



WInSAR

Western North America Interferometric
Synthetic Aperture Radar Consortium

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WInSAR is a consortium of universities and research laboratories established by a group of practicing scientists and engineers to facilitate collaboration in, and advancement of, Earth science research using radar remote sensing. WInSAR helps coordinate requests for data acquisition and for data purchase, aiding individual investigators by simplifying interactions with data providers and with government agencies funding science, including NASA, NSF, and the USGS.

WInSAR does not review or fund research, but facilitates both collaboration among scientists and also access to radar data. WInSAR continues the tradition of the scientific method by encouraging and promoting reproduction, verification, and extension of scientific results.

WInSAR News

At the WInSAR meeting in December 2006 a new Executive Committee was selected; see the new [Executive Committee](#) list.

You can read the minutes of recent meetings, and reports about WInSAR status, in the [documents](#) page.

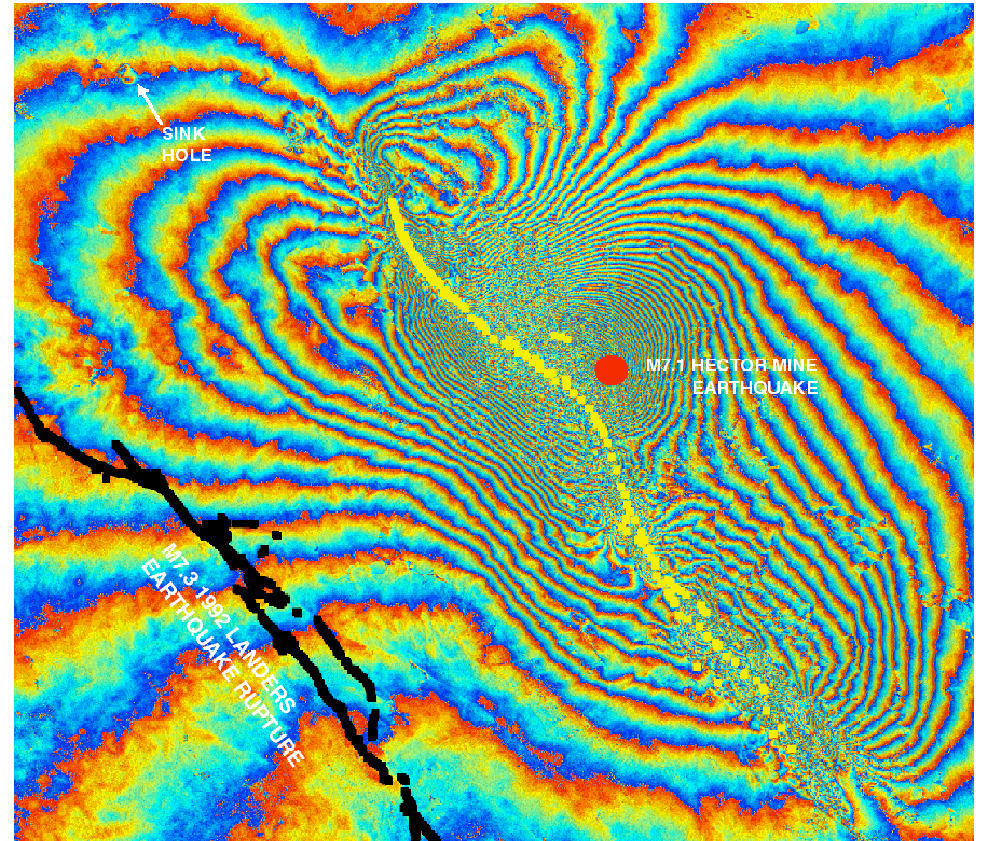
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WInSAR Science Objectives - 2000 proposal

- Monitor strain accumulation and release along the North American/Pacific Plate Boundary with an emphasis on the San Andreas Fault Zone.
- Monitor the deformation of volcanic systems in the western US.
- Monitor crustal deformation at selected sites in the Basin and Range province and along the Baja California peninsula.



Tasks from original 2000 proposal

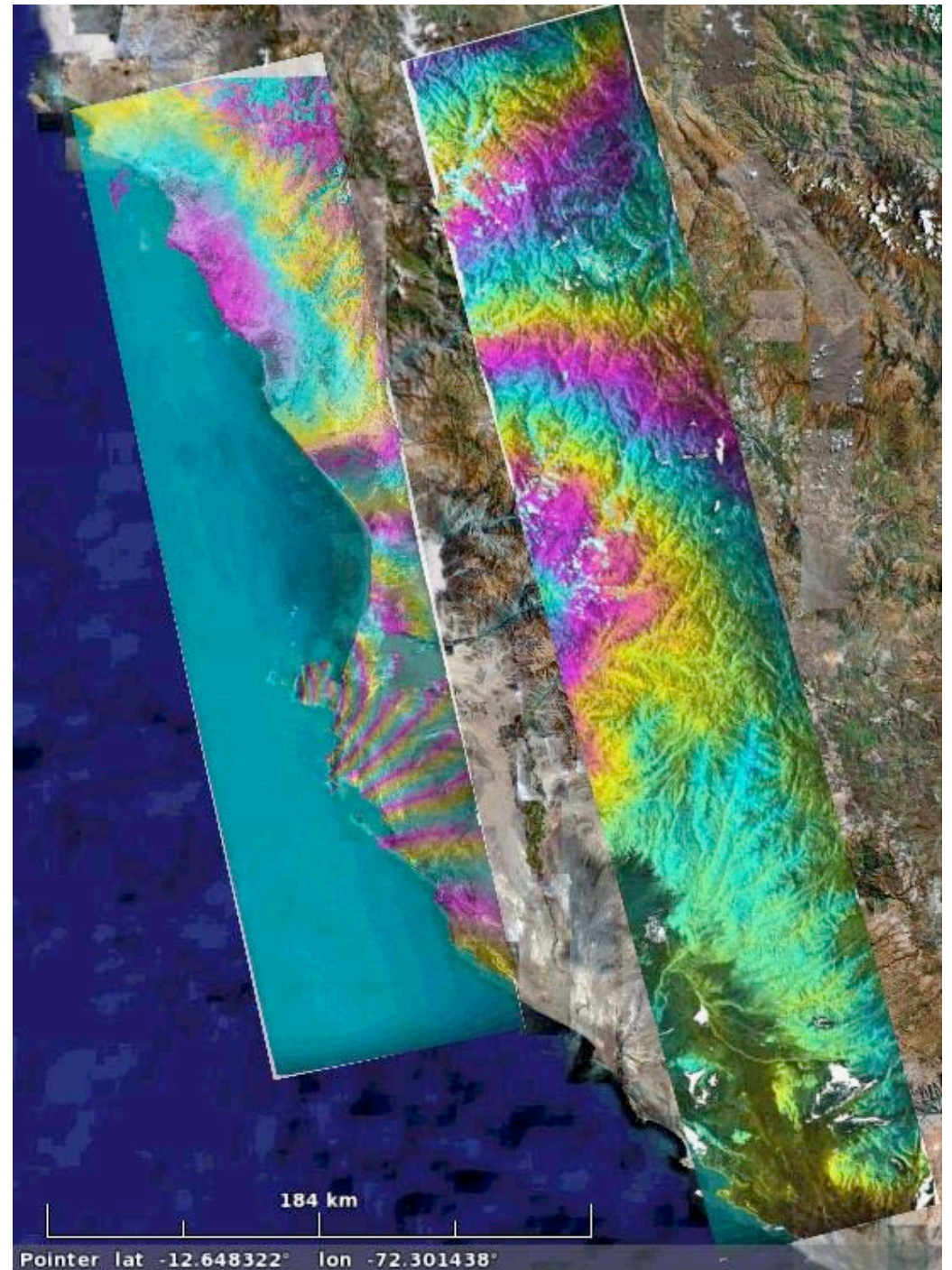
- Modify existing InSAR processing algorithms to accommodate PALSAR data for change detection and DEM generation (**done - Mellors, Sandwell, Fielding**).
- Work with the ALOS team to schedule PALSAR data acquisitions over western North America. Both ascending (nighttime) and descending (daytime) passes are needed to distinguish between vertical and strike-slip motions (**in progress**).
- Pending an agreement with NASDA and NOAA, we hope to manage and downlink PALSAR data over Western North America (**not necessary**).
- Compare L-band PALSAR-derived interferograms with C-band interferograms from ERS/Envisat as well as GPS measurements (**in progress**).
- Reduce the errors in PALSAR interferograms by modeling ionospheric and atmospheric artifacts (**to do**).
- Publish and present scientific results in journals, scientific meetings, and at ALOS team meetings (**in progress**).

WInSAR ALOS Activities

- pre_processor - Mellors and Sandwell
- ROI_PAC - Fielding, Rosen, and Fialko
- Peru earthquake - Fielding and Spelling
- Various interferometry/plarimetry - Zebker
- Kilauea - Sandwell, Myers, Shimada, Brooks, Foster
- Ordering data through ASF/UPASS

