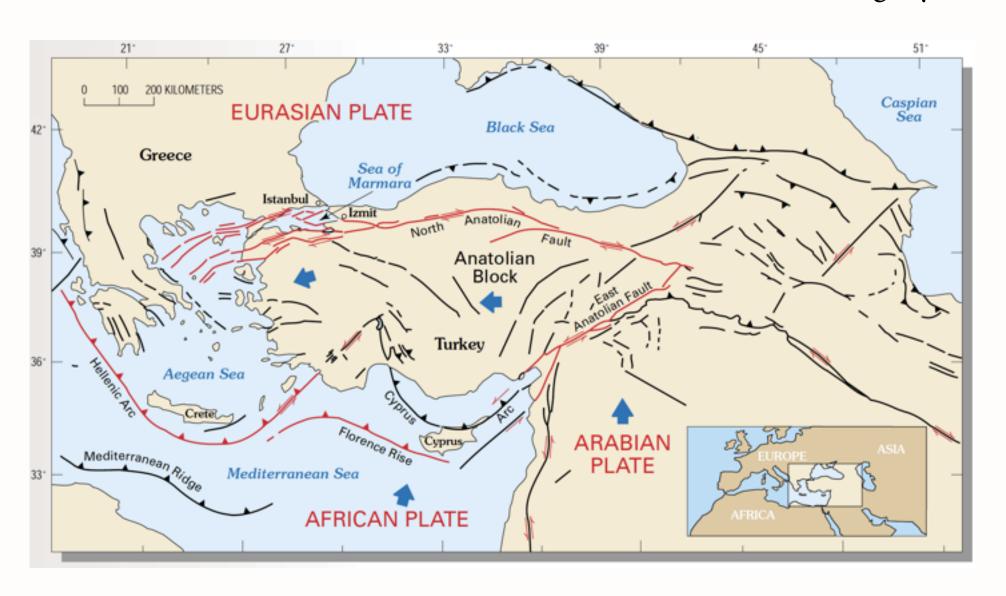
Strain rates in the Anatolia-Caucasus region from Sentinel-I InSAR and GNSS, and