



# Tour des méthodes de mesure d'élévation par imagerie SAR : de la radargrammétrie à la tomographie

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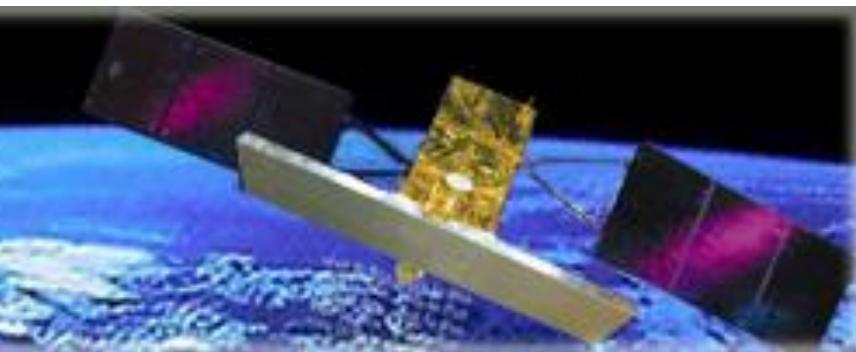
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# Context

- **Golden age of SAR sensors: improved spatial, polarimetric and temporal resolutions**



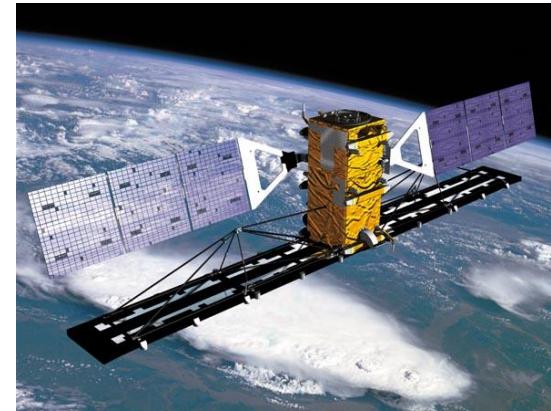
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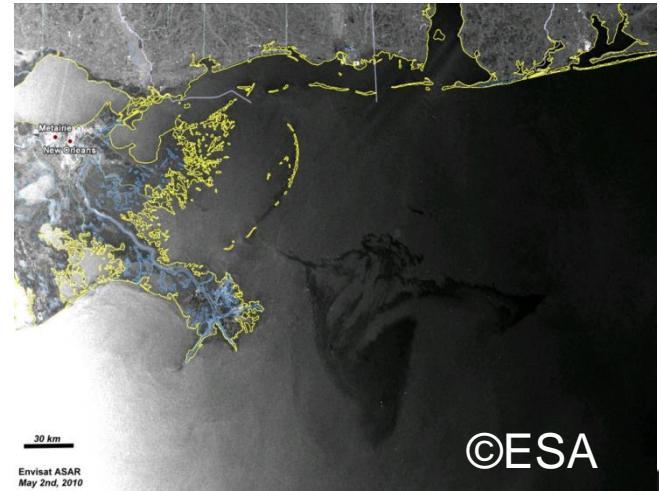
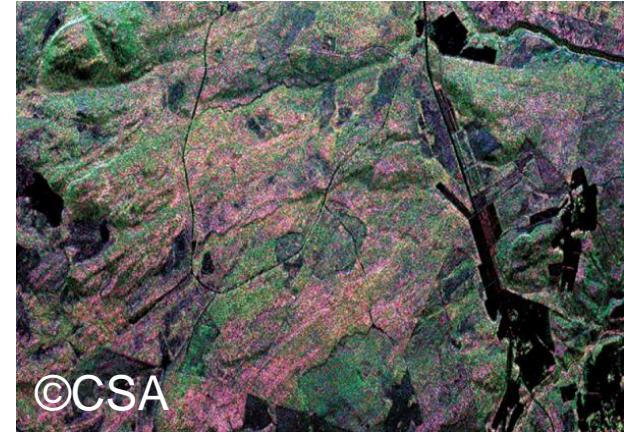
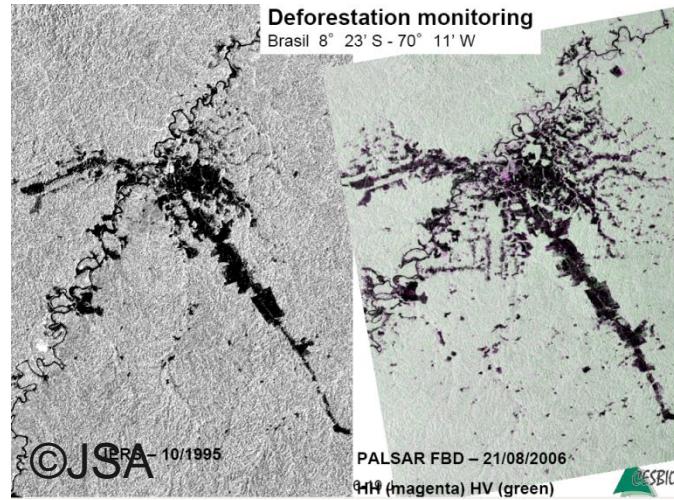
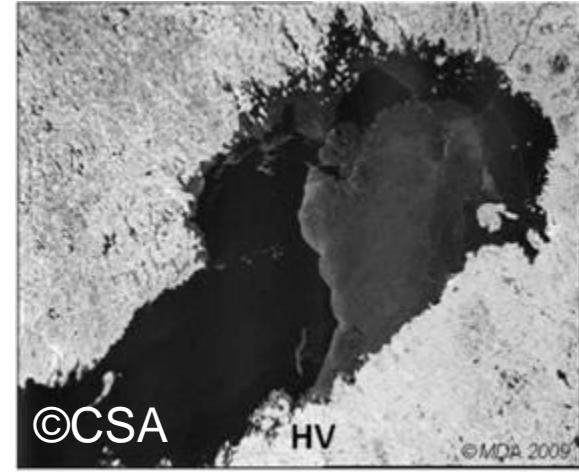
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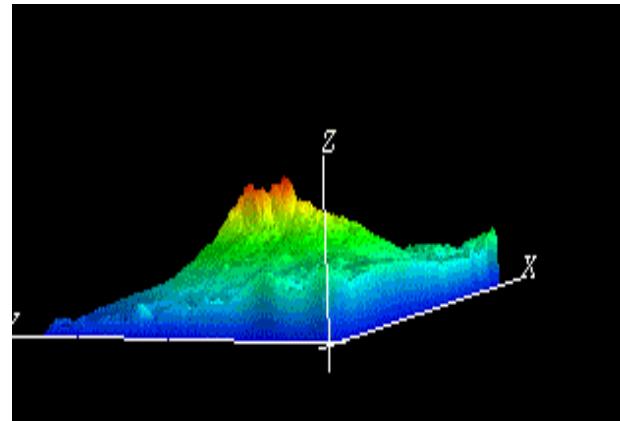
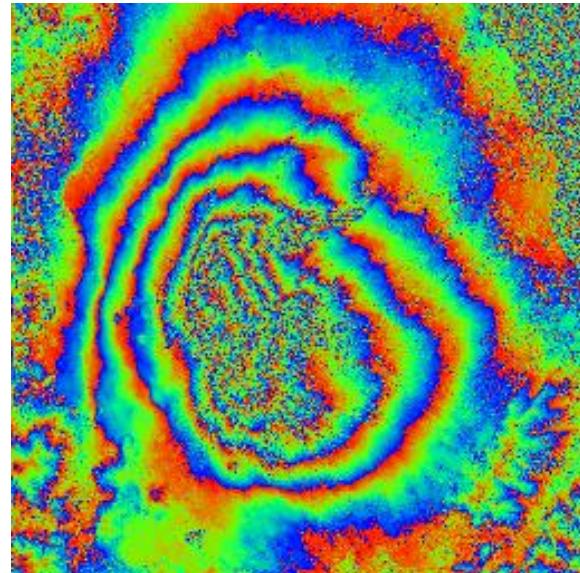
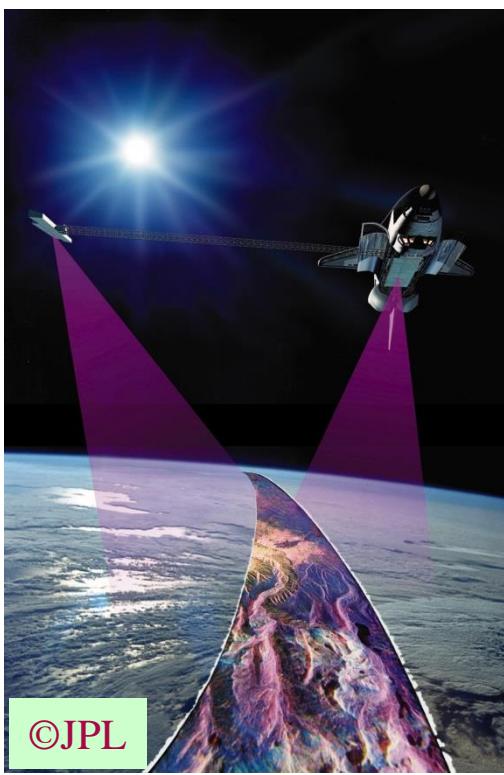


