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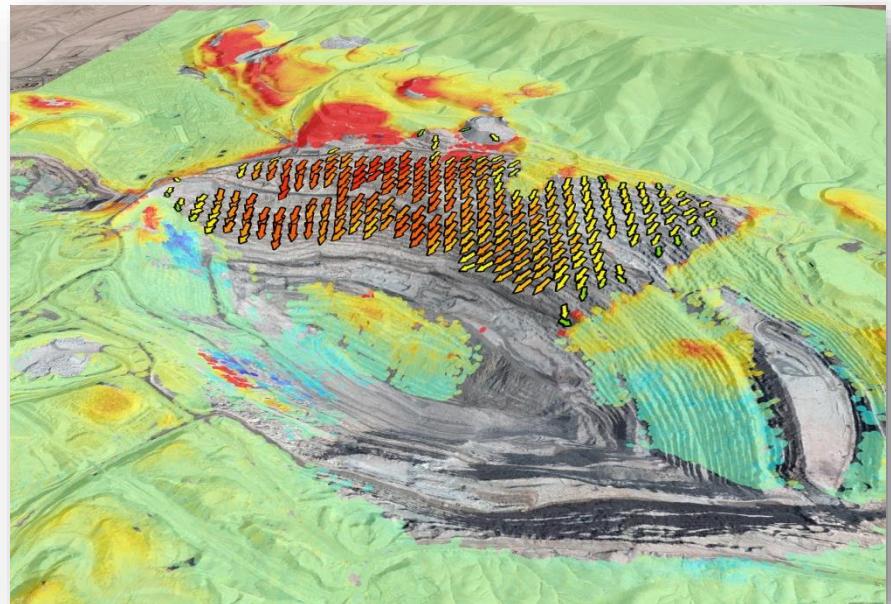
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# What is InSAR?

(Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar)

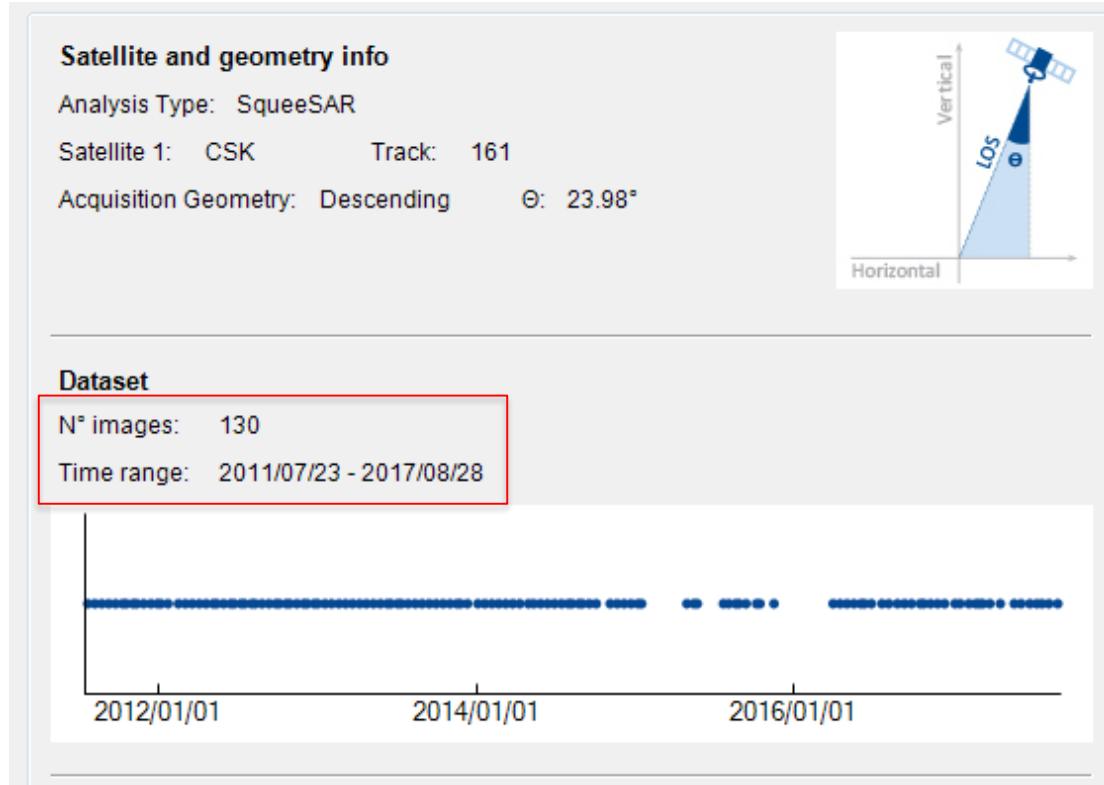
Remote sensing technique for measuring ground deformation:

- » Using data from radar satellites
- » Without the need to install instrumentation on the ground



## Summary of Analysis

- » An InSAR analysis was carried out over Hampton Roads, Virginia using radar imagery collected from 2011 to present.
- » The objective of this project was to quantify subsidence rates with sub-millimetric accuracy and help to identify coastal areas most vulnerable to flooding/sea level rise.
- » This presentation summarizes the initial results obtained over this area.



