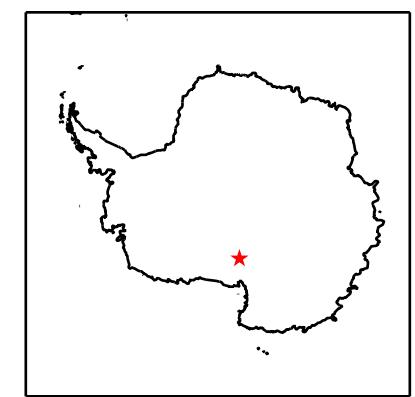


A new view of Antarctica for the IPY: the Landsat-7 mosaic

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0 5 10 20 30 km

WHAT ?

- a digital mosaic of Antarctica composed of Landsat-7 Enhanced Thematic Mapper Plus (ETM+) images
- multiple product levels including:
 - 15-meter resolution panchromatic band
 - 30-meter resolution true-color composite (Bands 3,2,1)
 - 125-meter resolution for compatibility with MOA and RAMP mosaics
 - probably others yet to be determined
- radiometrically balanced to make the final products as seamless as possible
- coverage gap around the South Pole may be filled by blending in MODIS imagery from MOA (MODIS Mosaic of Antarctica)
- original scenes are expected to become a special collection, available for purchase for a small fee

WHEN ?

Completion is planned for March 2007, the beginning of the International Polar Year.

HOW ?

- NSF-supported scene selection is underway at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. Approximately 2000 scenes will be required. The full collection currently contains about 20,000 images. Additional acquisitions may be required.
- The U.S. Geological Survey will perform the image orthorectification, mosaicking, and radiometric balancing. Post-processing with satellite ephemerides results in geolocation precision of +/- 50 meters (J. Storey, NASA, pers. comm.). Additional ground control will be used where available, for example that used for the Radarsat-1 SAR Mosaic of Antarctica.
- The U.S. Geological Survey and/or National Snow and Ice Data Center likely will be responsible for distribution of products.

WHY ?

- To provide an easily obtained, accurate, high-resolution, high-quality map from optical imagery, suitable for many purposes, that can serve as a common database for future Antarctic research.

SUGGESTIONS ?

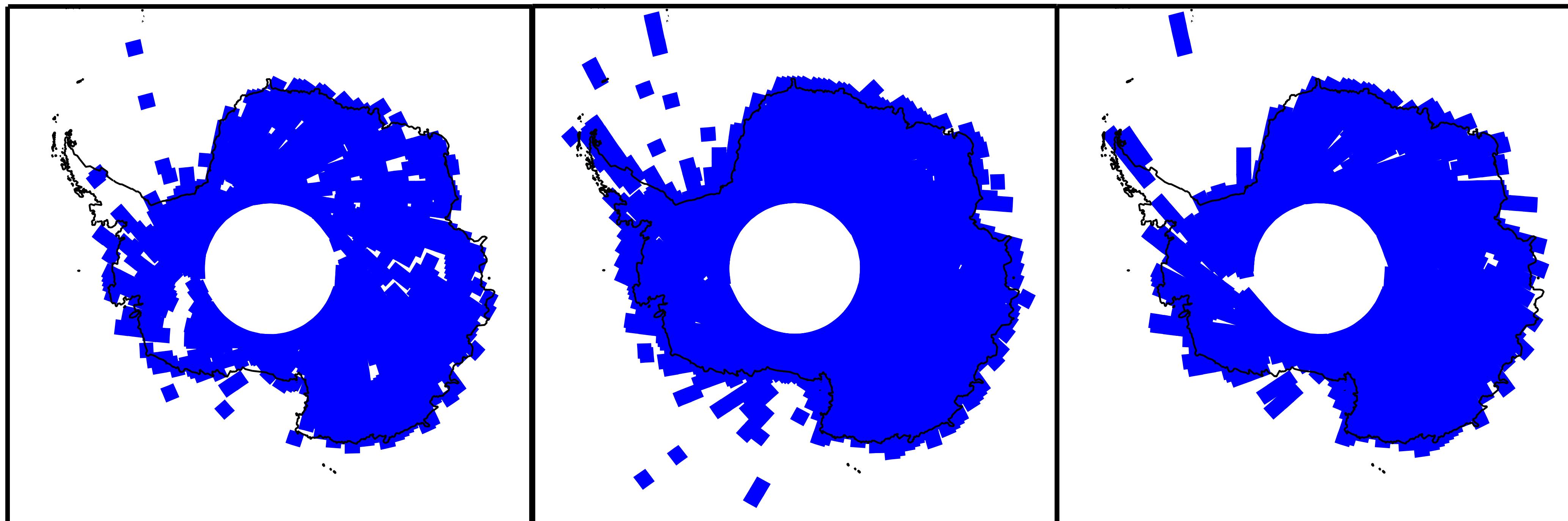
- We welcome your suggestions. What product attributes would you find useful? Now is the time to speak up!

