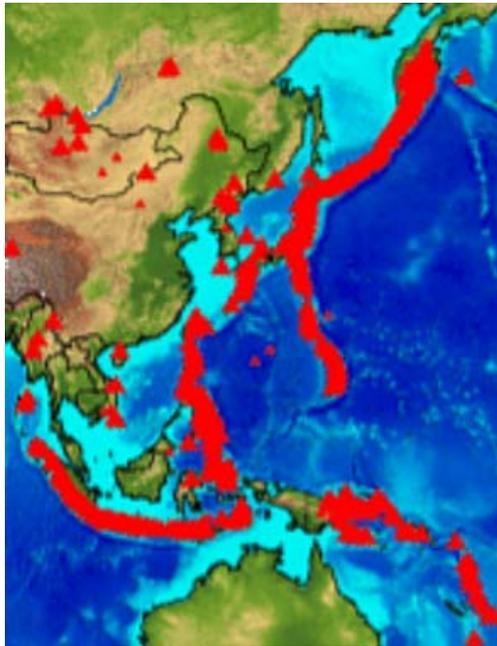


Improvement of active volcano monitoring system in east Asia by using SGLI : preparation for realtime high spatial-resolution observation



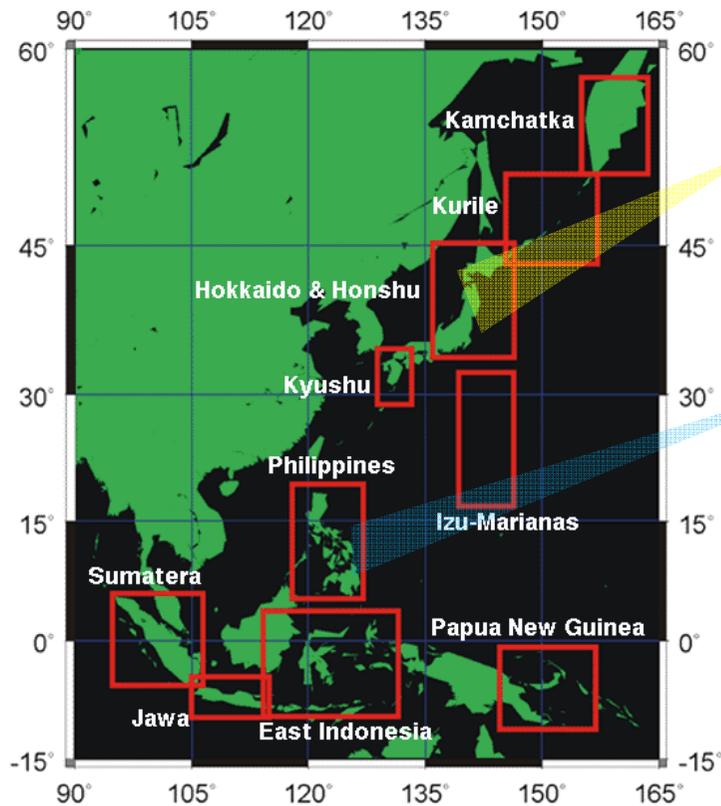
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Background

We developed a realtime monitoring system based on infrared images from MODIS and MTSAT and are monitoring active volcanoes in east Asia.



observation results

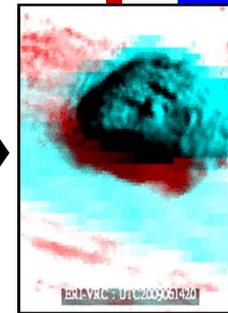
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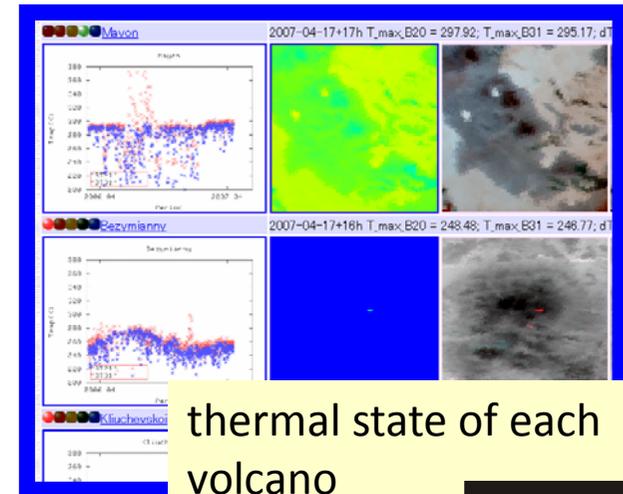
occurrence of eruption clouds

MTSAT



MODIS

147 volcanoes



thermal state of each volcano

Nighttime



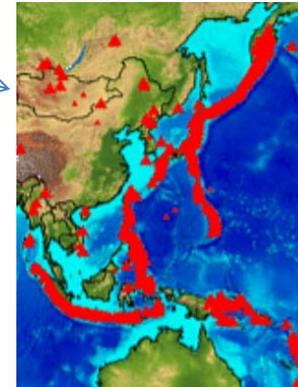
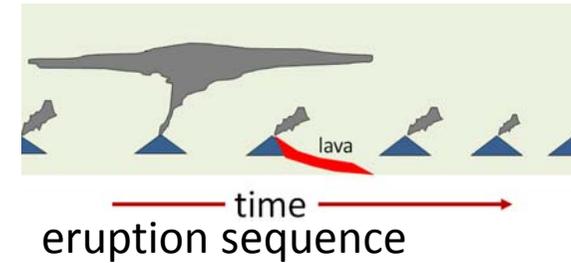
Background

Objectives of this project

- (1) Studies on eruption sequences
- (2) Provision of information on volcanic activities

Limitations in the current system

- (1) Low resolution
- (2) Low realtime performance



In east Asia, ground-based observation network is very limited. Realtime information on activities is useful for disaster mitigation.



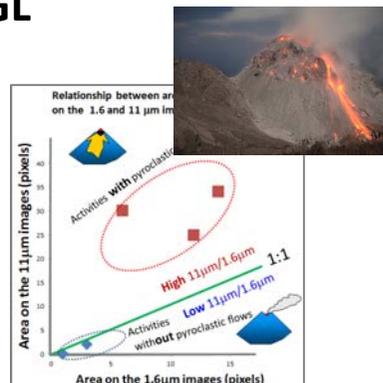
SGLI data --- high resolution and high realtime performance

If we integrate SGLI into the system, we can improve these limitations.

