



# Tracking 3D Ground Changes using Multi-Temporal Stereo Satellite Imagery

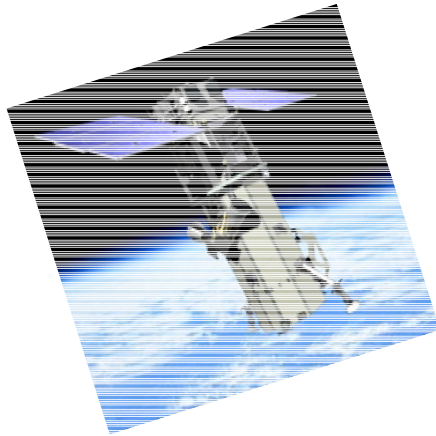
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# COSI-Corr: Co-registration of Optically Sensed Images and Correlation

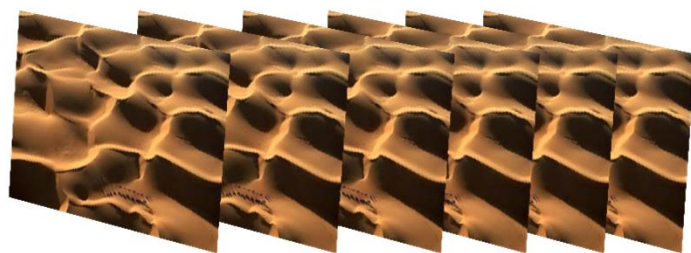


① **Satellite imagery** acquired at different times, any resolution, possibly by different sensors

**Measuring surface processes from optical imagery**

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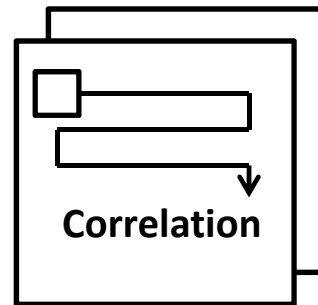
② **Automatic registration** with accuracy of 1/10 of the pixel size (sub-pixel)



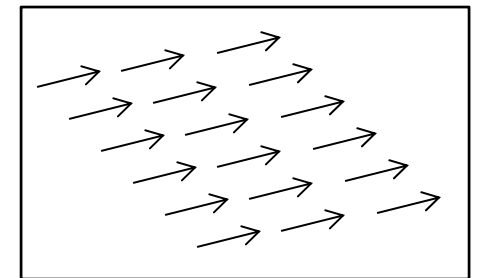
Time



③ **Automatic comparison of images to measure motion**

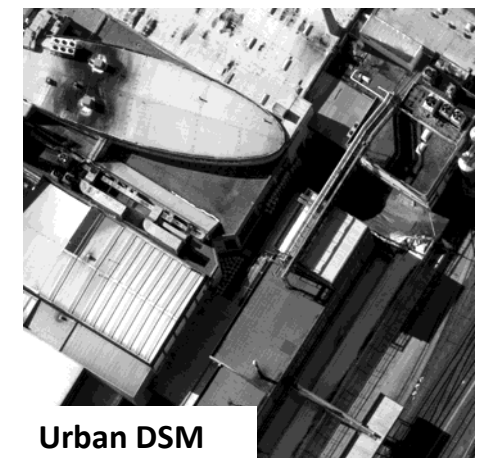
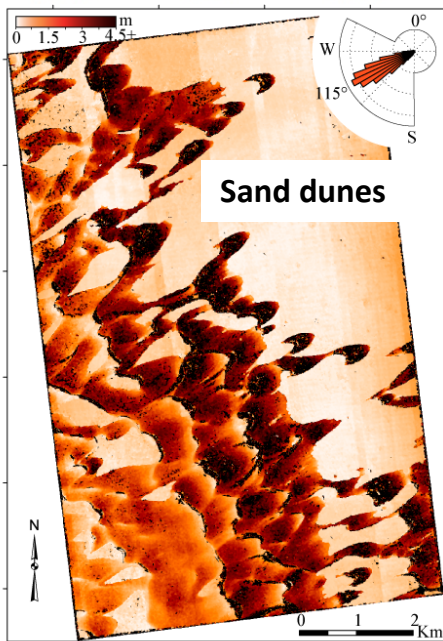
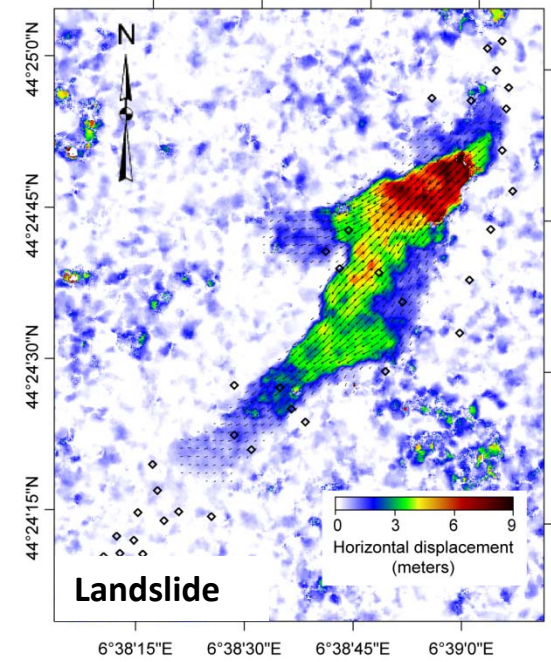
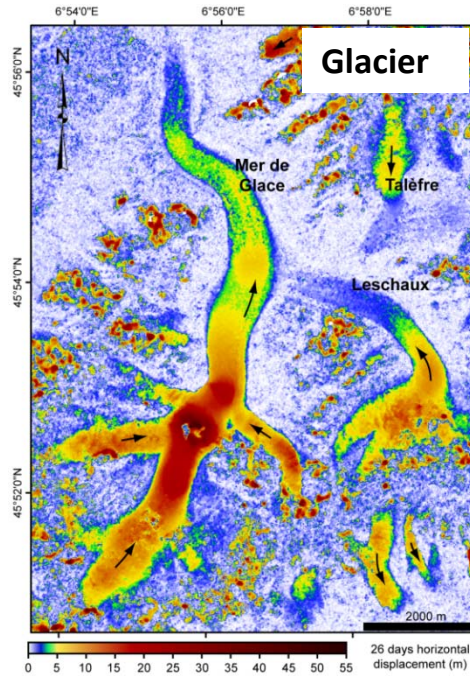
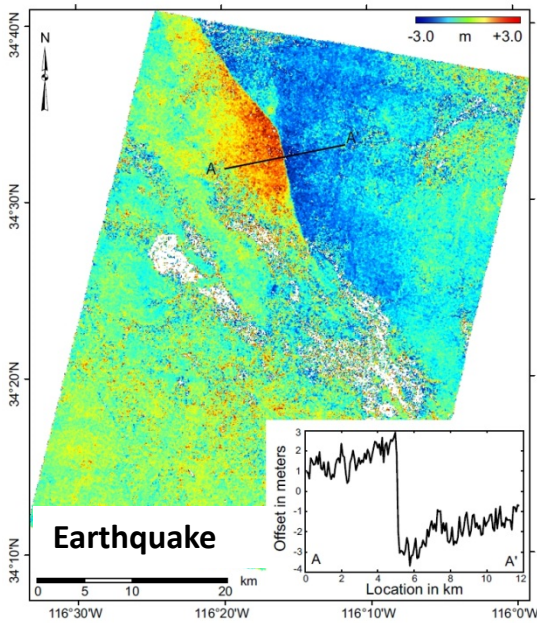


