

*WMB-LAPAN-Novel-Approaches = Equatorially Orbiting Sensors*

**Trend on Polarimetric Synthetic Aperture Radar Techniques:**

**Assessment of fully polarimetric POLSAR Environmental Remote Sensing & Geophysical Stress-change Monitoring for implementing Equatorially ORBITING Satellites over Indonesia**

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# Abstract-1

With the un-abating global population increase our natural resources are stressed as never before, and the global day/night monitoring of the terrestrial covers from the mesosphere to the litho-sphere becomes all the more urgent. Microwave radar sensors are ideally suited for space imaging because those are almost weather independent, and microwaves propagate through the atmosphere with little deteriorating effects due to clouds, storms, rain, fog aerosol and haze. Globally humidity, haze and aerosols next to cloudiness are increasing at a rather rapid pace, whereas only 20 years ago all of those covered 48% of the globe, today those have increased to about 62% and within another 20 years may exceed 80% for irreversible reasons. Thus, optical remote sensing from space especially in the tropical and sub-tropical vegetated belts is already and will become ever more ineffective, and microwave remote sensing technology must now be advanced strongly and most rapidly hand in hand with digital communications technology because operationally it is more rapidly available especially for disaster mitigation assistance.

## Abstract-2

Separate international multi-modal fully polarimetric airborne SAR developmental efforts culminated in a well coordinated group effort of three independent teams eventually launching and operating Fully Polarimetric Satellite SAR Sensors at L-Band (ALOS-PALSAR launched by JAXA/Japan in 2006 January – and to be followed by ALOS-PALSAR-2 &3); at C-Band (RADARSAT-2 launched by CSA-MDA in 2007 December – to be followed by independent RADARSAT-3&4) and at X-Band (TerraSAR-X launched by DLR-Astrium in 2007 July with the follow-on tandem mission TanDEM-X launched in June 2010) . Thus, international collaboration on advancing day & night global monitoring of the terrestrial covers was demonstrated with the launch of the three fully polarimetric multi-modal SAR Satellites at L-, C-, X-Band and its first tandem satellite-pair update of the DLR TanDEM-X. All of these efforts will be topped by the near-future joint DLR-JPL DESDynI/Tandem-L wide-swath, high-resolution fully polarimetric sensor implementation. Of specific relevance is the replacement of DLR E-SAR by the multi-band fully polarimetric F-SAR airborne POLSAR sensor platform.

## OUTLINE

### 1. Recent most pertinent POLinSAR Workshops

- 1. POLinSAR 2003 January 14 - 16: No space-borne SAR, participants: 80  
<http://earth.esa.int/workshops/polinsar2003>
- 2. POLinSAR 2005 January 17 - 21: No space-borne SAR, participants: 120  
<http://earth.esa.int/workshops/polinsar2005>
- 3. POLinSAR 2007 January 22 - 26 : ALOS-PALSAR, participants: 160+  
<http://earth.esa.int/workshops/polinsar2007>
- 4. POLinSAR 2009 January 26 - 30: 3 space-borne SAR, participants: 180+  
<http://earth.esa.int/workshops/polinsar2009>
- 5. POLinSAR 2011 January 24 - 28: 3 space-borne SAR, participants: 150+62  
<http://earth.esa.int/workshops/polinsar2009>

### 2. Advent of Fully Polarimetric Space-borne & Multi-band airborne SAR sensorss

- ALOS-PALSAR                      L-Band: January 2006
- RADARSAT-2                      C-Band: December 2007
- TerraSAR-X                      X-Band: June 2007 & **TanDEM-X June 2010**
- **Multi-band F-SAR**              **P, L, S, C, X, Ka, (K, Ku, W)**

# Recent Textbooks on Radar Polarimetry & Polarimetric Interferometry

Mott, Boerner, Yamaguchi, Souyris,  
Jin, Jin - Xu, Pottier - Lee, Cloude,  
Cumming-Wong, van Zyl-Kim

## Recent Books on Polarimetric Radar & SAR, Polarimetric Interferometry

**Harold MOTT**, *Remote Sensing with Polarimetric Radar*, Wiley-IEEE Press, 1st ed., January 2007, pp309 , ISBN: 978-0470074763 {also see previous books by late Harold Mott, 1986 & 1992}

**Boerner, Wolfgang-Martin**, *Introduction to Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) Polarimetry*, Wexford Press (reprinted *without permission* from W-M. Boerner (April 2007), Basics of SAR Polarimetry 1, *In Radar Polarimetry and Interferometry* (pp. 3.1- 3-40), Educational Notes RTO-EN-SET-081bis, Paper 3, Neuilly-sur-Seine, France RTO, available from: <http://www.rto.nato.int/abstracts.asp>

**Yamaguchi, Yoshio**, *Radar Polarimetry from Basics to Applications: Radar Remote Sensing using Polarimetric Information (in Japanese)*, IEICE Press, Dec. 2007, (soft cover), ISBN: 978-4-88552-227-7, <http://www.ieicepress.com/>

**Masonnett Didier & Souyris Jean-Claude**, *Imaging with Synthetic Aperture Radar*, EPFL/CRC-Press, Engineering Sciences/Electrical Engineering, Taylor & Francis Group, 2008, (hard-cover), ISBN 978-0-8493-8239-4; <http://www.crcpress.com>

**Ya-Qiu JIN & Feng XU**, *Theory and Approach for Polarimetric Scattering and Information Retrieval of SAR Remote Sensing (In Modern Chinese)*, Beijing: Science Press, 2008, (hard cover), ISBN978-7-03-022649-5; <http://www.sciencep.com>

**Lee Jong-Sen & Pottier, Eric**, *Polarimetric Radar Imaging – from basics to applications*, CRC Press – Taylor & Francis Group, January 2009, ISBN 978-1-4200-5497-2 (hard-cover), TK6580.L424.2009, 621.3848- -dc22; <http://www.crcpress.com> {Chinese version to be published by 2009 October}

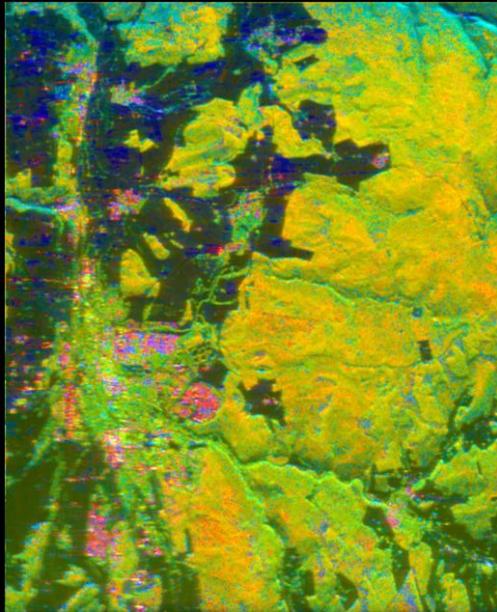
**Cloude, Shane Robert**, *Polarisation: Applications in Remote Sensing*, Oxford University Press, UK & EU, August 2009, ISBN 978 -0-19-9569731-1 (352p, 260 line-ill: hard-copy), <http://www.oup.com/contact/>

**vanZyl Jakob-Johannes & Kim Yun-Jin**, *Introduction to SAR Polarimetry* – in progress and to be completed by 2009 December: To be published with the JPL Series, John Wiley.

**Cumming, I. G. and F. W. Wong**, “*Digital Processing of Synthetic Aperture Radar Data*”. Artech House, 653-pages, January 2005. (Published in Chinese, October 2007).

JPL Space Science and Technology Series  
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# Synthetic Aperture Radar Polarimetry



Jakob van Zyl and Yunjin Kim

 **WILEY**

## Contents List

### 1. SAR Imaging Basics

- Basic Principles of Radar Imaging
- Radar Resolution
- Radar Equation
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- Synthetic Aperture Radar
- Radar Image Artifacts and Noise
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### 2. Basic Principles of SAR Polarimetry

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- Implementation of a Radar Polarimeter
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### 3. Advanced Polarimetric Concepts

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- Decomposition of Polarimetric Scattering
- Summary
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### 4. Polarimetric SAR Calibration

- Polarimetric Radar System Model
- Cross-Talk Estimation and Removal
- Co-Polarized Channel Imbalance Calibration
- Absolute Radiometric Calibration
- References

### 5. Applications: Measurement of Surface Soil Moisture

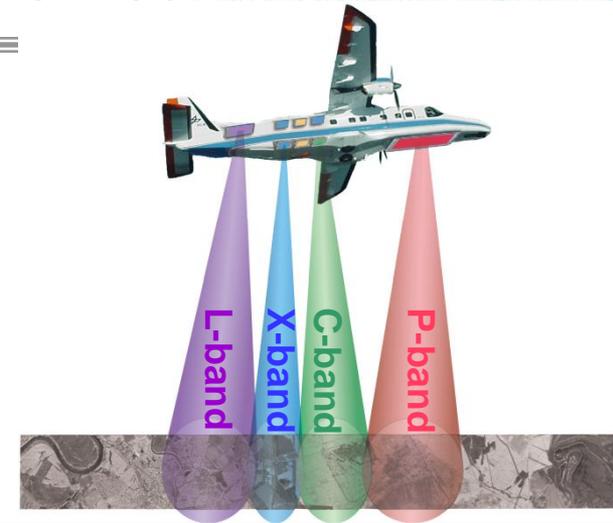
- Surface Electrical and Geometrical Properties
- Scattering from Bare Rough Surfaces
- Example: Bare Surface Soil Moisture Inversion Models
- Comparison of the Performance of Bare Surface Inversion Models
- Parameterizing Scattering Models
- Inverting the IEM Model
- Scattering from Vegetated Terrain
- Simulation Results
- Time Series Estimation of Soil Moisture
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# Multi-Band Airborne E- SAR => F-SAR

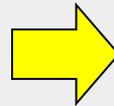
**New features:**

- significantly enhanced resolution and image quality
- simultaneous data recording in up to four frequency bands
- modular design for easy reconfiguration
- single-pass polarimetric interferometry in X- and S-band
- fully polarimetric capability in all frequencies



**E-SAR technical characteristics**

	X	C	L	P
<b>RF [GHz]</b>	9.6	5.3	1.3	0.35
<b>BW [MHz]</b>	50-100 (selectable)			
<b>PRF [kHz]</b>	up to 2			
<b>Rg res. [m]</b>	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.0
<b>Az res. [m]</b>	0.2	0.3	0.4	1.5
<b>Pol/InSAR</b>	-/+	-/-	+/0	+/0
<b>Rg cov [km]</b>	3-5			
<b>Sampling</b>	6-8 Bit complex; 100MHz; max number of samples 4 K per range line; 1 recording channel.			



**F-SAR technical characteristics**

	X	C	S	L	P
<b>RF [GHz]</b>	9.6	5.3	3.2	1.3	0.35
<b>BW [MHz]</b>	800	400	300	150	100
<b>PRF [kHz]</b>	up to 12				
<b>Rg res. [m]</b>	0.3	0.6	0.75	1.5	2.25
<b>Az res. [m]</b>	0.2	0.3	0.35	0.4	1.5
<b>Pol/InSAR</b>	+/+	+/0	+/+	+/0	+/0
<b>Rg cov [km]</b>	12.5 (at max.bandwidth)				
<b>Sampling</b>	8 Bit real; 1000MHz; max number of samples 64 K per range line; 4 recording channels.				



P-Band ( $\lambda$  68 cm)



L-Band ( $\lambda$  23 cm)



**Experimental Synthetic Aperture Radar System**

**E-SAR**

System Engineer Ralf Horn

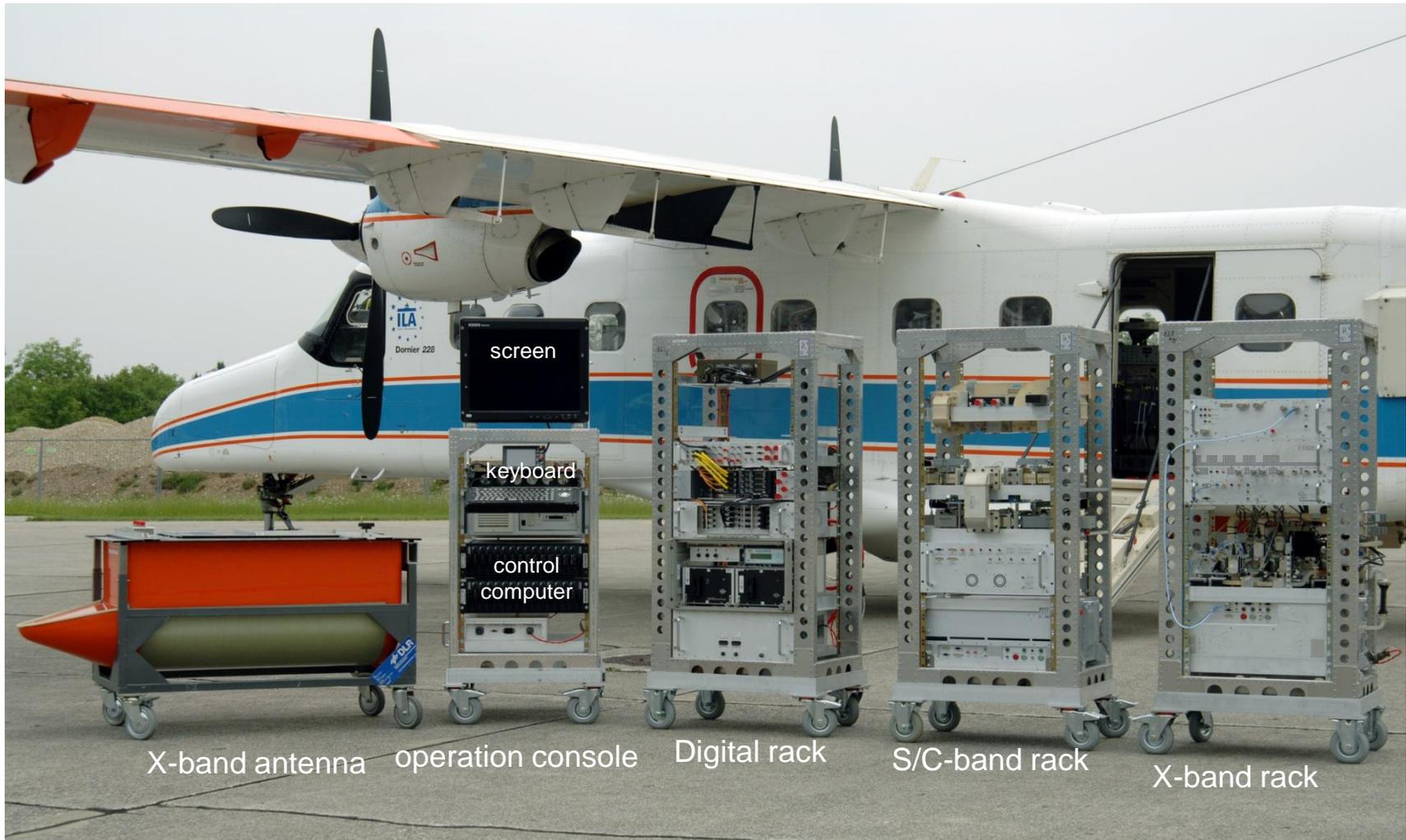


X-Band ( $\lambda$  3 cm)



C-Band ( $\lambda$  5 cm)

