

# Ground displacement monitoring exploiting multi-temporal stacks of SAR images

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# OUR Motivation

The Earth Surface is affected by a wide range of deformation phenomena



Glaciers



Earthquakes & Volcanoes



Landslides



Mining



Oil and Gas



Infrastructures



Development of reliable EO techniques to ensure the safety of people and the integrity of infrastructures in such areas

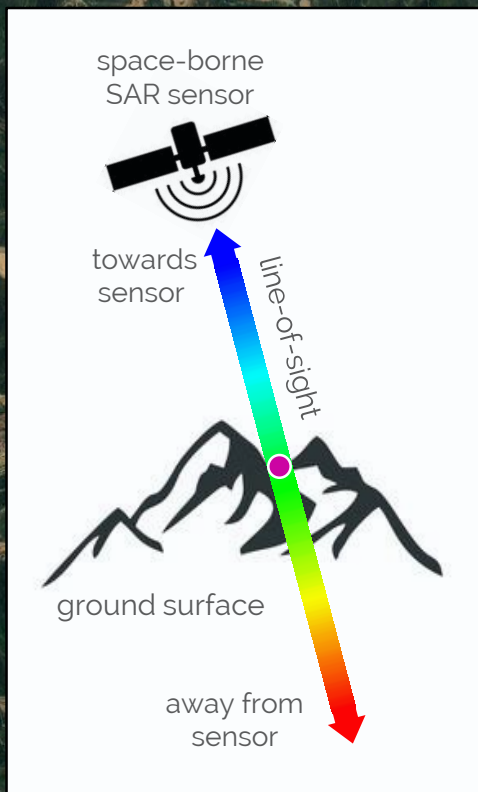


## OUR Vision

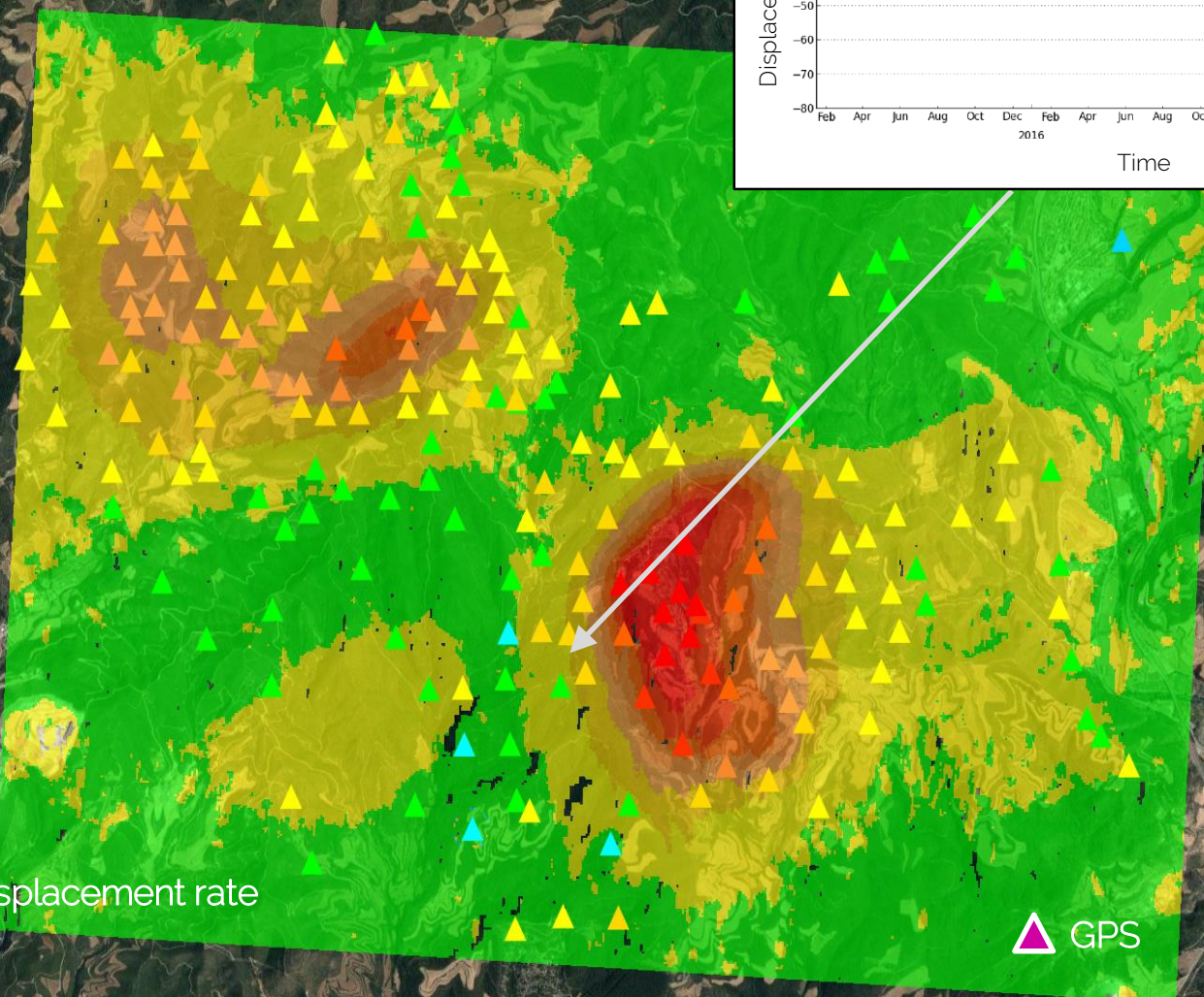
- We measure ground deformation using radar satellites (InSAR technology).
- Our measurements are of HIGHEST QUALITY and AFFORDABLE.
- We reduce operational costs and contribute to safety of operations.
- Leaders providing displacements maps with S1 sensor.



