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## INTRODUCTION OF THE 21<sup>st</sup> ISSUE OF THE EDCMS NEWSLETTER

This Newsletter is the outcome of a fruitful collaboration and knowledge sharing between geologists, seismologists, physicists, geographers, oceanographers and civil engineers interested in mapping and monitoring the October 30, 2020, Mw 6.9 Samos earthquake and its effects. It comprises:

- review of the geology, neotectonics and active tectonics of Samos and the surrounding area,
- review of the historical and recent seismicity with all known historical and instrumental earthquakes onshore and offshore Samos,
- presentation of seismotectonic information for the affected area conducted by the NKUA (Sector of Geophysics-Geothermics), including the seismotectonic context, the relocation of the epicenters and the focal mechanisms of the mainshock and the aftershock sequence, the spatiotemporal evolution of the aftershock sequence and the compilation of shakemaps
- the presentation of the environmental effects triggered by the mainshock on Samos Island deduced from post-earthquake field survey conducted by scientific teams of the NKUA (Sector of Dynamic Tectonic Applied Geology

and Sector of Geography and Climatology) and the Hellenic Survey of Geology and Mineral Exploration of Greece, shortly after the generation of the mainshock

- the presentation of damage to buildings and infrastructures conducted by scientific teams of the NKUA
- the presentation of results from interferometric analysis of synthetic aperture radar (InSAR) data and the combination of seismological data and spaceborne observations conducted by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)
- the presentation of results from interferometric analysis of SAR data and geodetic data (GNSS) conducted by the scientific team of the Geodynamic Institute of the National Observatory of Athens (GI-NOA)
- the presentation of results from mapping and monitoring the October 30, 2020 earthquake based on Copernicus earth observation products, conducted by the Earth Observation Team of the Harokopio University of Athens.



## GEOTECTONIC LOCATION AND GEOLOGY OF SAMOS

Samos Island occupies a key position at the transition between Aegean domain and western Turkey. The metamorphic succession of Samos consists of 4 distinct tectono-metamorphic units, from base to top:

The **Kerketeas marbles** crop out in the western part of the island in a tectonic window below the overlying Ampelos unit. The Kerketeas unit consists of dolomitic marbles with local schist on top. Incipient HP-LT metamorphism and a subsequent greenschist overprint is recorded.

The **Ampelos unit** outcrops over the central part of the island. It is mainly made of schists and marbles with minor occurrences of metabasites. The lower part contains slices of gneiss that provided Carboniferous and Triassic radiometric ages on zircons. This unit can be correlated with the lower part of the Cycladic Blueschists Unit. The Ampelos nappe underwent an Eocene blueschist-facies metamorphic event (520 °C, 19 kbar), followed by an Oligo-Miocene overprint under greenschist-facies conditions (455-485 °C, 6-7 kbar).

The **Selçuk nappe** crops out in the center of the island as discontinuous outcrops of metabasites.

The **Vourliotes nappe** crops out in the eastern part of the island where it is mainly made of schists and marbles. The upper marble formation has been dated as Upper Cretaceous on the basis of rudists found within the metabauxite outcrops at the eastern part of the island. It recorded the same metamorphic conditions as the Ampelos nappe.

The **Kallithea nappe** and the Katavasis Complex are only found in the westernmost part of the island, on top of Kerketeas marbles. The Kallithea nappe is made of sandstones, serpentinized peridotite lenses, spilite and diabase with red radiolarites and fossiliferous ammonitico rosso-type limestones overlain by an Upper Triassic to Jurassic massive limestone series.

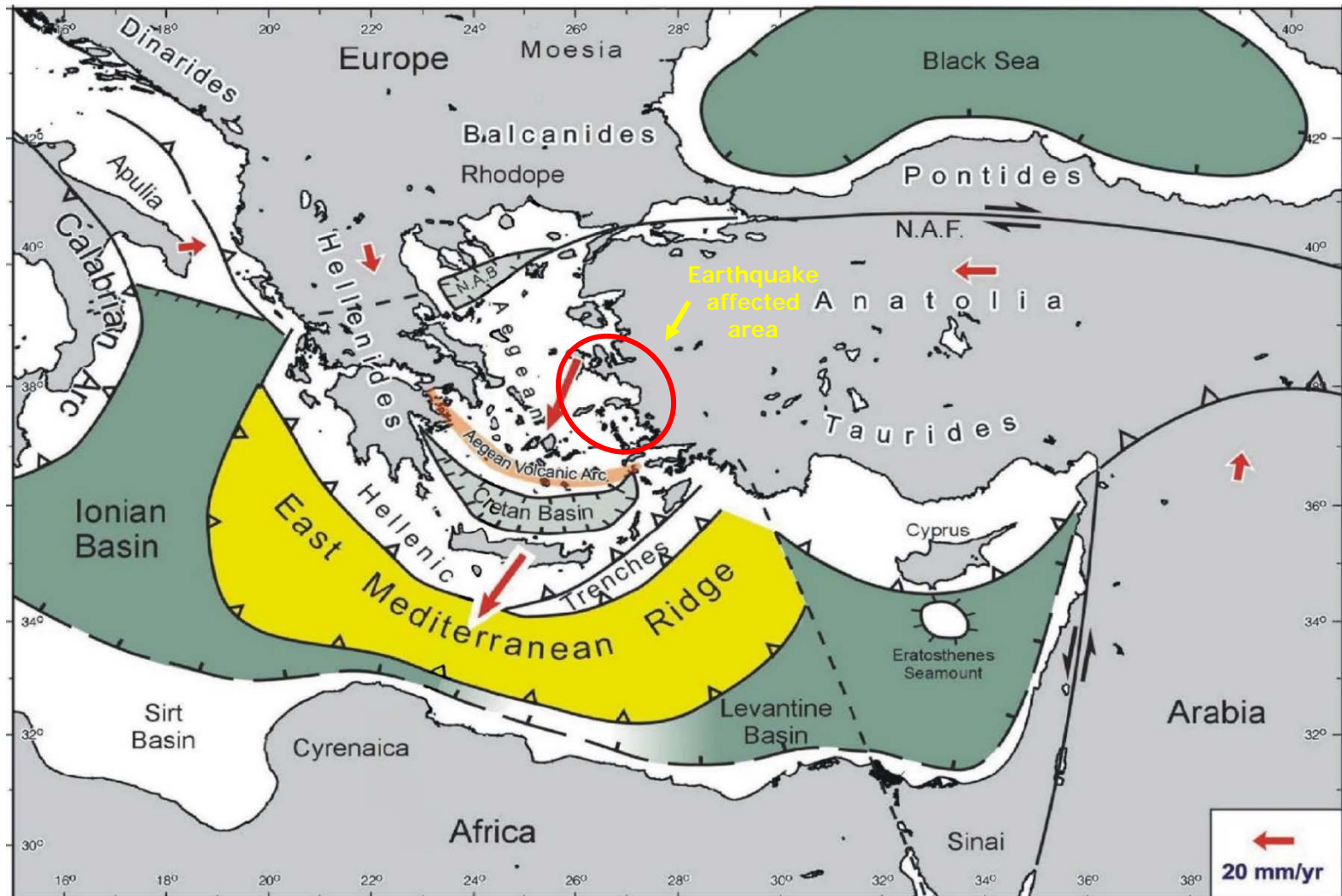
The underthrust **Katavasis Complex** is mainly composed of marbles, amphibolites and quartzites, formed under amphibolite-facies conditions. It is locally intruded at ~10 Ma by igneous dykes cut by a distinct low-angle normal fault, suggesting a younger activity of this fault that is interpreted as an extension of the North Cycladic Detachment System.

From *Roche et al. (2019) and references therein*





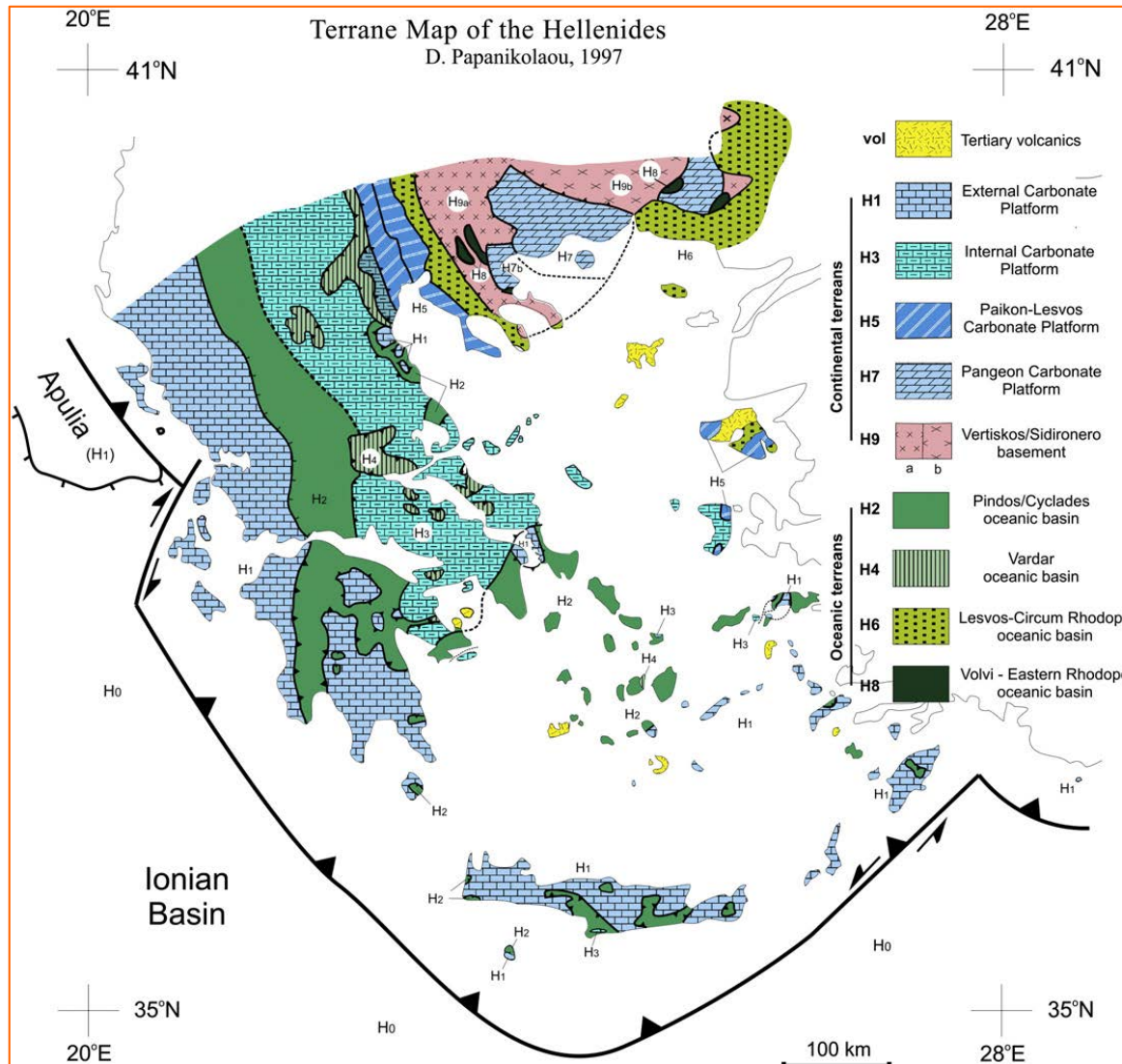
## MAIN TECTONIC ELEMENTS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION THE HELLENIC ARC & TRENCH SYSTEM



From *Papanikolaou et al. (2004)*



## GEOTECTONIC MAP OF GREECE TECTONOSTRATIGRAPHIC TERRANES



Samos comprises geological formations belonging to the following tectonostratigraphic terranes:

**H1:** the External Carbonate Platform

**H2:** Pindos / Cyclades oceanic Basin

**H3:** Internal Carbonate Platform)



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As regards the geotectonic units, the geological setting of Samos includes formations from the relatively autochthonous unit of Kerketeas below the tectonic nappes of the blueschist units of Agios Ioannis, Ampelos and Vourliotes as well as the non-metamorphic nappe of Kallithea (From *Papanikolaou, 2015*)





## GEOLOGY OF SAMOS

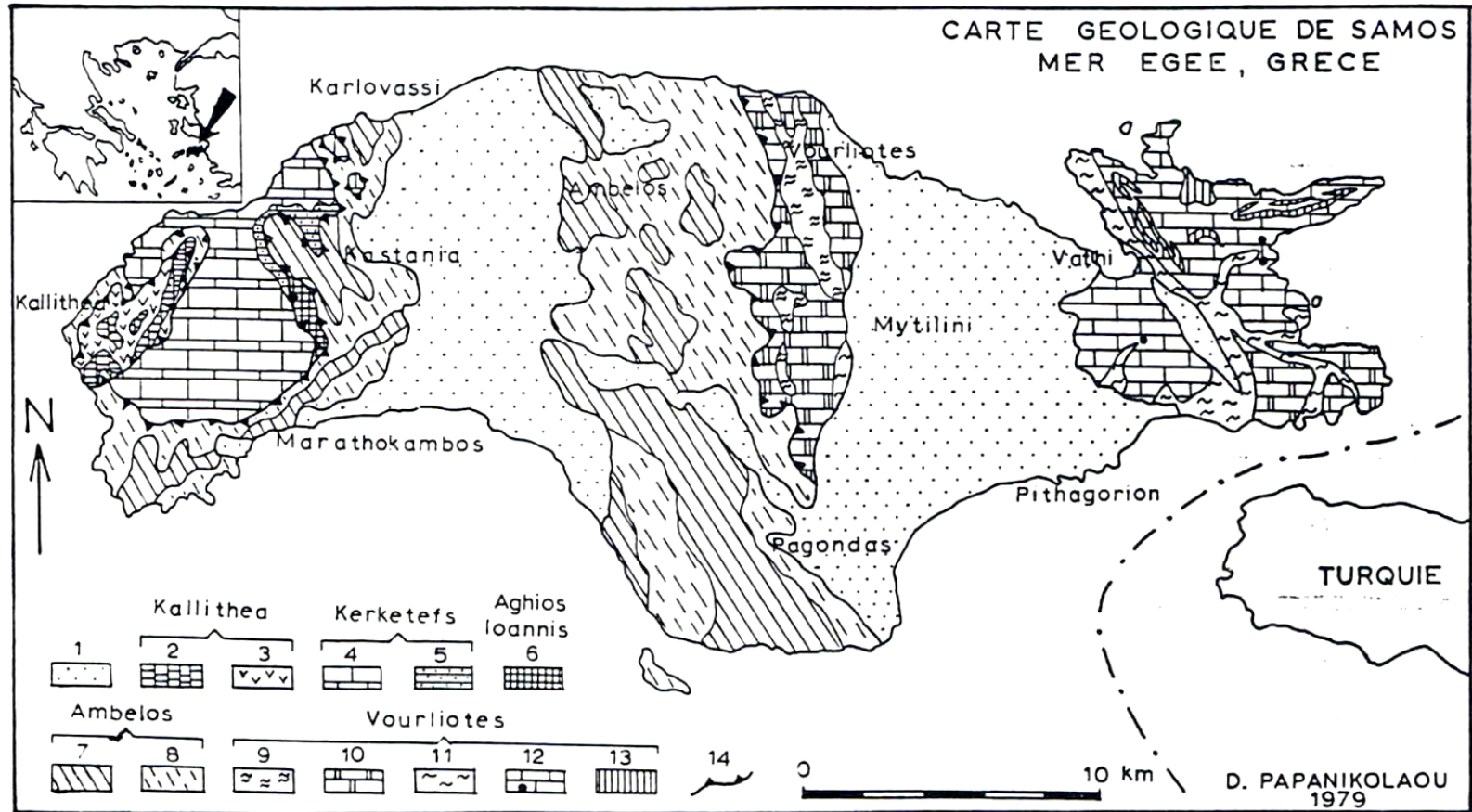


Geological Map of Samos Island  
compiled by *Theodoropoulos (1979)* and published by *Institute of Geology and Mineral Exploration*





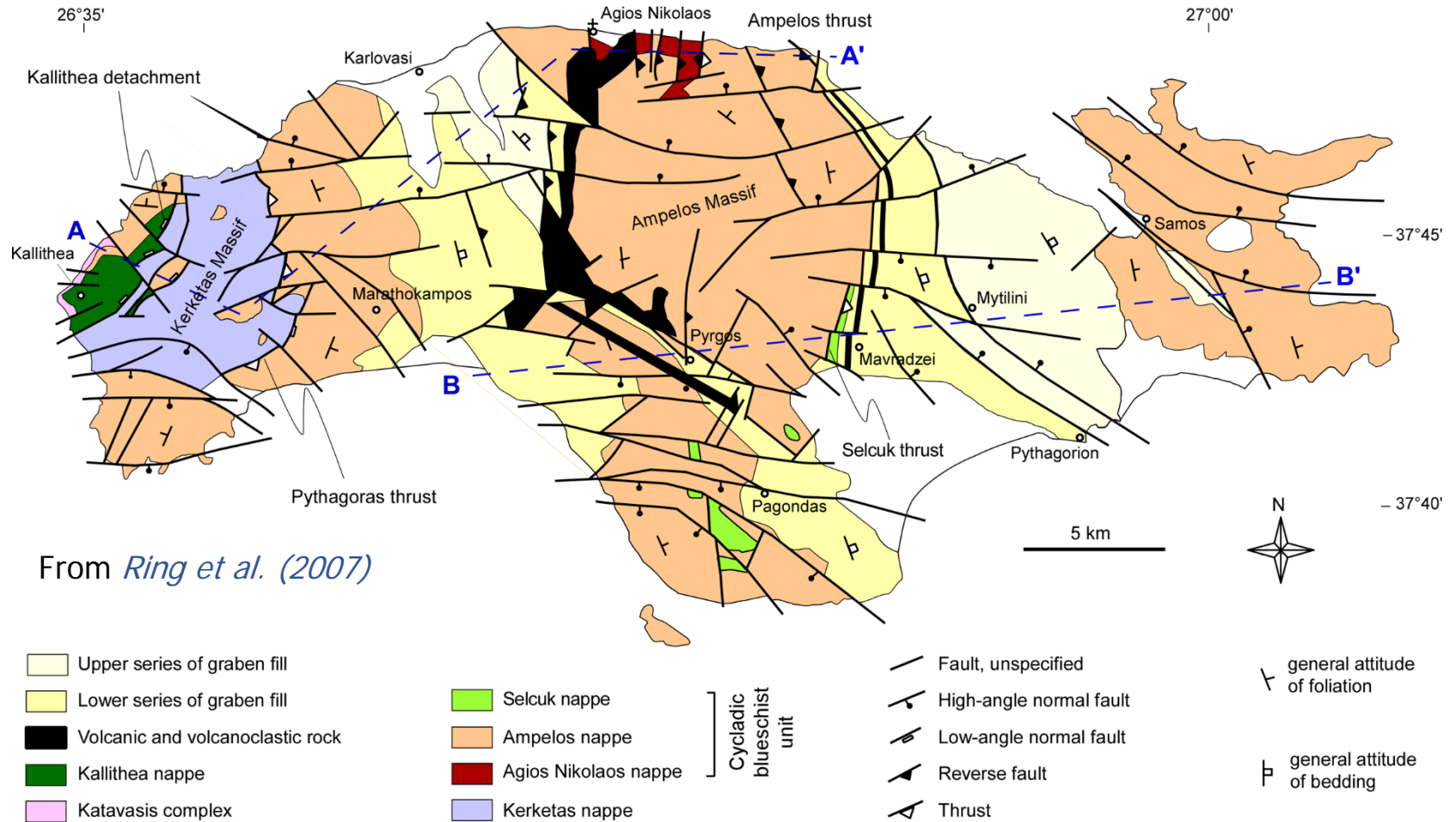
## GEOLOGY OF SAMOS



**1:** Neogene deposits, **2:** Eastern Triadic - Jurassic limestones, **3:** radiolarites, sandstones and limestones of the Middle - Upper Triadic, **4:** Kerketeas marbles, **5:** Kerketeas phyllites, **6:** metamorphic formations of Agios Ioannis, **7:** Ampelos marbles, **8:** Ampelos slates, **9:** Vourliotes lower slates, **10:** Vourliotes lower marbles, **11:** Vourliotes intermediate slates, **12:** Vourliotes upper marbles, **13:** Vourliotes upper marbles, **14:** Thrust.



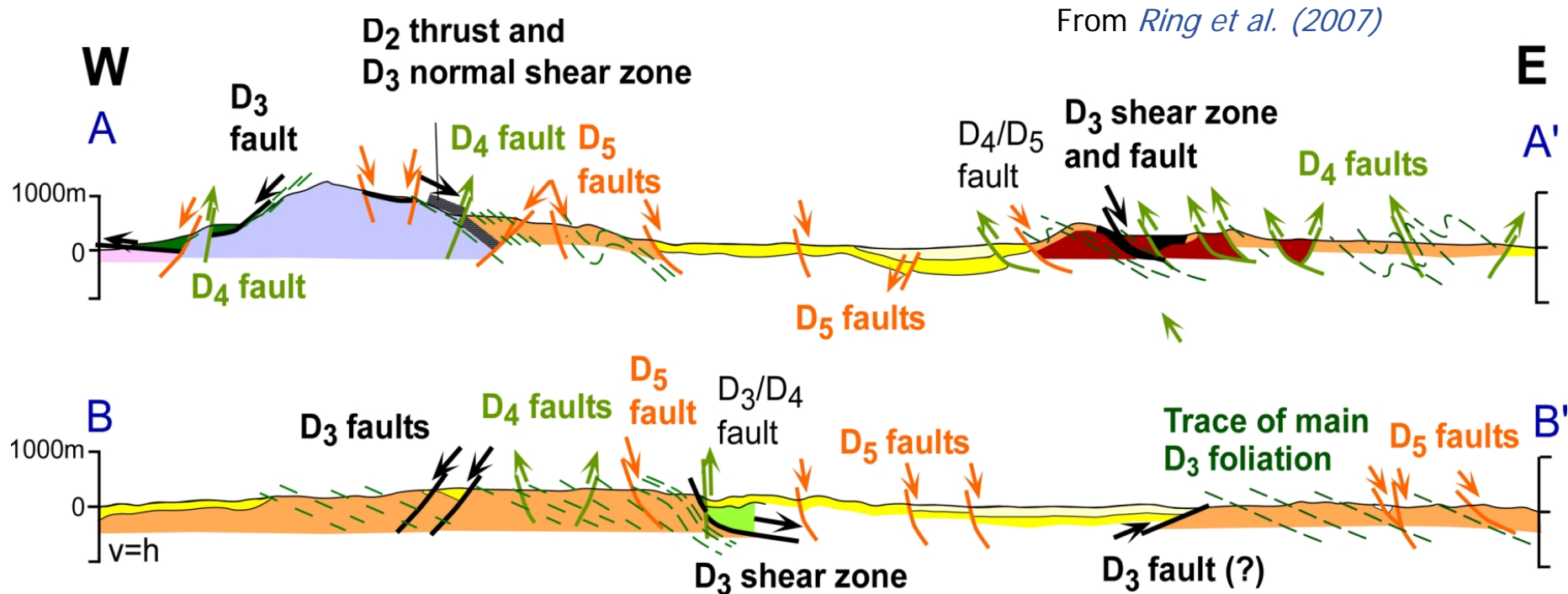
## GEOLOGICAL MAP OF SAMOS



Lower series of graben fill comprise Basal Conglomerate, Pythagorion and Hora Formations. Upper series of graben fill include Mytilini and Kokkarion Formations. The D1 Ampelos and Selçuk thrusts are the basal thrusts of the Ampelos and Selçuk nappes, respectively.



## GENERAL ARCHITECTURE OF SAMOS & IMPORTANT TECTONIC CONTACTS



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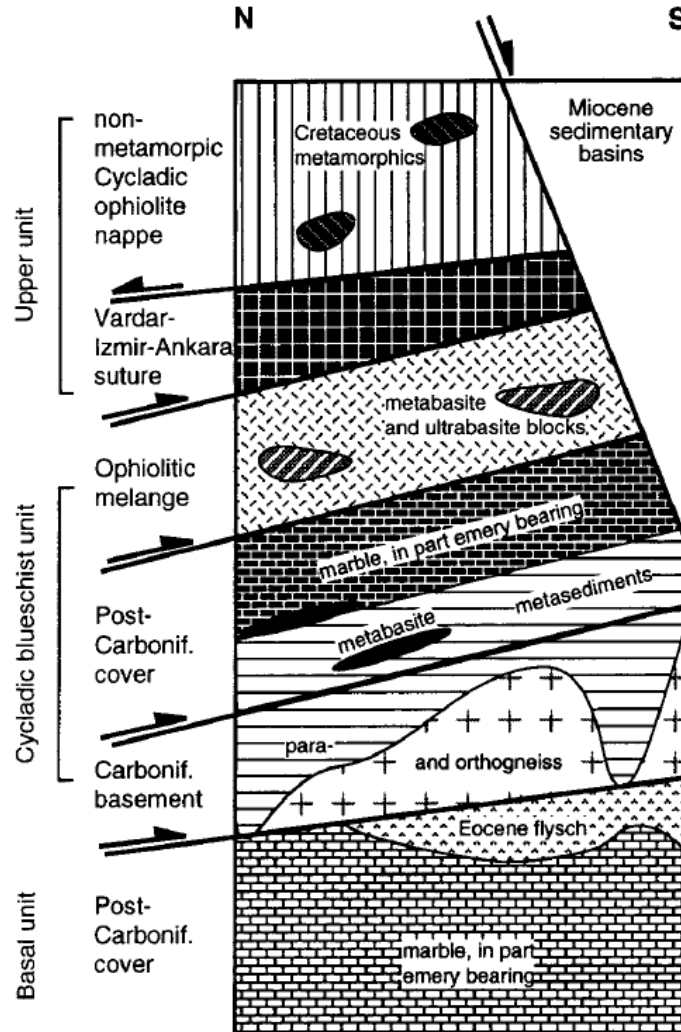
The D2 Pythagoras thrust put the Cycladic blueschist unit on top of the Kerketas nappe. The Kallithea detachment is a late-D3 low-angle normal fault. Widespread Middle and mainly Late Miocene volcanic and volcanoclastic rocks occur at the eastern and northeastern margin of the Karlovasi and Pyrgos graben. Subordinate volcanics also occur at the western side of the Mytilini basin. Numerous reverse (D4) and normal (D5) faults with a listric geometry overprinted all earlier ductile contacts.





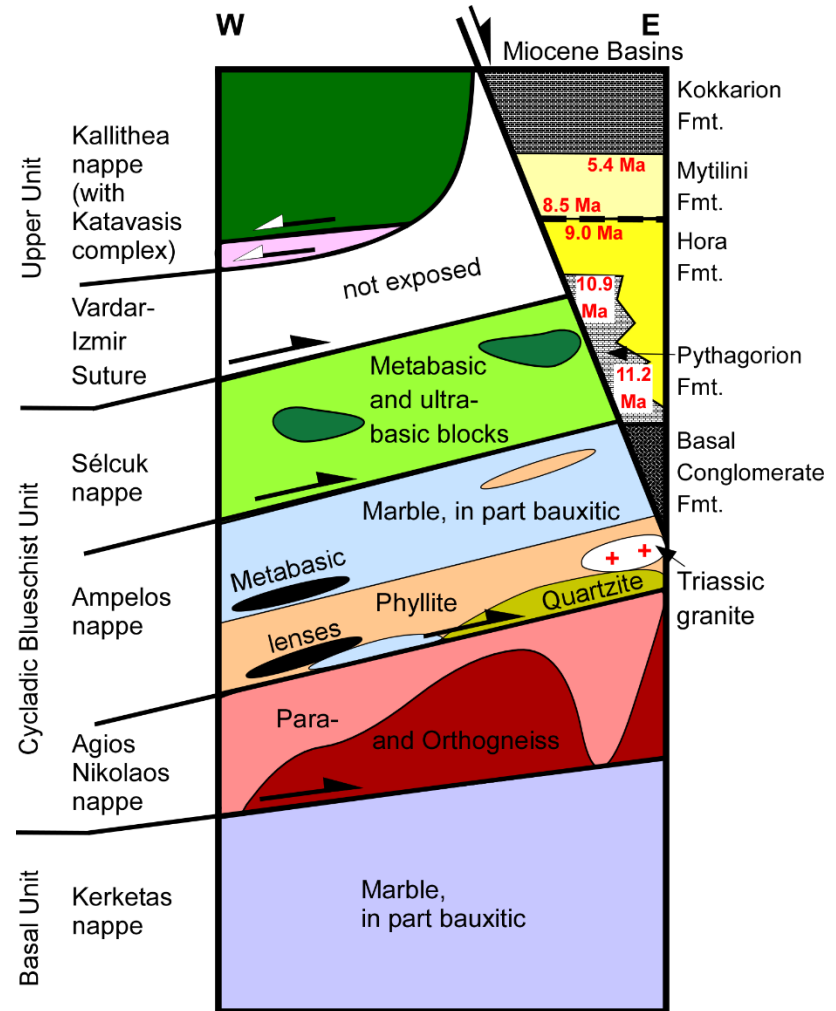
## IDEALIZED COMPARATIVE TECTONOSTRATIGRAPHIC COLUMNS

### AEGEAN NAPPE PILE



From *Ring et al. (1999)*

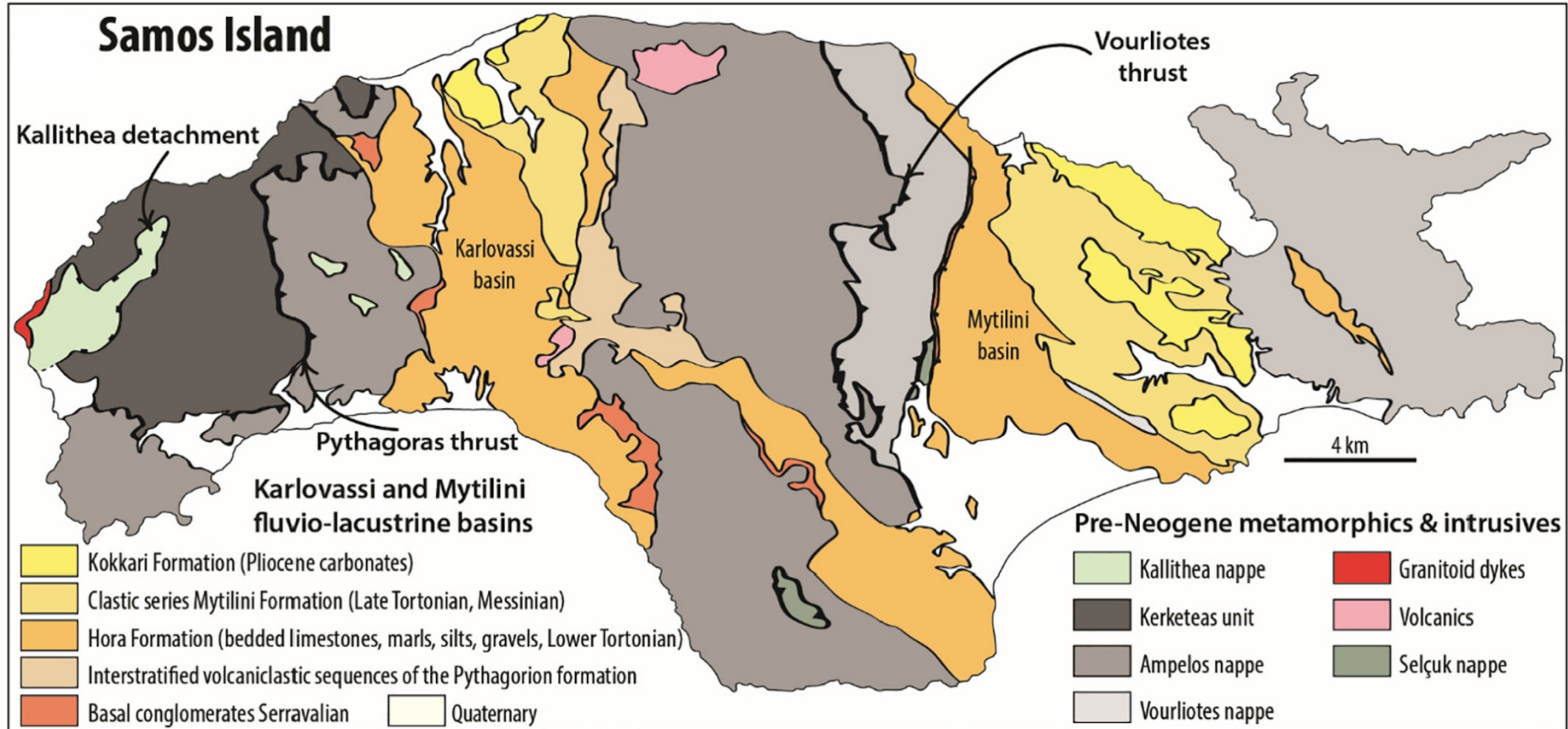
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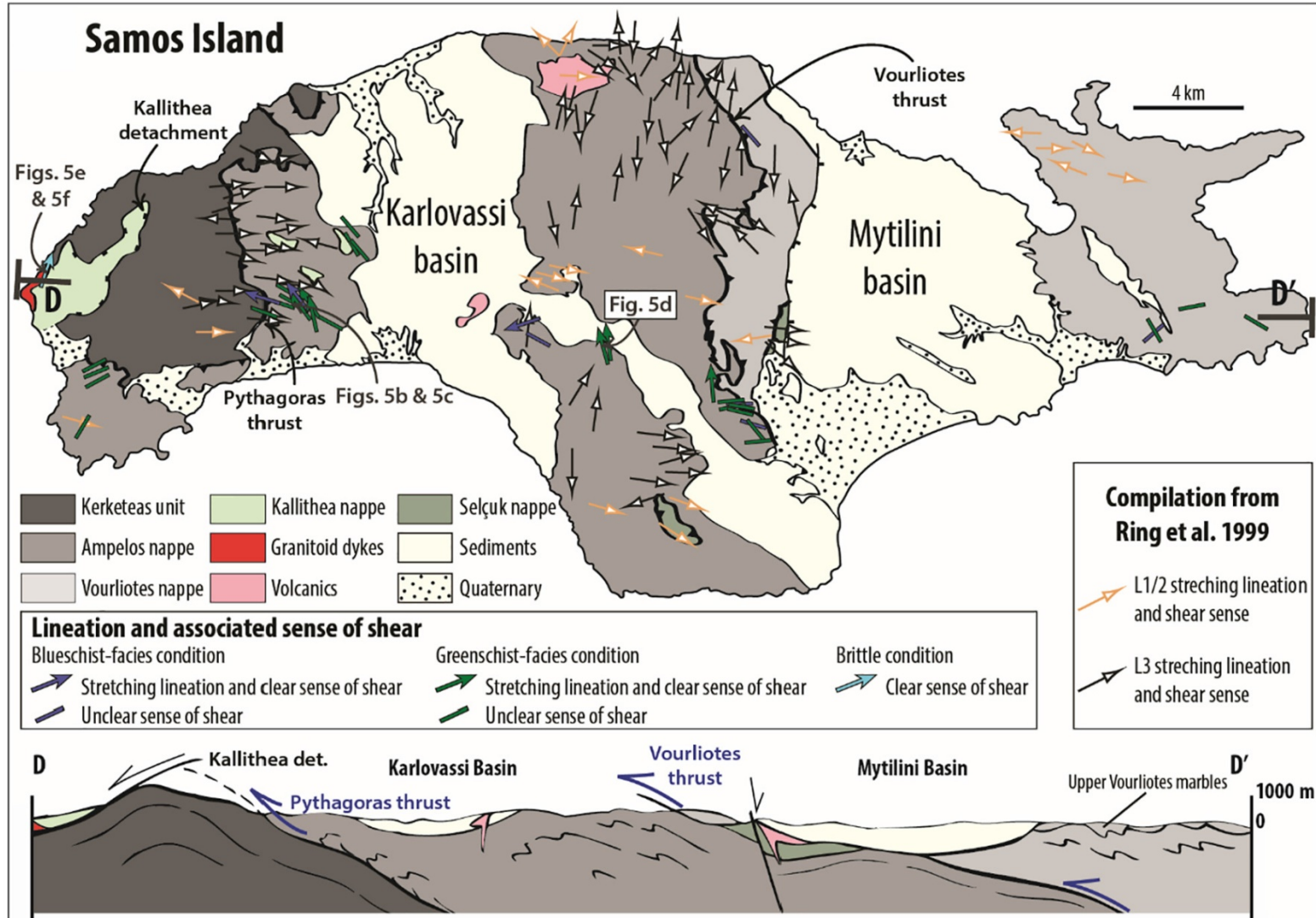


## GEOLOGICAL MAP OF SAMOS





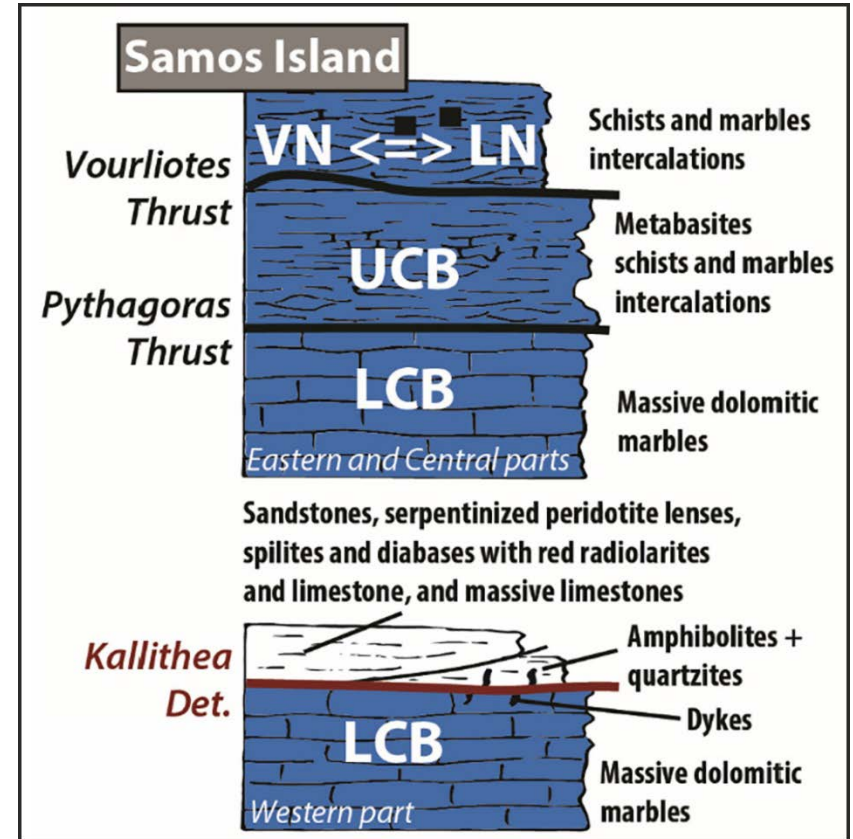
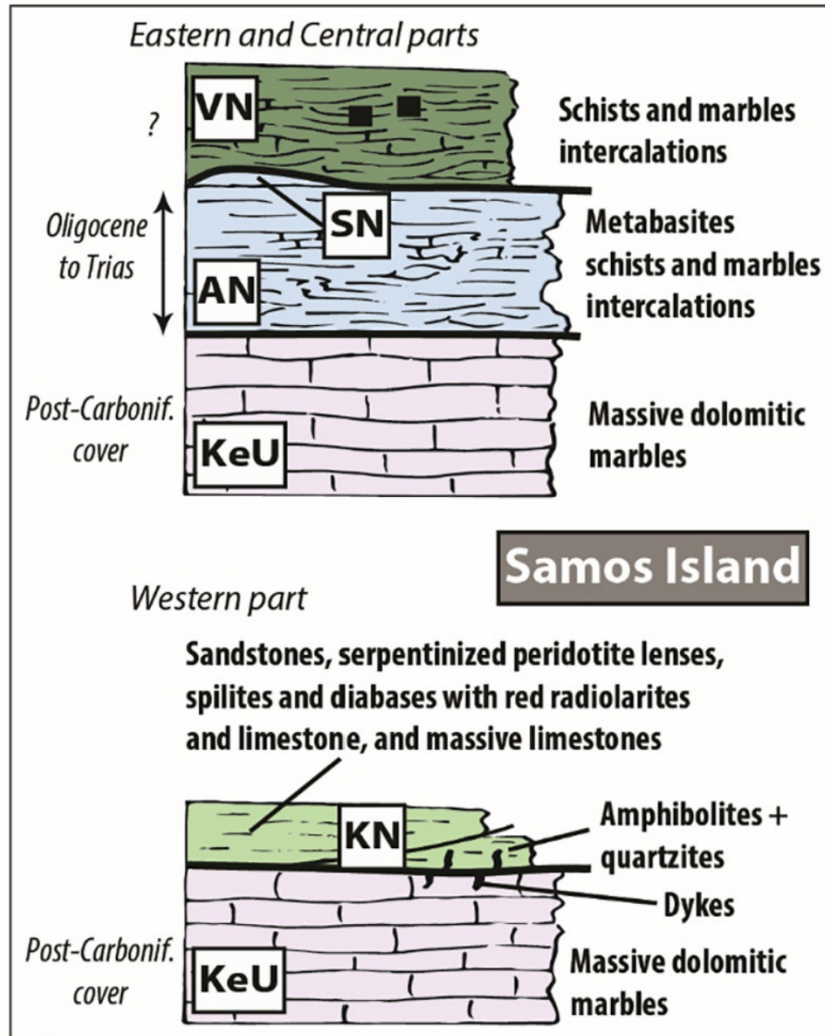
## UNITS AND NAPPE OF SAMOS ISLAND







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**AN** (Ampelos nappe); **KeU** (Kerketas unit); **KN** (Kallithea nappe); **LCB** (Lower Cycladic Blueschist Nappe); **SN** (Selçuk nappe); **UCB** (Upper Cycladic Blueschist Nappe); **VN** (Vourliotes nappe)



## UNITS AND NAPPE OF SAMOS ISLAND



Panoramic view of Kerketeas Mt from the East (Noechori village). It is located at the western part of Samos. It is composed of white to grey, medium to thick bedded and sometimes unbedded, coarse-crystalline marbles, which are strongly faulted. Their visible thickness exceeds 1500 m. Pythagoras thrust is observed at the eastern part of the mountain, separating the Kerketeas nappe from the overlying Ampelos nappe comprising marbles and slates. The Neogene formations of Karlovasi basin can be also observed in the lowland.





## UNITS AND NAPPES OF SAMOS ISLAND



SE

NW

Mytilinii basin fill

Ampelos Mt

Kerketeas Mt

Vathy Bay

Partial view of the formations of the Mytilinii basin fill, the Ampelos Mt comprising the Ampelos nappe at the central part of Samos island and the Kerketeas peak under the clouds. Photos taken from Vathy port.





## CURRENT STRESS REGIME AND ACTIVE FAULTS OF SAMOS

The current stress regime was initiated in Pliocene-Quaternary (Mountrakis et al., 2003) and is associated with the regional Aegean Sea NNE-SSW trending extension. As a result of this extension, new E-W striking faults were formed, while older NW-SE and NE-SW faults were also reactivated as strike-slip faults (Mountrakis et al., 2003).

