

# InSAR vertical displacements for Infrastructure and settlement monitoring application

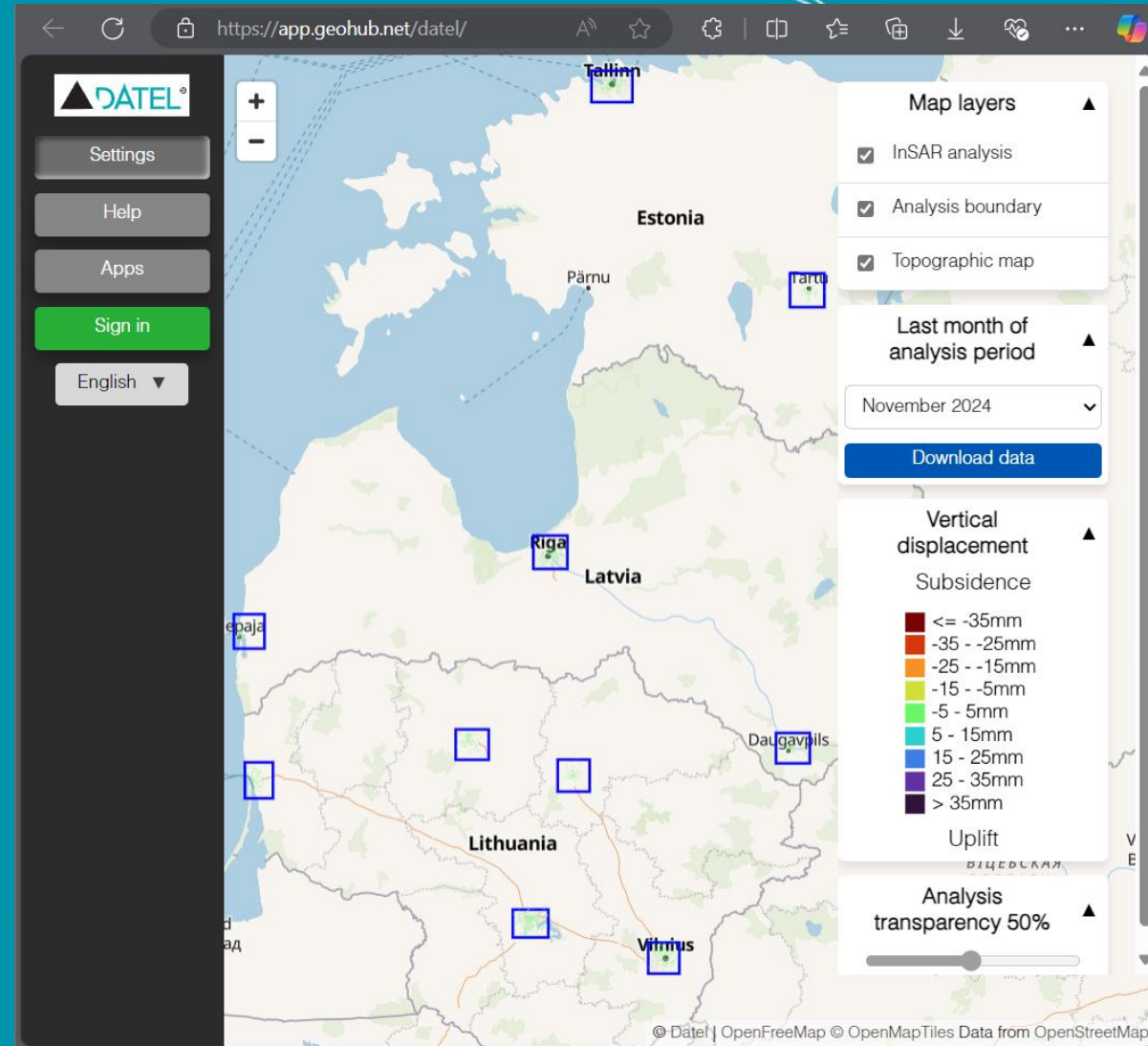
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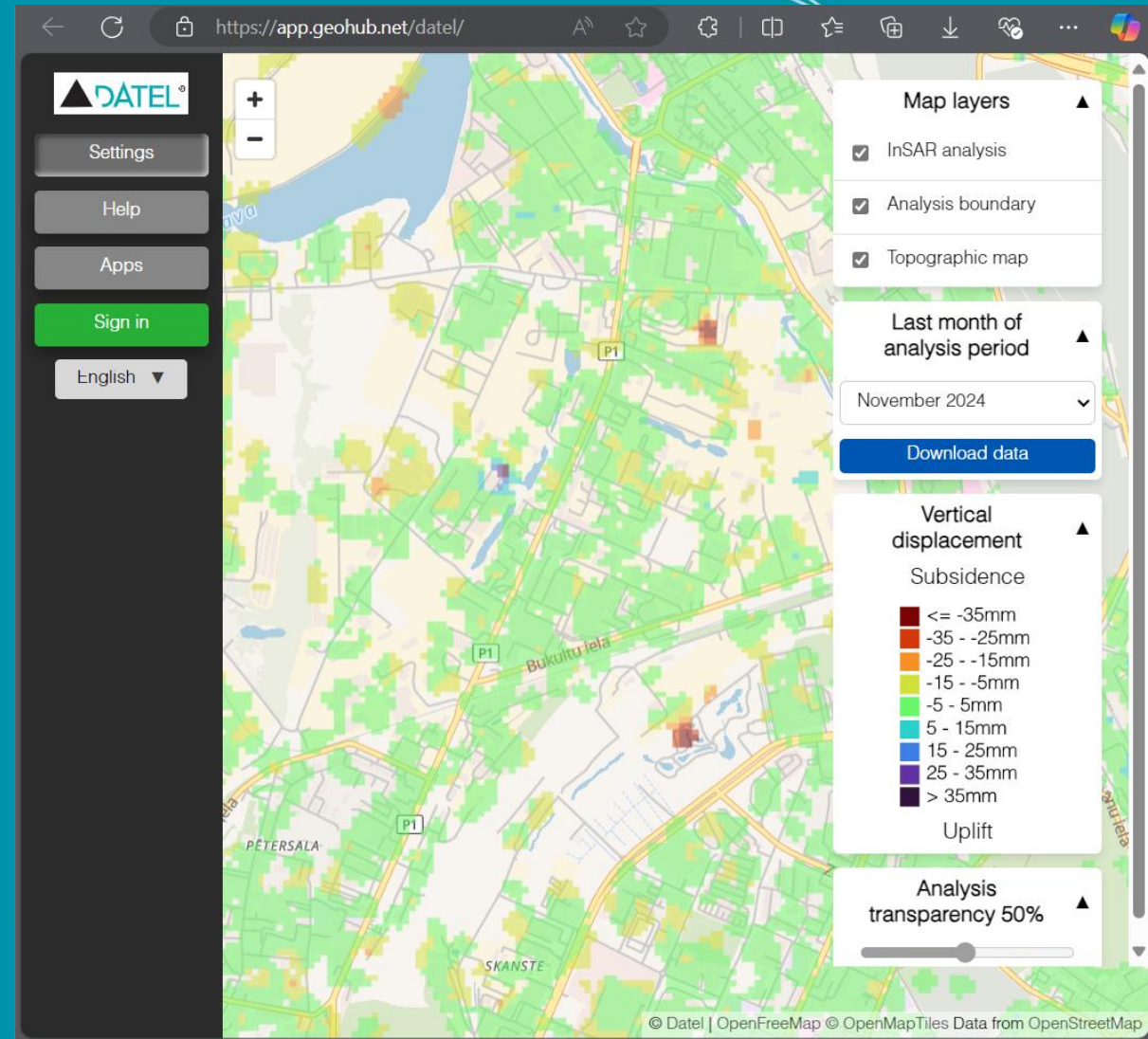


