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# **Statistical Seismology and Earthquake Prediction Research in Greece**

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The instrumental earthquake catalog of the National Observatory of Athens (NOA) starts in 1964 and it reports seismic events uninterrupted for the last 50 years. This is the most detailed seismicity catalog for Greece containing more than 160000 events and it is compiled daily by standard seismological observatory practice which has been established at the Geodynamic Institute since 1893. Greece has the highest seismicity production in Europe and it is monitored by the Hellenic Unified Seismological Network (HUSN) coordinated by NOA. At present, the network is composed by more than 145 broadband seismic stations and 80 accelerographic stations transmitting real-time data and automatic parametric solutions are accessible via the internet ( [www.gein.noa.gr](http://www.gein.noa.gr)).

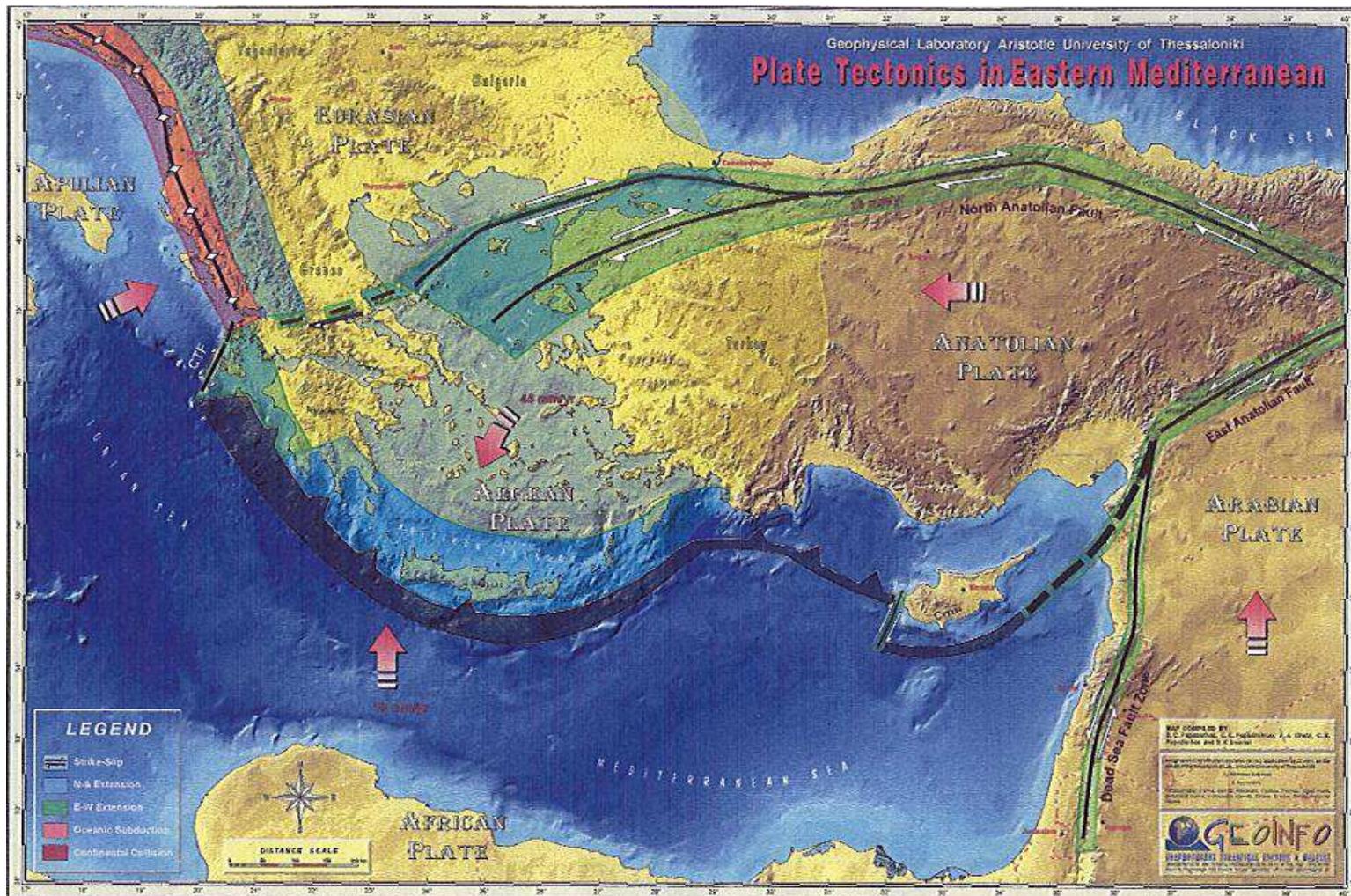
Earthquake catalogs are the basic product of seismology and a plethora of statistical investigations and earthquake prediction research have employed the NOA catalog as the backbone of earthquake hazard and risk studies. In this presentation a detailed statistical analysis of the NOA catalog is demonstrated in terms of the homogeneity and magnitude of completeness. Anomalous seismicity patterns prior to large earthquakes in Greece are investigated by the mapping of seismicity rates that are associated with the precursory phenomena of accelerated seismic release and seismic quiescence. In addition, recent seismicity swarms associated with volcanic and tectonic activity are analyzed in order to reveal local and regional tectonic stress variations which are associated with the stress field.

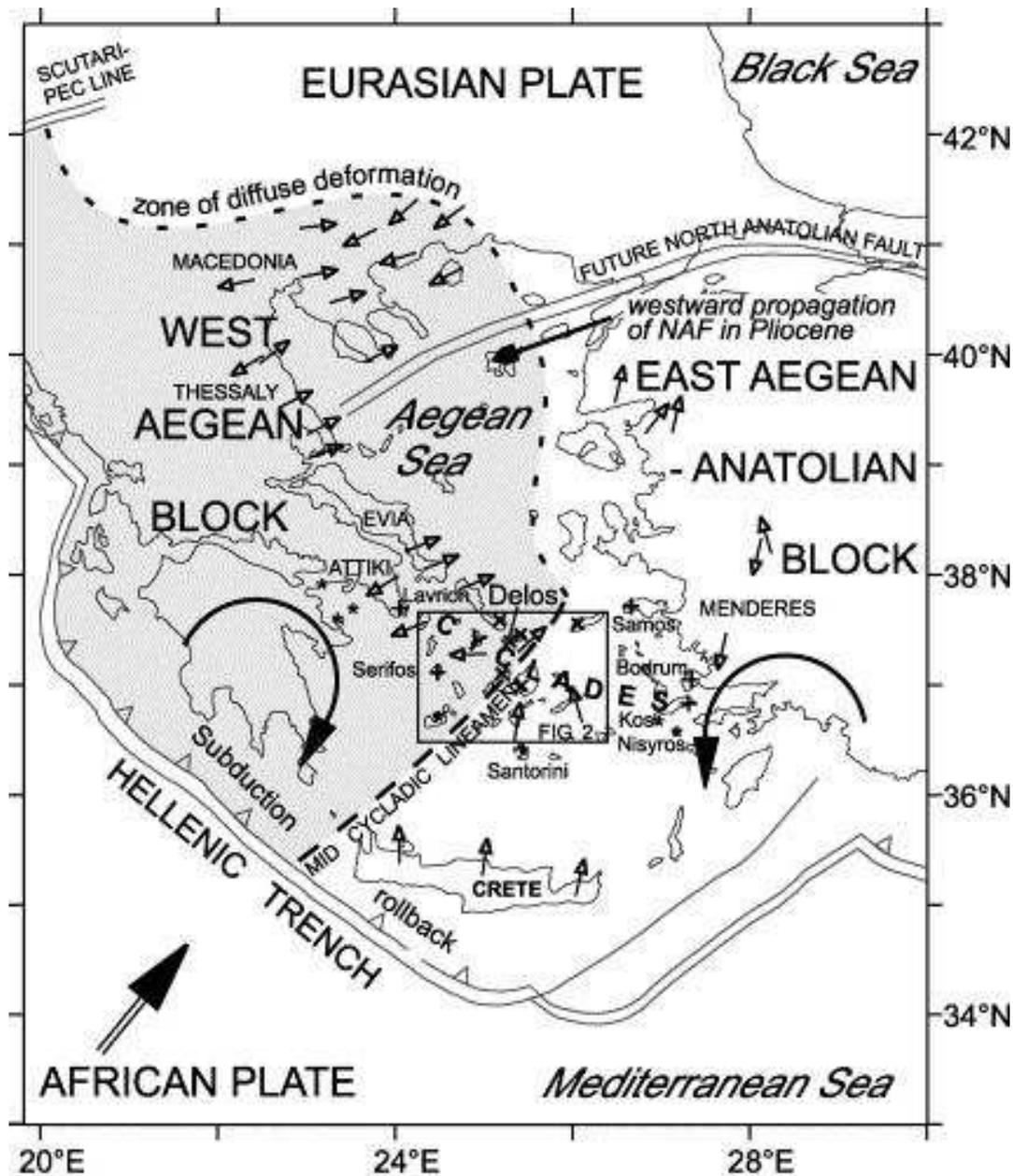


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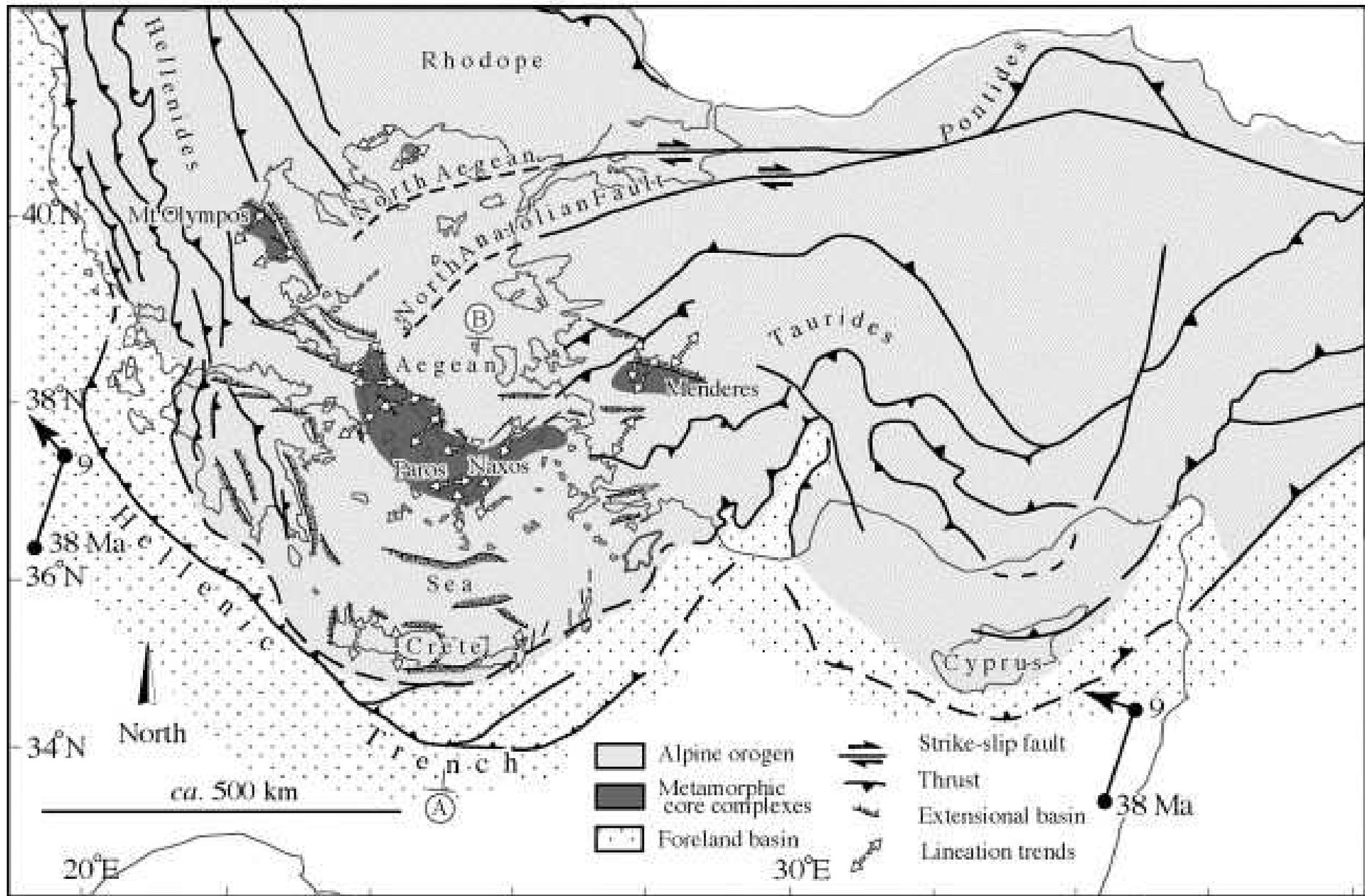
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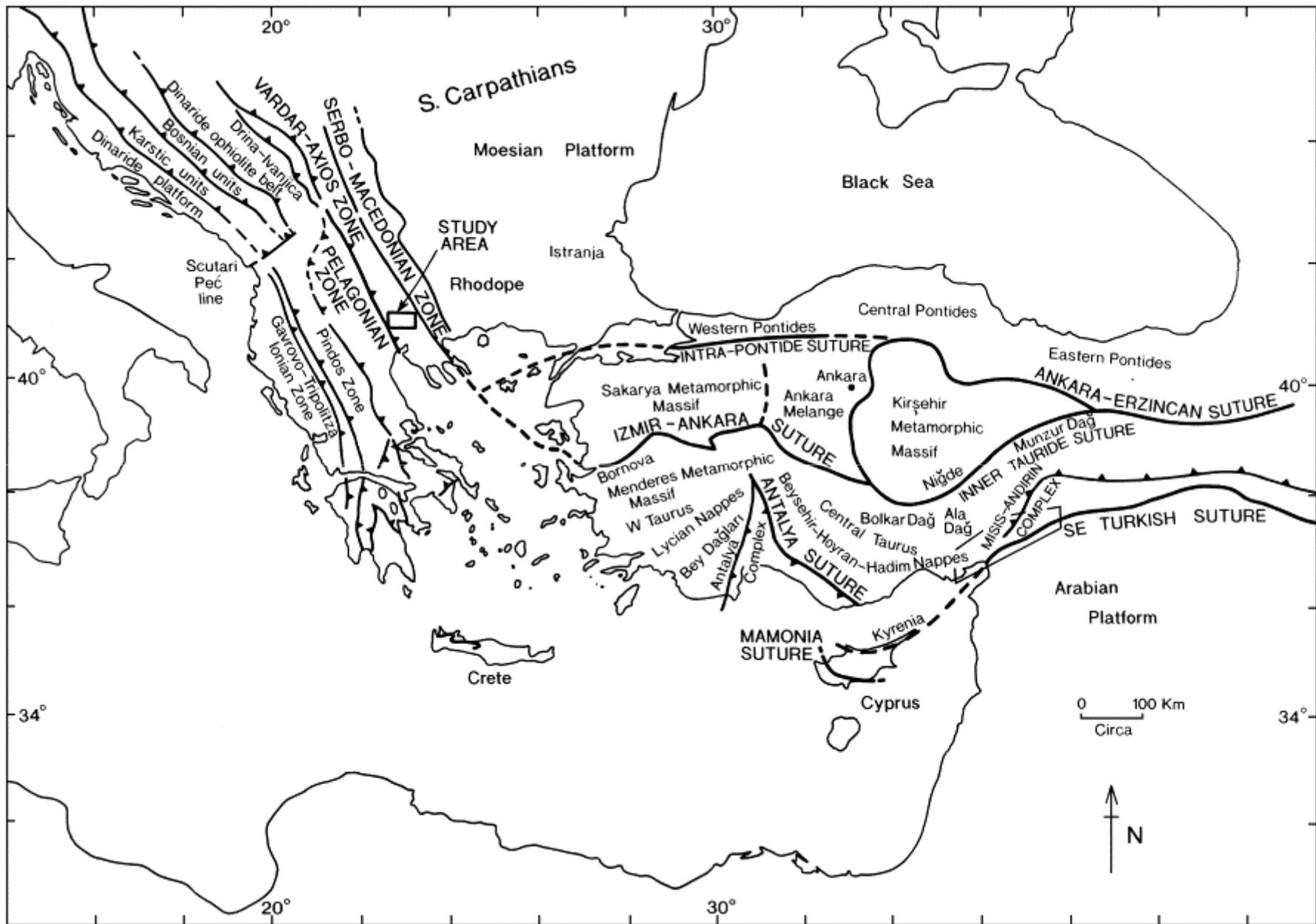






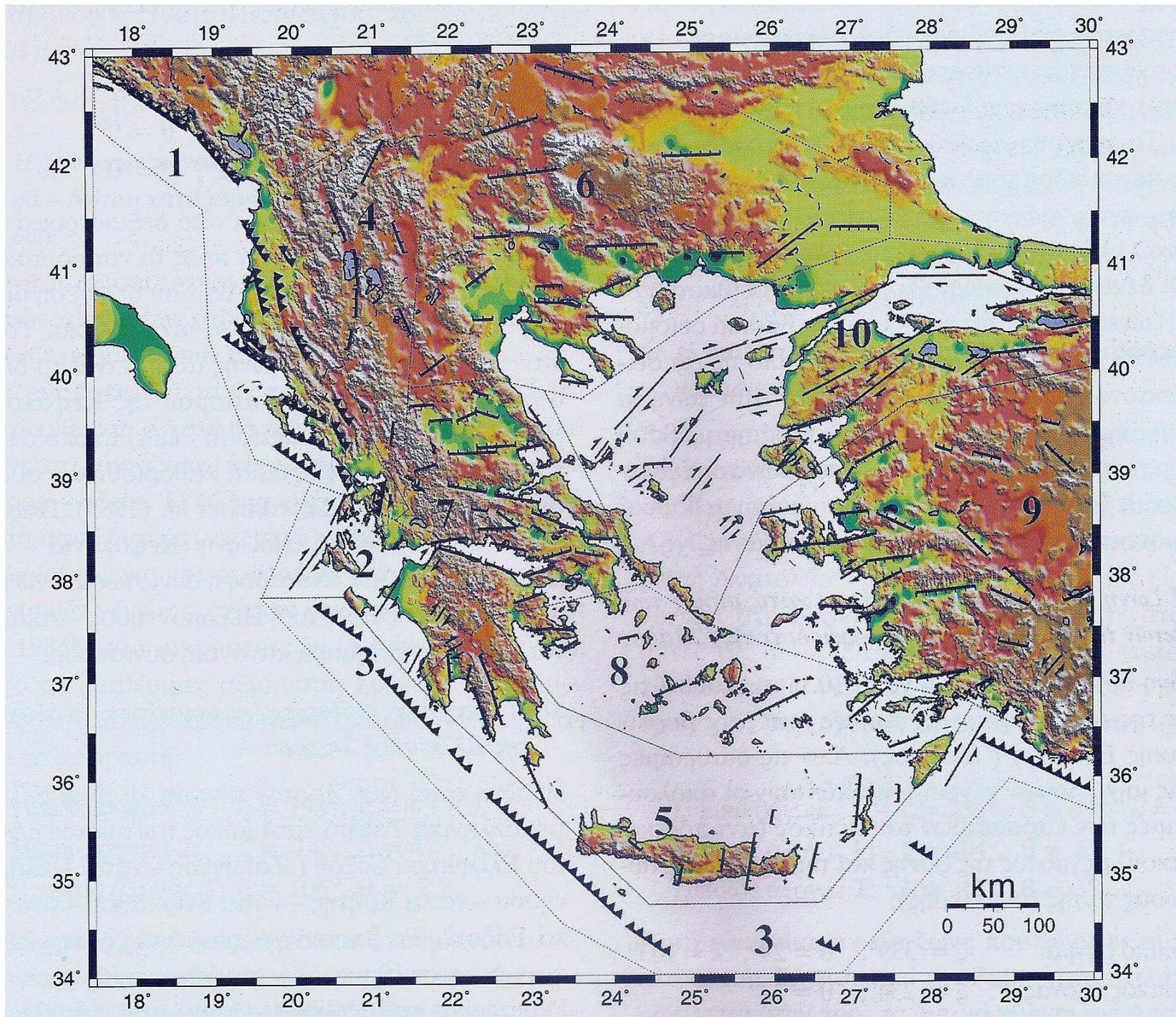
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- + Late Miocene plutons in Cyclades
- Pliocene-Quaternary South Aegean Arc volcanoes
- ↗ Extensional fabrics (after Walcott & White 1998)

