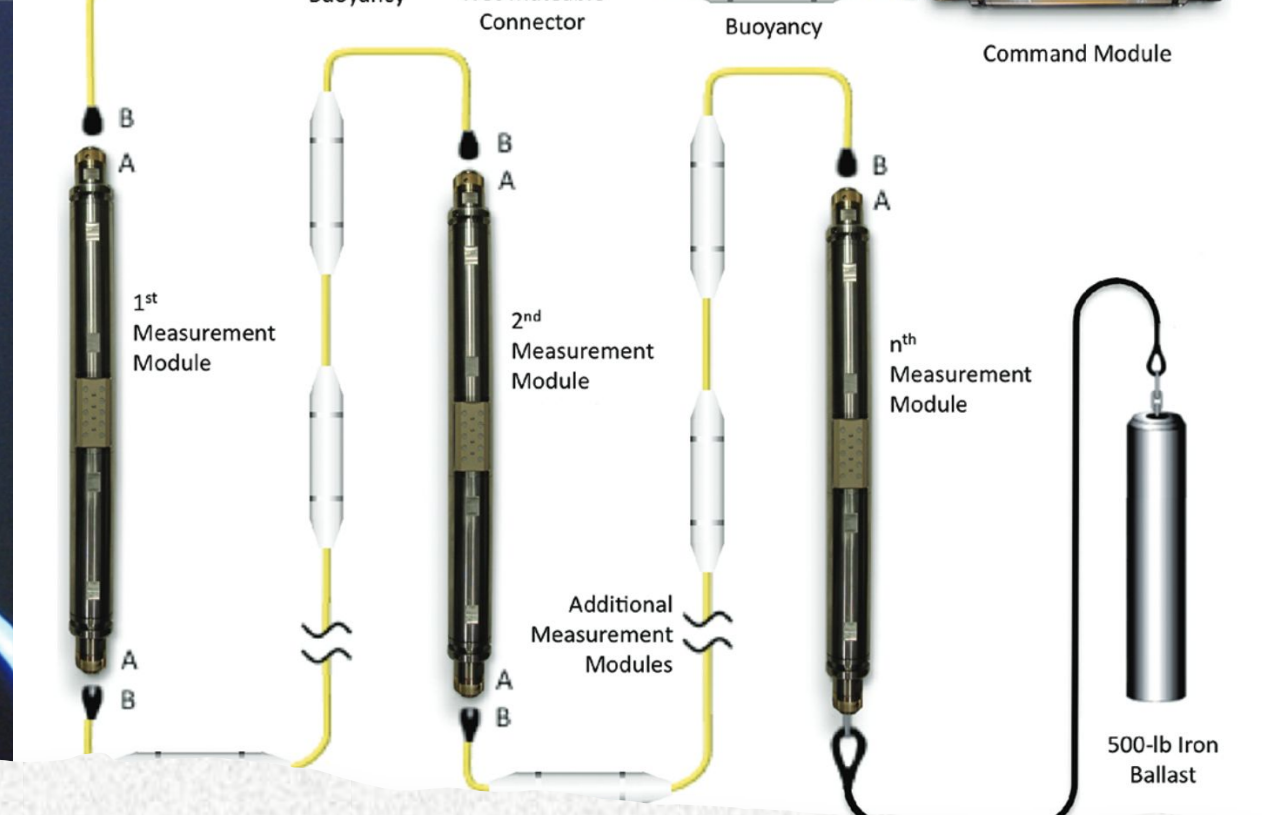


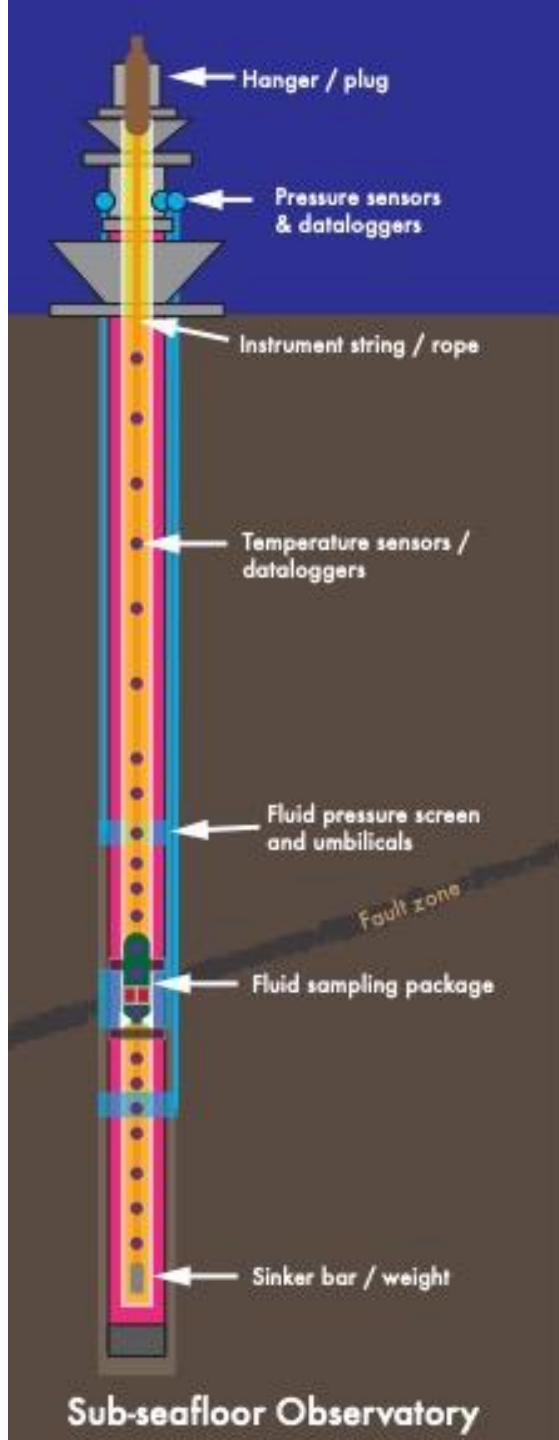
# Sub-seafloor observatories

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Lado-Insua et al., 2013



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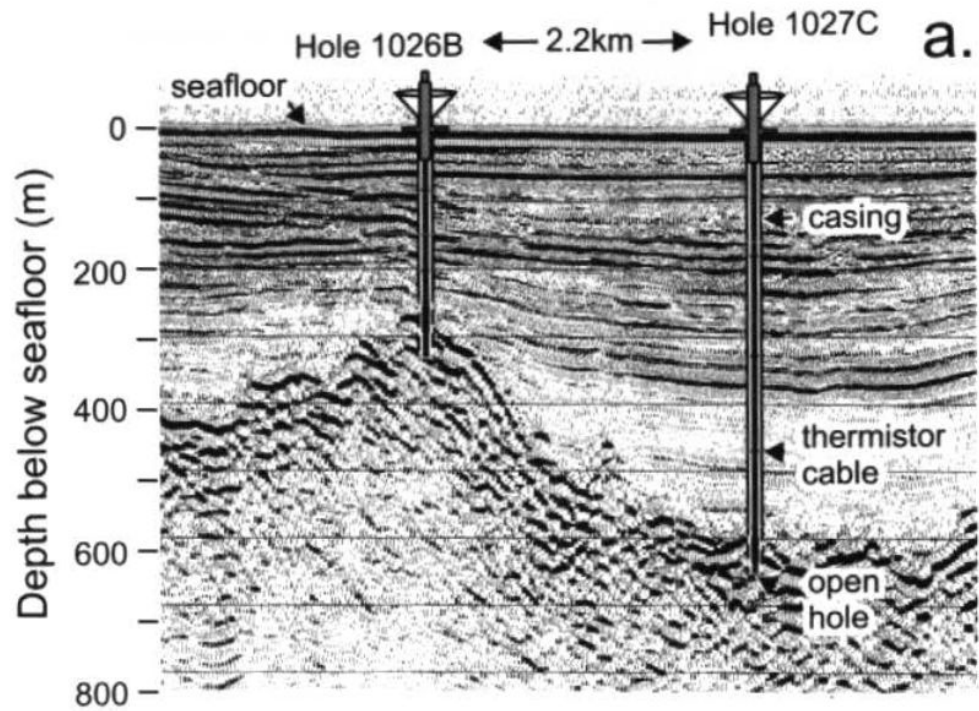
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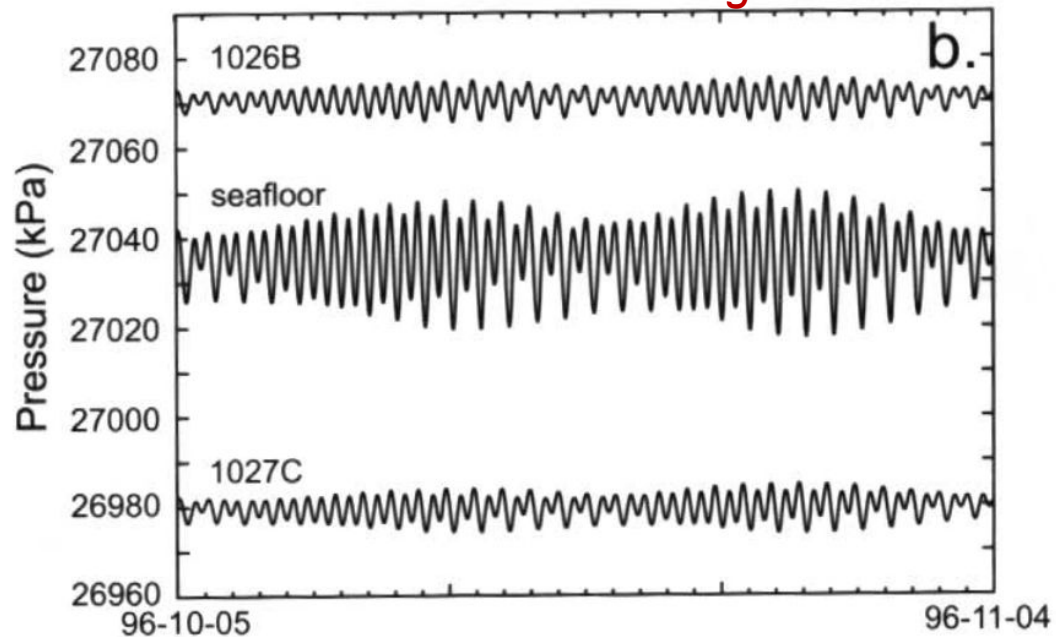


