# Geological mapping and Geohazard monitoring from SAR

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### **Outline**

- Current SAR Systems
- Review of Current Geological Applications

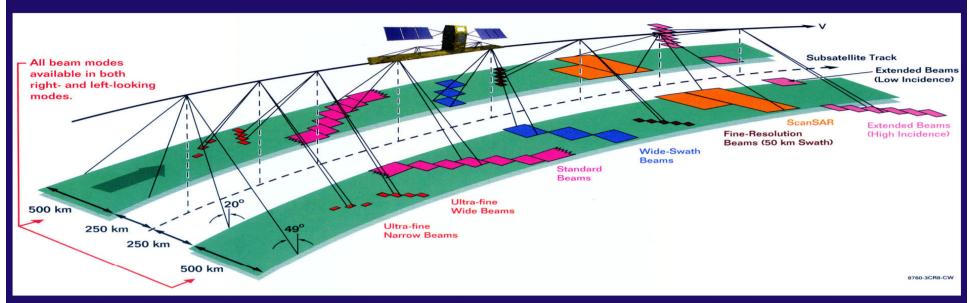
Hydrocarbons: Exploration and Distribution
Mineral Exploration/ Mapping
Geological Hazard Monitoring

Future trends and Research Gaps:

## SAR System Summary

	Design Life	lmaging frequency	Spatial resolution	Polarization	Look direction	Status
RADARSAT-2	7 years	C-Band, 5.405 GHz	3 to 100 meters	Single (HH, VV, VH, HV)	Left- and right-looking	Launch 2007
				Dual (HH/ HV, VV/VH)		
				Polarimetric		
RADARSAT-1	5 years	C-Band, 5.3 GHz	10 to 100 m	Single HH	Right-looking	In operation (Since 95)
Envisat ASAR	5 years	C-Band, 5.331 GHz	30 to 1000 meters	Single (HH, VV)	Right-looking	In operation (Since 02)
				Alternating (VV/HH, VV/VH, HH/HV)		
TerraSAR-X	5 years	X-Band, 9.650 GHz	1 to 15 meters	Single (HH, VV)	Left- and right-looking	Launch 2007
				Dual (VV/HH, VV/VH, HH/HV)		
ALOS PALSAR	5 years	L-Band, 1.27 GHz	10 to 100 meters	Single (HH, VV)	Right-looking	Launch 2006
				Dual (HH/ HV, VV/VH) Polarimetric (exp.)		

#### **RADARSAT-2 Viewing Geometry**

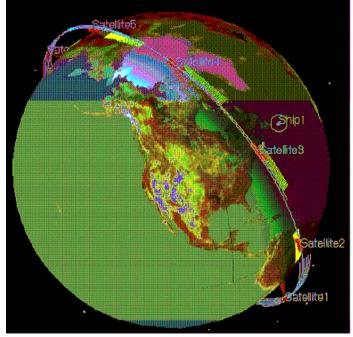


#### RADARSAT-2 will offer all the modes currently available with RADARSAT-1 PLUS

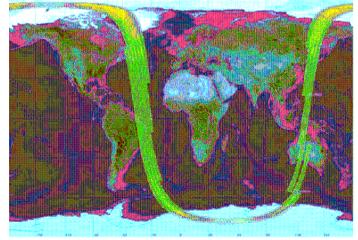
- → Selective Polarization (HH, VV, HV, VH) on all acquisition modes
- → Two full polarimetric modes (Standard QP and Fine QP)
- → Right or Left-looking modes available at all time
- → Triple Fine mode: 50 km swath, 11 x 9 m nominal resol.
- → Ultra Fine Wide mode: 20 km swath, 3 x 3 m resol.
- → Ultra Fine Narrow mode: 10 km swath, 3 x 3 m resol.

## **RADARSAT-C Concept Overview**





Constellation of six satellites 16 min apart



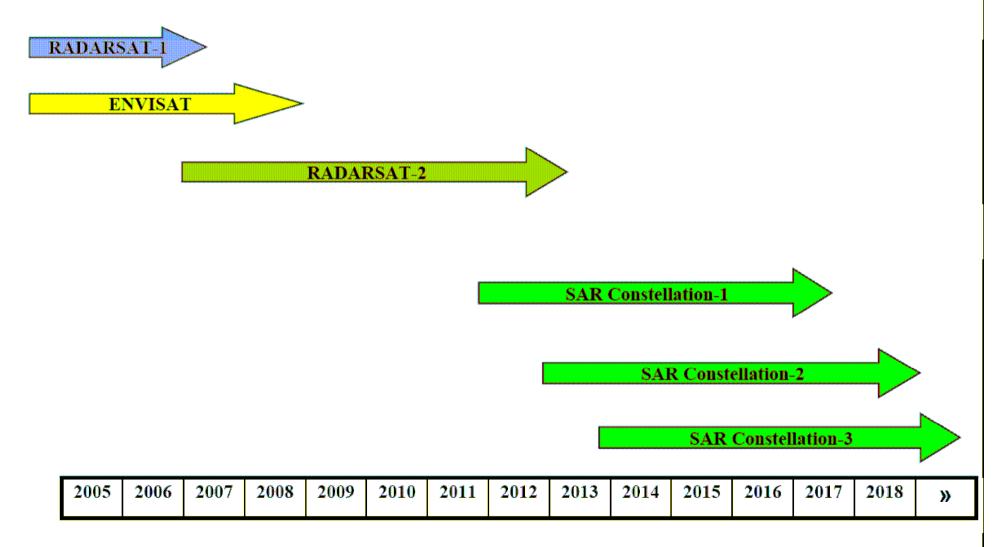
50 min coverage of east Atlantic

Canadian Space Agence spatiale Agency canadienne

- Three to six satellites
- Minimum daily coverage of Canada at 50m
- Minimum daily global access
- Data analyzed in near real time
- Following satellites will tasked for specific identification
- Satellites equally spaced in same plane
- 2 to 4-day Coherent Change Detection using SAR interferometry
- Dual polarization data capability (constellation, but not necessarily each satellite)
- Gradual implementation with yearly launch
- Gradual replacement of aging satellites
- Fully reconfigurable

