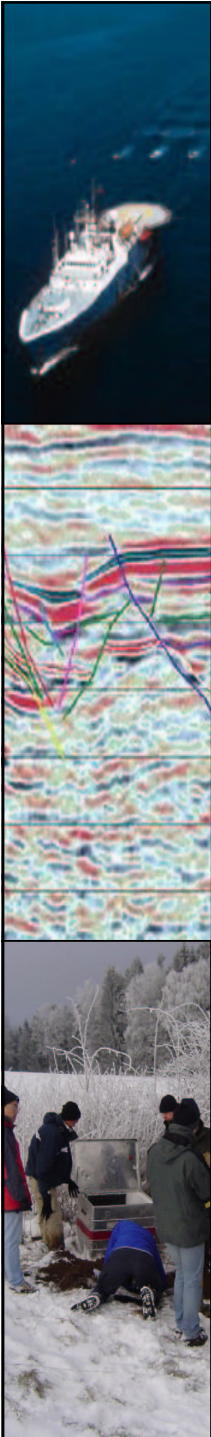
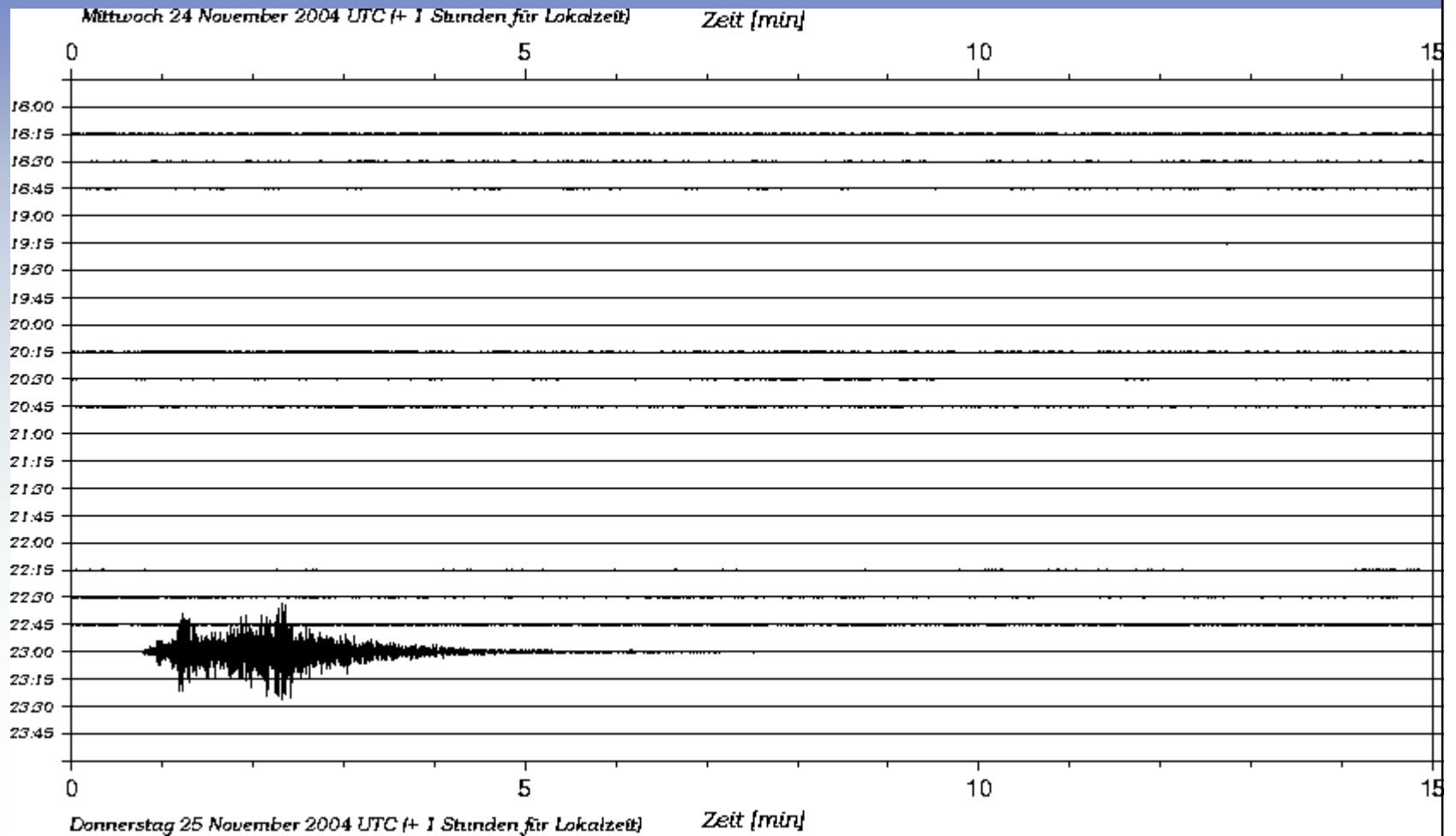
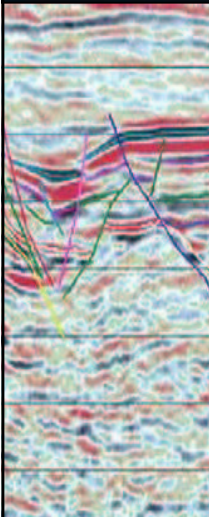


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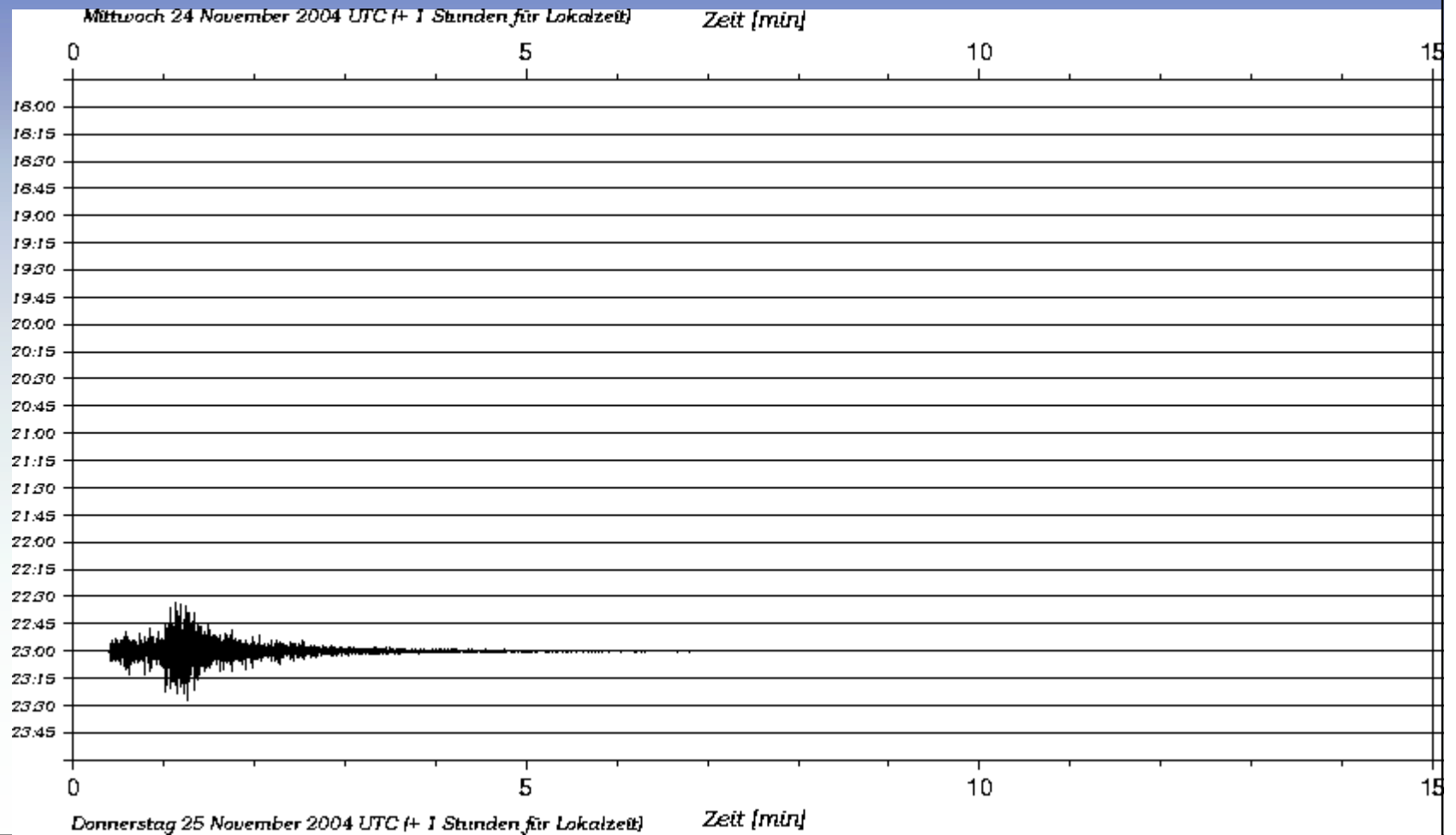
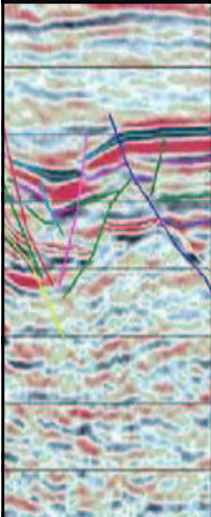
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- How can we determine the **epicentre** and **hypocentre** of earthquakes?
- How can we measure the size of an earthquake (**Richter scale**)?
- What describes the damage of an earthquake (**seismic intensity, Mercalli scale**)?