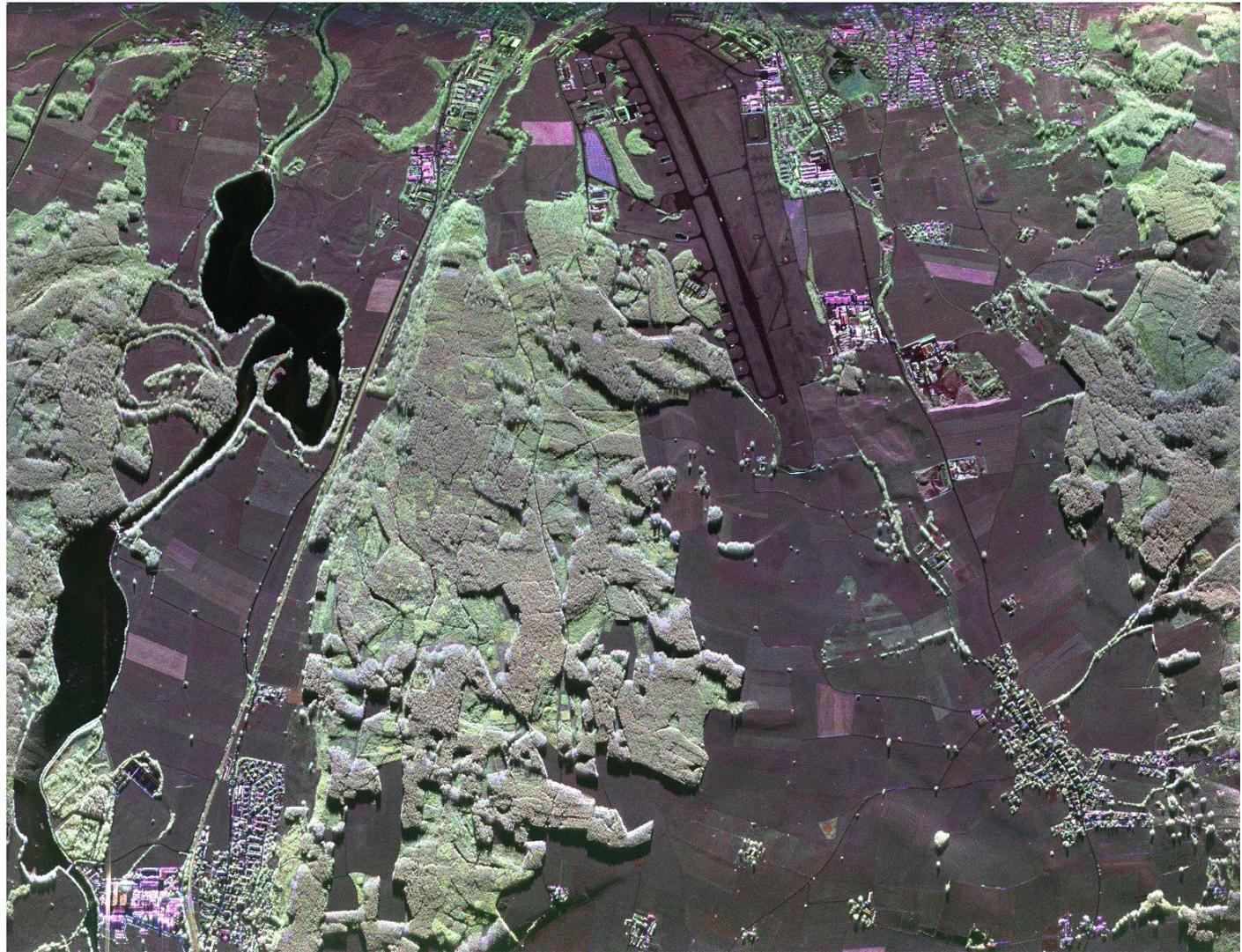
# DLR-HR's new SAR sensor



# F-SAR X-Band Quad-Pol



DLR  
F-SAR  
S-band  
Quad-Pol

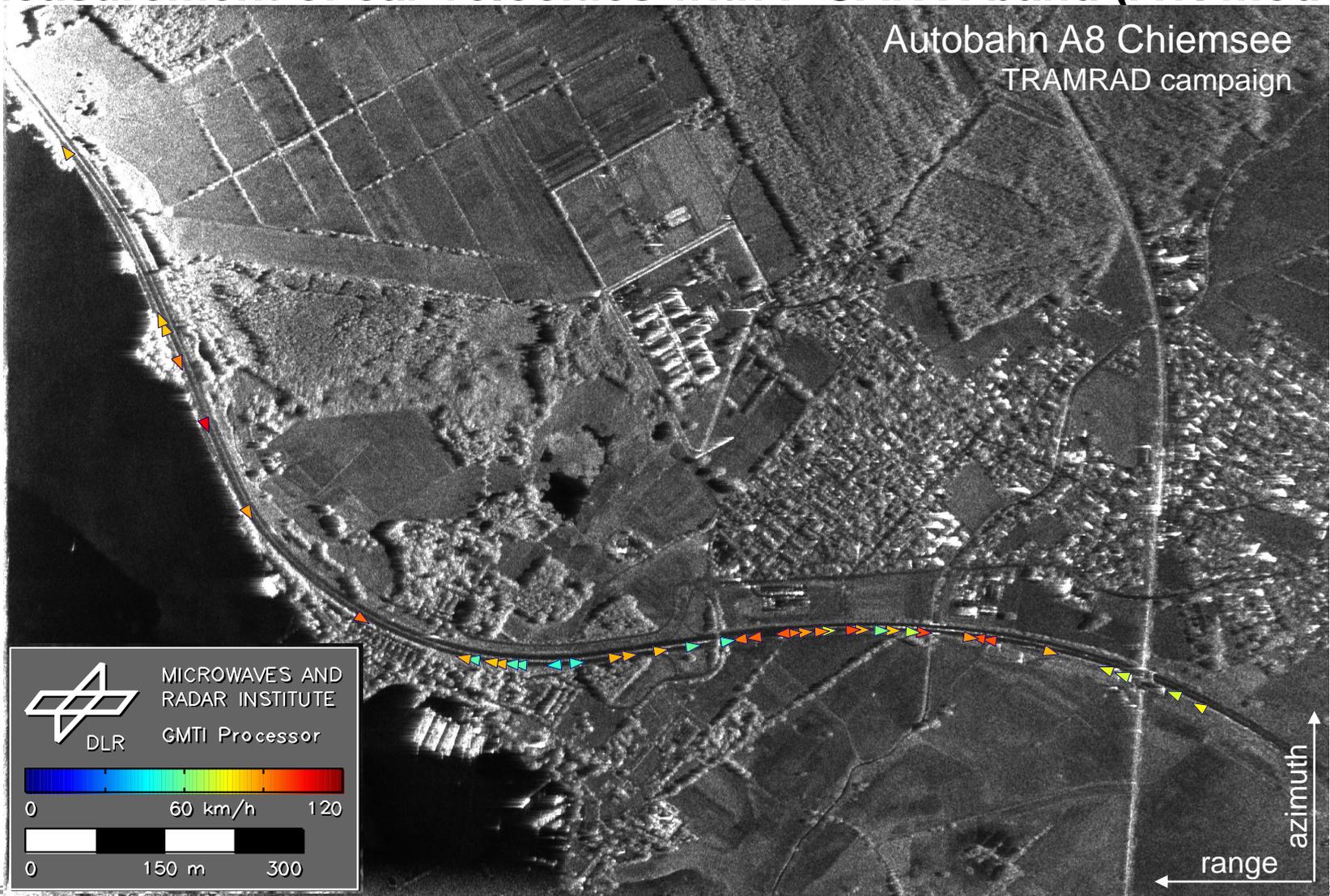


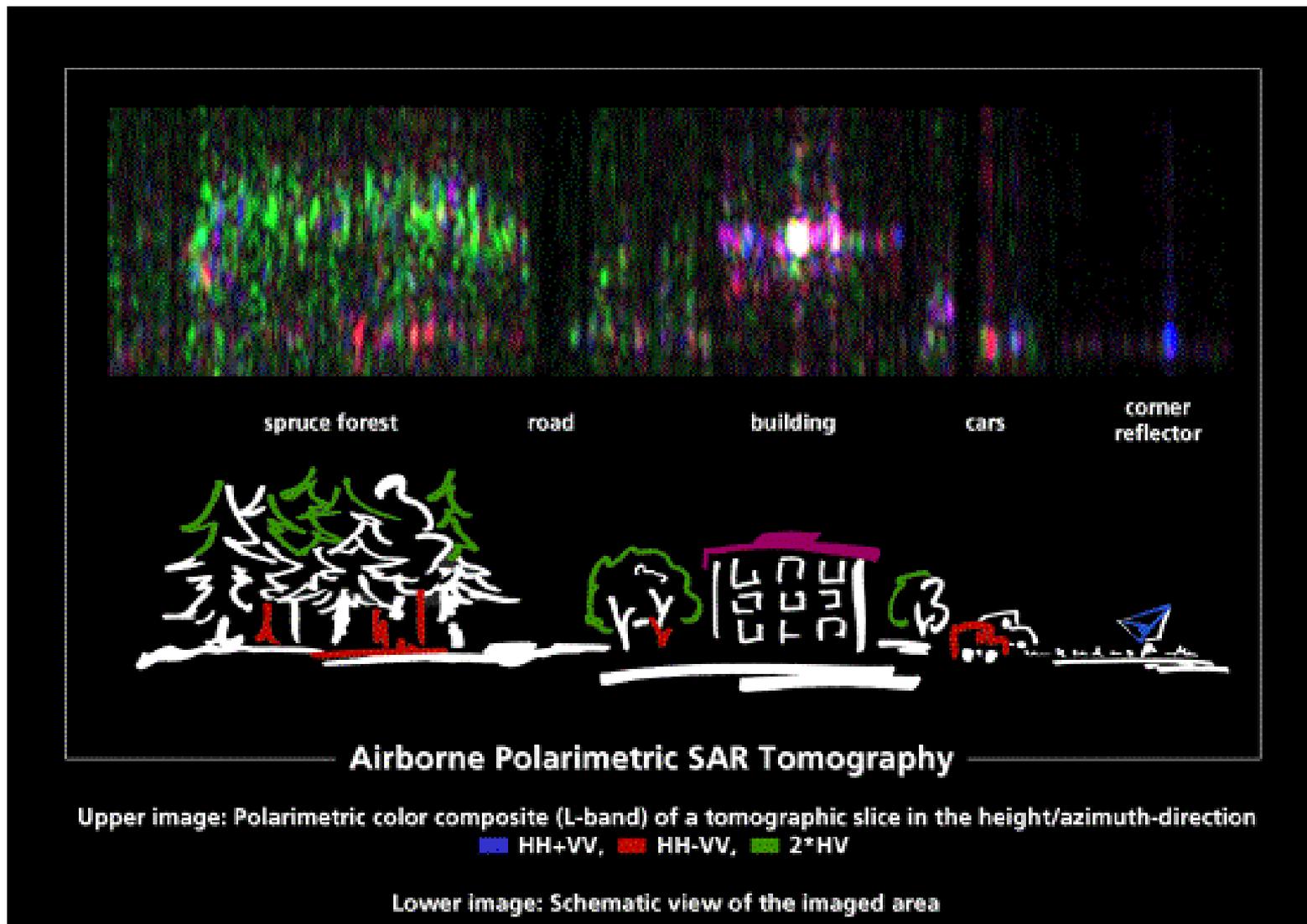
DLR  
F-SAR  
S-band  
Quad-Pol

Zoom



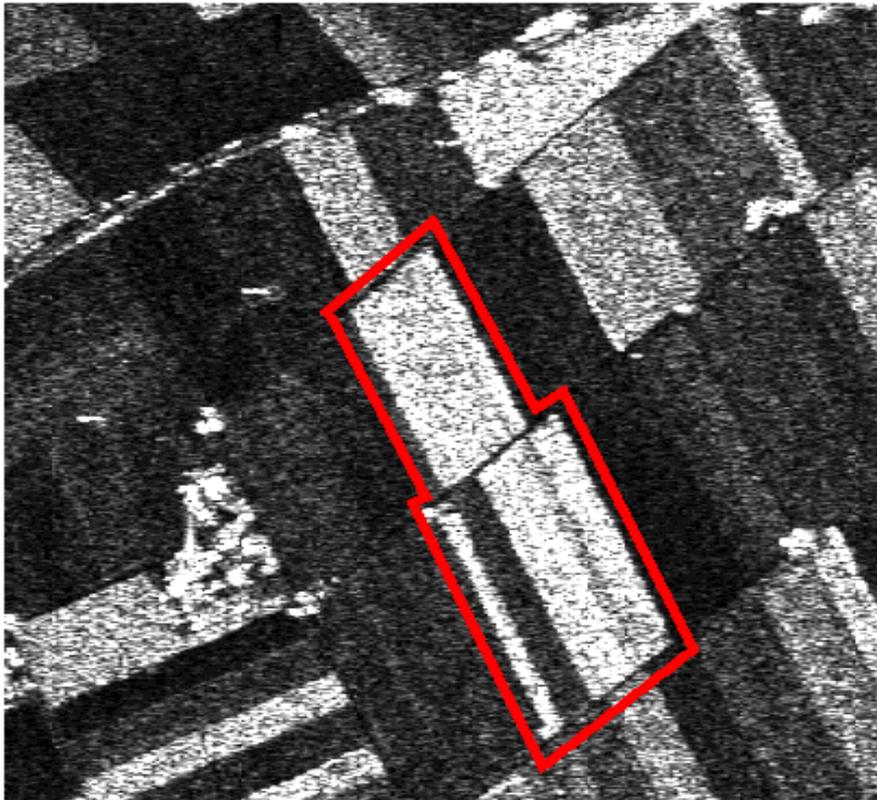
# Measurement of car velocities with F-SAR X-band (ATI mode)



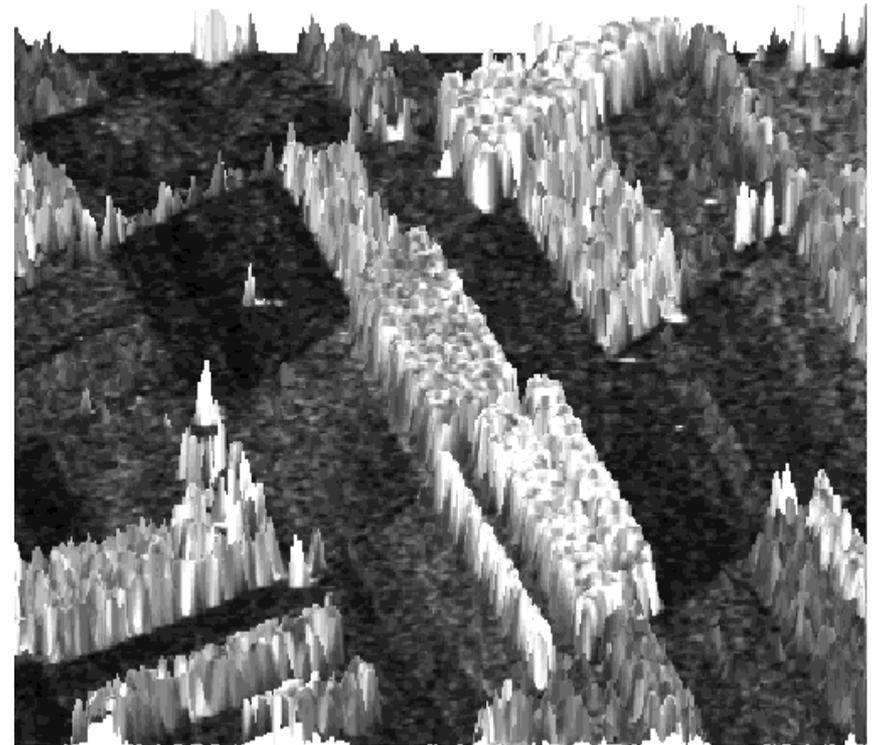


Random-Volume-over-Ground Model Inversion Results

*ESAR / Test Site: Kuettighoffen,  
Switzerland*

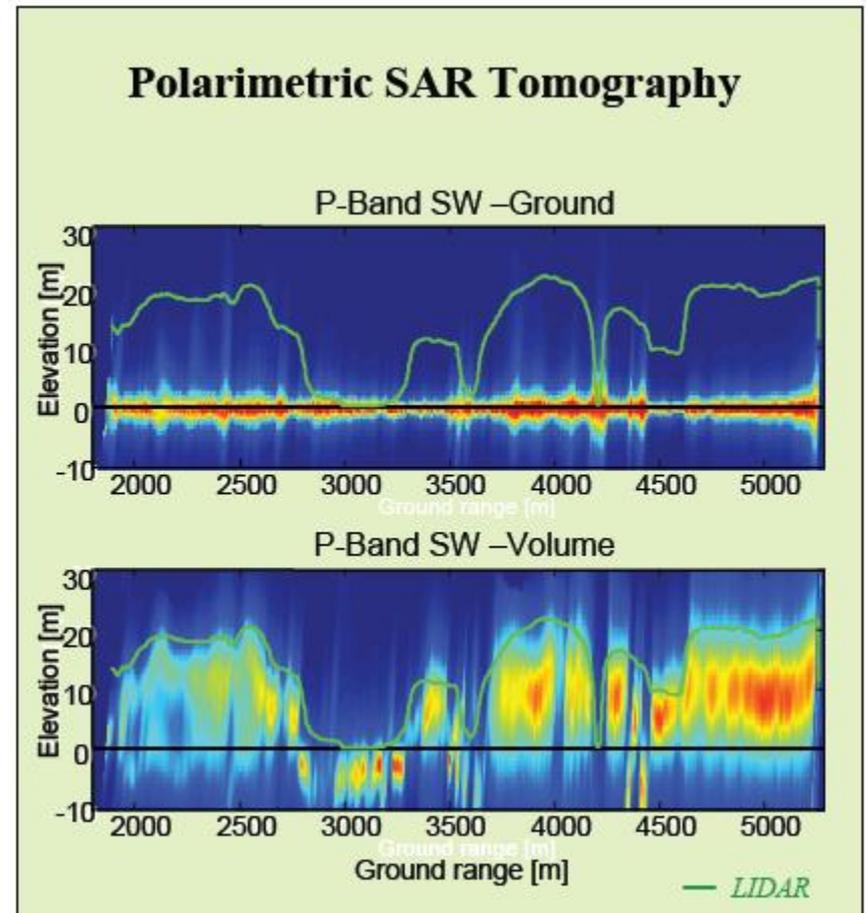
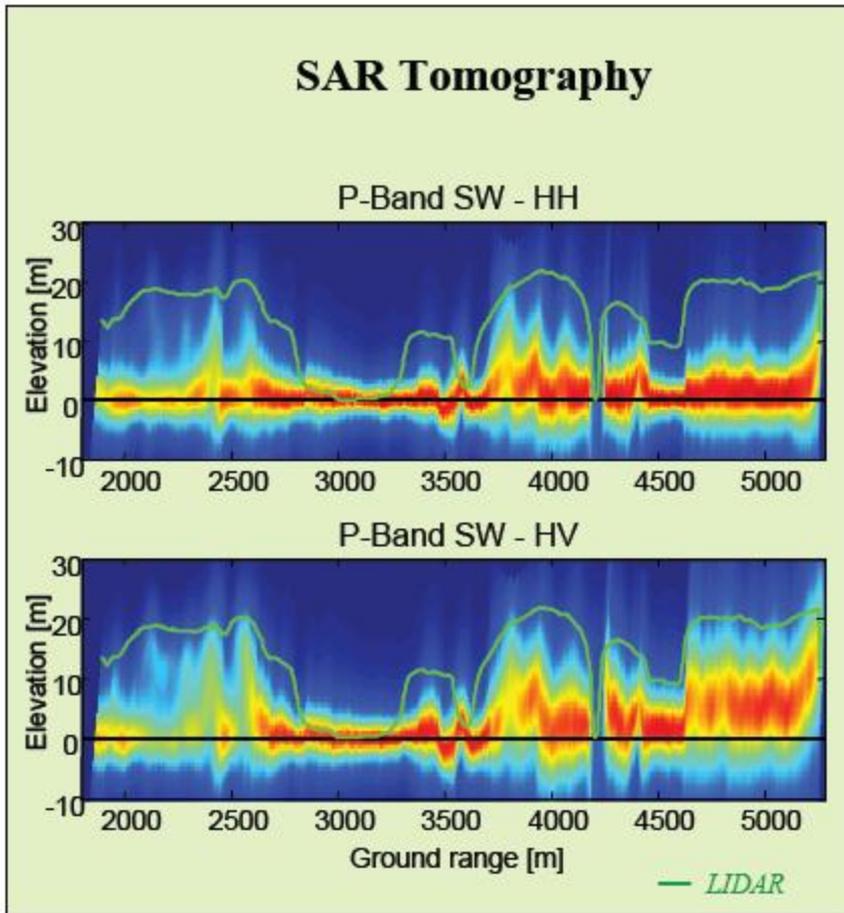


*SAR Image L-band*



*Corn Height Map*

# Polarimetric SAR Tomography



Goal: Separation Of the backscattered power profiles associated with ground and volume scattering



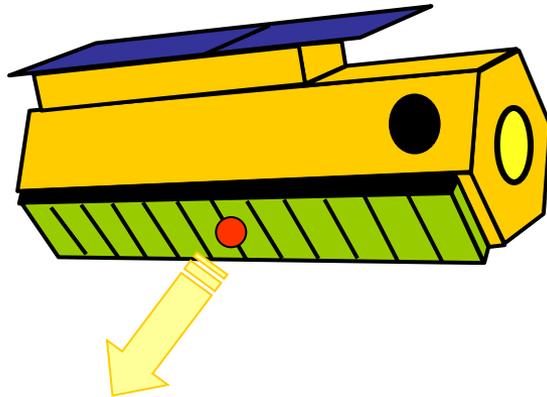
The TerraSAR-X satellite bus claims heritage from the successful Champ and Grace Missions. The spacecraft bus features a primary structure with a hexagonal cross section. The active phased array SAR antenna is attached on the Earth-facing panel in the figure. The solar array is body-mounted, a satisfactory scheme for the sun-synchronous orbit plan. The X-Band down link antenna is mounted on a 3.3 m long deployable boom in order to prevent interference with the X-Band SAR instrument. This concept enables simultaneous data acquisition and data down link.

**Table 1. Selected Mode Parameters**

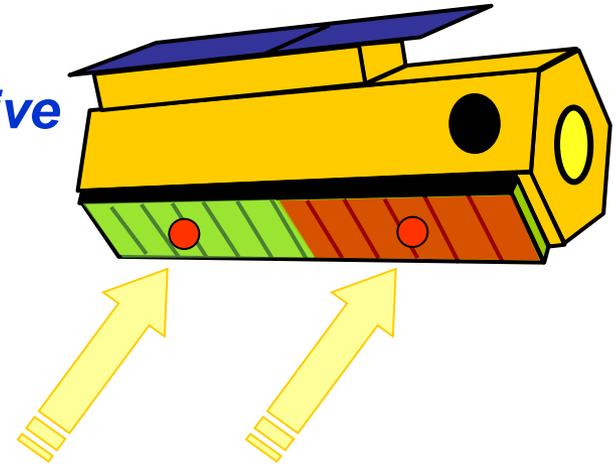
<b>Mode (selected)</b>	<b>Resolution (m)</b>	<b>Swath (km)</b>	<b>Looks</b>	<b>Polarization</b>
<b>Standard, stripmap</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>HH or VV</b>
<b>High-resolution Spotlight</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>HH or VV</b>
<b>ScanSAR</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>HH or VV</b>
<b>Quad-pol (experimental)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Full polarization</b>

## Dual Receive Antenna Mode (DRA Mode)

**Transmit**



**Receive**



**Principle**

- For transmit the full antenna is used
- For receive the antenna is ,electrically‘ divided into two sections in azimuth direction → **two independent receive channels are available**

## New Experimental Modes

- **Along-Track Interferometry (ATI)**  
(Moving Target Indication, Widespread Traffic Control, Ocean Current Measurement)
- **Quad polarization**  
(Sea/Ice, Snow Cover, Urban Environment)

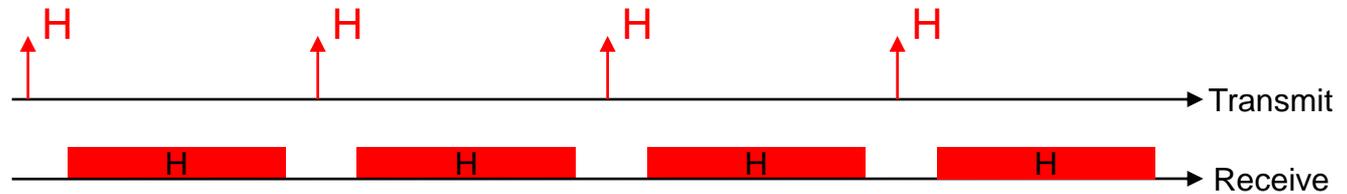
Quadpol switching scheme

<b>TX:</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>H</b>	...
<b>RX<sub>1</sub>:</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	...
<b>RX<sub>2</sub>:</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>H</b>	...
<b>CH<sub>1</sub>:</b>	<b>VV</b>	<b>HV</b>	<b>VV</b>	<b>HV</b>	...
<b>CH<sub>2</sub>:</b>	<b>VH</b>	<b>HH</b>	<b>VH</b>	<b>HH</b>	...

### Single Polarization

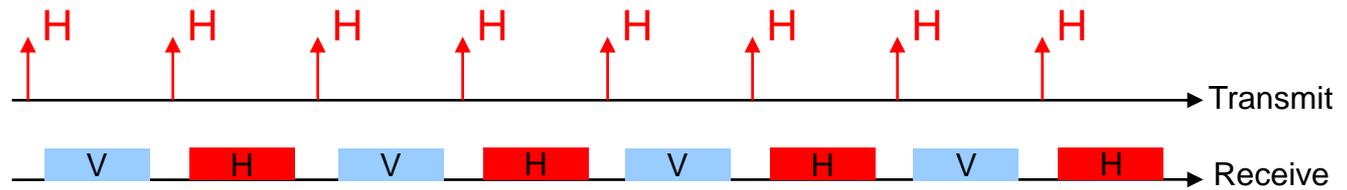
- 1 polarization channel, {HH, VV}
- stripmap, spotlight, ScanSAR

## Polarization Modes



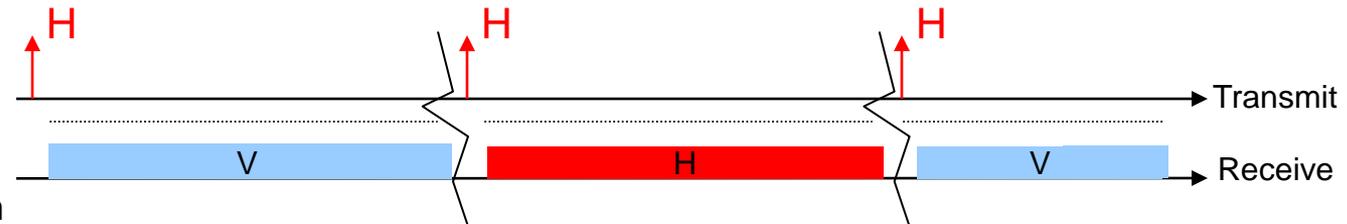
### Dual Polarization

- 2 polarization channels, {HH/VV, HH/HV, VV/VH}
- stripmap, spotlight
- coherent pol. phase
- smaller elevation beam



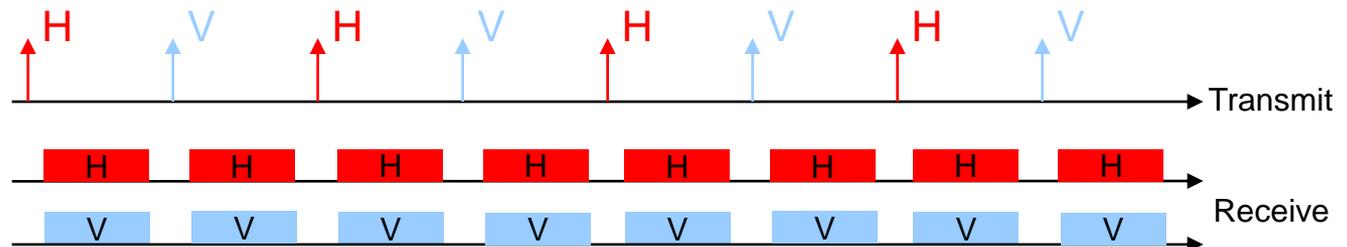
### Twin Polarization

- 2 polarization channels, {HH/VV, HH/HV, VV/HV}
- Stripmap, incoherent pol-phase, full el beam

