Synthetic Aperture Radar for Rapid Disaster Response

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Source: https://paulstruestories.wordpress.com/one-rainy-night/

Basemap: Google Earth (Landsat / Copernicus)

Rramat

Rutabumi

10 km

Jakarta, Indonesia, January 2, 2020



Source: The Straits Times (Photo Courtesy: Reuters/Antara)

North Jakarta

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MODIS Terra satellite

Jakarta, Indonesia, January 2, 2020 10:30 AM (Local Time)

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MODIS Aqua satellite

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Jakarta, Indonesia, January 2, 2020 6:00 PM (Local Time)

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Sentinel-1

Jakarta, Indonesia, December 21, 2019 6:00 PM (Local Time)



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Flood Proxy Map (FPM)

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Flood Proxy Map (FPM)







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Optical Sensors Need Cloud-free Sky

Average cloudiness over Earth in April 2015 seen from Aqua Satellite. At any given time, around 70% of the Earth is covered by clouds.

© NASA Earth Observatory

SAR Sensors See Through Clouds Day and Night



Overpass Latency of SAR Missions



ALOS-4

SAOCOM

NISAR

Sentinel-1

Radarsat-2

TerraSAR-X

PAZ



Back to Flood Mapping

Flood Mapping (FPM1)

SAR image: $c = Ae^{i\varphi}$

Pre-event SAR Amplitude (Ap)





 log_{10}

Co-event SAR Amplitude (Ac)









FPM2: Multi-temporal SAR with Bayesian Framework (Lin et al., Remote Sensing, 2019)



72 pre-event scenes

co-event scene

SAR image: $c = Ae^{i\varphi}$

Backscattering coefficient: $\sigma^0 = 10 log_{10}(A^2)$

Normalize (z-score):

$$z = \frac{\sigma^0 - m_{pre}}{s_{pre}}$$

Bayes' Theorem: $P(F|z) = \frac{P(z|F) P(F)}{P(z|F) P(F) + P(z|\sim F) P(\sim F)}$



FPM2, for the first time in response mode





Shi Tong Chin

(NTU)



Cheryl Tay (NTU) Nina Lin (AS)

FPM3: Deep Learning (PredRNN++)

Dry Observations (pre-flood n=5 SAR images)





(JPL)

- CNN + RNN for spatiotemporal sequence prediction
- Blue squares: test tiles
- Elsewhere: training tiles
- Training time: ~30 minutes

Predicted Model at n+1



Flood Observation at n+2 (co-event SAR image)



Anomaly Score Maps





Alok Bhardwaj

(NTU)



Anomaly Score Maps



mispredictions reduced

Alok Bhardwaj (NTU) Damage Mapping

Damage Proxy Map

Ridgecrest Earthquakes, California 2019

Los Angeles Times / NPR / UNAVCO Calendar



(Ross et al., *Science* 2019)

SAR image: $c = Ae^{i\varphi}$ Coherence: $|\langle c_1 c_2^* \rangle|$ InSAR image: $c_1 c_2^* = A_1 A_2 e^{i(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)}$ $\sqrt{\langle c_1 c_1^* \rangle \langle c_2 c_2^* \rangle}$



Contains modified Copernicus Sentinel data (2019) European Space Agency, Planet, Google Earth

Feb 2011 Christchurch Earthquake Timeline



Over 1000 buildings destroyed 185 people killed US \$30+ billion loss

Damage Proxy Map M7.8 2015 Gorkha Earthquake





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(Yun et al., SRL 2015)



OBSERVATORY

EARTH

OFSINGAPORE

(Bradley et al., Nature Geoscience, 2019)

Slide areas

Selected Customer Reviews

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"For the historical center of Norcia, the damage zones from ARIA imaging (DPMs) compared well with damage maps obtained from on- ground surveys."

(Sextos et al., Earthquake Spectra 2018) Outstanding Paper Award (NEC2020)

"After the tragic August earthquake in Amatrice, Italy, NASA's JPL produced maps of the greatest damage. <u>These sophisticated maps will be used in the rebuilding efforts</u>."

