

# TRANSIENT VOLCANO DEFORMATION EVENT DETECTION OVER VARIABLE SPATIAL SCALES IN ALASKA

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# Outline

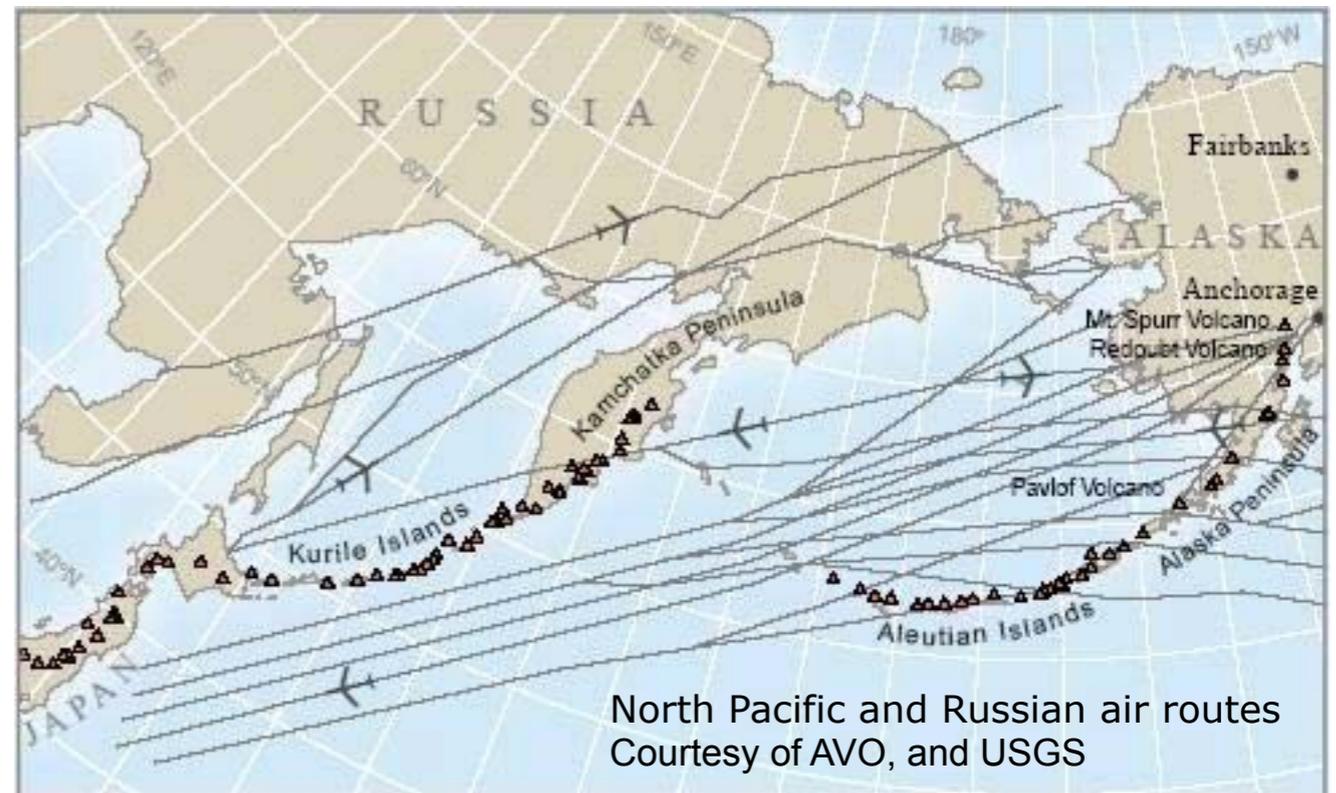
1. Why study Volcanoes?
2. How to study Volcanoes?
3. Which Volcanoes to study?
4. What did we find?

# Why Study Volcanoes?

- Understanding of important geological and geophysical processes
- Instrumentation shared with other fields in geology and geodesy
- Monitoring and mitigation of volcanic hazards
  - Ash clouds and fallout
  - Induced Tsunami
  - Lava flow
  - Volcanic gasses
  - etc ...



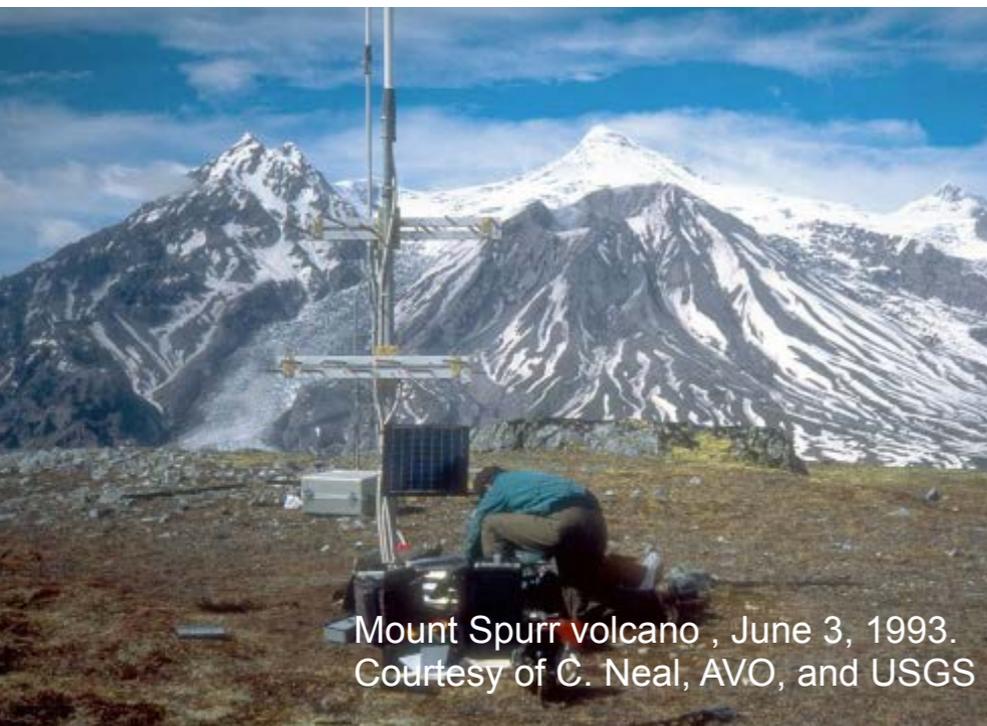
Redoubt Volcano, April 21, 1990.  
Courtesy of Robert Clucas, AVO, and USGS



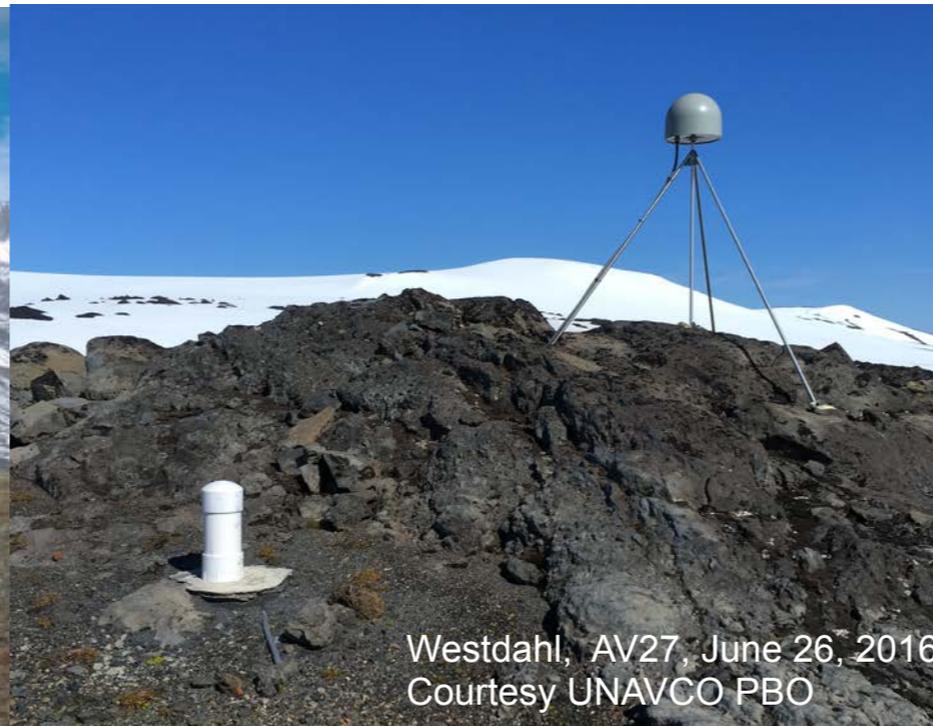
North Pacific and Russian air routes  
Courtesy of AVO, and USGS

