Analyzing the 2011 eruption of Nabro volcano using satellite remote sensing and numerical modeling of lava flows



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Methodology:

 Pre-eruptive DEM production from high resolution stereo pairs
Detection of thermal anomalies from multispectral satellite data

 Production of thermal maps
Radiant heat flux estimation computed for thermally anomalous images
Preliminary TADR estimation by straightforward conversion of the radiant heat flux
Preliminary production of lava flow scenarios using TADR and pre-eruptive DEM

- 7. Syn-eruptive DEM production from high resolution stereo pairs
- 8. Calibration of TADR using DEM-derived volume
- 9. Refinement of lava flow scenarios using DEM-calibrated TADR
- 10. Validation of lava flow scenarios using higher resolution thermal and thickness maps.





ASTER images were processed using the MicMac ASTER (MMASTER) package [Girod et al., 2017]



We integrated the 6 pre-eruptive DEMs by considering the median value of corresponding pixels in order to discard possible blunders and errors.

PlanetScope images were processed using the MicMac software[Rupnik et al., 2017] RESOLUTION planet. spatial resolution: 7 m

The post-eruptive DEM was produced by using seven PlanetScope scenes acquired on 2 and 12 May 2019 with off nadir angles ranging from 0.9 to 5 degrees.



2011 Nabro Eruption: DEM differences



To compensate major discrepancies and achieve the maximum coherence, we accurately coregistered the 7 DEMs applying the Nuth and Kääb (2011) algorithm.





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TADR curves are rescaled so that their integrals match the DEM-derived volumes by computing three constants for conversion (k_{TADR}) according to:

 V_{DEM}



2011 Nabro Eruption: MAGFLOW retrospective analysis





The lava flow is likely to have reached 10.5 km in one day and the maximum length of 16.06 km on 20 June giving a maximum speed of ~0.44 km/h.



MAGFLOW scenarios with the mean TADR during the first 8 days of eruption. Colors represent the scenario at the end of each day. The inset shows the maximum length reached at each day.