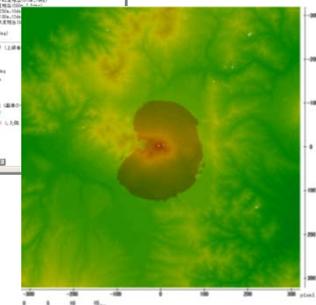
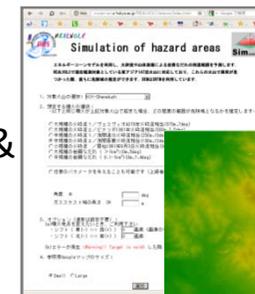
Previous studies on SGL

We discussed

- (1) a method to monitor generation of pyroclastic flows associated with growth of a lava dome



- (2) realtime monitoring & realtime simulation system using the advantages of SGLI



Objectives of 2013

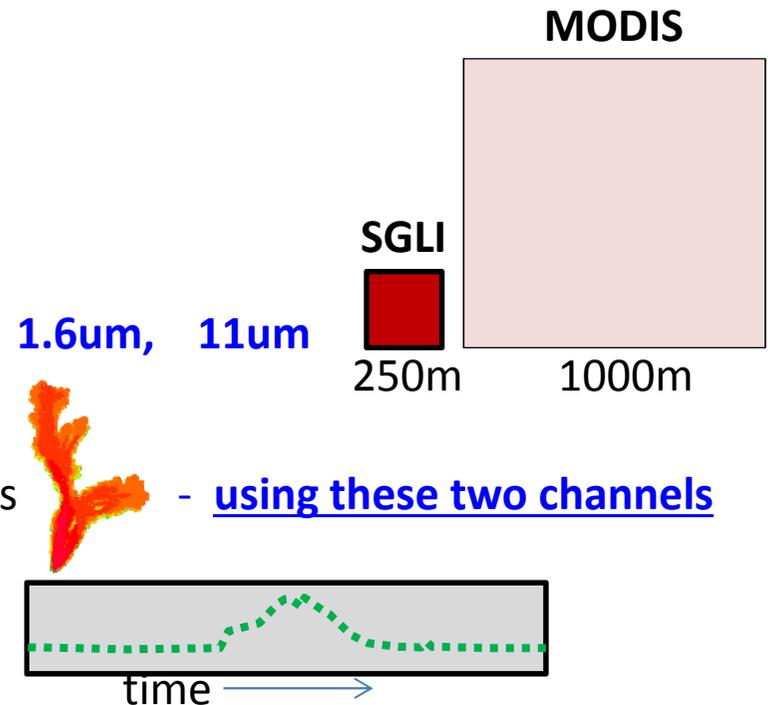
■ Observation of lava flows using SGLI

Lava flows --- most common volcanic products

Key --- use of the 250m resolution channels

(1) Recognition capability of distribution of lava flows

(2) Monitoring time-series variation of activity level

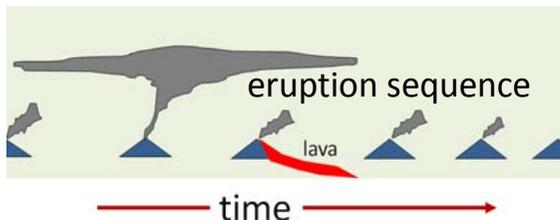


Methods

In this study, we adopted an unusual method

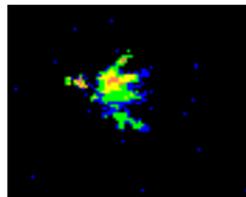
Producing **SGLI images** using a **numerical model** of lava flows

Because...



time-series images are necessary

But...



highly-frequent high resolution images are not available

Advantage

We can examine **relationship** between **initial conditions** and **resulted "SGLI images"**.

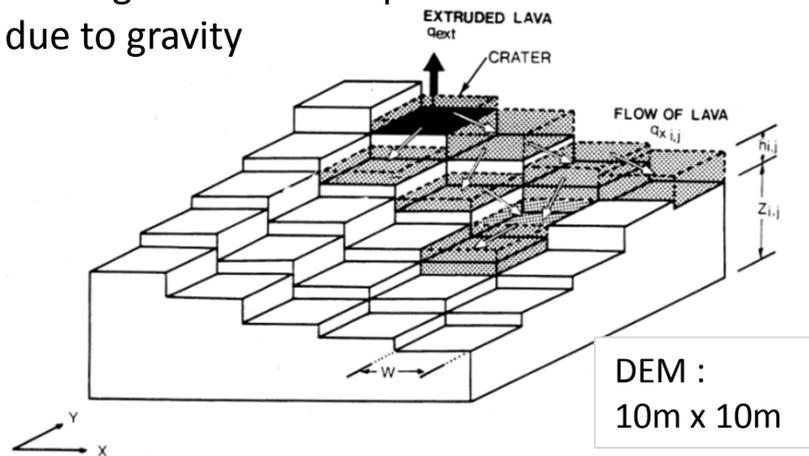
Methods

Numerical model of lava flows

Ishihara et al. (1990)

lava flows -- Bingham fluid

flowing down on a slope
due to gravity



As time elapsed, lava flow spread, and is cooled by radiation at the surface

Conditions for simulation

Test site: Asama volcano

DEM: 10m x 10m

Effusing vent: northern side of the summit

Viscosity : eq. andesite ($\eta=3 \times 10^6$ poise)

