



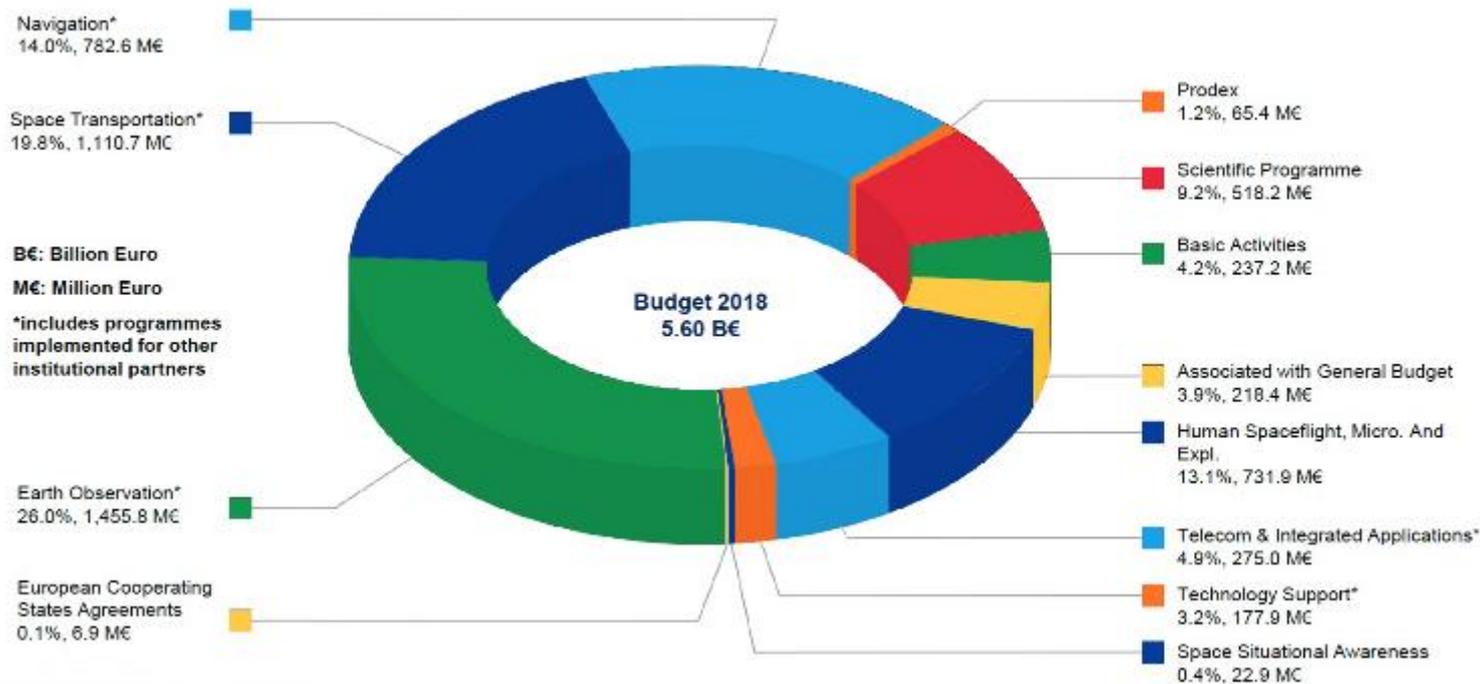
# Curso ESA-CONAE de Formación SAR en Bandas L/C/X

## ESA Earth Observation Introduction

Francesco Sarti

Buenos Aires, 12 Nov 2018

- Over 50 years of experience
- 22 Member States
- Eight sites/facilities in Europe, about 2200 staff
- **5.6 billion Euro budget (2018)**
- Over 80 satellites designed and operated in flight

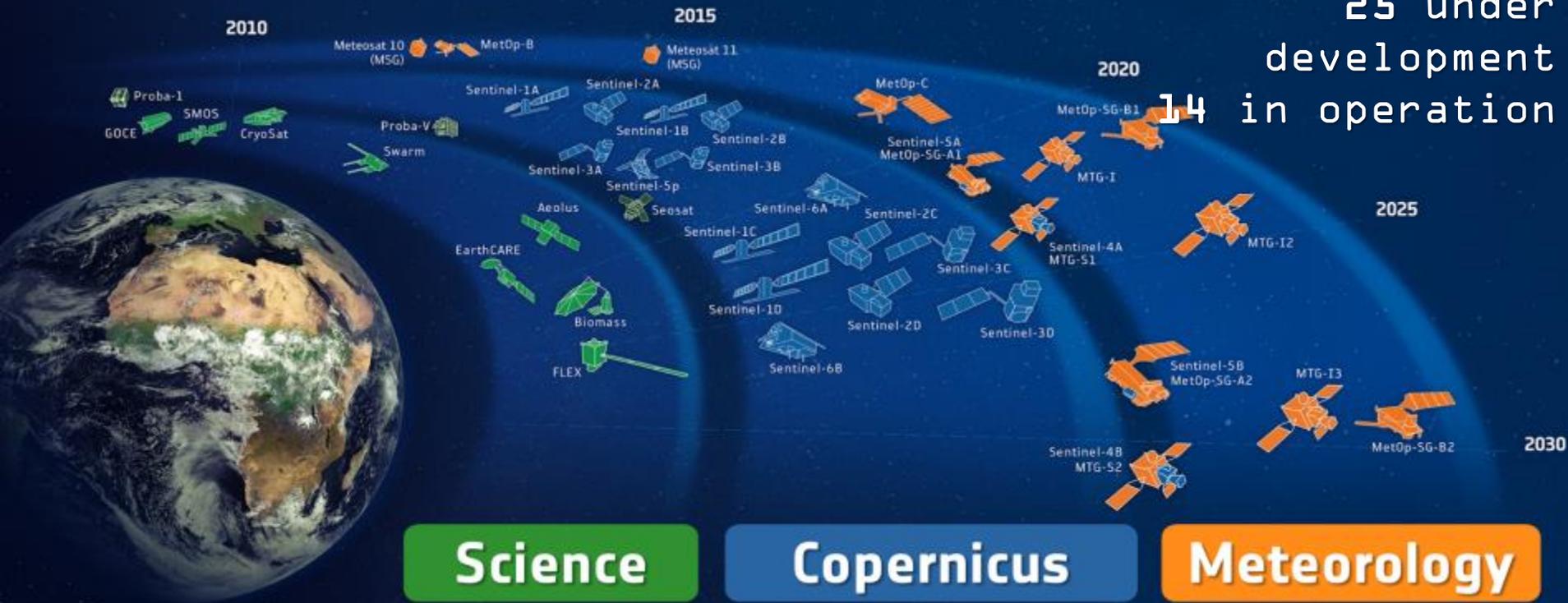


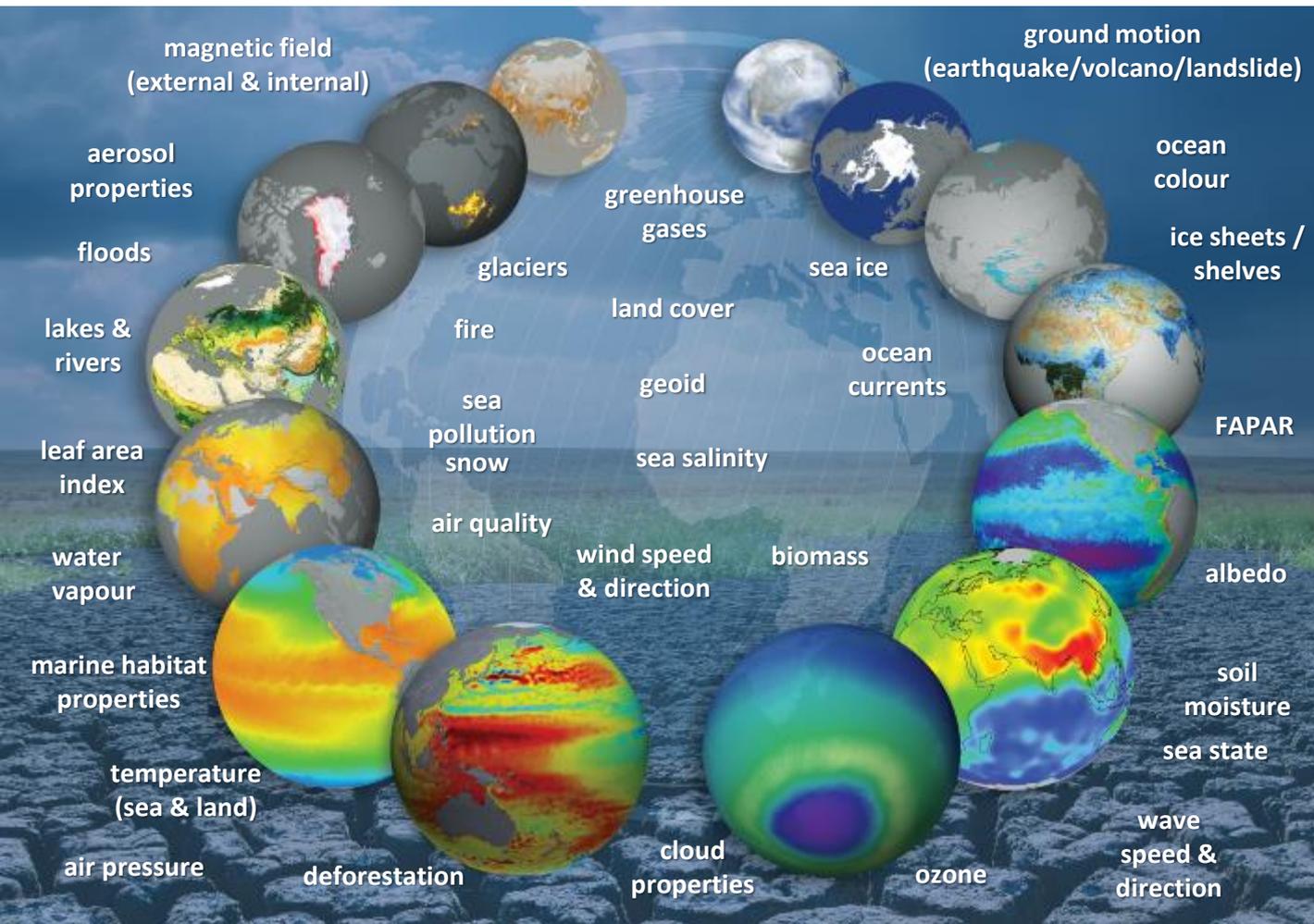


# EARTH OBSERVATION

# ESA-DEVELOPED EARTH OBSERVATION MISSIONS

Satellites  
25 under  
development  
14 in operation





ESA provides  
EO mission  
data  
addressing  
almost **all**  
parameters  
retrievable  
by EO satellites

➔ **Extreme  
user diversity**

# Copernicus – a new Phase in EO

**European Earth Observation System, led by the EU**

**European response to global needs:**

- to manage the environment
- to mitigate the effects of climate change
- to ensure civil security

**European independence, contribution to global system (GEOSS)**



FULL, FREE AND OPEN ACCESS TO DATA



- ATMOSPHERE MONITORING
- MARINE ENVIRONMENT MONITORING
- LAND MONITORING
- CLIMATE CHANGE
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- SECURITY



# CSC: Sentinel Satellites

	<b>Sentinel 1 (A/B/C/D)</b> <b>SAR Imaging</b>	All weather, day/night applications, interferometry
	<b>Sentinel 2 (A/B/C/D)</b> <b>Multispectral Imaging</b>	Land applications: urban, forest, agriculture, ... Continuity of Landsat, SPOT
	<b>Sentinel 3 (A/B/C/D)</b> <b>Ocean &amp; Global Land Monitoring</b>	Wide-swath ocean colour, vegetation, sea/land surface temperature, altimetry
	<b>Sentinel 4 (A/B)</b> <b>Geostationary Atmospheric</b>	Atmospheric composition monitoring, pollution; instrument on MTG satellites
	<b>Sentinel 5 (A/B/C) &amp; Precursor</b> <b>Low-Orbit Atmospheric</b>	Atmospheric composition monitoring; instrument on MetOp-SG satellites
	<b>Sentinel 6</b> <b>Jason CS (A/B)</b>	Altimetry reference mission

# Contributing Missions

## Optical High & Very High Resolution

DMC



Pléiades



RapidEye



Deimos-2 SPOT (HRS)



## Optical Medium & Low Resolution

SPOT



PROBA-V



and many more ...

## Synthetic Aperture Radar

Cosmo SkyMed



Radarsat



TerraSAR-X  
Tandem-X



## Altimetry

Cryosat



Jason



## Atmosphere

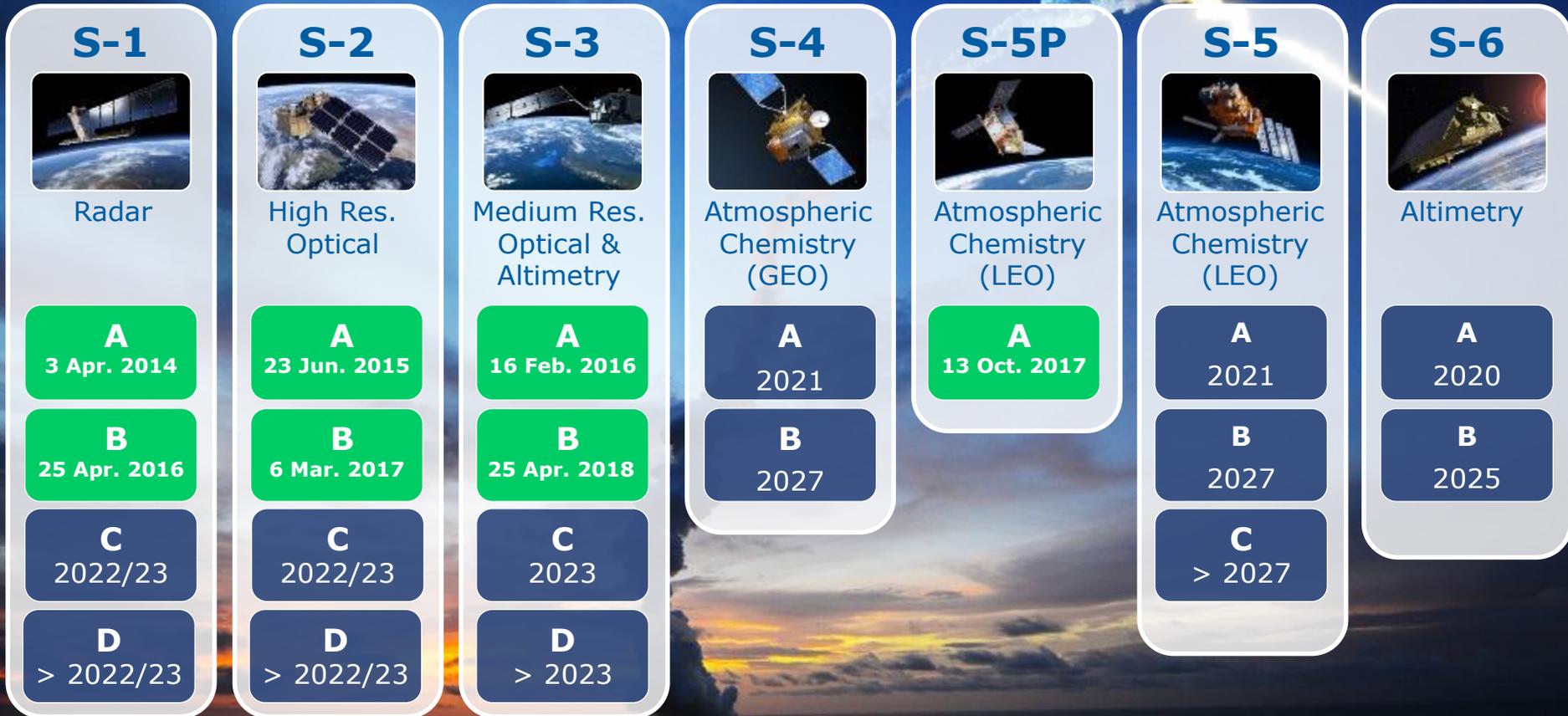
MetOp



MSG

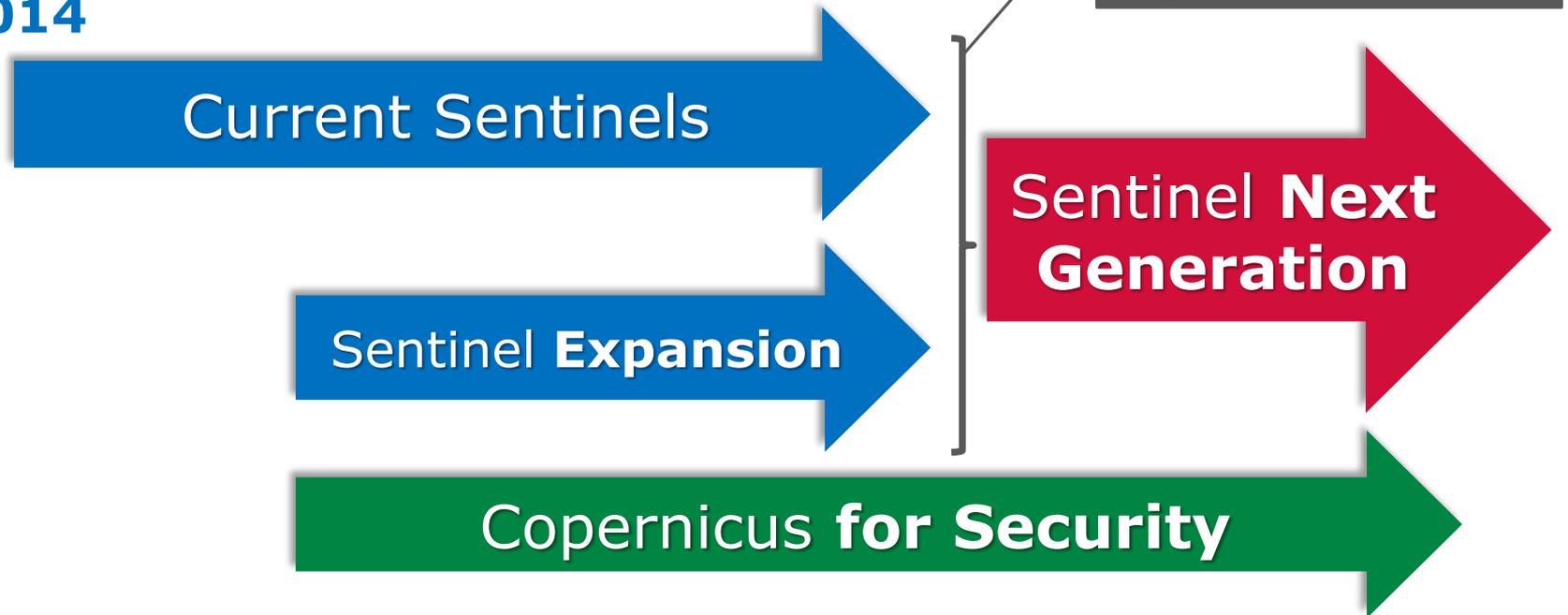


# Sentinel Status



# Copernicus Space Component Evolution

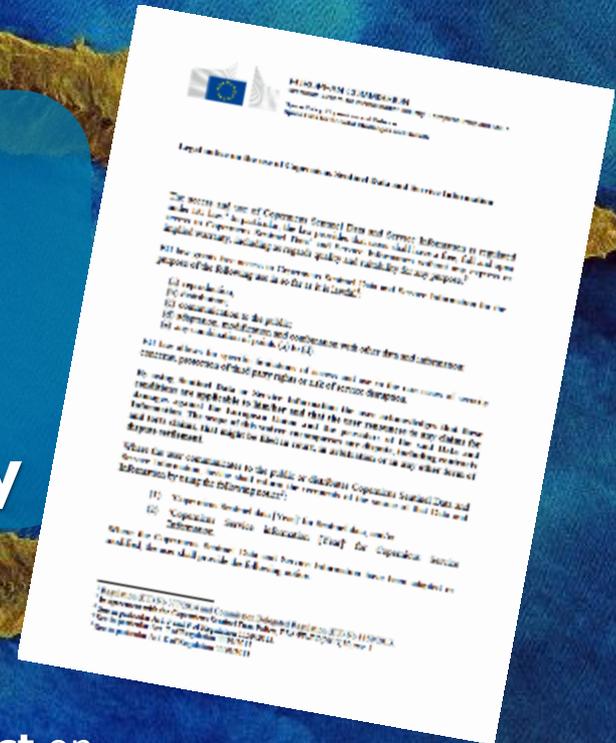
2014



# Copernicus Sentinel Data Policy

Sentinel data are available:

- ✓ Free, Full and Open\*
- ✓ Over very long term
- ✓ Systematically, Operationally



\* **ESA Sentinel Data Policy** (Sep 2013) and **EU Delegated Act on Copernicus Data and Information Policy** (Dec 2013)



# DIAS – Creating an EO Data Ecosystem

- Copernicus Data and Information Access Services
- Common DG-GROW-ESA approach to EO data exploitation with Copernicus at its core
- Create & enable European EO Data ecosystem for research & business
- Starts in June 2018

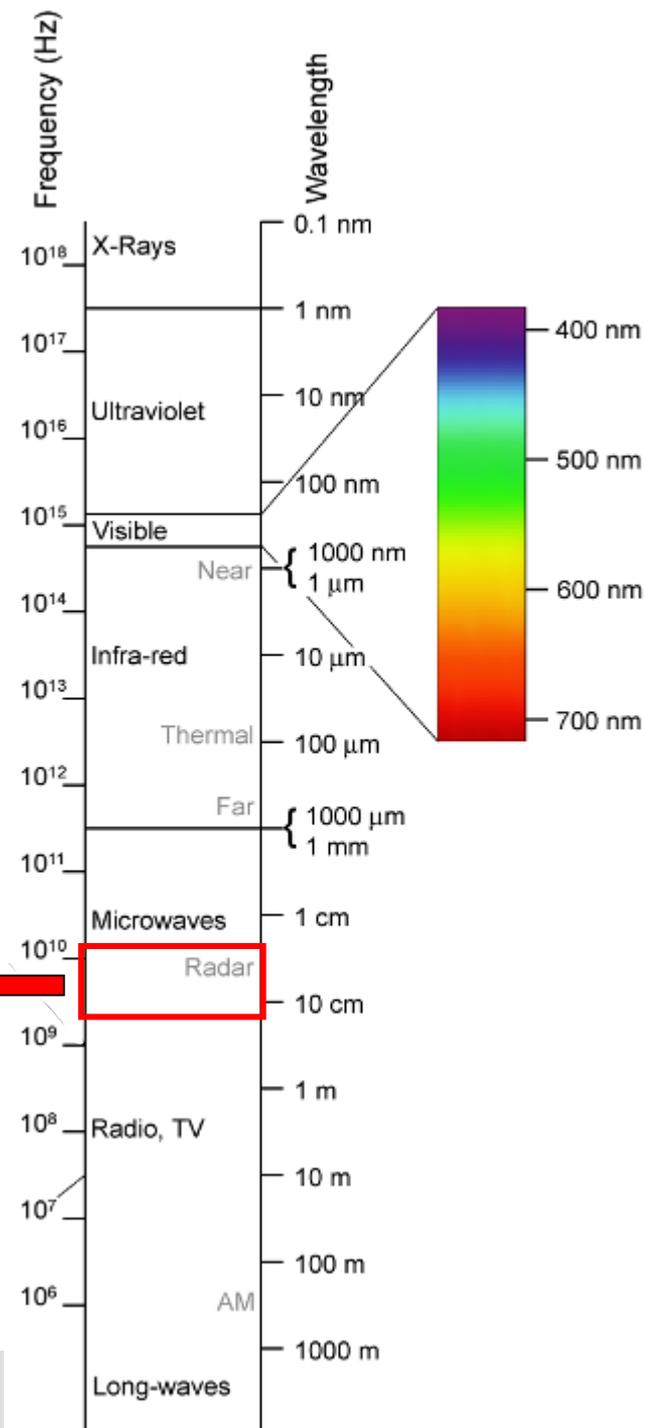


# Earth Observation with SAR

## Reminders:

- The electromagnetic spectrum
- All weather
- day and night (active system)
- SAR geometry
- Intensity and Phase (Complex):
  - Coherent signal
  - Phase information
- Band (X, C, L, P)
- Polarisation (VV, VH, HH, HV)

**Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)** ←



Introduction

Why SAR

Single channel SAR

Multi temporal SAR

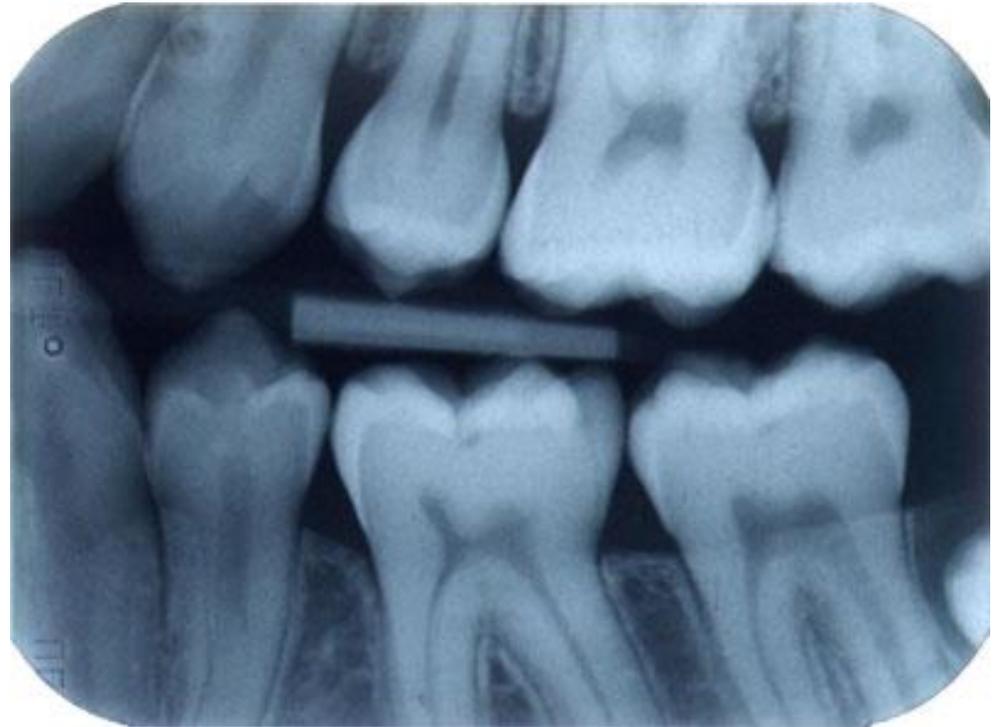
Polarimetry

Interferometry

SAR extends vision from the 'normal' visible light to invisible light using waves invisible to the human eye

Not unique to SAR

*X-rays*



# Introduction (cont.)

## *Infra-red*



## Introduction (cont.)

### *Ultra-sound*



# Single channel SAR



Left image: COSMOSkyMed 1 Spotlight-2 X-band acquisition (1m resolution) over the Flevoland region in the Netherlands ( 3 February 2008)

# Multi temporal SAR

In this composite, blue relates to an acquisition on 12 March 2008, green to one on 30 July 2008 and red to one on 28 November 2007



# Multi wavelength SAR

The three-frequency false-colour SAR image was recorded on April 18, 1994 and was made with L-band total power in the red channel, C-band total power in the green channel, and X-band VV polarization in the blue channel



# Polarimetry



Observation with two eyes

- 3D vision

- Distance estimation

Looking more than once

- Detect changes

- Detect movements

Same with SAR

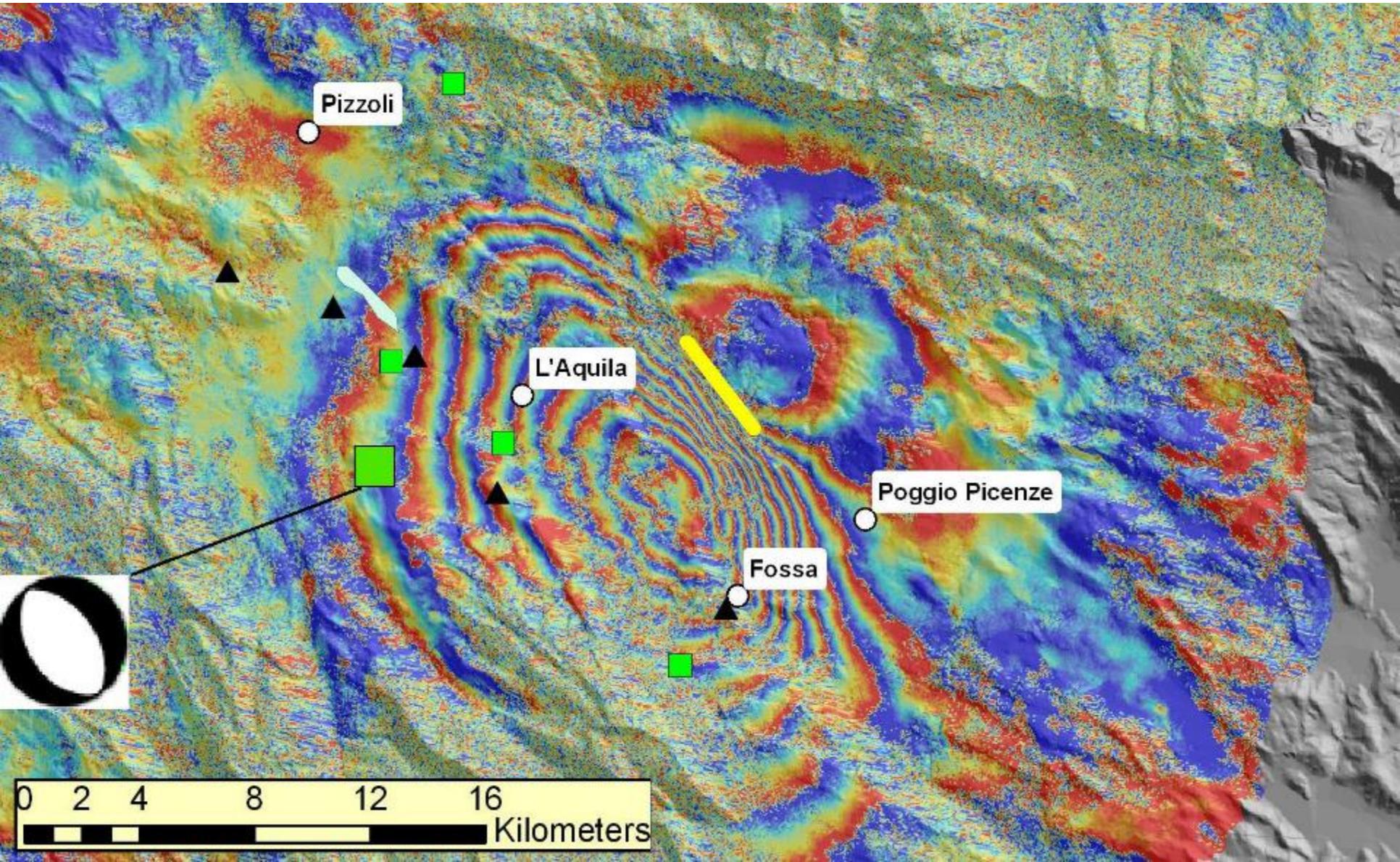
- Two or more SARs

- Revisiting the same site

- Surface elevation, classification and sub



# Interferometry (cont.) SAR sees earthquakes



# Some history about SAR missions....

# The Golden Age of SAR

Mission	Band	Launch
SEASAT	L	1978
SIR-A	L	1981
SIR-B	L	1984
ERS-1 & ERS-2	C	1991 & 1995
J-ERS-1	L	1992
SIR-C/X-SAR	X/C	1994
RADARSAT-1 & -2	C	1995 & 2001
SRTM	X/C	2000
ASAR/Envisat	C	2002
PALSAR/ALOS-1 & -2	L	2002 & 2014
COSMO-SkyMed	X	2007
TerraSAR-X	X	2007
RISAT-2 & -1	X	2009 & 2012
Tandem-X	X	2010
Sentinel-1A & B	C	2014 & 2016
SAOCOM 1A	L	2018
Plus many airborne campaigns....	X, L, C	



## Orbit Parameters

Altitude: 805 km circular

Inclination: 108 degrees

Repeat Period: 100 min (14 orbits a day)

## Spacecraft Statistics

Weight: 2,290 kg

Length: 12.2m

Diameter: 1.5m max.

SAR antenna: 2.1 x 10.7m

## Instrument :

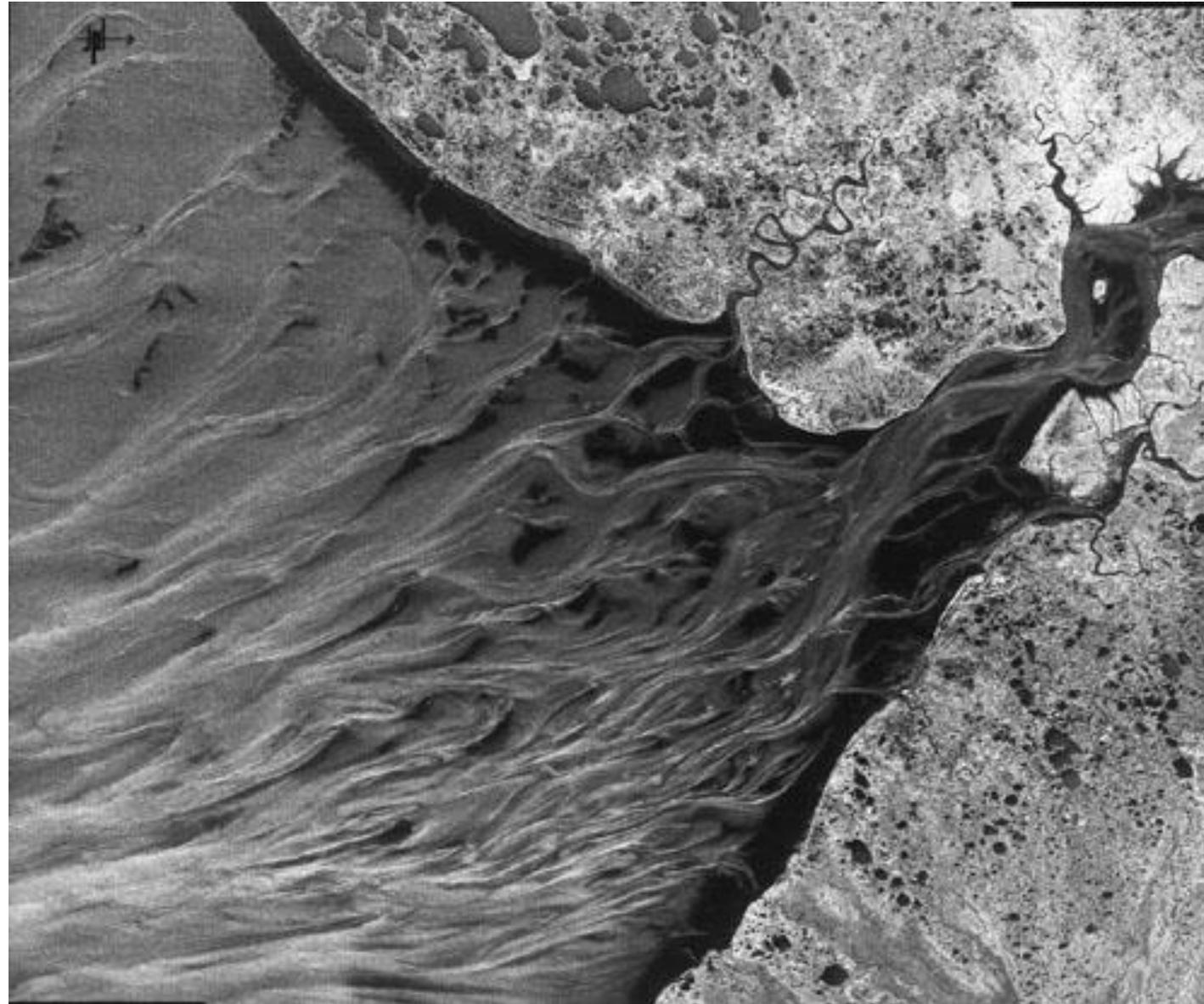
L Band (23 cm-1.27Ghz)

Polarization : HH

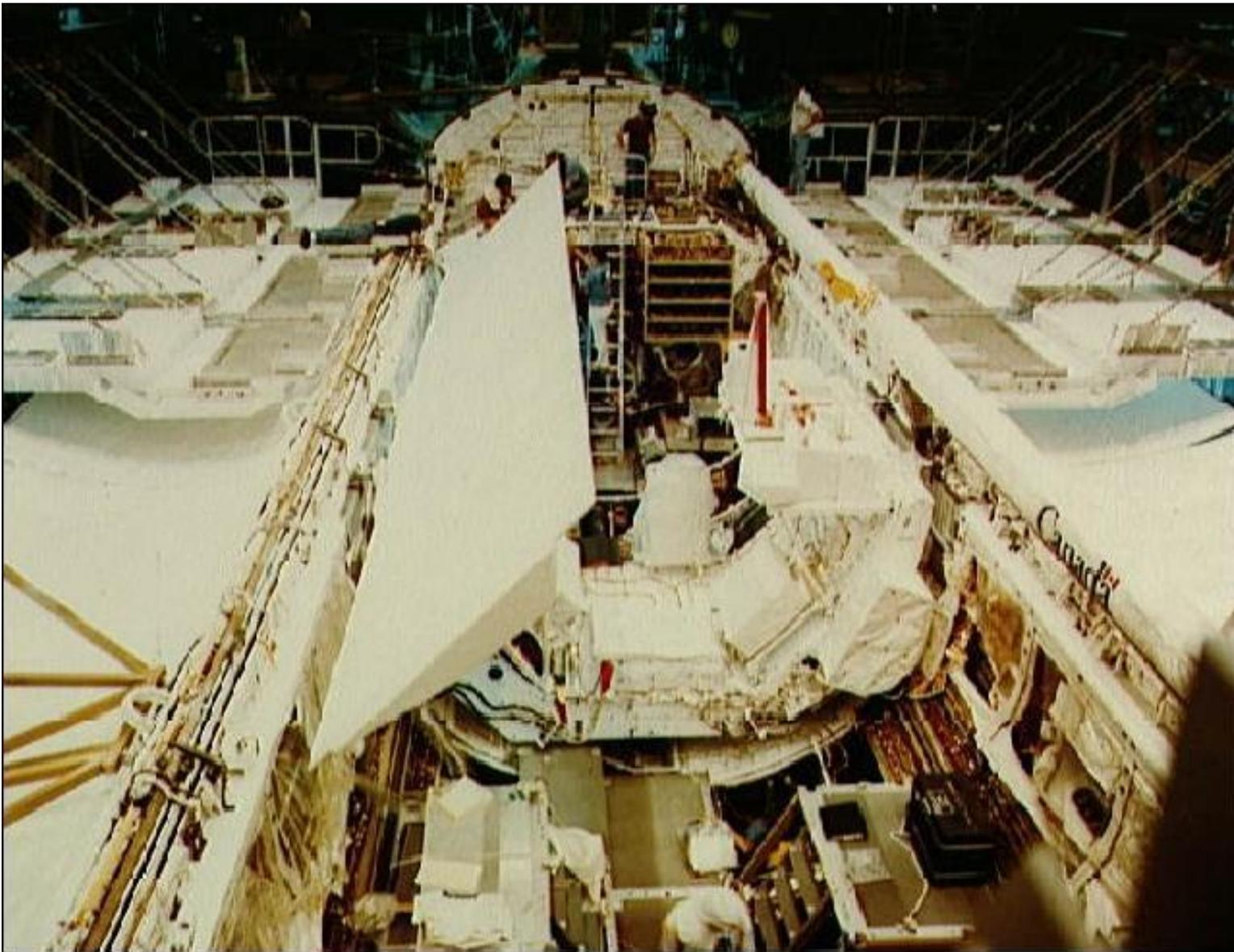
Central Incidence : 20°

Ground resolution : 25 m (4 looks)

Swath Width: 100 km



This SAR image is of the Kuskokwim River delta, Western Alaska. It was taken by Seasat on July 13, 1978. The patterns are formed by river water flowing around sand bars. The pock-marked land is covered by small permafrost lakes.



SIR-A

L-band

Polarisation  
HH

Look Angle  
47°

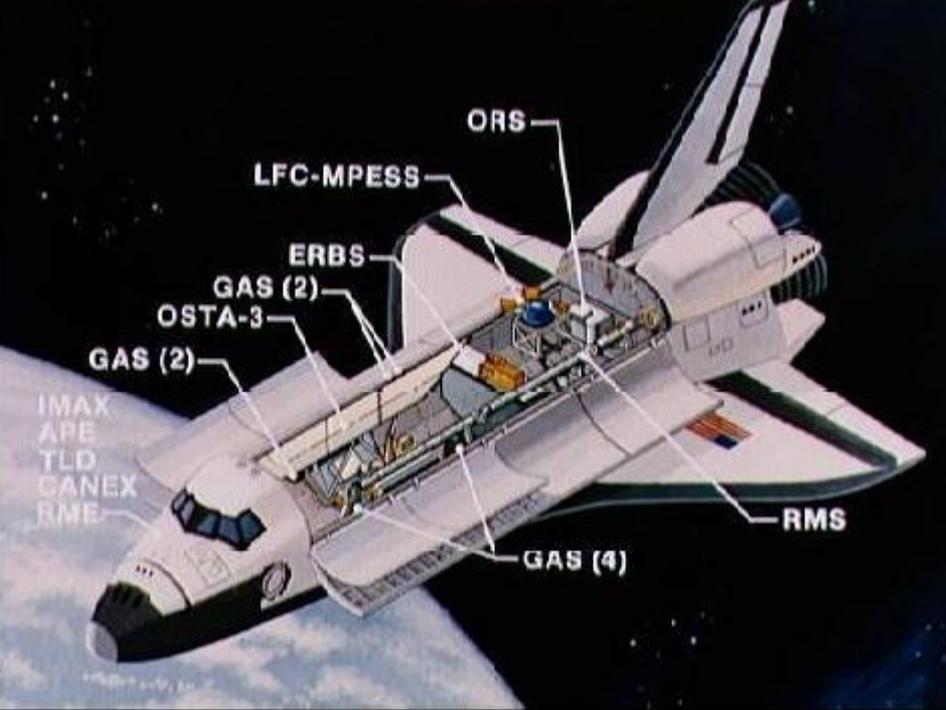
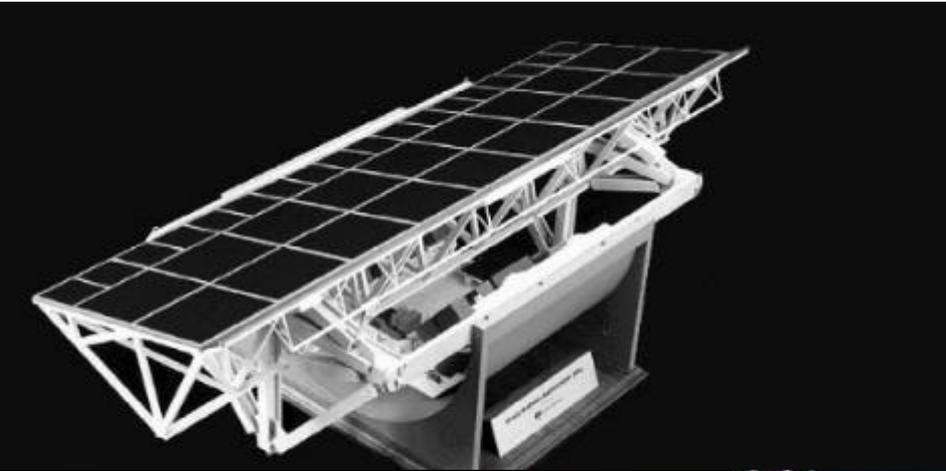
Pixel size  
40 x 40 m

Data recorded  
onto an optical  
medium (film)

# SIR-A sees Bedrock in Egypt



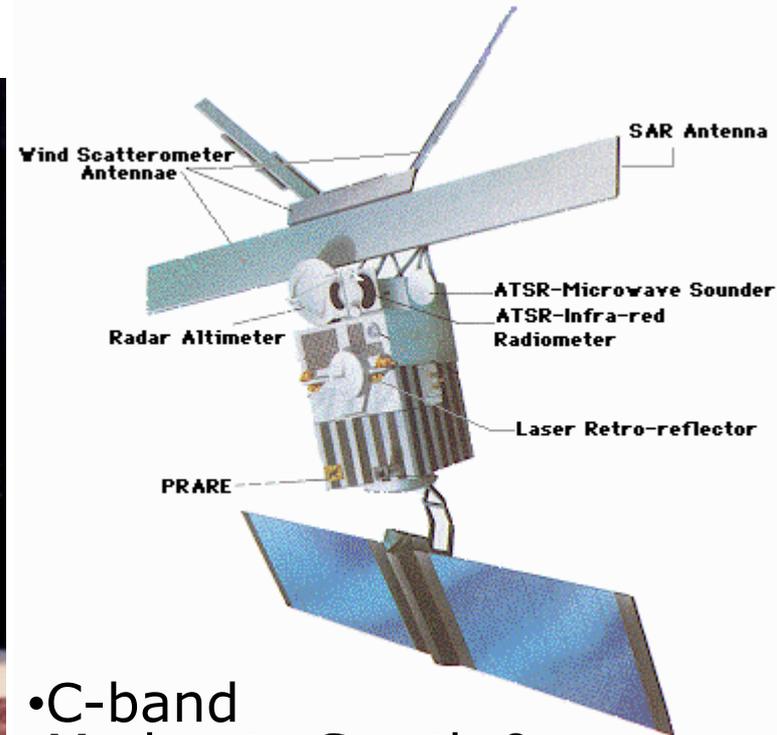
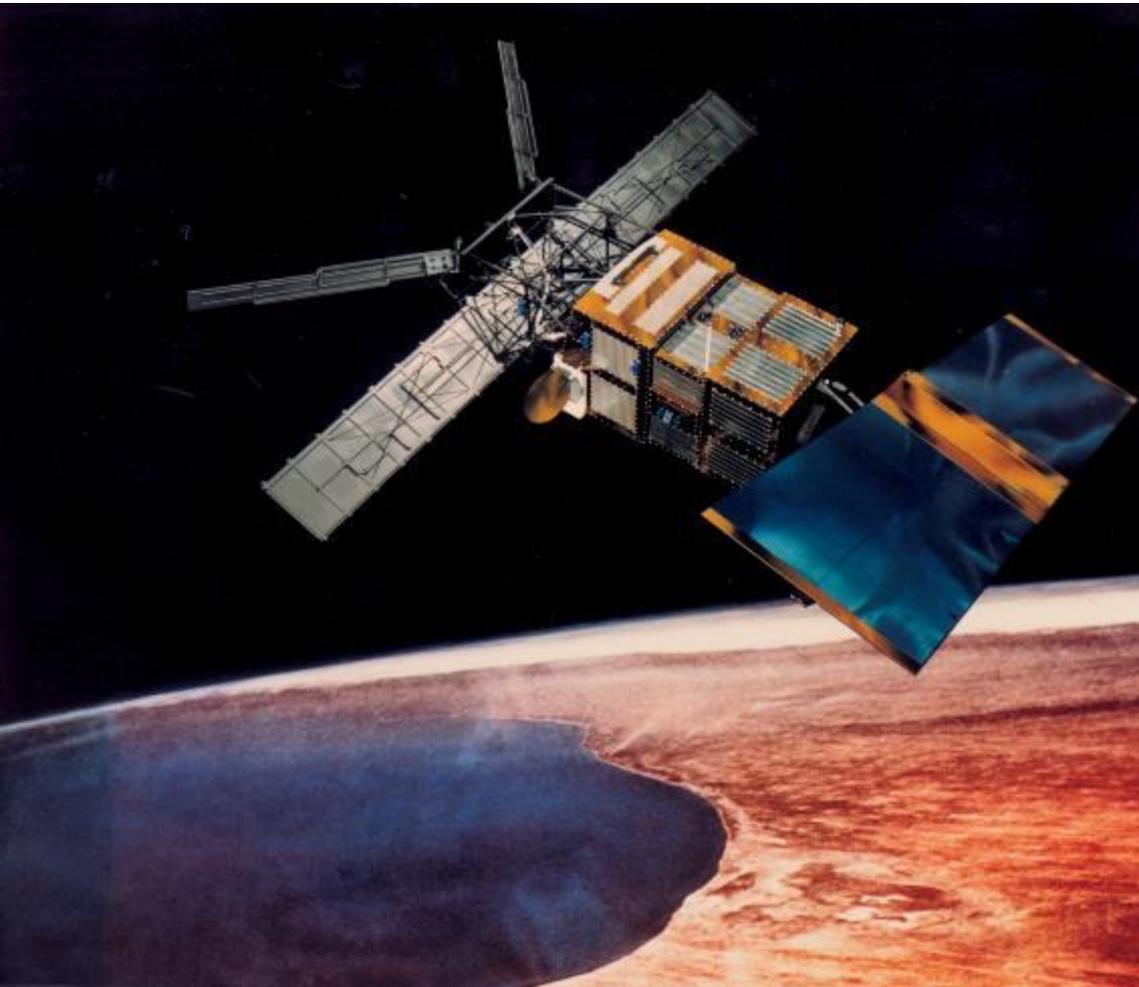
# SIR-B 1984



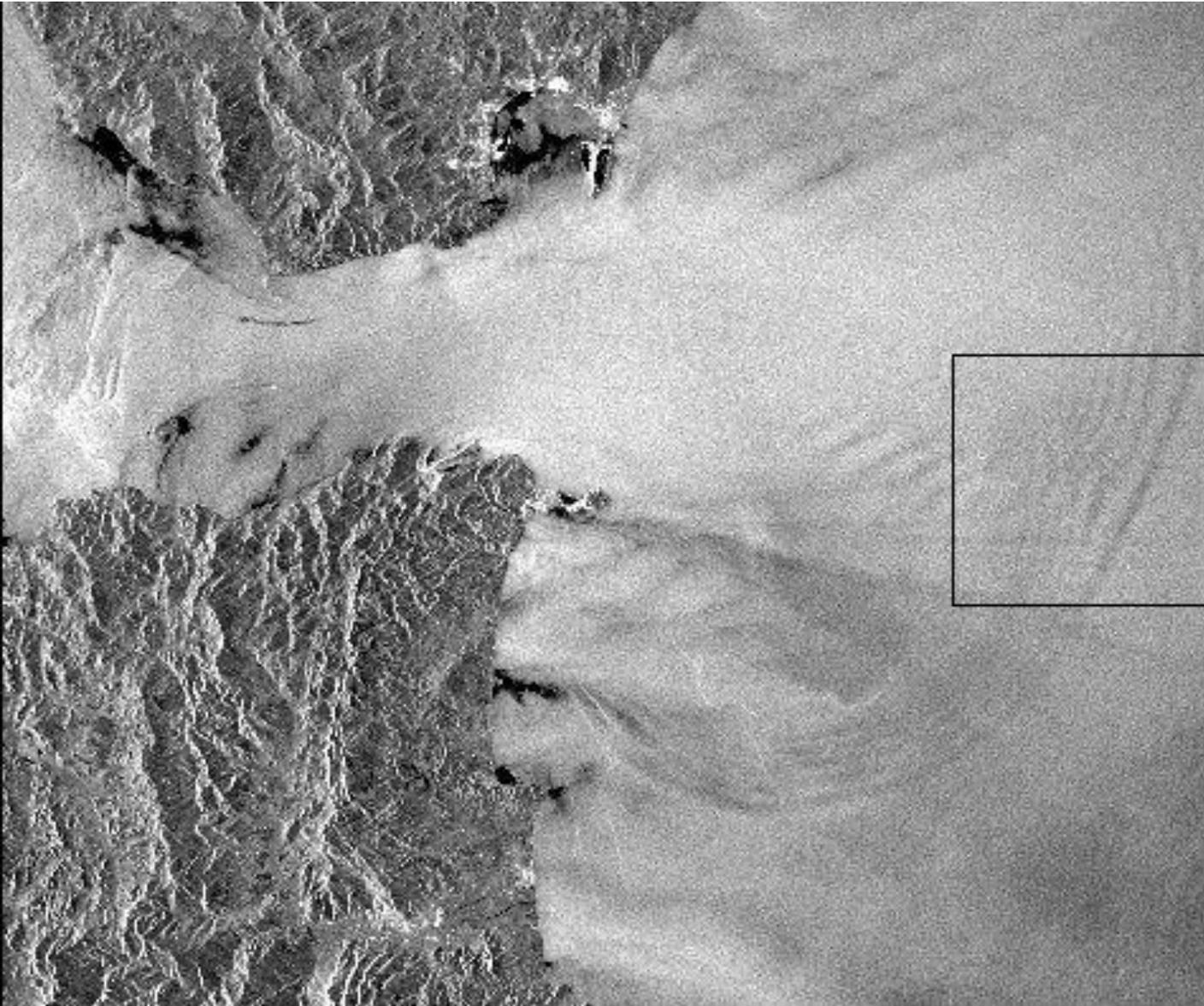
SIR-B	Parameters
Shuttle Orbital Altitudes	360, 257, 224 km
Shuttle Orbital Inclination	57 degrees
Mission Length	8.3 days
Radar Frequency	1.275 GHz (L-band)
Radar Wavelength	23.5 cm
System Bandwidth	12 MHz
Range Resolution	58 to 16 m
Azimuth Resolution	20 to 30 m (4-look)
Swath Width	20 to 40 km
Antenna Dimensions	10.7 m x 2.16 m
Antenna Look Angle	15 to 65 degrees from vertical
Polarization	HH
Transmitted Pulse Length	30.4 microseconds
Minimum peak power	1.12 kW
Data recorder bit rate (on the ground)	30.4 Mbits/s



# ERS-1 (ESA 1991-2000)



- C-band
- Moderate Swath & Resolution
- Single Polarisation (VV)
- Successful Operations
- Excellent Data Quality
- Application Development
- Emerging Market



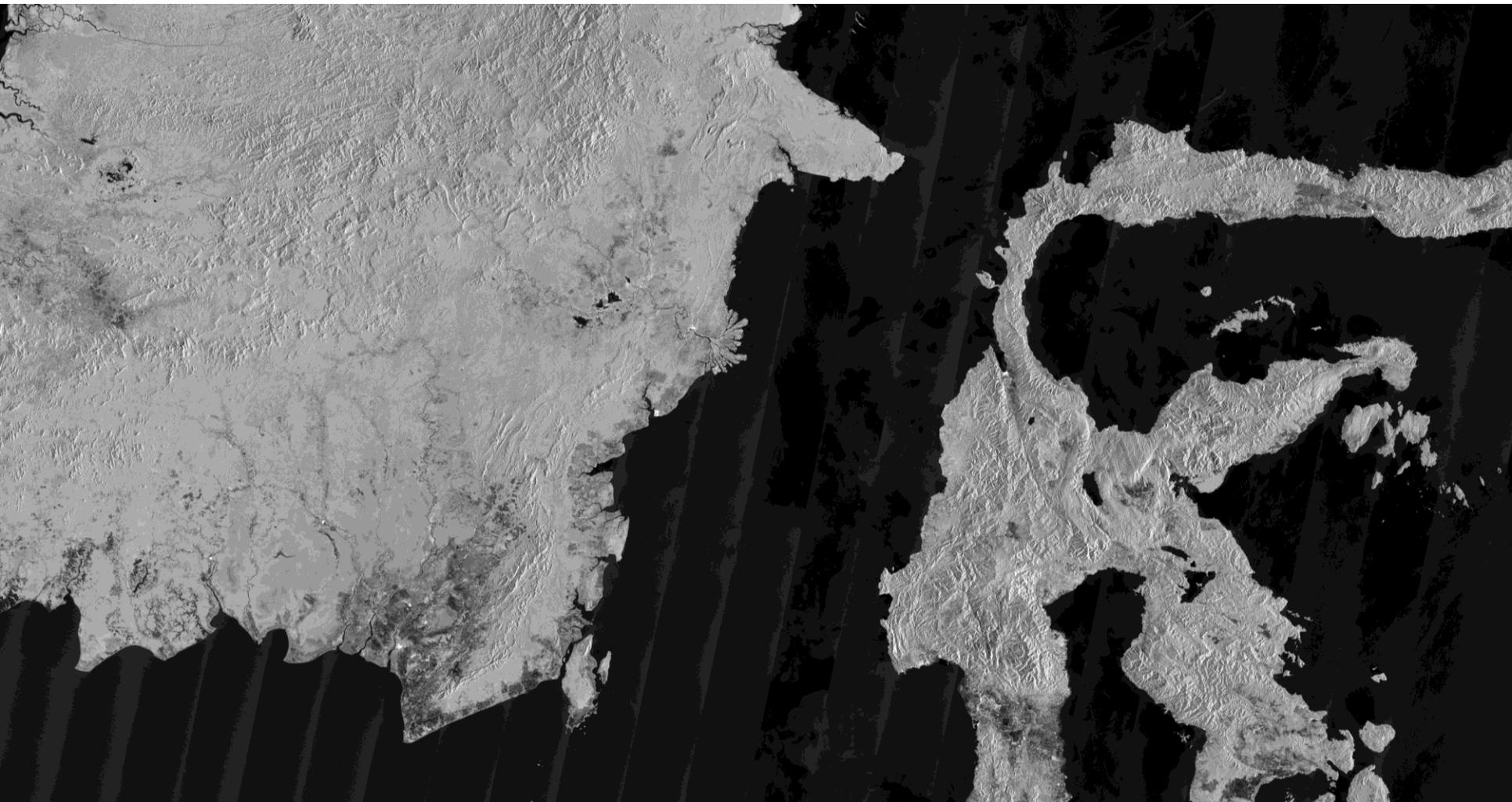
The ERS-1 SAR scene below is from the Strait of Gibraltar, and was acquired on 22:39 UTC on July 30, 1993.

