

Towards near-real time monitoring of **volcanic deformation** and **lava flow** using Capella SAR images

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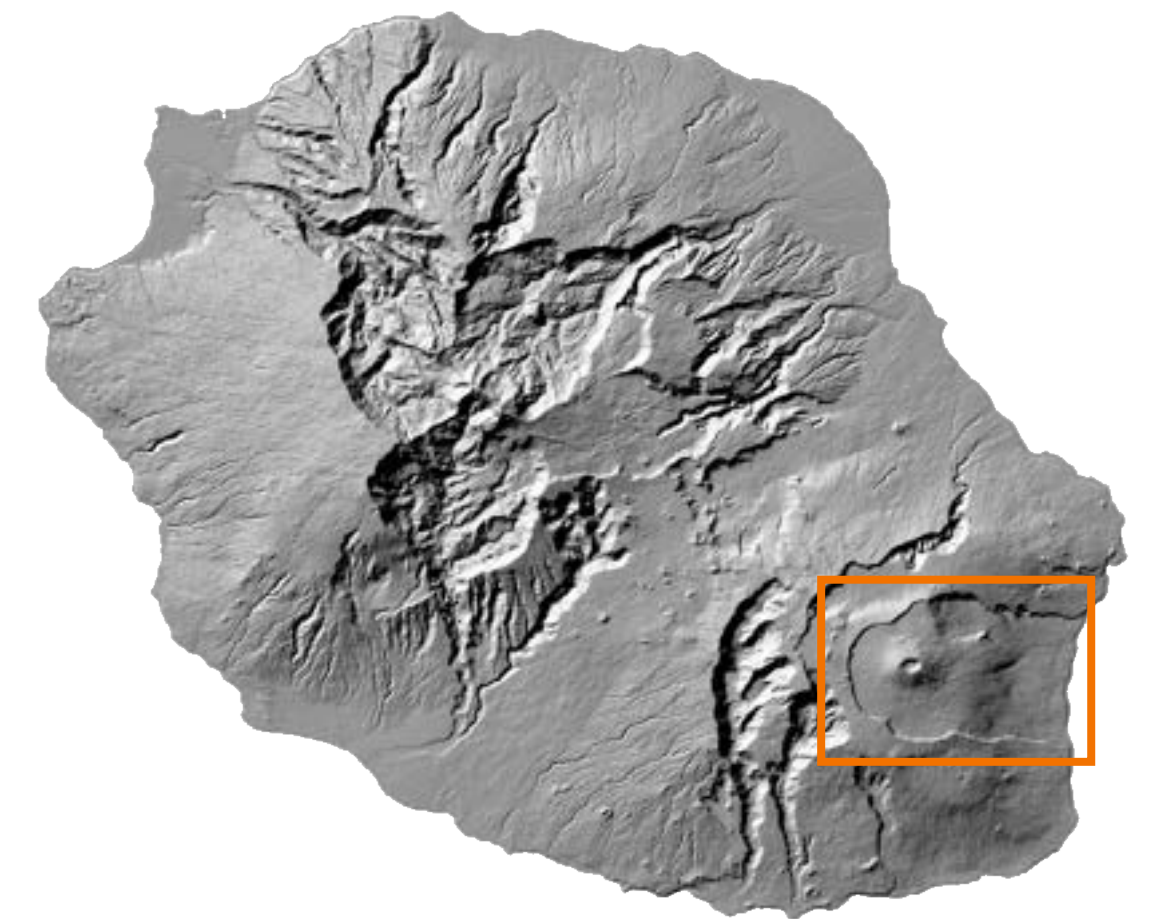
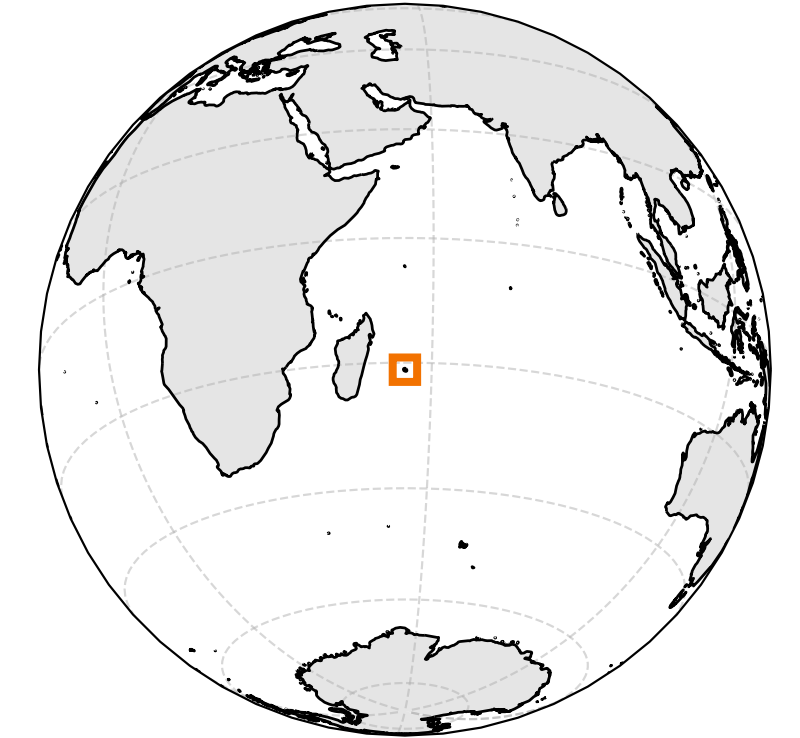
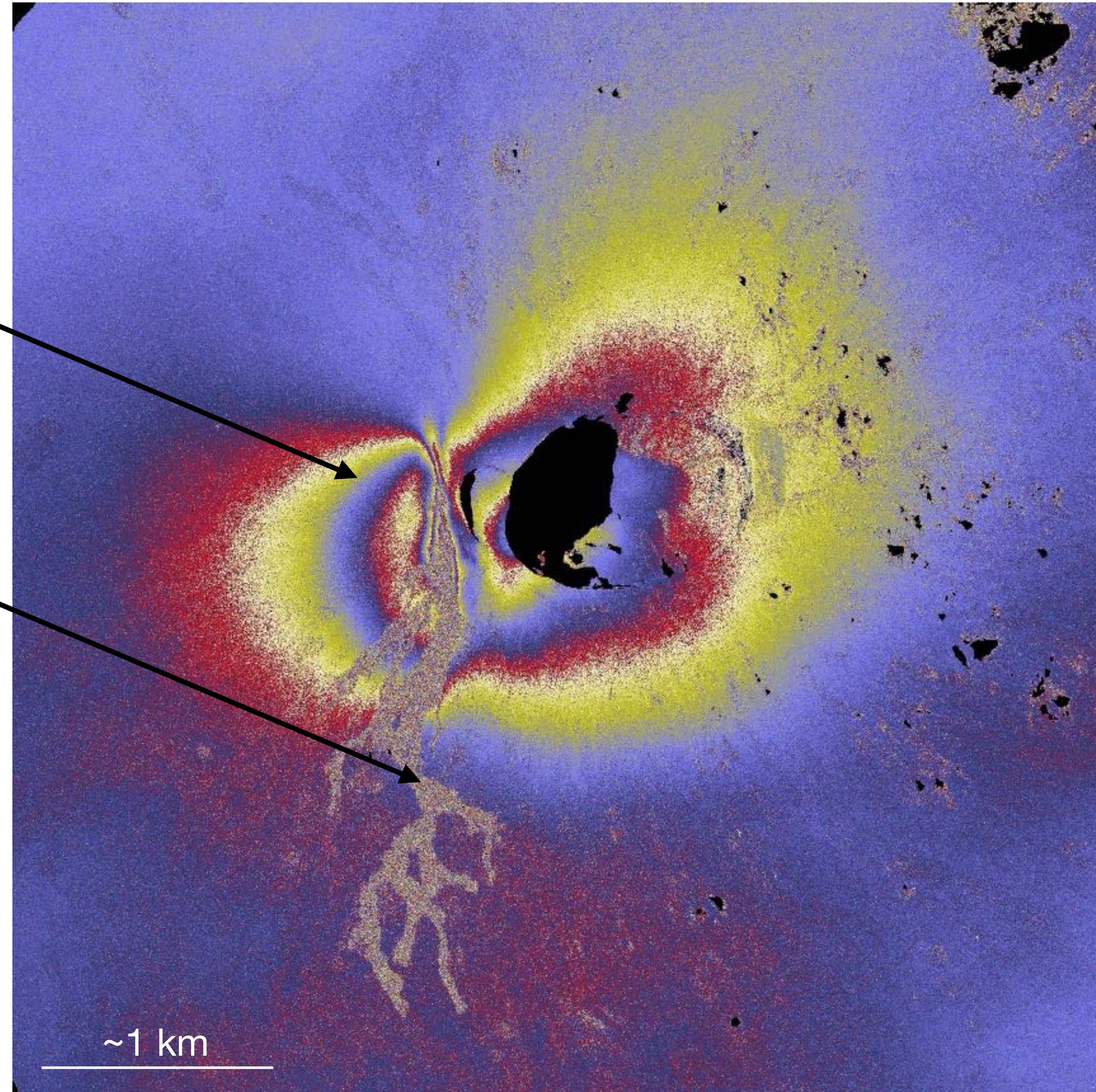
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Why not use InSAR?

deformation

lava flow



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ALOS-2 Spotlight interferogram
Piton de la Fournaise, 2015

Problem

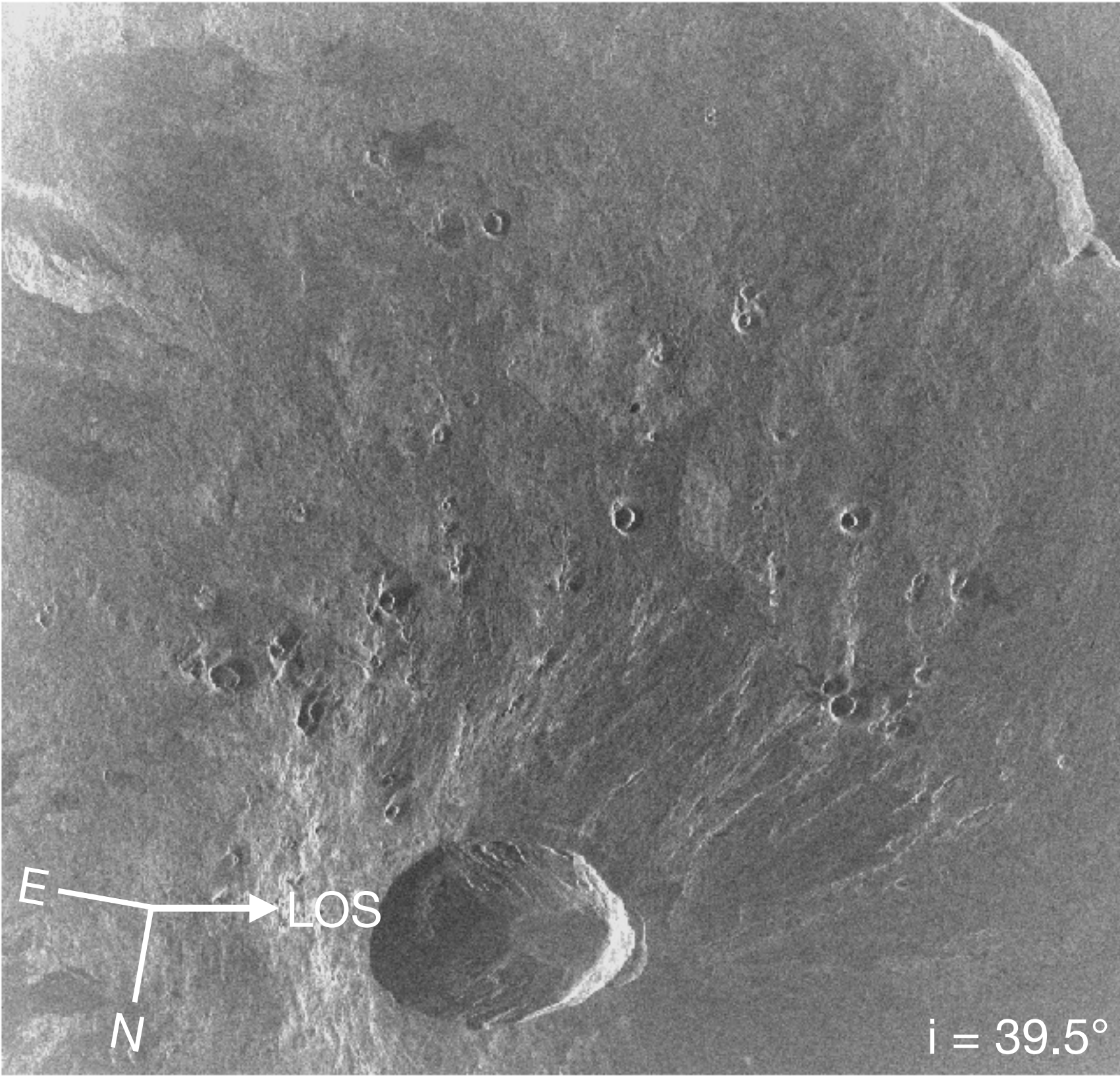
InSAR: revisit time of ~10 days

Near-real time ($\lesssim 1$ day) observations required to detect changes in the course of an eruption

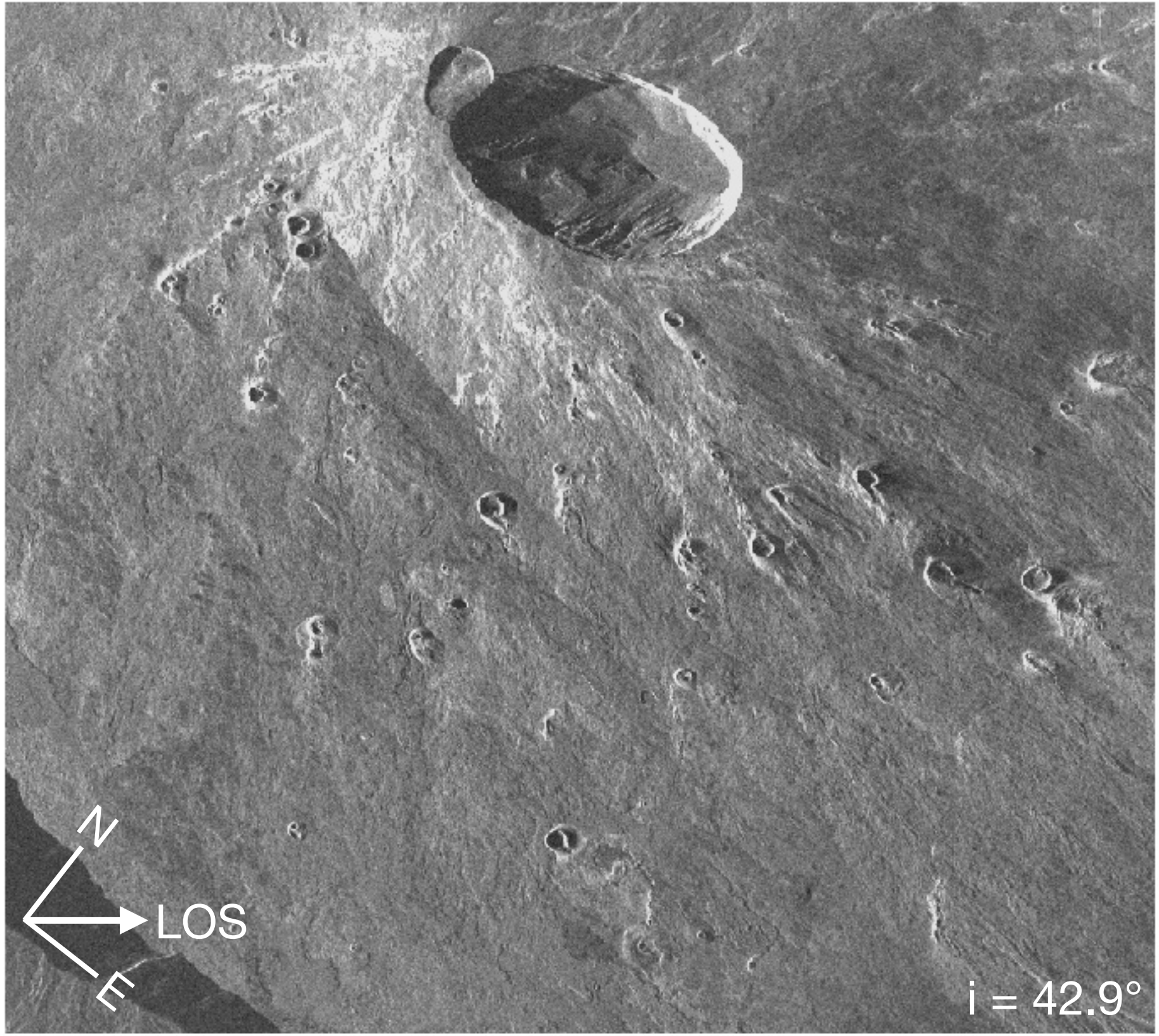


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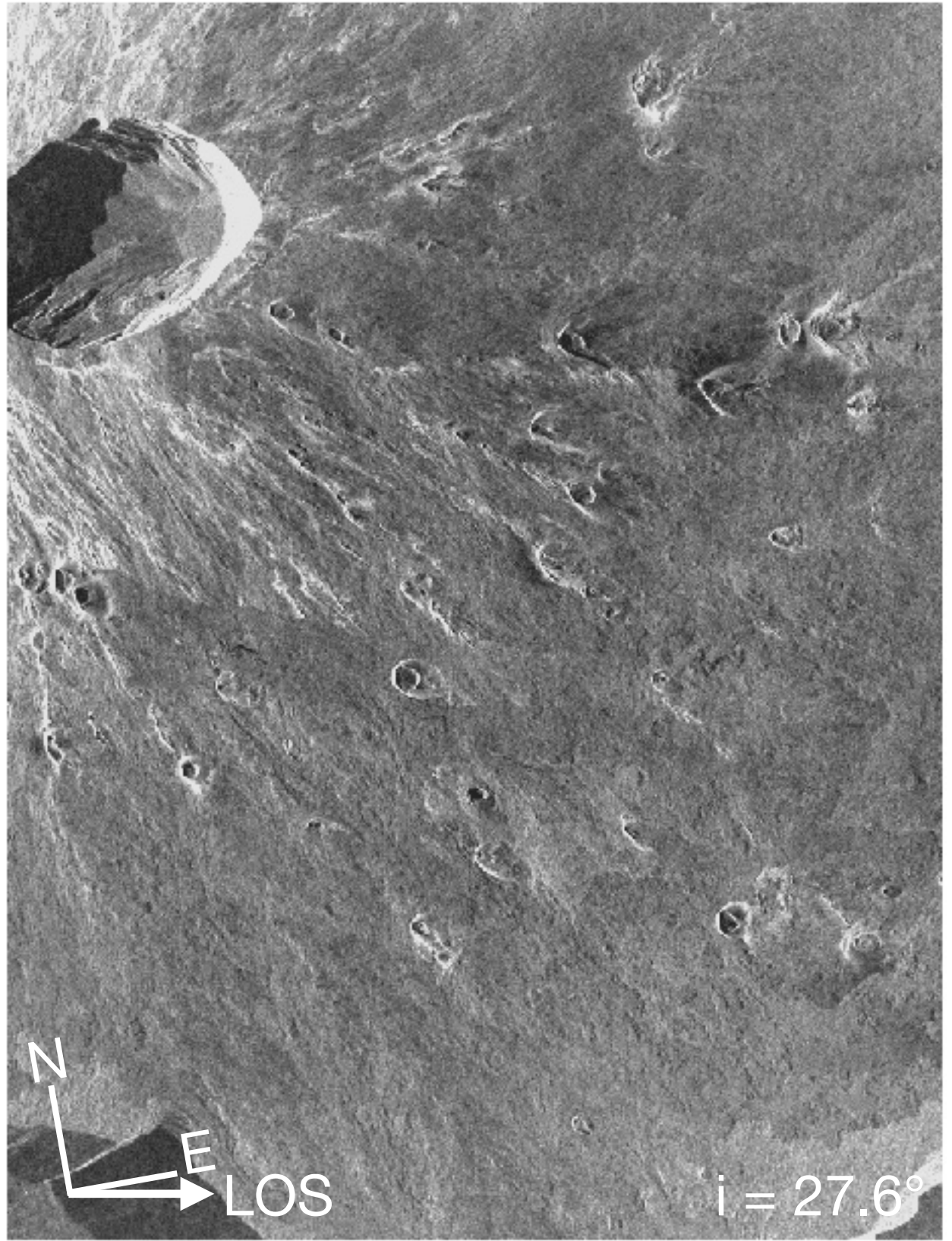
Changing geometry



