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# Interferometria no monitoramento de represas de rejeito

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## Innovative Spacecraft Systems

Communication and Earth observation satellites

Space exploration missions

On-orbit satellite servicing

Robotics for next-gen space

## Space and Ground Infrastructure & Systems

Surveillance and intelligence systems

Defense and maritime systems

Robotics, Sensors and Automation

Satellite antennas, electronics and payloads

Ground systems

Radar satellites and data

## Satellite Imagery and Geospatial Information

Electro-optical, high-resolution satellite imagery

Geodata layers and information products

Mission ready geospatial intelligence (GEOINT)

Big data platform and tools

#### Agile Geospatial Intelligence, Analytics & Services

Sensor and ground system optimization for near real-time geospatial insight

Multisource data enrichment and analysis

Machine learning and analytics at scale

# **Opening Comment**

Tailings dams are complex systems that have evolved over the years. They are also unforgiving systems, in terms of the number of things that have to go right. Their reliability is contingent on consistently flawless execution in planning, in subsurface investigation, in analysis and design, in construction quality, in operational diligence, in monitoring, in regulatory actions, and in risk management at every level. All of these activities are subject to human error.

- Mount Polley expert panel, IEEIRP 2015, p. 119





## **Comentário** inicial

"Barragens de rejeitos são sistemas complexos que evoluíram ao longo dos anos. Eles também são sistemas implacáveis, em termos do número de fatores que têm que dar certo. Sua confiabilidade é consequência da execução impecável de planejamento, investigação subsuperficial, qualidade de construção, diligência operacional, monitoramento, e de ações na gestão de riscos em todos os níveis. Porém todas essas atividades estão sujeitas a erro humano."

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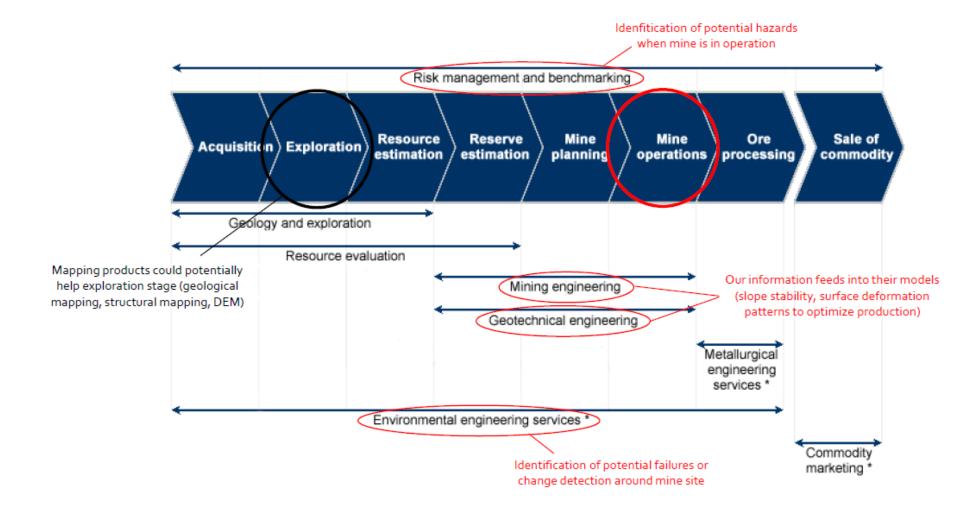
(\*) Independent Expert Engineering Investigation and Review panel



# **Tailings Management**

Tailings management is more than just a strict adherence to technical and regulatory standards. Many regulatory standards require confirmation that mines have implemented a system for responsible tailings management.