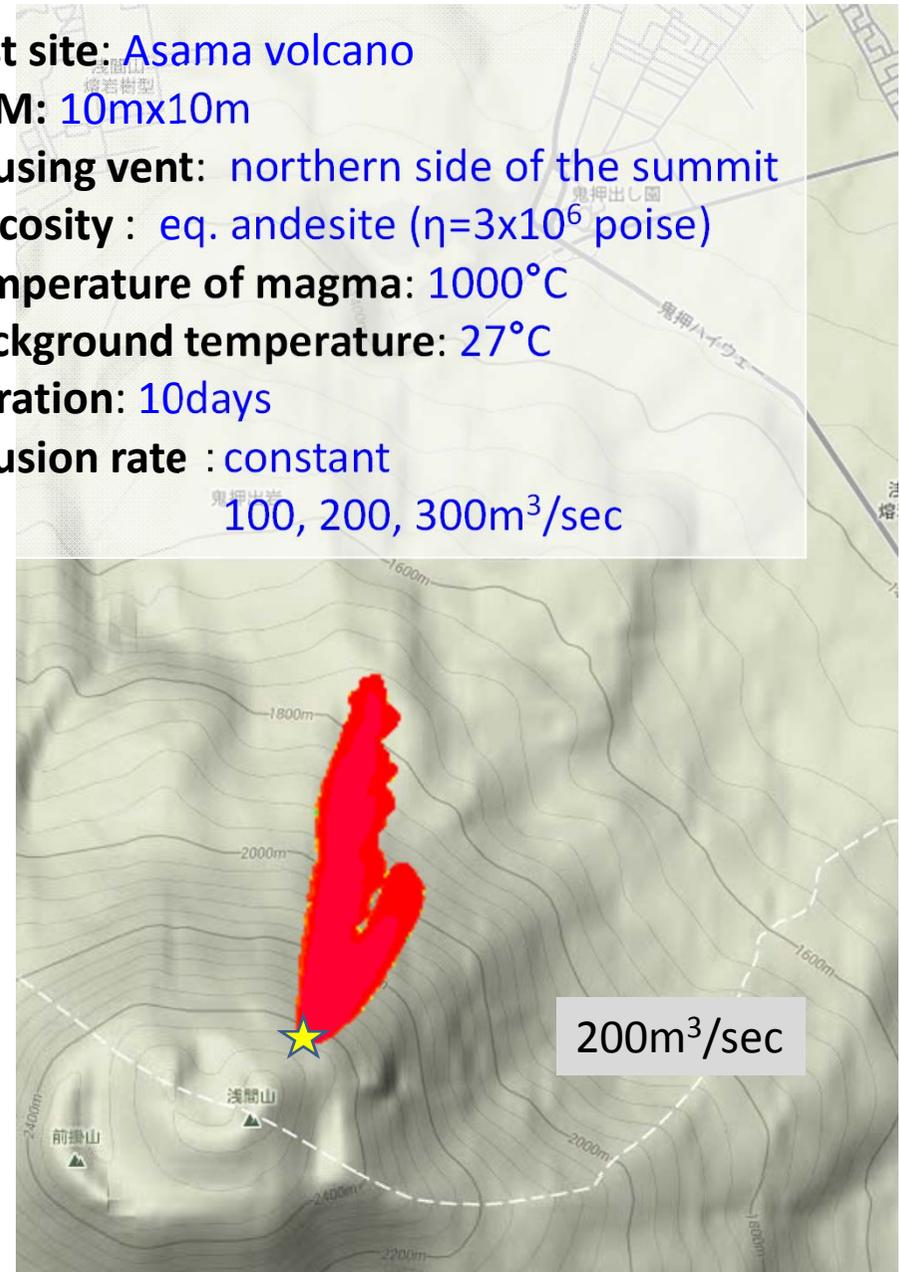
Temperature of magma: 1000°C

Background temperature: 27°C

Duration: 10 days

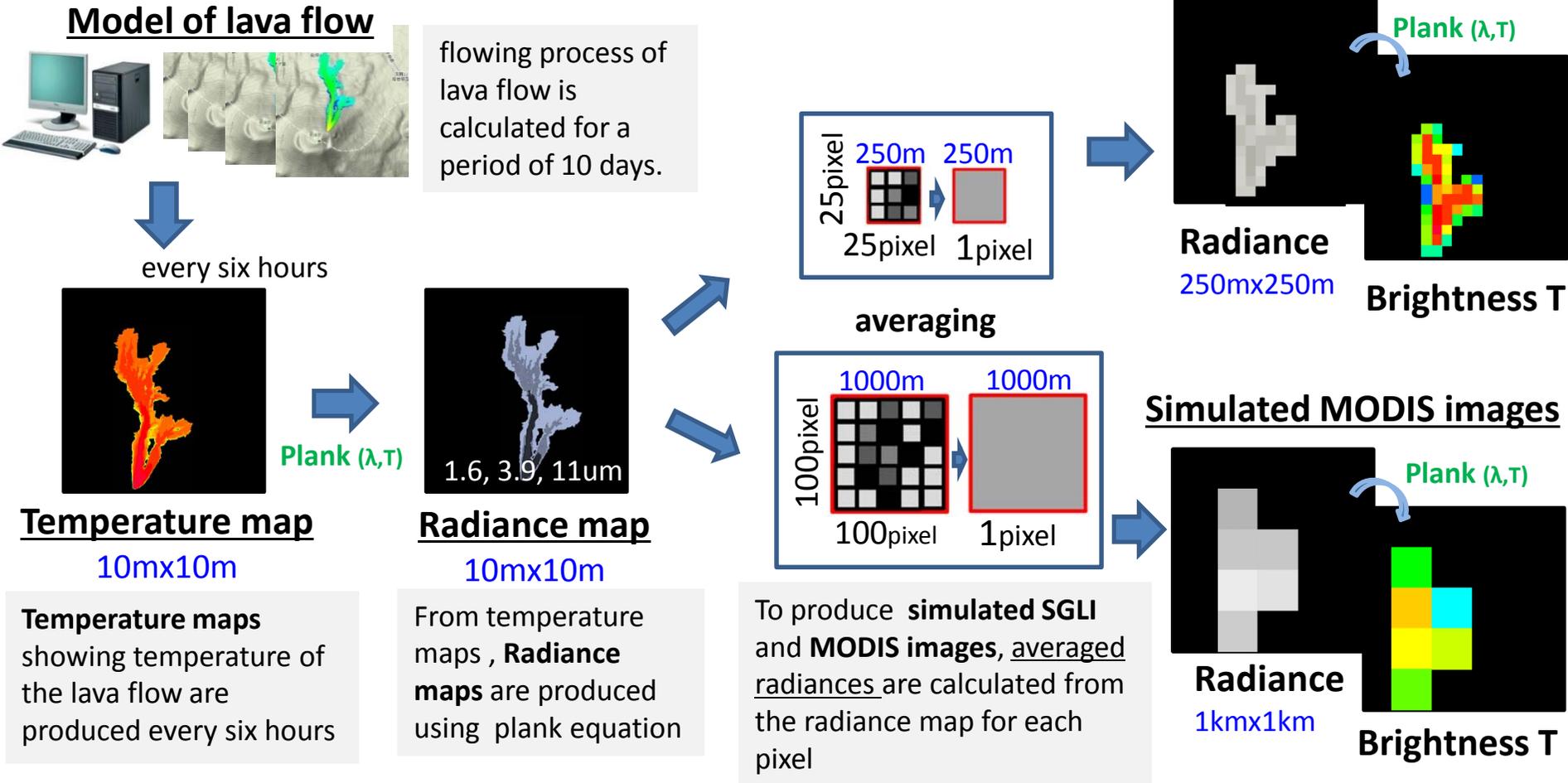
Effusion rate : constant

100, 200, 300 m³/sec



Methods

Procedures for producing simulated SGLI and MODIS images



Produced images

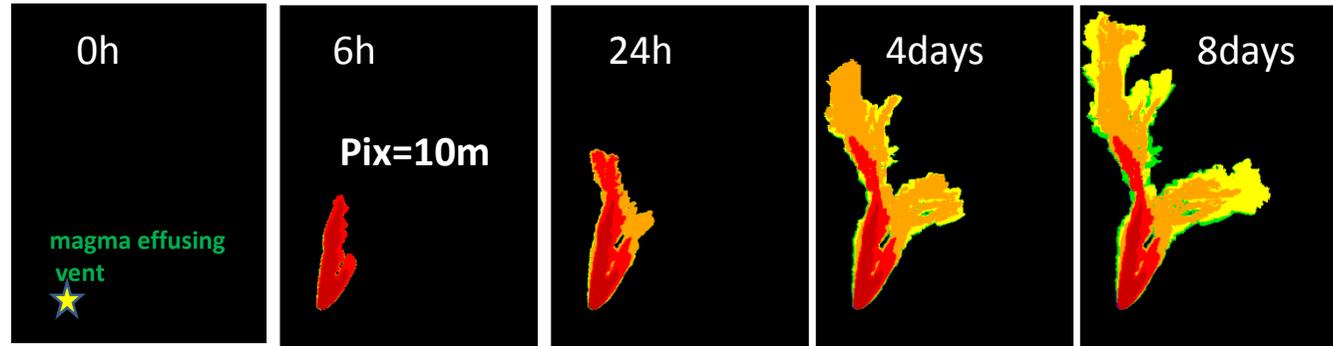
		wavelength		
SGLI	(250m x 250m)	1.6um	-	11um
MODIS	(1km x 1km)	-	3.9um	11um

