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Deformation- and radiometric mapping with terrestrial radar interferometry

From radar-geometry to high resolution 3d-surface maps

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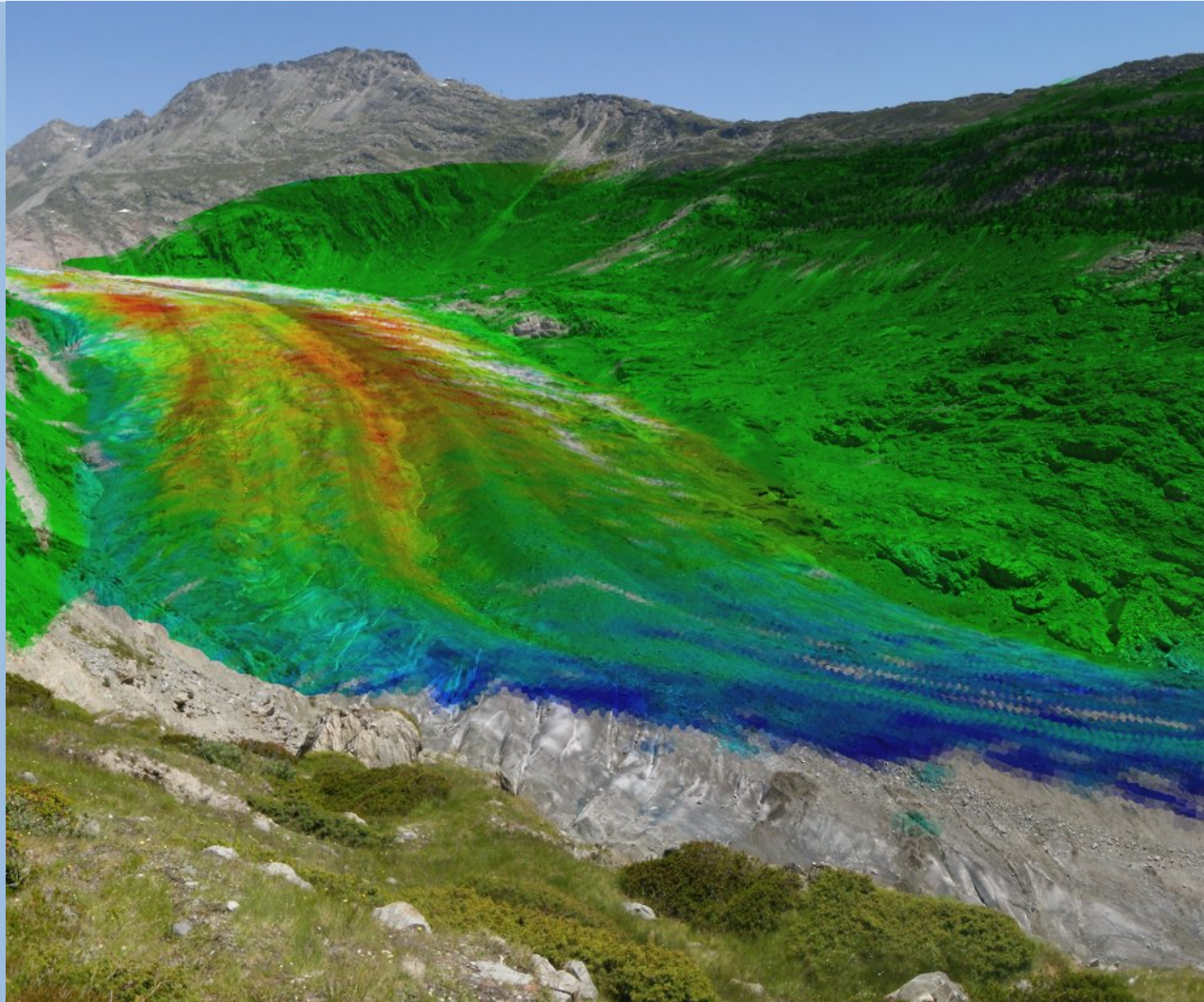
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Mountains – Up and Down

Where? How Fast?



Mountains – Up and Down



**GPRI-Measurements
Aletsch-Glacier**

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LOS-Displacement [mm/20 min]



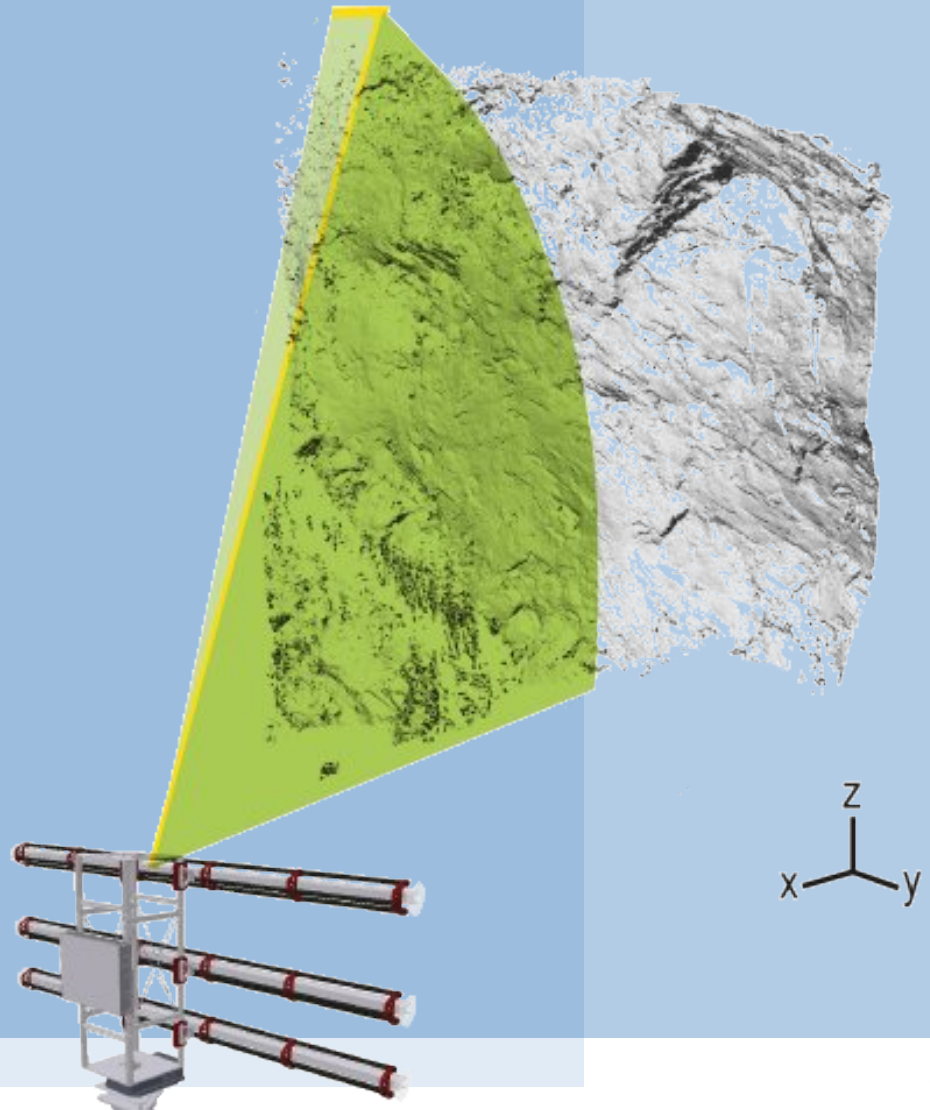
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Hardware: Gamma Portable Radar Interferometer

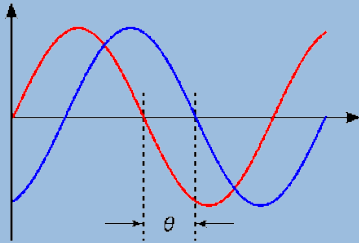
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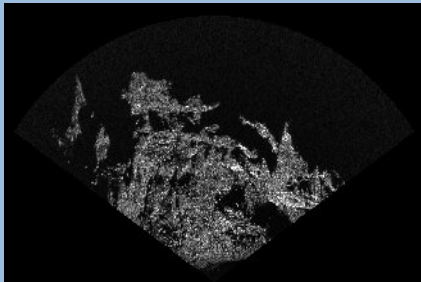
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Hardware: Ground based radar systems

- > Active remote-sensing technique operating at microwave frequencies
- > Acquisition of magnitude (M) and phase (ϕ) of the backscattered signal