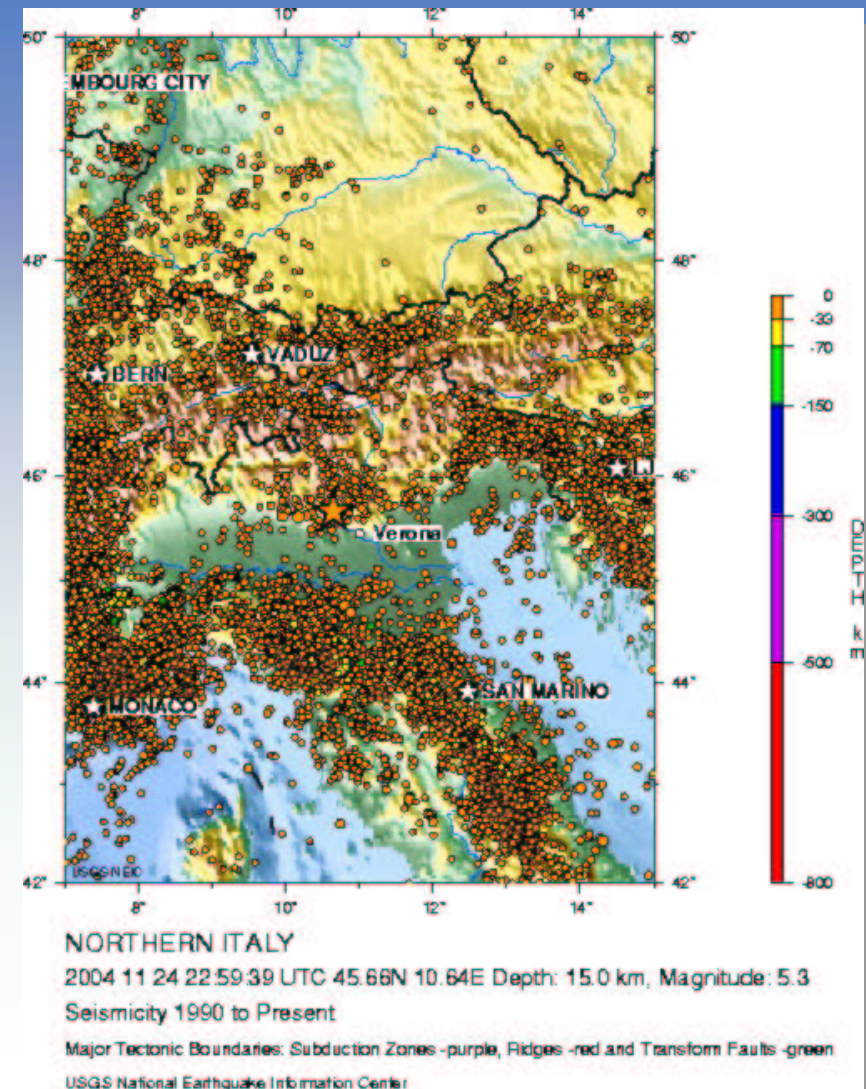
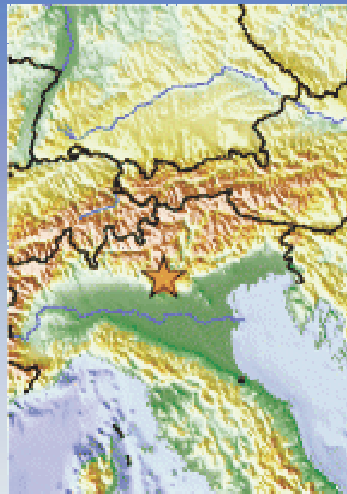
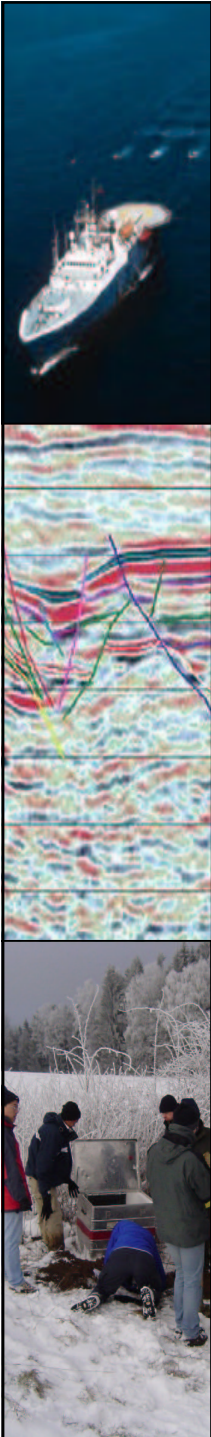
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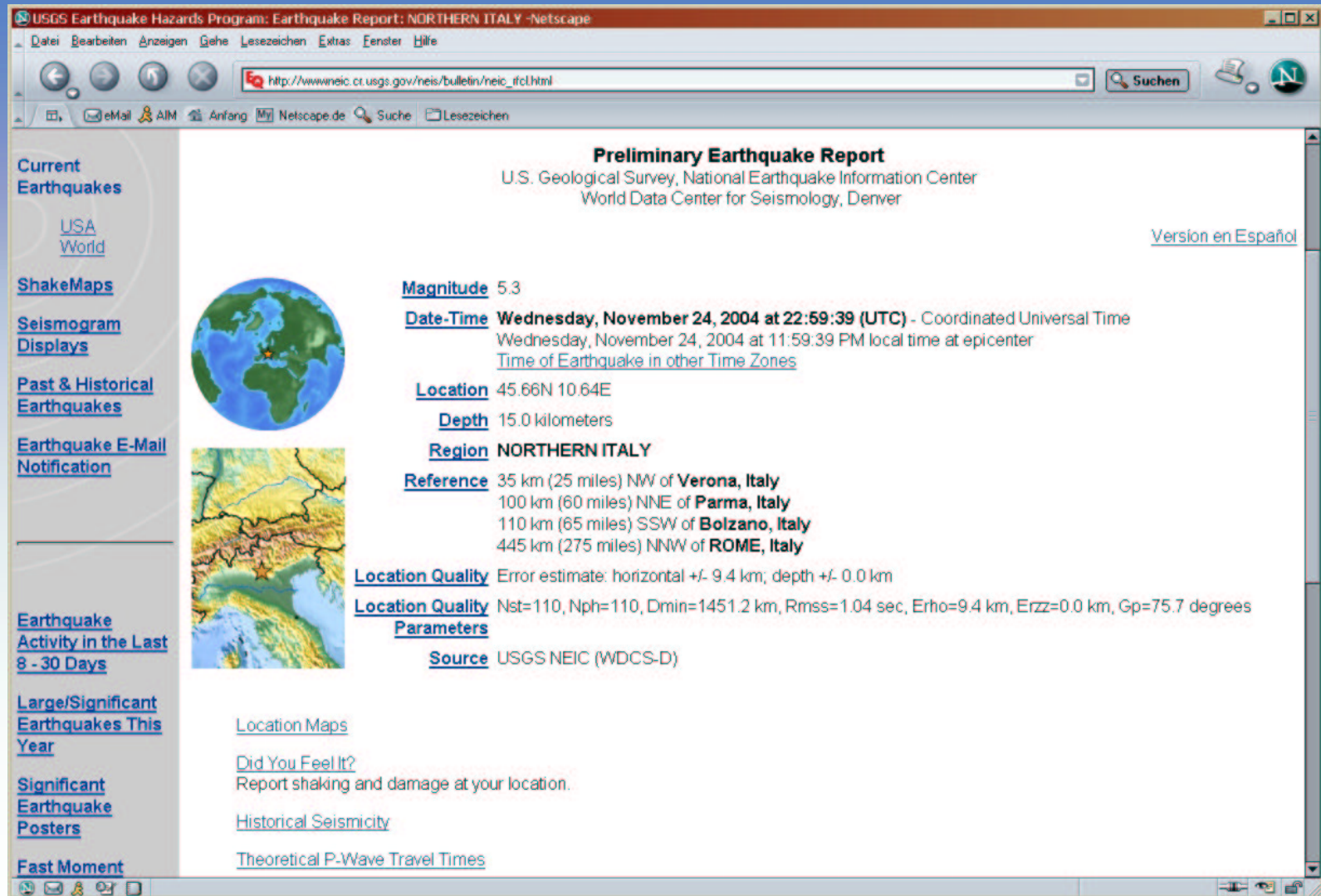


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## Erdbeben in Norditalien

**Ein Erdbeben der Stärke 5,2 auf der Richterskala hat in der Nacht weite Teile Norditaliens erschüttert. Vier Menschen wurden leicht verletzt. Das Ausmass der Sachschadens war zunächst unklar.**



Schutt auf den Strassen von Salò  
(Foto: Keystone)

Das über 30 Sekunden lange Beben ereignete sich um 23.59 Uhr und war von Genua im Westen bis Venedig im Osten zu spüren. Der Erdbebendienst in Zürich meldete, auch in weiten Teilen der Schweiz seien die Erschütterungen spürbar gewesen, insbesondere im Tessin und in Südbünden. Schäden seien aber unwahrscheinlich.

Im Tessin zitterten Fenster und Möbel, wie Zeugen berichteten. Vor allem im Mendrisiotto war das Beben demnach während 10 bis 15 Sekunden deutlich wahrnehmbar. Viele Menschen riefen die Polizei sowie das Radio und Fernsehen der italienischen Schweiz (RTSI) an. Verletzte gab es keine. Auch lagen keine Schadensmeldungen vor.

Das Epizentrum befand sich am Ufer des Gardasees in etwa 25 Kilometer Tiefe unter der Erde. Am Gardasee registrierten die Behörden Gebäudeschäden, unter anderem in den Ortschaften Salò und Gardone Riviera. Mehrere Spitäler in der Region wurden vorsorglich evakuiert. Einige verlassene Bauernhöfe stürzten ein.

In mehreren Ortschaften am Gardasee liefen nach Angaben des Zivilschutzes Menschen in Panik aus ihren Häusern auf die Strasse. In Salò errichtete der Zivilschutz im Sportstadion mehrere Zelte. Dort verbrachten Menschen die Nacht, die Angst vor einer Rückkehr in ihr Haus hatten.

In Italien kommt es immer wieder zu Erdbeben, wobei Erdstösse im Norden seltener als im Süden vorkommen. Bei einem schweren Erdbeben in Süditalien waren am 23. November 1980 über 3000 Menschen ums Leben gekommen. (sda)

