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Replying to @gfun

A little wrinkle is that being July 4th and also the middle of field camp, we have no access to university vehicles. M'colleague @ChrisGeophysics is currently working his connections to borrow a vehicle from Plant Pathology at UCR... I daresay we could get there this afternoon.

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Progress! A vehicle full of equipment!



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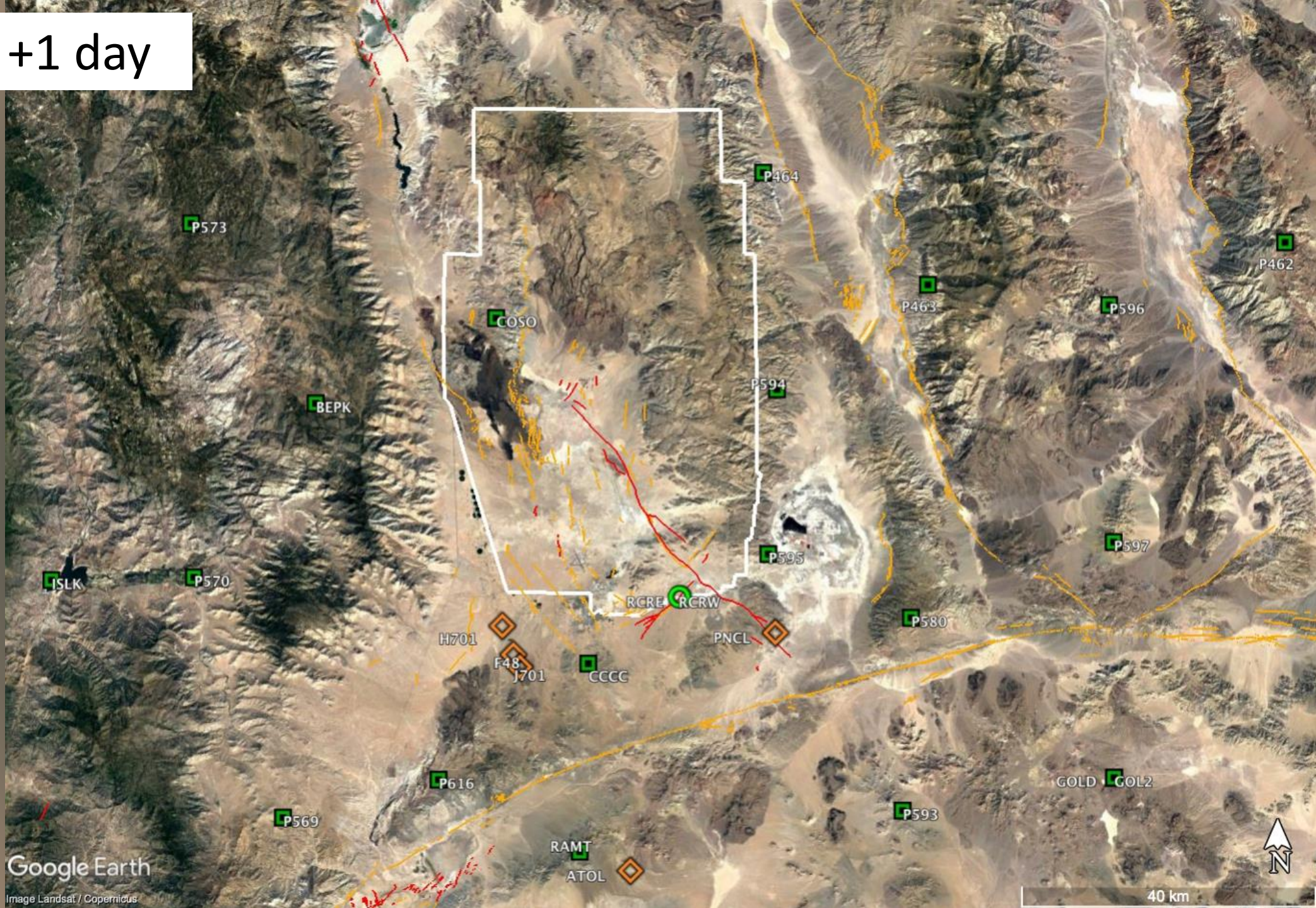


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July 2019

M6.4 +1 day

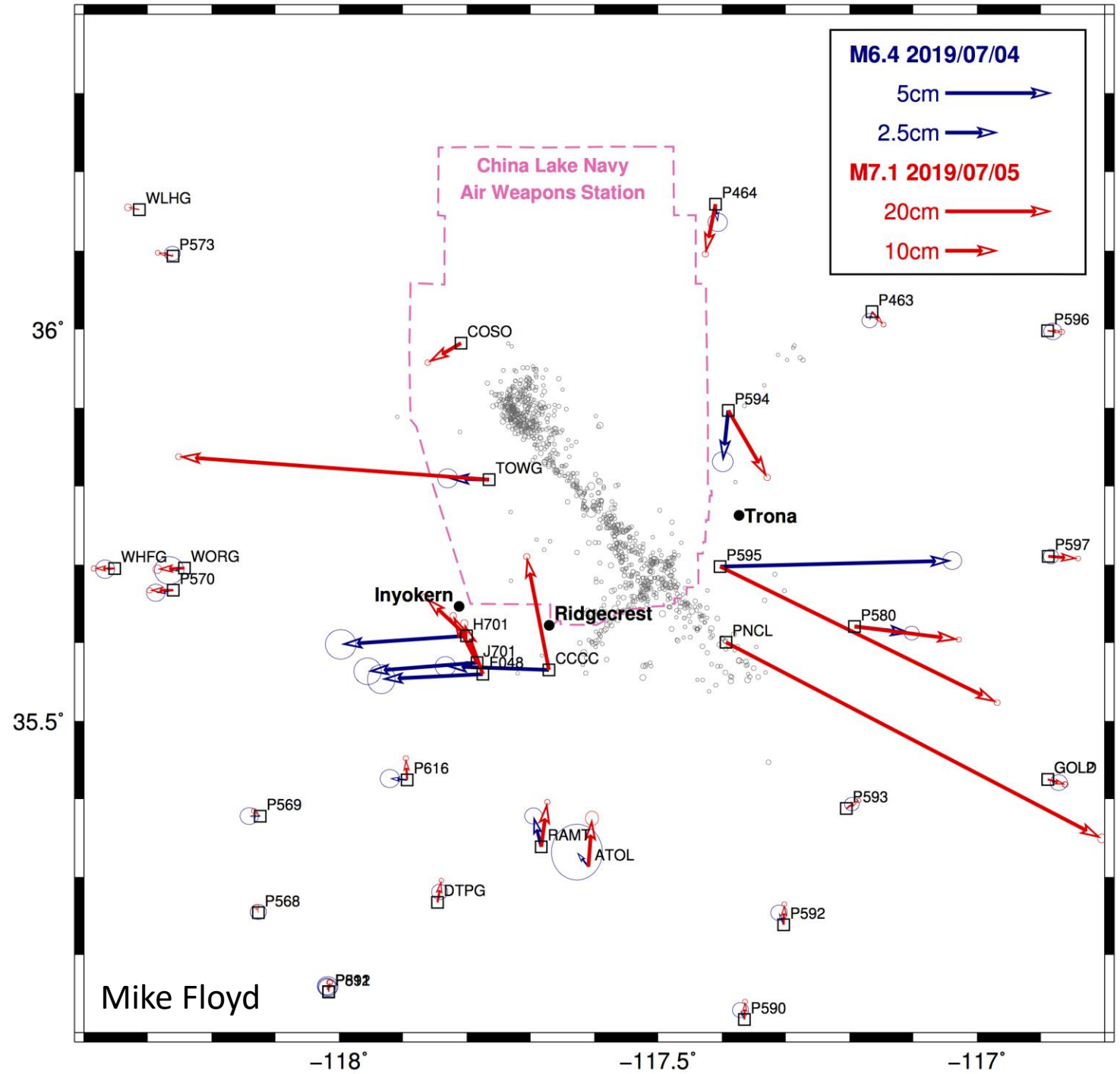


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40 km

Coseismic displacements from campaign and continuous GPS



Scripps Institute of Oceanography 8 stations deployed (7 semi-continuously)



