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Supporting Information for

**Variations in subsidence patterns in the Gulf of Mexico passive margin from Airborne-LiDAR data and Time Series InSAR: Baton Rouge Case Study.**

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**Introduction**

Tables S1 and S2 have additional details regarding the LiDAR and SAR data not included in the main text. Table S3 describes the point samples taken for the time series in figures 4 and 5.

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Text T1 to T3 are further explanations of data in the main manuscript.

References cited here can be found in the main manuscript.

**Table S1:** Characteristics for SAR data for ENVISAT and Sentinel-1 (ESA, 2021a, 2021b).

	<b>ENVISAT-ASAR</b>	<b>Sentinel-1</b>
<b>Incidence Angle</b>	23° (scene center)	37-39° (center sub-swath 2)
<b>Polarization</b>	Vertical transmit - Vertical receive (VV)	VV
<b>Pixel dimensions (azimuth x range)</b>	5x25 m	14.1x2.3 m
<b>Swath width (km)</b>	5-1150	250
<b>Average coverage along track (km)</b>	100	22.5-22.7
<b>Average coverage across track (km)</b>	56-100	2.7-3.5
<b>Mean Altitude (km)</b>	800	693
<b>Revisit time (days)</b>	35	12
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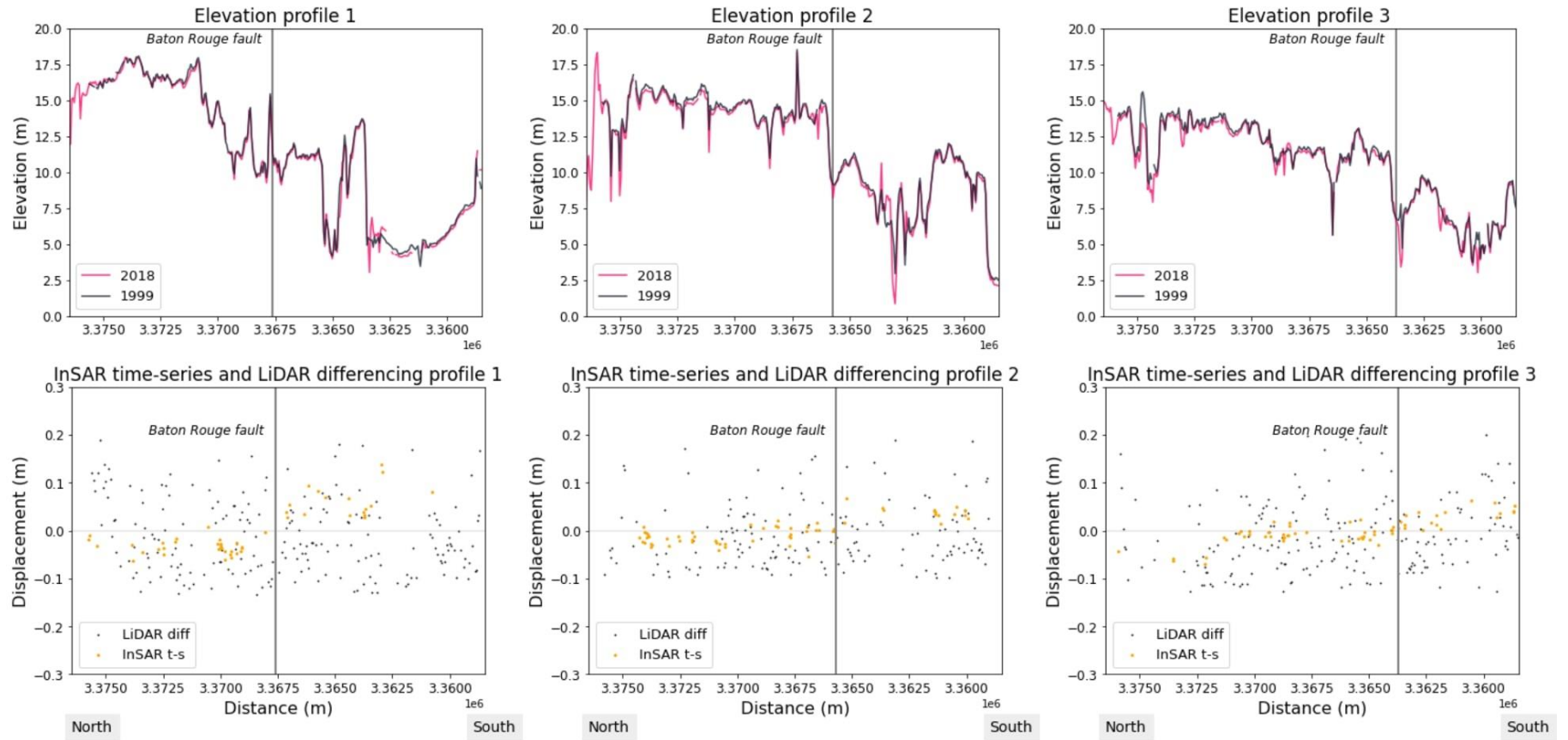
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**Table S2:** Characteristics for LiDAR point clouds from 1999 and 2018.