Recent studies comprising field surveys and neotectonic mapping describe 15 **main faults** dissecting Samos:

1. Pythagorion fault
2. Marathokampos-Kerketeas fault
3. Kyparision faults
4. Kokari-Vathy fault
5. Karlovasi-Drakei fault
6. Vathy-Zoothohos Pigi fault
7. Paleokastron-Posidonion fault
8. Kotsikas-Psili Ammos fault
9. Mitilini fault
10. Zervou fault
11. Myloi-Pyrgos fault

12. Faults of Pagonda-Iraion and Tsopela
13. Ydrousa fault
14. Mani Evangelistrias faults
15. Limniona faults

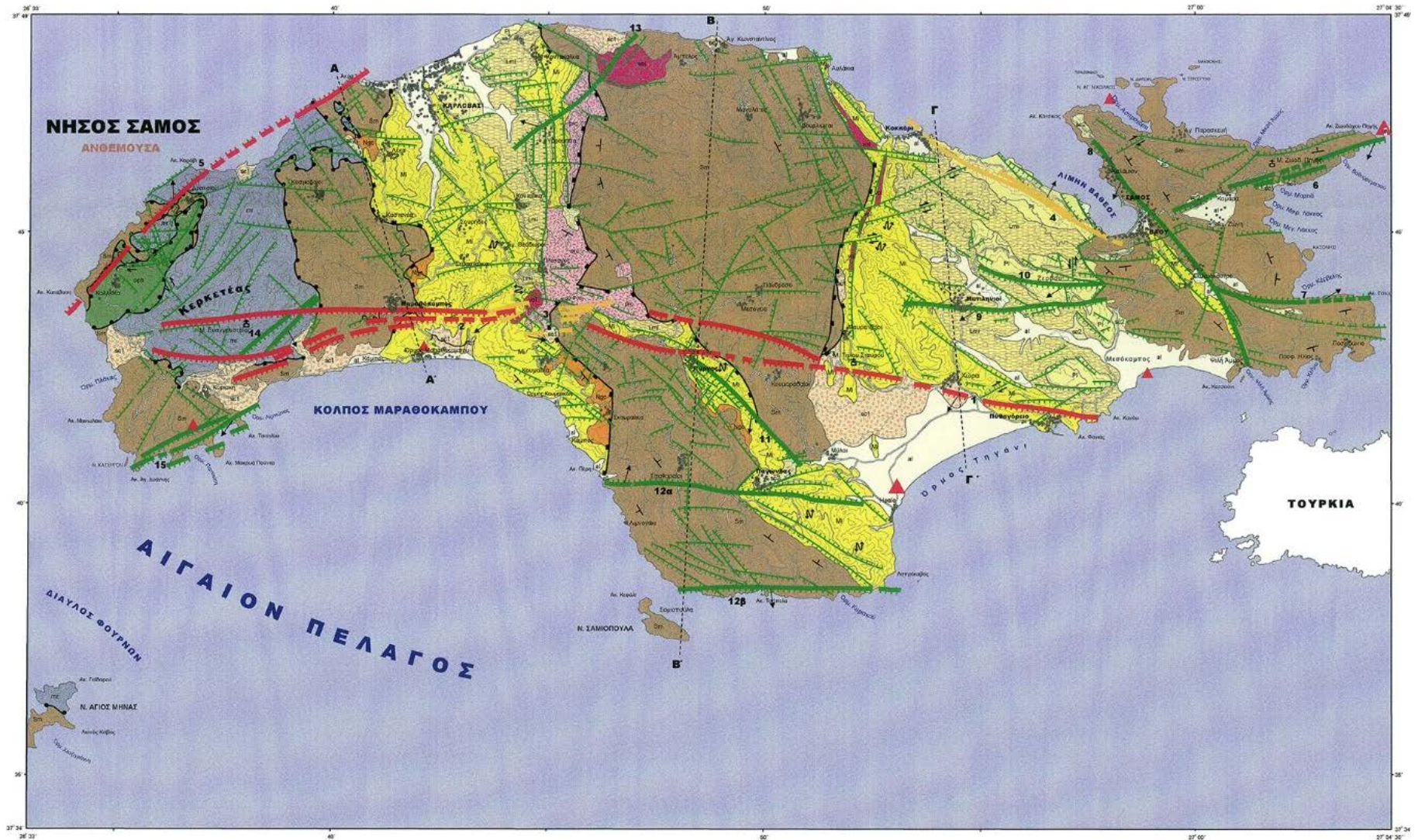
The **active faults** of Samos are the following:

1. the **Karlovasi fault** that defines the northwestern coastline of the island,
2. the **Marathokampos fault** that is almost parallel to the southwest coastline of the island,
3. the **Pythagorion fault** which is the most characteristic extends from its southeastern shores to Mount Ampelos,
4. the **Vathy fault** that partially defines the northeastern coast of the island and finally
5. the **Northern Samos offshore fault** that forms a very deep basin northwest of Samos

From *Mountrakis et al. (2006)*, *Pavlidis et al. (2009)* and *Chatzipetros et al. (2013)*



## NEOTECTONIC MAP OF SAMOS







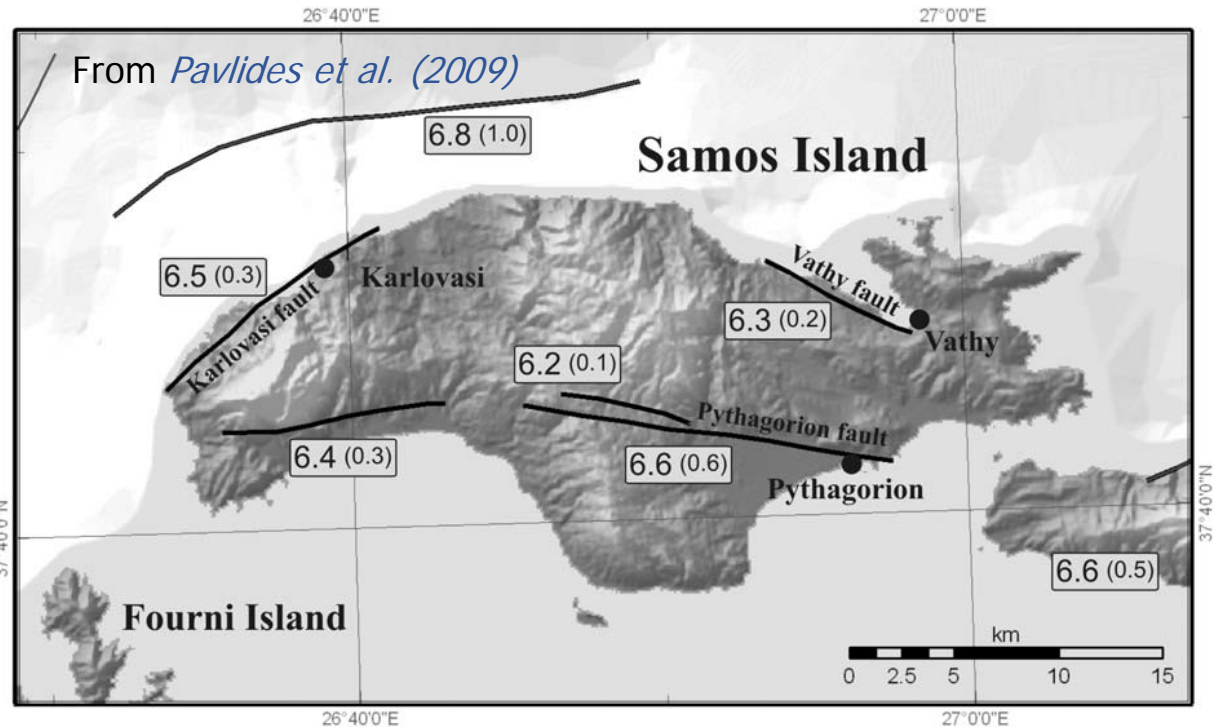
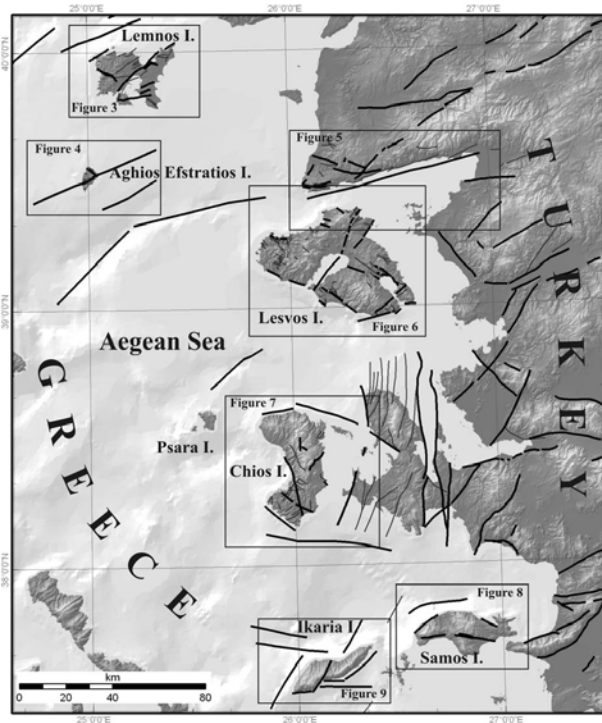
## NEOTECTONIC MAP OF SAMOS LEGEND

POST-ALPINE FORMATIONS	
QUATERNARY	
	Alluvial deposits, valley deposits, torrential deposits: sands, silts, pebbles, gravels, sand-gravels.
	Recent scree deposits, consolidated or not.
	Old scree deposits, consolidated, consisting mainly of fragments of metamorphic rocks (Quaternary undivided).
NEOGENE	
PLIOCENE	
	Upper non-clastic series of sediments: limestone of lacustrine facies, travertines and locally marly-limestones.
UPPER MIOCENE (TUROLIAN)	
	Middle clastic series of sediments: conglomerates, rebbles, sandstones, marly sandstones, marly and limestones. Continental fluvio-terrestrial, lacustrine - lagoonal sediments.
MID-UPPER MIOCENE (VALLESIAN)	
	Lower non-clastic series of sediments: marly, marly-limestones, travertines, sandy-marls.
	Pyroclastic materials.
	Conglomerates of the base of Neogene sediments.
	Volcanic rocks, 4-11 Ma (Late Miocene - Early Pliocene).
ALPINE AND PRE-ALPINE FORMATIONS	
	Upper tectonic unit of Samos: consisting of schists (glaucofane-, mica-, epidote-) sericite phyllites, quartzites and intercalations of marbles.
	Lower tectonic unit of Kerketeas: consisting of marbles, cipolines and dolomites, which outcrops as tectonic window exhumated under the schists of the upper unit and the ophiolites.
	Kallithea unit: tectonic unit, consisting of ophiolites and Mesozoic limestones, initially thrust on the Kerketeas unit.
	Strike and dip of bedding and foliation.
	Location of folded Miocene sediments.
	Normal faults. Ticks on the downthrown block.
	Very important faults (large faults) for which there is no evidence or indication that they are active.
	Slip vector of normal-oblique normal movement on the fault surface.
	Strike-slip movement.
	Detachment faults.
	Basin's boundary faults.
	Index numbering of the faults of the explanatory note
	Active Faults
	Probable Active Faults
	Inactive Faults
Colour-coding of the faults, according to the EPPG specifications (1980).	





## ACTIVE FAULTS AND EARTHQUAKE POTENTIAL IN SAMOS ISLAND

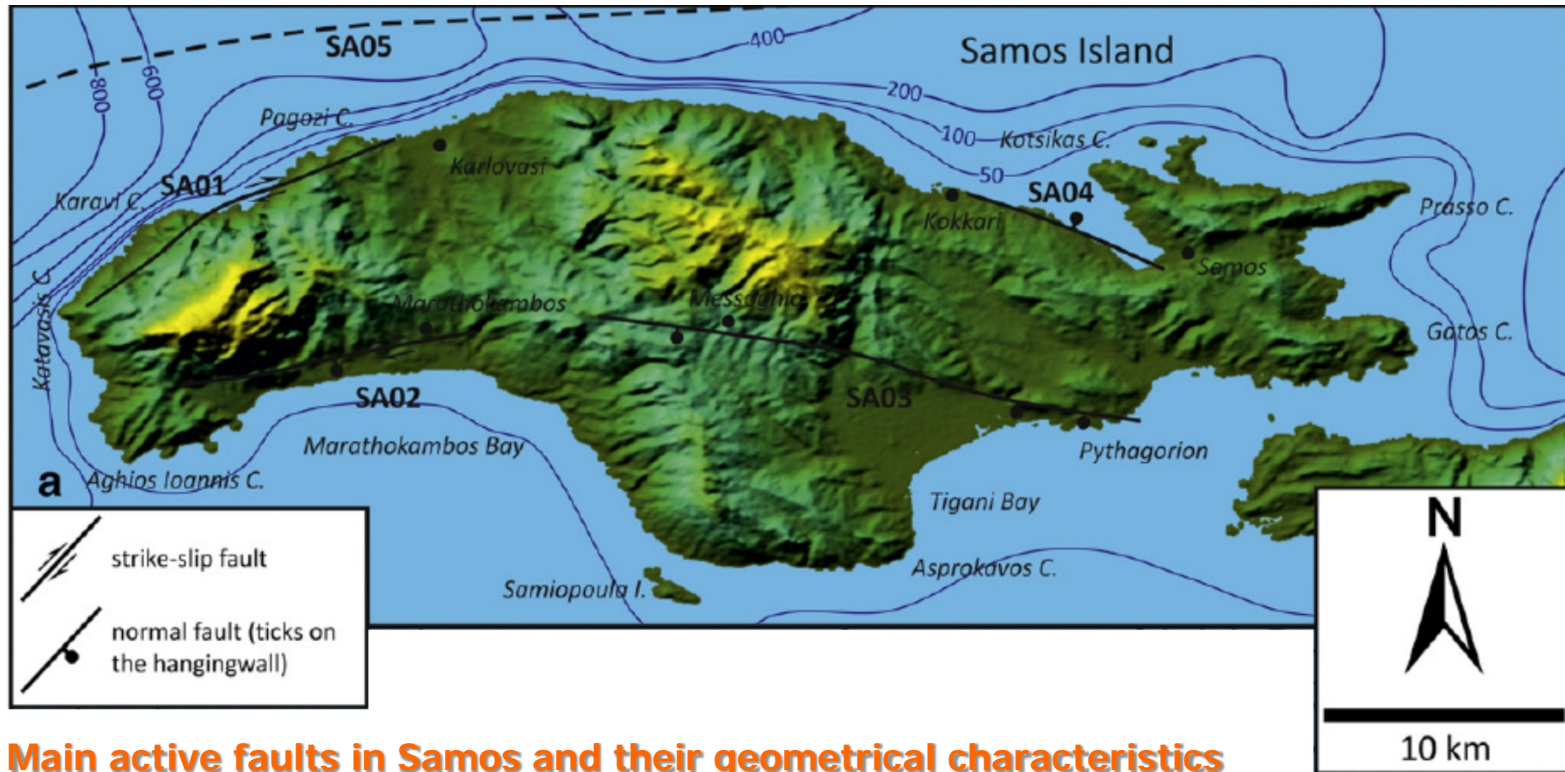


Samos has been shaped by major faults with clear neotectonic character and significant length:

- The **Pythagorion fault**, striking WNW-ESE, is the prominent fault of the island having earthquake potential on the order of **6.6**. Pythagorio village is mainly situated on the hanging-wall and partly on the fault trace, so this fault is essential for possible activation.
- The **Vathy** and **Karlovasi faults** (earthquake potential **6.3** and **6.5** respectively) define the linear shorelines. However, the dip direction (to the NE and NW respectively) decrease seismic hazard for occupied areas.
- There is a **major offshore fault north of Samos** with earthquake potential of **6.8** and great possibility of future seismic source.



## ACTIVE FAULTS IN SAMOS ISLAND



**Main active faults in Samos and their geometrical characteristics**

Code	Name	Sense	Dip direction (°)		Dip (°)	Strike (°)		Length (km)	Max. mag.
			(min)	(max)		min	max		
SA01	Karlovassi	D	315	330	75	180	210	12.9	6.4 (W&C)
SA02	Marathokambos	ND	160	180	70	220	250	10.8	6.4 (P&C)
SA03a	Pythagorion fault zone (Pythagorion segment)	N	190	200	45	260	280	18.0	6.6 (P&C)
SA04	Vathy	N	20	40	50	260	280	7.9	6.3 (P&C)
SA05	North Samos	N	310	350	40	240	280	26.6	6.8 (P&C)

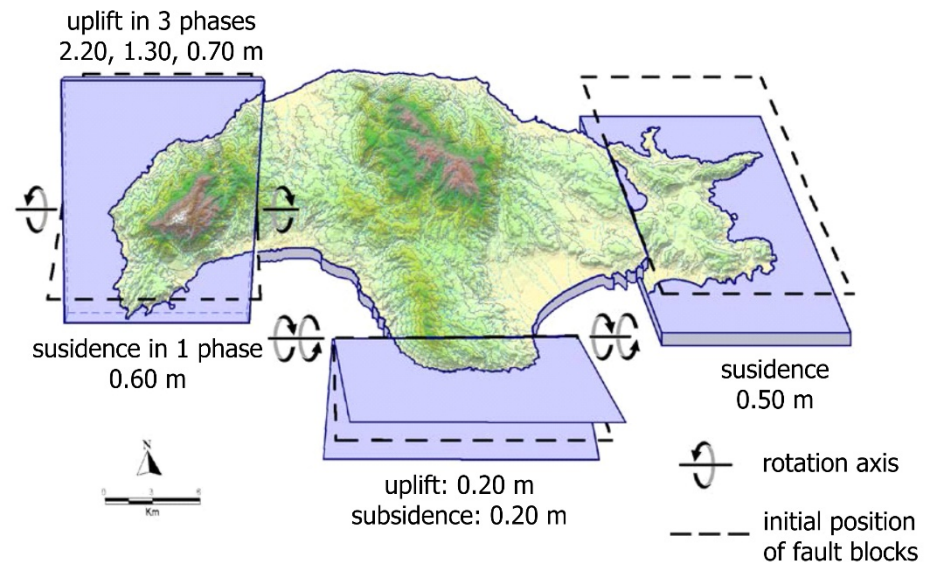
## MAIN FAULT BLOCKS OF SAMOS – ROTATION AND TILTING

Samos consists of 4 different fault blocks with different tectonic behavior:

- a) The **western fault block** has been rotated around an E-W trending horizontal axis. Its northern part has emerged during three main tectonic phases characterized by variations in their size, range and frequency. On the contrary, its southern part has been subsided into a single tectonic phase. The western part seems to have functioned as a tectonic dipole only in the last phase, with an uplift of 0.70 m on its northern side and a subsidence of 0.60m on its southern side. During the two older phases, the northern side behaved as an independent fault block. More specifically, this fault block rotated around an E-W trending axis, in a clockwise direction, while the southern part of the western side remained stable. To the east, this fault block is bordered by the fault zone along the western margin of the Karlovasi basin.
- b) The **southern part of central Samos**, is a second fault block that has undergone successive phases of uplift and subsidence of the order of 0.20 m around an E-W trending

axis. The uplift has been considered older, while the subsidence recent. The northern boundary of this fault block coincides with the E-W trending fault zone passing through Limnonaki area, while the eastern and western boundaries coincides with the eastern and western fault zones of the Karlovassi and Mytilinioí basin respectively.

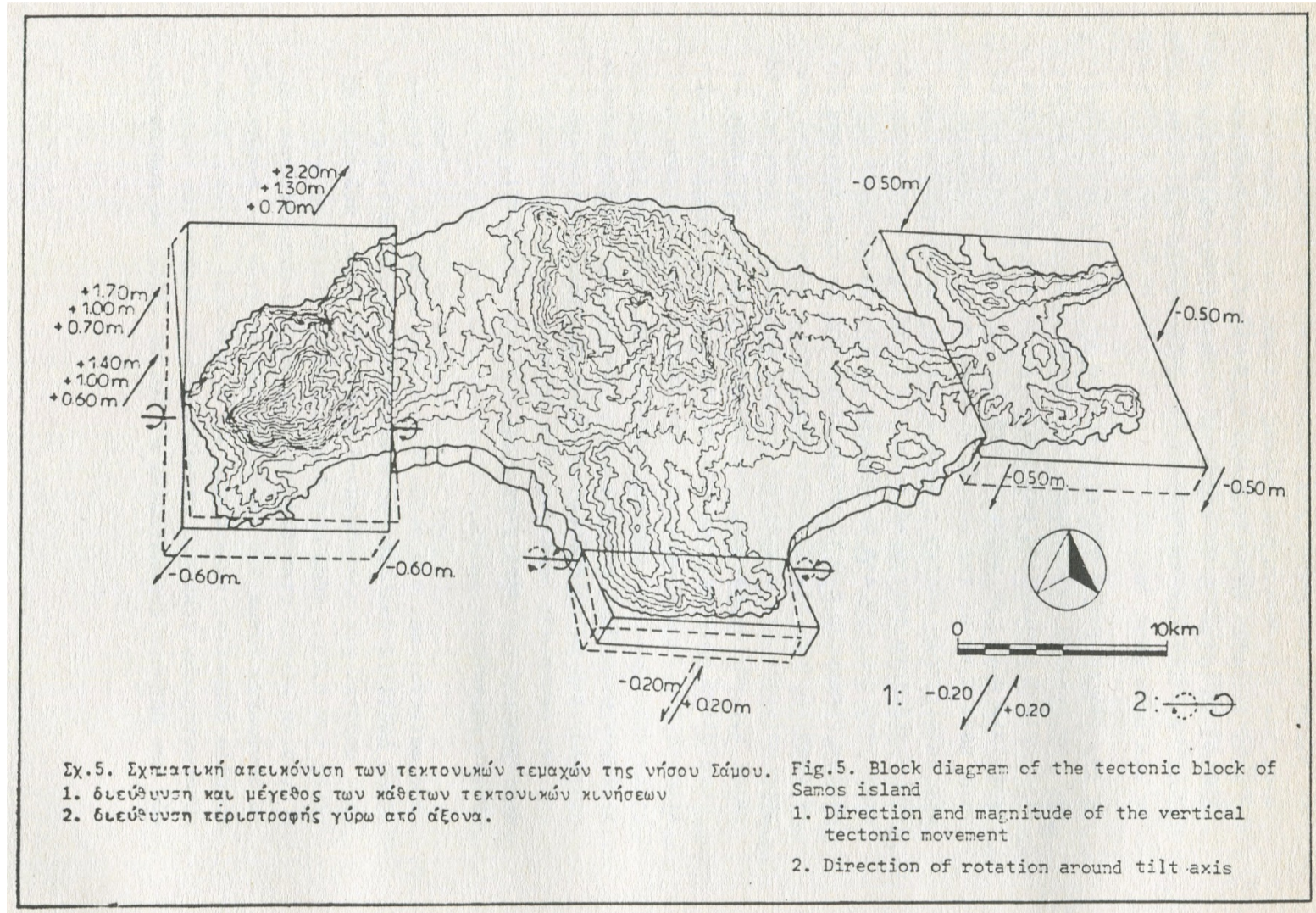
- c) The **eastern fault block** has suffered a total subsidence of 0.50 m. The western boundary of this fault block coincides with the Vathy – Psili Ammos fault zone.







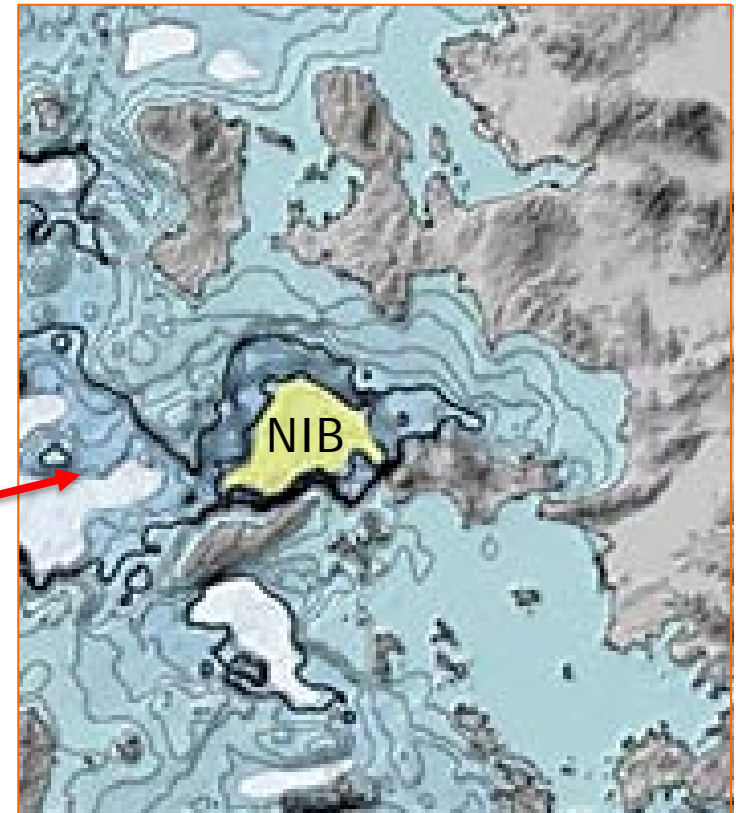
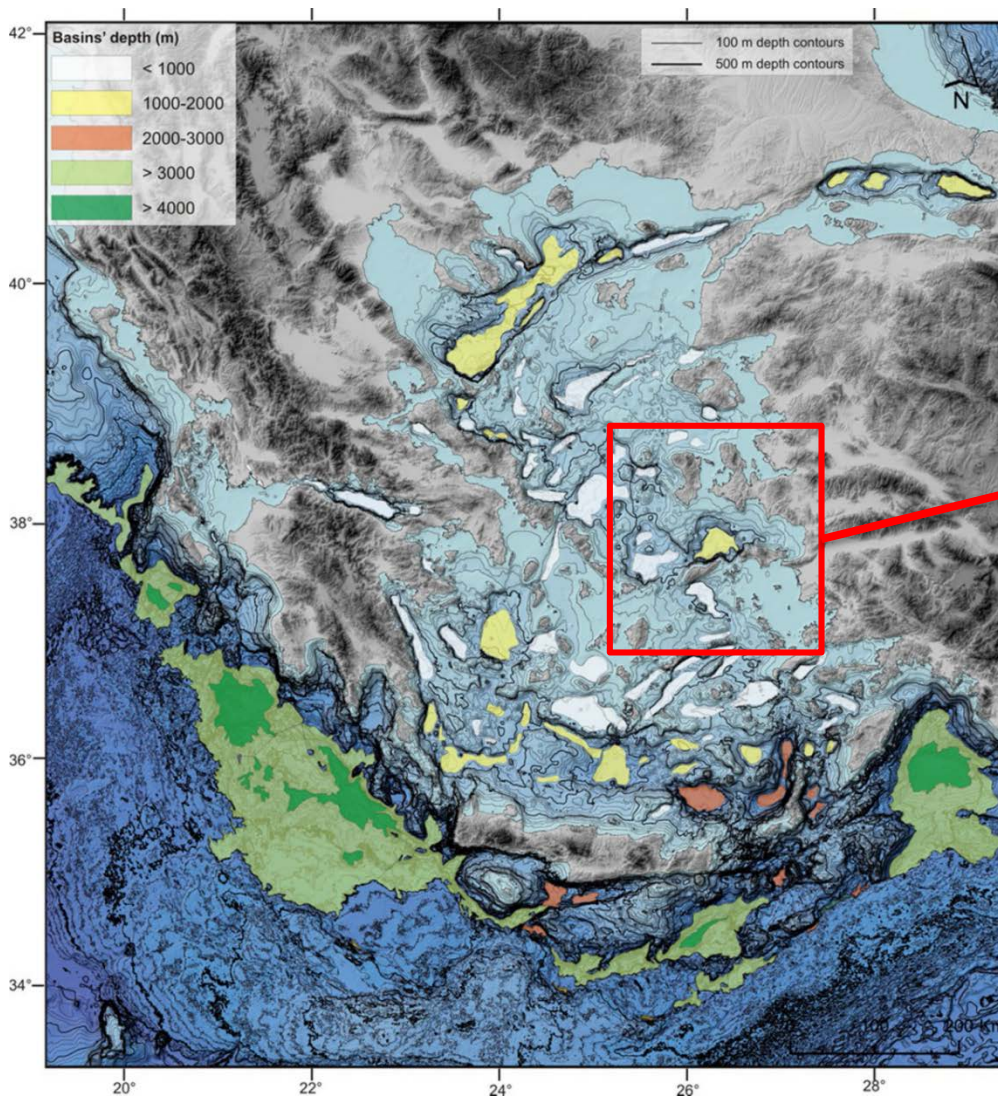
## ROTATION AND TILTING OF FAULT BLOCKS IN SAMOS







## FAULTS AND BLOCKS OFFSHORE NORTHERN SAMOS



The main basin formed and developed north of Samos is the North Ikaria Basin (NIB)

From *Sakellariou and Tsampouraki (2018)*





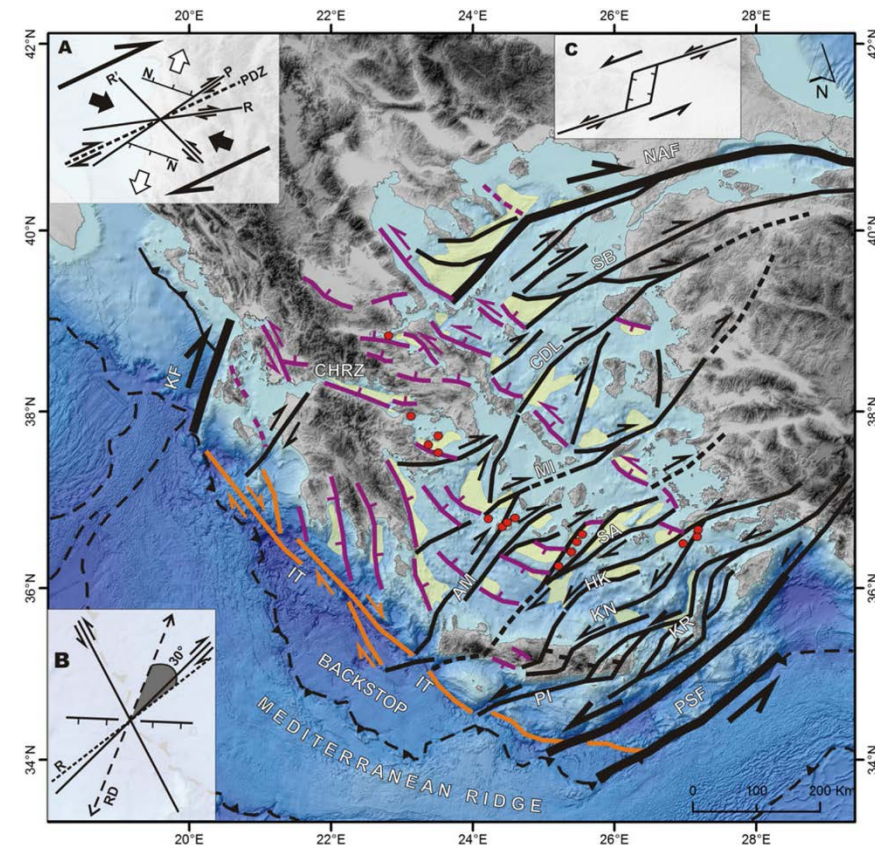
## FAULTS AND BLOCKS OFFSHORE NORTHERN SAMOS



▲ The main basin formed and developed north of Samos is the North Ikaria Basin (NIB) consists of a Plio-Quaternary, wide, asymmetric depression bounded to the south by major en echelon arranged faults, which imply a transcurrent component (Mascle and Martin, 1990).

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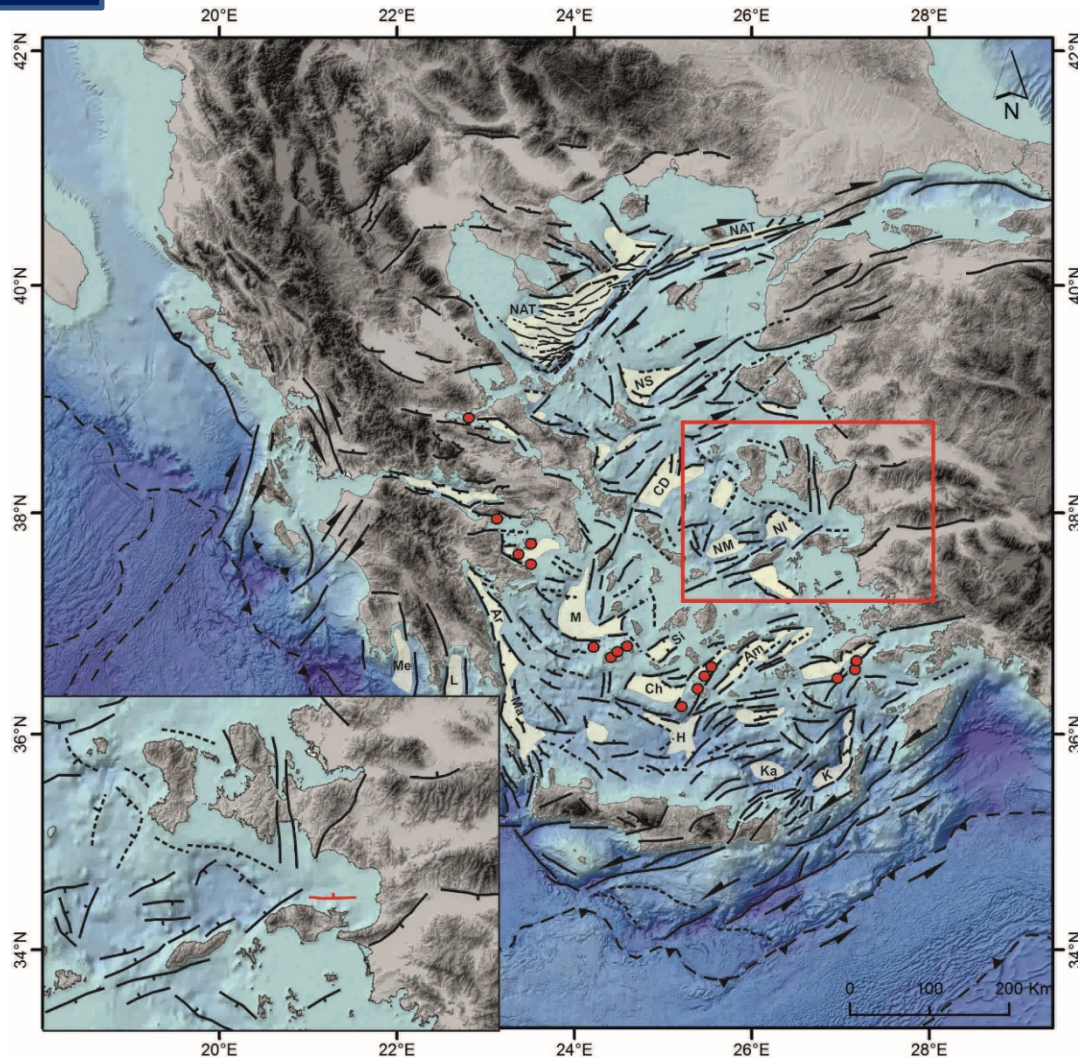
▼ Strike-slip deformation is evident on the Samos Island, on the southern margin of the NIB. NNE-SSW-directed extension has resulted in the creation of E-W faults and the reactivation of older NW-SE and NE-SW faults as strike-slip ones (Chatzipetros et al., 2013).







## FAULTS AND BLOCKS OFFSHORE NORTHERN SAMOS



The earthquake affected area of the Eastern Aegean Sea is highlighted with the red frame, while the causative fault is located in northern Samos.

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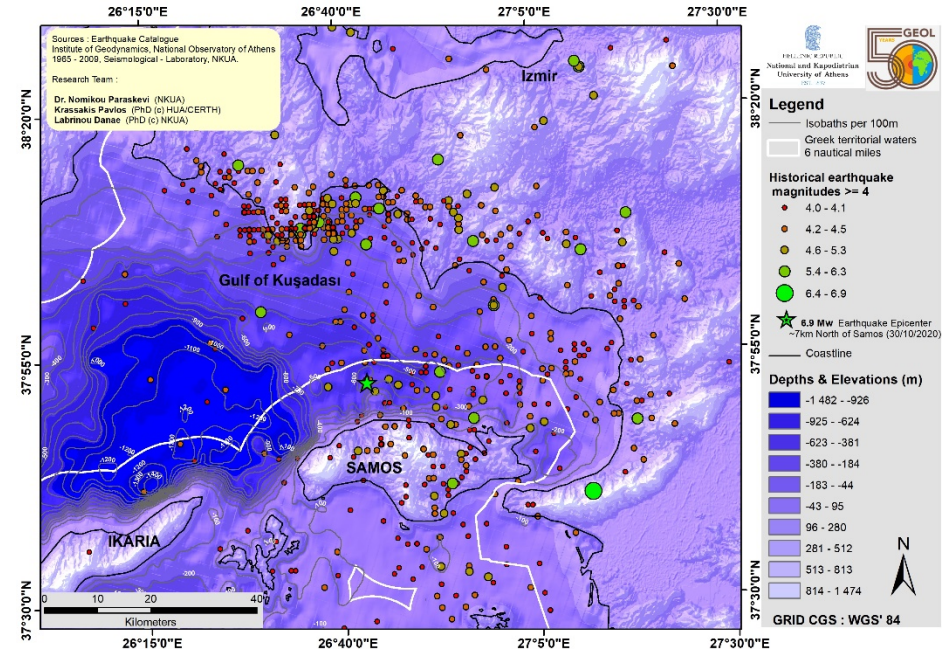


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The seabed morphology of the **Kusadasi Bay** located north of Samos is gentle with sparse and wide isobaths that gradually lower the seabed of the basin from S to N. It is characterized by E-W direction, following the E-W trending major axis of Samos with a length of about 40 km from Kerketeas Mt in its western part to Profitis Ilias in its eastern end. It shows a wider range of slopes to the north. The flat horizontal part of the basin is observed at a depth of -600 m and occupies a small area in its central part. The continental shelf develops mainly on the northern slopes of the Gulf up to 100m, while it has limited extend on the southern slopes, north of Samos where steep morphological slopes are observed due to the existence of the marginal fault.

The **Kusadasi Bay** is characterized by asymmetry in its slopes. The slopes in the northern part (towards Turkey) are gentle, while slopes in the southern part (towards Samos) are steep. The steep relief of NW Samos (Mount Kerketeas) continues underwater at depths up to -1160m according to the denser arrangement of isobaths and the abrupt change in the seabed morphology. The thickening

## SEABED MORPHOLOGY NORTH OF SAMOS



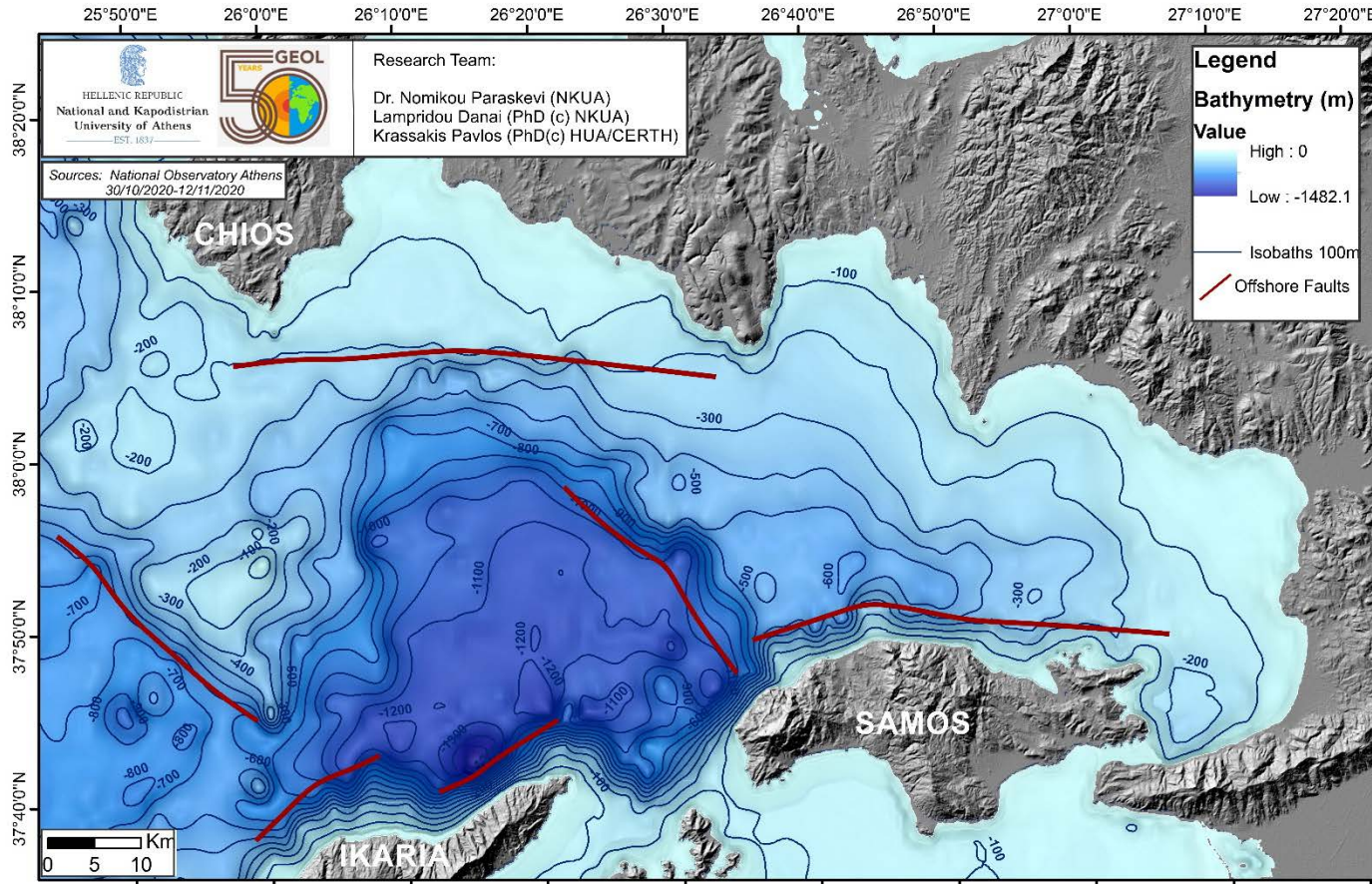
of the isobaths reveals a more intense relief with moderate morphological slopes ( $\sim 10^\circ$ ), which decreases as we approach the flat part of the basin that does not exceed -600m depth. The northern part of the basin has a smooth seabed relief without depth fluctuations with gradual increase up to the flat part of the basin.





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The **central basin of the Ikarian Sea**, formed north of Ikaria, presents a rectangular arrangement with length of 52 km in NE-SW direction and length of 47 km in NW-SE direction. Its southern slopes show large morphological slopes ( $\sim 20^\circ$ ), while its northern slopes are characterized by gentle morphological slopes. The deepest part of the basin is at -1430m and is observed on the south side of the basin, where it is bounded by ENE-WSW striking marginal faults.





## SEISMICITY IN SAMOS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

The wider area of Samos is seismically active as not only recent but also historical earthquakes have struck the island with considerable damage on the local population, the natural environment, the buildings and the infrastructures. Characteristic example is the **August 11, 1904**, Samos earthquake with **Mw=6.8** and **I=VIII** and **July 16, 1955**, Samos earthquake with **Mw=6.9** and **I=VII**.

The **1904 earthquake** is very similar to the October 30, 2020 event. This earthquake caused damage to the villages of Ano Vathy, Chora, Pyrgos, Koumaeika, Skouraeika, Kontaeika and Agia Triada, which are built on recent deposits. In Chora, hundreds of buildings and the great monastery of the Holy Trinity were destroyed. Damages were generated throughout the island. The earthquake caused 4 fatalities and 7 injured. In Samos, 540 houses were completely destroyed. It was strongly felt in Patmos, where it also caused damage, as well as in Chios, Ikaria and Western Asia Minor (Smyrni, Nea Ephesus, Phocaea, Aydin). It was also strongly felt in Santorini and Naxos and slightly felt in Athens. It was moderately felt in Suez and the Red Sea. The main earthquake was followed by

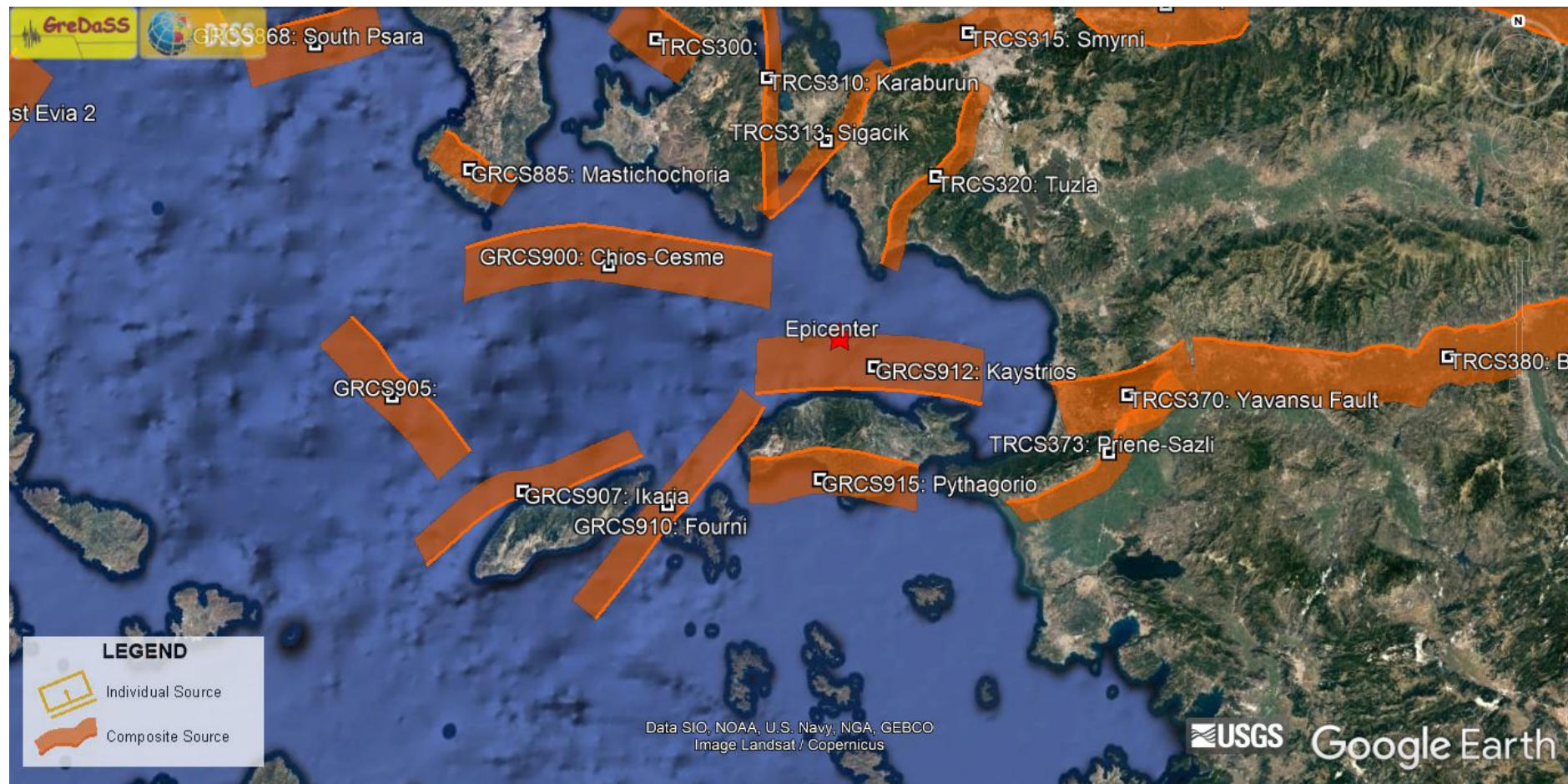
aftershocks, the largest of which occurred on the August 12 and 18 as well as on October 6 and aggravated damage induced by the mainshock.