④ **Ground deformation**

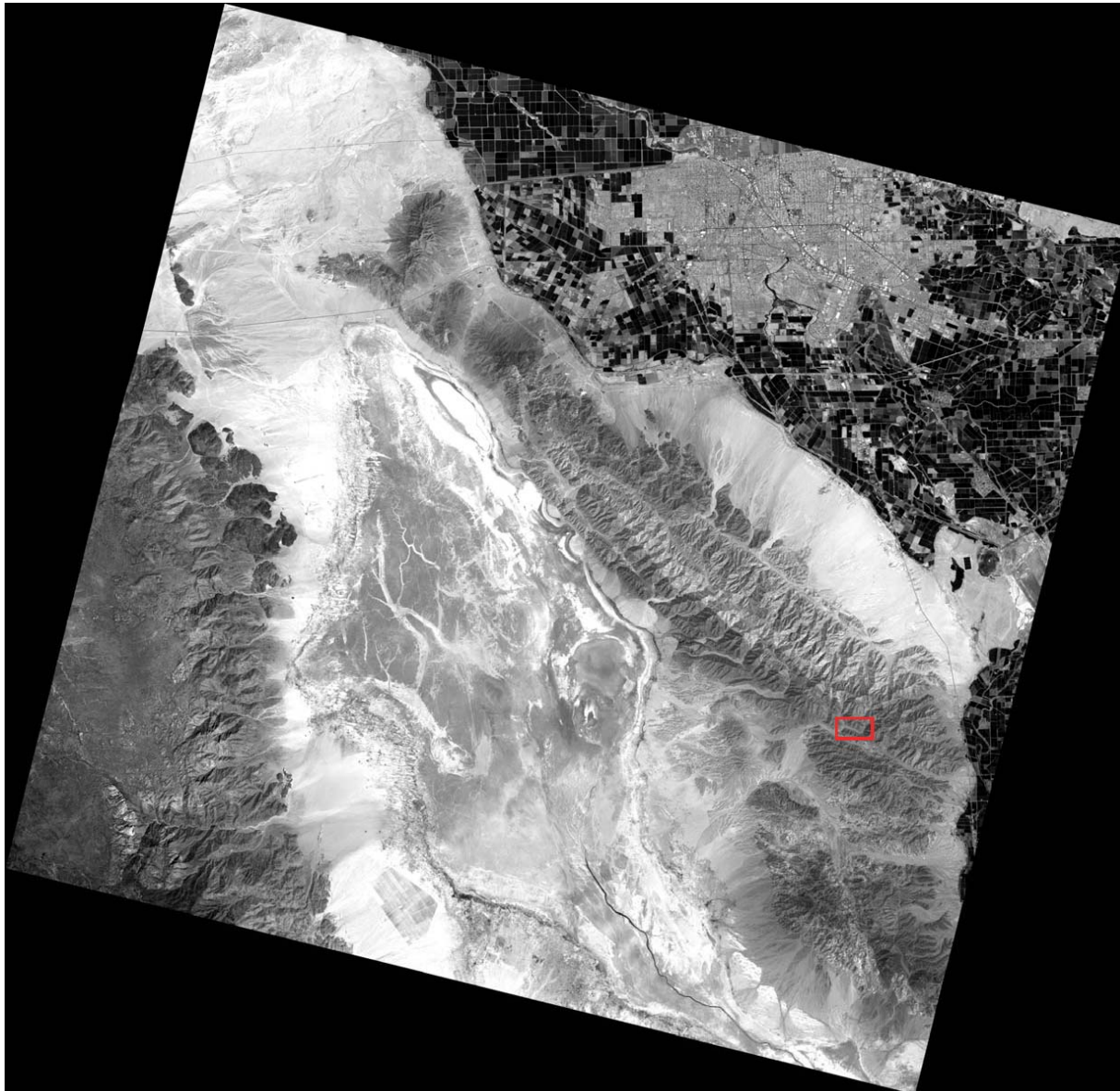


Vector field

# COSI-Corr: a wide range of applications



# The April 2010 El-Mayor Cucapah Earthquake, Mw 7.2



SPOT 5 images  
2.5 m GSD

2009/05/26  
2010/04/08

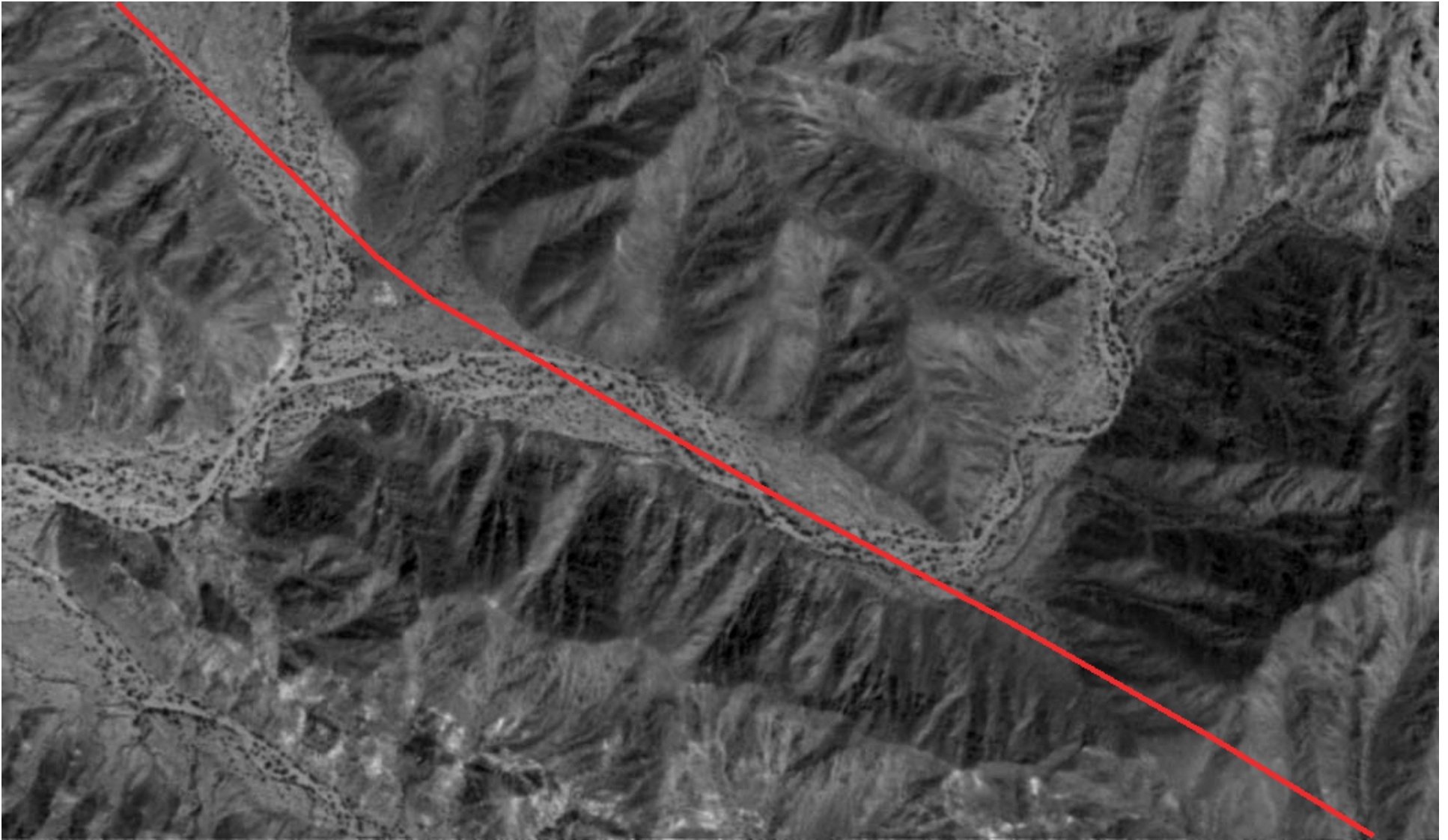
Images provided by  
USGS  
Rich Briggs  
Ken Hudnut

## Before/After Earthquake Imagery



Can you see the ground moving?

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# Sub-Pixel Image Correlation: Locally Rigid Translations

- ▶ Fourier Shift Theorem

$$i_2(x, y) = i_1(x - \Delta_x, y - \Delta_y)$$

$$I_2(\omega_x, \omega_y) = I_1(\omega_x, \omega_y)e^{-j(\omega_x\Delta_x + \omega_y\Delta_y)}$$

- ▶ Normalized Cross-spectrum

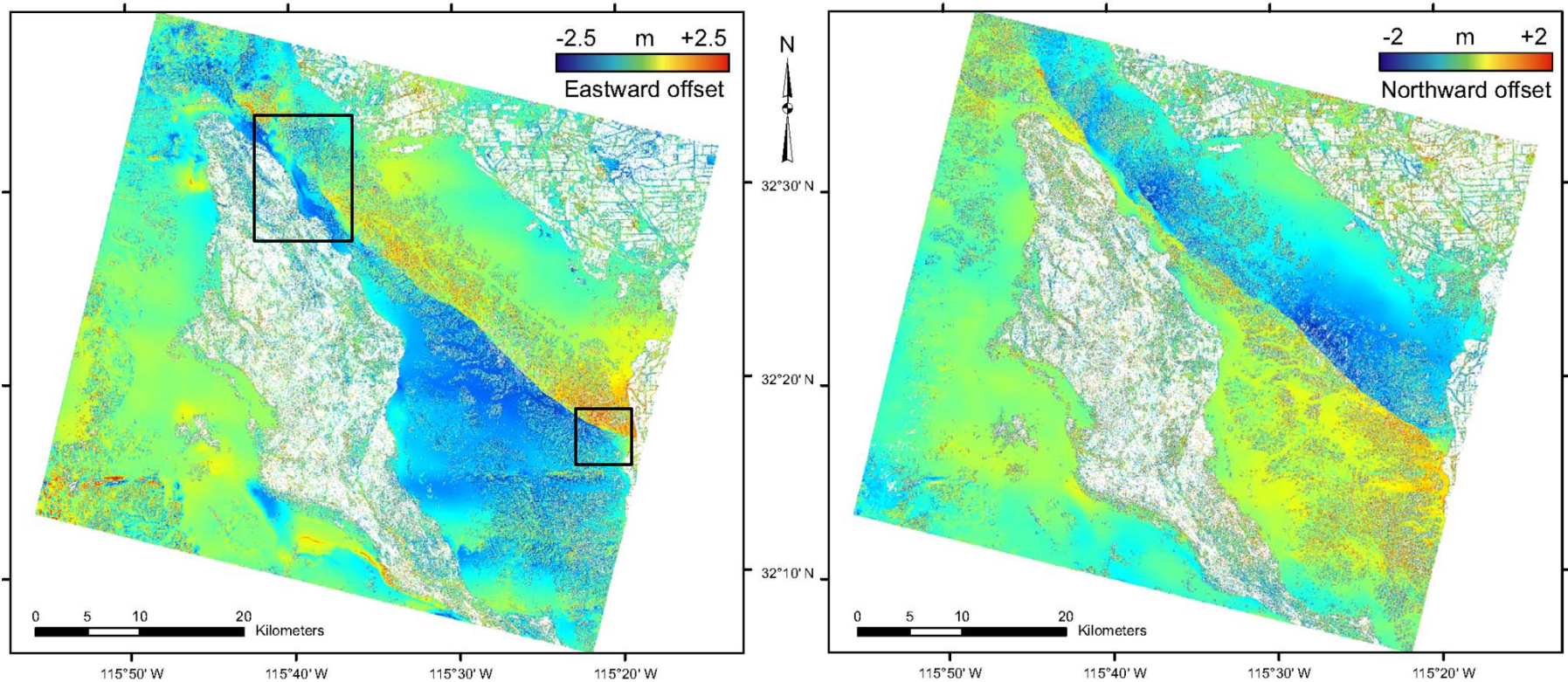
$$C_{i_1i_2}(\omega_x, \omega_y) = \frac{I_1(\omega_x, \omega_y)I_2^*(\omega_x, \omega_y)}{|I_1(\omega_x, \omega_y)I_2^*(\omega_x, \omega_y)|} = e^{j(\omega_x\Delta_x + \omega_y\Delta_y)}$$

- ▶ Finding the relative displacement

$$\phi(\Delta_x, \Delta_y) = \sum_{\omega_x=-\pi}^{\pi} \sum_{\omega_y=-\pi}^{\pi} W(\omega_x, \omega_y) |C_{i_1i_2}(\omega_x, \omega_y) - e^{j(\omega_x\Delta_x + \omega_y\Delta_y)}|^2$$

$W$  weighting matrix.  $(\Delta_x, \Delta_y)$  such that  $\phi$  minimum.

# Horizontal Displacement Field from SPOT Imagery

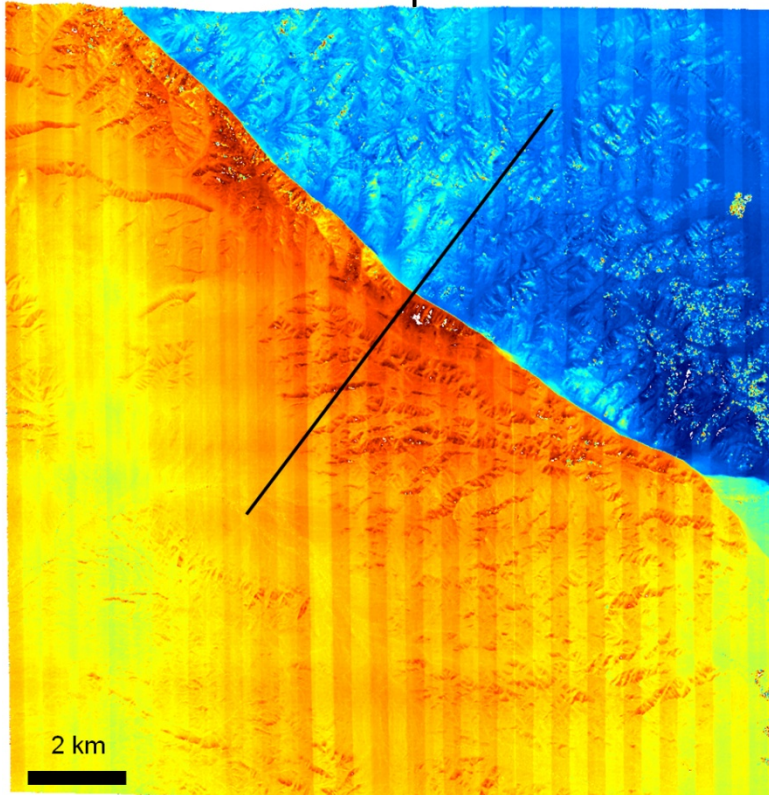


Ground rupture well identified and recovered with 1/10 pixel accuracy ( $\sim 25$  cm)

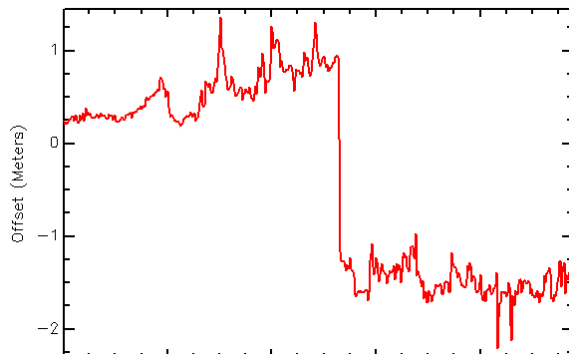
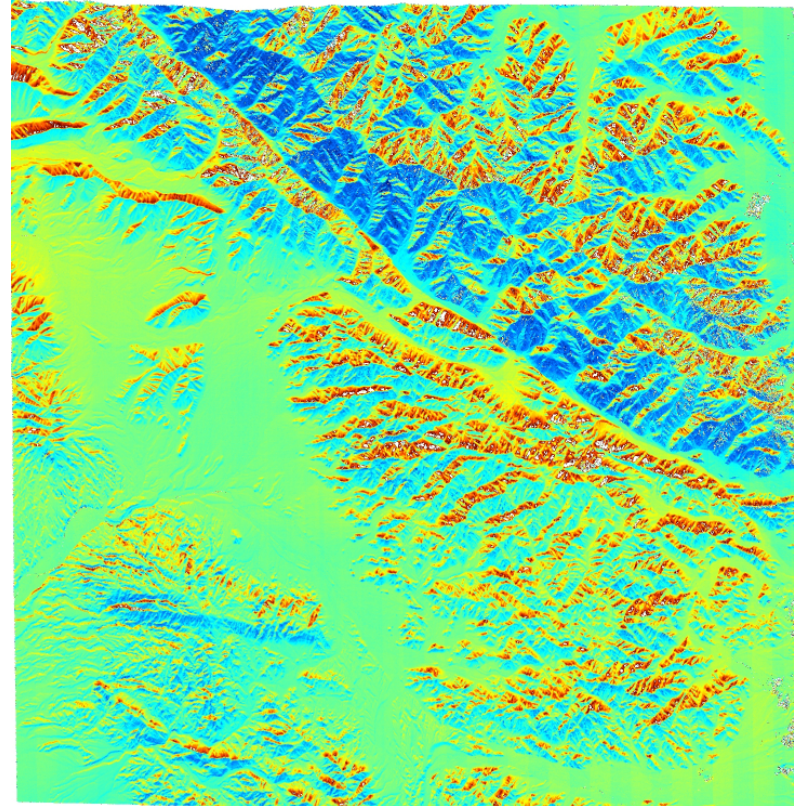


# Horizontal Displacement using Worldview - 50 cm GSD

Eastward displacement



Northward displacement



PB: large incidence angle bring topography residuals in parallax direction (here mostly Northward).

