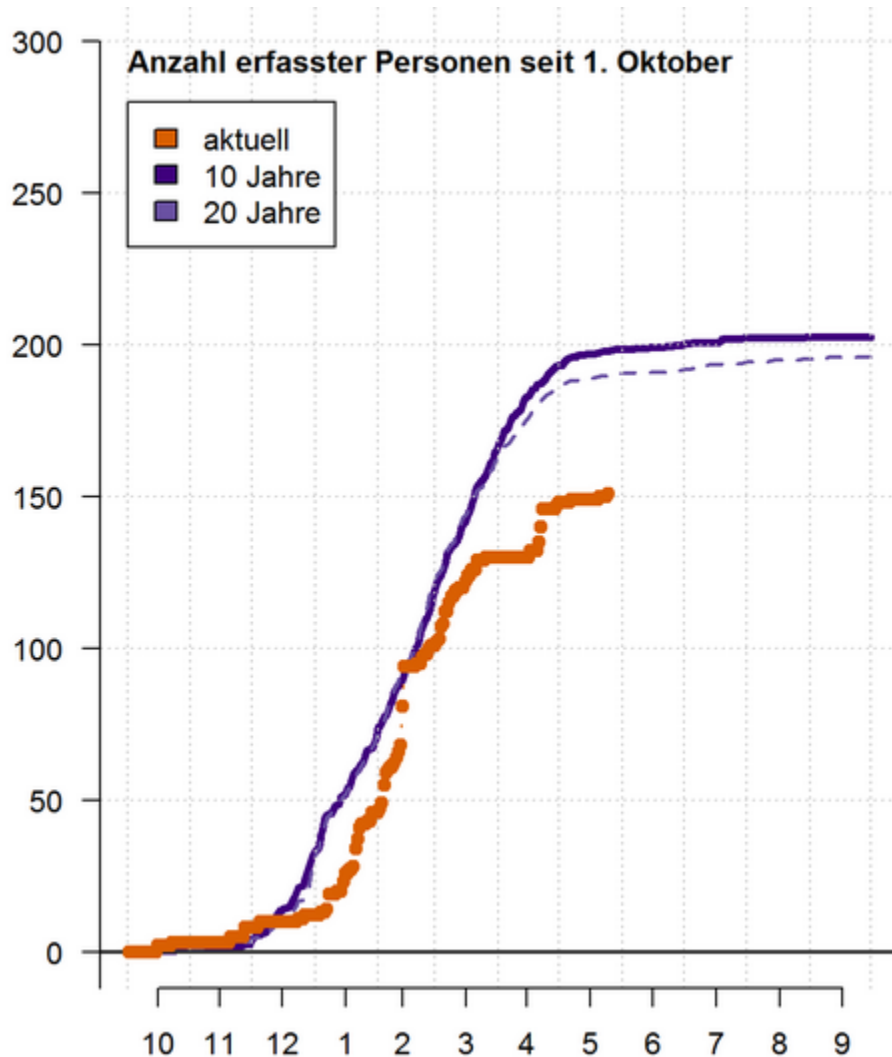
- Almost no snow during Christmas/New Year → short winter
- Often bad snow conditions
- No accident with more than one fatality
- Defensive behaviour

But there are as well reasons for a dangerous winter:

- Very pronounced old snow problem
- Often nice weather



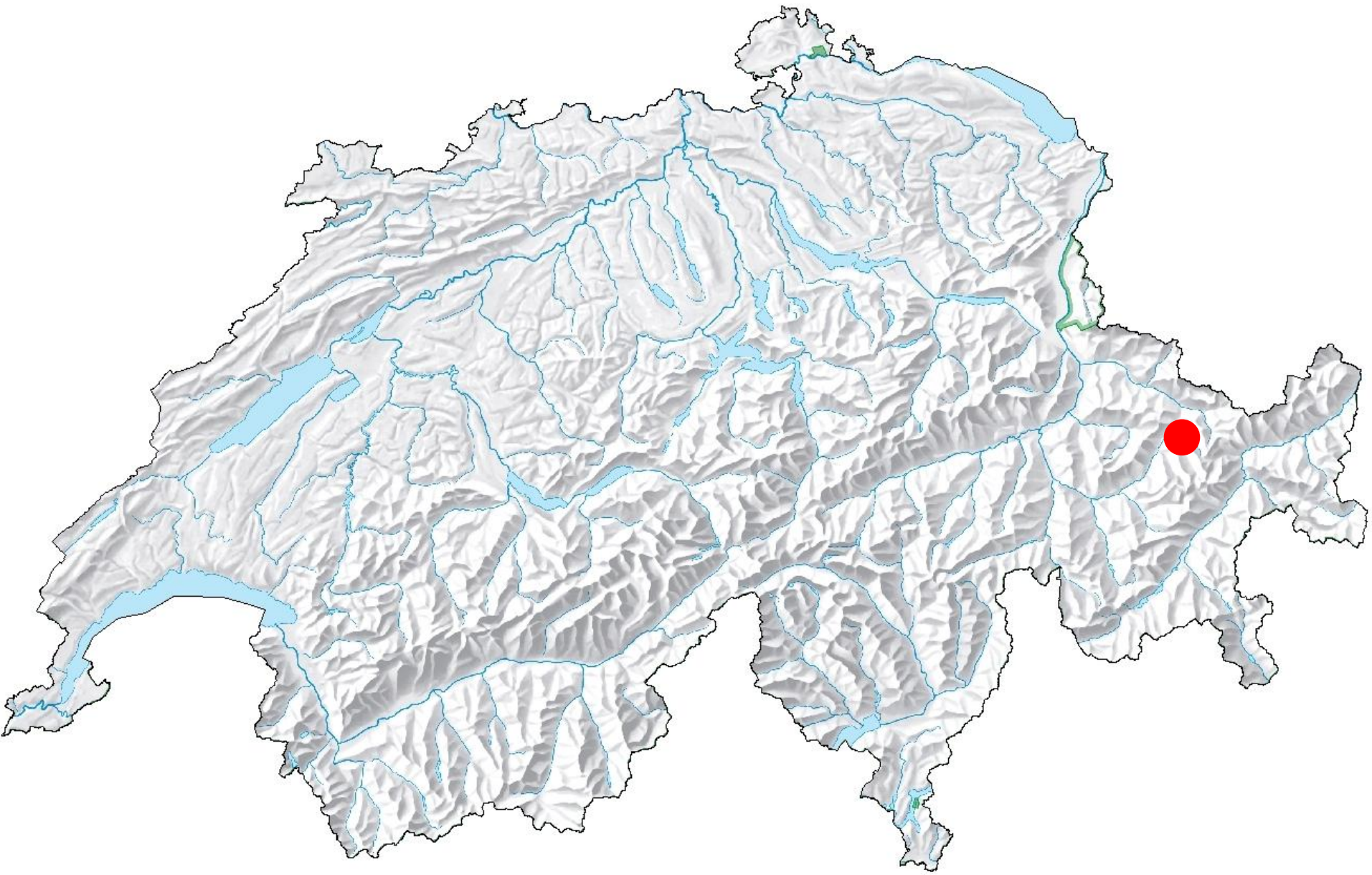
Less fatalities, many involved people – luck...?