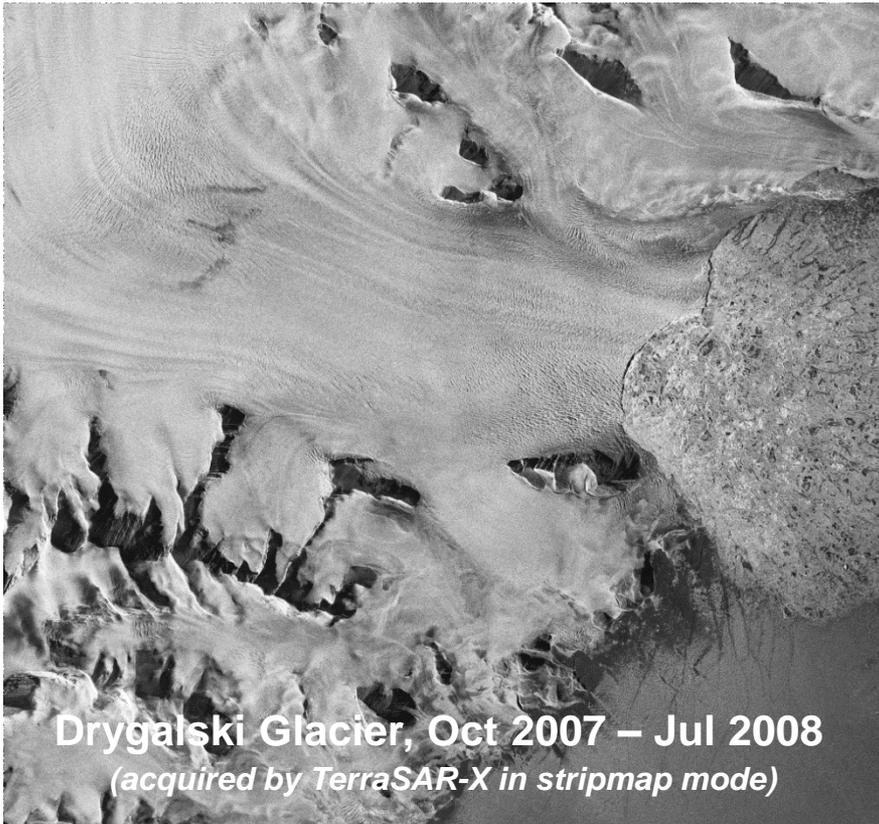


### Quad Polarization

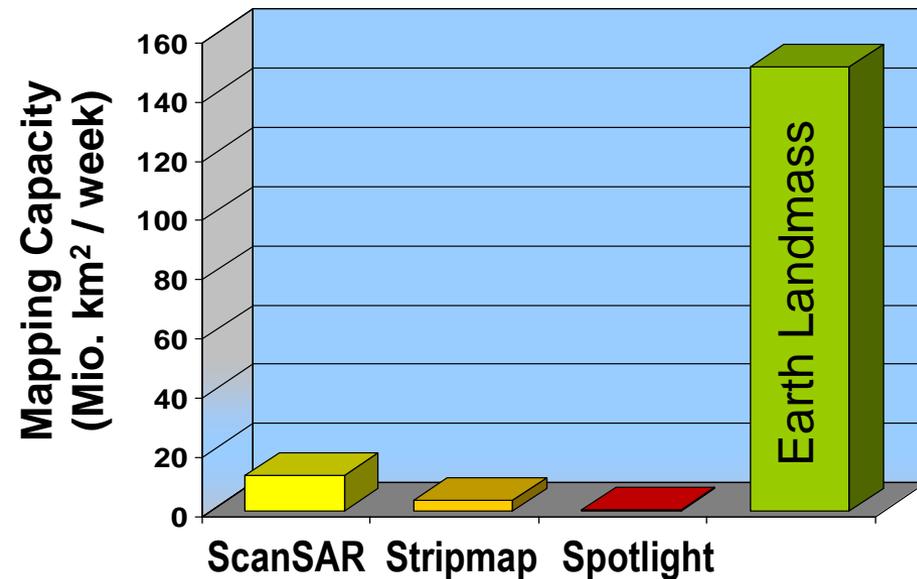
- All 4 pol. channels
- Stripmap
- coherent pol. Phase
- smaller elevation beam
- Experimental product

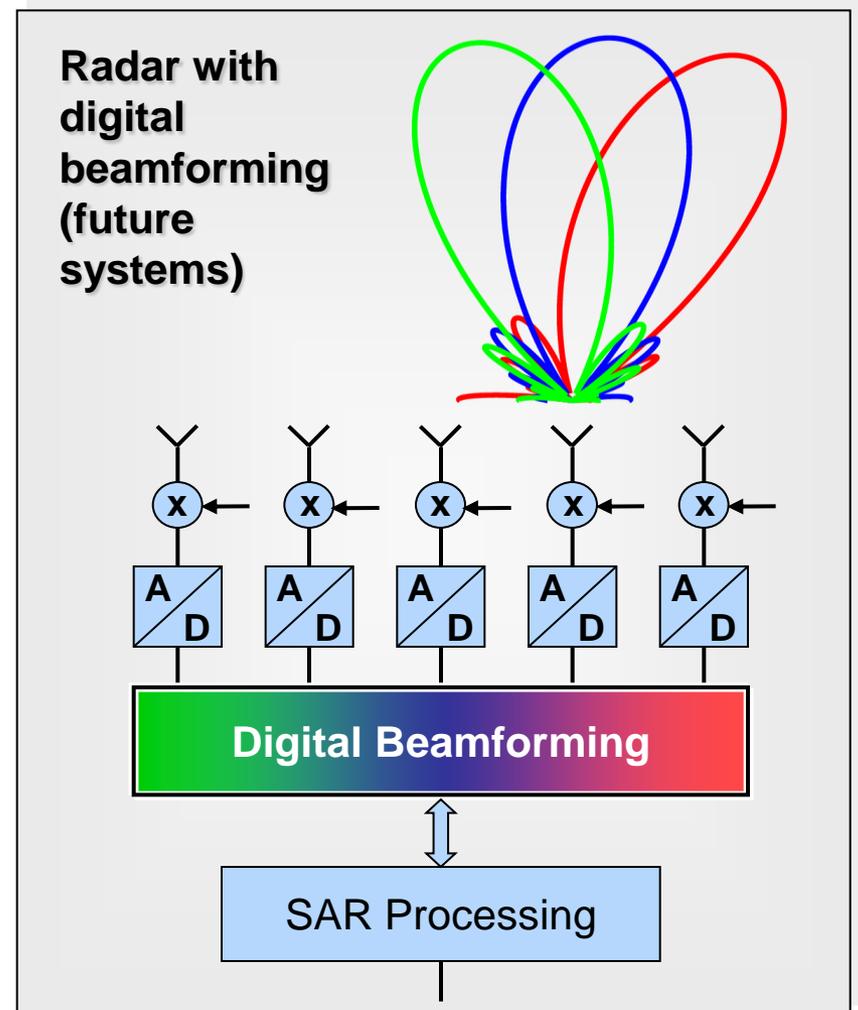
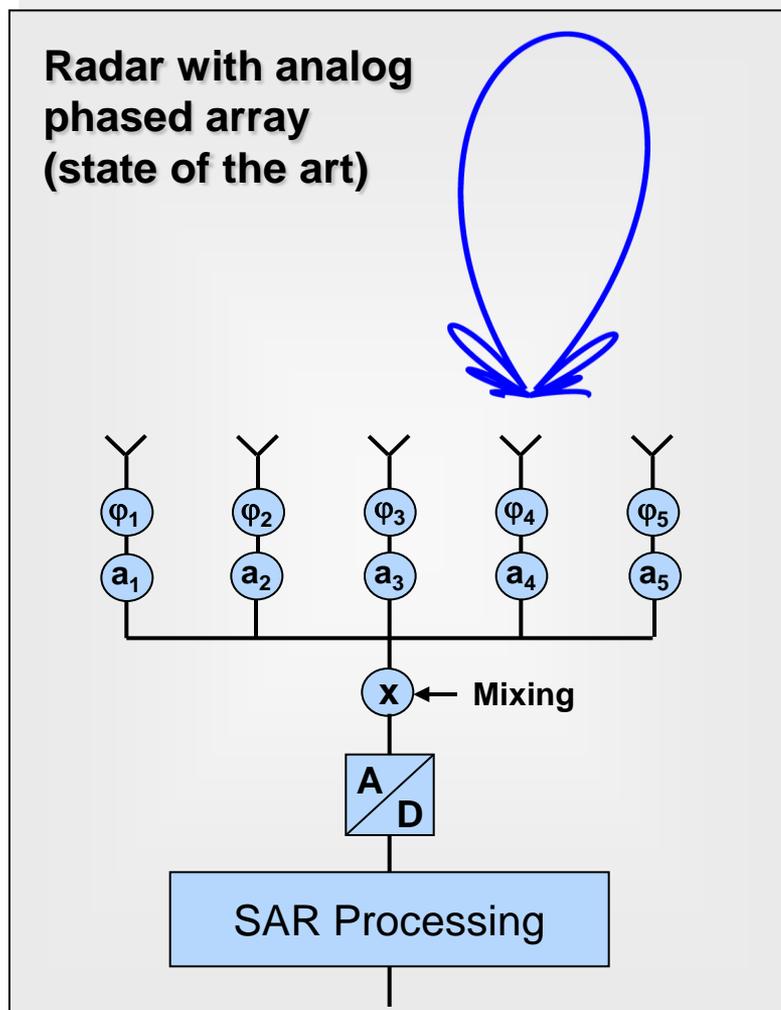


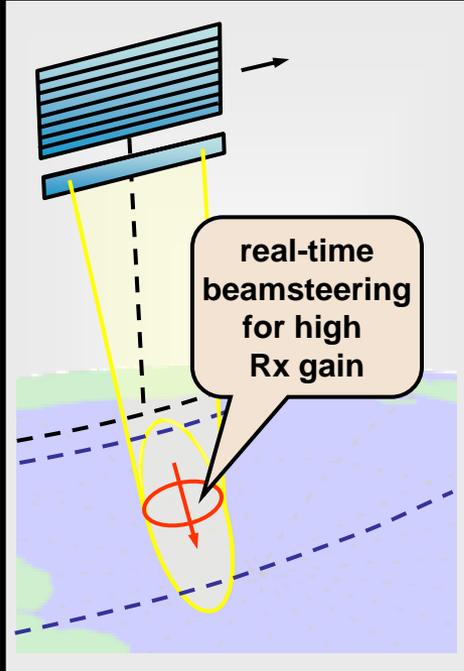
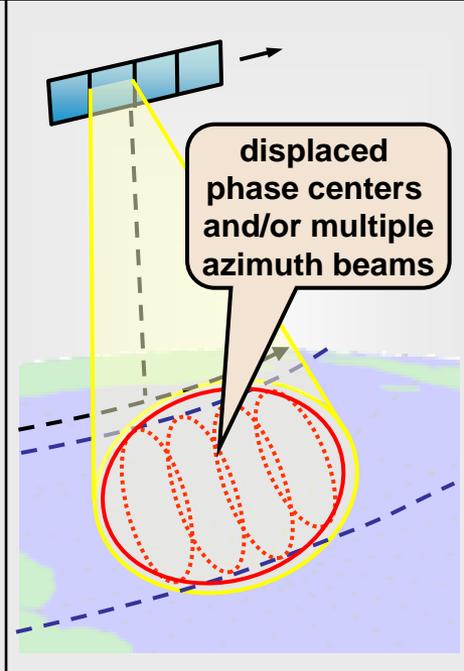
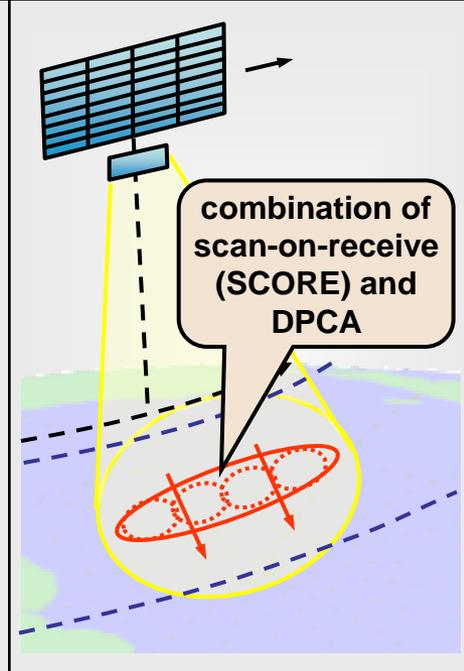
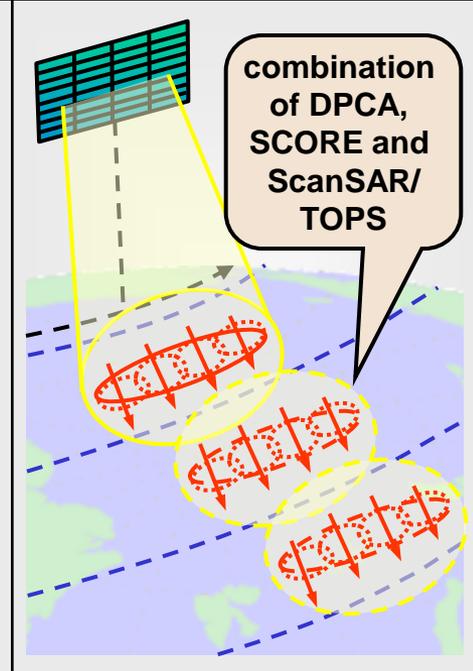
**SAR is the ideal sensor for the observation of dynamic processes on the Earth surface, but ...**

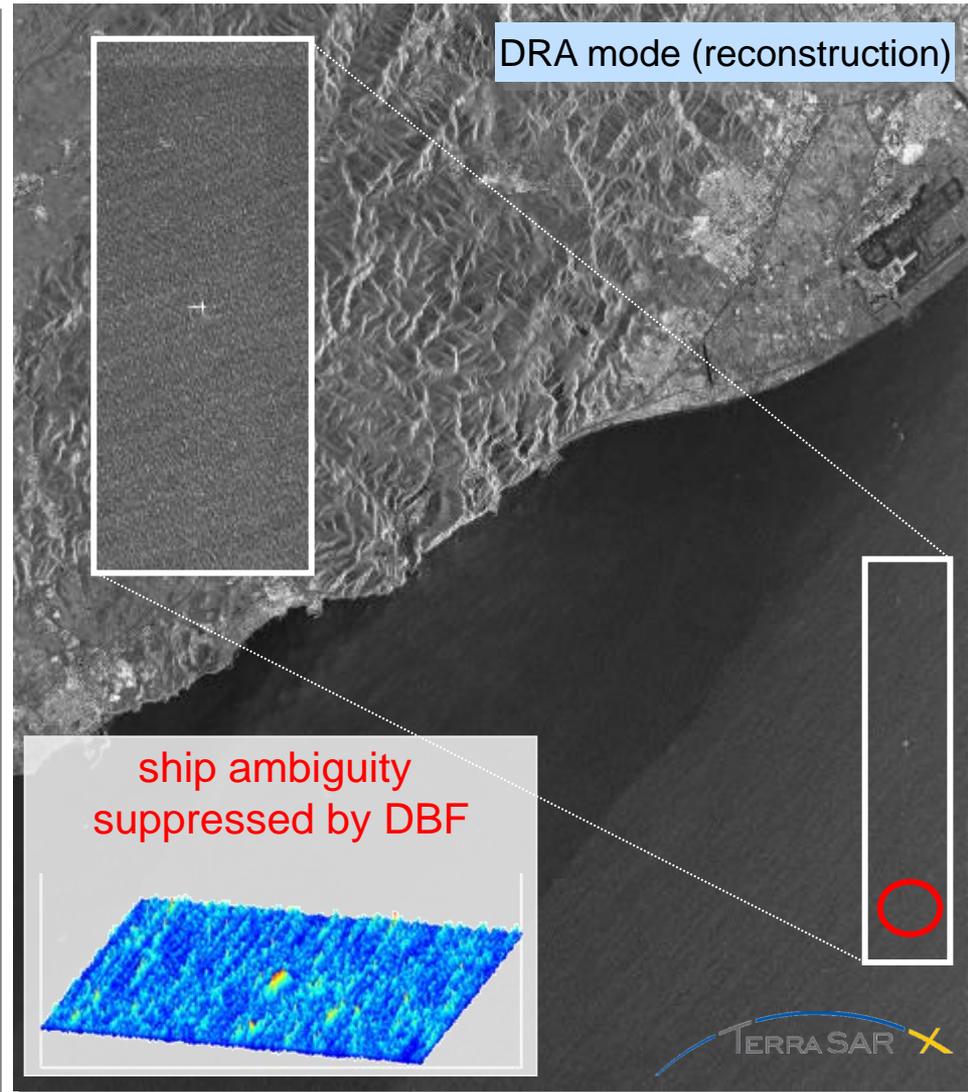
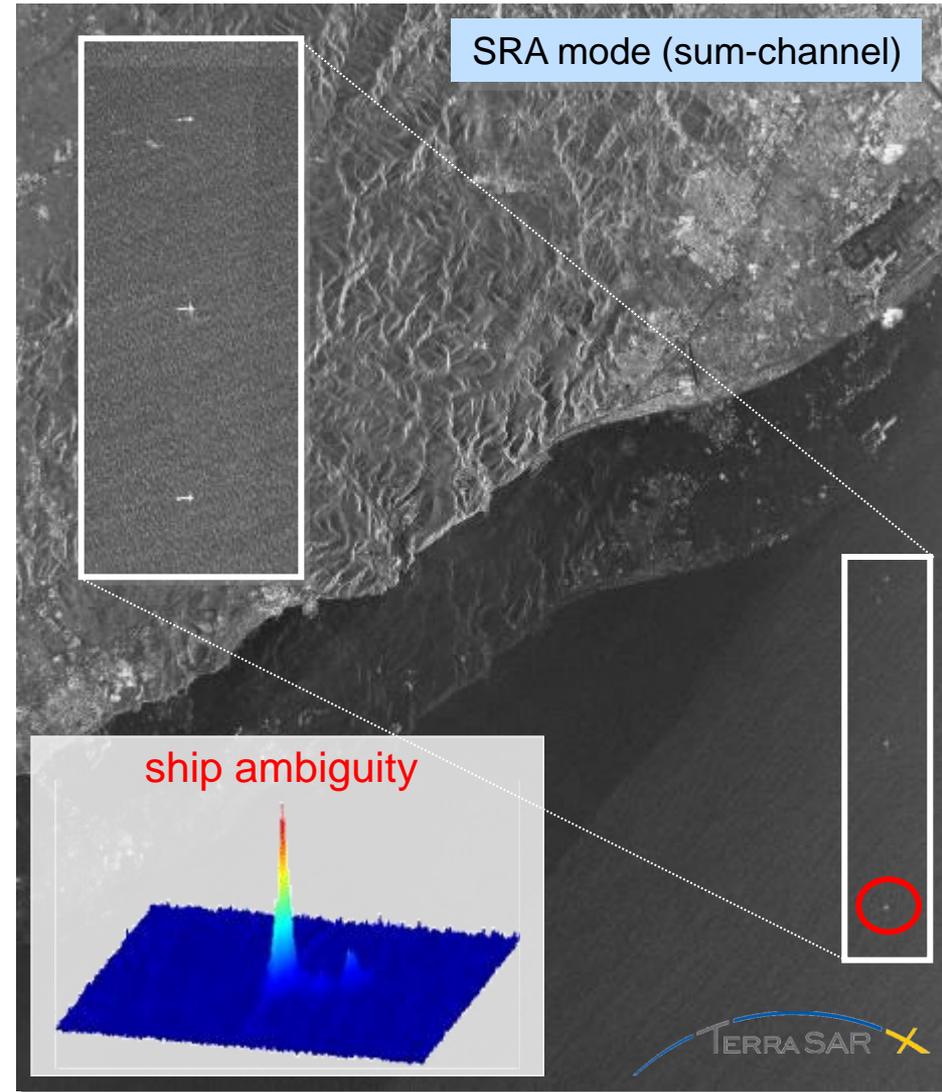


	Imaging Mode (Single Pol.)		
	ScanSAR	Stripmap	Spotlight
Resolution	16 m	3 m	1 m
Swath Width	100 km	30 km	10 km
Duty Cycle	3 minutes / orbit		

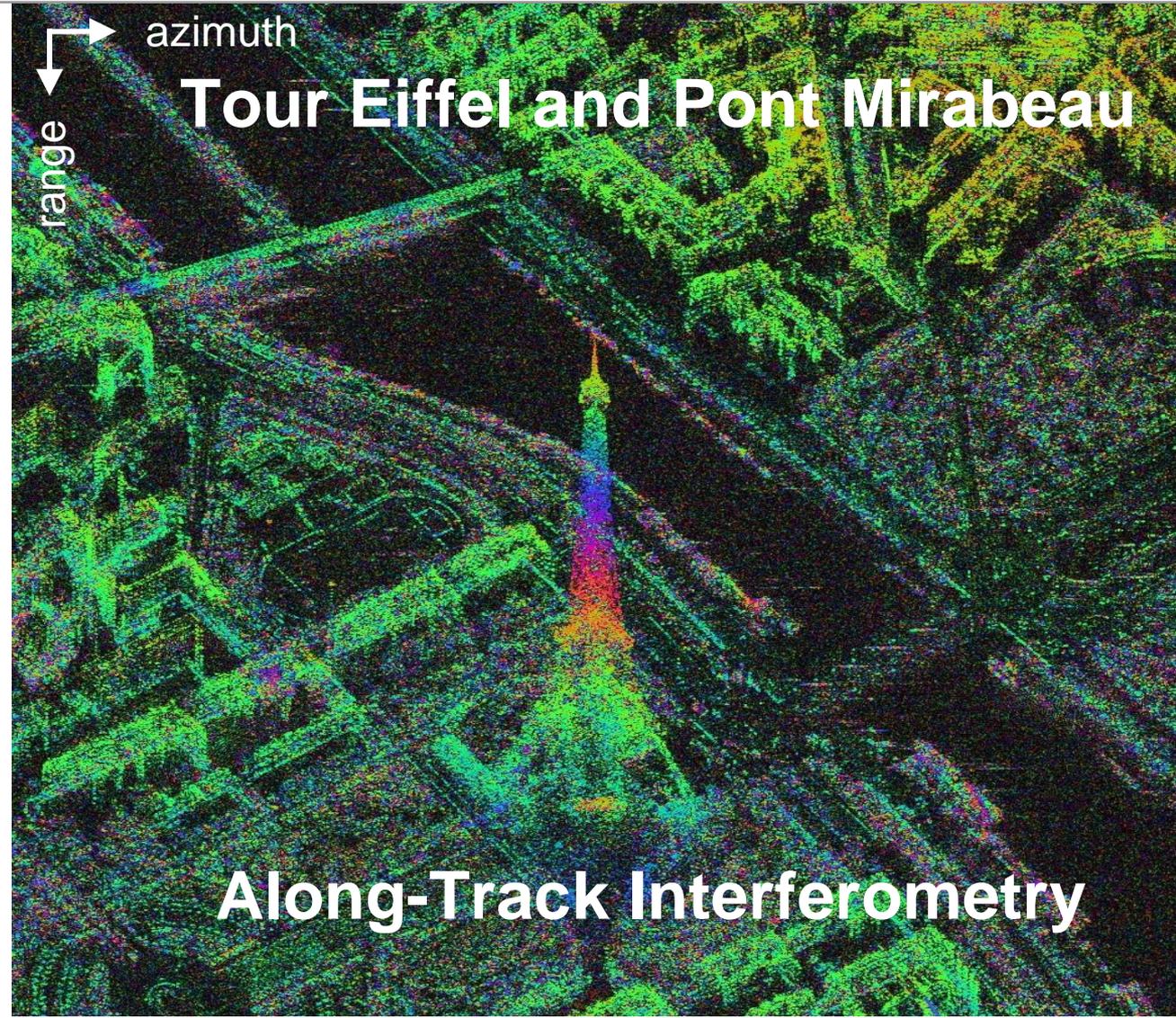
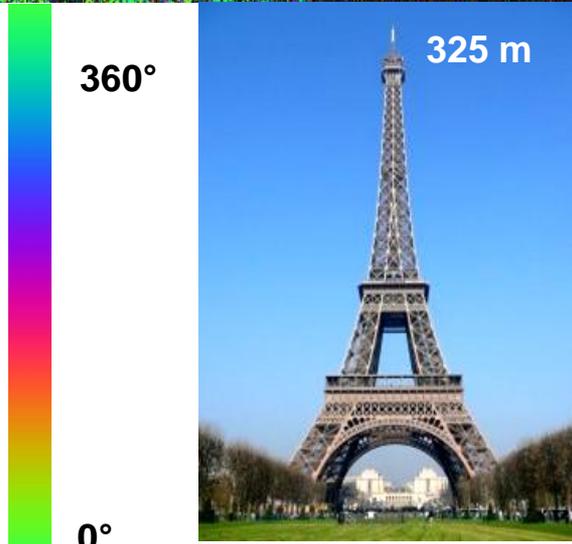
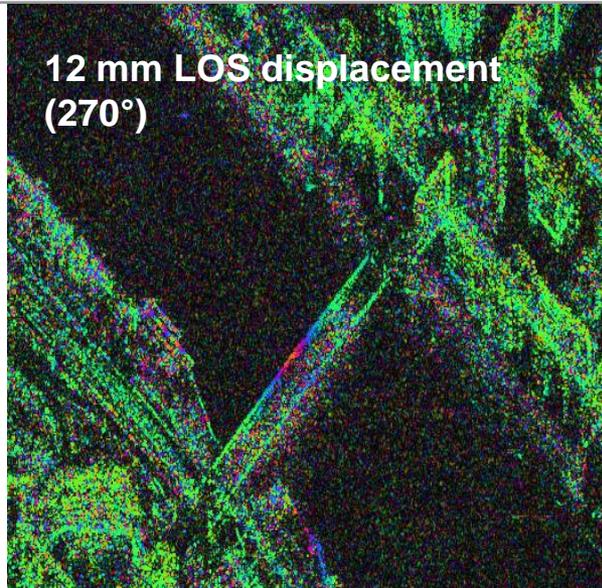