WHAT COVERAGE DO WE HAVE TO WORK WITH ?

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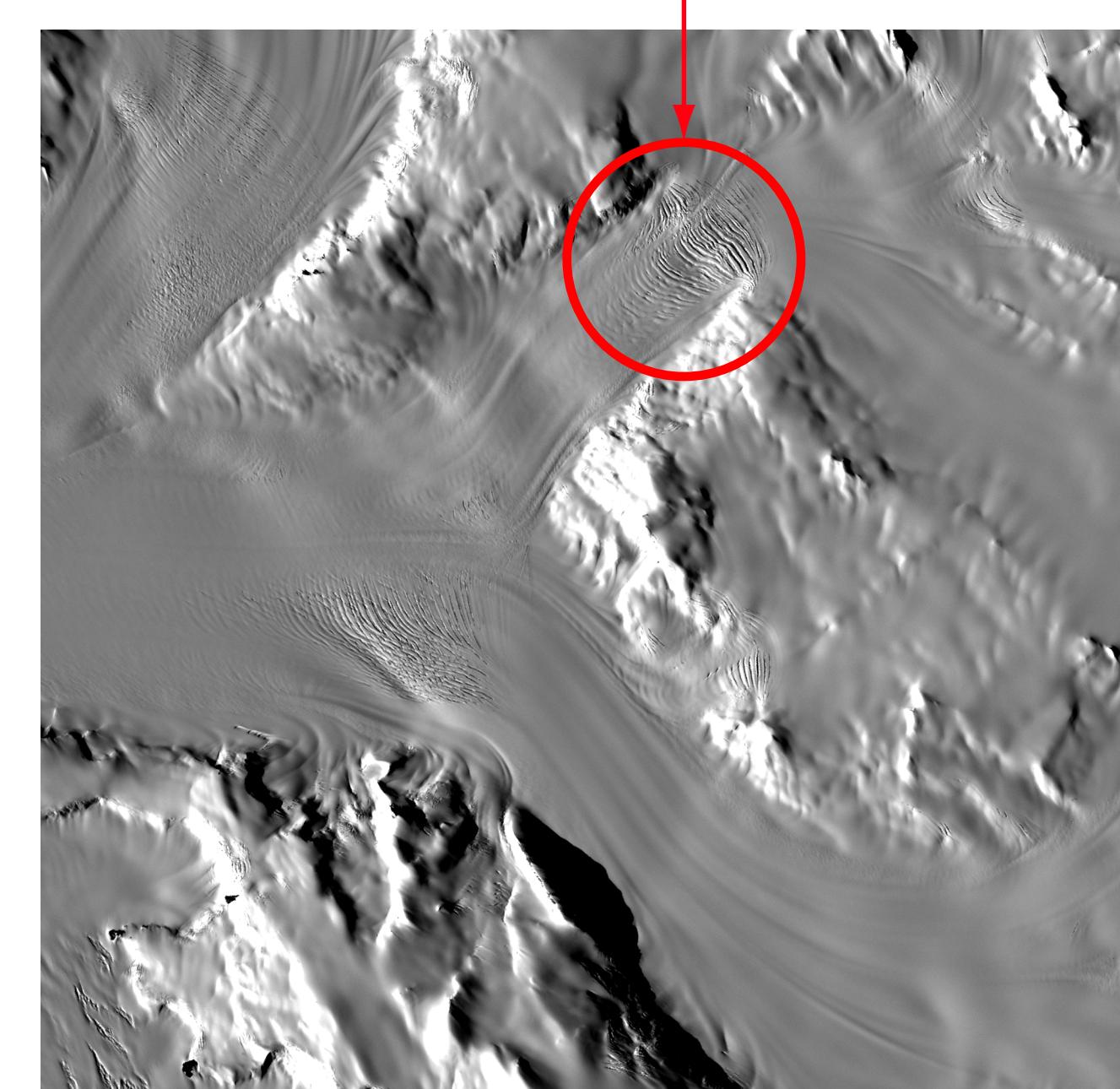
0-10% cloud: 3374 scenes