# JERS-1 (NASDA, Japan 1992)



<u>Instrument :</u>	<u>Orbit :</u>
L Band (1.2 GHz)	Repeat Period : 44 days
Polarization : HH	Local crossing time : 10:45
Central Incidence : 35°	
Ground resolution : 18 m (3 looks)	
Swath Width: 75 km(offset from Nadir: 400km)	

# J-ERS-1 Kalimantan Sulawesi



# Shuttle Imaging Radar Missions (JPL USA 1981-2000)

## SIR-C/X-SAR (Endeavour shuttle, 1994)

### Instrument :

L Band (1.25 GHz)

C Band (5.3 GHz)

Polarisation : Fully

Polarimetric

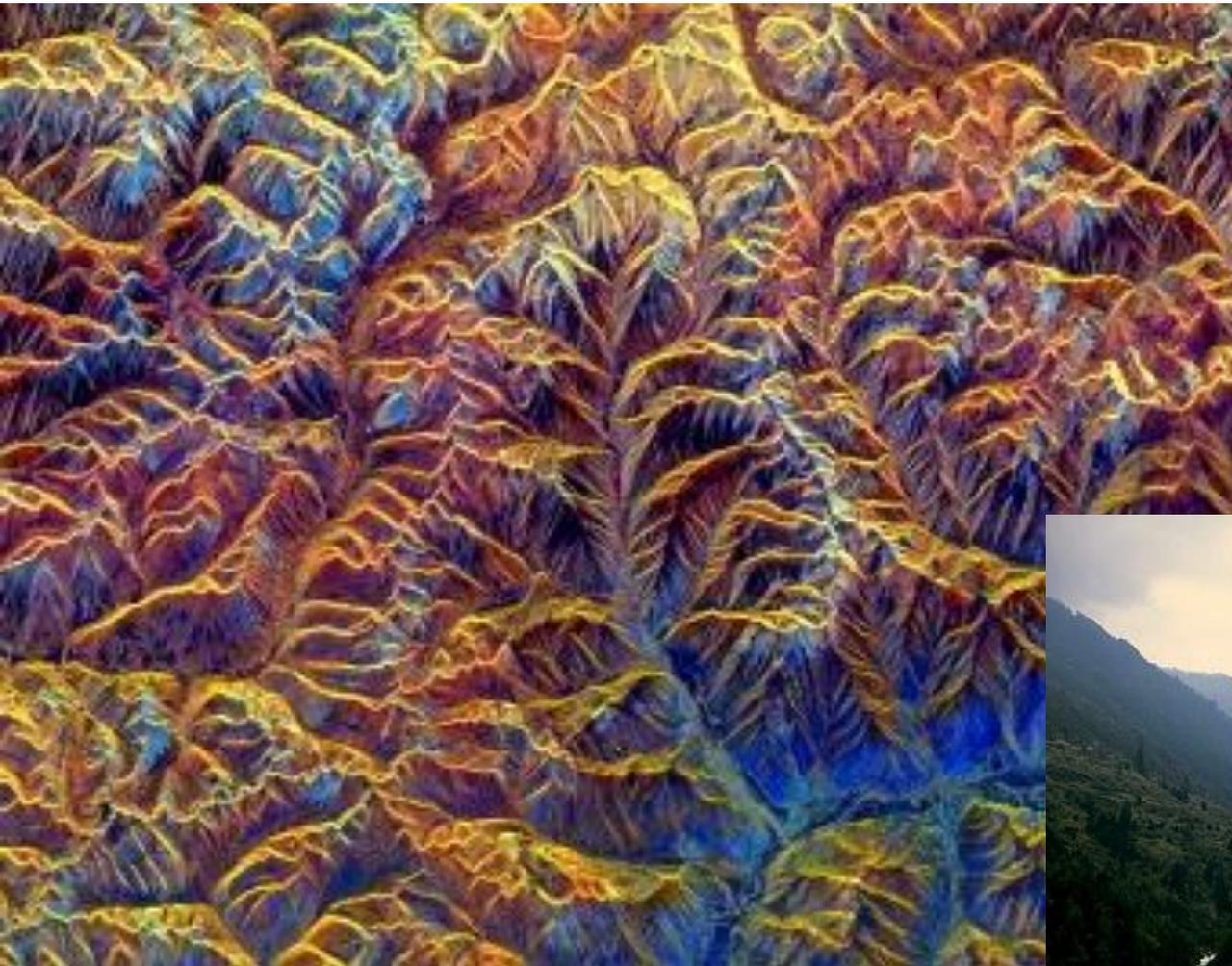
Incidence :  $20^{\circ}$  -  $55^{\circ}$

X Band (9 GHz)

Polarisation : VV

Incidence :  $20^{\circ}$  -  $55^{\circ}$



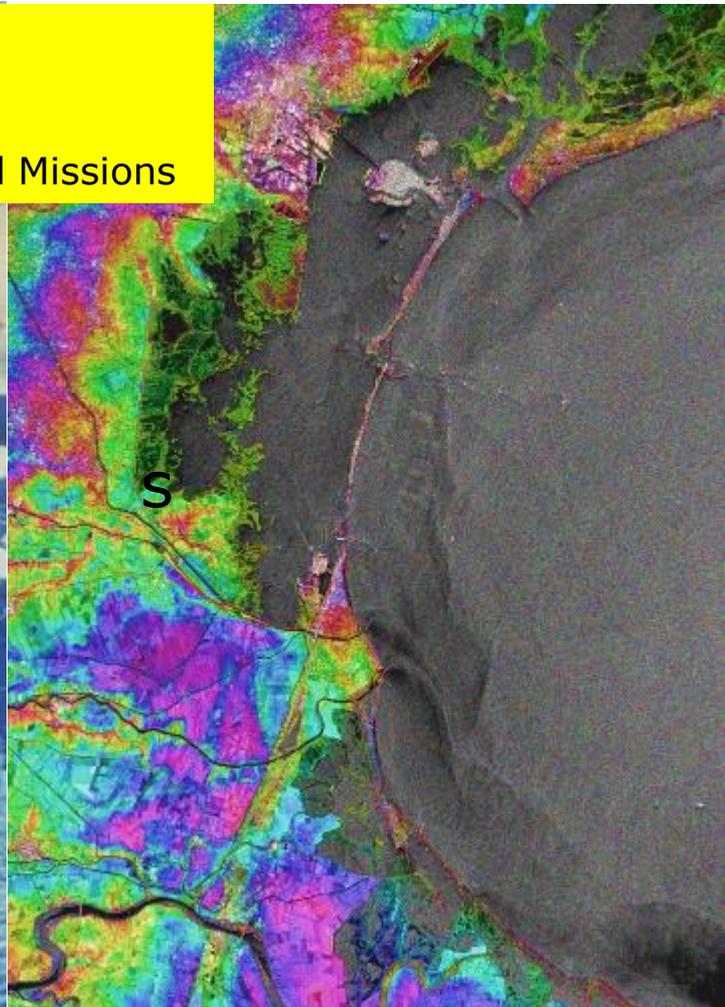
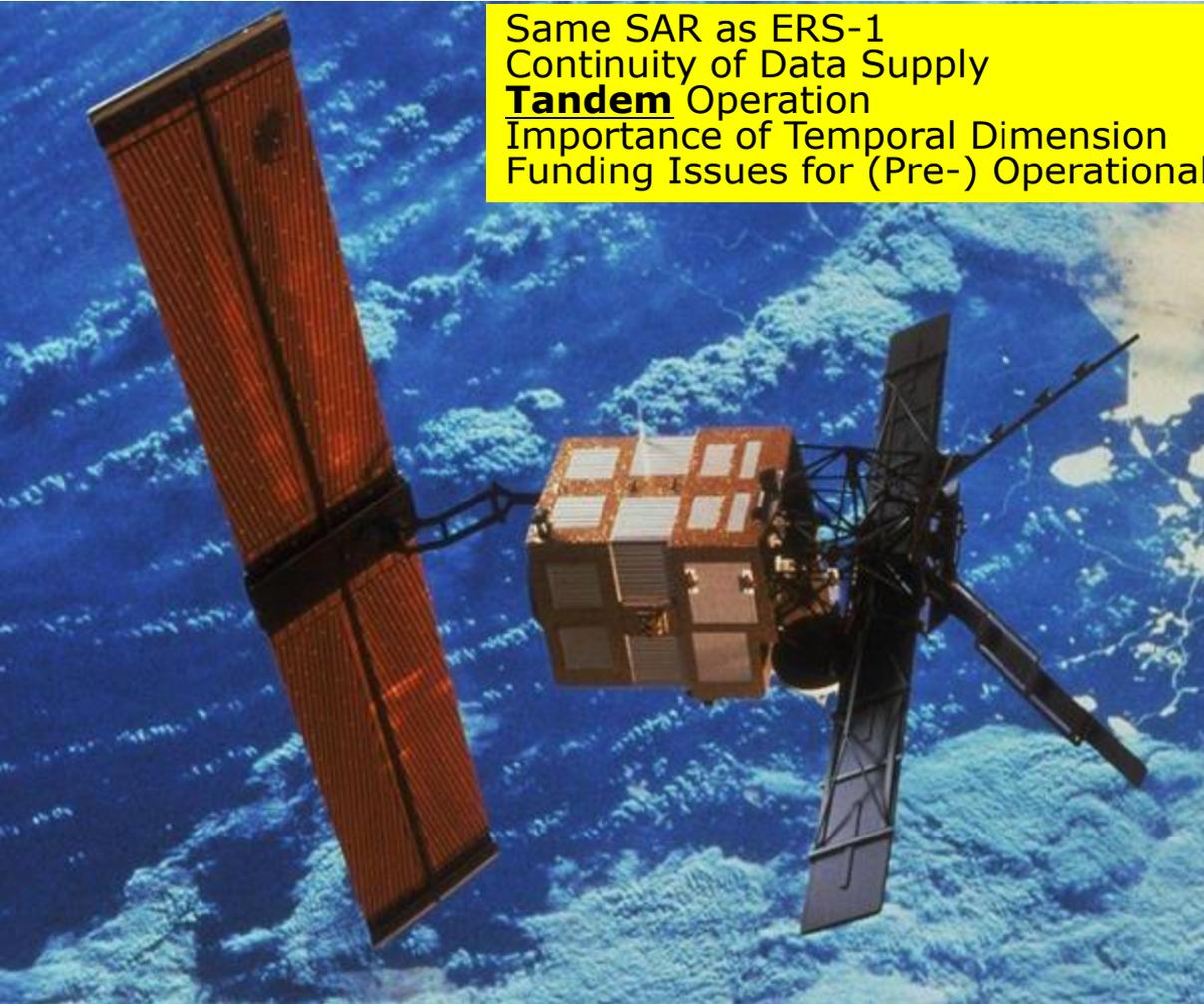


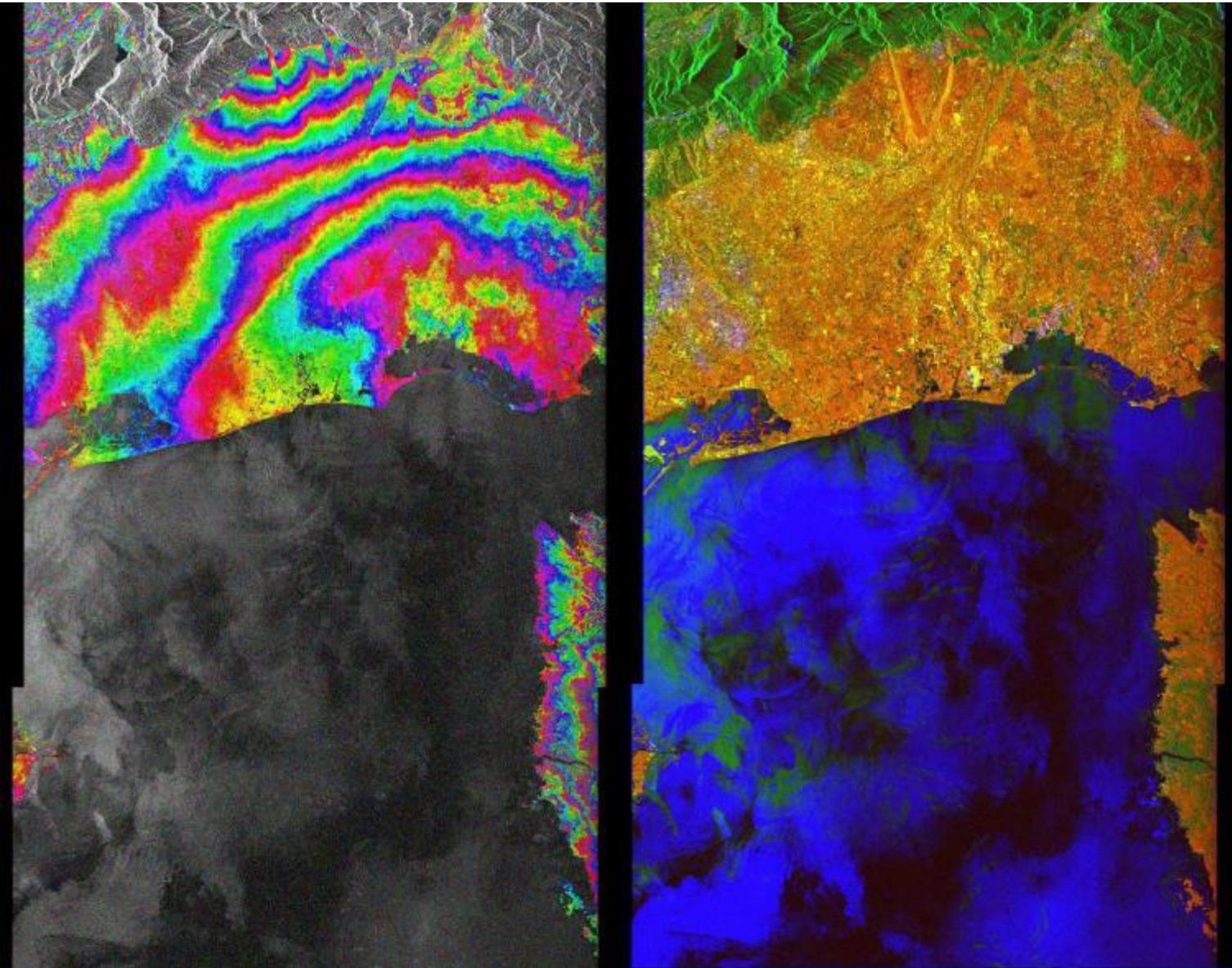
Tibet seen by SIR-C/X-SAR). The various colors assigned to the radar frequencies and polarizations are to map the distribution of different rock types.



# ERS-2 1995-2011

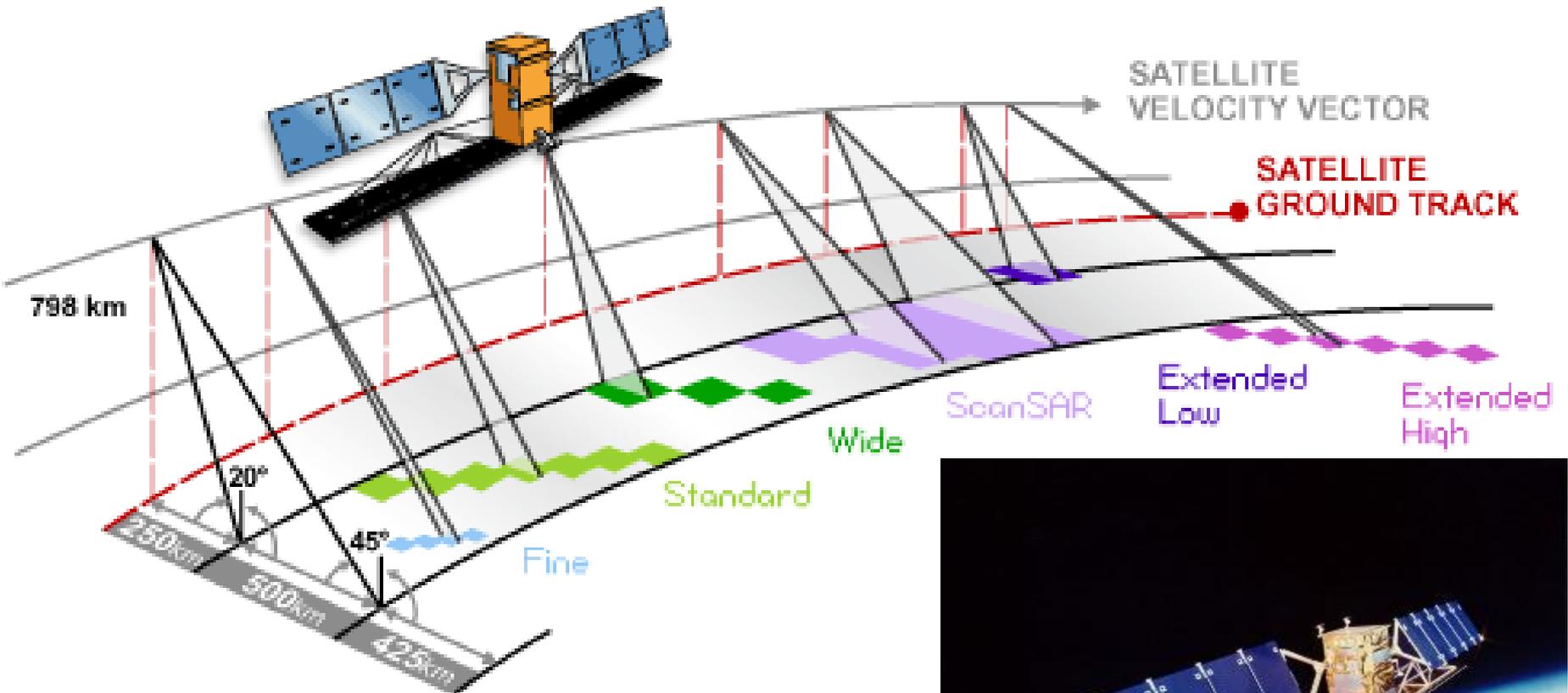
Same SAR as ERS-1  
 Continuity of Data Supply  
**Tandem** Operation  
 Importance of Temporal Dimension  
 Funding Issues for (Pre-) Operational Missions





The image shows a sample of ERS-2 SAR Interferometry

# RADARSAT-1, Canada CSA 1995





RADARSAT provides routine surveillance of the entire Arctic region.

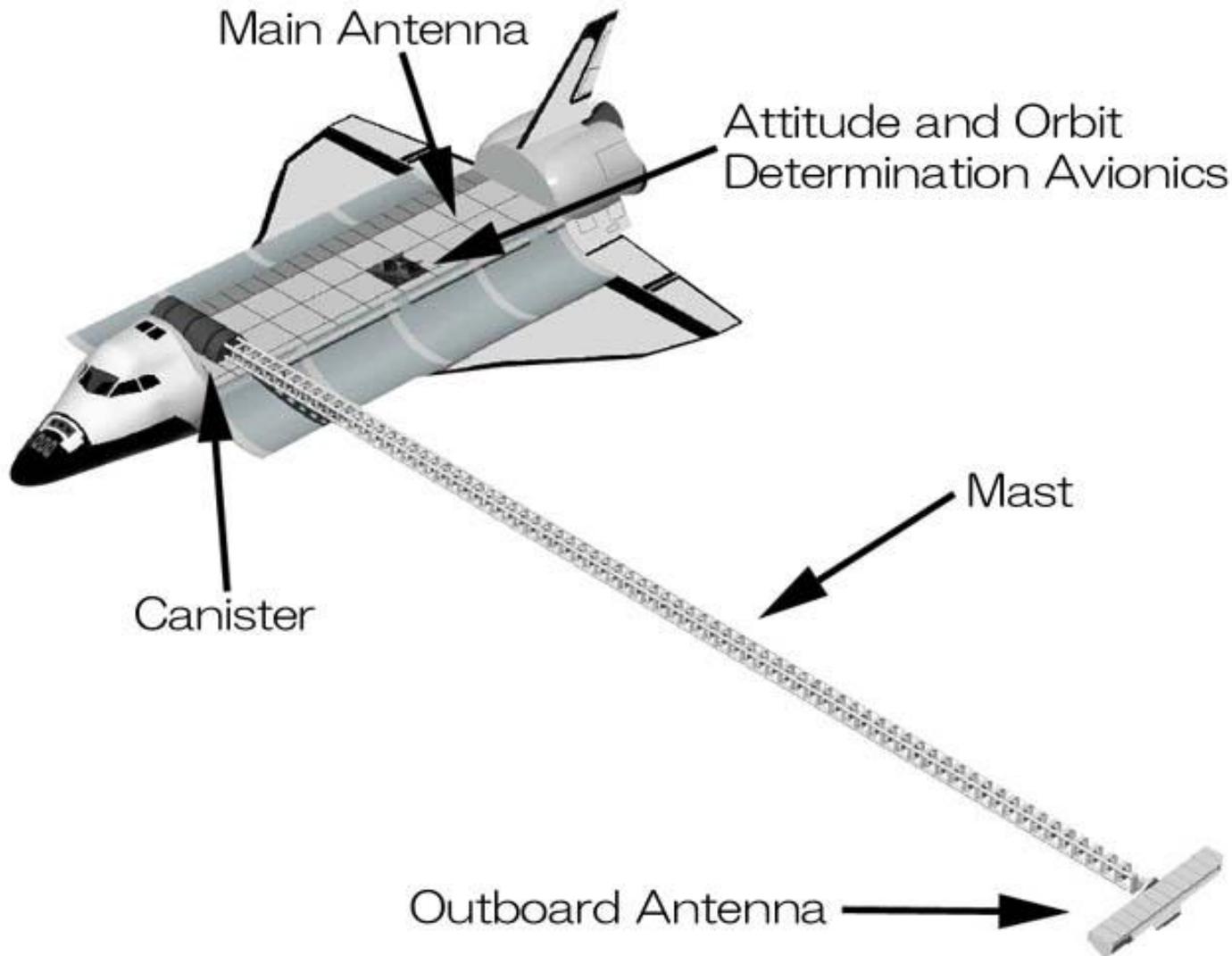
This helps track sea ice distribution, identify various types of ice, and produce daily ice charts.

The information is used for planning safe shipping routes and supply operations for offshore exploration platforms or ocean research stations.

# Shuttle Radar Topographic Mission 2000



The Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) obtained elevation data for a high-resolution digital topographic database of Earth. SRTM flew onboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour during an 11-day mission in February of 2000.

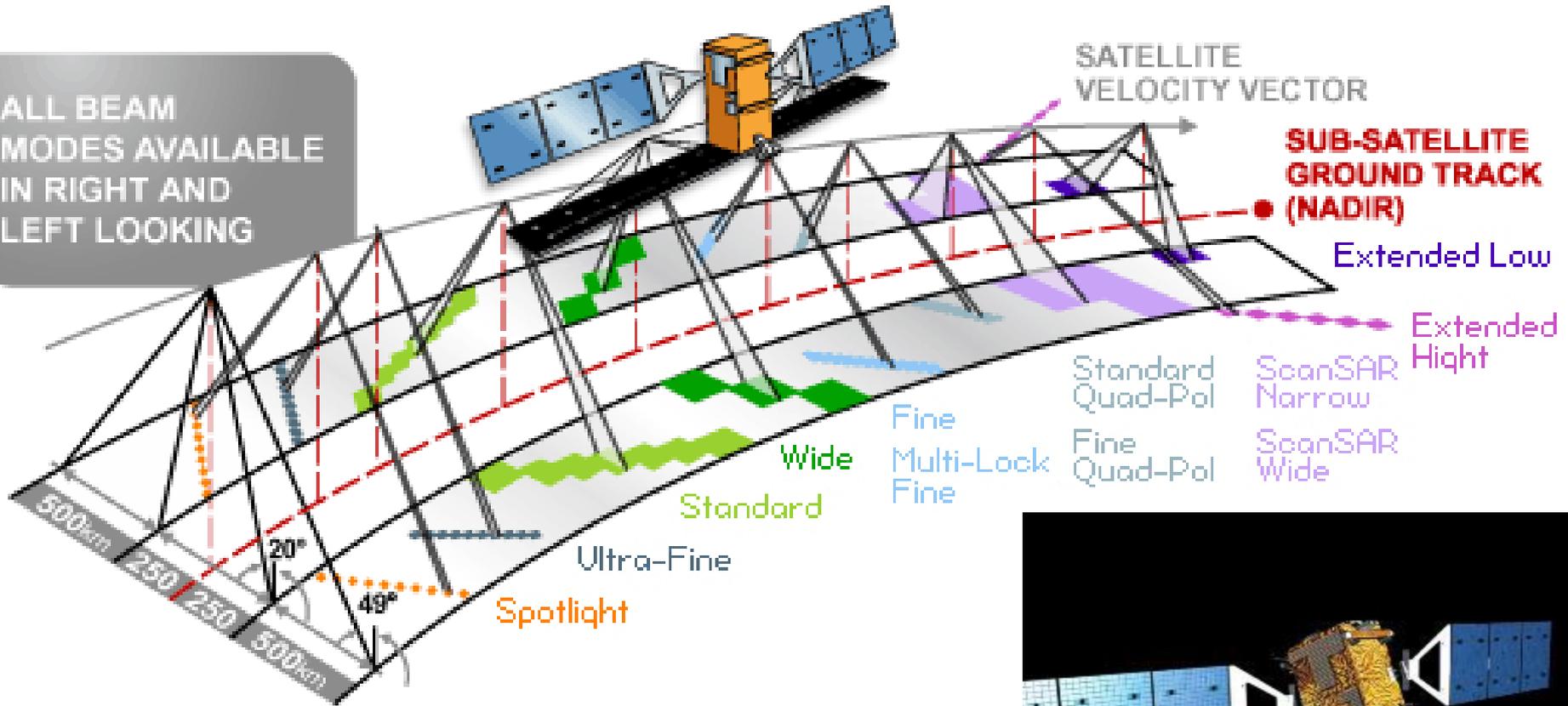


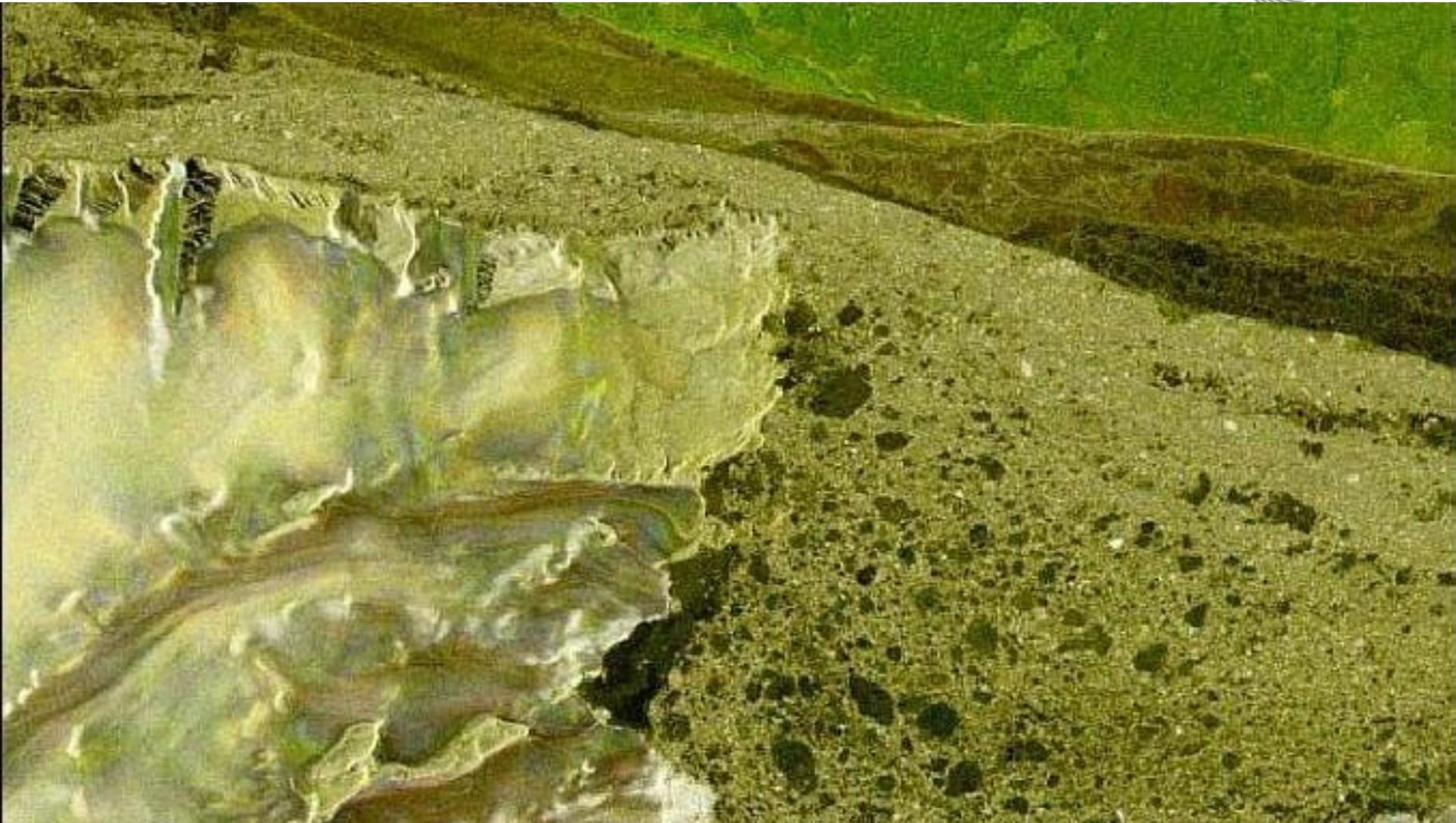


**SRTM DEM + Landsat**

# RADARSAT-2 (Canada 2001)

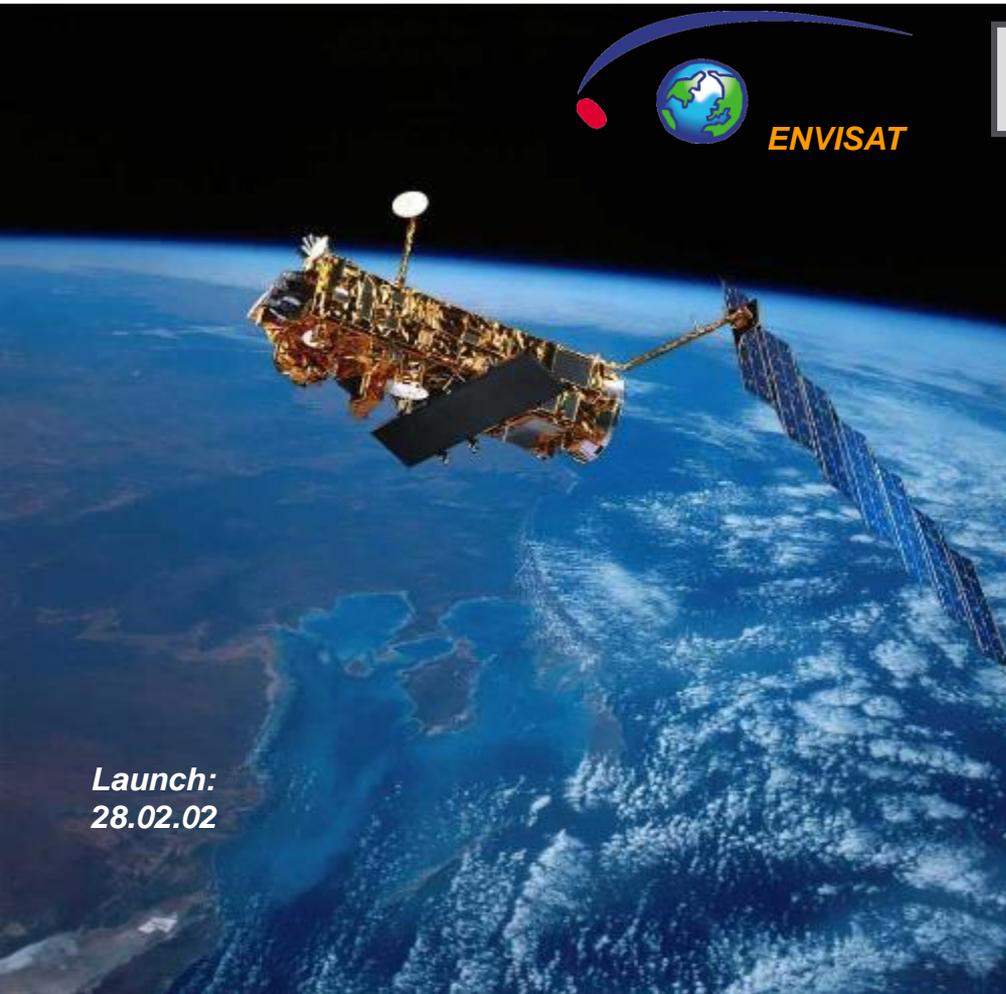
ALL BEAM MODES AVAILABLE IN RIGHT AND LEFT LOOKING





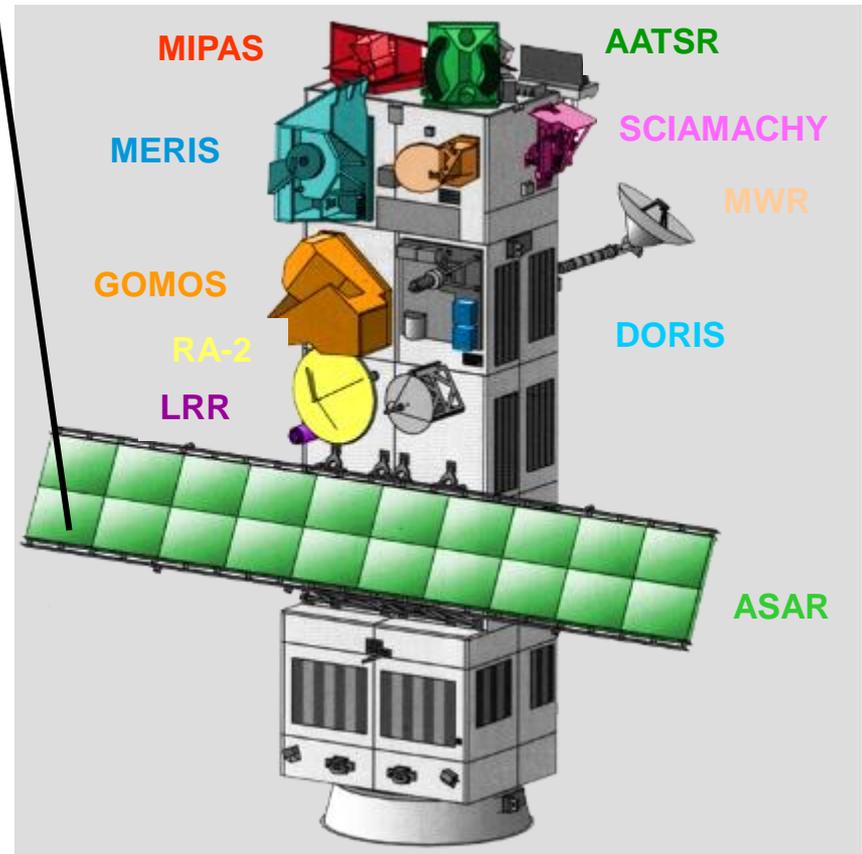
RADARSAT-2 Quad Pol image of Devon Island in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago (image credit: MDA)

# ENVISAT / ASAR (ESA 2002)

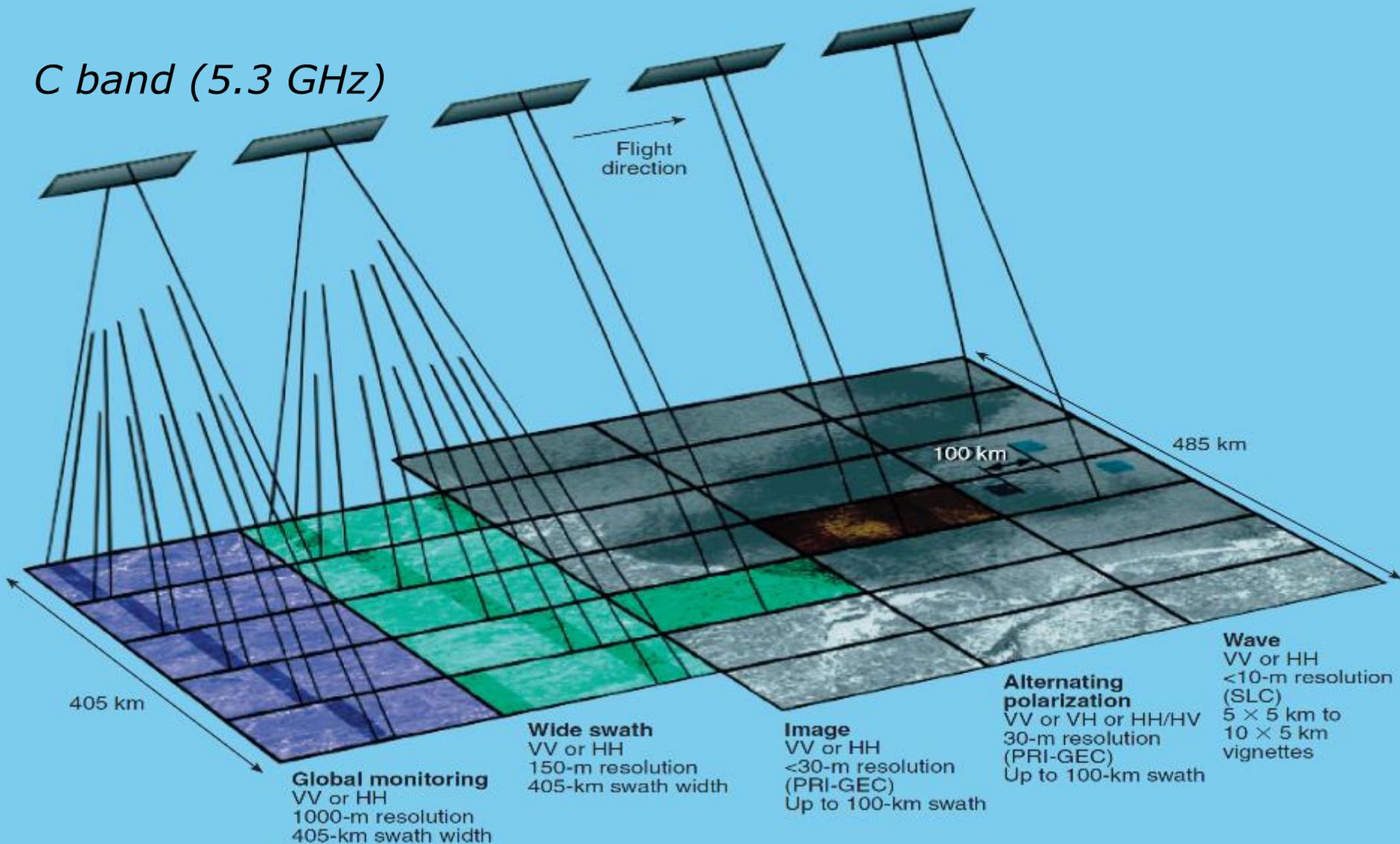


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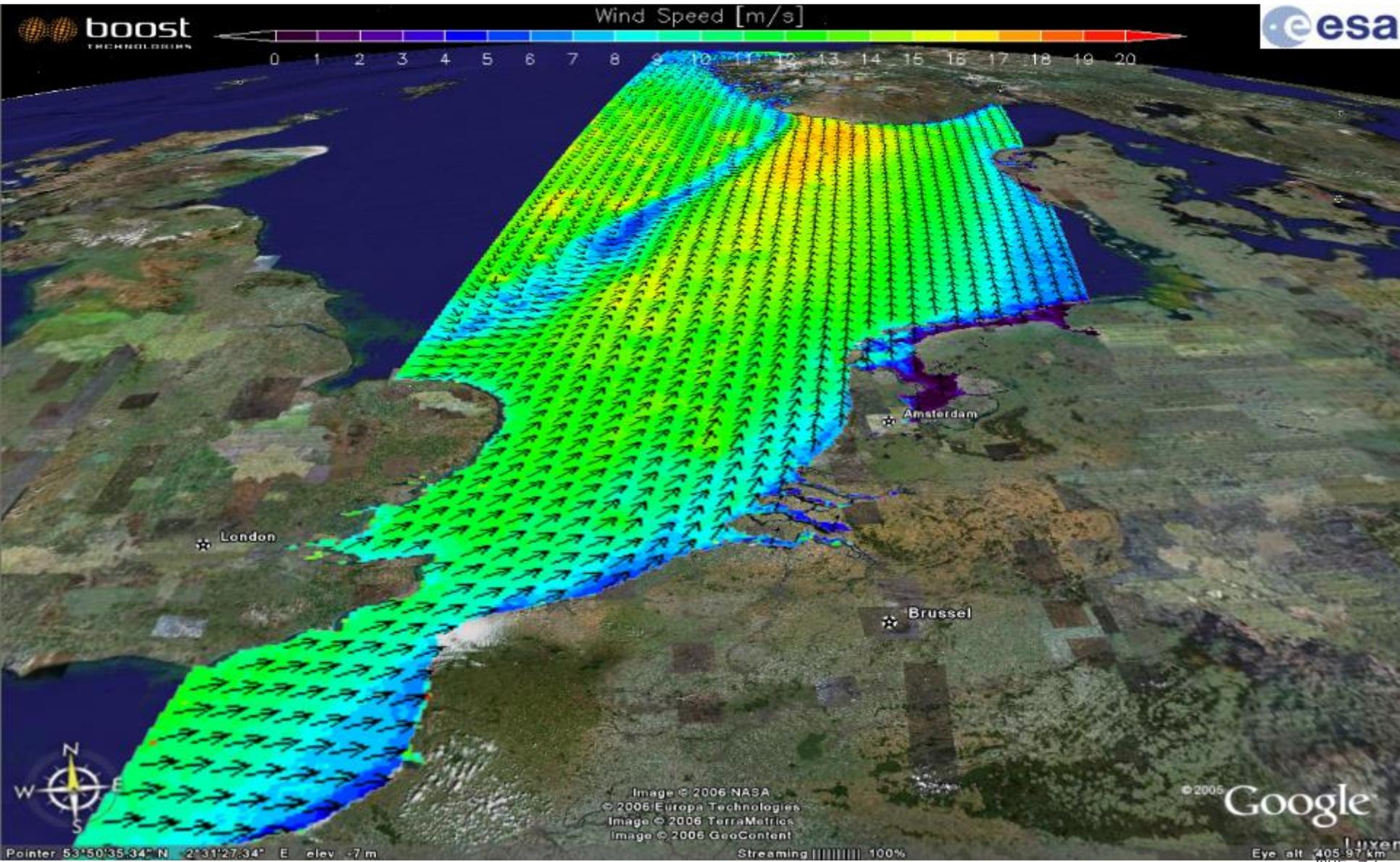
ASAR-Antenna  
(ca. 10 m x 1.33 m)



*C band (5.3 GHz)*



# ASAR Envisat Wind Mapping



With ERS-1, ERS-2, Envisat ASAR, ESA has been constantly supporting the SAR Interferometry (InSAR) communities for over two decades with:

- the **provision of InSAR data**, through:
  - the development and operations of SAR satellites ([ERS-1](#), [ERS-2](#), [Envisat](#))
  - a precise satellite orbital maintenance including InSAR tandem campaigns ([ERS-1/ERS-2 tandem](#), [ERS-2/Envisat tandem](#))
  - the development of a large and consistent InSAR data archive
  - a constant effort in facilitating the use of SAR data
- the **development of InSAR science and InSAR applications**,
- bringing together the InSAR communities through **Fringe & Living Planet workshops**.