#### **Timeline**







## Mission Requirements (3)

#### Spatial Resolution

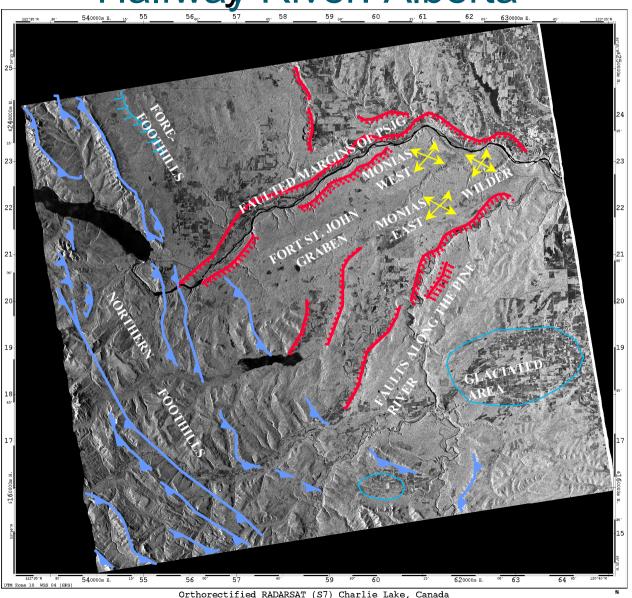
- Medium Resolution Mode (50m, 4 looks)
- Low Resolution Mode (100 m, 8 looks)
- High-Resolution Mode (5 m, 1 look)
- Very High-Resolution Mode (< 3 m)</li>
- Dedicated Modes

#### Swath

- 350 km in medium resolution
- 500 km low-resolution
- 20-30 km in high-resolution
- TBD km for CCD.

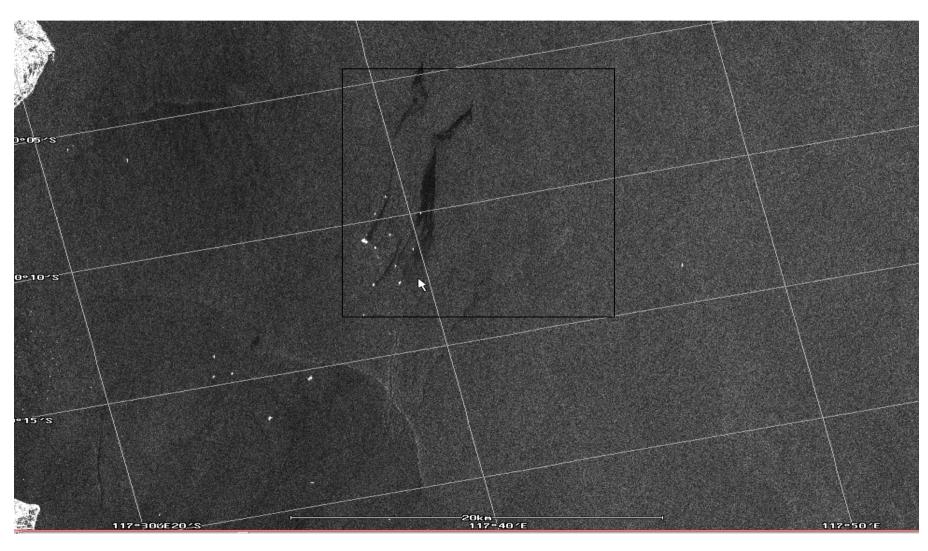
## Hydrocarbon Exploration

## Halfway River: Alberta



RUDP Image Courtesy of CSA (copyright 1996)

## Ship detection and Oil Pollution Tracking



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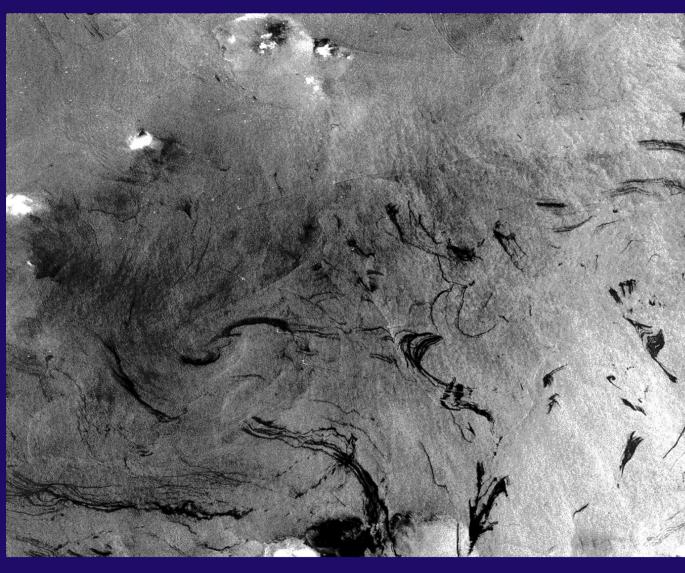
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### RADARSAT-1

#### **Detection of Oil Seeps in the Gulf of Mexico**





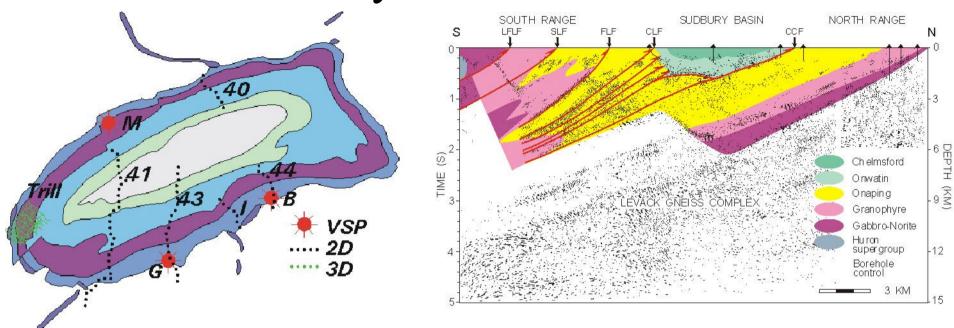
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Image provided by RADARSAT International

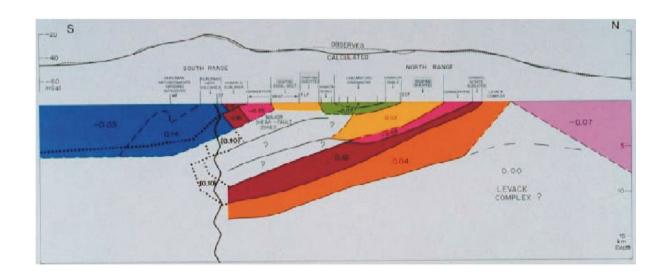
## Sudbury Basin

- World's oldest, largest, and best-exposed meteorite impact site
  - 1.8 billion years old
  - 200-300 km original diameter
- World class mineral deposits
  - over 100 years of production worth more than \$140 billion (contained metal in 2006 dollars)
  - Current production worth close to \$2.5 billion per year
  - Significant new discoveries continue to be made
- Large mining cluster
- The Basin is a CCRS supersite to develop a number of Geological Remote Sensing techniques.- evaluation of RADARSAT-1&2, and Hyperspectral (CSA) Envisat (ESA) and ALOS (JAXA) Terra SAR (DLR) missions.
- CCRS is providing high-res fused images to assist the GSC that are conducting high res mapping in the Basin (1:10-50K)

