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OPERATIONAL SCHEMES AND RELATED TECHNIQUES

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THE PROGRESSIVE TECHNIQUES
DEVELOPED BY SNAFOR ARE AIMED AT THE
SAFETY HANDLING OF RESCUERS
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IN PARTICULAR IN CANYON
WITH AQUATIC DIFFICULTIES
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S.NA.FOR . DEVELOPMENT TECHNIQUES ENABLE SAFETY RECOVERY OF THE STRETCHER IN THE MOST VARIOUS SITUATIONS

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KNOWLEDGE OF TECHNIQUES IS NOT THE ONLY ASPECT TO BE CONSIDERED

THE SUCCESS OF A RESCUE OPERATION ALSO DEPENDS ON THE SPEED OF THE TEAM MOVING UP IN THE RECOVERY OF THE STRETCHER

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WITH THE TIMES OF PERMANENCE IN CANYON THE RISKS RELATED TO THE HUMAN FACTOR AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS GROW PROPORTIONALLY (TIME OF EXPOSURE TO RISK)

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SPEED IN THESE CASES IS A SYNONYMOUS SAFETY BECAUSE:

- THE TIME OF EXPOSURE TO RISK IS REDUCED (FLASH FLOODS, FALLS STONES, SNOWFIELD COLLAPSE ETC.)

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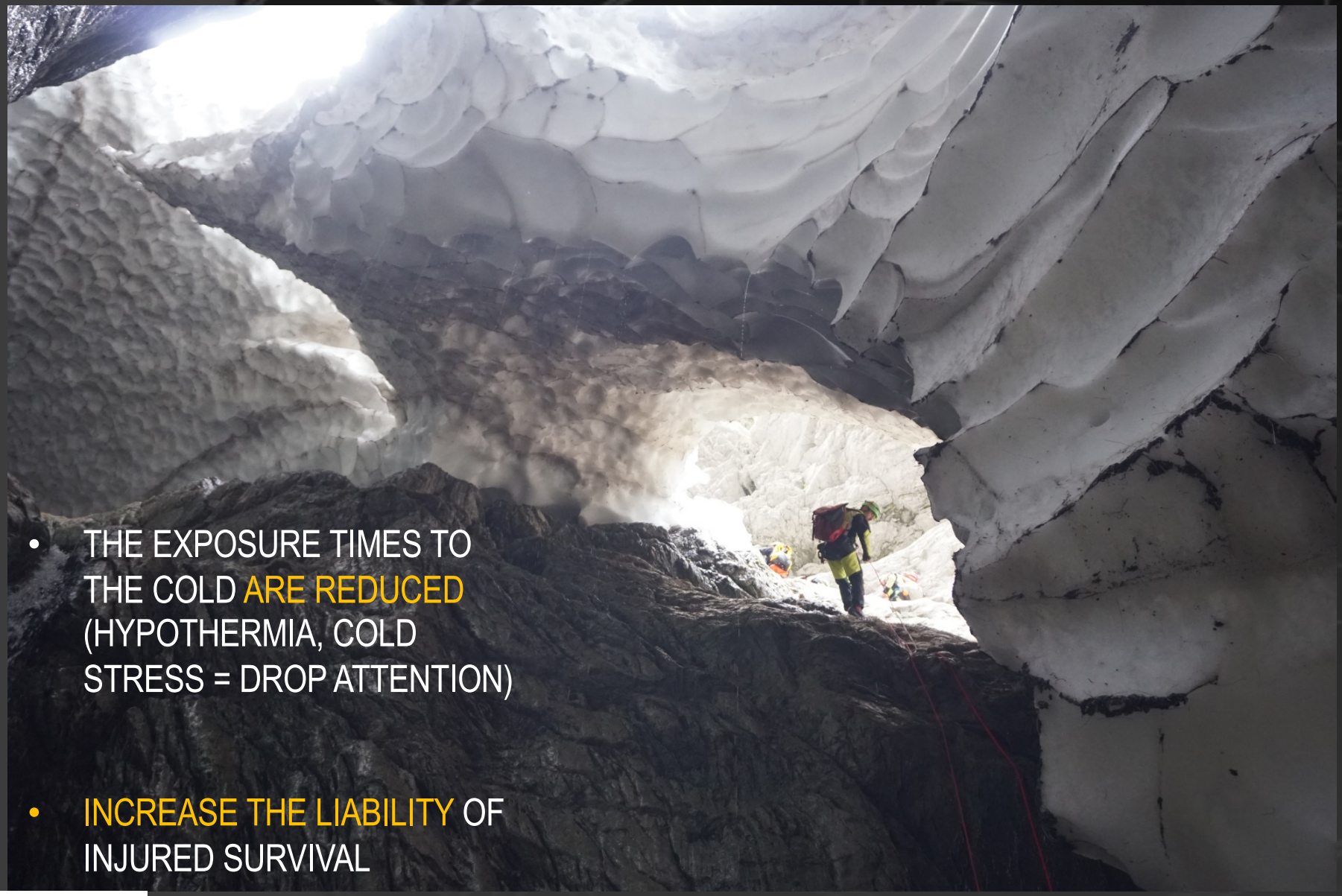