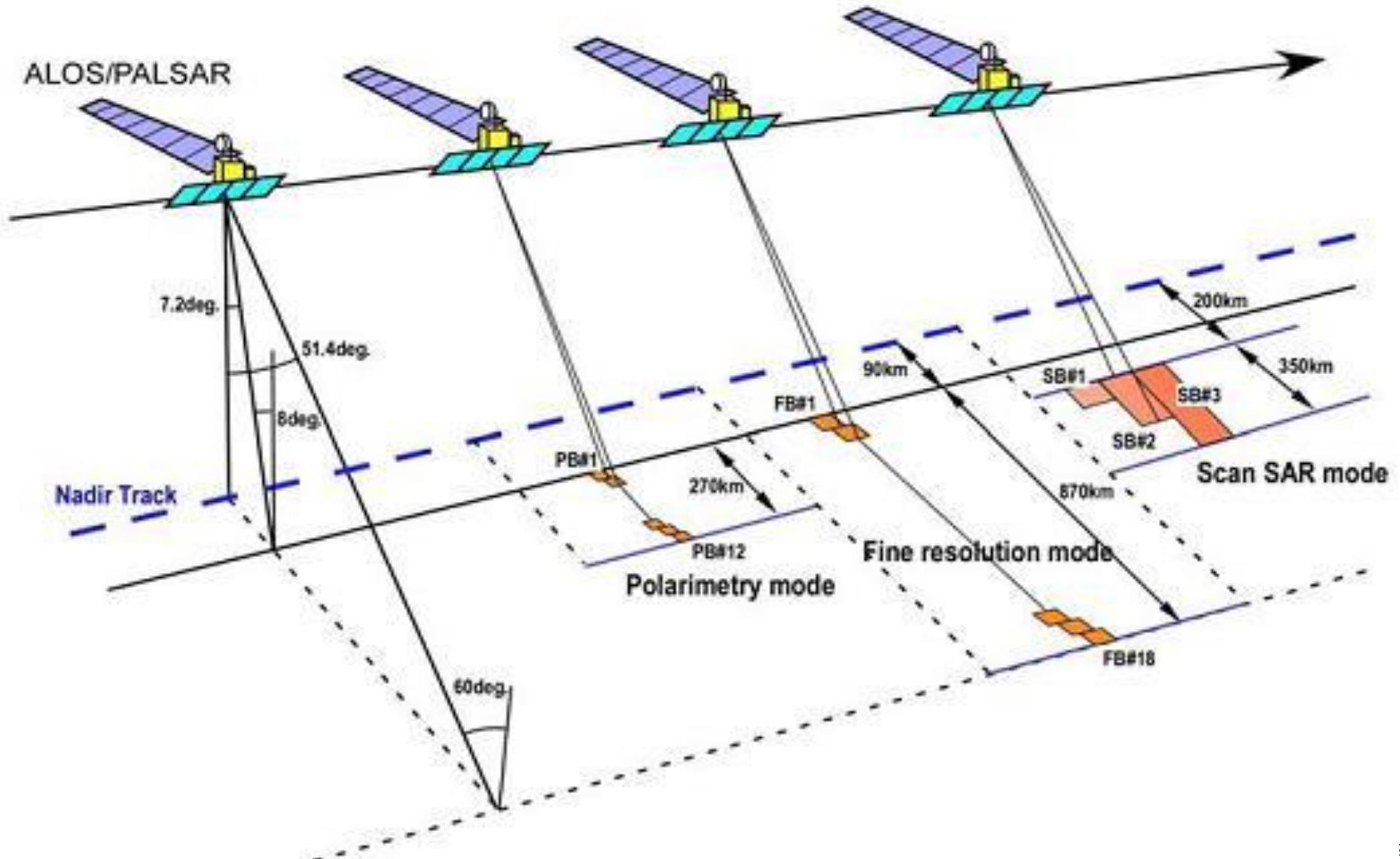


# PALSAR on ALOS-1 (NASDA 2002)

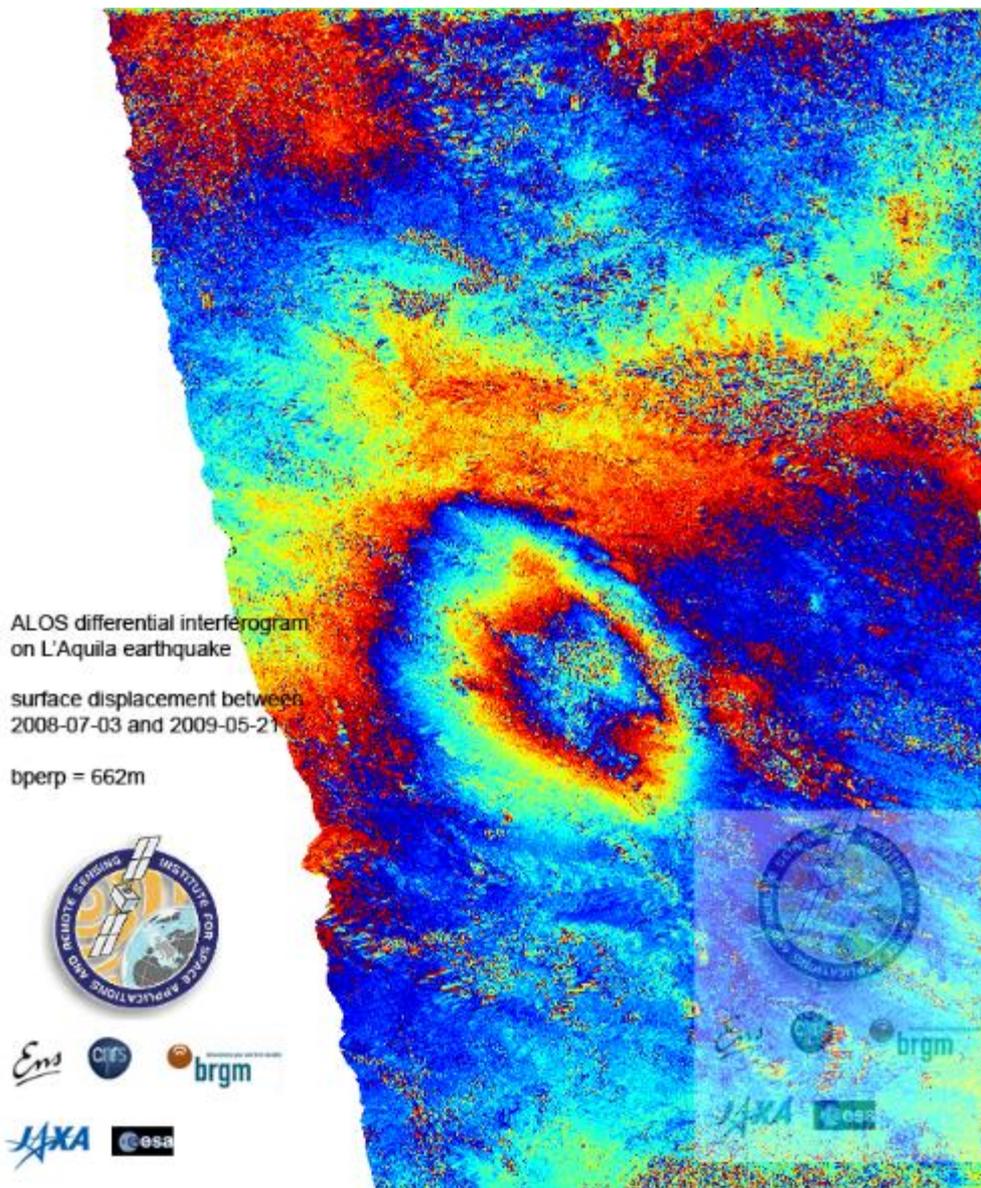
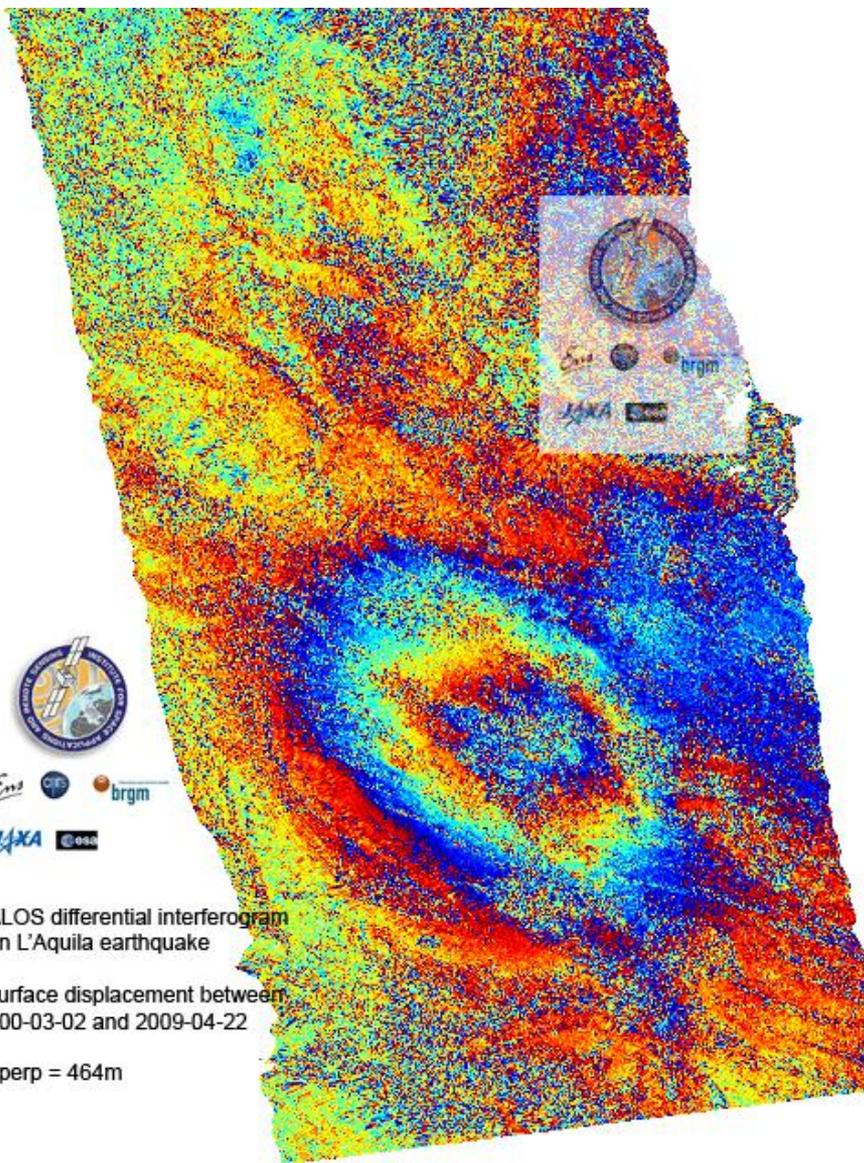
## L Band (1.25 GHz)



# PALSAR Measurement Geometry



# PALSAR & L'Aquila Earthquake



## First generation

- Four COSMO-SkyMed X band satellites

## Integration with other missions

- Two SAOCOM L-band satellites

## Second Generation

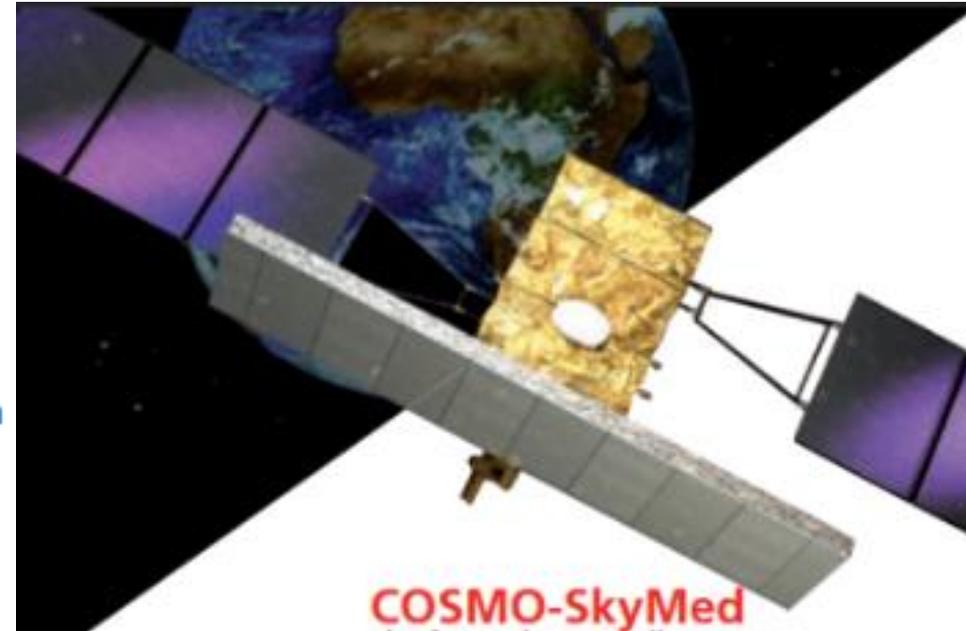
- COSMO-SkyMed second generation being developed by ASI and Italian Ministry of Defense (launching by 2014), will guarantee innovation and continuity with the current system

- 400 MHz chirp bandwidth
- 1m resolution from 25° to 59° incidence angle
- Image size 10 x 10 km @ 1m resolution

## With 4 satellites

- At equator 4 images per day
- At 40° latitude, every 7 hours (average)

An image will be made available 24 to 48 hours after the request has been approved



With 4 satellites up to 1800 images per day

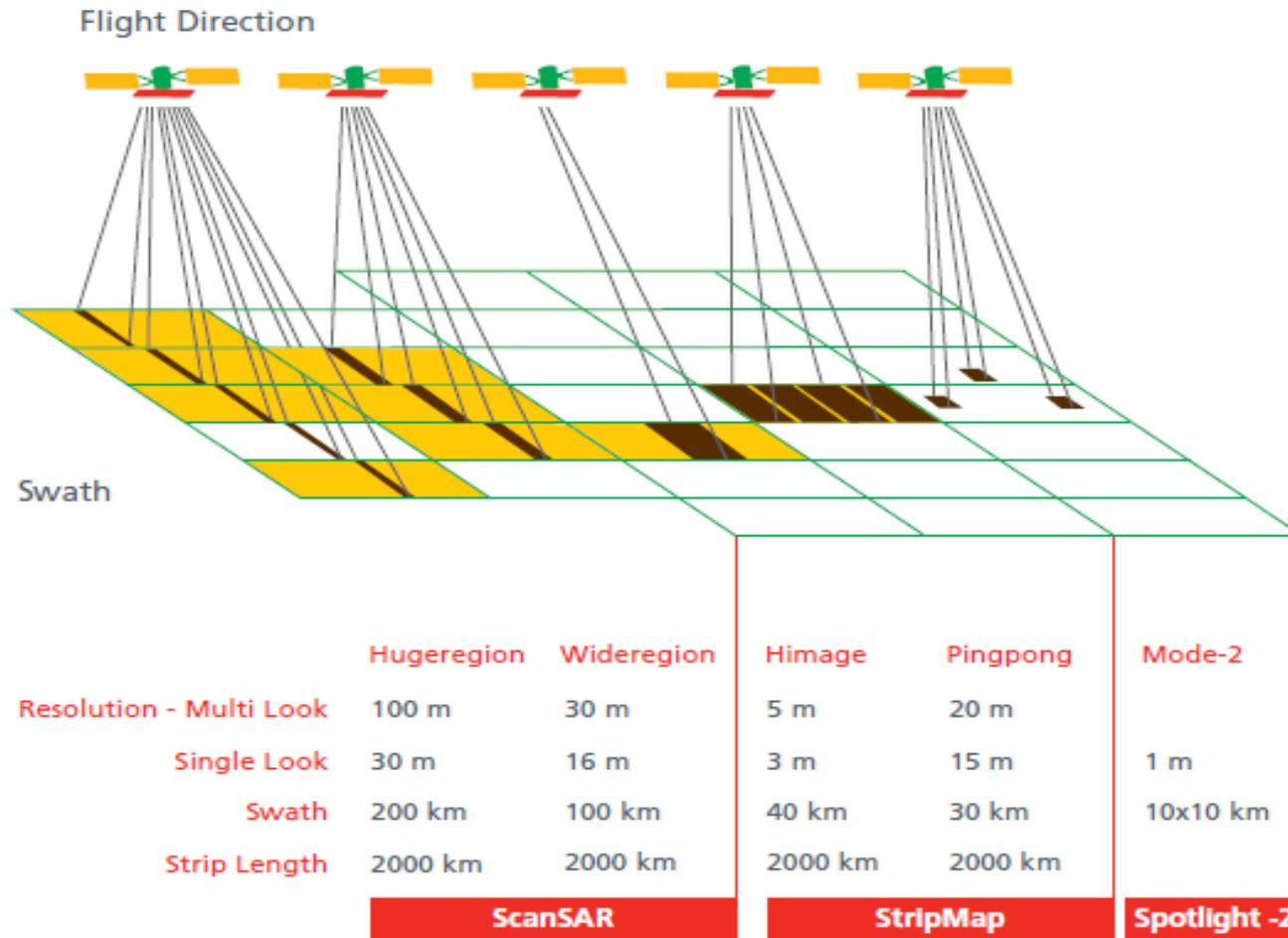
Daily scenario example:

- 300 Spotlight-2 = 30,000 km<sup>2</sup> at 1m resolution

And

- 1,500 Stripmap = 2,400,000 km<sup>2</sup> at 3m resolution

# COSMO-SkyMed (ASI 2007)

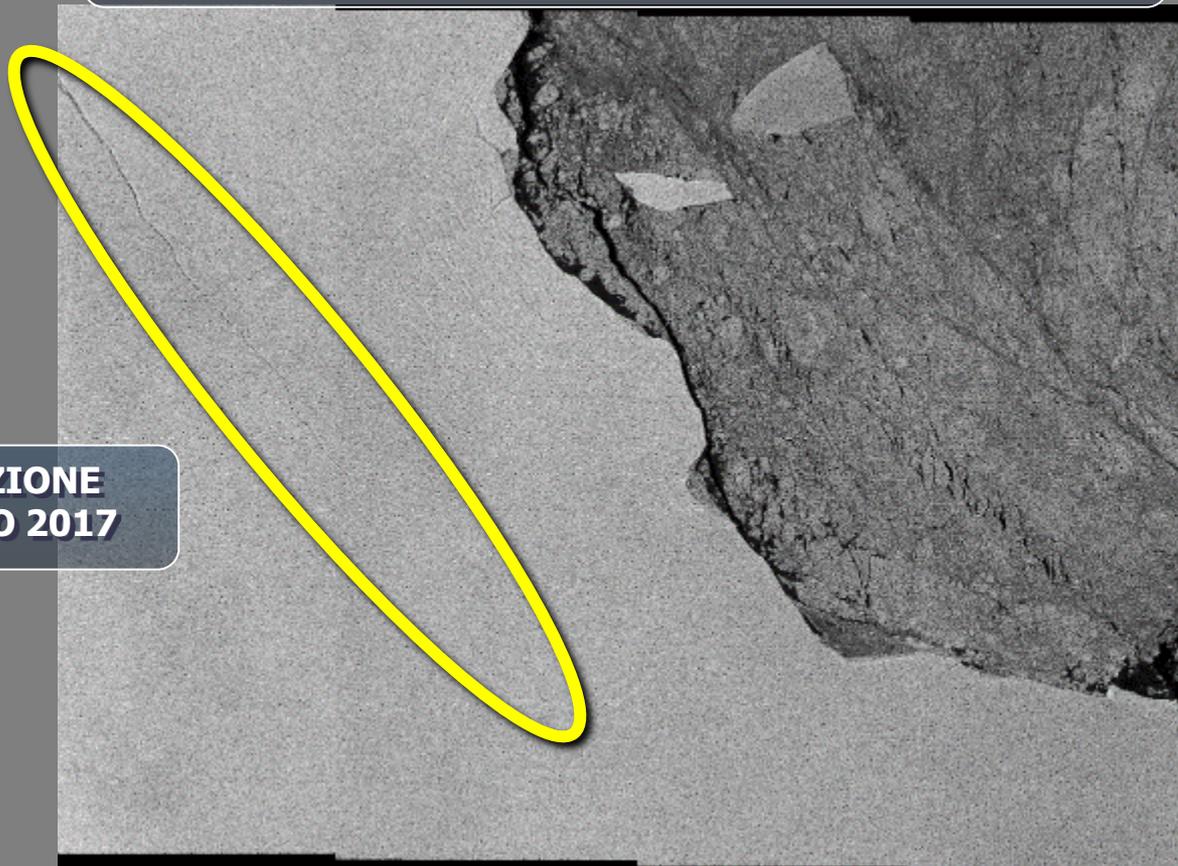


# COSMO-SkyMed & San Francisco



## COSMO-SkyMed & LARSEN C

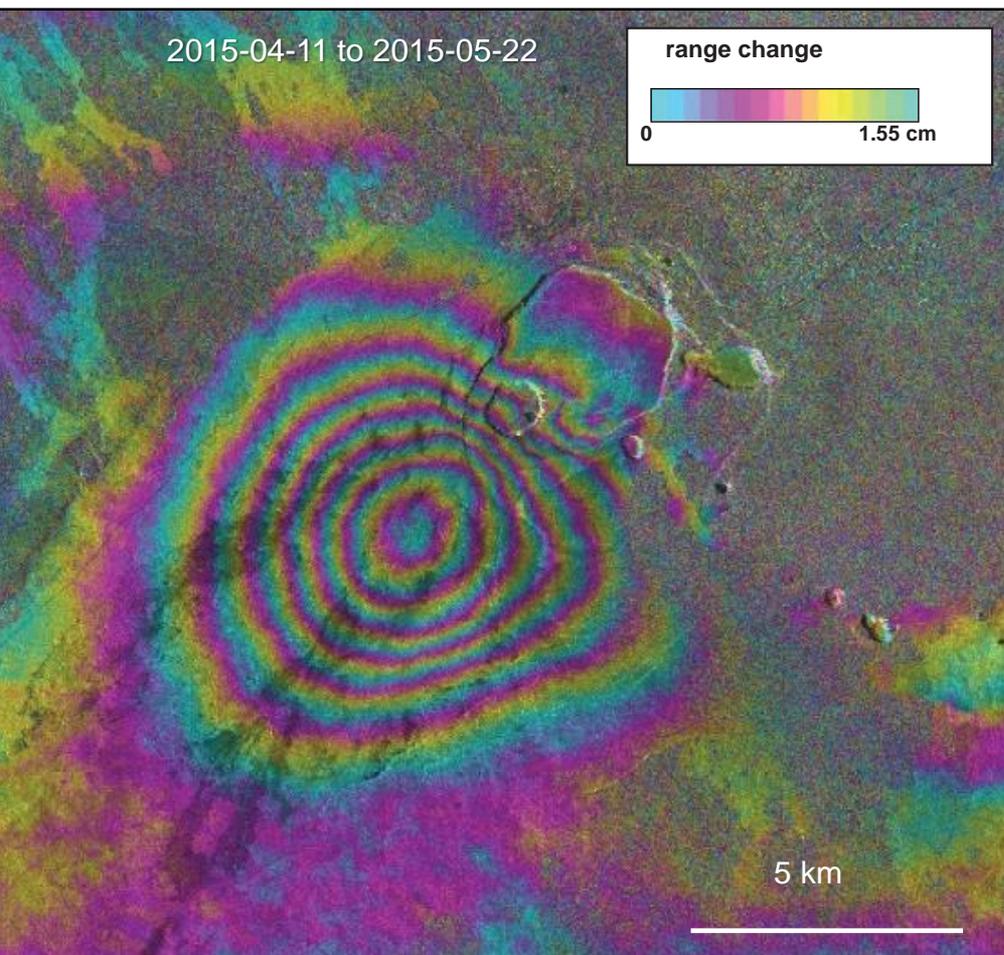
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# COSMO-SkyMed & LARSEN C

**ACQUISIZIONI  
21 LUGLIO 2017**

## The importance of low latency at Kīlauea



The low latency of Cosmo-SkyMed data (available within hours of acquisition) has been particularly valuable for responding to volcanic crises at Kīlauea, where changes in eruptive activity threaten tourists and residents alike.

As an example, an intense seismic swarm in May 2015 signaled the intrusion of new magma in the summit area of the volcano. Cosmo-SkyMed data provided a clear view of the associated deformation and allowed scientists to determine the magma's depth while the crisis was ongoing (the magma did not reach the surface to erupt).

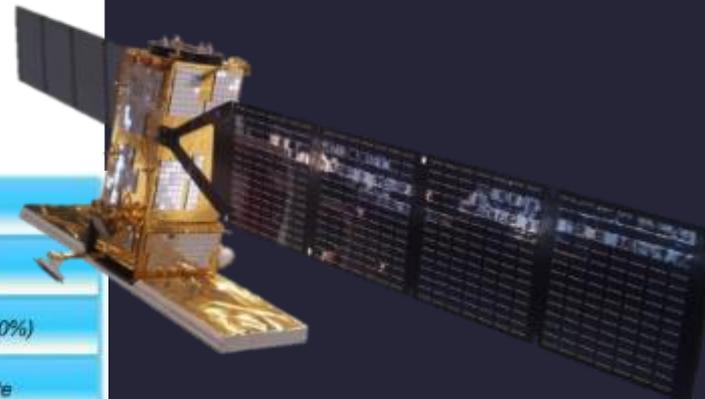
The combination of low latency (hours), rapid repeat times, and high resolution provided by Cosmo-SkyMed data is unique among past and current SAR systems.

Courtesy of M. Poland

# COSMO-SkyMed SECOND GENERATION

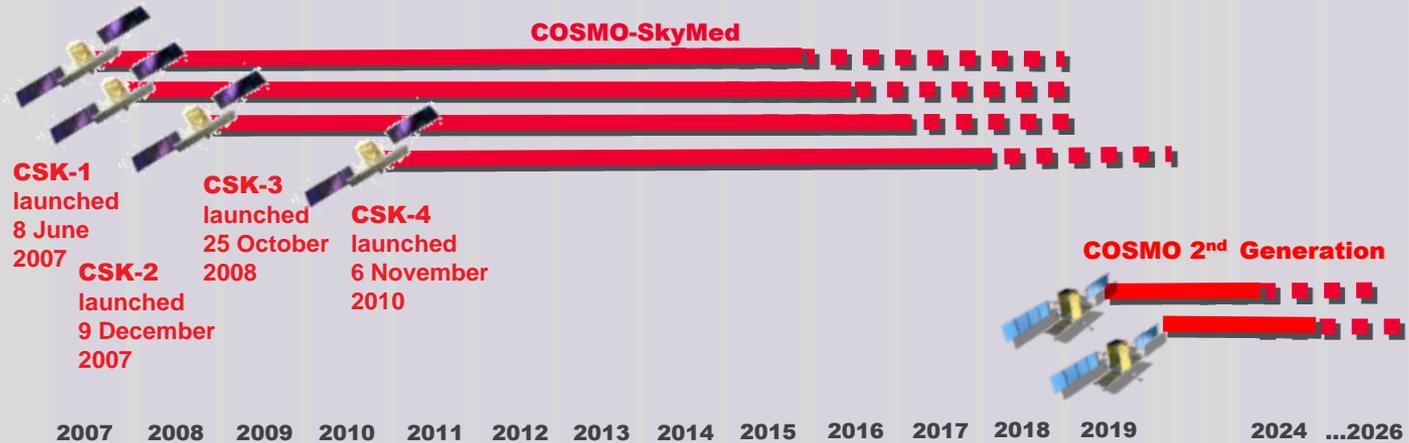
## Improvement w.r.t. CSK

- Enhanced geometric resolution
- Enhanced geolocation accuracy
- 7 years lifetime
- Higher agility of the platform
- Lessons Learned from CSK
- Easier interoperability with other systems
- HMI redesigned with users

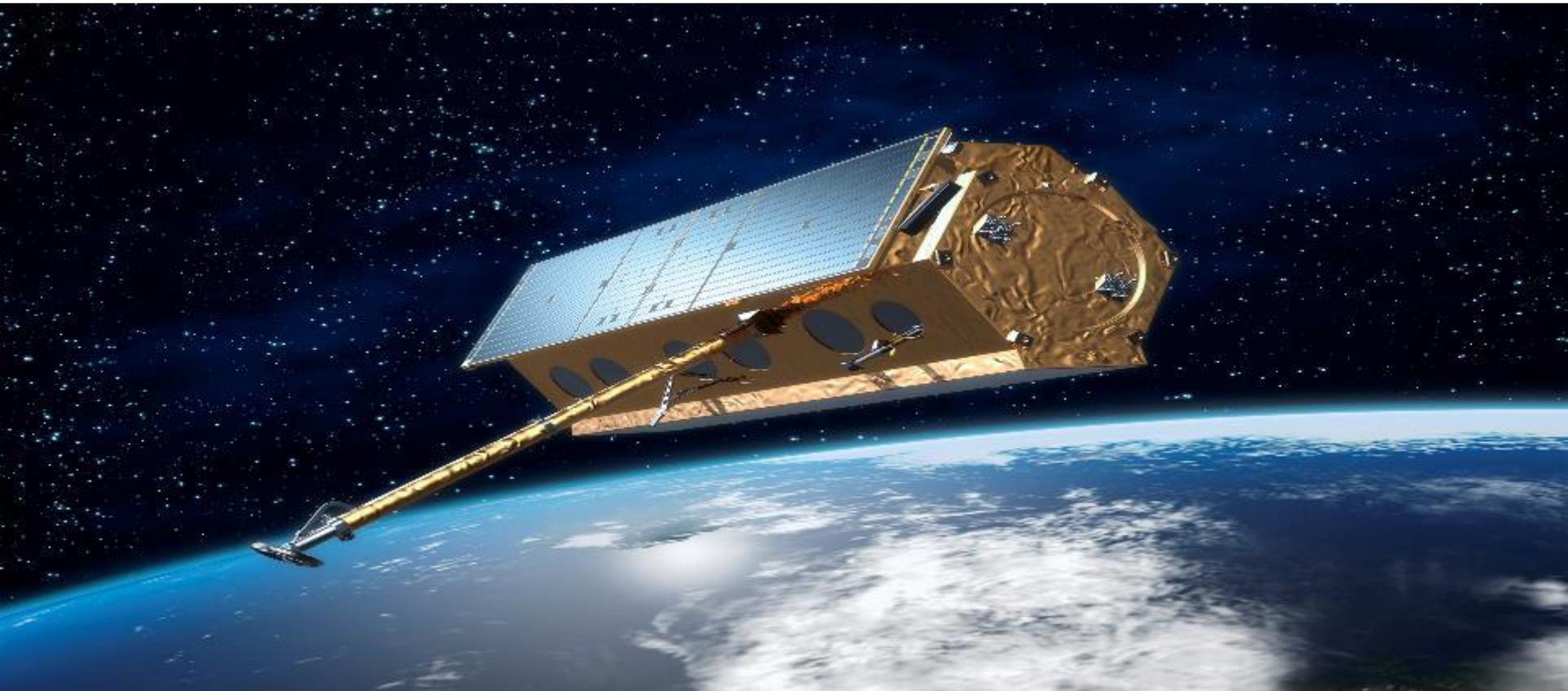


<b>Access Capability</b>	<i>+/- 90° latitude</i>
<b>Revisit Time</b>	<i>13 hours (90%)</i>
<b>Response Time</b>	<i>from 25 to 37 hours (90%)</i>
<b>Images per day</b>	<i>Up to 553 per satellite</i>
<b>Images Dimension</b>	<i>from 10x10 to 200x200 km<sup>2</sup></i>
<b>Images Resolution</b>	<i>from sub-metric to 100 m</i>
<b>Geolocation</b>	<i>from 1,25 m to 25 m</i>
<b>Autonomy</b>	<i>24 hours</i>

## DEPLOYMENT SCENARIO



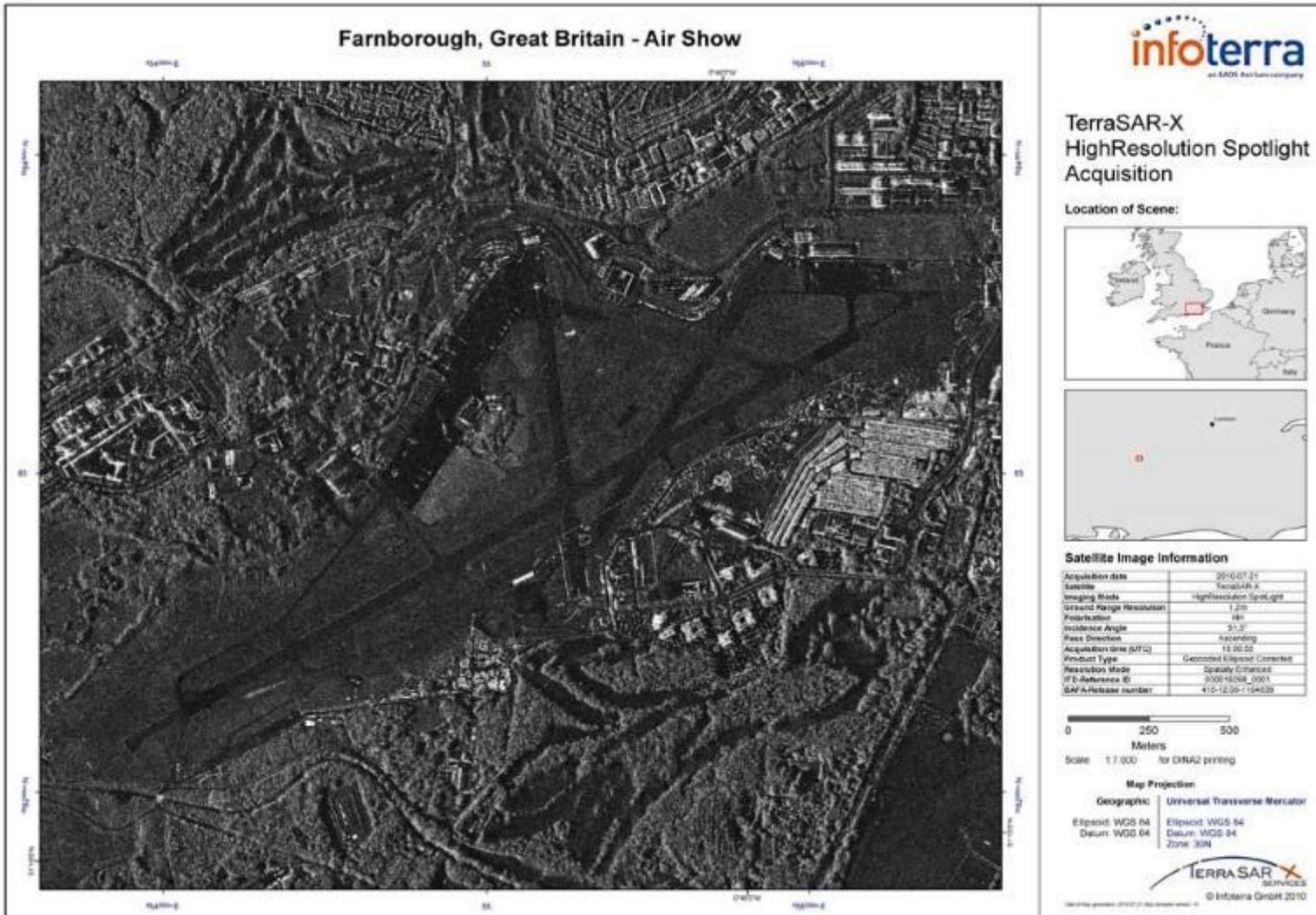
- COSMO-SkyMed constellation is fully deployed and operational since **mid-2011**
- CSG satellites will replace the CSK satellites that reached the end of life
- With the launch of the first CSG satellite planned for **mid-2019** and the second **one year later**.

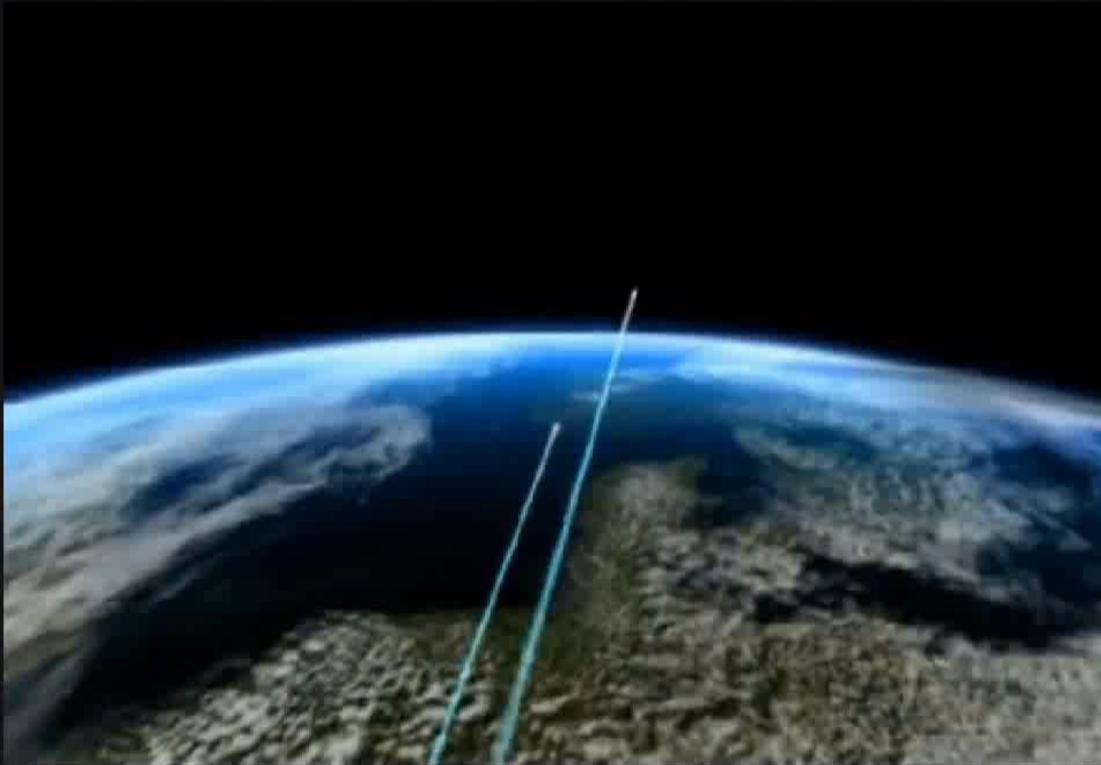


Dusk/down orbit` 514.8 km altitude at equator Inclination  $97.44^\circ$  ;

Sun-synchronous repeat orbit, period 11 days;

Revisit time: 4.5 days (100%) 2.5 days (95%) 15 2/11 Orbits per day





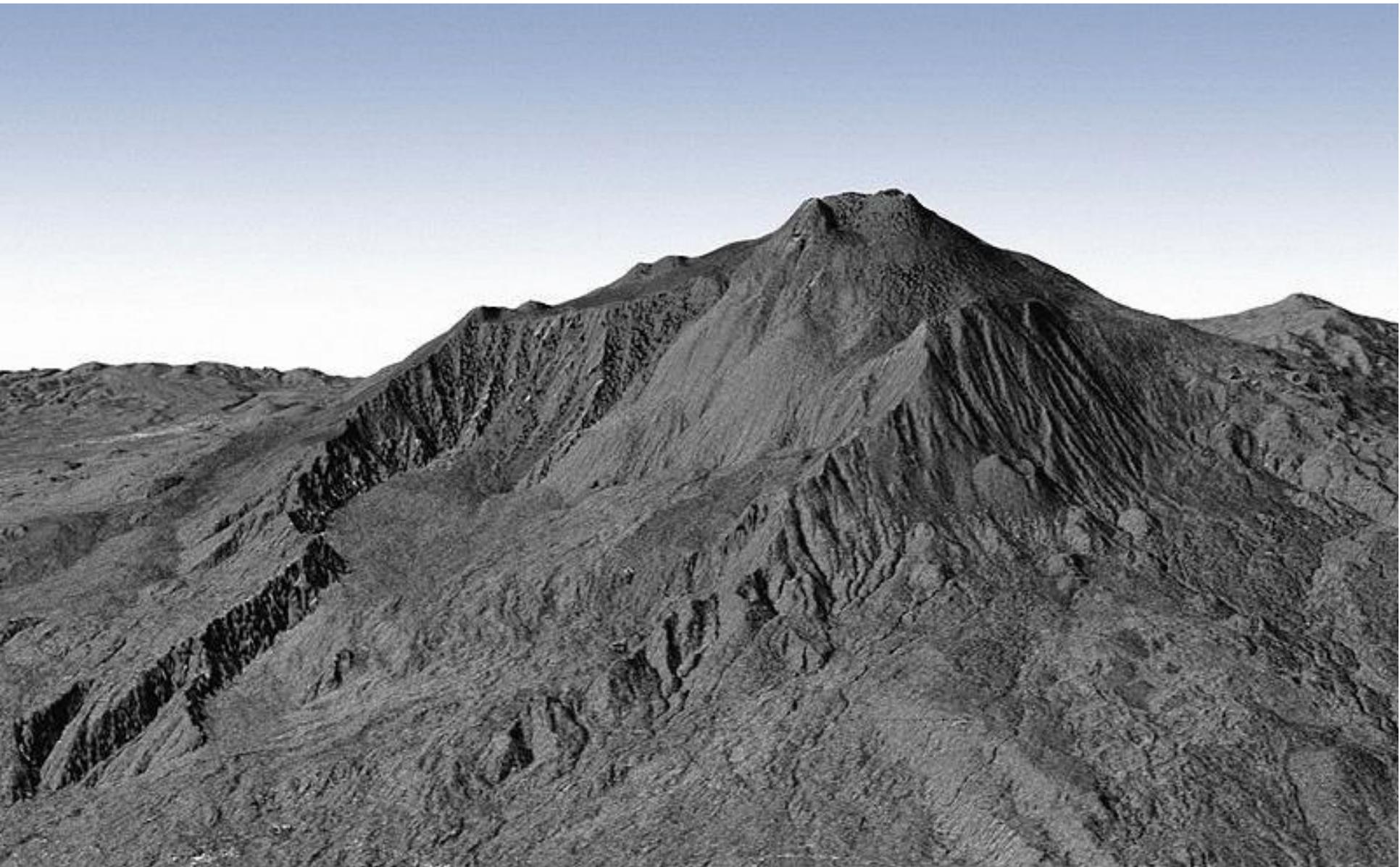
TanDEM-X, a Radar for 3D Pictures  
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*Acquisition of a global DEM according to HRTI-3 standard*

*Generation of local DEMs with HRTI-4 like quality*

*Demonstration of innovative techniques (formation flying, bistatic acquisition, Pol-InSAR)*

# Etna SAR Image by Tandem-X



# ALOS-2

Launched  
2014

Application	Disaster, Land, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Sea Ice & Maritime Safety
L-band SAR (PALSAR-2)	Stripmap: 3 to 10m res., 50 to 70 km swath ScanSAR: 100m res., 350km/490km swath Spotlight: 1 × 3m res., 25km swath
Orbit	Sun-synchronous orbit Altitude: 628km Local sun time : 12:00 +/- 15min Revisit: 14days Orbit control: $\leq \pm 500$ m
Life time	5 years (target: 7 years)
Launch	May 24, 2014; H-IIA launch vehicle
Downlink	X-band: 800Mbps(16QAM) 400/200Mbps(QPSK) Ka-band: 278Mbps (Data Relay)
Experimental Instrument	Compact InfraRed Camera (CIRC) Space-based Automatic Identification System Experiment 2 (SPAISE2)

# Japanese L-band SAR Satellites – 25-year Legacy



**JERS-1**

(1992-1998)



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**ALOS**

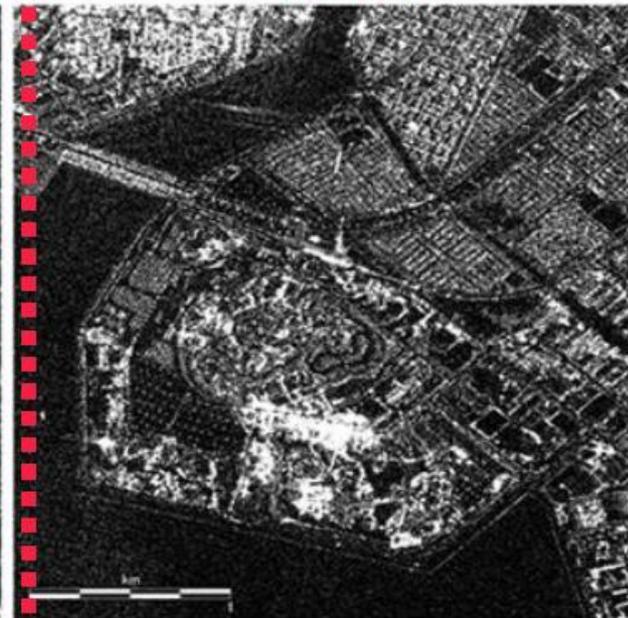
(2006-2011)



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**ALOS-2**

(2014- )



FUYO-1 SAR.  
(Resolution: about 18 m)



NASDA

DAICHI PALSAR.  
(Resolution: about 10 m)



DAICHI-2 PALSAR-2.  
(Resolution: about 3 m)

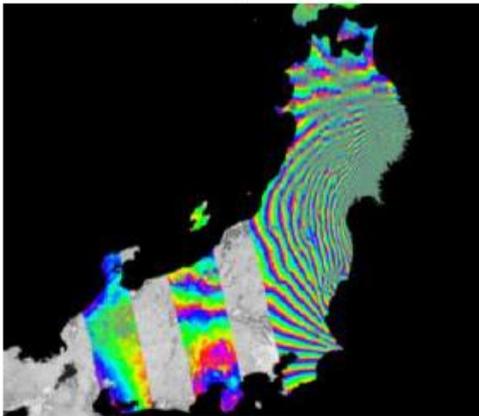


Improvement of Data Acquisition Abilities

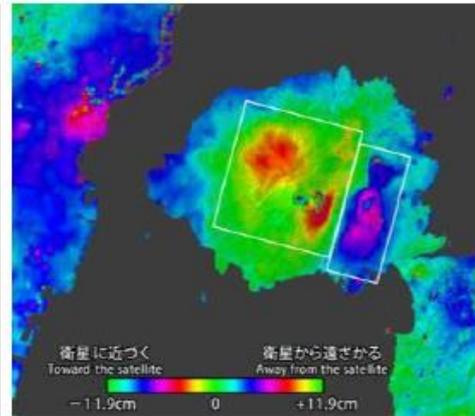
## Mission Objectives:

### Disaster monitoring

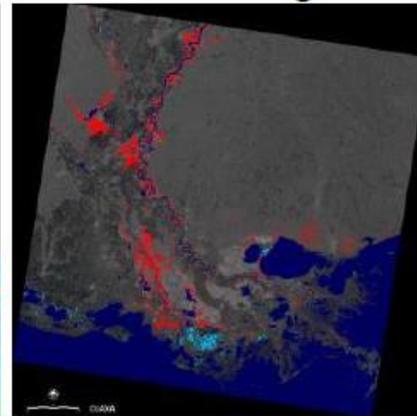
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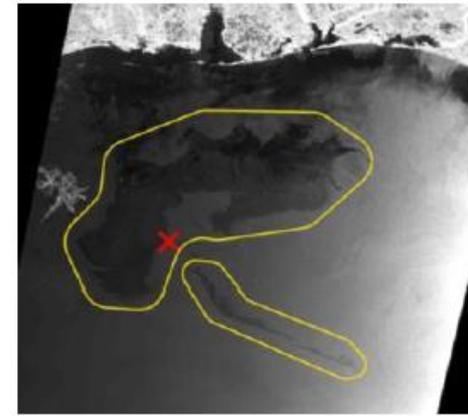
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Flooding

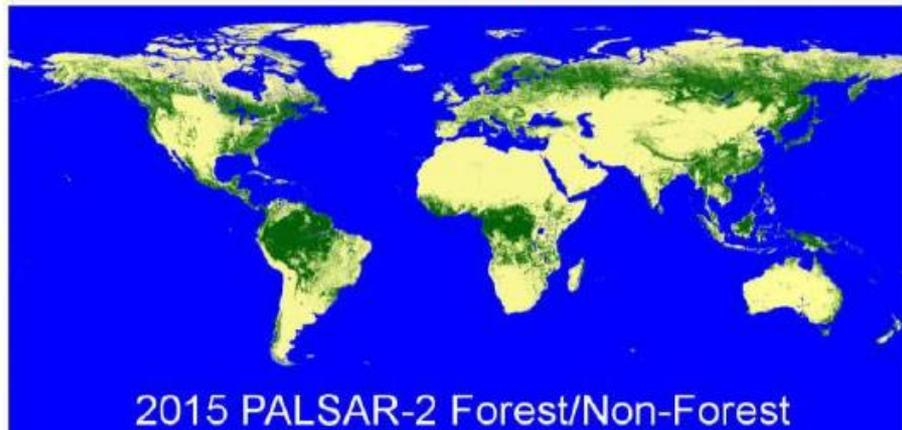


### Ocean

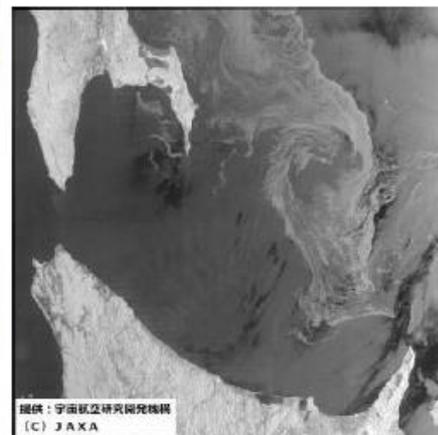


### Environment and land management

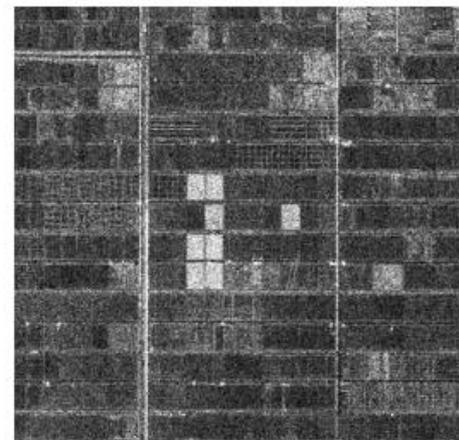
Forest and wetland



Ice



### Agriculture & natural resources



# Sentinel-1: SAR Mission (1A launched 2014, 1B launched 2016)



**Ice and marine/land monitoring  
Mapping in support to humanitarian aid crisis  
situations**

# Launch of Sentinel-1A

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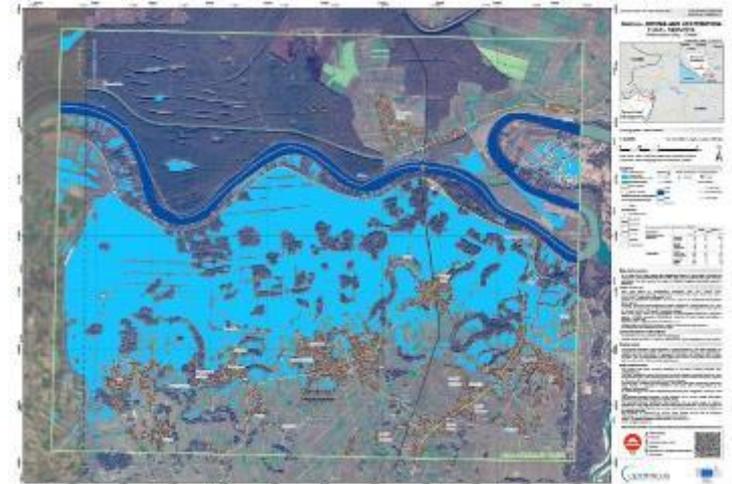
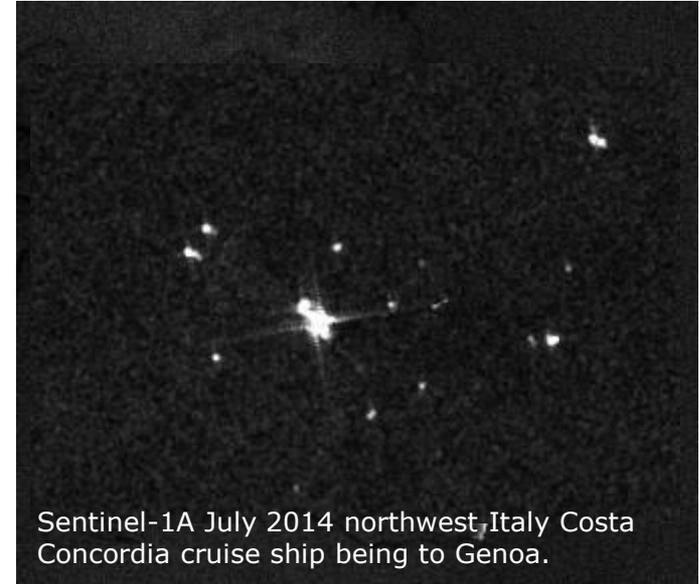
- April 3, 2014
- Launch from French Guiana Space Base
- Soyuz-2 rocket
- New era in Earth Observation



# Sentinel-1

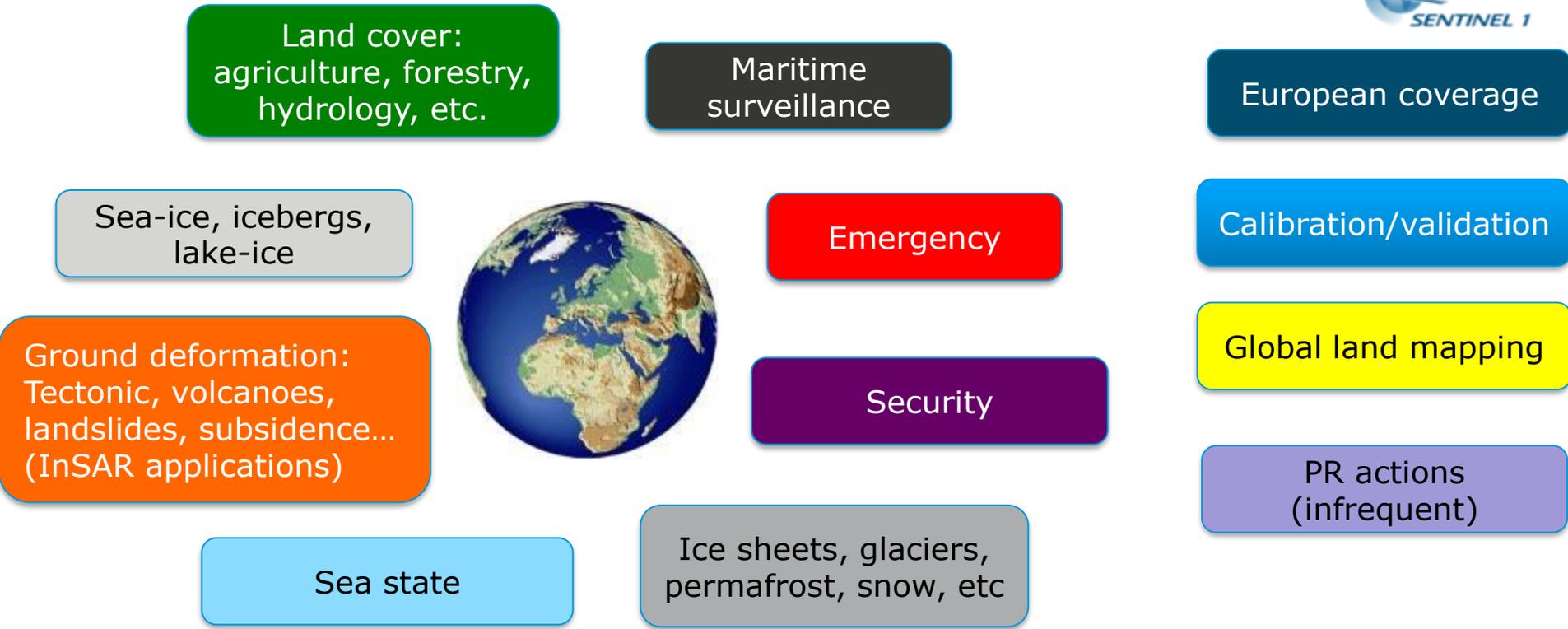
## Mission objectives

- ✓ **Data continuity of ERS and ENVISAT missions**
- ✓ **Copernicus imaging radar mission for ocean, land, emergency applications:**
  - monitoring sea ice zones and the arctic environment
  - surveillance of marine environment (oil spill monitoring)
  - maritime security (e.g. ship detection)
  - wind, wave, current monitoring
  - monitoring of land surface motion (subsidence, tectonics, volcanoes)
  - support to emergency / risk management and humanitarian aid in crisis situations
  - mapping of land surfaces: forest, water and soil, agriculture, etc.



