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Seismic hazards Pilot Final Report

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- **Outcomes**
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- **Success stories**
- **Lessons learnt and way forward**



Seismic Hazards pilot – Context, objectives

Seismic Hazards pilot

Context and objectives:



With respect to the objectives derived from the Santorini report

<http://esamultimedia.esa.int/docs/EarthObservation/Geohazards/esa-geo-hzrd-2012.pdf>

... the **Seismic Hazards pilot** set the following objectives:

- A. Support the generation of globally self-consistent strain rate estimates and the mapping of active faults at the global scale by providing EO InSAR and optical data and processing capacities to existing initiatives, such as the iGSRM**

[role of EO: wide extent satellite observations]

Concrete target for the Pilot: **Test, validate and start production in representative priority areas.**

- B. Support and continue the GSNL**

[role of EO: multiple observations focused on supersites]

Concrete target for the Pilot: **Help the GSNL access and exploit data.**

- C. Develop and demonstrate advanced science products for rapid earthquake response**

[role of EO: observation of earthquakes with $M > 5.8$]

Concrete target for the Pilot: **Generate EO based earthquake response products.**

Seismic Hazards pilot – Contributors and examples of end users



The pilot is supported by:

- **6 space agencies:** ESA, NASA, ASI, CNES, DLR, JAXA
- **8 geoscience centres with EO practitioners** from **5 countries** focusing on **11 sites** (AOIs) worldwide:
 - INGV (IT)
 - COMET (UK)
 - NASA JPL (US)
 - CNR IREA (IT)
 - University of Miami (US)
 - NOA (GR)
 - UNAVCO (US)
 - ISTerre/IPGP(FR)

End users: Italian Civil Protection Department (DPC), Greek Earthquake Planning and Protection Organization (EPPO)



Outcomes

Achievements – Objective A



The **Seismic Hazards pilot met its objectives**, in particular:

Objective A: Support the generation of globally self-consistent strain rate estimates and the mapping of active faults at the global scale by providing EO InSAR and optical data and processing capacities to existing initiatives, such as the iGSRM [*role of EO: wide extent satellite observations*]

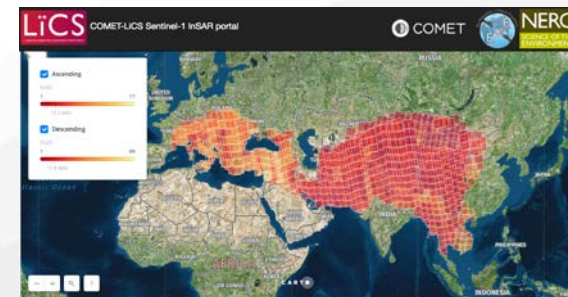
Pilot objective: **Test, validate and start production in representative priority areas**

Strain rate mapping:

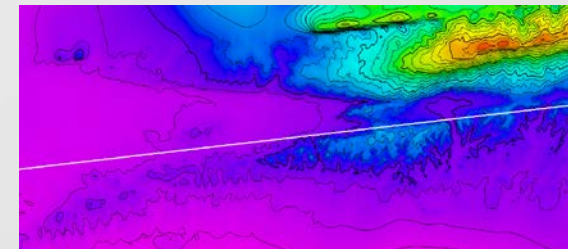
- ✓ The methodology is validated e.g. over Turkey by COMET (UK) and California by Univ. Miami (with EO data collections provided outside CEOS)
- ✓ The global production has started: the entire length of the North Anatolian Fault System has been already processed by COMET

Active fault mapping:

- ✓ Stereo optical data used to support fault reconnaissance mapping locally over limited areas (by University of Leeds and COMET)
- ✓ First analysis of the need for large scale fault reconnaissance mapping



COMET's LiCSAR portal.



Preliminary results over the Sagaing fault in Myanmar.

Achievements – Objective B



Objective B: Support and continue the GSNL [role of EO: multiple observations focused on supersites]

Pilot objective: Help the GSNL access and exploit data

- ✓ The GEP successfully supported the GSNL experts for data delivery, on demand processing (mainly InSAR) and the integration of chains dedicated to GSNL activities (e.g. SISTEM by INGV Catania)
- ✓ The pilot supported the Gorkha earthquake Event Supersite, with the additional analysis of ALOS-2 data (not provided through the GSNL).

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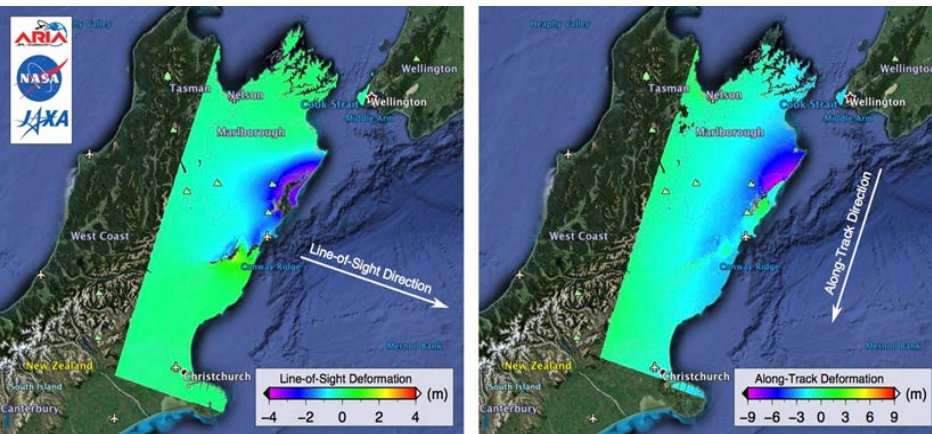
Achievements – Objective C



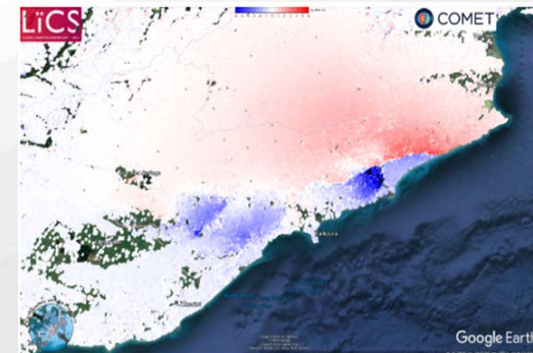
Objective C: Develop and demonstrate advanced science products for rapid earthquake response [role of EO: observation of earthquakes with $M > 5.8$]

Pilot objective: Generate EO based earthquake response products

- ✓ since November 2014 the seismic pilot provided support to **8 earthquakes with magnitude > 5.8 in 5 countries worldwide**, in 5 countries: Nepal (Gorkha), Greece (Cephalonia and Lefkada), Ecuador (Muisne), New Zealand (Kaikura) and Italy (Amatrice, Visso and Norcia). Typically, users are **geoscience centres**.
- ✓ In a few cases, products derived from pilot work were **also used by end users** (e.g. Italian Civil Protection, Greek Earthquake Planning and Protection Organization (EPPO))



ALOS-2 interferograms showing LOS and Along Track deformation, generated by NASA JPL over Kaikura, New Zealand.



Coseismic Range Offsets from Sentinel-1 SAR data highlighting the fault trace and numerous fault segments.

