

# Seasonal albedo changes as derived from OMEGA/MEX RGB global maps

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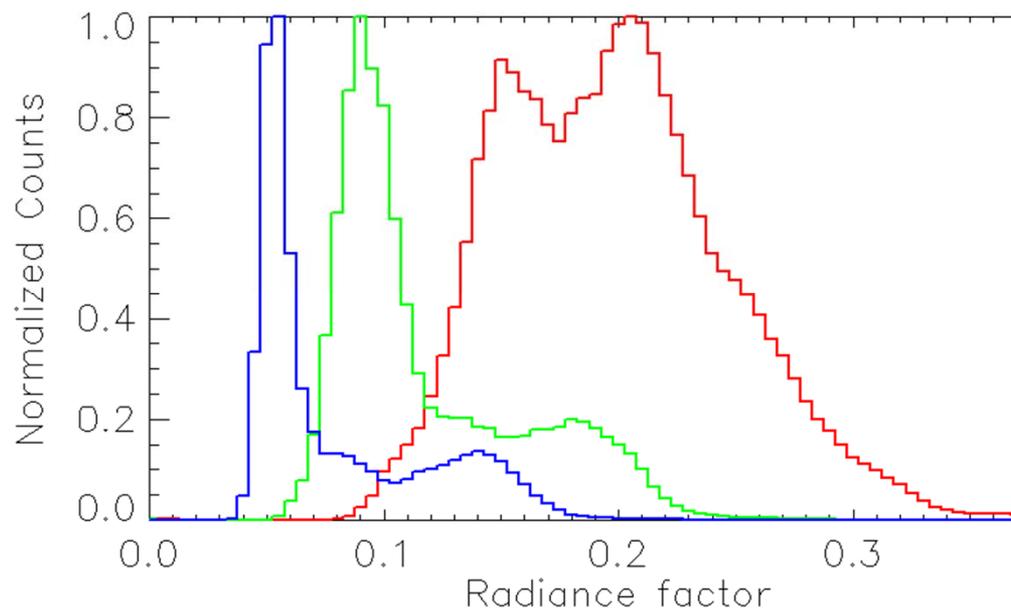
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OMEGA/VNIR RGB channels

	$\lambda$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Lower Limit (Rad. Factor)	Upper Limit (Rad. Factor)
<b>R</b>	0.588	0.09	0.33
<b>G</b>	0.514	0.05	0.20
<b>B</b>	0.439	0.03	0.15



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each season we also computed

