



Efectos de fallas Geotécnicas en Puerto Rico por el Huracán María

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AGENDA

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- Misión NSF GEER.
- Ubicación, Descripción general de PR.
- El evento (Huracán María).
- Ejemplos de Daño Observado.
- Mecanismo Deslizamientos Inducidos por Lluvia.
- Resumen y Conclusiones.

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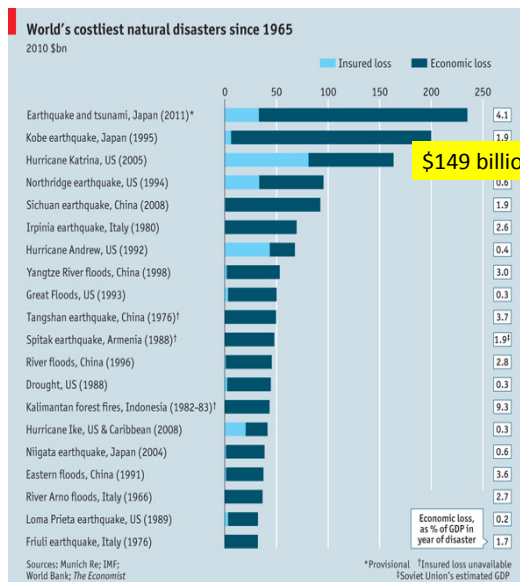
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EVENTOS EXTREMOS

Natural Disaster: a trillion dollar business



Escala Saffir-Simpson de Velocidades de Viento en Huracanes

Category Sustained Winds

1	74-95 mph 64-82 kt 119-153 km/h
2	96-110 mph 83-95 kt 154-177 km/h
3 (major)	111-129 mph 96-112 kt 178-208 km/h
4 (major)	130-156 mph 113-136 kt 209-251 km/h
5 (major)	157 mph or higher 137 kt or higher 252 km/h or higher

Types of Damage Due to Hurricane Winds

Very dangerous winds will produce some damage: Well-constructed frame homes could have damage to roof, shingles, vinyl siding and gutters. Large branches of trees will snap and shallowly rooted trees may be toppled. Extensive damage to power lines and poles likely will result in power outages that could last a few to several days.

Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage: Well-constructed frame homes could sustain major roof and siding damage. Many shallowly rooted trees will be snapped or uprooted and block numerous roads. Near-total power loss is expected with outages that could last from several days to weeks.

Devastating damage will occur: Well-built framed homes may incur major damage or removal of roof decking and gable ends. Many trees will be snapped or uprooted, blocking numerous roads. Electricity and water will be unavailable for several days to weeks after the storm passes.

Catastrophic damage will occur: Well-built framed homes can sustain severe damage with loss of most of the roof structure and/or some exterior walls. Most trees will be snapped or uprooted and power poles downed. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.

Catastrophic damage will occur: A high percentage of framed homes will be destroyed, with total roof failure and wall collapse. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last for weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.



Extreme Hurricanes: Wind speed



Wind speed at Land
 Michael – 155 mph
 Maria – 155 mph
 Florence - 90 mph
 Katrina – 120 mph



(Photo Credit: Internet)



Typical tropical storm: 39 to 74 mph
 Hurricane: > 74 mph
 Tornado wind speeds: 112 mph to 300 mph



Super typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda)

En Filipinas
Nov. 2013
Vel. Viento = 190 mph
(No se ha visto en EEUU)



(Photo Credit: Shenen Chen)