# How to Study Volcanoes?

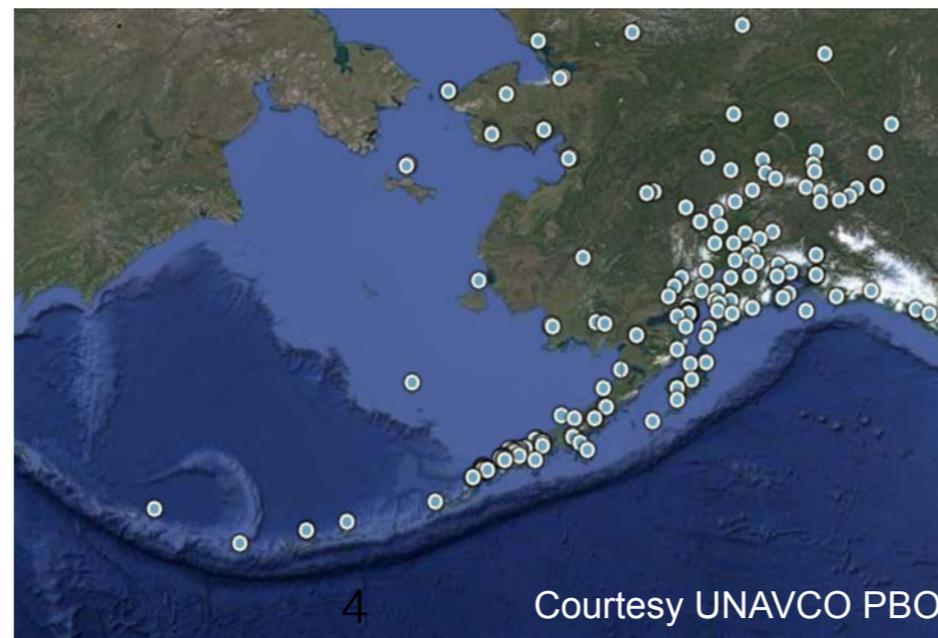
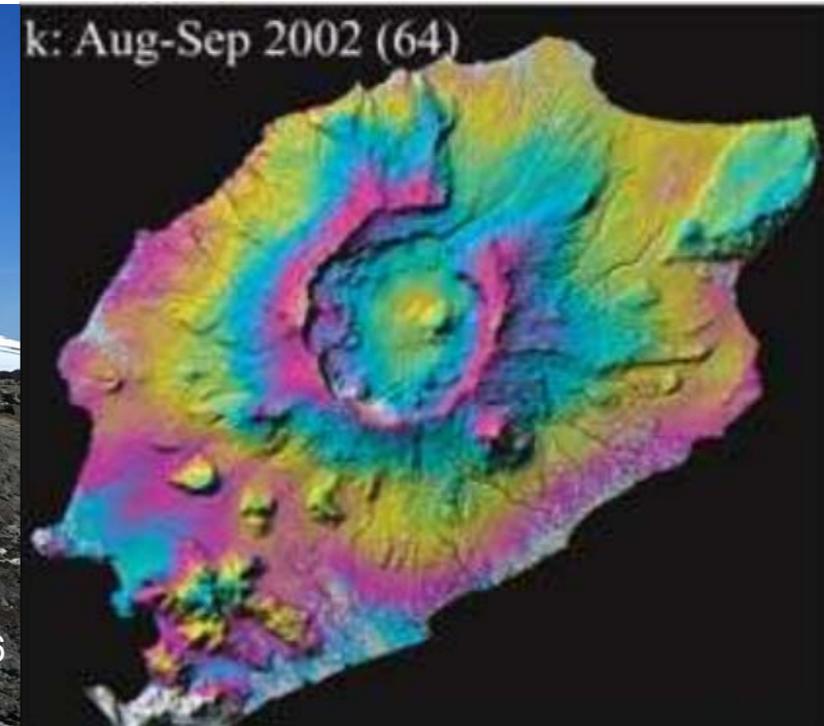
Seismometers



GPS

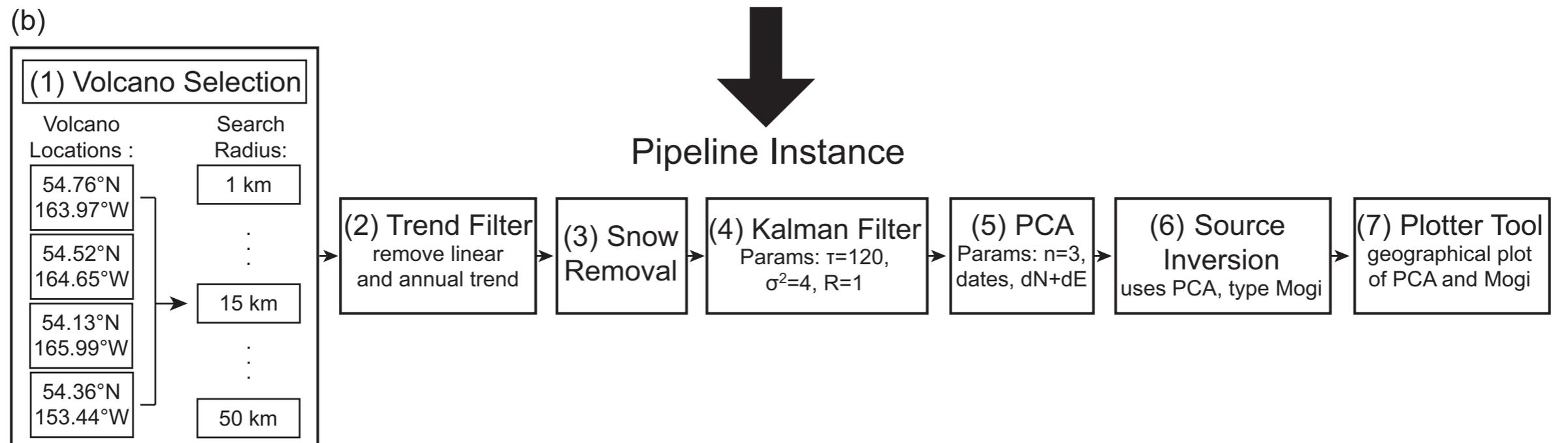
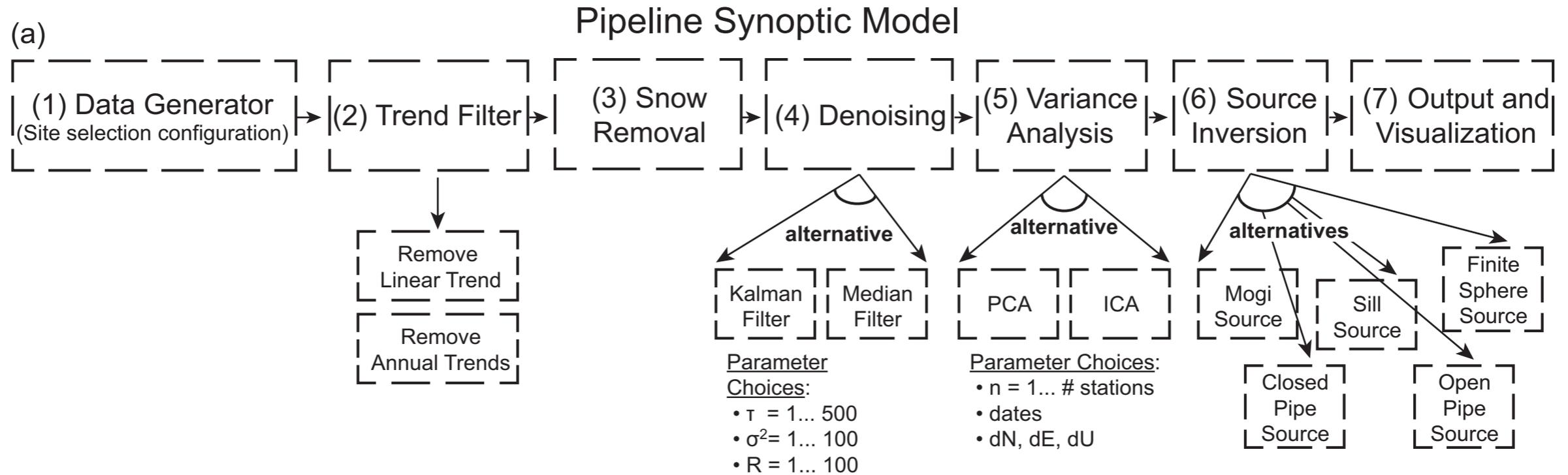


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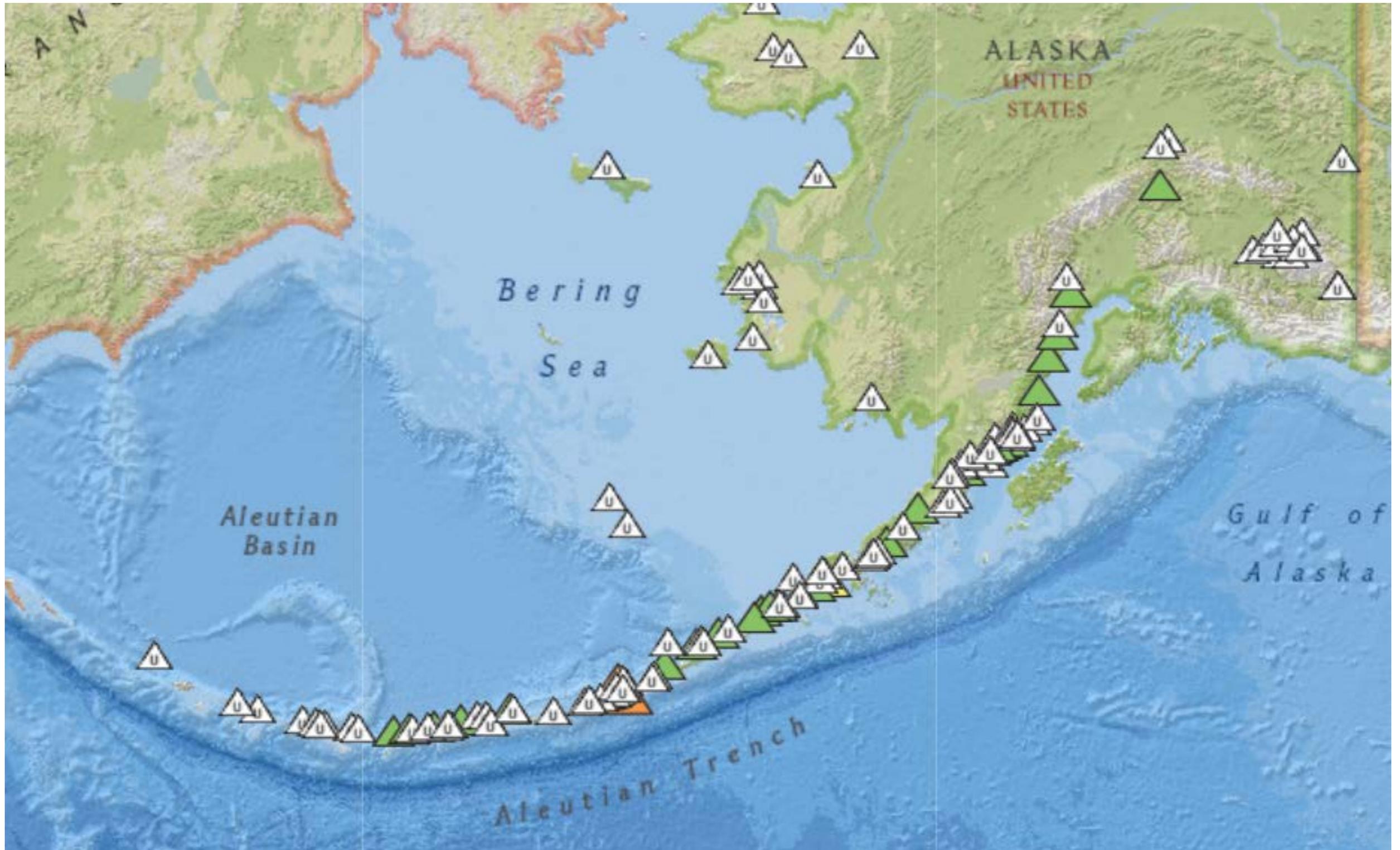