Pisco, Peru Earthquake August 15th 2007

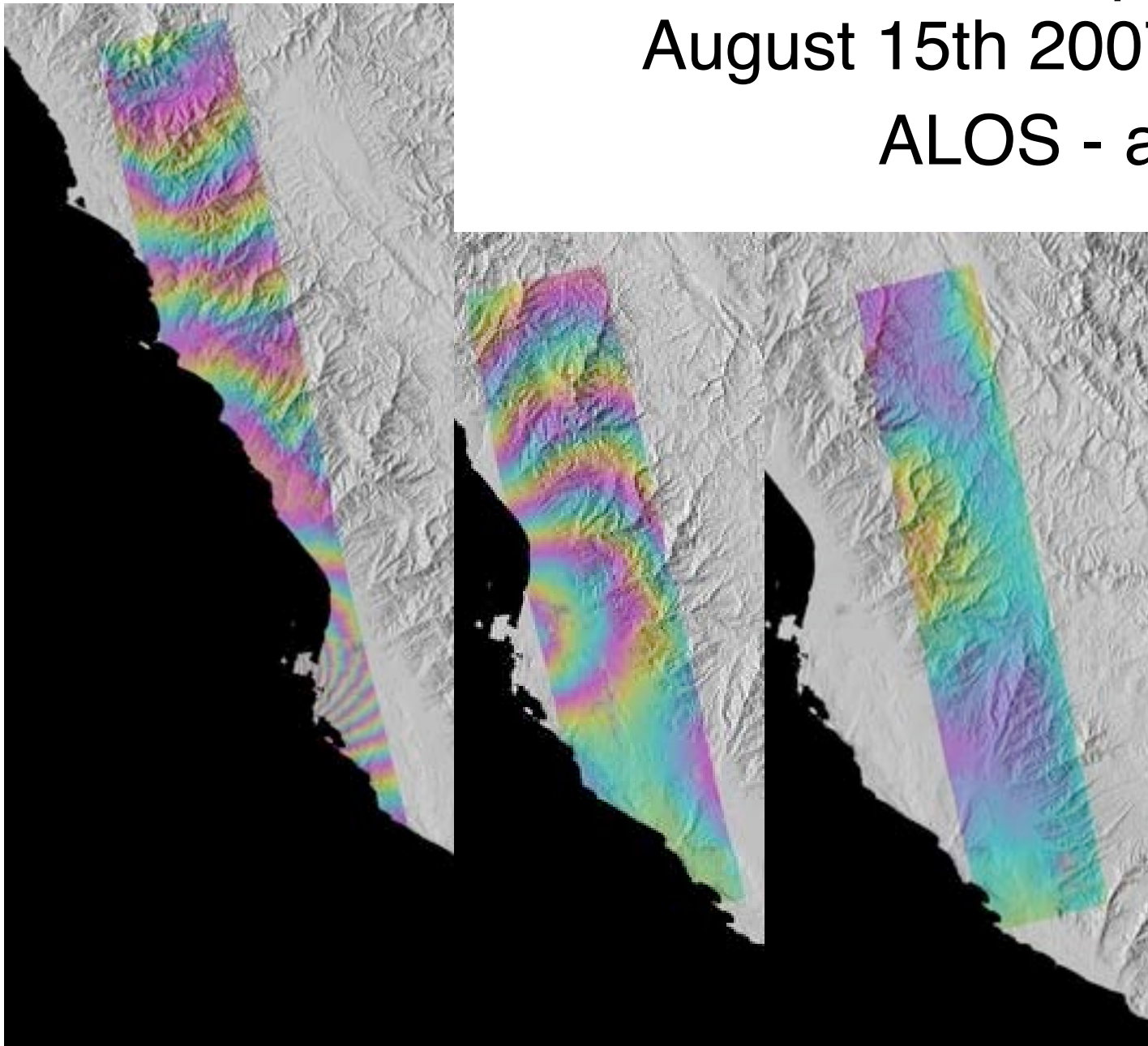
[Eric Fielding and
Anthony Sladen, 2007]



[Falk Amelung, 2007]

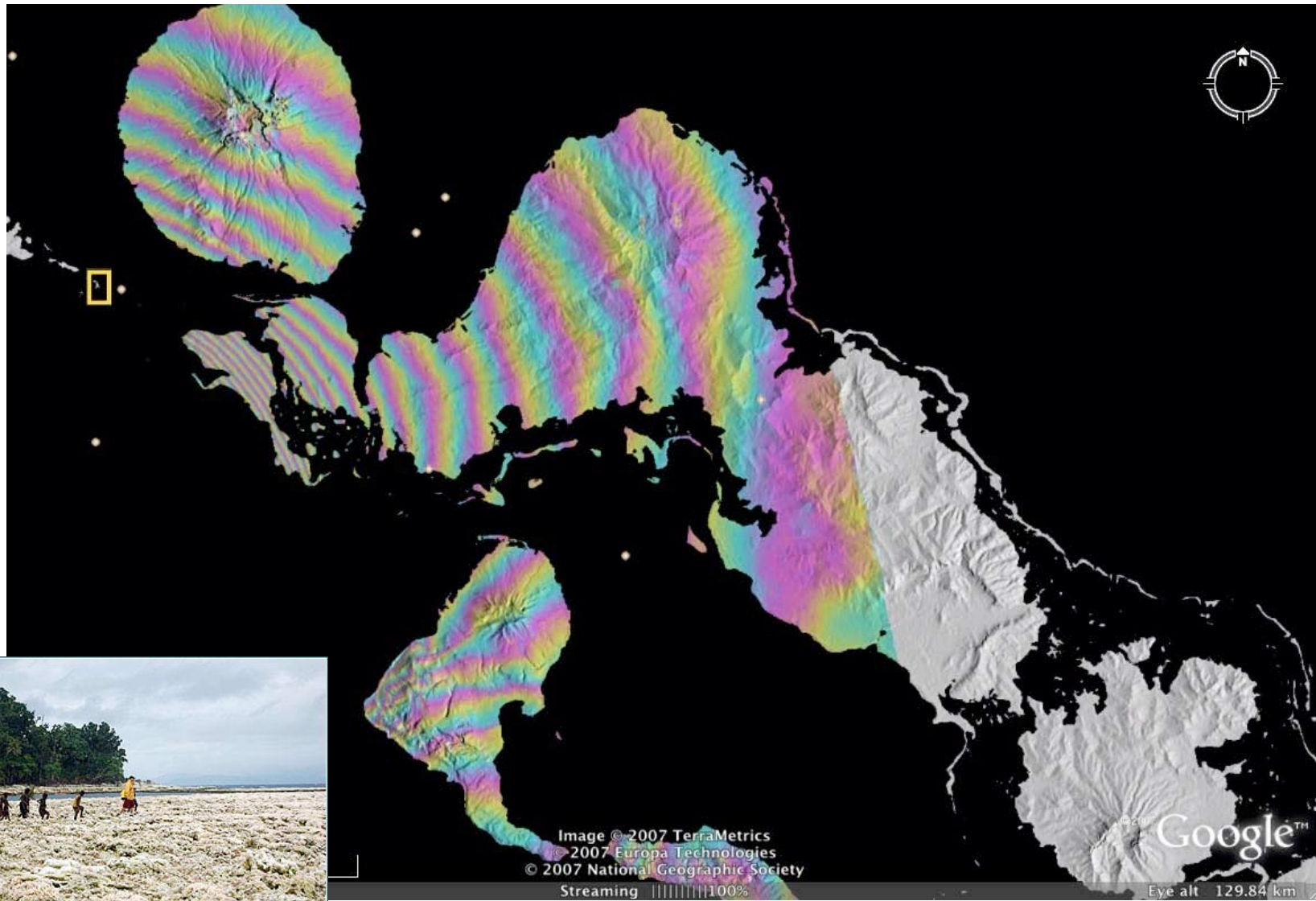
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ALOS - ascending



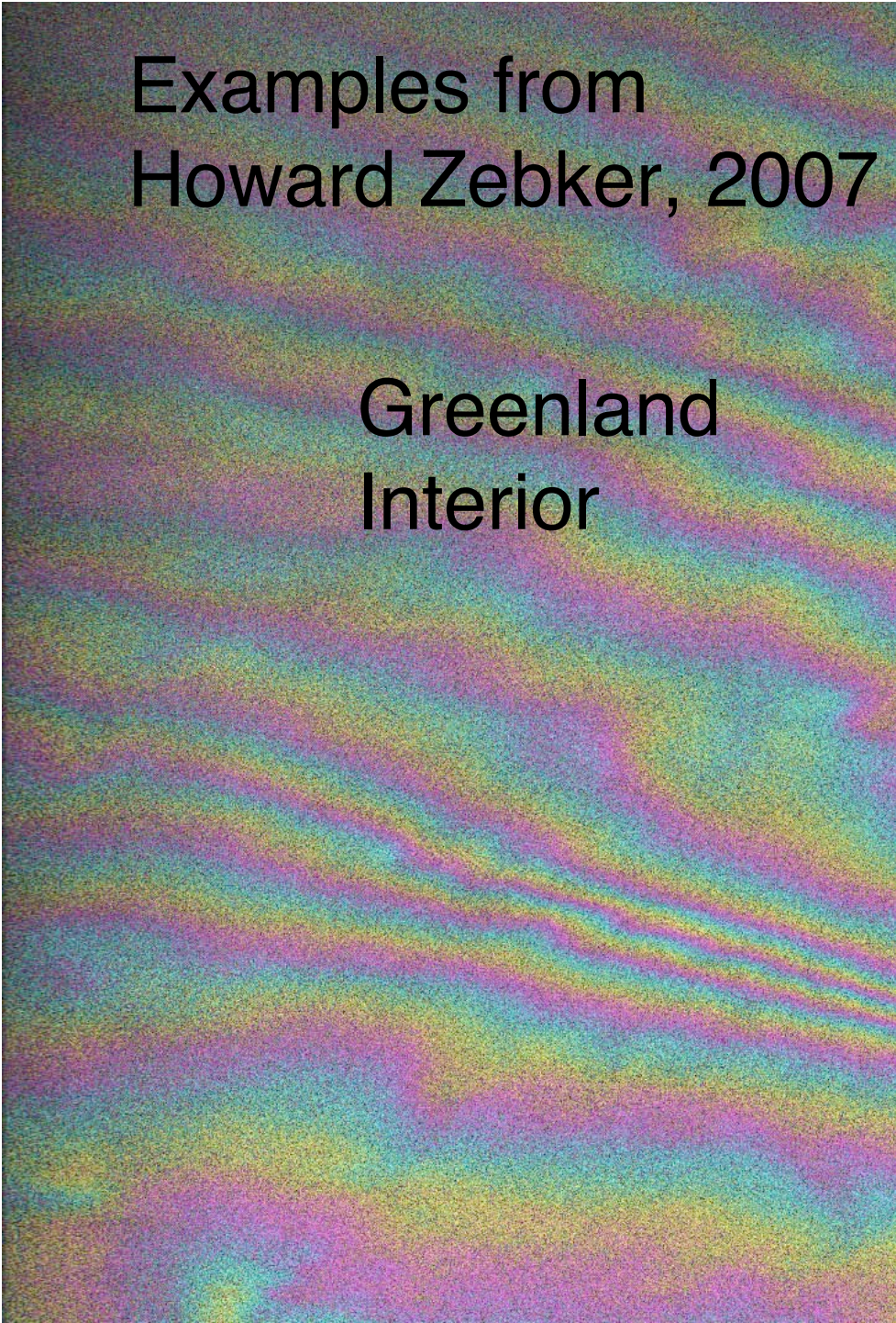
[Falk Amelung, 2007]

Solomon islands M8.1 April 2007



Examples from
Howard Zebker, 2007
Amazon





Examples from
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Greenland
Coast