- THE EXPOSURE TIMES TO THE COLD ARE REDUCED (HYPOTHERMIA, COLD STRESS = DROP ATTENTION)

- INCREASE THE LIABILITY OF INJURED SURVIVAL

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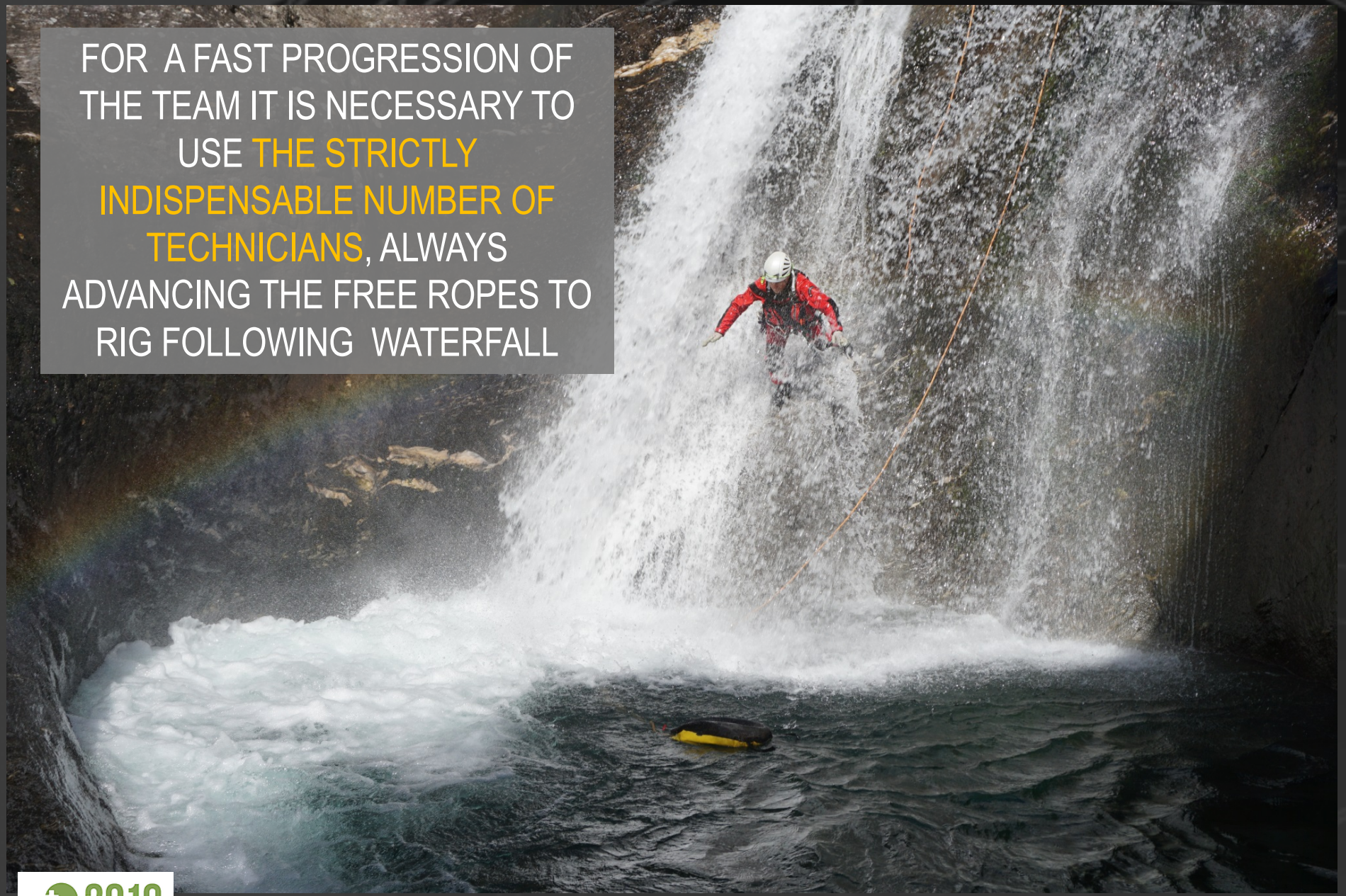