# OUR Products

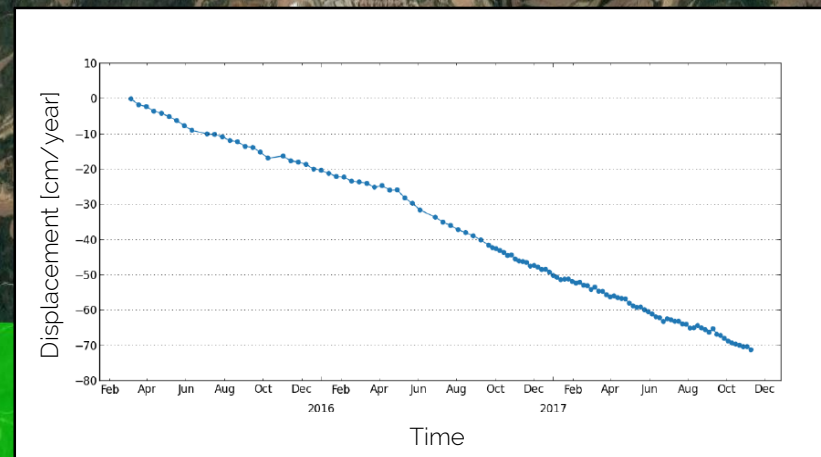


Displacement rate



△ GPS

Time-series



Displacement  
cm/year

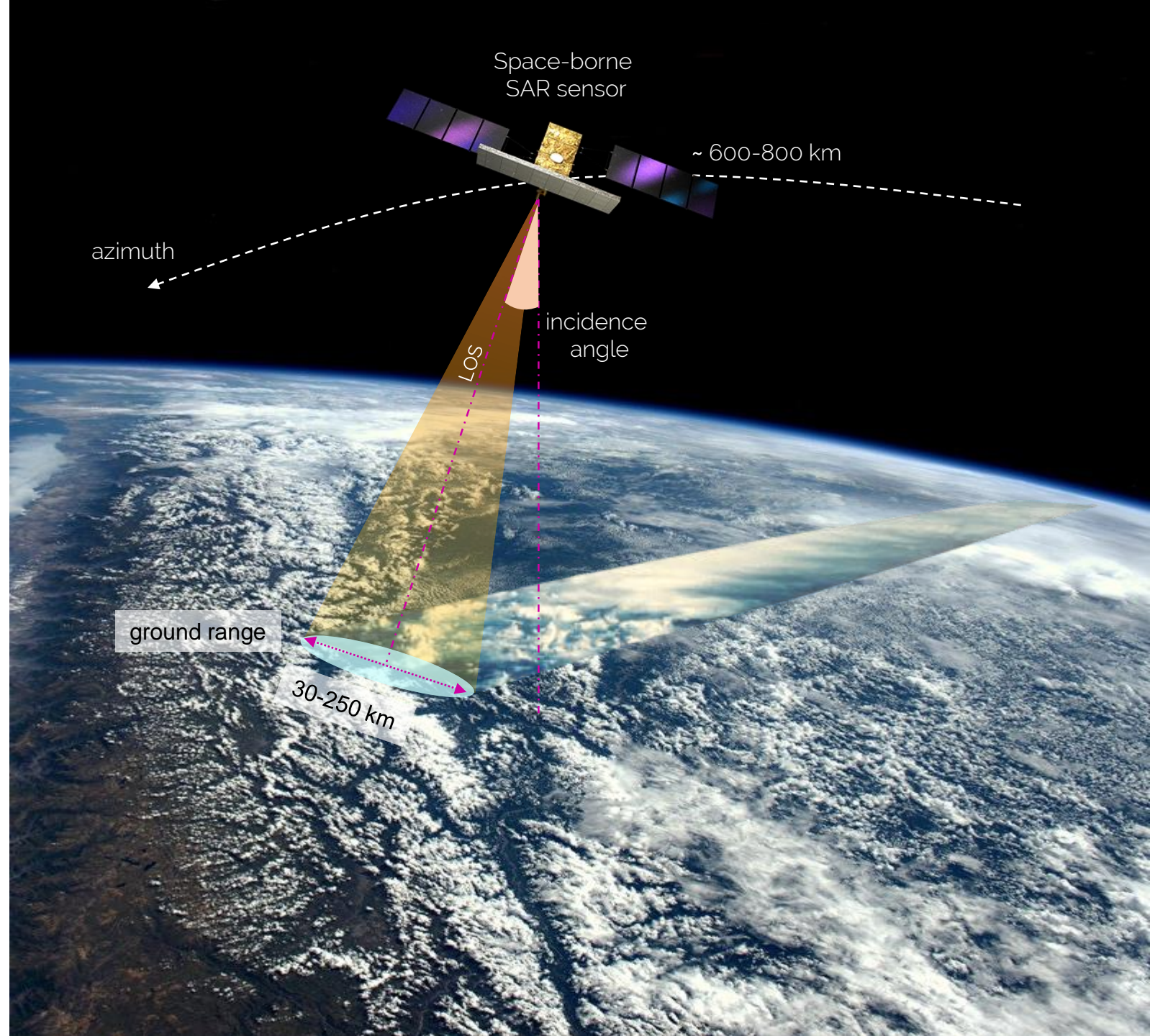
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Introduction

# SAR Sensors

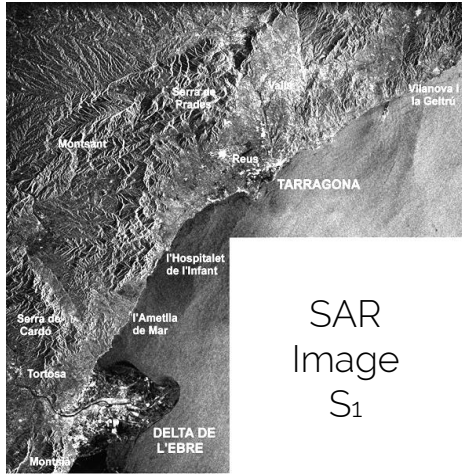
- Active sensor that produces its own source of illumination.
- High resolution radar system.
- Independent of atmospheric effects, day and night cycles and weather conditions.



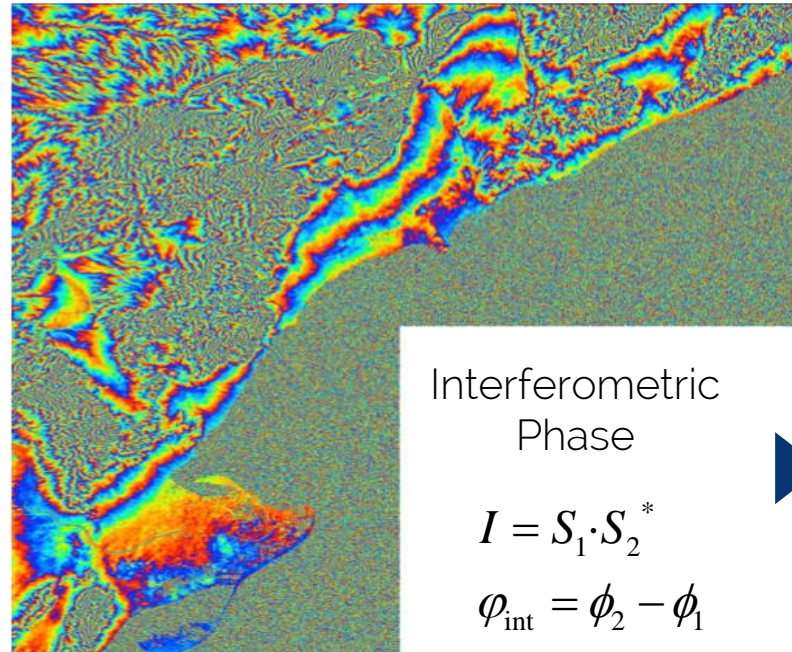


Introduction

# Interferometric Phase



SAR  
Image  
 $S_1$



Interferometric  
Phase

$$I = S_1 \cdot S_2^*$$

$$\varphi_{\text{int}} = \phi_2 - \phi_1$$



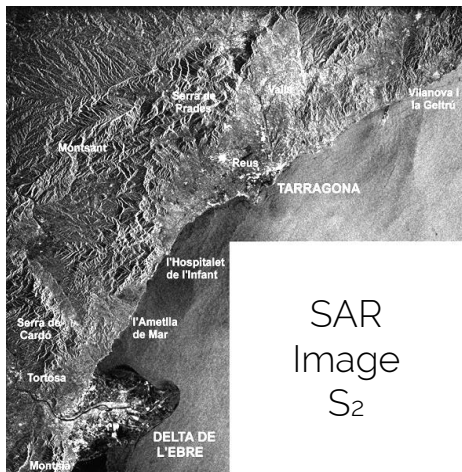
## Applications

Sensitive to the topography if the spatial baseline is significant.

Sensitive to displacement phenomena if the temporal baseline is significant.

## But...

There are undesired artifacts such as decorrelation, APS or the noise inherent to the SAR sensors.