0-10% cloud, strips of 3 or more: 1929 scenes

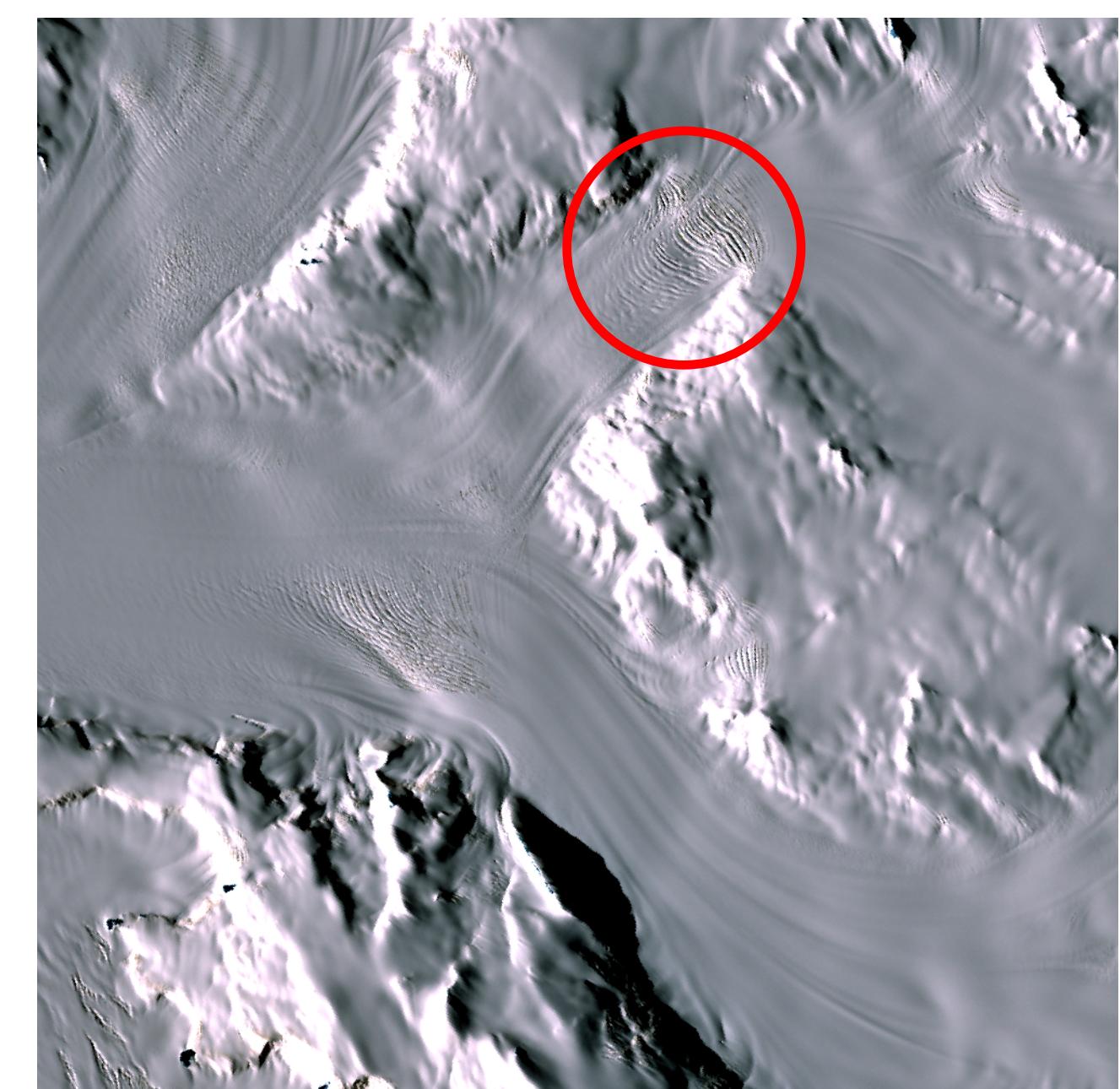


red circle highlights surface features that are viewed optimally by high-resolution optical imagery