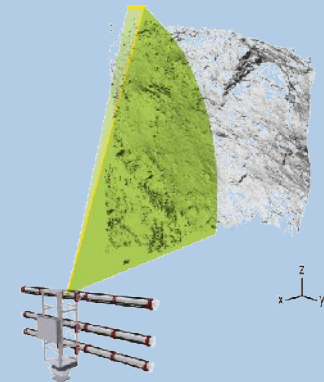
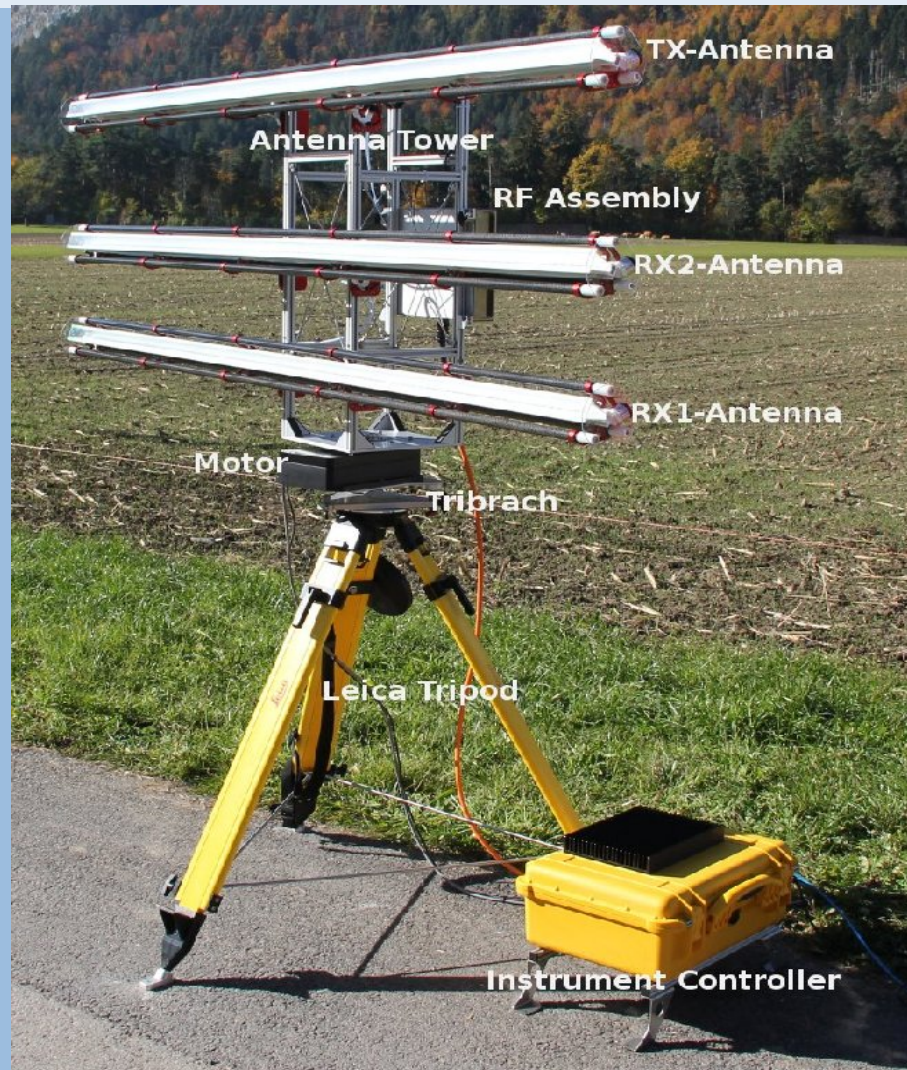


- > Imaging radar: Day / Night / Through-cloud operation



Acquisition

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> Resolution

Range resolution as
function of Operation
Frequency (Ku-Band
allocation: 17.1-17.3 GHz,
 $\lambda = 1.75 \text{ cm}$)

1.0 m (constant)

Azimuth-resolution as
function of antenna length
(2 m) and range distance

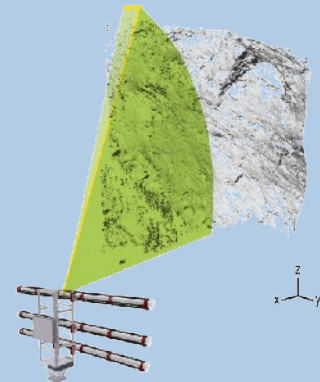
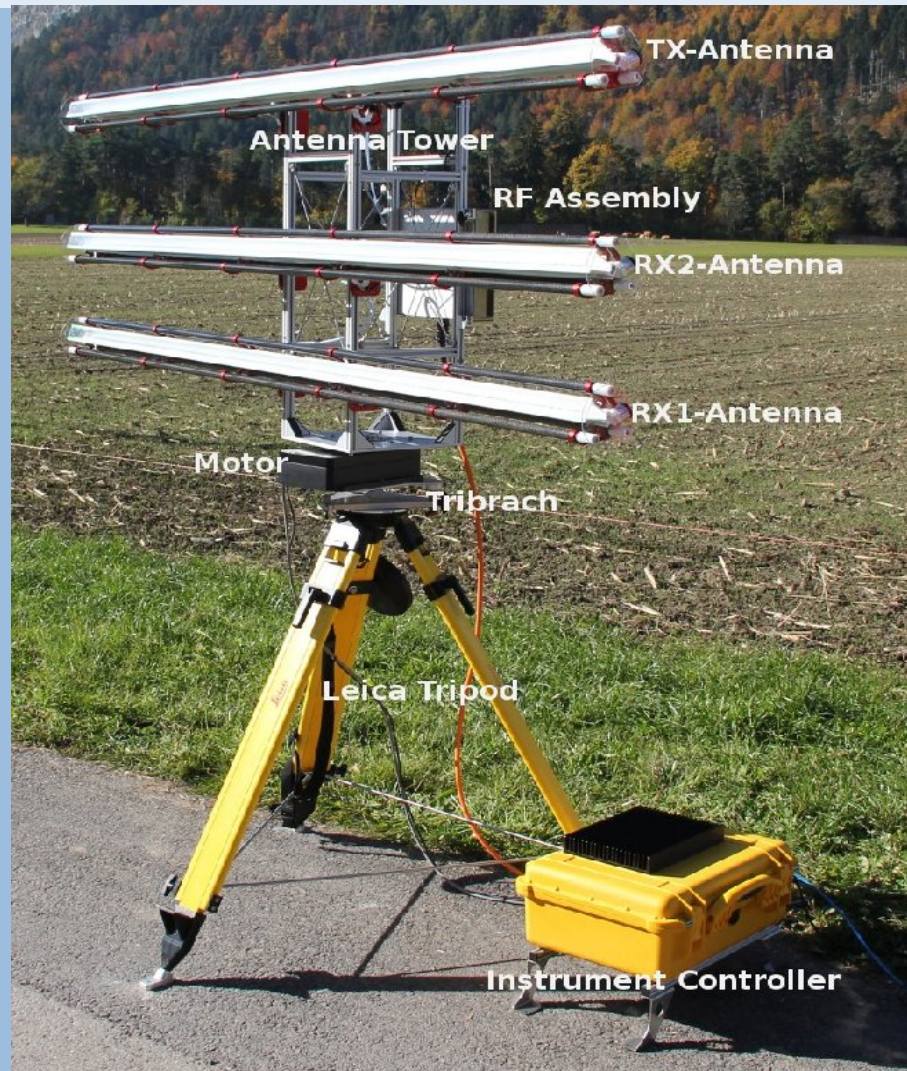
8 m @ 1 km

