



Forum TERATEC 24

The Volcano Space Observatory : an interdisciplinary web portal for the monitoring of volcanic activity and atmospheric hazards

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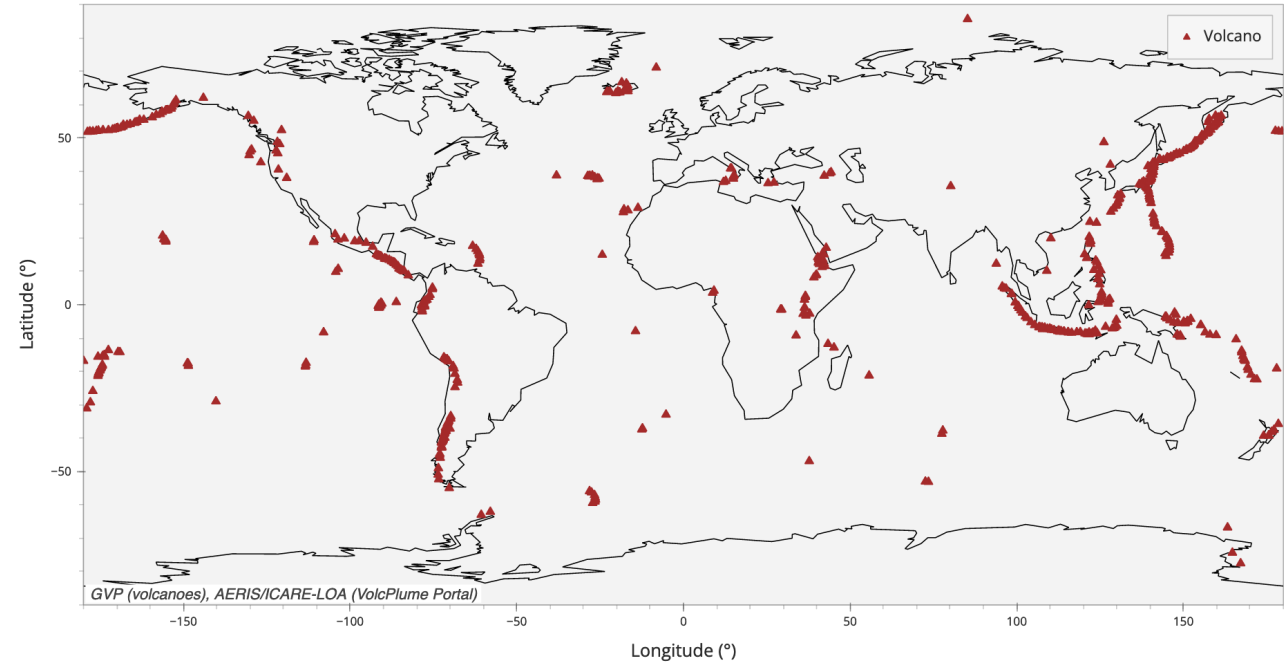
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Unlock the future

Most active volcanoes are remote and unmonitored

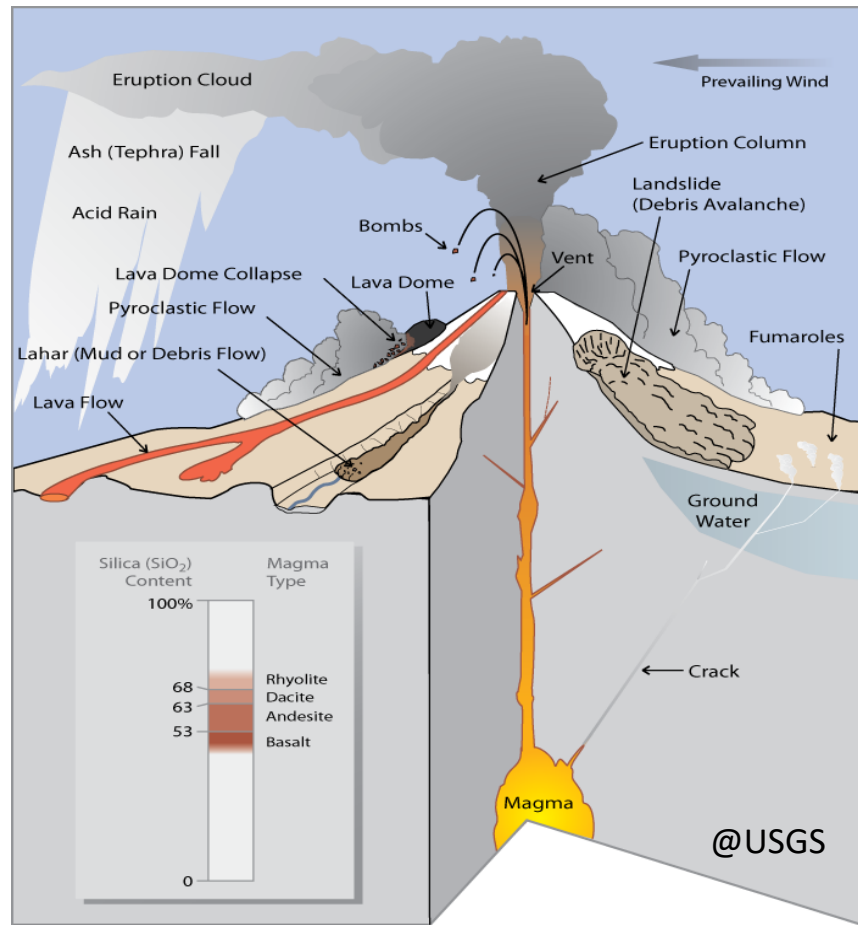
- Most active volcanoes in the world are remote and not monitored.
- If a volcano observatory is present, instruments can be destroyed or dysfunctional in case of explosive eruption (ex. Soufriere St. Vincent, Antilles, Apr 2021)
- More broadly, we need a stronger coordination between in situ/ground monitoring and satellite-based monitoring.



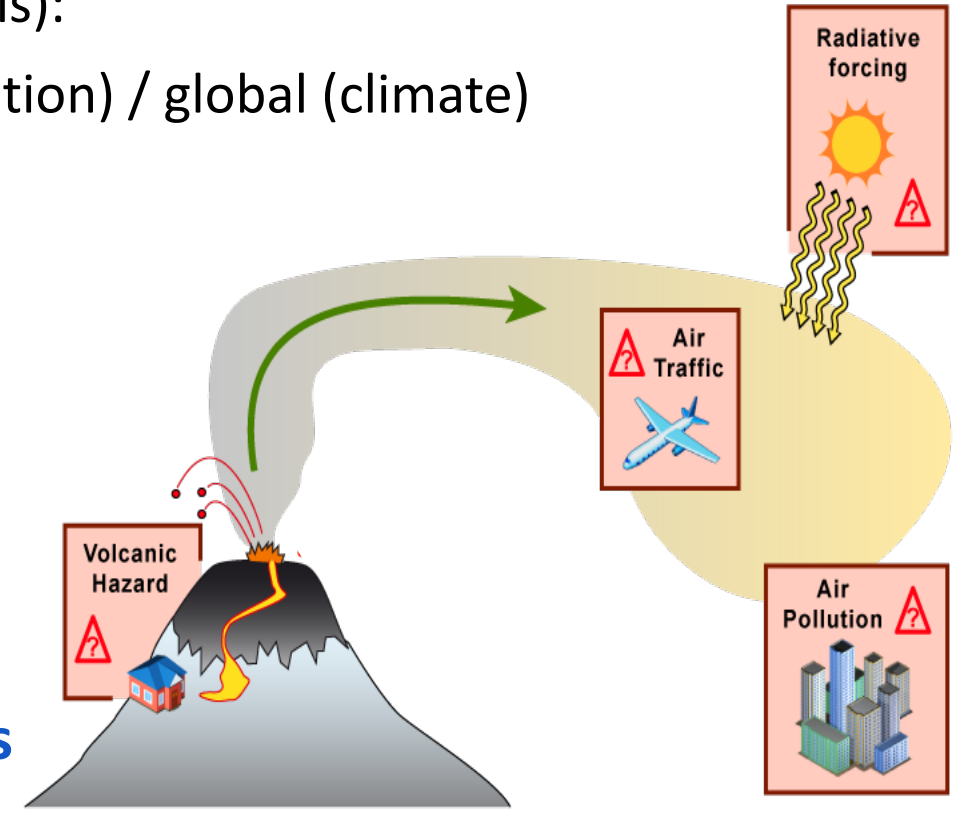
Local & atmospheric hazards produced by volcanoes

Various volcanological & atmospheric hazards over multiple geographical scales:

- Lava flows: local
- Pyroclastic flows: local (sometimes regional)
- Tephra / ash: local => regional (aviation/VAAC)
- Volcanic gases: local => regional/continental (air pollution)
- Aerosols (sulfate aerosols):
local / regional (air pollution) / global (climate)



Local volcanic hazards



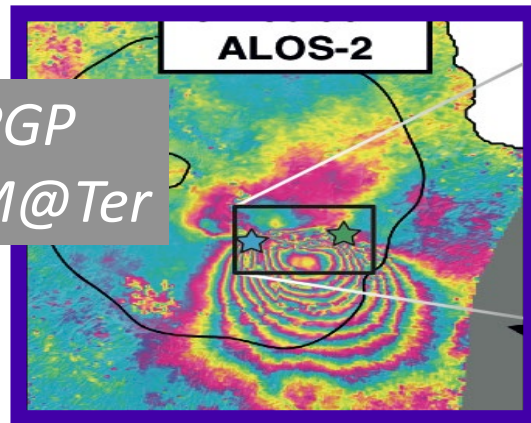
Large-scale hazards

Ground deformation

Access to:

- transport & magma storage
- volume budget

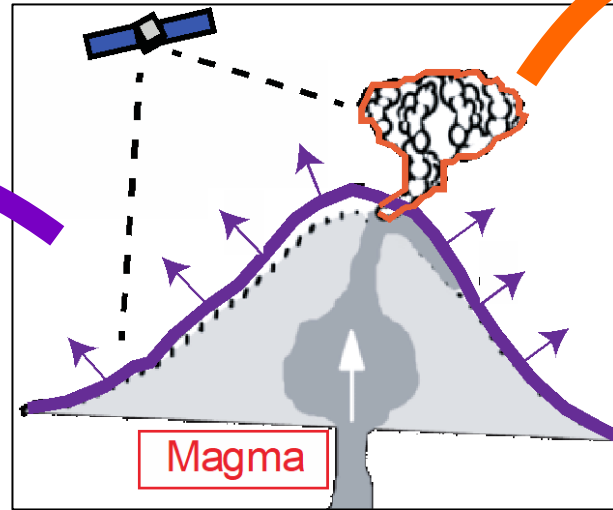
InSAR



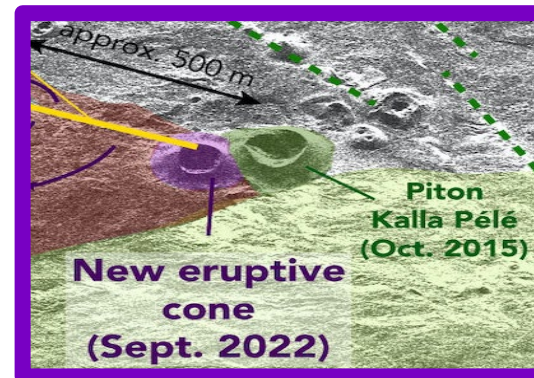
20 km

pixel size = 1–100 m

Revisit time: ~ 6 days



Topography



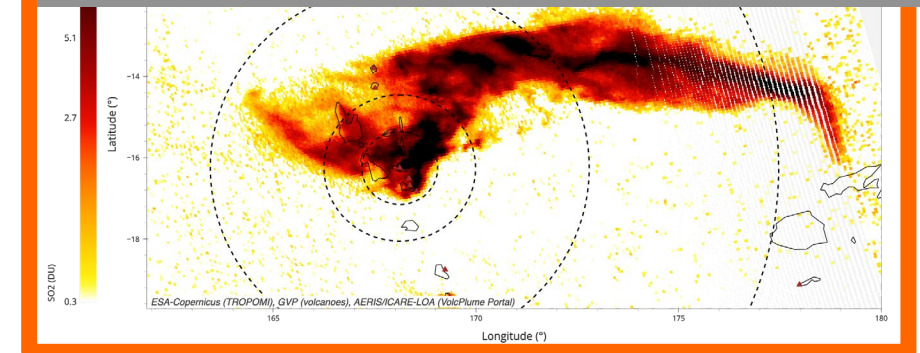
Gas-particle emissions

Access to:

- Magma composition, depth
- mass budget
- flux

TROPOMI/IASI/OMPS – SO₂

VolcPlume, AERIS/ICARE-LOA



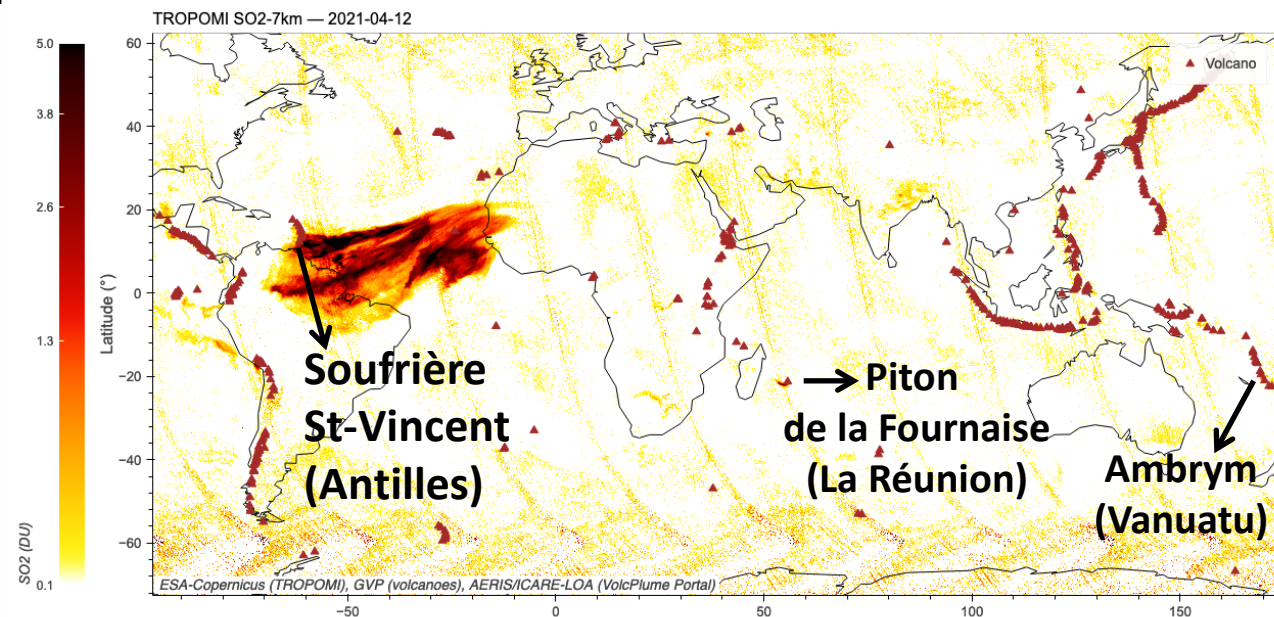
1000 km

pixel size = 5–25 km

Revisit time: 12 or 24 hours (LEO)
(20 min for GEO)

Four volcanic case-studies

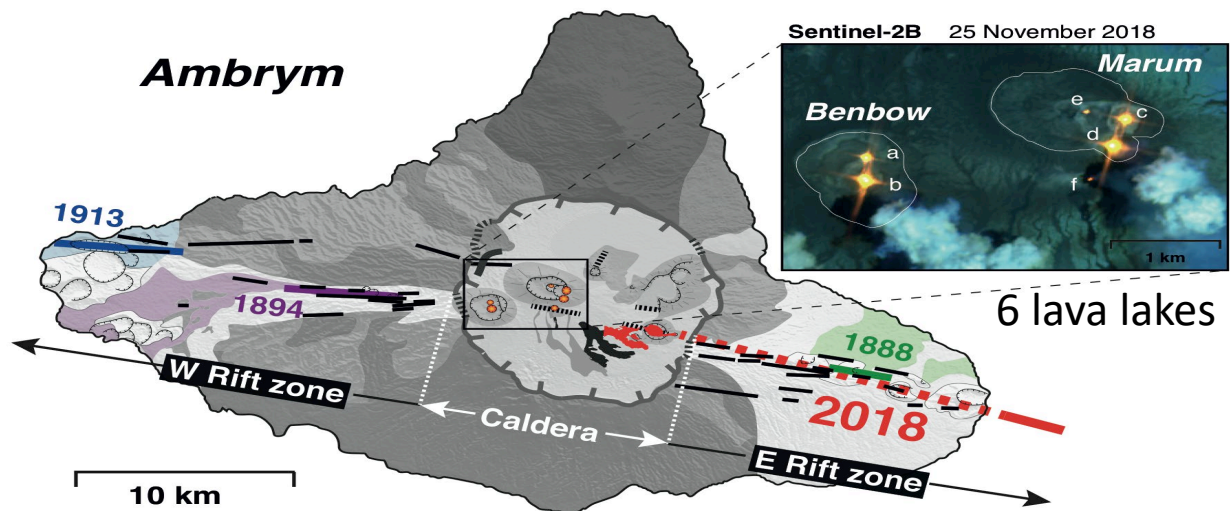
- **Ambrym volcano, Vanuatu (2004-today):**
 - Remote volcano with difficult access, poorly monitored from the ground, poorly-populated island
 - Long-term (multi-decade) degassing and lava lake activities, abrupt cessation after eruption in 2018 (mainly sub-terranean or sub-marine)
- **Soufrière St-Vincent volcano, Lesser Antilles (Dec 2020-Apr 2021):**
 - Volcanological Observatory (UWI-SRC), densely populated island, but many instruments destroyed or dysfunctioning during the ash-rich explosive eruption (thick ash deposits, electrical failures, etc)
 - Harsh meteorological conditions during eruption
- **Piton de La Fournaise volcano, La Réunion (Sept-Oct 2022 & 2023):**
 - Volcanological Observatory (IPGP/OVPF)
 - Effusive eruptions usually
 - Events of air pollution
- **Hunga Tonga (2022):** a record breaking eruption with an impact on climate



Multi-year activity of a volcano from space

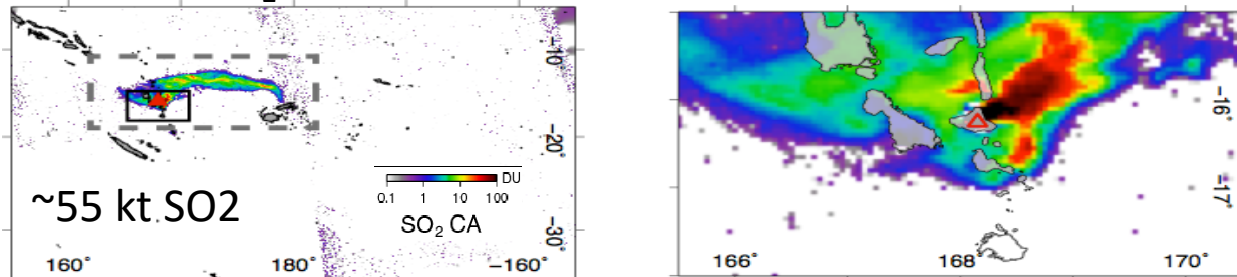
Ambrym volcano (Vanuatu)