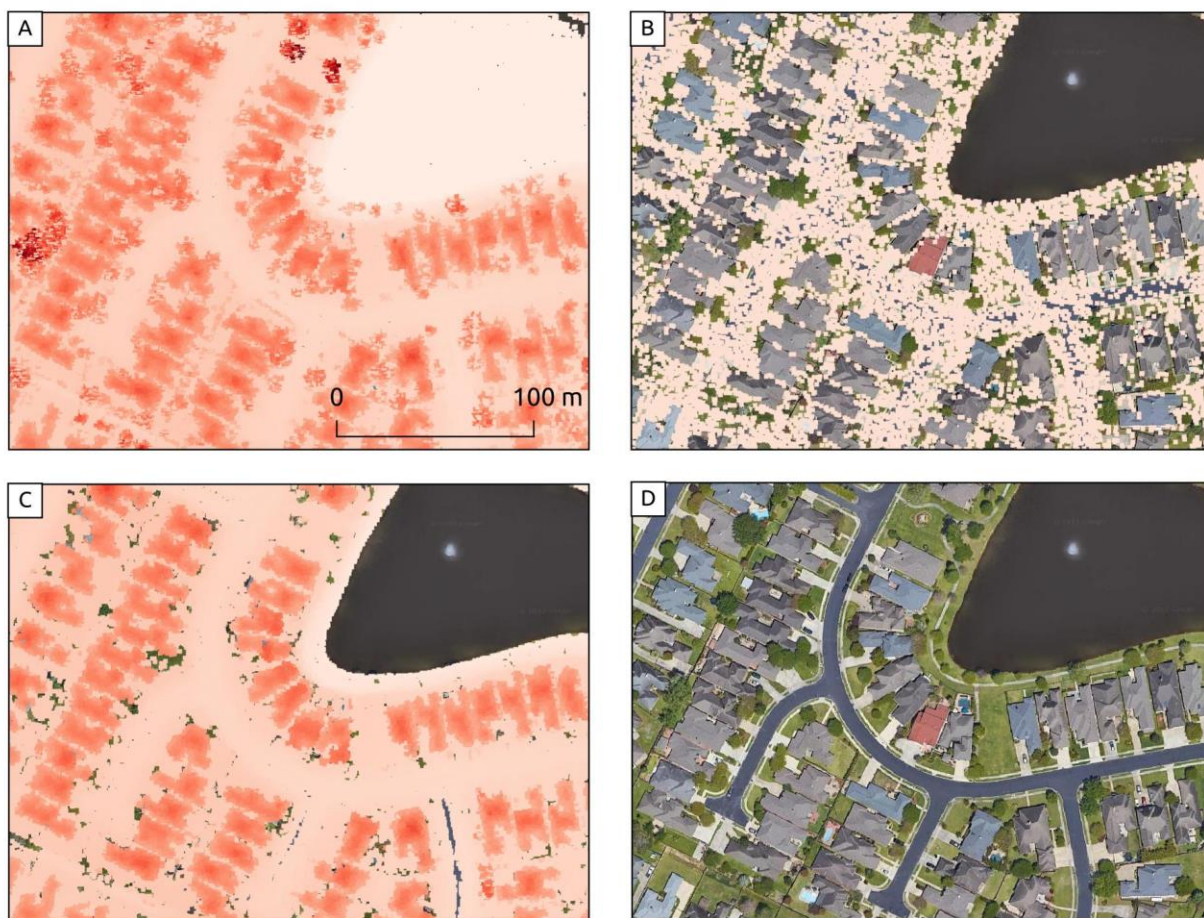
	<b>1999</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Instrument</b>	Leica ALS40	Leica ALS70 HP
<b>Altitude (m)</b>	2,438	1,152
<b>Point spacing (m)</b>	4	0.33
<b>Pulse rate (kHz)</b>	15	450
<b>Vertical Accuracy (cm) -RMSE</b>	15	3.6

**Table S3:** Description of points for samples of InSAR time series in Figures 4C and 5C.

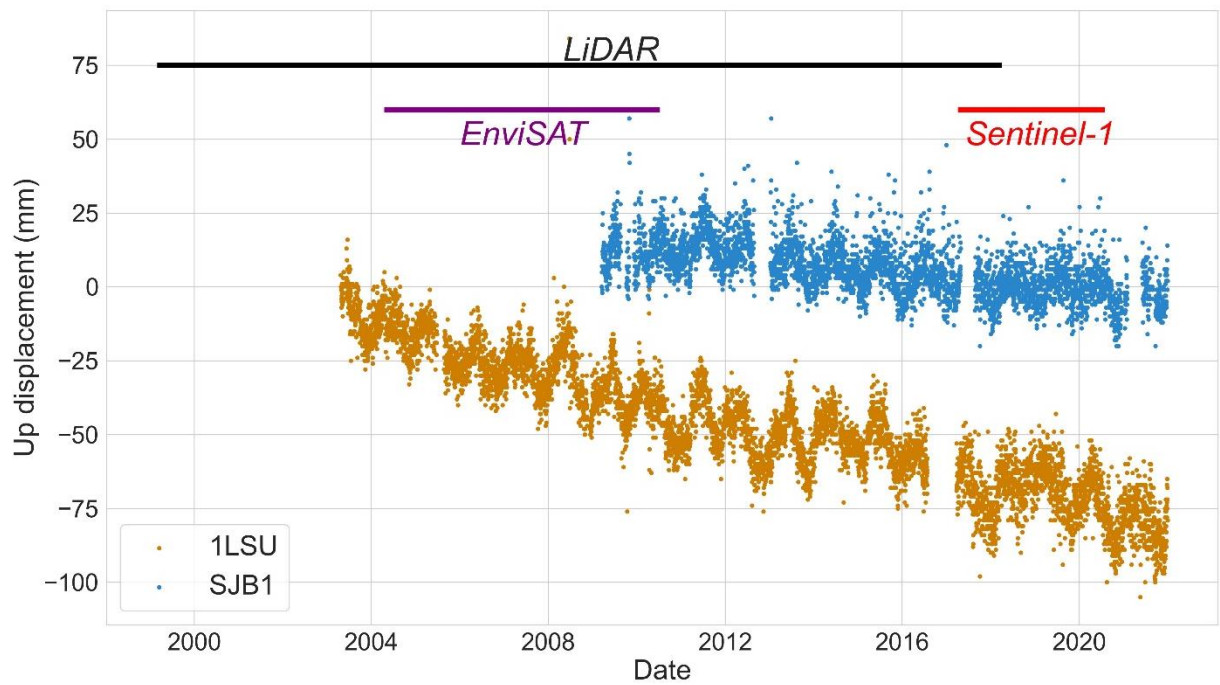
<b>P#</b>	<b>Number PS Sentinel</b>	<b>Number PS EnvisAT</b>	<b>Description</b>
SJB1	32	16	Points over the building where SJB1 is installed
1	75	31	Points over the Life Storage Baton Rouge, built in ~2004.
2	22	0	Points over homes built in ~2007. Near the fault in the northern block.
3	21	3	Points over homes built in ~2017. Near the fault in the northern block.
4	48	19	Points over the Woman's Hospital built in ~2010. Near the fault in the southern block. This hospital did not exist for Envisat, then these points are from complete area that is the hospital nowadays.
5	74	79	Points at a radius of 160 meters to the injection point with serial number 189576.
6	64	0	Points over the Baton Rouge Wastewater Treatment plant built in ~2009.



