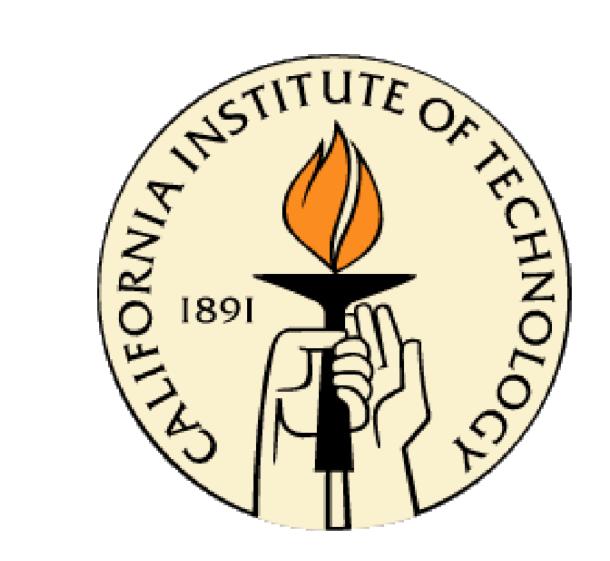


Automated Surface Change Detection on Mars Using HiRISE: Preliminary Tests



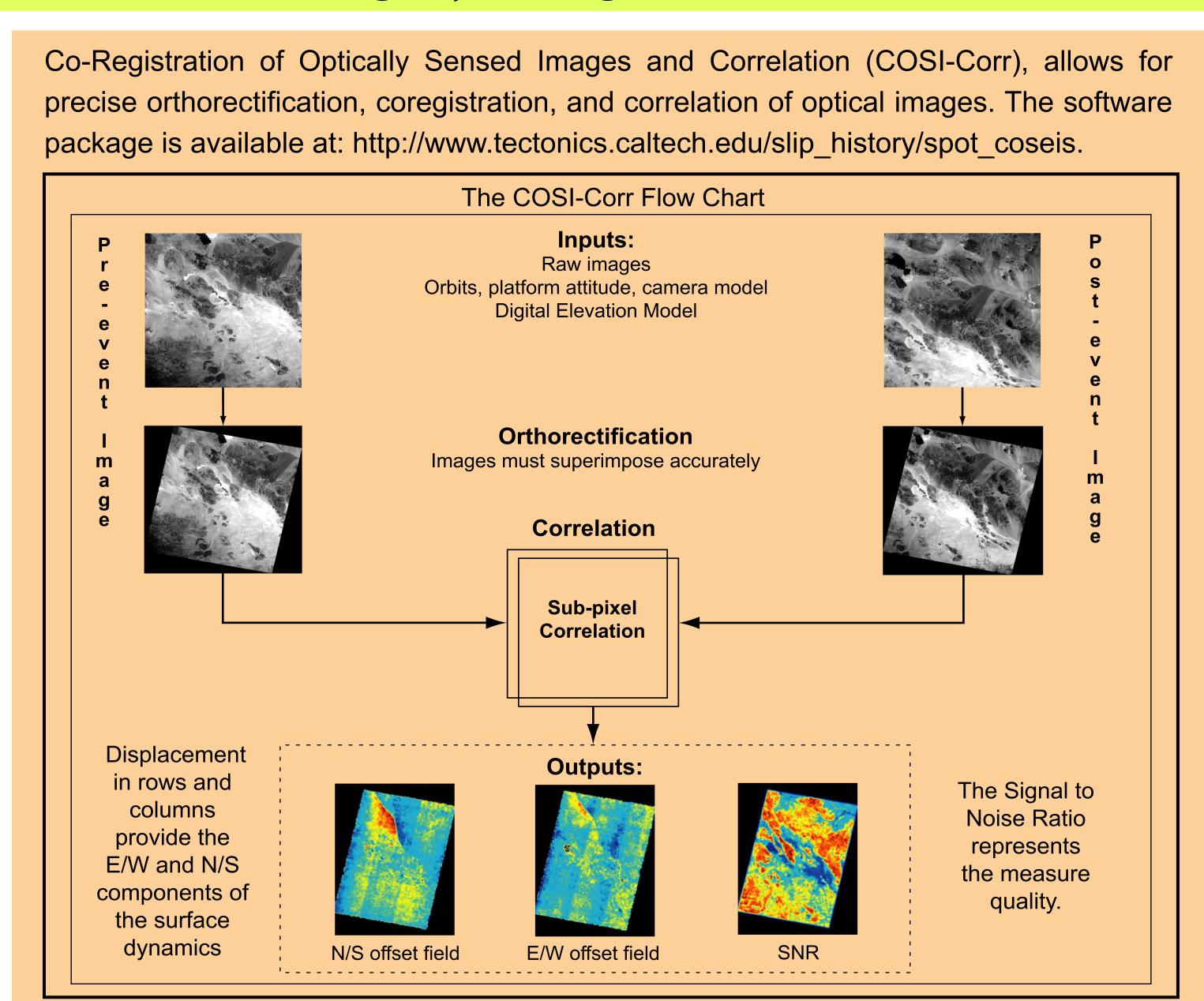


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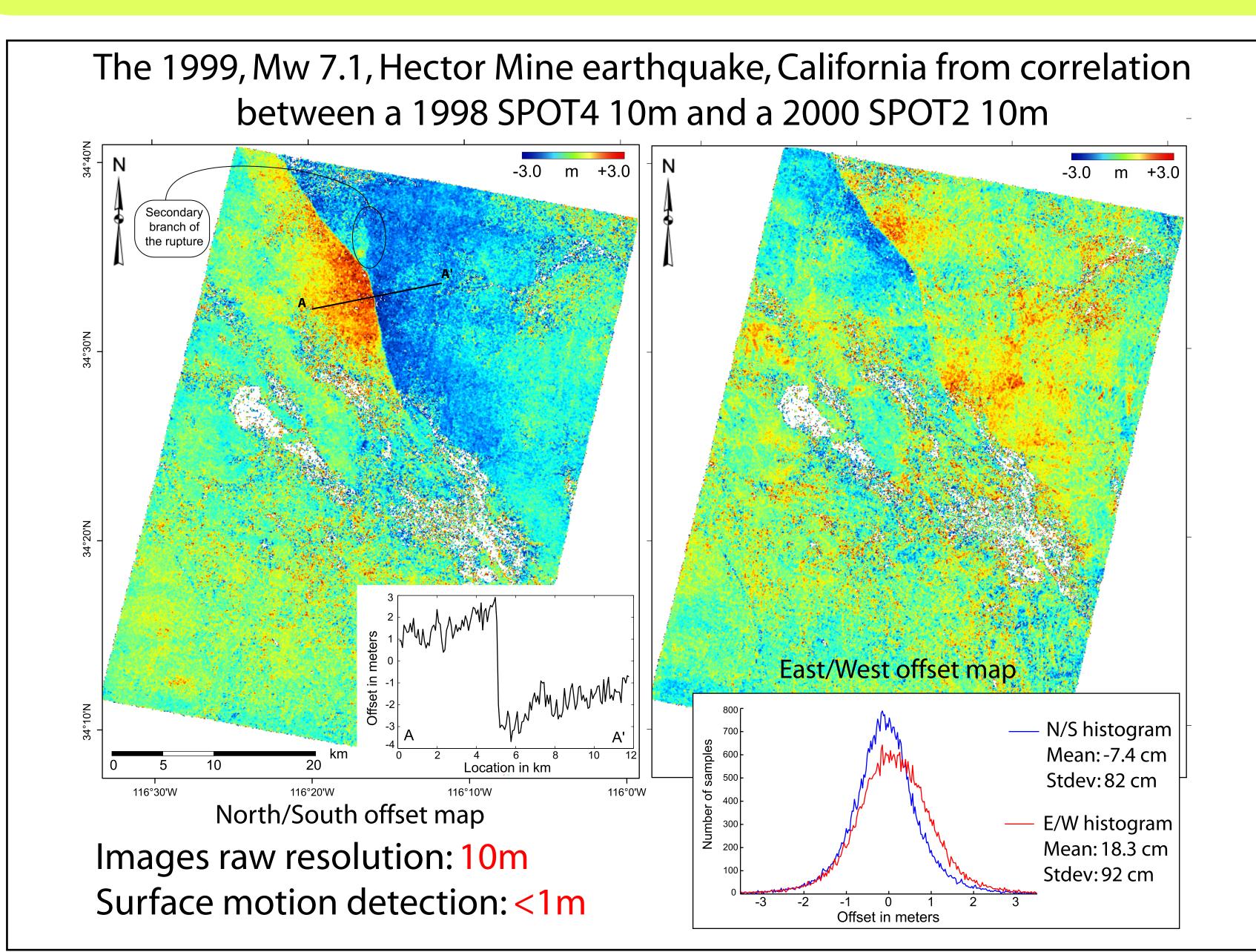
ABSTRACT: We evaluated the possibility to co-register accurately HiRISE images (~30 cm resolution) for change detection applications or surface displacements. Our preliminary tests show an excellent correlability of HiRISE images using COSI-Corr. In principle it should be possible to co-register images with accuracy ranging from 3 to 10 centimeters, such that changes at this scale and coarser can be measured. Two major sources of artifacts currently limit the technique application. A first source is due to uncertainties on the acquisition geometry: unmodeled attitudes of the spacecraft during the images acquisitions introduce distortions in the offset maps; static misalignments of the CCD detectors around their nominal location are also suspected. The second source is due to topographic error, which leaves parallax effect in the orthorectified images, and is ultimately retrieved in the offset maps. The correction of the geometric artifacts and a high quality DEM extraction are currently the most limiting factors. Their correction is therefore the next necessary step to take.