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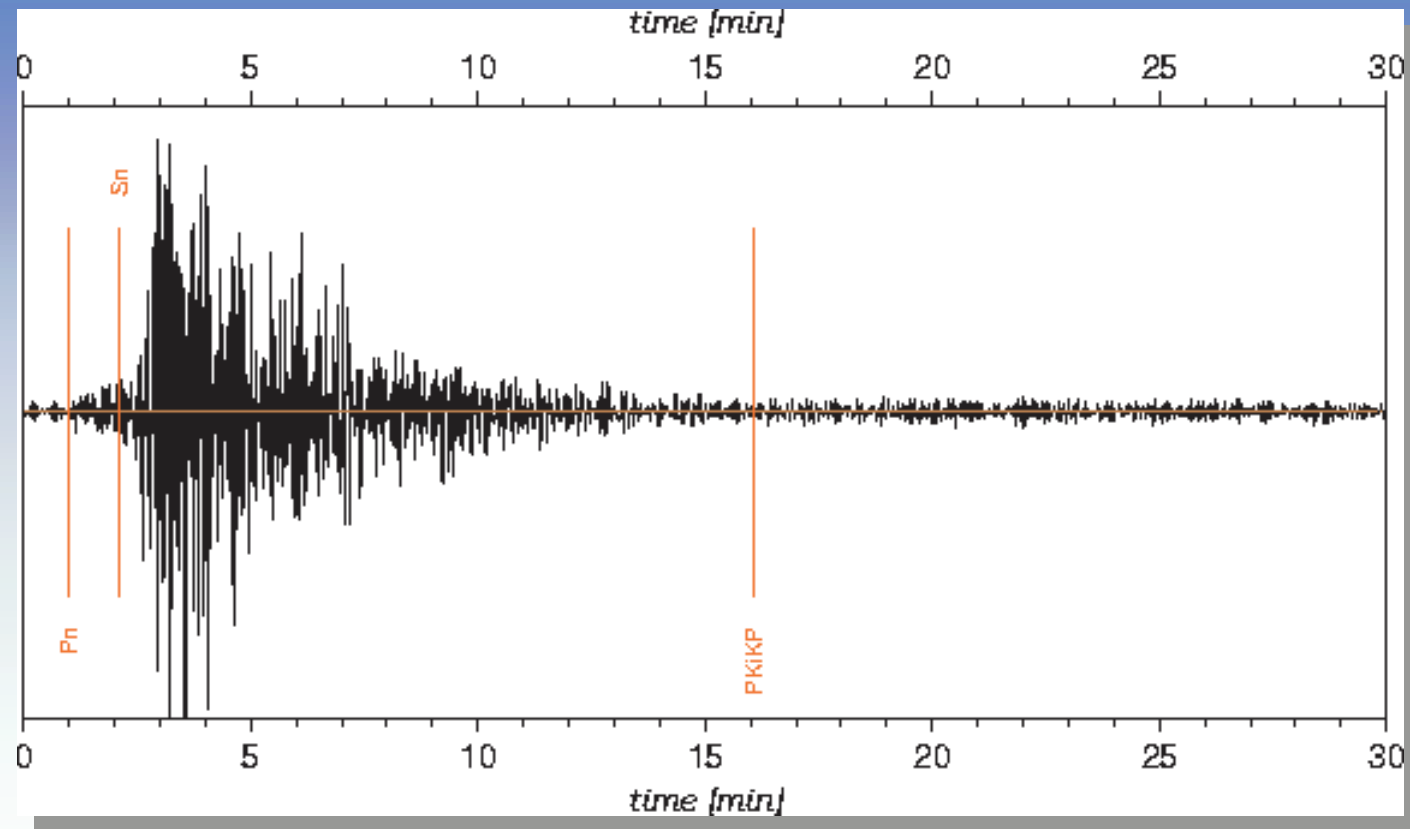
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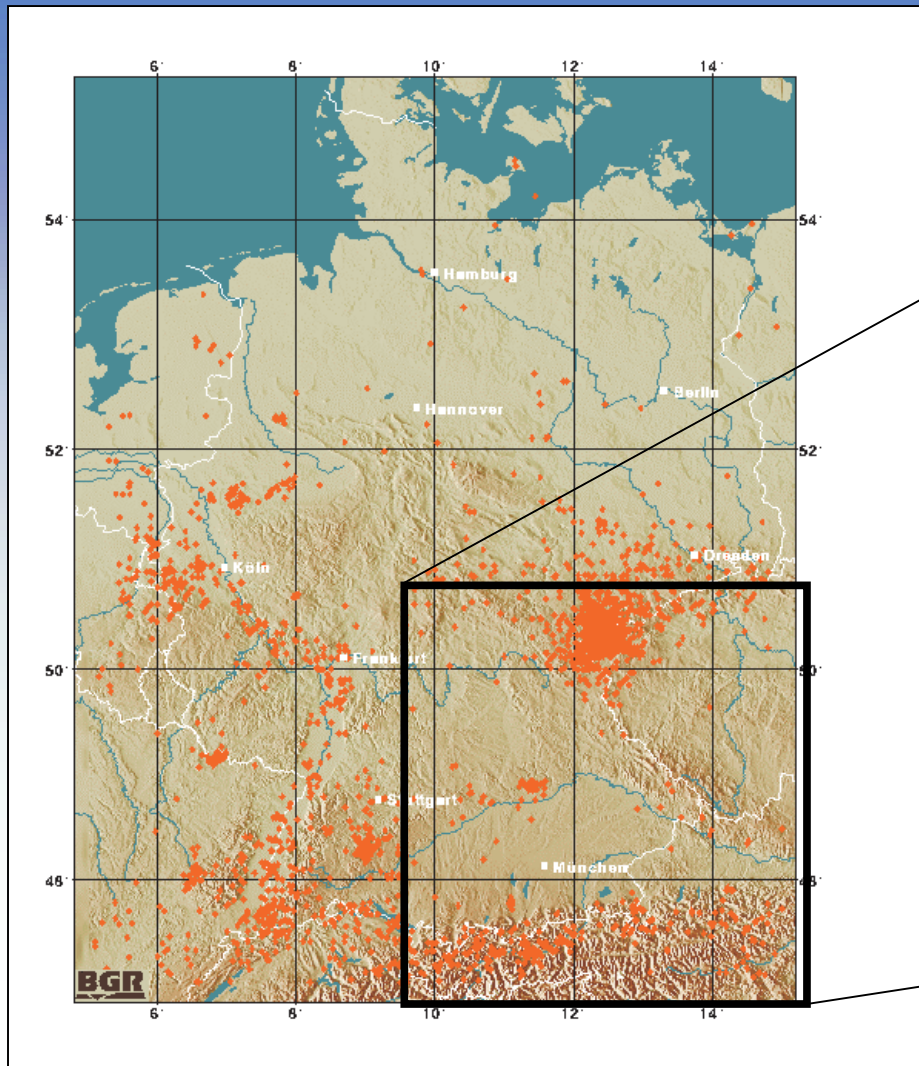
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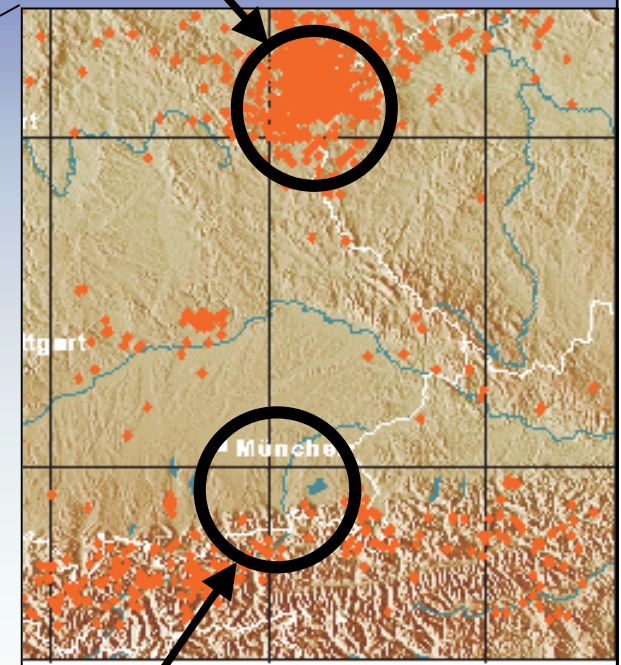




# Earthquakes in Bayern ?



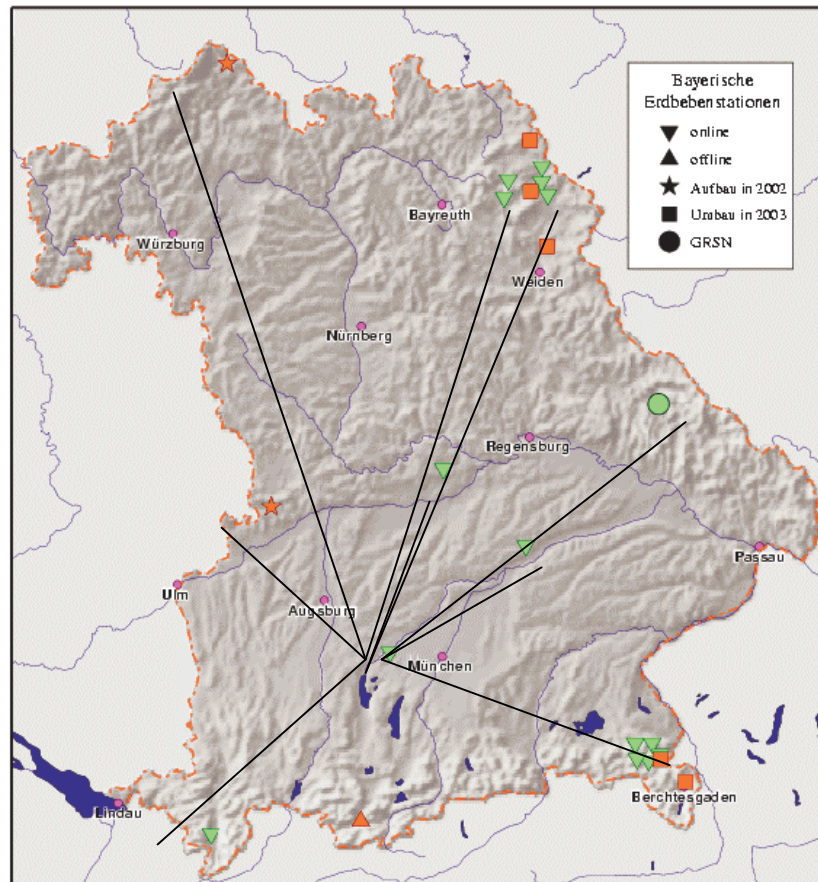
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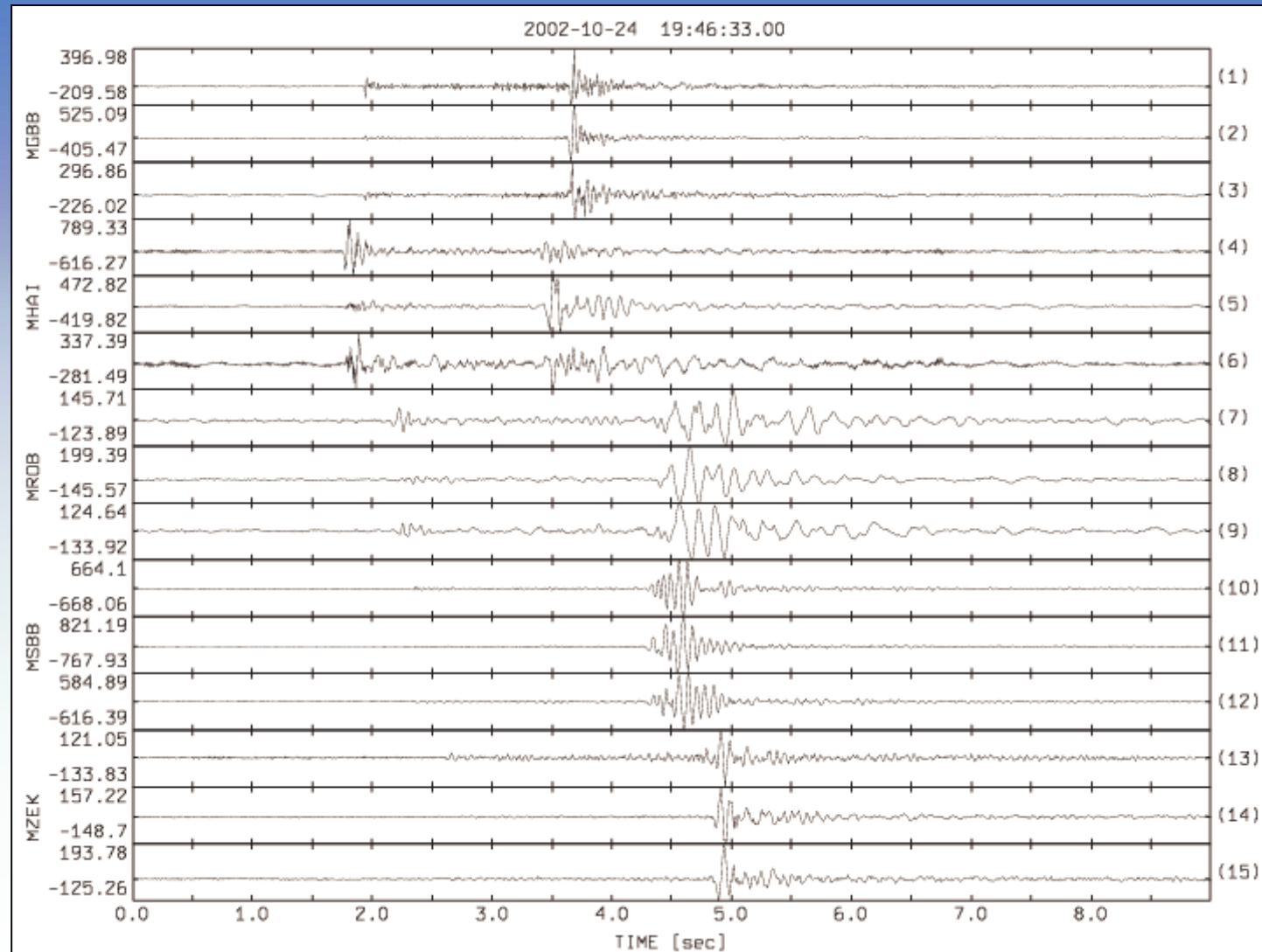


