

**LATE-STAGE INTRUSIVE ACTIVITY AT OLYMPUS MONS,  
MARS: SUMMIT INFLATION AND GIANT DIKE FORMATION**

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1 **Abstract**

2 By mapping the distribution of 351 lava flows at the summit area of Olympus Mons  
3 volcano on Mars, and correlating these flows with the current topography from the Mars  
4 Orbiter Laser Altimeter (MOLA), we have identified numerous flows which appear to have  
5 moved uphill. This disparity is most clearly seen to the south of the caldera rim, where the  
6 elevation increases by >200 m along the apparent path of the flow. Additional present day  
7 topographic anomalies have been identified, including the tilting down towards the north  
8 of the floors of Apollo and Hermes Paterae within the caldera, and an elevation difference  
9 of >400 m between the northern and southern portions of the floor of Zeus Patera. We  
10 conclude that inflation of the southern flank after the eruption of the youngest lava flows  
11 is the most plausible explanation, which implies that intrusive activity at Olympus Mons  
12 continued towards the present beyond the age of the youngest paterae ~200 – 300 Myr  
13 (Neukum et al., 2004; Robbins et al., 2011). We propose that intrusion of lateral dikes to  
14 radial distances >2,000 km is linked to the formation of the individual paterae at Olympus  
15 Mons. Two specific dikes to the SE of the volcano are inferred to have volumes of ~4,400  
16 km<sup>3</sup> and ~6,100 km<sup>3</sup>, greater than the volumes of individual calderas and implying  
17 triggering of both caldera collapse and lateral dike injection by the arrival of large inputs  
18 of magma from the mantle. A comparable disparity between lava flow direction and  
19 current topography, together with a tilted part of the caldera floor, has been identified at  
20 Ascraeus Mons.

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## 22 **Introduction**

23       The Martian volcano Olympus Mons (18.65°N, 226.2°E) possesses a summit caldera  
24 ~60 x 80 km in diameter comprising six overlapping collapse pits (“paterae”), and the  
25 geology of the volcano has been compared to that of volcanoes in Hawai’i (Carr, 1981;  
26 Hodges and Moore, 1994) and Nicaragua (Mouginis-Mark et al., 2007). Numerous lava  
27 flows originate from the caldera rim and extend to the lower flanks, and the vents for these  
28 flows are missing, presumed destroyed within the calderas following late-stage summit  
29 collapse (Mouginis-Mark, 1981; Mouginis-Mark and Robinson, 1992). Our comparison  
30 of lava flow directions with topographic data collected from the Mars Orbiter Laser  
31 Altimeter (MOLA) (Smith et al., 2001) reveals that flows on the southern rim of Olympus  
32 Mons caldera apparently travelled uphill. In addition, the highest point on the volcano is  
33 off-set from the center-of-figure of the shield. The high point on the volcano is >200 m  
34 higher than any point on the caldera rim crest, and >1,600 m higher than the northern  
35 caldera rim. While disparities between lava flow directions beyond the basal escarpment  
36 of Olympus Mons have previously been reported (Mouginis-Mark et al., 1982; Isherwood  
37 et al., 2013; Chadwick et al., 2015), this is the first time that such topographic and flow  
38 direction differences have been recognized close to the summit.

39       We contend that the emplacement of the lava flows predates the latest period of  
40 summit inflation at the volcano, indicating that the parent magma chamber remained  
41 molten, and continued to receive new magma from depth, after the latest episodes of  
42 caldera collapse. Here, we propose that caldera collapse may have been linked to the  
43 emplacement of lateral dikes extending to significant distances (in some instances >2,000  
44 km) from Olympus Mons, and that the last phase of summit inflation was insufficient to

45 initiate further dike intrusions. This suggests a minimum volume-limited threshold for dike  
46 emplacement and associated caldera collapse. Two candidate dikes are identified to the  
47 south and SE of Olympus Mons; these have calculated volumes comparable to that of the  
48 paterae but greater than the post-collapse inflation of the summit. These observations  
49 indicate that magmatism within the Tharsis region of Mars took place more recently than  
50 indicated by crater counts of the summit areas (Neukum et al., 2004; Robbins et al., 2011),  
51 perhaps as recently as <200 Myr. Supporting this idea, Hauber et al. (2011) have identified  
52 individual lava flows to the east of Olympus Mons and Pavonis Mons which may also be  
53 younger than 100 Myr. Cumulative size/frequency crater curves derived by Warner (2009;  
54 her Fig. 4) and Richardson et al. (2017) also suggest that some small flows on Arsia Mons  
55 may be comparably young. Our analysis of the summit areas of other Martian volcanoes  
56 reveals that comparable post-collapse inflation has taken place at Ascraeus Mons, but that  
57 the summit areas of other Tharsis volcanoes do not have this attribute.

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## 59 **Observations**

60 We have mapped the distribution of lava flows at the summit of Olympus Mons,  
61 using images from the Context Camera (CTX) (Malin et al., 2007) and the High Resolution  
62 Imaging Science Experiment (HiRISE) (McEwen et al., 2007) instruments, which provide  
63 visible images with a spatial resolution of ~6 m/pixel and ~0.25 m/pixel, respectively. We  
64 have mapped 351 individual lava flows and lava channels at the summit of Olympus Mons  
65 (Fig. 1), of which 28 are truncated by the caldera rim. All of the mapped flows are >10 km  
66 in length, and are recognized either by the lobate edges of individual flow lobes or by a  
67 continuous central lava channel. No clear examples of vents can be identified for any of

68 these flows, which leads us to support the idea that the flows originated within a summit  
69 area since destroyed by caldera collapse (Mouginis-Mark, 1981, 2017; Mouginis-Mark and  
70 Robinson, 1992).

71 Comparing topographic data from MOLA with the mapped lava flow locations (Fig.  
72 1) reveals that there is a marked difference between the direction of flow and the maximum  
73 topographic gradient on the southern upper flank. Flows originating from the southern rim  
74 of Apollo Patera extend uphill by >200 m, crossing the contours at  $\sim 90^\circ$  (Figs. 2 and 3).  
75 On the eastern rim, the flows parallel the contours. Only on the northern rims of Zeus and  
76 Athena Paterae do the flows cross the contours perpendicularly and travel downhill in the  
77 expected direction.

78 The floors of the Olympus Mons paterae are interpreted to be solidified lava lakes, or  
79 extensive individual lava flows which buried the talus produced during caldera collapse  
80 under a relatively thin veneer of fresh lava (Mouginis-Mark, 2017). We contend that soon  
81 after formation each patera floor would have been an equipotential surface, i.e., a locally  
82 horizontal surface. However, topographic profiles across the floors of Hermes and Apollo  
83 Paterae reveal that they are tilted towards the area of maximum elevation on the volcano  
84 by  $\sim 1^\circ$  (Fig. 4). Apollo Patera is  $\sim 100$  m higher on the SW floor compared to the NE floor,  
85 and Hermes Patera is  $\sim 320$  m higher on the SW floor compared to the NE floor. Multiple  
86 wrinkle ridges on the floor of Hermes Patera appear to be consistent with post-formation  
87 uplift of the floor (most likely during several discrete episodes), while other ridges and  
88 graben within Zeus Patera may in part be due to “sagging” of the central portion of the  
89 floor (Zuber and Mouginis-Mark, 1992).

90 Additional evidence exists for changes in the topography of the caldera floor post-  
91 formation. The floor of Zeus Patera, which is the first and largest of the collapse features  
92 within the caldera, most likely formed a horizontal surface because it appears to have  
93 formed in a single event. However, present topography (Fig. 5) shows that the southern  
94 portion of the floor lies at an elevation  $\sim 400$  m higher than the northern floor. Most of the  
95 circumferential graben on the floor (Zuber and Mouginis-Mark, 1992) lie below an  
96 elevation of 18.90 km on the northern portion and above this elevation on the southern  
97 floor. This suggests that either the southern floor was raised or, less likely, that the northern  
98 floor subsided by this amount. The simplest interpretation consistent with the disparity  
99 between lava flow directions and present topography is that the southern floor has been  
100 raised by  $\sim 400$  m, with the foot of the southern wall of Zeus Patera at  $\sim 19.30$  km elevation  
101 (Fig. 5). It is not possible to determine the relative timing of some of these tilting events.  
102 At least part of the  $\sim 400$  m uplift of Zeus Patera could have taken place prior to the  
103 formation of Hermes or Apollo Paterae, as there is a pronounced sequence of events for  
104 the evolution of the caldera, with Zeus Patera the oldest (Mouginis-Mark, 2017).

105 In contrast, Athena Patera displays no obvious tilting of its floor (Fig. 6). The  
106 elevation of the floor varies from a high point of  $\sim 18.04$  km and a low point of  $\sim 17.71$  km.  
107 In general, the floor is higher around the perimeter, with a low dome ( $\sim 100$  m high) on the  
108 NE floor. The lack of clear evidence of tilting of the floor may be because Athena Patera  
109 lies further from the center of uplift, or it may indicate that this collapse pit is the youngest  
110 collapse event and formed after uplift had ceased. Stratigraphically, Athena Patera could  
111 be as old as any patera except Zeus Patera. Morphologic data are not available to resolve  
112 which explanation is more likely, but crater counts (Neukum et al., 2004; Robbins et al.,

113 2011) suggest that Athena Patera is one of the older collapse features. However, Mouginis-  
114 Mark (2017) showed that previous crater counts for the caldera are contaminated by  
115 secondary craters from the impact crater Pangboche, so that a direct crater-age comparison  
116 between Apollo and Athena Paterae is not possible.

