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3 **Wrinkle ridges on Mercury and the Moon within and outside of mascons**

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## ABSTRACT

19 Found on all terrestrial planets, wrinkle ridges are anticlines formed by thrust faulting and  
20 folding resulting from crustal shortening. The MErcury Surface, Space Environment,  
21 Geochemistry, and Ranging (MESSENGER) spacecraft's orbital phase returned high resolution  
22 images and topographic data of the previously unimaged northern high latitudes of Mercury  
23 where there are large expanses of smooth plains deformed by wrinkle ridges. Concurrently, the  
24 Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) is obtaining high resolution images and topographic data  
25 covering lunar mare wrinkle ridges. These data allow quantitative comparison of the scale of  
26 wrinkle ridges in smooth plains volcanic units on Mercury with mare wrinkle ridges. We  
27 evaluate the topographic relief of 300 wrinkle ridges within and outside of mascons basins on the  
28 Moon and Mercury. The relief of wrinkle ridges measured ranges from ~112 to 776 m with a  
29 mean relief of ~350 m (median = ~340 m,  $n = 150$ ) on Mercury and ~47 to 678 m with a mean  
30 relief of ~198 m (median = ~168 m,  $n = 150$ ) on the Moon. Wrinkle ridges on Mercury thus are  
31 approximately twice as large in mean relief compared to their counterparts on the Moon. The  
32 larger scale of Mercury's wrinkle ridges suggests that their formation can be attributed, in part,  
33 to global contraction. As global contraction on the Moon is estimated to be an order of  
34 magnitude smaller than on Mercury, the smaller scale of lunar wrinkle ridges suggests they most  
35 likely form primarily by load induced subsidence of the mare basalt. The relief of wrinkle ridges  
36 located in lunar mascon basins and in the Caloris mascon on Mercury are not statistically  
37 significantly different than ridges in non-mascon regions, suggesting comparable levels of  
38 contractional strain. The fact that mascon basins do not host wrinkle ridges with greater  
39 structural relief relative to non-mascon units may indicate the critical role lithospheric thickness

40 plays in controlling subsidence and contraction of thick volcanic sequences on the Moon and  
41 Mercury.

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## 43 **1. Introduction**

44 On March 18, 2011 the MErcury Surface, Space Environment, Geochemistry, and  
45 Ranging (MESSENGER) spacecraft transitioned from orbiting the Sun to being the first  
46 spacecraft to orbit Mercury. Meanwhile, the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) has been  
47 orbiting the Moon since June 2009. Crustal shortening on Mercury and the Moon is expressed  
48 by lobate scarps, wrinkle ridges, and on Mercury, high-relief ridges [*Watters et al.*, 2009a;  
49 *Watters and Johnston*, 2010; *Watters and Nimmo*, 2010]. Recently obtained orbital images and  
50 altimetry data from both LRO and MESSENGER offer an unprecedented opportunity to  
51 characterize the morphometry of these tectonic features. This study focuses on a quantitative  
52 characterization of wrinkle ridges, contractional tectonic features found in mare basalt on the  
53 Moon and smooth plains volcanic material on Mercury, which formed from a combination of  
54 thrust faulting and folding [*Strom*, 1970; *Maxwell et al.*, 1975; *Strom et al.*, 1975; *Solomon and*  
55 *Head*, 1979; *Plescia and Golombek*, 1986; *Watters*, 1988; *Watters et al.*, 2009c; 2010].

56 Images obtained by MESSENGER show that a significant amount of Mercury's surface,  
57 almost 27%, is covered by smooth plains [*Denevi et al.*, 2013]. The greatest expanse of smooth  
58 plains material on Mercury is in the northern high-latitudes, covering ~6% of the surface  
59 (Figures 1 and 2) [*Head et al.*, 2011]. On the Moon, mare basalt covers ~15% of the nearside  
60 and ~1% of the farside surface [*Nelson et al.* 2014]. The smooth plains material on Mercury is  
61 likely volcanic in origin and has a basalt-like composition [*Nittler et al.*, 2011; *Denevi et al.*,  
62 2013], and likely consists of a multilayered sequence of lava flows.



63           The following data from MESSENGER and LRO, enable us to more accurately identify,  
64 map, and quantitatively compare wrinkle ridges on Mercury and the Moon: (1) high resolution  
65 images and altimetry data, respectively, from the Mercury Dual Imaging System (MDIS)  
66 [*Hawkins et al.*, 2007] and Mercury Laser Altimeter (MLA) [*Zuber et al.*, 2013] aboard  
67 MESSENGER and the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Camera (LROC) [*Robinson et al.*, 2010]  
68 and Lunar Orbiter Laser Altimeter (LOLA) [*Smith et al.*, 2010] aboard LRO, (2) global image  
69 mosaics and stereo-image derived regional and global topography datasets for Mercury and the  
70 Moon, and (3) nearly global high-incidence angle (65 to 88°) imaging of Mercury. These  
71 datasets and their resolution are described in detail below and in the Auxiliary Material. In this  
72 paper, we use these new datasets to perform a statistical comparison of the location and reliefs of  
73 150 wrinkle ridges on each of these bodies. Examination of wrinkle ridges on Mercury and the  
74 Moon allows us to evaluate the influence of tectonic setting and global radial contraction in the  
75 formation of these landforms.

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## 77 **2. Background**

78           Wrinkle ridges are one of the most ubiquitous tectonic features found on the Moon and  
79 the terrestrial planets. They are commonly characterized as anticlines formed by folding and  
80 thrust faulting resulting from crustal shortening [*Plescia and Golombek*, 1986; *Watters*, 1988;  
81 *Golombek et al.*, 1991; *Watters and Schultz*, 2010] and typically consist of a broad, low relief  
82 arch and a superimposed ridge [*Watters*, 1988; *Schultz*, 2000]. Wrinkle ridges are generally  
83 found in two physiographic settings: (1) the interiors of impact basins, and (2) on broad  
84 expansive plains [*Watters*, 1988; *Watters and Johnston*, 2010; *Watters and Nimmo*, 2010].

85           On the Moon, the mare basalt filled basins are associated with mascons or mass  
86 concentrations that are distinguished by positive free-air gravity anomalies (Figure 1) [*Melosh et*  
87 *al.*, 2013; *Zuber et al.*, 2013]. Recently obtained high-resolution gravity data returned by the  
88 Gravity Recovery and Interior Laboratory (GRAIL) spacecraft shows in remarkable detail the  
89 large positive anomalies of mascons associated with major impact basins (e.g. Mare Serenitatis,  
90 Imbrium, and Crisum), and are interpreted to be regions with an excess of subsurface mass  
91 [*Zuber et al.*, 2012; *Melosh et al.*, 2013]. On the Moon, wrinkle ridges were first recognized and  
92 mapped from Earth-based telescopic observations of the nearside [*Gilbert*, 1893; *Fielder*, 1961;  
93 *Baldwin*, 1965; 1970]. Wrinkle ridges are well studied on the Moon from Apollo era  
94 photography and LROC imaging and are confined to mare basalt [*Wilhelms and McCauley*,  
95 1971; *McCauley*, 1975; *Watters*, 1988]. Basins with mascon signatures generally exhibit basin-  
96 concentric and basin-radial wrinkle ridges that are interpreted to have formed in response to  
97 localized contraction driven by subsidence and flexure of the lithosphere from the superisostatic  
98 loading of thick sequences of relatively dense mare basalt [*Solomon and Head*, 1979; *Freed et*  
99 *al.*, 2001; *Watters and Johnson*, 2010; *Zuber et al.*, 2013]. Other expanses of mare basalt, like  
100 those in Procellarium and Frigoris, do not exhibit mascon-like positive free-air gravity anomalies  
101 [*Zuber et al.*, 2013].

102           On Mercury, gravity data obtained by MESSENGER [*Smith et al.*, 2012] shows the  
103 Caloris basin has a large positive free-air anomaly, interpreted to be a mascon (Figure 1).  
104 However, like the Moon, the large expanses of smooth plains of the Caloris exterior plains and  
105 much of the northern smooth plains do not have mascon-like gravity anomalies. On Mercury,  
106 wrinkle ridges were observed in the interior smooth plains material, and the exterior annulus of  
107 smooth plains of the Caloris basin in images returned by Mariner 10 [*Strom et al.*, 1975; *Melosh*

108 *and McKinnon, 1988; Watters et al., 2005; Fassett et al., 2009; Watters et al., 2005; 2009a;*  
109 *2009b; 2009c; Watters and Nimmo, 2010]* (Figure 3). The maximum relief of fourteen wrinkle  
110 ridges imaged by Mariner 10 were estimated using shadow measurements with limited accuracy  
111 [*Watters, 1988*]. In addition, Earth based radar altimetry used to measure the relief of seven  
112 wrinkle ridges in the smooth plains of Tir Planitia revealed arch-like structures with relief  
113 ranging 200 to 730 m and lengths up to 130 m long [*Harmon et al., 1986; Watters, 1988; Watters*  
114 *and Nimmo, 2010*]. Although Mariner 10 and the MESSENGER flybys returned image coverage  
115 for almost 98% of Mercury, few observations existed in Mercury's north polar region until  
116 MESSENGER's orbital phase. MESSENGER's orbital observations revealed the existence of  
117 large expansive smooth plains material covering the north polar region, known as the northern  
118 smooth plains [*Head et al., 2011; Denevi et al., 2013, Klimczak et al., 2012*]. Mercury's  
119 northern smooth plains can be described as ridged plains due to the ubiquity of wrinkle ridges.  
120 Wrinkle ridges in the northern smooth plains are often localized by buried impact craters, known  
121 as ghost craters [*Head et al., 2011; Klimczak et al., 2012; Watters et al., 2012a*].

122         While previous research and observations have enabled us to begin to understand tectonic  
123 deformation on Mercury and the Moon, high resolution images and altimetry data from  
124 MESSENGER and LRO enable us to quantitatively compare and contrast wrinkle ridges on  
125 these bodies. One of the most revealing expressions of the level of strain in a contractional  
126 tectonic landform is its structural relief. Absent erosional or other processes, the best estimate of  
127 structural relief is the topographic relief of the landform. It has been shown that topographic  
128 relief of contractional tectonic landforms involving thrust faults can be used to estimate the  
129 maximum, cumulative displacement on the faults [*Wojtal, 1996; Watters et al., 2000*]. Thus, all

130 things being equal, the average relief of a population of contractional tectonic features is a  
131 reasonable measure of the contractional strain.

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### 133 **3. Methods**

#### 134 **3.1 Relief comparisons**

135 We measured the relief of 150 wrinkle ridges each on Mercury and the Moon using  
136 images and topographic data obtained by the MESSENGER and LRO spacecrafts. On Mercury,  
137 the study area includes wrinkle ridges in the northern smooth plains and the interior and exterior  
138 smooth plains of the Caloris basin (Figure 2, Table S1). We excluded from this study wrinkle  
139 ridges in the northern smooth plains obviously influenced by the presence of ghost craters  
140 [*Watters et al.*, 2012a; *Klimczak et al.*, 2012]. For the Moon, wrinkle ridges were investigated  
141 from all of the major mare basins, including: Mare Serenitatis, Mare Crisium, Mare Imbrium,  
142 Mare Frigoris, and Oceanus Procellarum, Mare Fecunditatis, Mare Tranquillitatis, Mare Nubium,  
143 Mare Humorum, and Mare Nectaris (Figure 4, Table S2).

144 The total population of wrinkle ridges on Mercury and the Moon were sub-sampled to  
145 examine the statistical difference between wrinkle ridges located in mascons versus wrinkle  
146 ridges in regions with no mascon-like gravity anomalies (Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4). On the Moon,  
147 we compare the dimensions of wrinkle ridges in the mascon basins (Mare Crisum, Mare  
148 Serenitatis, Mare Imbrium, Mare Humorum, and Mare Nectaris) to wrinkle ridges in non-  
149 mascon environments (Mare Frigoris, Oceanus Procellarum, Mare Fecunditatis, Mare Nubium,  
150 and Mare Tranquillitatis), Noteably, wrinkle ridges in Oceanus Procellarum and Mare Frigoris  
151 traverse the mare with a variety of orientations implying a complex history of deformation  
152 [*Schultz et al.*, 2010; *Watters et al.*, 2010; 2012; *Banks et al.*, 2011; *Williams et al.*, 2012; 2014].