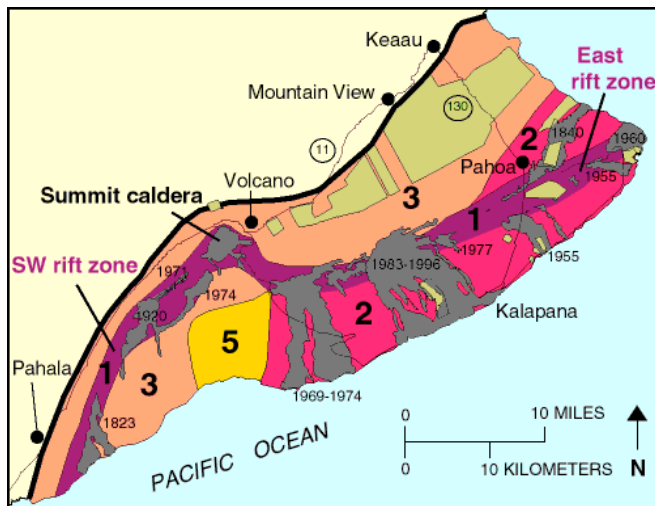
Greenland
Interior

Kilauea Southeast Flank

Dike injection/inflation

Sliding and earthquakes

Tsunami Hazard



news and views

[Ward, *Nature*, 2002]

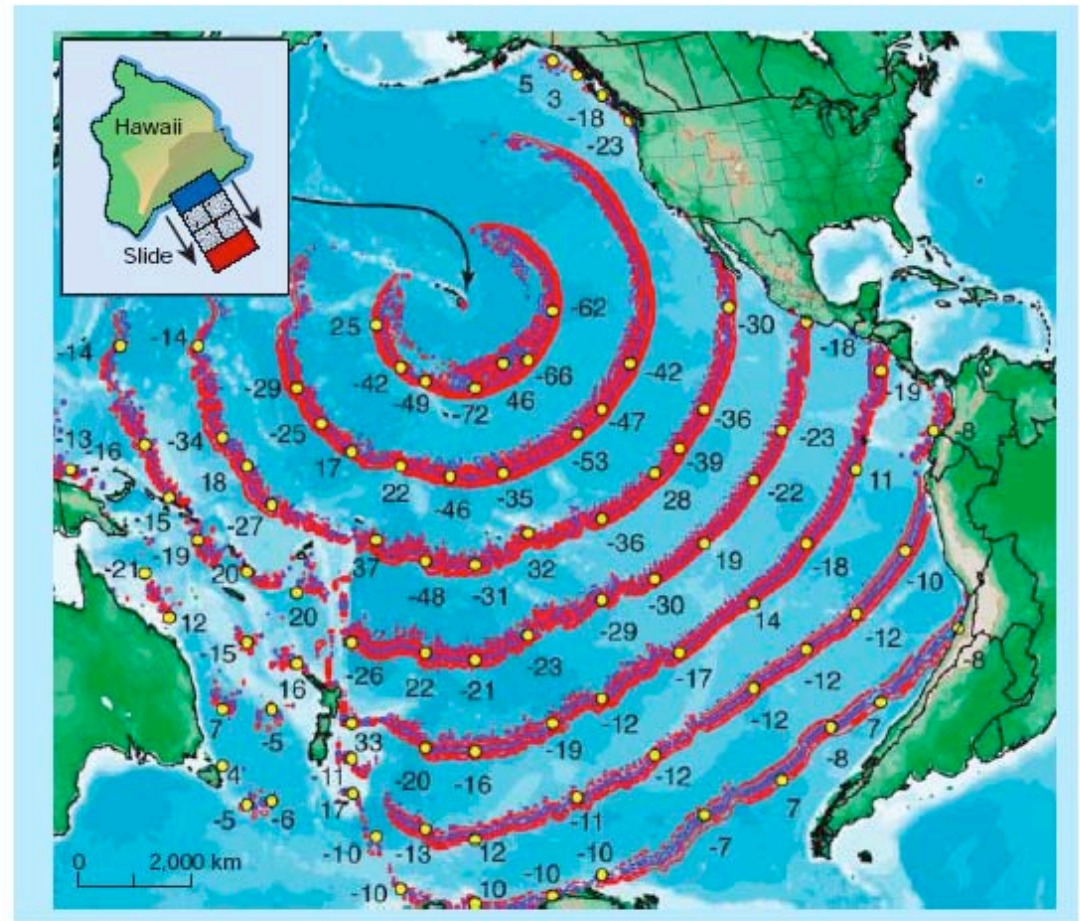
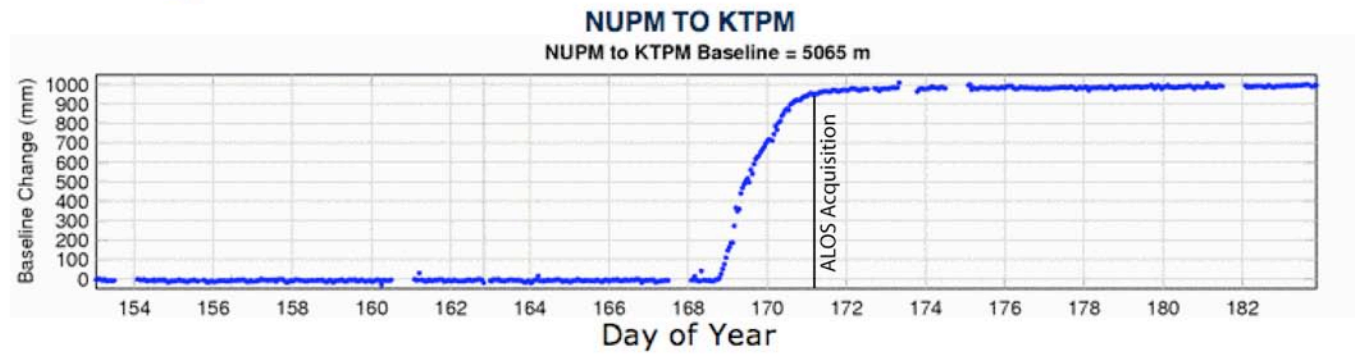
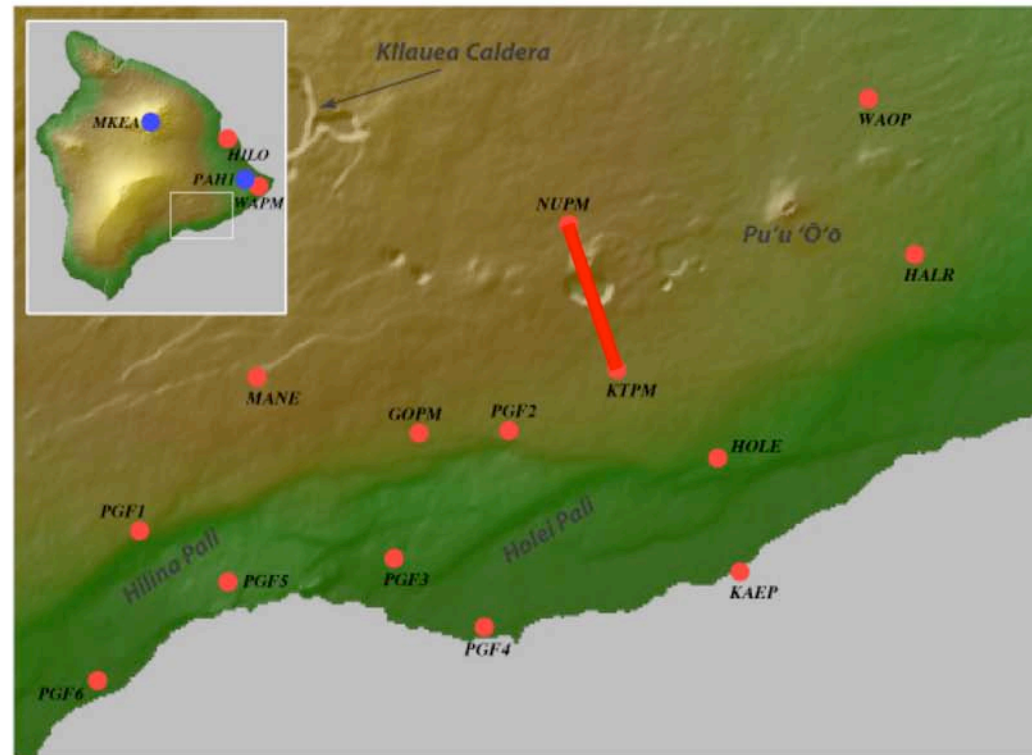