117 A further test for the spatial extent of the inferred uplift comes from an inspection of  
118 the floor of the 10.4 km diameter Pangboche crater (Fig. 7), which lies <20 km from the  
119 highest point on the volcano. Ejecta from Pangboche crater extends across the floors of  
120 Apollo and Dionysus Paterae, so that the crater formed at some time after the latest episodes  
121 of caldera collapse (Mouginis-Mark, 2017). As documented by Mouginis-Mark (2015),  
122 there is a well-preserved deposit of impact melt on the floor of Pangboche crater. This  
123 melt most likely cooled as a single unit, and formed a horizontal surface. Inspection of a  
124 HiRISE-derived digital elevation model (Fig. 7) reveals that the eastern portion of this melt  
125 pond is horizontal, with ~5 m difference in elevation between the northern and southern  
126 portions of the floor. Thus, since the formation of Pangboche crater, there has been no  
127 further inflation of the summit.

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### 129 **Patera Formation**

130 The lack of large-volume lava flows which have vents on the flanks of Olympus  
131 Mons (Mouginis-Mark, 2017), which might have caused incremental caldera collapse due  
132 to multiple flank eruptions, requires an alternative explanation for the initiation of caldera  
133 collapse. For example, Mouginis-Mark (2017) found no evidence for previously proposed  
134 flank vents on Olympus Mons (Peters and Christensen, 2017), concluding that changes in  
135 flank flow morphology are due to subtle differences in slope. The formation of nested

136 calderas implies multiple collapse events each triggered by the partial evacuation of the  
137 subsurface magma chamber(s) with a change in volume per event ranging from ~412 to  
138 3,675 km<sup>3</sup>, with a total volume of 6,242 km<sup>3</sup> (Table 1). Subsidence of an evolving magma  
139 chamber into a lower zone of hot crustal rocks was proposed (Walker, 1988) as a viable  
140 mechanism leading to surface collapse at Hawaiian volcanoes, which may serve as a good  
141 terrestrial analog. At other volcanoes on Earth it is possible that unrecognized distal flank  
142 eruptions and intrusions during the caldera collapse event might explain magma loss from  
143 the summit region (Simkin and Howard, 1970; Sigurdsson and Spark, 1978).

144 Our model for the formation of the individual paterae within the Olympus Mons  
145 caldera is that each subsidence event was initiated by the intrusion of a large lateral dike  
146 extending to a great distance radial to the volcano. For a range of plausible model  
147 parameters (Zuber and Mouginis-Mark, 1992), the maximum depth to the top of the active  
148 magma chamber of Olympus Mons must have been <16 km. A simple magma chamber  
149 model consists of magma with density  $\rho_m$  filling a chamber with vertical height  $H$  centered  
150 at a neutral buoyancy level. This level is located at depth  $D$  below the surface between  
151 upper crustal rocks of density  $\rho_u$  and lower crustal rocks of density  $\rho_l$ , such that  $\rho_l > \rho_m >$   
152  $\rho_u$ . Neutral buoyancy requires that  $(\rho_l - \rho_m) = (\rho_m - \rho_u)$ . We adopt inferred magma density  
153 values (Rubin and Pollard, 1987) for Kilauea volcano, i.e.,  $\rho_l$ ,  $\rho_m$  and  $\rho_u$  equal to 2900,  
154 2600 and 2300 kg m<sup>-3</sup>, respectively, for which  $(\rho_l - \rho_m) = (\rho_m - \rho_u) = \Delta\rho = 300$  kg m<sup>-3</sup>. With  
155 this simple configuration, the excess magma pressure,  $\Delta P$ , inside the chamber acting to  
156 fracture the chamber wall is a maximum at the chamber center-line at depth  $D$  and has the  
157 value  $(0.5 g H \Delta\rho)$  where  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity, 3.711 m s<sup>-2</sup>. If magma  
158 chambers commonly grow into a roughly spherical shape, then the 20 to 50 km diameters

159 of the Olympus Mons summit paterae suggest that  $H$  could be at least 20 km, in which case  
160  $\Delta P$  would be at least 11 MPa. This value is of the same order as the expected tensile  
161 strengths of rocks (Roy et al., 1981) suggesting that the proposed model is plausible. With  
162 the top of the chamber at a depth of 16 km for Olympus Mons (Zuber and Mouginis-Mark,  
163 1992) and a chamber height of 20 km, dikes leaving the chamber would have propagated  
164 laterally from its mid-line at a depth of at least 26 km (i.e.,  $16 + 0.5 \times 20$  km) below the  
165 volcano summit, i.e., at least  $\sim 4$  km below the mean surface level surrounding the volcano.

166 We have searched for large graben radial to Olympus Mons which would be the  
167 surface traces of large dikes. We speculate that each collapse event which formed a patera  
168 within the caldera was connected with a lateral dike intrusion, but of course cannot  
169 correlate a specific dike with a specific collapse event. Two clear candidate dikes exist to  
170 the SE, namely Aganippe Fossa ( $7^{\circ}00'S$ ,  $233^{\circ}40'E$ ), extending to  $\sim 1,710$  km from the  
171 center of the caldera, and a graben in Phoenicis Lacus ( $13^{\circ}00'S$ ,  $249^{\circ}40'E$ ) extending to  
172  $\sim 2,530$  km from the caldera (Fig. 8). Aganippe Fossa is  $\sim 425$  km long and lacks discrete  
173 pits, but the bounding graben walls are  $\sim 3$  to 7 km apart. Other, unidentified, dikes are  
174 postulated to have been linked to the formation of the other paterae. Numerous fractures  
175 within Ulysses Fossae ( $12^{\circ}N$ ,  $237^{\circ}E$ ) are radial to Olympus Mons, and thus might be the  
176 surface manifestations of dikes related to caldera collapse episodes. The surface expression  
177 of the Phoenicis Lacus graben extends for  $\sim 185$  km and comprises a series of connected  
178 rimless pits  $\sim 4$  km in diameter, with bounding graben walls (Fig. 9). The width and depth  
179 of each graben was measured (using CTX images and MOLA topography, respectively),  
180 at a series of locations as shown in Fig. 8 and these geometric data are given in Table 2.  
181 The general trend with increasing distance from Olympus Mons is for the broad depression

182 of the Phoenicis graben to narrow and then break into a series of coalescing pits, and final  
183 individual pits. This is consistent with observations of the collapse features associated with  
184 the dike system approaching the surface along the East Rift Zone of Kilauea volcano,  
185 Hawai'i (Okubo and Martel, 1998).

186 The values in parentheses in Table 2 are locations where the grabens are anomalously  
187 wide, possibly due to magma withdrawal and surface subsidence or localized minor  
188 explosive activity. Ignoring these locations, as measured at the surface, the average depth  
189 and width of the Aganippe graben are 345 m and 7.5 km, respectively. The corresponding  
190 values for the Phoenicis graben are 320 m and 4.2 km. Based on measurements of two  
191 dike-induced graben in Iceland (Rubin, 1992), the ratio (graben width) / (depth to dike top)  
192 (Wilson and Head, 2002) is on average 3.5 and the ratio (dike width) / (vertical subsidence  
193 of graben floor) is 1.25. Using these ratios, we find that the Aganippe dike was ~430 m  
194 wide with its top at a depth of 2.1 km below the surface and that the Phoenicis dike was  
195 400 m wide with its top 1.2 km deep.

196 We noted above that any radial dike leaving a magma chamber inside Olympus Mons  
197 probably had its center at a depth of at least 4 km below the general planetary surface level.  
198 At the locations of the graben, our measurements imply that the dike tops were at a depth  
199 of 1 km to 2 km. This suggests that the half-heights of the dikes were at least ~3 km.  
200 Multiplying total dike heights of 6 km by the above estimated widths and the extents of the  
201 dikes from Olympus Mons we find minimum magma volumes in the dikes of 4,400 km<sup>3</sup>  
202 for Aganippe and 6,070 km<sup>3</sup> for Phoenicis, a total of at least ~10,500 km<sup>3</sup>.

203 The waning phase of activity at Olympus Mons was evidently characterized by the  
204 cessation of the eruption of lava flows from vents at the summit followed by caldera

205 collapse events linked to the propagation of large lateral dikes able to extend a few  
206 thousand kilometers from the volcano. Because the volumes of the lateral dikes are greater  
207 than that of even the largest patera, it seems probable that magma must have been  
208 “buffered” within the edifice (Parfitt and Head, 1993; Parfitt et al., 1993). It is also likely  
209 that any magma chamber was only partially emptied. This dike intrusion could occur at  
210 the end of the life of a magma chamber when the arrival of an unusually large dike rising  
211 from the mantle inflated the magma chamber to the point where multiple ruptures occur.  
212 Not only is a lateral dike initiated, but also the stresses on the overlying rocks cause caldera  
213 collapse to begin. The volume of magma intruded into the lateral dike consists of  
214 contributions from both the caldera subsidence and the new mantle magma. Multiple  
215 episodes of this kind of activity occurred at Olympus Mons, with the latest collapse  
216 occurring ~200 – 300 Myr ago (Neukum et al., 2004; Robbins et al., 2011). There are  
217 insufficient topographic and morphologic data to resolve if inflation preceded each caldera  
218 collapse event, or if the difference in lava flow direction and present topography is due to  
219 the single most recent event or to multiple smaller inflation events. Thus, some of the 400  
220 m uplift of the southern floor of Zeus Patera may be a relic of an earlier inflation event  
221 which ultimately produced a younger patera (such as Apollo Patera).