OUESTION:

Can surface dynamics being monitored with HiRISE imagery using COSI-Corr?



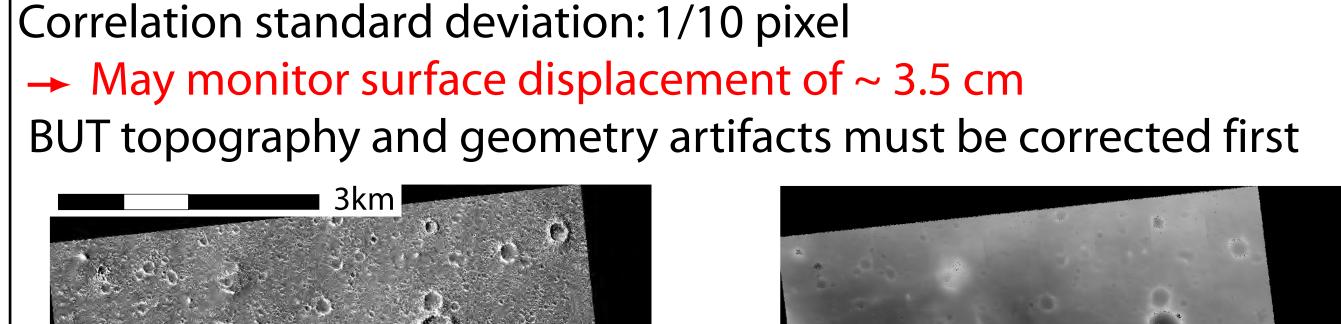
Successful results on Earth:

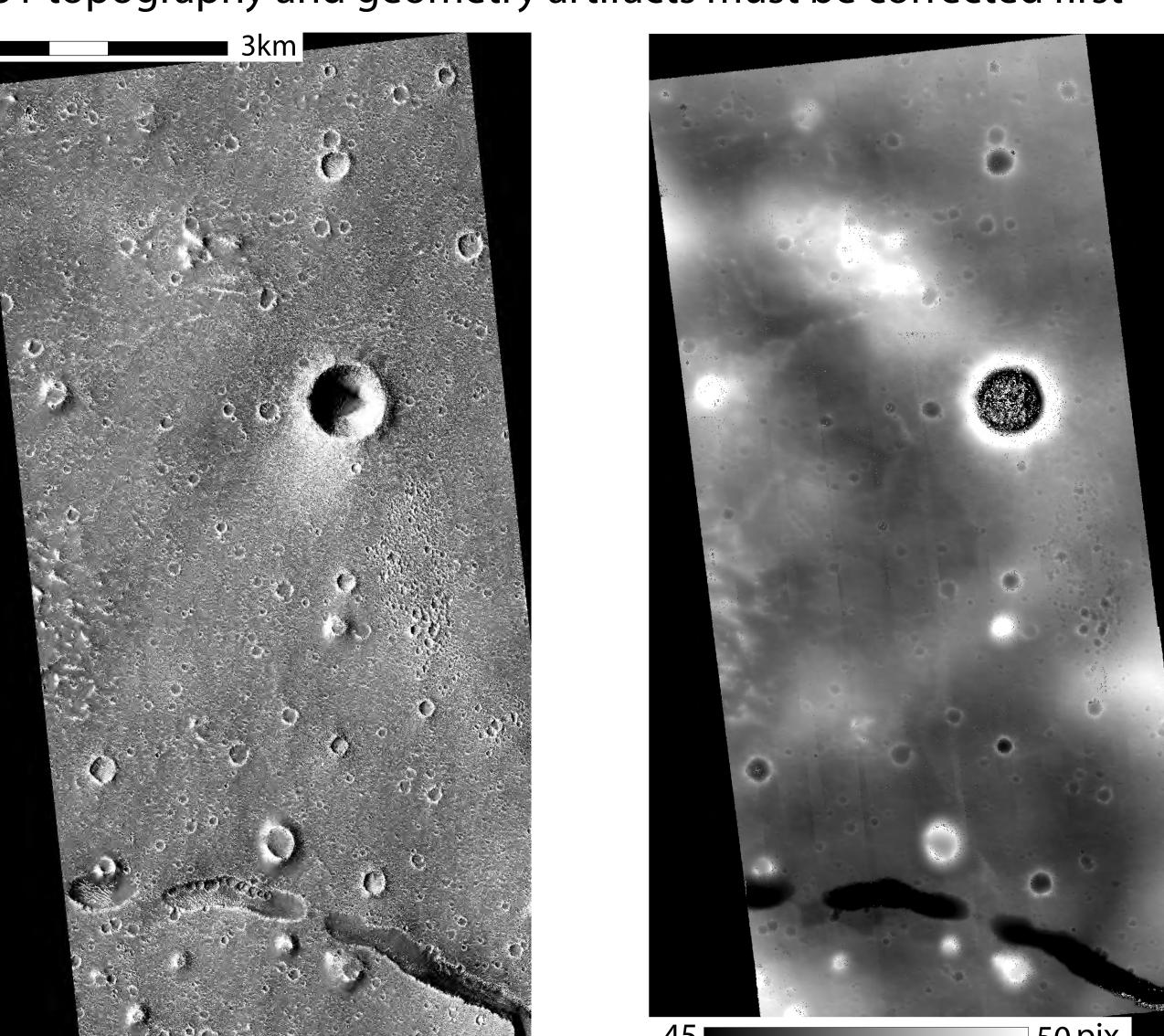


Disparity maps obtained from correlation of 2 HiRISE images with identical viewing angles over the Victoria crater area Images kept in the camera geometry, no topographic artifacts -> Jitter and CCDs artifacts of few pixels Along-track offset map Across-track offset map

