

2004-2010 InSAR ground deformation measurements at Dallol, an along-axis rift proto-volcanic system in Afar (Ethiopia).

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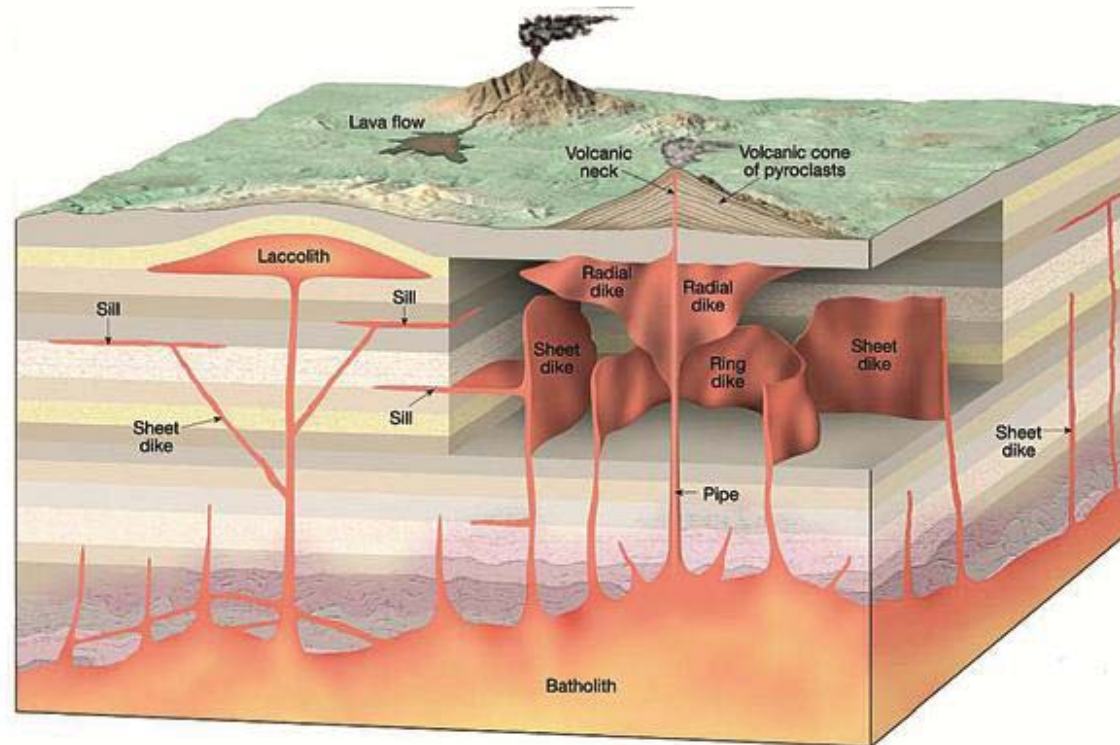


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Volcanic system



- Magma emplacement (reservoir) and propagation (conduit, dike and sill)
- Pressurization of hydrothermal system
- Detected by: seismicity, gas emission, surface deformation

Magma can reach the surface producing an **eruption** or the volcanic system can return to **quiescence**

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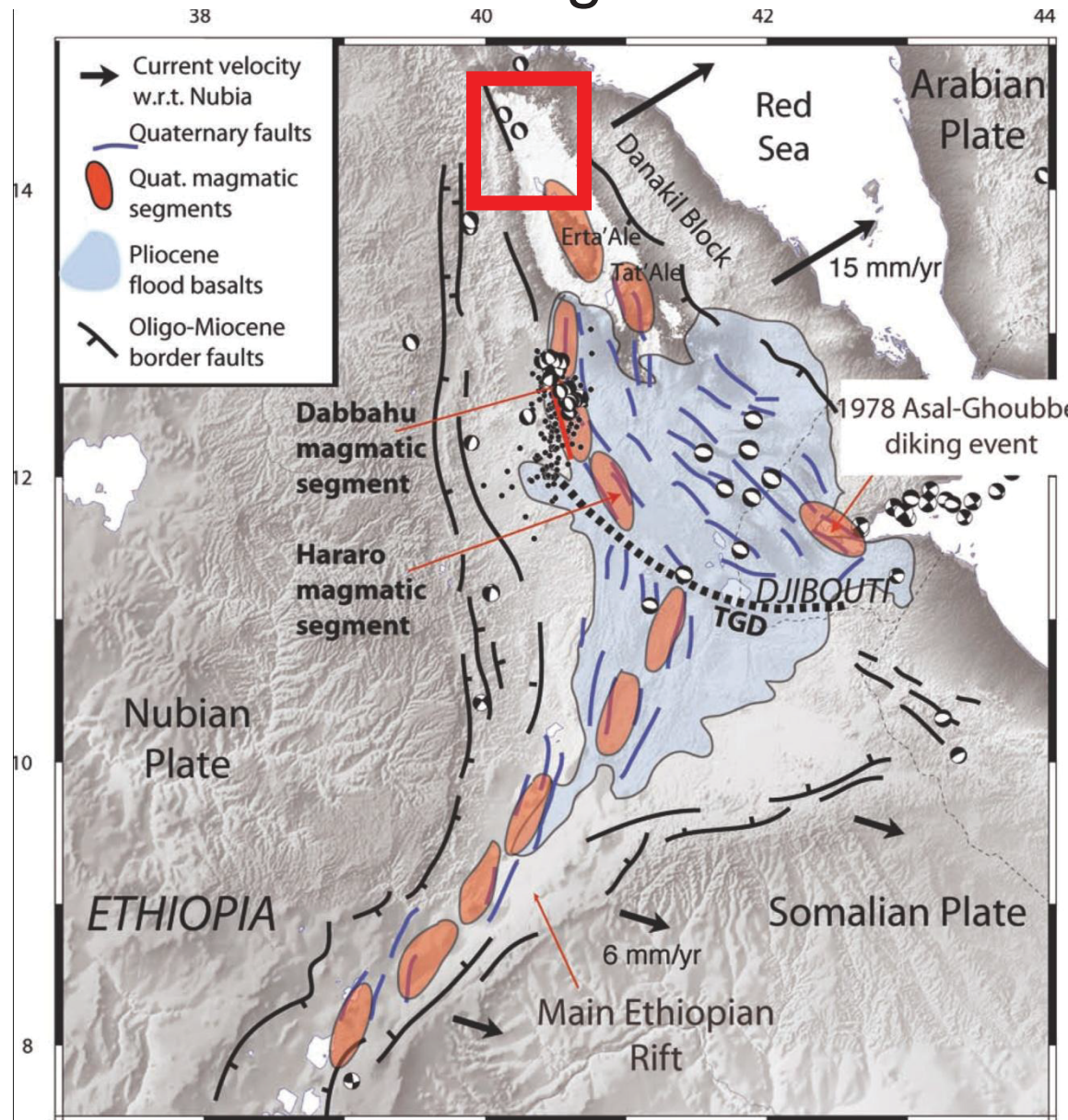
Why InSAR?

- measure elastic and anelastic surface deformation
- mm scale displacements
- over wide areas (spatial info, deformation maps)
- remote approach (complimentary to field analysis)

InSAR analysis of ground deformation to study the nature and behavior of magmatic systems

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Divergent Plate Boundary – Afar



