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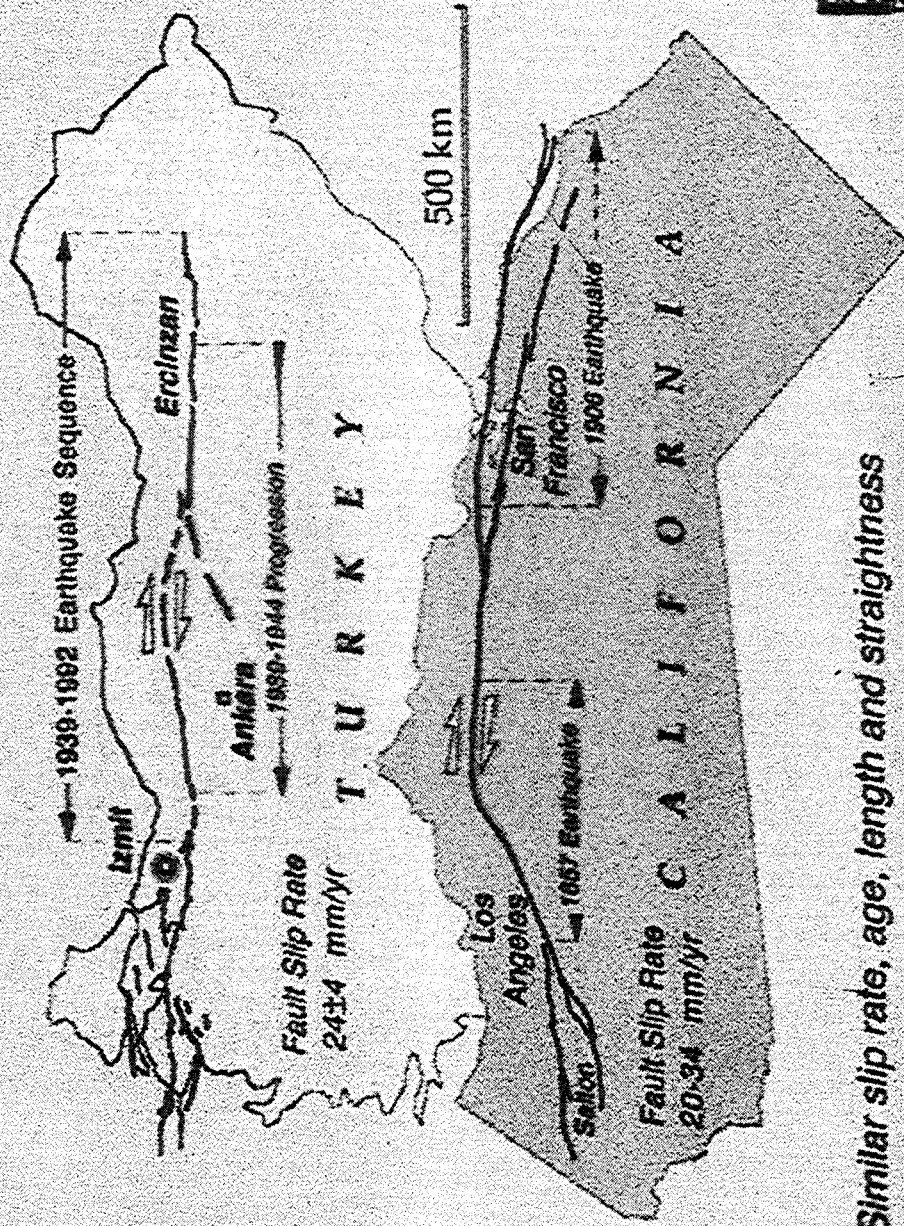
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**Neotectonics and Earthquake Generation along
Complex Fault Systems**