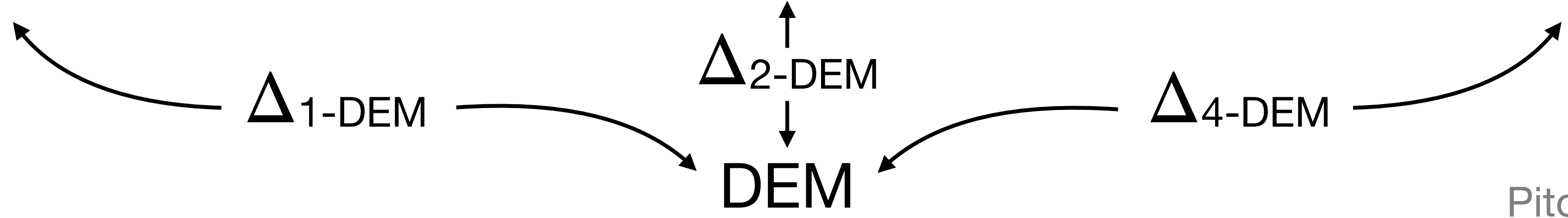
1 October



2 October



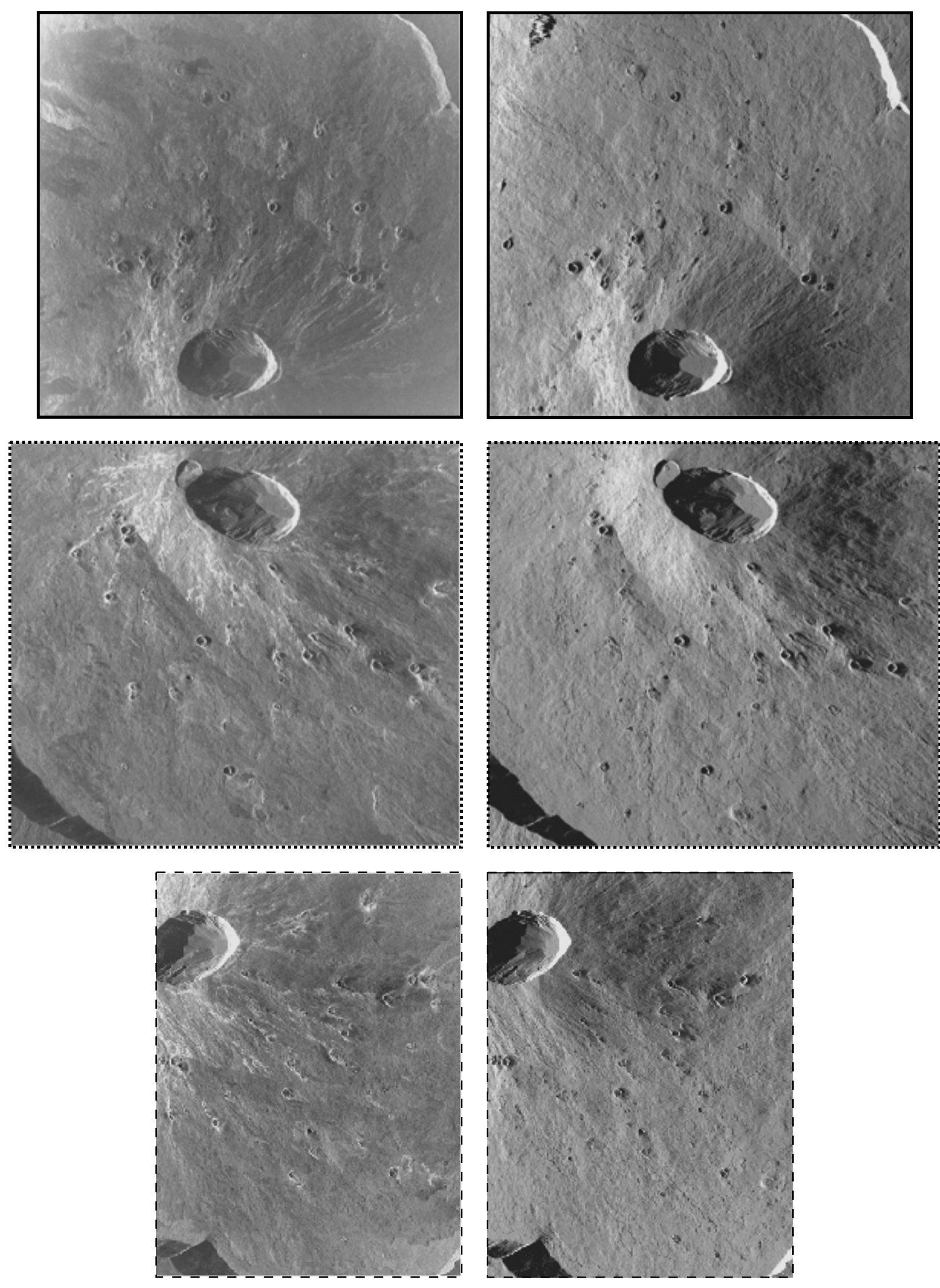
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Piton de la Fournaise
Sept.-Oct. 2022 eruption

Co-eruptive images

Pre-eruptive synthetics

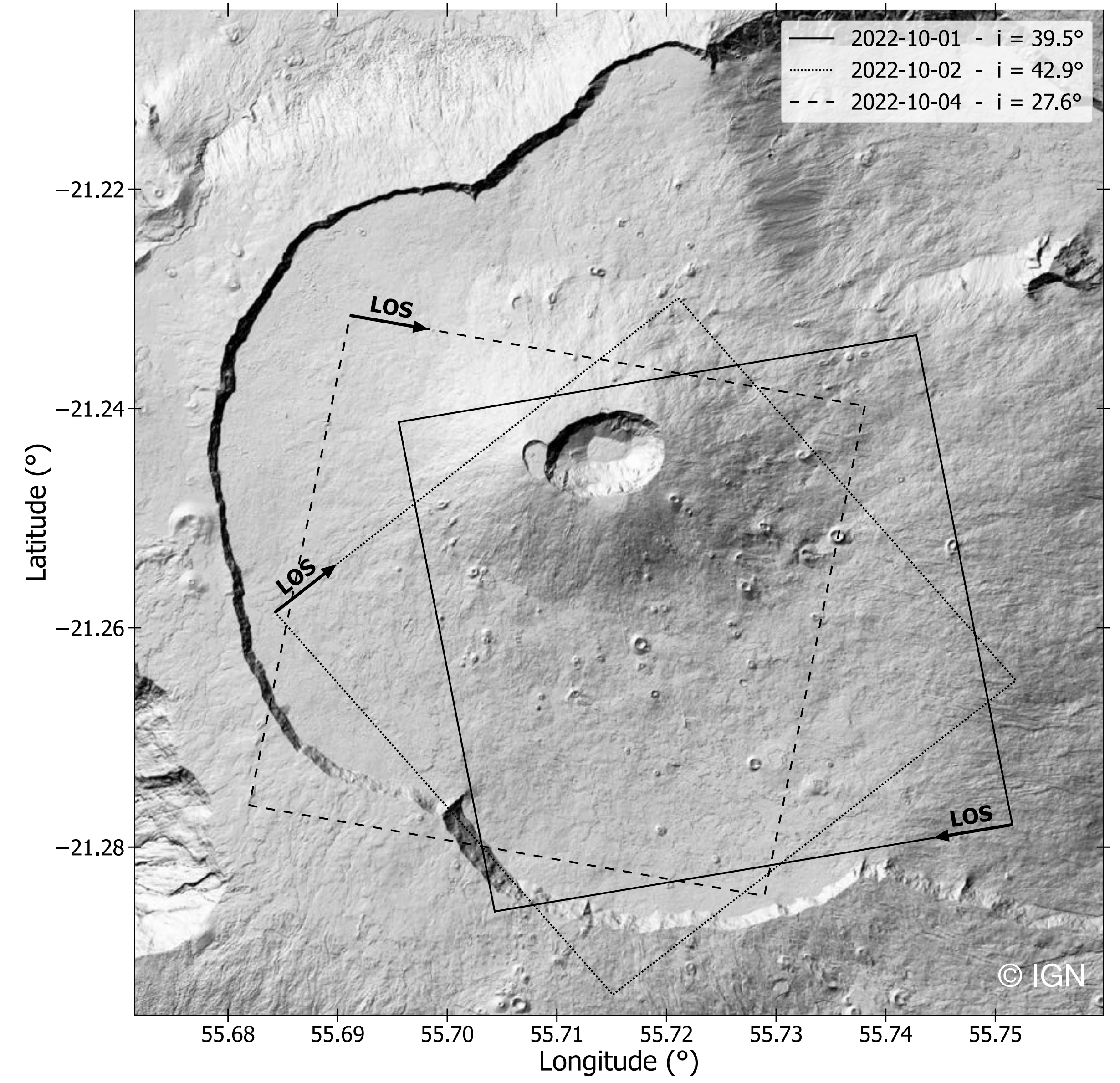


2022

2018

Small, 2011
←
EOS-SAR
Kayros

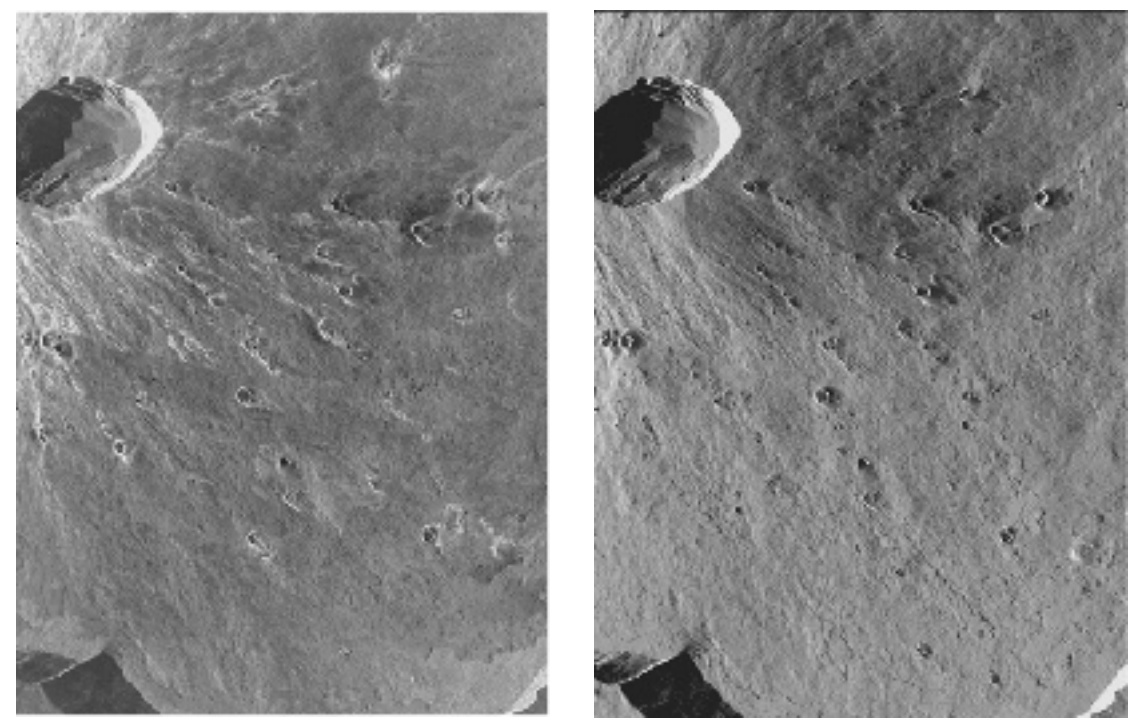
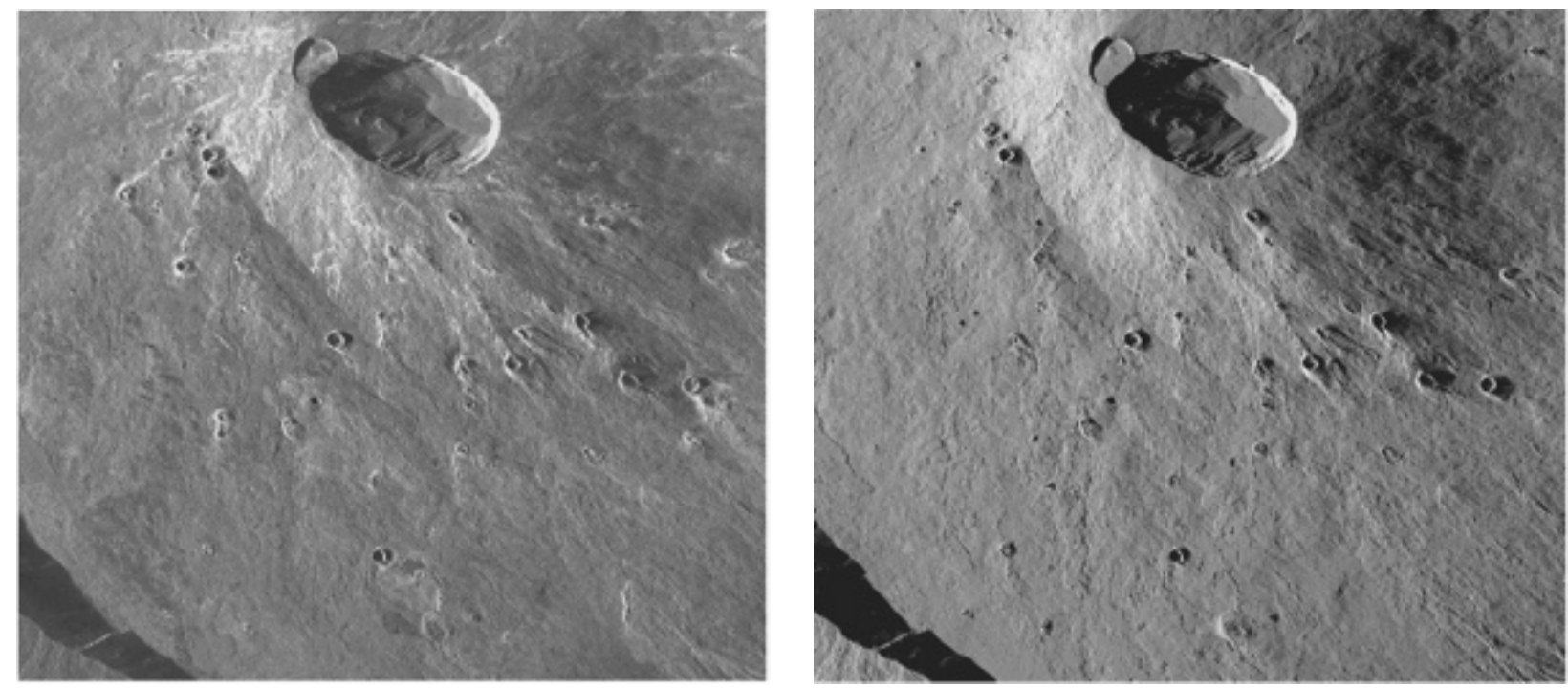
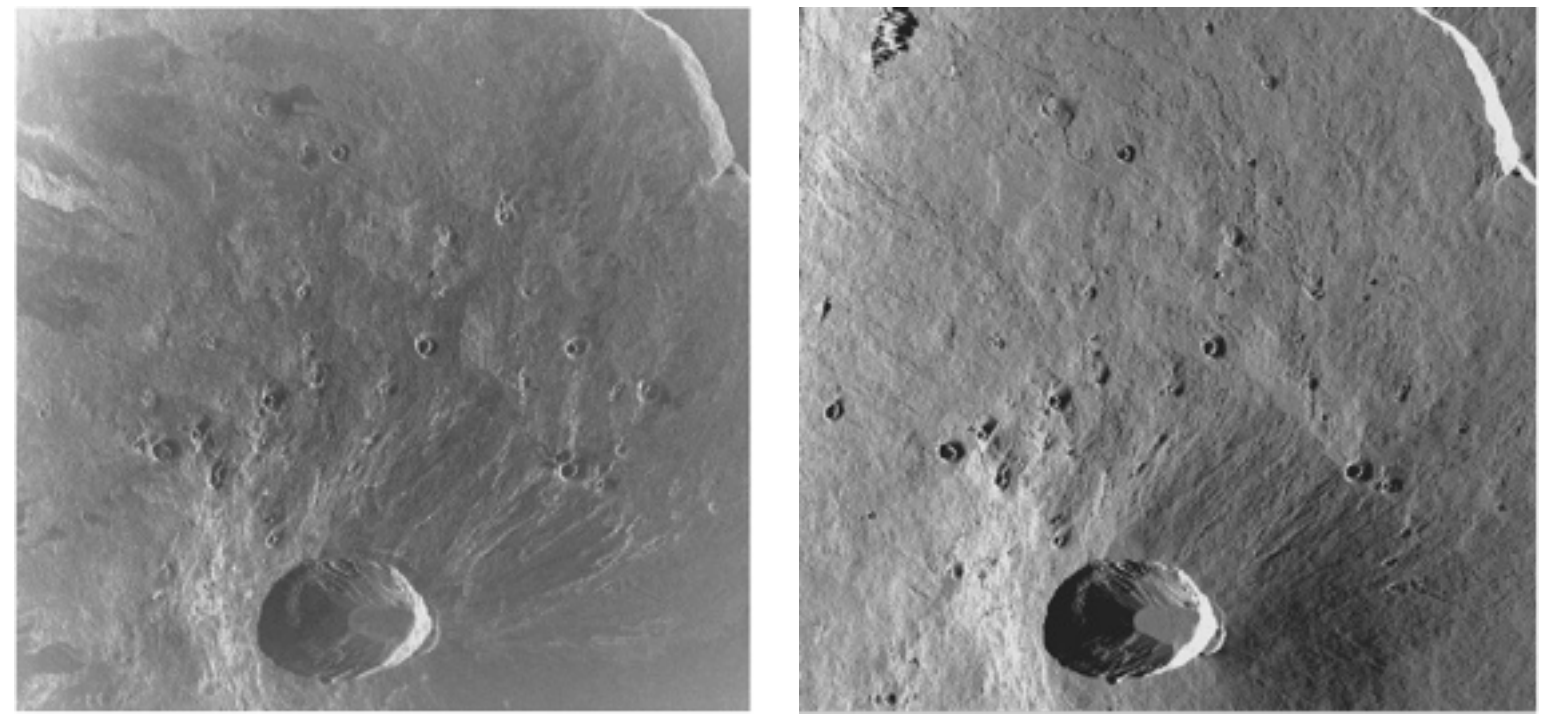
Pre-eruptive DEM 2018