# Pressure

Characterizing hydrologic conditions and flow patterns



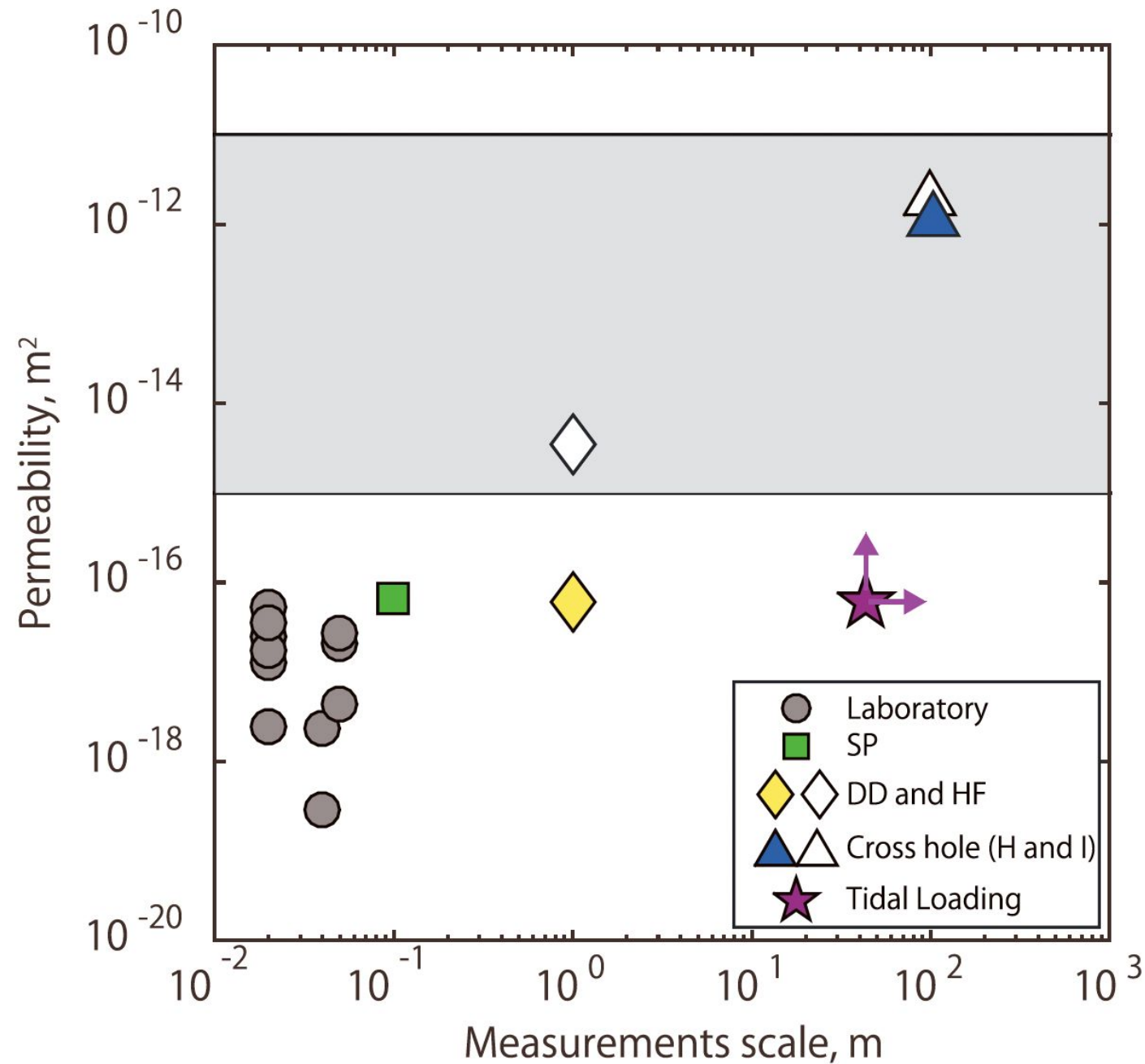
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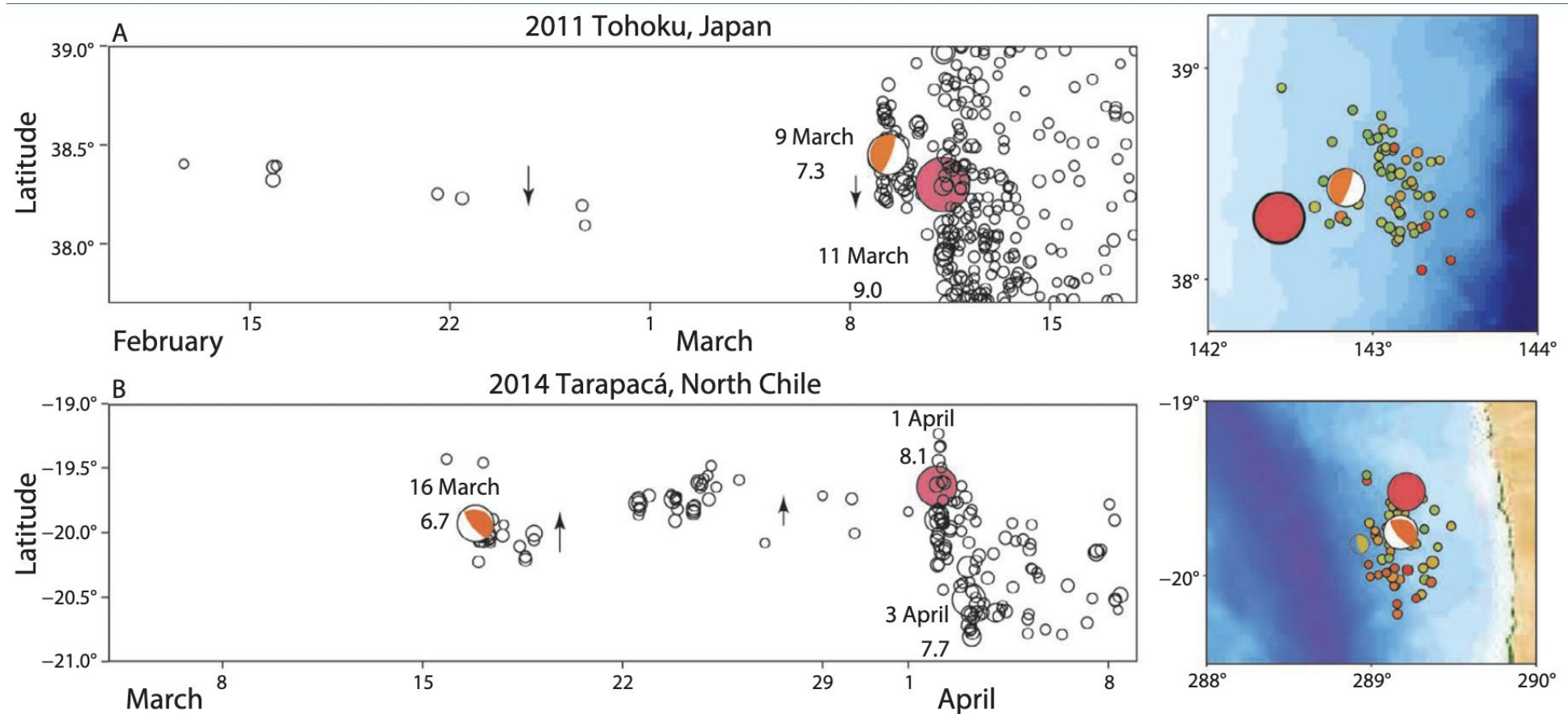
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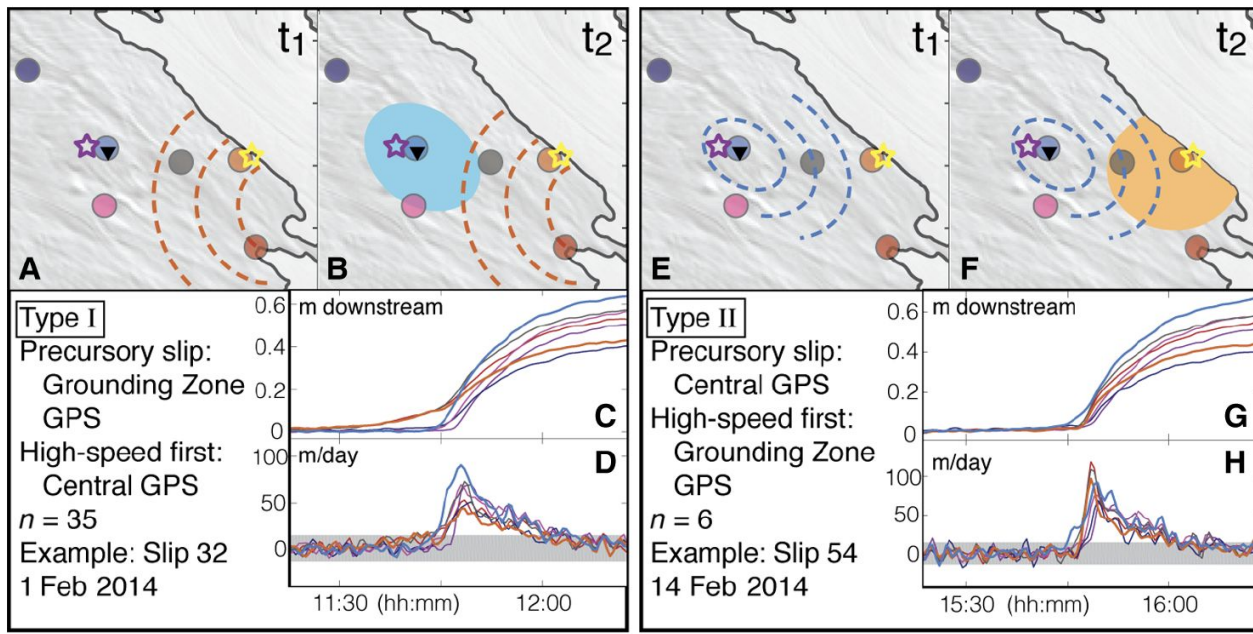
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Strain / Geodesy