> LOS-Precision

Precision as function of
operation frequency and
atmospheric influences

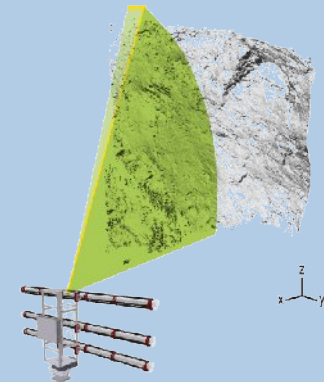
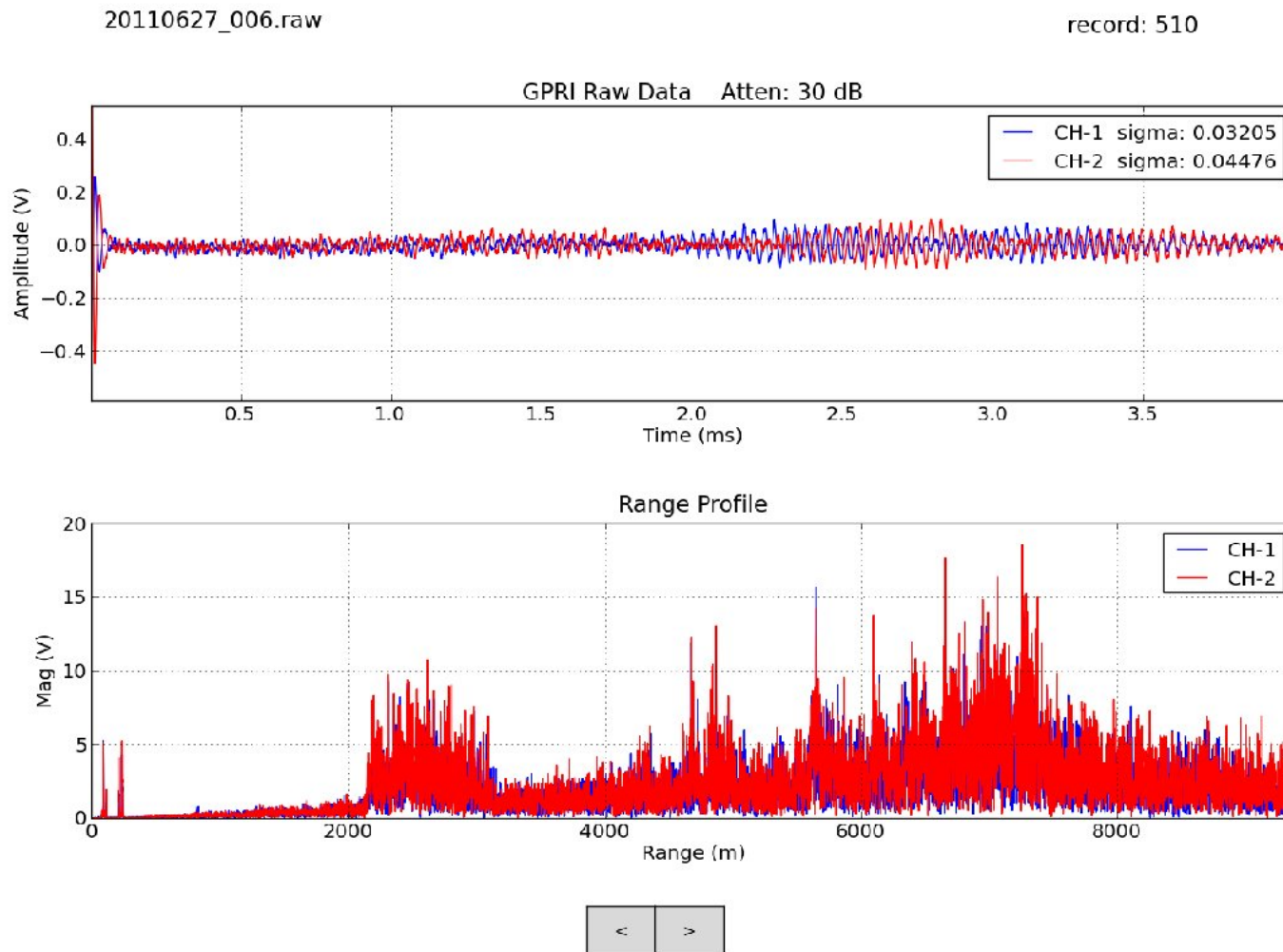
(0.125 mm @ 1 km)

1 mm nominal



Acquisition

Range Profile of Single Azimuth Acquisition



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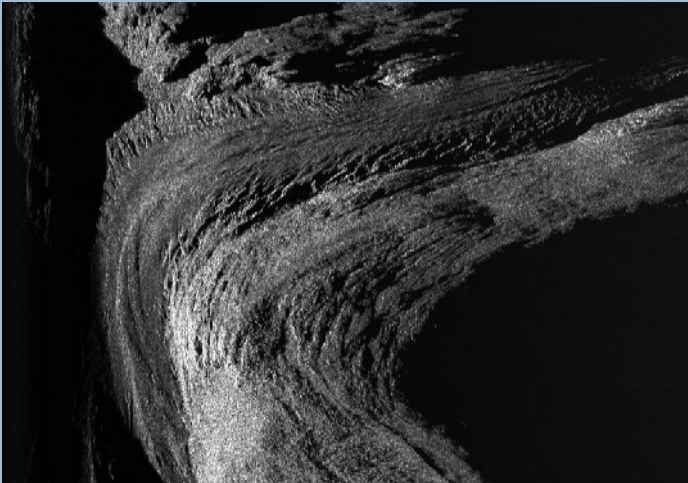
Image Geometries