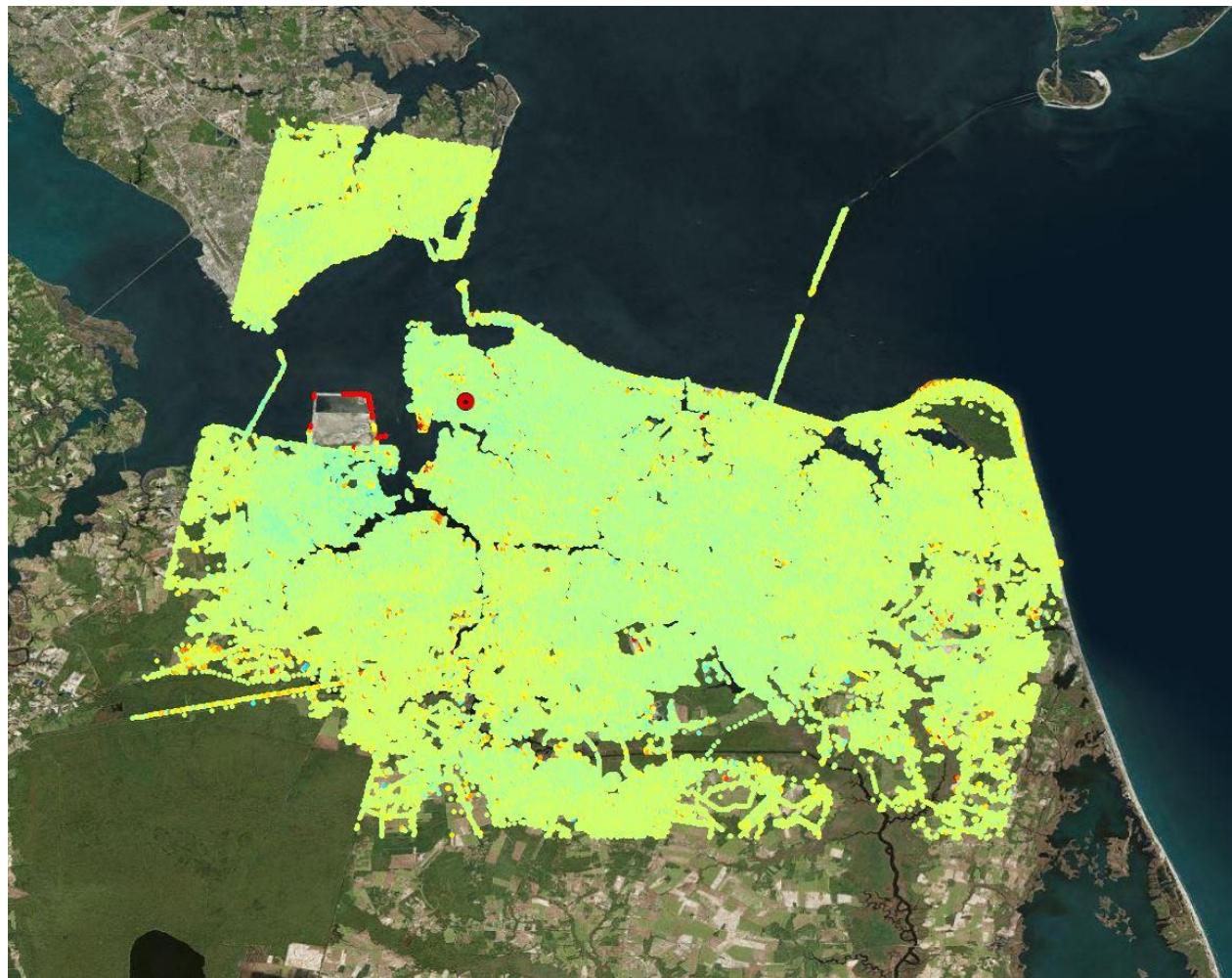
- » **130 Cosmo-SkyMed images analyzed over 6 years (2011 – 2017)**
- » **4,176,201 measurement points identified (from natural features)**

## Area of Interest



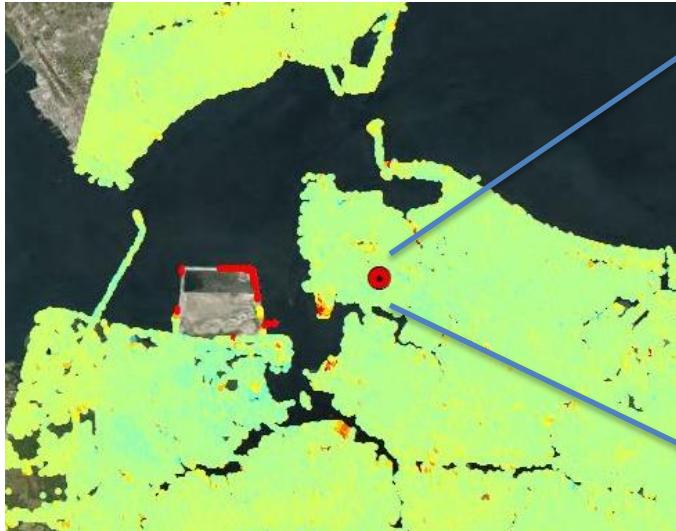
- » Hampton Roads, Virginia
- » The full area processed was approximately 2,000 km<sup>2</sup> in size