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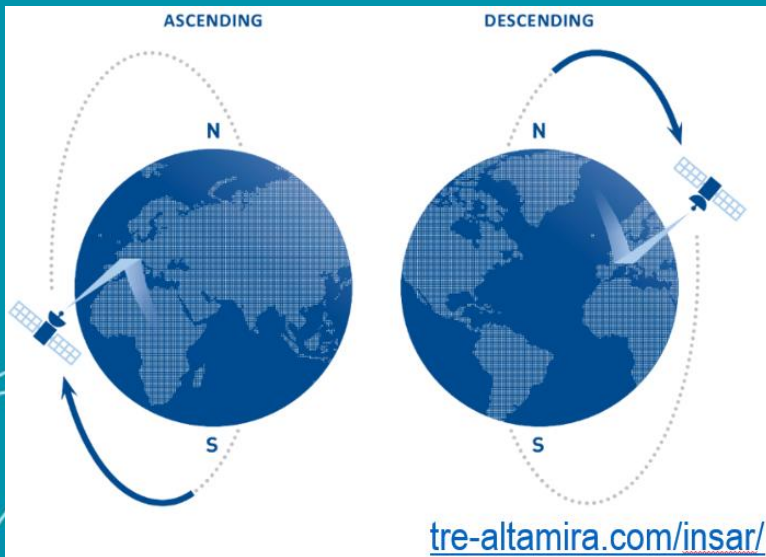
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- **Vertical displacement** grids (unit mm) from the analysis of **Multi-Temporal Interferometric SAR (MT-InSAR)**
- Analyses for the time period of one year (at least 30 radar images) calculated monthly
- The precision of displacements 2-2.5 mm on average (1-sigma)

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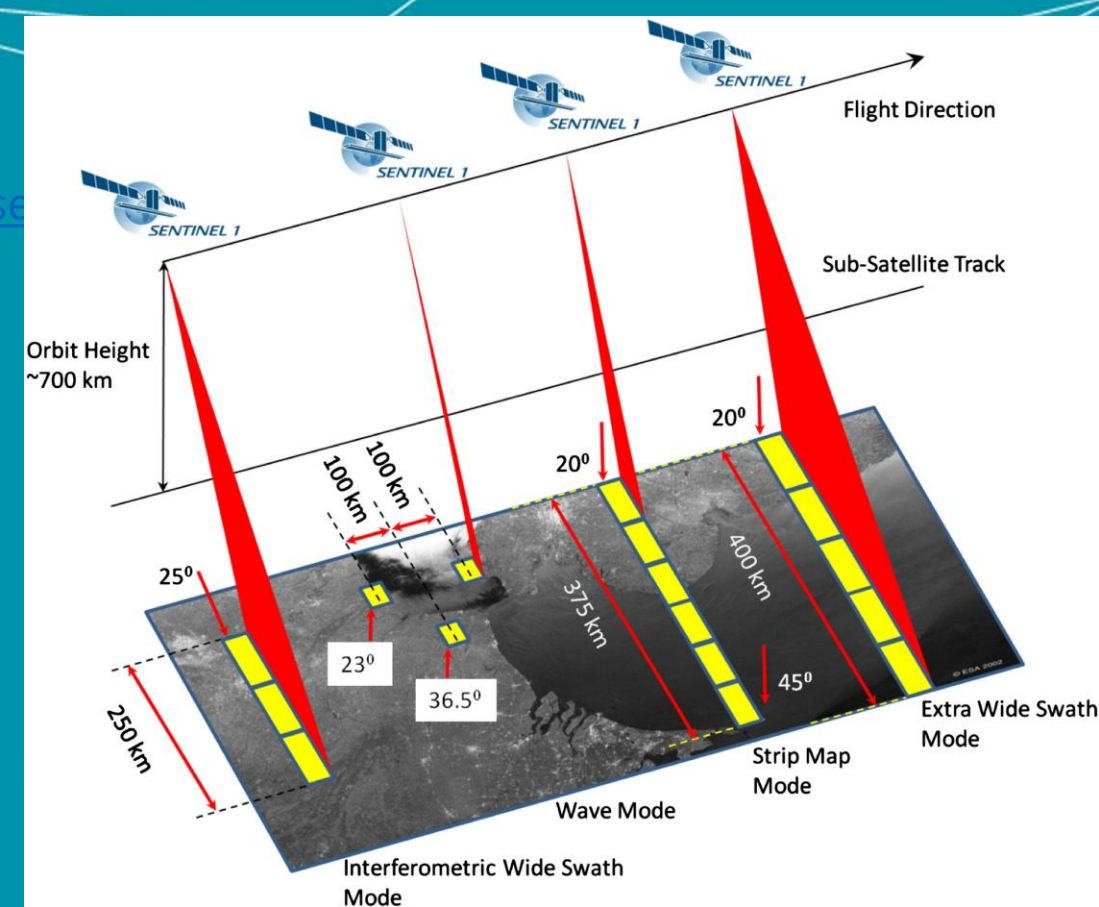


The following table contains a summary of useful orbital information for Sentinel-1A and -1B:

Altitude	Inclination	Period	Cycle	Ref. tube deviation	Local Time at Descending Node
693 km	98.18 deg	98.6 min	12 days	+ - 100 m	18:00 hours