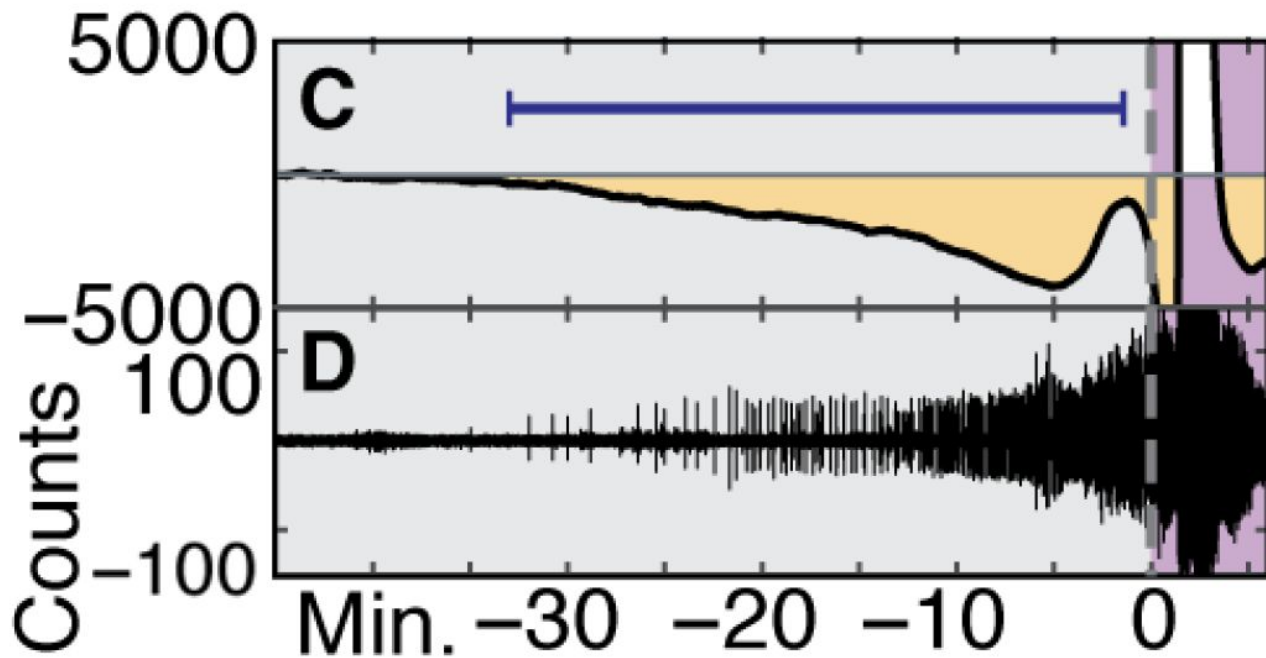
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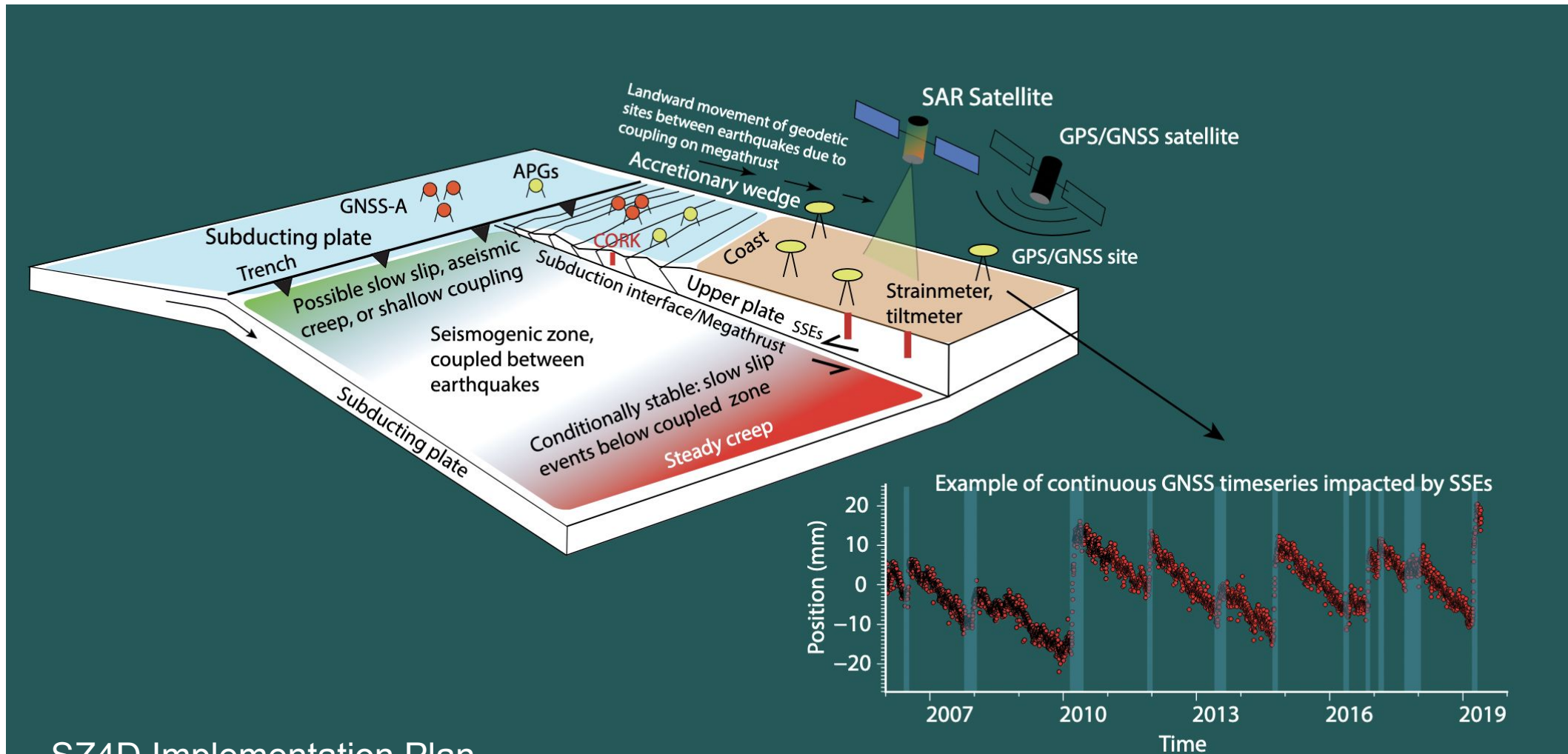
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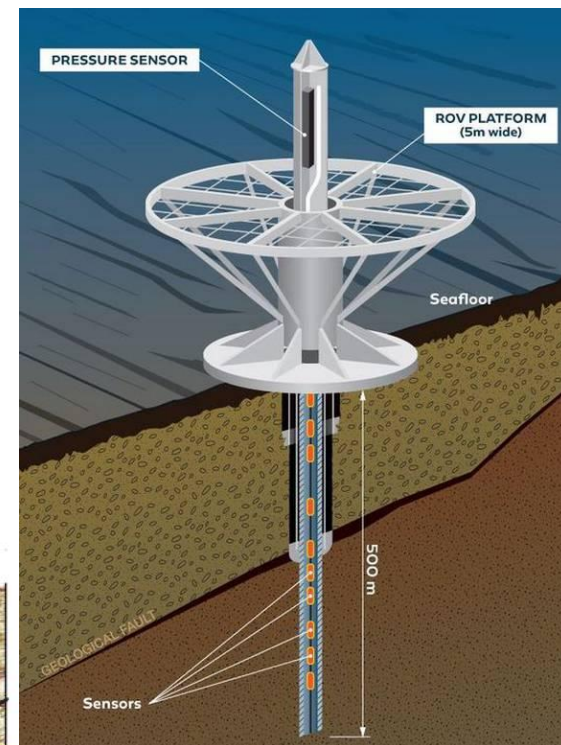
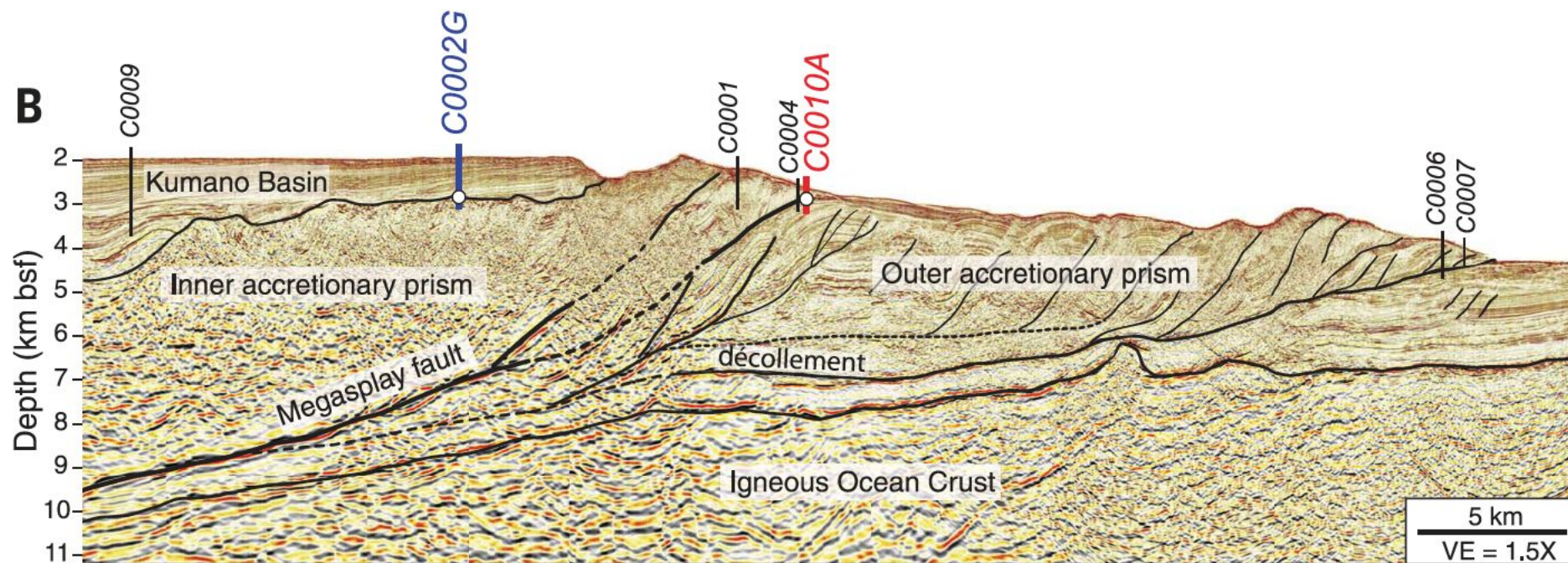
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# Seafloor geodesy – where is the plate locked?

