

# Earth Science Applications of Space Based Geodesy

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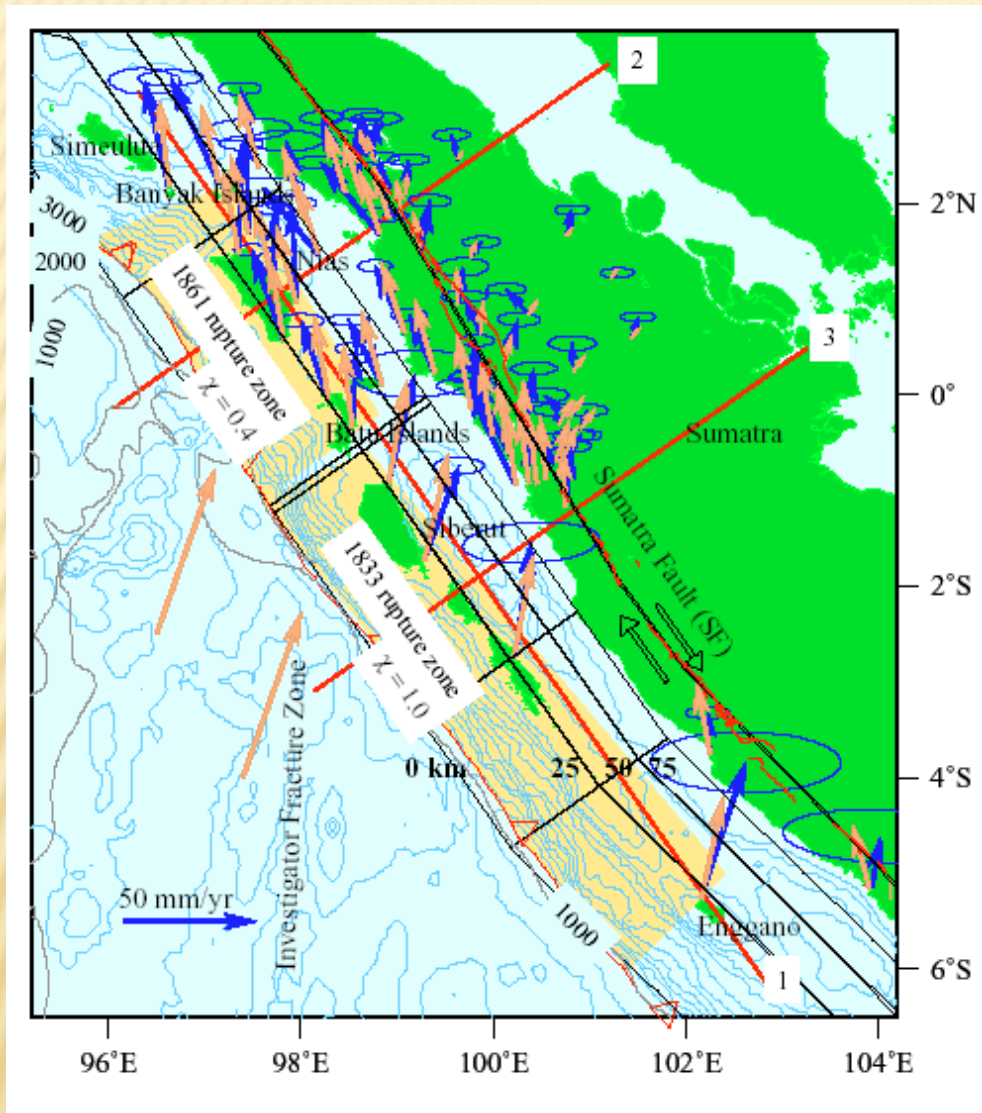
# Strain and slip partitioning

Linear system

Can look at each “component” independently

Sum effects

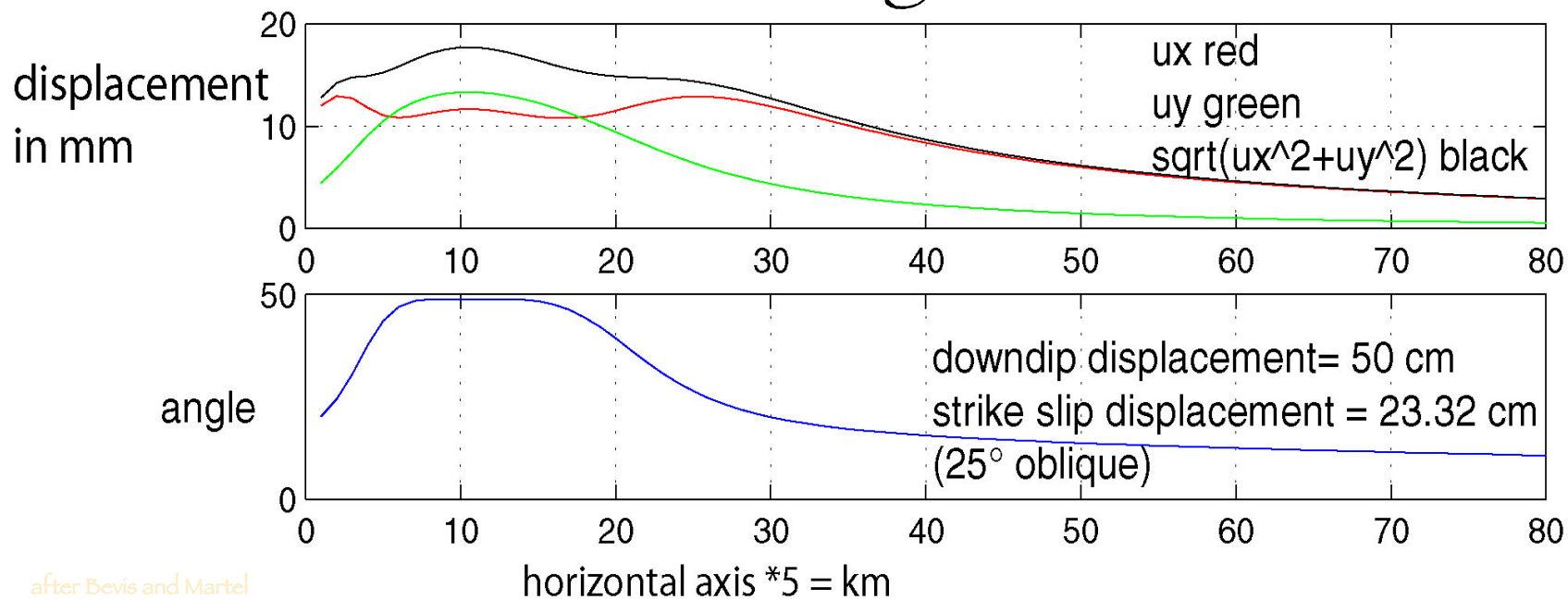
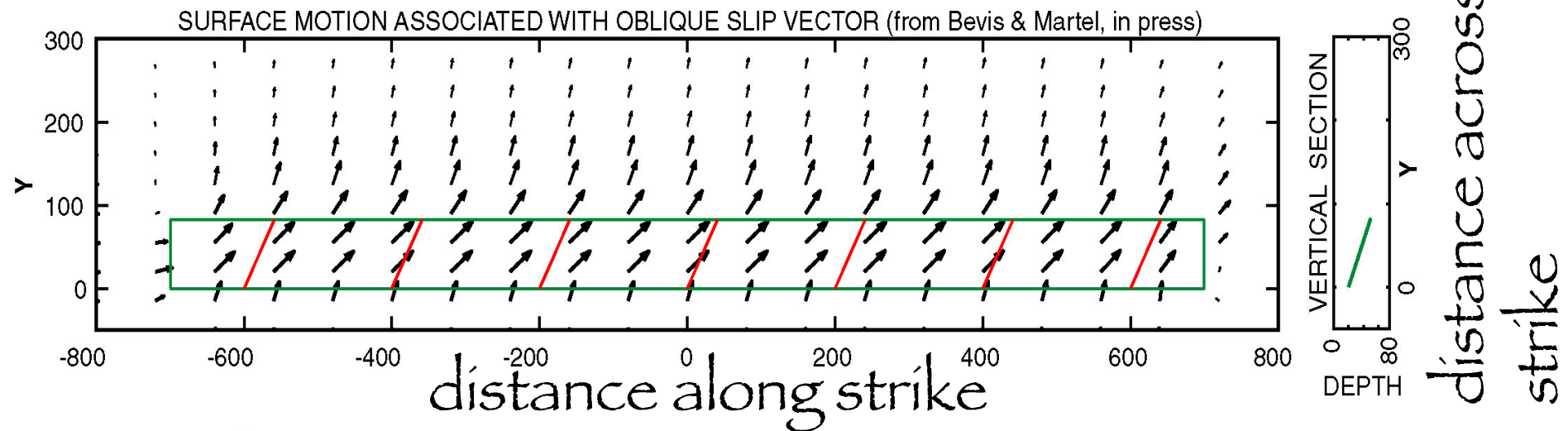
- Dwindip
- Strike-slip

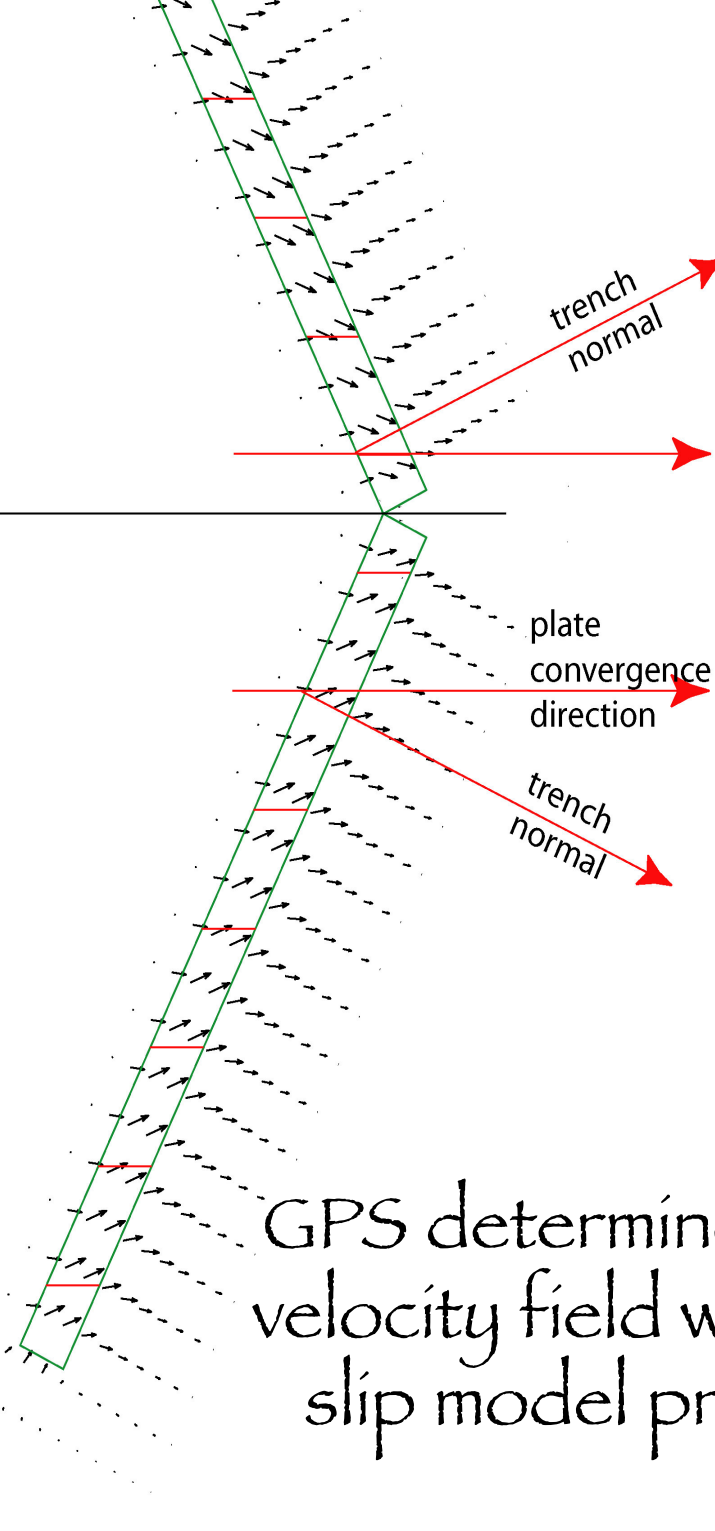
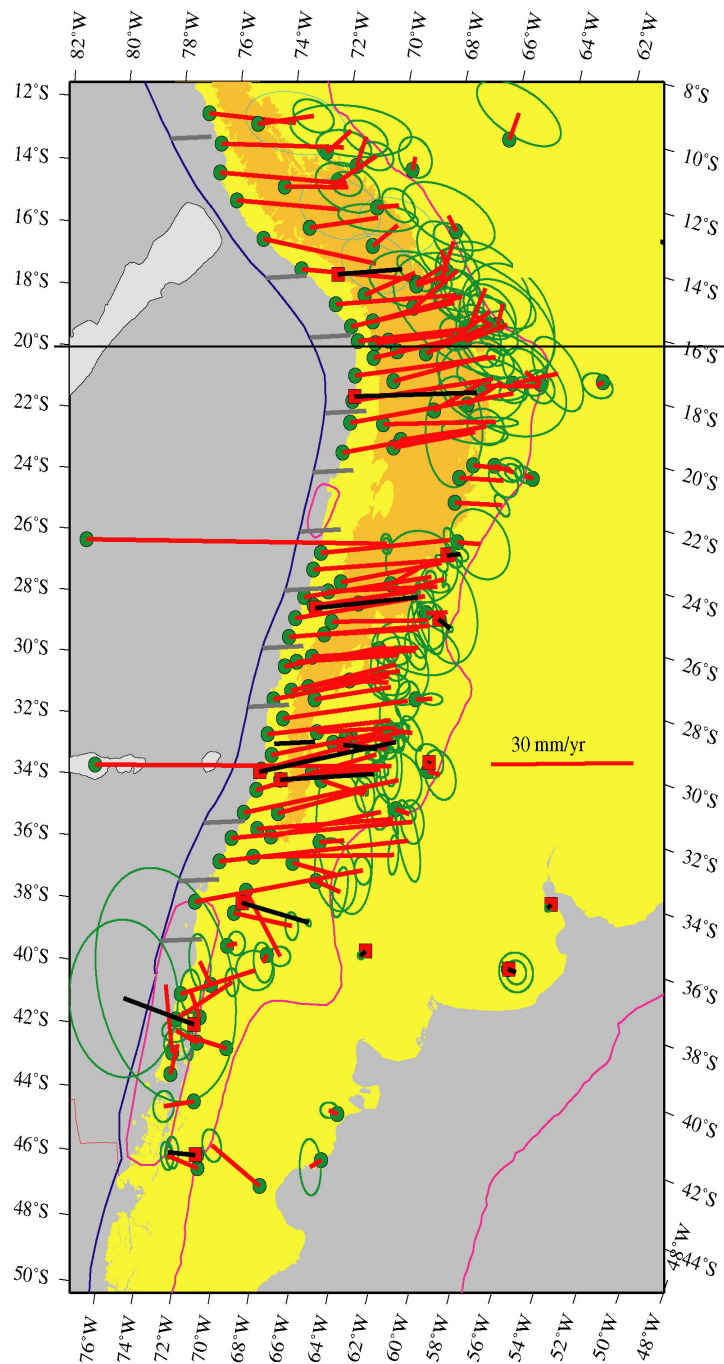


## Oblique subduction in Sumatra

Strain partitioning poster child.

# Oblique slip model - geometry of shortening controlled by trench orientation, not convergence direction.





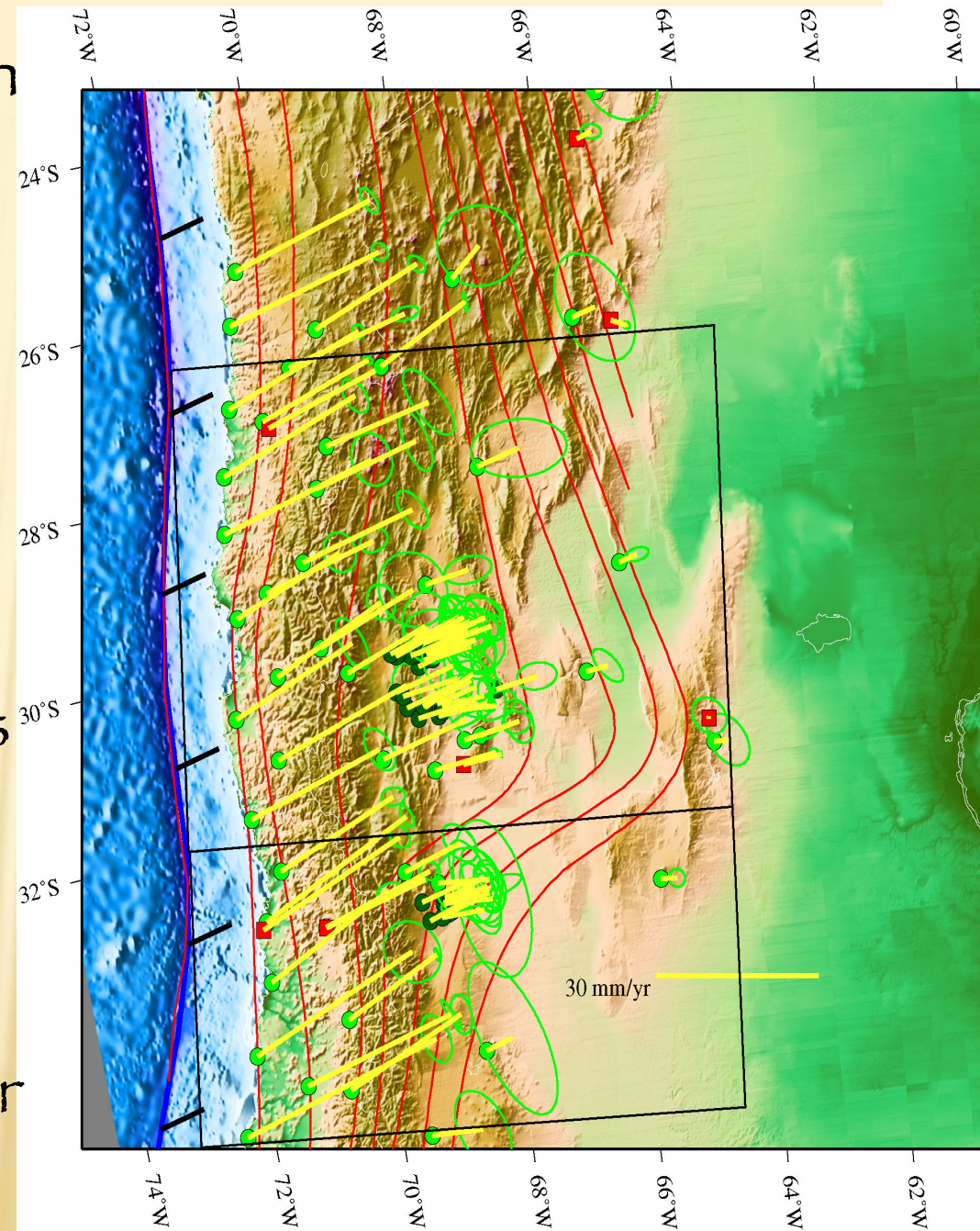
GPS determined surface velocity field with oblique slip model predictions.

Oblique Mercator projection  
in which coast lies along a  
meridian.

Shows crustal velocity field  
for CAP and MATE  
networks

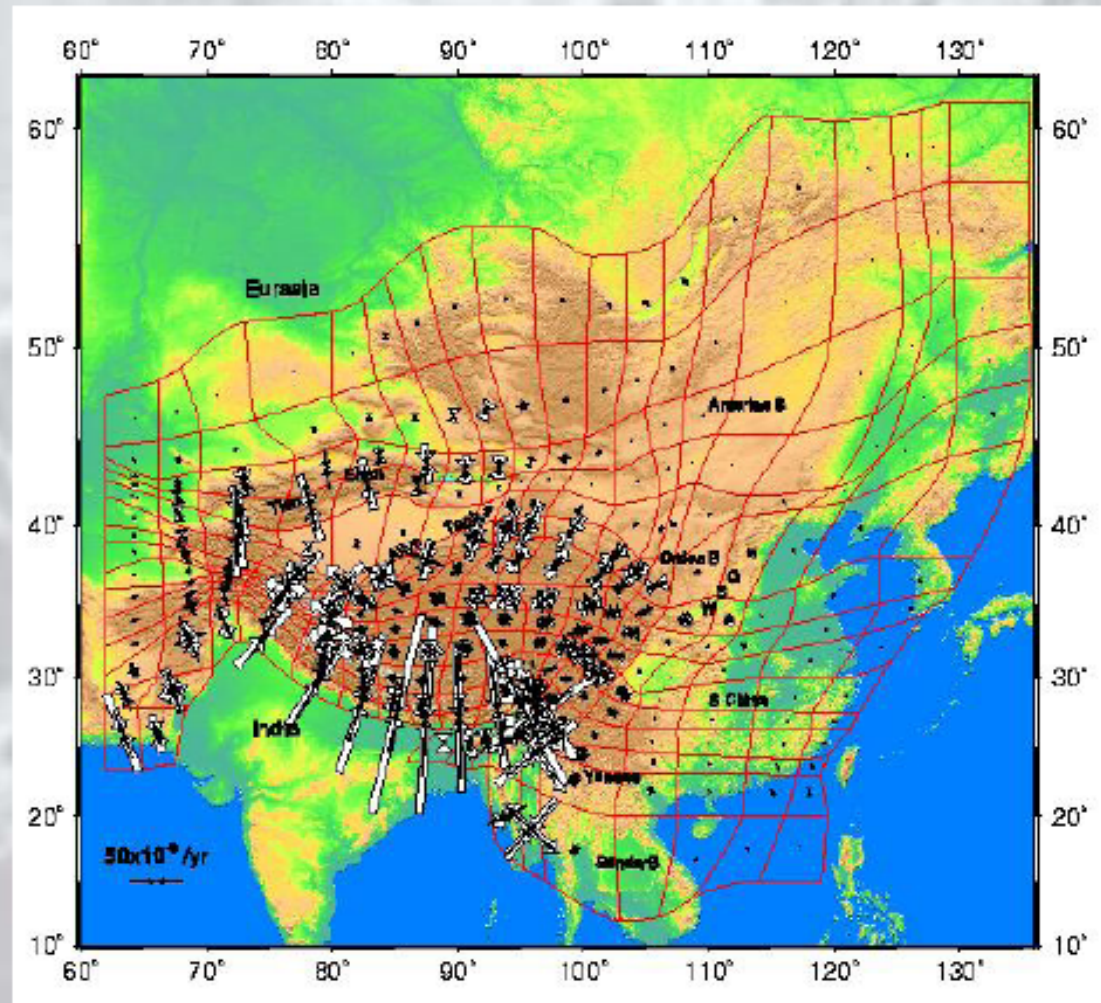
Note velocity gradient  
(deformation) across Andes

Note variation of obliquity  
from greater than plate  
convergence direction to  
approximately perpendicular  
to coast/plate boundary.



# Deformation of tectonic plates

- Strain rates inferred from summation of Quaternary fault slip rates (white axes), and spatial averages of predicted strain rates (black axes) given by fitted velocities
- Fitted strain rate field is a self-consistent estimate in which both strain rates and GPS velocities are matched by model strain rates and velocity fields.



