

An aerial photograph of a rugged, volcanic landscape in Iceland. The terrain is characterized by a complex network of dark, linear features, likely dykes, and a central crater. The colors range from dark greys and blacks to vibrant greens and yellows, indicating different geological formations and vegetation. The overall appearance is that of a highly eroded and geologically active area.

# **Dynamics of dyke intrusion in the northern rift zone of Iceland**

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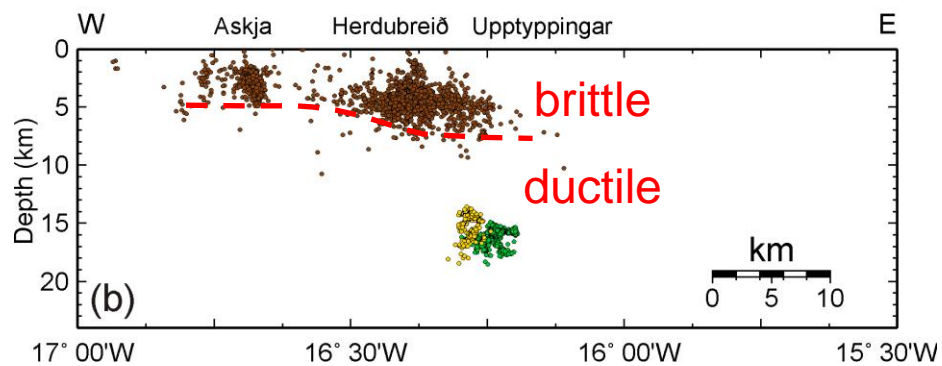
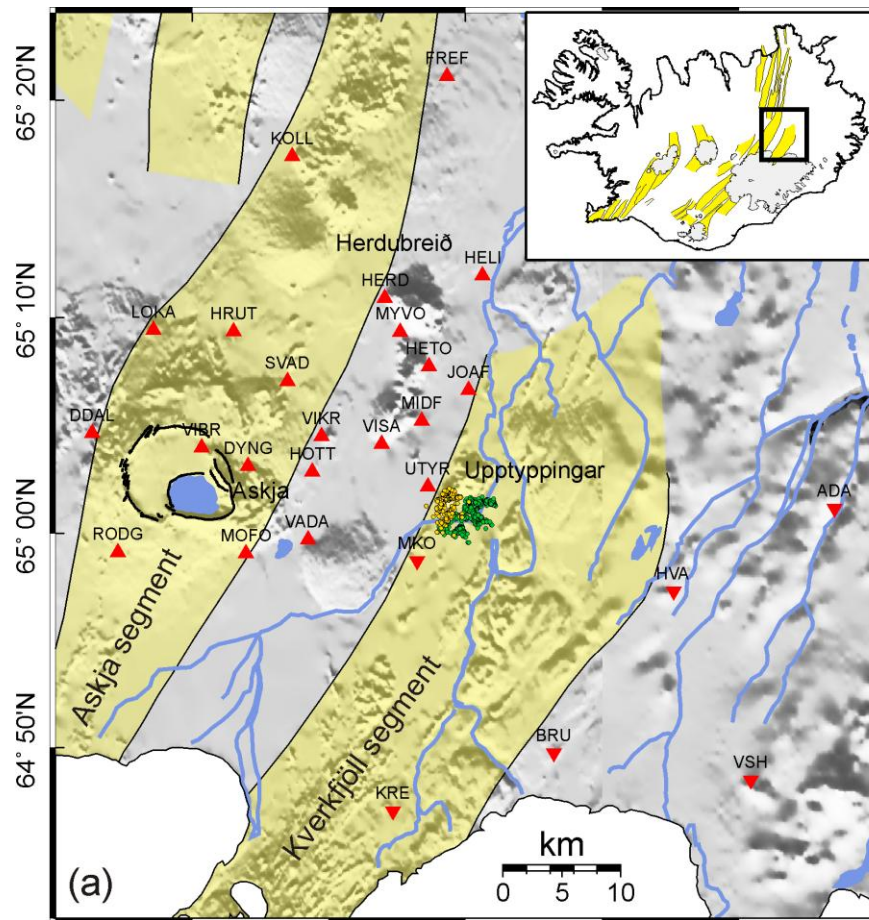
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White, R. S., Drew, J., Martens, H. K., Key, A. J., Soosalu, H. & Jakobsdóttir, S. S. (2011). Dynamics of dyke intrusion in the mid-crust of Iceland, *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, **304**, 300–312, doi: 10.1016/j.epsl.2011.02.038

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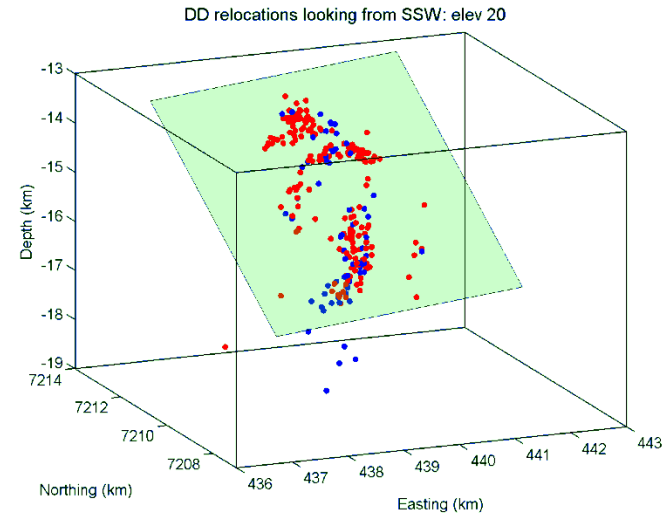
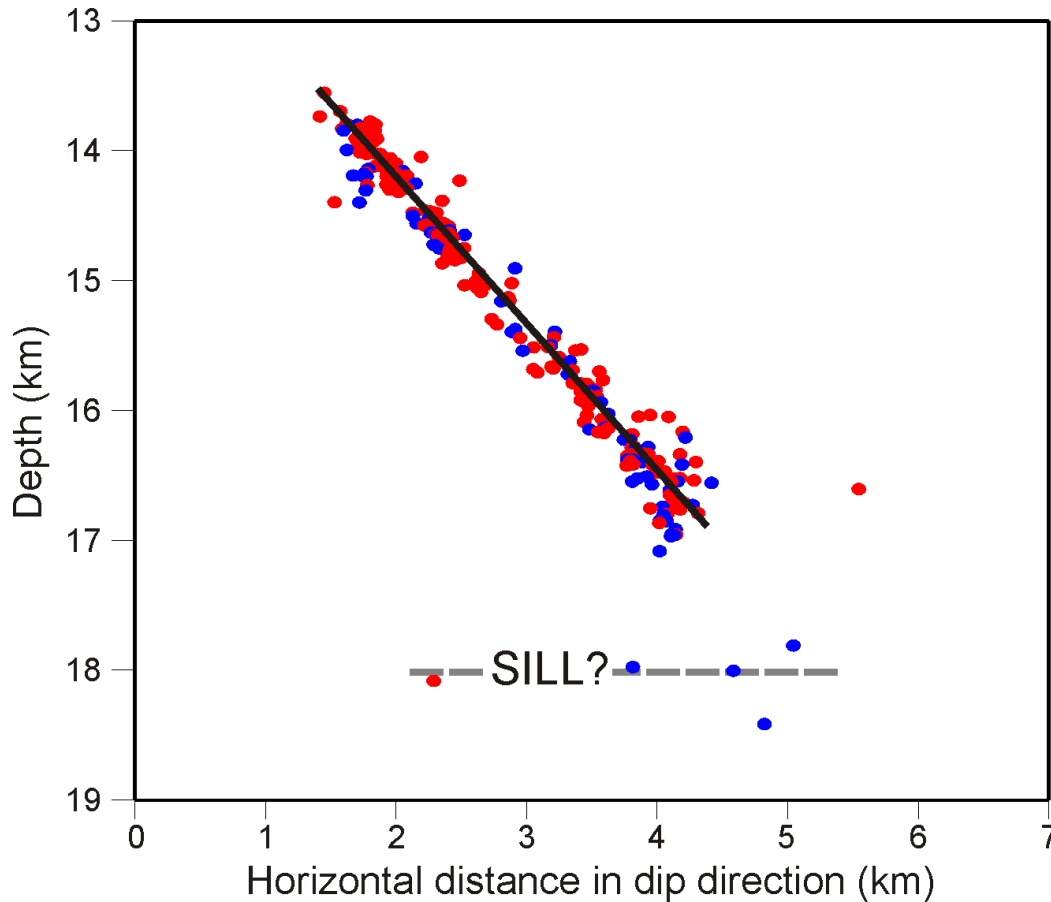
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# Upptyppingar earthquakes (July-Aug 2007)