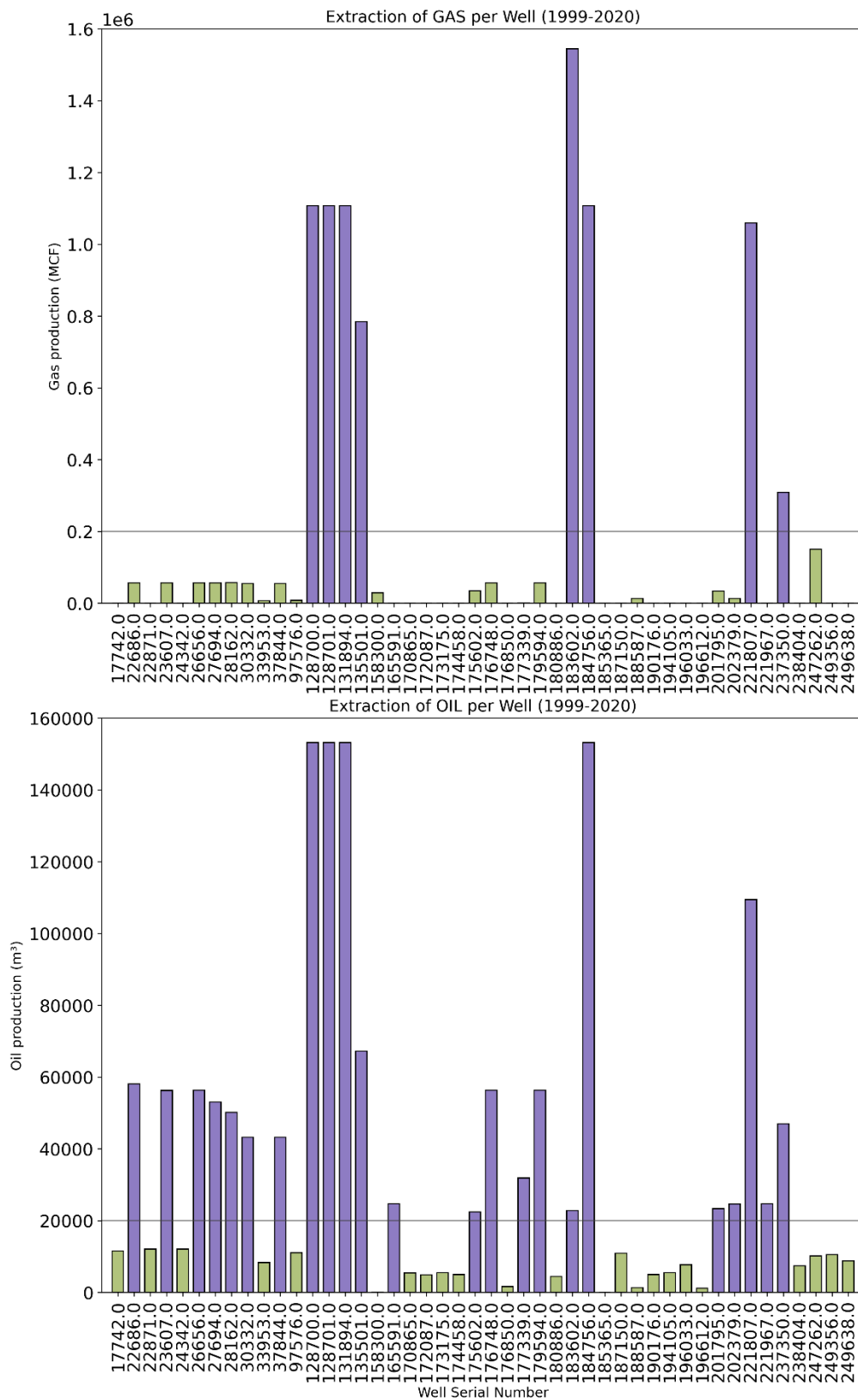
**Figure S1:** Comparison of elevations using the DEM from 1999 and 2018 in the upper panel and results from our methods along those profiles. For location of the profiles see Figure 2. For the upper profiles, data is averaged every 10 meters from the DEMs, and lower panel is averaged every 20 meters from the LiDAR Vertical difference results (Fig. 8) and the InSAR time-series for Sentinel-1 results (Fig. 4). The time series in the lower panel are not tied to ILSU reference point.



**Figure S2:** Example of stable surfaces from 2018 LiDAR point cloud. **A)** Original point cloud. **B)** LiDAR points classified by distributor as ground. **C)** Chosen LiDAR points from stable surfaces. **D)** Reference image of the area. Base map imagery from QuickMapServices - QGIS (Map data ©2015 Google).