Multi-decade lava lake activity



Shreve et al. 2019

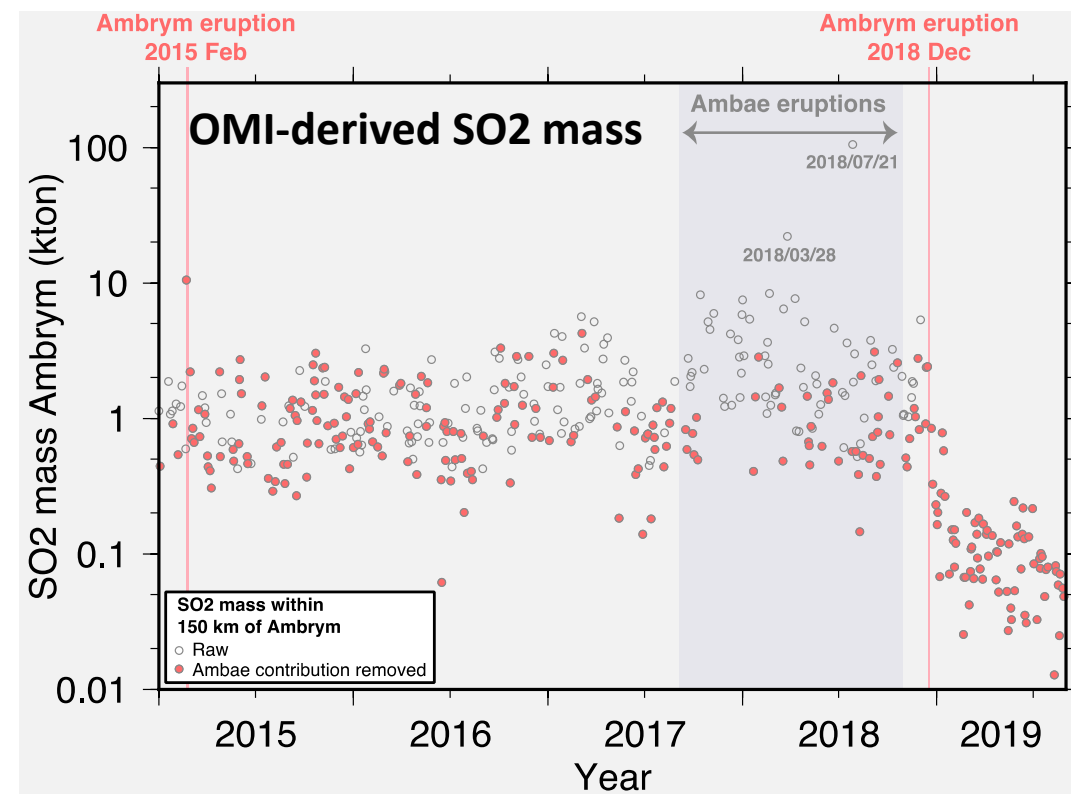
TROPOMI SO₂ – 16 Dec 2018



Degassing during the 2018 eruption before its cessation

1st worldwide SO₂ volcanic emitter (Carn et al. 2017)

Multi-year sustained degassing activity before 2018 eruption



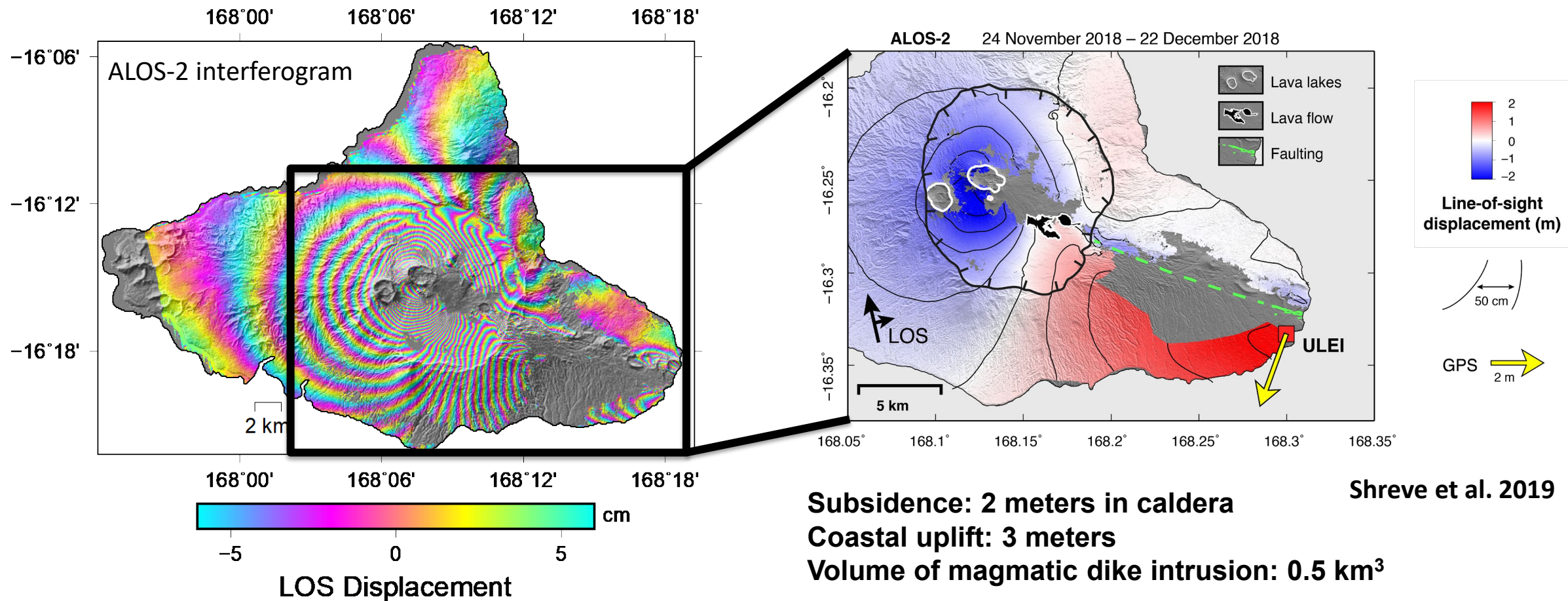
Shreve et al. 2022

Cessation of degassing & lava lake activities coincides with a major magma intrusion detected by InSAR

Ambrym volcano (Vanuatu)

InSAR: Interferometric Synthetic-Aperture Radar
(ALOS-2, Sentinel-1)

Deformation after phase unwrapping

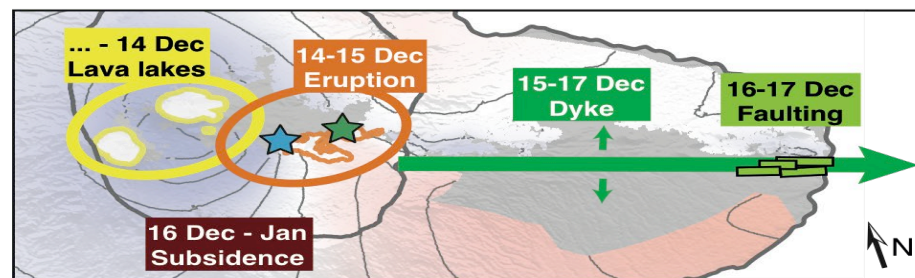


➔ A quasi-silent eruption, with moderate gas emissions, but a major magma intrusion at shallow depth !

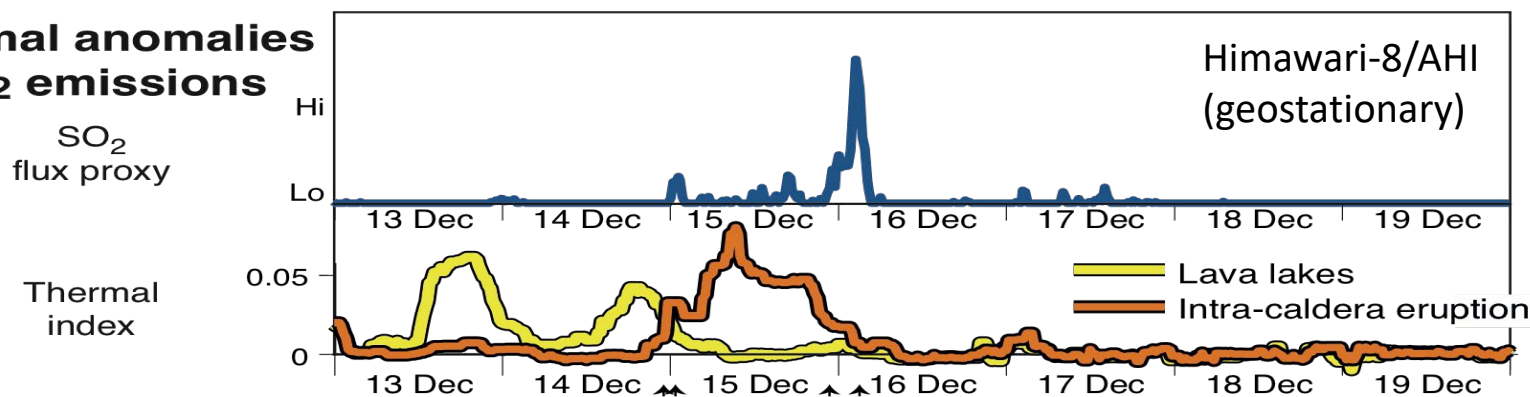
High time resolution monitoring of the eruptive activity from space

Ambrym volcano (Vanuatu)

Deformation



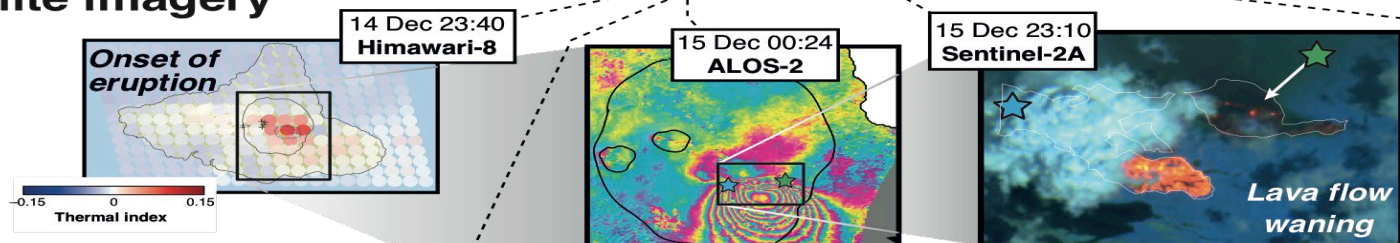
Thermal anomalies & SO₂ emissions



➤ Lava lake drainage coincident with:

- intra-caldera dike
- intra-caldera eruption/lava flow

Satellite imagery



➤ Then 2nd major magma dike that propagates at shallow depth out of caldera until the sea coast