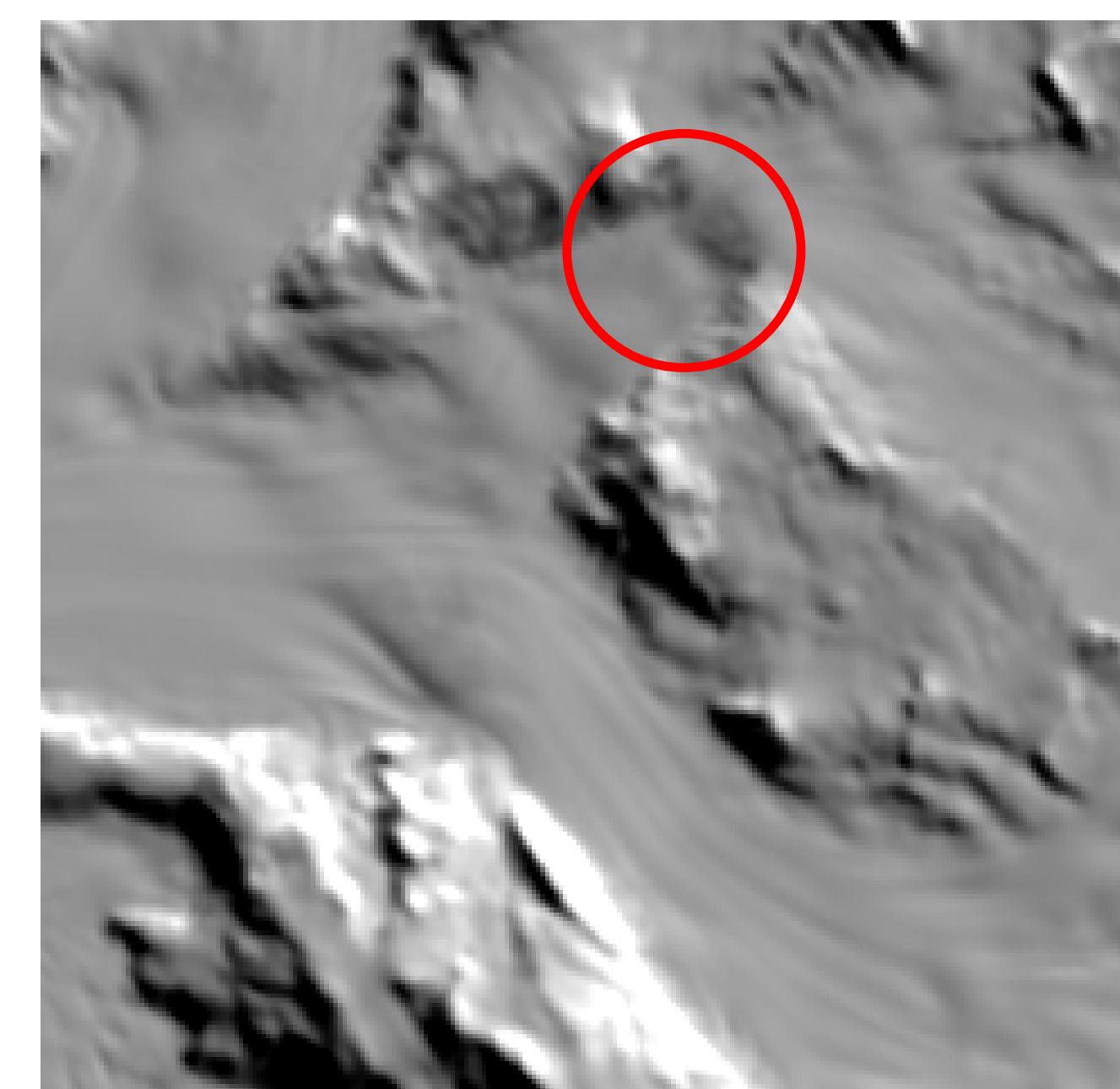
Landsat-7 ETM+
(15 m panchromatic)