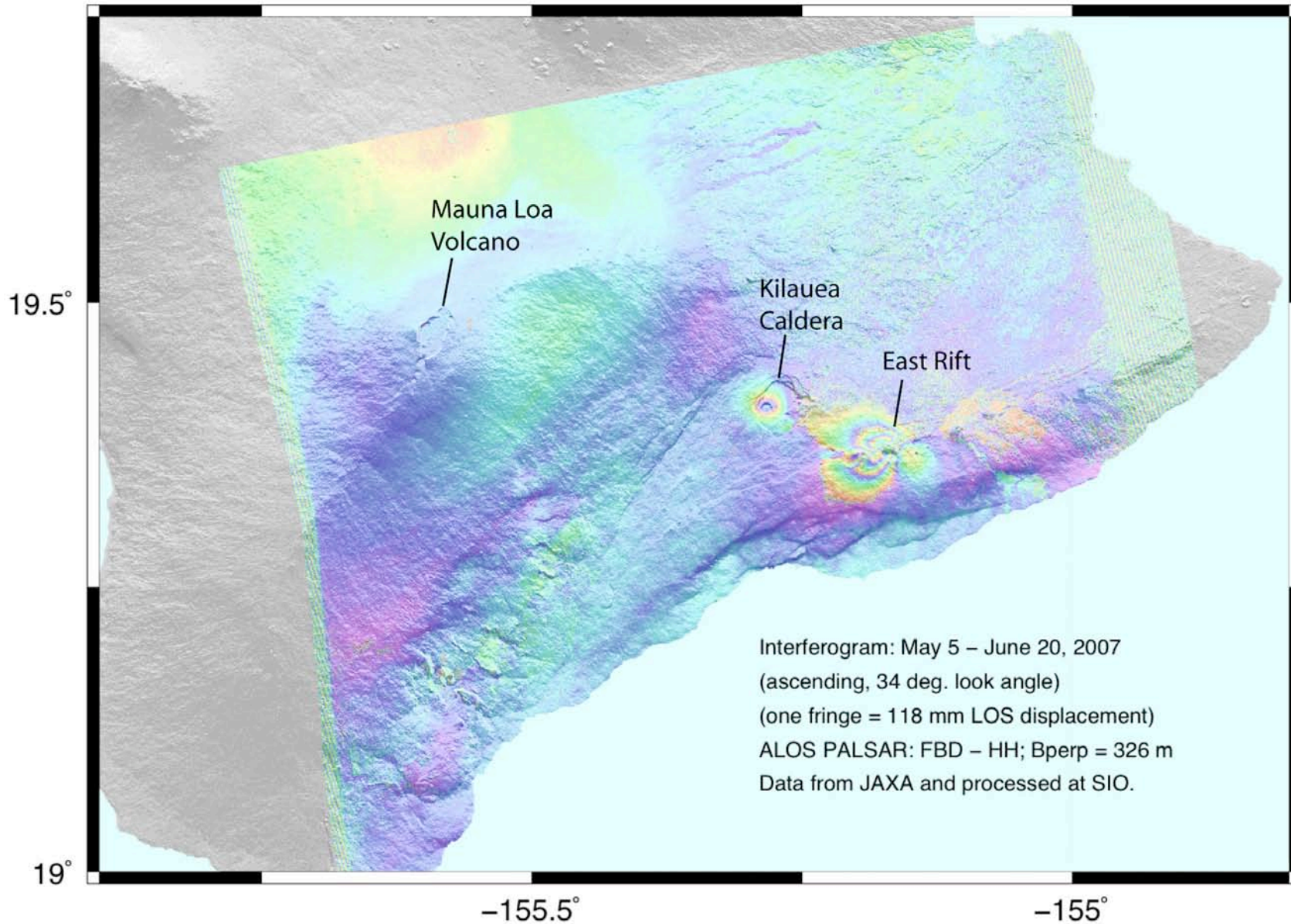
Figure 1 Computer simulation⁷ of the tsunami waves that might be set off in a collapse of Kilauea's southeast flank. The simulation assumes that a block 40 km long, 20 km wide and 2,000 m thick (blue, inset) slides for 60 km at 70 m s^{-1} . The tsunami wave fronts are pictured at two-hour intervals from 2 to 14 hours. Red and blue contours are wave elevations and depressions, respectively, and the numbers are sample wave heights in metres. Tsunamis from this collapse would have $1.72 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ J}$ of energy (equivalent to about 4,100 megatons of TNT), and focus slightly towards the southeast. The waves span 280° of arc, sparing only locations to Hawaii's north and west. Tsunamis from volcanic flank collapses can dwarf those generated by earthquakes of any plausible magnitude. The model predicts potentially devastating 30-m waves beaching on the west coast of North America. These decay to 10 m in height by the time of their arrival at the tip of South America.

Kilauea - East Rift Zone, Dike Event June 17 - June 21, 2007

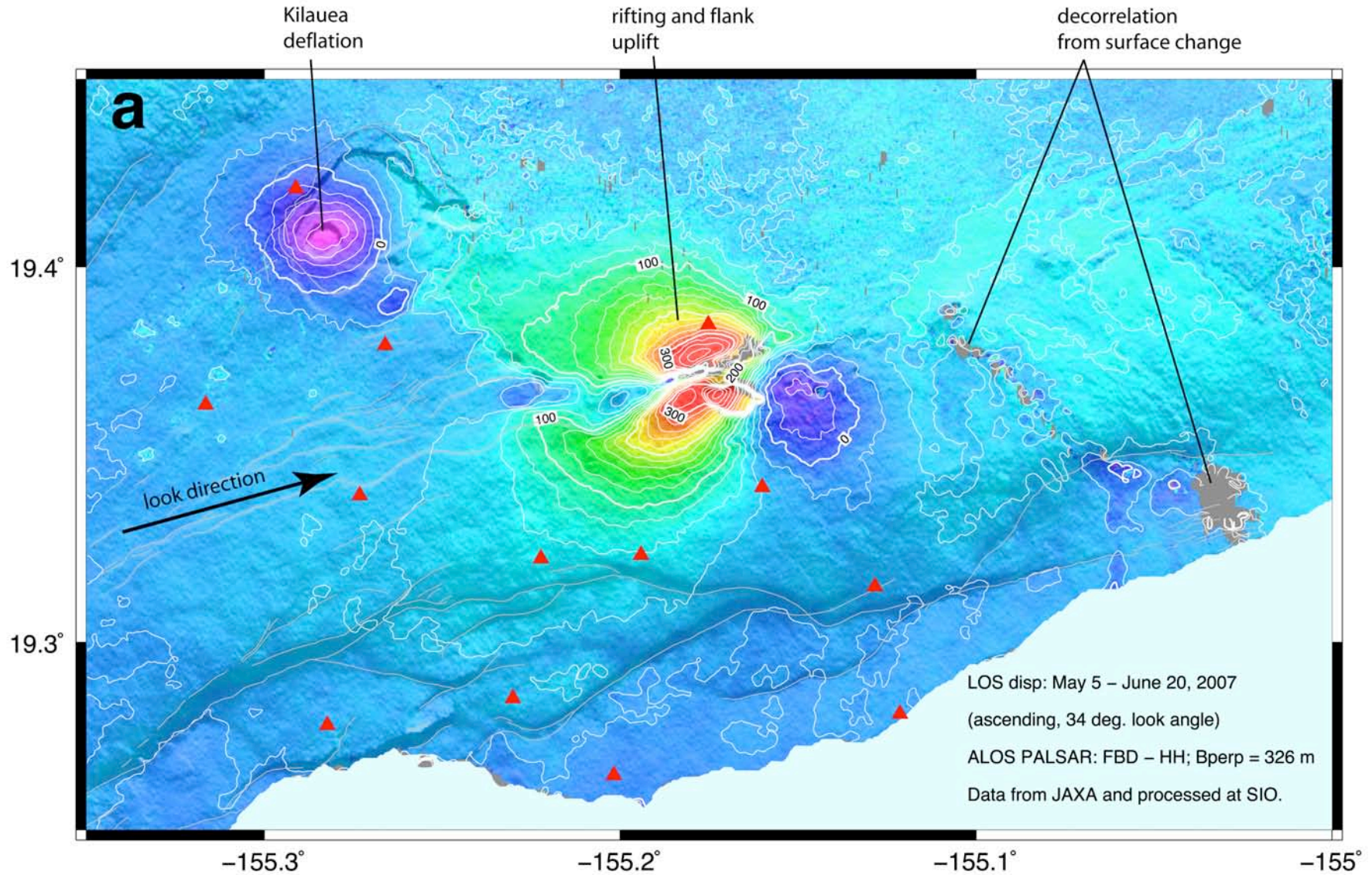


data from: <http://www.soest.hawaii.edu/pgf/SEQ/>

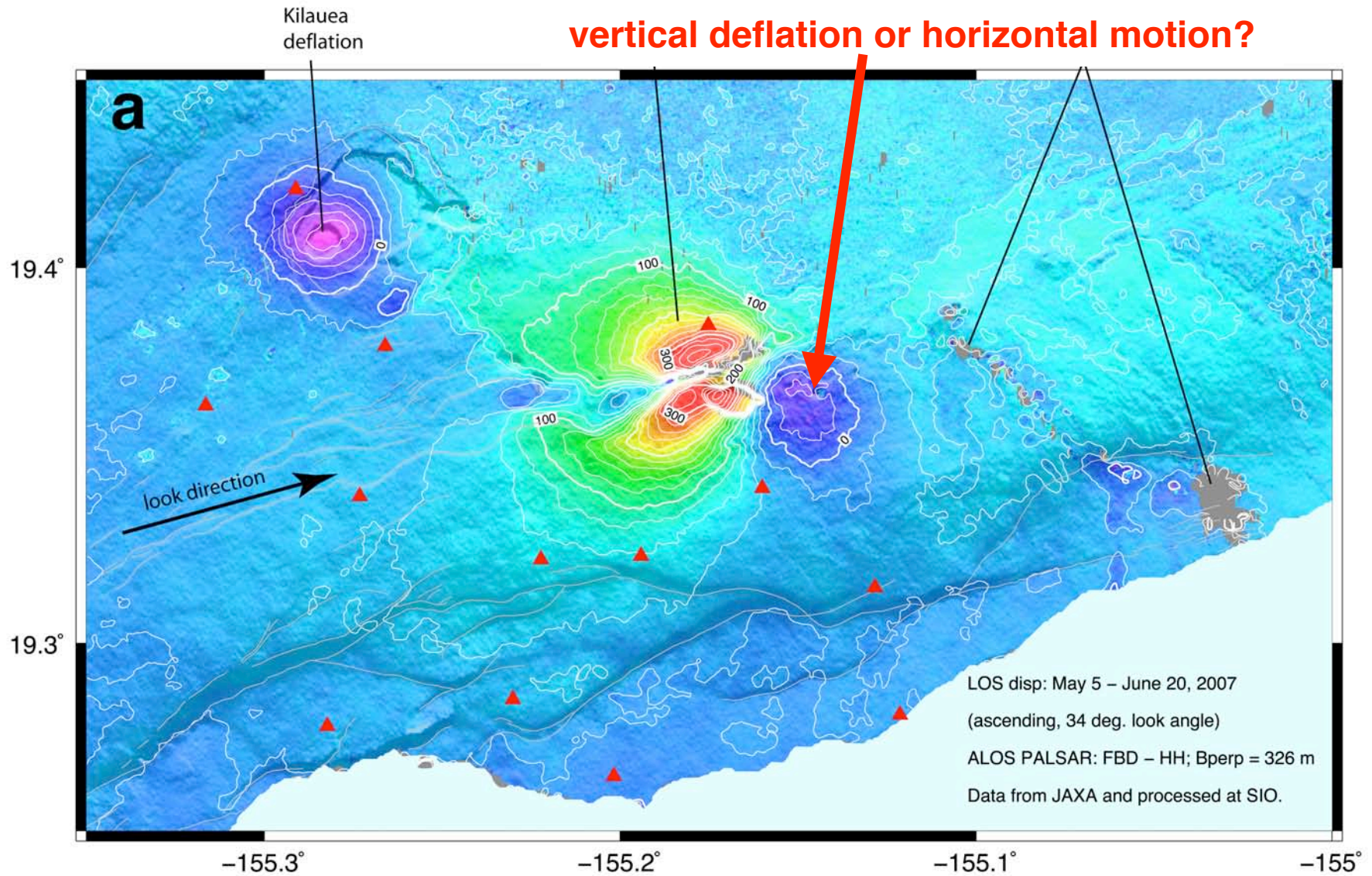
Kilauea - East Rift Zone: Dike event (no trend removed from interferogram)



