

# JJ-FAST: JAXA-JICA Near-Real Time Deforestation Warning

~ *Contents of the data* ~

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# About deforestation detection algorithm

	Visual inspection	Core algorithm	Advanced algorithm
Who	Operators		Program
Process	Semi-automatic		Automatic
Data used	Two data (before and after the deforestation) HV polarization		<b>Time series analysis</b> <b>HH &amp; HV polarization</b>
Note		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use the image segmentation</li><li>• Use the optimal thresholding</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Combined with the core algorithm</li><li>• Precipitation considered</li><li>• Texture may be used.</li></ul>

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## Two interesting topics

1. Deforestation detection timing
2. Polarimetric characteristics for the early-stage deforestation area

(Details will be presented in IGARSS2017.)

# About data

## Test site

Ucayali/Peru (a hot deforestation spot)

## Data

PALSAR-2/ScanSAR (Descending)  
PALSAR-2/Polarimetry (Ascending)

## Observation date

ScanSAR : All data taken by 2016  
(Cycle 39, 42, 45, 53, 56, 59, 62)

Polarimetry : Beginning of dry season  
(May 5, 19, 2016)  
End of dry season.  
(Nov. 17, Dec. 1, 2016)

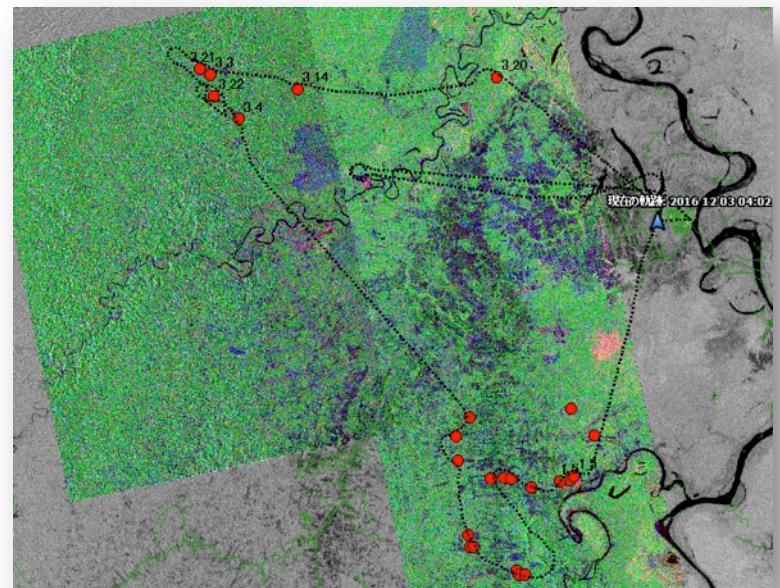
## Field experiment

Ground : Nov. 30 to Dec. 2, 2016

Airplane : Dec. 3, 2016



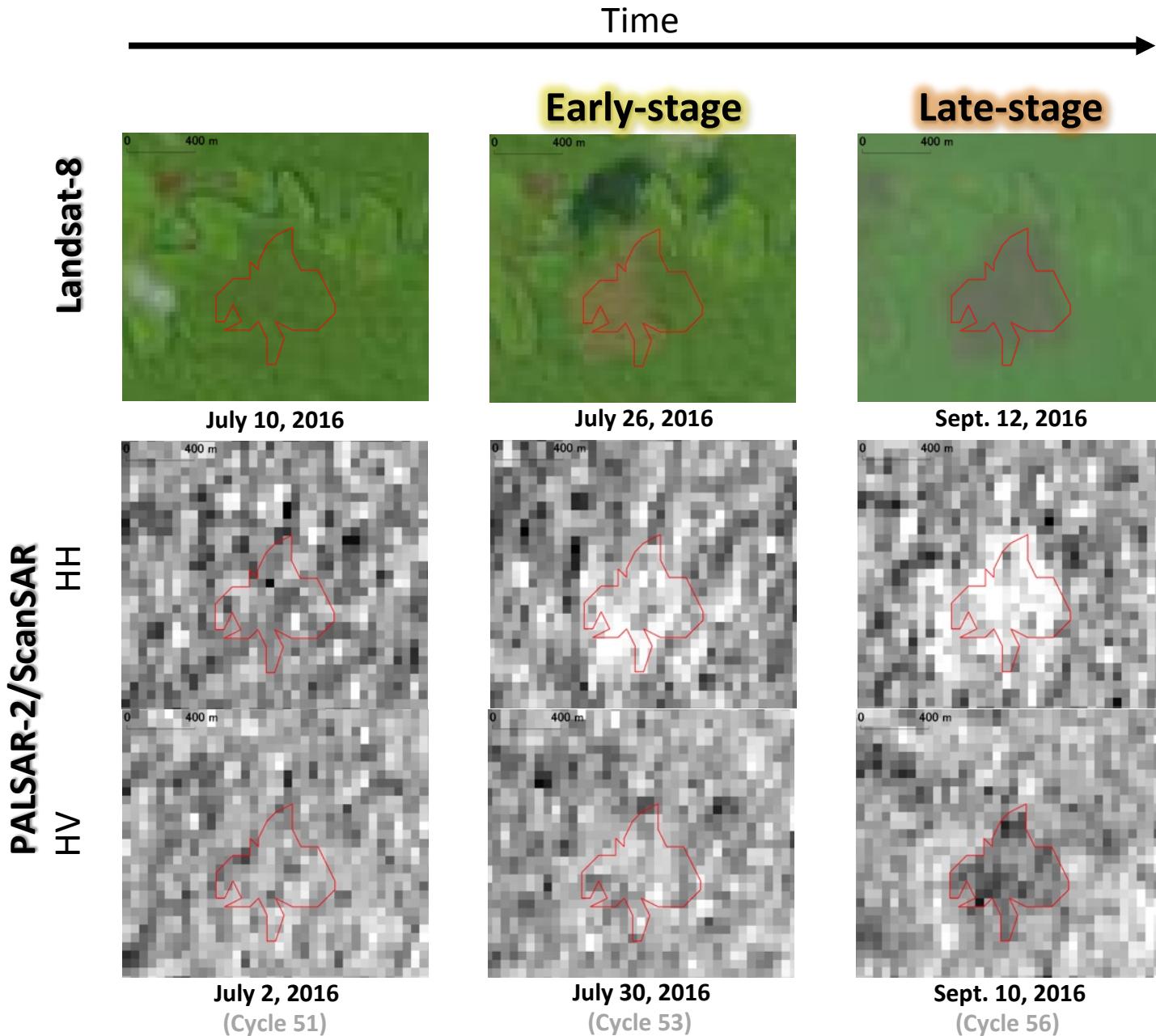
ScanSAR image



Four component decomposition image

(R: Double G: Volume B: Surface)

