

“Spatio-temporal analysis of polar land ice dynamics”

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Introduction

Out of all continents on the Earth, Polar regions are least explored and least understood owing to their unique geographical location and associated climate, crustal and cryospheric processes.

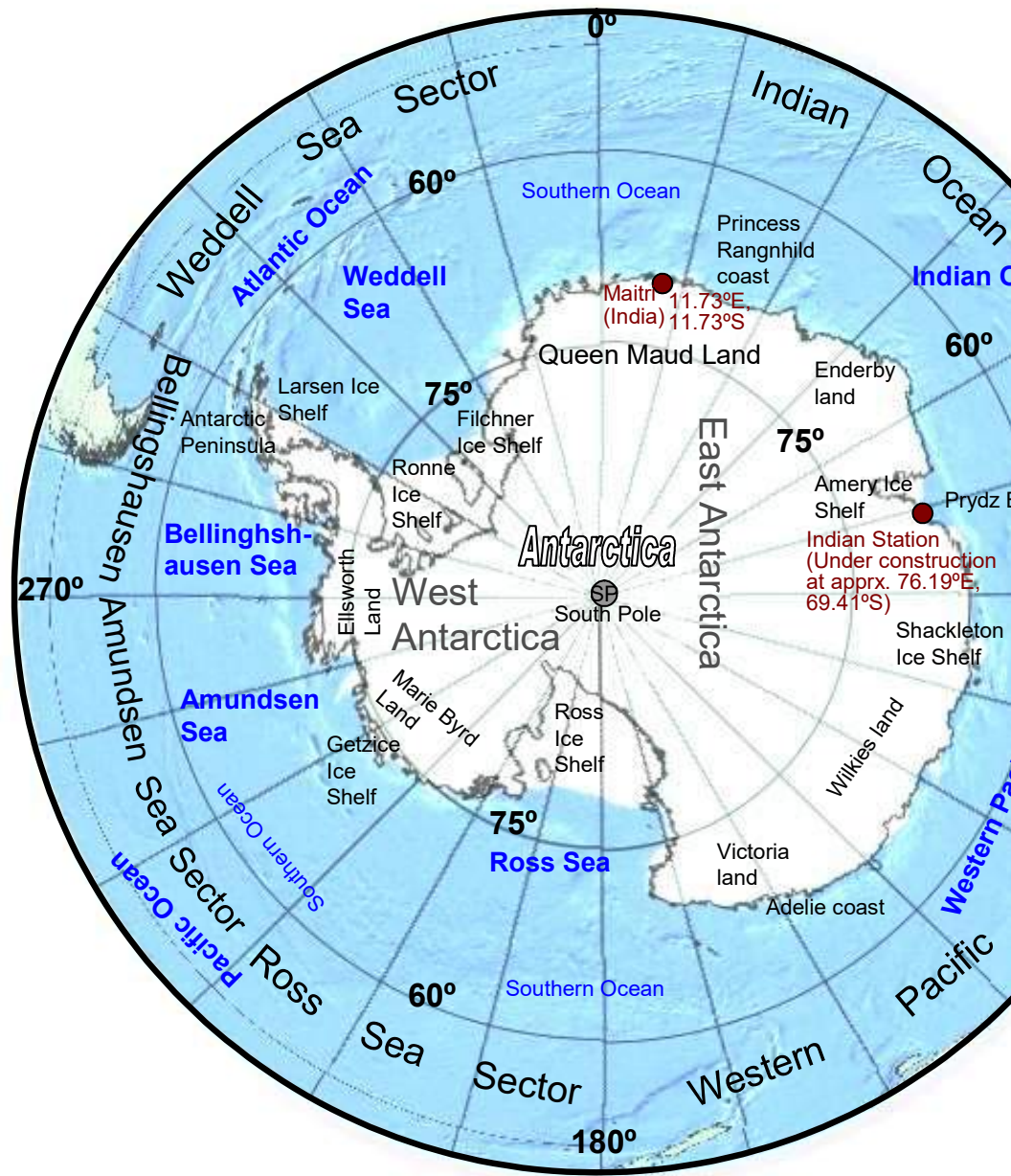
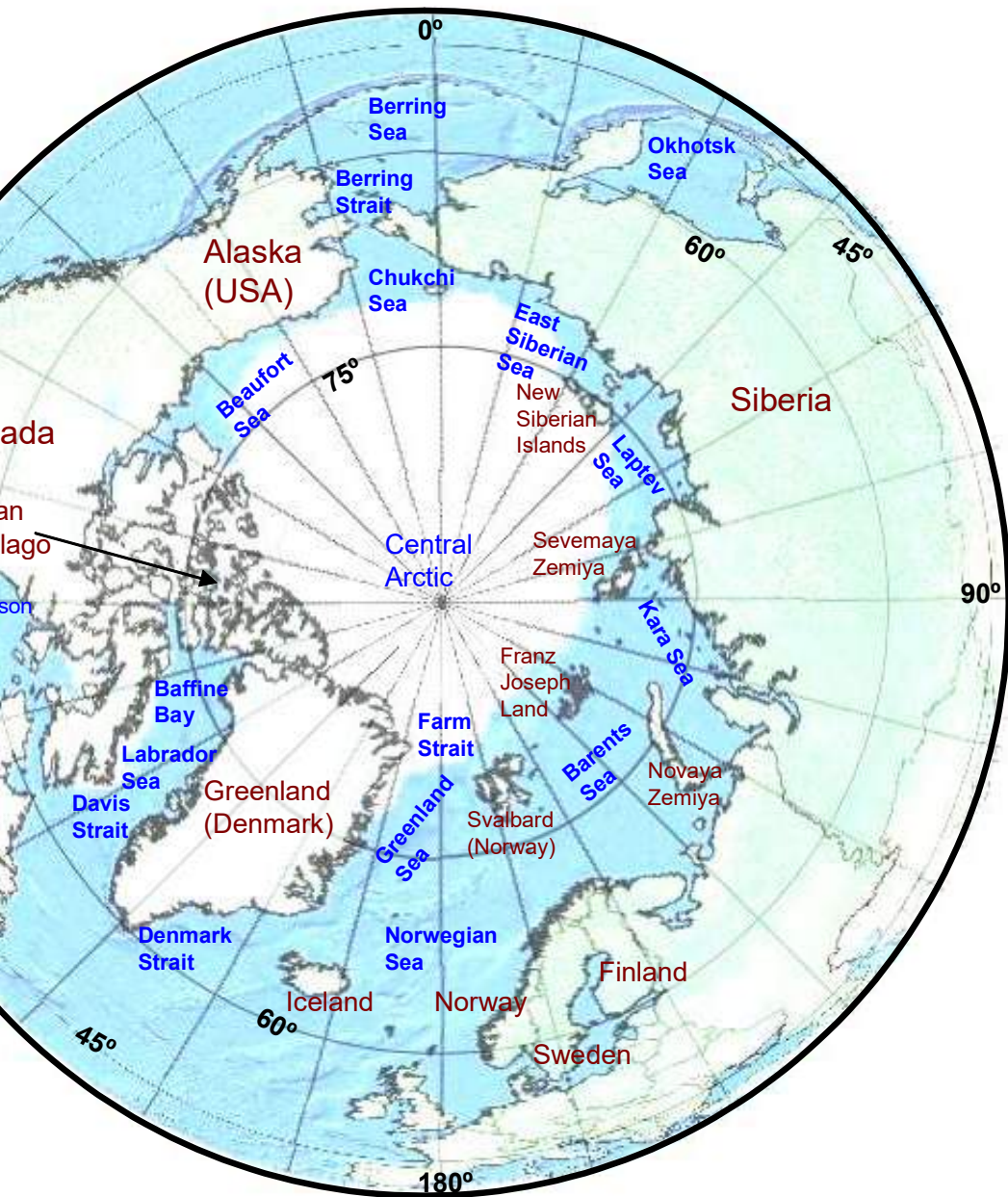
Polar sea ice has an important climate regulating impact by limiting exchanges of momentum, heat, and moisture between the ocean and atmosphere.

It modulates the normal exchange of heat and mass between the atmosphere and ocean by insulating the sea surface from the atmosphere.

Conventional methods of data collection over Polar Regions have certain limitations.

But as the increasing scope of Earth observation satellites there has been an increase in the availability of remotely sensed data over Polar regions related to ice sheets, ice shelves, polar glaciers, polar coastal regions etc.

Glacial ice is the largest reservoir of fresh water on Earth.



Proposed collaboration and responsibilities

The proposed project aims at the following objectives:

• Study the seasonal and inter-annual variations observed in the dynamics of polar glaciers, ice streams and ice sheet regions.

• Identification and monitoring of changes in sub-glacial lakes in selected regions of Antarctica

• Monitoring of Changes Over Antarctic Land Ice Features in selected parts of Antarctica

The study area includes the selected parts of Antarctica, Greenland and subarctic regions.

Responsibilities

C	DES-GU	Joint responsibilities
<p>to provide overall guidance satellite data (if required to be purchased from NDC, NRSC).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> development and validation of techniques; analysis of data and generation of maps/data and its investigation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technique development, data analysis and cross-validation of the results.

chedule

Identification of study sites	T0+12 months
Analysis of 25% of study area	T0+12 months
Analysis of 25% of study area (Total 50%)	T0+24 months
Analysis of 25% of study area (Total 75%)	T0+36 months
Analysis of 25% of study area (Total 100%)	To+46 months
Compilation of results and report writing	To+48 Months

ature review

Paper	Author	Brief Description
Sheet Motion and Topography from Radar Interferometry	Ronald Kwok, Mark A. Fahnestock	Both topography and motion information are present in repeat ERS-1 interferograms over ice sheets. This paper demonstrates that the topography is separable from the surface displacement field when a sequence of radar images are available. If the velocity field is constant over the span of observation, the topography (can be derived from differential interferograms formed from sequential observations. With this measurement a pure displacement field can then be obtained by removal of the topographic contribution to the interferometric phase at each pixel.