Recognition capability of distribution of lava flows

■ Comparison between 250m and 1km resolutions

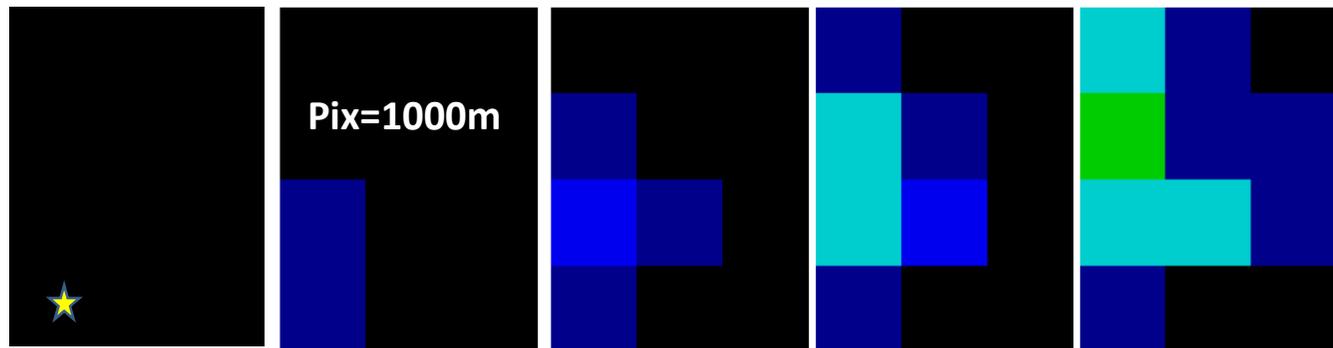
Temperature maps generated by the model

Rate=200m³/S
Andesite



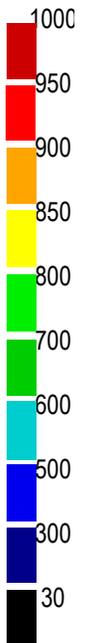
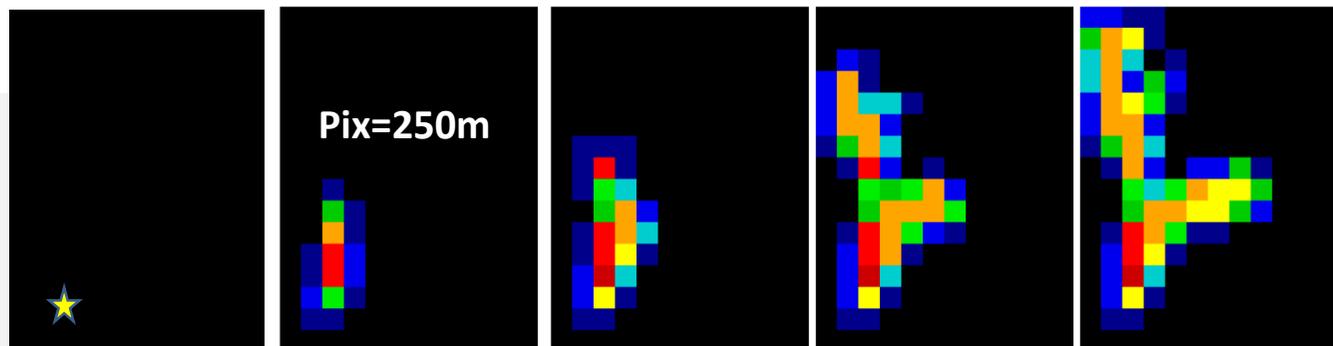
MODIS 11um BT

we can recognize enlargement of depositional area of the lava flow, but it is difficult to know the exact distribution.



SGLI 11um BT

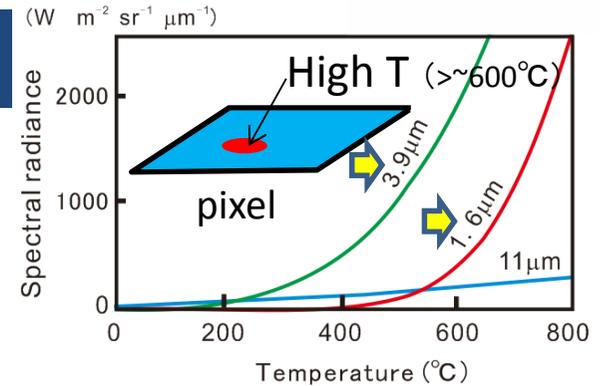
we can recognize the broad outline. Based on the time-series images, we can estimate the location of the magma effusing vent, and the moving direction of the lava flow.



Recognition capability of outline of lava flows

■ Simulated MODIS 3.9um and SGLI 1.6um BT images

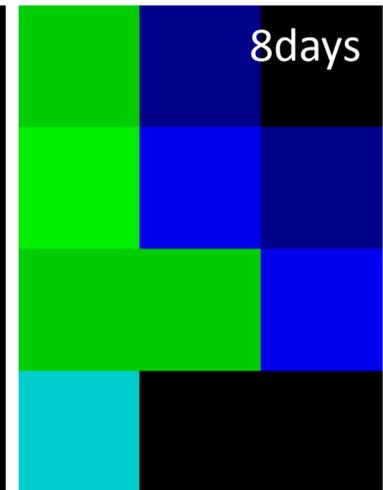
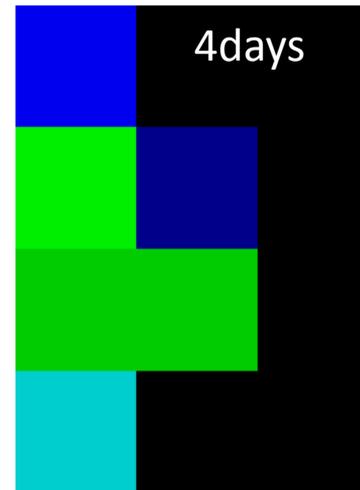
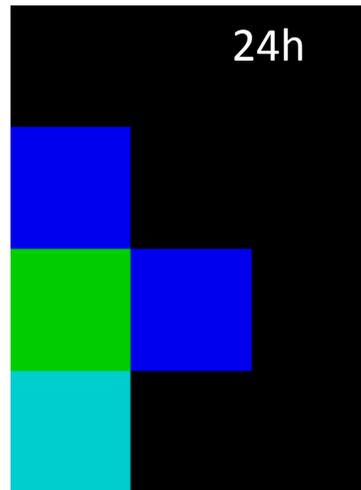
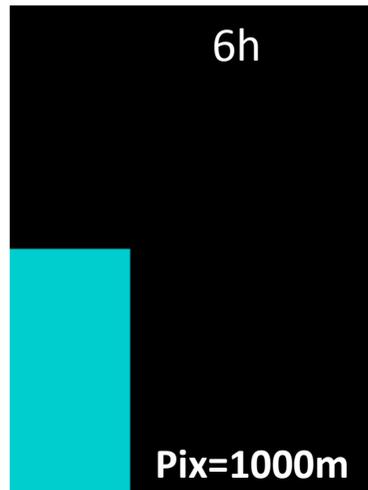
Basic features are the same as those in the 11um images.