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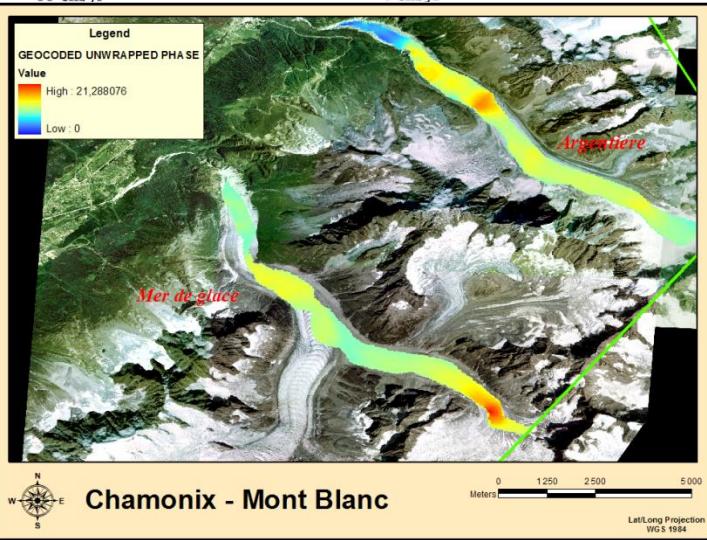
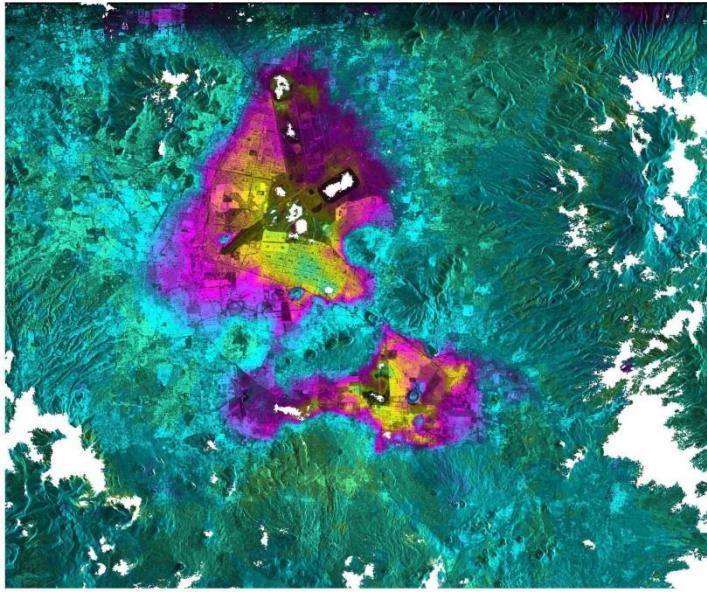
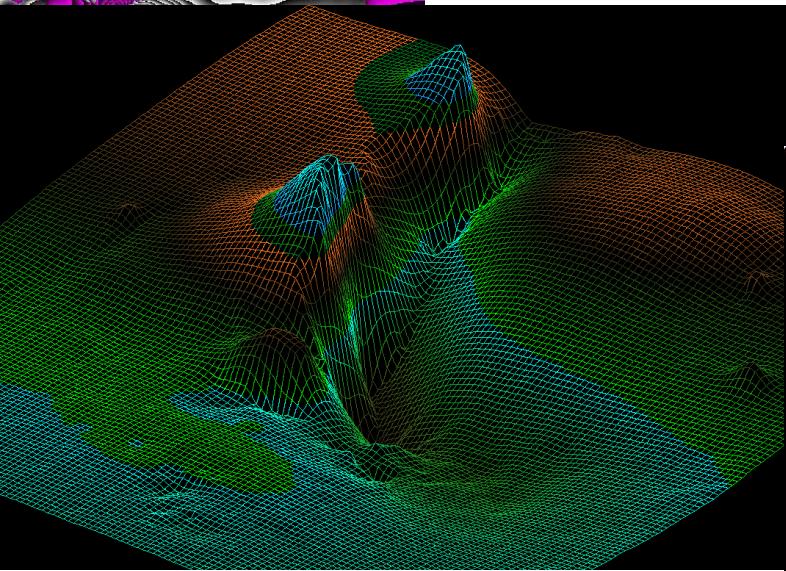
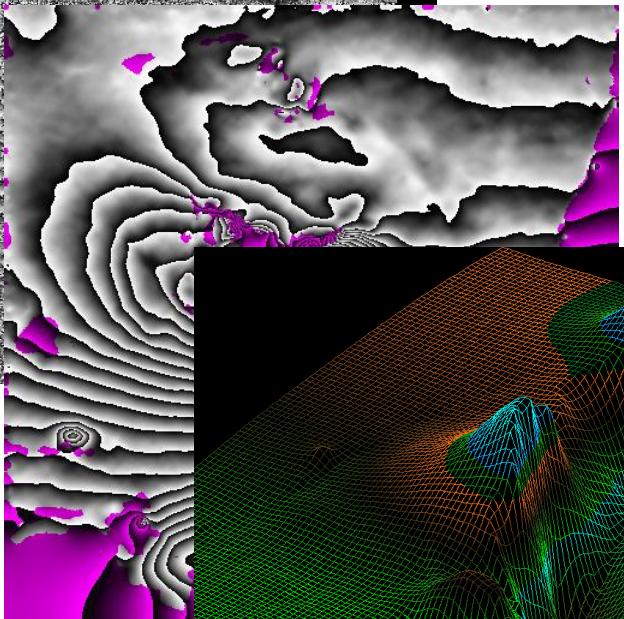
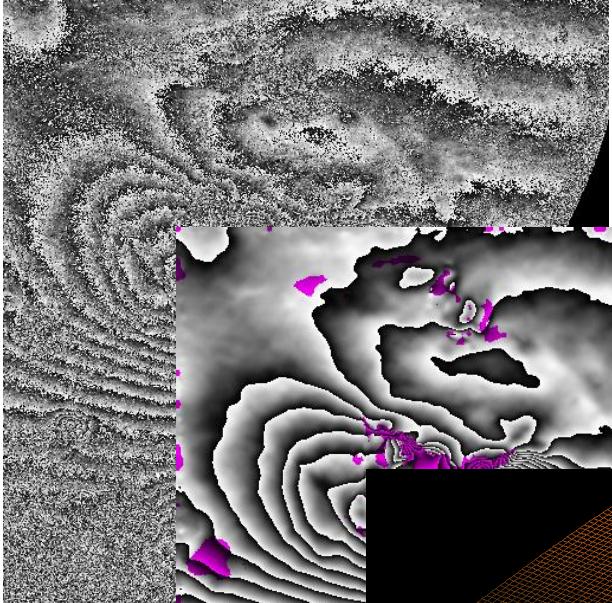


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## ■ Conclusion





# Data acquisition

## ■ SAR signal: complex signal

- Amplitude: backscattering coefficient of the scene
- Phase: linked to the geometry



## ■ Elevation: 1, 2 or more images

- *Radarclinometry (amplitude)*
- *Stereoscopy (amplitude)*
- *Interferometry (phase)*
- *Tomography (n-D phase)*

