2019 Report from the Earth Observatory of Singapore:

Rapid response to natural disasters in South and Southeast Asia using the Advanced Rapid Imaging and Analysis Singapore (ARIA-SG) system

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The mission of the Earth Observatory of Singapore:

• The Earth Observatory of Singapore conducts fundamental research on earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis and climate change in and around Southeast Asia, towards safer and more sustainable societies.

The mission of our team:

- To support regional decision makers by monitoring and mapping regional hazards and natural disasters.
- To develop cutting-edge algorithms for hazards monitoring and disaster mapping.



Members of our team enjoying a visit by Akira from the AHA Centre

The Advanced Rapid Imaging and Analysis (ARIA) system

- ARIA was originally created by NASA-JPL and Caltech. ARIA will search for, download, process and archive available SAR data.
- We cloned the ARIA system to EOS and our team is collaborating with JPL and Caltech to improve and expand the system.

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• ARIA runs in a cloud computing environment, so we can process large volumes of SAR data in a short period of time.

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Data products

- 1. SAR interferograms (earthquake deformation, etc.)
- 2. Damage Proxy Maps (building damage due to earthquakes, typhoons, etc.)
- 3. Flood Proxy Maps (flood extent)



Example FPM: Laos Floods, September 2019



Light blue pixels indicate flooded areas, imaged by Sentinel-1.

The map was used by AHA to calculate impact and needed supplies.

Example FPM: Typhoon Hagibis, October 2019



Light blue pixels show flooded areas, imaged by ALOS-2.

Example DPM: Palu Earthquake, Indonesia, Sept 2018



Red and yellow pixels show damaged buildings, imaged by ALOS-2

Example DPM: Typhoon Hagibis, October 2019



European Space Agency, Google Earth

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Temporal analysis for improved accuracy: FPMs for mapping floods from Hurricane Matthew (USA, 2016)

Temporal analysis results in improved accuracy from 64% to 81%, and the opportunity for more automated flood mapping.

Lin et al., 2019, Remote Sensing.







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Validation and training data from NOAA Airborne Optical Imagery





Results from applying CNN deeplearning techniques on a stack of 66 Sentinel-1 SAR scenes

Temporal analysis for improved accuracy: DPMs for landslides triggered by the 2018 M 6.6 Hokkaido earthquake

Before ΗНМ DPM3 After Aerial Photos by GSI

Temporal analysis results in improved accuracy from 68% to 93%.

Jung and Yun, 2019, submitted

Recommendations to Sentinel Asia

A BIG THANK YOU to Sentinel Asia for all the great work!

Our recommendations for the future:

- 1. With cloud computing and temporal processing techniques, we can significantly improve the accuracy of our disaster maps (including urban areas for floods). We would like to recommend that ALOS-2 archived data are made available for download for future events.
- 2. With improved automation, it would be wonderful if our ARIA-SG system can be automatically triggered when users input an EOR through provision of an API.
- 3. More sharing of ground validation data would be really helpful to improve our products.
- 4. We would so much love to hear feedback from users about whether our maps were useful and how they could be more useful.

Thank you!

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