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## SEISMOGENIC SOURCES IN EASTERN AEGEAN & WESTERN TURKEY BASED ON THE GREEK DATABASE OF SEISMOGENIC SOURCES



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## SEISMOGENIC SOURCES IN SAMOS AREA BASED ON THE GREEK DATABASE OF SEISMOGENIC SOURCES



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## **HISTORICAL AND RECENT EARTHQUAKES IN SAMOS ISLAND**

Date of occurrence	Latitude N	Longitude E	Focal Depth	Magnitude	Intensity
200 BC	37.7	26.9	n	6.3	VIII (Samos)
47 AD	38.1	27.5	n	7.0	VIII (Samos)
1751, June 18	37.7	27.1	n	6.4	VIII (Samos)
1831, April 3	37.7	26.8	n	6.0	VII (Samos)
1846, June 13	37.6	27.0	n	6.0	VII (Samos)
1865, October 11	37.6	27.0	n	6.0	VII (Samos)
1868, May 3	37.6	26.9	n	6.0	VII (Samos)
1873, January 31	37.7	27.1	n	6.5	VII (Samos)
1875, July 5	37.7	26.9	n	< 6.0	V (Samos)
1877, October 14	37.7	27.0	n	6.0	VIII (Samos, Kokkari)
1893, March 12	38.0	27.2	n	6.6	VII (Samos)
1904, August 11	37.66	26.93	n	6.8	VIII (Samos)
1955, July 16	37.55	27.05	n	6.9	VII (Samos)



## **HISTORICAL AND RECENT EARTHQUAKES FELT IN SAMOS ISLAND**

From *Taxeidis (2003)*,  
*Ambraseys (2009)*

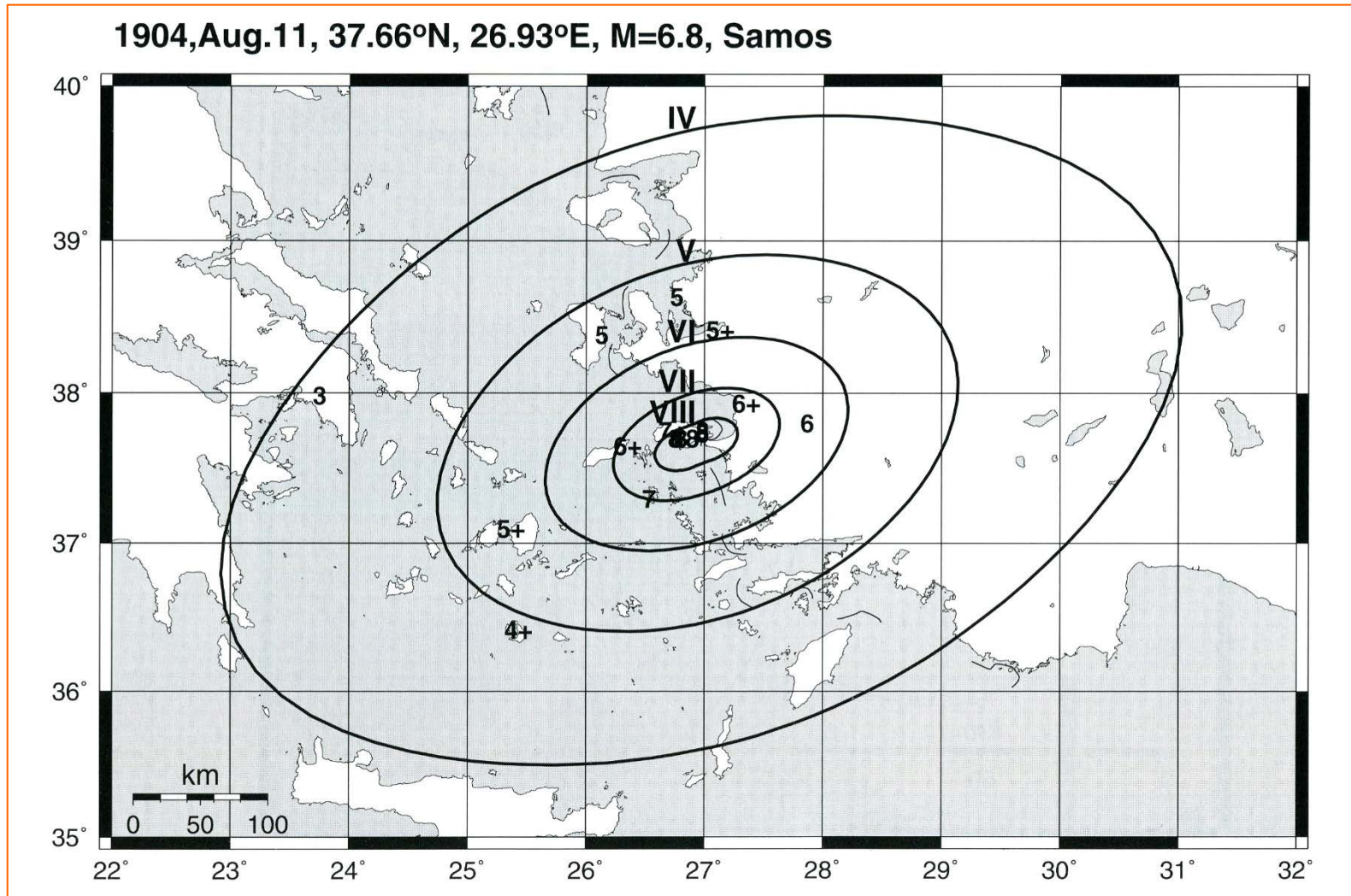
Date of occurrence	Epicentral area
<b>201-197 BC</b>	Samos
<b>46-47 AD</b>	Militus
<b>1733</b> , December 23	Aegean Sea
<b>1751</b> , June 18	Samos
<b>1766</b> , August 1	Samos
<b>1771</b> , September 1	Turgutlu
1771, November 19, 26	Turgutlu
<b>1804</b> , October 8	Samos
<b>1817</b> , October 30	Samos
1817, October 31	Izmir
<b>1831</b> , April 3	Samos
<b>1834</b> , July 25	Soke
<b>1845</b> , October 9	Samos
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1846, July 3	Samos
<b>1855</b> , February 18	Samos
<b>1860</b> , August 22	Saros
<b>1861</b> , January 20	Samos
<b>1863</b> , August 29	Samos
<b>1865</b> , September 8	Samos
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<b>1868</b> , April 18	Samos
1868, May 16	Samos
1868, August 9	Samos
<b>1869</b> , March 28	Samos
1869, May 31	Samos
<b>1870</b> , November 7	Balat

Date of occurrence	Epicentral area
1870, November 14	Samos
1870, December 13	Samos
<b>1872</b> , August 5	Samos
1872, September 23	Samos
<b>1873</b> , February 1	Samos
<b>1874</b> , March 16	Samos
1874, August 22	Samos
1874, November 16	Samos
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1875, February 1	Samos
1875, April 26	Samos
1875, May 11	Samos
1875, June 17	Samos
1875, July 7	Samos
1875, August 31	Samos
1875, December 10	Samos
<b>1876</b> , July 4	Samos
1876, September 1	Samos
1876, September 17	Samos
<b>1877</b> , October 13	Samos
<b>1878</b> , April 9	Samos
1878, August 31	Samos
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<b>1880</b> , September 12	Samos
<b>1893</b> , May 20	Samos



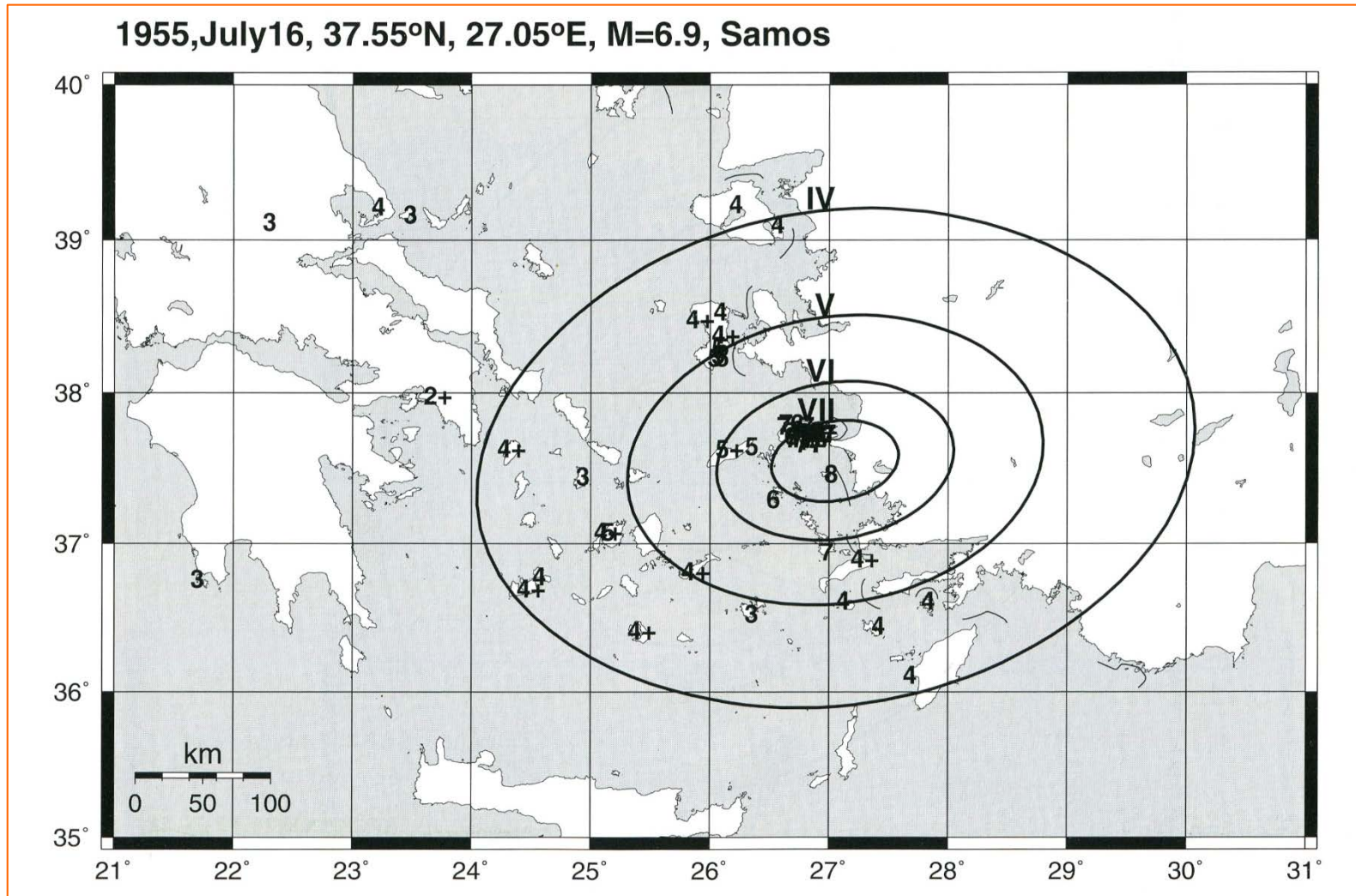


## ISOSEISMAL MAPS OF PREVIOUS EVENTS WITH IMPACT ON SAMOS ISLAND





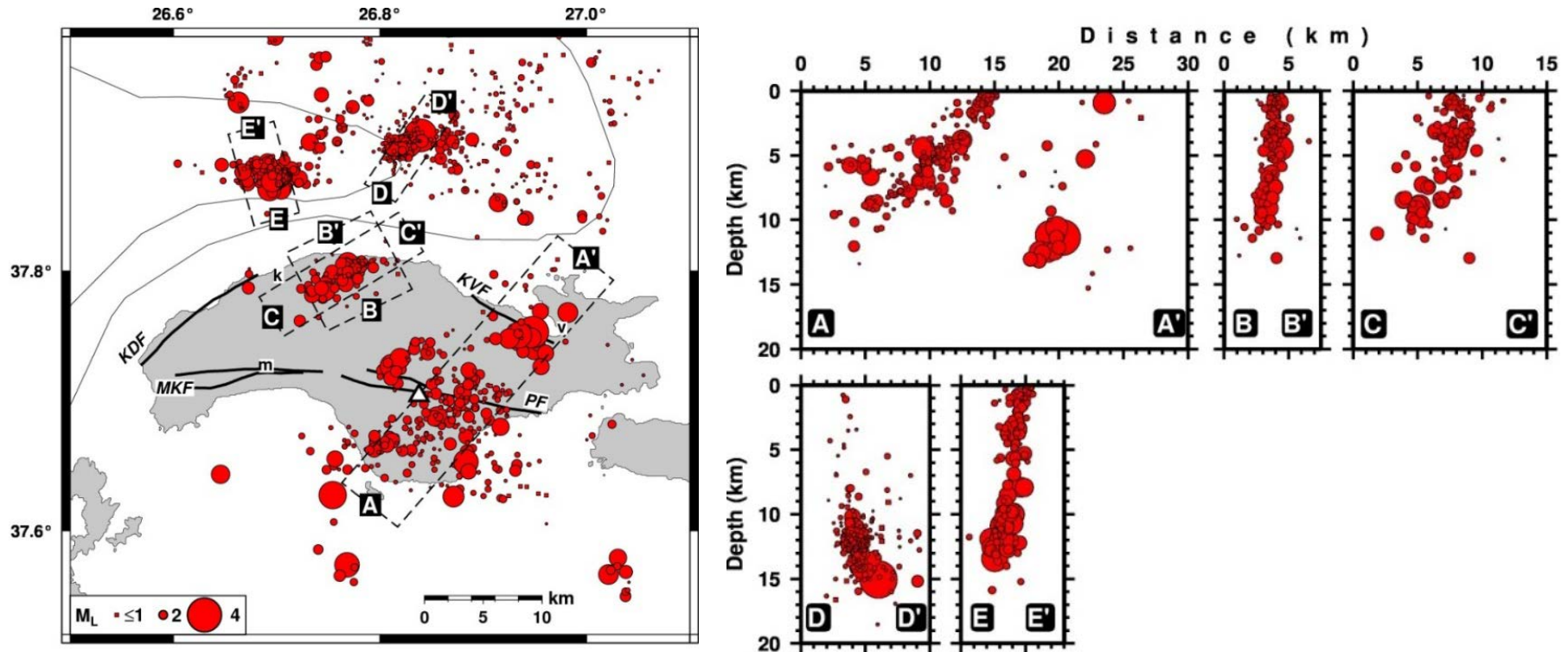
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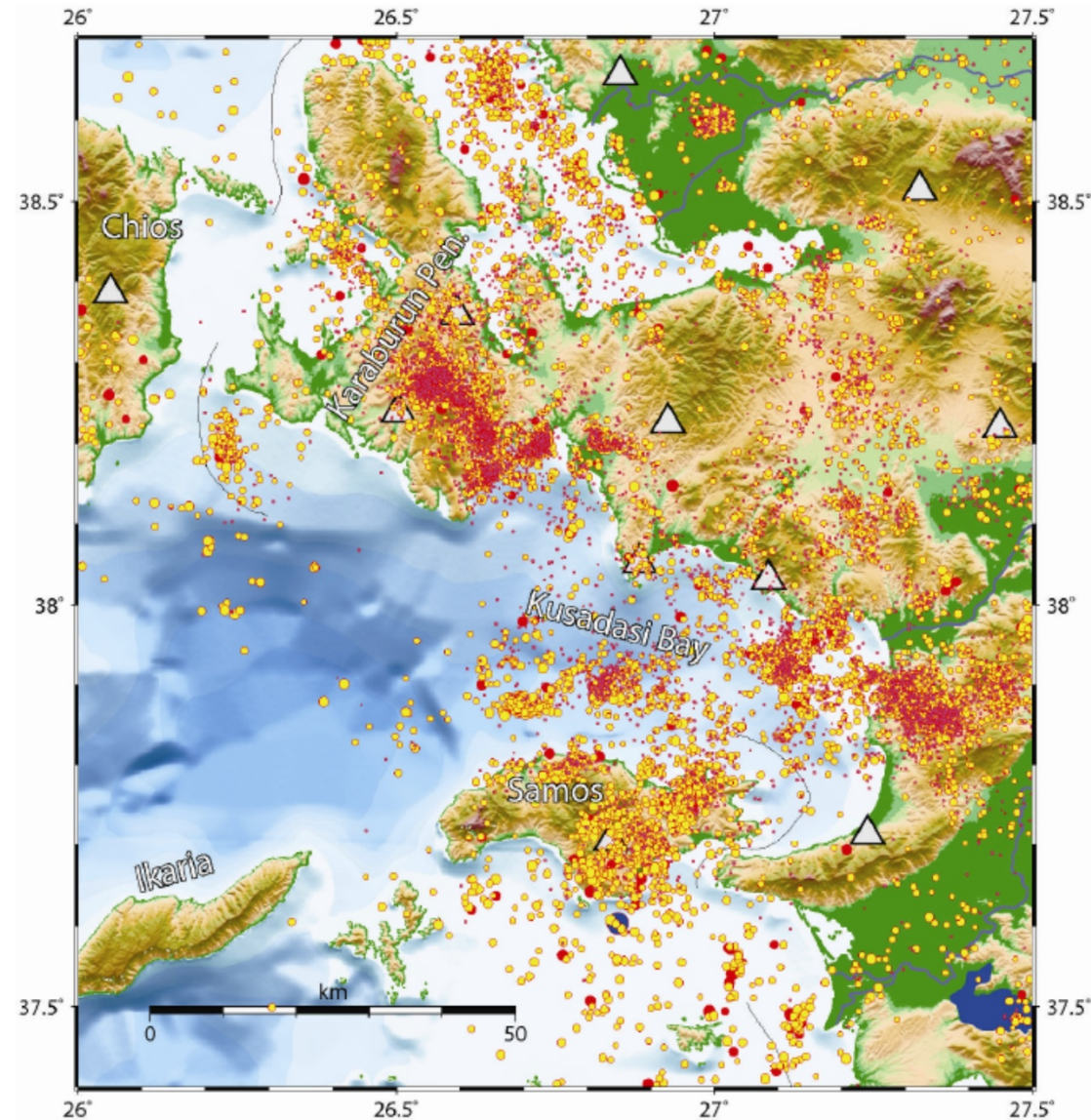


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From *Tan et al. (2014)*



## MICROSEISMICITY IN SAMOS ISLAND



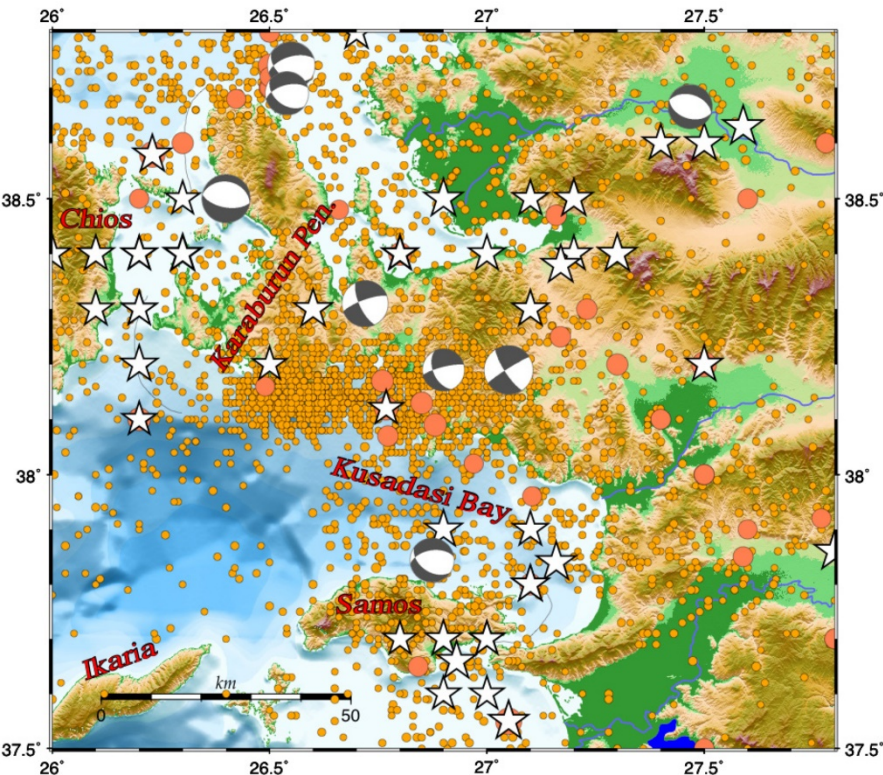
Spatial distribution of local microseismicity monitored for about 5 years (2007-2012). Triangles denote the positions of local temporary seismological stations in western Turkey, and permanent ones onto the Islands of Chios and Samos, belonging to the National Hellenic Unified Seismological Network.

From *Tan et al. (2014)*

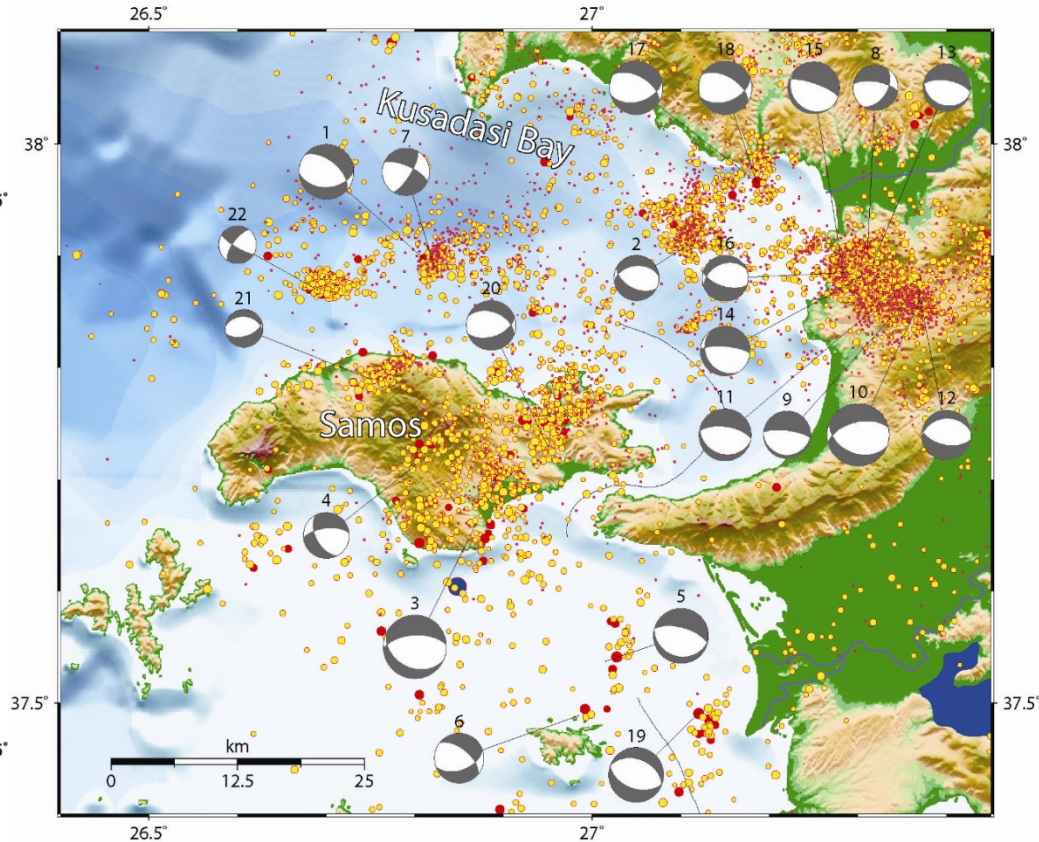




## REGIONAL AND LOCAL SEISMICITY



Regional seismicity in the central-eastern Aegean area (more than 13500 events between July 2007 and September 2012). Stars denote epicenters of the known historical earthquakes with  $M > 6.0$ , whereas larger and smaller circles earthquakes of  $M > 5.0$  and  $M > 3.5$ , that occurred since 1911 and 1981, respectively.



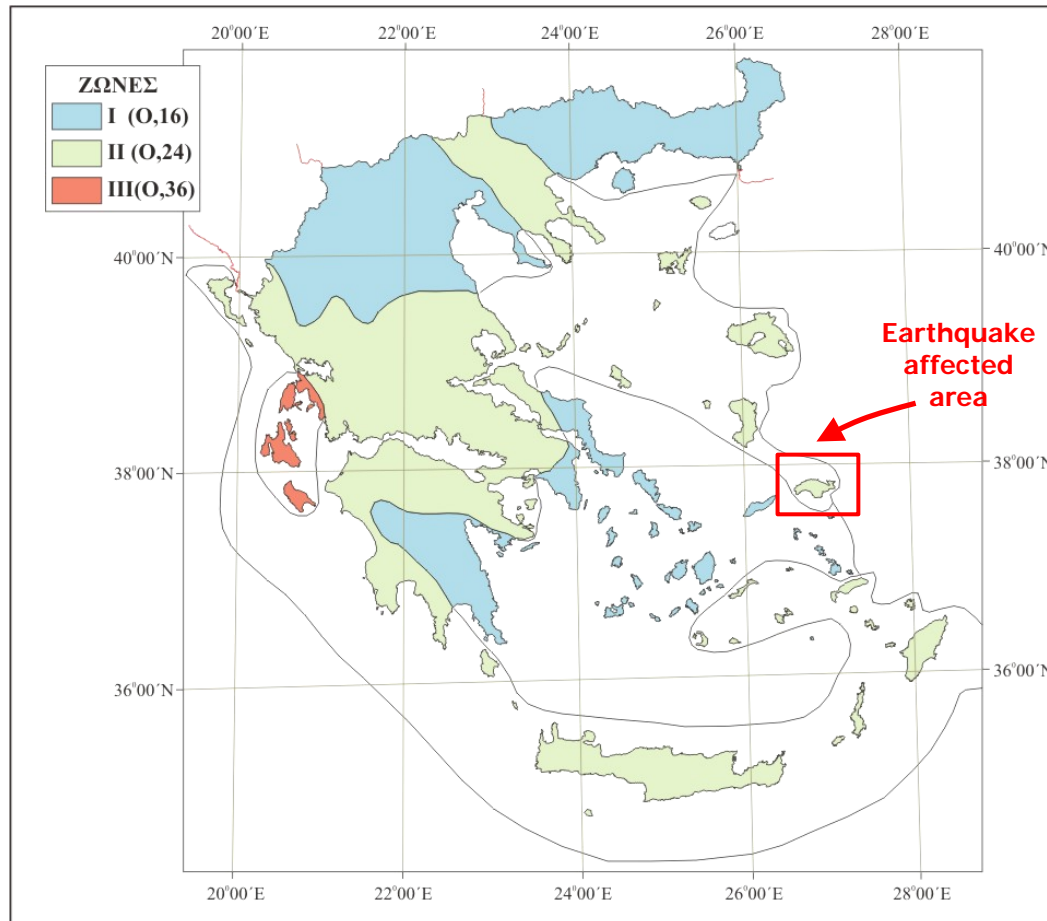
Spatial distribution of local seismicity in the study area, along with fault plane solutions determined by Tan et al. (2014).

From *Tan et al. (2014)*



## SEISMIC ZONES IN GREECE

Based on the aforementioned data, the area affected by the October 30, 2020 falls in the second seismic zone of Greece, which is characterized by a ground acceleration coefficient of 0.24 g corresponding to the second largest seismic strength demand according to the Greek Code for Seismic Resistant Structures.



From *Earthquake Planning  
and Protection Organization (2003)*





## THE OCTOBER 30, 2020, Mw 6.9 SAMOS ISLAND EARTHQUAKE

On October 30, 2020 (11:51:26 UTC time) an earthquake struck the Eastern Aegean and the Minor Asia. The earthquake occurred in a region mainly characterized by dextral strike-slip faulting along NE-SW striking faults, parallel to the North Aegean Trough (NAT), while conjugate sinistral strike-slip and ~E-W normal faulting is also present.

Based on various seismological observatories and institutes including the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), the National Observatory of Athens (NOA), the Global Centroid Moment Tensor Catalog (GCMT), the United States Seismological Survey (USGS), the National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology (INGV), the Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute (KOERI), the Earthquake Research Department (ERD), the University of Nice Sophia-Antipolis, Valbonne, France (OCA), the Institute of Physics of the Globe of Paris (IPGP), the German Research Centre for Geosciences (GFZ), the magnitude has been assessed as Mw 6.9 or 7.2. Based on the provided focal plane solutions, the mainshock was generated by the activation of a E-W striking normal fault offshore northern Samos.

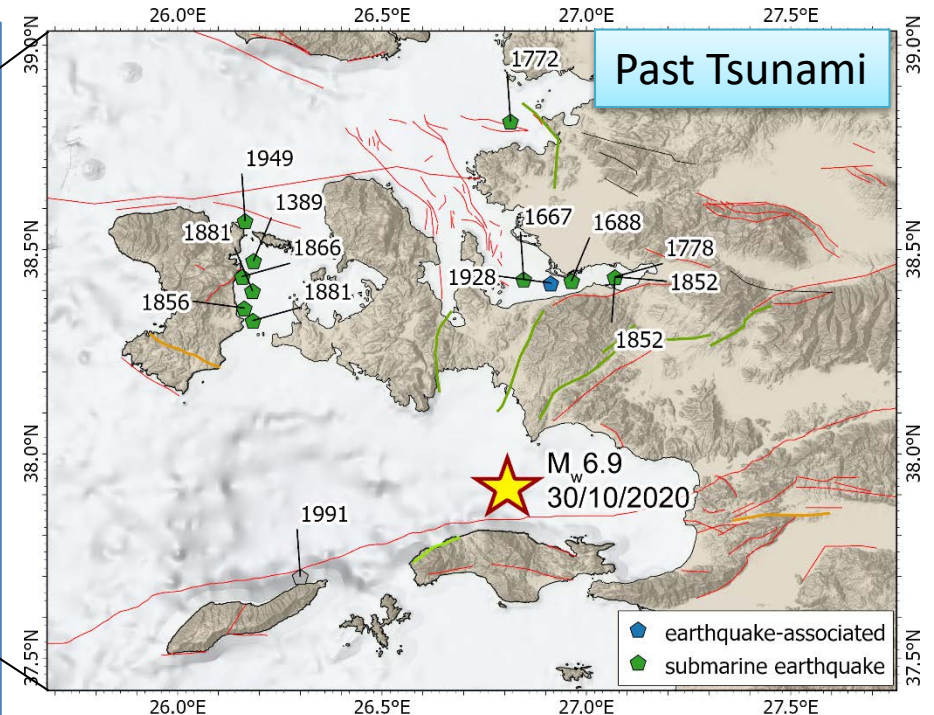
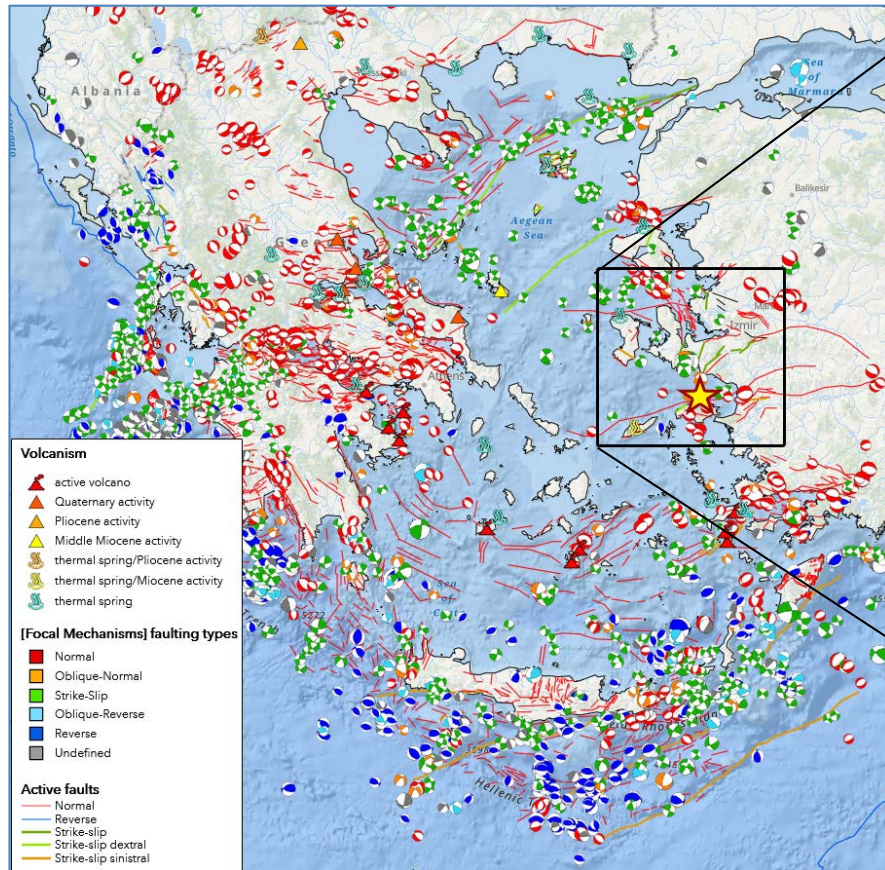
The main shock was felt in several areas of Greece and Turkey, from the Aegean Islands to Peloponnese in Greece and from the Minor Asia to Istanbul in Turkey. The most affected areas were the Samos Island in the Eastern Aegean Sea and Izmir in the Minor Asia.

Unfortunately, it claimed 117 lives, in particular 115 in Izmir city and 2 in Vathy town of Samos Island. As regards the injured, 1034 were reported in Turkey and 19 in Samos. The fatalities and injuries are attributed mainly to partial or total collapse of buildings and secondarily to debris falling.



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## THE 2020 SAMOS EARTHQUAKE THE SEISMOTECTONIC CONTEXT



Snapshots from the New Seismotectonic Atlas of Greece (*Kassaras et al., 2020*). Interactive GIS application available at:  
<http://www.geophysics.geol.uoa.gr/atlas.html>

Past tsunamis from *Papadopoulos, G. A. (2001)*.  
Tsunamis in the east Mediterranean: 1. A catalogue for the area of Greece and adjacent seas.





## EPICENTER LOCATION FOR THE OCTOBER 30, 2020, Mw 7.0 EARTHQUAKE

**M7.0 2020/10/30 - 11:51:25 UTC Lat 37.91 Lon 26.84 Depth 10.0 km**

58 km SSW of Karabaglar, Turkey ( pop: 458,000 local time: 14:51 2020/10/30 )  
18 km NNE of Neon Karlovassion, Greece ( pop: 6,700 local time: 13:51 2020/10/30 )



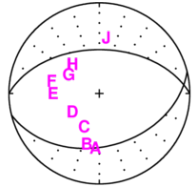
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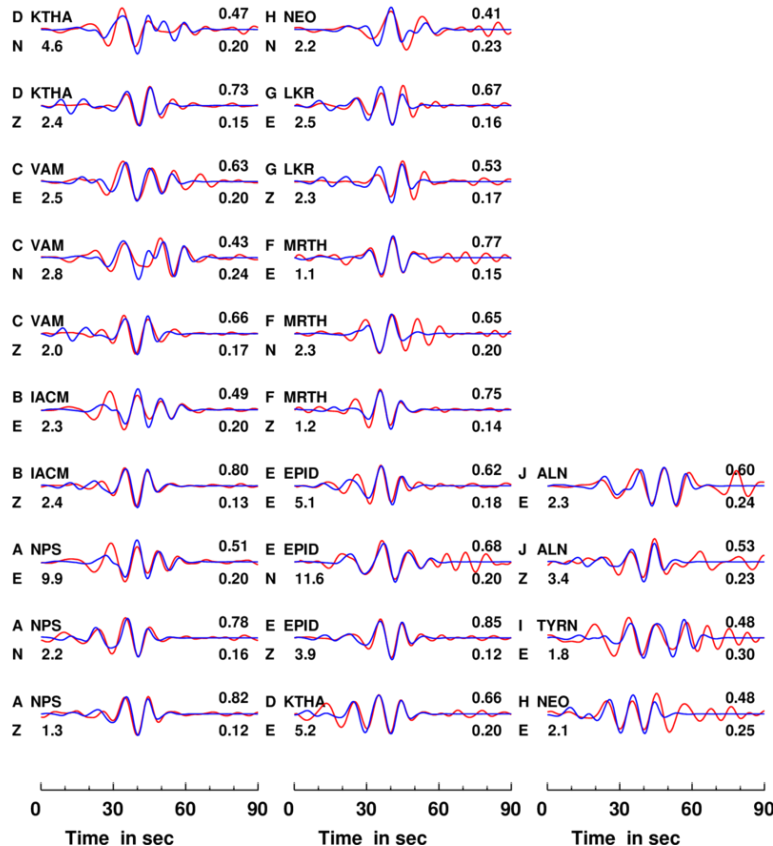




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2020 10 30 11:51  
1phi,dip,rake: 76. 41. -101  
2phi,dip,rake: 270. 50. -81  
Mw= 6.9 Depth= 13.0  
Mo=  $2.81 \times 10^{26}$  DYNECM  
Misfit, Var: 0.19 0.63  
DC, CLVD, VL%: 99.5 0.5 0.0



## THE 2020 SAMOS EARTHQUAKE FOCAL MECHANISM OF THE MAINSHOCK

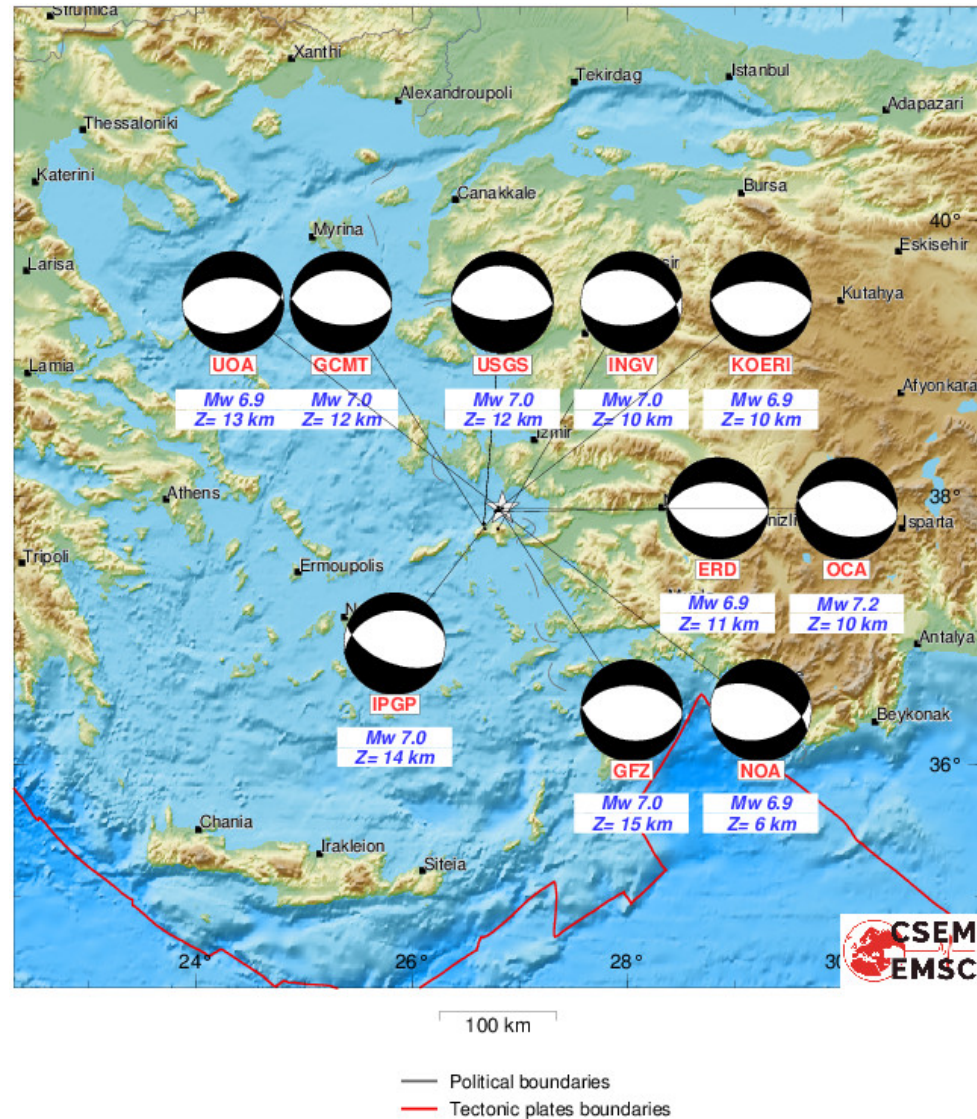
The focal mechanism of the 30 October 2020 Samos mainshock was determined using regional moment tensor inversion. After the calculation of Green functions, using the frequency-wavenumber integration method, synthetic waveforms were obtained and compared with the recorded ones, following the procedure proposed by Papadimitriou et al. (2012).

The figure on the left presents the source parameters for the Samos 2020 mainshock, where the red waveforms represent the recorded signals and the blue the synthetic ones. The obtained focal mechanism reveals normal faulting in an ~E-W direction. The focal depth was determined at 13 km, whereas the seismic moment was calculated  $M_0 = 2.81 \cdot 10^{26}$  dyn·cm, representing a moment magnitude equal to  $M_w = 6.9$ .