Real

Synthetic



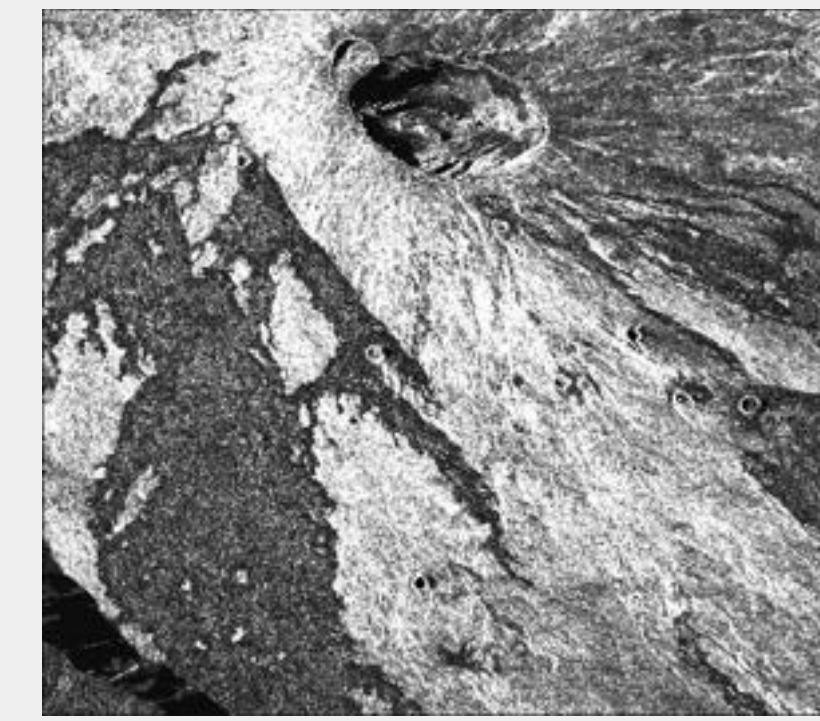
2022

2018

Output 1

Lava flows

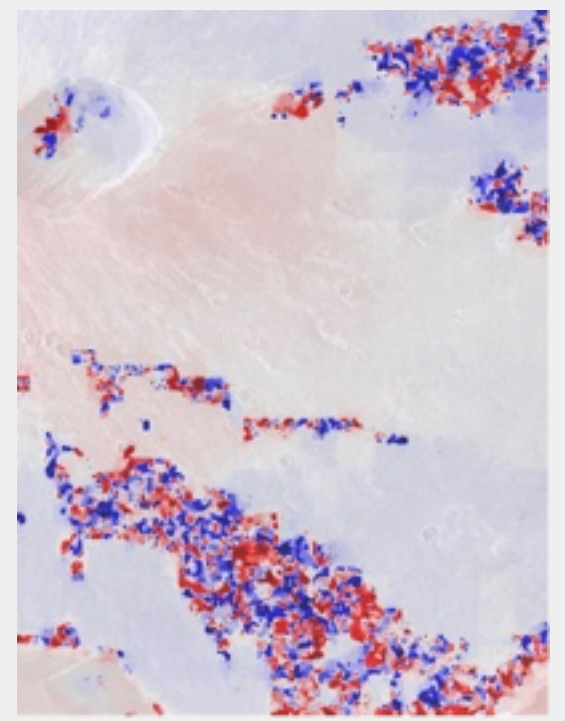
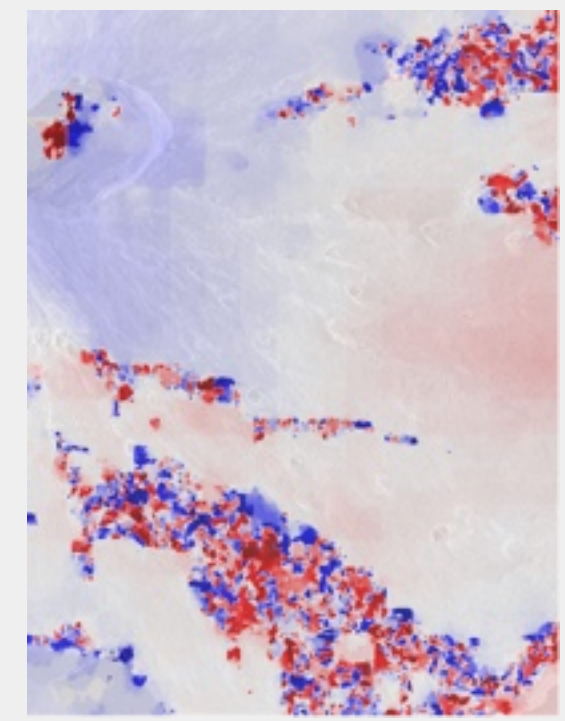
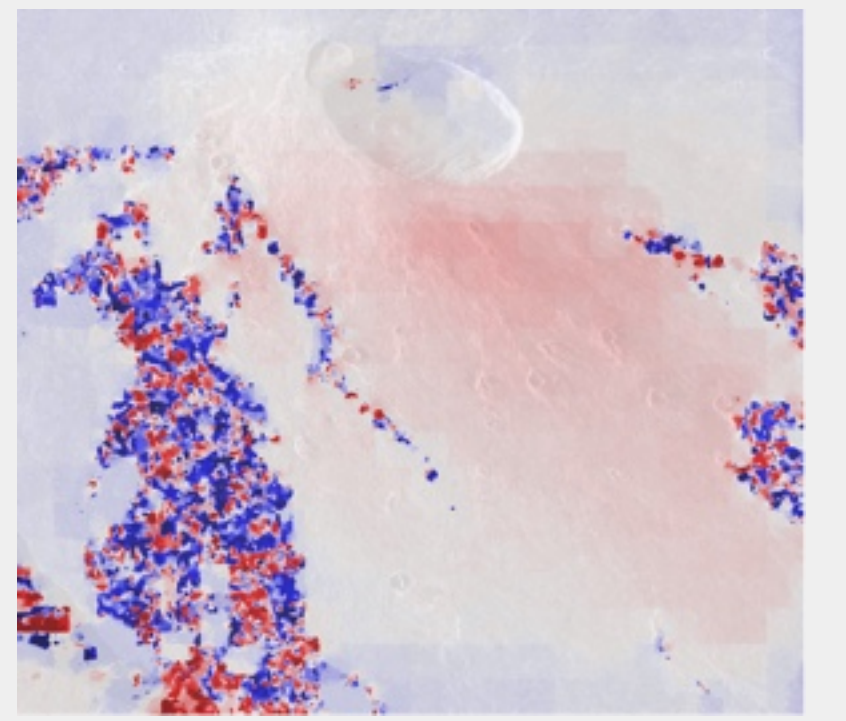
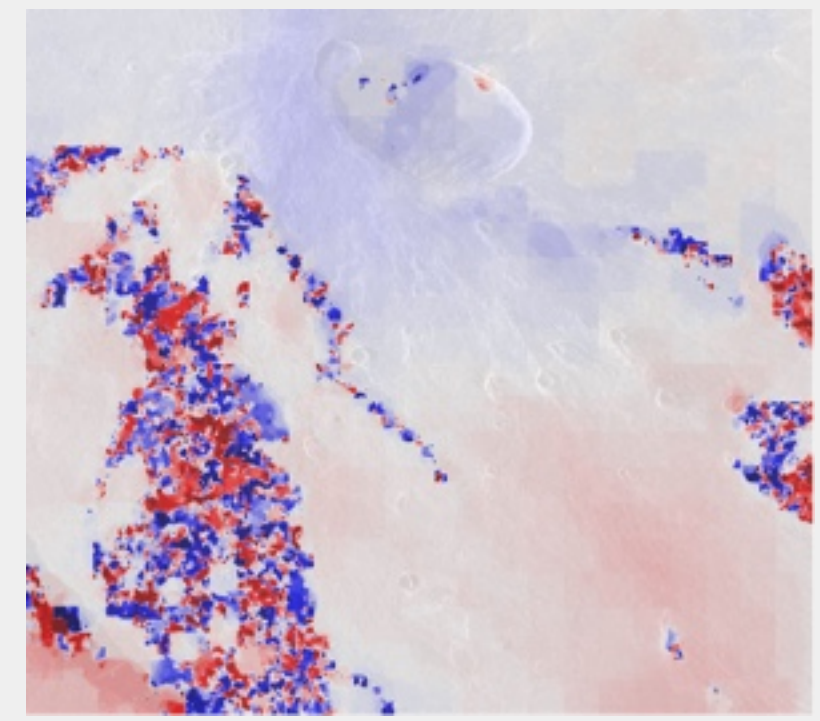
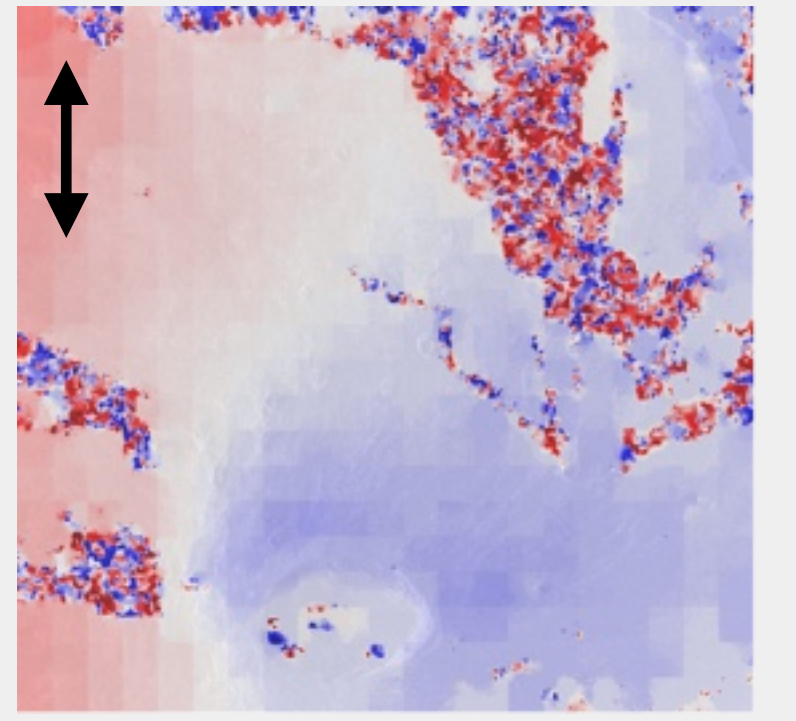
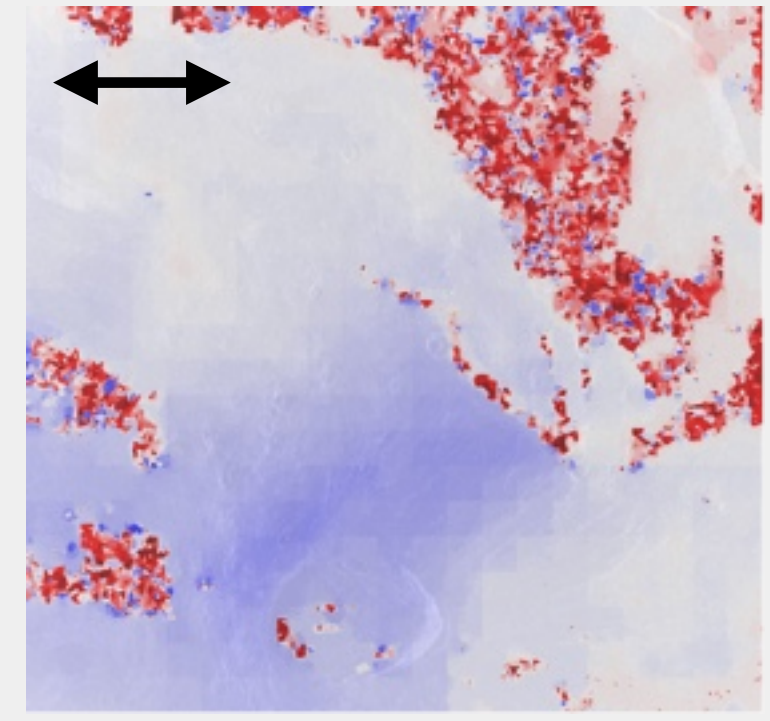
Correlation score



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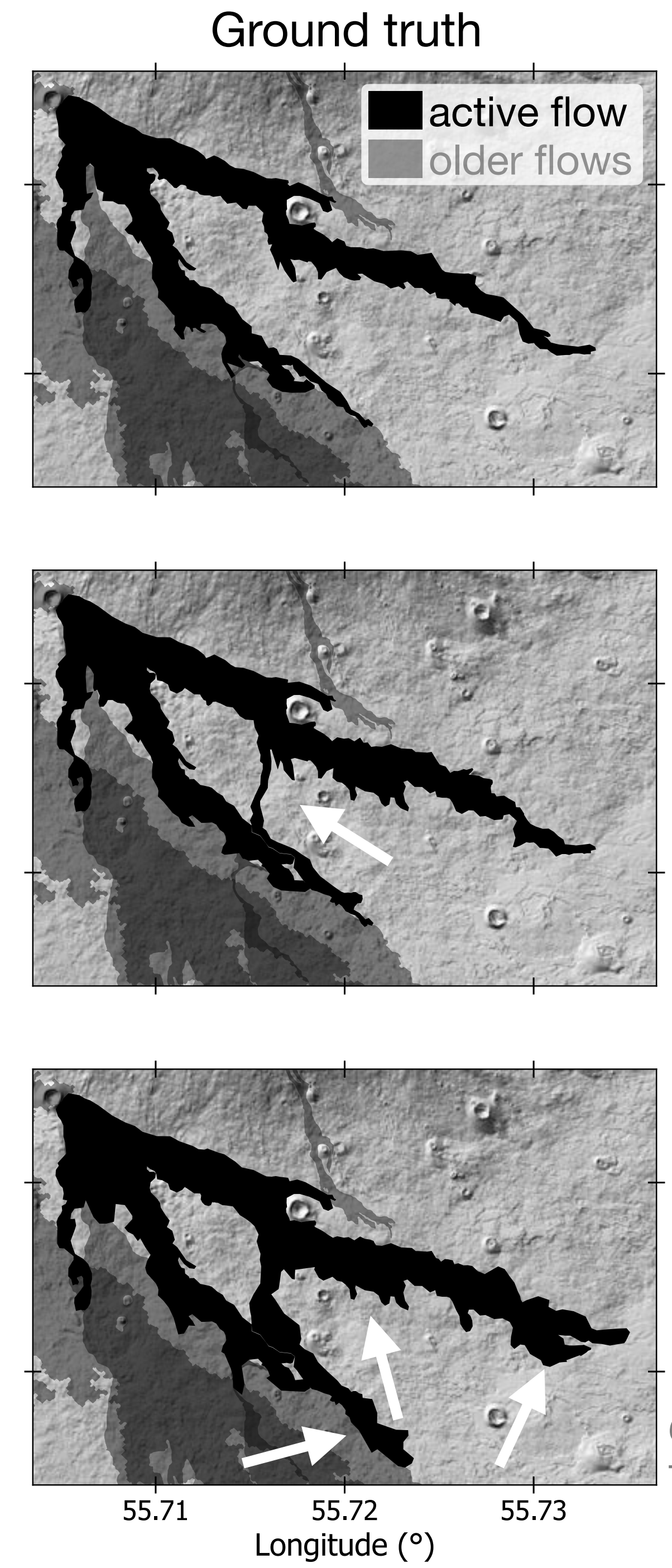
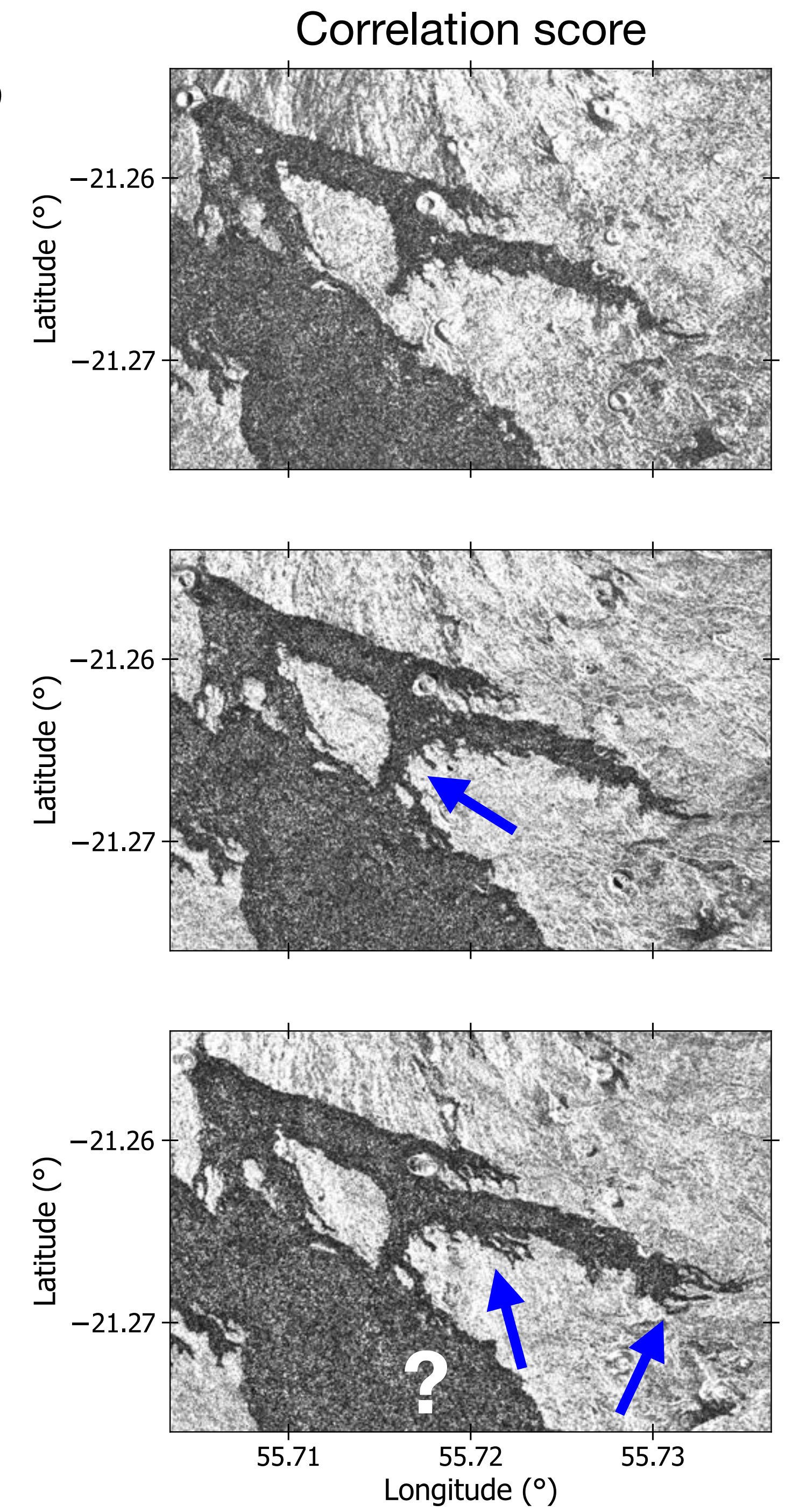
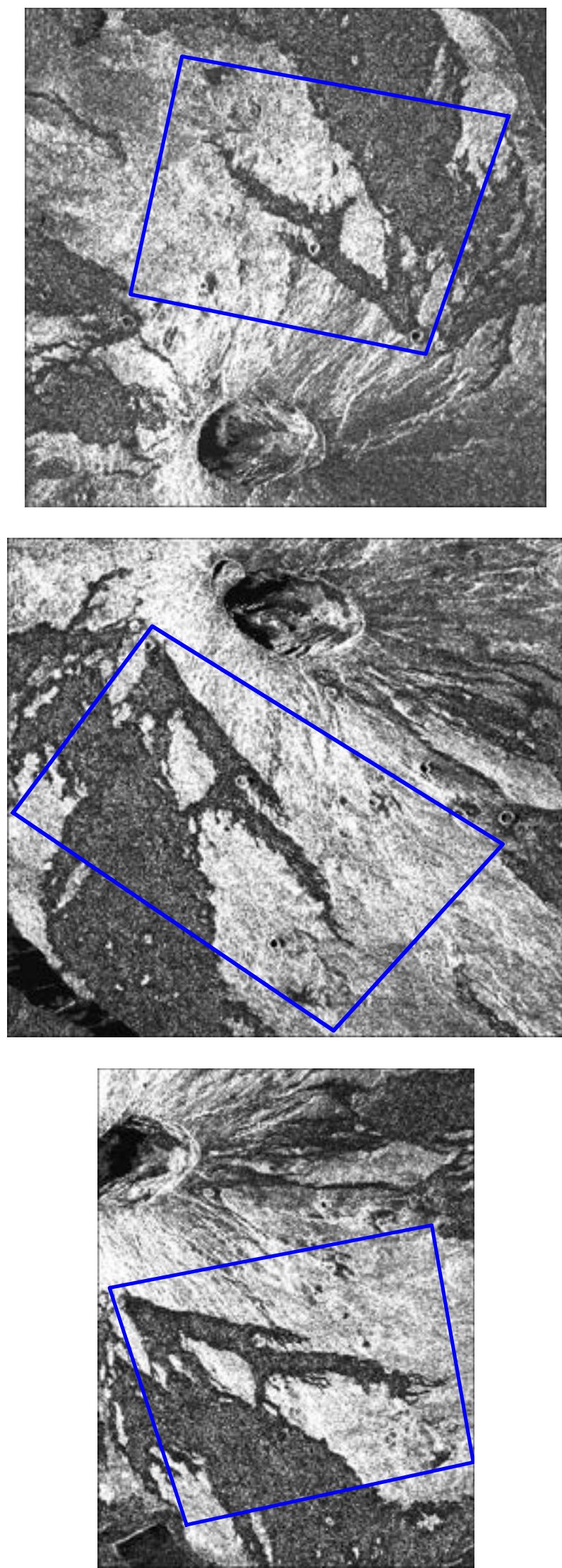
Deformation