Eventos Climáticos Extremos

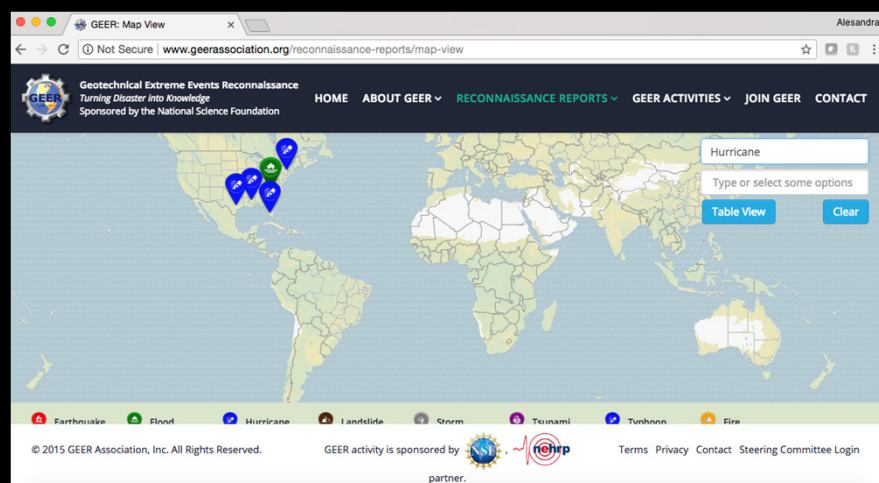
- Fuerzas Extraordinarias!
- Distintas amenazas/peligros:
 - Florence: Inundaciones,
 - Michael: Vientos y fuerzas asociadas.
- **Multiple hazards:**
 - Marejada + inundaciones + viento + erosión + deslizamientos.
- Dependerá tipo de evento, región geográfica, geología, uso del terreno, etc.

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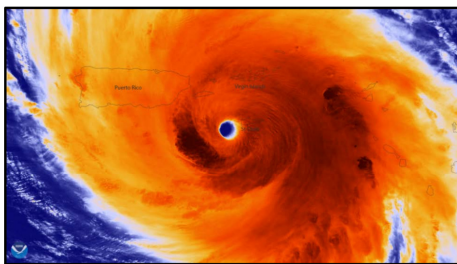
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GEOTECHNICAL IMPACTS OF HURRICANE MARIA IN PUERTO RICO

Event Date: September 20, 2017



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Table 1-1: Summarizes the GEER team composition

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Hurricane Maria GEER Team

Reconnaissance daily tracks



**UBICACIÓN, DESCRIPCIÓN
GENERAL DE PUERTO RICO**

Background (Location)