153 On Mercury, wrinkle ridges in the interior plains of the Caloris basin, also associated with a  
154 mascon, can be compared and contrasted with ridges in the northern smooth plains and Caloris  
155 basin exterior plains, both non-mascon regions on Mercury. This is analogous to the comparison  
156 of mascon basins and non-mascon regions on the Moon.

### 157 **3.2 Wrinkle ridge mapping**

158 The locations of wrinkle ridges on Mercury and the Moon were digitized using global  
159 mosaics in a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) environment. We mapped wrinkle ridges  
160 on Mercury using global mosaics (250 m/pix) consisting of Wide-angle Camera (WAC) and  
161 Narrow-angle Camera (NAC) monochrome images [Hawkins *et al.*, 2007]. Additional orbital  
162 images collected at large solar incidence angles ranging from  $\sim 65^\circ$  to  $88^\circ$  from nadir provided  
163 optimum lighting conditions for identifying and mapping wrinkle ridges in Mercury's northern  
164 smooth plains [Watters *et al.*, 2013; 2015]. On the Moon, we mapped wrinkle ridges using  
165 primarily a LROC WAC 100 m/pixel global mosaic. LROC NACs provided additional high-  
166 resolution images, up to 0.5 m-scale panchromatic images over a combined 5-km swath, for  
167 detailed mapping of individual ridges [Robinson *et al.*, 2010]. On both Mercury and the Moon,  
168 we digitized continuous wrinkle ridge segments, which we defined as segments that appeared to  
169 be unbroken in plan view at the resolution of the mosaic. In cases of segmented wrinkle ridges,  
170 we digitized only the segment in which the relief was measured (see Auxiliary Material).

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### 172 **3.3 Relief measurements**

173 Where possible, data from the MLA [Smith *et al.*, 2012; Zuber *et al.*, 2012] and LOLA  
174 [Smith *et al.*, 2010] were used to measure the maximum relief of wrinkle ridges on Mercury and  
175 the Moon, respectively. Profiles across wrinkle ridges were extracted from individual altimeter

176 tracks where they traverse the ridges at orthogonal or near orthogonal angles ( $60^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$  from  
177 strike) (Figure 5). Elevation data extracted directly from MLA and LOLA altimetry tracks is  
178 preferable because altimeter tracks (1) provide the densest and most accurate elevation profiles  
179 across features, (2) avoid the loss of accuracy that can occur with profiles extracted from  
180 gridded, interpolated datasets and (3) provide greater spatial resolution along track than many  
181 stereo image derived digital elevation models (Figure 6).

182 MLA returned altimetry data averaged over surface areas between 15 and 100 m in  
183 diameter, spaced on average  $\sim 400$  m apart along the altimeter ground track, with radial precision  
184 of individual ranging measurements of less than 1 m [Zuber *et al.*, 2012]. Spacing between  
185 elevation data points is closer near the north pole and becomes more widely spaced at the equator  
186 because MESSENGER's orbit has highly eccentric, near-polar orbit with its periapsis at high  
187 northern latitudes. MLA tracks were available for a variety of orientations over the smooth  
188 plains in Mercury's high northern latitudes, allowing the relief of many wrinkle ridges to be  
189 measured (Figure 2A, Table S1).

190 LOLA transmits 5 beams, returning the mean elevation of a 5-m diameter spot from a 50-  
191 km altitude orbit. LOLA tracks are comprised of five parallel profiles,  $\sim 12$  m apart, with  
192 individual observation points in each profile separated by  $\sim 56$  m [Smith *et al.*, 2010]. LOLA  
193 ranging has a vertical precision of  $\pm 0.1$  m. LRO's polar orbit enables the relief of only east-west  
194 trending wrinkle ridges, to be measured using LOLA tracks (Figure 3A, Table S2).

195 Where sufficient altimetry tracks transecting the ridges at appropriate angles were not  
196 available, we extracted elevation profiles perpendicular to the structure from gridded digital  
197 elevation models (DEMs). For wrinkle ridges in Mercury's northern smooth plains (north of  
198  $\sim 40^\circ\text{N}$ ), we used a  $\sim 500$  m/pixel DEM derived by interpolating elevation points from MLA

199 tracks ( $n = 46$ ). For wrinkle ridges south of  $\sim 40^\circ\text{N}$  in the Caloris interior and exterior smooth  
200 plains, where MLA data points are widely spaced, we measured the relief from DEMs derived  
201 from stereo photogrammetry of MESSENGER orbital or flyby images with spatial resolutions  
202 from 500 m/pixel to  $\sim 2.7$  km/pixel and with vertical precision  $\pm 135$  m ( $n = 55$ ) [Oberst *et al.*,  
203 2010; Preusker *et al.*, 2011]. On the Moon, we measured the relief across wrinkle ridges that did  
204 not trend east-west by extracting elevations from a global 100 m/pixel DEM derived from stereo  
205 photogrammetric analysis of WAC images ( $n = 111$ ). The LROC WAC stereo-derived DEM has  
206 a vertical precision of  $\pm 10$  m [Scholten *et al.*, 2012].

207 For ridges on both Mercury and the Moon, we compared elevation data available and  
208 selected the highest resolution and most reliable data source to extract elevation measurements to  
209 calculate the greatest measurable relief for each wrinkle ridge (see Auxiliary Material). Relief  
210 was measured by taking the difference between the highest elevation on the profile and the  
211 elevation at the major inflection point on the vergent side of the ridge [Watters, 1988]. For  
212 wrinkle ridges located on regional slopes, relief was measured using detrended elevation profiles.  
213 Profiles were detrended by subtracting a least squares linear fit from the elevation data across the  
214 wrinkle ridge. Tables S1 and S2 show the greatest relief measured for each wrinkle ridge.

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#### 216 **4. Results**

217 The relief of wrinkle ridges measured on Mercury ranges from  $\sim 112$  to 776 m with a  
218 mean relief of  $\sim 350$  m (median =  $\sim 340$  m,  $n = 150$ ) (Figure 8A, Table 1). Measured wrinkle  
219 ridges on the Moon range in relief from  $\sim 47$  to 678 m with a mean relief of  $\sim 198$  m (median =  
220  $\sim 168$  m,  $n = 150$ ). On average, wrinkle ridges on Mercury are  $\sim 2$  times higher than those on the  
221 Moon (Table 1, Figure 8). The wrinkle ridge with the greatest relief on Mercury measured in

222 this study is Schiaparelli Dorsum at 776 m. Schiaparelli Dorsum is located in in Odin Planitia  
223 within the Caloris exterior smooth plains ( $\sim 69.51^\circ$ ,  $2.14^\circ$ ). On the Moon by contrast, the largest  
224 relief wrinkle ridge we measured was Dorsa Mawson ( $\sim 49.43^\circ$ ,  $-1.04^\circ$ ), which is 678 m tall and  
225 is located in Mare Fecunditatis. Four percent of the measured wrinkle ridges on Mercury have  
226 reliefs greater than 600 m, which is larger than all wrinkle ridges on the Moon except for Dorsa  
227 Mawson.

228         The lunar wrinkle ridges were sub-divided into elevation offset ridges and ridges  
229 exhibiting typical wrinkle ridge morphology with a broad arch and super imposed ridge (Figure  
230 5). Figure 7 shows a comparison of profiles extracted across wrinkle ridges using altimetry  
231 tracks versus the digital elevation models. The relief measurements for each wrinkle ridge  
232 population are plotted as box and whisker plots in Figure 8 (Tables S1 and S2 list the relief and  
233 length for each wrinkle ridge measured for this analysis). Statistics comparing different wrinkle  
234 ridge populations on both Mercury and the Moon are shown in Tables 1 and 2.

235         Elevation offset ridges have significantly larger mean reliefs ( $\sim 343$  m) than wrinkle  
236 ridges in the mascon basins on the Moon (Mare Crisium, Serenitatis, Imbrium, and Humorum) as  
237 well as non-mascon basins Mare Frigoris and Oceanus Procellarum (Figure 8C). Although  
238 variations in the reliefs of wrinkle ridges for each lunar mare basin exist, there are no statistically  
239 significant differences between those in mascon and non-mascon environments.

240         The relief of wrinkle ridges on Mercury in the northern smooth plains and Caloris basin  
241 exterior plains (non-mascons) range in relief from 112 to 776 m (mean = 354 m) are similar to  
242 wrinkle ridges in the Caloris basin interior (mascon) that range from 153 to 567 m (mean = 335  
243 m) (Figure 8B). When the wrinkle ridges of Caloris are divided into the interior and exterior  
244 smooth plains, there is still no statistically significant difference between the relief of wrinkle



245 ridges in the Caloris exterior plains and those in the northern smooth plains compared to wrinkle  
246 ridges in the Caloris interior plains which are associated with a mascon (Figure 8C). The  
247 wrinkle ridges with the smallest relief occur near the center of the Caloris basin (Figure 3).

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## 249 **5. Discussion**

250 Overall, the populations of wrinkle ridges on Mercury and the Moon have statistically  
251 significant differences in relief (Figure 8A). On Mercury, wrinkle ridges typically exhibit  
252 greater relief than wrinkle ridges on the Moon. This is true especially in the northern smooth  
253 plains and Caloris exterior plains where wrinkle ridge relief exceeds 600 m. We interpret the  
254 differences in relief between wrinkle ridges on the Moon and Mercury to reflect differences in  
255 the accumulated contractional strain of volcanic units on the two bodies.

256 The radius of Mercury is ~2,440 km, ~1.4 times larger than the Moon (radius = ~1,737.4  
257 km). Globally distributed lobate scarps on Mercury and the Moon are believed to have formed  
258 primarily from horizontally isotropic compressional stresses resulting from global radial  
259 contraction [*Strom et al.*, 1975; *Solomon and Head*, 1979; *Solomon et al.*, 2008; *Watters and*  
260 *Nimmo*, 2010; *Watters et al.*, 1998, 2004, 2009c, 2010, 2015a, b]. The distribution of small-scale  
261 lunar lobate scarps, most with maximum reliefs <100 m and proportionally smaller lengths (less  
262 than tens of kilometers), indicate less than 100 m radial global contraction of the Moon [*Banks et*  
263 *al.*, 2012; *Watters and Johnston*, 2010; *Watters et al.*, 2010; *Watters et al.*, 2012a, 2015a].  
264 Conservative estimates for the amount of global contraction from thrust faults on Mercury  
265 suggest a decrease in radius of no more than ~1 to 2 km [*Strom et al.*, 1975; *Watters*, 1988;  
266 *Watters et al.*, 1998; 2009c; 2013; *Watters and Anderson*, 2018], although some researchers  
267 estimates of the radius change are as high as ~3.6 to 7 km [*Di Achille et al.*, 2012; *Byrne et al.*,

268 2014]. Regardless, these estimates indicate that global contraction was at least an order of  
269 magnitude greater on Mercury than on the Moon.

270 We suggest that the existence of extremely large wrinkle ridges (>600 m) in the Caloris  
271 exterior smooth plains and the northern smooth plains may be due to the combination of  
272 compressional stresses from regional load-induced subsidence and global contraction (Figure 9).  
273 Wrinkle ridges in the Caloris interior are smaller in relief than those in the northern smooth  
274 plains or Caloris exterior plains. One possible explanation is that the impact event that formed  
275 the Caloris basin temporarily reset the regional stress field [*Freed et al.*, 2009]. As the depth and  
276 extent of the impact damage zone diminishes with increasing radial distance from the impact  
277 center [*Freed et al.*, 2009], much of the Caloris exterior plains may have been far enough away  
278 that the pre-existing stress field was not completely reset. Thus, the lower relief and basin  
279 concentric orientation of wrinkle ridges in the interior of the Caloris basin suggest the  
280 compressional stresses from load-induced subsidence that formed the wrinkle ridges in the  
281 interior plains of Caloris were isolated to some degree from the background global  
282 compressional stresses.

