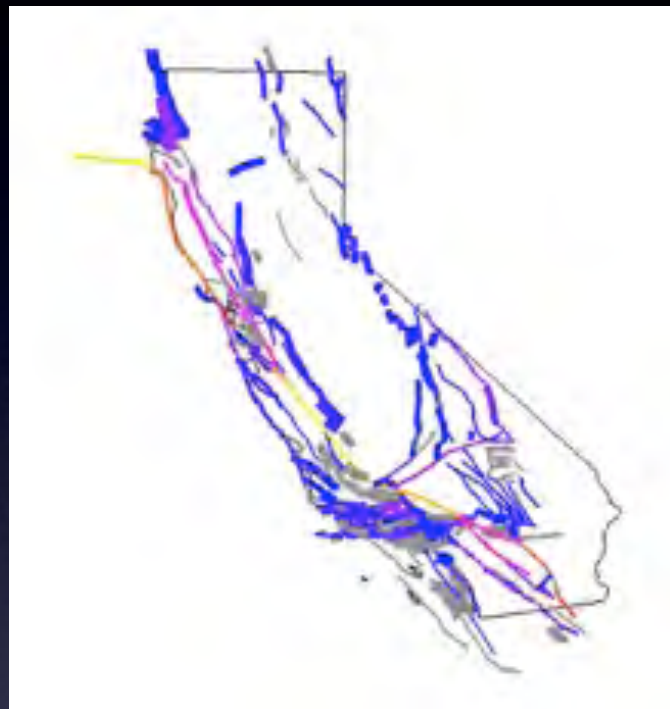


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New Fault Models and Geologic Slip Rates

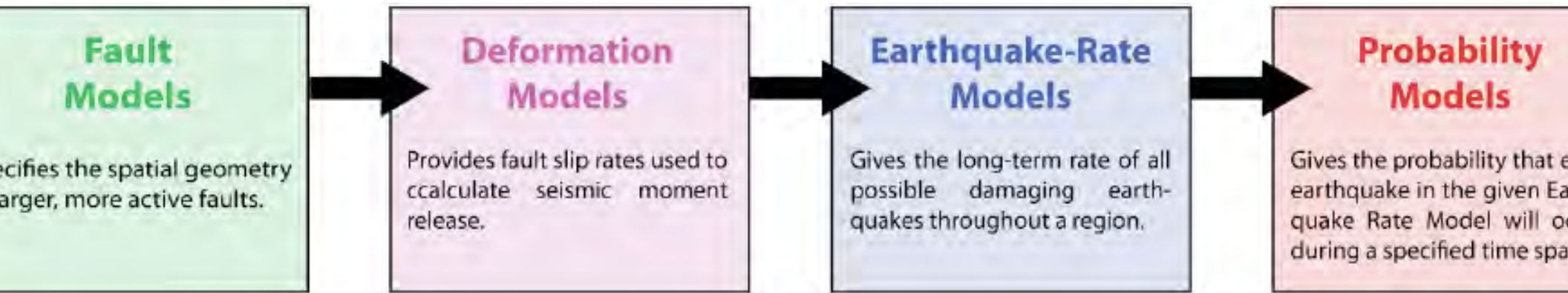


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UCERF3 Fault Model

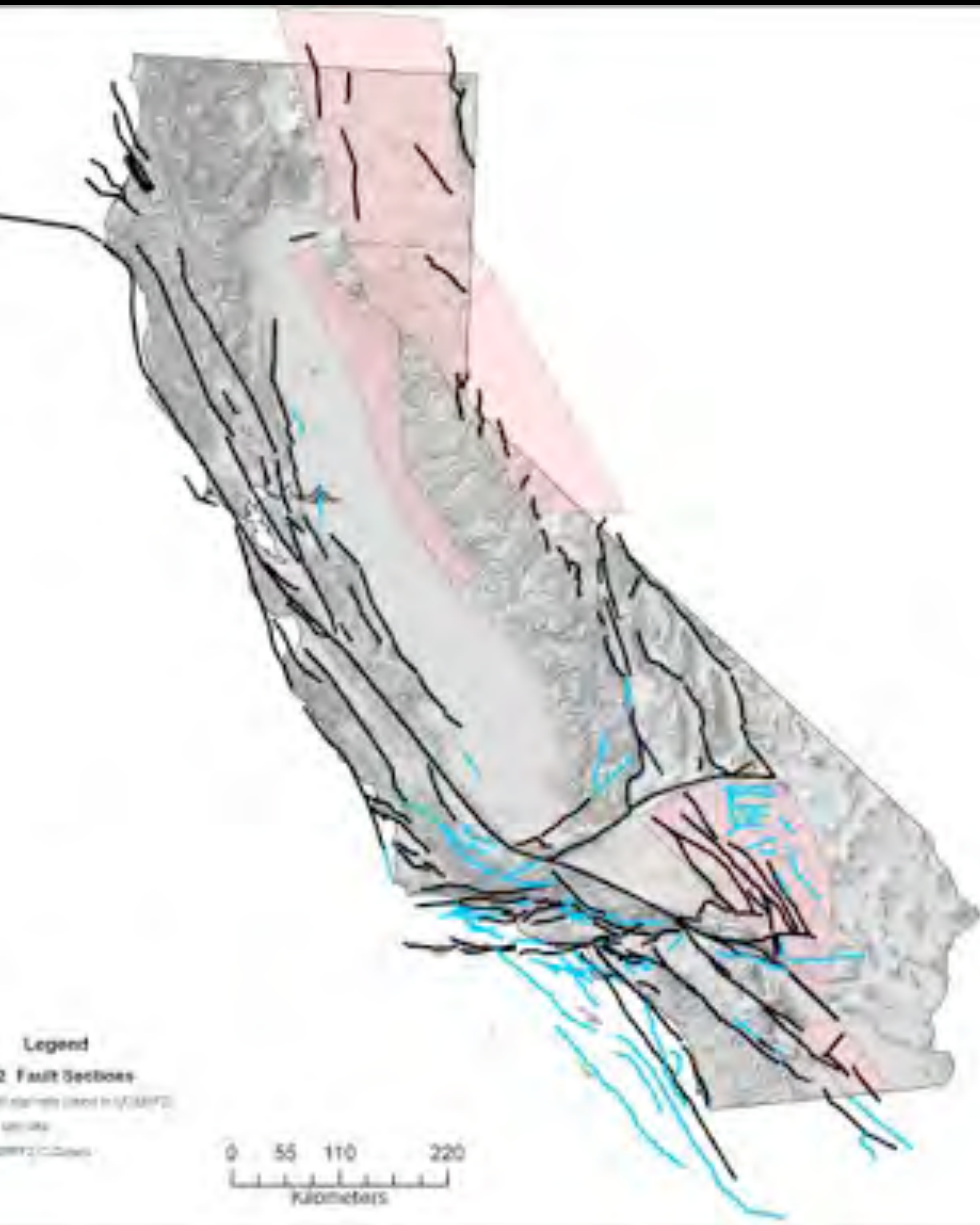
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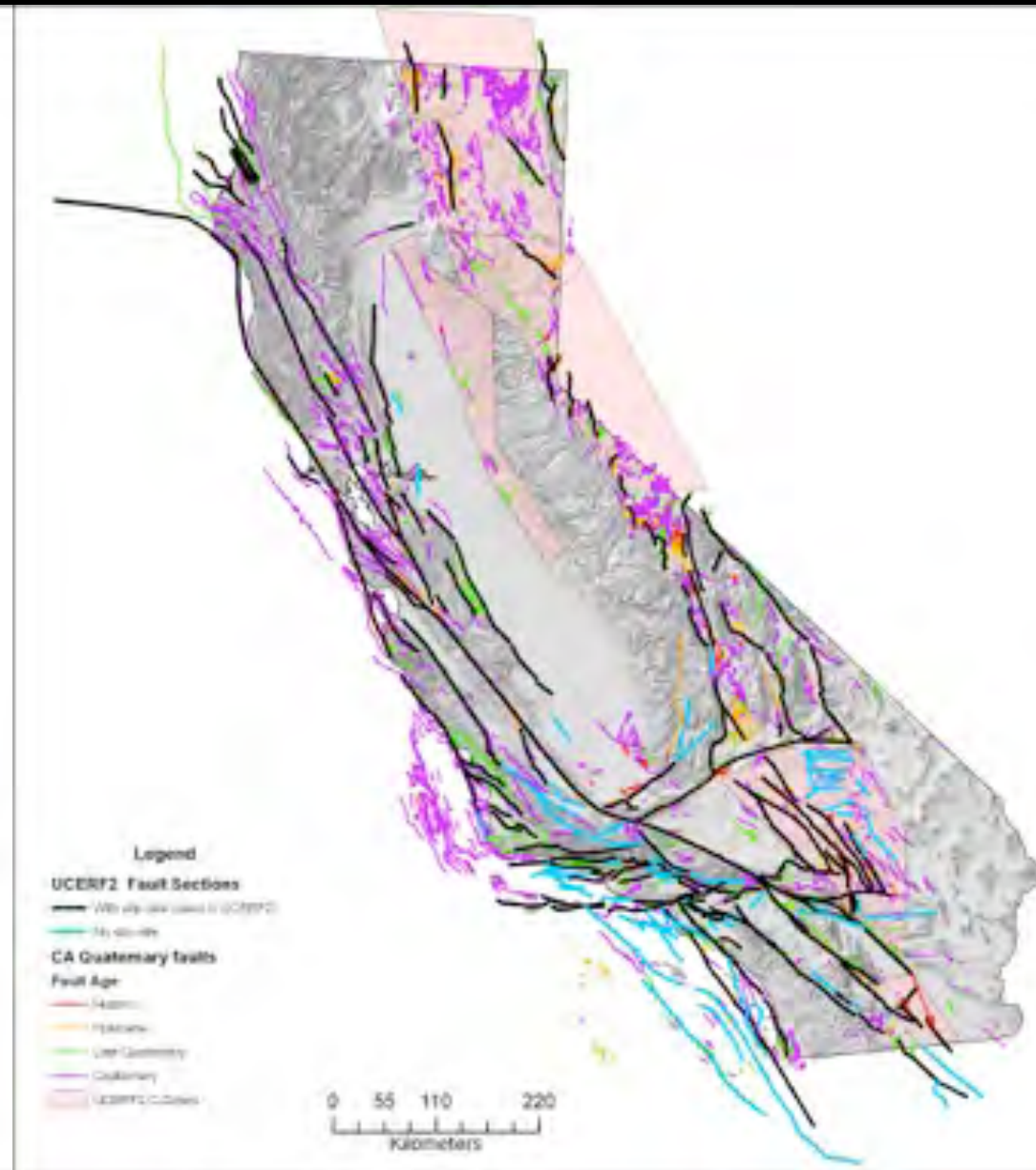
Fault parameter database stores:

- Latitude-longitude coordinate pairs of fault trace
- Upper and lower depth
- Average dip
- Rake
- Fault zone width (new parameter for UCERF3)

UCERF2 Fault Model



UCERF2 faults

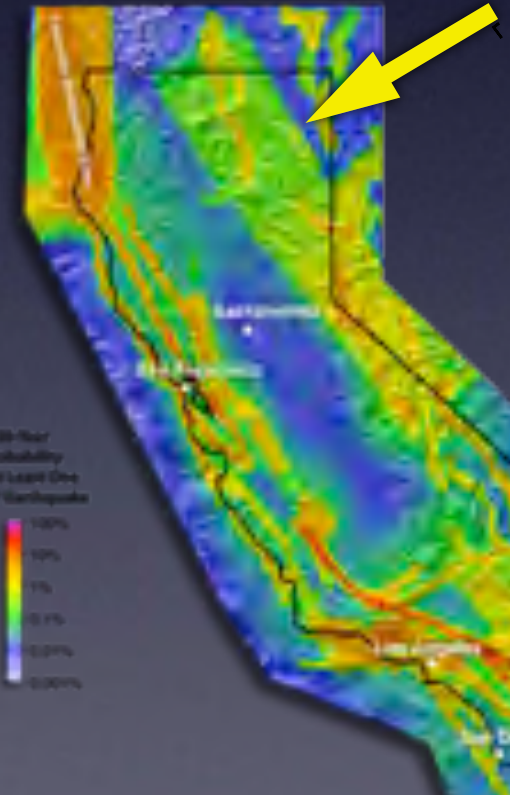
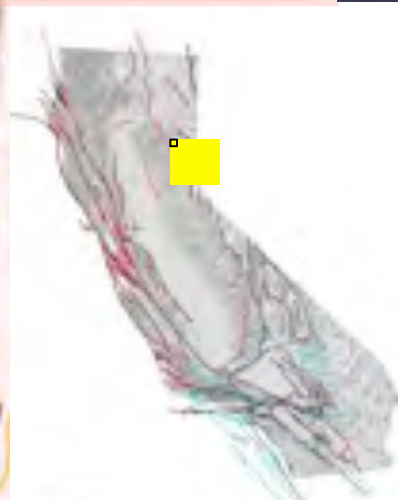
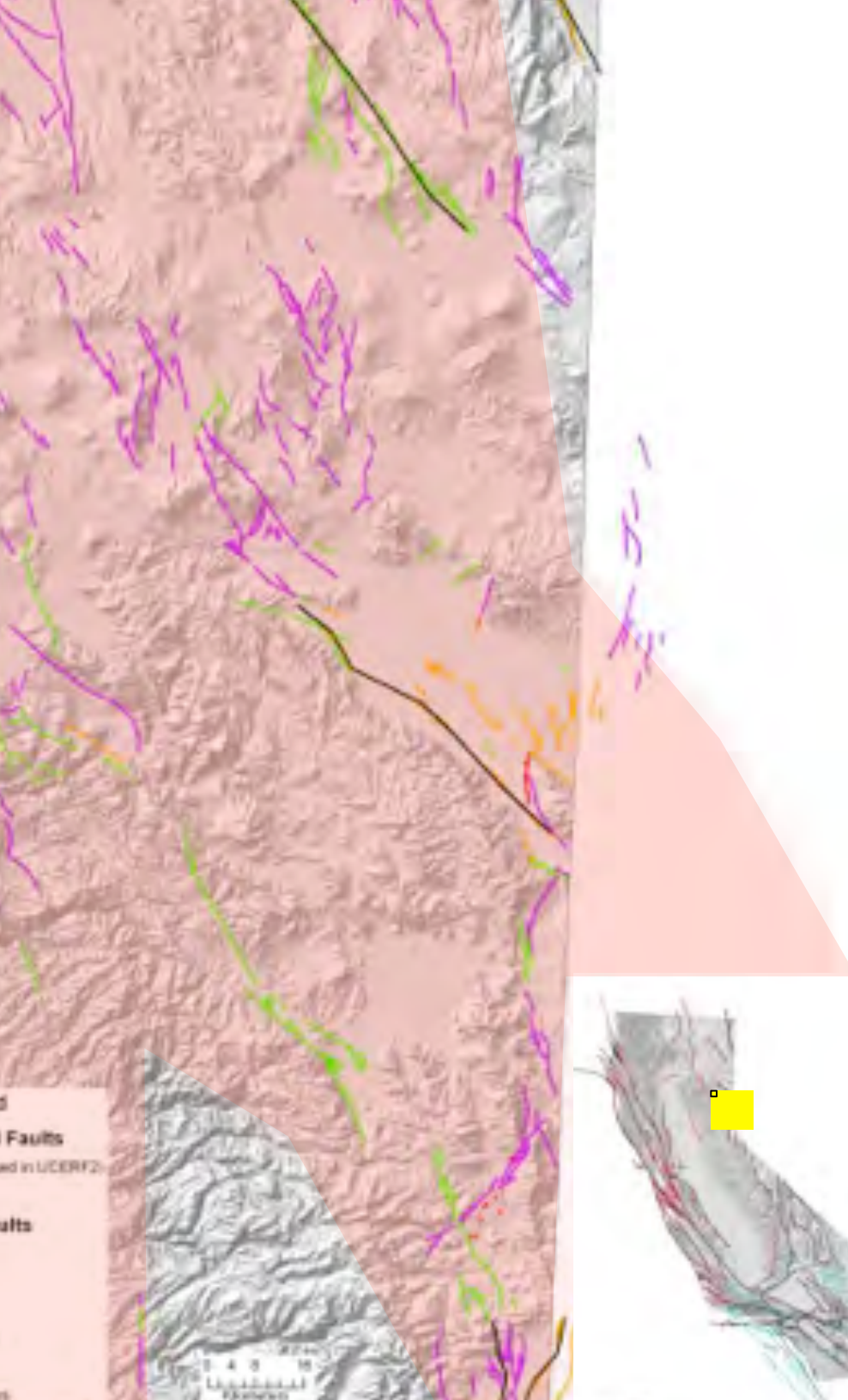


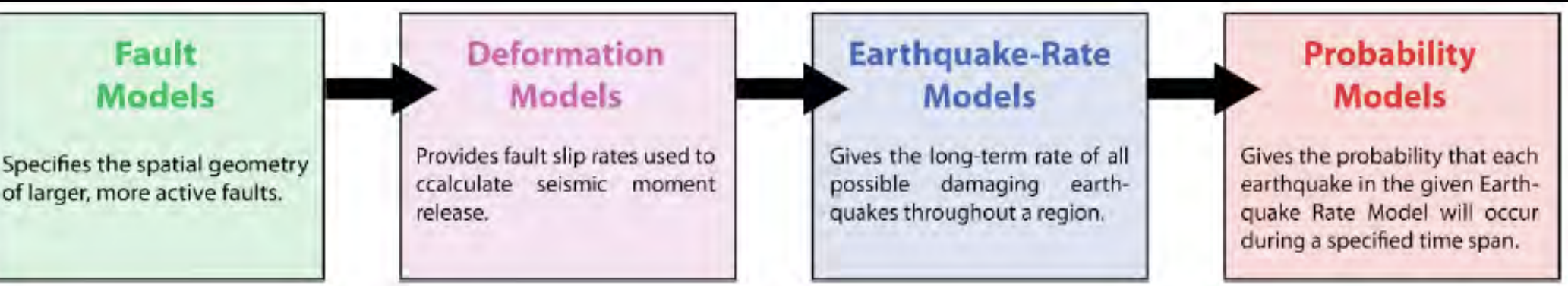
UCERF2 faults
(relative to mapped Quaternary faults)

distributed shear, where known geologic slip rates don't add up the geodetic rate across the region.

Also, areas have mapped faults with unknown geologic slip rates.

Use of C-zones produced noticeable artifacts in the UCERF2 model.





ates include:

ration of additional faults and revision of existing faults from rece
es.

ration of the Statewide Community Fault Model (SCFM) into the
RF3 fault model.

elopment of a geologically-based block model for geodesy-based
ormation models.

valuation of fault endpoints (for fault to fault jumps).

Involves the
ion of SCFM rectilinear
ntations into UCERF
parameter database

More detailed
ntation of faults used
RF2, plus additions to
Inventory

Additions prioritized
on location of block
ries used by
ation modelers

Considers potential fault
connections for fault to fault

Clayton		Block bound
Contra Costa Shear Zone		Block bound
Franklin		Block bound
Joy Woods		Block bound
Las Positas		Block bound
Nacimiento		Block bound
Pilarcitos		Block bound
Southampton		Block bound
Alexander Redwood		Connect
Bennett Valley		Connect
Mission		Connect
S. Coast Ranges/San Joaquin Valley		
2003 San Simeon earthquake/Oceanic flt		Block bound
East Huasna		Block bound
La Panza		Block bound
San Luis Range-W Huasna		Block bound
San Luis Range-W Huasna/Avila Beach		Block bound
San Luis Range-W Huasna/Oceano		Block bound
San Luis Range-W Huasna/Olson		Block bound
San Luis Range-W Huasna/Pecho		Block bound
San Luis Range-W Huasna/San Luis Range		Block bound
San Luis Range-W Huasna/Wilmar Ave		Block bound
San Benito		Connect
N. Coast Ranges/Sacramento Valley		
Briceland		Block bound
Eaton Roughs		Block bound
King Range		Block bound
Spenceville		Block bound
Swain Ravine		Block bound
Wight Way		Connect
Cascadia/Klamath Mountains		
Rocky Ledge		Block bound
Russ Faultzone		Block bound

San Francisco Bay Area Community Model (SCFM)

representations
generally accepted “as
dips averaged for
cross sections

assumptions include
the SCFM fault is
more detailed than the
F2 modeled fault
some individual
assumptions on a case by
case basis.