red – reverse faults  
blue – normal faults

Looking along dyke strike

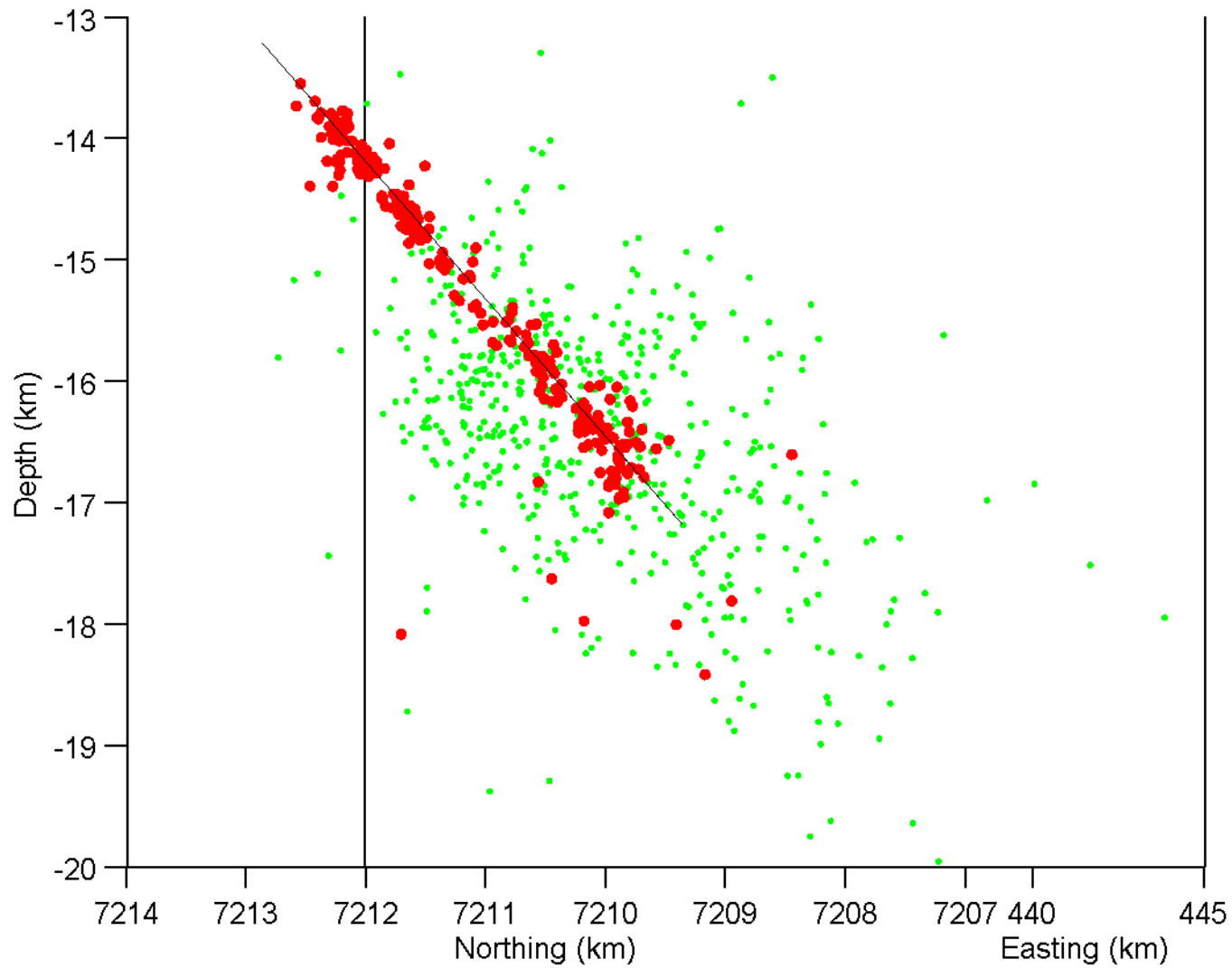


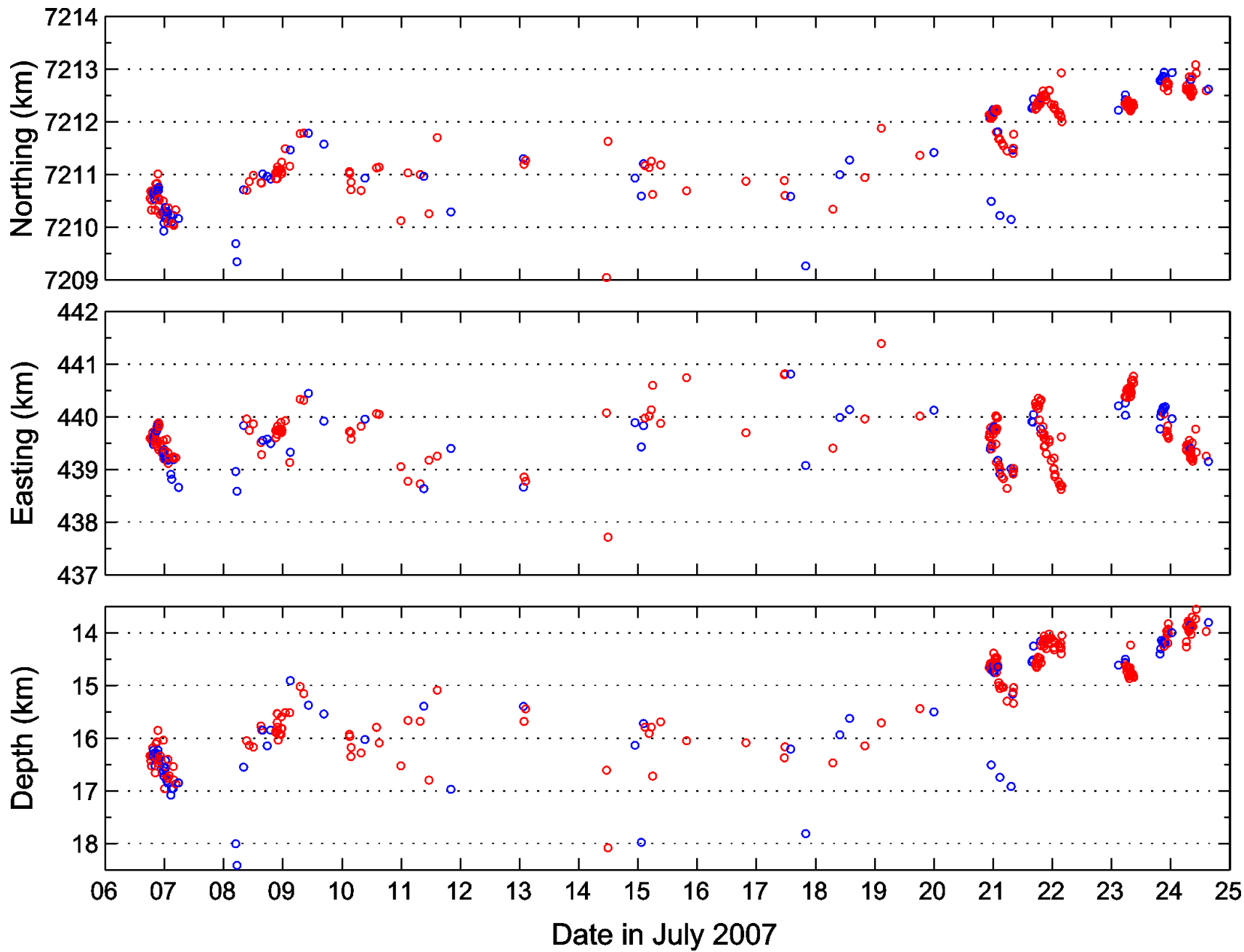
rms fit to plane: 114m

**Location, Location ...**



Cambridge relative locations looking along strike: rms 114m



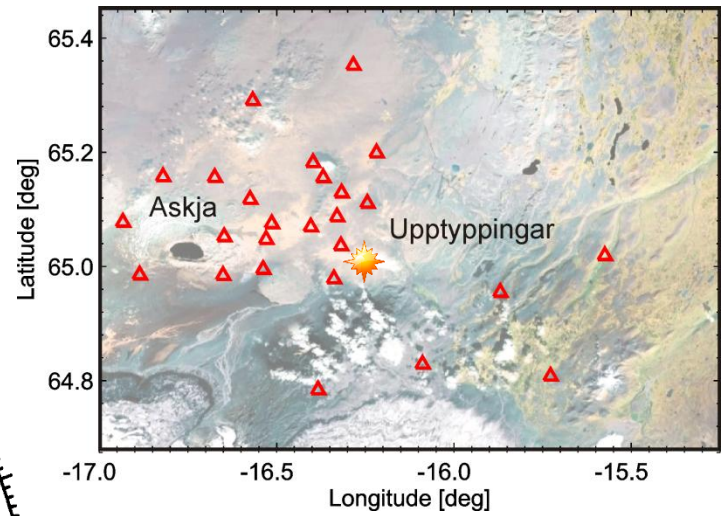
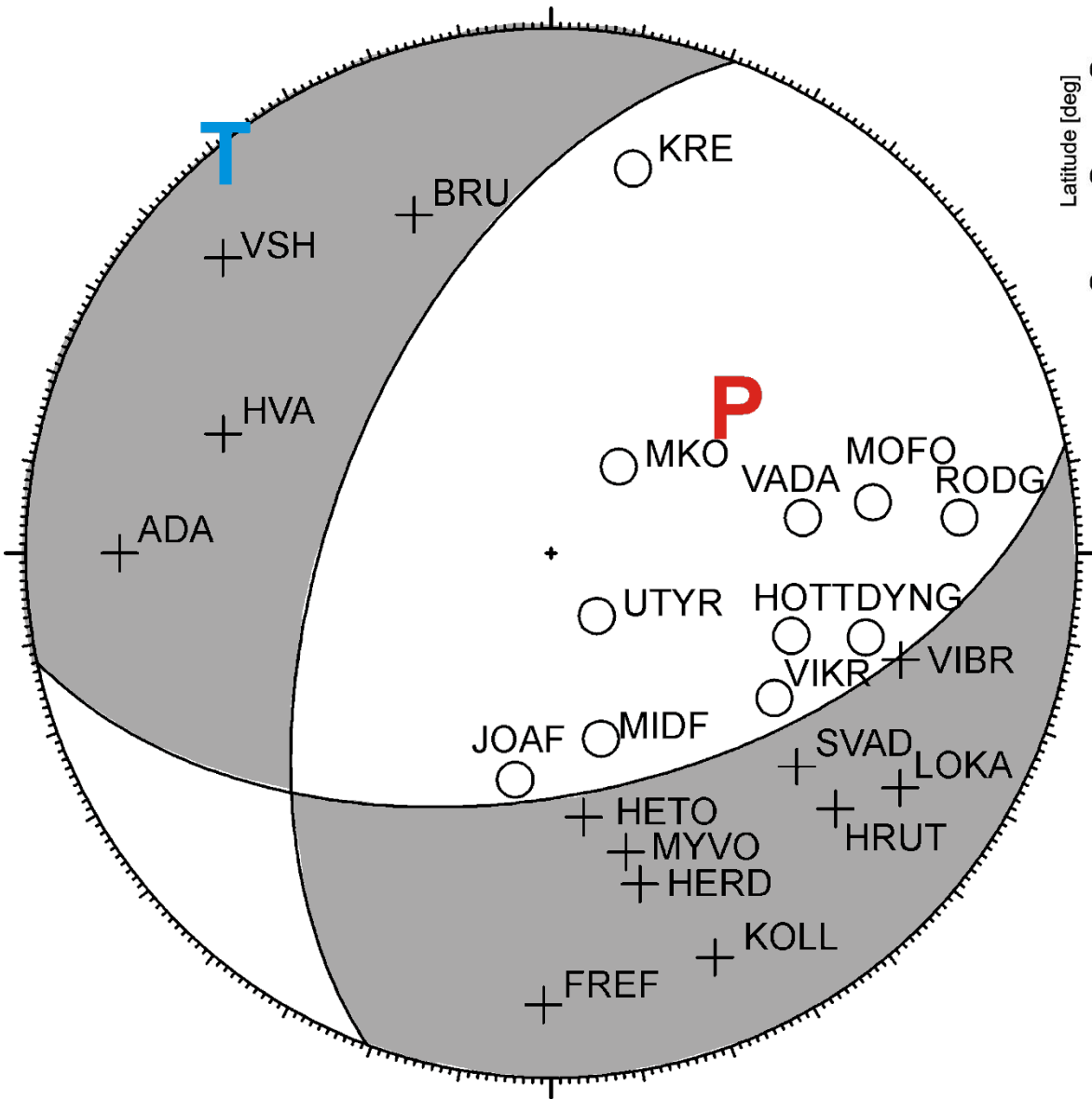