(eruption rate: 200m³/s)

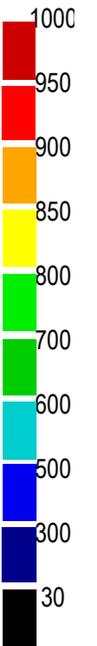
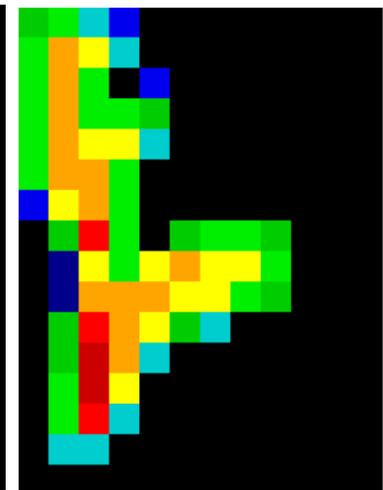
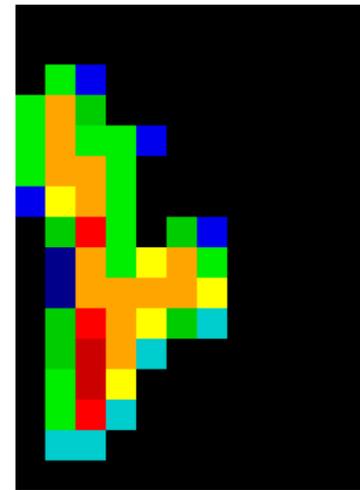
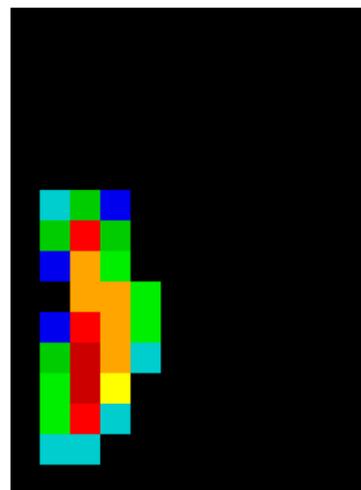
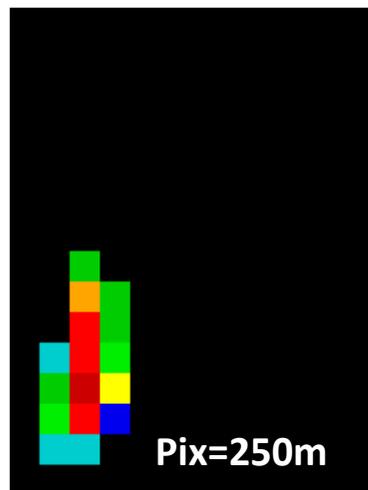
MODIS
3.9um BT

current
system
monitoring
activity level



SGLI
1.6um BT

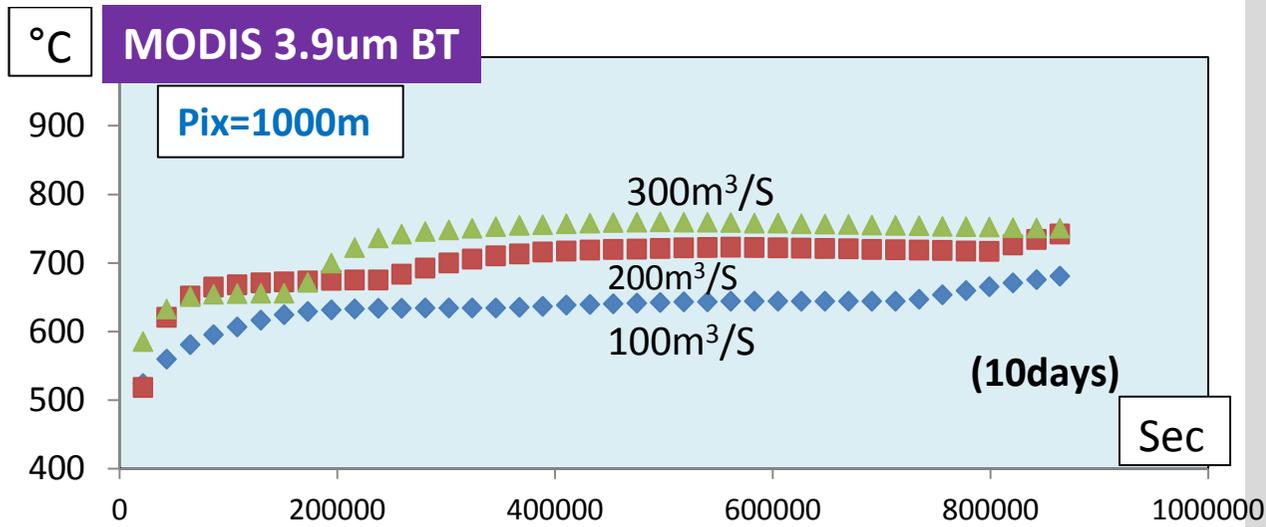
SGLI
system
monitoring
activity level



These channels are sensitive to existence of high temperature objects within a pixel → higher BT than 11um images

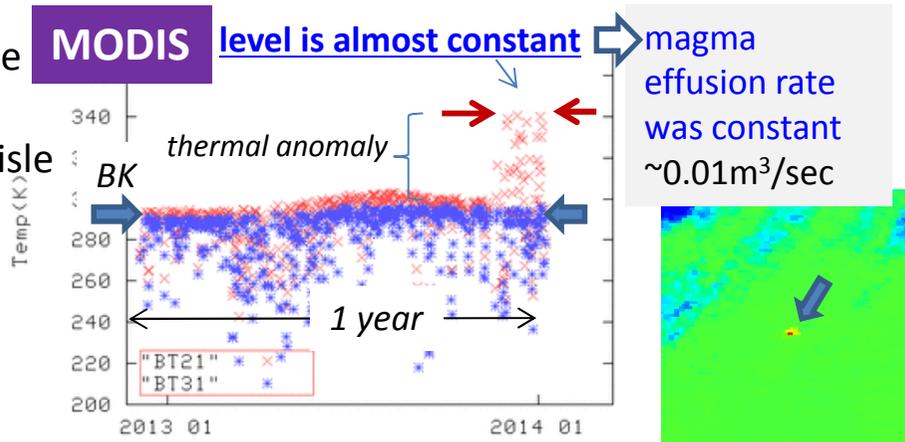
Monitoring time-series variation of activity level

■ Time-series variations of the same index -Max3.9BT- as that of the current MODIS system



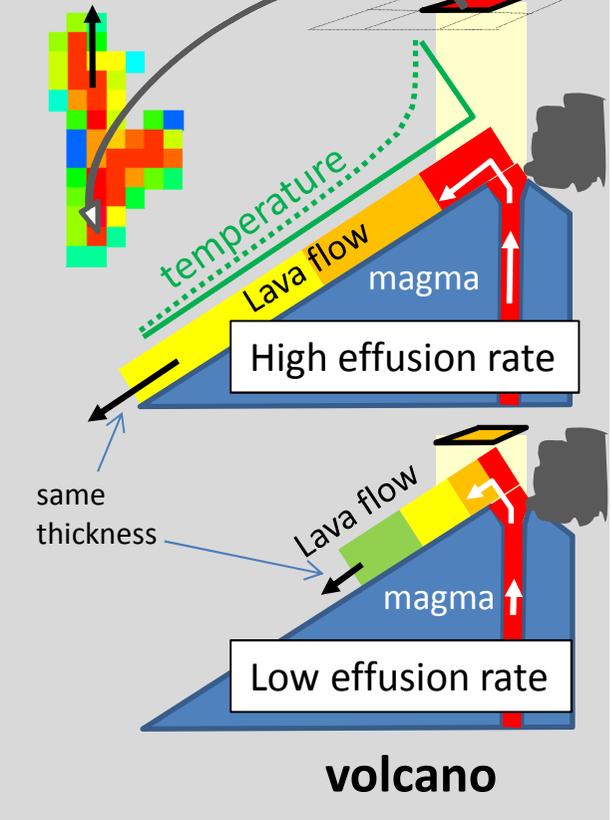
Higher effusion rate shows higher level. Each of them shows a constant level, corresponding to the constant magma effusion rates.