Open-source sea ice drift algorithm
using Sentinel-1 SAR imagery using a
combination of feature tracking and
pattern matching

Stefan Muckenhuber , Stein Sandven

Sentinel-1 data is used. In order to
detect drift Feature tracking (ORF) is used
to detect distinct patterns in both images
and tries to connect similar features
without accounting the local motion
information, for more accurate
detection of motion pattern matching
is used which tries to find the correlation
match in a given window present in
the location information done by

Measuring Glacier Motion and Topography from Radar Interferometry by Ronald Kwok, Member, ZEEE, and Mark A. Fahnestock

Measuring Surface Velocity Estimation & Facies Classification using InSAR and Multi-Temporal SAR Techniques in India

by ANIRUDHA VIJAY MAHAGAONKAR March, 2019

*Measuring Seasonal Permafrost Deformation with Differential Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar by Carina
North ,April 2008.*

*OPTIMUM CONDITIONS FOR DIFFERENTIAL SAR INTERFEROMETRY TECHNIQUE TO ESTIMATE HIMALAYAN GLACIER
VELOCITY by Bala Raju Nela , Gulab Singh, Anil V. Kulkarni and Kapil Malik.*

*OSIS, the "Open Source SAR Investigation System" for Automated Parallel InSAR Processing of Sentinel-1 Time Series
with Special Emphasis on Cryosphere Applications by David Loibl, Bodo Bookhagen, Sébastien Valade and Christian
Reber.*

*Differential InSAR for tide modelling in Antarctic ice-shelf grounding zones by Christian T. Wild, Oliver J. Marsh, and
Michael R. Rack*

Estimating sub-pixel offset techniques as an alternative to D-InSAR for monitoring episodic landslide movements in rugged terrain by A. Singleton , Z. Li , T. Hoey , J.-P. Muller

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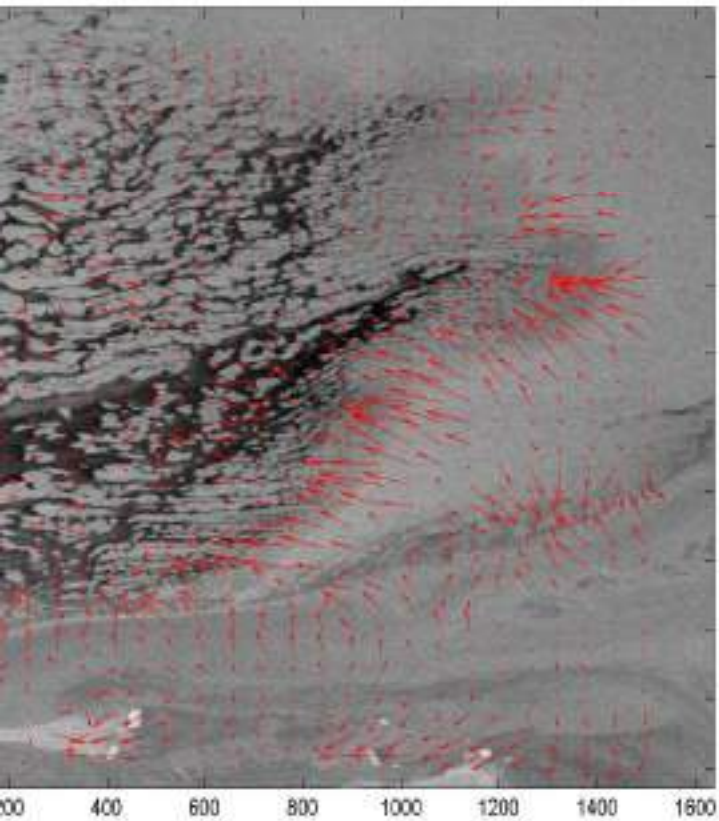
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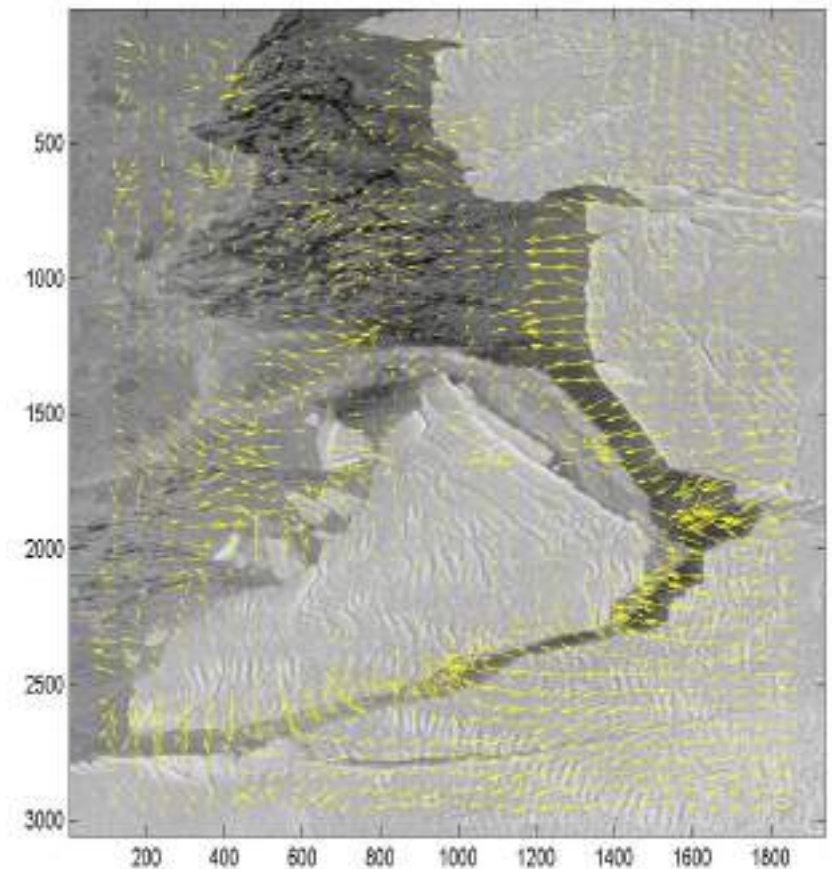
Development of Algorithm in order to derive velocity of moving objects/features.

Initially for velocity tracking Harris corner with Lucas Kanade optical flow was implemented.

It had produced good results but it wasn't robust with respect to high degree of rotation. Hence we decided to go for a complex and robust algorithm SIFT (Scale Invariant Feature Transform)



Acquired by Sentinel-1 (EW mode) on 5th March 2021 & 6th March 2021

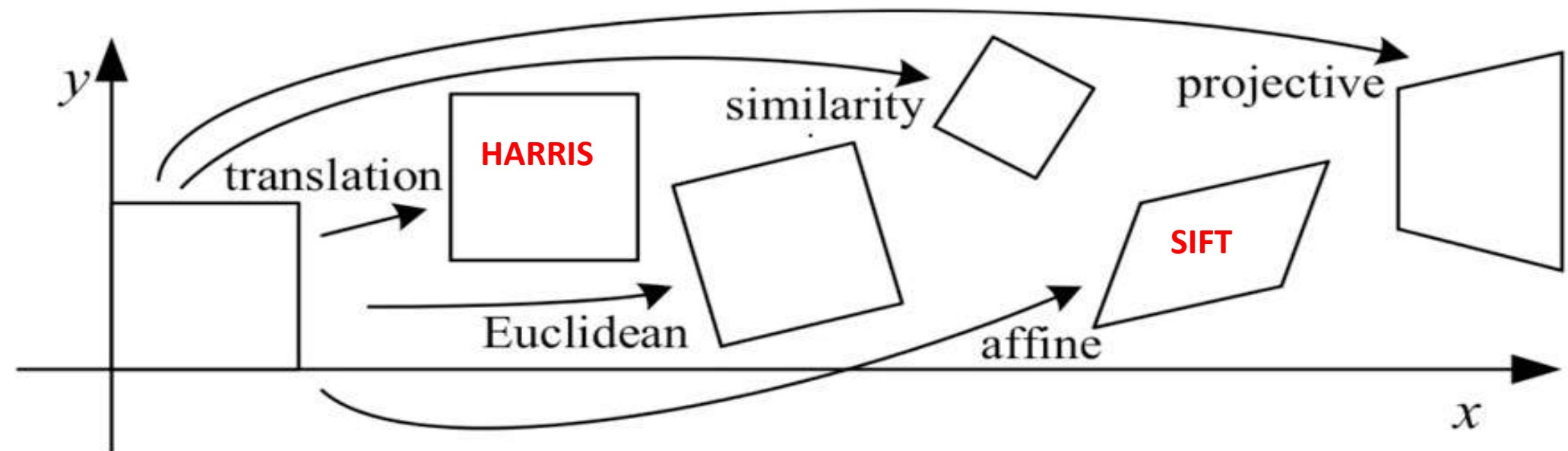


Vectors computed using LucasKanade with respect to two Sentinel-1 images acquired on 20210309 and 20210312 over BRUNT Ice Shelf Calving zone, search window size of 75 pixels.