comparison with earthquake catalogues



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February 2023 M_w =7.8 and M_w =7.5 earthquakes: East Anatolian and adjacent faults

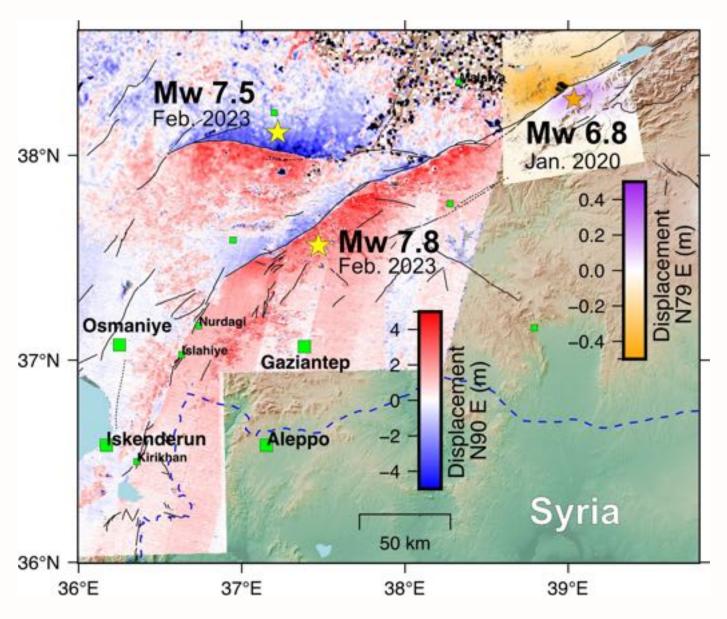


Figure from Chris Milliner