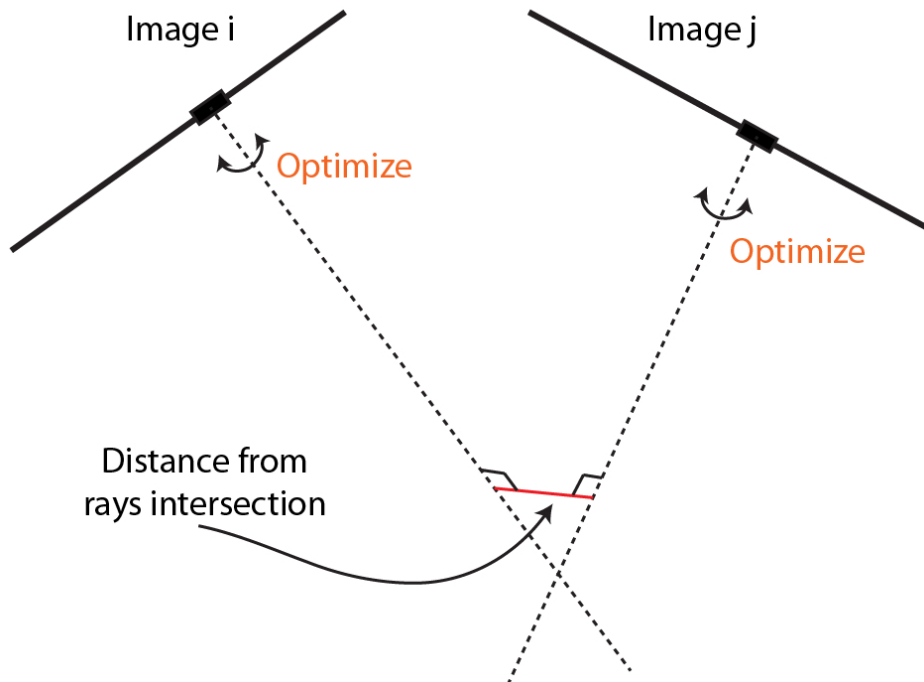
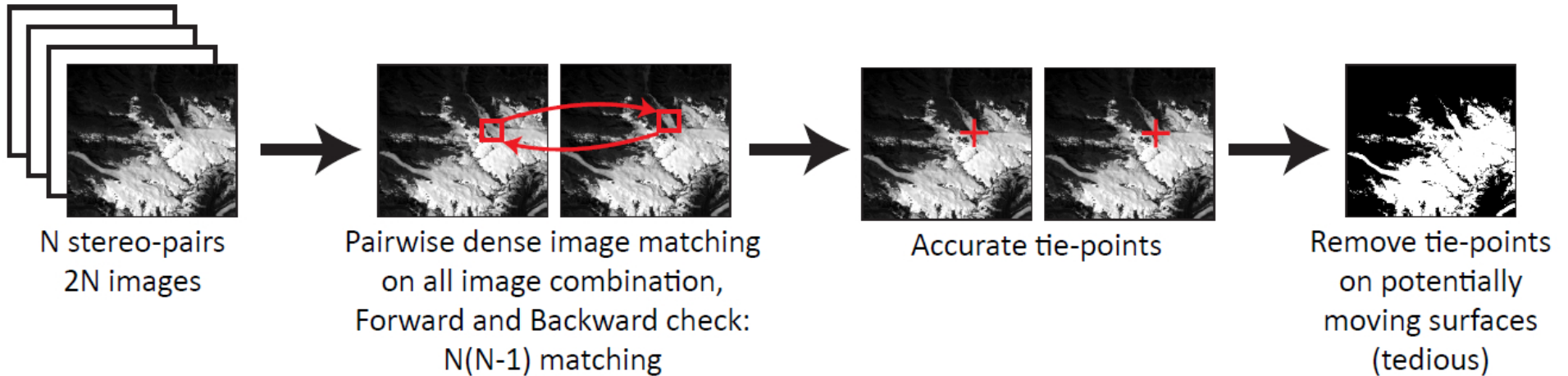
Solution: Use several images before and after the event.

Artifacts from CCD misalignment.

# 3D and 4D Processing Flow

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## Jointly optimize external parameters:

- roll, pitch, yaw angles:  $r(t)$ ,  $p(t)$ ,  $y(t)$
- Spacecraft position in time  $x(t)$ ,  $y(t)$ ,  $z(t)$
- 2<sup>nd</sup> order polynomials approximation
- If no GCP, regularized solution to stay within instrument uncertainties.

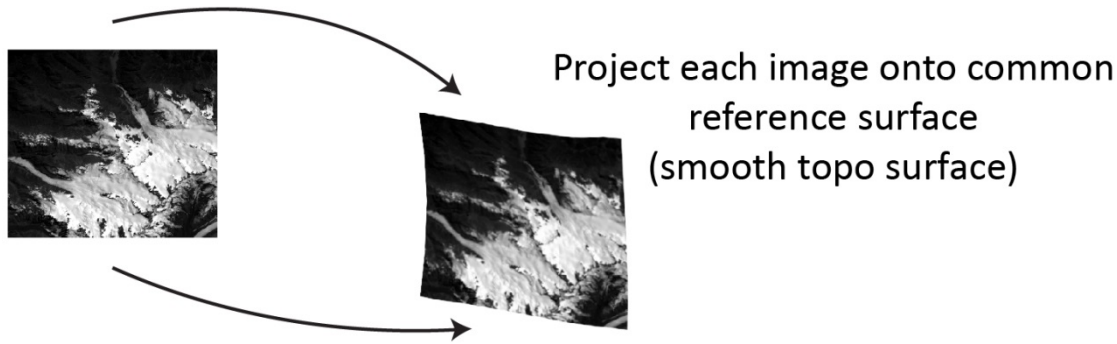
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Given a stereo-pair of images  $(I_S, I_T)$  how to retrieve the disparity map  $d$ ?

## Image Matching Framework with Regularization

$$E(d) = E_M(I_S, I_T \circ (id + d)) + E_R(d)$$

$$E_M(I_S, I_T \circ (id + d)) \approx \sum_{x \in I_S} S(I_S, I_T \circ (id + d(x)), x)$$

Similarity criteria (ZNCC)

$d$  constant on patch

$$E_R(d) \approx \sum_{x \in I_S} \sum_{y \sim x} w(x, y) |d(x) - d(y)|$$

Piecewise constant prior

Weighs the prior

Neighbors of pixel  $x$

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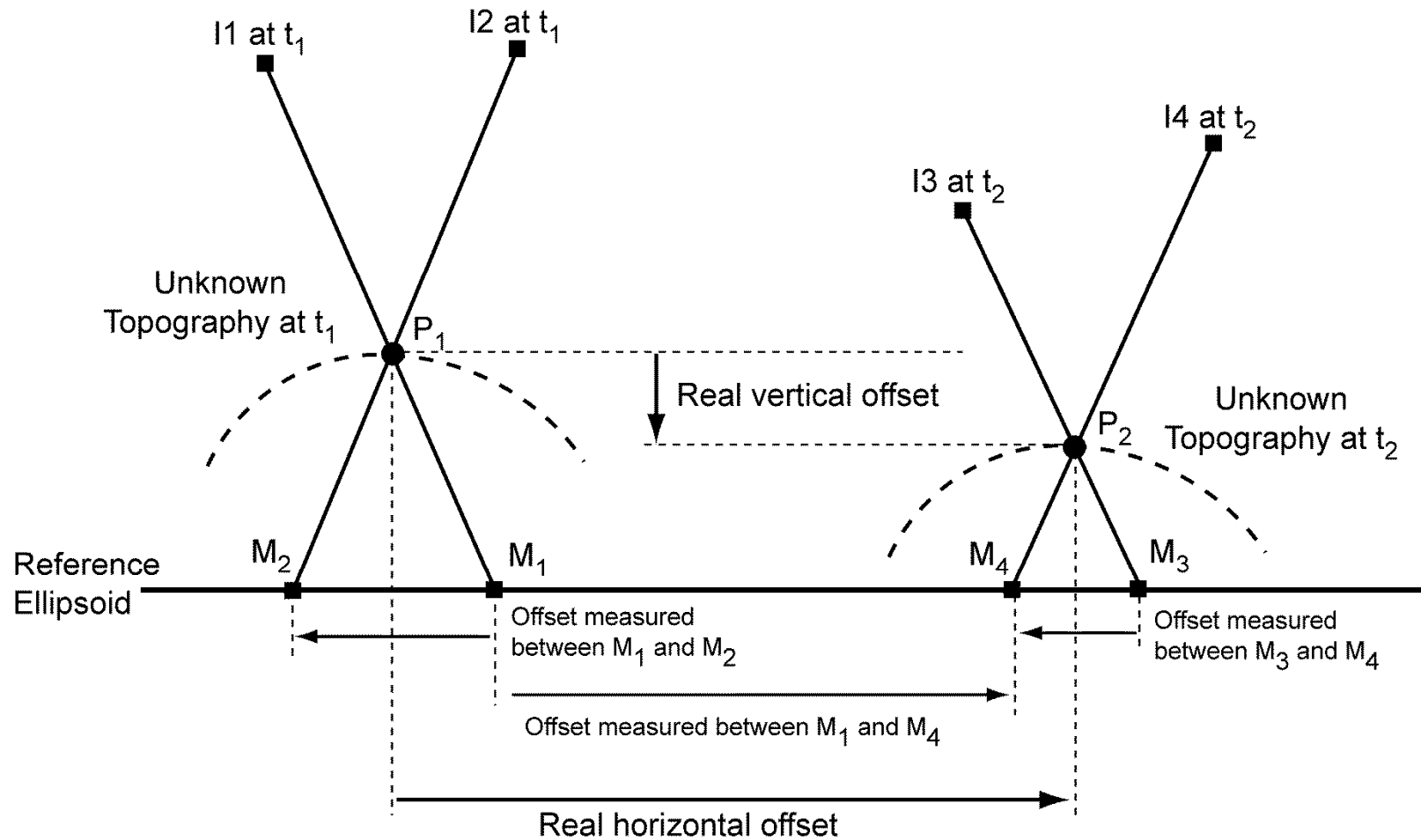
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## 4. Grid Point Clouds and Vector Clouds

- Use standard gridding libraries on each components (only external processing).