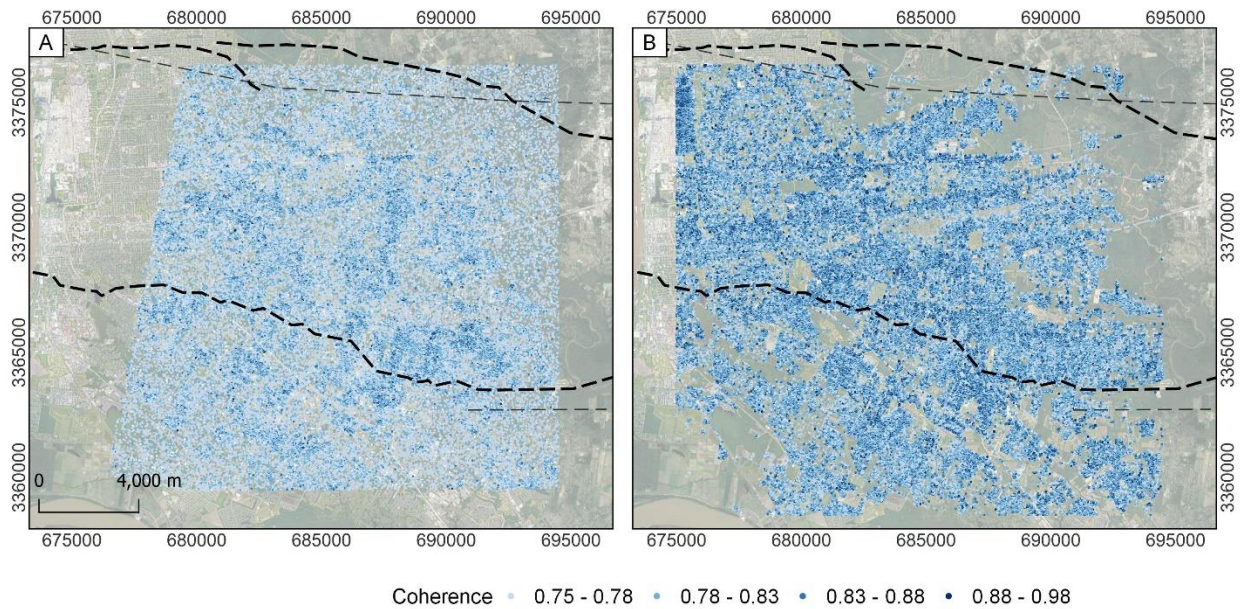


**Figure S3:** GNSS time series showing the vertical component changes. Horizontal lines labeled as LiDAR, EnviSAT, and Sentinel-1 indicate the time span of these datasets in comparison with the two GNSS time series in the area. GNSS time series are with reference to the fixed North American plate and are from the Nevada Geodetic Survey (Blewitt et al., 2018) and transformed to NAD 83 using the software Horizontal Time-Dependent Positioning from NOAA (Pearson and Snay, 2013).

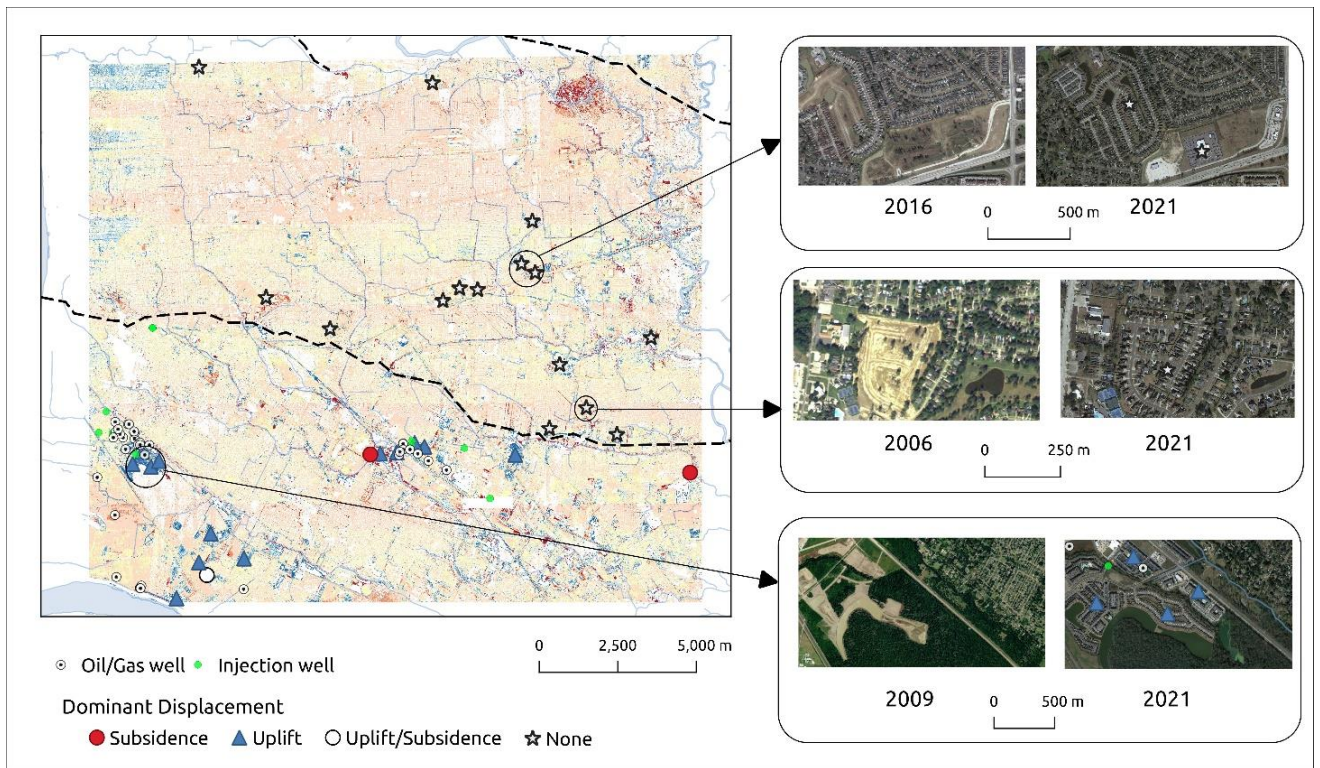


**Figure S4:** Total gas and oil extracted per well between 1999-2020. Horizontal lines indicate the minimum extraction value to consider a well in our study (200,000 MCF for gas and 20,000 m<sup>3</sup> for oil). Horizontal axis is the well serial numbers. Dark wells extracted more than the threshold value.