Shifts



1. Lava flows

Apr. 2018 DEM



1 October

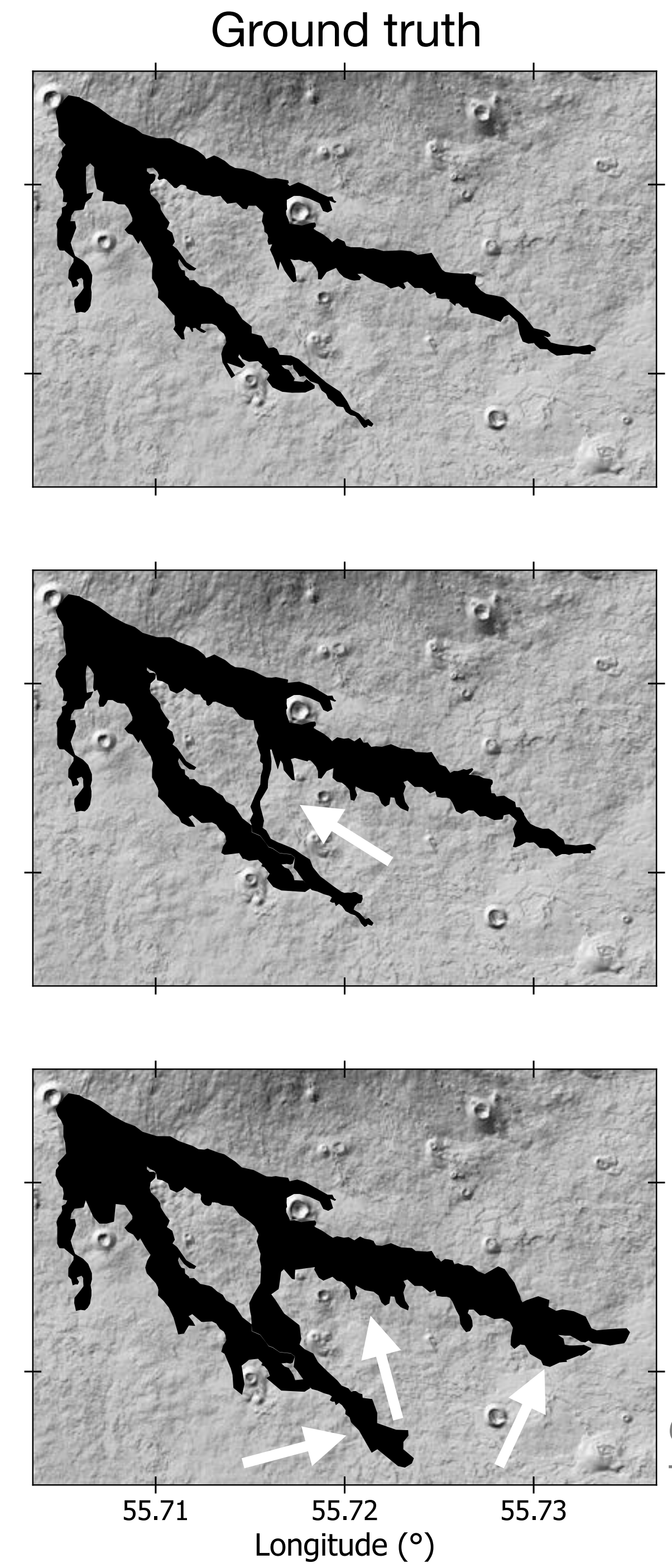
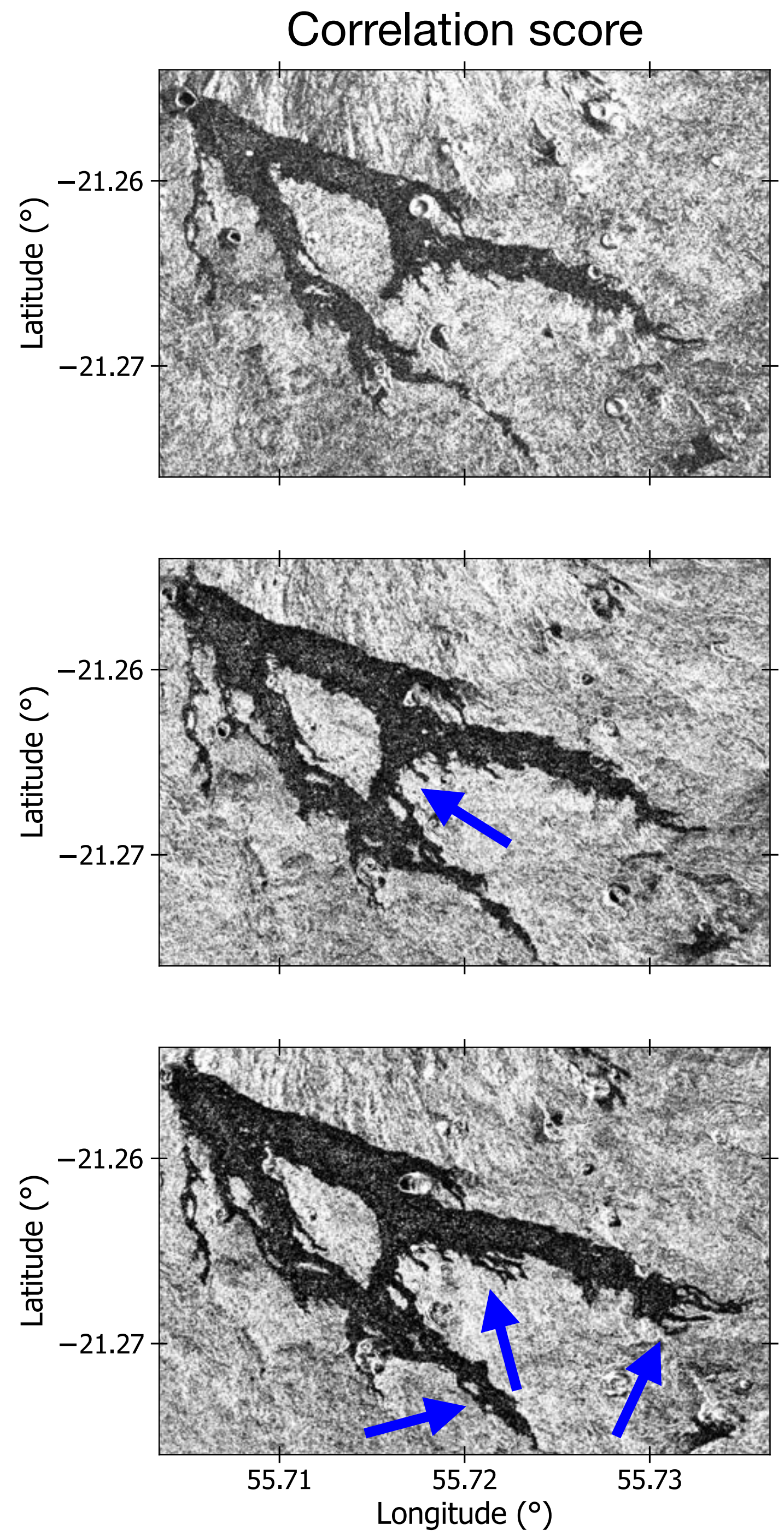
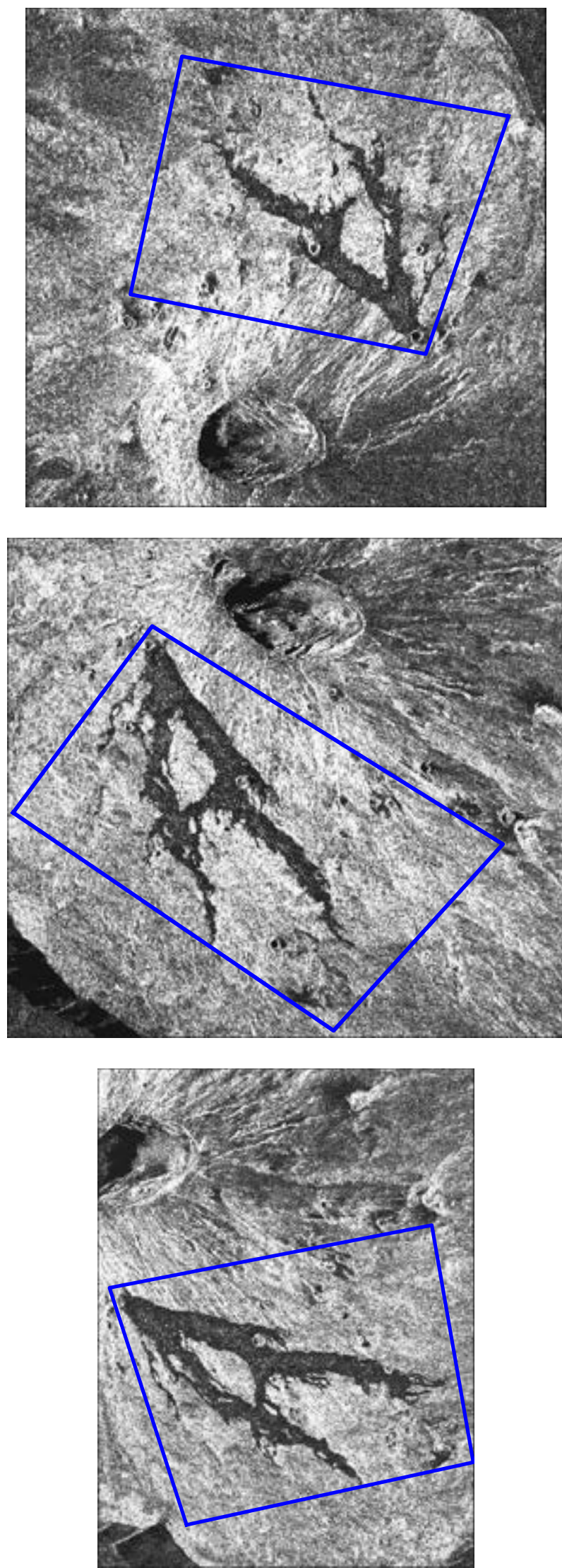
2 October