## Introduction to InSAR – Value chain

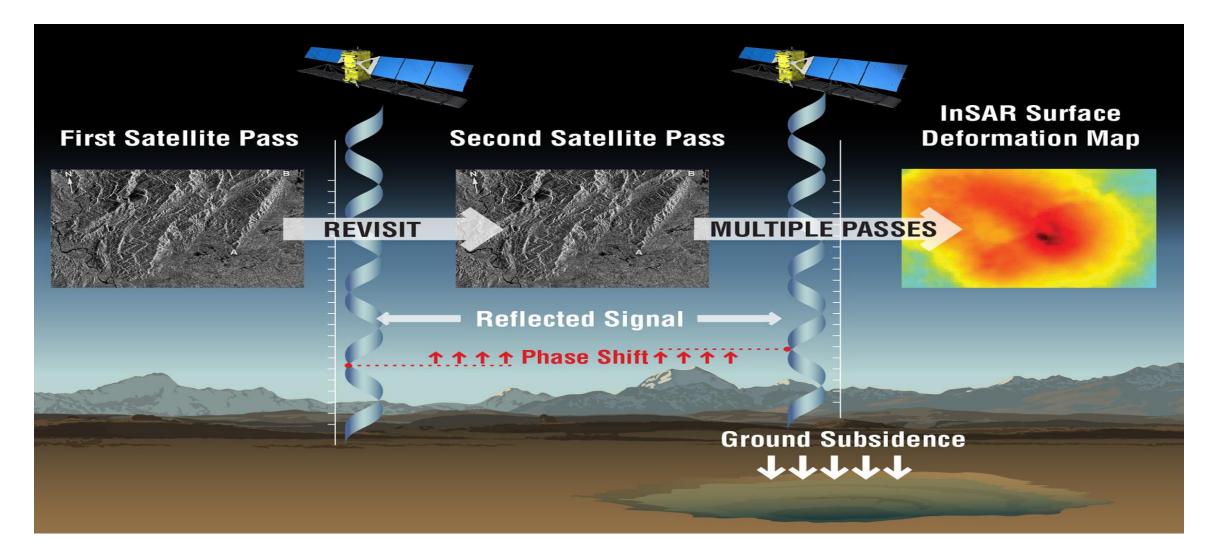


## **Introduction to InSAR - Instrument**

### **RADARSAT-2 Mission**



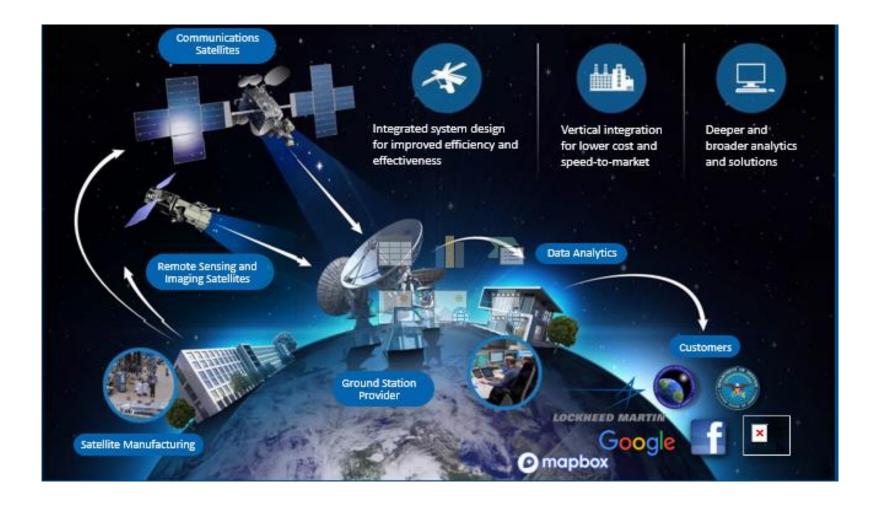
## **Introduction to InSAR - Concept**





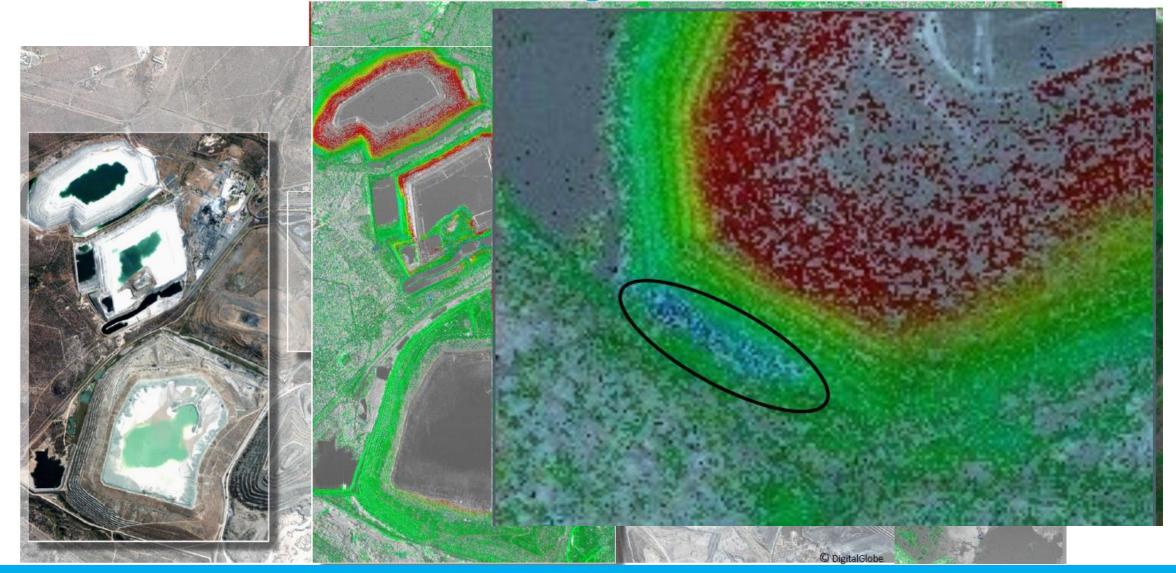


## Introduction to InSAR - Integrated system





**Introduction to InSAR - Strategic information** 



Embracing The Benefits of Enhanced Space Borne Observations

# **GOVERNMENT RESOURCE REGULATORS**

## **Use of InSAR by Resource Regulators**

- Audit, monitor and surveillance
  - Regulatory compliance
  - Forced audit or condition report
  - Sample jurisdictions: Alberta (Oil and Gas) & Arizona Municipal Infrastructure
    - Monitoring in regulated areas has identified a number of anomalous events where site practices were changed to avoid large impacts
- Incident Investigation
  - Accident OHSA/MOL/MEM/Mines Act/MSHA
  - Failure assessment (InSAR has been used in litigation)
  - Successful cases in US mine incidents

# **Regulatory Example**



Qween Creek, AZ ADWR website



# **Regulatory Examples**

Investigations - Accidents





#### MSHA (Mine Safety and Health Administration)

 Effectively used InSAR in their investigation of 9 fatalities in 2007, <u>Crandall Canyon</u> <u>Coal Mine</u>, Utah

"grossly deficient mine design lead to pillar failure"

#### **USGS** (United States geological Survey)

• thru its use and understanding of InSAR "were able to identify an extensive subsidence region associated with the Aug 2007 accident"

#### **US Dept of Labour**

Used all data collected including InSAR, to effectively prosecute the mine operator.

# **Regulatory Example**



#### **Arizona Geological Survey**

Suggested guidelines for investigating land-subsidence and earth fissure hazards in Arizona (2011):

#### "C. Analysis of Remote Sensing Data

- Analysis should include interpretation of aerial photographs and, if available, InSAR (Interferometry by Synthetic Aperture Radar), LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging).
- The <u>importance of satellite-based InSAR</u> results cannot be over-emphasized when the best possible <u>understanding and characterization of subsidence</u> is critical to the success of a subsidence investigation."

## **Regulatory Example**



#### **Arizona Dept. of Water Resources**

"InSAR is very cost effective due to its resolution and the large area covered by each satellite frame. Engineers, hydrologists, geologists, and scientists greatly benefit from the InSAR data to identify and evaluate areas of subsidence, uplift, earth fissures, faults, and many other geologic features. InSAR data are used by those involved in the fields of: water resources, structural engineering, geological engineering, land planning, and surveying."