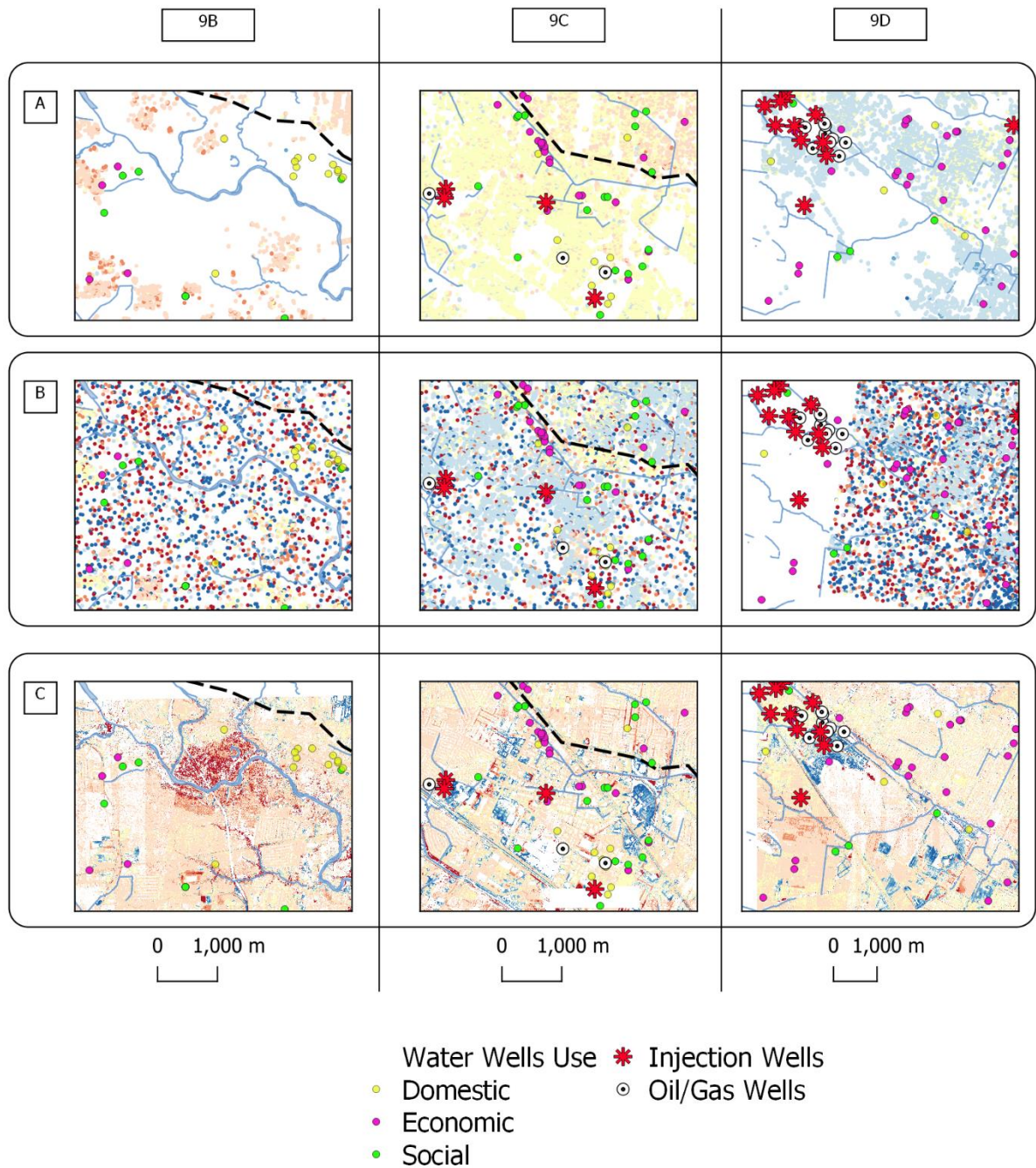


**Figure S5:** Coherence values for the InSAR time series results. A) EnviSAT coherence for time series between 2004 to 2010, B) Sentinel-1 coherence for time series between 2017 to 2020.