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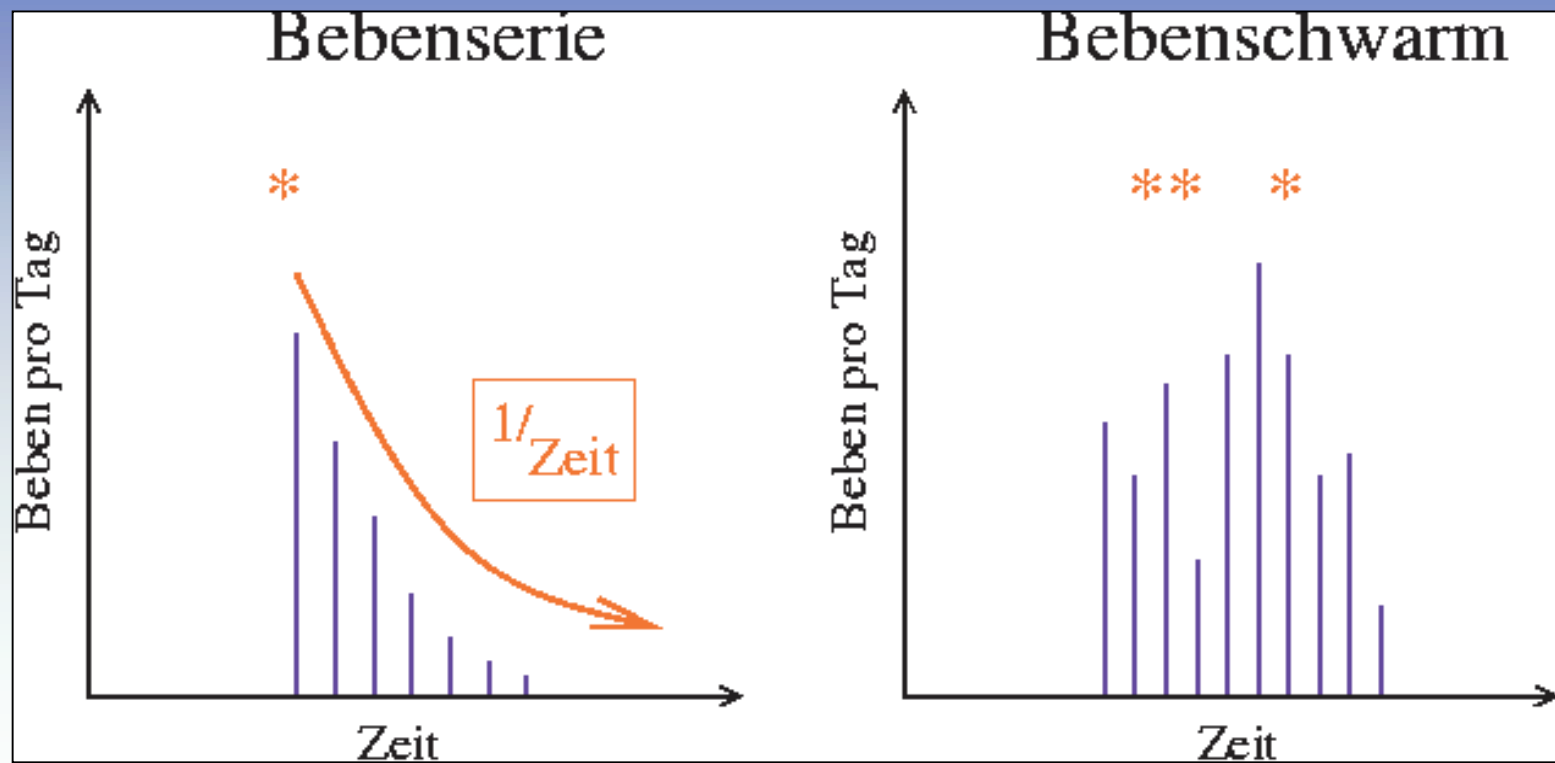


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# Earthquake near Marktredwitz, 24.10.2002



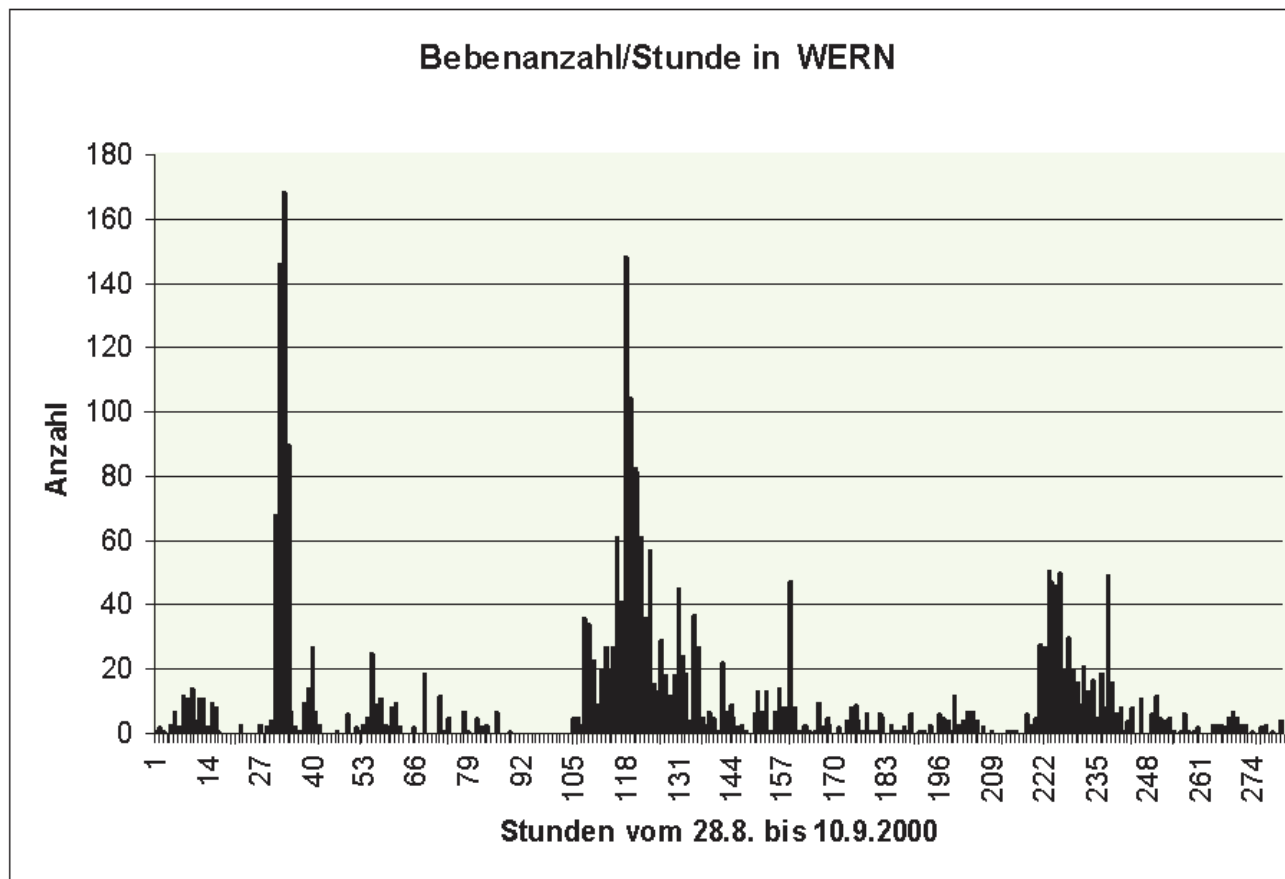
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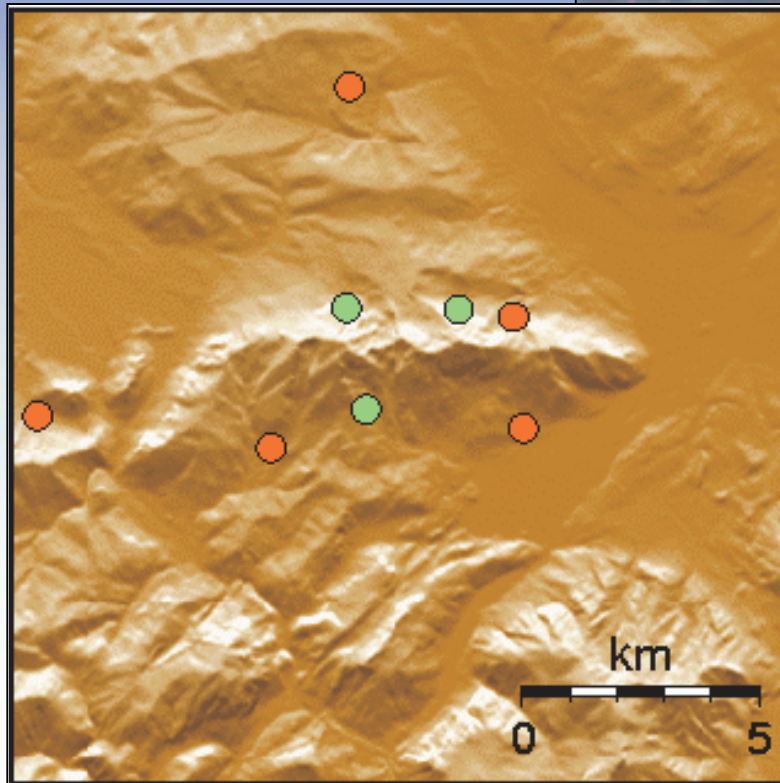
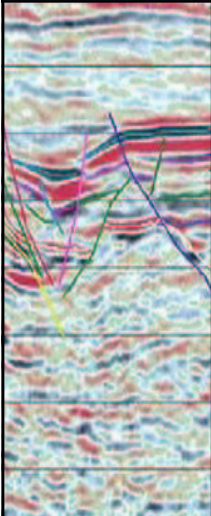
# Was sind Schwarmbeben?