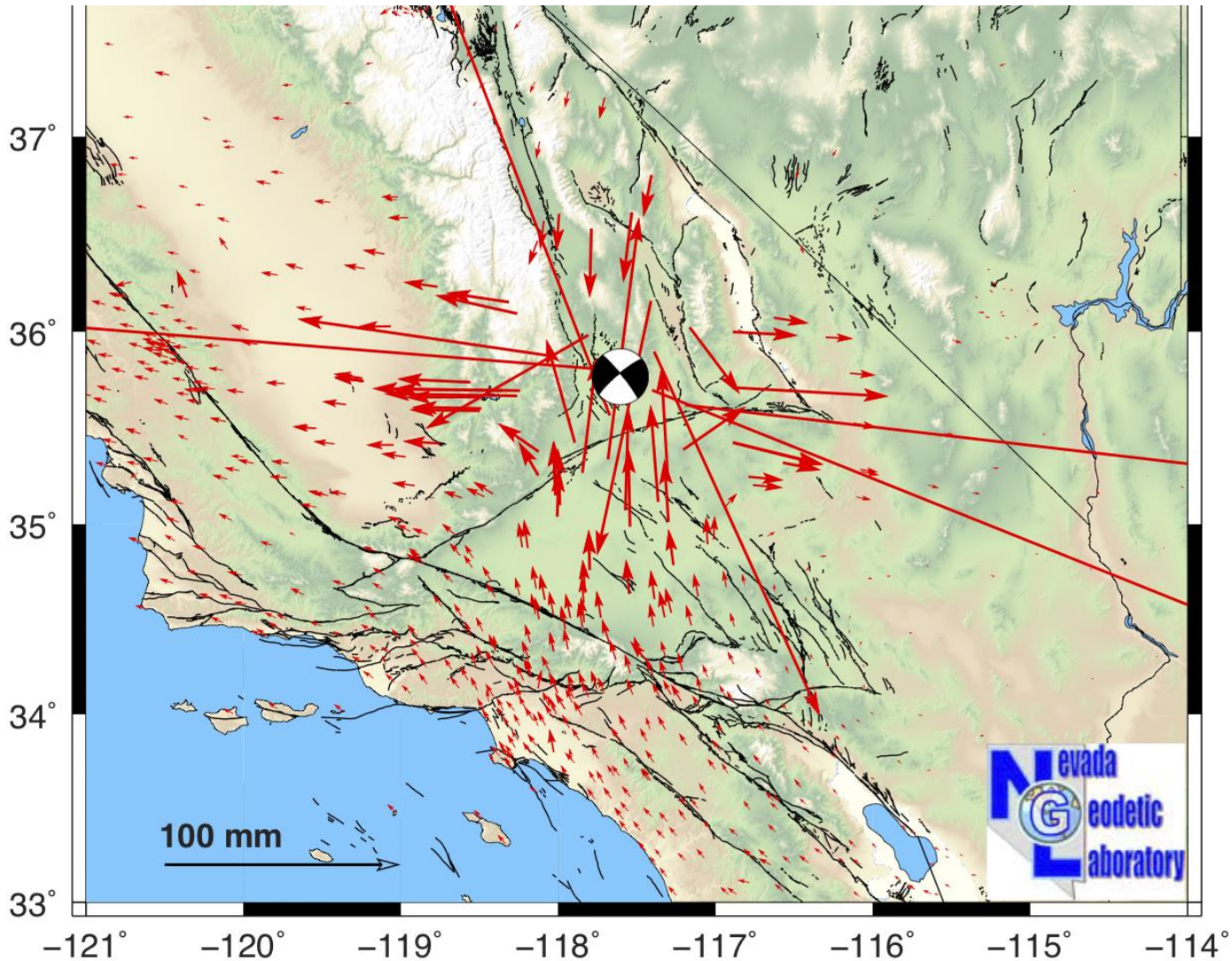
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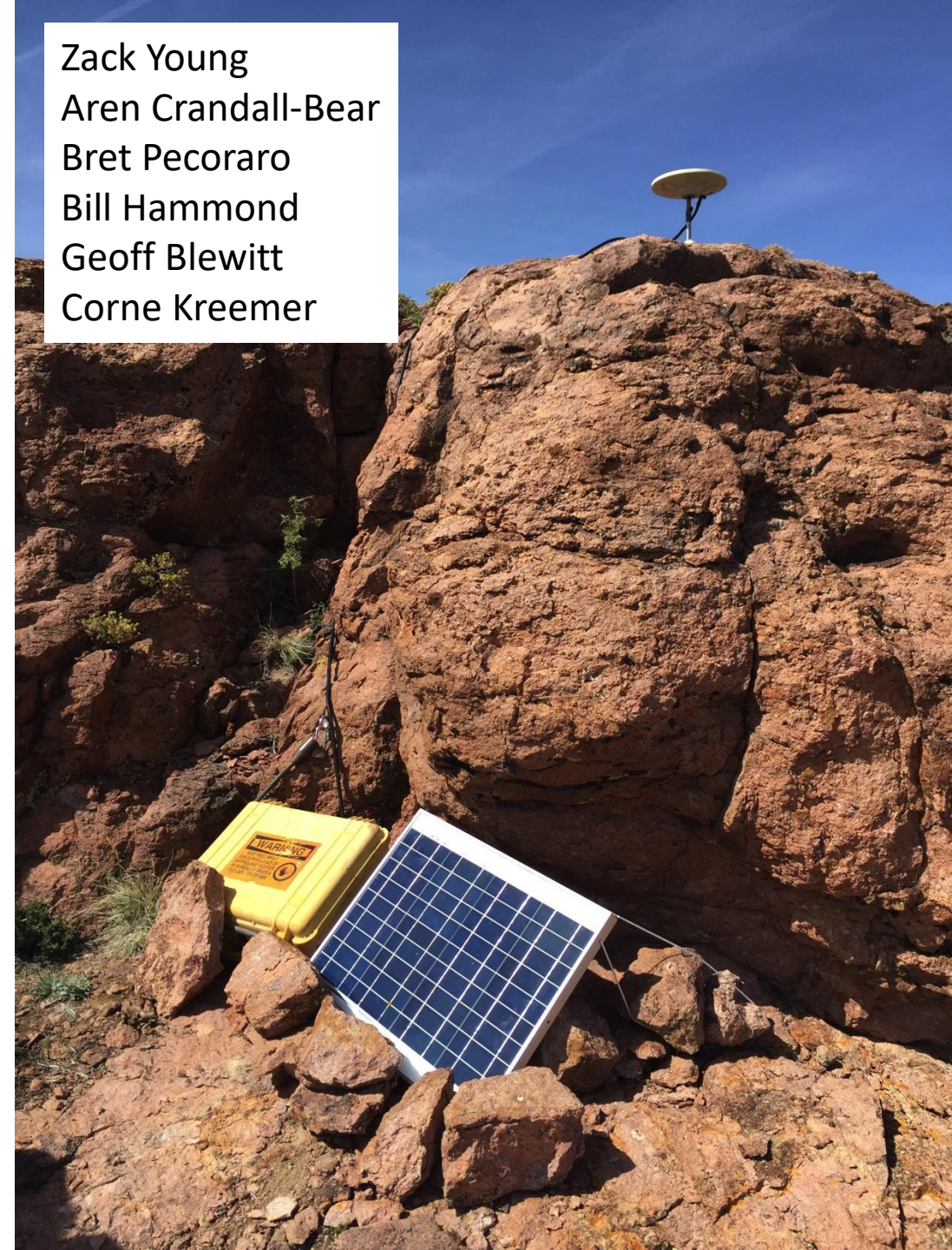
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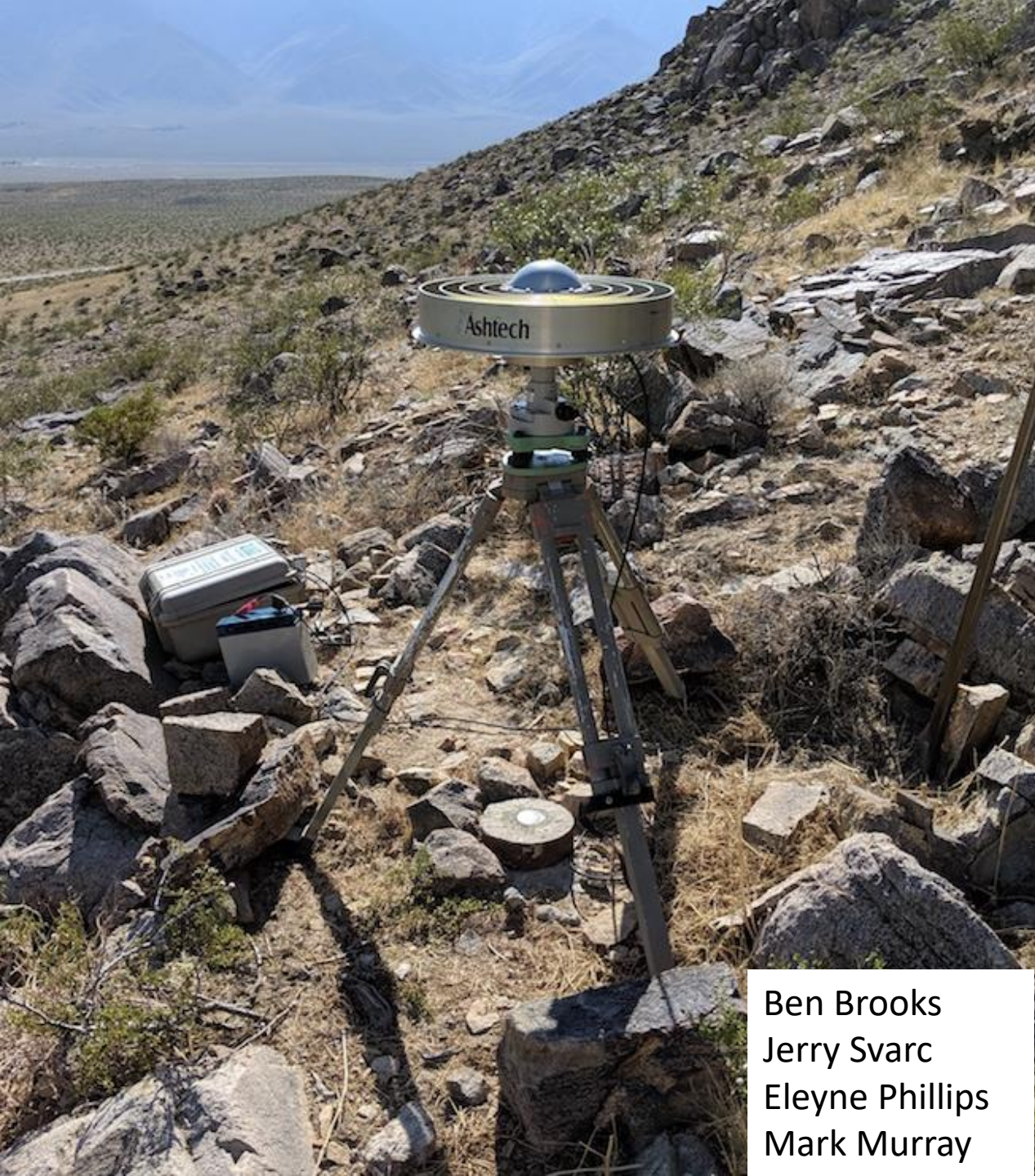
7 stations deployed near Ridgecrest

55 moved to the SW of their network



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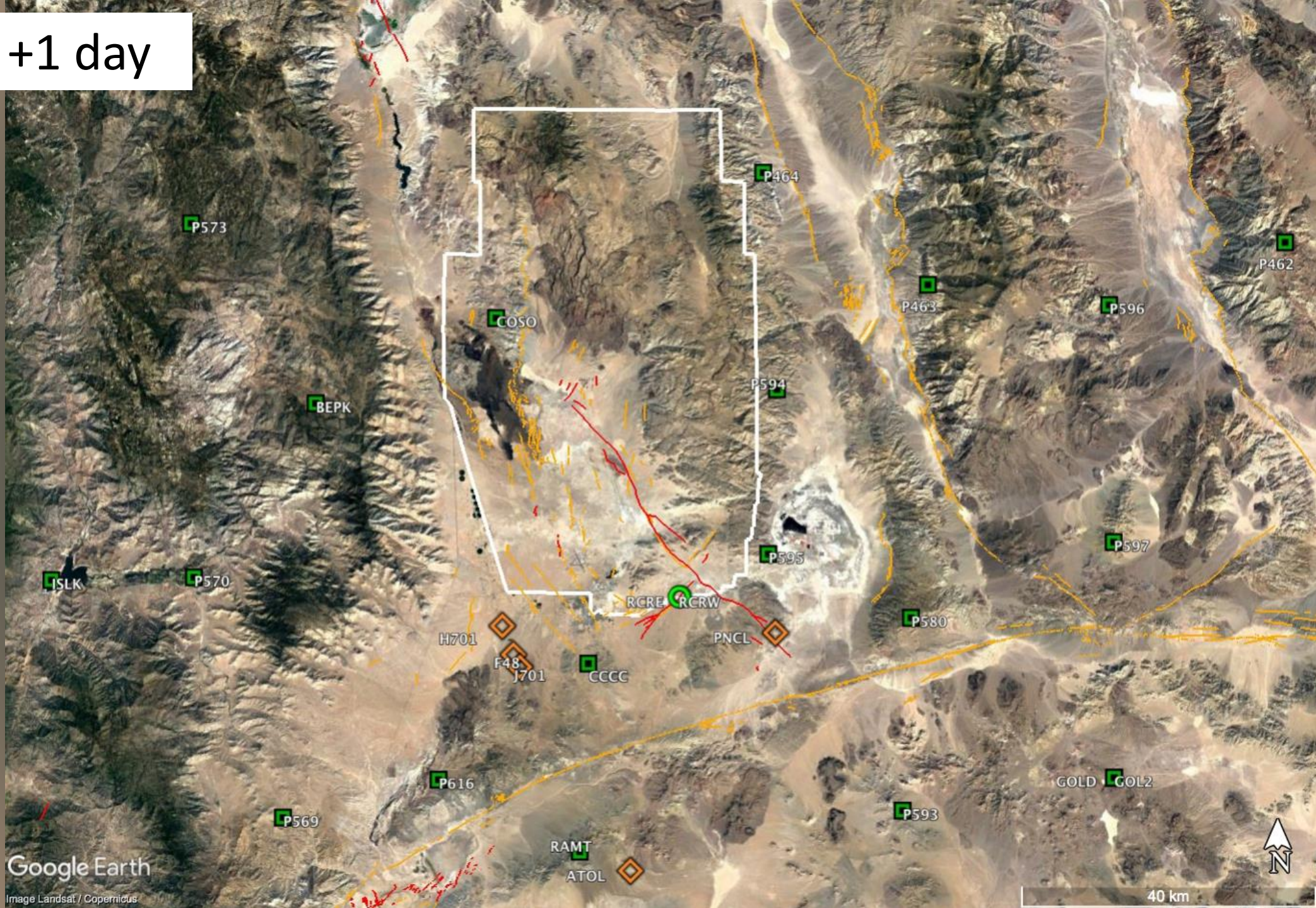