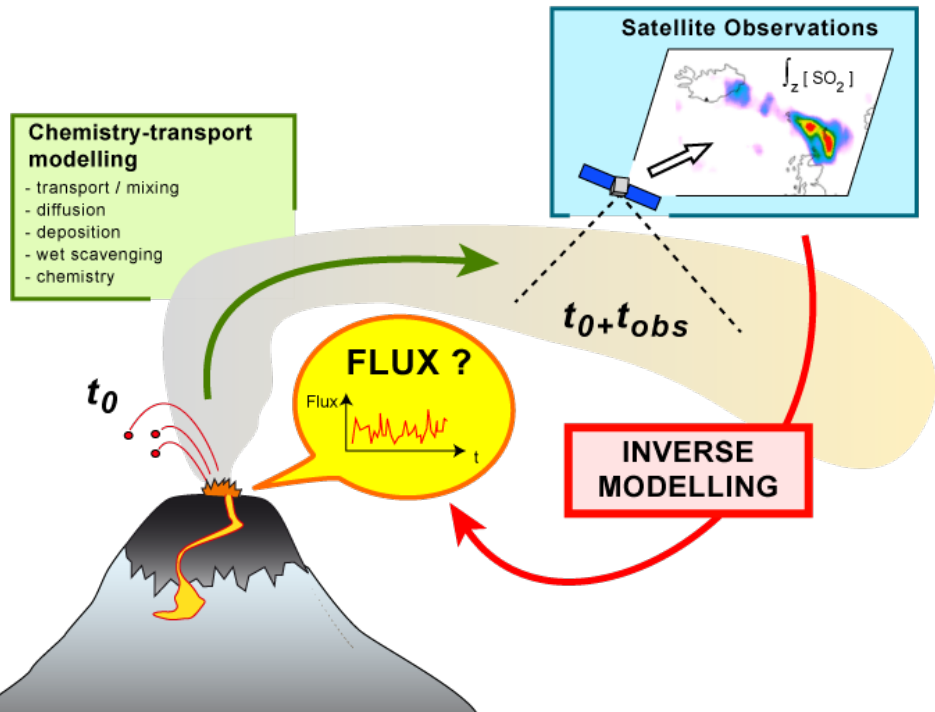
Ground observations



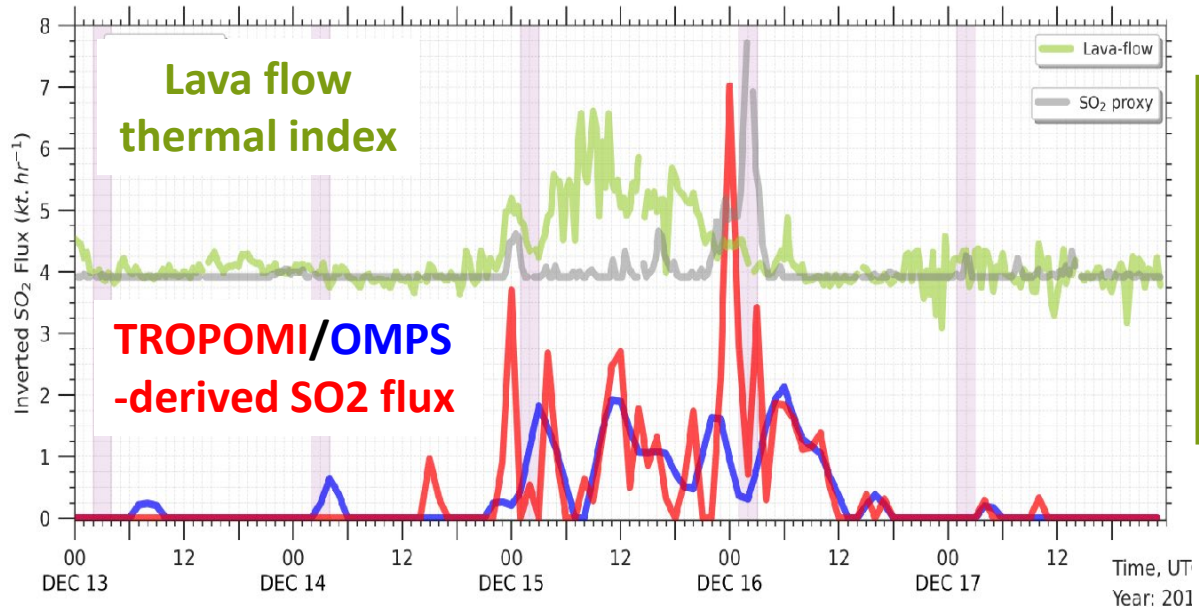
SO₂ degassing at high time resolution derived from TROPOMI observations (by inverse modeling)

Ambrym volcano (Vanuatu) - 2018

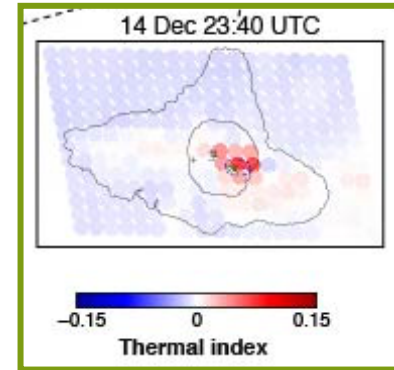
Inverse modeling
using a chemistry-transport model



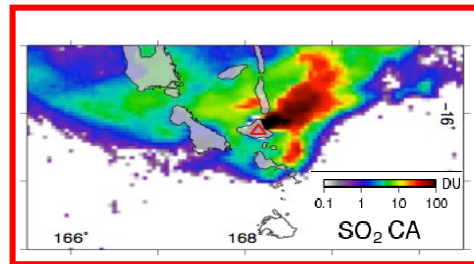
Boichu et al. (2013, 2015)



HIMAWARI-8/AHI
lava flow pixels



TROPOMI SO₂



16 Dec 2018

Behera et al. (Egusphere 2023)
doi.org/10.5194/egusphere-2023-2545

VolcPlume Portal: multi-scale NRT 4D monitoring & analysis of volcanic plumes

ANR & AERIS projects - PI: M. Boichu (LOA), main software engineer: T. Mathurin (AERIS/ICARE)

<https://volplume.aeris-data.fr> (public access) - <https://www.icare.univ-lille.fr/volplume/>

VolcPlume Portal version: dev-007fe6a? — login: marie.boichu@univ-lille.fr — session ID: GbClGQsrofs6S0ThhTCifXcmoJy9Igy4061Nk9Ev6uig

Download user guide Open log console

Select zone: World

Show land borders

Select primary variable: TROPOMI SO2-7km

Select secondary variable: AERONET AOD 440nm

Select date: 2021-10-19

Load data on map

AOD range: 0 .. 1

Show timestamps

SO2-7km range (DU): 0.0 5.0 Auto

Quality factor threshold: 0

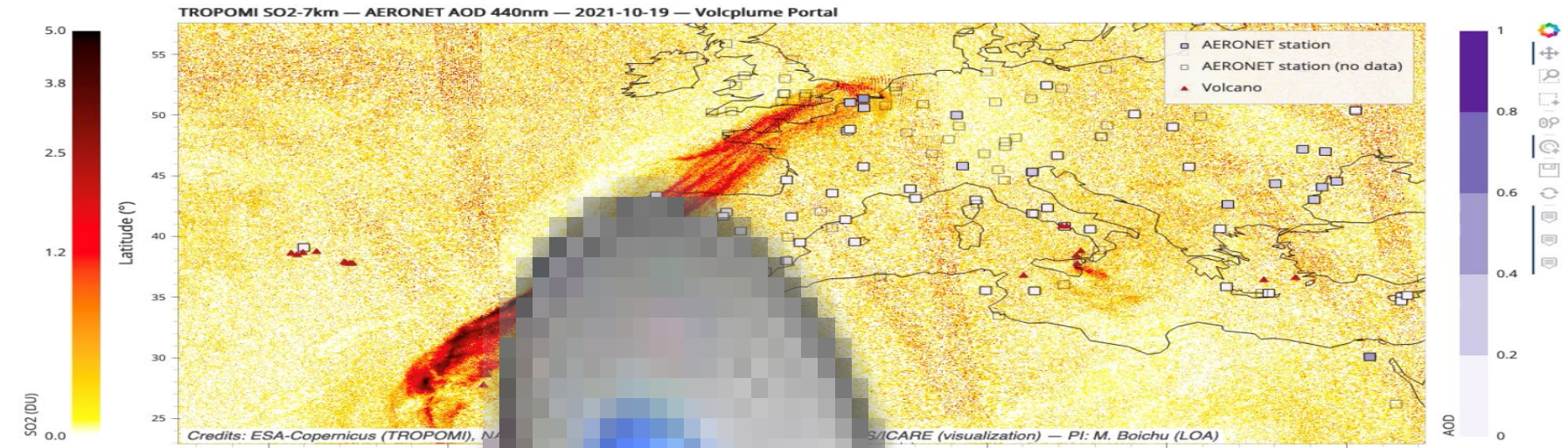
of edge tracks: 0 Max SZA (°): 90

Select orbits to display

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- #20808: 01:03→01:54
- #20809: 02:44→03:35
- #20810: 04:25→05:17
- #20811: 06:07→06:58
- #20812: 07:48→08:40
- #20813: 09:30→10:21
- #20814: 11:11→12:03
- #20815: 12:53→13:44
- #20816: 14:34→15:26
- #20817: 16:16→17:07
- #20818: 17:57→18:46
- #20819: 19:39→20:27
- #20820: 21:20→22:12
- #20821: 23:02→23:53