Cloud Index (CI, Langevin et al., 2007) as the ratio Reflectance Factor

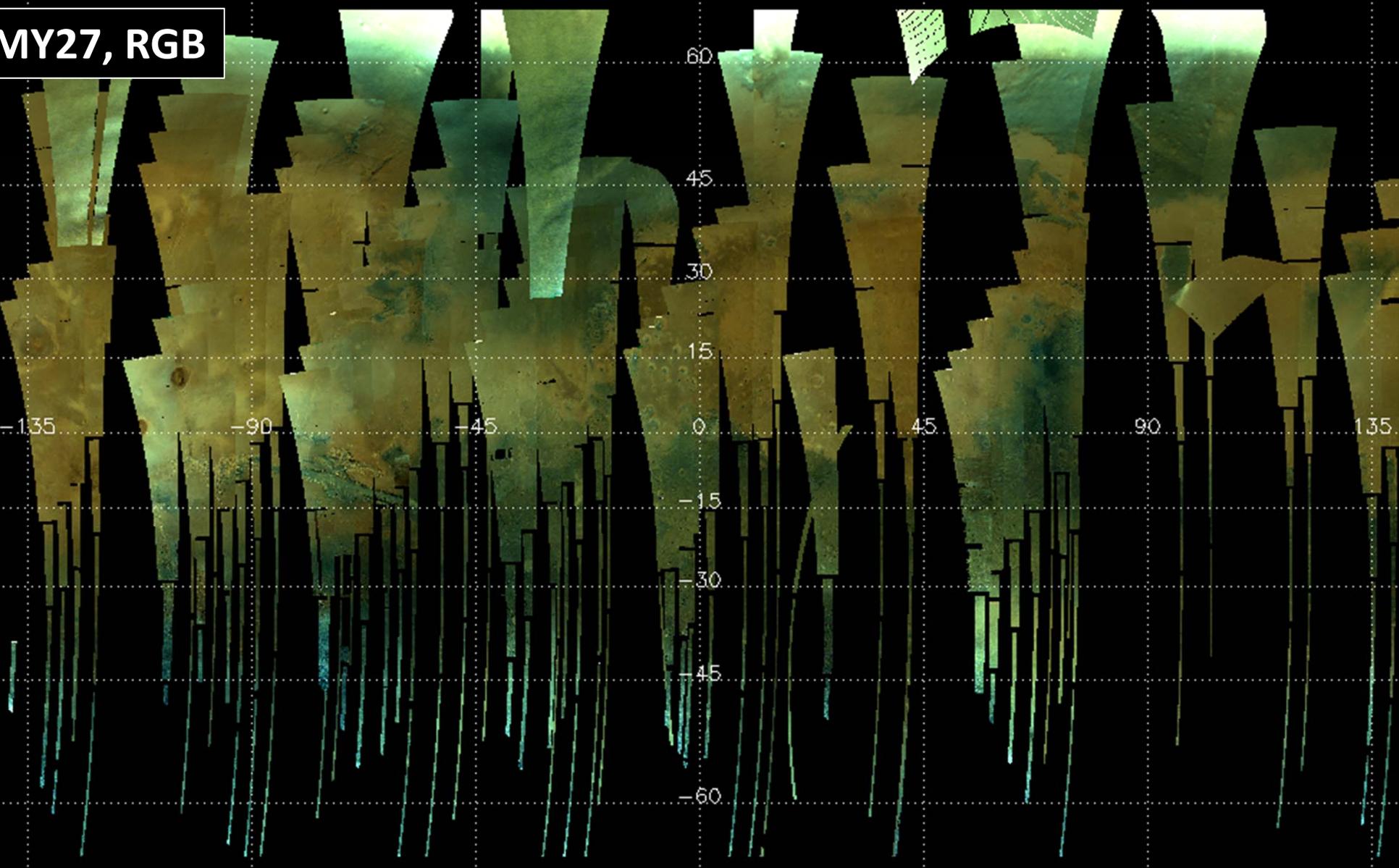
$RF@3.40\mu\text{m}/RF@3.52\mu\text{m}$

$RF@3.2\mu\text{m}$

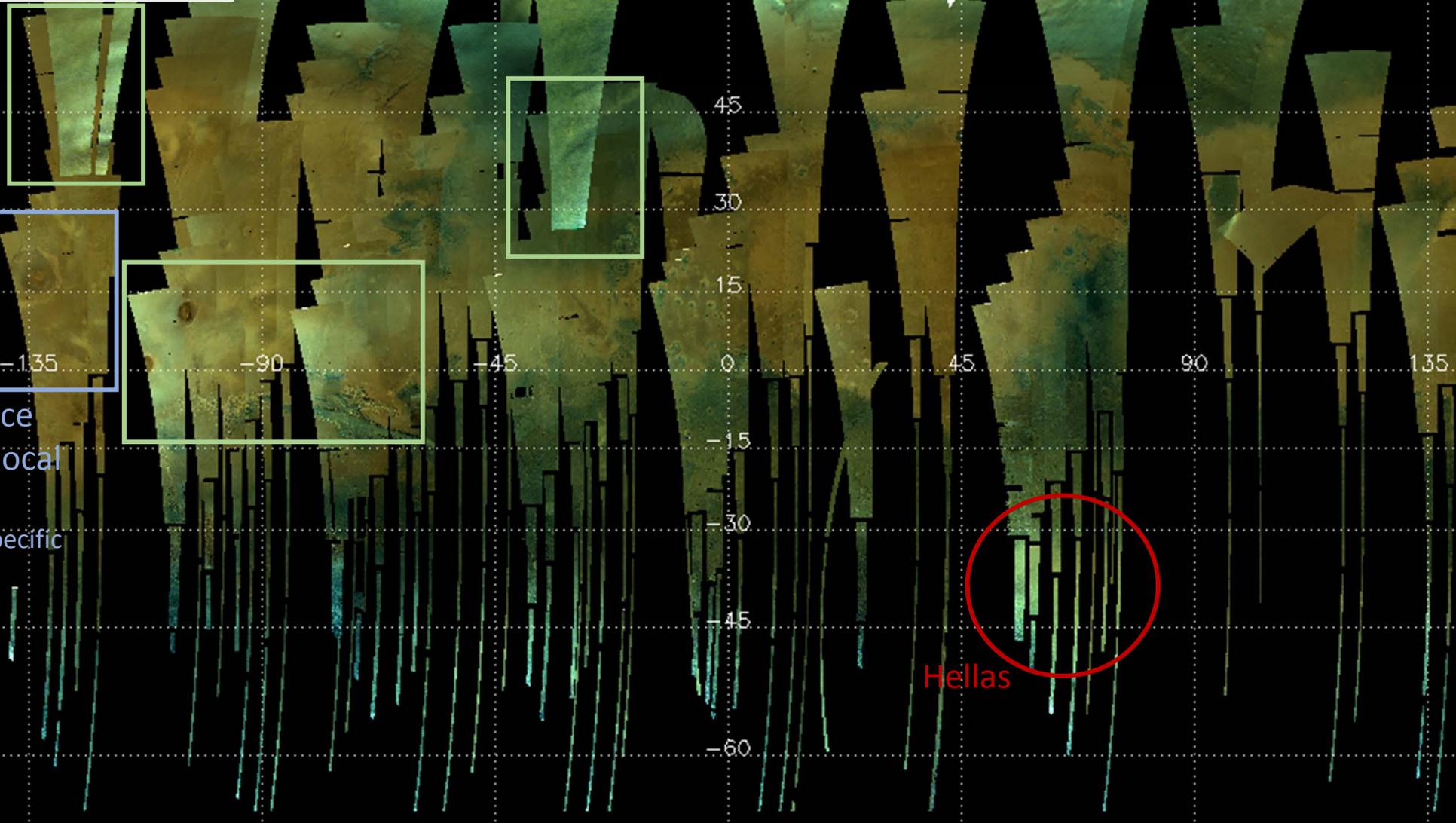
Equalized RGB images

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MY27, RGB



MY27, RGB



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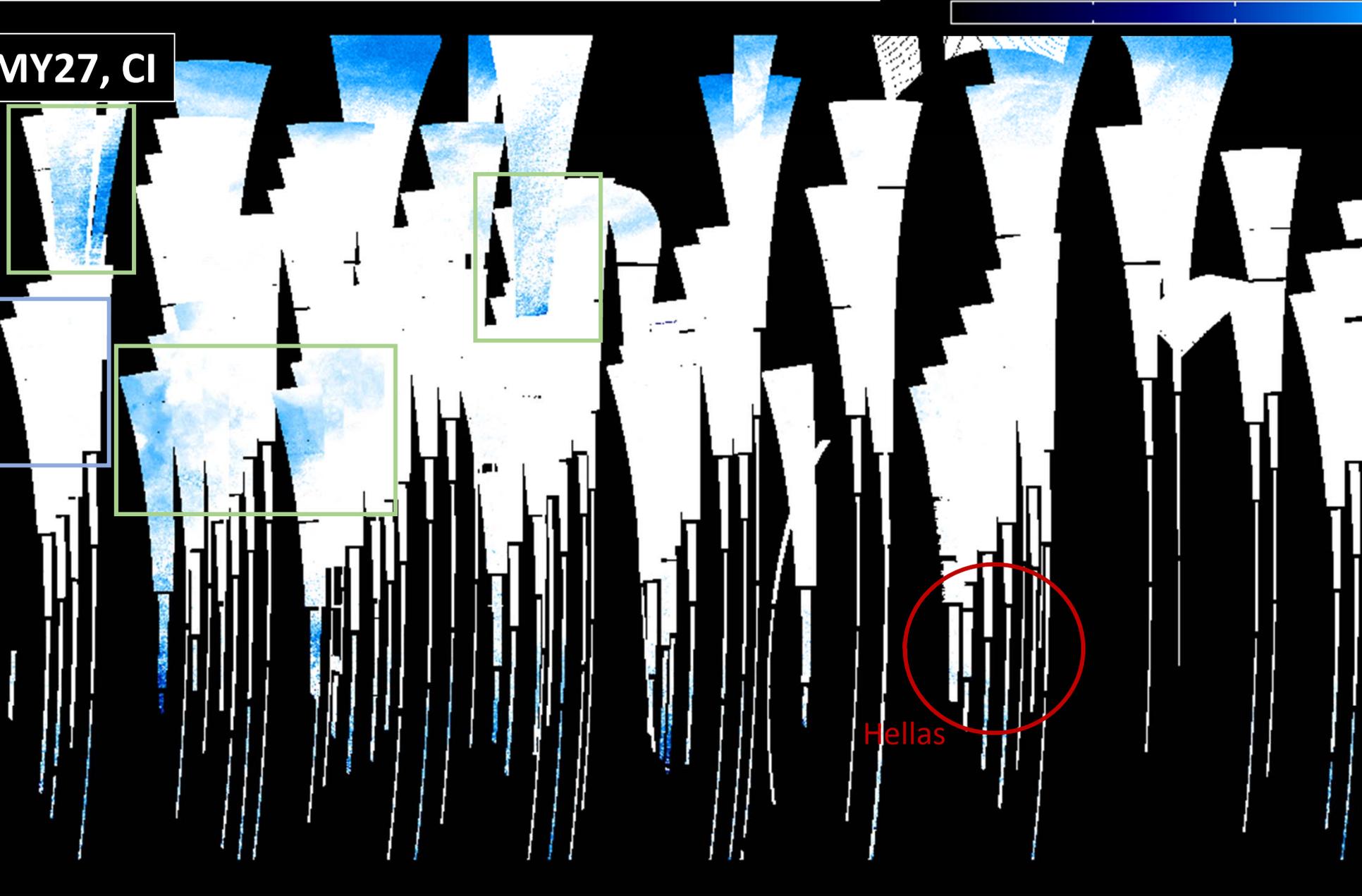
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Hellas

MY27, CI

0.0

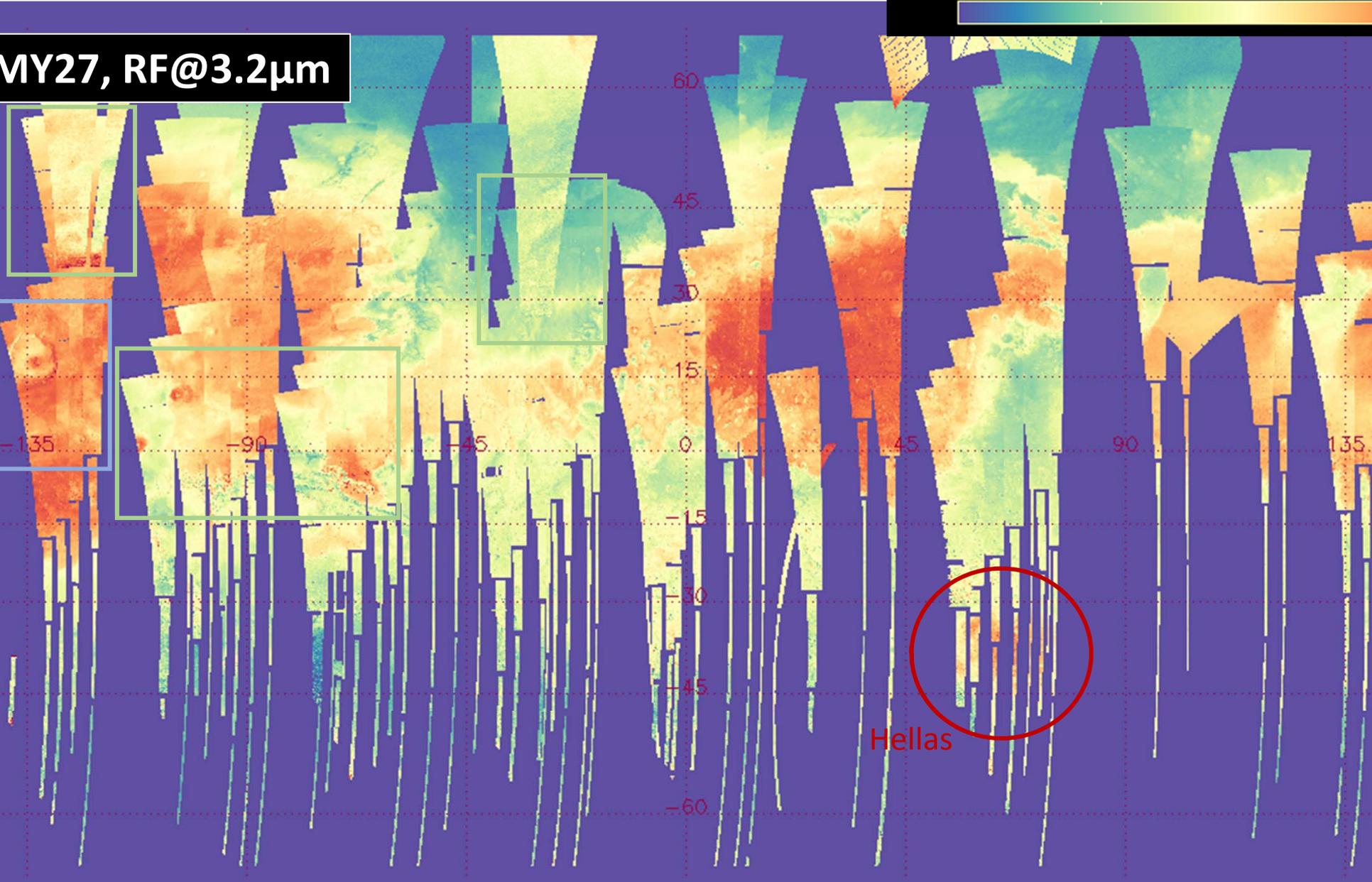
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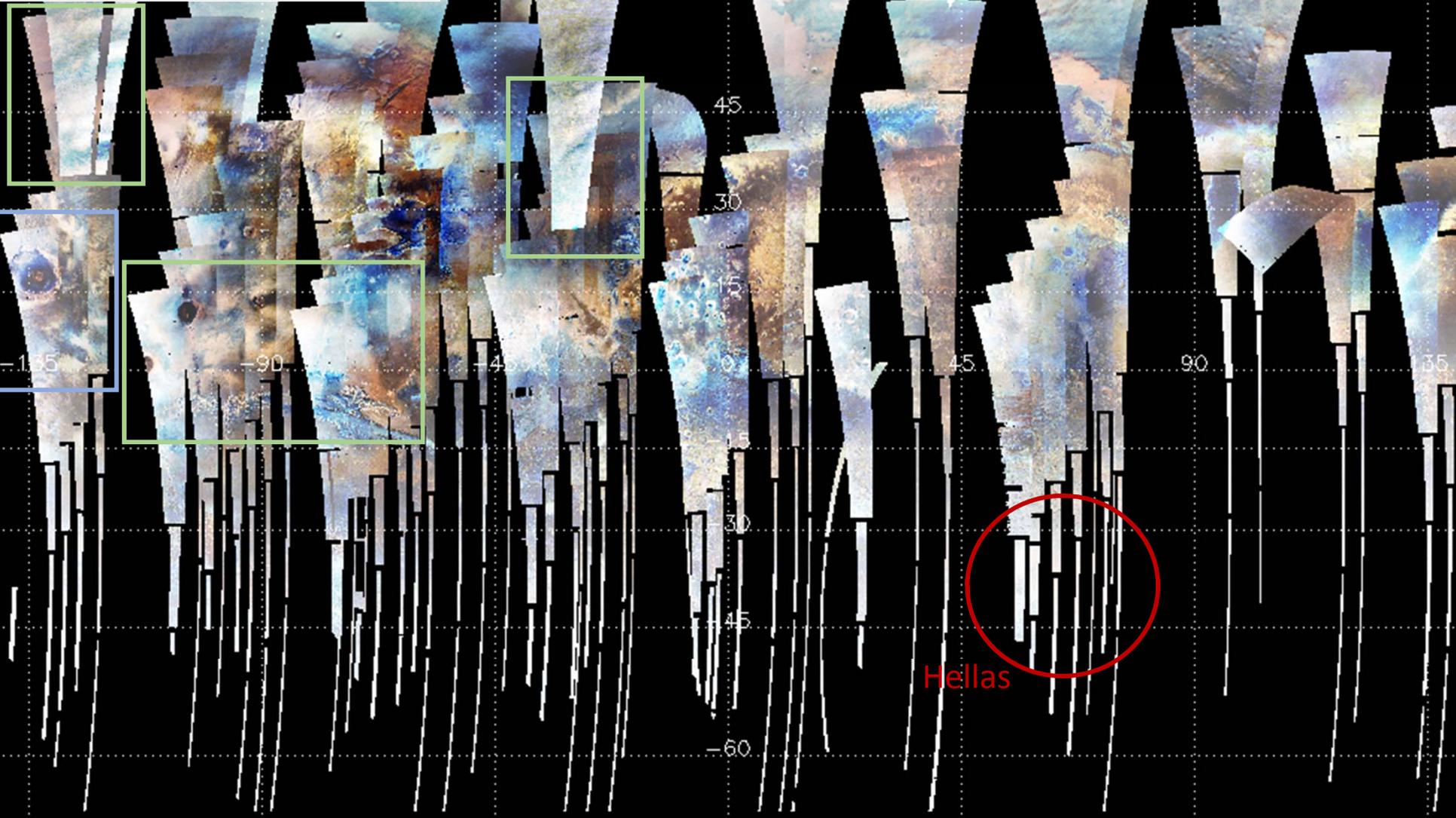
MY27, RF@3.2 $\mu$ m

