

# ORFEO Preparatory Program

## WG-5 "Hydrology"

Toulouse - Spot Image

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- Hydrological elementary processes
- Water cycle and budget
- Fluvial systems : river-beds, wetlands monitoring
- Surface and groundwater : resources management
- Floods and related risks : modeling and monitoring

at local and regional scales

**VHR Images and 3D products**  , an expected **benefit** for :

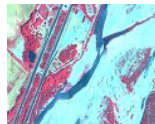
- Small, thin (i.e. linear) objects detection-characterization
- Land-use cartography with detailed legend
- Hydrological fields monitoring at VHR
  - To build indicators for catchment, fluvial system, wetlands or flood plain diagnosis
  - For spatially distributed hydrological models parametrization

**The usual questions :**

- Feasibility of information extraction ?
- Accuracies ?
- Is there an "optimum" spatial resolution ?

Hydrological requirements from ORFEO products :

- **Quantities** : water supply, floods, erosion...
  - Infrastructures and buildings mapping : Flood stakes inventory, artificial cover estimation, artificial networks detection (ditches), urban pollution sources detection
  - Soil properties estimation : moisture, roughness
  - Precise topography and water surface paths
  - Waterbodies delineation and evolution
  - Vegetation detection : hedges, vegetation cover indices
- **Quality** : pesticides, nutrients
  - Water turbidity estimation
  - Eutrophication detection
  - Agricultural (on plots and stubbles) practices detection
- **Water Eco-systems** : Monitoring of aquatic habitats
  - Riverbed geomorphology mapping : delineation, bathymetry
  - Riparian vegetation mapping



# Target Applications

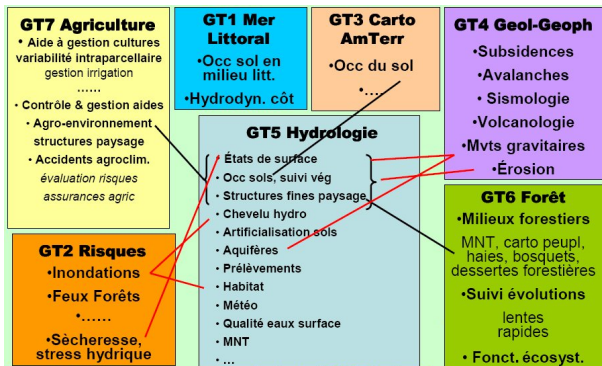
**Interactions** with other themes :

**Agriculture** : Agricultural practices detection

**Cartography** : Land use

**Risks** : Floods modeling

**Geology** : Geomorphology (DEM)



# Phase 1 : What is useful for hydrology

From "products files" inquiry : 12 files

<http://smc.cnes.fr/PLEIADES/Fr/GT5/fiches/fiches.htm>

▶ <a href="#">Fiche 1A</a>	CETP	Etats de surface du sol : états hydriques
▶ <a href="#">Fiche 1B</a>	IMFS	Caractérisation des états de surface du sol : rugosité
▶ <a href="#">Fiche 2</a>	CETP	Occupation des sols et suivi de la végétation
▶ <a href="#">Fiche 3</a>	CEMAGREF	Caractérisation et suivi temporel des plans d'eau
▶ <a href="#">Fiche 4</a>	CEMAGREF	MNT, topographie fine
▶ <a href="#">Fiche 5</a>	CEMAGREF/IMFS	Reconnaissance des structures fines (fossés, canaux, diges)
▶ <a href="#">Fiche 6</a>	CEMAGREF/IMFS	Chevelu hydrographique, chemins de l'eau sur les versants
▶ <a href="#">Fiche 7</a>	Fac Géo/Amén.	Structures urbaines et péri-urbaines
▶ <a href="#">Fiche 8</a>	BRGM	Aquifères
▶ <a href="#">Fiche 9</a>	BRGM/ECOBAG	Interface eaux de surface/eaux souterraines
▶ <a href="#">Fiche 10</a>	BRGM/ECOBAG	Prélèvements/rejets
▶ <a href="#">Fiche 11</a>	IMFS/BRGM	Habitat vulnérabilité - Ressources/Usages
▶ <a href="#">Fiche 12</a>	CETP	Paramètres météorologiques

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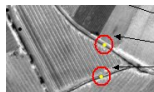
Common mapping requirements :

## Object or variable

Buildings and roads



Dams, canals, ditches



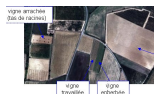
Waterbodies delineation



Hedges, plot vegetation cover



Agricultural practices



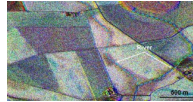


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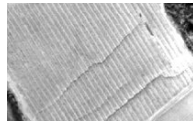
More specific information extraction :

