# Imaging Crustal Deformation Along the San Andreas Fault System with ALOS InSAR and GPS David Sandwell, Bridget Smith-Konter Matt Wei

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- **Objective** measure/model the present-day stress accumulation rate along the SAF.
- Approach GPS provides strain at larger scales (> 15 km),
   InSAR provides strain at shorter scales.
- Issue C-band InSAR decorrelates quickly (< 6 months) along the northern SAF.

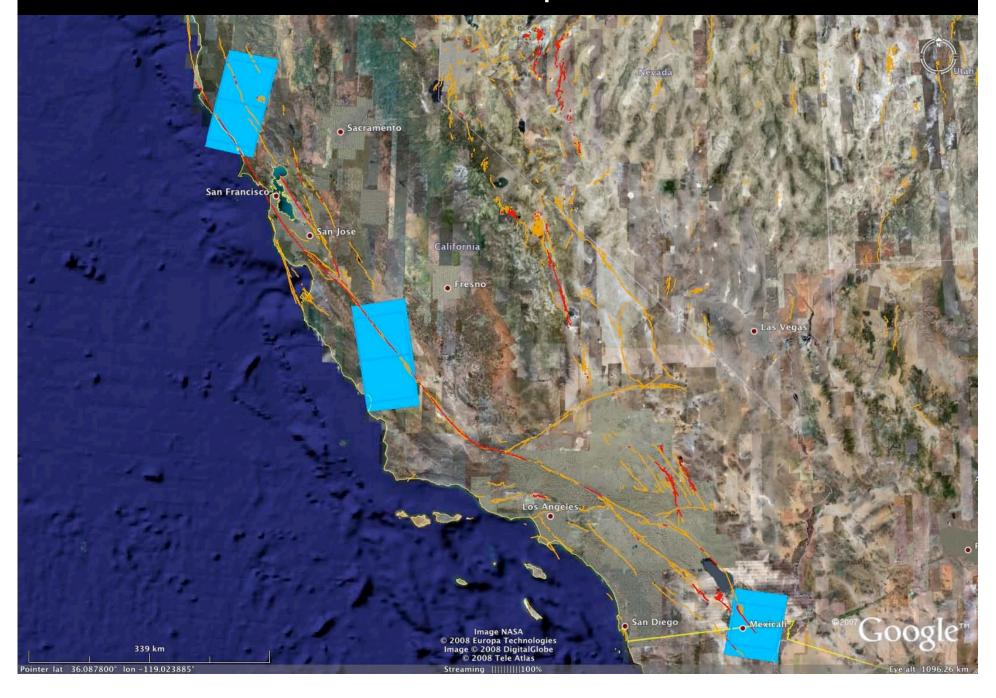
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This Study will address:

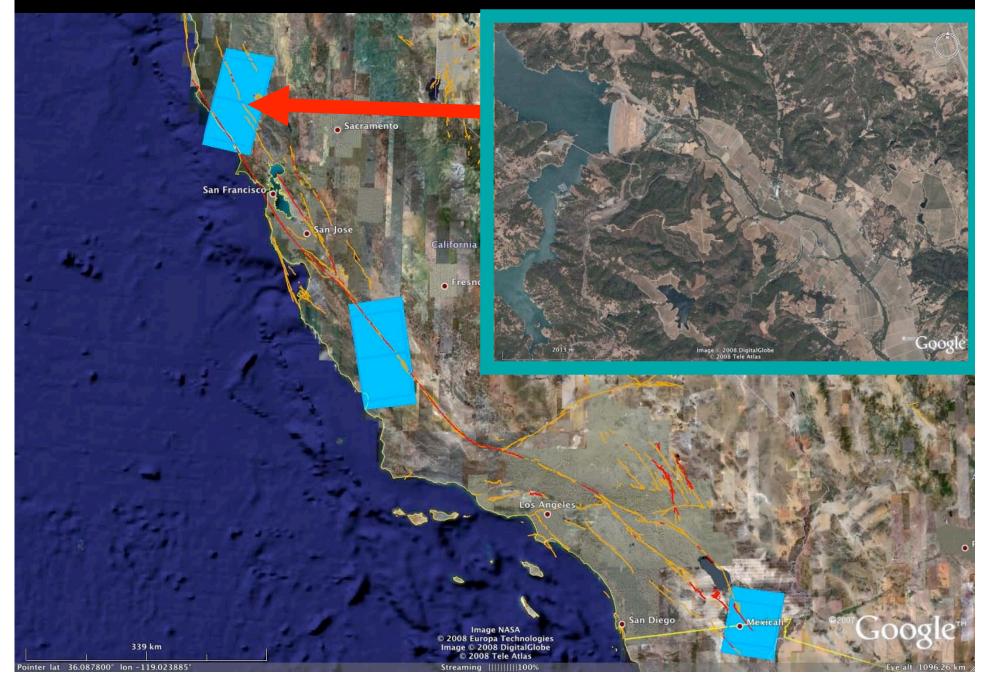
• Temporal decorrelation C- vs. L-band in 3 areas along (SAF).

