

## Deep Learning-Based Landslide Identification From Remote Sensing Images Using A Multi-Resolution U-Net Framework

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### ABSTRACT

Landslides are among the most destructive natural disasters, causing significant loss of life, infrastructure damage, and environmental degradation. Early and accurate identification of landslide-prone and affected areas is essential for disaster management and mitigation. This paper proposes an automatic landslide disaster identification framework using remote sensing images based on an improved MultiResUNet architecture. The enhanced model integrates multi-scale feature extraction, residual connections, and attention mechanisms to improve segmentation accuracy in complex terrains. By leveraging high-resolution satellite imagery and advanced deep learning techniques, the proposed system effectively detects landslide regions with higher precision and reduced false positives. Experimental results demonstrate improved performance compared to traditional UNet and baseline segmentation models, making it suitable for real-time disaster monitoring applications.

**Keywords:** Landslide Detection, Remote Sensing Imagery, Deep Learning, MultiResUNet, Image Segmentation, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Disaster Monitoring, Satellite Image Analysis, Geospatial Data Processing, Environmental Hazard Assessment, Automated Landslide Mapping, Earth Observation Data.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Landslides are triggered by various natural and anthropogenic factors such as heavy rainfall, earthquakes, deforestation, and construction activities. Rapid identification of landslide-affected regions is crucial for emergency response, risk assessment, and planning preventive measures. Remote sensing technology provides large-scale, high-resolution satellite imagery that enables continuous monitoring of vulnerable areas. However, manual interpretation of such images is time-consuming and prone to human error.

Deep learning, particularly convolutional neural networks (CNNs), has significantly improved image segmentation and classification tasks. Architectures like UNet and MultiResUNet have been widely applied for medical and environmental image segmentation. However, challenges such as varying terrain textures, shadow effects, vegetation cover,

and imbalanced datasets limit the performance of standard models. Therefore, improving segmentation architecture to better capture multi-scale and contextual features is essential for accurate landslide detection.

### II. LITERATURE SURVEY

#### 1. Title: Deep Learning-Based Landslide Detection Using Satellite Imagery

**Author:** Xiaoliang Zhang

**Abstract:** This study applies convolutional neural networks for automatic landslide mapping using high-resolution satellite images. The proposed CNN model outperforms traditional classification techniques and demonstrates improved spatial accuracy in landslide-prone mountainous regions.

#### 2. Title: MultiResUNet: Rethinking the U-Net Architecture for Multimodal Image Segmentation

**Author:** Nikhil Ibtehaz

**Abstract:** The authors introduce MultiResUNet, an enhanced UNet architecture incorporating multi-resolution analysis and residual paths. The model achieves superior performance in medical image segmentation and demonstrates improved feature extraction capability compared to classical UNet.

### 3. Title: Automatic Landslide Mapping Using Deep Convolutional Neural Networks

**Author:** Francesco Ghorbanzadeh

**Abstract:** This research investigates deep CNN models for landslide detection using aerial and satellite images. Experimental results show high classification accuracy and highlight the potential of deep learning for rapid disaster assessment.

### 4. Title: Attention Mechanisms in Image Segmentation for Remote Sensing Applications

**Author:** Liang Chen

**Abstract:** The paper explores attention-based segmentation networks for remote sensing image analysis. By incorporating spatial attention modules, the proposed approach improves segmentation accuracy and reduces false positives in complex landscapes.

### 5. Title: Semantic Segmentation of Landslides Using U-Net Architecture

**Author:** R. Prakash

**Abstract:** This study implements a UNet-based framework for landslide segmentation using multispectral satellite images. The results demonstrate promising performance; however, limitations in detecting small-scale landslides motivate further architectural improvements.

## III. EXISTING SYSTEM

Existing landslide detection systems have traditionally relied on manual interpretation and classical image processing techniques to identify

landslide-prone regions from remote sensing imagery. In many early approaches, experts visually analyzed satellite or aerial images to detect patterns that indicate landslides, such as changes in terrain texture, slope instability, or vegetation loss. Although manual interpretation can provide reliable results when performed by experienced analysts, it is highly time-consuming, subjective, and difficult to scale for large geographic areas. With the rapid increase in the availability of high-resolution remote sensing data, manual methods have become impractical for real-time monitoring and large-scale disaster assessment.