222       It is not easy to compare the volume of each dike with the volume of the inflated area  
223 at the summit of Olympus Mons, primarily because the horizontal extent of this uplift is  
224 not clear. If all of the uplift resulted from a single event (rather than multiple episodes of  
225 inflation followed by caldera collapse), then the horizontal extent of uplift could reasonably  
226 be defined by the 20.0 km contour on the volcano (Fig. 1). This contour defines an  
227 approximate width of inflation as 100 km. Taking the maximum elevation of the southern

228 rim (i.e., ~21.20 km) as the center of uplift, and approximating the shape of the uplift as a  
229 cone, this would imply a volume of ~3,150 km<sup>3</sup>. This volume is ~50% to 70% the inferred  
230 volume of the lateral dikes that we have identified, and so would be consistent with the  
231 inability of the last inflation event to drive a new episode of dike intrusion.

232 The following sequence of events at Olympus Mons can be inferred from the  
233 distribution of flows and the topography of the paterae floors: 1. The paleo-summit began  
234 as a topographic high that lacked a caldera complex. 2. Lava flows erupted from this  
235 summit area, and extended down the flanks of the volcano. 3. Successive collapses of  
236 Zeus, Hera, Hermes and Dionysus Paterae took place, most likely linked with lateral dike  
237 intrusions which, by virtue of their inferred volumes, extended more than 1,000 km from  
238 the summit. The lava flows at the caldera rim were truncated and the vents were destroyed.  
239 4. Inflation south of the summit began, tilting the floor of Zeus and Hermes Paterae. 5.  
240 Collapse of Apollo Patera took place due to a later phase of distal dike intrusion. 6.  
241 Inflation south of the caldera continued, tilting the floor of Apollo Patera, and continuing  
242 to tilt the floor of Hermes Patera. 7. Pangboche crater formed after the summit inflation  
243 had ceased.

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#### 245 **Topography of Other Martian Volcanoes**

246 Results comparable to Olympus Mons have been found for the summit of Ascraeus  
247 Mons (Fig. 10), where our mapping has identified 126 individual lava flows. Here the  
248 mismatch between flow direction and present day topography is greatest on the northern  
249 rim of the caldera, where truncated flows are evident on the rim (Mouginis-Mark and  
250 Rowland, 2001; Mouginis-Mark and Christensen, 2005). Examples of lava flows which

251 now go uphill, or parallel the present contours, can be identified (Fig. 11). The total height  
252 difference across this summit area north of the caldera rim is ~100 m. At Ascræus Mons,  
253 there appears to have been tilting of at least one of the paterae (not named) on the northern  
254 side of the caldera. The patera is proximal to the highest point on the volcano, and is ~300  
255 m higher on its northern floor compared with the southern floor (Fig. 12). This appears to  
256 have been true tilting of the floor, rather than subsidence of the center of the patera, as the  
257 slope extends across the entire floor and the tilting is radial to the high-point. Inspection  
258 of the largest patera at the middle of the Ascræus Mons caldera, which is the youngest of  
259 the collapse events (Mouginis-Mark, 1981), reveals no comparable tilting. We have  
260 performed a search for graben radial to Ascræus Mons to explain the origin of the caldera.  
261 Numerous fractures which are sub-radial to Ascræus Mons can be found within Tractus  
262 Catena (25°00'N, 257°00'E) to the north of the volcano, and within Uranius Fossae  
263 (23°10'N, 268°30'E) to the NE. However, the complex history of tectonic stresses in these  
264 areas makes it difficult to associate these features unambiguously with Ascræus Mons.

265 Although we have found this topographic disparity at two of the Tharsis volcanoes, a  
266 review of lava flow distributions and MOLA topography reveals that there is no  
267 comparable evidence for late-stage summit inflation at either Pavonis or Arsia Montes. A  
268 possible explanation could be that these two volcanoes have lower maximum elevations,  
269 ~17.6 km at the western and southern rims of Arsia Mons and ~14.0 km on the southern  
270 rim of Pavonis Mons, compared with 18.2 km for Ascræus Mons and ~21.2 km for  
271 Olympus Mons. Other attributes of each volcano may also come into play. For example,  
272 regional extensional tectonics more easily facilitating the intrusion of large dikes, as at  
273 Ceraunius Fossae south of Alba Mons, may have promoted the formation of nested calderas

274 on Alba Mons (Mouginis-Mark et al., 1988; Schneeberger and Pieri, 1991; Ivanov and  
275 Head, 2006) at lower elevations. We note that the highest elevation on Alba Mons (~6.80  
276 km) lies to the west of the caldera rim, with a dome ~300 m high located in the western  
277 rim of the volcano (McGovern et al., 2001), and that the mapped distribution of lava flows  
278 (Crown et al., 2017) is suggestive of late-stage inflation. Late-stage inflation of the western  
279 flank of Alba Mons may also explain the mismatch between the predicted dike orientations  
280 from doming centered on the calderas (Cailleau et al., 2005).

281 Elysium Mons (maximum rim elevation ~14.0 km on the northern and southern rims)  
282 has a caldera floor tilted down towards the east, but no lava flows can be identified at the  
283 summit. Tilting of an old portion of the caldera floor at Apollinaris Mons (rim elevation  
284 ~3.5 km) has previously been identified (Robinson et al., 1993), but again the lack of  
285 recognizable lava flows precludes a comparison of flow directions and topography. Albor  
286 Mons (rim elevation ~3.9 km on the southern rim) displays caldera floor topography  
287 consistent with the sagging of the central portion, with the perimeter ~600 m higher than  
288 the center of the caldera. Similarly, the central portion of the floor of Uranius Mons (rim  
289 elevation ~2.3 km) is ~500 m lower than the perimeter. We leave to a future investigation  
290 an analysis of how a particular volcano may experience summit inflation, the formation of  
291 large-volume radial dikes, and how these attributes may relate to the neutral density level  
292 of the magma chamber (Wilson and Head, 2002; Scott et al., 2002).

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## 294 **Conclusions**

295 Our observations of the summits of Olympus and Ascreaus Montes imply that  
296 igneous activity on Mars continued closer towards the present day than previously inferred

297 from crater counting of the geological units on the caldera floors (Neukum et al., 2004;  
298 Robbins et al., 2011). If the Phoenicus graben and Aganippe Fossa are indeed the surface  
299 manifestation of dikes from Olympus Mons, then it is possible that the influence of an  
300 individual volcano may extend to thousands of kilometers from the construct. Such a  
301 conclusion is consistent with the idea that a giant dike from Arsia Mons initiated the  
302 outflow of water which formed Mangala Vallis (Wilson and Head, 2004), and that large  
303 dikes from Elysium Mons could have been responsible for the formation of Hrad Vallis  
304 (Wilson and Mouginis-Mark, 2003).

305       It is evident that the magma chambers within Olympus and Ascraeus Montes were  
306 fed with new magma from the mantle after the floors of the summit calderas were created,  
307 causing each chamber to inflate. The duration of these inflation events cannot be resolved,  
308 but potentially collecting age dates (through detailed crater counting of high-resolution  
309 images) for the surface expressions of the radial dikes might provide such information.  
310 Such analyses would be important for estimating the timing of this last phase of igneous  
311 activity, but await a future investigation.