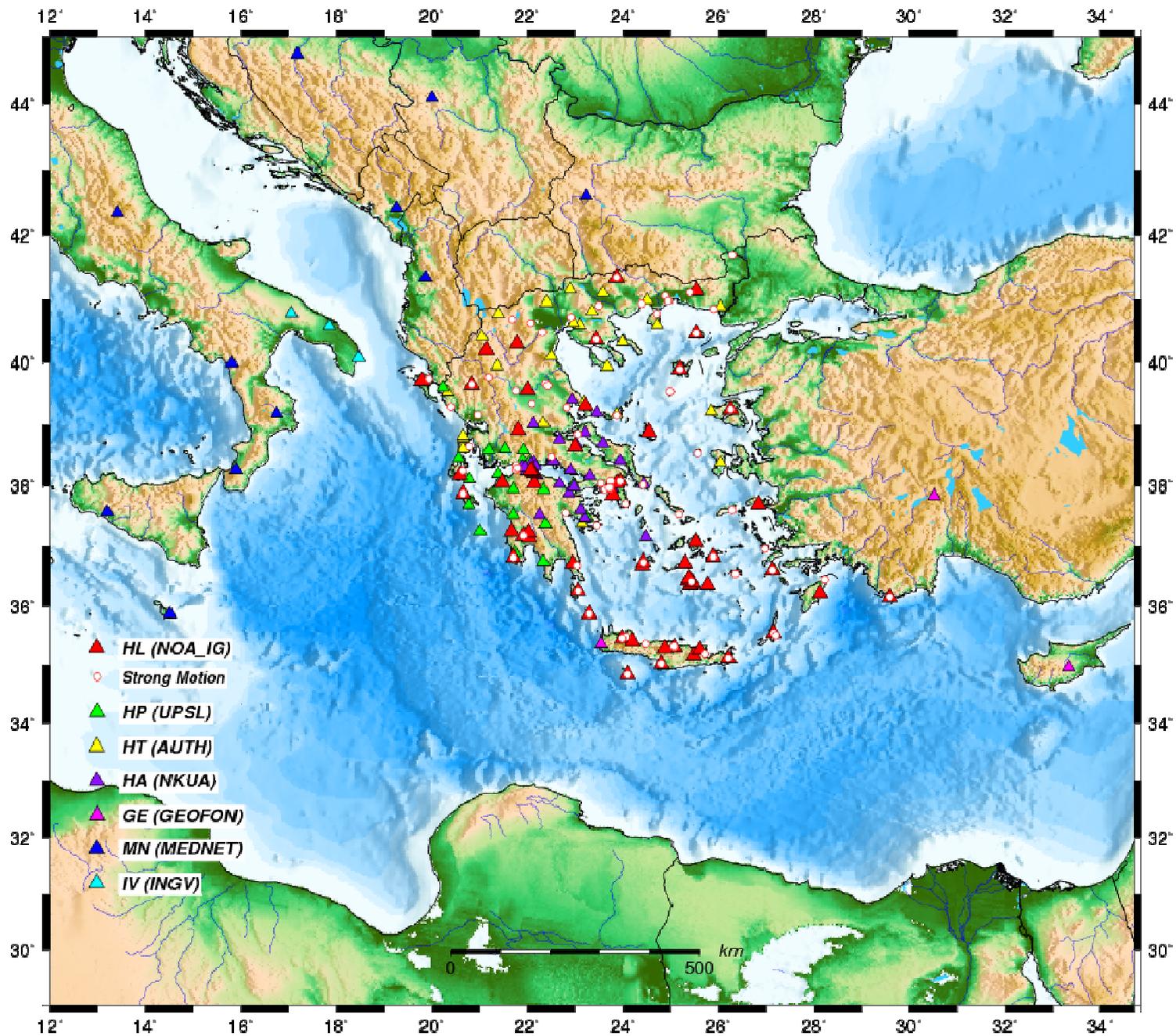


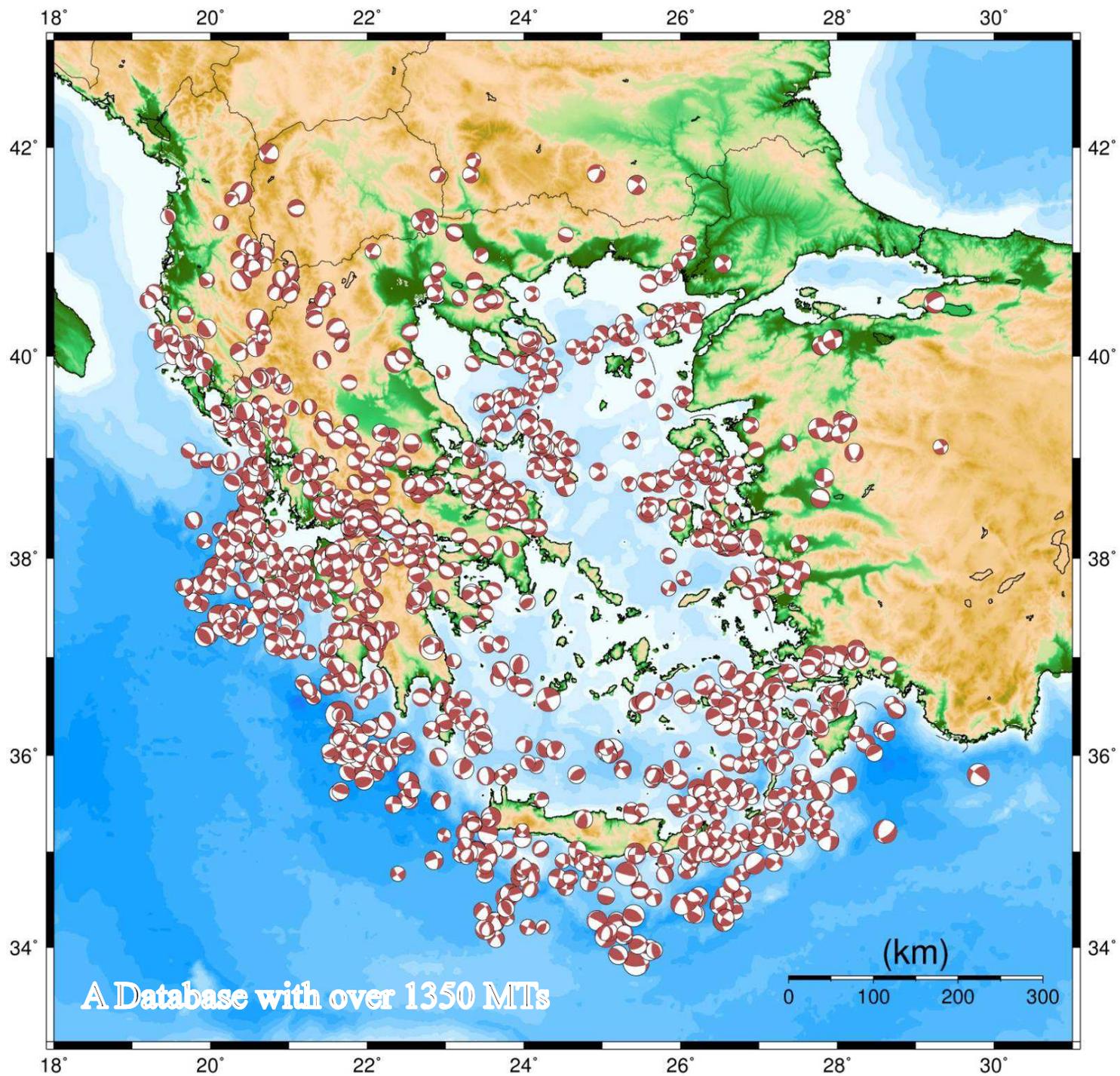




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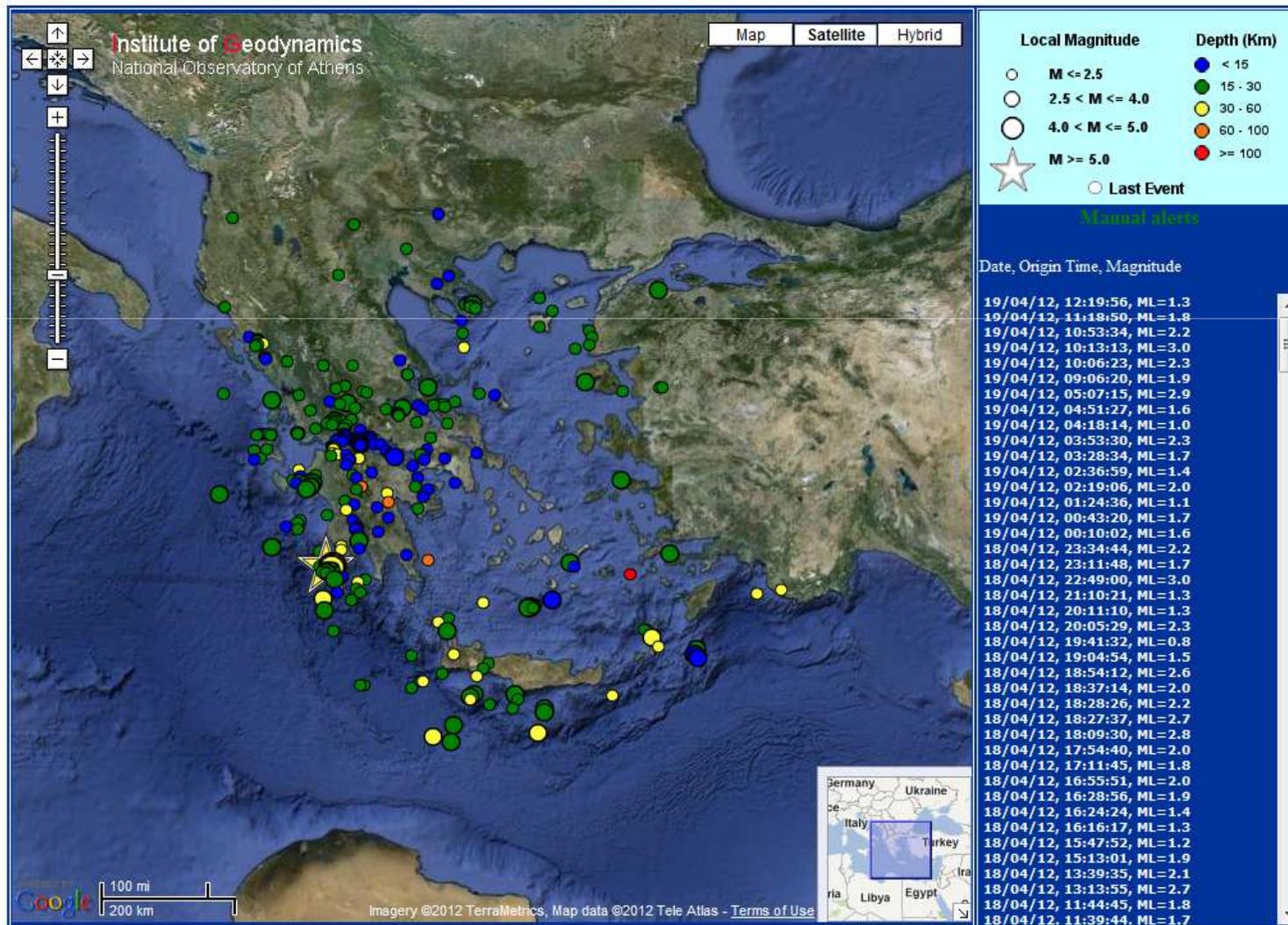


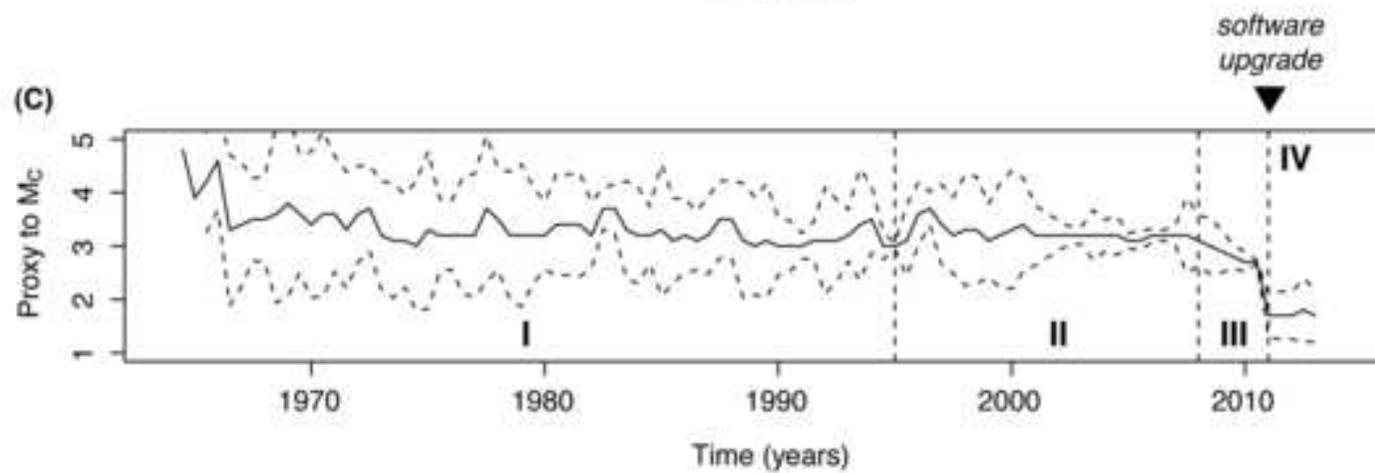
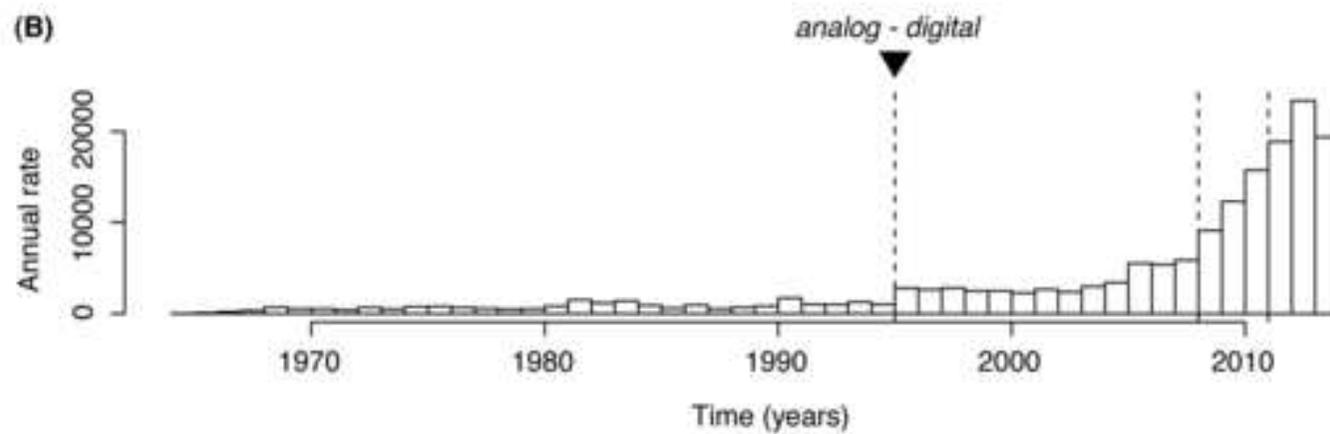
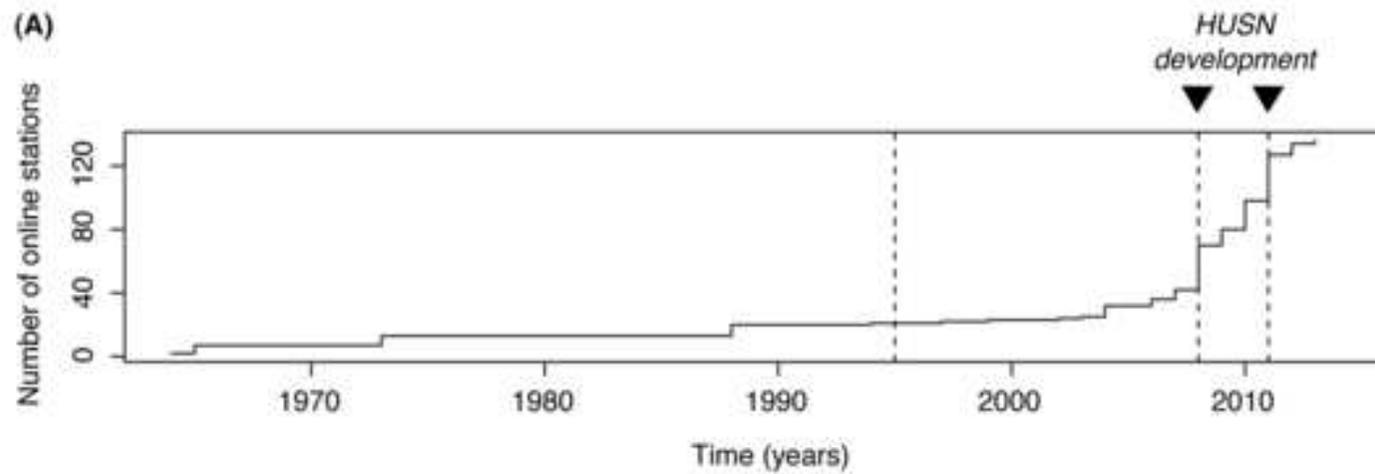
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### HELLENIC SEISMOLOGICAL BROADBAND NETWORK (NOA\_HL)

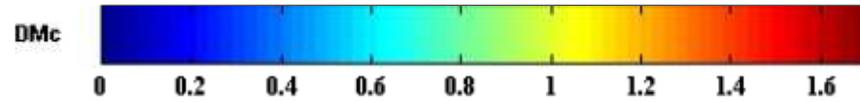
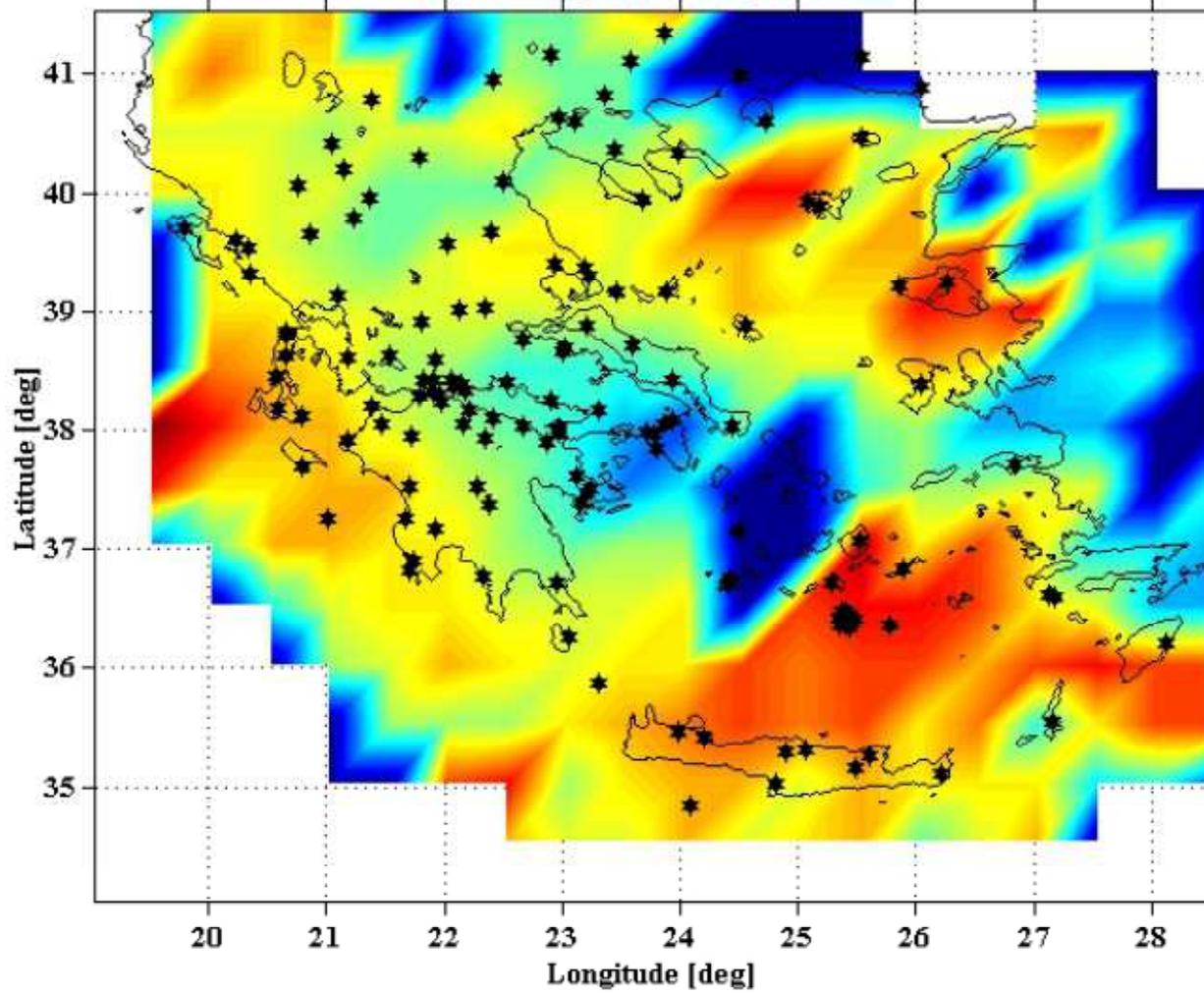
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- Moment Tensors
- Noise Monitoring
- Seismogram Plotting
- Network Information
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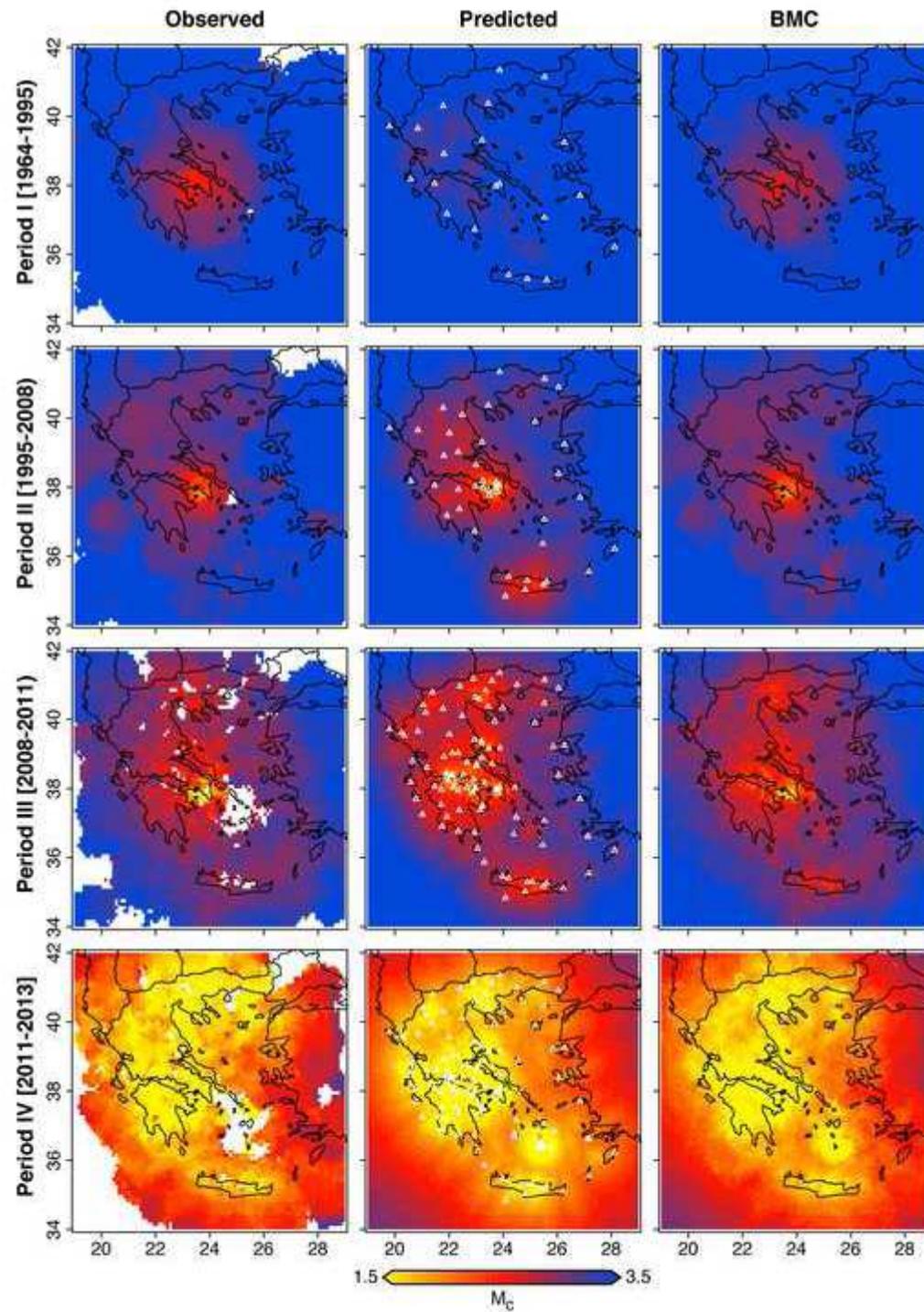
Revised Locations in Greece during the last week

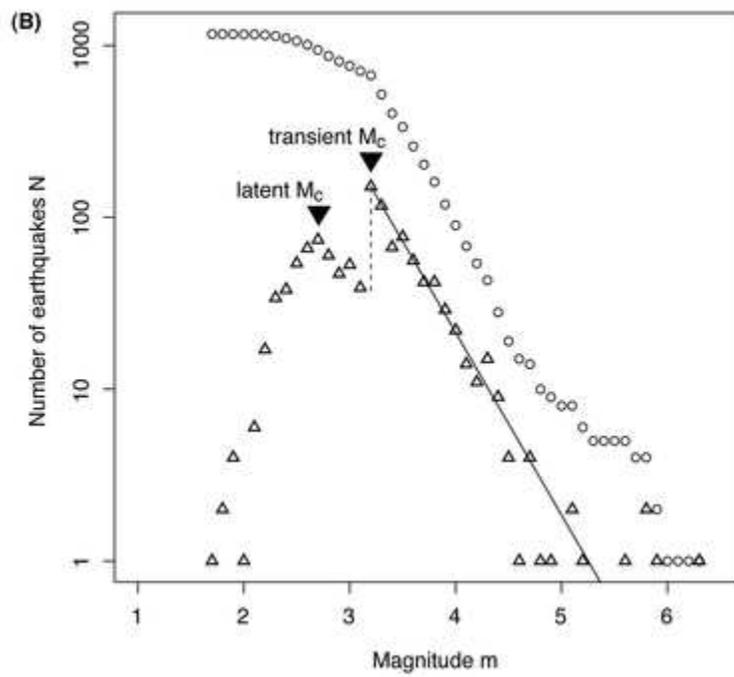
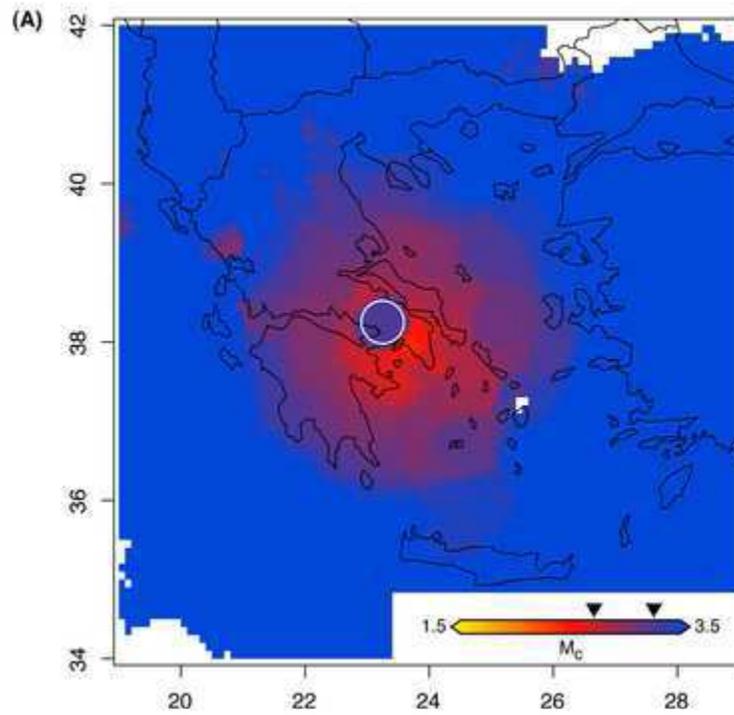