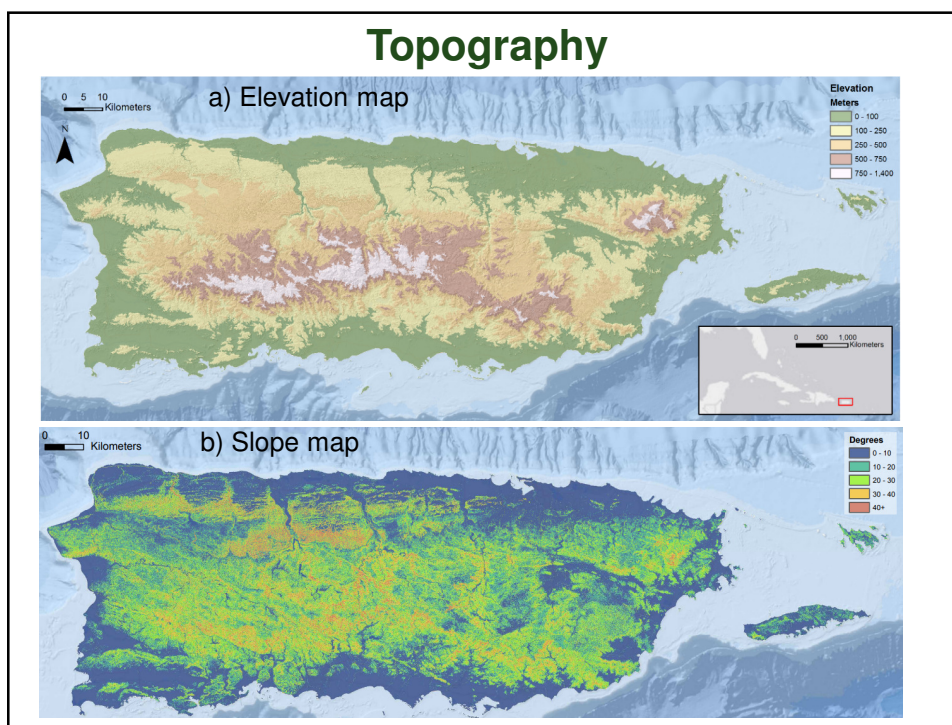
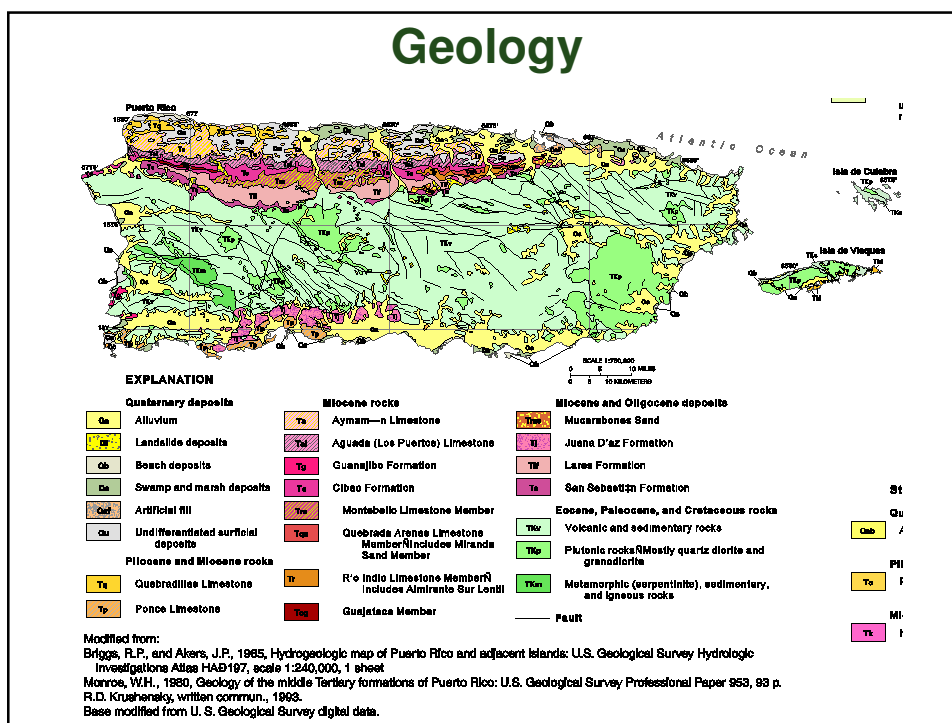


Background (Puerto Rico)

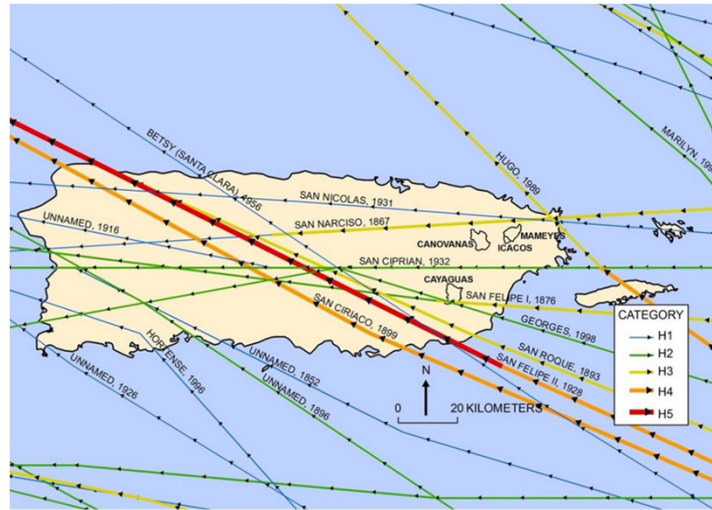


Dimensions: 180 km x 65 km
Population $\approx$ 3.8 millions

Population densities:
PR: **325** p/km²
US: 31 p/km²
Mexico: 54.5 p/km²
Canada: 3.3 p/km²