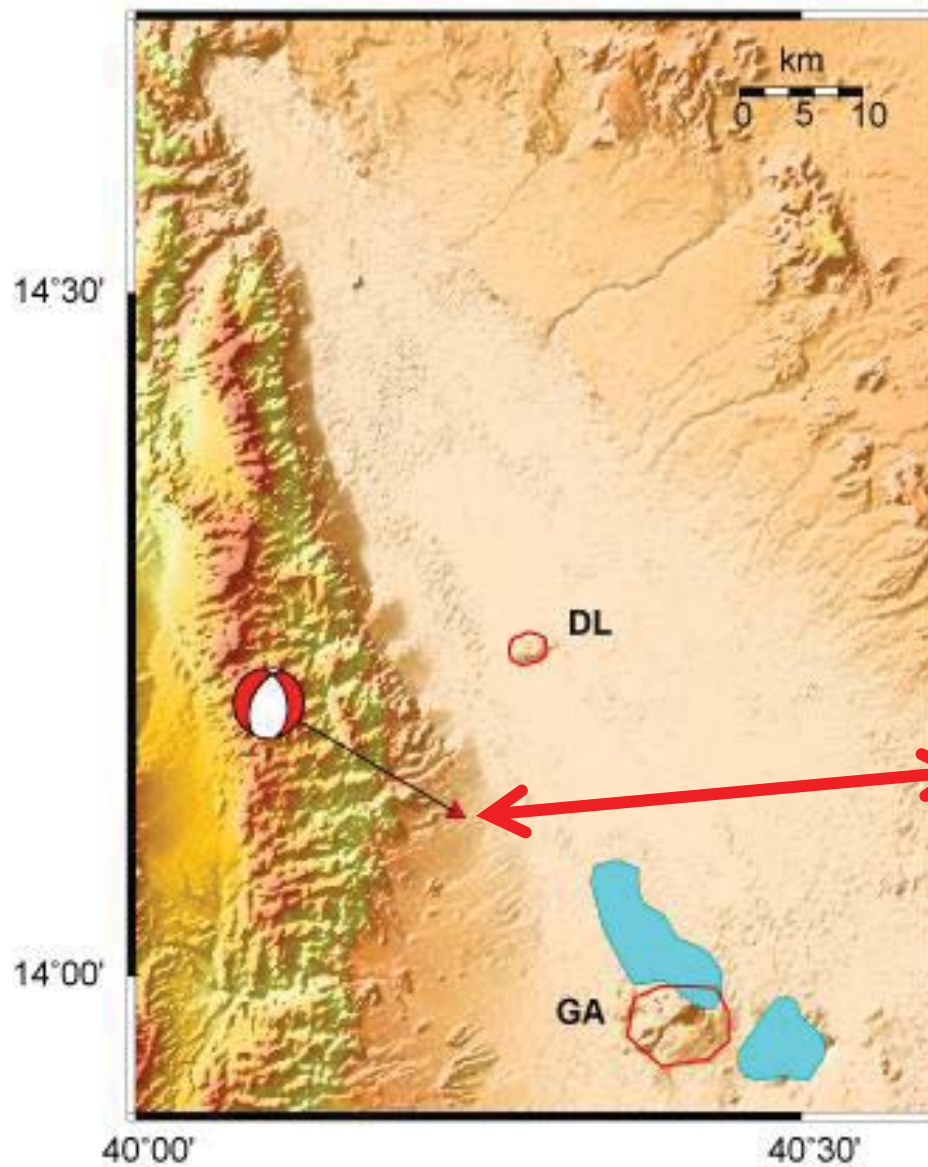
- 3 plates diverge with non uniform velocities
- Extension and volcanism located along different magmatic segments
- Thin crust (14 km in N Afar)
- Several dyke intrusions (Asal 1978, Dabbahu 2005-2010)

Another active magmatic system along rift axis

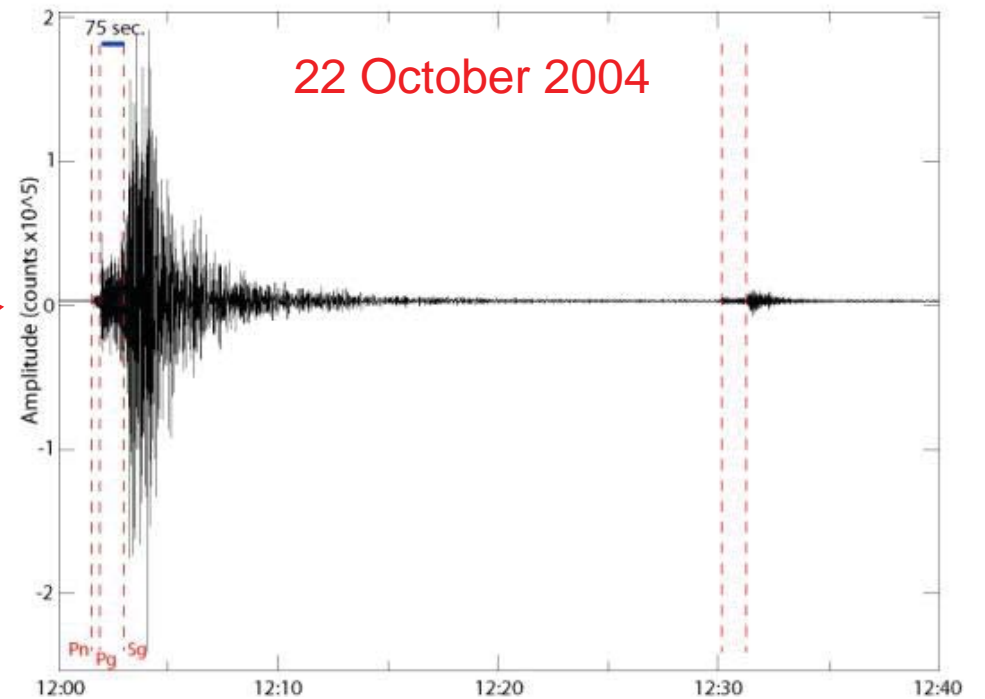
Ebinger et al., 2008

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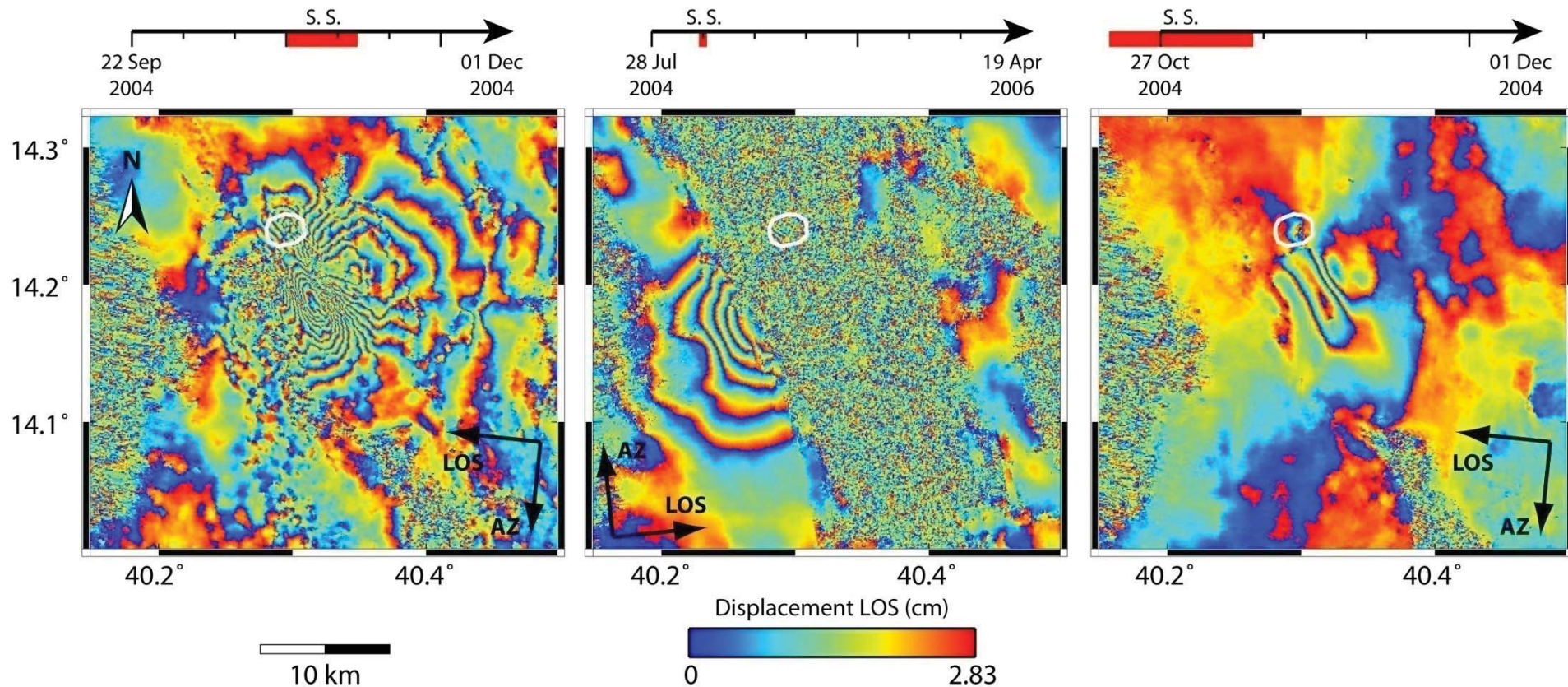
Dallol segment