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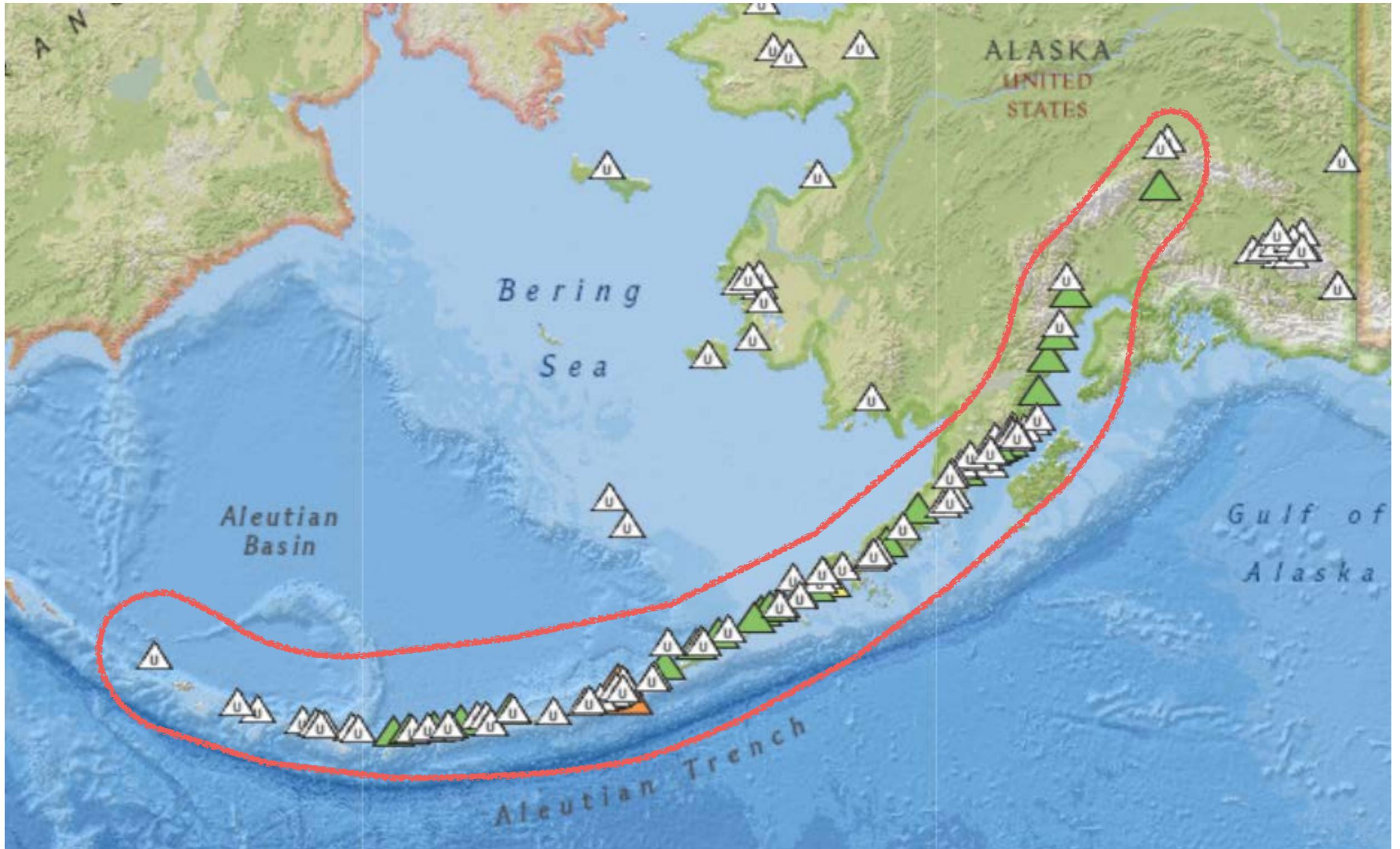


# Which Volcanoes?



Map of Volcanoes from the Alaska Volcano Observatory (AVO) Website

# Aleutian Islands, Alaska



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# AKUTAN VOLCANO

AVO operates a network of 11 seismometers on Akutan Island, which are used to monitor Akutan Volcano 24 hours a day. Pictured above is station AKGG (gray hut in right foreground), with the 1980 lava flow in the middle distance.

Image courtesy of Helena Buurman, AVO/UAF-GI.



# SHISHALDIN VOLCANO

Minor steam plume at Shishaldin, July 1, 2016.

Image courtesy of Tarek Wetzel AVO.



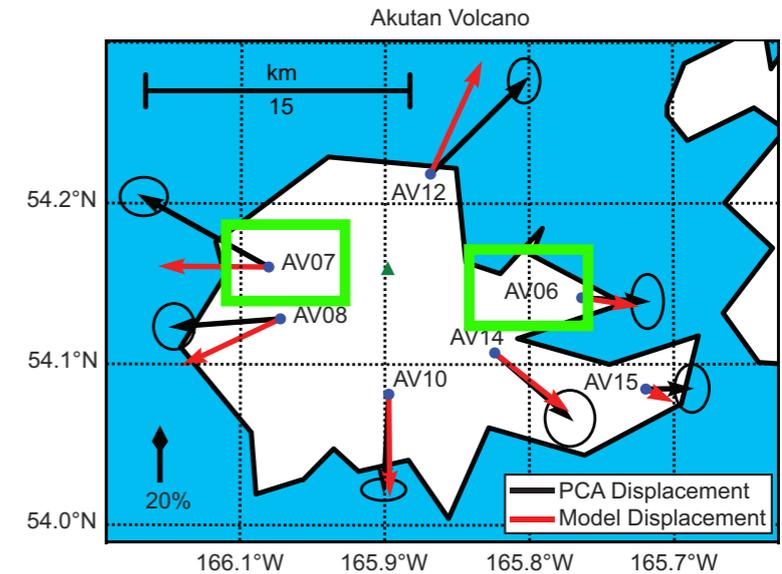
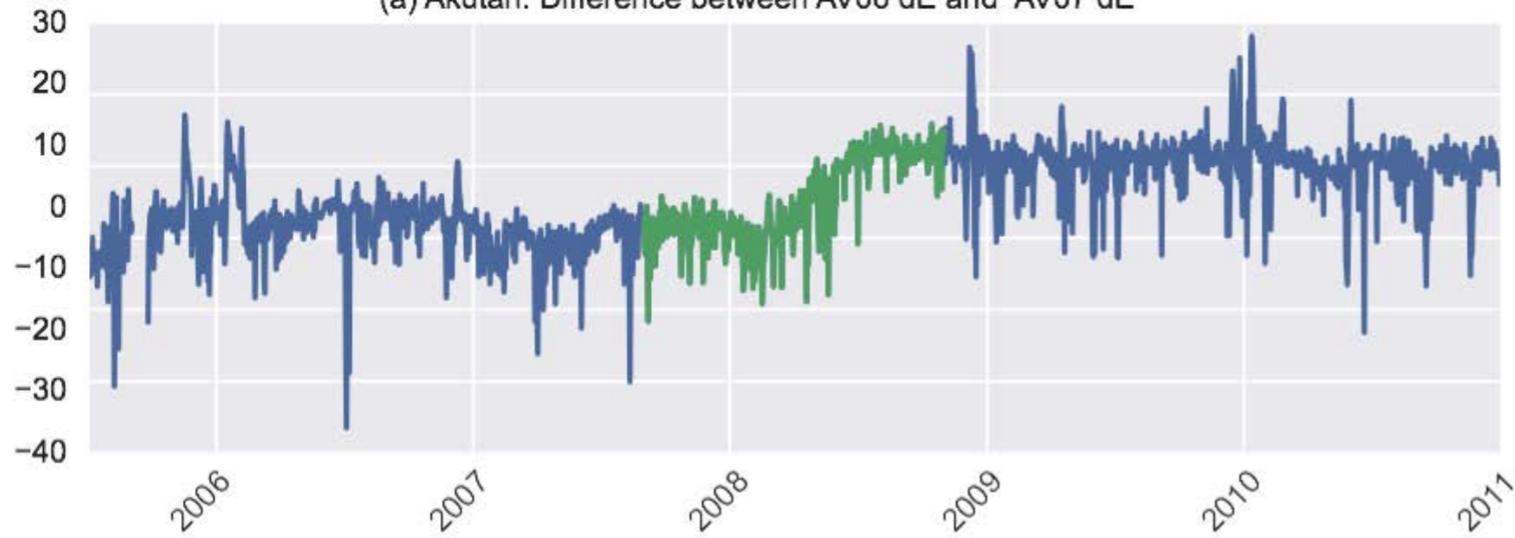
# WESTDAHL PEAK

Westdahl eruption 1991. Westdahl plume. View to the North.