Background - Path of historical hurricanes that have impacted Puerto Rico

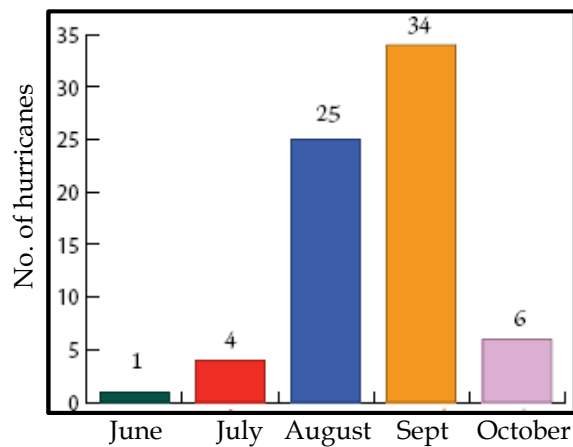


[Source: <https://www.usgs.gov/media/images/puerto-rico-hurricanes-map>]

[USGS, 2018]

Severe Hurricanes (Seasonal Distribution)

(Period 1508 to 1997)



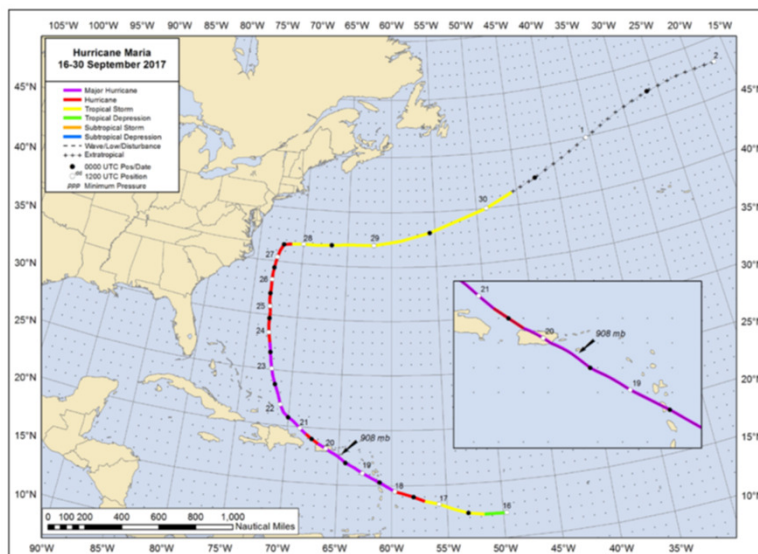
Note: Only hurricanes with wind speeds ≥ 60 mph
(Adapted from Boose et al. 2004)

EL EVENTO (HURACÁN MARÍA).

Hurricane Maria (20 Sept./17)

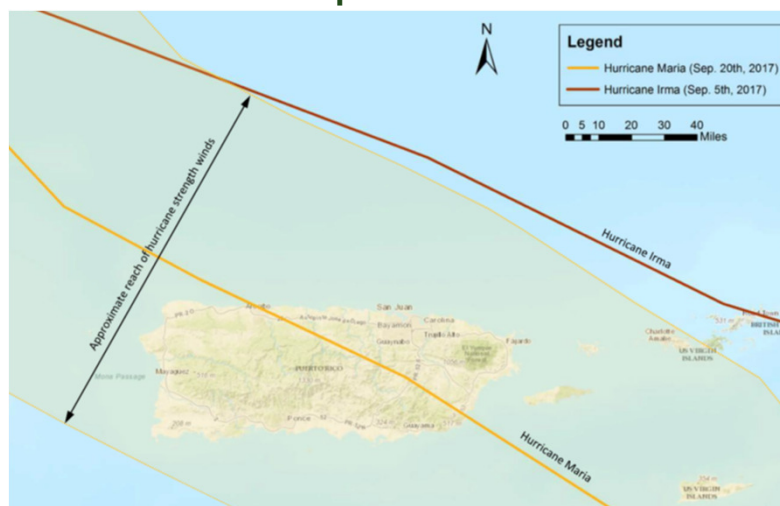
- Landfall SE town of Yabucoa as a powerful Category 4 storm at 6:15 am Wednesday, 20 Sept. 2017.
- Moved diagonally across the island with sustained winds of 155 mph (~250 kph), exit near Arecibo about 3 pm, 20 Sept. 2017.
- 48-hr average rainfall intensity between 5.8 to 11.6 mm/hr.
- Worst storm to hit PR in over 80 years.
- Arrived only two weeks after Hurricane Irma that passed just north of the island causing heavy rains throughout the island leaving about 1 million residents without power.
- Scale of Maria's destruction was devastating:
 - ≈ \$95 billion in damages (Moody's Analytics, 28 Sept. 2018),
 - Electricity was cut off to 100% of the island,
 - Access to clean water and food became limited for most residents,
 - Number of fatalities attributed to Hurricane Maria: 4,645 fatalities (Kishore et al. 2018 in the New England Journal of Medicine).