 ScanSAR interferometry on descending orbits where stripmode is not generally collected.

# coherence in 3 problem areas



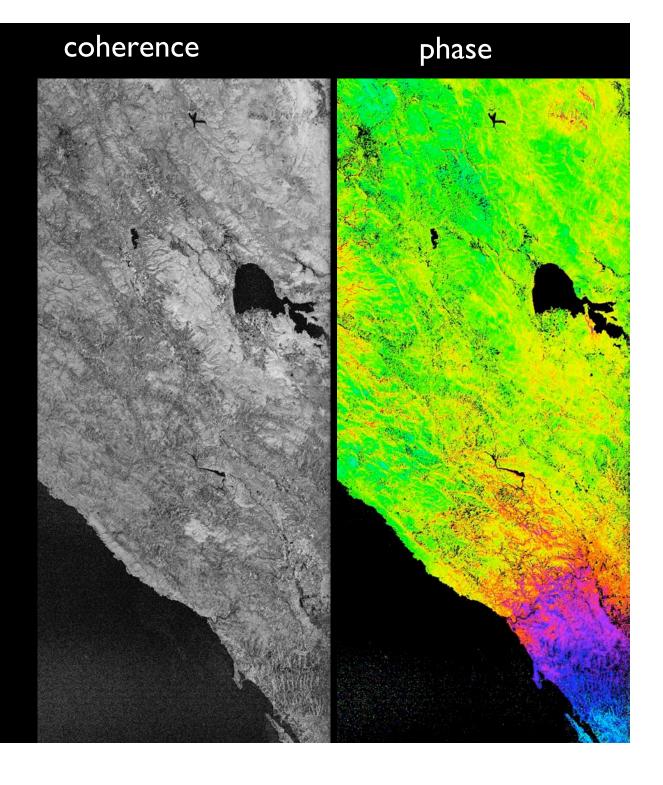
# Northern SAF



# Northern SAF PALSAR FBS-FBS

 $\Delta T = 46 \text{ days}$ OCT 7, 2007 NOV 21, 2007

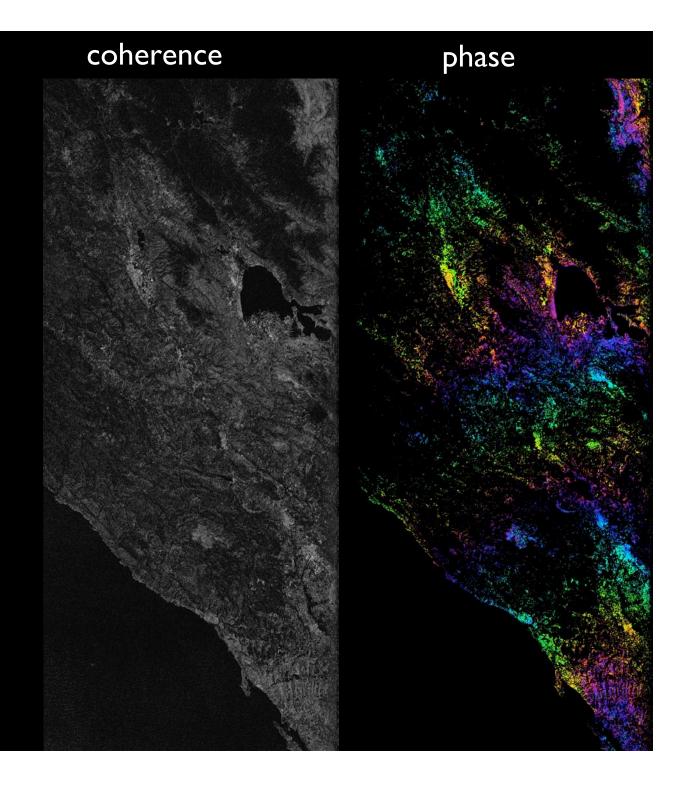