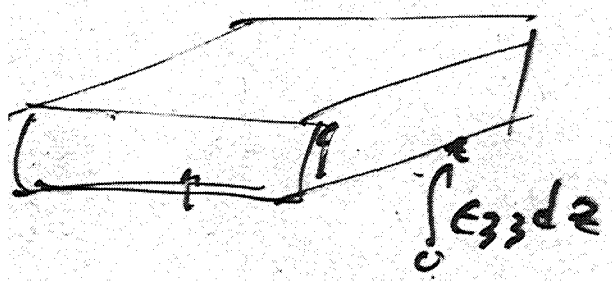
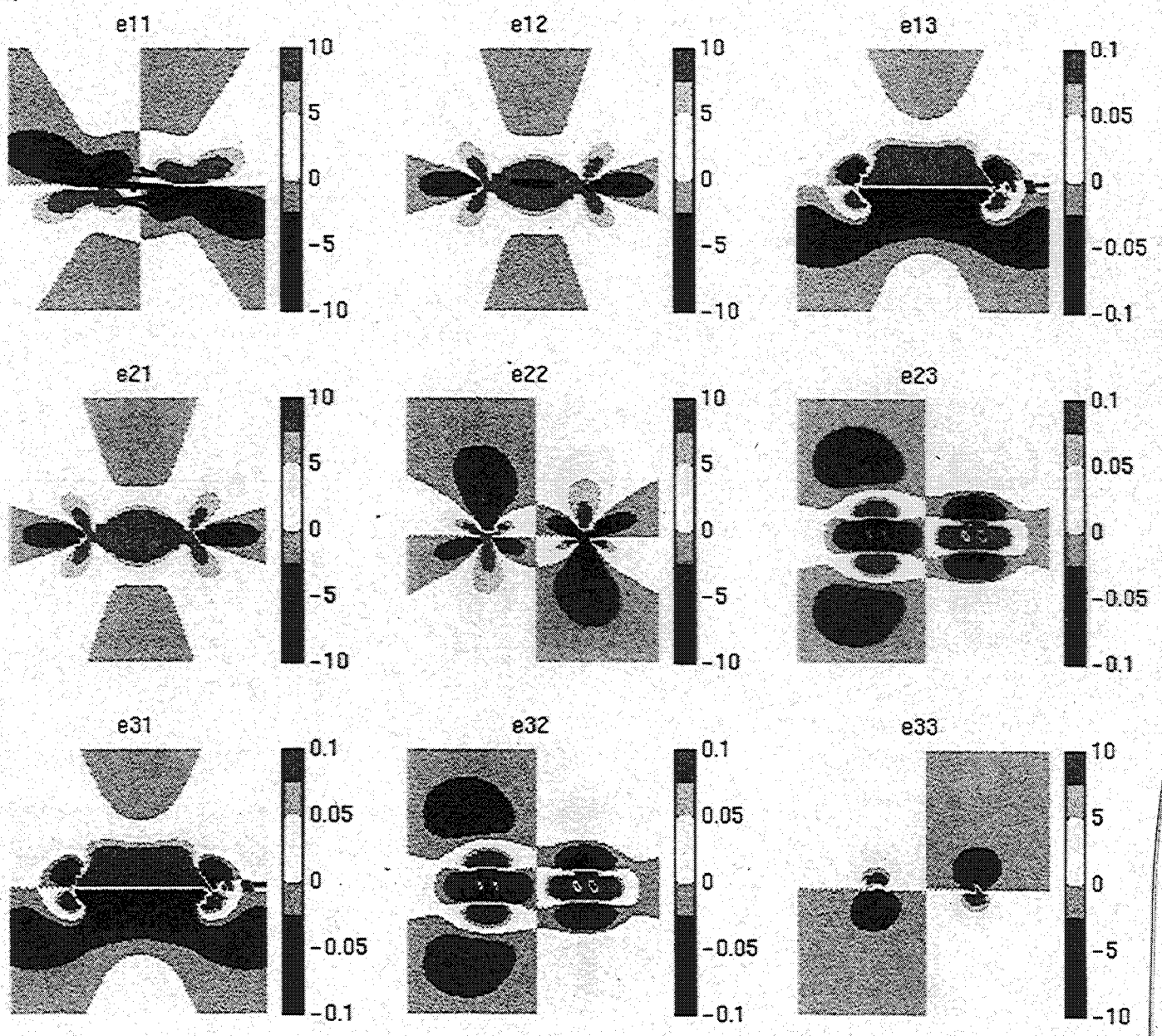
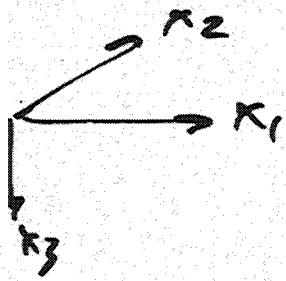
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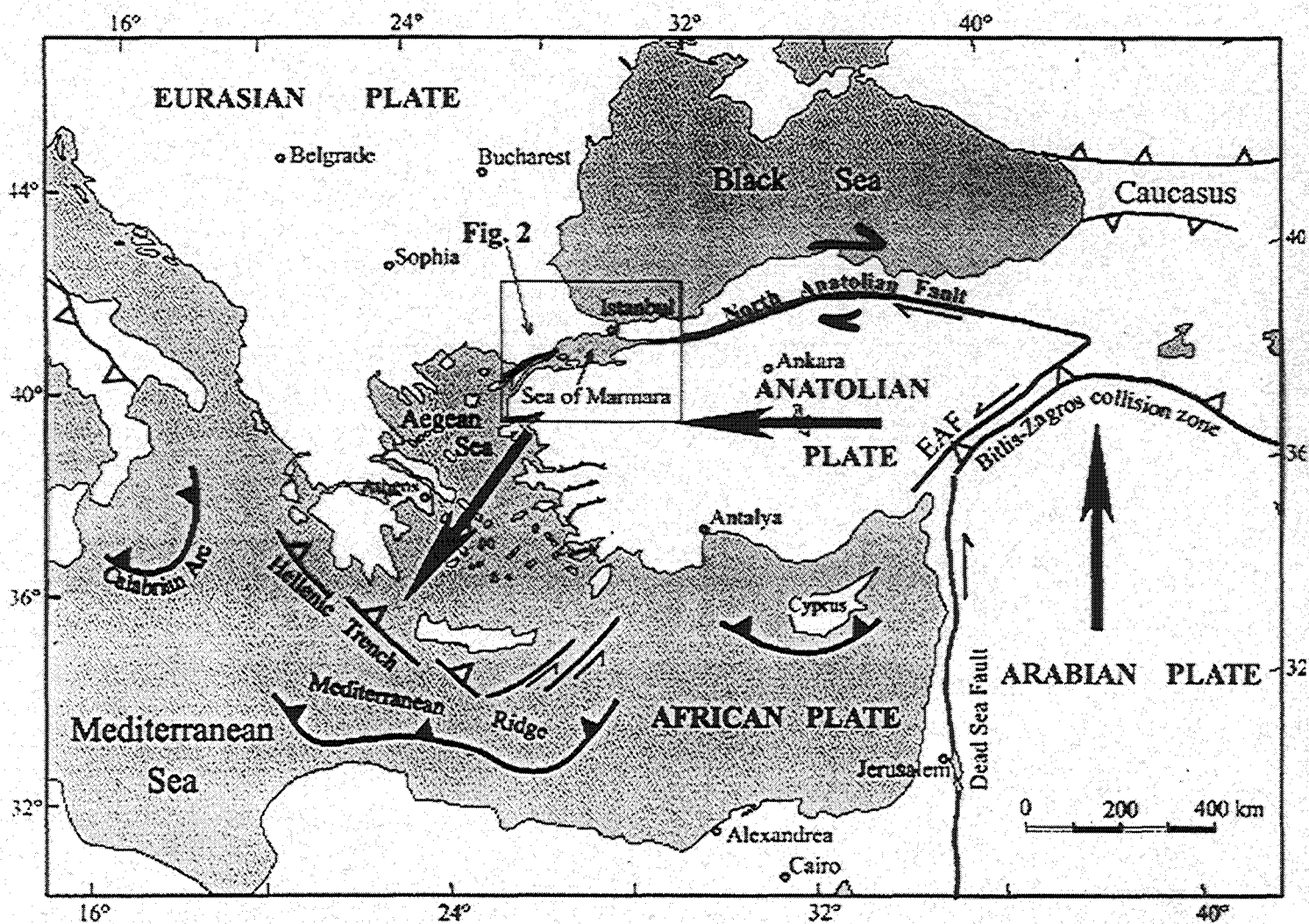
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Comparison of the North Anatolian and San Andreas Faults