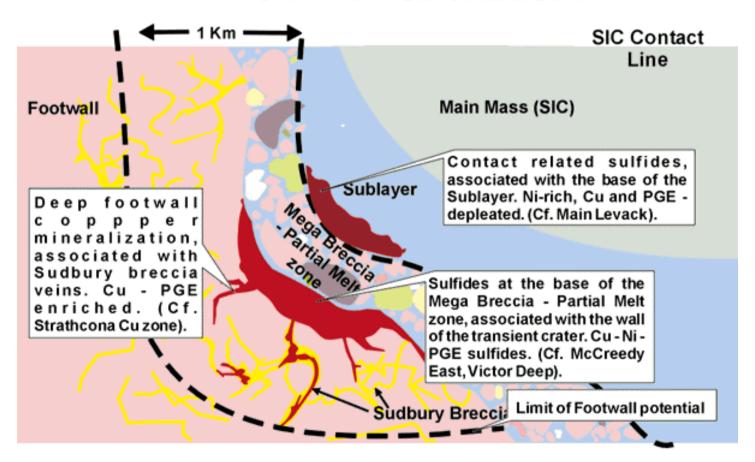
## Sudbury Structure Studies



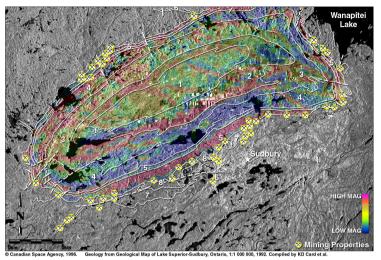
- GSC Compilations
- Included structural analysis of the 2D seismic, mag. and gravity data leading to currently accepted model of the deep basin geometry.



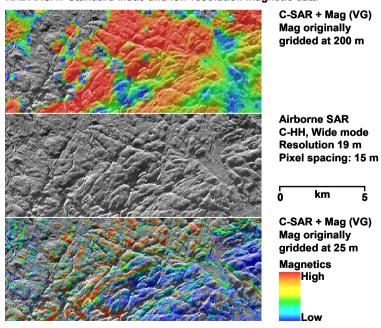
#### TYPICAL CROSS SECTION THROUGH NORTH RANGE ORE BODY



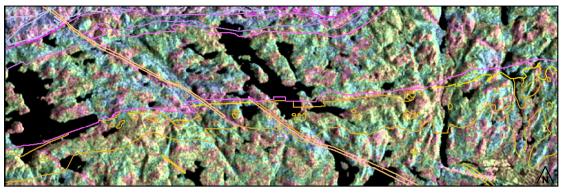
#### **Integration of SAR and Magnetic Data**



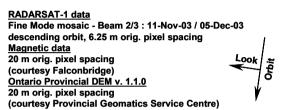
**RADARSAT Standard Mode and low resolution magnetic data** 

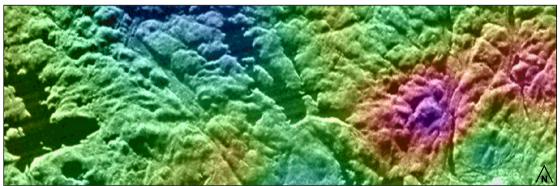


## Sudbury High Resolution Image Integration

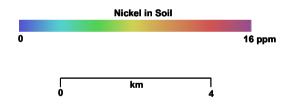


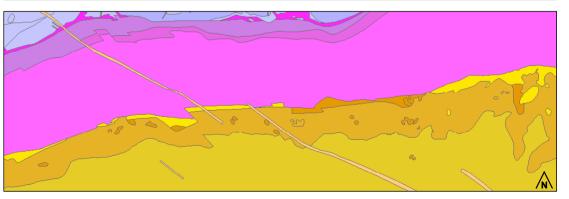
## RADARSAT-1 Fine Mode integrated with magnetic vertical gradient and shaded relief





## **SAR and geochemistry IHS Integration**





#### **Updated geologic map**



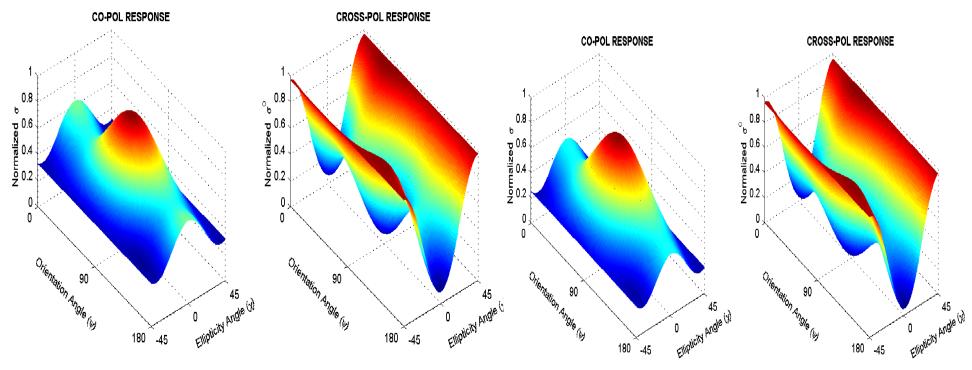
## Sudbury Breccia(25)- and Norite (8a)

Area 25: p39 Line 3 Pass 2 30-MAR-2004

Linear Pol (dB):  $\sigma_{HH}^{0}$  = -11.54 ;  $\sigma_{HV}^{0}$  =-22.57 ;  $\sigma_{VV}^{0}$  =-9.55 Circular Pol (dB):  $\sigma_{RR}^{0}$  = -14.40 ;  $\sigma_{LR}^{0}$  =-12.21 ;  $\sigma_{LL}^{0}$  =-14.52