# 1. Deforestation detection timing



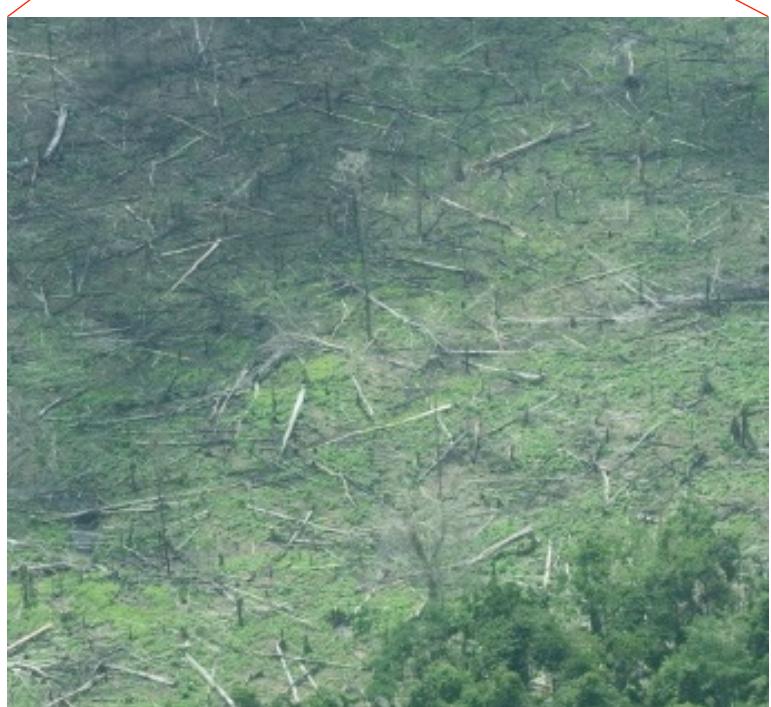
Aerial photos taken on Dec. 3, 2016

Early-stage



Fallen trees left on the ground

Late-stage



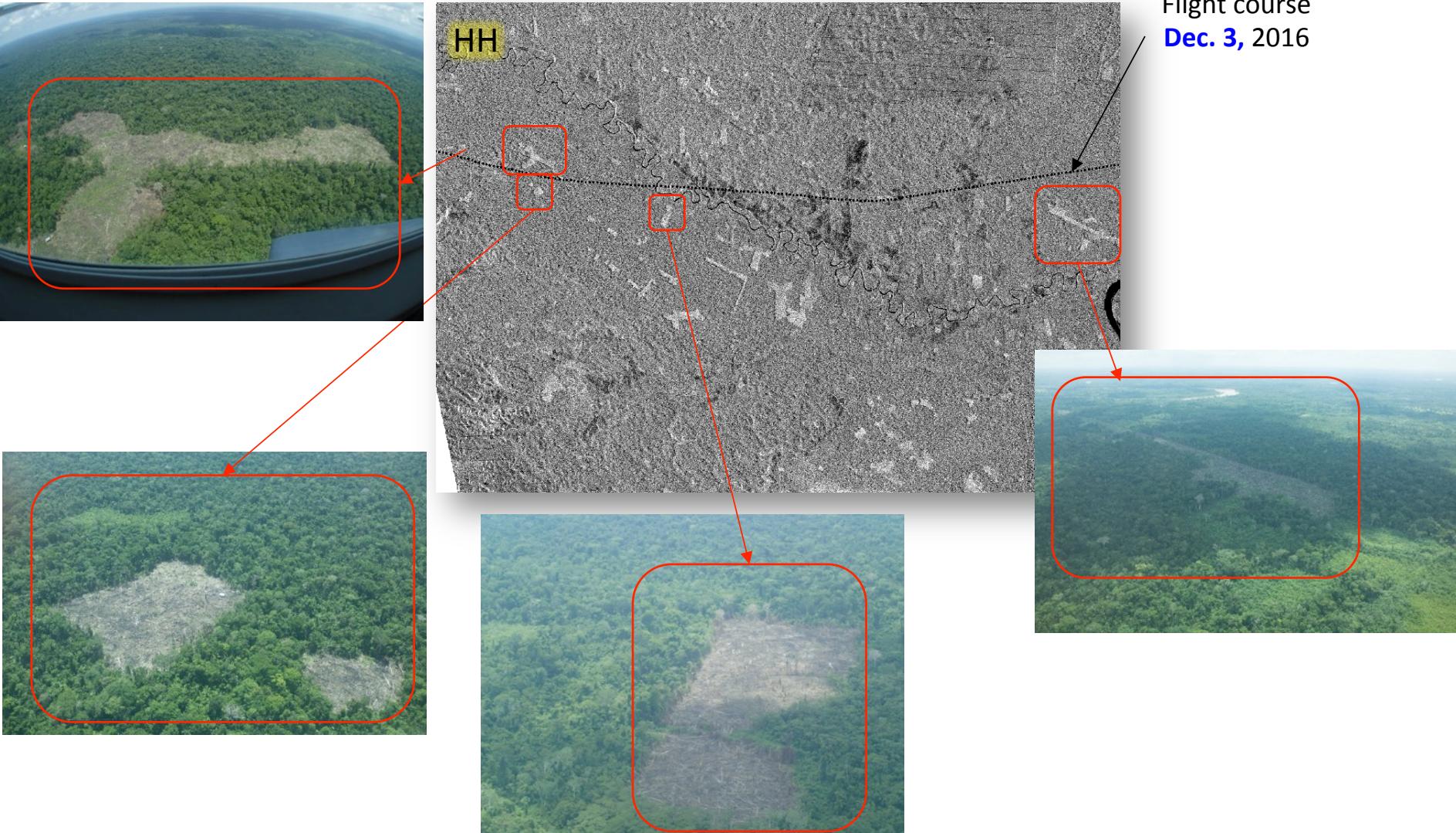
Fallen trees removed

# Early-stage deforestation sites

## ~ Example ~

PALSAR-2/polarimetry (FP6-4, Off-nadir: 28°)