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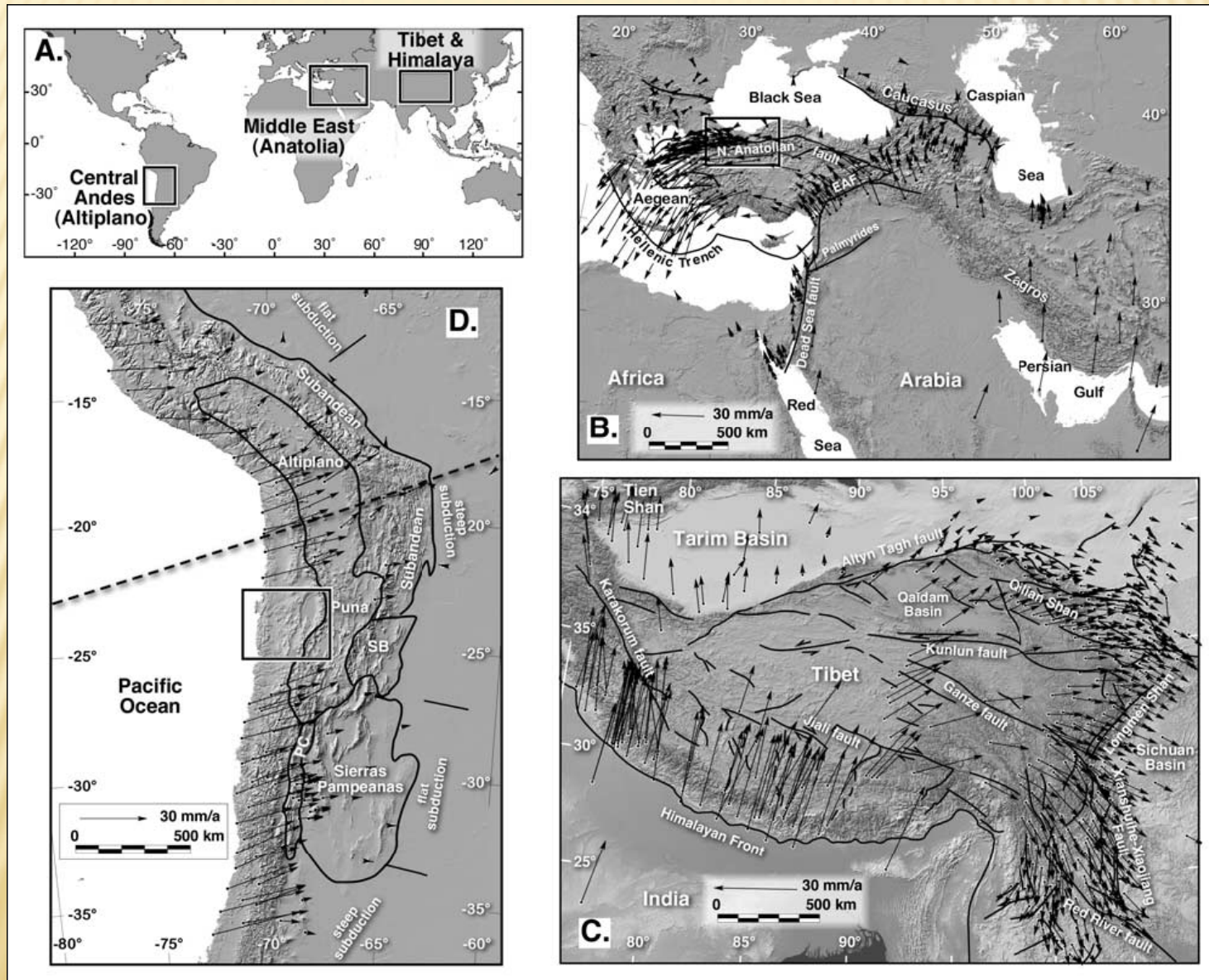
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To solve for translation and deformation (strain + rotation)

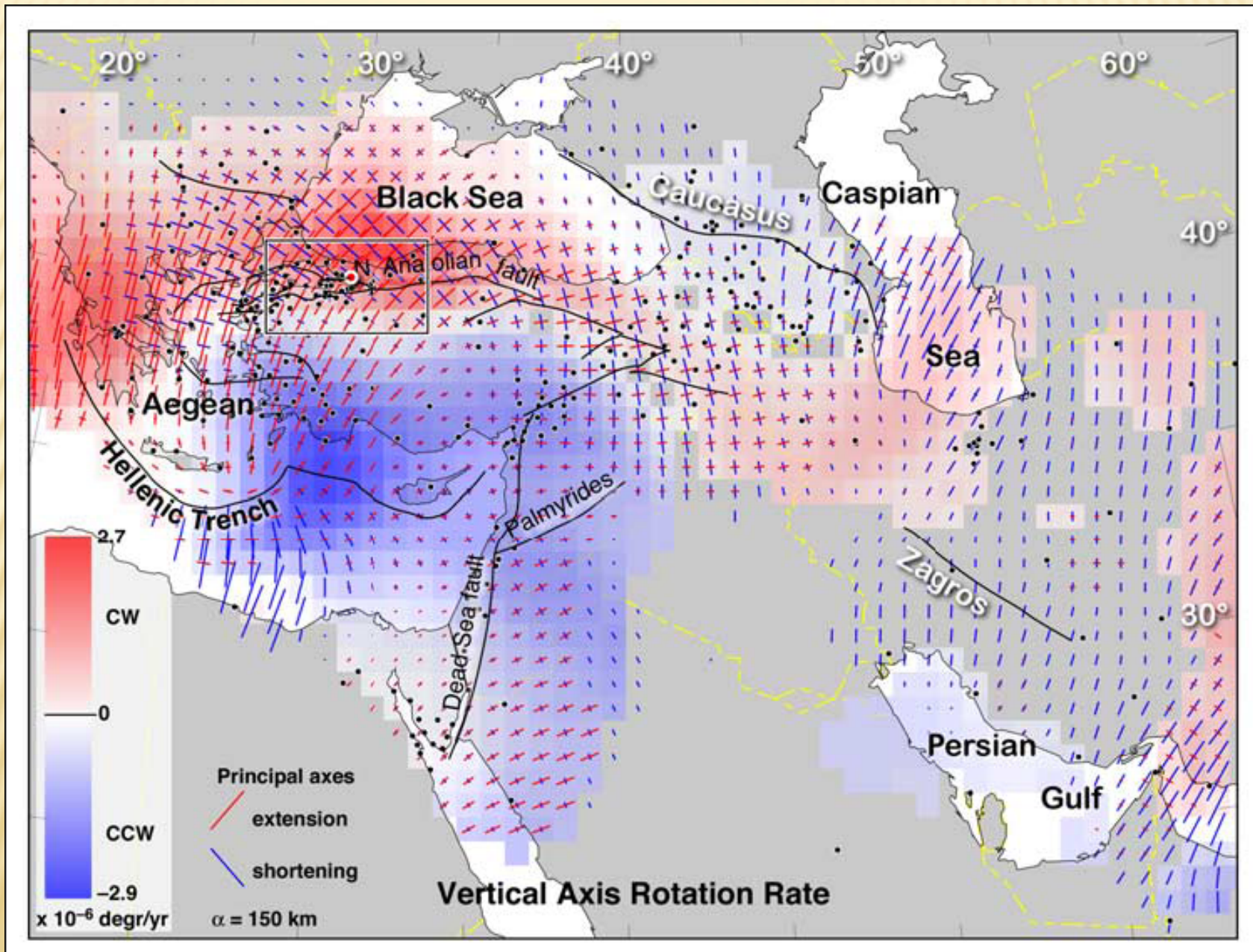
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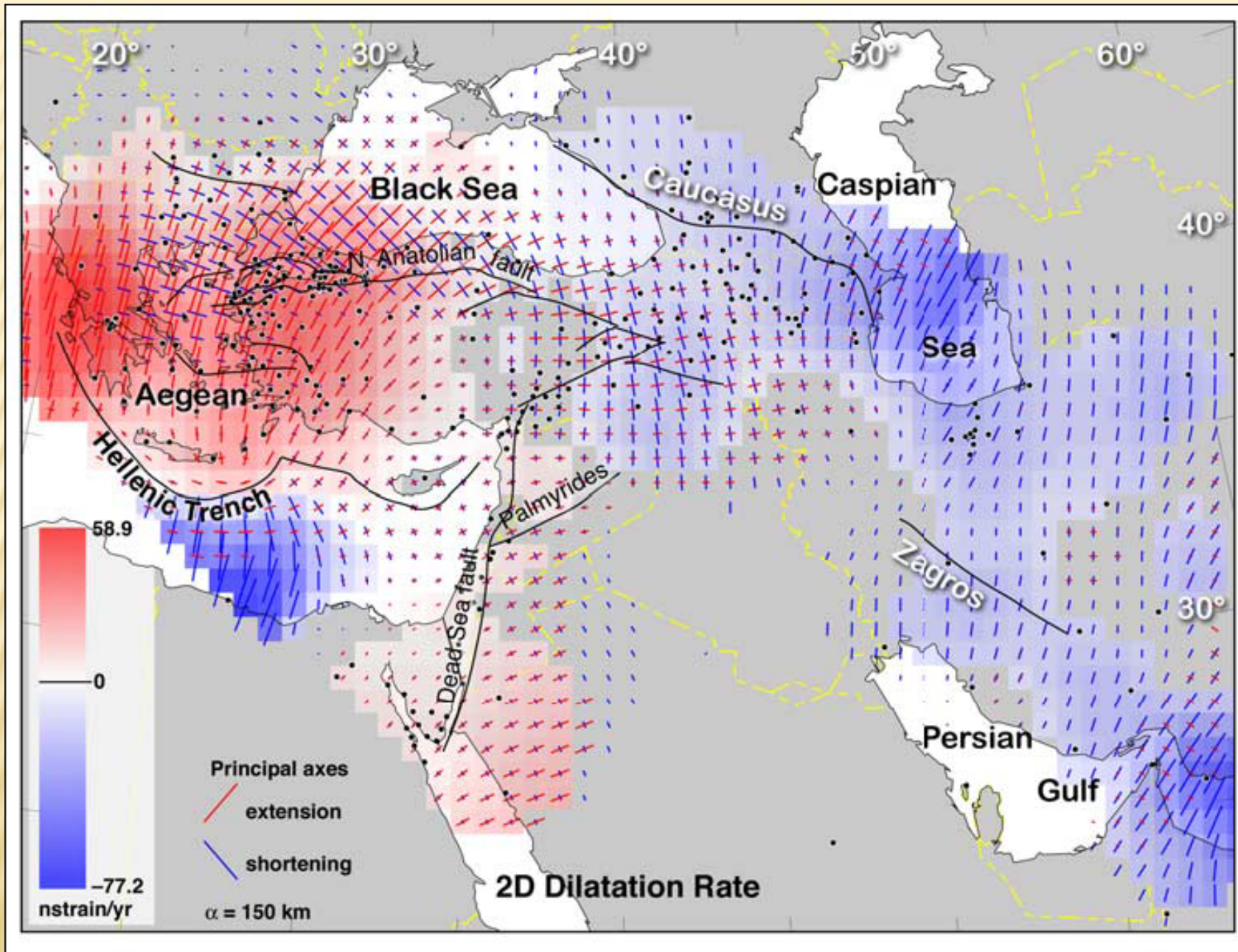


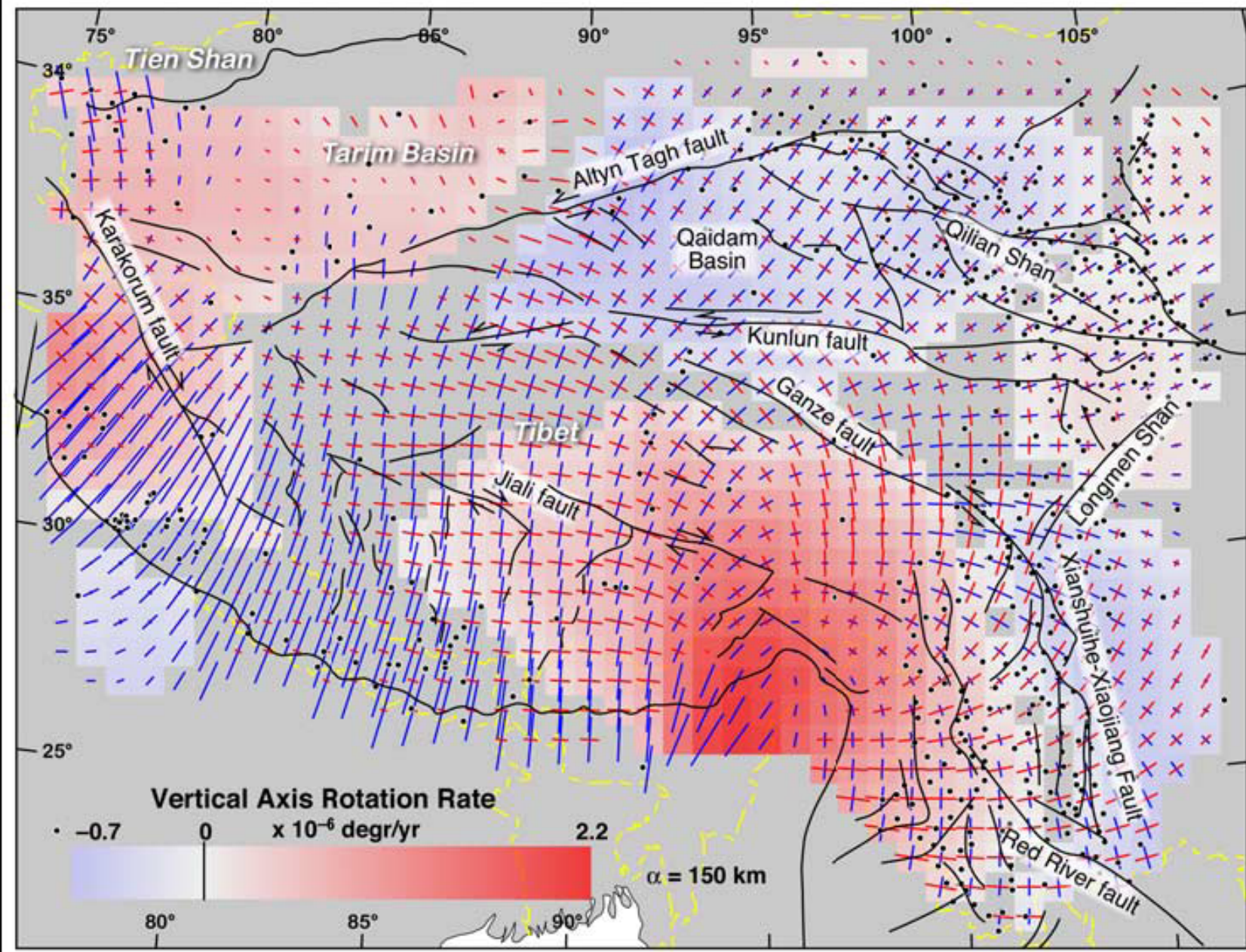
# Start with velocities with respect to stable plates (deformations)

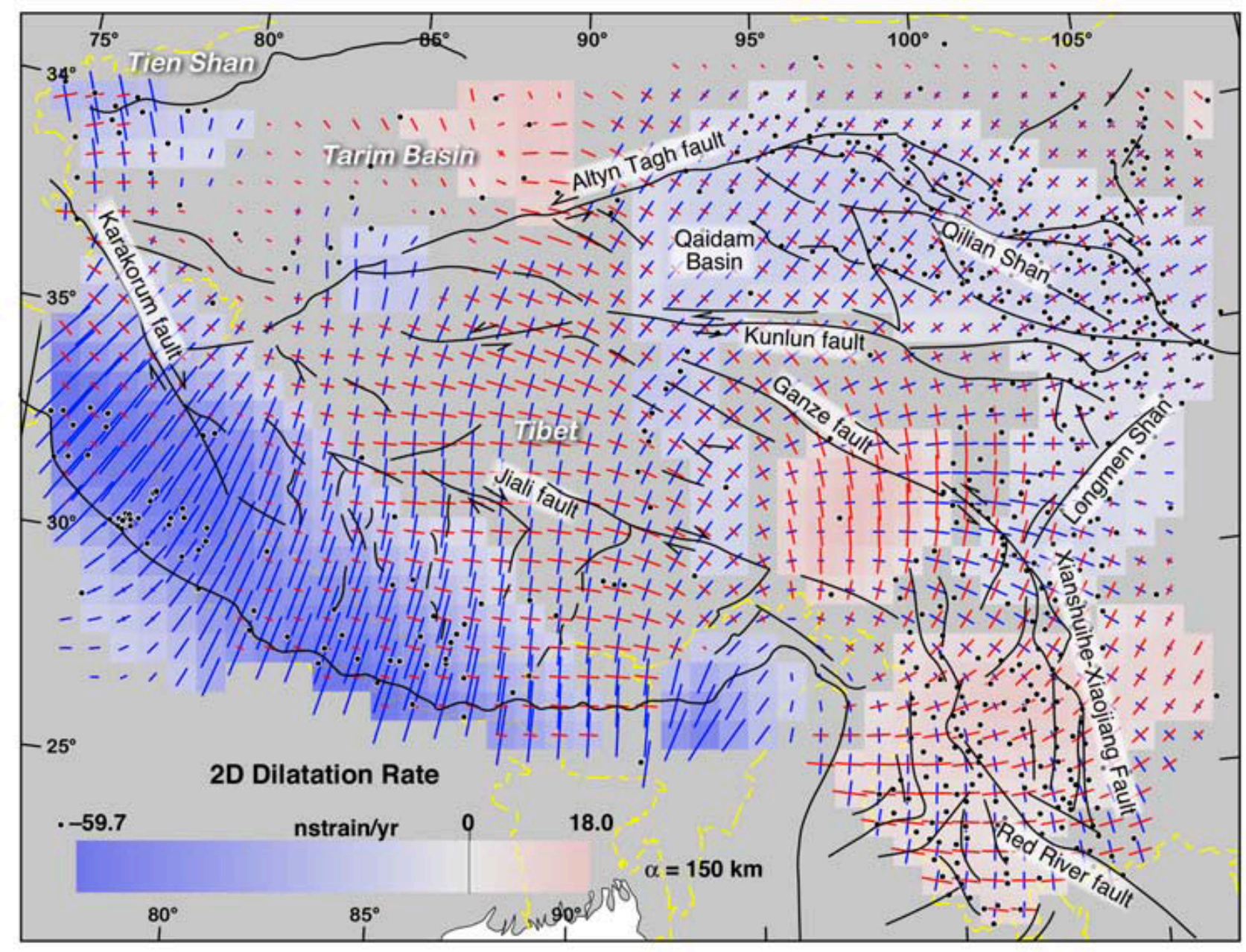


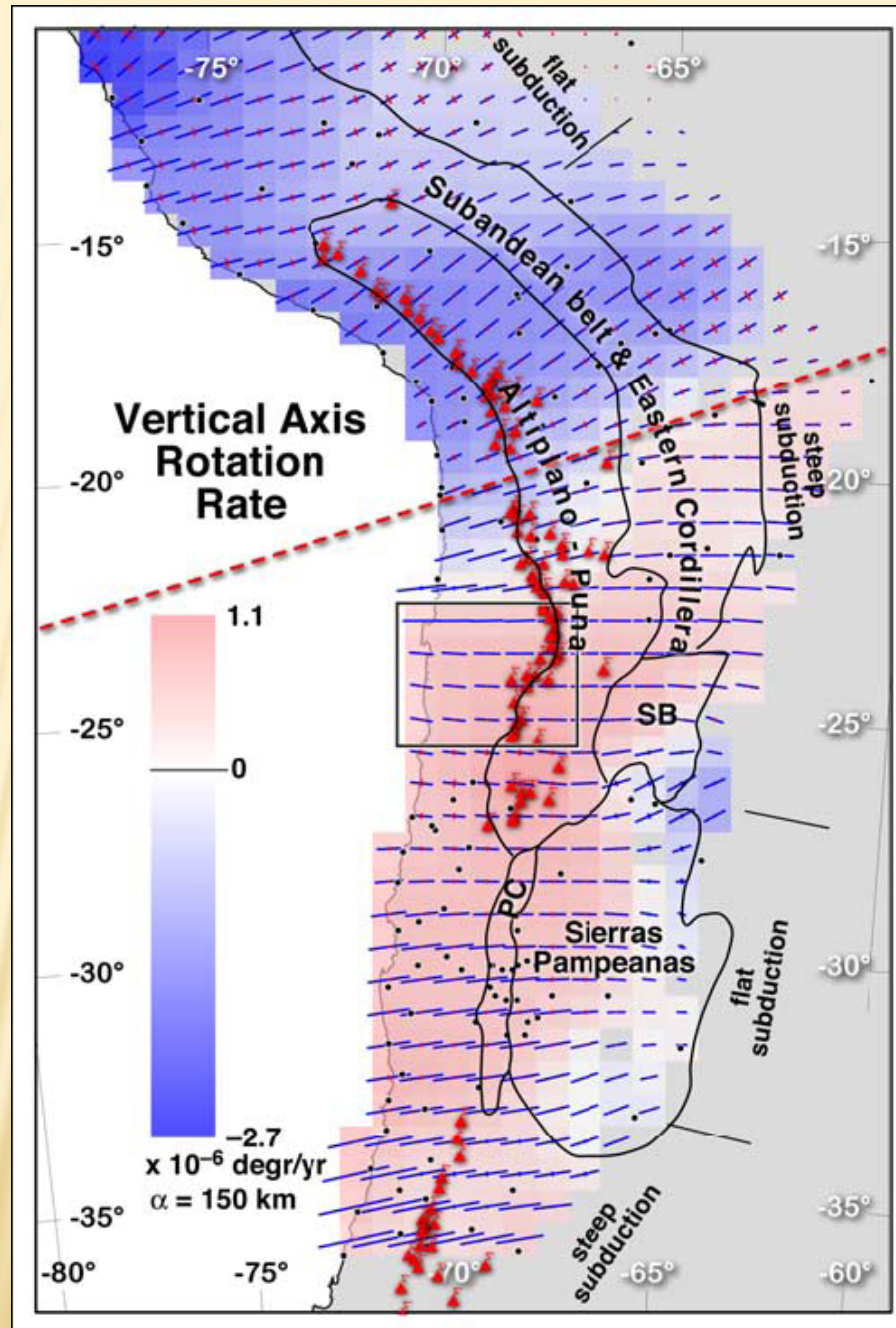
# Calculate strains and rotations



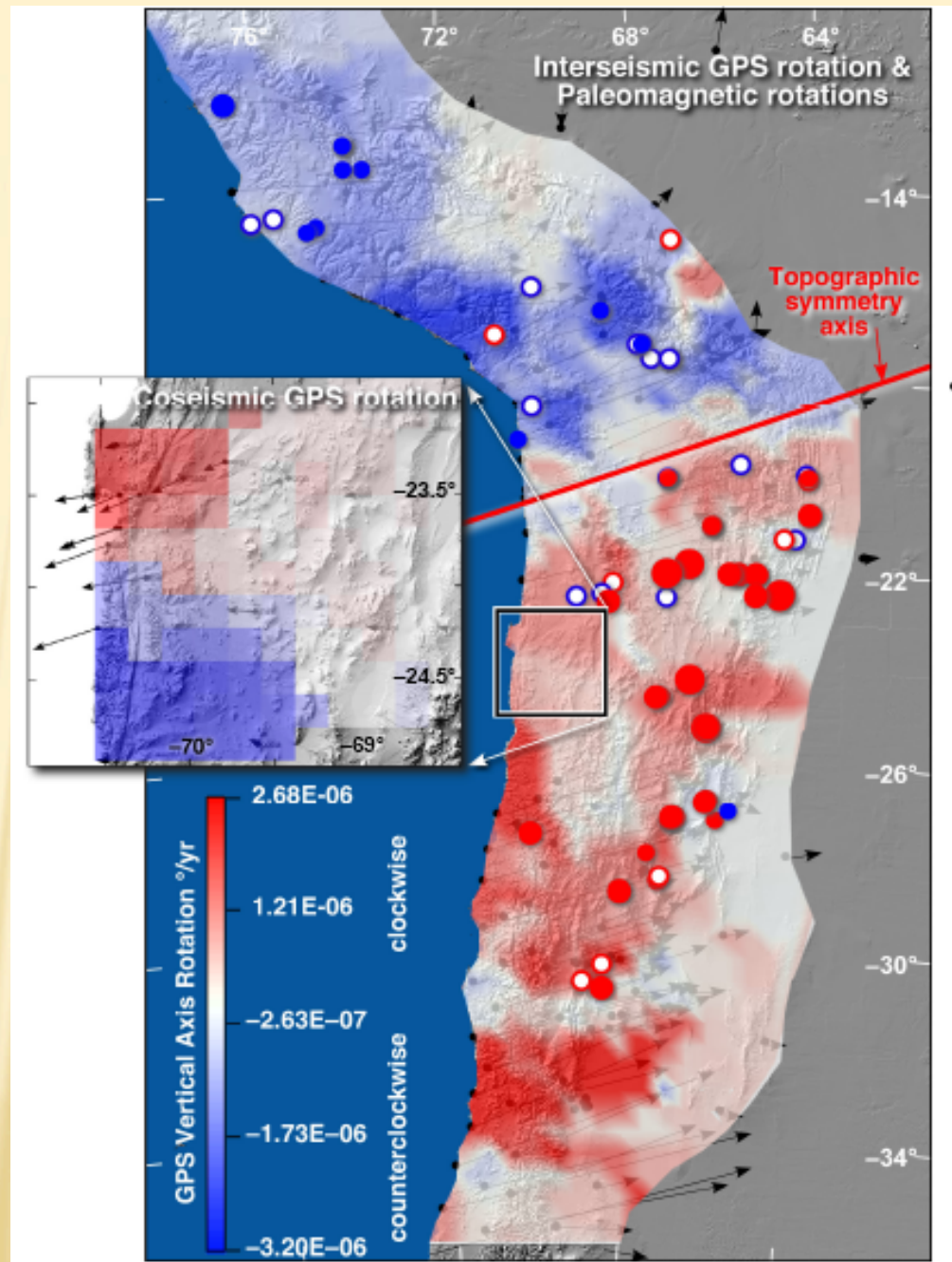
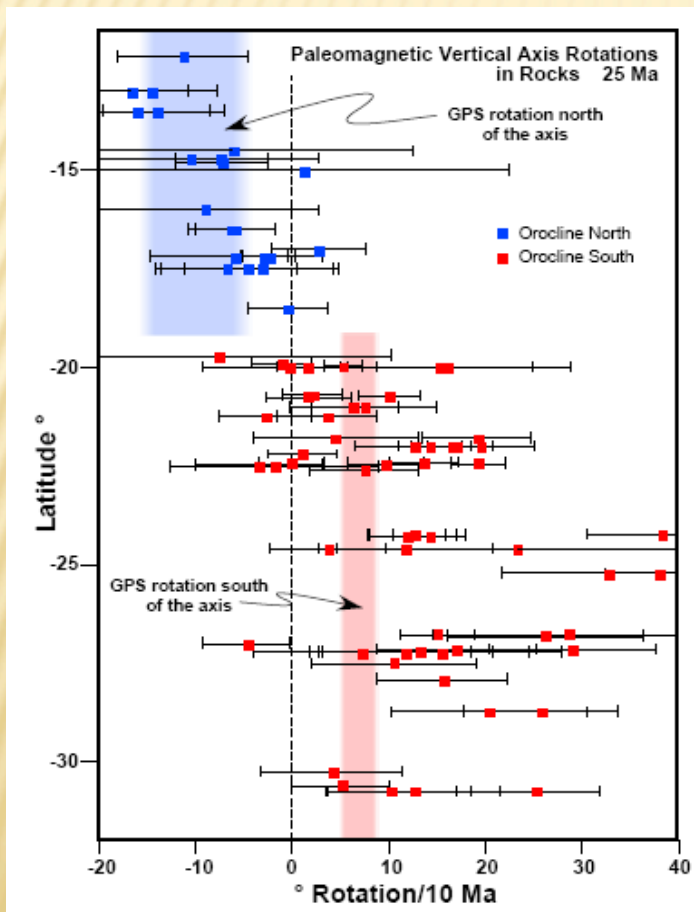