Basic set of 2-D Transformation

Richard Szeliski, "Computer Vision: Algorithms and Application"

- Need to register a patch of the current frame to another patch of the next frame
- Coordinate transformation can be done by different "motions"



APPROACH

Scale Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT)

The **scale-invariant feature transform (SIFT)** is a computer vision algorithm to detect, describe, and match local *features* in images, invented by David Lowe in 1999. Applications include object recognition, robotic mapping and navigation, image matching, 3D modelling, gesture recognition, video tracking, individual identification, and match moving.

It is a technique for detecting salient, stable feature points in an image.

For every such point, it also provides a set of “features” that “characterize/describe” the local image region around the point. These features are invariant to rotation and scale. Applications include: estimation of affine transformation/homography between images, estimation of fundamental matrix in stereo accuracy, stability, scale & rotational invariance.

Efficiency / speed

Better error tolerance with fewer matches

Study Area & Dataset used

Polar regions both Arctic and Antarctica

Specially near the Indian Maitri Research Station and Bharati Research Station in Antarctica

In this trial run of SIFT algorithm: Sentinel-1 is mainly used as it works in the microwave domain of EM spectrum, it has cloud penetration capabilities. Hence it is used for our Study in order to get cloud free data on regular basis.

Specifications	Sentinel - 1A (S1A)	Sentinel - 1B (S1B)
Launch	03 April, 2014	22 April, 2016
Orbit	sun synchronous (693 km) with 12 days repeat cycle	
Radar carrier frequency	C - Band (5.405 GHz)	
Polarization Options	Single (HH, VV) Dual (HH+HV, VV+VH)	

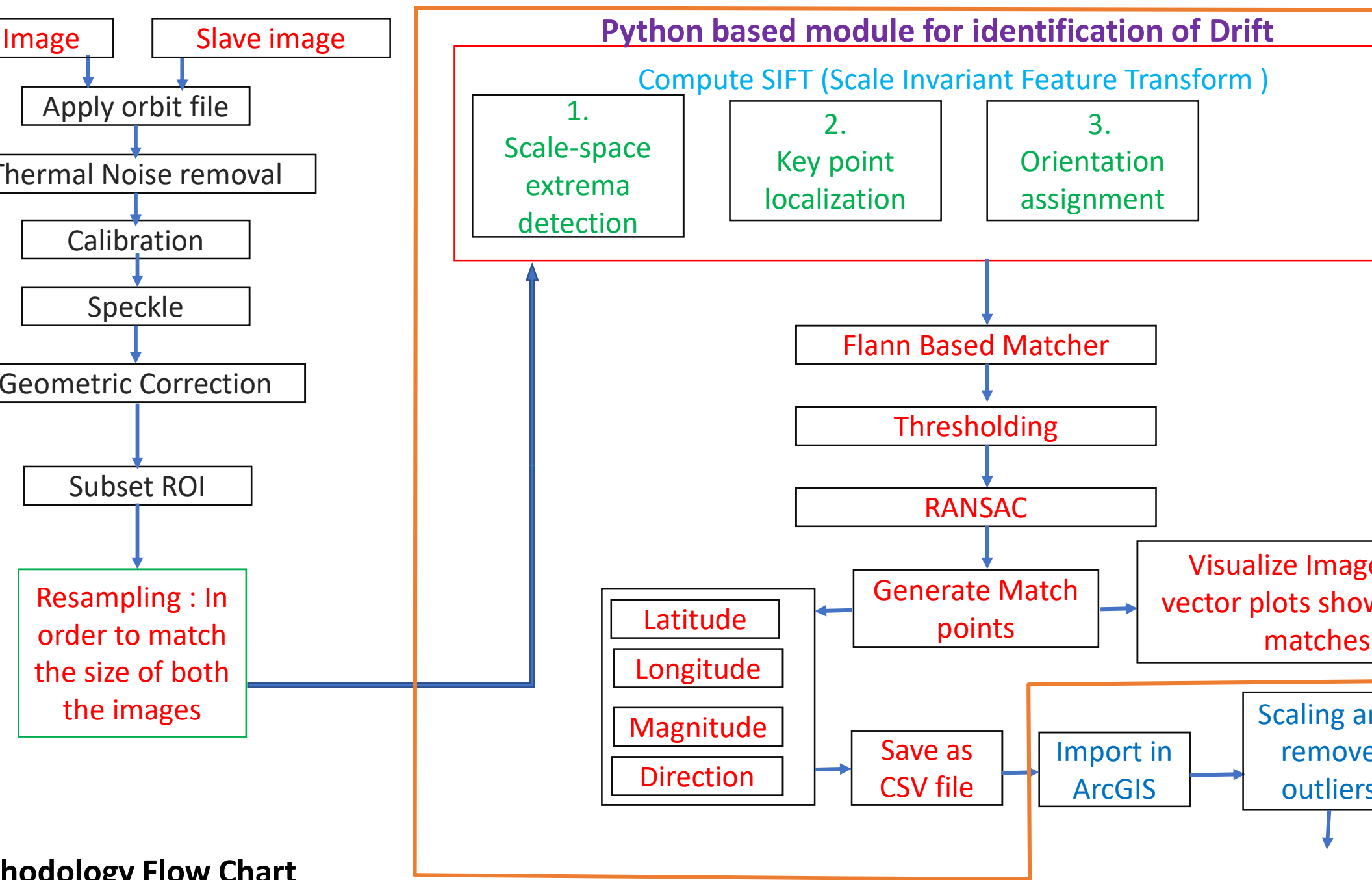
Note:

Sentinel-1 B has stopped acquiring data from 2 Dec 2021

In Polar regions temporal resolution varies from 5 days

Study Area & Dataset used

Satellite	Acquisition mode	Product Type	Image 1 date	Image 2 date	Study Area	Polarization
Sentinel-1	EW	GRD	23 Jan 2020	25 Jan 2020	Arctic Ocean	HH
Sentinel-1/B	EW	GRD	22 Aug 2021	23 Aug 2021	Antarctica, Near Maitri Research Station	HH



Step 1: Scale-space Extrema Detection - Detect interesting points (invariant to scale and orientation) using DOG.

Step 2: Keypoint Localization - Determine location and scale at each candidate location, and select them based on stability.

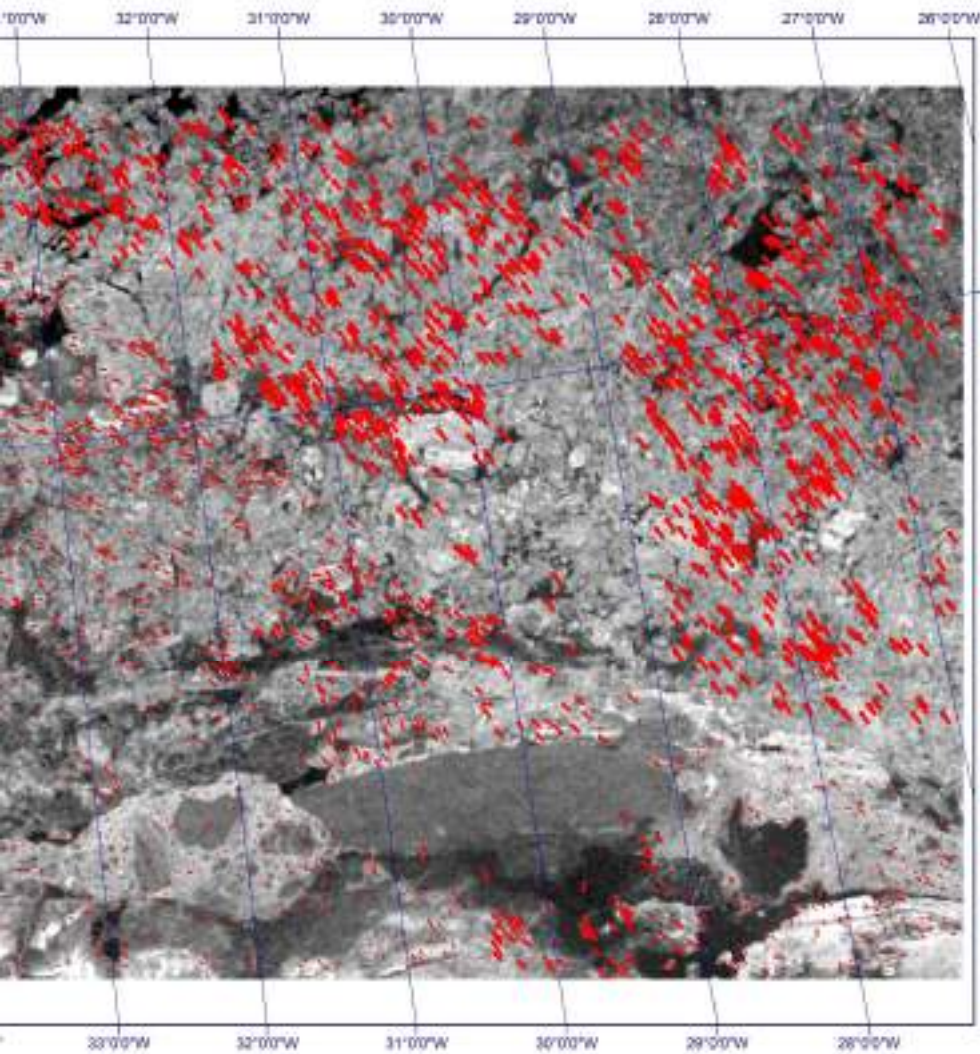
Step 3: Orientation Estimation - Use local image gradients to assign orientation to each localized keypoint. Preserve orientation, scale and location for each feature.