## Displacement Rates

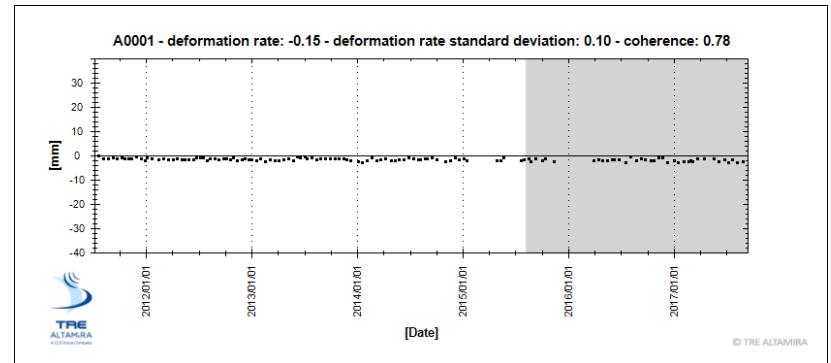


- » Average displacement rate **-1.01 mm/year**
- » The range of displacement rates identified was -48.9 to +16.1 mm/year

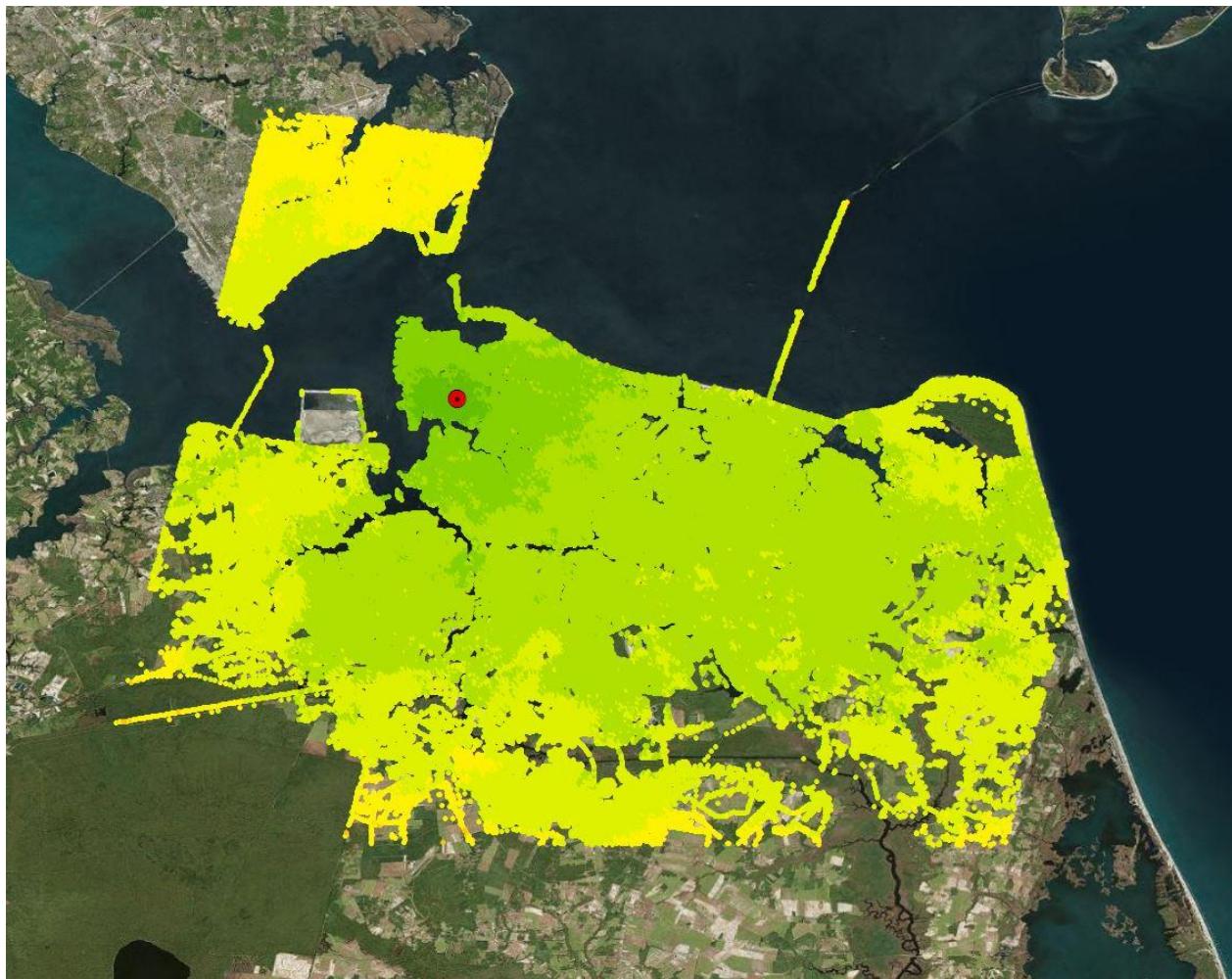
## Reference Point



- » The reference point was selected based on processing algorithm
- » Conversion to absolute movement rates is possible with GPS control