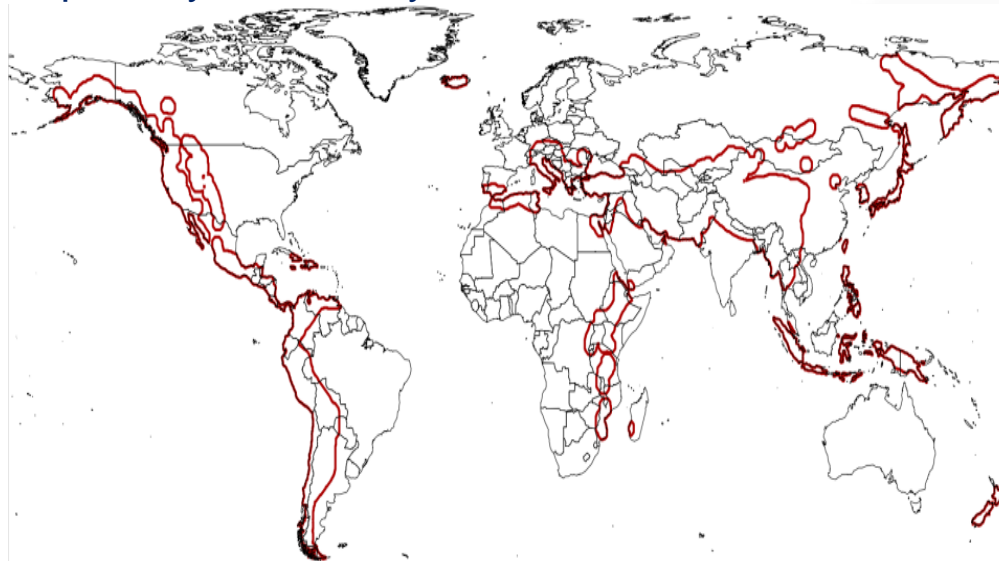
Results were online 5.5 hours after satellite acquisition.

Achievements – Other



Other outcomes:

- ✓ Collaboration with mission operators to **optimize EO coverage against thematic priority areas** of the pilot: there is a high correlation between the Sentinel-1 acquisitions and target areas of the pilot community
- ✓ Examine gaps of the acquisition plans over high seismic risk megacities: confirmed that most sites at least partially covered by SAR data



- ✓ **Promotion: in total 23 publications, 2 presentations, 2 posters and 10 web-stories/articles stemmed out of pilot work.**



Data tracking

Yearly Quota



Agency	ASI	CNES Pleiades	CSA	DLR	ESA	JAXA ALOS-2	NASA	USGS Landsat -8
Number of Images	300	50	2	on request	*	100	-	-

*ESA: large dataset through the GEP (ERS & ENVISAT 70+ Tera and Copernicus Sentinel-1 & Sentinel-2 gradually)

DLR (TerraSAR-X): quota shall be provided, if requested

CNES (Spot): no quota provided

Freely available sources: no quota (e.g. USGS L8).

- ALOS-2 data available up to 31 March 2017.

Data use



Region of AOI	ASI	CNES (Pleiades)	CSA	DLR	ESA	JAXA
China	92	18*				
Iran	46					
NAF				296	~1000 (Alpine-Himalayan belt)	24
Nepal	<i>Covered by GSNL event supersite</i>					27
Andes						8
Greece (Cephalonia)	20					
Greece (Lefkada)	159		6	65	>2	
Italy	2	14			8	4
New Zealand		27			>2	12
Philippines						13
Myanmar		6				
Chile		2				
Total	302	67	6	361	>1000	88

*In **bold**, images requested and used over the last 5 months. **Both Cephalonia and Lefkada regions.

- For China and Iran, the entire dataset needs to be gathered in order to achieve concrete results (active fault mapping). Acquisitions are expected to end in March 2018.
- For Myanmar and Chile, analysis is on-going. It was expected to be completed by September 2017, but this was not possible due to delays in data orders.
- For NAF (TerraSAR-X dataset), the study has started by University of Miami.



Success stories



The Ecuador earthquake of 16 April 2016

2016 Ecuador earthquake



Earthquake in Ecuador (Mw 6.0 in Muisne) on 16 April 2016

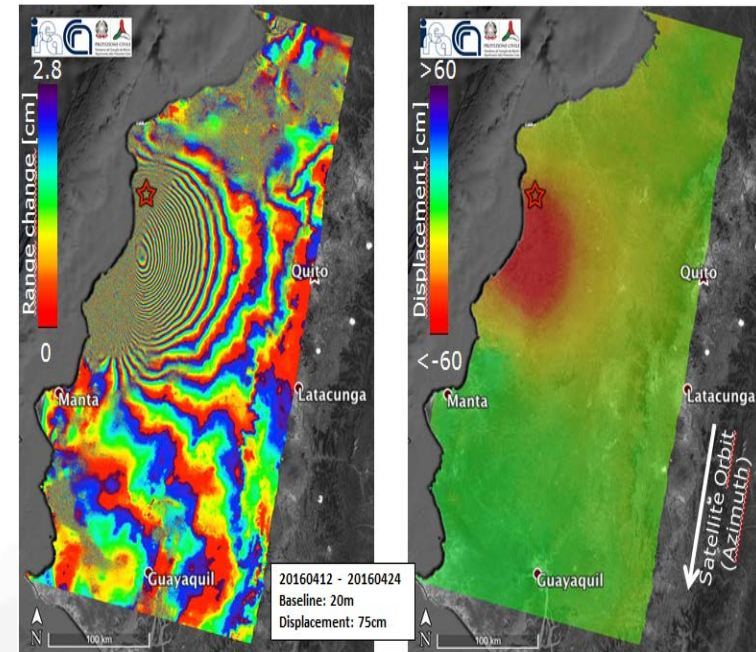
-April 17, 2016: the Ecuador government asked assistance to the Directorate-General Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection of the European Commission. Italy declared the emergency state for the Ecuador earthquake (under the coordination of the United Nations).

CEOS Seismic Hazards Pilot partner: **Institute for Electromagnetic Sensing of the Environment (CNR-IREA is a Center of Competence on DInSAR for the Italian Civil Protection Department, DPC).**

A detailed **report on the surface deformations** was provided by CNR-IREA, which was also forwarded to the Ecuadorian authorities of civil protection. The generated deformation maps were used:

(a) to understand the extension of the area affected by displacement and better focus the activities during the emergency

(b) to model the seismogenic fault in order to increase the knowledge on the earthquake and its causes.



Interferogram and displacement map generated by CNR-IREA, exploiting two Copernicus Sentinel-1 acquisitions of 12 and 24 April 2016.