Step 4: Keypoint Descriptor - Extract local image gradients at selected scale around keypoint and form a representation invariant to local shape and illumination distortions.

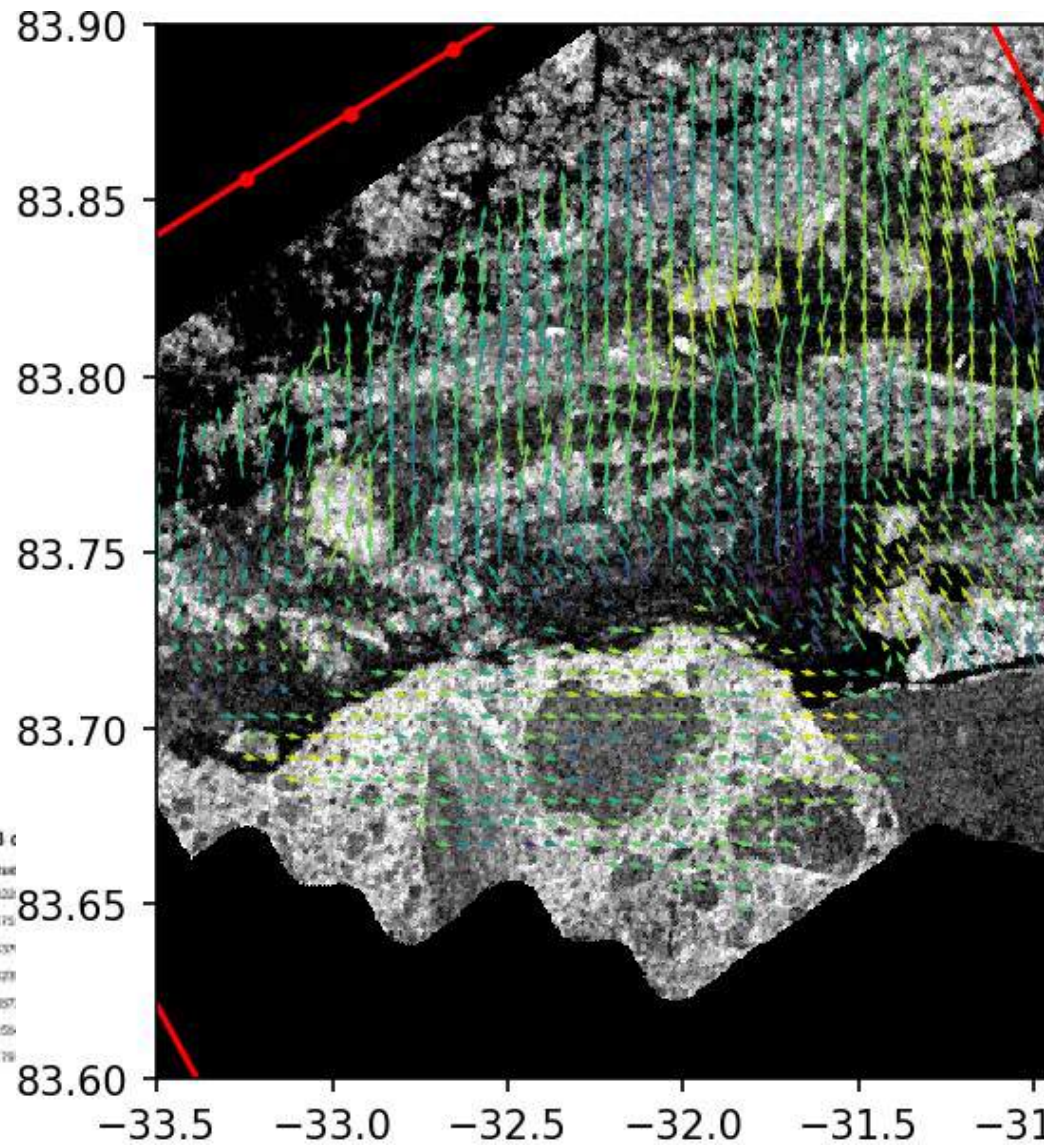
Key point matching

- Match the key points against a database of key points that obtained from training images.
- Find the nearest neighbor i.e. a key point with minimum Euclidean distance.
 - Efficient Nearest Neighbor matching
 - Looks at ratio of distance between best and 2nd best match (.8)

Though Lowe's Ratio gives a acceptable number of matches but still there will be a large number of outliers due to similarity between false descriptors & true descriptor in that case we implement RANSAC which uses Affine model to minimize outliers.