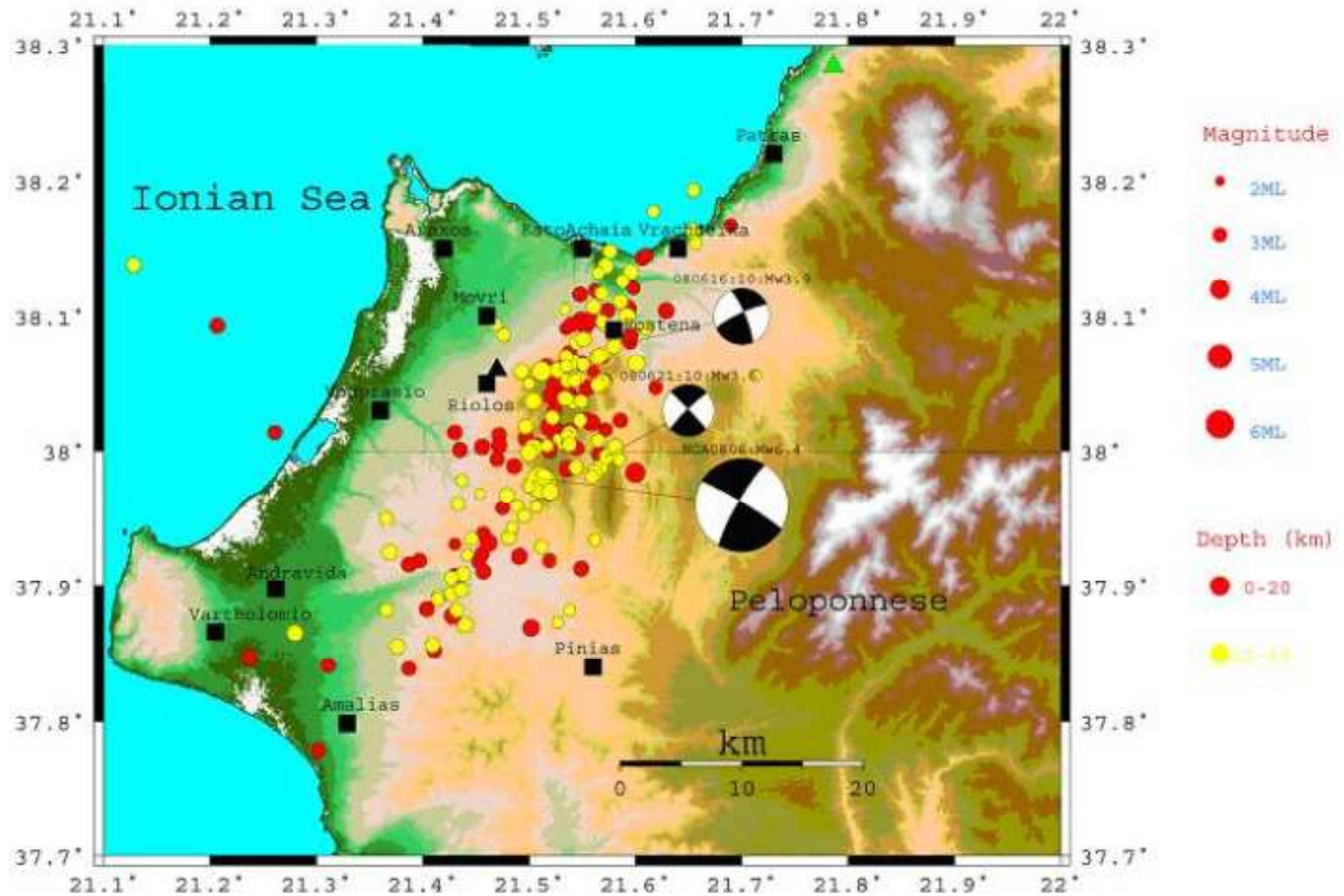


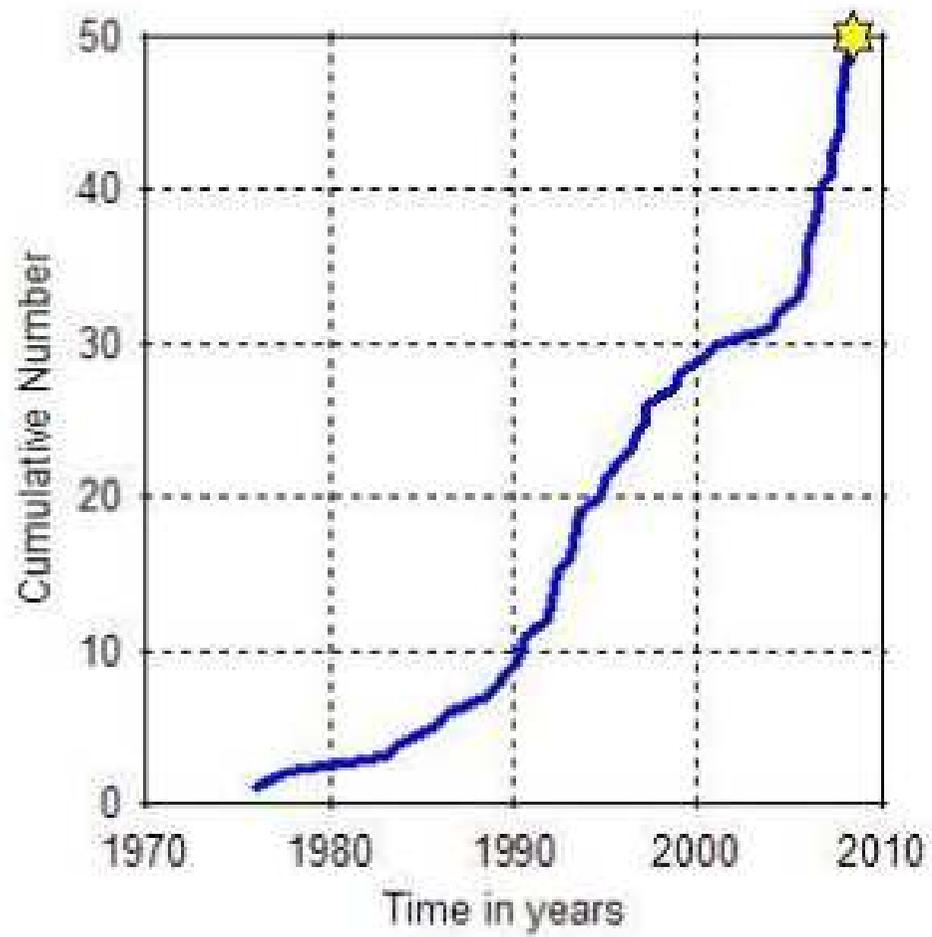
**dMc - Mcompleteness Improvement**









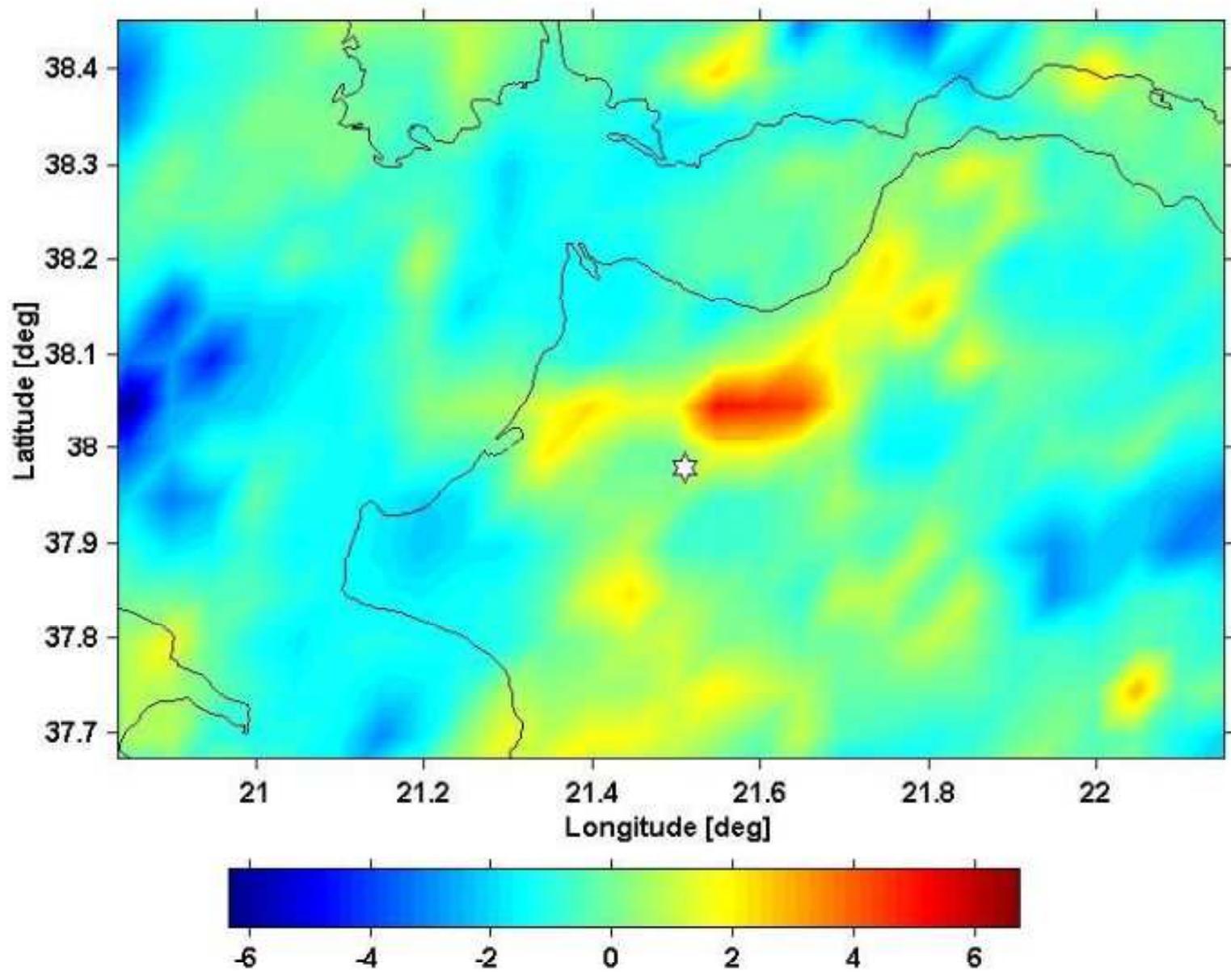


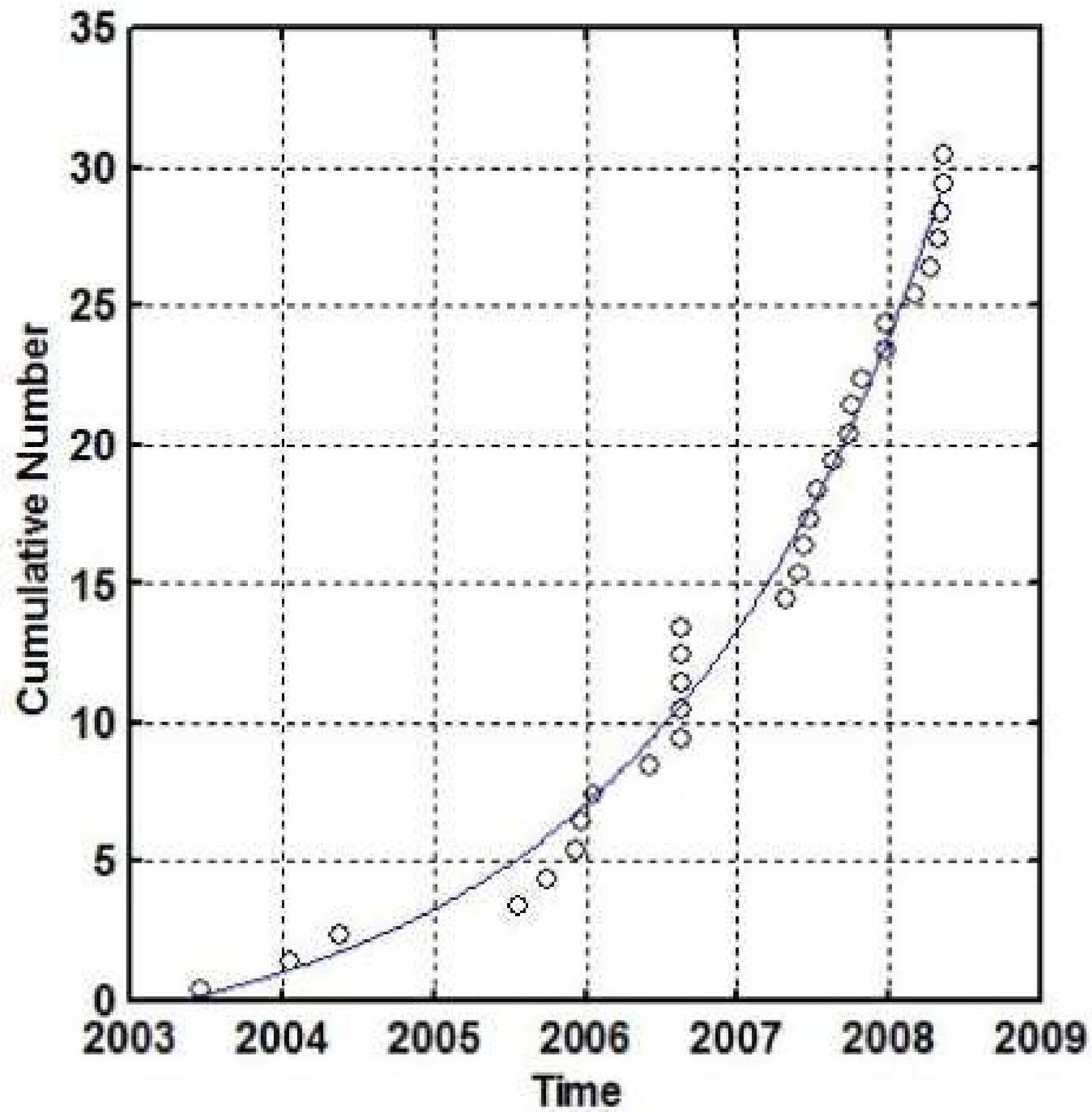
In order to rank the significance of quiescence, we used the standard deviate  $Z$ , generating the LTA(t) function (Wyss and Burford, 1985, 1987; Wiemer and Wyss, 1994).

$$Z = (R1 - R2) / (S1^2/n1 + S2^2/n2)^{1/2}$$

which measures the significance of the difference between the mean seismicity rate within window  $R1$ , and the background rate  $R2$ , defined as the mean rate outside the window but within the same volume.  $S1$  and  $S2$  are the variances of the means and  $n1$  and  $n2$  are the corresponding number of bins with a measured seismicity rate. Thus at each node a  $z$  value is computed and these  $z$ -values are then ordered according to size. The computed  $z$ -values are then contoured and mapped, revealing the  $z$ -value distribution at the beginning of the window for which they are evaluated, since we want to define the onset of a significant rate change in the seismicity.

Declassified LTA cut at : 2001.3 iwl=2.5 yrs





The accelerated seismicity may be analyzed with the accelerated moment release (AMR) hypothesis according to which the rate of seismic moment release is proportional to an inverse power of the remaining time-to-failure (Varnes, 1989, Bufe and Varnes, 1993, Bufe et. al., 1994). The so called time-to-failure analysis is an empirical technique based on the equation (Varnes

(1989):

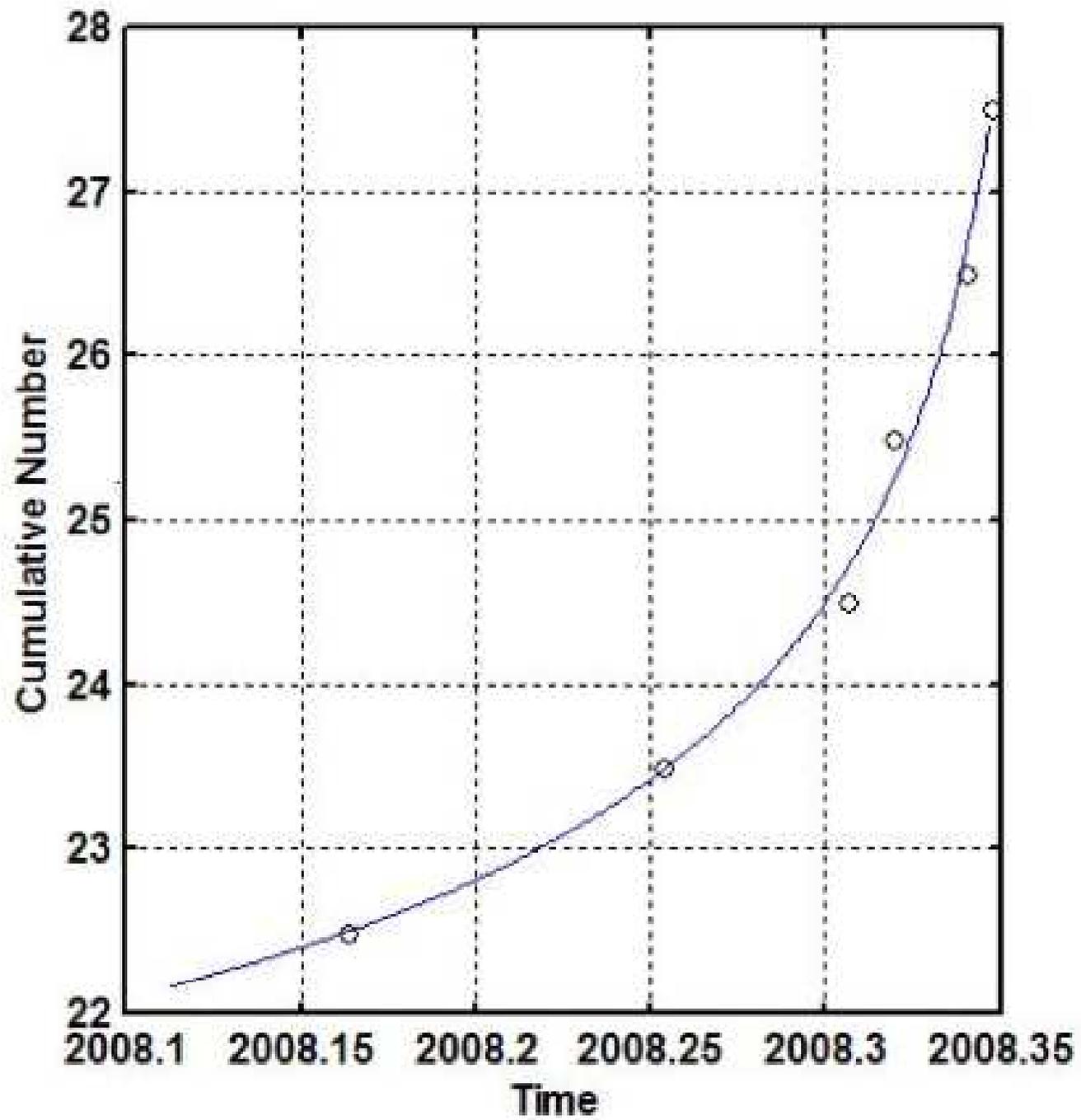
$$\Sigma \Omega (t) = K + (k/(n-1)) \cdot (t_f - t)^m$$

where  $\Omega$  is a measure of seismic energy release,  $K$ ,  $k$  and  $n$  are constants,  $m=1-n$  ( $n \neq 1$ ) and  $t_f$  is the time-to-failure (main shock). The ‘seismic release’ as defined by Bufe and Varnes, (1993) is determined from the earthquake magnitude using the expression:

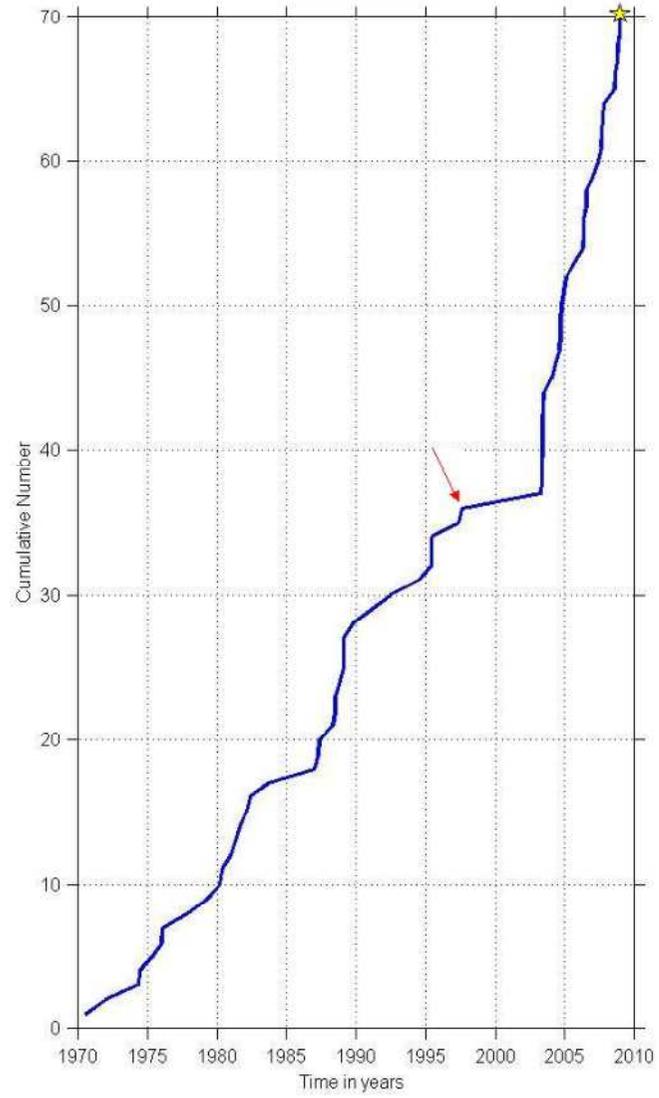
$$\log_{10} \Omega = c \cdot M + d$$

where  $M$  is the earthquake magnitude and  $c$  and  $d$  are constants. The coefficient  $c$  is 1.5 for moment or energy, 0.75 for Benioff strain release and zero for event counts (Kanamori, 1977).