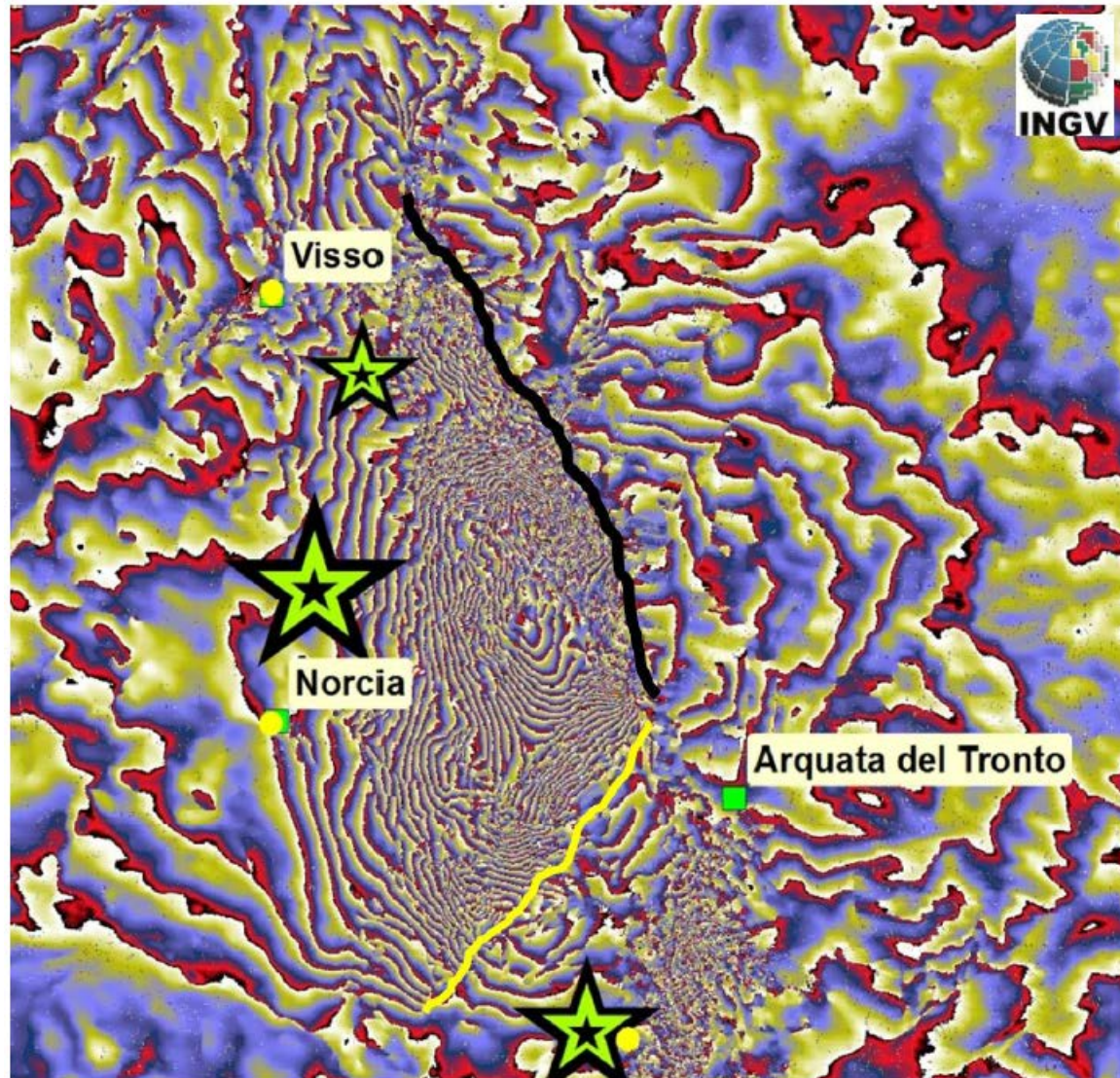
Central Italy earthquakes (24 August, 26 and 30 October 2016)

Central Italy Earthquakes: Activation



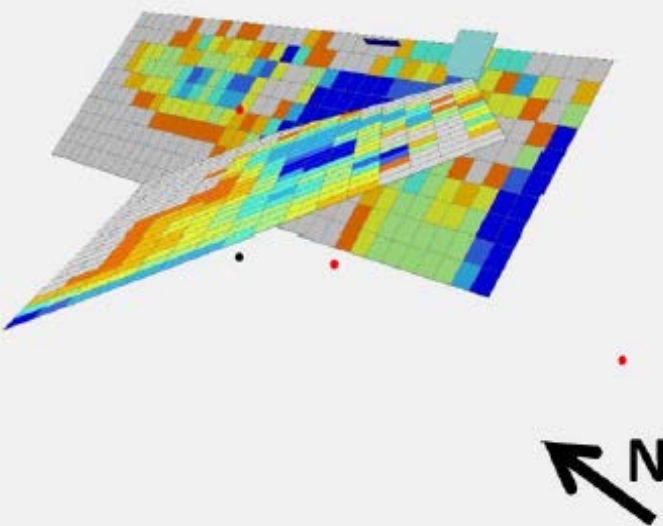
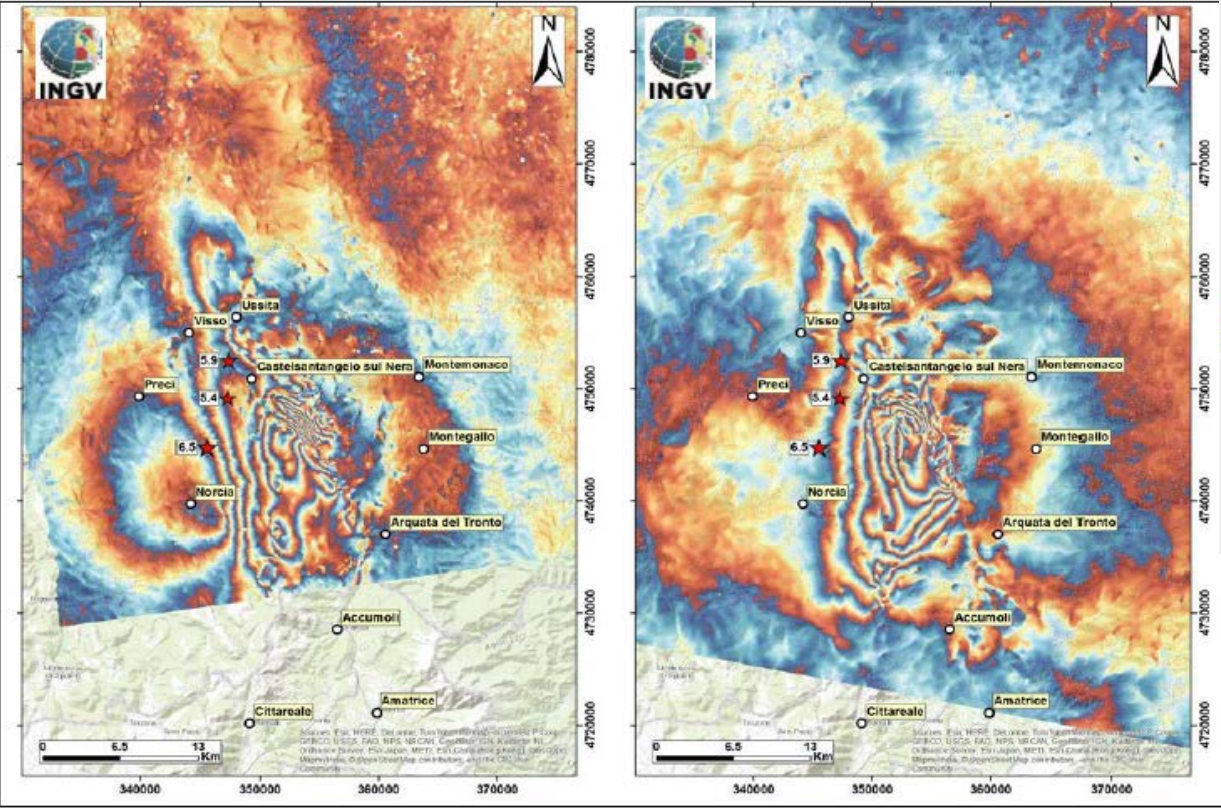
- On **24 August 2016** at 3:36:32 CEST an earthquake hit Central Italy. It measured 6.0 on the moment magnitude scale and its epicentre was close to Accumoli in a depth of 4 ± 1 km. Buildings in the villages of Amatrice, Accumoli and Arquata del Tronto collapsed and caused nearly 300 fatalities.
- The same day as the earthquake hit Central Italy, the CEOS Seismic Pilot was activated by the specialists of INGV, the national institute of Geophysics and Volcanology of Italy, with the aim to access and exploit EO data for **Active Tectonics Mapping**.
- Two months later, on **October 26**, two events of Mw 5.4 and 5.9 occurred about 30 km to the NW in Visso. These shocks were then followed on **October 30** by an earthquake of Mw 6.5 occurring close to Norcia, which further increased the damage level in the area. This was the **largest earthquake recorded in the last 30 years in Italy**.
- **Products and detailed reports** about the events were **provided to the Italian Civil Protection Department (DPC)** by the main CoC (INGV) and others CoCs (e.g. CNR-IREA)