 $B_{perp} = 248 \text{ m}$ 



### Northern SAF PALSAR FBS-FBS

 $\Delta T = 138 \text{ days}$ AUG 21, 2007 JAN 6, 2008

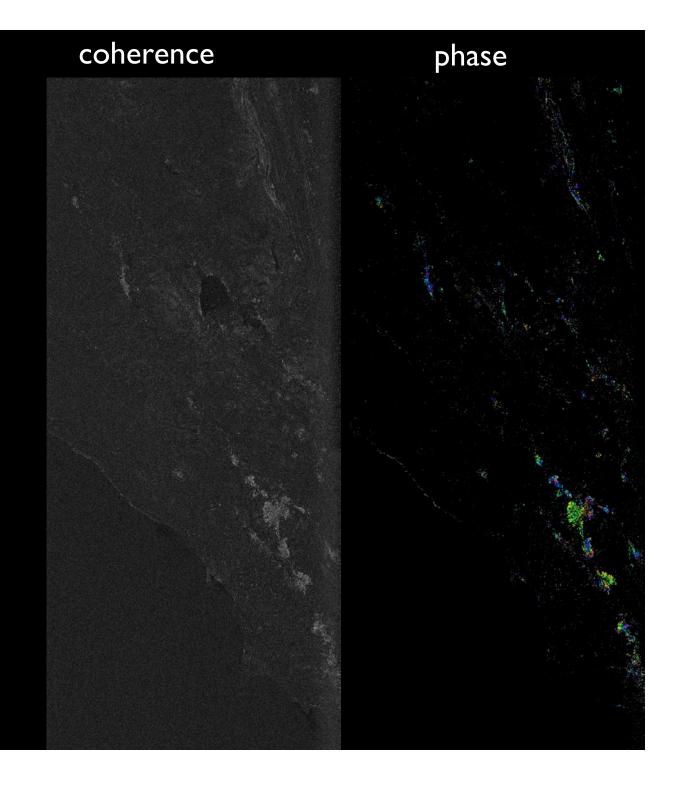
 $B_{perp} = 1132 \text{ m}$ 



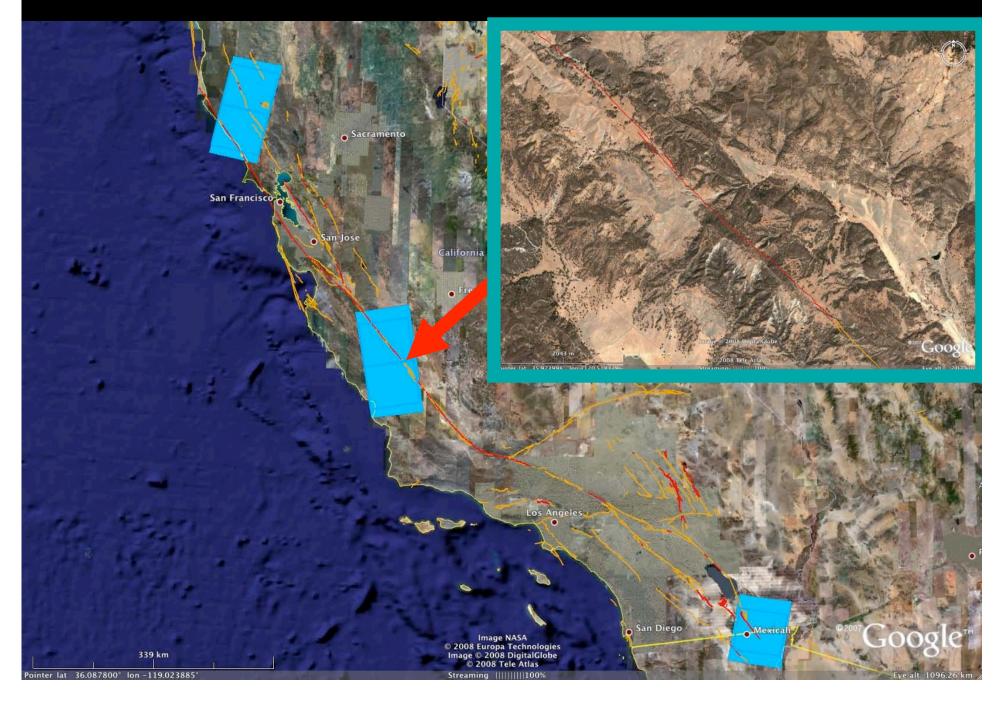
### Northern SAF ERS-I to ERS-2

 $\Delta T = 174 \text{ days}$ AUG 20, 1996 FEB 11, 1997