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- IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO OPTIMIZE THE TIMES BY ADOPTING A LOGICAL SEQUENCE IN THE ADVANCE:

- SOME MEN
- OF THE ROPES
- OF THE STRETCHER

REDUCING THE STOPS TO A MINIMUM

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THIS IS OBTAINED BY ADOPTING
AN OPERATING SCHEME
TESTED THROUGH TRAINING AND
RESCUE IN CANYON

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AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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WHEN IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE MULTIPLE ROPE LINES, YOU CAN CHANGE IN TANDEM, REDUCING THE TEAM'S PROGRESSION TIMES

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ALSO IN ZIP LINE

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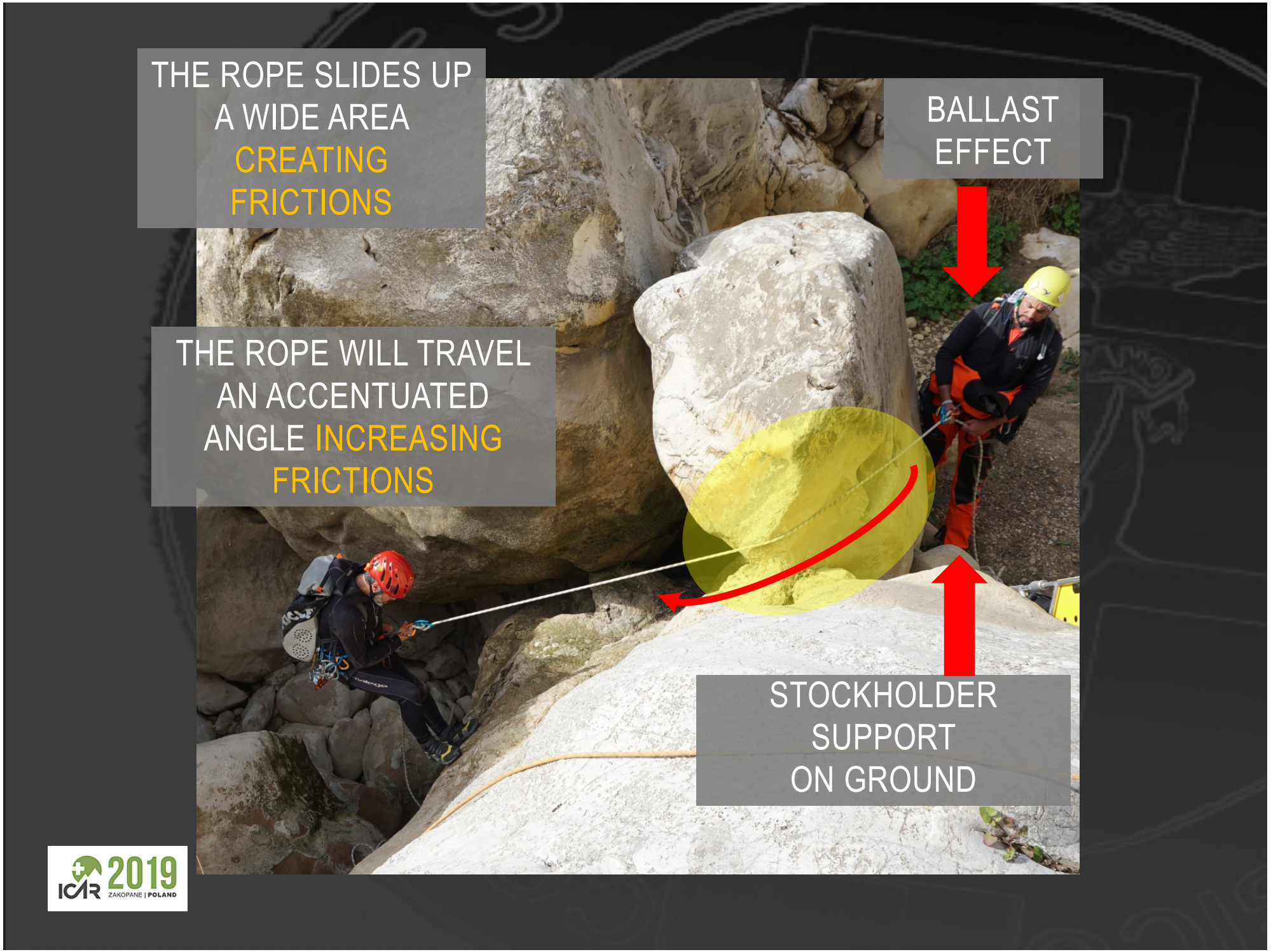
HUMAN ANCHORAGES


BUT SOME RULES MUST BE RESPECTED
A RESCUER CAN HOLD A LOAD COMPARABLE TO HIS WEIGHT ...
AND MUCH MORE


THE ROPE SLIDES UP A WIDE AREA CREATING FRICTIONS