Visso and Norcia Earthquakes: Sentinel-1 interferogram generated by INGV



A detail of the descending Sentinel-1 interferogram, showing the **linear fringe discontinuities** corresponding to ground breakage. The black line has been identified with a co-seismic scarp with 1-2 m displacement on the Monte Vettore fault. The yellow line has not been verified into the field but may represent the surface expression of a lateral fault which has been modeled by the inversion of InSAR data. Credits: INGV, Sentinel-1 data: copyright Copernicus programme.

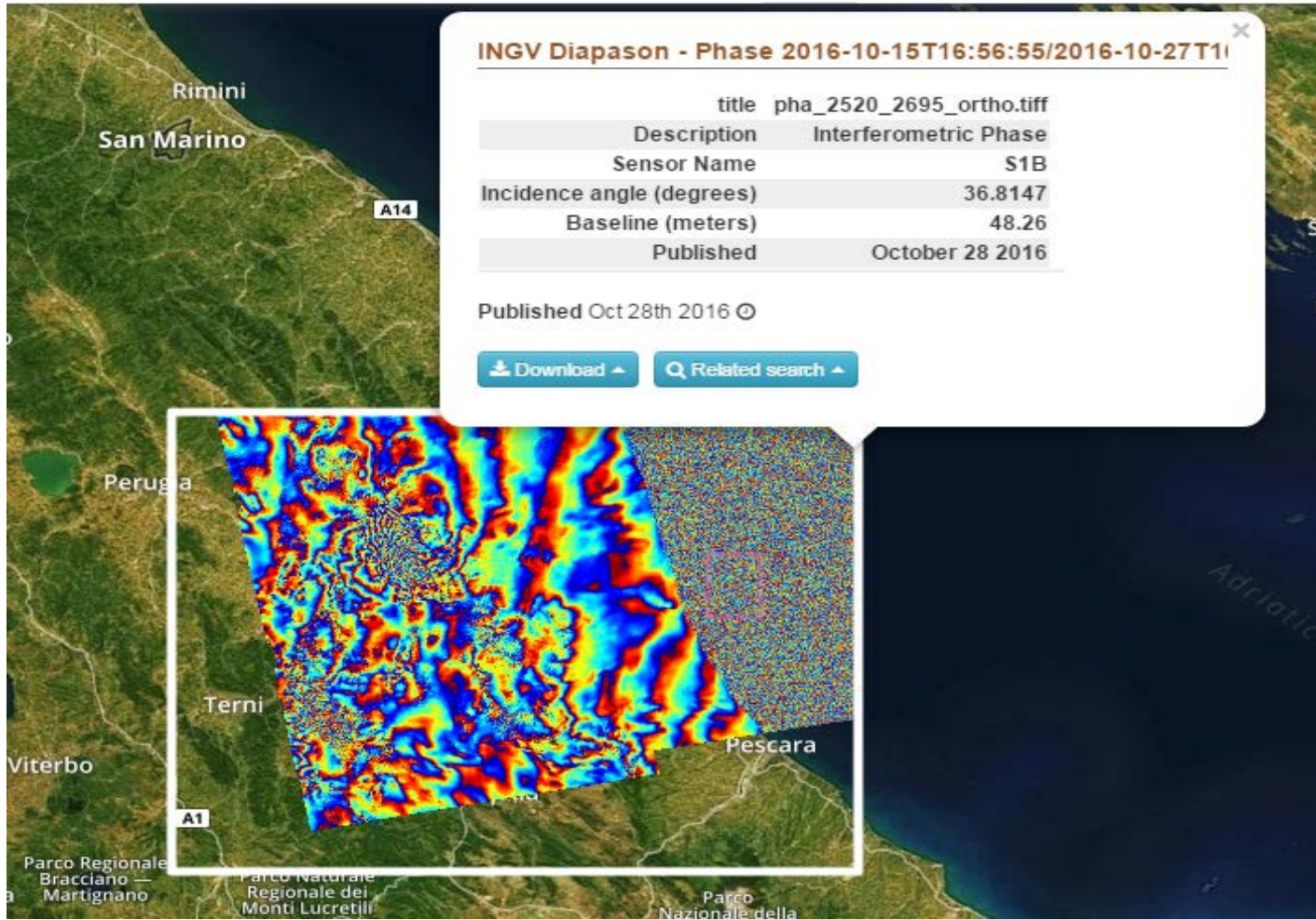
Earthquake source models by INGV based on ALOS-2 interferograms:



Source model based on ALOS-2 unwrapped interferograms for the October 26 and 30 events. The main rupture occurred on the Monte Vettore-Monte Bove fault for 25+ km.

ALOS 2 interferograms showing the cumulated ground deformation caused by the October 26 (Visso) and 30 (Norcia) earthquakes. The left image shows an ascending interferogram covering the period August 24 - November 02, 2016. The right image shows a descending interferogram covering the period August 31 - November 09. The mainshocks of October 26 and 30 are shown as red stars. Each colour fringe represents 12 cm of Line of Sight ground displacement. Credits: INGV and CNR IREA.

2016 Visso earthquake: example of GEP hosted processing executed by a thematic user.



Interferogram based on the GEP-hosted processing chain DIAPASON of the French space agency CNES and **processed by INGV** using Sentinel-1 acquisitions of 15th and 27th October 2016.



Strain rate mapping by COMET using the LiCSAR system

COMET-LiCSAR: Tools for automated generation of Sentinel-1 frame interferograms



Working with new types of data: SENTINEL-1 generates massive volumes of data with high duty cycle, shorter revisits, and wider swaths than previous missions (e.g. ENVISAT).

- SENTINEL-1 (12-, 24- and 48-days) interferograms corresponding to about ~1000 frames in the Alpine-Himalayan belt (Fig. 4 and Fig. 5).
 - 1) Geocoded wrapped phase [geotiff & kmz format]
 - 2) Geocoded coherence maps [geotiff & kmz format]
- Interferograms generated within 2 weeks of acquisition.