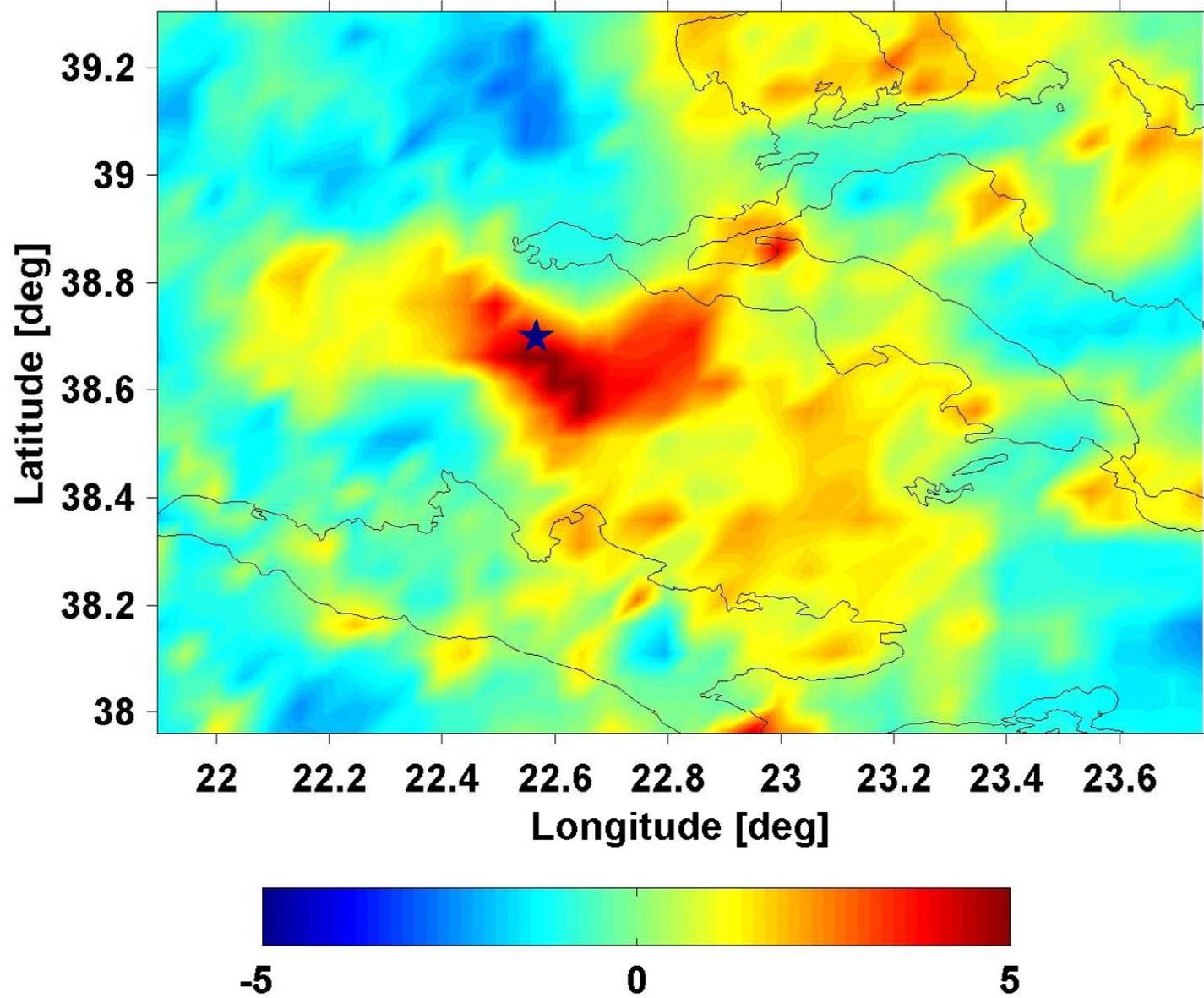
We use event counts instead of the seismic energy (which is frequently used) and an unconstrained best fit of the foreshock data (free  $t_f$  and  $m$ ) simply to show a power law distribution in time for the analyzed foreshocks. That study showed that both long (5 year) and short (5 months) term earthquake activities in the foreshock sequence well fit to the time-to-failure equation, in general agreement with the discussion of Bufe and Varnes (1993) concerning the pattern of long and short cyclic earthquake activity based on the pioneering work on ‘seismic cycles’ by Fedotov (1976).

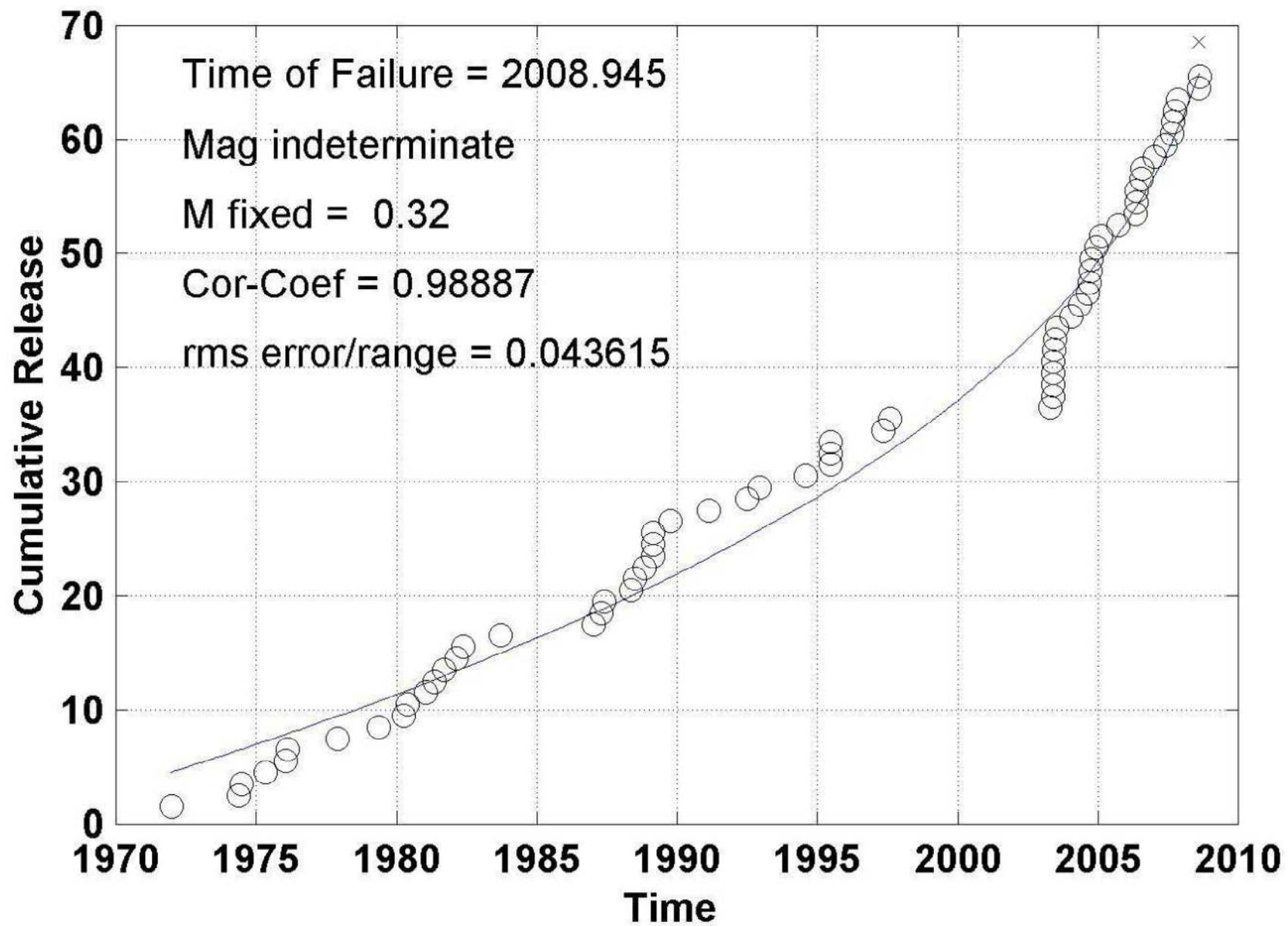


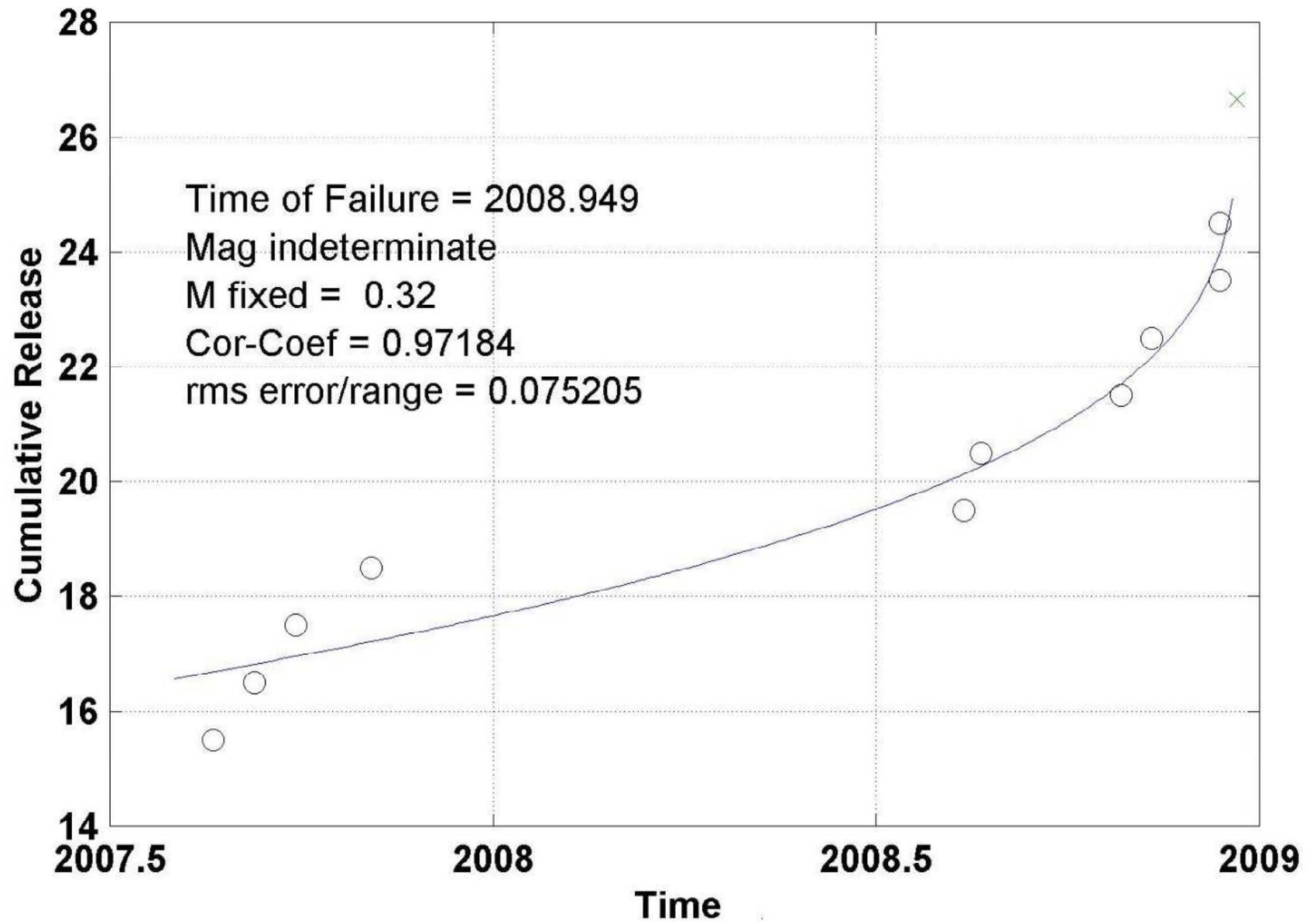




**Tw = 4.5 years (1997.8-2003), N=70 events**

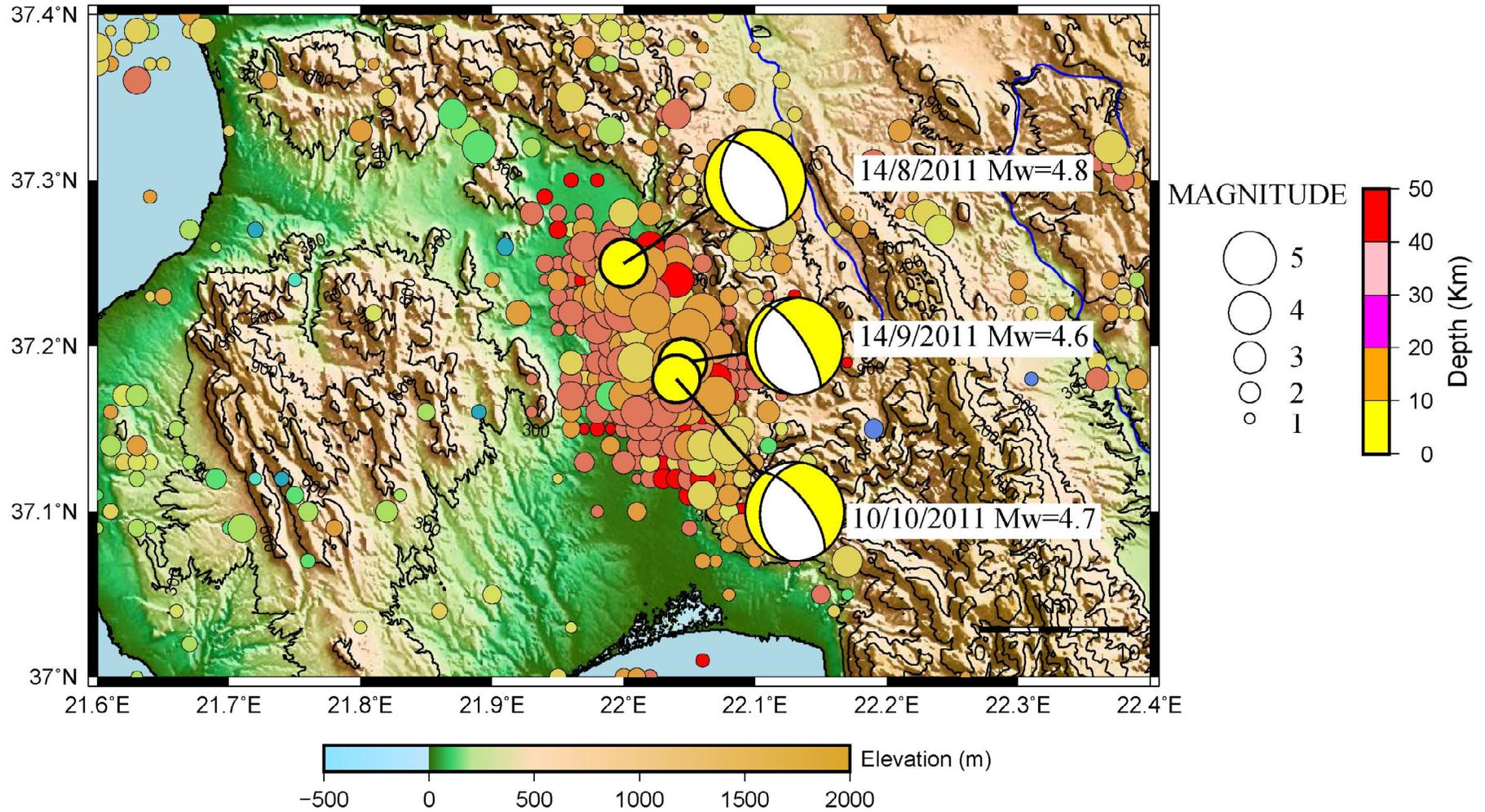


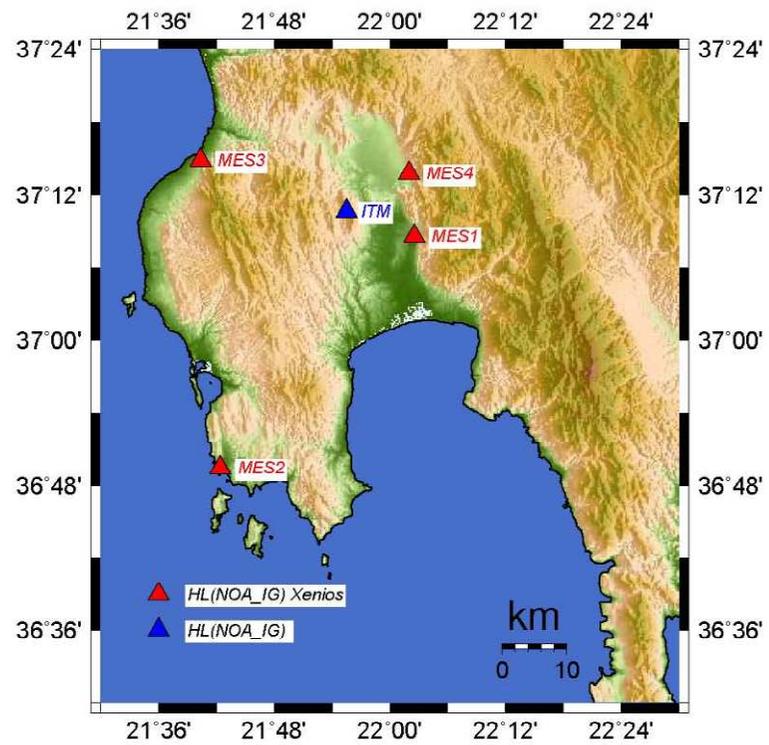




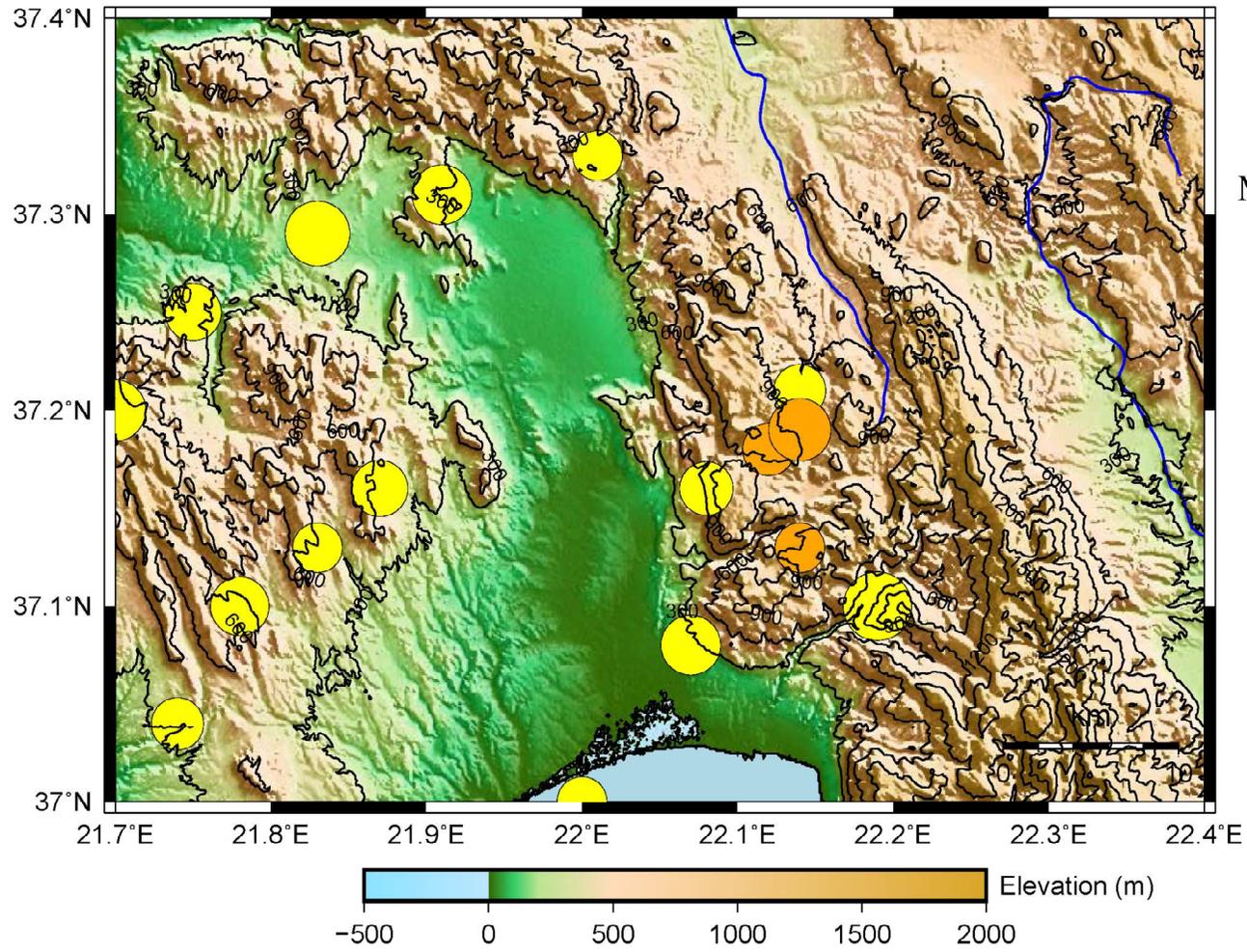
It is the operational responsibility for NOA to evaluate the seismic hazard of an ongoing earthquake sequence and provide this information rapidly to the Greek civil protection authorities. Therefore, it is of great importance to rapidly resolve the nature of the seismic sequence in progress i.e., whether a foreshock activity which may lead to a large earthquake, or a minor microseismic activity with a weak main shock, or even a most frequently observed, swarm activity with no prevailing main shock. Each of these types of seismic activity has been associated with characteristic spatial and temporal seismicity patterns and seismicity rates and the monitoring of these physical processes may provide valuable information for the mitigation of seismic hazard in populated areas.