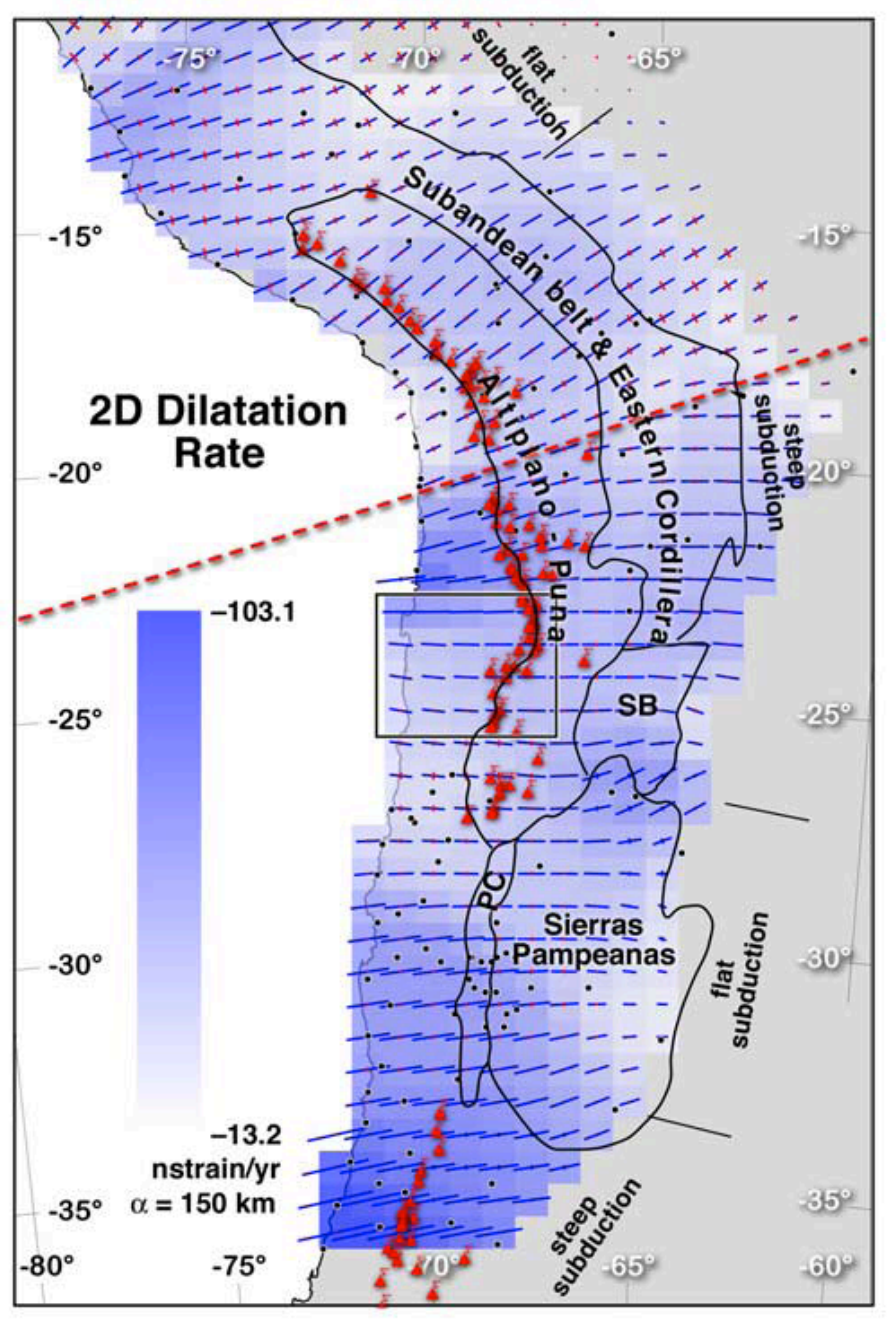






# Rotation rate tensor from GPS in central Andes – real time observation of oroclinal bending?





Allmendinger et al, 2007



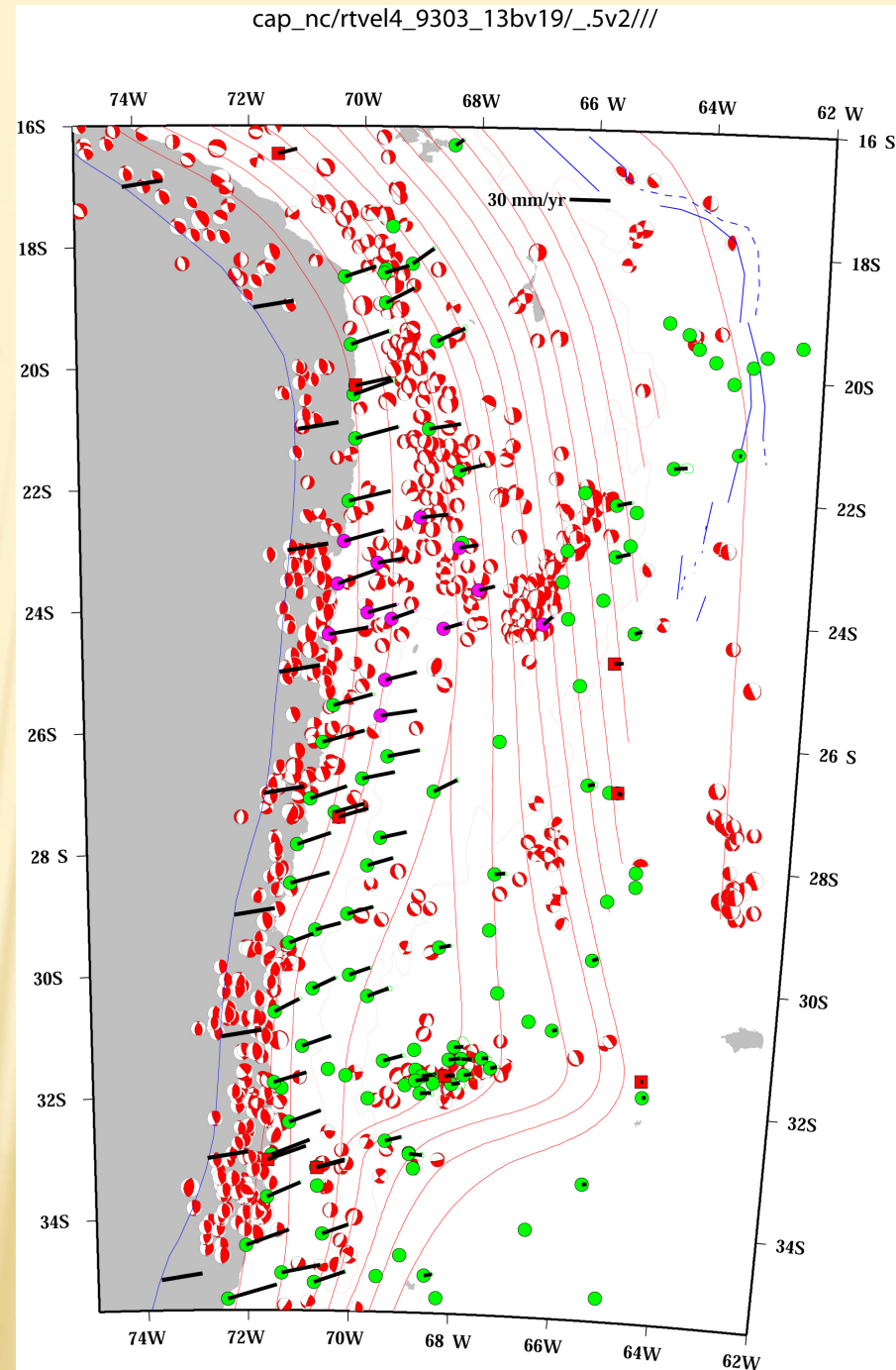
GPS plus focal  
mechanism data

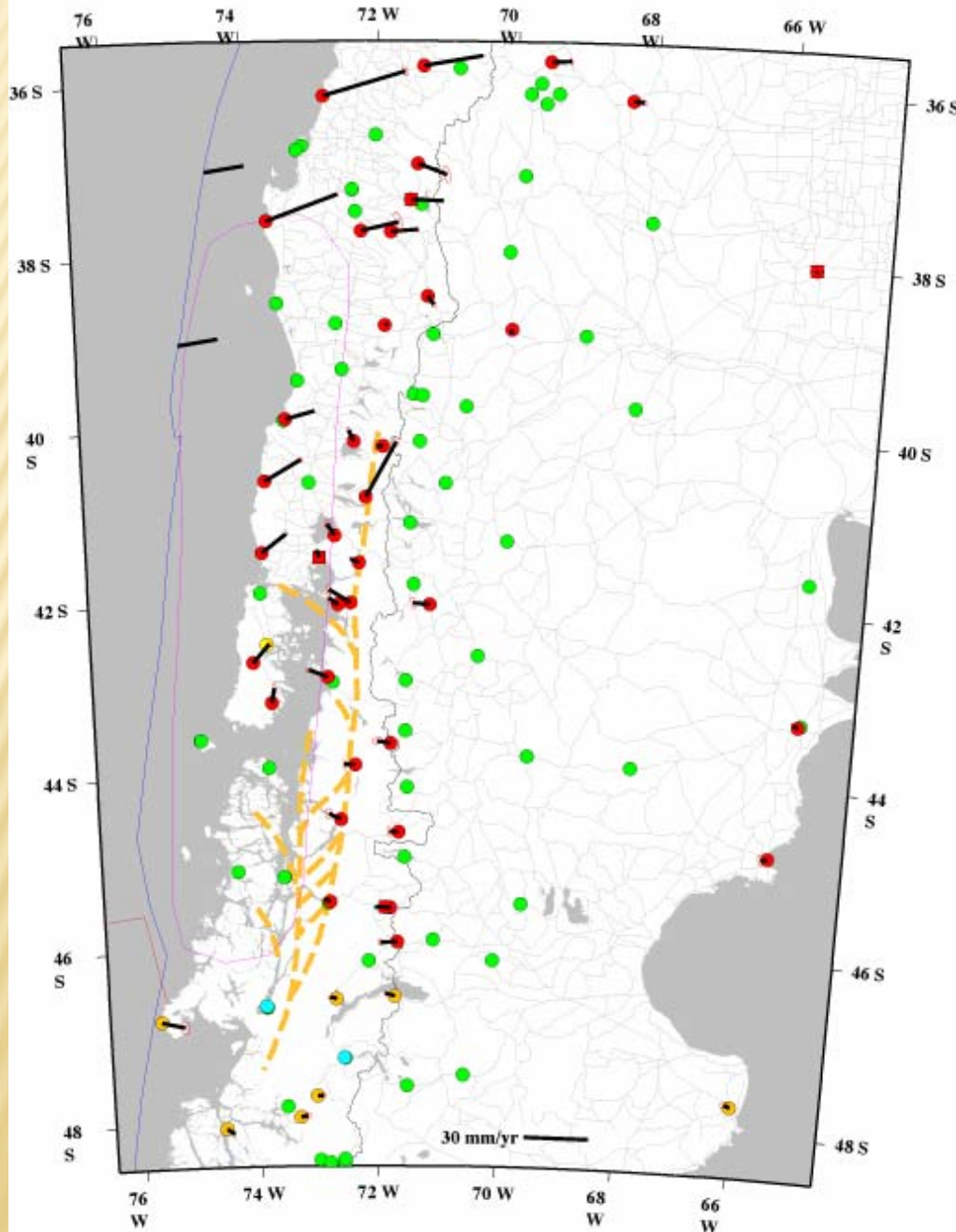
Downdip compression  
at bottom of wbz

Downdip extension at  
intermediate depths

Thrust mechanisms  
along interplate  
boundary

Normal faulting on outer  
rise (3 of em)?





Region of 1960 M9.5 earthquake.

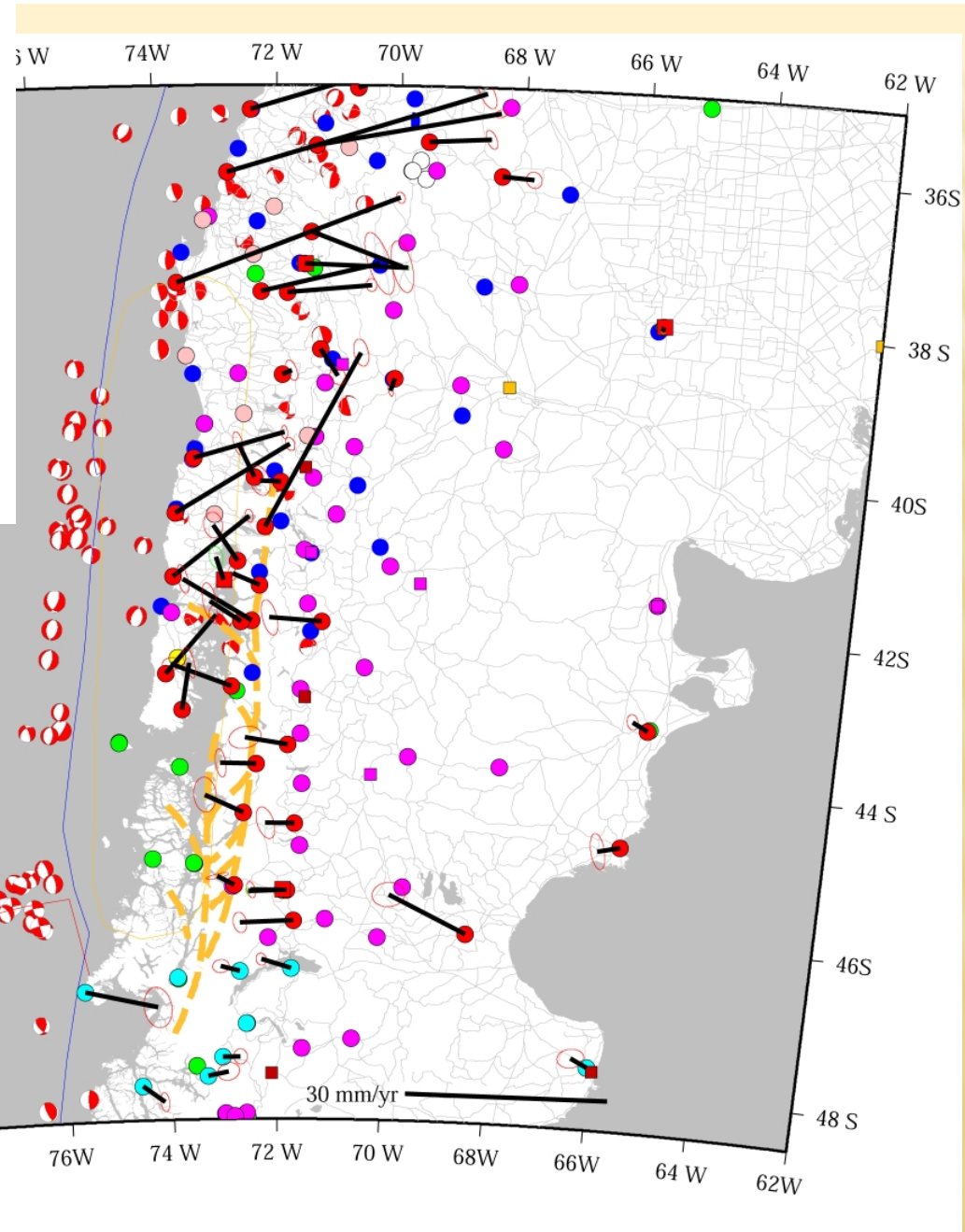
Something funny going on

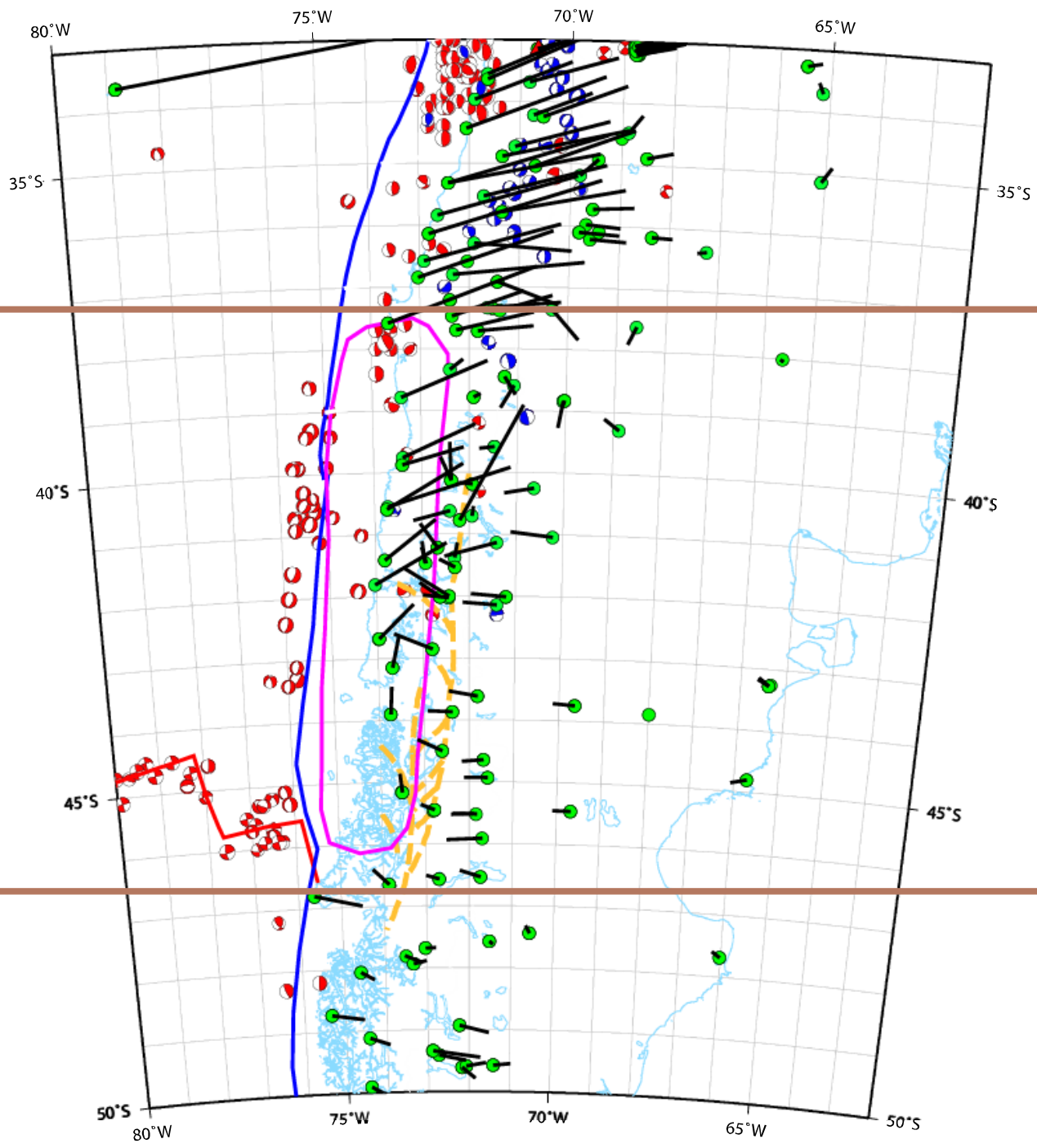
Along coast – vectors show convergence, but slower than to north

inland – vectors reverse  
Also – strike slip faulting along Liquine-Ofqui fault system.

Earthquake activity –  
Almost no interplate or  
wbz.

Lots of outer rise  
normal faulting events.



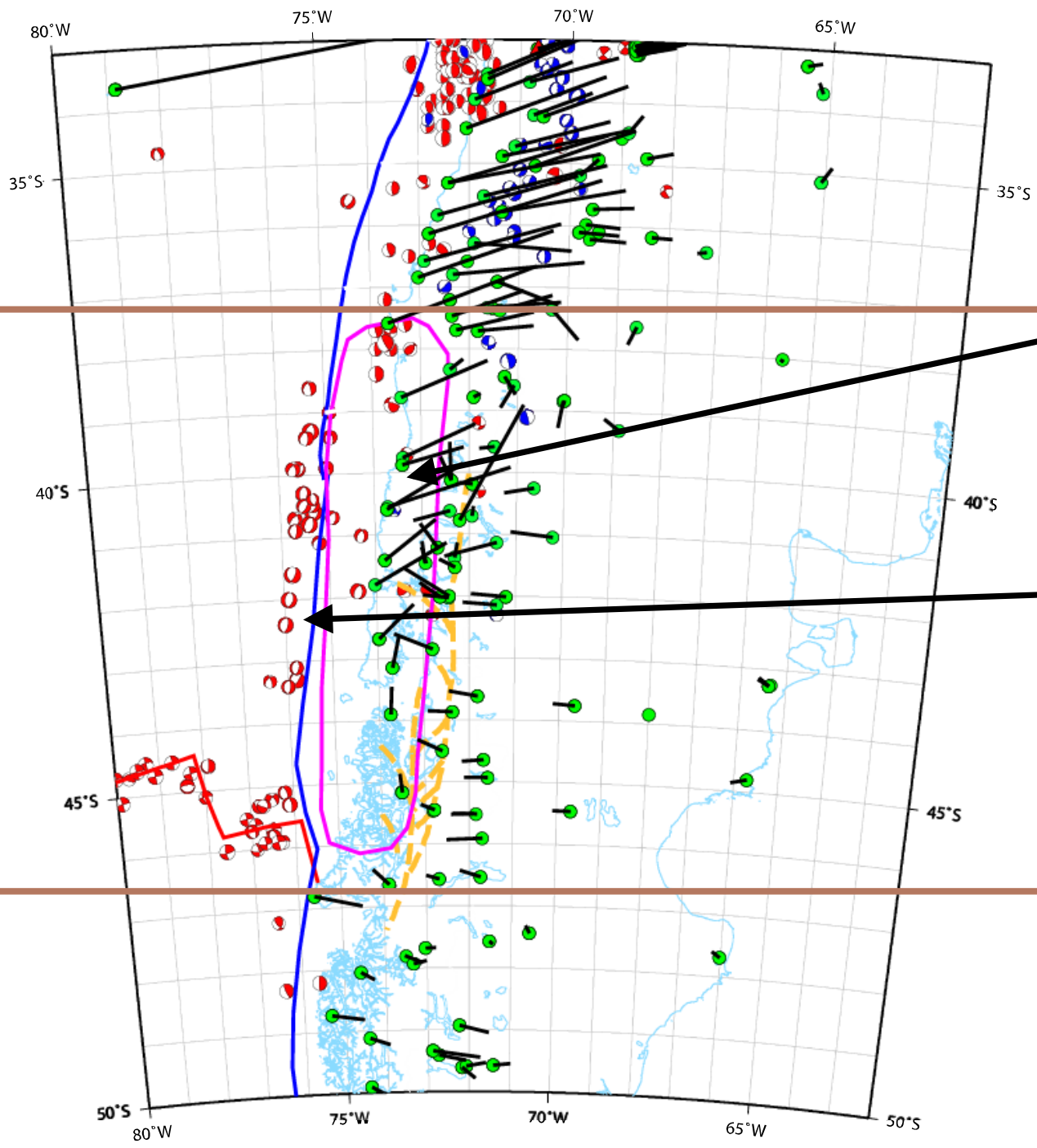


“normal”

1960 great  
Chilean  
earthquake



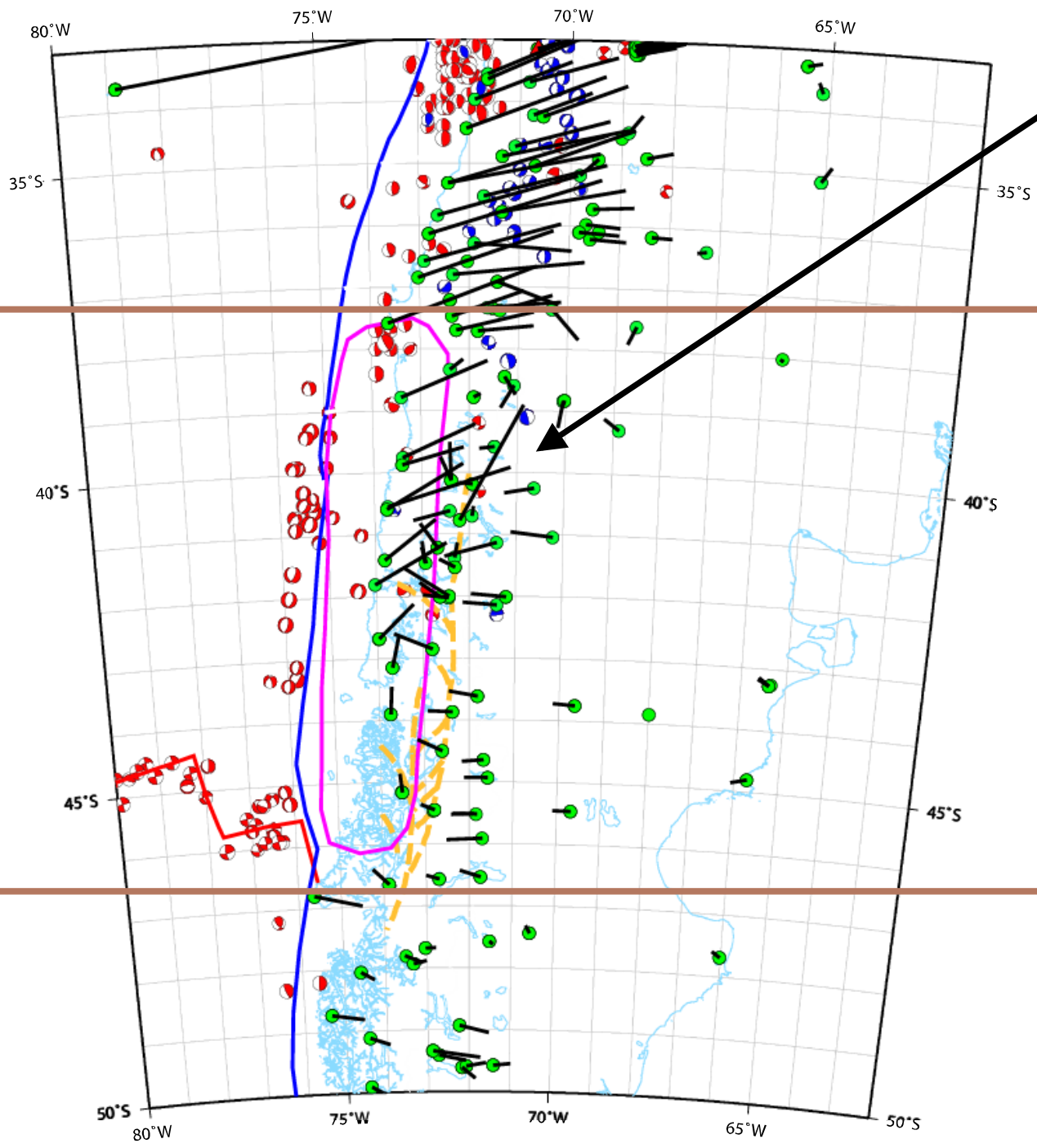
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Postseismic  
Earthquake  
activity -

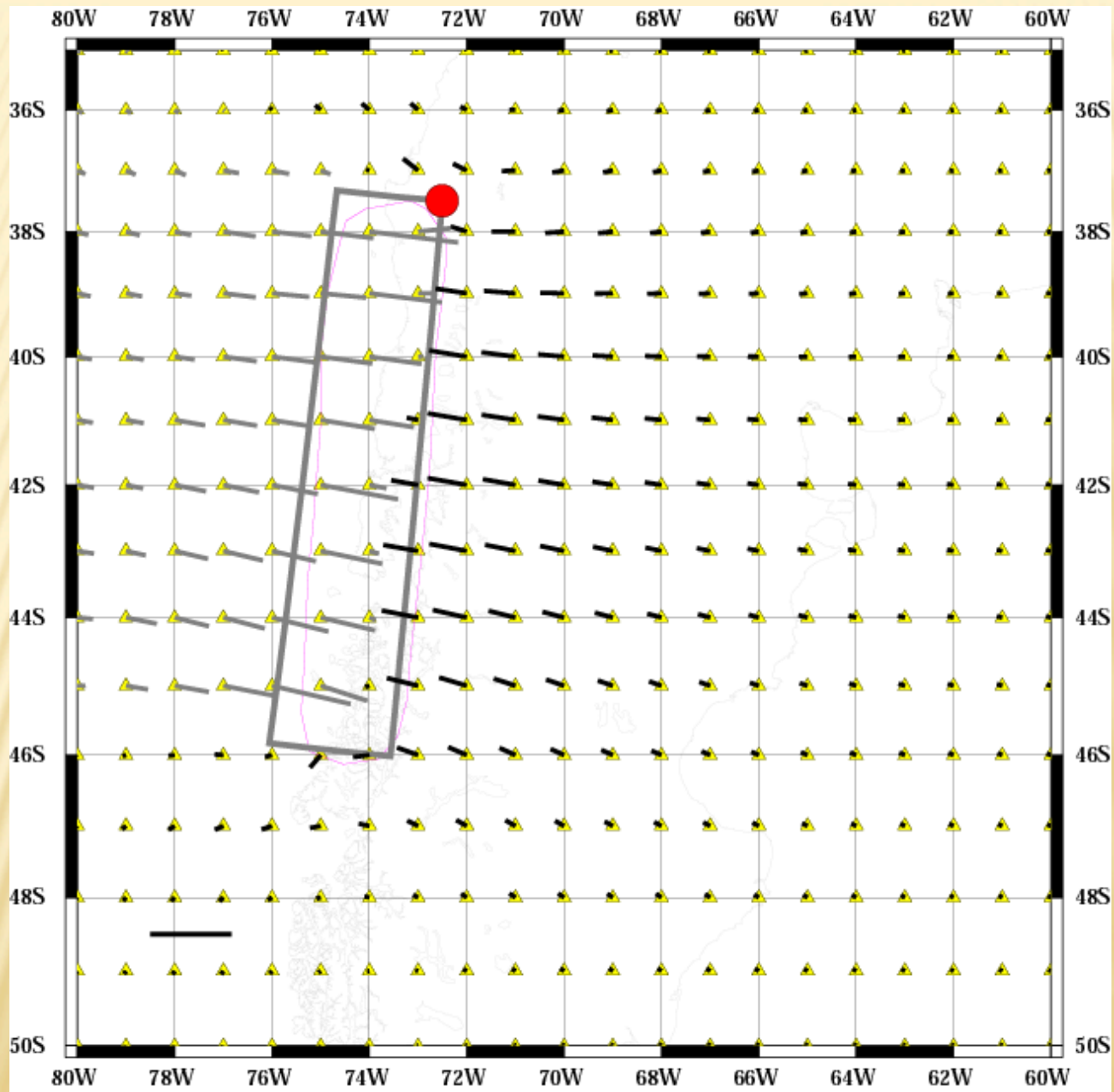
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## 1960 rupture zone

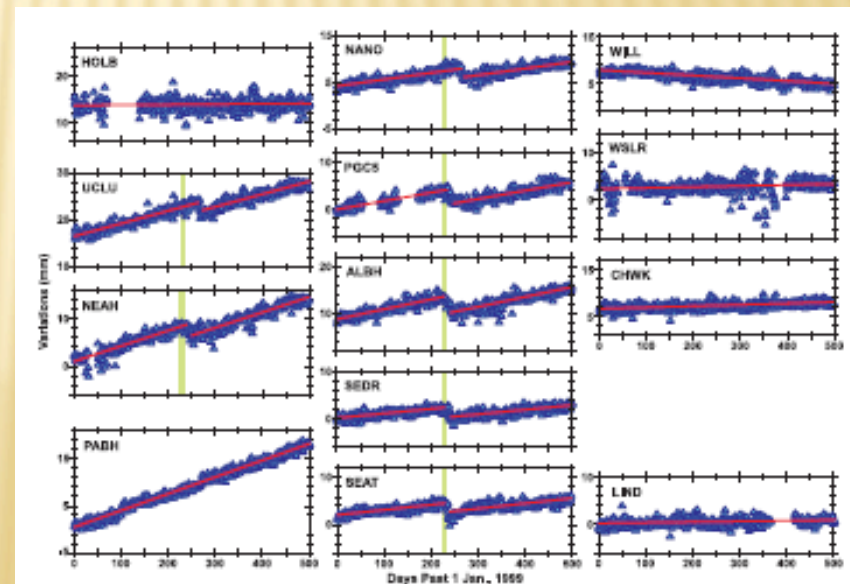
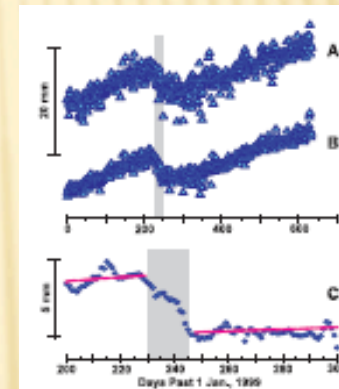
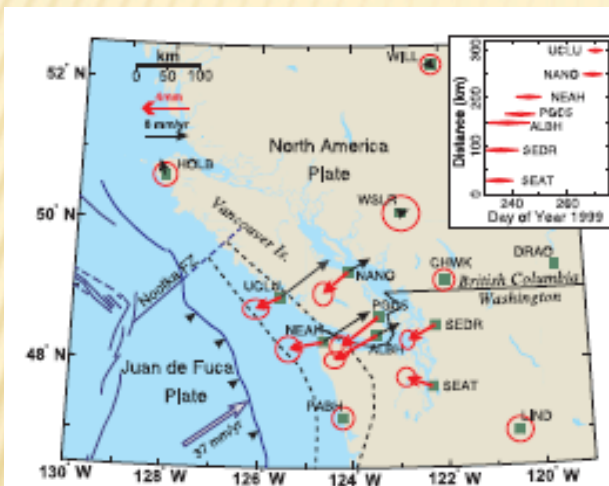
- Reverses to east
- Liquiñe-Ofqui fault
- Subduction of ridge at triple junction at south end
- Post-seismic viscoelastic relaxation - mantle.