SAR  
Image  
 $S_2$

$Dj_{\text{int}} = \frac{4\rho}{l} \frac{B_n Dr}{r_0 \tan a} + \frac{4\rho}{l} \frac{B_n Dh}{r_0 \sin a} + \frac{4\rho}{l} Dr + Dj_{\text{APS}} + Dj_N$				
Interf Phase	Flat-Earth	Topo.	Disp.	APS+Noise

# InSAR DEM

## Rationale

Interferometric pairs with:

- Large spatial baseline
- Short temp. baseline

Sensitivity to  
topography

## Flow Chart

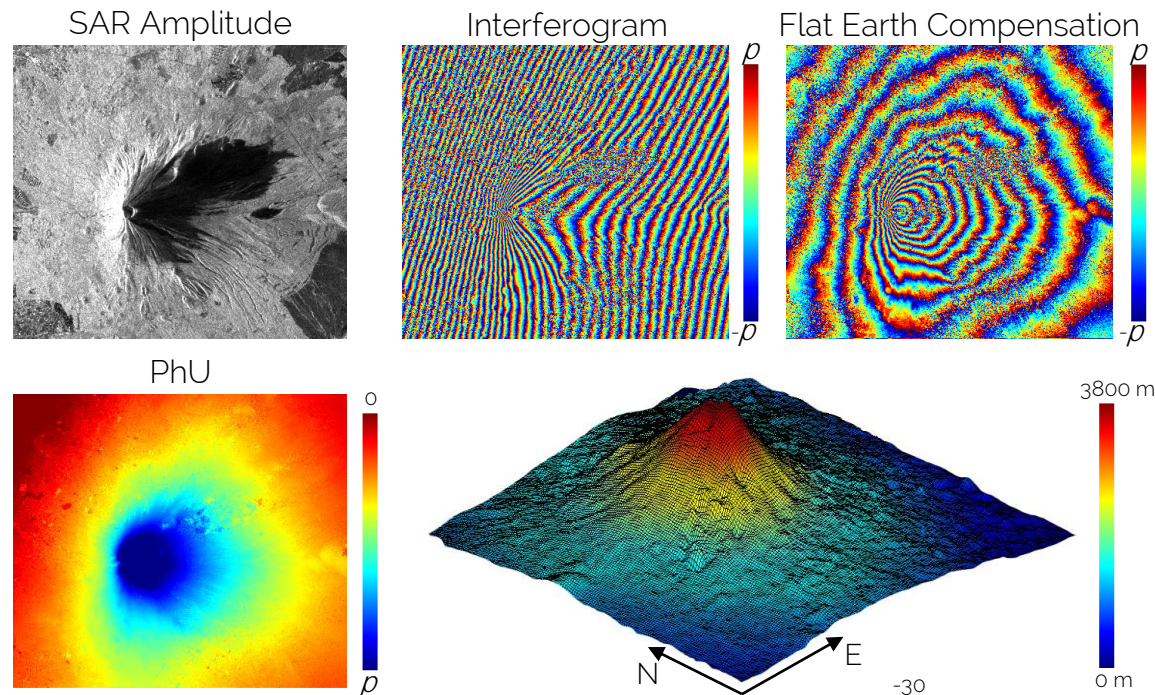


## Mont Fuji Example

ALOS-PALSAR | Bperp: 300 m | Btemp: 46 days

$$Dj_{int} = \frac{4\rho \cos a}{l r_0 \tan a} + \frac{4\rho \frac{B_n Dh}{r_0} \sin a}{l r_0 \sin a} + \frac{5\rho}{2} r_0 + Dj_{\text{Flat Earth}} + Dj_{\text{Noise}}$$

Interf. Flat-Earth Topo. Disp. APS+Noise





DInSAR

# Motion

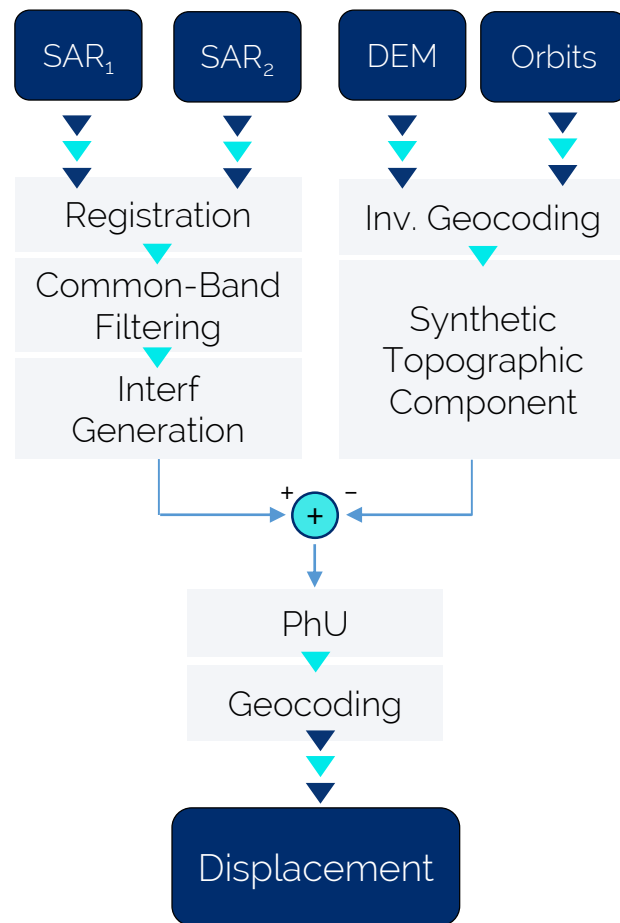
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Interferometric pairs with:

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Sensitivity to displacement

## Flow Chart

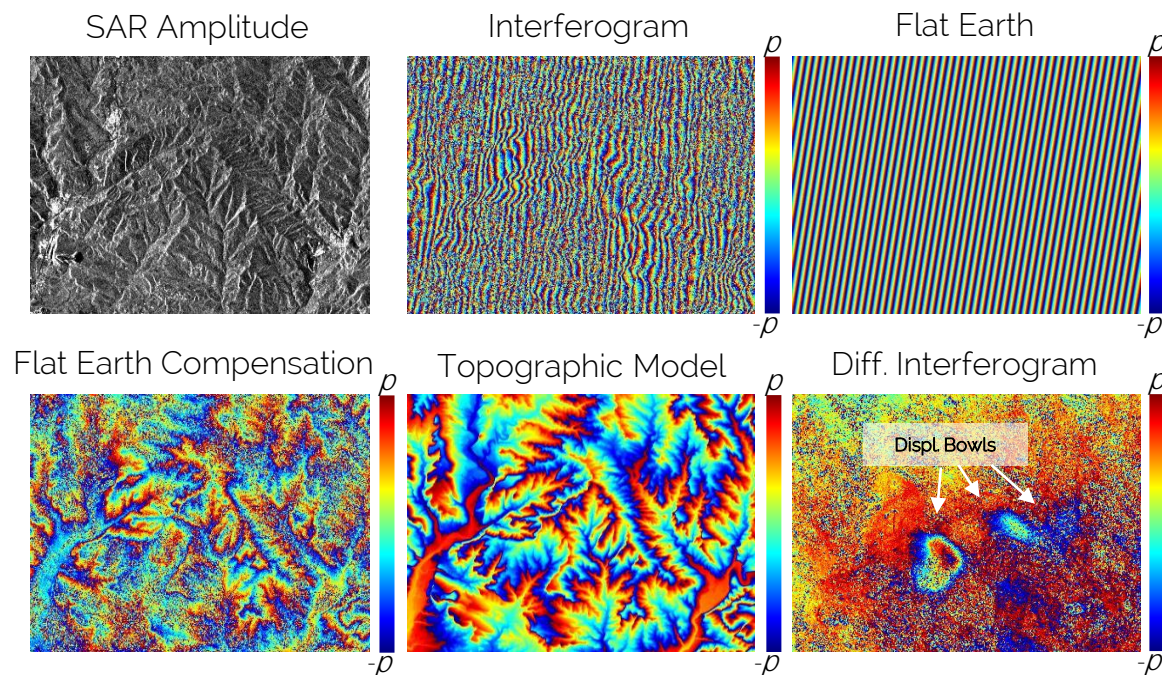


## Central Catalonia Example

Sentinel-1 | Bperp: 100 m | Btemp: 60 days

$$\Delta\varphi_{\text{int}} = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \frac{B_{\text{perp}}}{r_0} \sin \alpha + \frac{4\pi}{\lambda r_0} \frac{B_n \Delta h}{\sin \alpha} + \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \Delta \rho + \Delta\varphi_A + \Delta\varphi_N$$

The equation is shown with red 'X' marks over the first and last terms, indicating they are not used in the Flat Earth model. Below the equation, the terms are mapped to boxes: Interf (blue), Flat-Earth (red), Topo. (red), Disp. (blue), and APS+Noise (red).