4 October 2022

Chevrel et al., 2023
from PlanetScope images

1. Lava flows

Feb. 2022 DEM



1 October

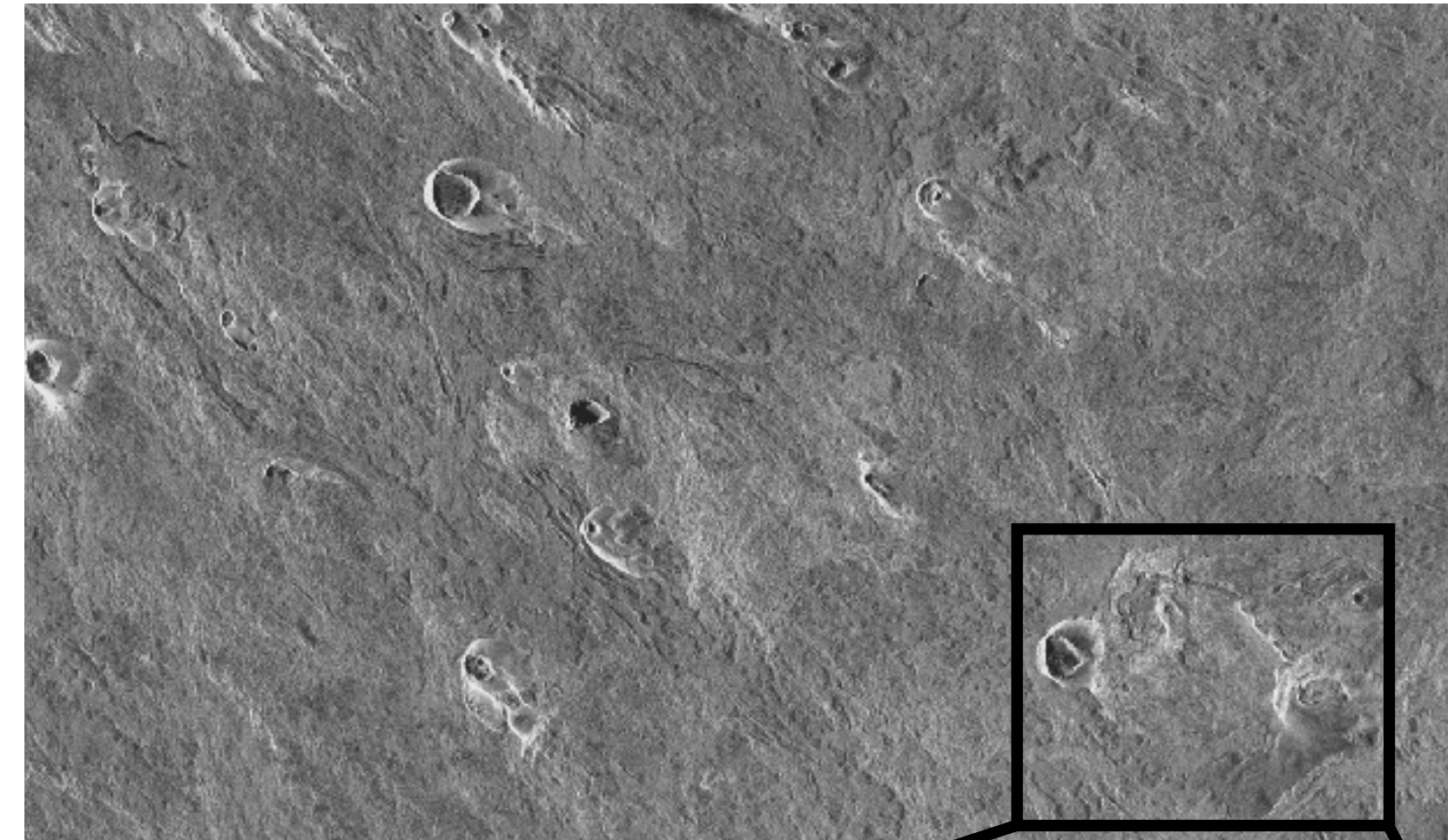
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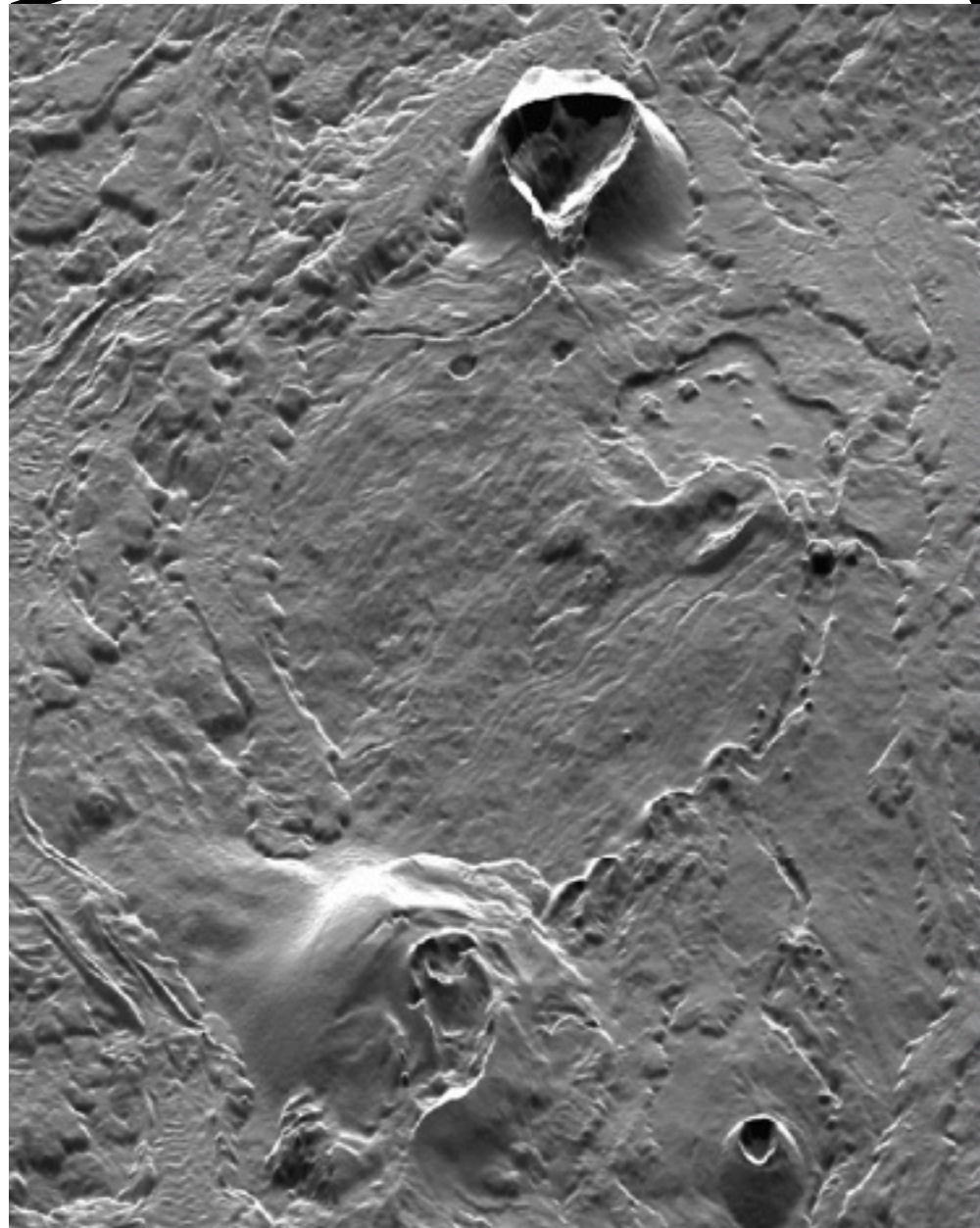
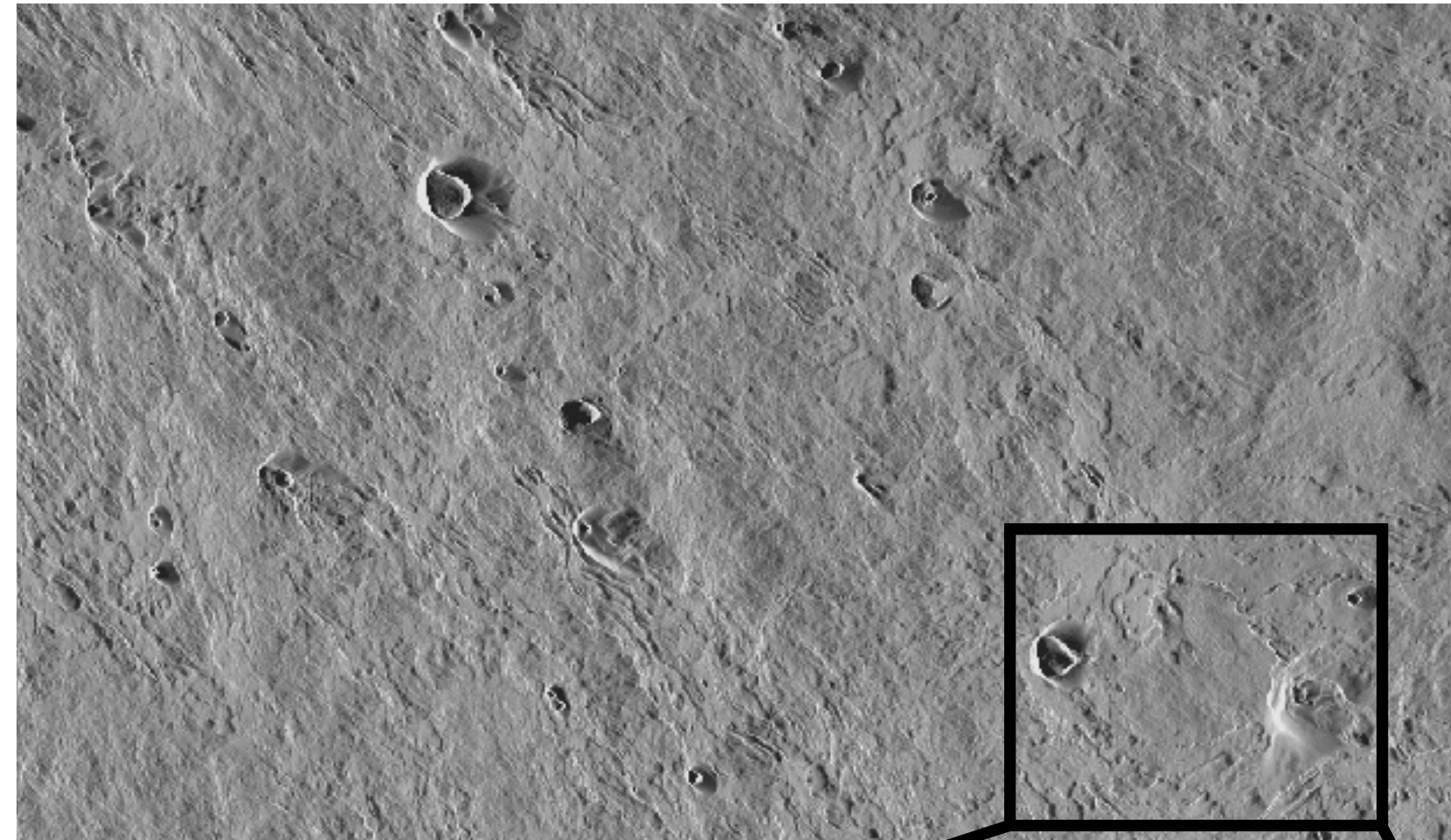
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1. Lava flows

Capella Space image

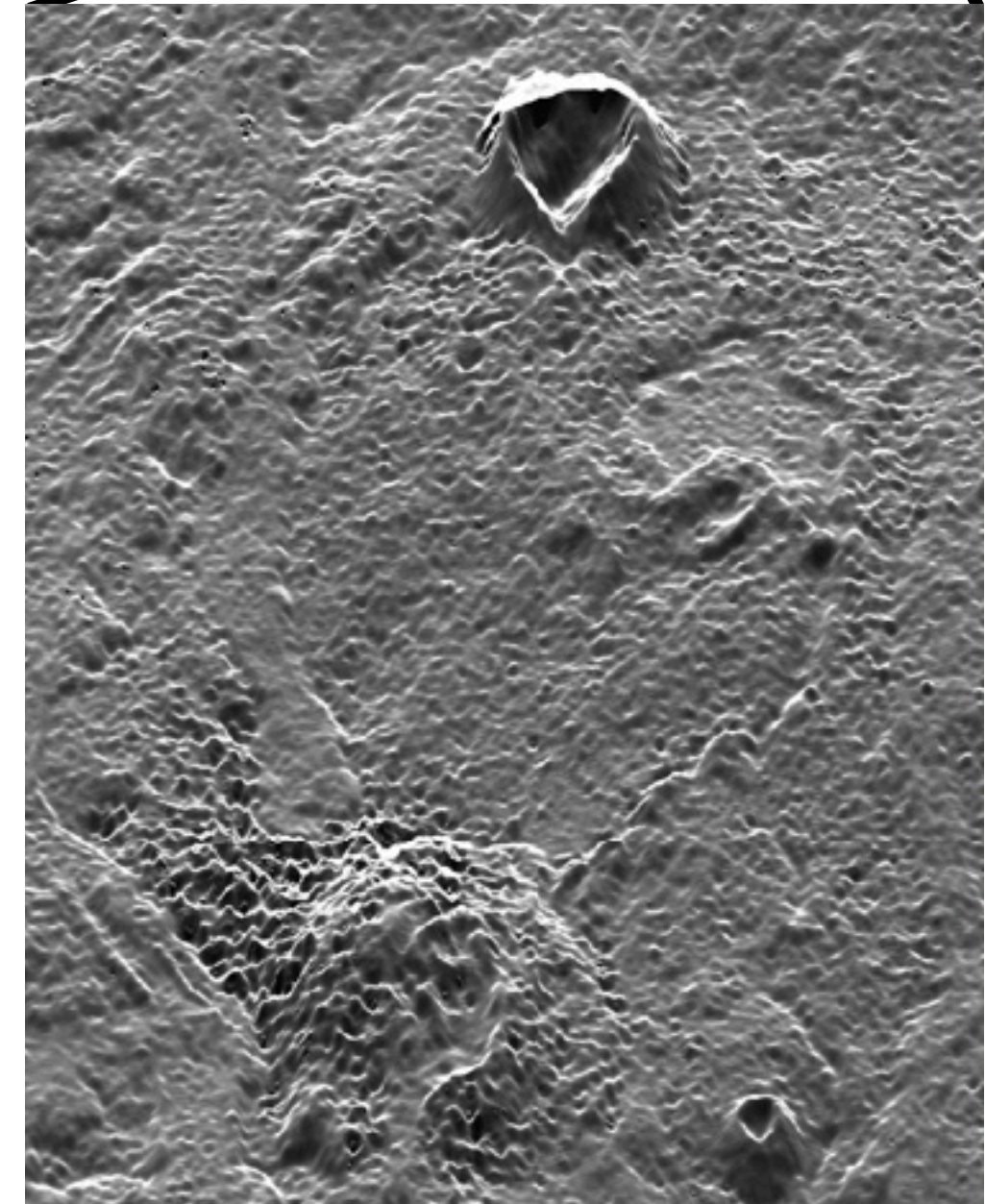
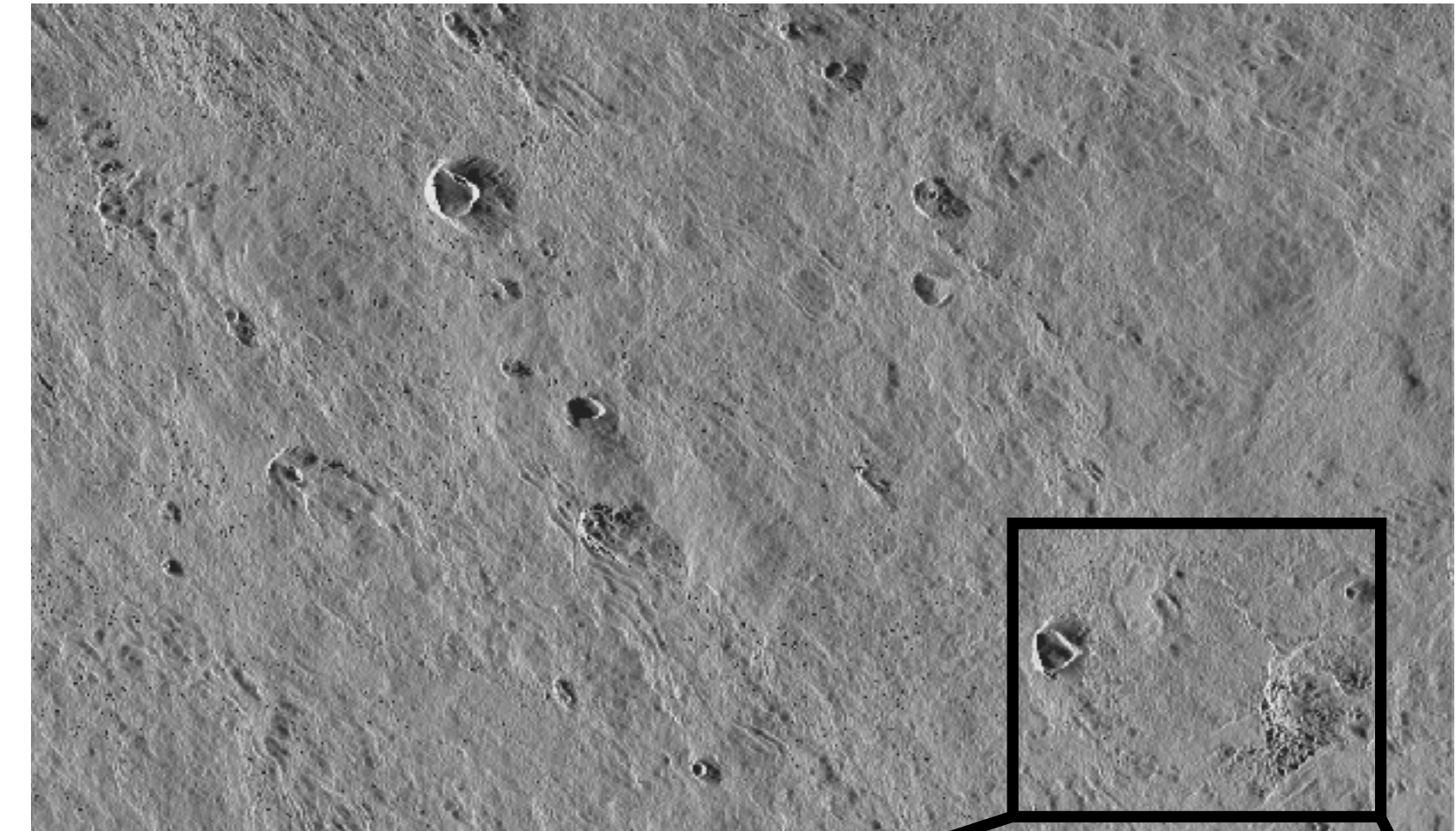