0.0 0.1

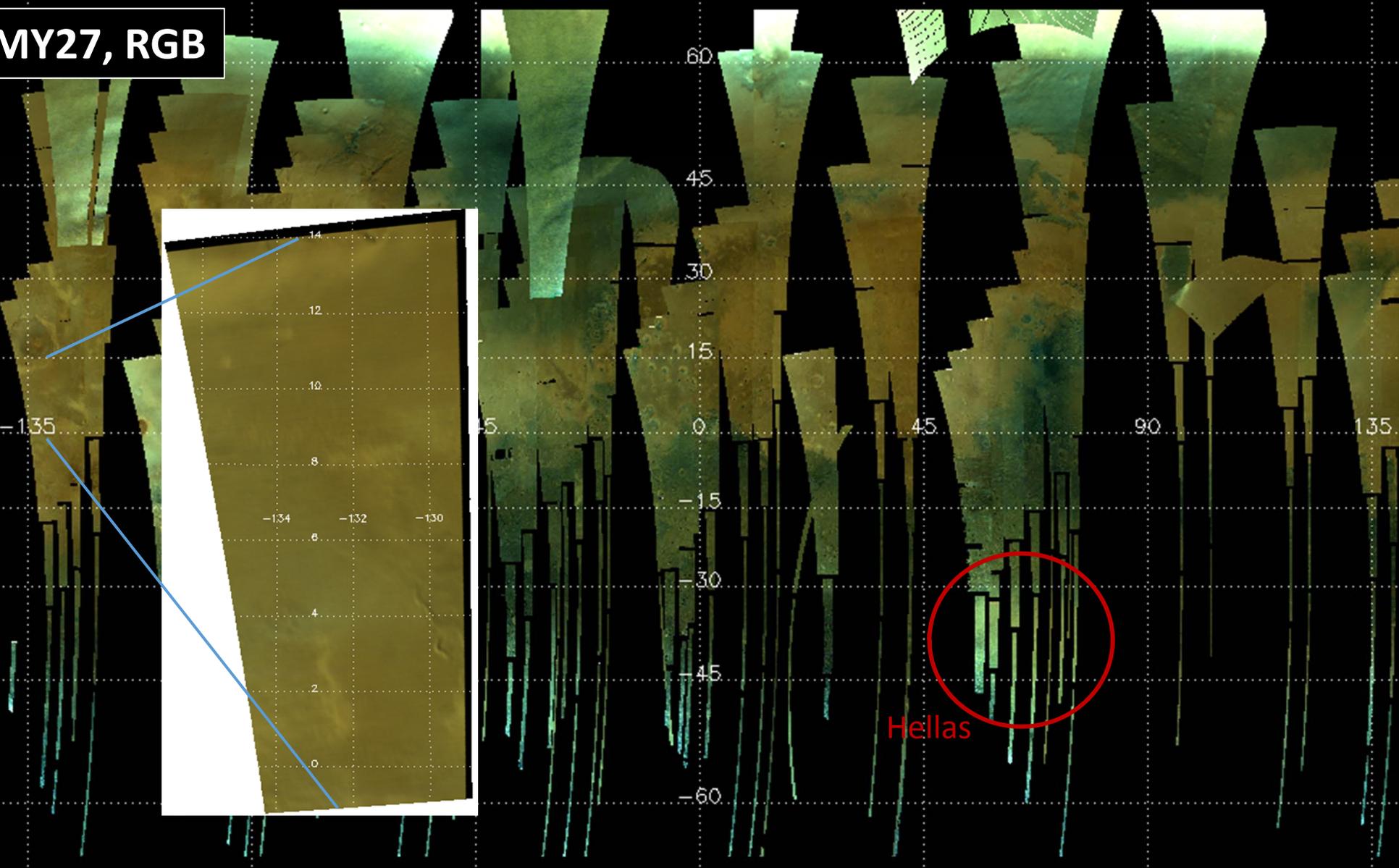


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MY27, RGB equalized



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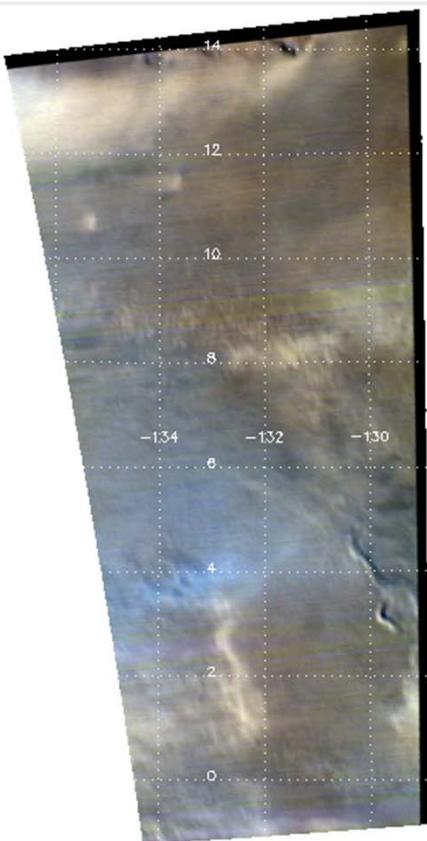


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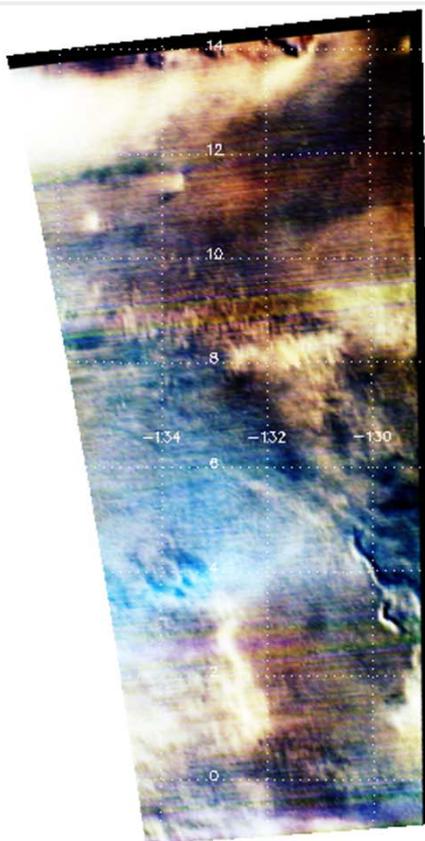
RGB

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Upper and Lower Limits

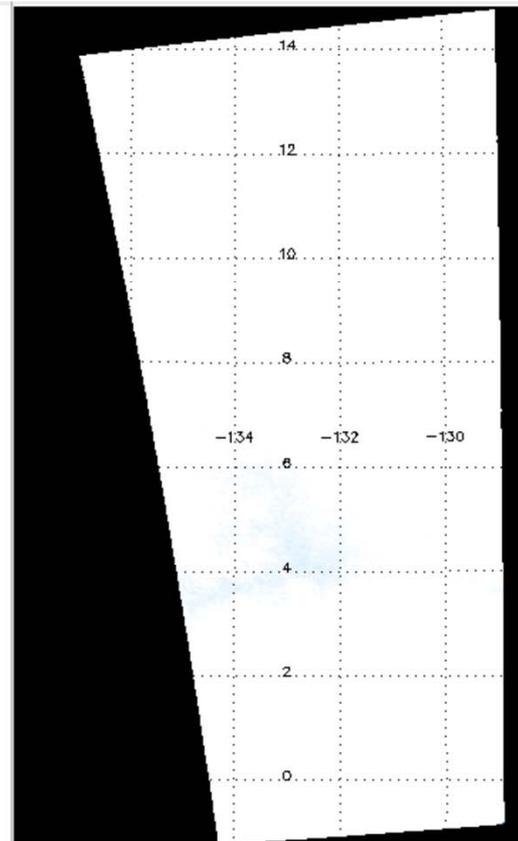


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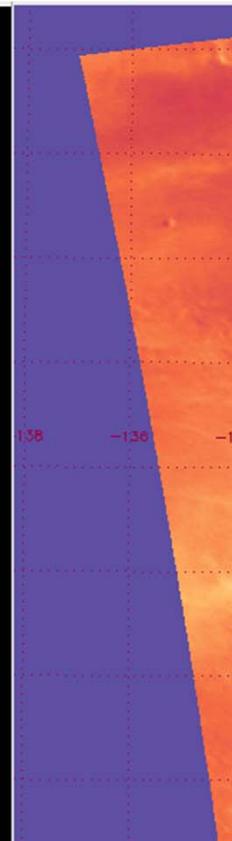
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CI



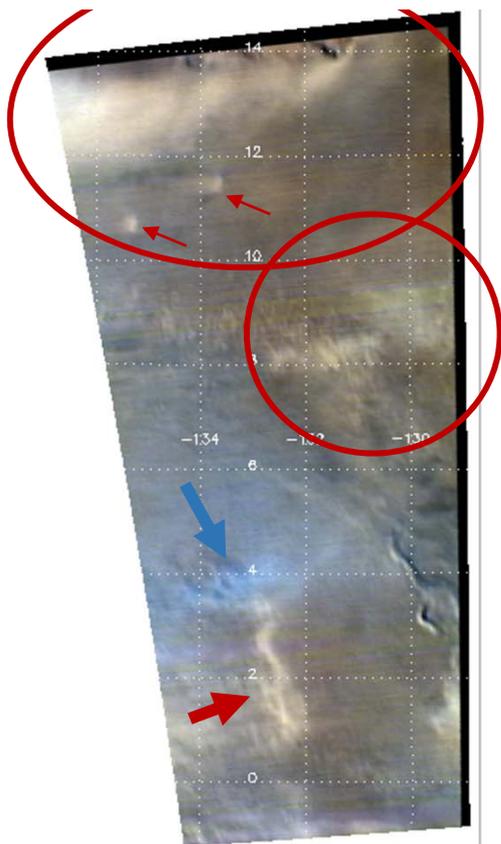
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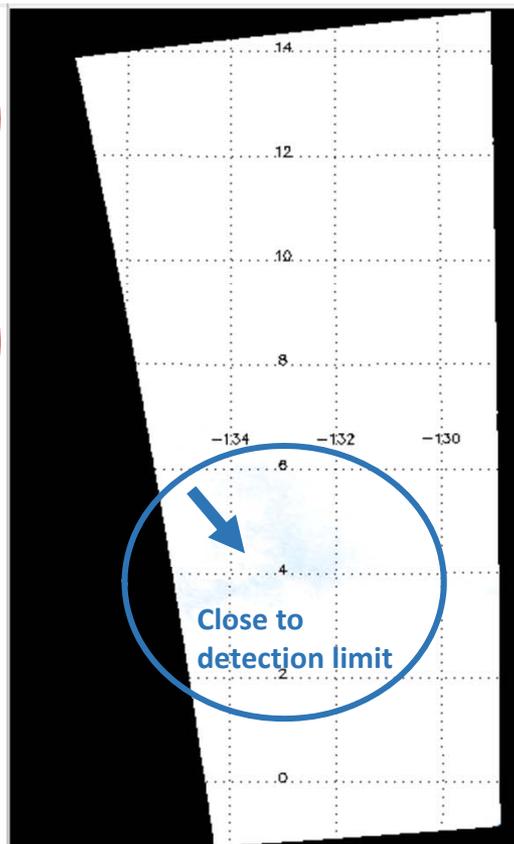
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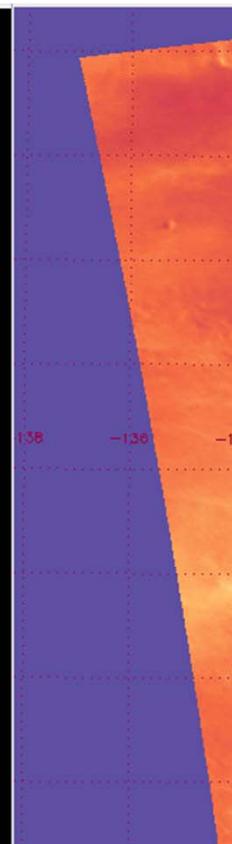
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**RF**  
0.0