# Sentinel-1 observation scenario

## Main thematic domains & components



# Sentinel-1

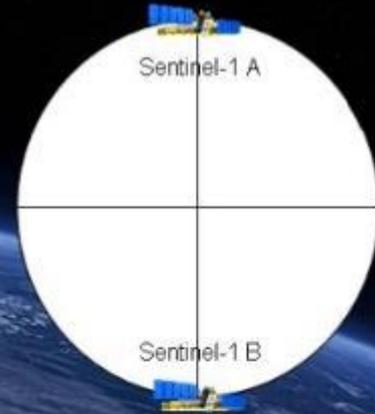
## Mission Overview

- Two satellites
- C-band Radar instrument
- Sun-synchronous orbit at 693 km altitude
- Inclination:  $98.18^\circ$
- 7 years lifetime
- Consumables for 12 years
- Mean LST: 18:00h at ascending node
- 12-day repeat cycle at Equator (with 1 satellite)



Laser data transmission via the geostationary data relay system EDRS was demonstrated for S-1

**Now 6-day repeat cycle at Equator (with 2 satellites). Sentinel 1-B data distributed since 26 Sept 2016**



# Sentinel-1: Improved Spatial Coverage



## Sentinel-1 vs ENVISAT 5-day coverage



Until 2012:  
ENVISAT

2014+:  
Sentinel1A

2016+:  
Sentinel1A/B

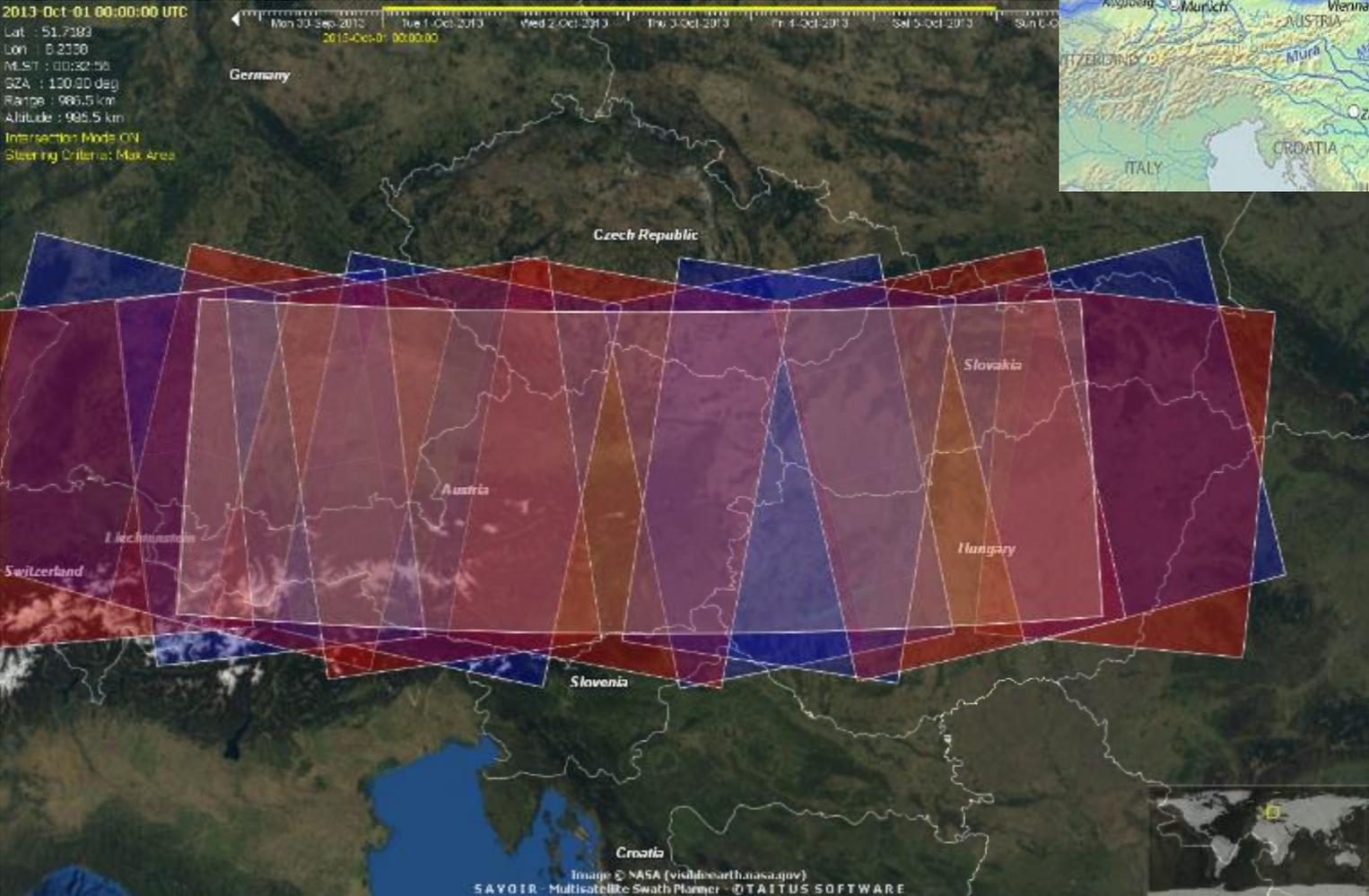


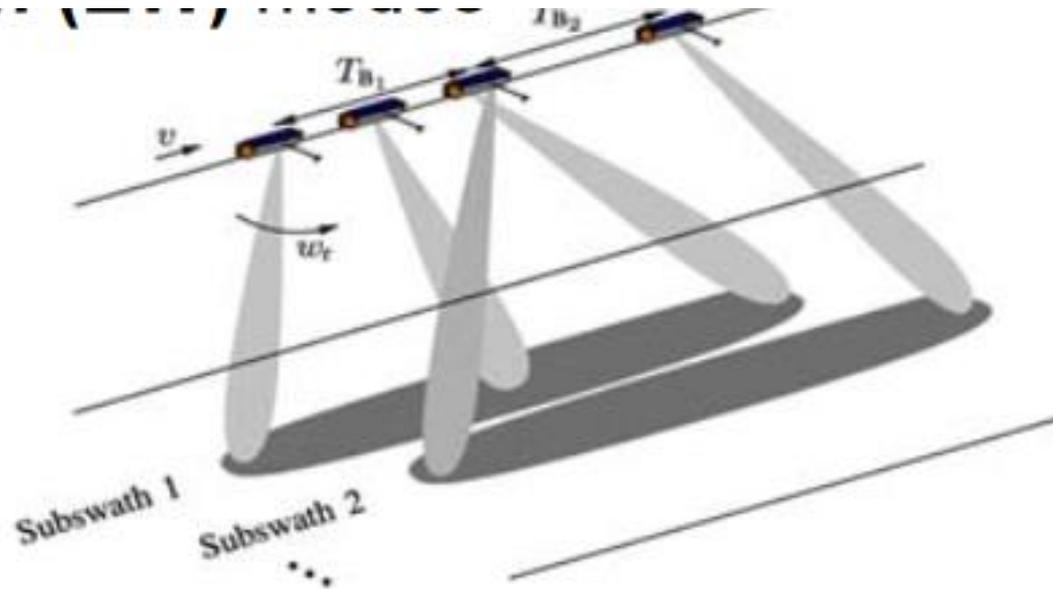
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# Image Acquisition in TOPS Interferometric Wide Swath mode (IW)

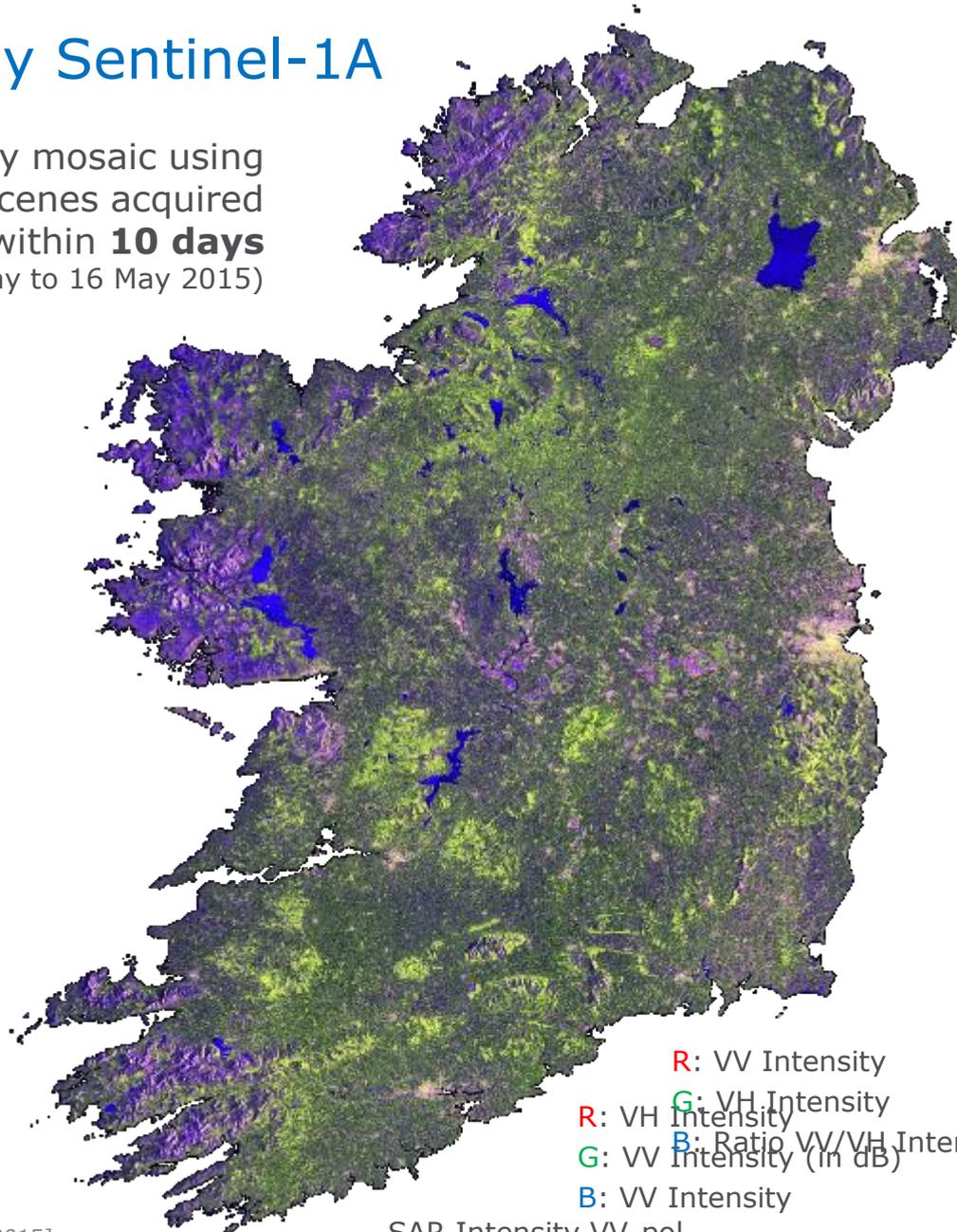


S-1 SAR TOPS Mode for IW and EW  
 TOPS = Terrain Observation with Progressive  
 Scans in azimuth. Used for Sentinel-1  
Interferometric Wide Swath (IW)  
 and Extended Wide Swath (EW) modes  
 It provides large swath width (ScanSAR) & and  
 enhanced radiometric performance



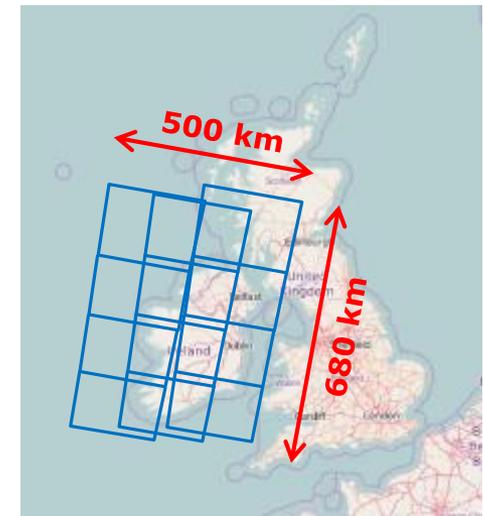
# Ireland by Sentinel-1A

Country mosaic using  
12 scenes acquired  
within **10 days**  
(from 06 May to 16 May 2015)



R: VV Intensity  
G: VH Intensity  
B: Ratio VV/VH Intensity  
G: VV Intensity (in dB)  
B: VV Intensity

SAR Intensity VV-pol



Data accessed via the  
Sentinels Scientific Data Hub  
([scihub.copernicus.eu](https://scihub.copernicus.eu))

Processed by SNAP/S1TBX  
([step.esa.int](https://step.esa.int))

# Building Sentinel-1A Mosaic of EUROPE



**Europe Mosaic**  
(R:VH G:VV dB B:VV)  
processed by  
S1TBX/SNAP

*Contains modified  
Copernicus Sentinel data [2014]*

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# Sentinel-1 SAR Operational Modes

Operational Modes	Resolution	Swath Width	Polarisation
<p>Extra Wide Swath Mode (EW)</p>	20 x 40 m <sup>2</sup>	> 400 km	HH+HV or VV+VH
<p>Interferometric Wide Swath Mode (IW)</p>	5 x 20 m <sup>2</sup>	> 250 km	HH+HV or VV+VH
<p>Stripmap Mode (SM)</p>	5 x 5 m <sup>2</sup>	> 80 km	HH+HV or VV+VH
<p>Wave Mode (WV)</p>	5 x 5 m <sup>2</sup>	20 x 20 km <sup>2</sup> at 100 km spacing	HH or VV

➤ Daily coverage of high priority areas, e.g. Europe, Canada, shipping routes

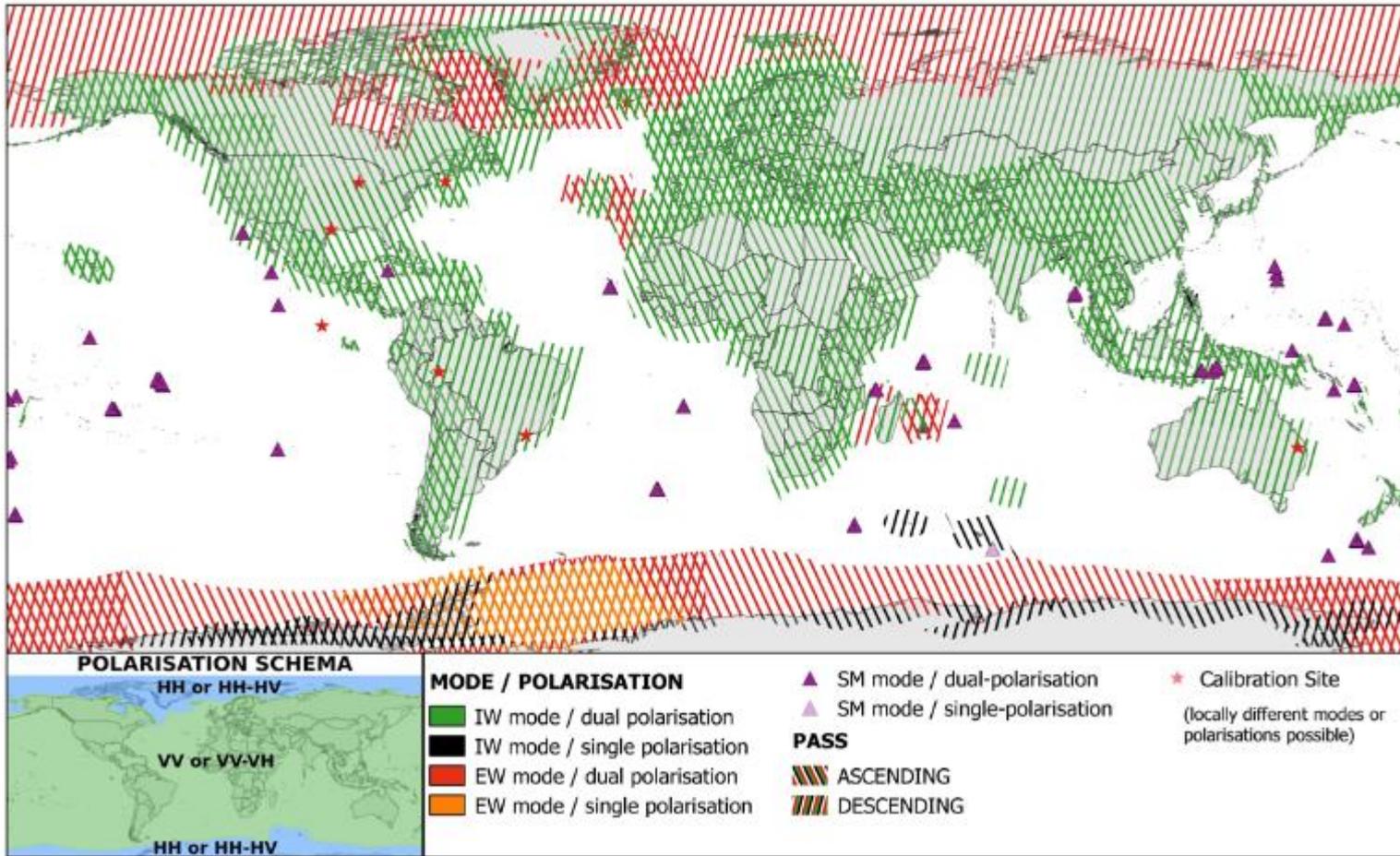
**Main modes of operations:**

- IW over land and coastal waters (normally VV or VV-VH polarization)
- EW over extended sea (VV or VV-VH) and sea-ice (HH or HH-HV) areas
- WV over open oceans

# Sentinel-1 Constellation Observation Scenario: Mode - Polarisation - Observation Geometry



validity start: 02/2018



Updated Map

Baseline starting Feb 2018

This map is related to SAR High Rate modes only. Wave mode operated by default over open oceans (not shown)

### LEVEL-0 PRODUCTS

Compressed, unprocessed instrument source packets, with additional annotations and auxiliary information to support the processing.

### LEVEL-1 PRODUCTS

#### **Level-1 Slant-Range Single-Look Complex Products (SLC):**

Focused data in slant-range geometry, single look, containing phase and amplitude information.

#### **Level-1 Ground Range Detected Geo-referenced Products (GRD):**

Focused data projected to ground range, detected and multi-looked.

Data is projected to ground range using an Earth ellipsoid model, maintaining the original satellite path direction and including complete geo-reference information.

### LEVEL-2 PRODUCTS

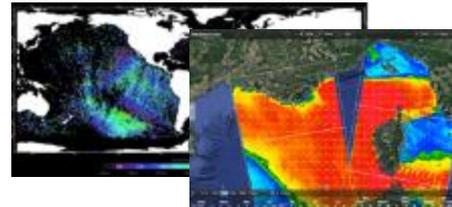
Level-2 Ocean products

Ocean wind field, swell wave spectra and surface radial velocity information as derived from SAR data.

# Sentinel-1 applications → ever increasing

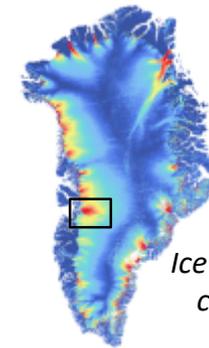
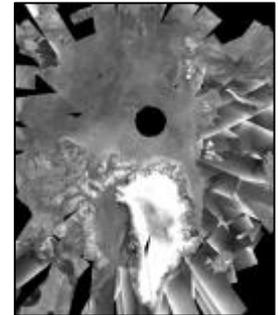


*Maritime surveillance: oil spill monitoring, ship detection, illegal fisheries, etc.*

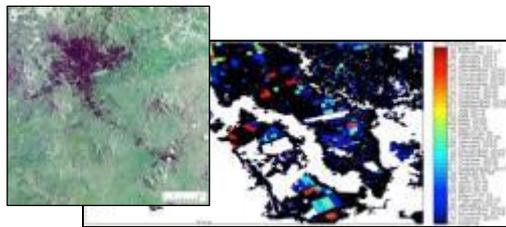


*Sea state: wind, wave*

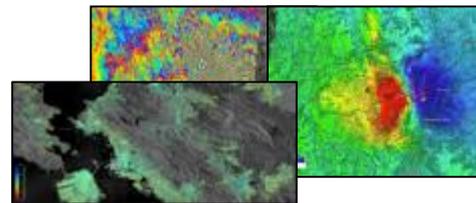
*Sea ice and iceberg monitoring*



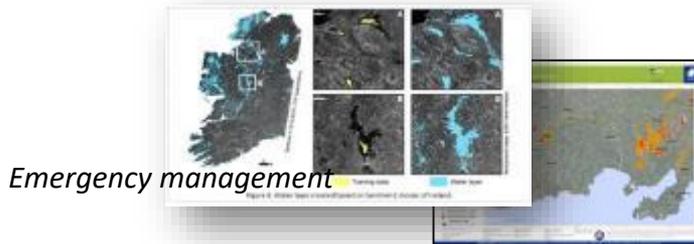
*Ice sheets, glaciers, climate change*



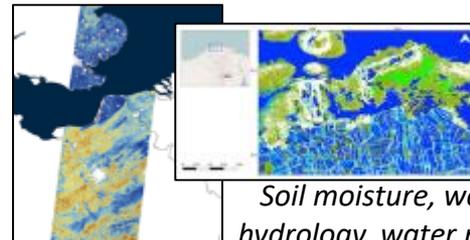
*Land use, agriculture, forestry, logging, land classification, urban planning*



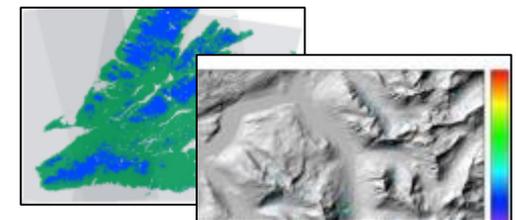
*Ground deformation: subsidence, landslides, earthquakes, volcanoes, infrastructure monitoring*



*Emergency management*



*Soil moisture, wetland, hydrology, water mapping*



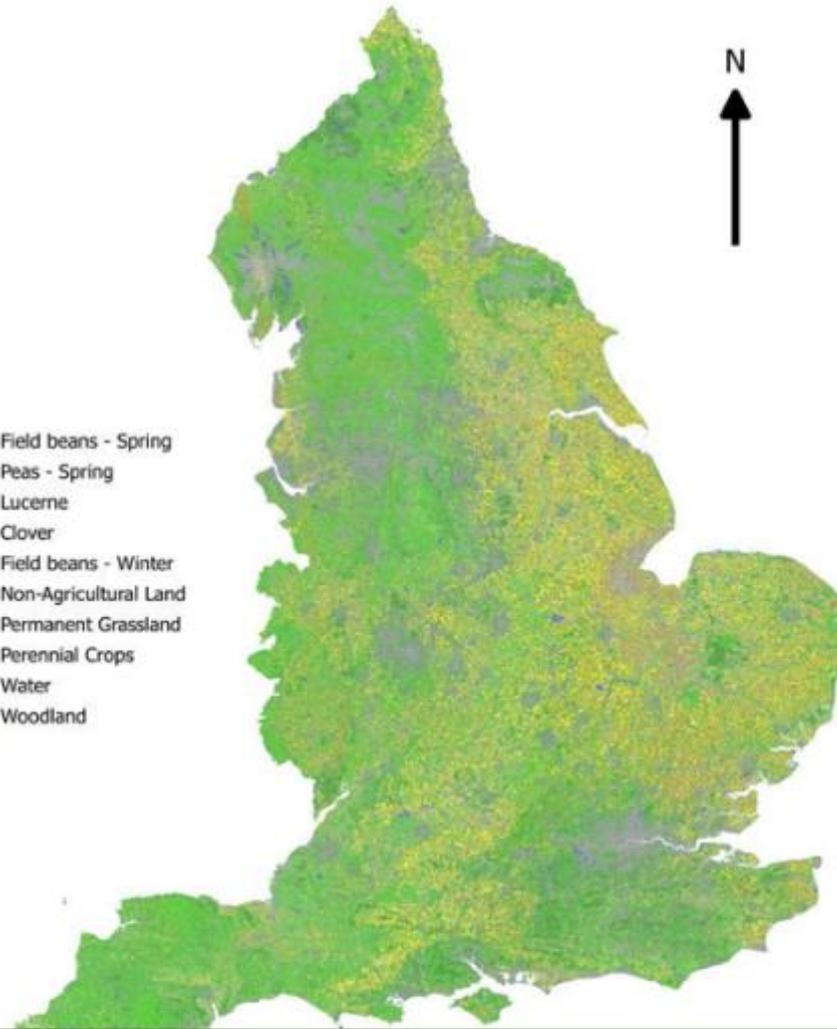
*Snow, permafrost, avalanches,...*

# Example of UK map of crop classification

Example of Land Cover application

Crop Map of England (CROME)

- |                    |                      |                       |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Barley - Spring    | Cabbage - Spring     | Field beans - Spring  |
| Beet               | Oilseed - Spring     | Peas - Spring         |
| Carrot             | Potato               | Lucerne               |
| Linseed - Spring   | Squash               | Clover                |
| Maize              | Mixed Crop - Group 1 | Field beans - Winter  |
| Oats - Spring      | Barley - Winter      | Non-Agricultural Land |
| Onions             | Oats - Winter        | Permanent Grassland   |
| Parsnips           | Wheat - Winter       | Perennial Crops       |
| Triticale - Spring | Oilseed - Winter     | Water                 |
| Wheat - Spring     | Rye - Winter         | Woodland              |
|                    | Triticale - Winter   |                       |
|                    | Fallow Land          |                       |



Zalzan @Zalzan\_Salleh . 27 feb  
 Highly accurate Crop Map of #England (#CROME) from #sentinel1 and #sentinel2 data  
 now available as #OpenData environment.data.gov.uk/convey.pro//AyoPEma by  
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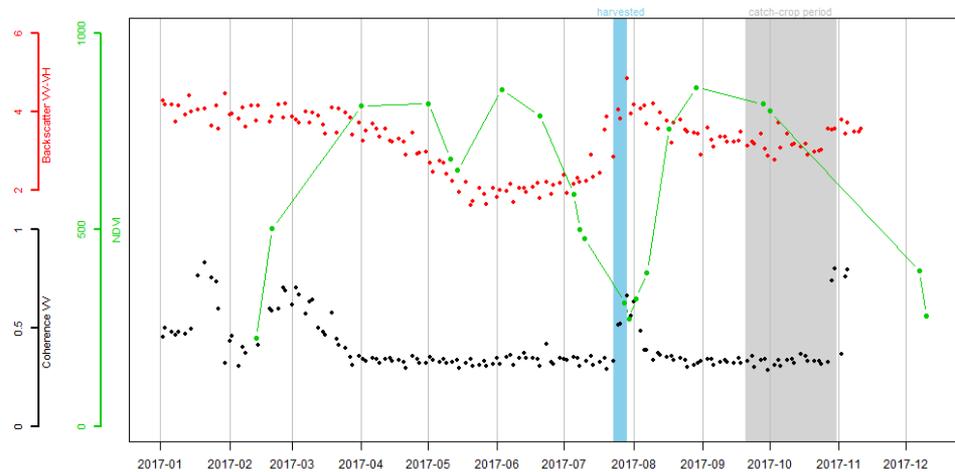
# EU Common Agricultural Policy Monitoring

## First Evidence of Sentinels Benefit

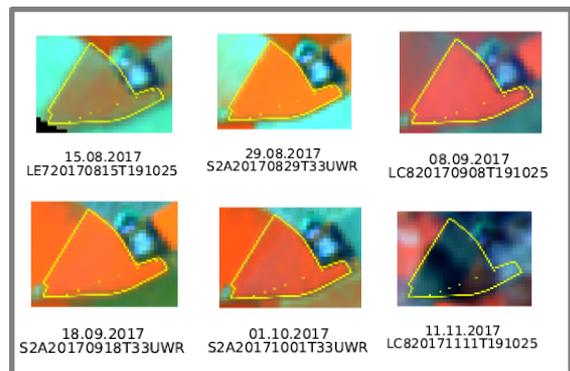
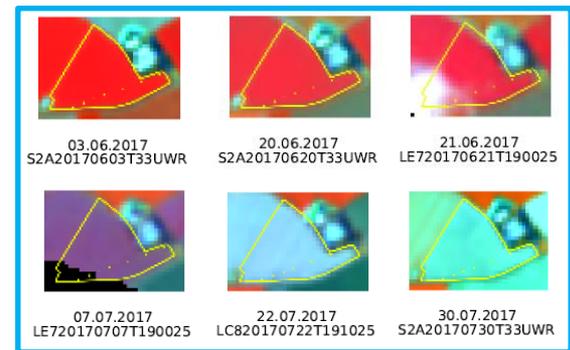


### EFA Catch crop assessment – Czech Republic

RULE: Winter Catch Crop must be sown before 20 Sept. and must not be harvested before 31 Oct. During this period, crop coverage must not be mechanically or chemically removed or limited in growth.



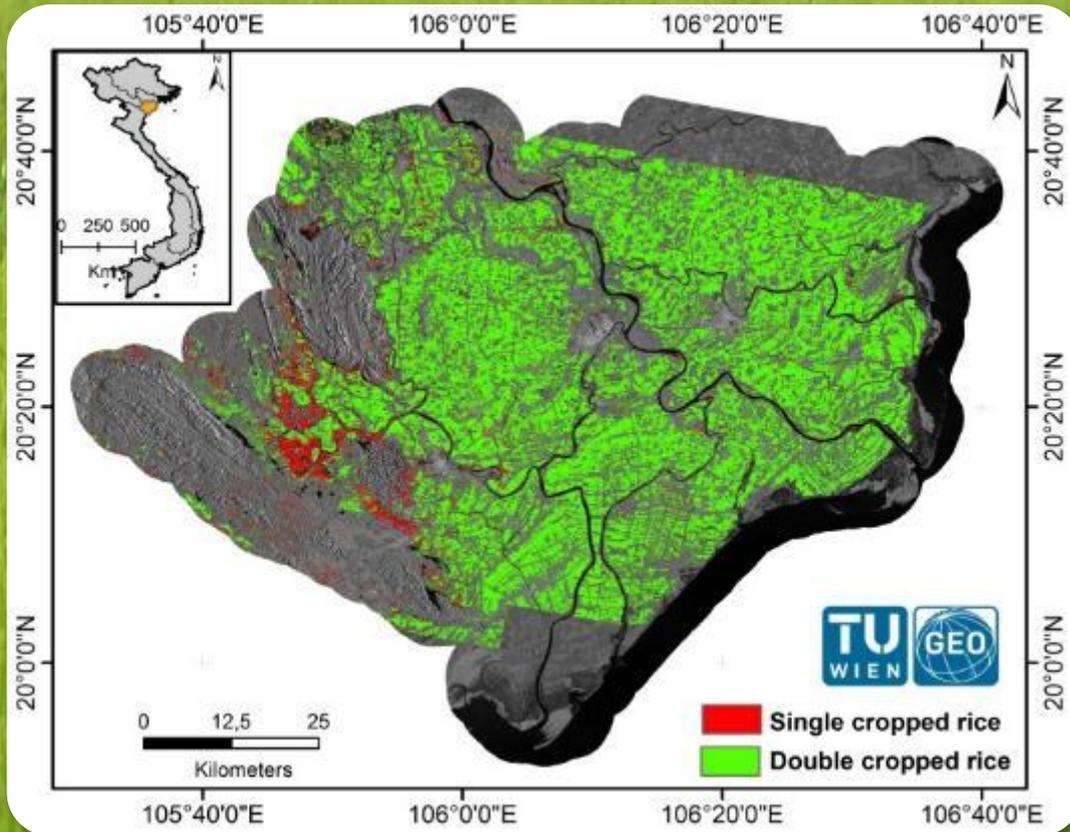
#### Harvest – Visual check



#### Winter Catch Crop – Visual check



# Monitoring Rice Yields



Duong Delta  
Northern Vietnam

Based on Sentinel-1 Data

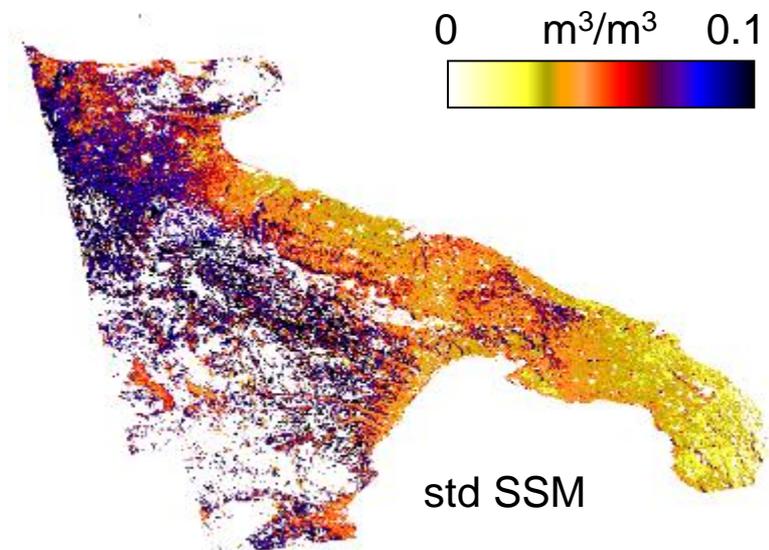
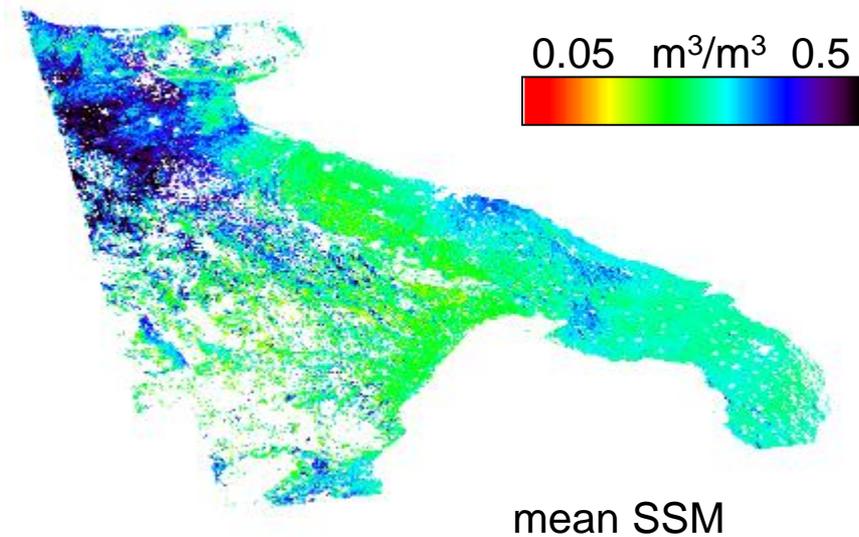
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# Sentinel-1 Surface Soil Moisture

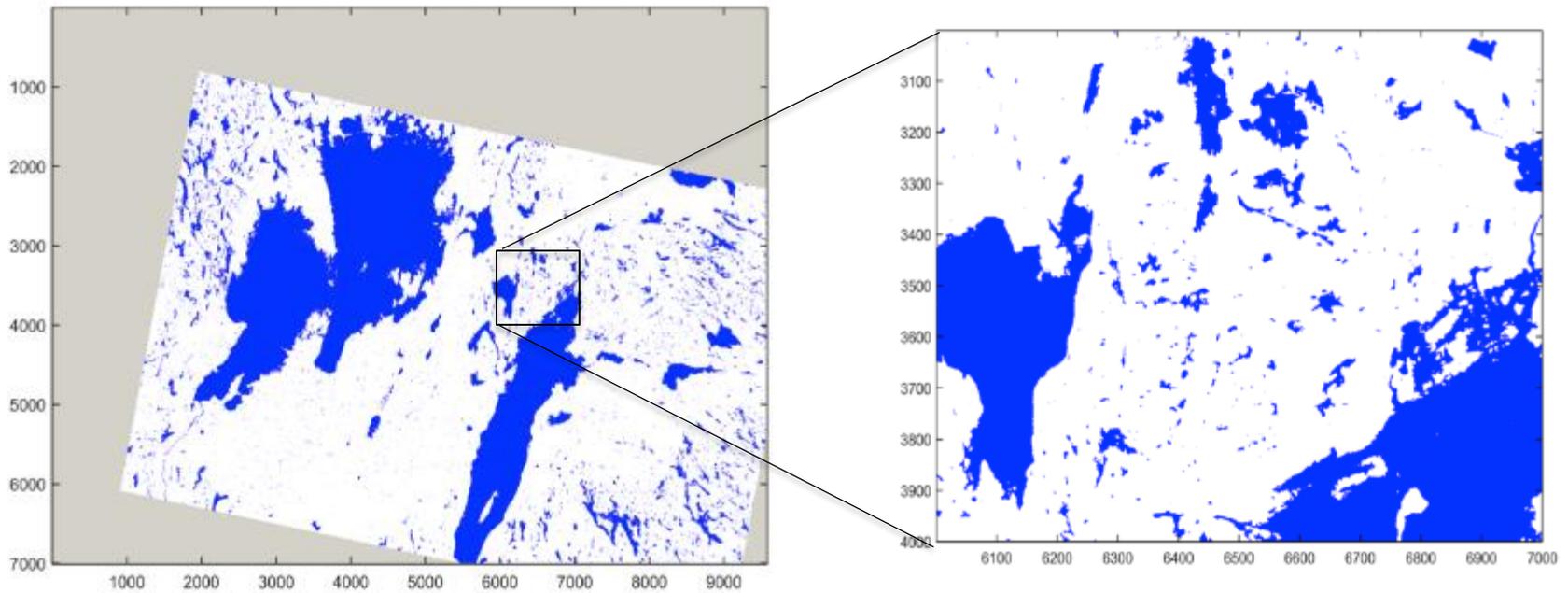
## Example of 1km SSM resolution over in Southern Italy

S-1 SSM product includes mean & std at 520m pixels size ( $\approx 1$  km res)

**December 04, 2017**



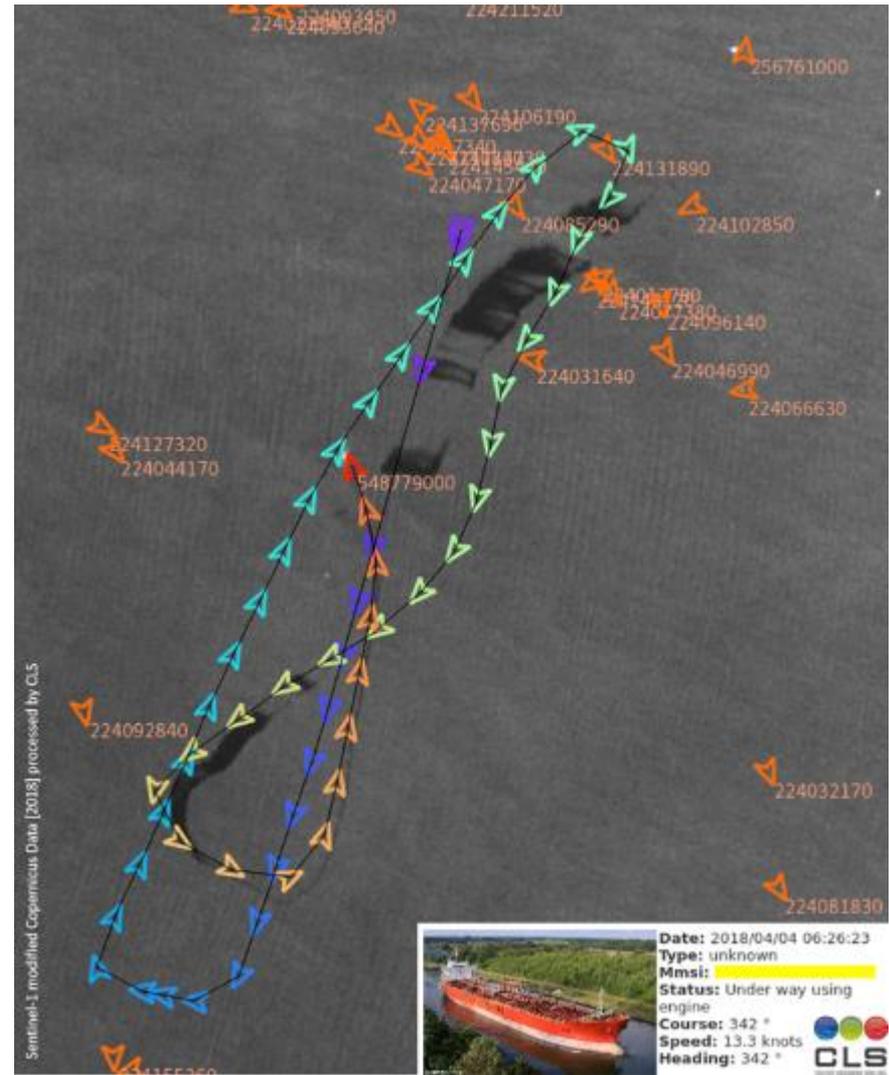
# Sentinel-1 water body map of Southern Sweden



*Sentinel-1 classification based on average VH-pol backscatter of August 2015 (3 images)*

Courtesy: M. Santoro, GAMMA Remote Sensing

# Oil spill detected by Sentinel-1B on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in Spain, Huelva

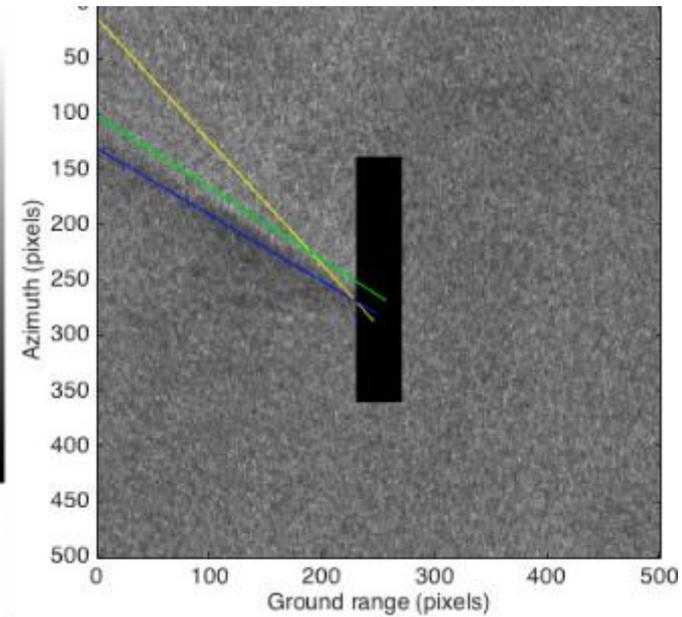
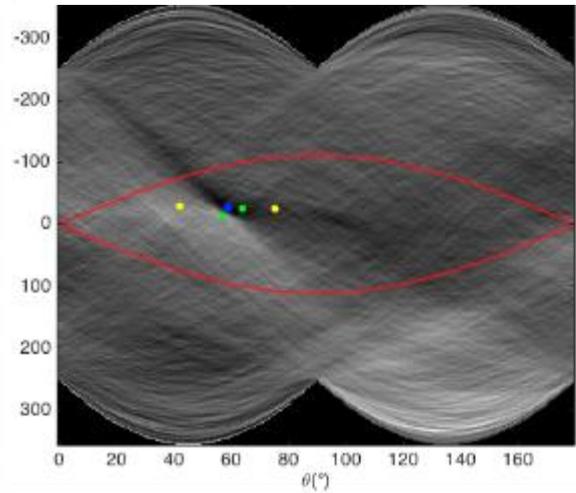
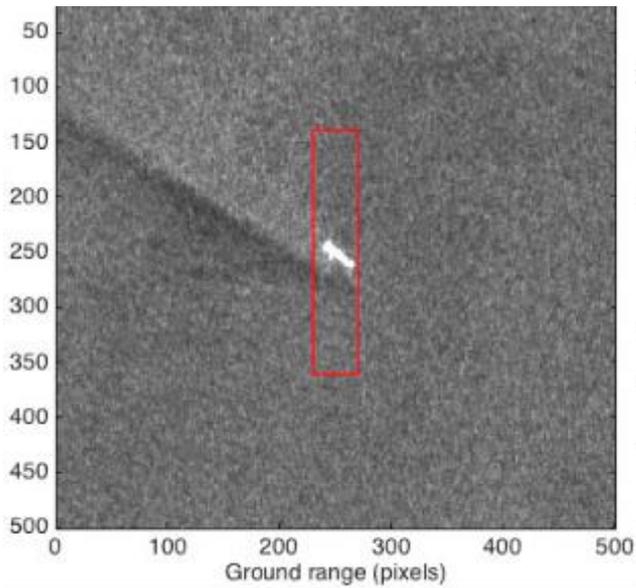


