

# SAR2CUBE- AN OPEN FRAMEWORK FOR AN EFFICIENT SETUP OF INSAR APPLICATIONS IN ANALYSIS READY DATA CUBES

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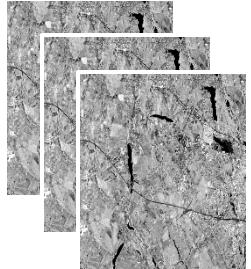
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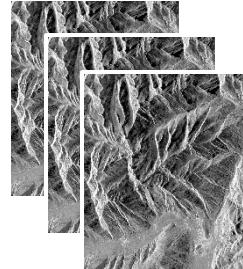
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## ESA SEOM SInCohMap project

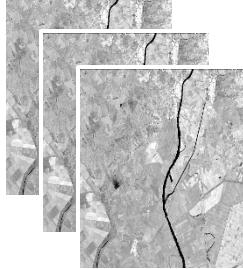
### Datasets



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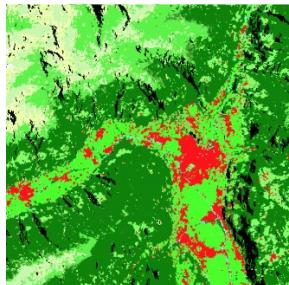


South Tyrol (Italy)



Doñana (Spain)

### Land-cover maps



Full SLC and Interferometric dataset stored on disk

- More than 1000 ifg
- More than 1000 coh maps
- More than 1000 ifg phases



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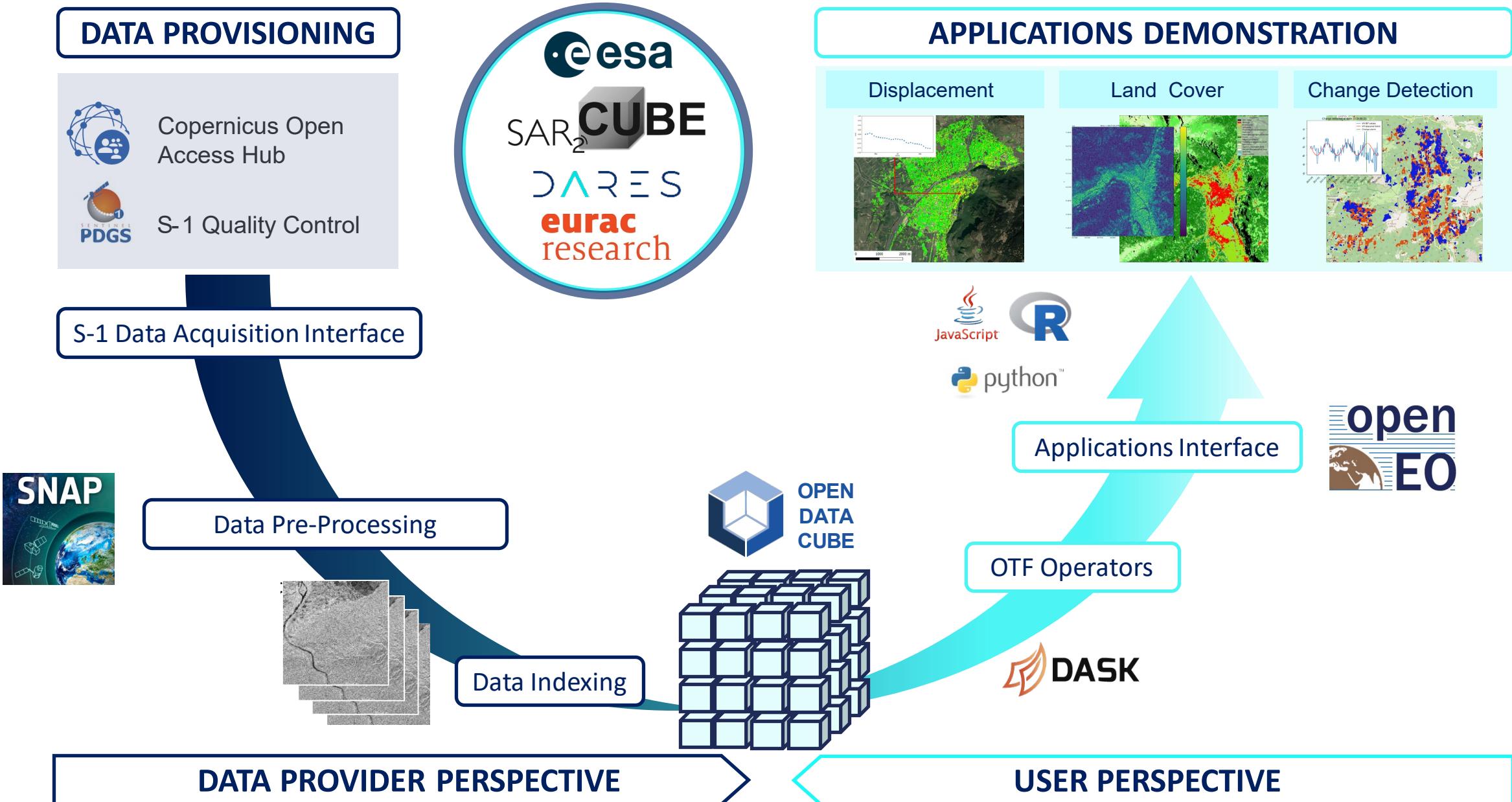


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### List of presentation and other interesting information

- SAR2CUBE in ESA project:



-  SAR2CUBE webpage



- SAR2CUBE preprocess gitlab



- Notebook with updated OTF operators



- openEO web editor



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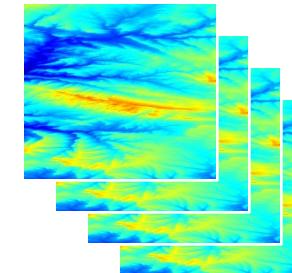
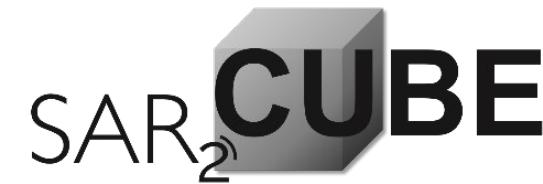
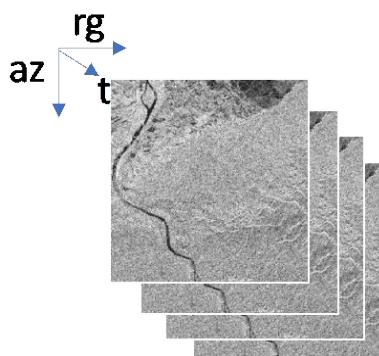
- ESA Fringe 2021: “SAR2CUBE: A Data Cube Concept for Providing Both Interferometric and Intensity Based Products through an Open Source Framework” A. Jacob, M. Claus, G. Centolanza, F. Moral, F. Vicente-Guijalba, P. Mougnaud
- Living Planet 2022: “Exploring Time Series of Sentinel-1 Interferometric Coherence in Land Cover Mapping: A Step Forward” J.M. Lopez-Sanchez, M. Busquier, A. Jacob, M. Claus, B. Ventura, C. Lopez-Martinez, L. Yam, G. Centolanza, A. Faridi, E. Makhoul, M. Engdahl
- IGARSS 2023: “SAR2CUBE - AN OPEN FRAMEWORK FOR AN EFFICIENT SETUP OF SAR IMAGERY IN ANALYSIS READY DATA CUBES” M. Claus, A. Jacob, EURAC Research, Italy; G. Centolanza, DARES Technology, Spain; J. M. Lopez-Sanchez, University of Alicante, Spain



### Complex S-1 A/B IW SLC data

Temporal stack of co -registered SLC images as the fundamental unit of the datacube .

- Image alignment
- Radiometric calibration
- S-1 IW mode requires de-swathing and de -bursting
- Dual VV-VH polarizations

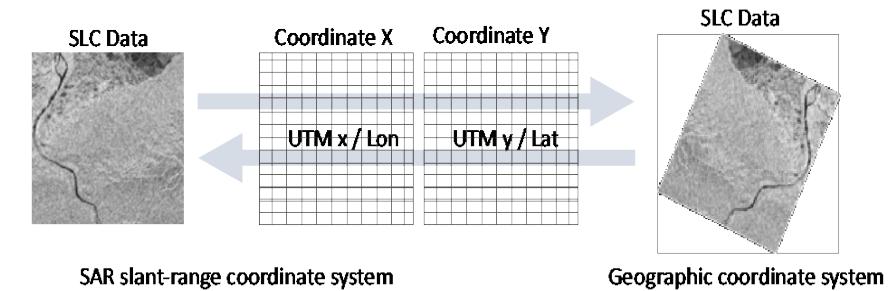


### Geometrical phase component

In DInSAR it is required to remove topographical and flat earth components . Computed exploiting the perpendicular baseline defined between each secondary image and the reference one

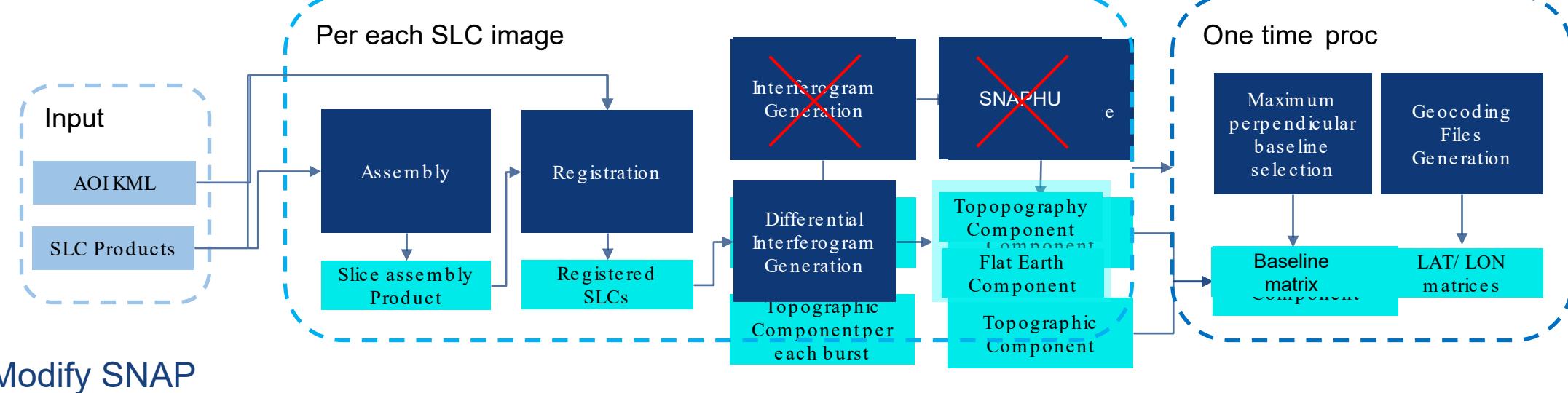
### Georeferencing grid

The SLC data is defined in sensor geometry slant-range plane . The transformation from the sensor's domain to a more useful perspective, as a geographical coordinate system, it is required to include additional information to the Datacube





## Pre-processing based on SNAP



### Modify SNAP

- > Include save Output phase component in Code
- > Rebuild SNAP Sentinel-1 toolbox with changes
- > More information at



# SAR2Cube

## Data Indexing

DARES

Six L0 datacubes , pre-processed with SAR2Cube, indexed with OpenDatacube , and available through openEO:

- Doñana:track 147 (ASC), 2017/ 2019, 181 samples
- Doñana:track 154 (DSC), 2017/ 2019, 178 samples
- South Tyrol:track 117 (ASC), 2016/ 2022, 311 samples
- South Tyrol:track 168 (DSC), 2016/ 2022, 305 samples
- Finland AOI1:track 80, Nov 2017/ Nov 2018, 64 samples
- Finland AOI2:track 80, Nov 2017/ Nov 2018, 64 samples

• SAR2Cube\_L0\_117\_ASC\_ST\_2016\_2020\_IFG\_LIA\_DEM  
SAR2Cube Level-0 data, Track 117

SENTINEL-1 SAR2CUBE SAR

Description  
Sentinel-1 SLC data pre-processed using the SAR2Cube pipeline. The pre-processing code can be found here <https://github.com/SARScripts/preprocess>

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Spatial Extent



Temporal Extent  
9/8/2016, 11:59:59 PM UTC - 11/10/2020, 11:59:59 PM UTC

Providers  
1. [Eurac EO ODC PRODUCER](#)

Data Cube Dimensions

DATE	TEMPORAL	X	Spatial	Y	Spatial	bands	BANDS
Labels:	9/8/2016, 11:59:59 PM UTC - 11/10/2020, 11:59:59 PM UTC	Axis:	X	Axis:	y	Labels:	DEM, LIA, i_VH, i_VV, q_VH, q_VV, grid_lat, grid_lon, phase_unwrap
Labels:	9.5288352966 - 12.0209131241	Reference System:	4326	Labels:	45.9815177917 - 47.211139679	Reference System:	4326



xarray.Dataset

↳ Dimensions: **(time: 228, x: 44250, y: 7751)**

▼ Coordinates:

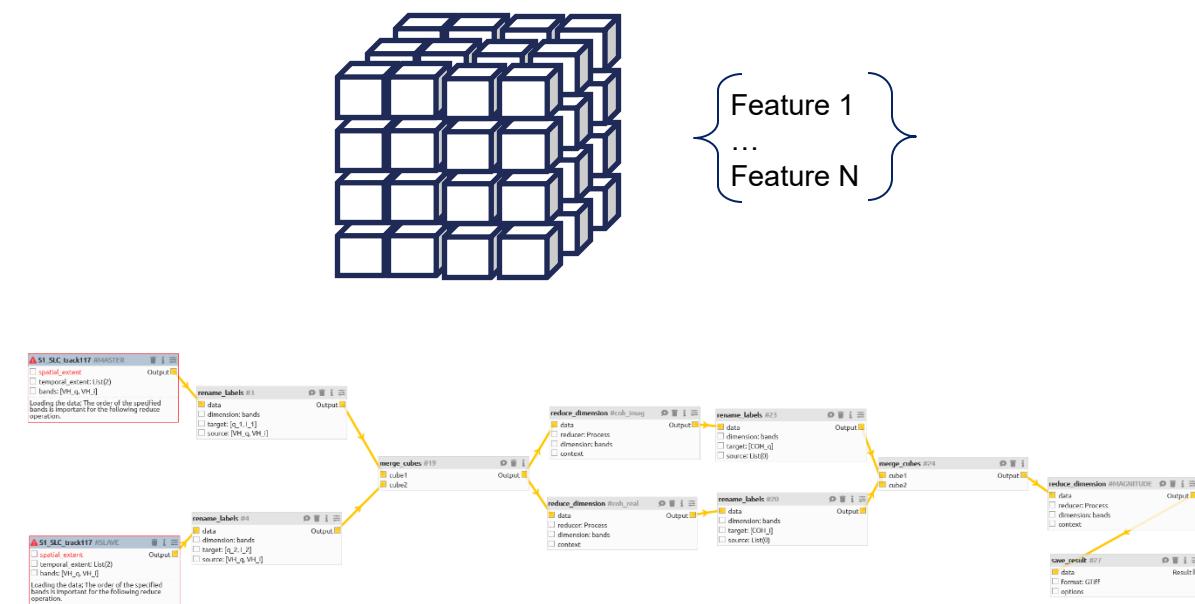
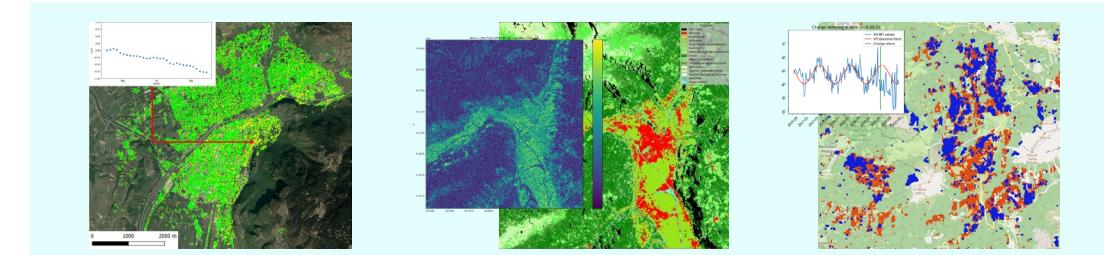
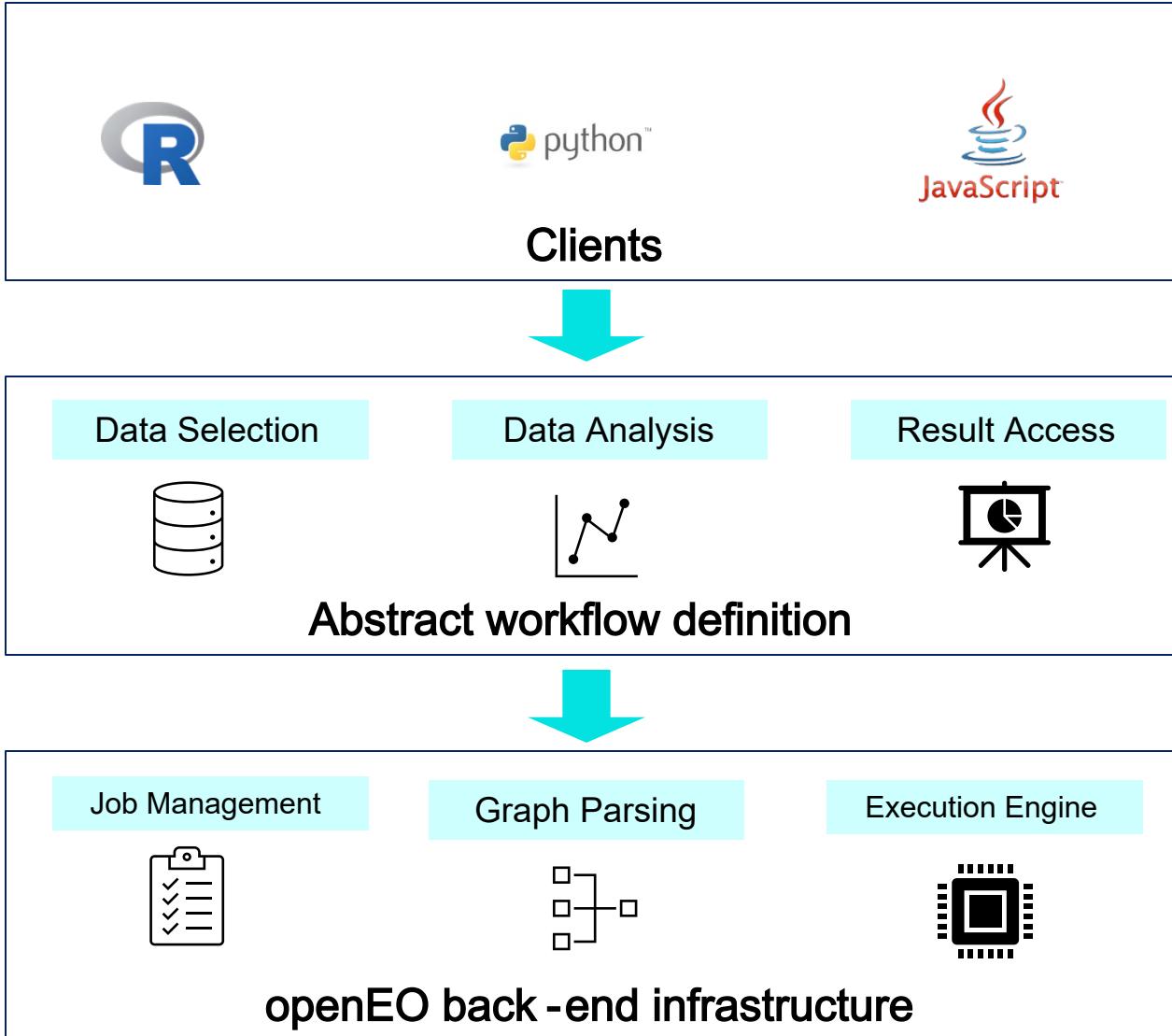
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▼ Data variables:

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▼ Attributes:

crs :	EPSG:32632
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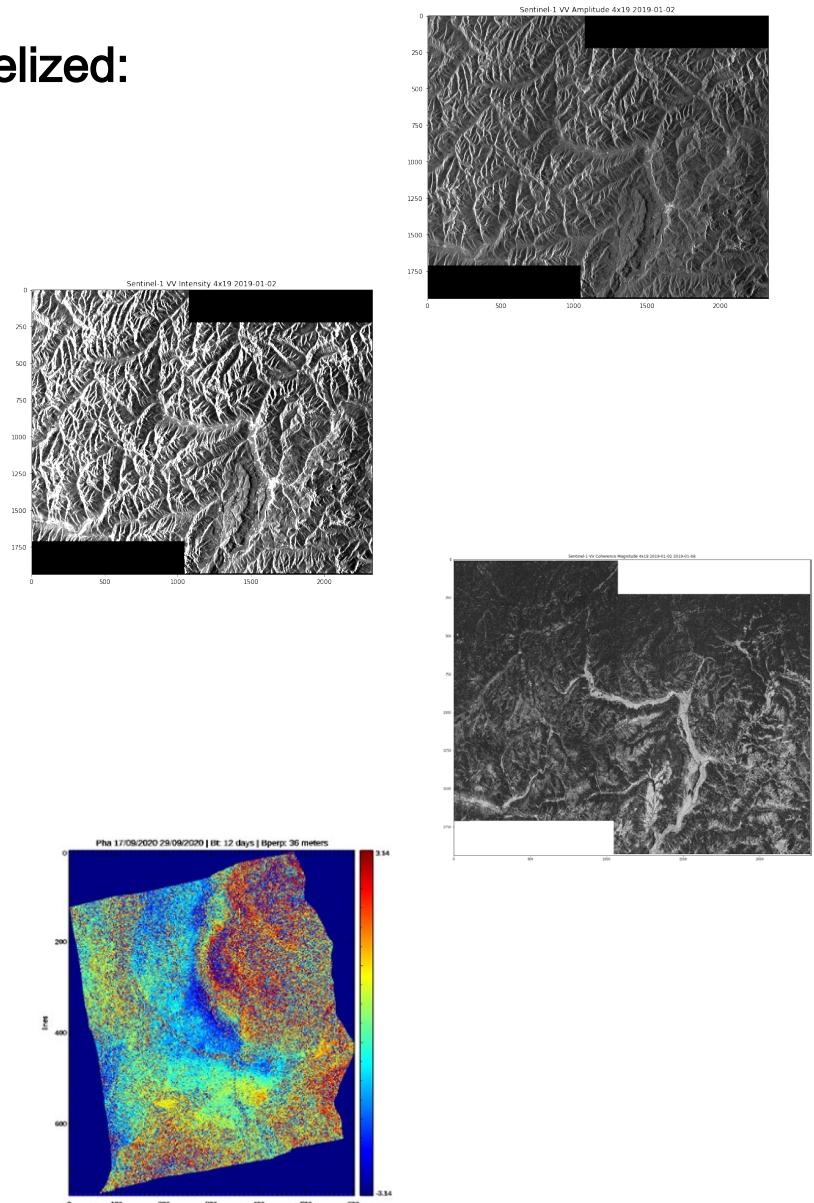
# SAR2Cube