Satellite
Ground
remote sensing
+ in situ

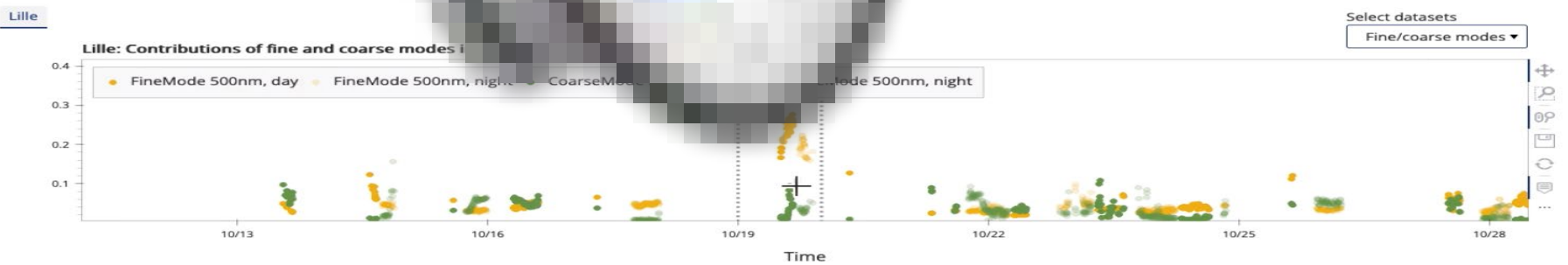
- Gas (SO₂)
- Particles
- Clouds



Volcanic activity Ground stations

Select station(s): Lille

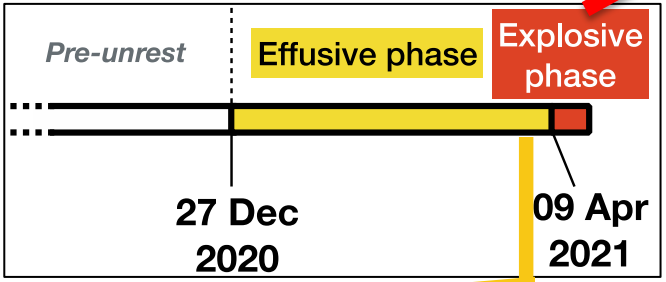
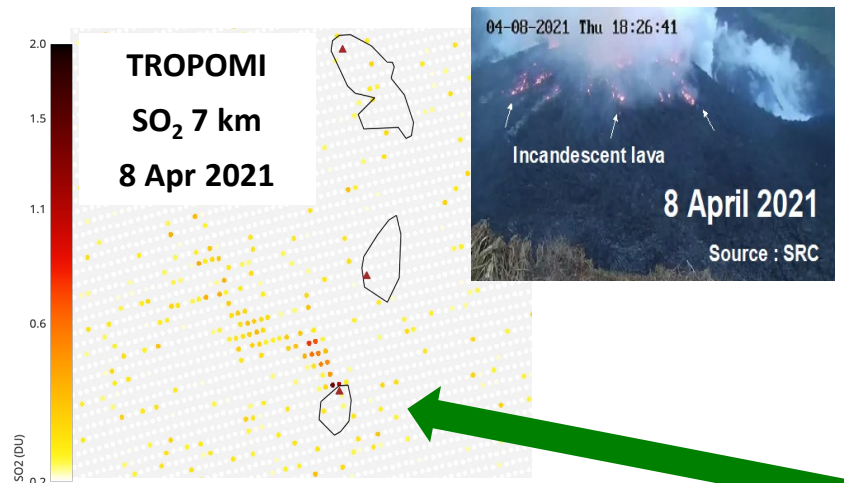
Create plots



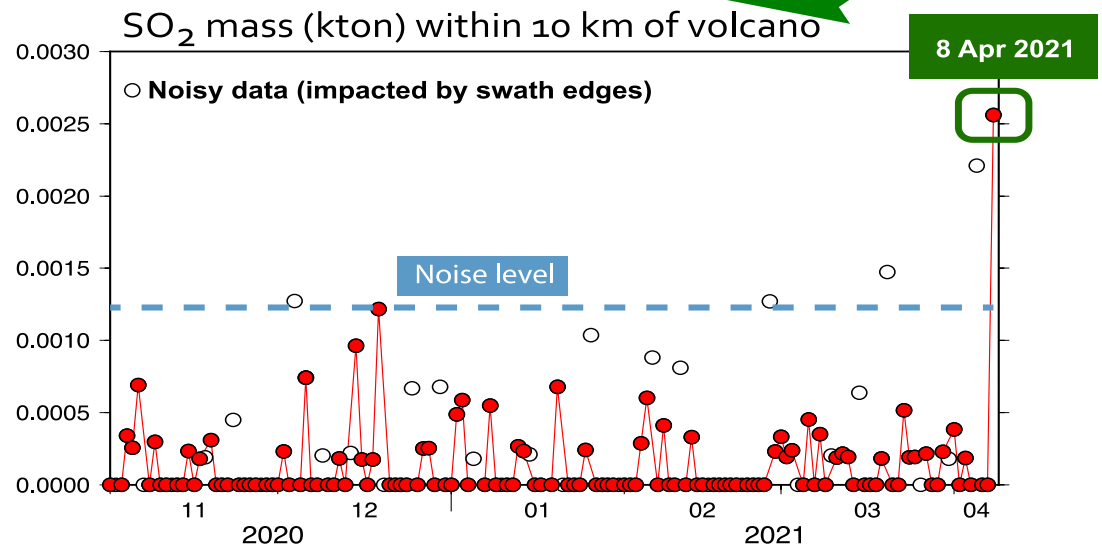
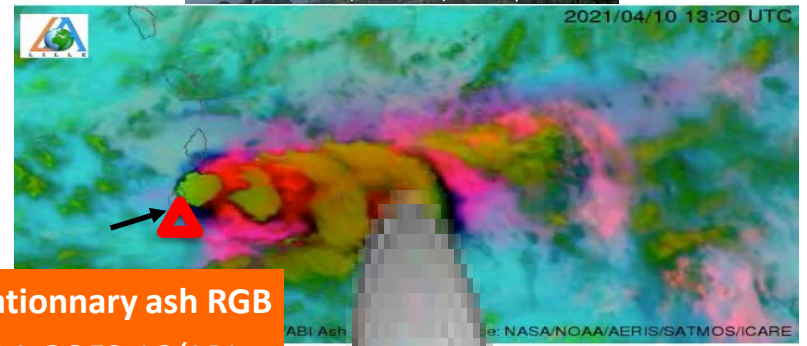
Near real time monitoring from space of precursory degassing

& explosive activity - Soufrière St-Vincent (Apr 2021, Lesser Antilles)

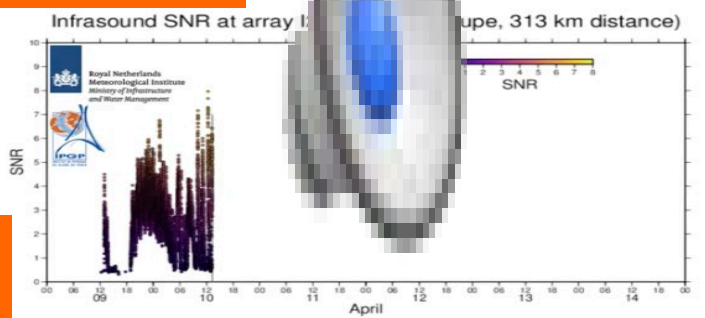
8 Apr 2021:
Precursory SO₂ degassing detected from space one day before explosion



9–14 Apr 2021:
Near Real Time monitoring of explosive activity



Infrasounds
CTBTO
(KNMI/IPGP)



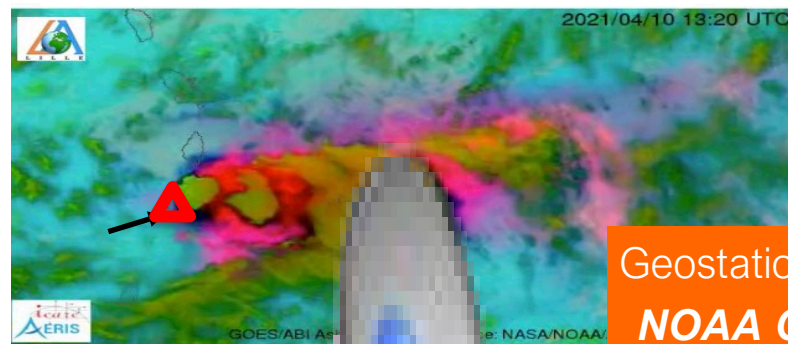
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Data courtesy of CTBTO.

Boichu & Grandin (2021)

Synergistic analysis
of geostationary & infrasound data

Monitoring of explosive activity, summit destruction, pyroclastic flows and ash deposits

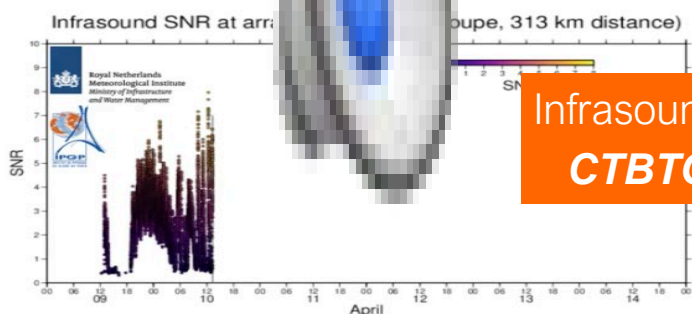
Soufrière St-Vincent (Apr 2021, Lesser Antilles)



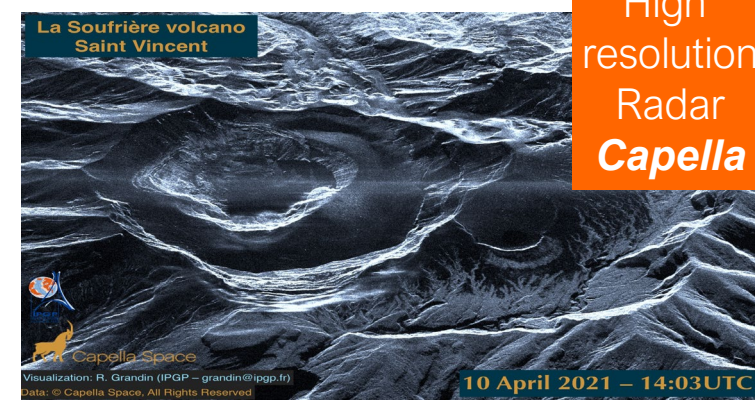
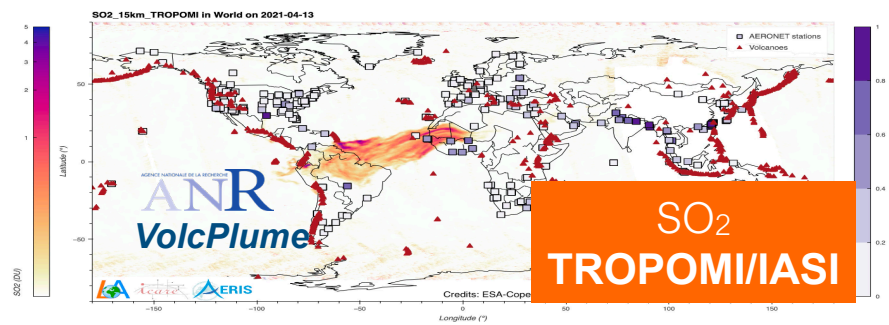
Geostationary obs
NOAA GOES-16