**Obs. Date : Dec. 1, 2016**



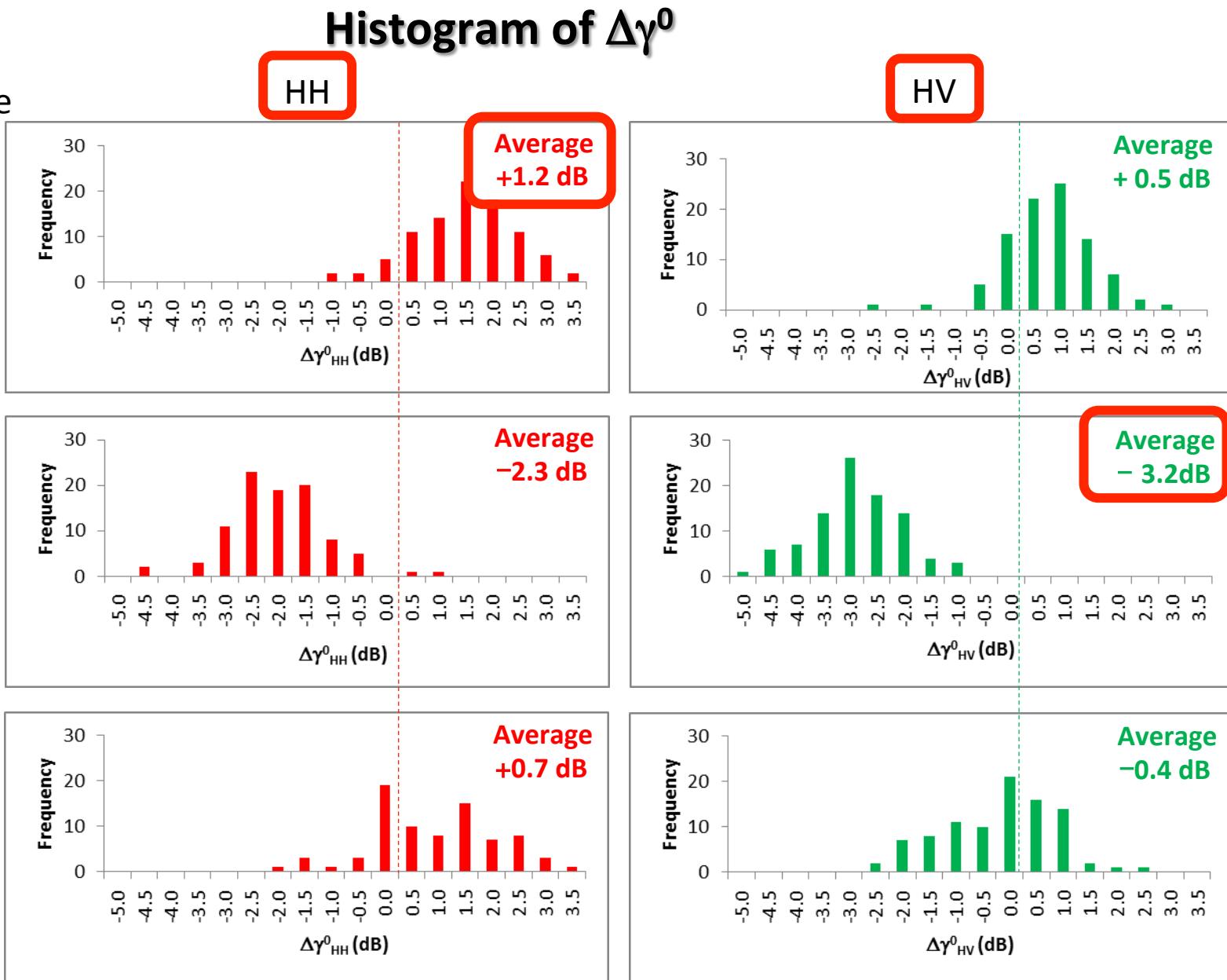
# Histogram of $\Delta\gamma^0$

Time ↓

**Early stage**  
Jun. 23, Jul. 21,  
2016 (Cycle 51-53)  
(Deforestation  
detected by Landsat)

**Late stage1**  
Jul. 21, Sept. 1  
2016 (Cycle 53-56)

**Late stage2**  
Sept. 1, Oct. 13  
2016 (Cycle 56-59)

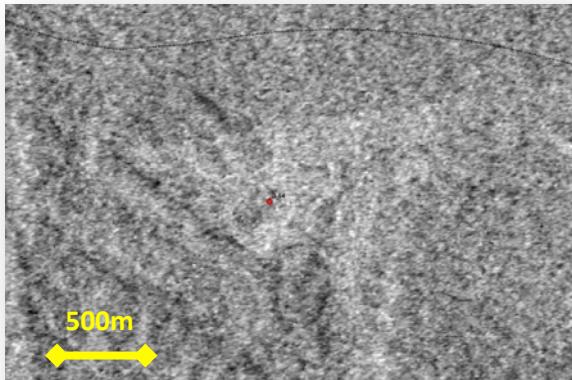


Early stage :  $\Delta\gamma^0_{\text{HH}}$  increased by 1.2 dB.

Late stage :  $\Delta\gamma^0_{\text{HV}}$  decreased by 3.2 dB.

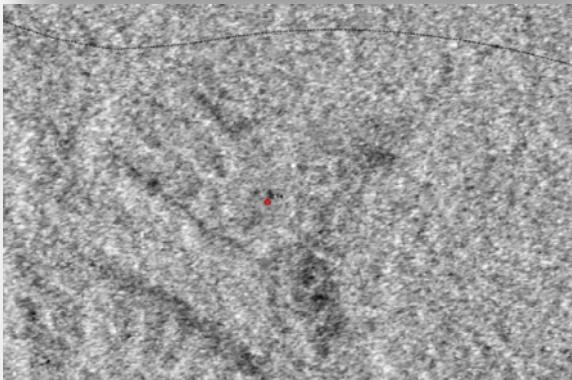
## 2. Polarimetric characteristics for the early-stage deforestation area