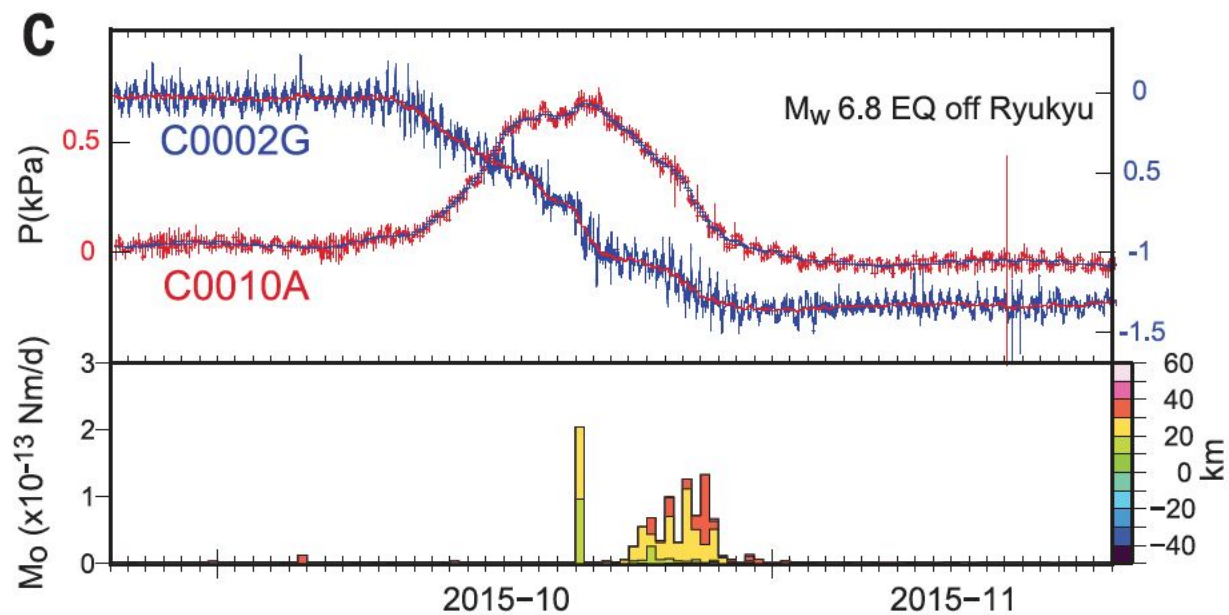
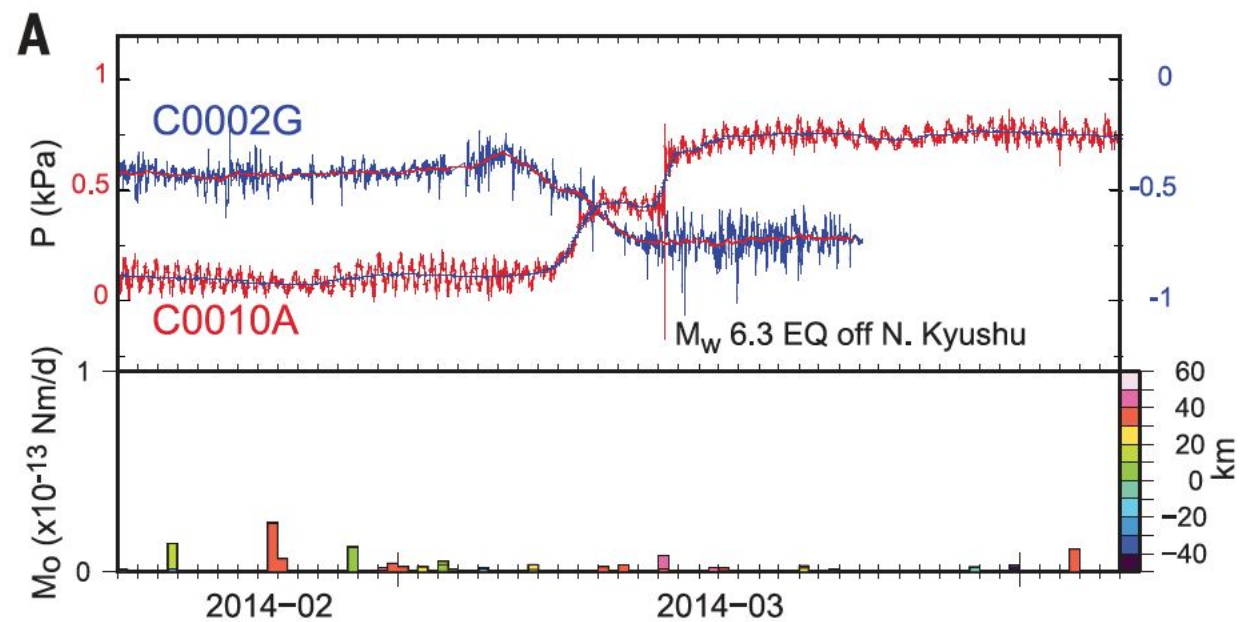
## Where and when is transient slow slip occurring?

