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# Acquiring satellite data for research

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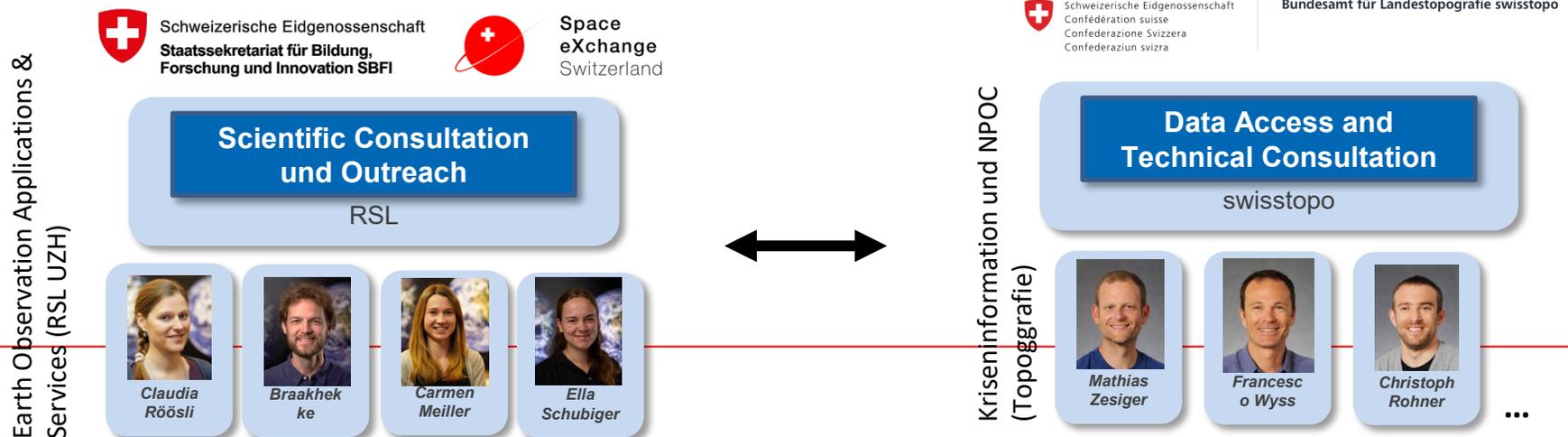
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- Public service to **foster the access and use of satellite data in Switzerland**
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# Swiss National Point of Contact for Satellite Images (NPOC)



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# Swiss National Point of Contact for Satellite Images (NPOC)

## What is Remote Sensing (RS)?

- Detection and monitoring of physical characteristics of an area
- Emitted or reflected radiation
- Without touching

## What is Earth Observation (EO)?

- Observing the Earth from space (with RS)