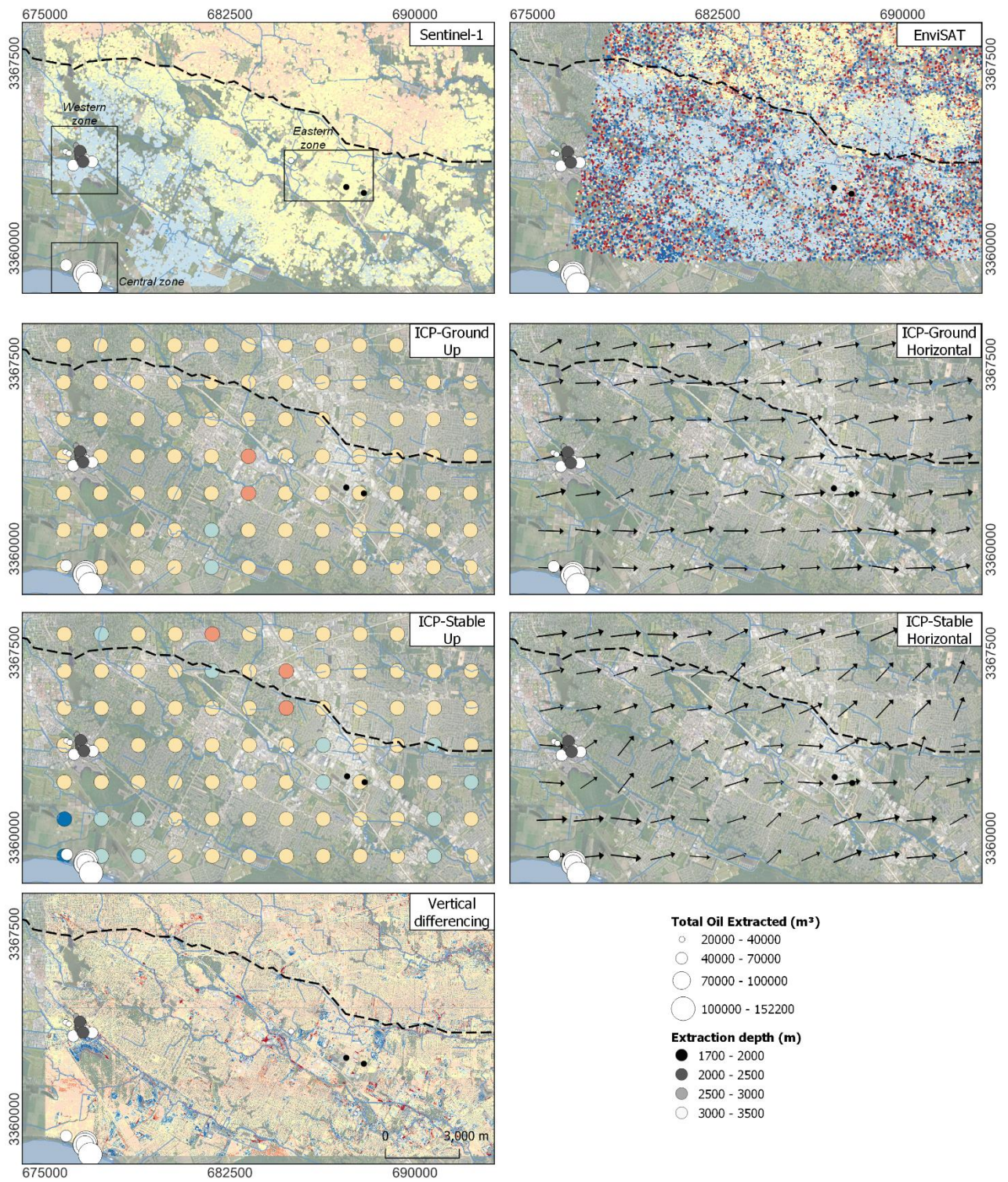
**Figure S6:** Examples of location of urban constructions built between 1999-2020 and how they look in 2021. Dominant displacement refers to the dominant vertical movement in the area near to the construction. The circle labeled as Uplift/Subsidence encloses the Baton Rouge Wastewater Treatment that encounters uplift to the northwest and subsidence to the southeast. Oil/Gas and injection wells are drawn to compare with building constructions near and far from these wells. Legend for displacement is in Figure 8. Images from 2021 taken from QuickMapServices - QGIS (Map data ©2015 Google). Images from past years are taken from the Historical imagery from Google Earth Pro. Well data from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (SONRIS), (n.d.).





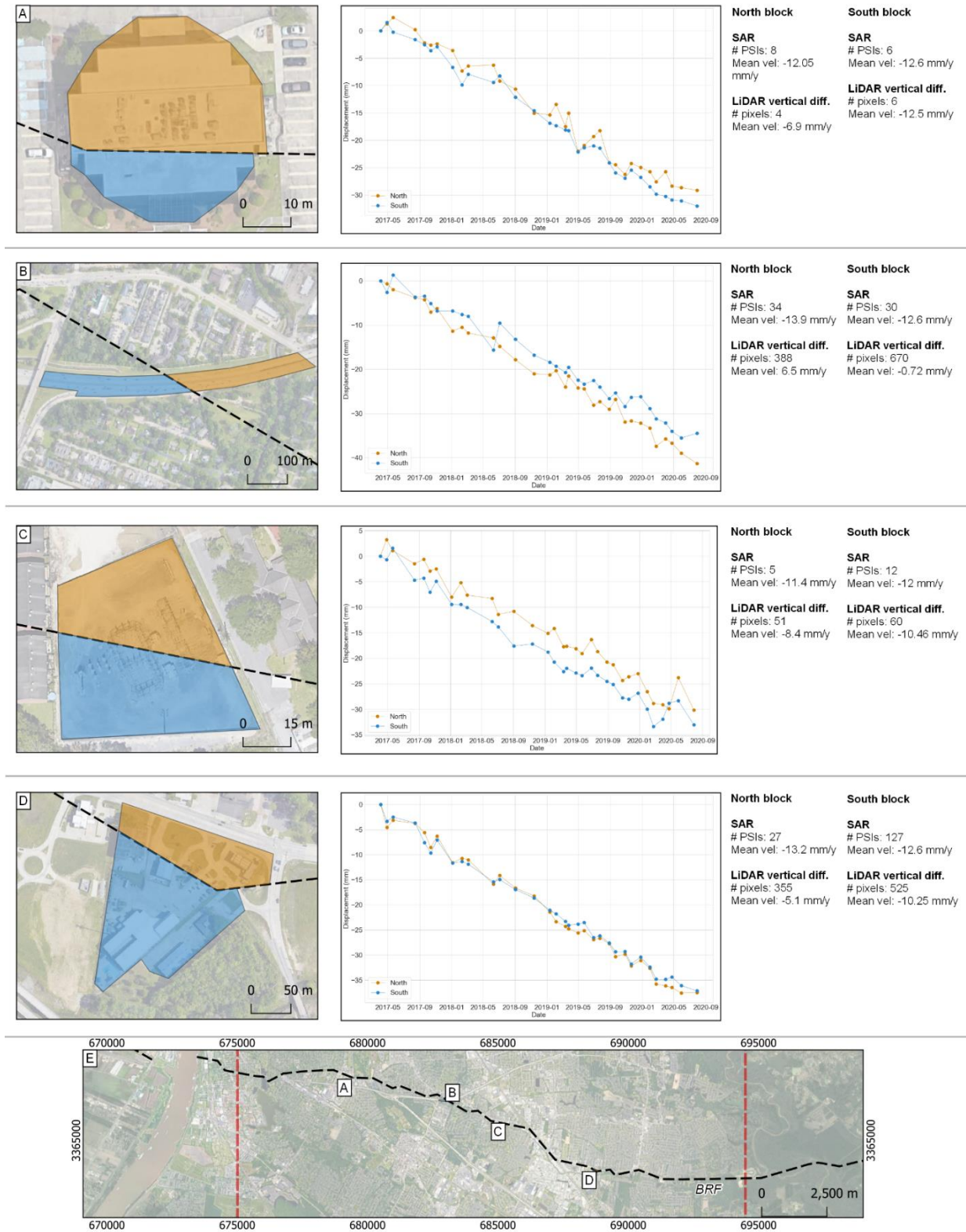
**Figure S7:** Example of areas experiencing subsidence or uplift determined by different methods compared with injecting and extracting wells. A) Vertical displacement rates calculated with InSAR time series using Sentinel-1 data between 2017-2020. B) Vertical displacement rates calculated with InSAR time series using EnviSAT data between (2004-2010). C) Vertical displacement calculated with LiDAR differencing between 1999-2018. Location of these areas are found in Figure 9. Legend for displacement and rates are in Figures 5 and 9. Well data from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (SONRIS), (n.d.)