## Beispiel: Vogtland



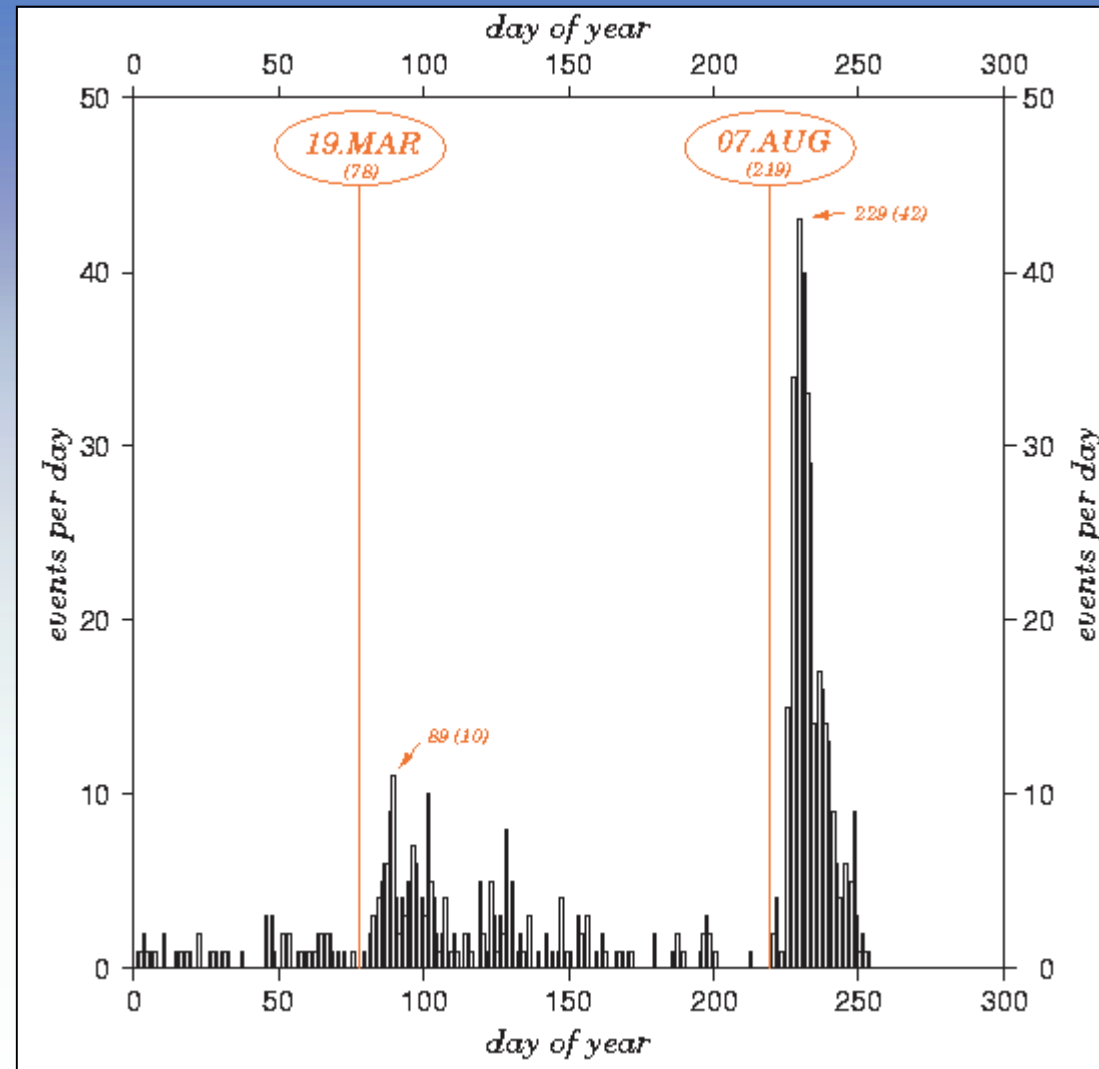
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## Example: Bad Reichenhall



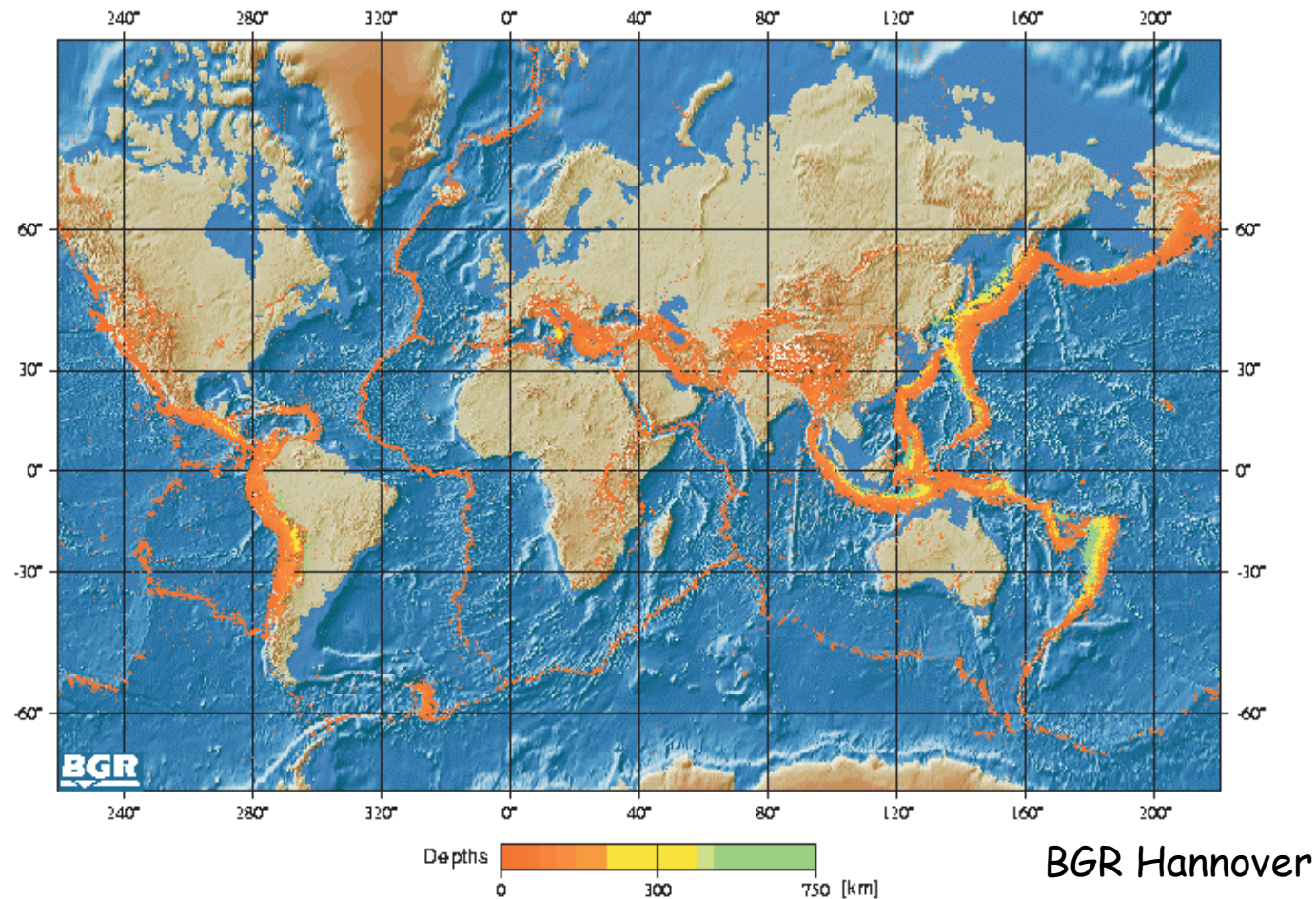
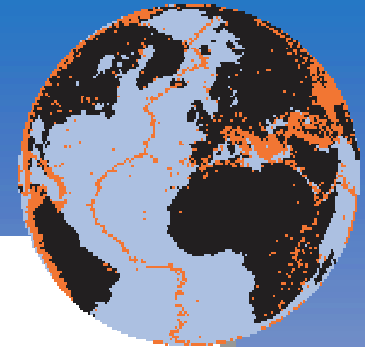
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## Example: Bad Reichenhall





# Earthquakes around the Globe



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# Earthquake location

## What do we have?

- Arrival times of P and S waves at various seismic stations

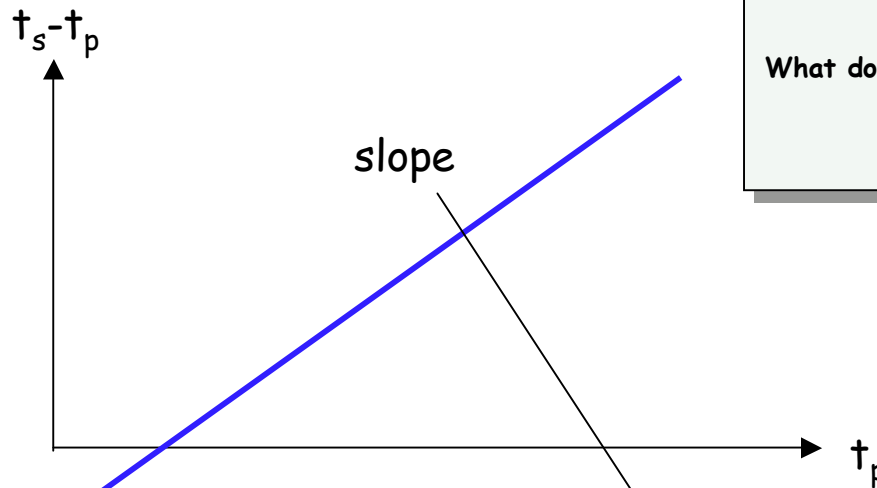
## What do we want to know?