283 Relatively young, small-scale lobate scarps on the Moon indicate a small amount of  
284 recent global contraction (<100 m) [*Watters et al.*, 2010; 2015]. This suggests that  
285 compressional stresses from load-induced subsidence dominated in the formation of lunar  
286 wrinkle ridges and that there was little contribution from global contraction. Wrinkle ridges  
287 located in mascon basins (i.e. Serenitatis, Crisium, and Imbrium), although slightly larger in  
288 relief than wrinkle ridges in non-mascon regions (i.e. Procellarum and Frigoris), are not  
289 statistically significantly different, suggesting comparable levels of contractional strain in both  
290 mascon basins and non-mascon mare. These observations suggest that the presence of a mascon

291 does not strongly influence the amount of subsidence and contraction of the mare basalt on the  
292 Moon or the smooth plains volcanics on Mercury. However, elevation offset ridges on the Moon  
293 are statistically significantly different than non-elevation offset ridges on the Moon. Since the  
294 majority of the elevation offset ridges we observed correlate with free-air positive anomalies of  
295 mascons, the increased relief observed in the elevation offset ridges may be explained by the  
296 excess mare basalt infill and that other factors such as post impact cooling and isostatic uplift  
297 expected in mascon tectonics [Neumann *et al.*, 1996; Melosh *et al.*, 2013] (Figure 10). However,  
298 several wrinkle ridges exist in mascons and do not exhibit statistically greater reliefs than those  
299 in non-mascons. This evidence that mascons do not host wrinkle ridges with greater structural  
300 relief may further indicate the critical role lithospheric thickness plays in supporting the mare  
301 loads by either allowing or inhibiting subsidence and contraction [see Melosh, 1978].

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## 303 **6. Conclusions**

304 Results from morphometric analyses indicate that wrinkle ridges on Mercury are ~2 times  
305 higher in mean relief than wrinkle ridges on the Moon. Wrinkle ridges fall within an envelope  
306 ranging in relief from ~112 to 776 m on Mercury and ~47 to 678 m on the Moon. In general, a  
307 much greater contribution from global contraction is the most likely explanation for the greater  
308 relief of wrinkle ridges on Mercury compared to those on the Moon. The smaller relief of  
309 wrinkle ridges located in the Caloris interior plains relative to extremely large relief wrinkle  
310 ridges (>600 m) in the northern smooth plains and Caloris exterior plains may be the result of  
311 some degree of isolation of the Caloris interior from global contraction stresses due to impact  
312 damage. The observation that mascon basins do not host wrinkle ridges with greater structural

313 relief relative to non-mascon units may indicate the critical role lithospheric thickness plays in  
314 subsidence and contraction of volcanic sequences on the Moon and Mercury.

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## TABLES

**Table 1.** General comparison of wrinkle ridge reliefs (m) on the Moon and Mercury

Location		Minimum	5%	25%	Median	Mean	75%	95%	Maximum	Number
<b>The Moon</b>	All measured wrinkle ridges on the Moon	47	68	116	168	198	256	411	678	150
	All measured wrinkle ridges on the Moon with elevation offset ridges removed	47	65	113	156	181	232	353	678	134
	Wrinkle ridges located in lunar mascons	47	80	127	206	220	283	429	563	72
	Wrinkle ridges located in lunar non-mascons	52	63	116	155	179	210	357	357	84
<b>Mercury</b>	All measured wrinkle ridges on Mercury	112	160	245	340	350	437	593	776	150
	Wrinkle ridges located in the Caloris basin interior plains (mascon)	153	188	248	318	335	422	545	567	31
	Wrinkle ridges in northern smooth plains and Caloris basin exterior plains(non-mascons)	112	155	246	344	354	444	600	776	119
<b>Ratio</b>	Ratio Mercury/Moon reliefs for all measured ridges	3.11	2.47	2.16	2.12	1.86	1.82	1.46	1.32	

**Table 2.** Detailed comparison of wrinkle ridge reliefs (m) on the Moon and Mercury

Location		Minimum	5%	25%	Median	Mean	75%	95%	Maximum	Number	
The Moon	<i>mascons</i>	Mare Crisium	47	66	99	153	175	234	330	420	12
		Mare Serenitatis	84	89	124	172	187	248	305	344	24
		Mare Imbrium	76	76	134	190	217	281	427	432	18
		Mare Humorum	117	119	126	134	161	184	223	233	3
		mascons with elevation offset ridges removed	47	80	113	171	193	257	386	432	57
	<i>non-mascons</i>	Mare Frigoris	57	59	70	126	155	204	312	391	17
		Oceanus Procellarum	52	73	119	151	159	193	270	358	53
		Mare Fecunditatis	343	360	427	511	511	594	661	678	2
		Mare Nubium	115	126	170	224	213	262	292	300	3
		Mare Tranquillitatis	144	154	196	248	248	299	341	351	2
	non-mascons with elevation offset ridges removed	52	63	114	150	172	205	345	678	77	
<i>elevation offset ridges</i>	All	79	152	256	336	343	411	581	636	16	
Mercury	<i>mascons</i>	Caloris Basin's interior	153	188	248	318	335	422	545	567	31
	<i>mascons and non-mascons</i>	Caloris Basin Region (interior and exterior plains)	141	177	242	337	350	447	567	634	52
	<i>non-mascons</i>	Circum-Caloris Plains	141	167	237	383	373	467	574	634	21
		Northern Smooth Plains	112	155	250	340	350	420	602	776	98

601 **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

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603 **Figure 1.** Free-air gravity and tectonics of Mercury (A) and the Moon (B) on a Mollweide equal  
604 area projection of a shaded relief map merged with a global MDIS or LROC WAC monochrome  
605 mosaic. Positive gravity anomalies correspond to mascon basin environments. The gravity  
606 model from Mercury is from radio tracking of the MESSENGER spacecraft [*Smith et al.*, 2012].  
607 Lunar gravity model is from the Gravity Recovery and Interior Laboratory (GRAIL) spacecraft  
608 gravity model [*Zuber et al.*, 2013]. Tectonic features are wrinkle ridges (white) we digitized for  
609 this study. Mercury smooth plains boundary from Denevi et al. [2012] and mare basins  
610 boundary digitized by Steven Koeber.

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612 **Figure 2.** Locations of wrinkle ridges in the northern smooth plains of Mercury measured for  
613 this study (stars, see Table S1). Stars are colored based on their measured relief. Wrinkle ridges  
614 are plotted on a north polar projection of combined 250 m/pixel high-incidence angle and 500  
615 m/pixel monochrome global mosaics of MDIS images overlaid with a (A) DEM created from  
616 MLA tracks [*Zuber et al.*, 2012] and (B) the gravity model from Mercury from radio tracking of  
617 the MESSENGER spacecraft [*Smith et al.*, 2012].

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619 **Figure 3.** Locations of wrinkle ridges in the Caloris basin region of Mercury measured for this  
620 study (stars, see Table S1). Stars are colored based on their measured relief. Smooth plains  
621 boundary from Denevi et al. [2012]. Wrinkle ridges are plotted on a Equirectangular projection  
622 of the MDIS mosaic overlaid with a (A) stereo derived DEM created from M1 Flyby imagery (1  
623 km<sup>2</sup>) [*Oberst et al.*, 2010; *Preusker et al.*, 2011], a stereo derived DEM created from orbital

624 imagery created by DLR (~500 m<sup>2</sup>), and the USGS DEM (~2.7 km<sup>2</sup>) [Becker et al., 2012] and  
625 (B) the gravity model from Mercury from radio tracking of the MESSENGER spacecraft [Smith  
626 et al., 2012]. The transparency of the elevation DEMs is set to 70%, therefore brighter colors in  
627 Map A indicate locations where DEM sources overlap.

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629 **Figure 4.** Locations of 150 wrinkle ridges in the mare basins of the Moon that we measured for  
630 this study (stars, see Table S2) plotted on a 1:125,000,000 Equirectangular projection of a 100  
631 m/pixel monochrome global mosaic of 400 m/pixel WAC images overlaid with a (A) global  
632 LROC WAC stereo derived DEM [Scholten et al., 2012] and (B) the lunar gravity model from  
633 the Gravity Recovery and Interior Laboratory (GRAIL) spacecraft gravity model [Zuber et al.,  
634 2013]. Red boxes mark elevation offset wrinkle ridges. Stars are colored based on their  
635 measured relief. Mare basin boundaries were digitized by Steven Koeber.

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638 **Figure 5.** A) Concentric wrinkle ridges in Mare Serenitatis, a mascon-basin environment where  
639 wrinkle ridge formation is attributed to subsidence. The LROC WAC stereo DEM has been  
640 clipped to the basin boundary to highlight the topography within the basin. Map scale is  
641 1:20,000,000. Red boxes mark elevation offset wrinkle ridges. B) LOLA tracks and elevations  
642 overlaid on a WAC image of an elevation offset wrinkle ridge in southwestern Mare Serenitatis.  
643 LOLA elevation data were acquired using the Lunar Orbital Data Explorer  
644 (<http://ode.rsl.wustl.edu>). The topographic step shown in this profile is typical of elevation offset  
645 ridges [Watters and DeFelice, 2018]. In contrast, Figures 5 illustrates typical profiles for

646 wrinkle ridges on Mercury and the Moon that include a broad arch and superimposed ridge  
647 morphology.

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649 **Figure 6.** Cross-section from altimetry tracks and imagery examples of wrinkle ridge from Mare  
650 Frigoris on the Moon (A) and in the northern smooth plains of Mercury (B) that show the typical  
651 wrinkle ridge broad arch and superimposed ridge morphology. The 1:1 scale cross-section of the  
652 mercurian wrinkle ridge (C) demonstrates that in reality changes in topography across wrinkle  
653 ridges are subtle. The inset zooms into the vergent side of the ridge used in the relief  
654 measurement where the largest change in relief corresponds to a slope of only  $10^\circ$ .

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656 **Figure 7.** Comparison of elevation profiles extracted across wrinkle ridges from different  
657 elevation data sources for the Moon (A) and Mercury (B). We used LOLA tracks to measure  
658 the relief of nearly east-west trending lunar wrinkle ridges and the WAC stereo derived DEM to  
659 measure all other lunar wrinkle ridges. We selected the elevation data source for wrinkle ridges  
660 on Mercury depending on the highest resolution and coverage available for its location.

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662 **Figure 8.** Box and whisker plots showing the relief of wrinkle ridge populations in the  
663 following regions: A) the Moon and Mercury, B) mascon and non-mascon basin environments,  
664 C) specified location. The box represents the interquartile range (which represents the middle  
665 50% of the data). The vertical ends of the box are the 25<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles, the whiskers  
666 extend to the 95% of the data, and the X symbols represent outliers. Mean values are shown as  
667 diamonds and the median values as horizontal lines. Lunar elevation offset ridges are removed  
668 from A and B and locations in C, but are shown as a single population in C.

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670 **Figure 9.** If the amount of subsidence induced contraction is comparable for basalt-like smooth  
671 plains on Mercury and mare basalts, it is expected that wrinkle ridges on the two bodies would  
672 have roughly similar structural relief. The large-relief wrinkle ridges in the northern smooth  
673 plains on Mercury and in the Caloris exterior plains are likely due to a combination of  
674 subsidence and global contraction (blue line) [Modified after *Watters*, 2004].

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676 **Figure 10.** Wrinkle ridge rings (Figure 5) are interpreted to have been generated by mascon or  
677 basin-localized tectonics. The processes of mascon tectonics involve the occurrence of a large  
678 basin forming impact, followed by flood volcanism and then subsidence driven by loading  
679 resulting in contraction of the mare basalts. Lithospheric thickness in mascon and non-mascon  
680 regions likely plays a major role in controlling the amount of subsidence and contractional  
681 deformation. The upper map and cross-sections show a comparison of the free-air gravity  
682 anomaly and topographic profiles for a mascon compared to a non-mascon on the Moon.  
683 Although a greater gravity anomaly, and thus larger relief wrinkle ridges, are expected in Mare  
684 Serenitatis due to additional loading on the lithosphere, no statistical difference in wrinkle ridge  
685 relief is evident compared to the relief of wrinkle ridges in non-mascons. The lower diagram  
686 shows differences in deformation expected from stresses generated by mascon, or basin  
687 localized, tectonics [modified after *Solomon et al.*, 1980)] compared to non-mascon regions. A  
688 difference in lithospheric thickness may be responsible for comparable amounts of contractional  
689 deformation in mascon and non-mascon settings.