e.g.,
Variation of the same index in Nishinoshima isle (Nov 2013-)



Index Max3.9BT

a pixel value showing the highest brightness temperature



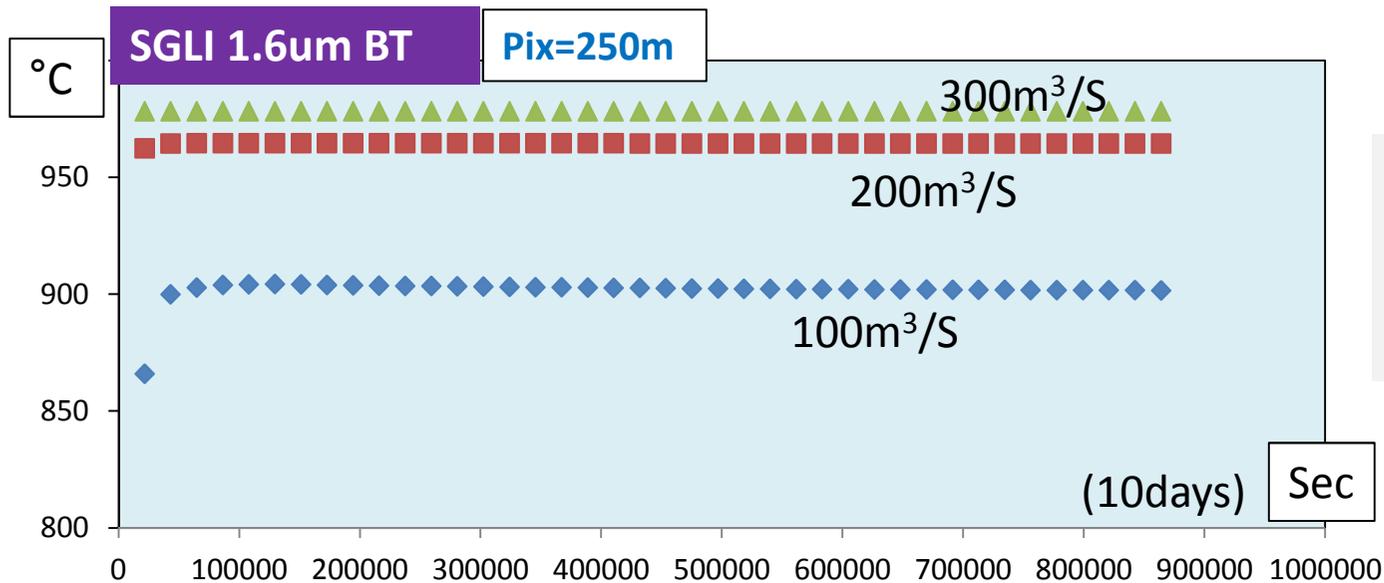
With increase of magma effusion rate, the **brightness temperature** of this pixel increases, corresponding to expansion of the **high temperature area** on the lava flow.

Monitoring time-series variation of activity level

■ Adopting the same type of index as MODIS in the SGLI system (Max1.6BT)

Time-series variations of the same index as MODIS (Max1.6BT)

pixel value showing the highest brightness temperature



Higher effusion rate shows higher level
Each of them shows a constant level

→ we may use this index for monitoring in the SGLI system.

very high temperature levels...

The numerical model
--- indicating higher temperature than that of the actual surface

Saturation level of the 1.6um channel of SGLI
--- around 450°C in BT

⇒ In the case of **low effusion rate**, we can possibly observe lava flows without saturation with the 1.6 um channel

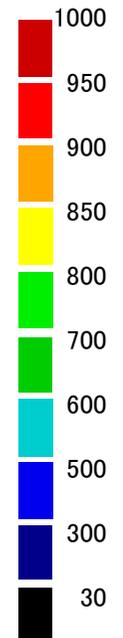
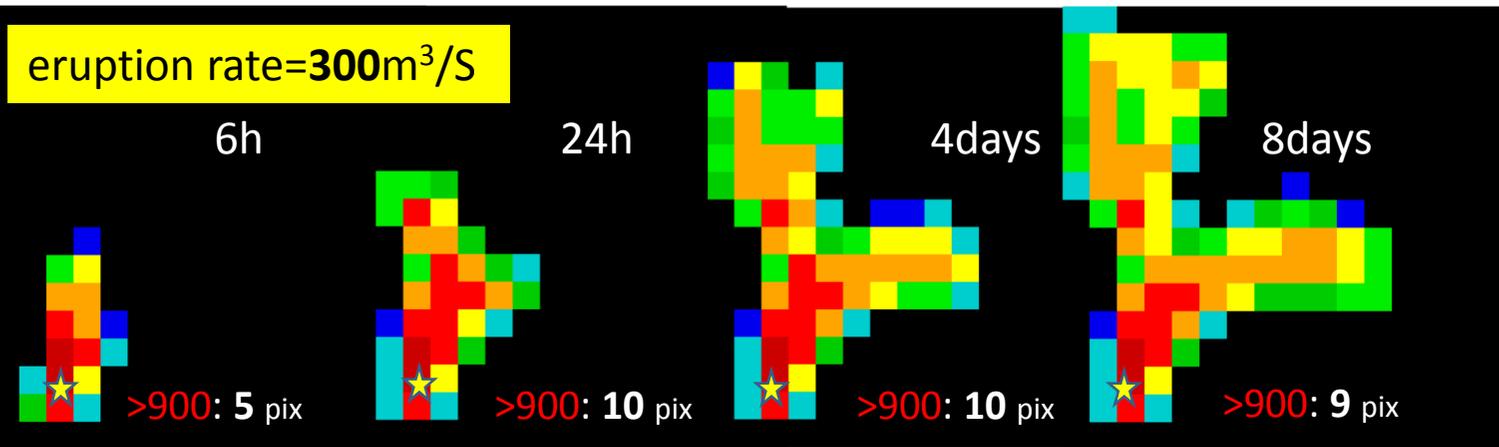
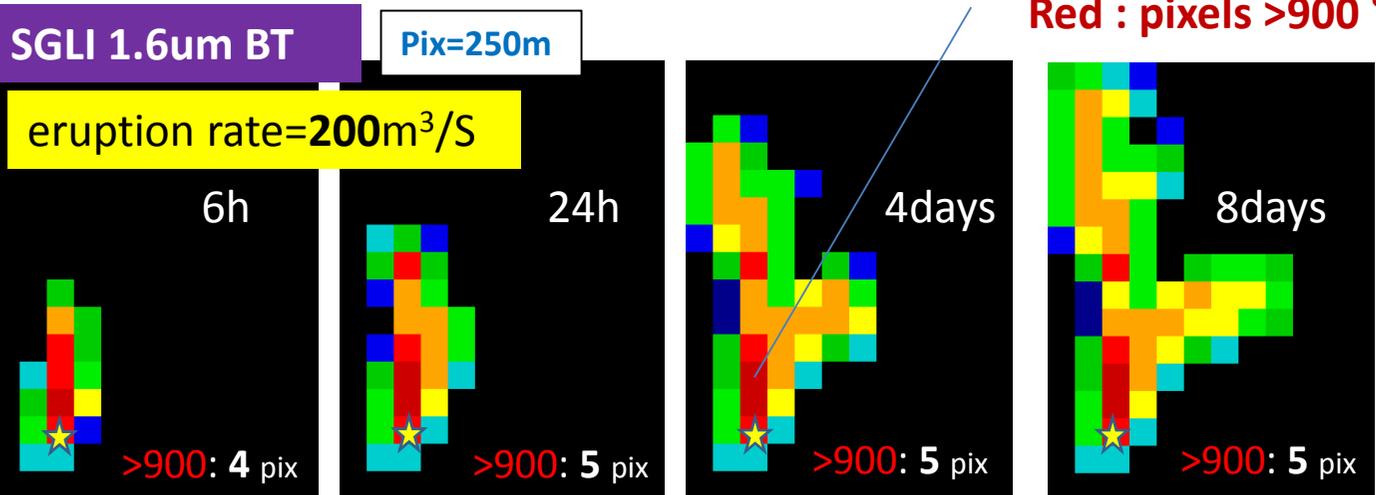
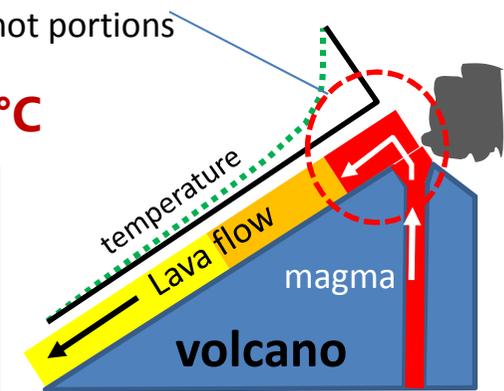