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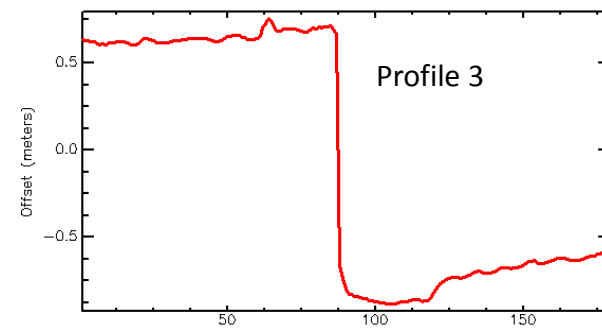
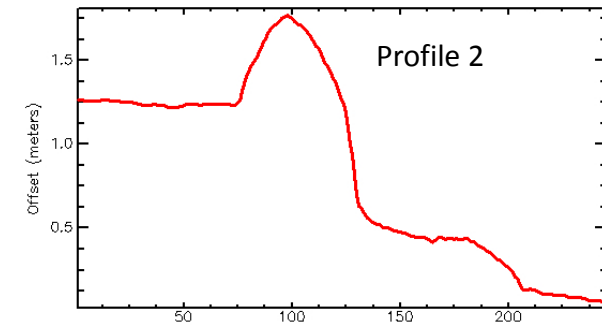
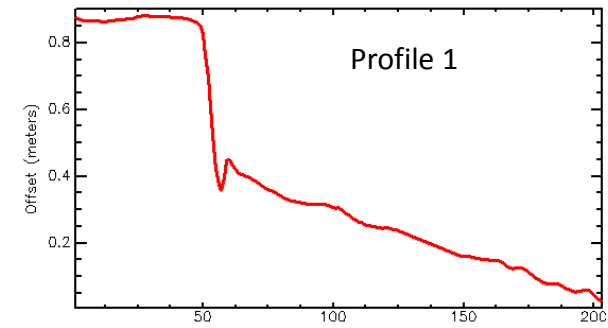
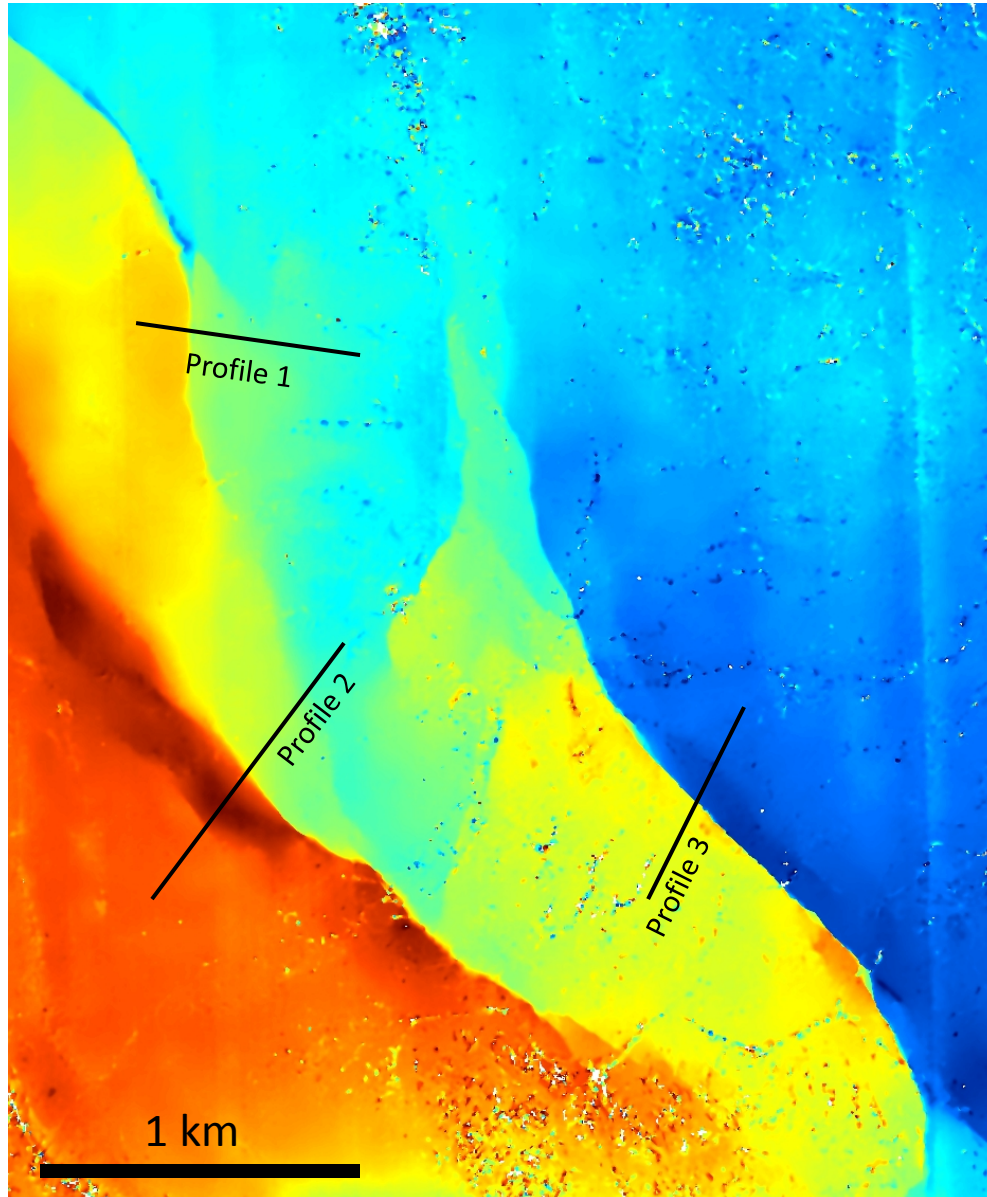
## *Pre-earthquake images:*

- Quickbird **09/21/2006**,  
Along-track angle  $-1.23^\circ$   
Across-track angle  $-9.8^\circ$
- Worldview **09/16/2008**,  
Along-track angle  $-10.8^\circ$   
Across-track angle  $13.5^\circ$

## *Post-earthquake images:*

- Worldview **04/10/2011**,  
Along-track angle  $-13.8^\circ$   
Across-track angle  $-22.5^\circ$
- Worldview **05/19/2011**,  
Along-track angle  $14.1^\circ$   
Across-track angle  $21.6^\circ$


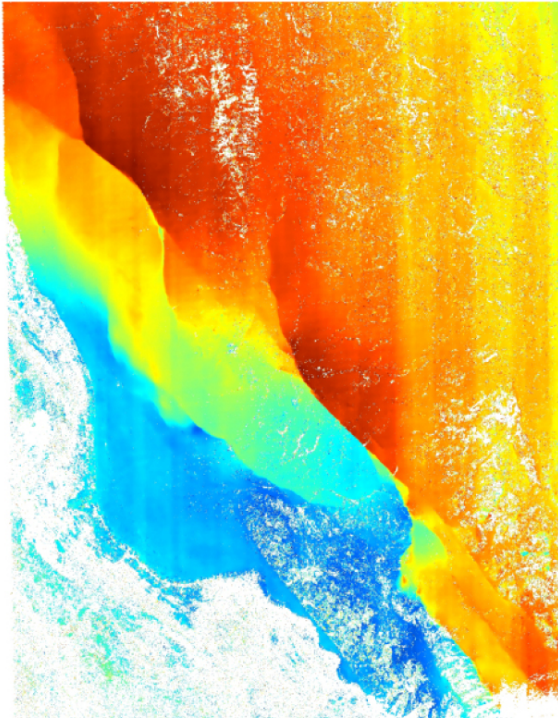
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Measurement accuracy better than 10 cm


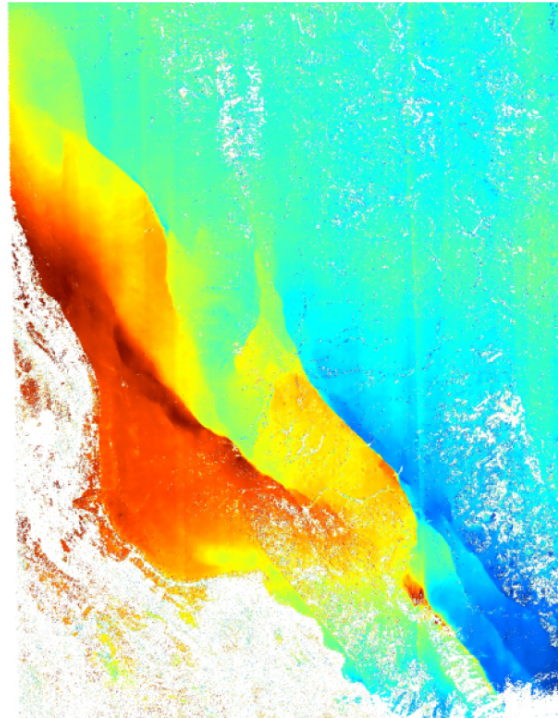
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-2 m +2

A horizontal color bar scale ranging from -2 to +2 meters. The colors transition from dark blue on the left to dark red on the right, passing through green and yellow.


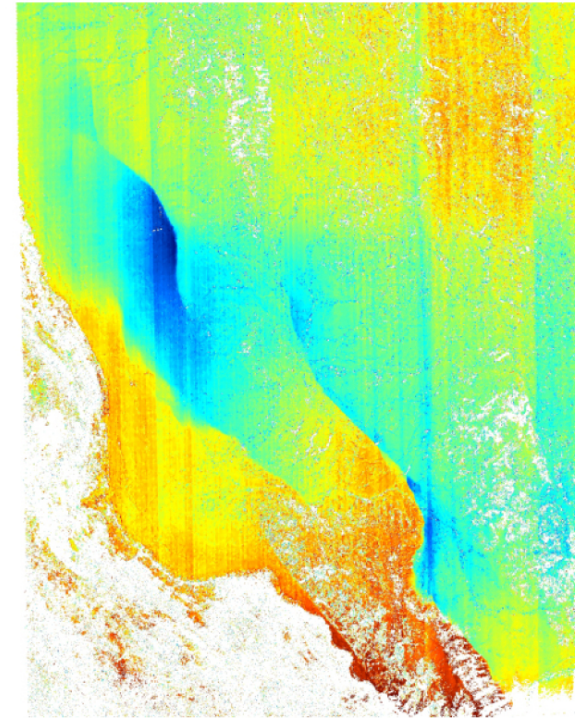
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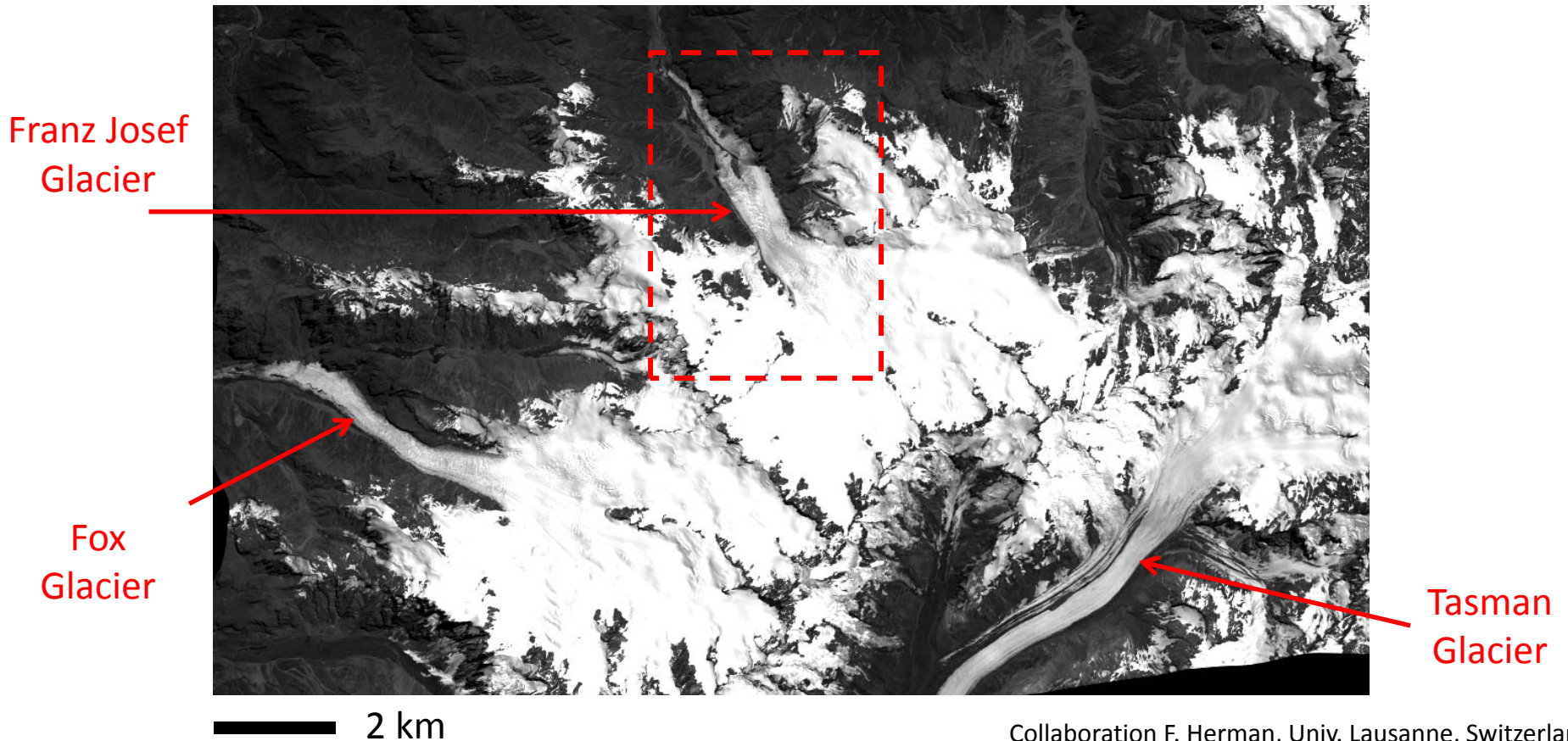
Vertical ground motion