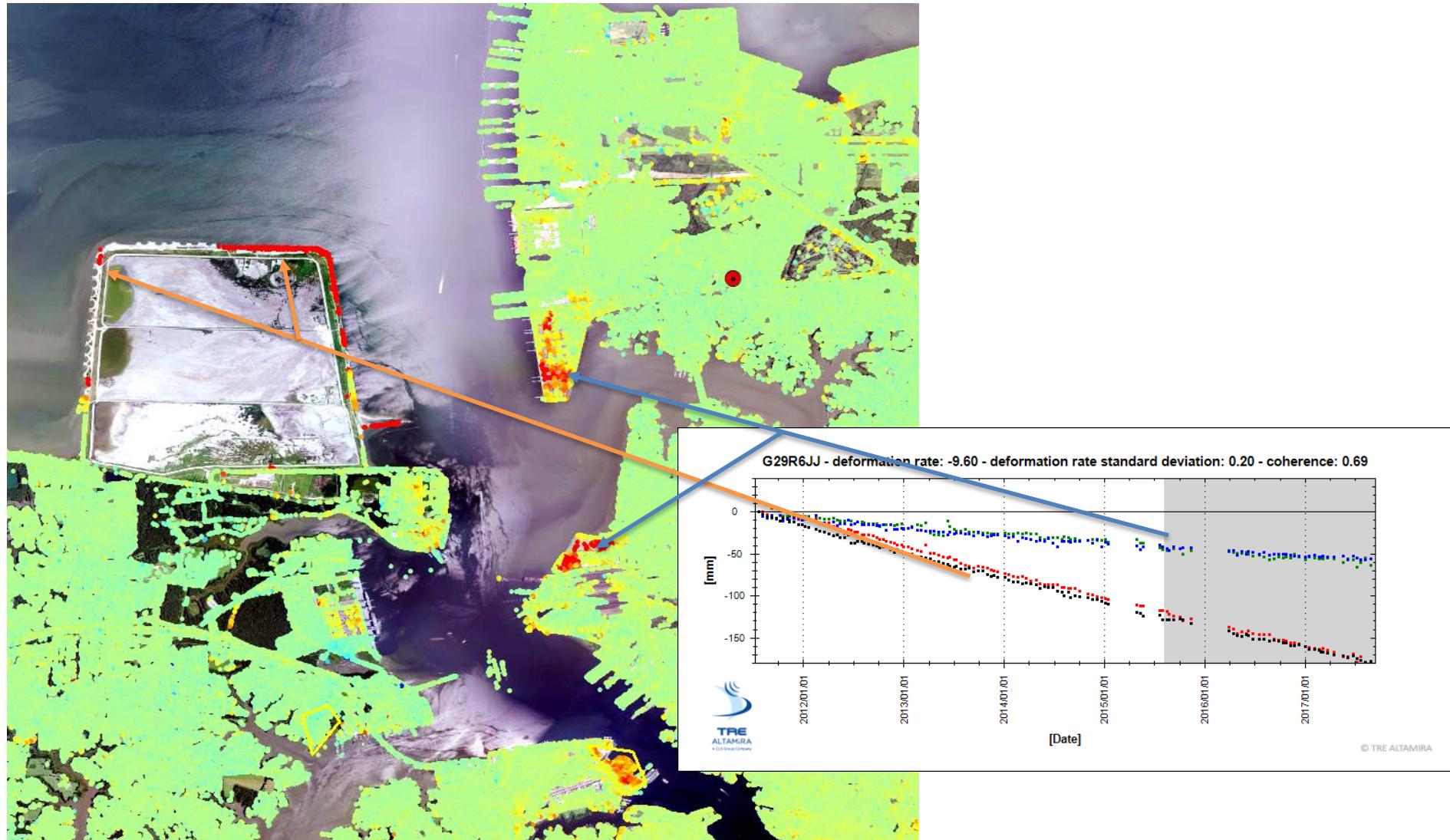


## Displacement Rate Standard Deviation



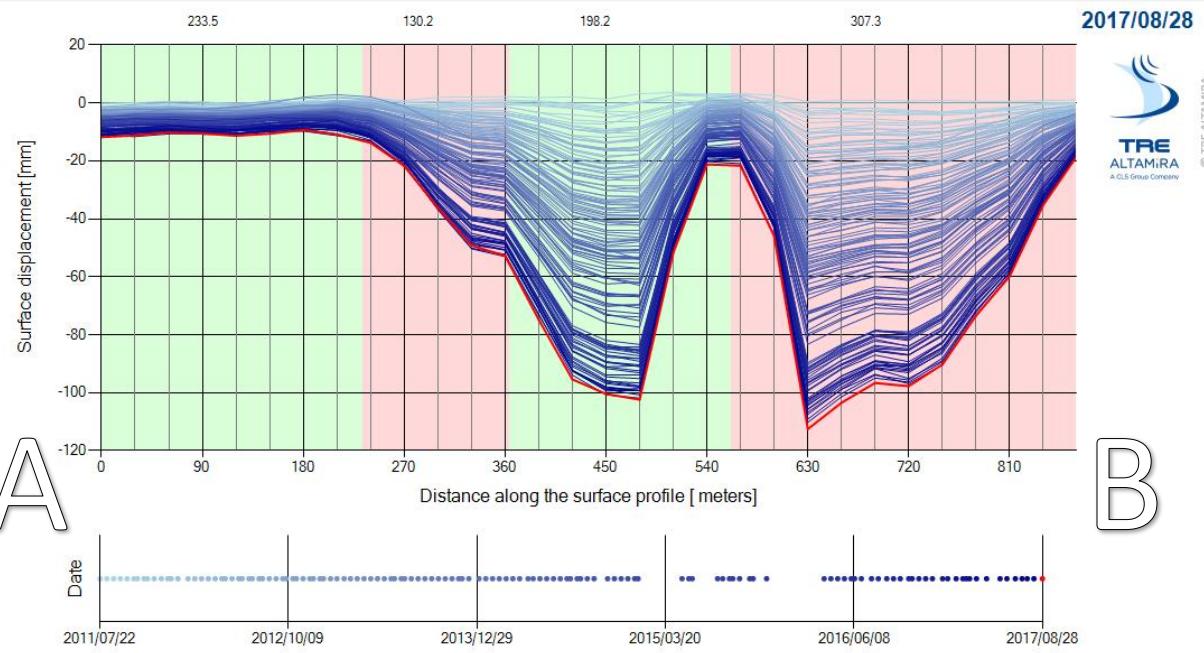
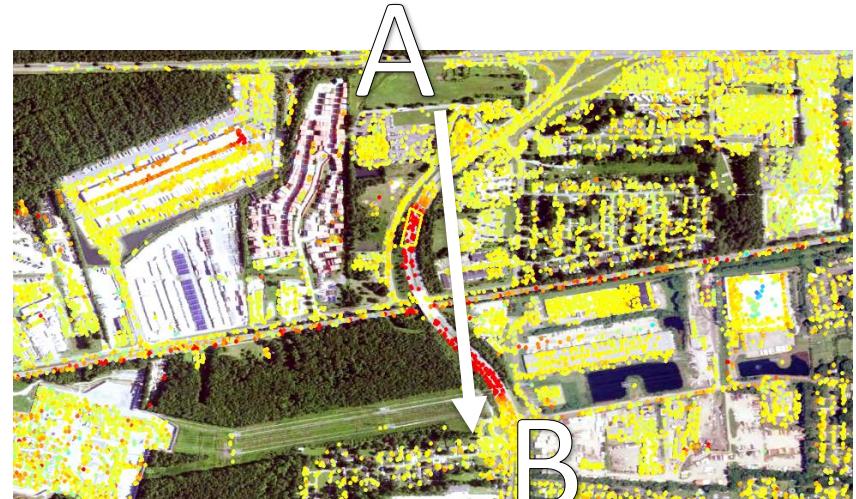
- » Average standard deviation value of measured rates  **$\pm 0.34 \text{ mm/year}$**
- » The range of standard deviation values identified was  $\pm 0$  to  $\pm 0.6 \text{ mm/year}$