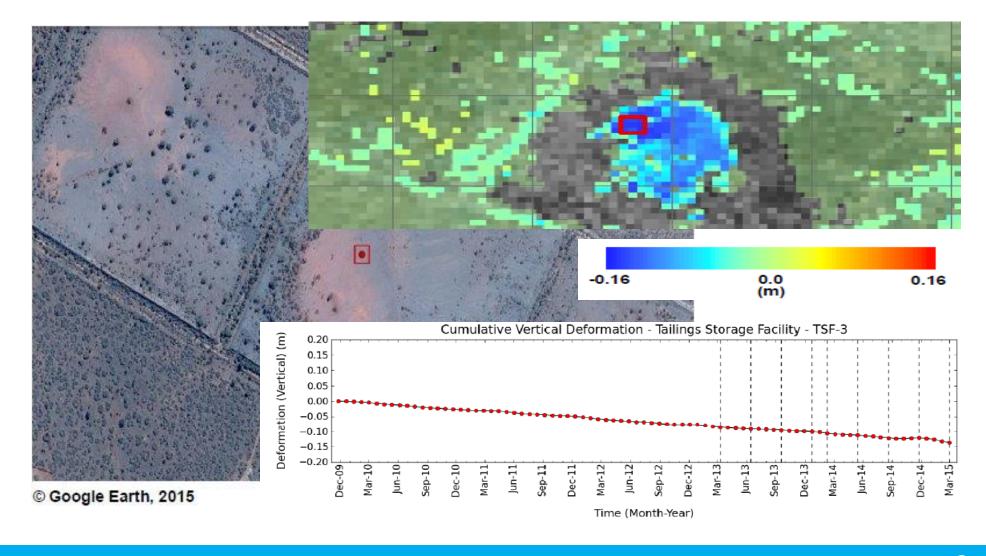




Mine Tailings Facility Monitoring

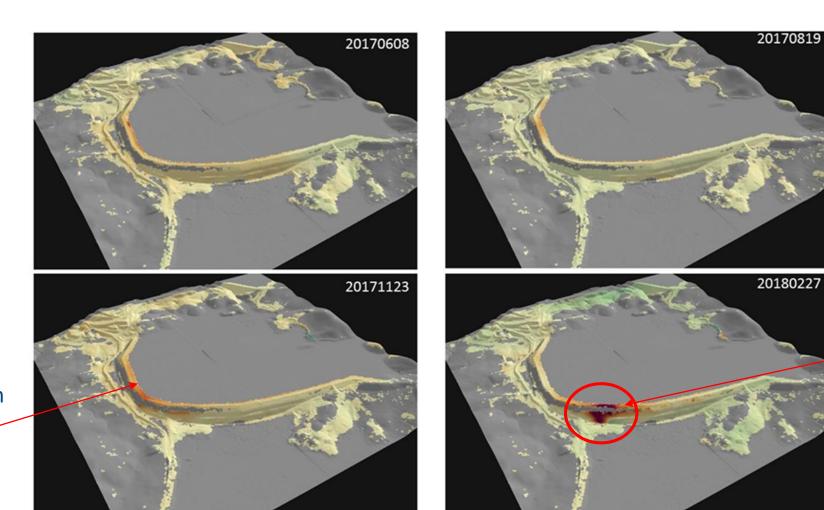
# **CASE STUDIES**

# **InSAR Tailings Monitoring**





# **Progression of Deformation**



High velocity rate Prior to breach

Stronger deformation Velocity movement -



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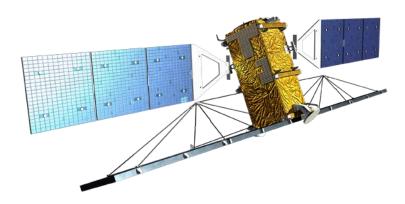
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# **TECHNICAL SUPPORT MATERIAL**