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Introduction



712 This dataset contains tables listing all wrinkle ridge relief measurements (“ts01.txt” and  
713 “ts02.txt”) and a discussion of measurement uncertainty associated with imagery resolution and  
714 elevation data source as associated graphs (“text01.txt” and “fs03.eps”). GIS shapefiles for the  
715 wrinkle ridges digitized for this study are available by request to the authors.

716 2. ts01.txt, Mercurian wrinkle ridge locations and relief measurements

717 2.1 Column “Mercurian wrinkle ridge ID (informal),” text, Wrinkle ridges are unofficially  
718 named for the purposes of this study using abbreviations based on their specified geographic  
719 locations: NSP = northern smooth plains, NCCP = northern Caloris exterior plains, SCCP =  
720 southern Caloris exterior plains, and CB = Caloris basin interior. †Wrinkle ridges previously  
721 identified from Mariner 10 and MESSENGER flyby imagery [Watters et al., 2009c].

722 2.2 Column “Longitude,” degrees, longitude (degrees east), on a -180 to 0 to +180 scale, of  
723 location of wrinkle ridge.

724 2.3 Column “Latitude,” degrees, latitude of location of wrinkle ridge, north of equator.

725 2.4 Column “Relief,” meters, maximum measurable relief at location of wrinkle ridge.

726 2.5 Column, “Topographic data source,” text, source of elevation data used for relief  
727 measurement.

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729 3. ts02.txt, Lunar wrinkle ridge locations and relief measurements

730 3.1 Column “Lunar wrinkle ridge ID (informal),” text, Wrinkle ridges are unofficially named for  
731 the purposes of this study using abbreviations based on specified geographic locations: CR =  
732 Mare Crisium, S = Mare Serenitatis, OP = Oceanus Procellarum, FR = Mare Frigoris, T =Mare  
733 Tranquillitatis, H = Mare Humorum, C = Mare Cognitum, NU = Mare Nubium, O = Mare

734 Orientale, FE = Mare Fecunditatis, SM = Mare Smythii, GC = Grimaldi Crater, KAC = Karrer  
735 Crater, KUC = Kugler Crater, and V = Vitello Crater. †Wrinkle ridge – lobate scarp transitions  
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741 measurement.  
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743 4. text01.pdf, Document S1, resolution of imagery and elevation data sources and resulting  
744 uncertainty on wrinkle ridge mapping and relief measurements  
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746 5. ts03.txt, Relief measurement uncertainties from different elevation data sources  
747 5.1 Column, "Location," text, planetary body, either Mercury or the Moon.  
748 5.2 Column, "Source," elevation data source.  
749 5.3 Column, "n," number of measurements.  
750 5.4 Column, “Vertical precision,” meters, precision of elevation measurement from altimeter or  
751 digital elevation model.  
752 5.5 Column, "Relief uncertainty," meters, uncertainty of relief measurement (2X vertical  
753 precision).

## Document S1

### Resolution of imagery and elevation data sources and resulting uncertainty on wrinkle ridge mapping and relief measurements

The varying imagery and elevation data sources available from MESSENGER and LRO for Mercury and the Moon solicit concern for any influence these different data sources may have on the relief and length measurements and ultimately the comparison of wrinkle ridge reliefs presented in this analysis (Table S3). Therefore, here we detail the influence of imagery resolution on mapping wrinkle ridges as well as use of varying elevation data sources on our relief measurements.

#### **1. Mapping wrinkle ridges from different resolution global mosaics**

Wrinkle ridges were digitized in GIS environment from either the 100 m/pixel LROC WAC for wrinkle ridges on the Moon or the 250 m/pixel MDIS imagery mosaic for wrinkle ridges on Mercury. Because the global mosaic for the Moon is ~2.5 times higher in resolution than the global mosaic for Mercury, some very small scale wrinkle ridges (<1 km) can be observed on the Moon and not on Mercury. We used a 500 m/pixel LROC WAC global mosaic in addition to the 100 m/pixel LROC WAC global mosaic when identifying and then digitizing wrinkle ridges on the Moon. The majority of wrinkle ridges we digitized on the Moon are visible in both the 500 m/pixel and 100 m/pixel LROC WAC global mosaics. The 100

776 m/pixel global mosaic allowed the shape of the wrinkle ridge in map view to be more accurately  
777 mapped and whether the wrinkle ridge was continuous or segmented to be discerned.

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## 779 **2. Relief measurements from different elevation data sources**

780 The relief of wrinkle ridges on Mercury were measured from MLA altimetry tracks ( $n =$   
781 46), MLA DEM ( $n = 58$ ) and Flyby and orbital stereo-derived DEMs ( $n = 32$ ). Relief across  
782 lunar wrinkle ridges was measured using either LOLA altimetry tracks ( $n = 33$ ) or the WAC  
783 stereo-derived DEM ( $n = 117$ ). The uncertainty associated with elevation measurements that  
784 comprise these elevation data sources is shown in Table S3. Since measuring the relief requires  
785 subtraction of two elevation data points, uncertainty associated with the elevation measurements  
786 is doubled. Therefore, the uncertainty associated with relief measurements is twice that of the  
787 elevation data used. For example, elevation data points comprising LOLA altimetry tracks have  
788 a vertical precision of  $\pm 10$  cm. Therefore, the uncertainty associated with measuring the relief of  
789 a wrinkle ridge doubles to  $\pm 20$  cm.

790 Altimetry tracks (LOLA or MLA) provided the most detailed view of wrinkle ridges in  
791 cross-section and the smallest uncertainty in vertical precision. Since the vertical precision is  
792  $\pm 10$  cm for LOLA and  $\pm 1$  m for MLA, the uncertainty associated with relief measurements for  
793 wrinkle ridges measured using LOLA or MLA altimetry tracks or the MLA DEM is at least  
794 smaller than  $\sim 25$  m in the relief dimension. The vertical precision of the WAC stereo-derived  
795 DEM is also quite small, only  $\pm 10$  m. Therefore the uncertainty accompanying relief  
796 measurements from the WAC stereo derived DEM is smaller than  $\pm 20$  m.

797 Elevation data comprising the MESSENGER flyby and orbital stereo-derived DEMs has  
798 a vertical precision of  $\pm 135$  m ( $\pm 270$  m in relief). Note however, that these are the worst case

799 uncertainties and that in some cases profiles extracted across wrinkle ridges visible in the  
800 imagery did not exhibit any measurable reliefs. The stereo-derived DEMs uses MLA elevation  
801 data as control points when possible to help reduce the uncertainty associated with these  
802 elevation datasets. Since we cannot avoid these large uncertainties, we chose to regard  
803 measurements from the MESSENGER stereo-derived DEMs with caution when making our  
804 interpretations.

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### 806 **3. Greatest measurable relief**

807         We report the greatest relief measured for each wrinkle ridge, however we note that this  
808 is not necessarily the maximum relief as MLA and LOLA profiles do not always provide  
809 continuous coverage across the entire length of each wrinkle ridge. When measuring relief from  
810 DEMs, it is possible to extract profiles across the entire length of the wrinkle ridge, which  
811 allowed the maximum relief to be determined. The relief measured from MLA or LOLA profiles  
812 is considered to be the “greatest measured relief” while relief measured from DEMs is  
813 considered to be the “maximum relief”.

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**Table S1.** Mercurian wrinkle ridge locations and relief measurements

<b>Mercurian wrinkle ridge ID (informal)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Longitude (°E)</b>	<b>Latitude (°N)</b>	<b>Relief (m)</b>	<b>Topographic data source</b>
M-NSP1	27.15	62.54	352	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP2	-70.84	71.12	257	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP3	-76.07	73.26	343	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP4	113.18	78.95	390	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP5†	-43.49	73.59	622	MLA DEM
M-NSP6	134.45	75.10	547	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP7	-32.20	68.14	510	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP8	64.84	82.11	508	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP9	1.08	57.71	640	MLA DEM
M-NSP10	24.09	55.03	537	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP11	89.74	74.13	280	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP12	-95.55	69.73	152	MLA DEM
M-NSP13	14.38	80.76	384	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP14	88.74	78.18	593	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP15	76.73	65.57	379	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP16	35.12	65.86	387	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP17	-4.13	74.04	435	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP18	-25.64	63.13	551	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP19	51.15	64.33	304	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP20	68.91	59.48	282	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP21	-97.61	78.22	679.5	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP22	-15.59	57.16	344	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP23	39.04	62.04	312	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP24	24.06	57.13	352	MLA DEM
M-NSP25	-30.86	75.21	598	MLA DEM
M-NSP26	-17.84	78.87	484	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP27	-31.84	82.01	193	MLA DEM
M-NSP28	-74.11	66.39	458	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP29	29.53	77.62	371	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP30	-90.00	66.89	276	MLA DEM
M-NSP31	126.35	73.27	273	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP-32	3.03	82.15	257	MLA DEM
M-NSP33	54.63	79.74	217	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP34	53.99	77.24	175	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP35	42.61	70.53	314	MLA DEM
M-NSP36	51.99	67.31	223	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP37	30.16	81.49	230	MLA DEM
M-NSP38	-5.35	83.28	298	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP39	32.36	52.28	187	MLA DEM
M-NSP40	-28.17	55.93	391	MLA DEM
M-NSP41	41.95	56.49	318	MLA DEM

M-NSP42	44.87	55.11	426	MLA DEM
M-NSP43	-38.54	75.01	306	MLA DEM
M-NSP-44	42.03	58.14	352	MLA DEM
M-NSP45	6.31	34.97	149	M2 DEM flyby
M-NSP46	10.71	37.41	367	M2 DEM flyby
M-NSP47	-0.75	38.41	345	M2 DEM flyby
M-NSP48	10.74	51.24	404	MLA DEM
M-NSP49	-1.98	55.51	366	MLA DEM
M-NSP50	6.20	61.55	116	MLA DEM
M-NSP51	-3.66	54.45	369.5	MLA DEM
M-NSP52	77.70	1.05	382	M3 DEM flyby
M-NSP53	77.18	6.98	347	M3 DEM flyby
M-NSP54	76.88	4.49	475	M3 DEM flyby
M-NSP55	68.16	7.09	655.5	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP56	69.51	2.14	776	MLA altimetry track - Oblique Traverse
M-NSP57	113.49	77.89	489	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP58	113.76	75.65	415	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP59	-93.82	79.92	224	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP60	-100.81	73.94	421	MLA DEM
M-NSP61	-70.34	67.44	170	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP62	-86.17	74.99	331	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP63	37.70	46.53	180	MLA DEM
M-NSP64	43.57	41.48	473	MLA DEM
M-NSP65	41.27	40.23	232	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP66	41.70	44.68	238	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP67	39.79	50.06	249	MLA DEM
M-NSP68	46.39	60.05	237	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP69	-69.99	72.35	189	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP70	-79.77	71.47	287	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP71	29.33	67.13	201	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP72	134.89	71.18	464	MLA DEM
M-NSP73	39.32	66.44	326	MLA DEM
M-NSP74	5.70	76.27	252	MLA DEM
M-NSP75	-10.29	78.60	350	MLA altimetry track
M-NSP76	-26.94	68.82	239	MLA DEM
M-NSP77	-22.64	70.00	112	MLA DEM
M-NSP78	-11.40	71.57	418	MLA DEM
M-NSP79	-43.96	72.12	544	MLA DEM
M-NSP80	-35.15	67.52	358	MLA DEM
M-NSP81	50.36	58.85	285	MLA DEM
M-NSP82	61.59	59.32	593	MLA DEM
M-NSP83	92.68	75.75	268	MLA DEM
M-NSP84	95.54	79.02	488	MLA DEM
M-NSP85	120.08	73.18	249	MLA DEM