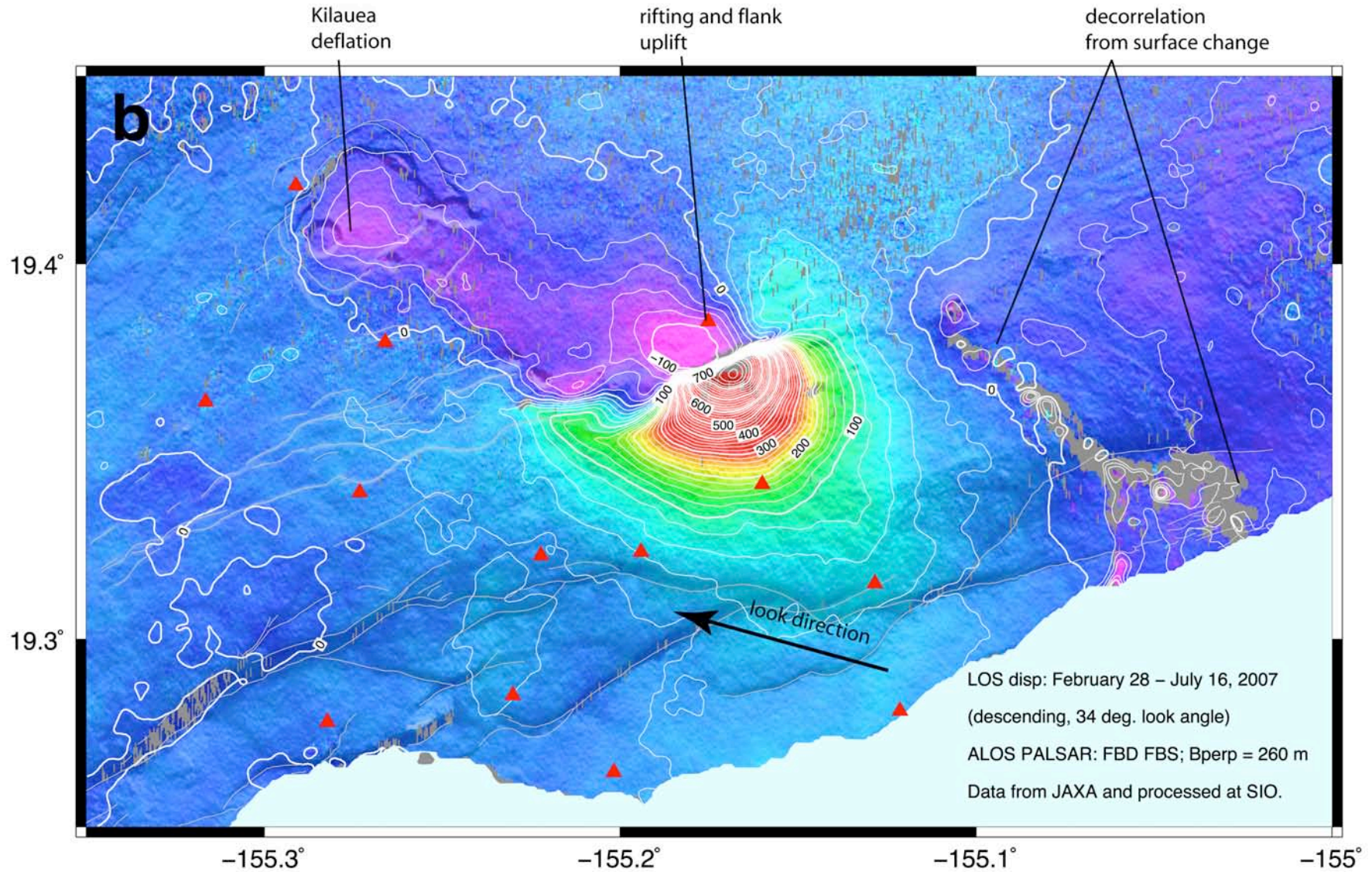
Dike event - LOS ascending (phase unwrapped with single seed)



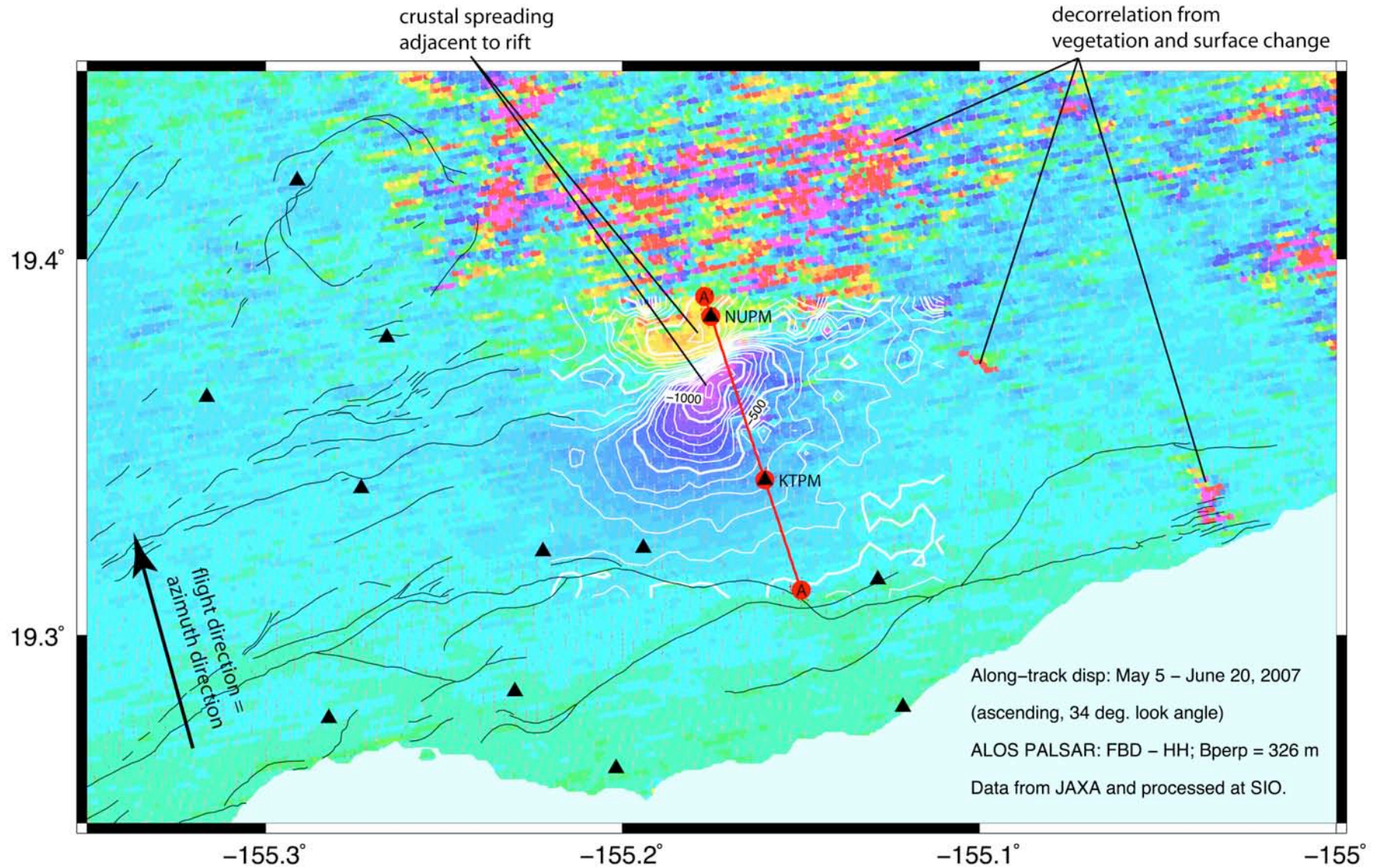
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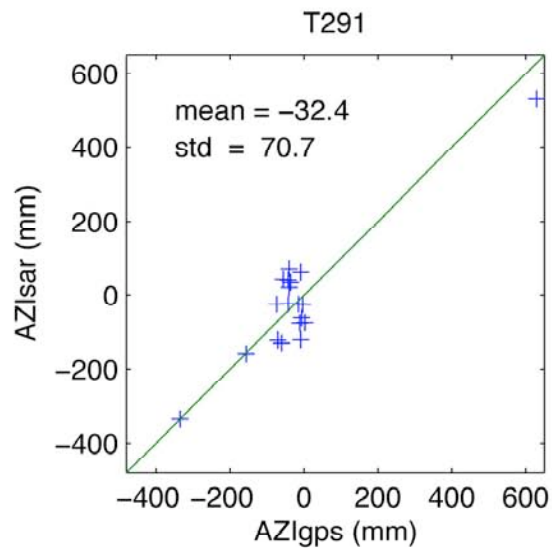
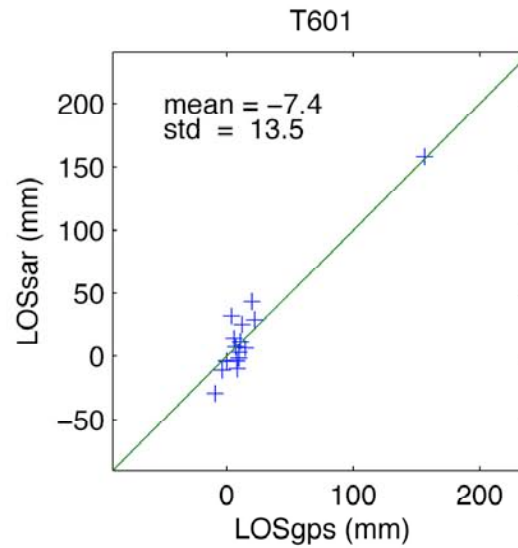
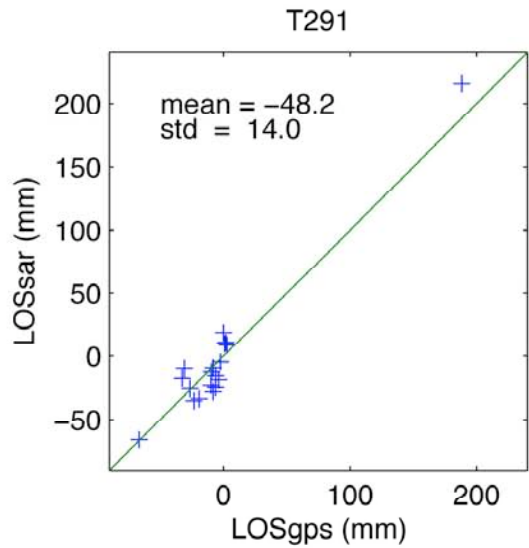
Dike event - LOS descending (phase unwrapped with single seed)