Scan-On-Receive	DPCA	HRWS	Burst-DBF-SAR
			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ high sensitivity and less pattern losses at swath border</li> <li>▪ improved range ambiguity suppression</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ enables high azimuth resolution and wide swath</li> <li>▪ requires dedicated multichannel SAR processing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ high resolution combined with high sensitivity</li> <li>▪ antenna length limits swath width</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ enables mapping of ultra-wide swaths with high resolution</li> <li>▪ suggested as Sentinel-1 successor system</li> </ul>









# ***TanDEM-X: Mission Status & Scientific Contribution***

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***TanDEM-X: TerraSAR-X-Add-on for  
Digital Elevation Measurements***

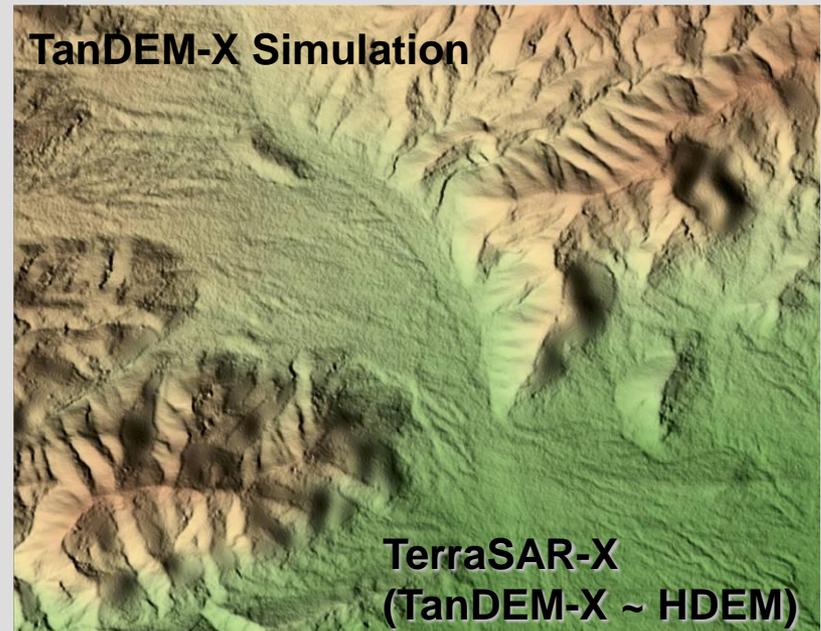
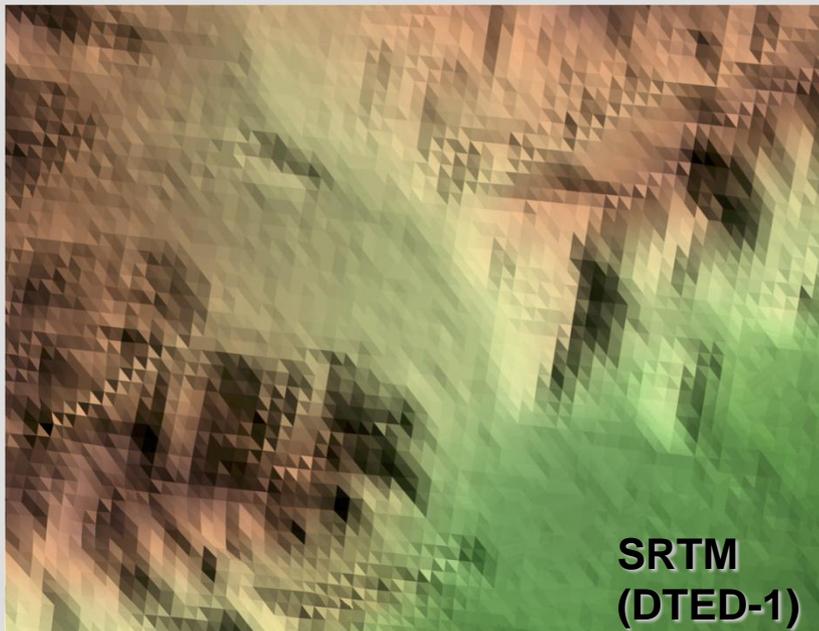


***Launch: 21.June 2010 (38 days ago)  
from Baikonor (first signal arrived  
after 15min from the ground station  
Troll in the Antarctic)***

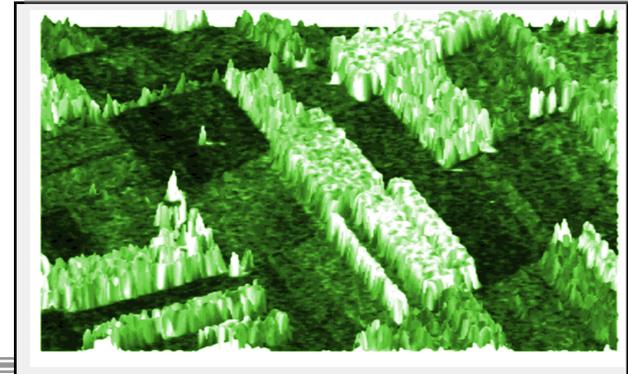
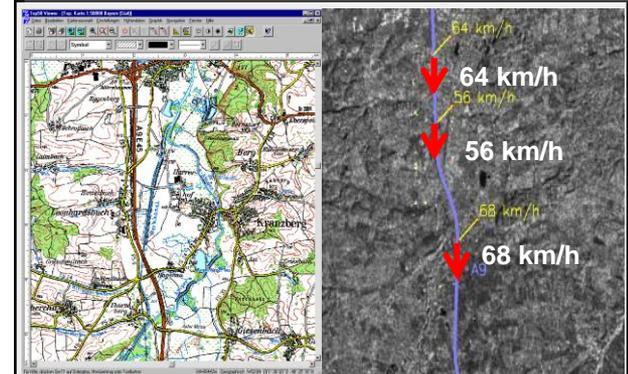
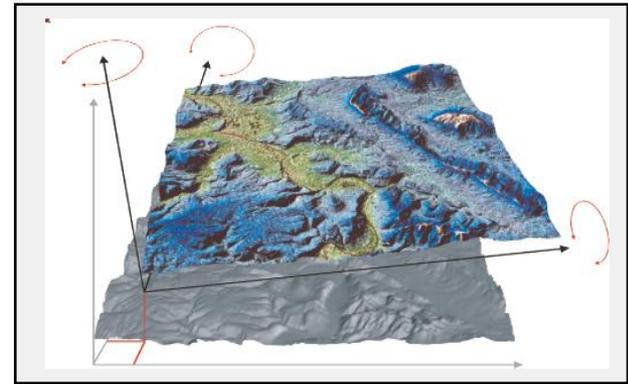


## Standards for Digital Elevation Models (DEM)

<i>DEMs</i>	Spatial Resolution	Absolute Vertical Accuracy(90%)	Relative Vertical Accuracy (point-to-point in 1° cell, 90%)
DTED-1	90 m x 90 m	< 30 m	< 20 m
DTED-2	30 m x 30 m	< 18 m	< 12 m
TanDEM-X DEM	12 m x 12 m	< 10 m	< 2 m
HDEM	6 m x 6 m	< 5 m	< 0.8 m



- **Across track InSAR (Digital Elevation Model)**
  - *Development & improvement of algorithm for validation of heights derived from InSAR; Input parameter for a variety of different applications*
  - *Added values and generation of scientific products*
  
- **Along track InSAR (Velocity Measurements)**
  - *Exploitation of innovative applications and development of algorithm*
  - *New application and scientific product development*
  
- **New SAR Techniques (First Technical Demo.)**
  - *Demonstration and exploitation of new SAR techniques*
  - *New perspectives for future SAR systems and development of new applications*



- Relative satellite movement is described in a **rotating reference frame**
- **Linearization** of the equations of motions in a circular Kepler orbit leads to Clohessy-Wiltshire (or Hill's) Equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x} - 2n\dot{y} - 3n^2x &= 0 \\ \ddot{y} + 2n\dot{x} &= 0 \\ \ddot{z} + n^2z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

with  $n = \sqrt{\frac{GM_{\oplus}}{a_{sat}^3}}$

- Solution to Clohessy-Wiltshire Equations :

with  $T_0 = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{a_{sat}^3}{GM_{\oplus}}}$

$$x_i(t) = A_i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T_0}t + \alpha_i\right)$$

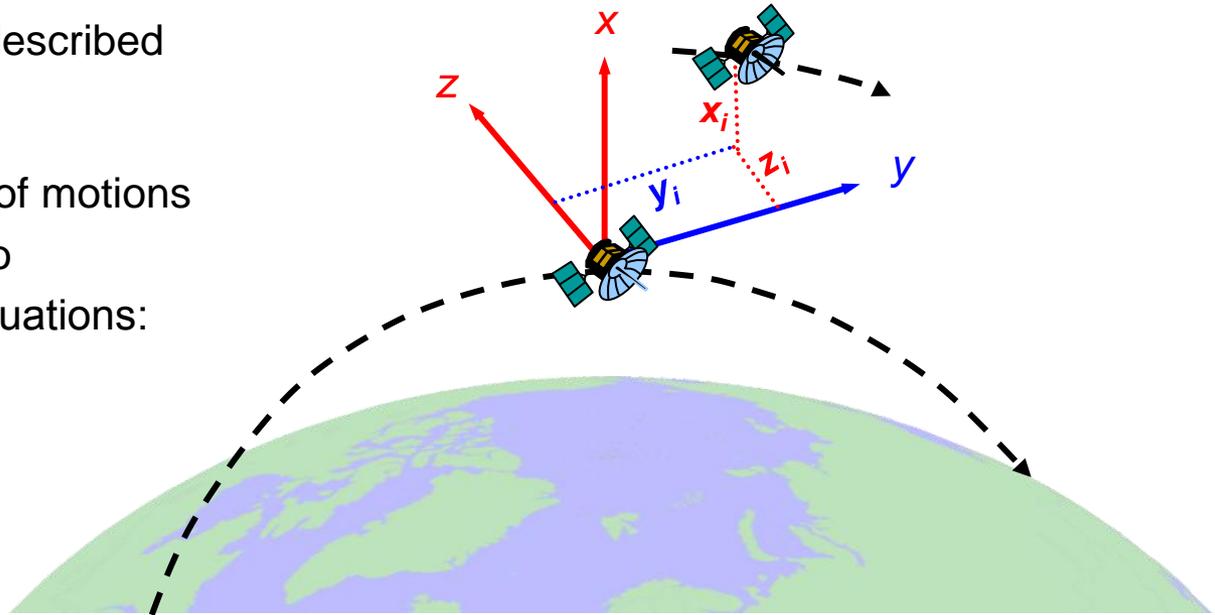
$$y_i(t) = 2A_i \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T_0}t + \alpha_i\right) + \Delta y_i$$

$$z_i(t) = B_i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T_0}t + \beta_i\right)$$

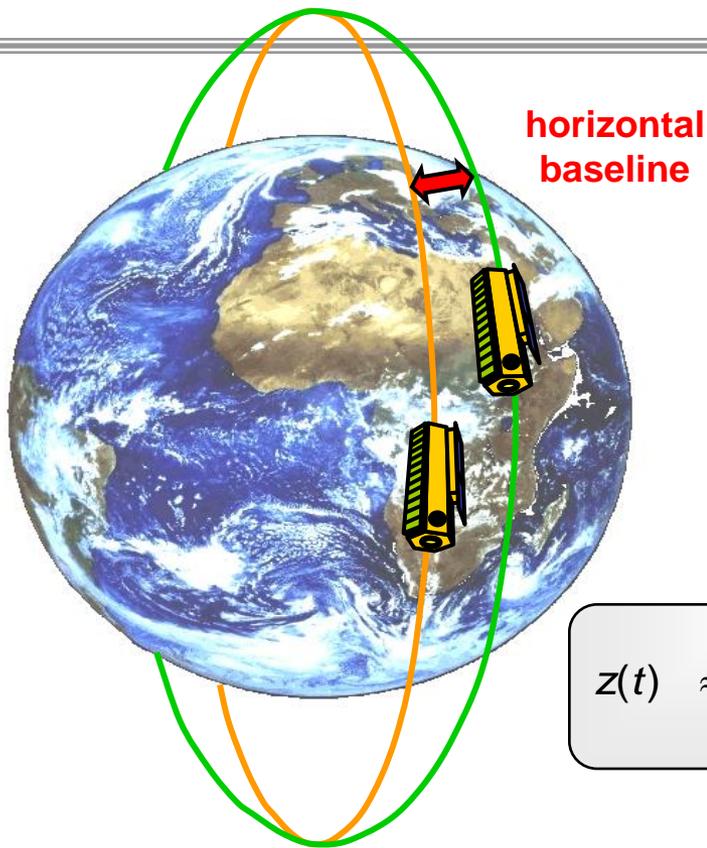
**vertical (radial) baseline**

**along-track displacement**

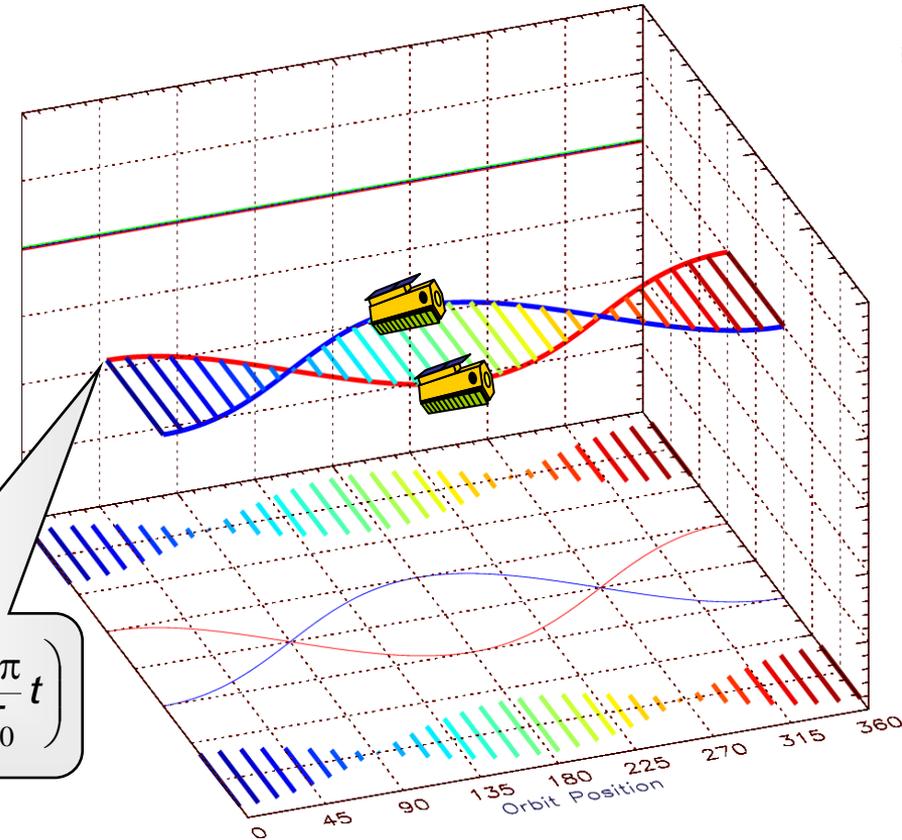
**horizontal cross-track baseline**



# 2-SAT Pendulum



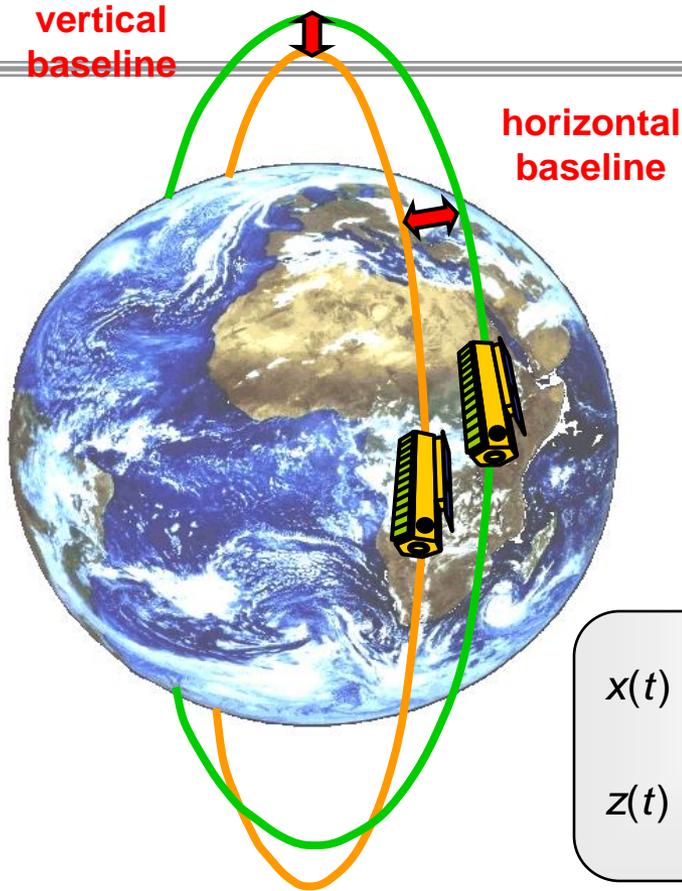
$$z(t) \approx A \cdot \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T_0} t\right)$$



## **2-SAT Pendulum (Hartl 1989, Zebker, 1992)**

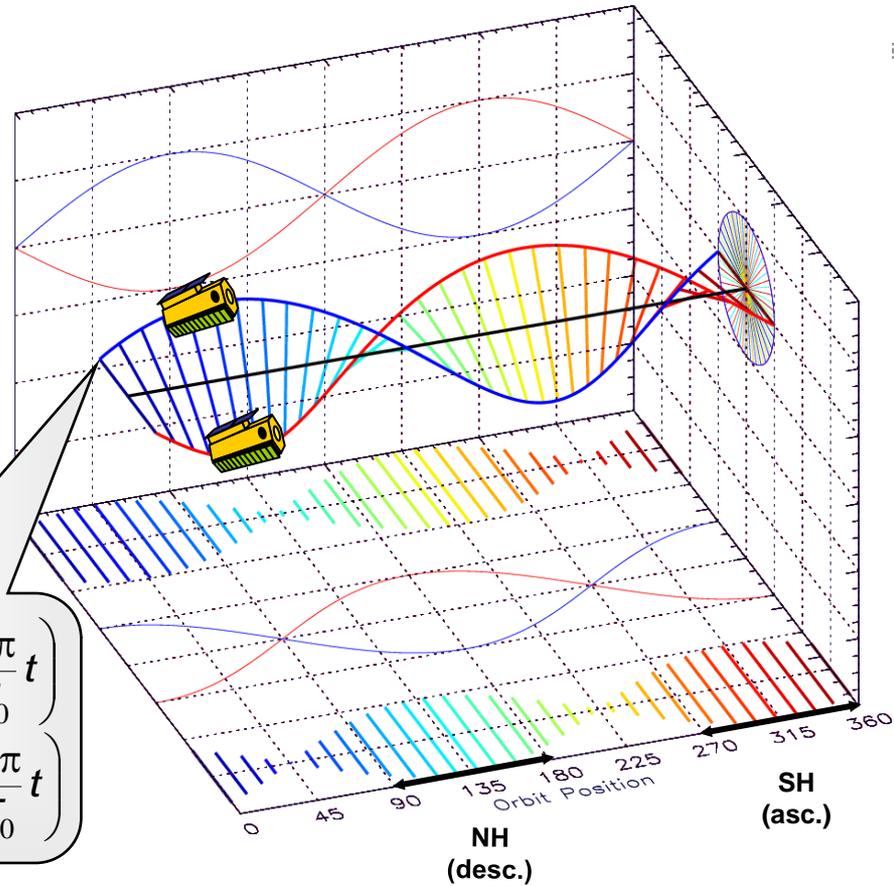
- *horizontal cross-track separation at equator by different ascending nodes*
- *requires along-track displacement to avoid satellite collision at orbit crossing*
- *insufficient baselines for cross-track interferometry in polar regions*

# HELIX Formation



$$x(t) \approx A \cdot \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T_0} t\right)$$

$$z(t) \approx B \cdot \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T_0} t\right)$$

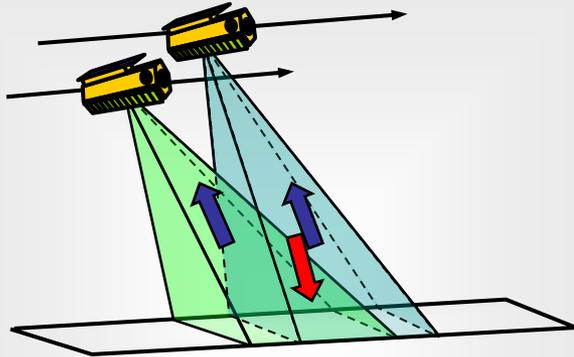


## **HELIX satellite formation enables safe operation**

- *horizontal cross-track separation at equator by different ascending nodes*
- *vertical (radial) separation at poles by orbits with different eccentricity vectors (periodic motion of libration has to be compensated by regular manoeuvres)*

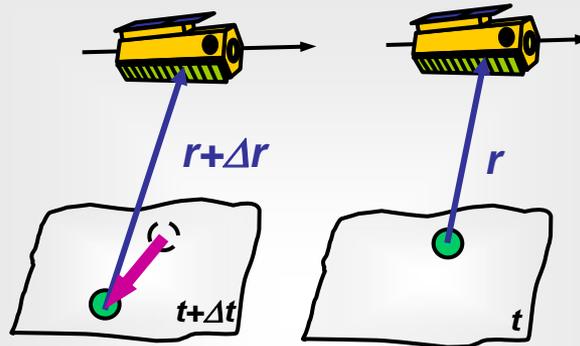
### Capabilities of TanDEM-X

#### Cross-Track Interferometry



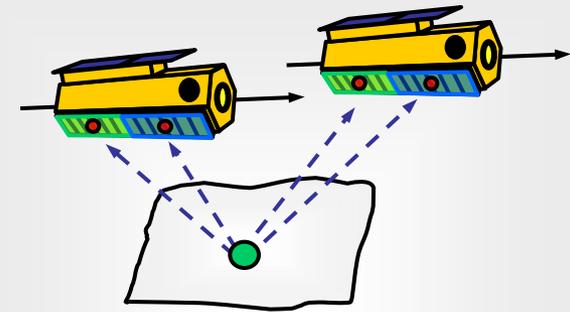
- Digital Elevation Models
- Spatial Coherence (forest, ...)
- Double DInSAR (change maps, ...)
- High Resolution SAR Images

#### Along-Track Interferometry



- Large Scale Velocity Fields (ocean currents, ice drift, ...)
- Moving Object Detection
- Temporal Coherence Maps

#### New Techniques



- 4 Phase Center MTI (traffic, ...)
- PolInSAR (vegetation height, ...)
- Digital Beamforming (HRWS, ...)
- Bistatic Imaging (classification, ...)