M-NSP86	109.79	70.29	298	MLA DEM
M-NSP87	67.27	56.83	252	MLA DEM
M-NSP88	62.11	56.79	179	MLA DEM
M-NSP89	48.18	39.42	262	MLA DEM
M-NSP90	-80.17	63.67	262	MLA DEM
M-NSP91	39.04	57.21	336	MLA DEM
M-NSP92	29.62	57.71	149	MLA DEM
M-NSP93	31.05	54.98	413	MLA DEM
M-NSP-94	4.92	82.98	155	MLA DEM
M-NSP95	80.47	38.14	232	MLA DEM
M-NSP96	78.16	44.70	559	MLA altimetry track - Oblique Traverse
M-NSP97	78.78	41.86	354	M3 DEM flyby
M-NSP-98	12.32	81.74	332	MLA DEM
M-NCCP1	-166.15	52.32	633.5	MLA DEM
M-NCCP2	-159.05	57.65	444	MLA altimetry track
M-NCCP3	-152.39	56.11	421.5	MLA DEM
M-NCCP5	-148.11	60.99	257	MLA DEM
M-NCCP6	-175.96	52.84	141	MLA DEM
M-NCCP7	131.31	52.32	237	MLA DEM
M-NCCP8	120.42	50.74	369	MLA DEM
M-CCP-1	151.36	8.29	558	MLA DEM
M-CCP-2	166.93	-7.17	166.5	MLA DEM
M-NCCP10	177.44	60.82	568.5	MLA DEM
M-ECCP-OP1†	-164.13	21.72	444	MLA altimetry track
M-ECCP-OP2†	-157.56	18.45	312	MLA altimetry track - Oblique Traverse
M-ECCP-OP3†	-155.20	13.00	233	MLA altimetry track - Oblique Traverse
M-ECCP-OP4†	-156.93	15.86	510	MLA altimetry track - Oblique Traverse
M-ECCP-OP5†	-167.42	19.98	243	MLA DEM
M-ECCP-OP6†	-167.99	31.13	383	MLA altimetry track - Oblique Traverse
M-ECCP-OP7†	-160.67	19.49	190	MLA altimetry track
M-SCCP1†	-175.44	10.79	467	MLA altimetry track - Oblique Traverse
M-SCCP3†	-172.47	0.66	574	MLA altimetry track - Oblique Traverse
M-SCCP4†	-173.00	0.50	234	MLA altimetry track - Oblique Traverse
M-SCCP5†	-176.96	14.04	455	MLA altimetry track - Oblique Traverse
M-WR-CB1	157.56	27.27	276	DLR Orbital DEM
M-WR-CB2	156.57	28.11	208	DLR Orbital DEM
M-WR-CB3	155.88	25.20	524	DLR Orbital DEM
M-WR-CB4	156.25	23.87	411	DLR Orbital DEM
M-WR-CB5	154.44	26.04	377	DLR Orbital DEM
M-WR-CB6	160.26	24.20	186	DLR Orbital DEM
M-WR-CB7	161.09	25.23	433	DLR Orbital DEM
M-WR-CB8	161.76	24.36	402	DLR Orbital DEM
M-WR-CB9	159.95	28.66	207	DLR Orbital DEM
M-WR-CB10	158.85	30.92	264	DLR Orbital DEM

M-WR-CB11	157.86	31.64	254	DLR Orbital DEM
M-WR-CB12	163.92	32.21	190	DLR Orbital DEM
M-WR-CB13	148.62	31.31	479	MLA altimetry track
M-WR-CB14	144.40	30.18	470	M1 DEM flyby
M-WR-CB15	143.70	26.62	485	MLA altimetry track
M-WR-CB16	146.50	23.28	238.5	MLA altimetry track
M-WR-CB17	148.44	25.23	243	M1 DEM flyby
M-WR-CB18	154.95	19.10	282	M1 DEM flyby
M-WR-CB19	167.65	17.80	400	M1 DEM flyby
M-WR-CB20	171.22	24.34	265	M1 DEM flyby
M-WR-CB21	176.23	24.60	318	M1 DEM flyby
M-WR-CB22	177.84	23.45	193	M1 DEM flyby
M-WR-CB23	-179.67	30.65	566.5	MLA altimetry track
M-WR-CB24	178.46	30.89	326	M1 DEM flyby
M-WR-CB25	179.93	34.89	565	M1 DEM flyby
M-WR-CB26	171.64	30.47	152.5	MLA altimetry track
M-WR-CB27	176.94	40.14	348	MLA altimetry track
M-WR-CB28	176.44	37.81	347	M1 DEM flyby
M-WR-CB29	171.63	38.86	284	M1 DEM flyby
M-WR-CB30	154.47	46.27	253	M1 DEM flyby
M-WR-CB31	153.31	42.80	437	M1 DEM flyby

<sup>a</sup>Wrinkle ridges are unofficially named for the purposes of this study using abbreviations based on their locations in basin or smooth plains material (NSP = northern smooth plains, NCCP = northern circum-Caloris plains, CCP = circum-Caloris plains, ECCP-OP = eastern circum-Caloris plains – Odin Planitia, SCCP = southern circum-Caloris plains, CB = Caloris basin interior)

<sup>†</sup>Wrinkle ridge previously identified from Mariner 10 and MESSENGER flyby imagery [*Watters et al.*, 2009c]

**Table S2.** Lunar wrinkle ridge locations and relief measurements

<b>Lunar wrinkle ridge ID (informal)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Longitude (°E)</b>	<b>Latitude (°N)</b>	<b>Relief (m)</b>	<b>Topographic data source</b>
L-CR1	56.20	21.96	144	LOLA
L-CR2	60.45	21.11	100	WACDEM
L-CR3	62.96	21.62	420	WACDEM
L-CR4†	64.85	19.15	563	WACDEM
L-CR5†	64.86	18.71	268	WACDEM
L-CR6†	65.11	15.93	219	WACDEM
L-CR7†	63.65	13.86	526	WACDEM
L-CR8	60.87	13.32	81	WACDEM
L-CR9	57.20	11.68	257	LOLA
L-CR10	53.75	13.21	239	WACDEM
L-CR11†	52.04	15.74	341	WACDEM
L-CR12†	52.03	18.87	330	WACDEM
L-CR13	54.96	12.73	226	WACDEM
L-CR14	55.77	12.57	96	WACDEM
L-CR15	52.79	13.96	232	WACDEM
L-CR16†	59.77	22.31	205	WACDEM
L-CR17	53.40	21.54	101	WACDEM
L-CR18	53.95	19.98	47	WACDEM
L-CR19†	52.69	20.14	399	WACDEM
L-CR20	58.01	14.72	162	WACDEM
L-S1	9.55	26.19	127	LOLA
L-S2	8.12	23.43	171	WACDEM
L-S3	11.88	24.19	106	WACDEM
L-S4†	11.50	21.53	176	LOLA
L-S5	22.25	8.76	181	WACDEM
L-S6†	13.56	19.73	360	WACDEM
L-S7	14.18	18.47	127	LOLA
L-S8	23.95	20.52	292	WACDEM
L-S9	21.06	19.07	173	WACDEM
L-S10†	28.95	24.51	79	WACDEM
L-S11	19.88	19.27	283	WACDEM
L-S12	25.40	25.15	344	WACDEM
L-S13	24.85	29.19	275	WACDEM
L-S14	23.61	30.54	212	LOLA
L-S15	15.86	19.35	206	WACDEM
L-S16	21.42	32.48	261	LOLA
L-S17	20.47	33.71	84	WACDEM
L-S18	18.49	33.98	241	WACDEM
L-S19	15.01	30.59	98	WACDEM
L-S20	18.72	28.21	165	WACDEM
L-S21	25.54	27.04	244	WACDEM

L-S22	24.04	34.01	88	WACDEM
L-S23	8.41	29.24	113	WACDEM
L-S24	24.67	22.95	144	WACDEM
L-S25	25.33	30.64	307	WACDEM
L-S26	18.95	19.87	95	WACDEM
L-S27	22.74	18.10	157	WACDEM
L-I1	-25.58	44.70	140	WACDEM
L-I2	-20.15	47.24	432	LOLA
L-I3	-12.93	46.29	426	LOLA
L-I4	-4.73	45.15	236	WACDEM
L-I5	-8.25	40.97	271	WACDEM
L-I6	-7.67	22.42	151	WACDEM
L-I7	-12.43	29.23	159	LOLA
L-I8	-22.77	29.15	132	LOLA
L-I9	-24.51	29.22	378	LOLA
L-I10	-28.19	31.77	76	WACDEM
L-I11	-29.45	31.64	176	WACDEM
L-I12	-30.85	37.54	284	WACDEM
L-I13	-22.38	46.92	316	WACDEM
L-I14	-19.29	46.11	95	WACDEM
L-I15	-27.46	41.77	76	WACDEM
L-I16	-29.58	39.11	89	WACDEM
L-I17	-31.29	35.82	204	WACDEM
L-I18	-19.76	24.26	261	WACDEM
L-OP1	-53.18	50.89	155	WACDEM
L-OP2	-67.70	52.28	114	LOLA
L-OP3	-70.67	46.39	151	LOLA
L-OP4	-63.31	46.59	188	LOLA
L-OP5	-69.11	45.10	120	LOLA
L-OP6	-73.49	44.53	136	LOLA
L-OP7	-61.16	44.15	104	LOLA
L-OP8	-65.43	40.75	273	WACDEM
L-OP9	-60.38	38.23	208	WACDEM
L-OP10	-54.33	36.77	119	WACDEM
L-OP11	-61.15	36.38	85	WACDEM
L-OP12	-73.85	34.10	295	WACDEM
L-OP13	-61.37	34.65	172	WACDEM
L-OP14	-59.06	34.66	185	WACDEM
L-OP15	-59.91	32.16	156	WACDEM
L-OP16	-57.44	30.40	132	WACDEM
L-OP17	-57.01	28.62	122	WACDEM
L-OP18	-57.43	26.76	150	WACDEM
L-OP19	-56.61	25.57	255	WACDEM
L-OP20	-52.76	19.05	100	WACDEM

L-OP21	-38.33	18.93	193	LOLA
L-OP22	-64.33	19.20	79	WACDEM
L-OP23	-61.20	16.44	222	LOLA
L-OP24	-55.89	11.94	109	WACDEM
L-OP25	-57.05	10.14	146	WACDEM
L-OP26	-50.60	9.09	154	WACDEM
L-OP27	-50.19	8.52	205	WACDEM
L-OP28	-61.15	5.85	210	WACDEM
L-OP29	-61.66	4.46	102	WACDEM
L-OP30	-60.79	4.34	162	WACDEM
L-OP31	-60.69	3.49	268	WACDEM
L-OP32	-59.33	4.00	157	WACDEM
L-OP33	-57.90	1.52	210	WACDEM
L-OP34	-57.13	0.76	172	WACDEM
L-OP35	-54.99	-0.61	52	WACDEM
L-OP36	-56.23	-1.53	147	WACDEM
L-OP37	-57.58	-3.24	102	WACDEM
L-OP38	-55.35	-3.18	186	WACDEM
L-OP39	-50.62	5.36	204	WACDEM
L-OP40	-51.59	4.19	146	WACDEM
L-OP41	-50.77	3.06	64	WACDEM
L-OP42	-49.52	3.75	130	WACDEM
L-OP43	-48.82	5.13	82	WACDEM
L-OP44	-48.52	2.89	147	WACDEM
L-OP45	-48.43	1.25	110	WACDEM
L-OP46	-44.93	0.48	358	WACDEM
L-OP47	-51.54	-0.30	63	WACDEM
L-OP48	-50.71	-1.52	193	WACDEM
L-OP49	-49.17	-2.81	136	WACDEM
L-OP50	-35.32	-1.07	156	WACDEM
L-OP51	-32.17	-2.79	232	WACDEM
L-OP52	-34.06	-5.38	143	WACDEM
L-OP53	-54.86	4.80	178	WACDEM
L-FR1	-26.77	60.86	98	WACDEM
L-FR2	-20.92	59.81	256	LOLA
L-FR3	-16.99	62.28	204	LOLA
L-FR4	-14.33	61.10	391	LOLA
L-FR5	-3.74	59.42	70	LOLA
L-FR6	-3.75	58.18	252	LOLA
L-FR7	2.99	57.61	114	LOLA
L-FR8	10.64	55.45	199	WACDEM
L-FR9	25.03	56.02	89	LOLA
L-FR10	24.99	54.83	292	LOLA
L-FR11	35.53	54.46	126	LOLA