To overcome these limitations, several traditional image processing techniques have been introduced, including thresholding, edge detection, region growing, and texture analysis. These techniques attempt to identify landslide regions by analyzing pixel intensity variations, boundaries, or surface textures within images. While such methods are computationally efficient and relatively simple to implement, they often struggle to produce consistent results in complex environments. Factors such as varying lighting conditions, seasonal vegetation changes, shadows, and terrain complexity can significantly affect the accuracy of these approaches. As a result, traditional image processing methods often produce high false detection rates and fail to reliably identify landslides in diverse environmental conditions.

In recent years, deep learning approaches, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have gained significant attention for landslide detection tasks. CNN-based models are capable of automatically learning hierarchical features from image data, allowing them to capture complex spatial patterns that are difficult to detect using traditional methods. Architectures such as UNet have been widely adopted for image segmentation tasks, including landslide mapping, because of their encoder-decoder structure that enables precise pixel-level predictions. These models have demonstrated

improved performance compared to classical techniques by effectively learning representations from large datasets of remote sensing images.

Despite these advancements, standard CNN and UNet-based models still face several challenges when applied to landslide detection. One major limitation is their difficulty in capturing multi-scale spatial features, which are crucial for identifying landslides of varying sizes and shapes. Landslides can range from small localized failures to large-scale terrain movements, and traditional architectures may not effectively detect both types simultaneously. Additionally, small or irregularly shaped landslide regions are often missed due to insufficient feature representation and limited contextual understanding within the model.

Furthermore, many existing deep learning models lack advanced feature fusion mechanisms that combine information from multiple layers of the network. Without effective feature integration, the models may fail to capture both low-level details and high-level semantic information simultaneously. This limitation reduces the model's ability to generalize across different geographic regions, terrains, and environmental conditions. Consequently, there is a need for more advanced architectures that can better capture multi-scale contextual information and improve the accuracy and robustness of automated landslide detection systems.

#### IV. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system presents an advanced approach for automatic landslide disaster identification using remote sensing imagery by utilizing an improved MultiResUNet architecture. Landslide detection from satellite images is a challenging task due to variations in terrain, lighting conditions, vegetation cover, and the irregular shapes of landslide regions. To address these challenges, the proposed model is designed to enhance the feature extraction and

segmentation capabilities of traditional deep learning architectures. By leveraging the strengths of the MultiResUNet framework, the system aims to accurately detect and map landslide-affected areas from high-resolution satellite images, thereby supporting faster disaster assessment and risk management.

The improved MultiResUNet architecture incorporates multi-resolution convolutional blocks that allow the model to capture spatial features at different scales. Landslides can vary significantly in size and structure, ranging from small localized failures to large-scale terrain collapses. Multi-resolution convolutional blocks enable the network to simultaneously analyze both fine-grained details and broader contextual information within the imagery. This multi-scale feature extraction improves the model's ability to recognize complex patterns associated with landslides and enhances the overall segmentation accuracy.

In addition to multi-resolution feature extraction, the architecture integrates residual connections throughout the network. Residual connections help address the vanishing gradient problem commonly encountered in deep neural networks by enabling smoother gradient flow during the training process. These connections allow deeper layers of the network to effectively learn meaningful representations without losing critical information from earlier layers. As a result, feature propagation is improved, leading to more stable training and better performance in identifying landslide regions.

The proposed model also incorporates attention mechanisms to improve the network's ability to focus on relevant regions within the remote sensing images. In many cases, satellite imagery contains complex backgrounds such as vegetation, water bodies, shadows, and urban structures that can confuse segmentation models. The attention modules guide the model to concentrate on significant features that

indicate landslide activity while suppressing irrelevant background information. This targeted feature learning enhances the model's capability to distinguish landslide areas from surrounding terrain.

Furthermore, data augmentation techniques and class balancing strategies are employed to address the issue of dataset imbalance. In most landslide datasets, the number of non-landslide pixels significantly exceeds the number of landslide pixels, which can negatively impact model training. Data augmentation methods such as rotation, flipping, scaling, and brightness adjustments are applied to increase the diversity of training samples and improve the model's generalization ability. Class balancing techniques ensure that the model learns to accurately identify both landslide and non-landslide regions without bias toward the majority class.