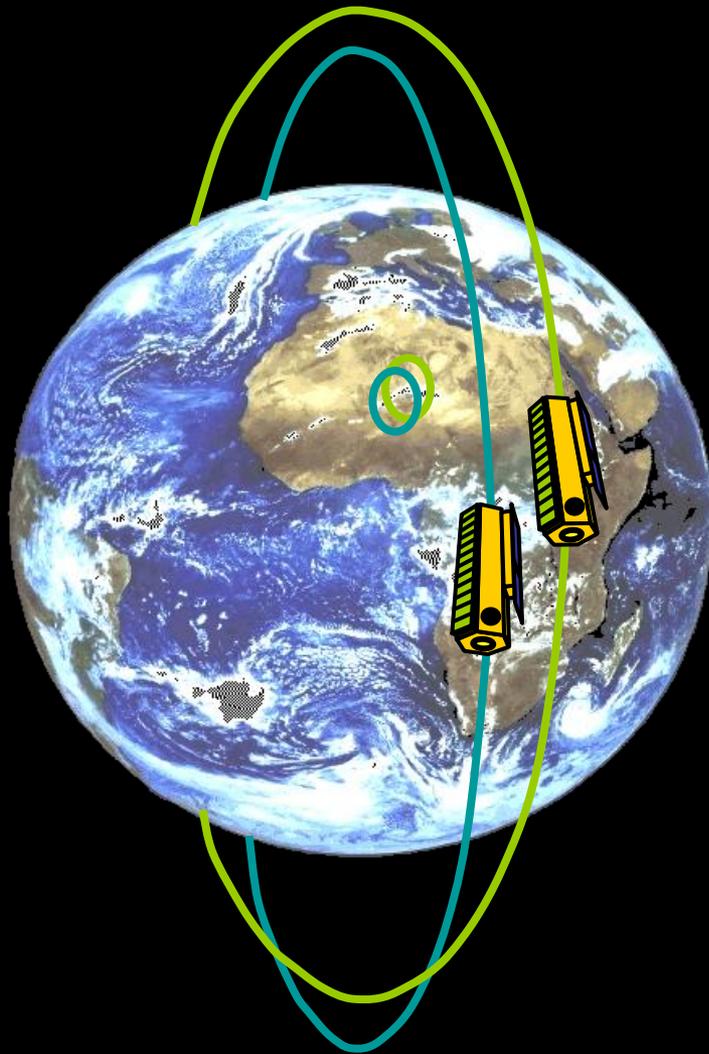
**TanDEM-X is a highly flexible sensor enabling multiple powerful imaging modes**

- cross-track baselines (0 km to several km)
- along-track baselines (0 km to several 100 km)

- interferometric modes (bistatic, alternating, monostatic)
- SAR modes (ScanSAR, Stripmap, ...)

- bandwidth / resolution (0 ... 150/300 MHz)
- incident angles (20° ... 55°)

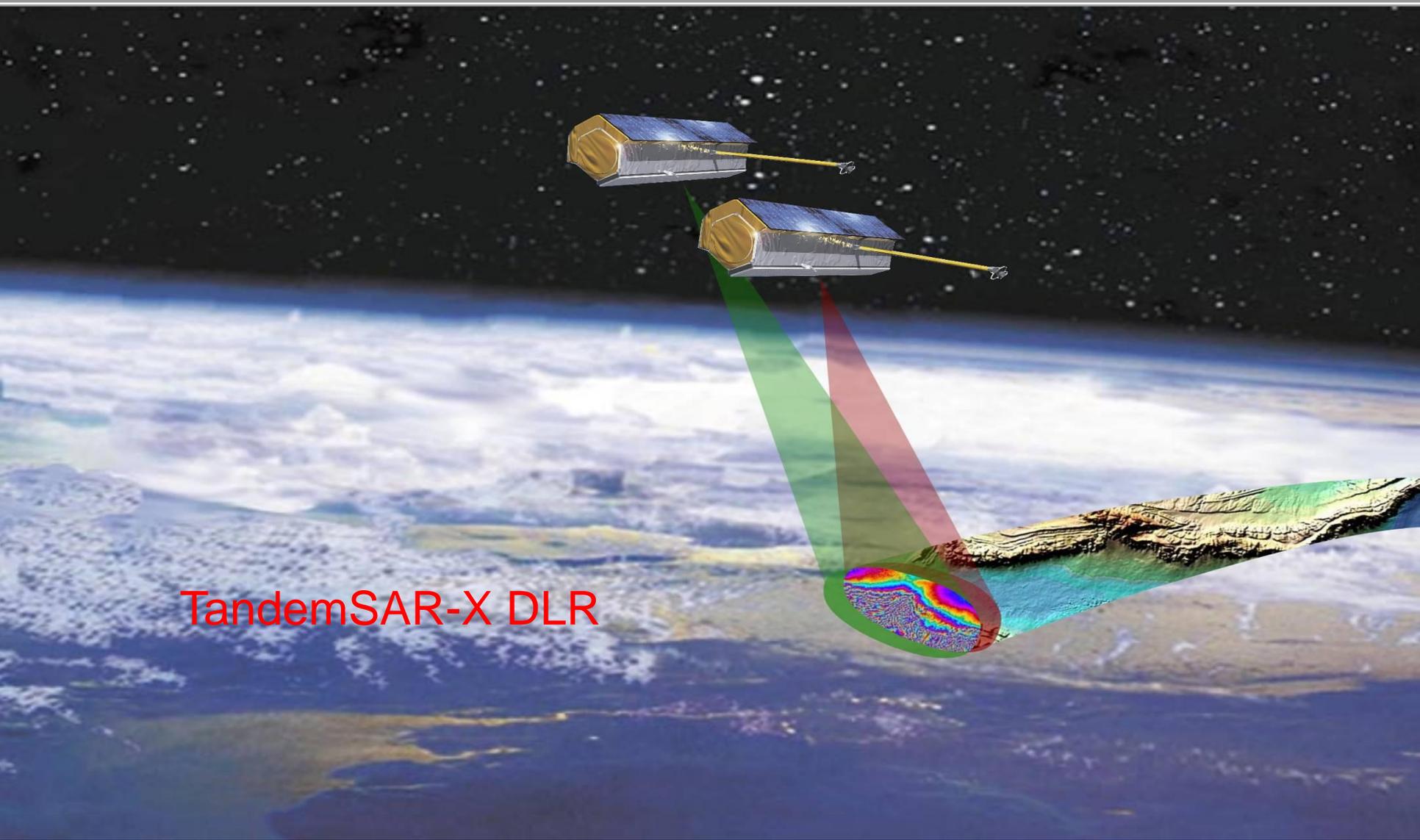
- polarisations (single, dual, quad)
- ...



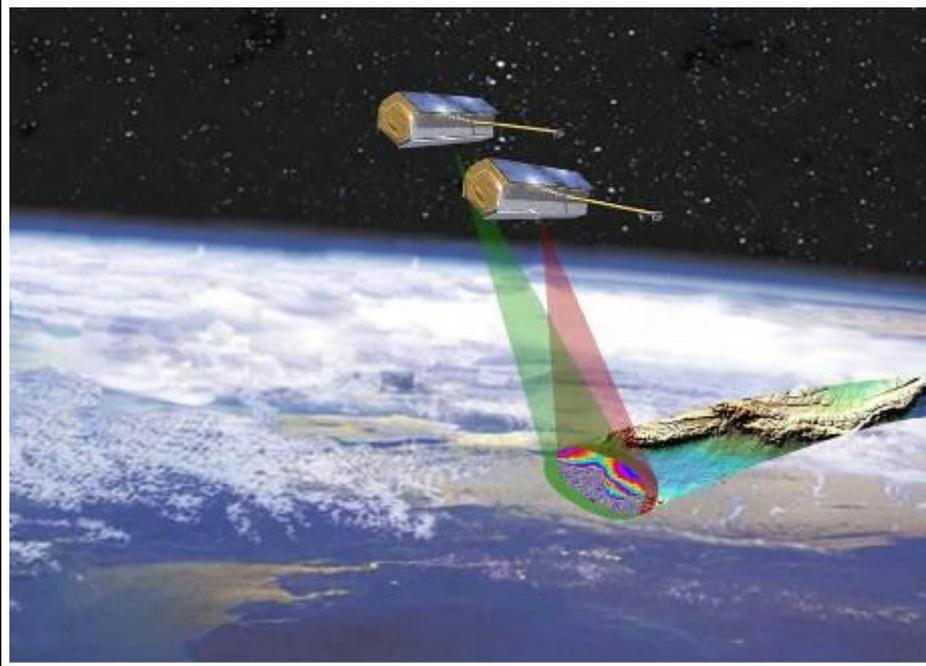
Global Monitoring of **Bio-**, **Geo-**,  
**Cryo-** and **Hydrosphere** processes  
with high temporal and spatial  
resolution.

(Prof. A. Moreira – POLINSAR09)