NOA, 2011-2012, M>1





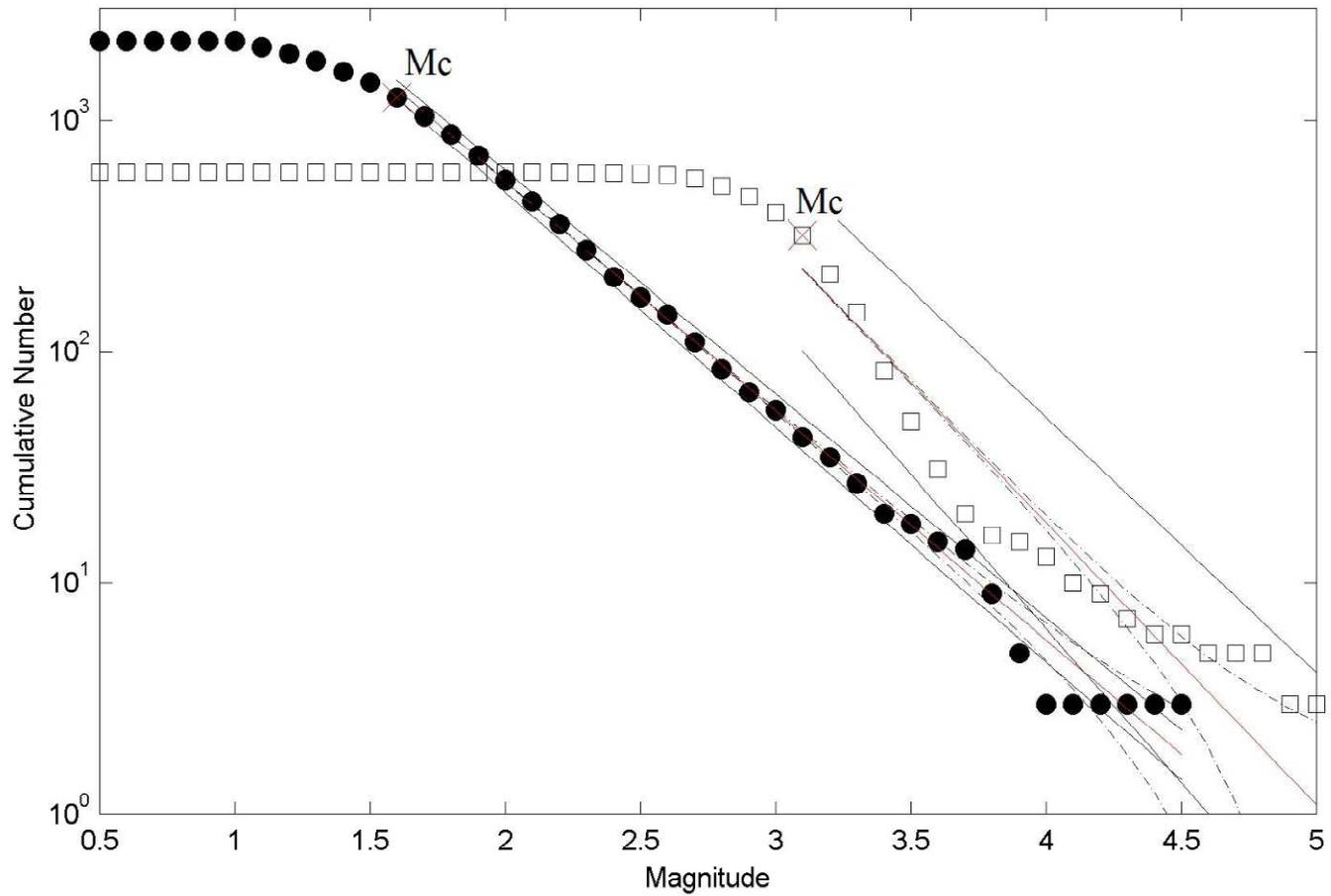
NOA, 1964–2011, M>4



The FMD describes the relationship between the frequency of occurrence and the magnitude of earthquakes (Ishimoto and Iida, 1939; Gutenberg and Richter, 1944):

$$\mathbf{Log10N(M) = a - bM}$$

Where N is the cumulative number of earthquakes having magnitudes larger than M, a and b are constants. The b-value describes the relative size of the events. Variations of the b-value of the Gutenberg Richter frequency magnitude distribution have been associated with crustal stress level fluctuations and great M9-class earthquakes (Sumatra, 2004, Tohoku, 2011, Nanjo et al., (2012) ). It is proposed that the b-value is inversely proportional to the applied stress, so the increase in confining pressure prior to large earthquakes will cause the b value to decrease accordingly (Scholz, 1968). Similarly, patterns of acoustic emissions have been reported to follow stress build up and release in laboratory fracture experiments (Goebbel et al., 2013). On the basis that b-values are found to vary systematically for different faulting types and Schloemmer et al. (2005) suggested that b-values may act as a ‘stress-meter’ of the applied differential stress. On a larger scale, the general observation that b values approach the value of 1 encouraged Kagan (1999) to indicate the universality of b=1 as a seismological constant. Departing from this constant are volcanic swarms and aftershock sequences with higher b-values, due to the high heterogeneity of smaller fractures and continental seismic swarms with lower b-values, due to the increase in the pore pressure from crustal fluid intrusion (Fisher et al., 2010, Ibs-von Seht, 2008).

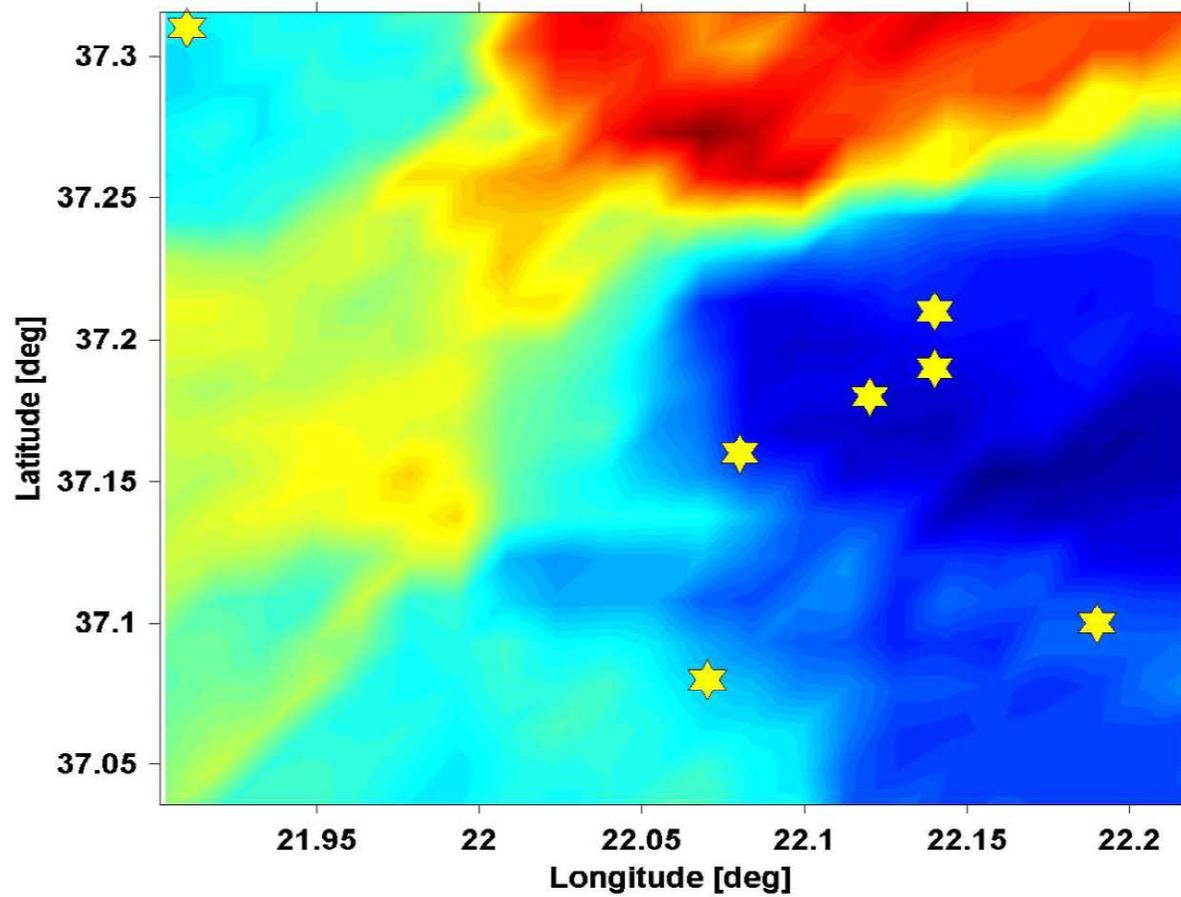


b1: -1.22, b2: -0.991

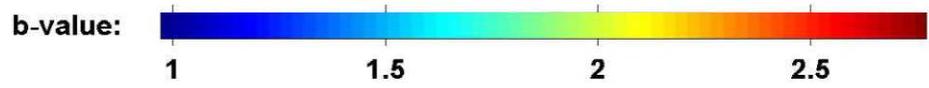
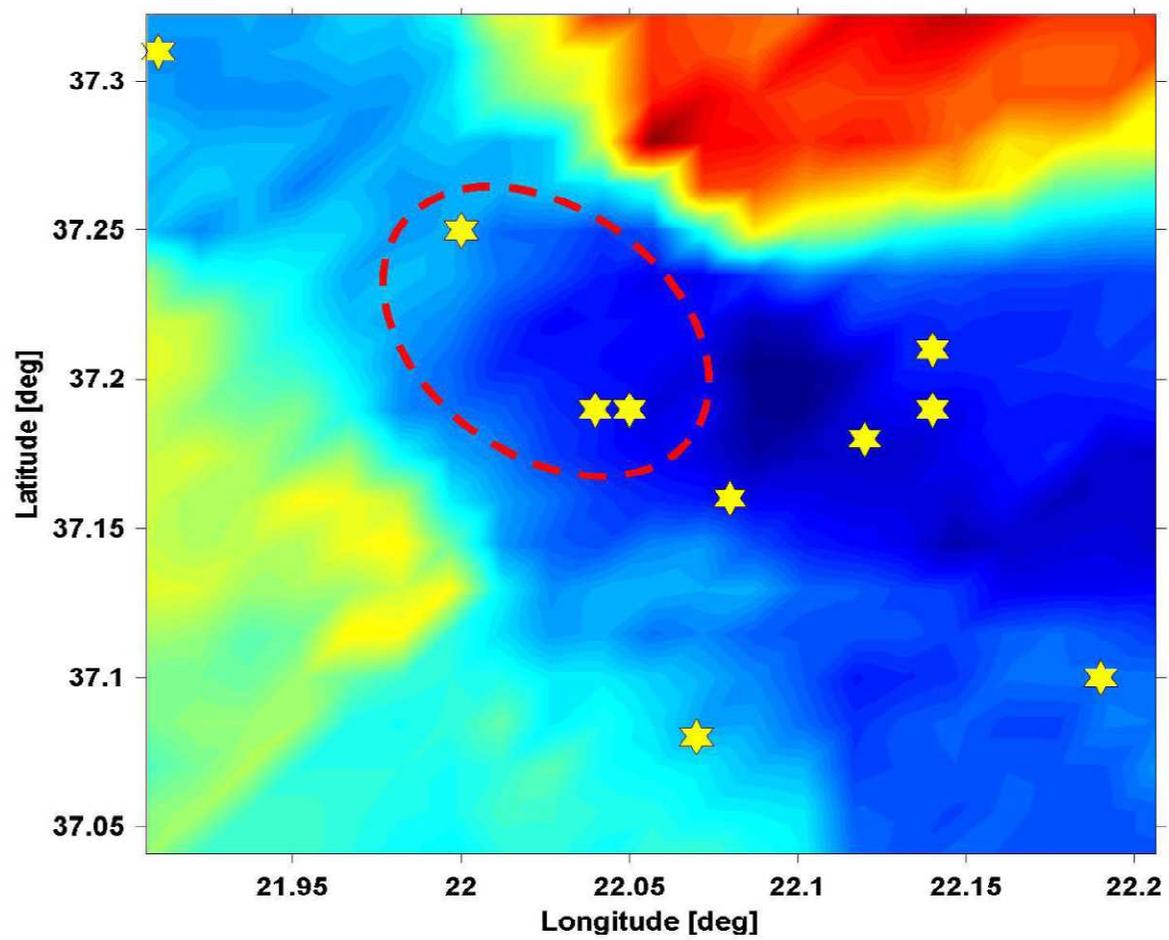
b-value (W LS,  $M_c \geq 1.6$ ): -0.991  $\pm$  0.01, a-value = 4.7205

b-value (W LS,  $M_c \geq 3.1$ ): -1.22  $\pm$  0.15, a-value = 6.1372

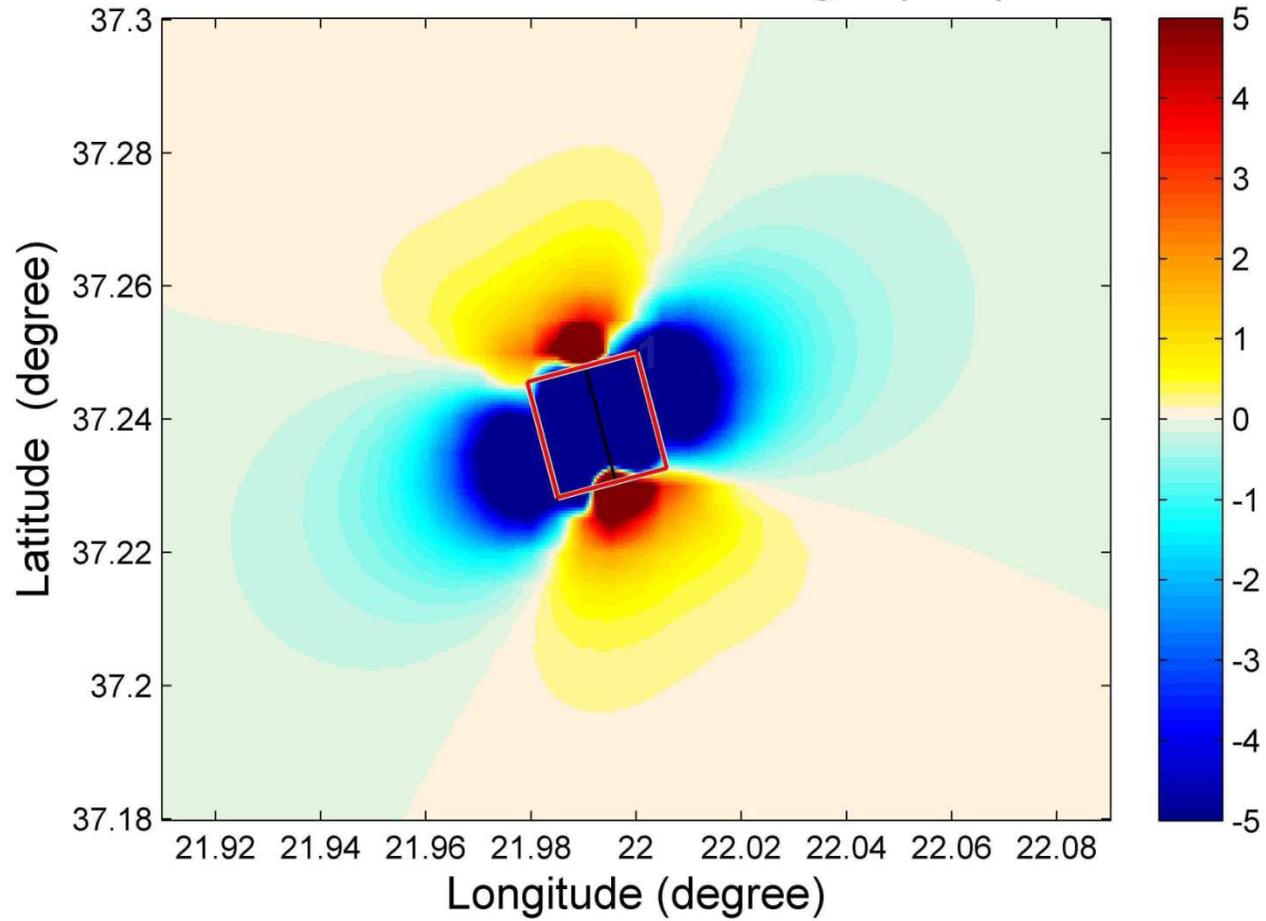
1964 - 2011



1964 - 2012



# Coulomb stress change (bar)



**Strike/Dip/Rake: 165/34/-71**  
**Depth: 6.6 km,**  
**Friction: 0.4**

# MOMENT TENSOR SOLUTION

## HYPOCENTER LOCATION (NOA-IG)

Origin time 20130531 08:57:25.26  
 Lat 38.2372 Lon 22.1207 Depth 10

## CENTROID

Trial source number : 5 (Fixed Epicenter inversion)  
 Centroid Lat (N)38.2372 Lon (E)22.1207  
 Centroid Depth (km) : 10  
 Centroid time : +1.2 (sec) relative to origin time

Moment (Nm) : 3.654e+14

Mw : 3.6

VOL% : 0

DC% : 81.2

CLVD% : 18.8

Quality : B1

Var.red.(for stations used in inversion):0.51

Condition Number : 2.46

Var.red.(for all stations) : 0.012

Strike	Dip	Rake	Frequency band used in inversion (Hz)
201	33	-136	0.04 - 0.05 -- 0.08 - 0.09

Strike	Dip	Rake	Stations-Components Used-Distance
72	68	-65	

	NS	EW	Z	D (km)
P-axis Azimuth Plunge				

LAKA	+	-	+	12
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KALE	+	+	+	17
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T-axis Azimuth Plunge				
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KLV	+	+	+	22
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EFP	-	-	-	28
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GUR	+	-	+	39
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DLFA	-	-	-	42
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ANX	+	+	+	43
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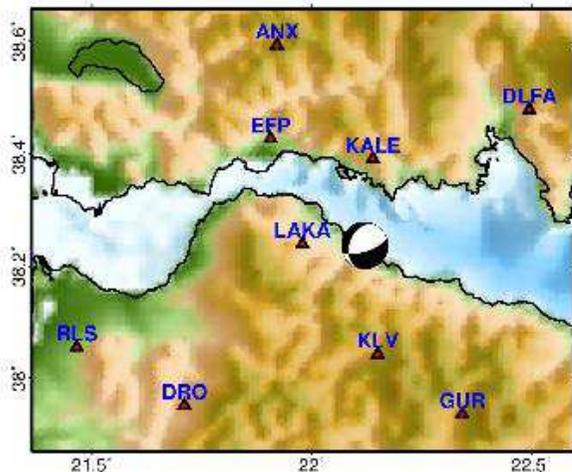
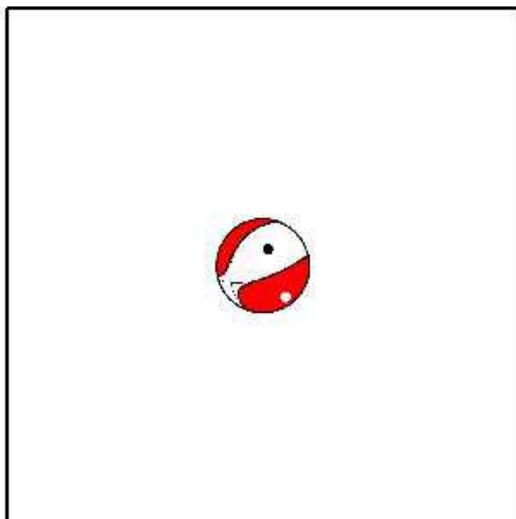
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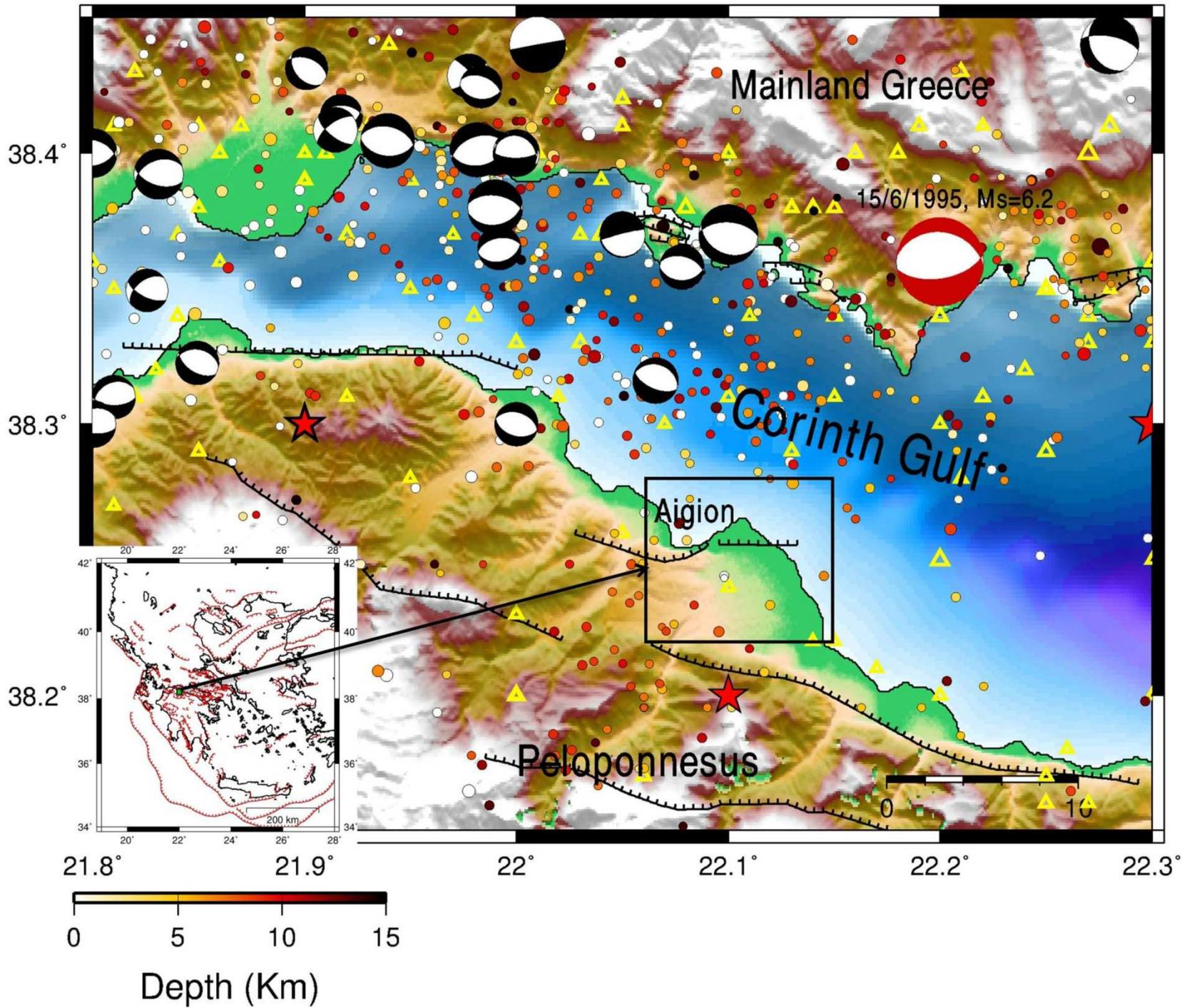
RLS	-	-	-	61
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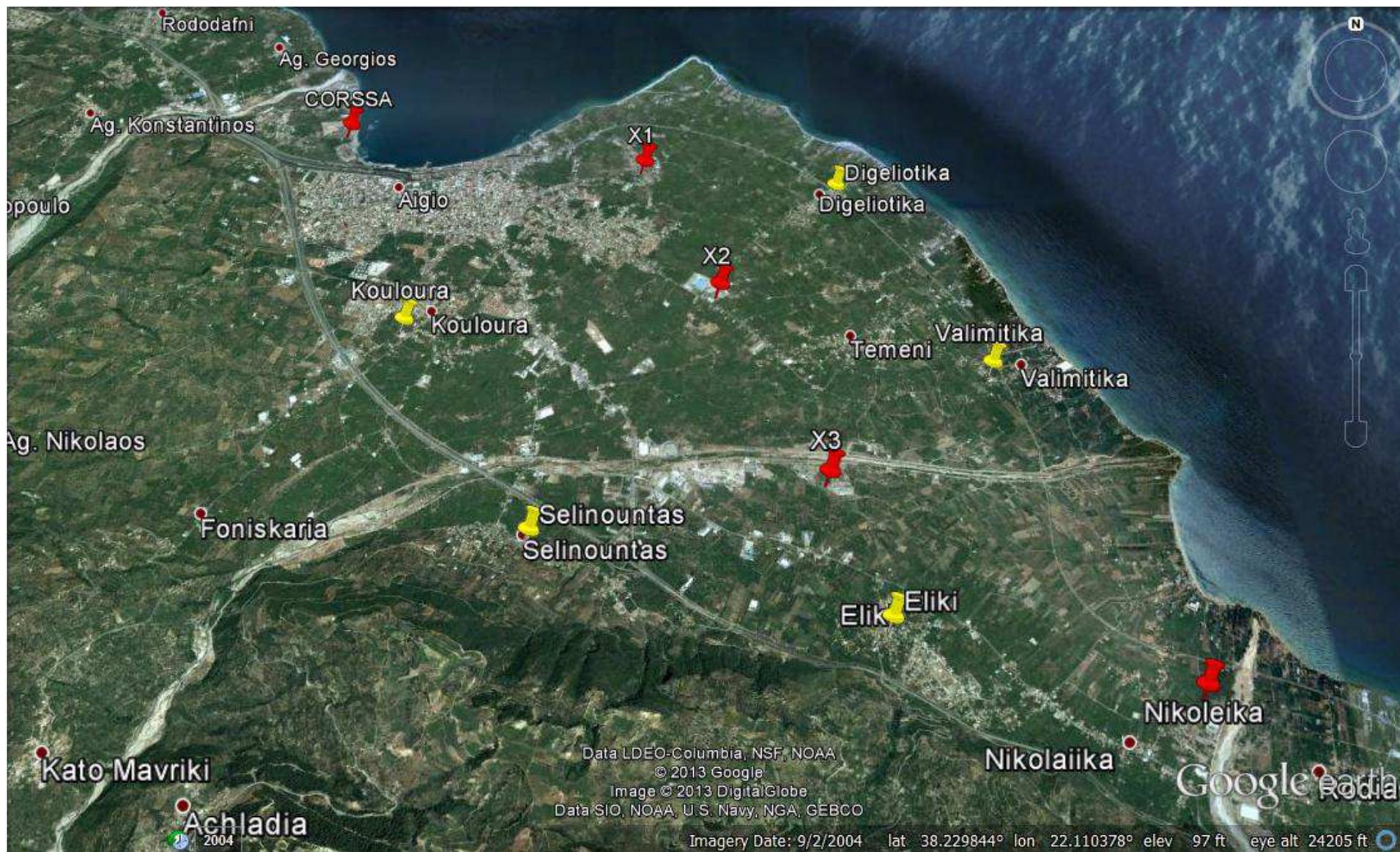
Exponent (Nm) : 14