## QUICK SOLUTIONS AND REGIONAL MOMENT TENSORS FOR THE OCTOBER 30, 2020 EARTHQUAKE

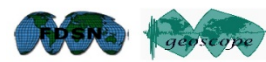
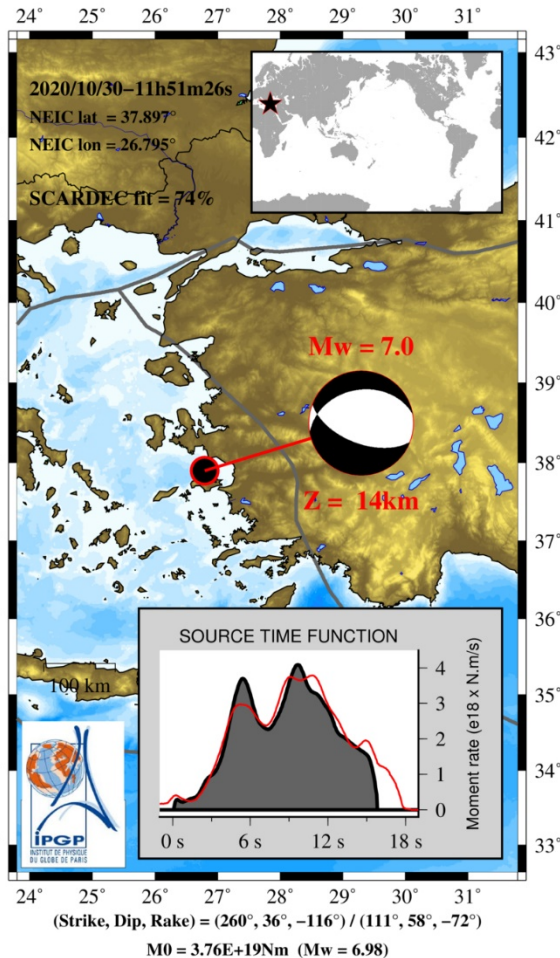




## QUICK SOLUTION FOR THE OCTOBER 30, 2020, Mw 7.0 EARTHQUAKE



### DODECANESE ISLANDS, GREECE



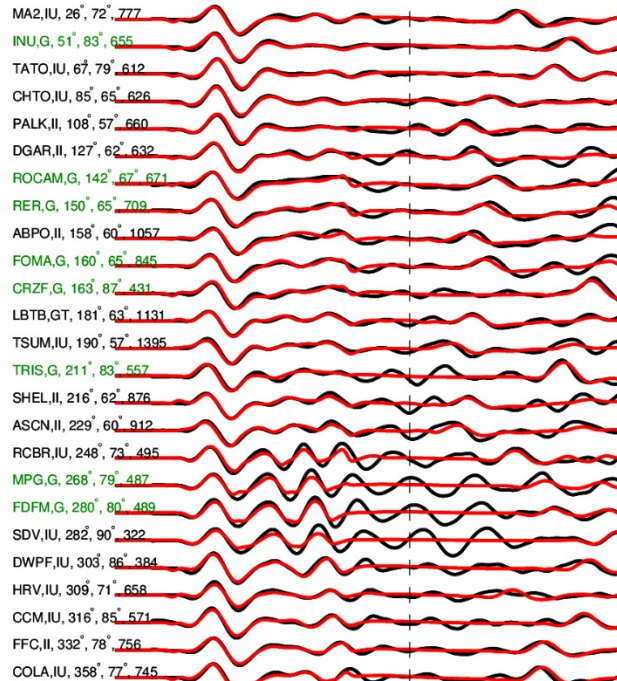
### DODECANESE ISLANDS, GREECE, 2020/10/30-11h51m26s

Agreement between displacement data (FDSN stations, in black) and synthetics (red)

Bandpass filter [0.0050Hz 0.030Hz], fit evaluated before the vertical tick

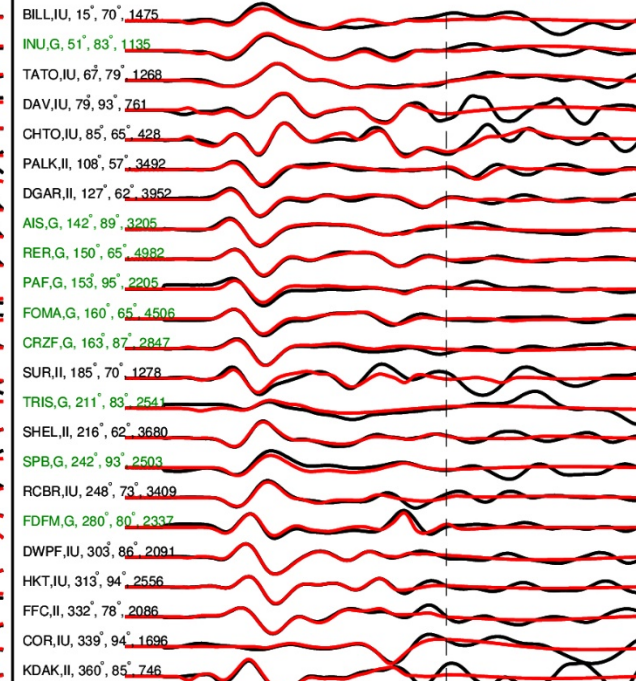
Left of each signal : Station name, network, azimuth, distance, max in the fitted window (in 10<sup>-8</sup>m)

#### Compressive waves



Duration = 261 s

#### Transverse waves



Duration = 247 s

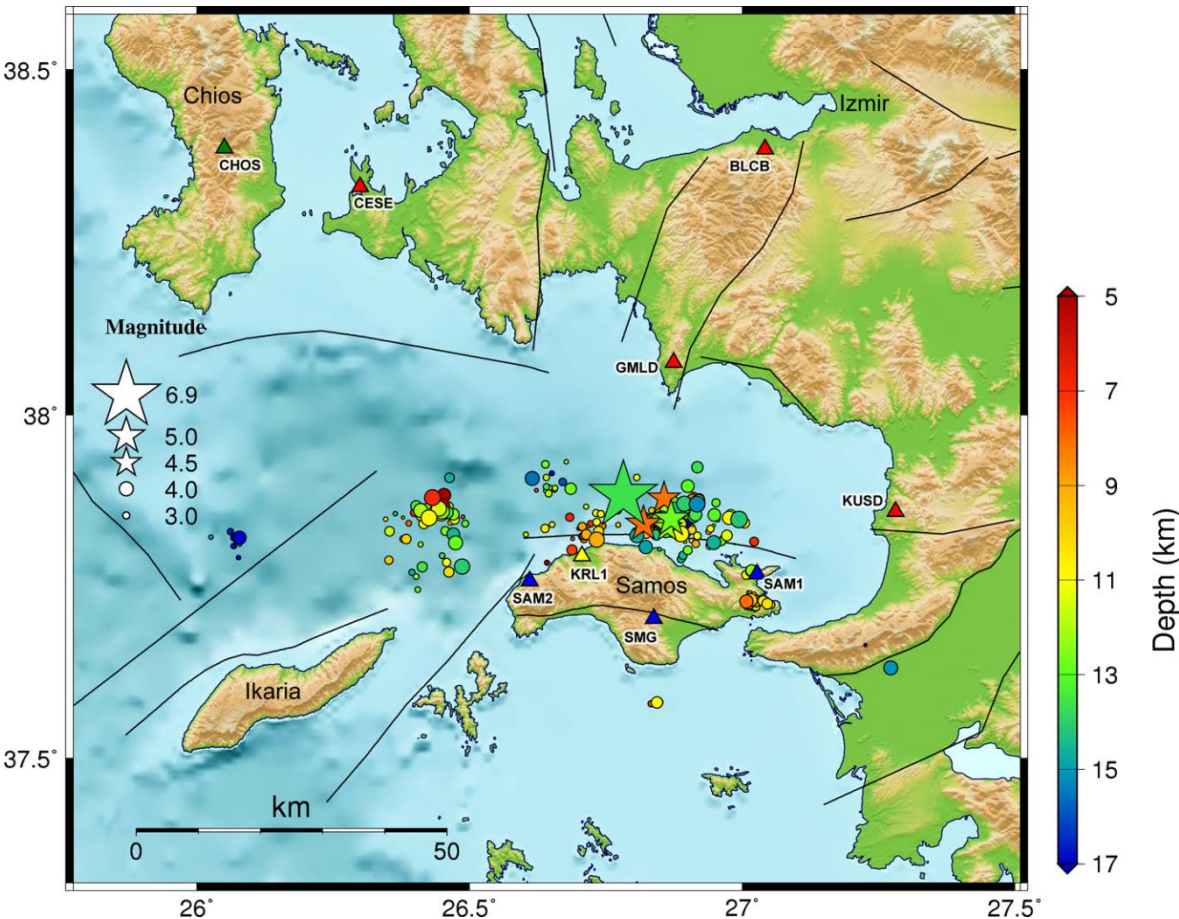
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## THE 2020 SAMOS EARTHQUAKE PRELIMINARY RELOCATION OF THE AFTERSHOCK SEQUENCE

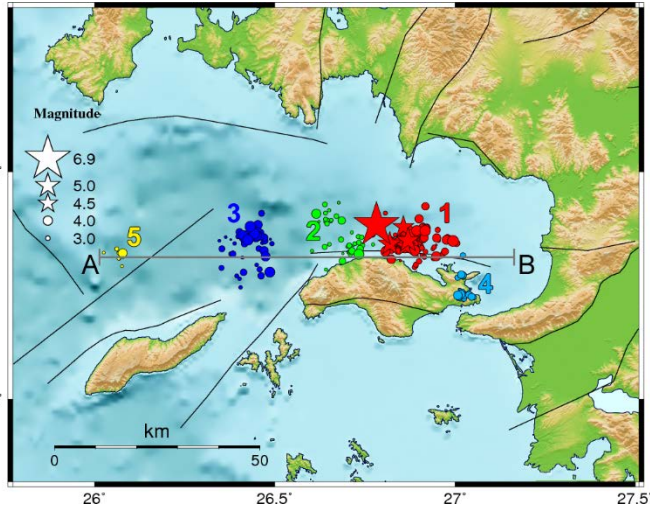


Preliminary relocation of over 300 aftershocks that occurred between 30 October and 8 November 2020. The locations of available stations in the region are presented by triangles (Network codes: blue=HL, yellow=HI, green=HT, red=KO). The major events with  $M \geq 4.5$  are depicted by stars.

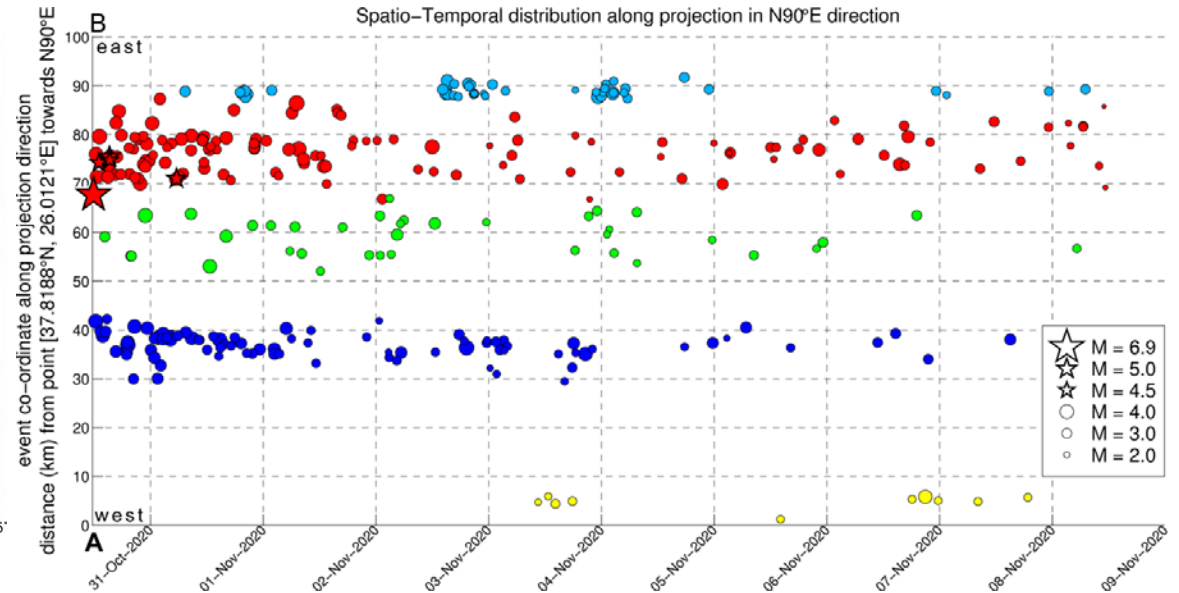
The mainshock's epicenter is located offshore, ~10 km north of Samos Island. The main part of the aftershock sequence spans ~50 km in an approximate E-W direction. Certain isolated clusters are located further west, north of Ikaria Island, and at the eastern edge of Samos Island. Focal depths mostly range between 10 km and 15 km.



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## SPATIOTEMPORAL EVOLUTION OF AFTERSHOCK SEQUENCE (30 OCTOBER - 8 NOVEMBER 2020)



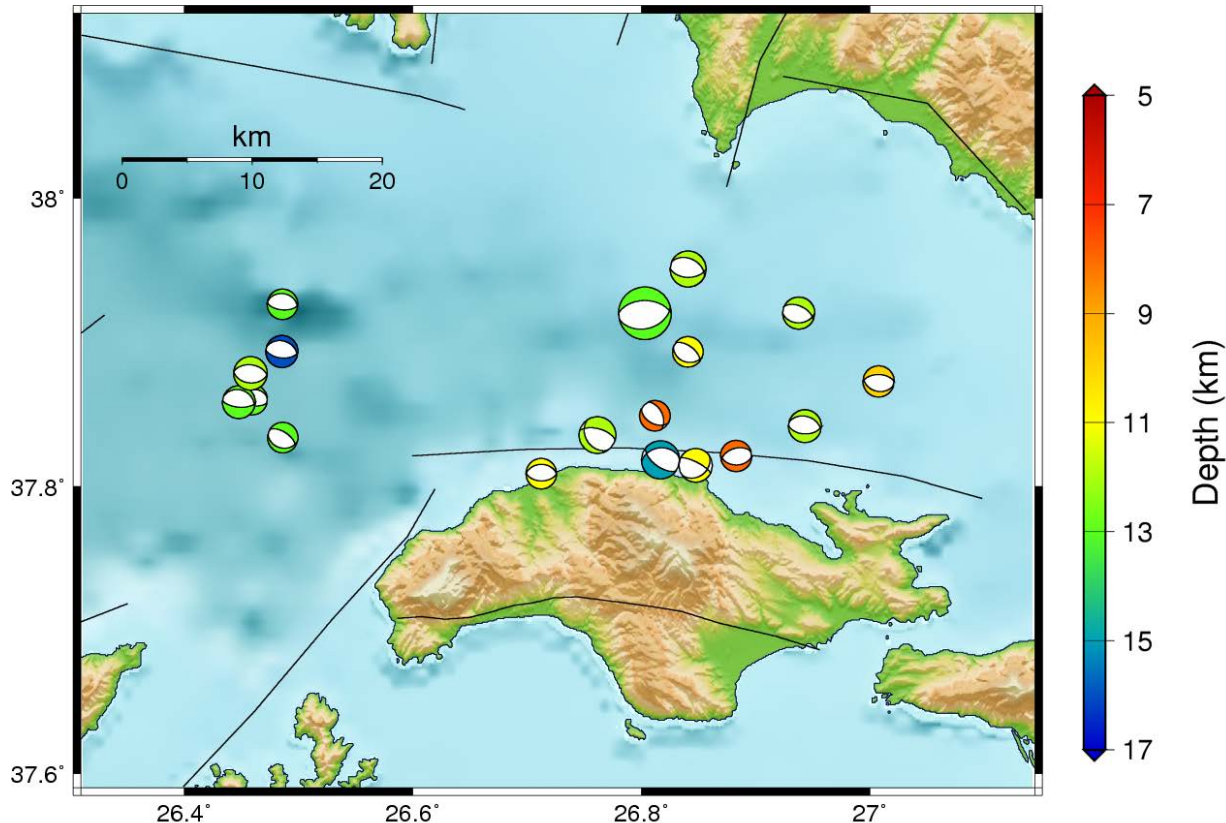
The preliminary results for the 2020 Samos aftershock sequence reveal the existence of several distinct spatial groups (labelled 1-5 on the map on the left). Soon after the mainshock, the whole zone of groups 1-3 was activated, with most aftershocks occurring at group 1 (red), east of the mainshock. This group is associated with the major aftershocks ( $M_w \geq 4.5$ , stars) of the sequence. The largest aftershock was an  $M_w = 5.0$  event that occurred on 30 October 2020, 15:14:57 UTC in group 1. The spatiotemporal evolution along the profile A-B shows that, as the sequence evolved, it was gradually extended to ~60 km in the E-W direction. Group 4 (cyan) at the eastern part of Samos Island, notably south of the main aftershock zone, was activated on 31 October with a few events, while two distinct bursts occurred during 2-4 November 2020. The isolated group 5 (yellow) presented some activity on 3 and 6-7 November. No aftershocks with  $M \geq 4.5$  were recorded after 31 October 2020. The activity of the aftershock sequence appears to be gradually diminishing, so far without any major secondary outbreak.





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## FOCAL MECHANISMS OF AFTERSHOCK SEQUENCE



Focal mechanisms of the 2020 Samos mainshock and major aftershocks were resolved at the Seismological Laboratory of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (SL-NKUA), also using regional waveform modelling.

The fault-plane solutions of the major aftershocks are consistent with E-W to NW-SE normal faulting, similar to the focal mechanism of the 30 October 2020 Samos mainshock.

For more information, visit the web-page of Significant Earthquakes in Greece during 2020 at SL-NKUA:  
[http://www.geophysics.geol.uoa.gr/stations/gmaps3/leaf\\_significant.php?mapmode=mech&lng=en&year=2020](http://www.geophysics.geol.uoa.gr/stations/gmaps3/leaf_significant.php?mapmode=mech&lng=en&year=2020)

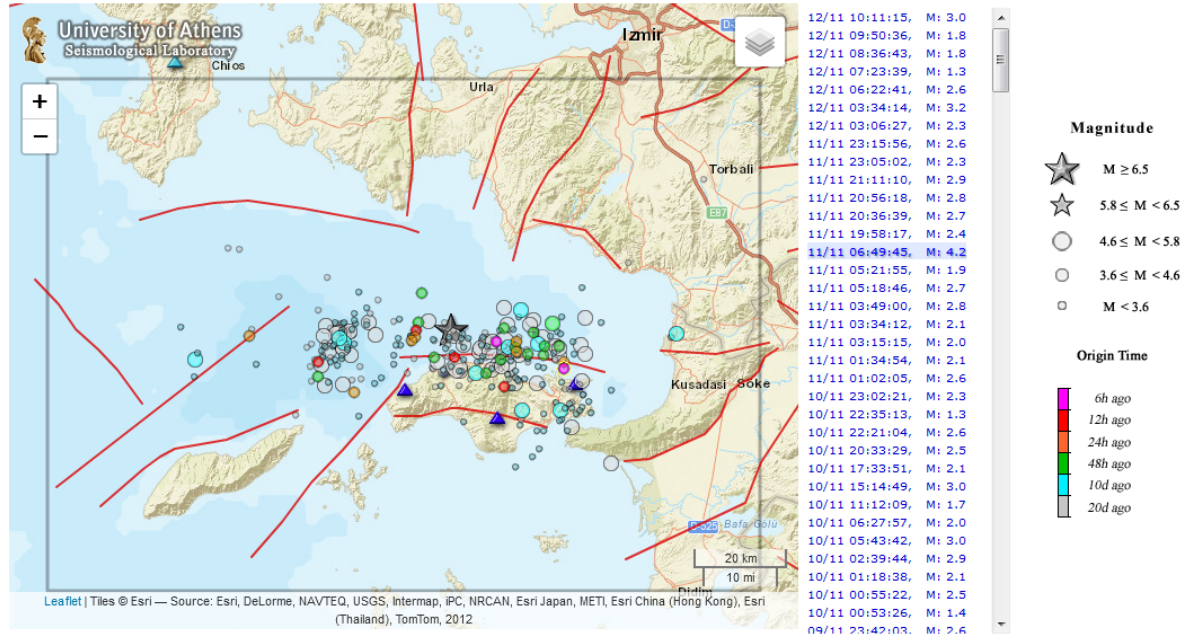


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## SL-NKUA SPECIAL WEB-PAGE FOR MONITORING OF THE SEQUENCE

### Earthquakes of the last 14 days in the area of Samos, Greece

☐ Seismicity 1900-2009 ☒ Faults (SHARE) ☐ Focal Mechanisms ☒ Stations



Click on headers to sort table

#	Sol. Type	Origin Time (GMT)	Epicentral Location	Latitude (°N)	Longitude (°E)	Depth (km)	Mag.
1	M	12/11/2020 10:11:15	5.0 km NNE of Samos	37.7983	26.9990	11.0	3.0
2	M	12/11/2020 09:50:36	16.3 km NW of Samos	37.8515	26.8350	16.0	1.8
3	M	12/11/2020 08:36:43	22.7 km WNW of Samos	37.8210	26.7312	8.0	1.8
4	M	12/11/2020 07:23:39	32.4 km WNW of Samos	37.8725	26.6383	12.0	1.3
5	M	12/11/2020 06:22:41	32.7 km NE of Ikaria	37.8112	26.4012	2.0	2.6
6	M	12/11/2020 03:34:14	10.9 km W of Samos	37.7648	26.8528	12.0	3.2

A special interactive web-page that presents the seismicity in the 2020 Samos aftershock zone, automatically detected and manually analyzed, has been developed at the SL-NKUA.

The data are updated as soon as an earthquake is automatically detected and located or manually analyzed.

The user can also display fault sources from the European Database of Seismogenic Faults (EDSF, Basili et al., 2013), past seismicity (Makropoulos et al., 2012), focal mechanisms determined at SL-NKUA and view real-time waveforms of local and regional HUSN stations.

To access the interactive seismicity monitoring map, visit the web-page at:  
[http://www.geophysics.geol.uoa.gr/stations/gmaps3/samos\\_leaf.php?lng=en](http://www.geophysics.geol.uoa.gr/stations/gmaps3/samos_leaf.php?lng=en)

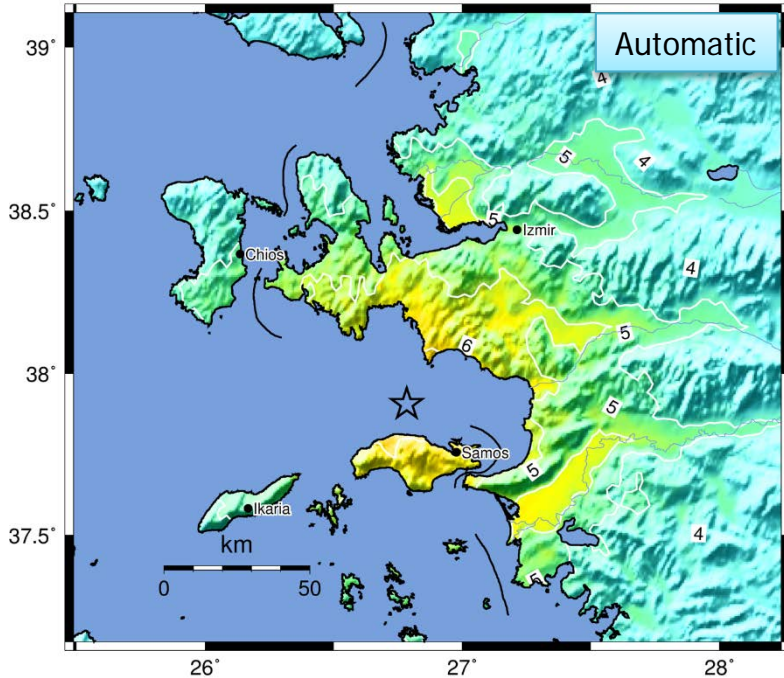




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NKUA-SL ShakeMap : nkua2020vimx / 37.9059 / 26.7834

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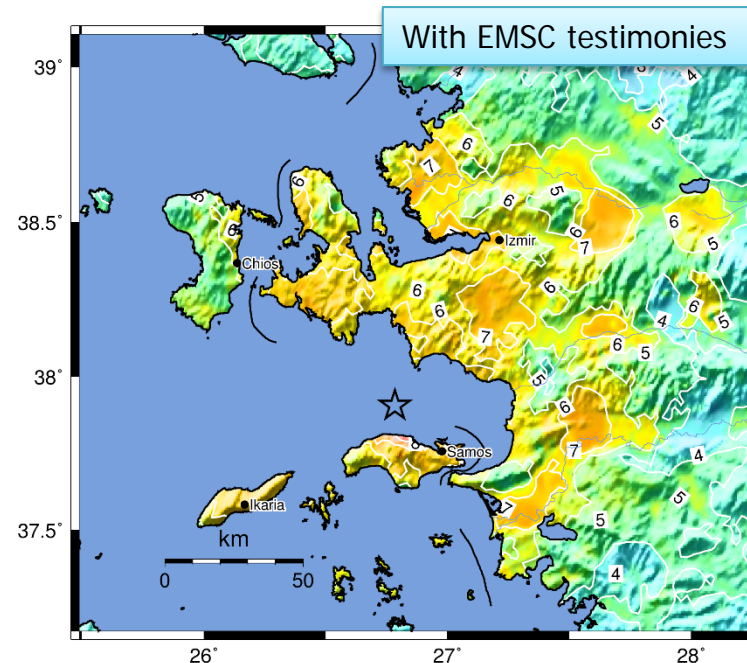
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PEAK ACC.(%g)	<0.05	0.3	2.8	6.2	12	22	40	75	>139
PEAK VEL.(cm/s)	<0.02	0.1	1.4	4.7	9.6	20	41	86	>178
INSTRUMENTAL INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+

Scale based upon Worden et al. (2012)

## SHAKEMAP (INTENSITY)

◀ Automatically generated ShakeMap (USGS, 2017) for the 2020 Samos  $M_w=6.9$  mainshock. The maximum expected intensity values reach VII at the northern part of Samos Island and the opposite coast of Turkey.

▼ With additional information from the EMSC Did You Feel It (DYFI) reports, the resulting intensities mainly increase (see figure below)



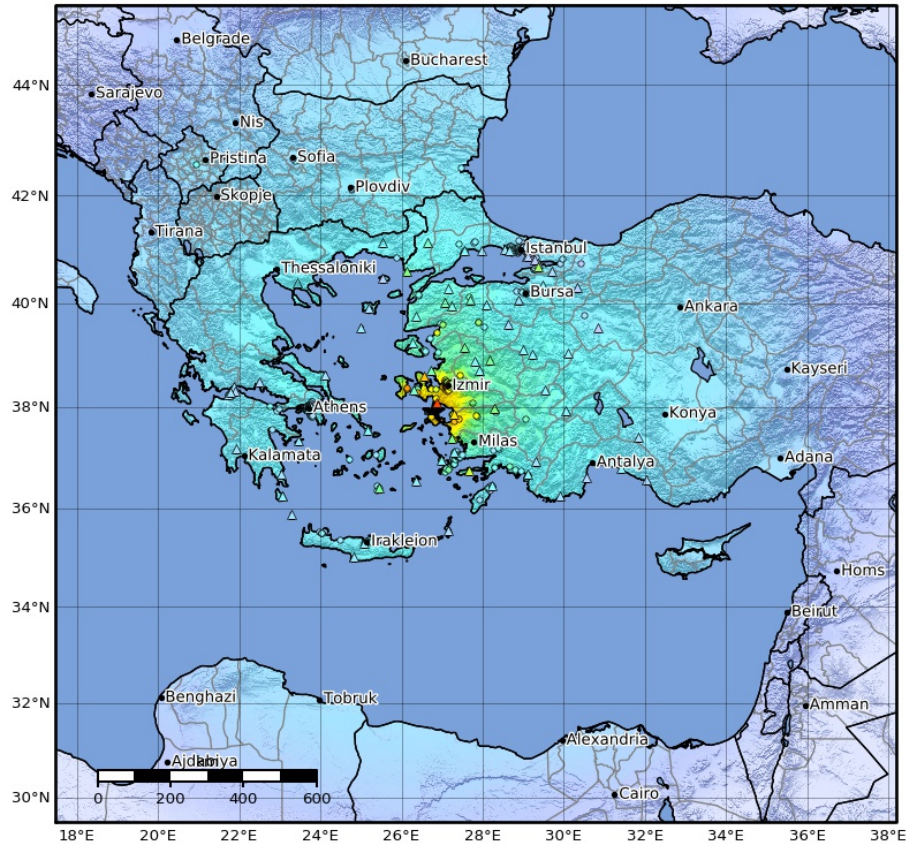
For more information about the 2020 Samos mainshock, visit the event's web-page at SL-NKUA:

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## INTENSITY MAPS FOR THE OCTOBER 30, 2020 EARTHQUAKE

Macroseismic Intensity Map USGS  
ShakeMap: 15 km NNE of Néon Karlovásion, North Aegean, GR  
Oct 30, 2020 11:51:27 UTC M7.0 N37.92 E26.79 Depth: 21.0km ID:us7000c7y0

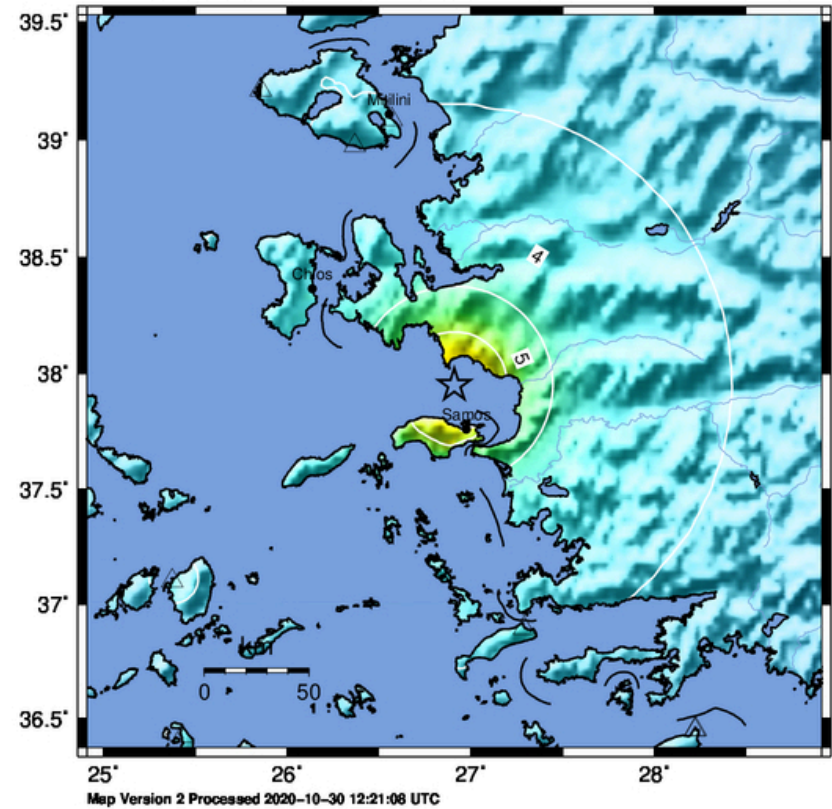


SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
DAMAGE	None	None	None	Very light	Light	Moderate	Moderate/heavy	Heavy	Very heavy
PGA(%g)	<0.0464	0.297	2.76	6.2	11.5	21.5	40.1	74.7	>139
PGV(cm/s)	<0.0215	0.135	1.41	4.65	9.64	20	41.4	85.8	>178
INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+

Scale based on Worden et al. (2012)  
△ Seismic Instrument ○ Reported Intensity

★ Epicenter □ Rupture

ITSaK ShakeMap : Northern coast of W. Turkey  
Oct 30, 2020 11:51:25 UTC M 6.7 N37.95 E26.91 Depth: 3.0km ID:auth2020vimx



PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	none	none	none	Very light	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	Very Heavy
PEAK ACC.(%g)	<0.05	0.3	2.8	6.2	12	22	40	75	>139
PEAK VEL.(cm/s)	<0.02	0.1	1.4	4.7	9.6	20	41	86	>178
INSTRUMENTAL INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+

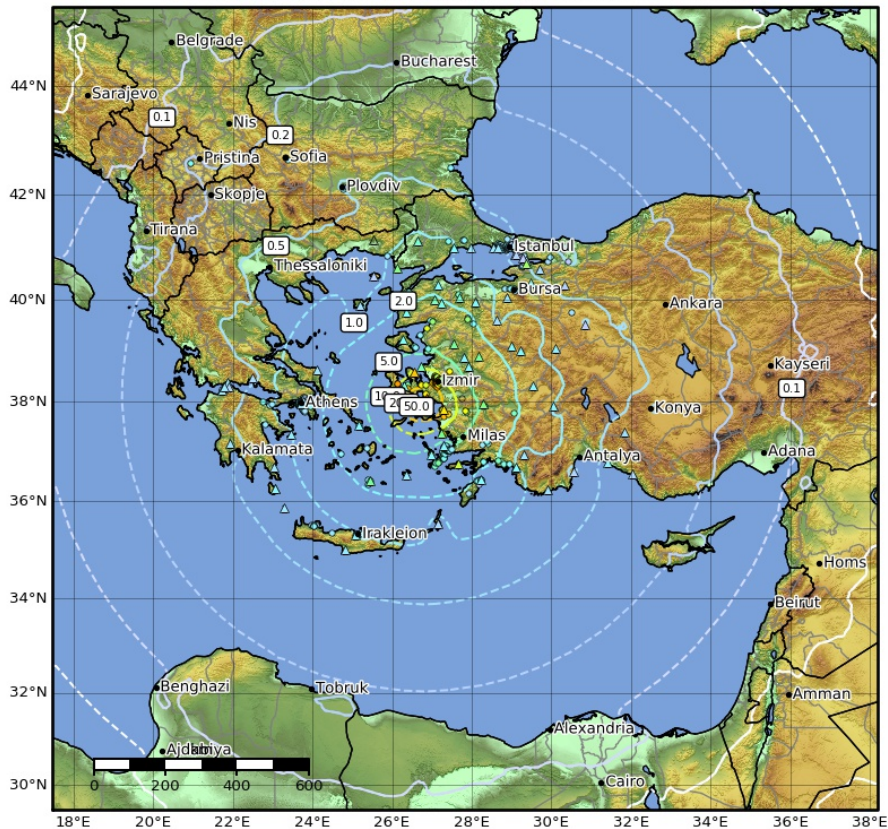
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## PEAK GROUND ACCELERATION & PEAK GROUND VELOCITY MAPS FOR THE OCTOBER 30, 2020, Mw 7.0 EARTHQUAKE

Peak Ground Acceleration Map USGS  
ShakeMap: 15 km NNE of Néon Karlovásion, North Aegean, GR  
Oct 30, 2020 11:51:27 UTC M7.0 N37.92 E26.79 Depth: 21.0km ID:us7000c7y0



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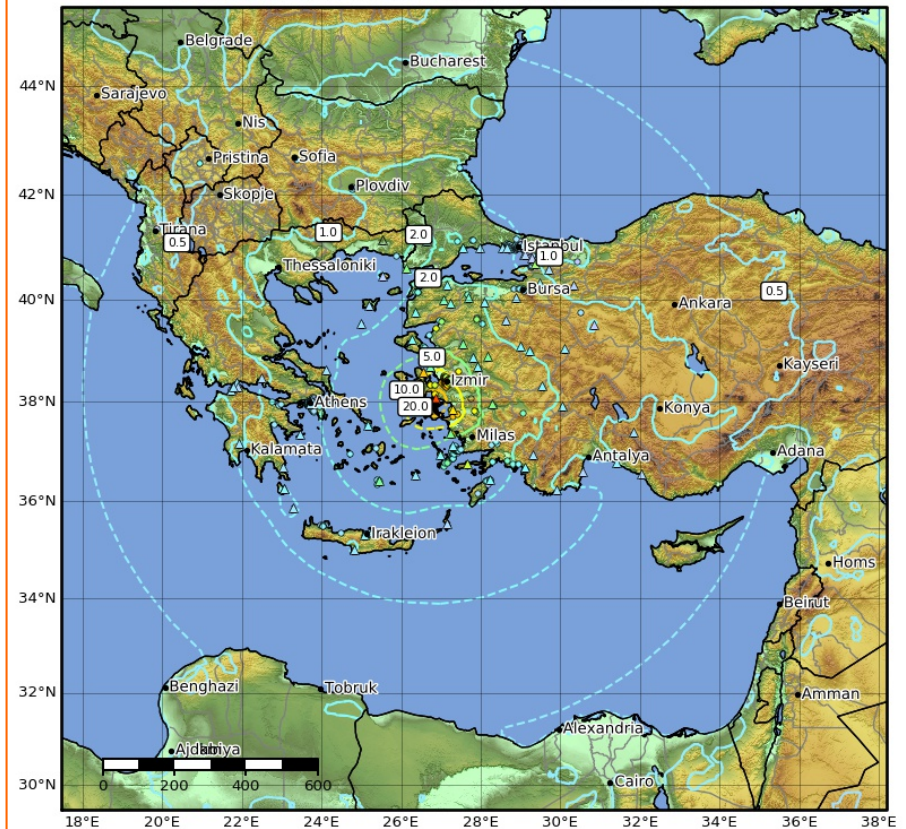
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△ Seismic Instrument ○ Reported Intensity

★ Epicenter — Rupture

Peak Ground Velocity Map USGS  
ShakeMap: 15 km NNE of Néon Karlovásion, North Aegean, GR  
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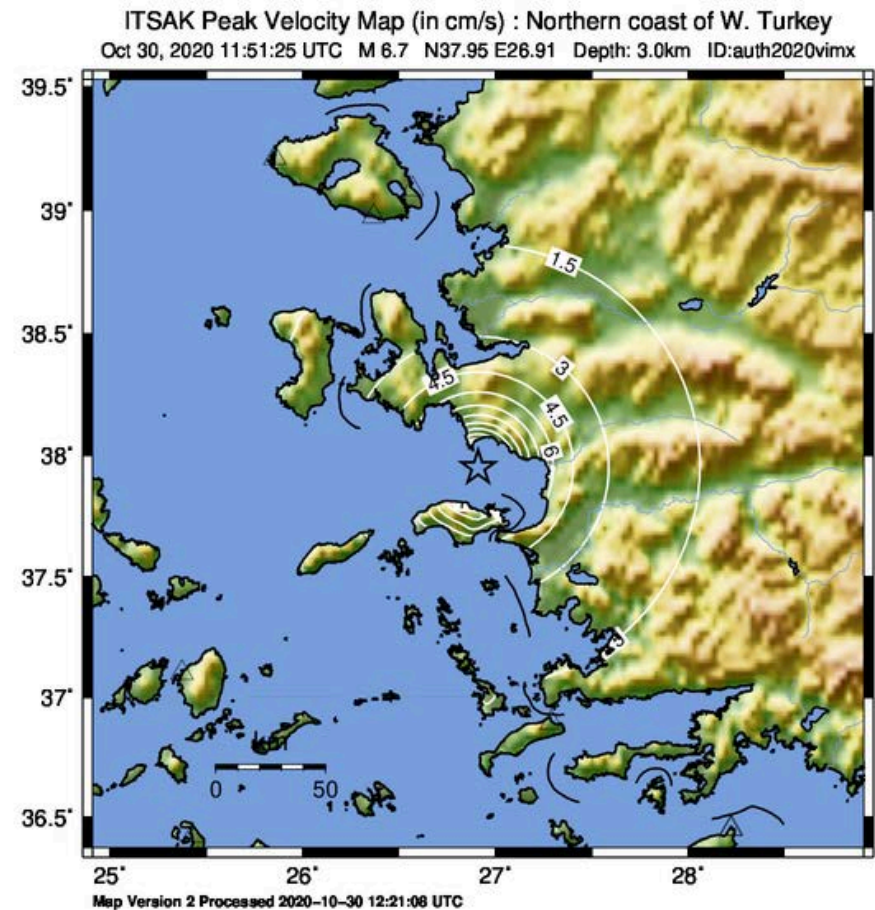
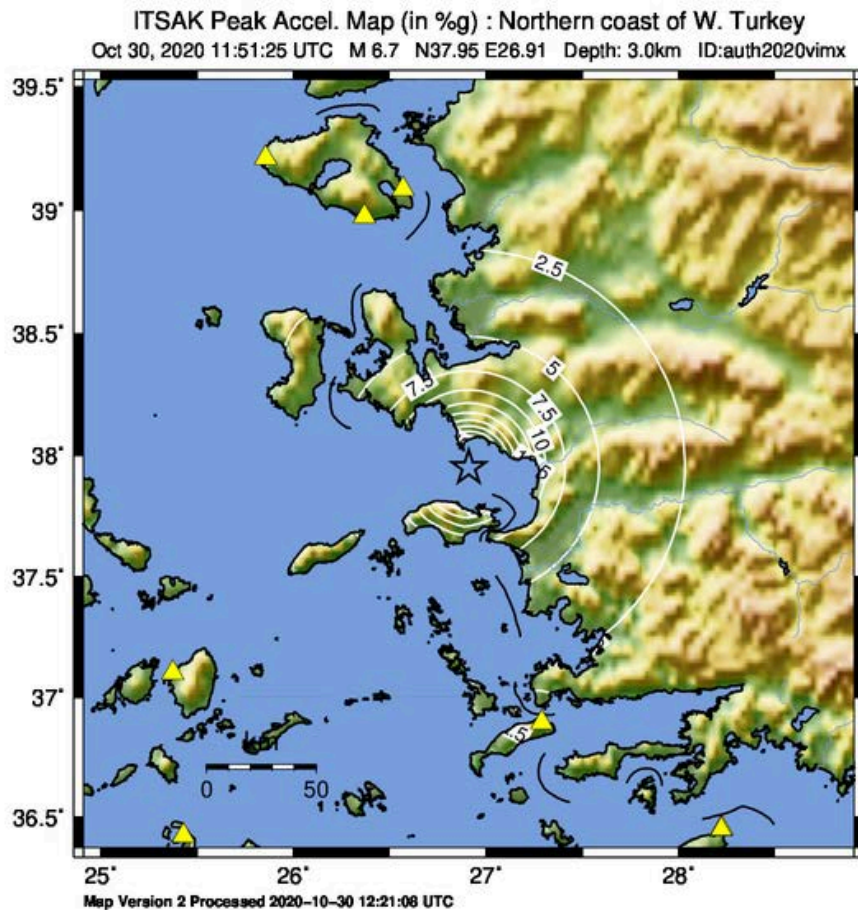
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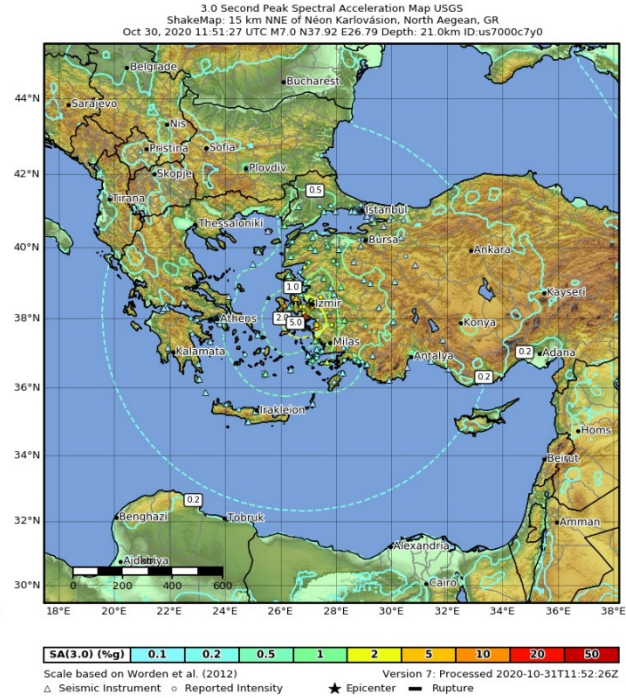
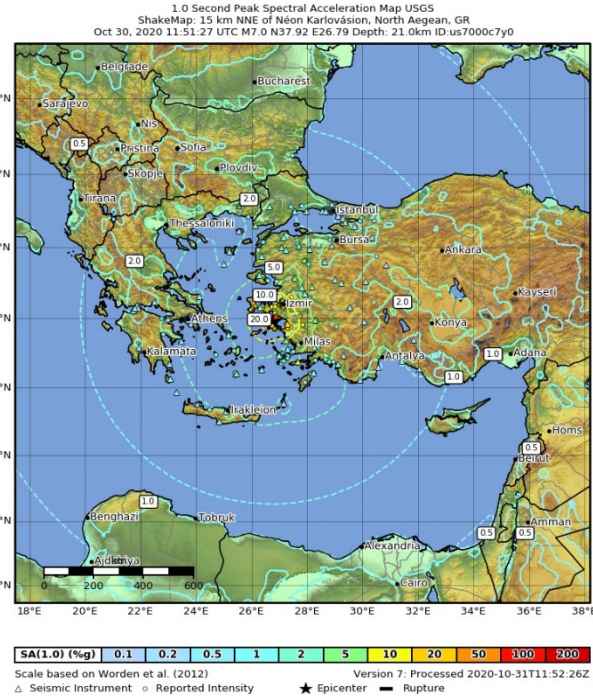
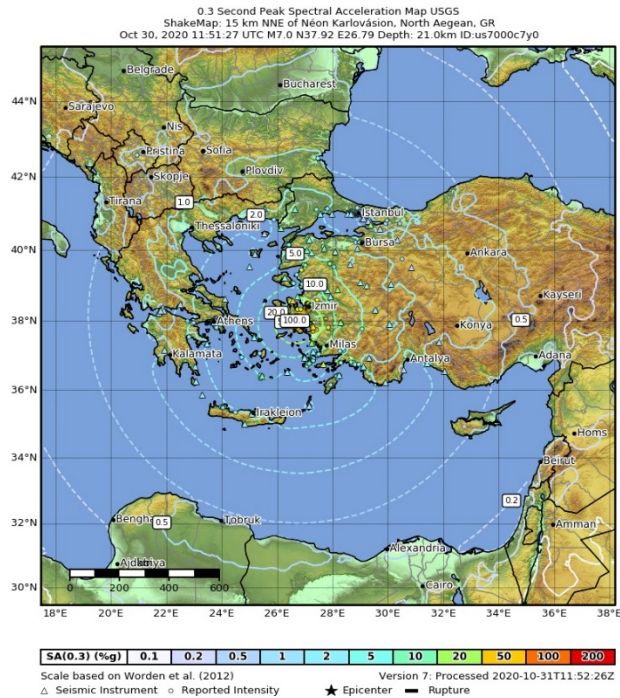
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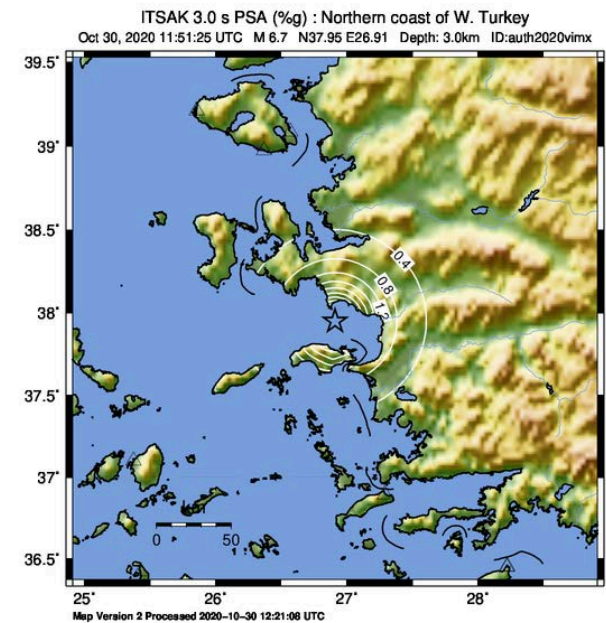
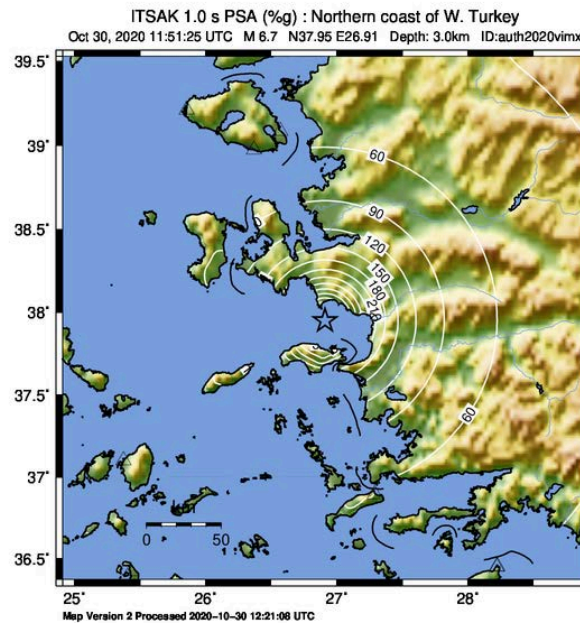
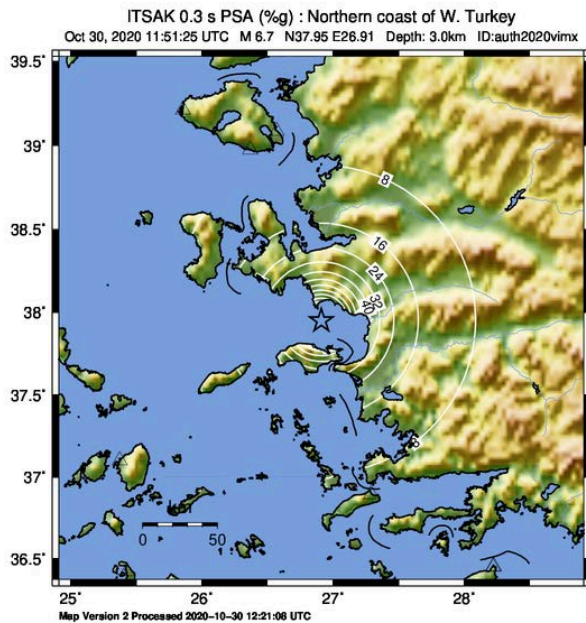