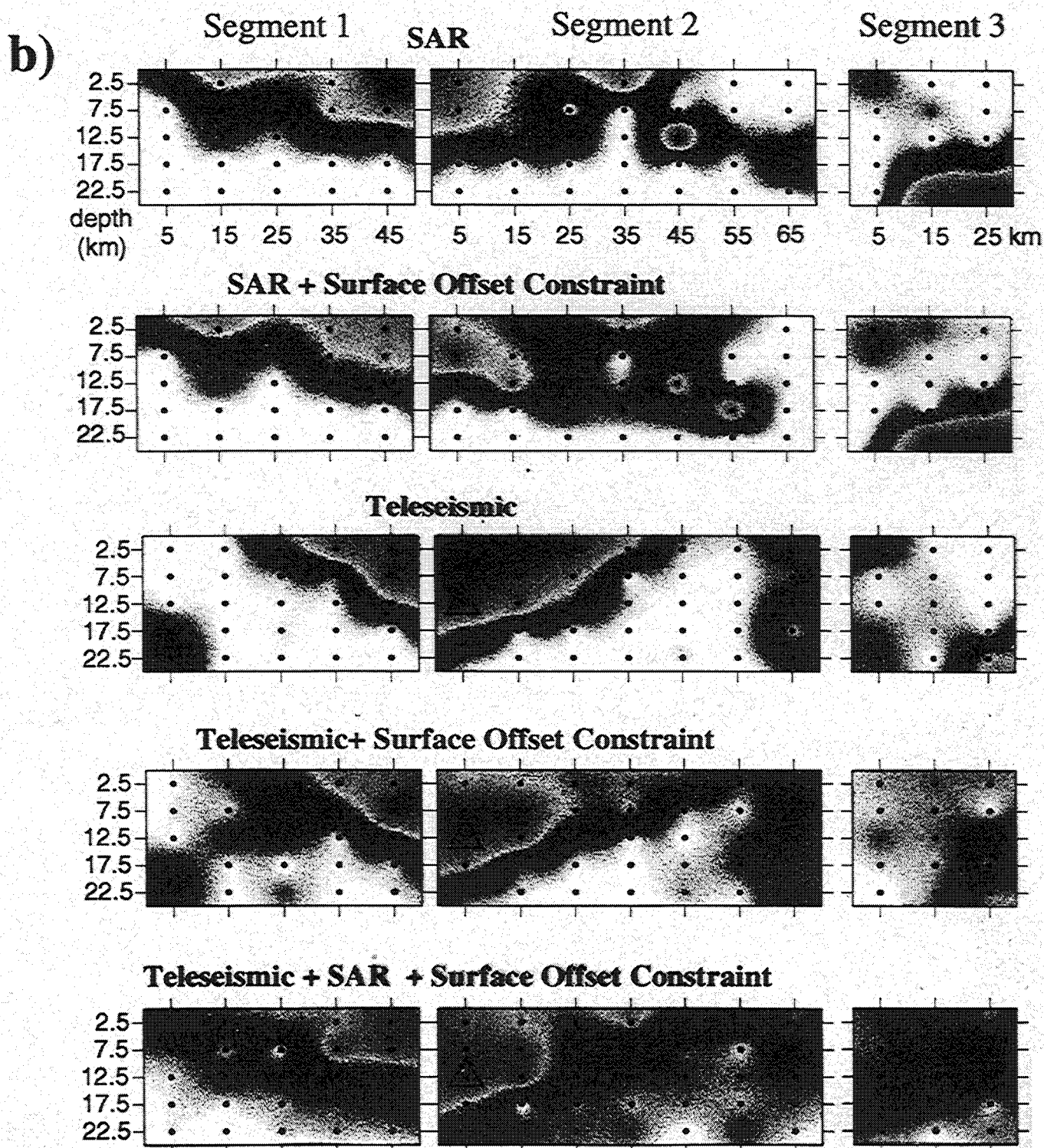
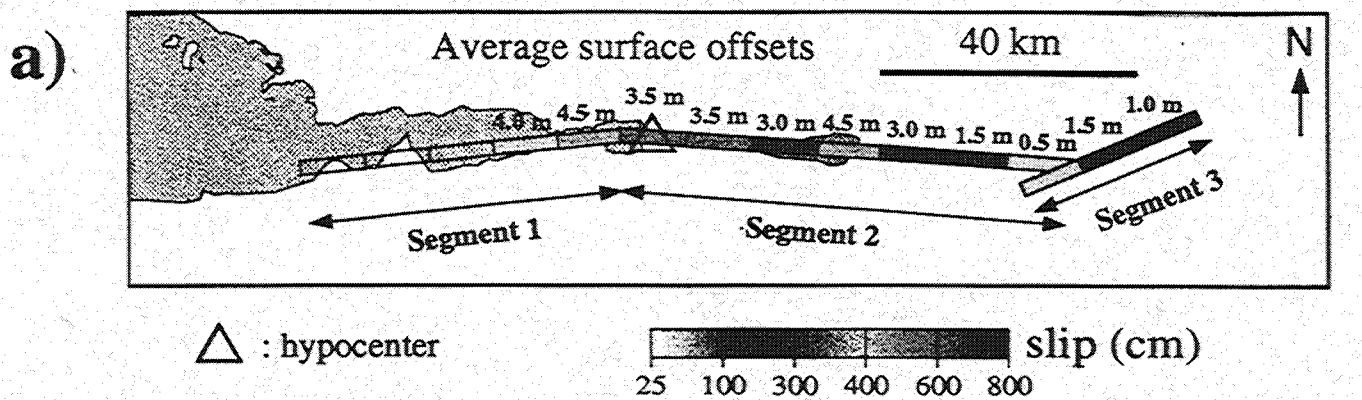


• Similar slip rate, age, length and straightness





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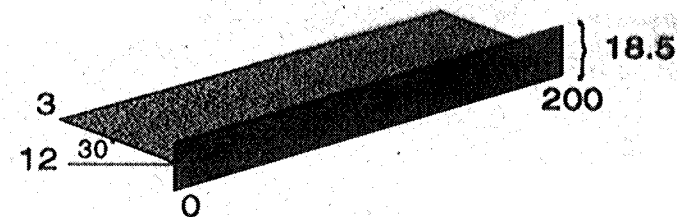


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Coupled blind-thrust, strike-slip fault system model