BALLAST EFFECT
THE ROPE WILL TRAVEL AN ACCENTUATED ANGLE INCREASING FRICTIONS
STOCKHOLDER SUPPORT ON GROUND
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CONTACT ROPE WITH WIDE SURFACE AND ACCENTUATED ANGLE TO AMPLIFY FRICTION

AT THE START OF THE WATERFALL THE TECHNICIAN LAYS DOWN TO UNLOAD WEIGHT ON THE WALL

HUMAN ANCHORAGE IN THE CORRECT POSITION, FEET POINTED AND BODY EXTENDED

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SMART ZIP-LINE

REDUCED TEAMS OF 6 RESCUERS TRAVEL QUICKLY ON VERTICAL CANYON:
THE GRAVITY STRENGTH THANKS TO THE STRETCHER'

BUT IN HORIZONTAL PART OF CANYON THEY CANNOT
MAKE LONG TRANSPORTATION BY HAND

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FOR THIS USE THE "SMART" ZIP LINE ARE USE LARGE, CREATED QUICKLY BETWEEN HUMAN ANCHORAGES AT THE ENDS

THE STRETCHER TRAVELS PREVIOUSLY ON THE CARRYING ROPE, SAVING THE RESCUE ENERGIES AND KEEP INJURED CONFORT

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TEAMS OF 6 TECHNICIANS CAN RECOVER THE STRETCHER ON RELATIVELY LONG TRAILS