Mrr	Mtt	Mpp
-2.188	1.337	0.851

Mrt	Mrp	Mtp
-2.353	-0.344	2.011







Rododafni

Ag. Georgios

CORSSA

Ag. Konstantinos

X1

Digeliotika

Digeliotika

Aigio

X2

Kouloura

Kouloura

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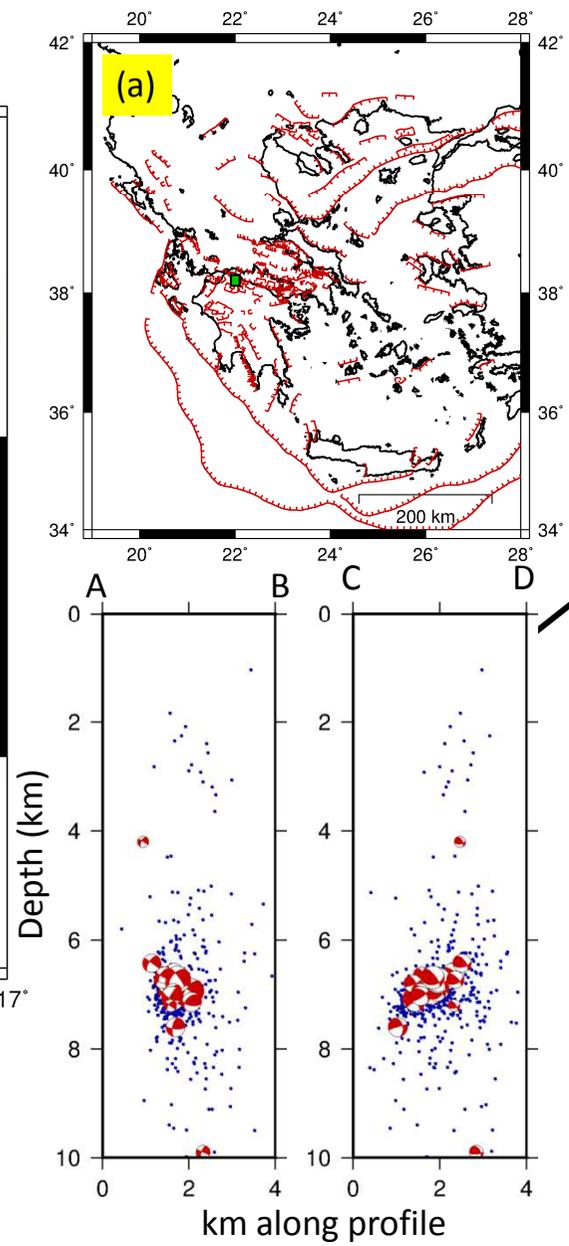
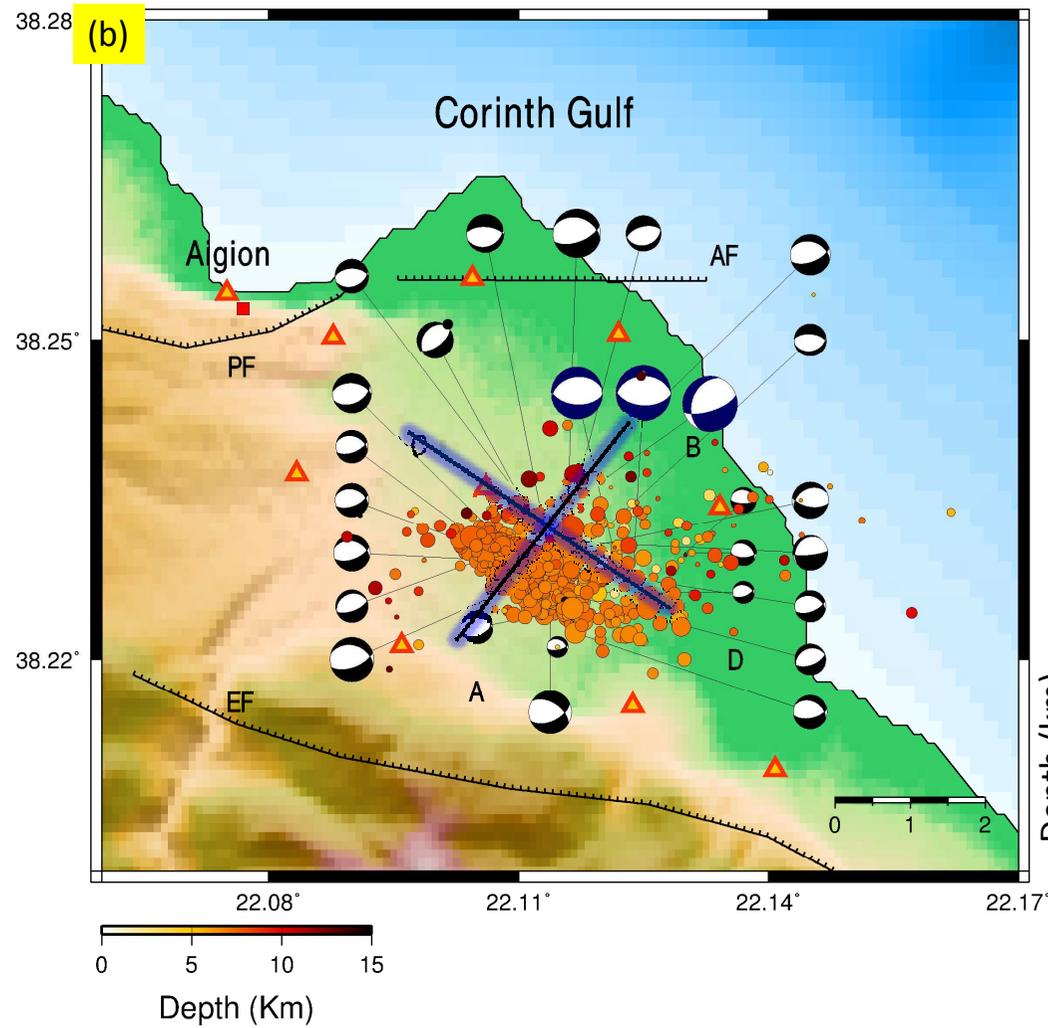
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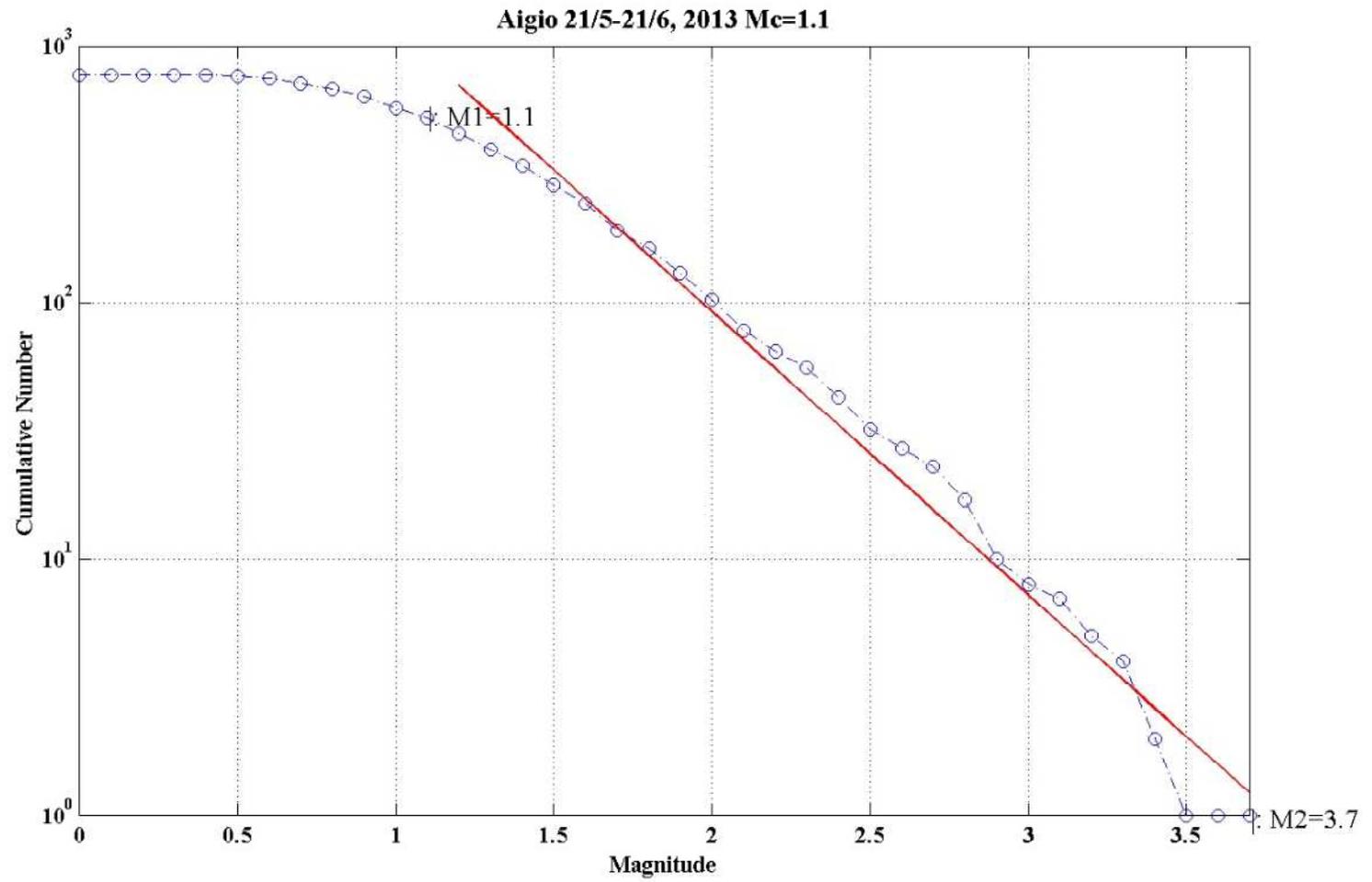
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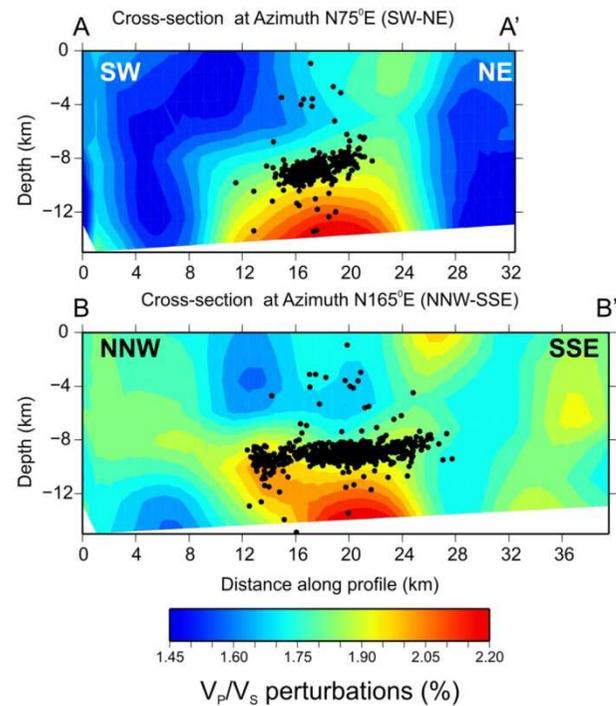
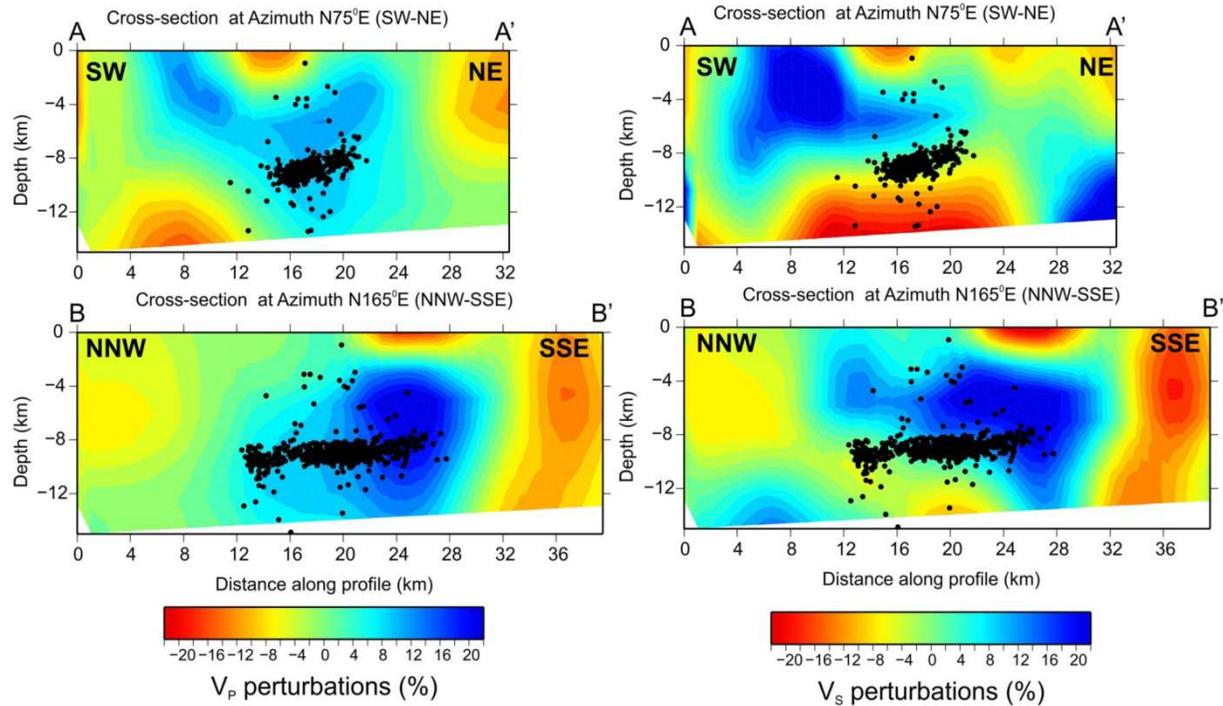
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**B-Value: 1.1**

**Standard Deviation: 0.11**





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# SANTORIN ISLAND

ANCIENT THERA

SURVEYED BY CAPTAIN THOMAS GRAVES, R.N.  
H.M.S. VOLAGE

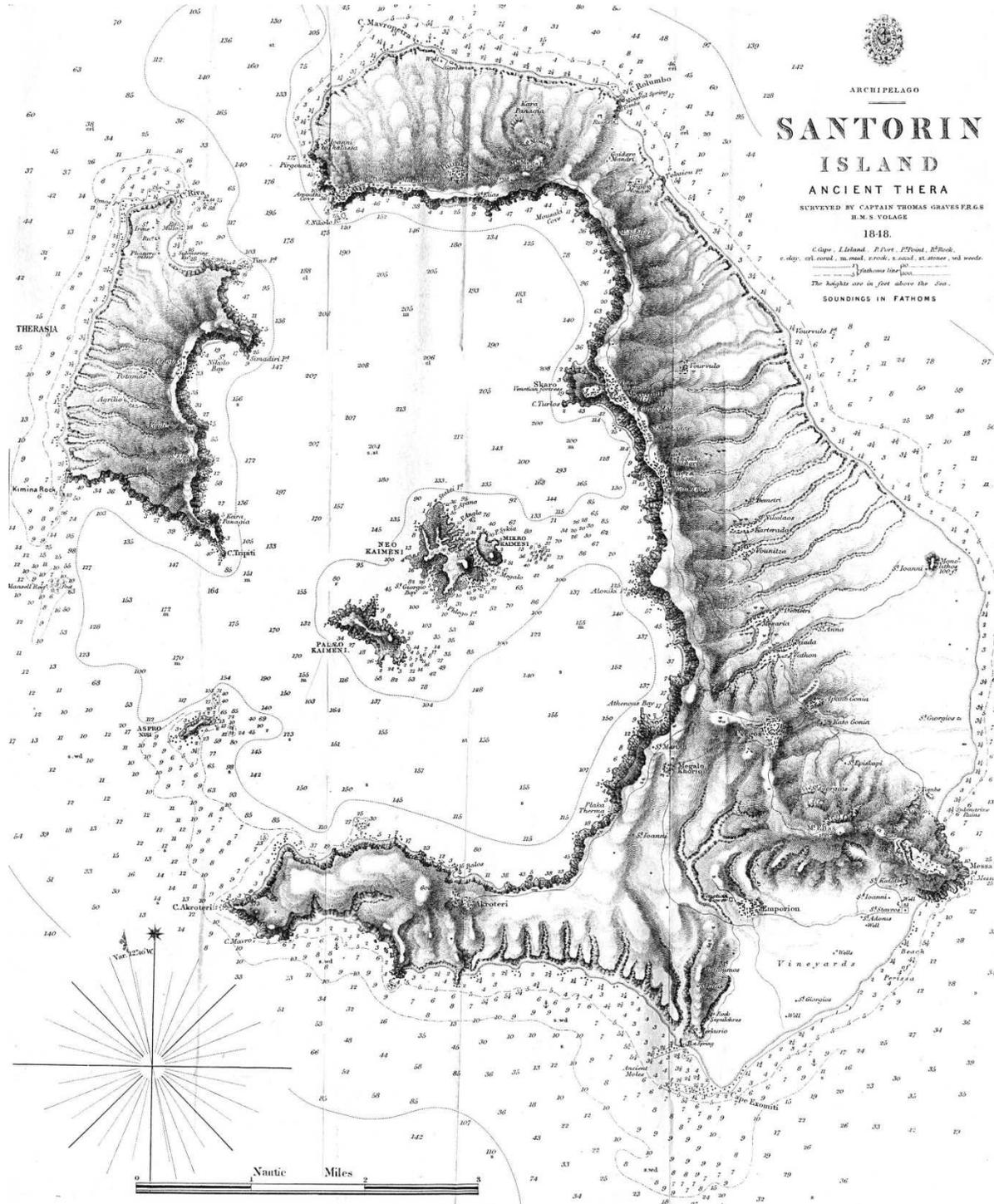
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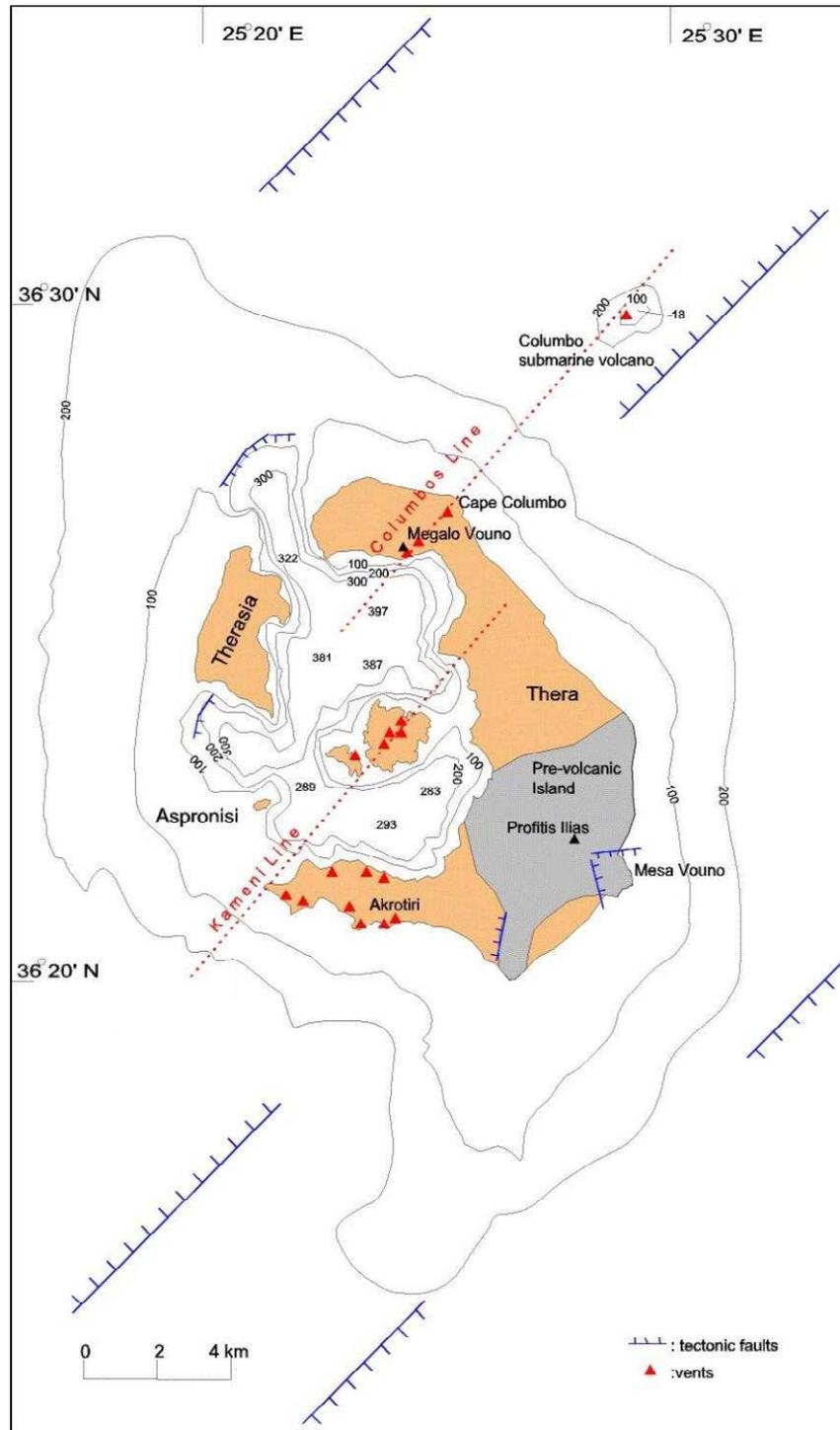
Cape, Lighted, Point, Point, Head,  
Bay, etc., etc., in small, rock, sand, stone, and woods.