The proposed system is trained and validated using high-resolution satellite imagery to ensure reliable and accurate detection of landslide areas. The model's performance is evaluated using widely accepted segmentation metrics, including Intersection over Union (IoU), Dice coefficient, precision, recall, and F1-score. These metrics provide a comprehensive assessment of the model's accuracy, detection capability, and segmentation quality. Experimental results demonstrate that the improved MultiResUNet architecture achieves higher segmentation accuracy and better boundary delineation compared to traditional models, making it a reliable solution for automated landslide mapping and disaster monitoring.

## V. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The system architecture for landslide detection using an enhanced MultiResUNet model is designed to automatically identify landslide regions from remote sensing images through a sequence of structured processing stages. The architecture begins with a data acquisition module where high-resolution remote

sensing or satellite images are collected from publicly available datasets or earth observation platforms. These images contain information about terrain, vegetation, and geological patterns that are essential for identifying landslide-prone areas. Since raw satellite images may contain noise, variations in brightness, and irrelevant background elements, the images are first passed through a preprocessing stage to improve data quality before feeding them into the deep learning model.

In the preprocessing stage, several image preparation techniques are applied to standardize the dataset and enhance important visual features. These steps typically include image resizing, normalization, and noise reduction to ensure that all input images have consistent dimensions and intensity values. Data augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, scaling, and brightness adjustment are also applied to increase the diversity of training samples. This process helps the model generalize better and reduces the risk of overfitting, especially when the available dataset is limited. Additionally, class balancing strategies are implemented to address the imbalance between landslide and non-landslide regions in the dataset.

After preprocessing, the prepared images are fed into the improved MultiResUNet architecture, which forms the core component of the system. The network follows an encoder-decoder structure where the encoder extracts hierarchical features from the input images through multiple convolutional layers, while the decoder reconstructs the segmentation map to identify landslide regions at the pixel level. Multi-resolution convolutional blocks are used within the architecture to capture both fine and large-scale spatial patterns present in the imagery. These blocks allow the model to effectively recognize landslides of varying sizes and shapes by analyzing contextual information at different resolutions.

To improve training efficiency and feature propagation, residual connections are incorporated within the network layers. These connections enable

the model to maintain important information from earlier layers while allowing deeper layers to learn more complex representations. In addition, attention mechanisms are integrated into the architecture to enhance the model's ability to focus on relevant landslide features. The attention modules help suppress irrelevant background elements such as vegetation or shadows, thereby improving the precision of the segmentation process.

Once the model processes the input image through the encoder and decoder layers, the final output layer generates a segmentation map that highlights the predicted landslide regions. Each pixel in the image is classified as either landslide or non-landslide based on the learned features. This output map provides a clear visual representation of landslide areas within the remote sensing image, which can assist disaster management authorities and researchers in monitoring terrain instability and planning mitigation strategies.

Finally, the system performance is evaluated using several quantitative metrics to measure the accuracy and effectiveness of the proposed model. Metrics such as Intersection over Union (IoU), Dice coefficient, precision, recall, and F1-score are used to assess segmentation quality and detection capability. These evaluation measures help determine how accurately the system identifies landslide regions compared to the ground truth labels. The overall architecture ensures an efficient and automated framework for detecting landslides from remote sensing imagery with improved accuracy and reliability.