Interferometric Phase Quality

# Coherence

$$\gamma = \frac{E\{S_1 S_2^*\}}{\sqrt{E\{|S_1|^2\} E\{|S_2|^2\}}}$$



stationary  
ergodicity

$$\hat{\gamma} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^L S_1(i) \cdot S_2(i)^*}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^L |S_1(i)|^2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^L |S_2(i)|^2}}$$

Small correlation length errors:

- Misregistration
- Geometric decorrelation
- Doppler decorrelation
- Volumetric decorrelation
- Temporal decorrelation
- Thermal noise



Affect  
Coherence

Long correlation length errors:

- Orbital errors
- Atmospheric artifacts

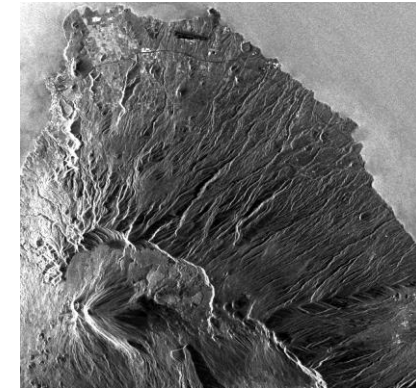


Not Affect  
Coherence

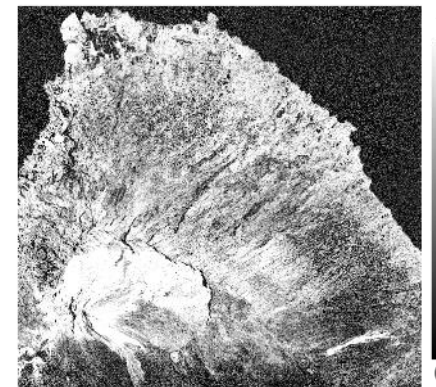
## Tenerife Island Example

C-Band Envisat satellite

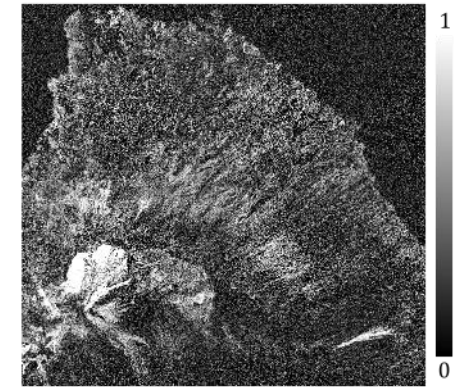
Amplitude



Temp Baseline: 35 days



Temp Baseline: 560 days



Quality Phase degradation due to temporal  
decorrelation



# Multi-Temporal Exploitation

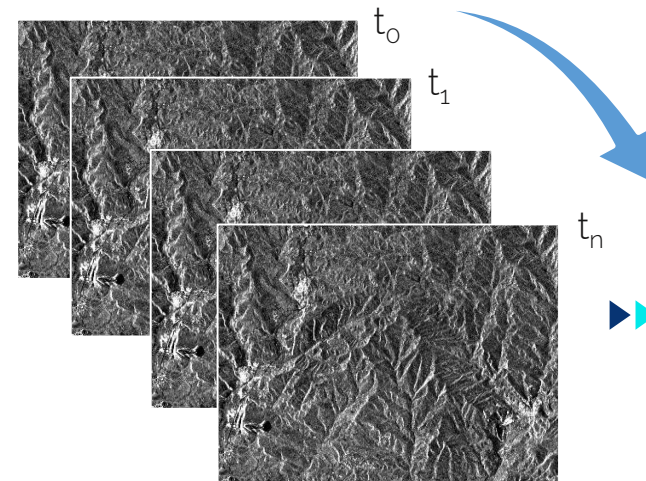
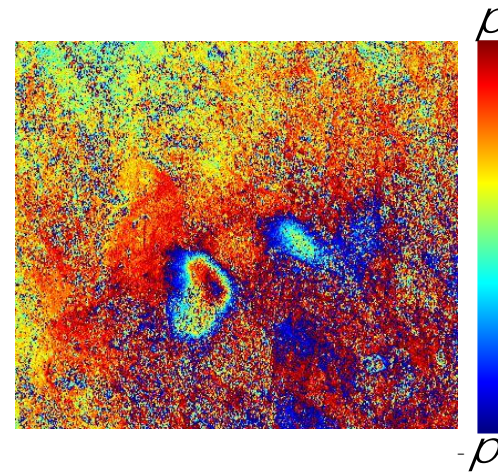
## DInSAR Limitations

- Not all the points provide reliable information.
- Topographic residue in the differential phase.
- Presence of Atmospheric Phase Screen (APS).

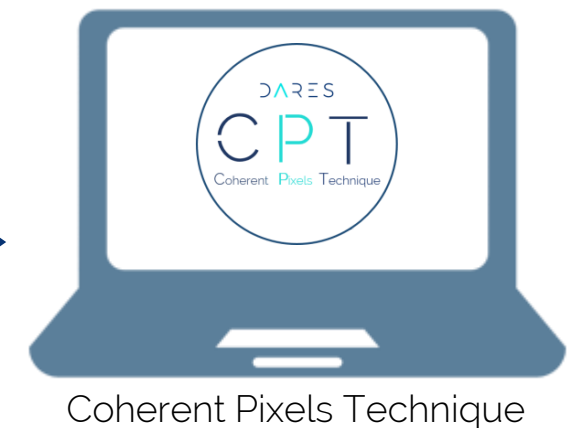


## Persistent Scatterers Interferometry

Exploitation of a multi-temporal stack of differential interferograms to obtain the linear and non-linear components of displacement, the topographic error, as well as the atmospheric artifacts.



One full cycle is equivalent to half the wavelength displacement but there are more fringes...





# Products

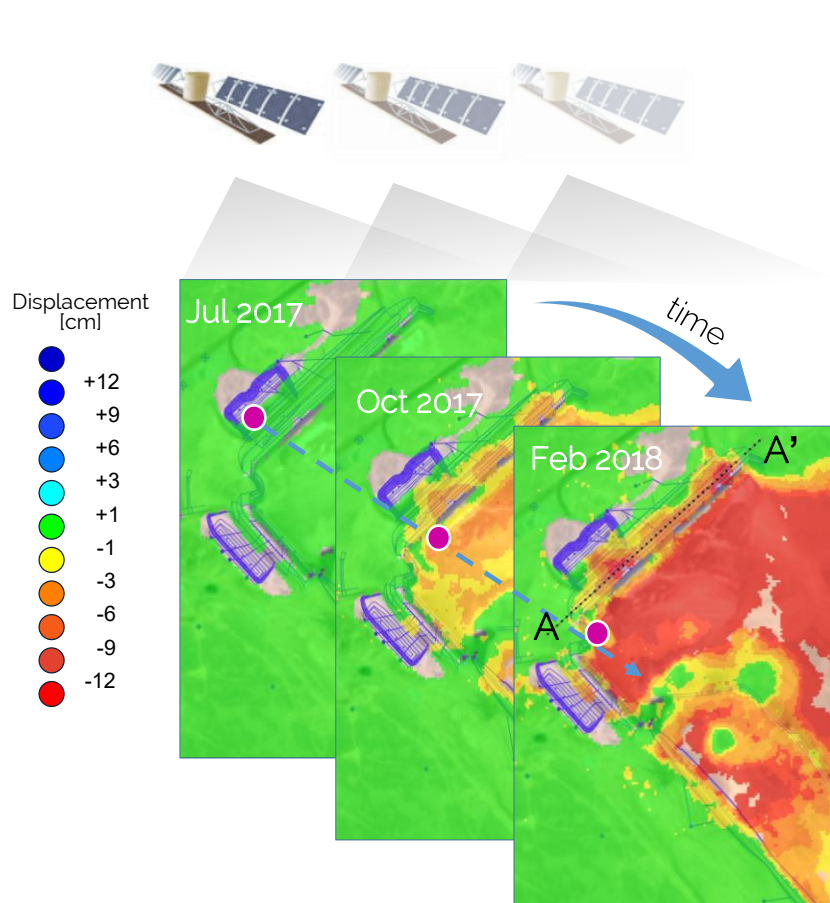
Dares Technology employs the Coherent Pixels Technique (CPT).