L-FR12	35.54	53.87	57	LOLA
L-FR13	35.54	53.54	146	LOLA
L-FR14	-1.73	56.77	63	WACDEM
L-FR15	-18.60	55.50	60	WACDEM
L-FR16	-14.64	56.22	146	WACDEM
L-FR17	-25.94	58.60	66	WACDEM
L-HU1†	-44.91	-23.58	361	WACDEM
L-HU2†	-44.20	-26.33	268	WACDEM
L-HU3	-37.72	-20.18	134	WACDEM
L-HU4†	-37.58	-27.32	307	WACDEM
L-HU5	-36.59	-24.57	117	WACDEM
L-HU6	-35.81	-22.66	233	WACDEM
L-FE1	49.43	-1.04	343	LOLA
L-FE2†	52.58	-4.41	636	WACDEM
L-FE3	52.63	-7.69	678	WACDEM
L-NU1	-10.19	-23.79	300	WACDEM
L-NU2	-24.75	-25.56	224	WACDEM
L-NU3	-11.99	-18.45	115	WACDEM
L-T1	28.44	2.78	144	LOLA
L-T2	22.08	3.79	351	WACDEM
L-NE1†	38.54	-16.65	446	WACDEM

<sup>a</sup>Wrinkle ridges are unofficially named for the purposes of this study using abbreviations based on their basin location or nearby craters (L = Lunar, CR = Mare Crisium, S = Mare Serenitatis, I = Mare Imbrium, OP = Oceanus Procellarum, FR = Mare Frigoris, HU = c, FE = Mare Fecunditatis, NU = Mare Nubium, T = Mare Tranquillitatis, NE = Mare Nectaris)

†Elevation offset wrinkle ridges

**Table S3.** Relief measurement uncertainties from different elevation data sources

<b>Location</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Vertical precision (m)</b>	<b>Relief uncertainty (m)</b>
Mercury	MLA altimetry tracks	60	< 1	< 2
Mercury	MLA DEM	58	< 1	< 2
Mercury	Flyby and orbital stereo-derived DEMs	32	$\pm 135$	$\pm 270$
Moon	LOLA altimetry tracks	33	$\pm 0.10$	$\pm 0.20$
Moon	WAC stereo-derived DEM	117	$\pm 10$	$\pm 20$

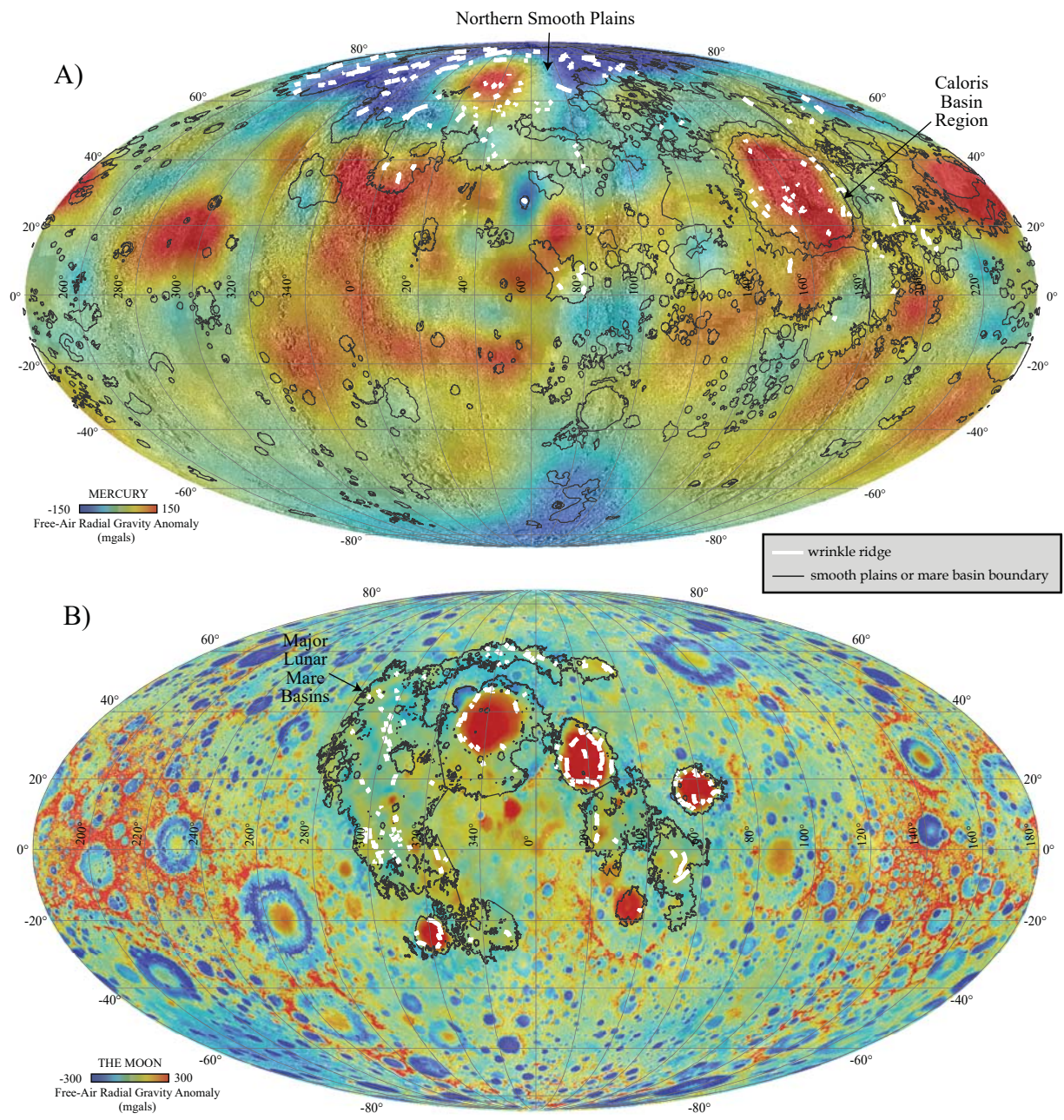


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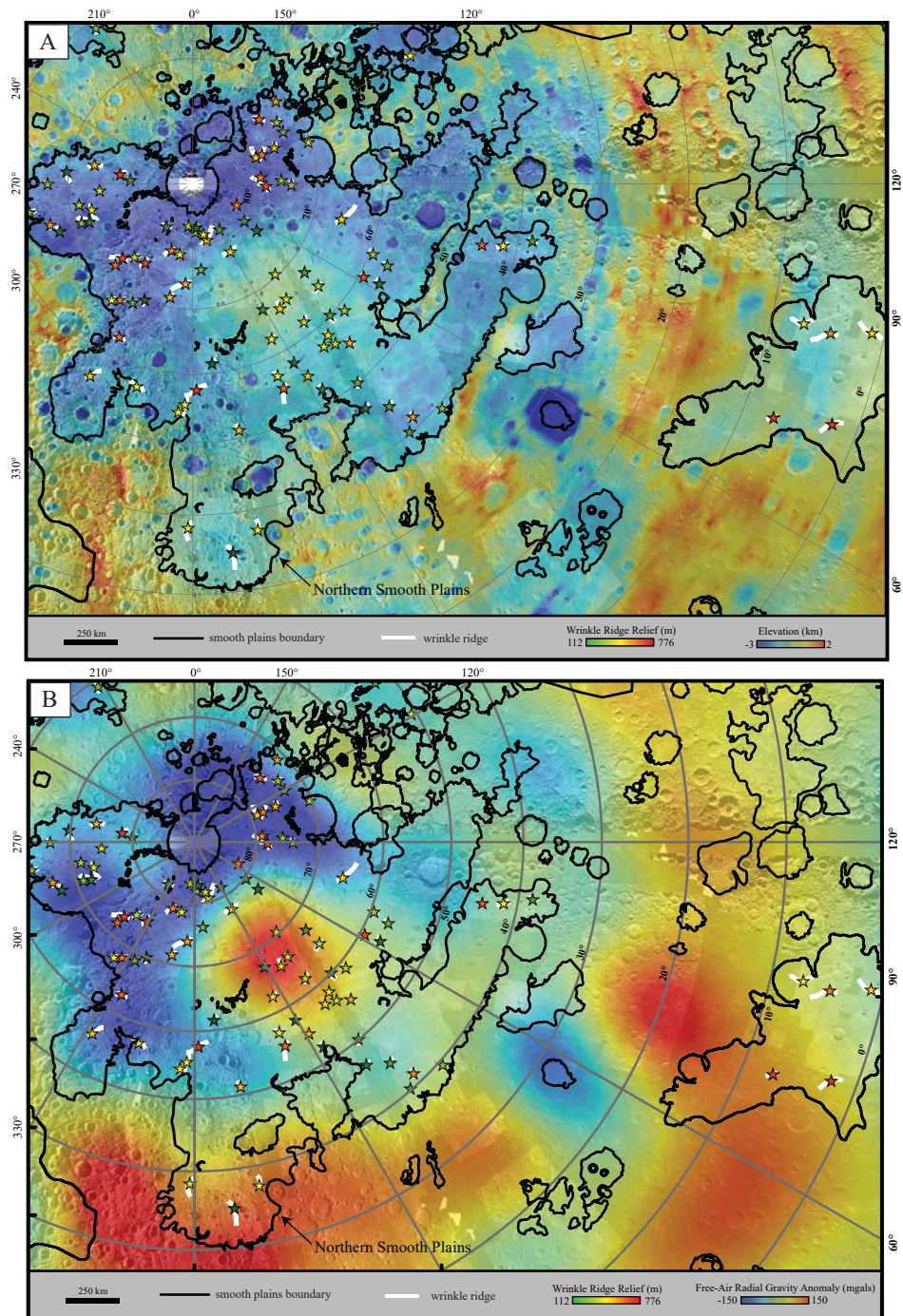