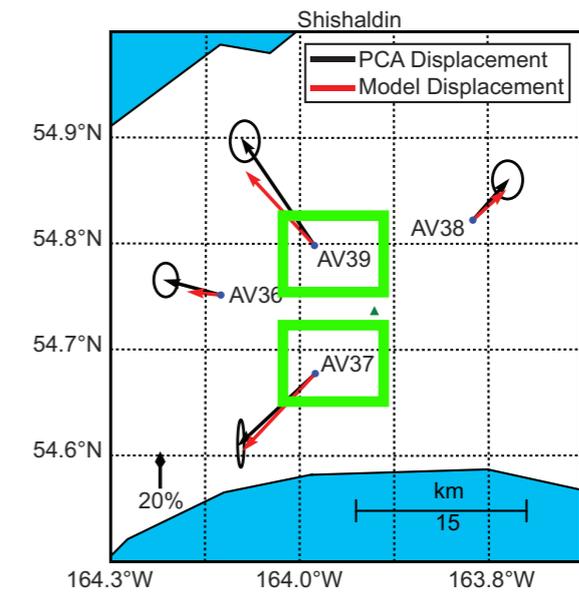
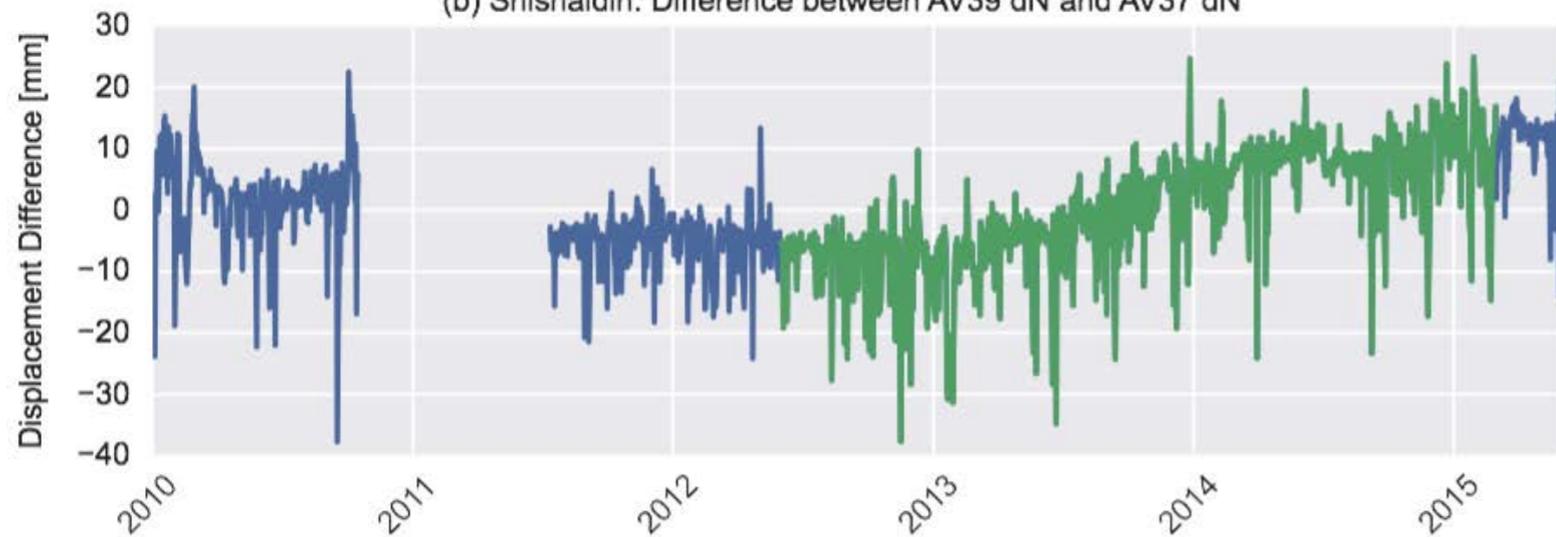
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# GPS - Volcanic Activity

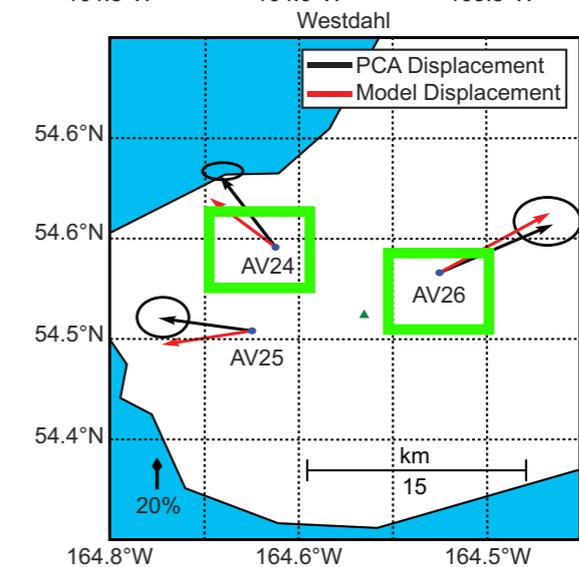
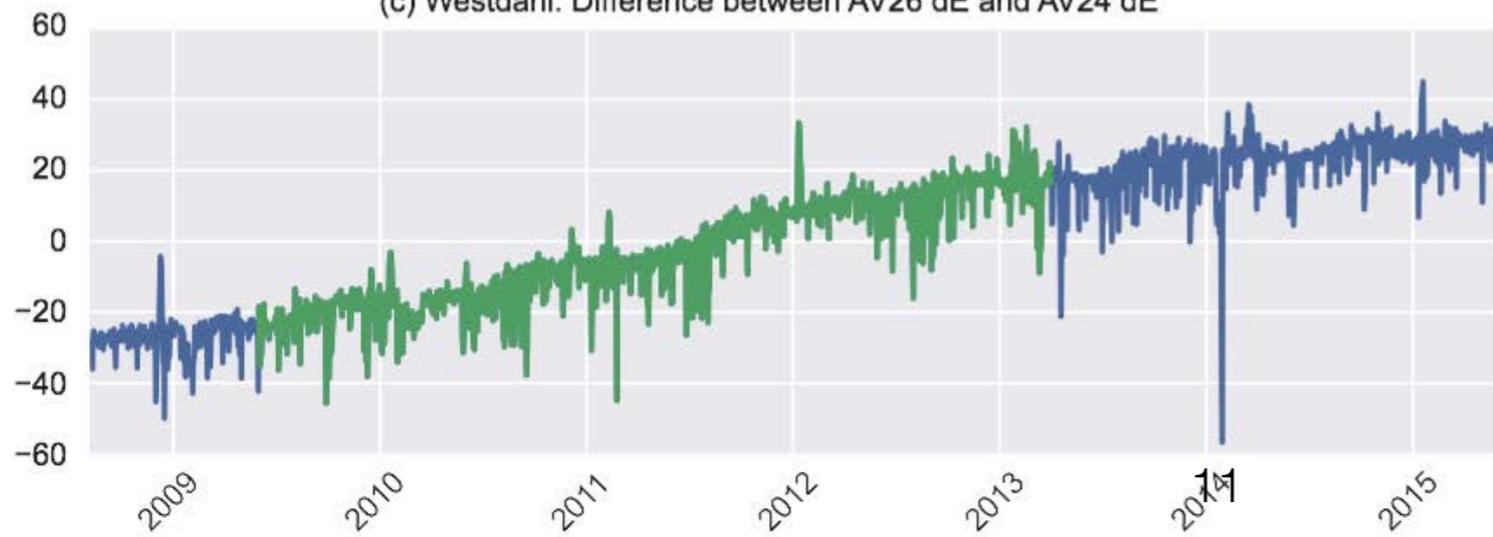
(a) Akutan: Difference between AV06 dE and AV07 dE



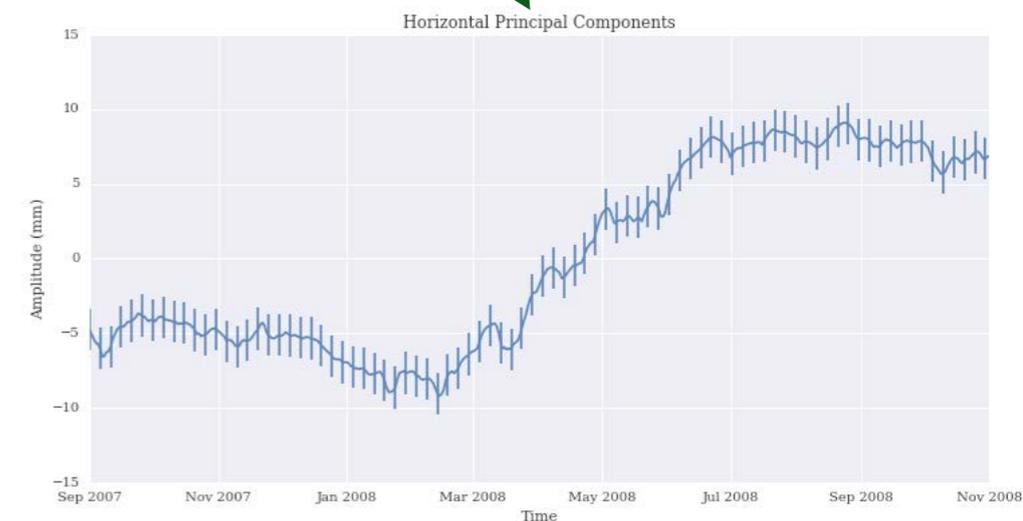
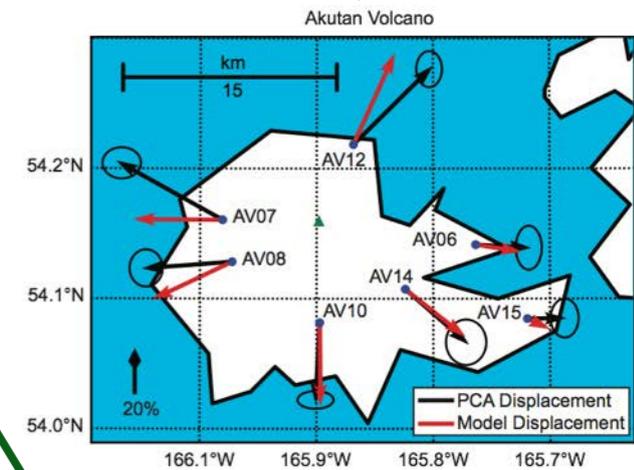
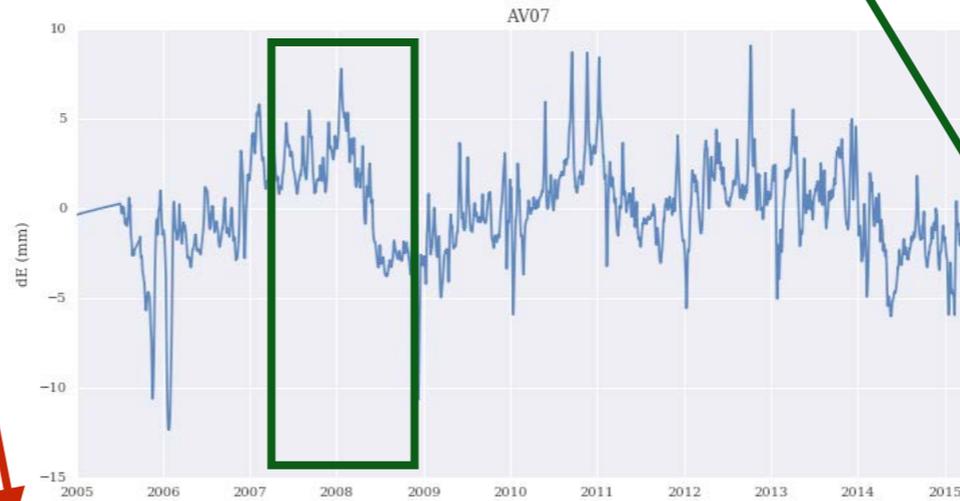
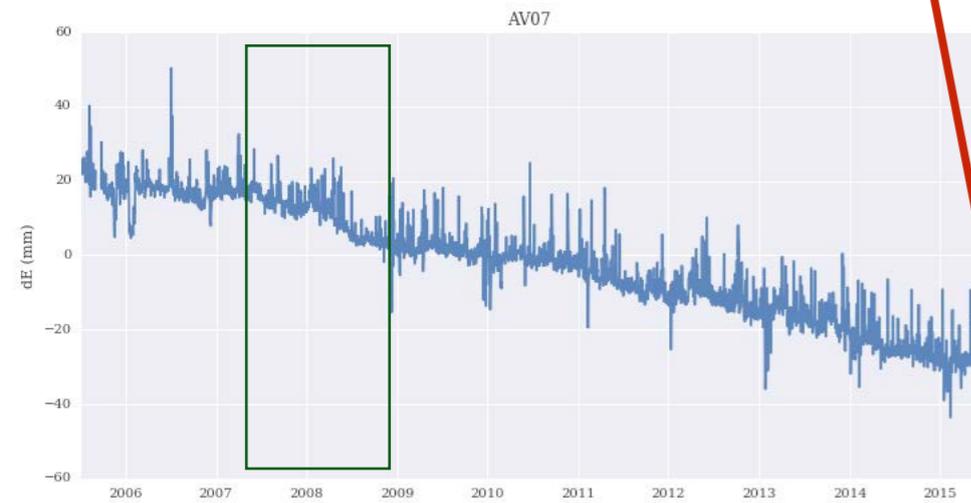
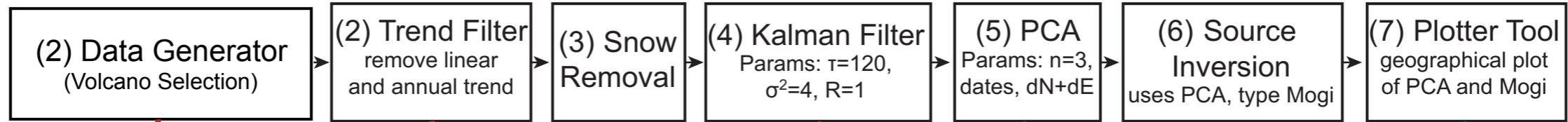
(b) Shishaldin: Difference between AV39 dN and AV37 dN