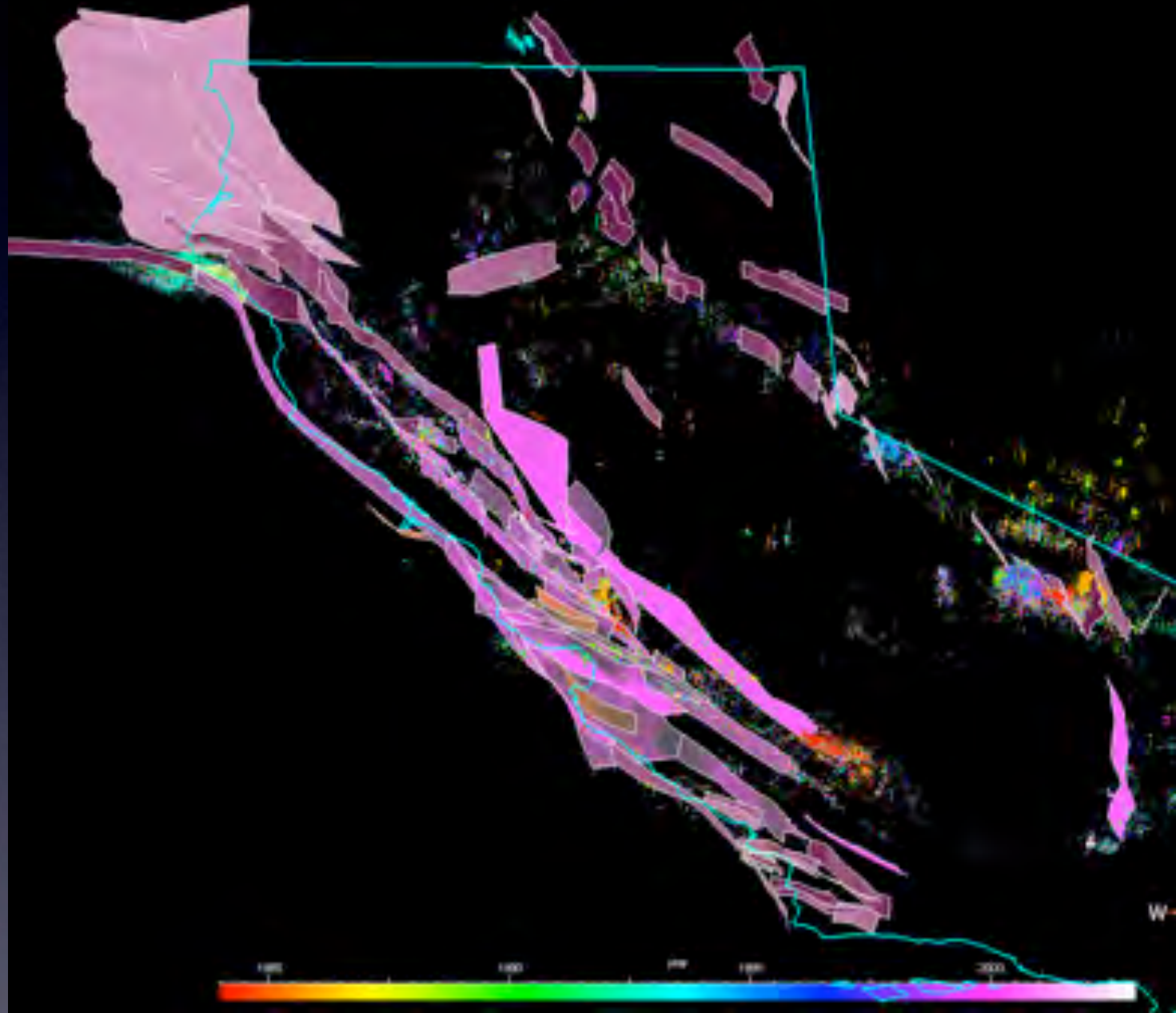


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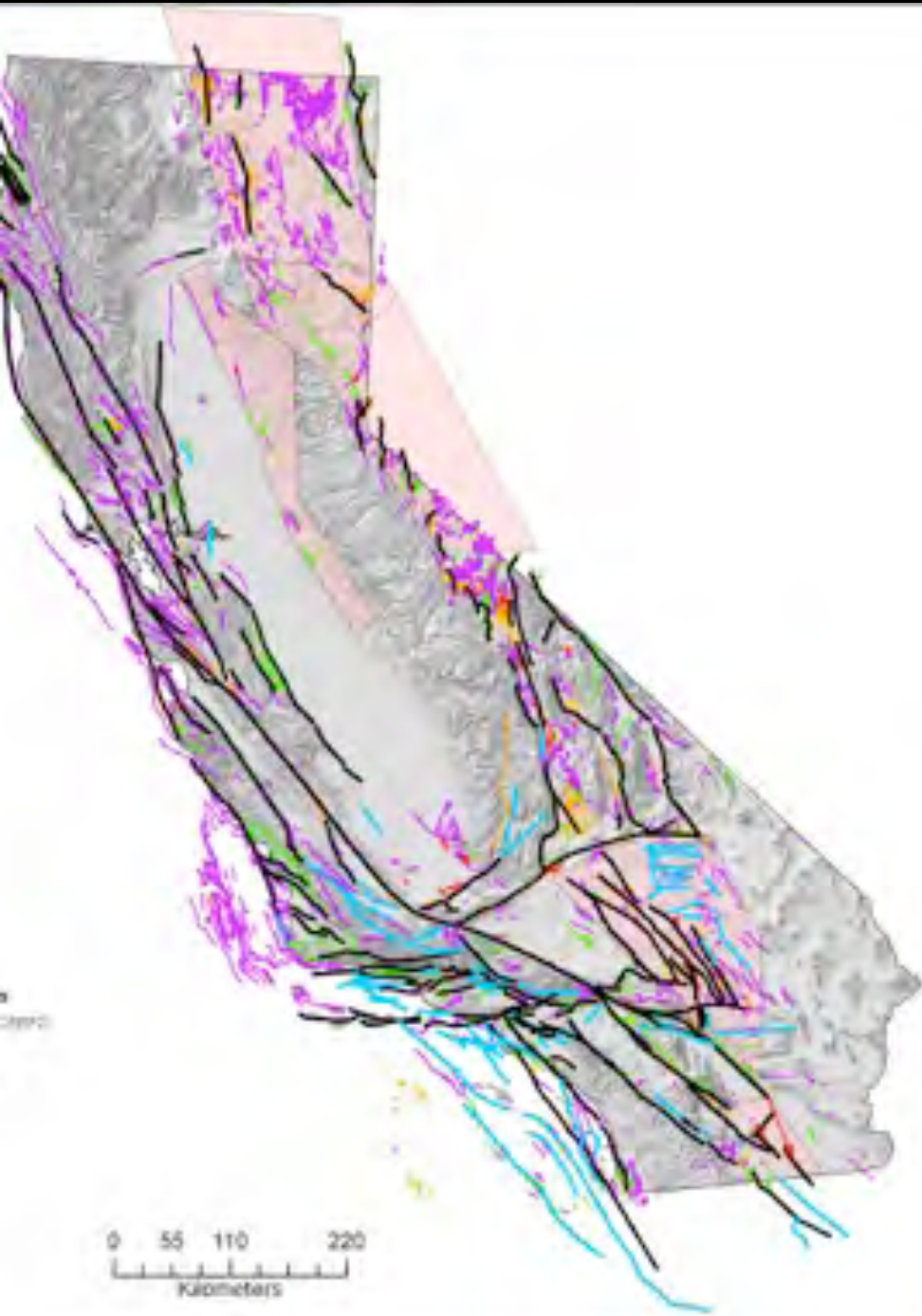
UCERF2 BLOCK MODEL

Geodesy-based block
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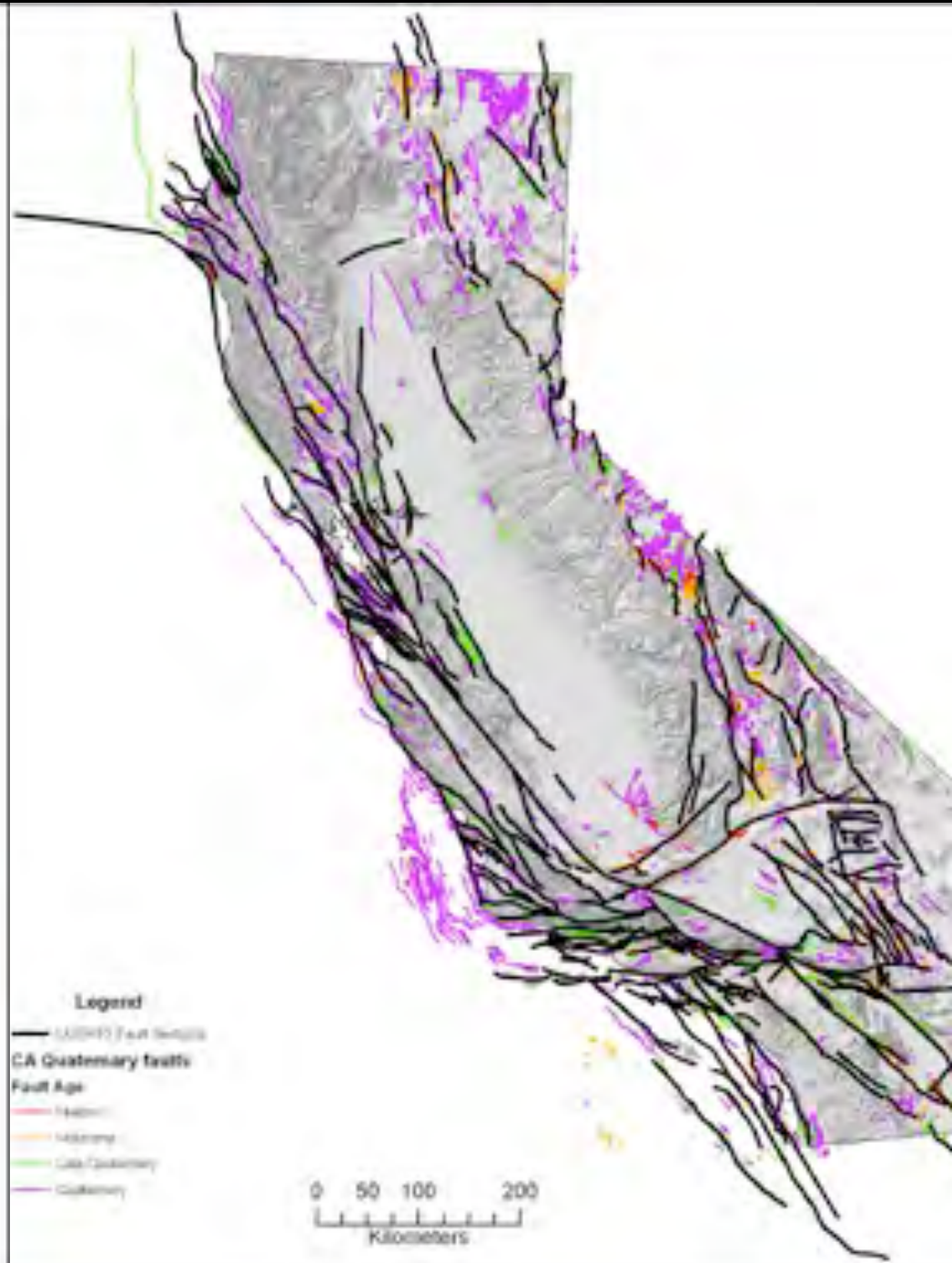
Block boundaries were
initially defined by
aligning the major, most
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Quaternary-active
fault zones.