- origin time of the earthquake
- the epicenter and depth

Let us assume the earthquake happened at time  $t_0$  and we know the seismic wave velocities of the ground to be  $v_p$  (P-waves) and  $v_s$  (S-waves). When we record an earthquake at a distance  $\Delta$  we have

$$v_P = \frac{\Delta}{t_P - t_0}, \quad v_S = \frac{\Delta}{t_S - t_0}$$

# Wadati diagram



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... after combining and rearranging ...

$$(t_S - t_P) = \left(\frac{v_P}{v_S} - 1\right)(t_P - t_0)$$

$$y = a \quad x$$



# Earthquake location

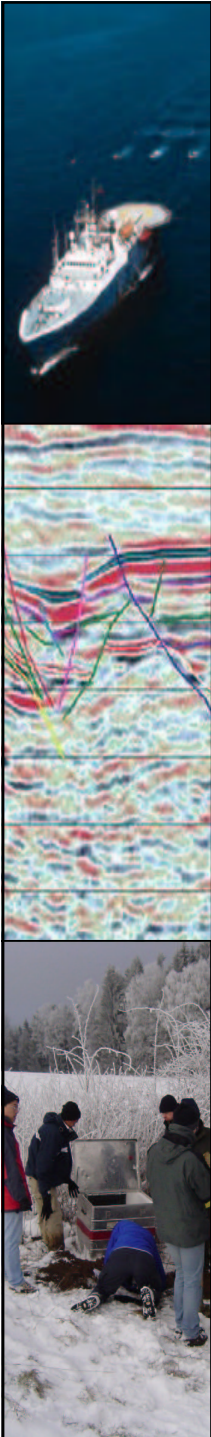
With the slope  $v_p/v_s - 1$  of the diagram we can get the  $v_p/v_s$  ratio, again after rearranging we can calculate the origin time  $t_0$  of the earthquake

$$t_0 = t_P - \frac{t_S - t_P}{\frac{v_P}{v_S} - 1}$$

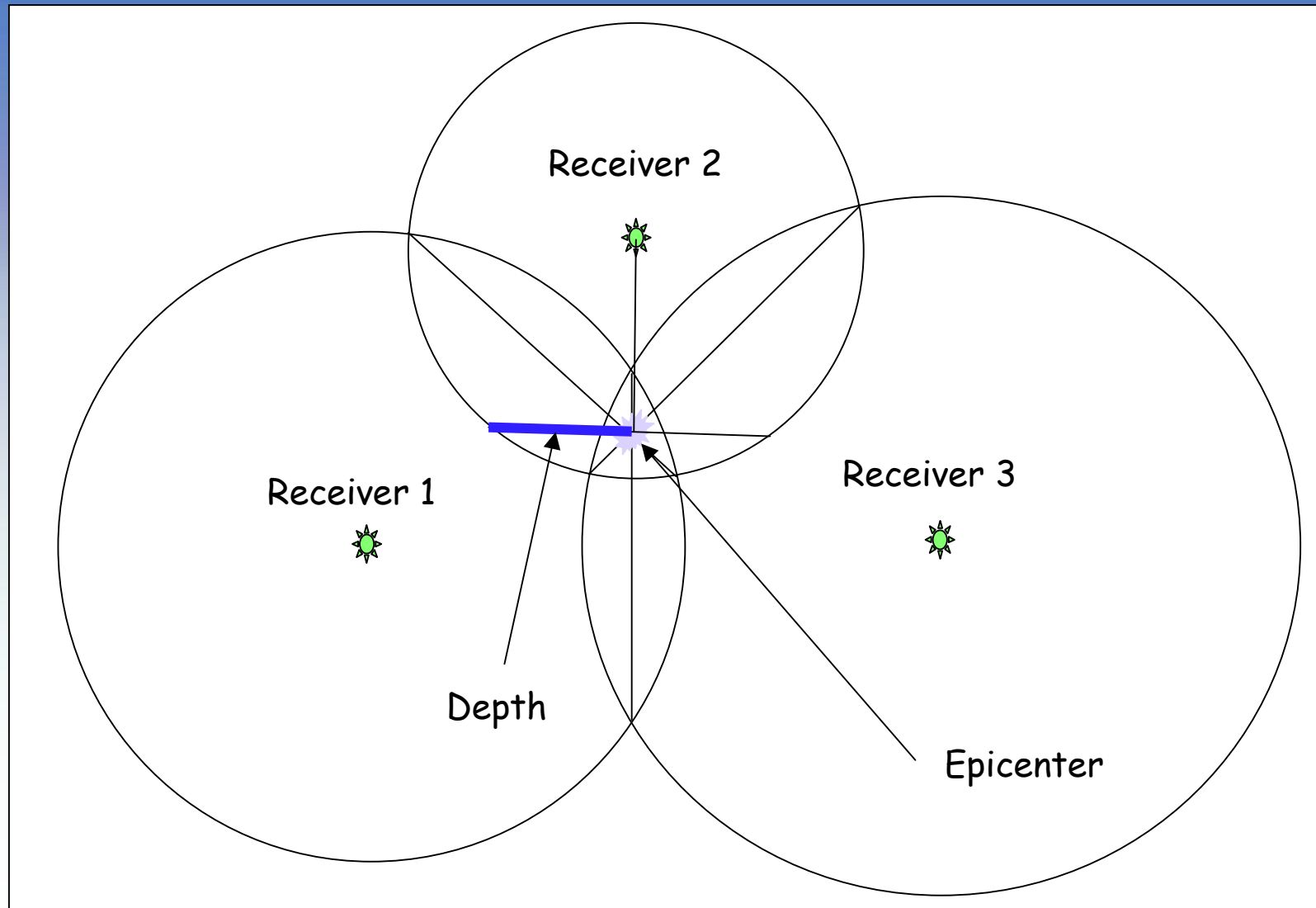
and the distance of the earthquake from each receiver  $i$  with  $P$  arrival time  $t_{Pi}$

$$\Delta_i = v_P (t_{Pi} - t_0)$$

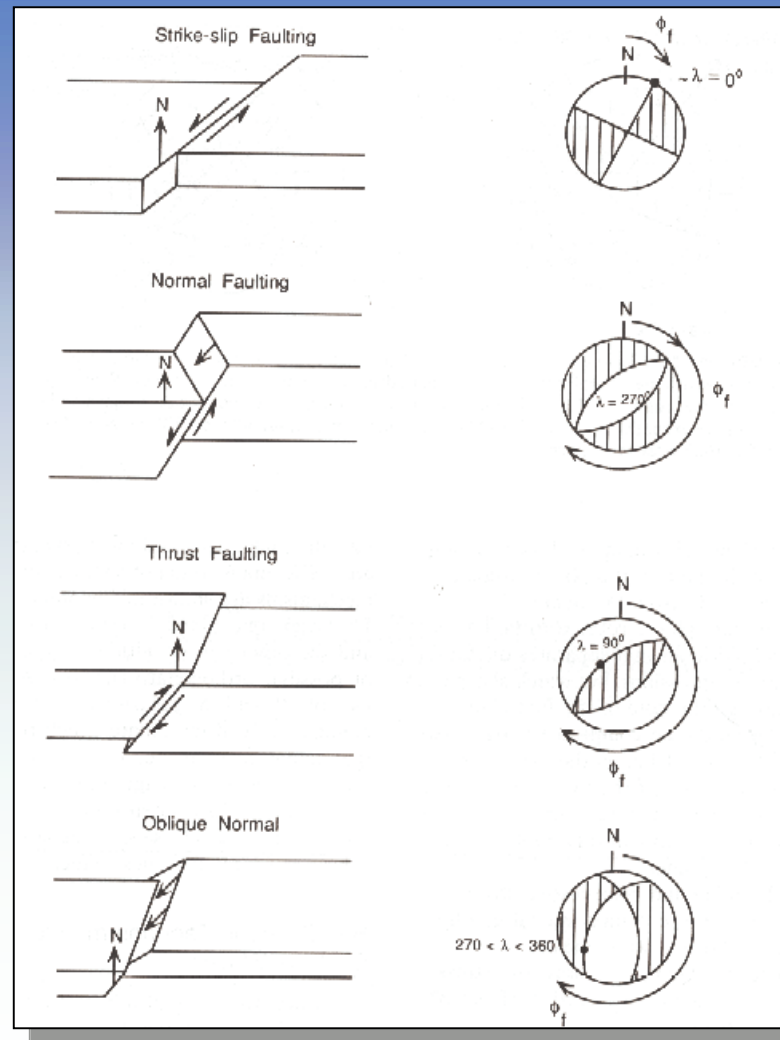
But how can we determine epicenter and depth?



# Earthquake location - epicenter and depth



# Fault types

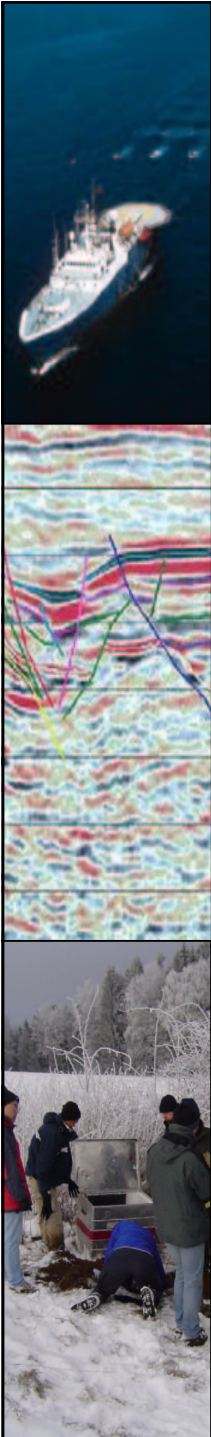
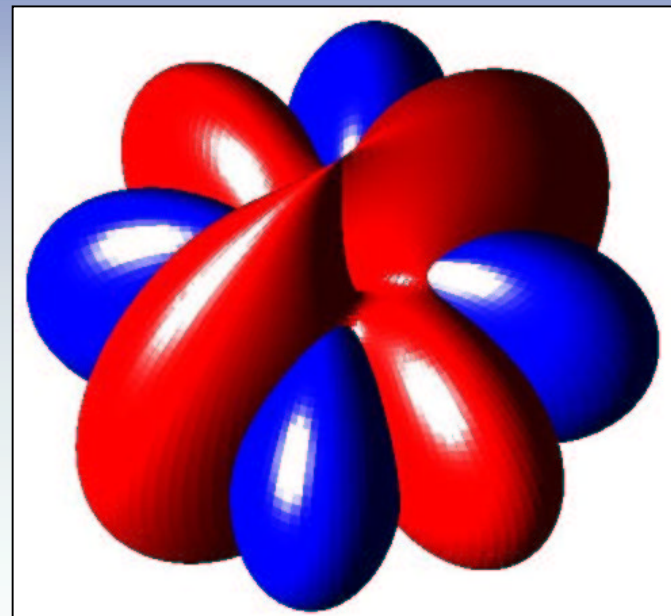
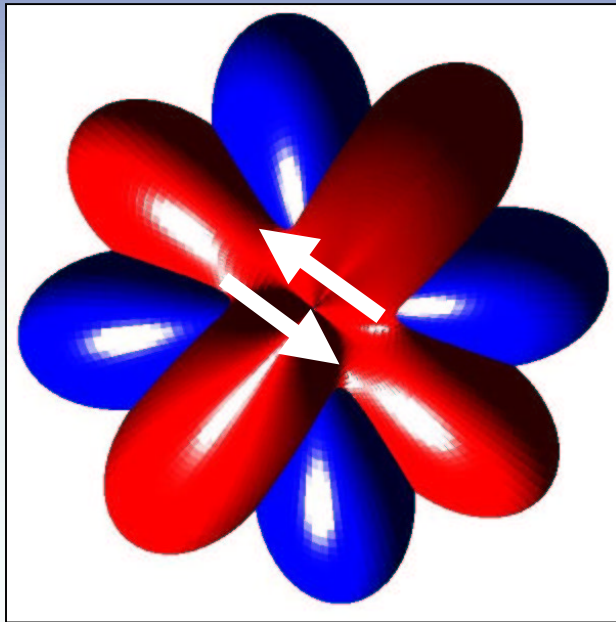


Basic fault types and their appearance in the focal mechanisms. Dark regions indicate compressional P-wave motion.