### **Earth Observation Satellites**

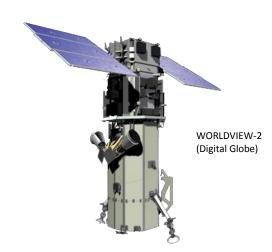
#### **RADAR**

- Can Image 24 / 7
- Image through cloud cover and atmospheric disturbances
- Produces a series of SAR images used to define ground movement, known as InSAR
- RADAR sensors provide their own illumination
- Image resolution starting at 1m



#### **OPTICAL**

- Can only image when the ground is illuminated (daylight)
- Takes a "picture or photograph" of the area of interest (AOI)
- Programed around cloud free days
- Can not be used to measure ground movement
- Image resolution starting at 30cm



Combined these are powerful earth observation tools



# **Earth Observation Samples**

RSAT2 RADAR Image

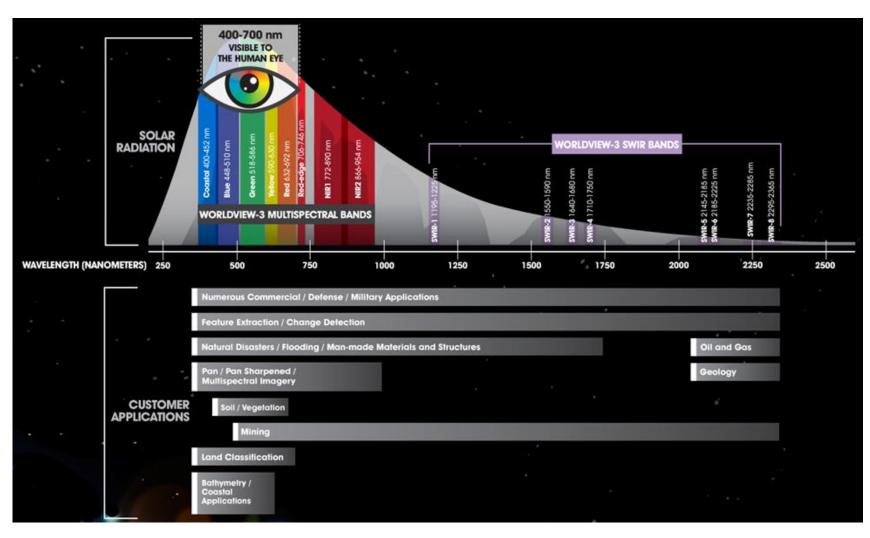


World View 3 image (optical)



Same area, as seen through different sensors

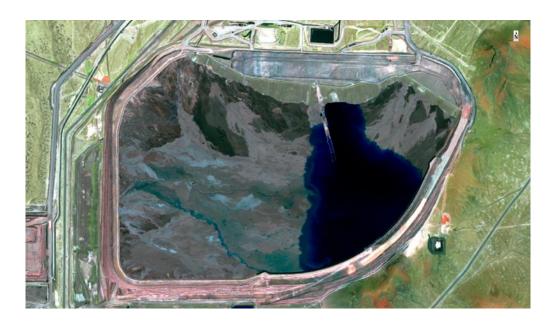
## **SWIR Bands**



# **SWIR** for use in tailings management



**Natural Colour** 

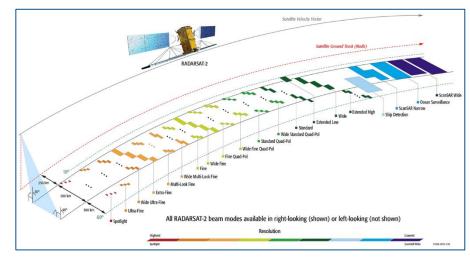


Moisture and standing water identification

Tailings Facility located in Nevada

### **RADARSAT-2**

- Satellite observations
   800 km above the ground
   7.5 km/s
   Polar orbiting
- SAR (Synthetic Aperture RADAR)
   Active microwave pulses
   Beamforming by pulse repetition, not unlike seismic
- Exact repeat observations
   Wave-wave (phase) difference shows change



**RADARSAT-2 Beam Modes** 