# Silent slip in subduction zones

## Non-secular GPS displacements

### Coupled with seismic tremor

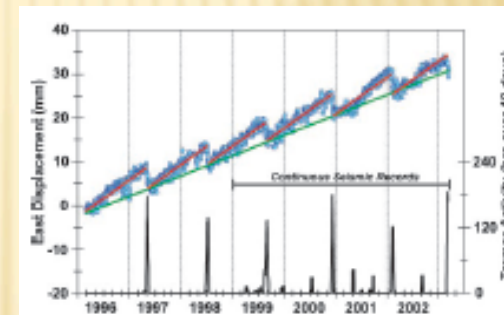
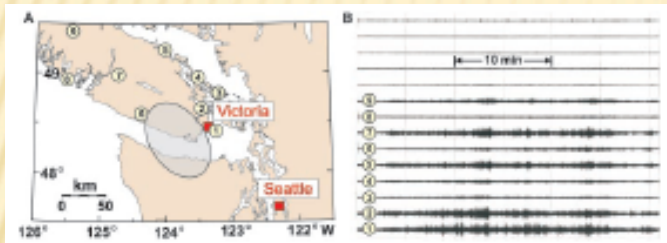




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Also observed (with different periods) in Mexico and Japan

(seem to be ubiquitous – if have dense continuous GPS network and broadband seismic network in subduction zone you will find them)

# GLACIAL ISOSTATIC ADJUSTMENT (GIA)

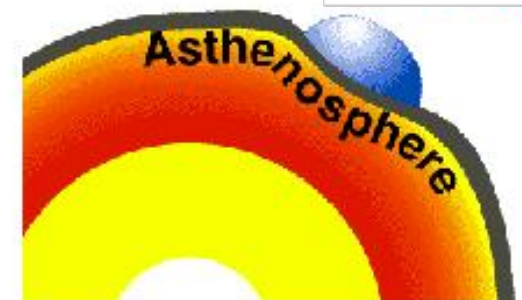
OLD - POST GLACIAL REBOUND (PGR)

An interplay between

- Ice load history
- Geomechanical structure of region
  - Mantle viscosity profile
  - Lithosphere thickness

Ice load history reflects climate (and topography/tectonics?).

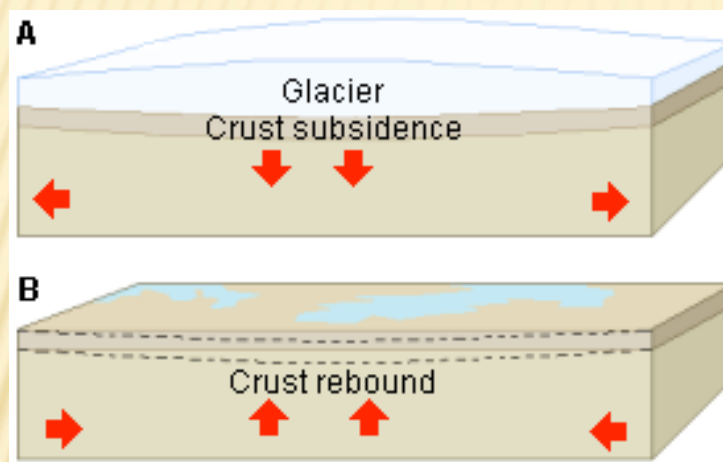
Geomechanical structure reflects tectonic setting!



• The decay and retreat of the great ice sheets which were at their peak about 20,000 years ago. Depressed areas began to rise toward their



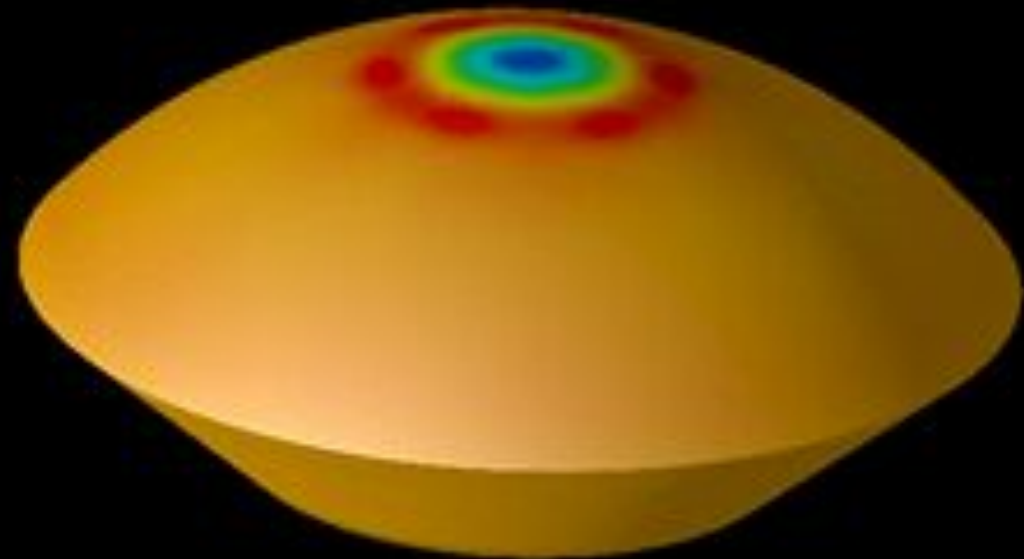
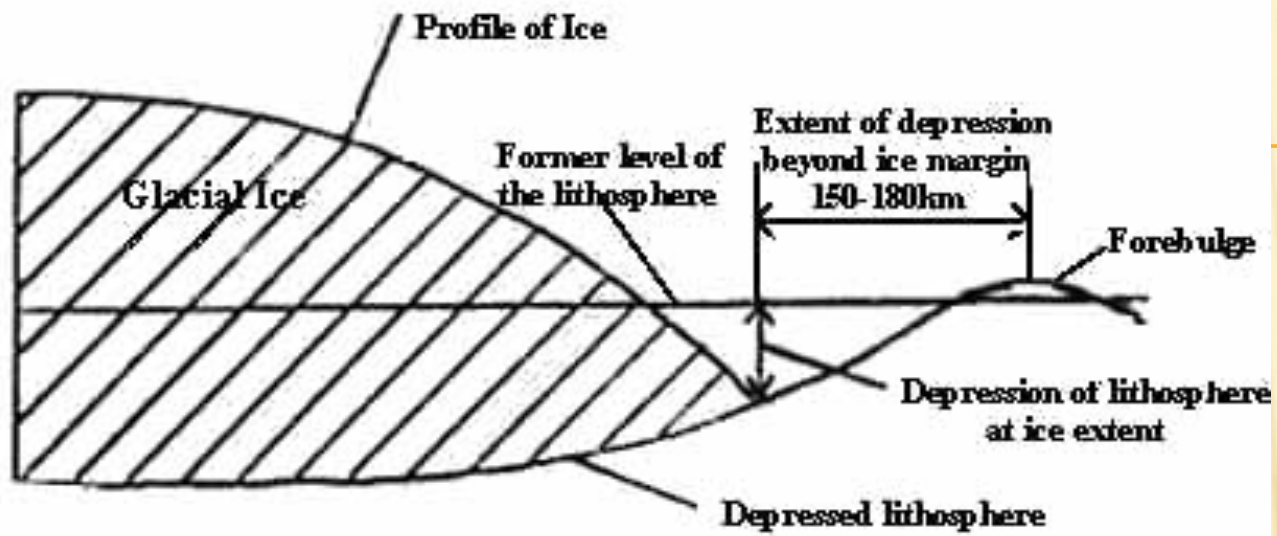
*Raised beaches on Kongsøya, central-northern Barents Sea, where the highest marine limit on Svalbard occurs (110 m a.s.l.). The age of the marine limit is ca. 10,000 years. Photo: Ólafur Ingólfsson, 1991.*

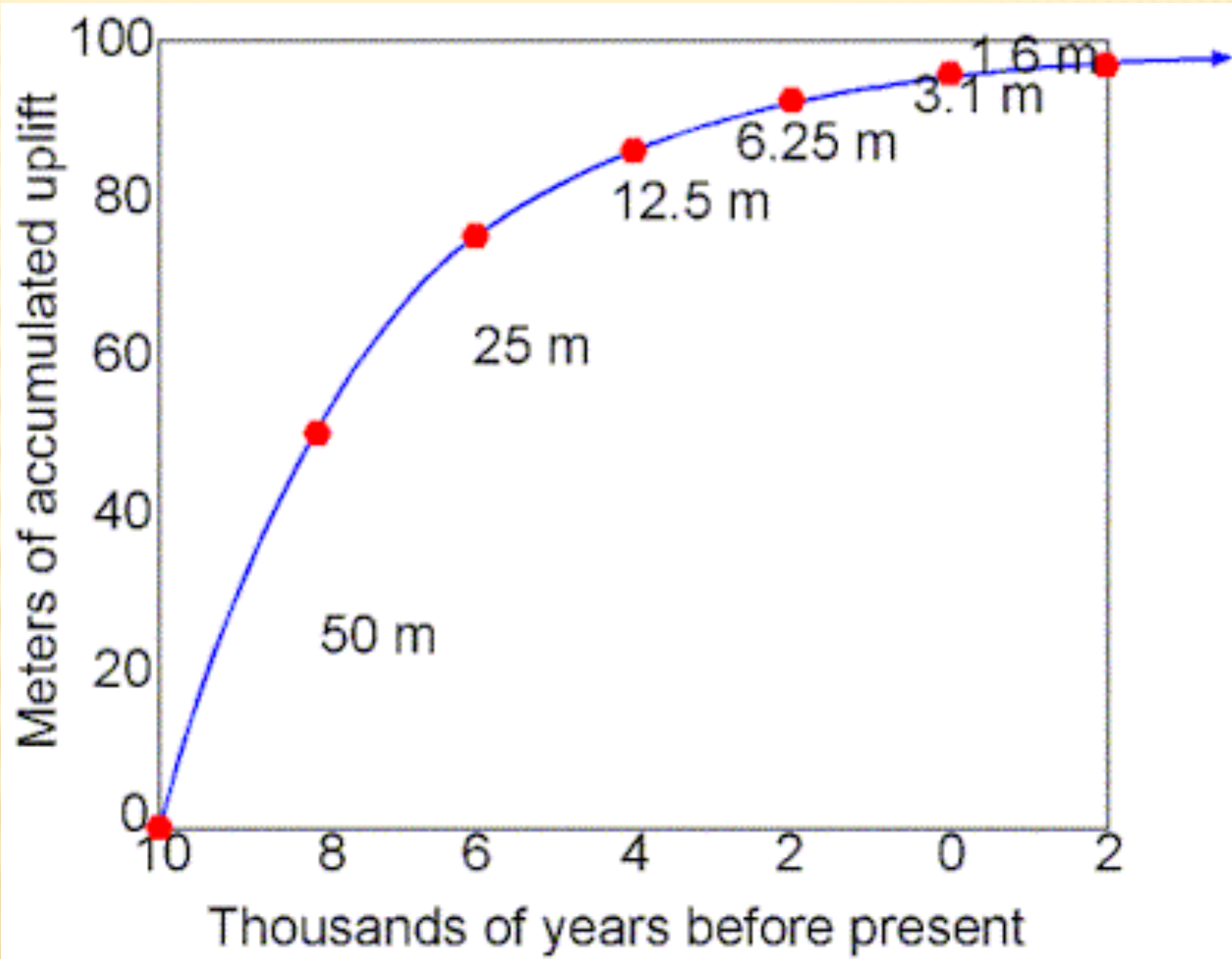


This simplified illustrations shows the crustal subsidence and subsequent rebound produced by variations of glaciers loads variations.

**A:** In Northern Canada and Scandinavia ice accumulated and bent the crust layer.

**B:** When ice started to melt down, the surface relocated back to its previous position.

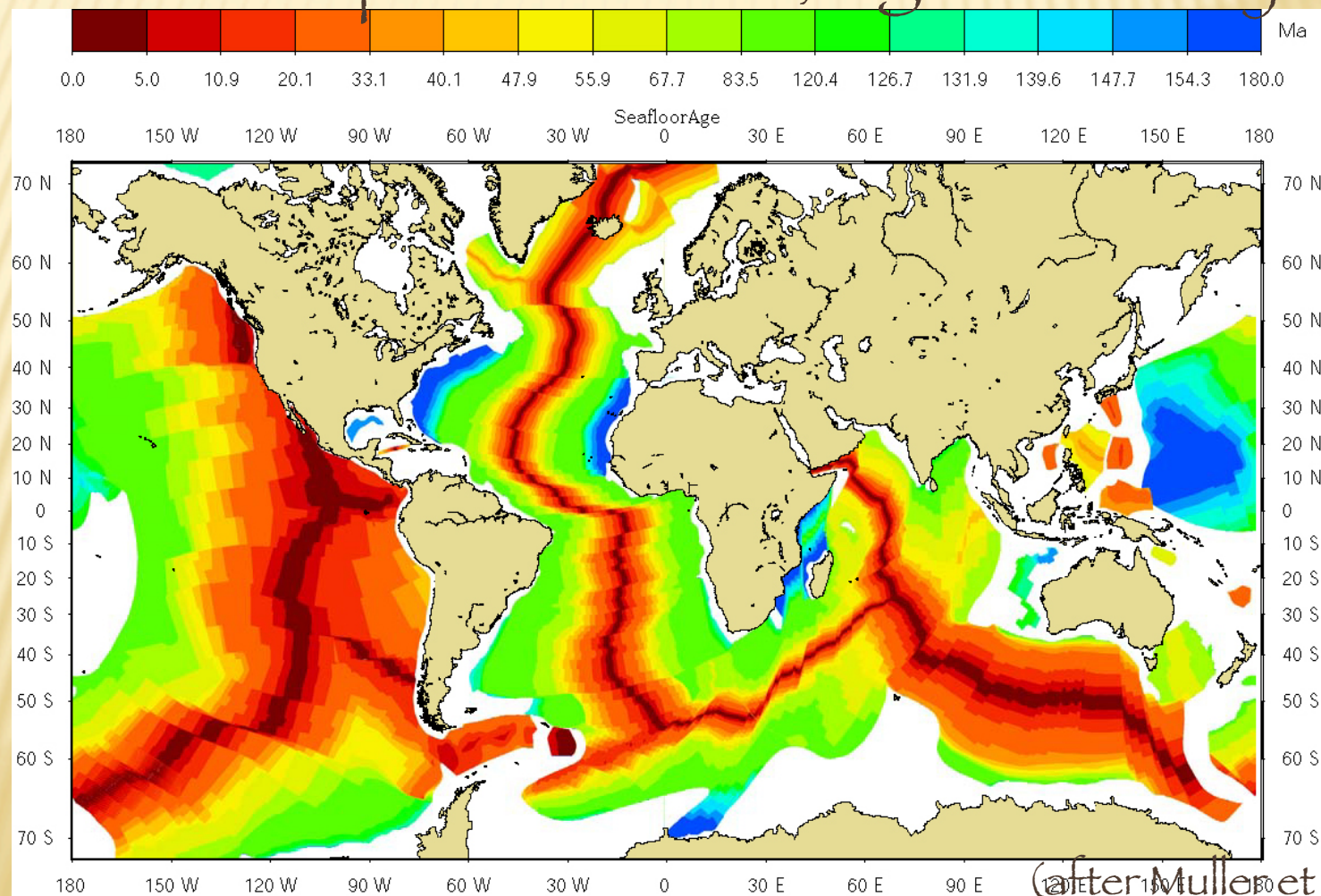




# Oceanic Geomechanical structure

varies simply with age of Seafloor

Young – thin lithosphere and hot, low viscosity mantle  
Old – thick lithosphere and cold, higher viscosity mantle



(after Muller et al, 1997)

# CONTINENTAL GEOMECHANICAL STRUCTURE

Varies between two global extremes:

Fennoscandian (Stable Craton)

Lithosphere thickness  $> 75$  km

U Mantle viscosity  $> 5 \times 10^{20}$  Pa s

L Mantle viscosity  $\sim 10^{22}$  Pa s

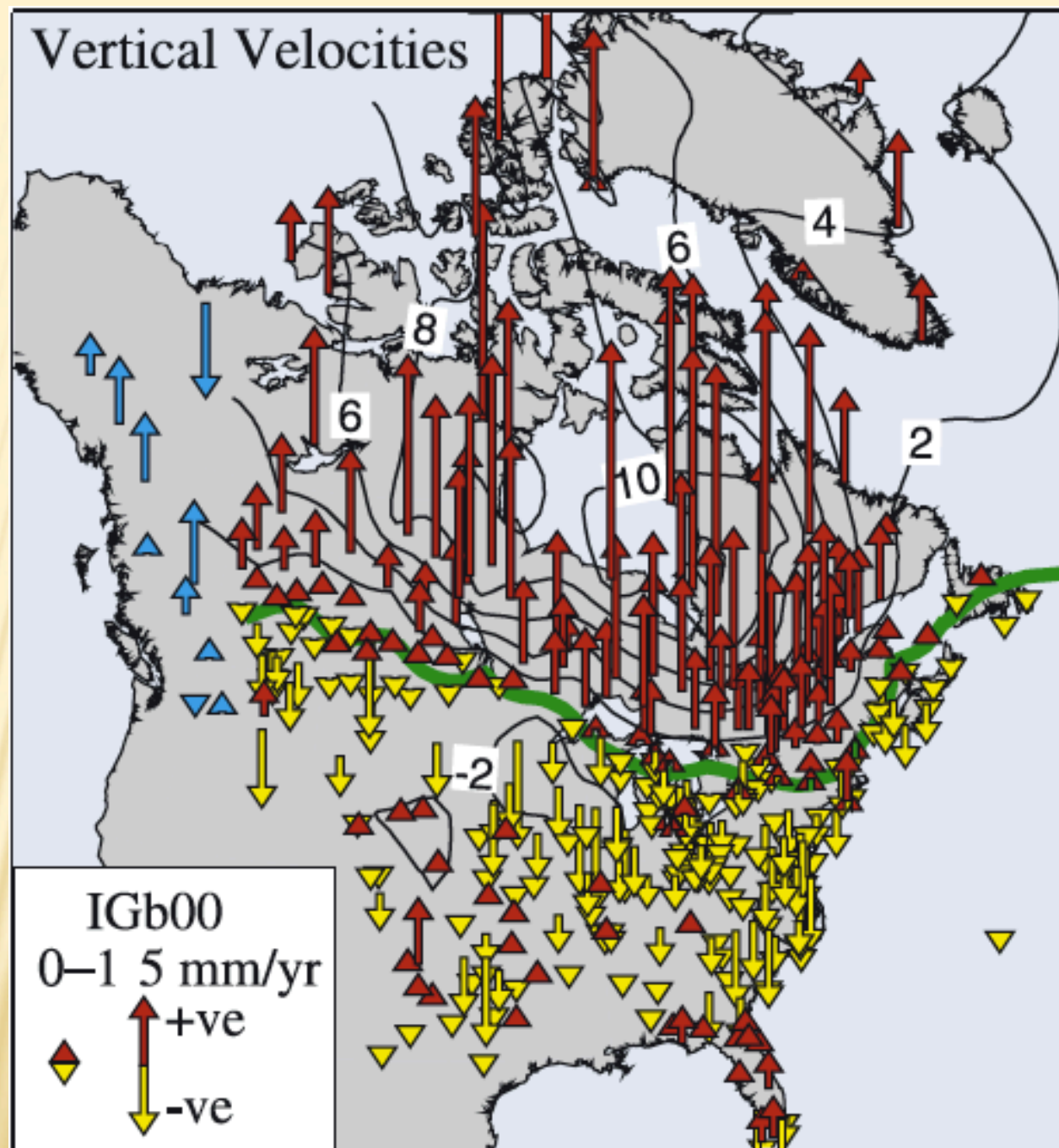
Basin and Range / Iceland / Other

Lithospheric thickness  $\sim 10$  km

U Mantle viscosity  $< 1 \times 10^{19}$  Pa s

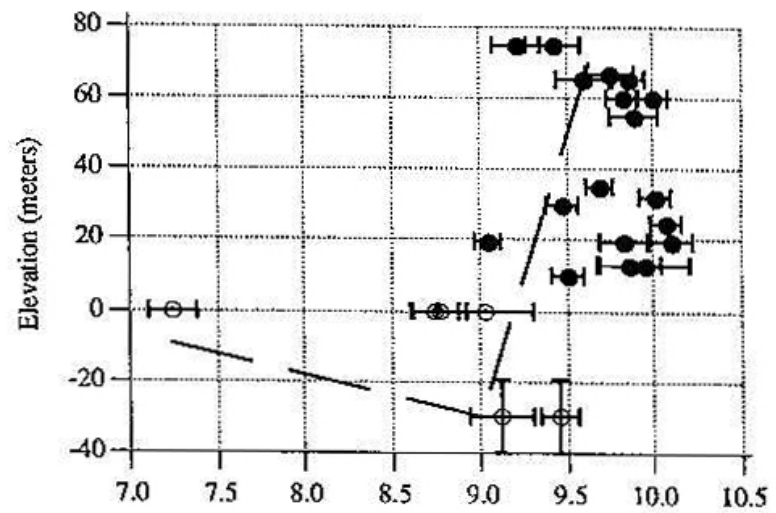
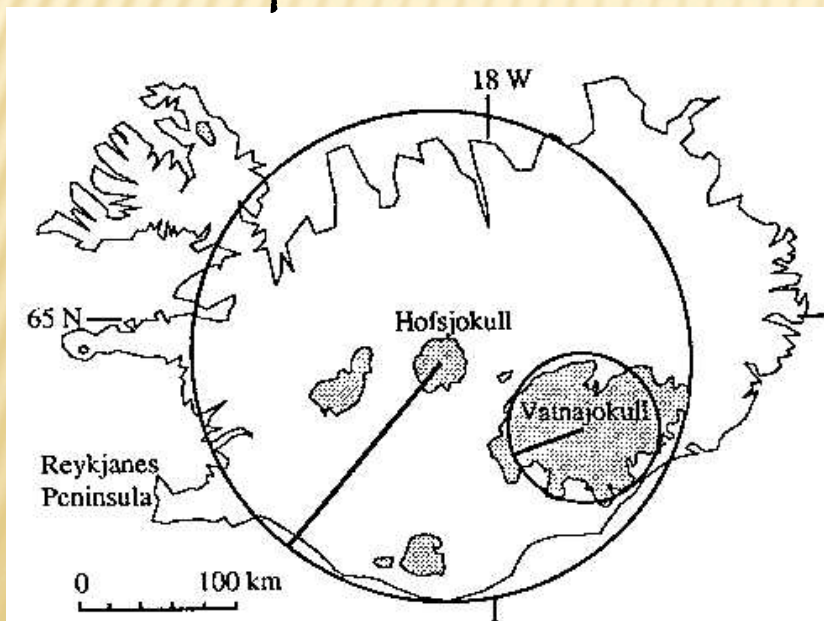


# PGR North America



# PGR in Iceland (young oceanic structure)

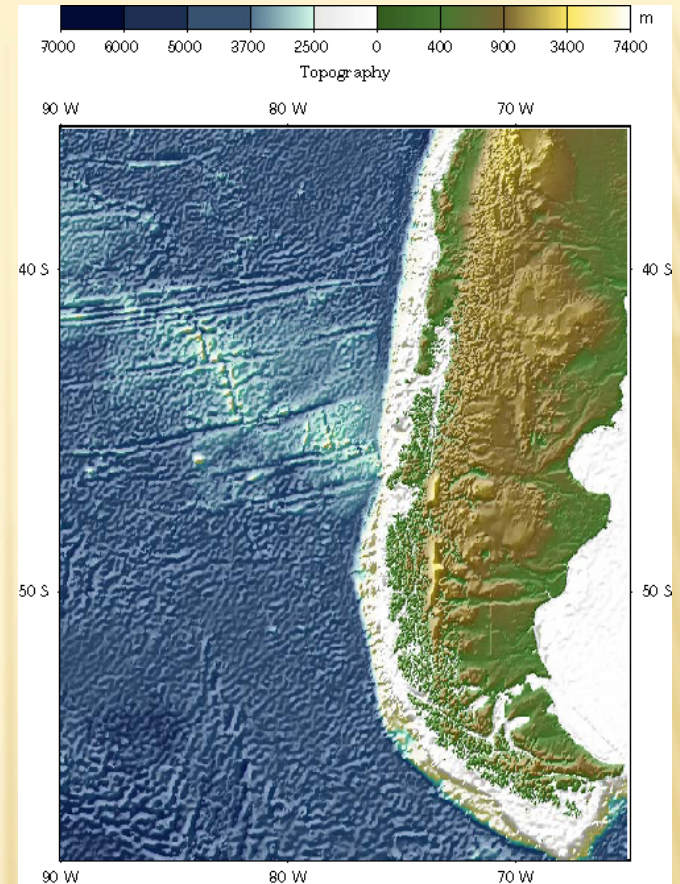
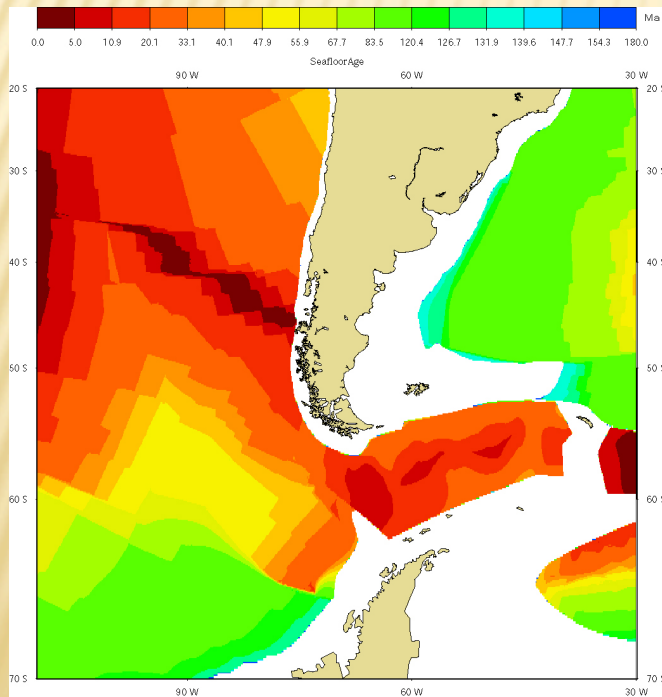
- Deglaciation following maximum at  $\sim 12000$  yrsBP
  - PGR in Iceland was completed in 1000 yrs
    - U Mantle viscosity  $< 1 \times 10^{19}$  Pa s
- Compare to Fennoscandia – PGR still occurring.