- Dallol mound (DL) 80 m bsl
- High hydrothermal activity
- No volcanic products
- 2 recent seismic swarms



October 2004 seismic swarm

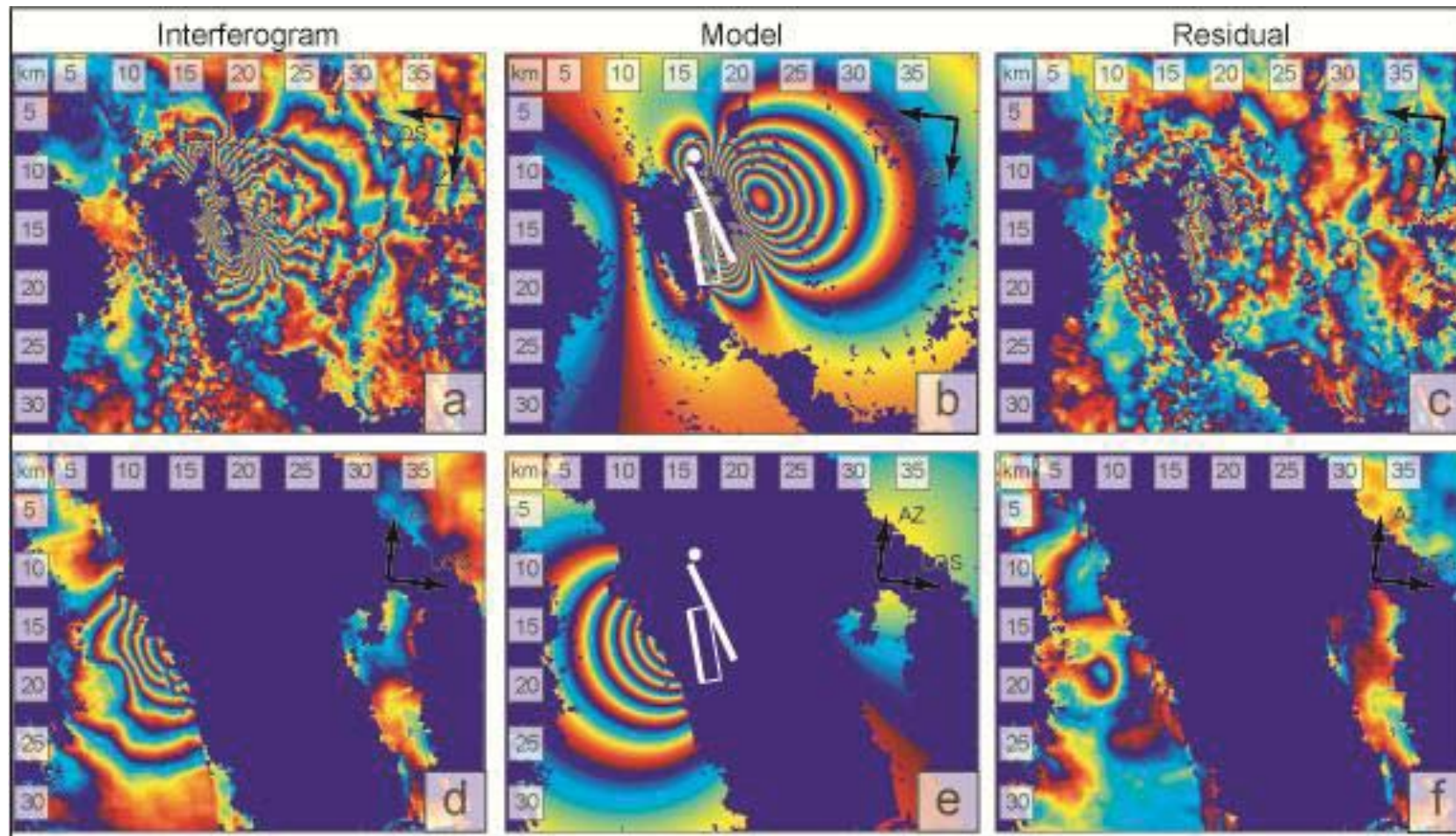


- Envisat SAR images
- Ascending & descending tracks

Dallol – October 2004 Dyke intrusion model

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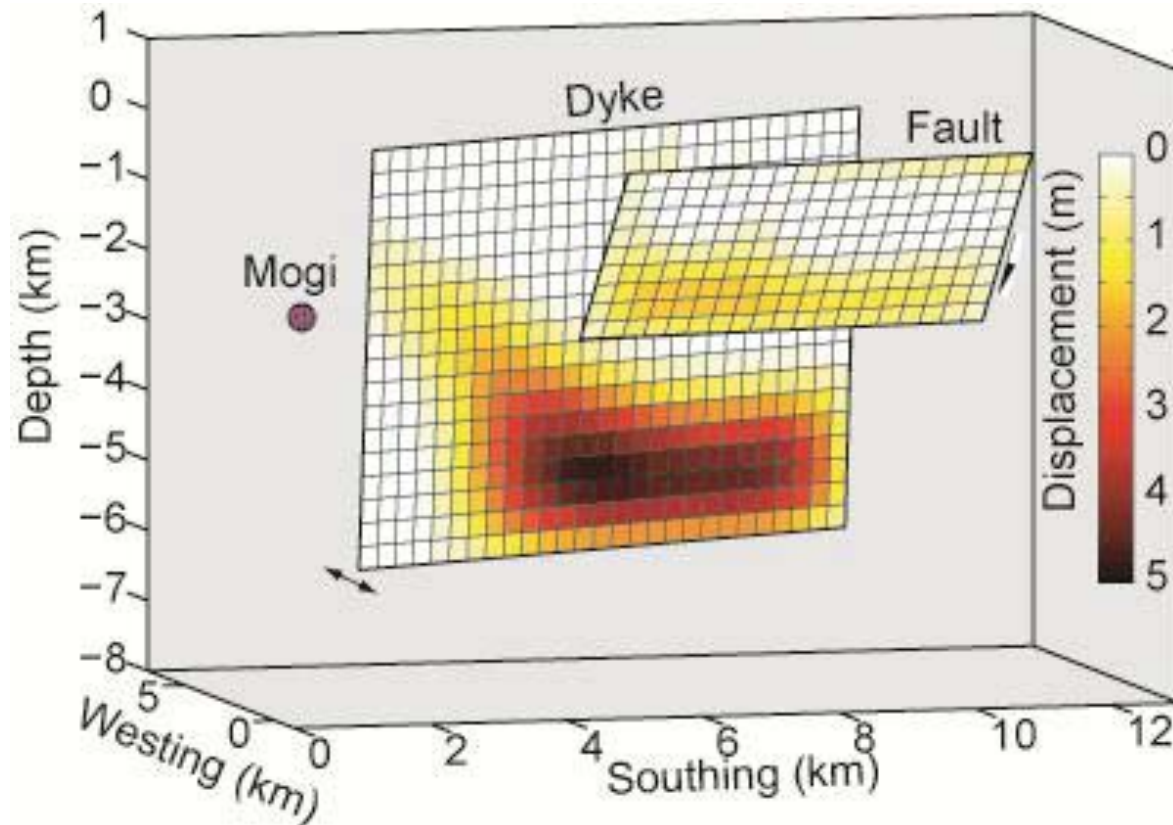
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- Joint inversion of two interferograms
 - 3 deformation sources (dyke, fault, Mogi)
 - Elastic half space
- Two steps inversion
 - 1) Non-linear inversion to fix geometries
 - 2) Linear least-square method for variable opening and slip