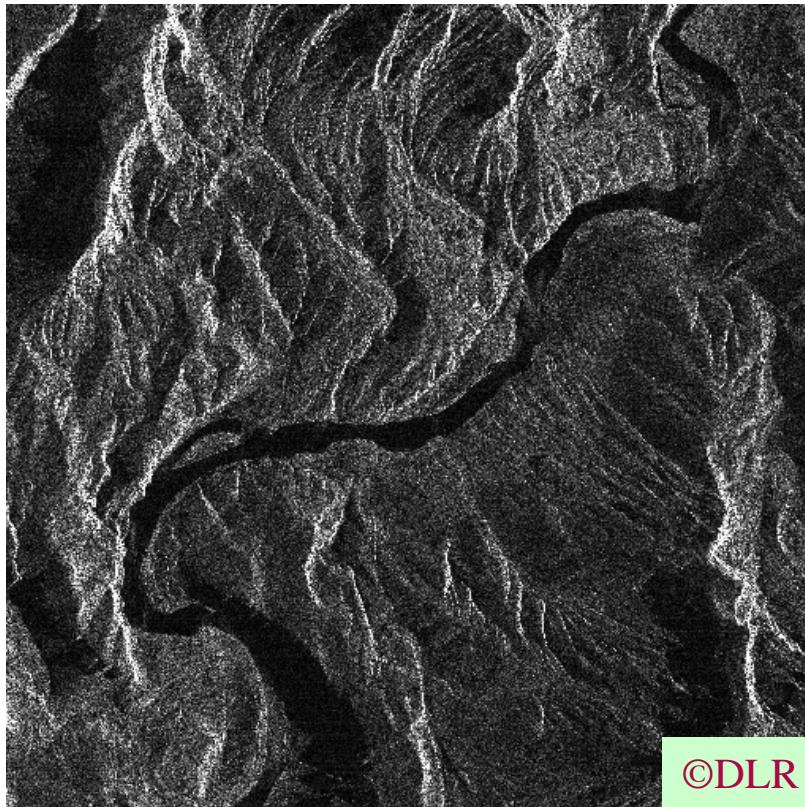


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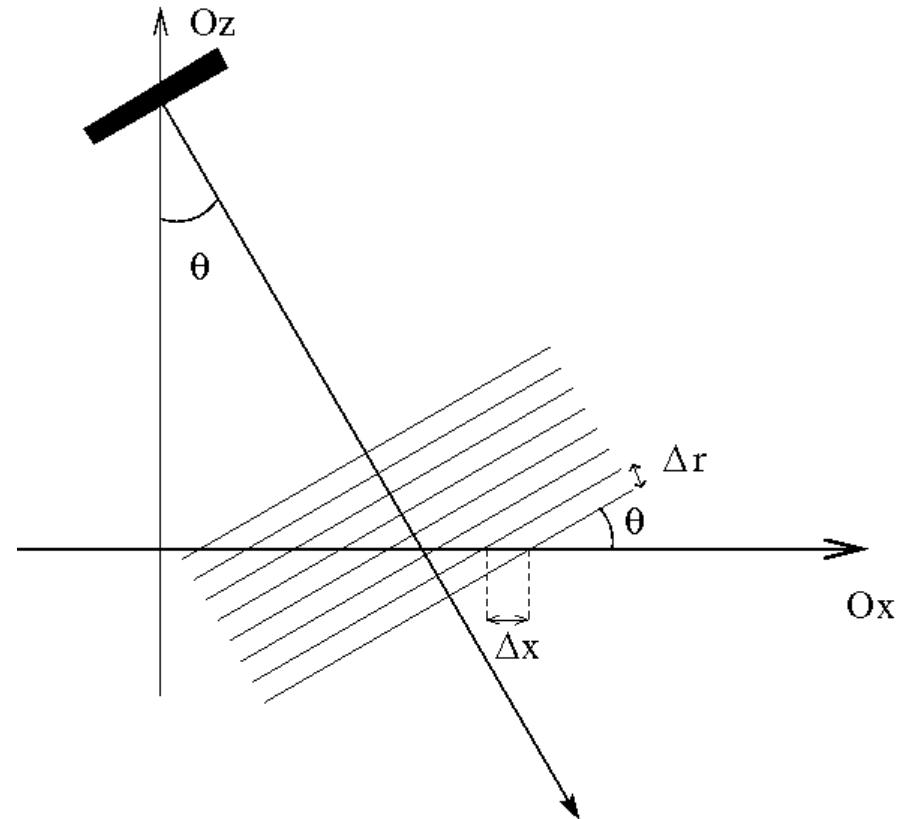
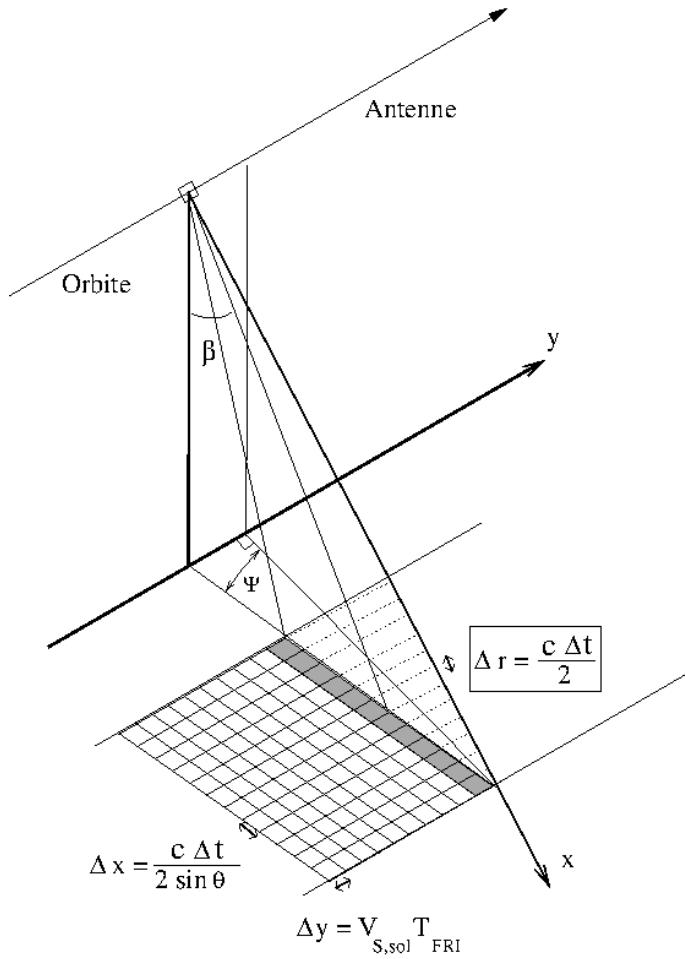


# Image Terrasar-X



- Visée latérale : effets liés au relief
- Imagerie cohérente : chatoiement
- Réponse (RCS) pour des longueurs d'onde centimétriques

# Construction d'une image Radar

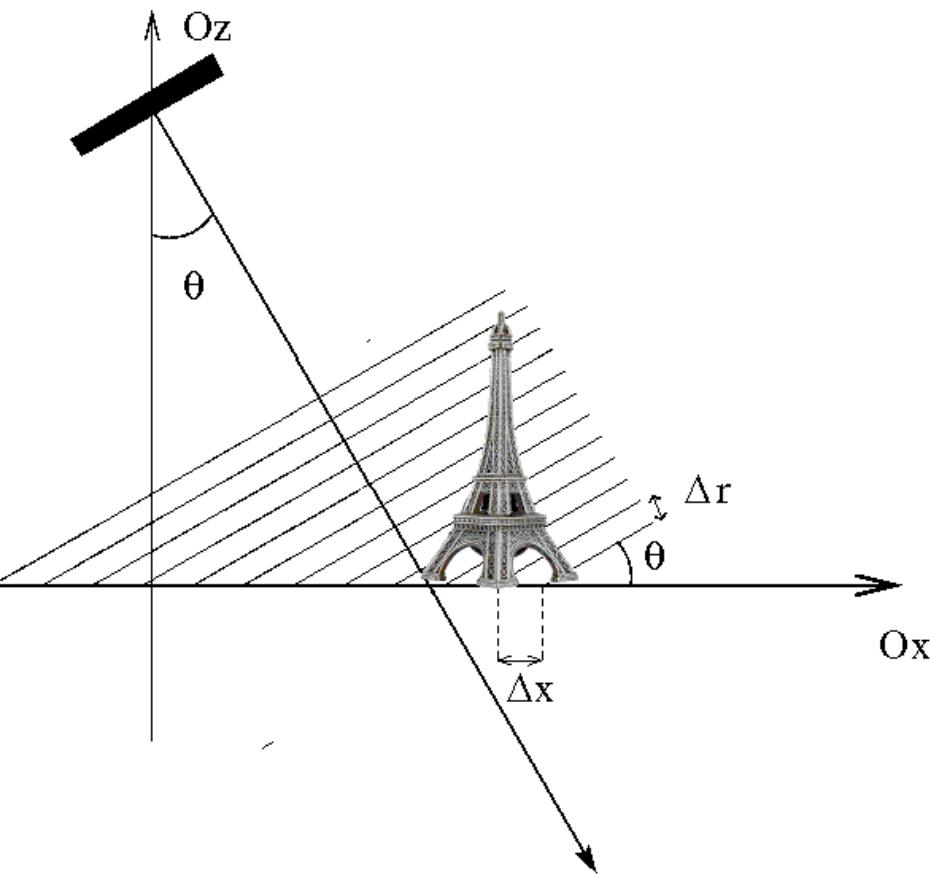


Tout est géométrie !!