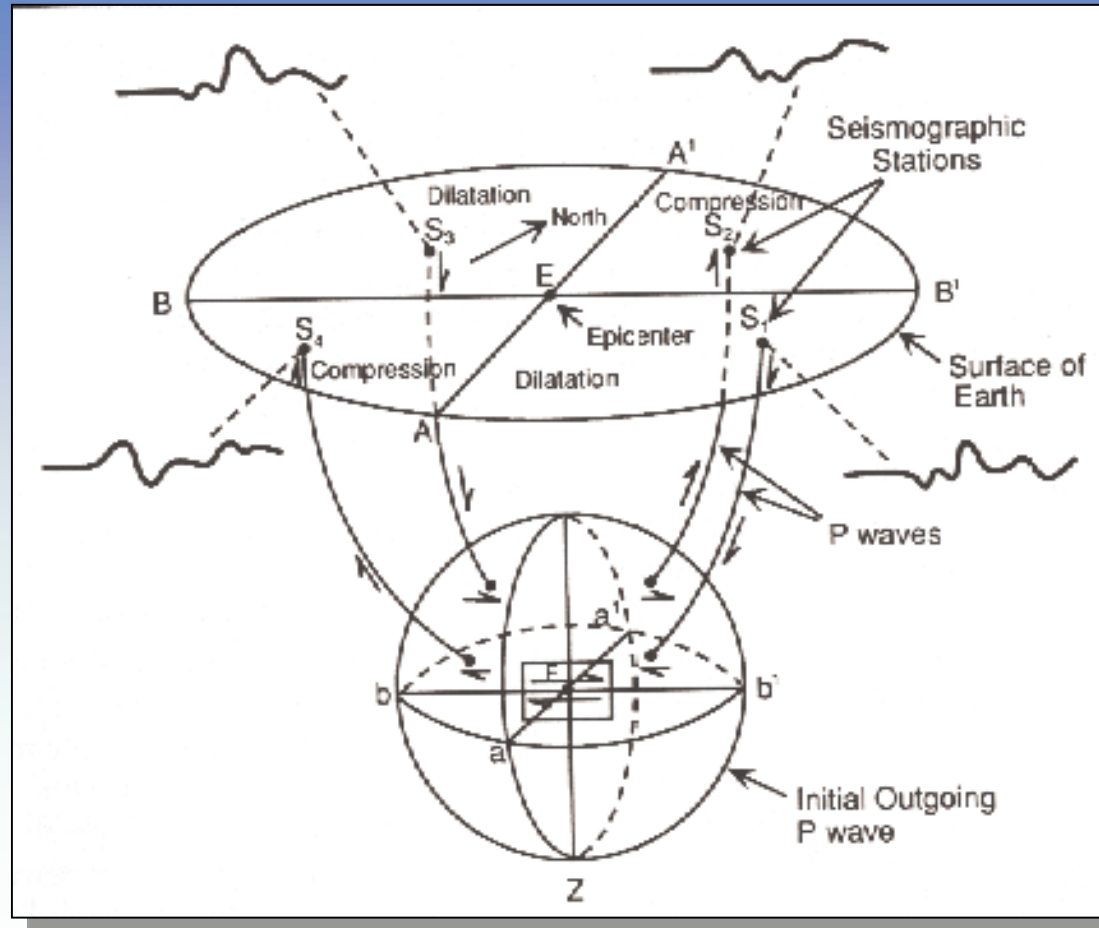


# Radiation pattern

Far field P - blue  
Far field S - red















# Radiation from shear dislocation



First motion of P waves at seismometers in various directions.

The polarities of the observed motion is used to determine the point source characteristics.

# Beachballs and moment tensor

Moment Tensor	Beachball	Moment Tensor	Beachball
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$		$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	
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explosion - implosion

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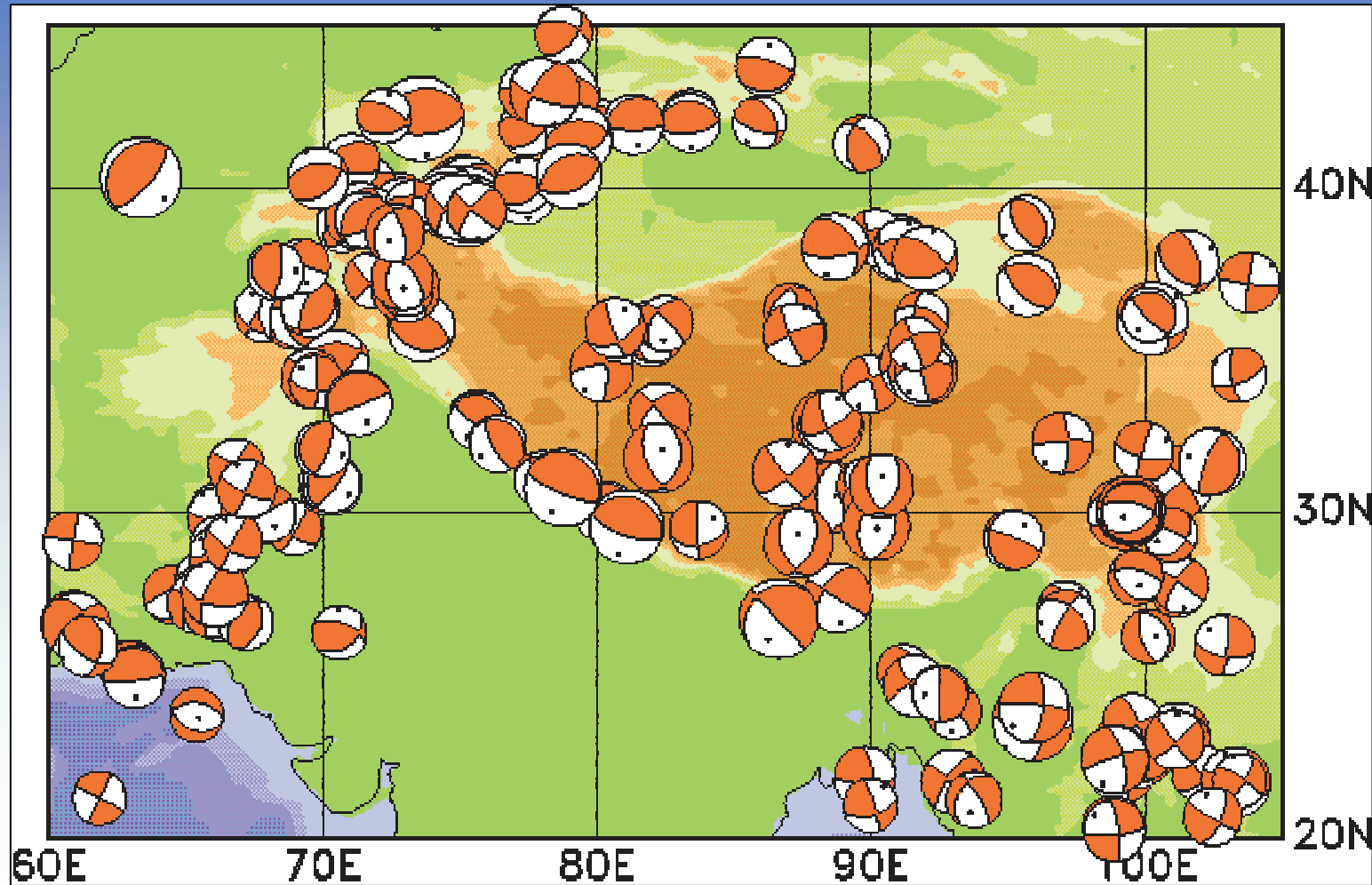
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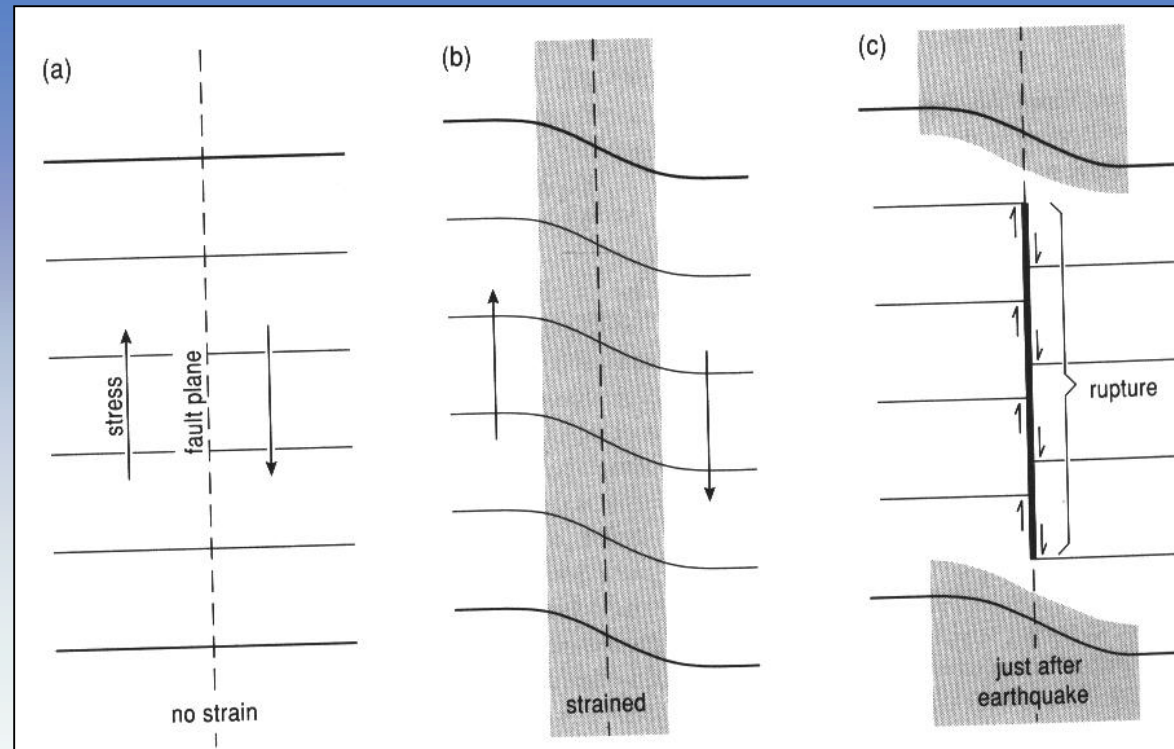
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## Beachballs - Himalaya

