



SCEC TAG: Mendocino triple junction

Overview of the regional tectonics in the MTJ



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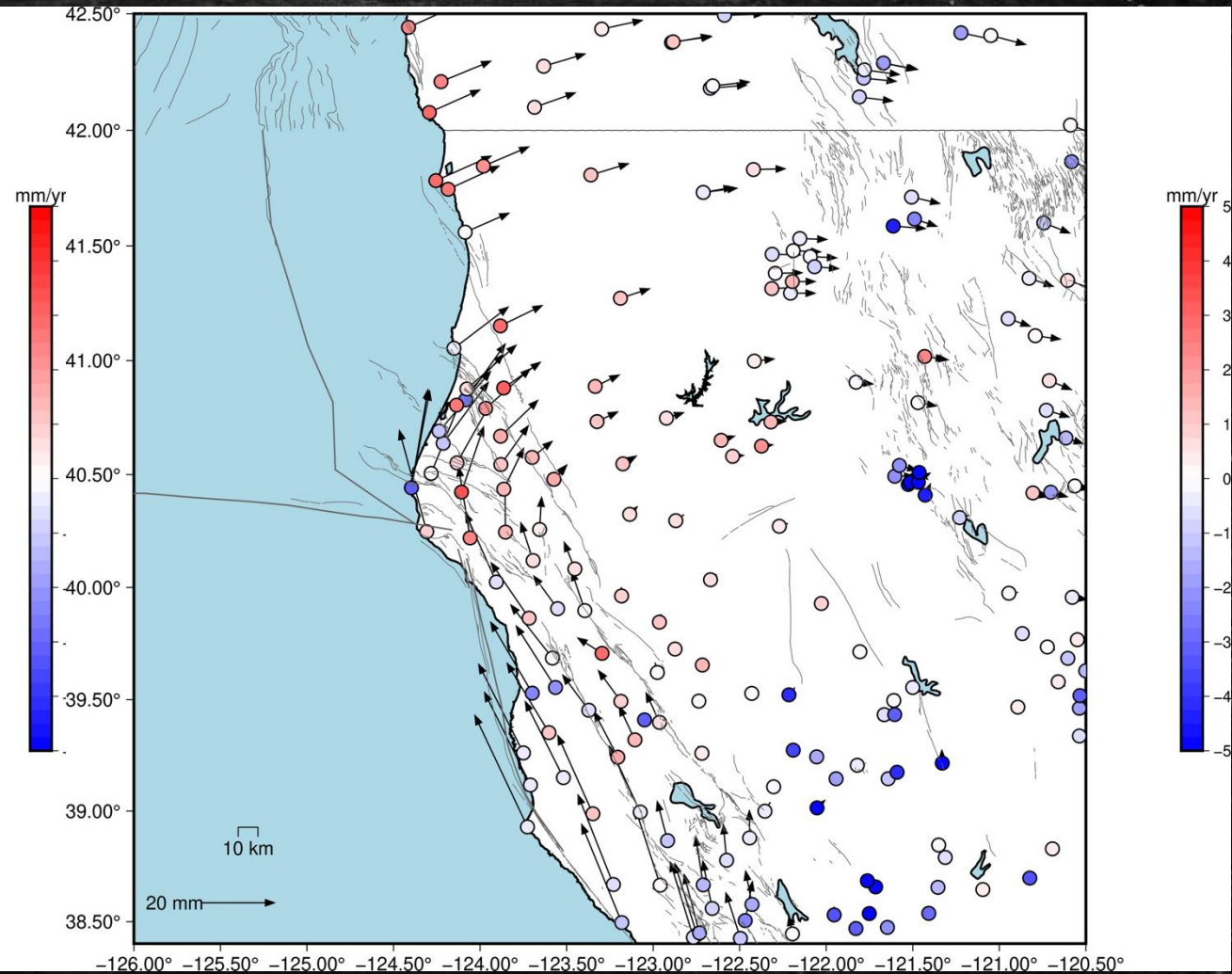