CCD and jitter artifacts largest source of bias

# Monitoring Glacier Flow in New Zealand

## *Multi-temporal Stereo Acquisitions using Worldview GSD 50 cm:*

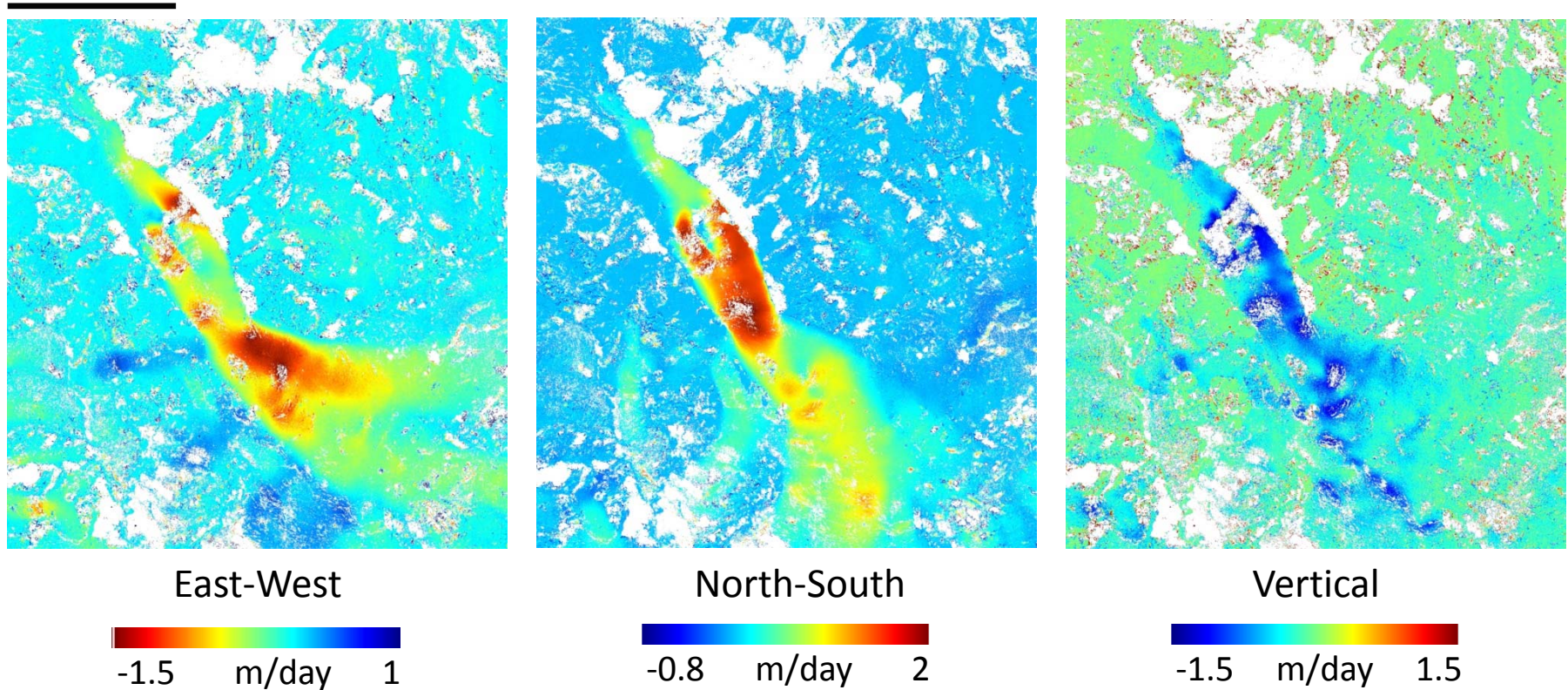
- *January 30, 2013 (x2)*
  - *February 9, 2013 (x2)*
  - *February 28, 2013 (x2)*
- Bundle adjustment between all images,
  - Multi-scale image matching due to large disparities (up to 1000 pixels),
  - Regularized matching because of occlusions



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3D motion between January 30 and February 9, 2013

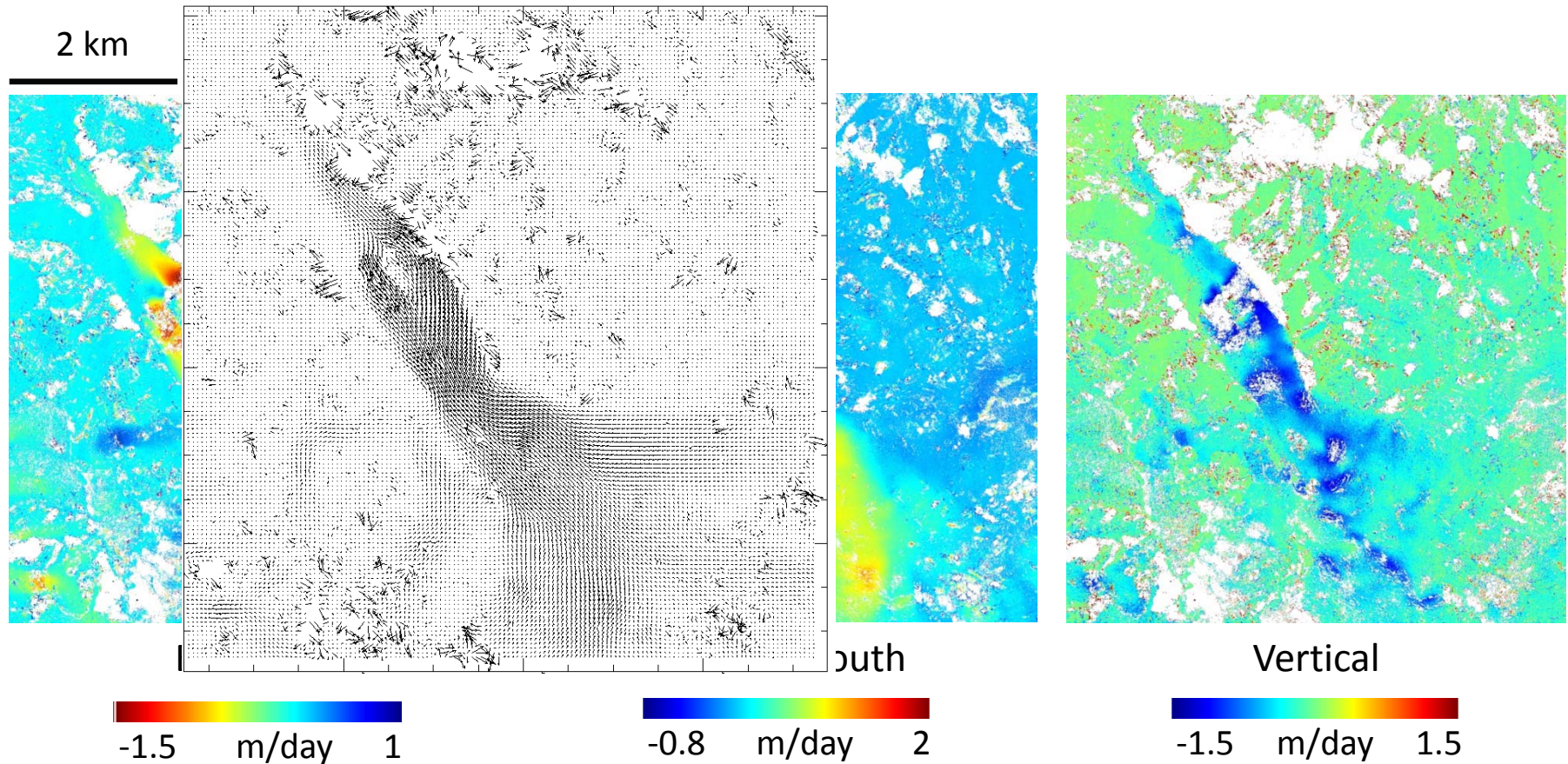
2 km



Measurements with intersection errors larger than 2m (20cm/day) have been removed (white areas).