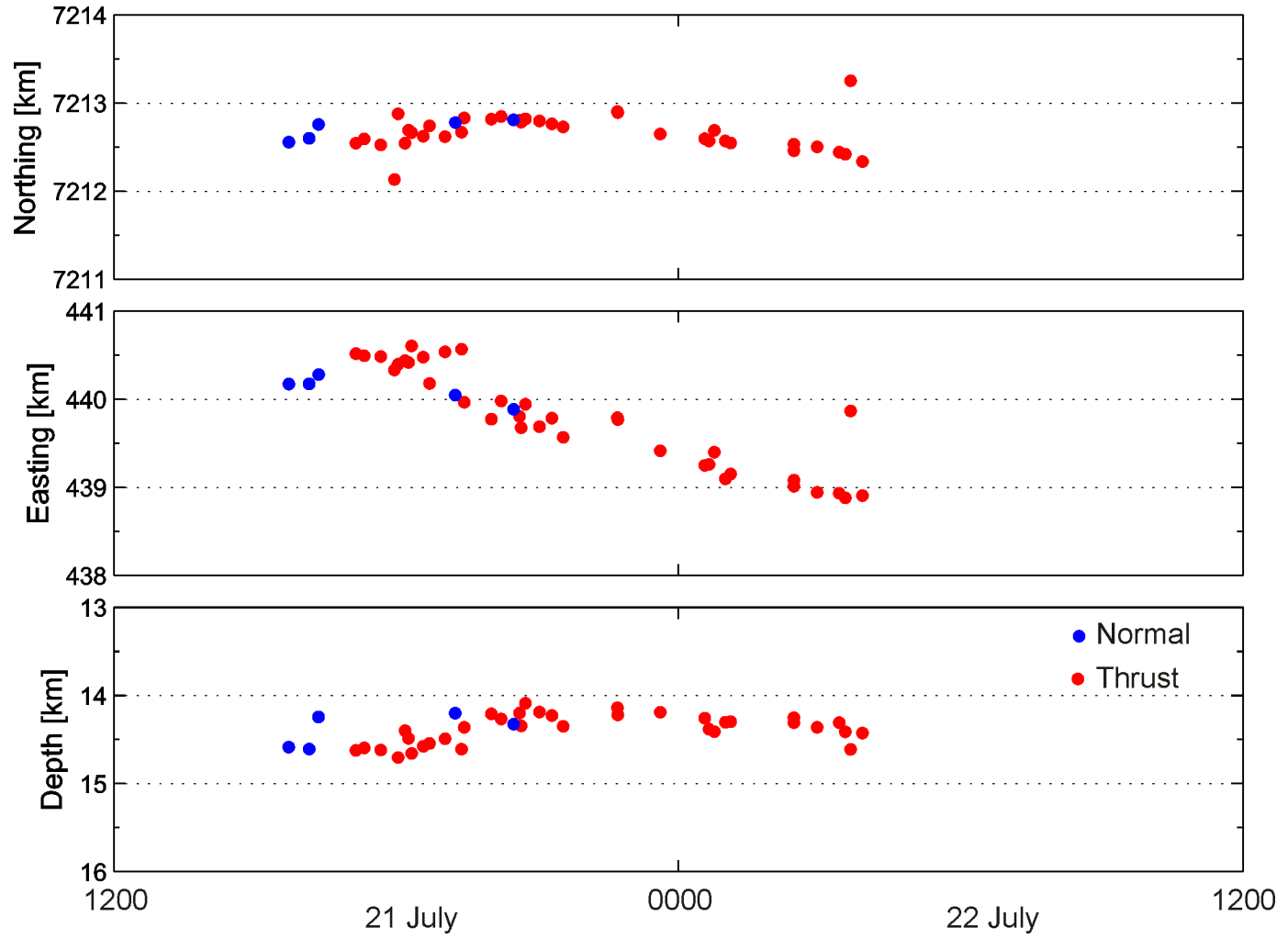
# Moment tensor solutions





# Normal fault

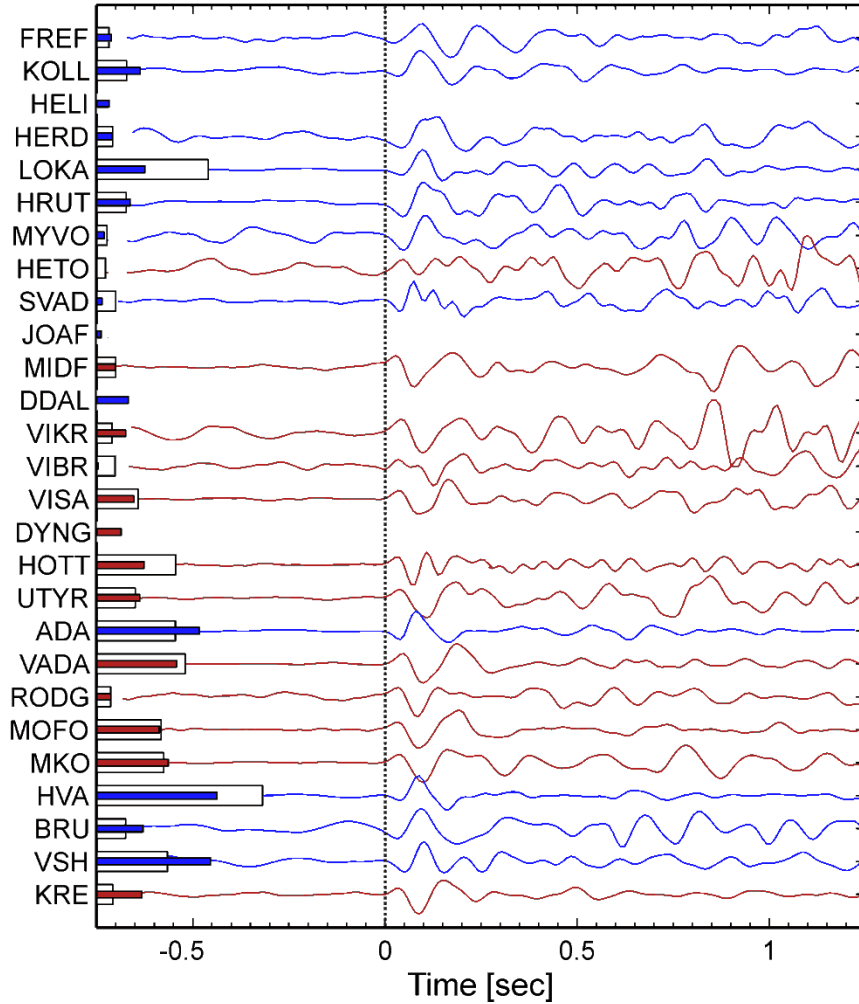




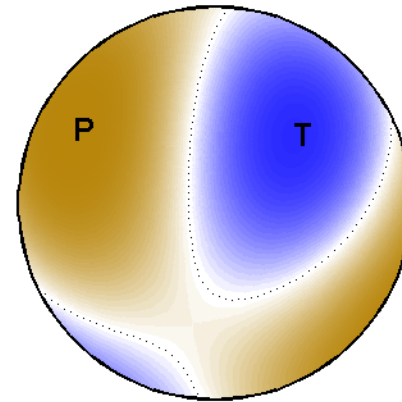


# Reverse Fault

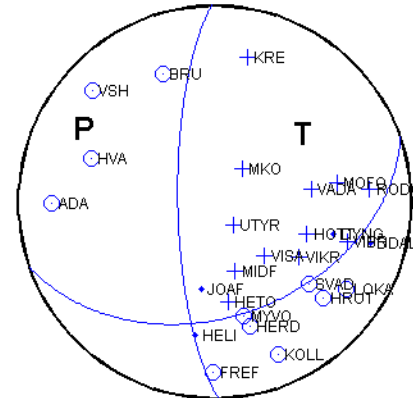
Vertical component 20:52 6 July 2007



Moment tensor



Double couple



# Decomposition of moment tensors

Moment tensor

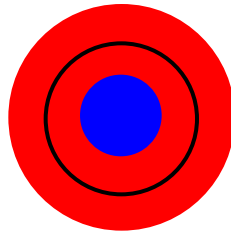
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Isotropic