Examples



Jakobshorn (GR), 22.10.2016



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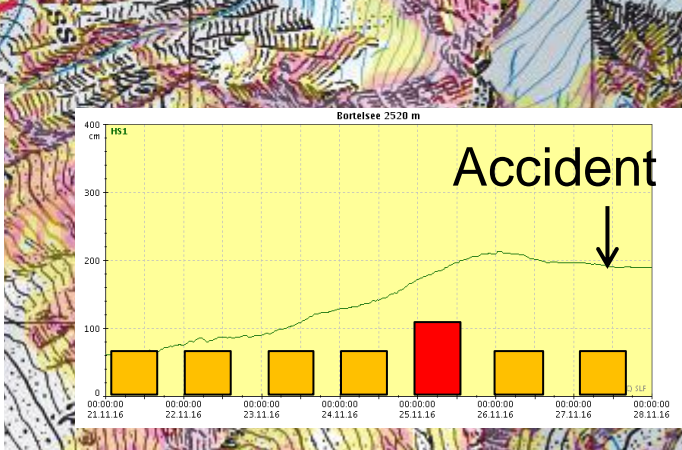
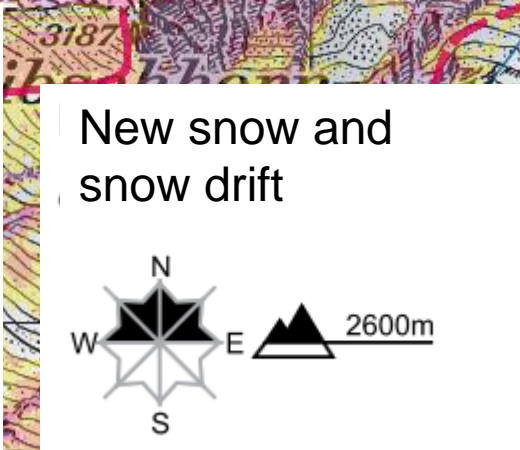
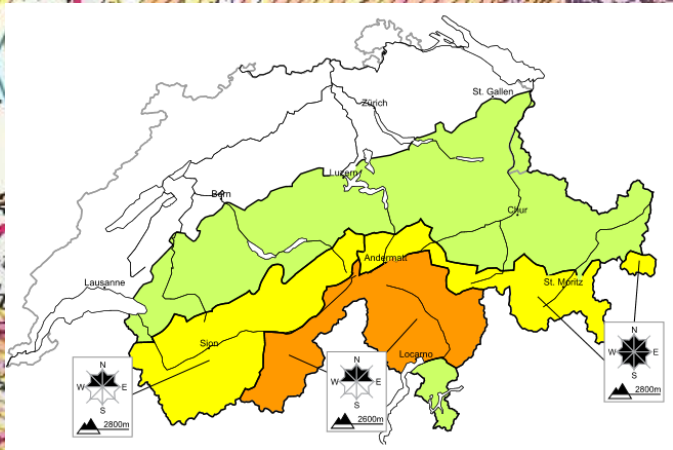
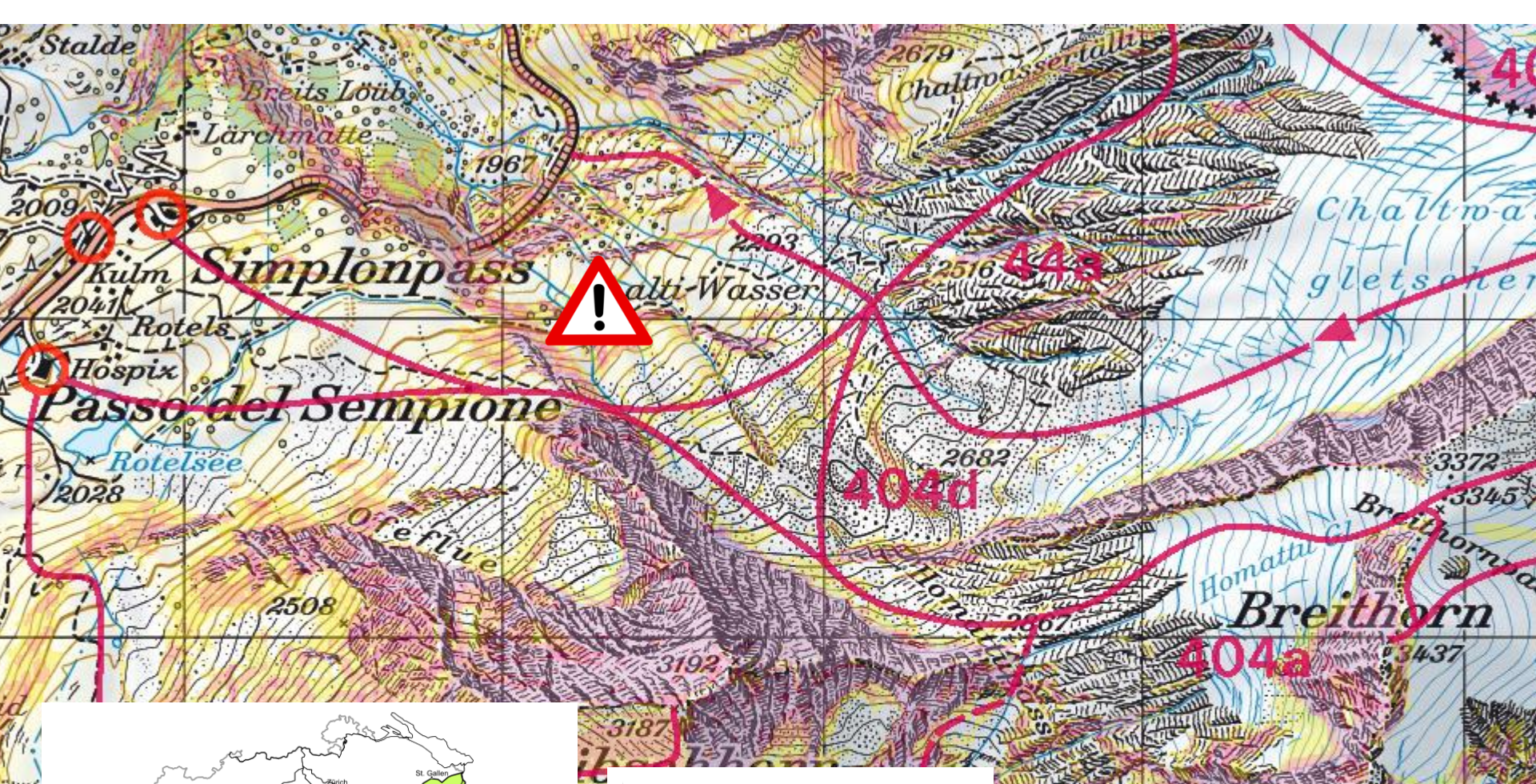
Avalanche in artificial snow
1 person caught but not buried