Sigmundsson (1991)

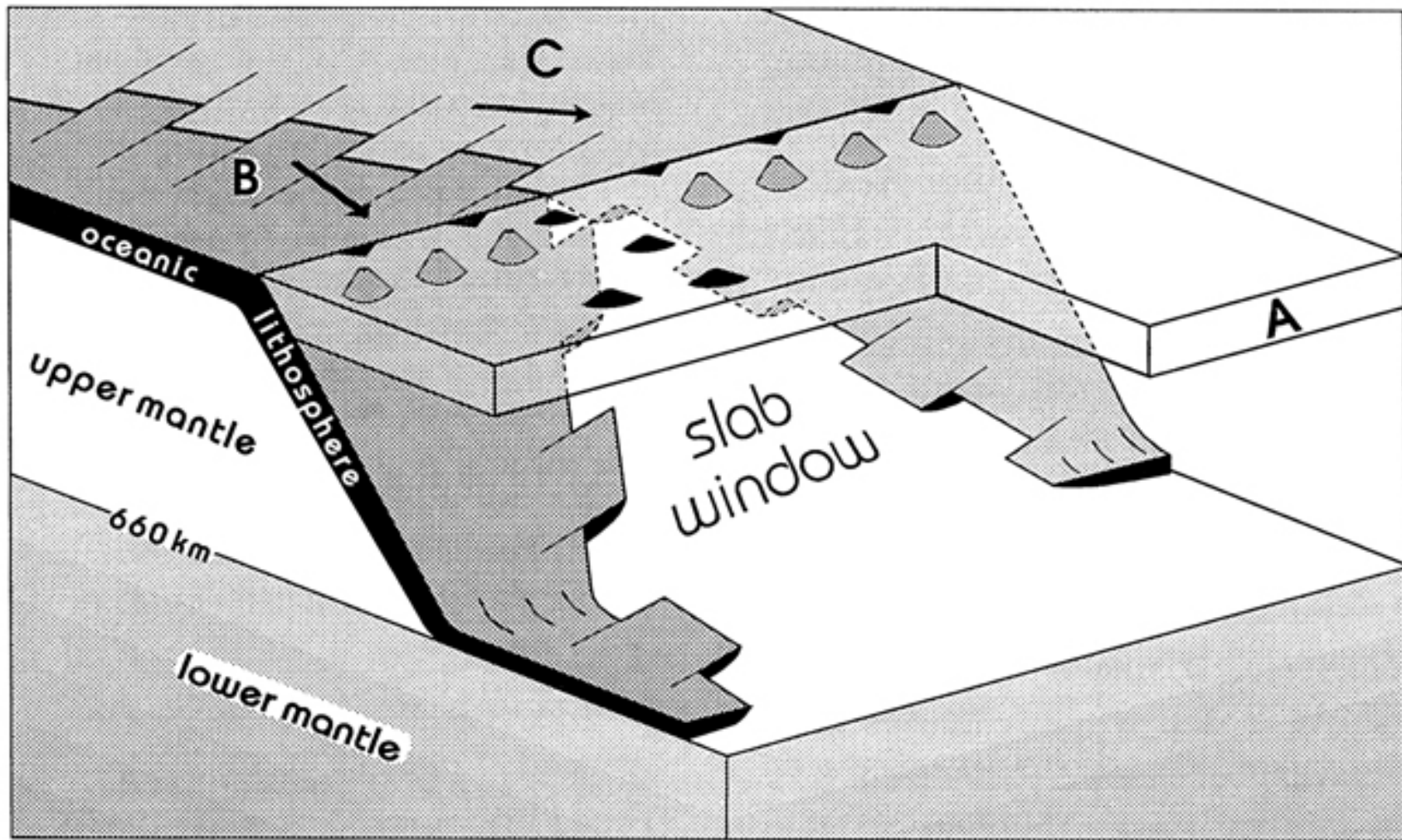
# Geomechanical structure in Patagonia

- Taitao Triple Junction
- Ridge subduction



PGR in Patagonia?  
Continental, but not  
Fennoscandia.  
More like Basin and  
Range?

# Formation of a slab window



# Crustal response to loads

- ice

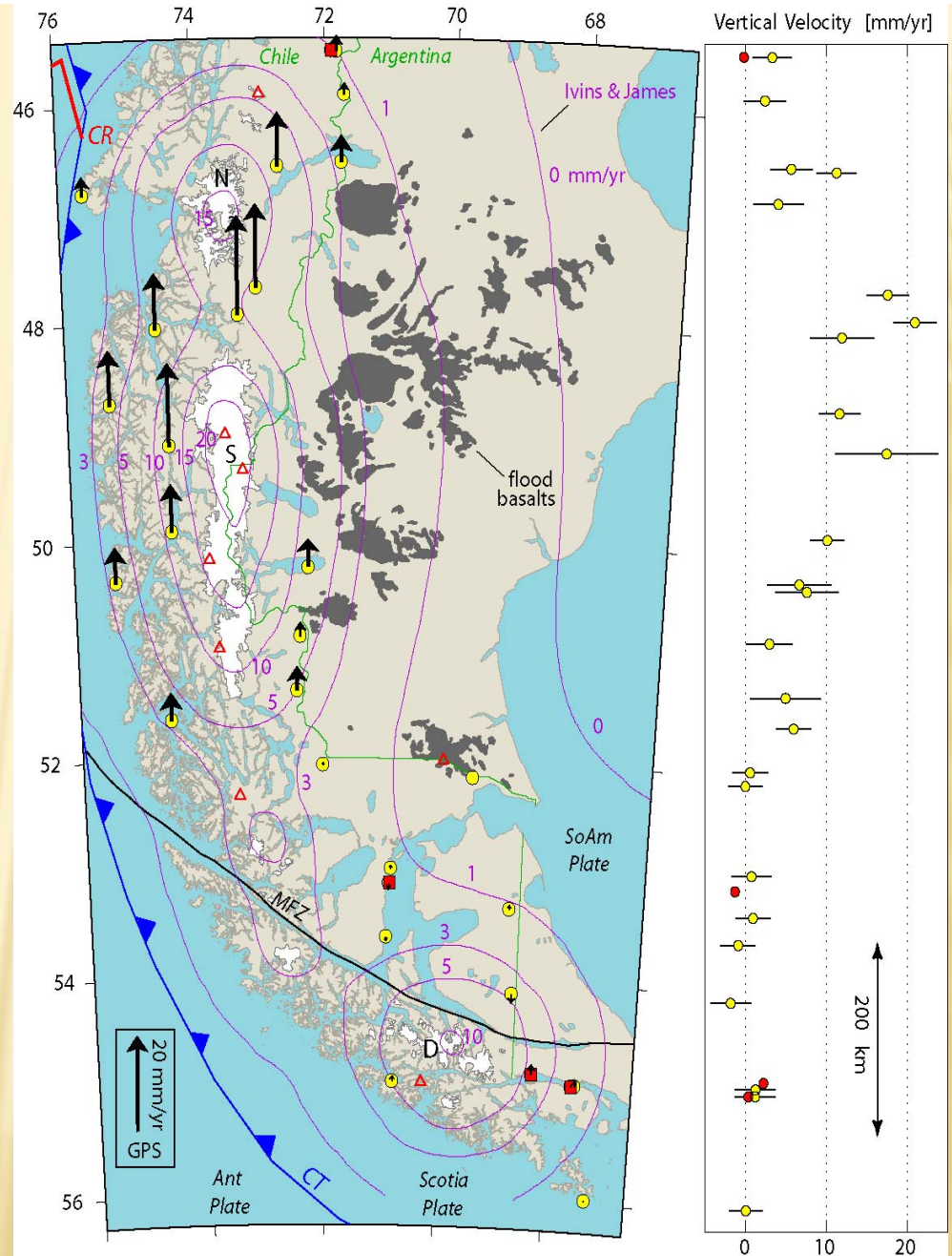
## GPS Results

Uplift signal related to changes in ice mass in the Patagonian ice fields

2 components -

Post glacial rebound amplified by upper mantle modified by subduction of ridge.

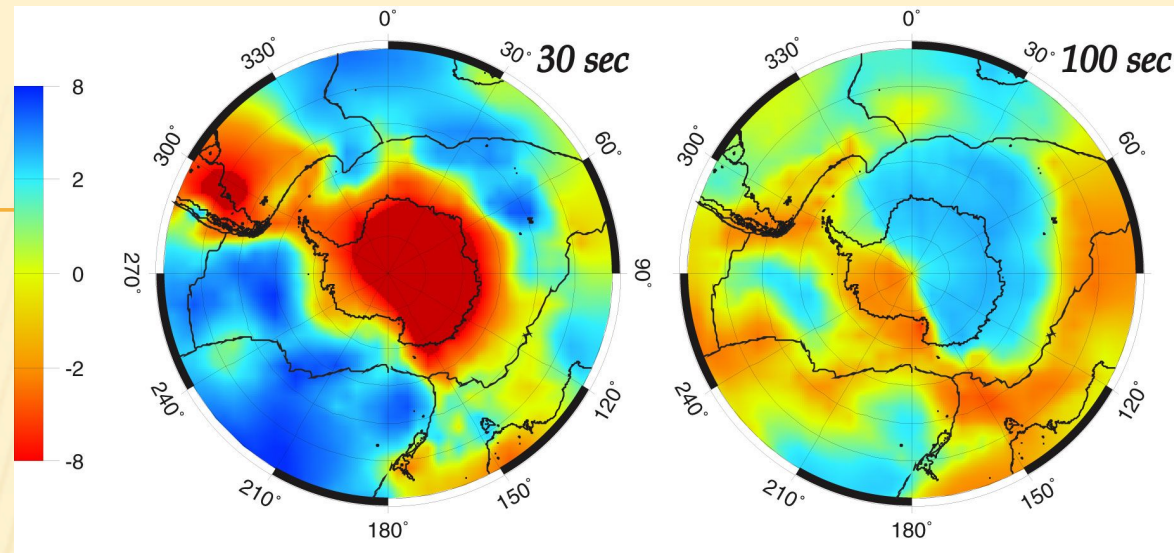
Elastic compression of crust.



**ICE AND FIRE**

Postglacial rebound in Patagonia

# Rayleigh Wave velocity



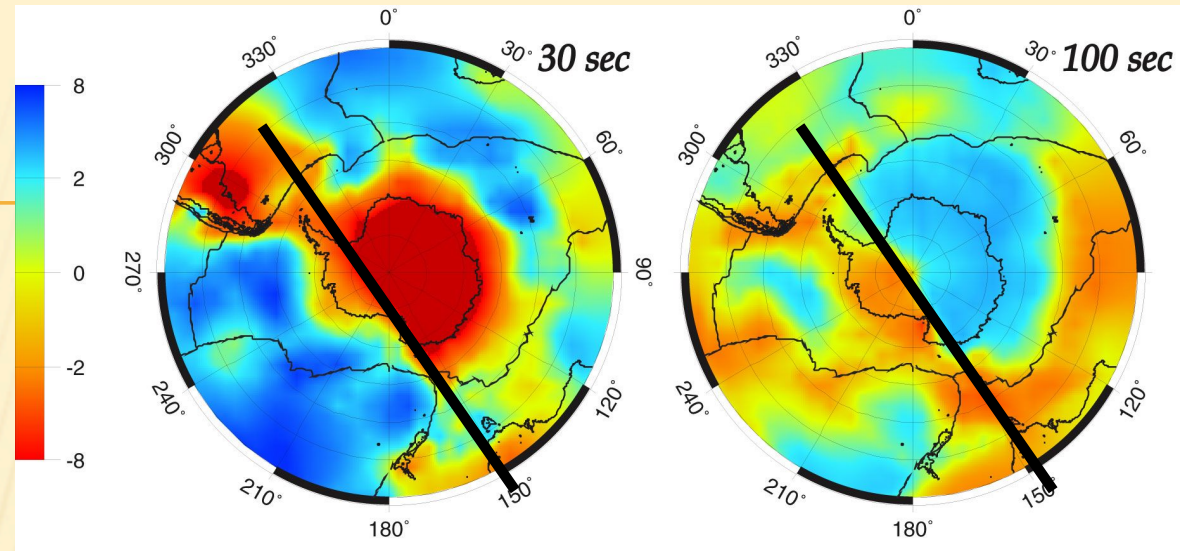
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Danesi & Morelli, 2001

Result -- West Antarctica thin

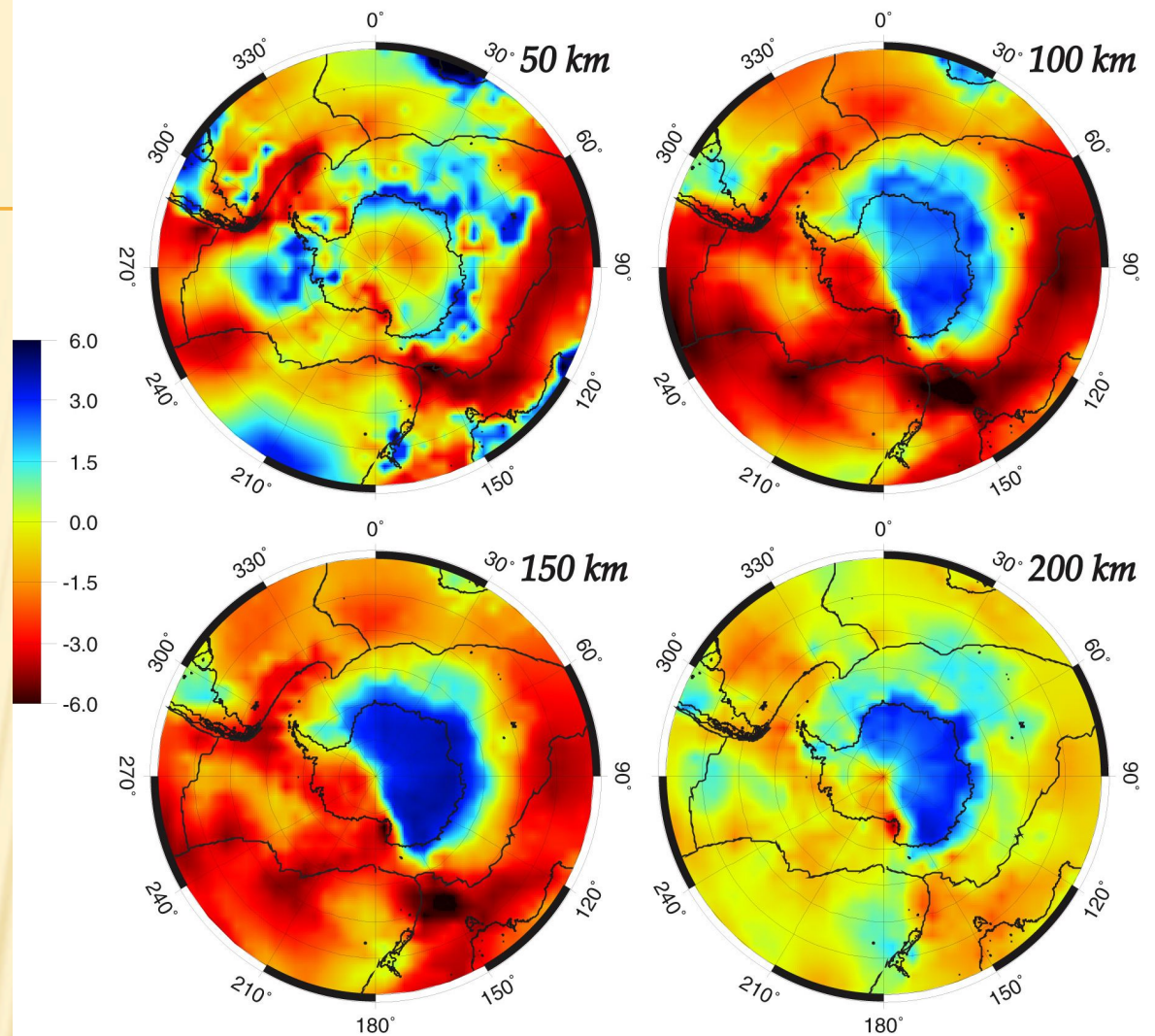
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Sv velocity

- proxy for temperature
  - hot is lower viscosity (runny).

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isostatic response.

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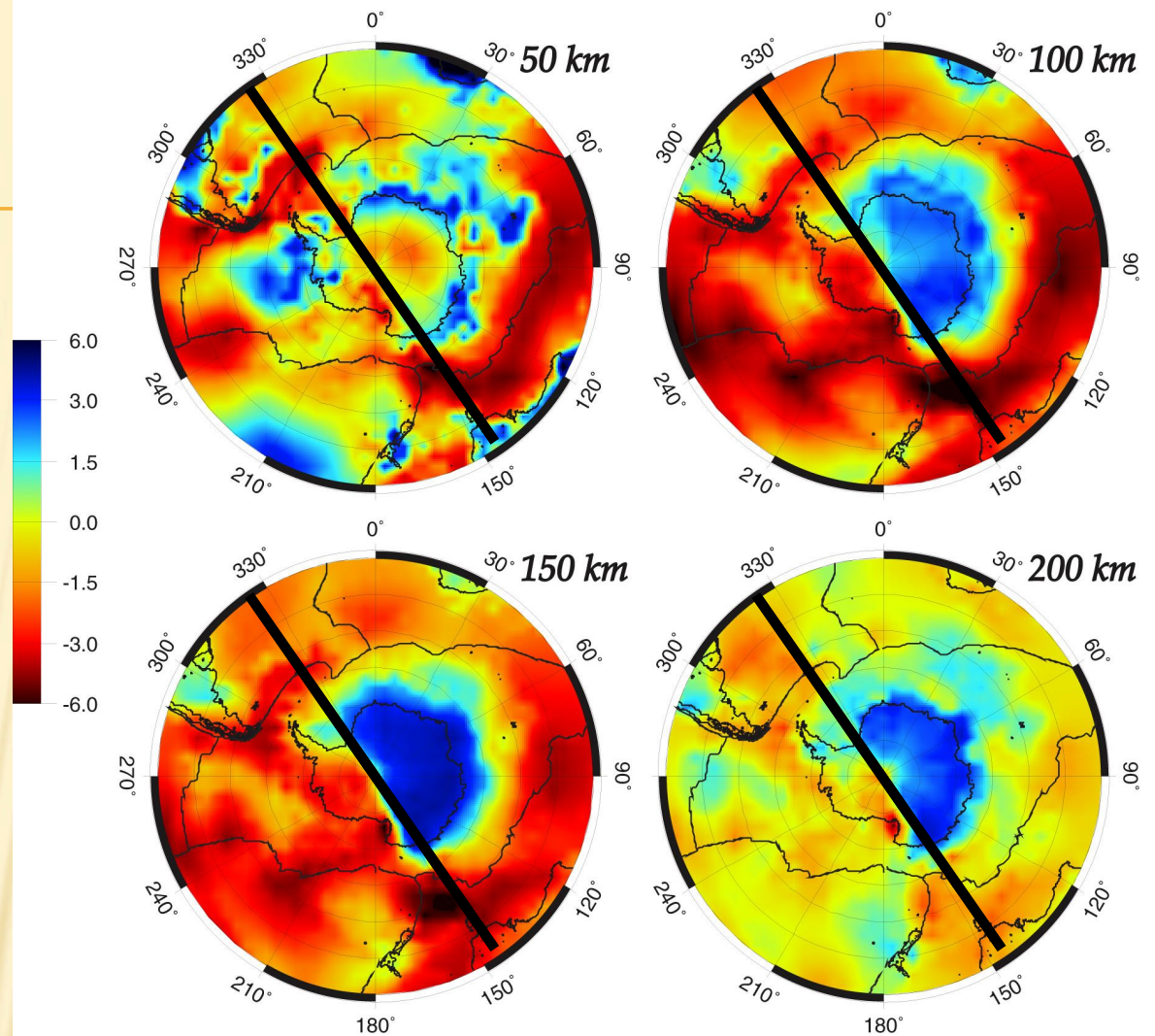
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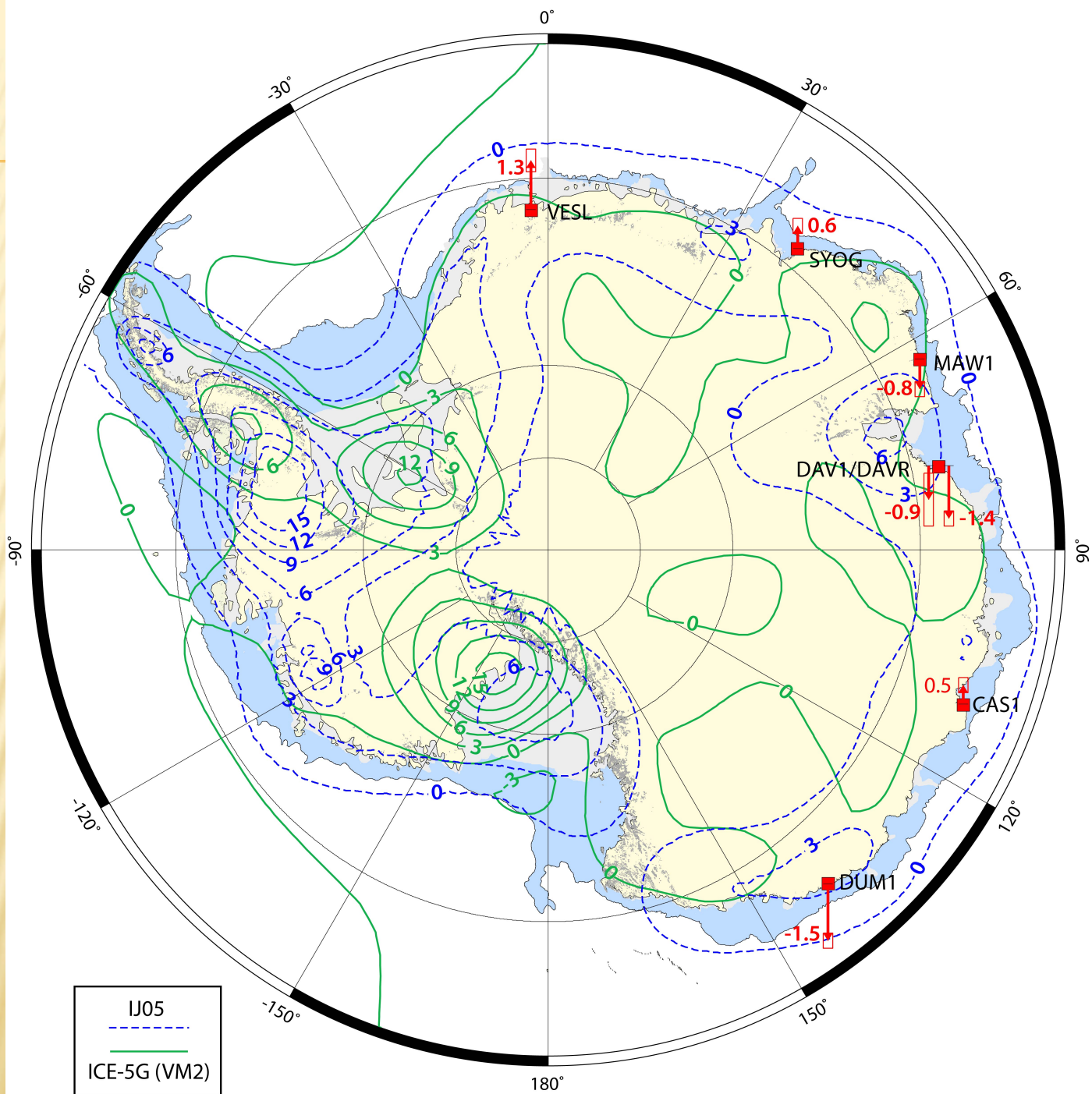
Determines speed of isostatic response.