#### Area 9: p8a Line 3 Pass 2 30-MAR-2004

Linear Pol (dB):  $\sigma_{HH}^0 = -14.57$ ;  $\sigma_{HV}^0 = -26.68$ ;  $\sigma_{VV}^0 = -11.45$ Circular Pol (dB):  $\sigma_{RR}^0 = -17.43$ ;  $\sigma_{LR}^0 = -14.10$ ;  $\sigma_{LL}^0 = -18.25$ 

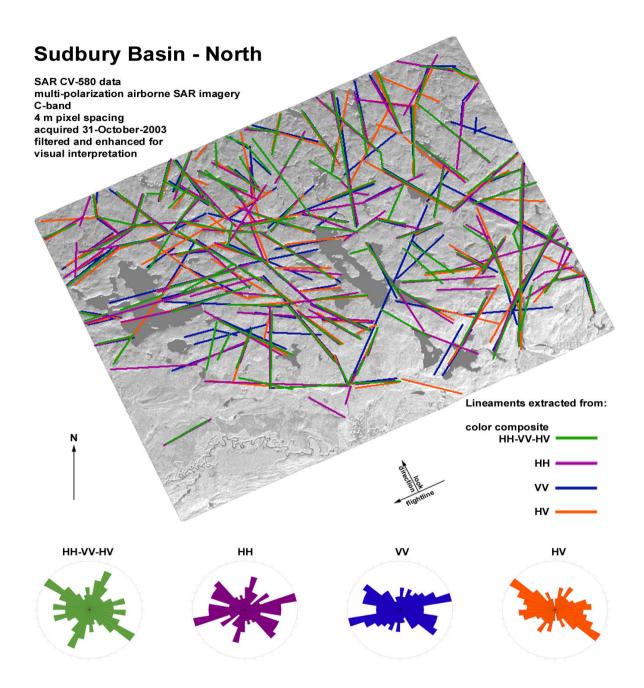


Max Co-Pol:  $(\psi = 90^{\circ}; \chi = 0^{\circ})$ Min Co-Pol:  $(\psi = 153^{\circ}; \chi = 36^{\circ})$ Pedestal Height Co-Pol: 0.28

Incident angle: 44.39° Area center: [ 326 26151 ] Number of samples: 17274 Max Cross-Pol: ( $\psi$  = 135 $^{\circ}$ ;  $\chi$  = 38 $^{\circ}$ ) Min Cross-Pol: ( $\psi$  = 0 $^{\circ}$ ;  $\chi$  = 0 $^{\circ}$ ) Pedestal Height Cross-Pol: 0.09

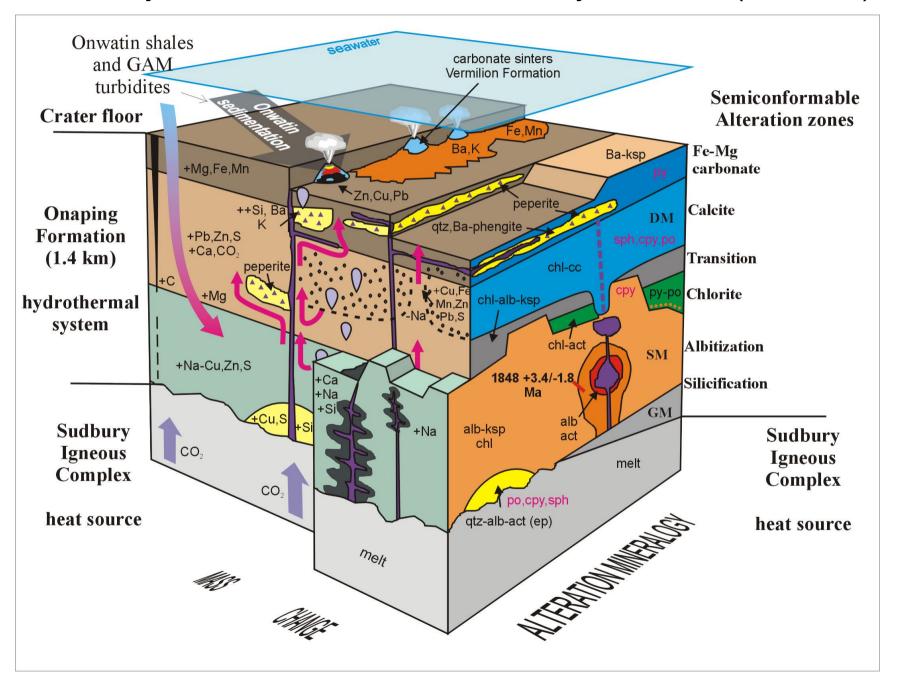
Max Co-Pol:  $(\psi = 88^{\circ}; \chi = -1^{\circ})$ Min Co-Pol:  $(\psi = 153^{\circ}; \chi = 36^{\circ})$ Pedestal Height Co-Pol: 0.16

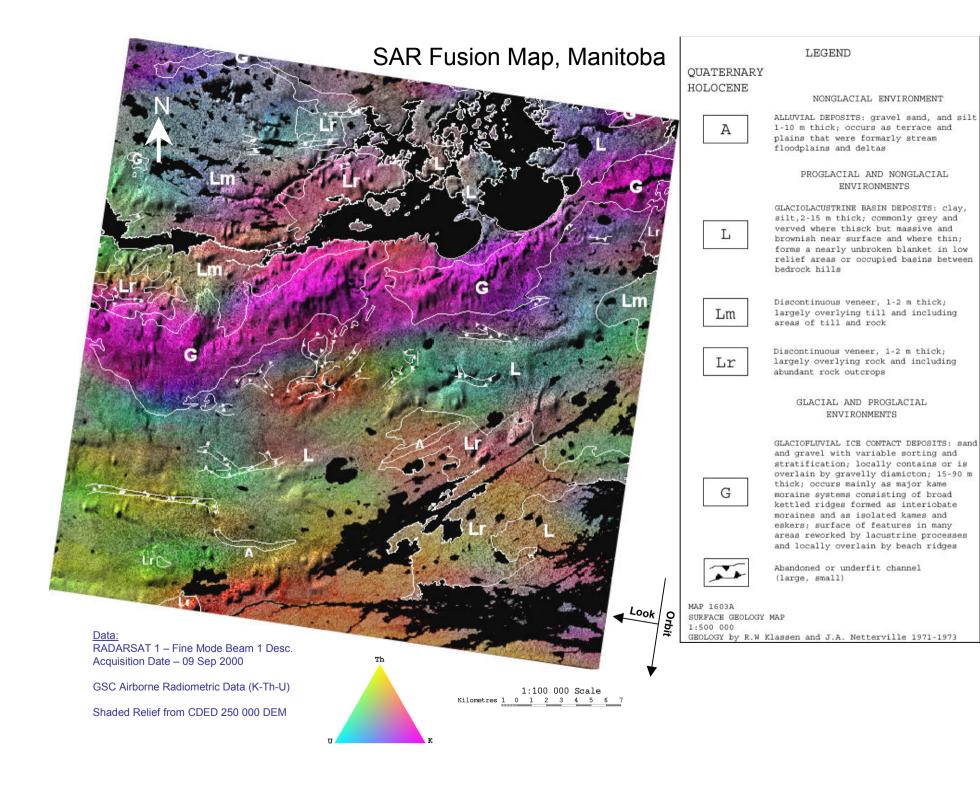
Incident angle: 45.72° Area center: [378 13776] Number of samples: 383 Max Cross-Pol: ( $\psi = 128^{\circ}$ ;  $\chi = 38^{\circ}$ ) Min Cross-Pol: ( $\psi = 89^{\circ}$ ;  $\chi = -1^{\circ}$ ) Pedestal Height Cross-Pol: 0.05