## OTF Operators

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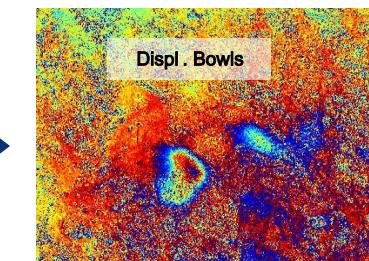
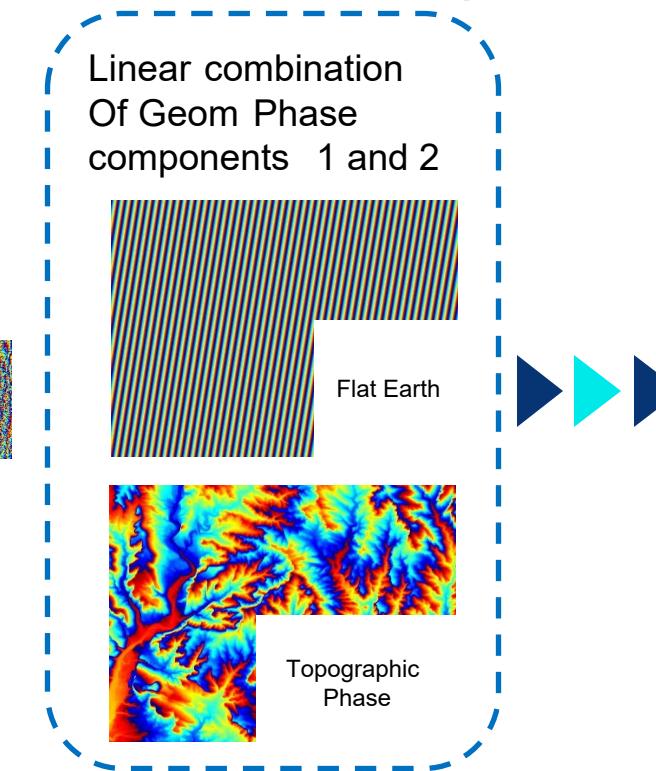
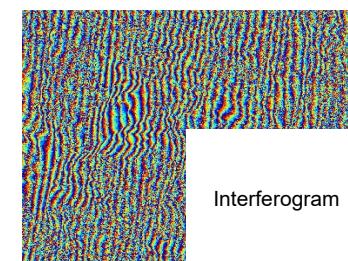
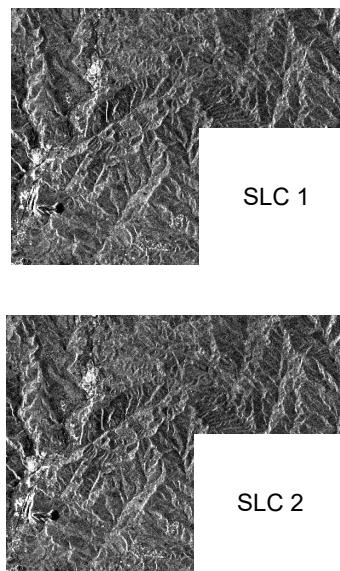
The following OTF operators have been implemented and can be parallelized:

- Temporal subset
- Spatial subset
- Intensity/Amplitude
- Multilook
- Box-car filter
- Interferometry
- Pixel Selection for PSI
- Geocoding



