

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

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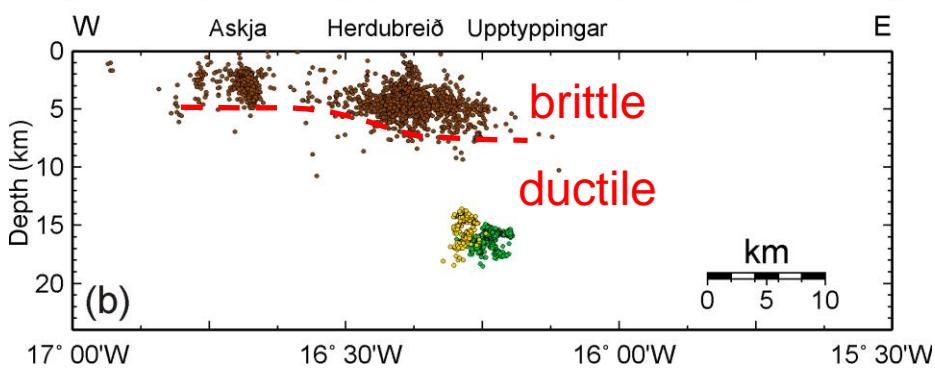
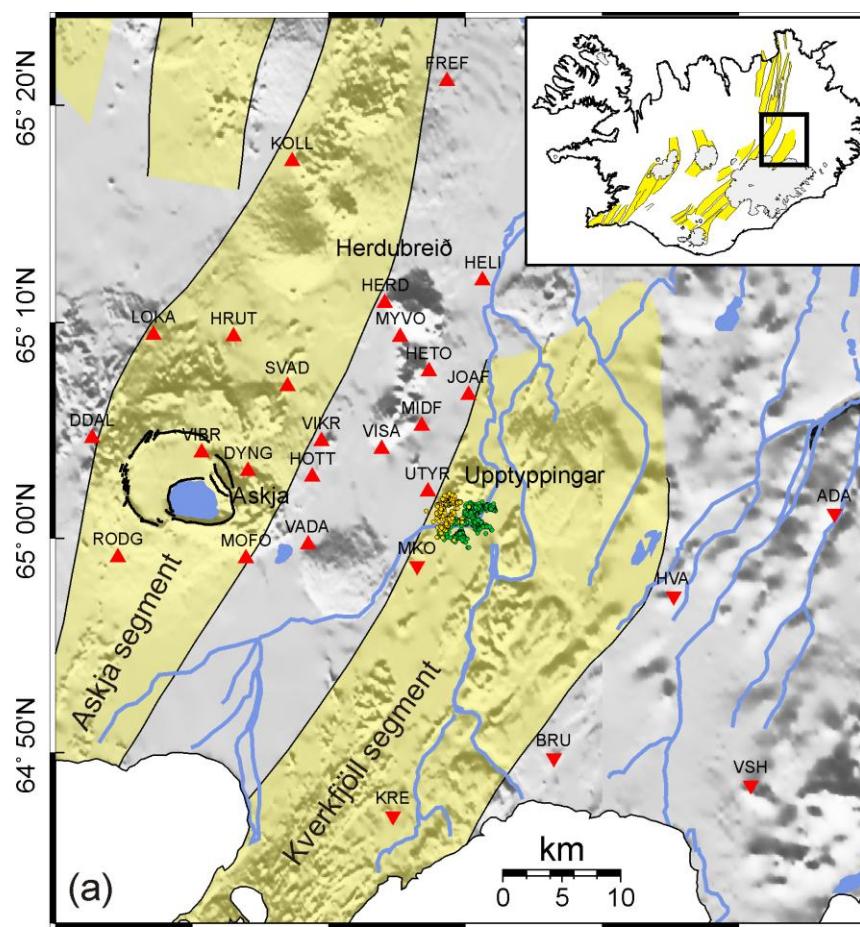
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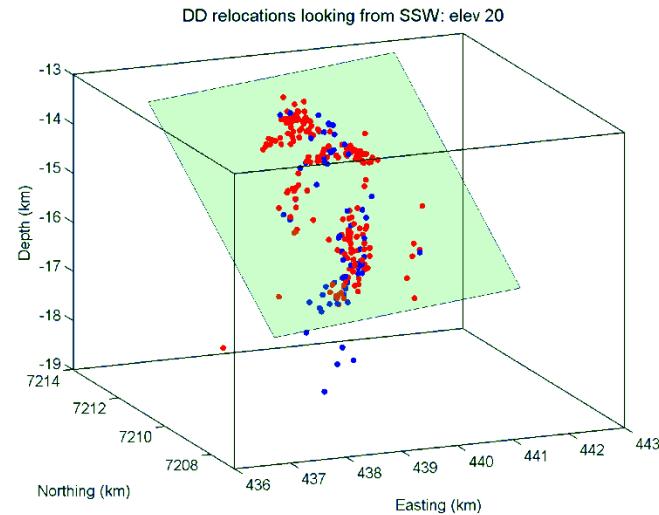
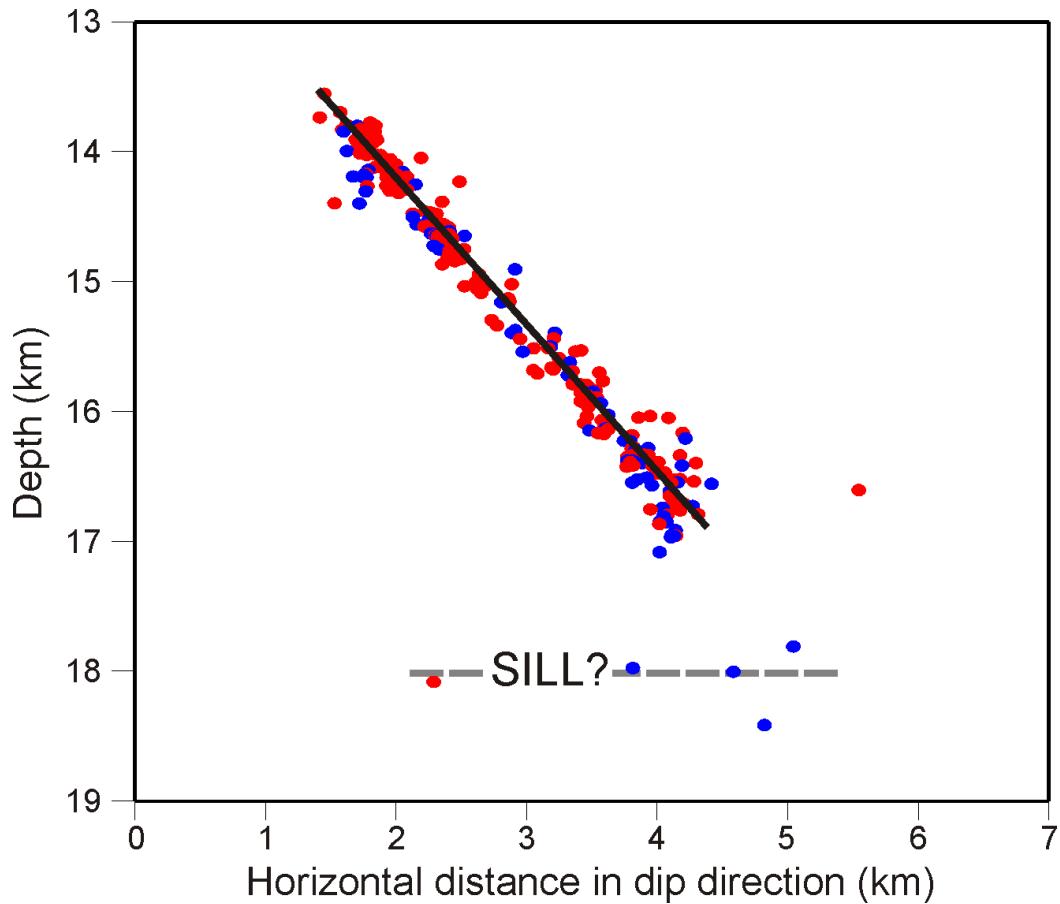