## Radar Interferometry

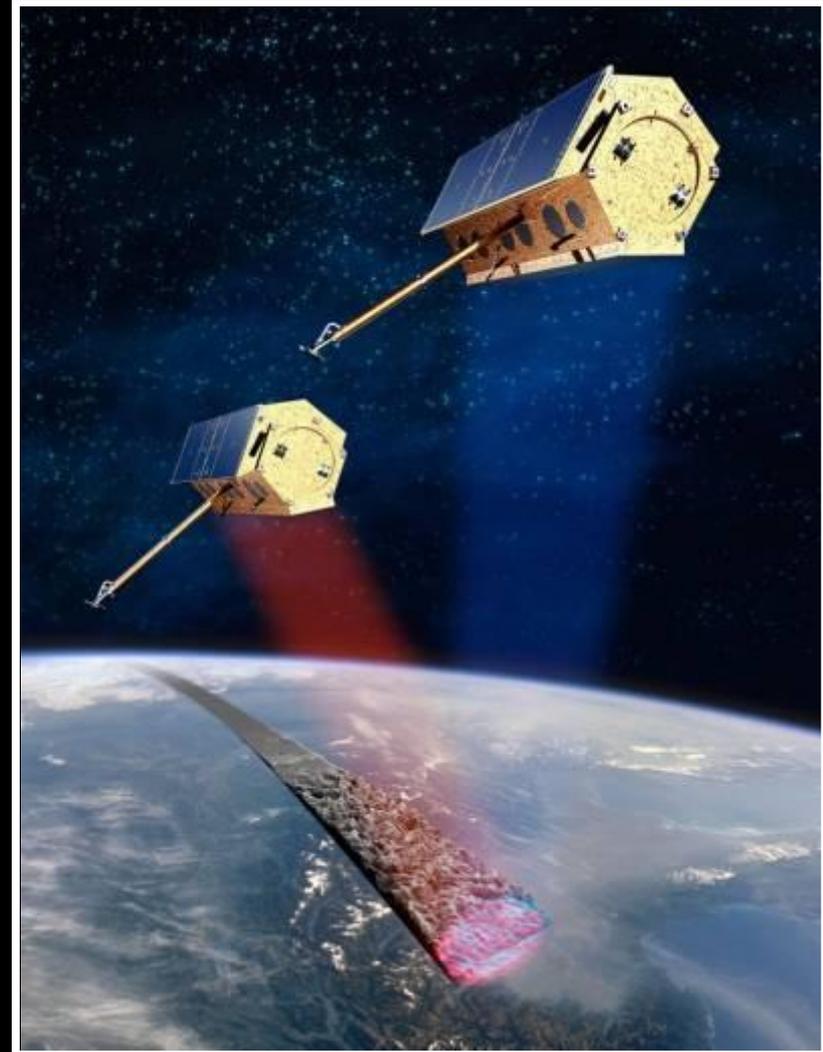


TandemSAR-X DLR

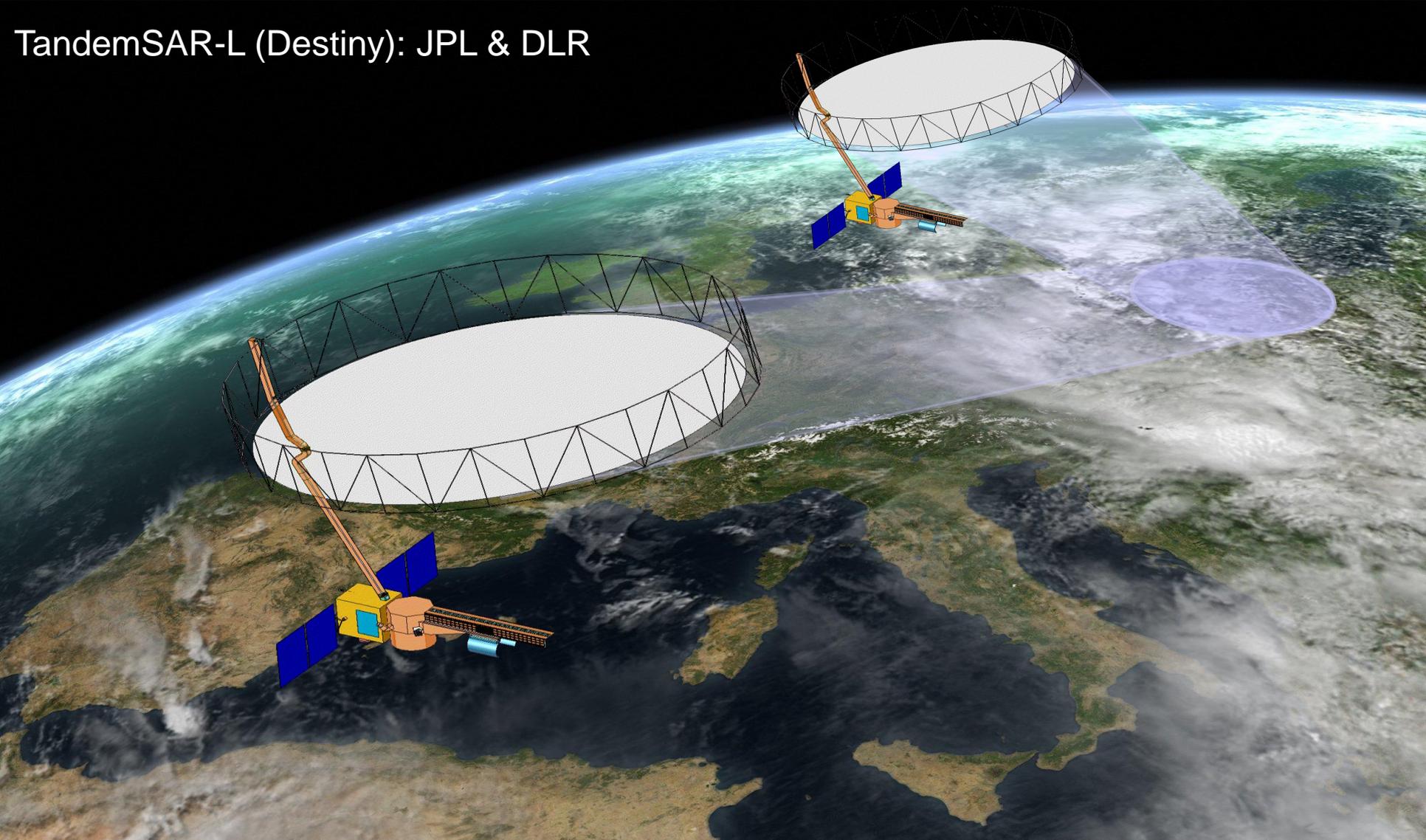


**TerraSAR – X (1 & 2)**  
**(2010)**

**Pol – InSAR Sensors**  
**TanDEM-X**

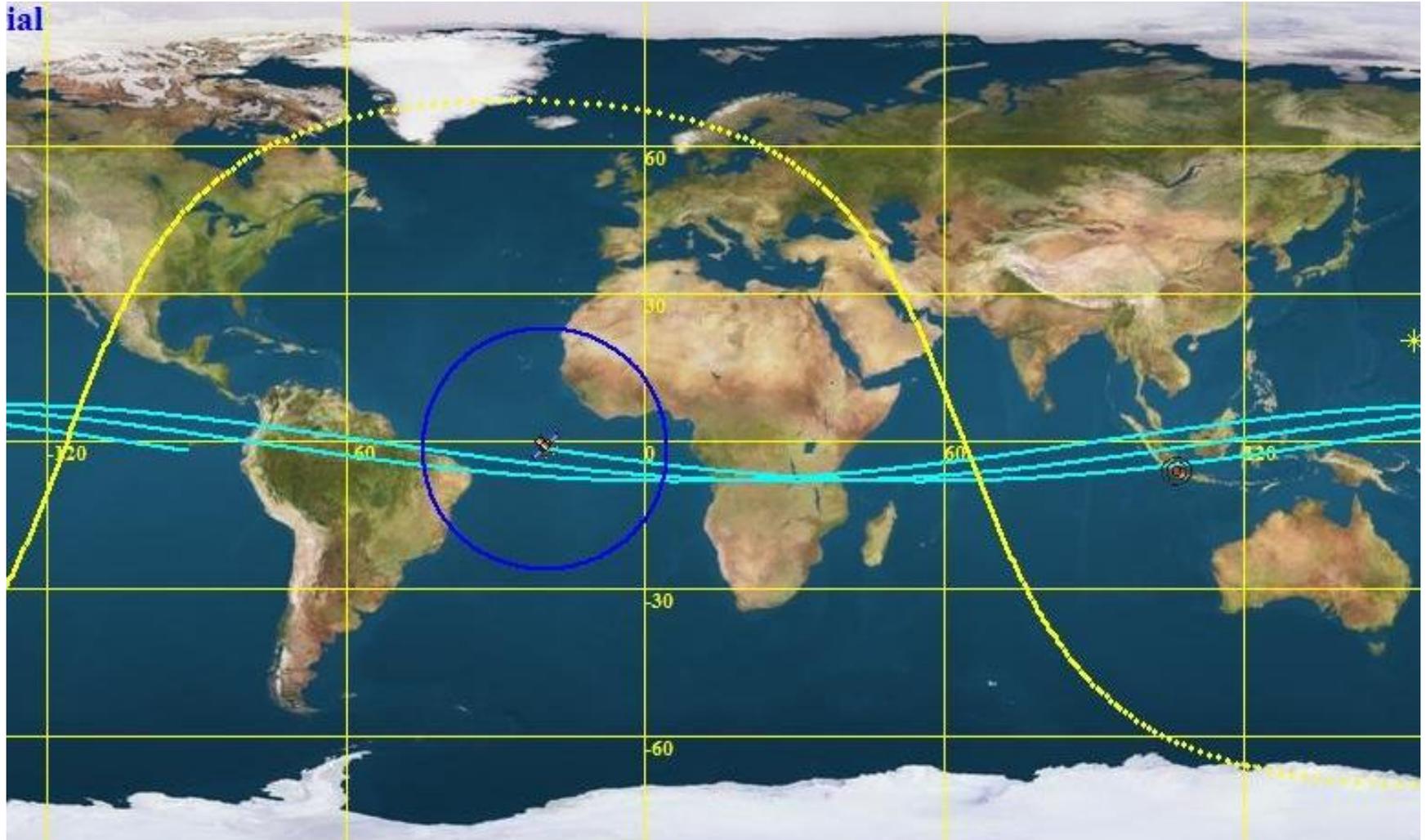


## TandemSAR-L (Destiny): JPL & DLR



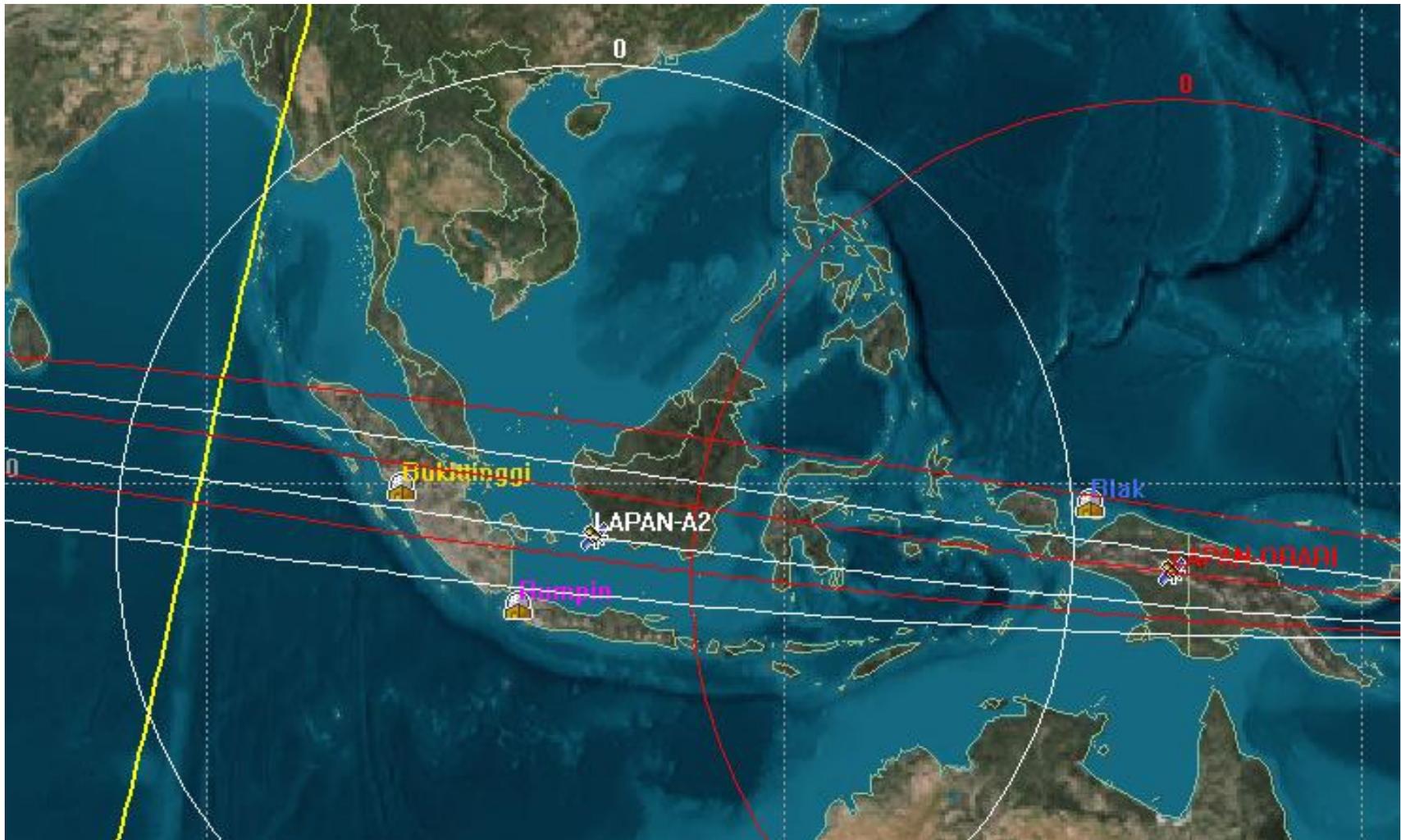
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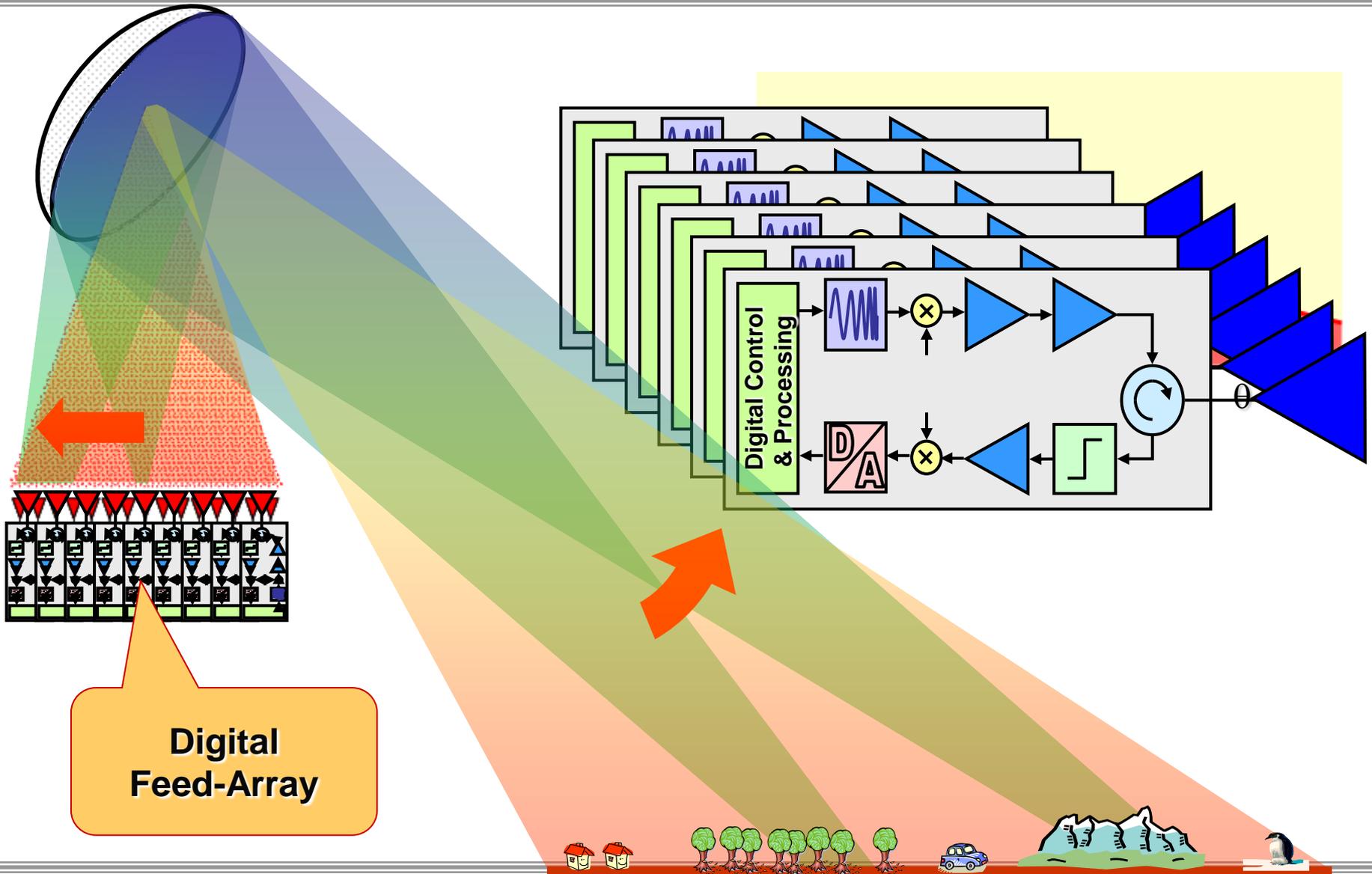
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### TUB-LAPAN-ORARI ORBIT PROFILE

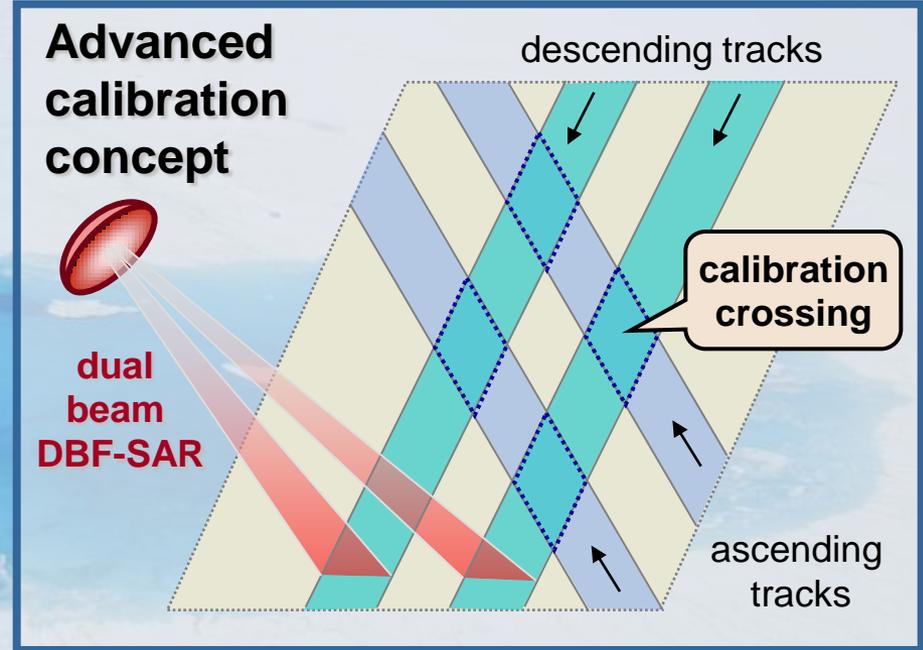
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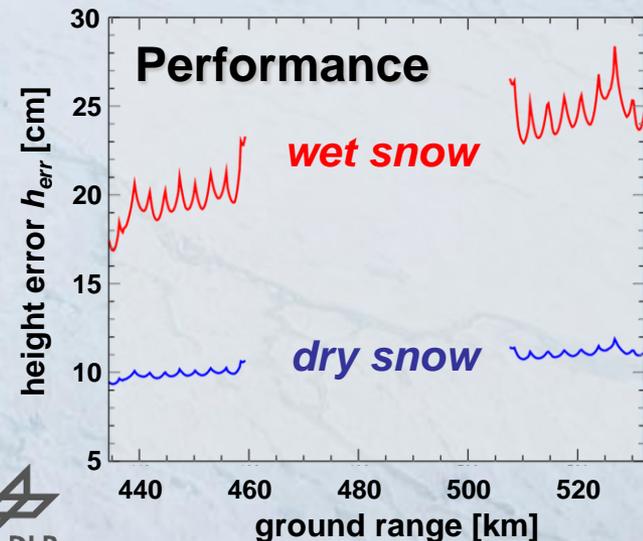


Digital Feed-Array

# SIGNAL Mission Proposal

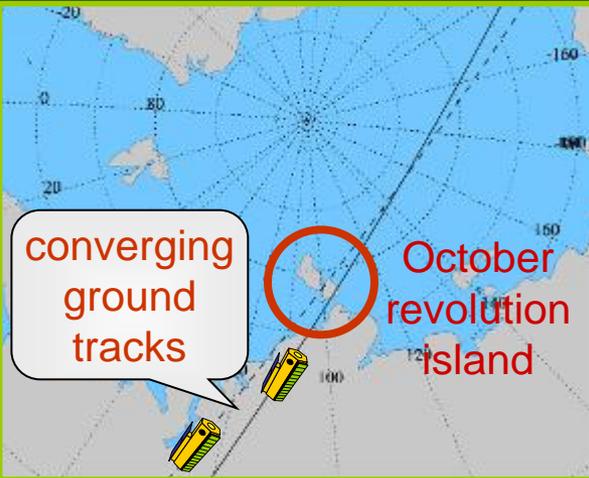
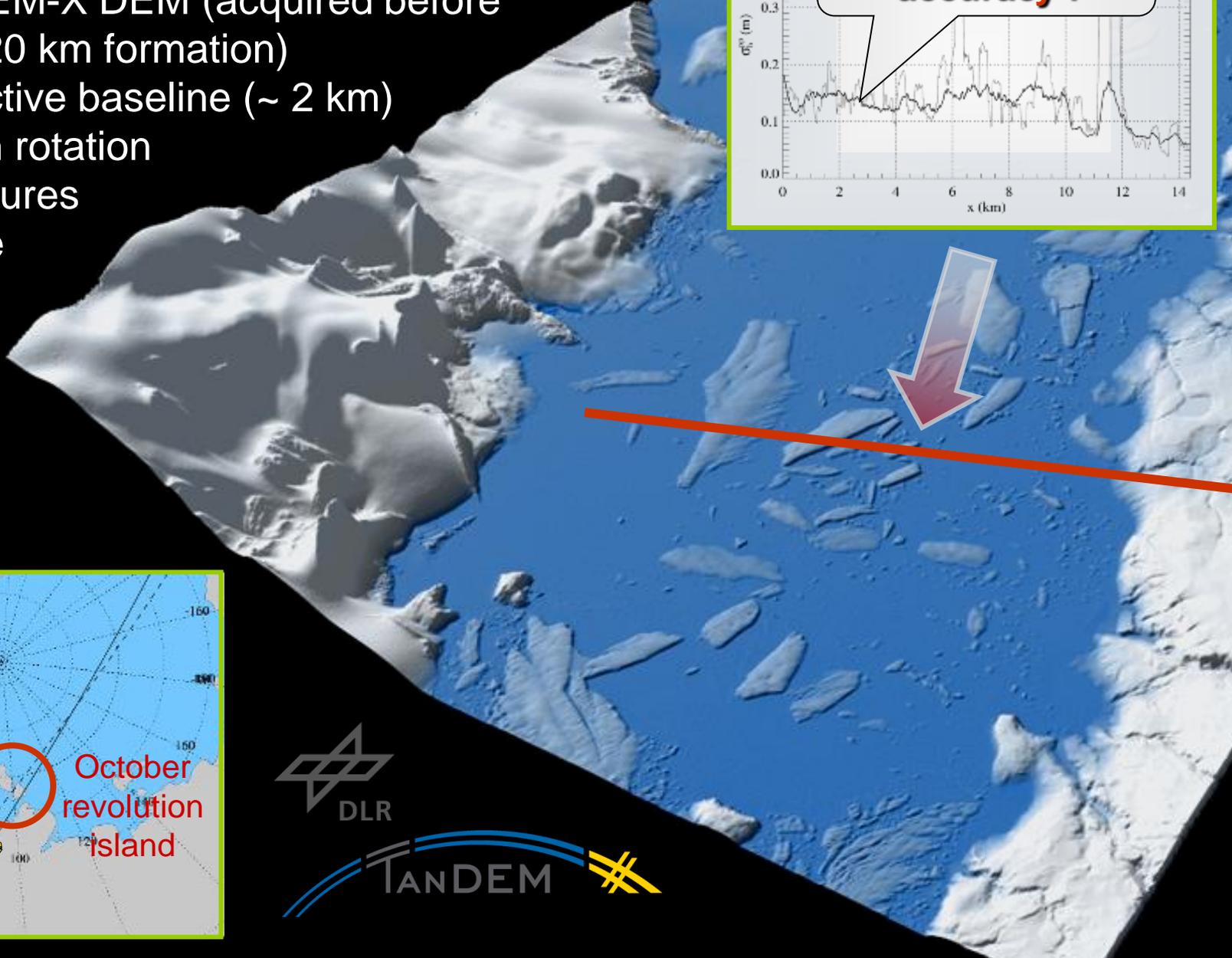
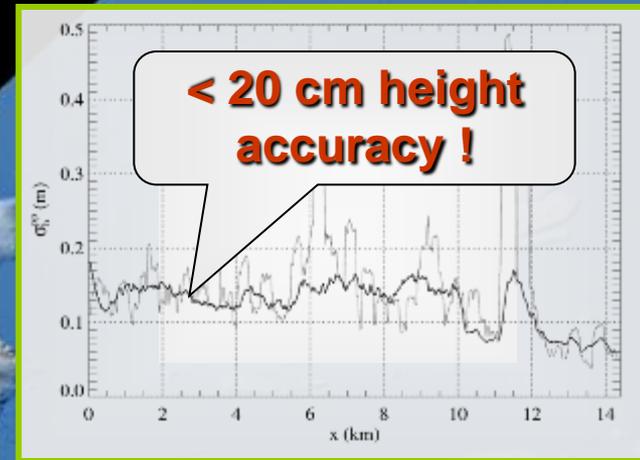


- High uncertainty about future sea level rise
  - IPCC'07 height increase 28 - 43 cm, now 1.4 m
  - major uncertainty: stability of polar ice sheets
- Large baseline satellite formation
  - innovative dual beam InSAR concept
  - avoids gaps of laser & radar altimetry systems
  - submitted to ESA Earth Explorer Opportunity call

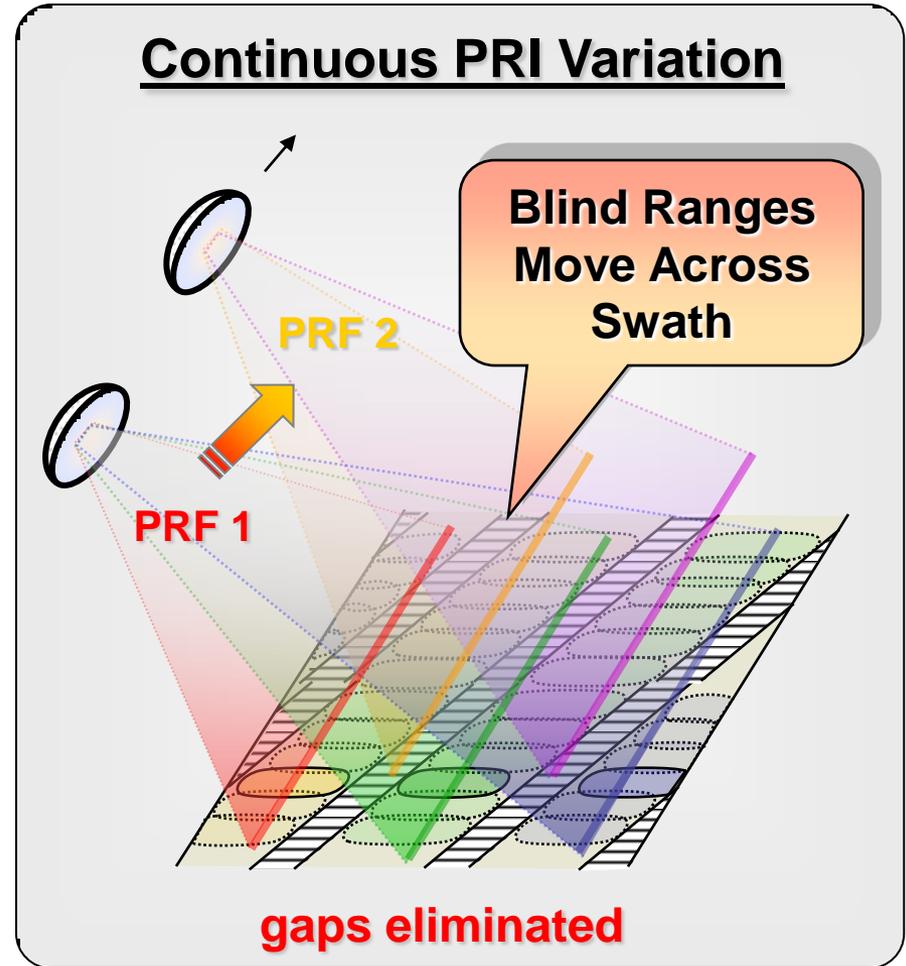
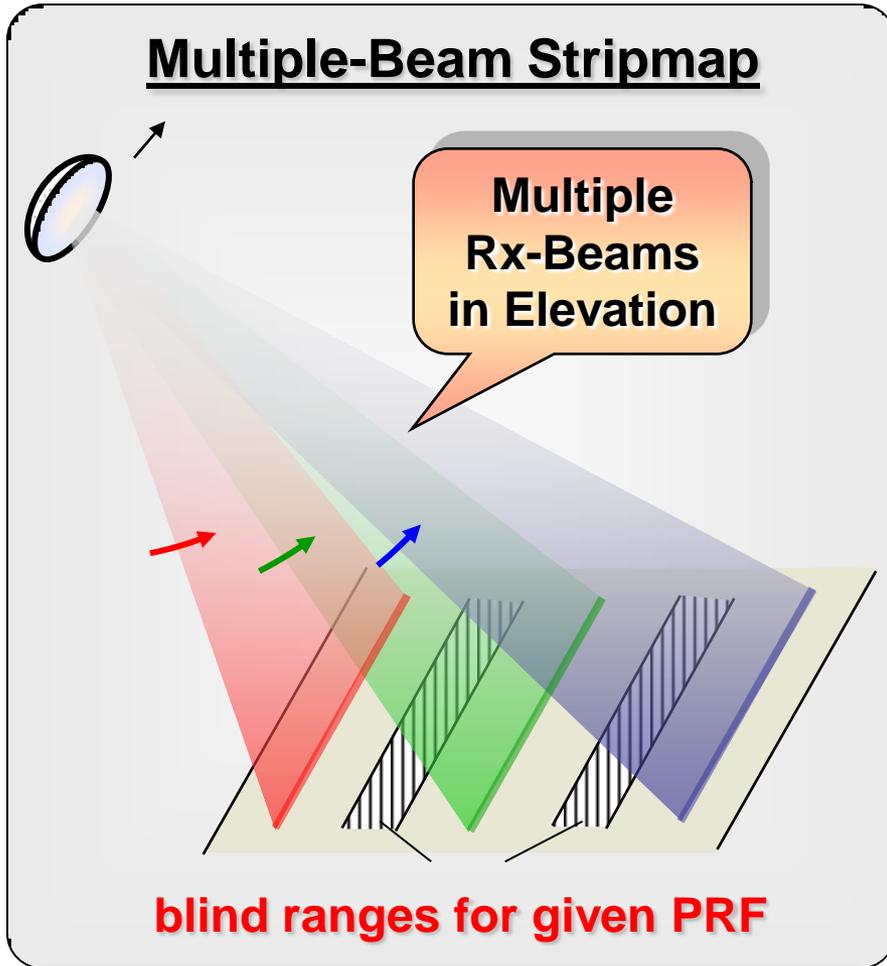


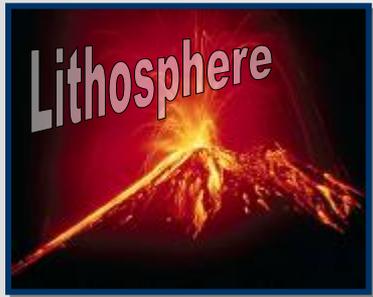
# Large Baseline DEM with TanDEM-X

- first TanDEM-X DEM (acquired before reaching 20 km formation)
- large effective baseline (~ 2 km) from Earth rotation
- squint ensures coherence