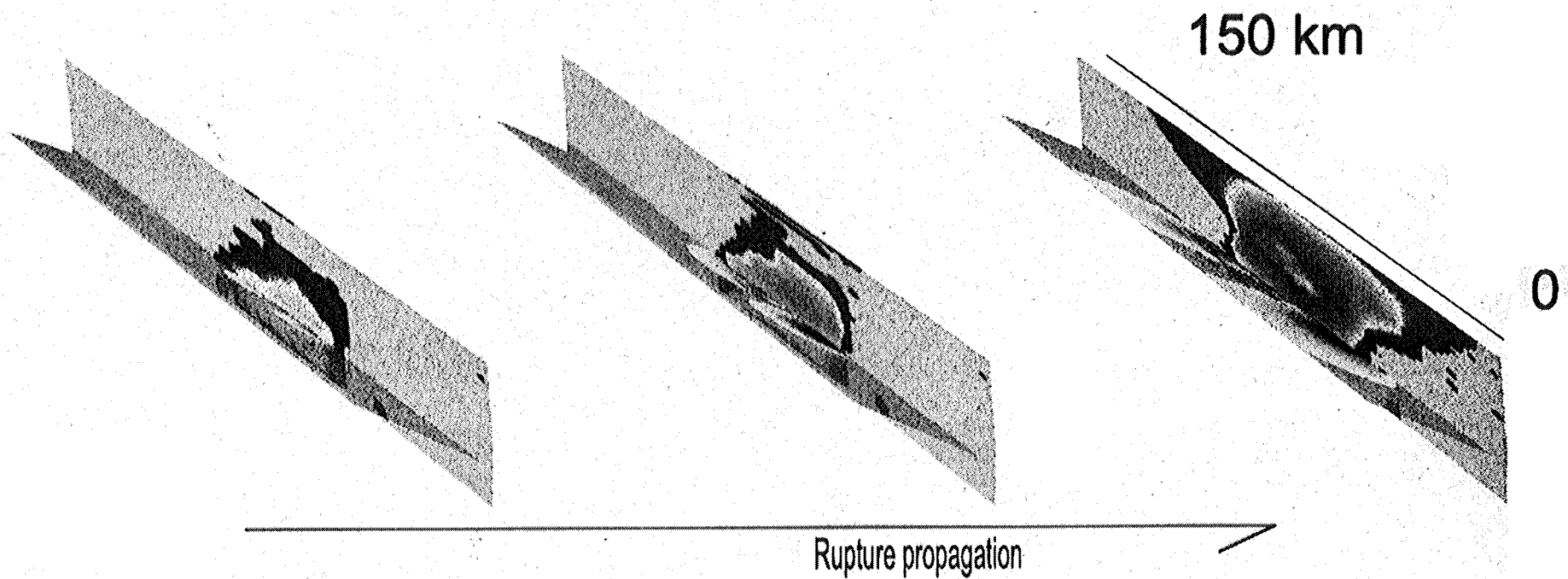
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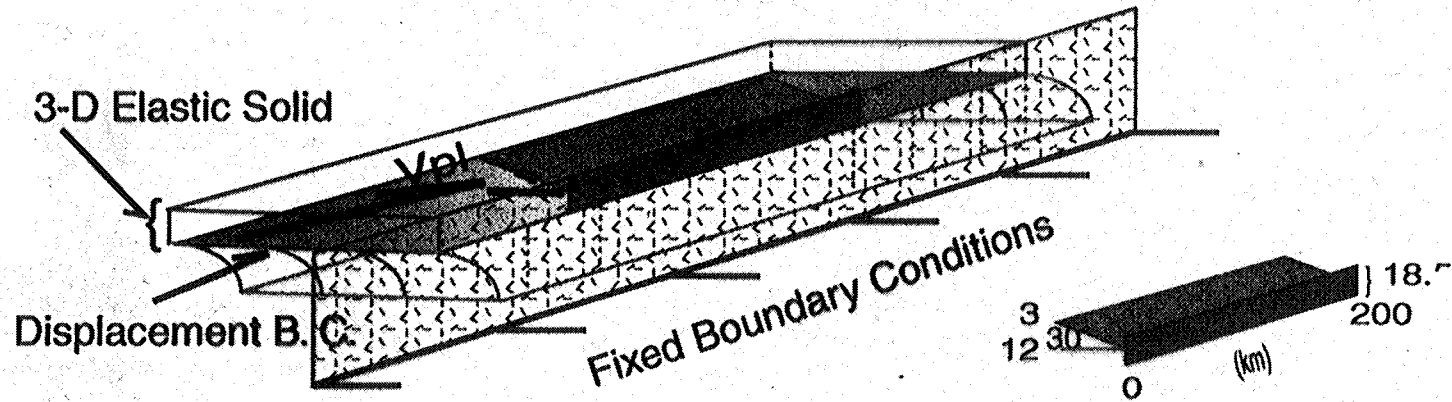
Fixed Boundary Condition

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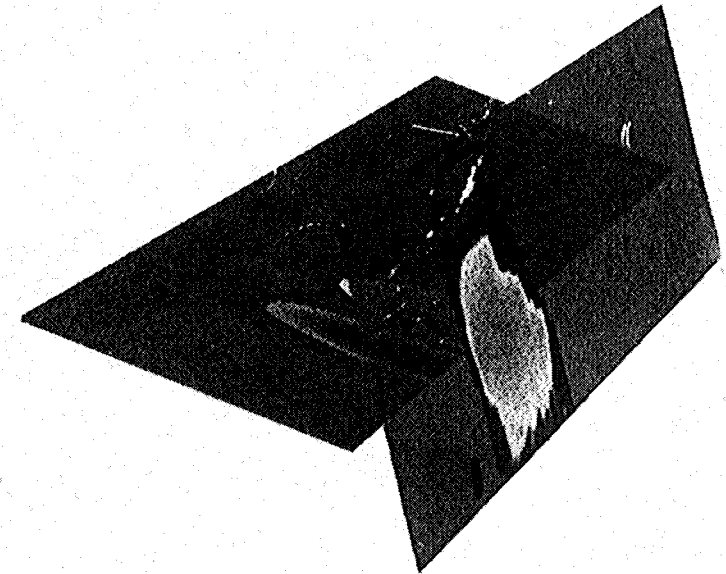
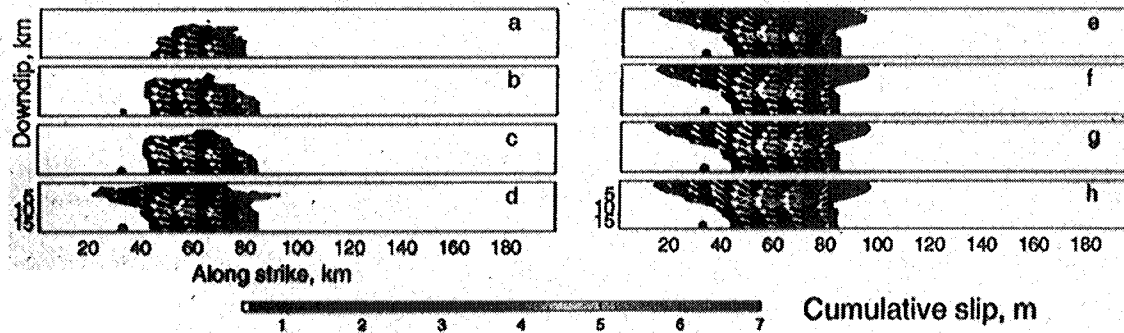
Poroelastic Effect on the Thrust Fault due to Slip on the Strike-Slip Fault.