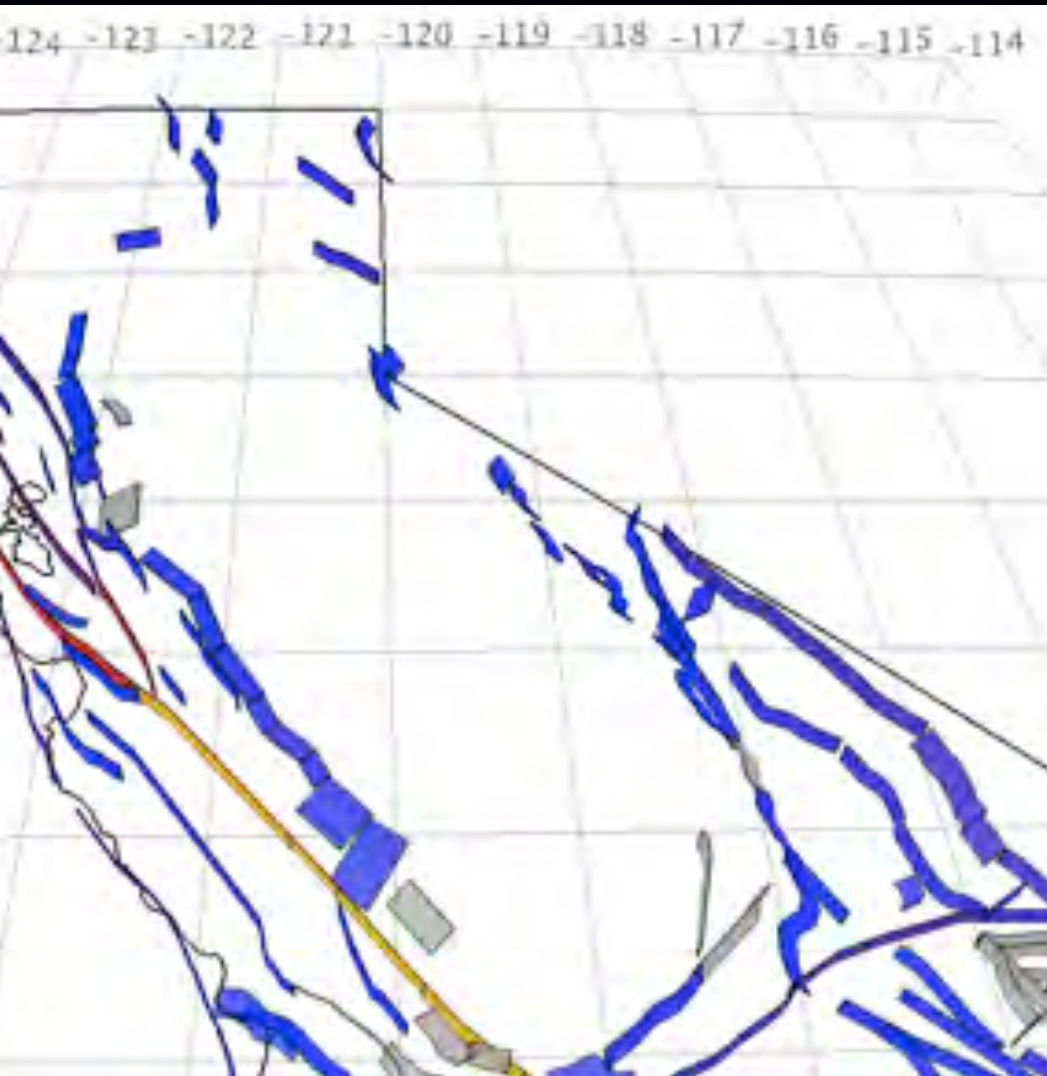
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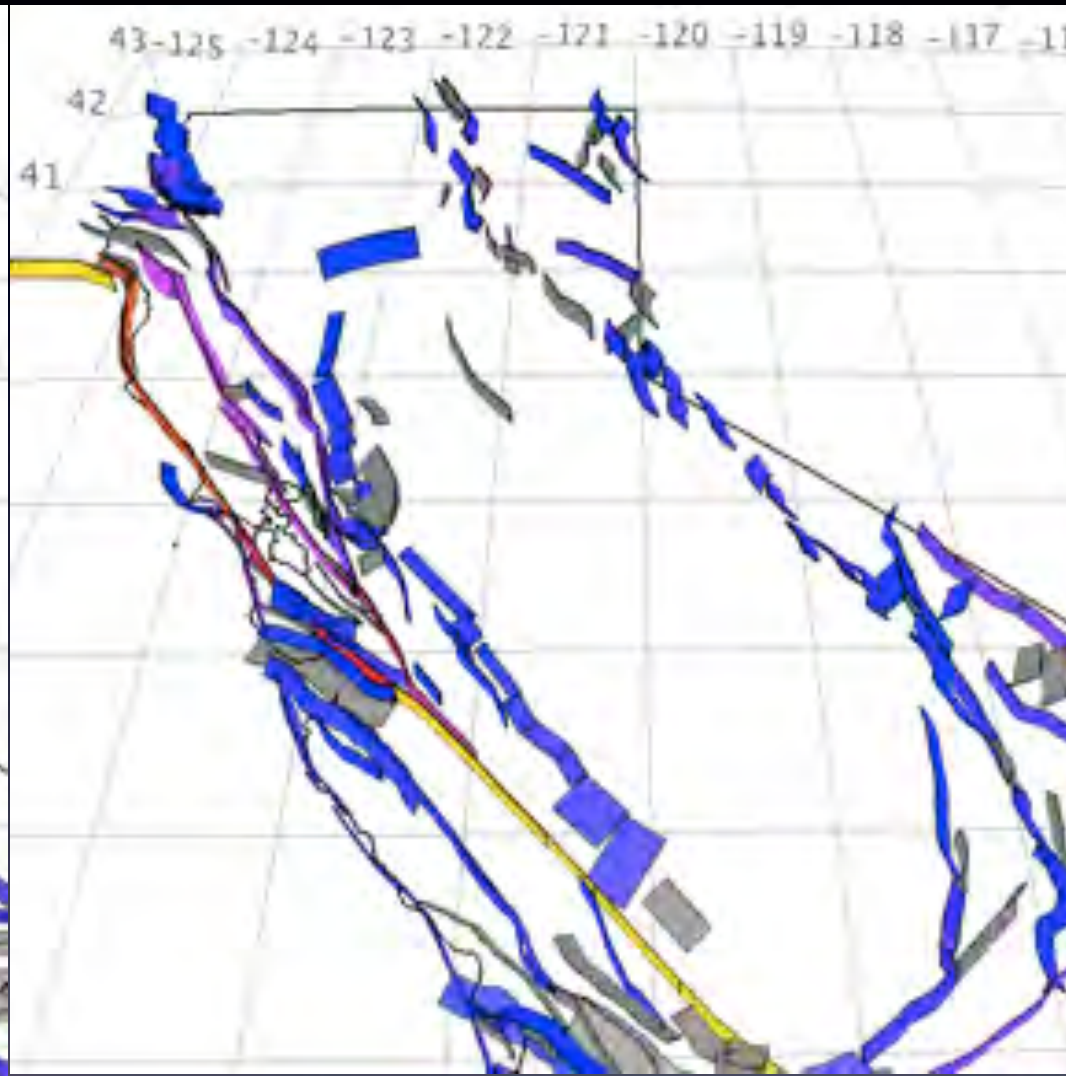
UCERF3



UCERF2

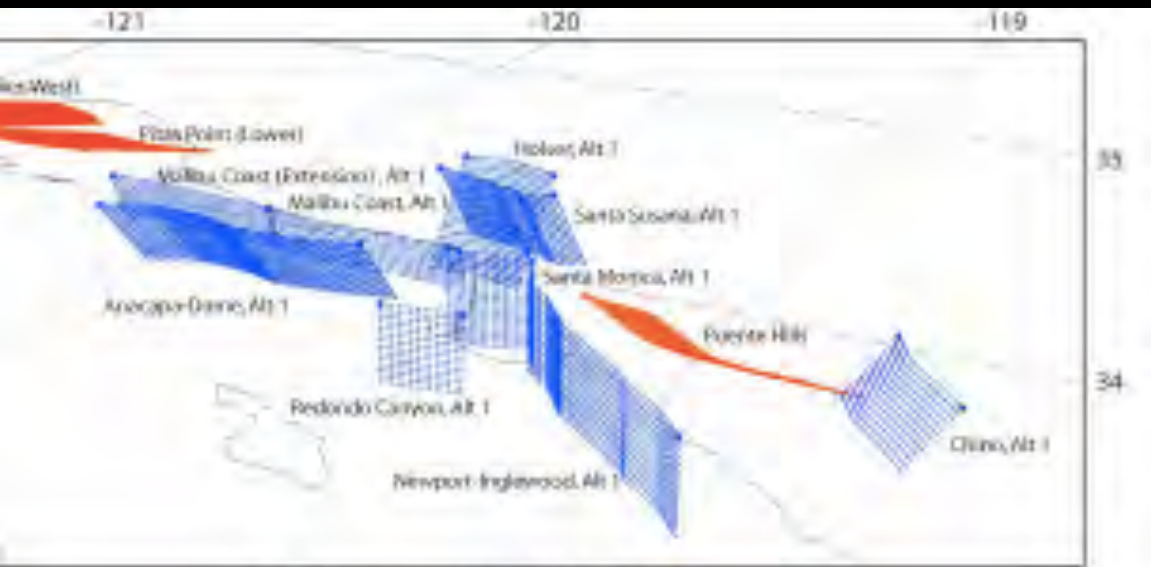


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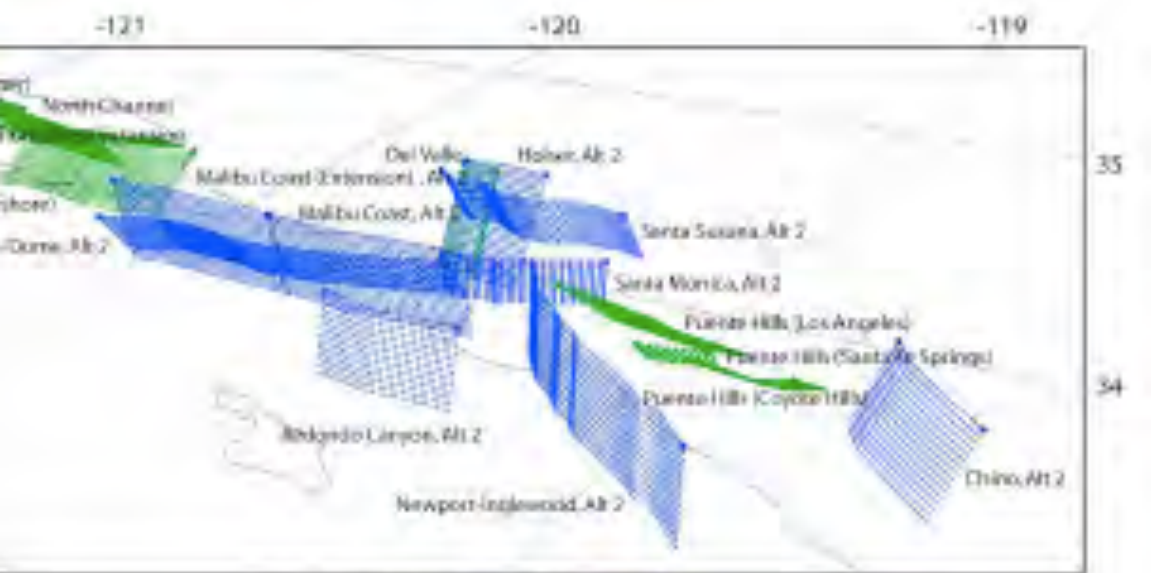