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USGS
4 short baseline cross-fault arrays
9 sites surveyed (5 on base)



M6.4 +1 day

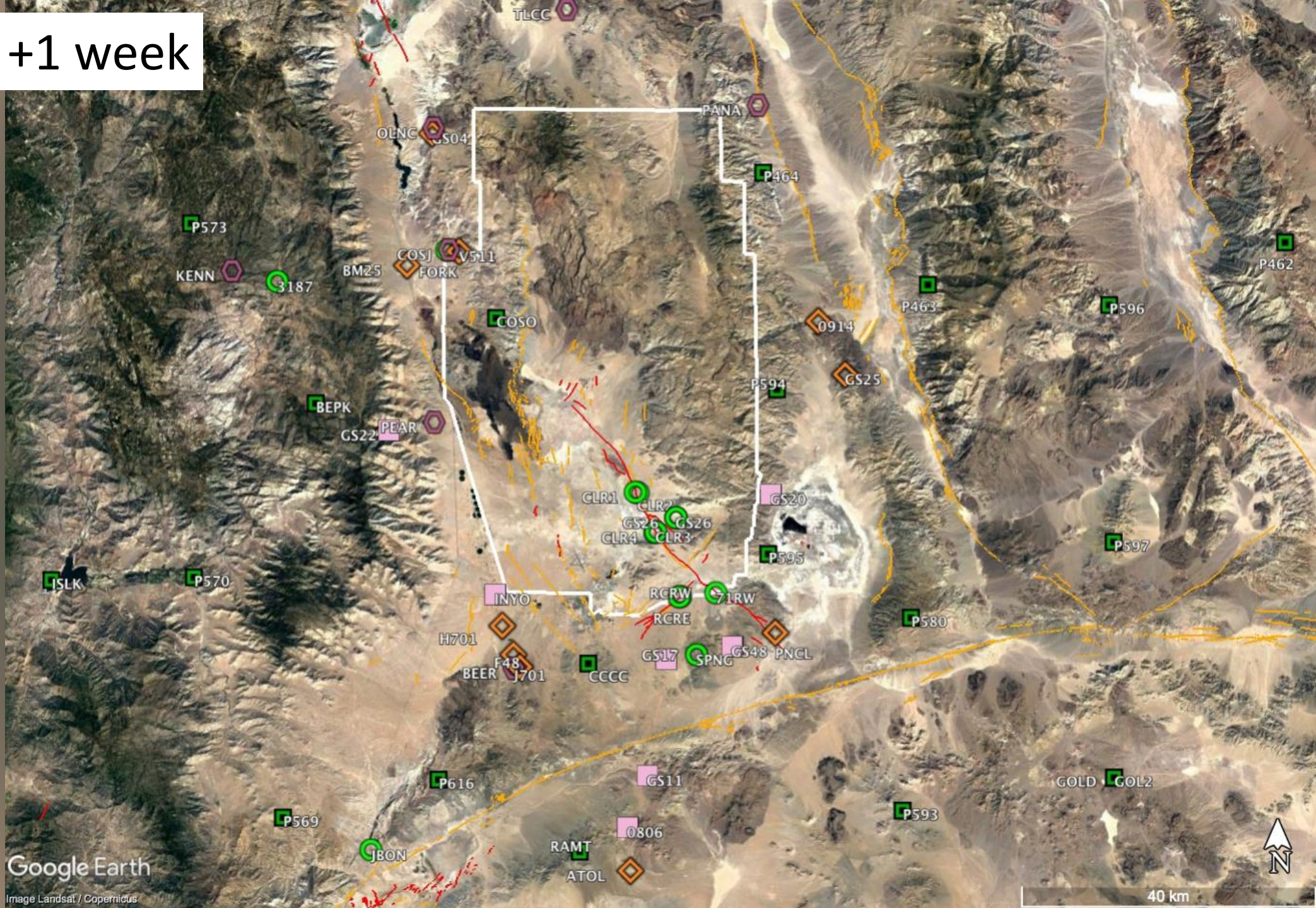


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M6.4 +1 week



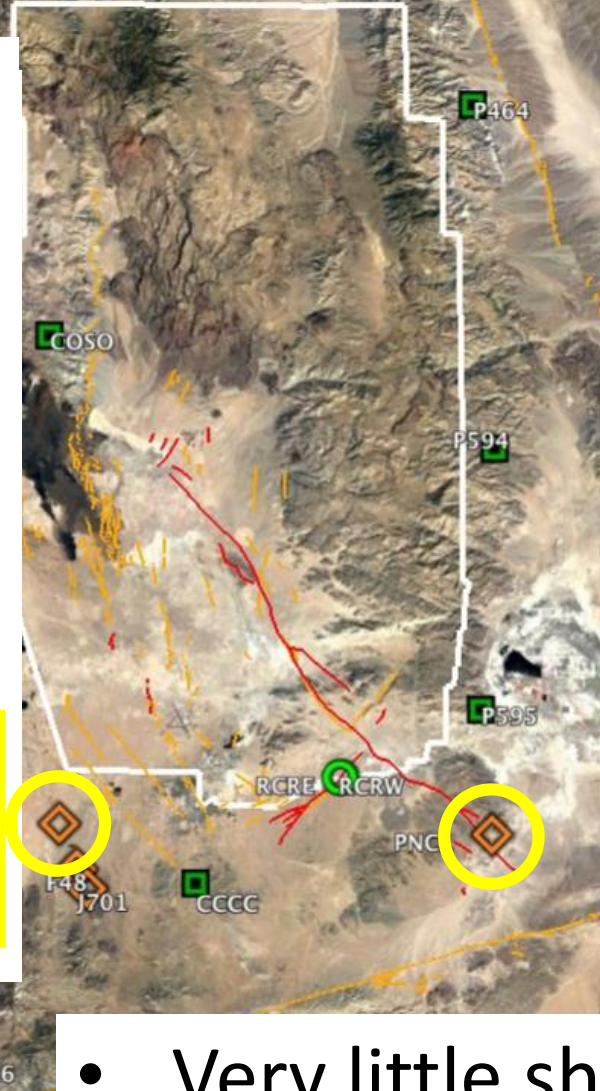
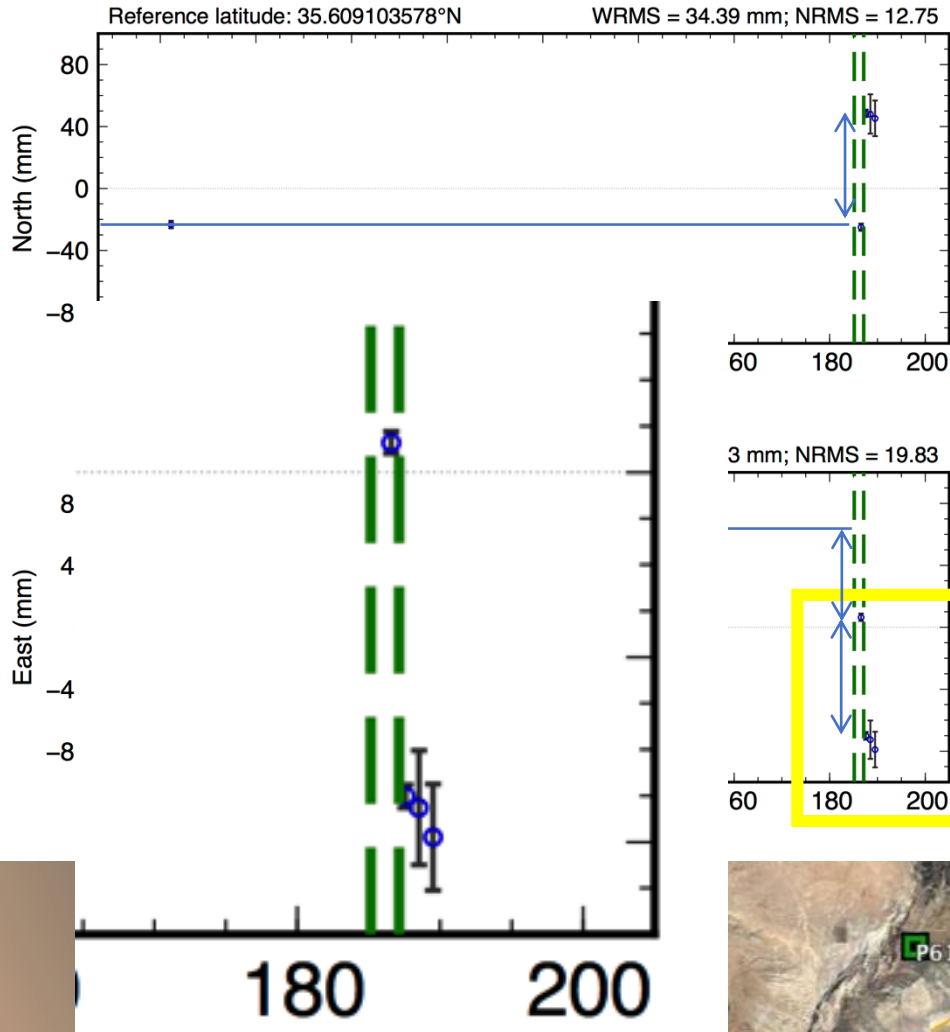
M6.4 +1 month