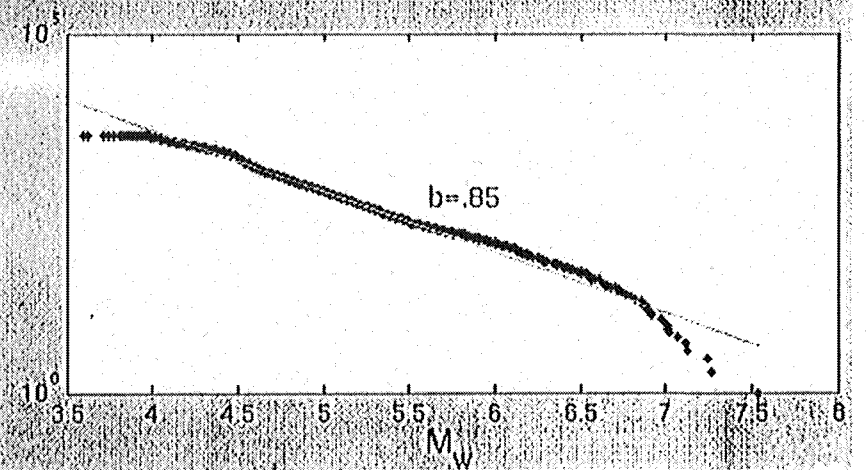
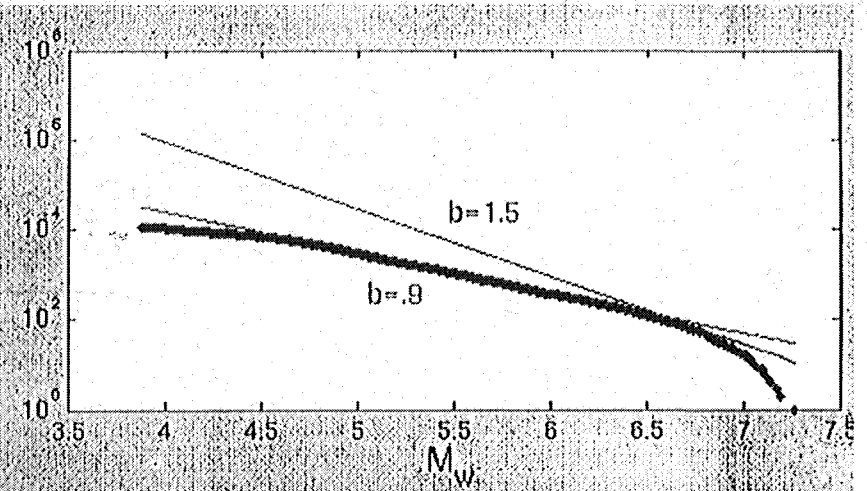
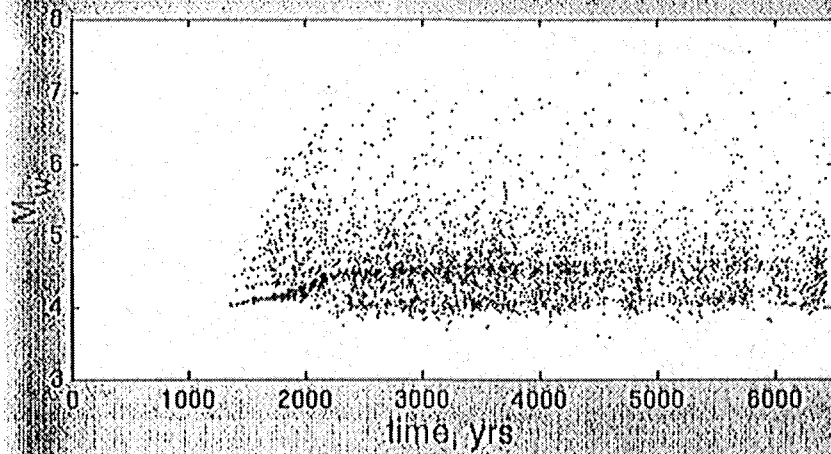
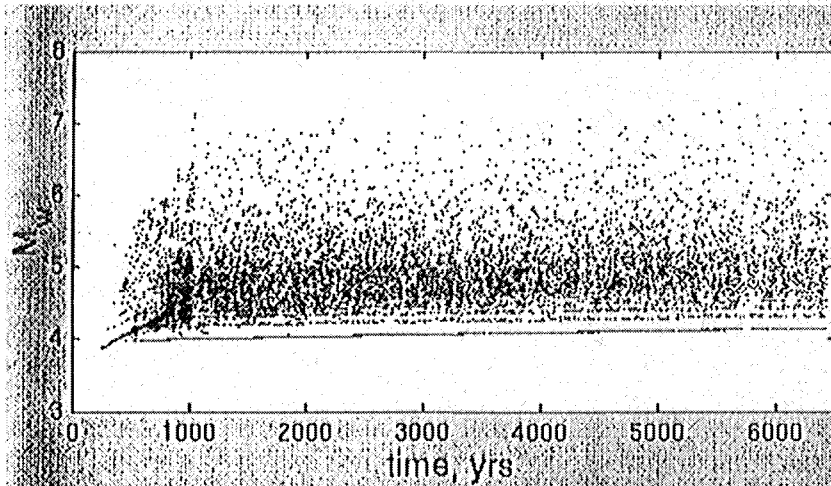