20th-century earthquake sequence on the North Anatolian Fault

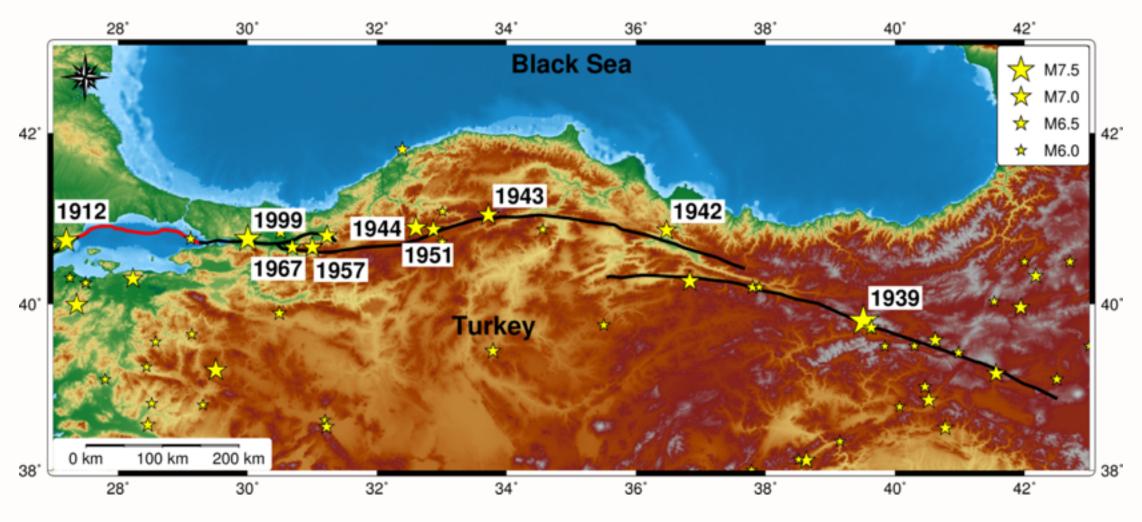