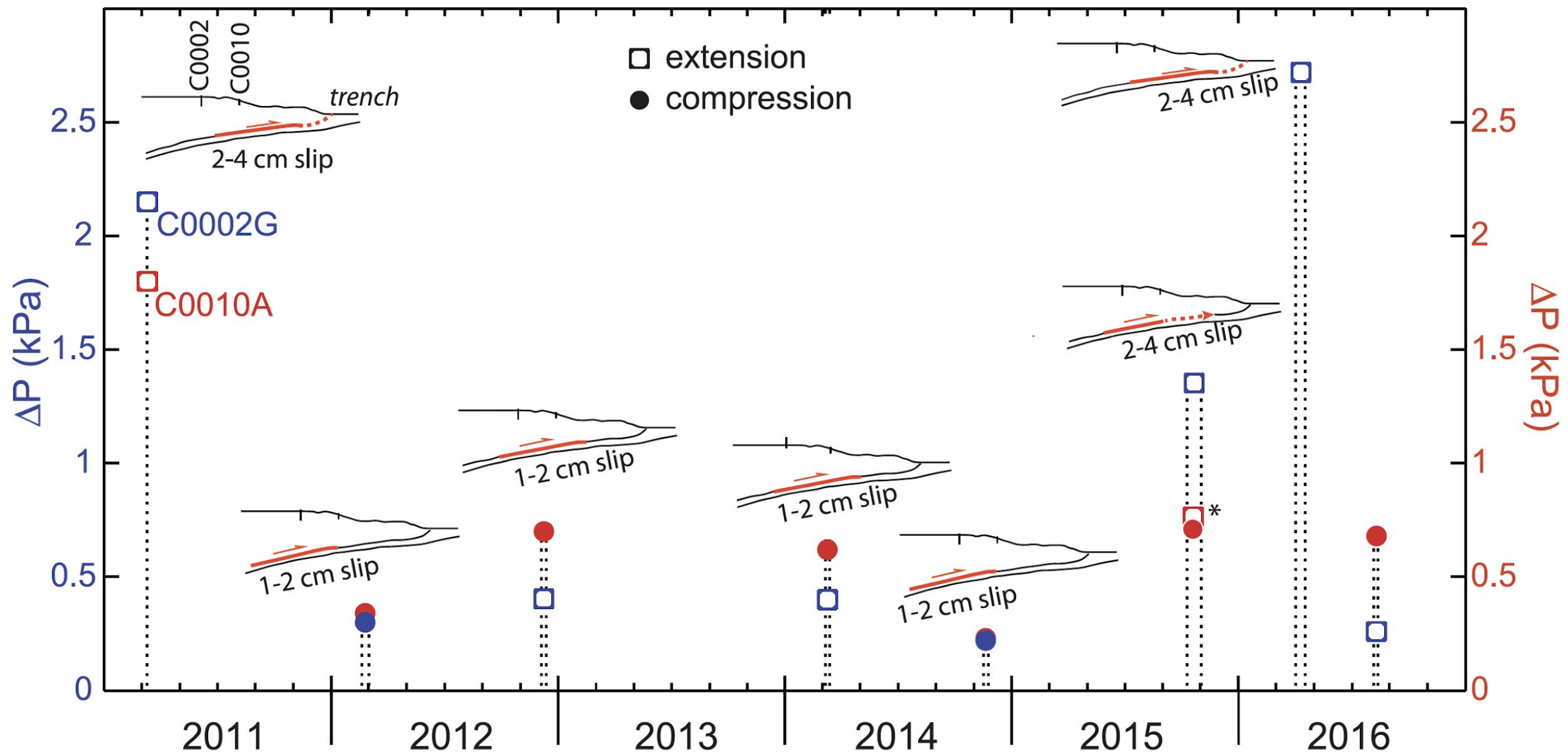


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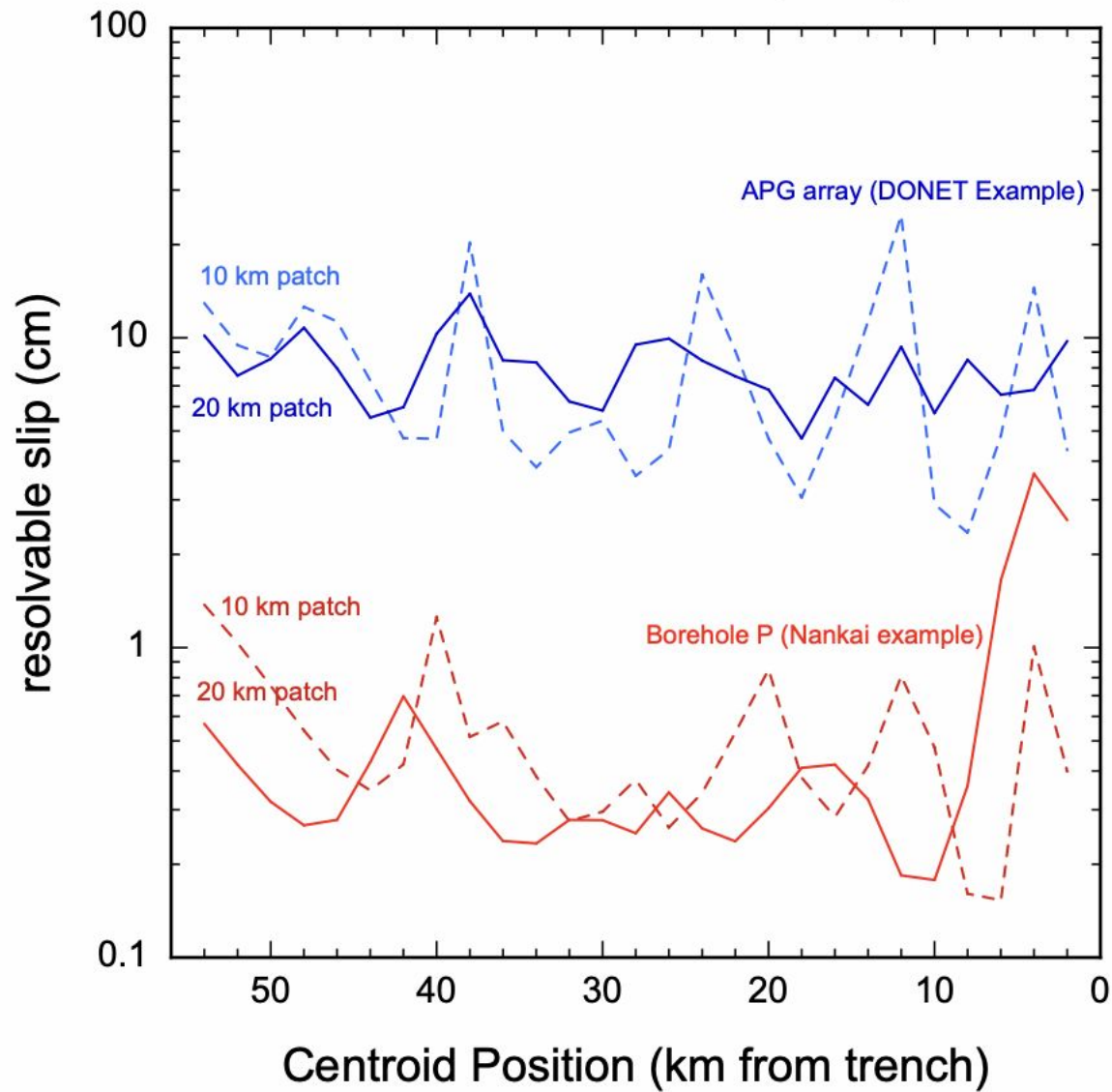


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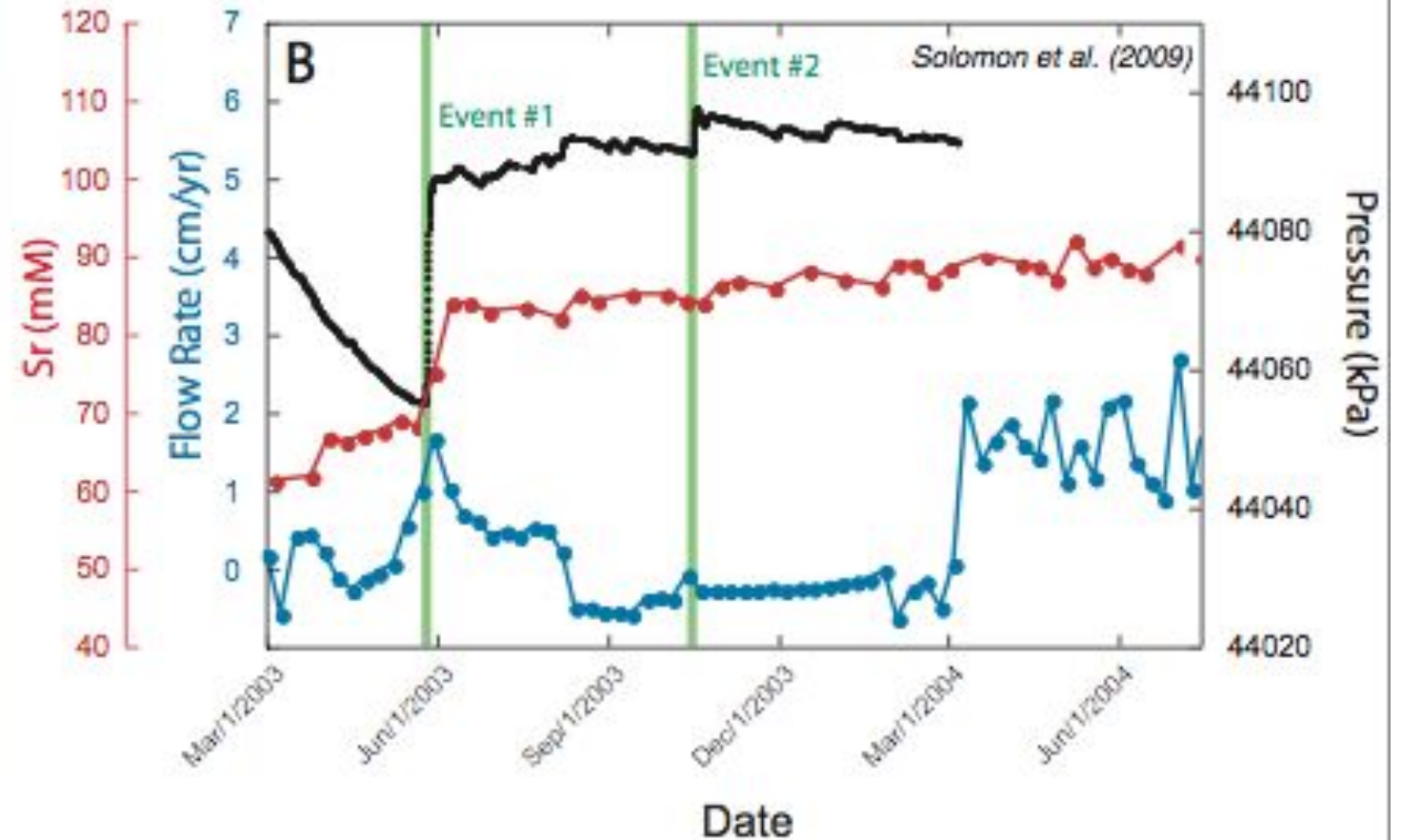
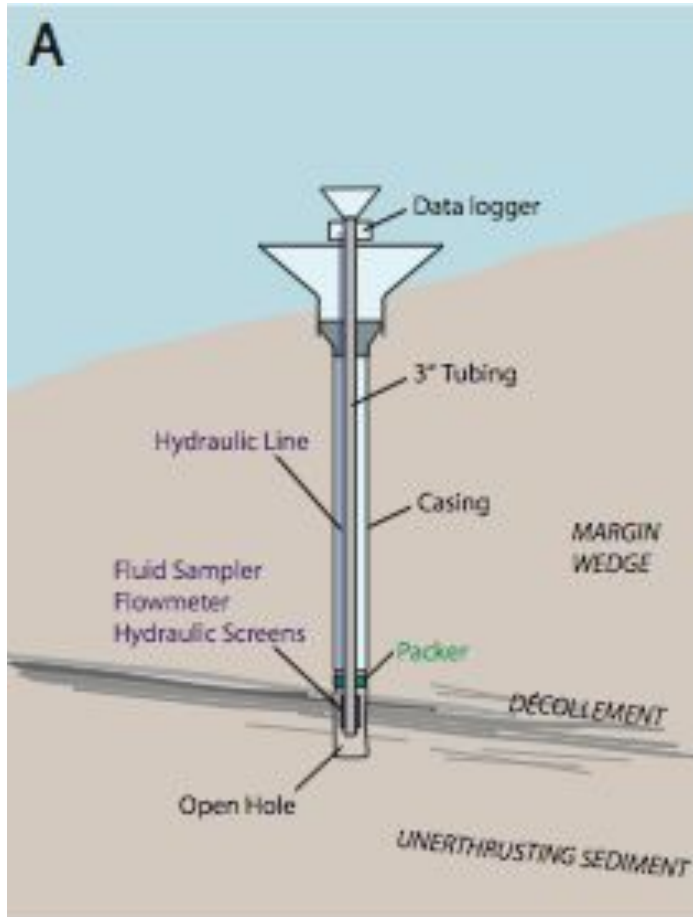


