

would shed light on the evolution of the stress fields within the volcanoes, which are in turn related to the state of the lithosphere via magma supply rates and rates of deformation of the volcanic edifices.

5. Systematic measurements of the variation of radar roughness characteristics between different parts of volcanic edifices and individual flow units would aid in the definition of morphologically distinct features; though it will not be possible to obtain unique interpretations of radar roughness signatures without more experimental radar studies of terrain types on Earth.

6. Additional information (from automated landers, sample return missions, or other techniques) on the composition of the atmosphere and the nature of short-term changes there, as well as the bulk composition and volatile content of surface rocks, is of fundamental importance to further understanding of Venus volcanic processes.

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