Coupled blind-thrust, strike-slip fault system

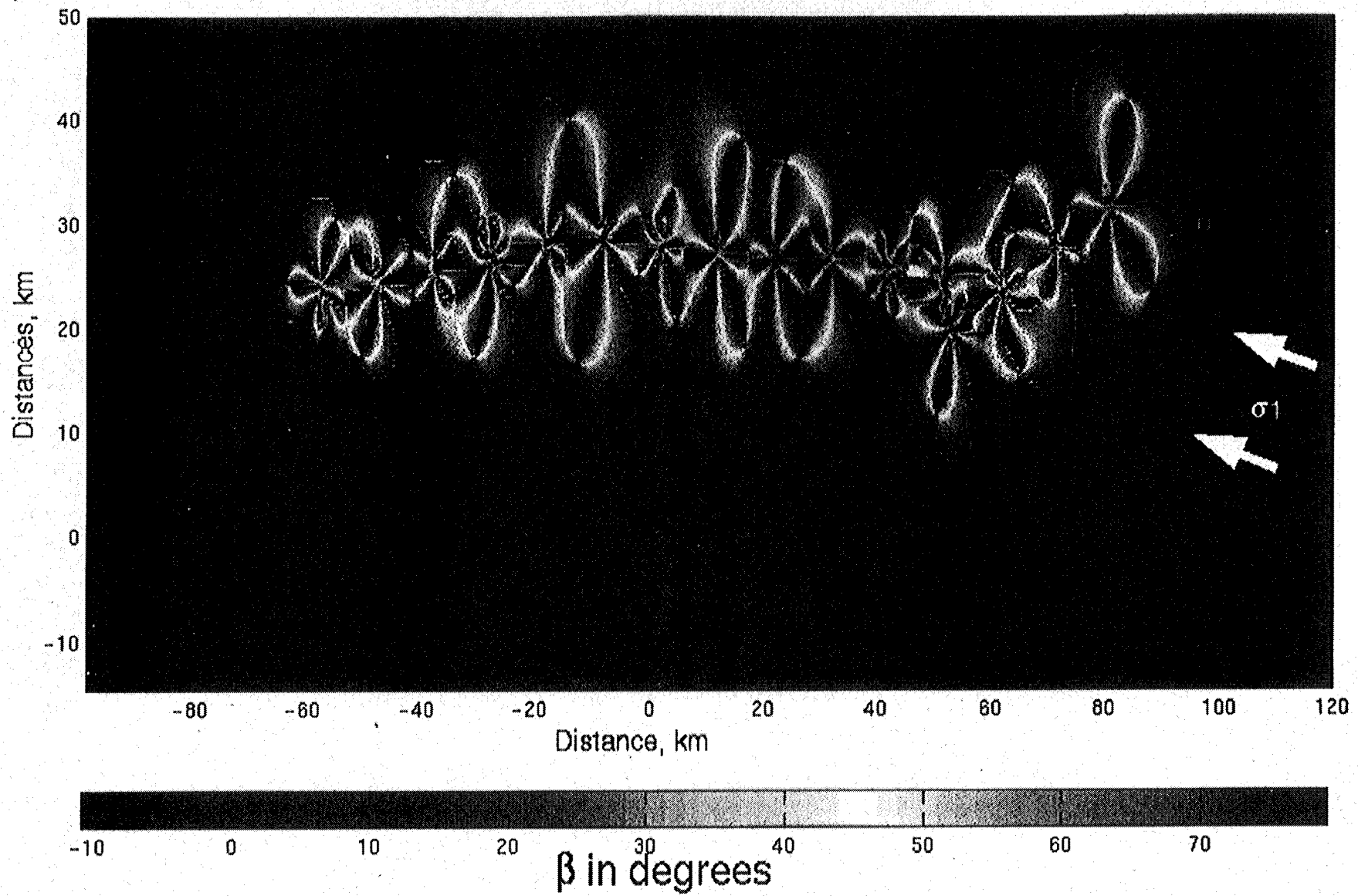


Rupture Propagation on the Strike-Slip Fault ($t=970$ years): Cumulative slip and rake angle





Optimal orientation for slip (in degrees) after the Izmit earthquake, $\mu'=0.4$, $z=-12\text{km}$