Photo: V. Meier



Breithorn, Simplon (VS), 27.11.2016





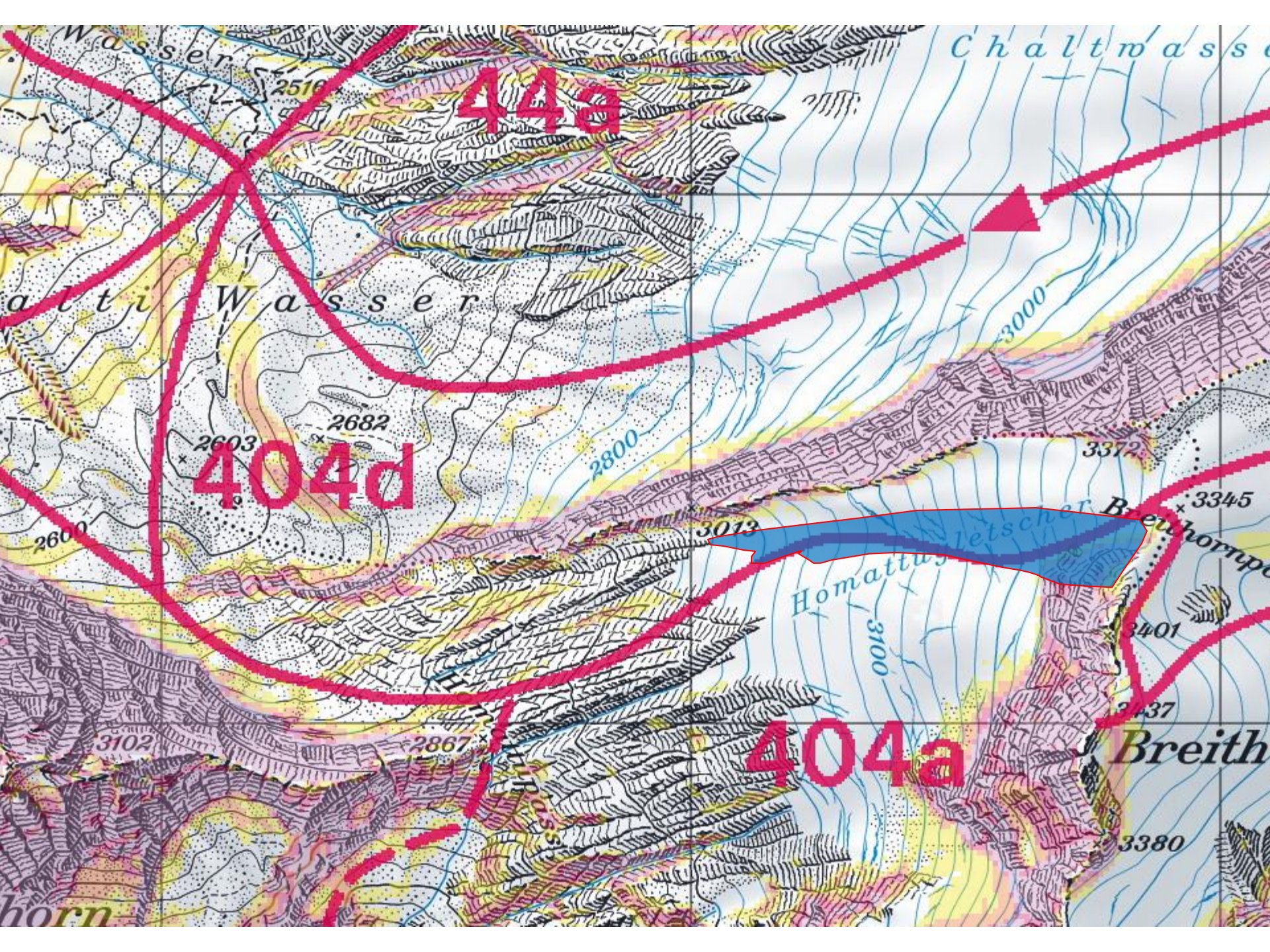




Photo: M. Briggeler

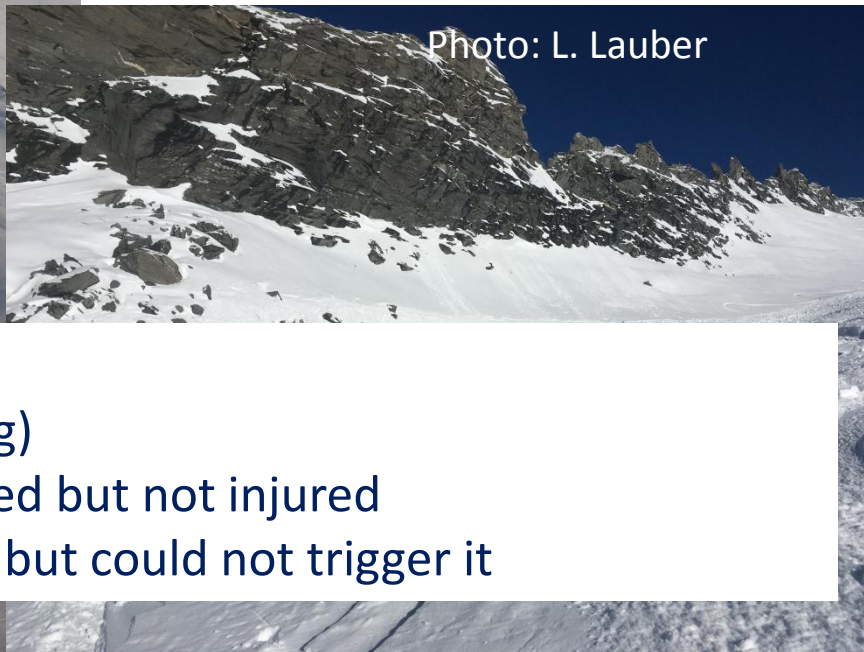


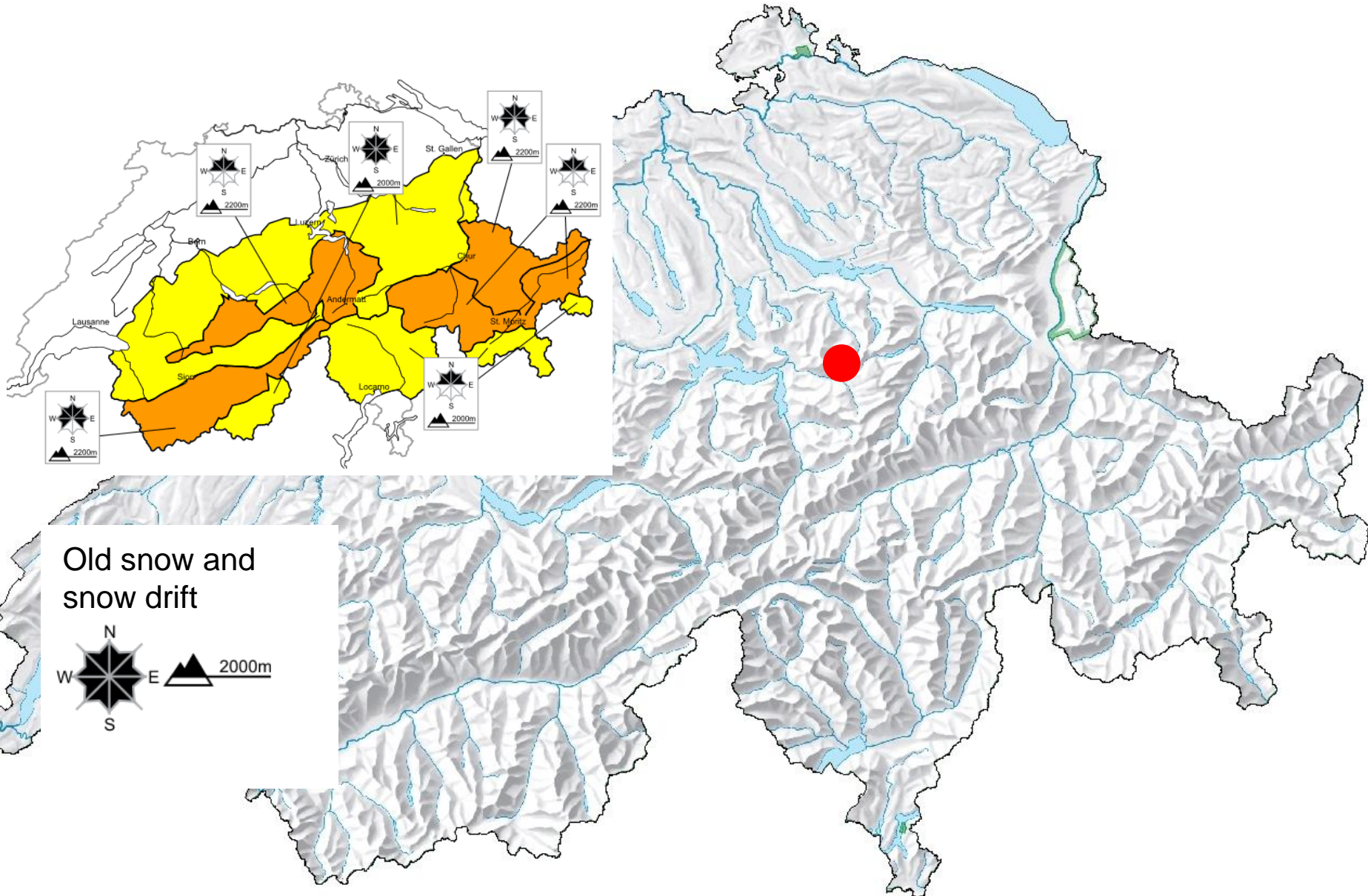
Photo: L. Lauber

3 persons caught:

- * Person 1 was completely buried (no airbag)
- * Person 2 triggered airbag, was partly buried but not injured
- * Person 3 was partly buried, had an airbag but could not trigger it