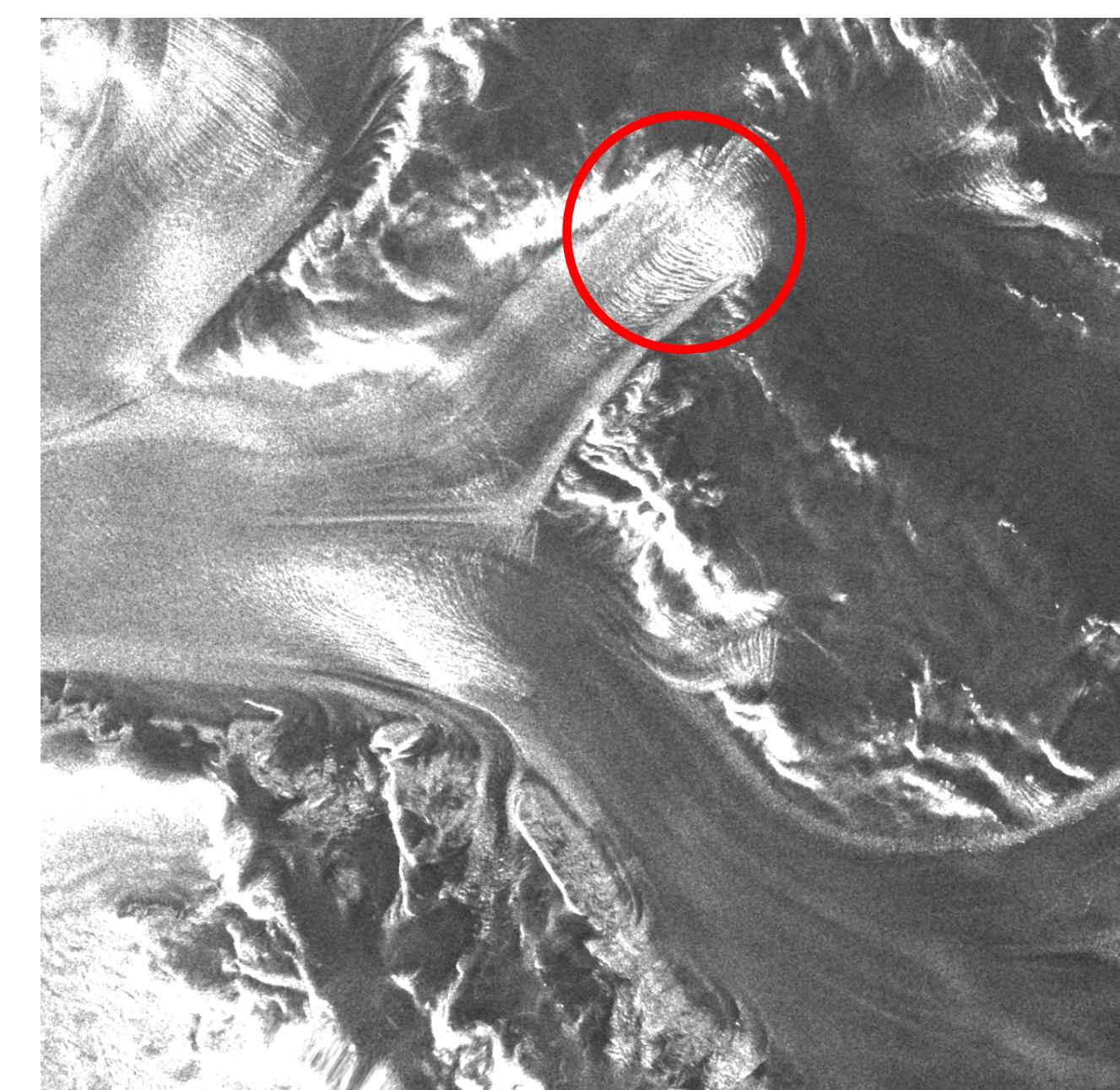
Landsat-7 ETM+
(30 m true-color)



MODIS
(125 m MOA)



Radarsat-1 SAR
(25 m RAMP)



AVHRR
(1 km)