# Minimum Resolvable Slip Amplitude



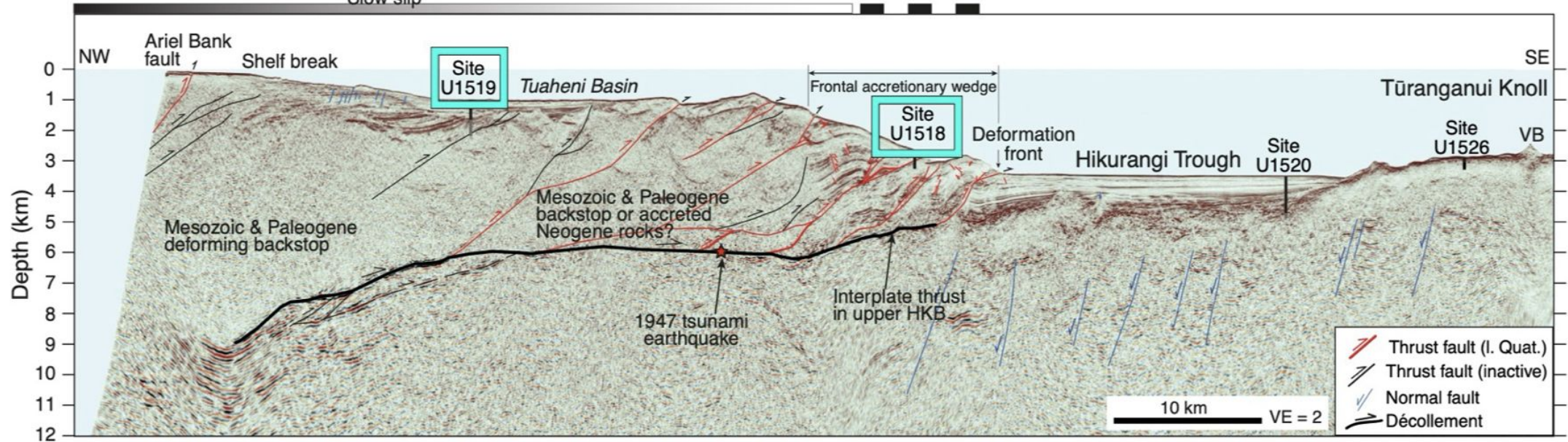
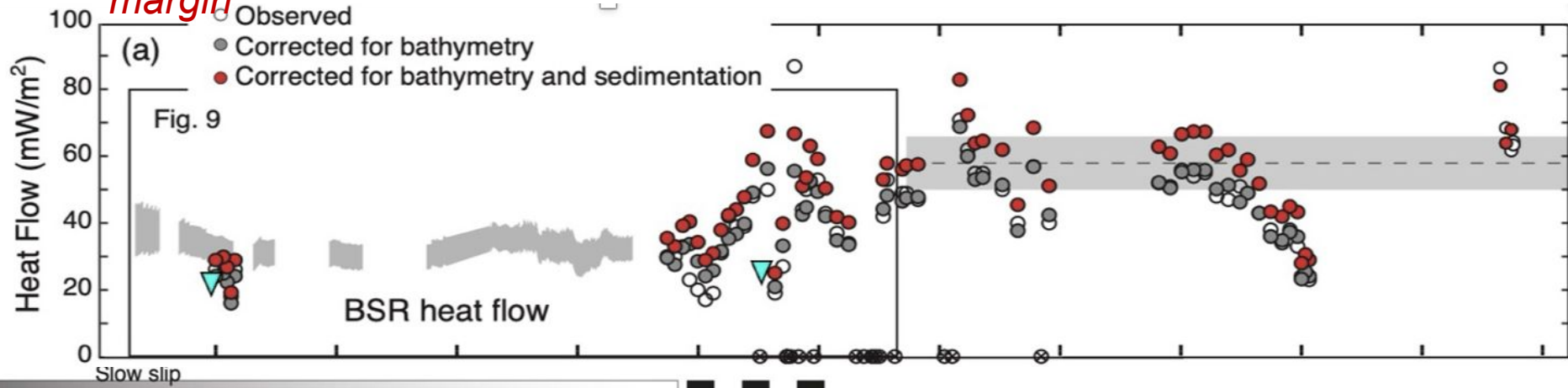
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# Example from Costa Rica



# Temperature

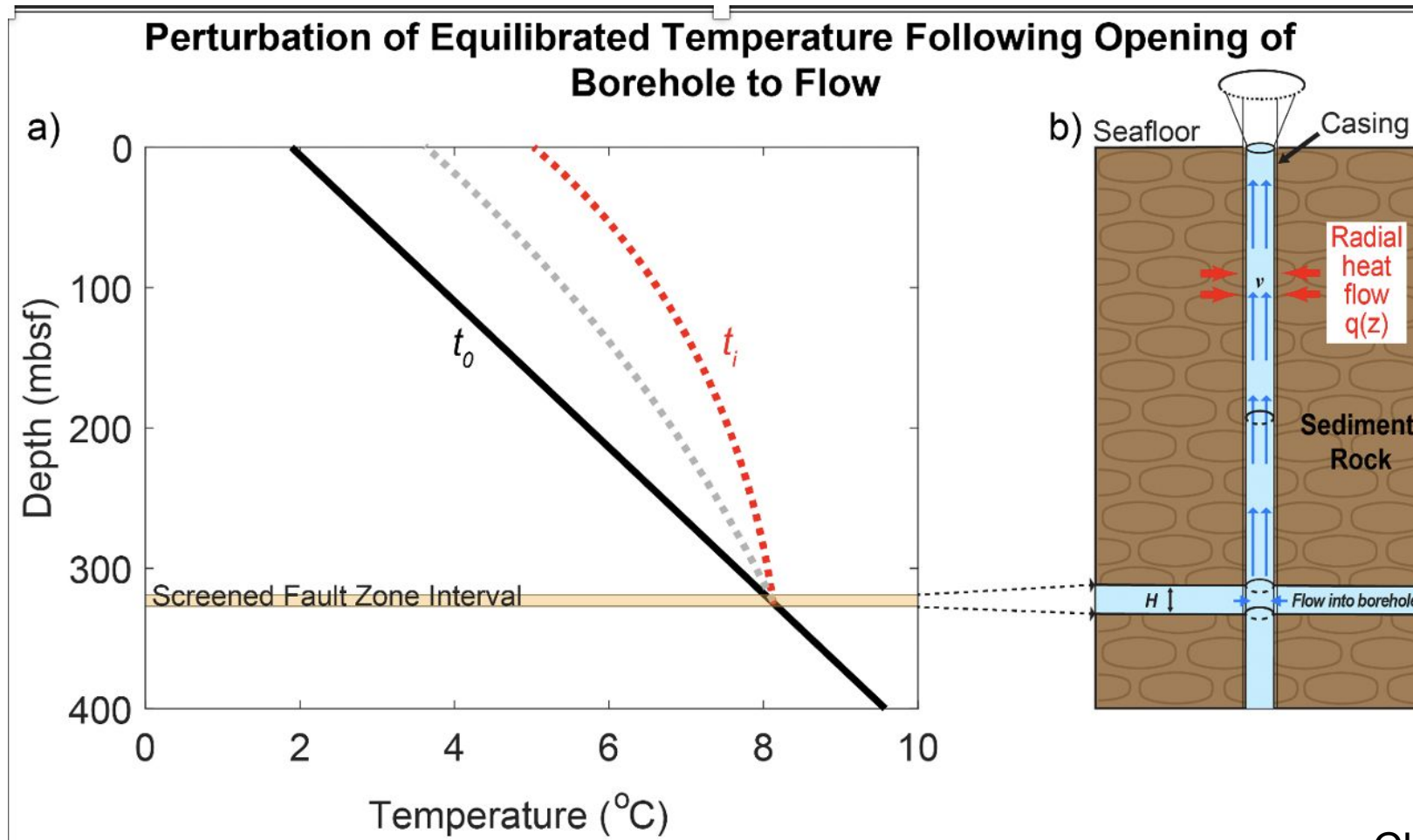
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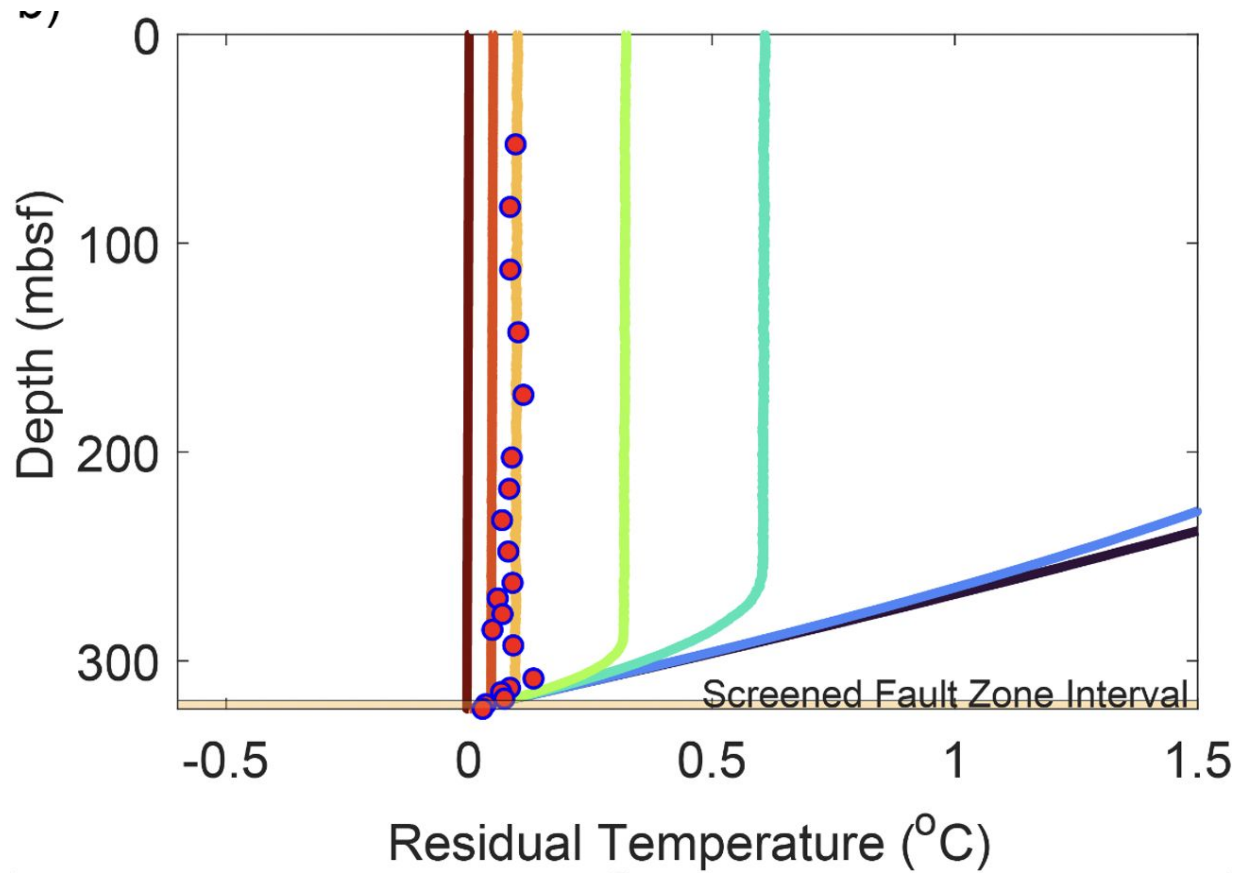