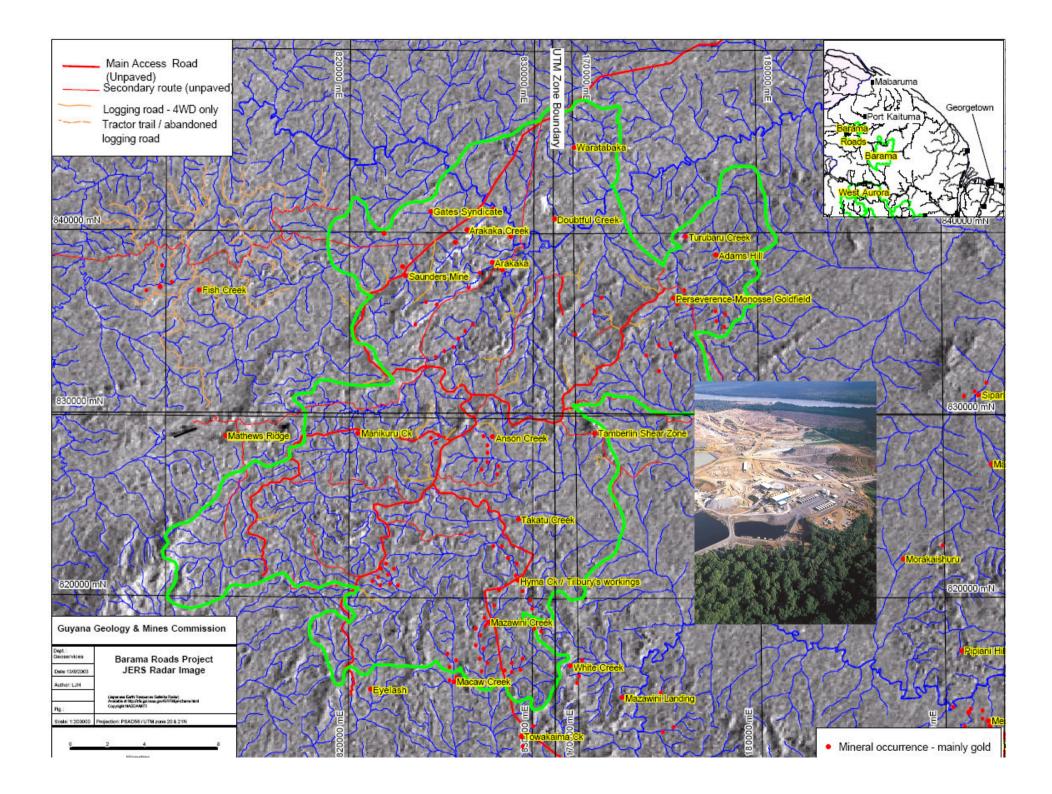


Polarimetric composite provide additional structural details (Singhroy 2005-CCRS)

#### Crater-fill hydrothermal alteration: Sudbury structure (Ames06)







## BATHURST ISLAND POLAR BEAR PASS

Lithology from SAR



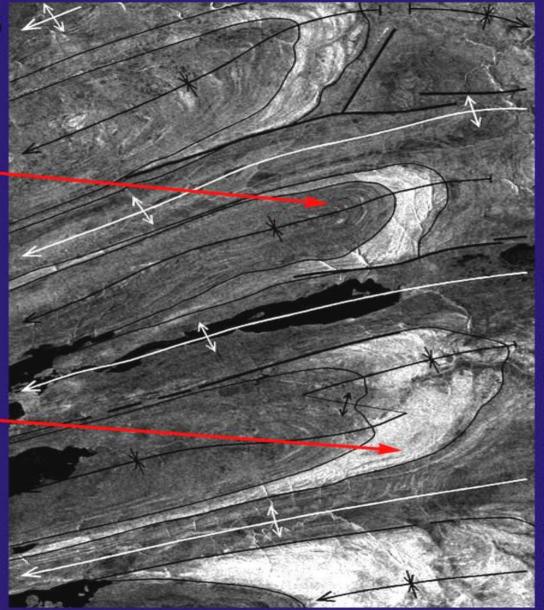


#### **RADARSAT-1 C-HH**

Standard beam (S7) 21-March-96 θ = 45° - 49°

Res.: 20 m (rg) x 27 m (az)