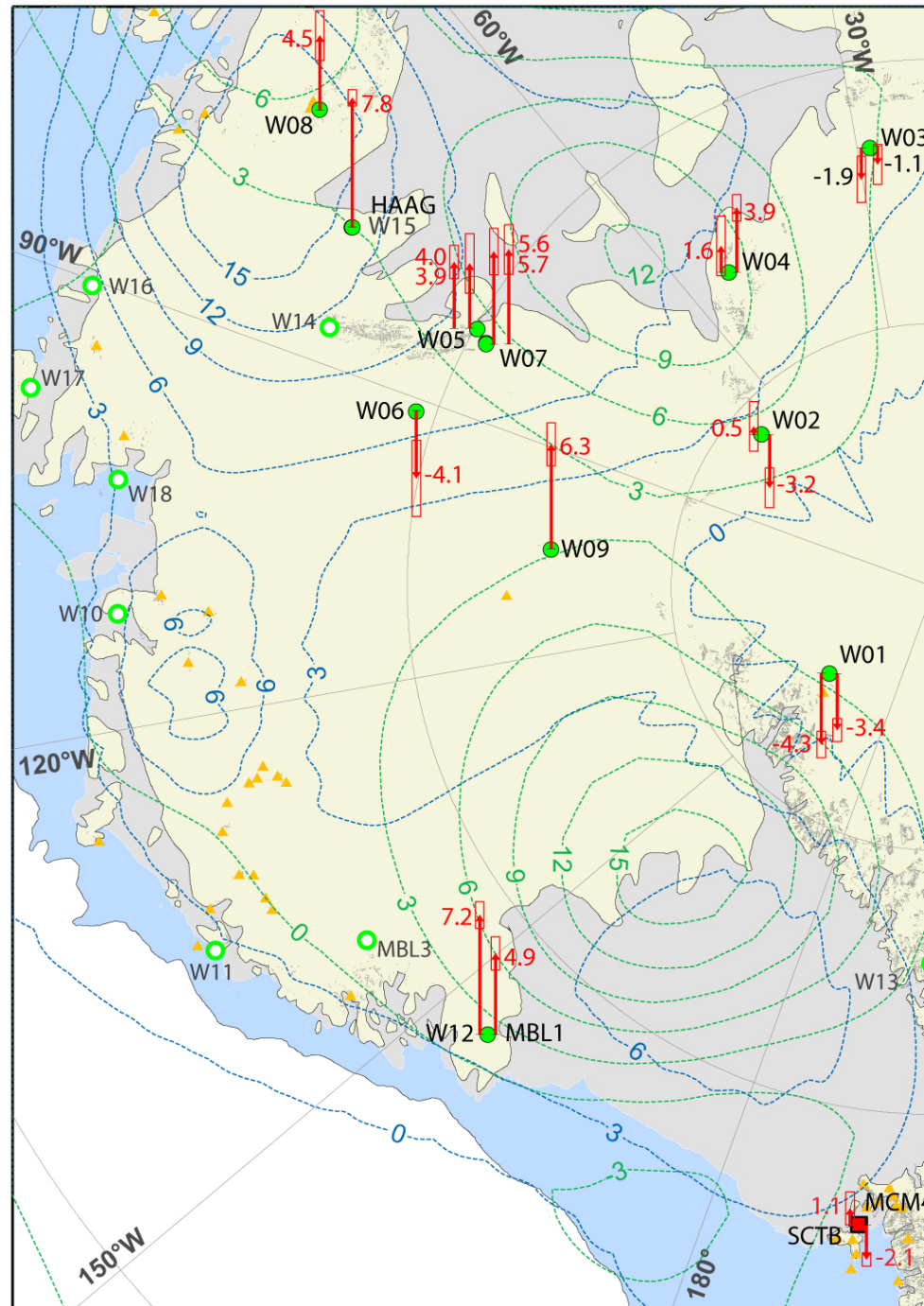
Result -- West Antarctica hot

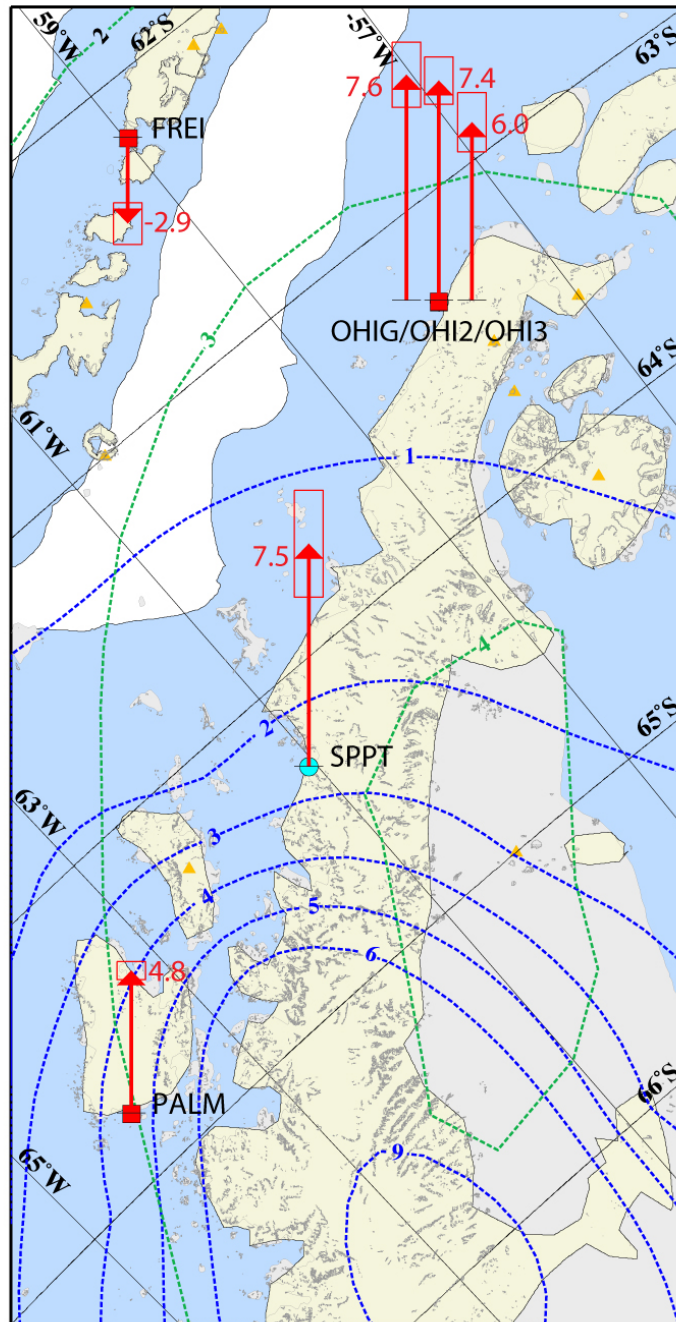


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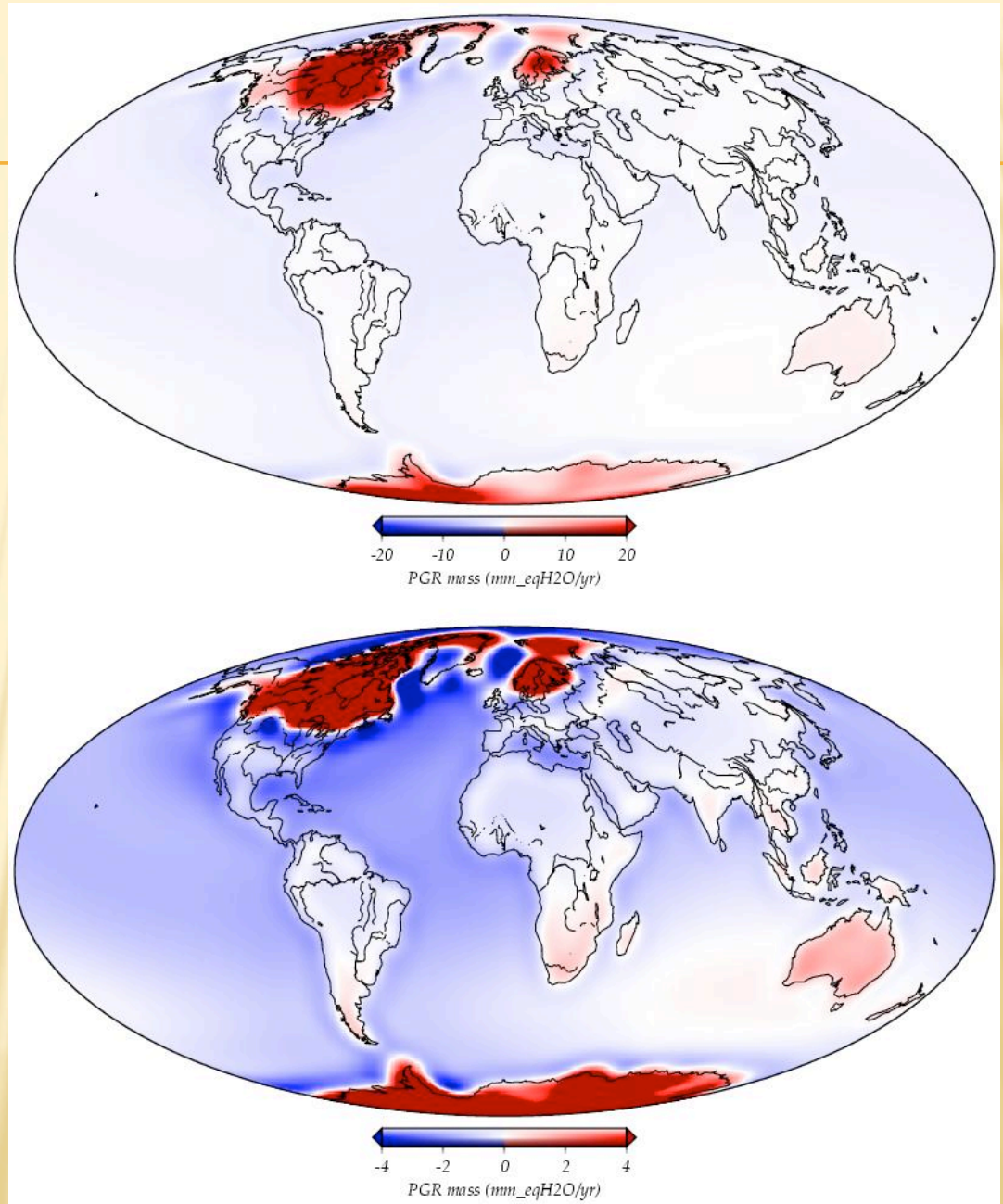




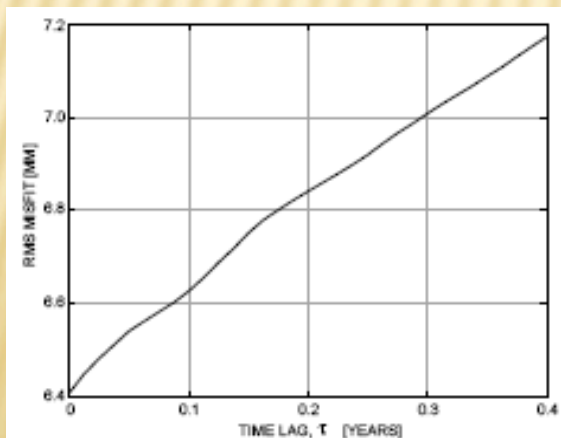
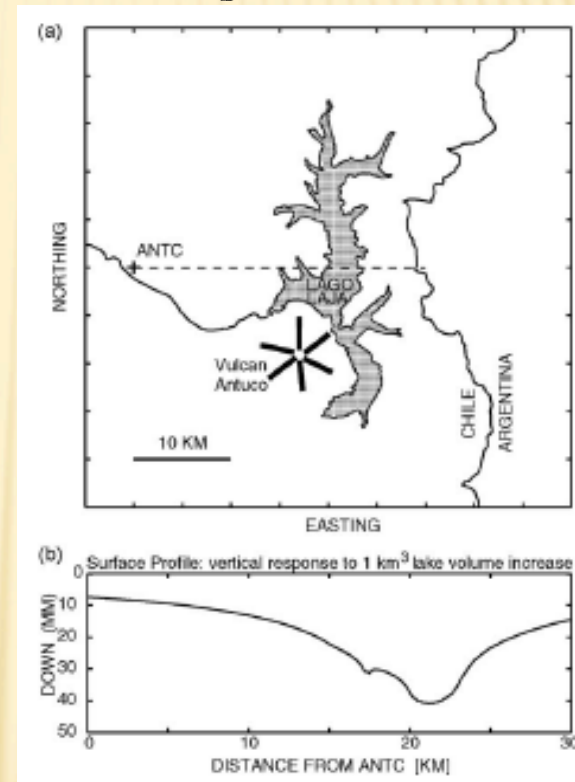
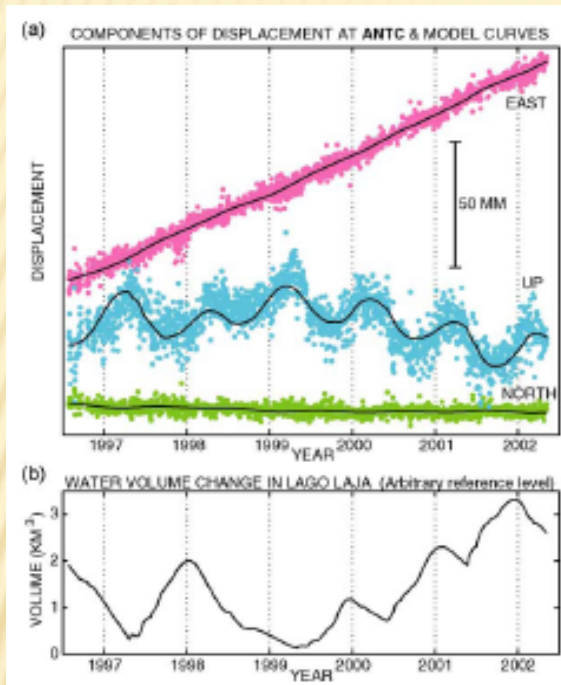




Model of present-day surface elevation change due to PGR and reloading of ocean basins with seawater. Red areas rising due to removal of ice sheets. Blue areas falling due to re-filling of ocean basins when ice sheets melted and because of collapse forebulges around the ice sheets.

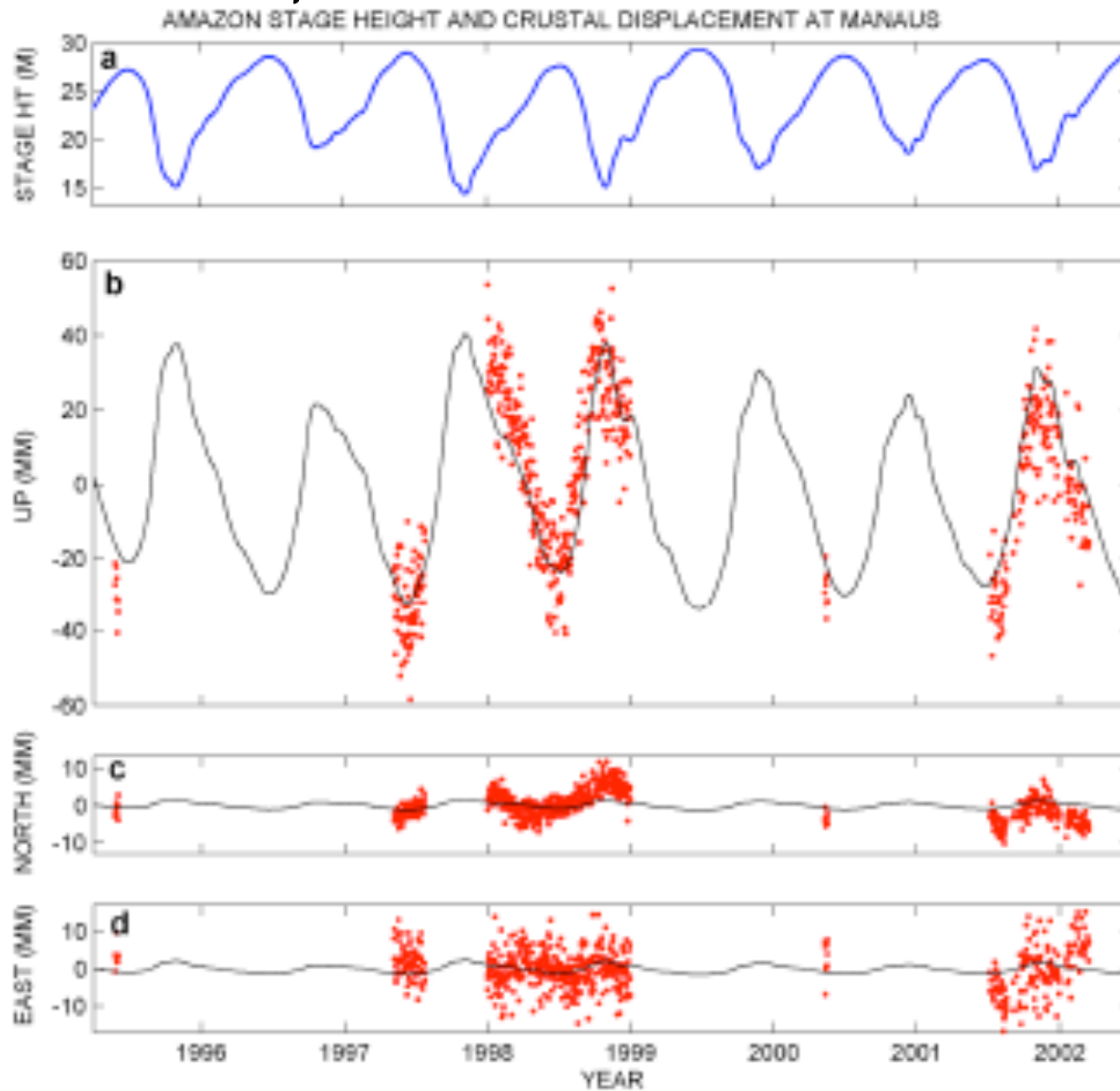


# Crustal response to loads Annual lake loading



Check for anelasticity – no  
time lag/phase shift ->  
elastic.

# Crustal response to loads ~ Amazon River

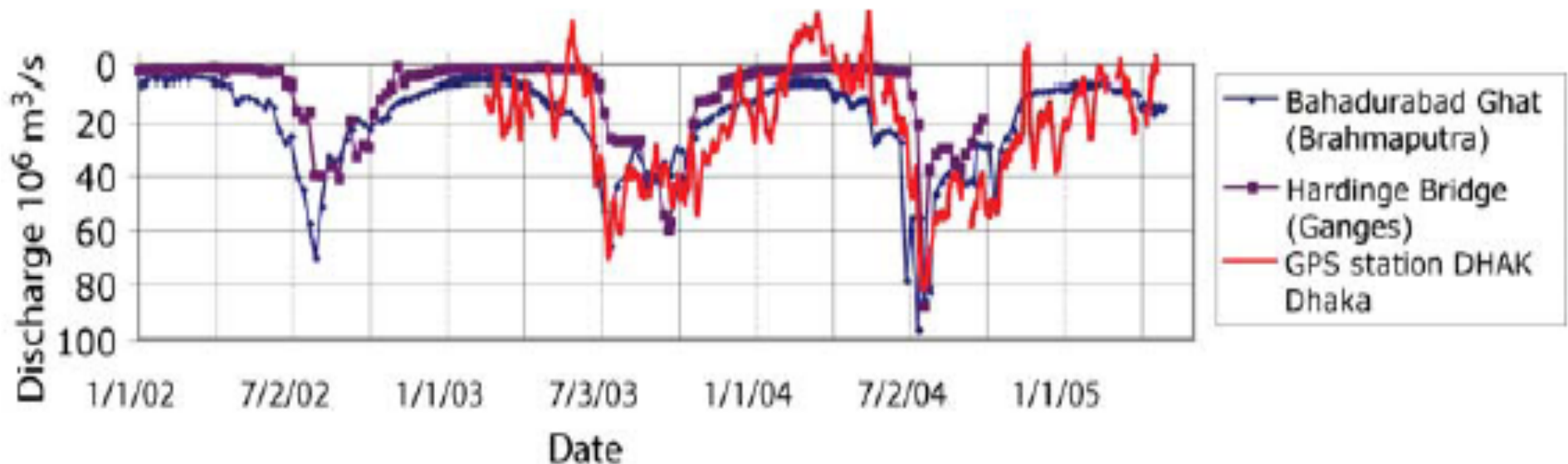




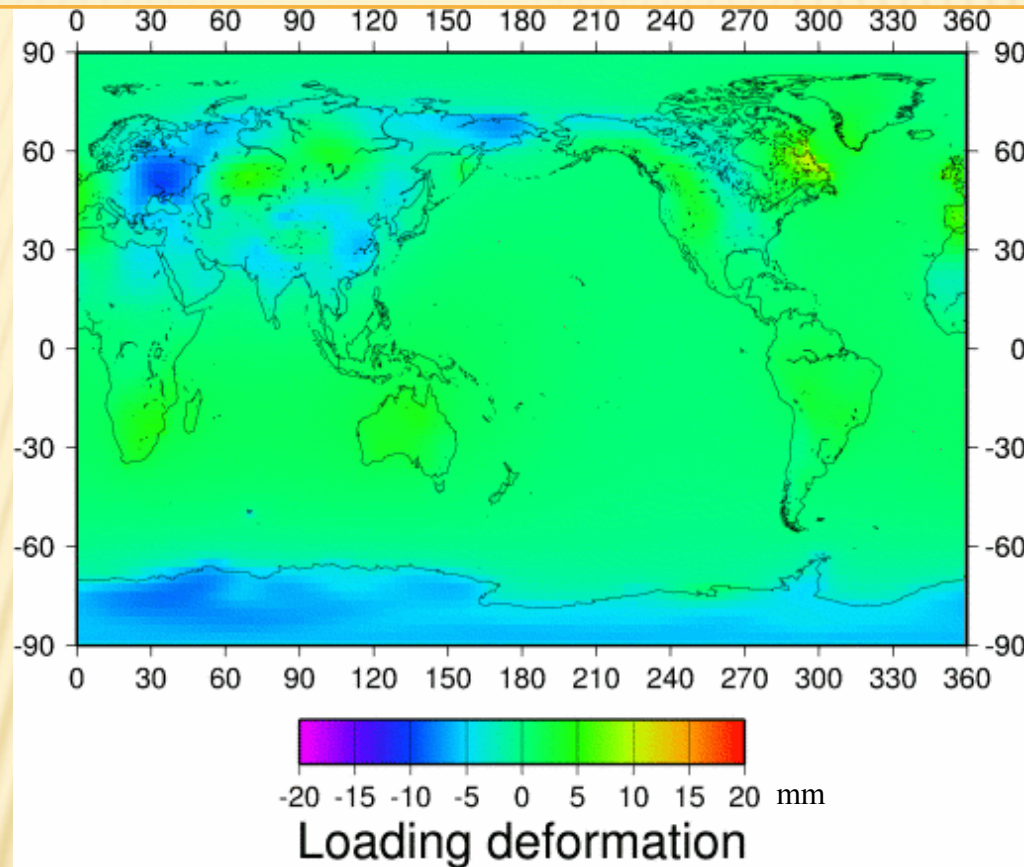
# Response of crust to loading from Brahmaputra and Ganges

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Requires continuous GPS to observe non-secular (in this case annual) signals.



Elastic deformation in vertical from loading – complication or another interesting signal?



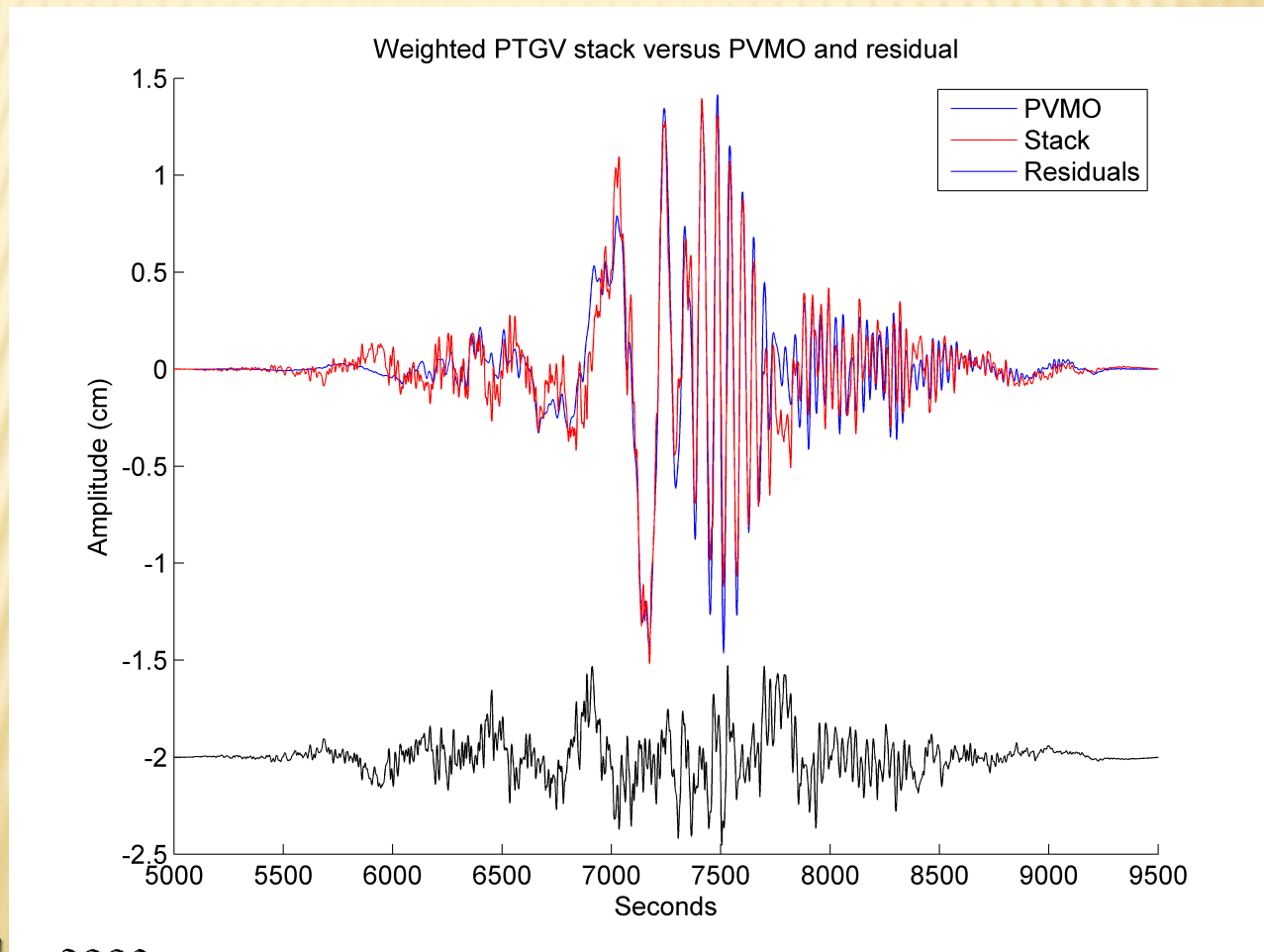
Weather systems:

Aerial extent – thousands of square km.

Period – weeks.