Photo: S. Zenklusen

Forstberg, Oberiberg (SZ), 21.1.2017



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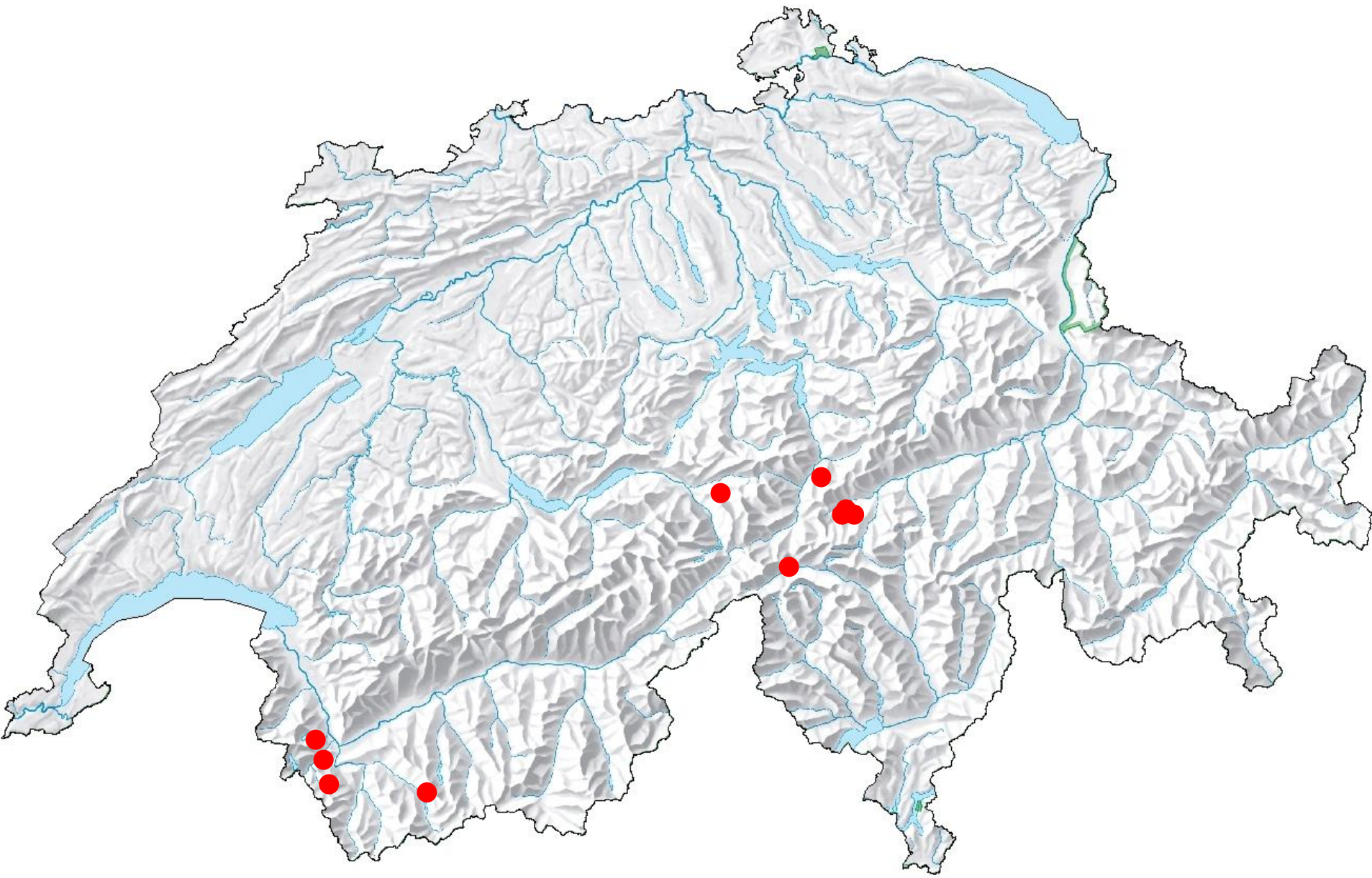


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3.3. bis 10.3.



Bagnes, Merdençon, VS, 3.3.

Bridge broken

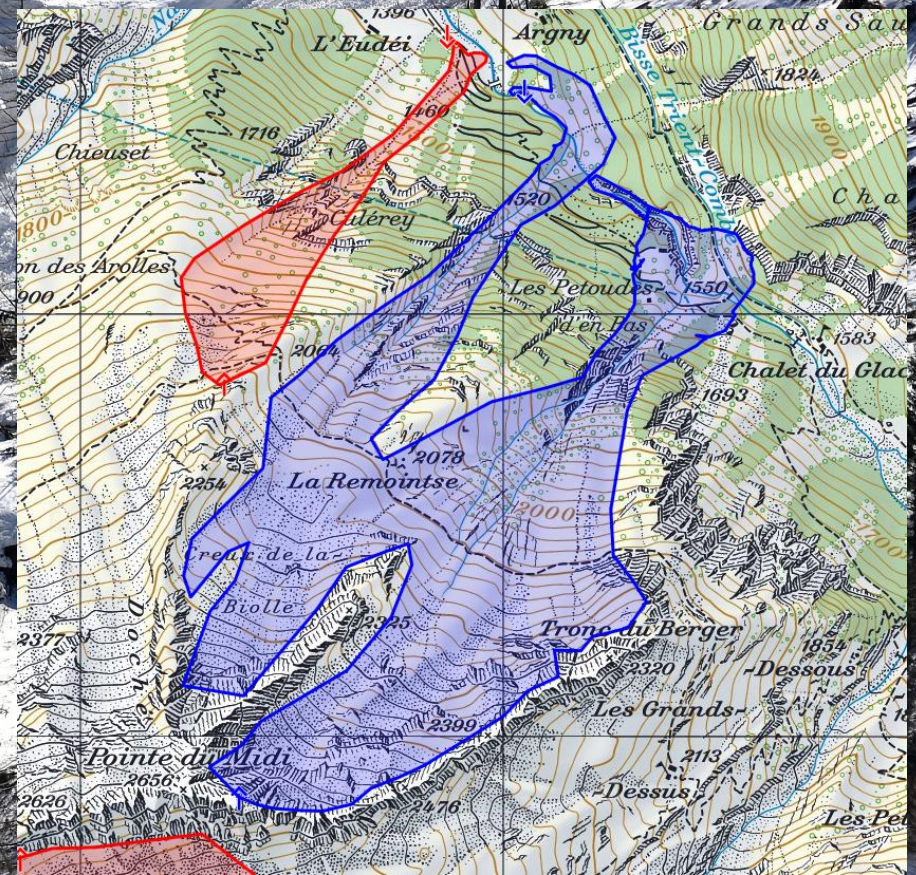
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Trient, Pointe du Midi, VS, 6.3.