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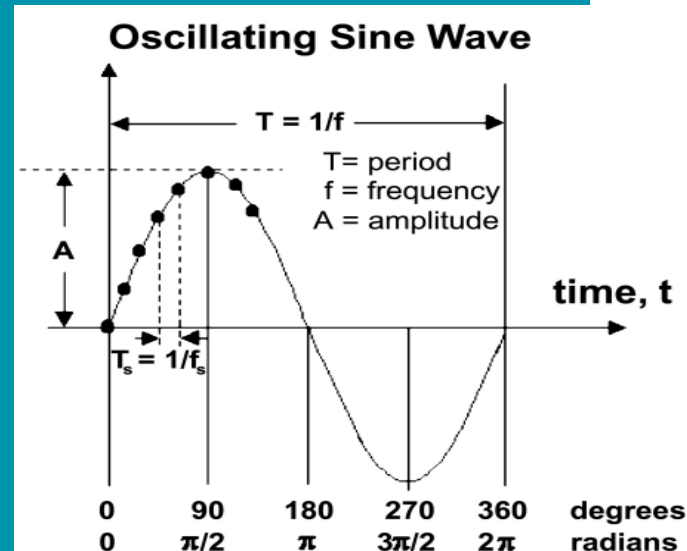
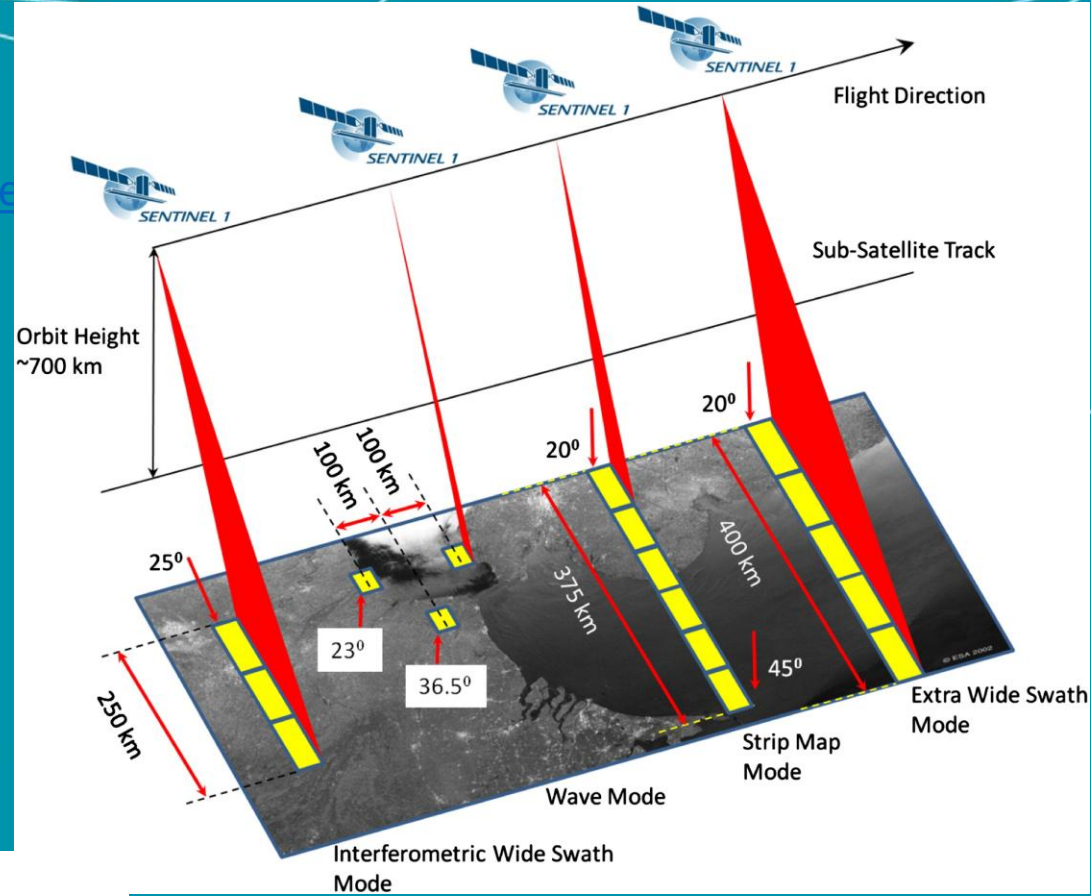
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**amplitude  $A$**   
**and phase  $\varphi$**

Sine function:

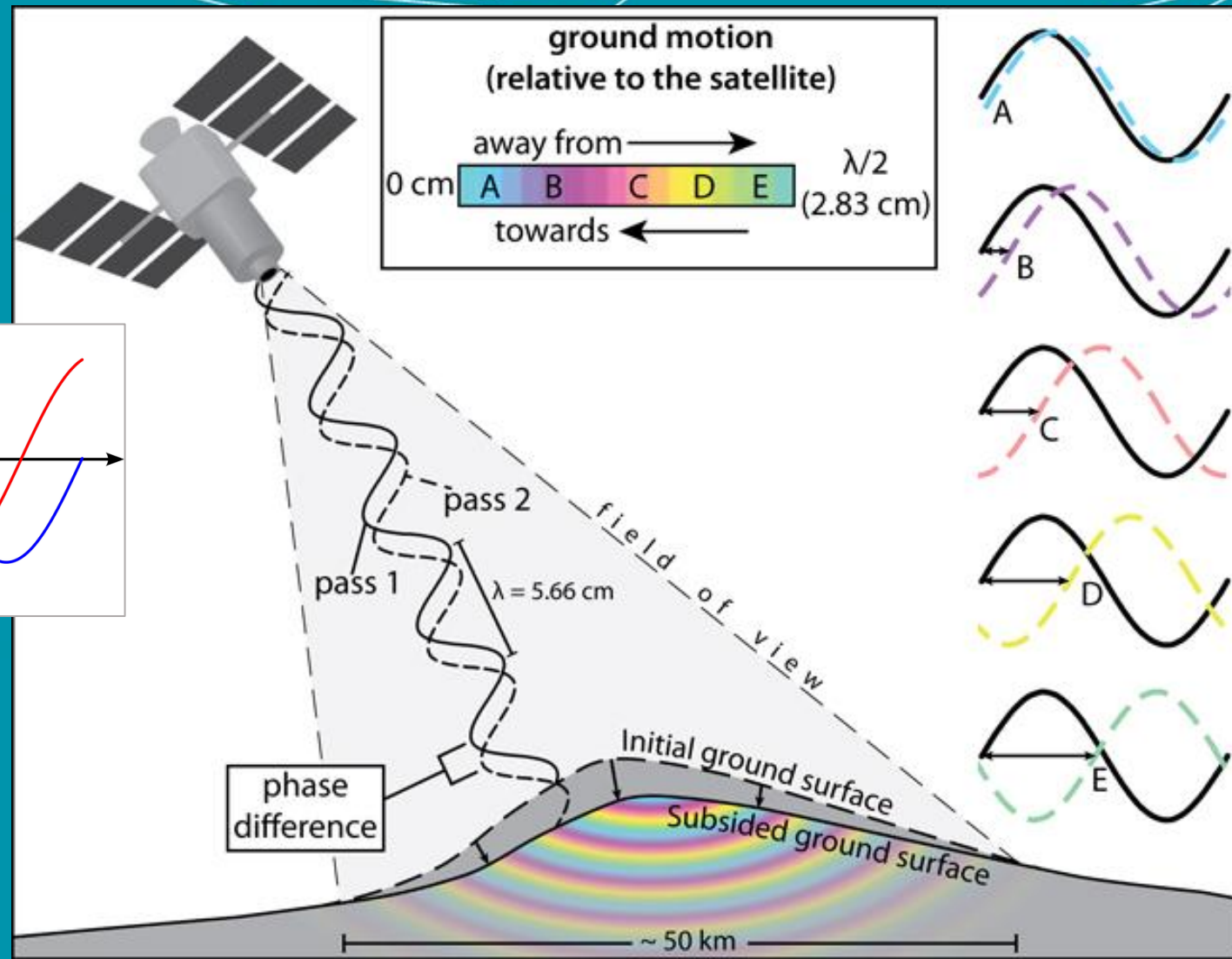
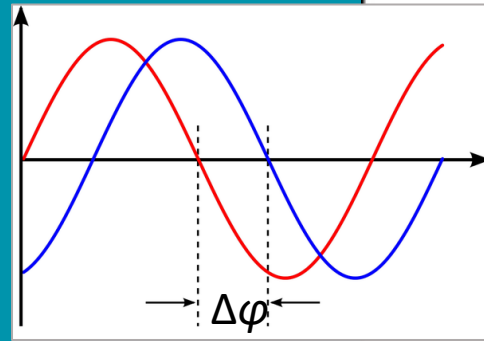
$$y(t) = A \sin(\omega t + \varphi) = A \sin(2\pi f t + \varphi)$$