--- Bathymetric lines

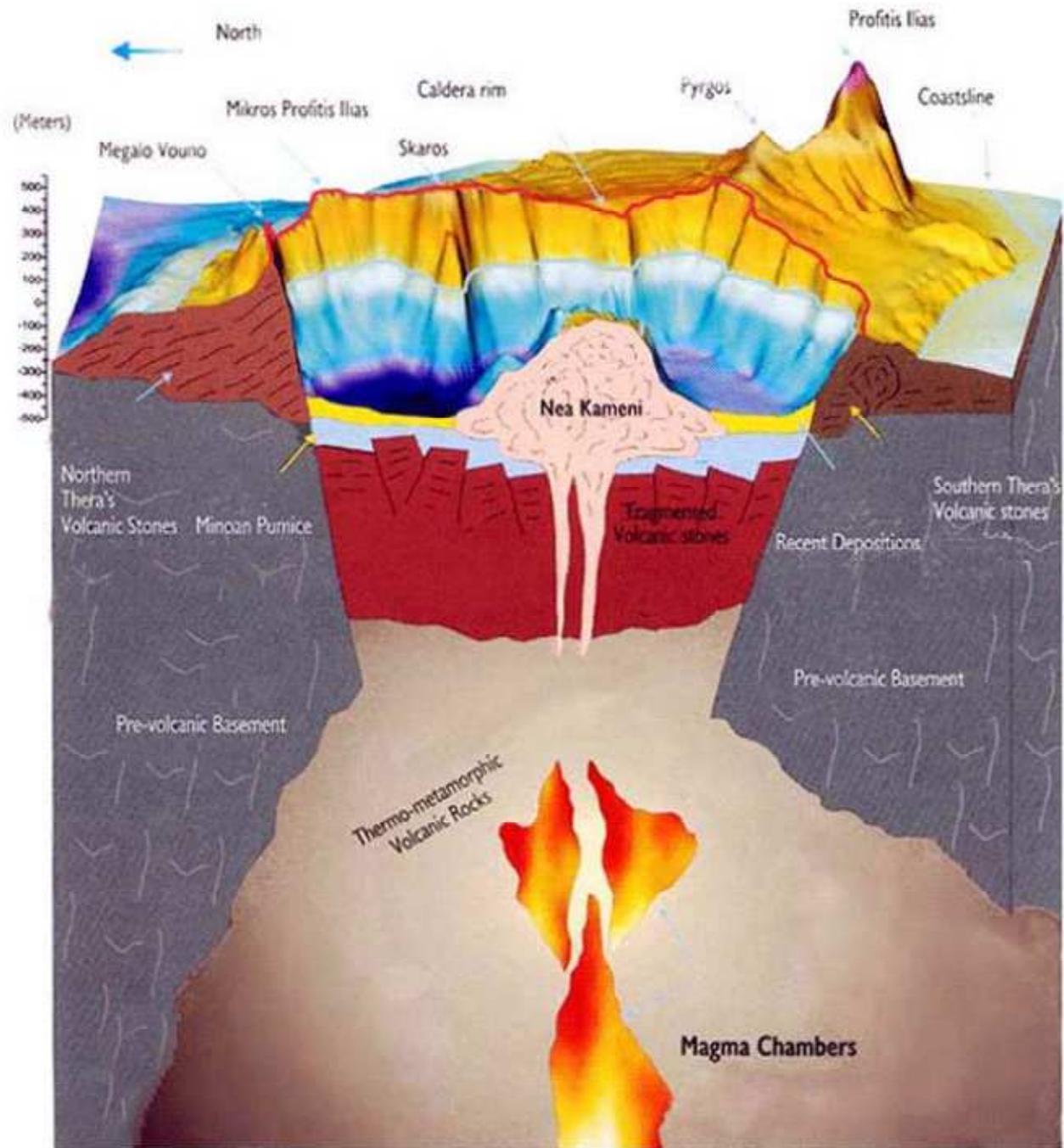
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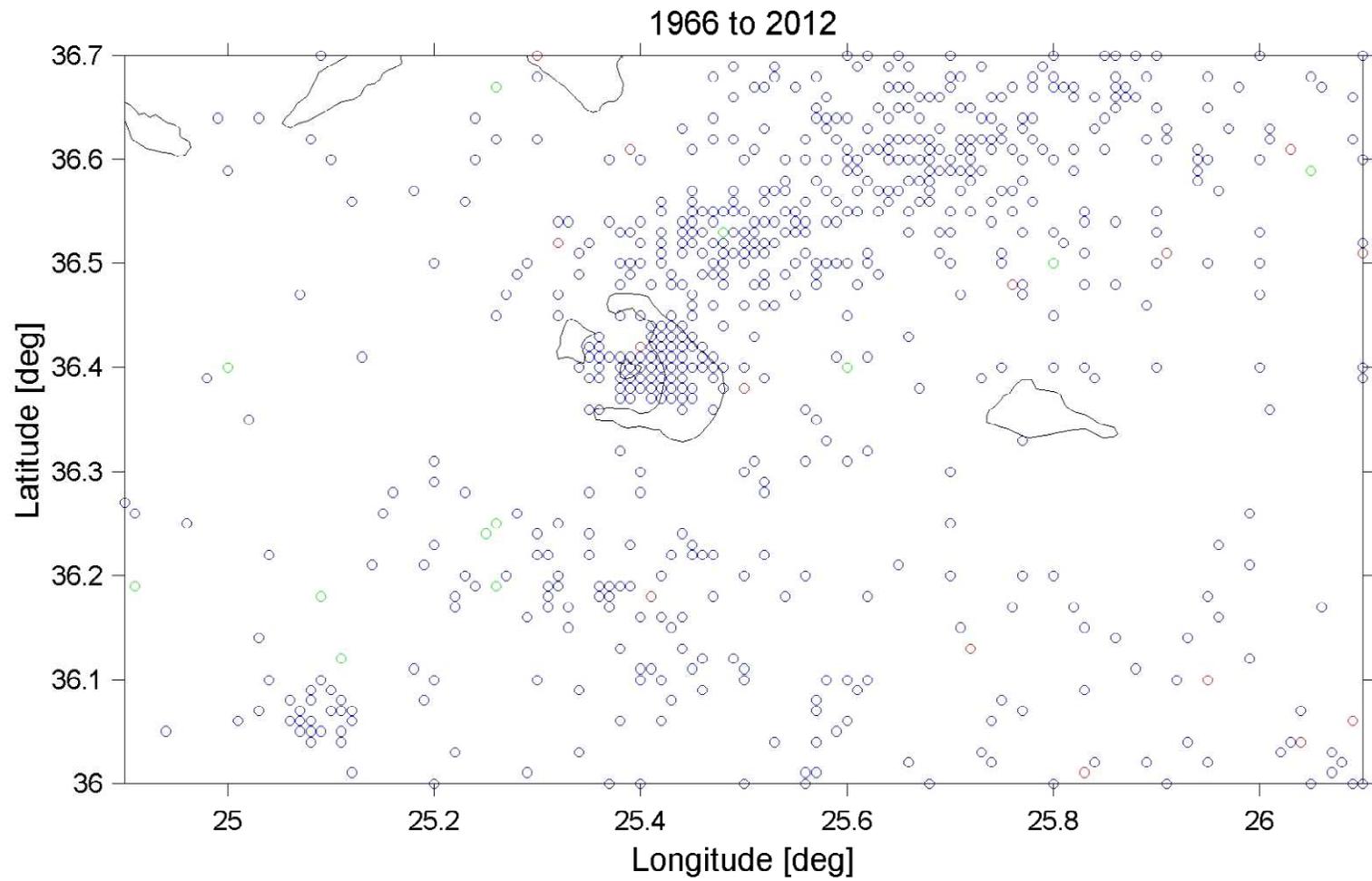
SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS





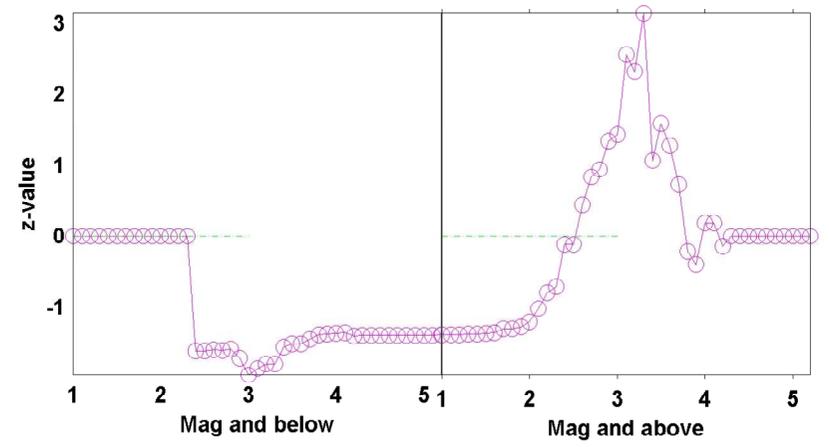
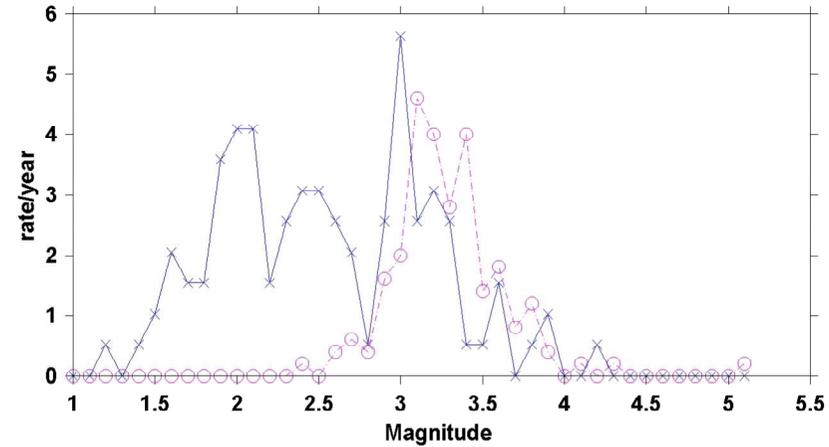
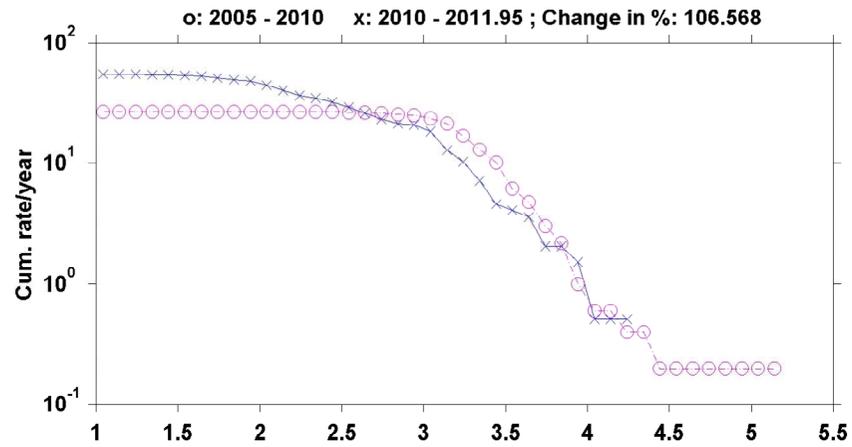
# Schematic geological section of Santorini



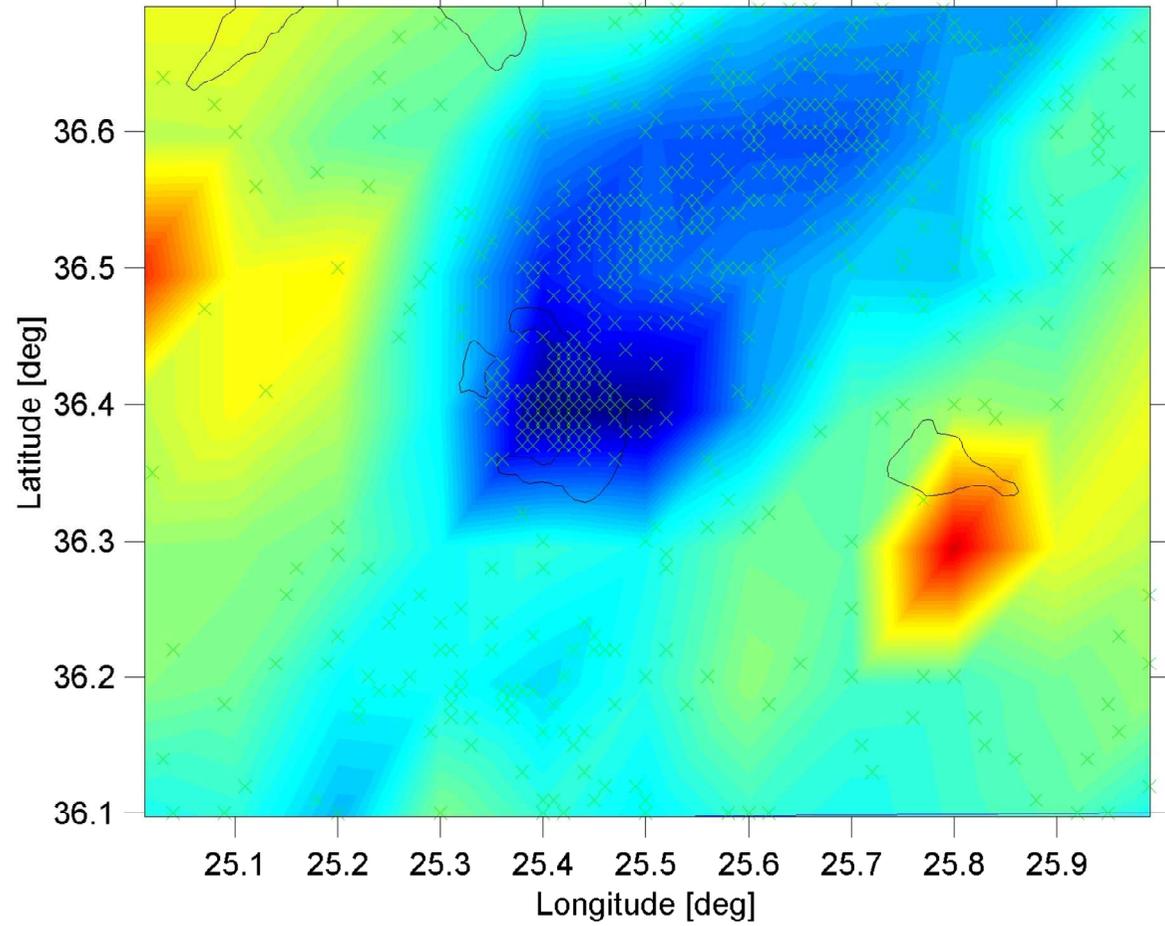


- Depth < 50.1 km
- Depth < 100.2 km
- Depth < 167.0 km

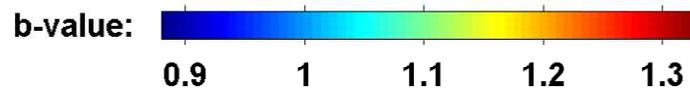
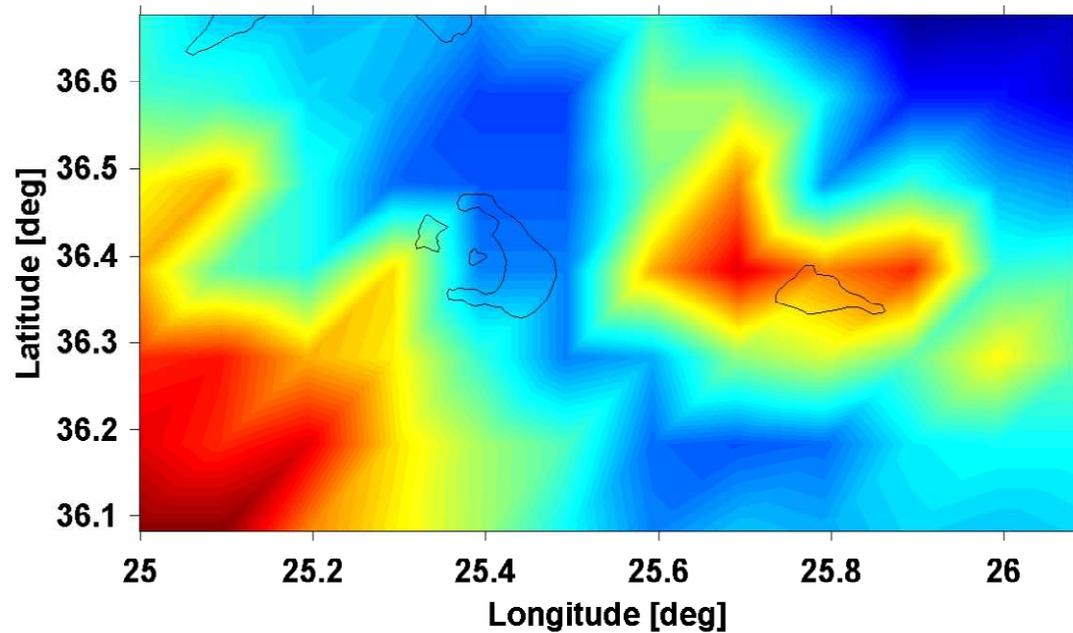


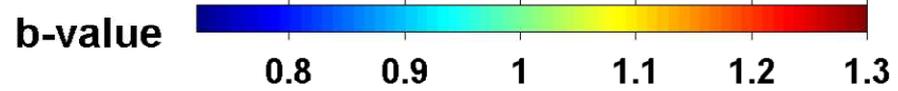
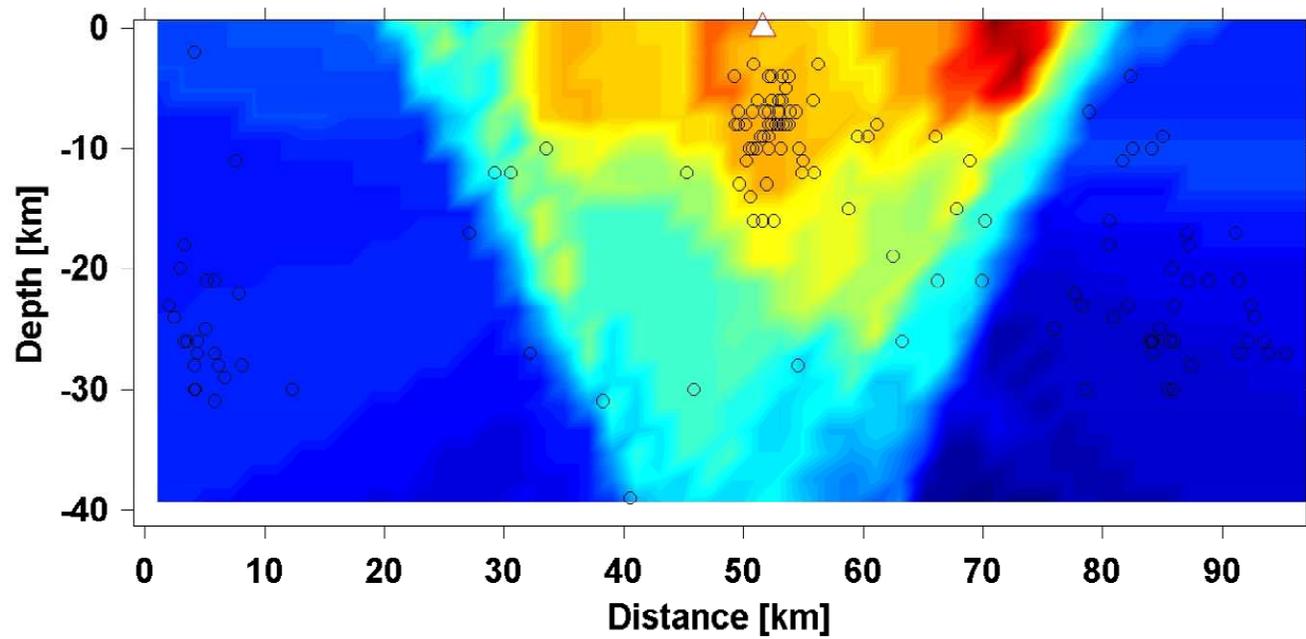


1964 - 2010 compared with 2010 - 2012

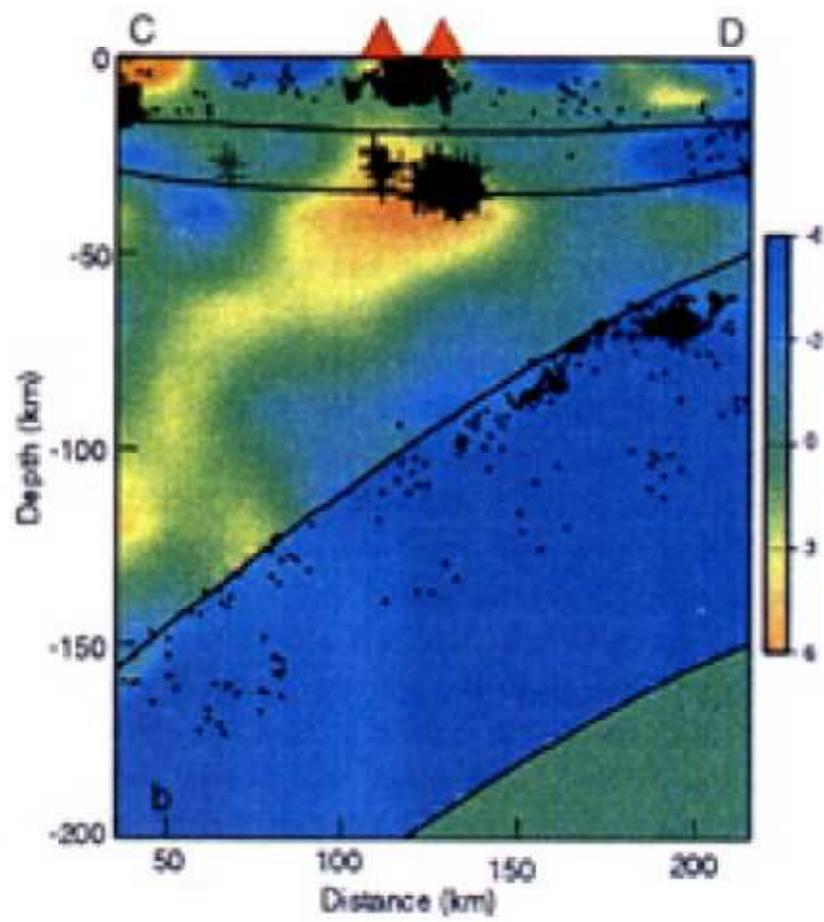
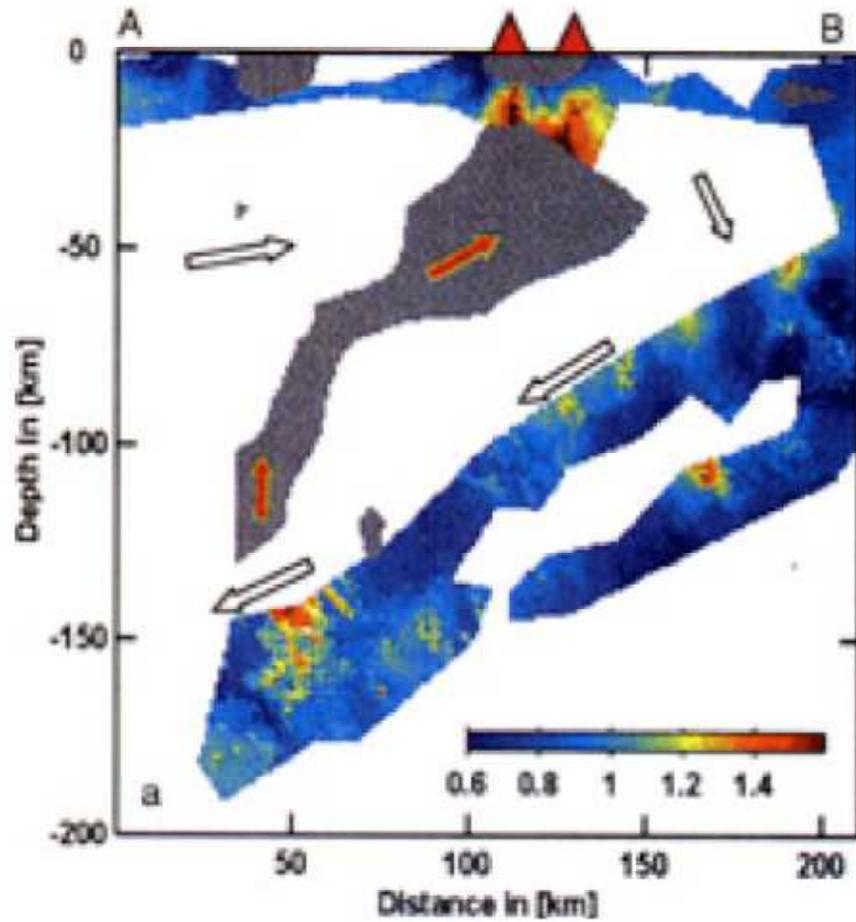