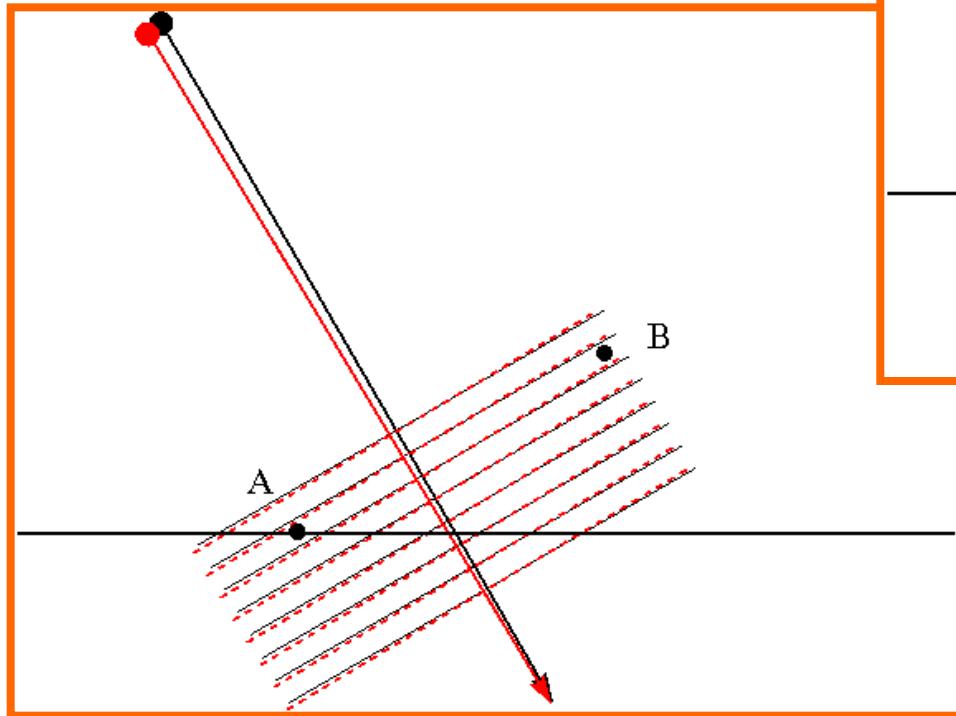


# Acquisition SAR

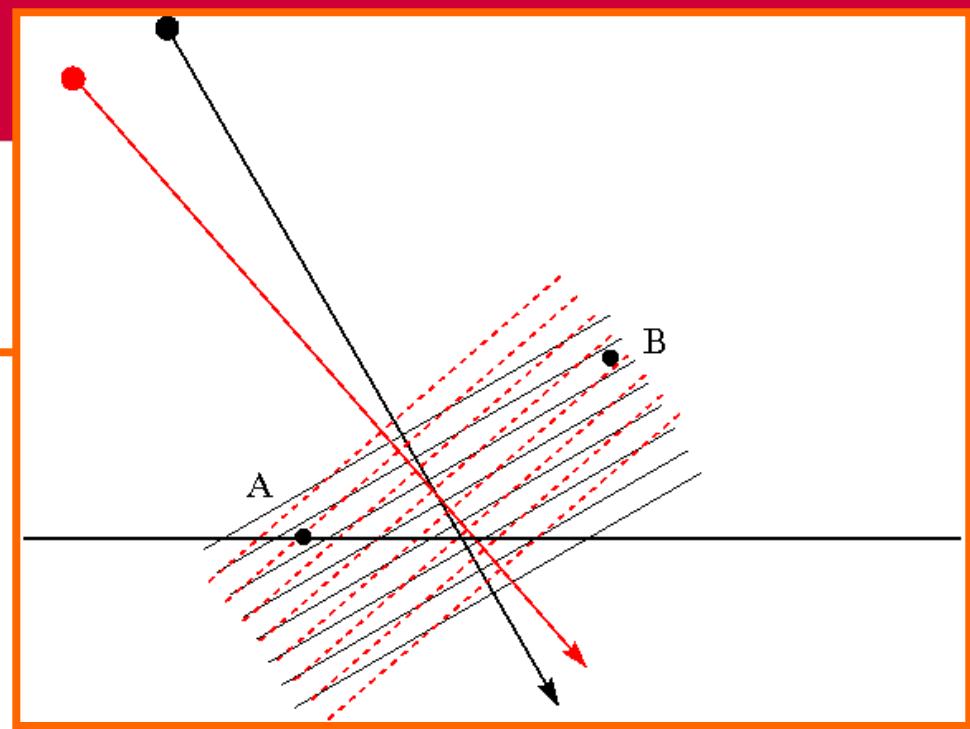
## ■ Terrasar-X, $\theta \sim 30^\circ$



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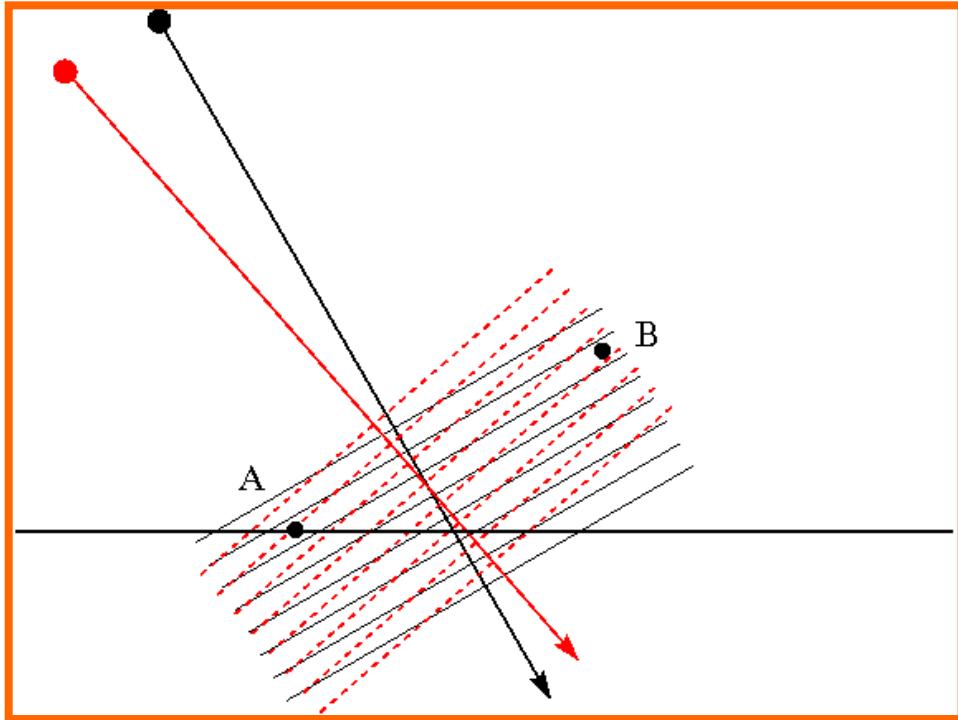
Petite base :  
Interférométrie



Grande base :  
Radargrammétrie

# Grande base

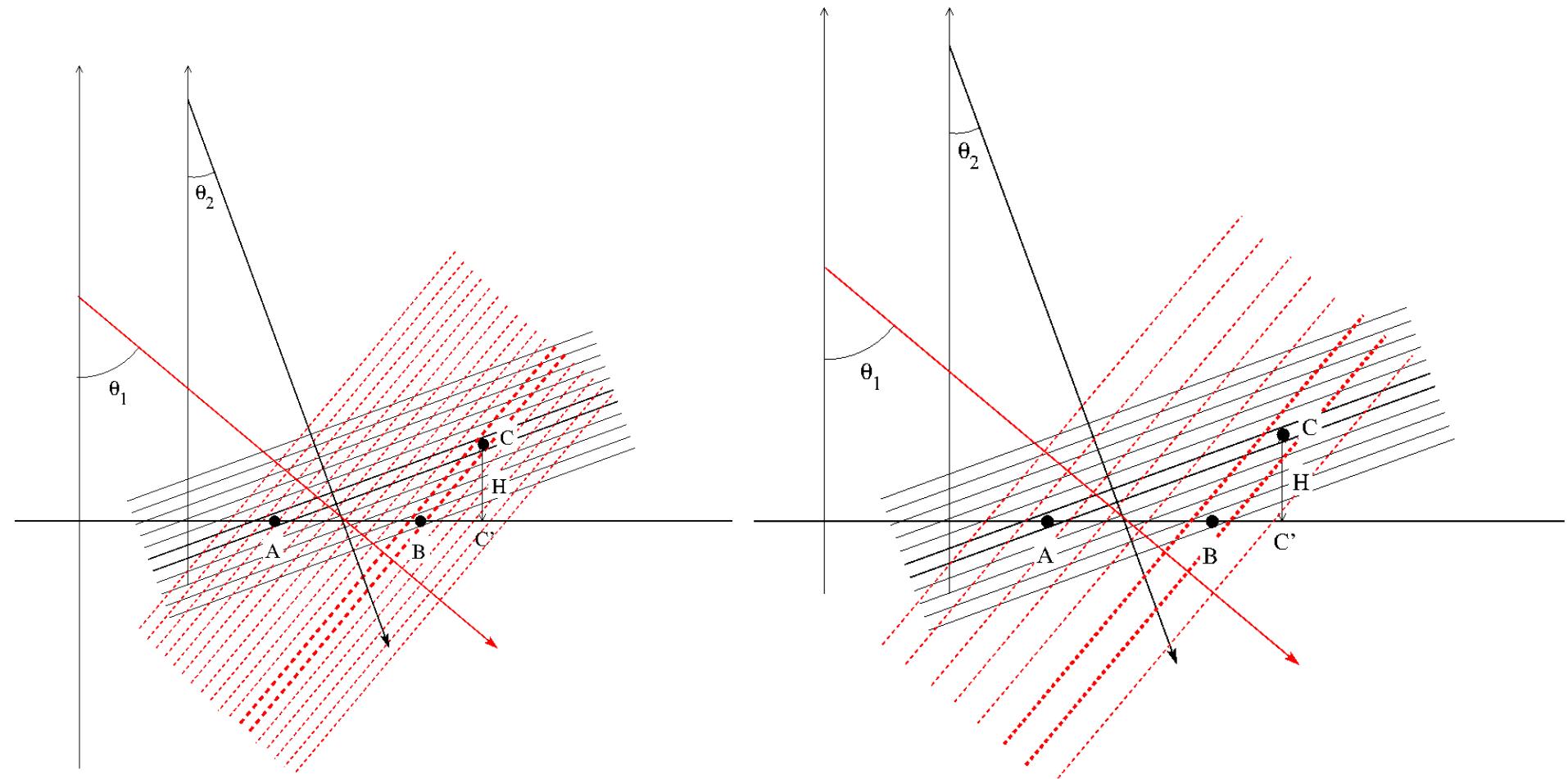
## Deux antennes avec des incidences différentes



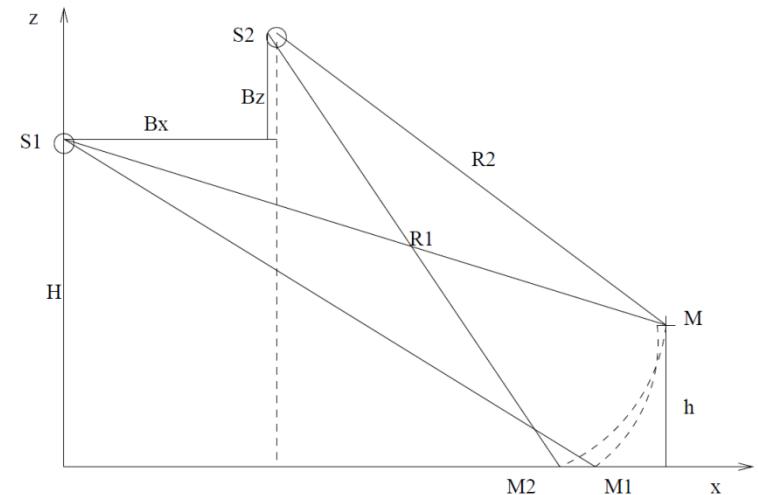
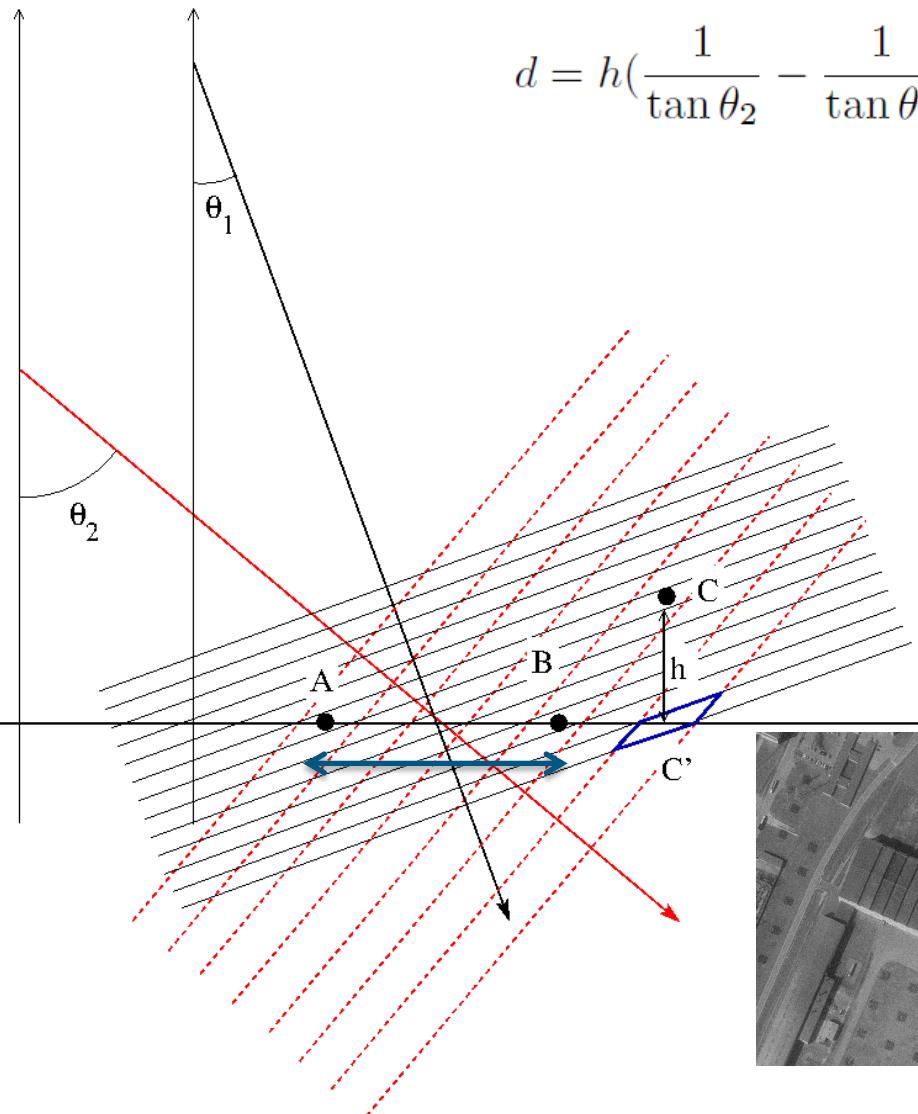
- Deux objets A et B
- Dans la même case distance pour l'antenne noire
- Dans deux cases distance de l'antenne rouge !!
- →stéréoscopie