Forest damage

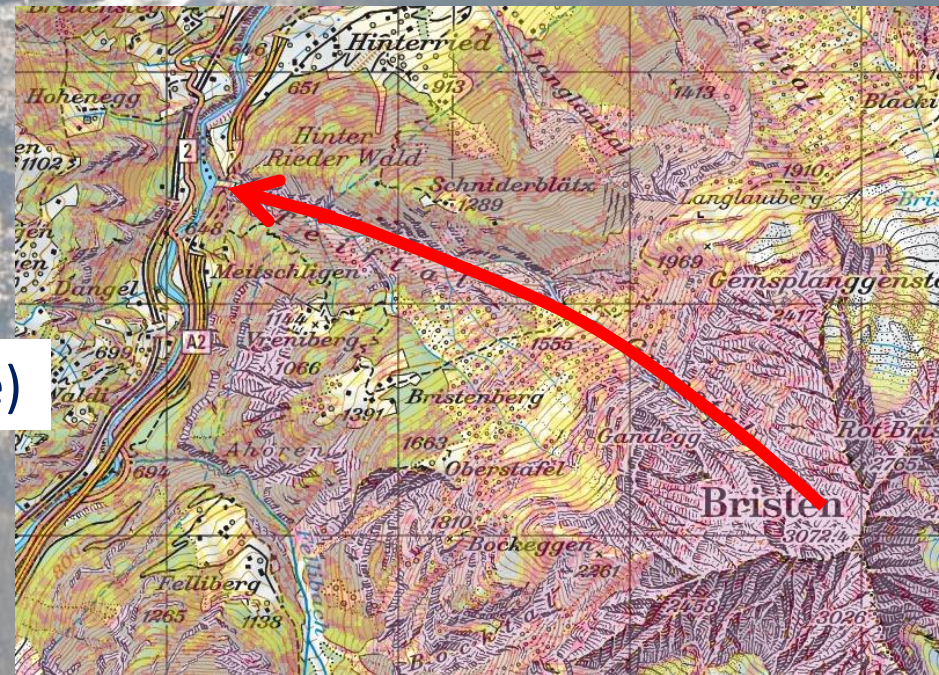
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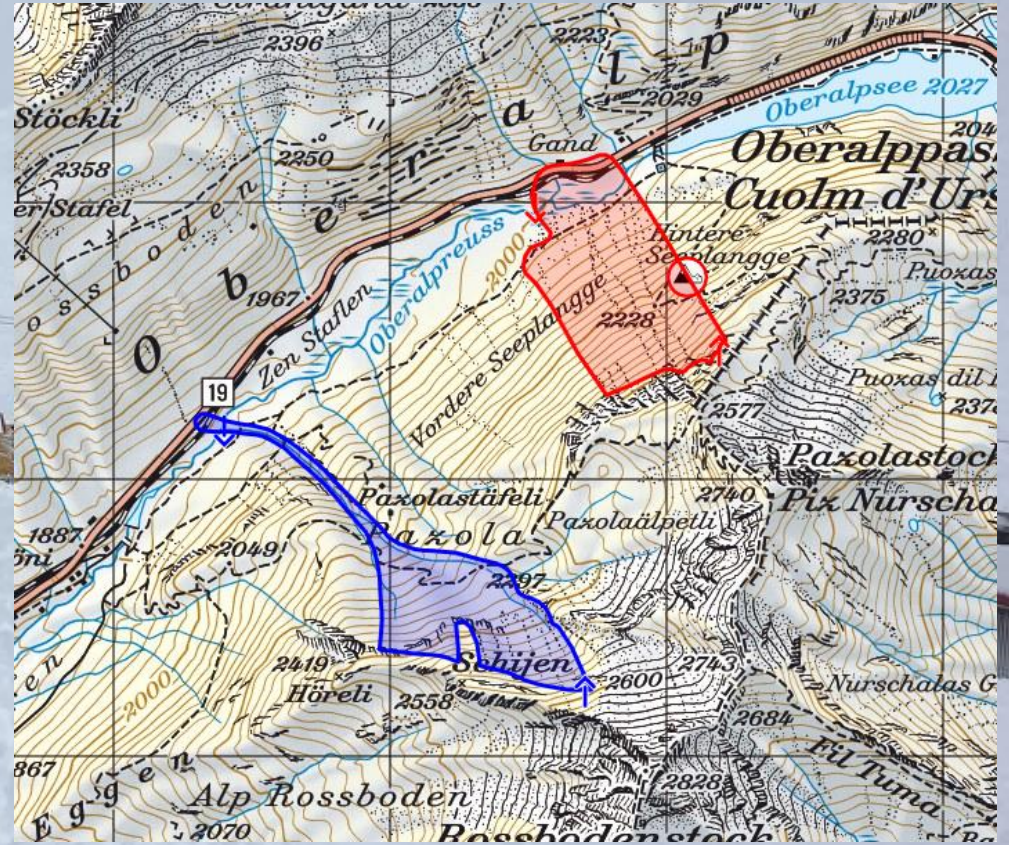
Teiftal, Bristen, UR, 7.3.