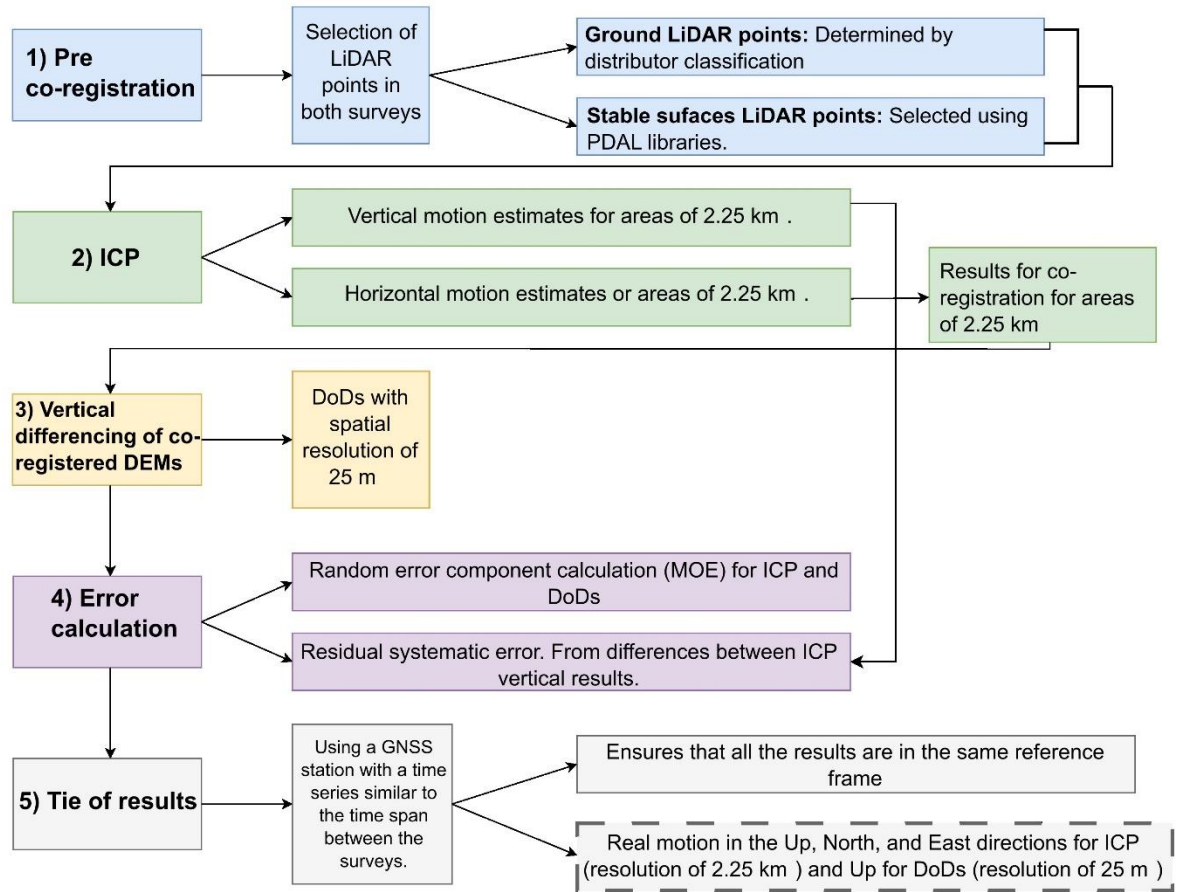


**Figure S8:** Total oil extracted per well and depth shown in all our results. Method used indicated in the top right corner of each figure.





**Figure S9:** Examples of structures located over the Baton Rouge Fault. The middle column shows the average time series created with the PSIs from Sentinel-1 between 2017-2020 in LOS direction. The right-hand column shows a summary of the results with Sentinel-1 in the LOS direction and LiDAR vertical differencing for the structures. **E)** shows the location of the examples along the Baton Rouge Fault.



**Figure S10:** Workflow followed with LiDAR data. Squares with dashed lines indicate results discussed in the text. ICP receives ground LiDAR points and stable surface LiDAR points separately. Details described in the main text.

