# Subsidence



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#### Water extraction in Tehran Basin





#### PS pixels in one interferogram



The deformation is not sampled enough (aliased)



#### Initial Mean Velocity



• Estimated from a few interferograms spanning small time intervals



#### Fringe reduction



- Displacement estimated from initial mean velocity is subtracted from each PS interferogram
- Phase unwrapping is then possible



## Final mean subsidence rates from PS







#### Subsidence rates from levelling



## Roer Valley Graben



Tectonic movement at present?



## Line-of-sight displacement rates





#### 1994 Coal mine water levels





## Profiles across faults



Tectonic or barrier to water flow?



Water levels in mine shafts



High correlation between water levels and deformation



### Model of pore pressure change





## Permafrost thawing in Greenland





## Interpretation of PS observations

Consider what is actually moving







#### Extreme eamples from Bangkok