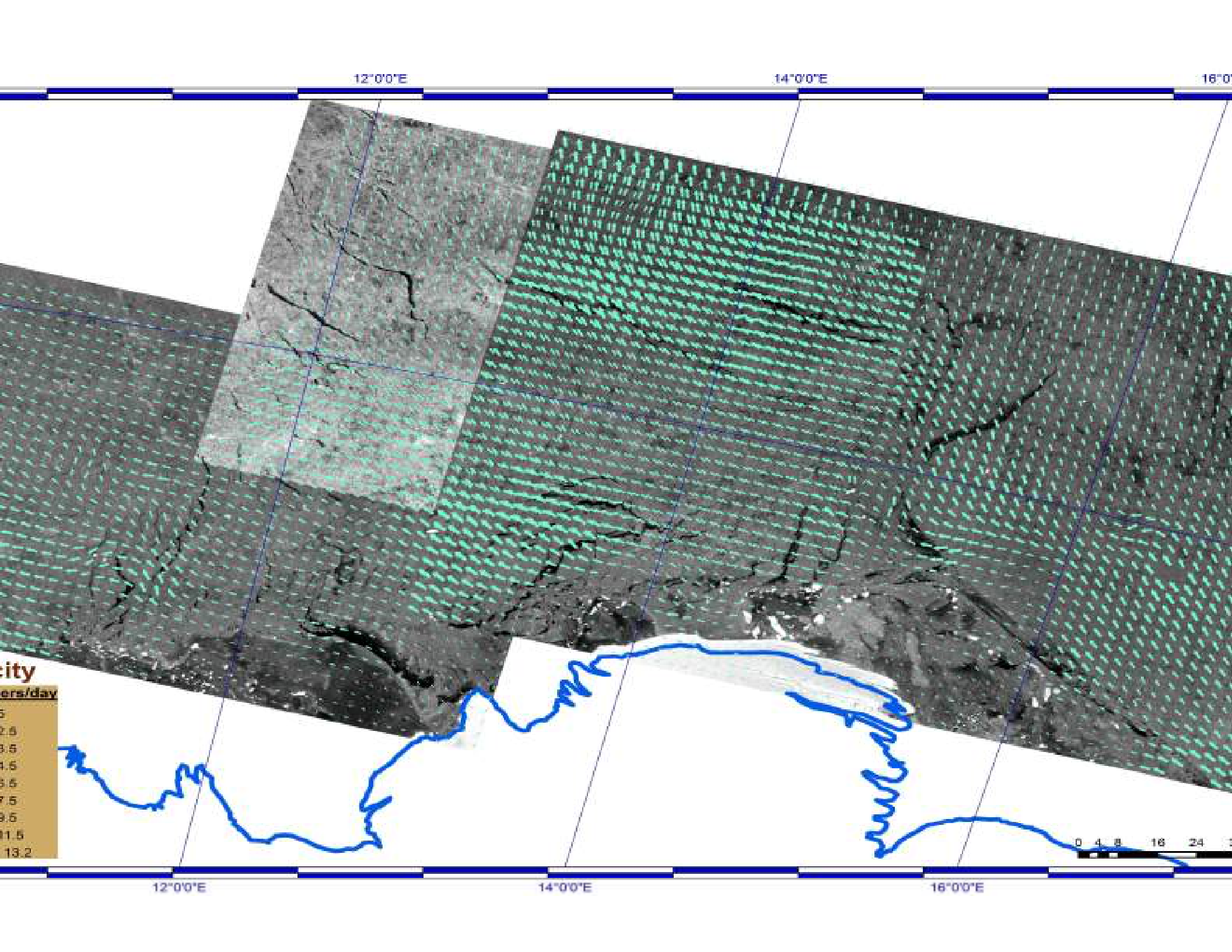


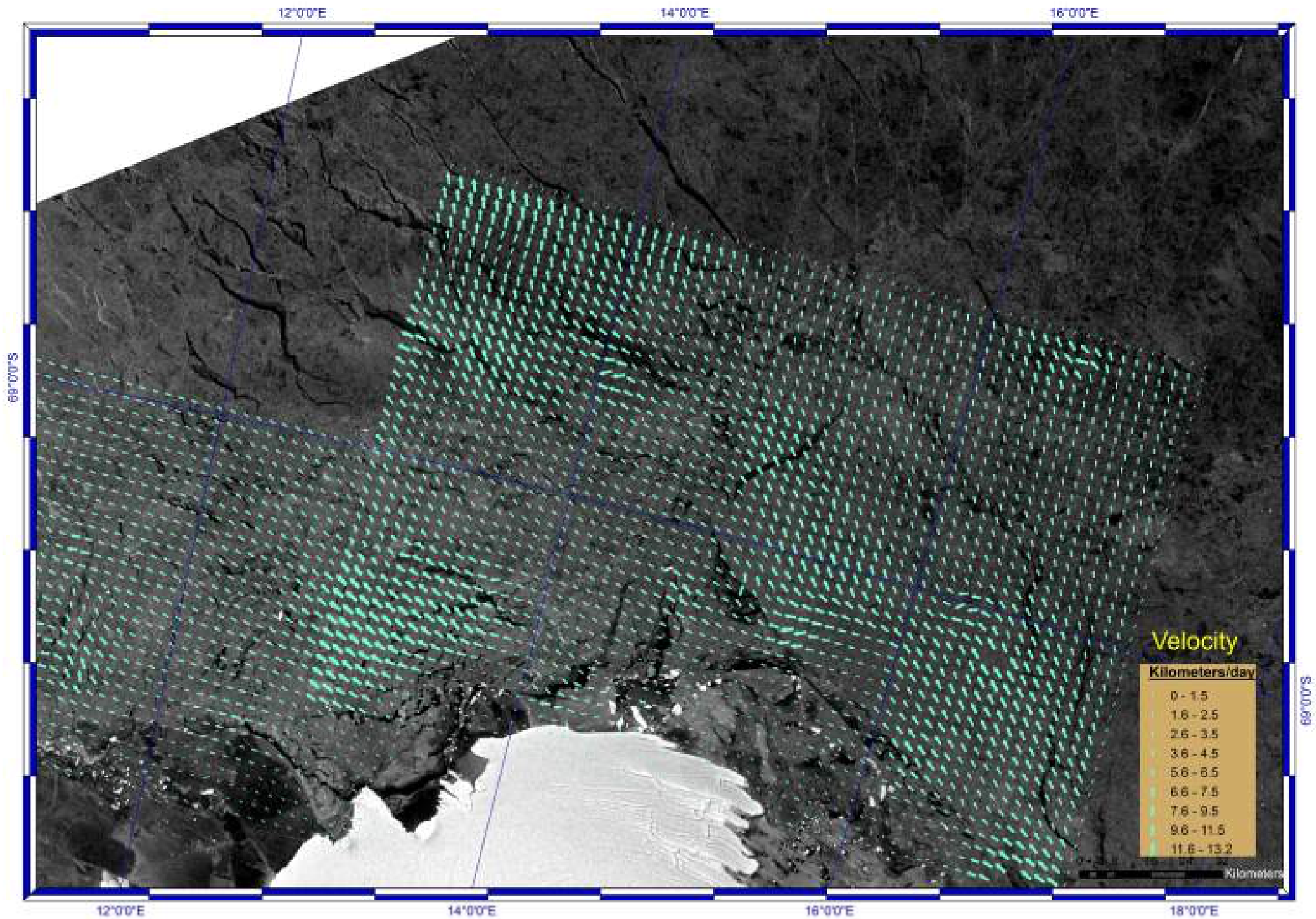
(a)



(b)

Comparison of Sea Ice Drift over Arctic Ocean selected region obtained using SIFT Algorithm (a) with NANSSEN generated using ORB (b). It can be observed how robust our algorithm is, if we look at the bottom portion of the image we can see fast ice which didn't have any motion during acquisition of both images, which is also clearly reflected by our algorithm but not in case of ORB





ture Scope

A key input in-order to estimate the Ice Flux.

Estimating Ocean Eddies

Measuring Drift would provide a better navigation of ships in the Polar region.

Measuring the Motion of Sea ice also helps in understanding different phenomena

which combinedly acts on the Sea Ice motion.

It can play an important role in studying the albedo difference with difference in motion

of sea ice.

Also how polynya and leads are formed can be better estimated or studied.

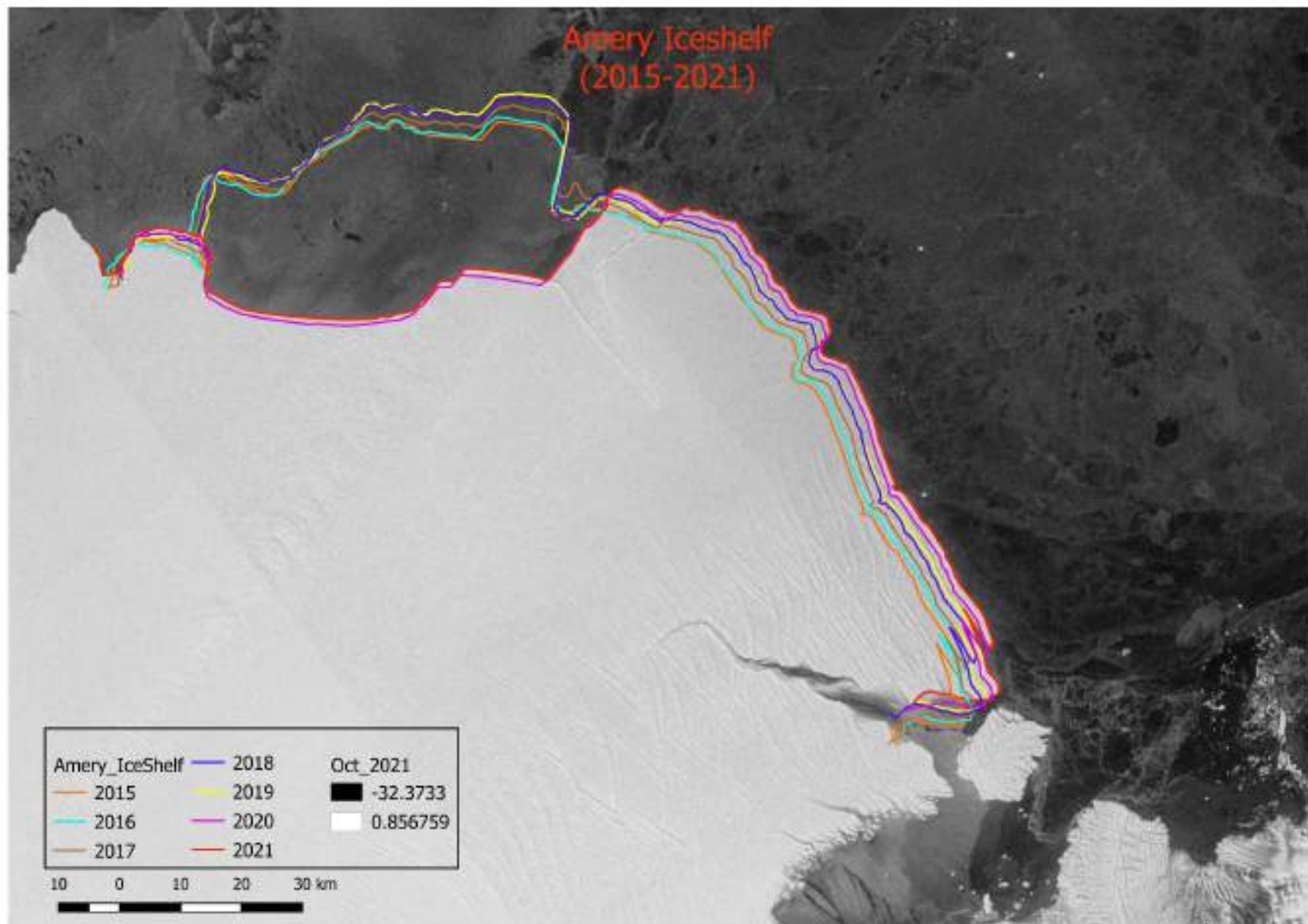
This algorithm can be further modified in order to derive the velocity vectors of

Glaciers.

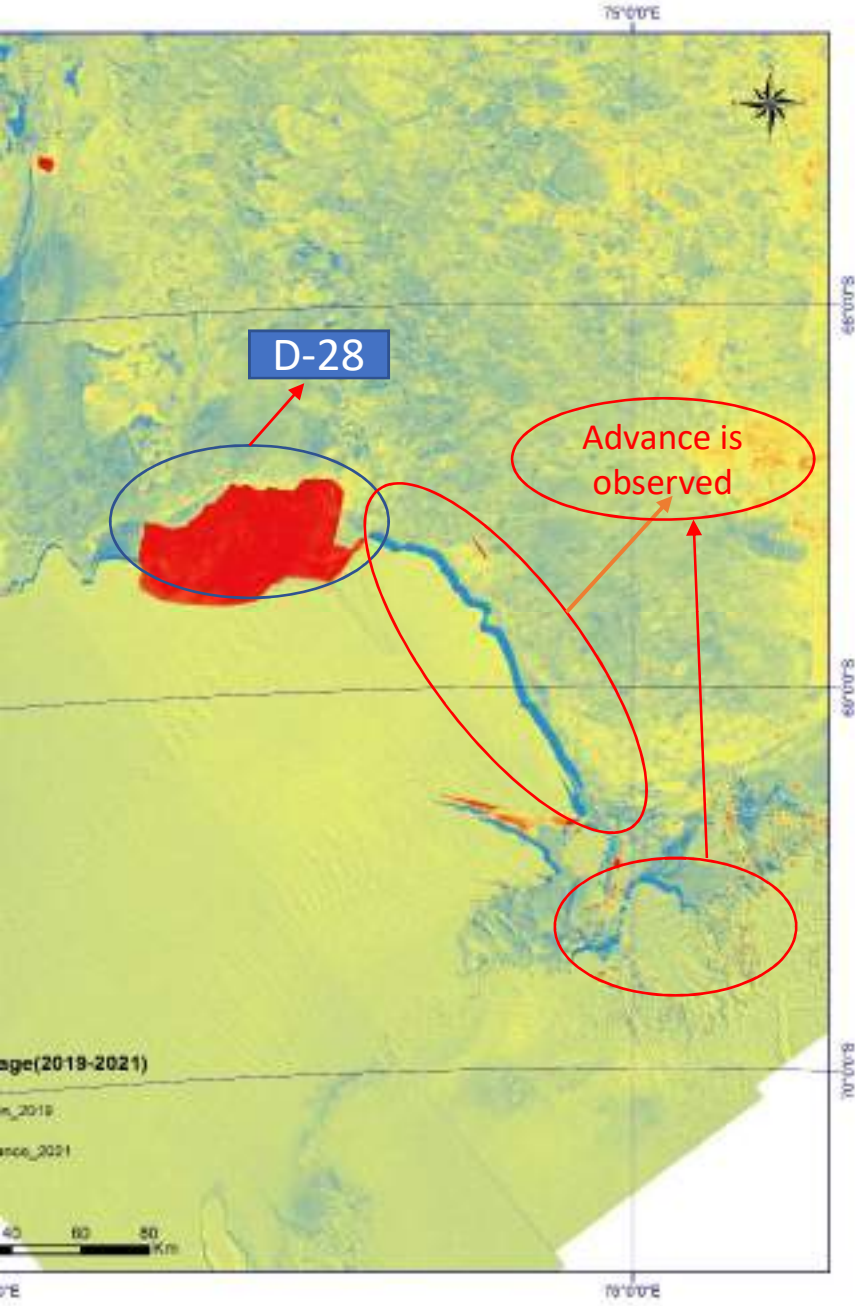
Tracking Ice Bergs.