Pixel spacing: 32 m

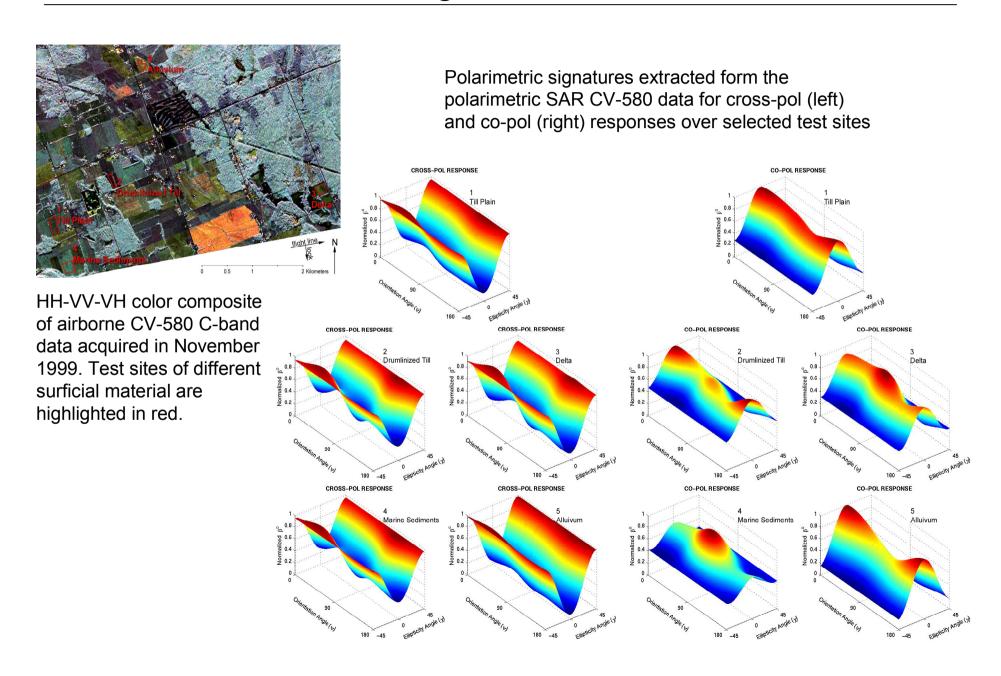


10 km

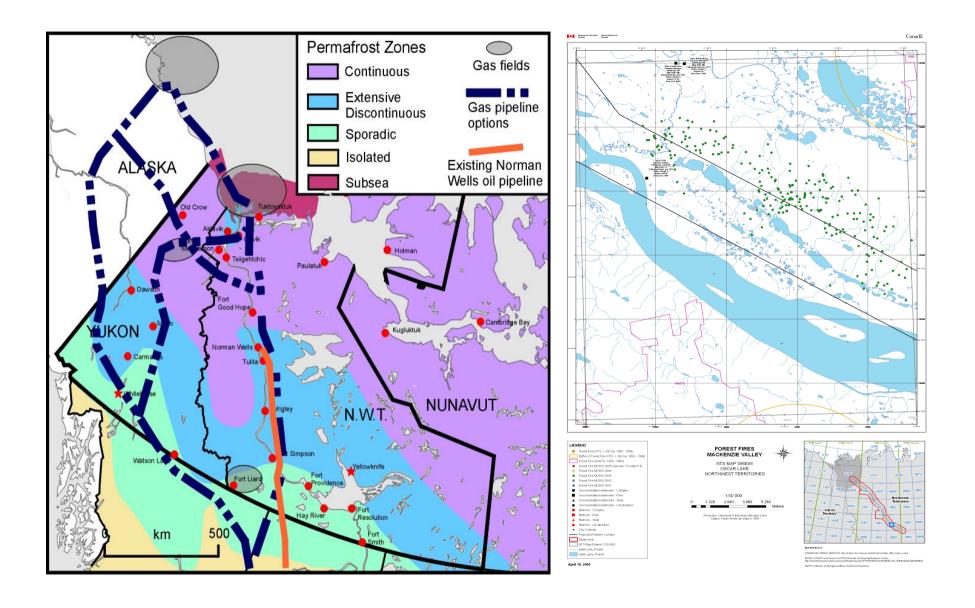
look direction



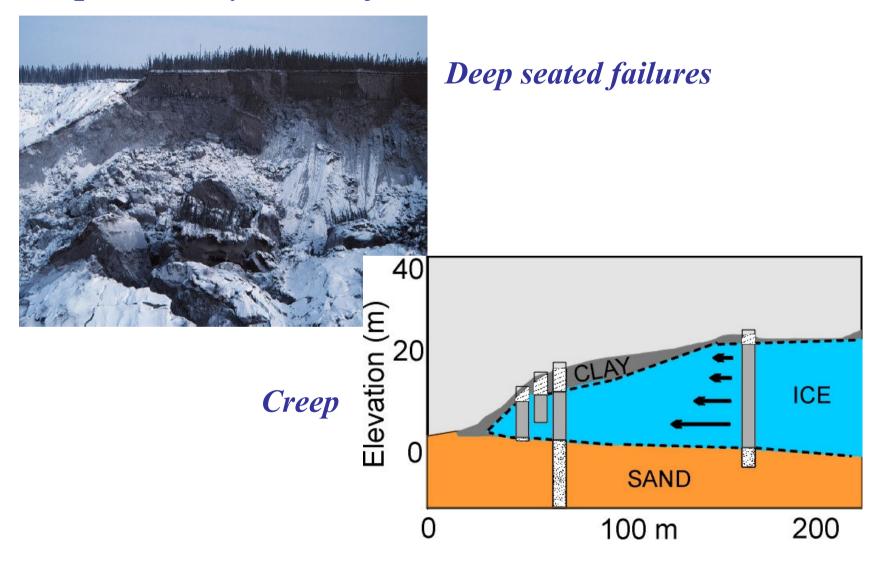
#### **Polarimetric Signatures of Surficial Materials**