Extended Path of Maria (9/16/17 to 10/02/17) (Landfall in PR September 20, 2017)



[USGS, 2018]

Paths of Hurricanes Irma and Maria with respect to Puerto Rico

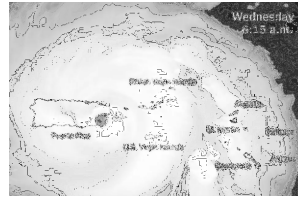
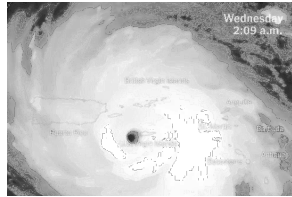


(adapted from Feng et al., 2018)

Maria:

- Category 5 (Saffir-Simpson wind scale) before PR
- Landfall as Category 4 at Yabucoa at 6:15 am on 9/20/17.

Images of Maria from Space



Landfall as Category 4
Yabucoa at 6:15 am, 9/20/17



Source: NASA

EJEMPLOS DE DAÑO OBSERVADO.

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RESUMEN Y CONCLUSIONES.

Resumen y Conclusiones

- María: Evento Extraordinario! Demanda de carga muy alta (Viento >140 mph (>224 kph); Lluvia; Erosión).
- Múltiples Peligros/Amenazas:
 - Marejada+ inundaciones+ viento+ erosión + deslizamientos.
- Lluvia antecedente del Huracán Irma aumento vulnerabilidad!
 - Lluvia de Irma saturó laderas, reducción de resistencia al corte;
 - facilitó desprendimiento de arboles y vegetación.
 - Aumento efectos de deslizamientos, cantidad (frecuencia, distribución geográfica).
 - Aumento erosión superficial.
 - Frente de saturación más profundo, desprendimiento de arboles, facilito y aumento cantidad de flujo de escombros,
 - Daño a torres de transmisión, postes de electricidad, daño red eléctrica.
- Aguas debajo de deslizamientos:
 - Los inmensos volúmenes de escombros (suelo, lodo, arboles, escombros), crearon obstrucción de desagües, drenajes, alcantarillas, puentes. Esto resulto en fallas de varios puentes, y colapso de varias carreteras.

Resumen y Conclusiones

- Las fallas geotécnicas observadas en PR después del huracán María resaltaron la importancia que las lluvias antecedentes tienen en deslizamientos y flujo de detritos durante eventos extremos como huracanes y tormentas (El Niño/La Niña).
- Los efectos producidos por el Huracán María en los efectos que podemos esperar en topografía montañosa con suelos residuales en estado inicial no saturado (Cohesión aparente).
- La comunidad ingenieril debe adaptar y mejorar practicas der diseño y construcción para aumentar la resiliencia de la infraestructura y las *"lifelines"*.
- Debemos mejorar nuestra habilidad para estimar volúmenes de flujo de detritos, velocidad, trayectorias, para poder incorporar y diseñar medidas de mitigación (mejores torres de transmisión, postes eléctricos, cuencas de captación de residuos/escombros, etc.) para así reducir efectos negativos en estos eventos extremos.

MUCHAS GRACIAS POR SU ATENCIÓN

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