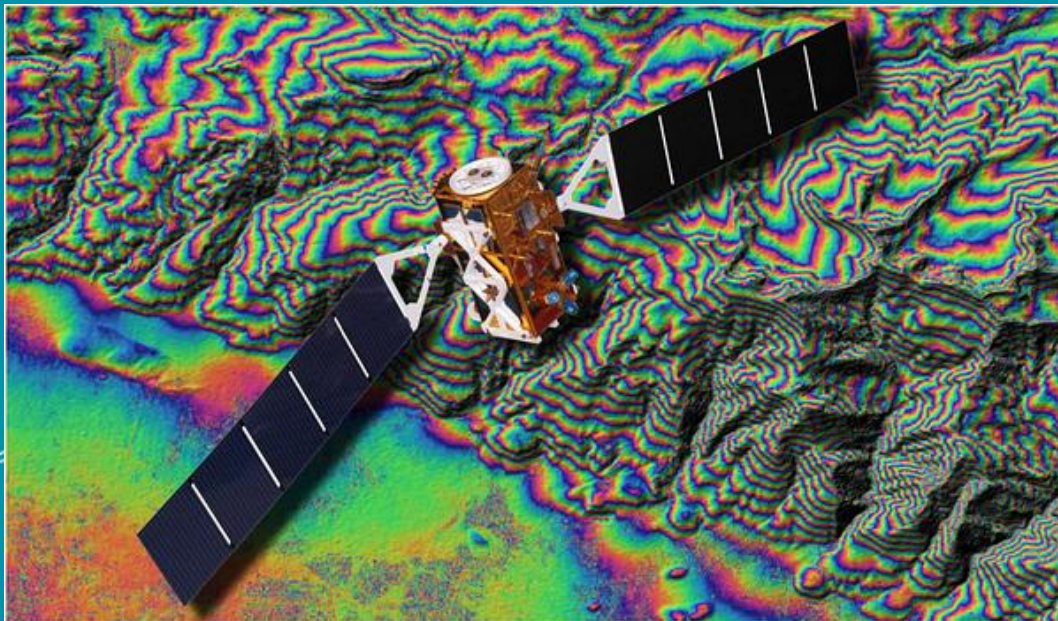
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# InSAR method

- By measuring the phase differences  $\Delta\varphi = \varphi_2 - \varphi_1$
- ... the displacements of ground surface can be monitored



InSAR of repeated SAR imagery (volcano.si.edu)



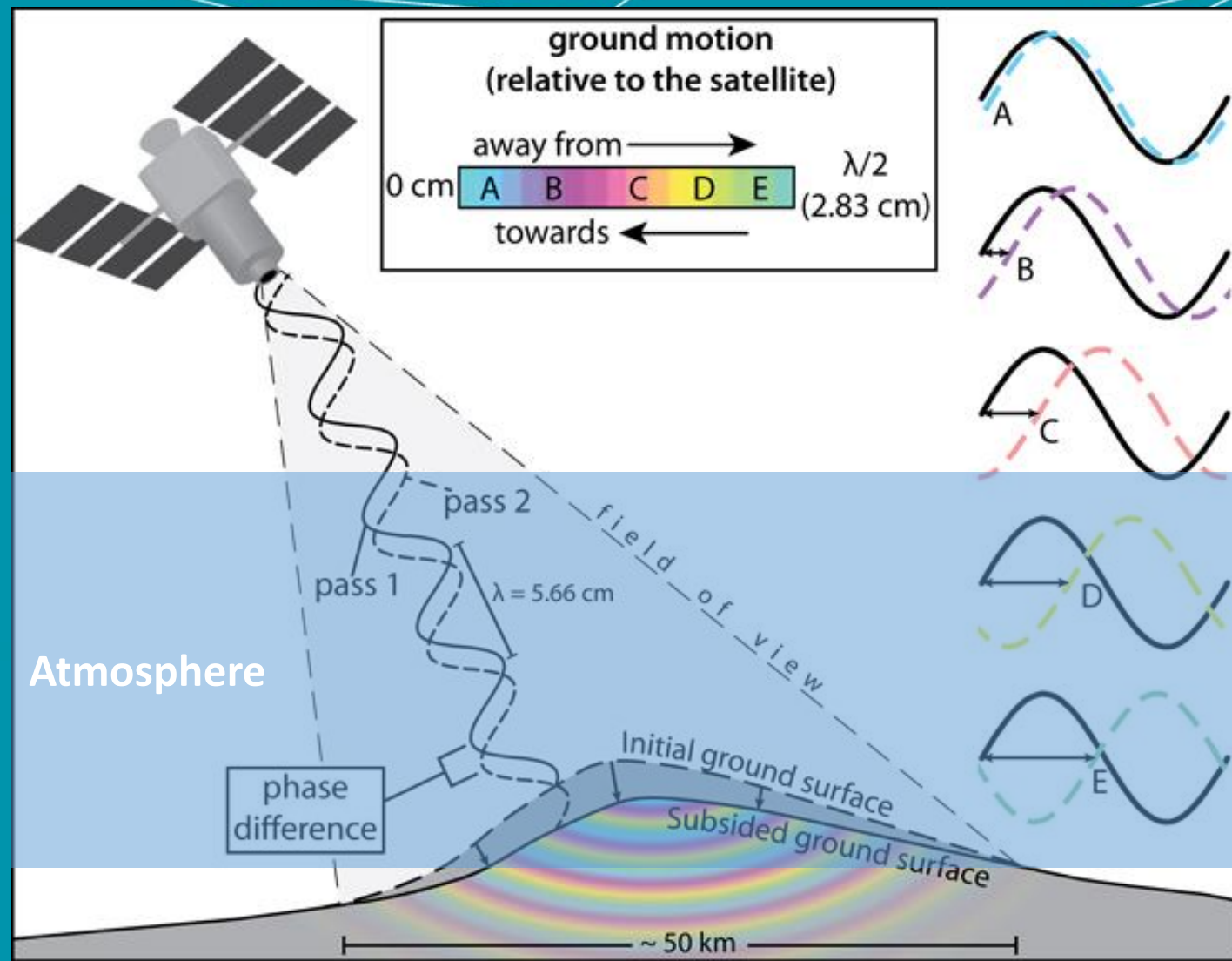
Interferometric fringes from Sentinel-1 SAR imagery (Braun 2021)

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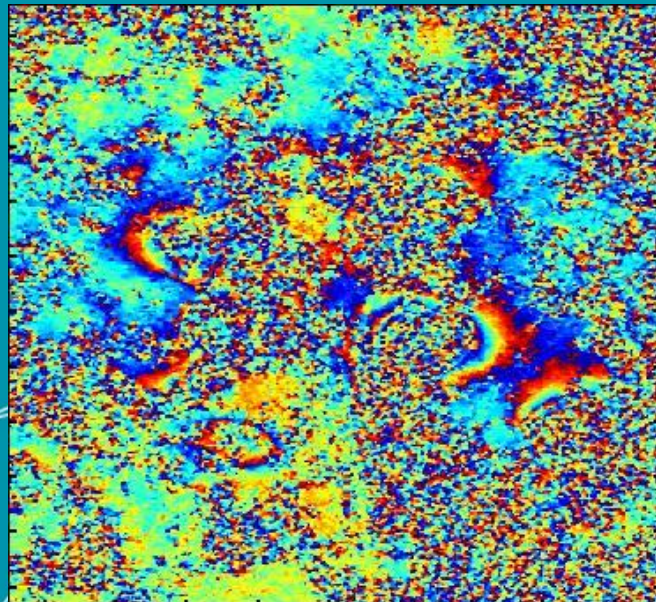
- Error sources:
  - Atmospheric delay
  - Topography
  - Measurement noise

- Phase difference from InSAR

$$\varphi^n = \varphi_{topo}^n + \varphi_{defo}^n + \varphi_{aps}^n + \varphi_{noise}^n$$