This PSI technique has been developed by the Remote Sensing Laboratory of the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya since 2002.

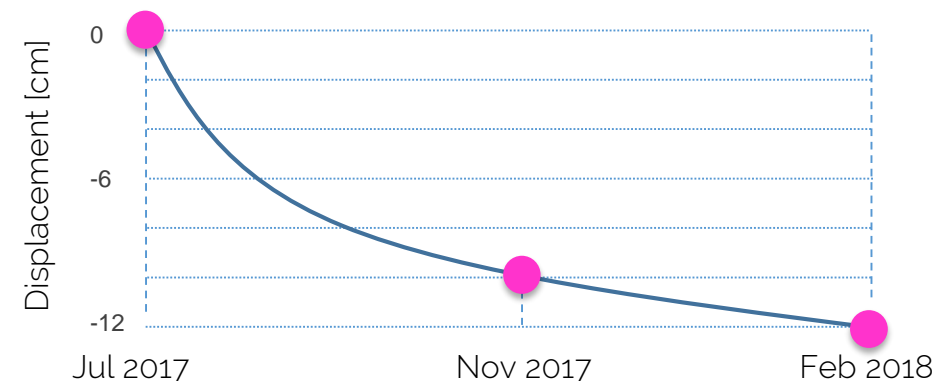
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## Accumulated Maps