Damage at construction field (pressure)

Photo: G. Walker



Oberalp, UR, 7.3.



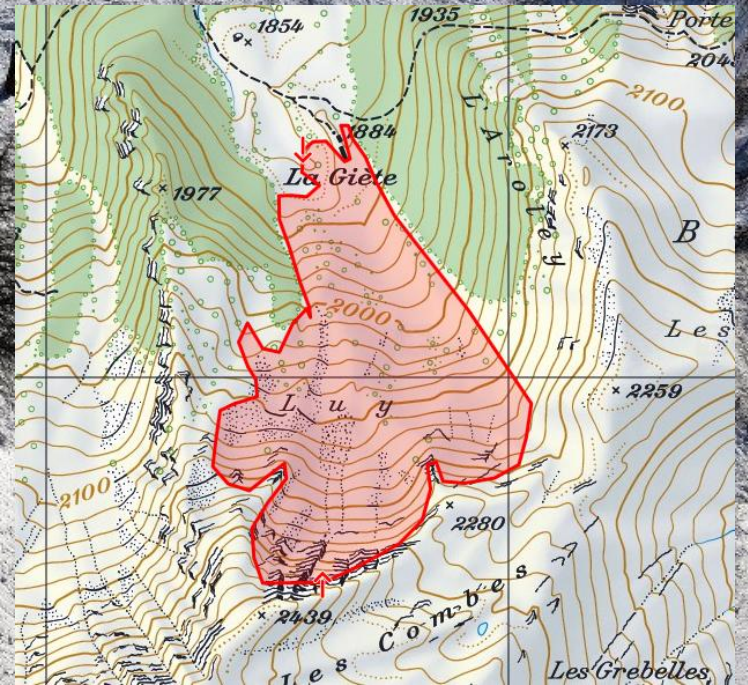
3 avalanches with damage
at overhead contact line

Photo: T. Niffeler

La Giète, Martigny, VS, 8.3.

Forest damage, luck for the building

Photo: J.-L. Lugon



Vallon de Van, Salvan, VS, 8.3.

Several buildings destroyed

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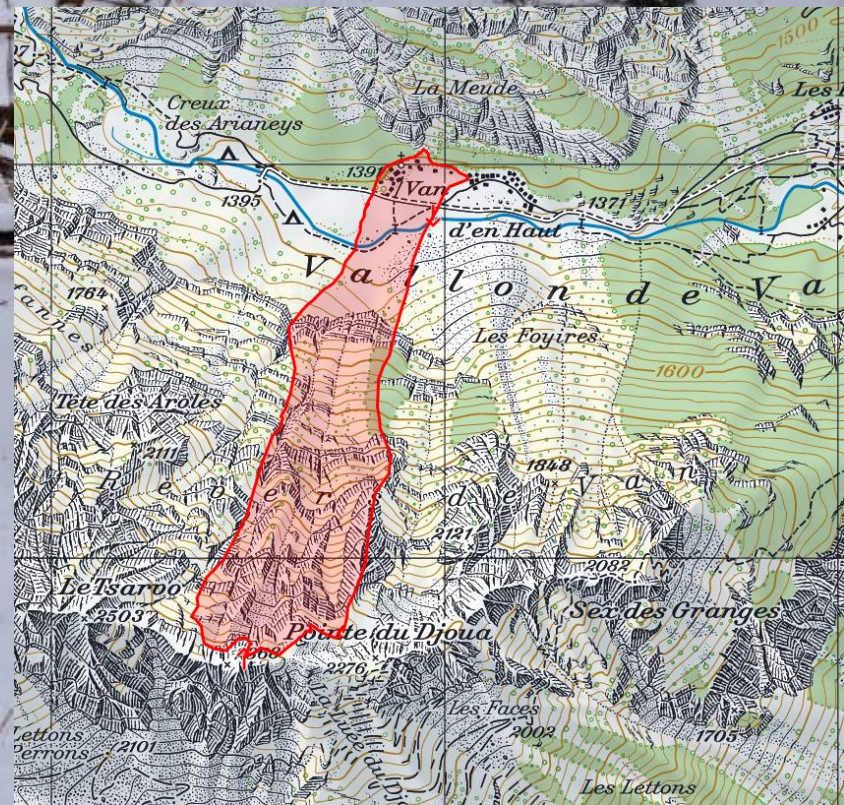




Photo: G. Brunot



Photo: J. Hüchelheim



Photo: A. Kieser