Also to validate our output with wind data and SCATsat datasets

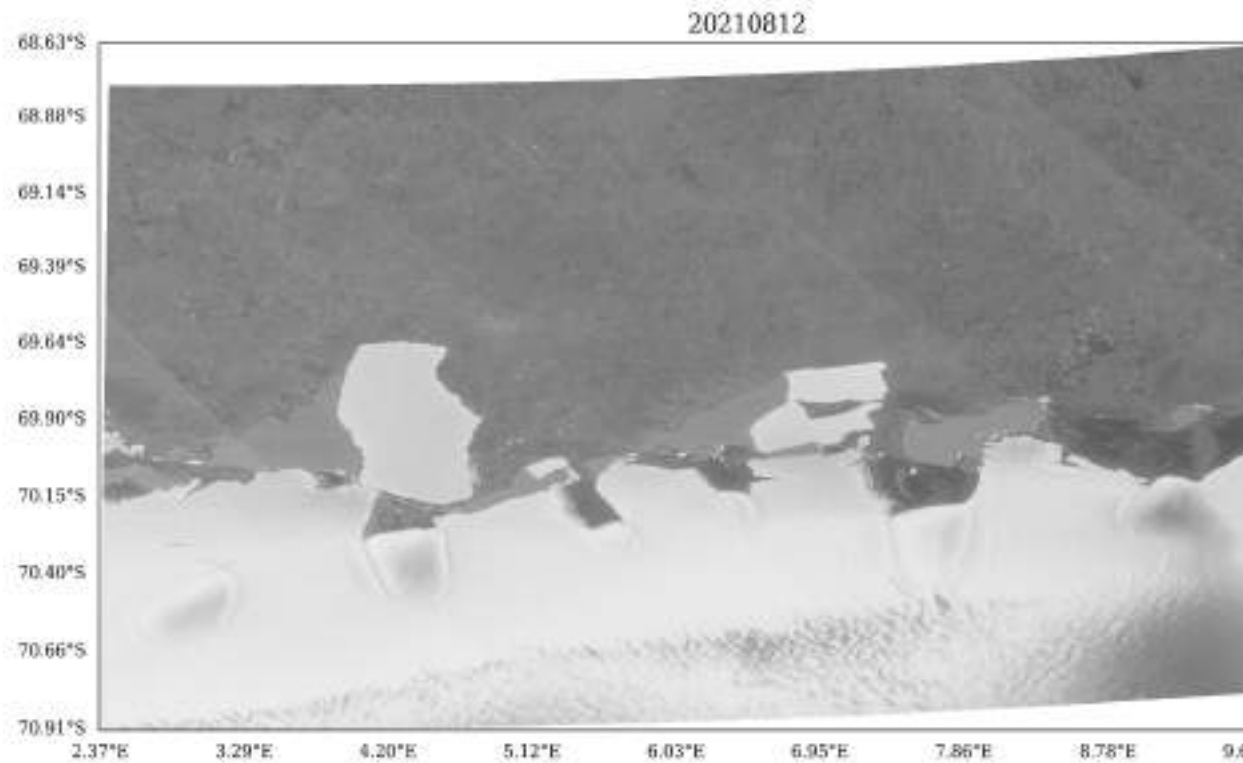
Studying IceShelf advancement and Tracking Iceberg



Amery Iceshelf Advance (2019-2021)



D-28 Iceberg calved from Amery in end of Sept 2019, a 1614 sq. km is found drifting near Maitri Research Station 12 Aug 2021. It has traveled more than 3000km in 2



Mean IceSheet velocity near Maitri Research Station using OFFSET Tracking in

Study Area and Datasets

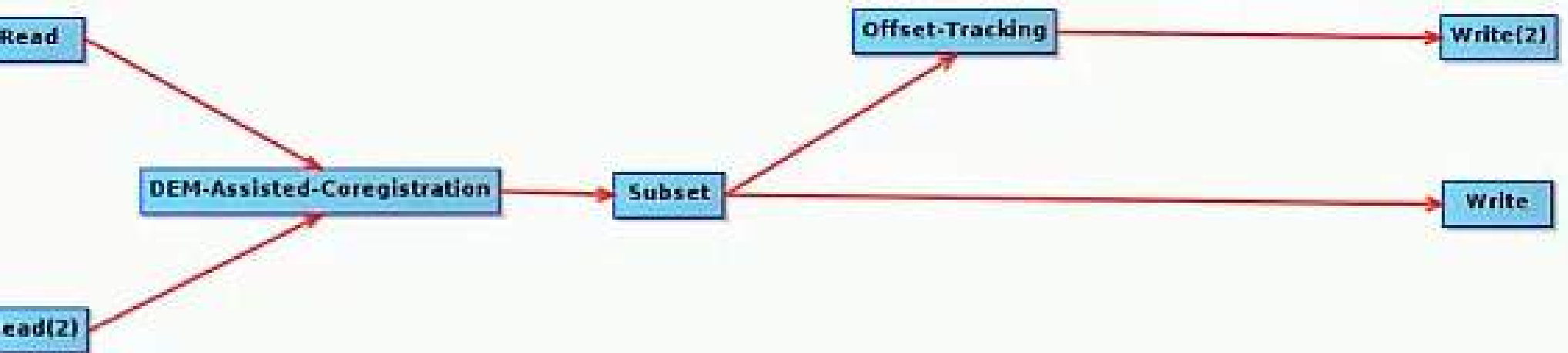
Location of Corner Reflectors installed at near Maitri Research Station Antarctica

CR2m	Ice sheet (Maitri)	70 48' 39.8" S, 11 40' 22.8 E	Ascending
CR3m	Ice sheet (Maitri)	70 49' 36.48" S, 11 32' 19.32" E	Descending

In order to derive velocity of CR3m location using Offset tracking, **Sentinel-1 images** was used in a span of 1 year corresponding dates are 21 Nov 2020 and 22 Nov 2021. Displacement of 21 to 22 meters/year is observed.

In order to derive velocity of CR2m location using Offset tracking, **Sentinel-1 images** was used in a span of 1 year corresponding dates are 4 Dec 2020 and 5 Dec 2021. Displacement of 4 to 5 meters/year is observed.