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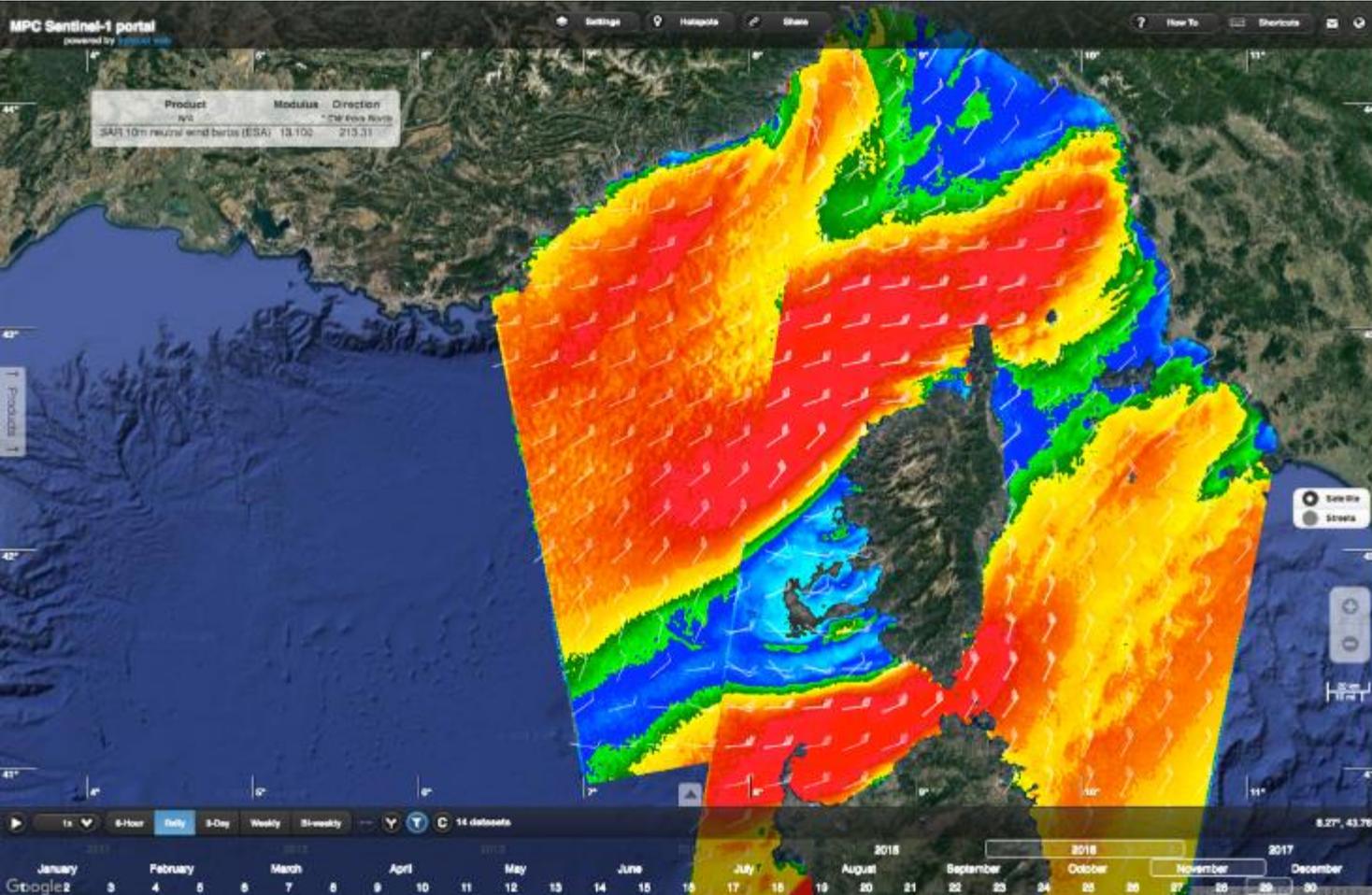
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# Wake Detection

*"The most assessed algorithms for wake detection (Sentinel 1)"*



[Graziano et al., 2017]



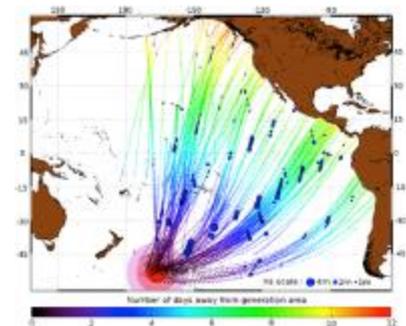
Wind fields

S1A morning pass  
S1B evening pass

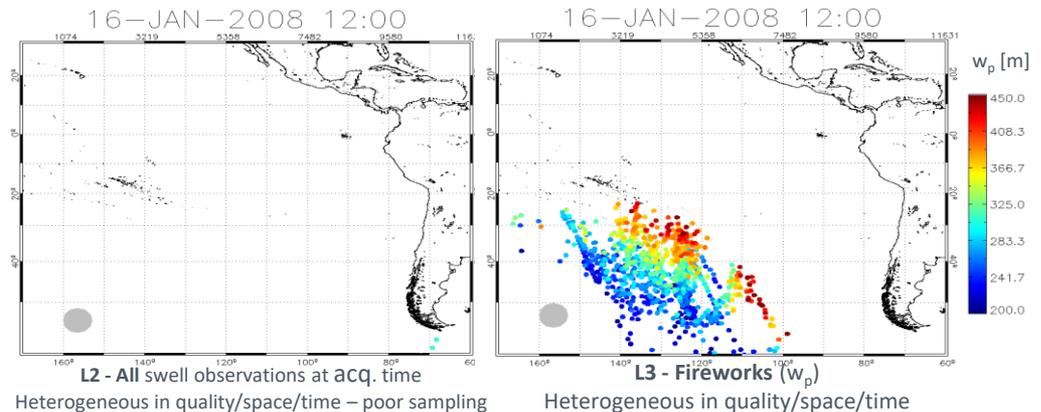


# Operational generation of SAR Wave products recently implemented by CMEMS

Systematic generation of Level 3 products since end 2017, derived from the Sentinel-1A/B Level 2 Wave/OCN

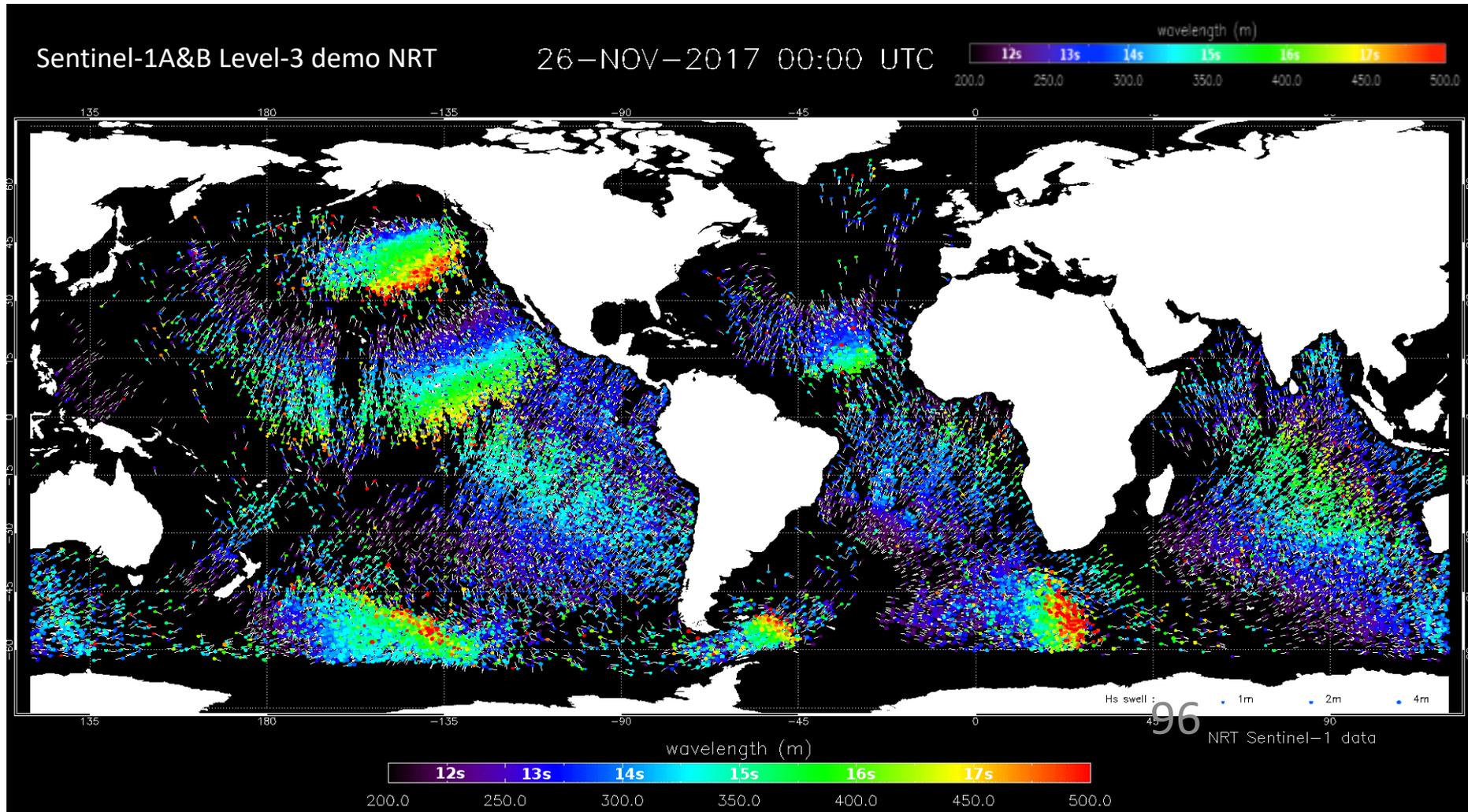


SAR-derived swell measurement trajectories from the source to the coast. Measured  $H_s$  shown by blue dots

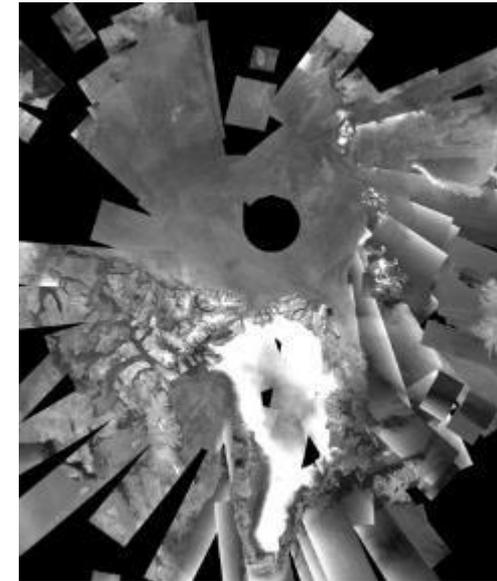
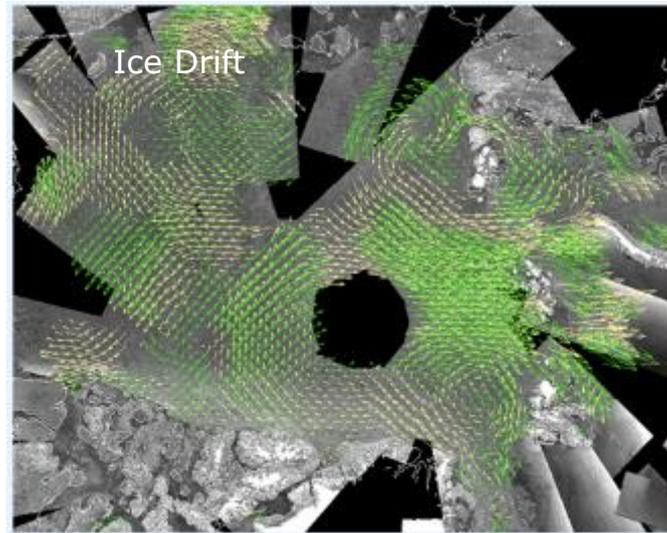
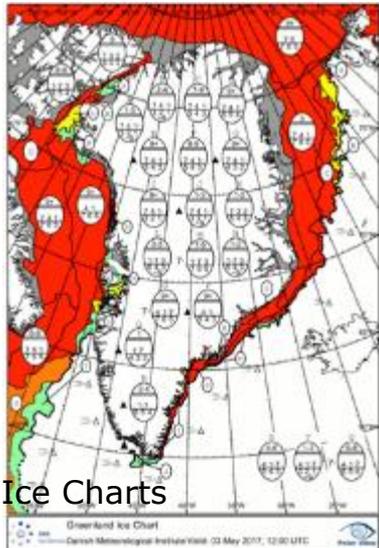


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# CMEMS Waves product content from SAR



# Operational support to the Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service (CMEMS) on-going, since start of Sentinel-1A operations

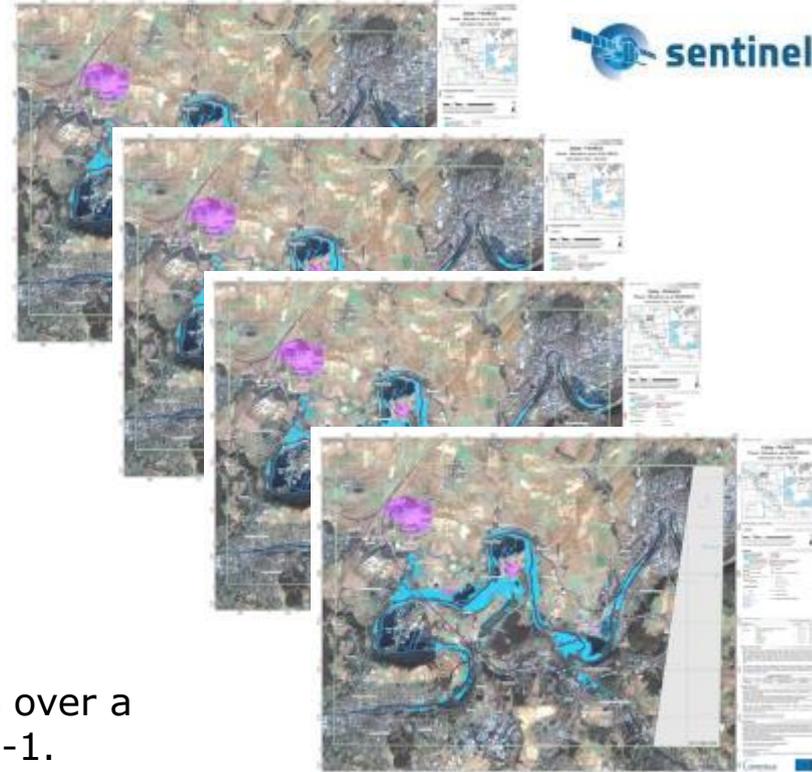
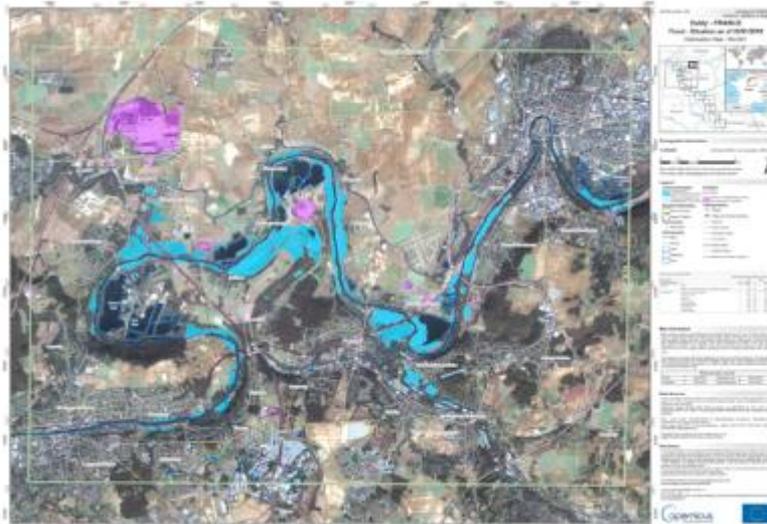


3-day Mosaic 2-3-4 June 2018  
<http://www.seaice.dk/>



# Strong increase of the Sentinel-1 contribution to the Copernicus Emergency Management Service

Example of Sentinel-1A/-1B contribution to the exceptional floods that occurred in Jan/Feb 2018 in Northern France

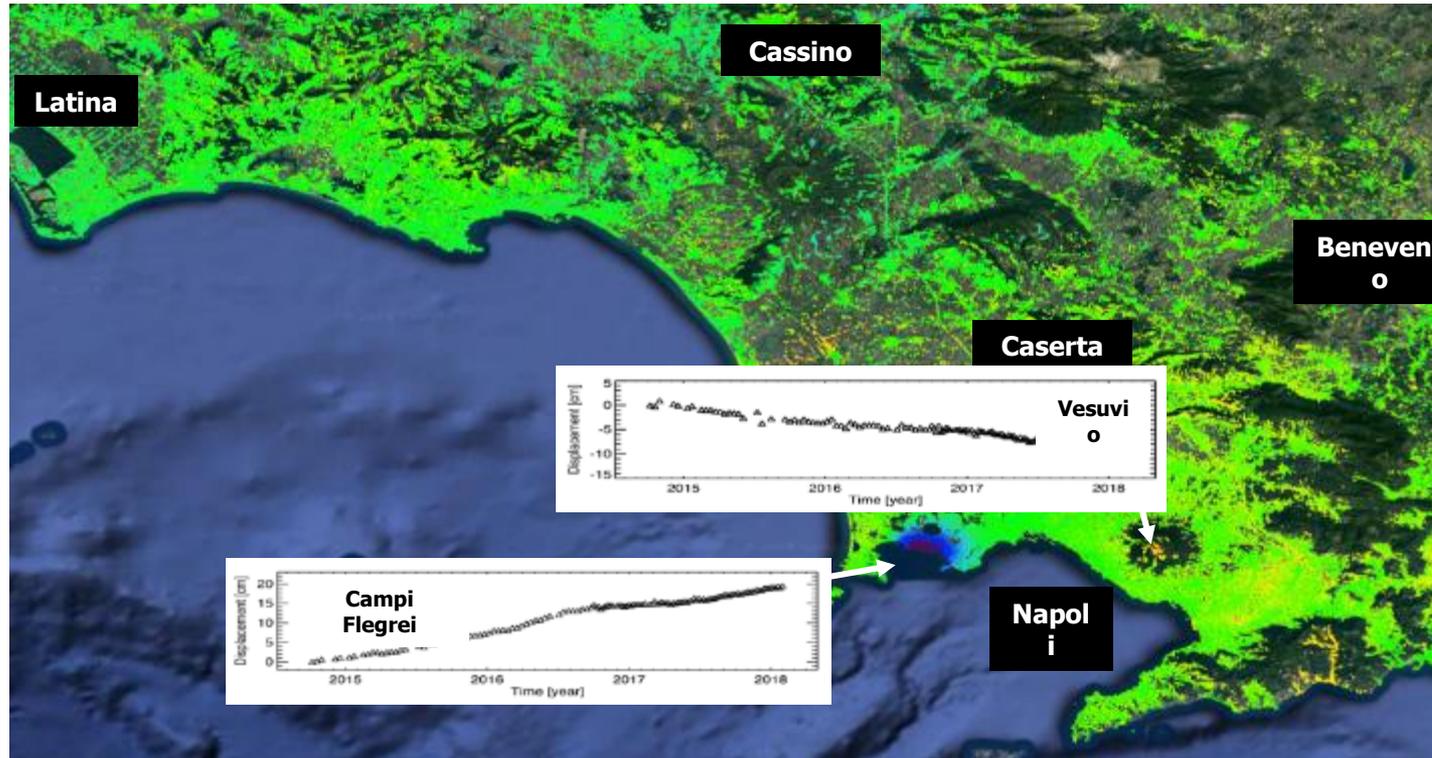


Same area (here Esbly) could be imaged several times over a long period thanks to the systematic revisit of Sentinel-1.

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# SBAS-DInSAR analysis: Sentinel-1 regional scale

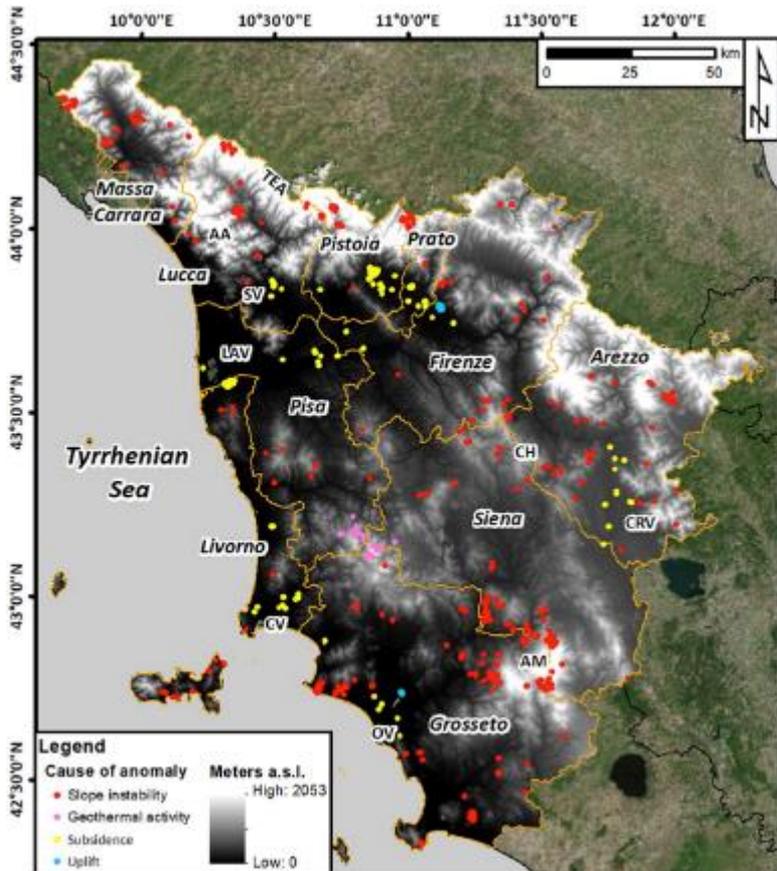
LOS deformation velocity [cm/yr]  
 $> 5$   
 $< -5$



**IW Sentinel-1: 131 SAR images (October 2014-January 2018)**



# Routine use of Sentinel-1 time series for ground deformation – Tuscany



Update	Last acquisition (track 117)	# of Anomalies	# of ghost anomalies
2	07/11/2016	70	133
3	19/11/2016	90	104
4	01/12/2016	60	72
5	13/12/2016	95	76
6	25/12/2016	121	86
7	06/01/2017	130	55
8	18/01/2017	84	57
9	30/01/2017	94	86
10	11/02/2017	195	154
11	23/02/2017	304	86
12	07/03/2017	341	56
13	19/03/2017	803	109
14	31/03/2017	1.233	83
15	12/04/2017	1.024	68
16	24/04/2017	907	57
17	06/05/2017	2.314	174
18	18/05/2017	2.119	497
19	30/05/2017	2.034	642
<b>Total</b>	<b>07/11/2016 - 30/05/2017</b>	<b>12.018</b>	<b>2.597</b>

Province	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Total anomalies	Anomalies/10 km <sup>2</sup>			
			Slope instability	Subsidence	Uplift	Geothermal activity
Massa Carrara	1.158	79	0.68	0	0	0
Lucca	177	75	0.42	0.42	0	0
Pistoia	966	8.001	0.83	81.71	0	0
Prato	365	997	0.27	27.18	0	0
Firenze	3.520	103	0.29	0.01	0.03	0
Pisa	2.451	52	0.21	0.07	0	0.05
Livorno	1.218	71	0.58	0.34	0	0
Siena	3.820	618	1.62	0	0	0.01
Arezzo	3.235	338	0.88	0.15	0	0
Grosseto	4.510	1.694	1.42	0.04	1.25	0.02
<b>Tuscany</b>	<b>21.412</b>	<b>12.018</b>	<b>1.12</b>	<b>4.21</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.01</b>

TS **anomalies** classified according to the driving force as at Update #19. Anomalies related to **slope instabilities** are widespread in most of the mountain areas of the region. Anomalies related to **subsidence phenomena** are identified in the alluvial plains, along with two **uplifting areas** within the province of Grosseto and Firenze. Anomalies linked to **geothermal activities** straddle the provinces of Pisa, Siena and Grosseto.

TEA (Tuscan-Emilian Apennines); AA (Apuan Alps); SV (Serchio Valley); LAV (Lower Arno Valley); CH (Chianti Hills); CRV (Chiana River valley); AM (Amiata Mountain); CV (Cornia Valley); OV (Ombrone Valley).

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## Results from UK wide ground motion map based on Sentinel-1 data

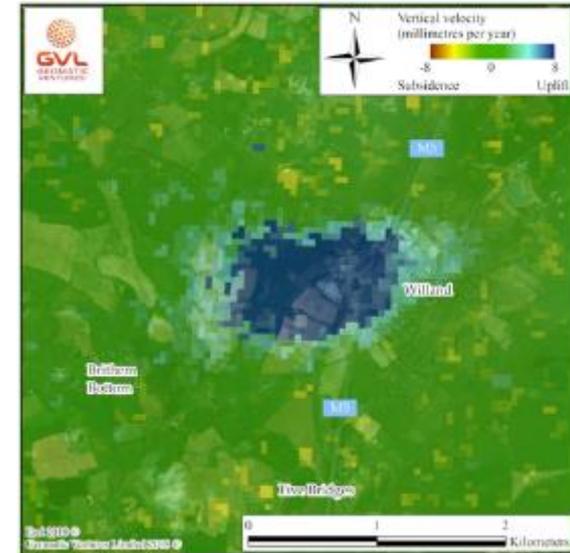
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[The map] "offers the most detailed look ever at the UK's shifting topography and highlights areas of hazards due to coal mining, soil compaction, landslides, coastal erosion, landfill subsidence and tunnelling for the London Underground."

Dr Stephen Grebby, Assistant Professor in Earth Observation, at Nottingham University said, "**With the new map we are able to better understand how the entire UK landscape is being affected by various natural and anthropogenic processes. Whilst providing us with detailed information to study the individual mechanisms of these processes, the technique also offers a means of identifying and mitigating any potential risk that these may also pose to infrastructure, society and the environment.**"

The team hope the map will be useful for policymakers and a wide range of industries, including onshore oil and gas, civil engineering, insurance, mining and carbon trading.

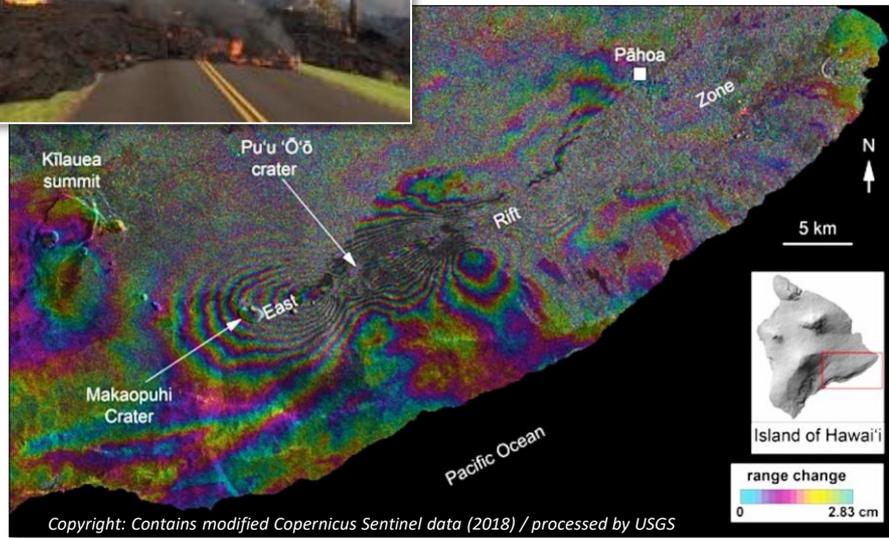


The area of Willand which is rising up Credit: GVL

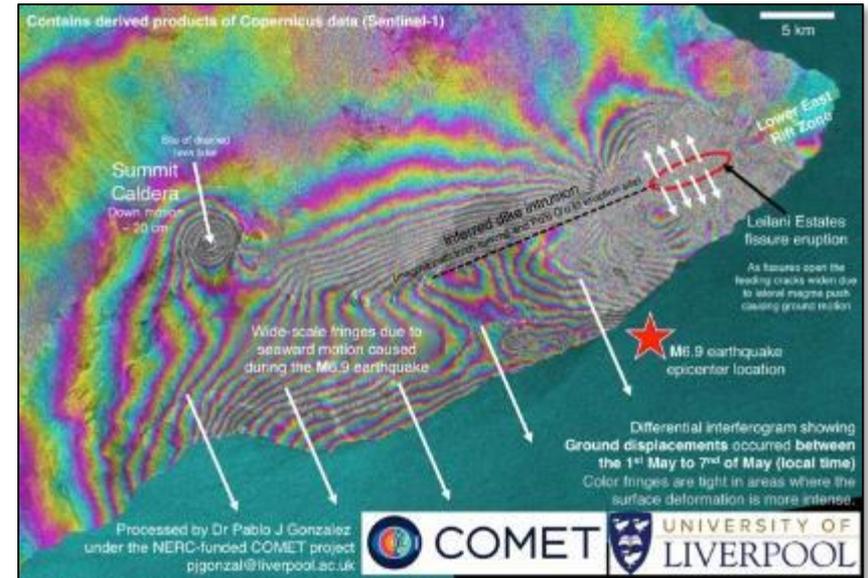
# Sentinel-1: a major tool for geophysicists



*Eruption and earthquake near Kilauea volcano, Hawaii (3 May 2018)*



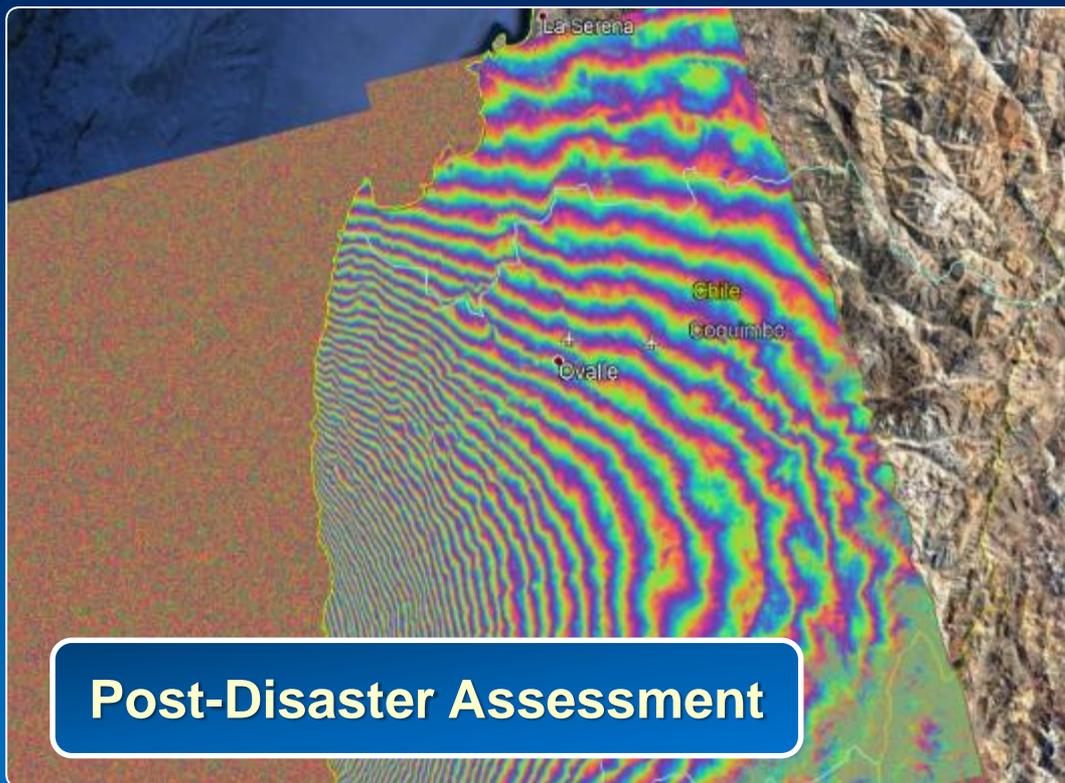
*Sentinel-1 interferogram (19 April – 1 May 2018)*



*Sentinel-1 interferogram (1 May – 7 May 2018)*

*Deformation due to magmatic intrusion → magma withdrawn from middle East Rift Zone and intruded beneath lower East Rift Zone.*

# Earthquake Ground Deformation in Chile



2015 Earthquake in the Chilean Nazca Plate region

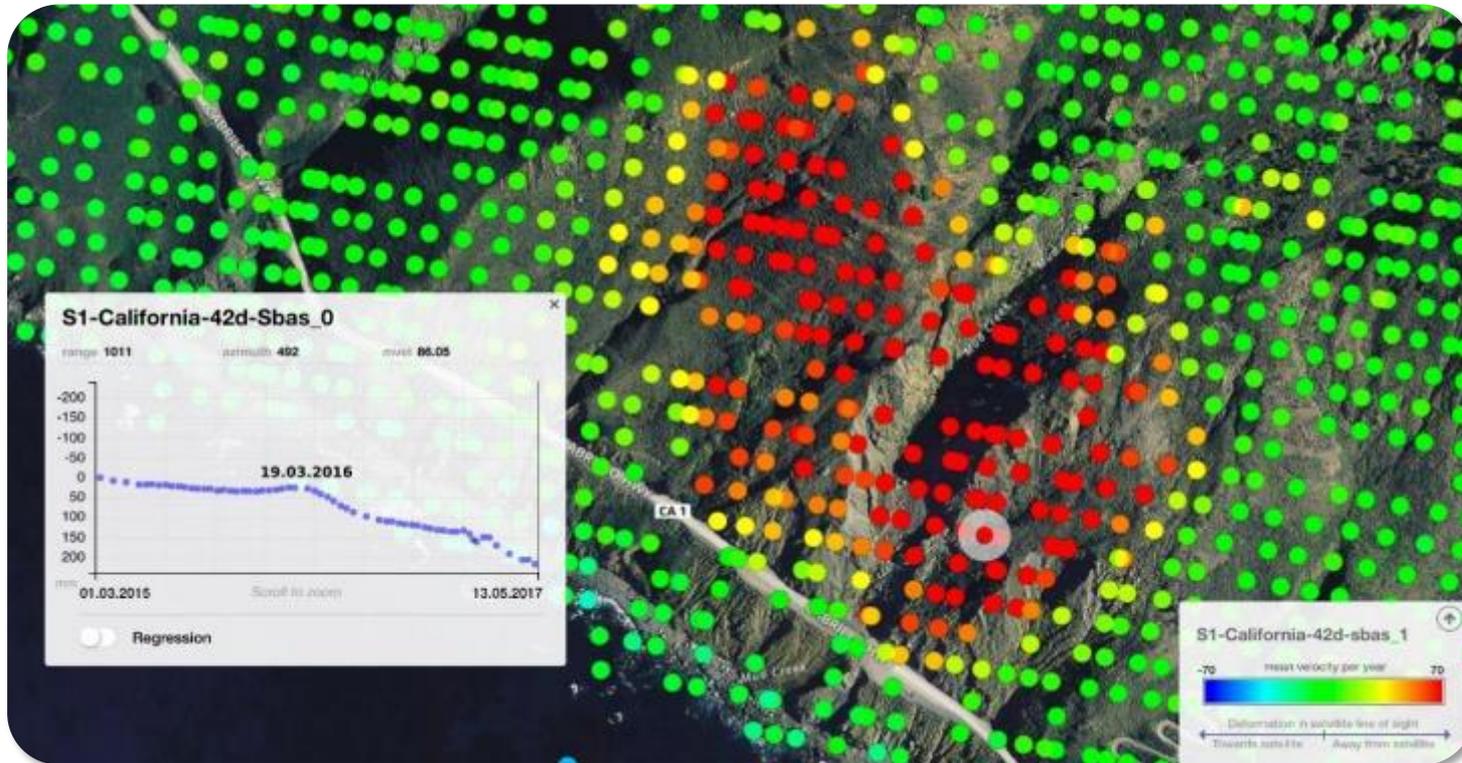
Interferogram superimposed over optical image

ESA co-organises EO data processing capacity-building in Latin America

Data used: Sentinel-1 (C-band) Wrapped interferometric phase. To be complemented with ALOS-1/PALSAR-1 (L-band), TerraSAR-X (X-band) and Cosmo SkyMed (X-band)

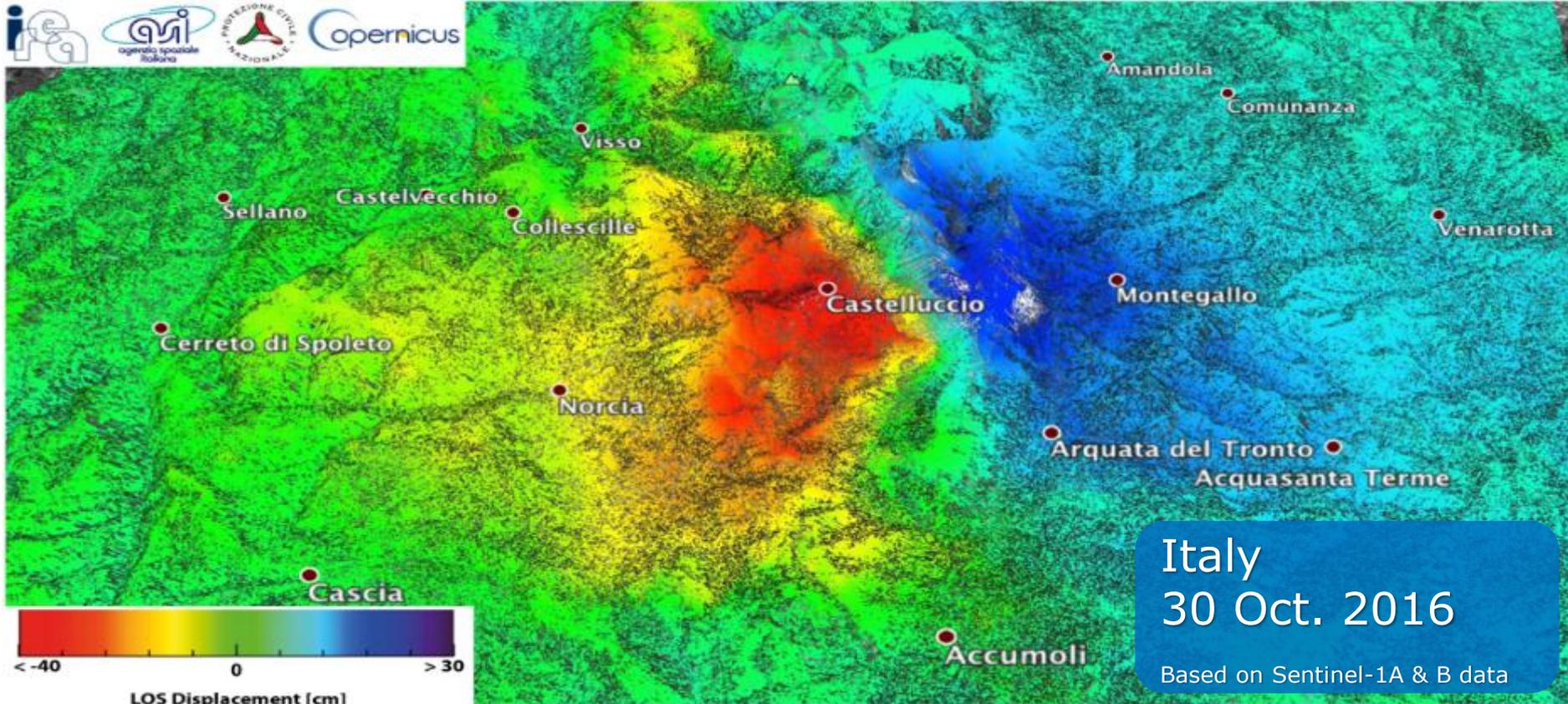
# Landslides

Highway 1  
California  
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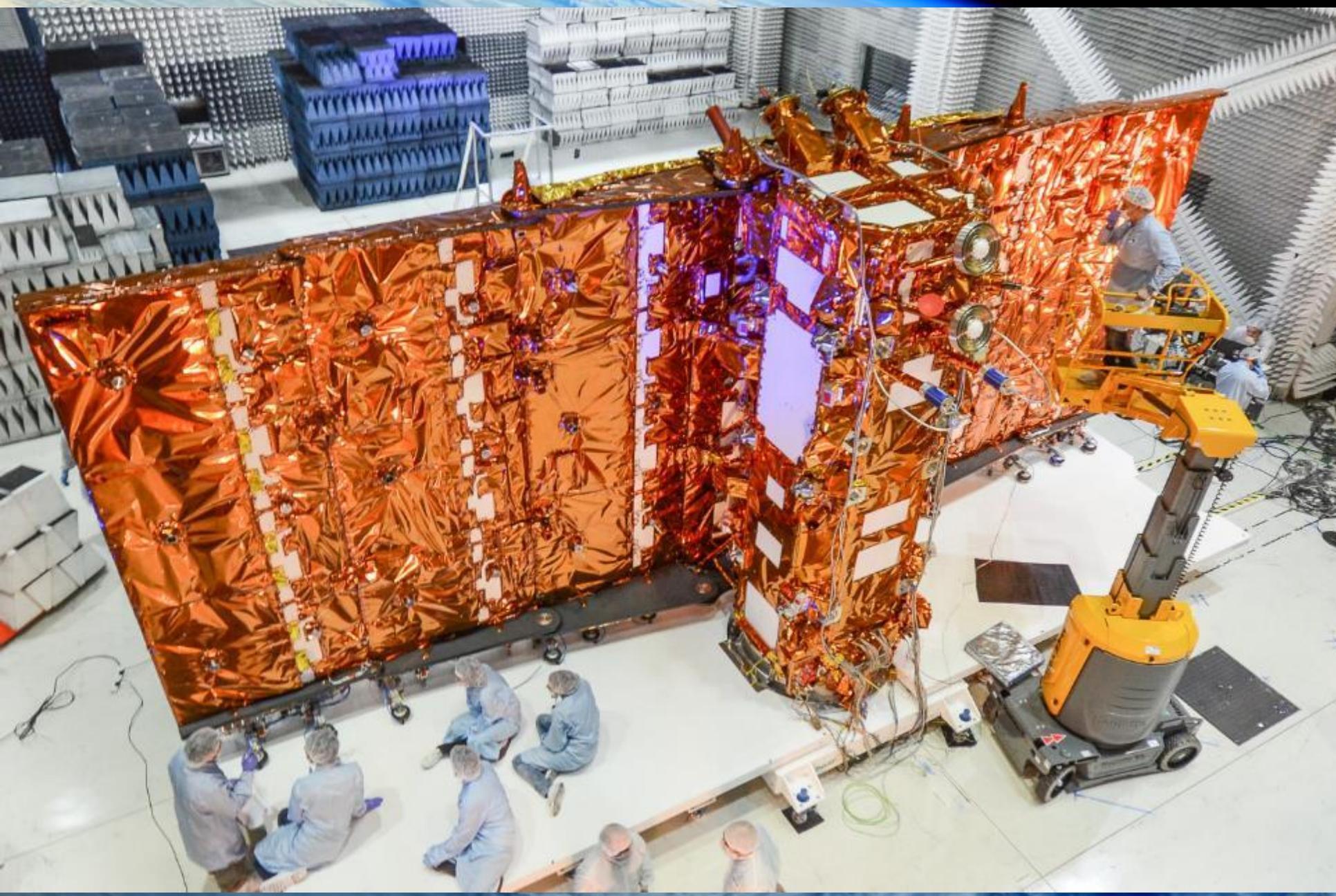


Based on Sentinel-1 data (2015–17), processed by Norut

# Earthquakes



# SAOCOM 1A L-Band (launch 10/2018)



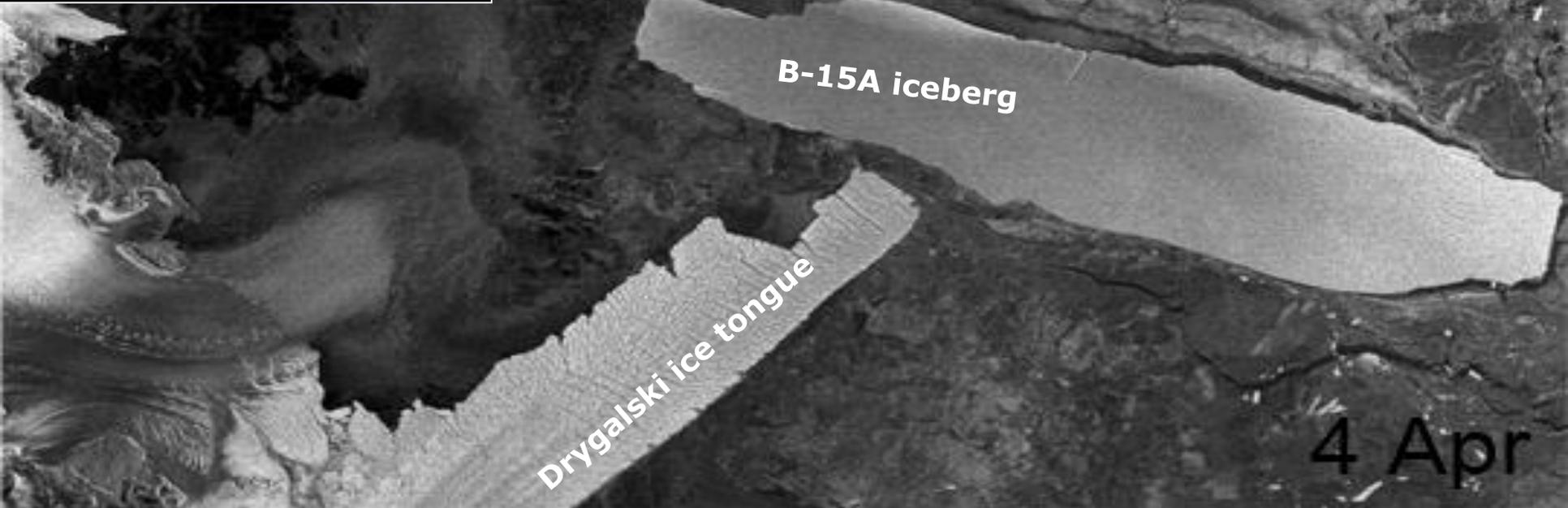
# Additional SAR Applications

# Ice Monitoring

# Antarctica April 2005

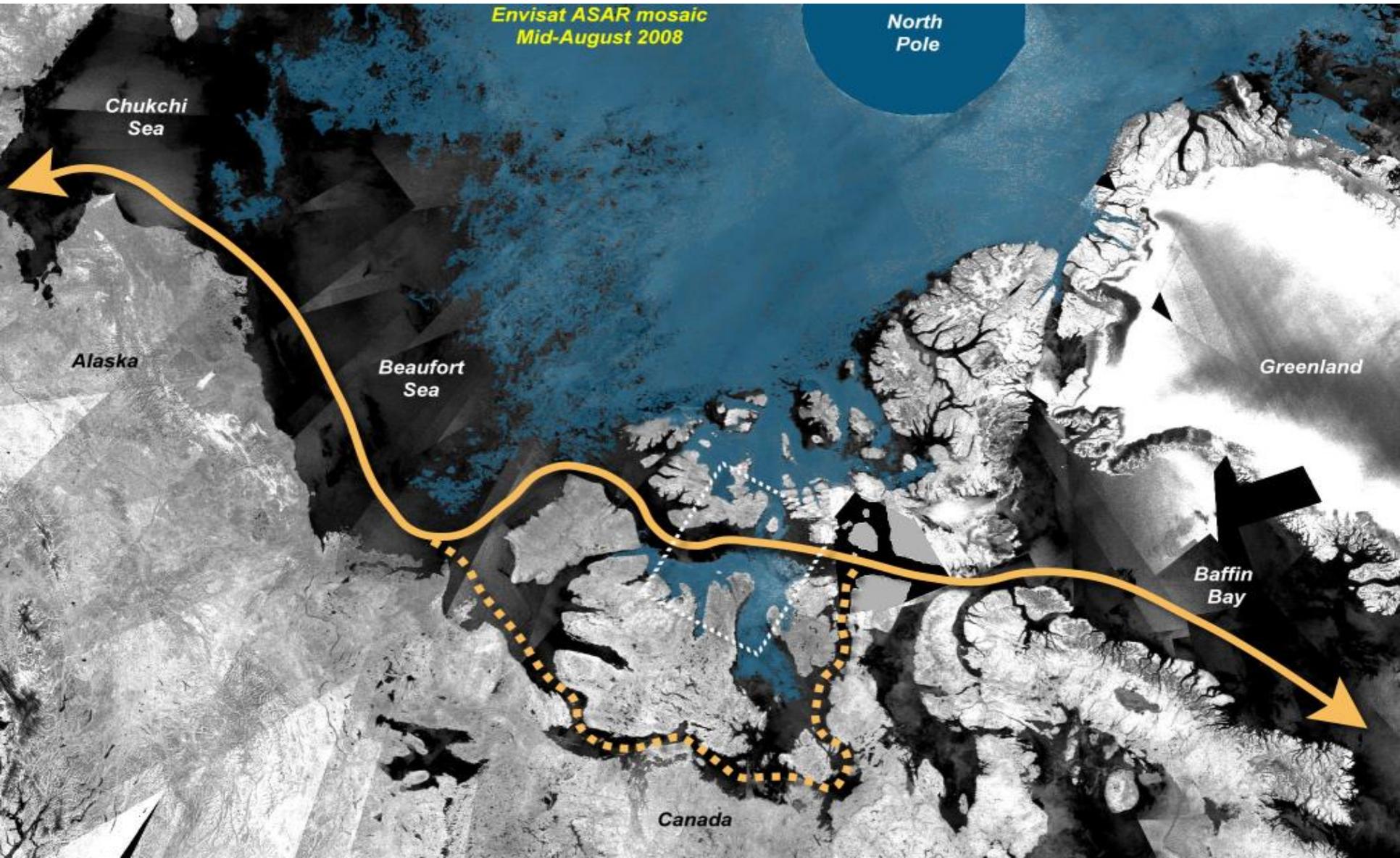


**Collision of B-15A iceberg with Drygalski ice tongue**



**100 km**

# Ship Routing Support



*Charcot  
Island*

***Wilkins  
Ice Shelf***

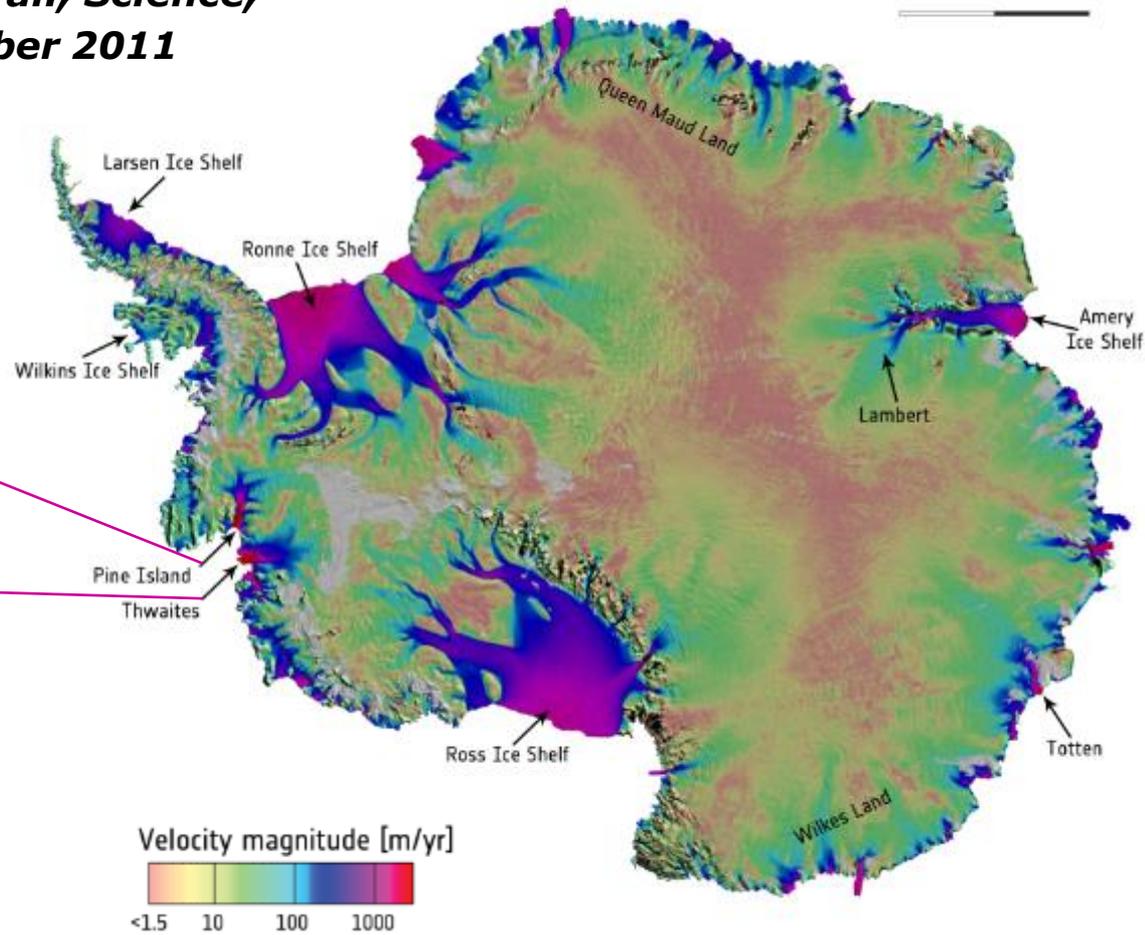
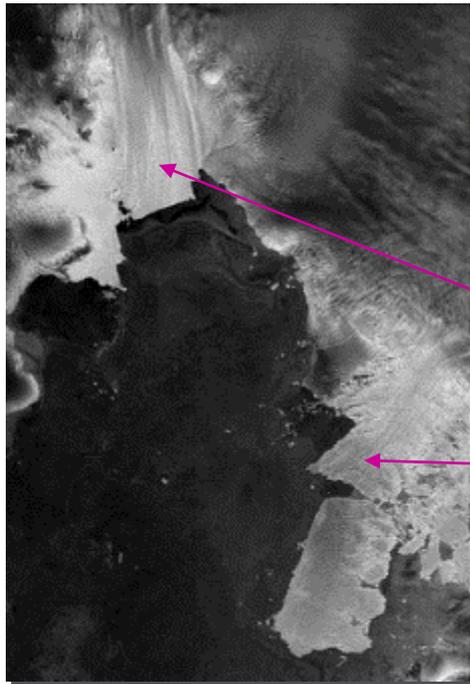
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# Ice Flow of the Antarctic Ice Sheet