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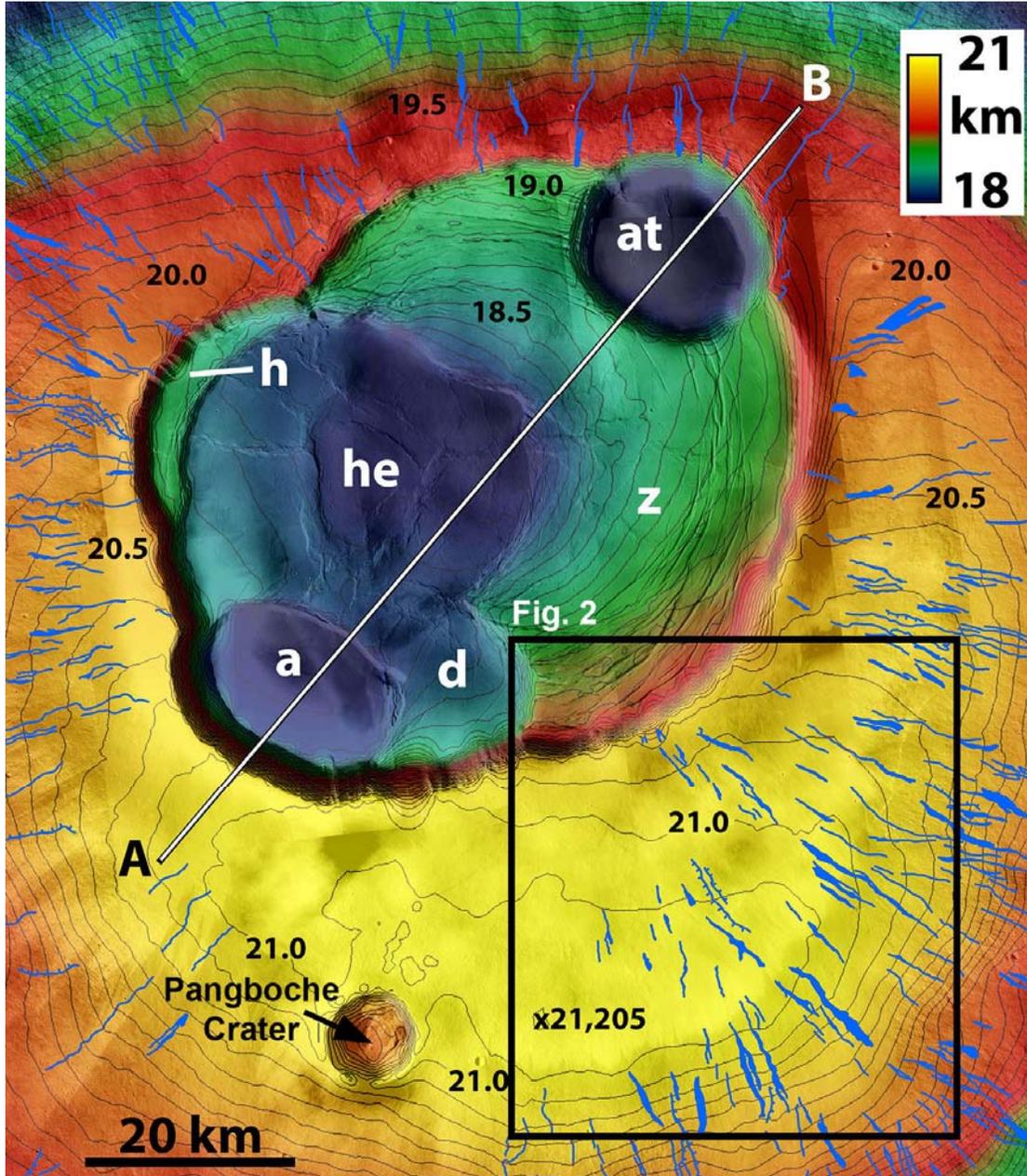
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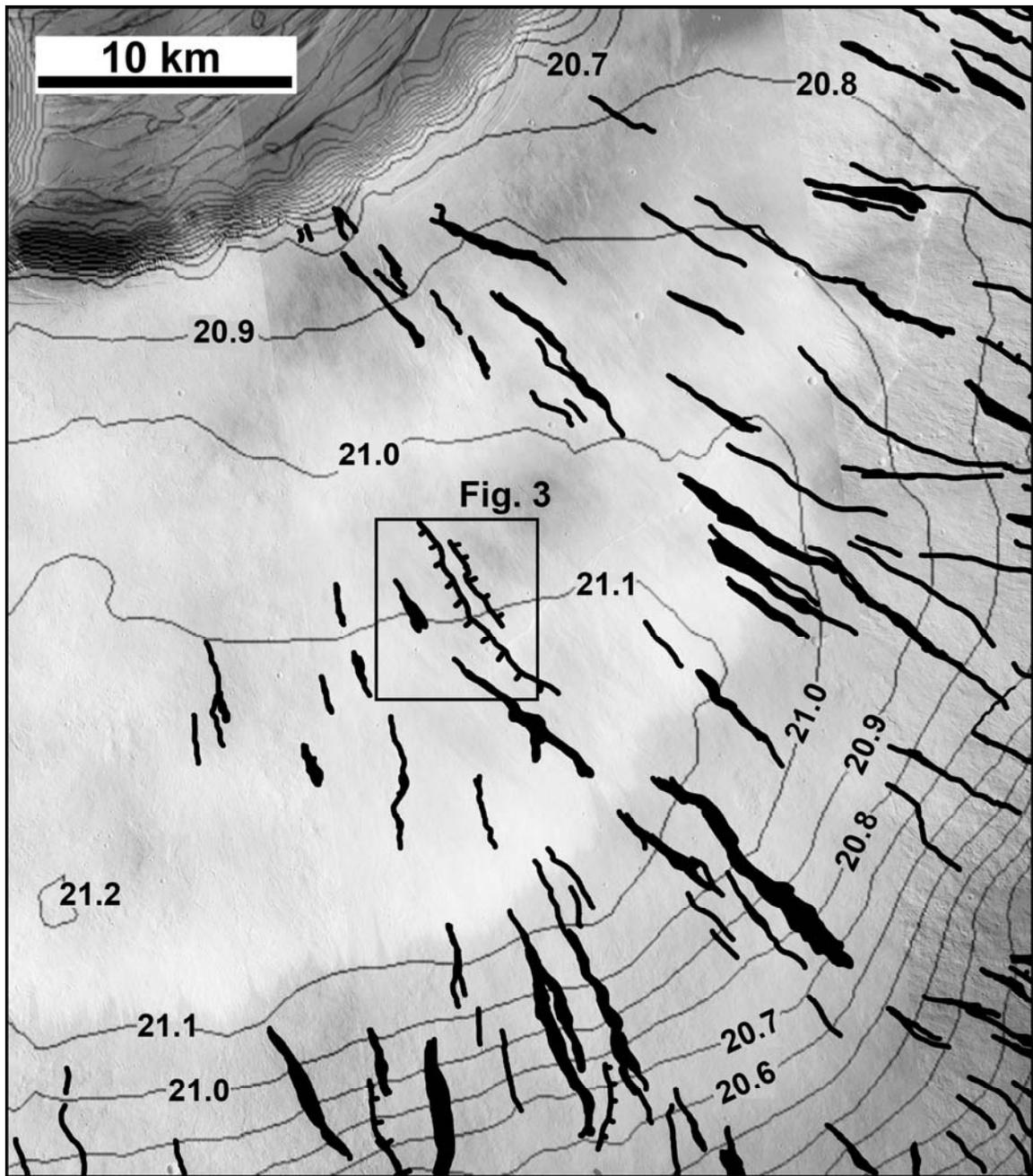
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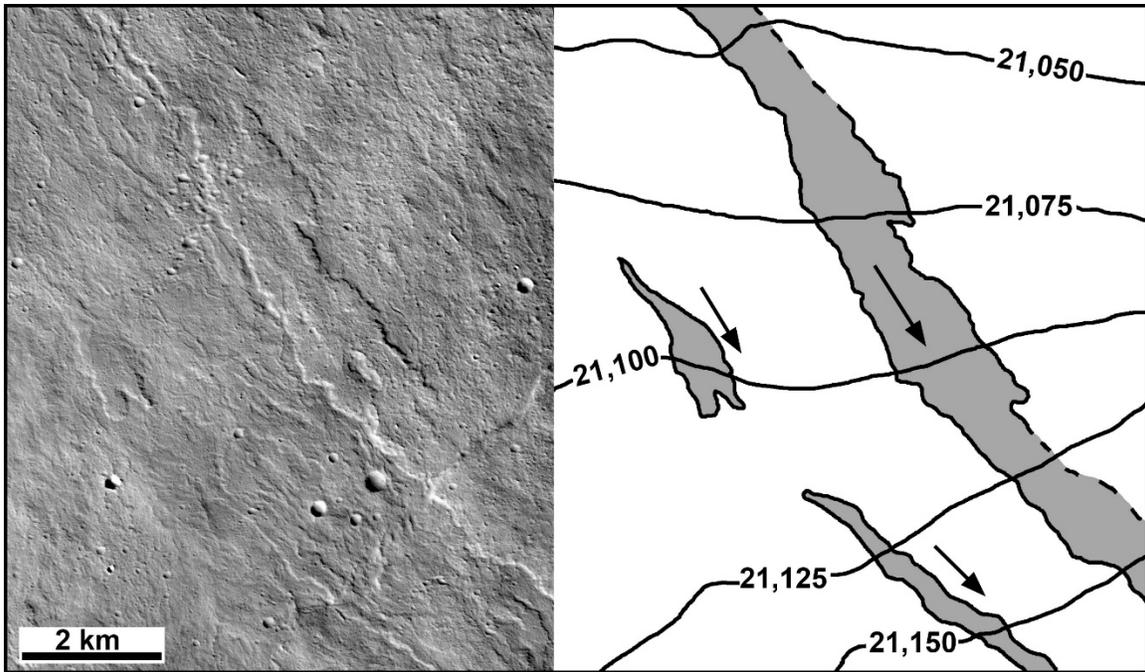
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427 Figure 1: Topography of the summit of Olympus Mons. Contour interval is 100 meters,  
 428 and are labeled in kilometers relative to Mars datum (Smith et al., 2001). Lava channels  
 429 and lava flow lobes shown by blue lines, and are hachured where only the flow edge can  
 430 be identified. Note that the highest elevation (21,205 m) lies to the south of the rim. Box  
 431 denotes area shown in Fig. 2. Six paterae are identified by lowercase letters (“a” Apollo;  
 432 “at” – Athena; “d” – Dionysus; “he” – Hermes; “h” – Hera; “z” – Zeus). The location of  
 433 the profile in Fig. 4 is identified by line A to B. Base image is a mosaic of CTX frames.  
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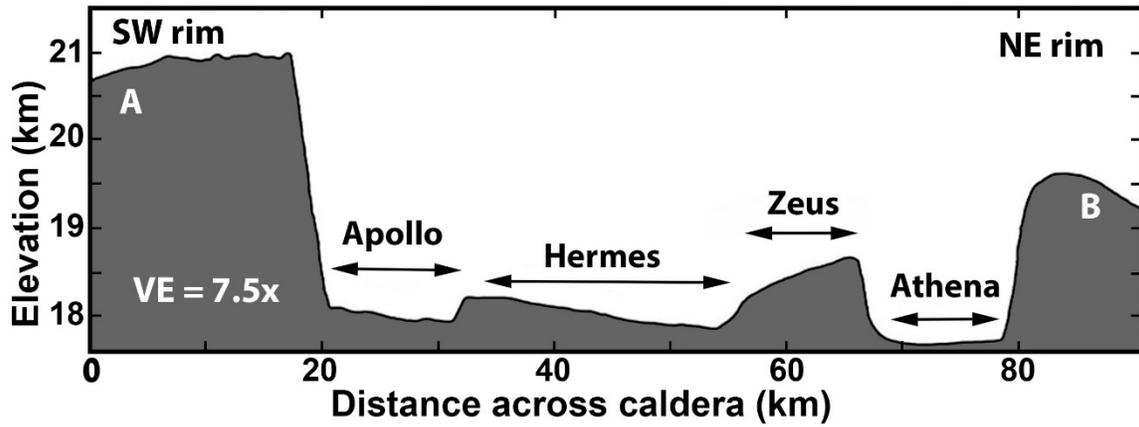
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436 Figure 2: Details of lava flows (solid black, except where only the margins can be  
 437 identified and shown as hachured lines) on SE flank with respect to local topography. Box  
 438 denotes area shown in Fig. 3. Contour interval is 100 m, and heights are shown in  
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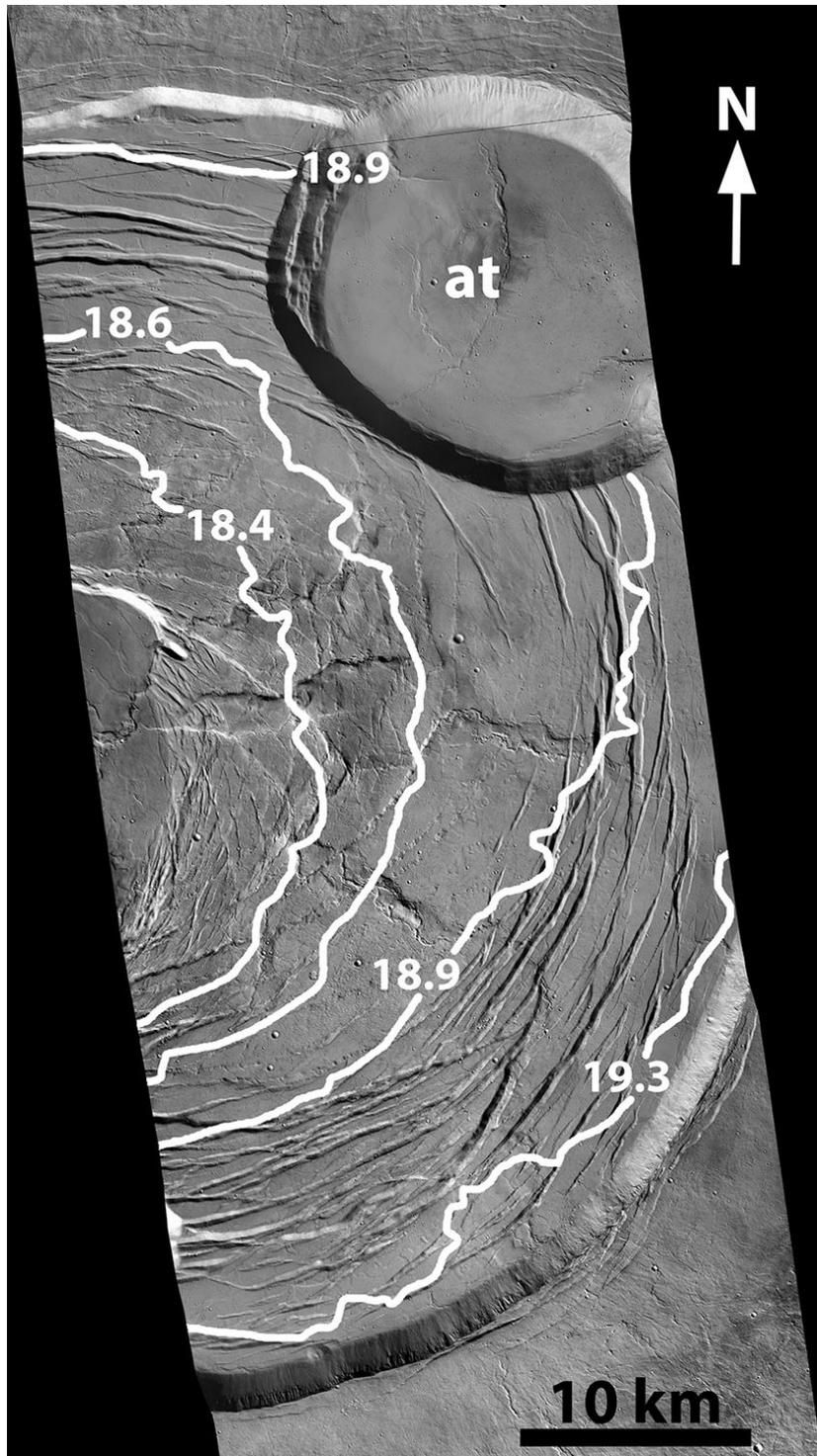
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442 Figure 3: Details of flank topography south of the Olympus Mons caldera rim. At left is  
 443 CTX image B08\_012719\_1986. At right, is an interpretative sketch of this area. Shaded  
 444 areas are individual lava flows with dashed line denoting the inferred edge, and arrows  
 445 denote direction of flow. See Fig. 2 for location. Contour interval is 25 m, and elevations  
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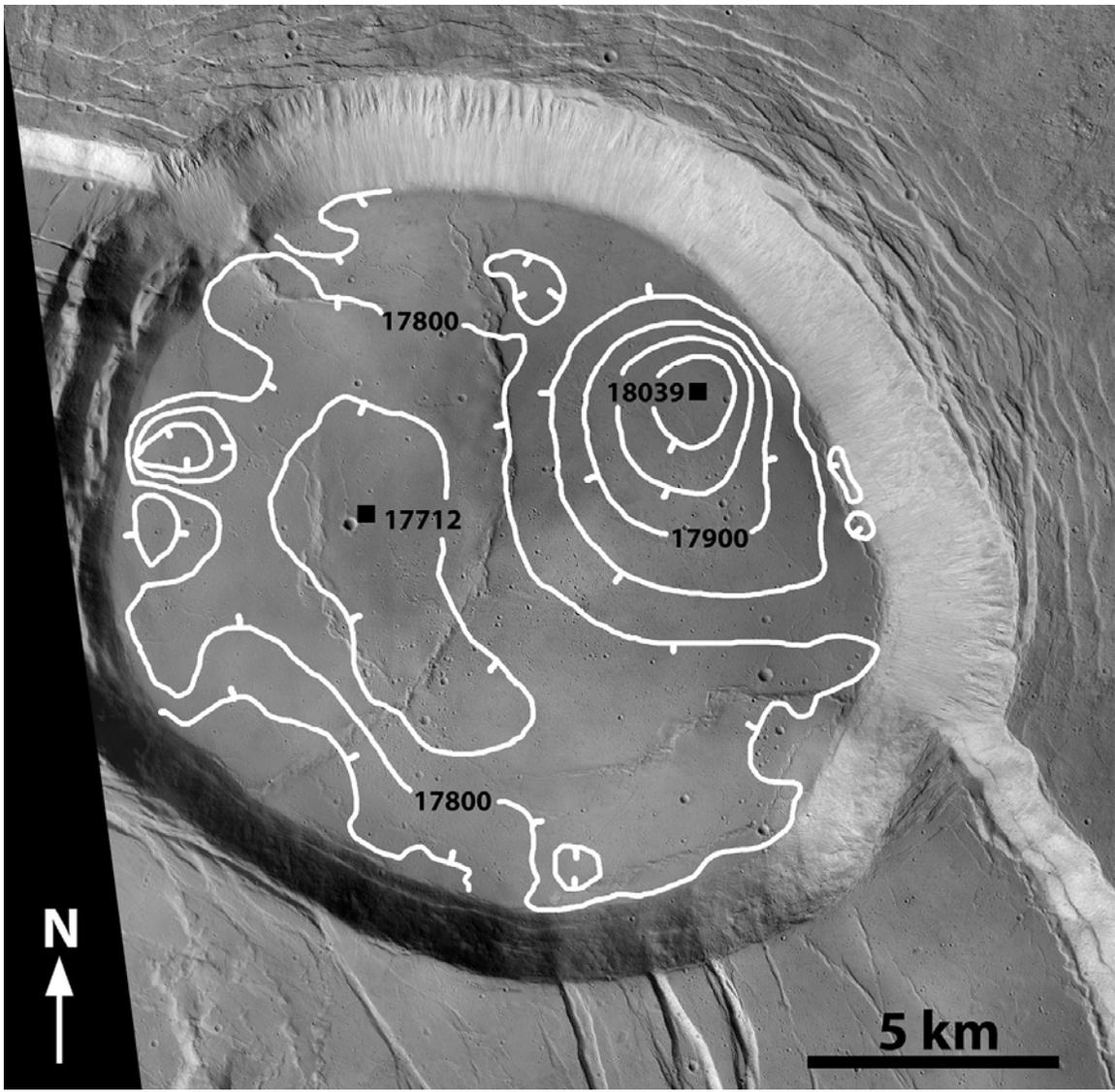