# Upptyppingar earthquakes (July-Aug 2007)

red – reverse faults

blue – normal faults

Looking along dyke strike

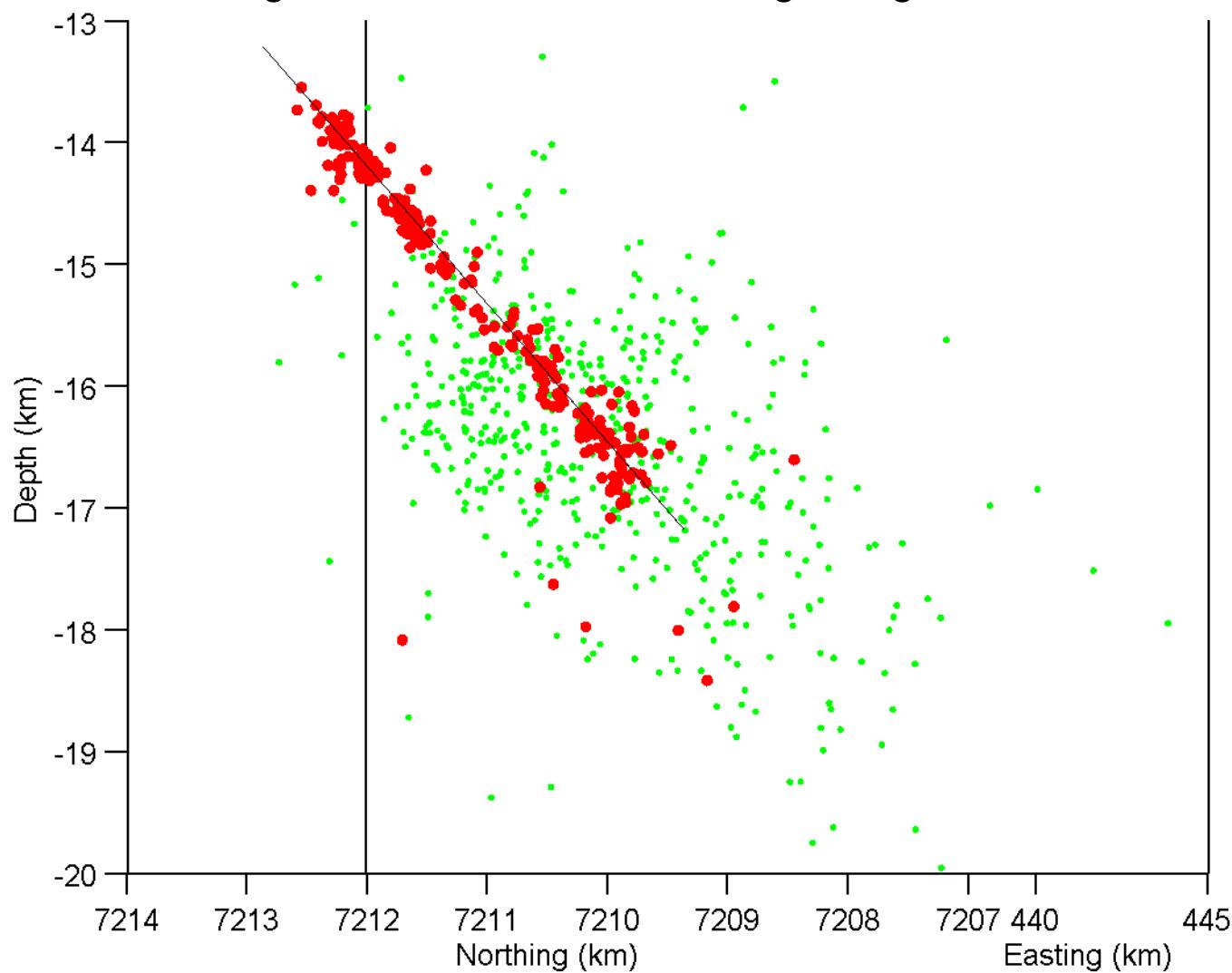


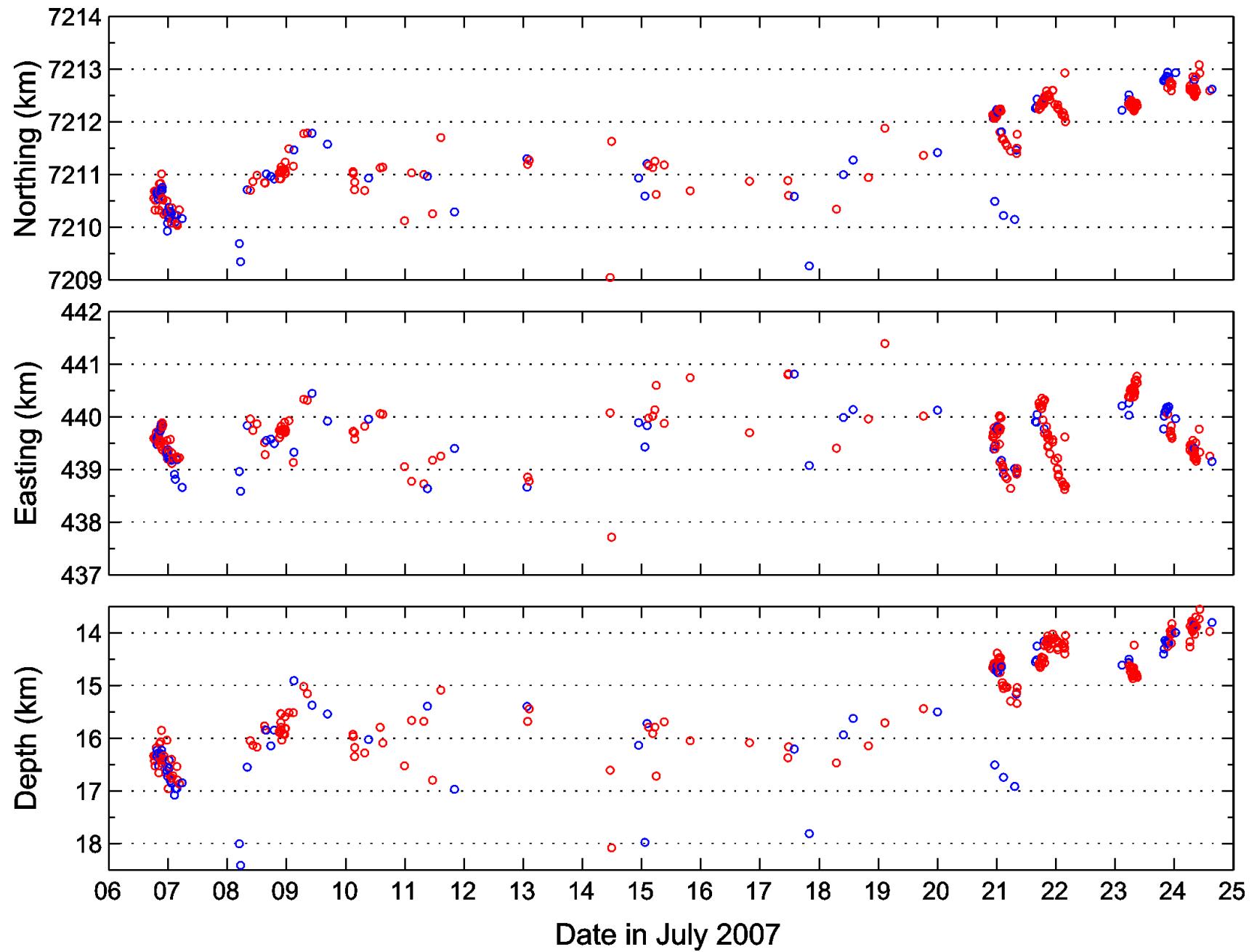
rms fit to plane: 114m

A satellite photograph of a desert landscape. In the center-left, there is a prominent, circular impact crater with a dark, irregularly shaped depression at its center. To the right of the crater, a large, light-colored, roughly triangular area shows signs of erosion and sedimentation. The terrain is characterized by various shades of brown, tan, and green, indicating different rock types and soil compositions. Several small, dark, irregular shapes, possibly dry lakes or ancient water bodies, are scattered across the surface. A few bright, white, angular features, likely salt flats or ice patches, are visible in the lower-left and lower-right quadrants.

**Location, Location ...**

## Cambridge relative locations looking along strike: rms 114m

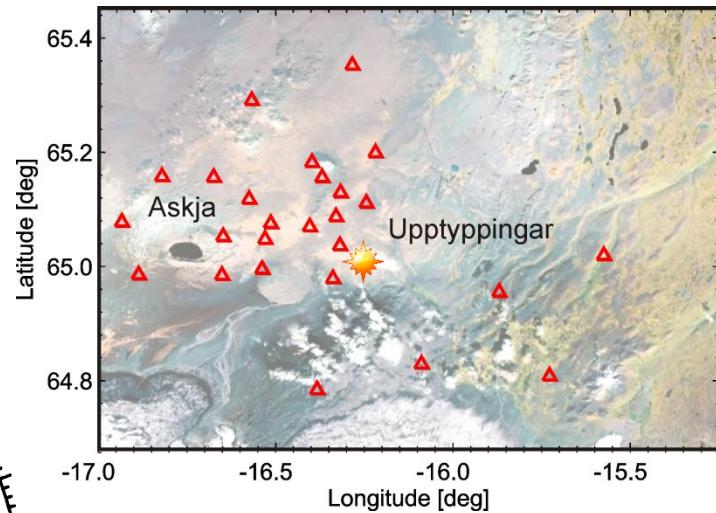
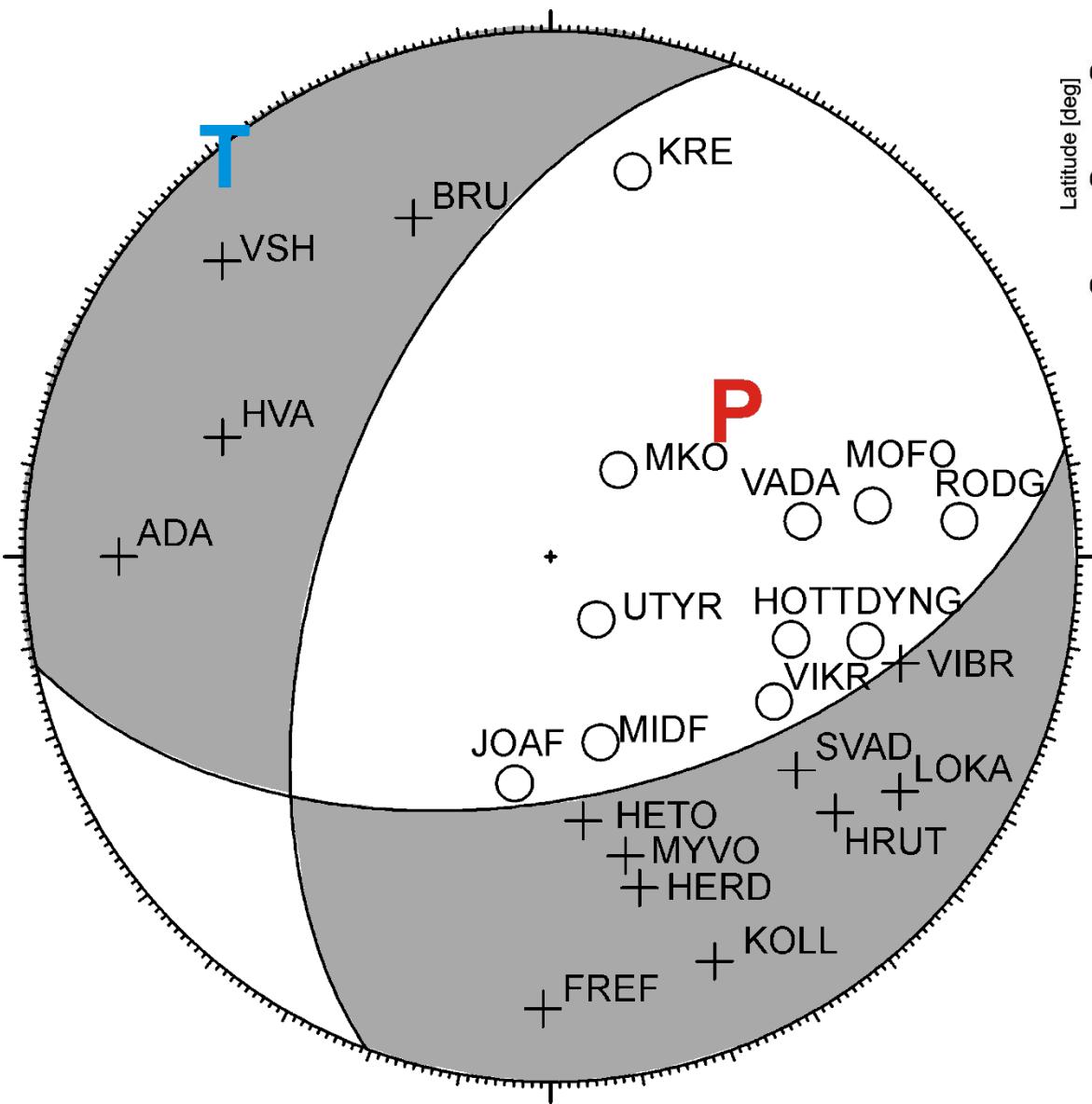