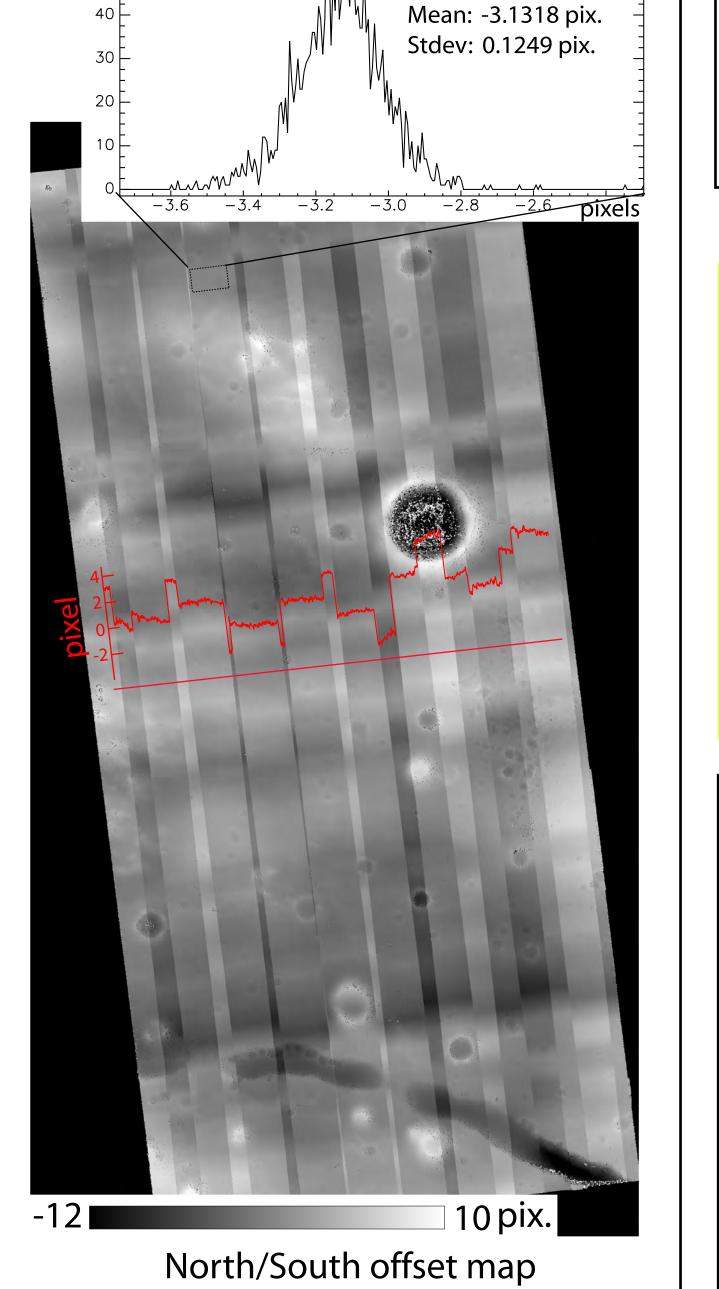
Disparity maps obtained from correlation of 2 HiRISE images (RDR) over the Hephaestus Fossae area