Dike event - azimuth ascending (azimuth pixel cross correlation)



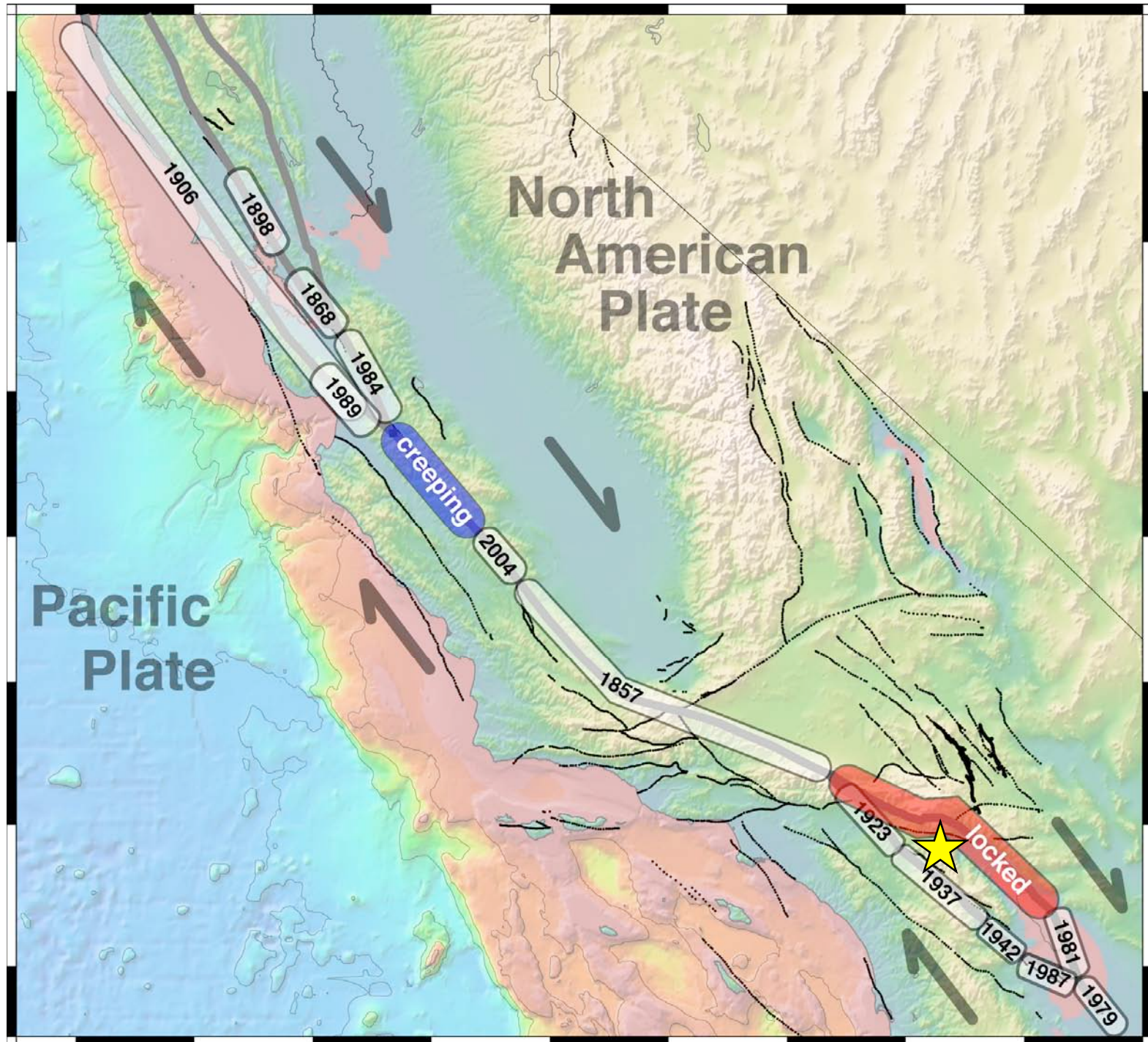
Vector comparison with 19 GPS

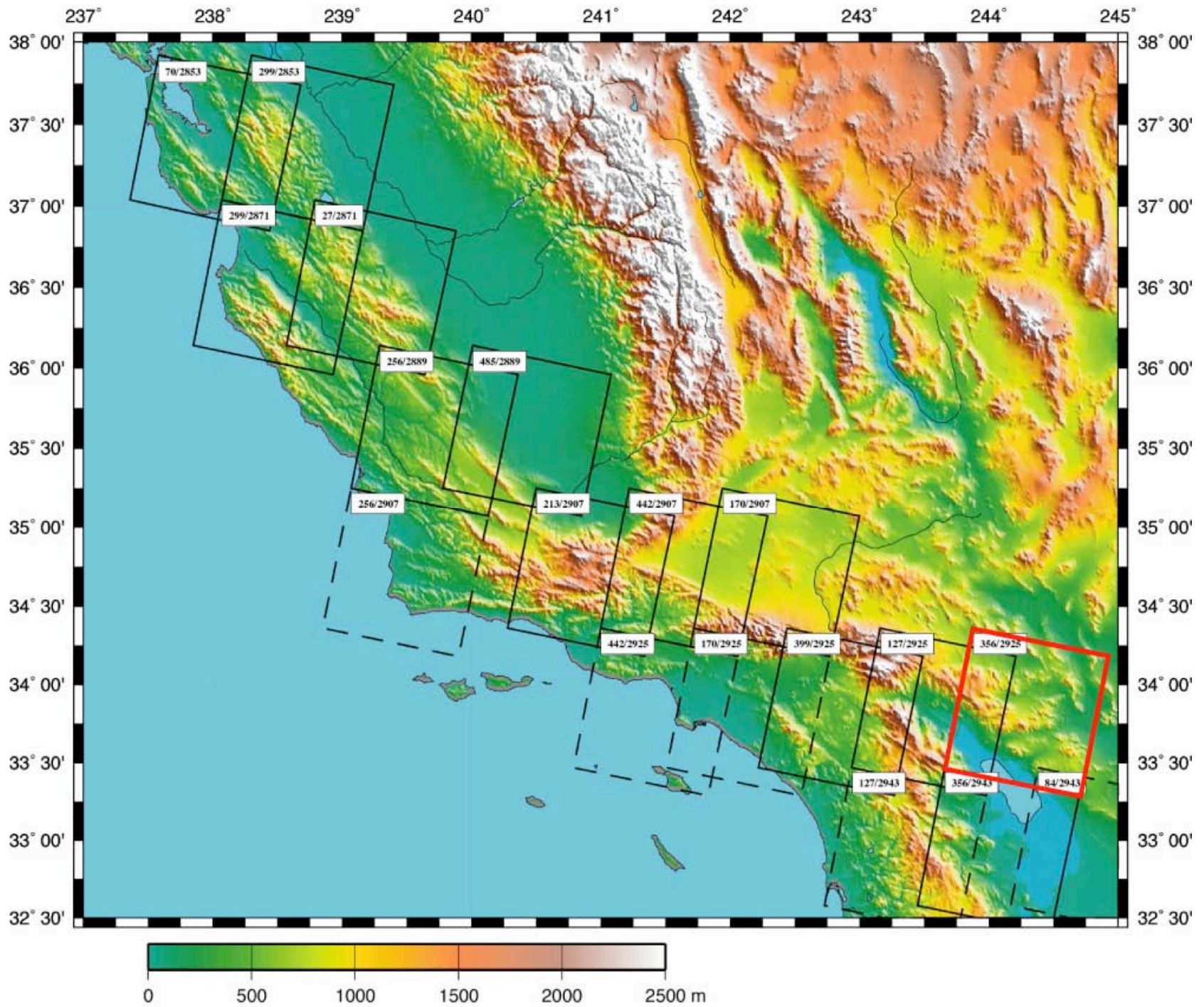


rms LOS = 14 mm

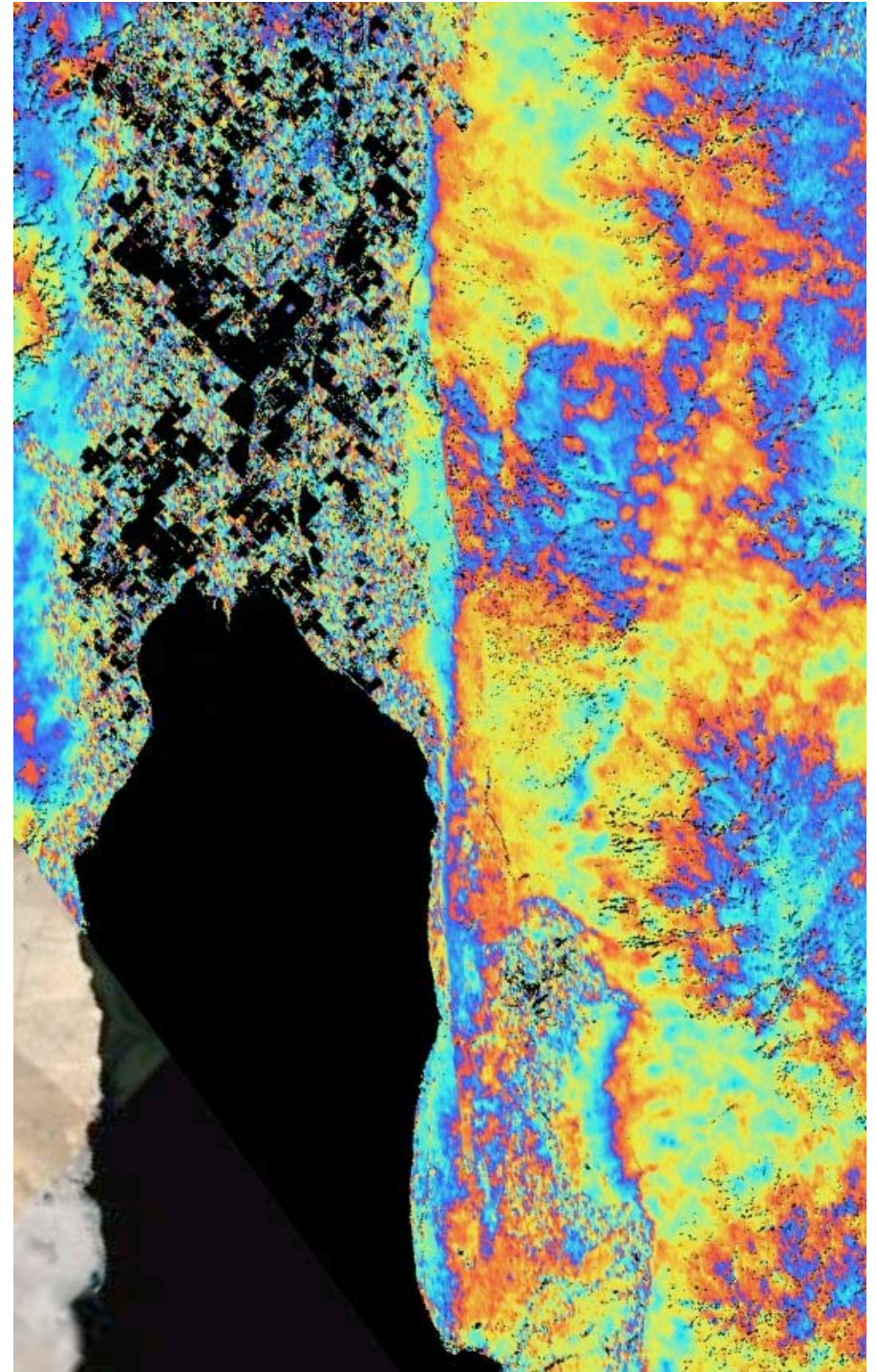
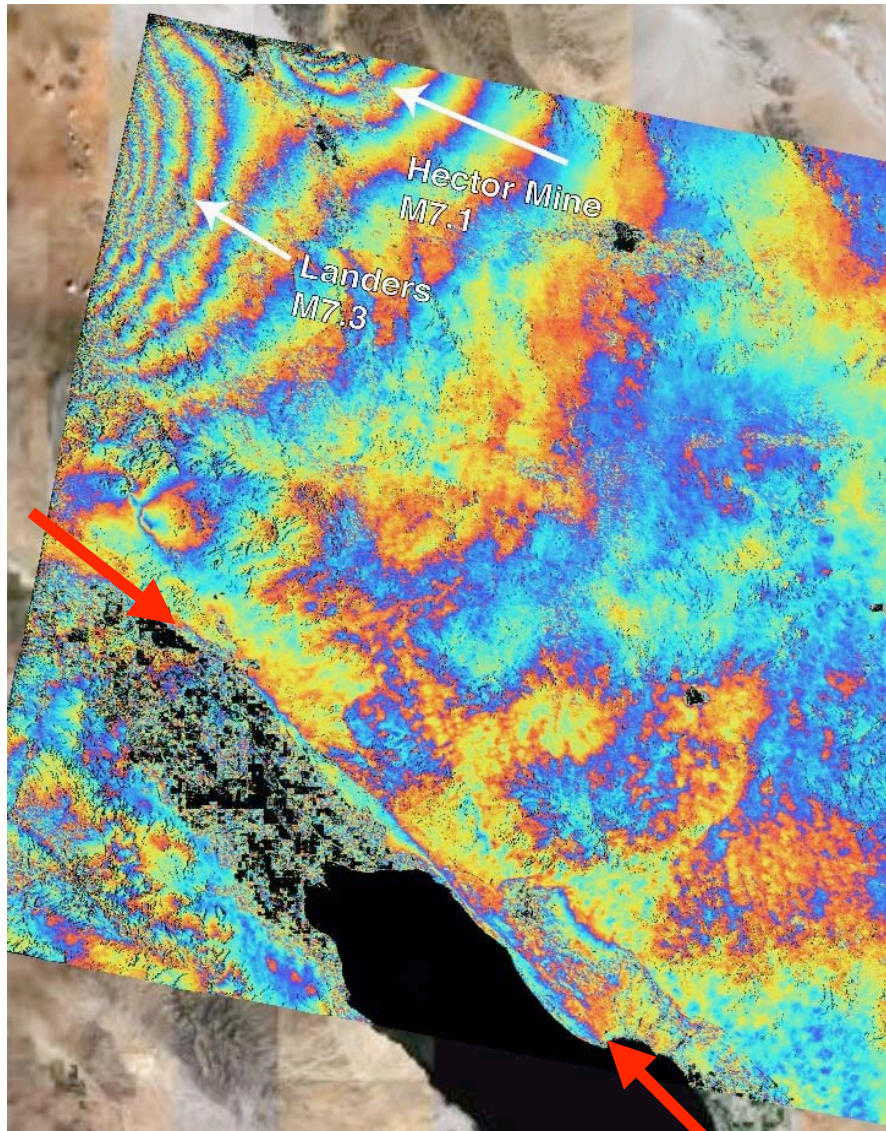