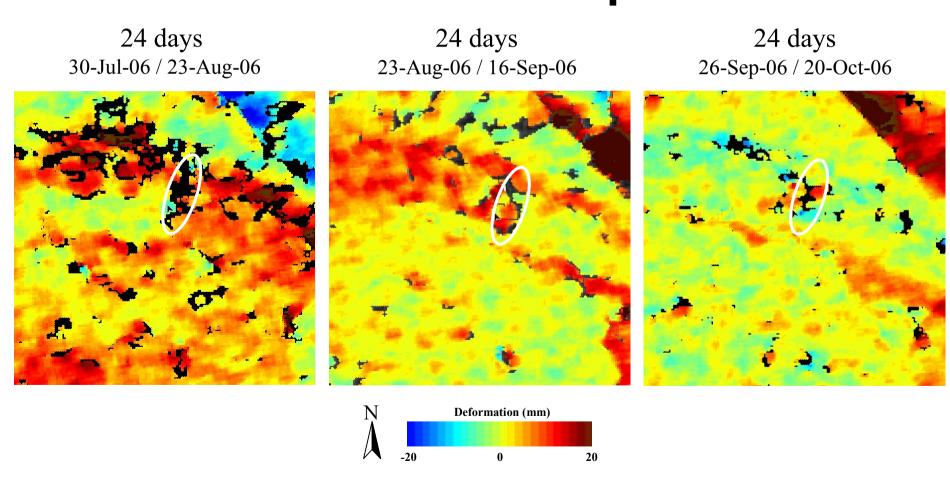




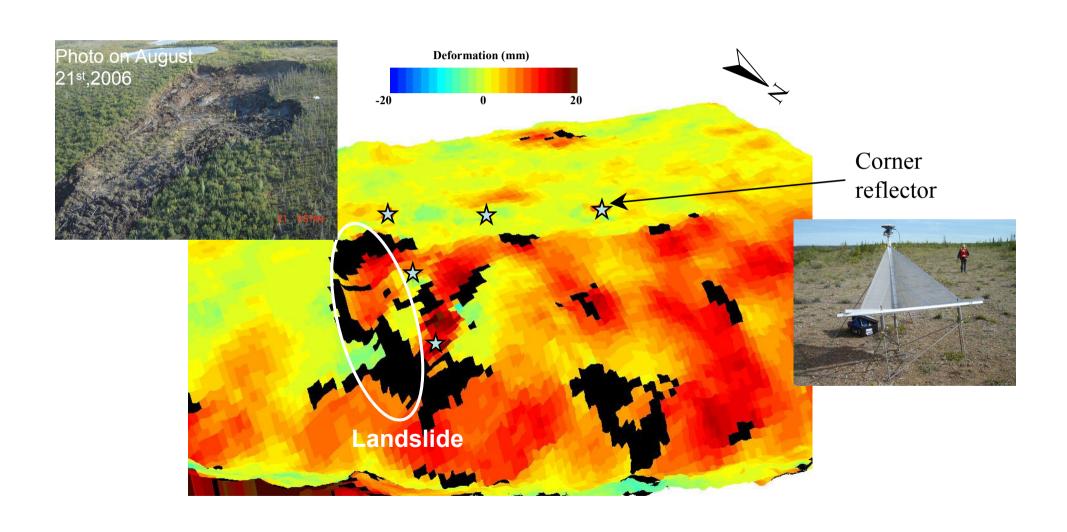
#### Slope Stability and Deformations



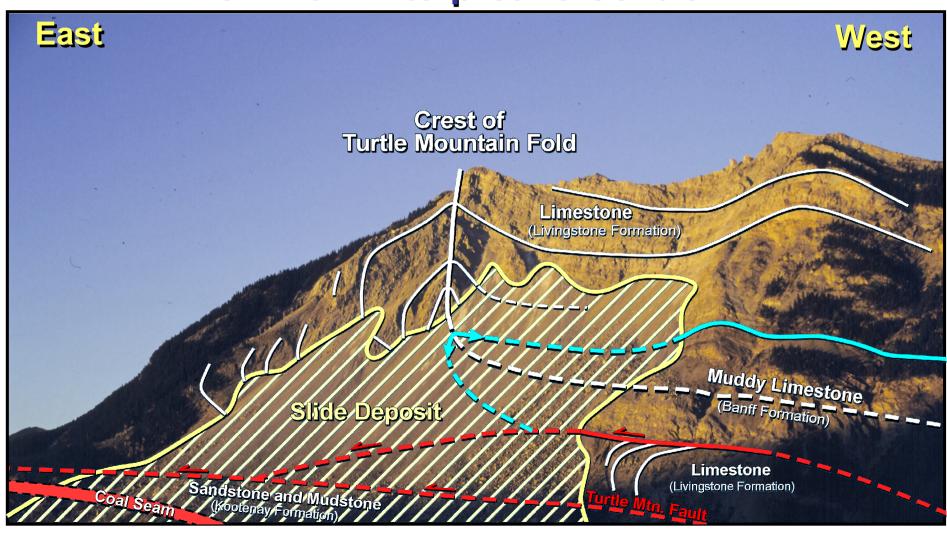
## Results: Permafrost activity (red) Deformation maps on ASC mode: 3 ~consecutive pairs



## 3D view – Permafrost activity (red)

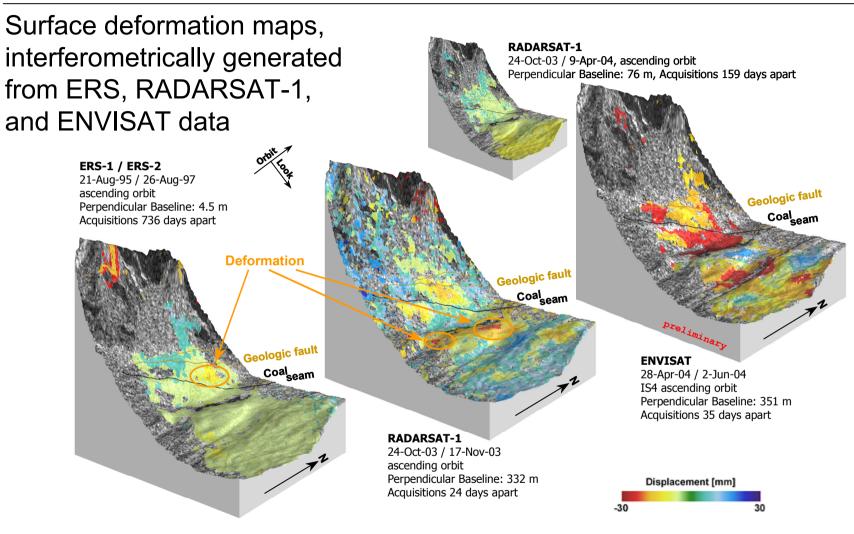


## **View from Interpretive Centre**



#### Multi-interferogram Approach: Frank Slide Alberta: Trans Canada Highway:

InSAR images are used as part of the integrated monitoring program.

