

The Icelandic Volcanoes Supersite: The role of interferometric analysis of synthetic aperture radar images for mitigating effects of volcanic hazards and understanding volcanic processes in Iceland

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A EUROPEAN VOLCANOLOGICAL SUPERSITE IN ICELAND: A MONITORING SYSTEM AND NETWORK FOR THE FUTURE

### Objectives:

Establish an
 innovative volcano
 monitoring
 system/strategy

- Develop new methods and instrumentation

- Advance scientific understanding of magmatic processes

- Improve delivery of information from scientists to society



Seismicity in Iceland 2012-2016 (Icelandic Meteorological Office)

2014-2015 (6 months) Bardarbunga volcanic system: Holuhraun lava: ~ 1.4 km<sup>3</sup>





## The Holuhraun lava field

First day of main eruption, 31 August, 2014 (photo: Gro Pedersen)

B. Map showing the evolution of the Holuhraun lava field – formed over 6 months

Gro Pedersen et al. (2017)





SAR satellite tracks used during unrest at Bárðarbunga and Holuhraun eruption.
(a) Cosmo-SkyMed satellite images, (b) and (c) Most frequent TerraSAR-X images
Gray dots: seismic events related to dyke propagation.
Dumont et al. (submitted)



Dumont et al.







#### Bárðarbunga 2014-2015: Physical model for the onset of the caldera collapse



Bárðarbunga ice-capped caldera:

Tracking surface changes at the using SAR amplitude images

Dumont et al., submitted







Areas studied: Öræfajökull (Ö), Bárðarbunga (B), Hekla (H), Eyjafjallajökull (E), Katla (K), Askja (A), Krafla (k), Reykjanes (r), and Hengill (h).

Blue letters represent areas where geothermal processes have been studied.



### **Reykjanes**

Cumulative LOS displacements maps

- a. Envisat track 173
- **b.** Envisat track 138
- **c.** TSX track T26
- d. TSX track T110

Black circle displays the LOS reference point.

Parks et al., 2018





Coming years:

- Extensive use of Sentinel-1 interferometry

- EUROVOLC project (2018-2021; Integrating and opening research infrastructures of European interest )

Year	Envisat	<b>Cosmo-SkyMED</b>	TerraSAR-X	Radarsat-2	Sentinel-1
2003	21				
2004	87				
2005	116				
2006	100				
2007	134				
2008	196		2		
2009	59		45		
2010	29	35	70		
2011		41	75		
2012		32	72	6	
2013		24	99	26	
2014		459	179	69	15
2015		351	173	22	358
2016		344	147	42	336
2017		235	112		801
<u>Total:</u>	742	1521	974	165	1510

# Conclusions

- New scientific results + societal benefits
- Results communicated to Iceland Civil Protection
- Unrest evaluated: Bárðarbunga / Öræfajökull
- One day COSMO-SkyMed interferograms
- New understanding of magma movements
- Geothermal processes evaluated
- Continued new results / input to hazard evaluation