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449 Fig. 4: Topographic profile across the floor of Olympus Mons caldera, adapted from  
 450 Mougini-Mark (2017). Profile derived from MOLA topographic data. See Fig. 1 for  
 451 location. The floors of Apollo and Hermes Paterae are tilted upwards towards the highest  
 452 point on the volcano summit at left of profile. In contrast, Athena Patera is essentially  
 453 horizontal. The slope of Zeus Patera is interpreted to be due to the central sagging of this  
 454 patera during an early phase of magma chamber evacuation (Zuber and Mougini-Mark,  
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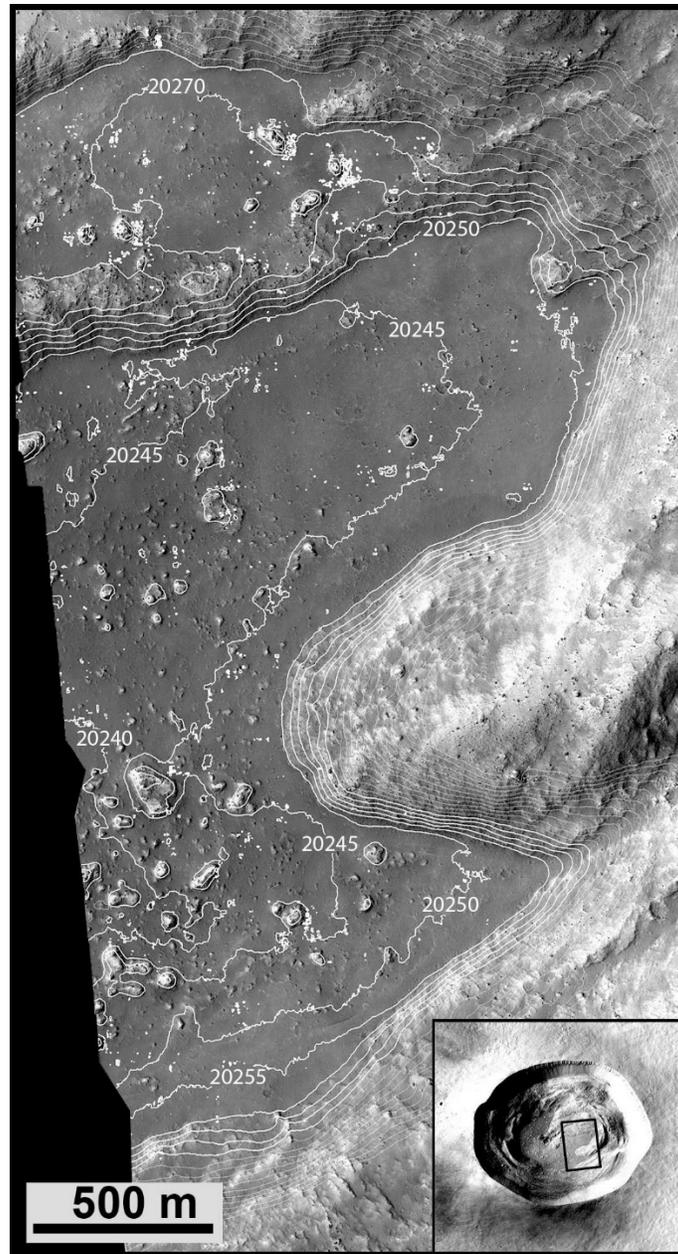
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458 Figure 5: Topography of the floor of Zeus Patera within the summit caldera. Four contours  
459 (18.4 km, 18.6 km, 18.9 km and 19.3 km) are illustrated, showing that the SE portion of  
460 the floor of Zeus Patera lies at a much higher elevation than the NW floor of the same part  
461 of the caldera. "at" is Athena Patera. Base image is CTX frame B08\_012864\_1986.  
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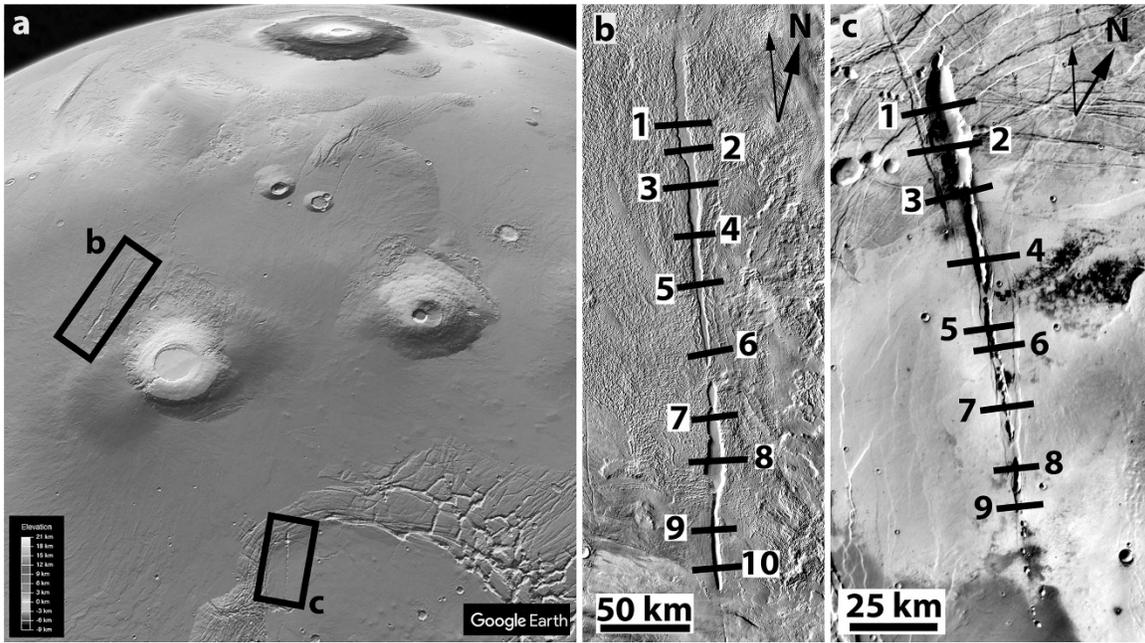
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464 Figure 6: Topography of the floor of Athena Patera, illustrating that there is no clear tilting  
 465 of the floor, although there is a ~100 m high dome on the NE part of the floor. Contour  
 466 interval is 50 m, with the highest and lowest points (in meters) identified. Tick marks  
 467 denote the downslope direction of closed contours. CTX image J06\_047228\_1985.  
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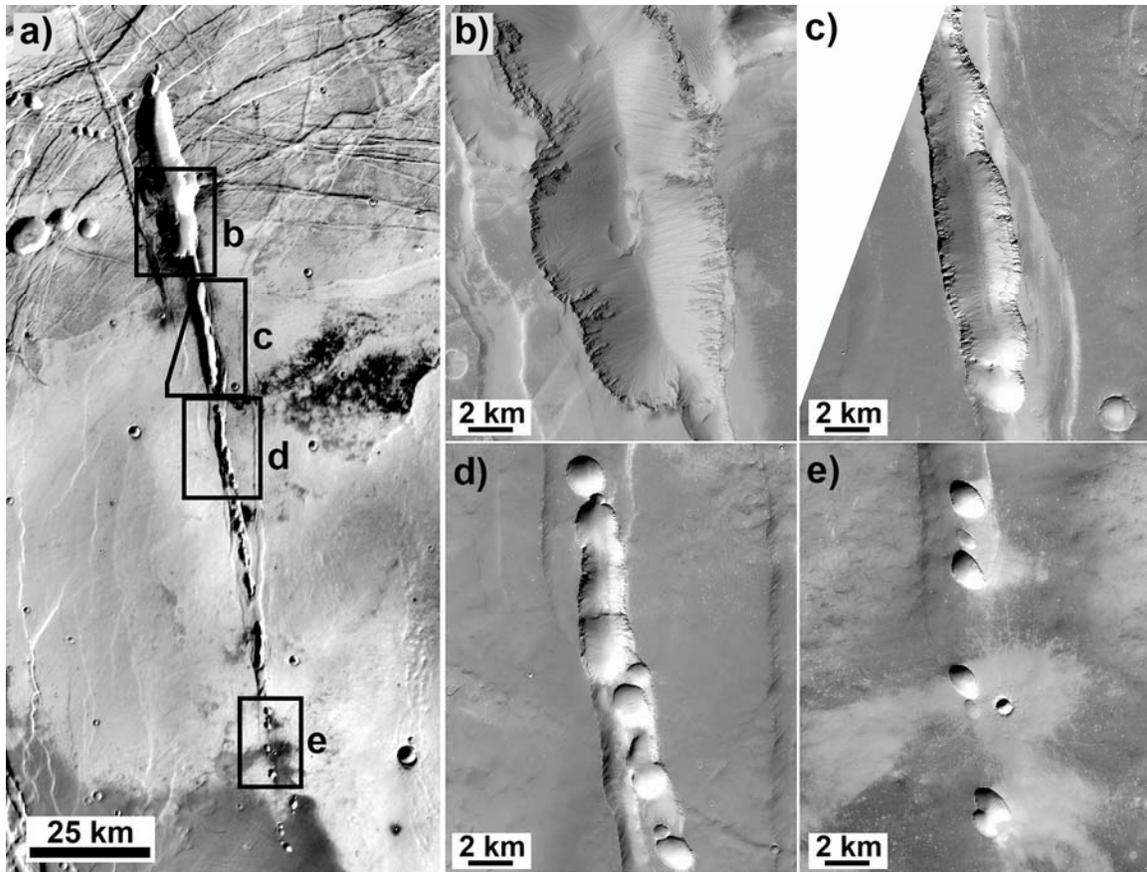
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470 Figure 7: Topography of the floor of Pangboche crater, just to the south of the area of  
 471 maximum uplift at Olympus Mons (see Fig. 1 for location). Contour interval is 5 m,  
 472 derived by Harold Garbeil from digital elevation model produced from HiRISE images  