# Recalage : même pixel sol



# Radargrammétrie



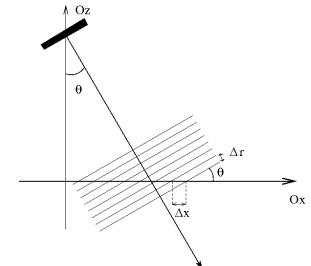
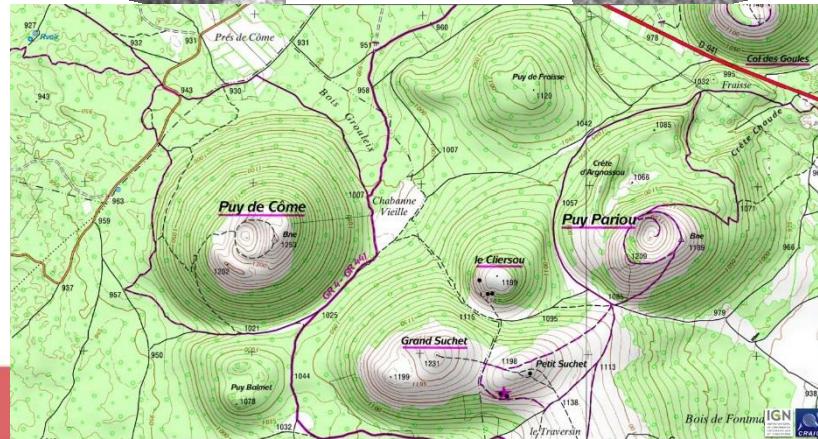
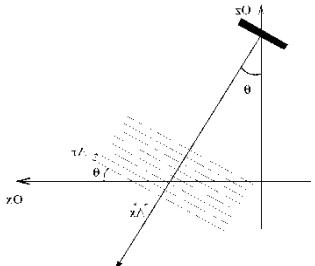
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# Deux images, deux incidences

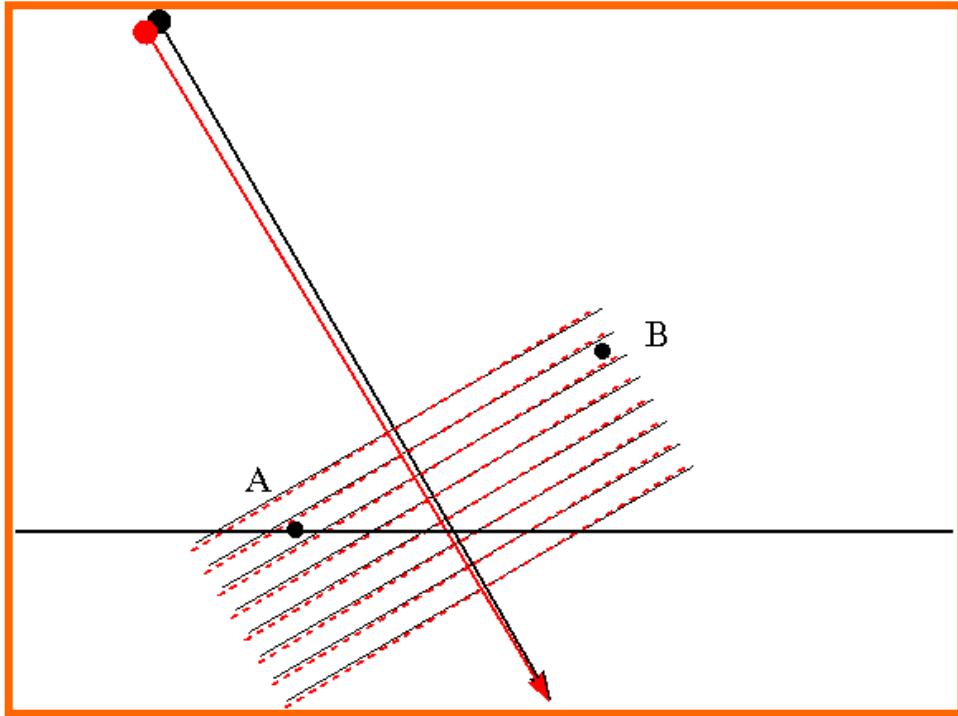


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Images Sentir

# Petite base : deux antennes avec presque la même incidence



- Deux objets A et B
- Dans la même case distance pour l'antenne noire
- Dans la même case distance de l'antenne rouge
- → interférométrie



# Interférométrie

$$\delta = \frac{B_{\text{orth}} h}{R \sin \theta}$$

$B_{\text{orth}}$

A

$\theta$

$\delta\theta$



$$\phi = \frac{4\pi R}{\lambda} + \phi_{pr}$$

$$\phi_2 - \phi_1 = \frac{4\pi(R_2 - R_1)}{\lambda} = \psi_{1,2}$$

$$\psi_{1,2} = \frac{4\pi B_{\perp 1,2}}{R \sin(\theta) \lambda} h$$

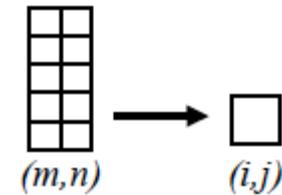
$$\psi_{1,2} = \alpha_{geom_{1,2}} h$$

# SAR interferometric data

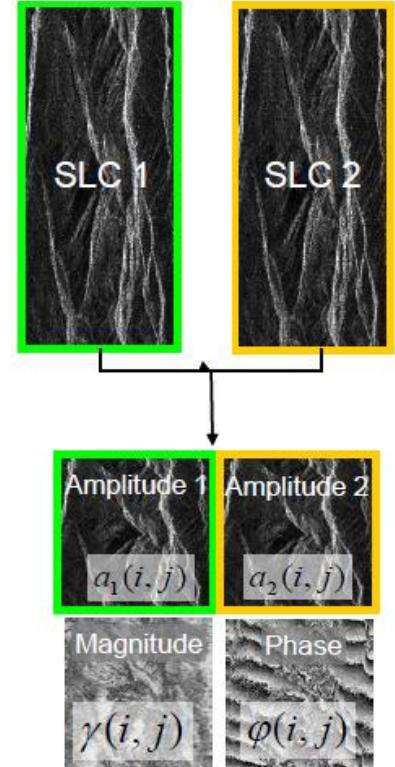
## ■ Interferometry:

$$z_1(m, n) = A_1(m, n)e^{i\phi_1(m, n)}$$

$$z_2(m, n) = A_2(m, n)e^{i\phi_2(m, n)}$$



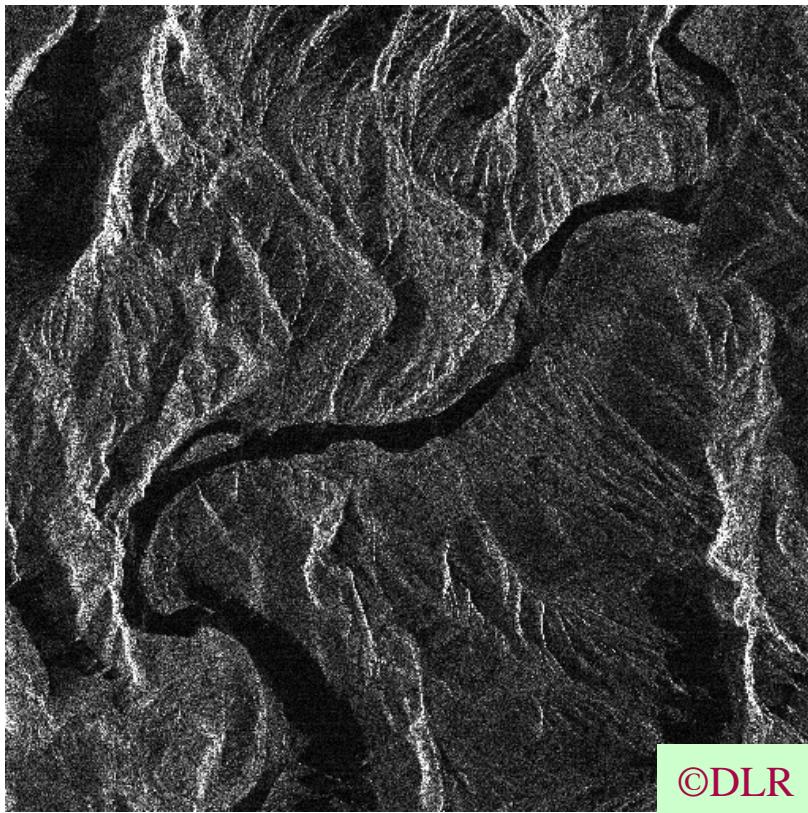
$$\gamma(i, j)e^{i\phi(i, j)} = \frac{\sum_{(m, n)} z_1(m, n)z_2^*(m, n)}{\sqrt{\sum_{(m, n)} |z_1(m, n)|^2} \sqrt{\sum_{(m, n)} |z_2(m, n)|^2}}$$



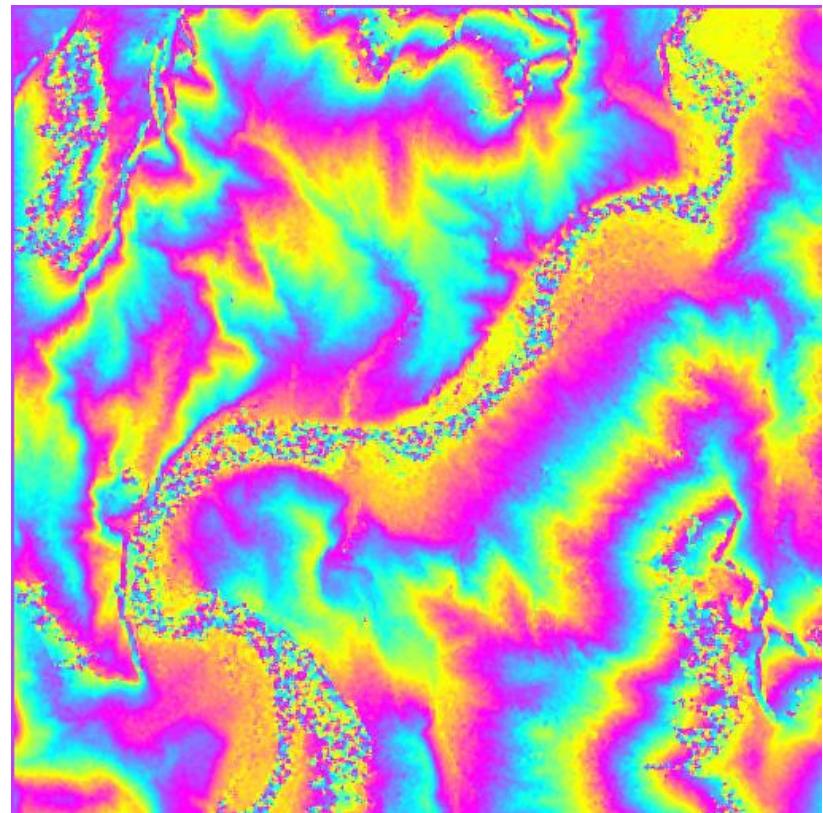
## ■ Multi-temporal InSAR:

- Topography + displacement (D-InSAR)
- Perturbations:
  - Phase decorrelation noise
  - Systemic errors (atmosphere, orbit, ...)