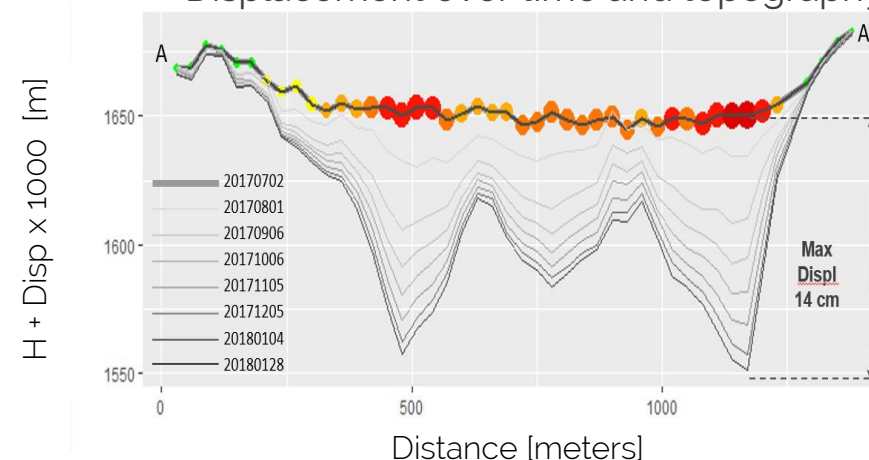


## Time Series



## Cross Section

Displacement over time and topography

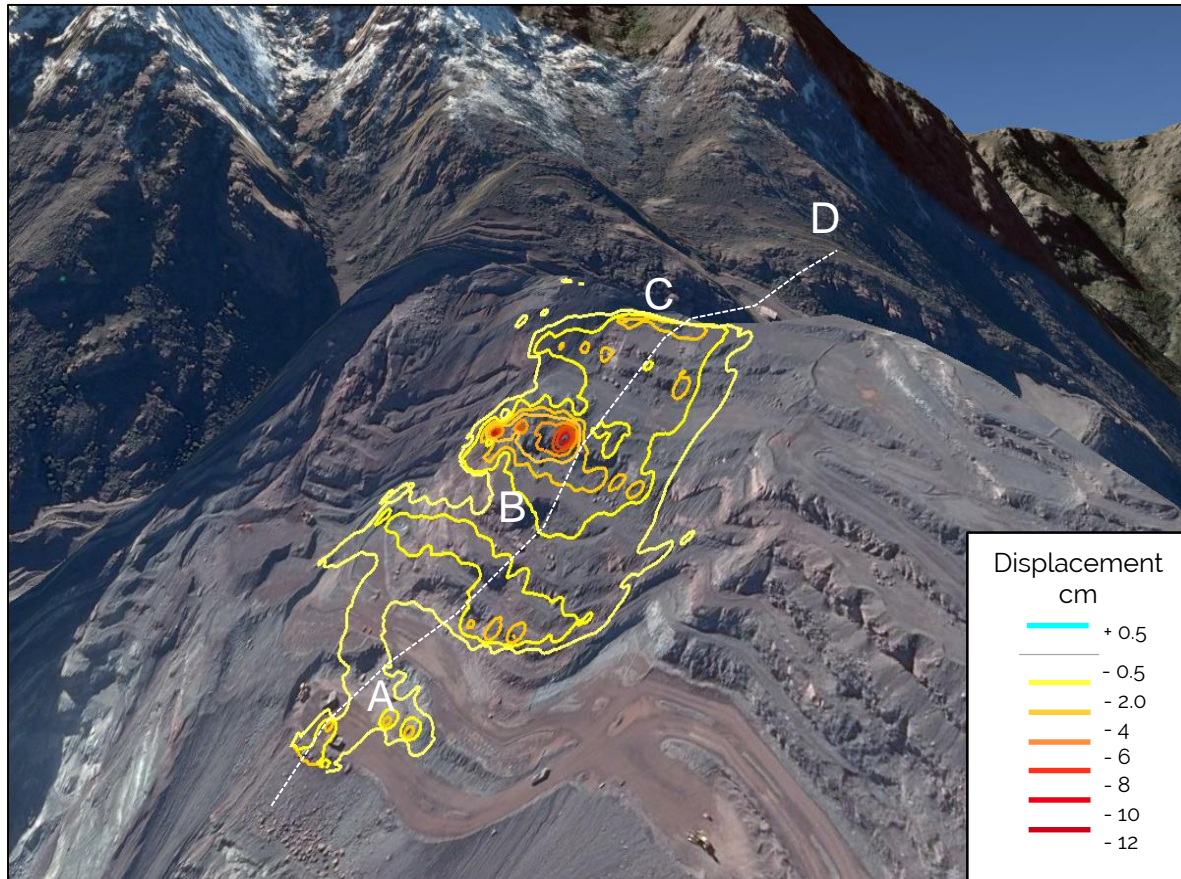




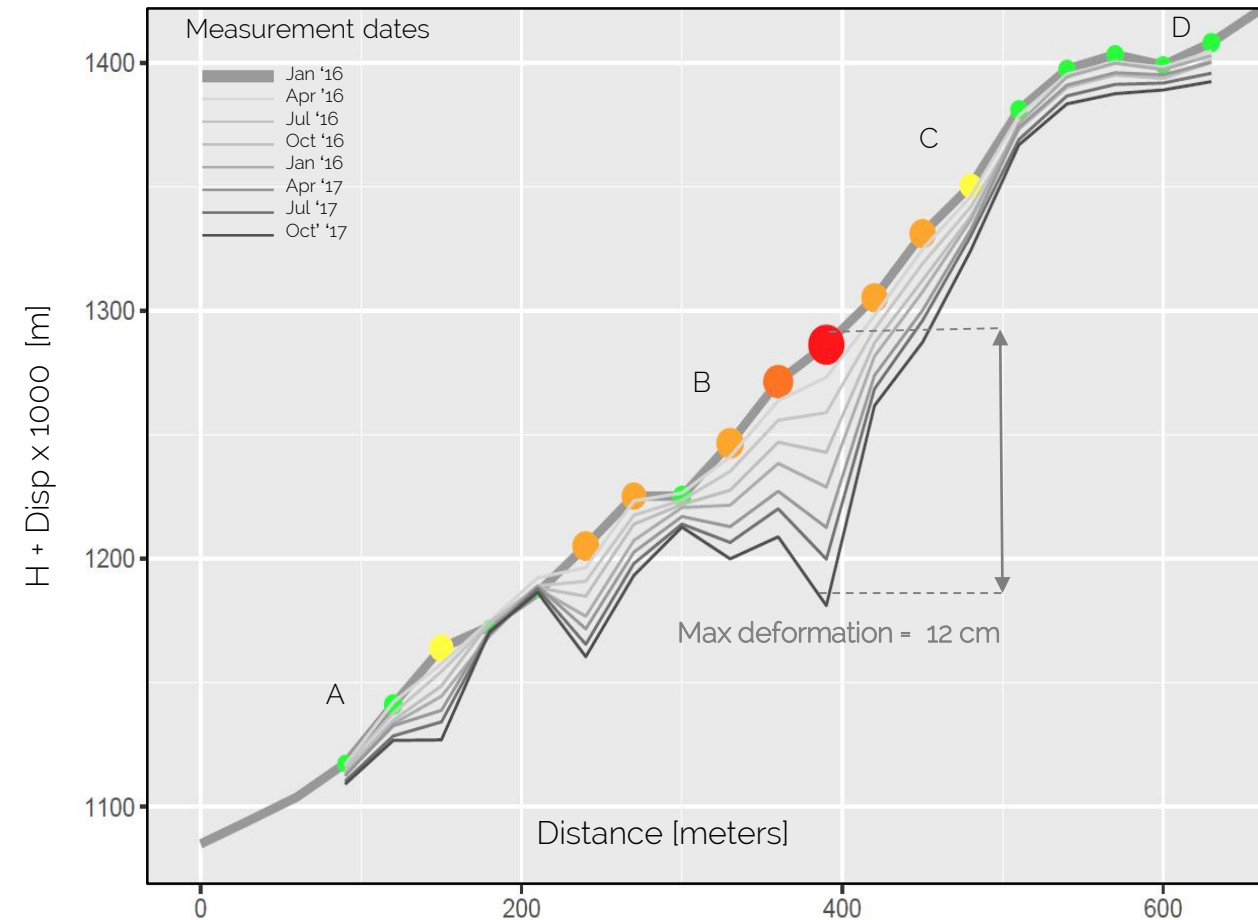
Case Studies

# Displacements over slopes

## Displacement over slopes

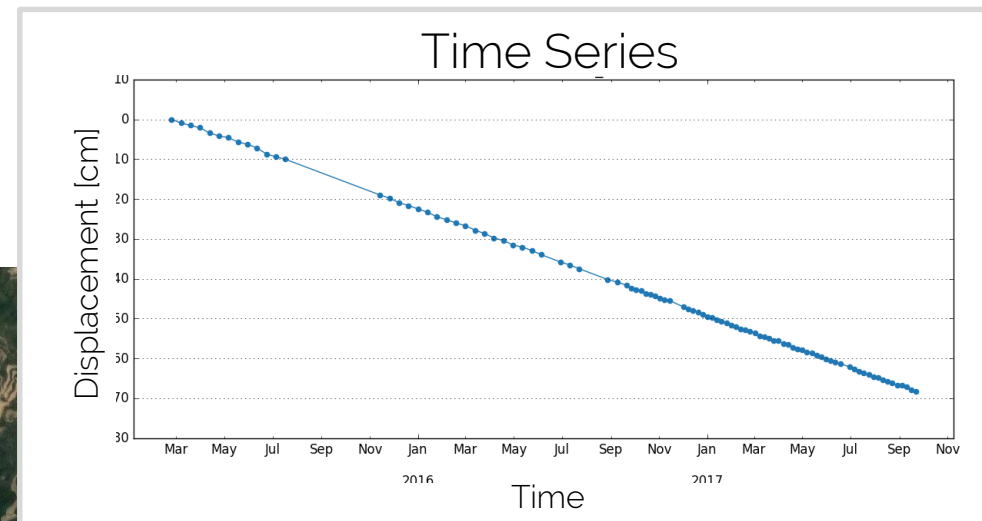
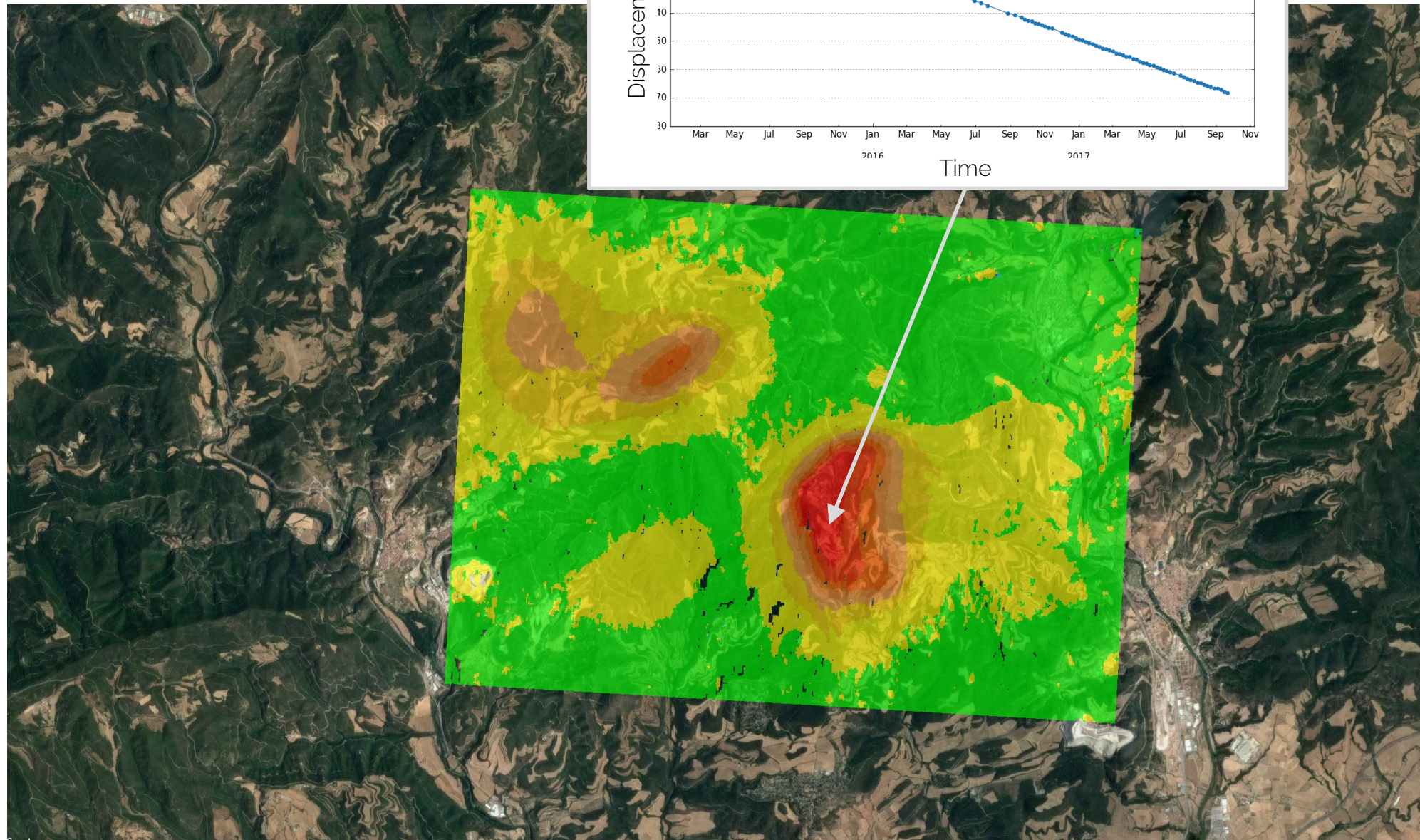
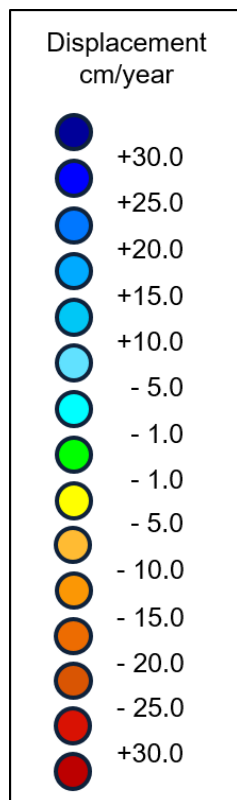