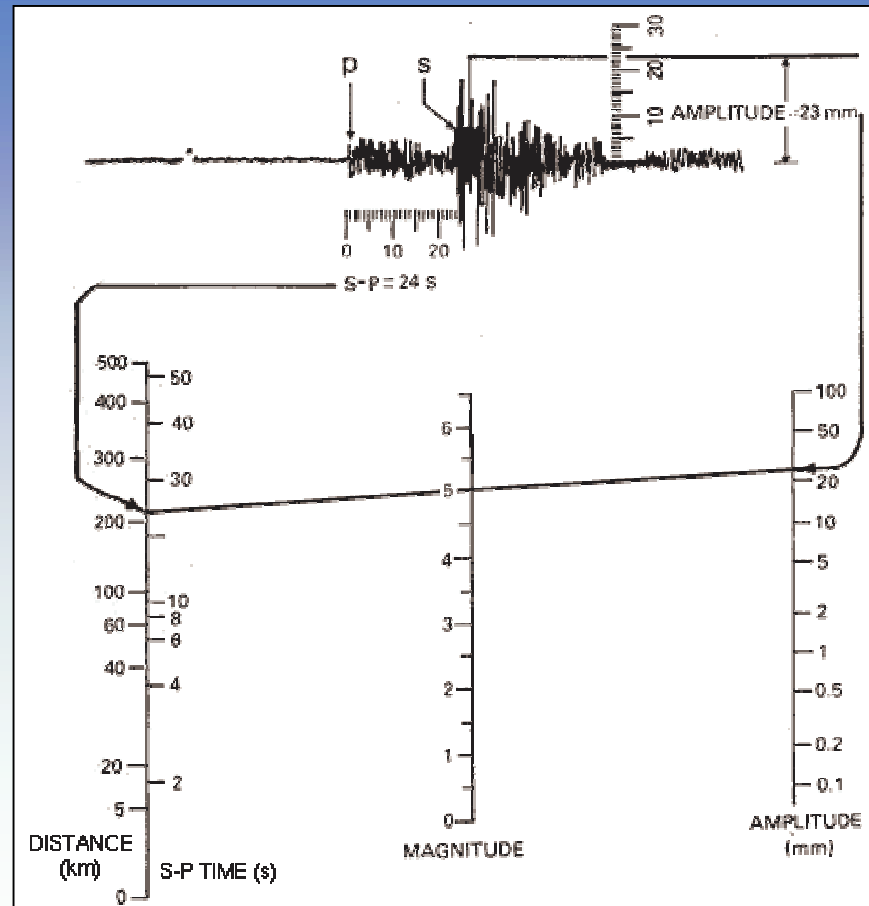


# Elastic rebound (Reid, 1910)



We need to relate the size of the (observed) displacement with the size (magnitude, power strength) of earthquakes:  
How can we quantify earthquakes?

# Richter Scale



Determination  
of the  
magnitude of an  
earthquake  
graphically.

$$M_L = \log_{10} A(mm) + (\text{Distance correction factor})$$

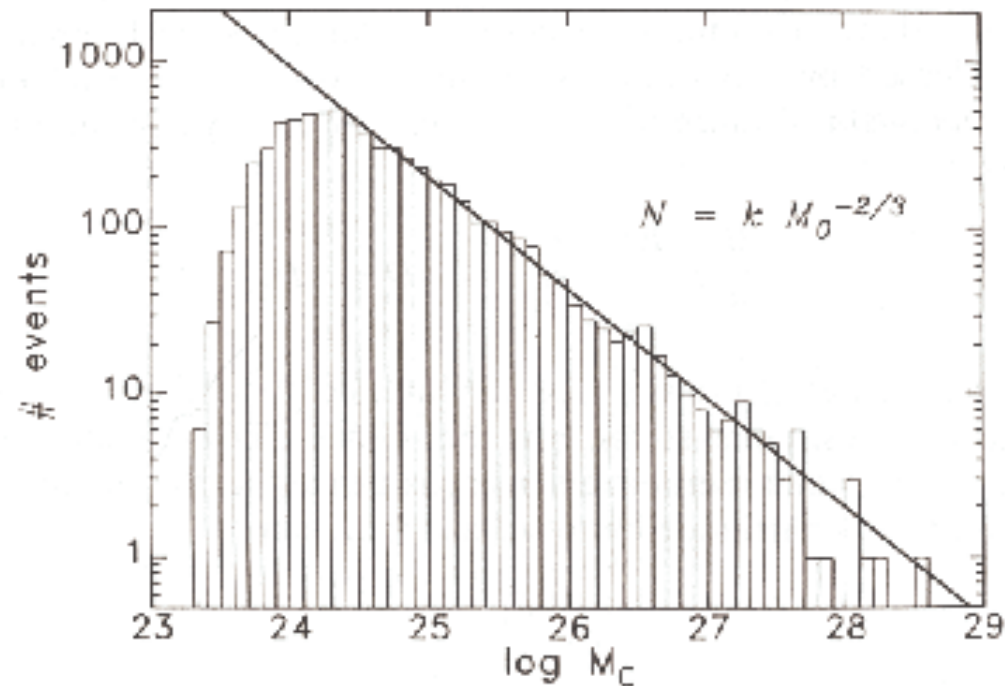


# Mercalli Intensity and Richter Magnitude

Magnitude	Intensity	Description
1.0-3.0	I	I. Not felt except by a very few under especially favorable conditions.
3.0 - 3.9	II - III	II. Felt only by a few persons at rest, especially on upper floors of buildings. III. Felt quite noticeably by persons indoors, especially on upper floors of buildings. Many people do not recognize it as an earthquake. Standing motor cars may rock slightly. Vibrations similar to the passing of a truck. Duration estimated.
4.0 - 4.9	IV - V	IV. Felt indoors by many, outdoors by few during the day. At night, some awakened. Dishes, windows, doors disturbed; walls make cracking sound. Sensation like heavy truck striking building. Standing motor cars rocked noticeably. V. Felt by nearly everyone; many awakened. Some dishes, windows broken. Unstable objects overturned. Pendulum clocks may stop.
5.0 - 5.9	VI - VII	VI. Felt by all, many frightened. Some heavy furniture moved; a few instances of fallen plaster. Damage slight. VII. Damage negligible in buildings of good design and construction; slight to moderate in well-built ordinary structures; considerable damage in poorly built or badly designed structures; some chimneys broken.
6.0 - 6.9	VII - IX	VIII. Damage slight in specially designed structures; considerable damage in ordinary substantial buildings with partial collapse. Damage great in poorly built structures. Fall of chimneys, factory stacks, columns, monuments, walls. Heavy furniture overturned. IX. Damage considerable in specially designed structures; well-designed frame structures thrown out of plumb. Damage great in substantial buildings, with partial collapse. Buildings shifted off foundations.
7.0 and higher	VIII or higher	X. Some well-built wooden structures destroyed; most masonry and frame structures destroyed with foundations. Rails bent. XI. Few, if any (masonry) structures remain standing. Bridges destroyed. Rails bent greatly. XII. Damage total. Lines of sight and level are distorted. Objects thrown into the air.

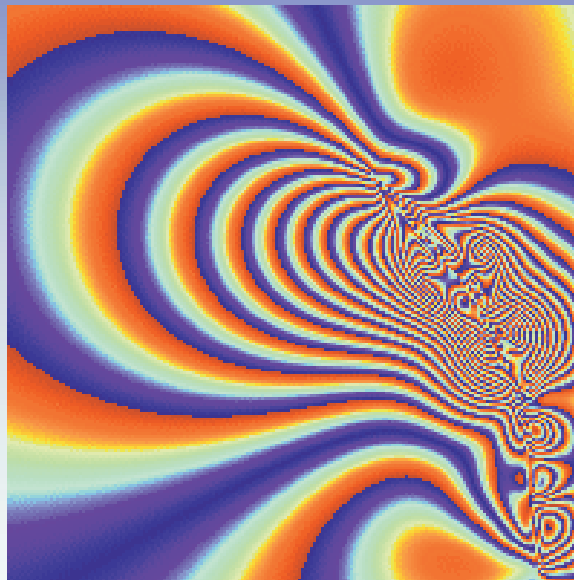
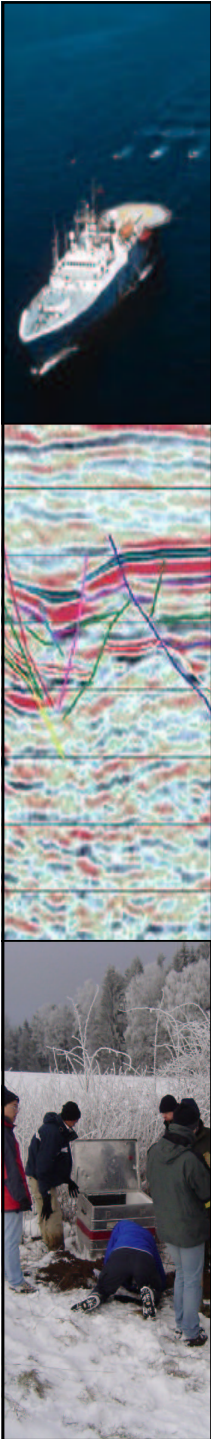
# Earthquake statistics

## The Gutenberg Richter Law

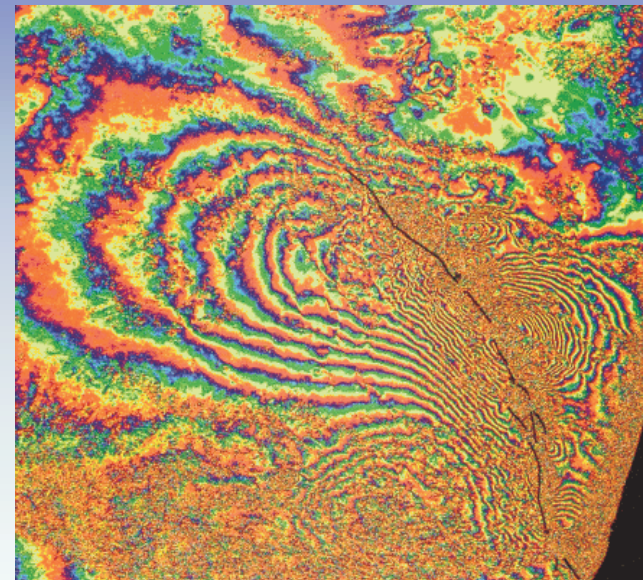


Number of earthquakes as a function of seismic moment from global data sets for shallow events.

# Co-seismic deformation



Simulated deformation



Observed deformation

Source Kim Olsen, UCSB



# Summary - Seismology

- The origin time of an earthquake can be determined using the difference between P- and S-velocities (**Wadati diagram**)
- the **epicenter and depth** of an earthquake can be estimated graphically using the distances of each station from the earthquake
- The **magnitude** of an earthquake is determined as the logarithm of the local displacement and a correction factor (**Richter scale**)
- An earthquake is characterized by the **orientation of a fault plane and the slip direction**
- These geometrical properties can be determined from information in the **radiation pattern** of P and S waves
- The frequency of earthquakes as a function of magnitude is governed by the **Gutenberg-Richter Law** (log-log plot with slope -1)