# Maximum Subsidence – Craney Island and Port

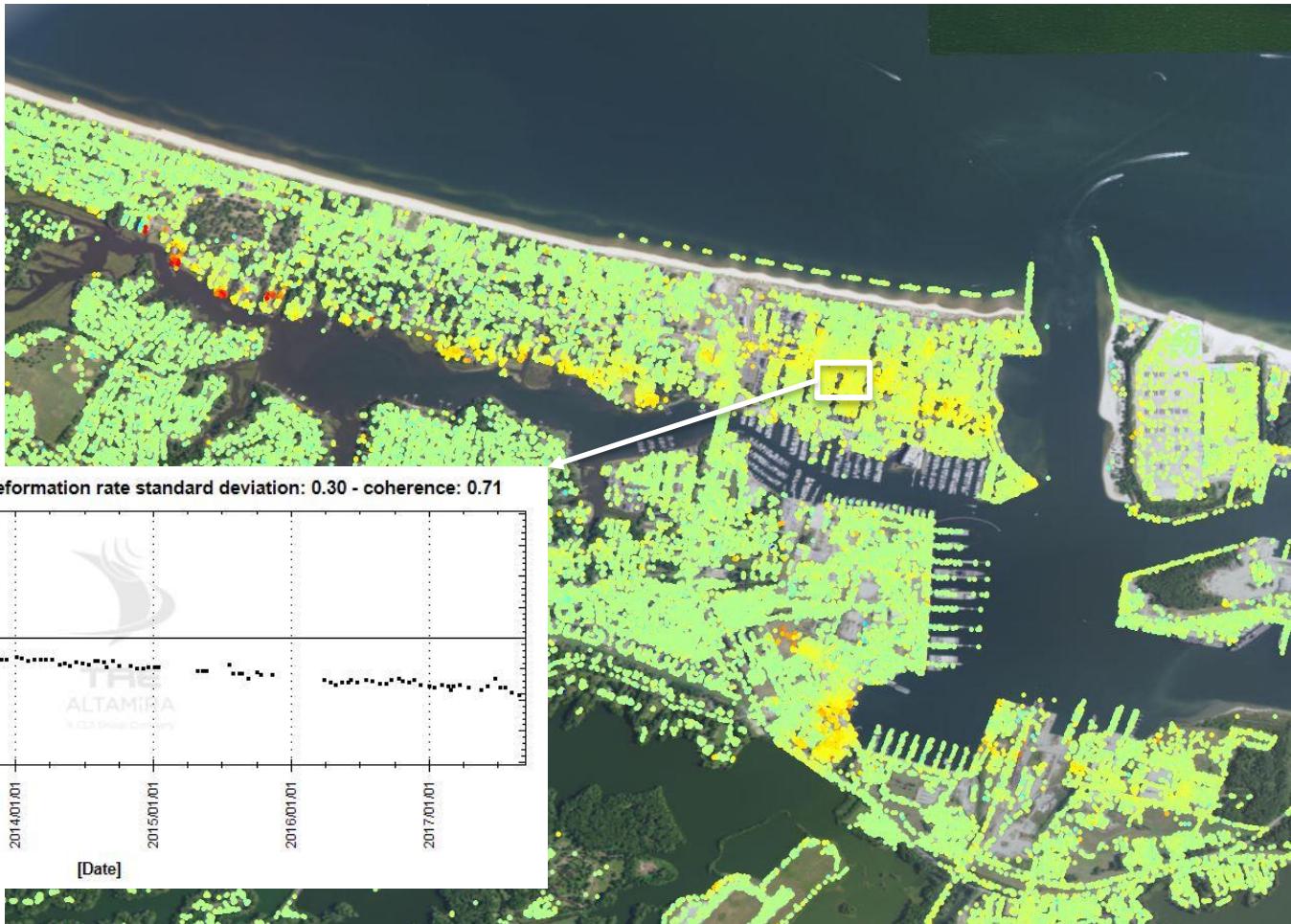


# Subsiding Roads, Bridges, Overpasses

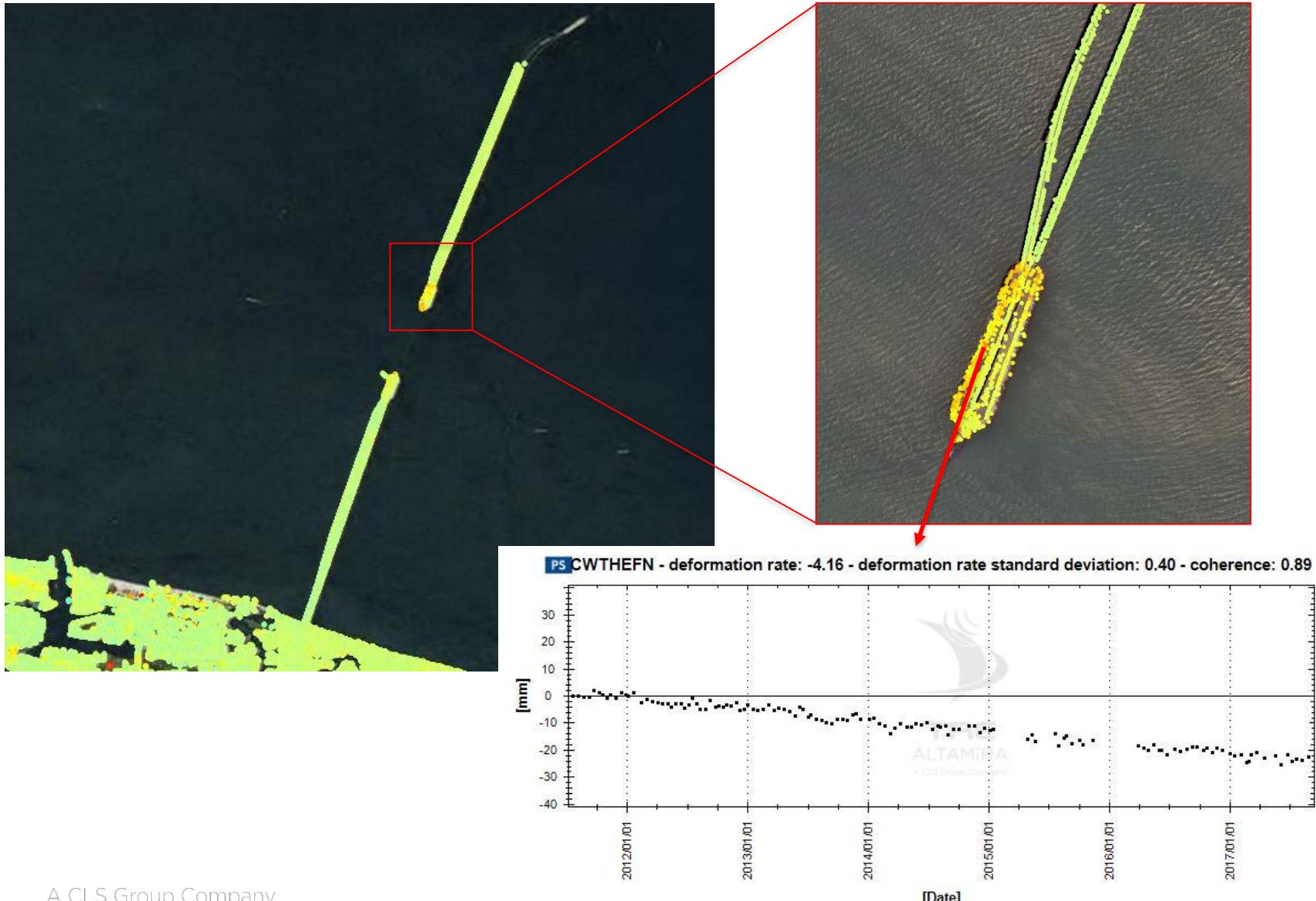
- » Bridge approach on George Washington Highway over Yadkin Road