## SPECTRAL RESPONSE FOR THE OCTOBER 30, 2020, Mw 7.0 EARTHQUAKE





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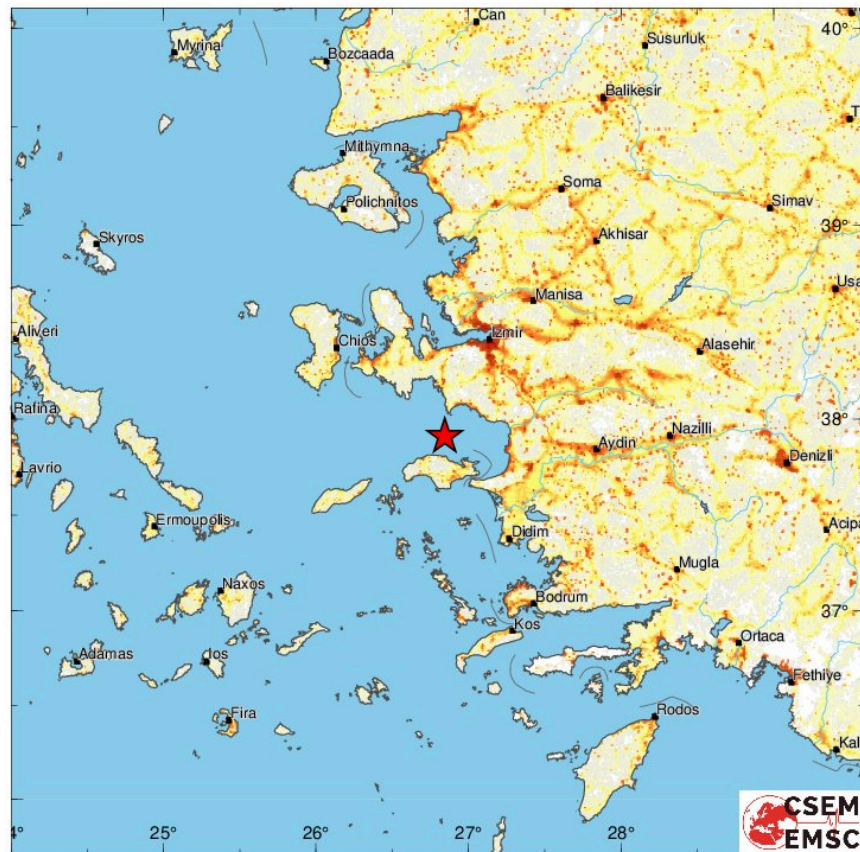




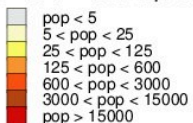


## POPULATION EXPOSURE FOR THE OCTOBER 30, 2020 EARTHQUAKE

Population in the epicentral area  
Mag 7.0 2020/10/30 - 11:51:25 UTC  
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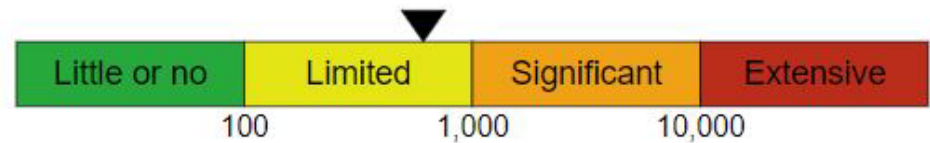


Number of inhabitants per square km



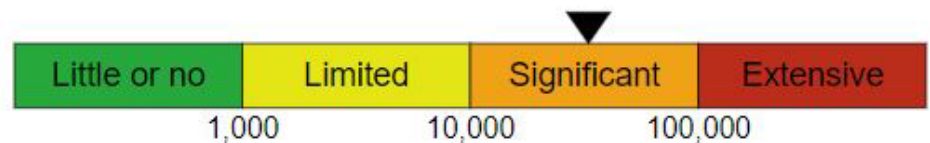
★ Earthquake epicentre

### Estimated Population Exposure



The number of people living near areas that could have produced landslides in this earthquake is limited. This is not a direct estimate of landslide fatalities or losses.

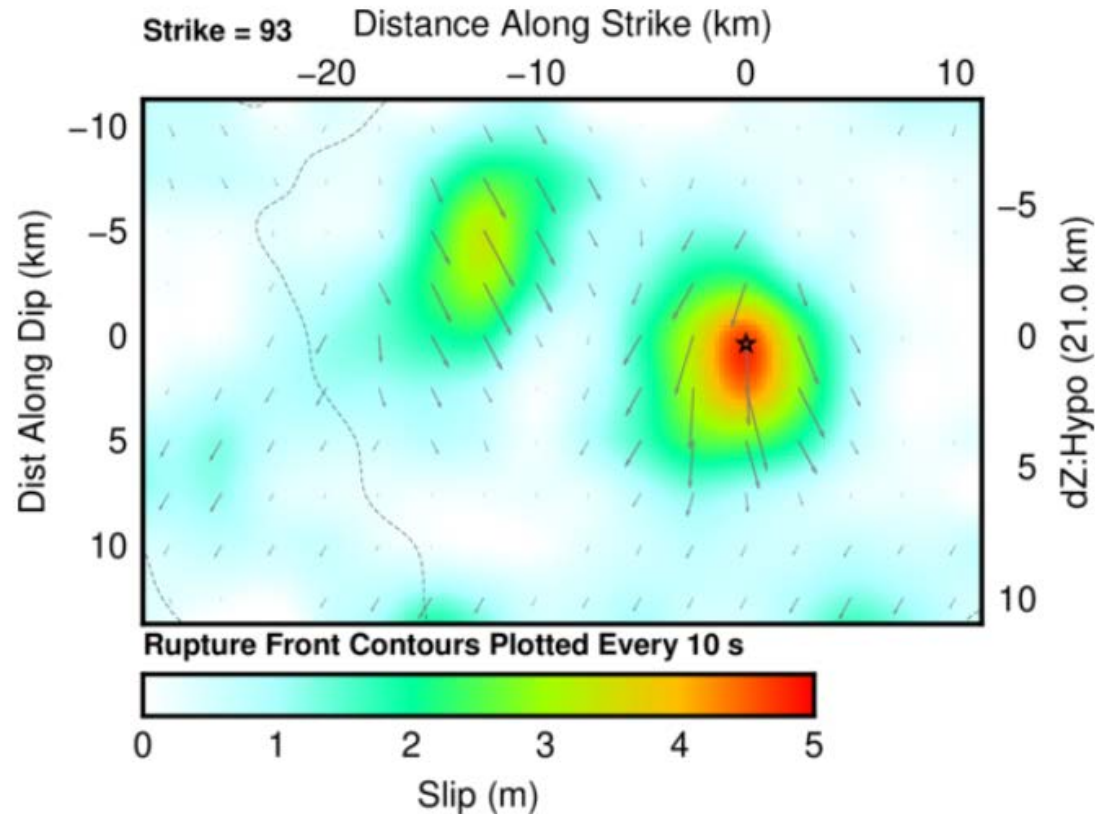
### Estimated Population Exposure



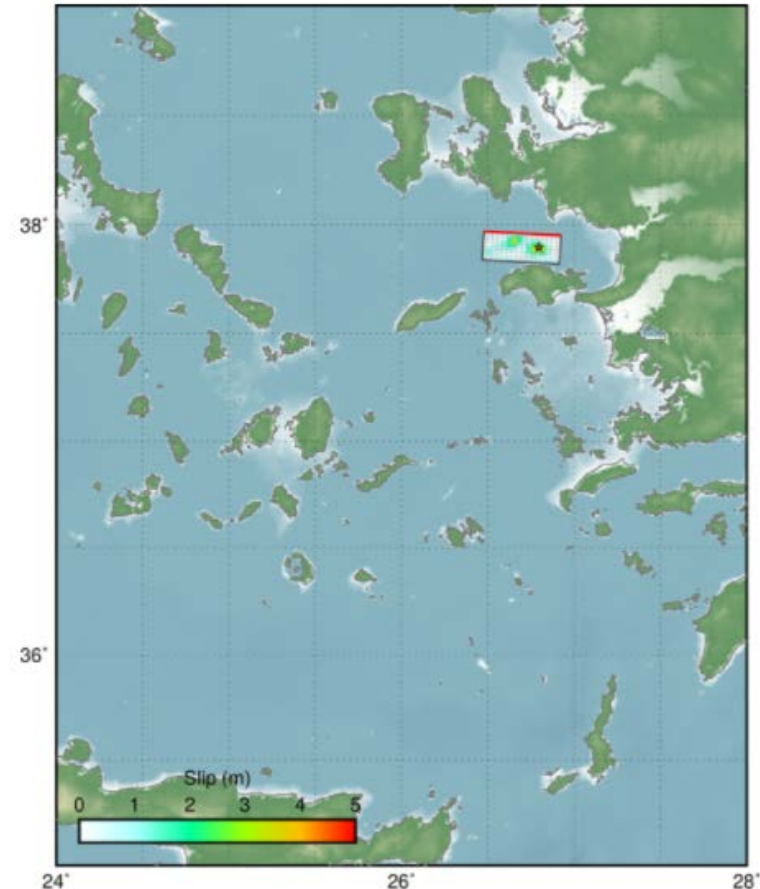
The number of people living near areas that could have produced liquefaction in this earthquake is significant. This is not a direct estimate of liquefaction fatalities or losses.



## CROSS-SECTION AND SURFACE PROJECTION OF SLIP DISTRIBUTION



The strike direction is indicated above each fault plane and the hypocenter location is denoted by a star. Slip amplitude is shown in color and the motion direction of the hanging wall relative to the footwall is indicated with arrows. Contours show the rupture initiation time in seconds.

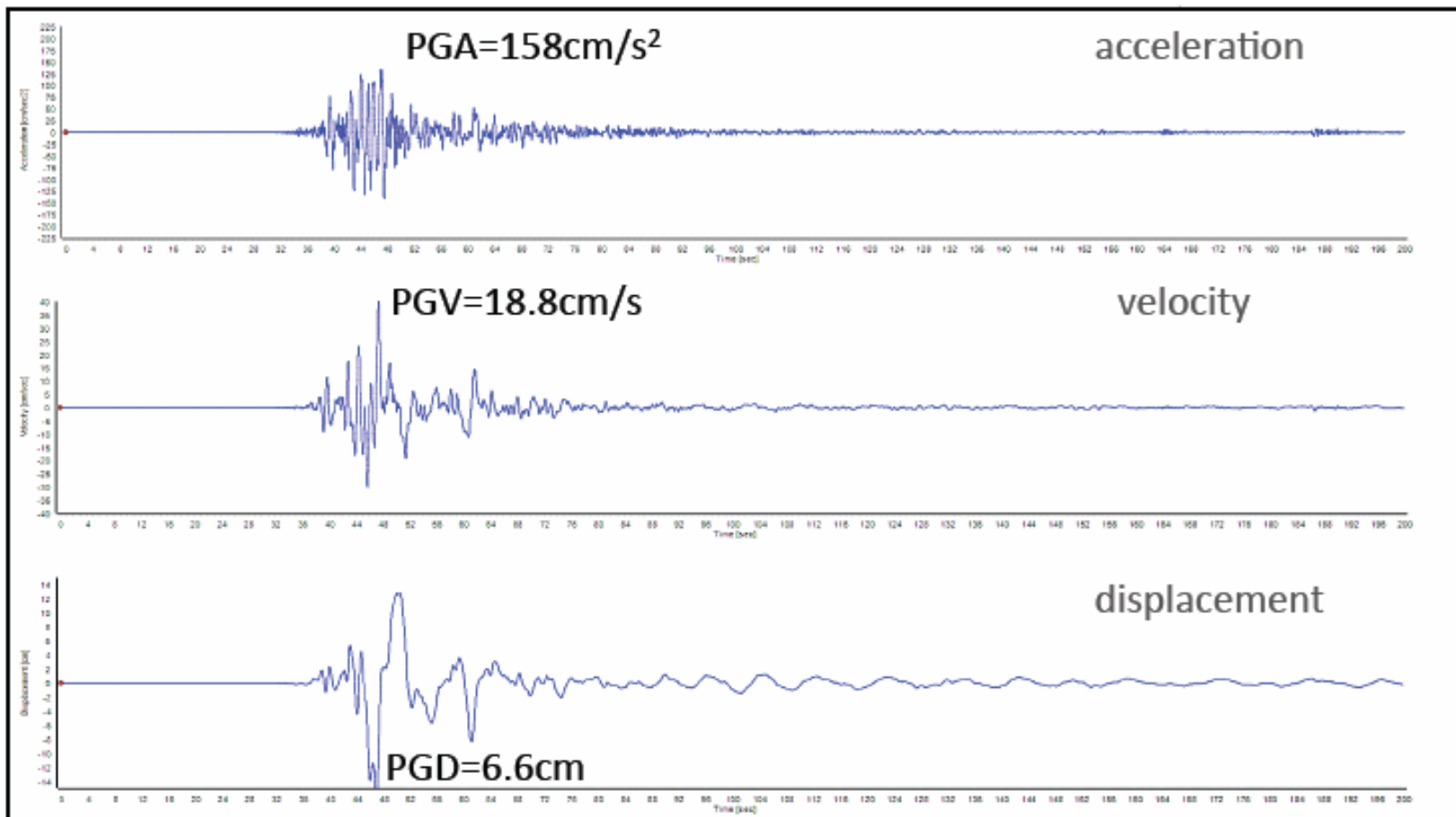


Surface projection of the slip distribution superimposed on GEBCO bathymetry.





**STRONG GROUND MOTION  
RECORDED DURING THE OCTOBER 30, 2020, EARTHQUAKE**

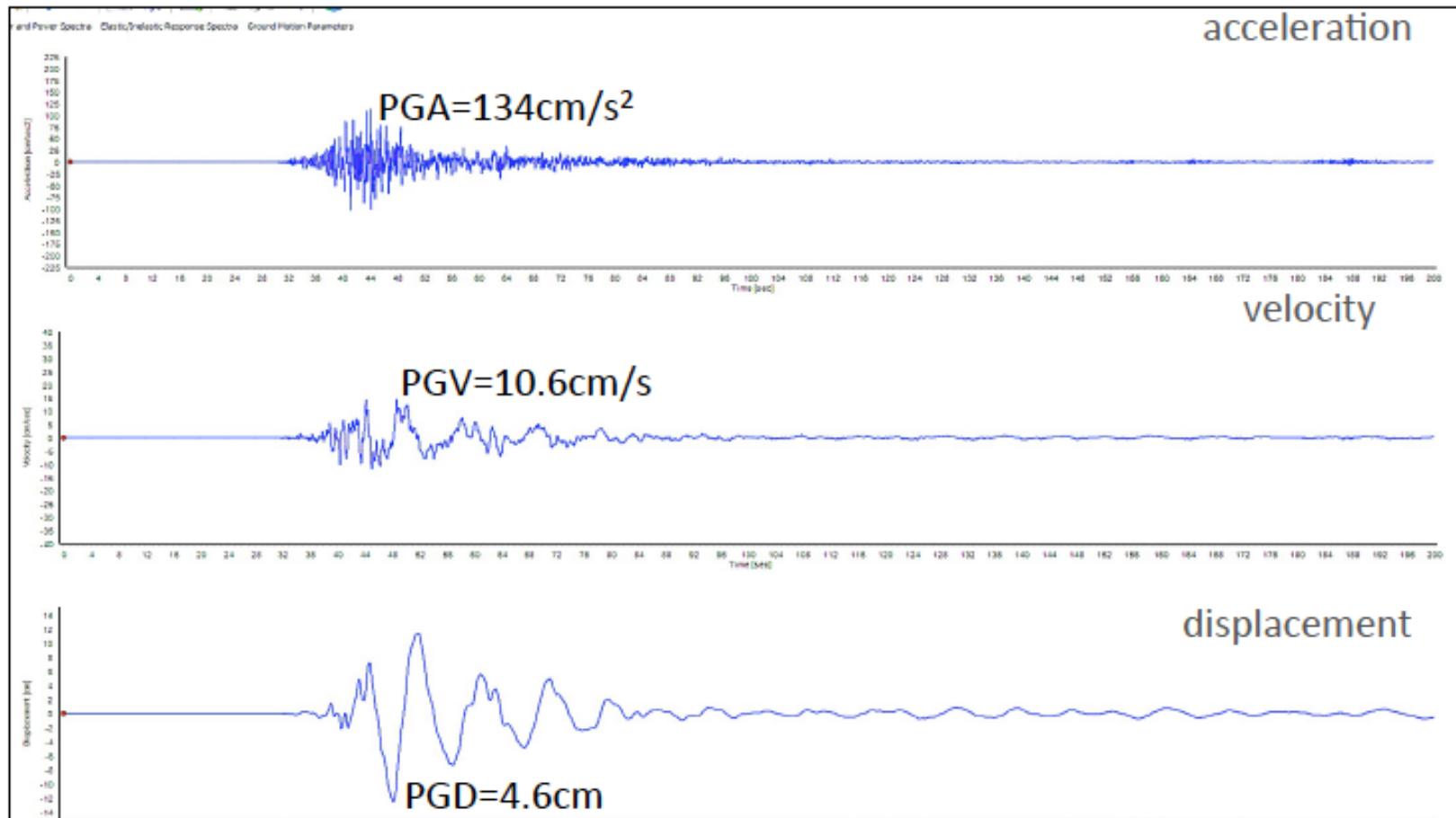


Time histories of the horizontal component (direction N48W). The accelerograph station of ITSAK-EPPO installed at the capital of Samos island with a station-to-epicenter distance  $R \sim 15$ km.

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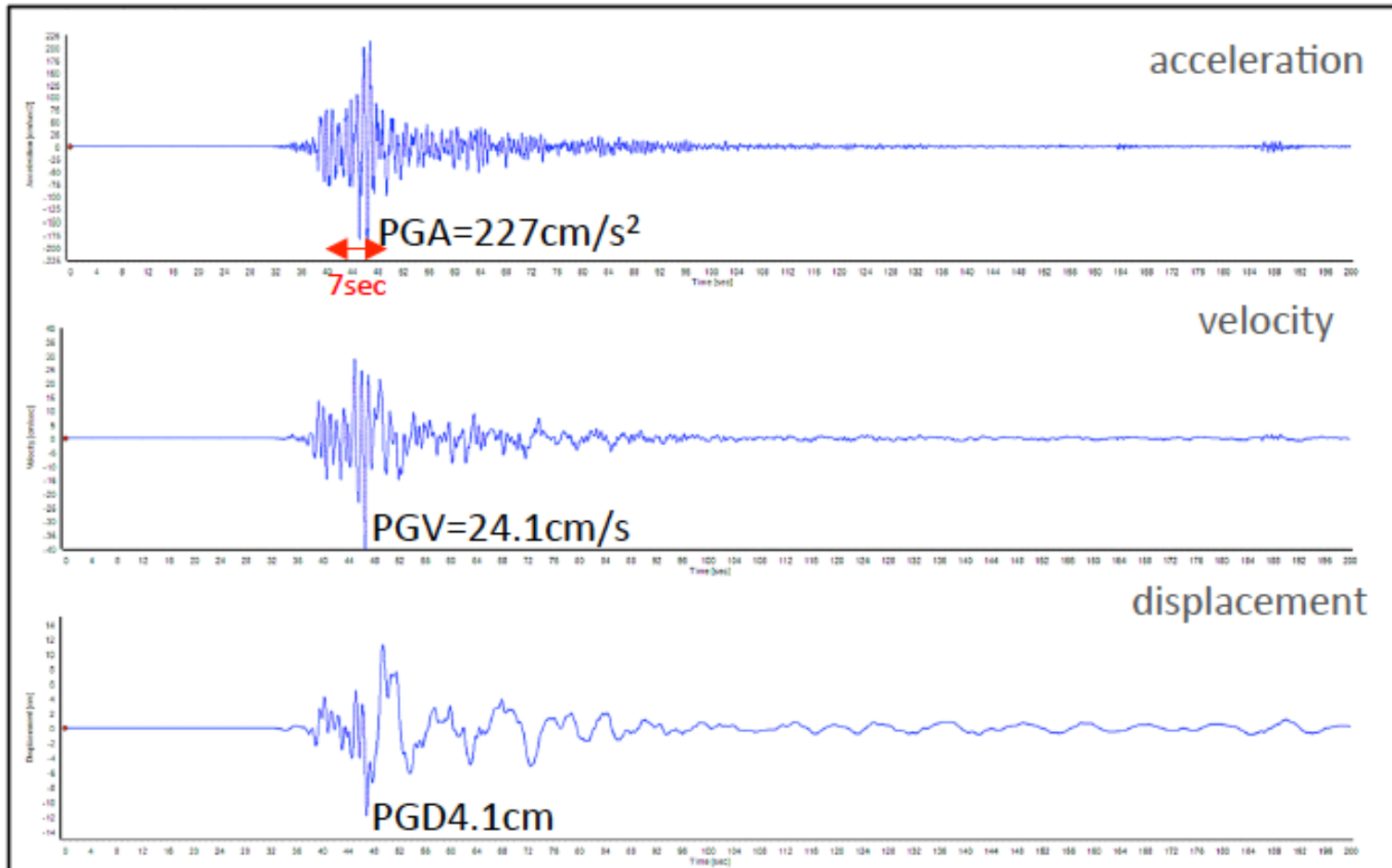
Time histories of the vertical component

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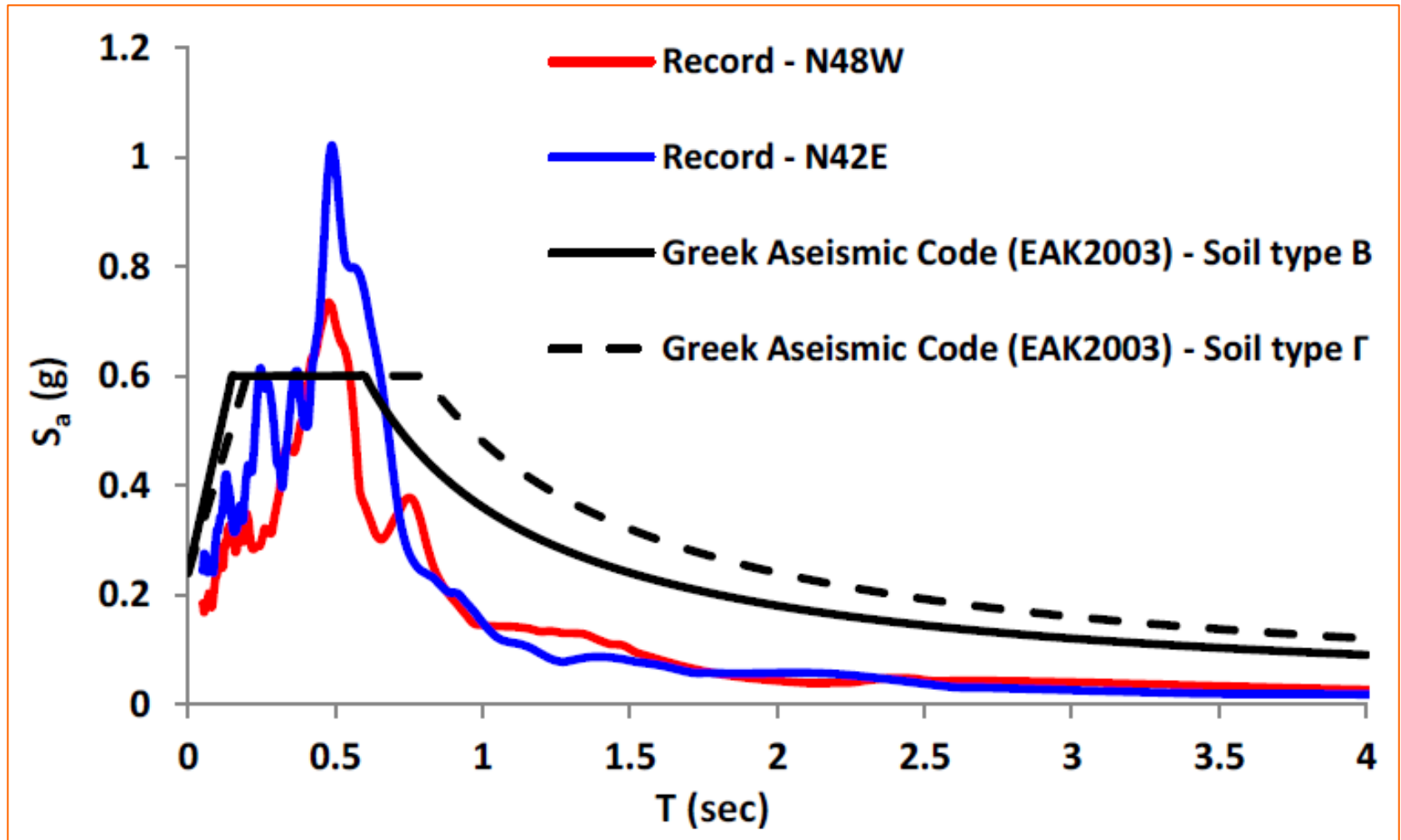


Time histories of the horizontal component (direction N42E)

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## RESPONSE SPECTRA FOR THE OCTOBER 30, 2020 EARTHQUAKE

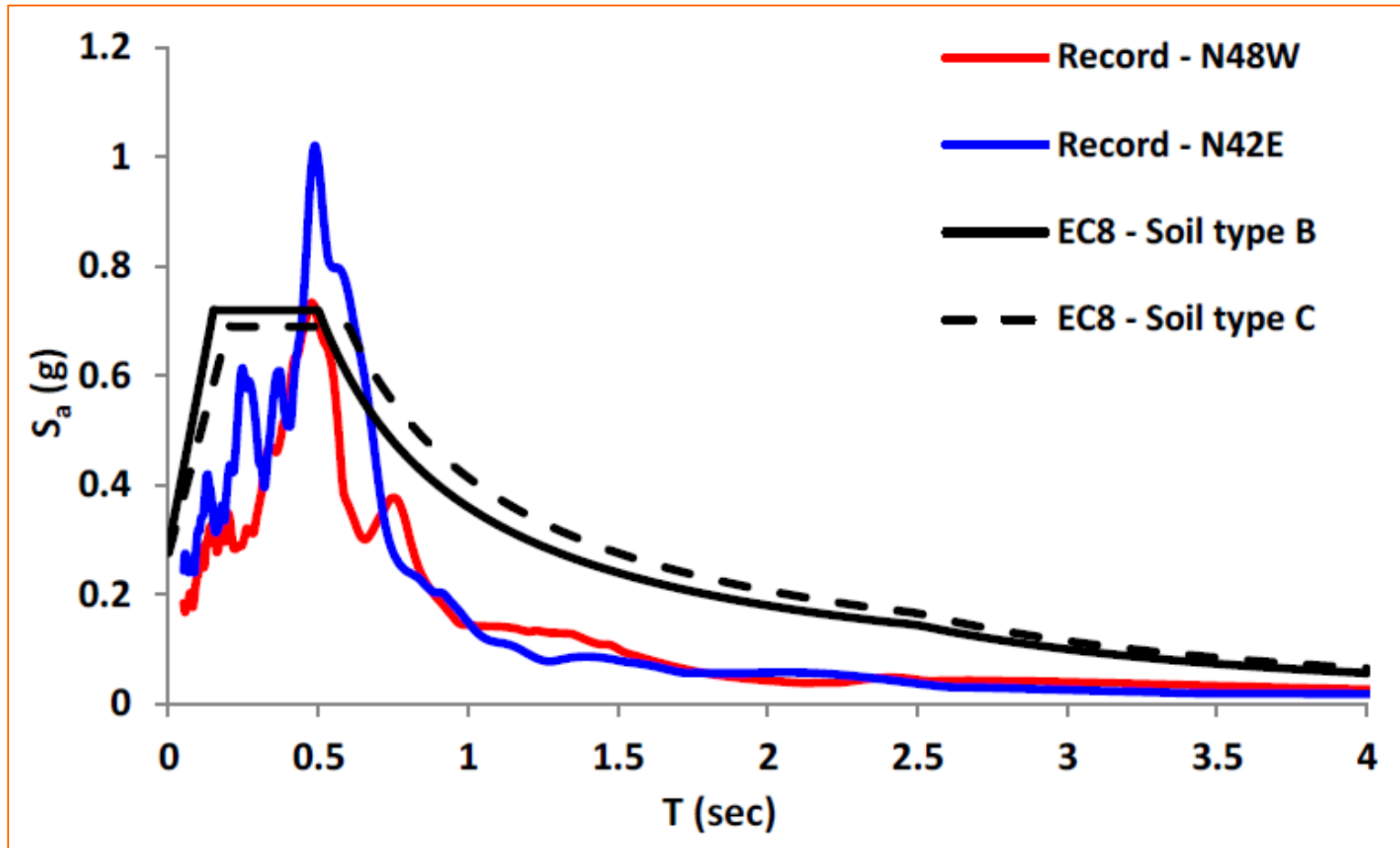


Comparison of the 5%-damped elastic acceleration response spectra between the earthquake record in Vathy, Samos and the Greek Aseismic Code: Horizontal components of seismic motion





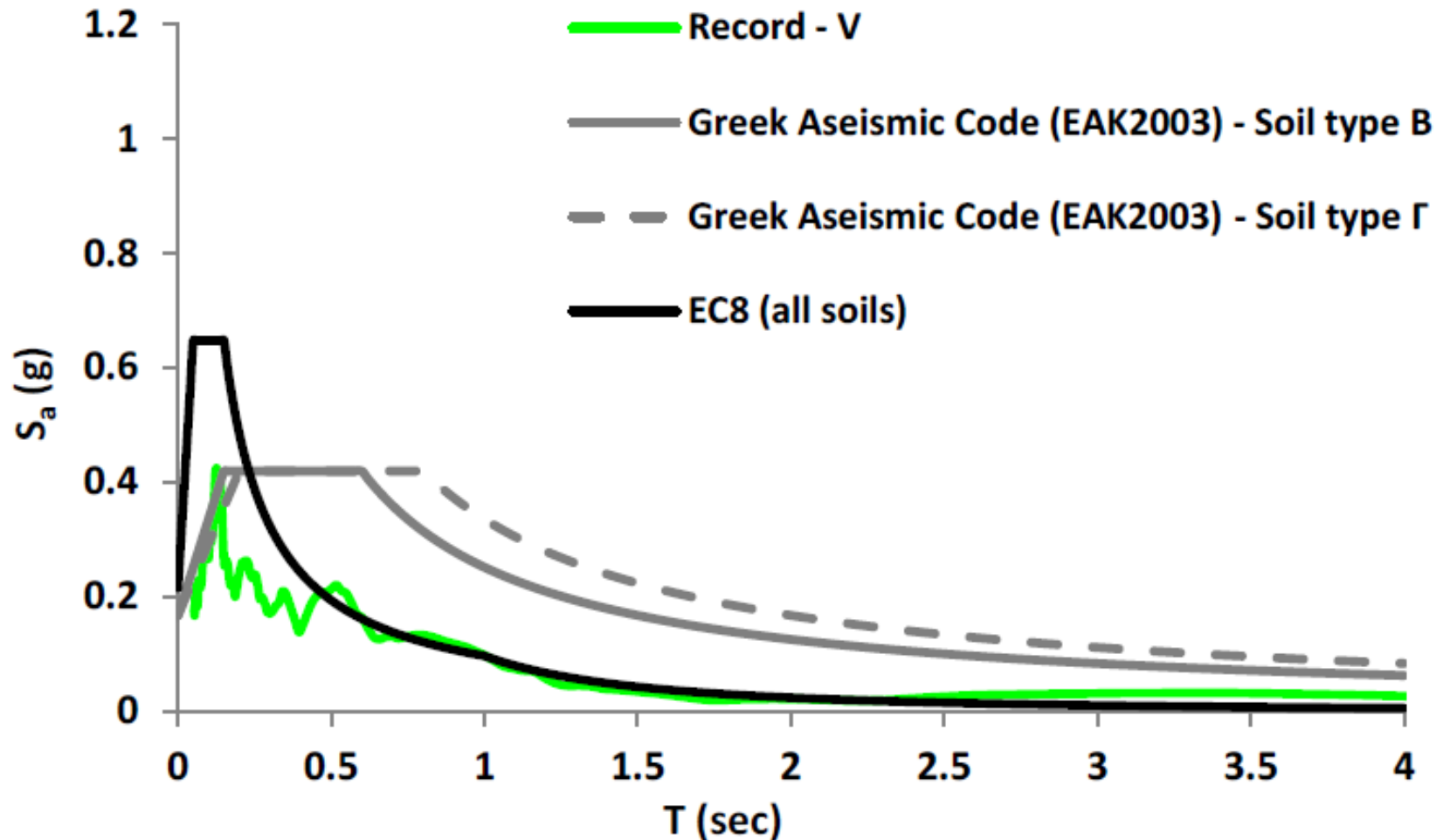
## RESPONSE SPECTRA FOR THE OCTOBER 30, 2020 EARTHQUAKE



Comparison of the 5%-damped elastic acceleration response spectra between the earthquake record in Vathy, Samos and the EC8 Code: Horizontal components of seismic motion. Due to the fact that the earthquake has magnitude  $M_s > 5.5$ , the response spectra correspond to an earthquake of type 1 (strong earthquake).

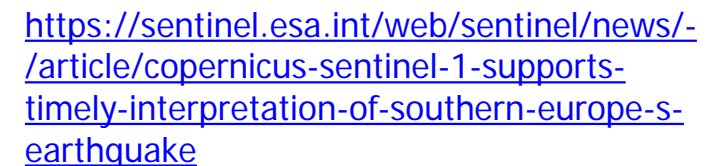


## RESPONSE SPECTRA FOR THE OCTOBER 30, 2020 EARTHQUAKE



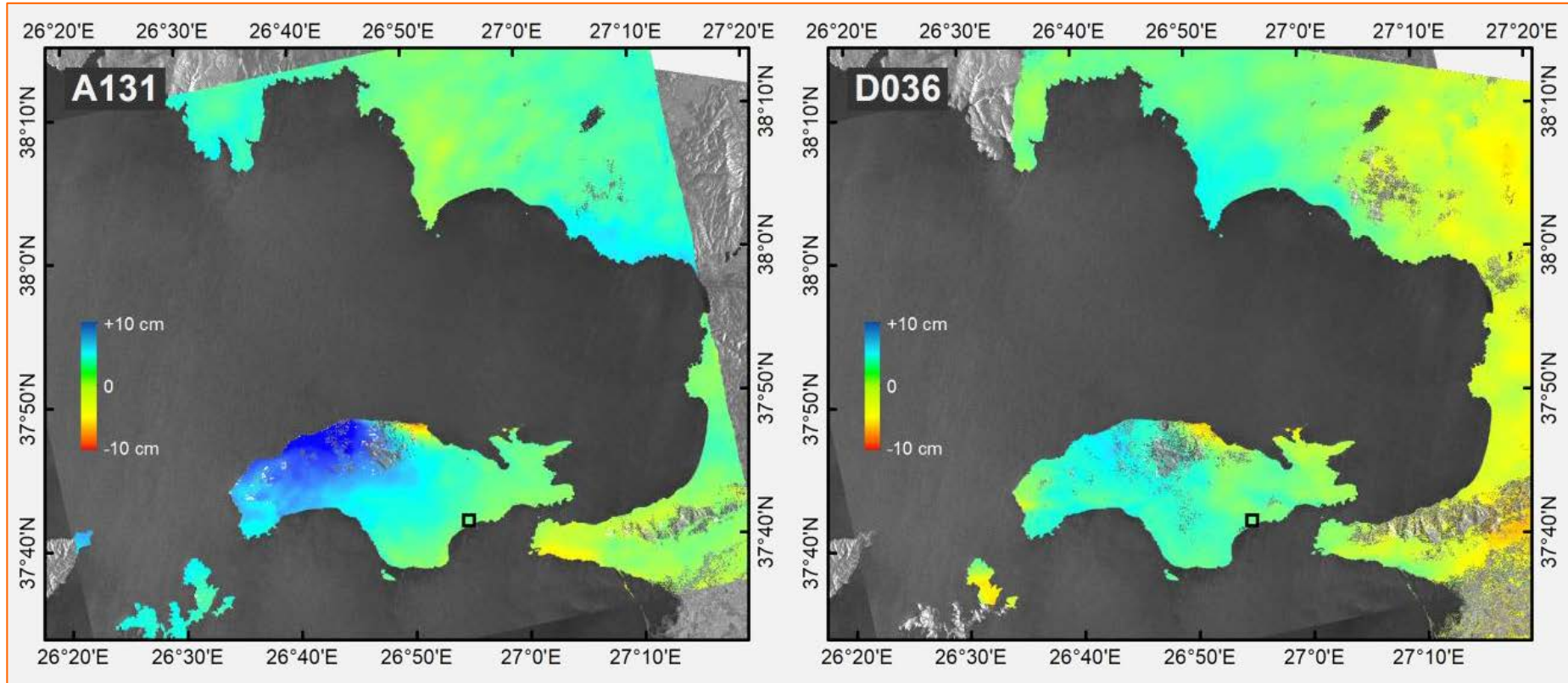
Comparison of the 5%-damped elastic acceleration response spectra between the earthquake record in Vathy, Samos and the Seismic codes (EAK2003 and EC8): Vertical component of seismic motion.







## INTERFEROMETRIC ANALYSIS OF SYNTHETIC APERTURE RADAR (INSAR) DATA CO-SEISMIC DISPLACEMENT FIELD BASED ON SENTINEL-1 MISSION DATA

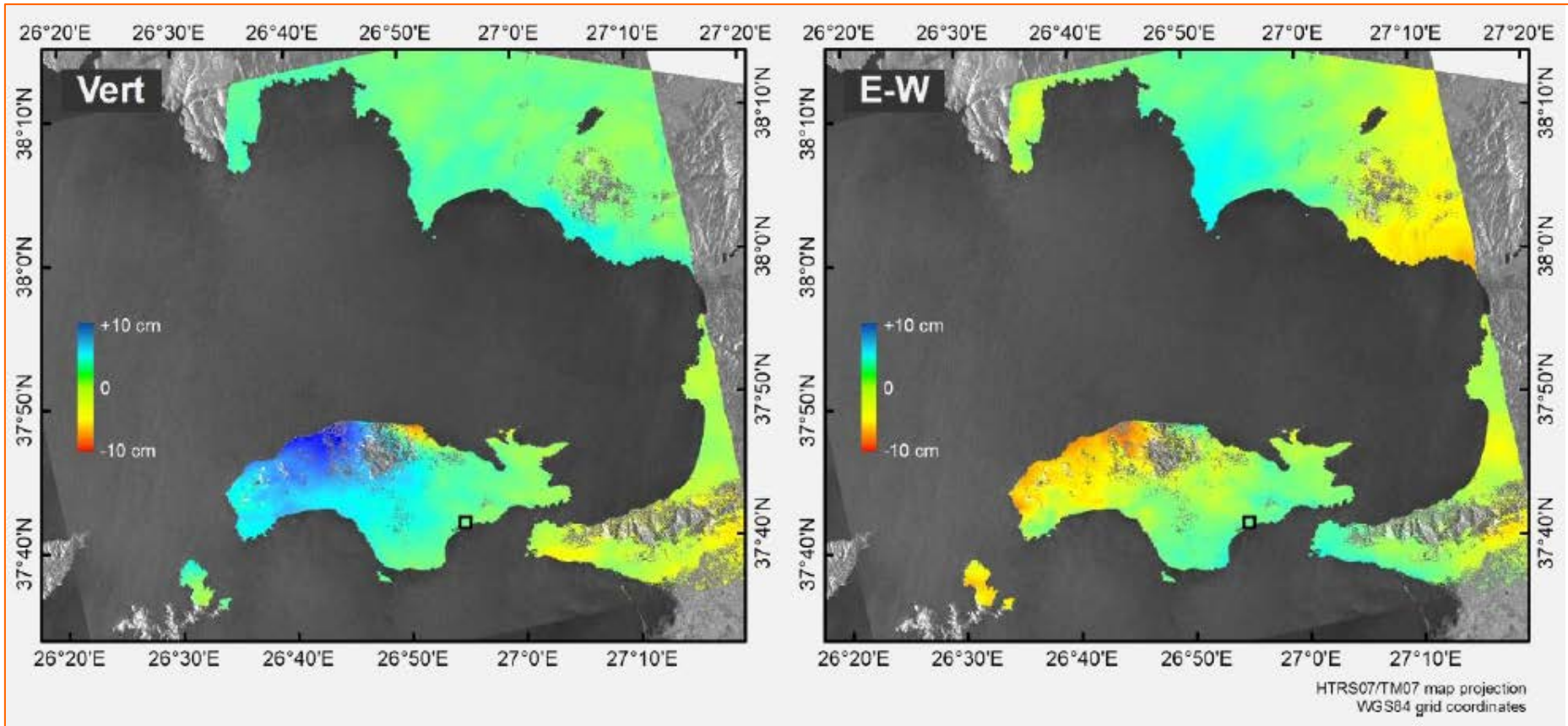


Sentinel-1 LoS ground displacement from various satellite orbits (A131, A029, D036). Positive values indicate motion towards the satellite, whereas negative values motion away from the satellite. Reference area indicated (black square).