Methodology

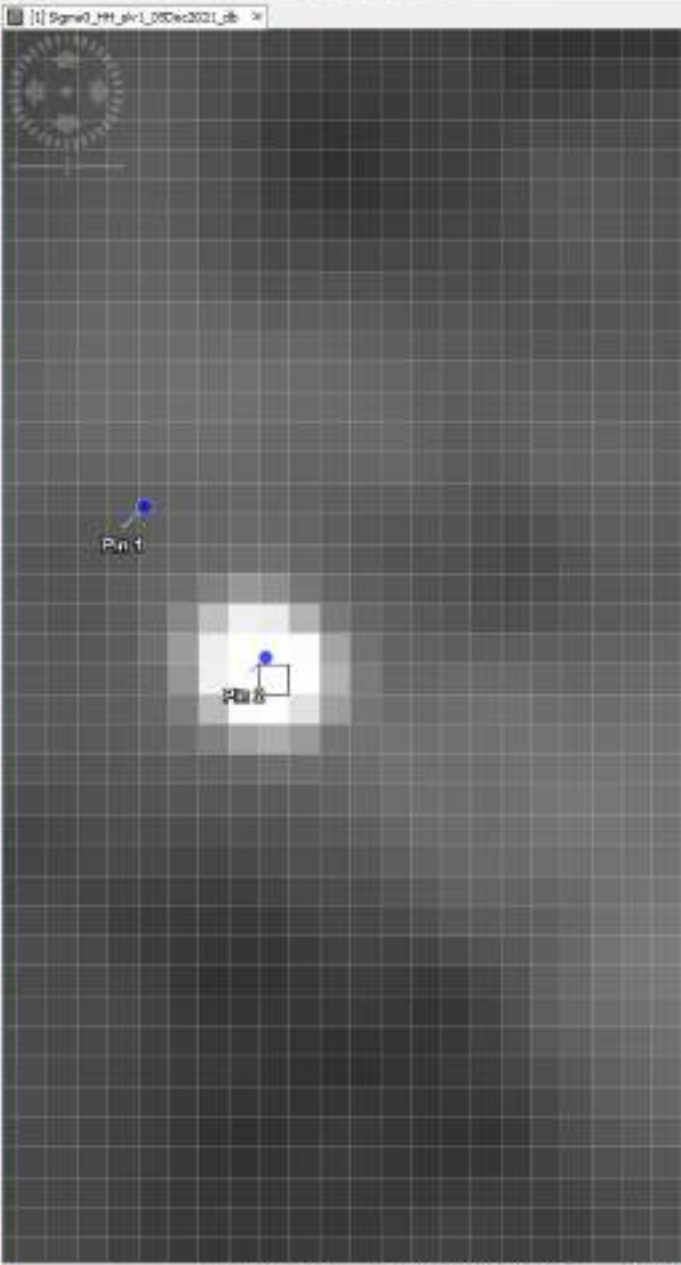
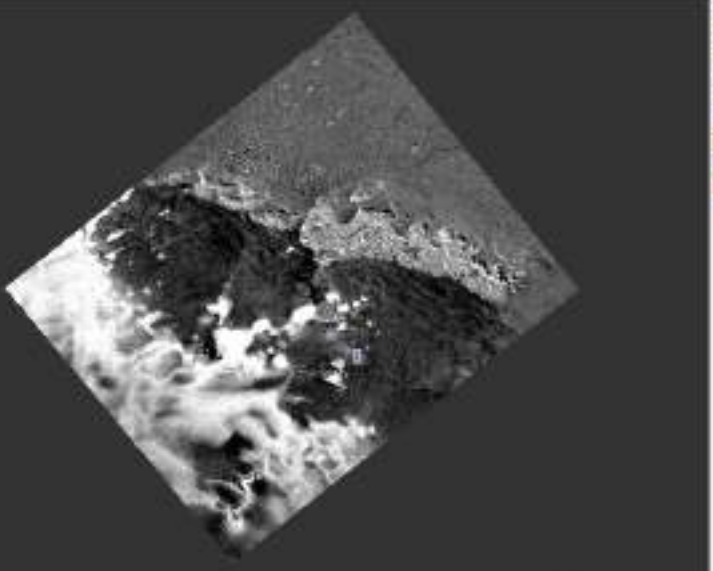


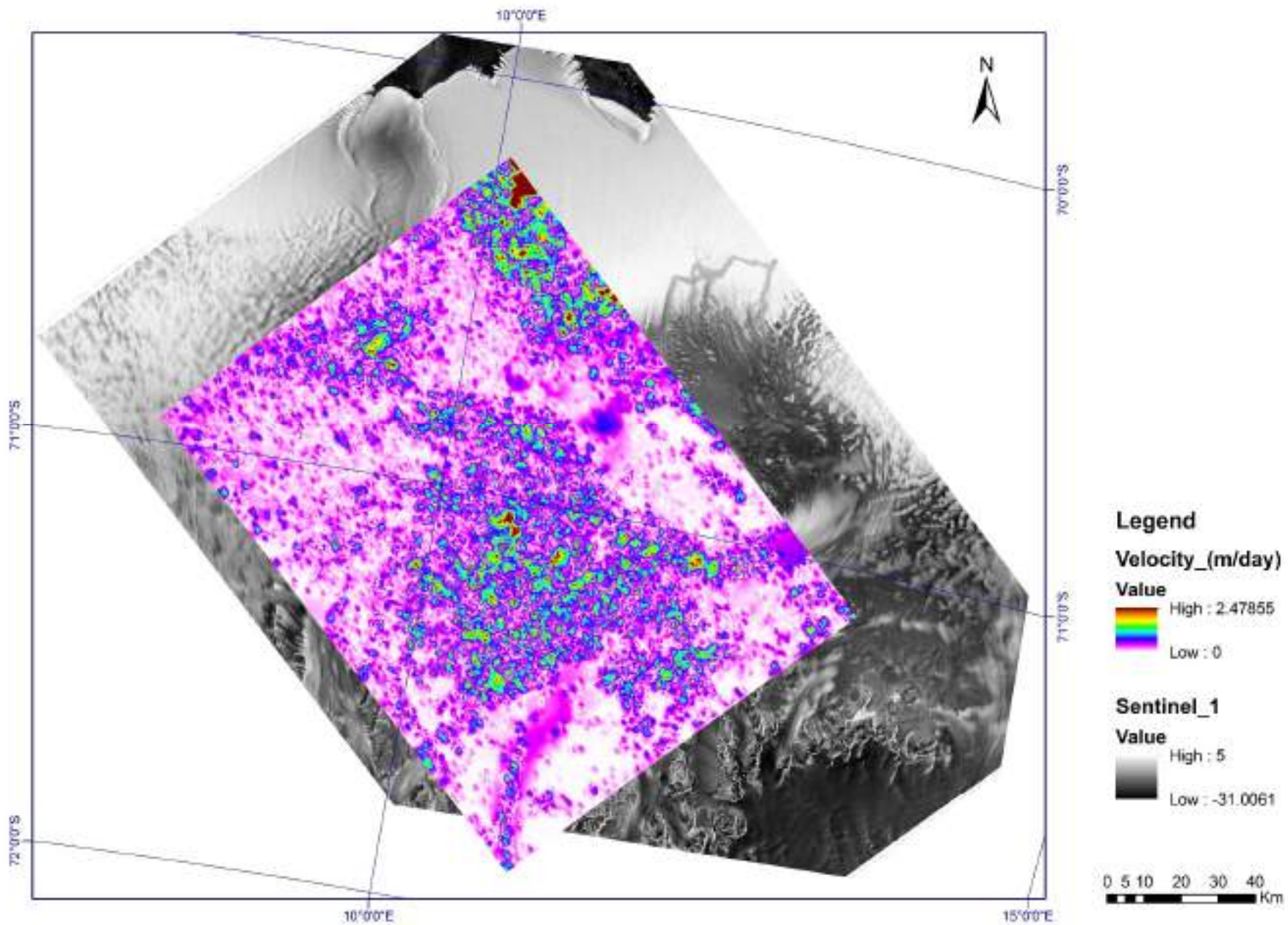
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CR2m_Ascending Pass : 4-5m/year

Location on 4 Dec 2020

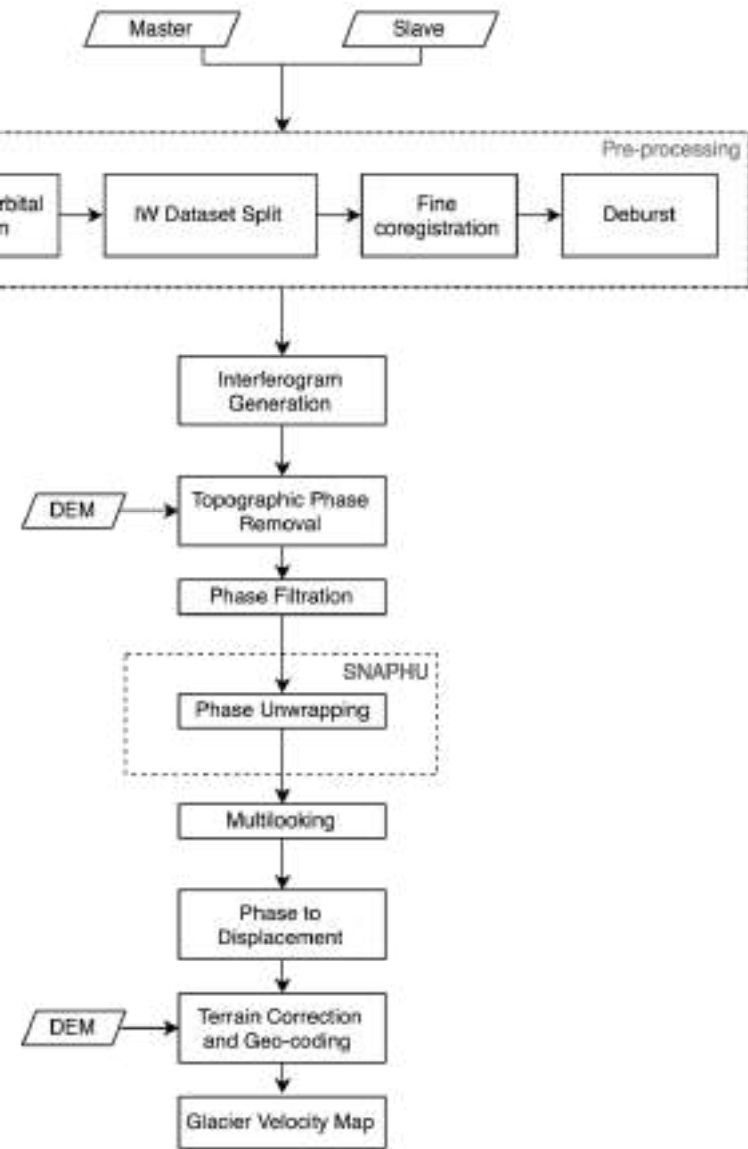
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Offset obtained
 using
 Sentinel-1
 IW_11Nov
 and 22Nov
 dataset