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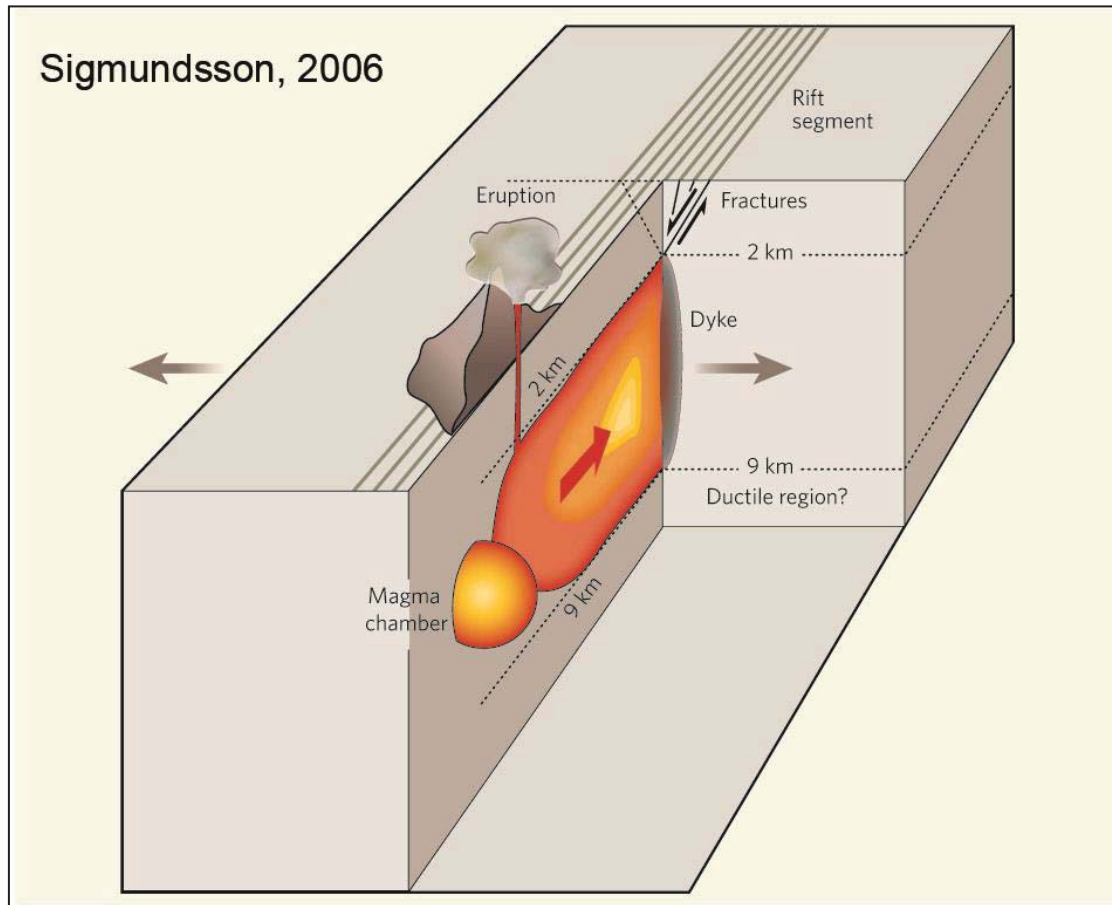
Dallol – October 2004 Dyke intrusion model



- Dyke volume $\sim 0.06 \text{ km}^3$
- Max opening $\sim 4.5 \text{ m}$
- Mogi depth 2.4 km
- M_w 5.6 modeled Eq.
- RMS = 2.3 cm
- Data variance 95%

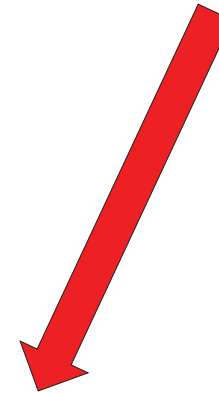
- **Proto-volcanic** system (no volcanism at the surface)
- **Magma** induced opening of rift axis segments

Magma does the split



2005 Dabbahu rifting episode:

- Dyke length ~60 km
- Up to 8 m opening



Magma overcomes tectonics in opening rifts

Dallol and other dyke intrusions along rifts



Several dyke intrusion along rifts
in the last 10 years

- 2004 Dallol
- 2005-2010 Dabbahu (14)
- 2007 Lake Natron
- 2009 Harrat Lunayyir

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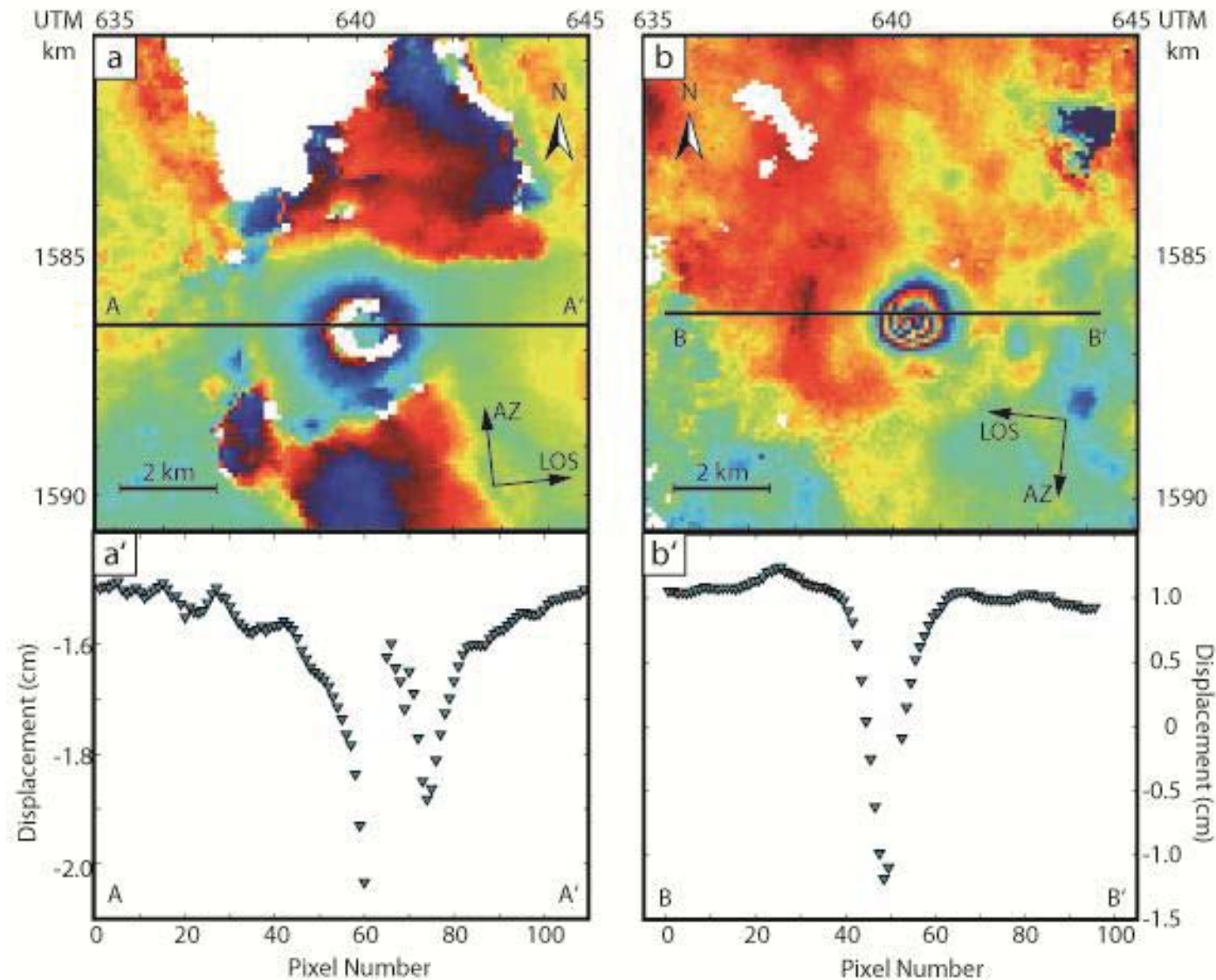
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Area	Data	MI	Seism. Mom. (10^{17} Nm)	Geod. Mom. (10^{17} Nm)	SM/GM %	Volume (km^3)	Ref.
Dallol	Oct-Nov 2004	2.6-5.5	2.28	22.0	10.4	0.058	
	Sep 2005	1.8-5.5	25 ^a -34 ^b	800 ^c -896 ^b	3.1-3.8	1.8 ^b -2.5 ^c	a,b,c
	Jun 2006	2.5-4.7	1.80	54.4	3.3	0.120	d
	Jul 2006	2-3	0.02	32.4	0.1	0.042	d
	Sep 2006	2.6-3.4		32.0	0.1 ^a	0.088	a
	Aug 2007	<3	0.01	24.1	0.0	0.048	d
Dabbahu	Nov 2007	2.9-4.5	1.03	60.1	1.7	0.15	d
	Mar-Apr 2008	<3	0.16	37.2	0.4	0.088	d
	Jul 2008	<3	0.08	32.1	0.2	0.066	d
	Oct 2008	1.8-4.6	1.78	78.8	2.3	0.17	d
	Feb 2009	2-3.5	0.27	30.2	0.9	0.077	d
	Jun 2009	<4	0.01	18.1	0.1	0.046	d
Lake Natron	Jul-Aug 2007	3-5.9	14.00	40.0	35.0	0.09	e
Harrat Lunayyir	Apr-Jun 2009	3-5.4	2.79	44.1	6.3	0.13	f