 473 ESP\_026024\_1975 and ESP\_026169\_1975. The floor is virtually flat, showing no tilting  
 474 at all, which implies that either Pangboche formed after the summit inflation ceased or that  
 475 the crater formed on part of the flank which did not experience inflation. Given the fact  
 476 that ejecta from Pangboche extends across Apollo Patera (Mouginis-Mark, 2017), the  
 477 former explanation seems more likely. Insert at lower right shows location on the floor,  
 478 and is part of CTX image P02\_001643\_1974.  
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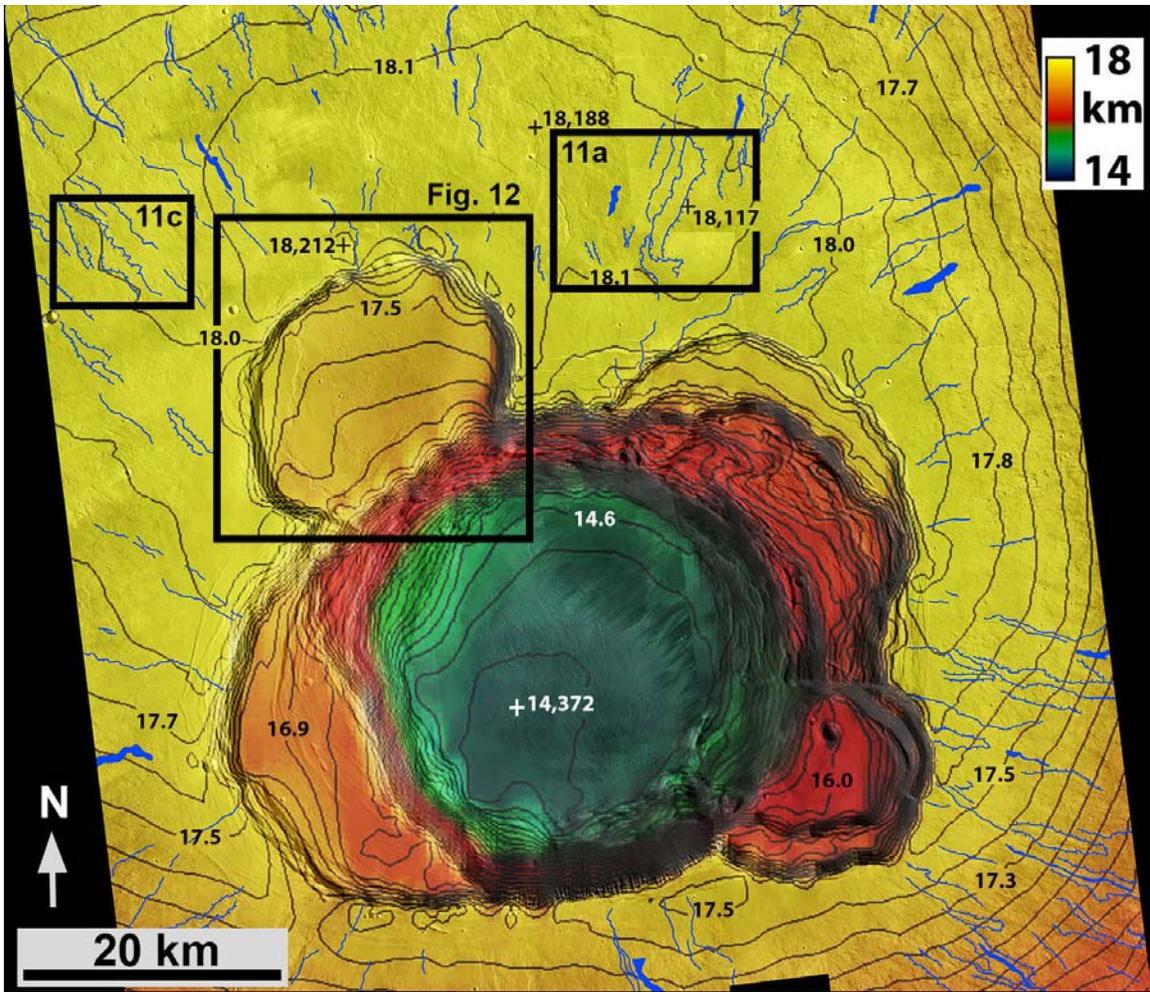
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481 Figure 8: Locations of potential radial dikes associated with Olympus Mons. (a) Oblique  
 482 view, looking northwest, with Olympus Mons at top center. Location of Figs. 8b and 8c  
 483 indicated. Base image is a grey-scale elevation model derived from MOLA measurements.  
 484 (b) Aganippe Fossa ( $7^{\circ}00'S$ ,  $233^{\circ}40'E$ ), which outcrops  $\sim 1,440$  km to  $1,710$  km from the  
 485 center of Olympus Mons caldera. Profiles included in Table 1 are numbered, small arrow  
 486 (top right) points to Olympus Mons. CTX image G02\_019312\_1699. (c) Graben within  
 487 Phoenicis Lacus ( $13^{\circ}00'S$ ,  $233^{\circ}40'E$ ),  $\sim 2,200$  km to  $2,530$  km from the caldera. Profiles  
 488 included in Table 1 are numbered, small arrow (top right) points along a great circle to  
 489 Olympus Mons. CTX image B22\_018217\_1659.  
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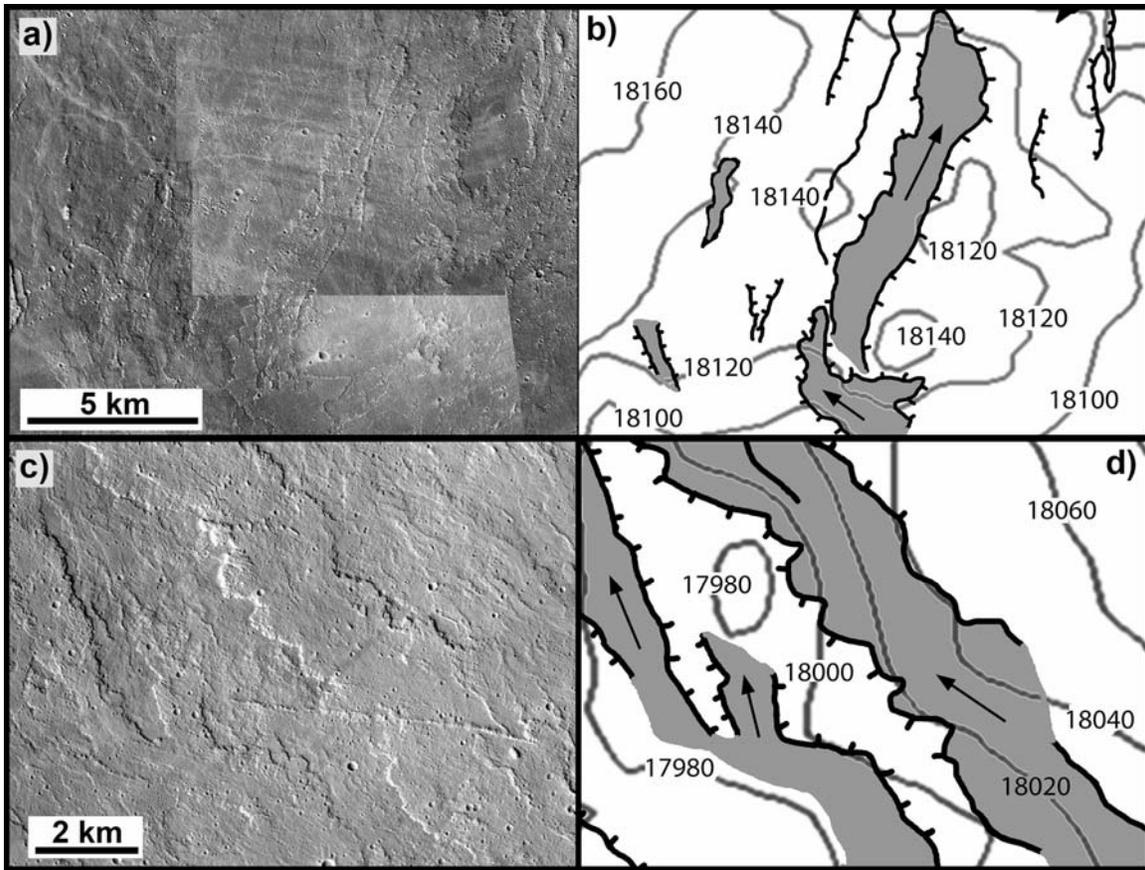
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492 Figure 9: Details along Phoenicis graben. Notice that no indications of the top of the dike  
 493 are visible within the graben or craters along the exposed length of the feature. Images are  
 494 (a) THEMIS daytime IR mosaic; (b) CTX frame B11\_013971\_1676; (c) and (d) CTX  
 495 frame B22\_018217\_1659; (e) CTX frame P06\_003317\_1653.