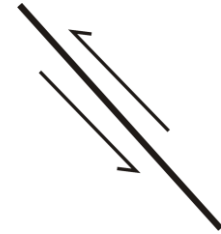
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Deviatoric

explosion  
or  
implosion



double couple

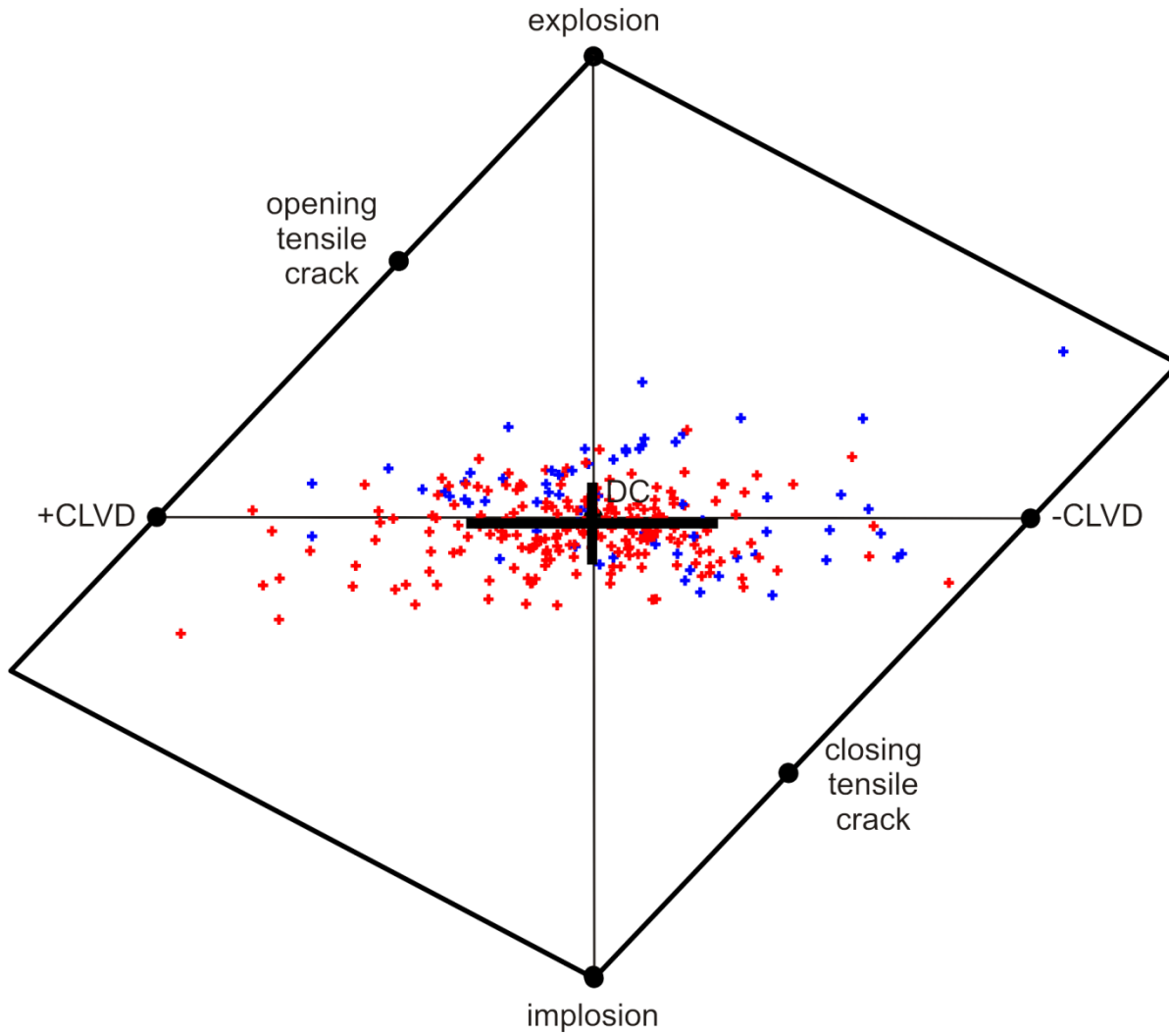


+

compensated linear  
vector dipole (CLVD)

zero net force  
zero net moment  
zero volume change

# Upptypingar

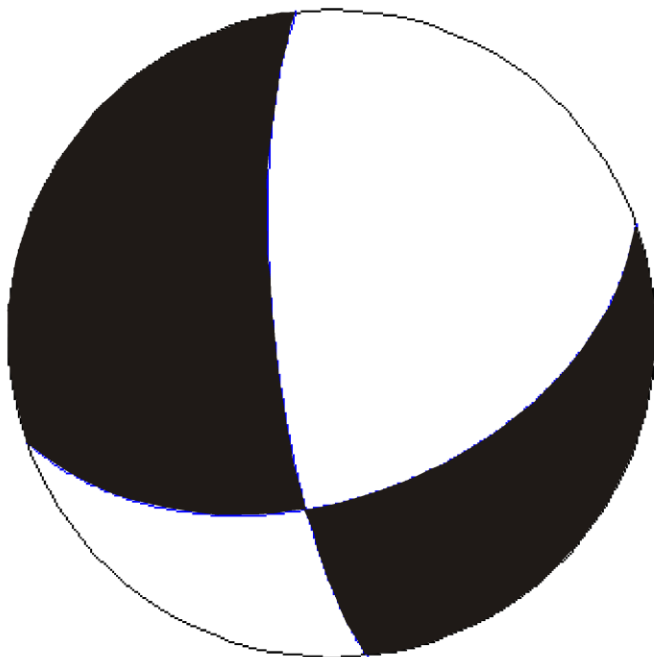


**Which of the nodal planes is the fault plane?**



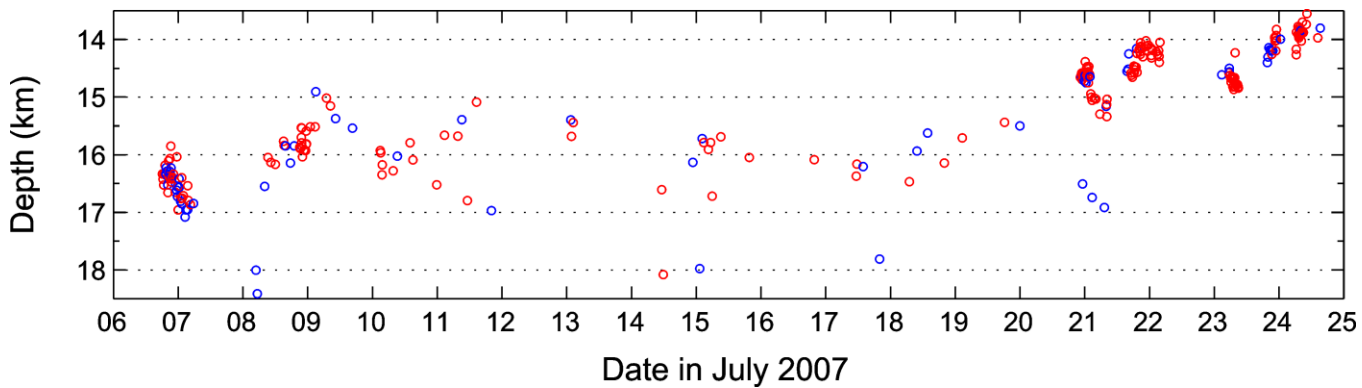
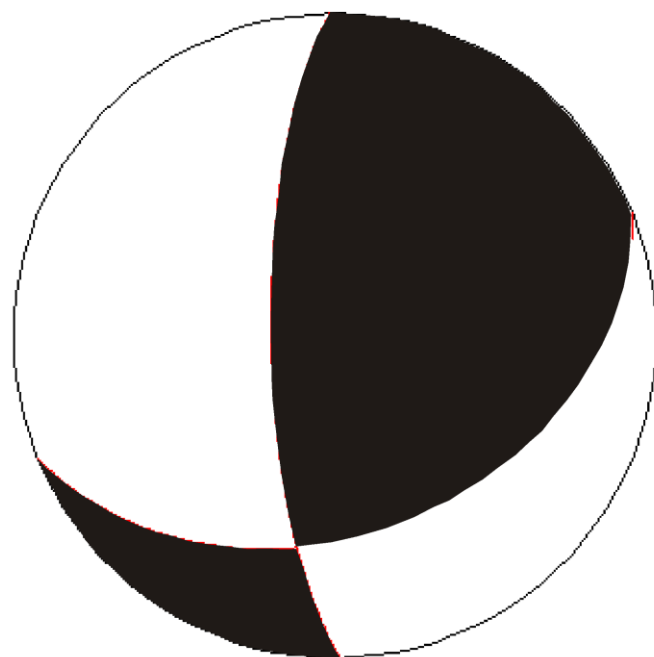
Normal