# Kinematic GPS

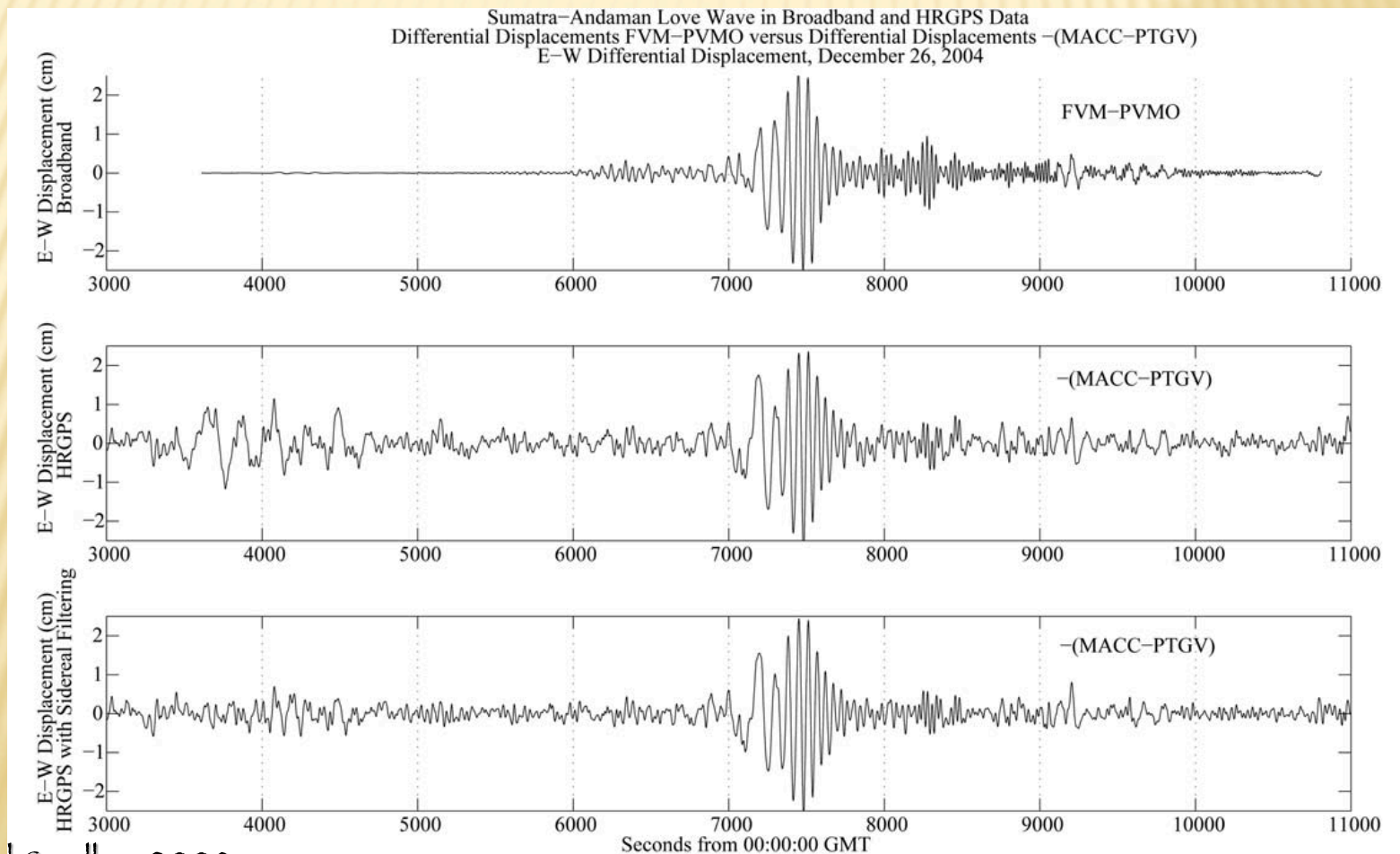
GPS absolute displacement seismograms – Love wave of 2004 M9.0, Sumatra-Andaman earthquake in Portageville, AR.



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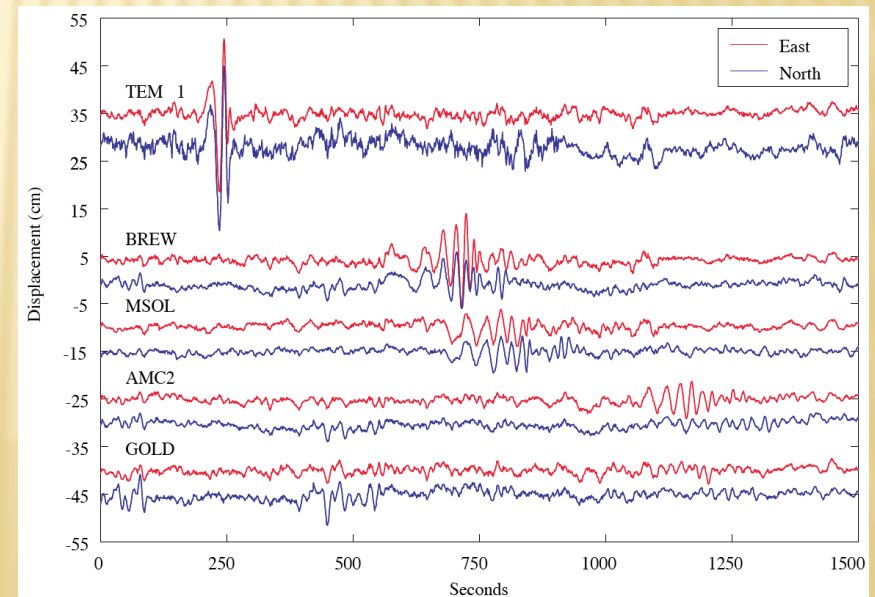
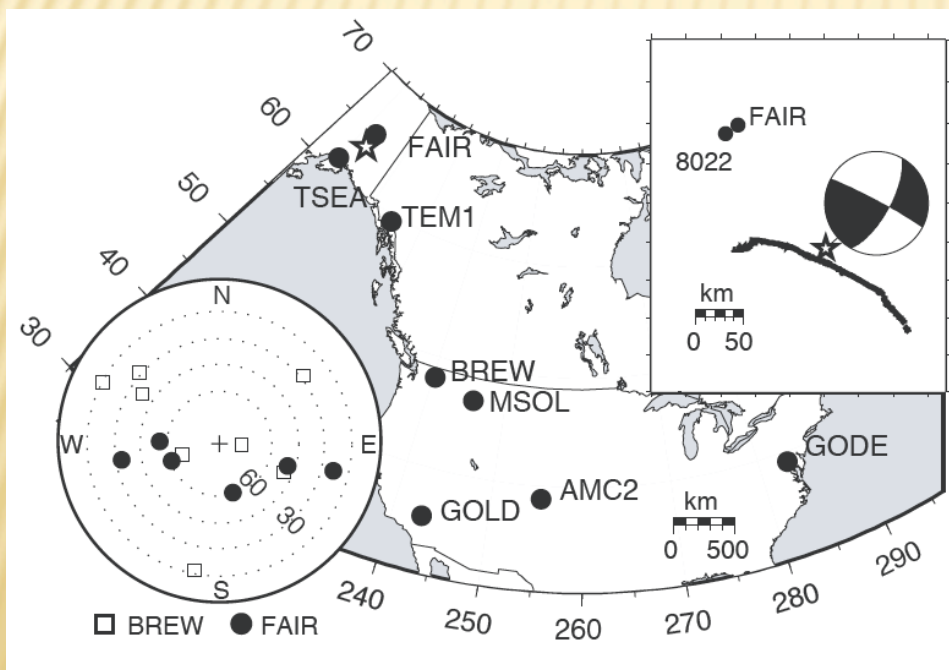
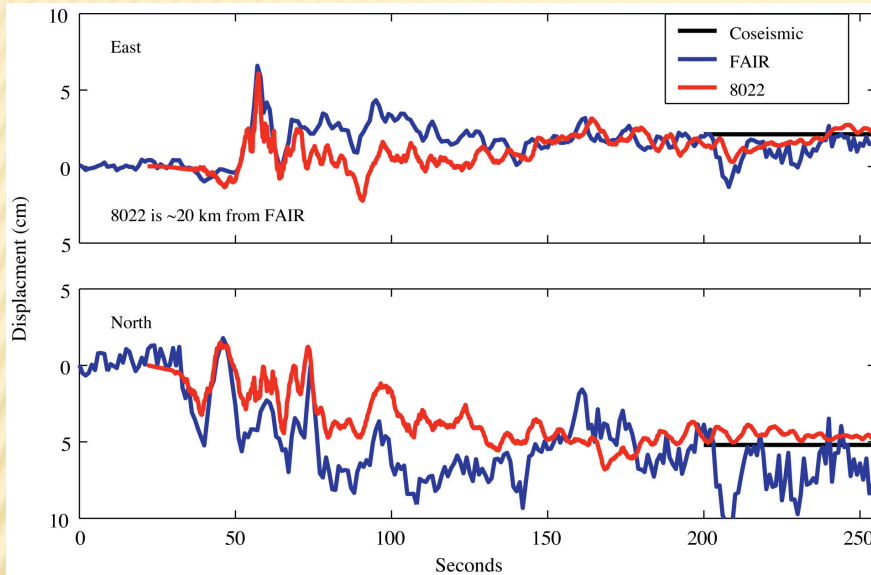
Differential – difference in position between two GPS antennas, one assumed “fixed”. (PPP methods also exist, but are less precise)

$$D_{\text{differential}} = D_{\text{kinematic}} - D_{\text{fixed}}$$



# How to get absolute displacements?

Most popular way to have one of the two sites outside the region with displacements (site is “fixed”) – discovered GPS recorded surface waves at few thousand km.



Does not work for surface waves from really big earthquakes with long duration surface wave trains

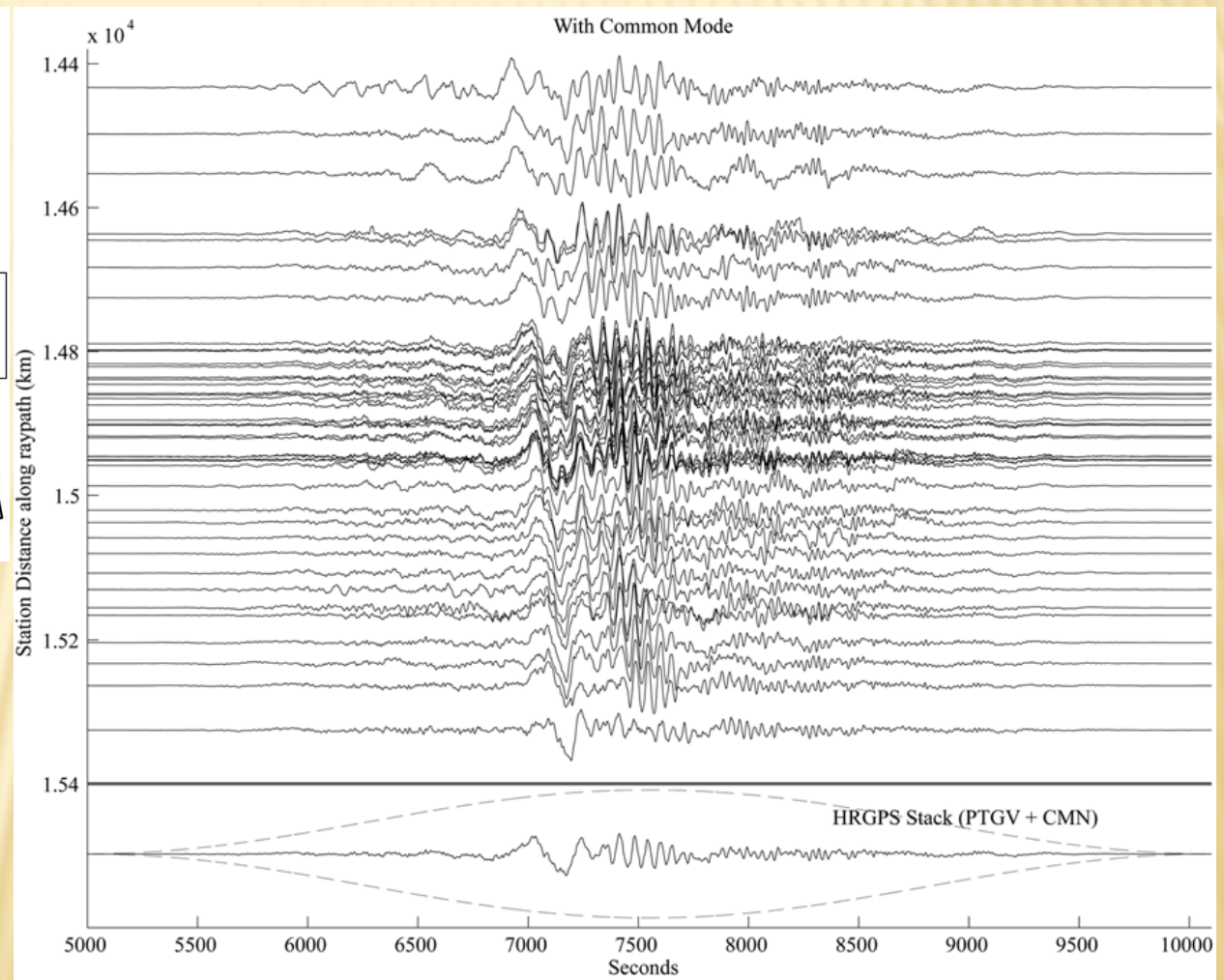
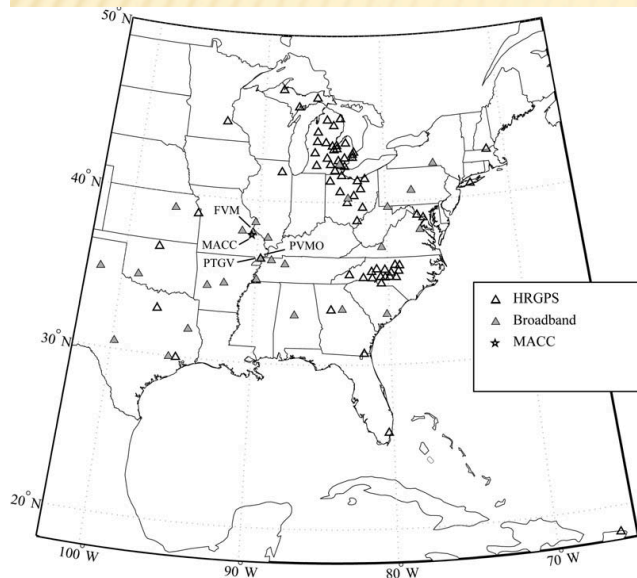
can't find "fixed" site.

(Fixed site has to be able to see common set satellites with kinematic site – since is differential.

The longer the baseline the fewer satellites are in common and the worse the overall location geometry.

The signal may be of longer duration than the time it takes for the waves to travel from the kinematic to the fixed site.)

Calculate differential displacement seismograms for large number sites in central North America – using “fixed” site in central North America.

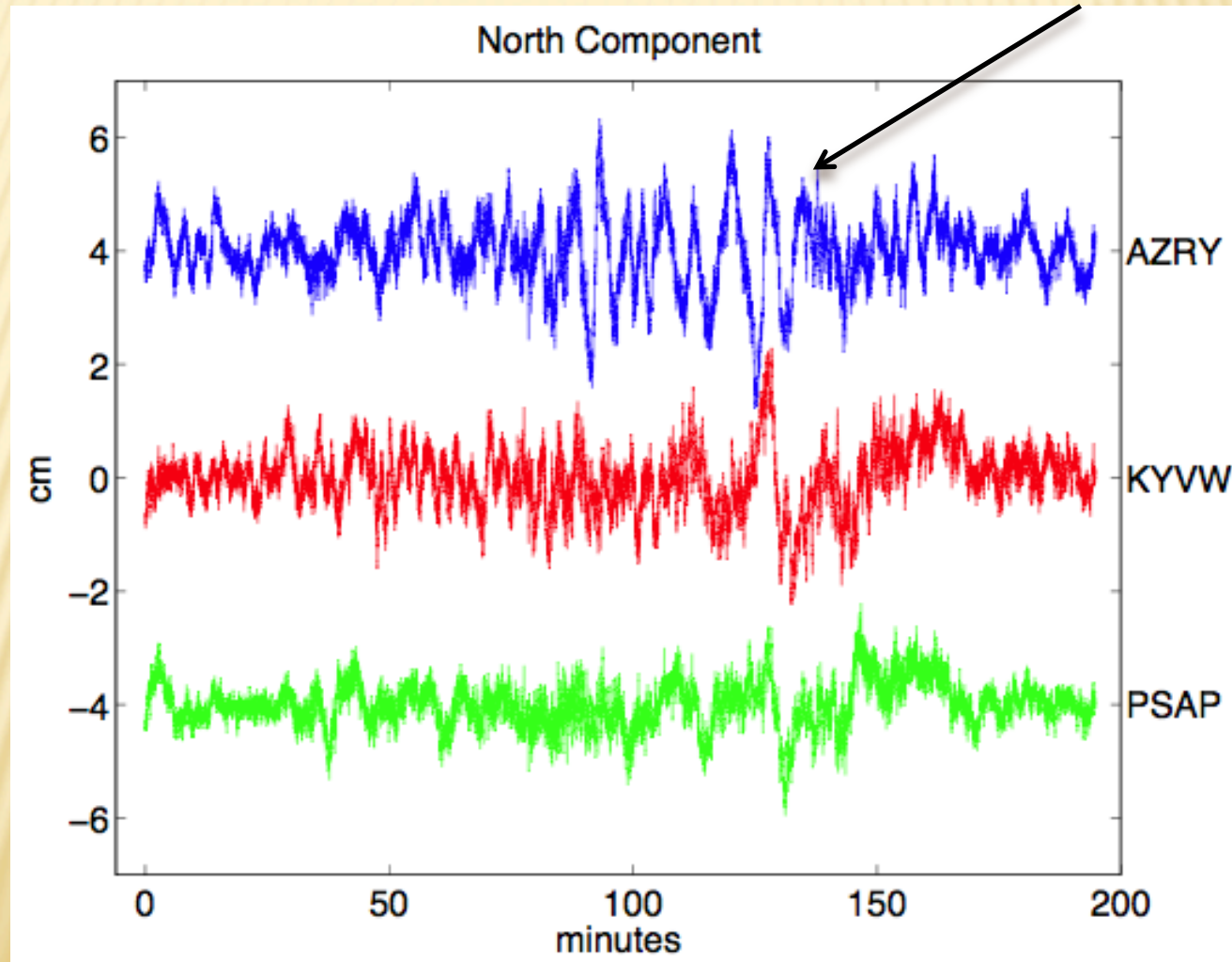


Difficult to tell are not absolute seismograms.

(Bottom trace is sum.)

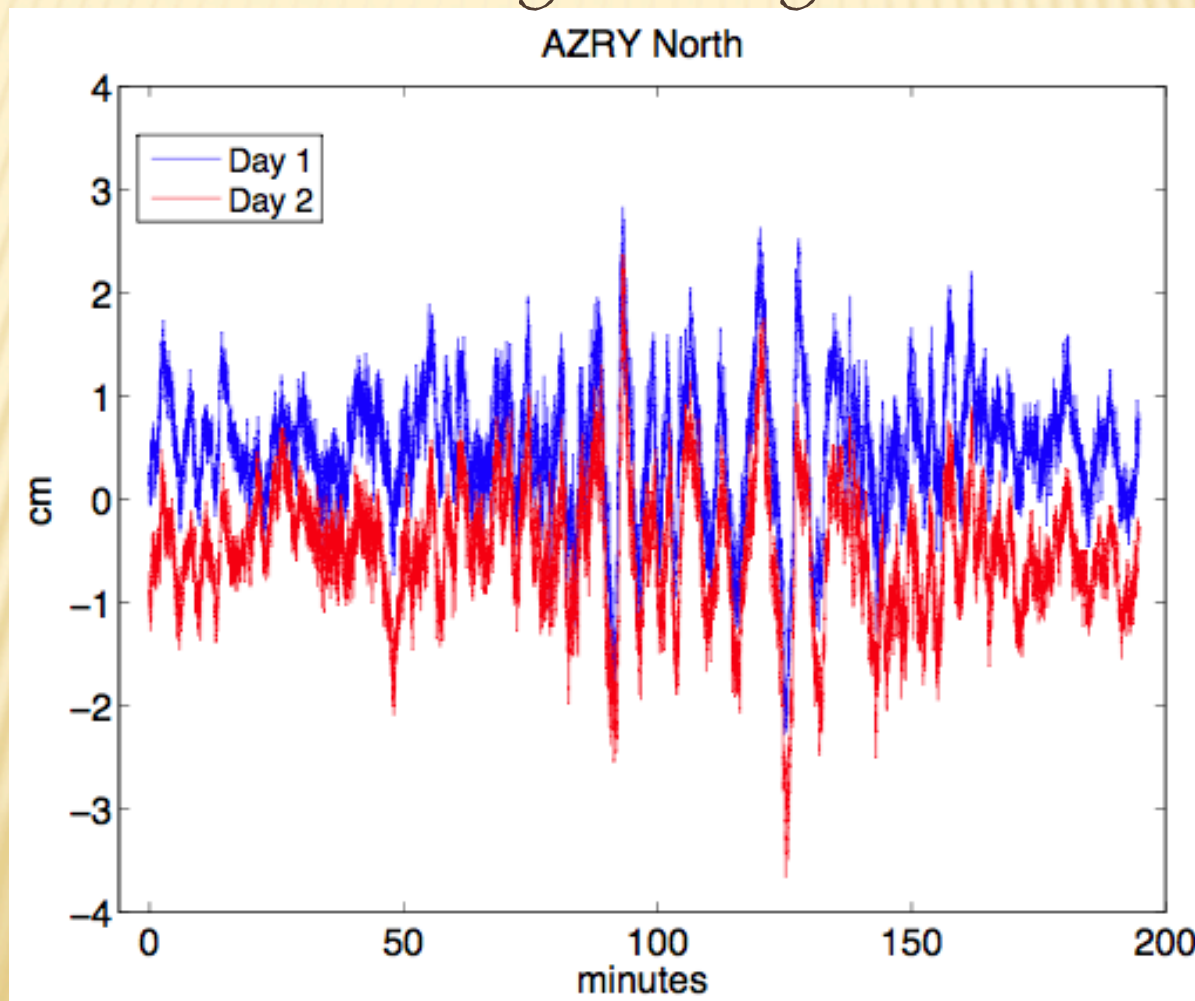
## Sidetrack - Multipath

Multipath (reflected signals) is important (and doesn't difference out). Looks like earthquake?

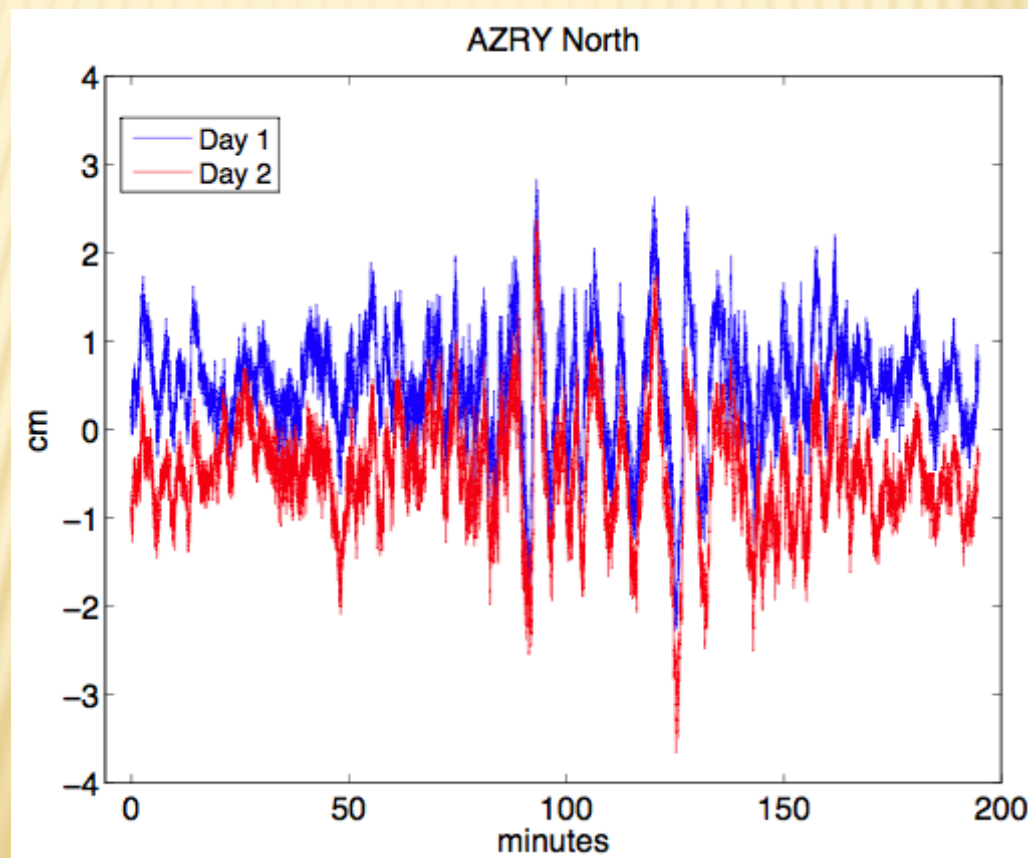




But look at day before or after – looks the same.  
Multipath looks same from day to day – due to  
orbits repeating, generating same reflections,  
day to day.



So the trick is to calculate the GPS displacement time series from the day before or after and subtract from the day with the earthquake. Have to shift by the  $\sim 4$  minutes due to the “almost” part of the  $2x/\text{day}$  GPS orbit.



This is called Sidereal Filtering and it removes much of the multipath.

But it depends on the reflection environment remaining the same (no rain, snow, movement of nearby objects such as parked vehicles, etc.)

It also depends on getting the time shift right. Modification is to cross correlate between the two days to get a better time shift (each satellite's orbit is nominally 4 minutes short – but they vary individually, which effects the locations, etc.).