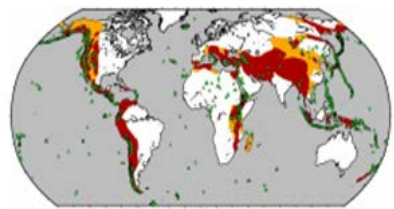
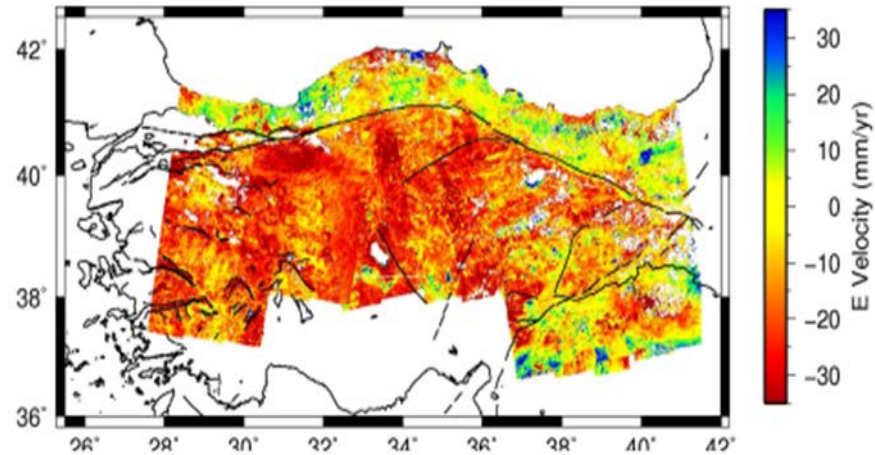


Fig. 4. Copernicus Sentinel-1 SAR images are preferentially acquired over active tectonic and volcanic areas.



East-West component of the surface displacement rates from October 2014 to April 2016 using ascending and descending passes over the entire length of the North Anatolian Fault System.

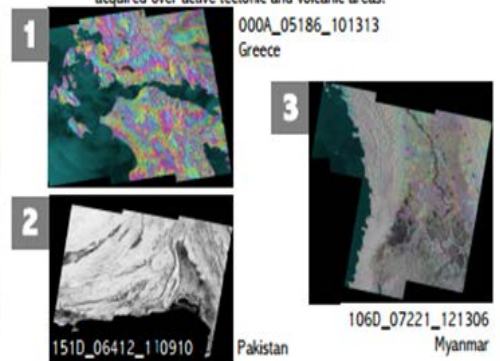


Fig. 5. The Alpine Himalaya tectonic belt has been selected for scaling the production of Sentinel-1 interferograms. Approximately 1000 frames, are currently being processed systematically. Left panel: Frames in descending mode (blue polygons). Right panel: Example interferograms and coherence maps

The LiCSAR InSAR products are generated within two weeks of acquisition of Sentinel-1 images. **Over 1000 frames** have been **processed** systematically over the **Alpine-Himalayan Belt**. **First LiCSAR results** were presented in the AGU 2016 for large scale Sentinel-1 frames processing for the **entire North Anatolian Fault**.

Details: <http://comet.nerc.ac.uk/COMET-LiCS-portal/>

COMET-LiCSAR: comments and next steps



- LiCSAR products will be **made available through GEP** in the next months. Next steps: process a larger area and reprocess the entire Sentinel-1 mission since 2014.
- Strain-rate mapping will allow to **determine how often earthquakes occur**.
- COMET is now producing interferograms **routinely for the Alpine-Himalayan Belt**. Time series and average line of sight velocities will follow in the next year.
- Next priority area is the **East African Rift**.
- Working with **the GEP and EPOS** to integrate COMET data into their portals.
- Validation exercises in Turkey have shown that **with 3 years of Sentinel-1 data are comparable in quality with the data from 7 years of Envisat**, and accuracy is expected to continue to improve
- Testing **various strain rate mapping methods** and establishing which of these are capable of incorporating constraints from InSAR.
- The **first regional high-resolution strain rate models** will be produced within 2018.
- COMET aims to monitor all of Earth's tectonic zones using Sentinel-1.