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Reverse

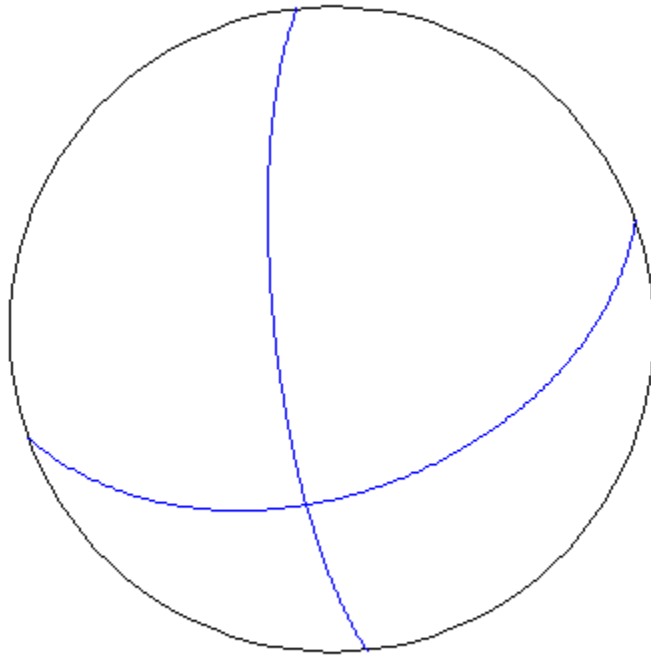
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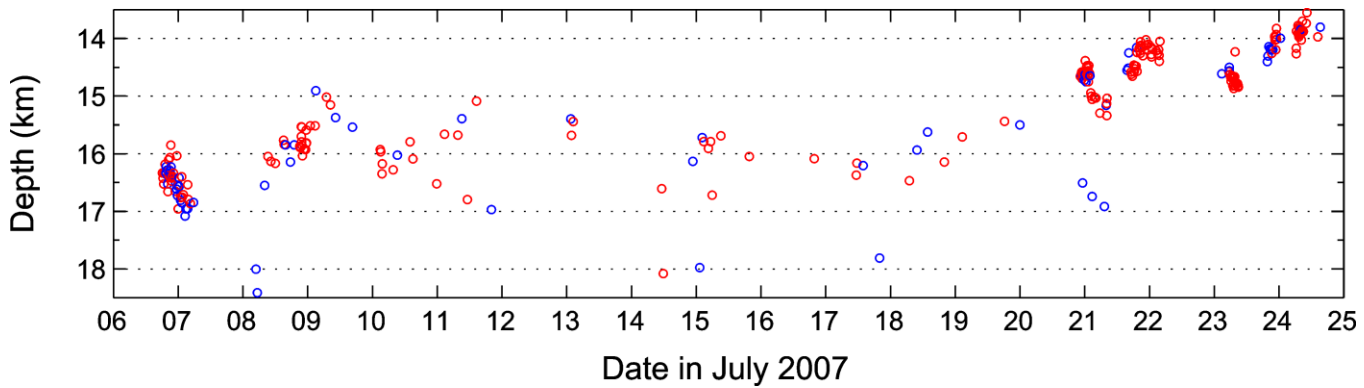
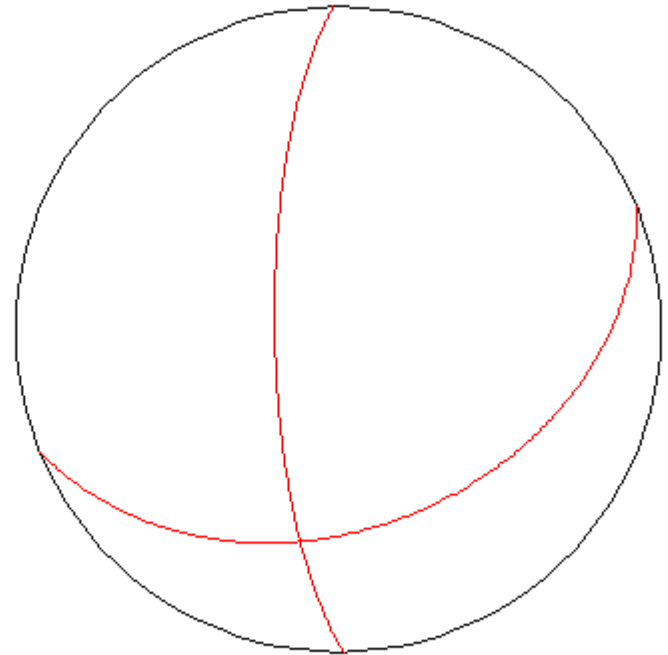
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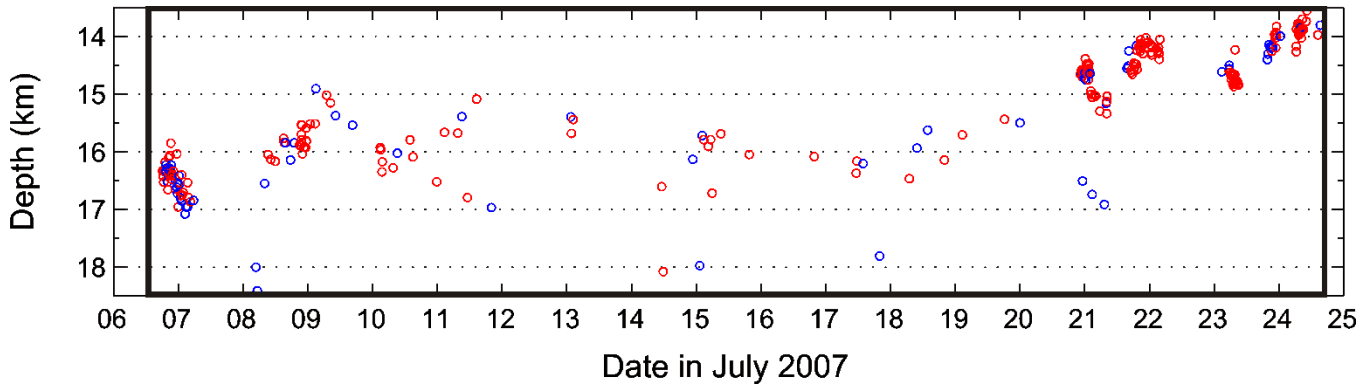
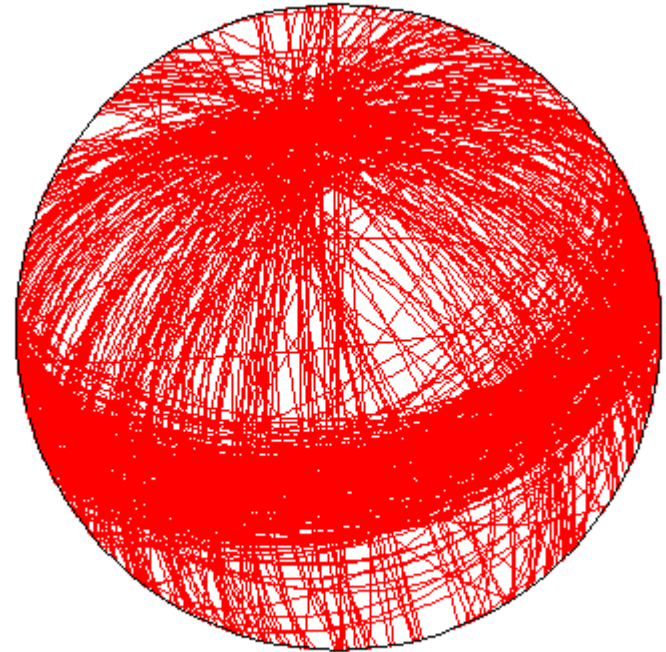
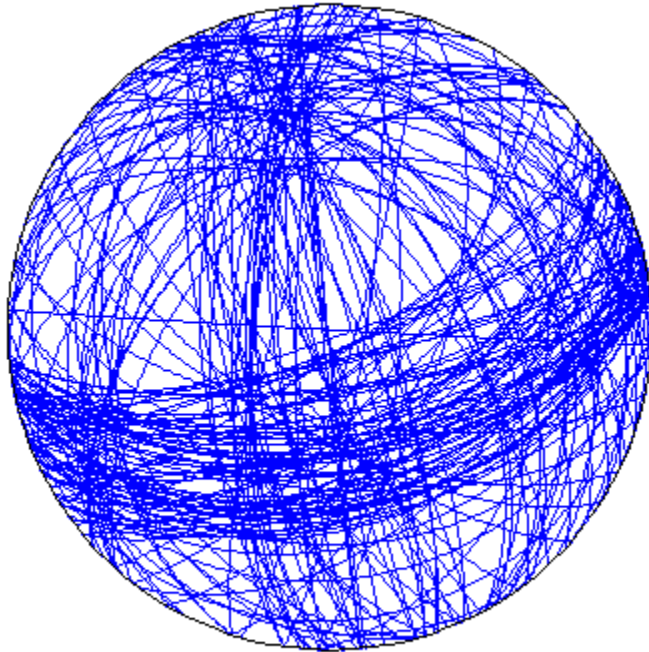
Reverse

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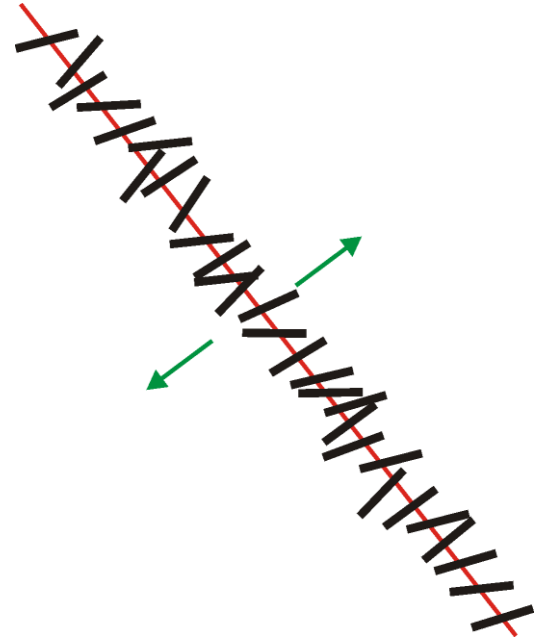
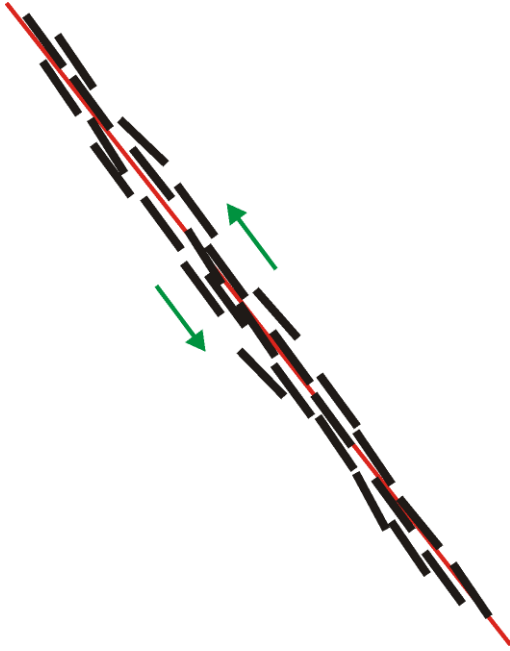
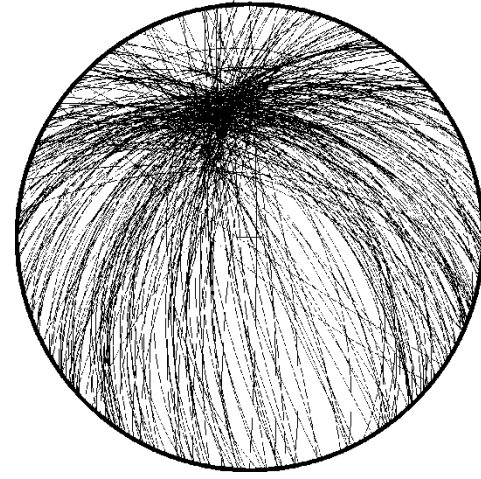
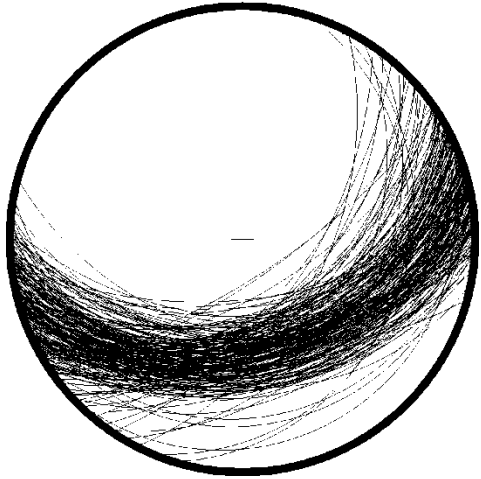