> Polar Geometry

Data Storage and Processing

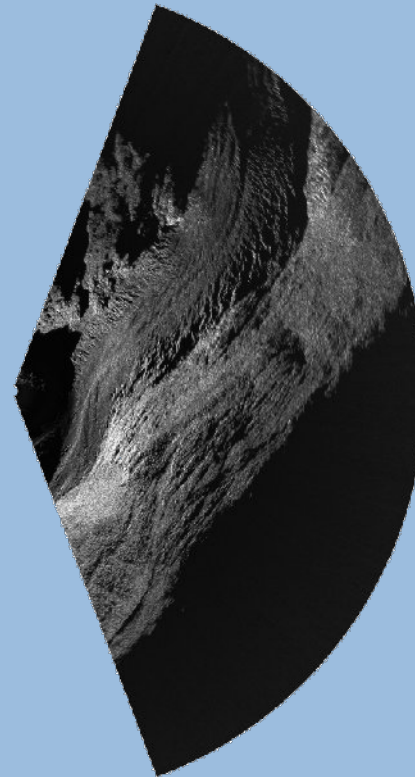
Image_X: Range

Image_Y: Azimuth

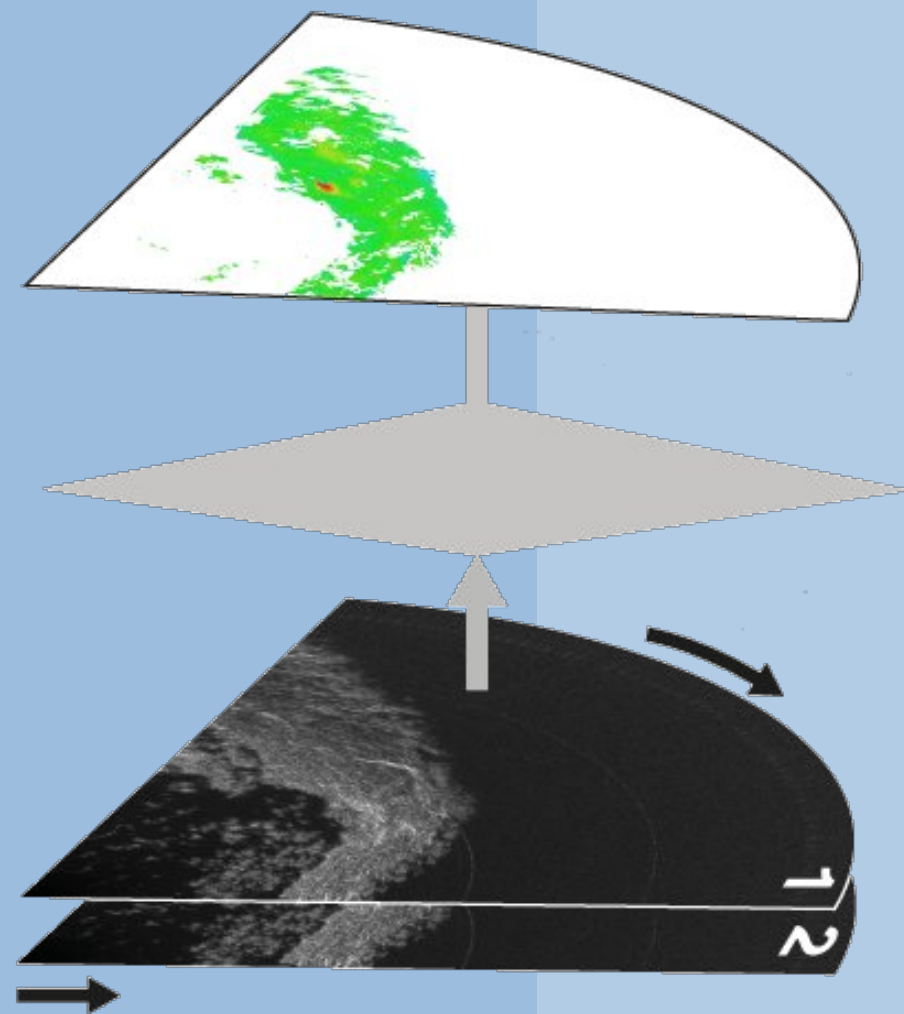


> Rectangular Geometry

≠ Map Geometry

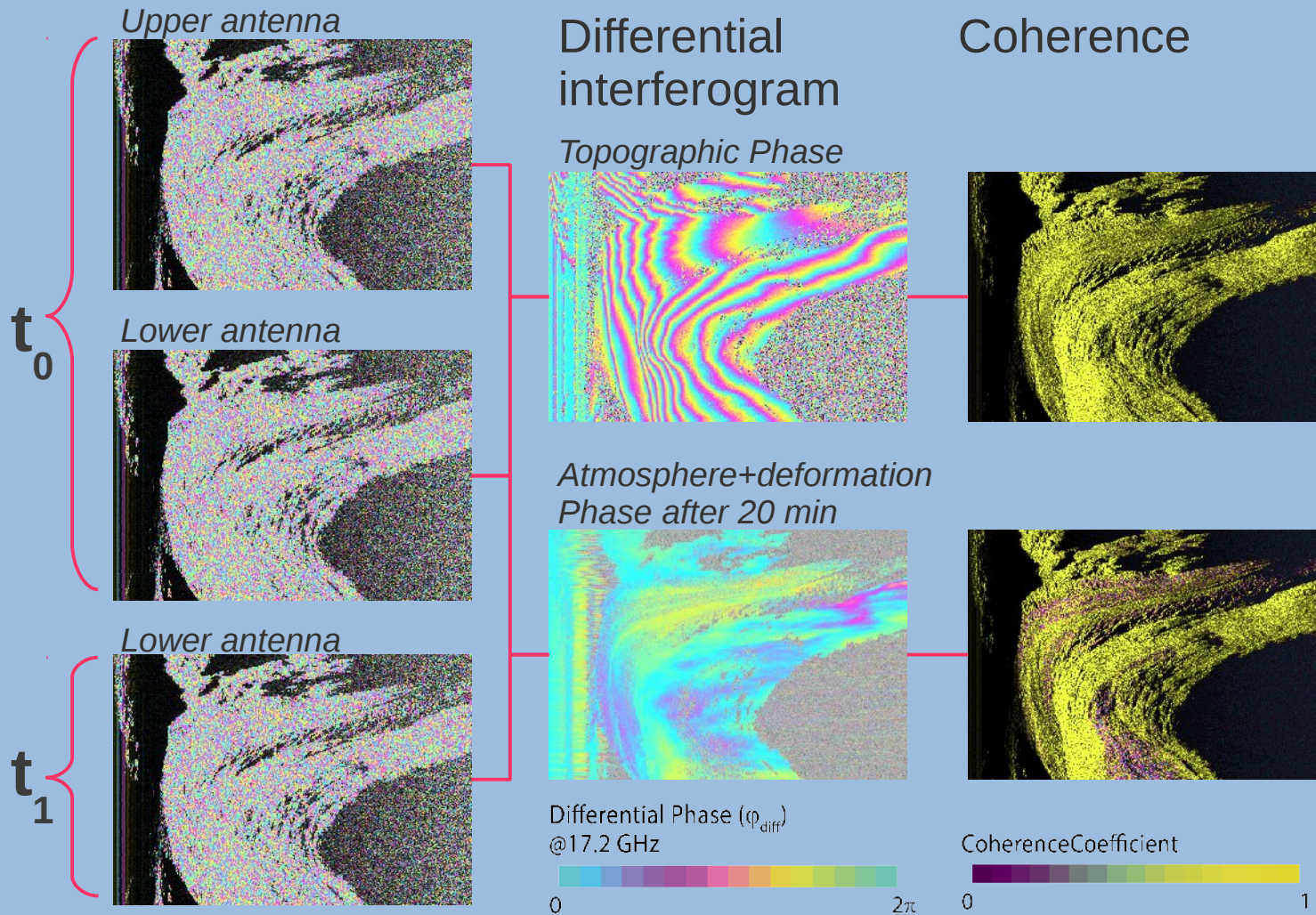


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Data Processing

Differential Interferometry

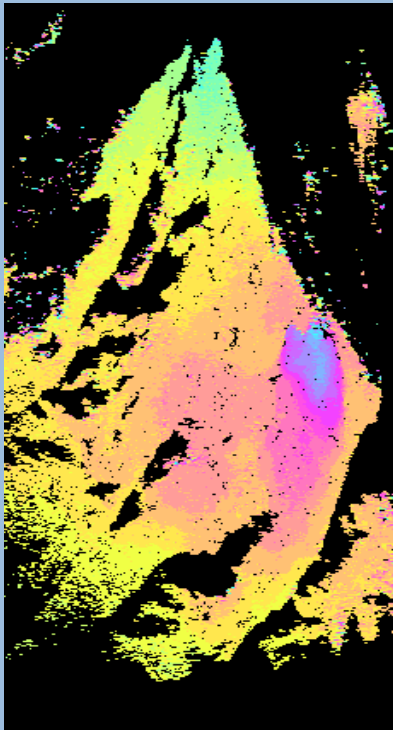


Data Processing

Atmospheric Phase Removal

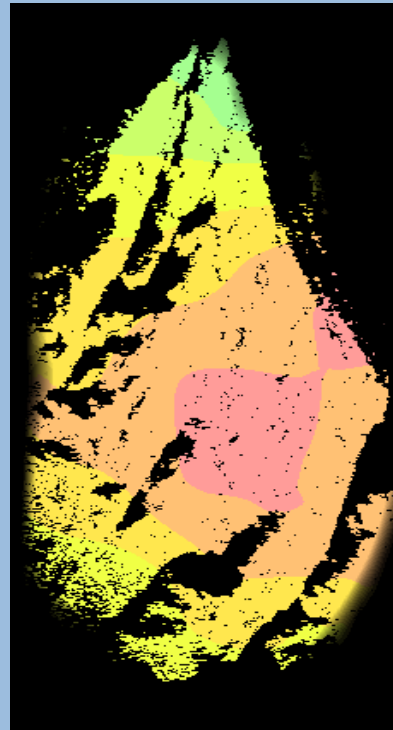
> Differential Interferogram

Deformation Phase +
Atmospheric Phase



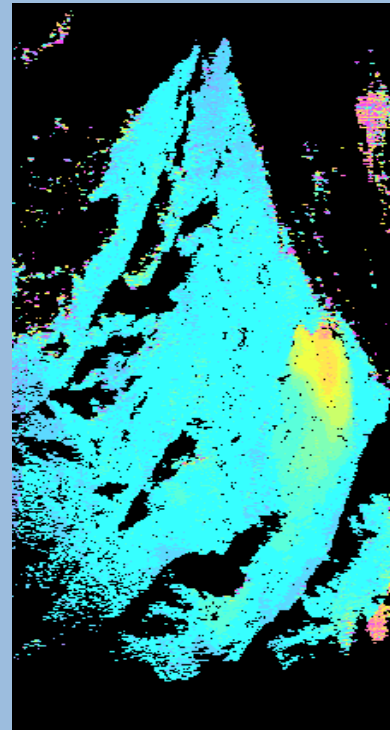
> Simulated Atmospheric Phase

Interpolation over masked
areas



> Filtered Interferogram

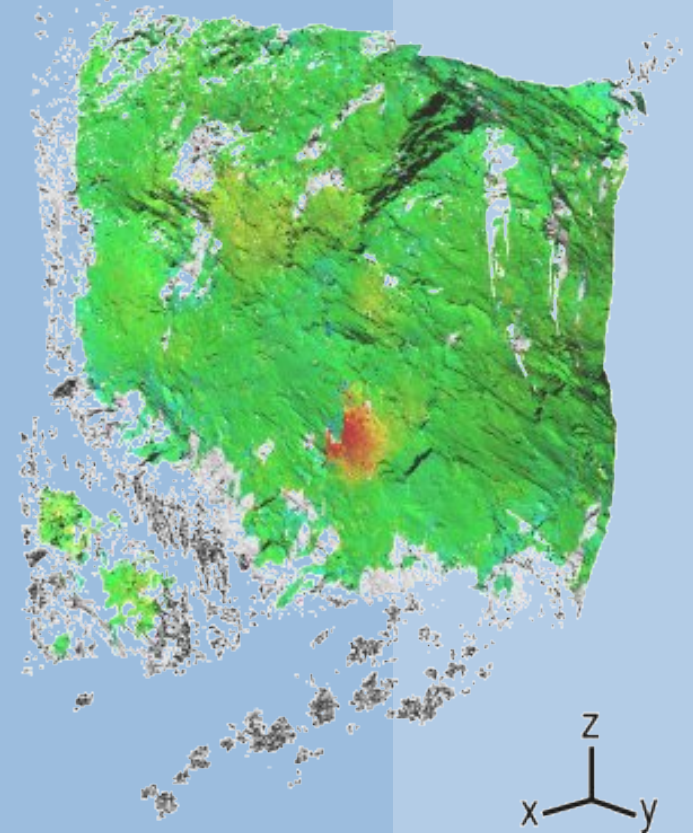
Deformation Phase



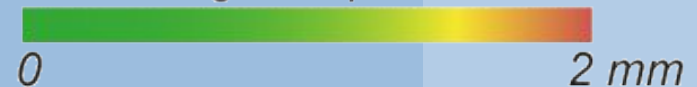
Differential Phase (φ_{diff})
@17.2 GHz

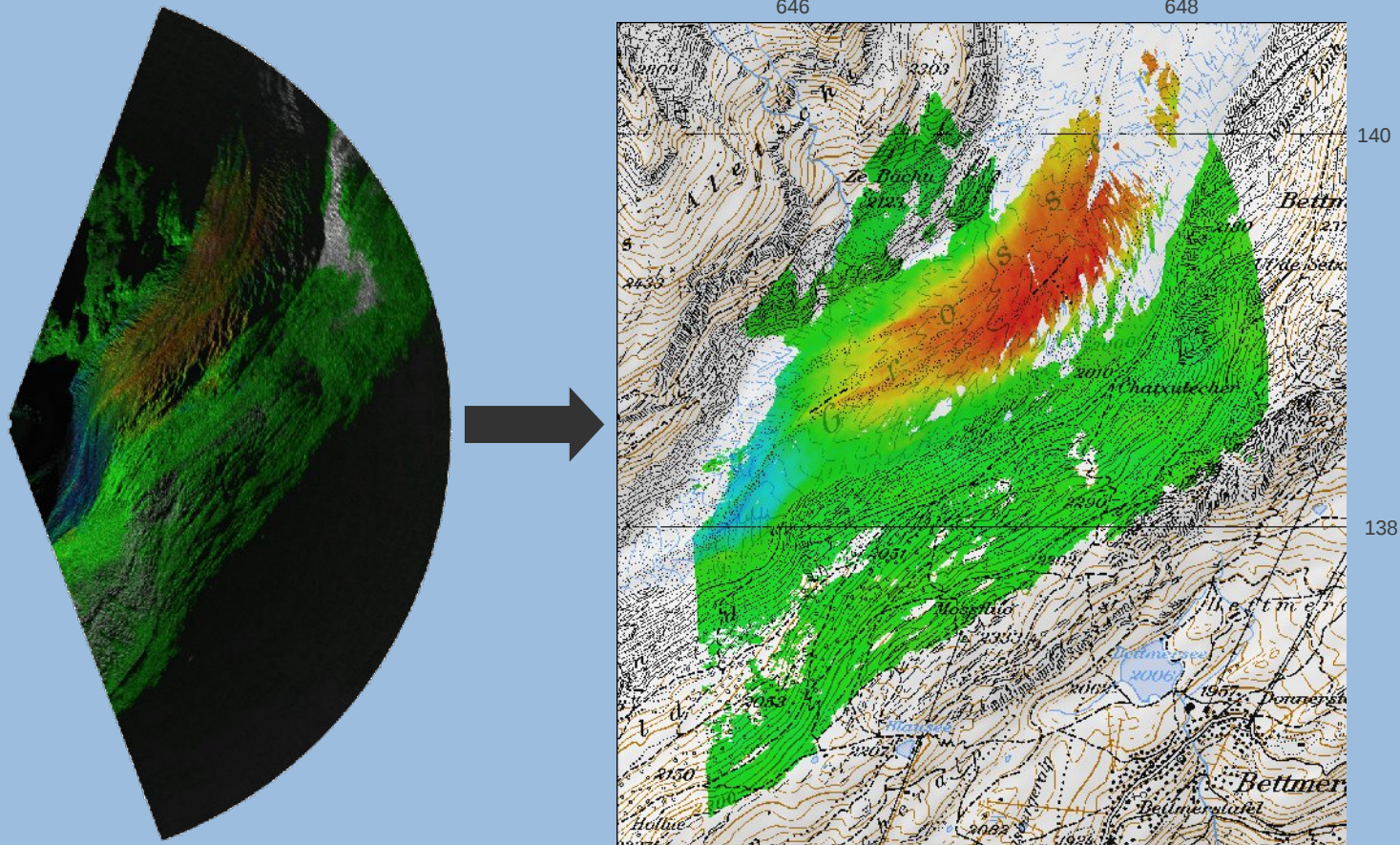