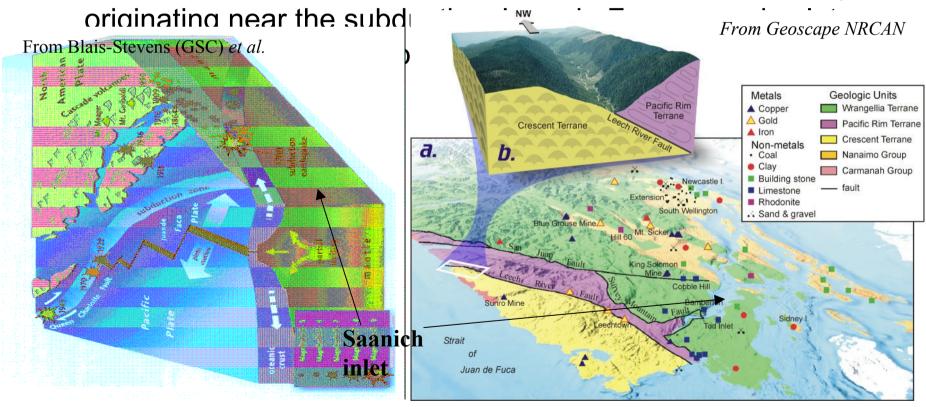


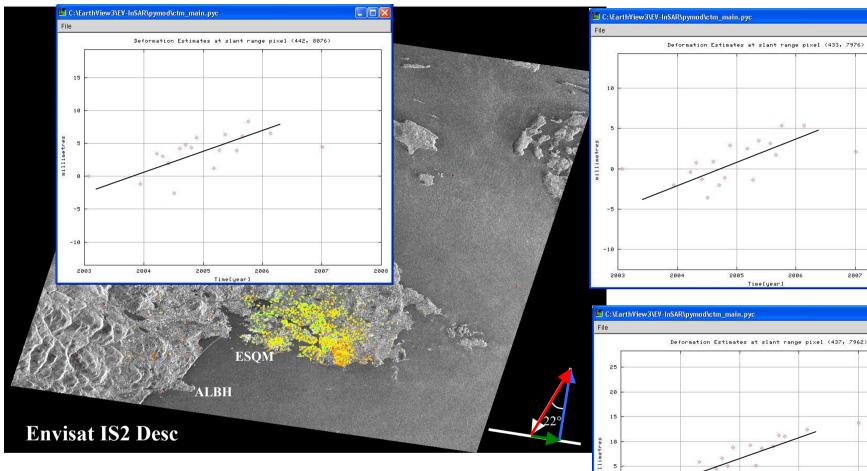
Deformation values are only shown where scene coherence exceeds 0.5 (ERS, ENVISAT) or 0.3 (RSAT) respectively.

## CTM-InSAR Vancouver Island

Very seismic active region (subduction, strike-slip faults)

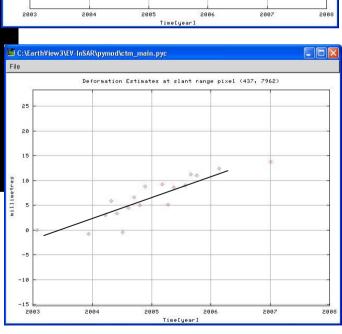
The Leech River Fault is a deep rooted thrust fault possibly



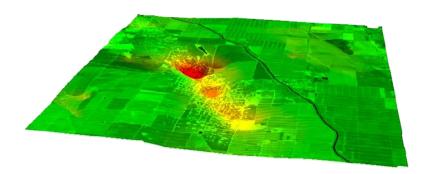


- Deformation rate ~3±1mm/yr in slant
- By triangulation => Vert.= 2.8±0.9mm/yr

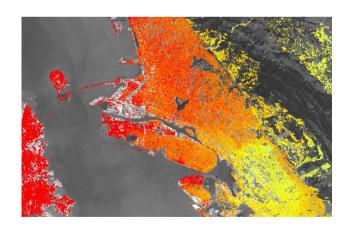
=> Horiz.=1.1±0.4mm/yr



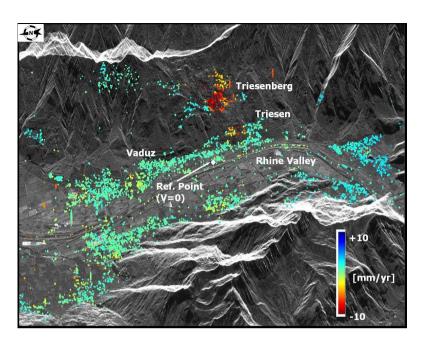
## InSAR Examples (Feretti 06)



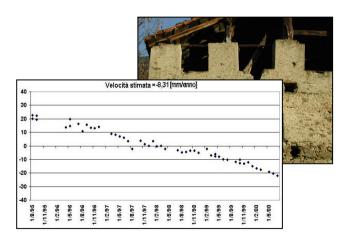
**Subsidence Montoring** 



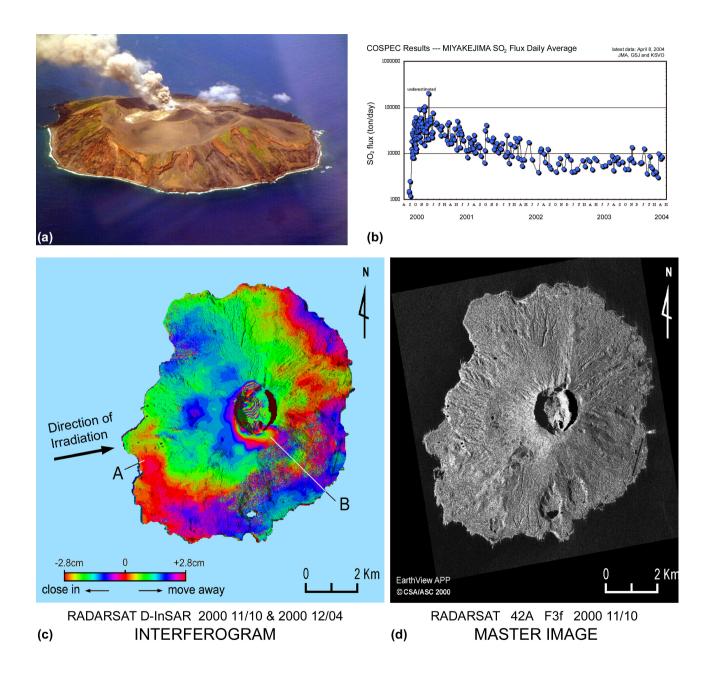
**Tectonics** 



Slow Landslides Montoring



Single Building Monitoring



## Future SAR Research for Geological Applications

#### **InSAR**

Non linear motion components especially on complex landslides

Phase unwrapping problems related fast motion and accurate DEM

Field Corner reflector insatallation in remote areas: One size does not fit all.

No satellite today dedicated to InSAR . New SAR systems will reduce the current difficulties and limitations.

Need a multi-interferogram approach —a multi-image strategy can overcome most of the difficulties encountered in InSAR analysis. (i) atmospheric effects, (ii) baseline indetermination, (iii) identification of coherent areas

A time series of data is better than a single value: (i) for geohazard monitoring; (ii) more reliable and higher accuracy data

#### **Geological Mapping**

Need for *polarimetric signatures of geological materials/rocks* from single, dual pol and quad pol images Need to evaluate C X L for geological mapping with availability of RADARSAT, Envisat, Terra SAR and ALOS

Need to develop textural classifiers for geological surfaces.