0° MY27

0° MY27, RGB



0° MY27, RGB



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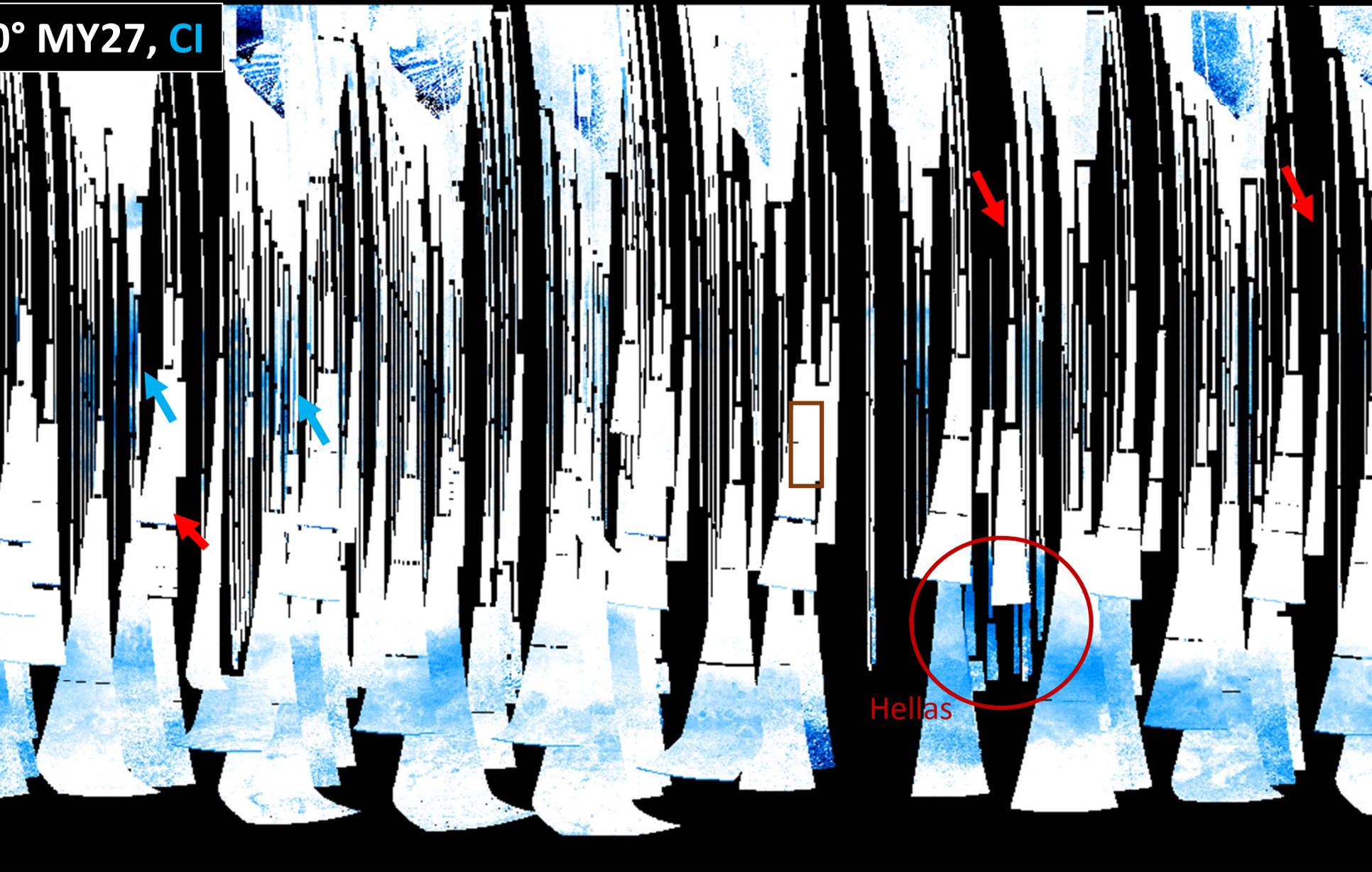
Maattanen et al., 2009

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0° MY27, CI

0.0

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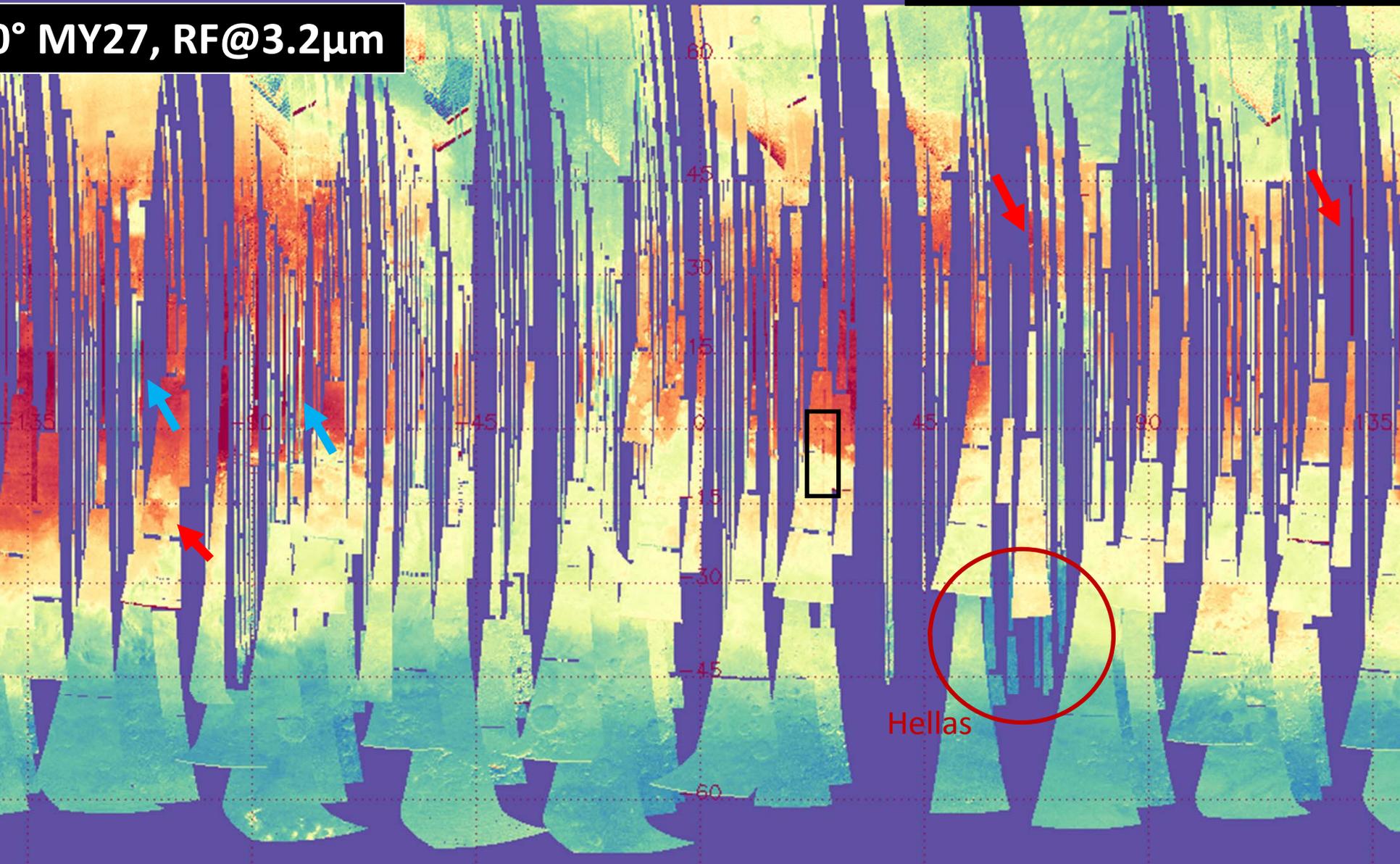