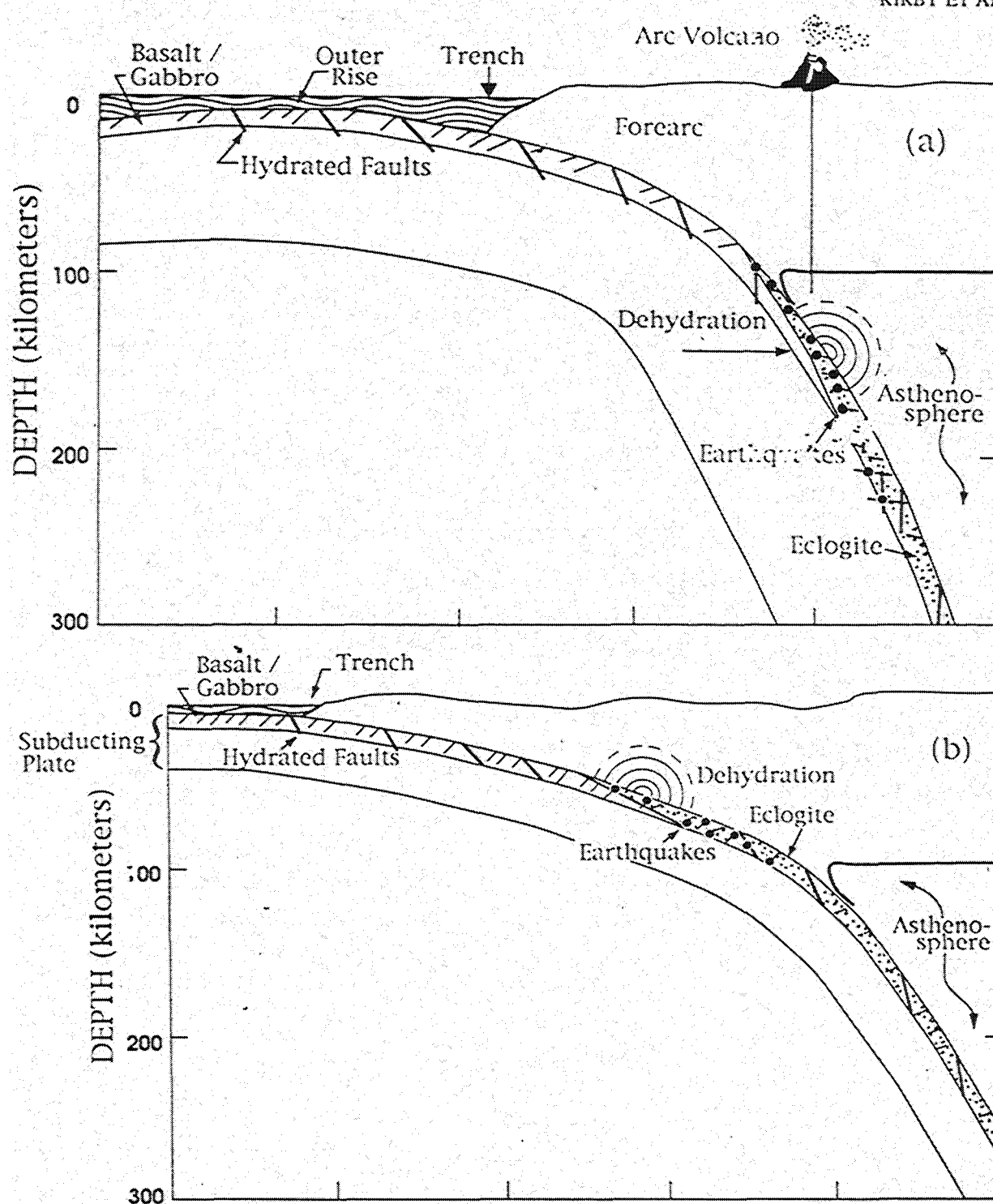
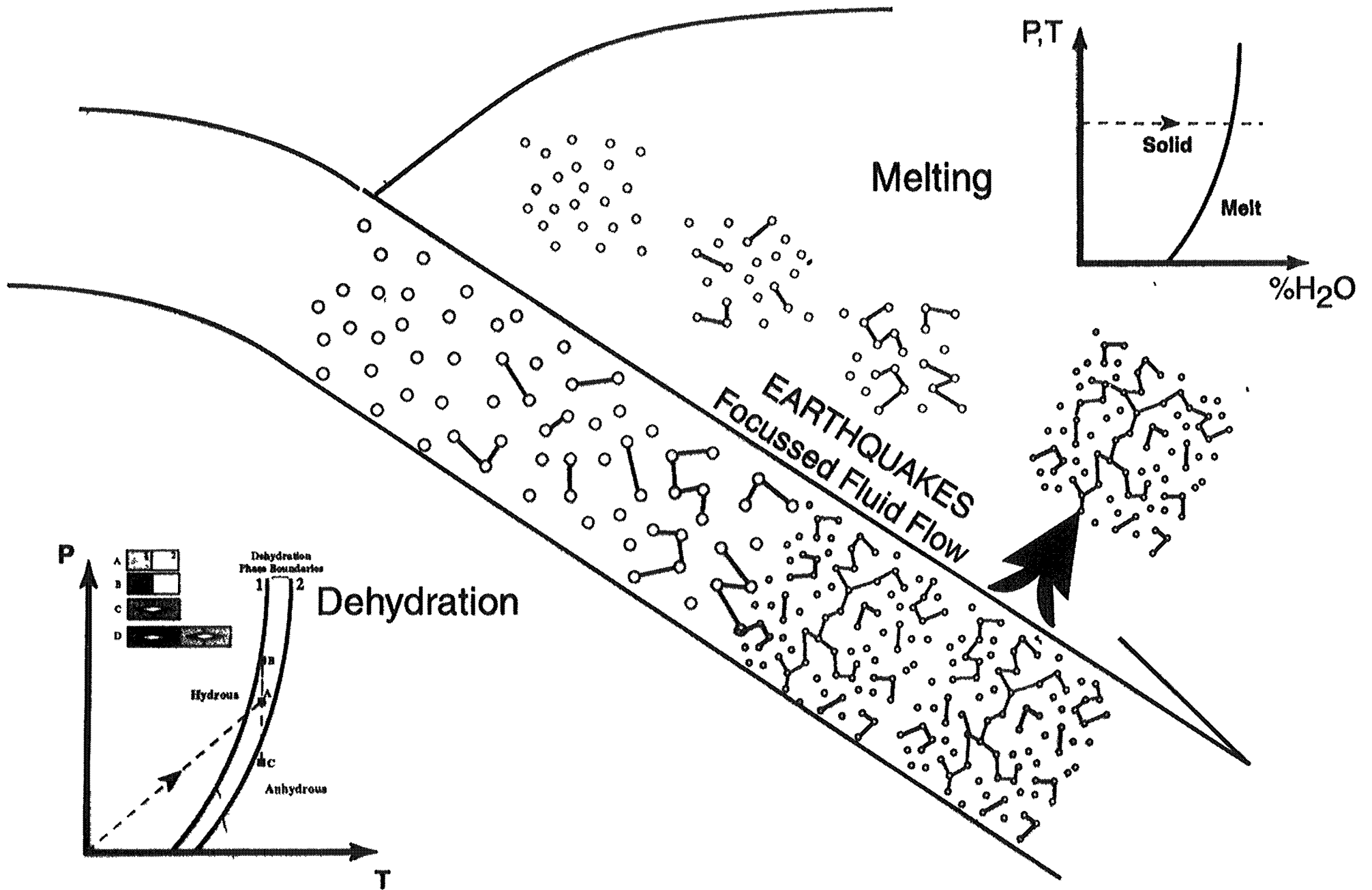
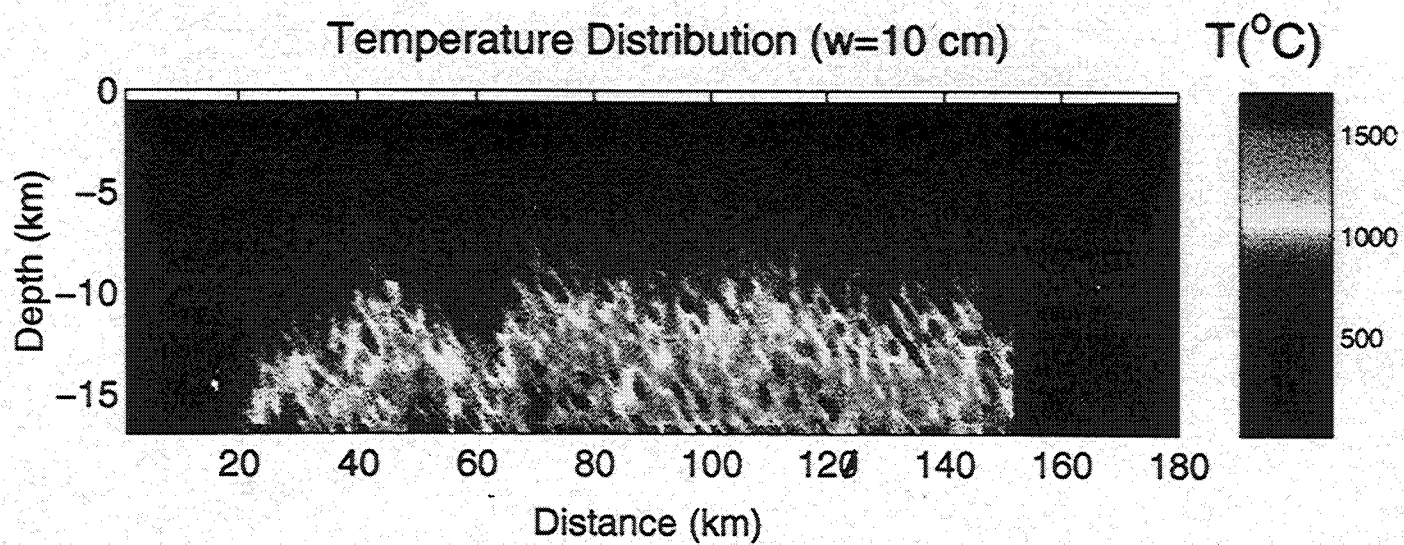
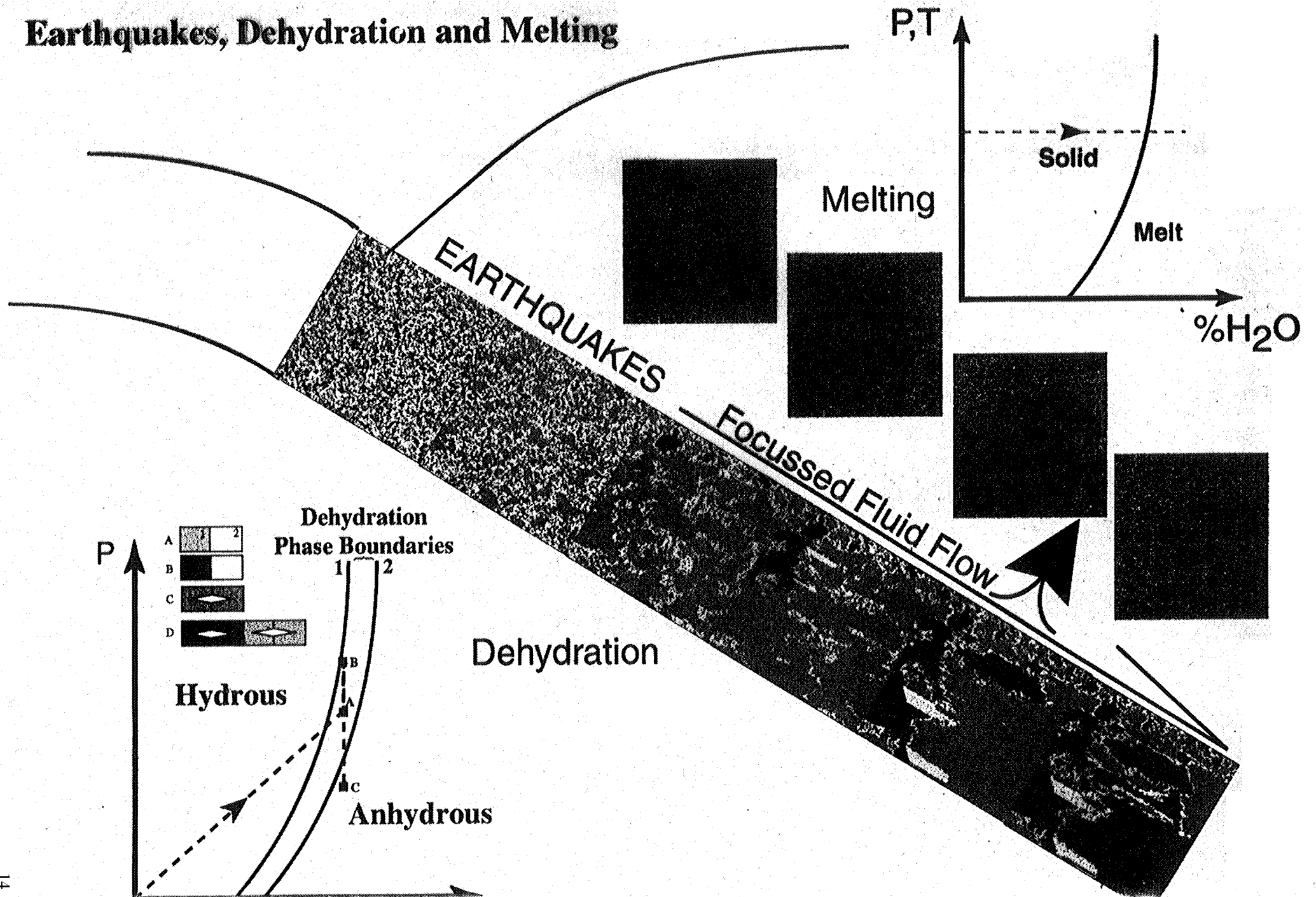