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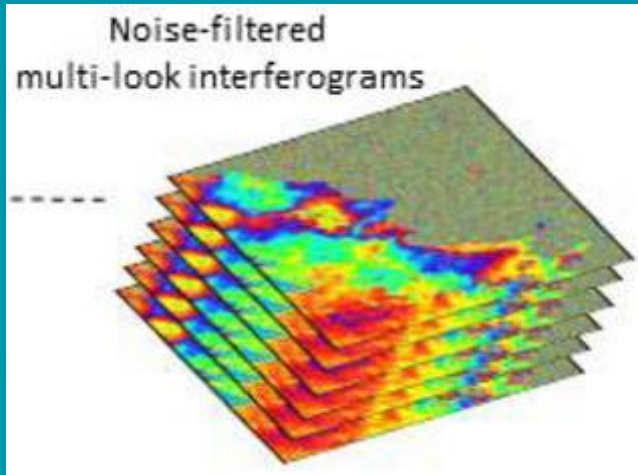


Noisy interferogram from InSAR

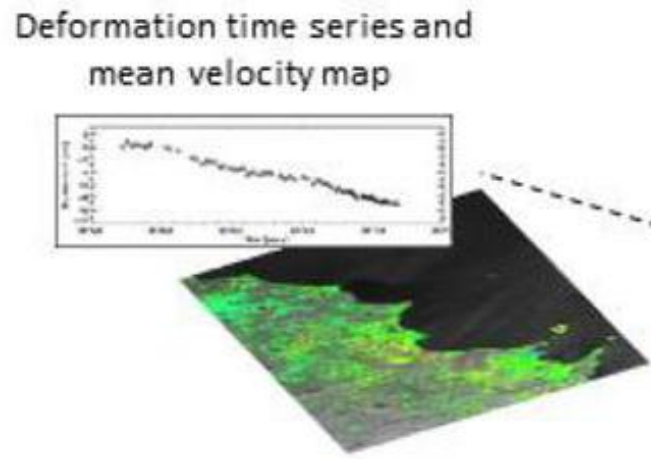


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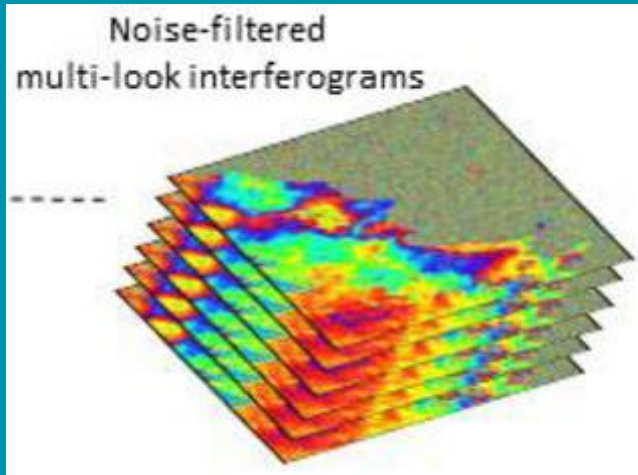


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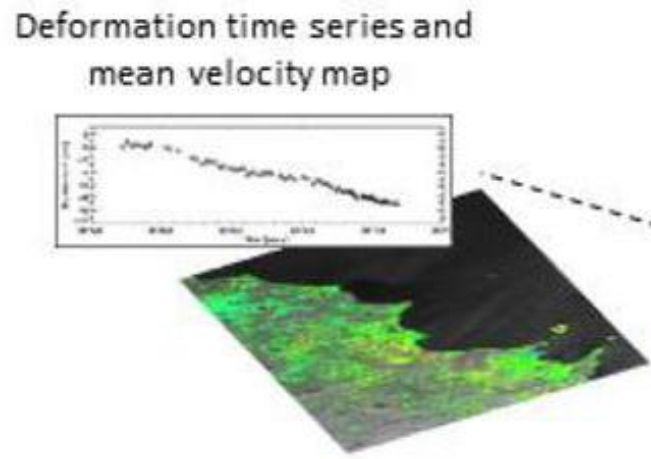


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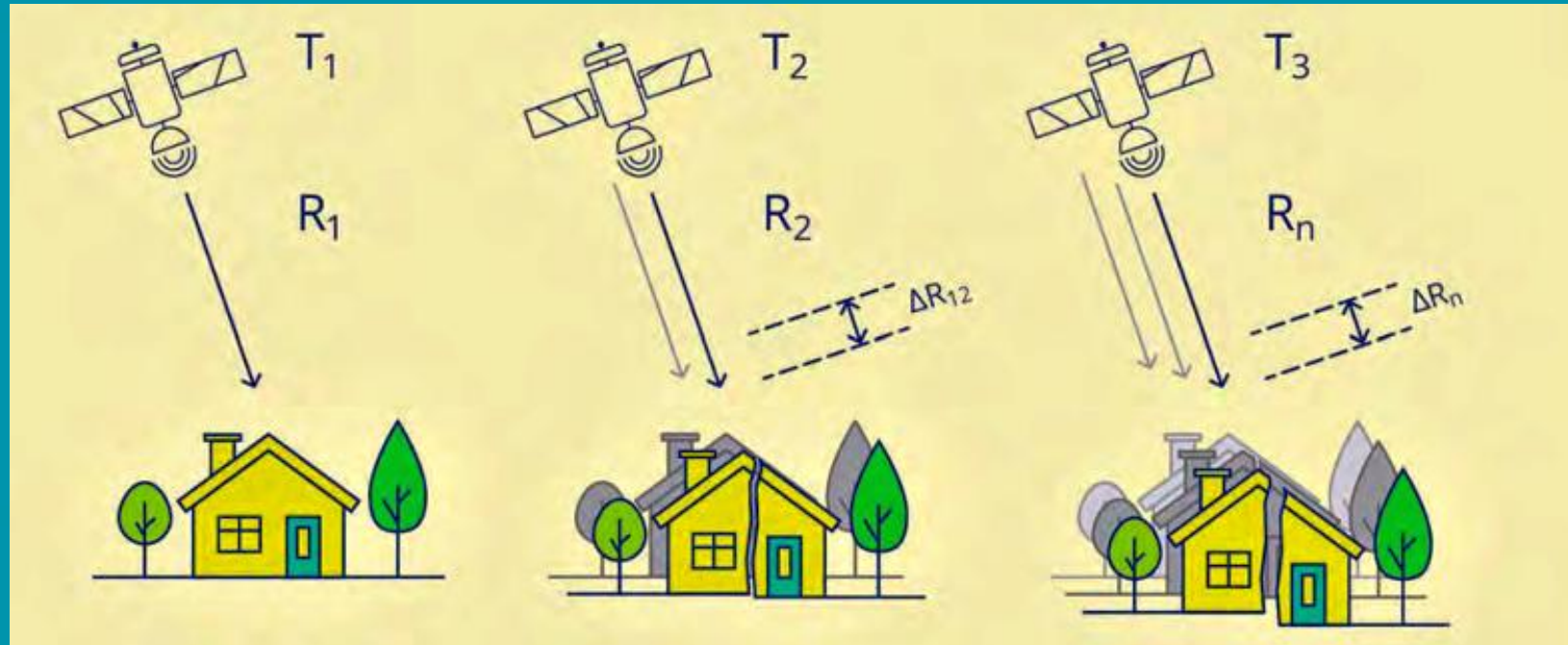
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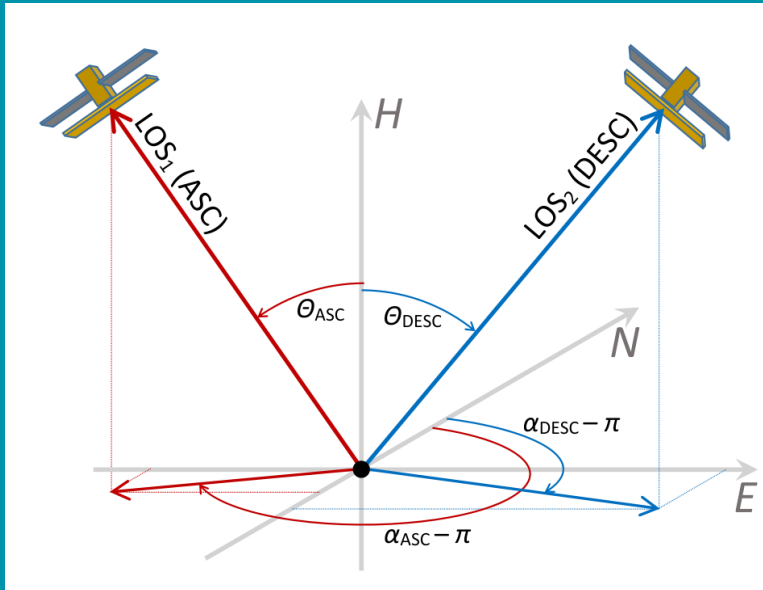
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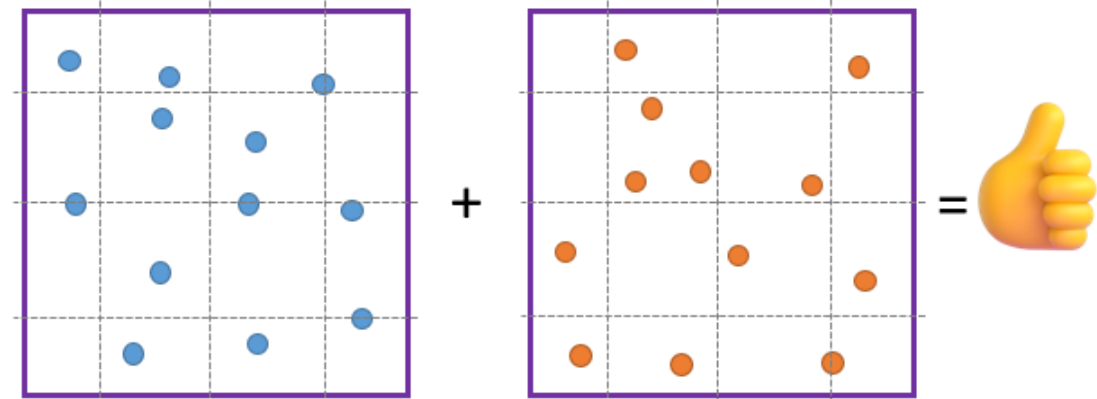
# Vertical displacements of surface and objects on the ground from InSAR analyses