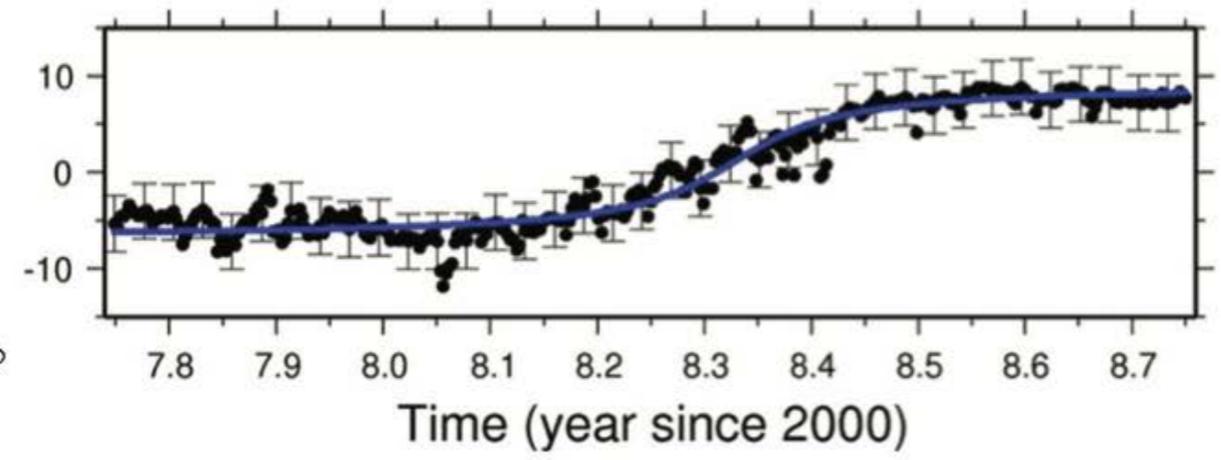
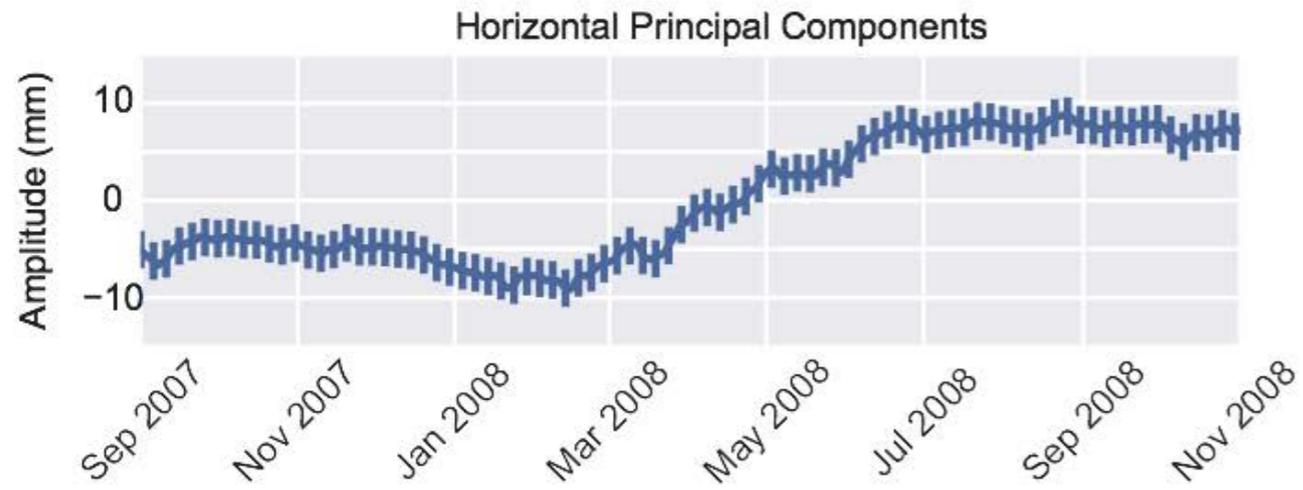
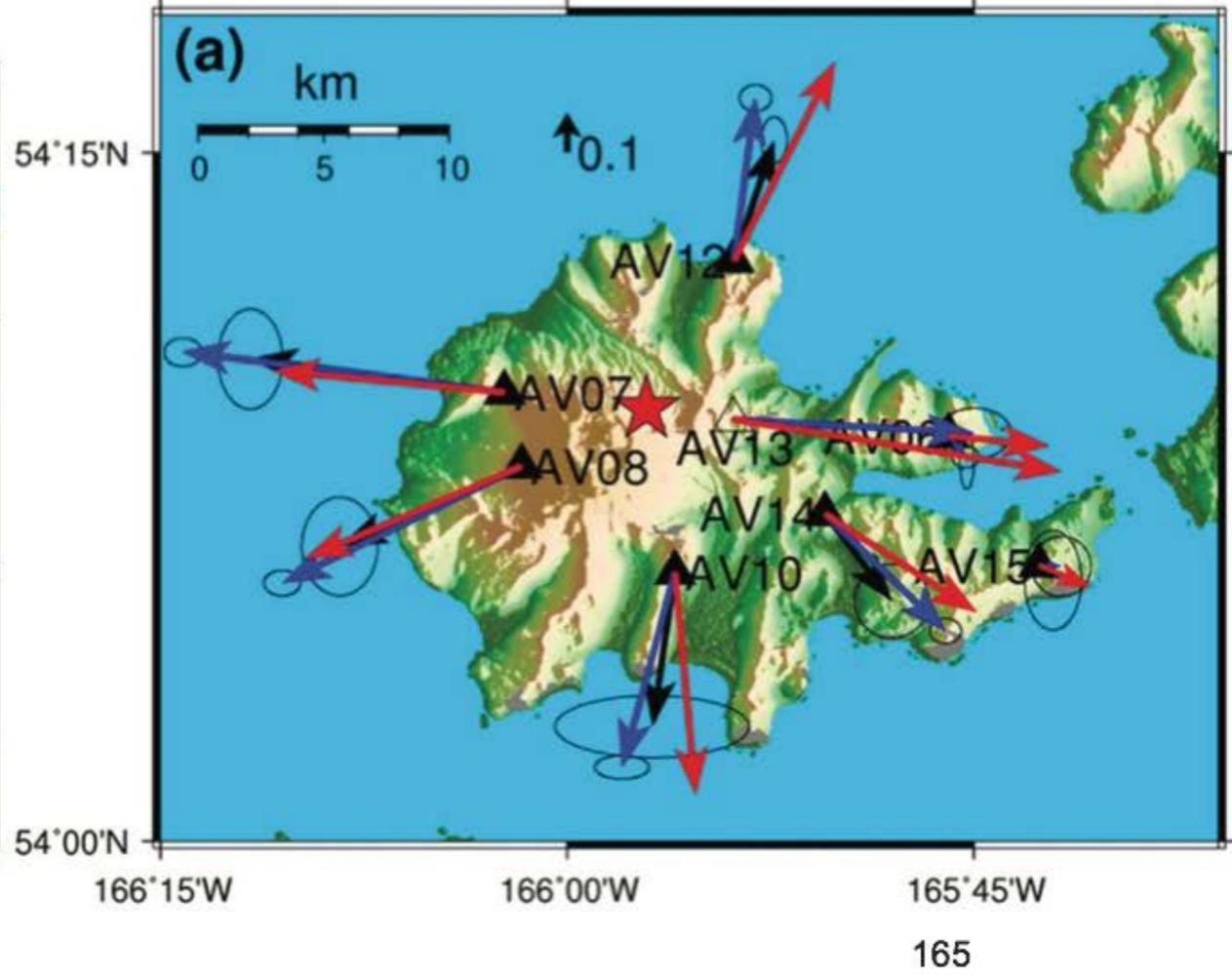
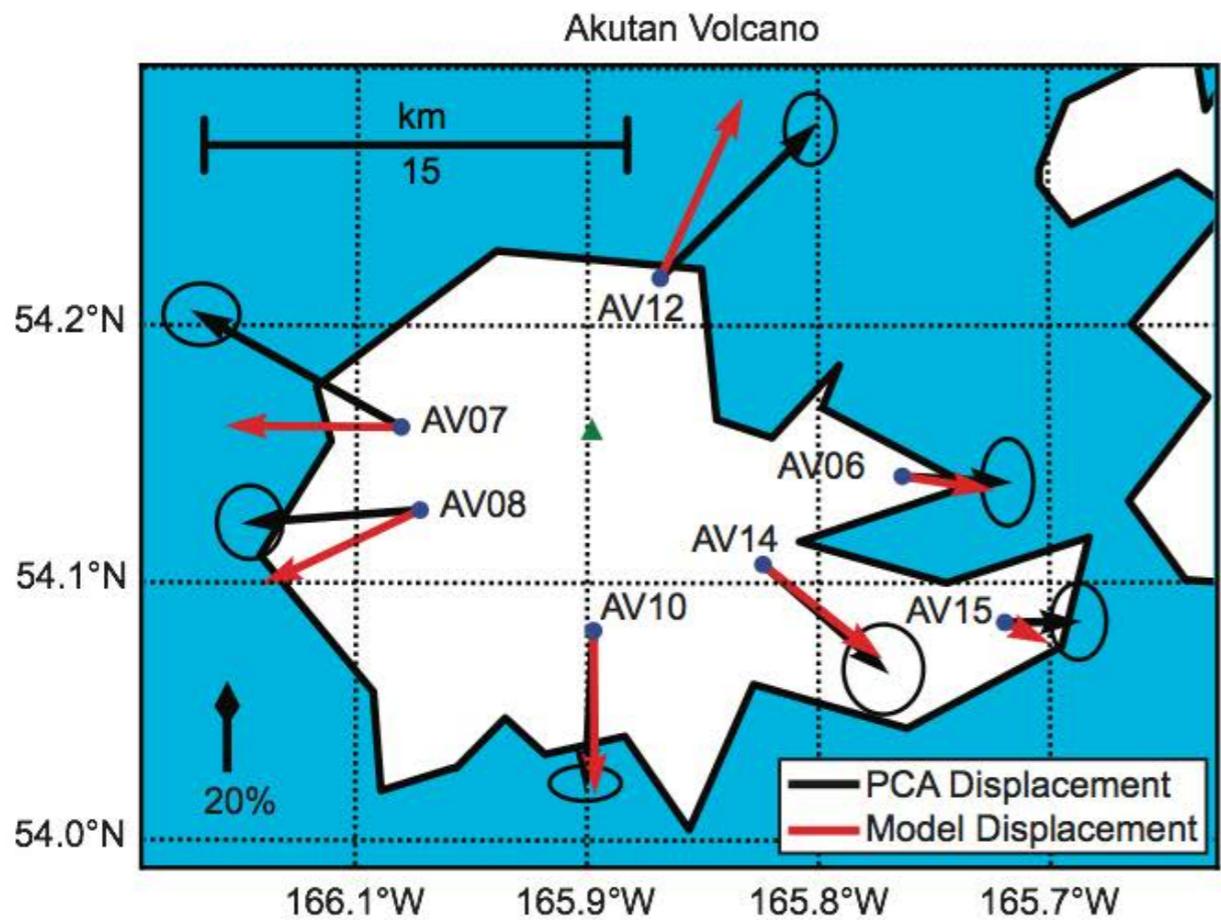
(c) Westdahl: Difference between AV26 dE and AV24 dE