 $B_{perp} = 190 \text{ m}$ 



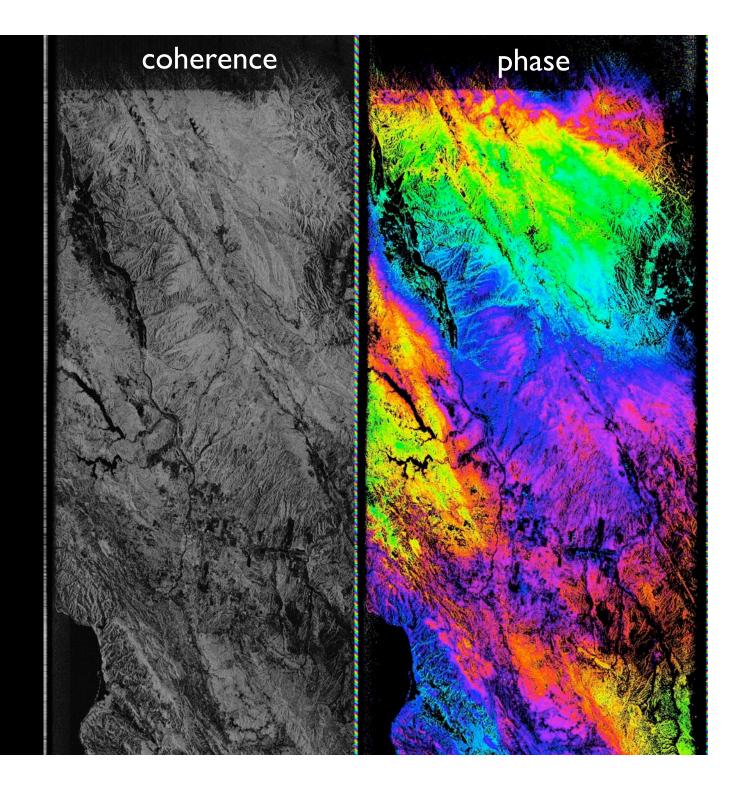
#### Central SAF - Parkfield



Central SAF
Parkfield
PALSAR FBS-FBD

 $\Delta T = 92 \text{ days}$ MAR 9, 2007 JUN 9, 2007

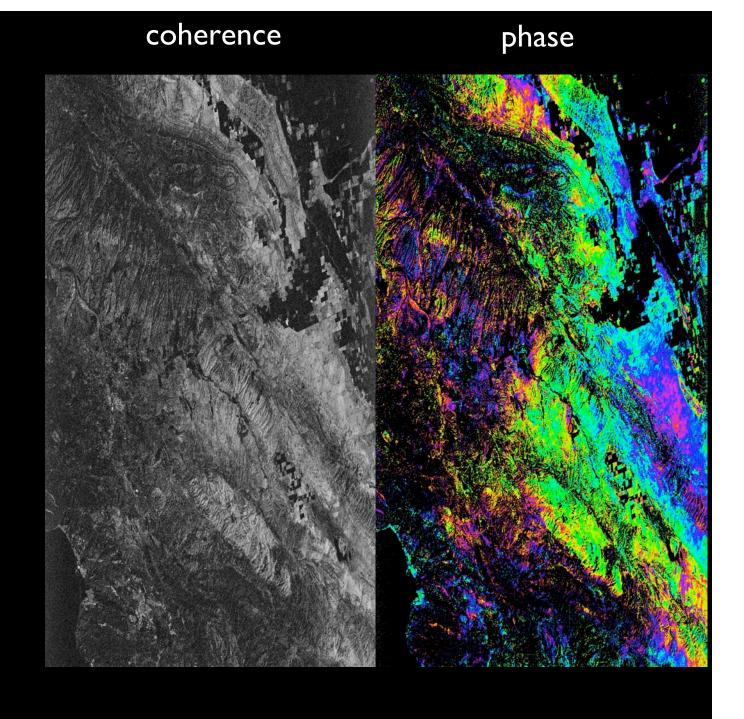
 $B_{perp} = 28 \text{ m}$ 



Central SAF
Parkfield