**Main aspects of the operator:**

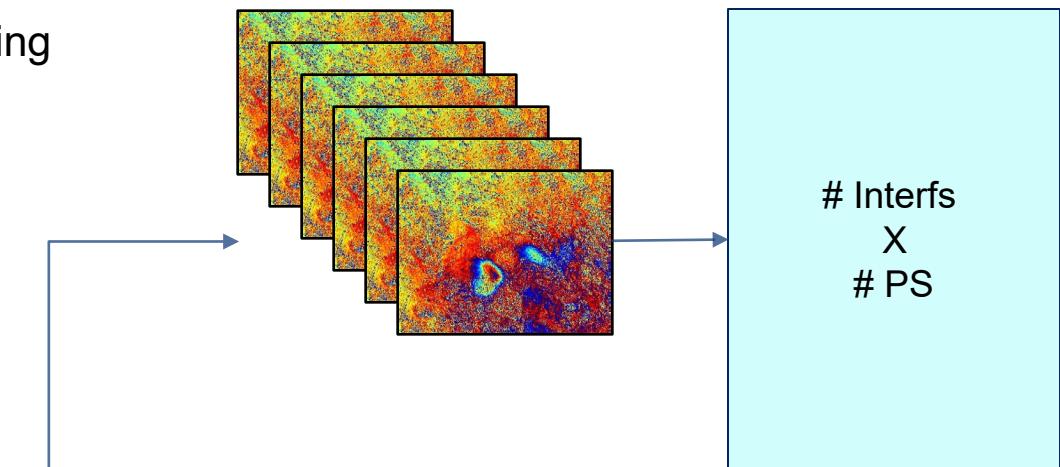
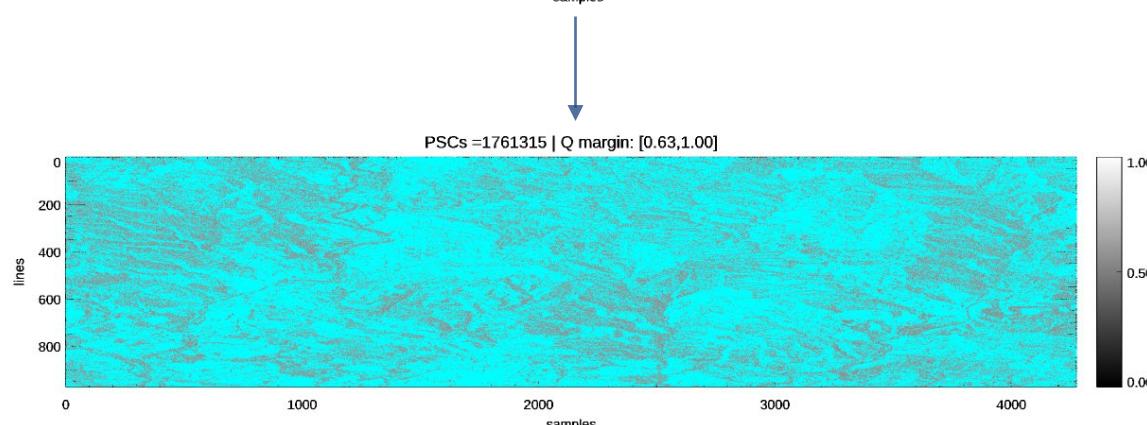
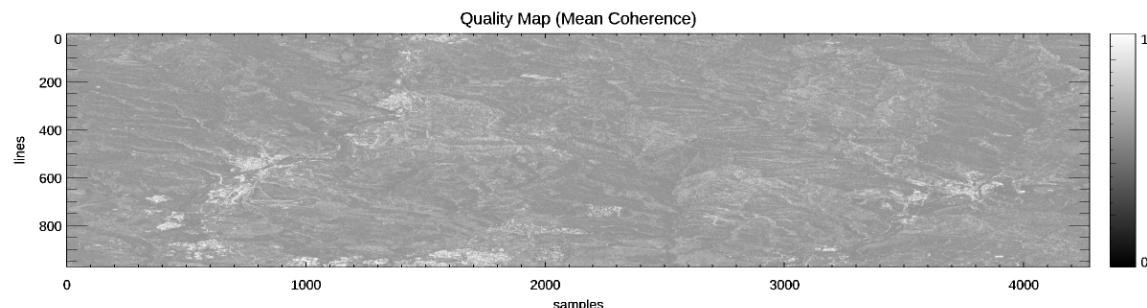
- Extract a filtered interferogram list from the full list according to a limitation of temporal and spatial baselines.
- Generation of the differential interferograms over a temporal and spatial subset
- Generation of mean coherence map for the full interferogram dataset
- Selection of pixels based on coherence and setup for PSI processing



For each diff. interferogram we need a complex product and a subtraction.  
These operations can be easily parallelized

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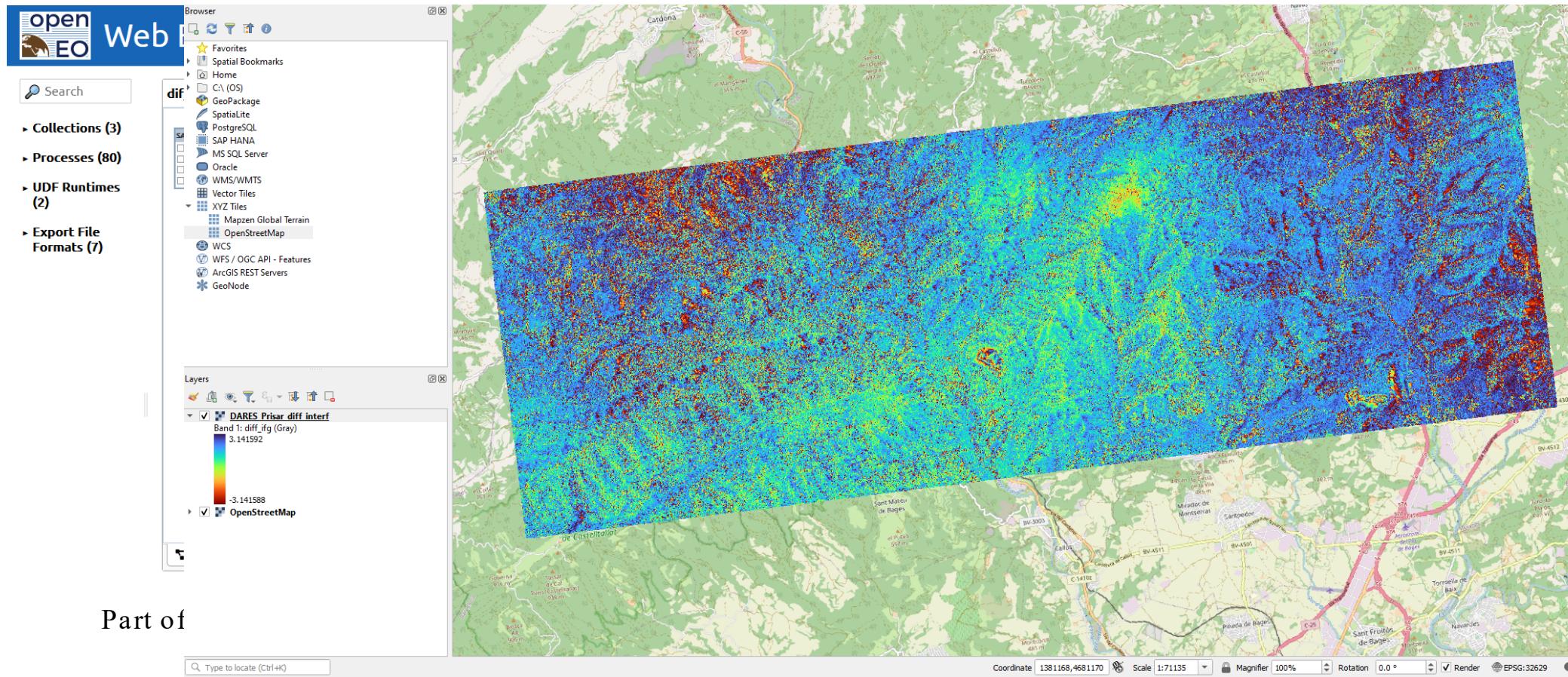
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Save on disk just the minimum information of the full interferogram dataset