Trigonometric relations between 1D LOS and 3D NEH displacements

## How to combine different orbits?

- L1 (ASC), L2 (DESC) points do not overlap spatially
- Gridding

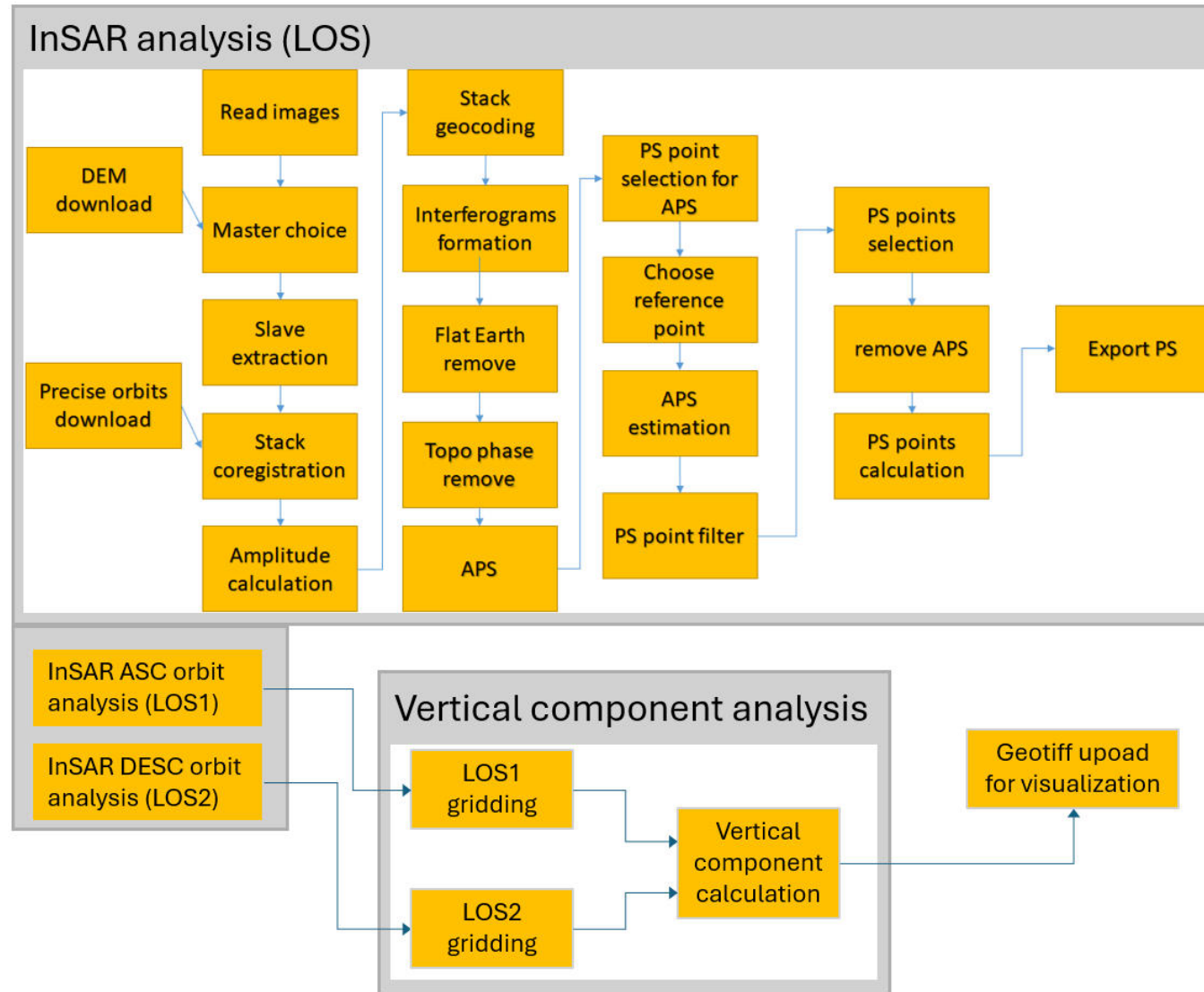


- Vertical displacement solutions
  - Regular grids (with 20 m\*20 m pixels)
  - Precision of vertical displacements 2-3 mm

Details can be found from paper: Oja, T., Gruno, A. (2023) **Monitoring of millimeter-scale deformations in Tallinn using repeated leveling and PS-InSAR analysis of Sentinel-1 data.** Advances in Geodesy and Geoinformation, Vol. 72, No 1