Perspective view of fault sections in northern California

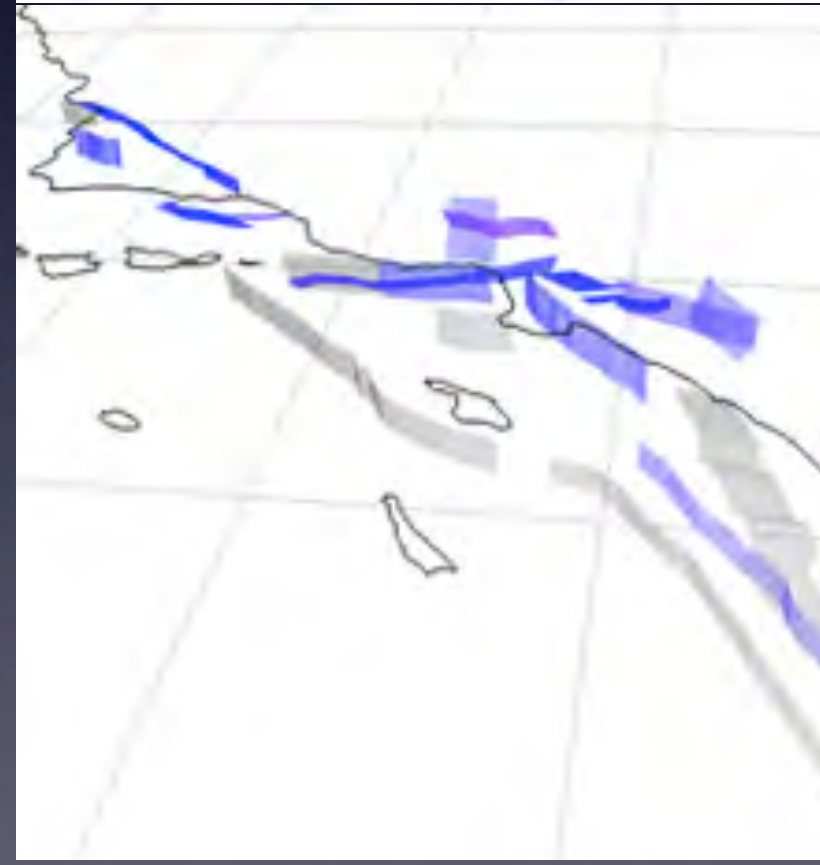
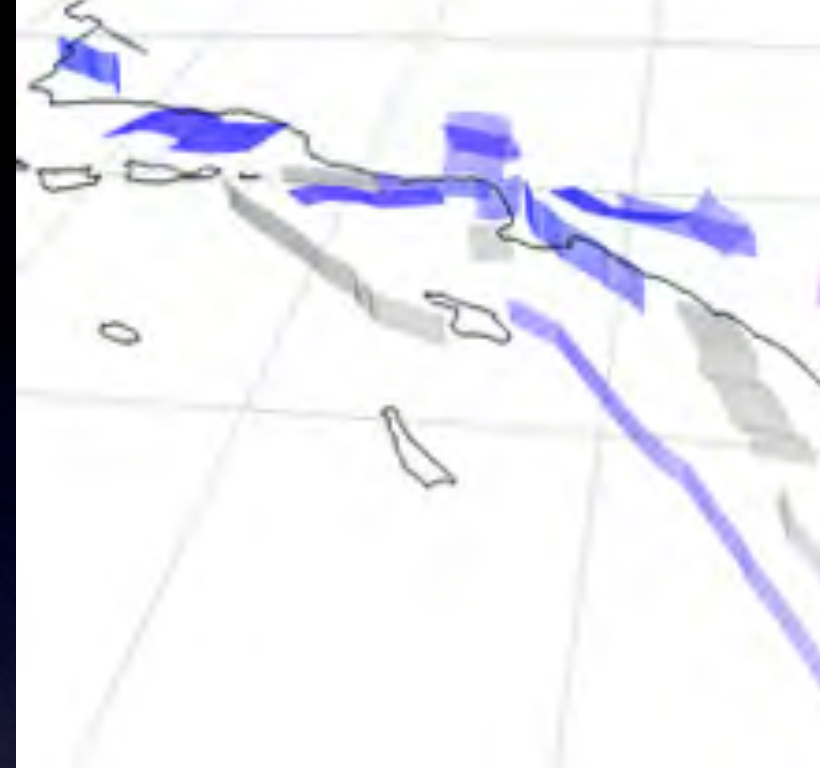
Alternative fault models