This is called “modified sidereal filtering”

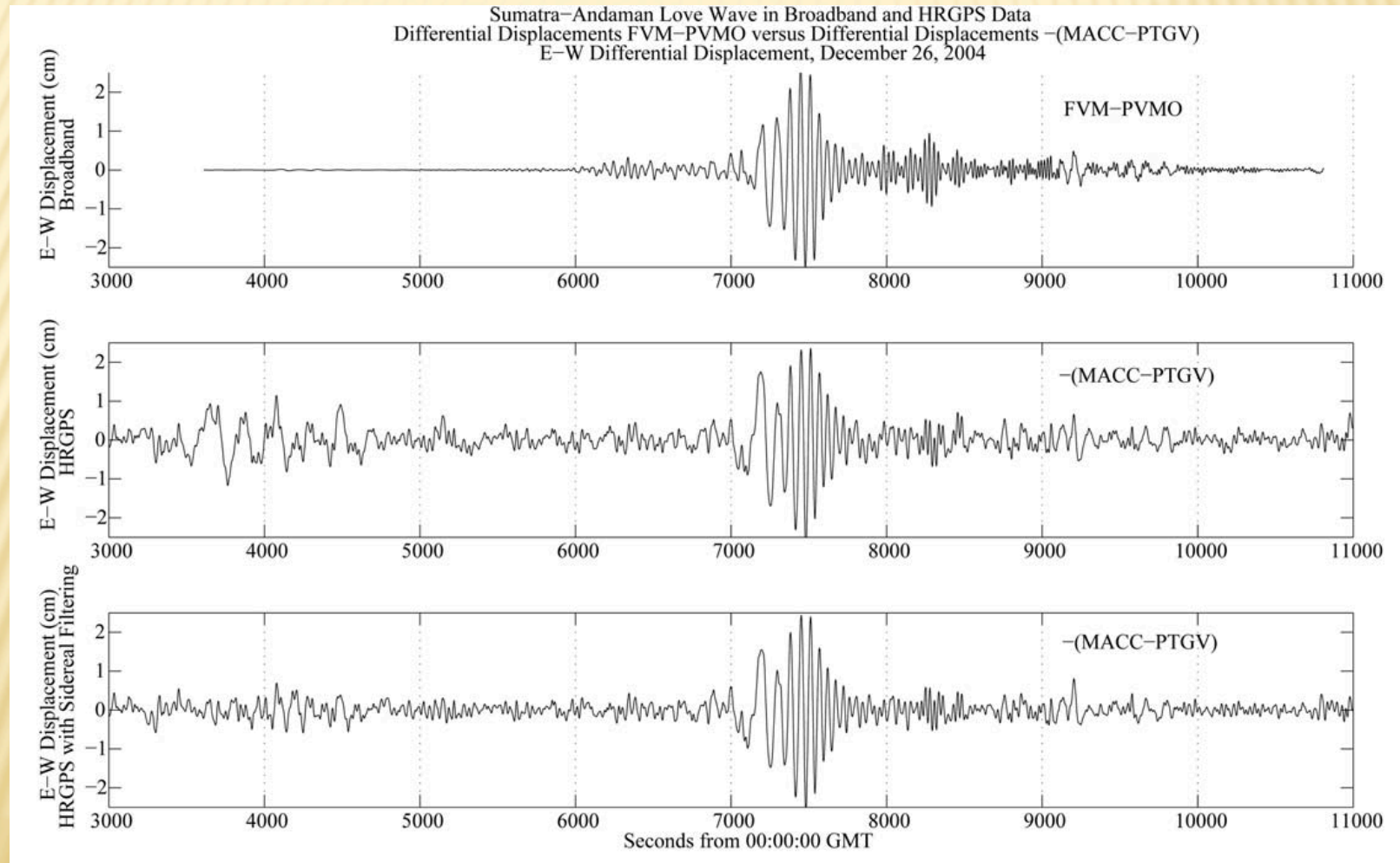
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Sometimes done with average of a few days, but this low pass filters the sidereal filter time series.

Advantage – don't need signal – can estimate multipath.

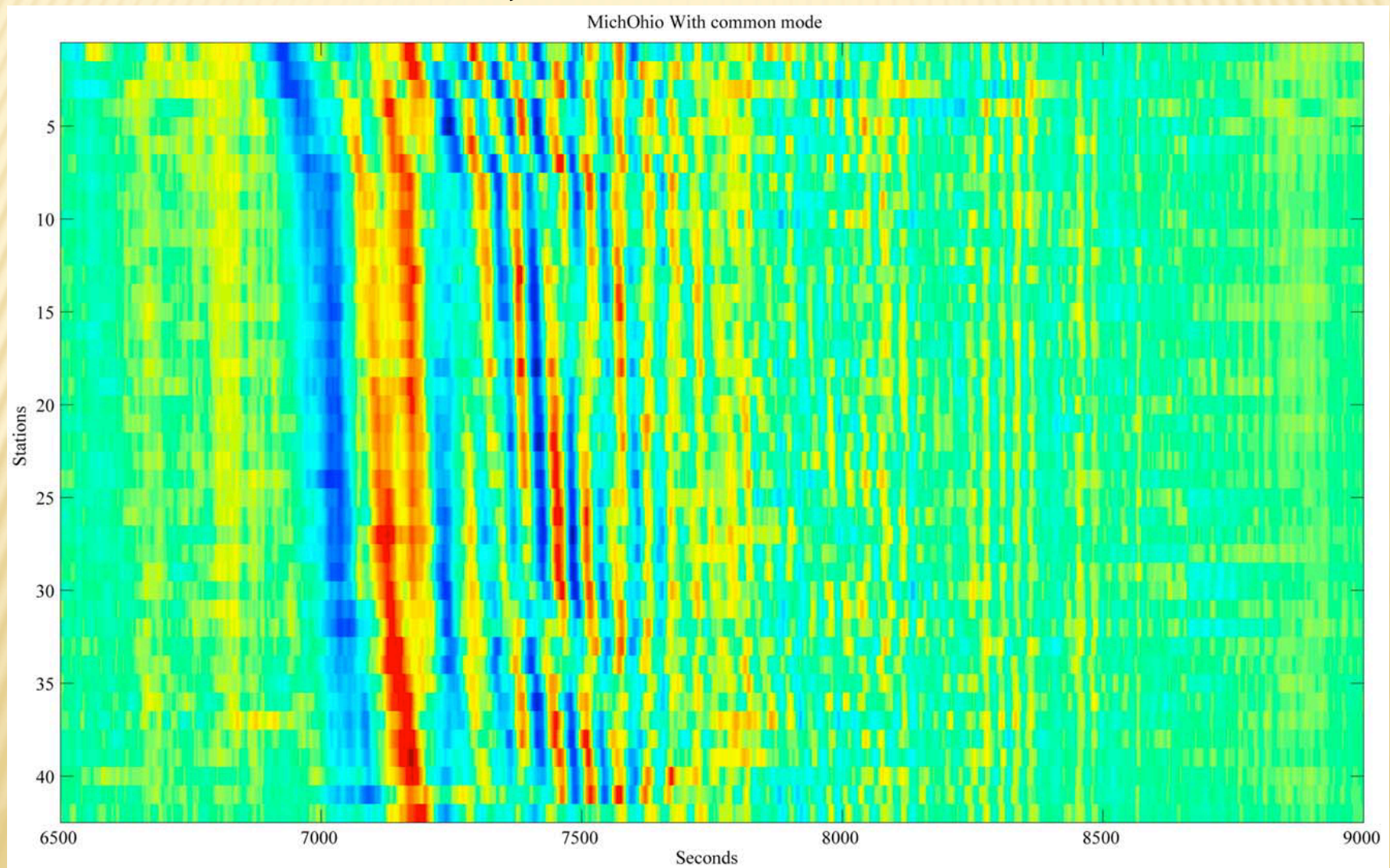
Multipath (approximately) stationary for a few days (when reflection environment stays same).

Note difference between middle and bottom traces – the bottom one has been sidereally filtered.



Differential seismograms plotted as surface.

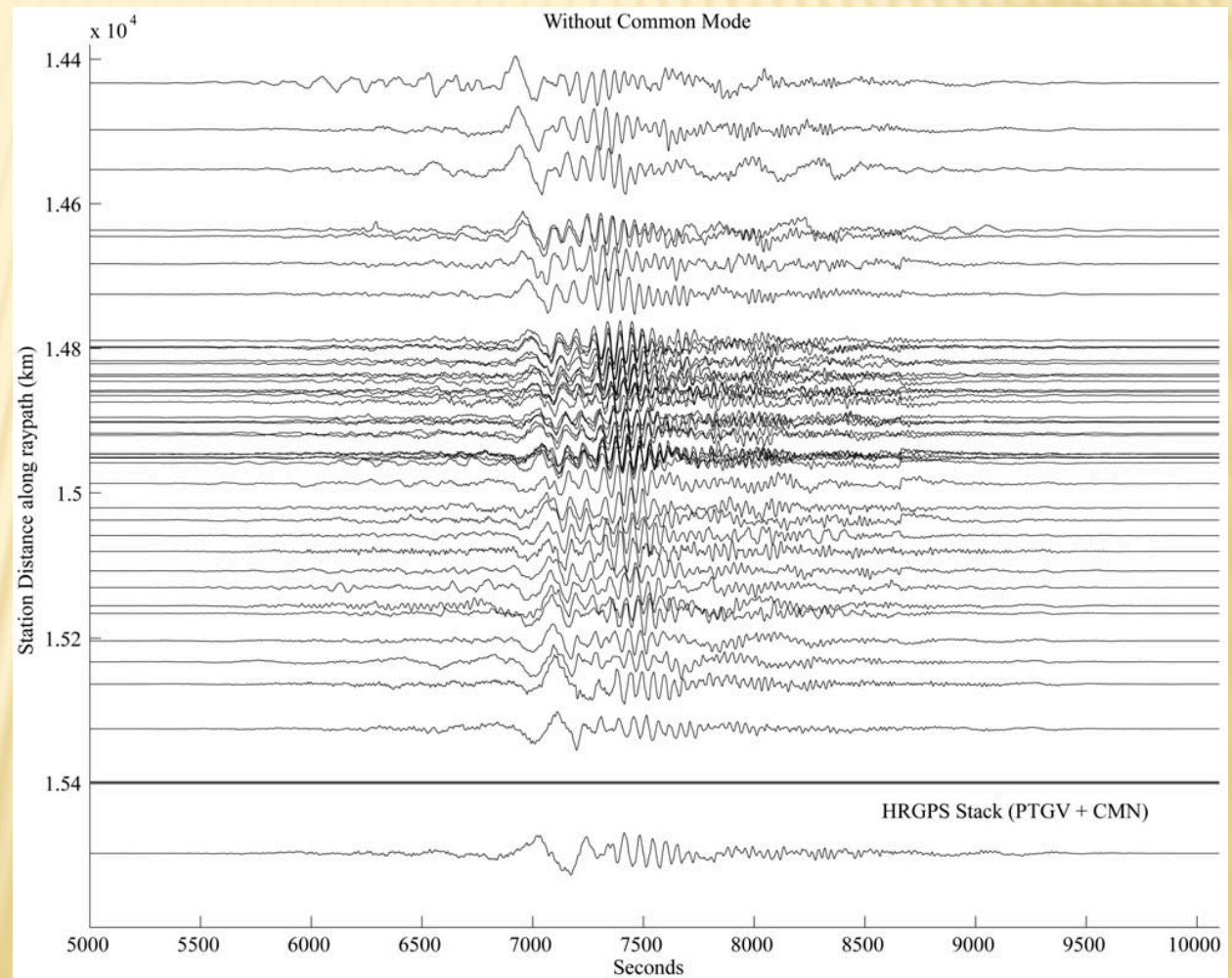
Now it does not quite look “right” (eg. - vertical lines, no “move-out”)



Bottom trace is sum of differential seismograms (fixed-kinematic). This is an estimate of the absolute displacement of the “fixed” site – the kinematic sites “cancel” out.

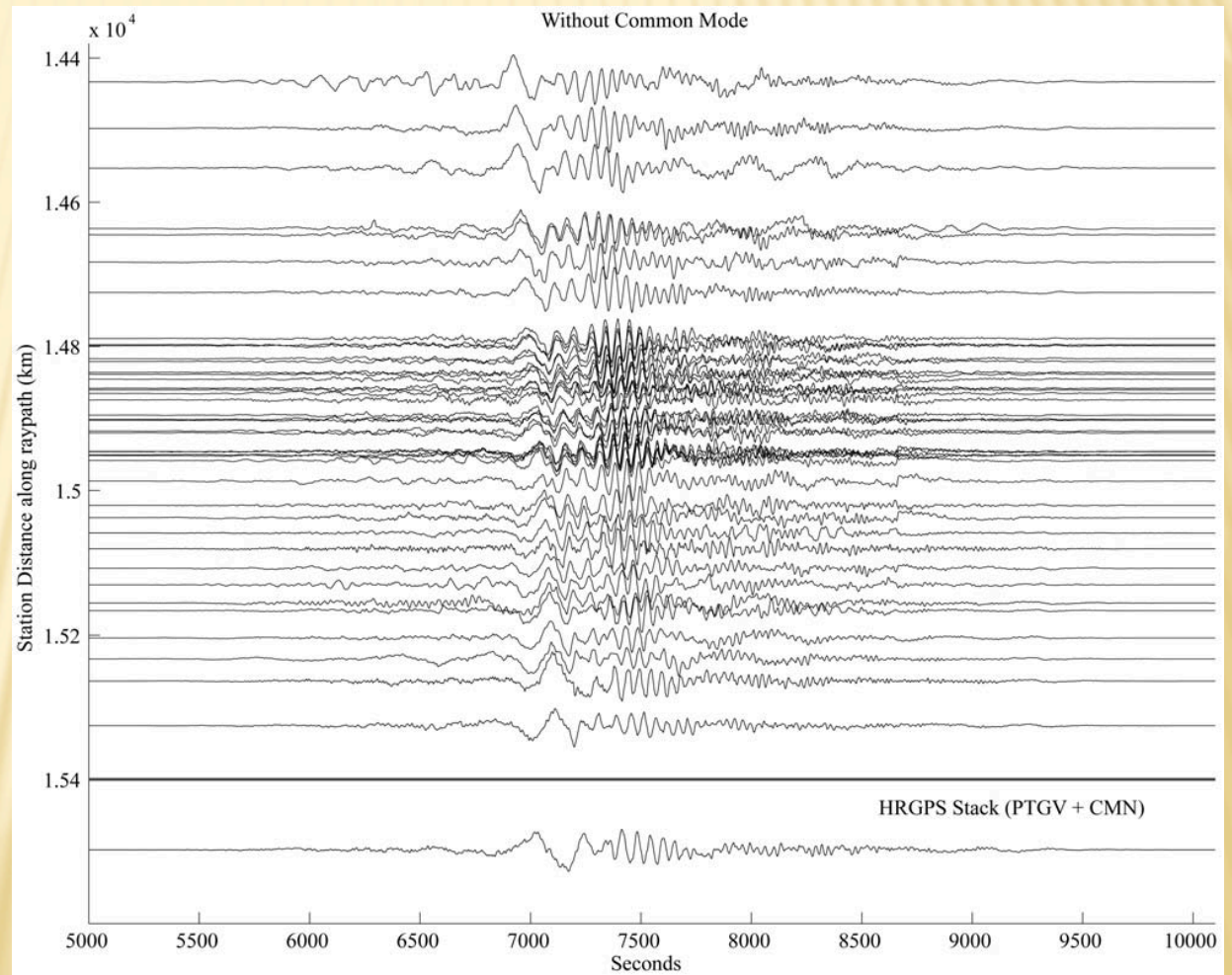
$$\langle D_{fixed} \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^m (D_n - D_{fixed})$$

(Assume kinematic sites random with respect to one another)



Subtracting the estimate of the absolute displacement time series of the fixed site (bottom trace) from the kinematic sites differential traces results in absolute displacement time series for the kinematic sites.

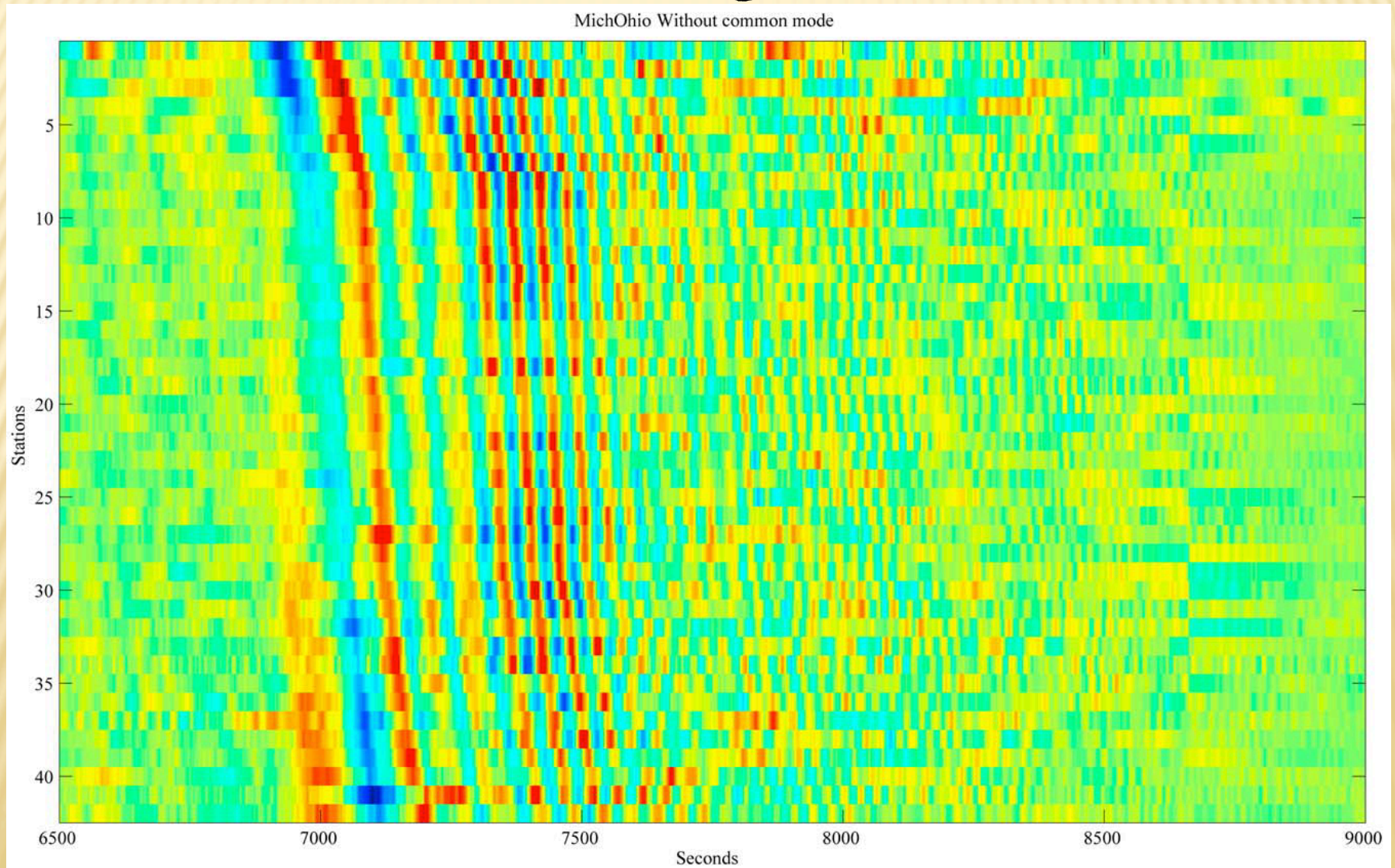
$$D_{kinematic} - D_{fixed} + \langle D_{fixed} \rangle$$



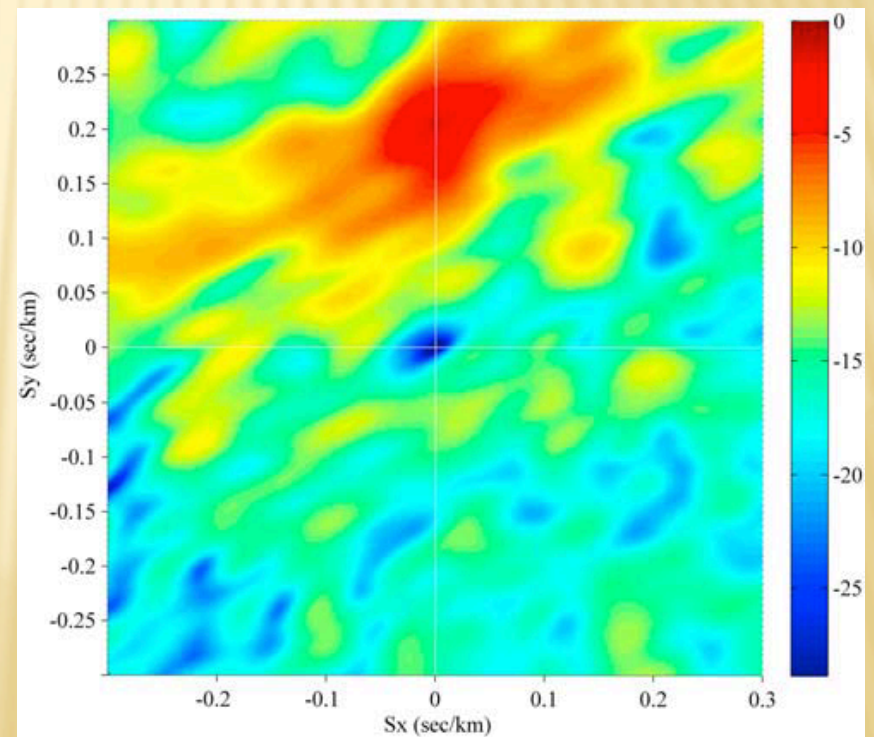
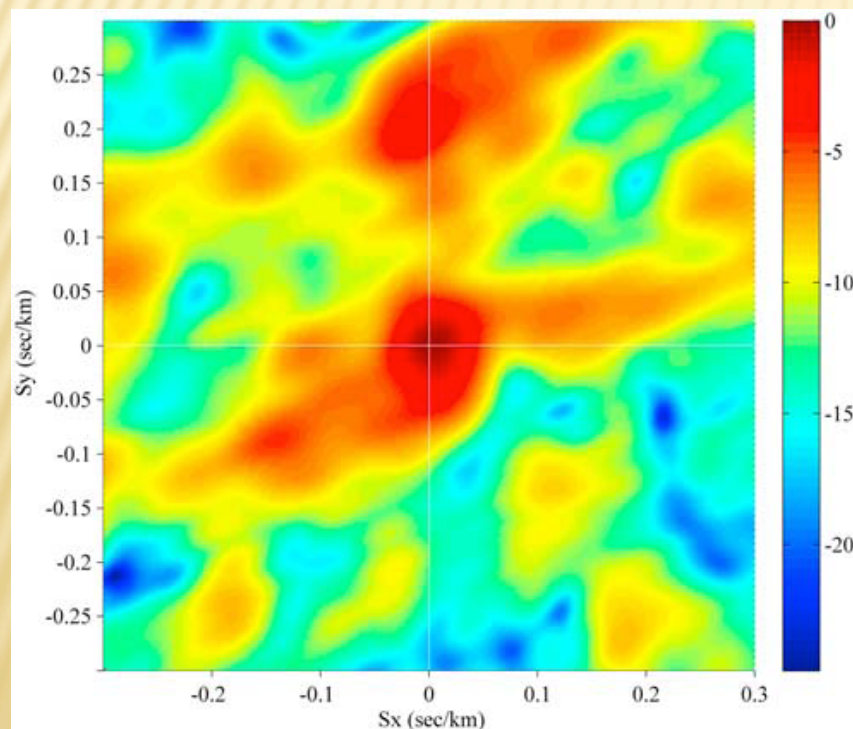


Absolute seismograms plotted as surface.

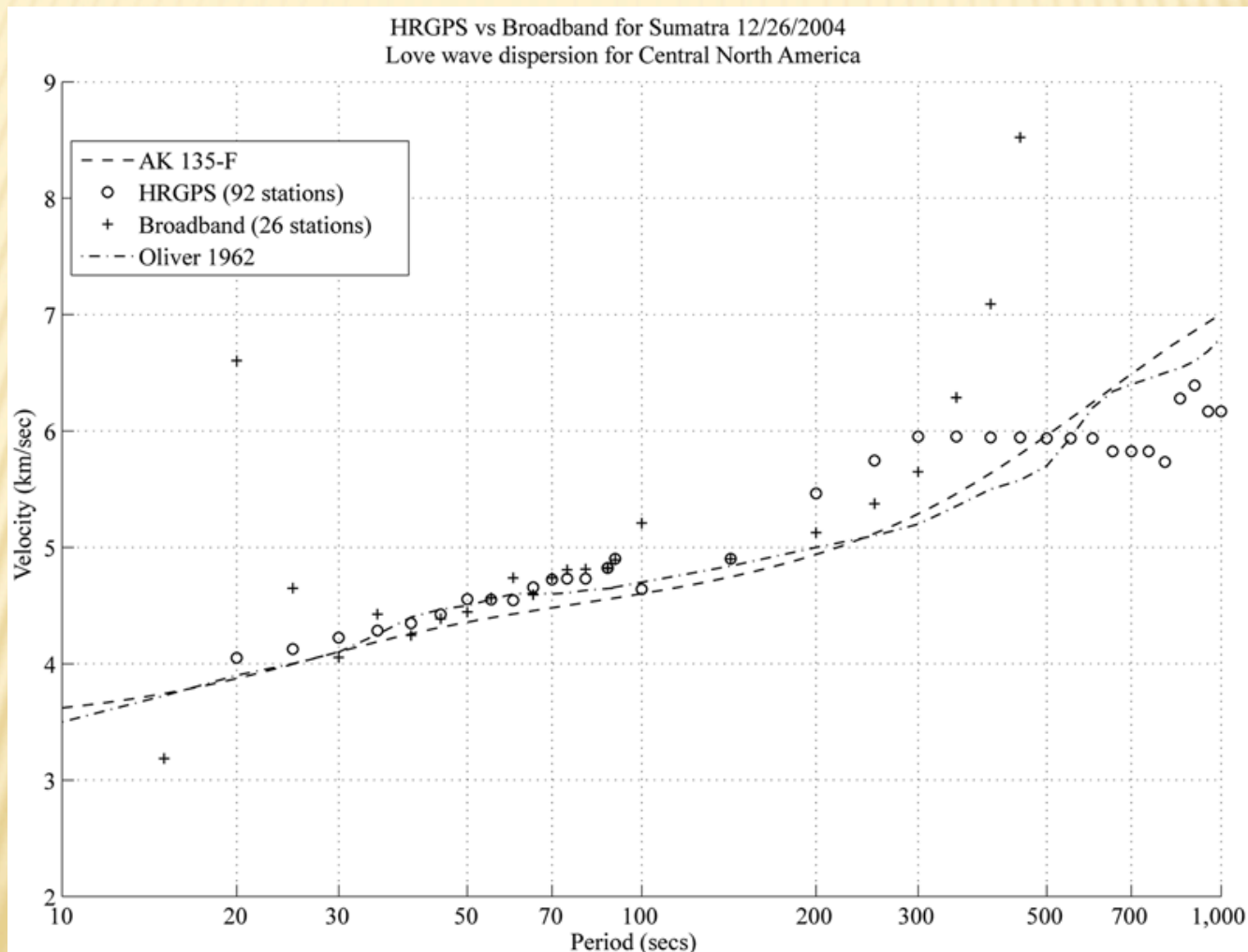
Now looks “right” (“move-out”)



Can also see by array processing (beam steering). Peaks show azimuth and slowness of plane waves crossing array. Peak in center (left) is infinite apparent velocity plane wave (everyone doing same thing at same time – the “fixed site”), the other peak is the surface wave. After removing fixed site can see just the surface wave.



Now use beam steering to measure slowness at different periods and determine dispersion curve.



James is working on this for his thesis.

Further improvements to estimating HRGPS time series.  
Additional applications (gradiometry).

# Intro to GPS processing with GAMIT/GLOBK



"people who have trouble with typing commands should not be using a computer."

(Response of the Unix community to criticism that Unix ignored the needs of the unsophisticated user.)

If you thought UNIX was user-hostile, you have not seen anything yet!

## Homework for Thursday, Oct 28.

In your account on capybara, copy the “example” folder from `/Users/eri-gps/gamit` to your directory, and name it “scal”

At the same level as the “scal” directory, make a soft link to `/Users/eri-gps/gg/tables`.

Go into scal and follow the instructions in the README. (the tables directory they refer to in the README is the one in scal, not the one you did the soft link to above)

This should establish that everything is working. Come see me, James, Wale, or John when it does not work!