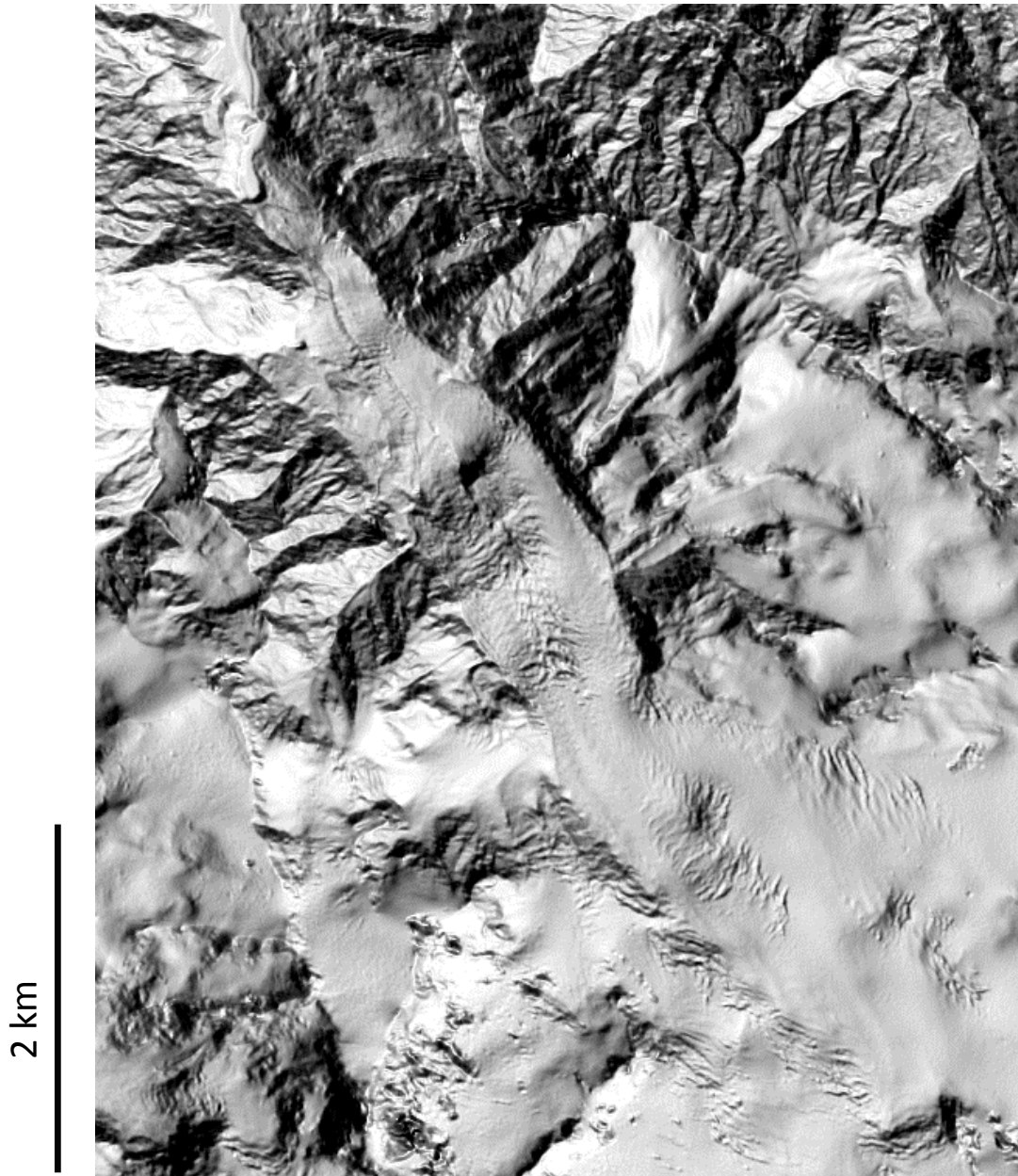
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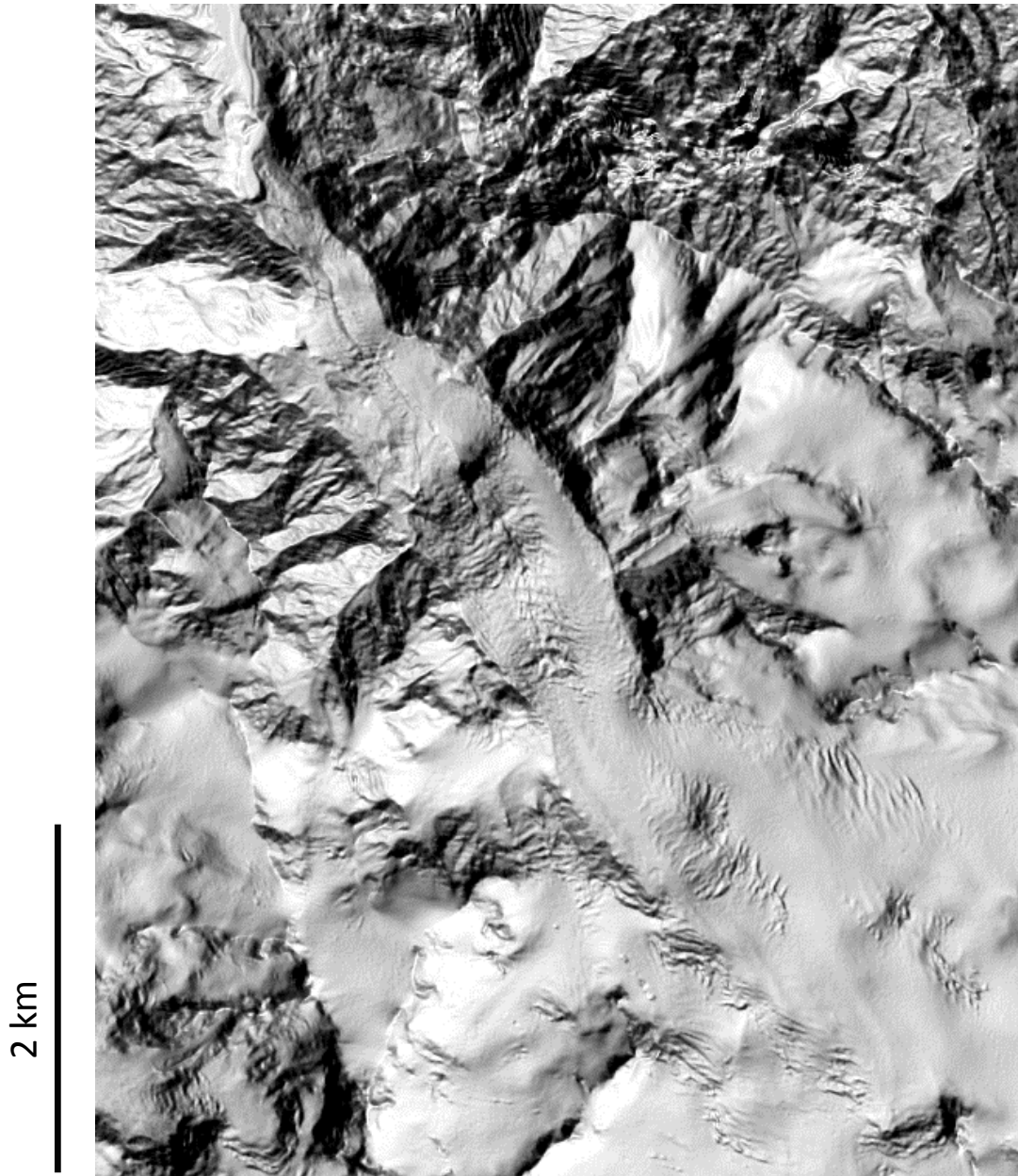


