Co-seismic and Early Post-seismic Deformation Associated with the 6 February 2023 Southeast Turkey Earthquake Doublet

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The M_w7.8 and M_w7.5 6-02-2023 southern Turkey earthquake doublet

Tectonic framework

Sentinel 1



Sentinel 1 Line of Sight Interferometry



SAR pixel offset tracking



Sentinel 1 Burst overlap Interferometry



Azimuth offset BOI comparison



Synthetic example of fusing dense and precise noise measurements (AZO) with sparse and accurate measurements (BOI) using the Kalman filter.











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Azimuth offset BOI integration results



Inversion for slip distribution



Fault slip distribution

- The M_w7.8 earthquake on the EAF had patchy slip concentrated in 3 asperities
- The M_w 7.6 earthquake on the SF had more regular slip distribution with peak slip of 12m
- Total geodetic moment is 10-20% higher than seismological, likely due to postseismic deformation during the SAR acquisition period.



Stress drops and a historic earthquake



- M_w7.6 earthquake has 4x bigger stress drop than M_w7.8 earthquake.
- Previous M_w>7 EAF earthquakes also shows smaller stress drops.
- Likely due to longer intervals between the earthquake along the SF, aiding frictional healing.



Post-seismic deformation

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Summary

- The M_w7.8 southeast Turkey earthquake ruptured multiple fault segments of the East Anatolian Fault Zone over ~300 km rupture. The M_w7.6 earthquake ruptured the Sürgü Fault over ~160 km rupture.
- A new Kalman filter approach is introduced to merge AZO and BOI data to improve displacement precision along the satellite path direction.
- Joint inversion reveals patchy M_w7.8 slip distribution with 3 large asperities, and more uniform M_w7.6 slip with higher peak slip indicating larger stress drop.
- Moment released on the M_w7.8 fault segments is 2-4 times larger than historical earthquakes on individual segments, suggesting underestimation of hazard by simple seismic moment summation.
- Post-seismic deformation follows co-seismic and geological segmentation patterns