ERS-2 to ERS-2

 $\Delta T = 105 \text{ days}$ FEB 21, 1996 JUN 6, 1997

 $B_{perp} = 7 \text{ m}$ 



## Southern SAF - Imperial



#### Southern SAF

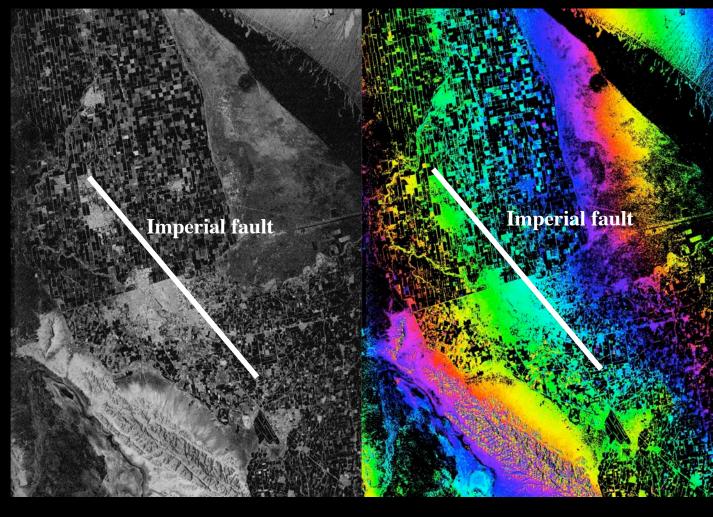
Imperial PALSAR FBS-FBS

 $\Delta T = 92 \text{ days}$ NOV 9, 2007 FEB 8, 2008

Bperp = 946 m (topophase removed)