High seismic moment suggests that normal border faults accommodate extension

SM in Dallol > Dabbahu, < Natron and Lunayyir

Dallol - Post dyke ground deformations

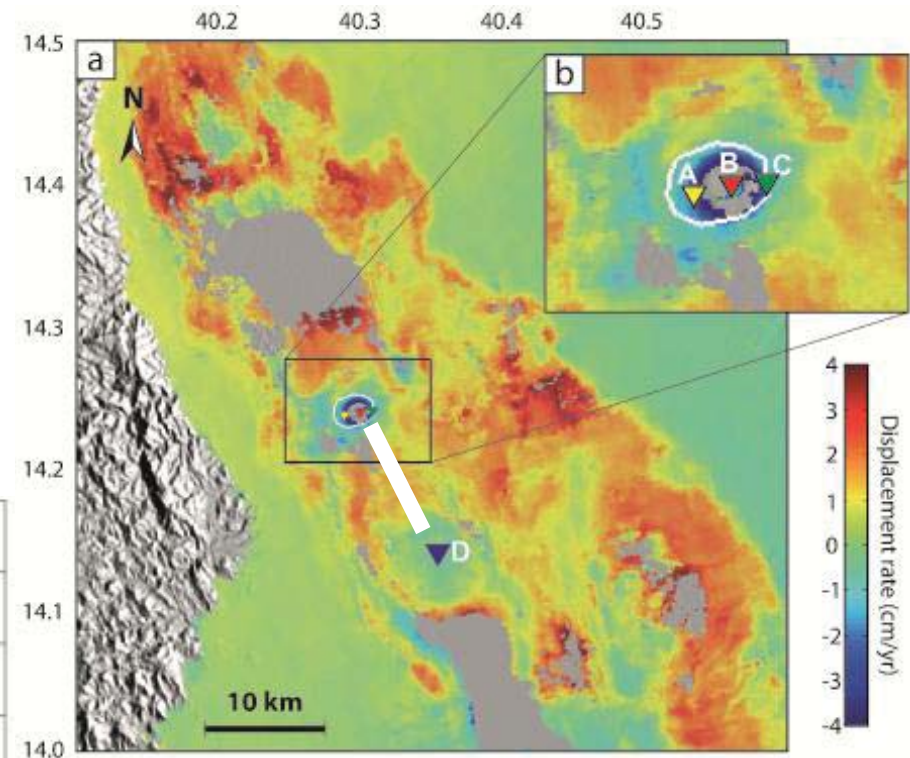
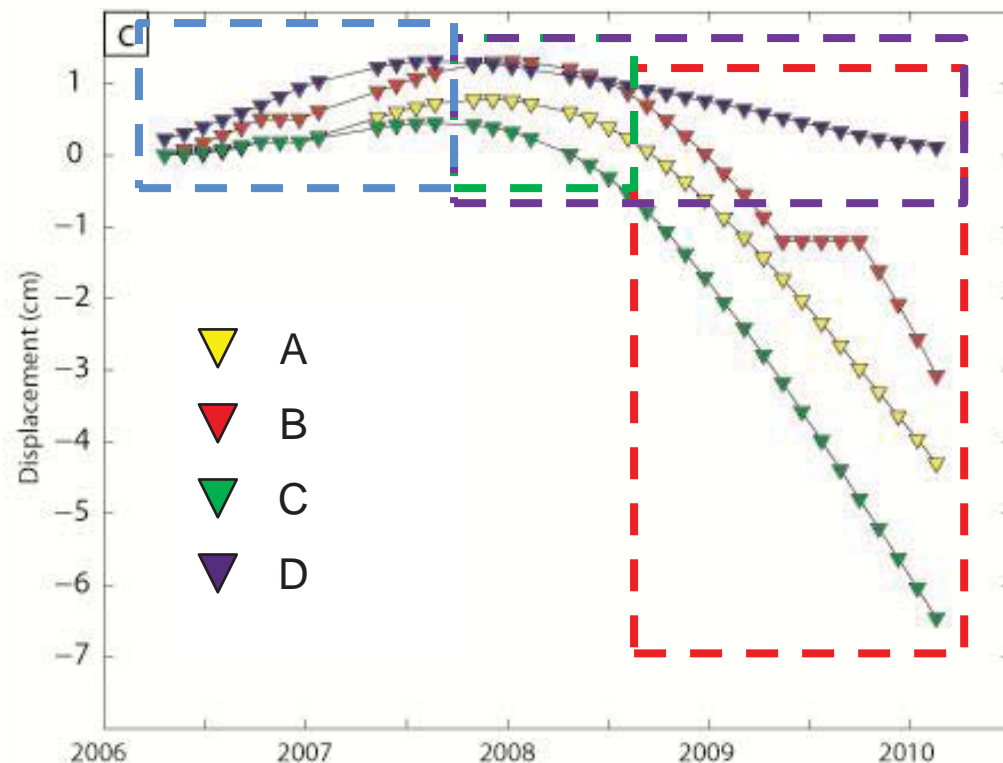


a) 081119-090128 – Track 28 (A) b) 090325-090429 – Track 321 (D)

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Dallol – Mean-term deformation (2005-2010)

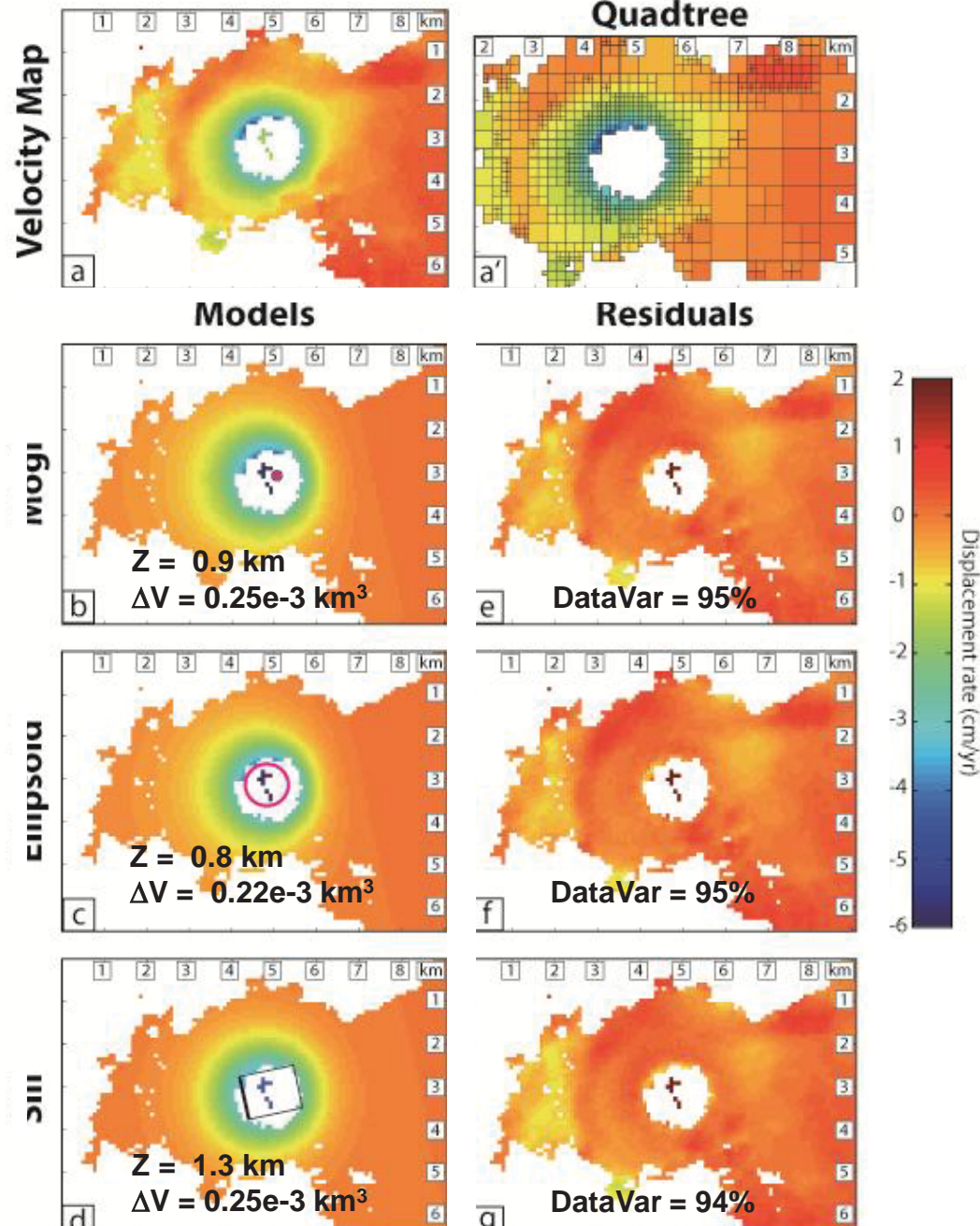
- **Nov. 2005 – Aug. 2007:** A,B,C and D uplift of 0.5 - 1 cm
- **Sep. 2007 - Feb. 2010:** D subsides ~1 cm
- **Sep. 2007 – Aug. 2008:** A,B,C uplift/subsid
- **Sep. 2008 – Feb. 2010:** A,B and C subside with a constant rate of ~4 cm/yr