## Object or variable

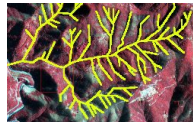
Soil surface moisture and roughness



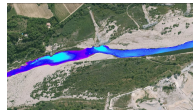
Gullies, tillage practices



Geomorphology (DTM), water paths



Bathymetry and riverbed geomorphology



6 studies in progress : cultivated and natural landscapes



Studied objects-variables	Investigator	Sites	Data
rivers morphology bathymetry	Cemagref	Durance	QB
terrain morphology gullies	Cemagref-EMA	Cevennes	QB
surface roughness tillage practices	CETP	Blosseville	Ikonos
surface roughness soil moisture	Cemagref- CETP	Villamblain, Orgeval	TerraSAR
ditches weed control practices	INRA	Roujan	QB, Pe- lican, TerraSAR
terrain morphology hydrographic networks	ENGEES-IMFS	Bruche	-

## Morphologic segmentation of shallow rivers from Quickbird images : case study of the Durance river

J.S. Bailly, C. Puech , Y. Le-Coarer, S. Reyes-Castillo, J. Damis, C. Delenne ;  
Cemagref, HSM/CNRS

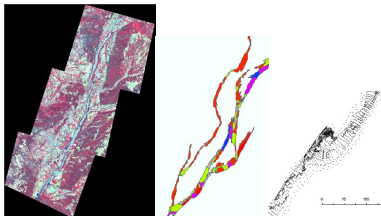
### Objectives :

Context of the European water framework,  
To map shallow rivers (< 2m depth)  
geomorphology :

- water depth
- river-bed delineation and width
- functioning segments : riffles, pools

### Data :

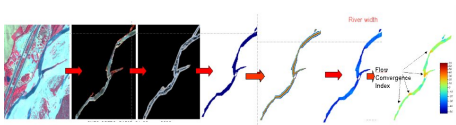
- QB images : P, XS, P+XS
- Ground-truth measurements (depth, functioning segments)



# Some first results : (1) River bed geomorphology monitoring

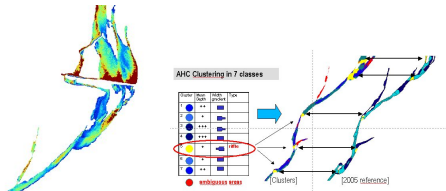
## Results (1) :

- riverbed delineation using image segmentation + classification : 95% of accuracy
- methods to produce derivative information : width and flow convergence along river



## Results (2) :

- depth : regression on band ratios [Legleiter 2005] based on beer-lambert laws
- depth : 9 cm RMSE. XS2.4 m : better results. Bathymetry along 45 km of river
- clustering on flow convergence + depth grids along river : riffles and pools detection



# Some first results : (2) Soil surface characterization

## Potential of TerraSAR-X SAR data for the characterization of soil surface parameters

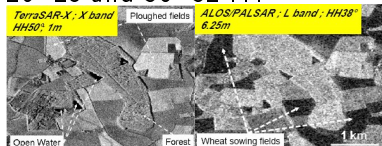
N. Baghdadi, M. Zribi, C. Loumagne, P. Ansart, T.P. Anguela ;  
BRGM, CETP/CNRS, Cemagref

### Objectives :

To assess the potential of spatial SAR in X-band for the characterization of soil moisture and surface roughness

### Data :

- TerraSAR-X images : HH, 26°-28° and 50°-52°...

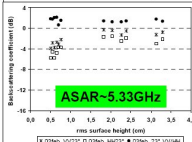
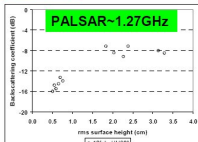
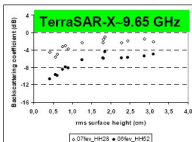


- Ground-truth measurements :
  - roughness
  - soil moisture

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## Results (1) :

### Sensitivity of radar signals to surface roughness - previous results



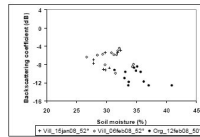
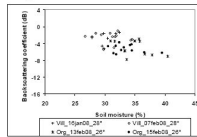
- TerraSAR-X is highly sensitivity to *rms* at high incidence angles.
- $\sigma^0$  increases with *rms* according to a logarithmic function.
- Signal is more sensitive to *rms* under conditions of lower roughness.
- Difference between smooth and rough areas reaches 6dB at 52°, and 3dB at 28°.

## Results (2) :

### Sensitivity of radar signals to surface soil moisture

➤ Radar signals decrease with increasing soil moisture, under very wet soil conditions. This decrease is of the same order at high and low incidence angles.

➤ Our database, acquired under conditions of high moisture (*mv* between 27% and 41%), shows that  $\sigma^0$  is stable when *mv* is less than about 32%, and that it decreases beyond this threshold.



- Validation of thematic studies still going on :
  - Masters for 2008-2009
  - PhD ending in 2010 with risks thematic group
  - Data delivery for "Bruche" study
  
- Identifying generic methodological requirements (OTB) :
  - Landscapes linear element detection ?
  - Surface waters delineation ?
  - High resolution DTM generation in natural areas