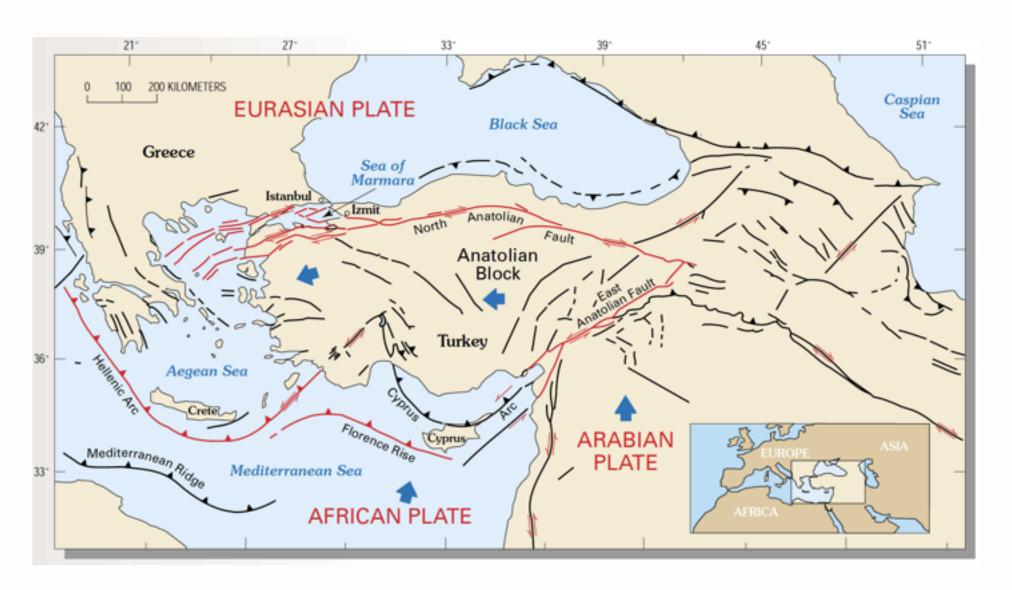
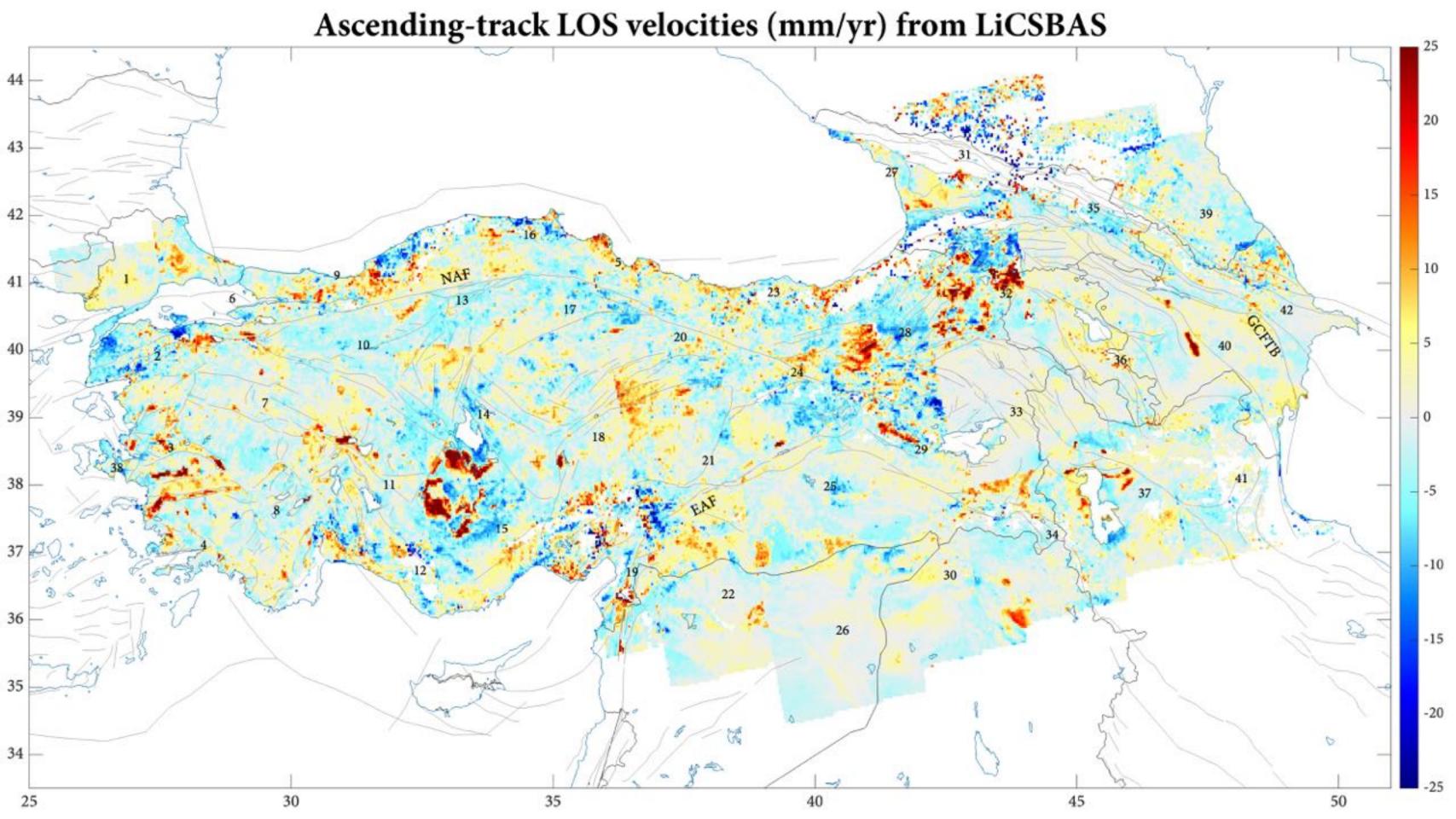


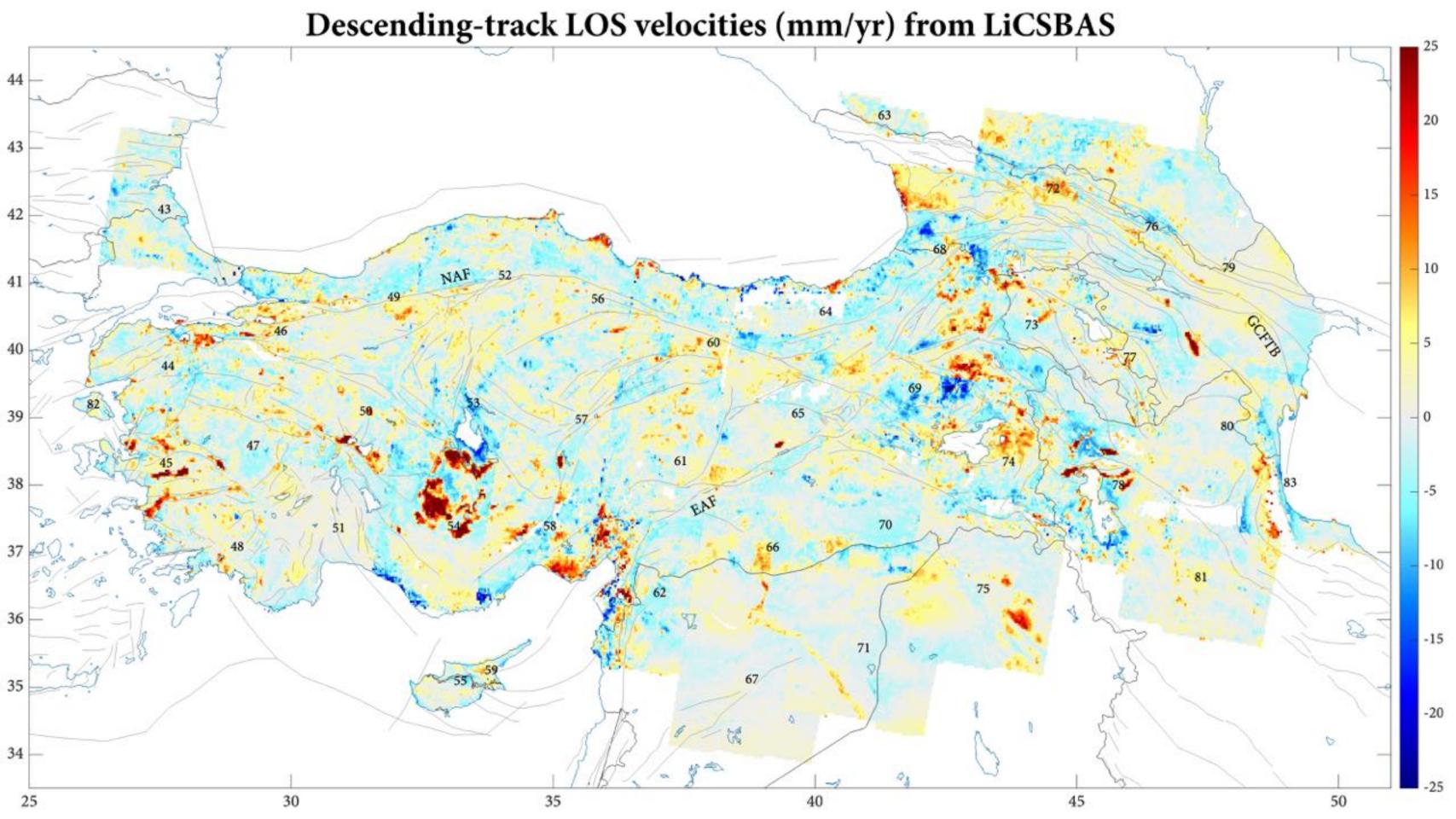