We modeled the deformation source for the subsidence between Sep. 2008 – Feb. 2010

Dallol - Modeling

Sep. 2008 – Feb. 2010



- Deformation rate map between Sep. 2008 – Feb. 2010
- Data resampling using Quadtree algorithm
- 3 different sources (Mogi, ellipsoid and sill)
- Elastic half space with Poisson's ratio 0.25

Shallow deformation source

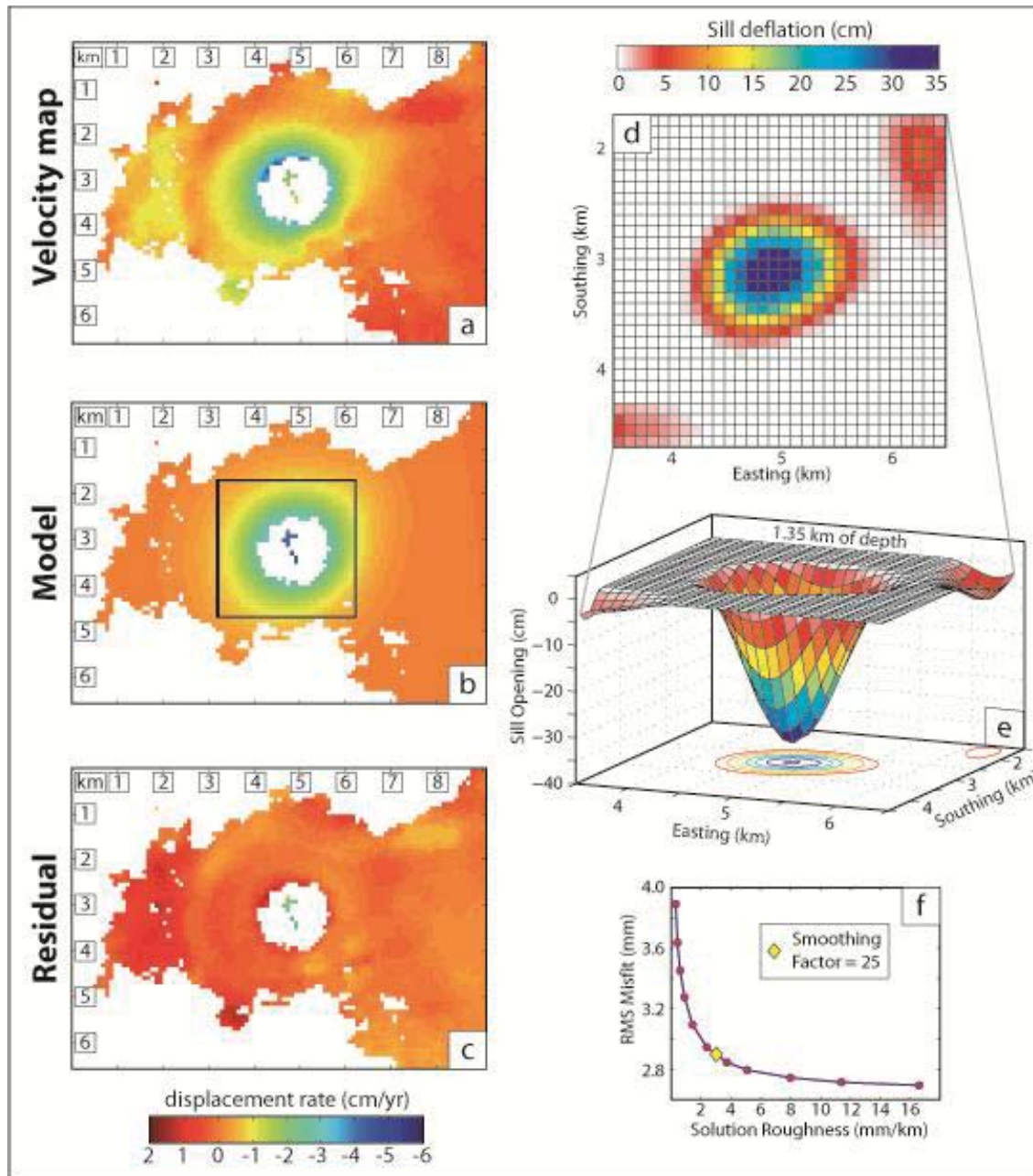
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Distributed model for the sill