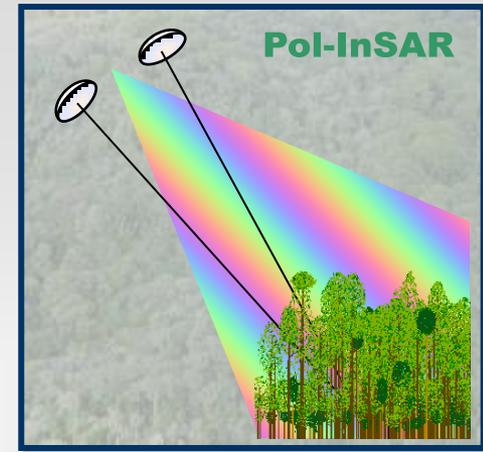
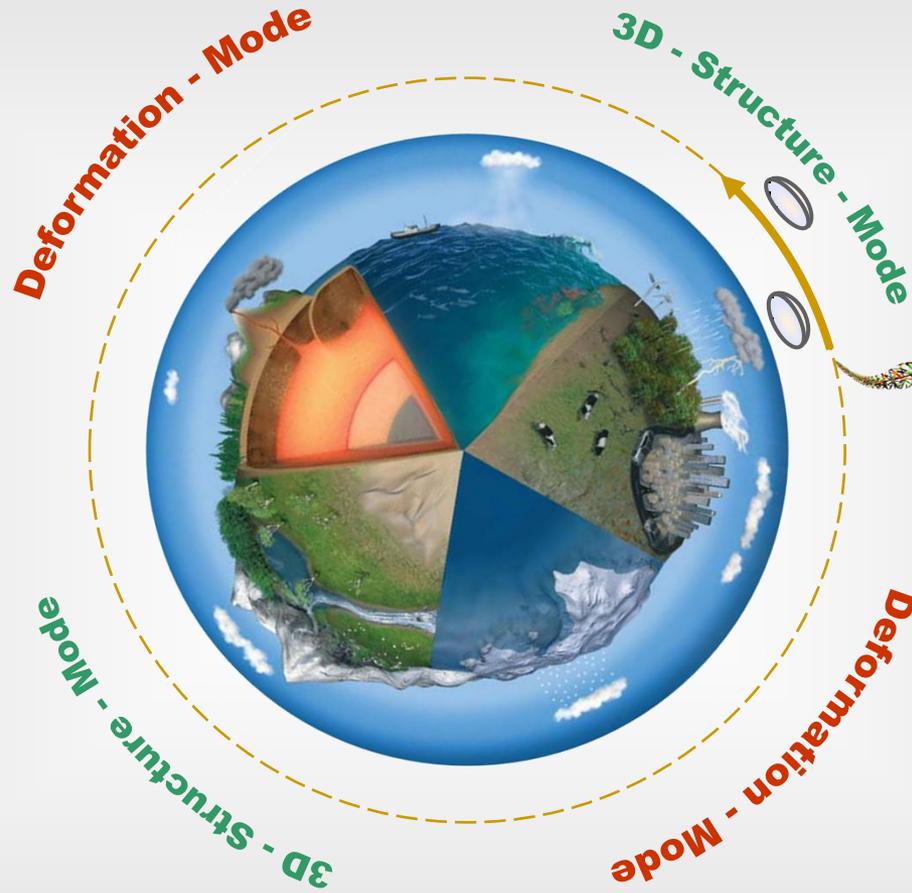


# Ultra-Wide-Swath SAR Imaging

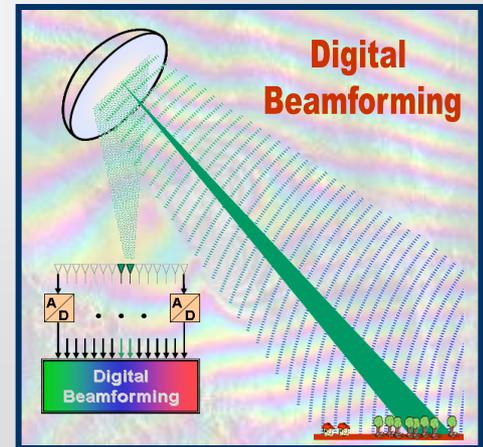




# Tandem-L



Formation Flying



Systematic Monitoring  
of Earth's Dynamics

# Dynamic Processes on the Earth Surface

Deforestation, Degradation, Fires\* (REDD) **Biosphere**  
Forest Biomasse Change\*  
Biodiversity

Earthquakes **Geosphere**  
Volcanic Activities  
Land Slides

Sea Ice Extent\* **Cryosphere**  
Permafrost\*  
Glacier & Ice Cap Dynamics\*

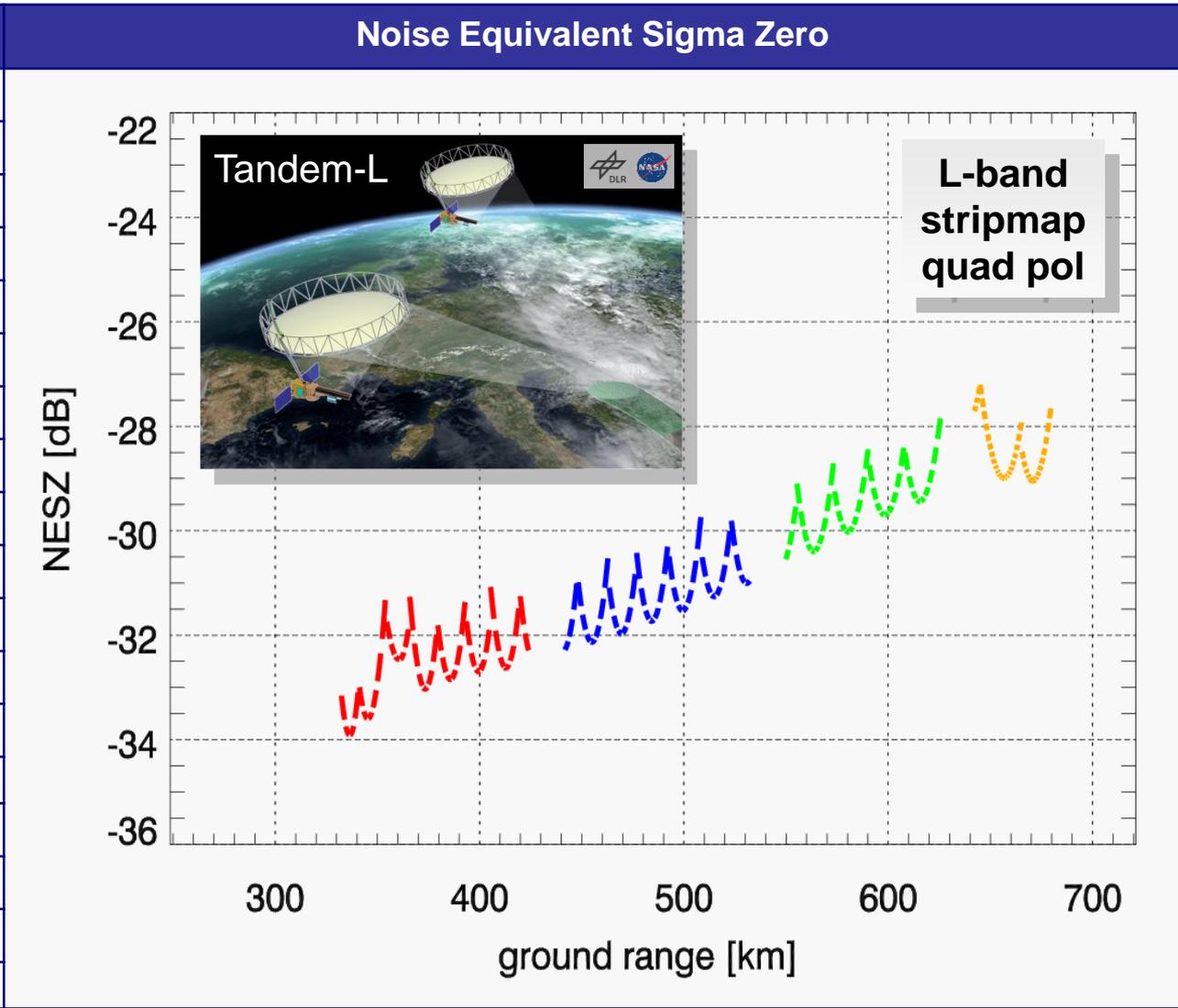
Soil Moisture\* **Hydrosphere**  
Flooding  
Ocean Currents\*



\*) Essential Climate Variables

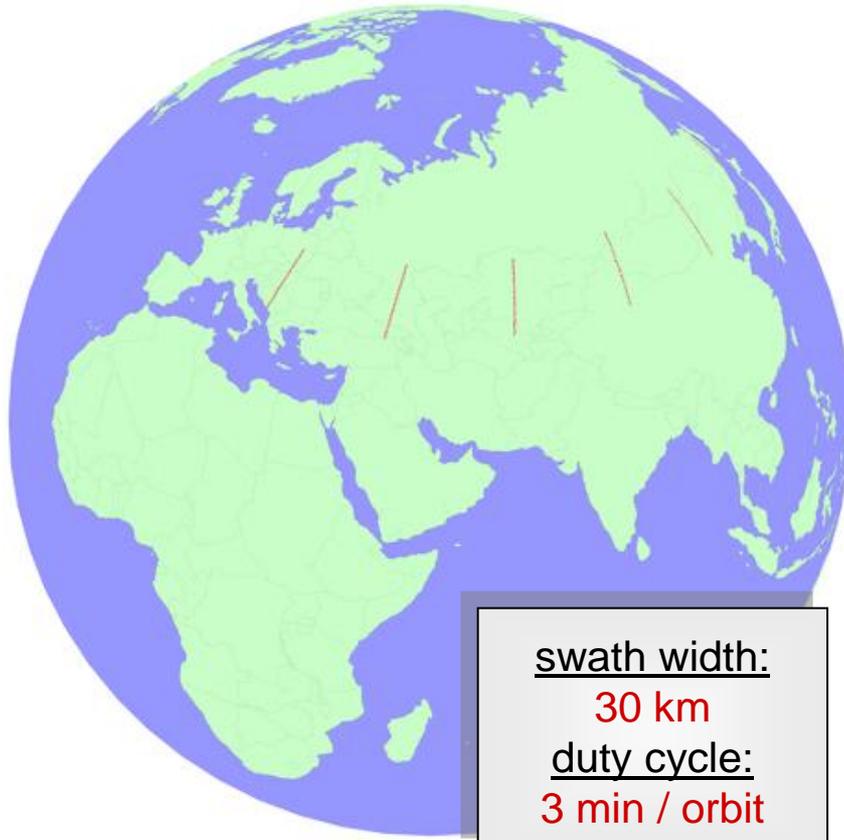


Parameter	Value
Orbit Height	760 km
Repeat Cycle	8 days
Swath Width	349 km
Incident Angle	26.3° - 46.6°
Ground Range	331 – 680 km
<b>Tx Power (avg.)</b>	<b>96 W</b>
Duty Cycle	4 %
Bandwidth	85 MHz
Polarization	Quad (linear)
<b>Reflector Size</b>	<b>15 m (diameter)</b>
Focal Length	10 m
Feed Location	centre
Feed Elements	24
Feed Length	3.43 m
Tilt Angle	31.9°
System Loss	1 dB
Rx Noise Temp.	420 K
PRF	2365 Hz



TanDEM-X

1 global coverage / year

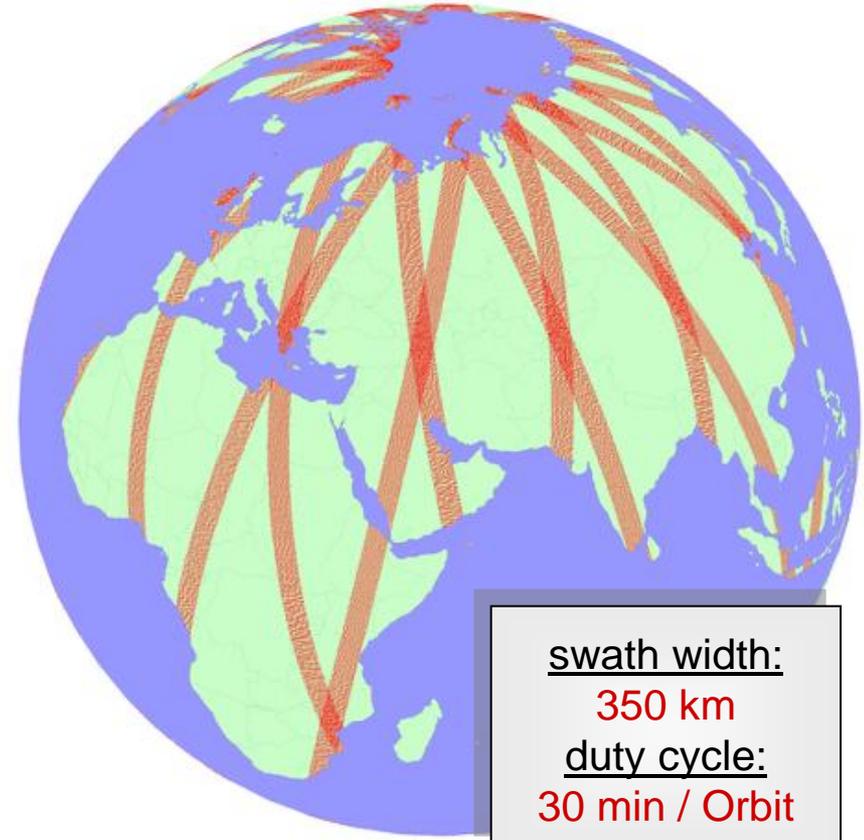


swath width:  
30 km  
duty cycle:  
3 min / orbit

Day  
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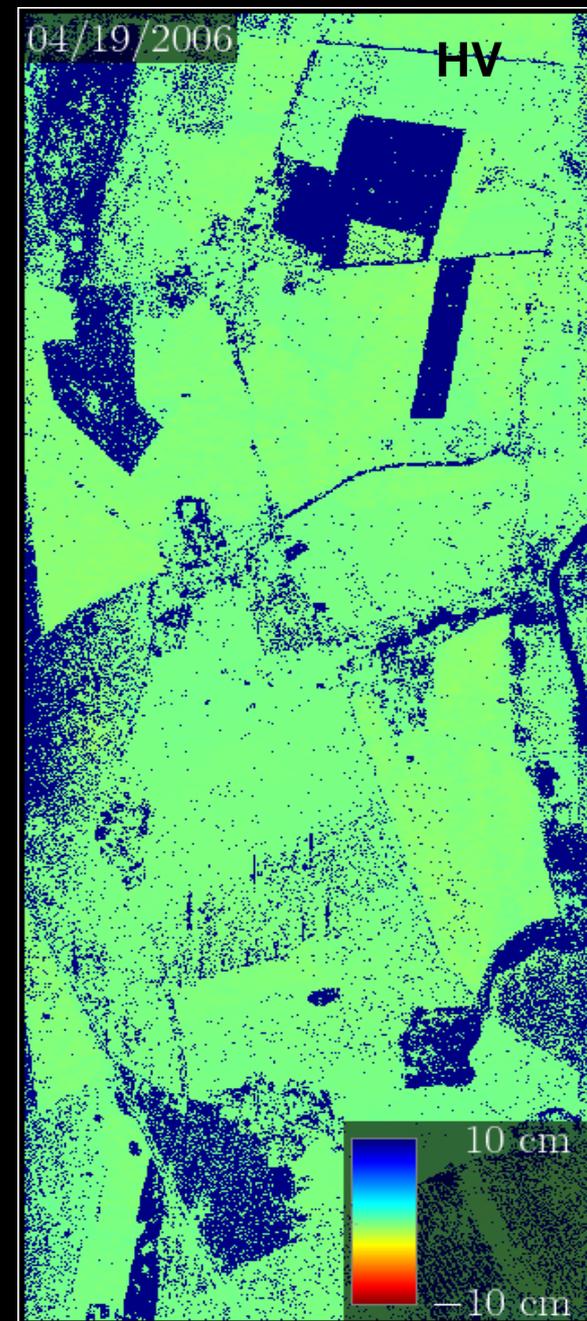
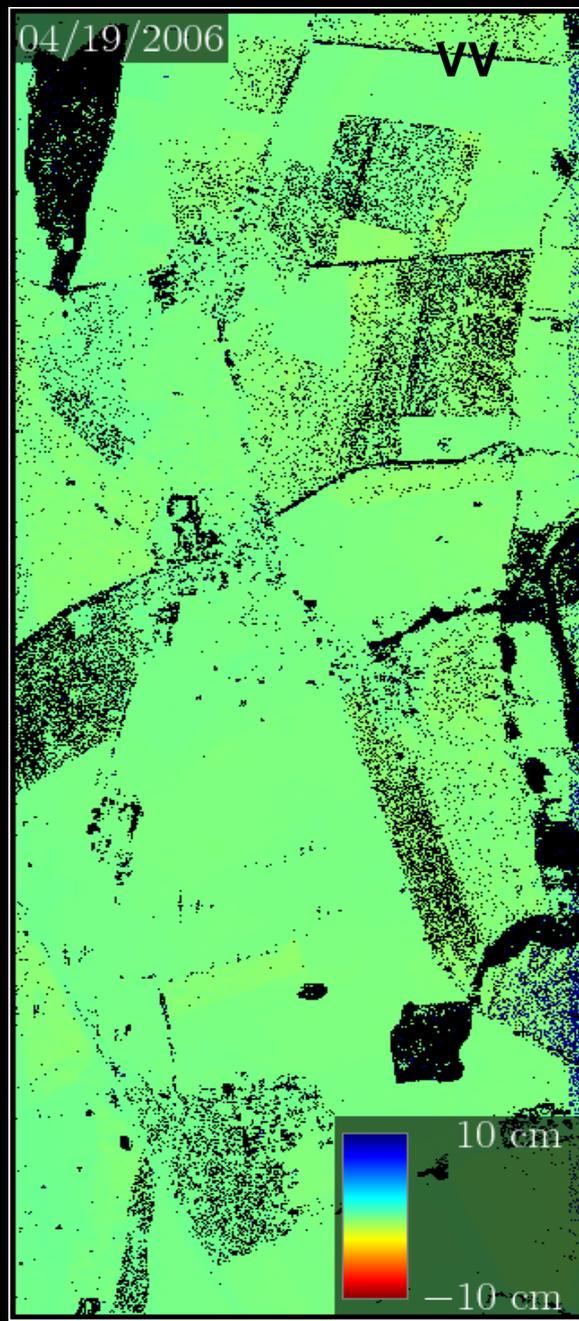
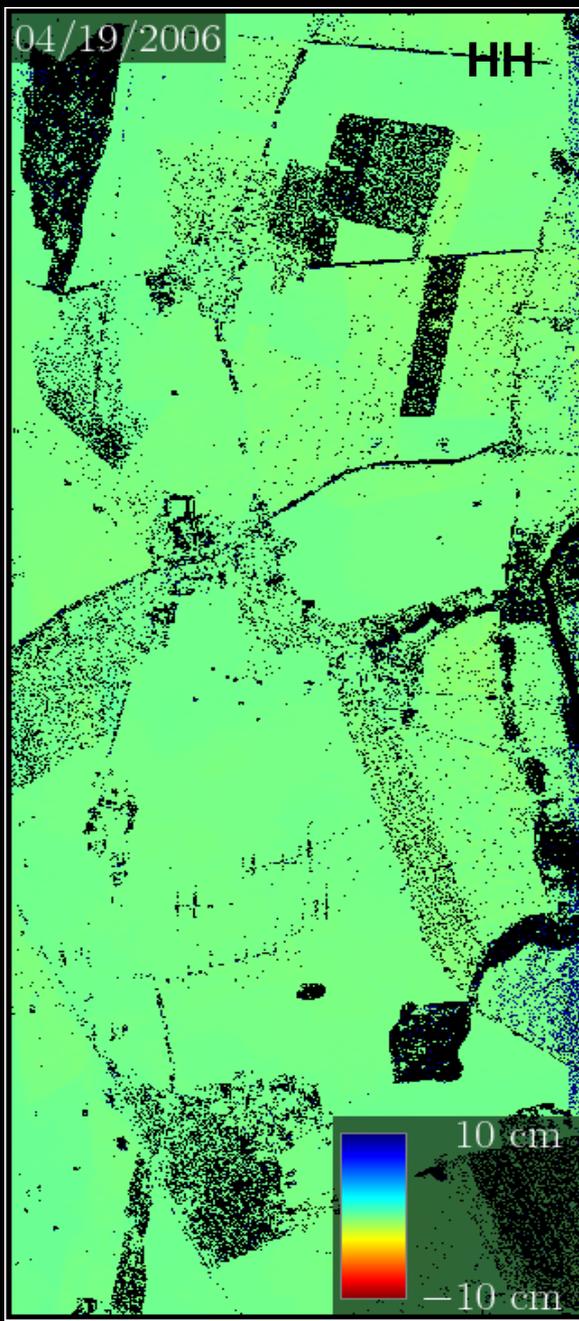
Tandem-L