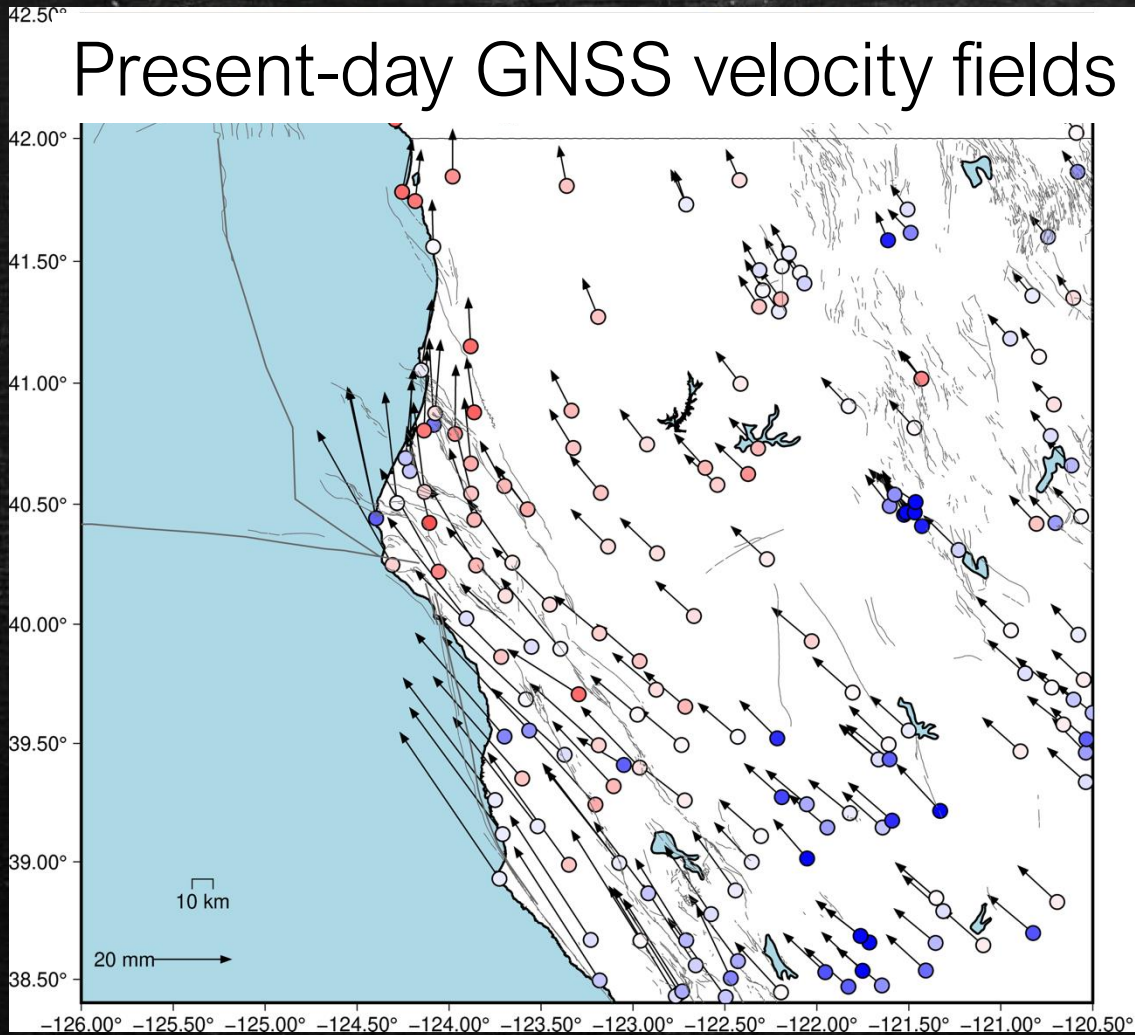
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Notes on recent space-geodetic observations