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## Computation of 253 differential interferograms with different Dask LocalCluster setups:

- LocalCluster(n\_workers=4, threads\_per\_worker=1, processes=True, memory\_limit='64GB')
  - ✓ CPU times: user 30.1 s, sys: 4.46 s, total: 34.6 s
  - ✓ Wall time: 5min 55s
- LocalCluster(n\_workers=1, threads\_per\_worker=1, processes=True, memory\_limit='64GB')
  - ✓ CPU times: user 3min 36s, sys: 1min 29s, total: 5min 6s
  - ✓ Wall time: 21min 13s

[37]: xarray.Dataset

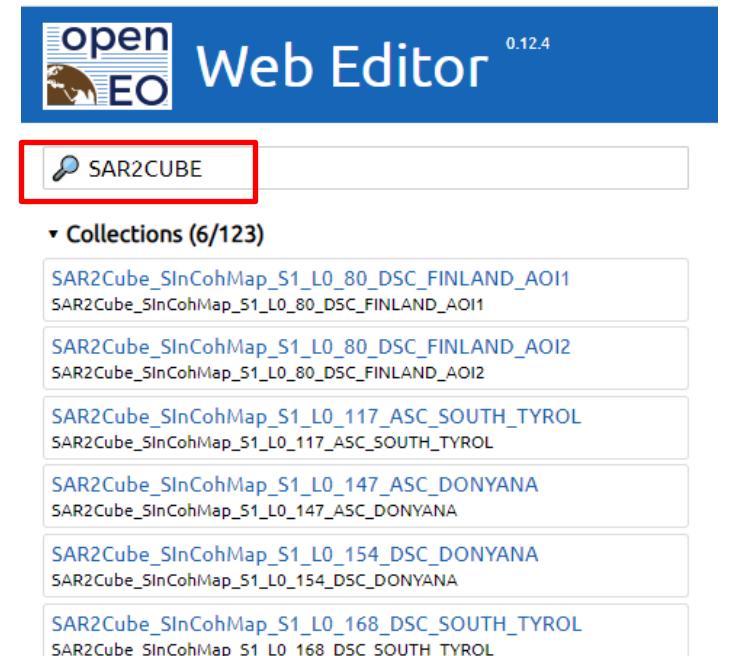
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▼ Coordinates:	
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<b>x</b>	(x) float64 4.998e+03 5e+03 ... 8.998e+03
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▼ Data variables:	
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↳ Indexes: (3)	
▼ Attributes:	
crs :	EPSG:32632
grid_mapping :	spatial_ref

Input data with size y:15x15 Km



### Access to the web editor:

- Access through the link 
- Filter the search in collection: SAR2CUBE
- The list of collection already indexed and ready to be used
- Please contact [Michele.Claus@eurac.edu](mailto:Michele.Claus@eurac.edu) or [Alexander.Jacob@eurac.edu](mailto:Alexander.Jacob@eurac.edu) to get a free access to the collection and test the different OTF tools you can find in gitlab: 



The screenshot shows the openEO Web Editor interface version 0.12.4. At the top, there is a header with the openEO logo and the text "Web Editor 0.12.4". Below the header is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text "SAR2CUBE" highlighted with a red border. Under the search bar, there is a section titled "Collections (6/123)" with a dropdown arrow. Below this section, there is a list of six collection names, each enclosed in a light gray box:

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SAR2CUBE is an open tool for the scientific community

# Questions ?



### List of presentation and other interesting information

- SAR2CUBE in ESA project: <https://eo4society.esa.int/projects/sar2cube/>



- SAR2CUBE webpage: <https://sar2cube.netlify.app/>



- SAR2CUBE preprocess gitlab: <https://github.com/SARScripts/preprocess>

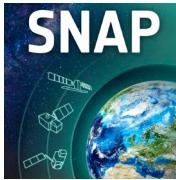


- Notebook with updated OTF operators: [https://gitlab.inf.unibz.it/earth\\_observation\\_public/eurac-openeo-examples/-/tree/main/python](https://gitlab.inf.unibz.it/earth_observation_public/eurac-openeo-examples/-/tree/main/python)

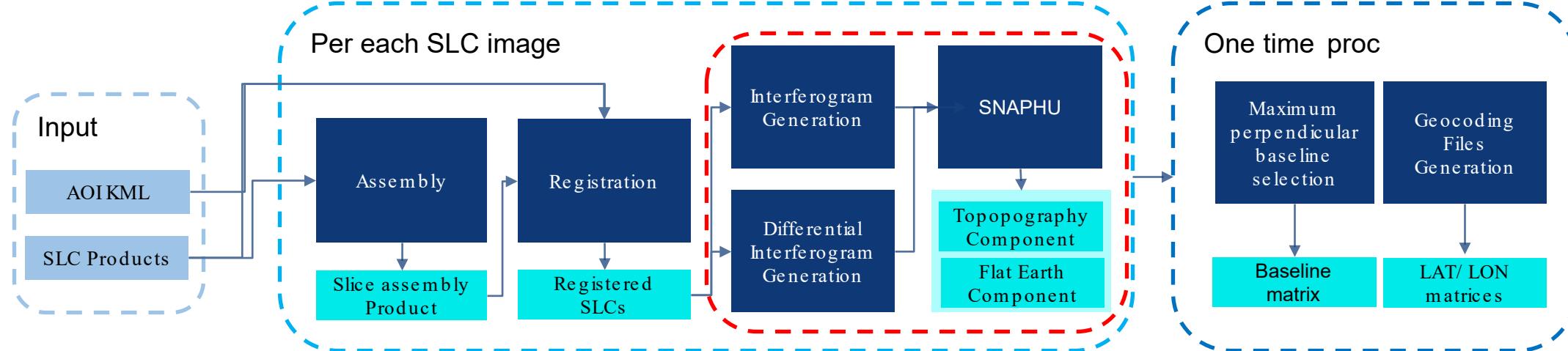


- openEO web editor: <https://editor.openeo.org/?server=https%3A%2F%2Fopeneo.eurac.edu&discover=1>