Normal

Reverse

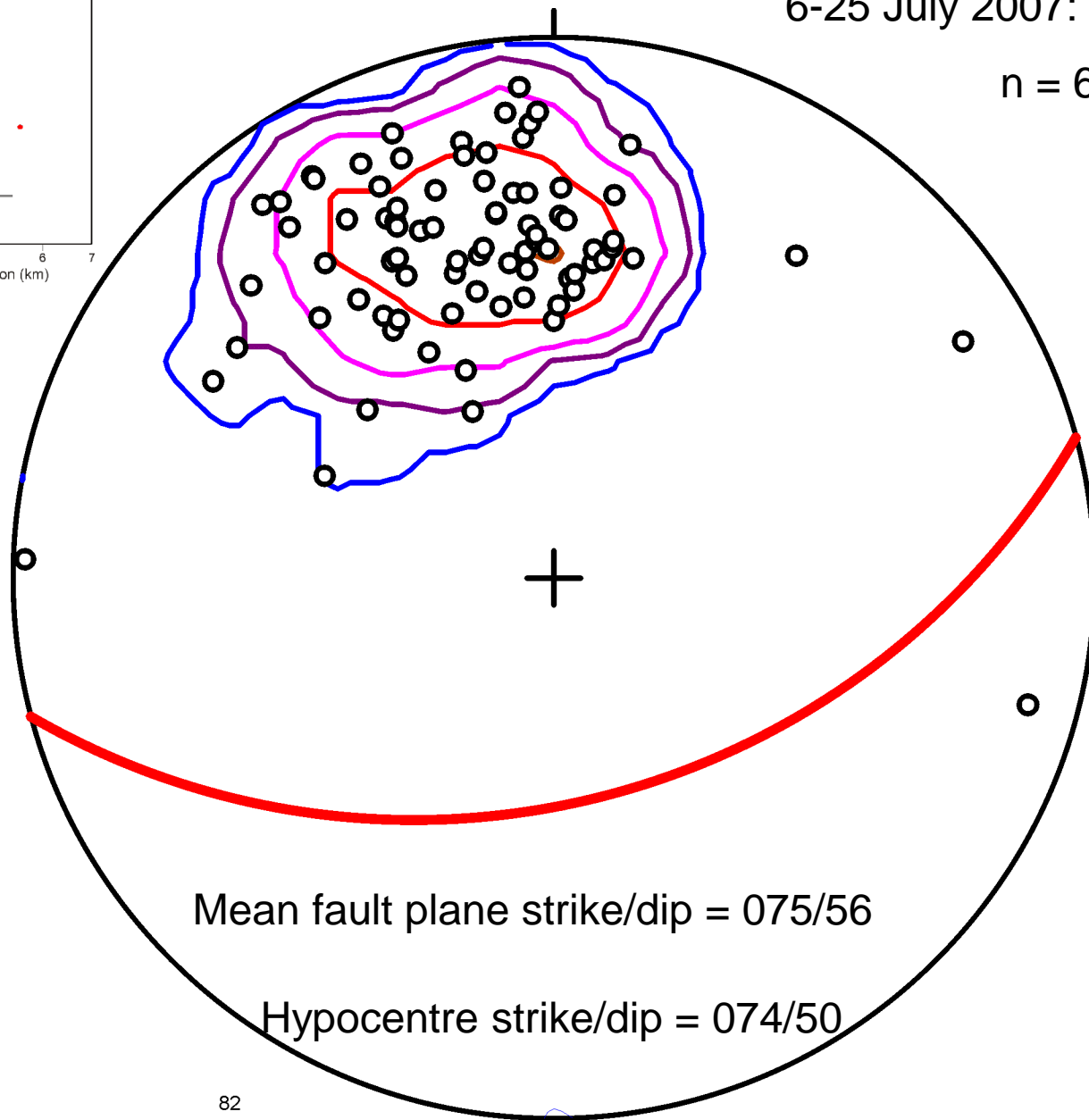


# Nodal planes: thrust faults



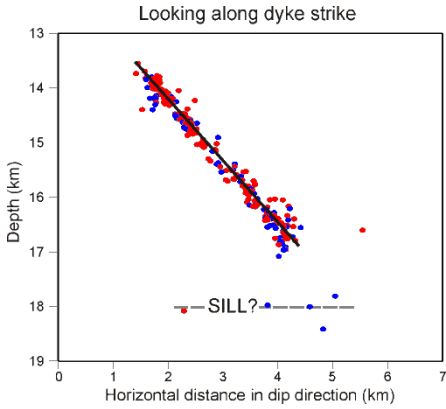
6-25 July 2007: normal faults

n = 61



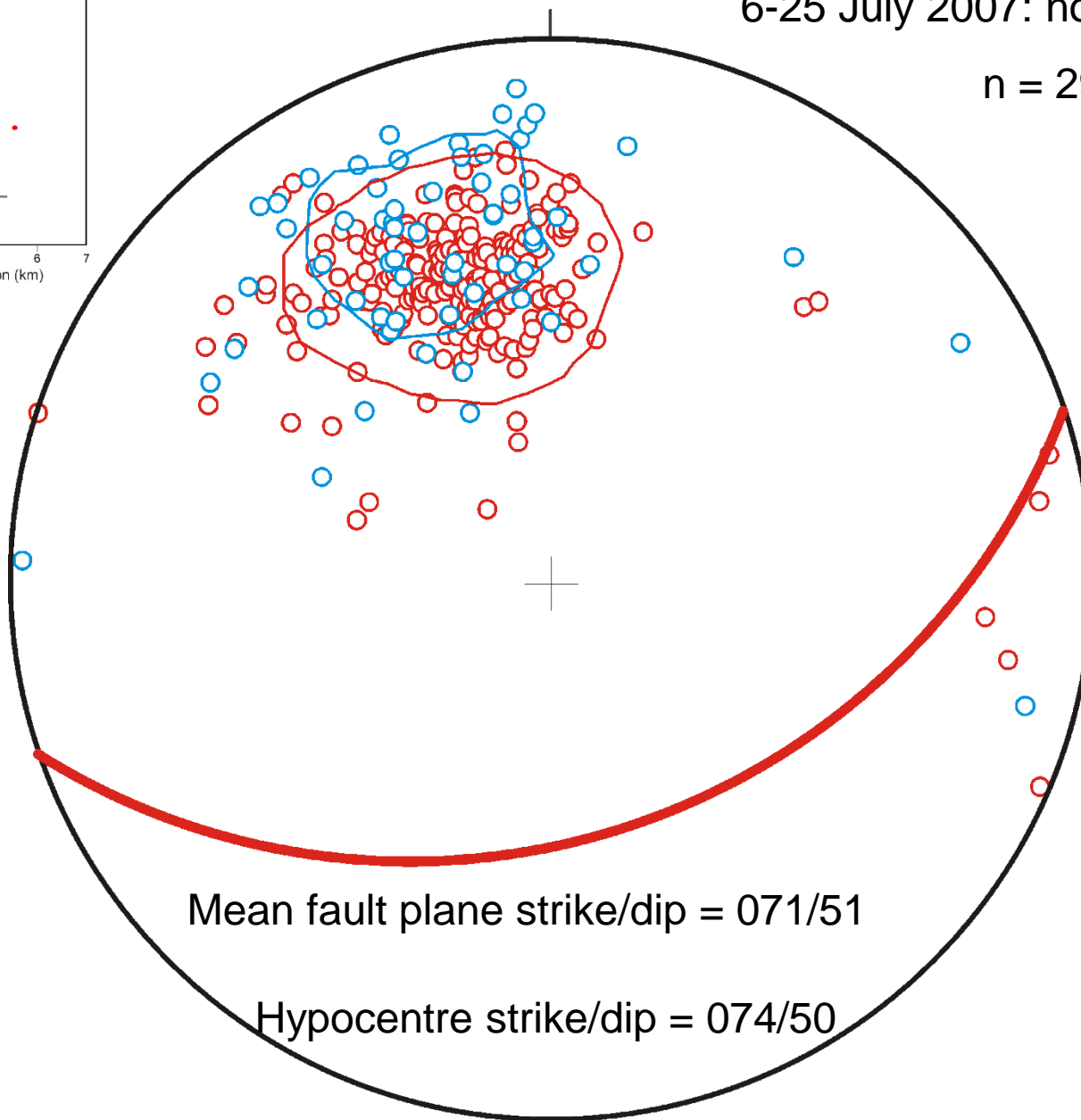
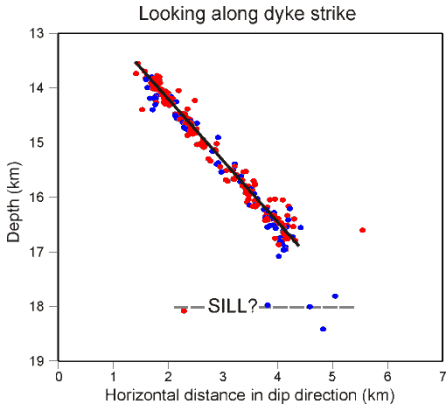
Mean fault plane strike/dip = 075/56