# Twin glacier collapses, Aru Range, Tibet

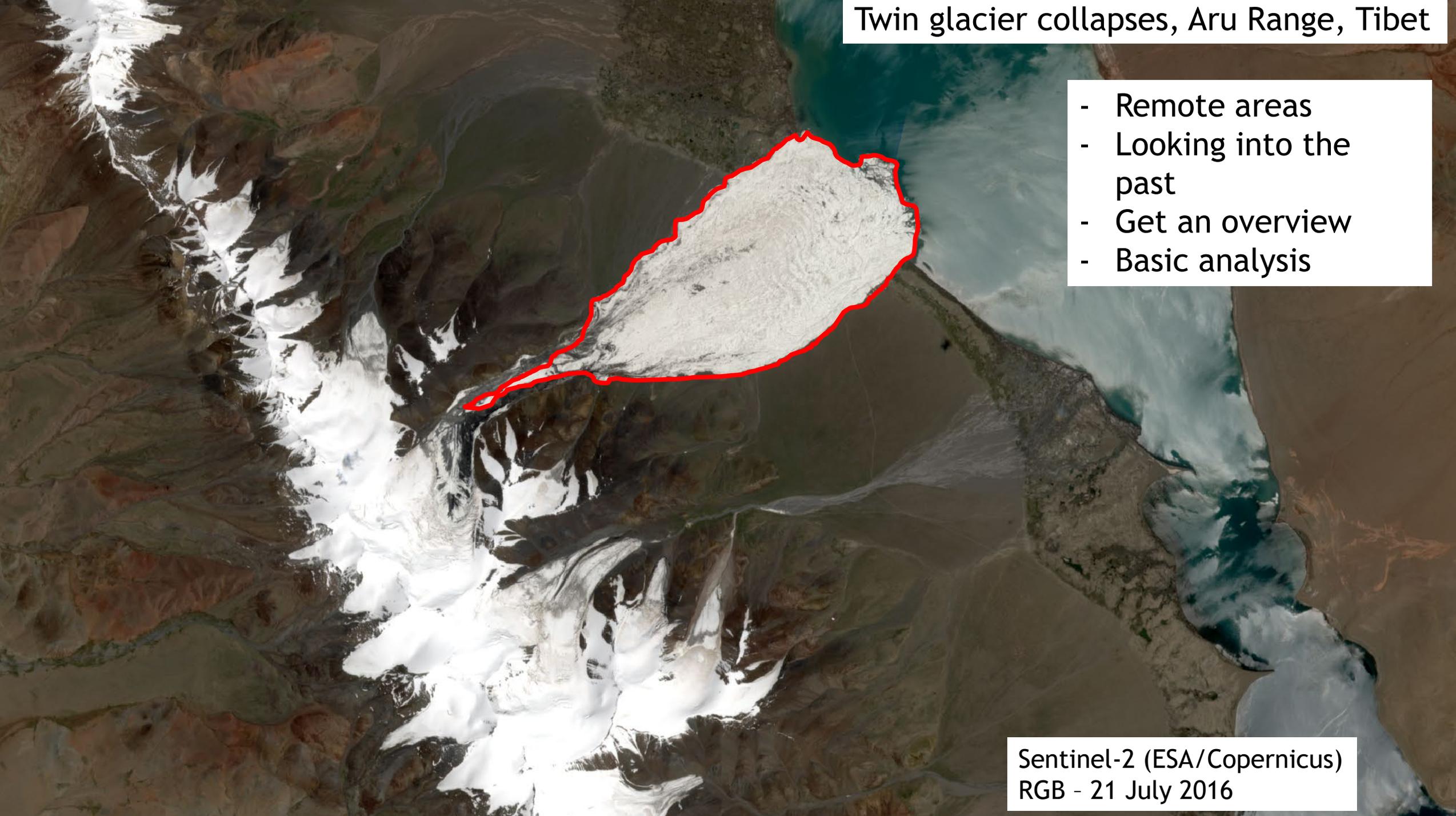
- Remote areas
- Looking into the past

Sentinel-2 (ESA/Copernicus)  
RGB - Jan. 2016



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- Remote areas
- Looking into the past
- Get an overview
- Basic analysis



Sentinel-2 (ESA/Copernicus)  
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# Twin glacier collapses, Aru Range, Tibet

- Remote areas
- Looking into the past
- Get an overview
- Basic analysis
- Continuous images