>30 campaign stations (most operating continuously)
5 stations, 2 arrays operating on Navy base

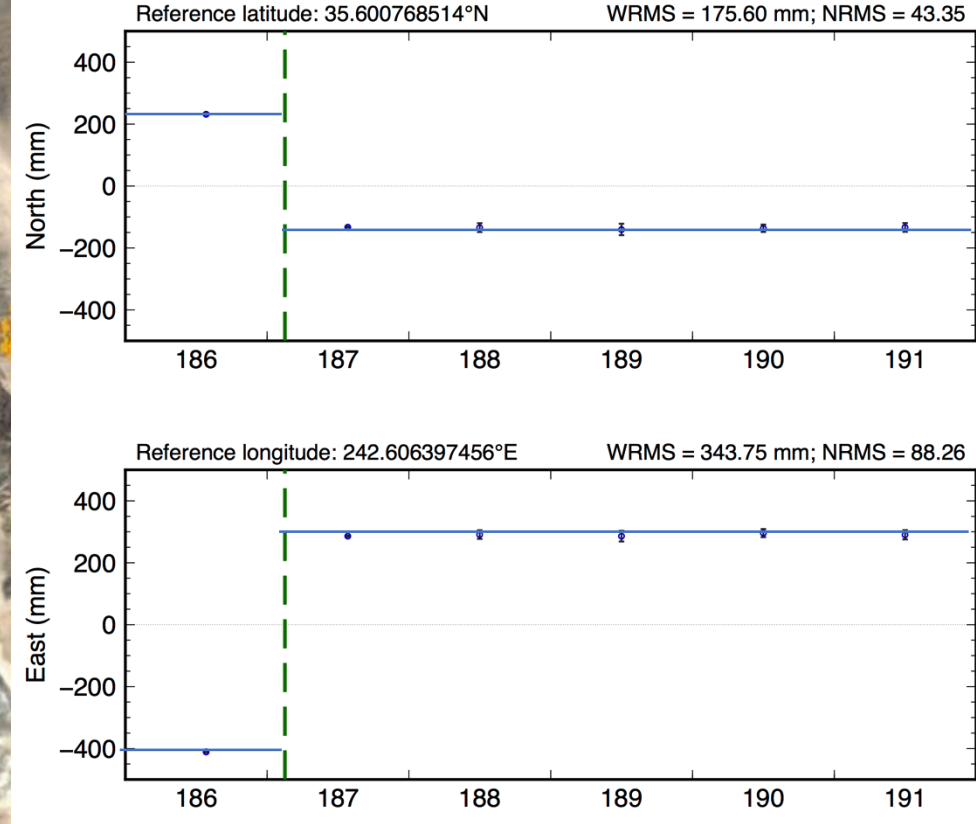


(very) preliminary postseismic results

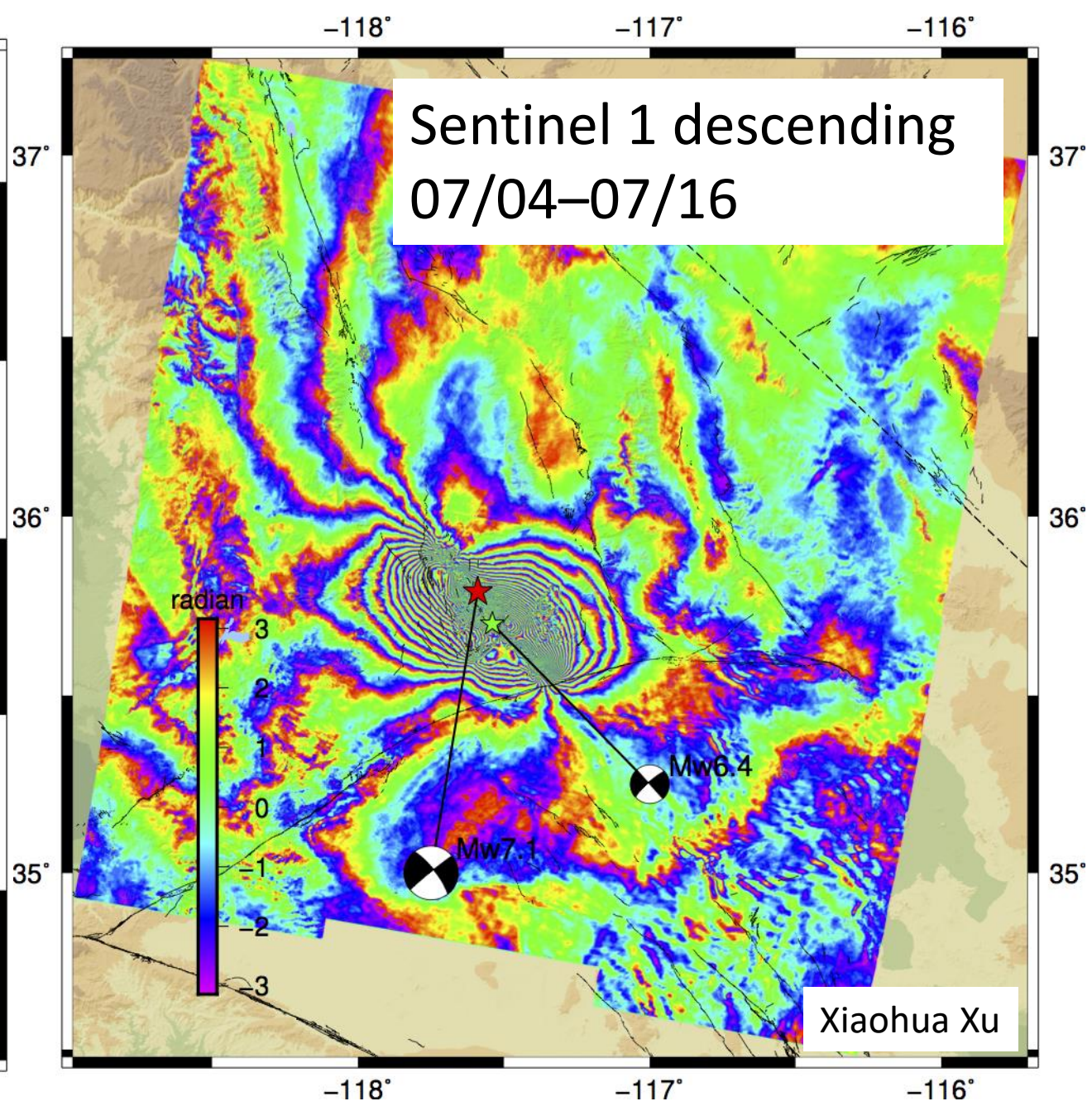
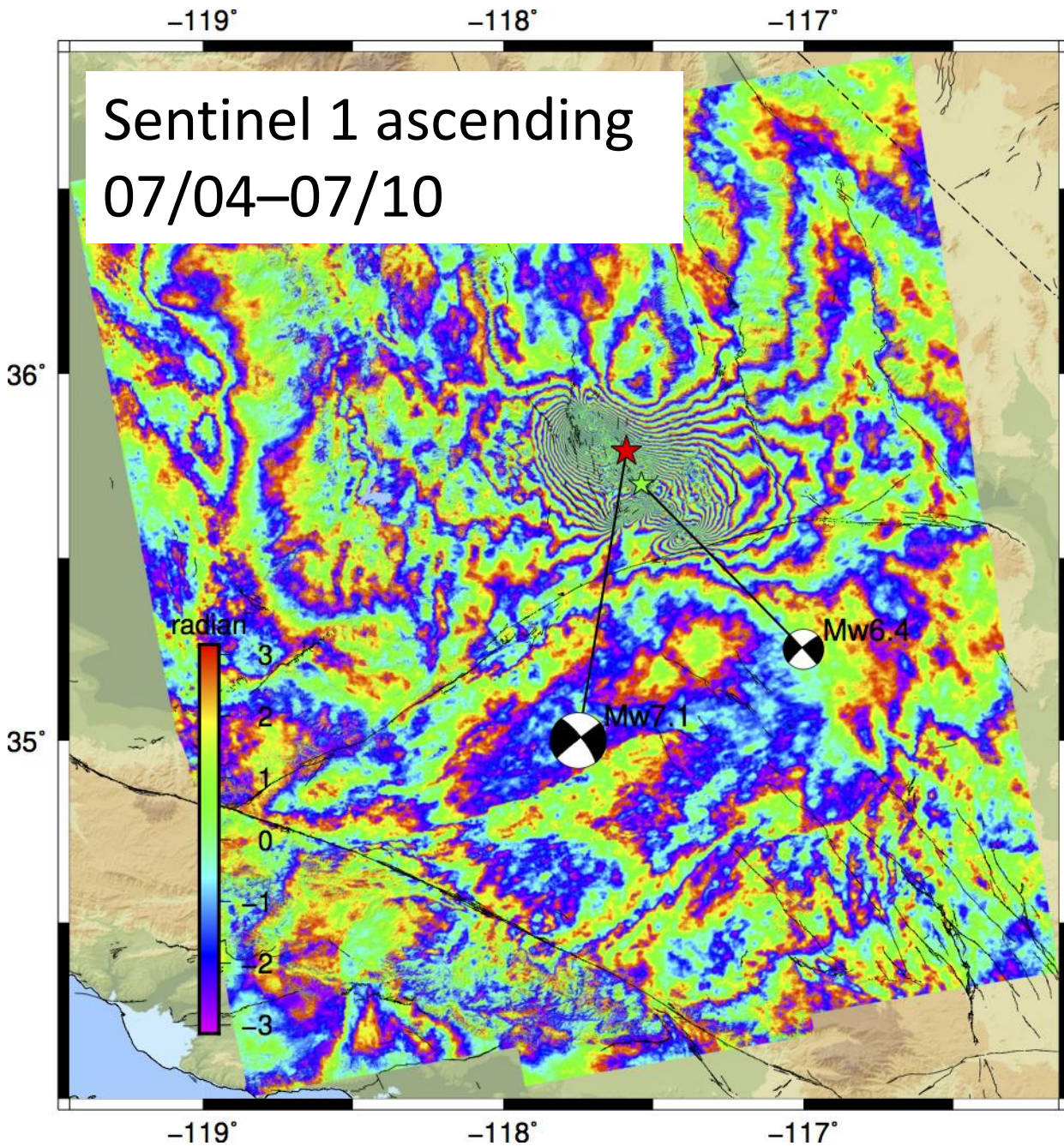
H701: 18 km from M6.4 fault, 24 km from M7.1