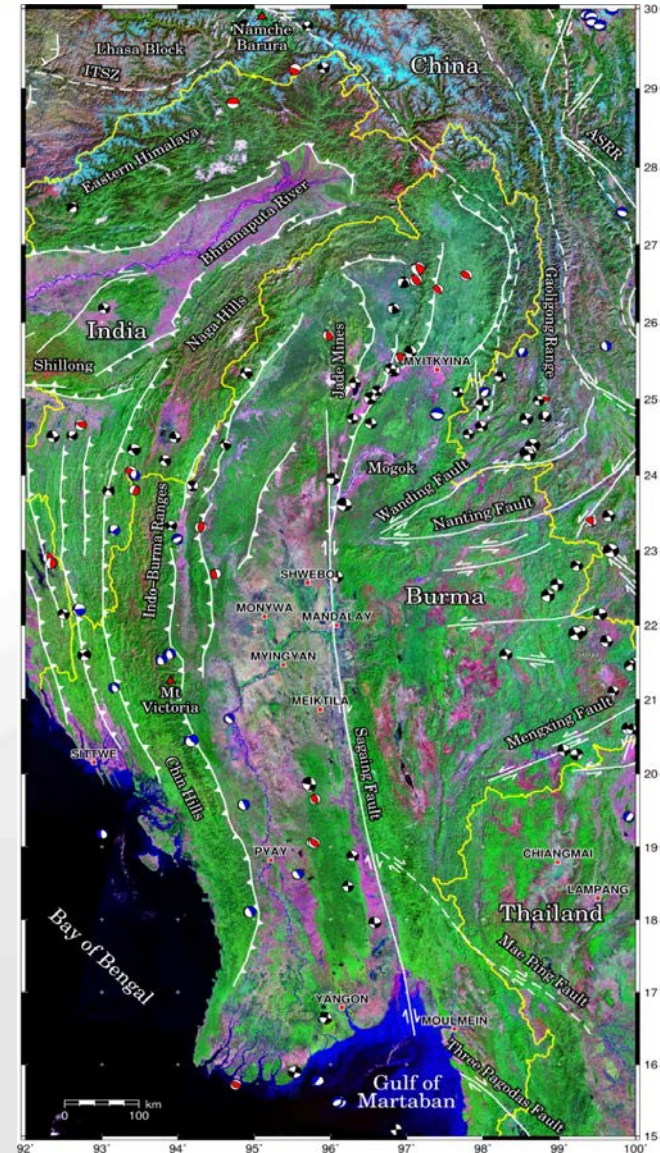


Sagaing fault mapping (Myanmar) by University of Leeds / COMET

Sagaing fault mapping



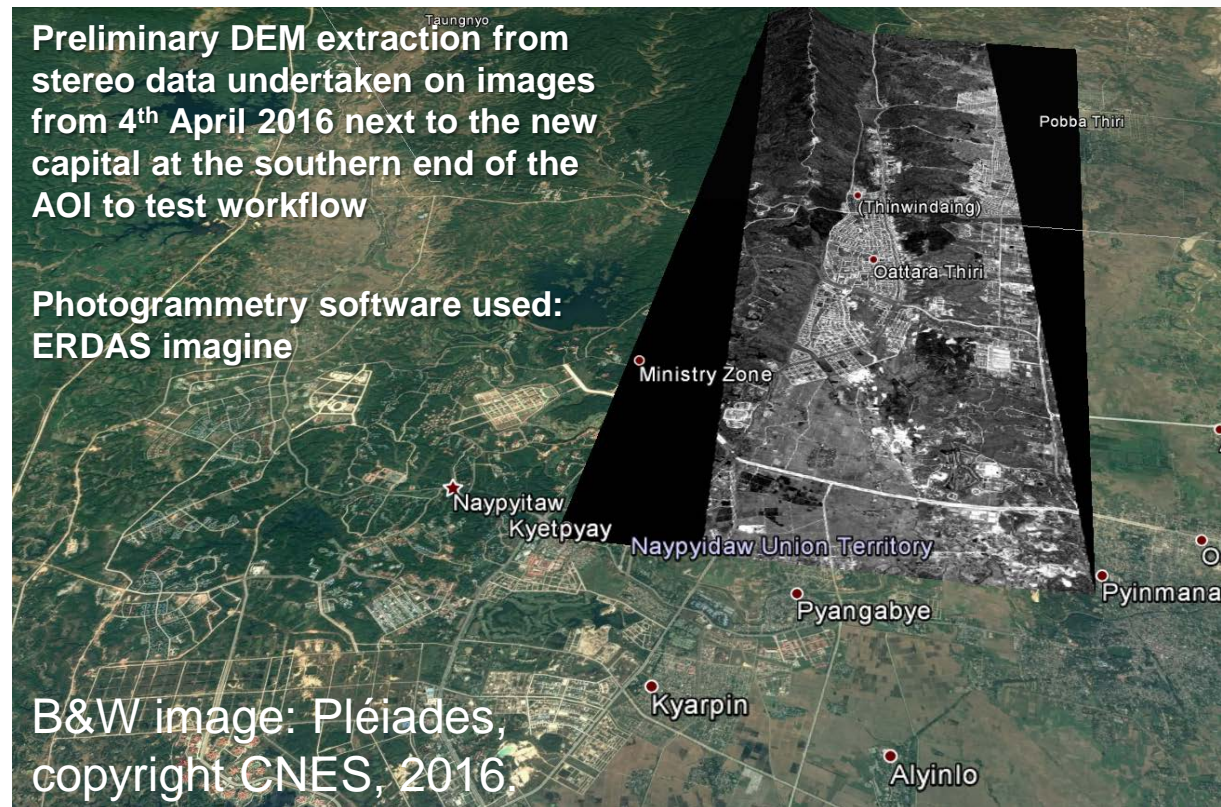
- One of the **largest faults in SE Asia**.
- Runs north-south through Myanmar for **over 1000 km**.
- Produced **large earthquakes** ($M > 6.5$) more than 10 times in the last century.
- Runs close to **many major cities** (combined population 9 million).
- **Fault is very active** with a fast slip rate of 2 cm per year.



Sagaing fault mapping: methodology



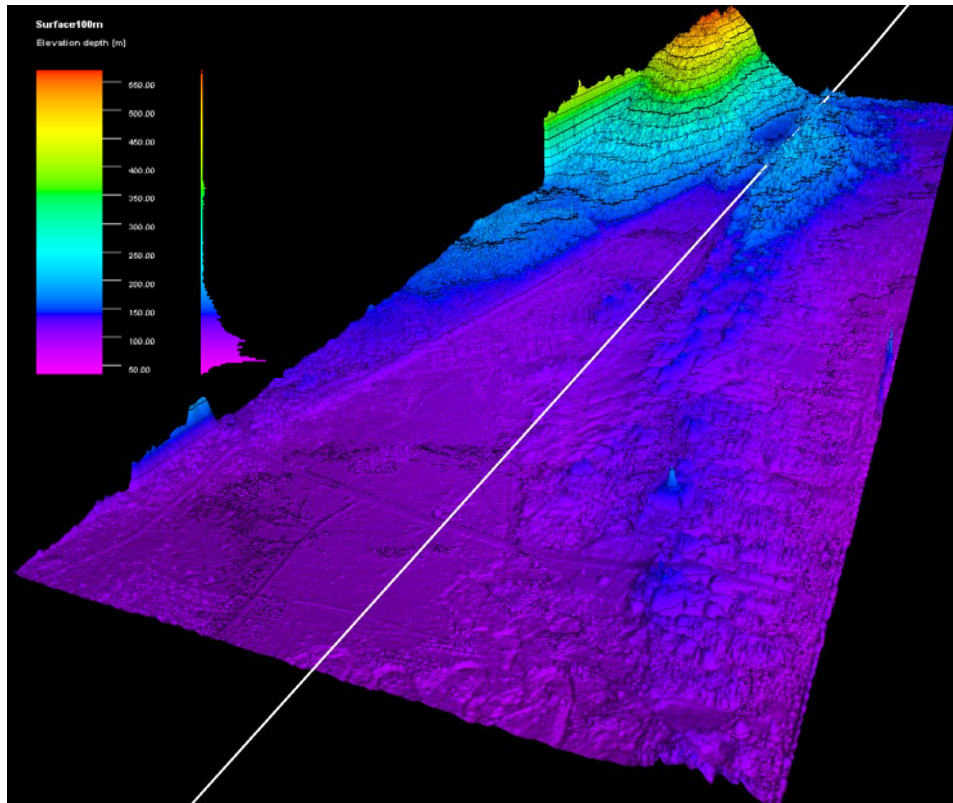
- Interpretation of fault geomorphology from optical imagery analysis based upon the panchromatic and multi-spectral bands
- Construction of DEMs from high-resolution satellite stereo imagery to identify offset features and provide quantitative measures of displacements.
- Incorporate DEMs into high resolution displacement maps made using Sentinel-1 SAR data to measure ground displacement, interseismic strain and potential sites of creep along the major fault.



Sagaing fault mapping: preliminary results and foreseen outputs



DEM reveals fault landscape geomorphology and potential sub-parallel fault sections for further analysis



Anticipated Data product outputs

- Point cloud of elevations for the 300 km long trace. 1 billion points anticipated.
- Hillshaded DEMs of topography for geomorphic interpretation
- Ortho-images of Pleiades Panchromatic and multispectral Imagery
- 3D-printed ABS models of fault trace
- Peer-reviewed publication

Timeliness:

Overall data delivery was particularly slow.

- Fault mapping results also expected from the University of Leeds/COMET and University of Oxford teams in the next months for the **Santiago fault** in Chile, **Shahdad fault** in Iran and **Haiyuan fault** in China.



Providing hosted processing and EO data access

GEP: an innovative response



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Center Italy Earthquake

On 24 August 2016, a 6.2 magnitude earthquake struck central Italy. Check interferograms from GEP community processed just few hours later the acquisition availability.