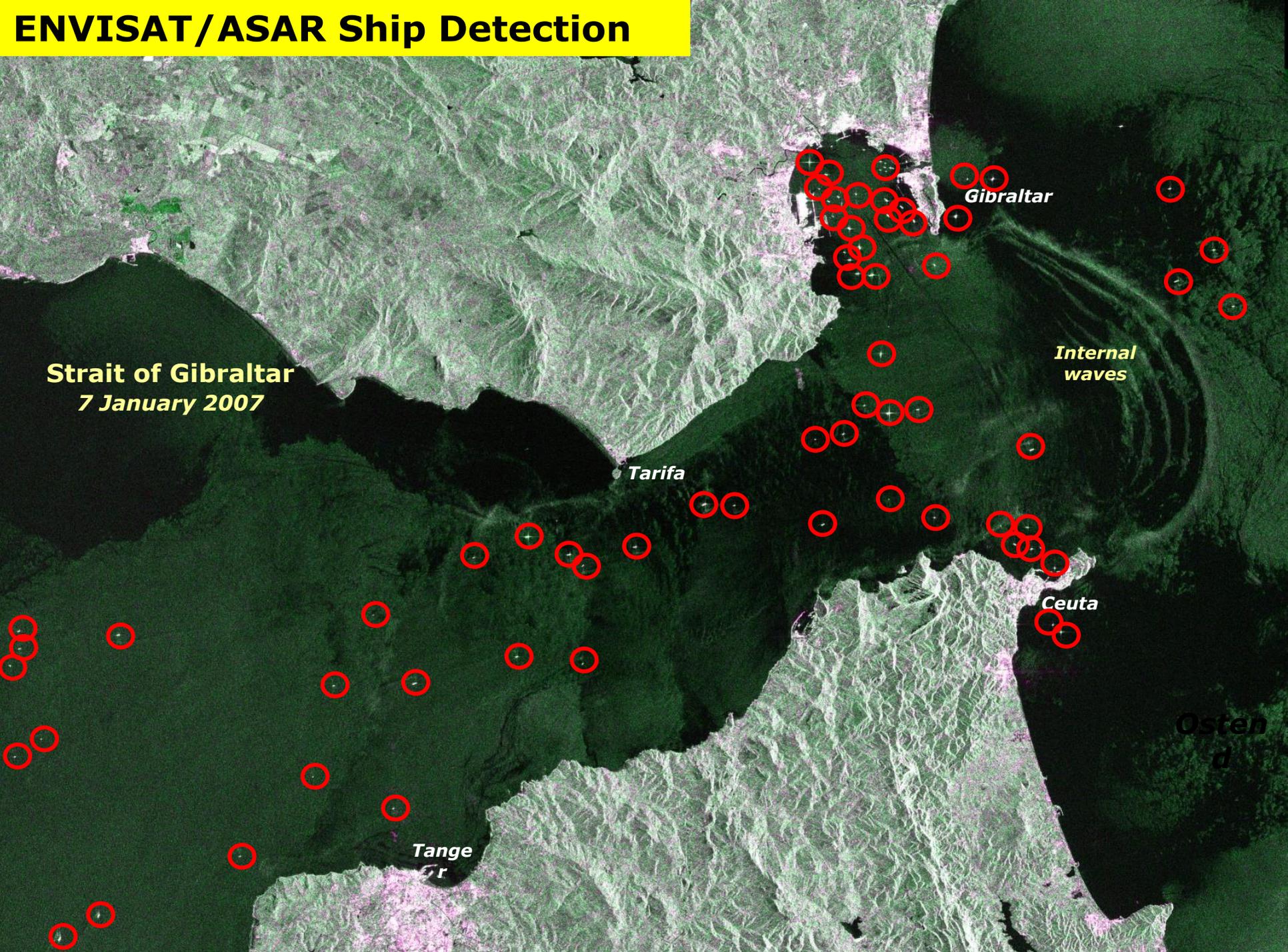
*E. Rignot et al., Science, September 2011*

1000 km



# Marine Applications

# ENVISAT/ASAR Ship Detection



**Strait of Gibraltar**  
*7 January 2007*

**Gibraltar**

**Internal waves**

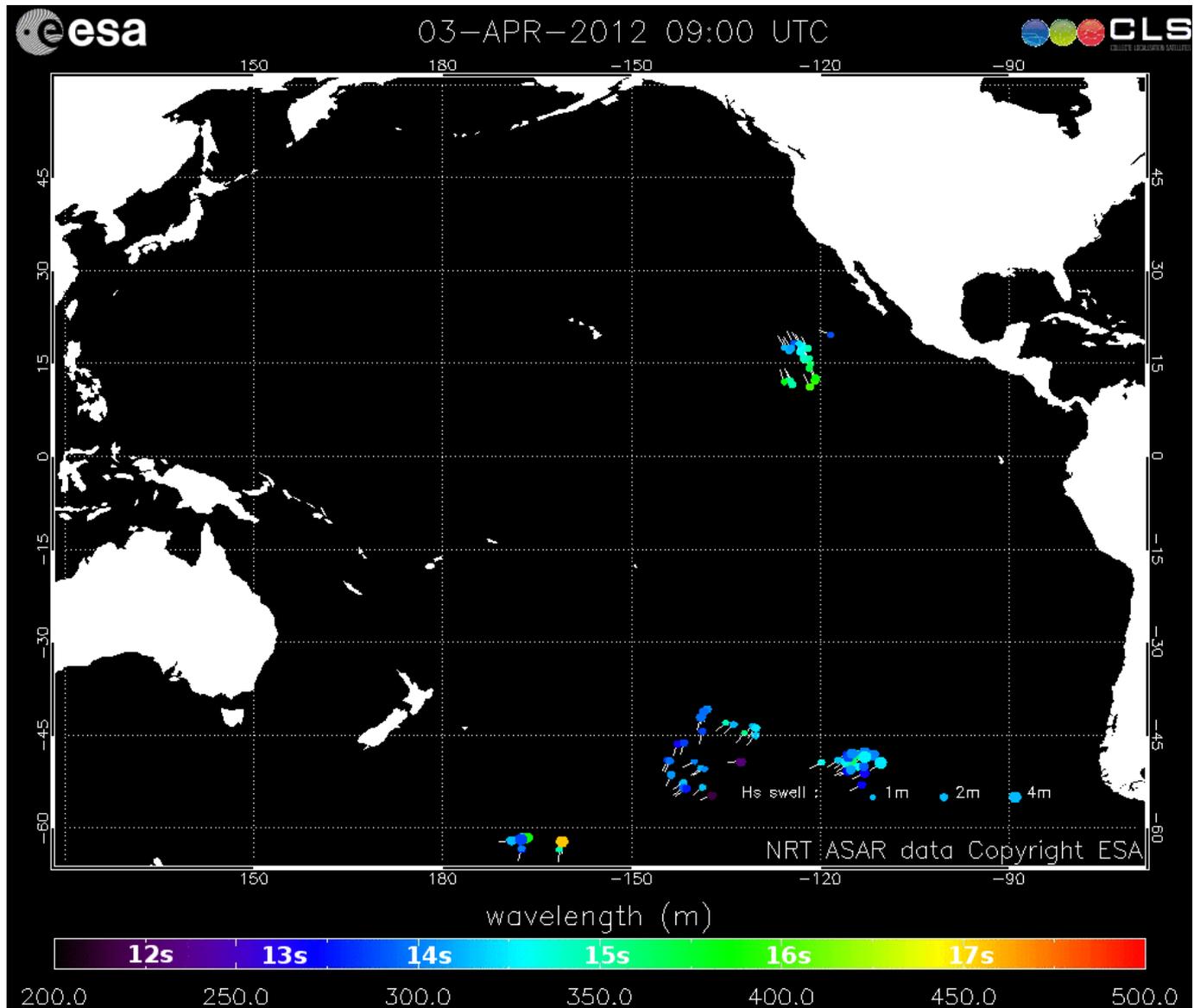
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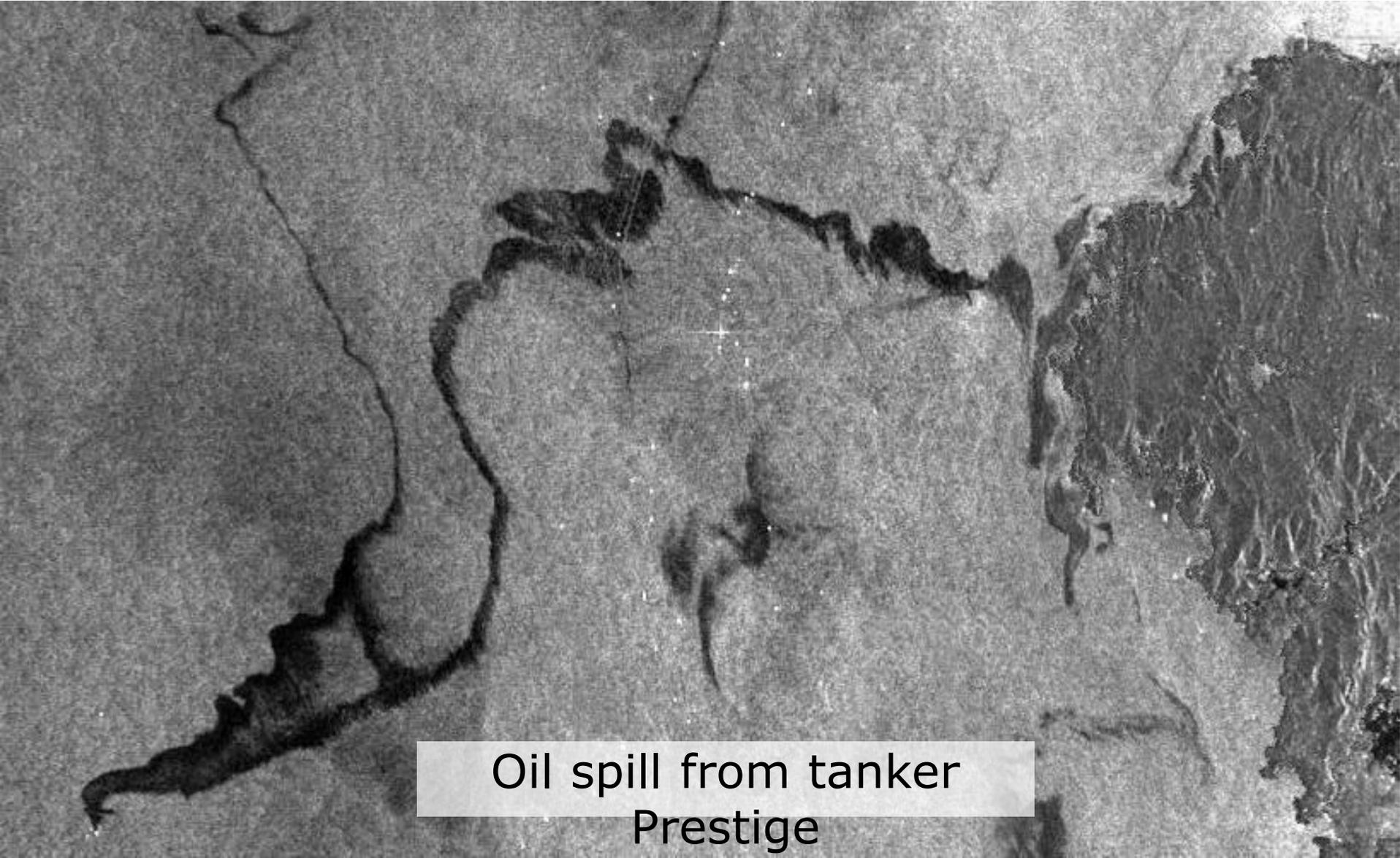
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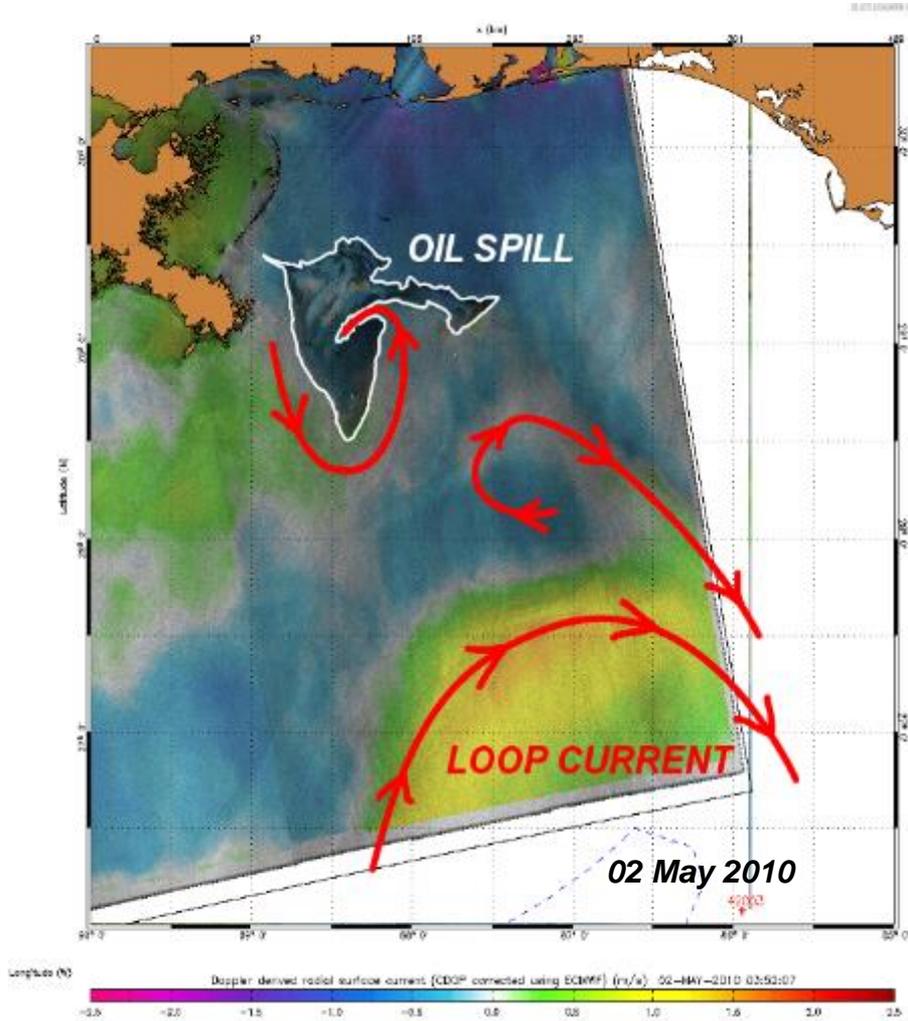
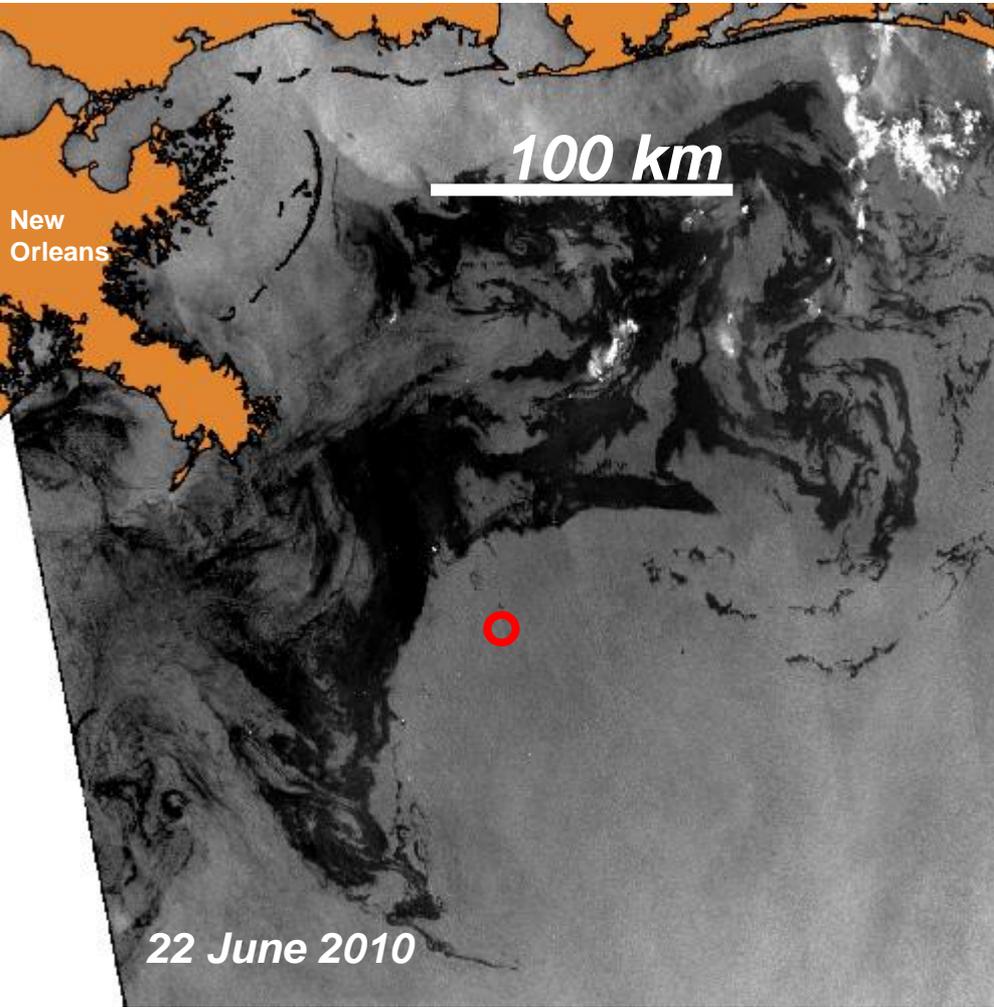
# ASAR Ocean Wave Forecasting





Oil spill from tanker  
Prestige

# SAR applications for disaster management: Oil Spills



# Floods

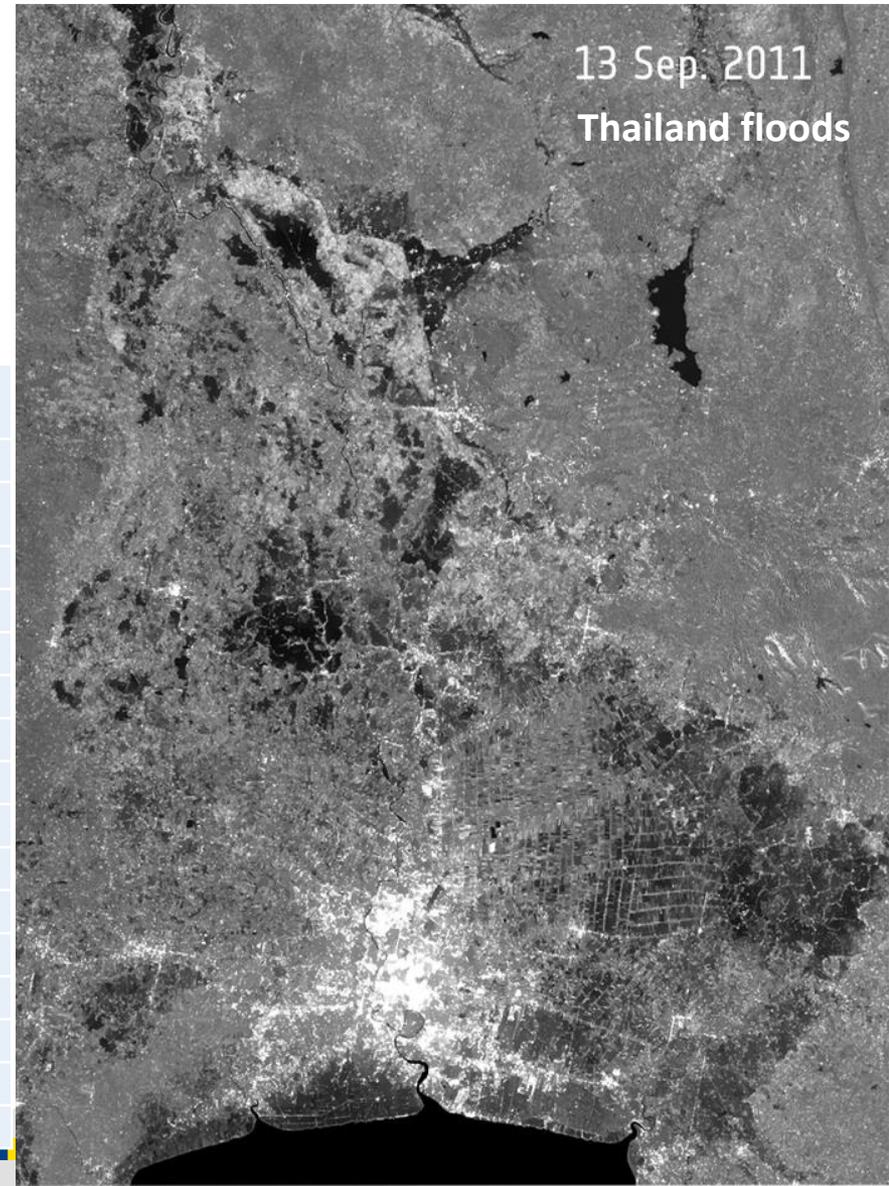
# SAR Flood Monitoring



Envisat was activated 370 times for the Charter on Space and Major Disasters

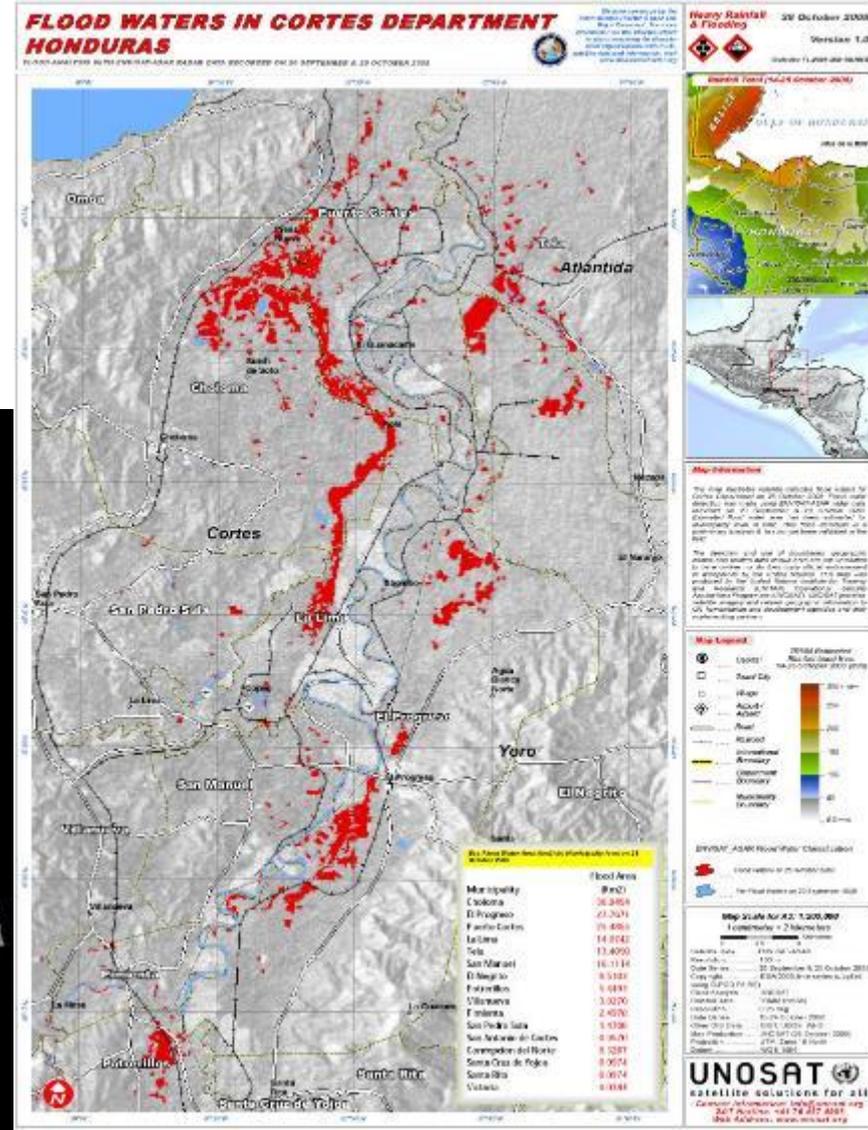
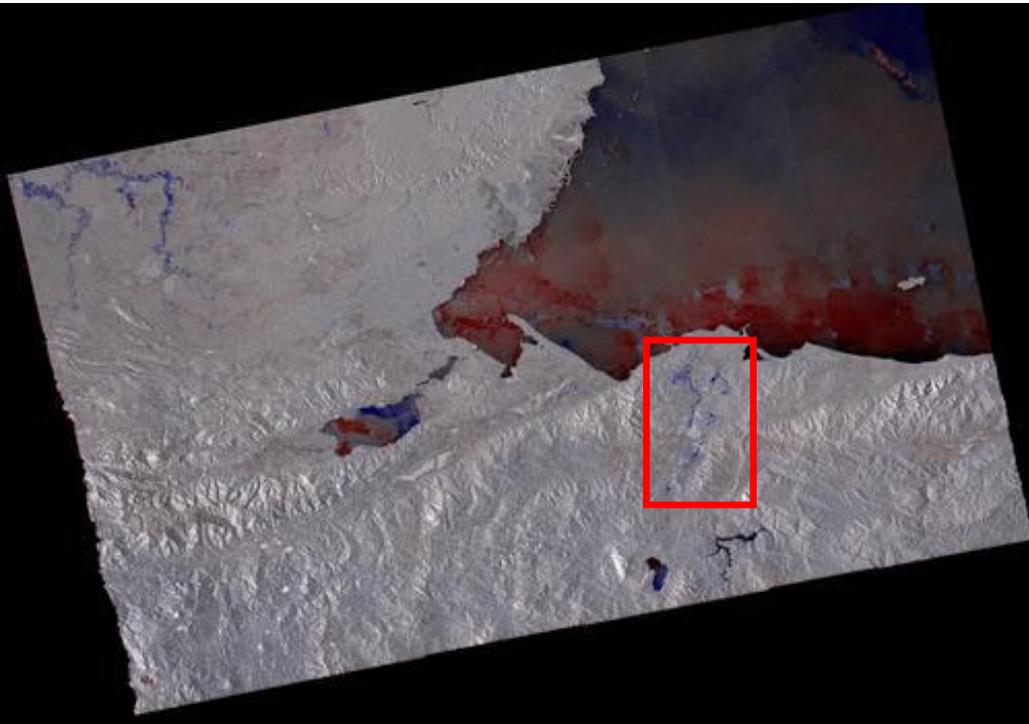
## Recent Envisat ASAR activation :

<i>Emergency area</i>	<i>Disaster type</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Authorized User</i>
Nigeria	Flood	29-Aug-11	National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)
Japan	Flood/ Landslide	04-Sep-11	JAXA on behalf of Cabinet Office JAPAN
Cambodia	Flood	12-Oct-11	UNITAR/UNOSAT on behalf of UN OCHA
New Zealand	Oil Spill	12-Oct-11	USGS
Thailand	Flood	17-Oct-11	Asia Disaster Reduction Centre (ADRC)
Vietnam	Flood	17-Oct-11	Asia Disaster Reduction Centre (ADRC)
El Salvador	Flood	19-Oct-11	UNITAR/UNOSAT on behalf of UN OCHA
Chile	Volcano	27-Oct-11	SIFEM (Sistema Federal co Emergencias)
Ghana	Flood	28-Oct-11	UNOOSA
Philippines	Flood	19-Dec-11	Asia Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC)
Brazil	Flood	07-Jan-12	Ministry of Defense from Brazil
Madagascar	Flood	13-Feb-12	COGIC
Perú	Flood	21-Feb-12	SIFEM
Algeria	Flood	26-Feb-12	Algerian Space Agency
Madagascar	Flood	01-Mar-12	COGIC
Ecuador	Flood	09-Mar-12	USGS on behalf of SNGR/Ecuador



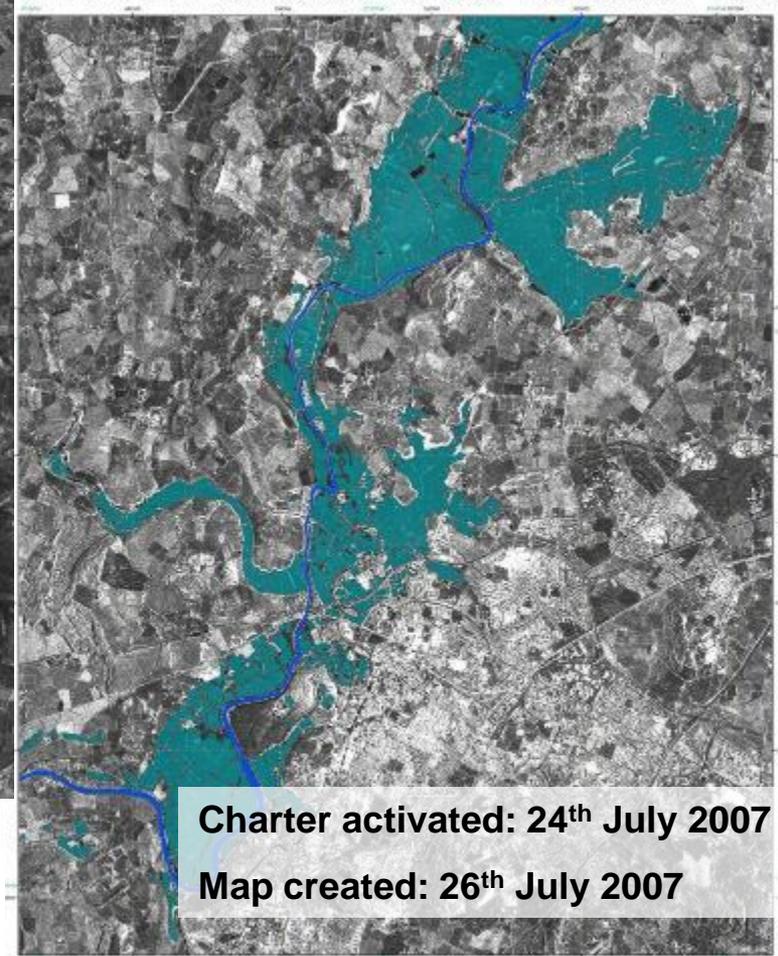
## Flooding in Honduras. Charter activated 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008

Map produced in less than 3 hours after activation





UNITED KINGDOM - Flood Mapping from July 25, 2007 - Map 1: Gloucester 1:25,000



**Charter activated: 24<sup>th</sup> July 2007**  
**Map created: 26<sup>th</sup> July 2007**

TerraSAR-X data (3m resolution) used in Charter Call

A screenshot of a web-based map interface. It includes a legend with categories for 'Water bodies' (cyan) and 'River network' (blue). There is also a metadata section with text and a scale bar. The interface is part of a larger system for flood monitoring.

# Volcanoes

# SAR applications for disaster management: volcano monitoring

Descending, Swath 6, Track 277, Frame 4046, 27/07/2003 - 31/08/2003

## “Piton de la Fournaise” volcano (Reunion island) – August 2003 eruption

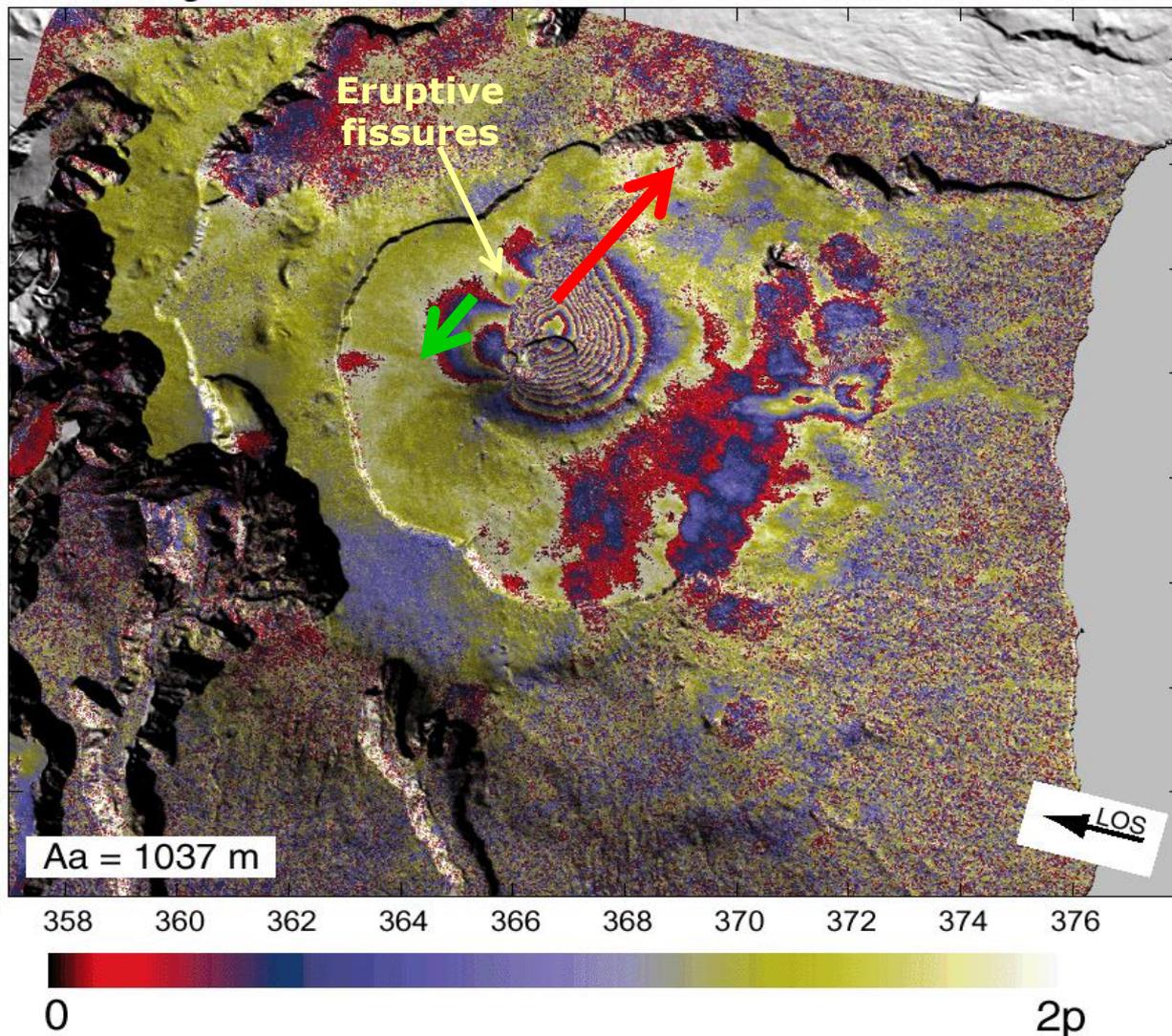
30 cm displacement  
toward satellite

7 cm  
displacement  
away from  
satellite

Courtesy:

- Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), Clermont-Ferrand, France
- Université Blaise Pascal, Clermont-Ferrand, France
- Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris, Paris, France
- Université de la Réunion, Saint-Denis, France

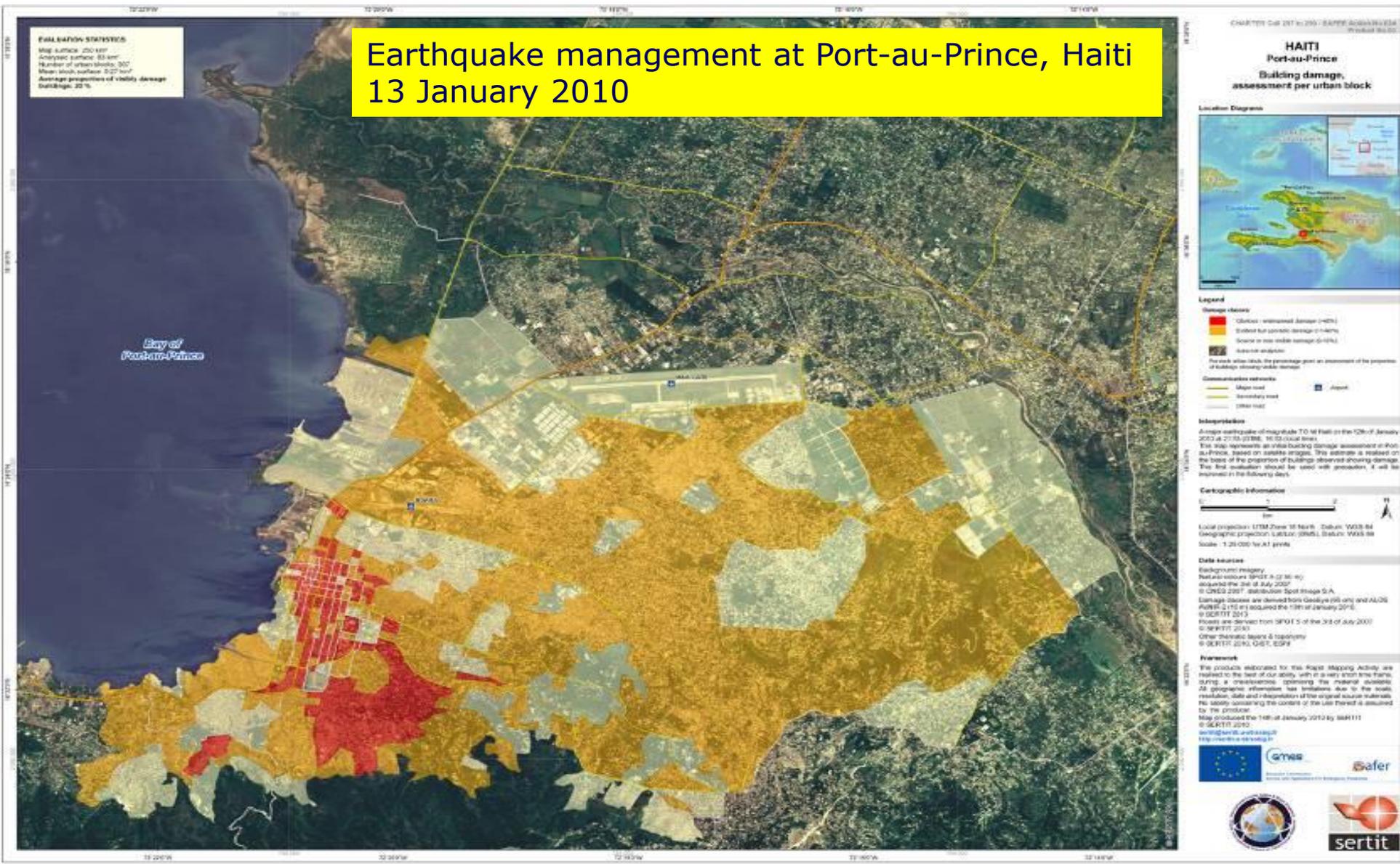
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# Earthquakes

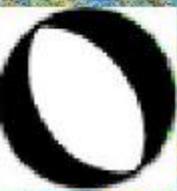
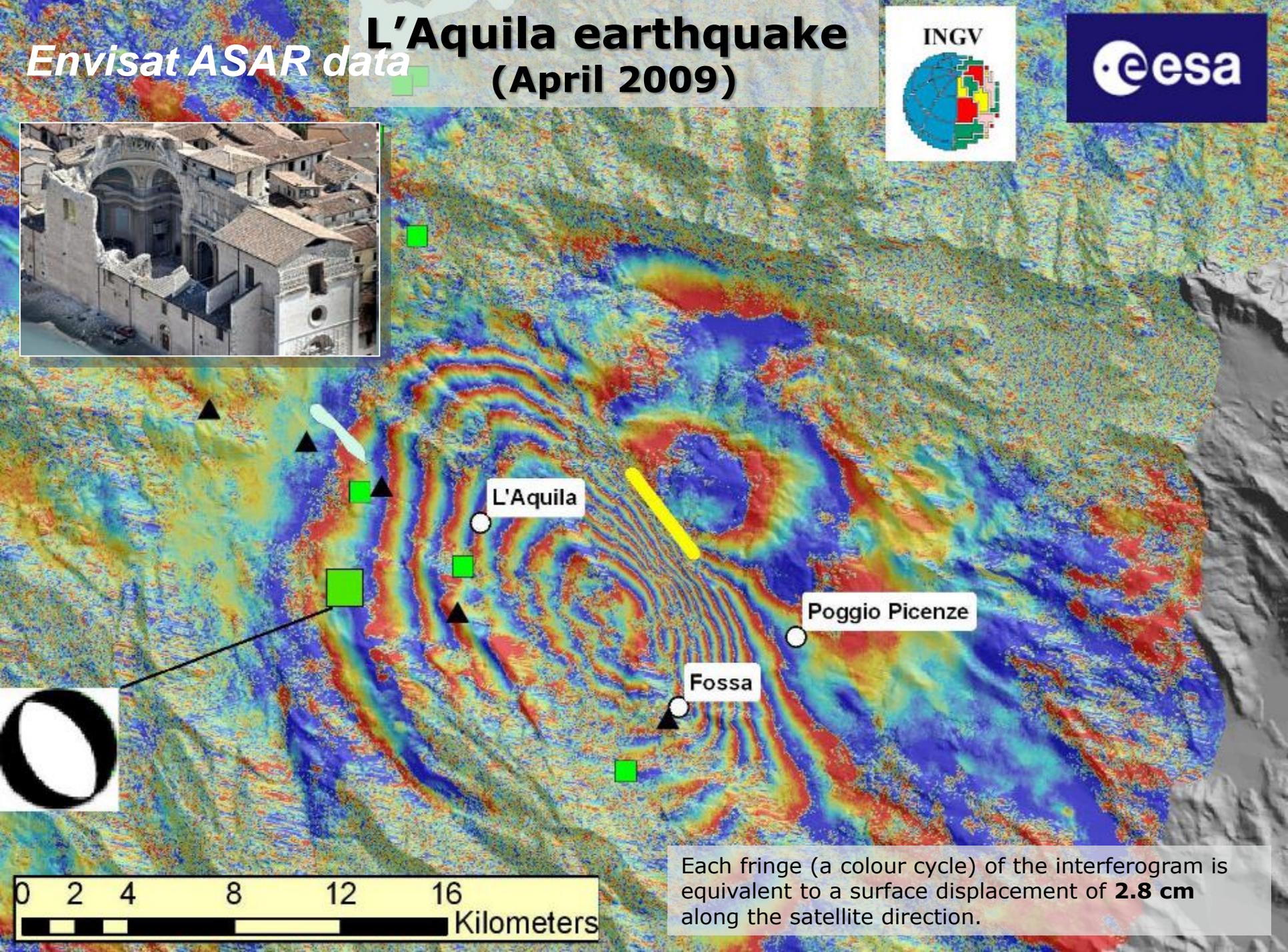
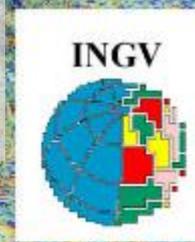
# SAR Support for Earthquake Damage Assessment