1m GSD Shaded Elevation  
Model generated from  
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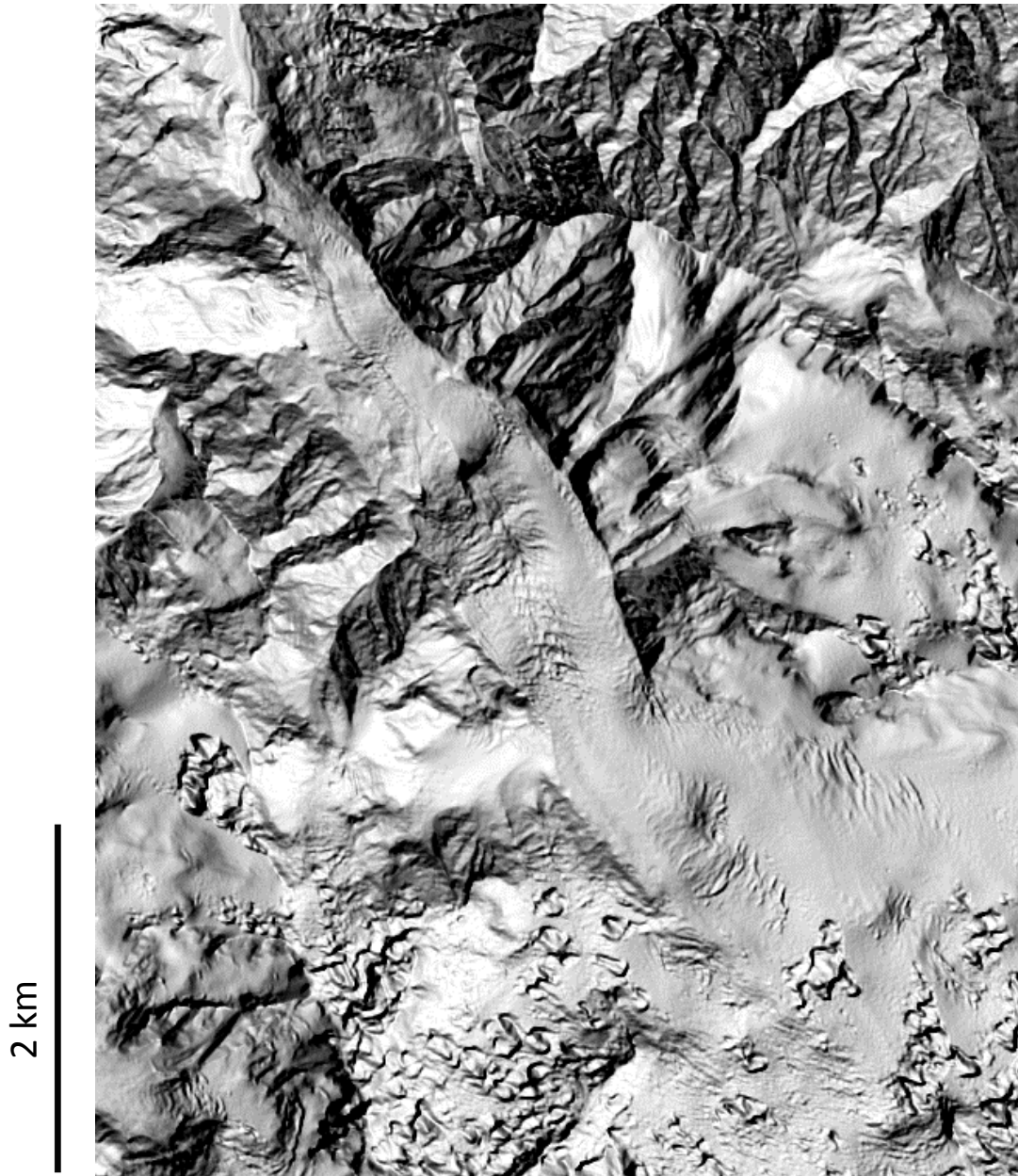
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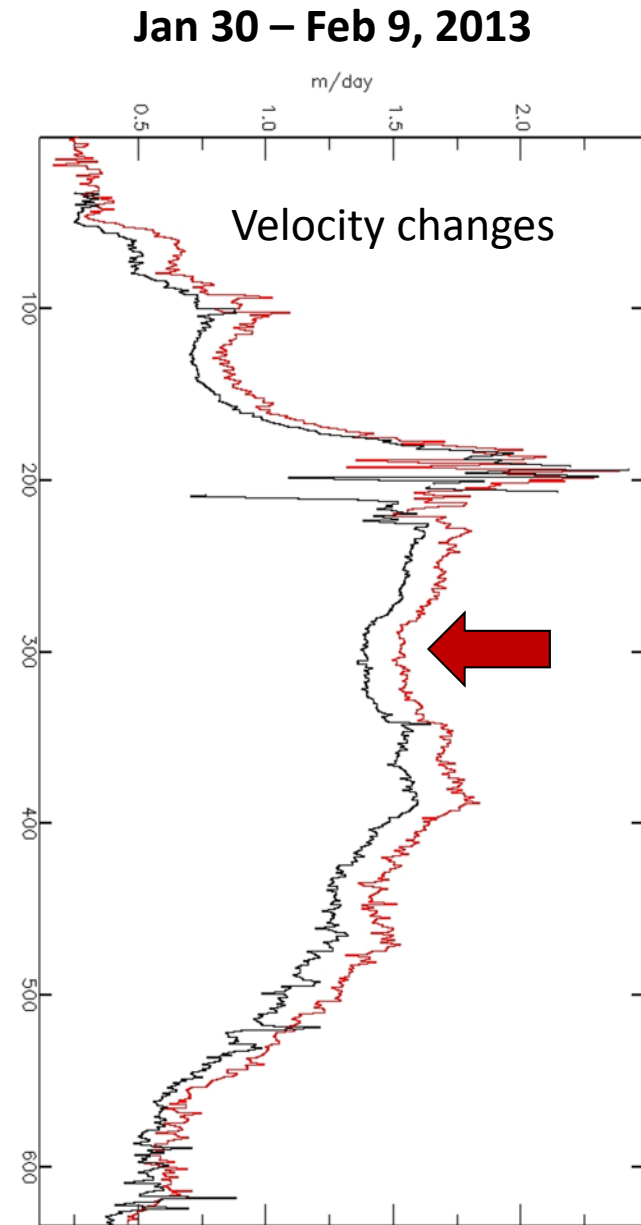
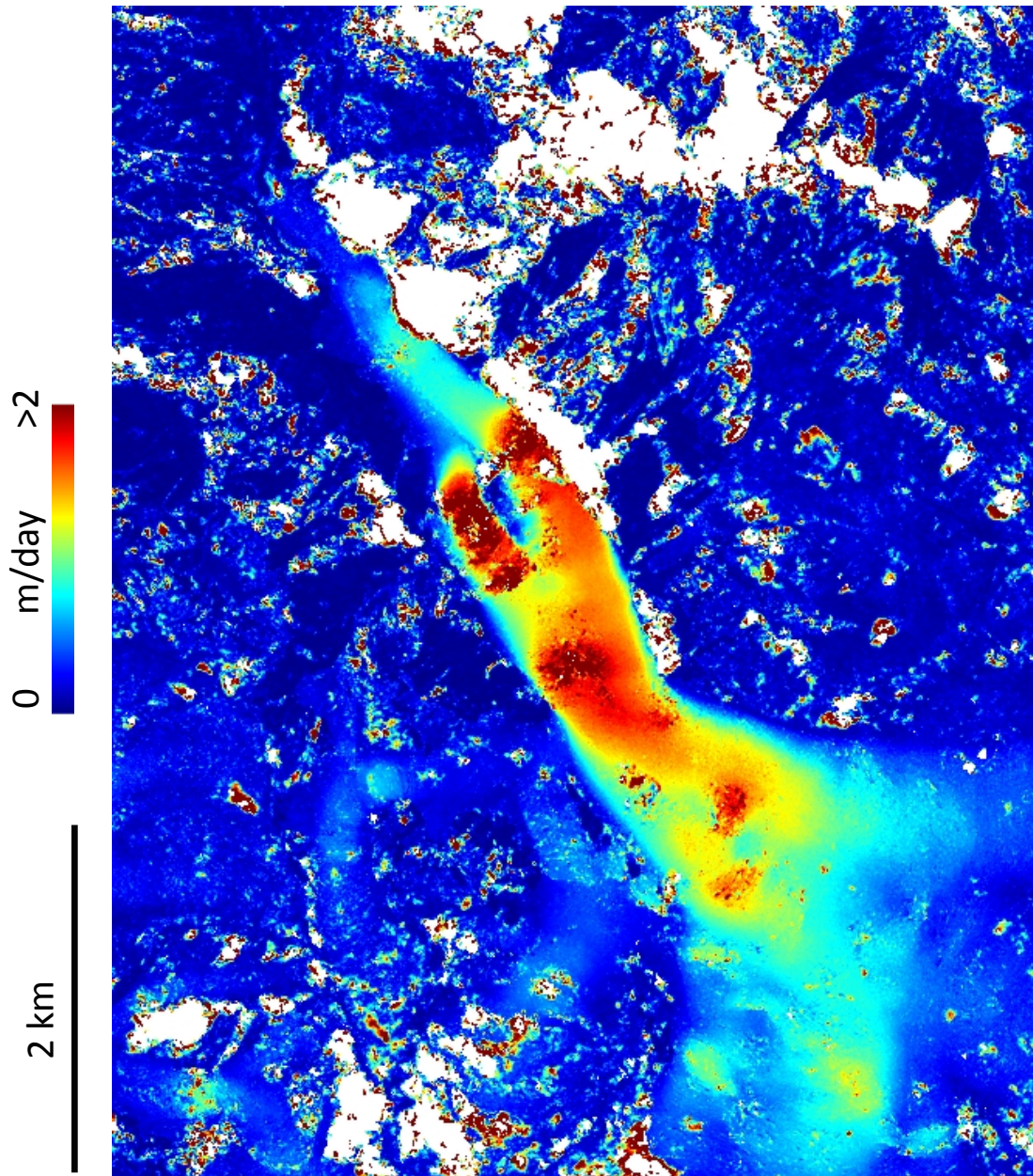
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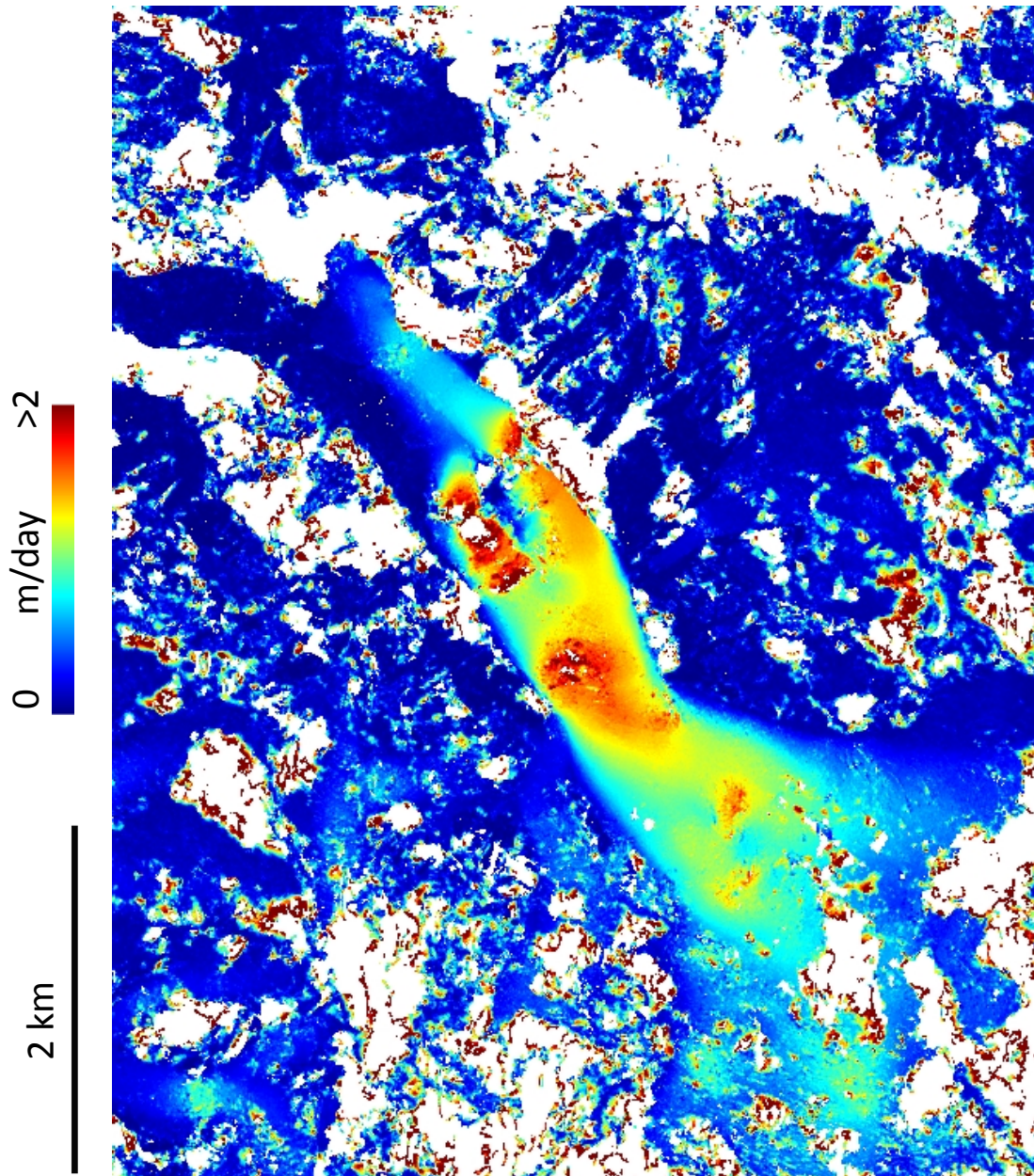
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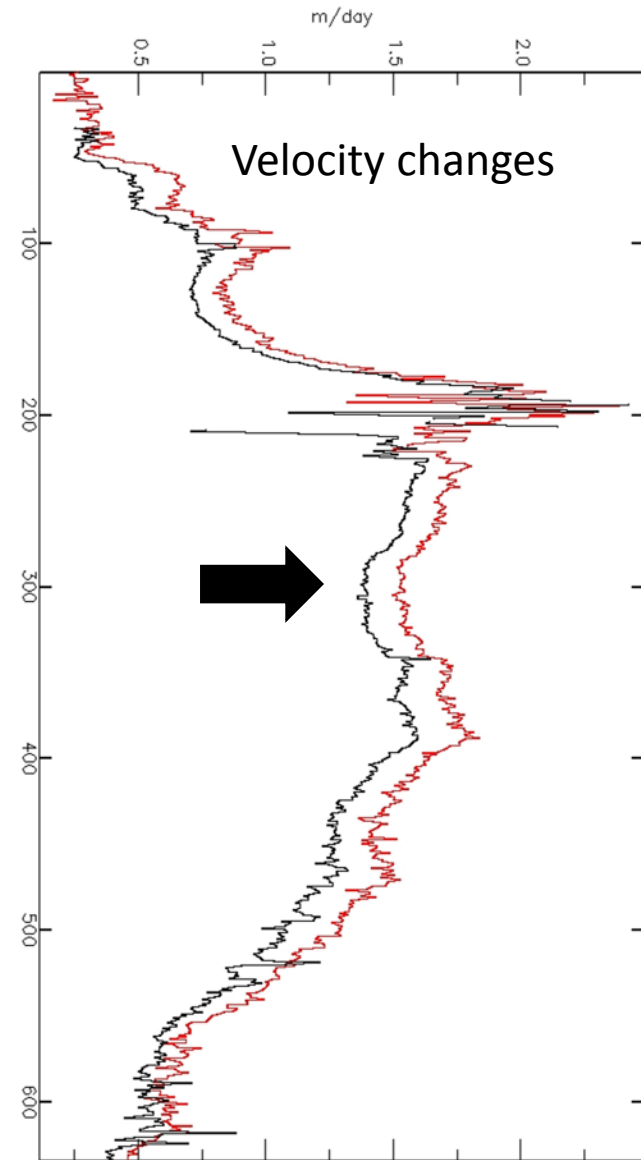
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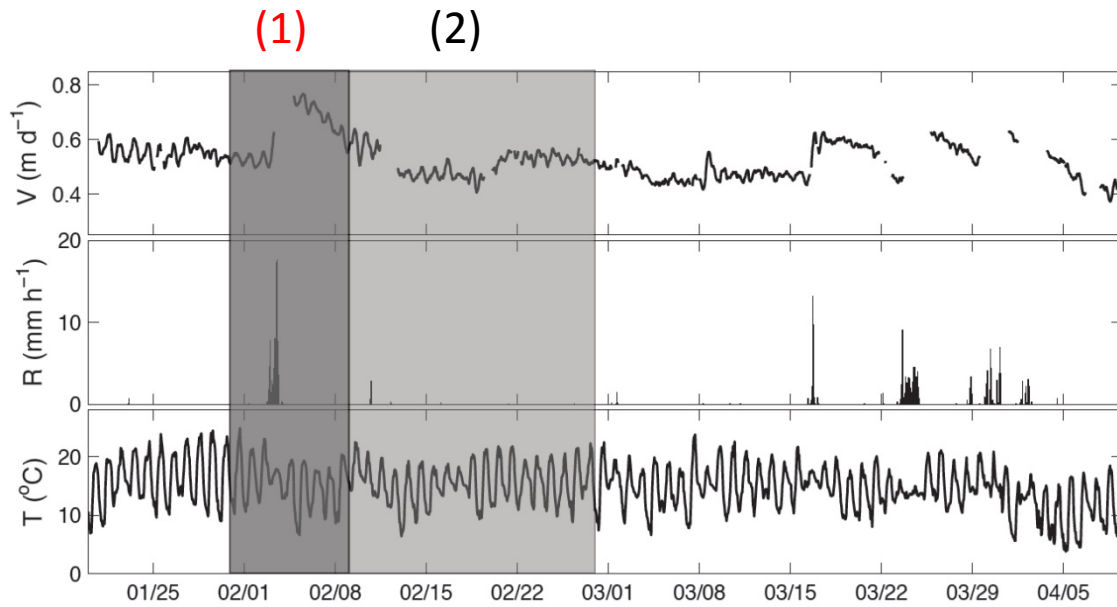
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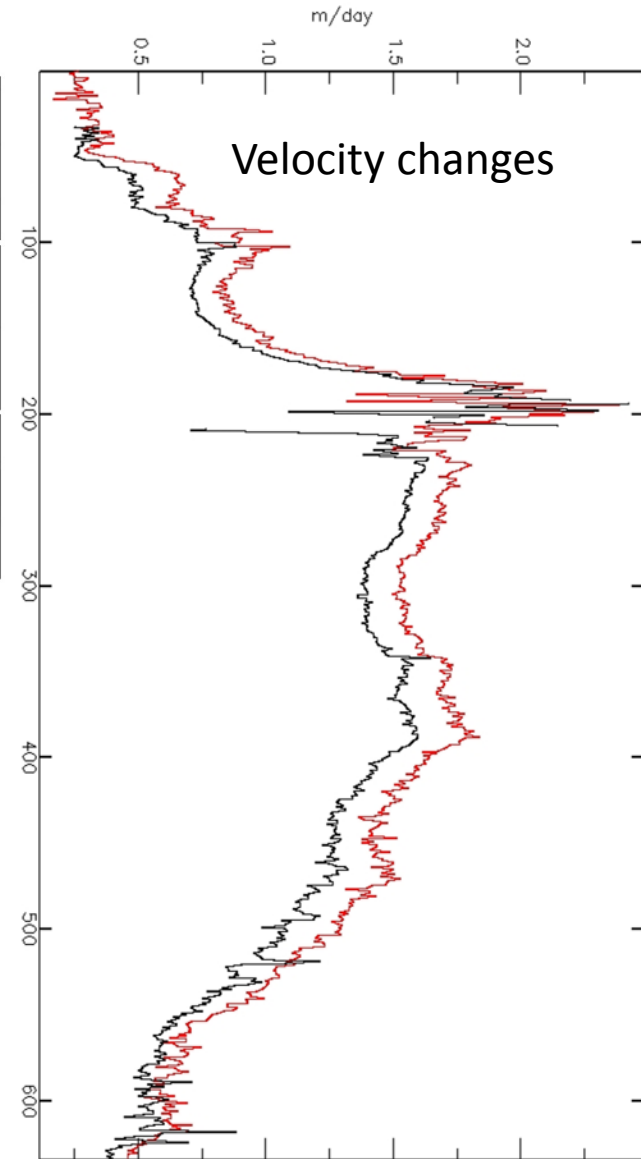
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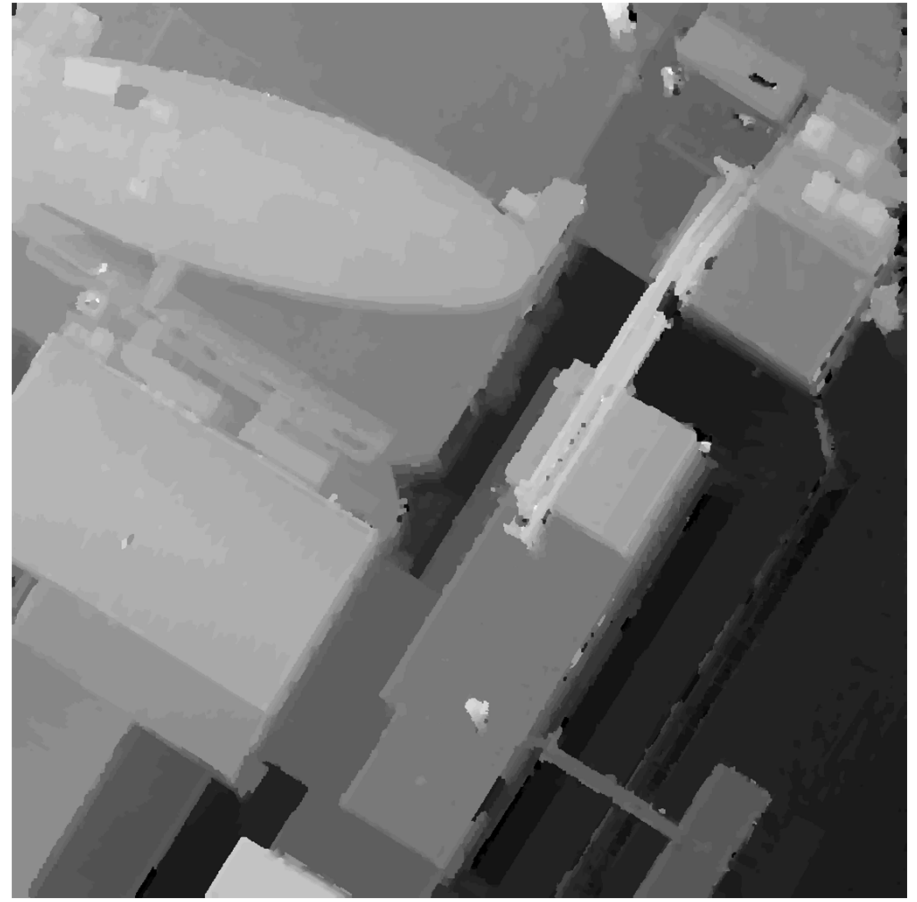
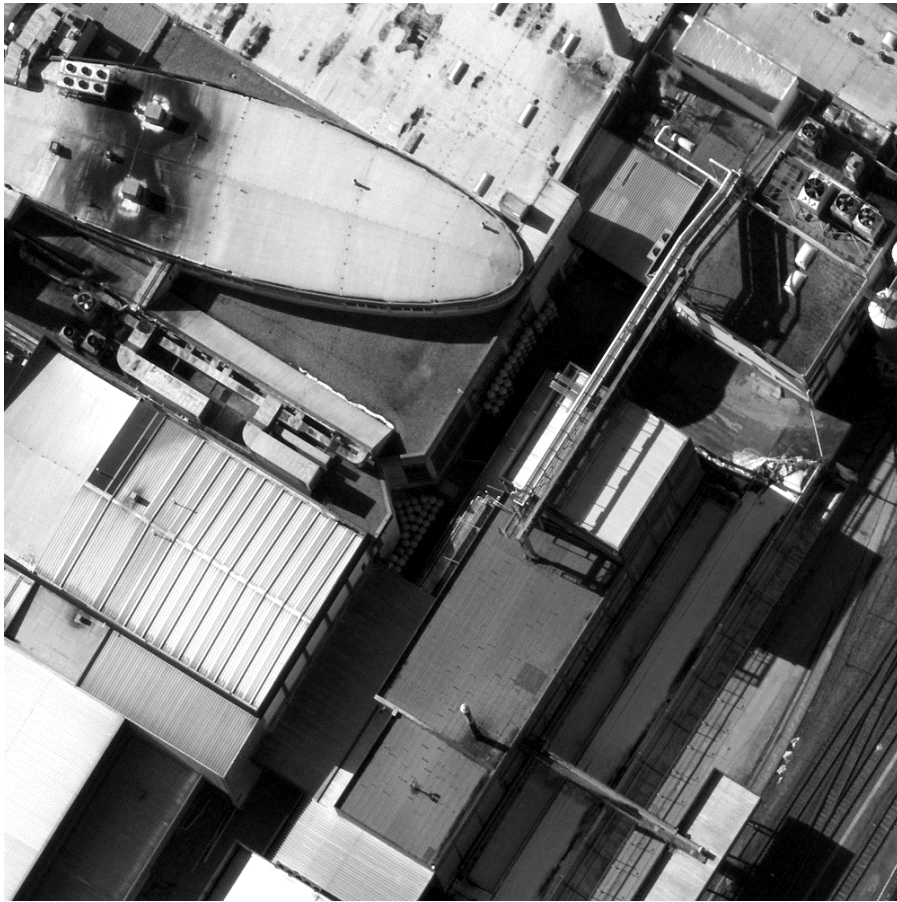
Velocity (GPS), Precipitations,  
Temperatures