## Cross section





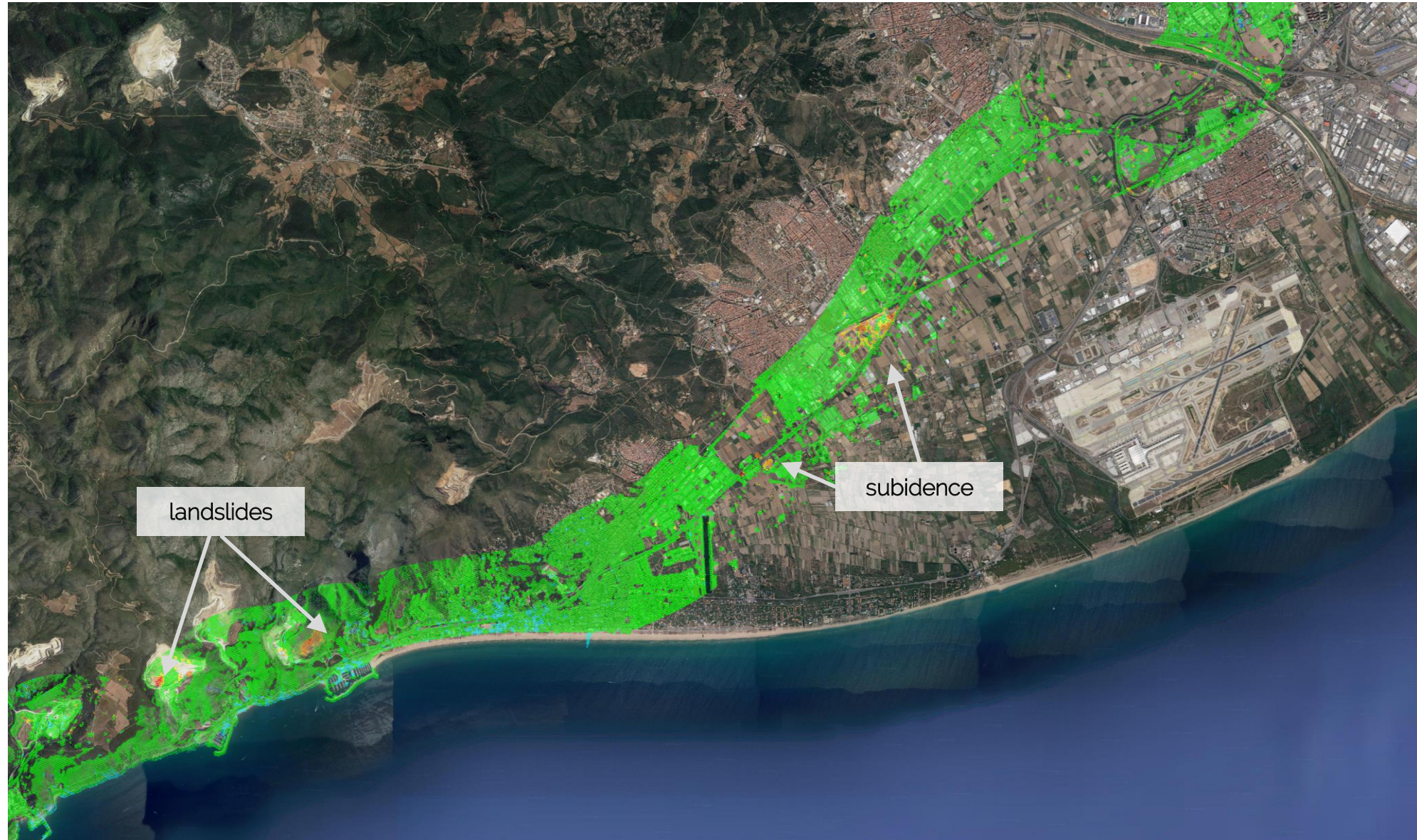
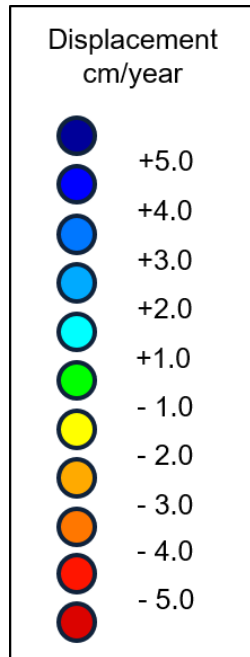
# Mining





Case Studies

# Urban



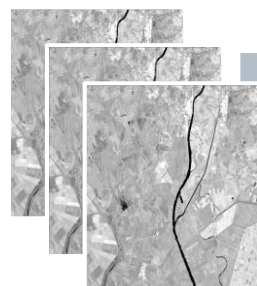
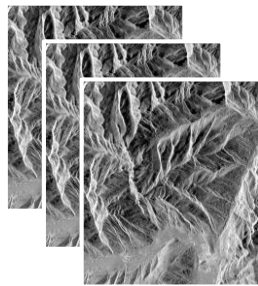
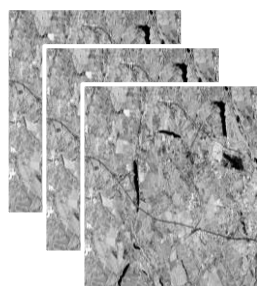


Mapping

# SinCohMap

Develop, analyse and validate novel methodologies for **LAND COVER & VEGETATION MAPPING** using **SENTINEL-1 INTERFEROMETRIC COHERENCE EVOLUTION**

Pre-processed InSAR stack sites

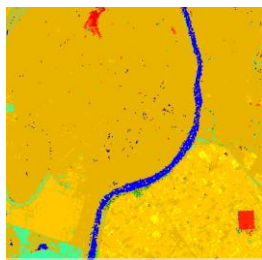
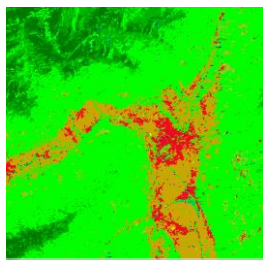
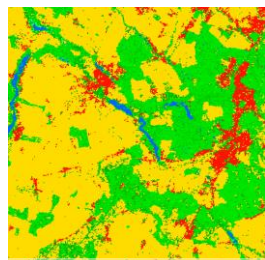


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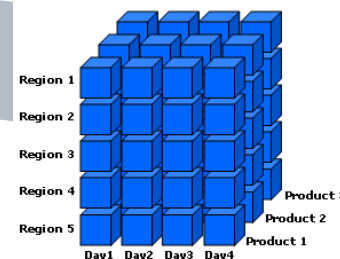
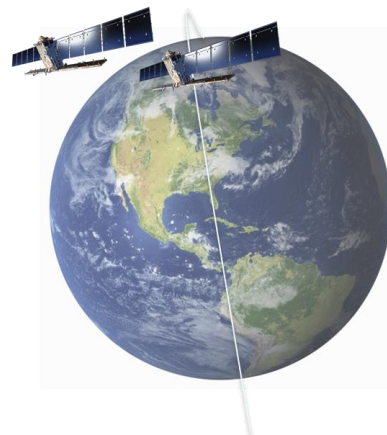
Doñana (Spain)

eurac  
research

Sentinel Alpine  
Observatory



Classification accuracies around **70 – 80 %** based on **coherence** for 16 Level 3 CLC



rasdaman  
raster data management

OGC®  
Making location count.