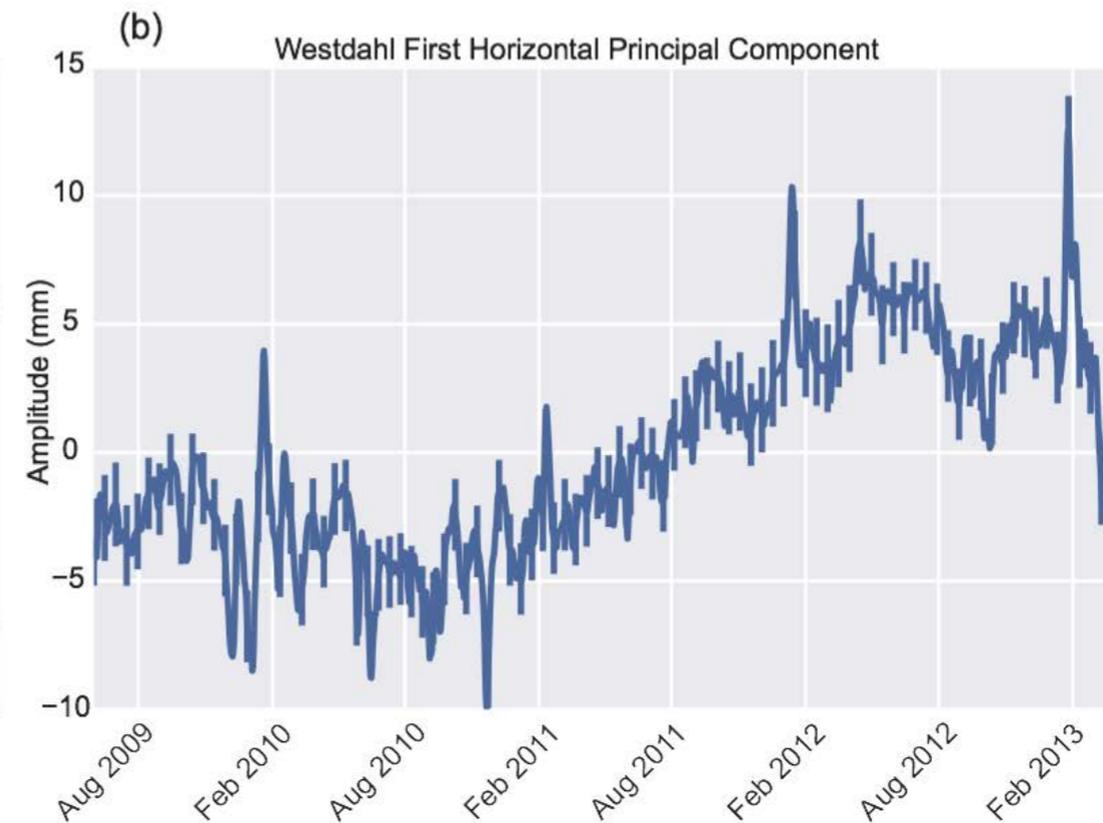
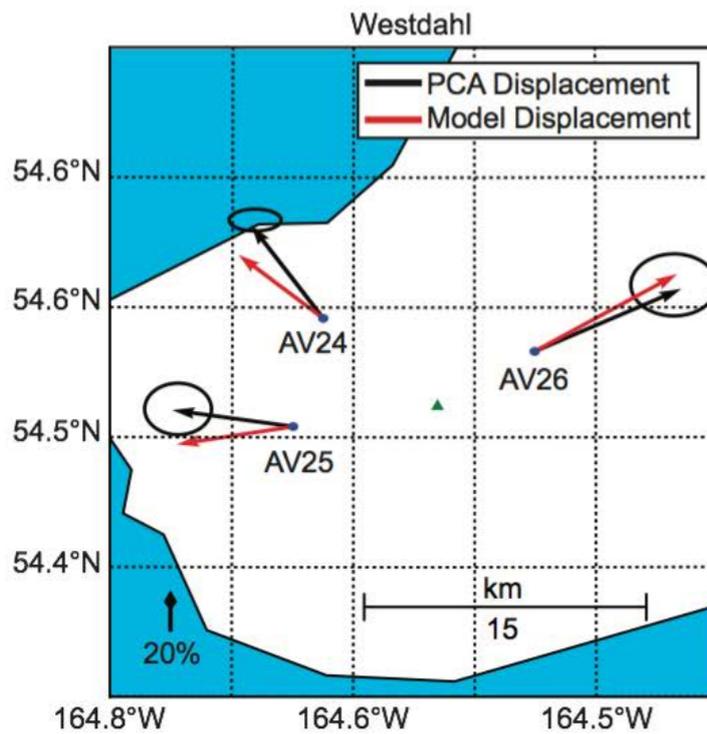
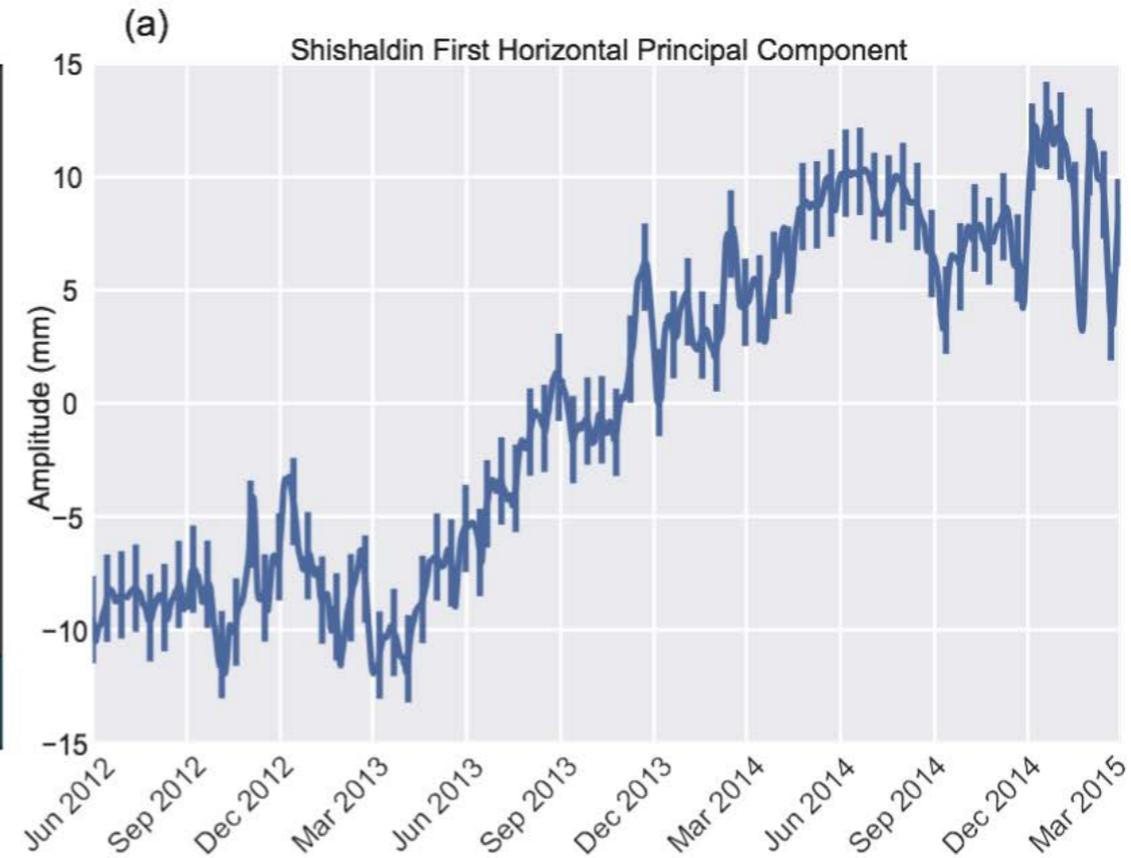
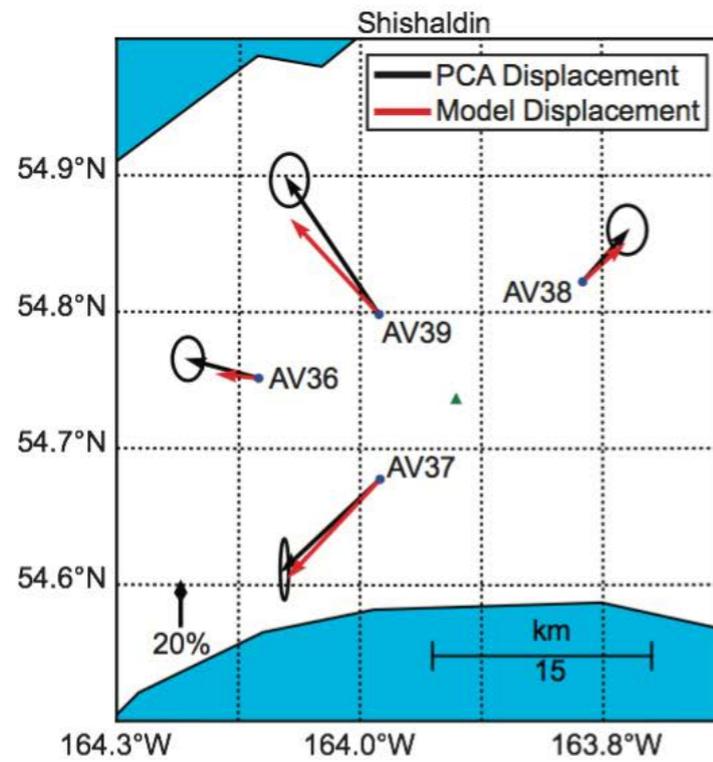
# Analysis Pipeline Framework