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Line of sight displacement

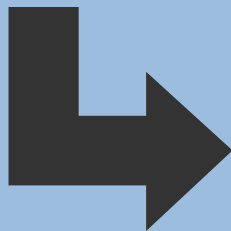
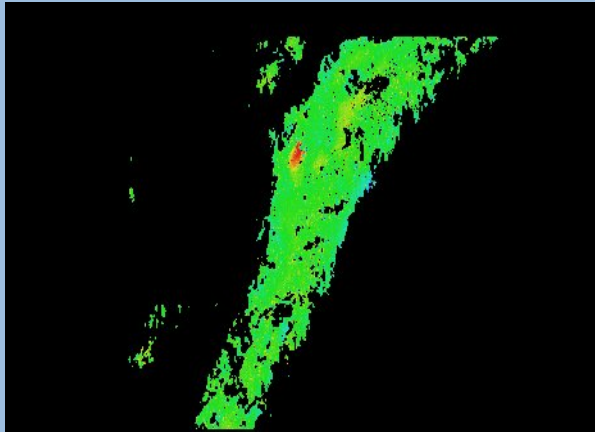




Topographic background: LK50 (c) swisstopo

3D-Referencing

Map-geocoding not suitable for vertical landscape



3D-Referencing

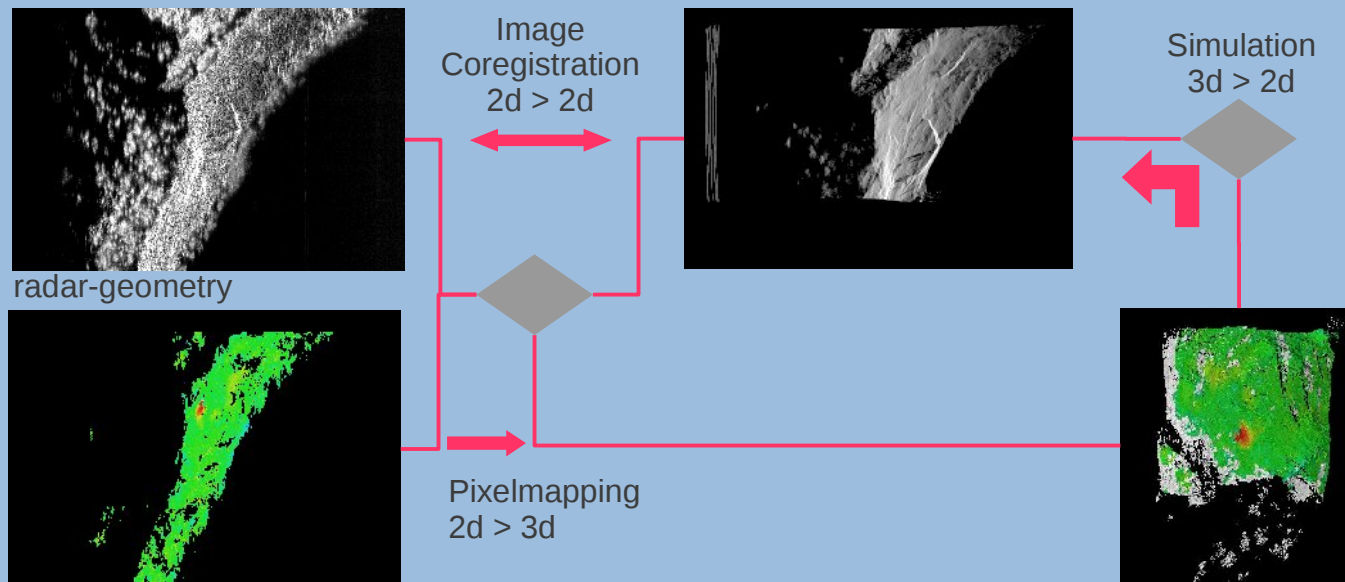
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> Mapping of radar-pixels to 3D-point via radar-simulation

Radar-data still in radar-geometry

Only pixel-map is stored

3D-points are attributed via relation or information stored directly in 3D-point cloud



I/O - 3D point-cloud
Open File Formats for Point-Clouds:
Attributed
ASCII or bin

3D-Referencing

Vertical geometries

> Vertical Projection on Existing Point-Clouds

3D-Information can be obtained from different sources:

- Existing DEM
- LIDAR (ALS or TLS)
- Photogrammetry
- Structure from Motion

> Projection Precision

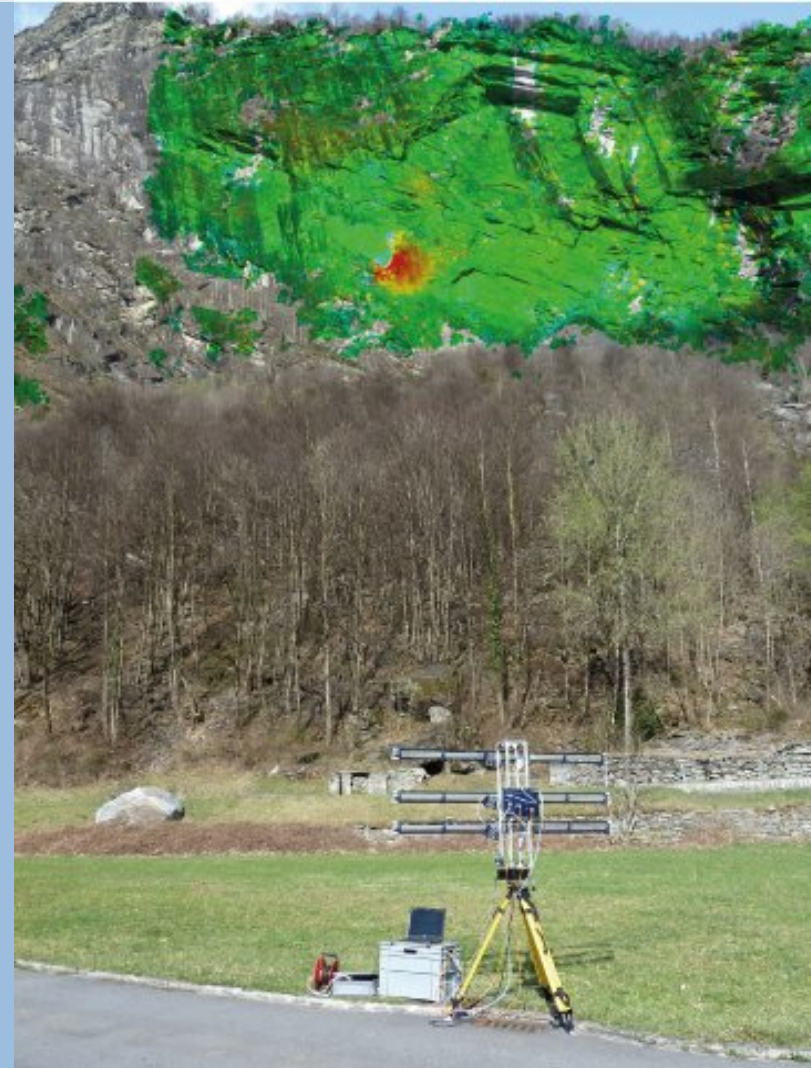
Precision as function of input data-resolution and topography

Together with TLS in the order of 1 radar pixel

> Direct attribution of 3D-triplets or relational storage for large radar data sets

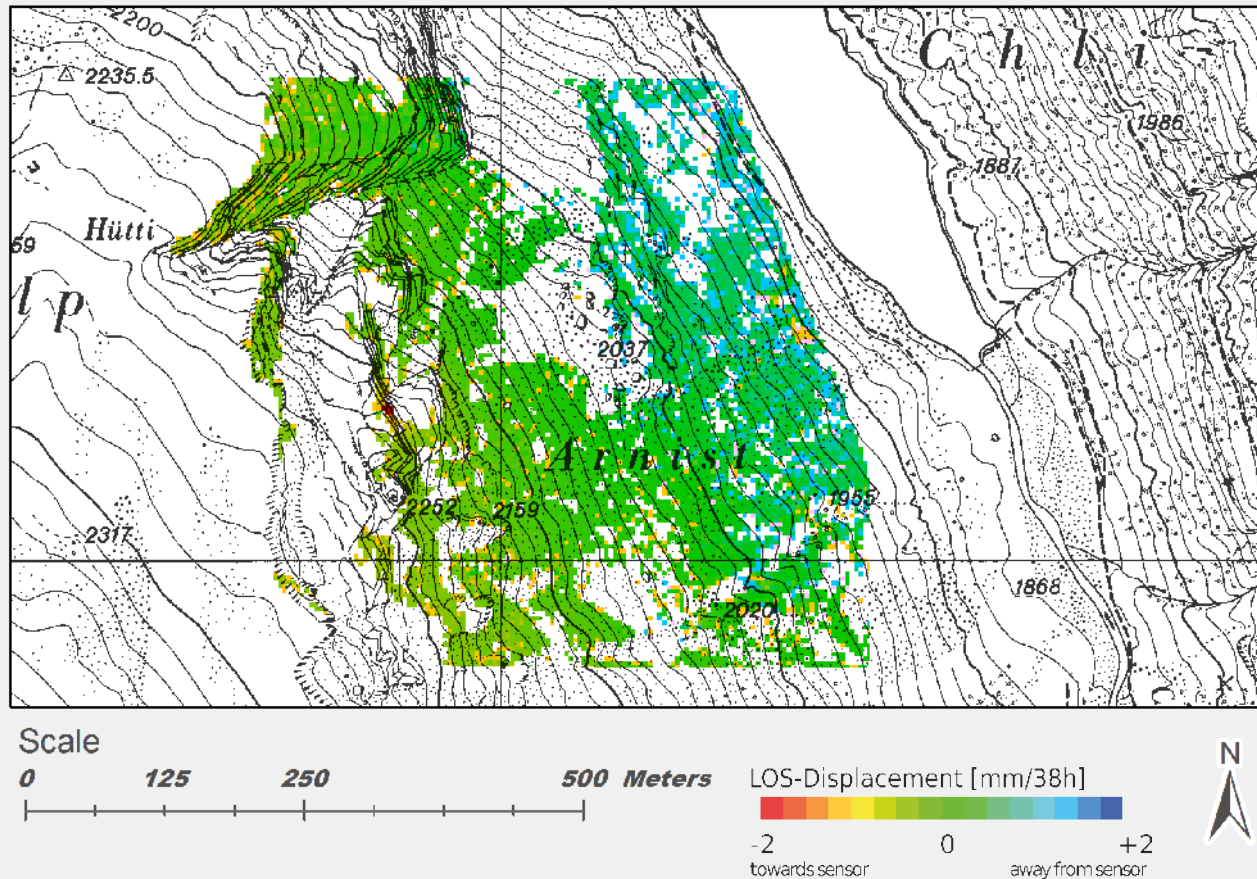
For localization purposes or as input for modeling

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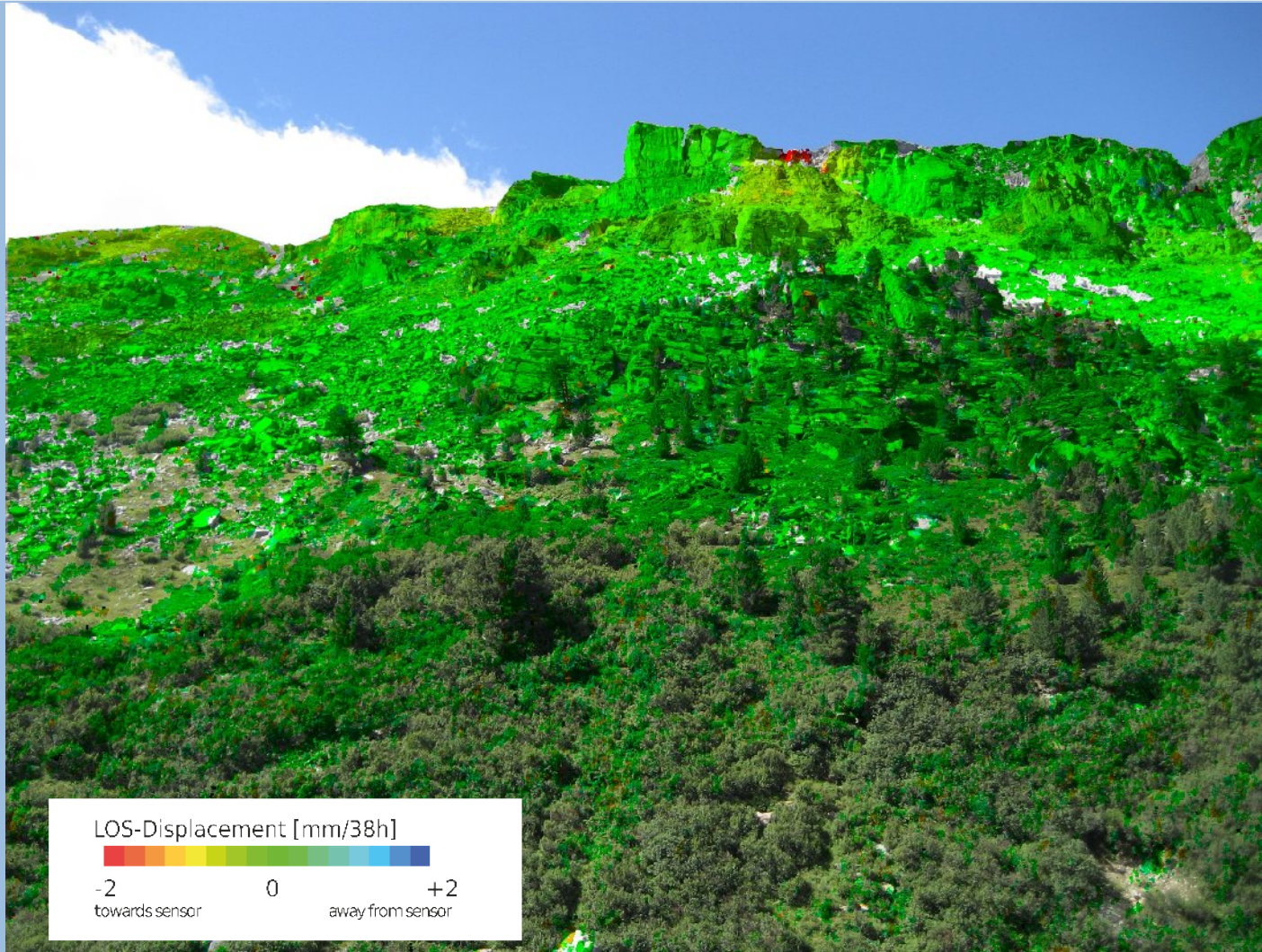
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Map geometry not always suitable for localization