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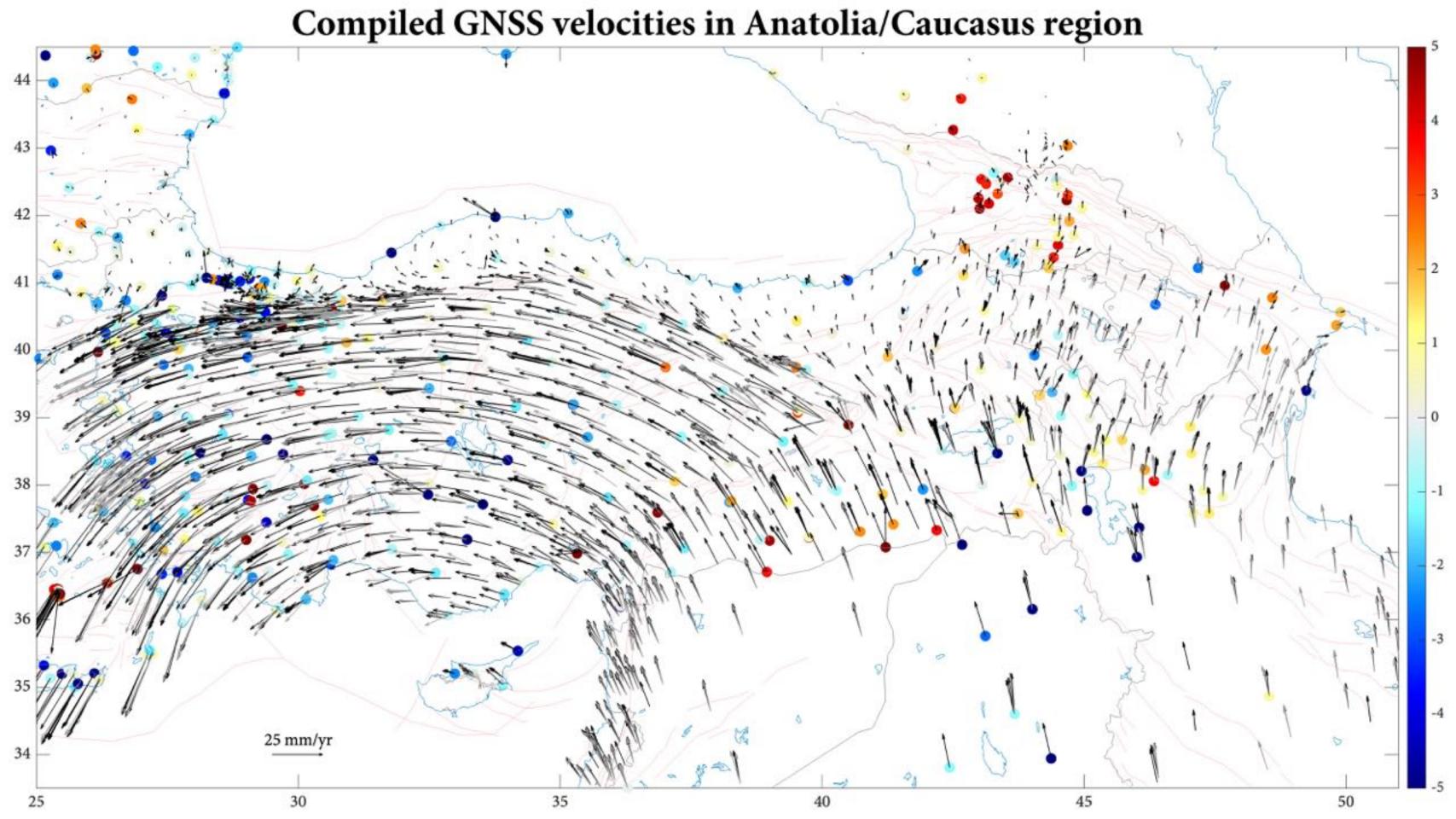
What is going on year by year, km by