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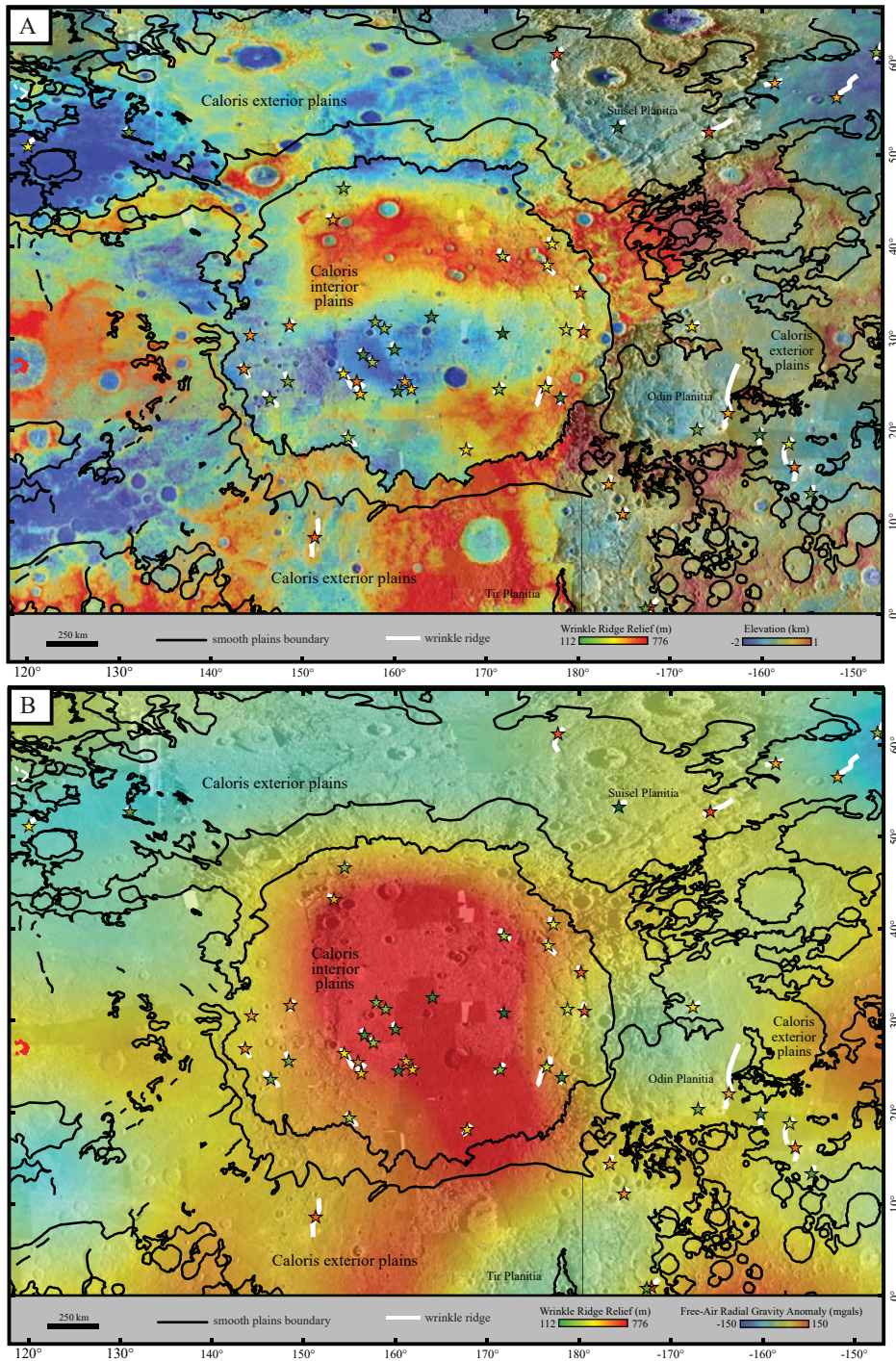


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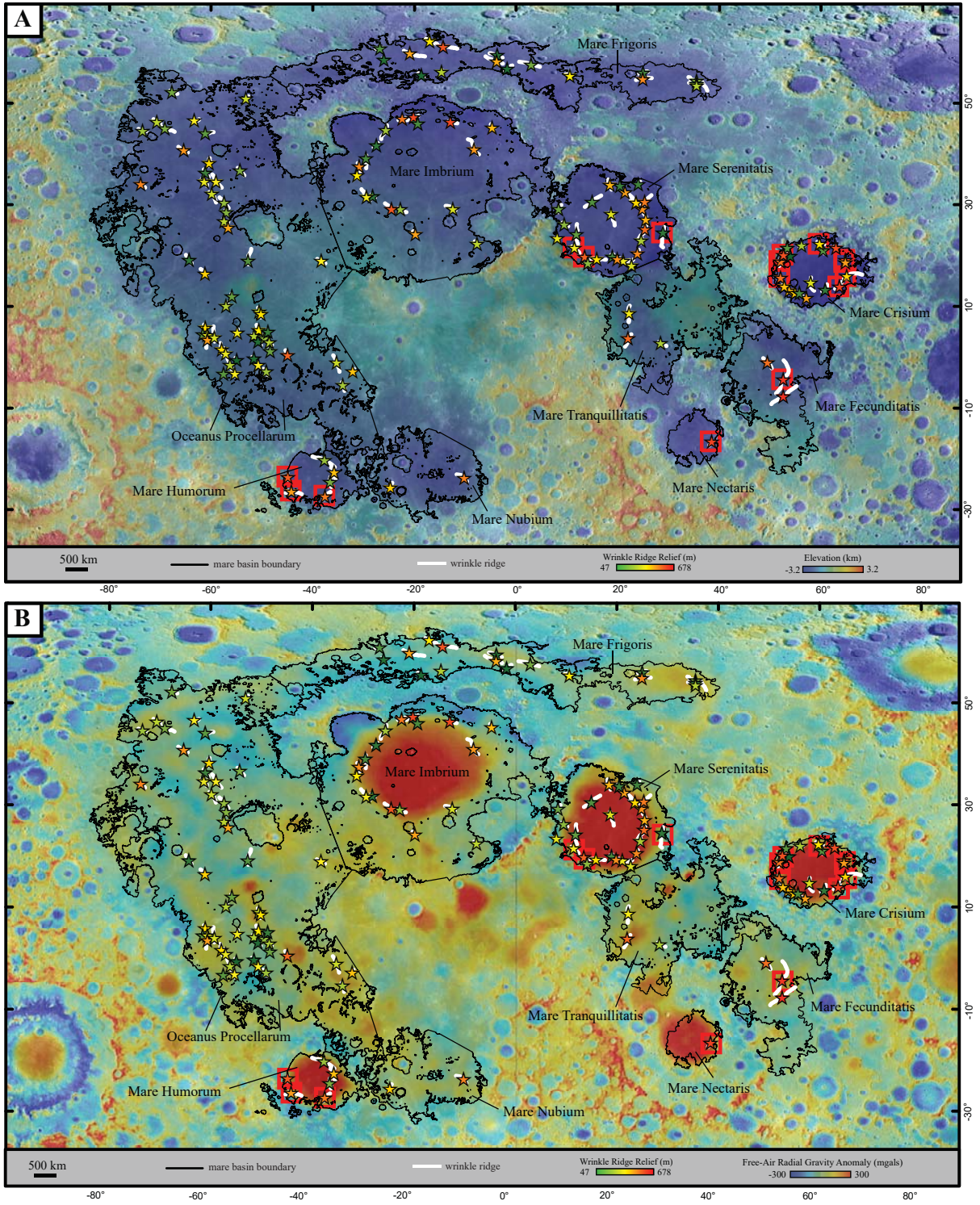


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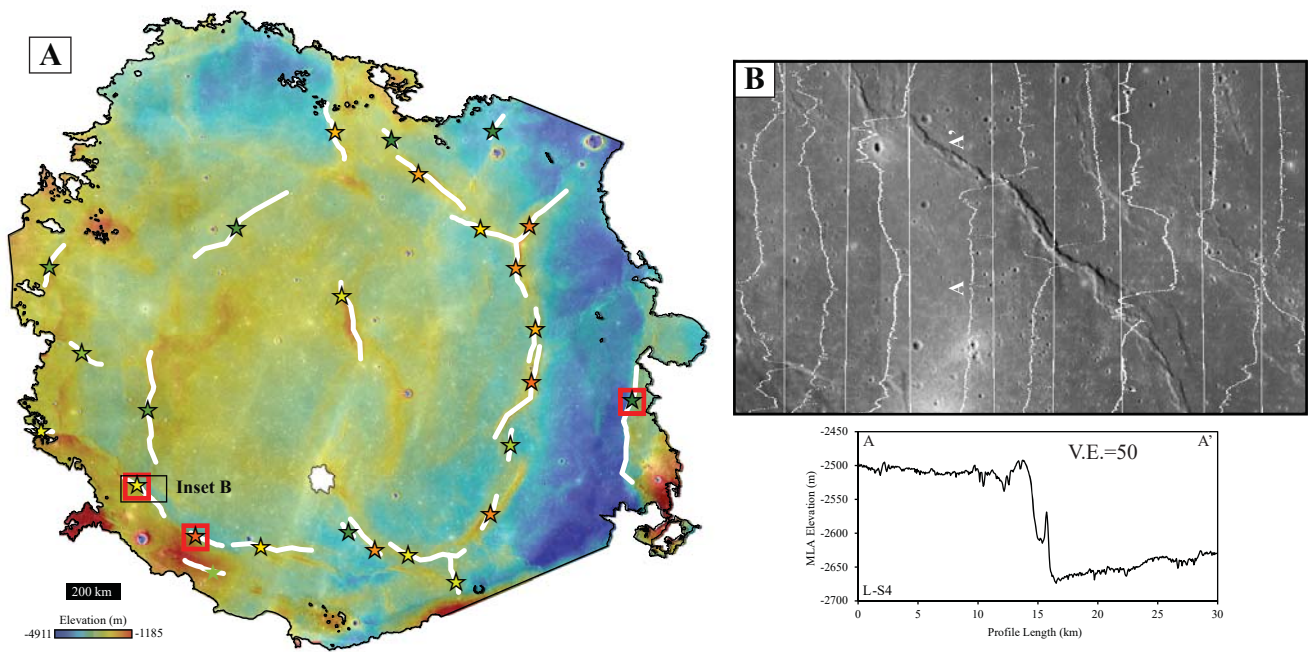


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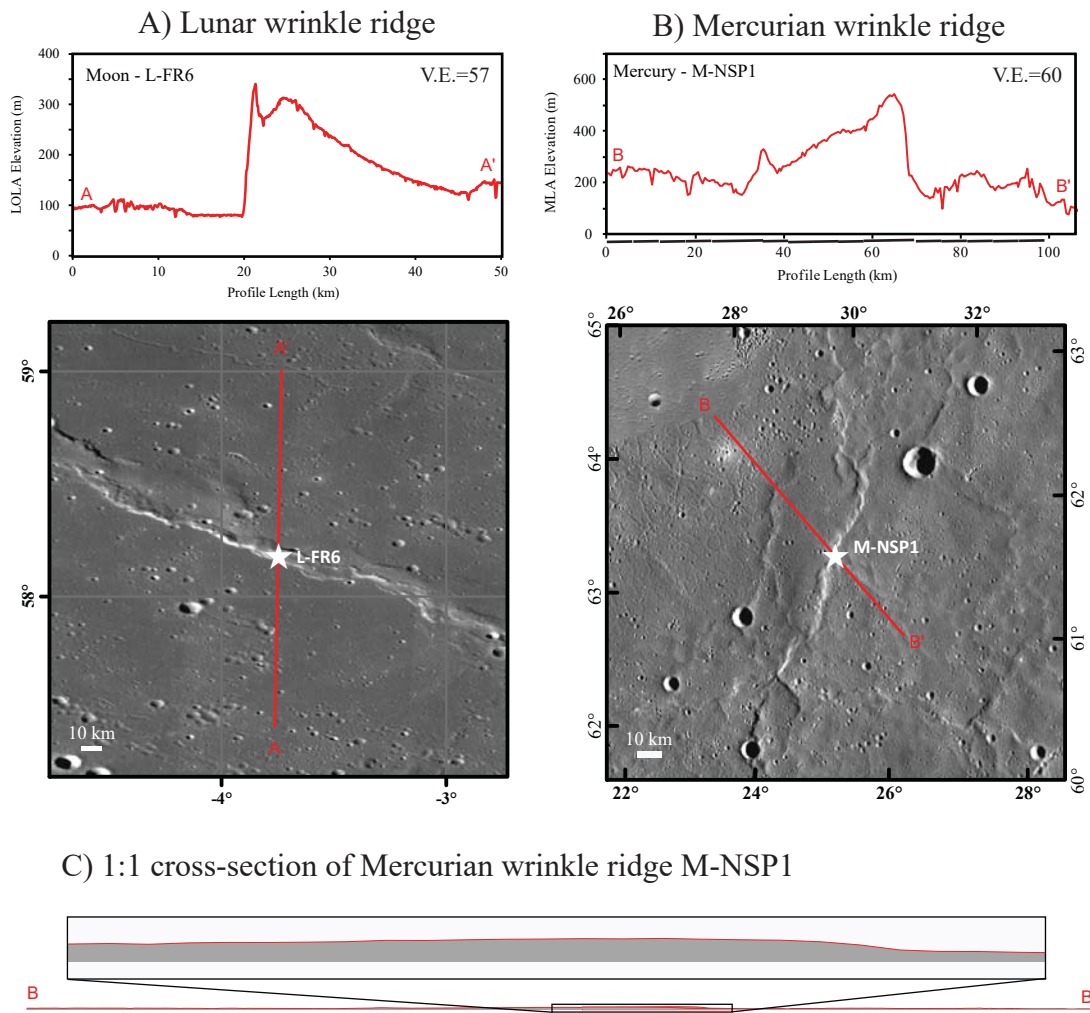