Early stage

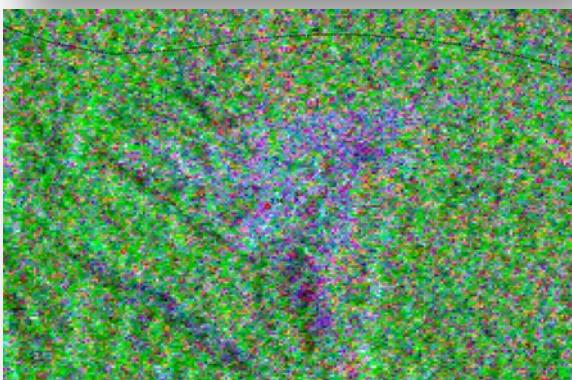


Bright

HH



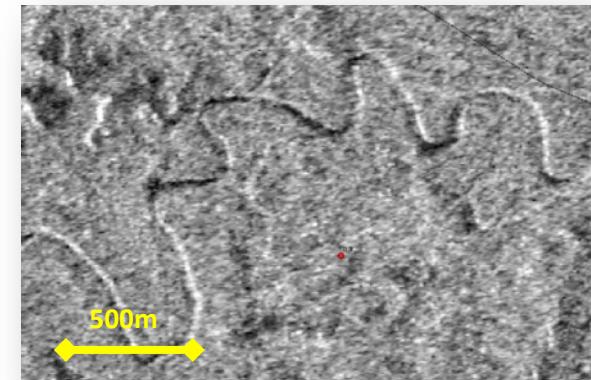
HV



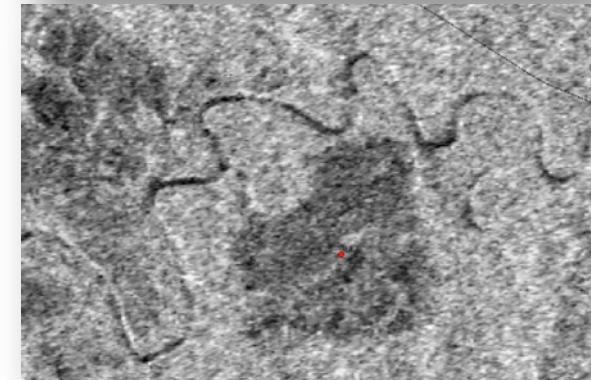
Surface  
&  
Volume

Four component

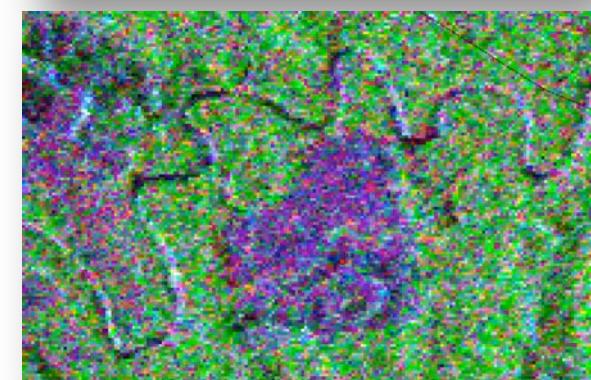
Late stage1



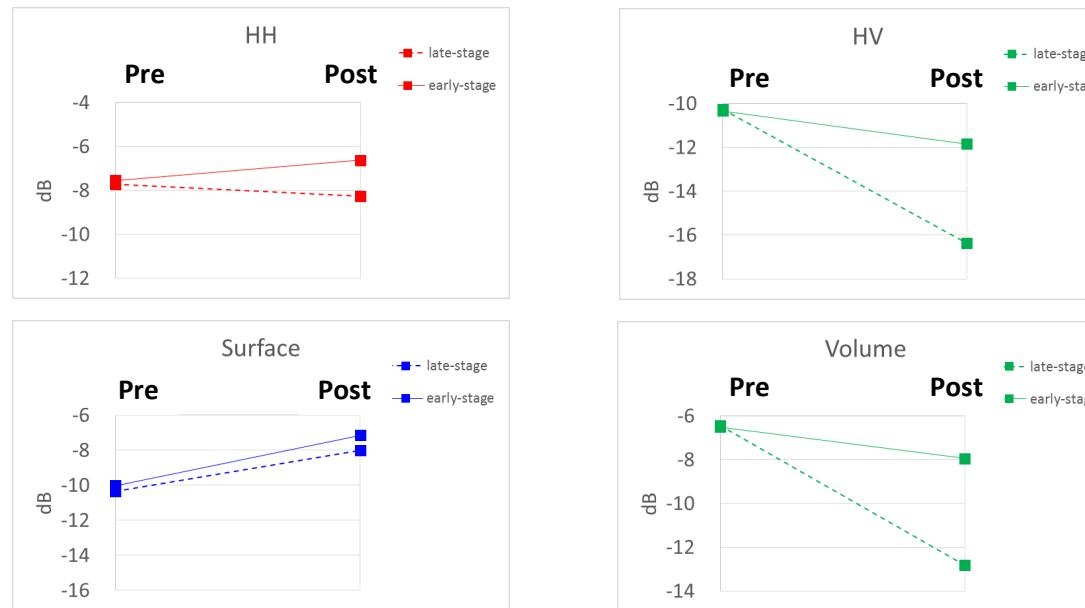
Dark



Surface



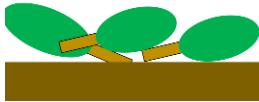
# Pol. Parameters pre- & post- deforestation



	Branches left on the ground		Fallen trees on the ground		
	$\sigma^0_{\text{HH}}$	$\sigma^0_{\text{surface}}$	$\sigma^0_{\text{HV}}$	$\sigma^0_{\text{volume}}$	
Early-stage		0.9 dB↑	2.9 dB↑	1.5 dB↓	1.4 dB↓
Late-stage		0.6 dB↓	2.3 dB↑	6.1 dB↓	6.4 dB↓

# Summary

- Compare radar scattering from deforestation site.  
Early stage : Fallen trees left on the ground.



Late stage : Fallen trees removed from the ground.



Test site: Ucayali/Peru (a hot deforestation spot)

Data : PALSAR-2/ScanSAR & Polarimetry

- Optical sensor & L-band HH : Detect early stage deforestation.

HV : Detects late stage deforestation.

- Pol. Parameters pre- & post- deforestation

$\sigma^0_{\text{surface}}$  &  $\sigma^0_{\text{HH}}$  increase : Induced by branches left on the ground.

$\sigma^0_{\text{volume}}$  &  $\sigma^0_{\text{HV}}$  decrease : Induced by fallen trees on the ground.

# Early stage deforestation site with C-band (Sentinel-1)