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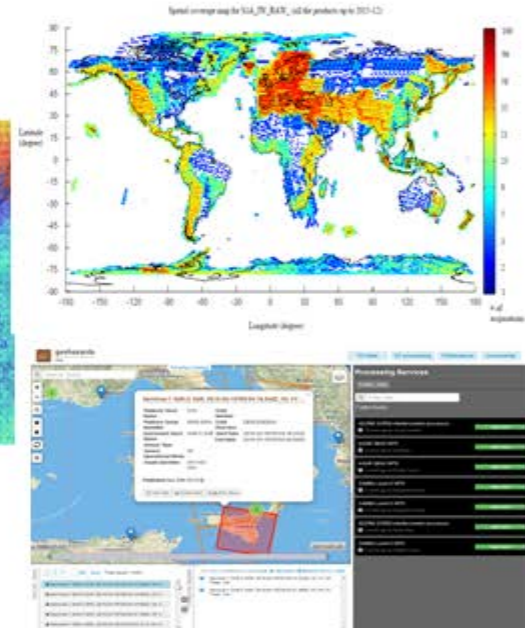
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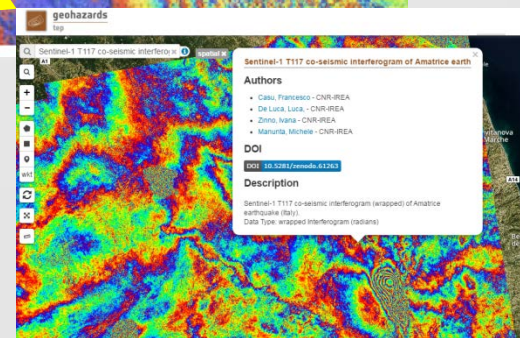
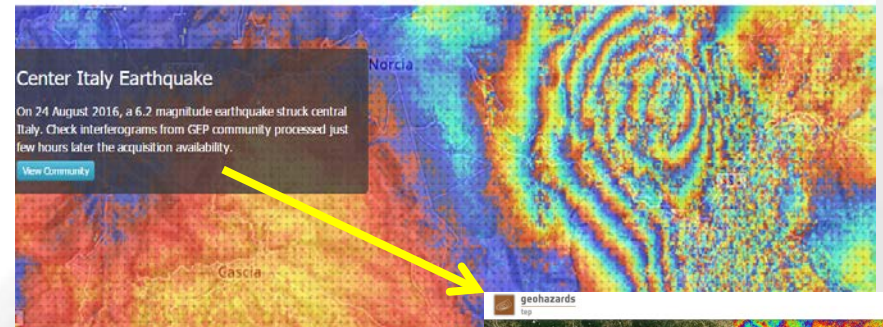
An Exploitation Platform sourced with **data and processing** relevant to the GeoHazards theme:

- EO data **storage** concerning wide extent tectonic analysis for which large data stacks are needed (typically 1000+ and 5000+ scenes and larger)
- Access to **advanced processing tools** (e.g. InSAR and Optical based)
- A **collaborative** work environment and scientific animation
- **61 users** (5 user organisations are **CEOS pilot users** (4 Seismic pilot users and 1 Volcano pilot))
- One of the 6 Thematic Exploitation Platforms originated by ESA
- Follows the GPOD, SSEP and TEP-Qwin precursors

GEP: an innovative response



- The Seismic Pilot in collaboration with the GEP (<https://geohazards-tep.eo.esa.int>) provided:
- **EO data storage and delivery in a secured fashion** ensuring that different EO sources are available for the CEOS Seismic Hazards team (and Volcano pilot team + GSNL users)
 - **Hosted processing** for seismic hazard assessment: such as in the case of terrain motion monitoring based on InSAR or stereo-optical data
 - **e-collaboration about promoting** pilot results (e.g. sharing pilot results with the community) and community building (Twitter, Blog, etc.).



Sentinel-1 co-seismic interferogram of Amatrice earthquake (Italy) generated by CNR-IREA through the ESA G-POD platform

DISCUSS 20

Deformation map associated with the 13/11/2016 seismic event in New Zealand

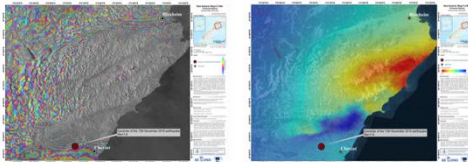
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Shortly after the earthquake, the InSar group of the BEYOND Center of Excellence acquired Sentinel-1 data through the Hellenic National Sentinel Data Mirror Site, in order to calculate the interferograms that depict the ground deformation due to the earthquake.

The acquired datasets were four successive ascending Sentinel-1 Synthetic Aperture Radar images, two before (3/11/2016) the devastating earthquake, and two after (15/11/2016). The mapping unit of the BEYOND/NOA mosaicked the two SAR frames, so as to produce the full deformation picture.

More information can be found at: <http://www.beyond-eocenter.eu/index.php/geophysical/earthquakes/new-zealand-2016>



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A number of posts are published on the GEP Blog. In the example: Sentinel-1 deformation maps generated by NOAA over Kaikoura.

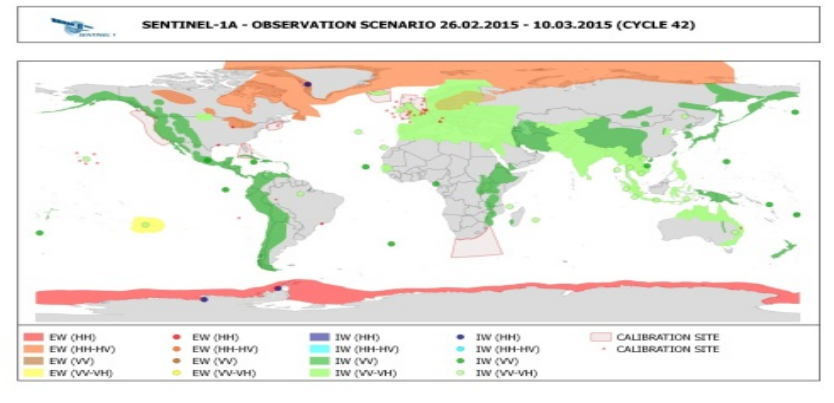
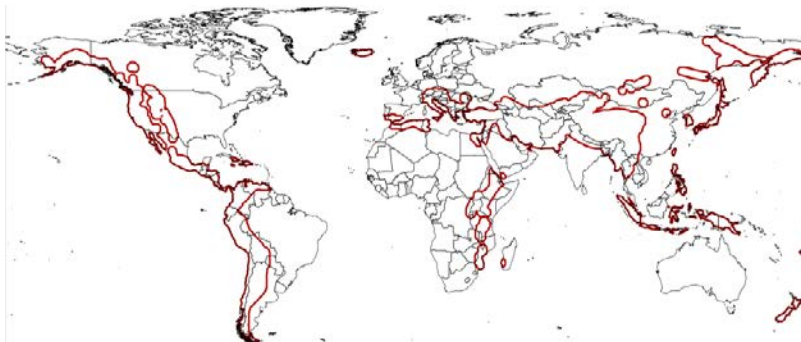


Observations strategy

Observations strategy



- Continuous exchanges between Seismic Hazards pilot lead and Sentinel-1 mission Project Manager in order to cover the entire tectonic mask. There is a high correlation between the Sentinel-1 acquisitions and target areas of the pilot community.



- Study of the examination of the gaps of existing acquisition plans over megacities in areas of high seismic risk: Most sites are at least partially covered by SAR sensor and are:
 - sites with high repeat coverage using Sentinel-1 and ALOS-2
 - sites with rare coverage using ascending or descending acquisitions from Radarsat-2, TerraSAR X, and COSMO-SkyMed.

<https://sites.google.com/a/ingv.it/satellite-monitoring-of-geohazard-prone-megacities---satgeomeg/home>

Publications (1)



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Lessons learnt and way forward

Lessons learnt from the pilot (1)



Scope and objectives

- A Pilot with **clear objectives** (concrete community objectives, scientific products, operational context)
- **Good articulation** with Charter & Copernicus EMS: no confusion nor interference with operational disaster response capabilities.