**b-value 1964-2012**



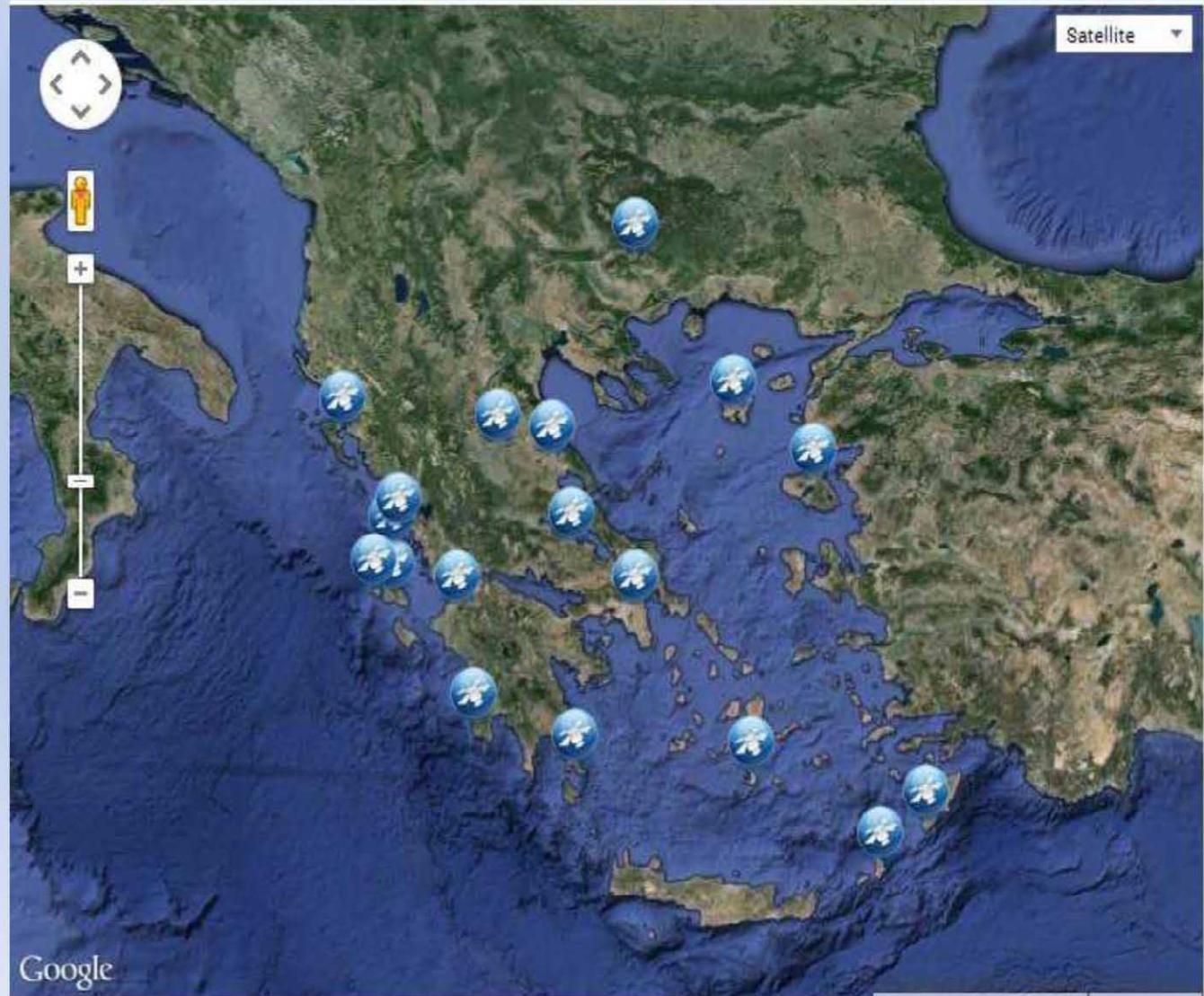


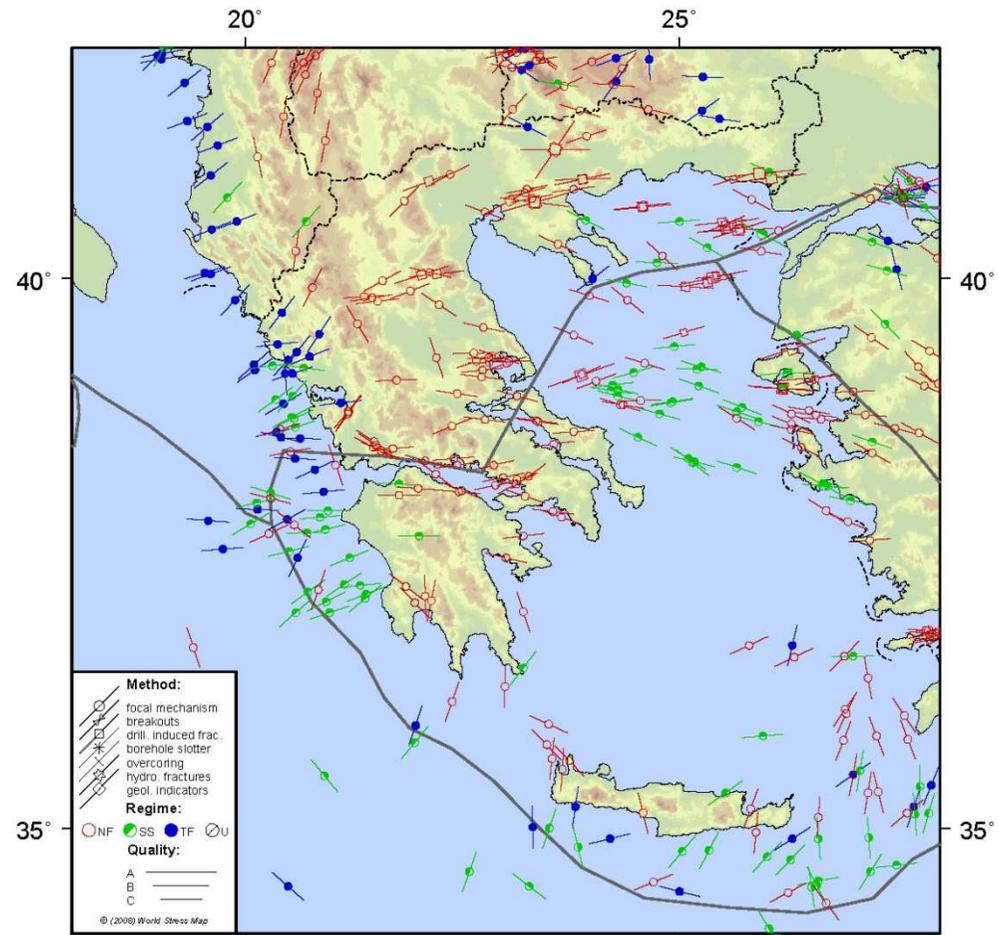
WYSS ET AL.: SOURCE AND PATH OF MAGMA FOR VOLCANOES



## Networks operated by NOA

A **GPS network** of continuous **20** stations with data to rapidly detect uplift and subsidence is expansion combining existing CGPS stations operating off line for research purposes real time operation and link to the HL-NTWC.

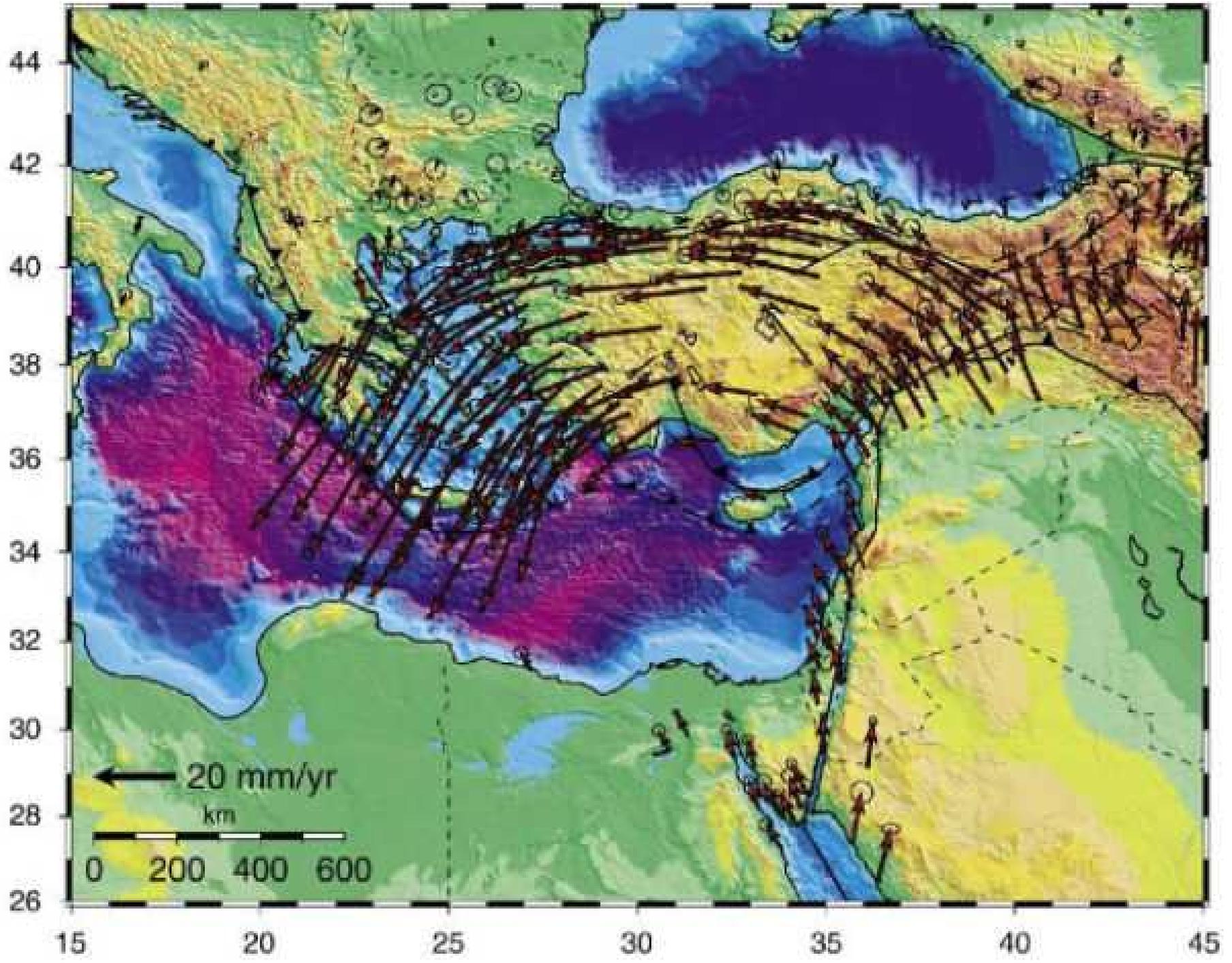




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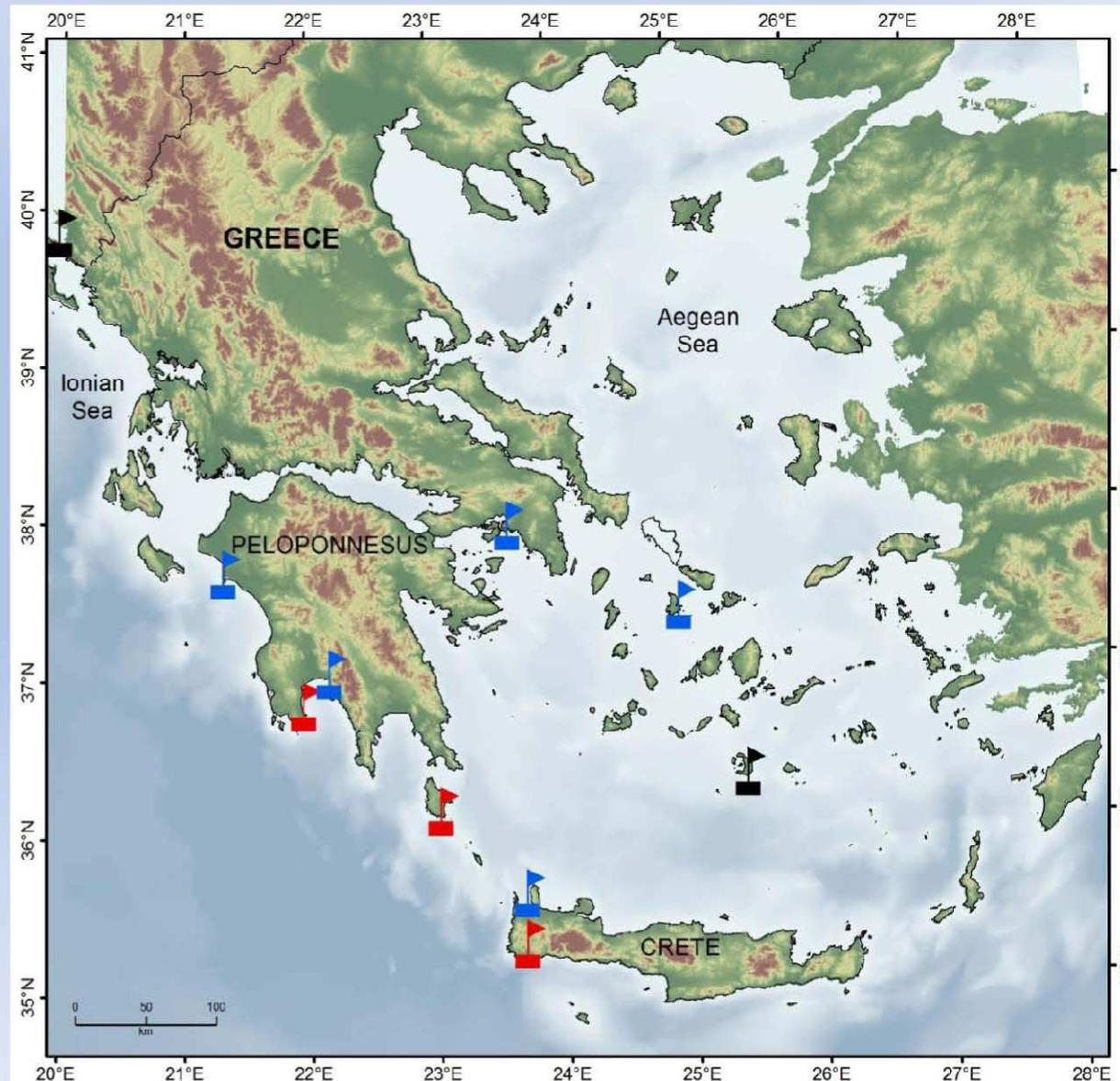
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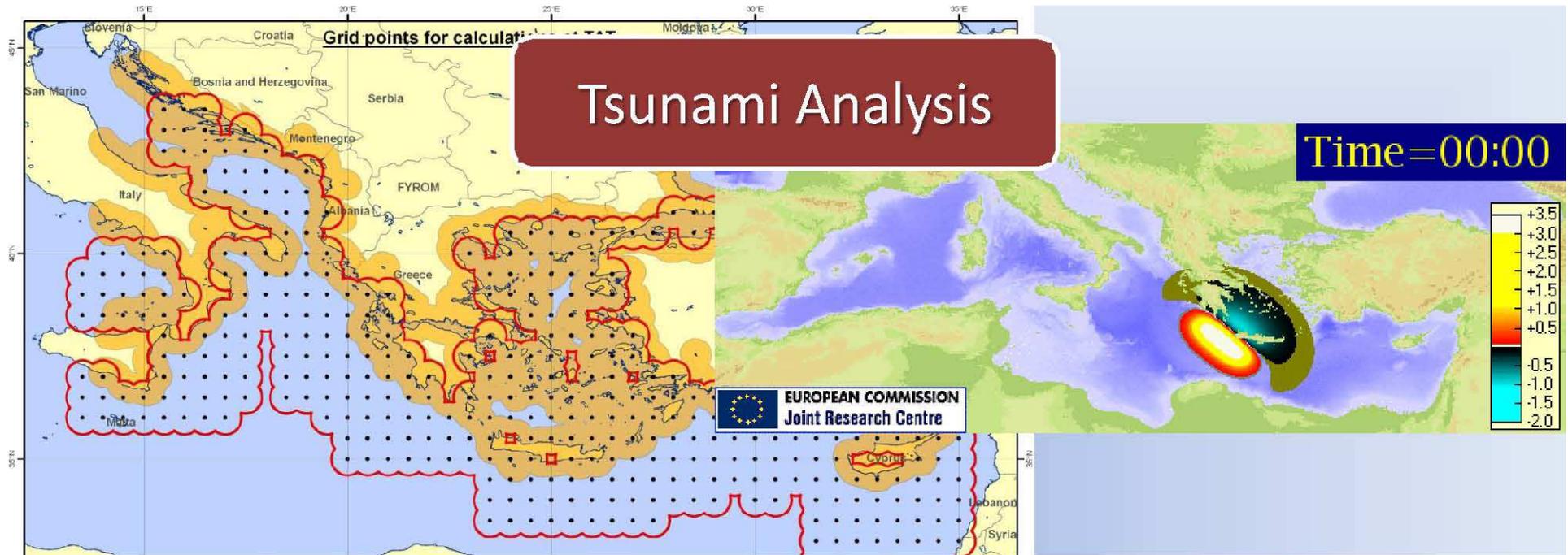
A **tide-gauge network** of **11** stations is already available in real time to NOA-HLNTWC.

A new network is being prepared which will involve 20 new tide gauge stations including CGPS at each site.

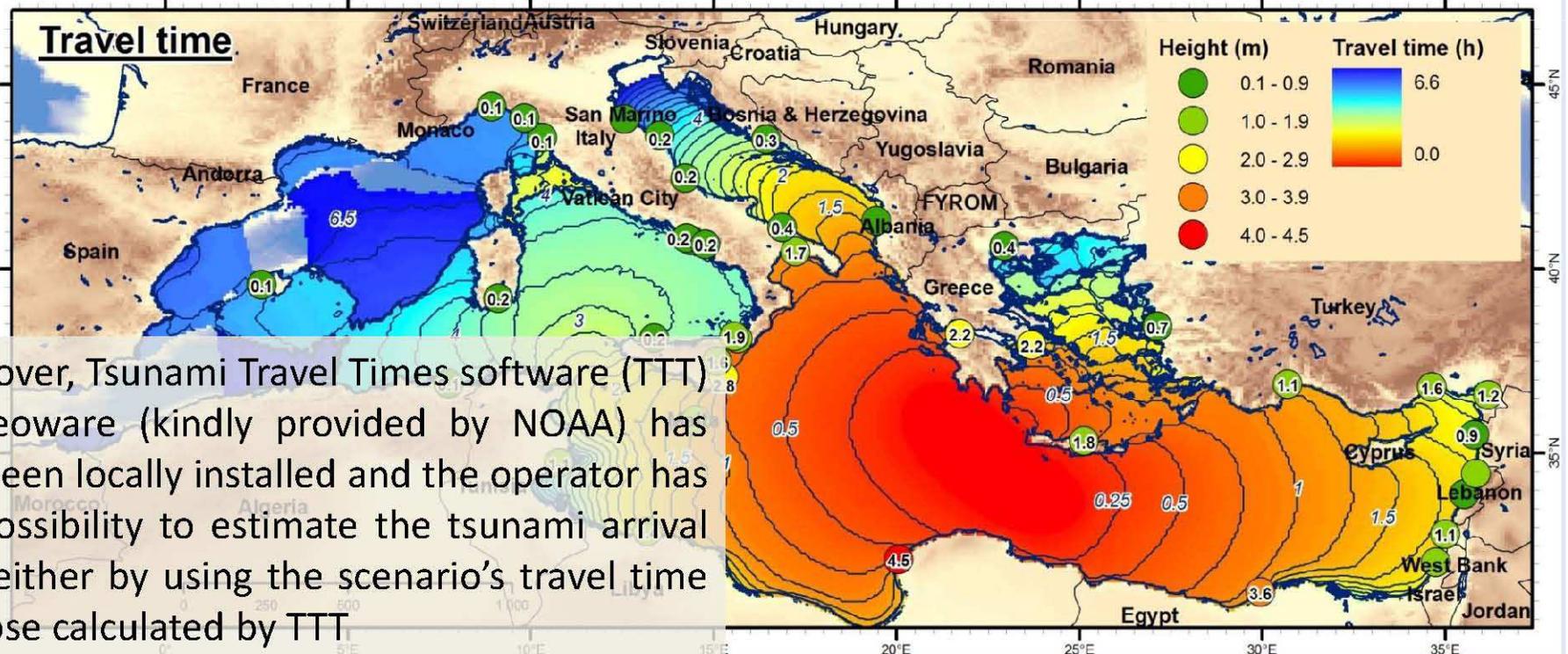


# Tsunami Analysis

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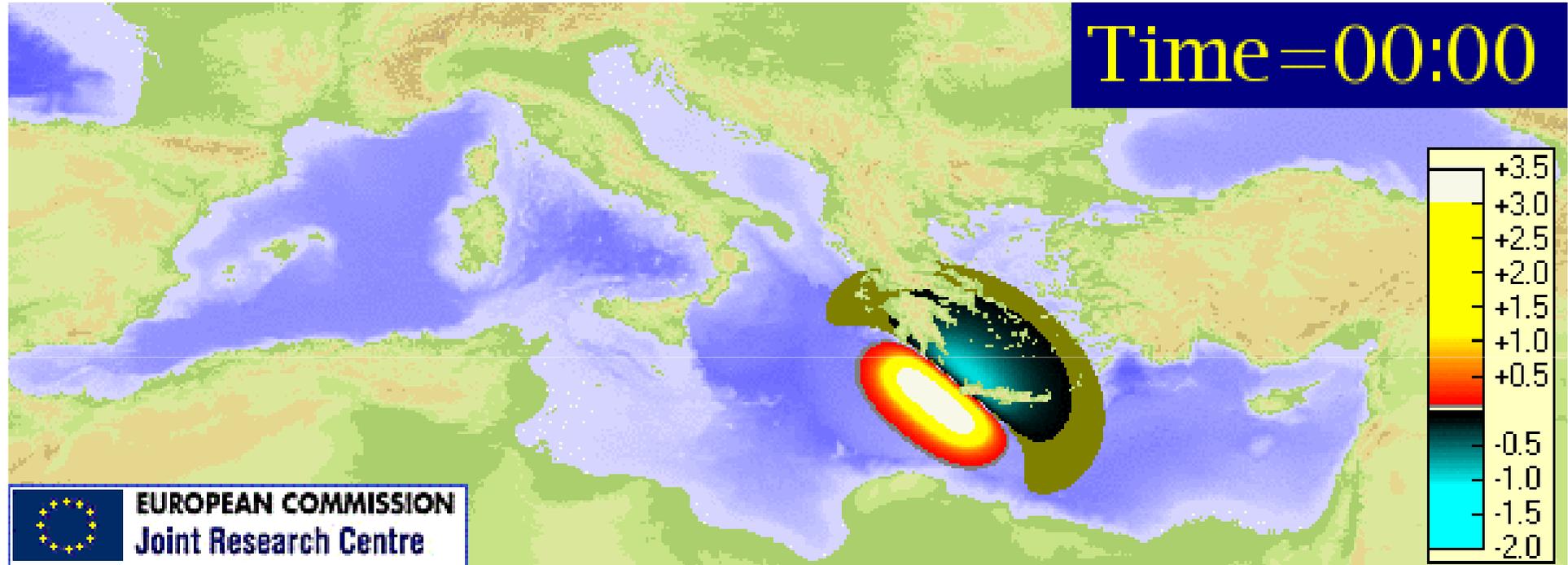


## Travel time



Moreover, Tsunami Travel Times software (TTT) by Geoware (kindly provided by NOAA) has also been locally installed and the operator has the possibility to estimate the tsunami arrival time either by using the scenario's travel time or those calculated by TTT.

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