OpenNebula

WCS/WCPS



<https://sincohmap.org/>

1 year multi-temporal  
coherence matrix Doñana  
(Spain)

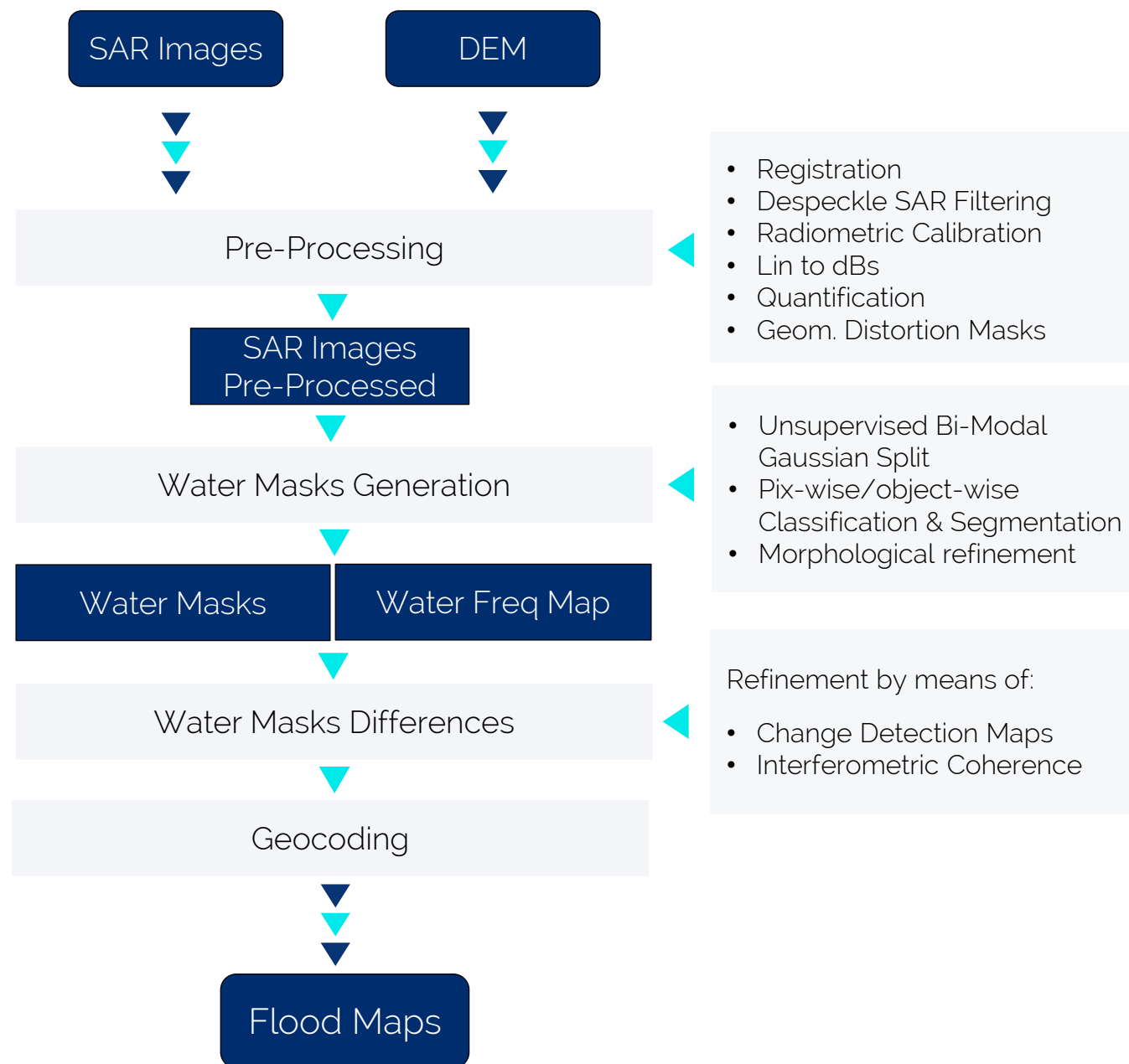
Land-cover dynamics  
captured by the  
interferometric  
coherence evolution



# FLOODS

## Dares Technology Key Points

- Robust Interferometric chain.
- We work in radar geometry.
- Adaptive advanced SAR filters.
- Advance classification + segmentation strategies.
- Change detection expertise.
- Use of interferometric parameters such as the interferometric coherence.





Case Study

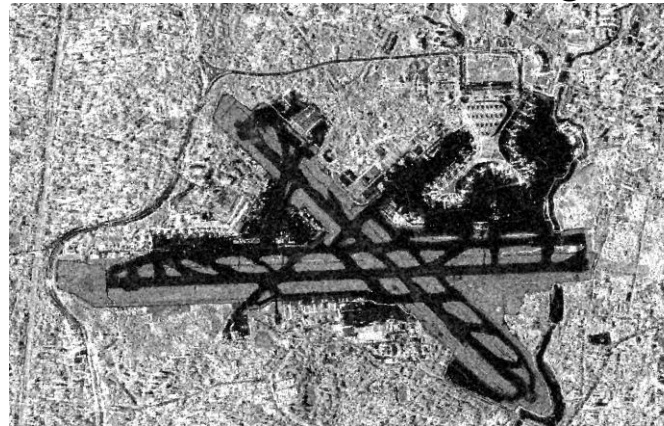
# Mumbai Floods

Flooding that occurred on August 29, 2017 due to heavy rainfalls.

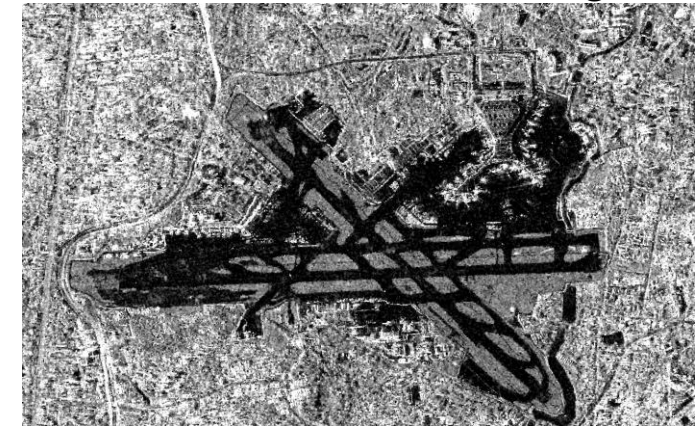
Transport systems were unavailable through parts of the city as trains and roadways were shut. Power was shut off from various parts of the city to prevent electrocution.

## Detail over Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport

Pre-Event S1 SAR Image



Post-Event S1 SAR Image



Detected Floods in red





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