## T1. Brief description of PSI technique with SARscape

The first part of the process is data preparation. It includes co-registration and interferogram generation between the reference image and the other images in the stack, as well as interferometric flattening. The topographic phase component is prepared using a DEM to be subtracted from the total interferometric phase. Then, reference points are chosen using the Amplitude Dispersion Index, defined as the temporal average amplitude of a pixel over standard deviation of the amplitude of a pixel. Then, the first inversion step is executed. This step calculates displacement velocity and residual height using a linear model for each pixel with respect to the reference points. The model estimates are removed from all the interferograms to recalculate velocity and residual height. Next, the second inversion is applied. At this step the atmospheric phase is estimated to remove spatial and temporal variations from the interferometric phase caused by transmission through the troposphere. SARscape uses water vapor data contained in ENVISAT MERIS, OSCAR (Online Services for Correcting Atmosphere and

Radar), or European Center for Medium-range Weather Forecast (ECMWF) to correct atmospheric disturbances in interferometric pairs. Next, displacements are calculated from the clean interferometric phase for each interferogram. The estimates for displacement and residual heights are recalculated and only pixels with coherence larger than 0.66 are retained. The results are geocoded and exported to raster and vector files (L3Harris, 2014; 2021; Ferretti et al., 2001).

## **T2. Interpretation S7 - Examples of structures located over the Baton Rouge Fault (BRF)**

Here, we present some examples of human-made structures along the BRF. The time series and estimated average for InSAR were calculated using Sentinel-1 data captured between 2017 - 2020 in the LOS direction. LiDAR results correspond to the mean rate motion in the vertical direction calculated using the mean vertical motion that occurred between 1999-2018. The rates calculated with both tools agree in direction but not necessarily in magnitude.

The westernmost structure (Fig. S7-A) shows that the northern block is moving slightly slower than the southern block in the LOS direction, although the results from LiDAR vertical differencing show a large difference between the northern and the southern block of the BRF. The structures in the middle (Fig. S7 – B and C) show more differences between the northern and southern blocks of the fault. Structure B (Highway I-12) shows that the northern block is subsiding faster than the southern block. This persists in the LiDAR results but in this case, the rates are more positive. Structure C shows that the southern block is moving faster than the northern area. It is important to highlight B and C because this area may have more dramatic changes but with opposite creep direction. Finally, the easternmost structure (S7-D) has almost the same motion through time but there are important differences from the LiDAR results.

## **T3. Empirical tropospheric error estimation with GACOS data**

To provide an approximation of the tropospheric delay across the area we present the variation for each interferogram of the time series. We estimate the delay for each interferogram following the instructions included with the GACOS dataset (steps 1 and 2).

- 1) Tropospheric delay estimated for the Envisat time series between 2004-2010 from GACOS data. The average range for the tropospheric delay is 28.75 mm with a standard deviation of 19.26 mm.

<b>Interferogram</b>	<b>Min (mm)</b>	<b>Max (mm)</b>	<b>Range (mm)</b>
200405_200404	-6.0806	2.7735	8.8541
200502_200405	-8.7674	4.7374	13.5048
200504_200502	-4.6723	11.5664	16.2387
200602_200504	-0.6644	0.9008	1.5652
200603_200602	-7.0457	12.4636	19.5093
200709_200603	-37.5965	19.1503	56.7468
200711_200709	-19.4143	39.6906	59.1049
200712_200711	-21.7647	10.5462	32.3109
200801_200712	-1.5267	5.68785	7.21455
200802_200801	-29.2549	17.4207	46.6756
200804_20080217	-19.9467	29.1889	49.1356
200806_200804	-8.35941	16.587	24.94641
200807_200806	-21.7957	12.8036	34.5993
200811_200807	-3.22485	6.35338	9.57823
200812_200811	-18.966	7.65491	26.62091
200903_200812	-18.033	41.5432	59.5762
201007_200903	-16.3195	6.26377	22.58327

- 2) Tropospheric delay estimated for the Sentinel-1 time series between 2017-2020 from GACOS data. The average range for the tropospheric delay is 35.95 mm with a standard deviation of 18.17 mm.

<b>Interferogram</b>	<b>Min (mm)</b>	<b>Max (mm)</b>	<b>Range (mm)</b>
201704_20170404	-34.0123	10.705	44.7173
201705_201704	-3.46327	19.7599	23.22317
201708_201705	-22.4526	7.8857	30.3383
201709_201708	-5.21444	27.2379	32.45234
201710_201709	-21.4207	9.04634	30.46704
201711_201710	-10.0887	27.6888	37.7775
201801_201711	-5.775	4.51609	10.29109
201802_201801	-9.5724	4.3882	13.9606
201803_201802	-3.0615	21.236	24.2975
201806_201803	-63.766	22.7534	86.5194
201807_201806	-20.4899	49.1851	69.675
201809_201807	-11.0901	10.5169	21.607
201811_201809	-45.635	16.9375	62.5725
201901_201811	-13.6741	39.8819	53.556
201902_201901	-7.68975	7.28437	14.97412
201903_20190313	14.6795	41.2784	26.5989
20190313_20190205	-43.7655	-17.7109	26.0546
201904_201903	-10.0052	15.6866	25.6918
201905_201904	-17.5176	17.7894	35.307
201906_201905	-13.1707	33.0668	46.2375
201907_201906	-33.3431	10.1202	43.4633

201908_201907	-16.5706	23.2875	39.8581
201909_201908	-15.7881	33.9224	49.7105
201910_201909	-4.57821	7.00345	11.58166
201911_201910	-13.0012	6.253	19.2542
201912_201911	-9.38396	13.3874	22.77136
202001_201912	-25.4836	12.6421	38.1257
202002_202001	-8.30461	14.7302	23.03481
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202005_202003	-44.6926	15.8424	60.535
202007_202005	-9.9665	22.3449	32.3114