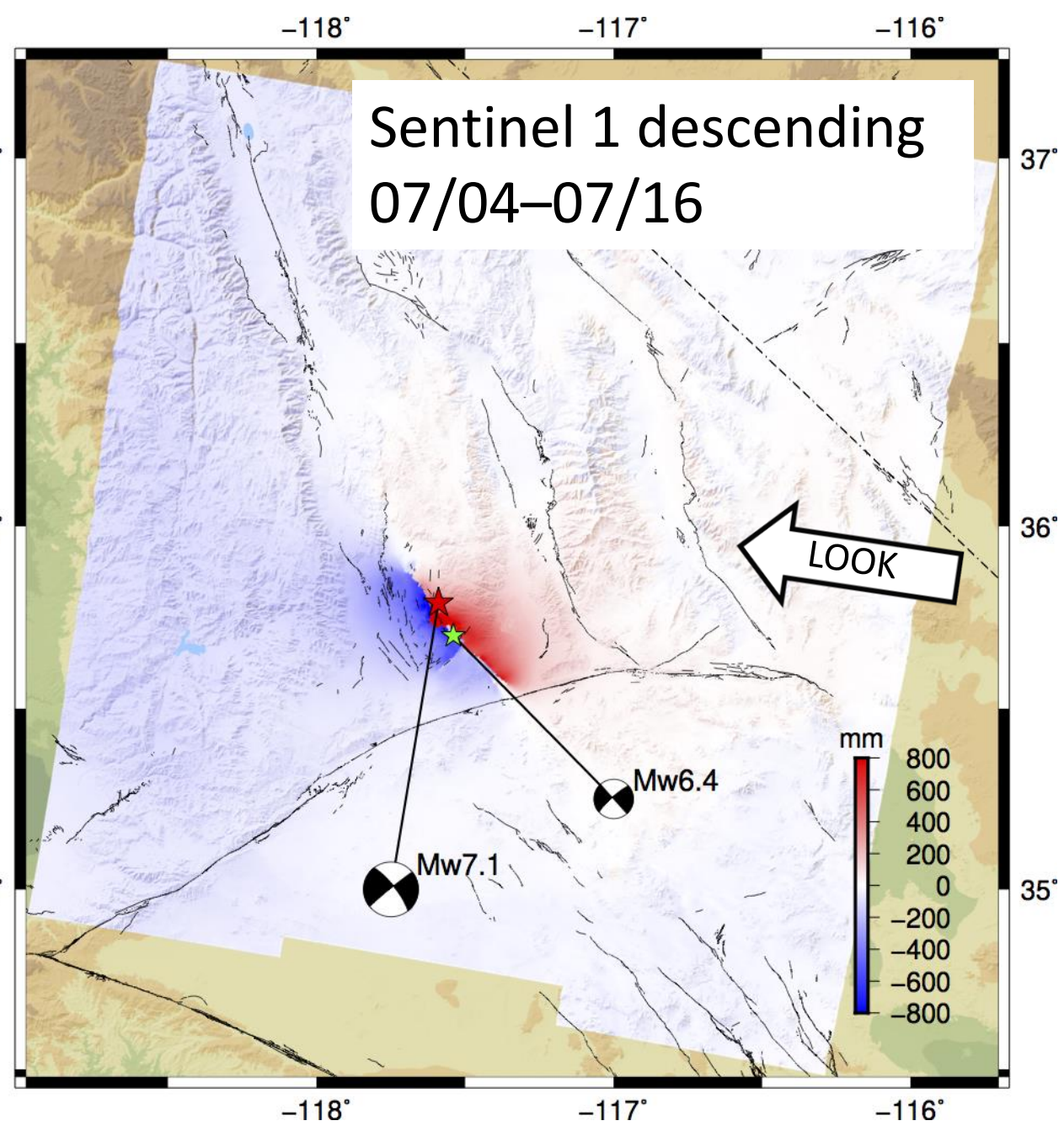
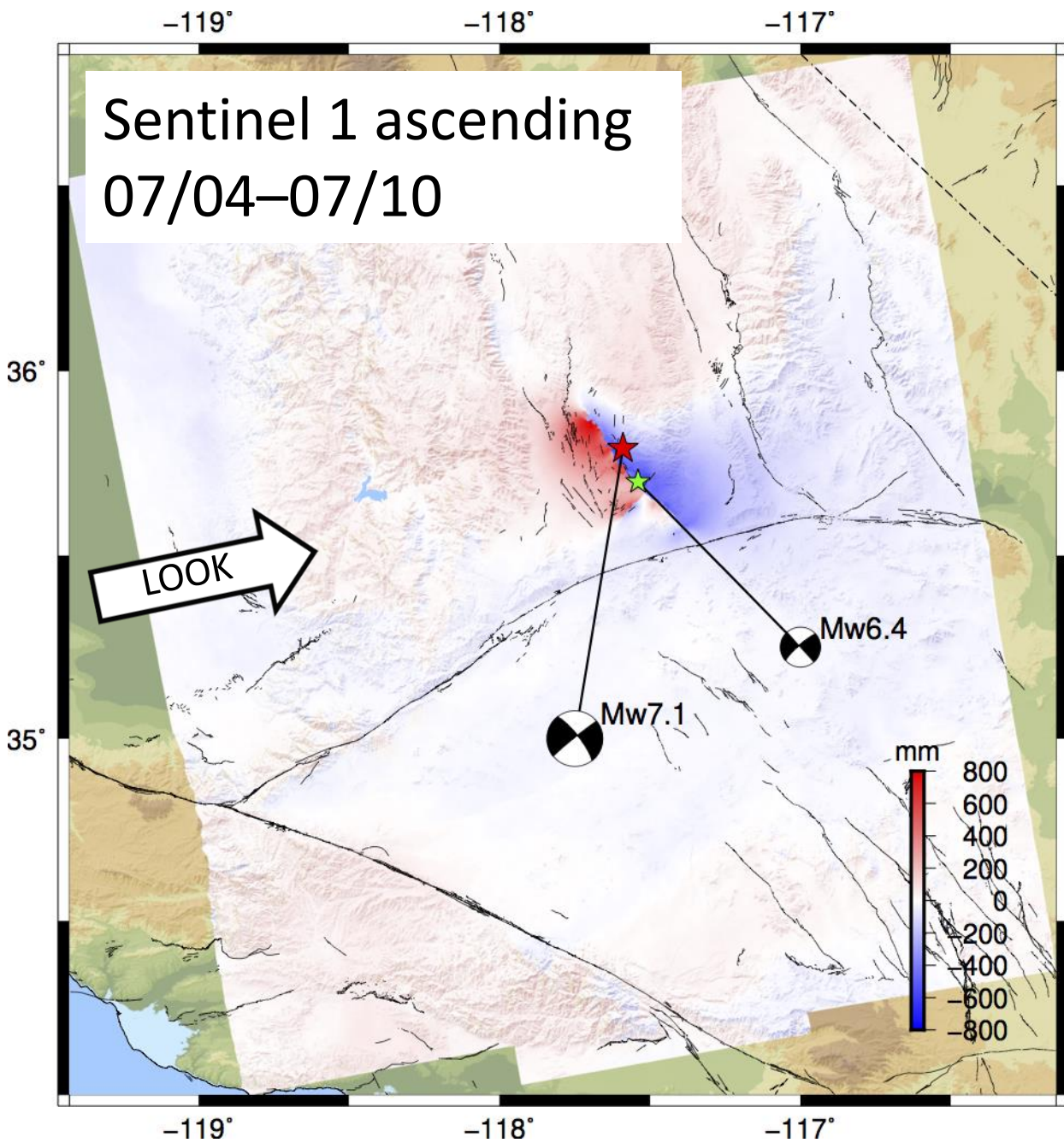