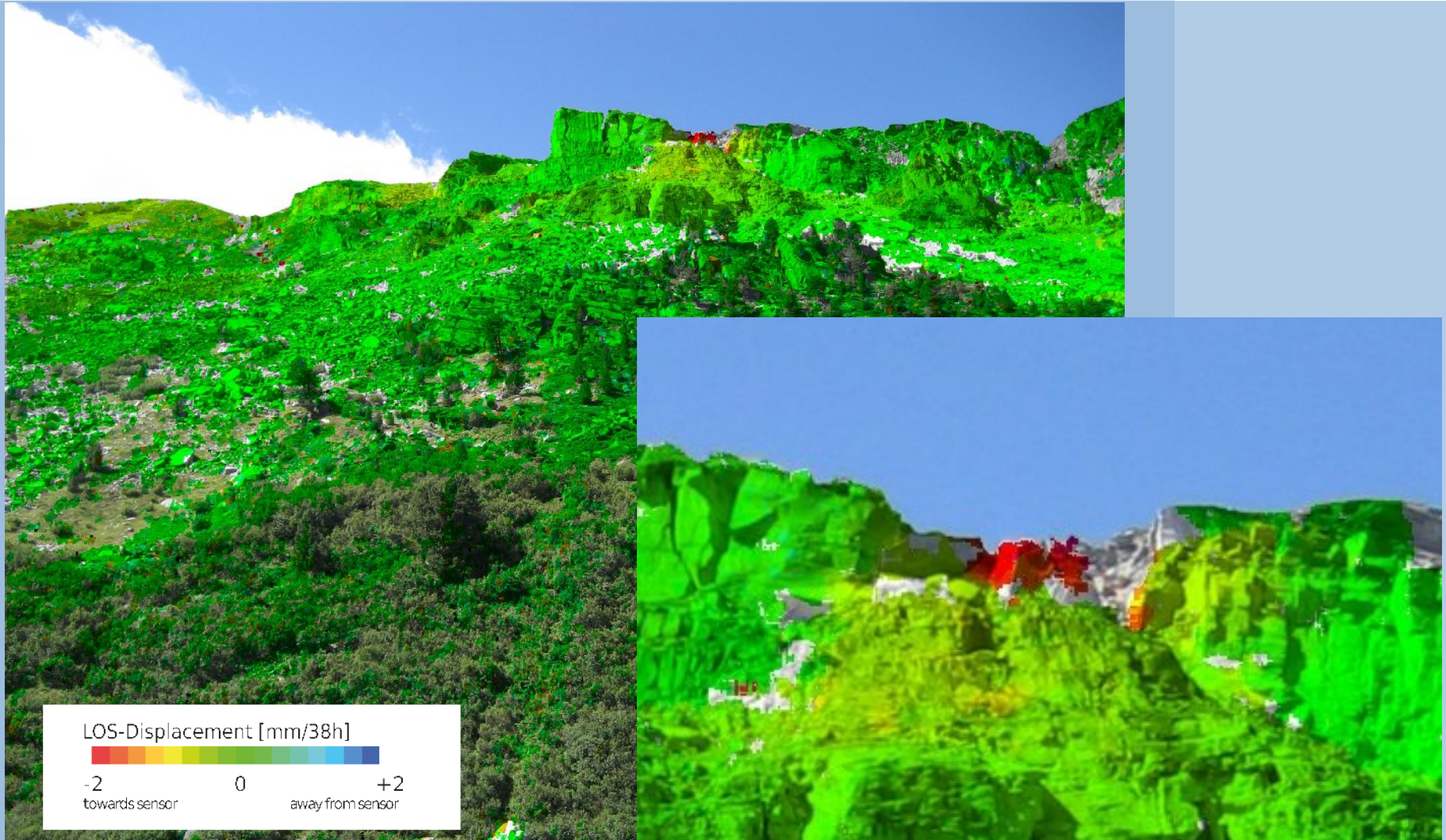
Visualization

Terrestrial photograph as “natural” way of observing



Visualization

Separation of moved and stable objects



Visualization

Image rendering

> Photogrammetric Acquisition

- + Advantage of determination of camera-parameters and point elevations
- + Image projection possible
- + High resolution and precision
- - Demanding in further resources (expensive cameras, software ...)

> Structure from Motion

- + Feasible with every digital (compact) camera
- + Mostly Free and Open Source
- Little control of the reconstruction process
- Camera parameter not as accurate as with photogrammetry

> Natural way of seeing the terrain through terrestrial photographs allows quick and precise localization of moving objects

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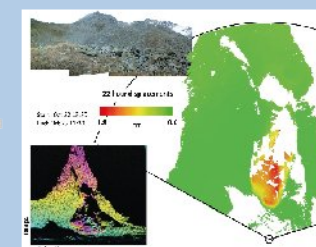
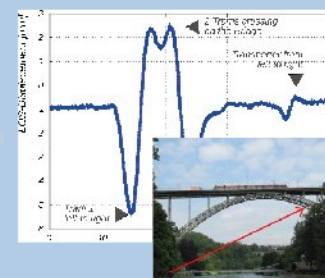
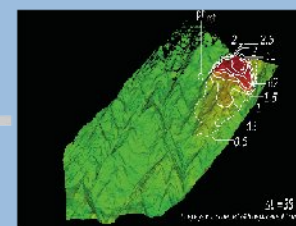
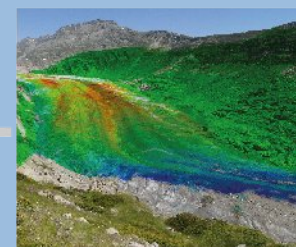
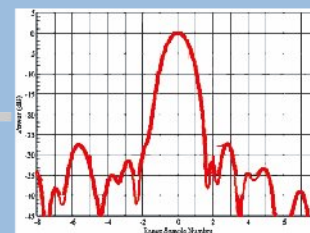
Examples

Timescale and possible applications

Radiometry	Radiometric measurements on all kind of surface cover				
Infrastructure and Buildings	Infrastructure Dynamics (1d)	(Deformation monitoring)			
Snow-/Glaciers		Ice-/Snow Velocity	Decorrelation on warm ice	Decorrelation and out of measurement range ($d \gg \lambda$)	
Rockglaciers				Decorrelation and out of measurement range ($d \gg \lambda$)	
Landslides, Rockslides, Block-movements etc.		Very fast Movements		Measurements possible, if no vegetation present	
Temporal baseline	ms	m	h	d	y