Fault Sections Unique to Fault Model 2.1



Fault Sections Unique to Fault Model 2.2



retains alternative fault models developed in

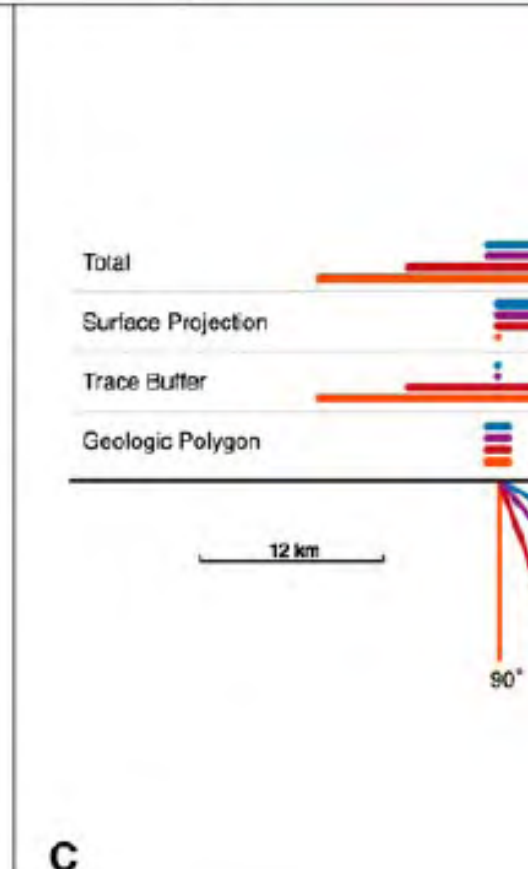
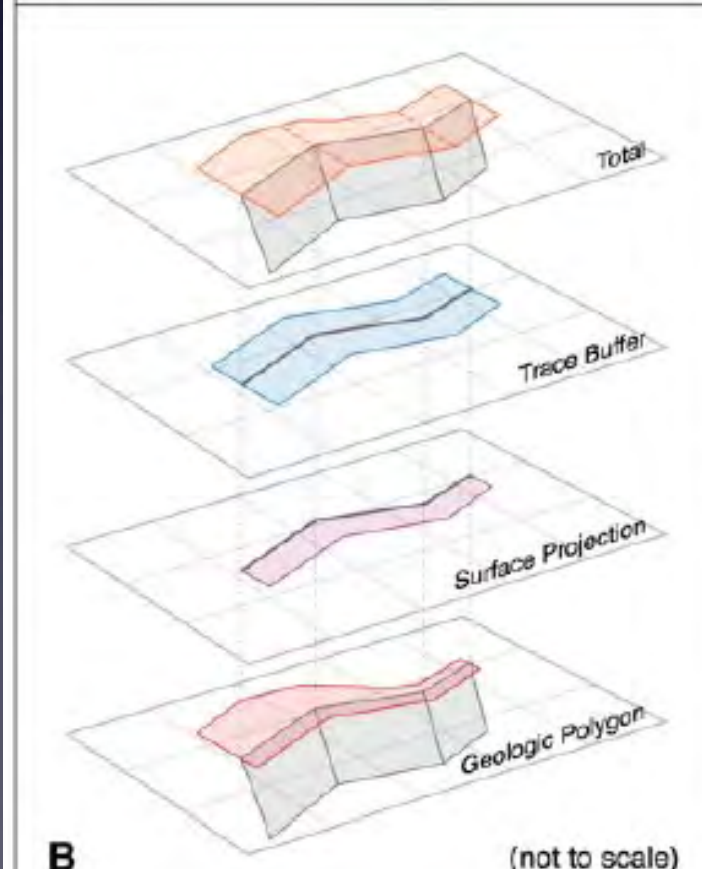
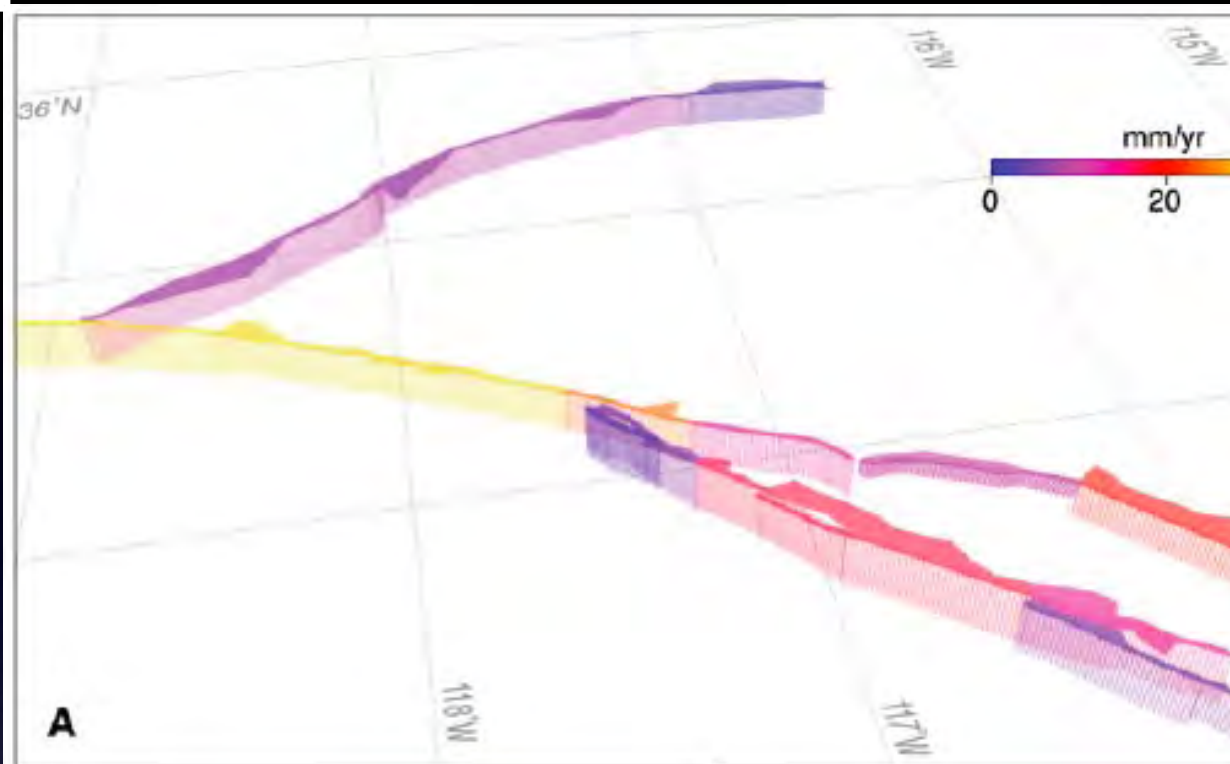
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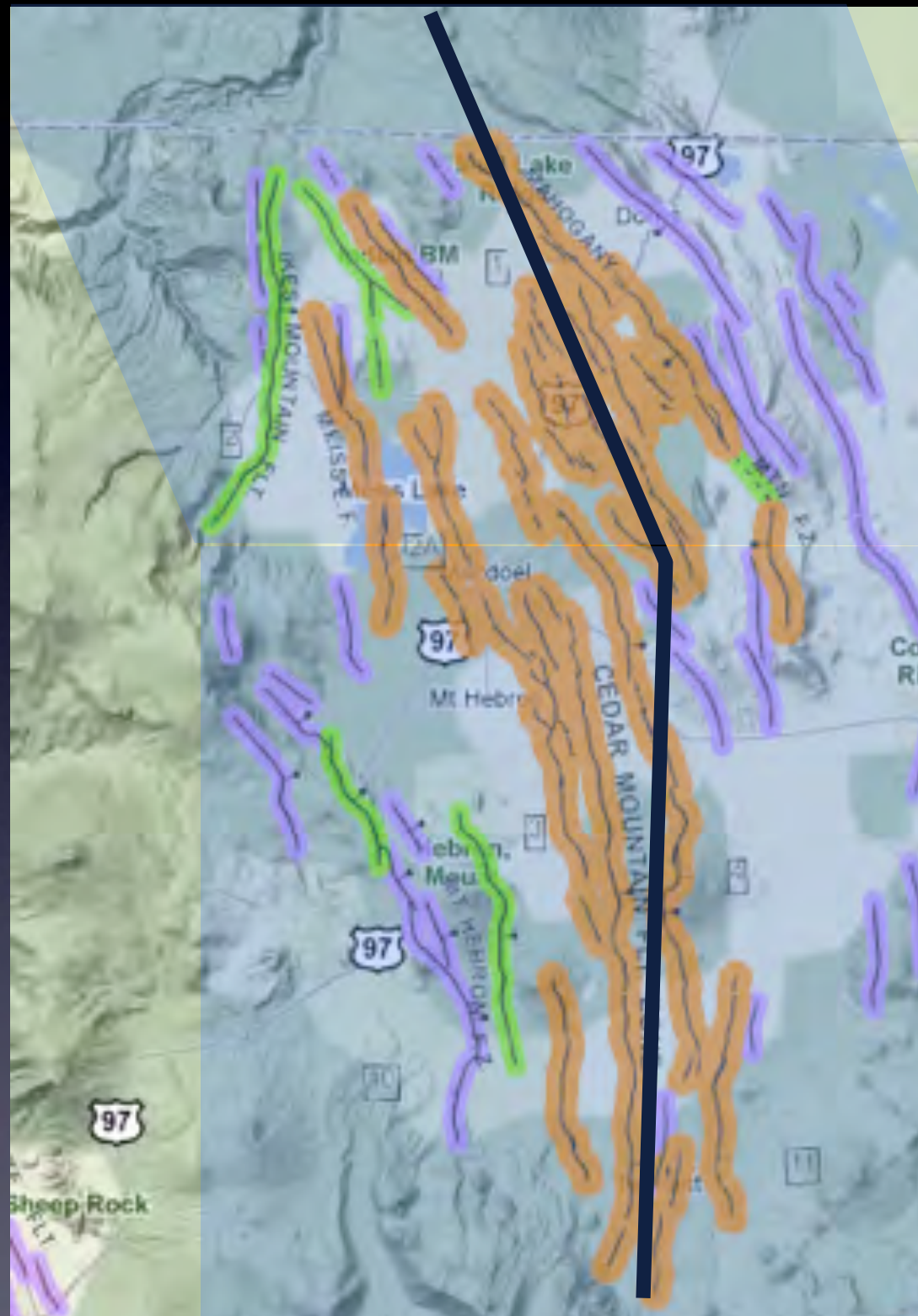
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area over which the
seismicity model rate applies

area to which micro-
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area over which elastic
ground-based probability
functions are applied

assignment of future ruptures to
CERF3 modeled fault



Background:

UCERF2 relied on consensus slip rates for the deformation models.

Largely based on geologic rates, but modified by information from geodesy and plate rate constraints.

Consensus rates developed over several generations of Working Groups (NSHM 1996, WG99, WG02, WG08).

Geologic rates in various compilations (e.g. Petersen and Mesnousky (1994), WGNCEP (1996), McCrory (1996), etc) nationwide updated table not compiled for UCERF2.

RF3 approach of including geodetically-based deformation models required an updated Statewide compilation of geologic

compilation of “pure” geologic slip rates (no geodetic inferences based on assumptions of recurrence and slip period) as basis for a geologically-based deformation model.

geologic slip rates compiled for point constraints in the geode

geologic bounds developed for use in subset of the deformation models (e.g. Zeng model).

ation focused mainly on Quaternary slip rates used by prior Works, plus newer published rates.

ase includes UCERF3 best estimate slip rates as well as:

ocation

feature data (amount, sense, uncertainties (if reported), feature

ata (age of feature, uncertainties, dating method)

ncy of activity for each UCERF3 fault section (CGS FAM/USGS C
databases)

ned USGS Q-faults slip rate category for UCERF3 fault section

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supporting information (see Appendix B for complete description

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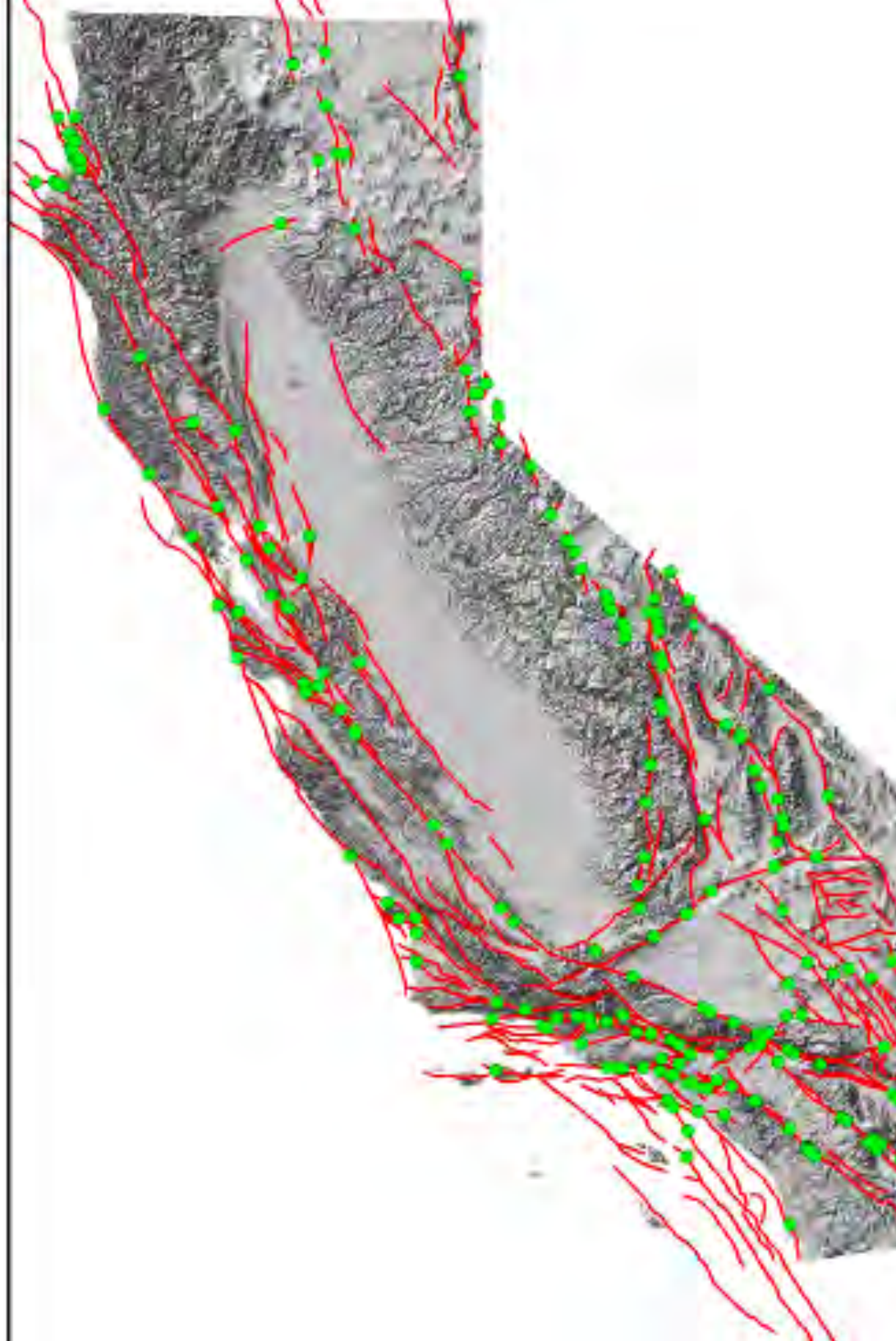
13 reported geologic
sites in compilation