R based velocity Estimation

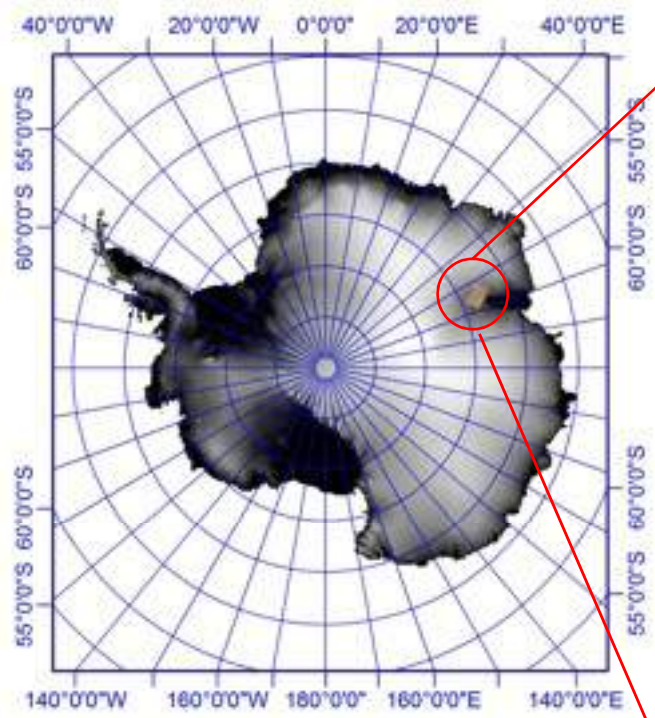


Key characteristics of ESA's Sentinel-1a and -1b Satellites from S1 Mission

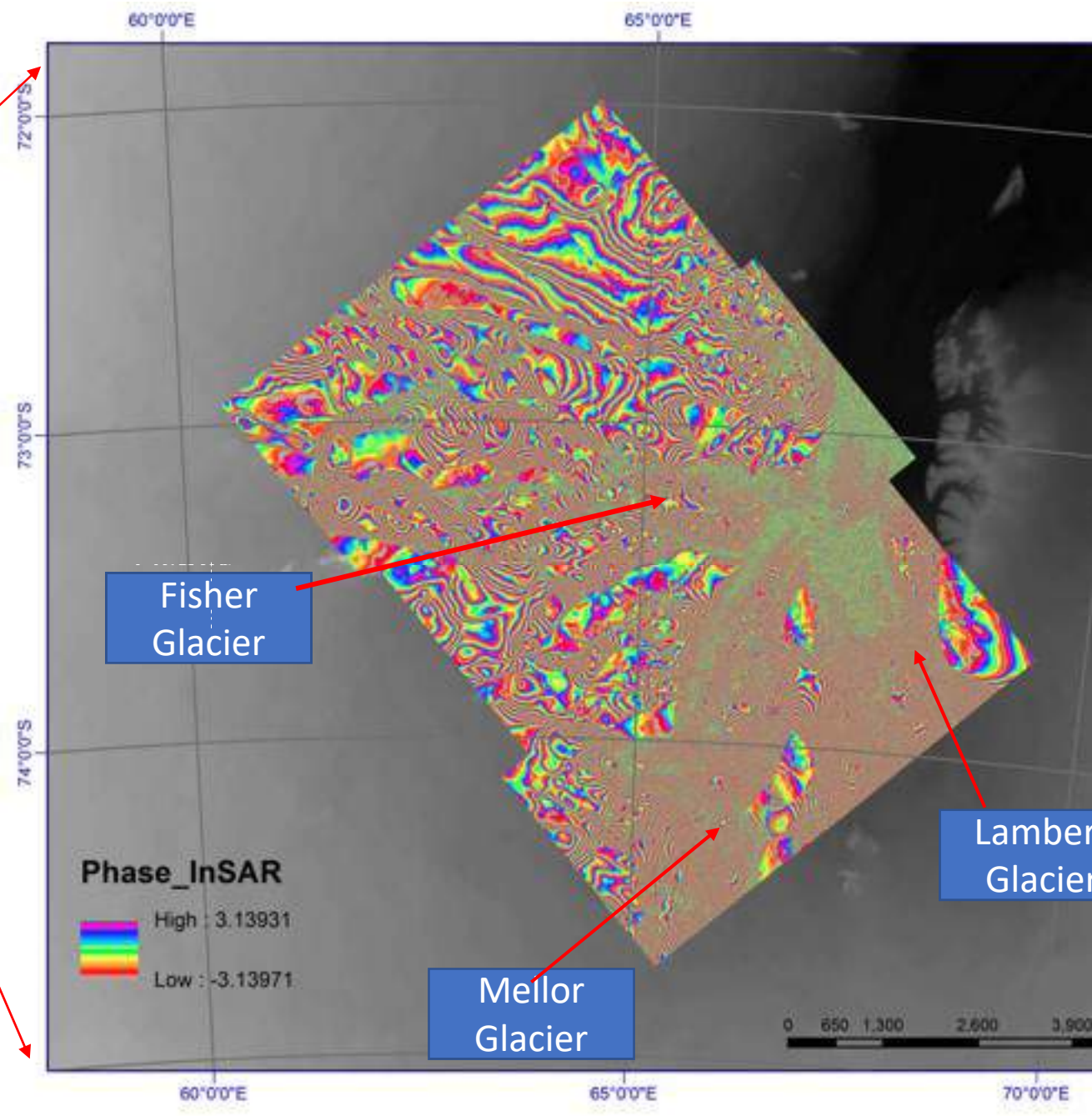
Specifications	Sentinel-1a (S1a)	Sentinel-1b (S1b)
Launch	03-Apr-14	22-Apr-16
Orbit	Sun Synchronous Orbit (693km)	
Sensor	C Band (5.6cms) – SAR Sensor	
Temporal Repeat Cycle	12 Days individually, 3-6 days (varies with region consideration) when S1a and S1b are used in combination	
Acquisition modes	Strip-map (SM), Interferometric Wide Swath (IW), Extra Wide Swath (EW) and Wave mode (WV).	
Polarization	Single (HH or VV) or Dual Polarization (HH + VV or VV + VH).	
Data Format(s)	Level - 0 RAW	
	Level – 1 Single Look Complex (SLC)	
	Level – 1 Ground Range Detected (GRD)	
	Level – 2 Ocean (OCN) Product	

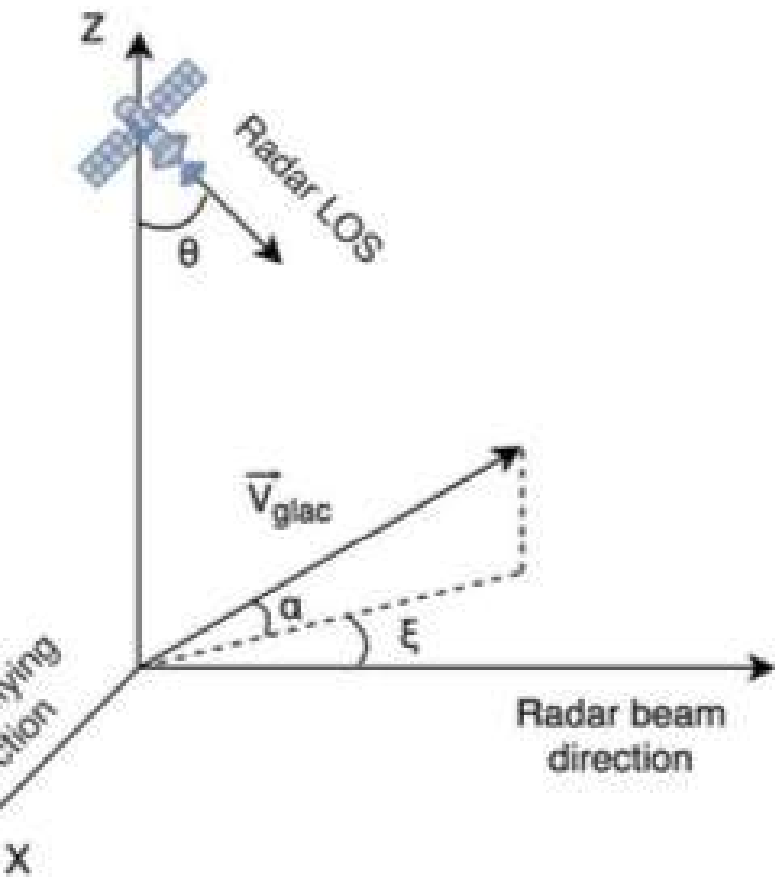
logical flowchart for surface velocity estimation using DInSAR

Glacier DInSAR Map



Images acquired: Sentinel(1B-1A) IW, SLC,
Ascending path, 20210706-20210712,
Baseline:26m





Derivation of Surface velocity from InSAR geometry where α is the angle between glacier movement direction and radar beam direction and θ look angle. V_{glac} vector represents the magnitude of glacier movement

$$V_{glac} = \frac{V_{los}}{(\cos\alpha \cos\xi \sin\theta + \cos\theta \sin\xi)}$$

V_{glac} is the actual surface velocity in flow direction, V_{los} is the velocity in LOS direction and α , ξ , θ are the slope, aspect angle with respect to radar beam direction and look angle respectively.

- Downloaded SLC datasets (sept-oct 2021) over the ice shelf in Antarctica for DInSAR. 6 pairs of datasets are already done with processing, 8 pairs of datasets are under processing.

Future Scope:

- Exploring the capabilities of InSAR and DInSAR in deriving surface velocity, Glacier velocity.
- Deriving the surface velocity from DInSAR over major Glacier in Antarctica.

Expected Deliverables

The major deliverables expected from the project are the set of images for glacier velocity fields. These will be provided respectively (i) velocity magnitude and (ii) horizontal velocity component and (iii) vertical velocity component. Horizontal and vertical components indicate the resultant direction of the ice movement. A set will be generated for all the selected fast moving glaciers of the Antarctica and Greenland.

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