



New Multi-Hazard Risk Assessment Methods for Extreme Rainfall Events

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Extreme rainfall, both excessive and insufficient, is an example of how multi- or cascading disastrous events may stem from the great variety in the interactions that may arise. For example, drought, which frequently leads to a reduction in surface vegetation, will make the affected region more susceptible to erosion under moderate rains, while a classic example involves landslides induced by heavy rain. Likewise, a rainfall-triggered landslide may dam a water course, increasing the potential for catastrophic flooding downstream. With regard to the risk associated with these events and their interactions, a range of tangible (economic losses, both direct and indirect) and intangible (social problems) costs may arise, involving not only the direct losses, e.g., reduced agricultural production, but also impacts on societies, e.g., forced migration. Furthermore, the frequency of such events is expected to increase due to climate change. [...]

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