Remote sensing

- **Multispectral**: ash/gas monitoring
→ eruptive dynamics ✨ / air traffic (VAAC) ✈️ & air quality 🤧
- **Radar**: see through plumes → morphologie du cratère 🌋
- **Visible**: deposit volumes → ash mud hazards 🏠
- **Infrasound**: «hear» explosions → explosive dynamics ✨

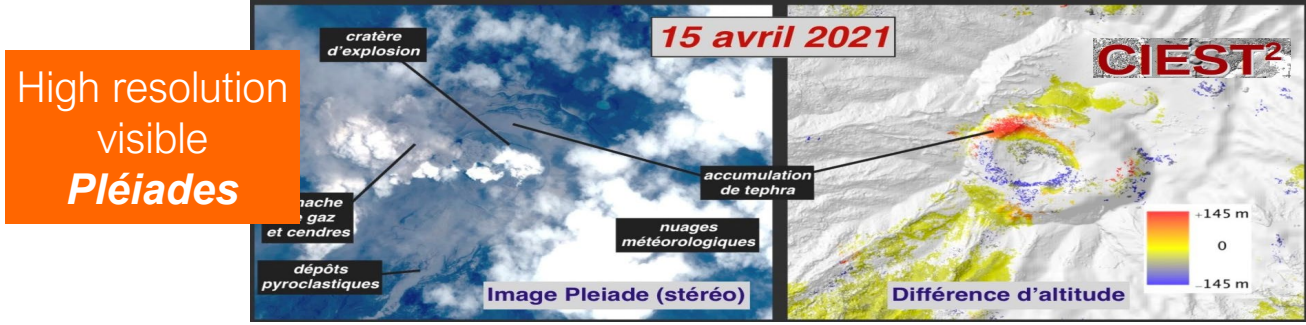


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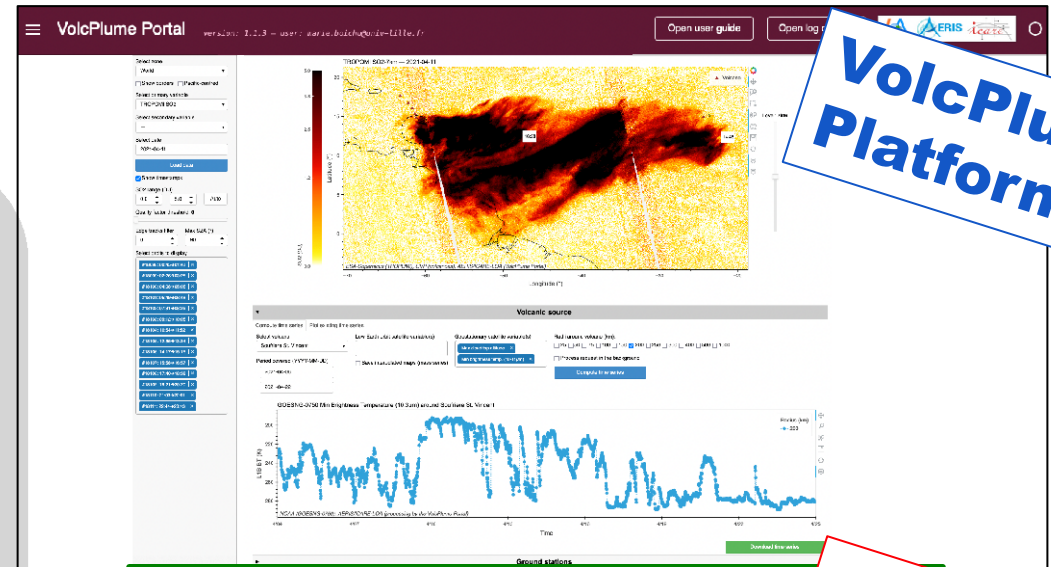
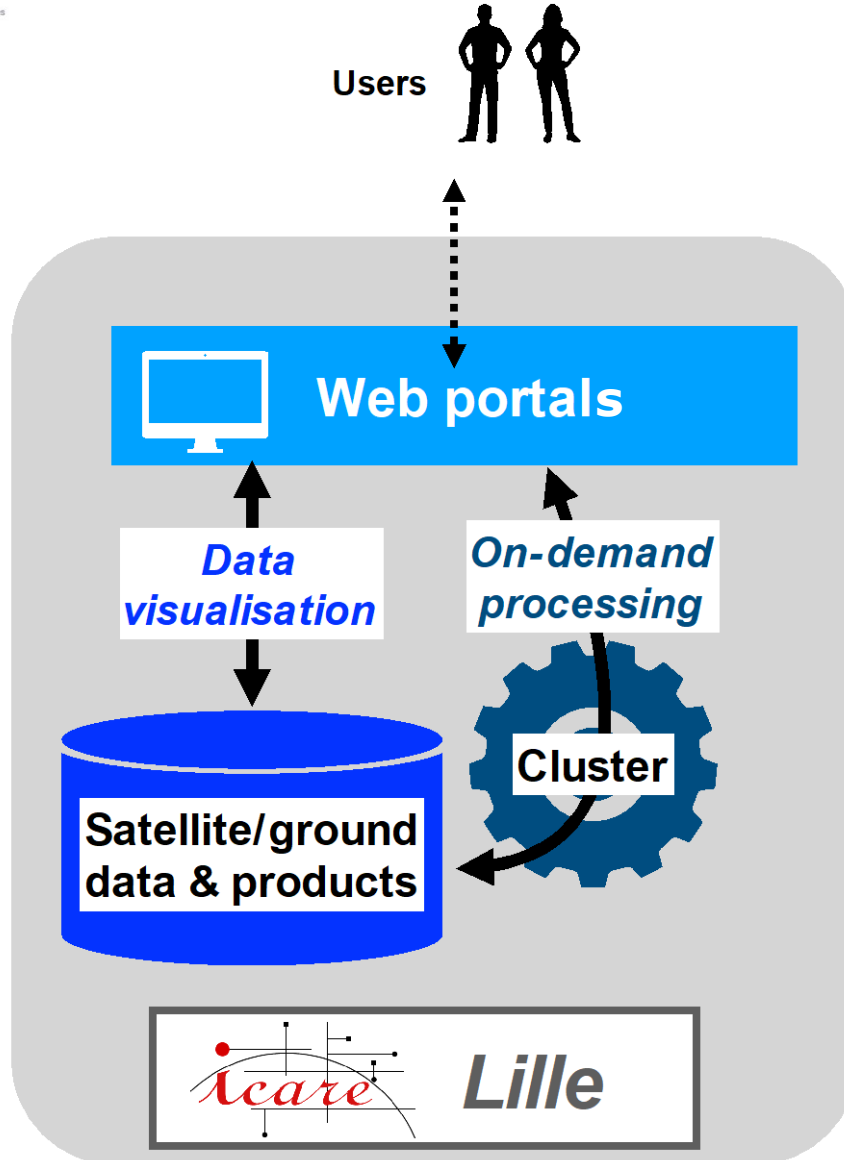
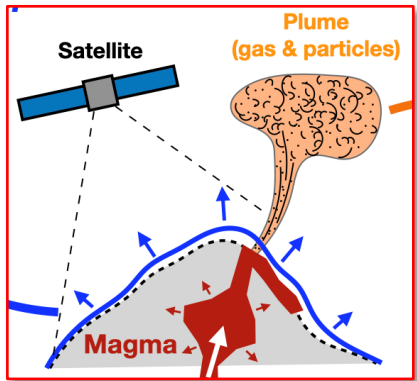


Data Terra/inter-poles:

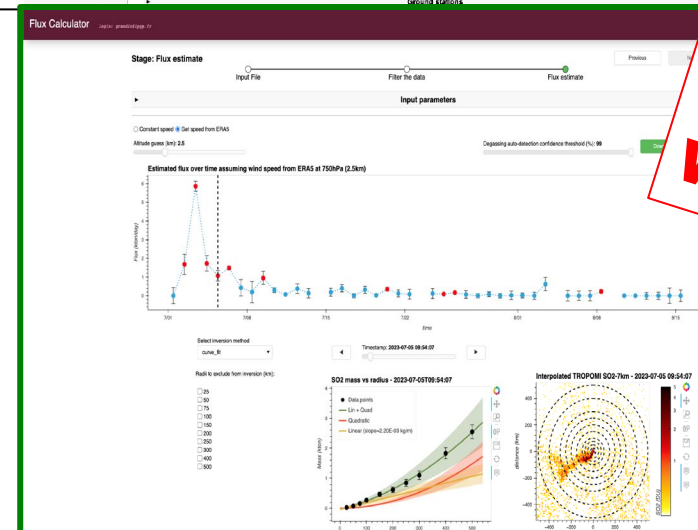
Horizon Europe FAIR-EASE project
« Volcano space observatory » Pilot
(LOA, Univ Lille & IPGP, Univ Paris)