LiDAR DEM



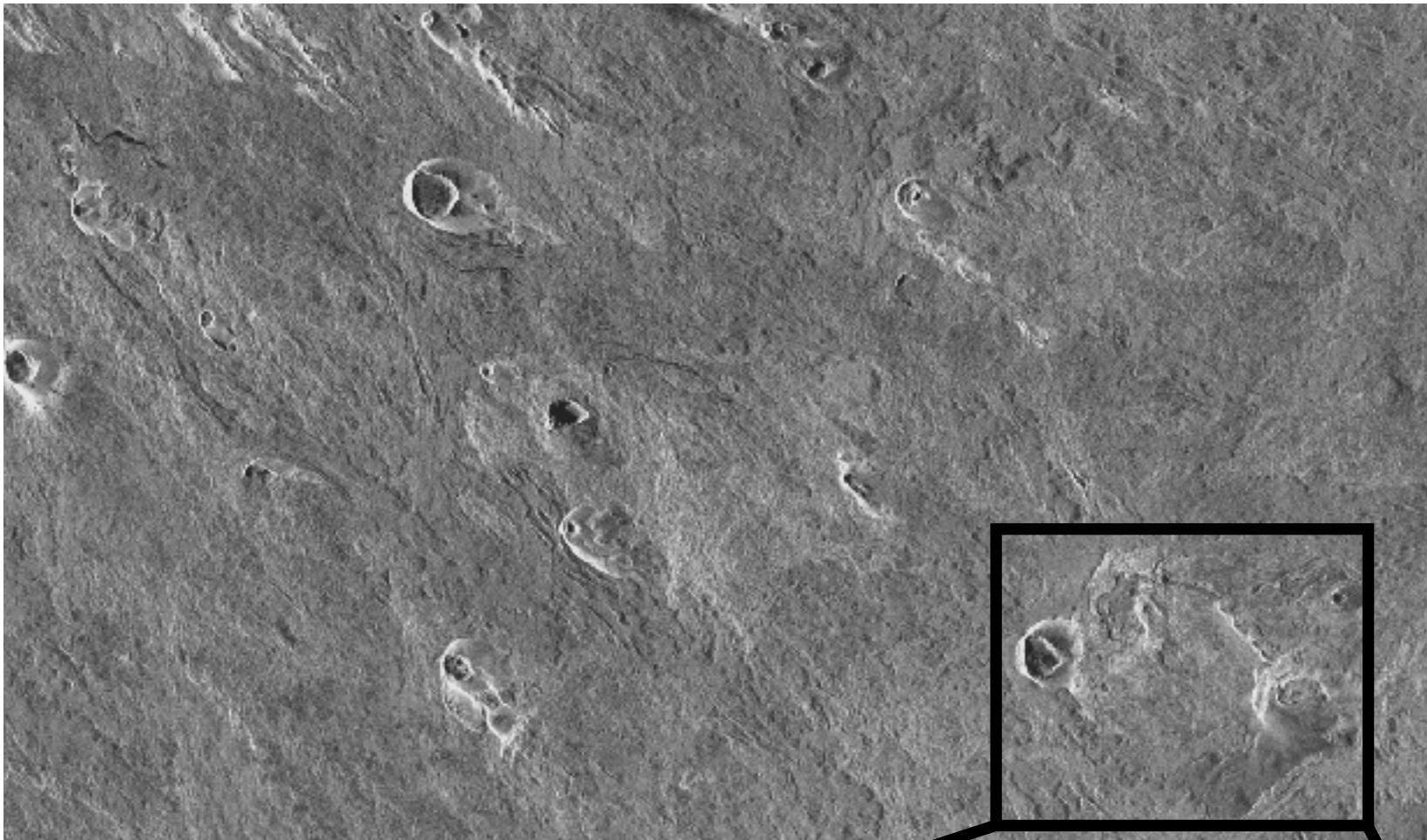
Synthetic images

Pléiades DEM

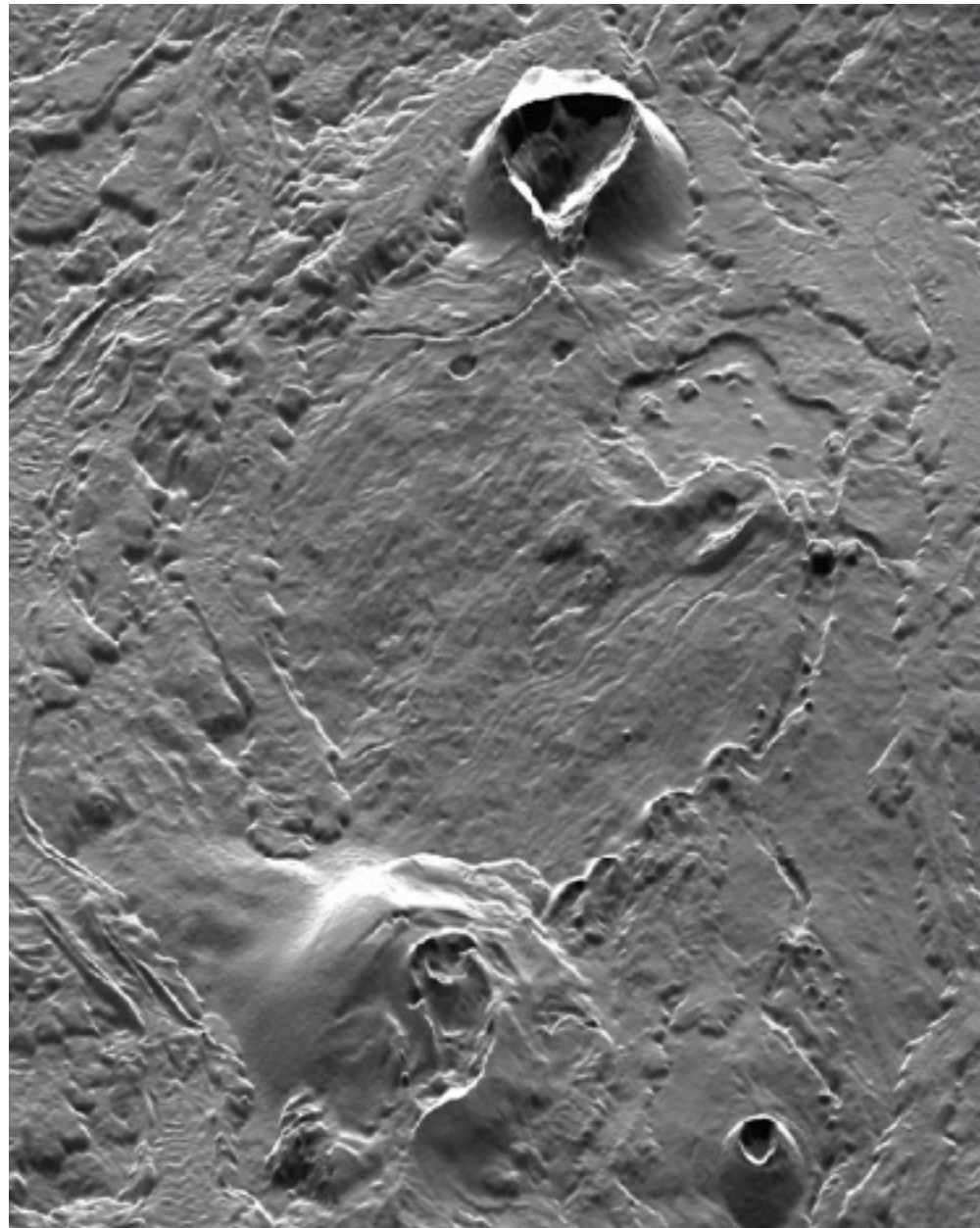
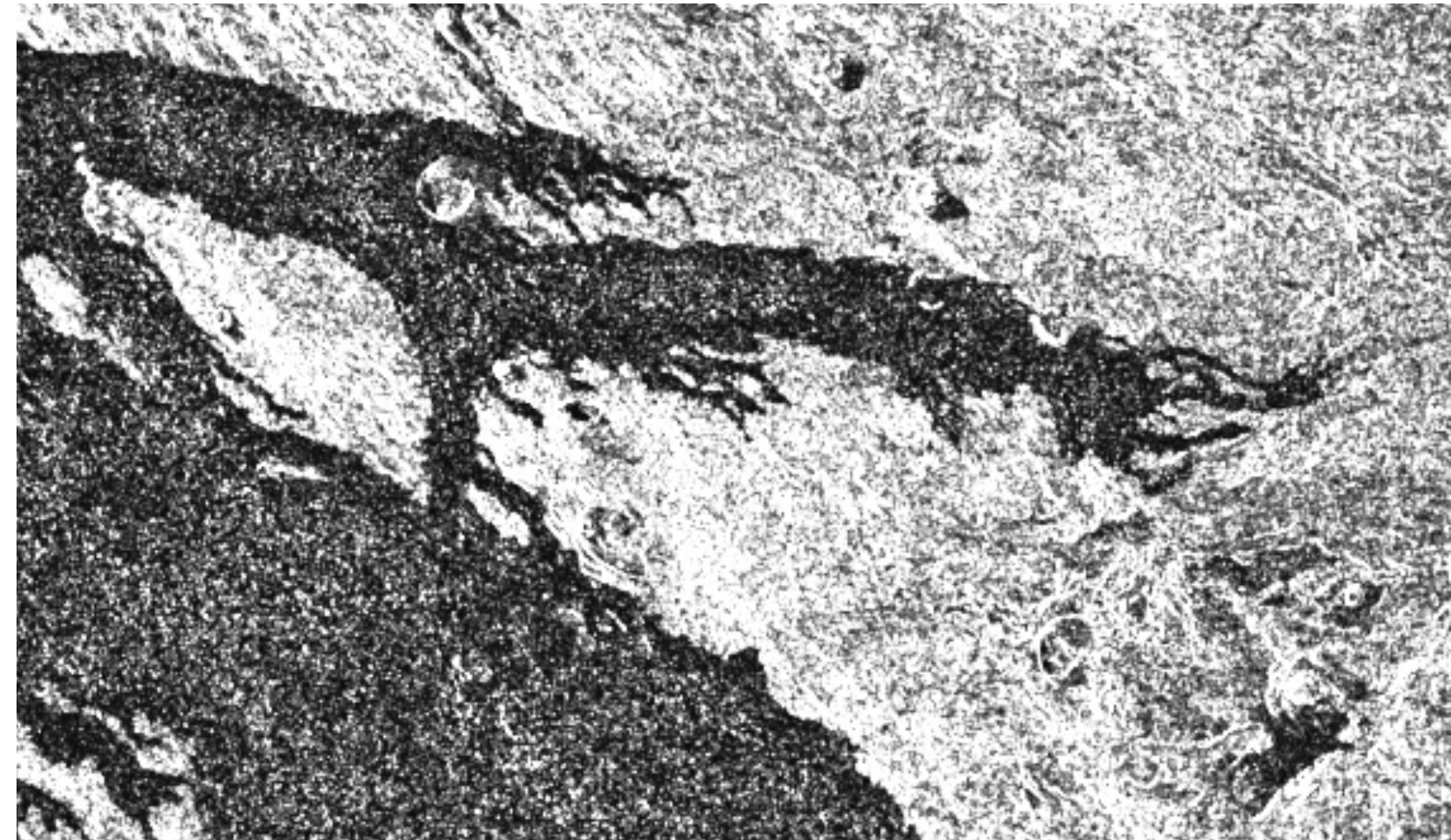


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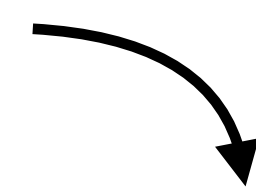
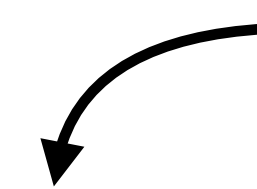
Capella Space image



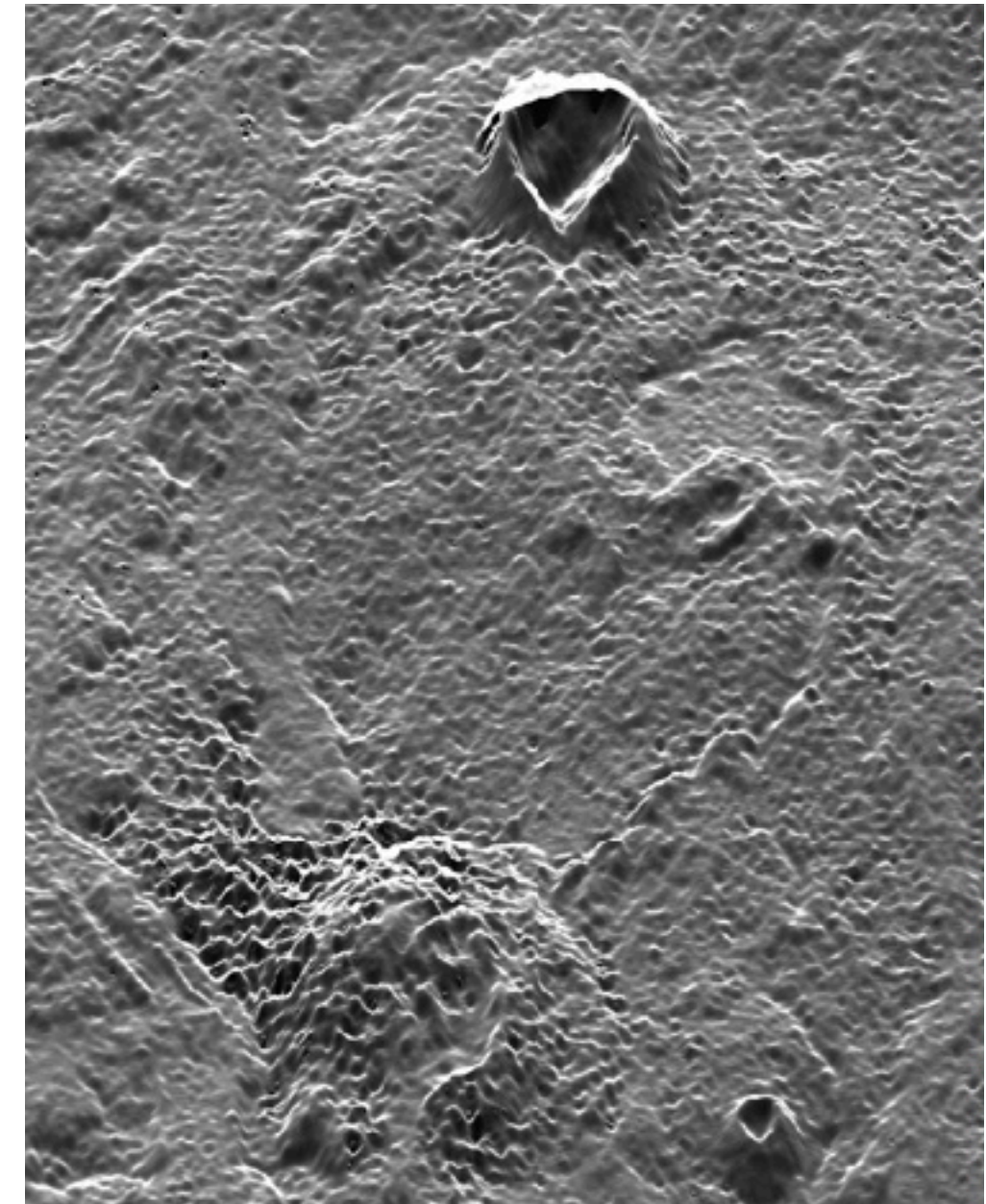
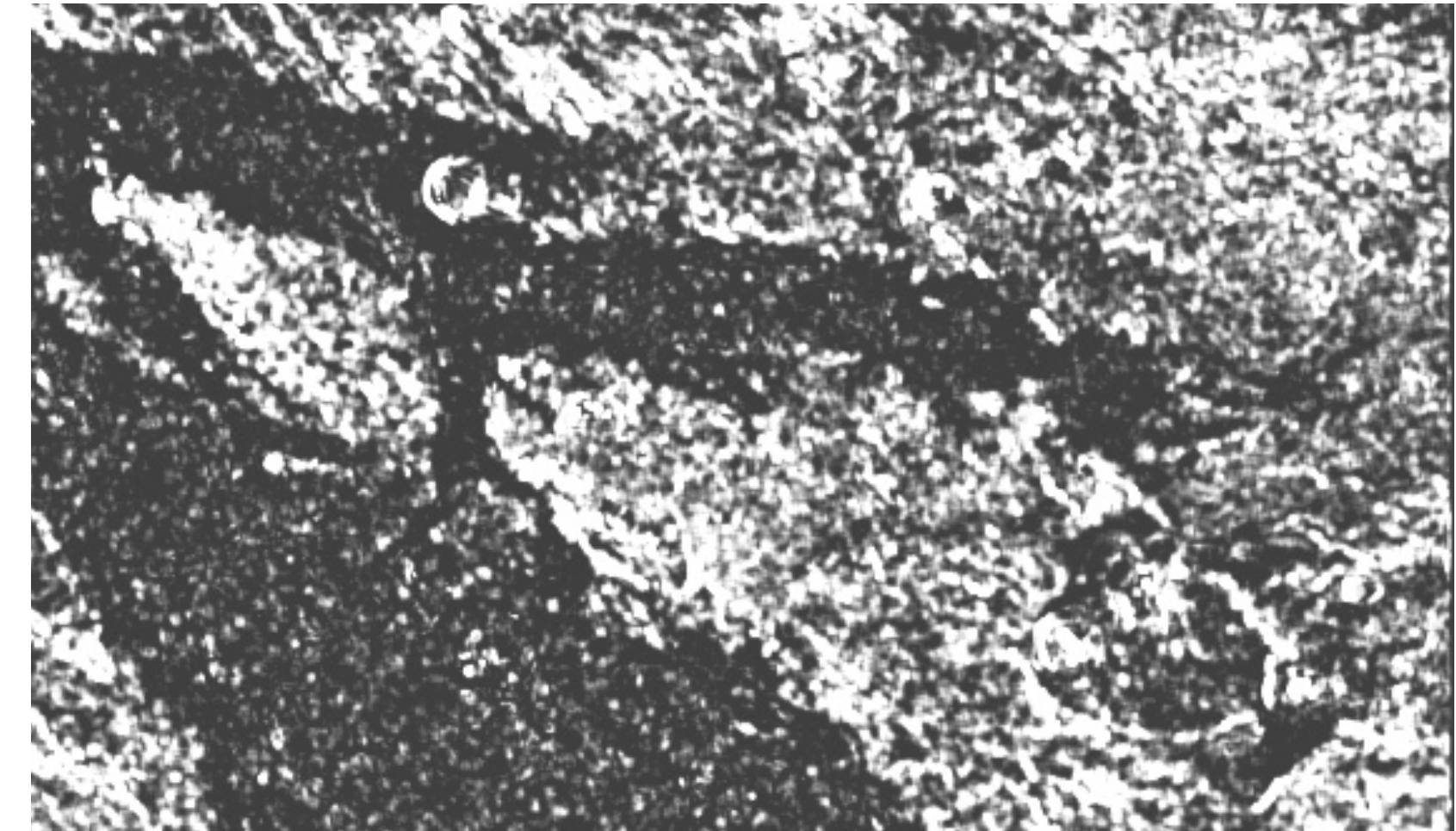
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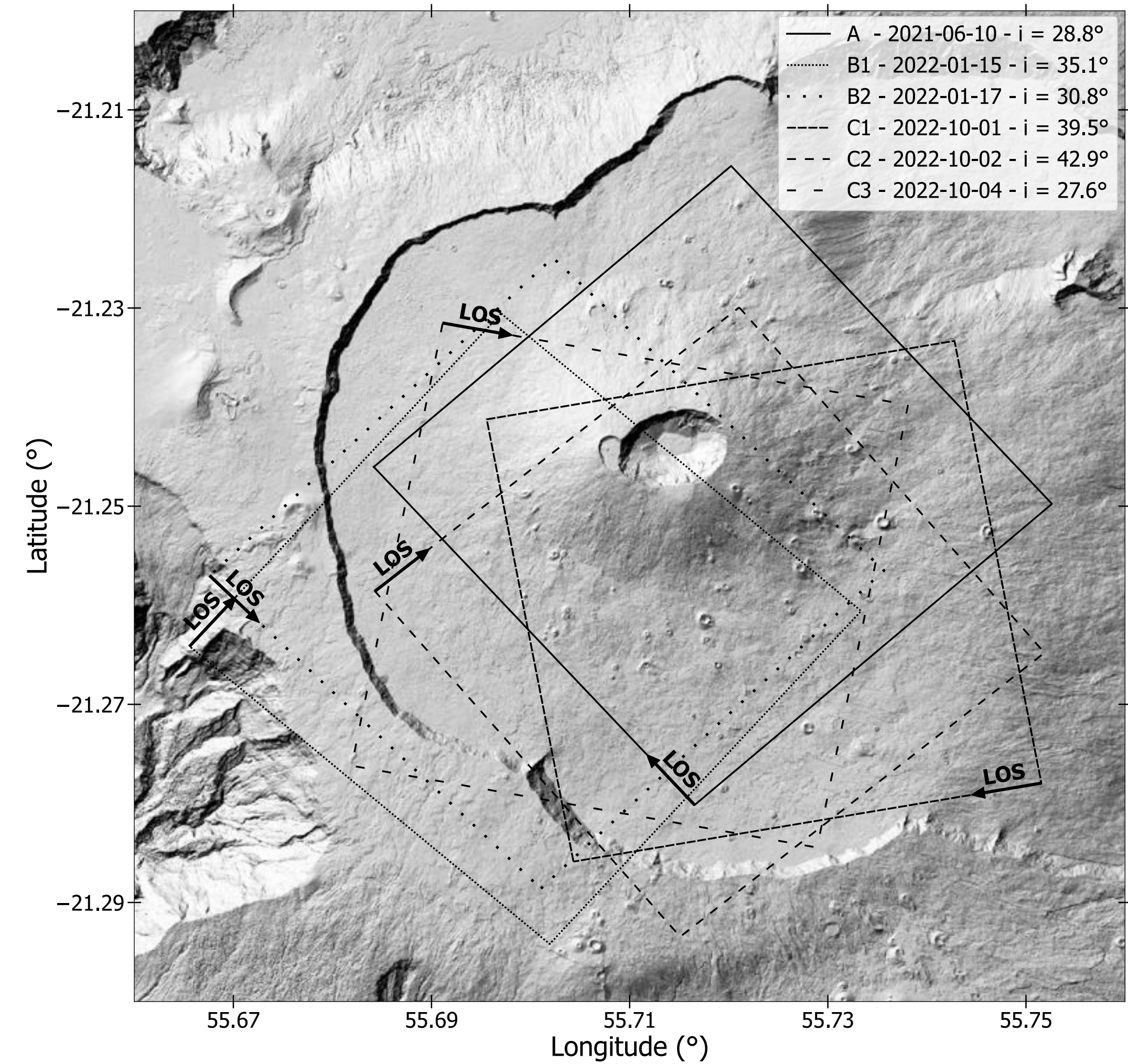
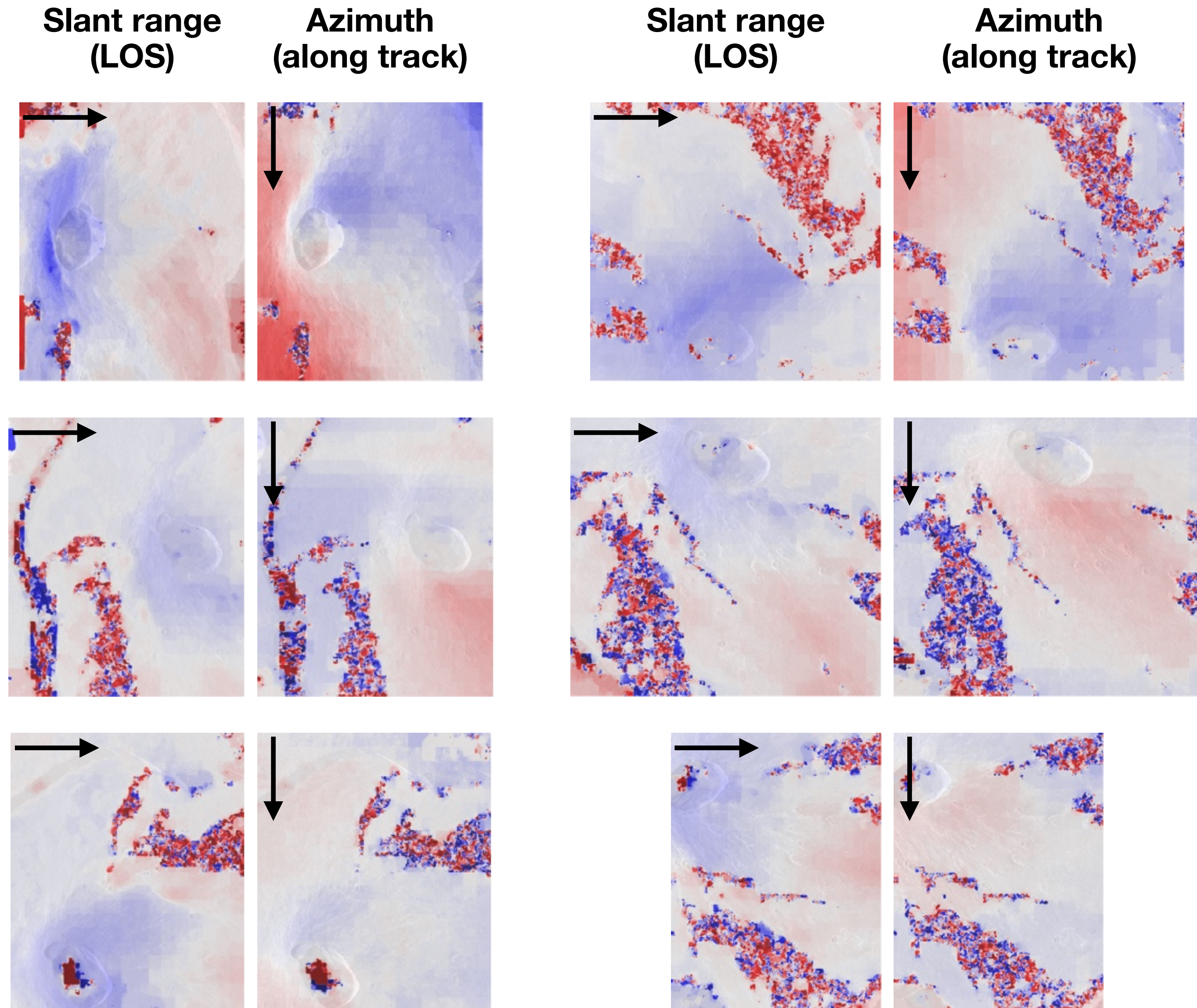
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Pléiades DEM