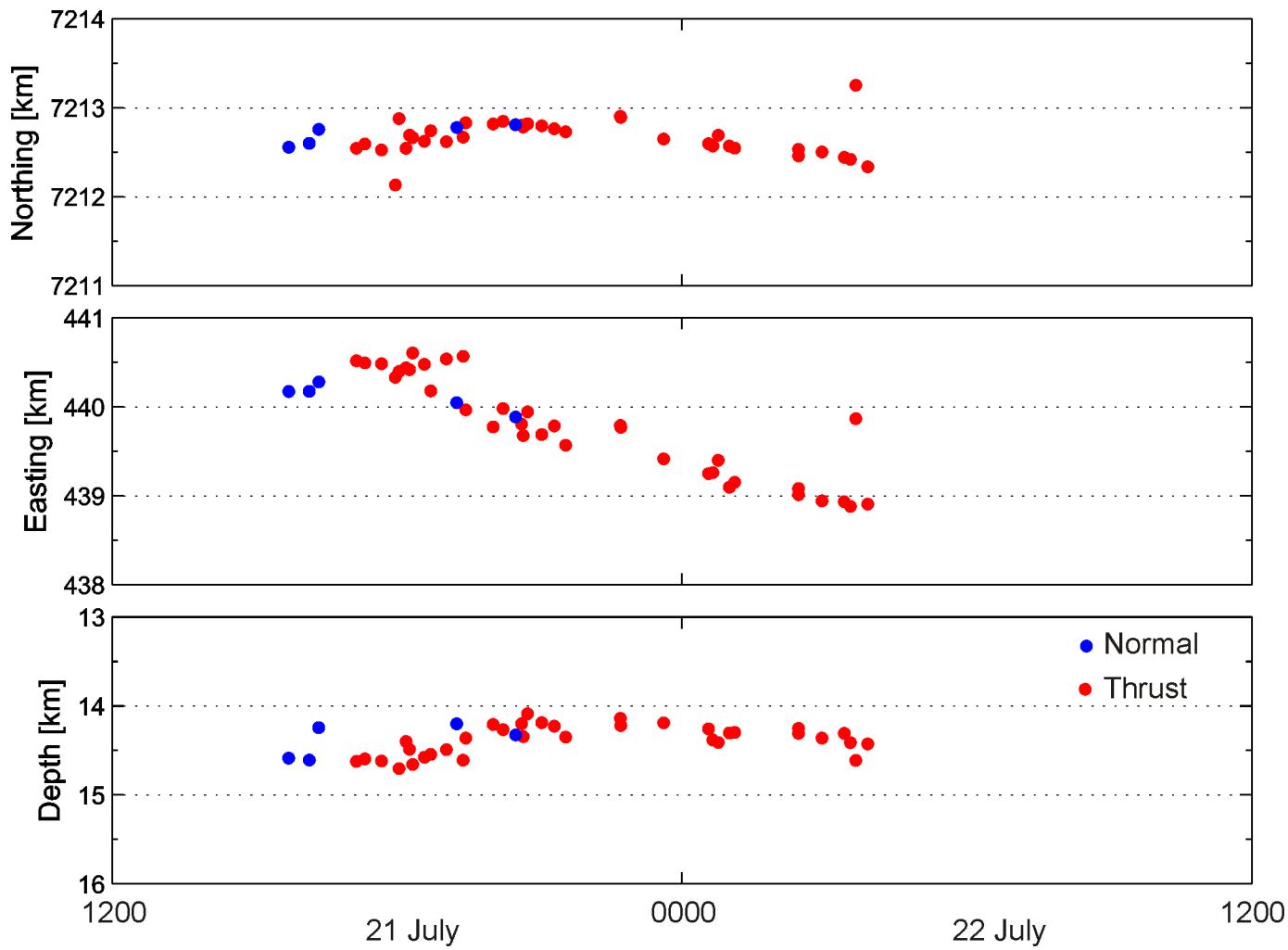


A satellite image showing a volcanic landscape. In the center-left, there is a large, dark, circular crater containing a bright blue lake. To the right of the crater, a large, light-colored, irregularly shaped area represents a lava flow or a field of volcanic rocks. The terrain is rugged and shows various shades of brown, tan, and green, indicating different rock types and vegetation. There are also several smaller, dark, irregular shapes scattered across the landscape, possibly representing other craters or volcanic features.

# Moment tensor solutions

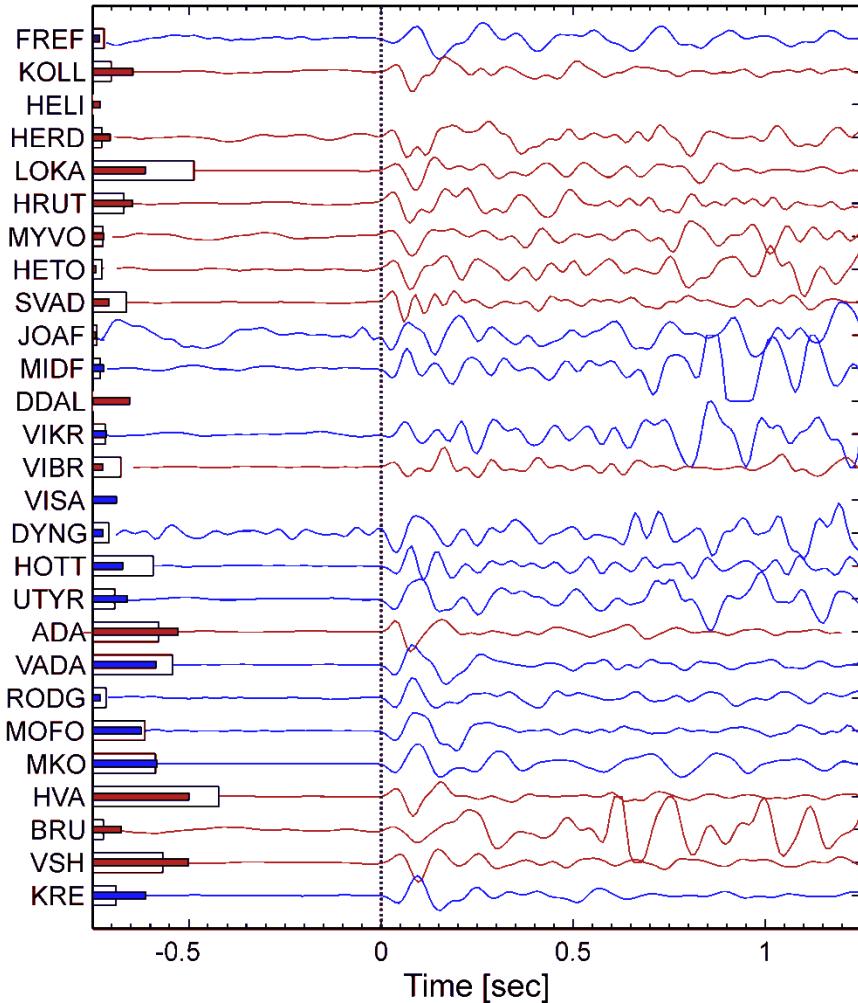
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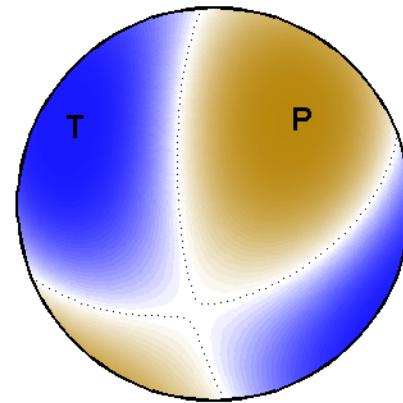


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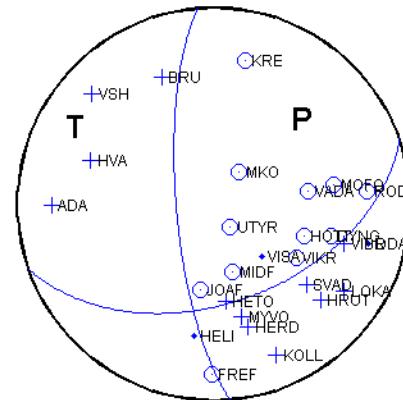
Vertical component 20:47 6 July 2007



Moment tensor

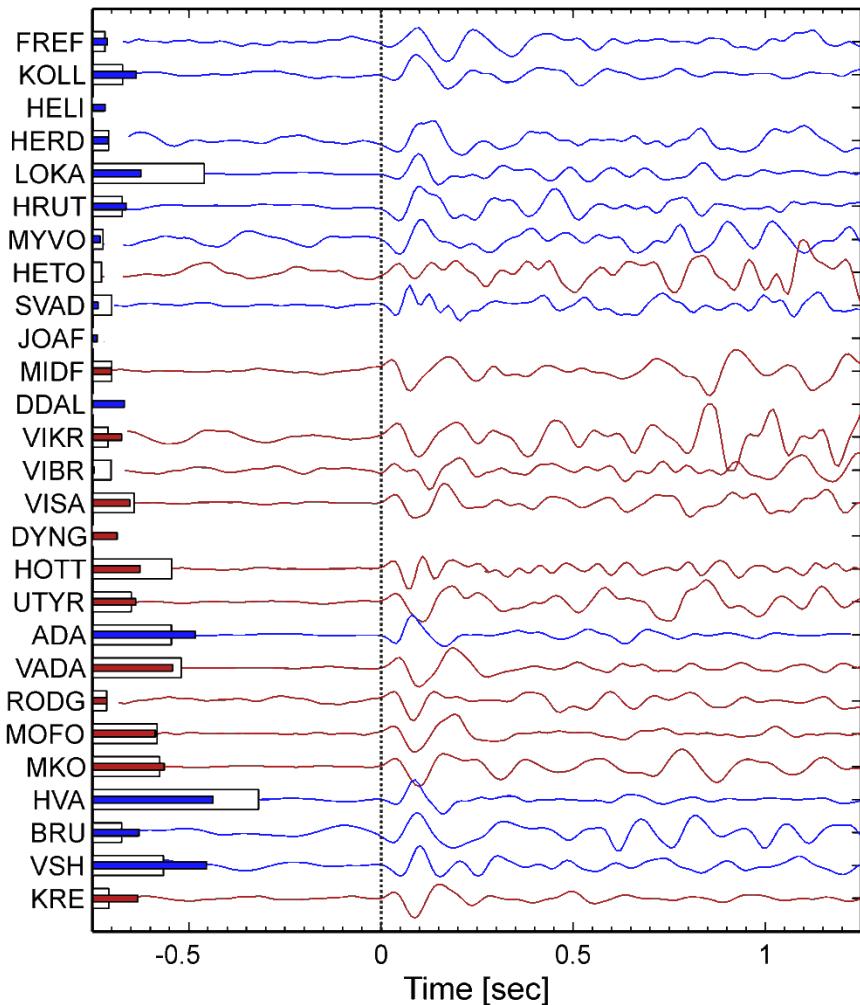


Double couple

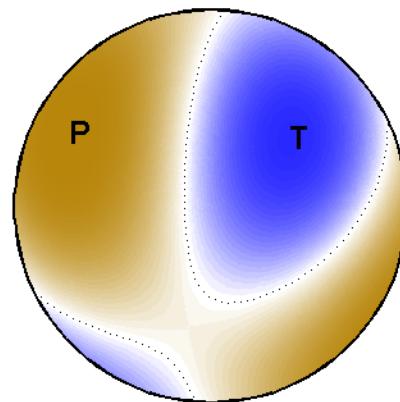


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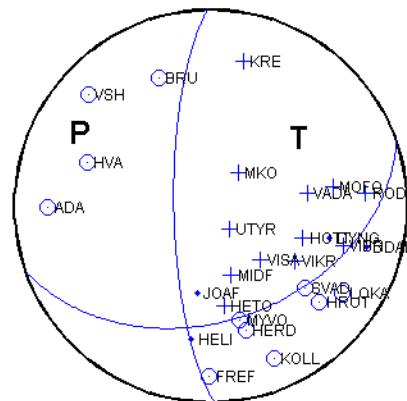
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Moment tensor