2 global coverages / week

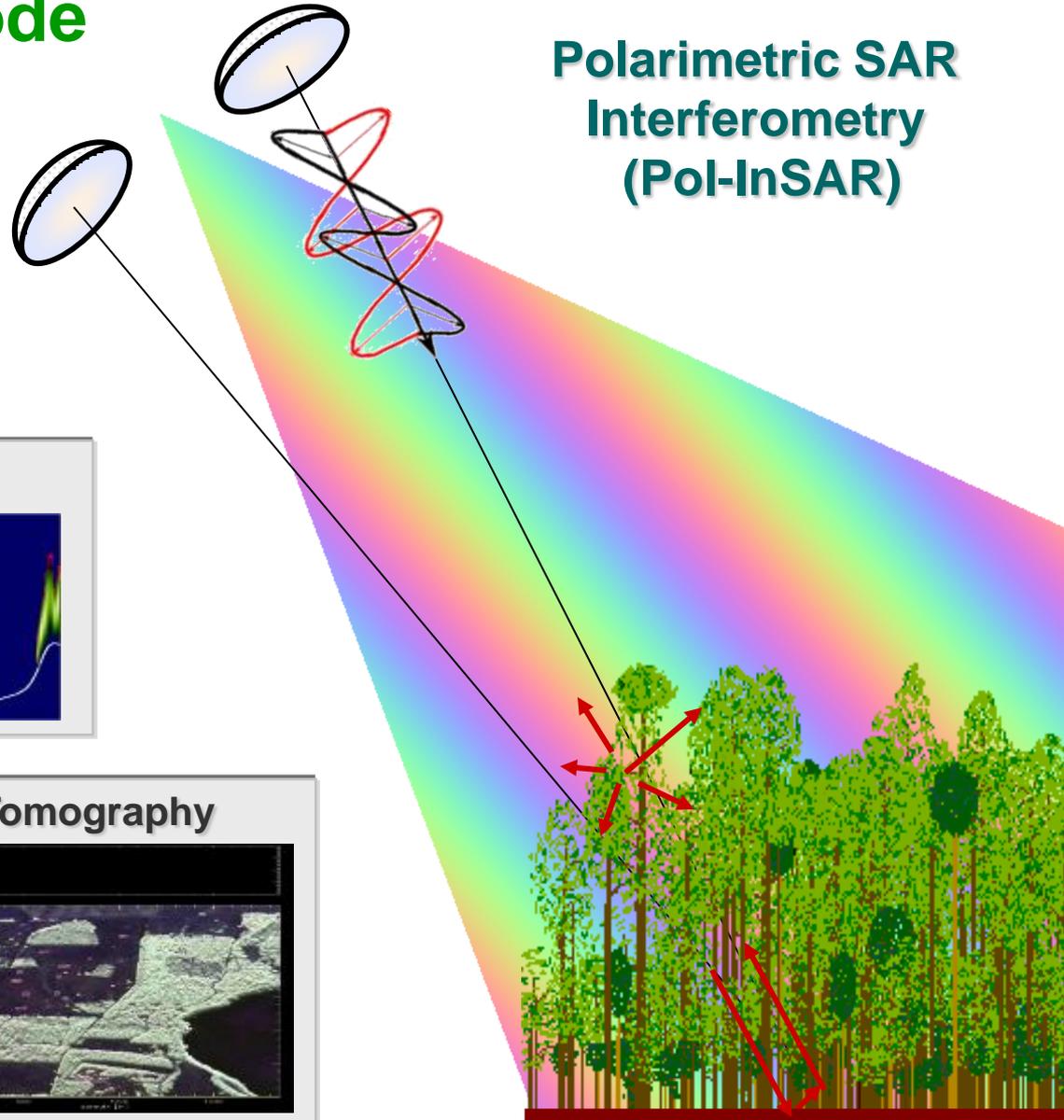
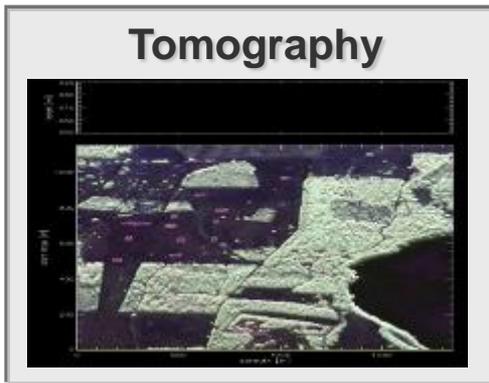
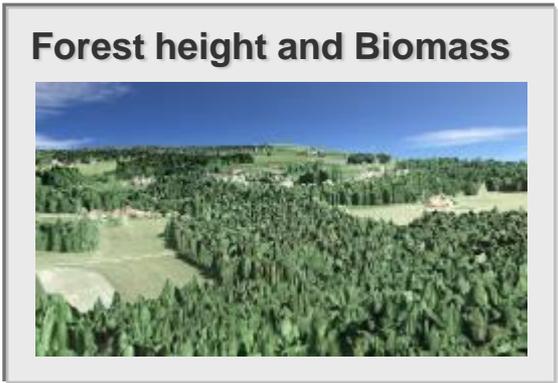
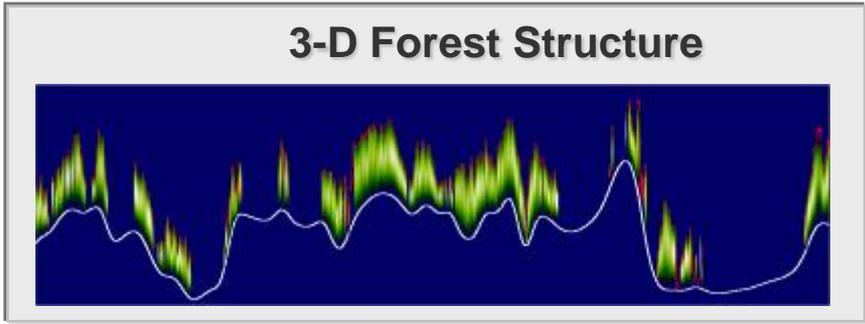
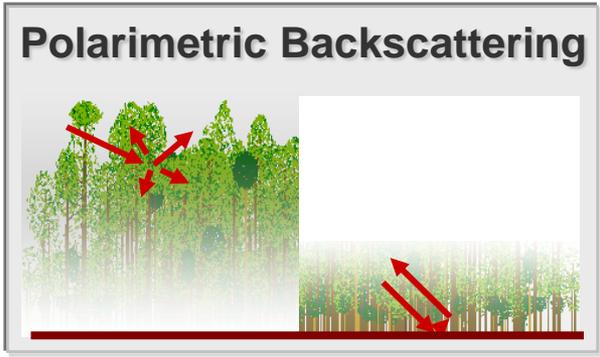


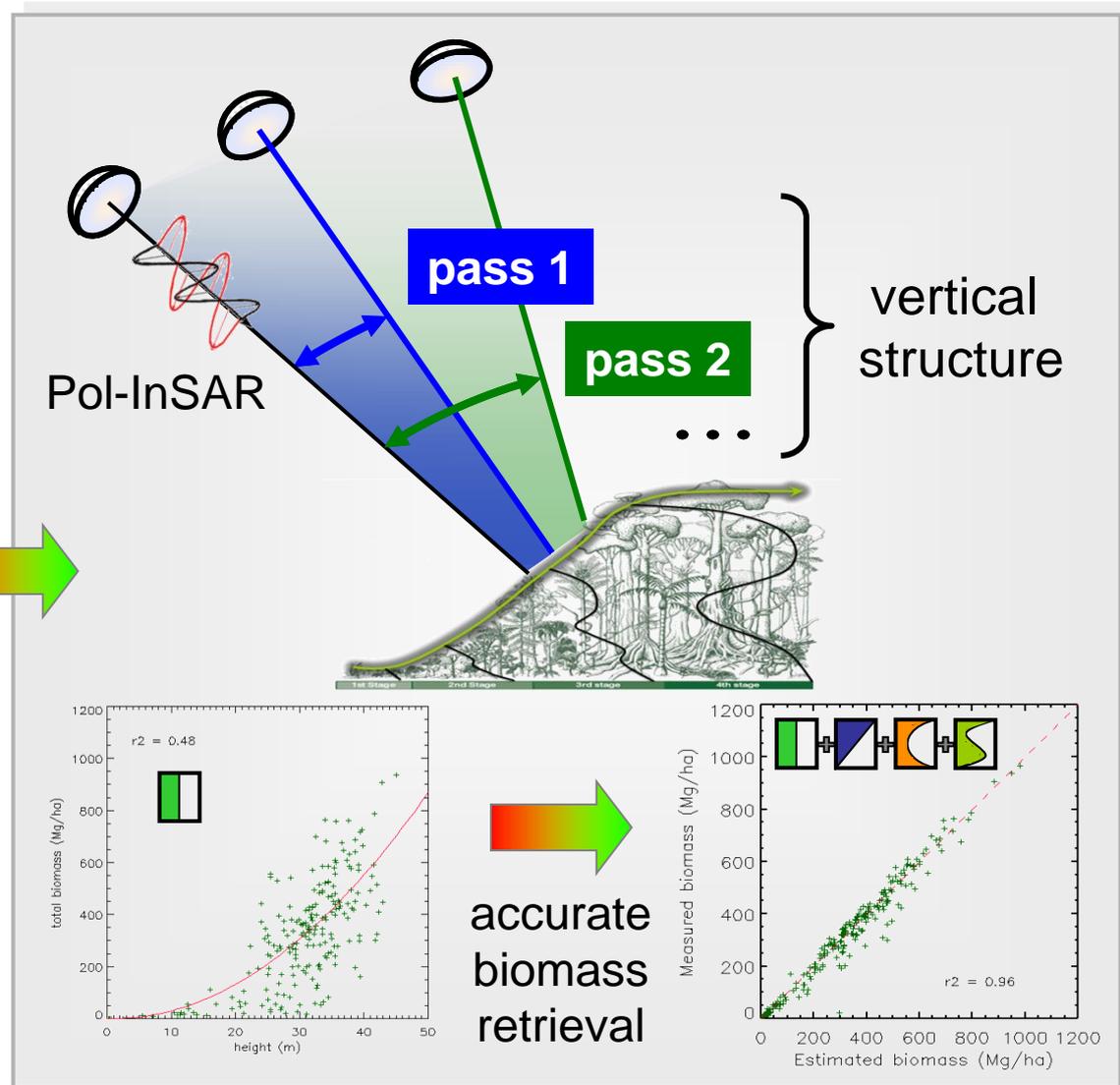
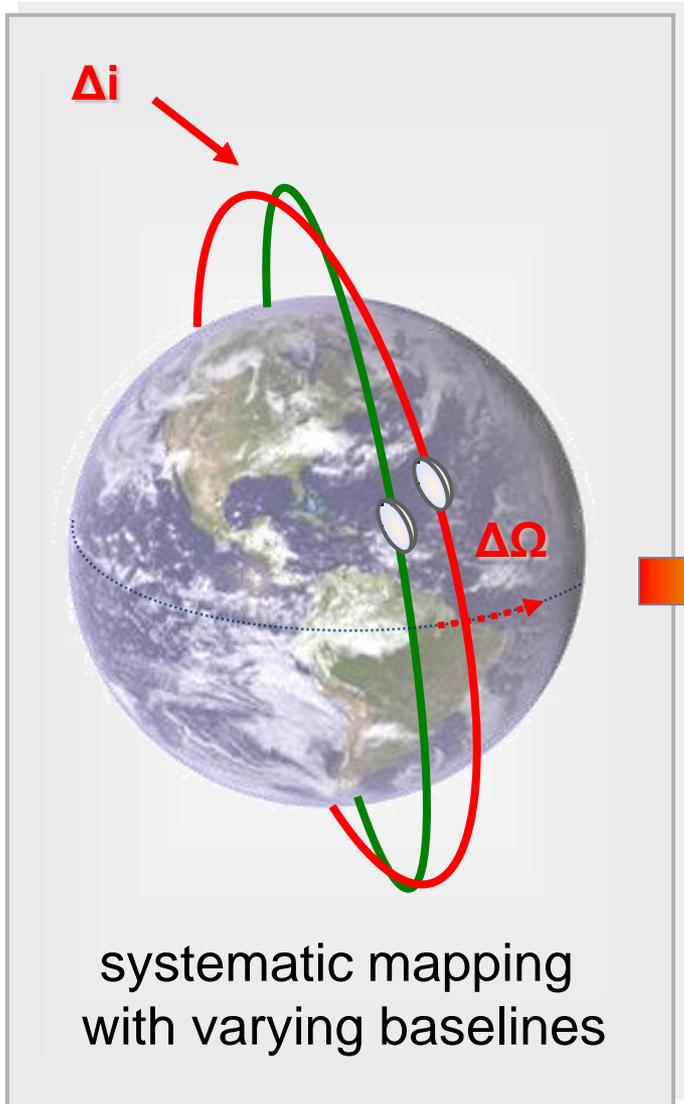
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30 min / Orbit

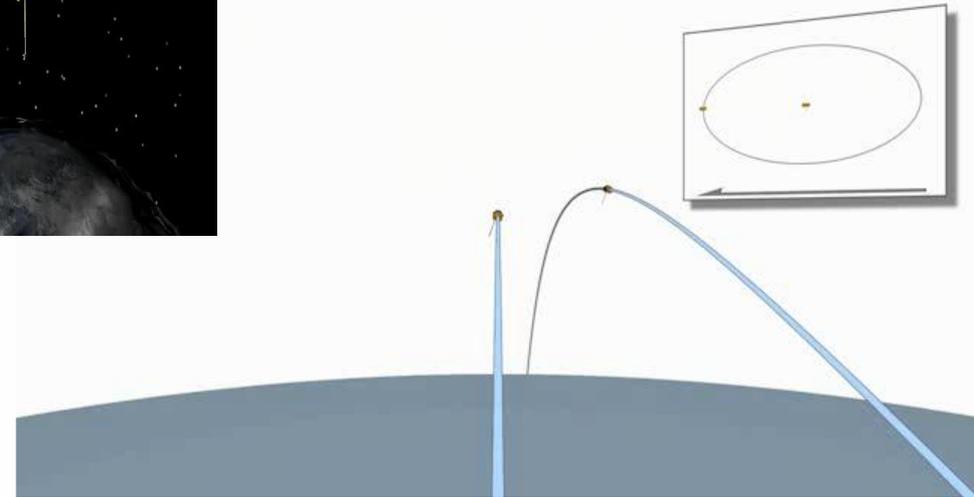
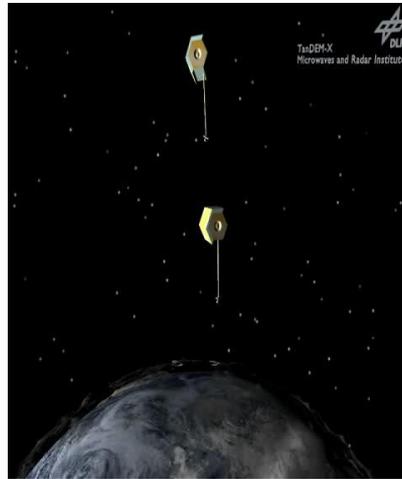
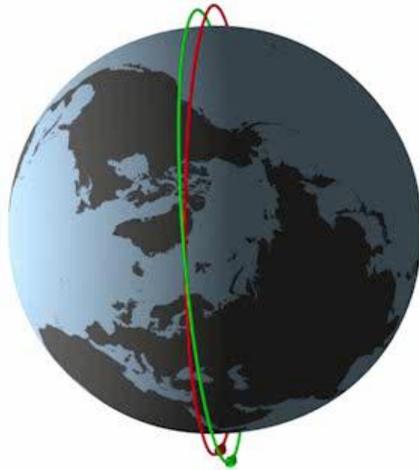
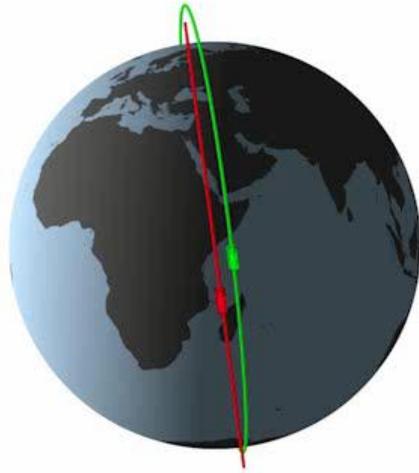
# Fully Polarimetric Soil Mapping with High Spatial Resolution @ L-band



# 3-D Structure Mode







# TanDEM-L – DESDynI



measurement of  
3-D structures  
(vegetation) &  
their evolution

monitoring of  
geo-dynamics  
(deformation) with  
high temporal  
resolution

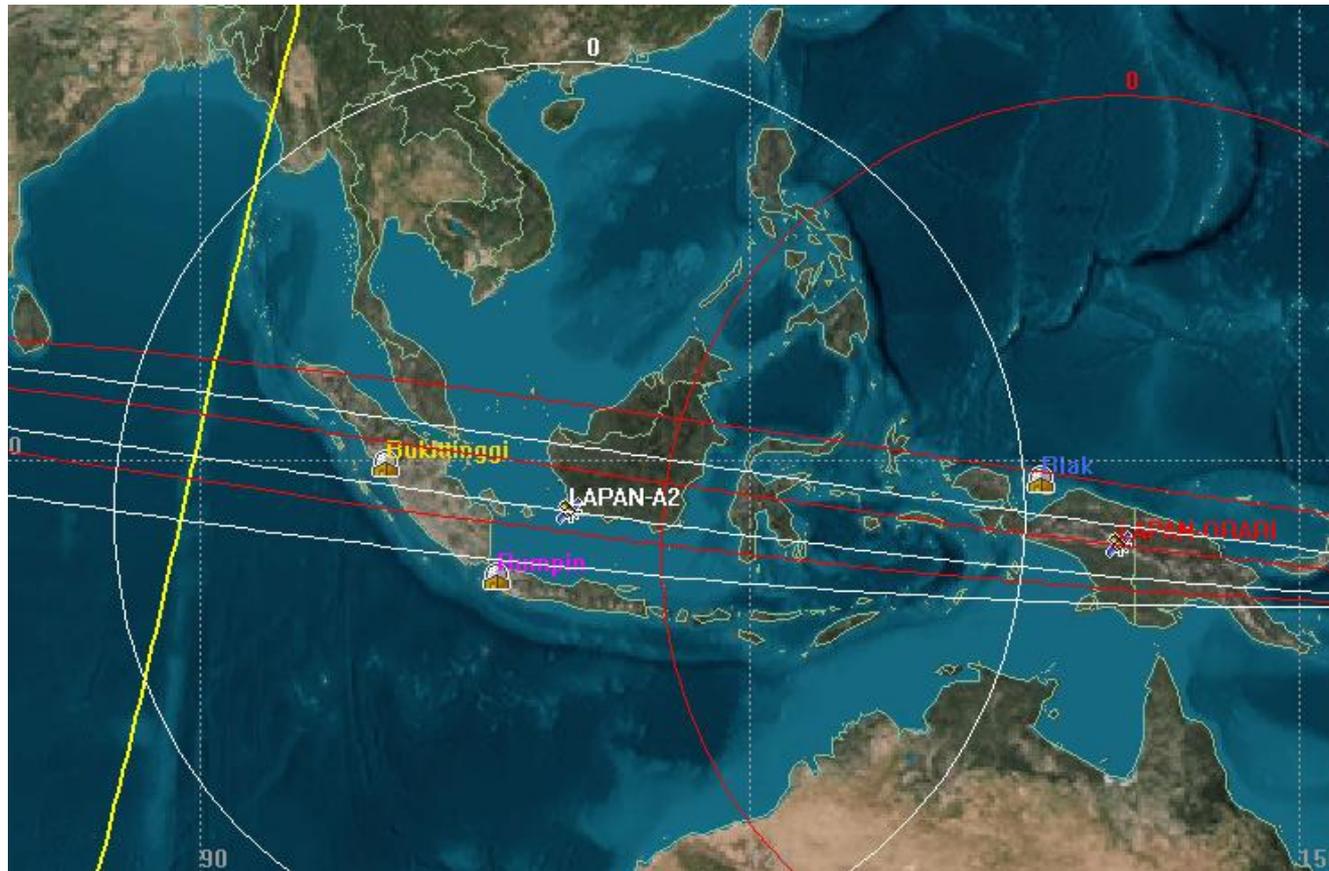
- L-band SAR
- single-pass  
interferometry  
(satellite formation)
- polarimetry

## Monitoring the Earth's Dynamics with Pol-InSAR

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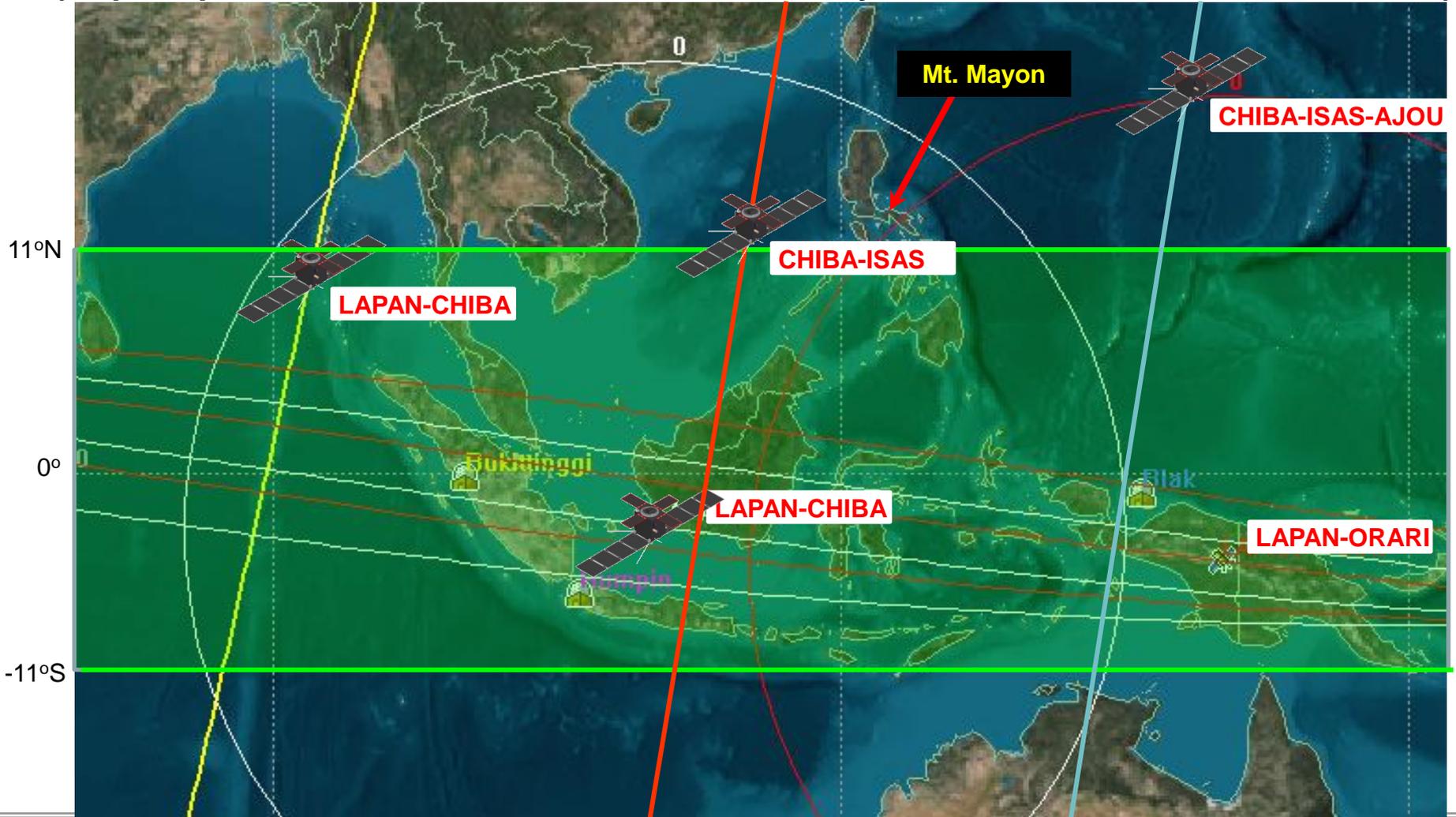
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# SATELLITES ORBIT PROFILES

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## Major Paradigm for Remote Sensing from Air and Space of the Terrestrial Covers:

“Natural hazards are inevitable!  
Natural disasters are not & how  
can we reduce aftereffects?”

**Accomplished with fully Polarimetric POLinSAR Sensors at  
all pertinent frequency bands at tandem orbital formation  
with wide swath-widths – at all weather, at day and night:**

## ACQUISITION OF NEW BANDS FOR BOTH PASSIVE & ACTIVE SENSING

- Deep earth sounding ULF - LF
- Ground penetrating radar LF - VHF
- Mineral resource exploration HF - UHF
- Biomass and vegetative cover estimation HF – EHF (P/L/C-Band)
- Man made surface structure monitoring HF – EHF (C/X/K-Band)
- Atmospheric passive remote sensing cm – sub-mm

- ◇ We need to put our act together as the global remote sensing community and request from ITU/WMO the protection of the “fundamental natural resource: the e-m spectrum”, and for providing the spectral bands for us to fulfill our professional duties as

***“The Remote Sensing Pathologists and Radiologists of Earth and Planetary Covers”***

# Recent Advances in Fully Polarimetric Space SAR Development and Its Applications

## *Conclusions:*

The Vector (**Polarization**) Electromagnetic Spectrum:  
A Natural Global Treasure

*Terrestrial Remote Sensing with PolSAR :  
The Diagnostics of the Health of the Earth  
at all weather and volcanic conditions  
and at day and night*