PNCL: 0.6 km from M7.1 fault

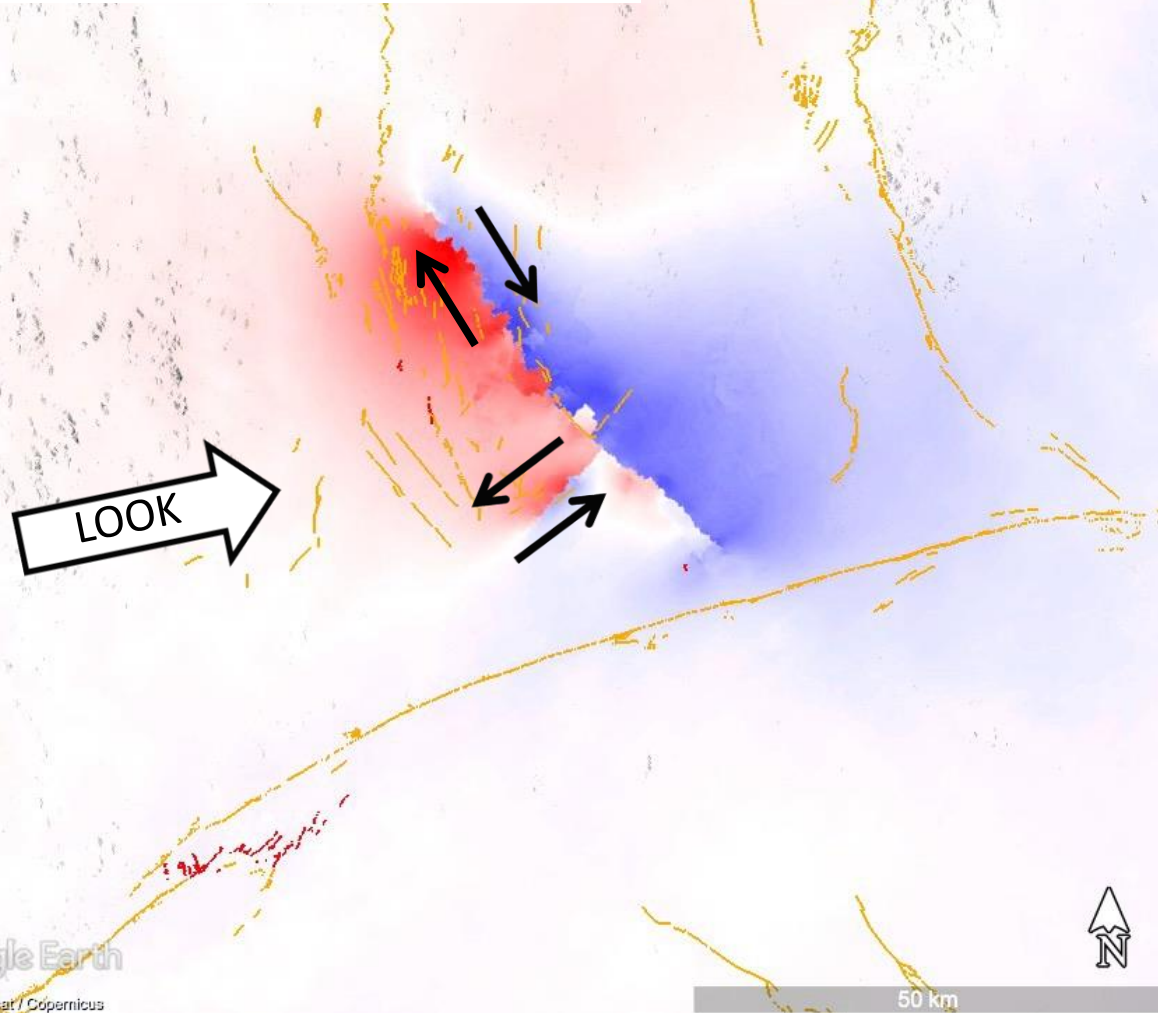


- Very little shallow afterslip
- Tentative evidence for deeper afterslip

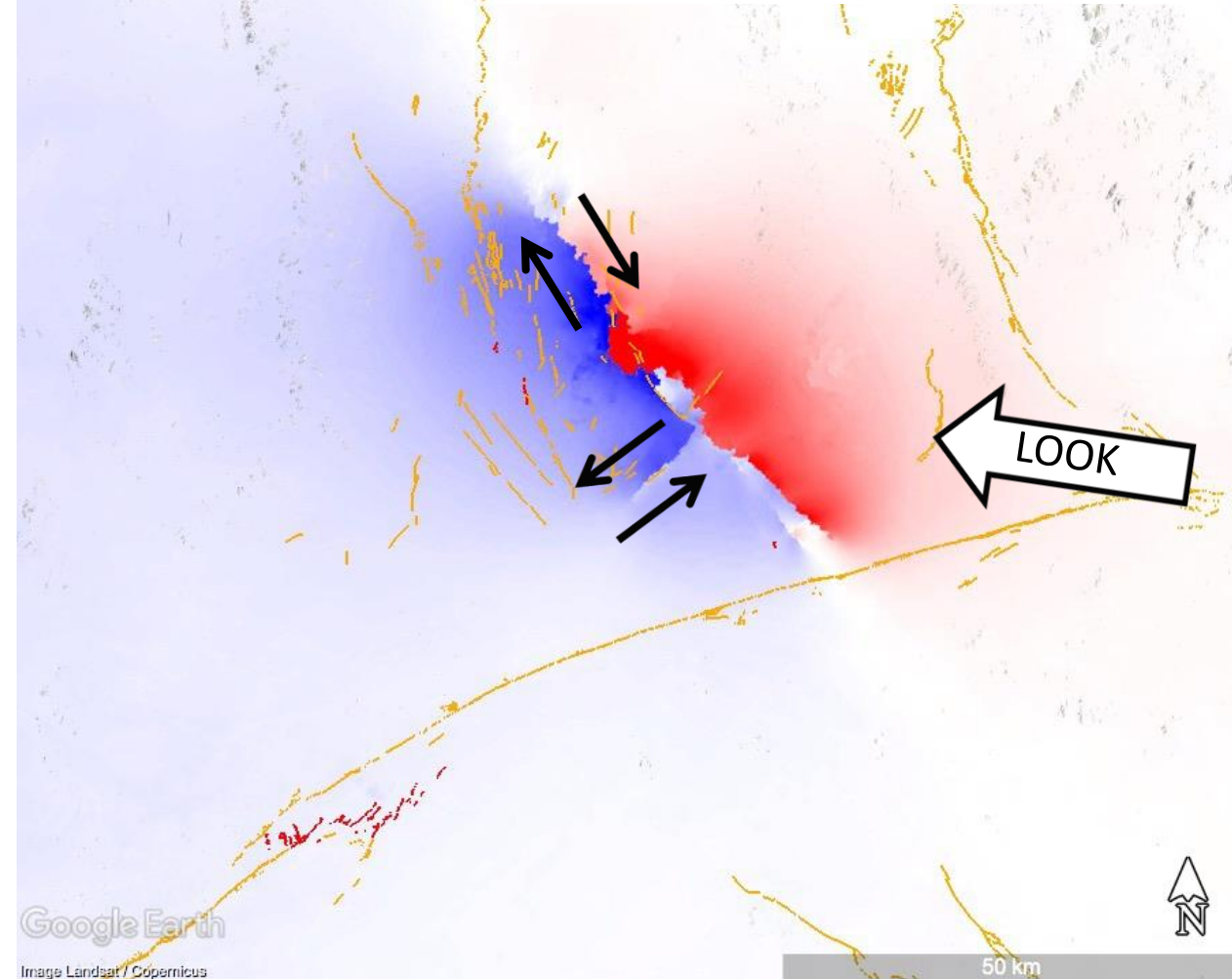




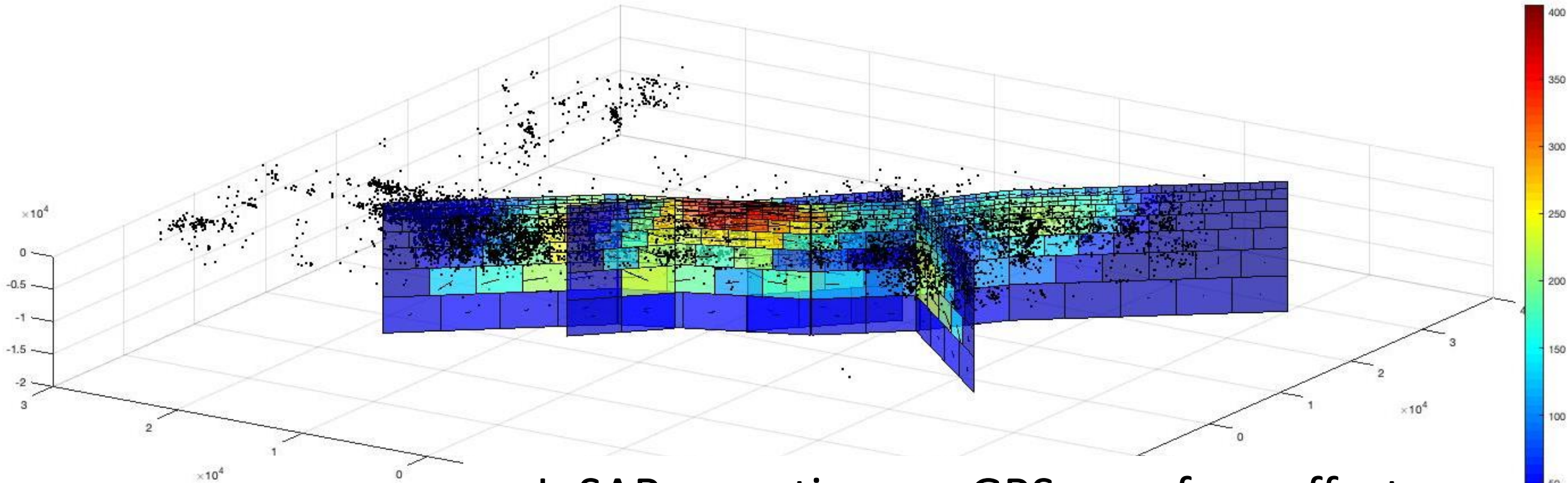
Sentinel 1 ascending
07/04–07/10



Sentinel 1 descending
07/04–07/16

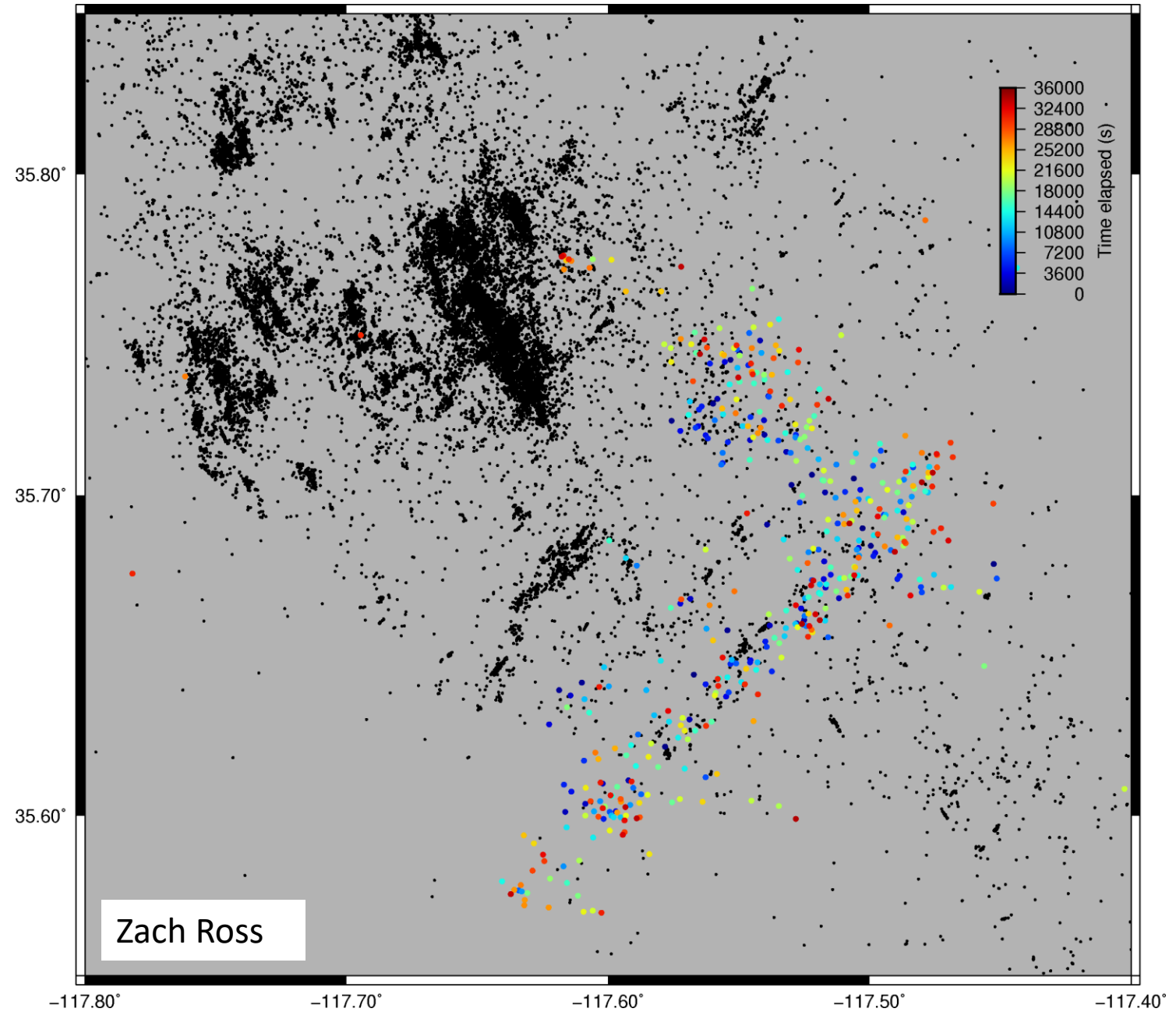


Red = towards satellite, blue = away from satellite



- InSAR + continuous GPS + surface offsets
- Both faults modeled together
- Peak slip >4 m, upper ~ 6 km of fault
- More dip-slip at ends of rupture

Aftershocks of the M6.4 earthquake showed a conjugate pattern from the beginning. Was there conjugate slip?