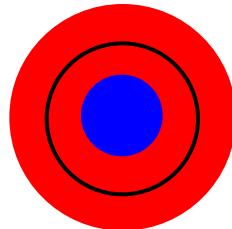
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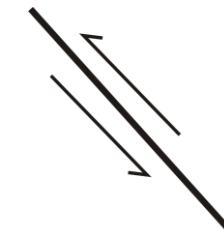
## Decomposition of moment tensors

Moment tensor = Isotropic + Deviatoric

explosion  
or  
implosion



double couple

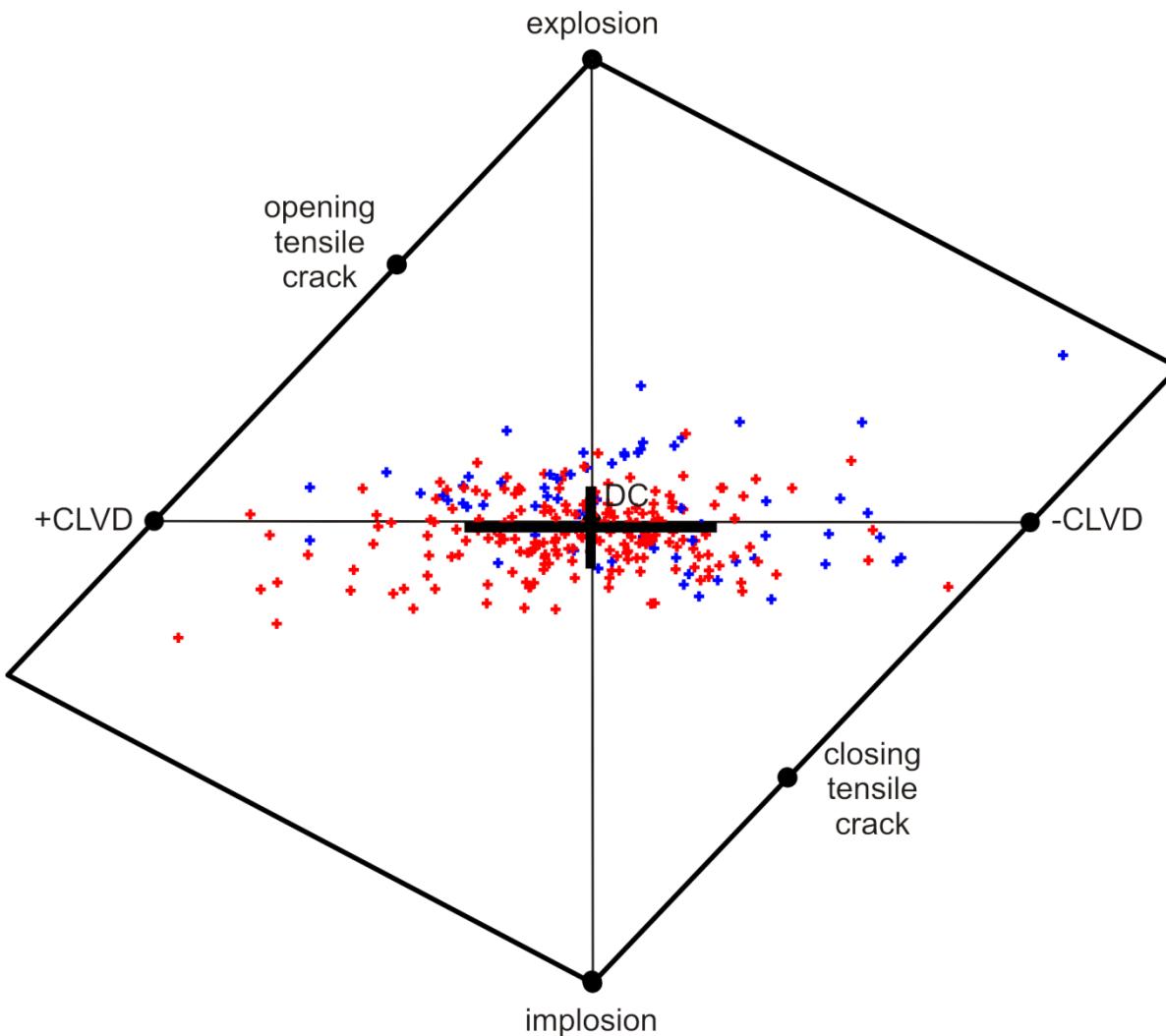


+

compensated linear  
vector dipole (CLVD)

zero net force  
zero net moment  
zero volume change

# Upptyppingar

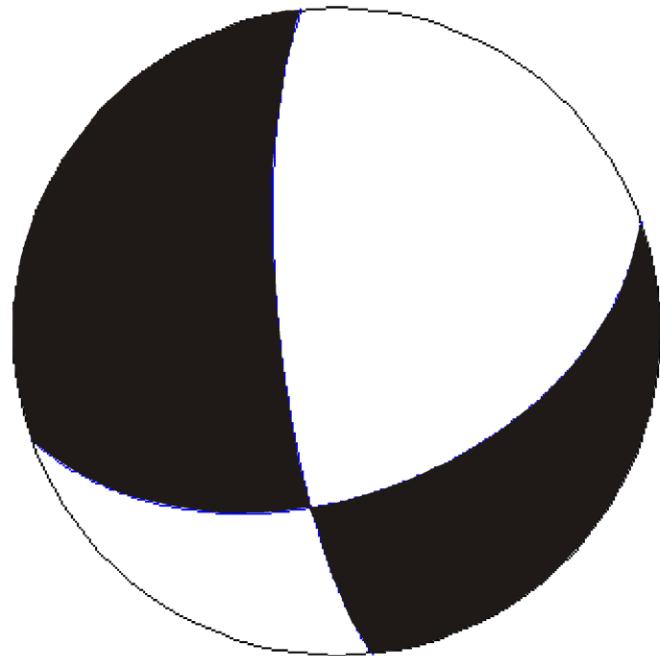


A satellite image showing a large, circular impact crater in the center-left. The crater has a dark, irregularly shaped depression surrounded by a lighter-colored, fractured rim. To the right of the crater, there is a prominent, elongated mountain range or ridge with distinct geological layers and some snow or ice patches. The terrain transitions from rocky and arid land to more vegetated and green areas further east.

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

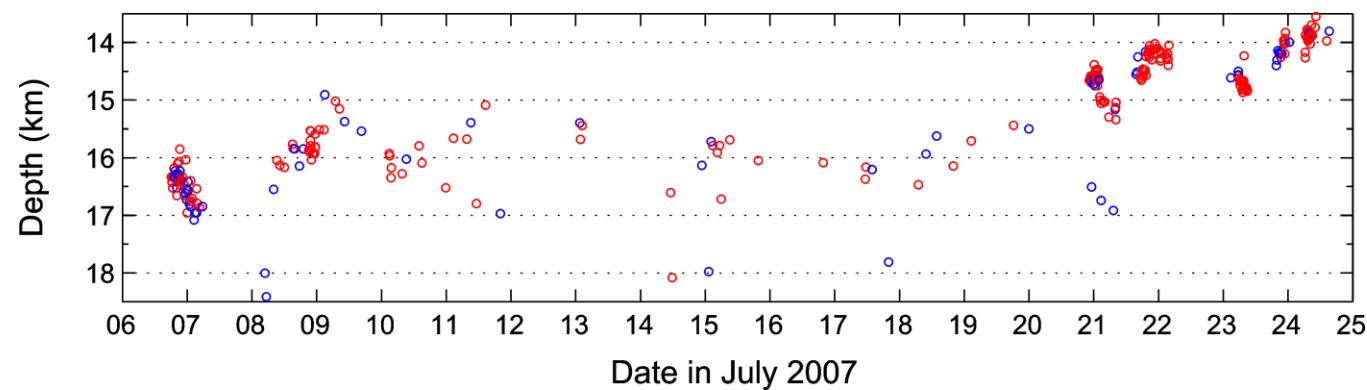
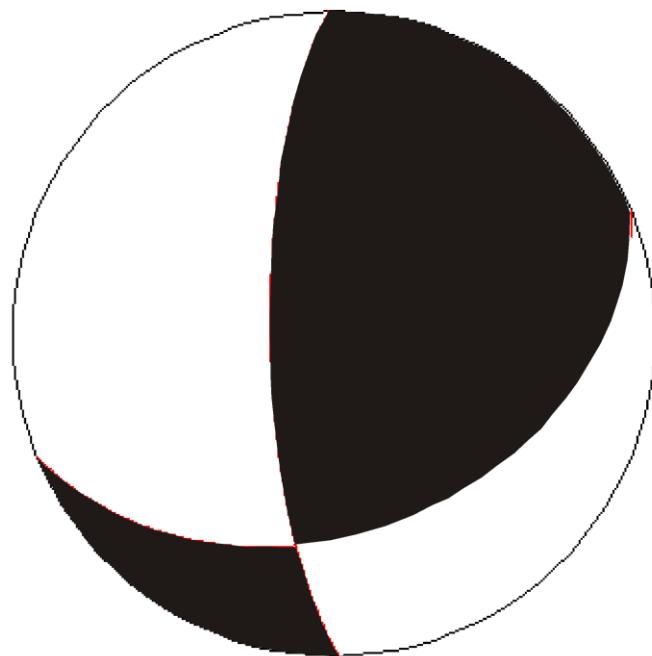
Normal