# Mesure du relief Grand canyon du Colorado

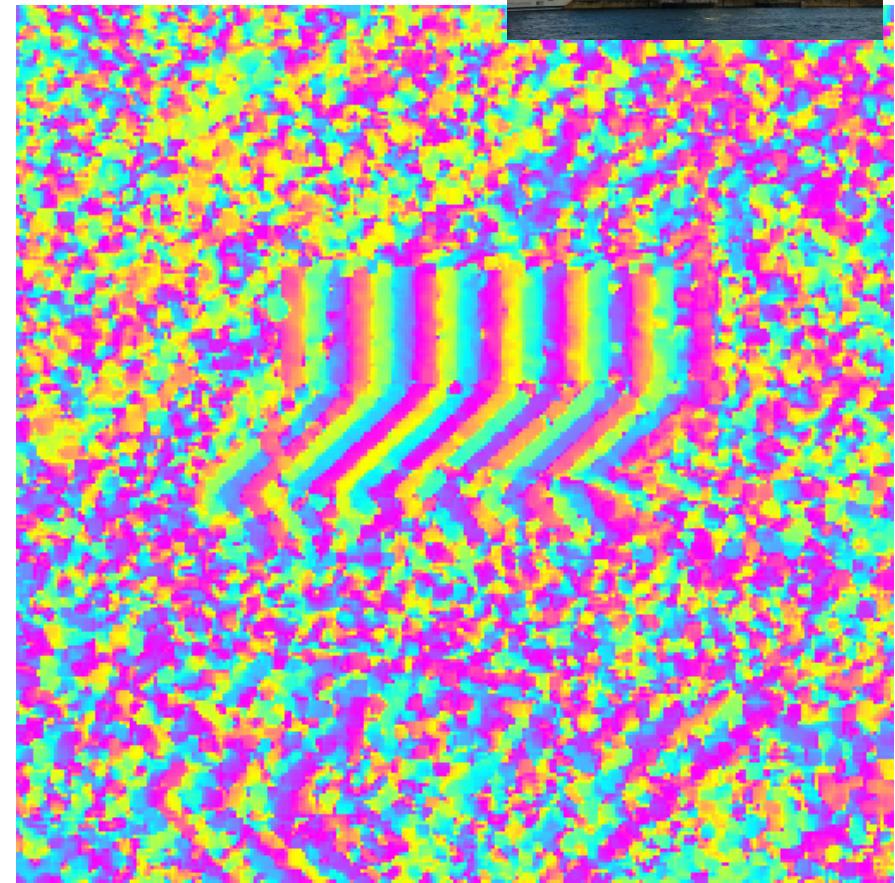
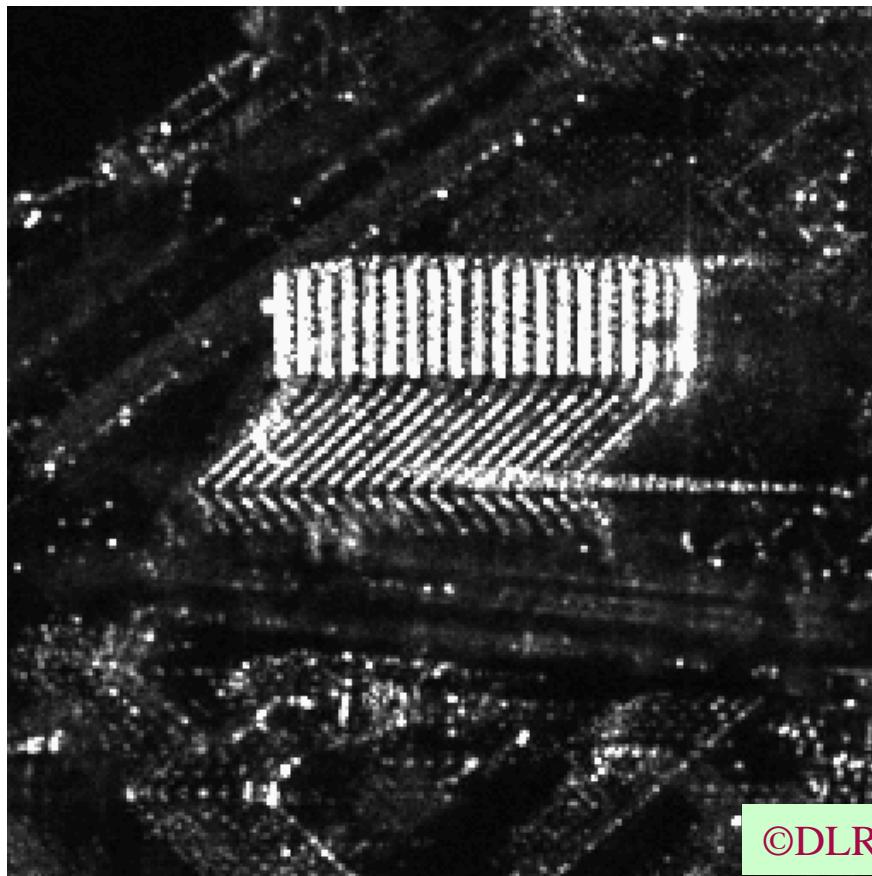


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# Tour Mirabeau (70m)

## Mesure de $\delta\phi$



Environ 6 franges : Base orthogonale de 473m. Altitude estimée : 69m

# Comparaison - intérêts / limites

## ■ Radargrammétrie

- Mise en correspondance éparsé
- Variations de rétrodiffusion en fonction de l'angle
- Précision de reconstruction

$$\epsilon \approx \frac{1}{\sin(\delta\theta)}$$

## ■ Interférométrie

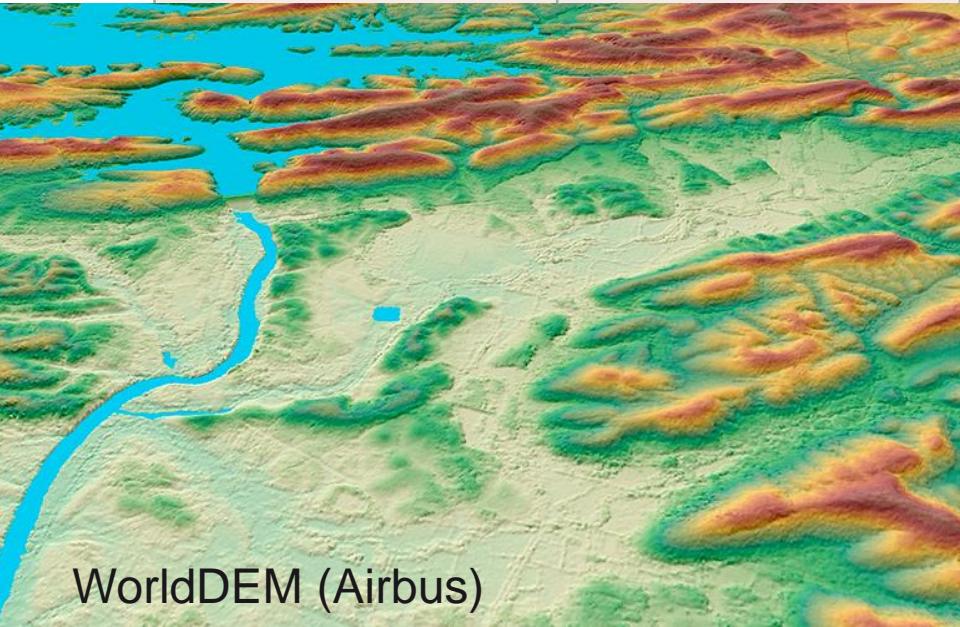
- Mise en correspondance dense
- Décorrélation spatiale, temporelle, perturbations atmosphériques
- Difficultés de *déroulement* de la phase (altitude d'ambiguïté)

$$h_{amb} = \frac{\lambda R \sin \theta}{2B_{\perp_{1,2}}}$$

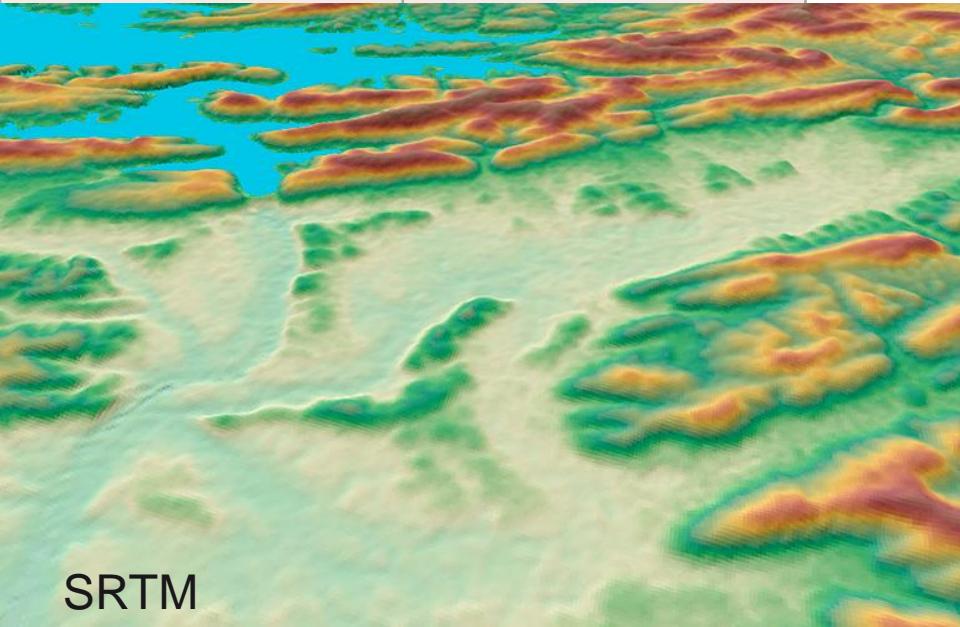
$$\sigma_h = \sigma_\psi \frac{h_{amb}}{2\pi}$$

# Reconstruction 3D - MNT

Mission	mode	Précision planimétrique	Précision altimétrique
SRTM (2000)	Bande X Interféro mono- passe	60m (30m)	16m abs. 10m rel.
TanDEM-X WorldDEM	Interféro mono- passe + multi- passe	12m	4m abs. 2m rel.