Sentinel-2 (ESA/Copernicus)  
RGB - 26 Sept. 2016

# Twin glacier collapses, Aru Range, Tibet

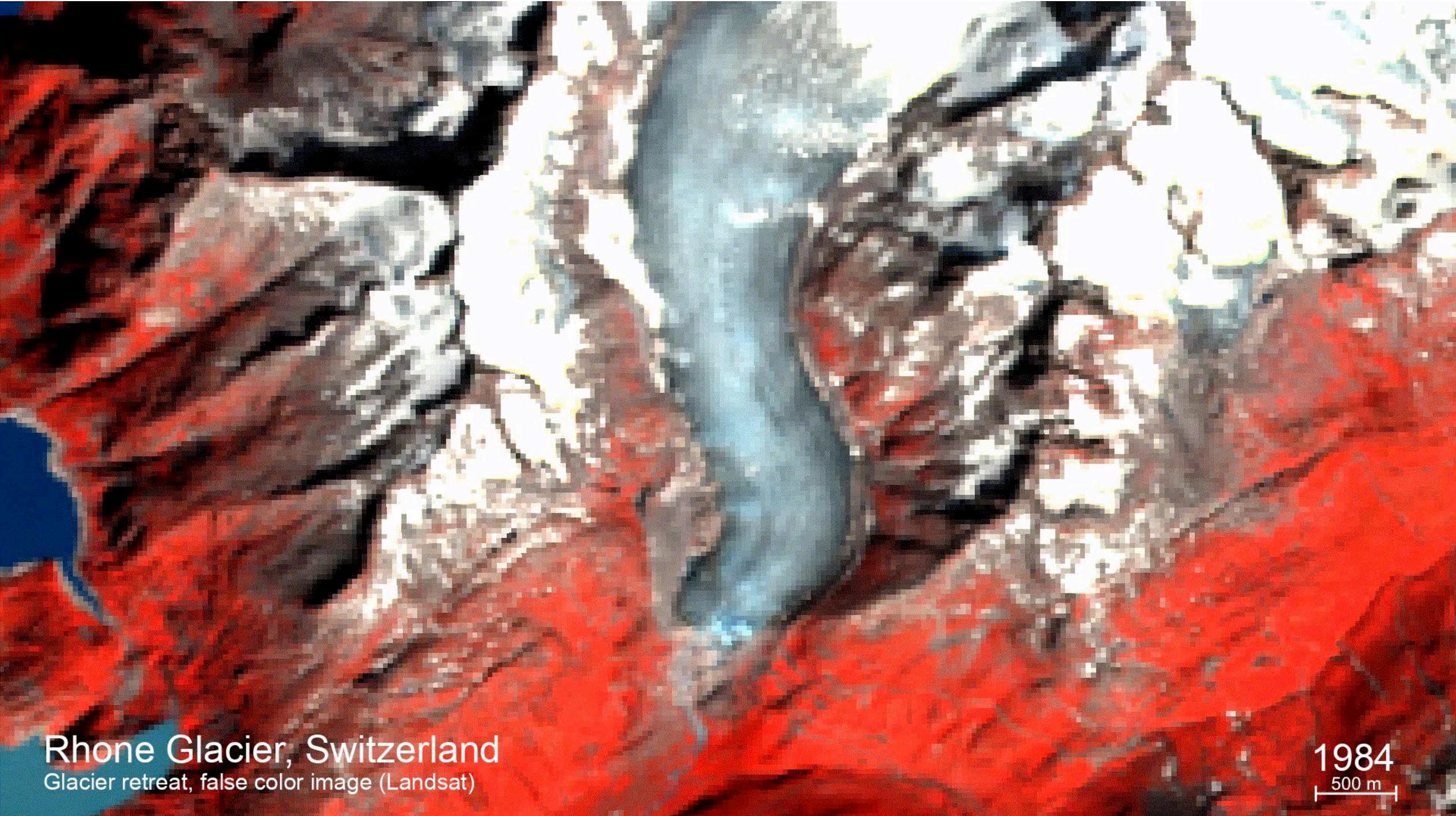
- Remote areas
- Looking into the past
- Get an overview
- Basic analysis
- Continuous images
- New perspective

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## Twin glacier collapses, Aru Range, Tibet

- Remote areas
- Looking into the past
- Get an overview
- Basic analysis
- Continuous images
- New perspective
- Other sensors

Sentinel-1 (ESA/Copernicus)  
Sept. 2016 (SAR-coherence)



Rhone Glacier, Switzerland  
Glacier retreat, false color image (Landsat)