## Earthquake management at Port-au-Prince, Haiti 13 January 2010

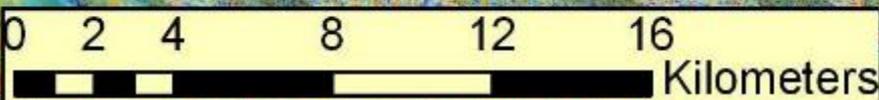


*Envisat ASAR data*

# L'Aquila earthquake (April 2009)



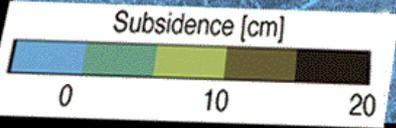
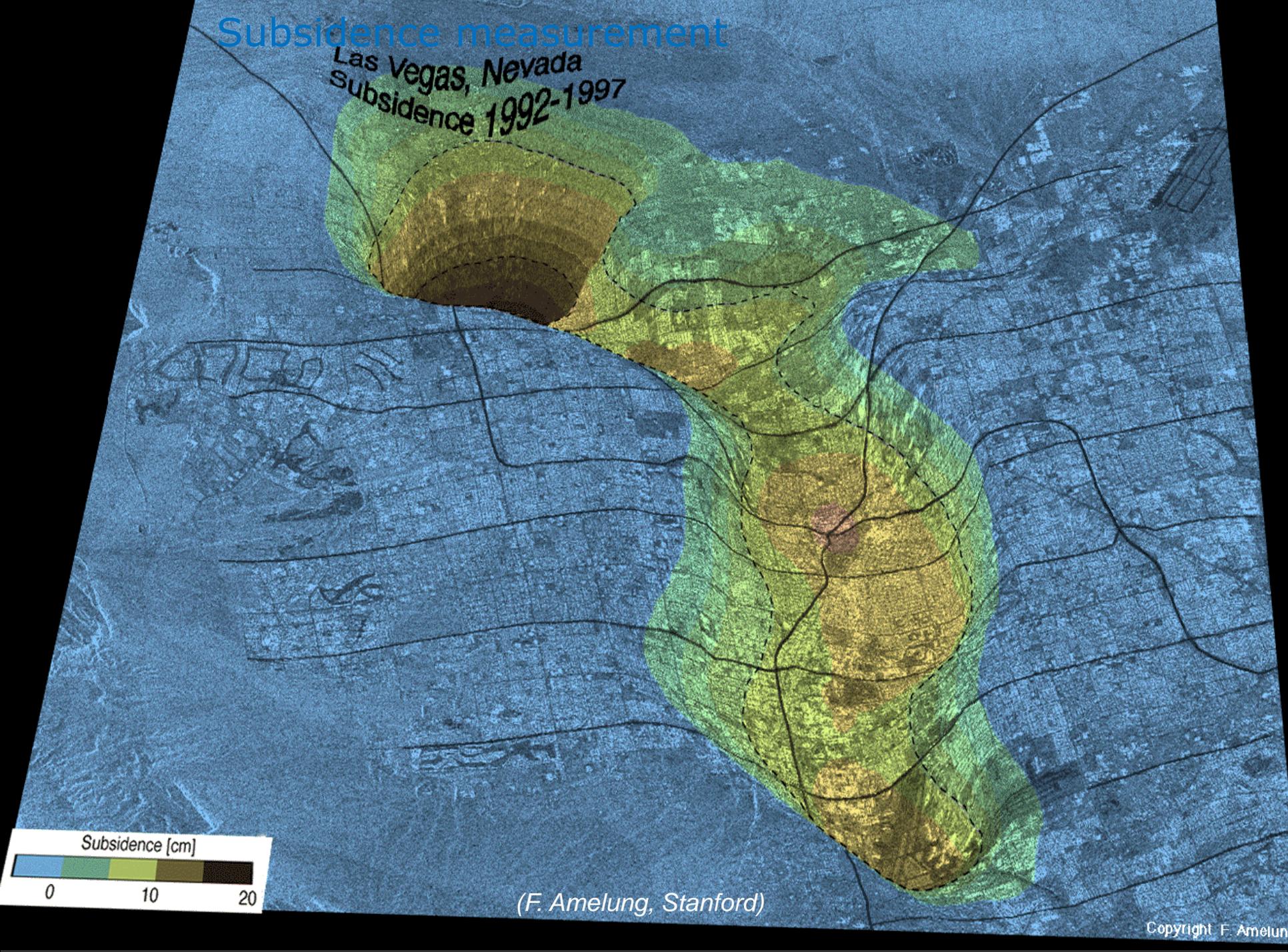
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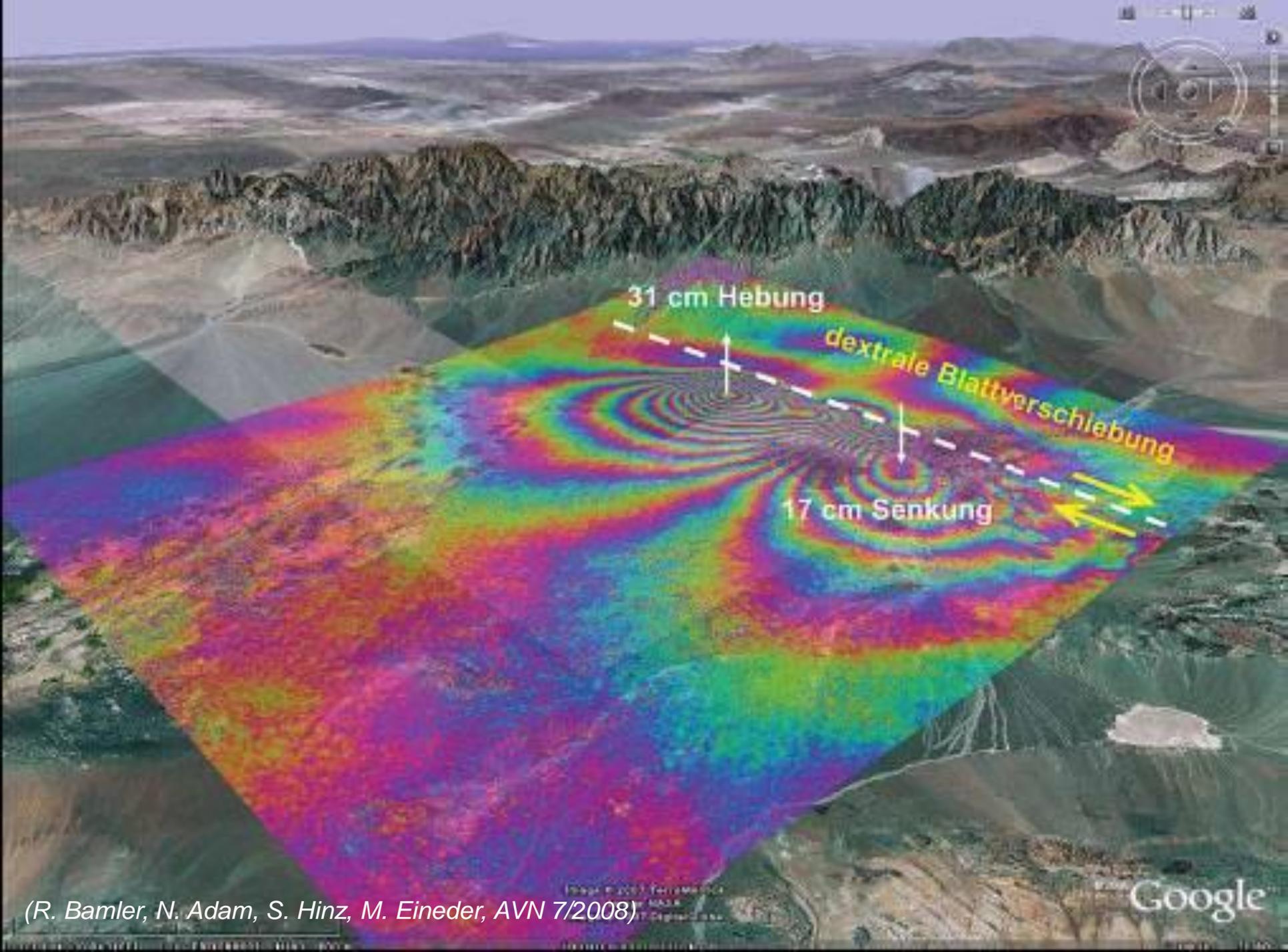
# Subsidence Measurement

# Subsidence measurement

Las Vegas, Nevada  
Subsidence 1992-1997



(F. Amelung, Stanford)



31 cm Hebung

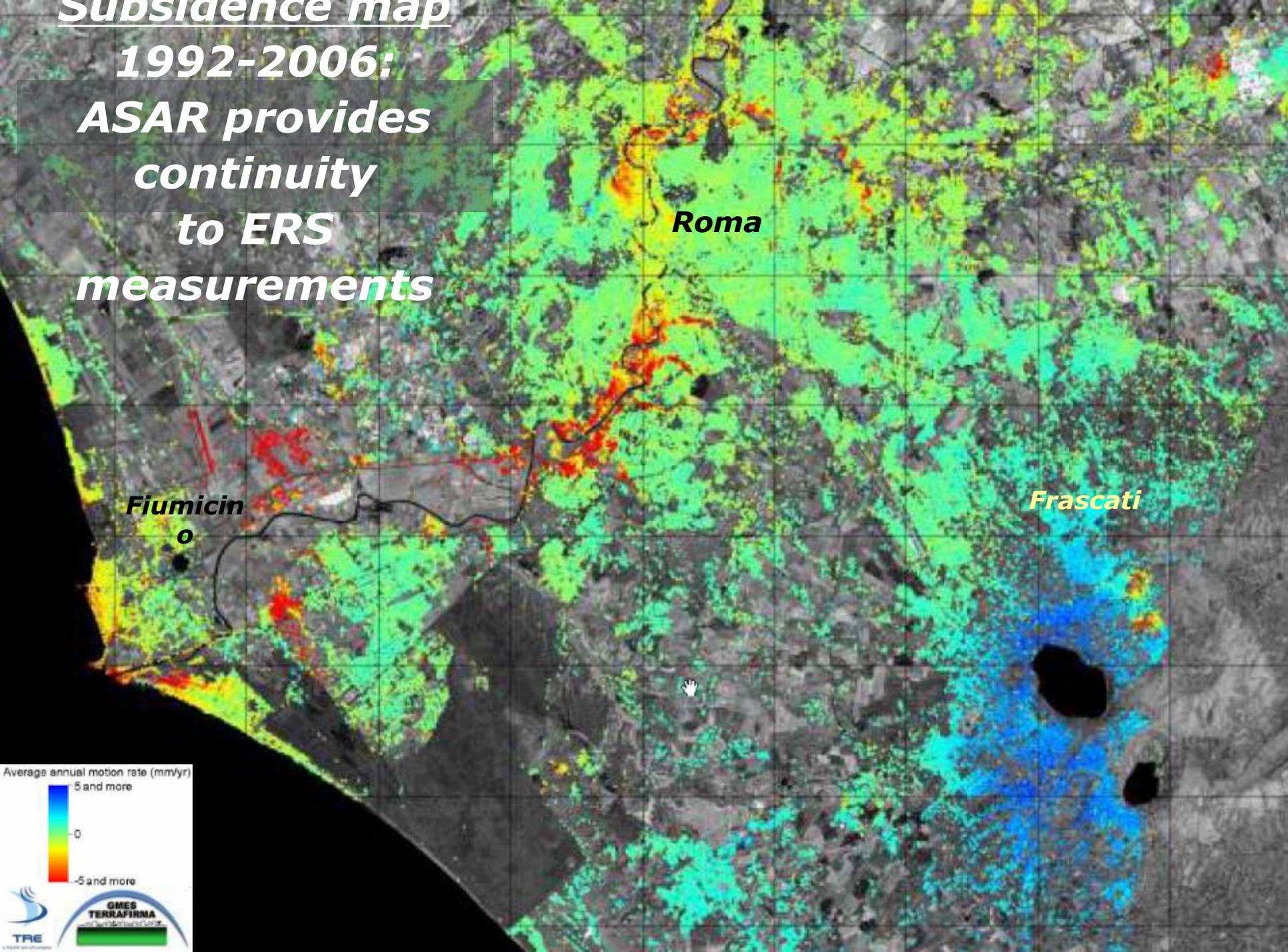
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17 cm Senkung

(R. Bamler, N. Adam, S. Hinz, M. Eineder, AVN 7/2008)

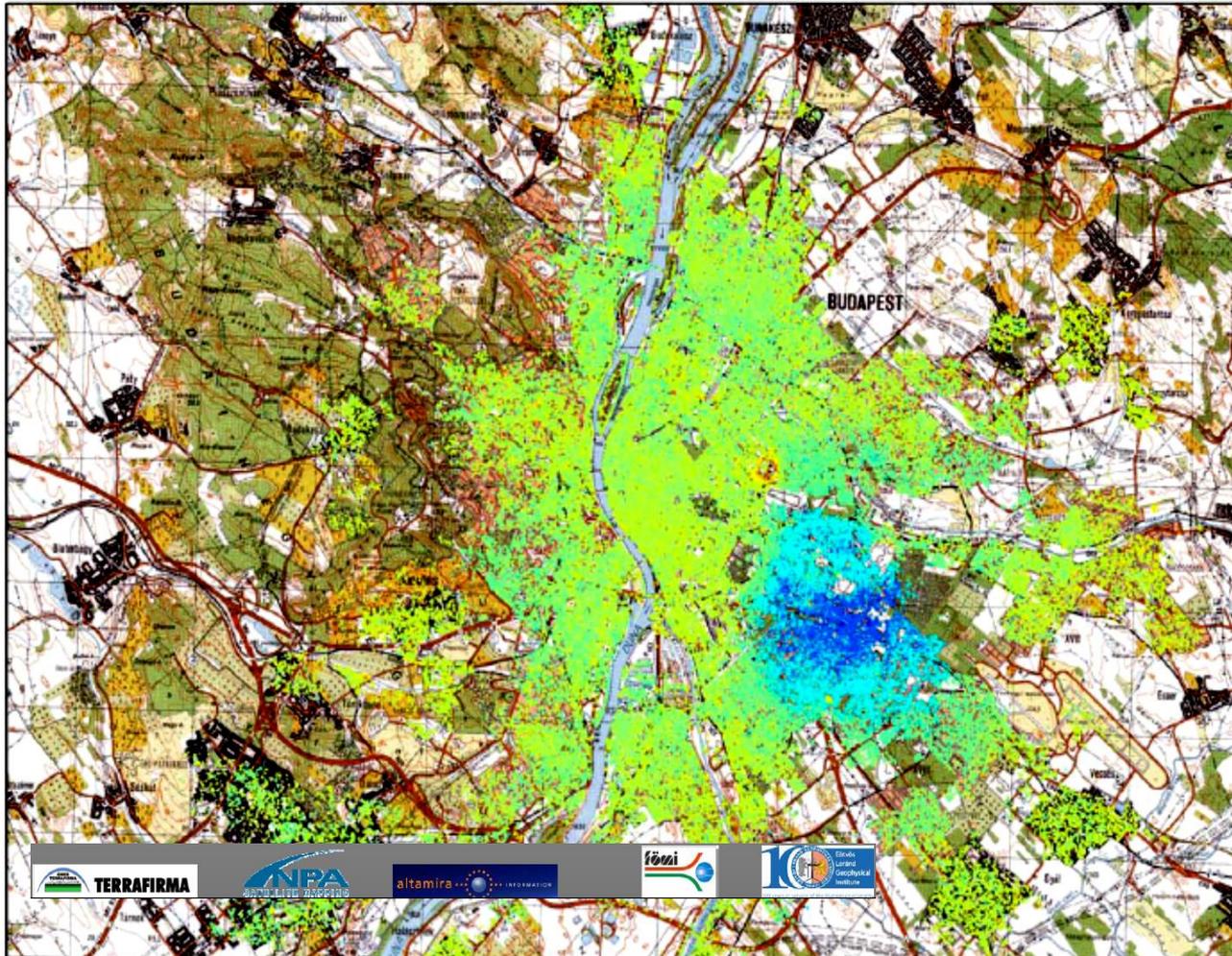
# Subsidence map

**1992-2006:  
ASAR provides  
continuity  
to ERS  
measurements**



Average annual motion rate (mm/yr)  
5 and more  
0  
-5 and more





**Terrafirma - Budapest  
PSInSAR dataset (velocity)**

B.Füsi, Á.Gulyás, L.Vértessy:  
ELGI Eötvös Loránd  
Geophysical Inst.

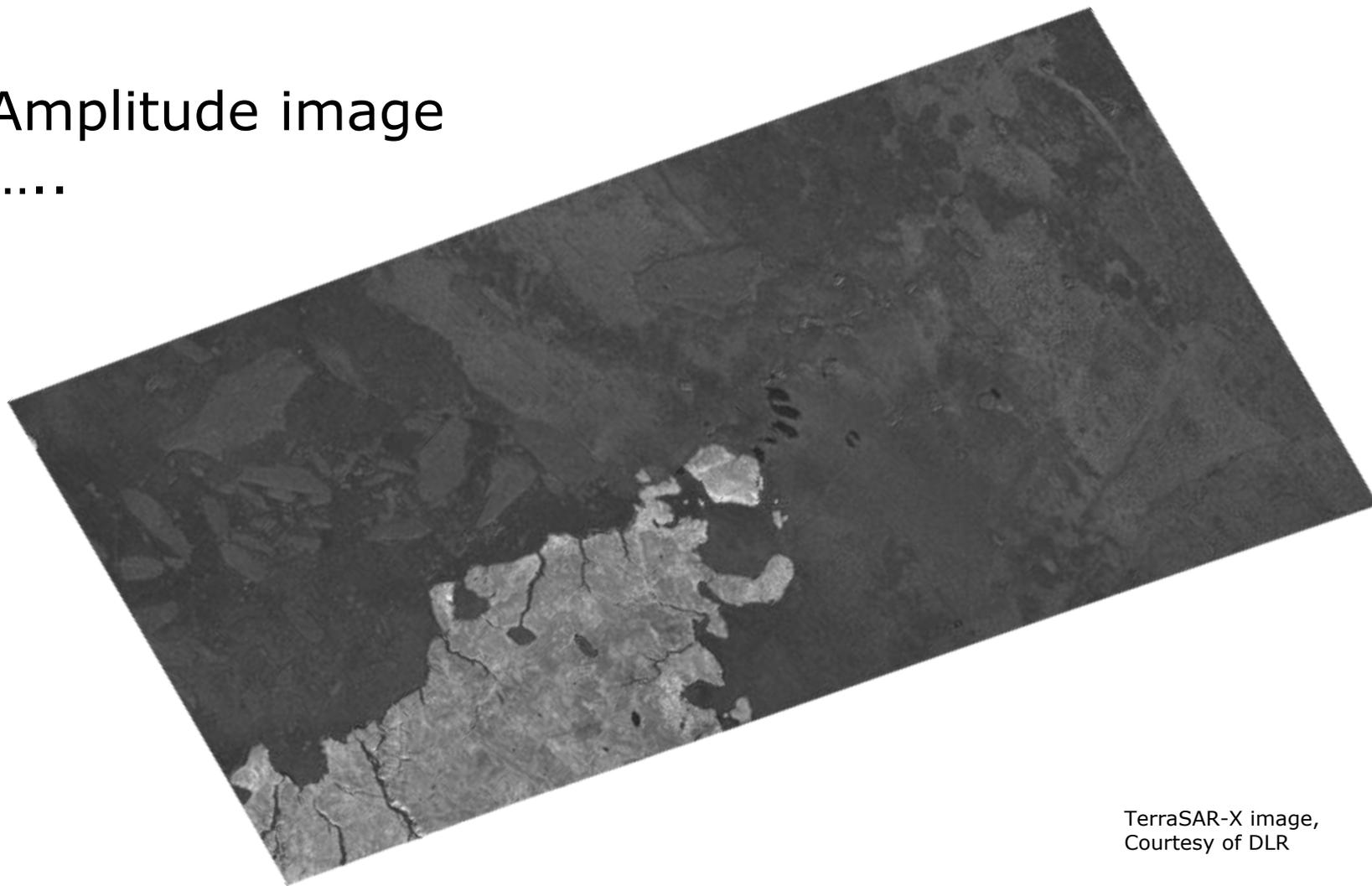
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# Topography Applications

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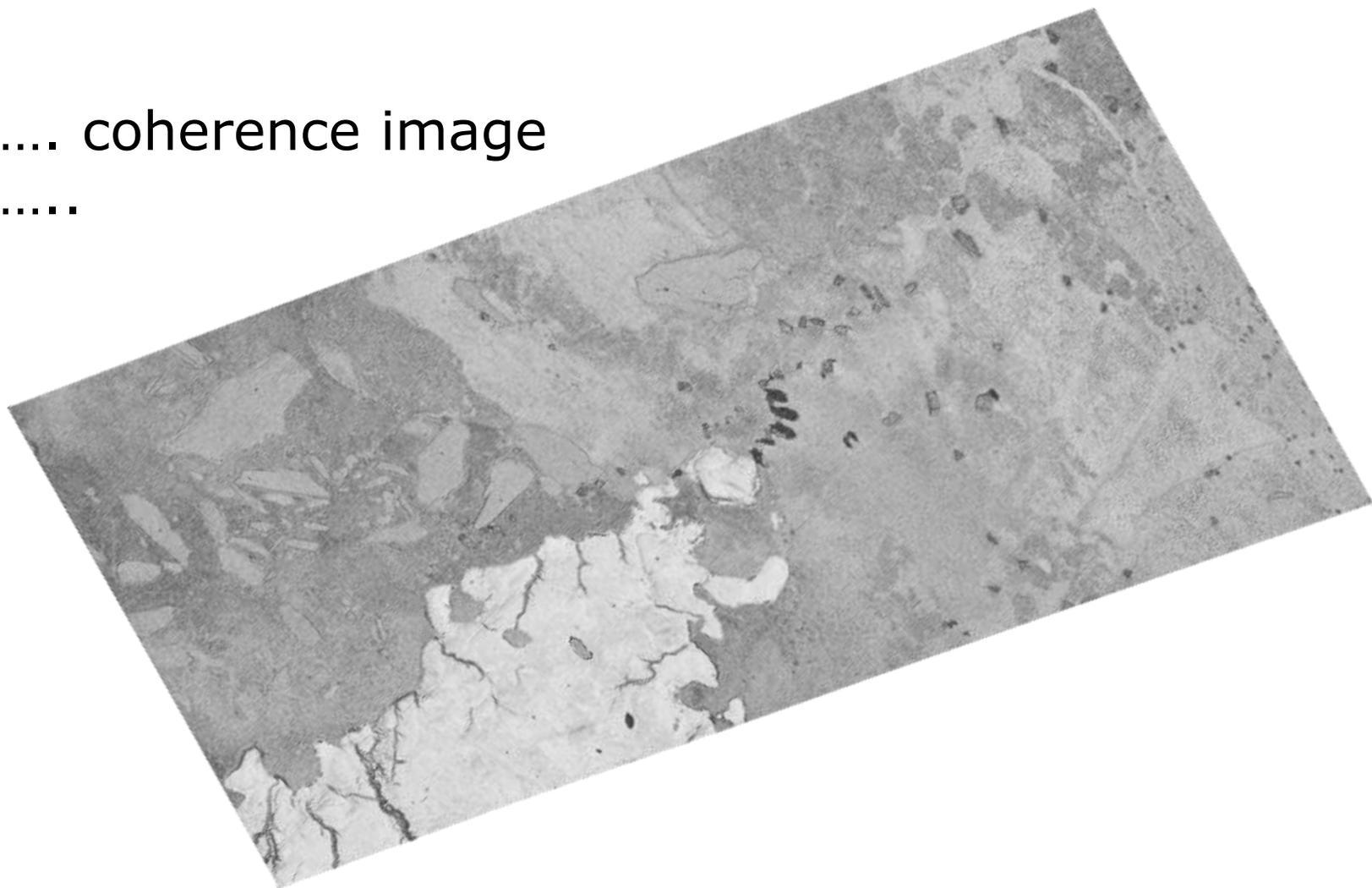
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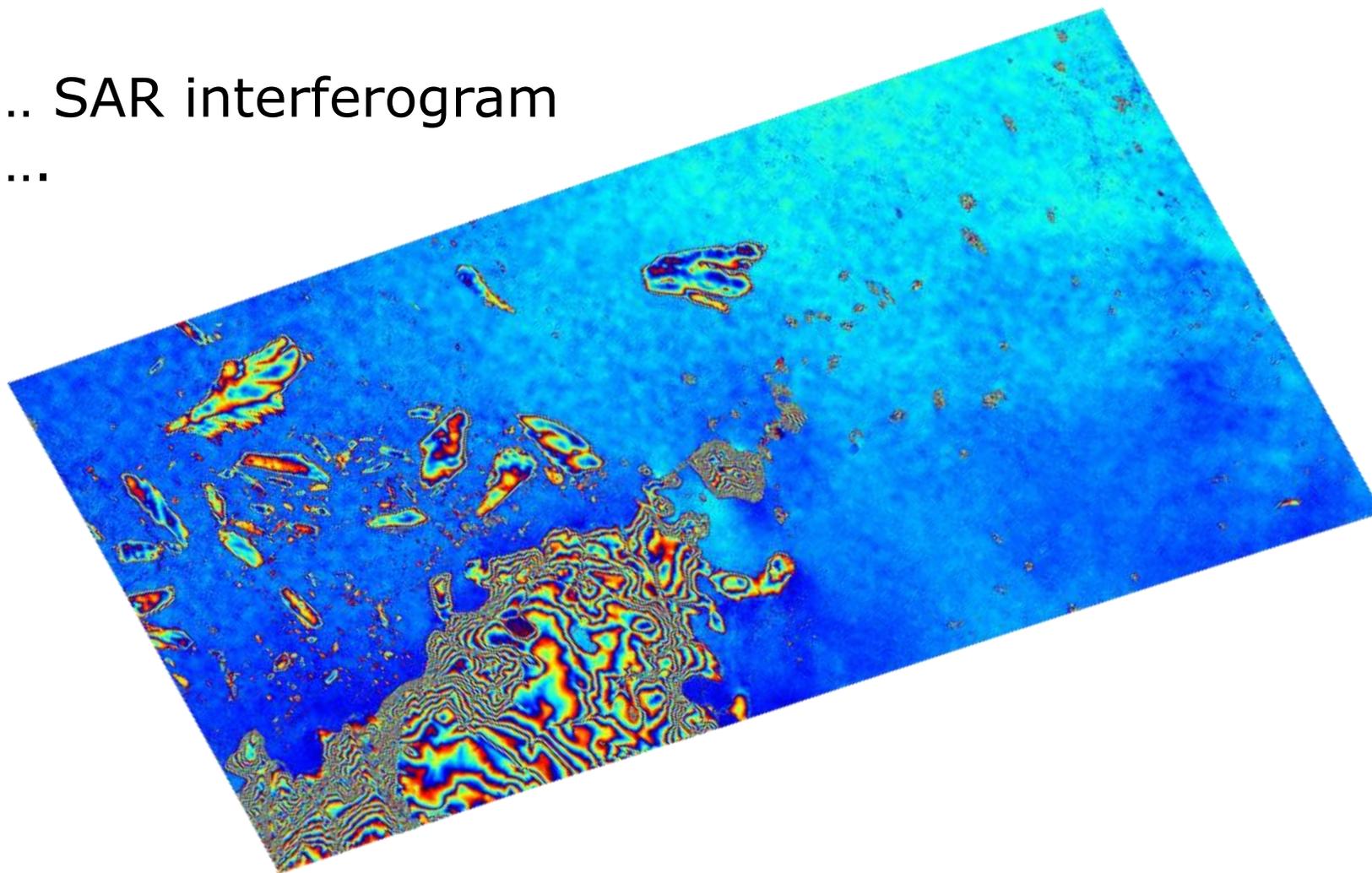
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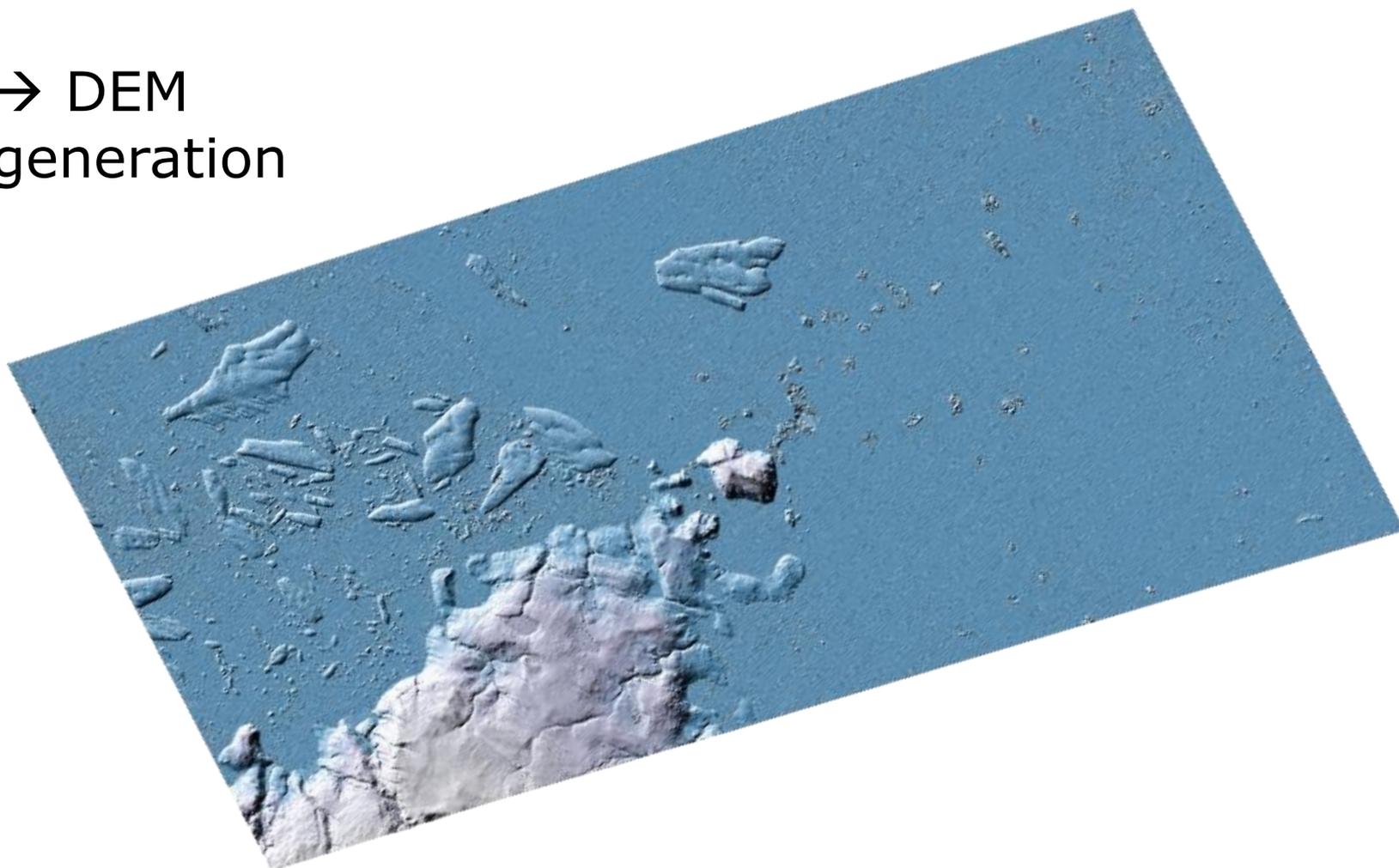
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TerraSAR-X image,  
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→ DEM  
generation



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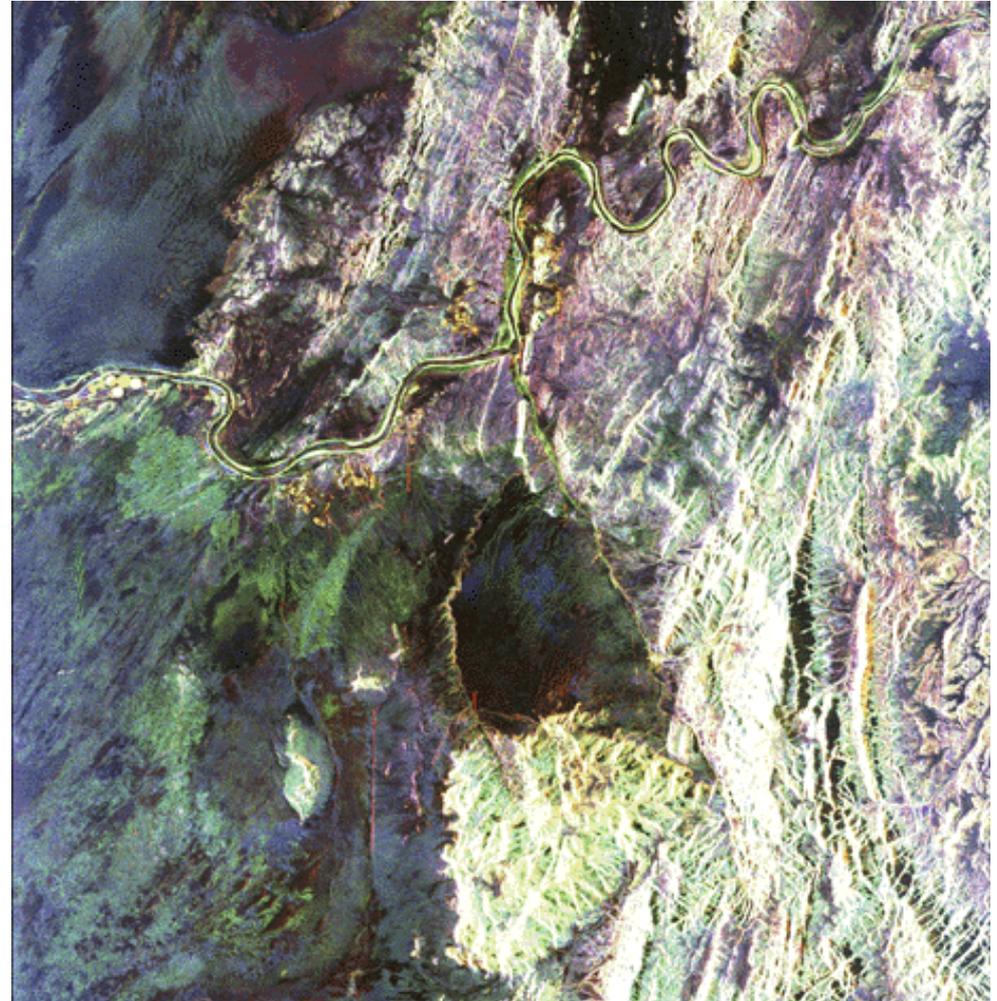
# Mineral Exploration



**SIR-C/XSAR**  
**South Africa**  
**April 18, 1994**

	<b>L-HH</b>
	<b>L-HV</b>
	<b>C-HV</b>

Imaged area :  
55 km \* 60 km



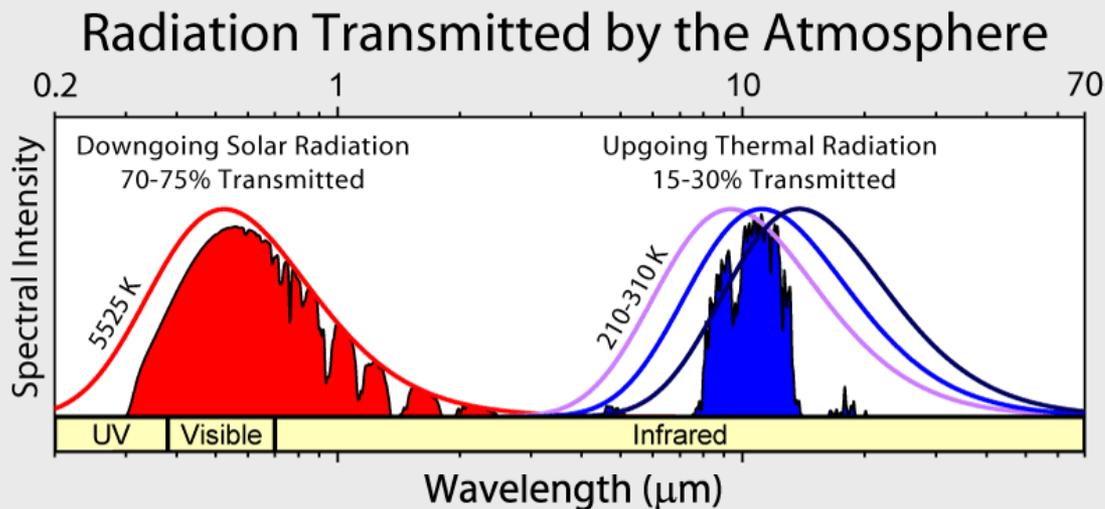
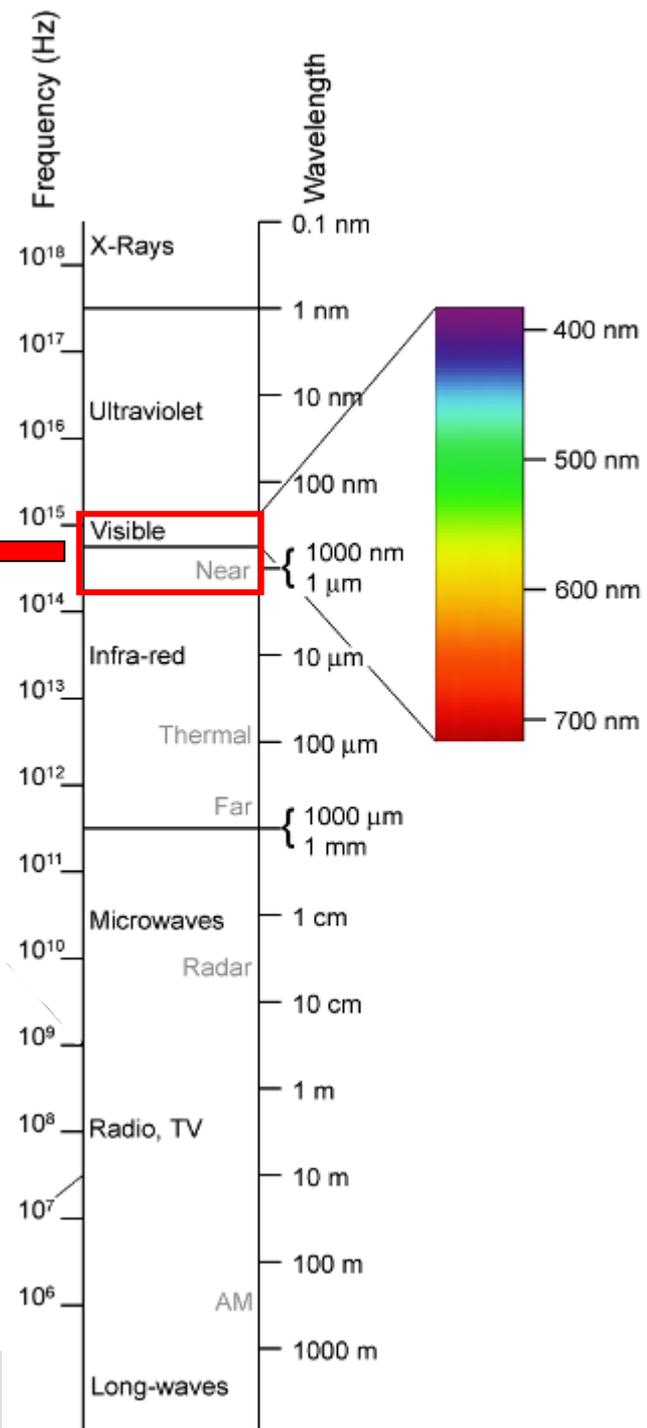
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**SENTINEL-2**

# The electromagnetic spectrum

**Visible (VIS) + Near Infrared (NIR) = Optical** ←



# Launch of Sentinel-2A

- June 23, 2015
- Launch from French Guiana Space Base
- Vega rocket



## *Mission profile*

-  Multispectral instrument with **13** spectral bands (VIS, NIR & SWIR)
-  Sun synchronous orbit at **786 km** mean altitude and 98.5° inclination
-  **290 km** swath width
-  **5 days** repeat cycle at Equator (cloud free) with 2 satellites
-  **7 years** design life time, consumables for 12 years
-  **10 m, 20 m** and **60 m** spatial resolution (depending on the band) (1)

## *Mission objectives :*

- Generic **land cover maps**
- **Risk mapping** and disaster relief

# Sentinel-2

## The European "Super Landsat"



**SPOT 5**

**Landsat 8**

**Sentinel-2**

<b>Coverage (d)</b>	26	16	<b>5 (2 satellites)</b>
<b>Swath (km)</b>	60	185	<b>290</b>
<b>Spectral bands</b>	4+1	8+1	<b>13</b>
<b>Resolution (m)</b>	2.5	30,(15)	<b>10,20,(60)</b>

Band name	Resolution (m)	Central wavelength (nm)	Band width (nm)	Purpose
B01	60	443	20	Aerosol detection
B02	10	490	65	Blue
B03	10	560	35	Green
B04	10	665	30	Red
B05	20	705	15	Vegetation classification
B06	20	740	15	Vegetation classification
B07	20	783	20	Vegetation classification
B08	10	842	115	Near infrared
B08A	20	865	20	Vegetation classification
B09	60	945	20	Water vapour
B10	60	1375	30	Cirrus
B11	20	1610	90	Snow / ice / cloud discrimination
B12	20	2190	180	Snow / ice / cloud discrimination

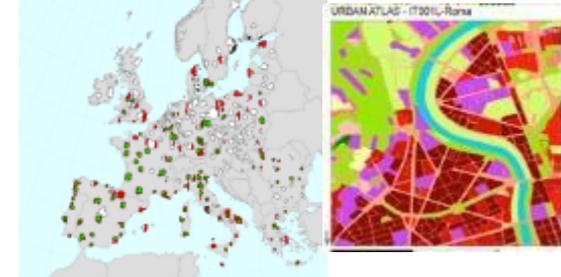
# S-2: Large range of applications...



*Agriculture, Forests & Carbon, Vegetation monitoring*



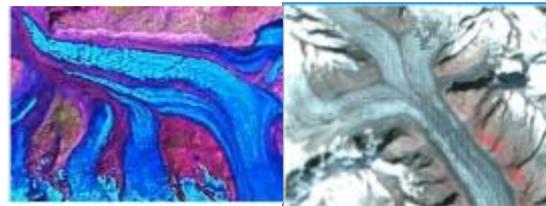
*Land cover classification, high resolution layers & change.*



*Regional to Urban Applications*



*Emergency management*



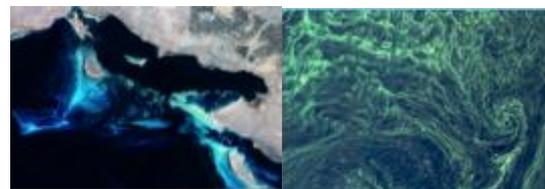
*Glaciers & Ice*



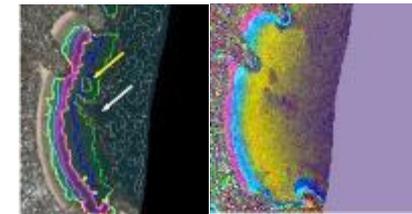
*Global Land use & change*



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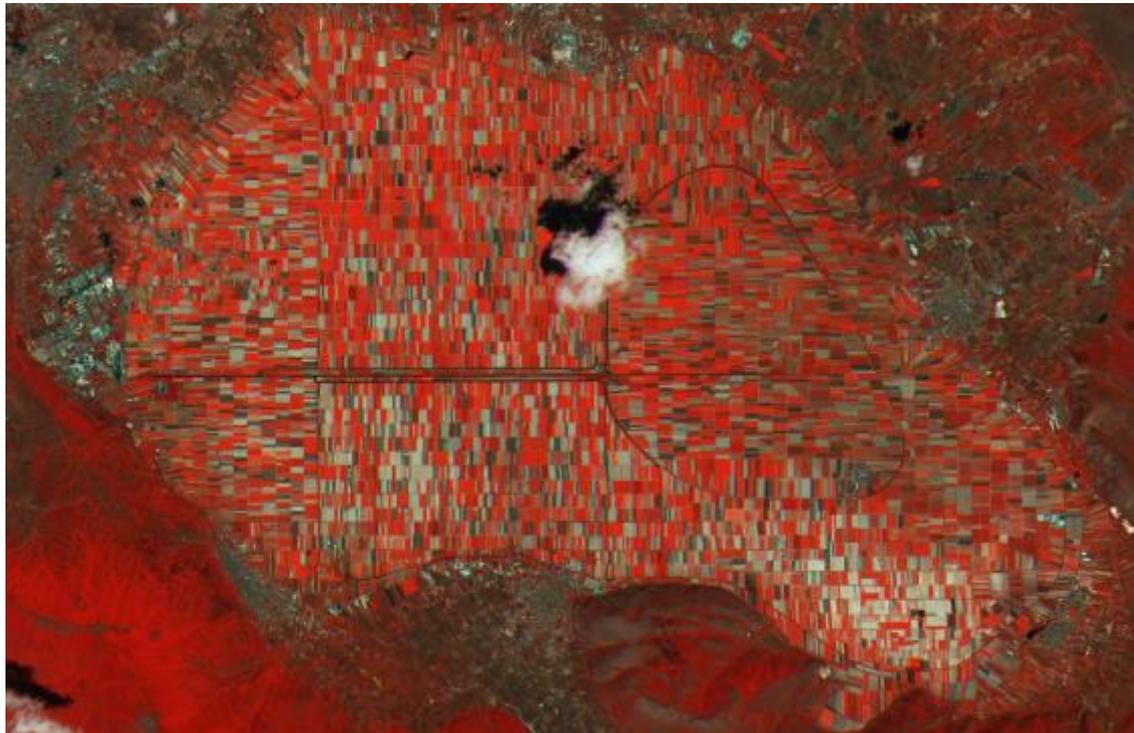


*Coastal zones/bathymetry*

# Sentinel-2: Agriculture

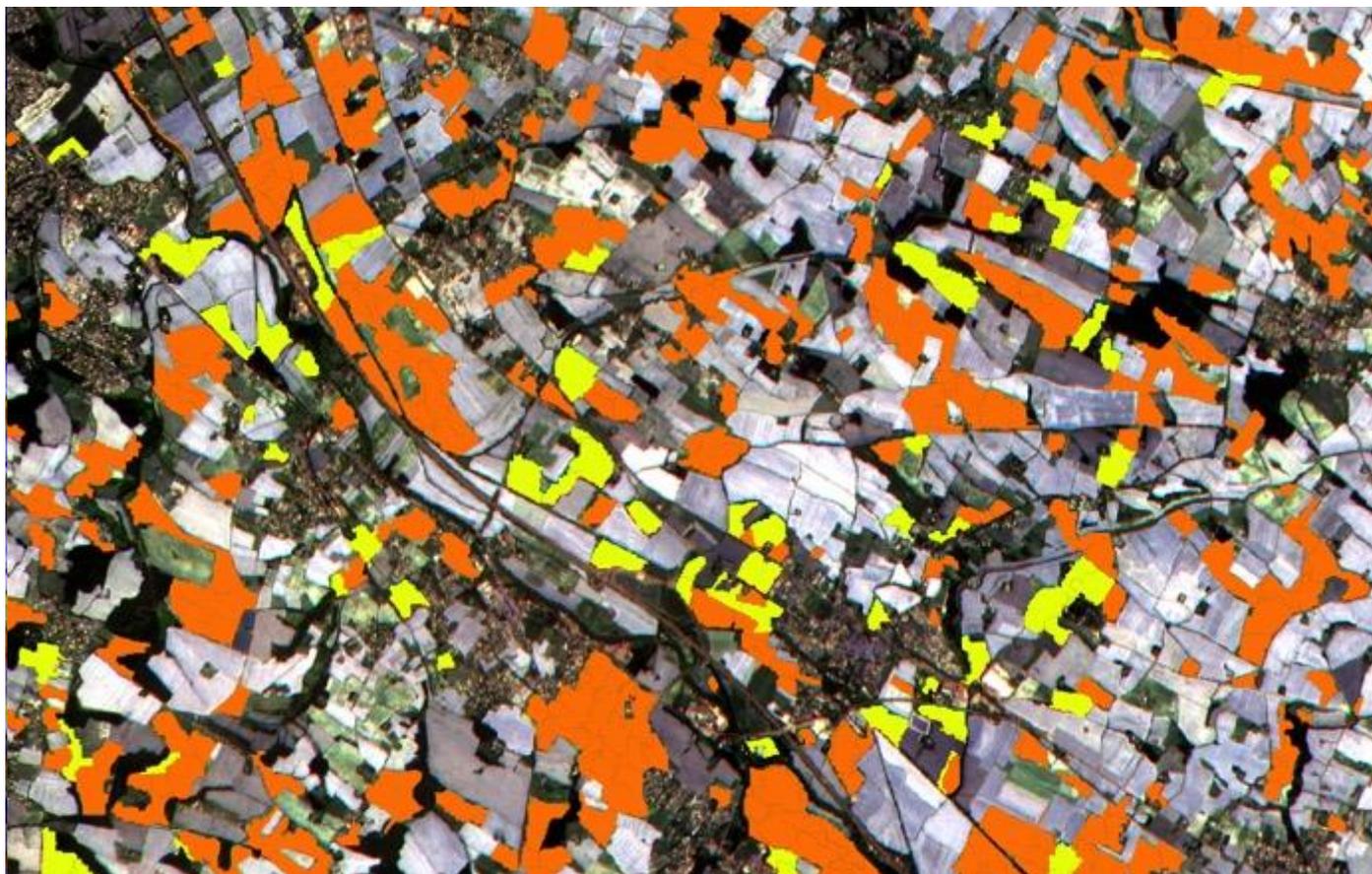
Sentinel-2 is the first optical mission to **include 3 bands in the 'red edge'**, providing information on the state of vegetation

Sentinel-2 for agriculture :  
**[esa-sen2agri.org](http://esa-sen2agri.org)**



# Usage of red-edge bands

Toulouse area (France) - Sentinel-2 – 06 July 2015



Summer Crops  
Map – 6 July 2015

- Sunflower
- Maize

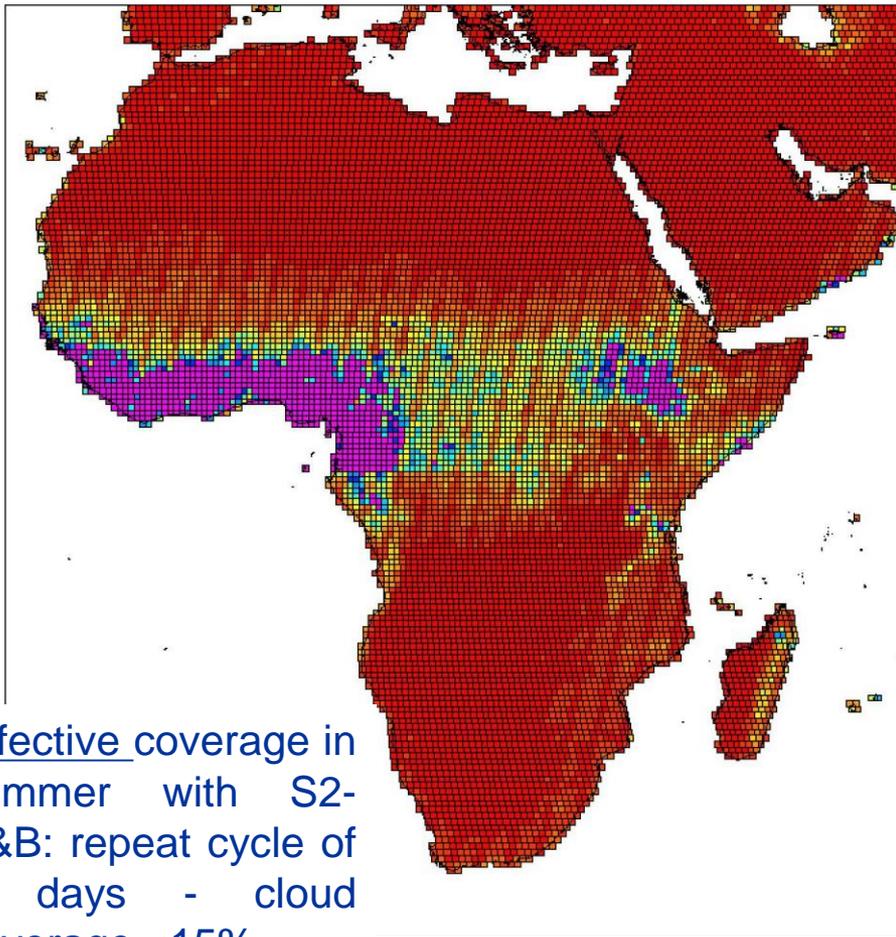
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S2AGri, UCL,  
Cesbio, ESA

# Vegetation monitoring

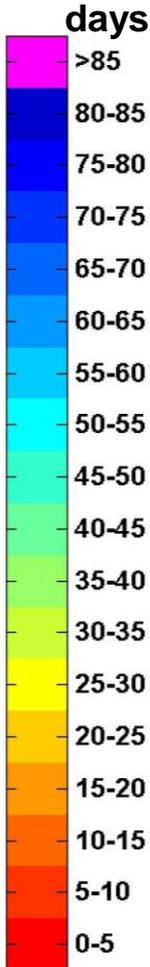


# Sentinel-2: Agriculture

Sentinel-2 Revisit Time Capability  
5 days revisit for crop dynamics



Effective coverage in summer with S2-A&B: repeat cycle of 5 days - cloud coverage <15%