Present-day GNSS velocity fields



UNR MIDAS from 2026, converted with SNGV Euler Pole, Dixon et al., 2000
Faults from Qfaults; thick faults from McPherson and Prentice

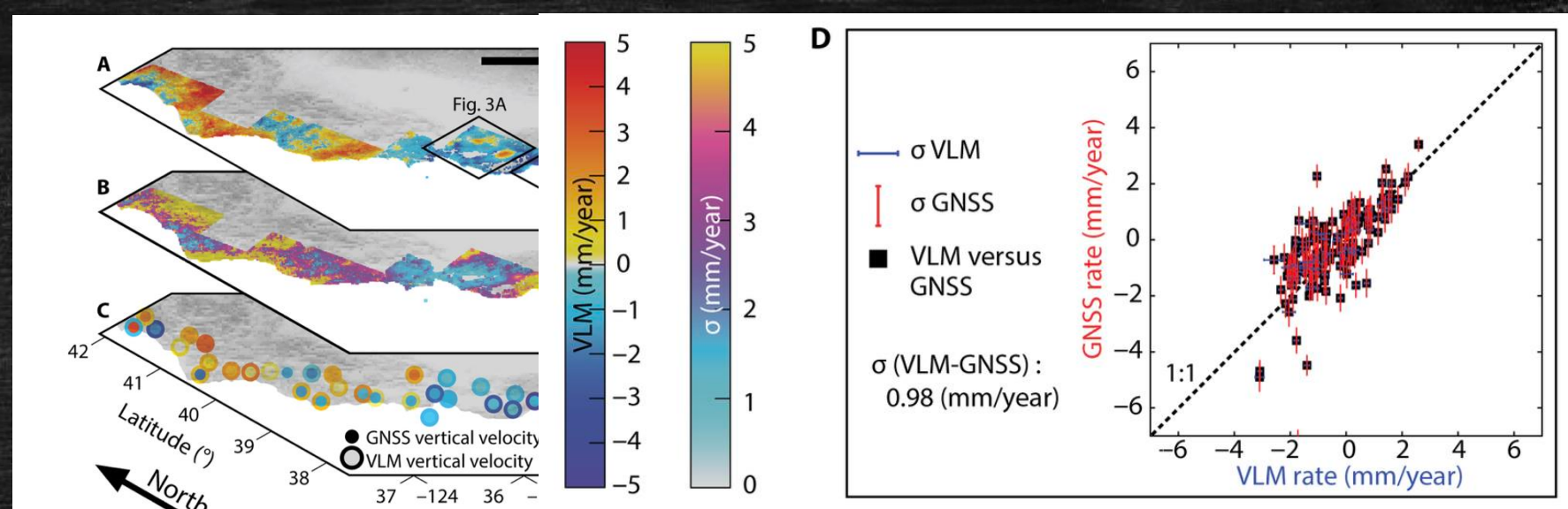
InSAR at MTJ

Can we determine the interseismic velocity field at the MTJ with higher spatial resolution than GNSS?