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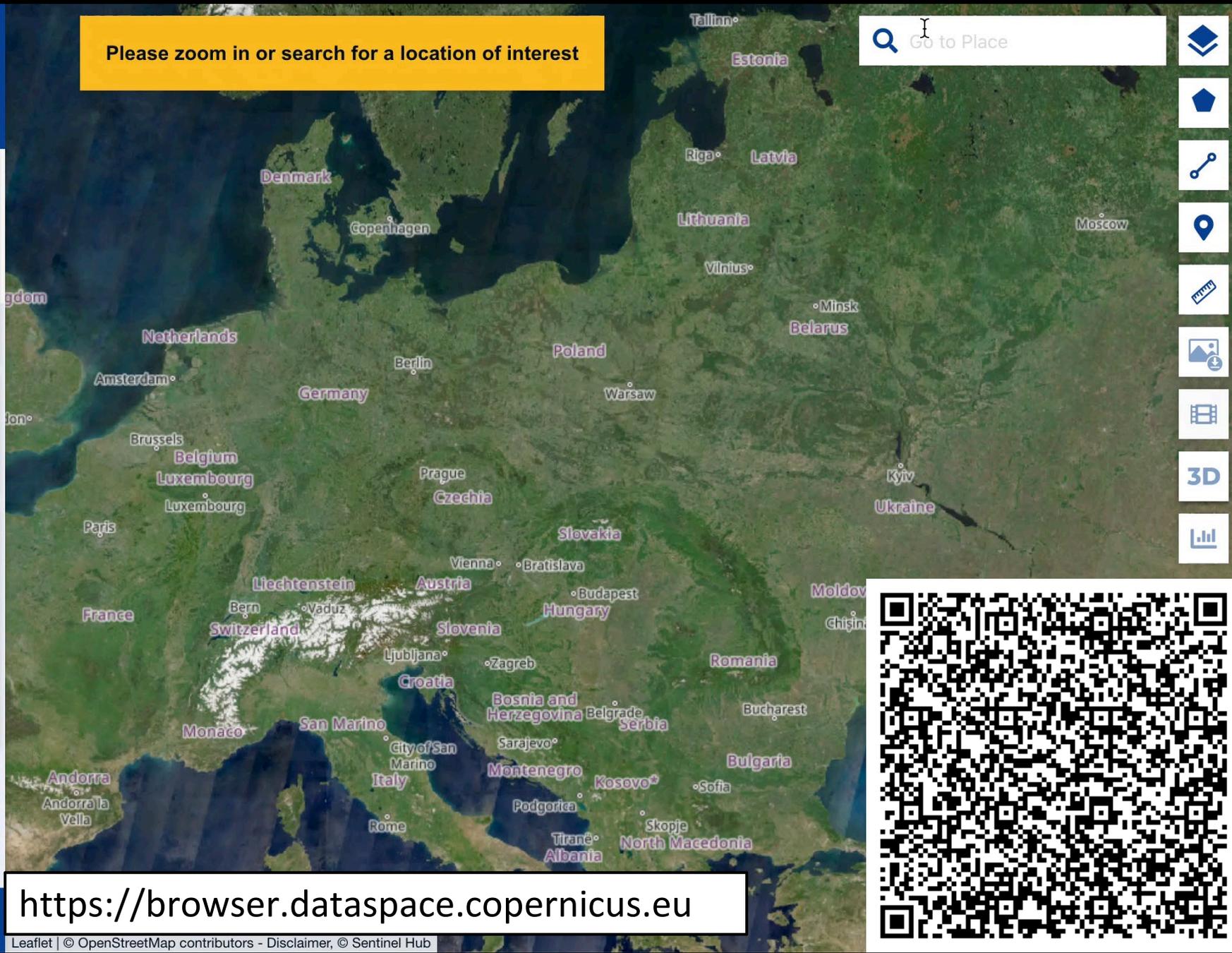
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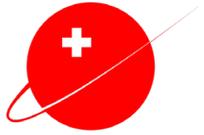
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