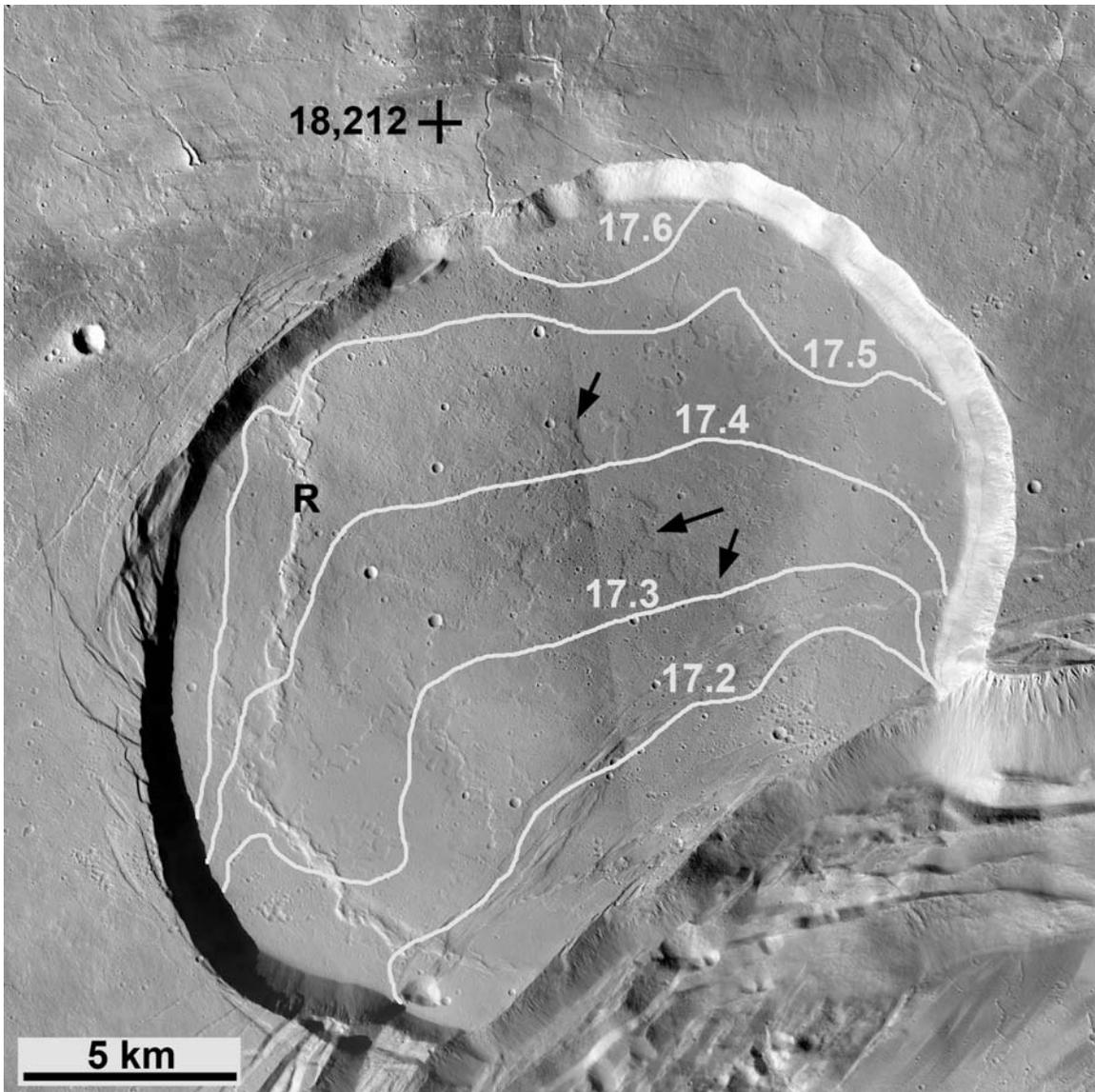
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Figure 10: Topography and distribution of mapped lava flows at the summit of Ascræus Mons. Note that the flows (hachured where only the flow edge can be identified) on the southern rim are perpendicular to the contours and go downhill, indicating no late-stage inflation here. The highest points (18,212 m, 18,188 m and 18,117 m) are identified on the north rim. Boxes mark the locations of Figs. 11a, 11c, and 12. Contour interval is 100 m, with the lowest point on the caldera floor (14,372 m) indicated. Base image is a mosaic of CTX frames.