rms azimuth = 71 mm

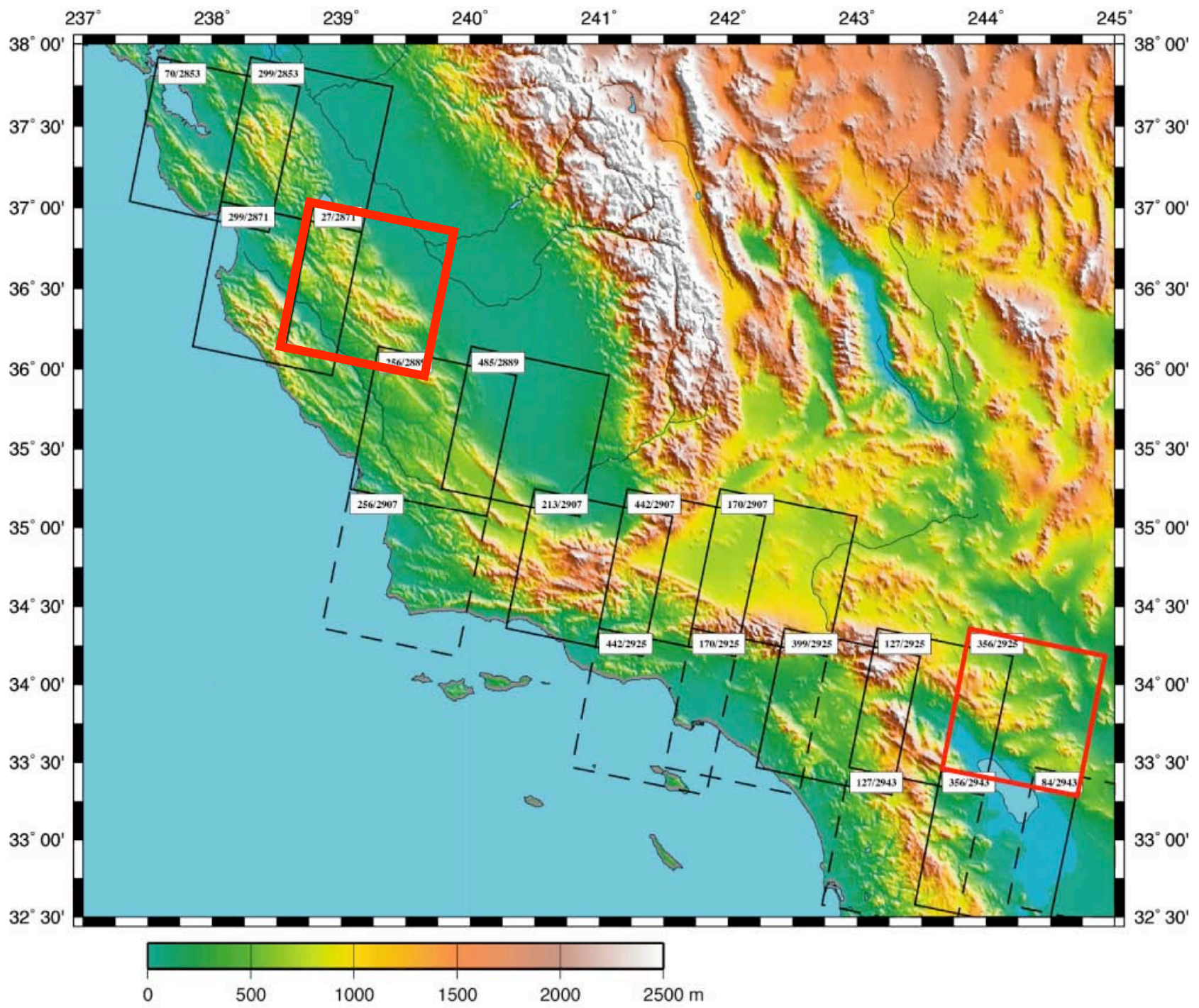
Can recover **full displacement vector** from just 2 interferograms when deformation is large.





7.8 year ERS interferogram reveals shallow creep on Southern San Andreas Fault triggered by 1992 M7.8 and 1999 M7.1 earthquakes.