Fig. 1. Schematic diagrams of slab metamorphism associated earthquakes and arc magmatism (a) Thermally-mature slabs [after Kirby, 1995]. Oceanic lithosphere layered in mineralogy and flawed principally by hydrated normal faults descends to the depths near the roots of arc volcanoes where it dehydrates and densifies to eclogite, becomes prone to reactivation of fossil faults by dehydration embrittlement and produces earthquakes. Slab dehydration also fluxes melting in the asthenospheric mantle wedge, producing arc magmas. (b) Young and/or slowly sinking slabs that are warm sustain similar processes as in (a) but largely at shallow depths beneath the forearc, a condition causing shallow intraslab earthquakes and feeble or absent arc volcanism.





Earthquakes, Dehydration and Melting



Conclusions and Future Directions

- Fluid pressure controls fault strength
 - Can determine λ by measuring M_o , L and W for large earthquakes
 - Quantify frictional heating $\rightarrow$ Dehydration $\rightarrow$ Melt
 - Numerous new directions for research
- 1 General Faulting Model
 - 2 Quantify fluid sources (How much? where did it come from? where did it go?)
 - 3 Frictional heating and dehydration/melt
 - 4 Damage (increased permeability)
 - 5 Global maps of fault strength
 - 6 Earthquake source physics
 - 7 etc. etc.

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