Data order & delivery

- Procedure to acquire & deliver post-event sometimes **too slow (e.g. Pléiades and TerraSAR-X)**.
- Some data sources made available **very late (months)** in the project.
- Need for **integrated management of user requests** to obtain accuracy in data accounting.

Data exploitation

- Opportunity recognised in **VHRO very useful** for fault reconnaissance mapping & deformation mapping (Obj. A & C)
- **Sentinel-1 data boosted the use of SAR data for strain rate maps**, at least over areas with considerable ground deformation.
- **Use of X-band data very useful to measure creep and local strain accumulation** across large fault zones (results will be provided by June 2017).
- **Successful use of SAR data** for Obj. C in most cases, however limitations due to lack of pre-event SAR coverage.
- Many users hardly provide **detailed feedback**, hence difficulty in **accounting for data used**.

Access to hosted processing to simplify EO exploitation

- Users don't have to download large data files (benefit in countries with Internet bandwidth limitations)
- Users don't have to be processing experts (EO chains are automated);
- Users can share, compare, reprocess data (persistence of results, back analysis)

Lessons learnt from the pilot (2)



Seismic pilot and end users

- The pilot carefully **addresses expectations of expert users (partners) and end users.**
- Work with expert users to **adapt geo-information to ensure products are exploited / adopted by end users / decision makers.**
- **Pre-existing relationship between the providers of the scientific information and the local decision-makers is fundamental** to ensure the timely uptake of the information during the emergency.
- Important to **provide local users/decision makers with results generated with a consensus method** when there is limited capacity to interpret EO based measurements.

Recommendations about advanced products for earthquake response:

- Improving the accuracy of ground deformation measurements requires **a multi-sensor InSAR coverage is needed.** At least one X-, C- and L- interferogram to be used for each orbit direction
- For timeliness and accuracy, **several InSAR datasets need to be made available** to generate the preliminary source models useful for the initial situational awareness.
- Improve source detail: **Constrain modeling with ground-based information and invert SAR results with geodetic and seismic data** (GPS displacements, strong motion data, broadband seismograms).

Success and way forward



- Seismic Hazards pilot **successfully addressed seismic hazards** by providing:
 - ❑ access to data
 - ❑ access to tools & hosted processing
- **Primarily focused on EO practitioners from geoscience centres (expert users)** and has few end users (e.g. civil protections of Italy and Greece)
- **Benefit:** helped analyze the impact of the events and better elaborate scientific advice to support end users in their decision making process.
- **High value benefit to geoscience centres and end users:** some already expressed the need to continue the activity and expand its objectives, for instance:
 - ❖ strain rate and active fault mapping to be expanded in a global basis,
 - ❖ earthquake response to expand in 10-12 events per year)
- **Well-set example of collaboration to exploit data & tools;** makes it a good basis for a new initiative with broader goals to achieve greater impact.

The partners confirm the relevance and importance of the long-term objectives defined in Santorini and the need to continue to address them through a consolidation activity to be started in end 2017.

In dialogue with the partners we defined new targets for a follow on activity.

Proposed follow-on: a Seismic Hazards Consolidation activity



A follow-on activity is proposed and is based on the objectives from the Santorini report with new and theme-specific targets:

Not on an emergency basis

1. Pursue **global strain rate** mapping that is a long process
2. Expand **active fault mapping** from regional to global coverage primarily with VHRO for fault reconnaissance mapping
3. Pursue support to GSNL
4. **Develop a collaborative framework with geoscience centres** to achieve adoption of technology by decision makers, establish a consensus methodology for product generation and reach decision makers

On an emergency basis

5. Exploit EO data to derive **advanced tectonic products for earthquake response**: expand to target of at least 10-12 EQ per year
6. **Articulate with EO disaster response capabilities** e.g. the Charter to make sure users are aware of and use it.

Mapping of targets against Santorini objectives:



The 7 concrete targets defined are addressing the 3 high level objectives formulated in the Santorini report:

Santorini objective	Concrete Target of the Consolidation activity
A	1. Global strain rate mapping that is a long process
A	2. Active fault mapping from regional to global coverage primarily with VHRO for fault reconnaissance mapping
B	3. Pursue support to GSNL
Other	4. Develop a collaborative framework with geoscience centres
C	5. Advanced tectonic products for earthquake response: expand to target of at least 10-12 EQ per year
C	6. Articulate with EO disaster response capabilities e.g. the Charter to make sure users are aware of and use it.

Intended benefits to users



It is needed to better address the different segments of the user base:

A. *Academia:* able to access data for scientific research.

B. *Expert users from geoscience centers (e.g. those from the Seismic pilot activity):* will be able to:

- a) access EO data that many wouldn't afford to procure
- b) provide accurate information to support end users

C. *Geoscience centers doing research or operations (e.g. with a mandate to provide technical advice to national Disaster Response authorities)* will retrieve advanced science products from expert users (B) to **analyse the events and the impact and better support the decision making process.**

D. *Decision makers (e.g. Civil Protection agencies)* that typically would receive results (e.g. scientific advice & reports) from the CEOS activity without necessarily being formally engaged.

Proposed follow-on: a Seismic Hazards Consolidation activity



Why pursuing the activity about seismic hazards?

- This is not to repeat the Pilot activity
- Expand coverage (larger AOI's, response to a higher number of events)
- Apply new approaches (more cost effective solutions, define norms to achieve consensus in product generation, etc.)
- Aiming to expand the user base to achieve more impact:
 - Continue working with the Pilot team
 - Take on board new EO practitioners with strong links to End users
 - Take on board and develop the capacity (train) other non-expert users from geoscience centres willing to collaborate and with strong links with End users.
 - Reach End users through geoscience centres.

Proposed follow-on: Contributions



Pilot leads have started gathering **contributions from space agencies:**

- **ESA**
- **ASI**
- **DLR**
- **CNES**

Partners from the community (8 geoscience centres so far):

- **COMET /UK**
- **CNR-IREA /Italy**
- **INGV /Italy**
- **ISTerre/Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) /France**
- **National Observatory of Athens (NOA) /Athens**
- **Harokopeion University of Athens (HUA) / Greece**
- **CEO-YachayTech / Ecuador**
- **CNRS IPGP /France**
(new partners)

Proposed follow-on: Data volumes expected by the user community



Agency	ASI Cosmo-SkyMed	CNES Pleiades	CSA RADARSAT	DLR TerraSAR-X	ESA Sentinel-1 & 2	JAXA ALOS-2
Number of Images <u>per year</u> for Seismic Hazards	200-400	50-100	50-100	60-120	open	60-120

- Other EO data collections (SAR and Optical including VHRO) to be exploited with processing without download (EO data are accessed by the processing environment but the user can only download the value adding product).

Conclusion



- **The Pilot activity is closing**
 - Formal closure End November
 - No additional data requests expected in this framework
 - Some VA results still pending, will be integrated in the Final Report (intended early Q4 2017)
- **A new Seismic Hazard Consolidation activity is proposed**
 - A Draft was circulated on 30 August (Proposition_Seismic_Hazards_Consolidation_Phase)
 - Awaiting approval with the aim to kick off in End 2017.



Thank you!