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0° MY27, RF@3.2μm

0.0

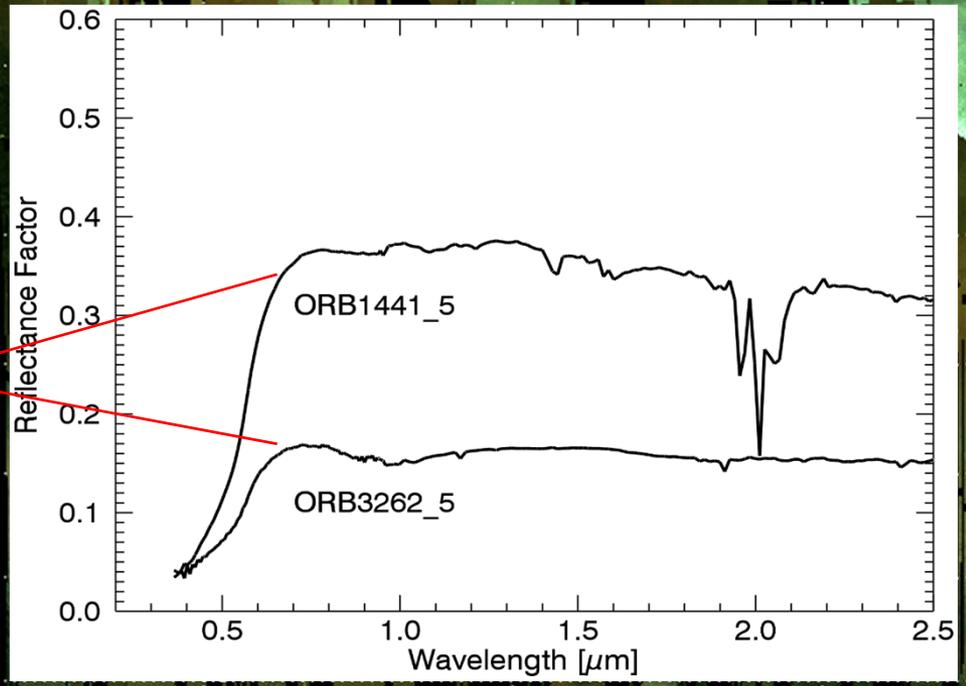
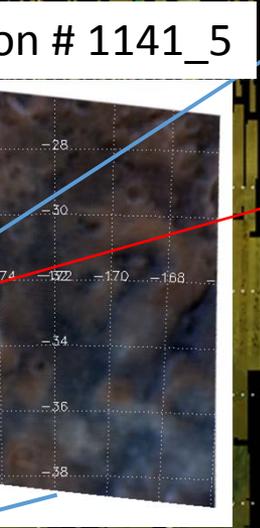
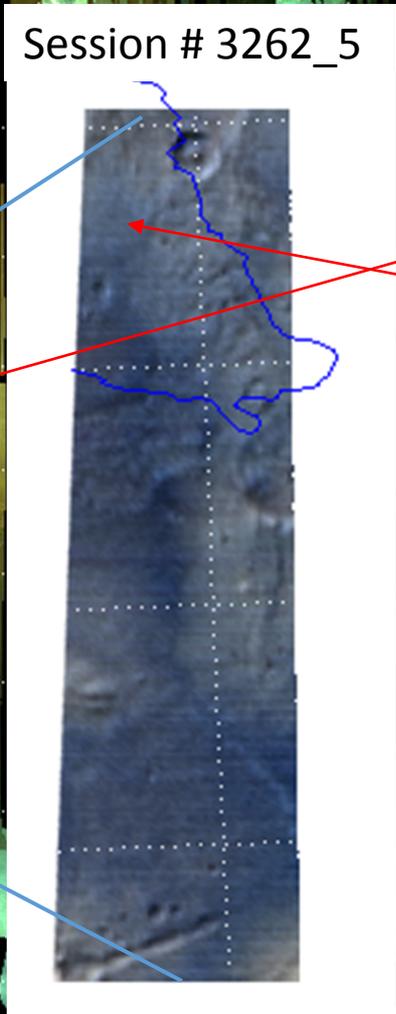
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0° MY27, RGB equalized



# 0° MY27, RGB

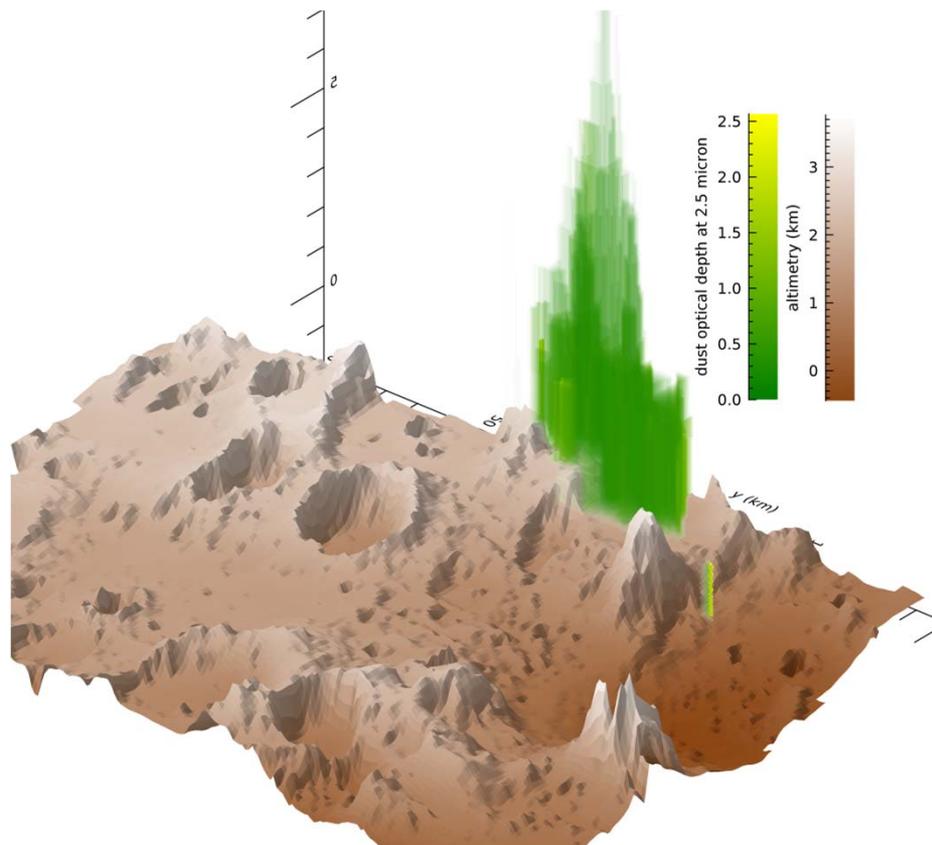
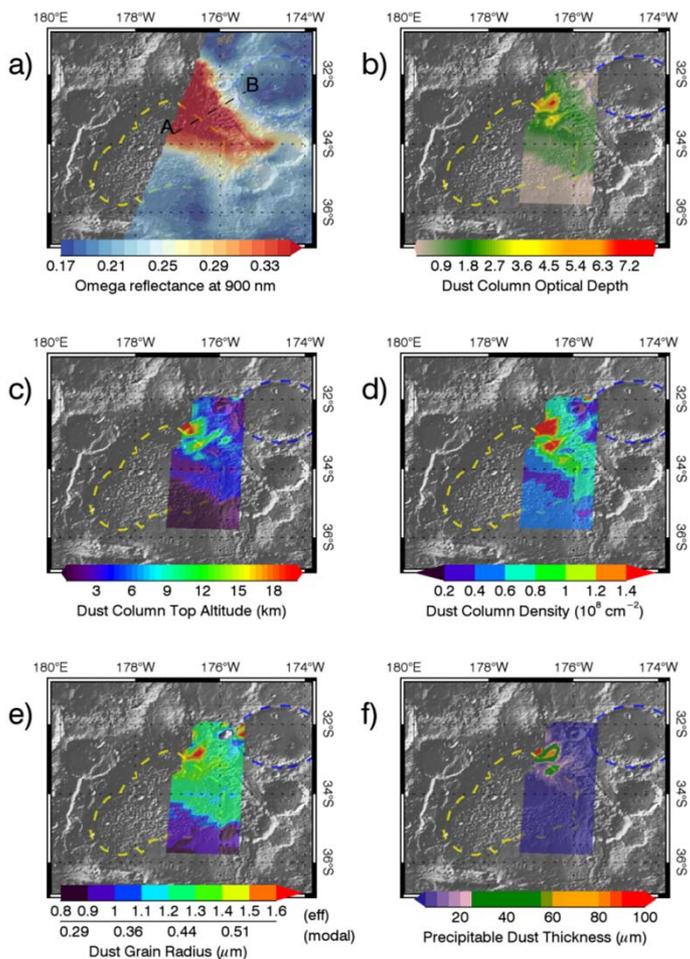


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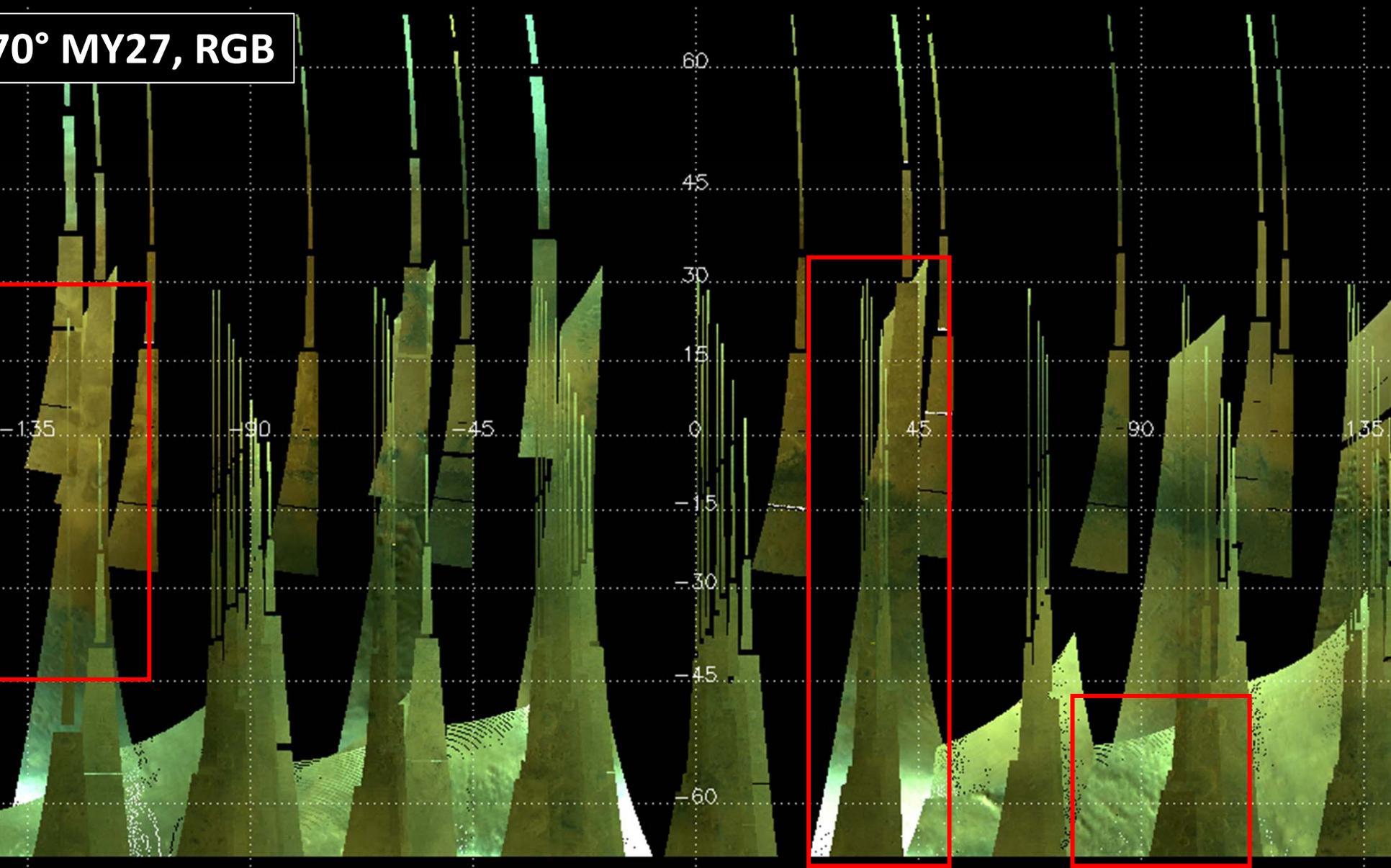
This dust storm, identified in southern winter RGB maps in Atlantis Chaos, has been studied in Oliva et al. (2018).

Dust properties (grain size and optical depth) and top altitude have been retrieved to achieve a 3D reconstruction of the storm event.