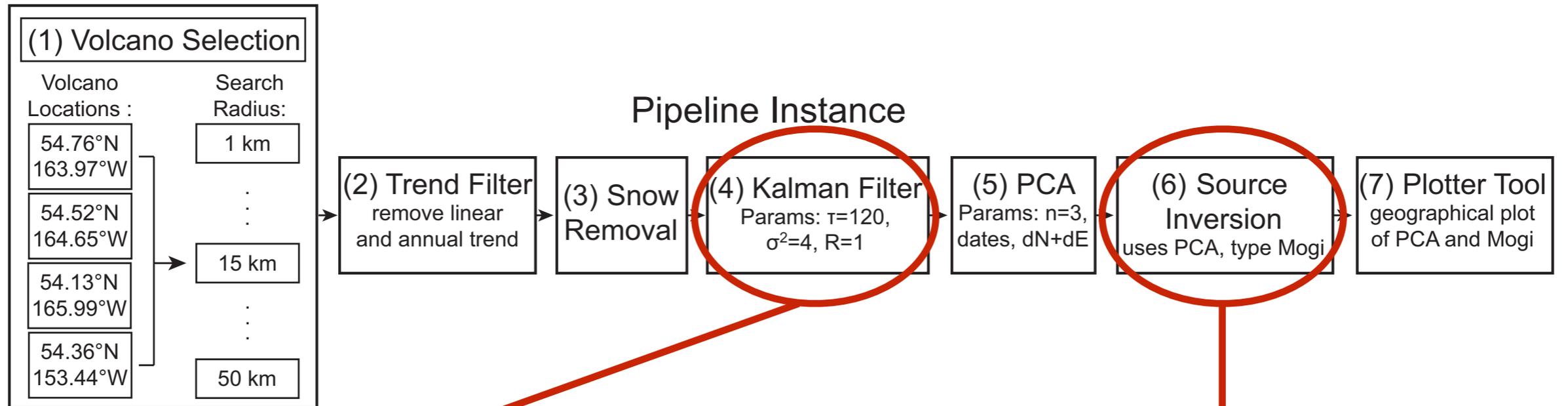
# Akutan Volcano



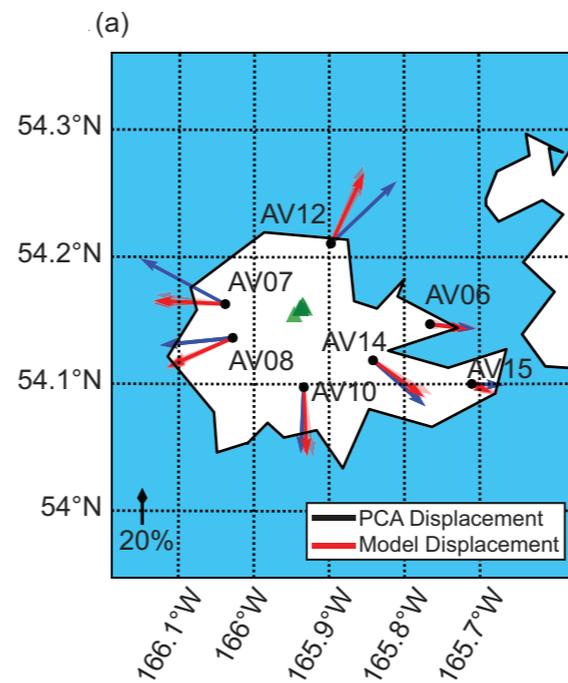
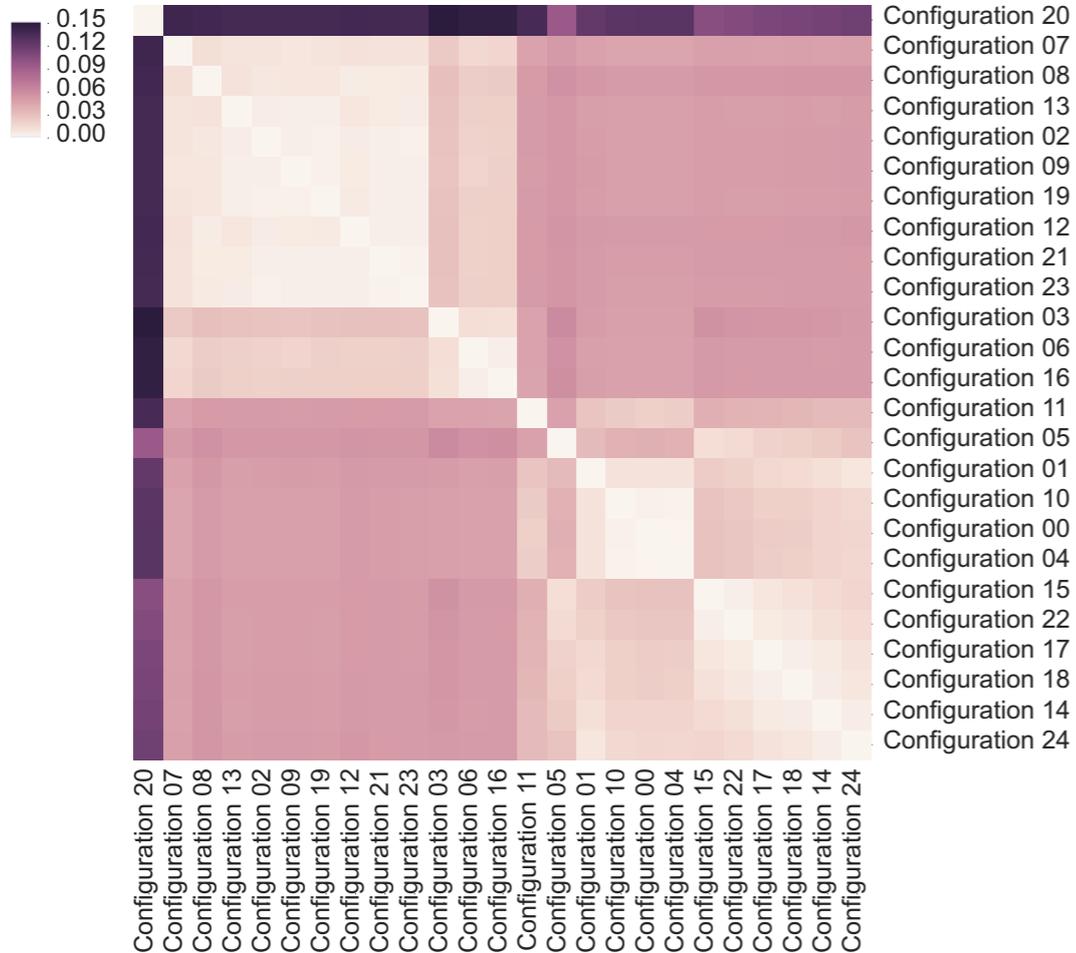
# Results: Shishaldin + Westdahl Volcanoes



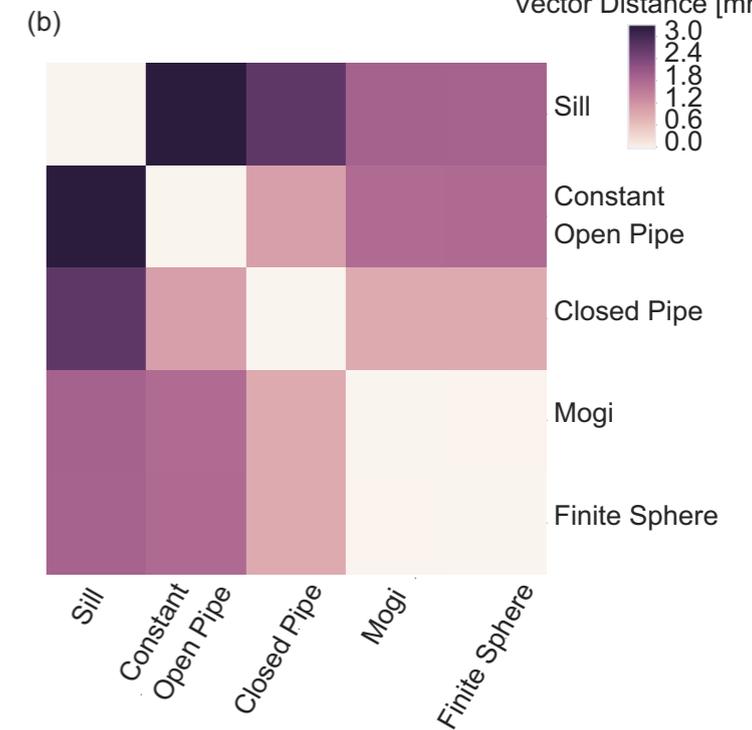
# Results: Model and Parameter Fitting



Similarity Metric:  
PCA Vector Distance



Similarity Metric:  
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# Summary