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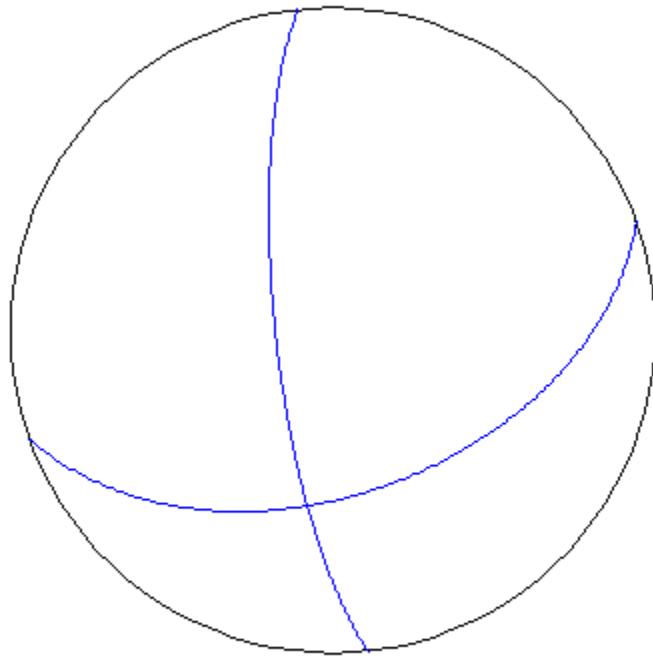
Reverse

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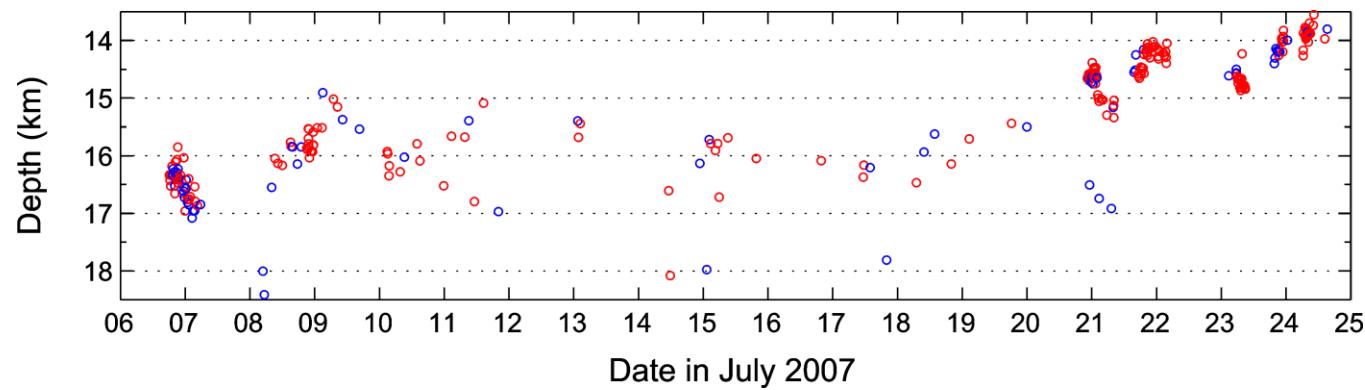
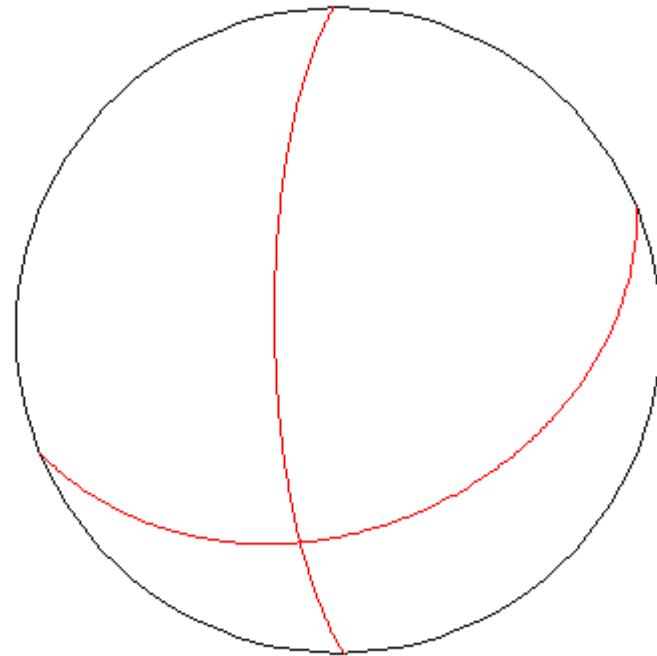
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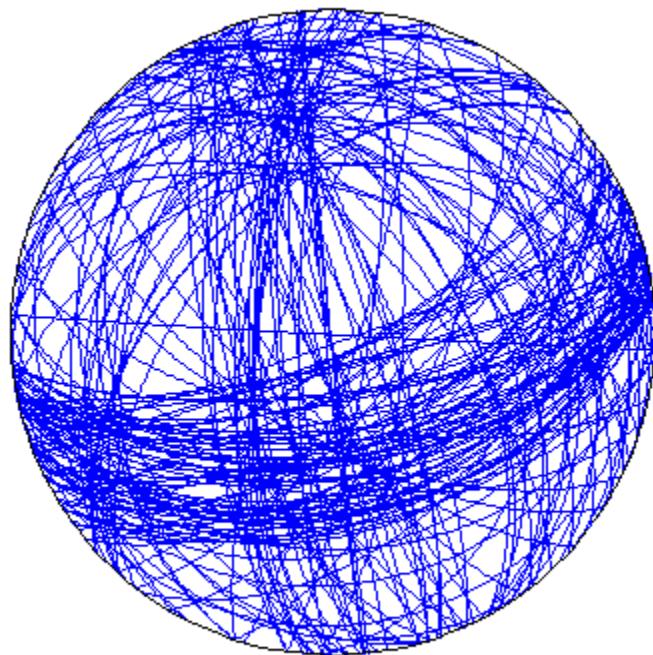