mean coherence = 0.26

#### coherence phase

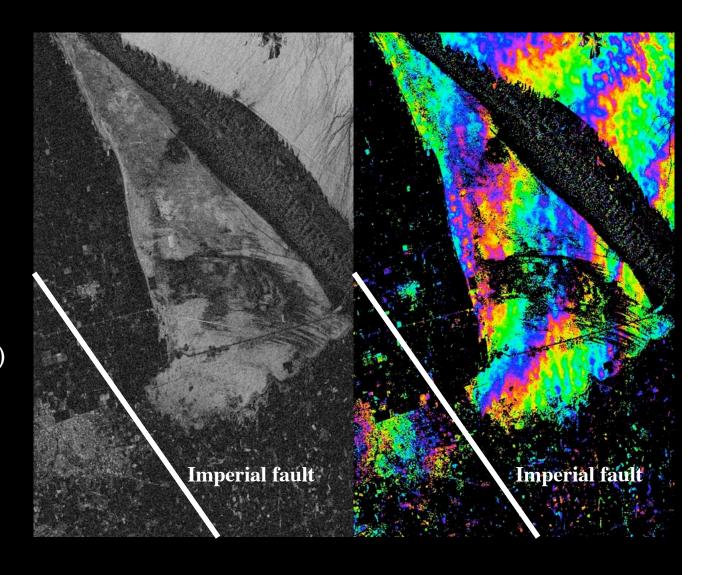


# Southern SAF Imperial ERS-2 to ERS-2

 $\Delta T = 105 \text{ days}$ SEP 7, 1997 DEC 21, 1997

Bperp = 223 m (topophase not removed)