# Temperature

uncorked flow  $\square$  permeability





**Flow rate:  $\sim 1.2 \times 10^{-3}$   
m.s<sup>-1</sup>**

**Permeability:  $> 2.5 \times$   
 $10^{-14}$  m<sup>2</sup>**

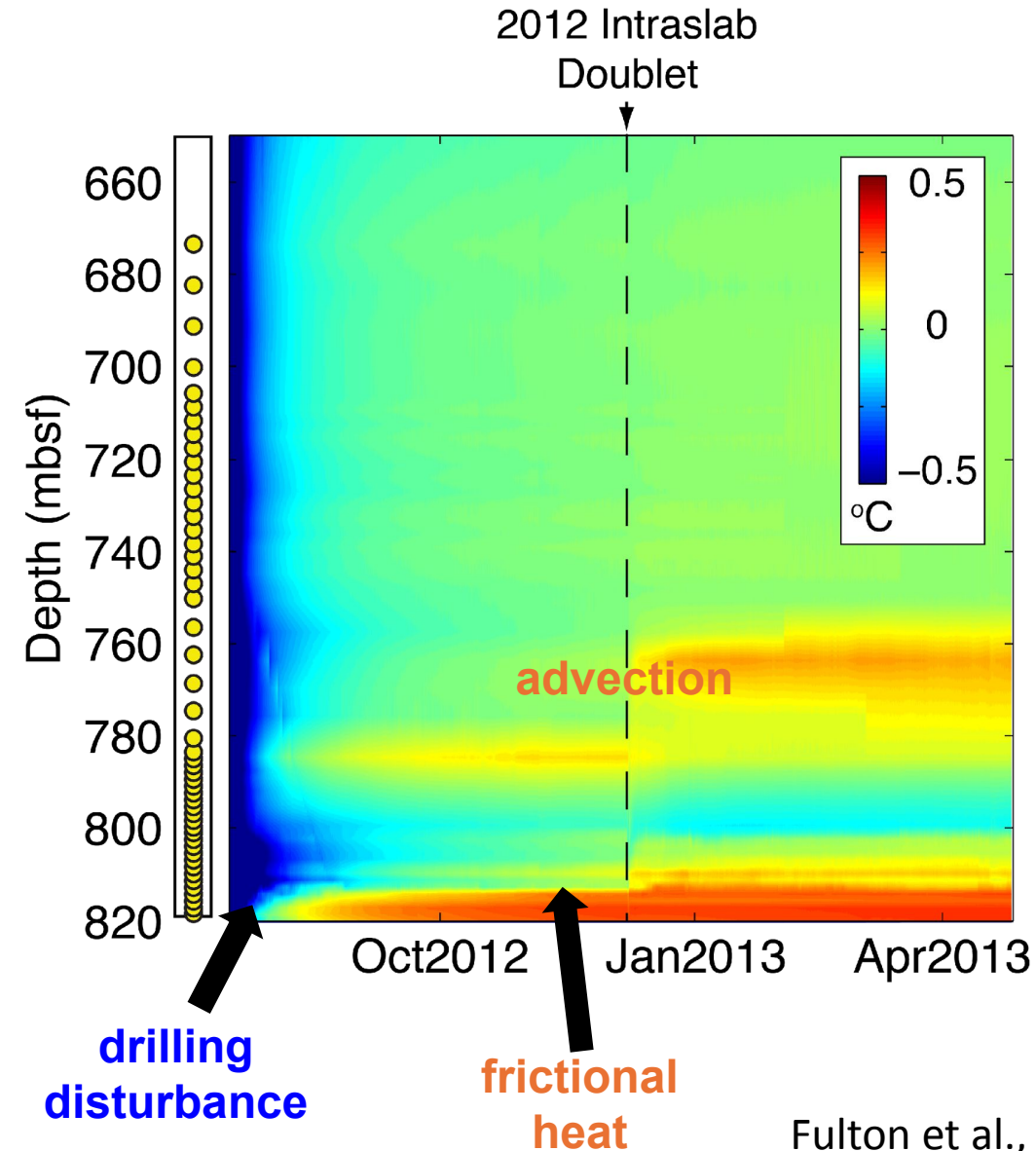
# **Temperature**

## **Hydrologic structure and transient processes**

# Residual temperature (geotherm removed)

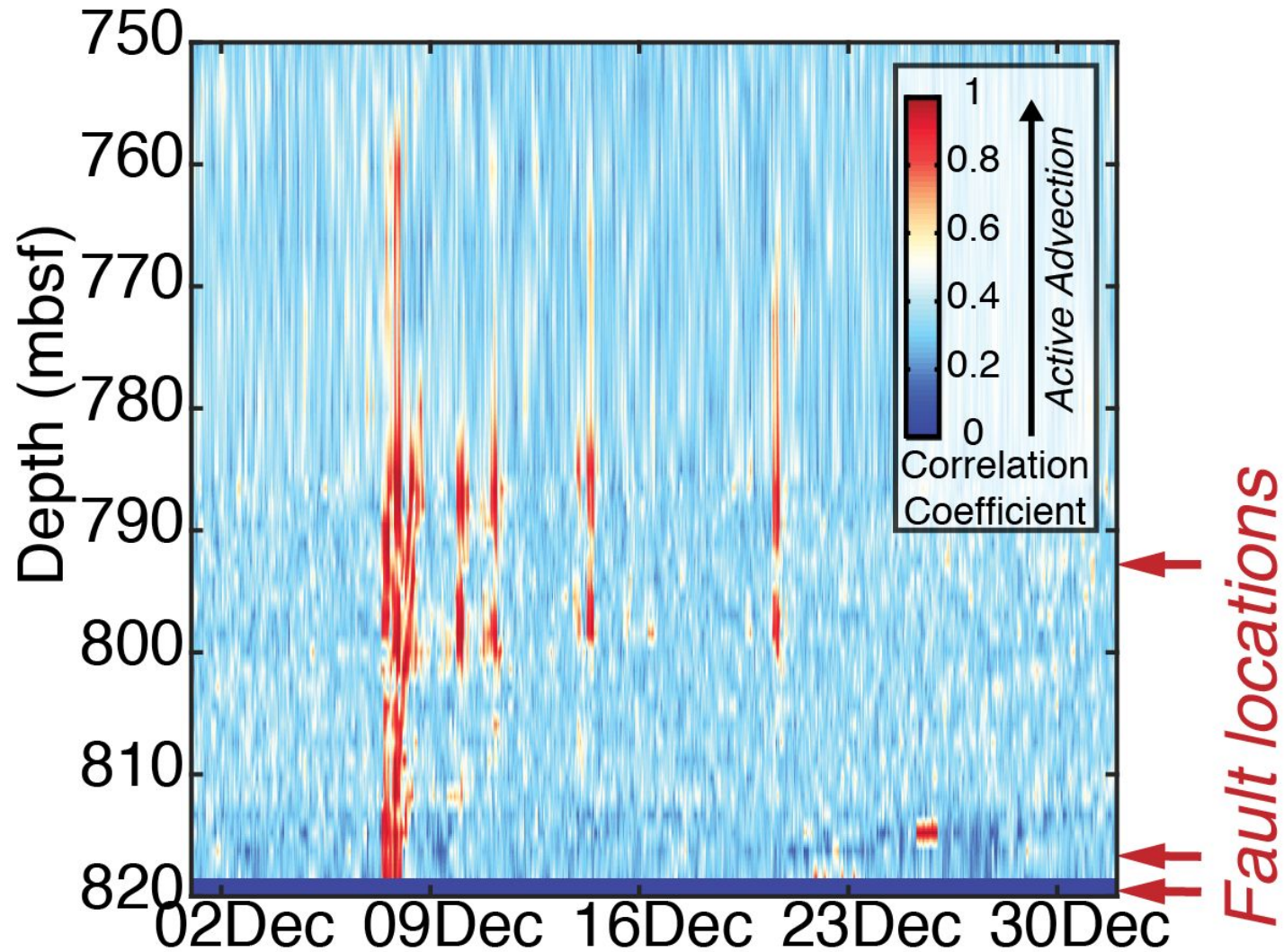
**Japan Trench  
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**820 m below  
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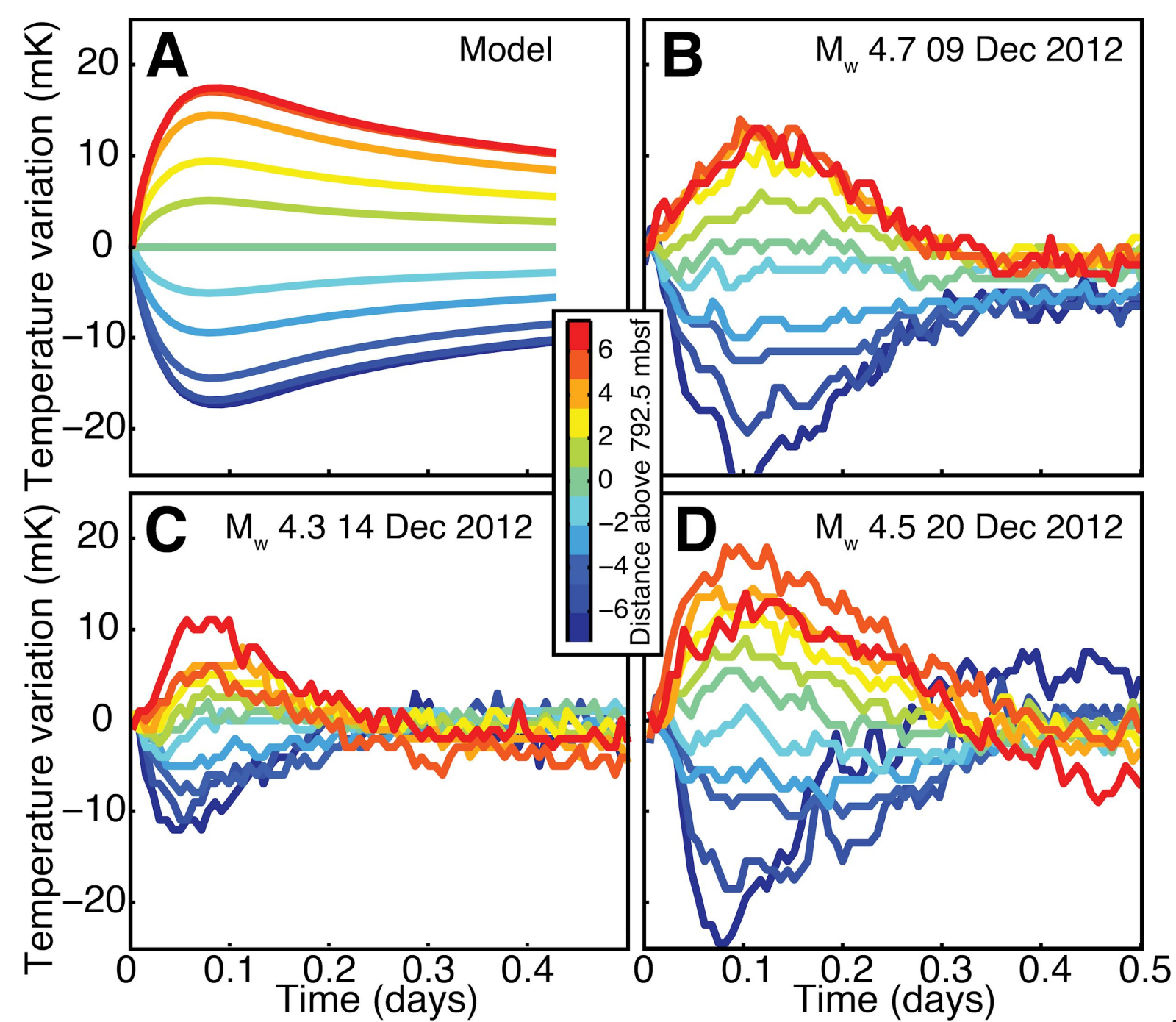