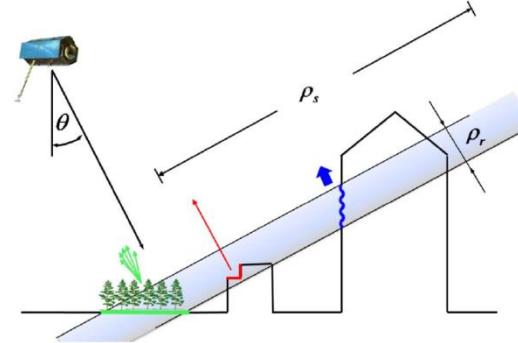
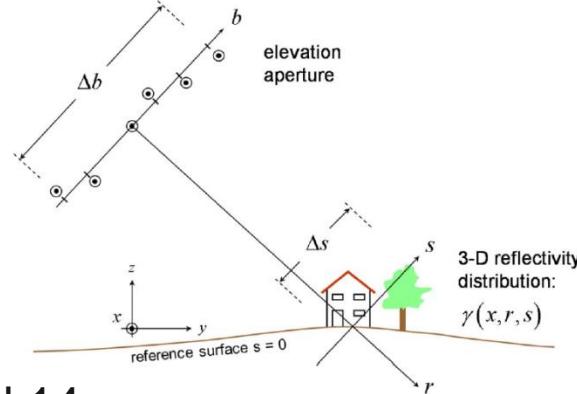


WorldDEM (Airbus)



SRTM

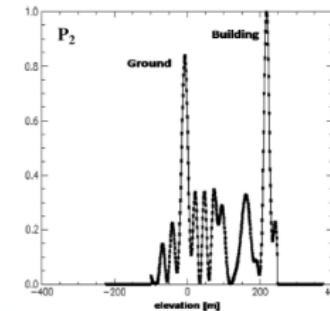
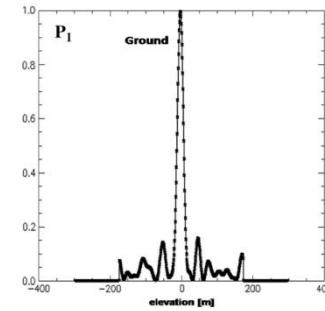
# Tomographie SAR



Zhu et al.14

$$g_n = \int_{\Delta s} \gamma(s) \exp(-j2\pi\xi_n s) ds, \quad n = 1, \dots, N$$

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\gamma}$$

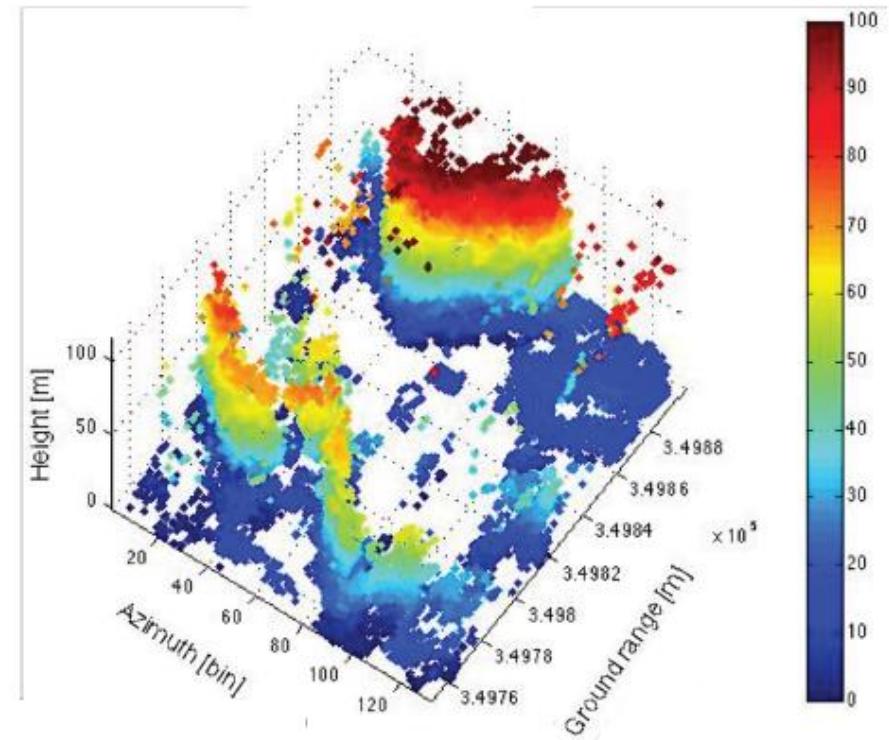
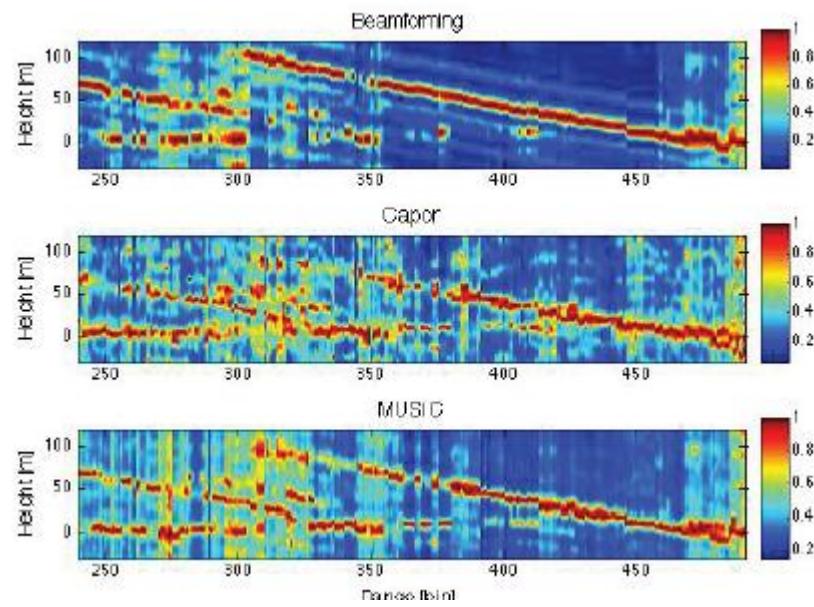
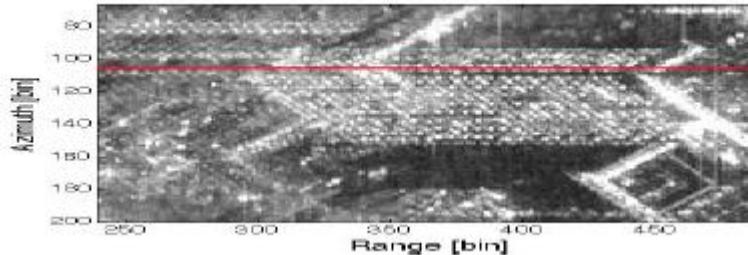


## Méthodes d'inversion:

- Méthodes d'analyse spectrale
- Méthodes parcimonieuses



# SAR tomography



Porfiri et al., Multitemp 2015



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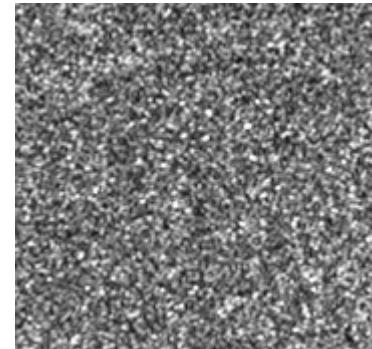




# Urban areas

## ■ SAR images :

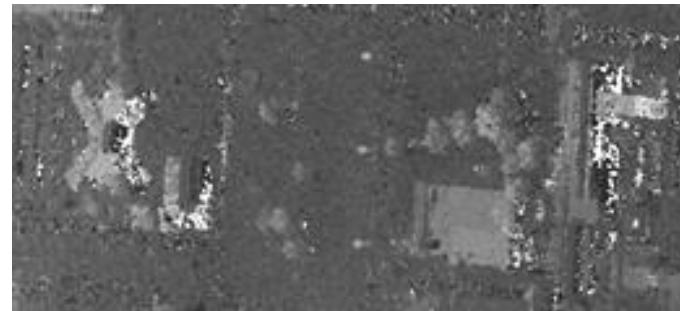
- Speckle noise
- Strong influence of geometry (incidence angle / object geometry)