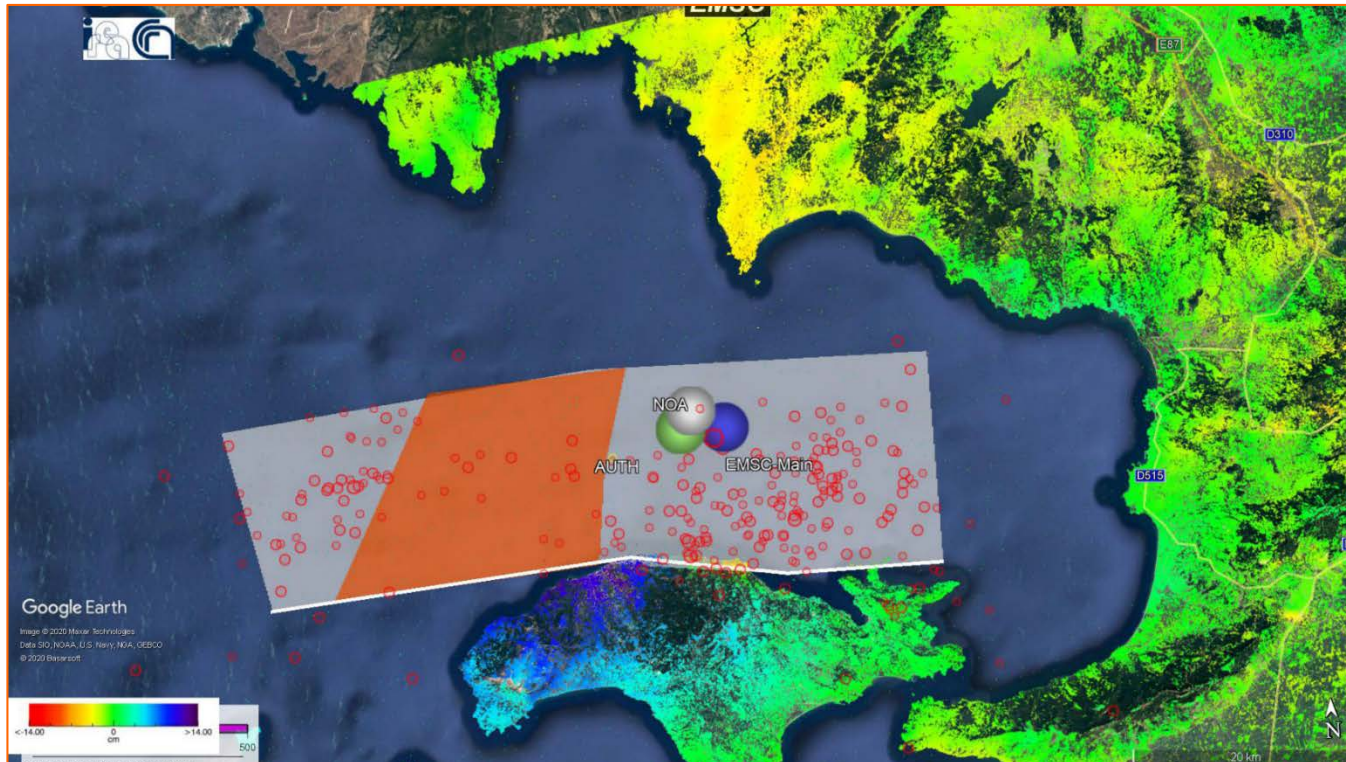
## INTERFEROMETRIC ANALYSIS OF SYNTHETIC APERTURE RADAR (INSAR) DATA VERTICAL AND E-W COMPONENTS OF THE CO-SEISMIC DISPLACEMENT FIELD



Sentinel-1 co-seismic displacement field along the vertical and E-W directions based on the combination of independent LoS InSAR measurements. Positive values indicate uplift and/or motion towards East, whereas negative values downlift and/or motion towards West.



## COMBINING SEISMOLOGICAL DATA AND SPACEBORNE OBSERVATIONS



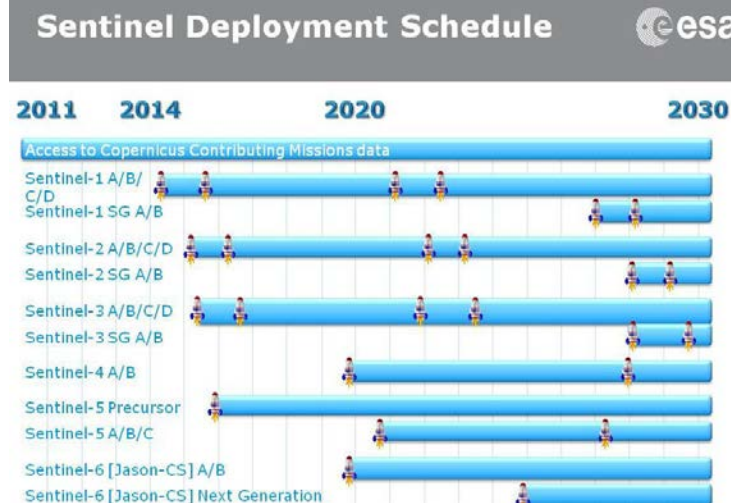
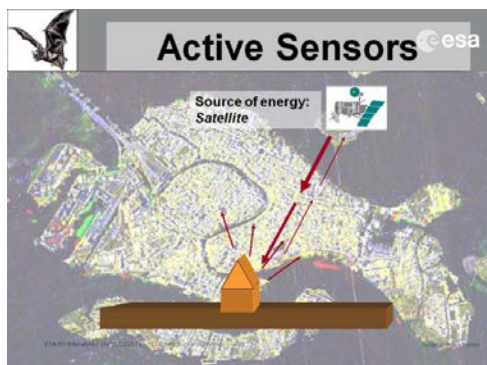
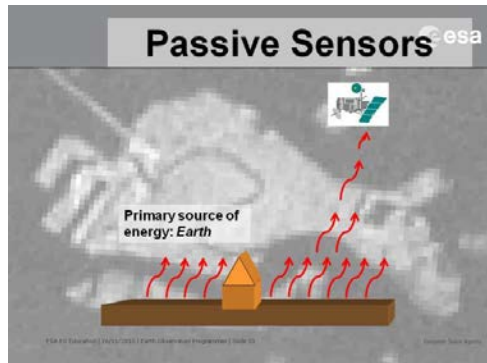
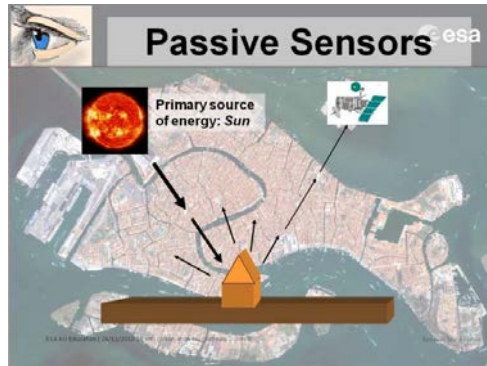
The rupture started from the hypocenter (relocated depth ~13 km), possibly expanded bilaterally in both directions (East and West), rupturing an area with a length of 55-60 kilometers and a width of 15 kilometers (the fault, white polygon). The large fault displacements possibly occurred along the western fault segment (orange area), where fault may have reached the surface, significantly shifting the sea bottom (though this can be done only by the static displacement) and generating the observed tsunami.

Initial interpretation by Professor Costas Papazachos (AUTH)





## COPERNICUS EARTH OBSERVATION PRODUCTS FOR MAPPING AND MONITORING THE SAMOS SEISMIC EVENT



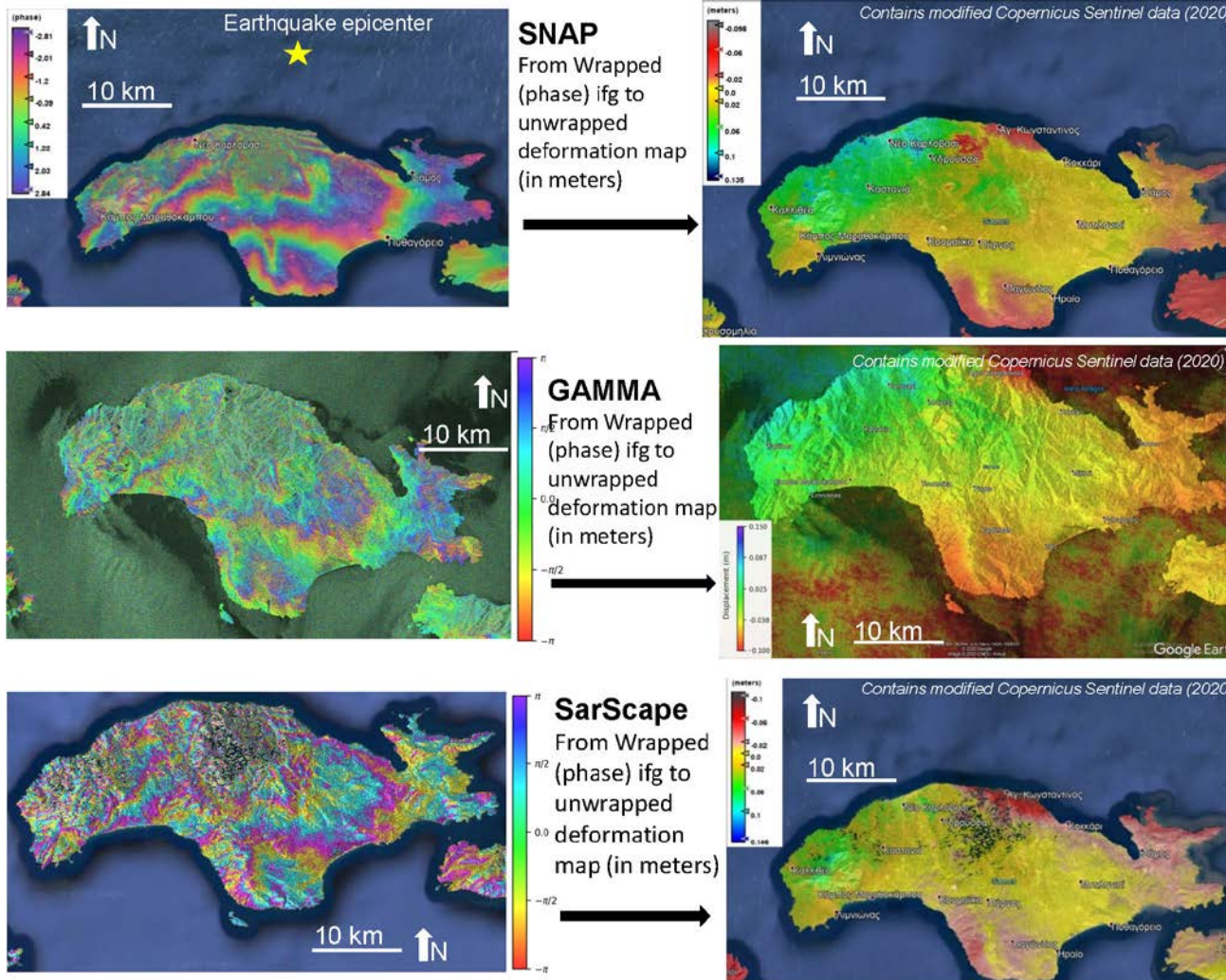
By using satellite data, alongside ground-based and other observations, we can monitor earthquakes and volcanoes across the globe, and apply what we learn in one location more widely.

Satellites such as Sentinels (free) help us to understand how the ground deforms around earthquake centers, faults and volcanoes. They can give very precise measurements of ground motion that we can combine with other techniques to create geophysical models of what is happening beneath the Earth's surface.

In this study Sentinel 1 & 3 are used in order to create deformation maps by SAR interferometry and based on thermal emissivity to create sea thermal images. Unfortunately due to cloud cover during the period of monitoring wasn't possible to use optical data (Sentinel 2).



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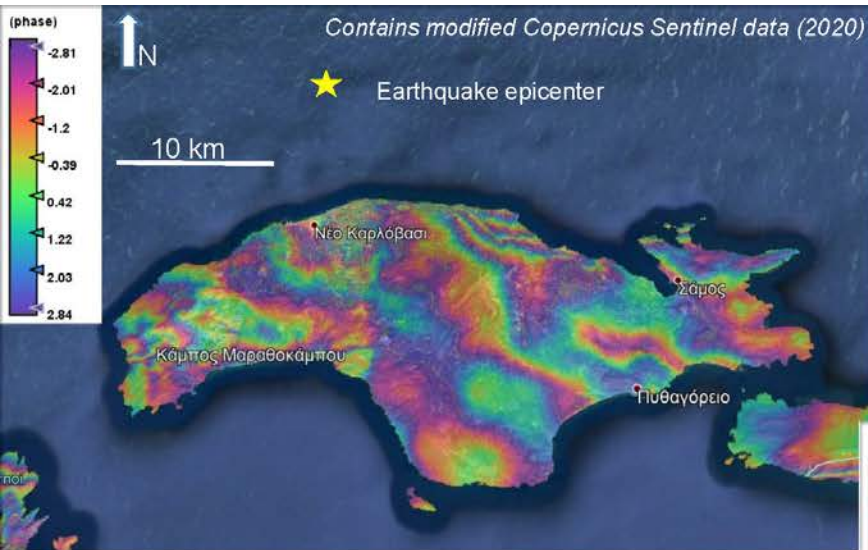


An interferometric pair of Sentinel-1 ascending SLC scenes dated 6/10 and 30/10. All the results (regardless of the processing s/w) showed the same quality results, ie uplift of the NW area of the island and subsidence (in coastal areas in the north of the island) and quantitatively the results are similar: the uplift from 10 to 14 cm in LOS while in the case of subsidence the maximum value is 9 cm in LOS (Avlaki area). There is topo induced phase in the central part of the island



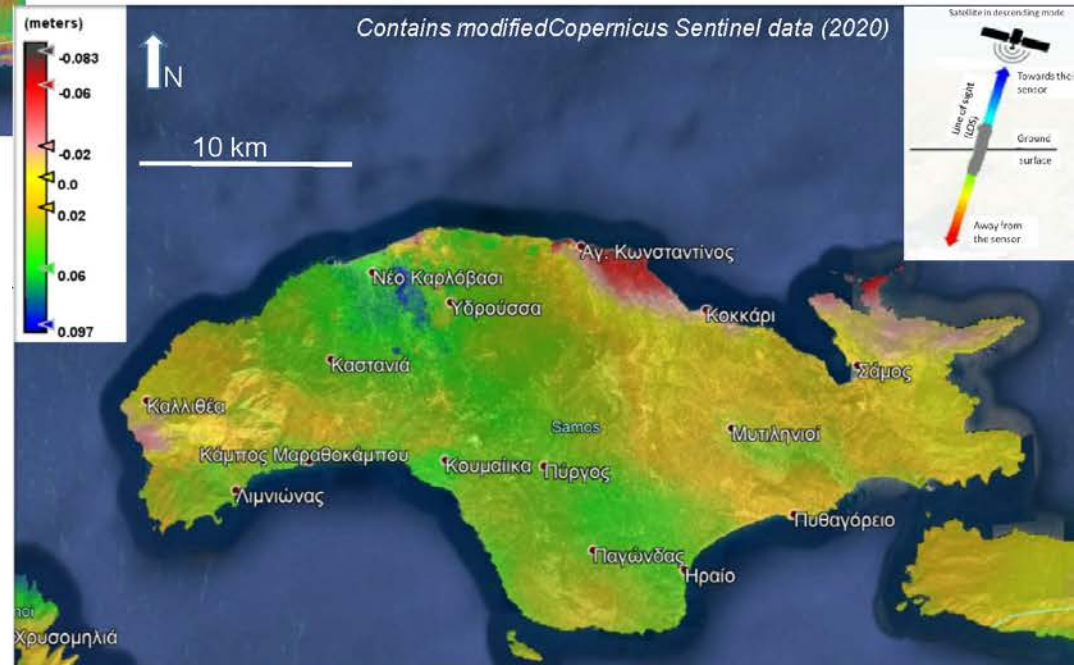


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◀ Wrapped interferogram (phase)

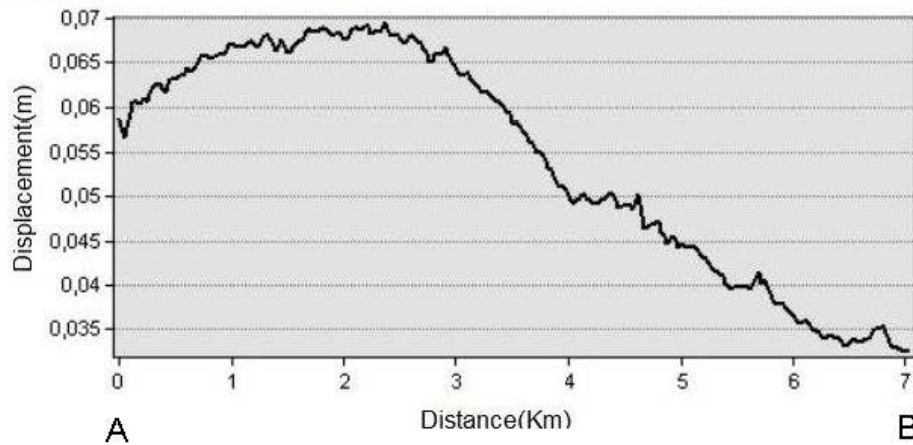
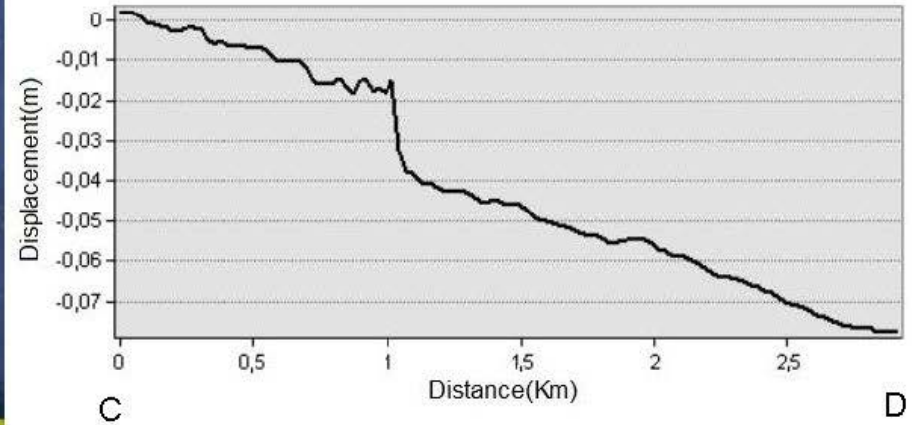
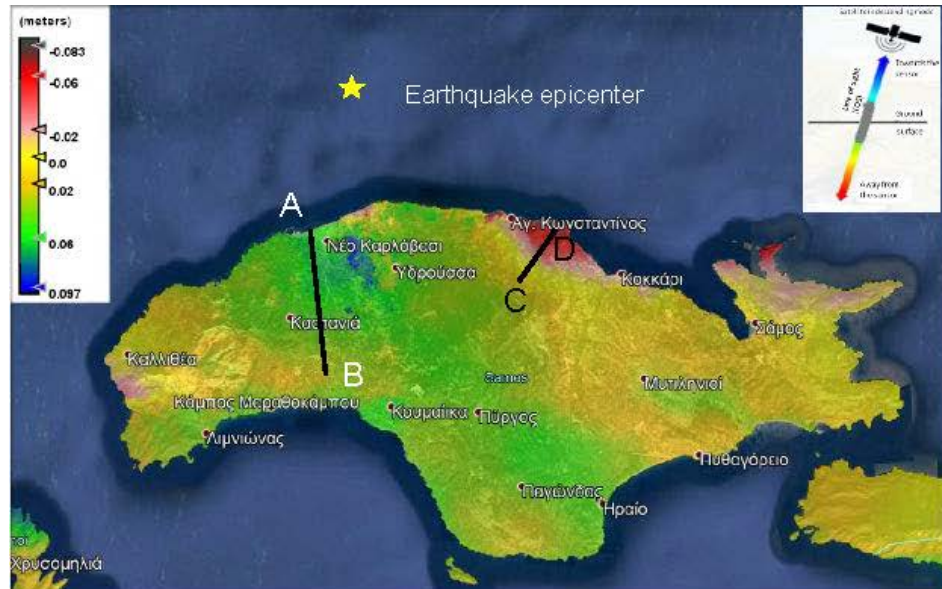
► Unwrapped interferogram  
(Displacement Map in meters)



Interferometric pair formed by Sentinel 1 SLC scenes in descending geometry of acquisition dated 24/10 and 5/11. Processing was done using the ESA's free and open s/w SNAP in Linux environment. The wrapped interferogram (left) after unwrapping the displacement map has been produced (co-seismic deformation in meters)



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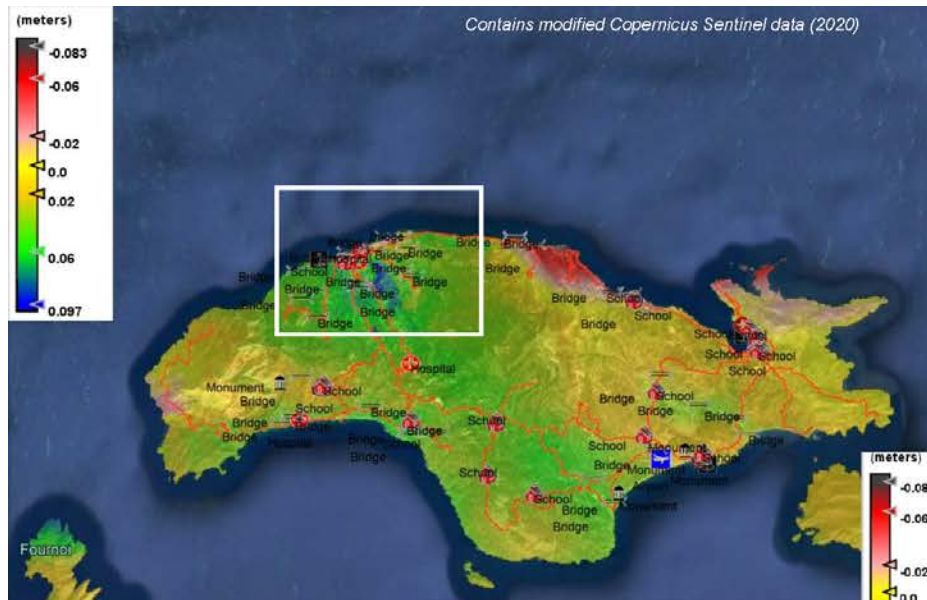


Deformation sections based on the co-seismic deformation map of the descending pair of Sentinel 1 SLC scenes.





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During this study a Google Earth based application for tablets and mobiles (with activation of GPS) was developed as an operational tool to use during post disaster inspections concerning structural health of local infrastructure.

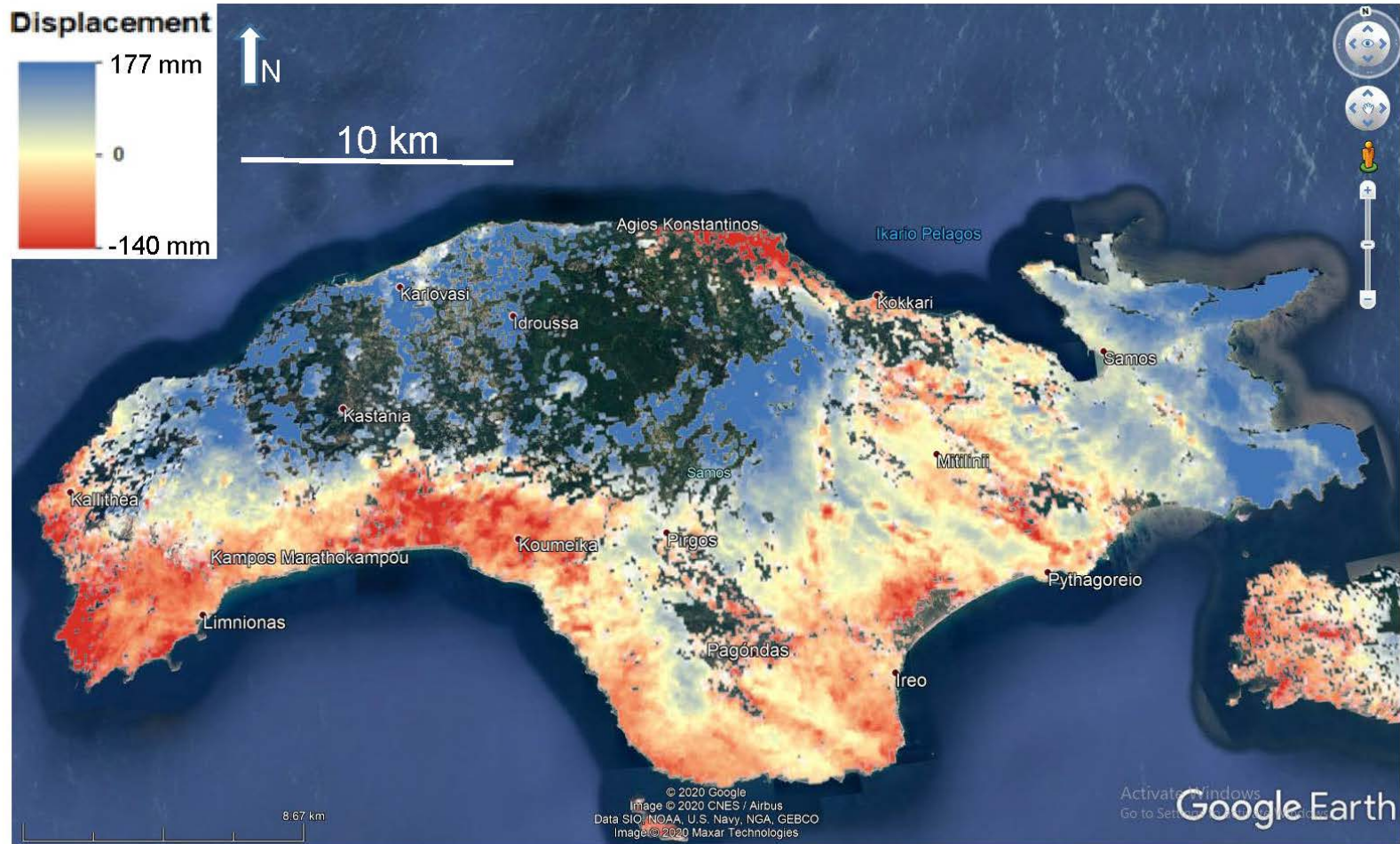
Displacement map produced by the descending Sentinel 1 SLC pair overlapped by local exposure (road network, hospitals, schools, cultural heritage sites and museums, bridges etc).

- ◀ The entire island of Samos
- ▼ The detailed of Karlovasi City





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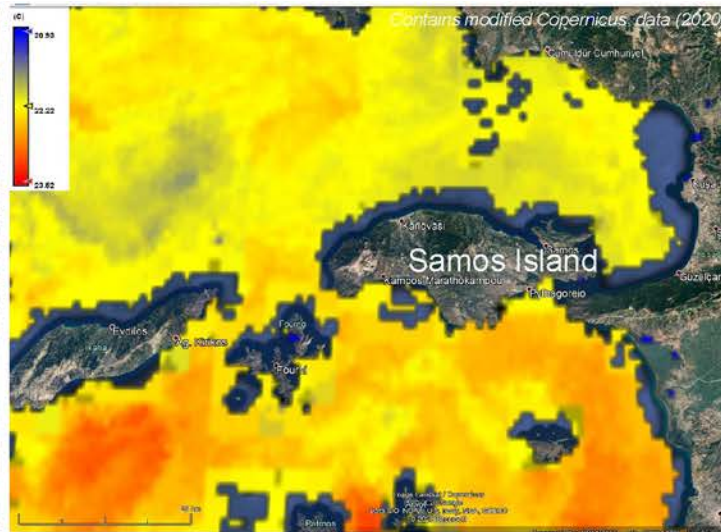
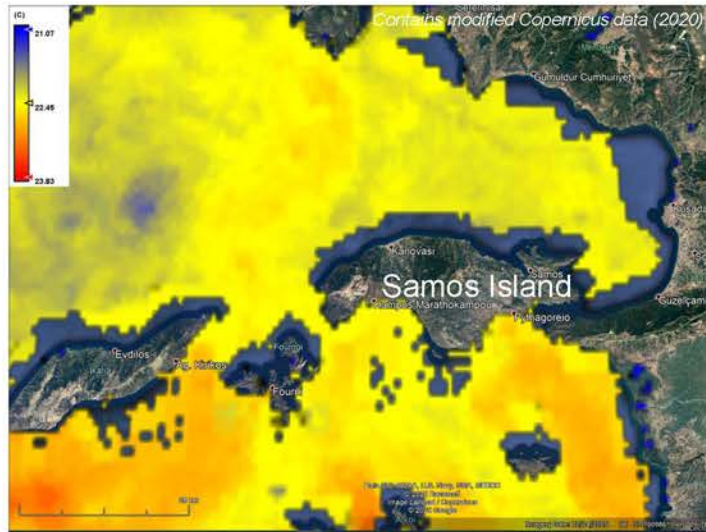


Multitemporal InSAR product using 15 SAR.SLC Sentinel -1 scenes in ascending geometry covering the period 5/2020 – early November/2020 following the SBAS algorithm of SARSCAPE



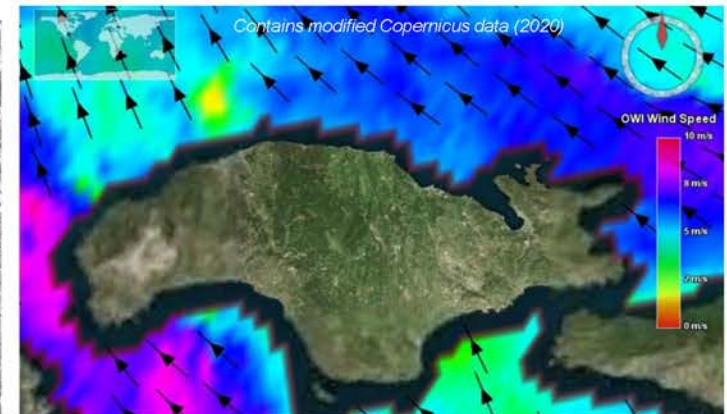
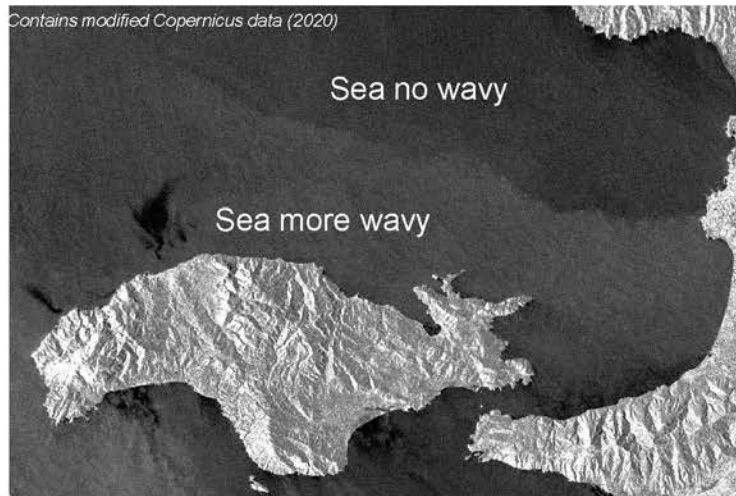


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Sentinel-3 scenes were used for the assessment of Sea Surface Temperature (SST) using the SLSTR Instrument. The acquisition dates are 27/10/2020 (left) and 31/10/2020 (right) and pass direction is Ascending. The processing was conducted in ESA's SNAP Software. The final product is the Sea Surface Temperature (SST) in Celsius.

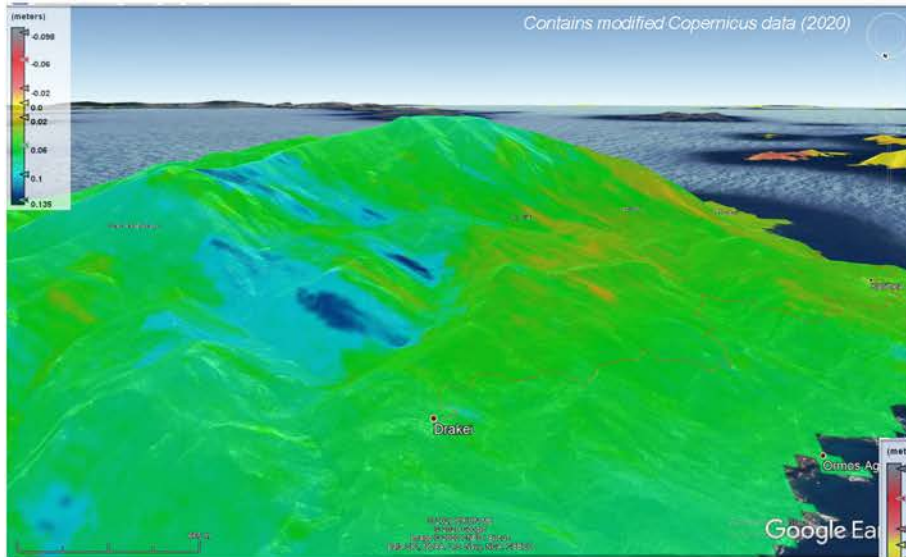
Sentinel 1 GRD scene dated 30/10 T:16.06 Z after orbit file updated, thermal noise removal, Calibration, speckle filtering, terrain correction, subset and finally conversion to dB. The image is very sensitive in micro-topography in land and sea.



Sentinel 1 OCN product dated 30/10 ascending showing wind speed and wind direction (arrows indicate the direction in which the wind is coming)

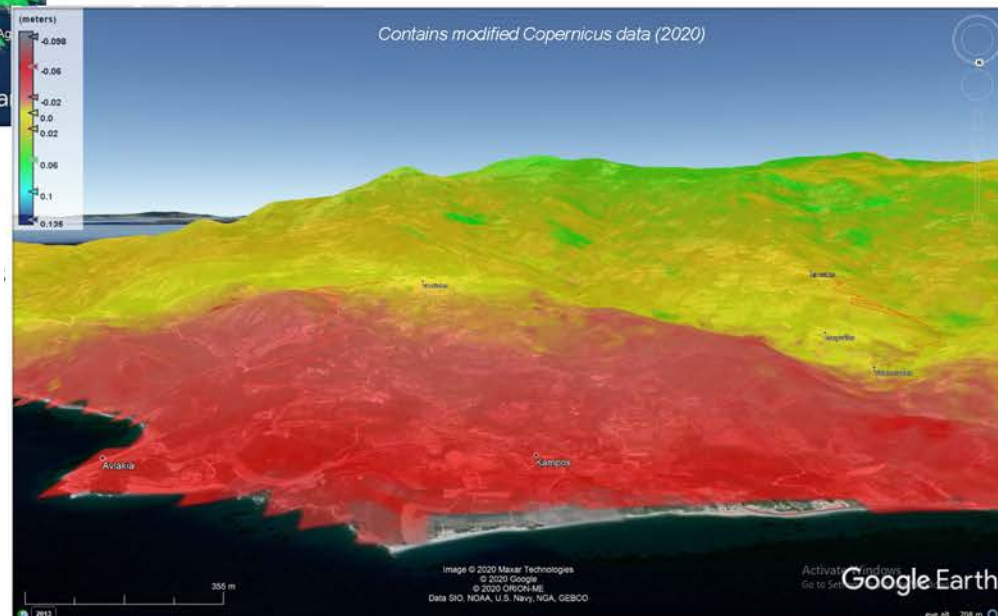


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◀ Slope instabilities in NW part of the Samos Island based on the displacement map (subset)

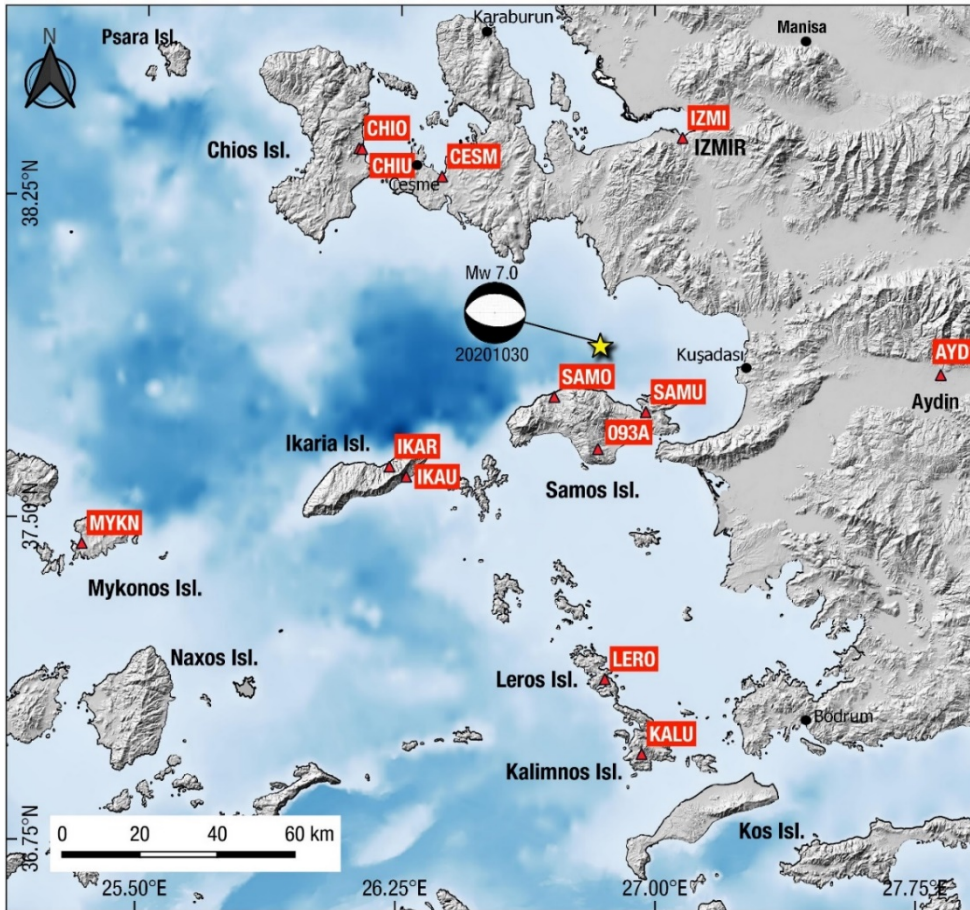
▶ Subsided coastal area at the Northern part of the Samos Island based on the displacement map (subset)





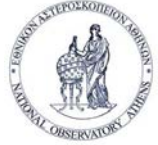


## RESULTS FROM SAR INTERFEROMETRY AND GNSS

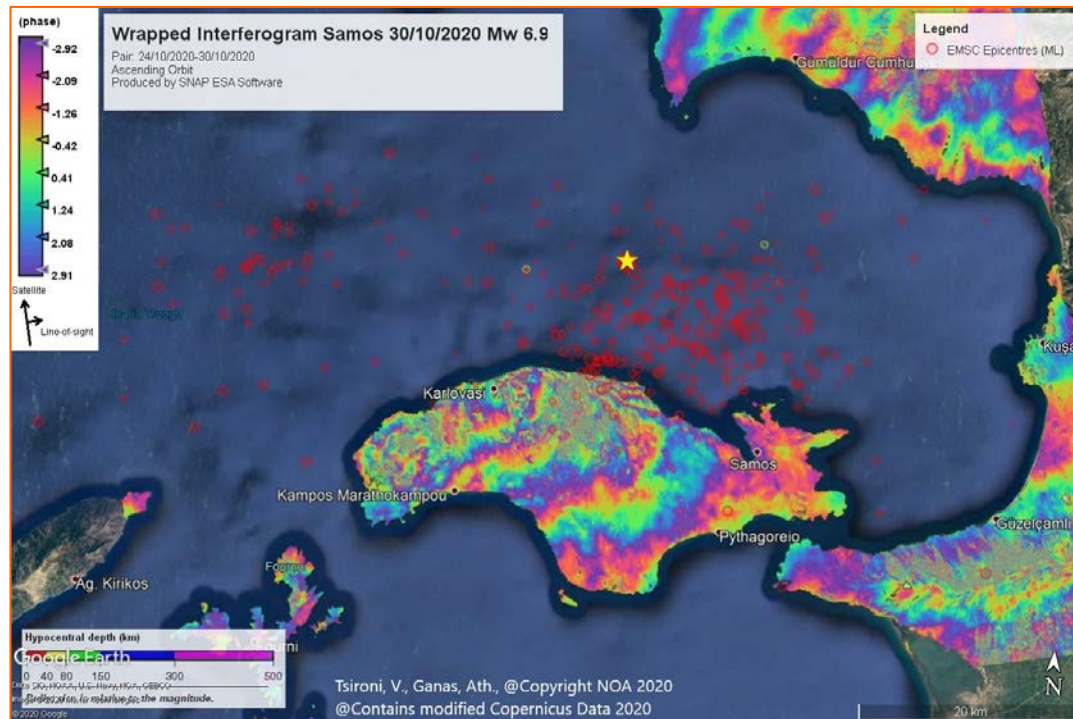


A first analysis of the geodetic data is presented by the NOA scientific team (Ganas, Tsironi, Karasante). They used a set of ascending SAR images acquired by the SENTINEL-1 satellites that are distributed routinely by the European Space Agency (ESA) free of charge. They also used GNSS data (at 30-s sampling interval) from permanent stations surrounding the epicenter that were provided by the Greek private GNSS networks (SmartNet and Uranus) and the Turkish CORS network. The NOA team preliminary inversion modeling indicates that the rupture occurred on a  $37 \pm 5$ -kilometer-long north-dipping tensional (“normal”) fault located off the northern shore of Samos (Ganas et al. 2020).

Location map showing shaded topography / bathymetry, the focal mechanism (beachball; GCMT solution) and the epicenter of the October 30, 2020 Samos earthquake (yellow triangle). Red triangles indicate permanent GPS (GNSS) station locations (with codes in red frames).