km? Can we see from space?



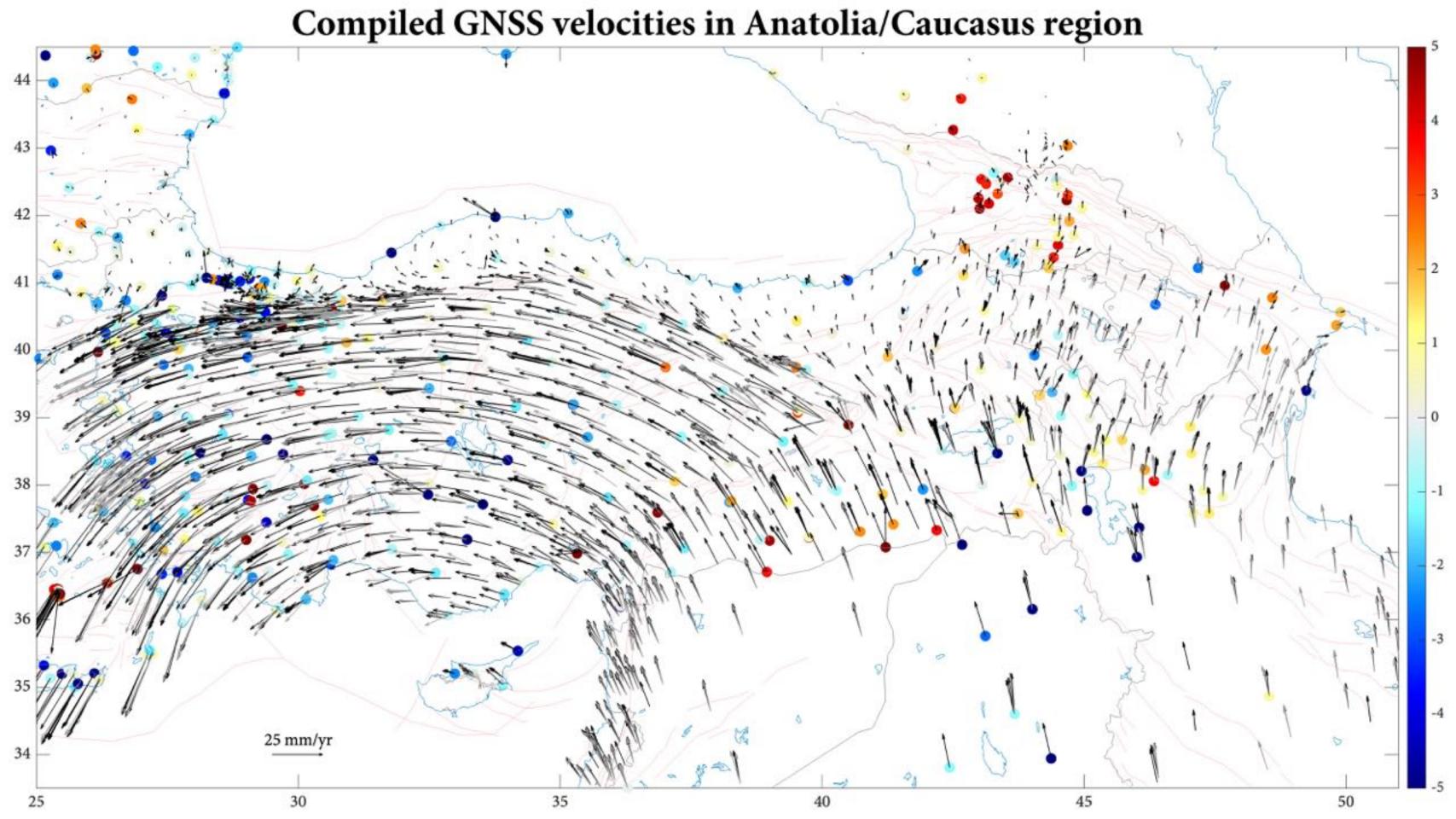
What might it imply for earthquake hazard?