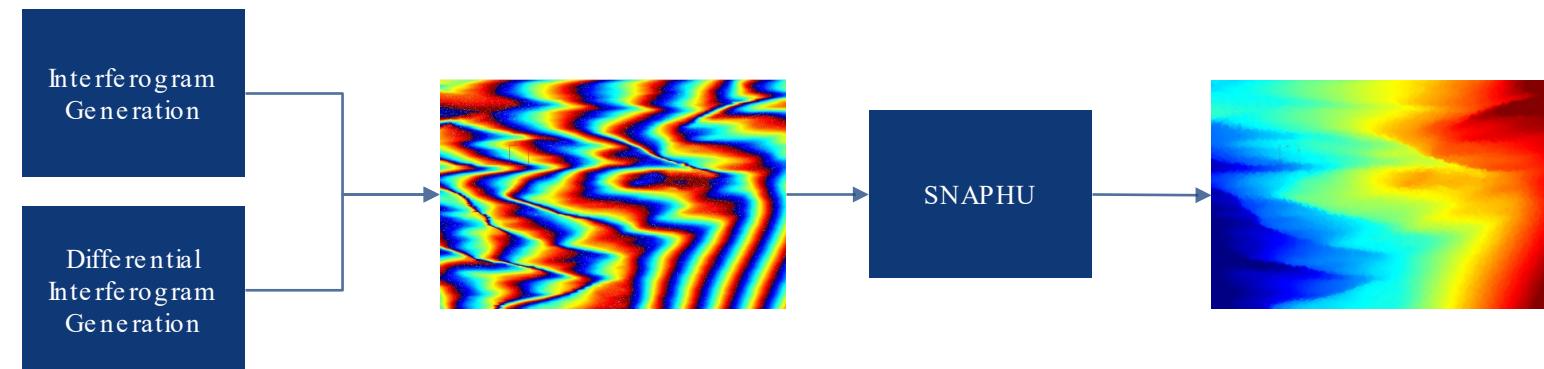


## Pre-processing based on SNAP



### Phase unwrapping overview:

- The topographic and geometrical phase is used in linear operators such as sum or difference and the results interferogram difference of the pre-processing gives as result a wrapped phase.
- SNAPHU software works with a reduced size of matrices. The output matrices ingested in datacubes are bigger than this limit.
- Multiblock phase unwrapping has been implemented to overcome the dimension of S1 products. The calibration between neighbor blocks is performed through histogram calibration.



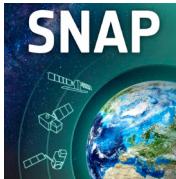
# Conclusions and Outlook

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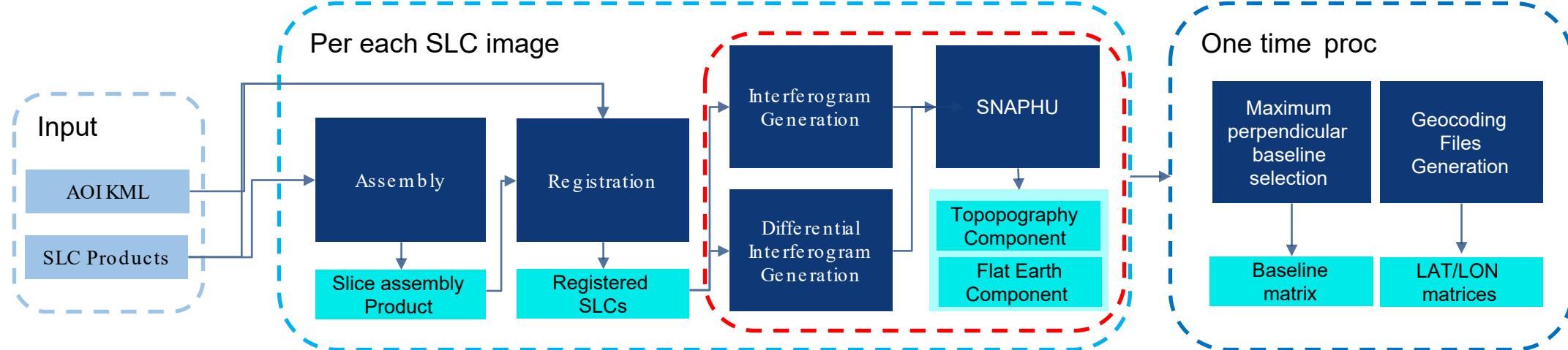
- Prototype implementation for SLC data cubes
- Fully build and implemented using open source
- Accessible with openEO interfaces
- Scalable processing framework
- Storage efficient
- Improvement of the Interferometric pre-process
- Set of OTF already defined processes in OpenEO
- Useful in real world applications

## What we are working on

- Move to a more operational setup
- Upcoming in openEO Platform
  - ✓ Additional SAR OTF operators
  - ✓ E.g. Speckle Filtering
  - ✓ Calibration
- Integrate higher level processing in openEO
  - ✓ PSI?
- On-demand pre-processing
- Integrate other SAR sensors
- Metadata generation



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High computational cost