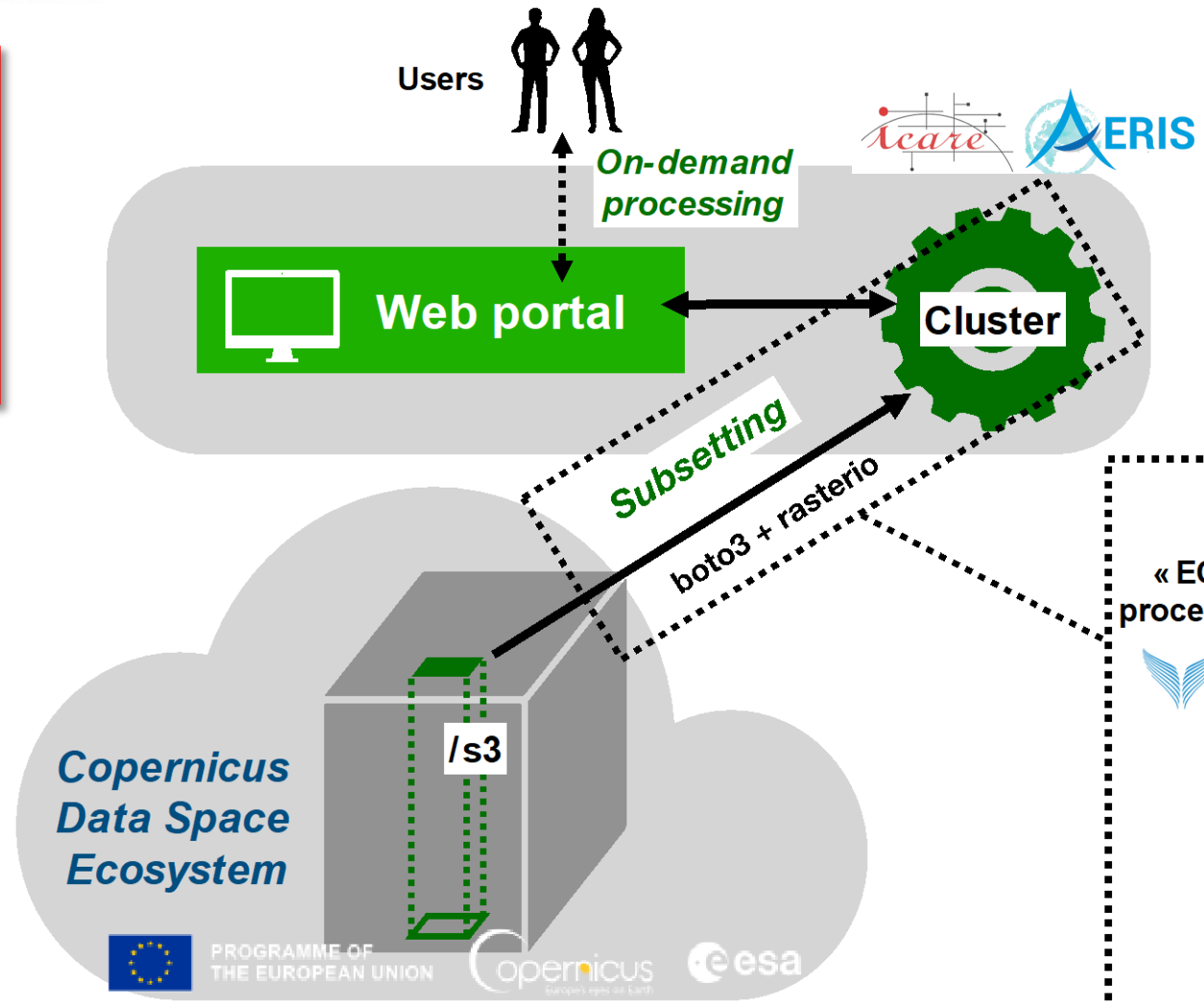
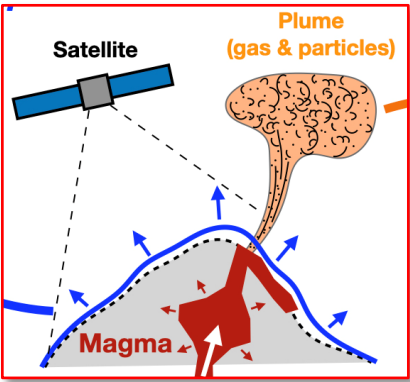
Atmospheric Sciences & Solid Earth-Volcanology project



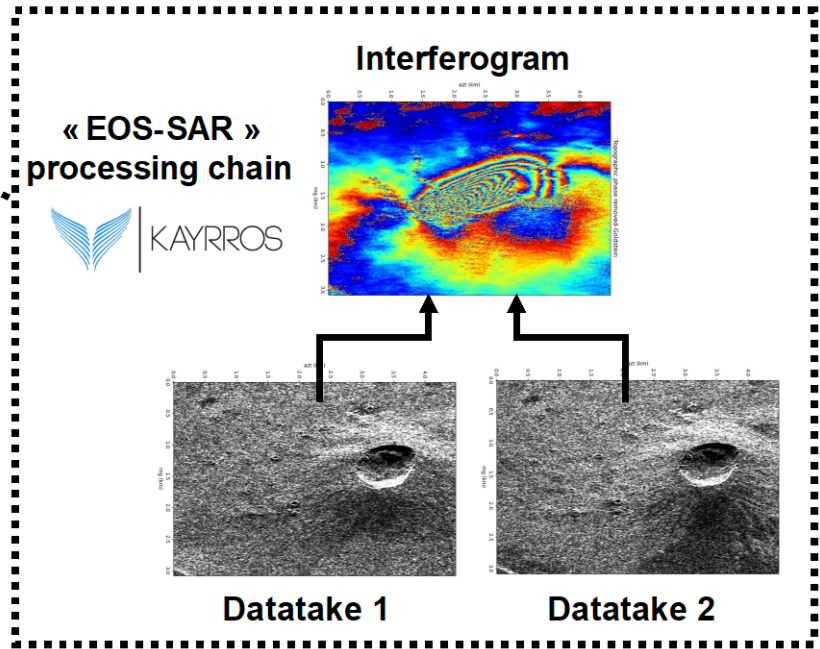
VolcPlume Platform

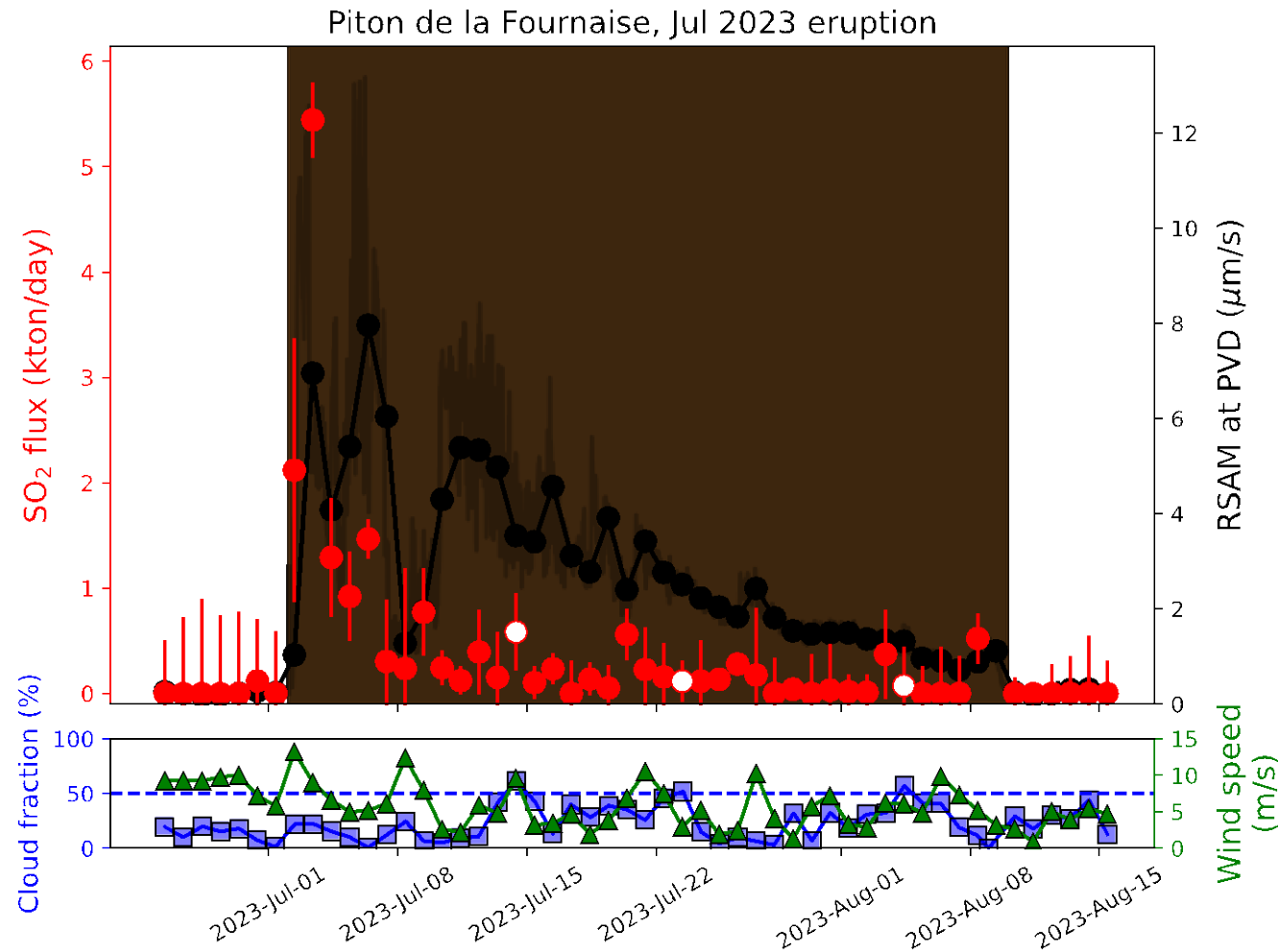


SO2 Flux Calculator Web App



Heavy data:
subsetting required,!
ideally *before* download!
!
Combinatorial explosion:
suited for parallel computing