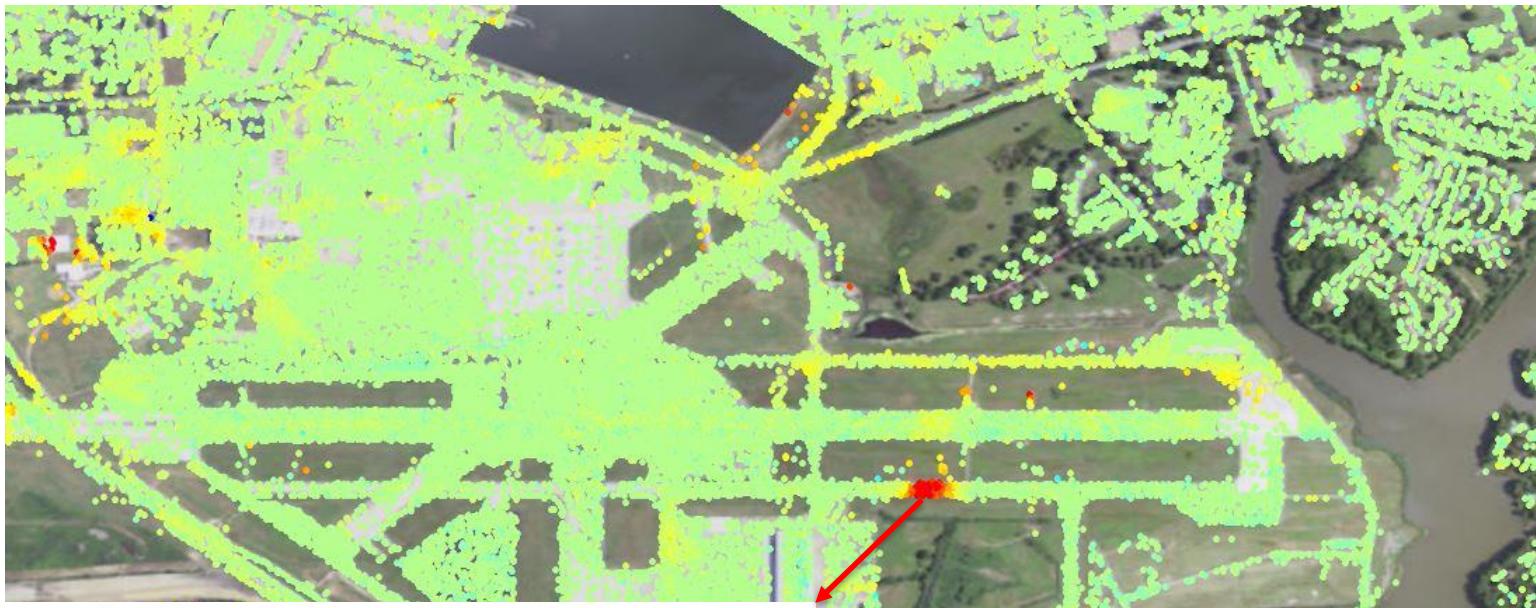


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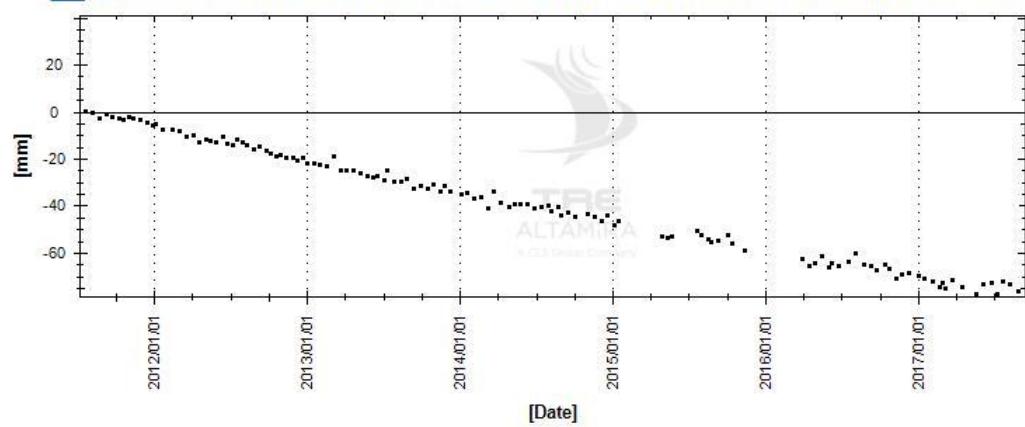


# Chesapeake Bay Bridge





PS FORXE94 - deformation rate: -12.66 - deformation rate standard deviation: 0.20 - coherence: 0.83

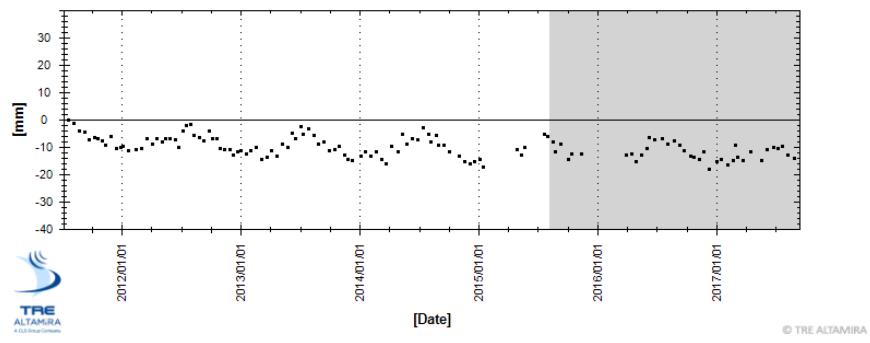


# Seasonality – Bridges (Seasonal Amplitude)

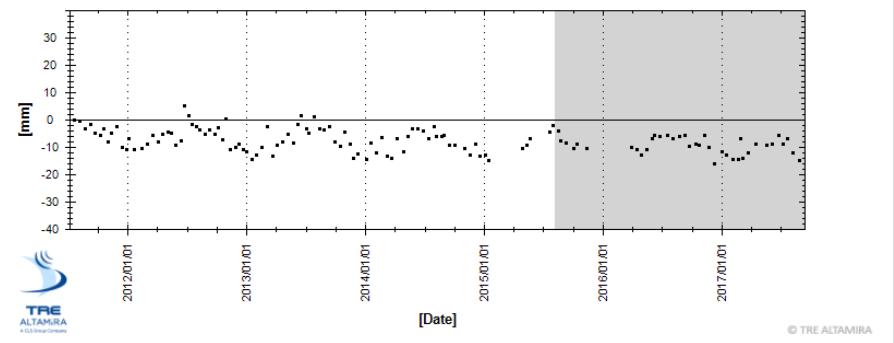
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- > 5,00