73 UCERF3 fault
sections with a reported
geologic rate (out of
350)

only 62 fault sections
with multiple reported
geologic slip rates

0 fault sections with slip
rates over different time
intervals

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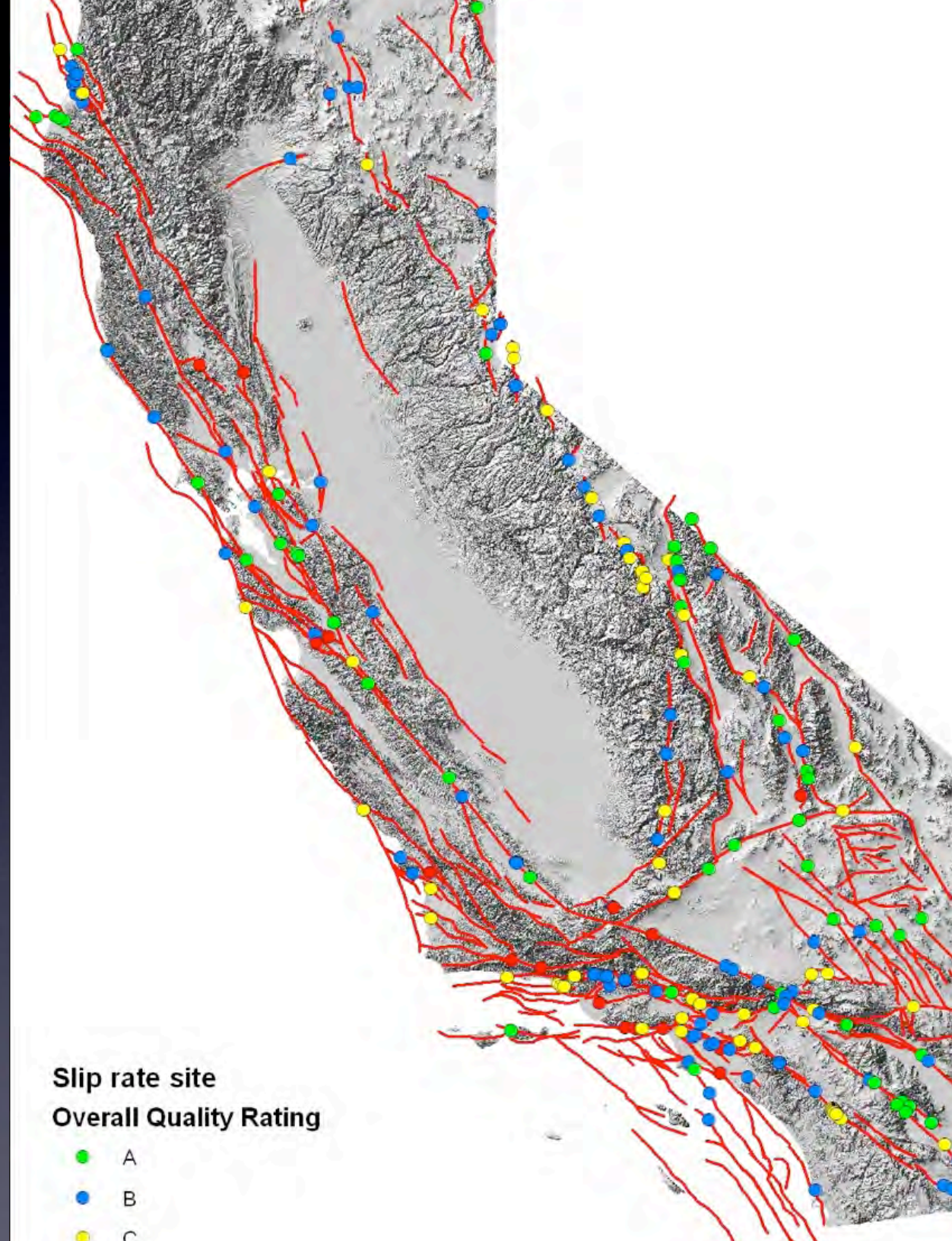
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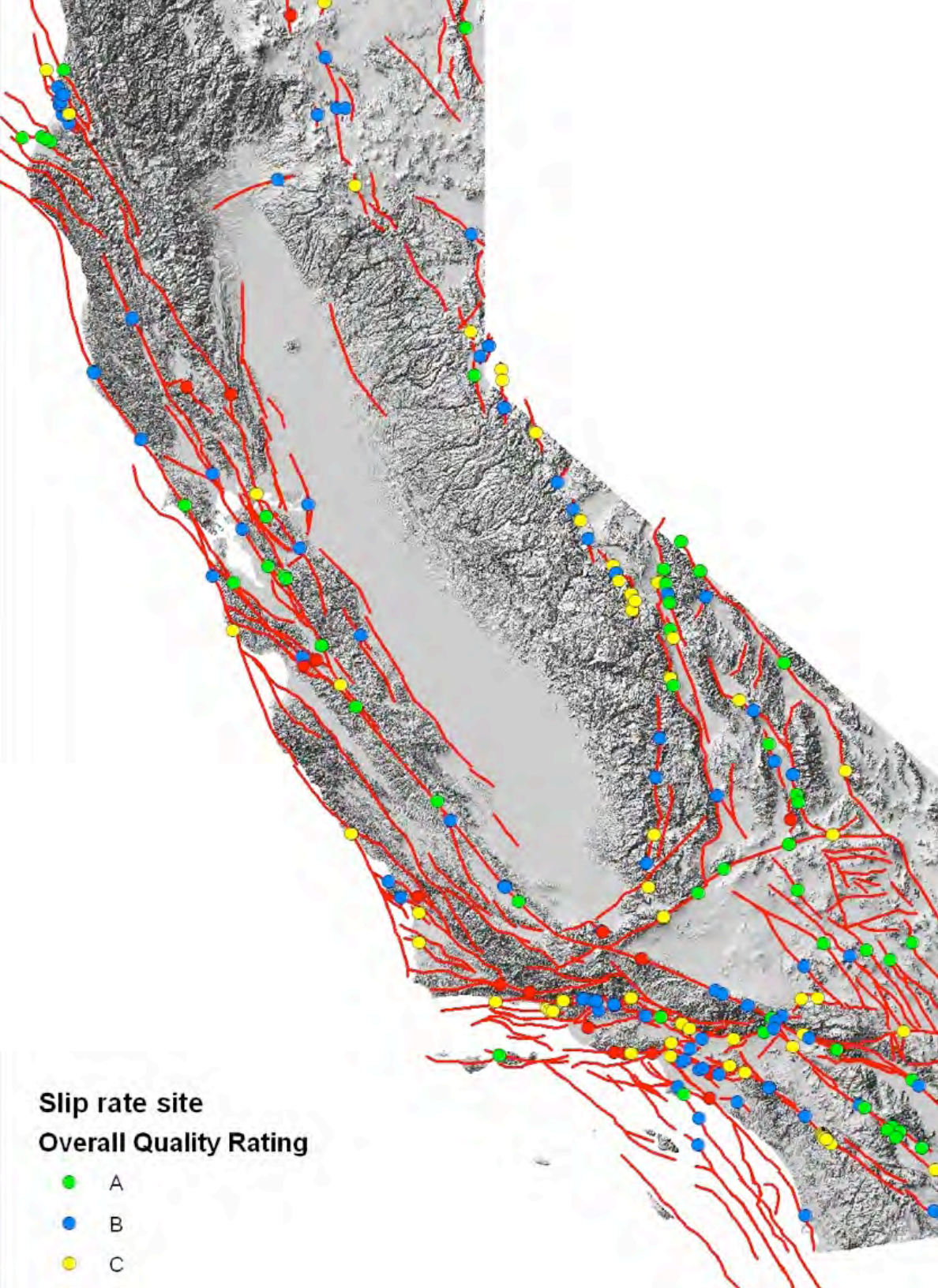
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et of geologic slip rates
ided to geodesy-based
motion models as point



Information Model built from geologic data, without consideration of geodetic and plate-motion models. Conceptually, adding up all fault slip rates should add to the plate rate, or at least tell us something about how the distributed system works over longer time intervals).

Every UCERF3 fault section assigned a geologically based

The reported slip rates and quality rankings were examined for consistency with other reported rates, USGS slip rate category, frequency of activity and UCERF2-assigned rates in order to assign a UCERF3 best estimate rate for each fault section.

Problem: About 177 UCERF3 have no direct geologic constraints.

Assigning slip rates to faults sections without measured data:

1. Extrapolated from adjacent contiguous (or near-contiguous) sections (e.g. SAF offshore)

2. Assigned USGS slip rate categories (if available)

3. If no USGS rate category available, used correlation between recency of activity and slip rate

Q-faults age category

Primary active (<1.6 M)

Pleistocene (<130 ka)

Pleistocene and Holocene (<15 ka)

USGS Q-faults Rate ca

<0.2 mm/yr

0.2 to 1.0 mm/yr

1.0 - 5.0 mm/yr

Question: How consistent are the reported rates in our database with the rate categories assigned by the USGS?