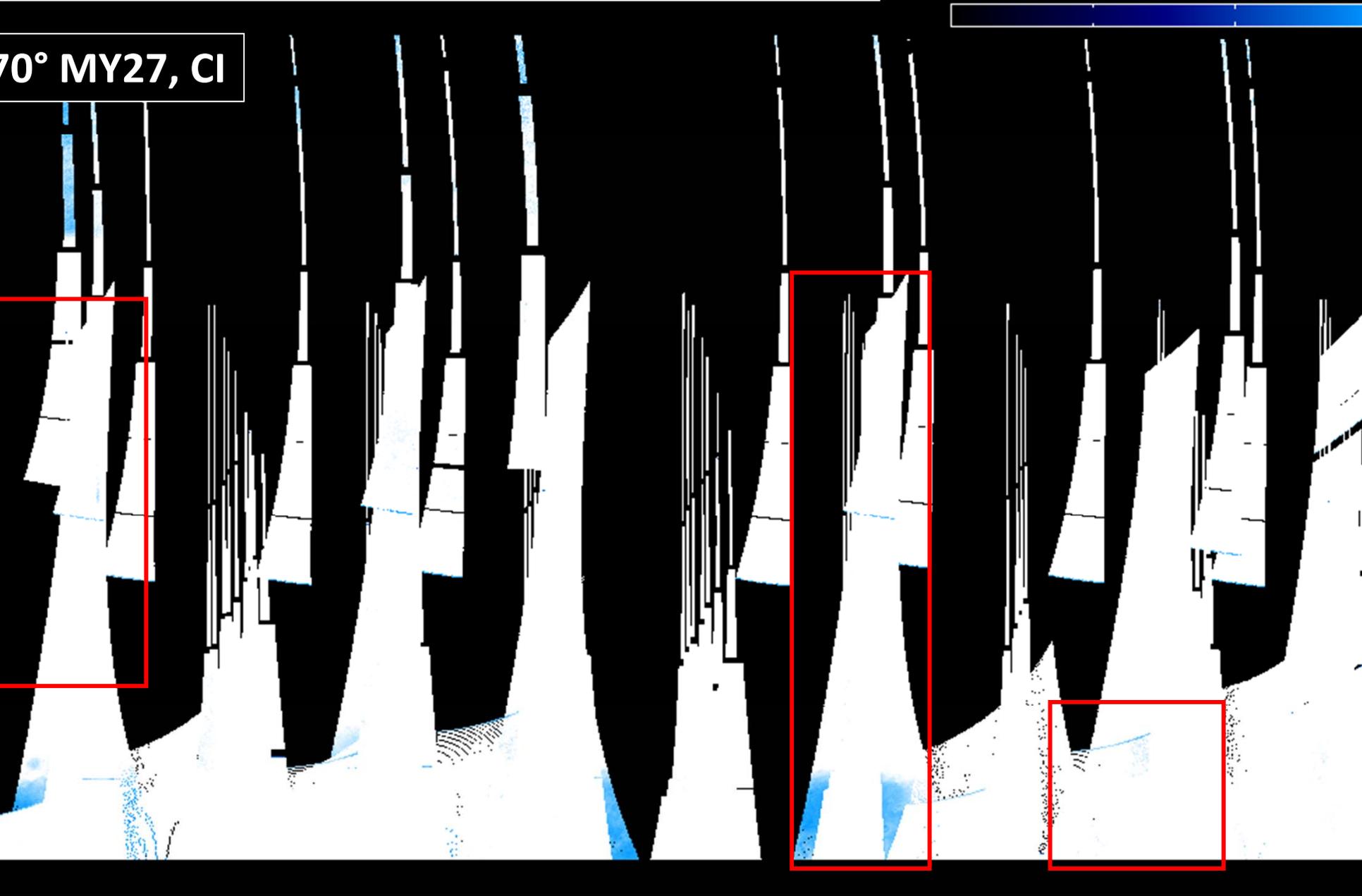
70° MY27

70° MY27, RGB



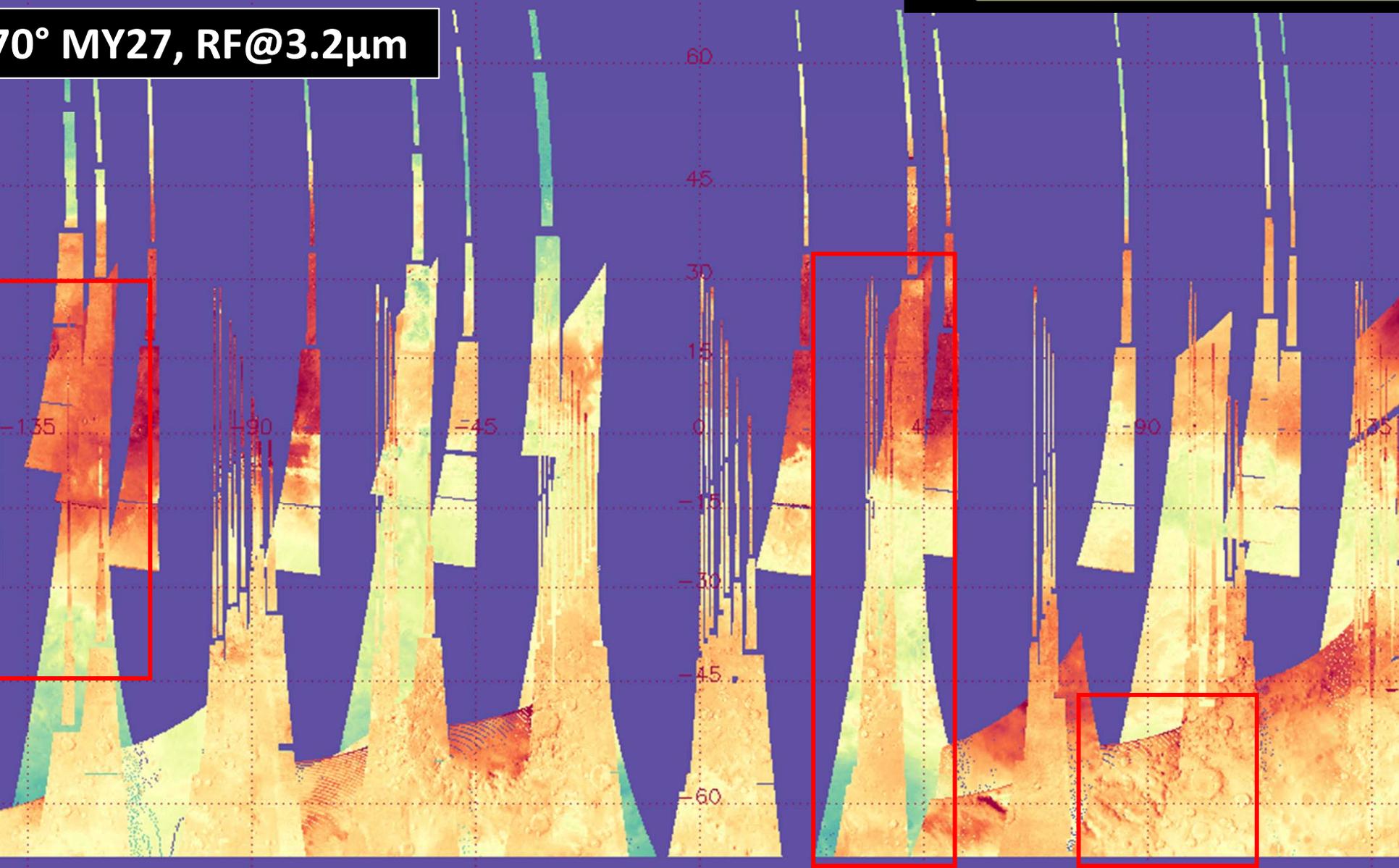
70° MY27, CI

0.0 0.4

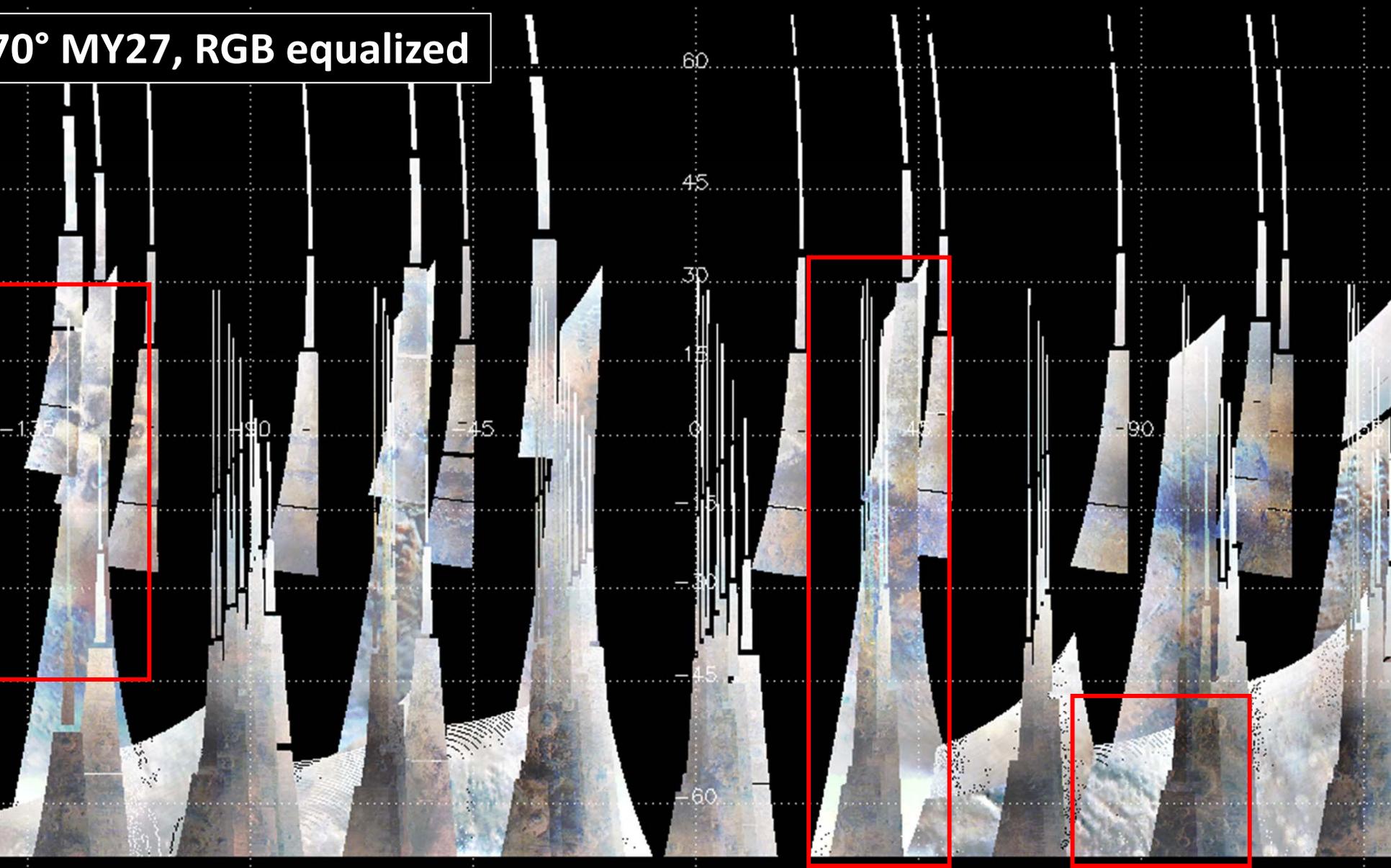


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