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Glacial dynamics strongly affected by hydrology



# Extracting Urban Topography

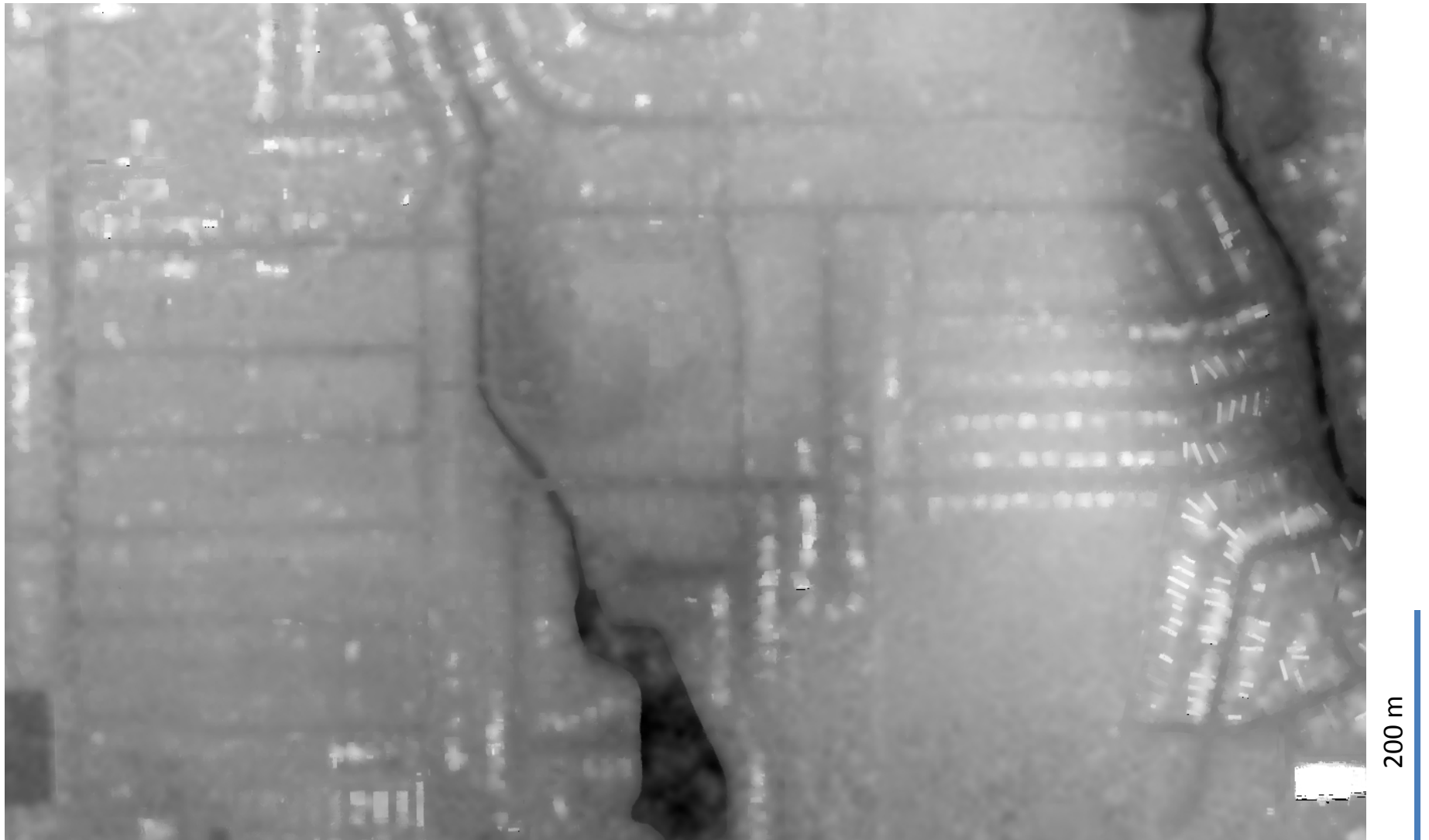


# Automatic Mapping of Disasters with Stereo Imagery



City of Moore, Oklahoma, before tornado, 2012

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**Digital Surface Model** - City of Moore, Oklahoma, before tornado, 2012



# Conclusions

- Rigorous methods to measure 3D ground deformation using remote sensing are becoming more popular,
- Generic methods to monitor a variety of surface processes (fault rupture, landslides, sand dune migration, glaciers, etc.),
- How can these new techniques help address the most pressing science questions?
- How should they be modified to best answer science questions? What are the main limitations?
- Would there be a need to develop new instruments?

# Glacier flow: Mer de Glace