## 1. Why study Volcanoes?

- A) Important for understanding geological and magmatic properties and processes
- B) Needed for damage warning and mitigation

## 2. How to study Volcanoes?

- A) Use shared/common instrumentation
- B) Computer-aided discovery framework and pipeline

## 3. Which Volcanoes to study?

- A) Volcanoes in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska
- B) Data recorded by and available through UNAVCO PBO
- C) Validation through AVO reports

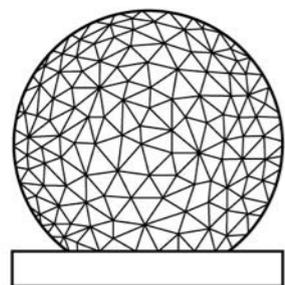
## 4. What did we find?

- A) New framework works — validated the Akutan result with prior work
- B) Discovered two new inflation events at Westdahl and Shishaldin
- C) Presented a framework for testing different event model assumptions and source types

# Thank You!

# Questions?

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U.S. Geological Survey

Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 12:09 PM AKDT (Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 20:09 UTC)

**PAVLOF VOLCANO** (VNUM #312030)  
 55°25'2" N 161°53'37" W, Summit Elevation 8261 ft (2518 m)  
 Current Volcano Alert Level: ADVISORY  
 Current Aviation Color Code: YELLOW

Low-level unrest continues at Pavlof Volcano. No activity was detected in mostly cloudy satellite and web camera images over the past 24 hours. Nothing significant was detected in seismic or pressure sensor data over the past day.

**CLEVELAND VOLCANO** (VNUM #311240)  
 53°49'20" N 160°56'42" W, Summit Elevation 5676 ft (1730 m)

## OUTSIDE LINKS

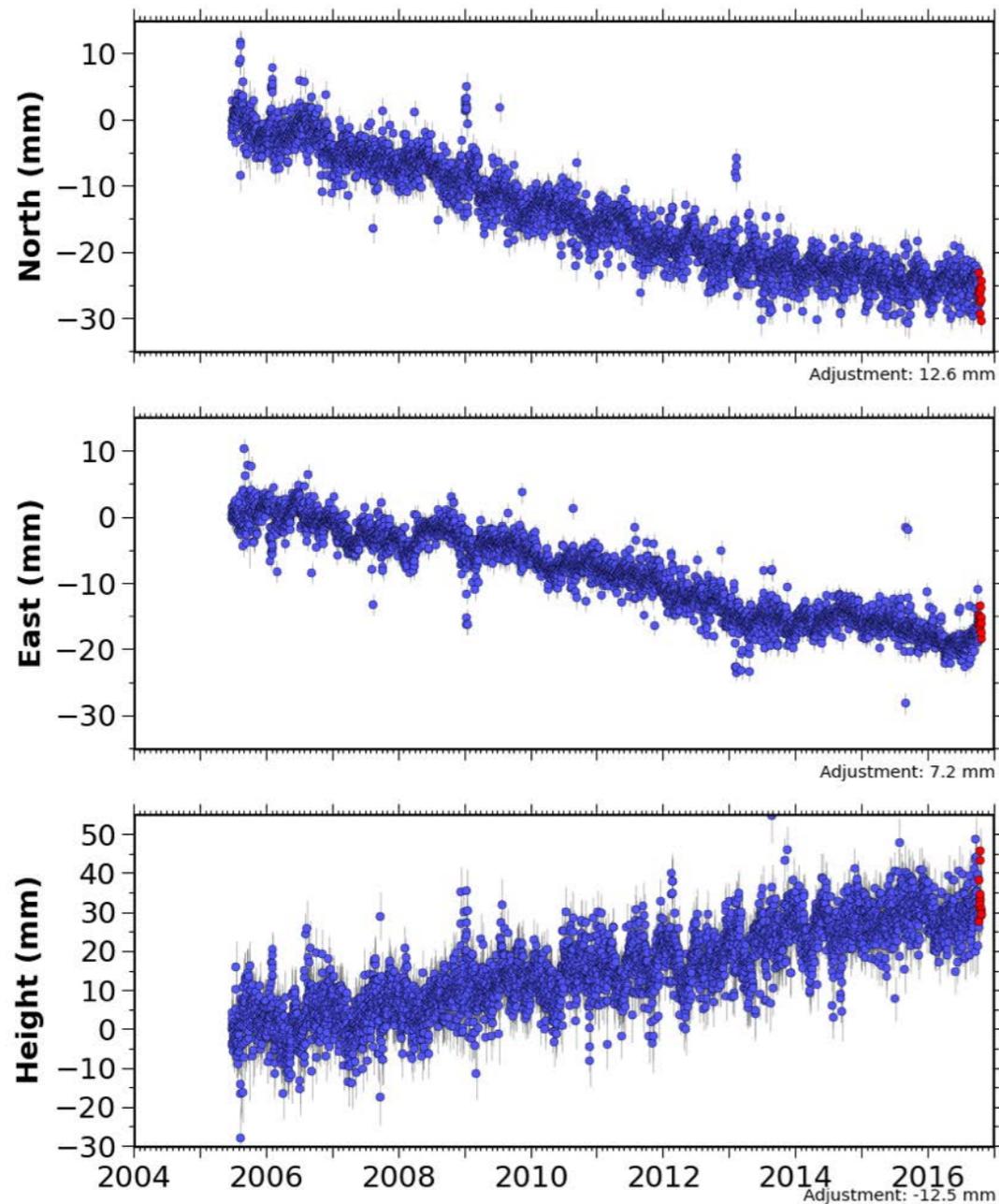
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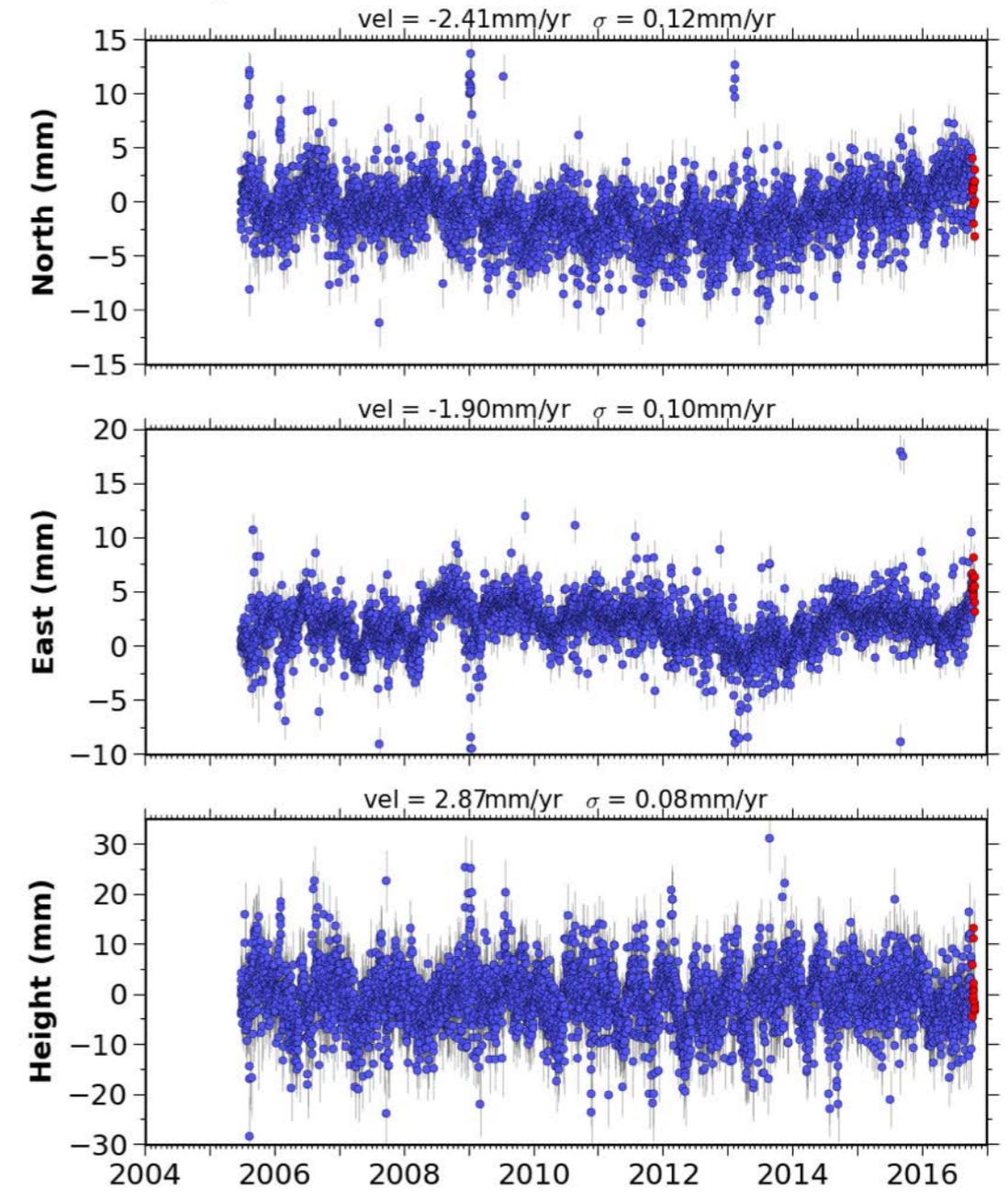
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Source file: AV06.pbo.nam08.pos Last epoch plotted: 2016-10-22 12:00:00

**AV06 (AKU\_AkutPtAK2005) NAM08**

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# Removing Snow Artifacts