FBUCJOY - deformation rate: -0.98 - deformation rate standard deviation: 0.30 - coherence: 0.73

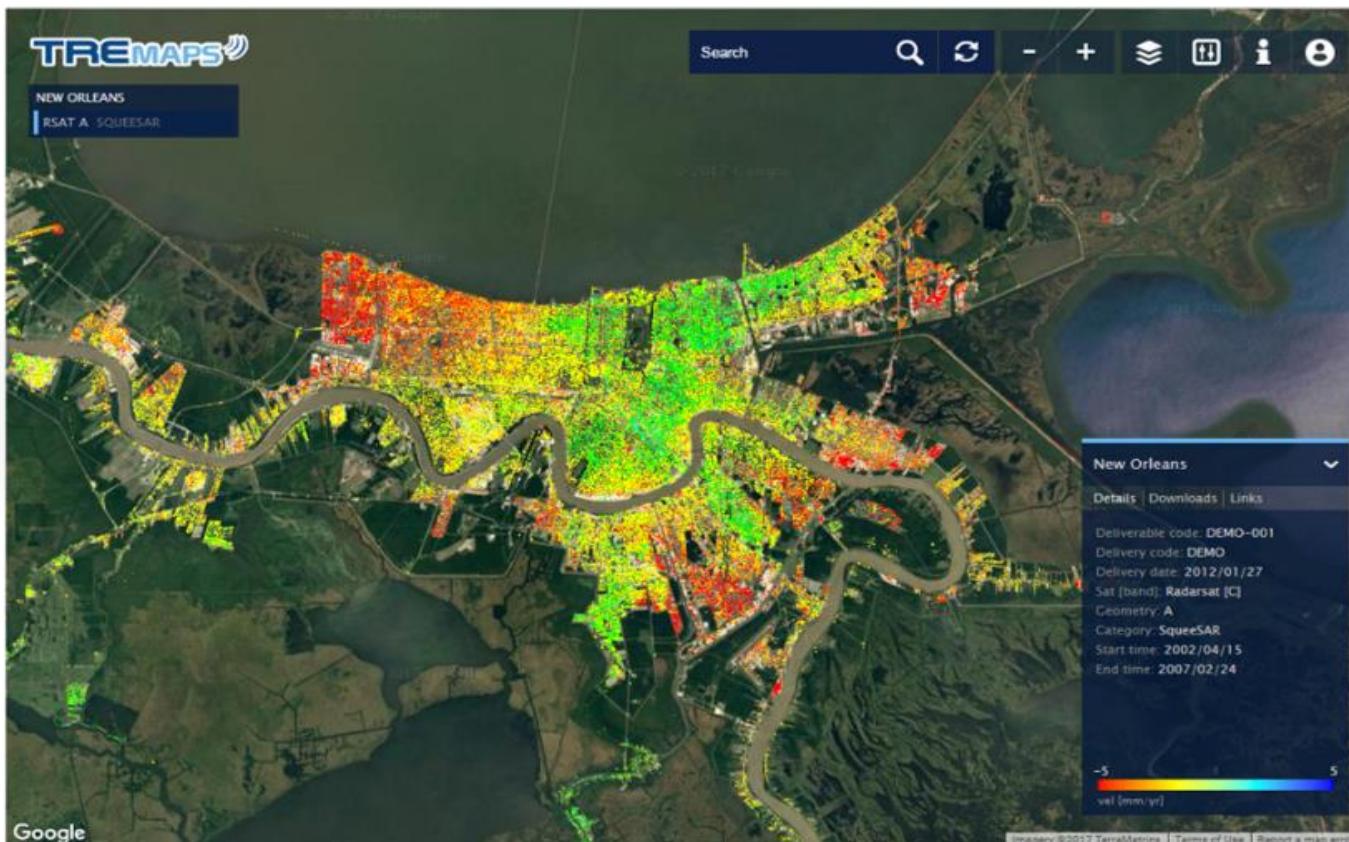


EYLGBZV - deformation rate: -0.88 - deformation rate standard deviation: 0.30 - coherence: 0.60



## TREmaps – Data delivery

- » Data delivery will include upload to TRE Altamira's online webGIS platform TREmaps: <https://tremaps.tre-altamira.com/>



## Summary – Next Steps

- » Validation of displacement results with other sources of monitoring information (such as long-term GPS observations or precise leveling).
- » Conversion of displacement results from relative measurements to absolute (using GPS control).
- » Analysis of Sentinel (C-band) imagery to be carried out and results of the Cosmo-SkyMed and Sentinel InSAR analyses to be compared and contrasted.
- » Displacement results to be integrated with other types of monitoring information.