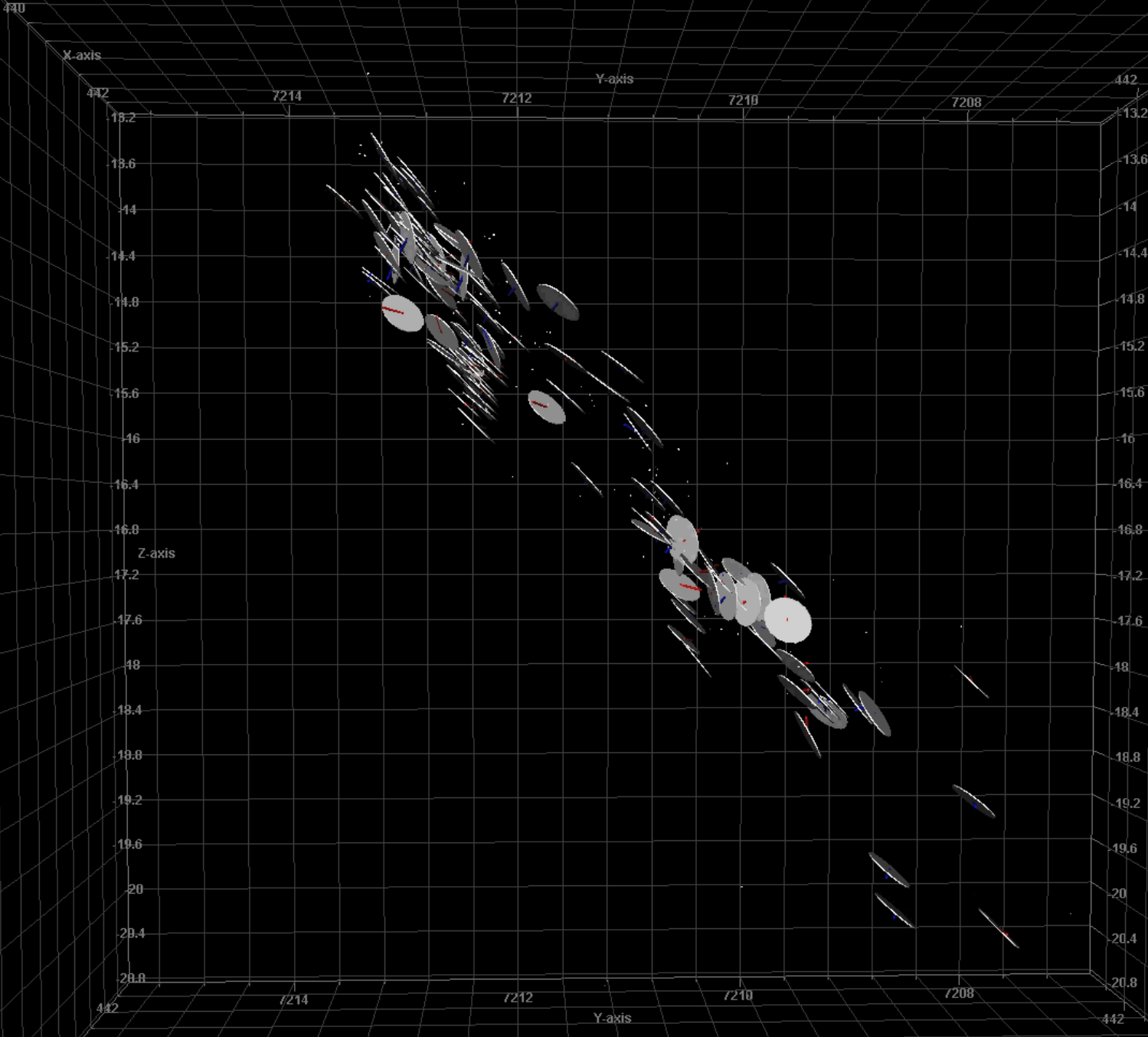
Hypocentre strike/dip = 074/50

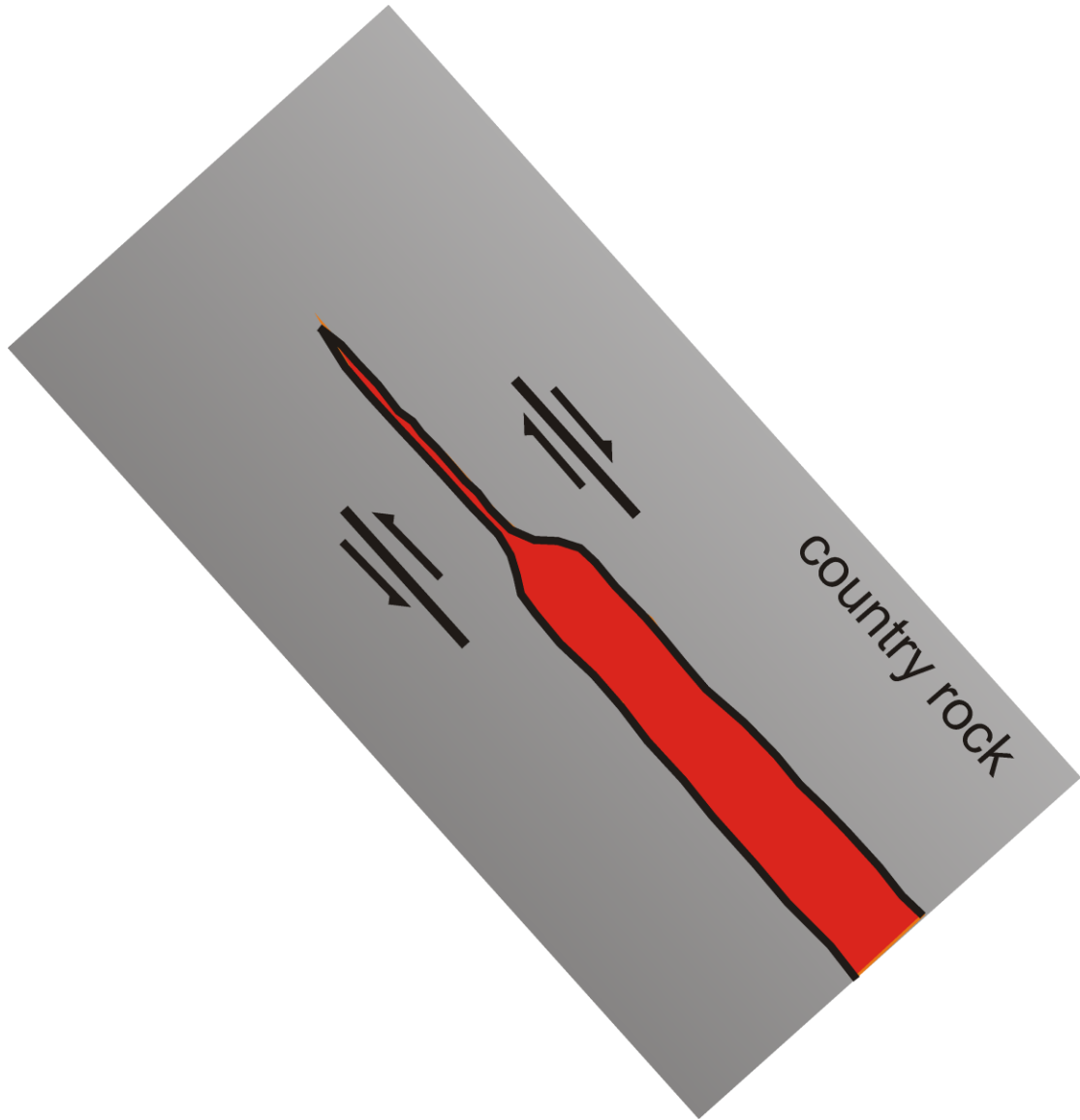


6-25 July 2007: normal + reverse

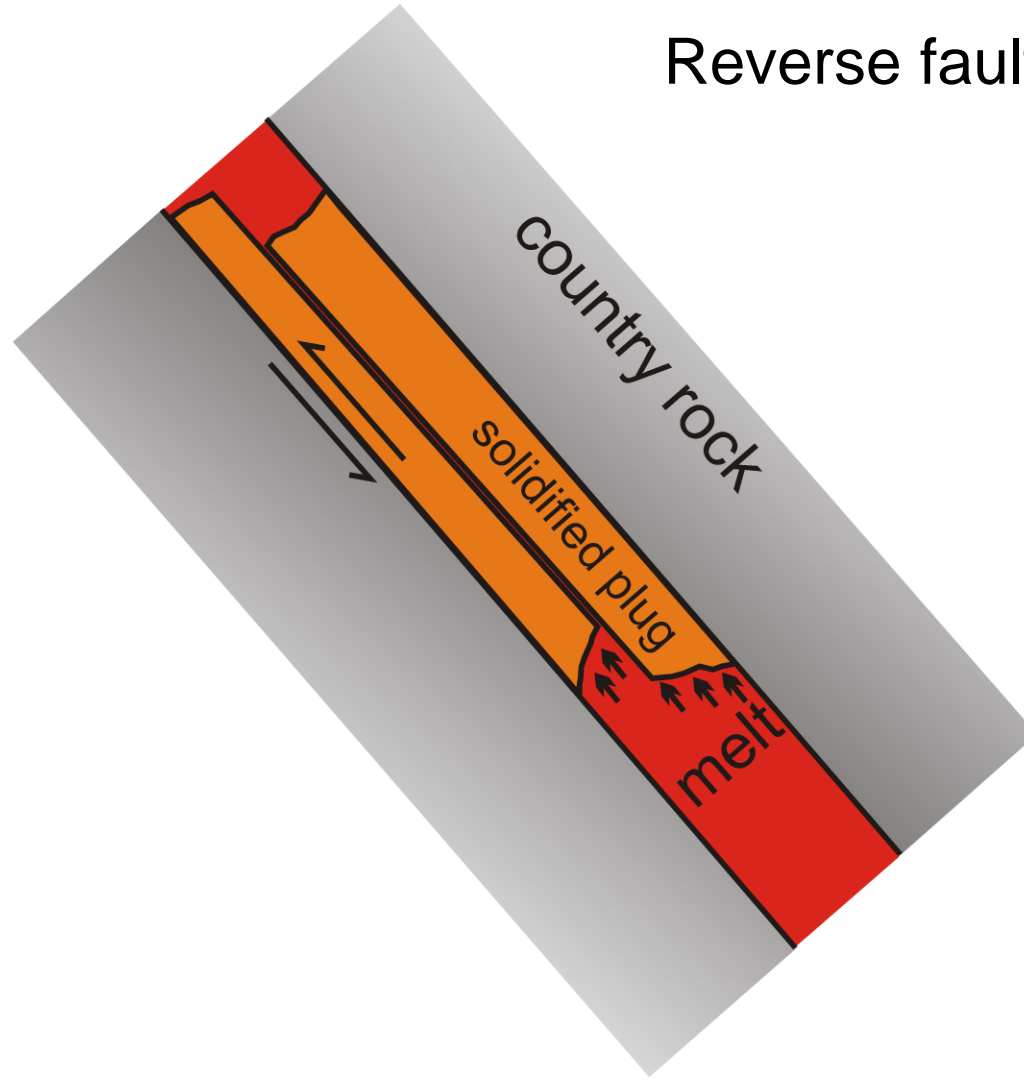
n = 290





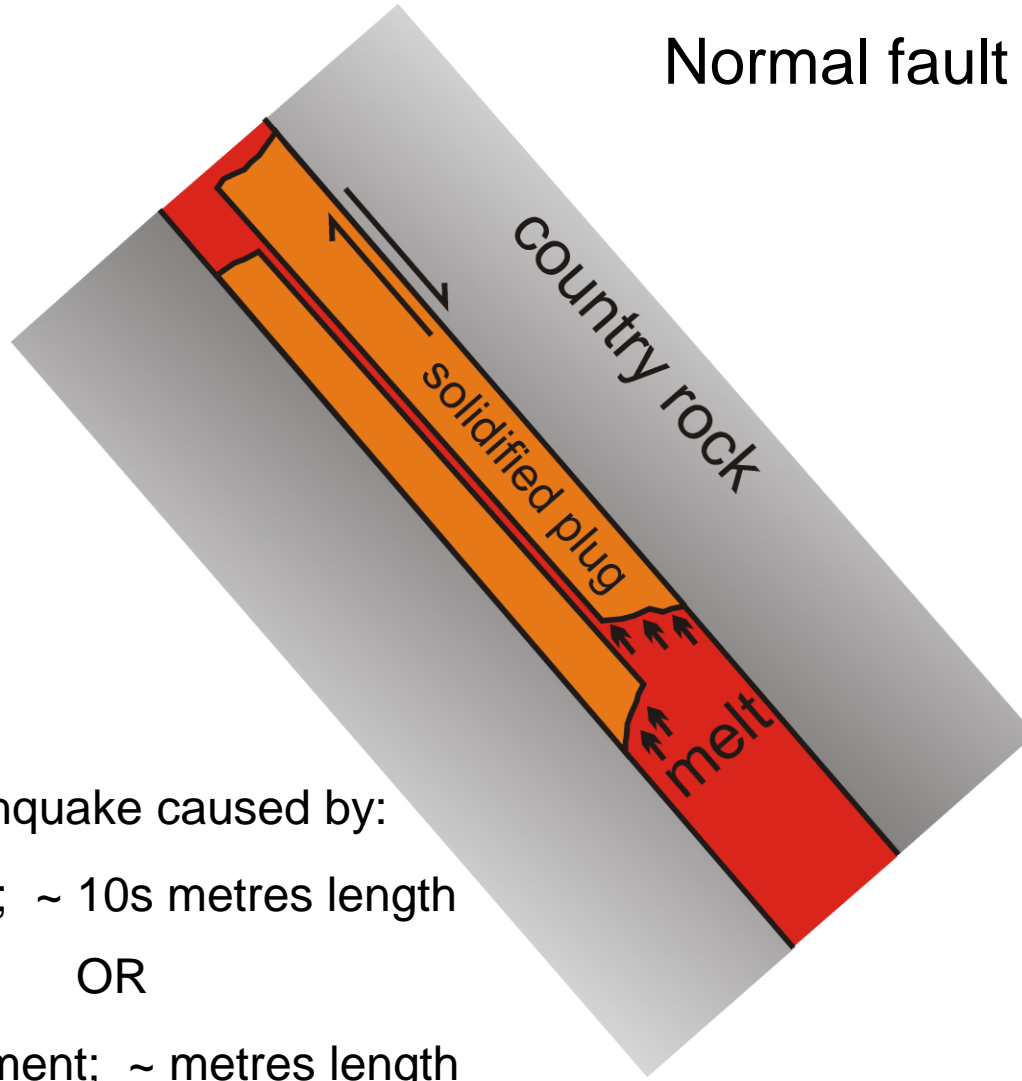


# Reverse fault





## Normal fault

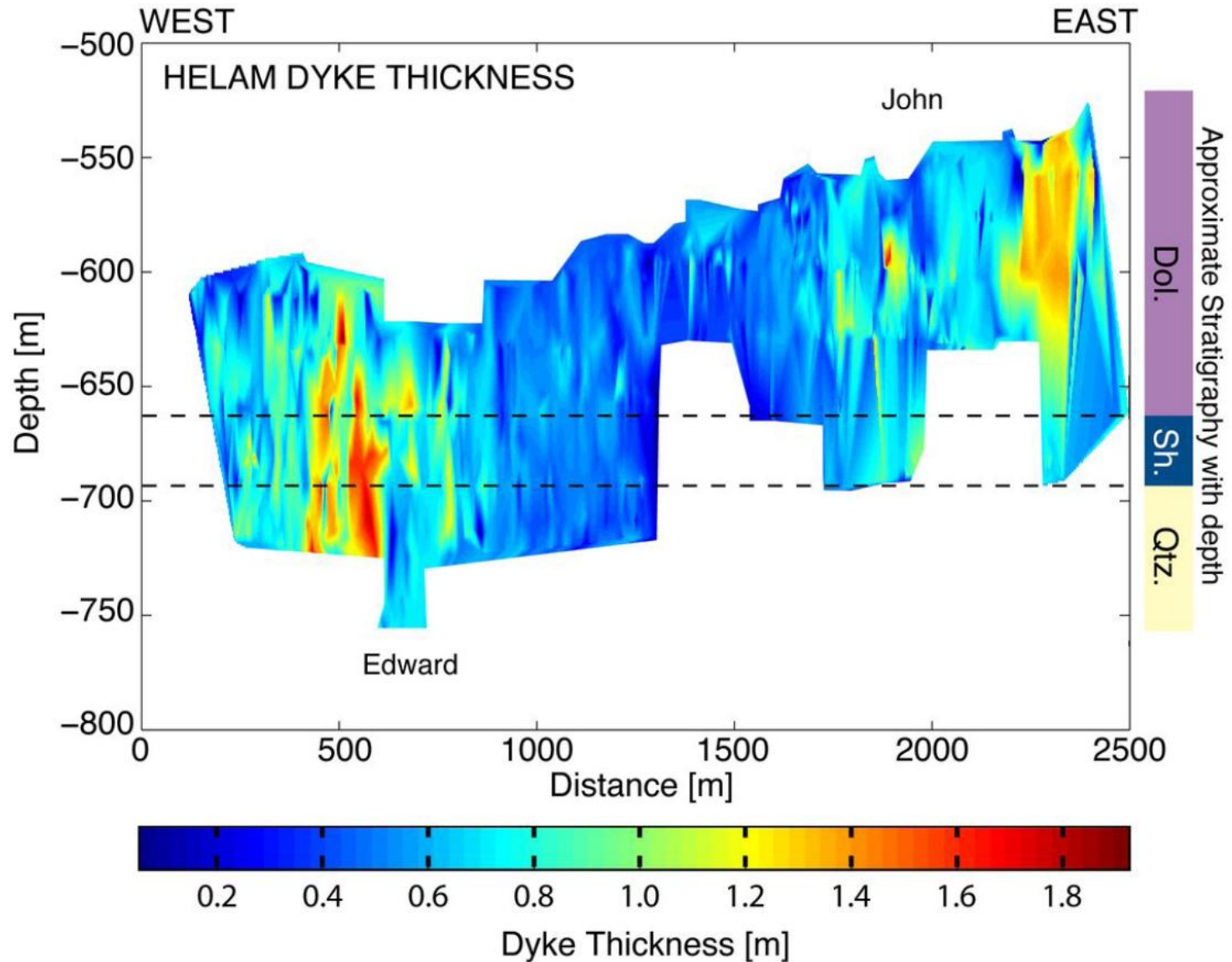