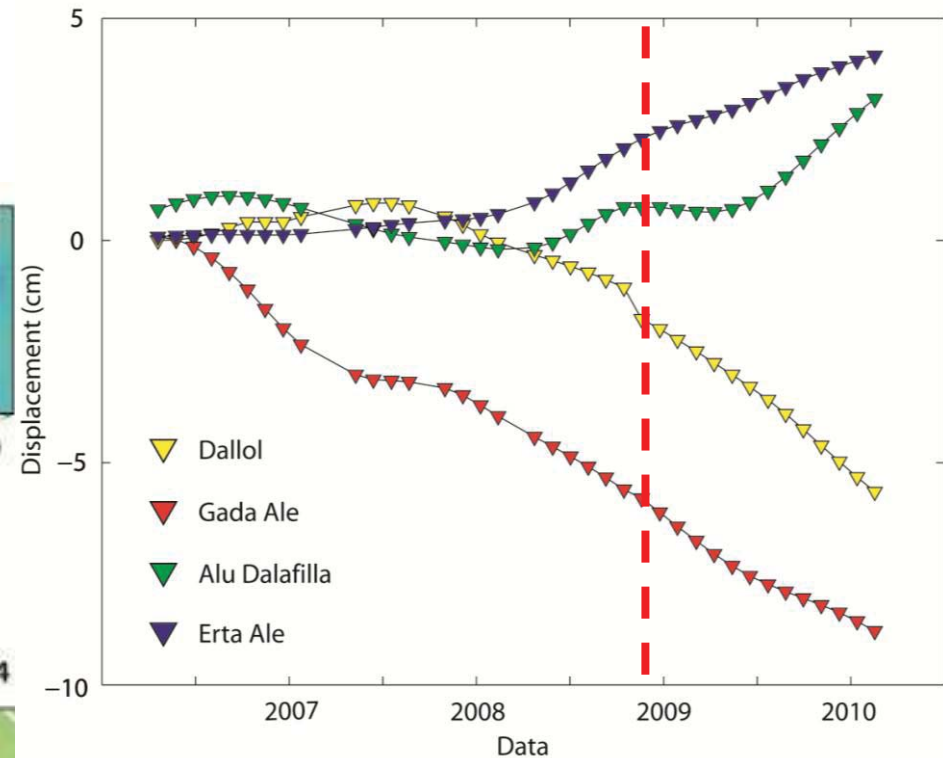
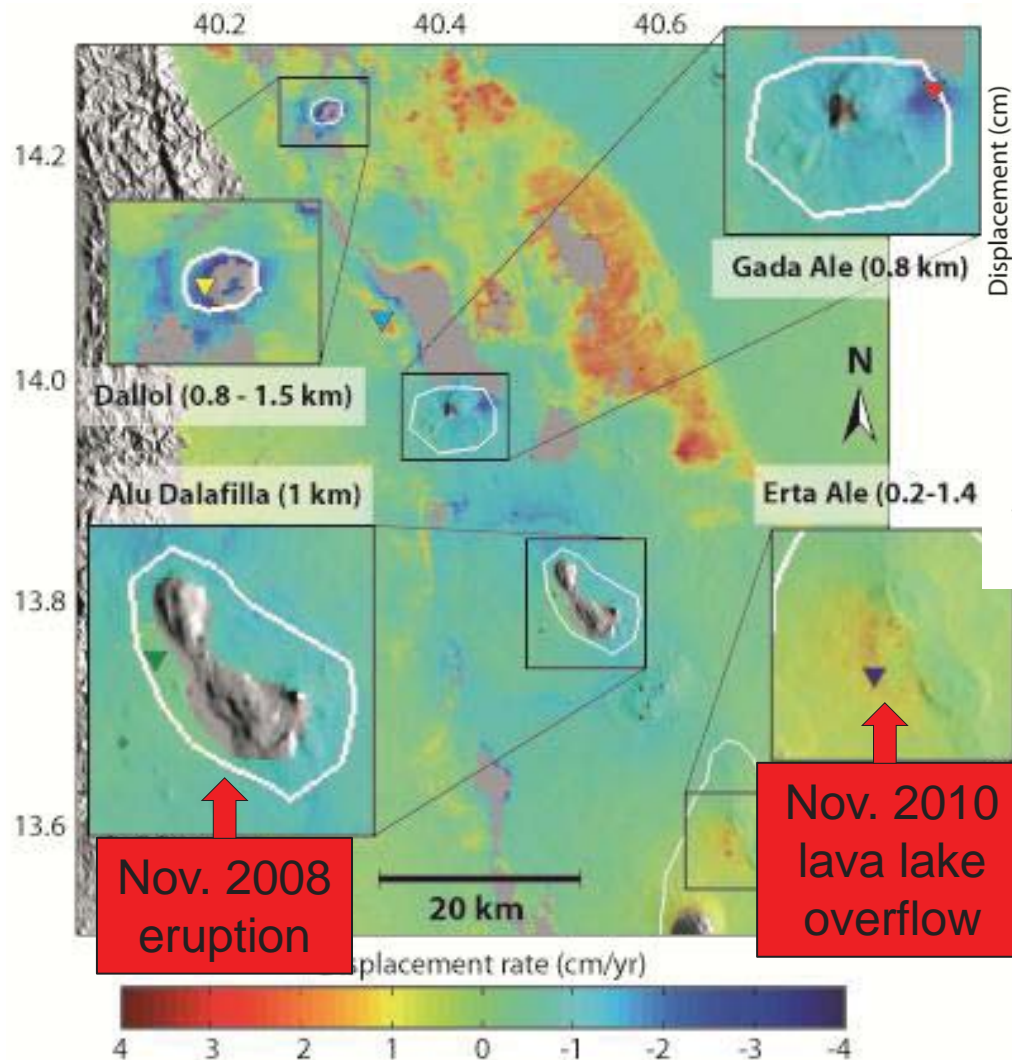
- Source depth 1.35 km
- Volume change $0.25e-3 \text{ km}^3$
- Deformed area $\sim 2 \text{ km}^2$
- Max opening $\sim 35 \text{ cm}$
- 96% of data variance

Not possible to distinguish between magmatic or hydrothermal source



Dallol and the Erta Ale Range

Deformation rate map
Nov .2005 – Feb. 2010



- Subsidence in Dallol and Gada- Ale
- Uplift in Alu-Dalafilla and Erta Ale

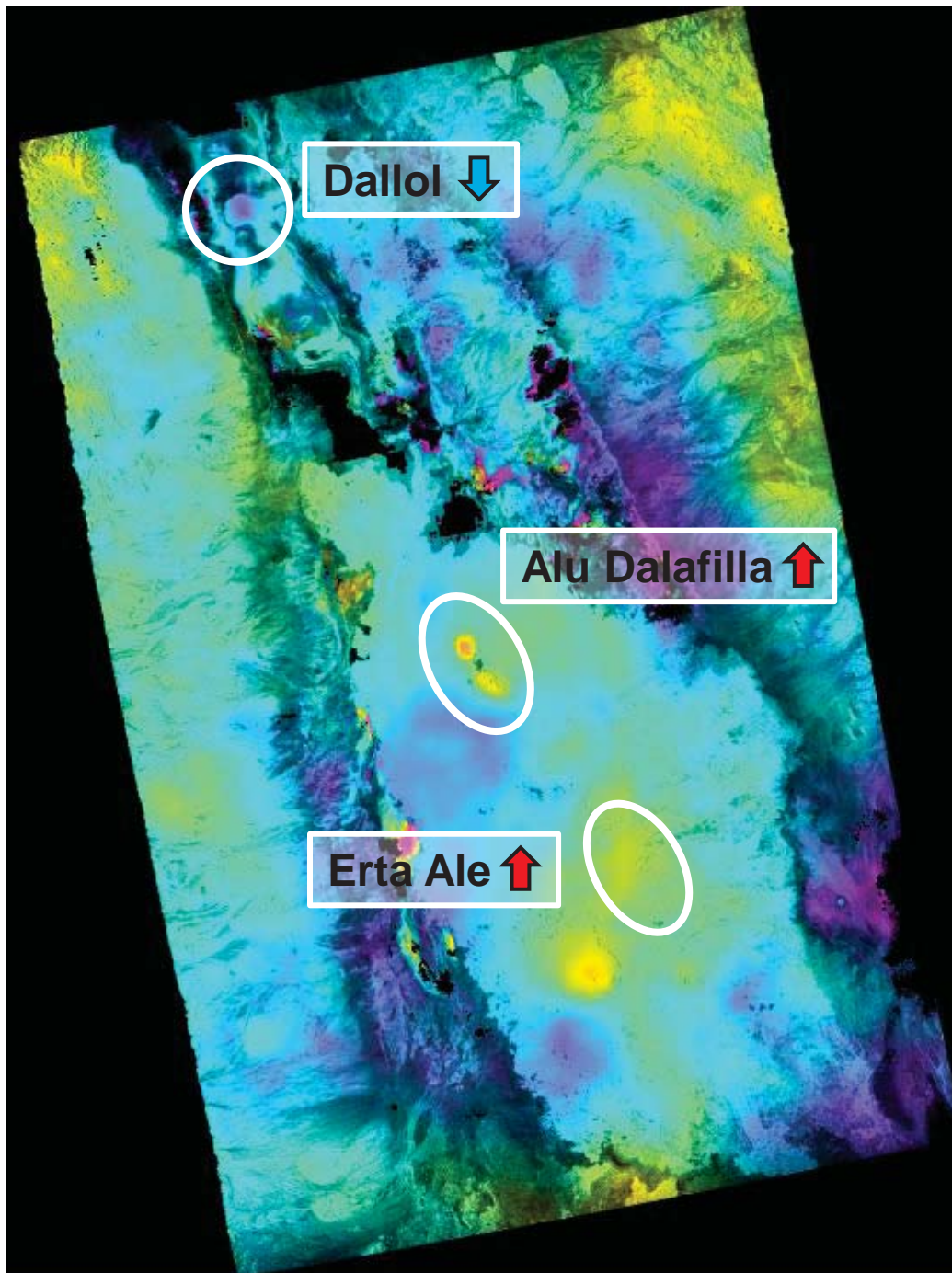
Correlation between deformation in Dallol and Erta Ale Range?

Dallol and the Erta Ale Range

June – August 2010

- Few months before Erta Ale lava lake overflow
- ALOS sensor

Correlation between ground deformation at Dallol and Erta Ale Range continued until August 2010



Dallol and the Erta Ale Range

- Assuming a shallow magmatic deformation source at Dallol
- Shallow magma reservoir suggested for different volcanoes along Erta Ale Range
- Considering the correlation between the deformation at Dallol and along the Erta Ale Range

Possible connection at deeper level between these two magmatic segments?

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Conclusions

- **InSAR** monitoring of a remote and poorly studied area
- **Unnoticed** dyking event (one year before the 2005 mega dyke intrusion at Dabbahu)
- Shallow (<3 km) **magmatic source** in area without volcanism: capturing a **proto-volcanic system** in a hydrothermal area
- **Extension** along the rift segment partially seismically accommodated
- Possible **correlation** between deformations at Dallol and along the **Erta Ale Range**

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An aerial photograph of a volcanic crater. The foreground is dominated by dark, jagged, and porous lava rock. In the center of the crater is a circular lake with a dark blue core surrounded by a ring of lighter, yellowish-brown water. The lake is bordered by a thin layer of white and yellow mineral deposits. The background shows a vast, flat landscape under a clear blue sky, with several small, dark rock formations scattered across the horizon.