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507 Figure 11: Details of two areas (“a” and “c”) on the northern flank of Ascræus Mons,  
 508 showing disparity between lava flow directions and the local topography (“b” and “d”).  
 509 Arrows in “b” and “d” show direction of flow. Contours in meters. See Fig. 10 for  
 510 locations. Flows margins are hachured where the flow edge can be identified. a) is CTX  
 511 frame P09\_004398\_1913; c) is CTX frame B06\_012006\_1912.  
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 514 Figure 12: Details of the topography of the floor of the NW patera at the summit of  
 515 Ascraeus Mons, which is presumed to have formed as a flat surface, only to be  
 516 subsequently tilted towards the south by more than 500 m. Note that the slope of the patera  
 517 is radial to the highest elevation on the volcano (18,212 m). Contours from MOLA data  
 518 are in kilometers, see Fig. 10 for location. “R” identifies a wrinkle ridge which most likely  
 519 formed by the deformation of the patera floor. Black arrows point to lava flow lobes which  
 520 appear to travel up-slope. Mosaic of CTX frames B06\_012006\_1912 and  
 521 B07\_012362\_1912.

522 **Table 1**

523 Estimated volumes of the individual patera within the Olympus Mons caldera. These  
 524 volumes assume that each collapse event formed an elliptical or circular depression, and  
 525 that the elevation of the rim of each patera relative to the elevation of the foot of the wall  
 526 has not been influenced by the inflation of the summit. In part, Apollo, Athena and  
 527 Dionysus patera overlap older collapse events, and so two values for the volume change  
 528 are given.

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530	Patera	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Ht. drop (km)	Vol. (km <sup>3</sup> )	Total volume (km <sup>3</sup> )
531	Apollo	125	3.0	375	
532	Apollo	125	0.3	37	412
533	Athena	125	1.8	225	
534	Athena	200	1.0	200	425
535	Dionysus	157	0.8	126	
536	Dionysus	157	2.5	392	518
537	Hera	330	1.4	462	462
538	Hermes	1250	0.6	750	750
539	Zeus	2827	1.3	3,675	3,675

540 Total Volume = 6,242 km<sup>3</sup>

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543 **Table 2**

544 Dimensions of the Aganippe Fossa and Phoenicis graben. Values in parentheses are  
545 influenced by local collapse and enlargement of the surface depressions and are unreliable  
546 indicators of dike geometry. See Fig. 8 for profile locations.

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548 (a) Aganippe Fossa

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550		graben	graben	dike	dike top
551	location	width/km	depth/m	width/m	depth/km
552	1	11.5	220	280	3.3
553	2	12.3	340	425	3.5
554	3	7.0	550	690	2.0
555	4	6.2	640	800	1.8
556	5	5.2	290	360	1.5
557	6	2.9	210	265	0.8
558	7	(8.4)	(960)	(1200)	(2.4)
559	8	(17.6)	(1540)	(1930)	(5.0)
560	9	(7.9)	(910)	(1140)	(2.3)
561	10	7.1	140	180	2.0

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564 (b) Phoenicis graben

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566		graben	graben	dike	dike top
567	location	width/km	depth/m	width/m	depth/km
568	1	(10.2)	(2240)	(2800)	(2.9)
569	2	(11.0)	(1890)	(2365)	(3.1)
570	3	3.5	545	680	1.0
571	4	3.2	615	770	0.9
572	5	5.9	430	540	1.7
573	6	4.5	250	310	1.3
574	7	5.3	70	85	1.5
575	8	3.4	210	265	1.0
576	9	3.3	115	145	0.9

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