# Vertical displacement computation by Sille.Space e-service:

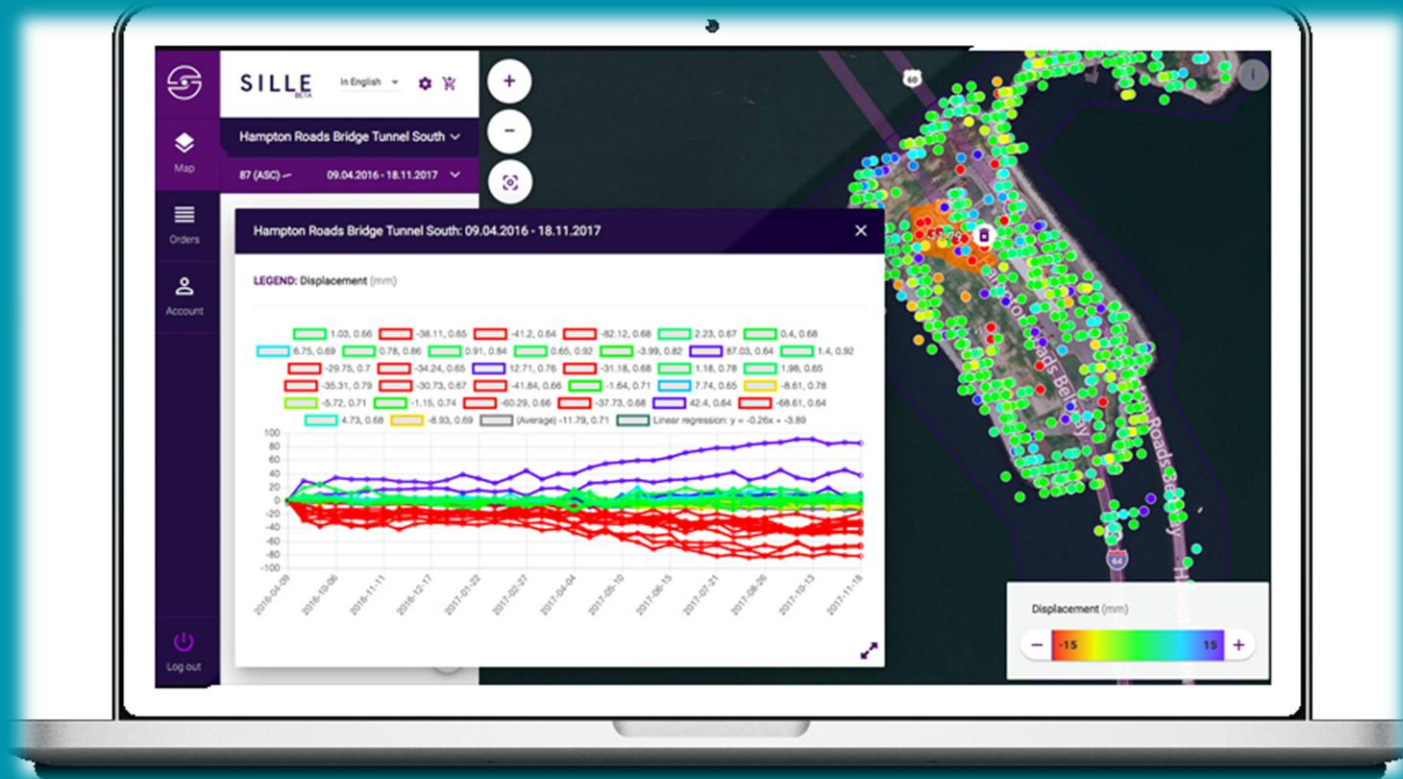
## The workflow of InSAR vertical analysis



# Sille.Space – satellite-based monitoring e-service



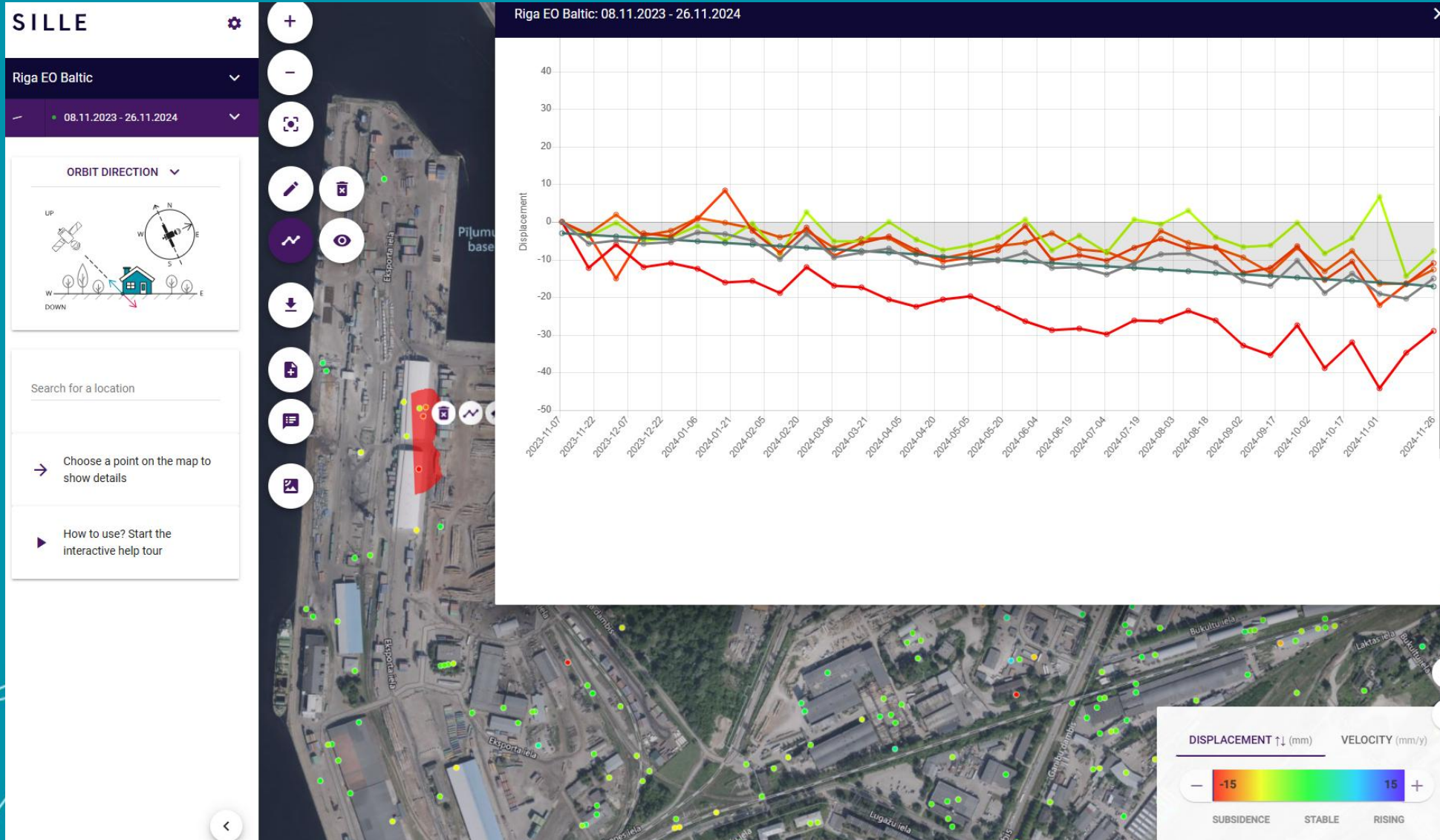
- Hazards, changes, processes and damage can be identified and monitored:
  - Infrastructure in urban areas
  - Buildings, dams
  - Mining, landslides
  - Ports, airports
  - Tunnels, railways
  - Power-/pipelines
  - Groundwater/oil extraction
  - ...