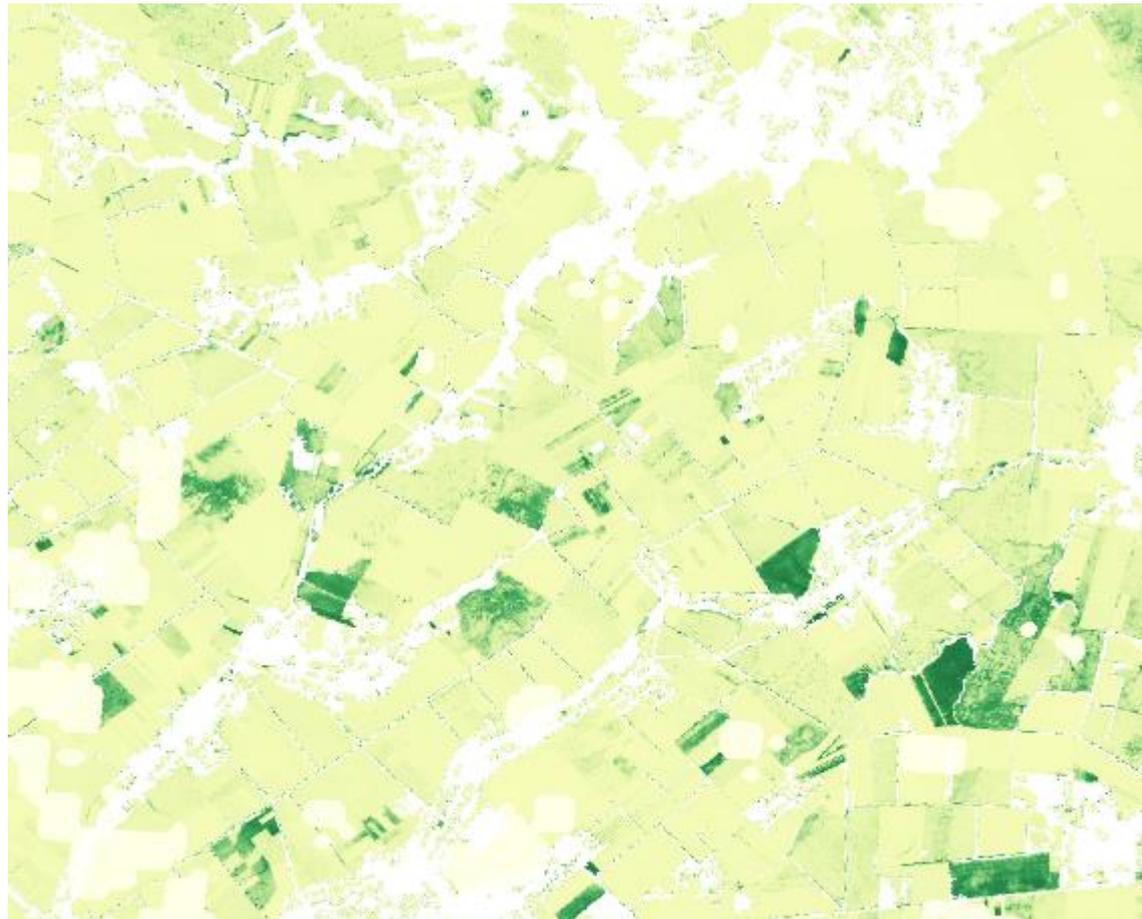
South Africa JECAM site: 5 days revisit, February-June 2013 - RapidEye



Monthly cloud free composites possible for most areas

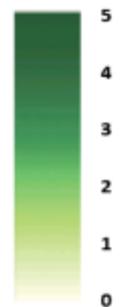
# S2 crop status monitoring over the season

- 18 Feb. 16
- 18 Apr. 16
- 28 Apr. 16
- 17 Jun. 16
- 17 Jul. 16
- 8 Sept. 16



Ukraine  
2016

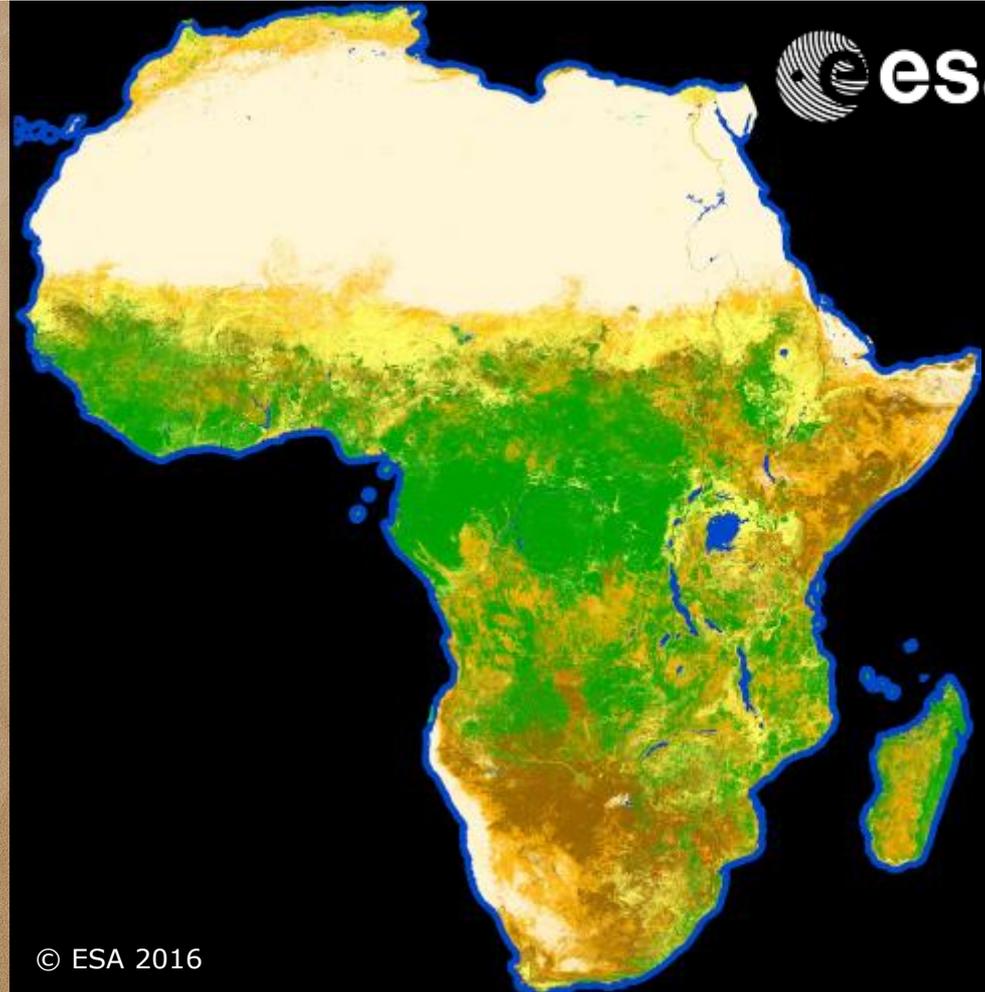
Leaf Area Index



# Land Cover Typology

180.000 Sentinel-2A  
images

Dec. 2015 – Dec. 2016

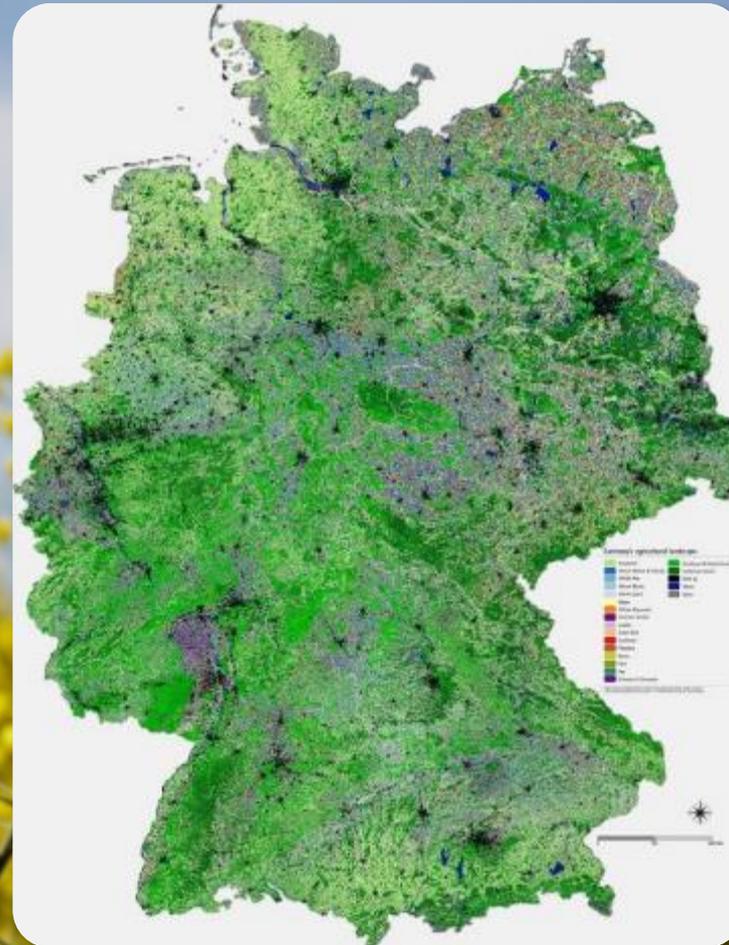


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# Agricultural Land Use

## Distinguishing 15 crop types Germany

Mixed Sentinel-2 and Landsat-8 Data

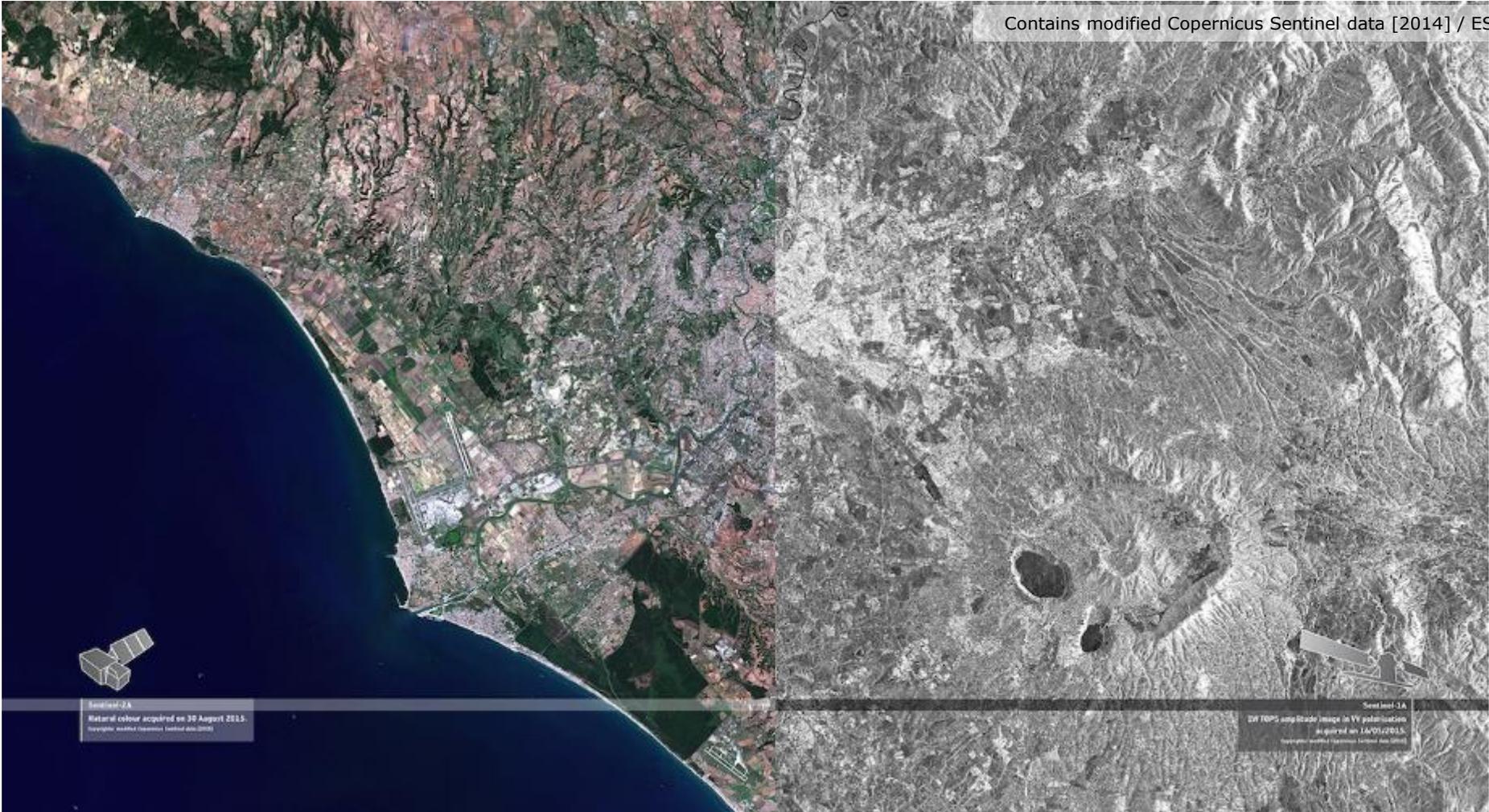


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# Sentinel-1, -2 and -3 Synergy

Contains modified Copernicus Sentinel data [2014] / ESA

# Sentinel-1 & -2 Synergy





Synergy of  
Sentinel-1 & -2

# Sentinels in Co-Operation

Using both S1 and S2 data (and Landsat-8).

Innovative crop type map at national scale: pilot project for potential future Copernicus service agricultural components

## → CZECH AGRICULTURE FROM SPACE

contains modified Copernicus Sentinel data [2016]



### CZECH CROP TYPE MAP 2015

-  winter rapeseed
-  winter cereals
-  spring cereals
-  sugarbeet
-  maize
-  potatoes
-  fodder crops
-  other annual crops

Data sources:  
Sentinel-1, Sentinel-2,  
Landsat-8, Czech LPIS

# Sentinel-1A und -2A: Traffic Jam on the Danube

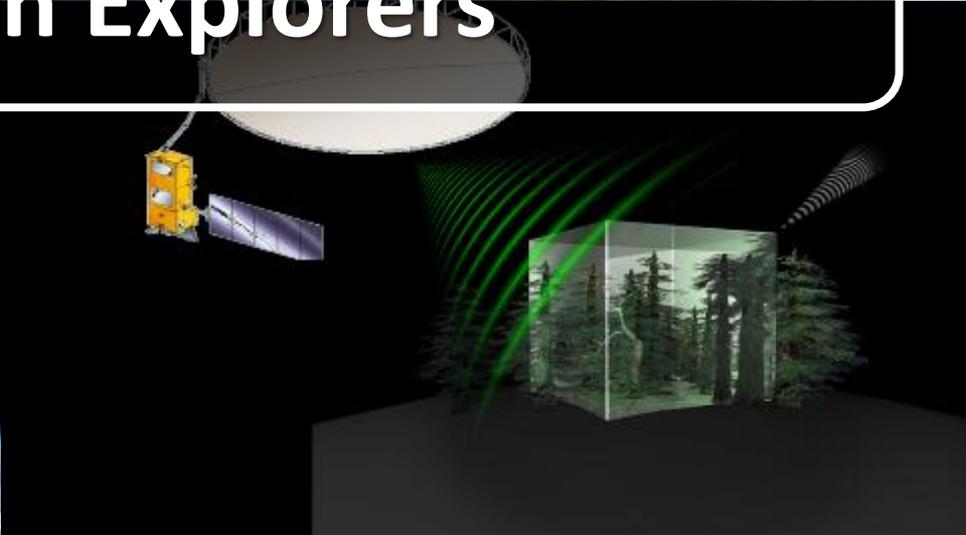


**SENTINEL-1A**  
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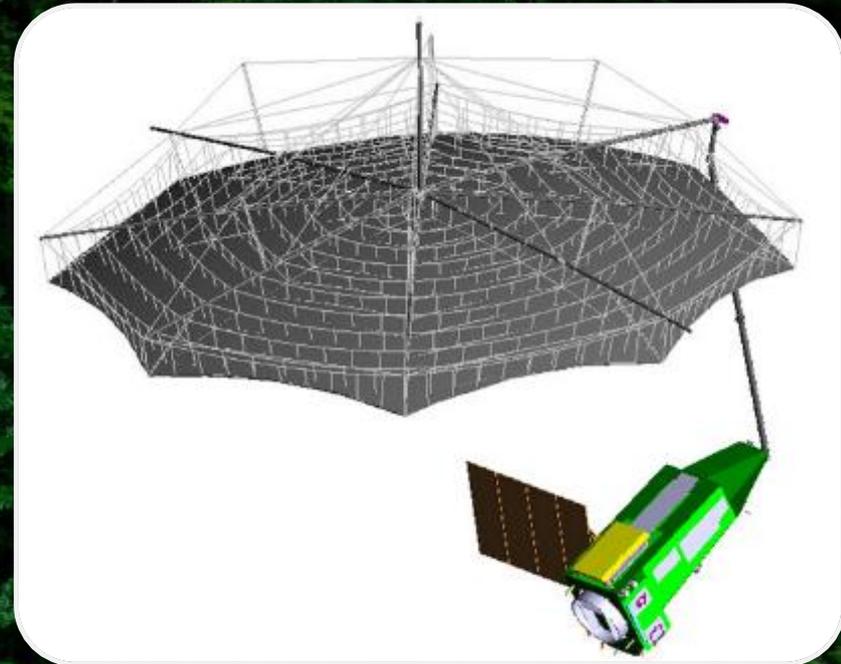


# Future Earth Explorers



# BIOMASS

<b>Mission</b>	Measure of forest biomass and height (200 m. pixel resolution)
<b>Payload</b>	P-Band radar
<b>Orbit</b>	SSO, alt: 666 km; LTAN: 6h00
<b>Satellite</b>	1250 Kg
<b>Consortium</b>	Prime: ADS-UK, Instrument: ADS-DE
<b>Launch date</b>	2022
<b>Lifetime</b>	5.5 years



# Biomass, what information will we get



**Above-ground biomass  
(tons/hectare)**

- 200 m resolution
- 1 map every 6 months
- global coverage of forested areas
- accuracy of 20%, or 10 t ha<sup>-1</sup> for biomass < 50 t ha<sup>-1</sup>



**Upper canopy height  
(meter)**

- 200 m resolution
- 1 map every 6 months
- global coverage of forested areas
- accuracy of 20-30%

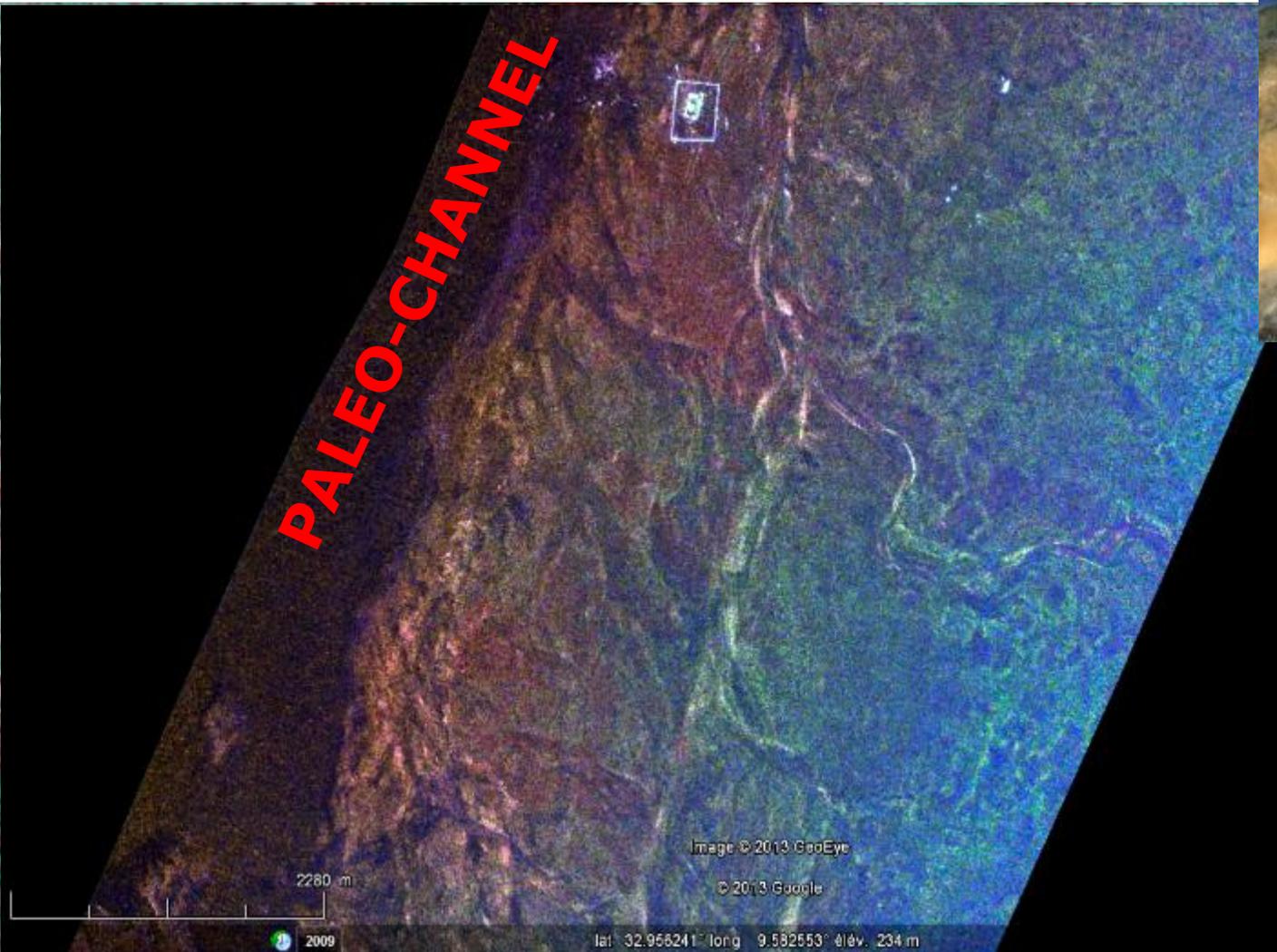


**Areas of forest  
clearing (hectare)**

- 50 m resolution
- 1 map every 6 months
- global coverage of forested areas
- 90% classification accuracy

# P-band enhances subsurface imaging in arid zones

## P-band SAR





# ESA EO DATA ACCESS & RESOURCES

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## - SENTINEL Overview

ESA is developing a series of next-generation Earth observation missions, on behalf of the joint ESA/European Commission Initiative GMES (Global Monitoring for Environment and Security).

The goal of the SENTINEL program is to replace the current older Earth observation missions which have reached retirement, such as the ERS mission, or are currently nearing the end of their operational life span. This will ensure a continuity of data so that there are no gaps in ongoing studies.

Each mission will focus on a different aspect of Earth observation; Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Land monitoring, and the data will be of use in many applications.

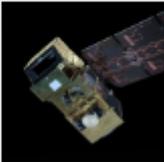
For mission planning information, see the [Copernicus Mission pages](#).

## - SENTINEL Missions



**SENTINEL-1**  
With the objectives of Land and Ocean monitoring, SENTINEL-1 will be composed of two polar-orbiting satellites operating day and night, and will perform Radar imaging, enabling them to acquire imagery regardless of the weather. The first SENTINEL-1 satellite was launched in April 2014.

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**SENTINEL-2**  
The objective of SENTINEL-2 is land monitoring, and the mission will be composed of two polar-orbiting satellites providing high-resolution optical imagery. Vegetation, soil and coastal areas are among the monitoring objectives. The first SENTINEL-2 satellite was launched in June 2015.

## Missions

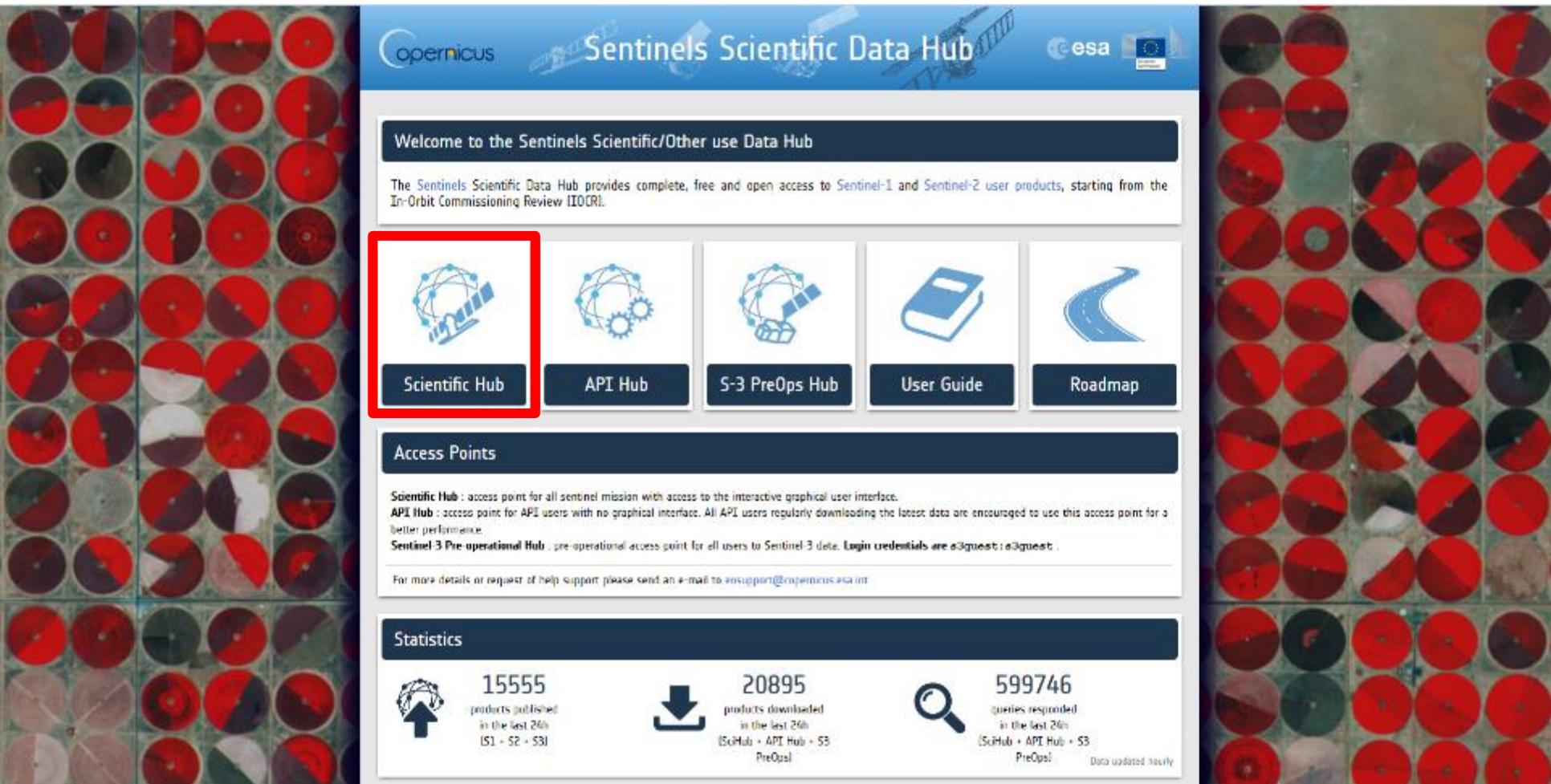
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- Collaborative Ground Segment
- International cooperation

## - Latest Sentinel News

- SciHub products publication delay:
- SciHub maintenance on 30 September 2016
- Sentinel-1B products available from 26
- Call for Sentinel-2 Validation Team (S2VT)
- Sentinels International Access Hub

## - Browse to Other Sites

- ESA Copernicus website
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- Thales Alenia Space



opernicus Sentinels Scientific Data Hub

Welcome to the Sentinels Scientific/Other use Data Hub

The Sentinels Scientific Data Hub provides complete, free and open access to Sentinel-1 and Sentinel-2 user products, starting from the In-Orbit Commissioning Review (IOCR).

- Scientific Hub
- API Hub
- S-3 PreOps Hub
- User Guide
- Roadmap

**Access Points**

**Scientific Hub** : access point for all sentinel mission with access to the interactive graphical user interface.  
**API Hub** : access point for API users with no graphical interface. All API users regularly downloading the latest data are encouraged to use this access point for a better performance.  
**Sentinel 3 Pre-operational Hub** : pre-operational access point for all users to Sentinel 3 data. **Login credentials are a3quest : a3quest**.

For more details or request of help support please send an e-mail to [en-support@copernicus.esa.int](mailto:en-support@copernicus.esa.int)

**Statistics**

 15555 products published in the last 24h (S1 - S2 - S3)	 20895 products downloaded in the last 24h (SciHub + API Hub + S3 PreOps)	 599746 queries responded in the last 24h (SciHub + API Hub + S3 PreOps) <small>Data updated hourly</small>
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➤ open and free on-line access to Sentinel-1 products | Access through self-registration

## ESA Data Access page



- The common architecture for all **Sentinel Toolboxes** and **SMOS Toolbox** is called Sentinel Application Platform (SNAP).
- SNAP architecture is ideal for Earth Observation processing and analysis due the following technological innovations: Extensibility, Portability, Modular Rich Client Platform, Generic EO Data Abstraction, Tiled Memory Management and a Graph Processing Framework.

Activity funded through SEOM element of ESA's EOEP-4 ([www.seom.esa.int](http://www.seom.esa.int))

# Opportunities for EO training

<https://eo4society.esa.int/training-education/>

eo science for society



## EO training & education

ESA undertakes a wide range of activities in the field of Earth Observation (EO) education, training and capacity building. The scope of these activities ranges from high level training in state-of-the-art processing for the next generation of scientists to more general outreach activities and Earth Observation education for schools.

# Training courses at University level in Europe: Earth Observation Summer Schools in ESRIN



Usually organized **every 2 years**, open to students from worldwide, free tuition



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## ▾ Training

A key pillar of the RUS service is the provision of **free training** aiming to bridge knowledge gaps which may limit the use of Copernicus data.

The RUS training offer includes:

- **Face-to-face sessions** which focus on remote sensing applications and are dedicated to different user categories, from beginners to trainers. These events are generally split in a **theory** part and a **hands-on** one, the latter being carried out within the RUS working environment each attendee is delivered at the beginning of the session.  
The number of such events is limited to a few each year, collocated as far as possible with large Earth observation events to facilitate user attendance.  
You can check at any time the list of [forthcoming face-to-face sessions](#).
- **Webinars** aiming to demonstrate in a concrete way how the RUS working environment can help you to process data and derive results. Their typical duration is **90 minutes**.  
[Upcoming webinars](#) are generally advertised a few weeks in advance to allow registration. However, if you miss one of them, you can re-play it on the [RUS Copernicus Training channel](#) available on YouTube or consult the synthesis of questions and answers discussed at the event time in the section [Training past events](#).  
You can also repeat step by step the exercise corresponding to each webinar in a RUS working environment using the tutorial available in our [Training Library](#).

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## ECHOES IN SPACE

1st MOOC on Radar Remote Sensing

History - Basics - Applications

Fall 2017



**HISTORY** **GEOMETRY**  
**LAND** **WATER** **HAZARD**

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MOOC Videos accessible on youtube all the time.  
Exercises accessible via PDF tutorials prepared for CONAE and delivered to CONAE



<http://eo-college.org>

**To be followed in 2019 by an extensive re-run with more lessons and exercises (contribution from CSA) !!!!**



# Previous ESA EO MOOCs

## Monitoring Climate from Space



Explore our planet from space and learn how Earth observation is used to monitor climate change, with this free online course.

## Earth Observation from Space: the Optical View



Discover how optical Earth observation data is gathered and used in this free online course from the European Space Agency (ESA).

- **3<sup>rd</sup> ESA MOOC on Climate from Space “Greenland special”**

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/climate-from-space>

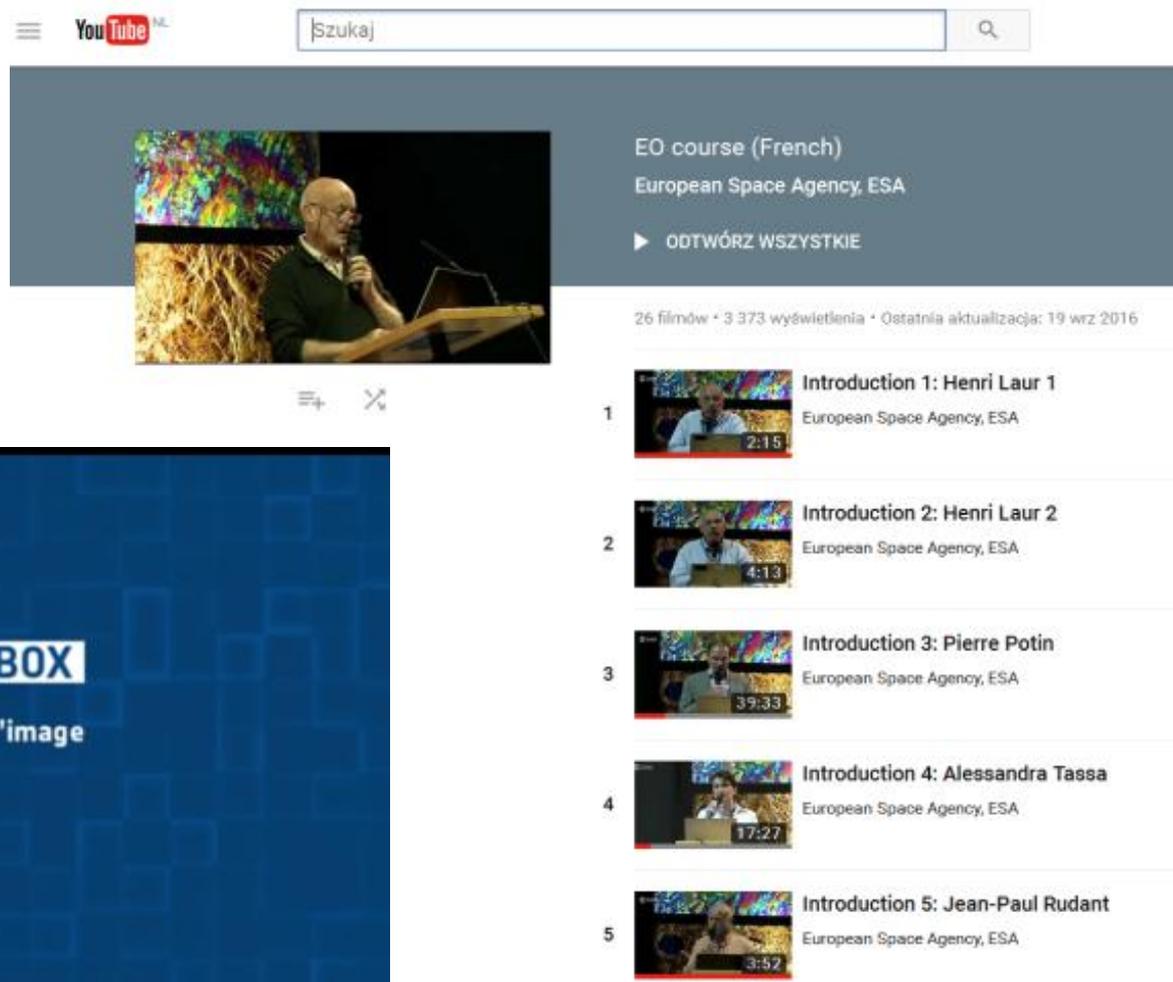
- **1<sup>st</sup> ESA MOOC on “EO from Space: The Optical View”**

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/optical-earth-observation>

- **1<sup>st</sup> ESA MOOC on “EO from Space: The Radar View”**  
Foreseen launch in October 2017

# Recent SAR video lectures and SNAP tutorials (French, with Spanish / English Subtitles)

- SAR basic theory and practical exercises with SNAP (French version)
- Subtitles (Spanish, English) published in July 2017



EO course (French)  
European Space Agency, ESA

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→ **SENTINEL-1 TOOLBOX**

**Chargement et Manipulation d'image**

- Chargement d'une image codée en 16b/pixel
- Génération d'une image codée en 8b/pixel
- Comparaison d'histogrammes
- Visualisation du profil des images

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# advanced course on radar polarimetry 2019

22–25 January | ESA–ESRIN | Frascati (Rome), Italy



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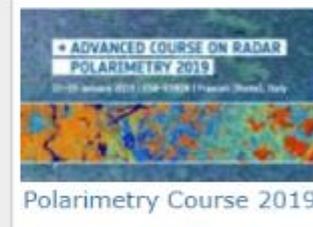
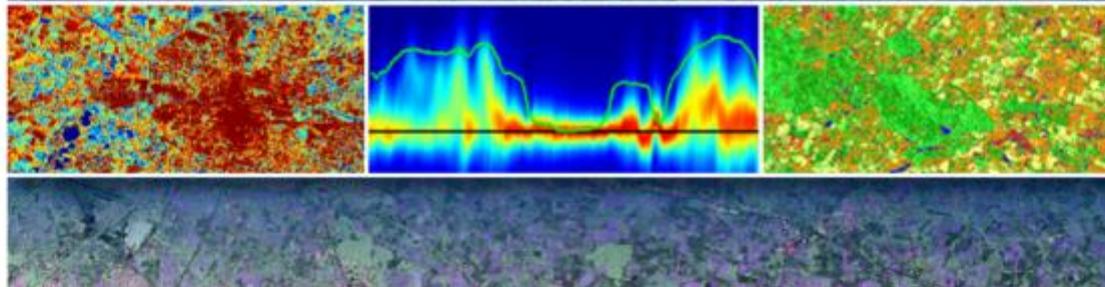
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28 January–1 February 2019 | ESA–ESRIN | Frascati (Rome), Italy



# living planet symposium

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13-17 May  
2019

UNDERSTANDING THE EARTH SYSTEM

SPACE 4.0 AND EARTH OBSERVATION

BENEFITS FOR A RESILIENT SOCIETY

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR INTERACTIONS

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17 June 2018

Abstracts  
11 November 2018

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April 2019

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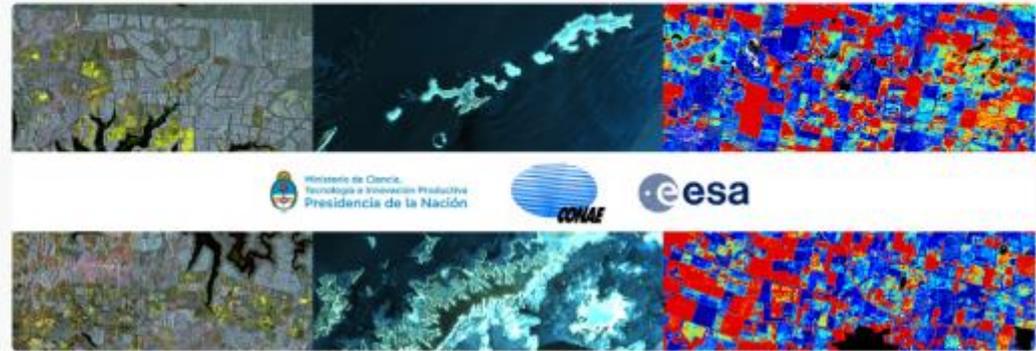
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# ESA/CONAE L/C/X band SAR Training Course

Buenos Aires, Argentina, 12 -17 November 2018

Jointly Organised by ESA & CONAE, in preparation of the exploitation of SAOCOM (L-band SAR) data, jointly with other C-band and X-band SAR missions. The course will include **SAR theory & practice**, with **SAR techniques and applications to natural resource management (forestry, agriculture) and emergencies**.

12 al 17 de Noviembre de 2018. Buenos Aires. Argentina



La Agencia Espacial Europea (ESA) en cooperación con la Comisión Nacional de Actividades Espaciales (CONAE) invitan a participar en el "Curso ESA-CONAE de Formación SAR en Bandas L/C/X" ("ESA/CONAE L/C/X band SAR Training Course") a desarrollarse del 12 al 17 de noviembre de 2018 en la Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Argentina. El principal objetivo de este curso es promover entre los participantes la utilización de las imágenes SAR en diferentes áreas de aplicación relevantes para la Argentina. El temario abarca desde una introducción general en teoría SAR hasta la sinergia entre las diferentes bandas (L/C/X) para el desarrollo de aplicaciones.

# Summary of the course

## Topics:

- SAR theory, techniques and applications (including computers practicals):
- InSAR, PolinSAR
- Applications to Forestry and Vegetation
- Ship detection and surfactant detection
- Ground displacement mapping
- Disaster monitoring
- Snow and glaciers mapping

## Teachers:

Renowned experts and scientists from European research institutes working with ESA

## List of sensors used:

- Sentinel-1 and Radarsat-2 (C-band)
- ALOS-2/PALSAR-2 and ALOS/PALSAR (L-band)
- Cosmo SkyMed and TerraSAR-X (X-band)

## Deforestation in Gran Chaco Region, AR

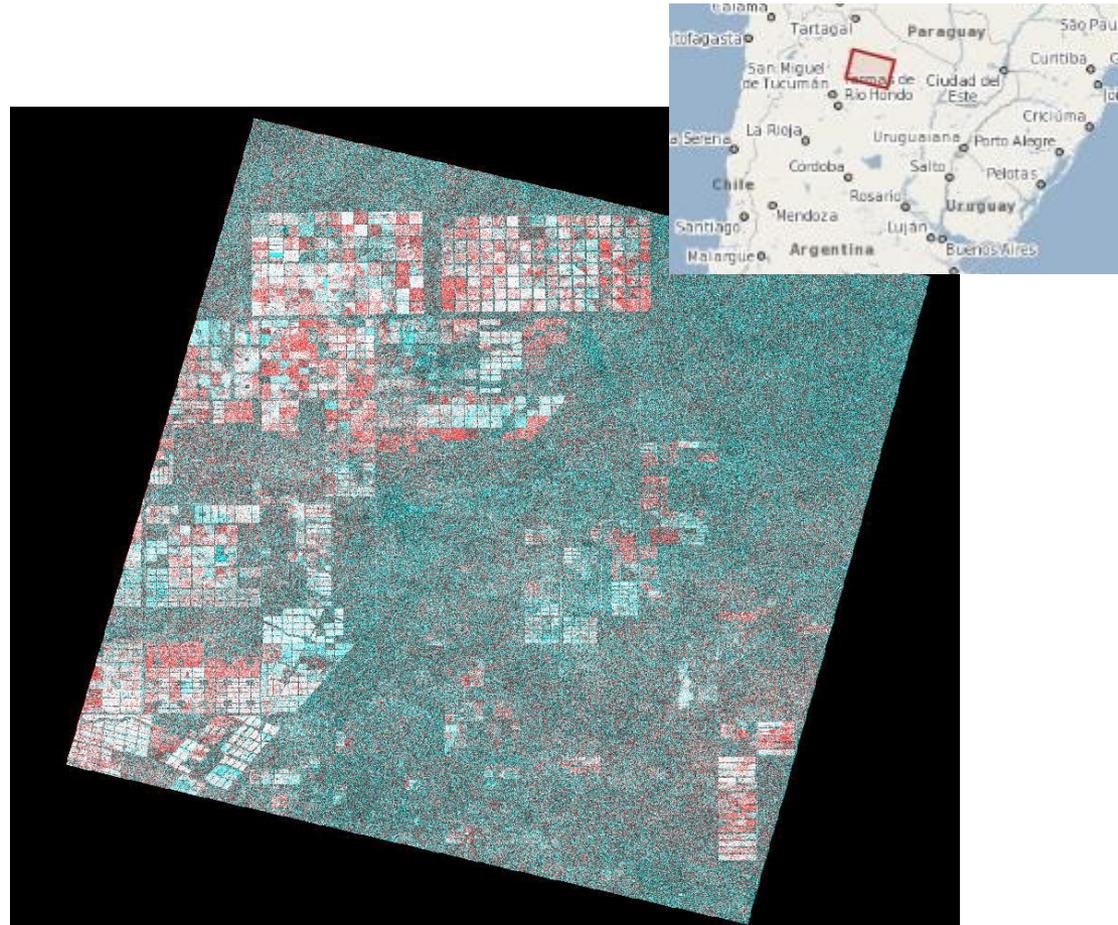
### Sentinel-1 (C-band) multi-temporal coherence analysis

Comparison of the interferometric coherence for two periods:

- Coherence between July & August 2016 (Cyan)
- Coherence between two dates of August 2018 (Red)

An increase in coherence indicates a decrease in vegetation.

Areas in Red indicate potential deforestation

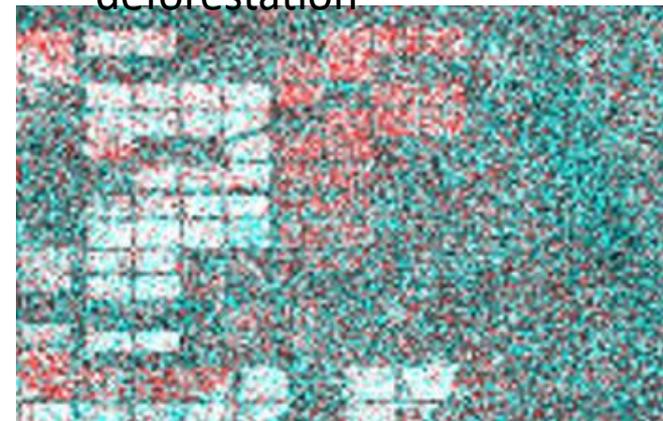


# Test-cases / practical exercises: Deforestation in Gran Chaco Region, AR

Sentinel-2 (Optical) August 2016 ~~Sentinel-2 (Optical) August 2018~~



Sentinel-1 (SAR) coherence analysis. Red: deforestation

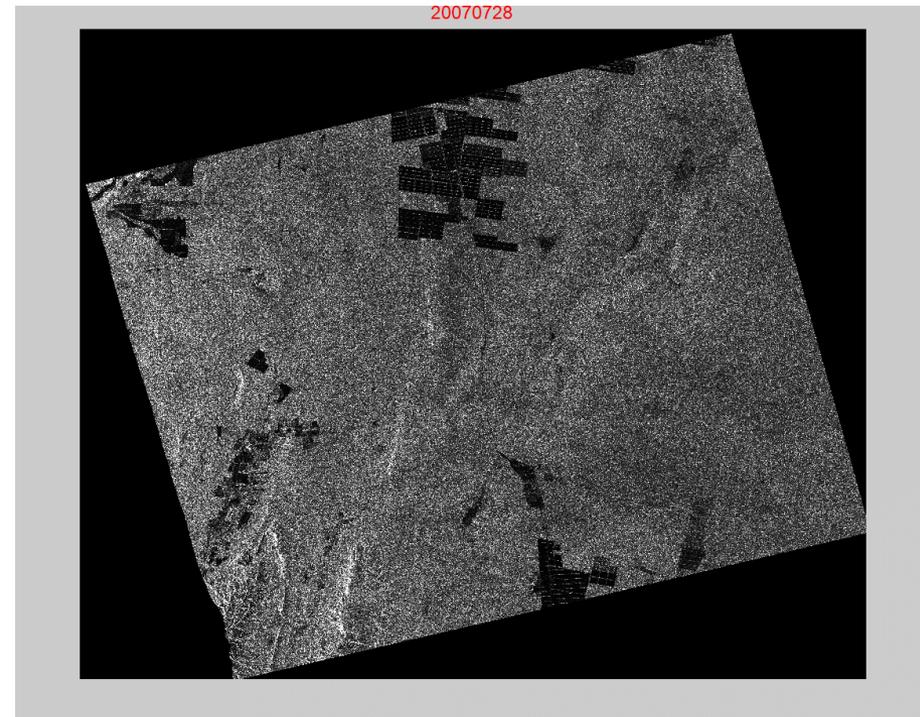


Sentinel-1 (C-band) analysis will be complemented with ALOS-2/PALSAR-2 (L-band)

# Test-cases / practical exercises:

## Deforestation in Salta Region, AR

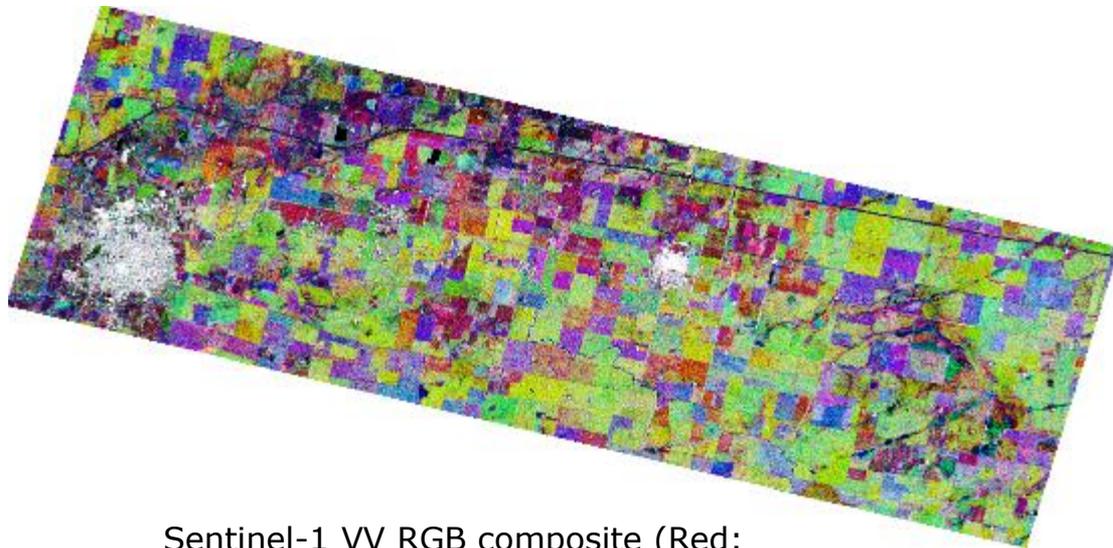
ALOS-1 (L-band) analysis will be complemented with Cosmo SkyMed (X-band) analysis



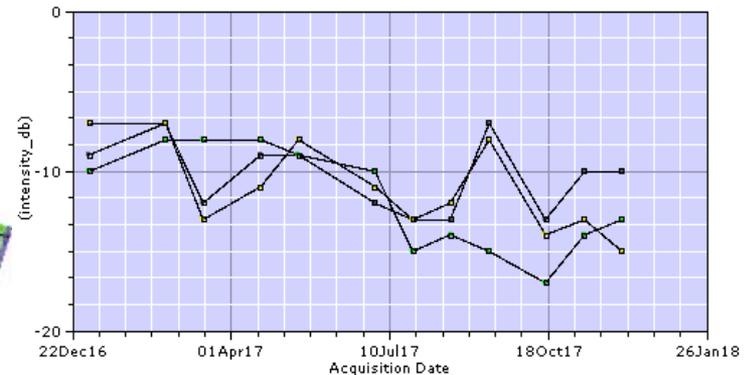
ALOS-1 animation (2007, 2009 and 2010)

# Test-cases / practical exercises: Agriculture in Cordoba Region, AR

Sentinel-1 (C-band) and Cosmo SkyMed (X-band) analysis,  
to be complemented with ALOS-2/PALSAR-2 (L-band)



Sentinel-1 VV RGB composite (Red: January 2017, Green: March 2017, Blue: September 2017)



Plot of backscatter time series for different crop types using Sentinel-1. Green points: corn, yellow points : soya, brown points: pasture

# Test-cases / practical exercises:

## Ground deformation due to a major Earthquake in Chile

2015 Earthquake in Chile (Nazca Plate Region):

**Sentinel-1** (C-band) Wrapped interferometric phase. To be complemented with **ALOS-1/PALSAR-1** (L-band), **TerraSAR-X** (X-band) and **Cosmo SkyMed** (X-band)