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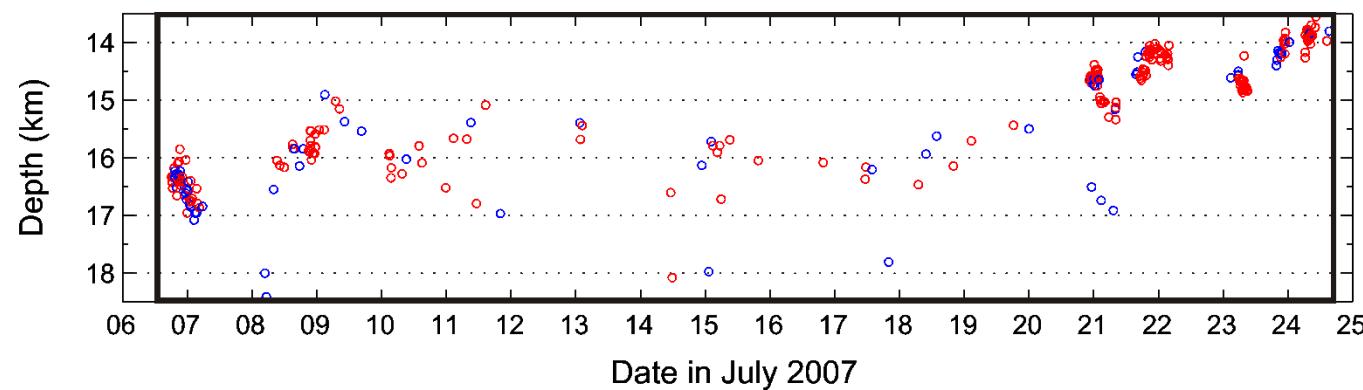
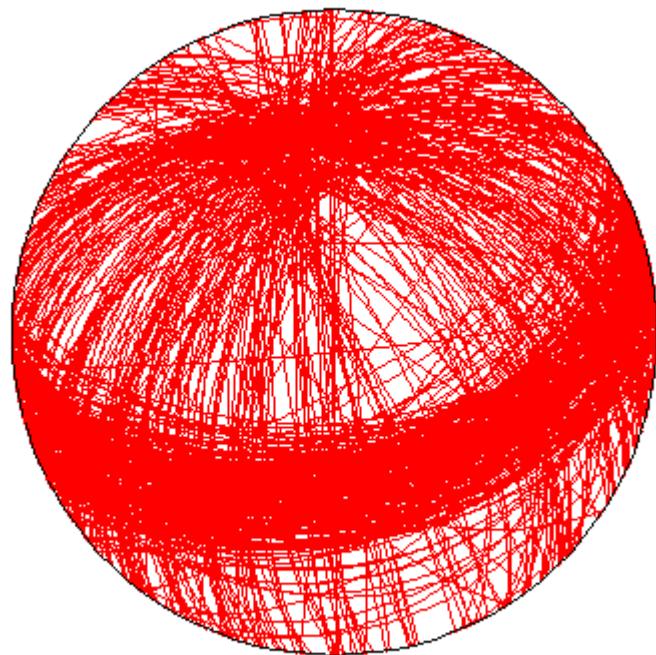
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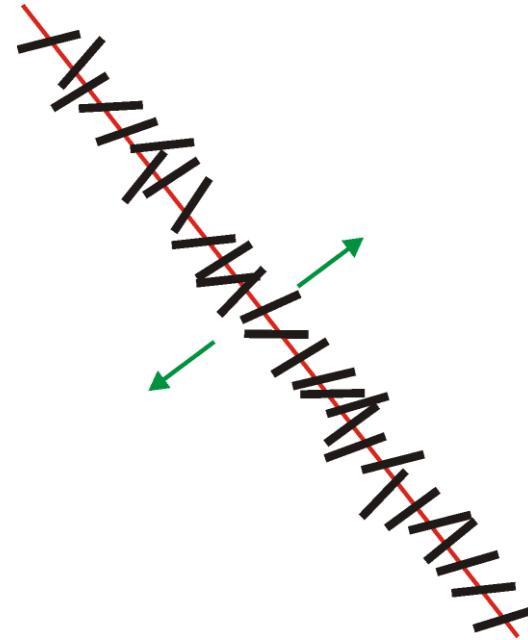
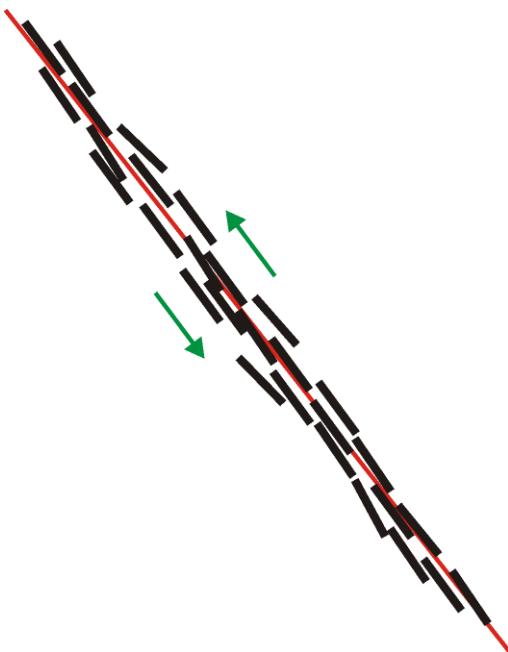
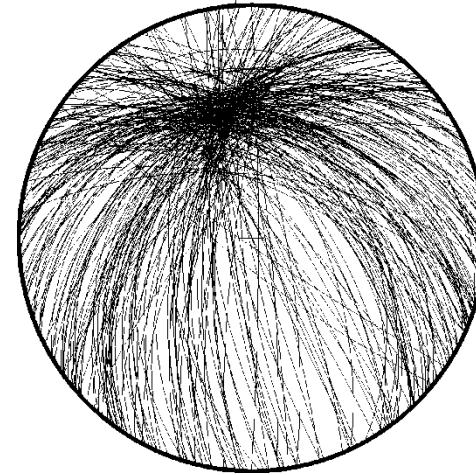
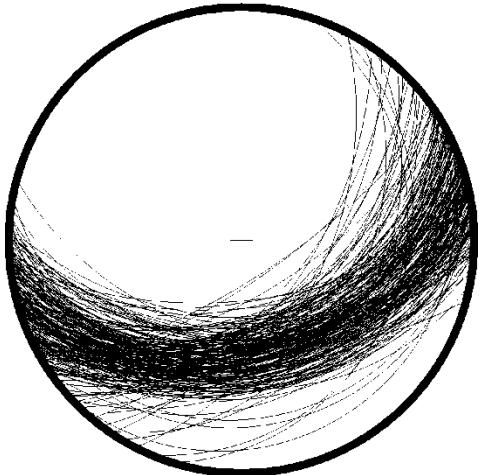
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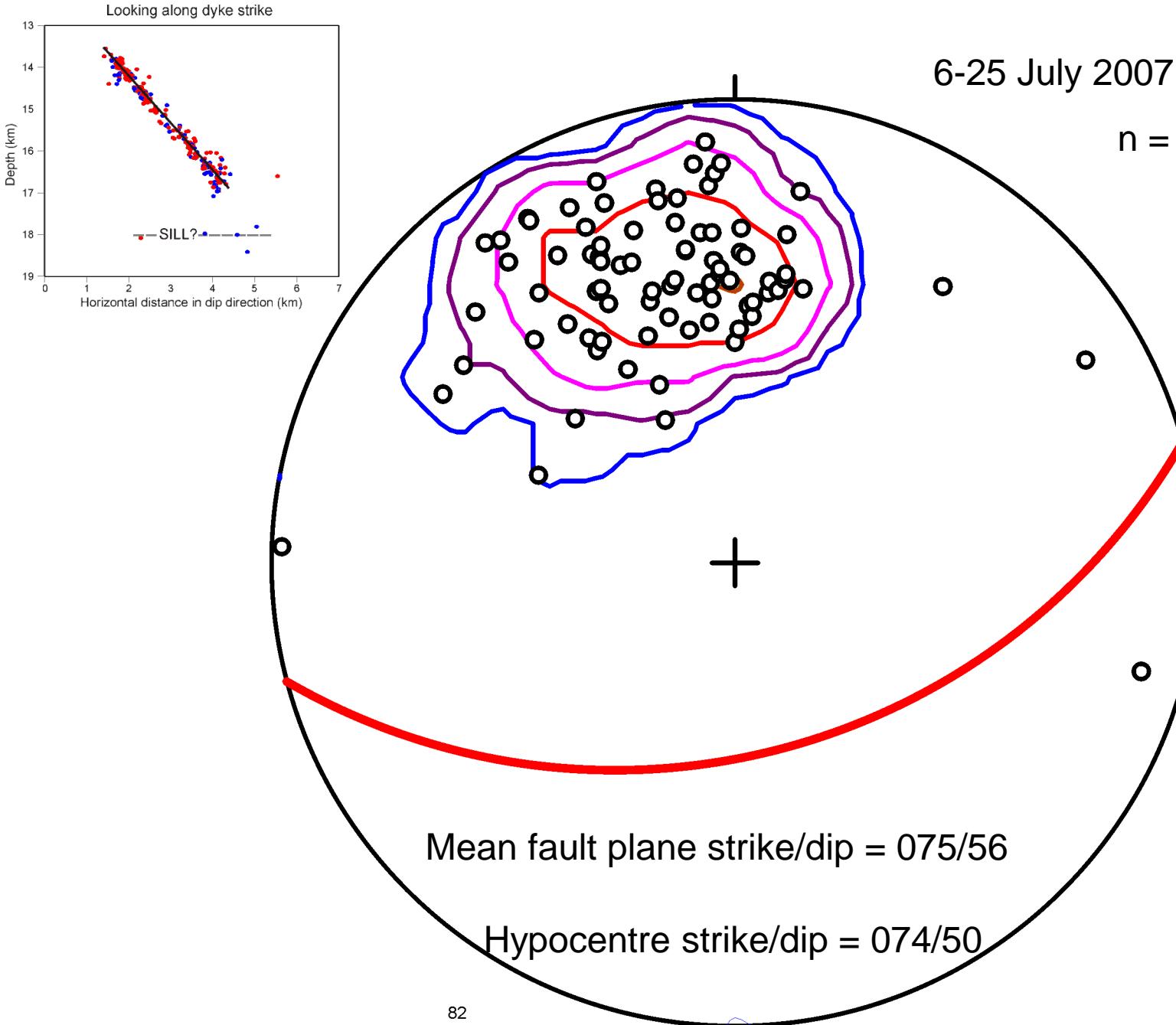


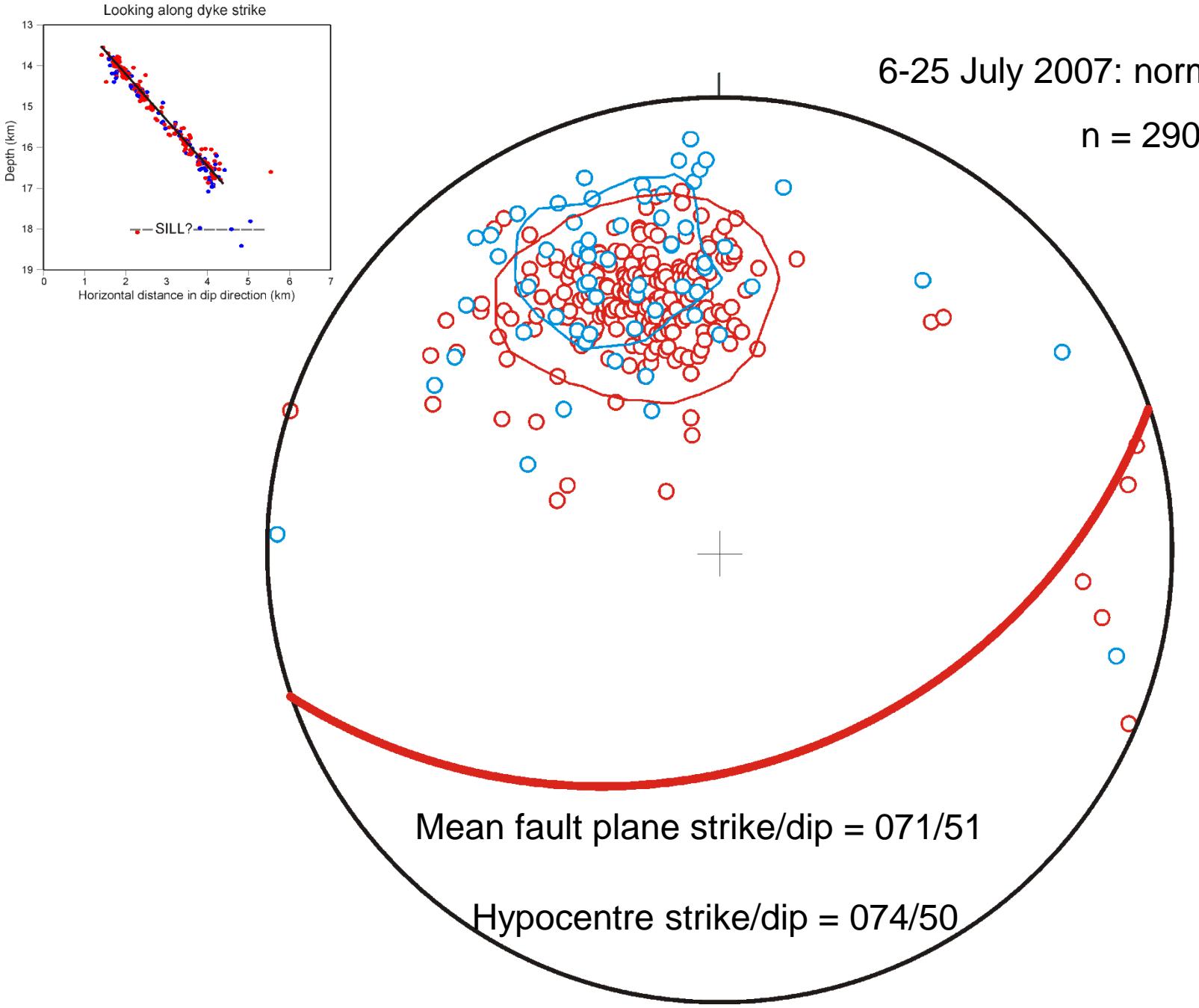
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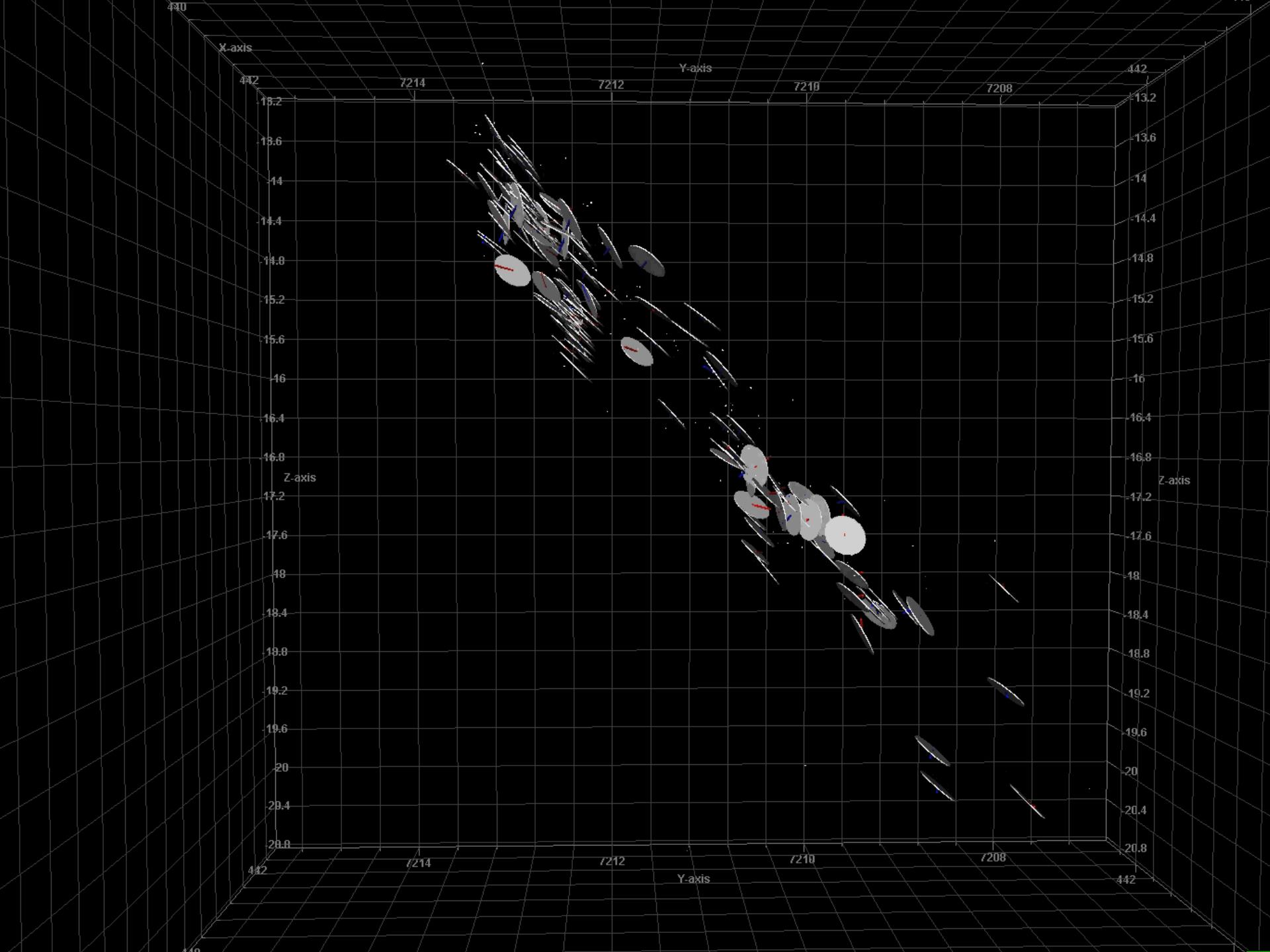