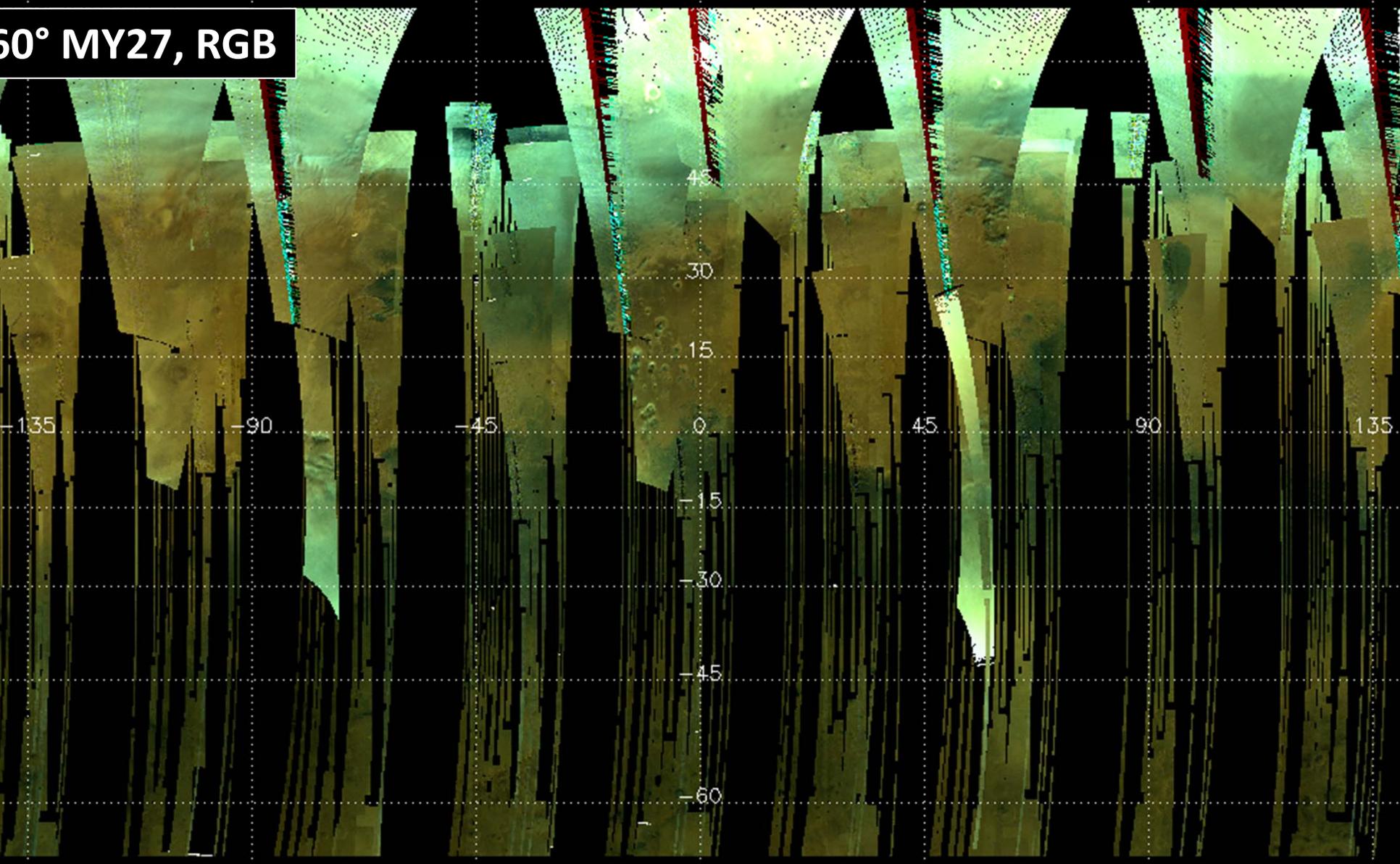


70° MY27, RGB equalized

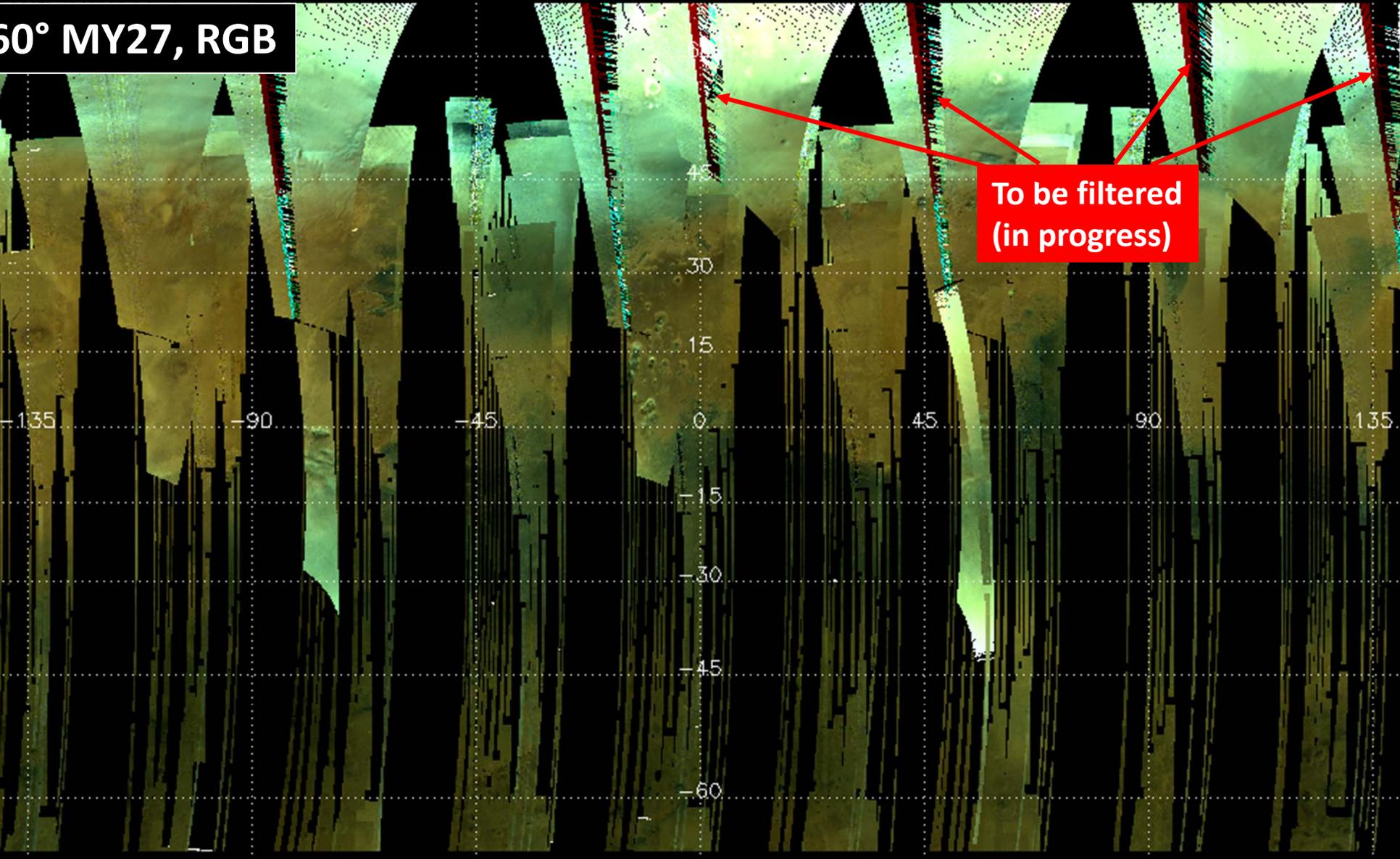


50° MY27

50° MY27, RGB



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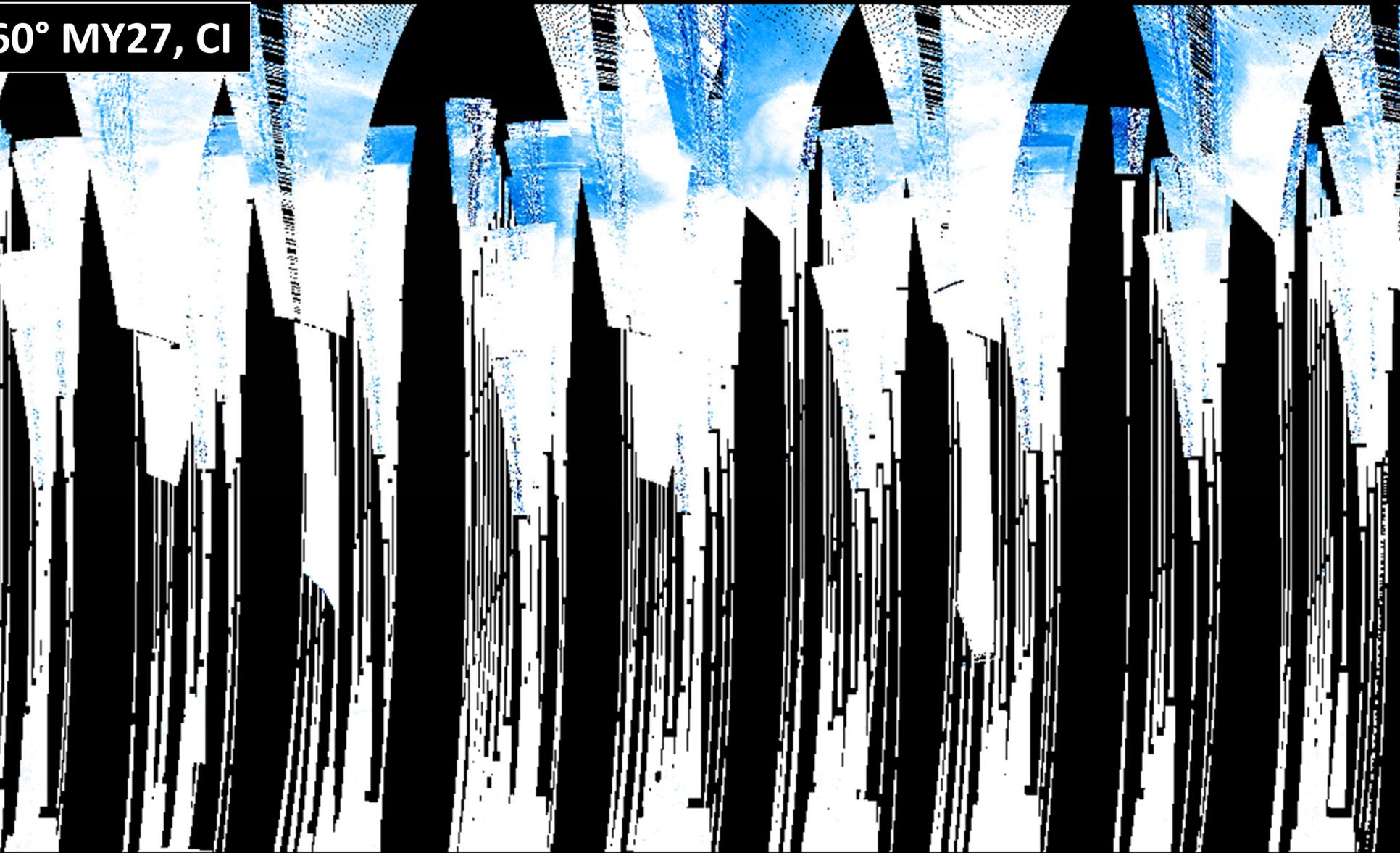