East/West offset map





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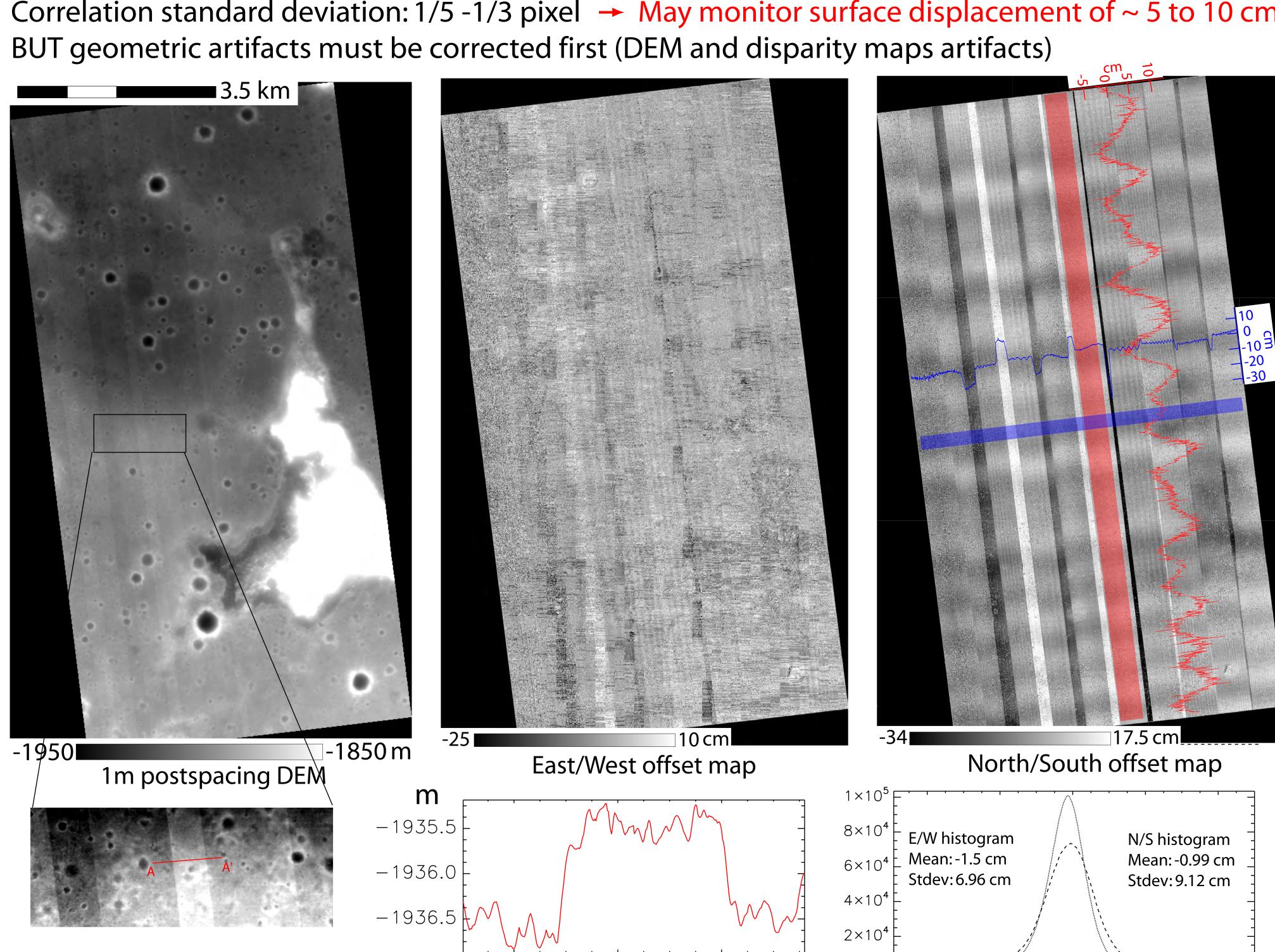


N/S Histogram

Nb of samples: 2282

HiRISE DEM, and disparity maps obtained from correlation of the orthorectified images (webgis.wr.usgs.gov/ftphirise/index.jsp)

Correlation standard deviation: 1/5 - 1/3 pixel \rightarrow May monitor surface displacement of ~ 5 to 10 cm



CONCLUSION:

HiRISE images co-registration and correlation is achieved with an accuracy of few tenths of a pixel. Precise surface dynamics monitoring is possible, but geometric uncertainties (i.e. acquisition, topography) must be corrected first.

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