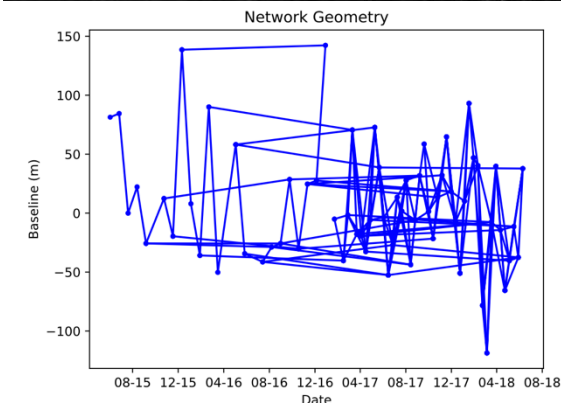
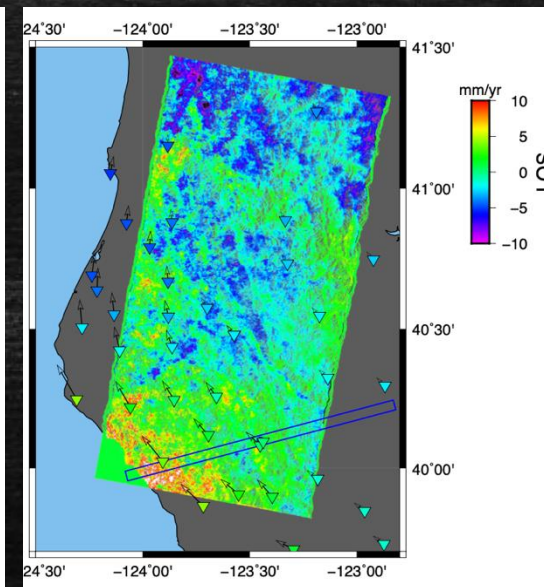
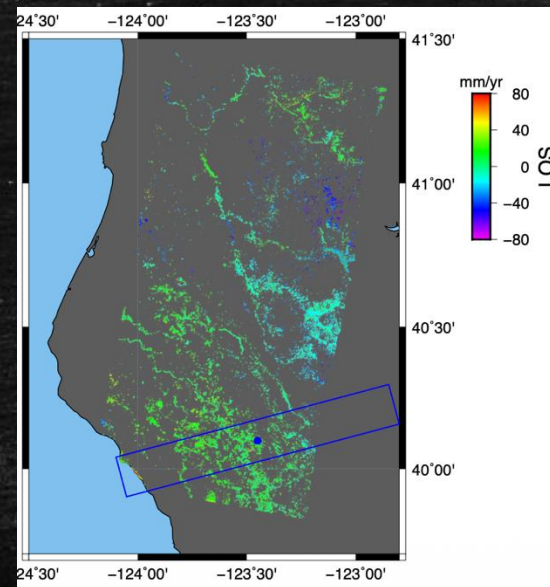
This would enable more detailed determination of high-resolution strain features, for studying a range of tectonic and non-tectonic processes (uplift, landslides, groundwater).

But the dense vegetation challenges the use of traditional C-band InSAR.

At right: Attempts to recover InSAR velocity field from Sentinel-1 (C-band)



Blackwell et al., 2020



Materna, Mohanna, Sandoe, et al., AGU poster 2019

JGR Solid Earth

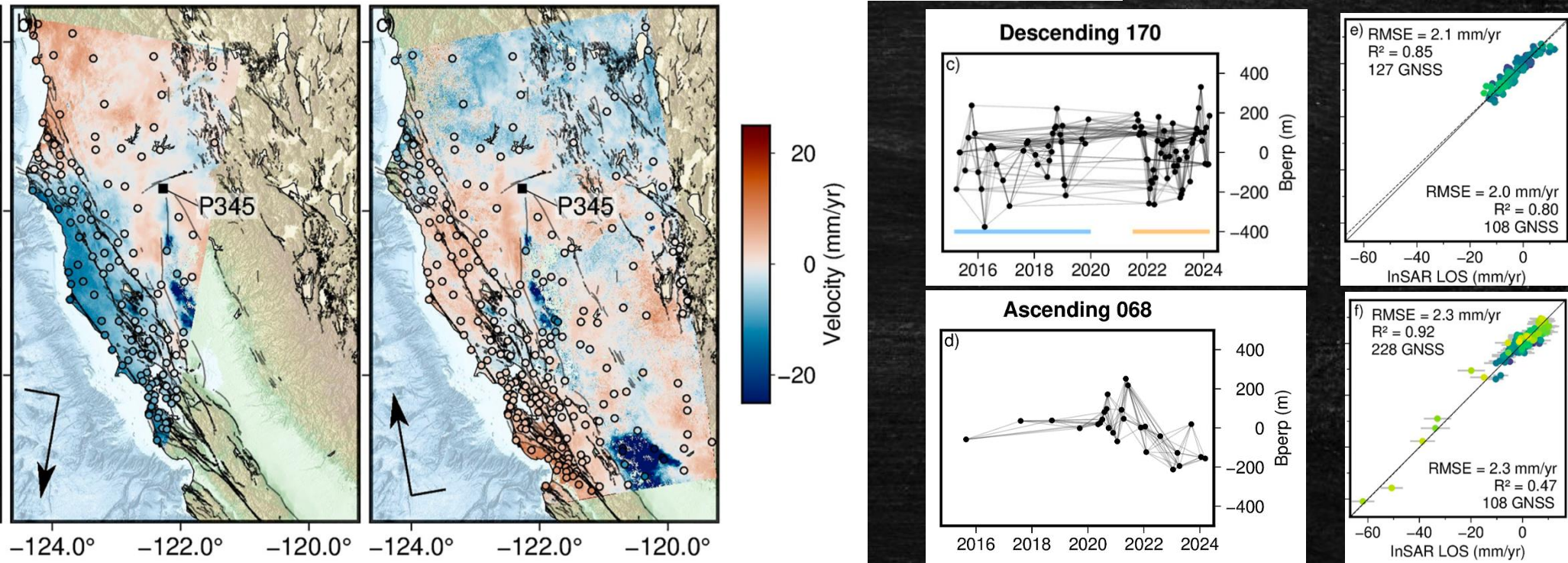
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Nine-Year L-Band InSAR Time Series of Tectonic and Non-Tectonic Surface Deformation in Northern California