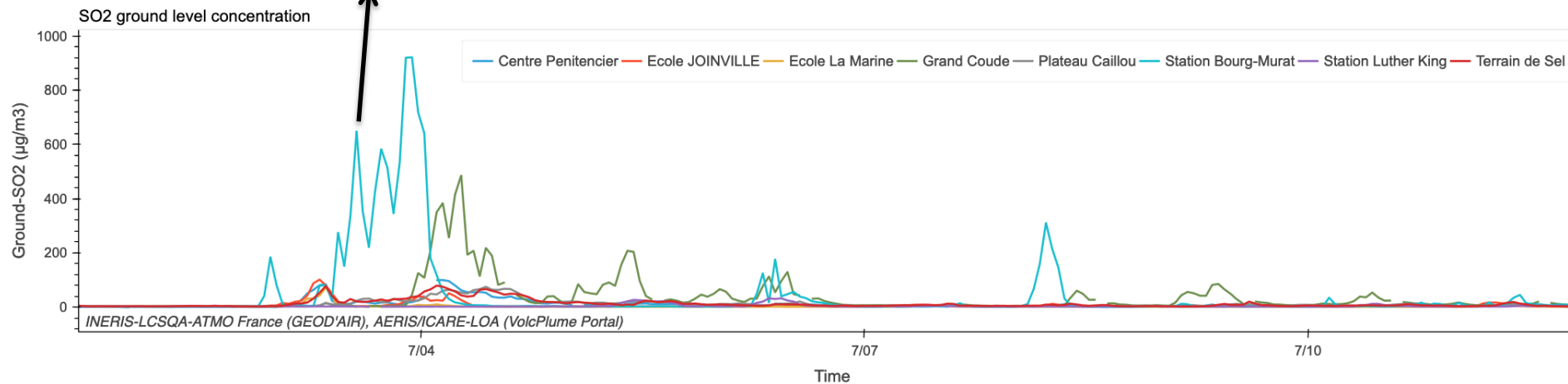
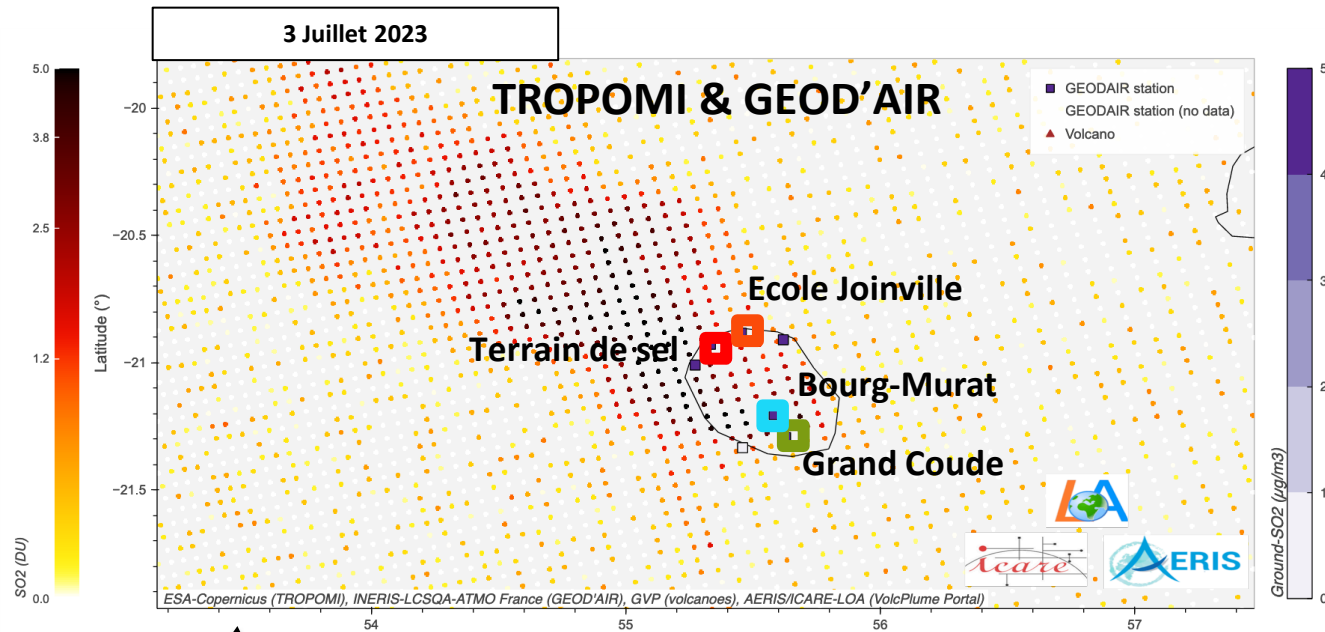




Grandin, Boichu et al., 2024

[10.22541/essoar.170067242.21872660](https://doi.org/10.22541/essoar.170067242.21872660)

- Broad correlation between seismic activity and SO₂ degassing derived from satellite observations => tracking degassing from space is an additional tool to follow the volcanic activity
- SO₂ flux calculator: can be massively deployed for automatic detection of volcanic degassing from space



**Exceeded Alert Level
(> 500 µg/m3 during 3 hours)**

Boichu & Grandin, Data Terra & AERIS web releases:

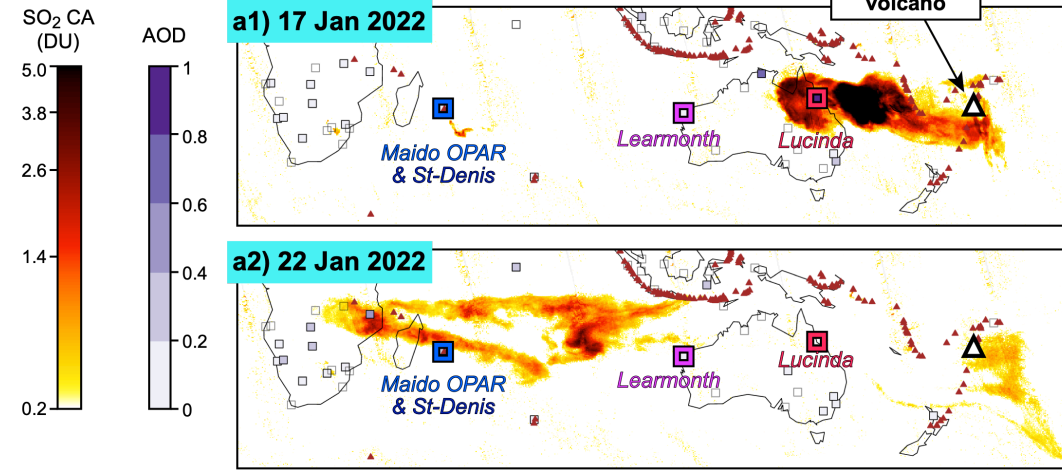
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<https://www.data-terra.org/en/news/fairease-observe-volcanoes/>

Growth and persistence of Hunga Tonga stratospheric sulfate aerosols: impact on climate (Hunga Tonga, 15 Jan 2022)

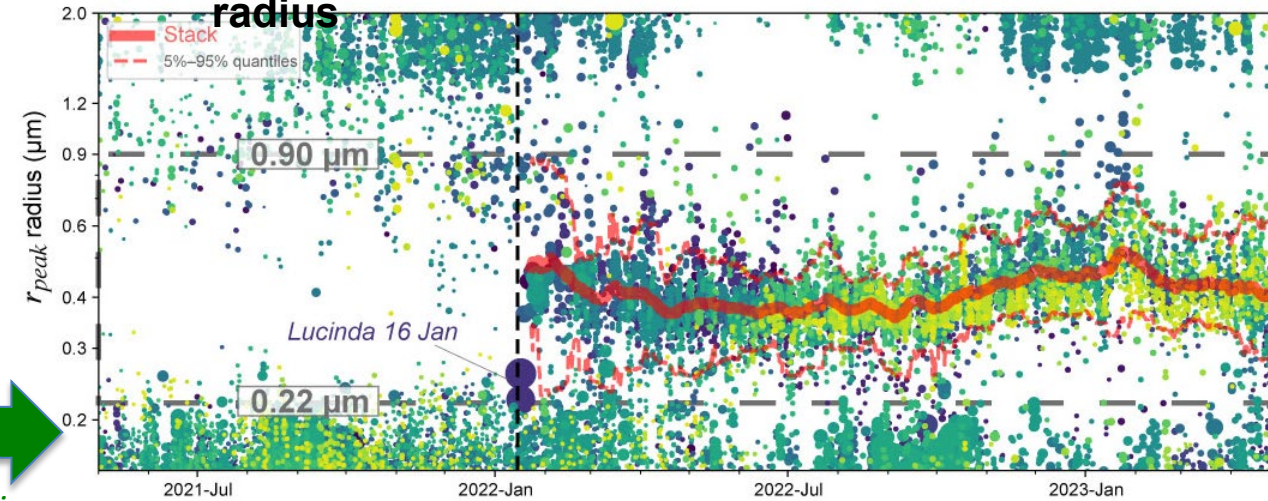


A record-breaking eruption in the satellite era !

TROPOMI SO₂



Fine mode aerosol radius

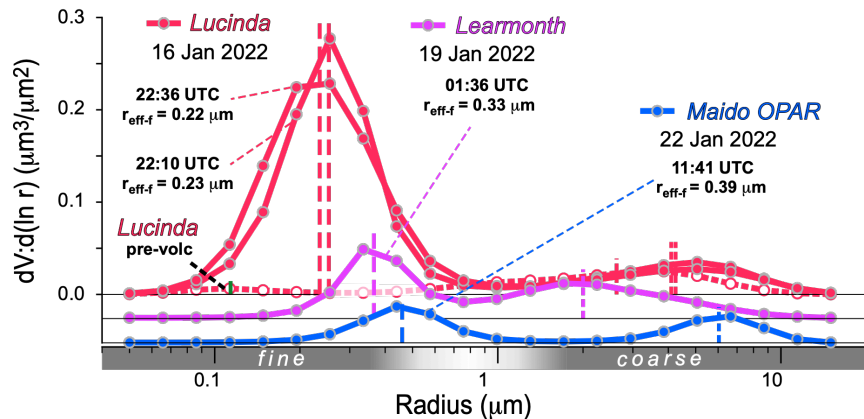


Multi-station analysis of AERONET network data (VOLCLUME)

Key results

- Faster growth than for other stratospheric eruptions.
- Stratospheric aerosols persist for >1.4 yrs as identified at 20 AERONET stations of the southern hemisphere.
- 1 yr after eruption: Hunga Tonga aerosols smaller than Pinatubo particles => an enhanced climate impact ?

Aerosol volume size distribution (AERONET)



- Fast progress in remote sensing: increasing spectral/spatial/temporal resolutions of satellite data, open access to multiple ground networks...
- Challenge to jointly process so many data and enable their fast and interactive visualisation
- We are developing **open access web services** for interactively aggregating and jointly analysing satellite observations from **Solid Earth and Atmospheric Science** communities **for the near-real-time monitoring of volcanic activity**
=> **VolcPlume Platform** and **Volcano Space Observatory Portal** for interactive and fast analysis of data to retrieve SO₂/particle emissions (flux, altitude) combined with ground deformation
- Can be a support for institutions in charge of atmospheric hazards (air quality, air traffic/VAAC, climate)
- Can be a support for Volcanological Observatories, especially during crises