Amatrice

Barack Obama, Former President of the US At the White House with Mateo Renzi on Oct 28, 2016

"It is so fascinating to see this map. The pattern of the distribution of red areas <u>correlate with most</u> realities on the ground."

Indra Sharan, OFDA, USAID From Nepal after the M7.8 2015 Gorkha Earthquake



DPM4: RNN

M6.2 2016 Amatrice Earthquake, Italy Derived from Sentinel-1 SAR Data







Oliver Tobias Köhne Stephenson (Caltech) (Caltech)

Caltech

(Caltech)







(Stephenson et al, *TGRS*, in prep)

DPM2 Multi-temporal Coherence

Puerto Rico Hurricane Maria Category 5, 2017



Jungkyo Jung (JPL)

Method described in (Jung et al., *TGRS* 2018)









M6.4 Jan 2020 Puerto Rico Earthquake



DPM2, for the first time in response mode

Ground Truth (CAP) for Building Damage





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DPMs of Landslides, Hokkaido, Japan Triggered by the M6.6 Hokkaido Earthquake (Sept 2018)



DPMs from ALOS-2

ROC (Receiver Operating Characteristic) Curve



Created by Dariya Sydykova https://github.com/dariyasydykova/open_projects/tree/master/ROC_animation





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DPMs from ALOS-2

DPMs from Multitemporal SAR Analysis M6.6 Sep 2018 Hokkaido Earthquake-Induced Landslides



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DPM1

DPM



DPMs from ALOS-2, Black polygons by GSI

(Jung & Yun, Remote Sensing, 2019)



NASA / JPL-Caltech / ARIA / EOS Product

Contains modified Copernicus Sentinel data (2020) Basemap: Google, Landsat, Copernicus



Hurricane Laura Damage in Cameron, LA



Multi-Temporal SAR-based DPM Production Time (Serial Processing)



Event

Latency: 1-2 week



Do these appear similar in color?



Color blindness (color vision deficiency, or CVD) affects approximately 1 in 12 men (8%) and 1 in 200 women (0.5%) in the world.

More than 99 in 100 (99%) of all color blind people have a red-green color vision deficiency (Deuteranopia).

DPM Colormap for Deuteranope



COVID-19 Response Project

Construction Pace Monitoring

(Economy Slowdown due to COVID-19 Lockdown)

- Construction stopped between Jan 19 and Jan 25. (Note: the lockdown was placed on Jan 23)
- Construction resumed between Mar 31 and Apr 6. (appears more gradual than the lockdown)
- Also useful for post-disaster recovery monitoring
 → Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA)



2 km

Shanghai, China

NISAR Planned Launch Date: 2022

Mission Characteristics

Orbit Altitude	747 km
Orbit Inclination	98.4°
Repeat Cycle	12 days
Time of Nodal Crossing	6 AM/ 6 PM
Orbit Control	< 500 m
Pointing Control	< 273 arcsec
Pointing	Left (south)
L/S Duty Cycle	> 50%/10%
Baseline Mission Duration	3 years
Consumables	5 years
Data and Product Access	Free & open
Wavelength	L-band: 24 cm S-band: 9 cm
SAR Resolution	3–10 m mode-dependent



Summary

Source: AHA Centre

Flood/Damage mapping algorithms/systems are being matured at JPL (California) and EOS (Singapore). We are producing FPM2 (probability of flood) and DPM2 (probability of damage) in support of rapid disaster response.

DPMs (KMZ, GeoTIFF) now come with a CVD-friendly palette too.

Similar methods can be used to monitor slowly occurring changes such as postdisaster recovery or COVID-19 induced human activity slowdown.

NISAR will observe Earth's land and ice-covered surfaces globally with 12-day regularity on ascending and descending passes, sampling Earth on average every 6 days for a baseline 3-year mission (~85TB products per day)







Product access: aria-share.jpl.nasa.gov ariasg-products.earthobservatory.sg Email: shyun@jpl.nasa.gov