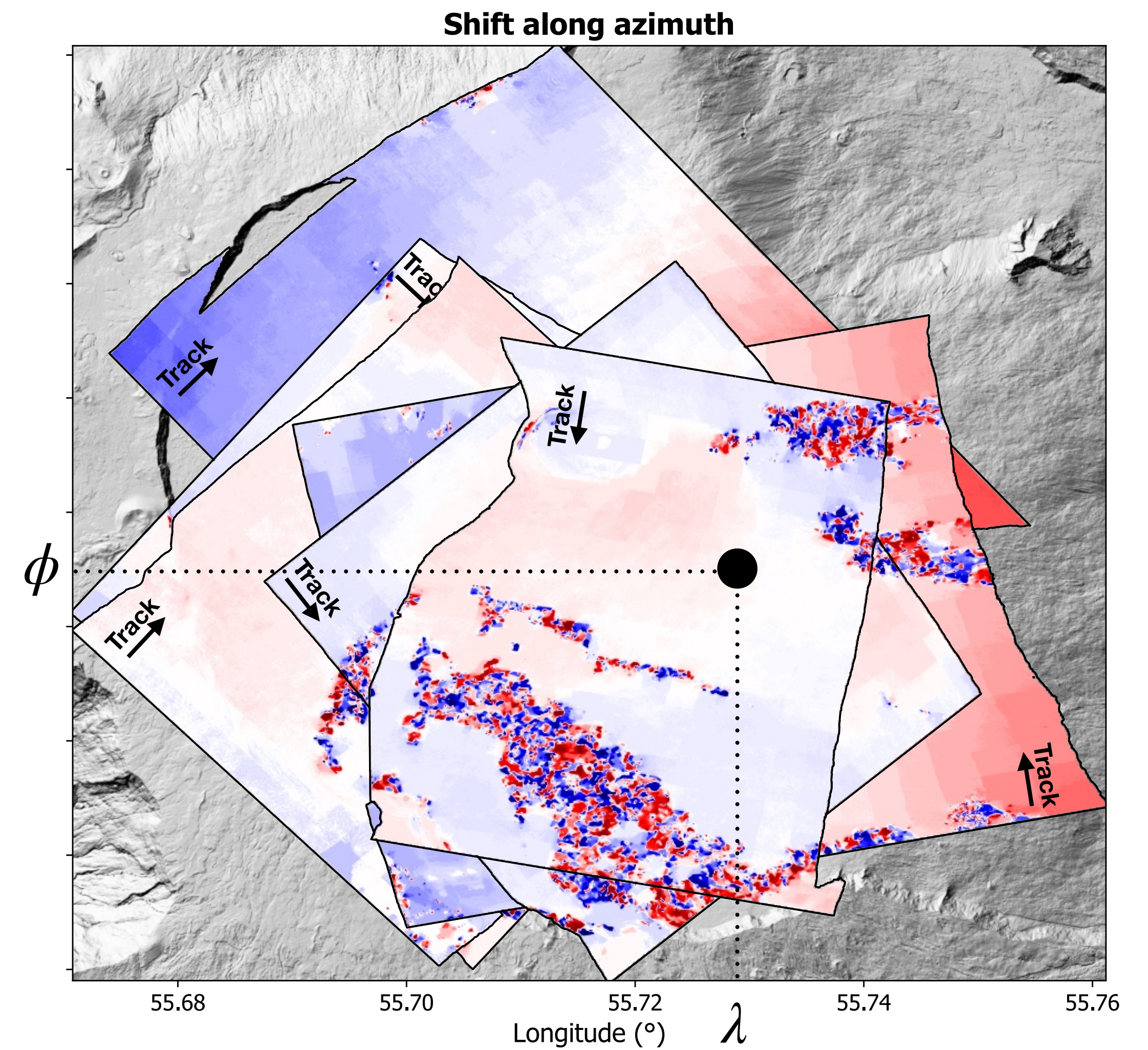
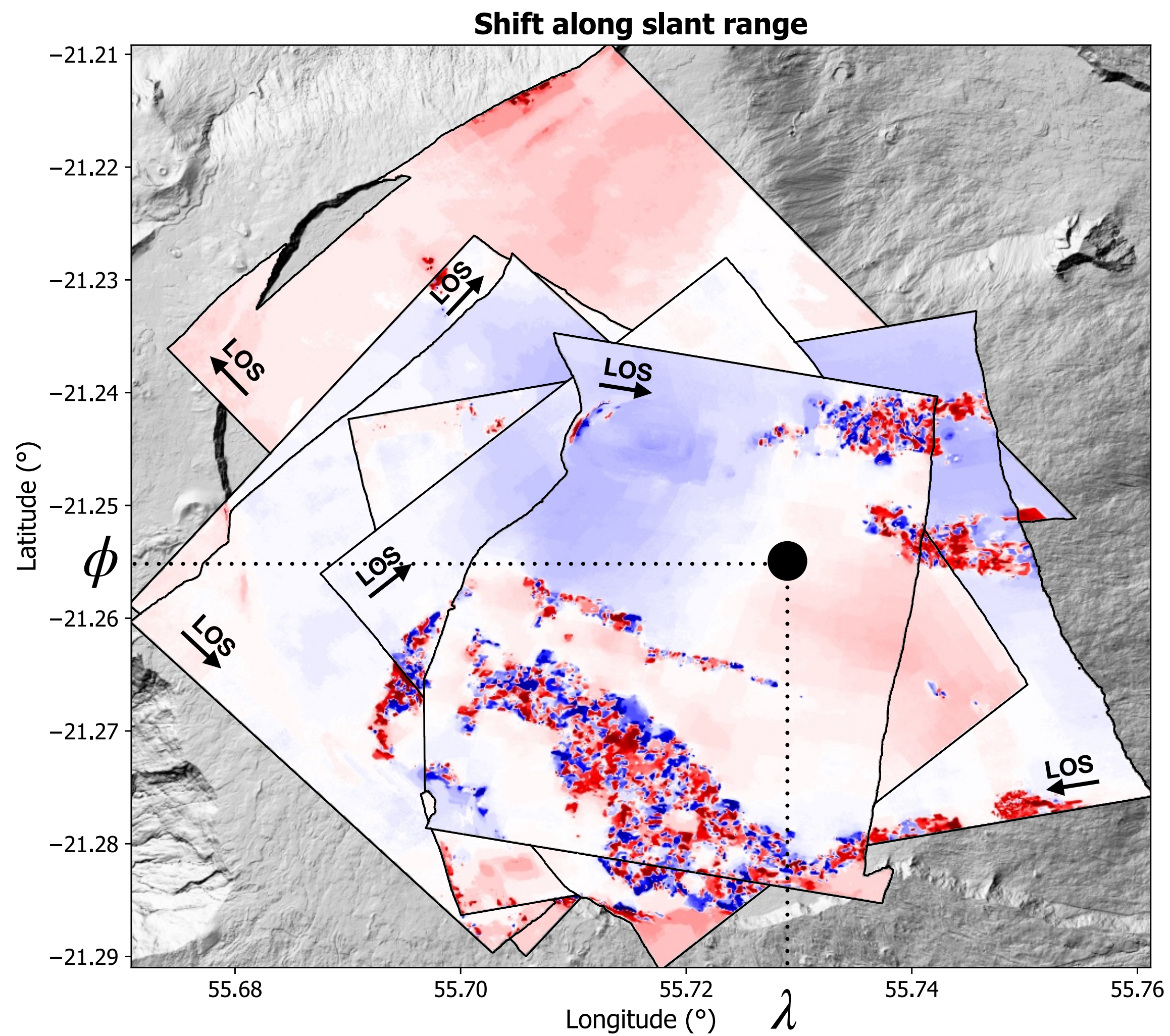


2. Volcanic deformation



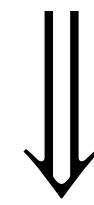
2. Volcanic deformation

$$n_{obs}(\lambda, \phi) = 2 \times n_{images}(\lambda, \phi)$$



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We can only get the 3D displacement of points where

$$n_{images}(\lambda, \phi) \geq 2$$

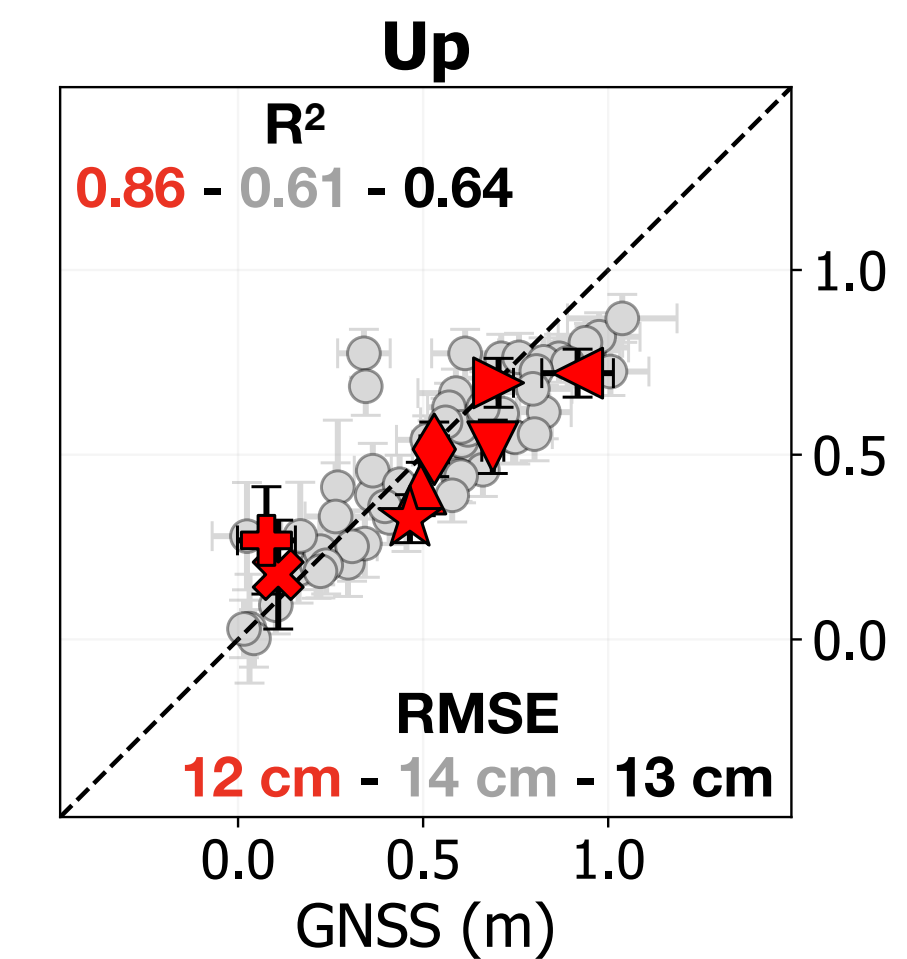
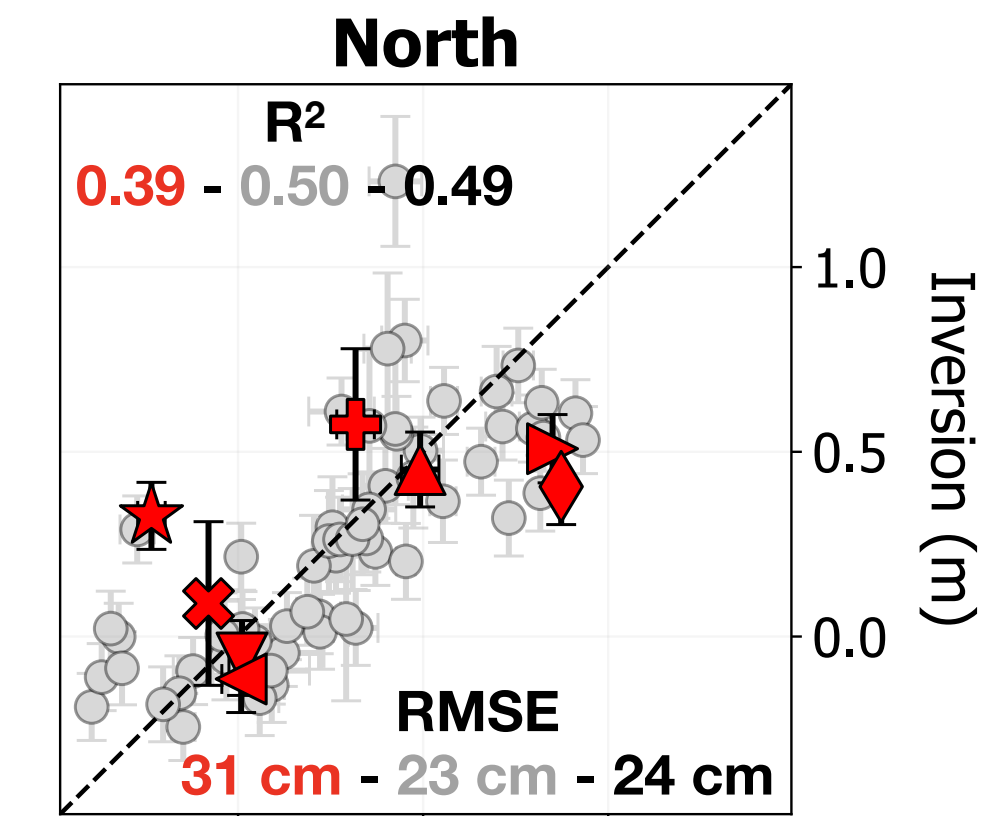
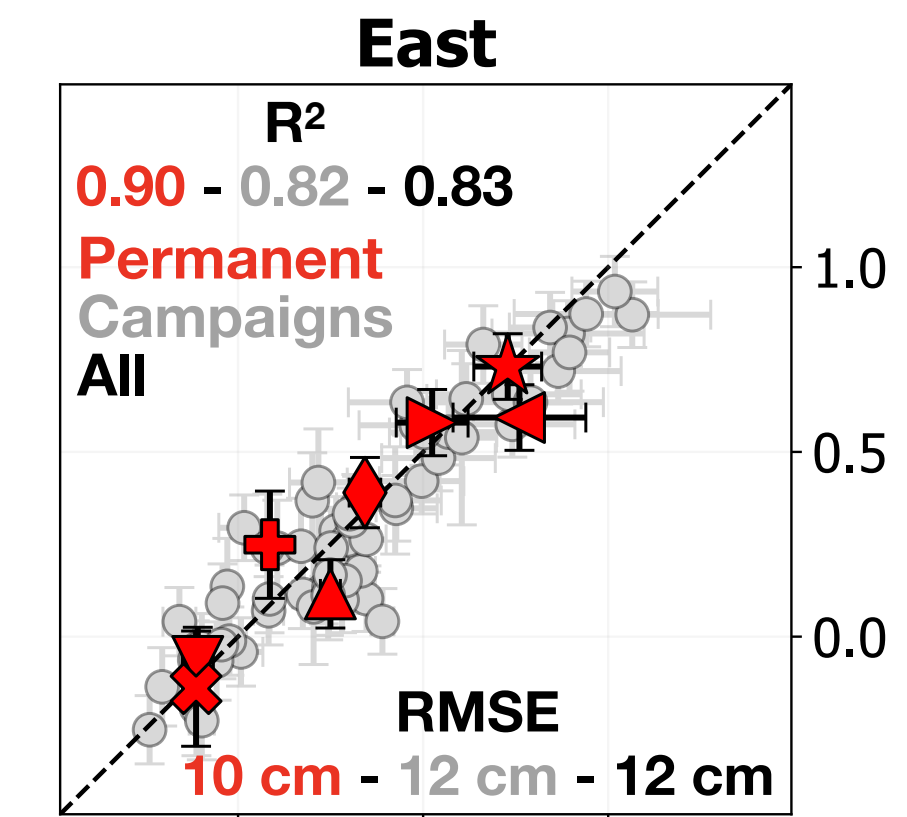
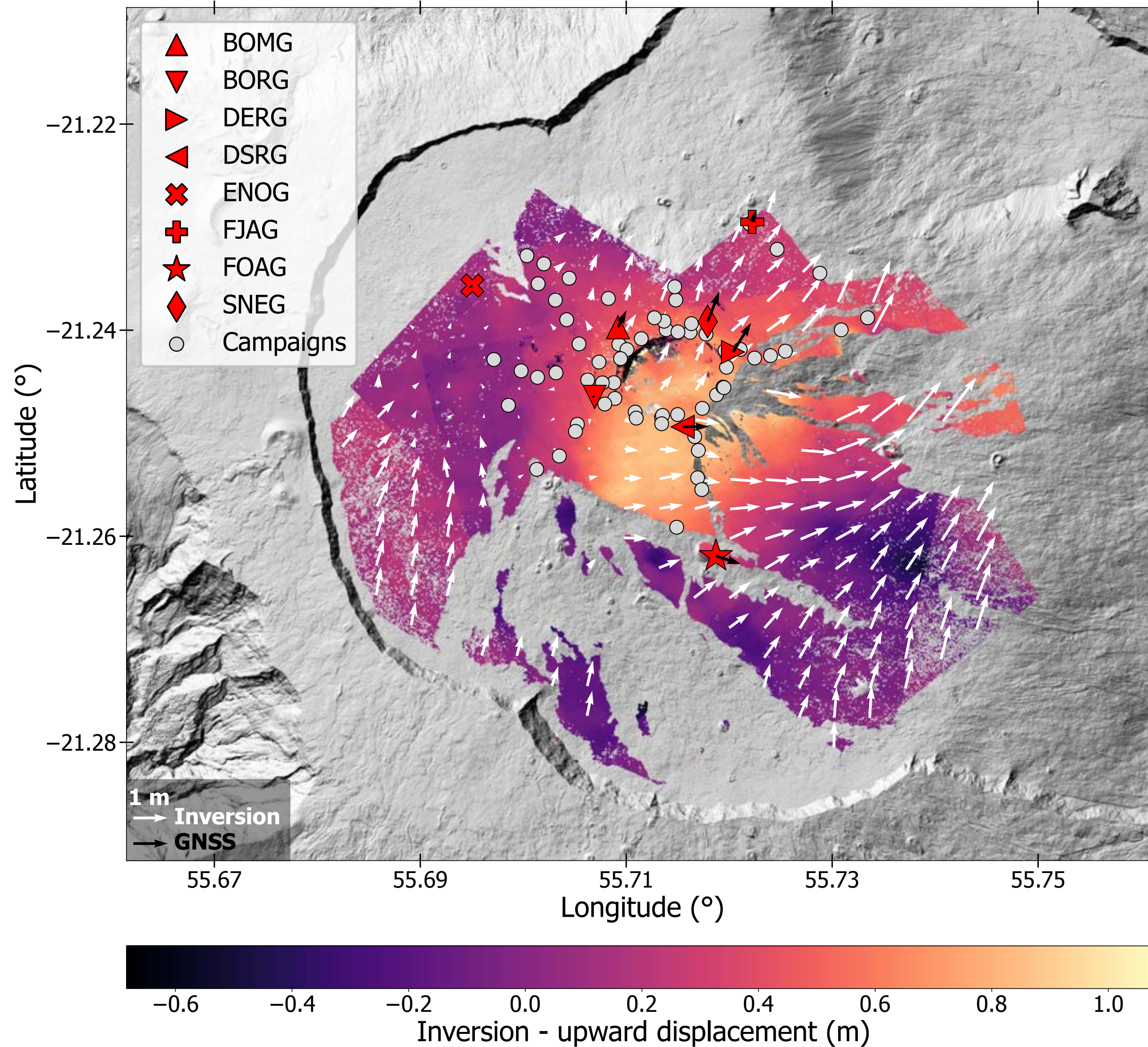
$$\begin{pmatrix} \left(\delta_{\mathbf{LOS}_\omega} \right)_{\omega \in \Omega} \\ \left(\delta_{\mathbf{Track}_\omega} \right)_{\omega \in \Omega} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \left(\mathbf{LOS}_\omega \right)_{\omega \in \Omega} \\ \left(\mathbf{Track}_\omega \right)_{\omega \in \Omega} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \\ \Delta z \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Omega = \{ images(\lambda, \phi) \}$$