$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{GPS6} & 0 \\ 0 & A_{GPS7} \\ A_{InSAR6} & A_{InSAR7} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m_6 \\ m_7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d_{GPS6} \\ d_{GPS7} \\ d_{InSAR} \end{pmatrix}$$

Green's functions for M6.4 Green's functions for M7.1

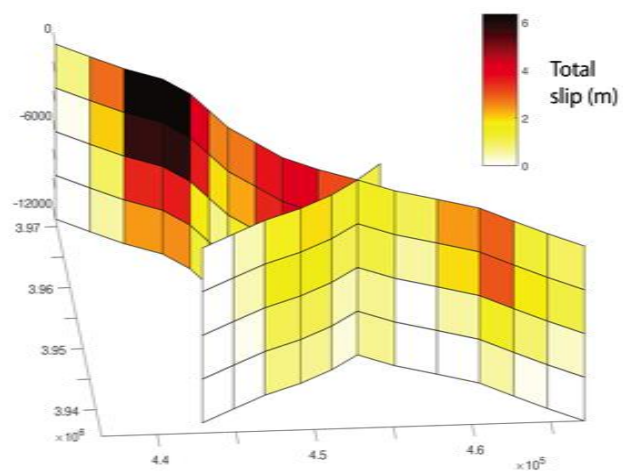
$$\mathbf{m} = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{E}^{-1} \mathbf{A})^{-1} (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{E}^{-1} \mathbf{d})$$

Inverse data covariance matrix

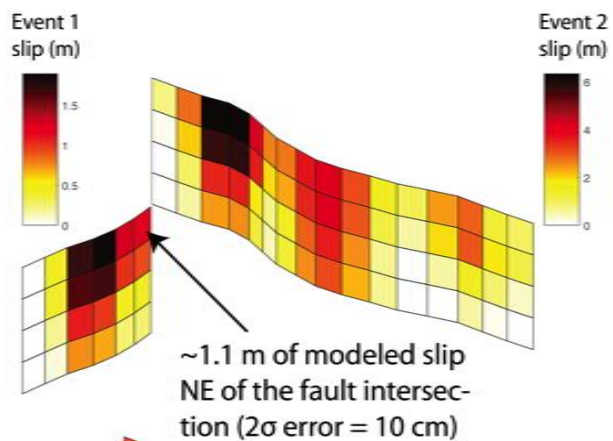
- GPS data for M6.4 (d_{GPS6}) constrain slip of M6.4 (m_6) only
- GPS data for M7.1 (d_{GPS7}) constrain slip of M7.1 (m_7) only
- InSAR data (d_{InSAR}) constrain sum of slip for both events

Model 1:

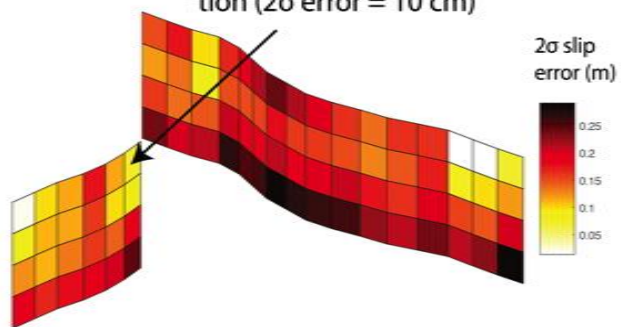
Each event only slips on one fault



Slip per fault

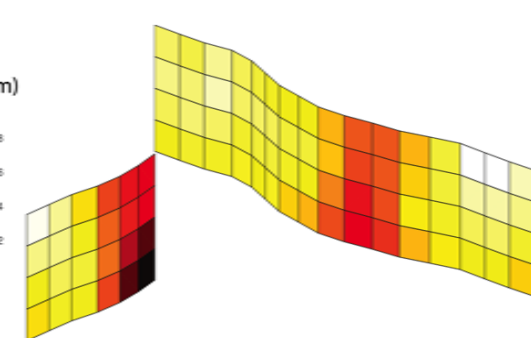
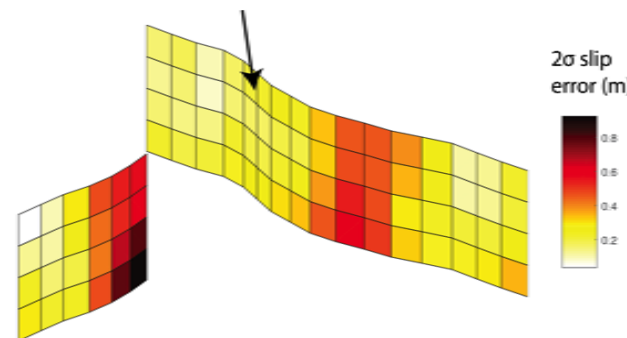
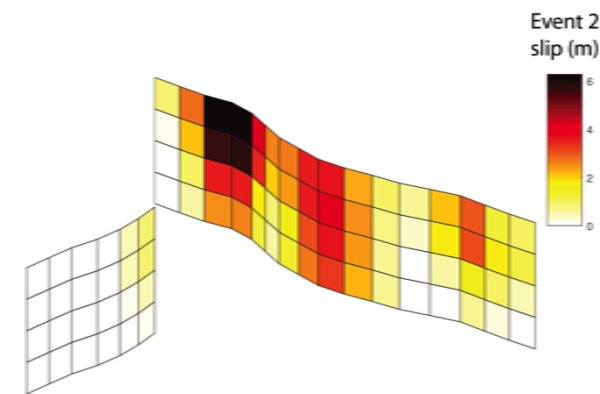
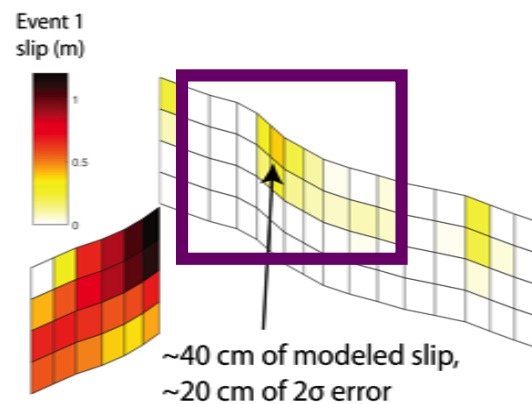
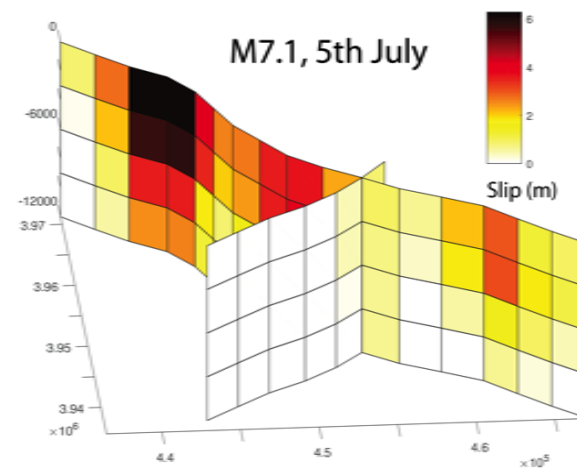
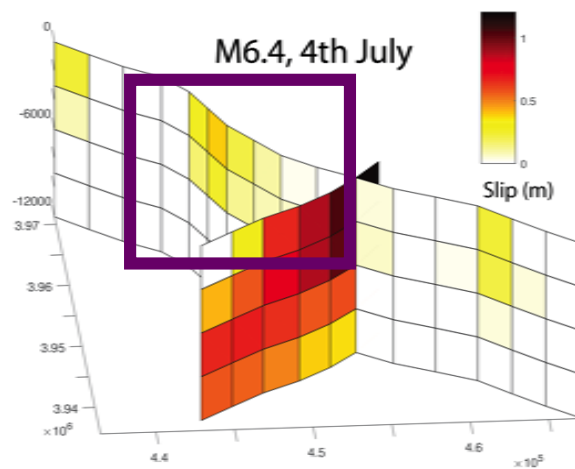


2σ slip error

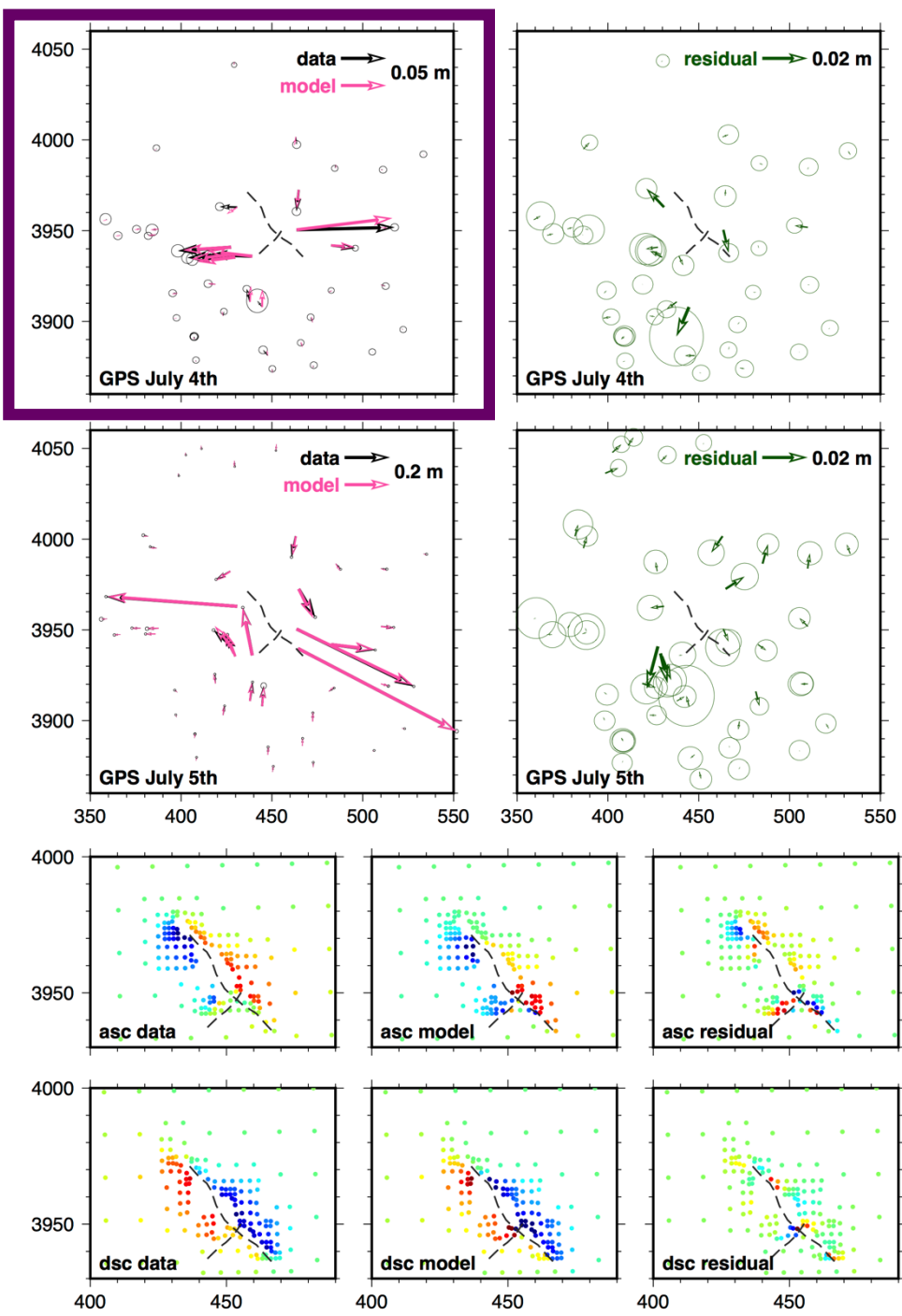


Model 2:

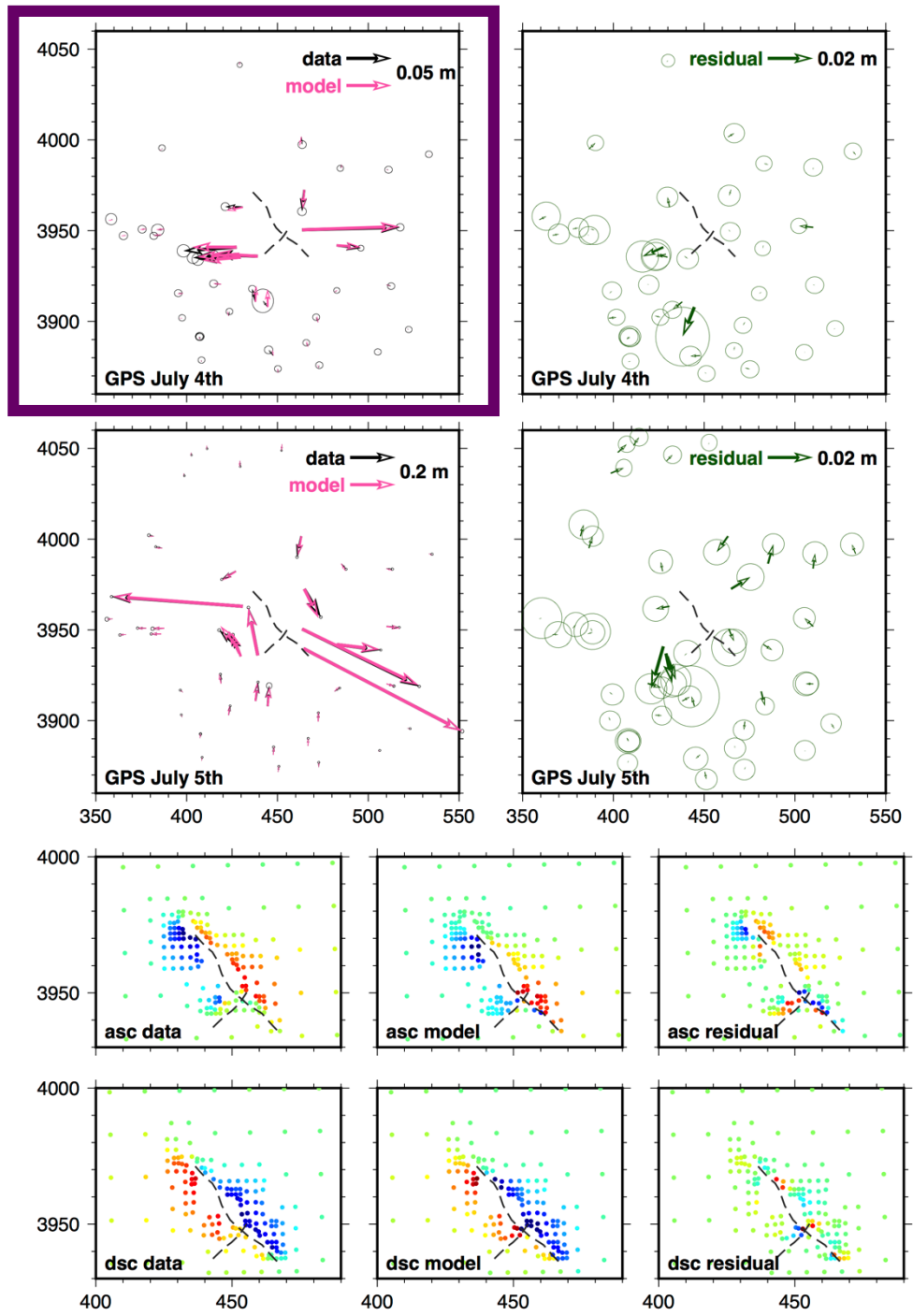
Each event can slip on both faults



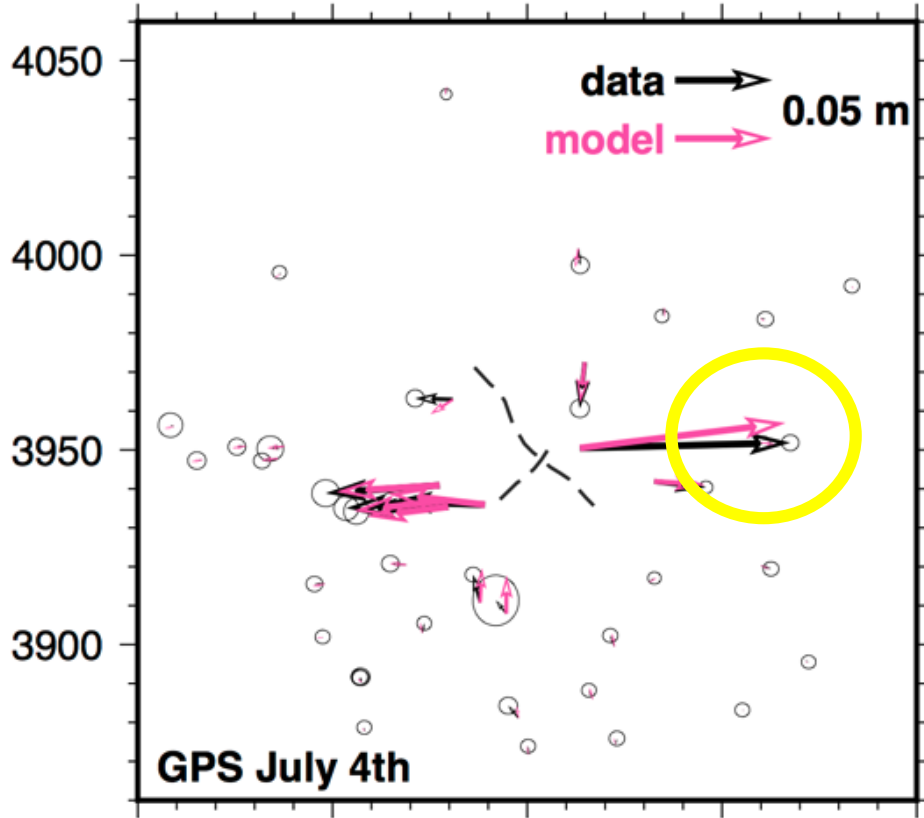
earthquakes on separate faults



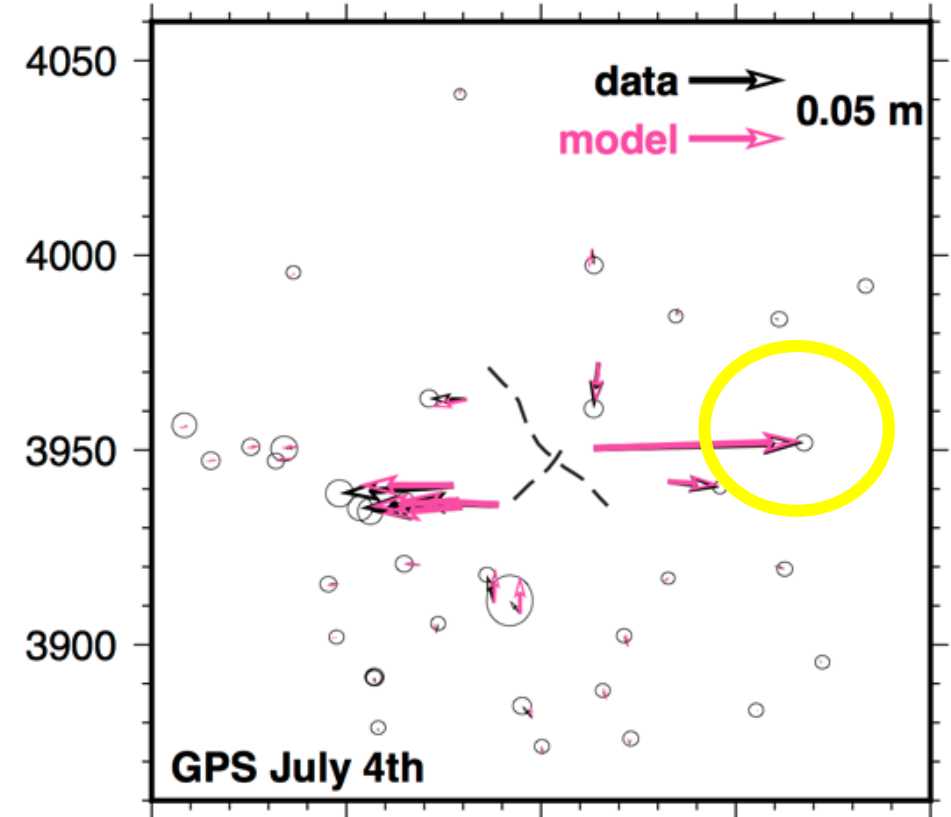
earthquakes allowed on both faults



earthquakes on separate faults



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- Model with slip on conjugate fault fits $\sim 13\%$ better (WRSS)...
...but has double the number of model parameters (significance?)
- Currently testing other conjugate fault geometries (splay?)

Take home points

- We collected campaign GPS data between the two earthquakes
- InSAR data cannot separate the earthquakes; coherence is excellent
- Slip in the earthquake was mostly shallow (upper 6 km)
- We do not see shallow afterslip in the GPS (maybe some deeper)
- GPS data may support conjugate slip in the M6.4 event (but need to evaluate statistical significance)

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