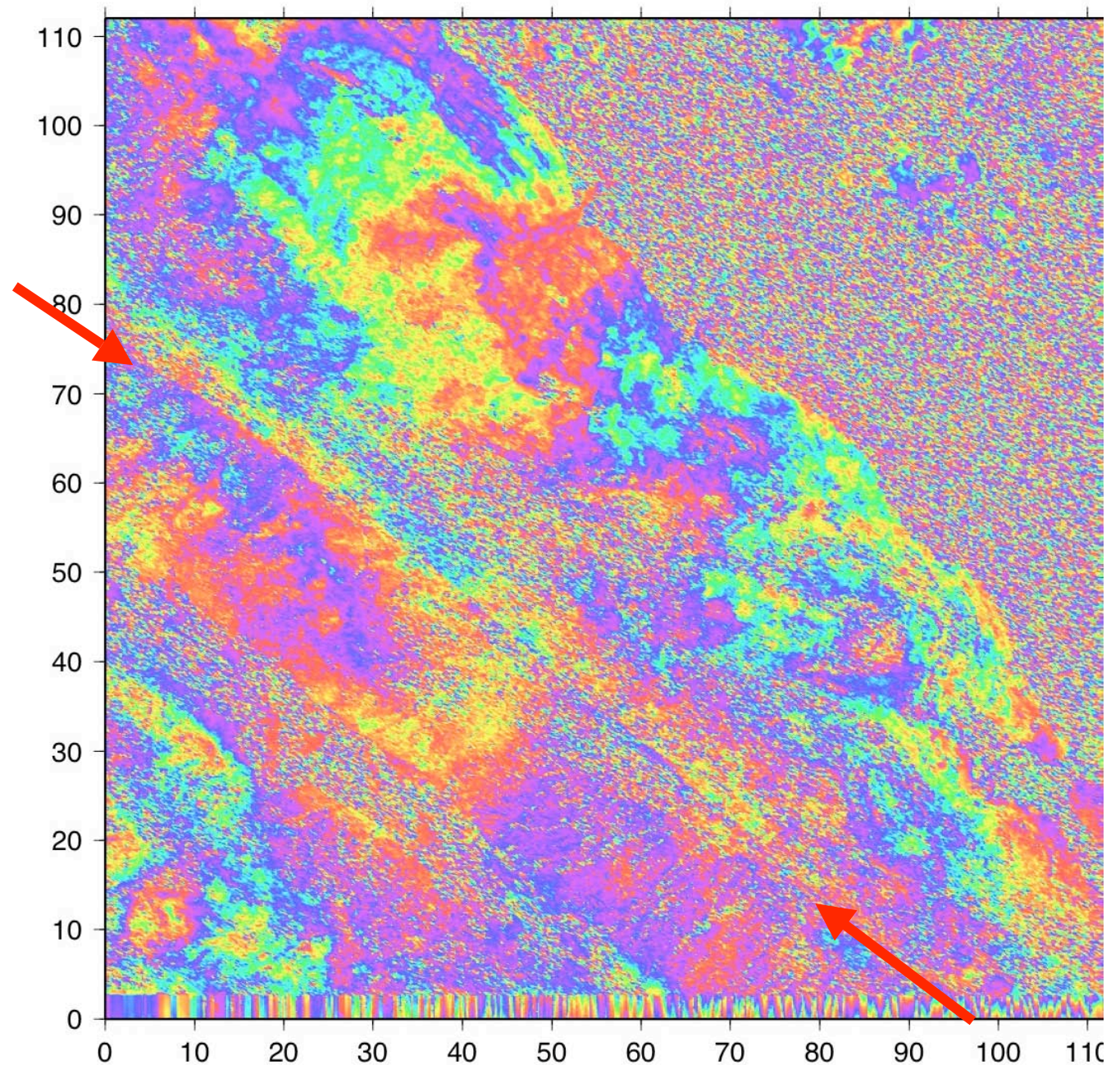




Creeping section of San Andreas Fault

Best available C-band
ERS interferogram has
poor coherence after only
1.1 years.

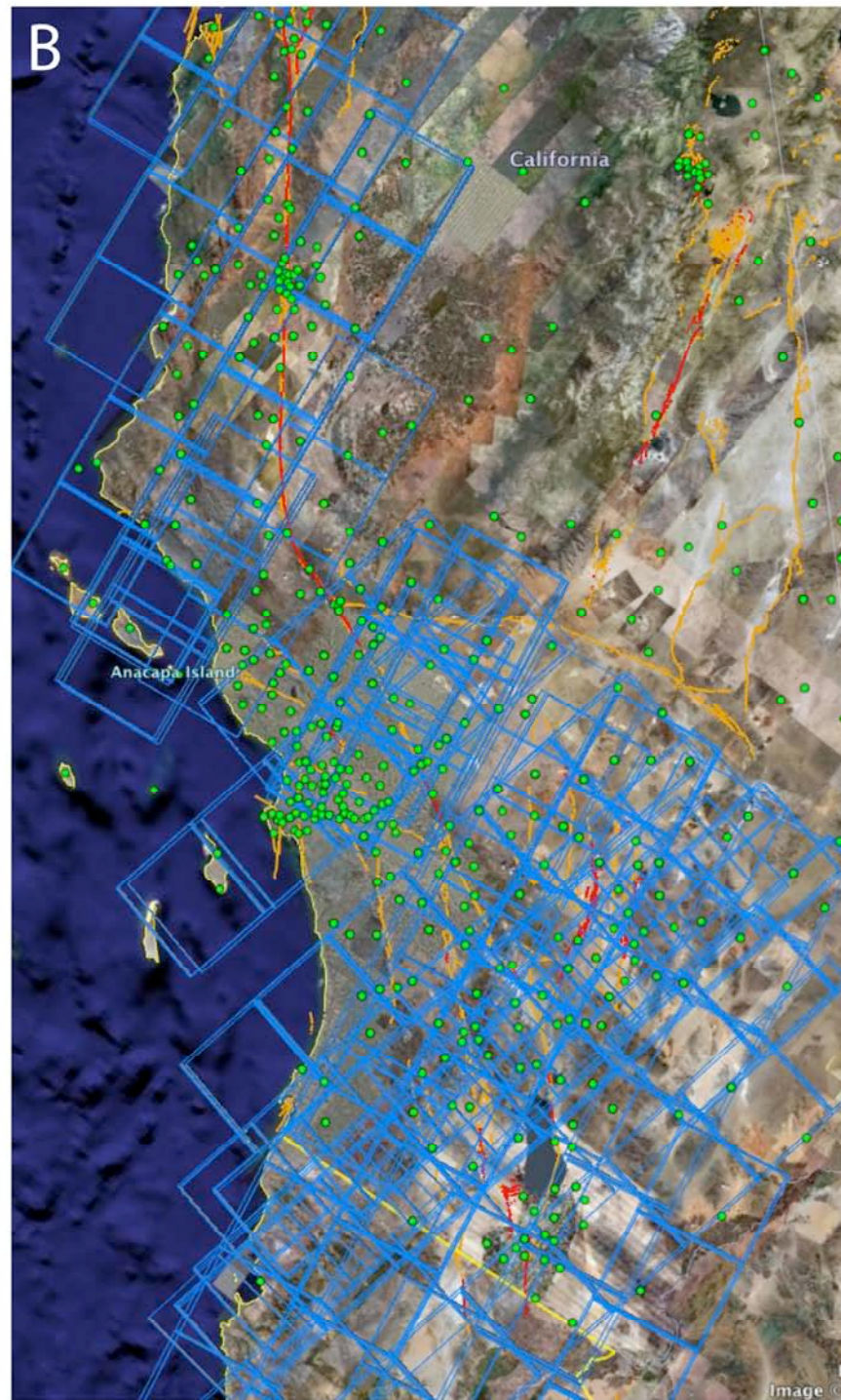
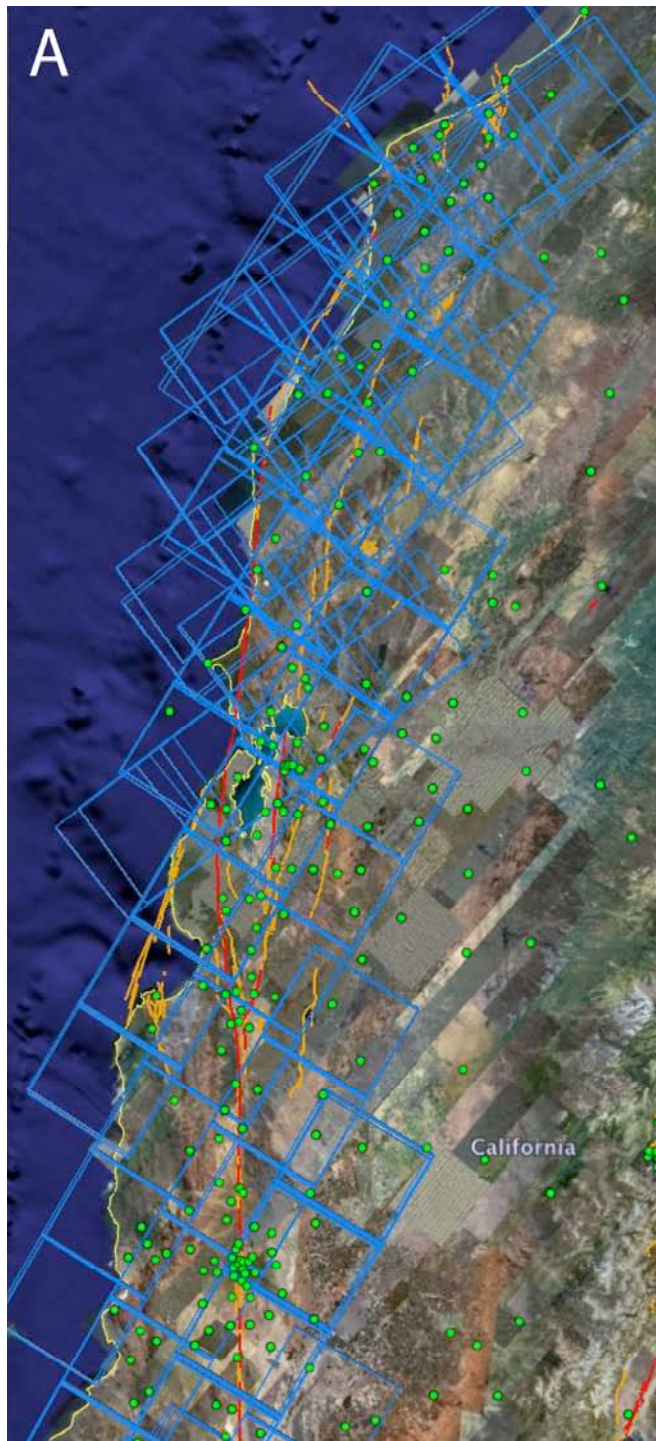
Need L-band to maintain
coherence.



658 repeat
ALOS images
available at
ASF in the L1
data pool.

No descending
passes along the
central SAF.

If there is a large
Earthquake today
vector deformation
from ALOS will not
be possible.



Conclusions and Discussion

- WInSAR members are only beginning to use PALSAR.
- ALOS preprocessor became available in June, 2007.
- ROI_PAC processing of ALOS started in September.
- Data access for non-PI was poor until about July 2007 when the ASF UPASS system started delivery.
- Currently data access is quite good and still improving with growing L1 data pool (~2000 scenes).
- Need both ascending and **descending** passes to measure vector crustal deformation especially across SAFS.