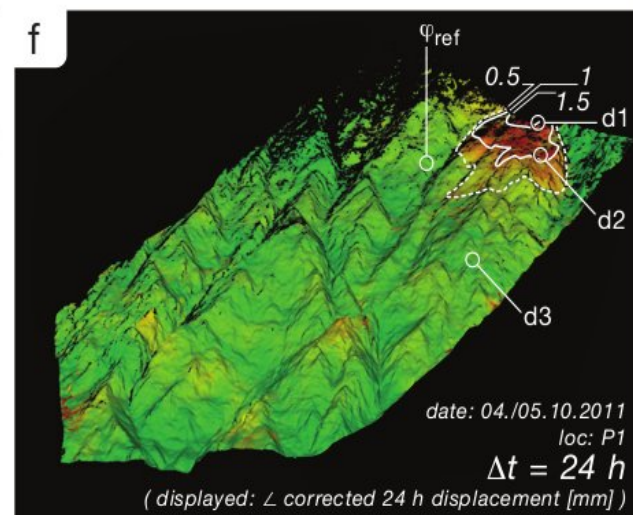
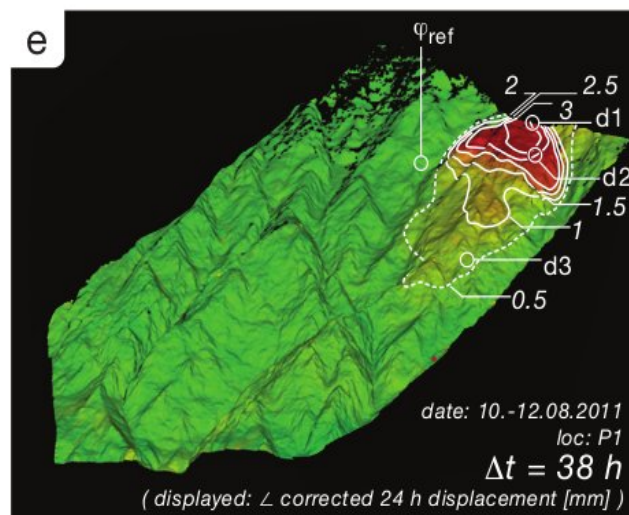
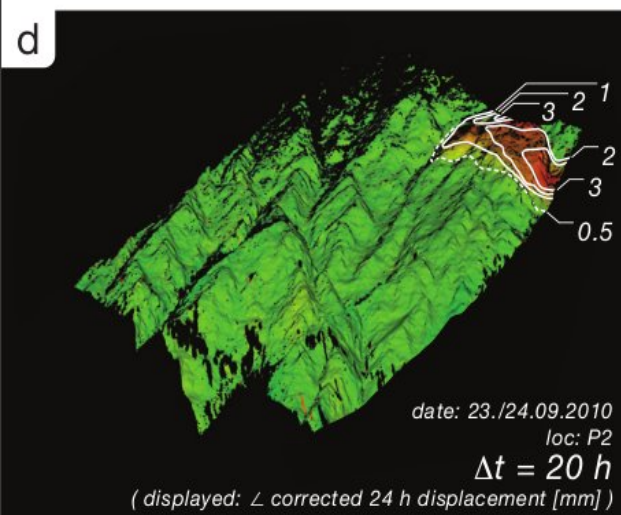
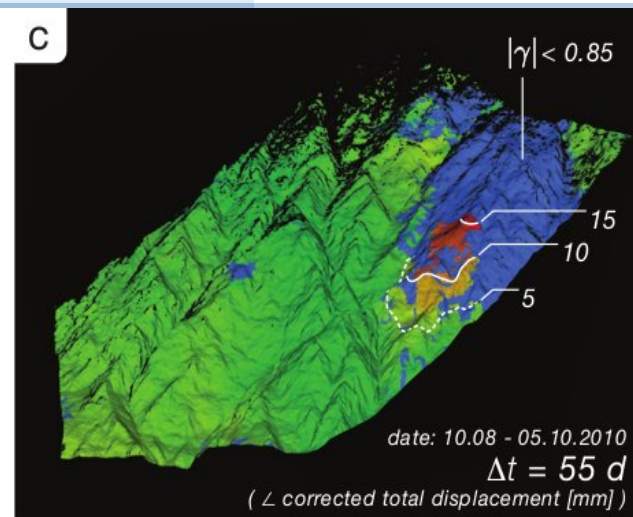
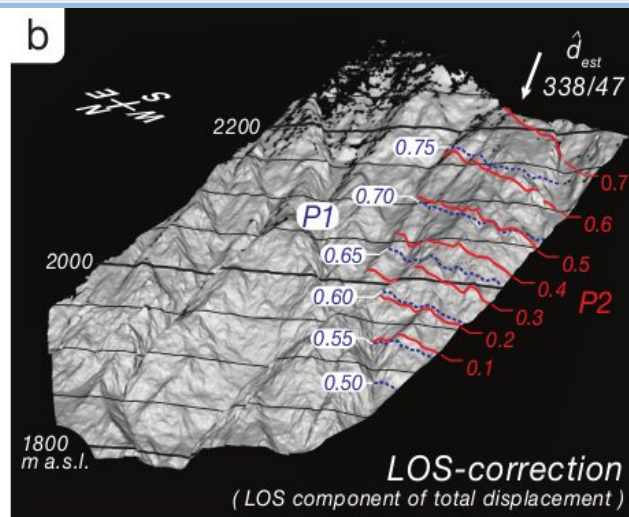
“continuous-measurements”

“repeat-measurements”

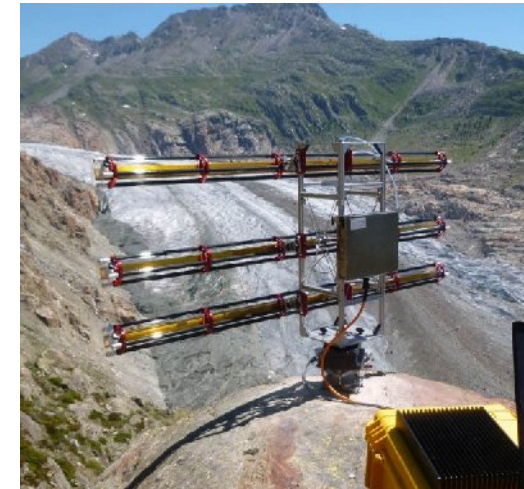
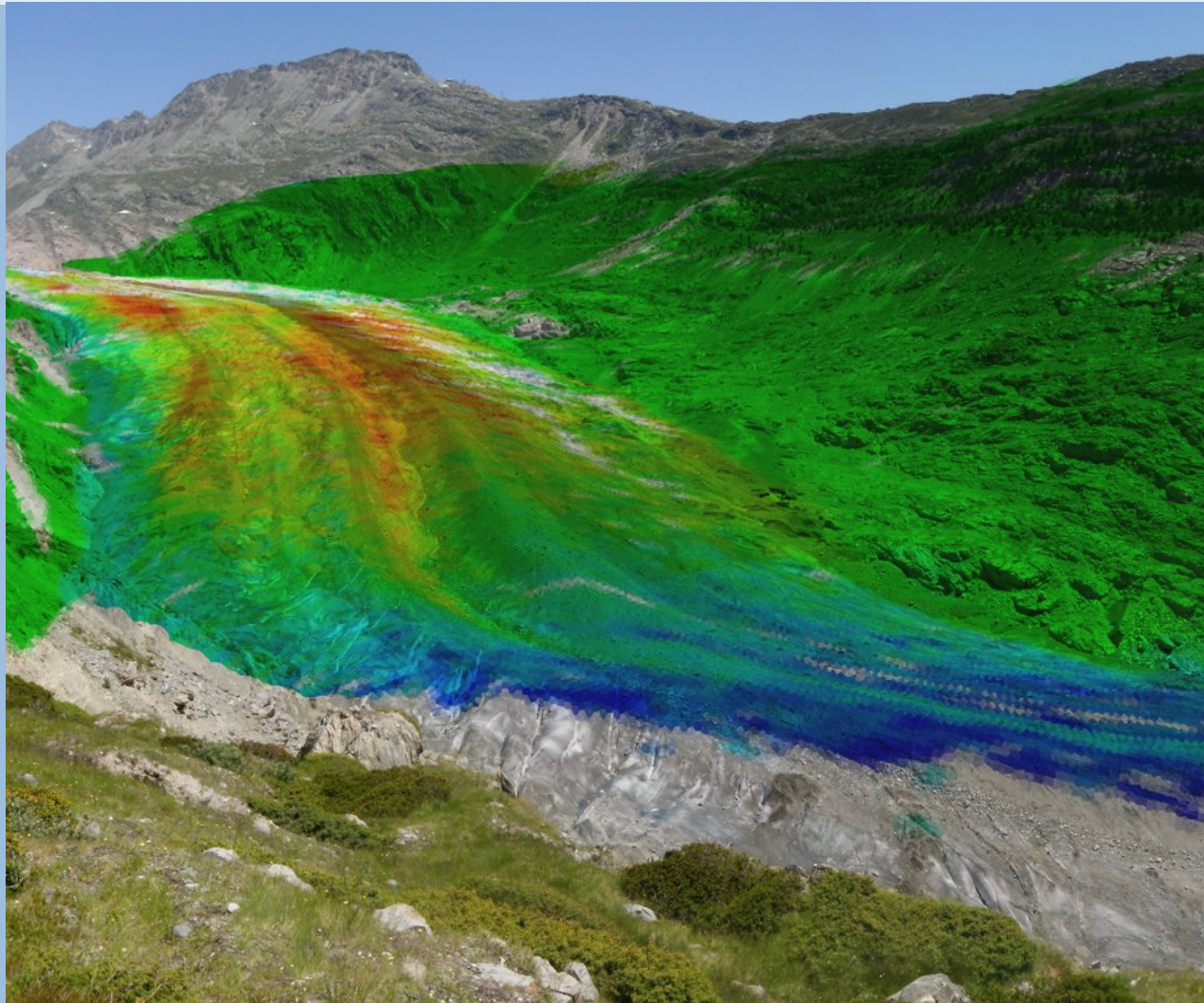


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Illgraben Escarpment: Slope Instability



Thank You for Your Attention!



GPRI-Measurements
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LOS-Displacement [mm/20 min]



-2.5
towards sensor

0

+2.5
away from sensor

 **GAMMA REMOTE SENSING**

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