$2n_{images}(\lambda, \phi) \times 1$
 $2n_{images}(\lambda, \phi) \times 3$
 3×1
 $n_{images}(\lambda, \phi)$

2. Volcanic deformation

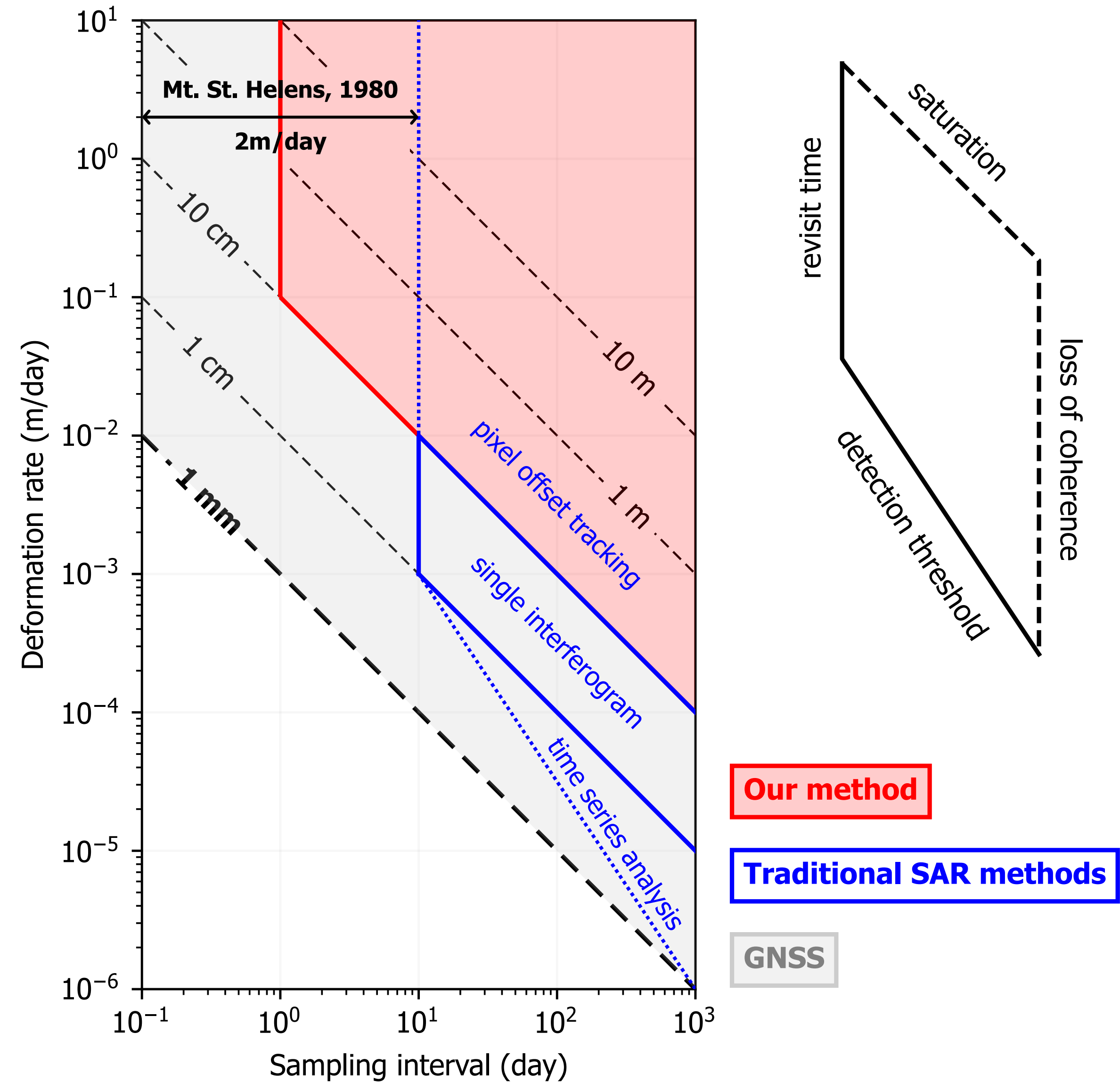
2018 - 2022

Absolute displacement



2. Volcanic deformation

	GNSS	InSAR	Our method
Sampling interval	~ 1 s	~ 10 days	~ 1 day
Detection threshold	~ 1 mm	~ 1 cm	~ 10 cm
Saturation	No	~ $\lambda/2$ / pixel	No
Spatial continuity	No	Yes	Yes
Damaged during eruptions	Potentially	No	No



Conclusion

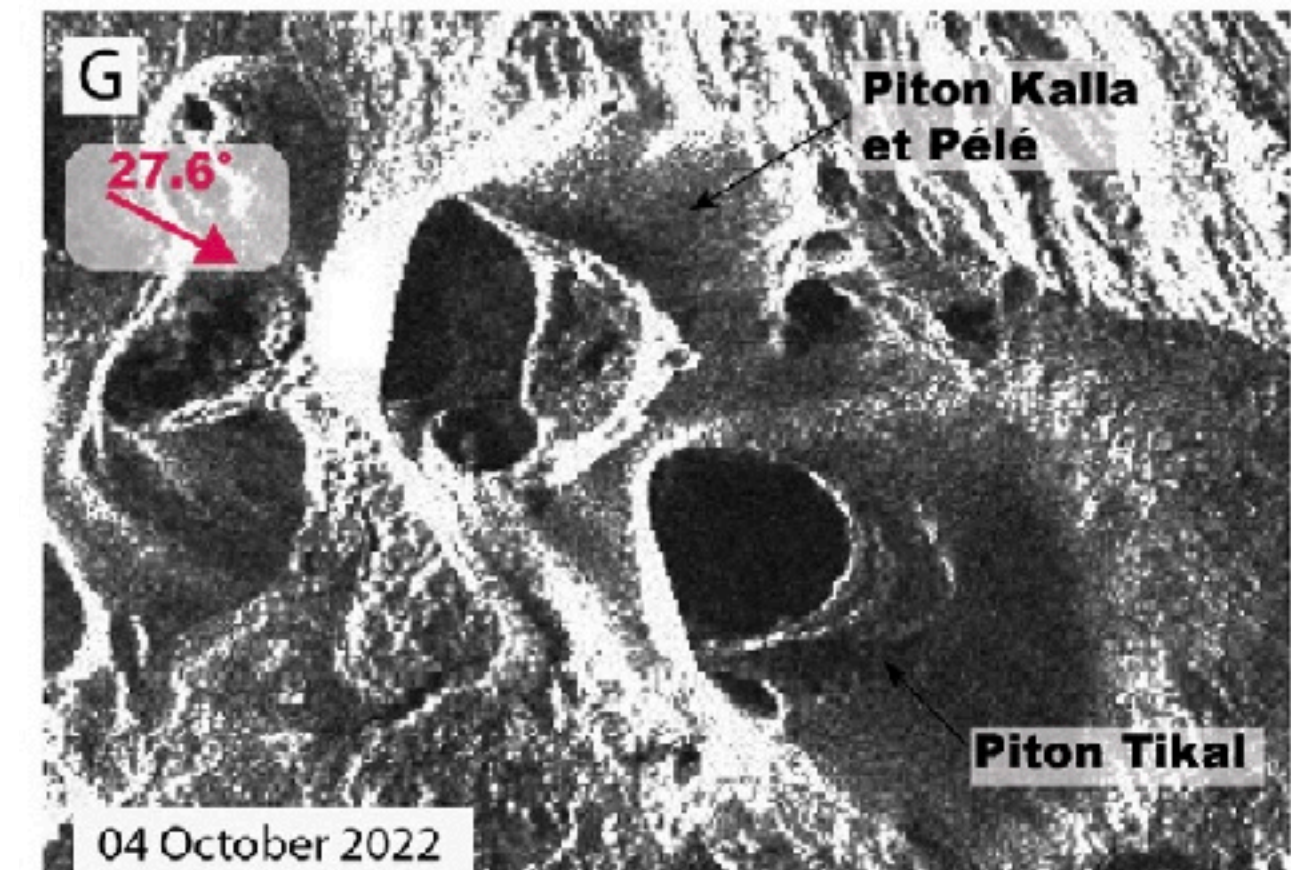
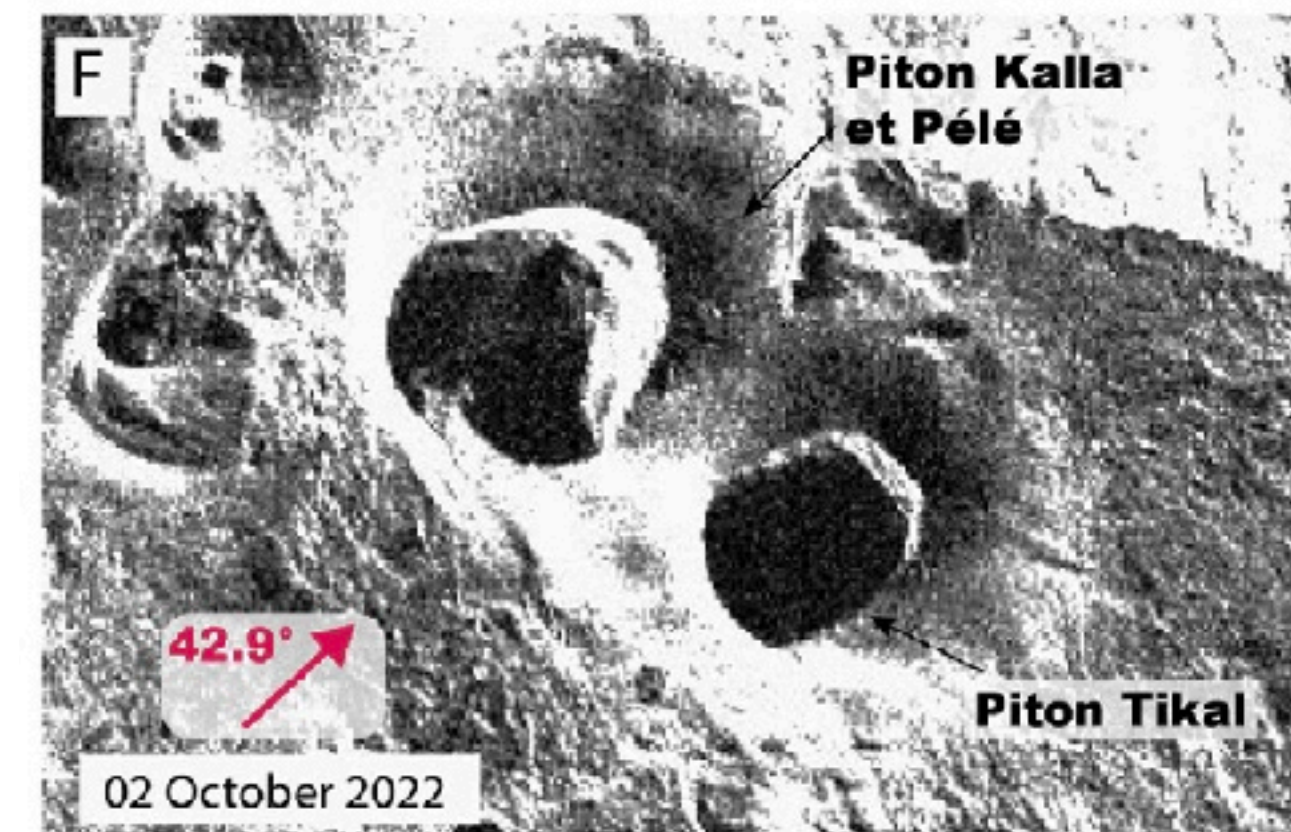
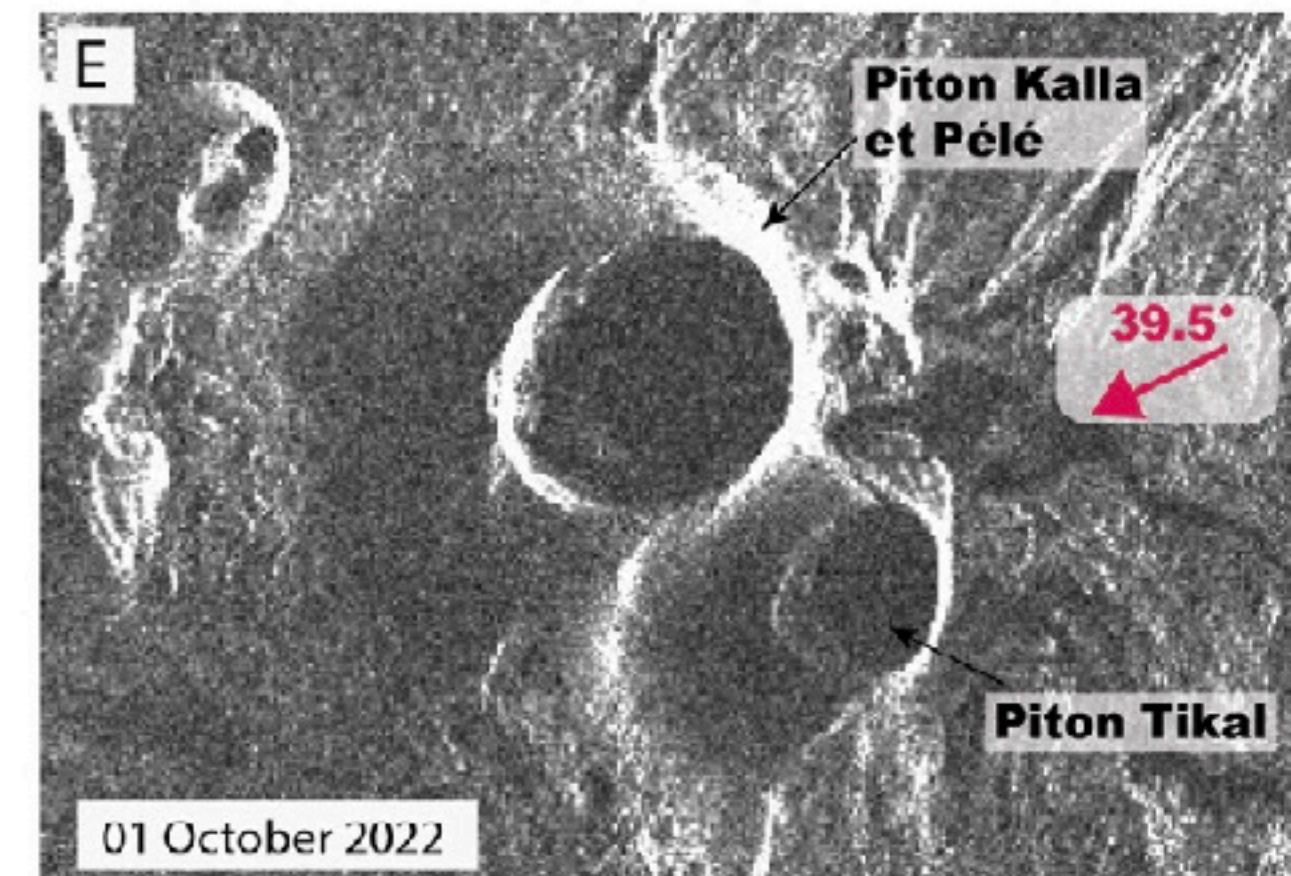
To assist volcanic eruptions monitoring from space we need:

- a very high spatial resolution $\lesssim 1 \text{ m}$
- a very high temporal resolution $\lesssim 1 \text{ day}$

To that end, we have to use every available image, **no matter its acquisition geometry.**

Using **Capella Space SAR images** and a **high resolution DEM** we are able to:

- map **lava flows** on a daily basis
- measure **volcanic deformation**



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