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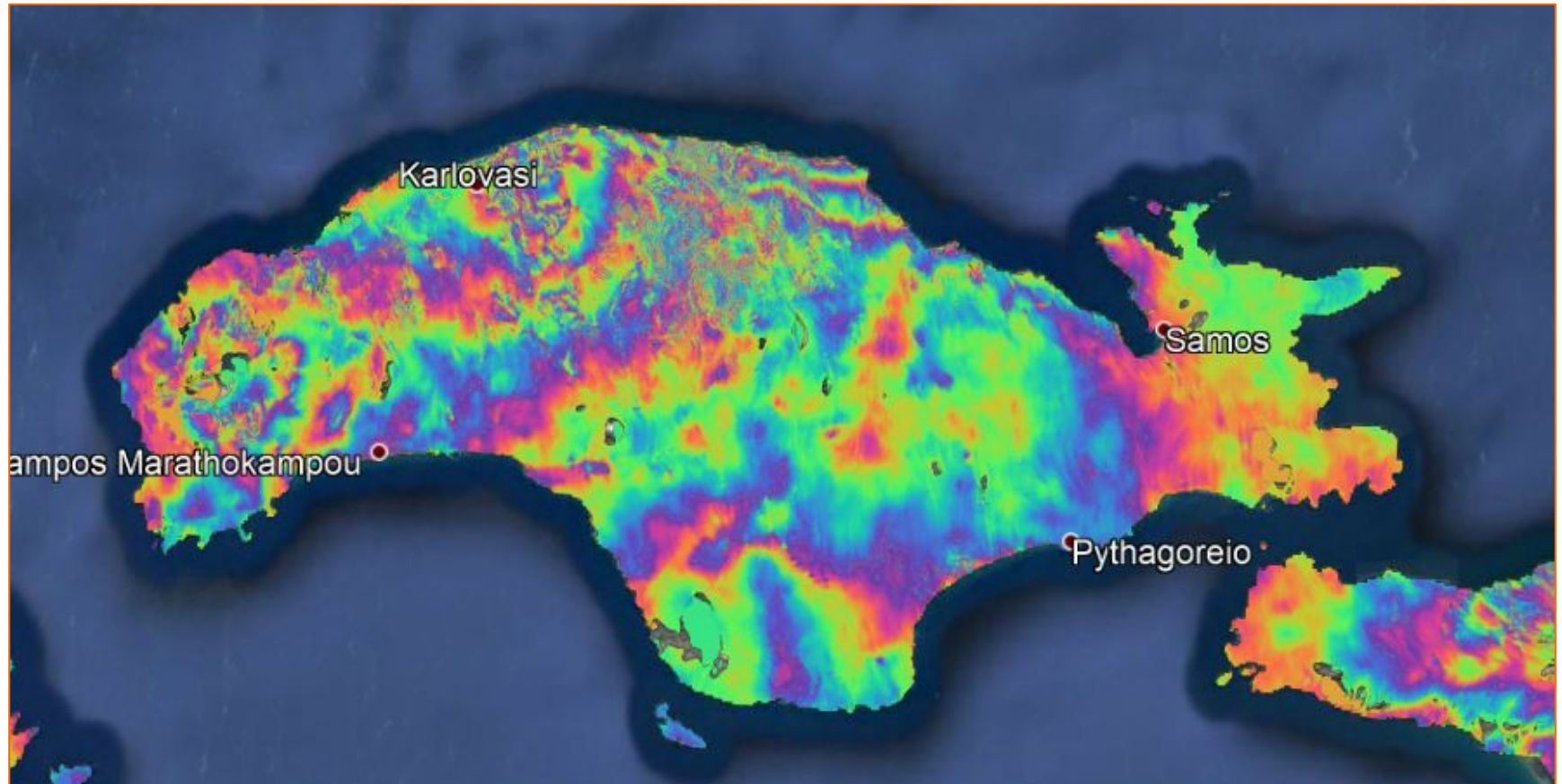
The NOA scientific team used the ascending images acquired by the European satellites Sentinel-1 (C-band data) on October 24 and October 30, 2020 and October 18-30, 2020 on the track 131. The interferograms were made on the Geohazards Exploitation Platform (<https://geohazards-tep.eu>) using the SNAP v5.0 software. The digital elevation model (DEM) used for the processing is the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) 1 Arc-Second Global (doi number: /10.5066/F7PR7TFT).

The quality of the interferogram is good, both in terms of coherence and tropospheric noise. The interferogram shows several fringes corresponding to ground deformation onshore Samos. The absolute value of the interferometric fringes is estimated by the tie to the GNSS stations SAMO (Karlovasi) and SAMU (Vathy) that recorded the co-seismic displacement. All fringes correspond to motion towards the satellite except the three northern one located by the coast (Agios Konstantinos – Kokkari) where the motion is away from the satellite. The uplift is interpreted a result of co-seismic motion along an offshore normal fault, running E-W and dipping to the North.





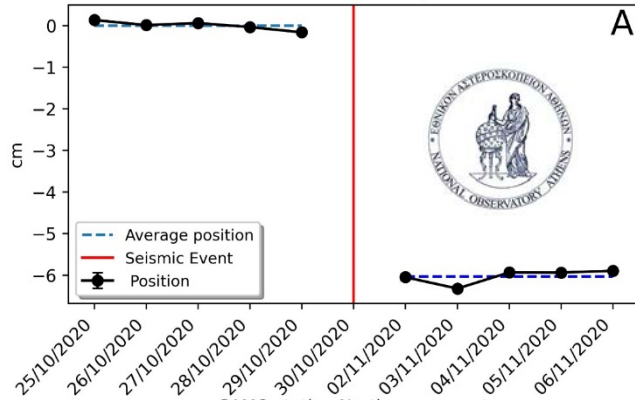
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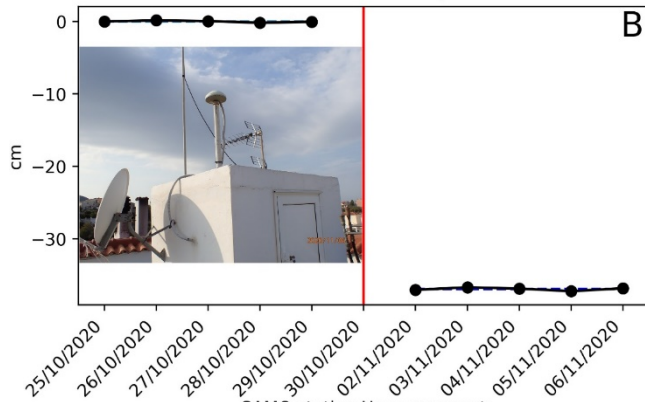
The co-seismic interferogram (wrapped phase; cropped swath) over Samos island. Top panel shows the image pair Oct. 24-Oct.30, 2020. Bottom panel: Oct. 18-Oct. 30, 2020. The ascending InSAR results show that most of Samos moved roughly upwards with the exception of a coastal strip from Agios Konstantinos to Kokkari that moved roughly downwards. The interferograms are draped over Google Earth imagery.



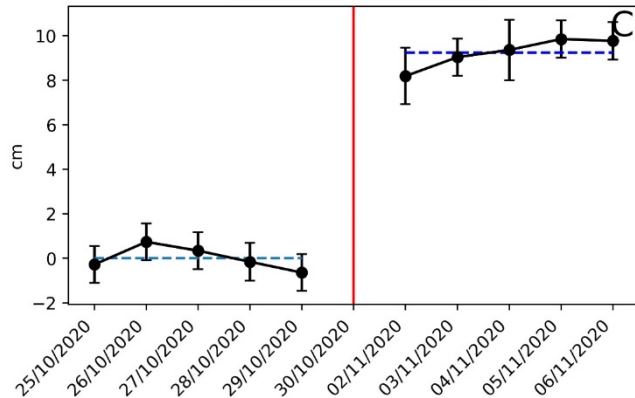
SAMO station East component



SAMO station North component



SAMO station Up component



## COSEISMIC MOTION OF THE GNSS STATIONS

### COSEISMIC EFFECTS

The NOA scientific team presented the co-seismic displacements, which were obtained from the difference between trend lines best fitting to time series of pre-seismic coordinates about 5 days before the mainshock and of post-seismic coordinates 5 days after. The horizontal displacement pattern is in full agreement with the normal-slip kinematics of the rupture. The **coseismic displacements** reached **37-cm of horizontal motion** towards south and **8-cm of uplift** (at Karlovassi town centre). In addition, coseismic displacements of the order of a few cm were measured at GNSS stations in Ikaria, Chios, and in Cesme and Izmir.

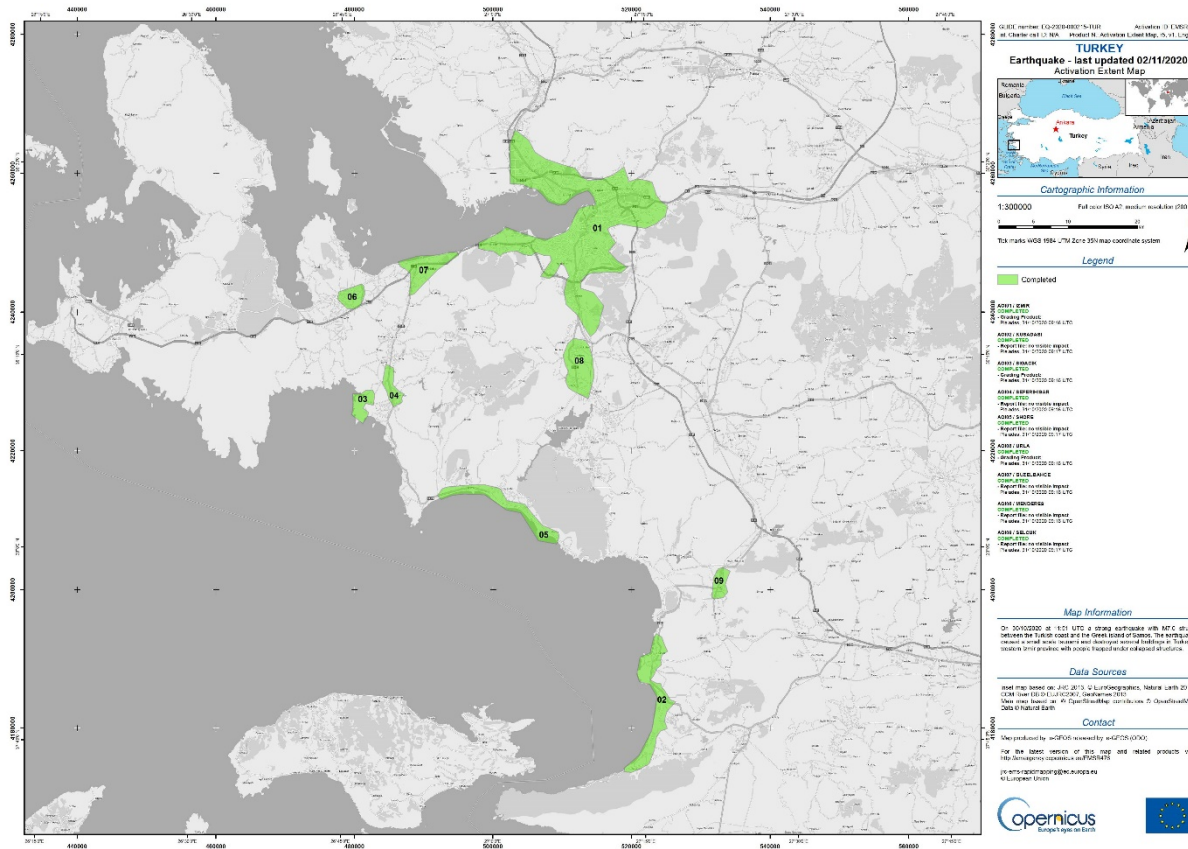
Position time series (E, N, Up) of station SAMO during the period 25 October – 6 November 2020. The co-seismic offsets (see dashed lines) are the following:  $dE = -6$  cm,  $dN = -37$  cm and  $dU = +8$  cm. The red vertical lines indicate the timing of the main shock. Inset photo shows the SAMO antenna.

The antenna was inspected by A. Ganas on Friday 6 November 2020 and was found in excellent condition while the host-building suffered no damage or tilt due to the earthquake.





## COPERNICUS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE - MAPPING



Data and maps of the Copernicus Emergency Management Service/Mapping are freely available to all agencies and everyone competent to search and rescue operations and to the disaster management during the first crucial hours of the disaster response phase. Maps were produced for the affected areas in Turkey.

From  
[https://emergency.copernicus.eu/mapping/list-of-components/EMSR476/ALL/EMSR476\\_AOI01](https://emergency.copernicus.eu/mapping/list-of-components/EMSR476/ALL/EMSR476_AOI01)



## **EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TRIGGERED BY THE OCTOBER 30, 2020, Mw 6.9 SAMOS EARTHQUAKE**

The October 30, 2020, Mw 6.9 Samos earthquake triggered **primary and secondary environmental effects** in Samos Island. The primary environmental effects comprise permanent surface deformation of tectonic origin including uplift and subsidence, and coseismic surface ruptures.

The **permanent surface deformation** has been detected in the northwestern and southeastern parts of Samos. In the northwestern part of Samos, coastal uplift has been generated in the vessel shelter of Karlovassi as well as along the Potami beach, the Punta promontory and Agios Isidoros beach located west of the Karlovassi area. In the southeastern part of Samos, coastal uplift has been observed in the coastal areas of Potokokaki and Psili Ammos beaches and in Pythagorio port.

The **coseismic surface ruptures** has been also observed in the northwestern part of Samos and more specifically in the areas of Agios Nikolaos, Agios Elias and Kontakaeika villages. They were almost continuous, with a total length reaching almost 1 km. They ruptured roads, pavements,

fields, slopes and they caused damage to adjacent buildings in the aforementioned buildings. They considered as the surface expression of the western termination of the seismic fault of the October 30, 2020 Mw 6.9 earthquake.

The secondary earthquake environmental effects included tsunami, slope failures and liquefaction phenomena.

**Slope failures** were also triggered in several sites in the earthquake-affected area. They were observed along the slopes of the road leading from Vathy located in the northeastern part Samos to Karlovassi located in the northwestern part of the island. Slope failures were also observed in Pythagorio area and more specifically in areas susceptible to the generation of earthquake environmental effects, characterized by steep and abrupt slopes and intensively faulted formations. Among the most impressive and characteristic examples are the landslides and rockfalls that have generated close to Avlakia area resulting in temporary traffic disruption.





## **EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TRIGGERED BY THE OCTOBER 30, 2020, Mw 6.9 SAMOS EARTHQUAKE**

**Liquefaction** was also generated in coastal areas with effects on port facilities and phenomena in adjacent coastal areas. In particular, ground cracks and ejection of liquefied material were detected in the Malagari port and the adjacent beach and in the Vathy port. In ports, the triggered liquefaction phenomena caused damage to quay walls and jetties, but the ports remained operational.

As regards the **tsunami** impact on Samos Island, a post-event tsunami field survey was conducted by the scientific team of the Department of Dynamic Tectonic Applied Geology along with Dr. Gerassimos Papadopoulos shortly after the earthquake and the subsequent tsunami. They examined videos and interviewed with eyewitnesses and local authorities. The following conclusions were drawn:

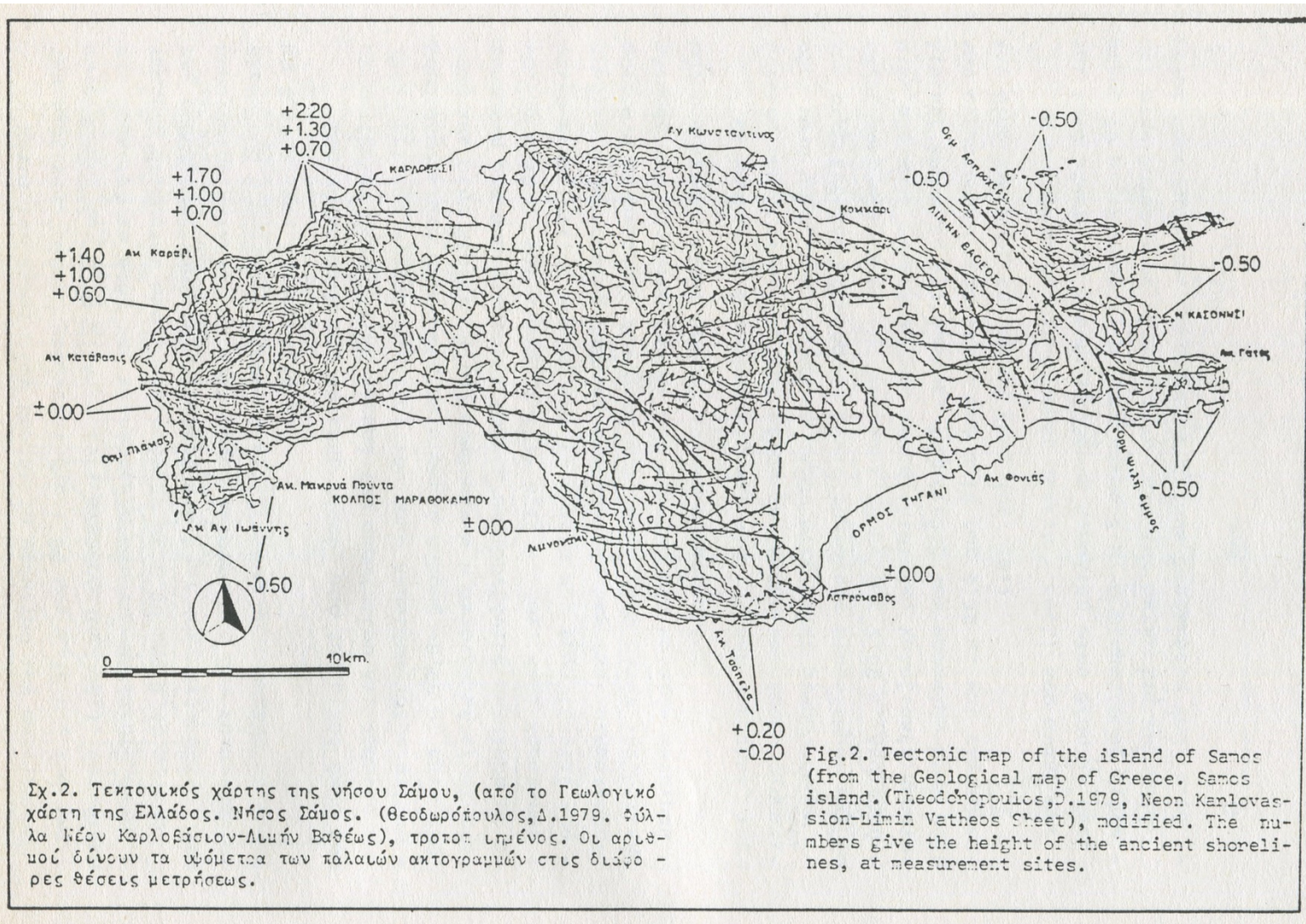
- In Vathy, the first and second strong tsunami inundations started at about 12:04 and 12:24 am UTC, respectively.
- In Karlovassi, the first sea motion was retreat, then inundation happened ~12:00 am.
- Maximum run-up measured amsl was ~2 m and

~1.7 m in Vathy and Karlovasi at run-in distances of ~120 m and ~80 m, respectively.

- In Vathy, the water flow velocity inland ranged between 1.0 and 1.9 m/s.
- Material damage occurred in coastal shops, offices and other commercial stores as well as in cars and small vessels that drifted away by the tsunami.
- Run-up of ~1 m was reported from Komi, south Chios island, where small vessels crashed in the water break stones.
- Run-up of ~1 m but no damage was reported from Evdilos and Agios Kirikos ports of Ikaria island.
- Run-up less than 1 m was reported from Andros, Patmos and other islands.
- From 7 tide-gauge records they calculated tsunami magnitude  $M_t=6.8$ .



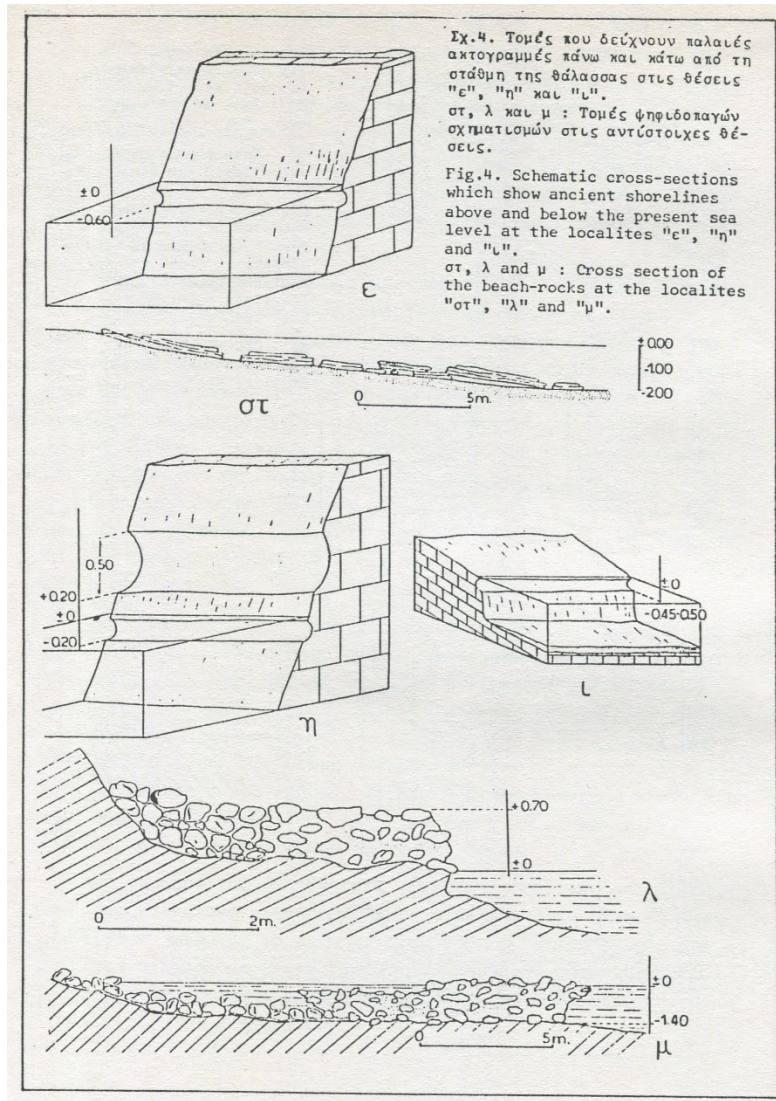
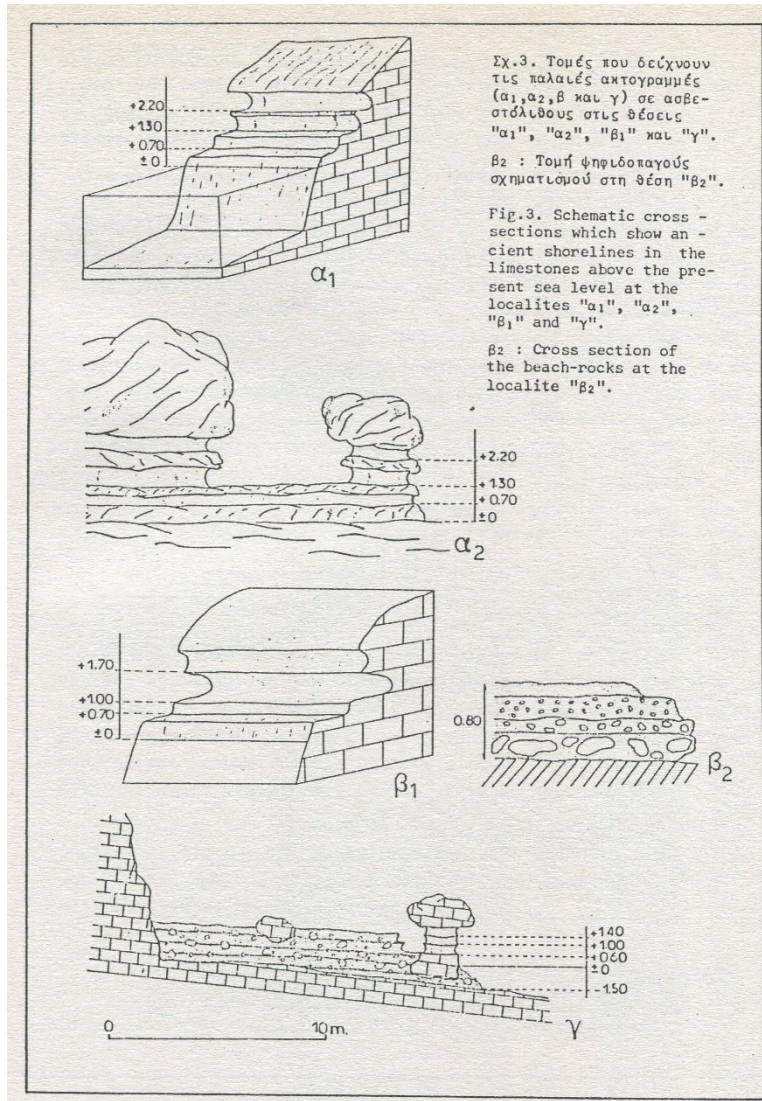
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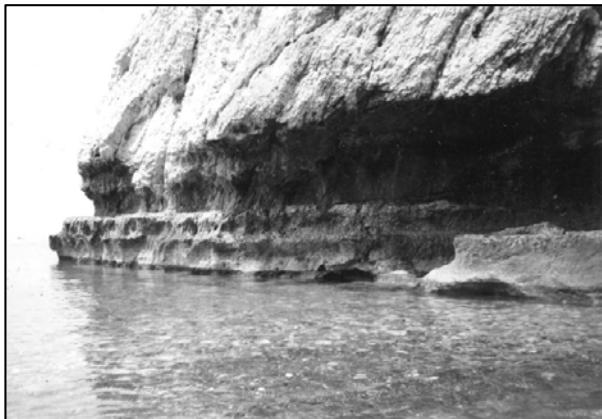
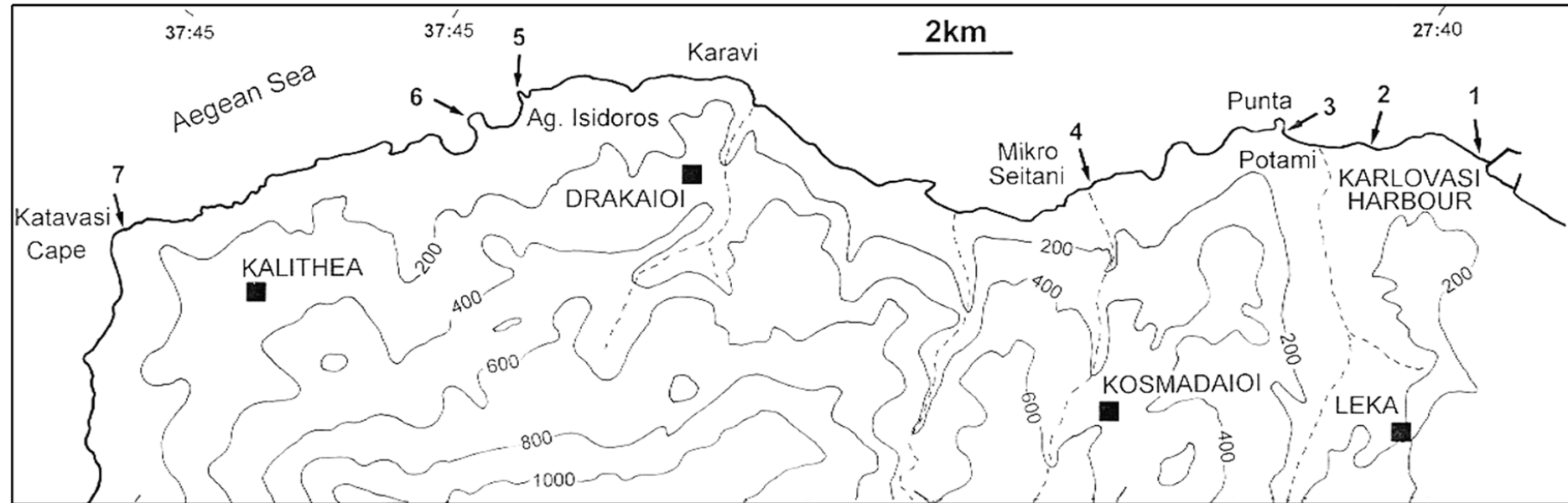
## ANCIENT SHORELINES IN SAMOS ISLAND







## RAISED BEACHES AT NORTHWESTERN SAMOS



**Mikro Seitani**



**Punta Promontory**



From *Stiros et al. (2000)*





## PRIMARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS PERMANENT SURFACE DEFORMATION AND COASTAL UPLIFT



### Karlovassi



Permanent uplift in the Karlovassi coastal area. It has been observed in Karlovassi port. It has been imprinted not only on rocks for protection of the jetty, but also on the pier. Based on field measurements conducted by the scientific team of the NKUA, the uplift reached 24 cm.







## PRIMARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS PERMANENT SURFACE DEFORMATION AND COASTAL UPLIFT



### Potami



Permanent coseismic uplift in the area west of the Karlovassi port has been detected by the scientific team of NKUA. It has been imprinted on marbles of the Kerketeas nappe along the rocky coast of Potami (east of Agios Nikolaos church).







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Potami



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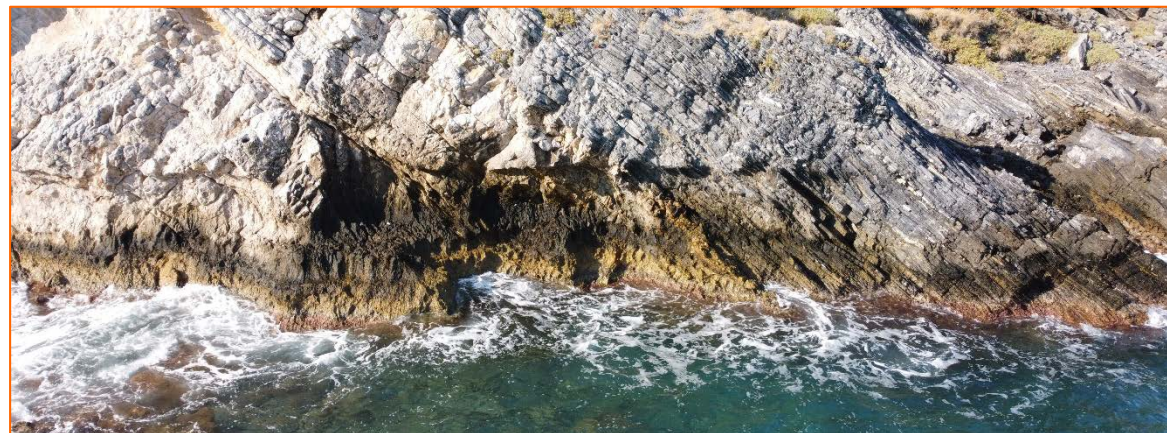


Underwater tidal notch observed NE of **Mourtia** beach, which was uplifted by 8 cm. Comparison of current measurements with values from field work conducted in 2015.

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**Agios Isidoros**, uplift of 35 cm.  
Comparison of current measurements with values from field work conducted in 2015.



**Punta**, uplift of 22 cm, comparison with values from Stiros et al. (2000)

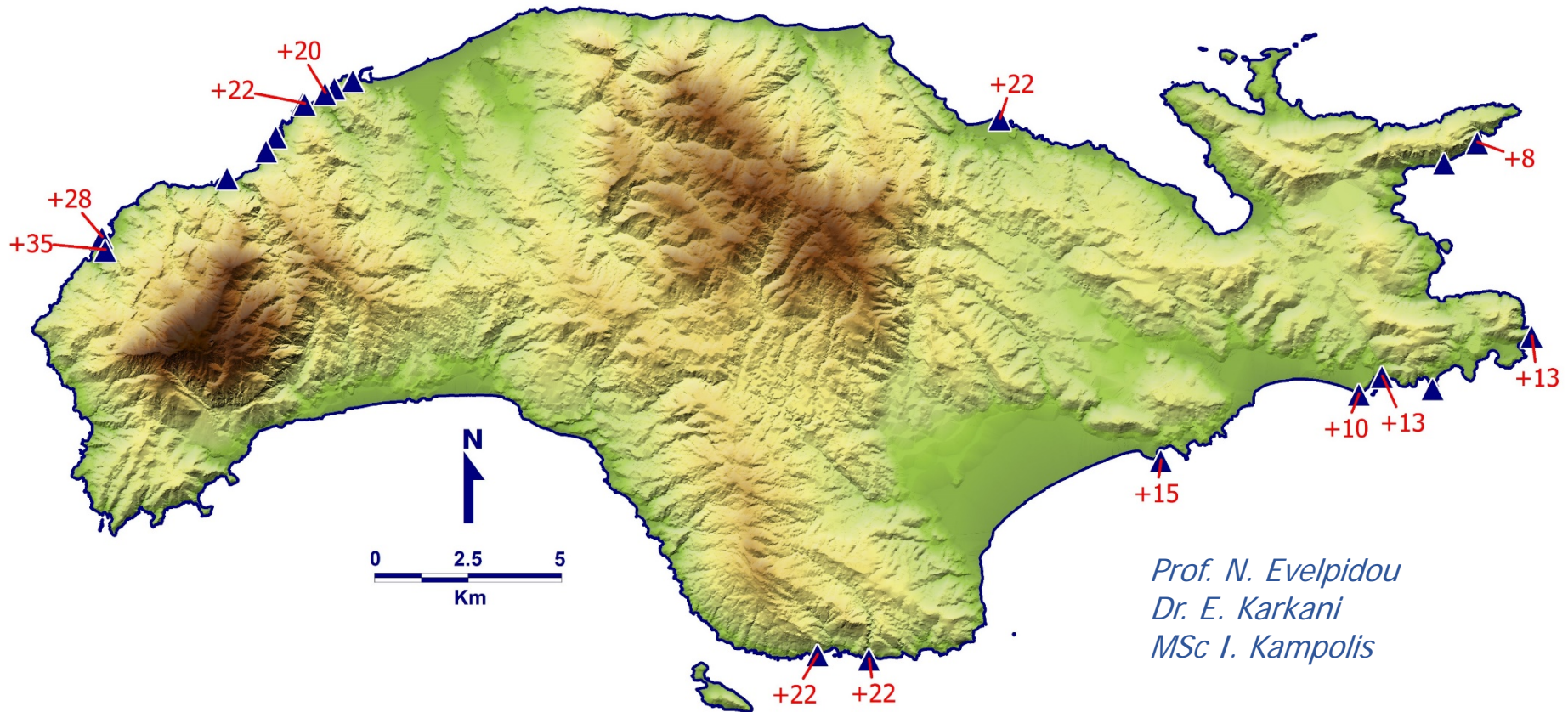




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## PRIMARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

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Preliminary map with indicative measurement results, which illustrates the magnitude of the uplift along the coastal zone based on comparative measurements between 2015 and 2020, on new measurements and on a study on raised beaches at northwestern Samos conducted by Stiros et al. (2000). The blue triangles indicate sites with completed evaluation of comparative measurements. The red numbers correspond to the coseismic uplift induced by the October 30, 2020.



## PRIMARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS PERMANENT SURFACE DEFORMATION AND COASTAL UPLIFT IN SE SAMOS



According to eyewitnesses in Potokaki area, the sea receded permanently by 3 meters from its original position immediately after the earthquake, which indicates earthquake-induced uplift.

From

<https://twitter.com/GerasimosPapad2/status/1323949537954844672/photo/1>





## **PRIMARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS** **PERMANENT SURFACE DEFORMATION AND COASTAL UPLIFT IN SE SAMOS**



Coseismic uplift detected in abandoned breakwater construction in Potokaki area  
(From <https://twitter.com/GerasimosPapad2/status/1323949537954844672>)





## PRIMARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS PERMANENT SURFACE DEFORMATION AND COASTAL UPLIFT IN SE SAMOS



Coseismic uplift of about 20 cm detected in Pythagorio port





## PRIMARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS COSEISMIC SURFACE RUPTURES AND SURFACE EXPRESSION OF THE SEISMIC FAULT



Coseismic surface ruptures were observed in Agios Nikolaos area, at a distance of about 5 km east of Karlovasi port.

The coseismic surface ruptures were observed not only in fields and roads but also in adjacent slopes resulting in clear offsets of several cm, both horizontal and vertical.





## PRIMARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS COSEISMIC SURFACE RUPTURES AND SURFACE EXPRESSION OF THE SEISMIC FAULT



Coseismic surface ruptures and offsets south of Agios Nikolaos village (left) and in the coastal zone of Agios Nikolaos (middle).

Coseismic surface ruptures and offsets in olive fields located south of Agios Nikolaos.





## PRIMARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS COSEISMIC SURFACE RUPTURES AND SURFACE EXPRESSION OF THE SEISMIC FAULT

### PRIMARY EFFECTS

Coseismic Surface Ruptures

AGIOS NIKOLAOS

KARLOVASSTI



Primary environmental effects were detected in the area of Agios Nikolaos, located in the northwestern part of the earthquake-affected island of Samos. More specifically, they were surface ruptures observed in fields, roads and on the adjacent slopes. Their strike varied from N40 to N70 and their offset from 5 to 8 cm.



They caused deformation and damage to the asphalt pavement of the road leading from Vathy to Karlovassi. Based on the correlation of all aforementioned data, these coseismic surface ruptures can be considered as the western termination of the seismic fault that generated the October 30, 2020 Samos earthquake.





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## PRIMARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS SURFACE RUPTURES AND SURFACE EXPRESSION OF THE SEISMIC FAULT



Coseismic surface ruptures were also observed in the area west of Kontakaeika village, located south of Agios Nikolaos area. They were observed continuously in the built environment of the village and they resulted damage to buildings, perimeter walls, pavements and roads.





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## PRIMARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS SURFACE RUPTURES AND SURFACE EXPRESSION OF THE SEISMIC FAULT



Coseismic surface ruptures were also observed in the area west and southwest of Kontakaeika village. They were observed continuously disrupting olive fields with vertical offset.







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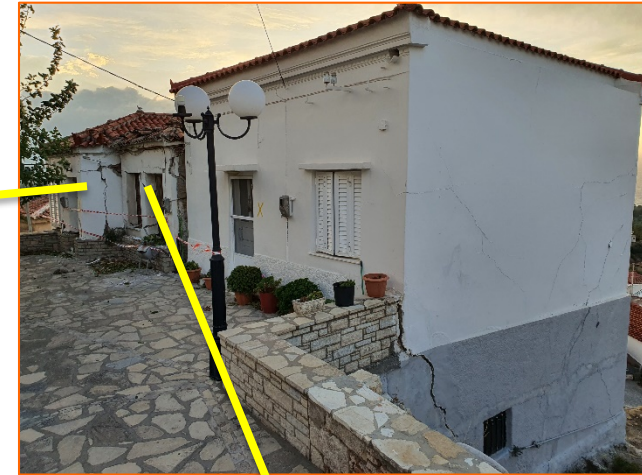
Coseismic surface ruptures observed in the area of Agios Nikolaos





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## PRIMARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS DAMAGE INDUCED BY PRIMARY EFFECTS

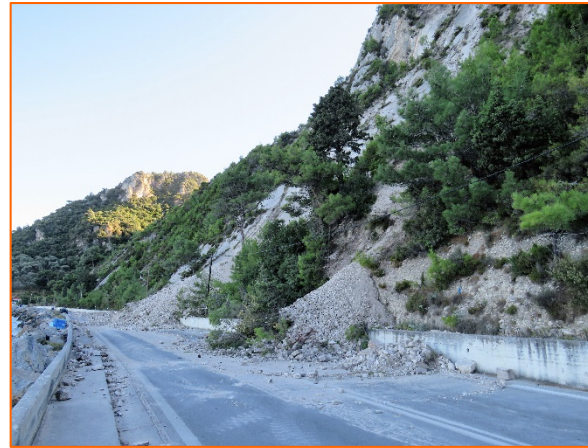


Kontakaeika village, located south of Agios Nikolaos, suffered damage to its buildings. The buildings are located close to the coseismic surface ruptures observed not only to the adjacent fields, slopes and roads but also within the village. The observed damage included not only non-structural damage comprising extensive cracking of walls but also heavy structural damage in their columns.





## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS SLOPE MOVEMENTS ALONG THE NORTHERN COASTAL PART OF SAMOS



Slope failures were generated along coastal slopes in Avlakia area. The area has been strongly affected by NW-SE striking normal faults. Based on the neotectonic map of Samos Island, these normal faults have been considered as inactive. Taking into account the interferometric products of several scientific teams for assessing the surface deformation on Samos, they are observed in an area characterized by subsidence.





## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS SLOPE MOVEMENTS AND PROTECTION MEASURES



31/10/2020



15/11/2020



Slope failures along coastal slopes in Avlakia site were reactivated for many days after the generation of the mainshock, during the aftershock sequence. A concrete barrier made of large concrete block has been created along the base of the affected slope in order to protect the road from further slope failures and surface deformation during the aftershock sequence. They help block the rocks and debris from reaching the road. The unstable landslide material is now accumulated behind the barrier.





## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS SLOPE MOVEMENTS AND PROTECTION MEASURES



The use of large and heavy items along the base of a slope affected by an earthquake is usually adopted worldwide as a measure for the safety of passing cars and the protection of the road from further slope failures and surface deformation. These items are usually large concrete blocks or containers for helping block the rocks and debris from reaching the road. The unstable landslide material is accumulated behind the barrier.

From *Mavroulis et al. (2017)*

*Scientific Mission of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens in the earthquake affected central Italy*

A similar measure was applied in Pescara del Tronto area (Central Italy), which was severely affected by slope failures triggered by the 2016 Amatrice and Norcia earthquakes.





## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS SLOPE MOVEMENTS ALONG THE NORTHERN COASTAL PART OF SAMOS



Rockfalls and landslides were triggered by the October 30, 2020, Mw 7.0, Samos earthquake in several sites along the road from Vathy to Karlovassi, in the northern part of the island. This part is composed of Neogene deposits and alpine formations of Vourliotes nappe.





## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS SLOPE MOVEMENTS IN REMATAKI AREA



Remataki area is located at the western part of Pythagoreio. It is characterized by favorable conditions for the generation of slope movements including mainly rockfalls. This susceptibility is also certified by previous generation of such phenomena resulting in damage to vehicles. Nowadays, the road is blocked for implementation of technical works dealing with slope instabilities.





## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS 2017 SLOPE FAILURE IN REMATAKI AREA



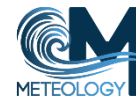
Slope failure in Remataki site was also generated in January 2017 resulting in crash damage to cars

(From [http://aegaio.blogspot.com/2017/01/blog-post\\_238.html](http://aegaio.blogspot.com/2017/01/blog-post_238.html))





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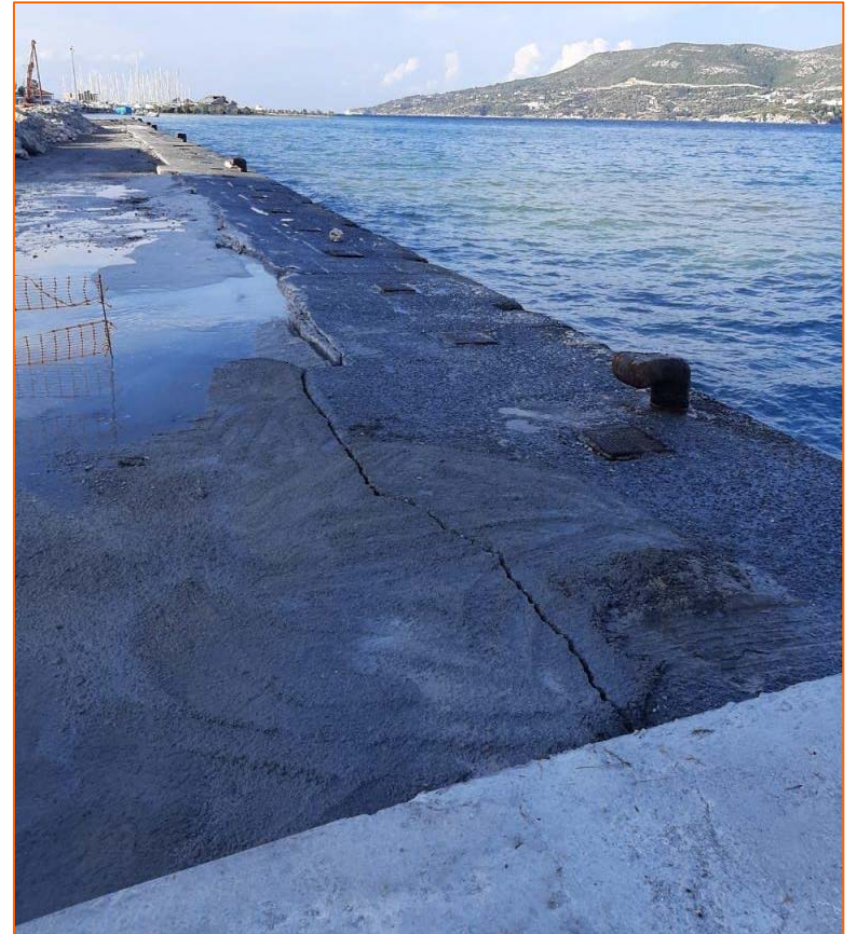
Rockfalls were also generated in Ikaria Island located westwards of Samos. More specifically, they were triggered in the provincial road leading from Evdilos to Akamatra settlements.





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## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS LIQUEFACTION PHENOMENA



Interaction between concrete blocks that slightly settled and overturned and the dynamically compacted back - fill soil material. Ejection of liquefied sand material in the commercial port of Vathy (Malagari port). The observed liquefaction phenomena and the related damage were triggered by the main shock on October 30, 2020.





## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS LIQUEFACTION PHENOMENA



Extensive cracks and ejection of liquefied sand material from the cracks were observed to the coast adjacent to the commercial port of Vathy (Malagari port). The observed liquefaction phenomena were triggered by the main shock on October 30, 2020.





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## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS DAMAGE INDICATING NEAR-SURFACE LIQUEFACTION



Deformation of Vathy port was attributed to a combination of the dynamic consolidation of the back-fill soil material and the near-surface liquefaction induced by the October 30, 2020, Samos earthquake.

Extensive cracking and subsidence resulted in tilting of the quay walls towards East.



## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TSUNAMI INDUCED BY THE OCTOBER 30, 2020, SAMOS EARTHQUAKE



On 11:53:33 the maximum sea retreat of ~20 m occurs, while on 11:54:29 a small inundation happens.



On 11:55:18 inundation restarts, the room residents leave. On 11:55:35 the tsunami strike starts.

For more information on the triggered tsunami: <https://edcm.edu.gr/images/docs/2020/Samos2020-TSUNAMI-REPORTv2.pdf>





## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TSUNAMI INDUCED BY THE OCTOBER 30, 2020, SAMOS EARTHQUAKE



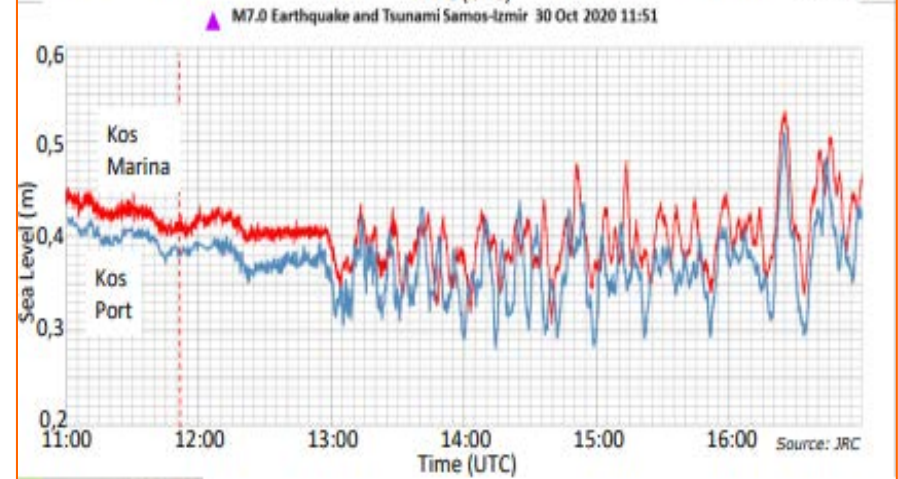
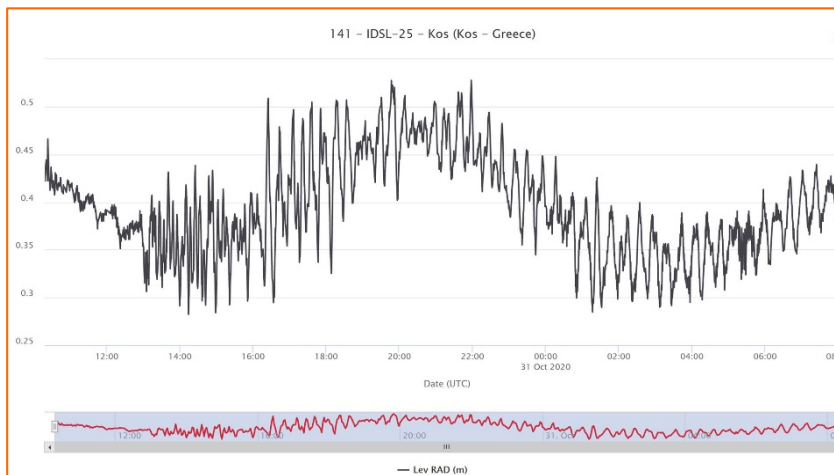
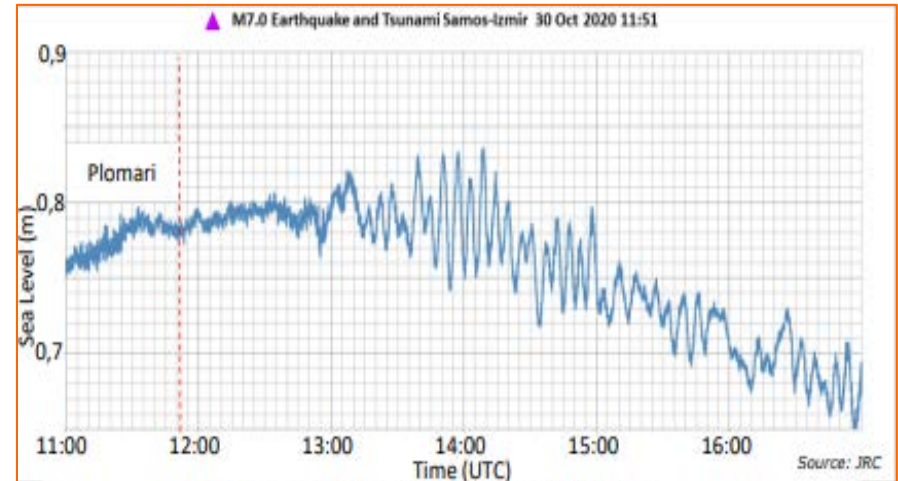
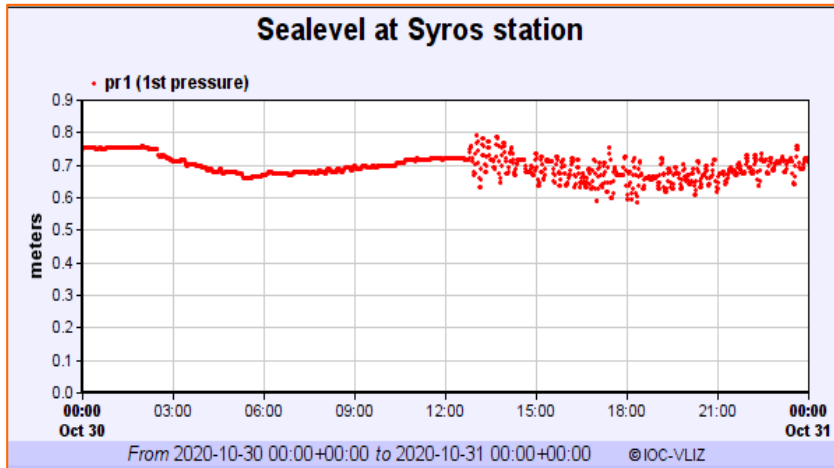
On 11:55:42 inundation at h~2 m asl happens.



On 11:55:58 the wave retreat and on 14:31 the sea is completely calm.



## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TSUNAMI SEA LEVEL RECORDS BY TIDE GAUGES STATIONS



Tsunami sea level records are available at epicentral distances more than 110 km.





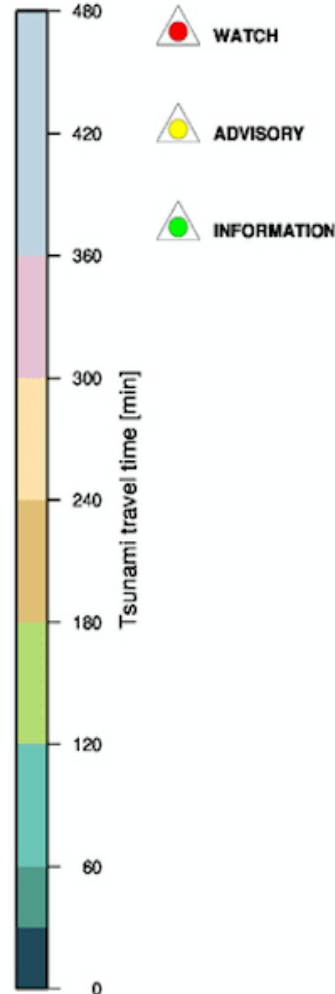
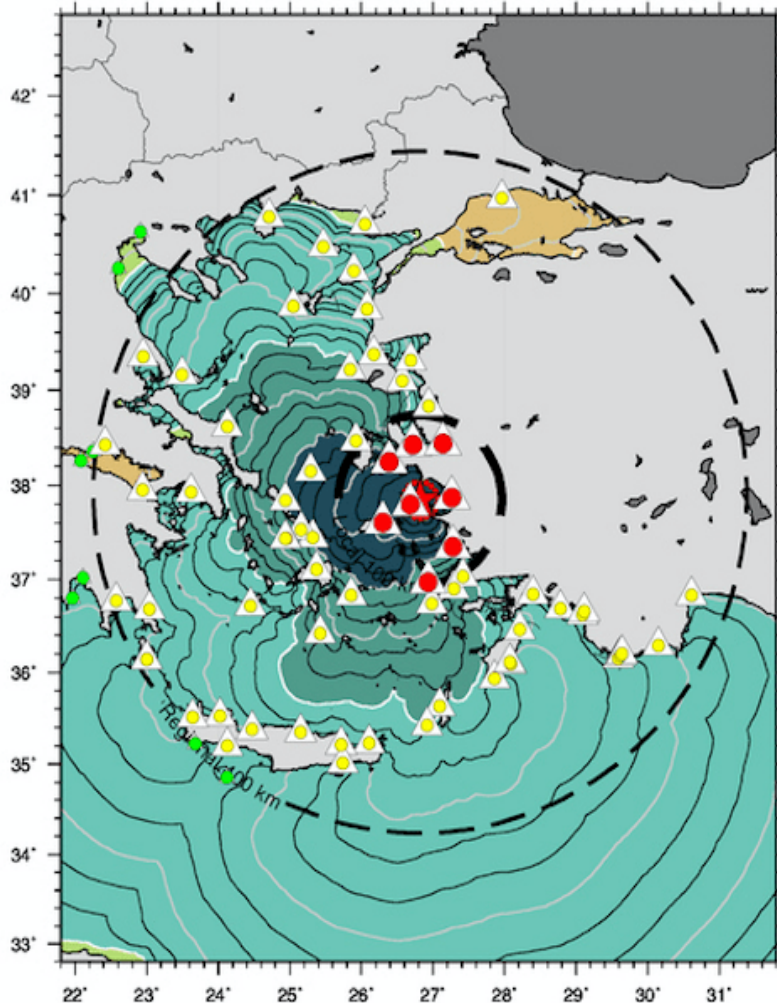
## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TSUNAMI SEA LEVEL RECORDS

NO.	TIDE STATION	Lat° N	Lon° E	Δ (km)	H (m)
1	BORDUM, IDSL-17	37.03217	27.423453	112	0.06
2	KOS, IDSL-25	36.898362	27.287792	118	0.19
3	KOS-MARINA, IDSL-33	36.891013	27.303632	120	0.18
4	PLOMARI, IDSL-41	38.97188	26.37055	122	0.10
5	SYROS, HNHS	37.438	24.9411	174	0.10
6	KASOS, NOA-03	35.4186	26.92184	274	0.12
7	HERAKLION, NOA-10	35.3484	25.15254	286	0.16



## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS THEORETICAL ARRIVAL TIMES OF TSUNAMI WAVES

Epicenter – Lat=37.84 Lon=26.82 Depth=10.0



### THEORETICAL ARRIVAL TIMES OF TSUNAMI WAVES

The triangles correspond to the tide graphs in the region and colors (red, yellow, green) to the associated alert level.

### REAL ARRIVAL TIMES OF TSUNAMI WAVES

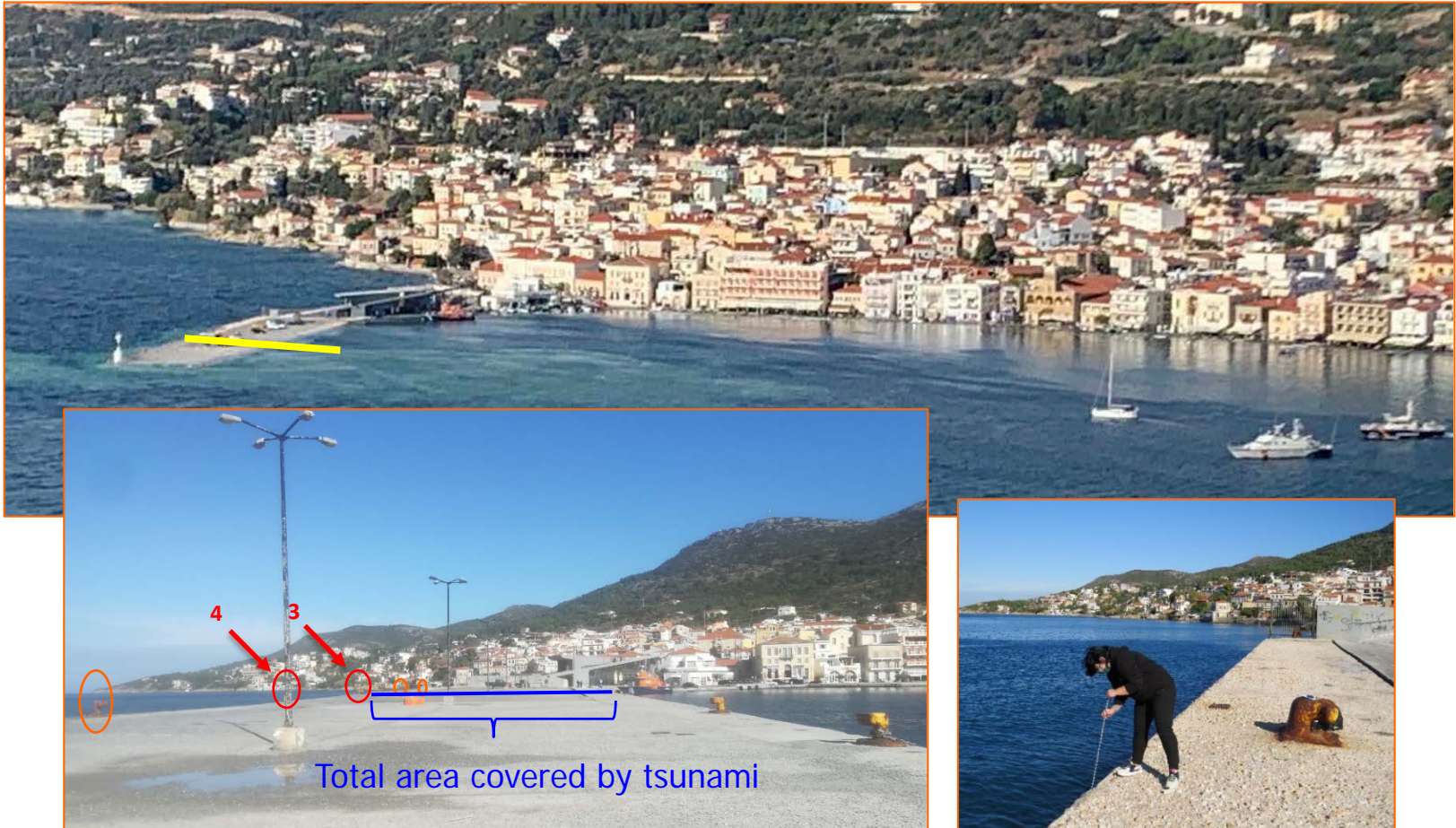
First wave at Vathy bay arrived only 5 min after the generation of the earthquake. Inundation at Vathy port initiated at 12:24 (UTC). This time represent the arrival time of the second and stronger wave.





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## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TSUNAMI WAVE HEIGHT IN VATHY BAY



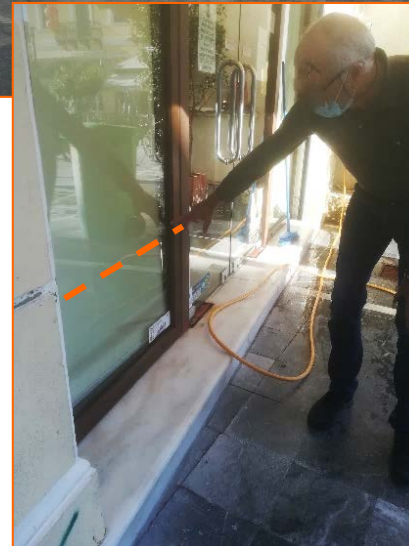
The height of the port jetty at point No3 is 2.07 m and at point No4 1.85 meters. Based on these measurements, on video recordings and information of the Hellenic Coast Guard, the height of the tsunami waves was at least 1.85 m at Vathy port.





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## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TSUNAMI RUN UP IN VATHY BAY



Maximum tsunami run up of 1.69 m was measured in the field. Watermarks were found in every street around the coastal road and the second main road parallel to the shore.





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## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TSUNAMI RUN-IN IN VATHY BAY



The run-in values derived from field survey shortly after the generation of tsunami and based on eyewitnesses in the eastern part of Vathy Bay





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## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TSUNAMI IN KARLOVASSI PORT



Based on the observed tsunami watermarks at the Karlovassi vessel shelter, at point [A] the inundation was 78m. At point [B], it reached 84 m.





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## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TSUNAMI IN KARLOVASSI VESSEL SHELTER



This wave overtopped the pier ( $h=0.7$  m) and penetrated inland.  
The small boat was washed ashore.



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## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TSUNAMI IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT



Debris were observed at several sites along the coast as well as in the Pythagoras square. Deposition of sand and pebbles was also observed. Palm trees were uprooted and fishes were found onshore at large distance from the shoreline (about 100 m).





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## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TSUNAMI IMPACT ON HUMAN



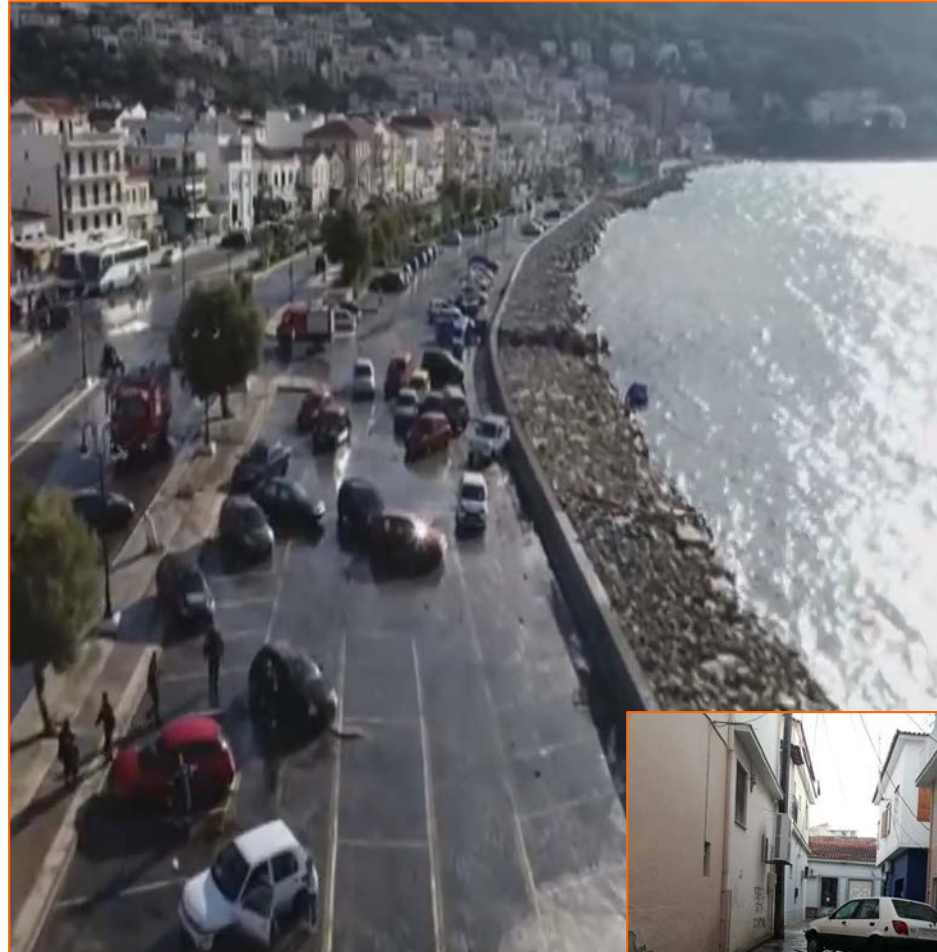
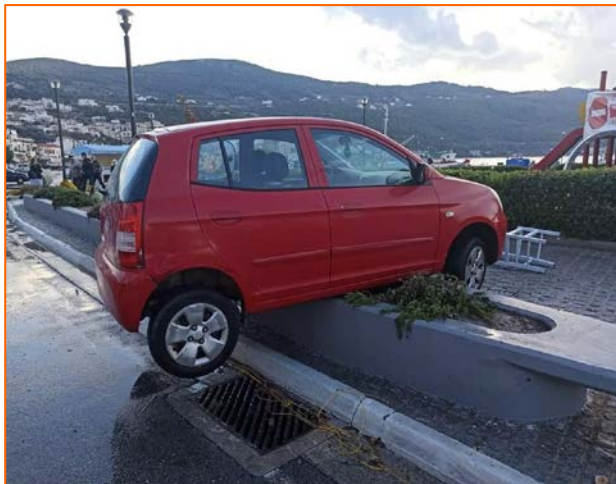
The tsunami was felt by all on board on big vessels and people along several coastal areas of Samos. Some people panicked and run for higher ground.





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## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TSUNAMI IMPACT ON MOBILE OBJECTS (VEHICLES)



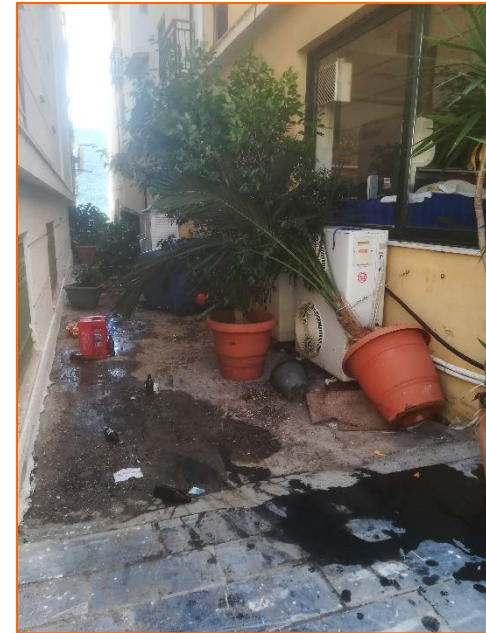
A big container in Malagari port was drifted away. Many cars parked along the coastal road of Vathy town were carried by tsunami. Some of them were carried and found in the narrow streets of the town.





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## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TSUNAMI IMPACT ON INFRASTRUCTURES



*Safety floor tiles  
in playground*



*Concrete  
pavement slabs*



*Safety floor tiles  
in playground*



*Sewer grills*

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## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TSUNAMI IMPACT ON BUILDINGS







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## SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TSUNAMI DAMAGE ON WOODEN STRUCTURES

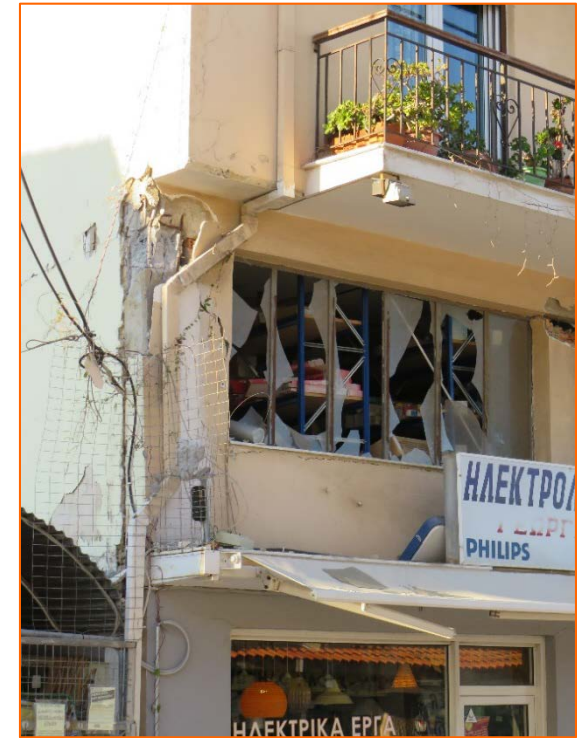






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## STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO RC BUILDINGS IN VATHY TOWN



Structural damage to columns of a building with RC frame. The concrete in the columns suffered cracking and disorganization resulting in heavy damage to the frame. The floor over the ground floor suffered heaviest damage, while the rest of the building remained almost intact by the earthquake. The floor act as pilotis, over which floors comprise infill walls.





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## NON-STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO RC BUILDINGS IN VATHY TOWN



Non-structural damage to building with reinforced concrete frame and infill walls. It comprised detachment of plaster from the infill walls and extensive cracking and collapse of brick walls. It is significant to note that the rigidity of the building along its height is almost uniform mainly due to the presence of infill walls, which proves their beneficial contribution to the antiseismic behavior of the building, when they are not interrupted (for example in pilotis).



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## NON-STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO RC BUILDINGS IN VATHY TOWN



Non-structural damage to building with reinforced concrete frame and infill walls. It comprised detachment of plaster from the infill walls and extensive cracking of brick walls. The entrance door has been deformed. It constitutes one more example of the beneficial contribution of the infill walls in the ground floor to the antiseismic behavior of the building.





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## **DAMAGE TO RC BUILDINGS IN KARLOVASSI TOWN**



The ground floor of this building has been heavily affected, while the upper floor remained almost intact by the earthquake. Structural and non-structural damage were observed. The first comprised heavy damage to columns of the ground floor, while the later included detachment of large pieces of plaster from the infill walls, extensive cracking of plaster and of brick walls, detachment of the walls from the surrounding RC frame and damage to the staircase.



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## DAMAGE TO RC BUILDINGS IN KARLOVASSI TOWN



The ground floor of this building has been heavily affected, while the upper floor remained almost intact by the earthquake. Structural damage comprised heavy damage to the upper part of the columns of the ground floor, while non-structural damage included detachment of large pieces of plaster from the infill walls, extensive cracking of plaster and of brick walls, detachment of the walls from the surrounding RC frame and total collapse.





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## **DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS WITH LOAD-BEARING MASONRY WALLS IN VATHY TOWN**



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Non-structural damage included cracking in plaster, detachment of large pieces of plaster from the walls, symmetrical cracks and displacement of collapse of the upper.





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## **DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS WITH MASONRY LOAD-BEARING WALLS PARTIAL COLLAPSE OF THE BUILDING**



Heavy structural damage to building with load-bearing masonry walls. The building is on the verge of total collapse.







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## **DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS WITH LOAD-BEARING MASONRY WALLS** **DAMAGE TO UPPER CORNERS**



Symmetrical detachment of the corners edges of a building with masonry load-bearing walls is the trademark of the prevalence and the dominance of the vertical component of the earthquake ground motion over the horizontal. Collapse of the building cornices has been also observed.



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## **DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS WITH LOAD-BEARING MASONRY WALLS** **DAMAGE TO UPPER CORNERS**



Symmetrical detachment of the corners edges of a building with masonry load-bearing revealing the prevalence and the dominance of the vertical component of the earthquake ground motion over the horizontal. Collapse of the building cornices has been also observed. Impact between adjacent buildings is negligible.





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## **DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS WITH LOAD-BEARING WALLS** **PARTIAL COLLAPSE OF THE LOAD-BEARING MASONRY WALLS**







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## **DAMAGE TO INFRASTRUCTURE VATHY PORT**



The jetty of the Vathy port has been affected by extensive longitudinal and transverse ground cracks resulting in subsidence and tilting due mainly to the dynamic compaction of the back-fill material.





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## **DAMAGE TO MONUMENTS AND SPECIAL STRUCTURES**



Churches in Samos suffered damage to the load-bearing masonry walls, arches, roofs, plasters and their bell tower. Characteristic damage in the Cathedral of Agios Spyridon in Vathy town.



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Characteristic example is Holy Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Karlovassi town, located at the northwestern part of Samos. It is the largest church in the Balkan peninsula. It suffered partial collapse of the roof and of their adjacent perimetric walls. The collapse occurred within the foundation plan of the building, while the remaining exterior walls were still standing indicating the prevalence of the vertical component of the earthquake ground motion.





## DAMAGE TO MONUMENTS AND SPECIAL STRUCTURES



Characteristic views of the damage induced to the Holy Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Karlovassi town from the interior of the structure. It suffered partial collapse of the roof and of their adjacent perimetric walls. The collapse occurred within the foundation plan of the building.





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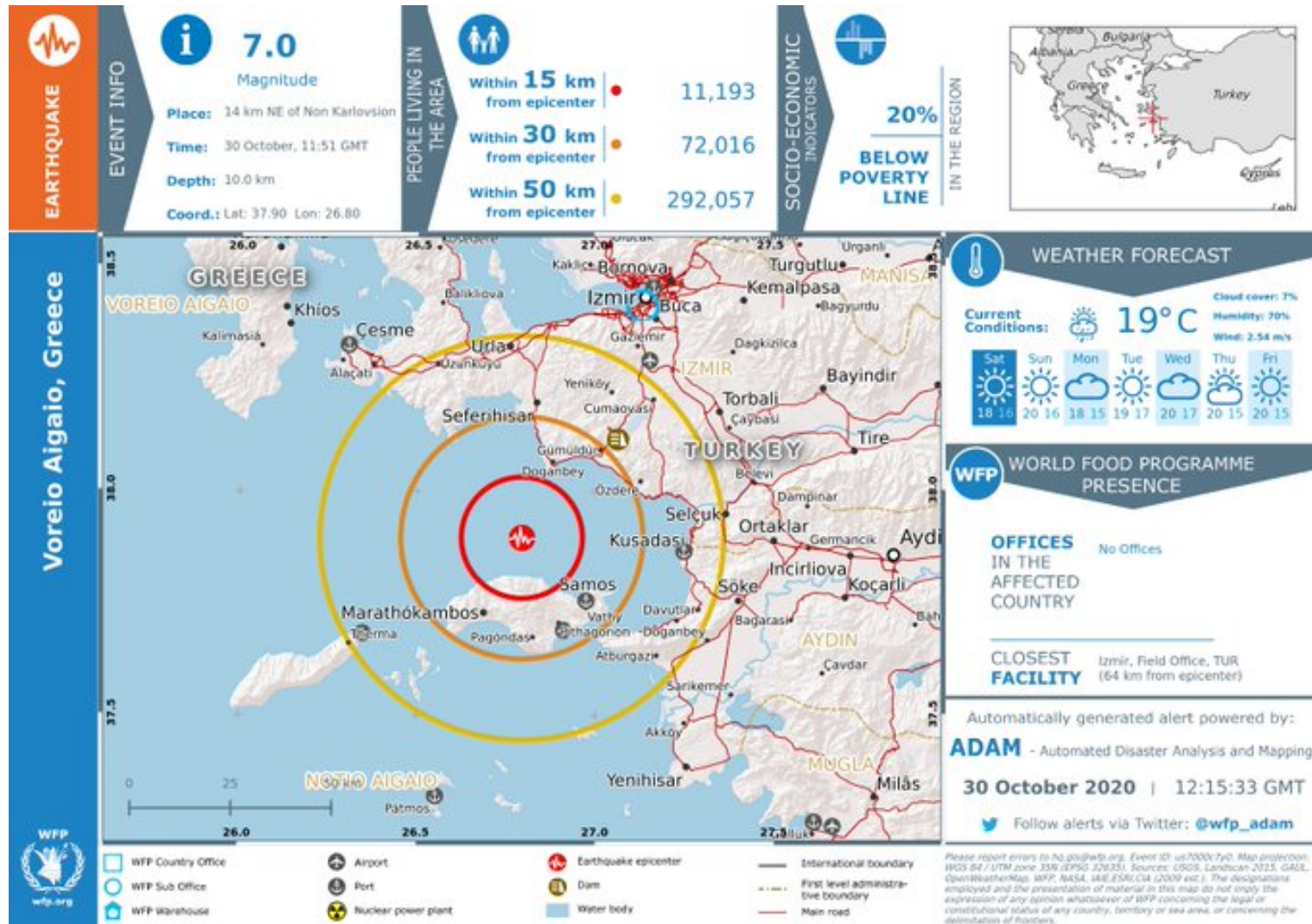


The Catholic Church located at the coastal area in Vathy town suffered damage to masonry walls, the bell tower and the arches. It was also affected by the subsequent tsunami and the coastal inundation.



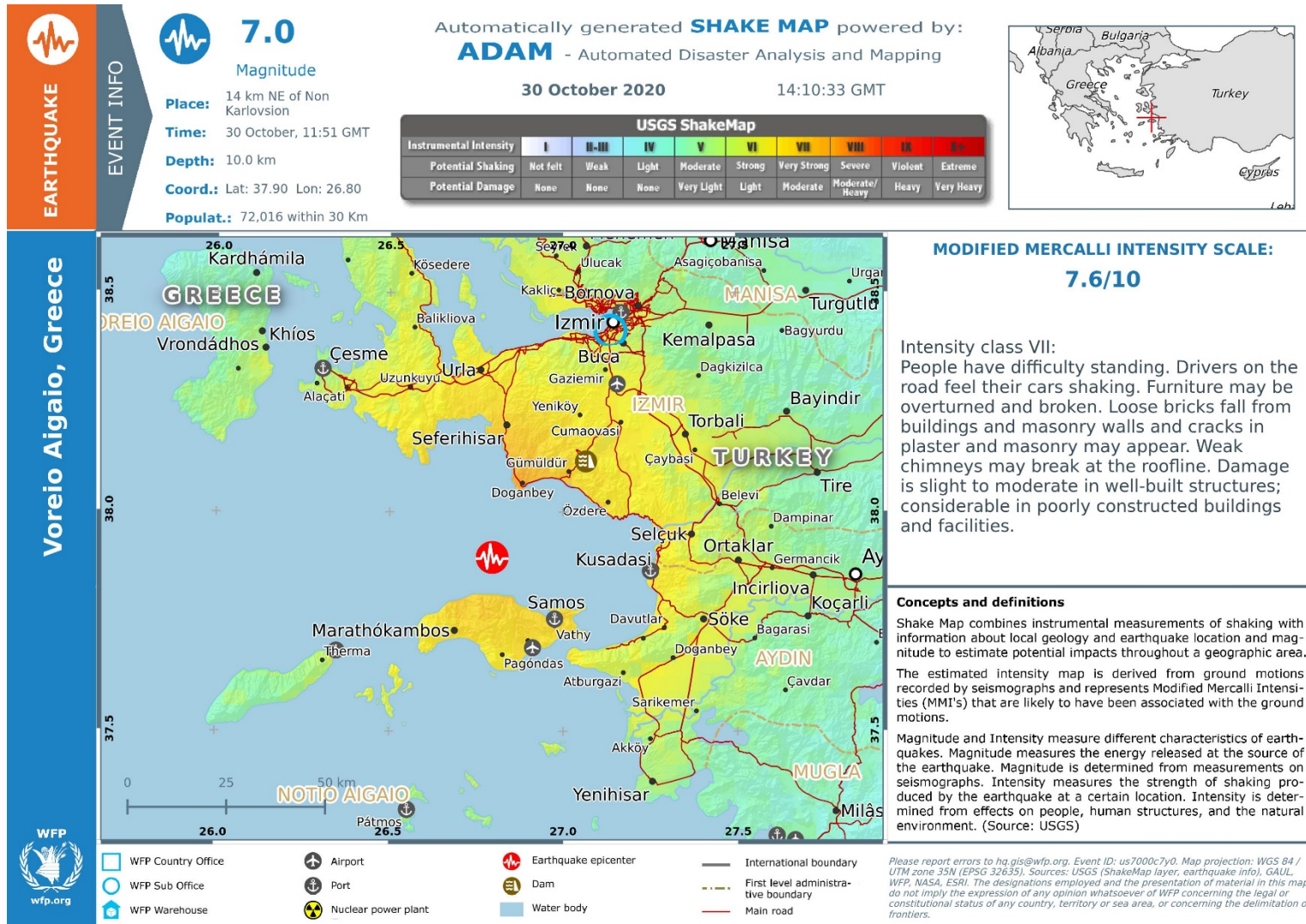


## DISASTER ALERT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE AUTOMATICALLY GENERATED DISASTER ALERT





## DISASTER ALERT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE AUTOMATICALLY GENERATED SHAKE MAP

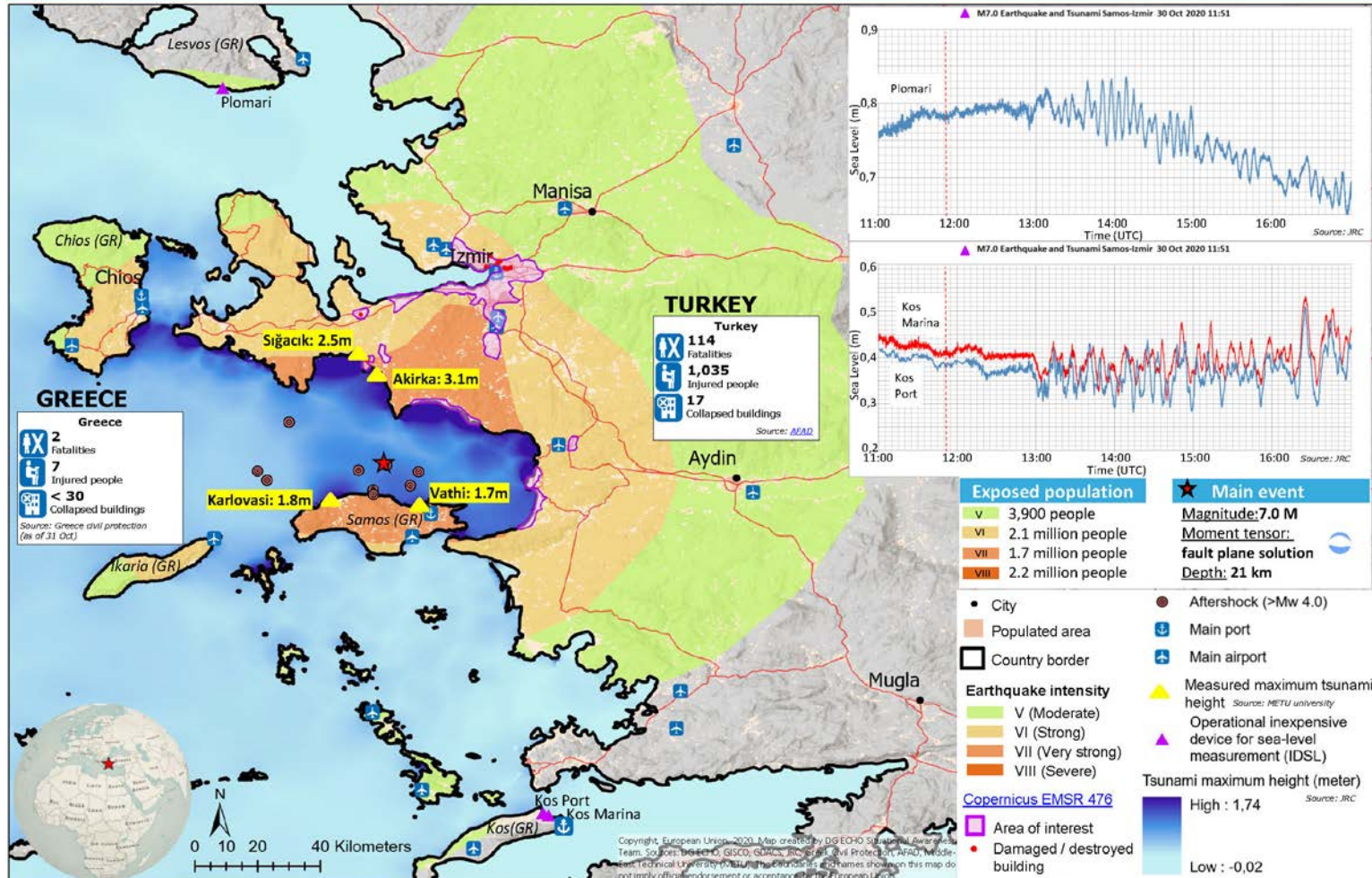






## EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION CENTER - DG ECHO DAILY MAP NOVEMBER 4, 2020

Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) | DG ECHO Daily Map | 04/11/2020  
Earthquake and Tsunami in the Aegean Sea of 30 October 2020







## DISASTER MANAGEMENT



The Prime Minister and government officials arrived during the first moments of the emergency response in the affected area in order to assess the situation. Officials from Samos municipalities, the North Aegean Region and the Ministry of Infrastructure conducted primary level controls to all affected buildings in order to assess damage. In the town hall of Eastern Samos, an open air office was established, where residents reported earthquake-induced damage to their properties. Moreover, Units of the Hellenic Armed Forces constantly provided food and water to affected people in need.





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Emergency shelters were established based on the existed open spaces. They were mostly military tents in open air spaces including stadiums, school yards and open municipal spaces. The authorities competent to the earthquake disaster management provided the earthquake-affected homeless or frightened population with emergency supplies during their staying in shelters.



## DISASTER MANAGEMENT



The president and the staff of the Earthquake Planning and Protection Organization (EPPO) visited the earthquake affected island of Samos in order to assess the impact of the earthquake in various sectors. Among other activities of disaster management, the staff of EPPO visited schools in Vathy and Karlovassi and provided information concerning earthquake protection issues to teachers.





## **EARTHQUAKE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** **EARTHQUAKE DRILL "EUPALINOS 2017" IN SAMOS**



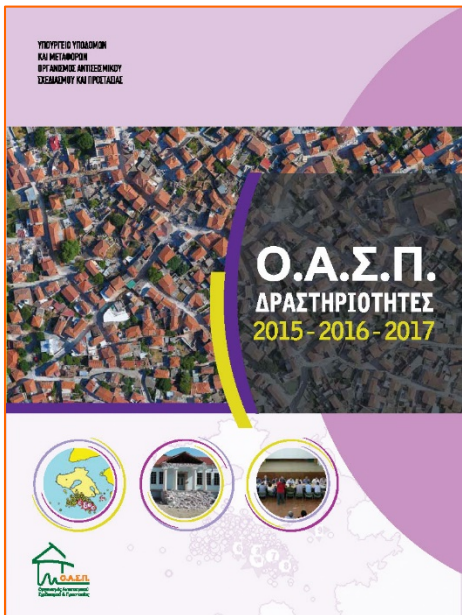
The Earthquake Drill "Eupalinos 2017" was implemented on March 15, 2017, on Samos Island by the Earthquake Planning and Protection Organization in collaboration with the Regional Unit of Samos. All local authorities competent to the prevention and management of an earthquake disaster and to the Civil Protection participated in the drill: the Regional Unit of Samos (Department of Civil Protection), the Municipality of Samos, the 79<sup>th</sup> Senior National Guard Battalions Command, the Police Directorate, the Fire Department, the Port Authority, the National Center For Emergency Assistance, the General Hospital, the Hellenic Electricity Distribution Network Operator, the Samos Amateur Radio Association, volunteer organizations and teams of the island as well as a 4-member Special Team for Special Missions from Ikaria.







## EARTHQUAKE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EARTHQUAKE DRILL "EUPALINOS 2017" IN SAMOS



The level of the drill was characterized as  
"excellent" and "very good" by the majority of the participants







## CONCLUSIONS

The October 30, 2020 Mw 6.9 earthquake in Eastern Aegean has been generated by the rupture of a E-W striking normal fault. Based on the geological setting of the affected area, the causative fault is the E-W normal fault offshore northern Samos. The main part of the aftershock sequence spans ~50 km in an approximate E-W direction. Certain isolated clusters are located further west, north of Ikaria Island, and at the eastern edge of Samos Island.

The affected area experienced similar earthquakes in its historical past. The 1904 earthquake is very similar to the October 30, 2020 event. This earthquake caused damage to the villages of Ano Vathy, Chora, Pyrgos, Koumaeika, Skouraeika, Kontaeika and Agia Triada, which are built on recent deposits.

The 2020 Samos earthquake induced primary and secondary environmental effects. The primary effects included permanent surface deformation and coseismic surface ruptures, while the secondary effects tsunami, slope failures and liquefaction phenomena.

The permanent surface deformation has been detected by field survey shortly after the earthquake. The field survey results on the surface deformation are confirmed by spaceborne observations and in particular by the interferometric analysis of SAR and GNSS data.

As regards damage on built environment, the old structures with load-bearing masonry walls built on the beginning of the previous century suffered the most by the earthquake. Most damage was observed along the margins and within the basins of the affected area. Structural damage varied from heavy cracking to partial or total collapse of the structure. Non-structural damage included small cracks and detachment of plasters from the masonry walls.



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