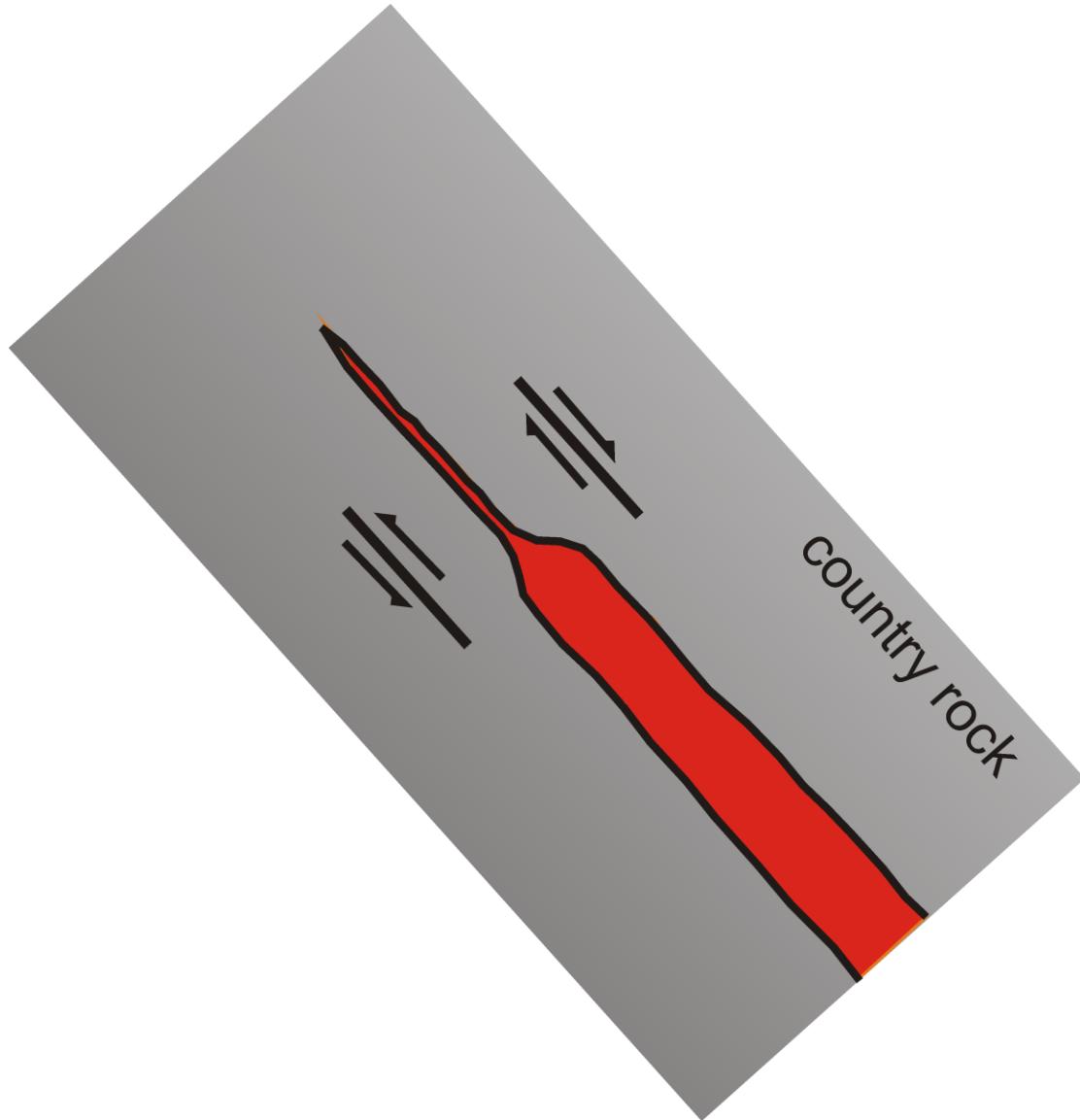
# Nodal planes: thrust faults



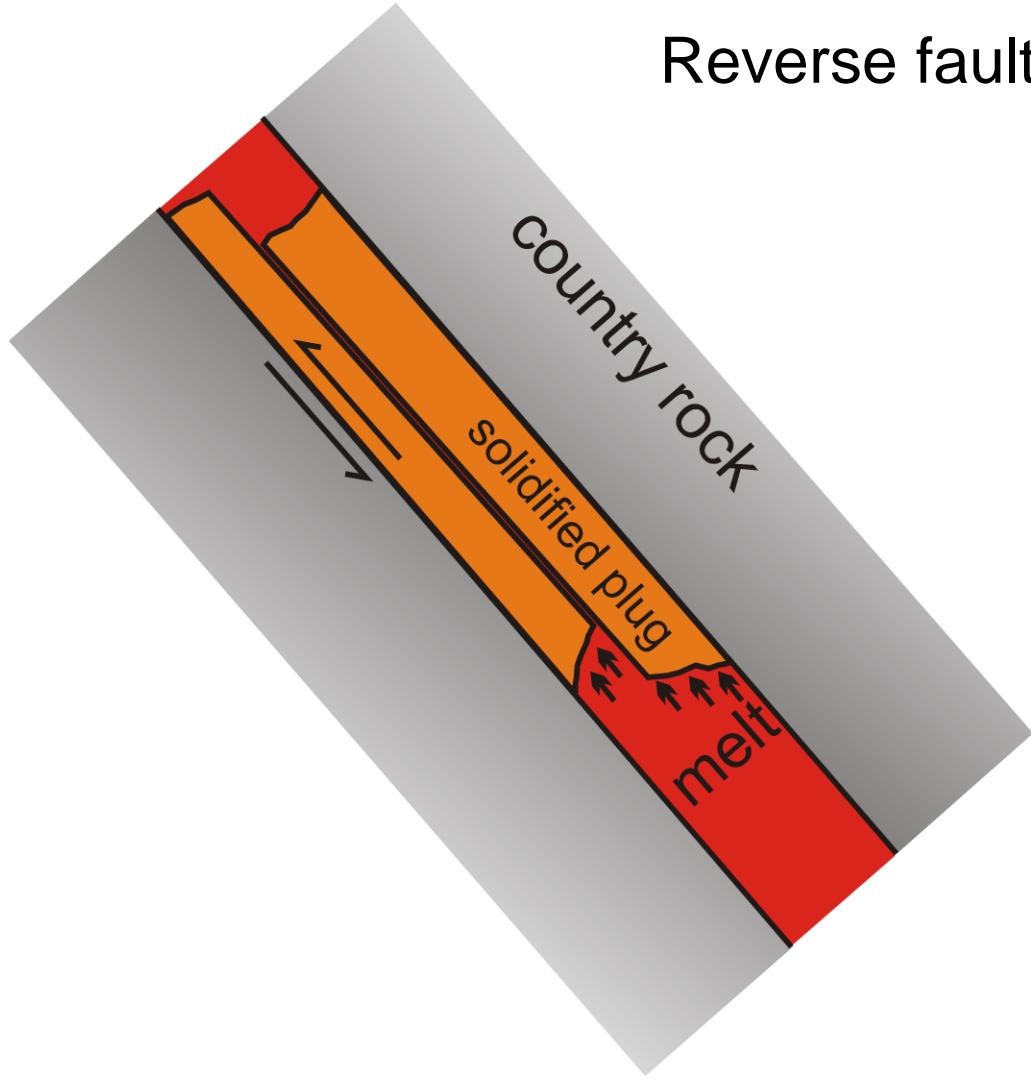




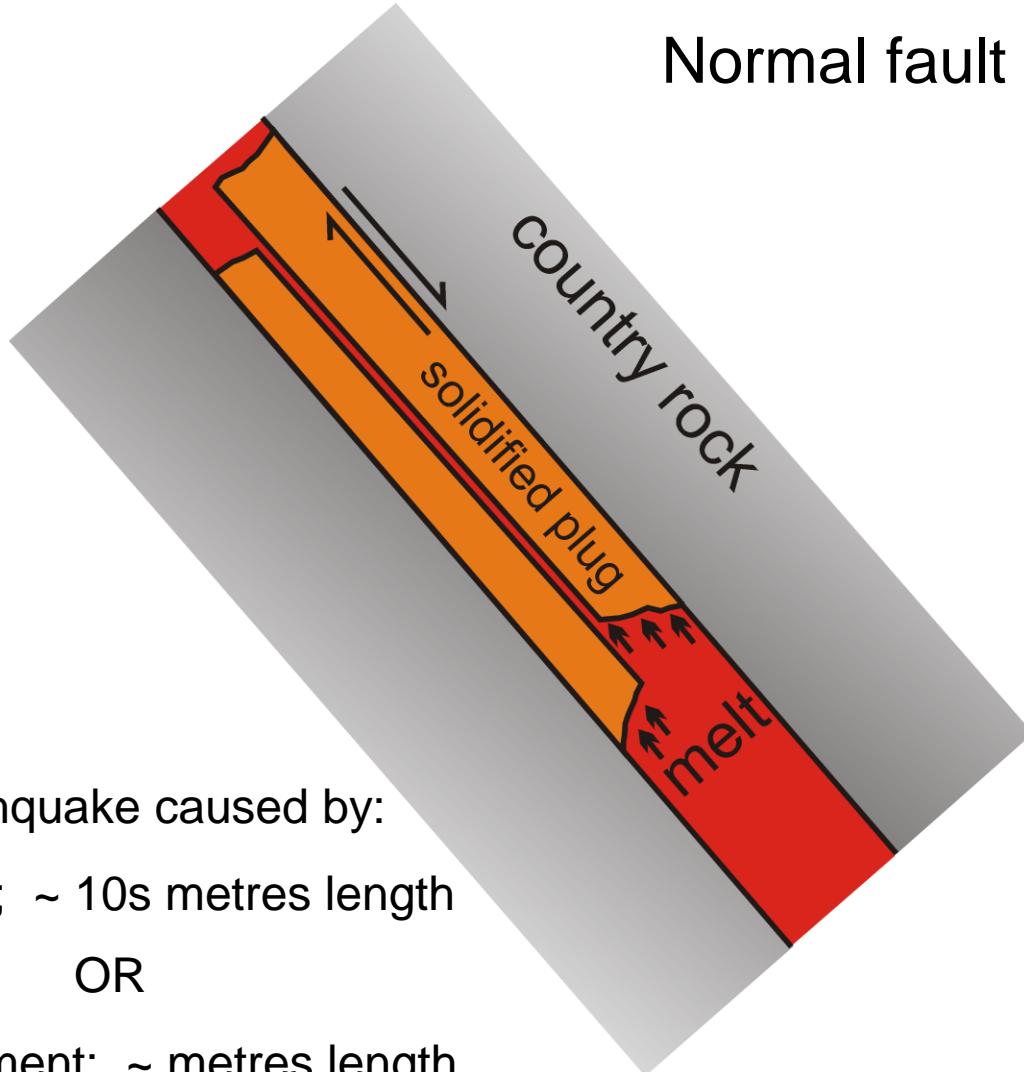




## Reverse fault



## Normal fault

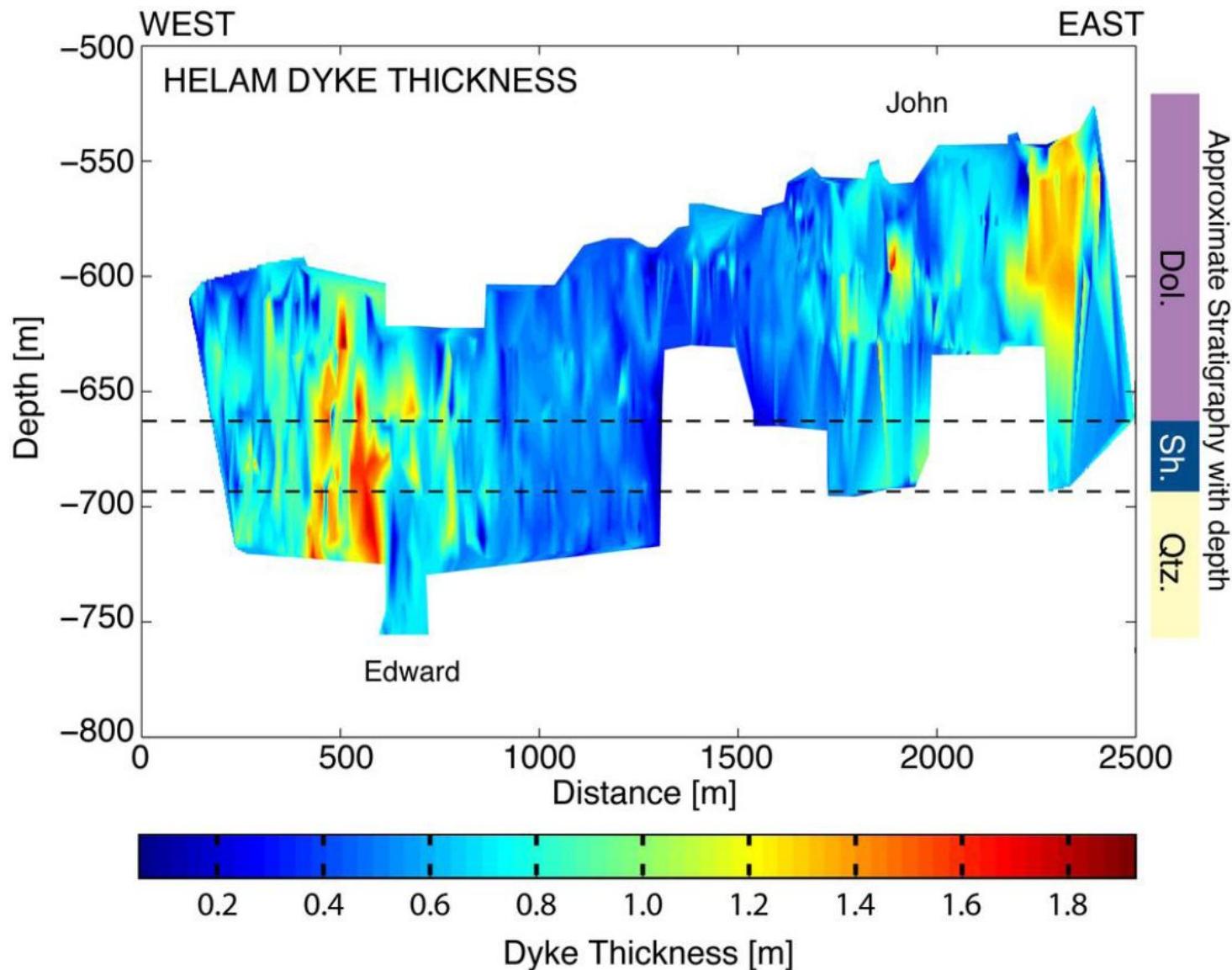