# Challenges of urban areas

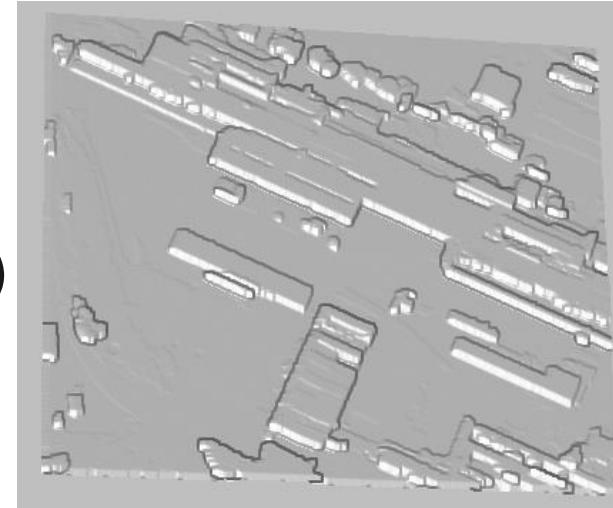
## ■ Geometric difficulties

- Shadow areas
- Overlay areas



## ■ Solutions

- Multi-aspect images (asc/desc)
- SAR tomography
- Combination with other data (SAR, optic)
- Image processing methods





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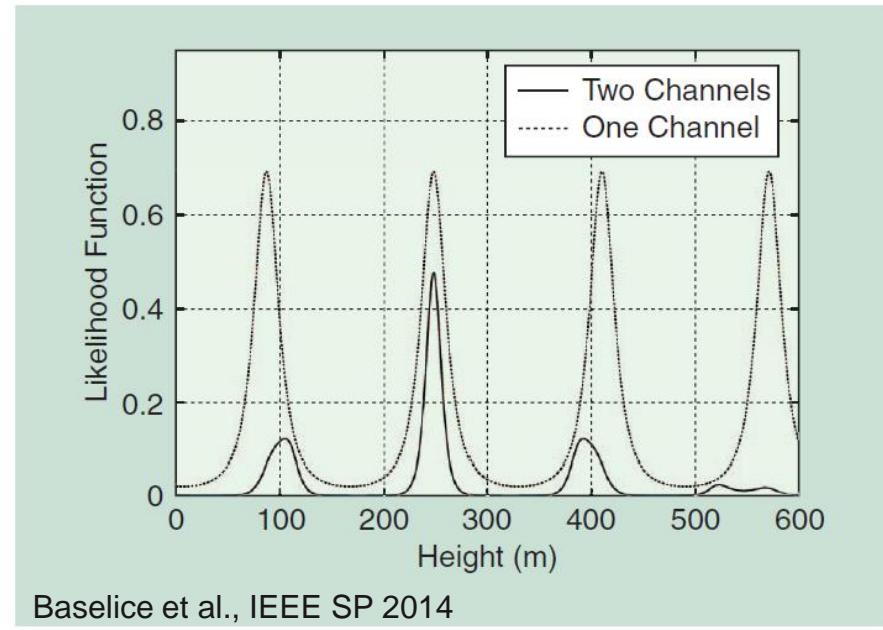
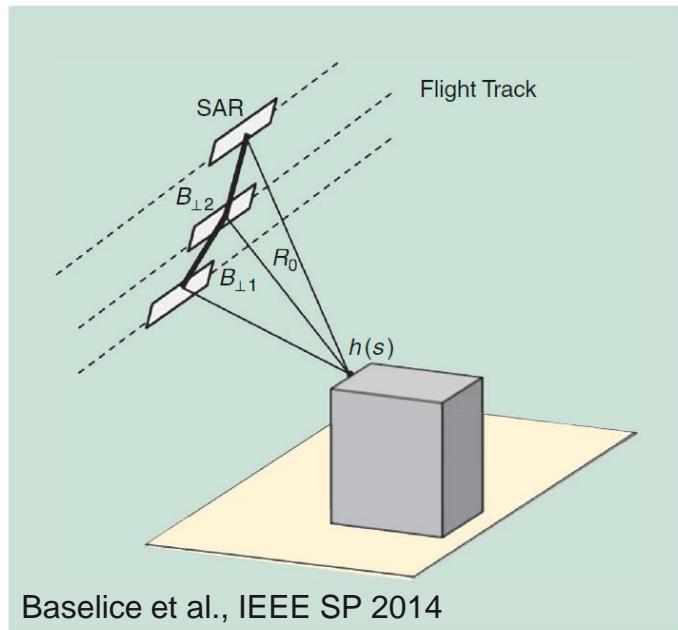
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# Multi-channel InSAR data

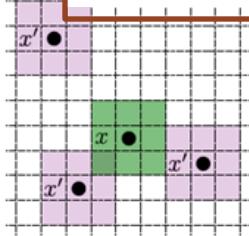


$$\Sigma = R \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \gamma_{1,2} \exp(j\psi_{1,2}) & \cdots & \gamma_{1,D} \exp(j\psi_{1,D}) \\ \gamma_{1,2} \exp(-j\psi_{1,2}) & 1 & & \gamma_{2,D} \exp(j\psi_{2,D}) \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \gamma_{1,D} \exp(-j\psi_{1,D}) & \gamma_{2,D} \exp(-j\psi_{2,D}) & & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Image processing methods

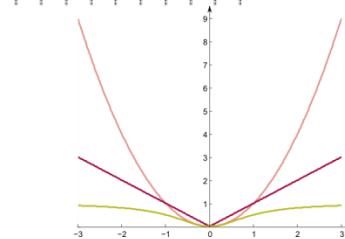
## ■ Formulation of a global optimization problem:

$$\hat{\mathbf{h}}^{(\text{R-NL})} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{h}} - \sum_i \lambda_i \log \det(\Sigma_i(h_i)) + \lambda_i \text{tr}(\Sigma_i(h_i)^{-1} \mathbf{C}_i) + \sum_{(i,j)} |h_i - h_j|$$



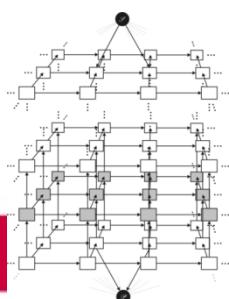
## ■ Likelihood term: exploiting image redundancy

- NL-SAR based regularization



## ■ Prior term: exploiting elevation regularity

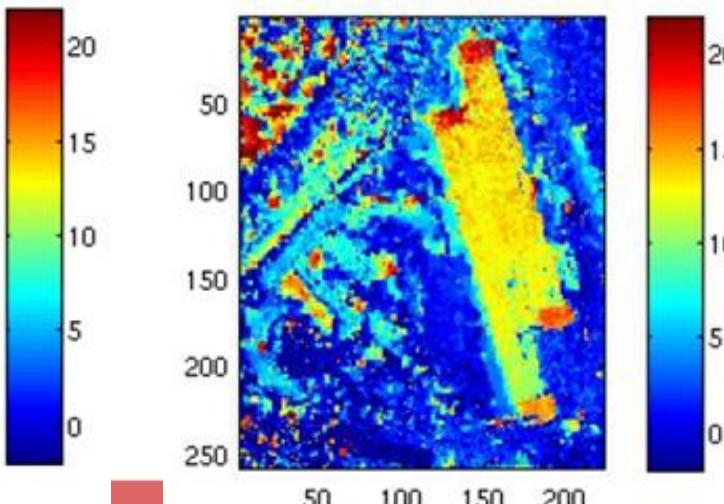
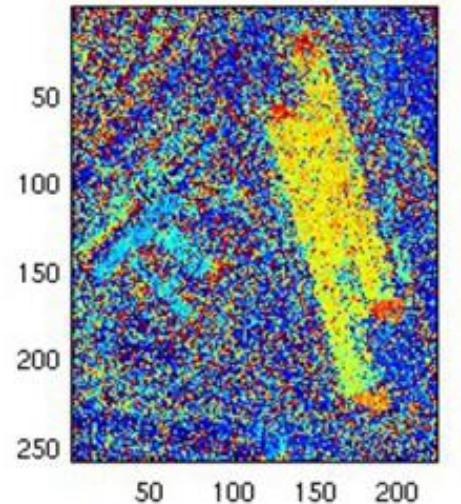
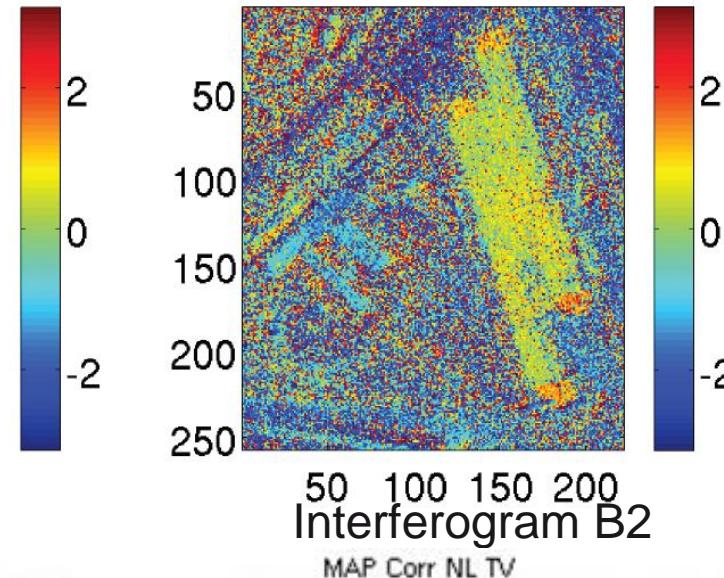
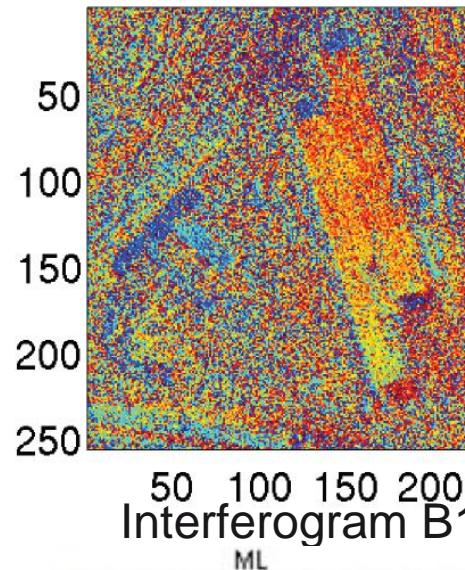
- Enforce smooth reconstruction with discontinuities



## ■ h optimization: graph-cut based algorithm



# Multi-baseline InSAR



Non-local + total variation regularization  
(3 CSK data)  
[Deledalle et al. 2015]





# Conclusion

## ■ Well-established approaches:

- Differential interferometry and « permanent scatterer » -like methods
- Multi-aspect fusion

## ■ Still challenging

- Dealing with few interferograms
- Obtaining a dense reconstruction
- Combining with other data





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