#### coherence phase



## Los Angeles - ScanSAR

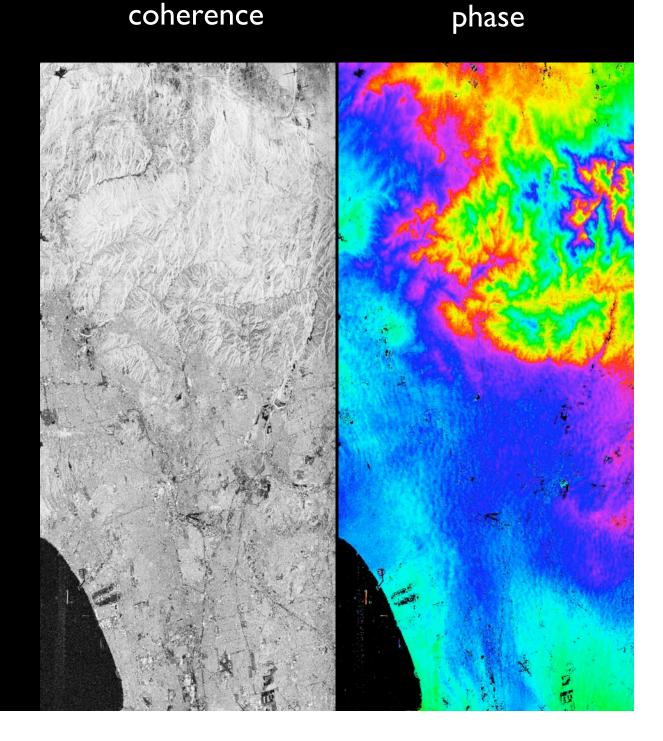


Los Angeles PALSAR

FBD-FBD

 $\Delta T = 46 \text{ days}$ JUL 3, 2007
AUG 18, 2007

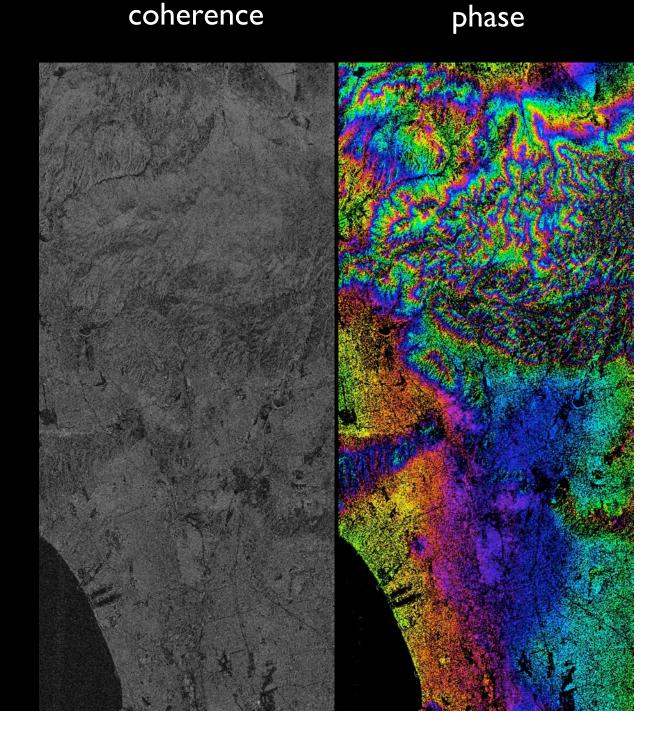
Bperp = 10 m (topophase not removed)



Los Angeles
PALSAR
FBD-ScanSAR

 $\Delta T = 184 \text{ days}$ DEC 31, 2006
JUL 3, 2007

Bperp = 121 m (topophase not removed)



Los Angeles

**PALSAR** 

ScanSAR-ScanSAR

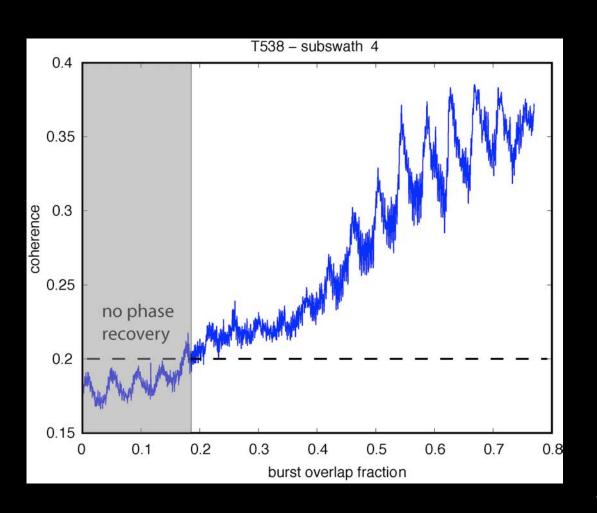
 $\Delta T = 92 \text{ days}$ DEC 31, 2006 APR 1, 2007

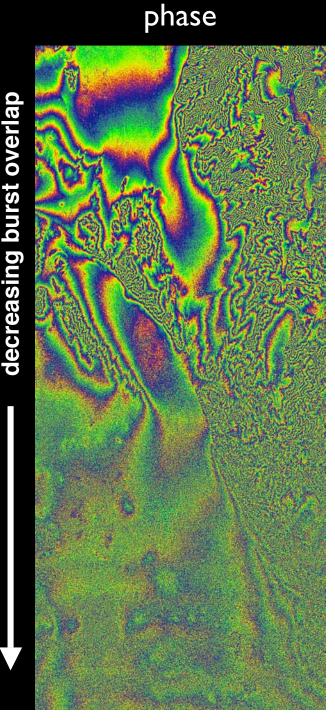
Bperp = 445 m (topophase not removed)

Burst alignment decreases because the reference and repeat images have different PRF.

coherence phase decreasing burst overlap

Need > 0.2 burst overlap to recover phase form ScanSAR to ScanSAR interferometry.





#### Conclusions

- L-Band provides some improvement in coherence with respect to C-band in vegetated areas along the SAF.
- Summer to summer will probably be best but shorter baseline, oneyear interferograms are not yet available.
- ScanSAR to strip-mode interferometry will be routine and provide improved coverage on descending tracks.
- ScanSAR to ScanSAR interferometry has good coherence when burst overlap exceeds 0.35.