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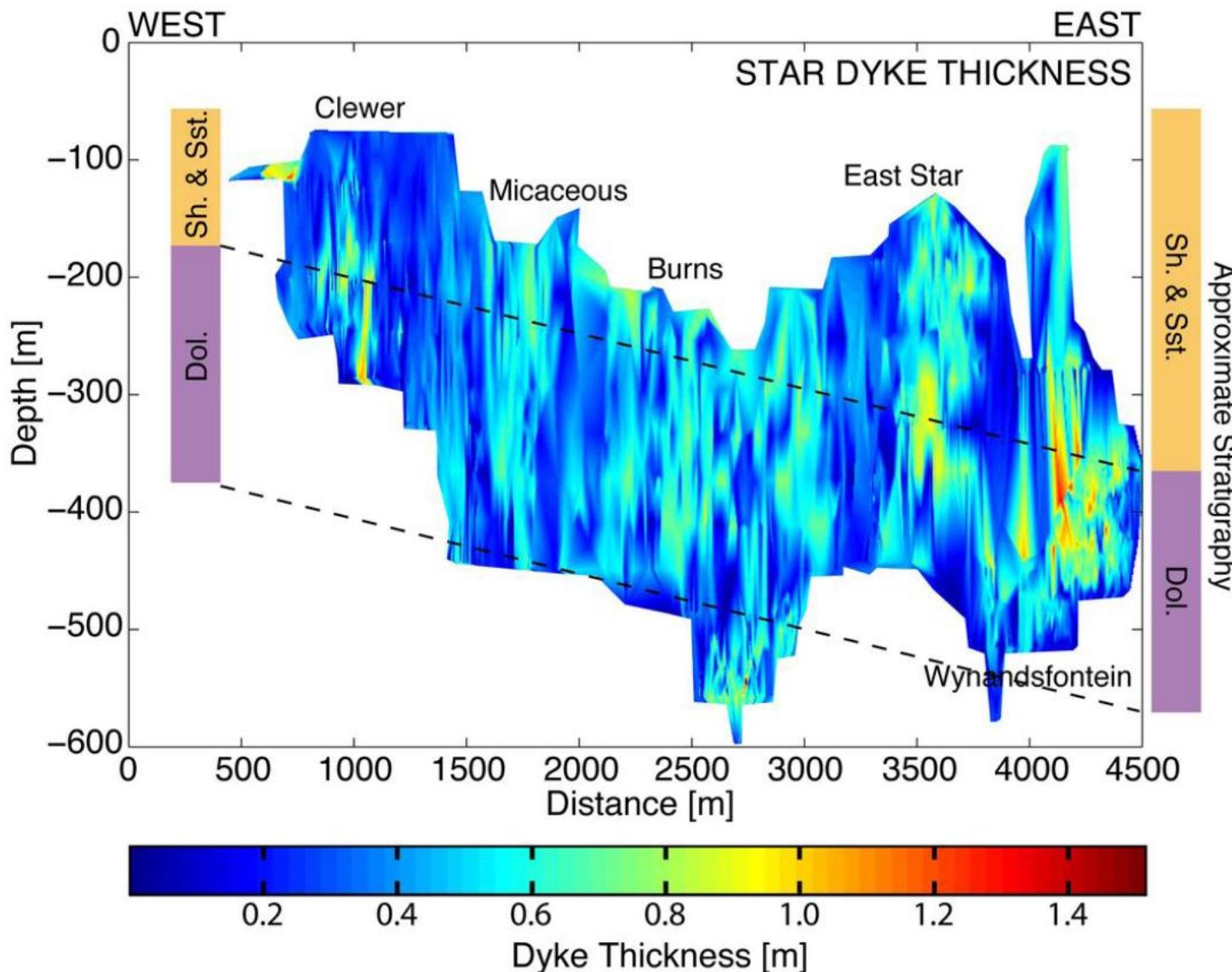
~ mms movement; ~ 10s metres length

OR

~ 10s mms movement; ~ metres length



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**Thank you for listening**