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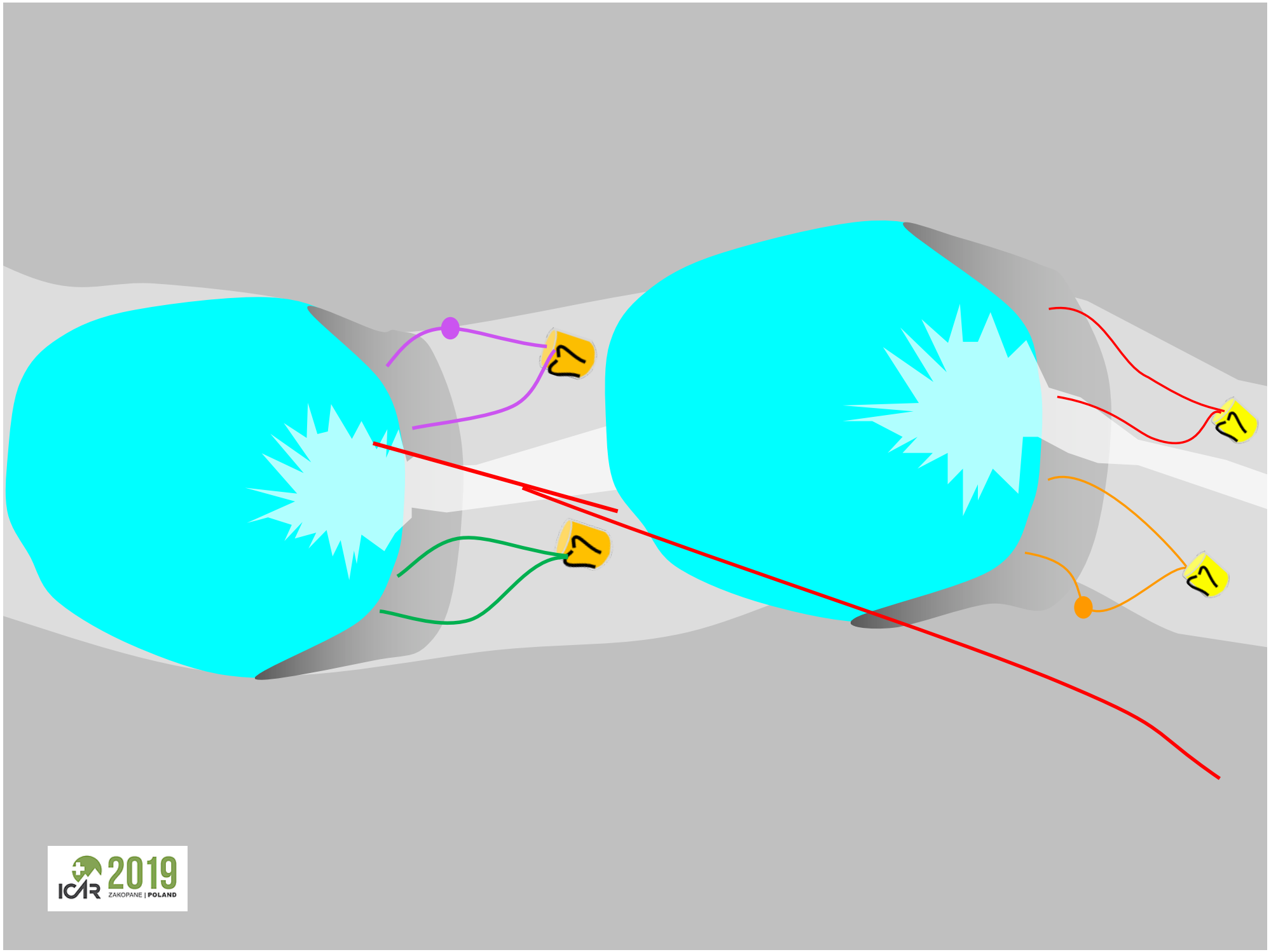
OPERATIONAL SCHEMES WITH LARGE TEAM

13 RESCUERS

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