Monitoring time-series variation of activity level

- Use of a multi-pixel type index for monitoring

Simulated SGLI images of the 1.6um channel

extending from the effusing vent, and corresponding to the very hot portions just after effusion

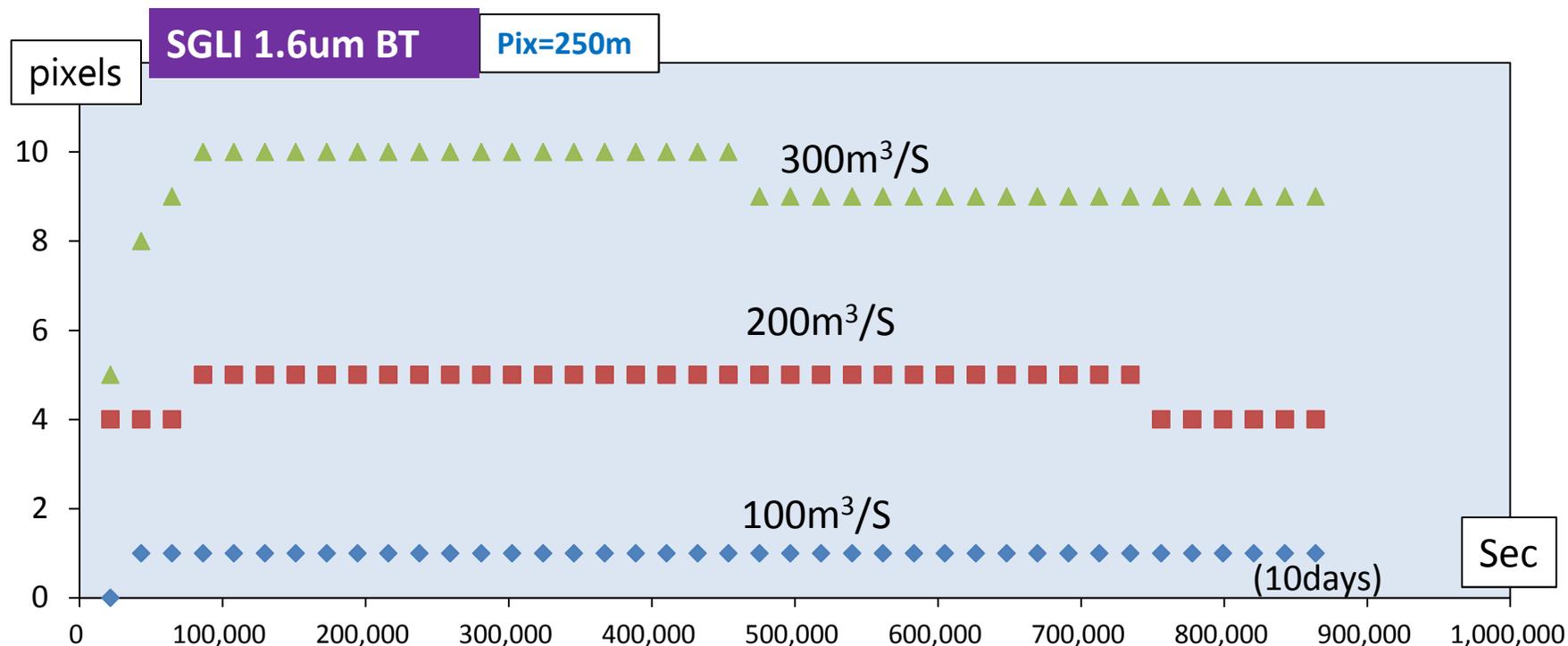


As time elapsed, distribution area of the lava flow enlarges

Number of "Red pixels" - constant at the same eruption rate
- increases with increase of effusion rate

Monitoring time-series variation of activity level

■ Time-series variations of the number of pixels $> 900\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$



