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Development of an Interferometric Mass Processing Chain for Multitemporal Ground Deformation Measurements

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The main goal of RESIST is to understand the mechanisms driving **volcanic eruptions** and **landslides** in the Kivu region.



Partner 1: RMCA; Partner 2: MNHN/ECGS; Partner 3: CSL; Partner 4: BIRA-IASB; Partner 5: NASA



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Differential SAR Interferometry offers **large spatial coverage** and temporal sampling of the order of **one to several days**.

Contrary to PSI, MSBAS considers **distributed scatterers** and computes deformations along **two axes**.







Multidimensional Small BAseline Subset (MSBAS)

Integration of DInSAR data sets

- From different sensors
- With different spatial and temporal sampling and resolution
- With different incidence angles, wavelengths, pass directions, etc.

Computation of 2D time series of ground deformations, along :

- The East-West direction
- The vertical direction





MSBAS code avalaible on : www.insar.ca

MSBAS







S. Samsonov and N. d'Oreye, Canadian Journal of Remote Sensing, 2017

Mass Processing Chain



A three-step approach:



Coregistration on super master

Interferometric processing and geoprojection on a common grid

Integration of the CSL InSAR Suite (CIS) routines by a shell script for an automatic processing of the selected interferometric pairs



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What is the CIS added-value ?

- Fully adaptable and flexible
- A user/developer co-construction
- Saving memory and time in the long-term

What is now possible with CIS?

- Supporting ERS, Envisat, Radarsat, TerraSAR-X/TanDEM-X, ALOS, Cosmo-SkyMed and Sentinel-1 data
- Adaptive filtering
- Phase unwrapping: branch-cut or snaphu
- Image/data set interpolation
- Sentinel-1 interferometry



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Interpolation



Image interpolation based on a simple bilinear/linear interpolation of nearest neighours value



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Filtered residual interferogram - 14/08/2017 - 26/08/2017 Azimuth, pixels 0 -Range, pixels



MSBAS preliminary results on Bukavu



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Computing performances ?

Crop centered on Bukavu + ML 10x10

Adpative filtering

Snaphu + mask

Coregistration on super master :

 \sim 1h40 (two processes in parallel)

14 Go + 16 Go

Interferometric processing and geoprojection :

- \sim 6h40 (two processes in parallel)
- 60 Go + 66 Go



Cosmo-SkyMed – Ascending pass



Cosmo-SkyMed – Descending pass



Linear rate \sim max 4 cm/yr



Linear rate \sim max -7 cm/yr

Vertical deformation Linear rate



West-East deformation Linear rate



 \sim max 8 cm/yr towards East



 \sim -4 cm/yr











- Numerous improvements made and options integrated in CIS
- An end-to-end working interferometric processing chain
- Preliminary results on Bukavu, for the 2016 2017 period, consistent with previous analysis



Thank you for your attention