Datel's service for visualizing InSAR analyses results

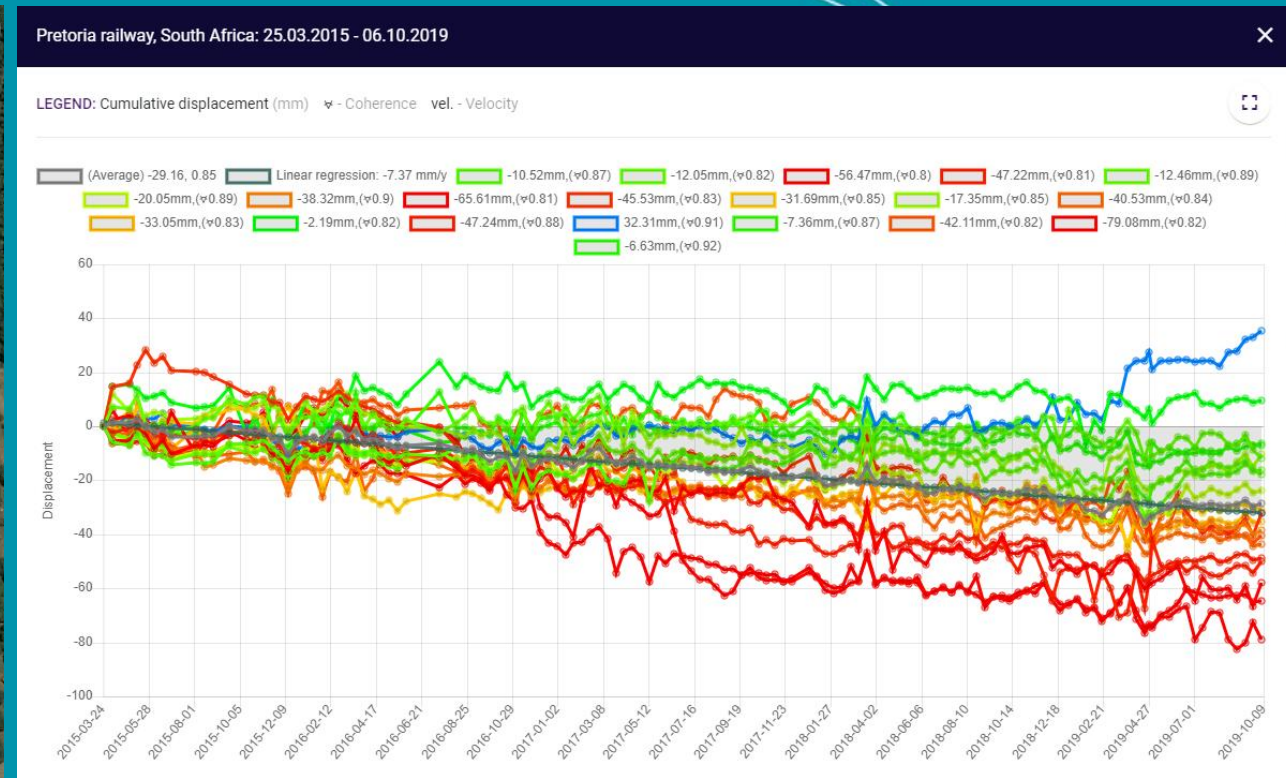
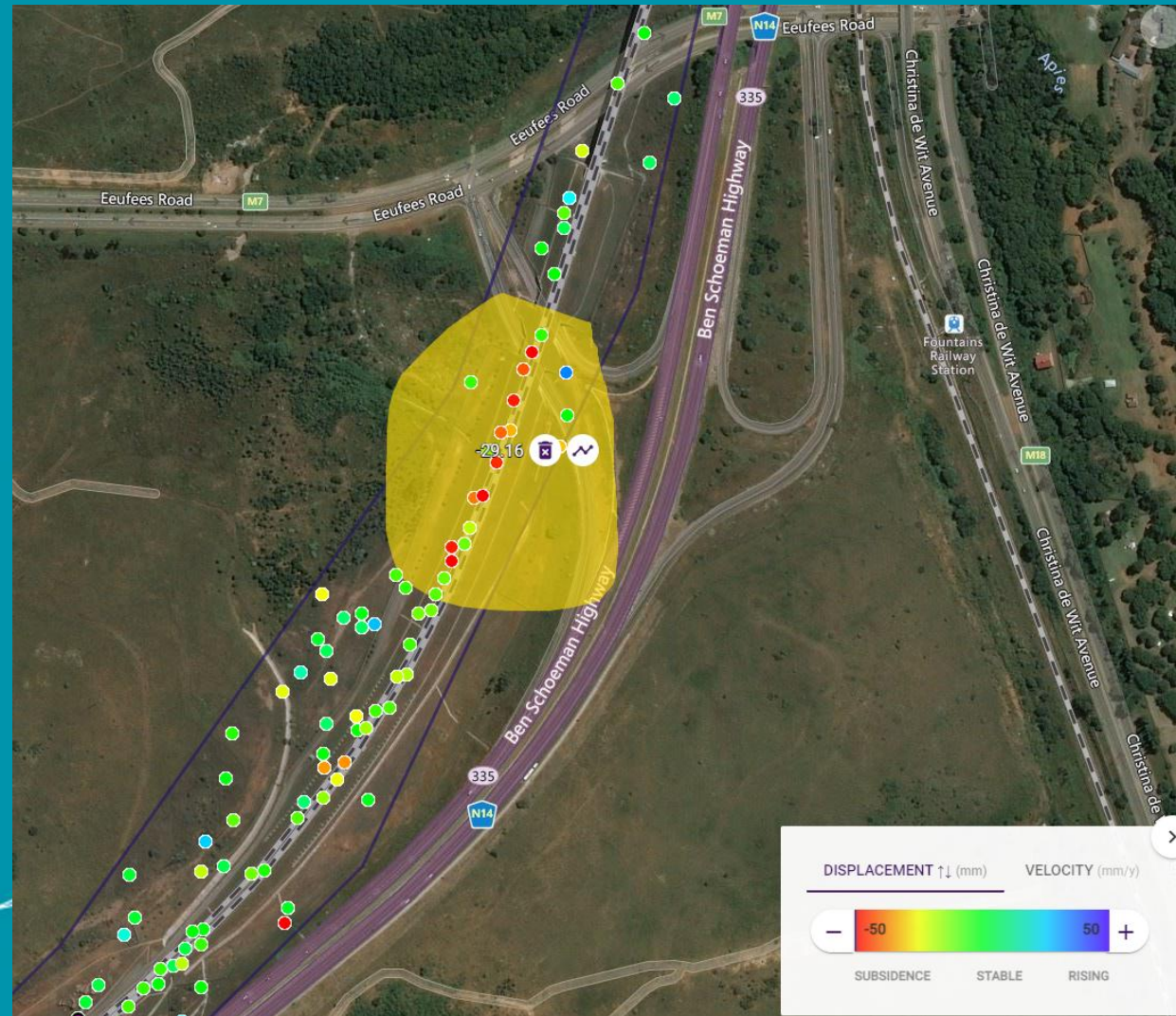
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# Thank you!

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## Infrastructure and Settlement Monitoring Service



Infrastructure and settlement monitoring application allows to observe subsidence in cities with population more than 60 thousand. The service supports monitoring and analyzing how construction activities affect nearby buildings/infrastructure, identifying and preempting potential issues. InSAR analysis shows vertical displacement grids for the biggest 10 Baltic cities. The grids are derived from the persistent scattered interferometric analysis (PS-InSAR) of Sentinel-1 satellite radar images. Multitemporal InSAR analyzes for the time period of one year are calculated monthly. The precision of InSAR derived displacements is 2 mm on average.