Thank you!!!

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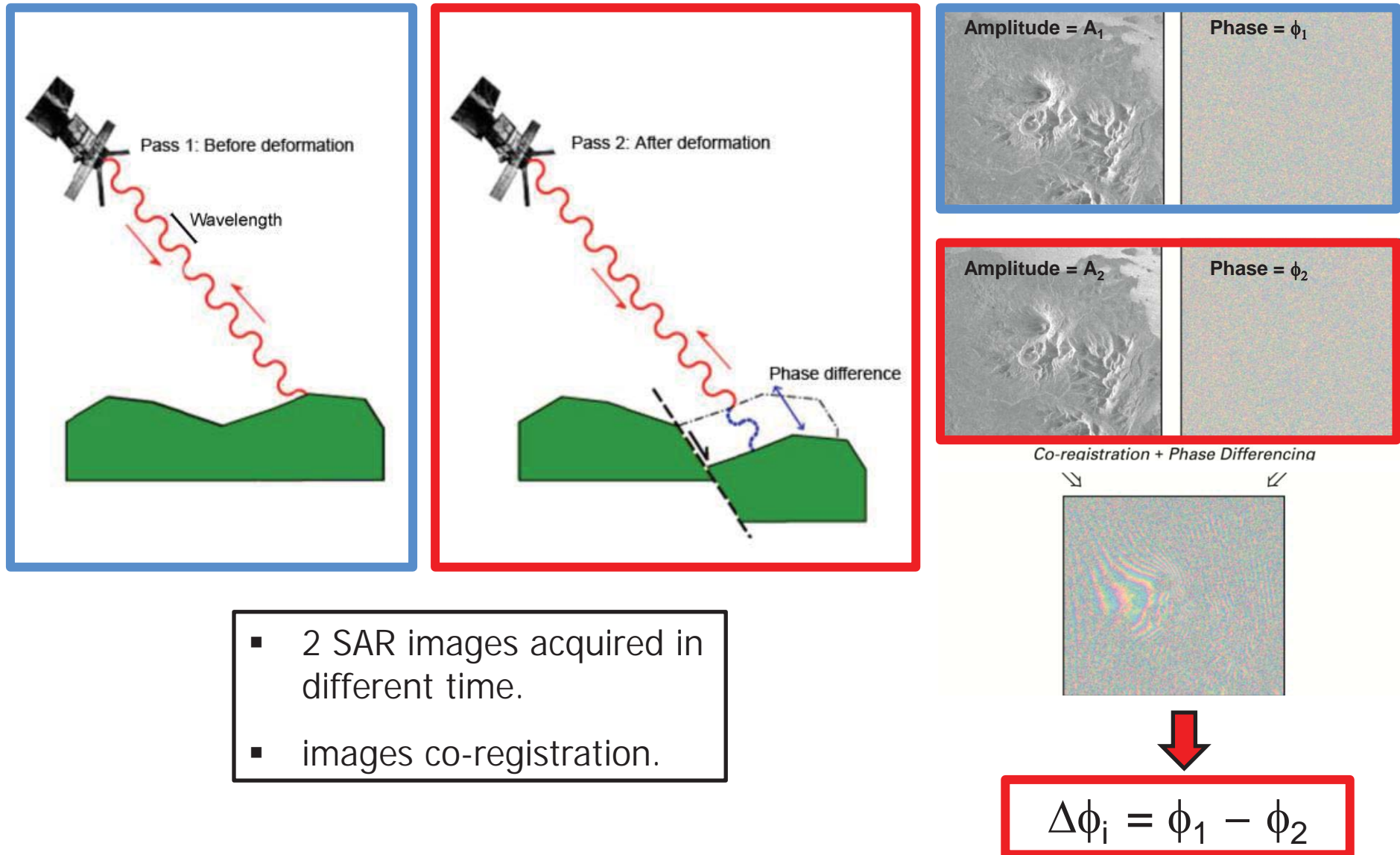
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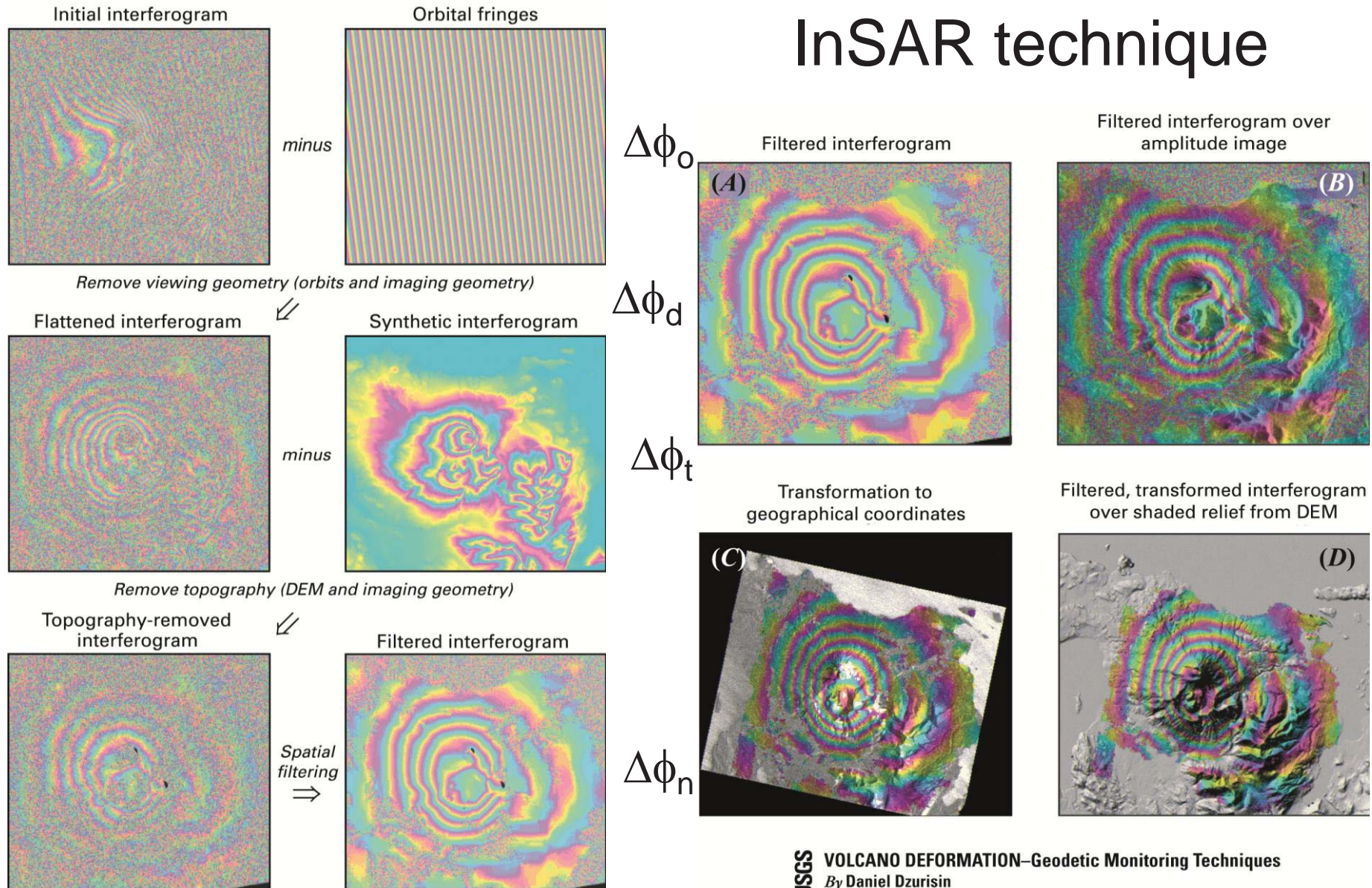


InSAR technique



- 2 SAR images acquired in different time.
- images co-registration.

InSAR technique



$$\Delta\phi_i = \Delta\phi_o + \Delta\phi_t + \Delta\phi_n + \Delta\phi_d$$

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