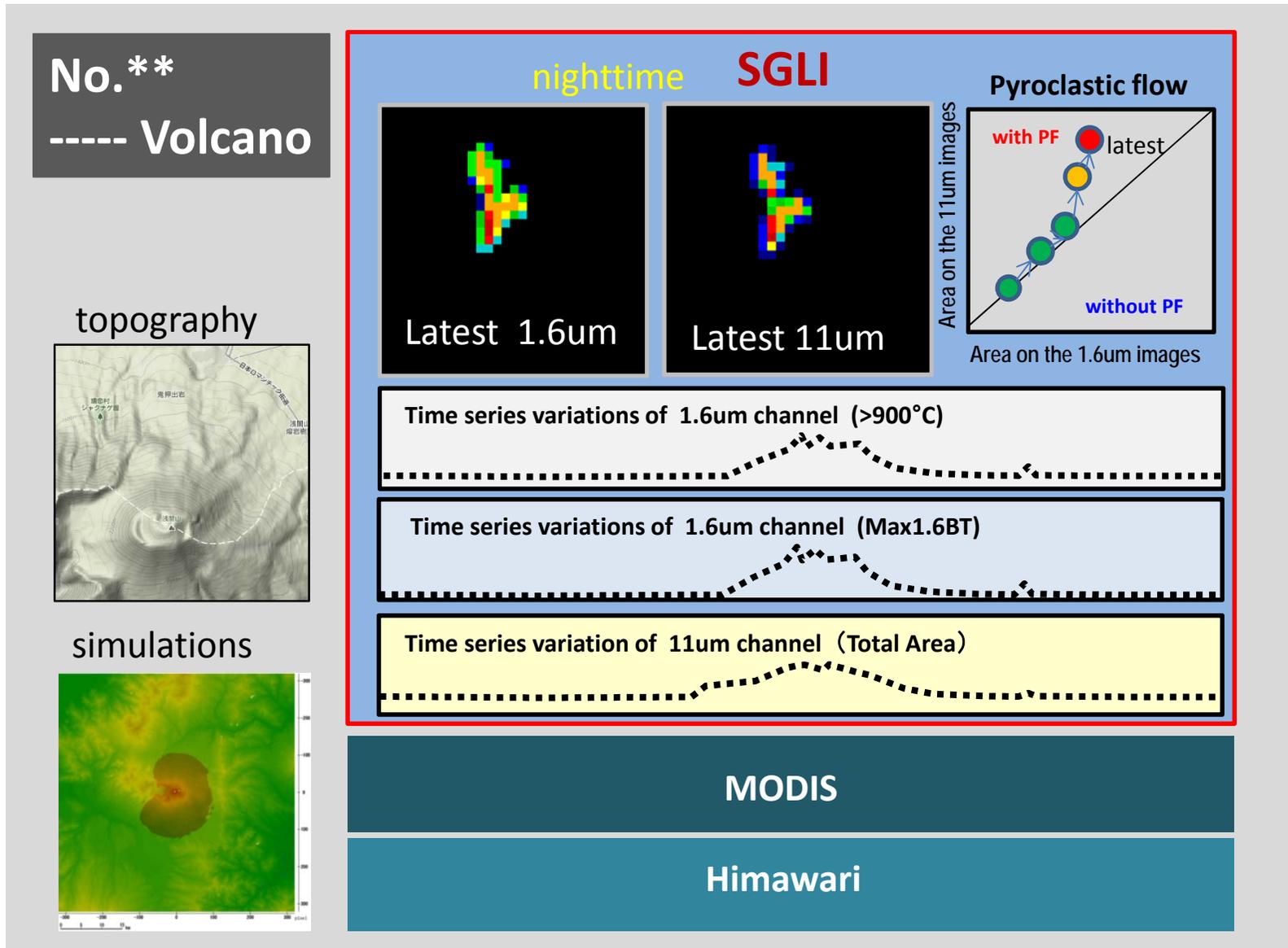
Higher effusion rate shows higher level
Each of them shows a constant level through the period
⇒ can be used for monitoring activity level

As to the threshold value, here we assumed to be $900\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.,
we need to discuss more by using improved models, together with actual satellite images.

Provision of information

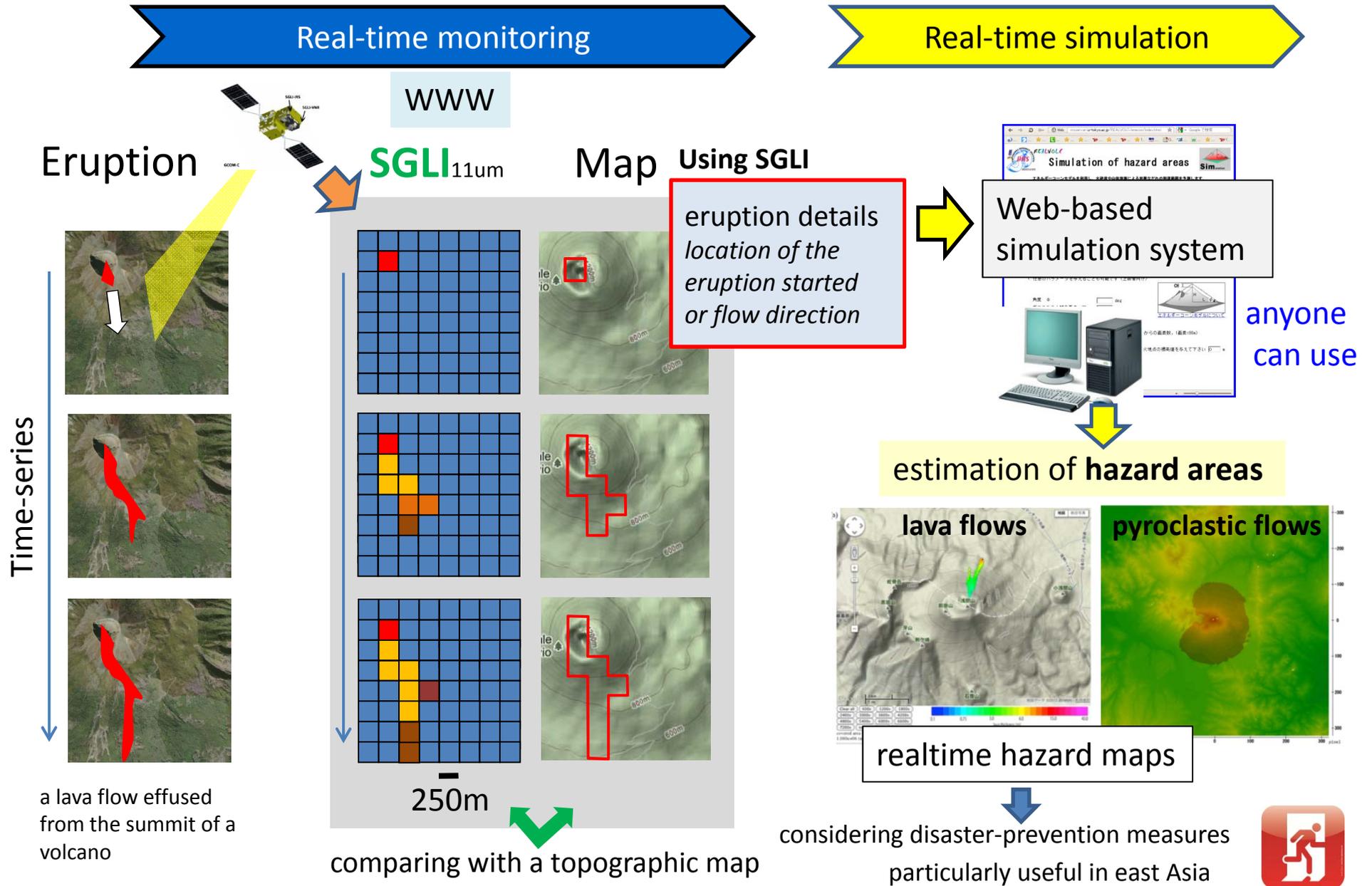
■ Web page

In the webpage of SGLI, we plan to show these types of real time information



Application of the monitoring system of SGLI

Development of a realtime observation and realtime simulation system



Summary and future subjects

This year we have worked on observation of lava flows using simulated SGLI images produced by a numerical model of lava flows.

SGLI has higher recognition capability of distribution of lava flows compared to that of MODIS.

As to monitoring time-series variation of activity level (eruption rate of lava flow) , indexes based on single pixel or multi pixels of SGLI 1.6um channel are thought to be applicable .

However, we need to examine these indexes more by using improved models, together with actual satellite images.

Recognition capability of outline of lava flows