# Observatories reveal the hydrologic response to distant earthquakes: transient fluid pulses in fault damage zone

Correlation coefficient shows **where and when advection is occurring**



# Transient pulses of vertical fluid advection





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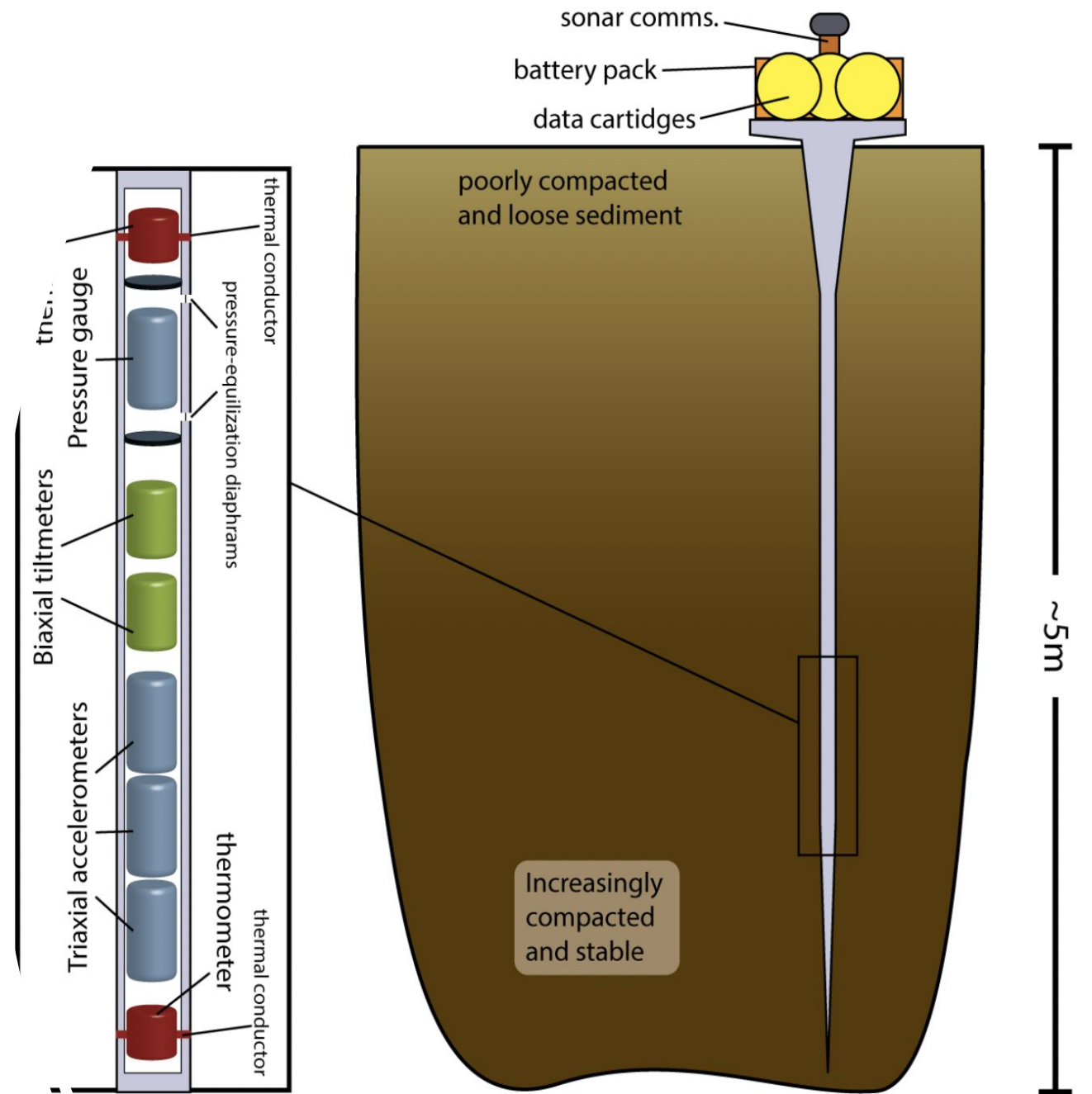


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# Gravity-driven Penetrative Instrument Platform (GPIP)



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