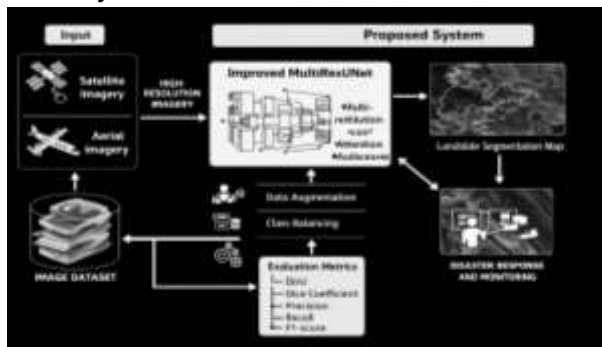


Fig 5.1: Structure of the Proposed System

## VI. IMPLEMENTATION

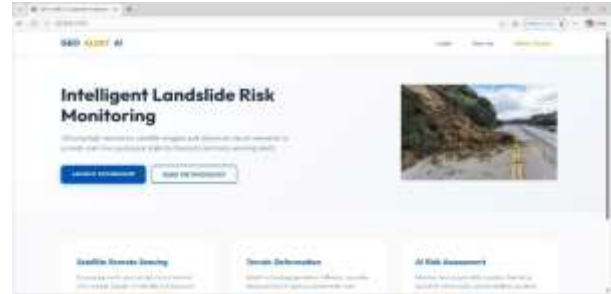


Fig 6.1: Home Page

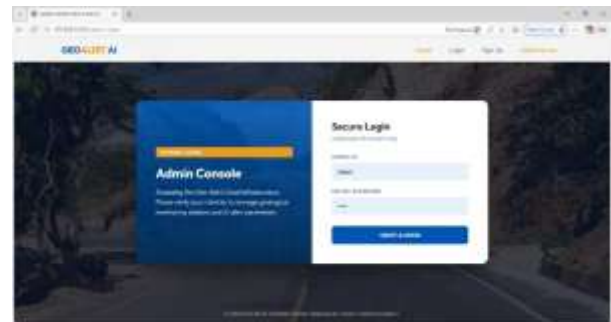
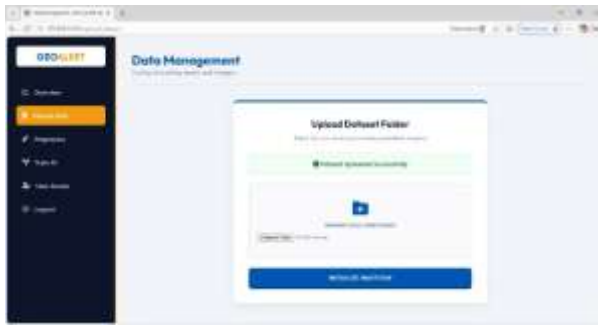


Fig 6.2: Admin Login



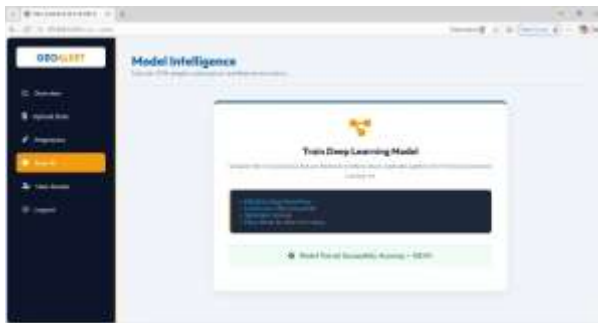
Fig 6.3: Admin Dashboard



**Fig 6.4:** Dataset Uploading



**Fig 6.7:** Dataset Analysis



**Fig 6.5:** Model Training



**Fig 6.6:** User Login

## VII. CONCLUSION

The Automatic Landslide Disaster Identification Using Remote Sensing Images Based on an Improved MultiResUNet Architecture provides an effective solution for detecting landslides using advanced deep learning techniques. By utilizing remote sensing images and an improved MultiResUNet model, the system can accurately identify and segment landslide regions from satellite imagery. The automated approach significantly reduces the time and effort required for manual analysis while improving detection accuracy. This intelligent system supports disaster management authorities by providing reliable information about landslide-prone areas, which helps in early warning, risk assessment, and disaster mitigation planning. Overall, the proposed system enhances the efficiency of landslide monitoring and contributes to better environmental and disaster management practices.

## VIII. FUTURE SCOPE

The system can be further improved by incorporating additional technologies and expanding its capabilities. In the future, the model can be trained using larger and more diverse datasets to improve detection accuracy across different geographical regions. Integration with real-time satellite monitoring systems can enable continuous landslide monitoring and early warning systems. The system may also be combined with geographic information

systems (GIS) to provide detailed mapping and analysis of landslide-prone areas. Furthermore, incorporating drone-based data collection and IoT sensors can help gather more precise environmental information such as soil moisture and rainfall patterns. The development of mobile or web-based applications can allow disaster management teams to access detection results easily, improving response time and decision-making during natural disasters.

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