To be filtered  
(in progress)

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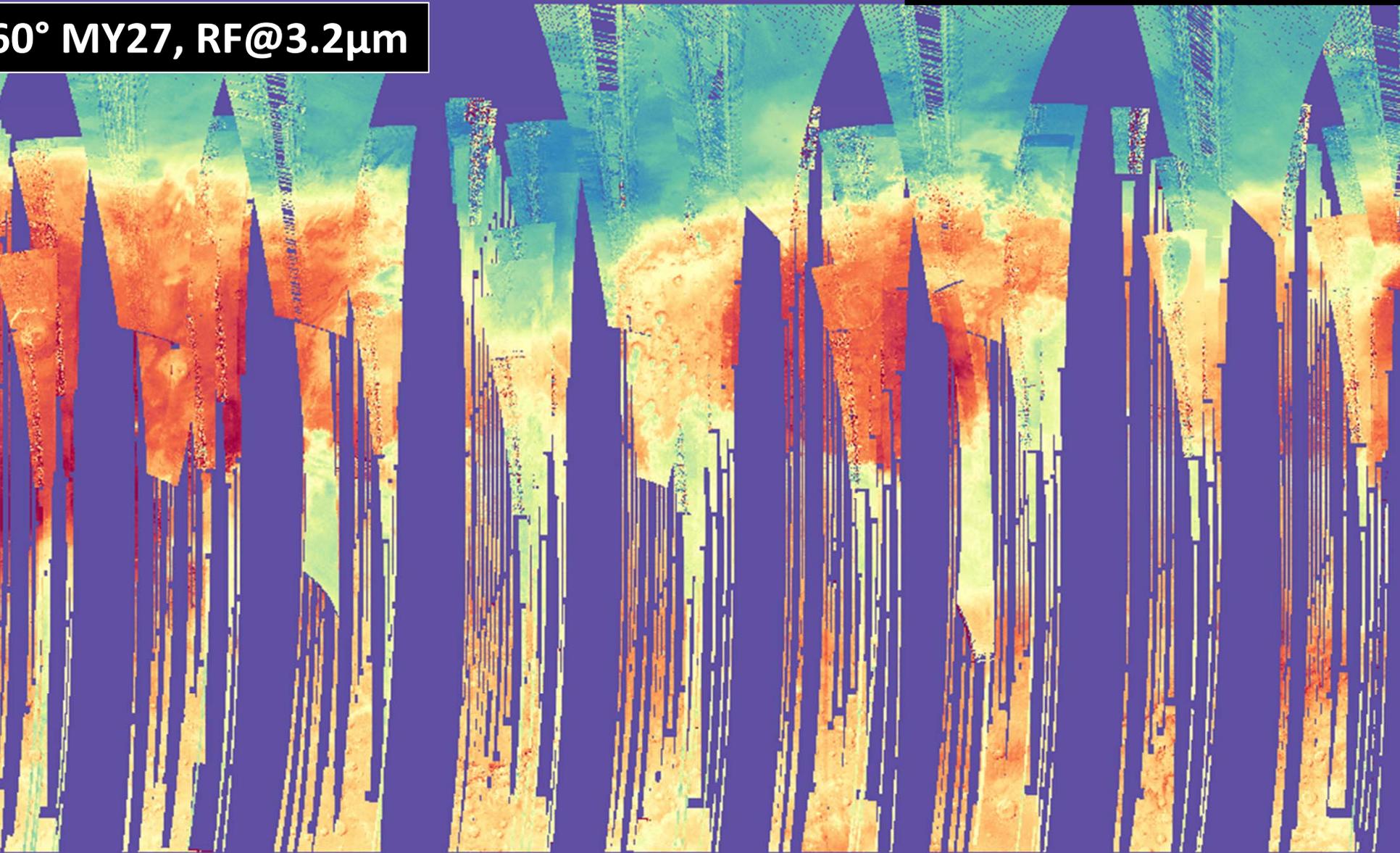
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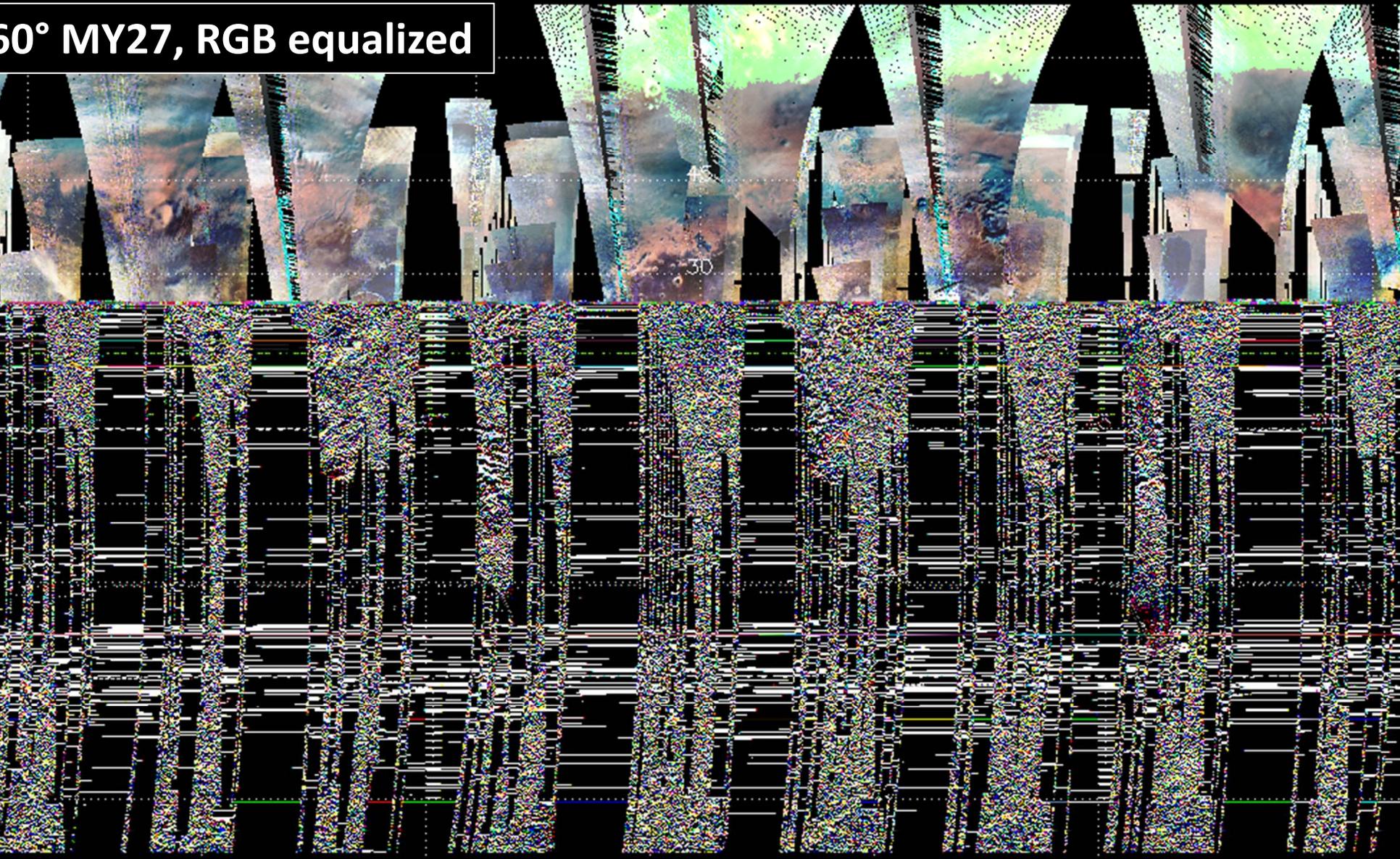
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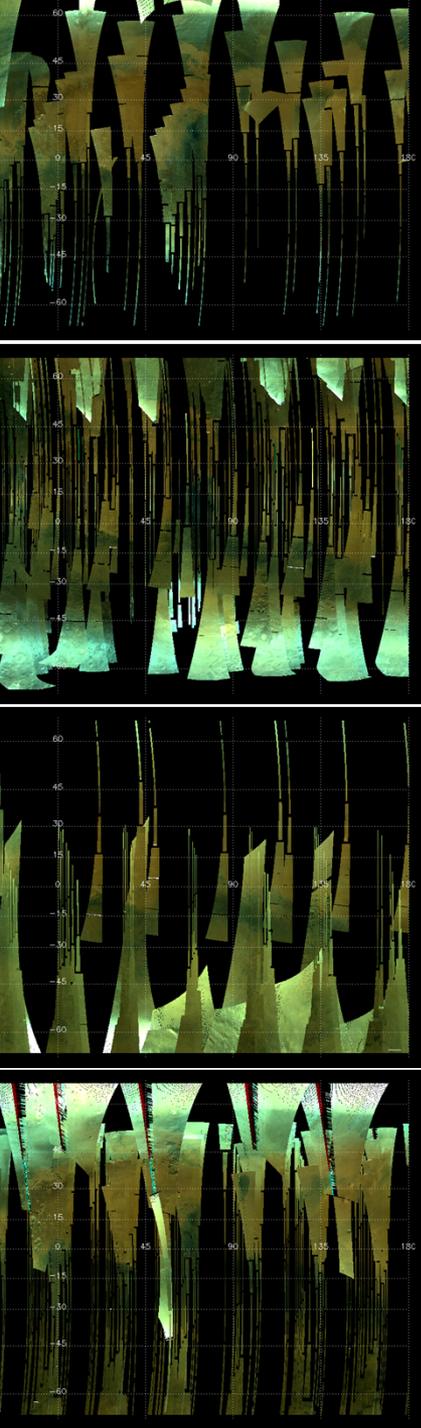
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