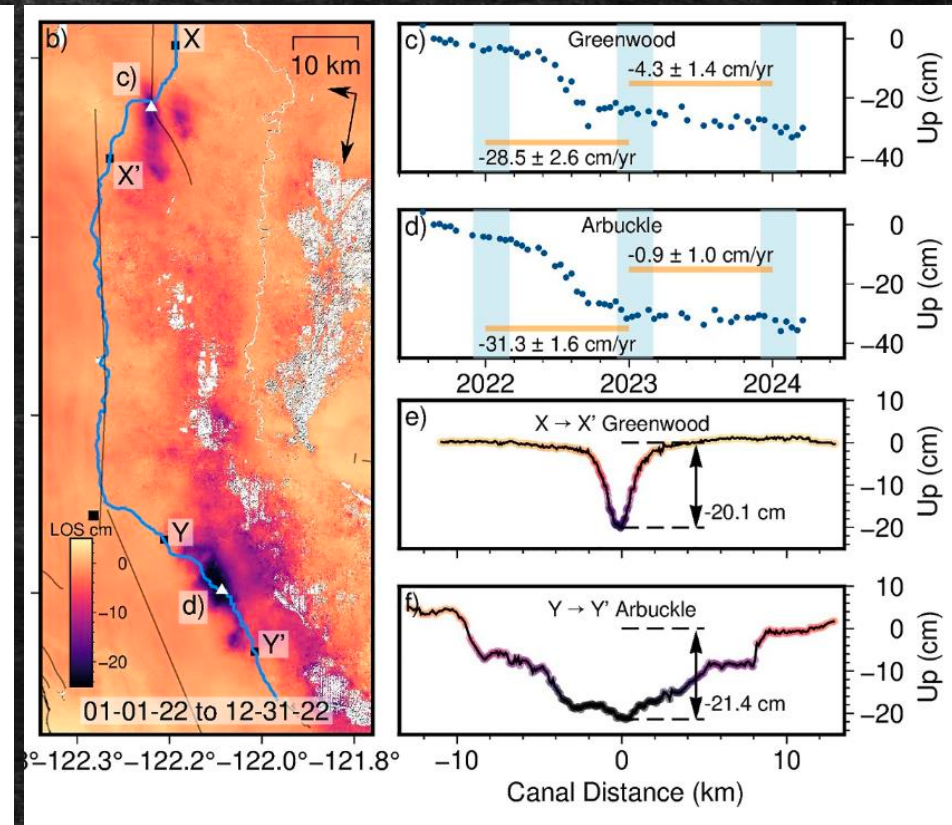
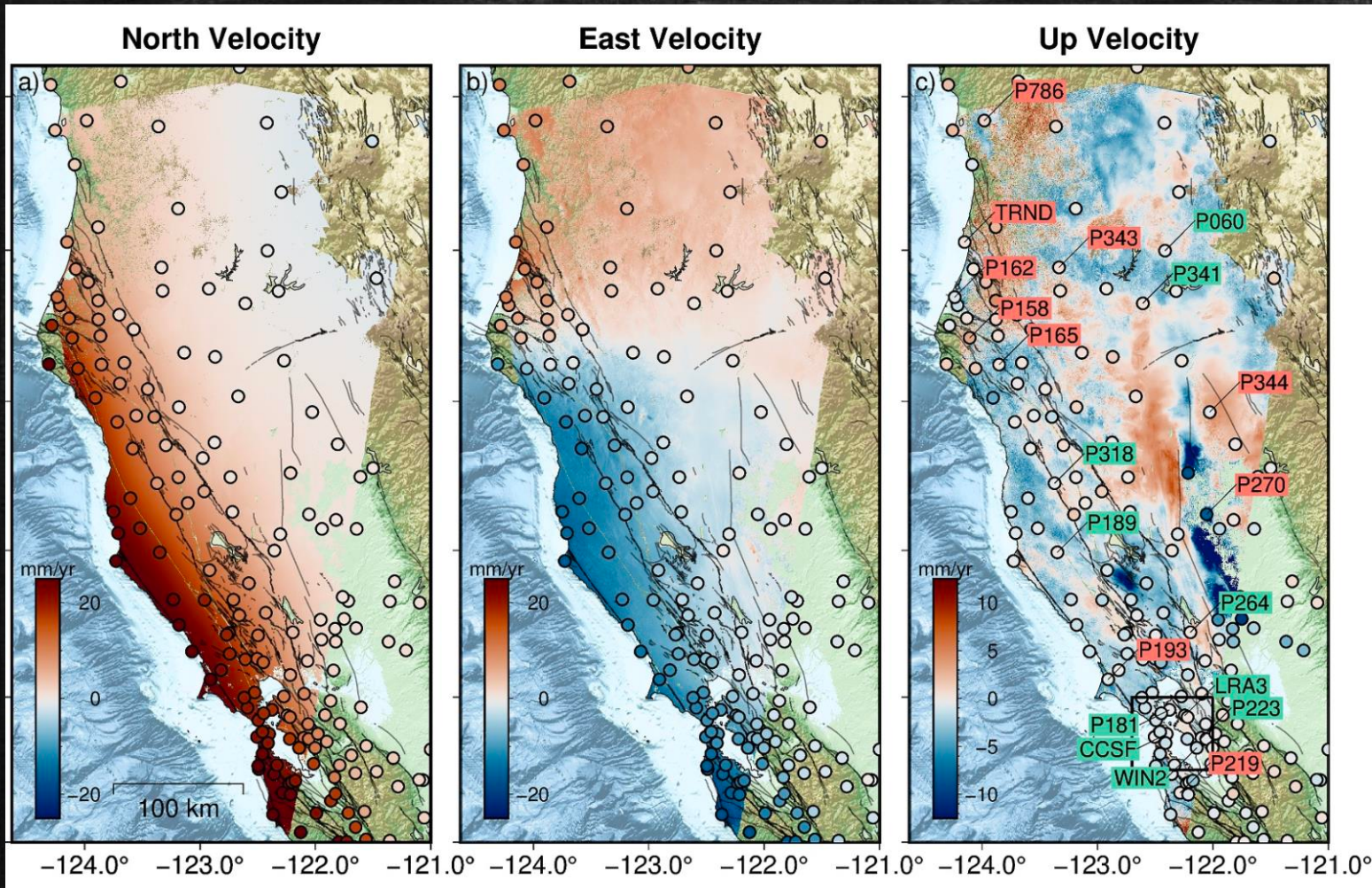
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- Key Points:
- We produce 9-year ALOS-2 ScanSAR time series and velocity maps for Northern California and validate them with GNSS and Sentinel-1
 - 14-day L-band time series resolves time-dependent aquifer subsidence and landslide accelerations in vegetated



Interpolated Interseismic InSAR velocity field, ALOS-2, 2016-2024



Lindsay et al., 2026