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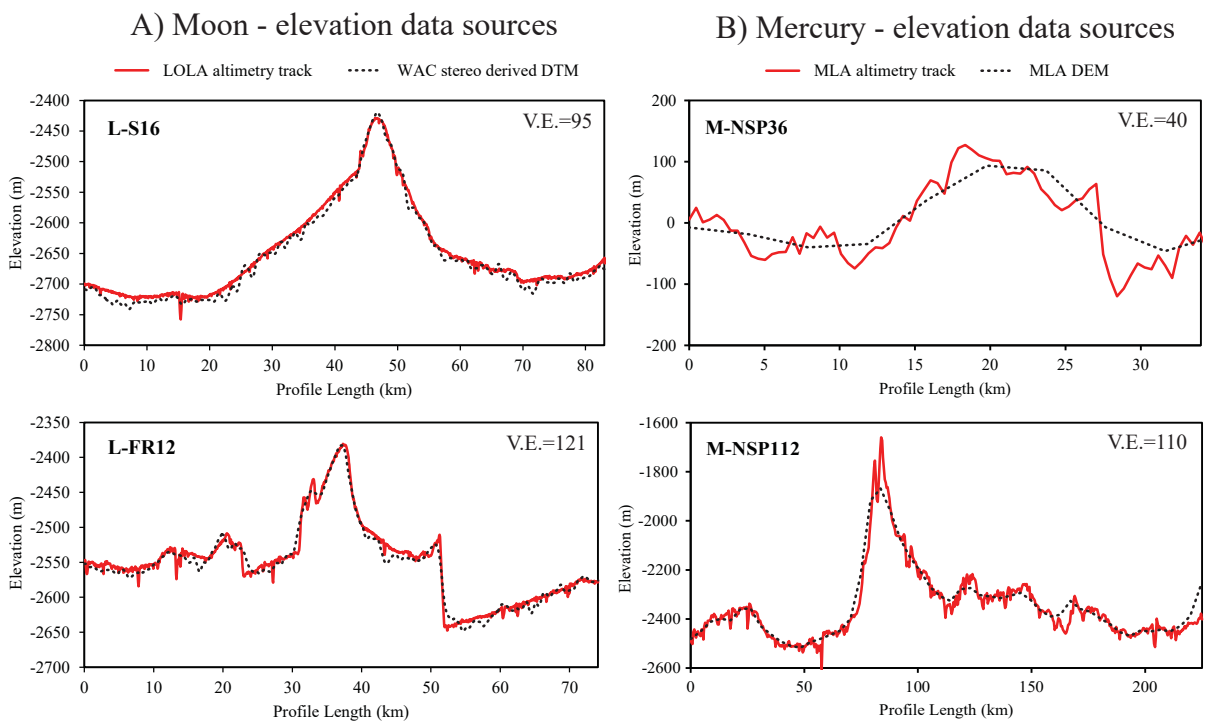


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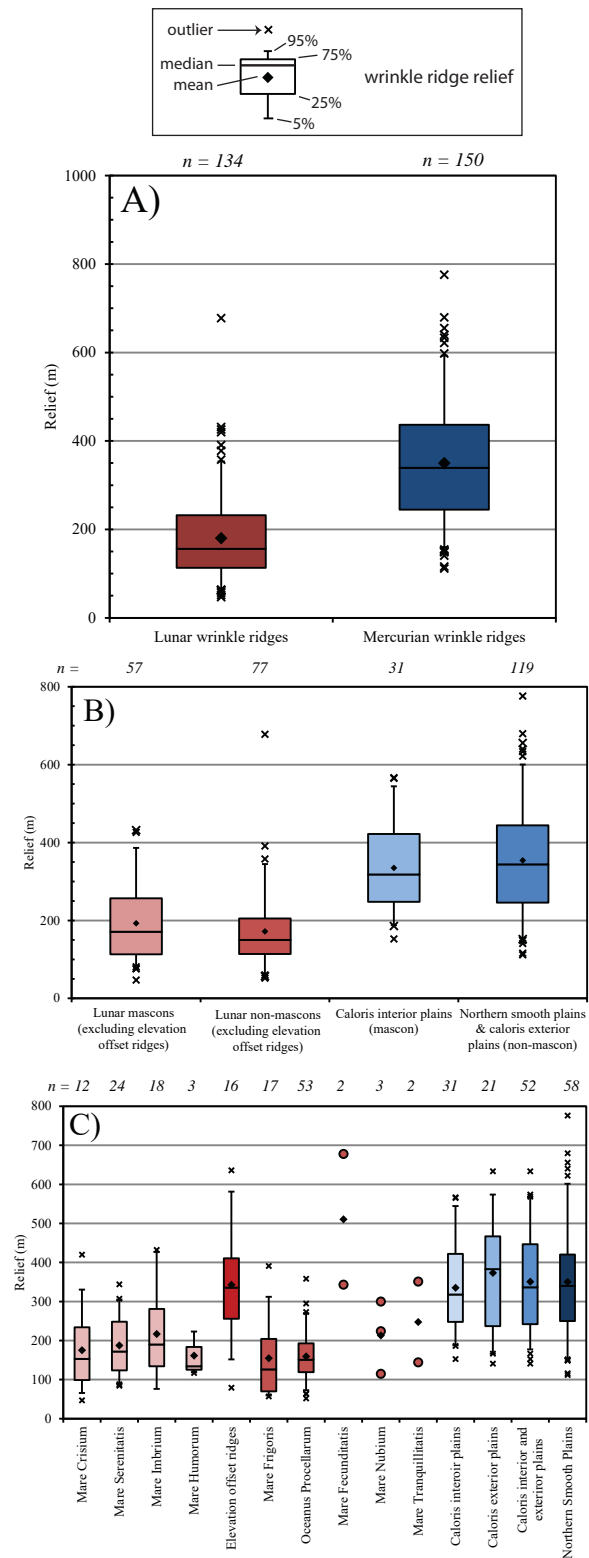


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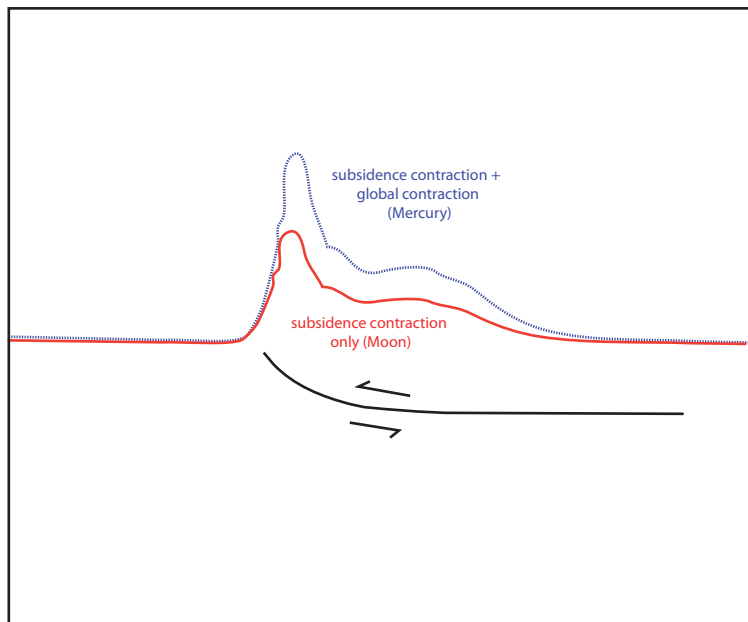


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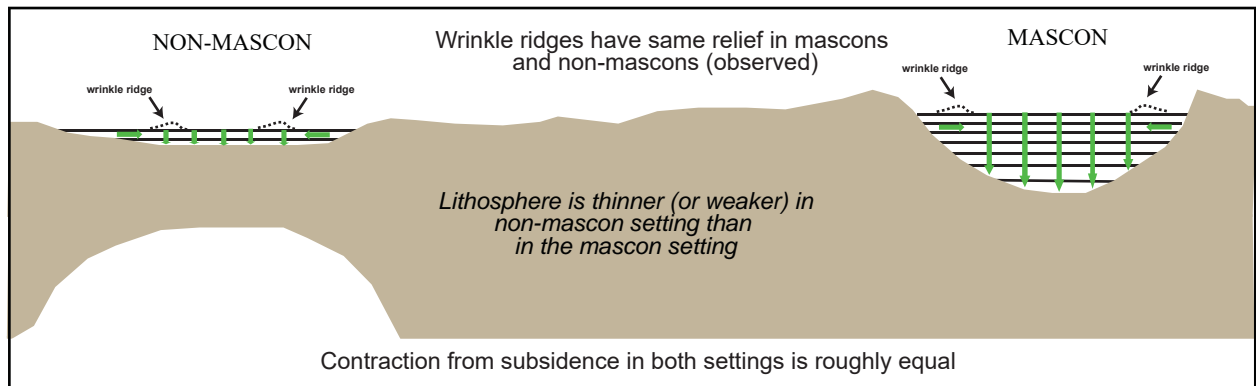
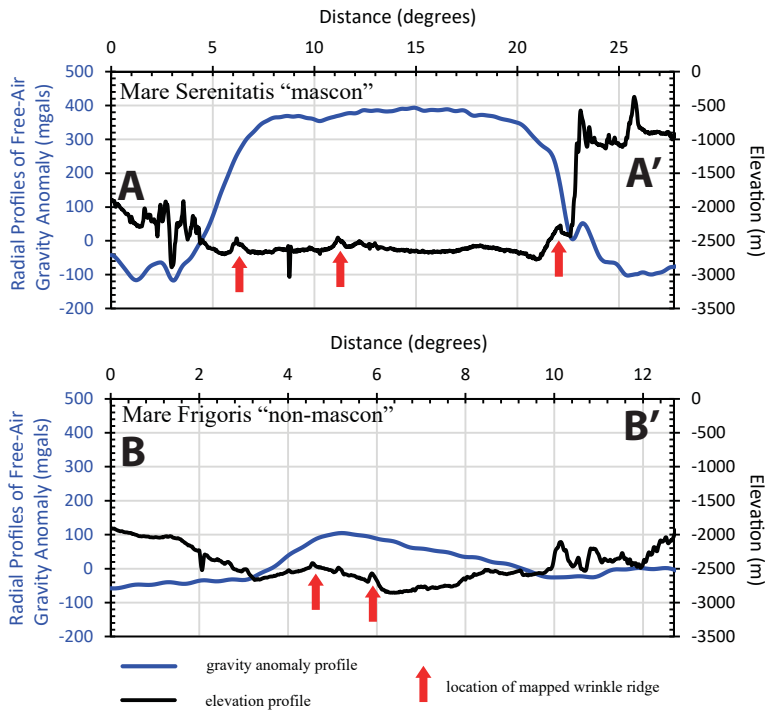
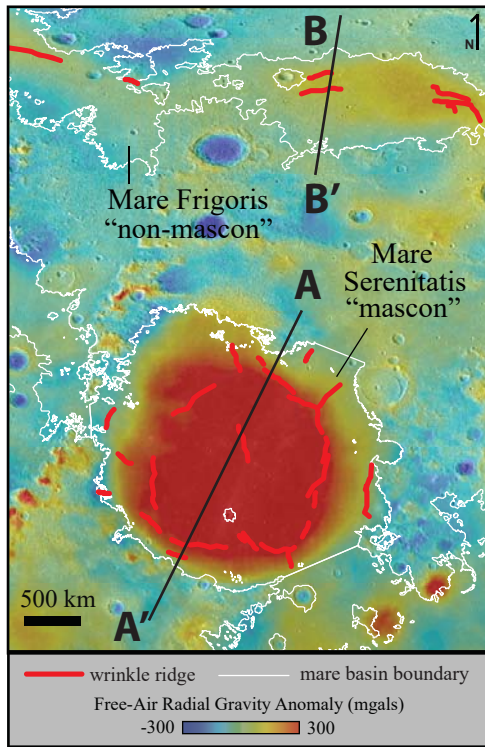


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