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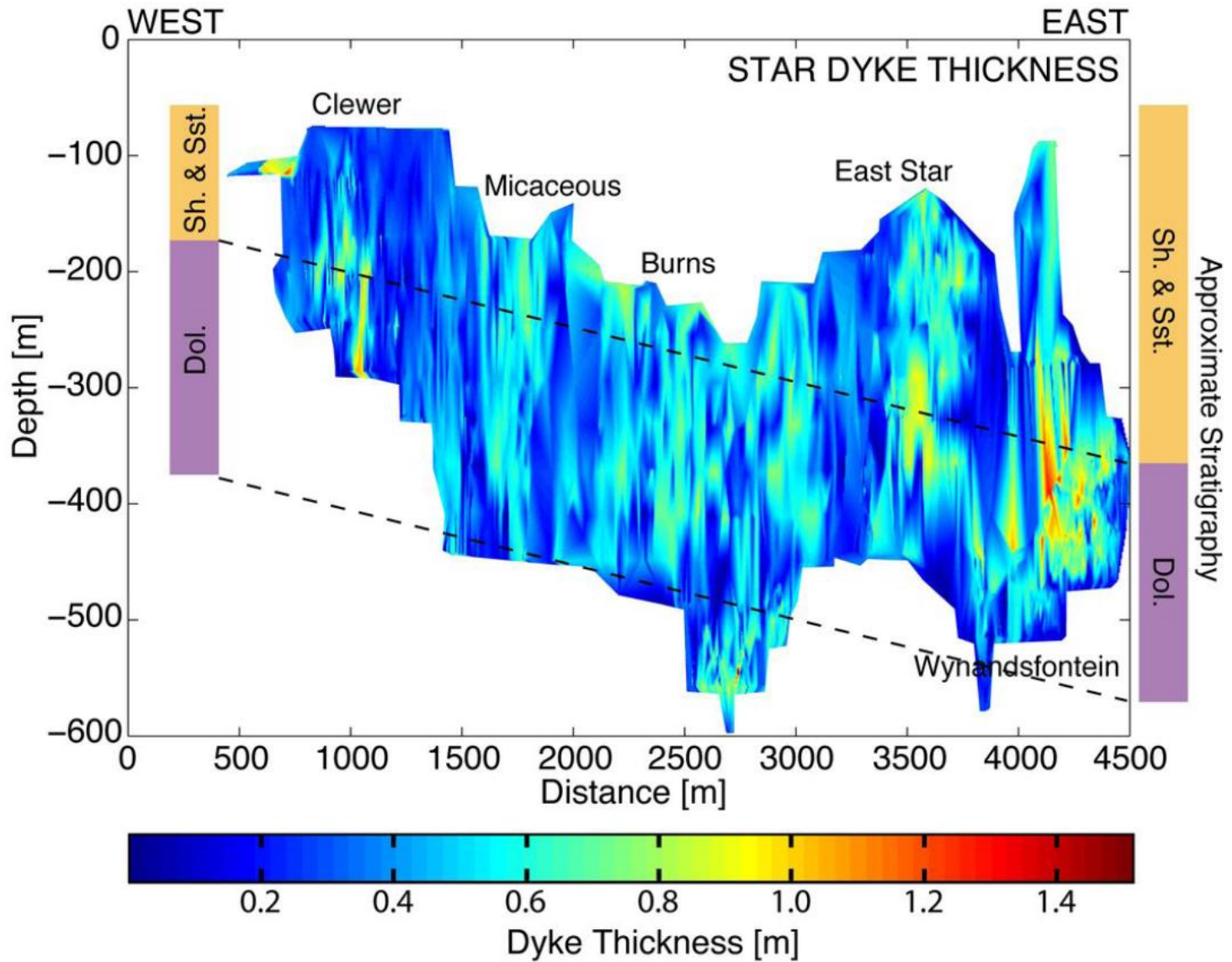
~ mms movement; ~ 10s metres length

OR

~ 10s mms movement; ~ metres length



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**Thank you for listening**