Answer: 83% of the time the reported slip rates fall within the USGS-assigned rate category

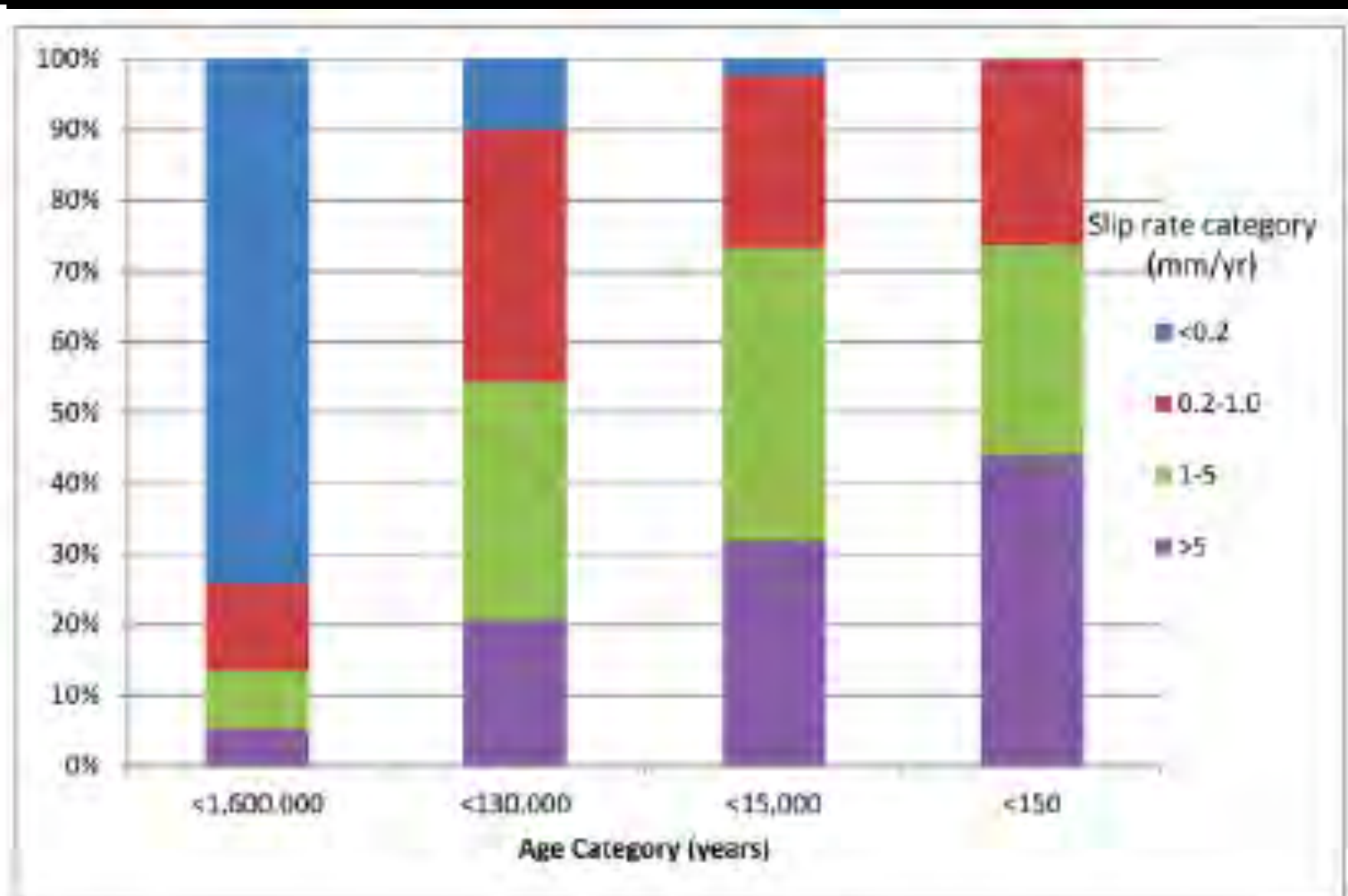


Figure 2. Histogram of California faults with USGS QFFD assigned slip rate categories binned by USGS QFFD age categories. In general, the assigned slip rate category correlates with the recency of activity, with the slowest faults in the oldest age category and the fastest faults having moved more recently.

Age category

Quaternary active (<1.6 M)

Pleistocene (<130 ka)

Holocene and Holocene (<15 ka)

Rate category

<0.2 mm/yr

0.2 to 1.0 mm/yr

1.0 - 5.0 mm/yr

d-mean frequency approach to assign best-estimate slip rate to slip rate cat

Median for 1 - 5 mm/yr category

rate for known slip rates in 1 - 5 mm/yr category

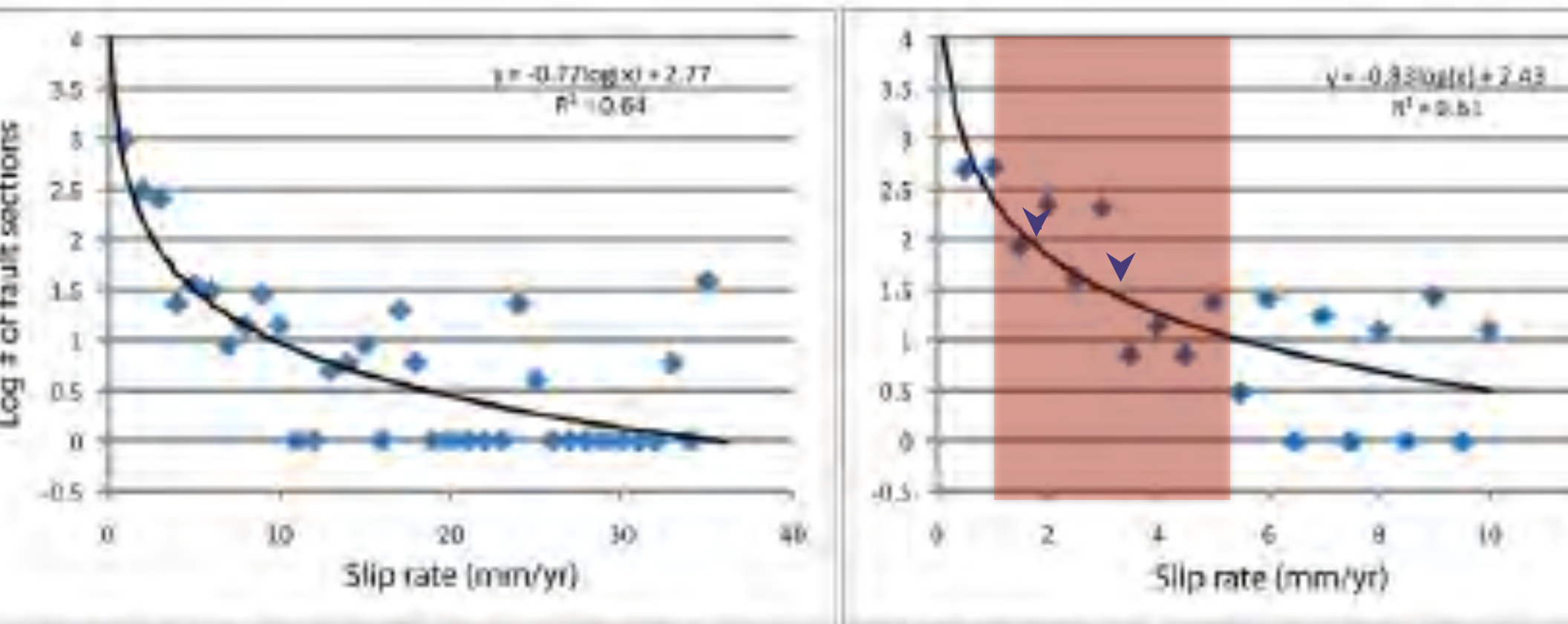


Figure 3. Relationship between the number of IICERE fault sections and known slip rate. A) the entire dataset

Geo-deformation features:

m tapers for high slip faults with long overlaps
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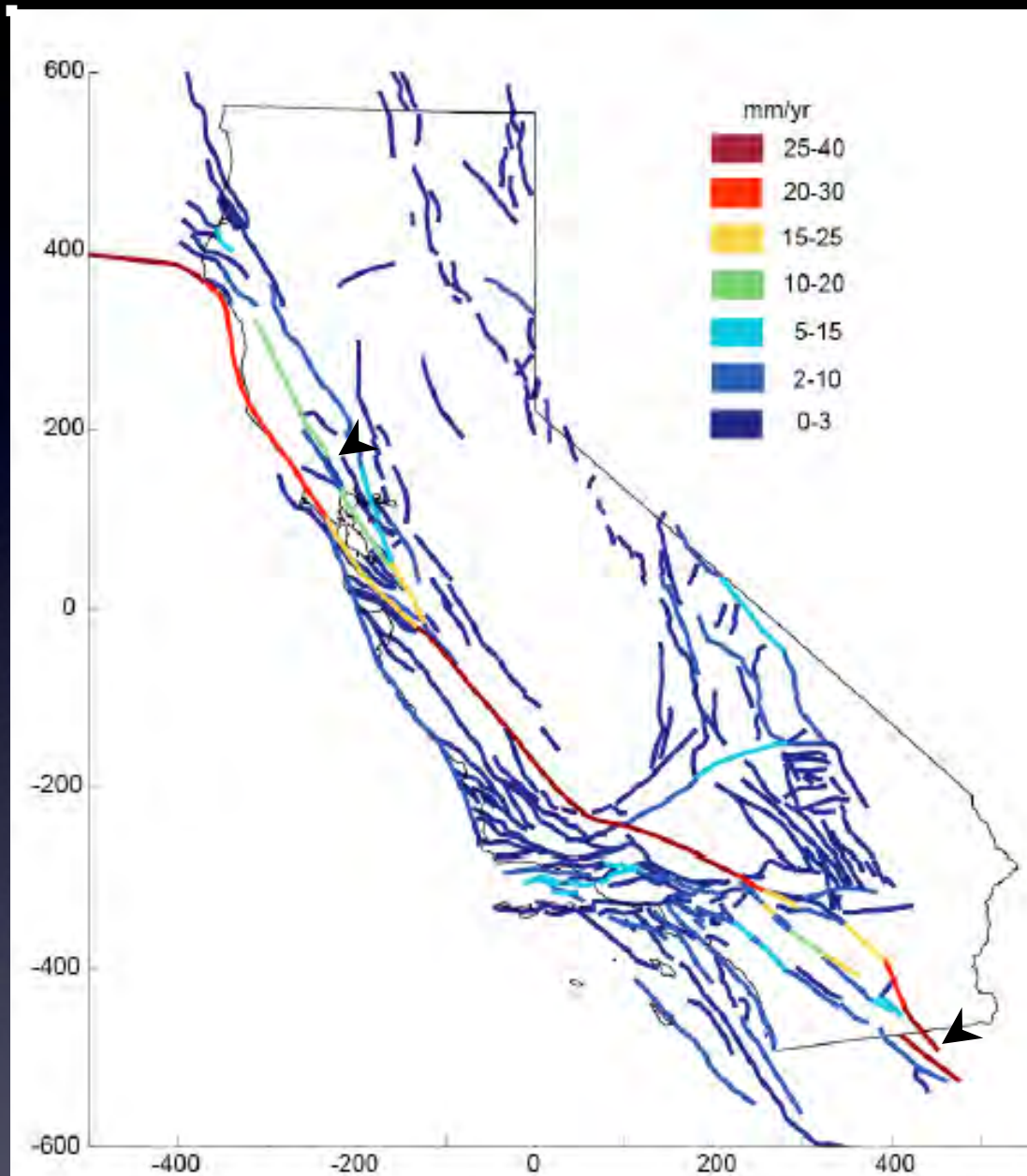


Figure 3. Summary of geologic bounds (Dawson and Weldon) using the Geologic Block Model.