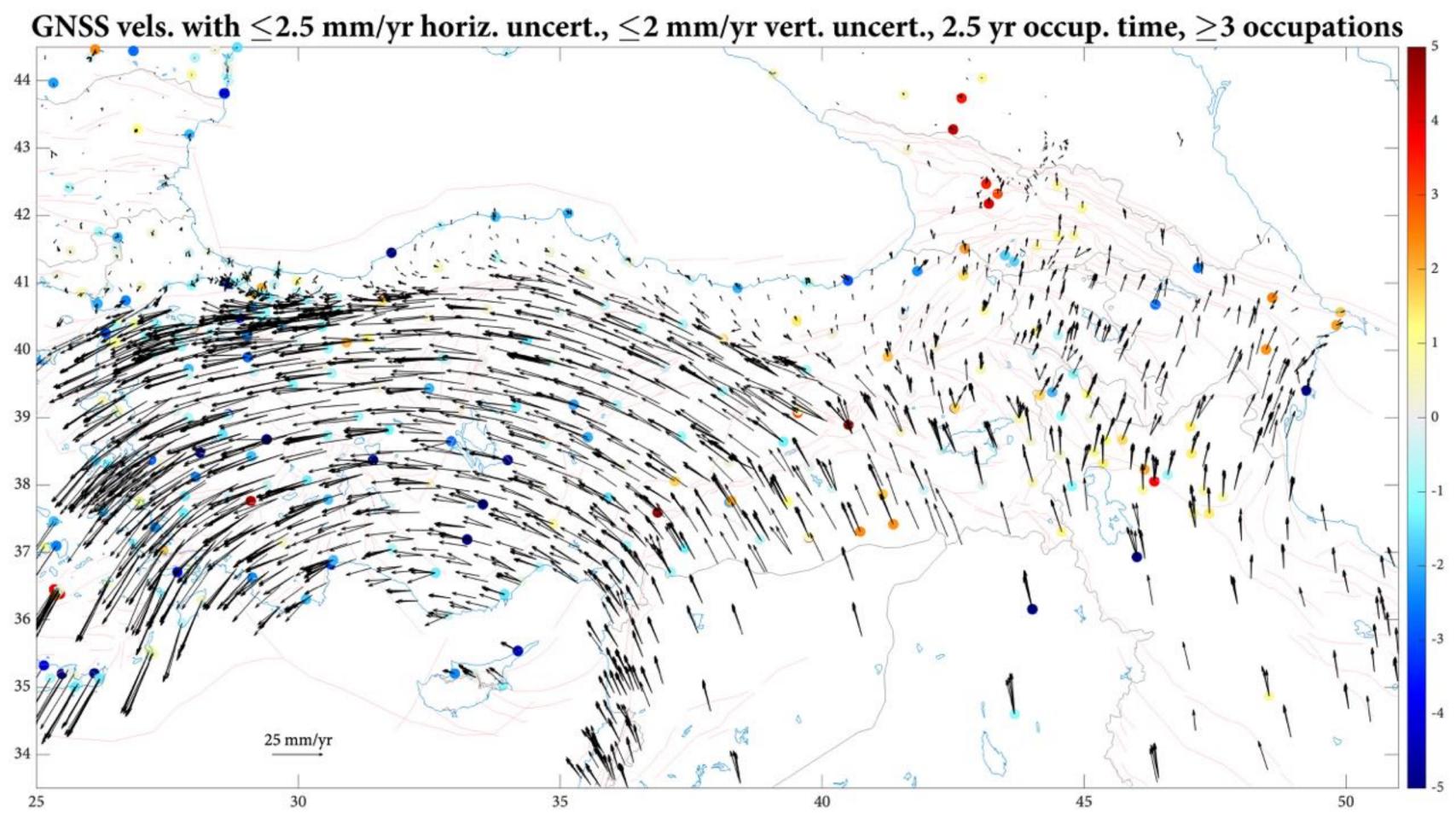


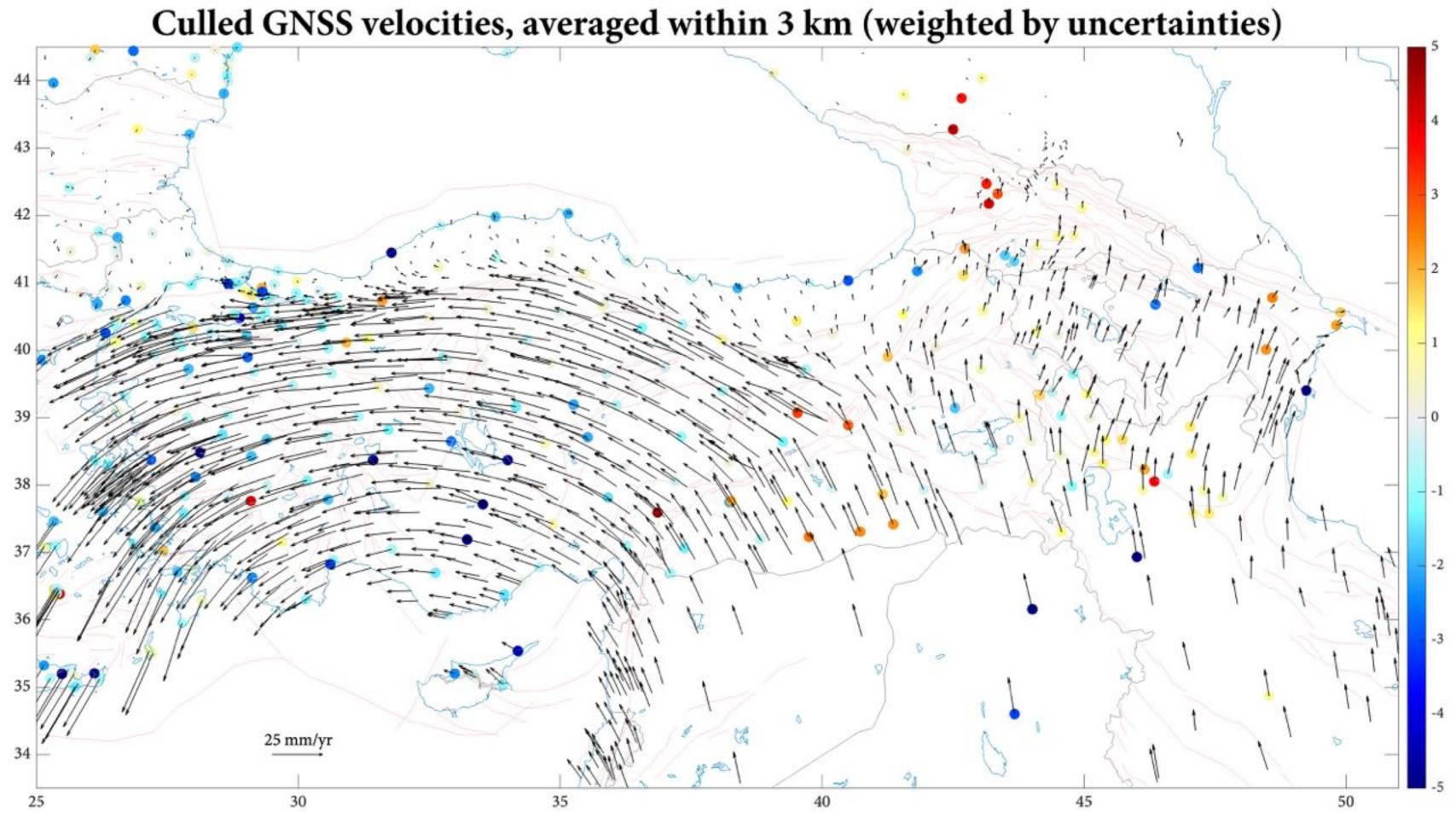


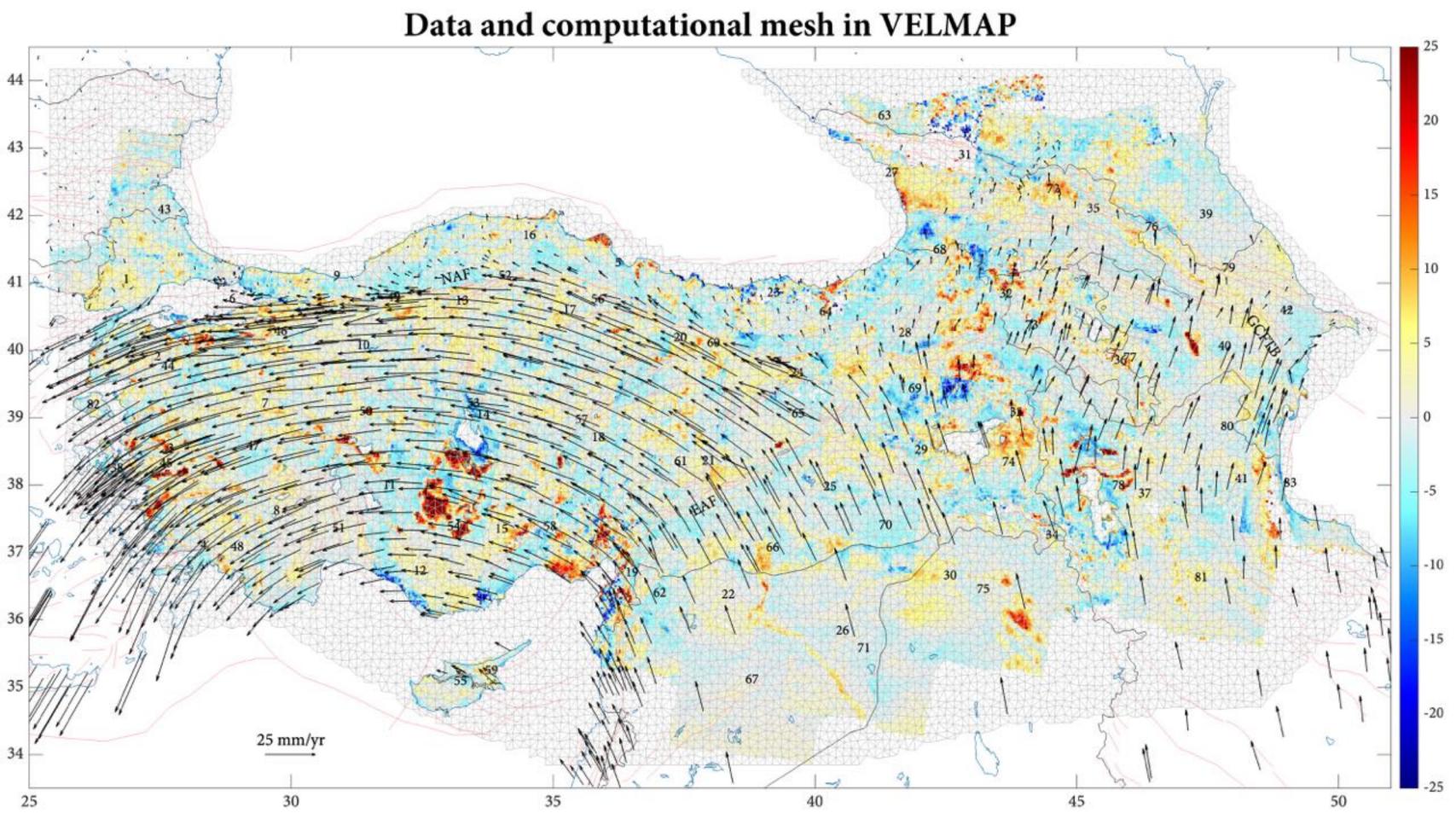


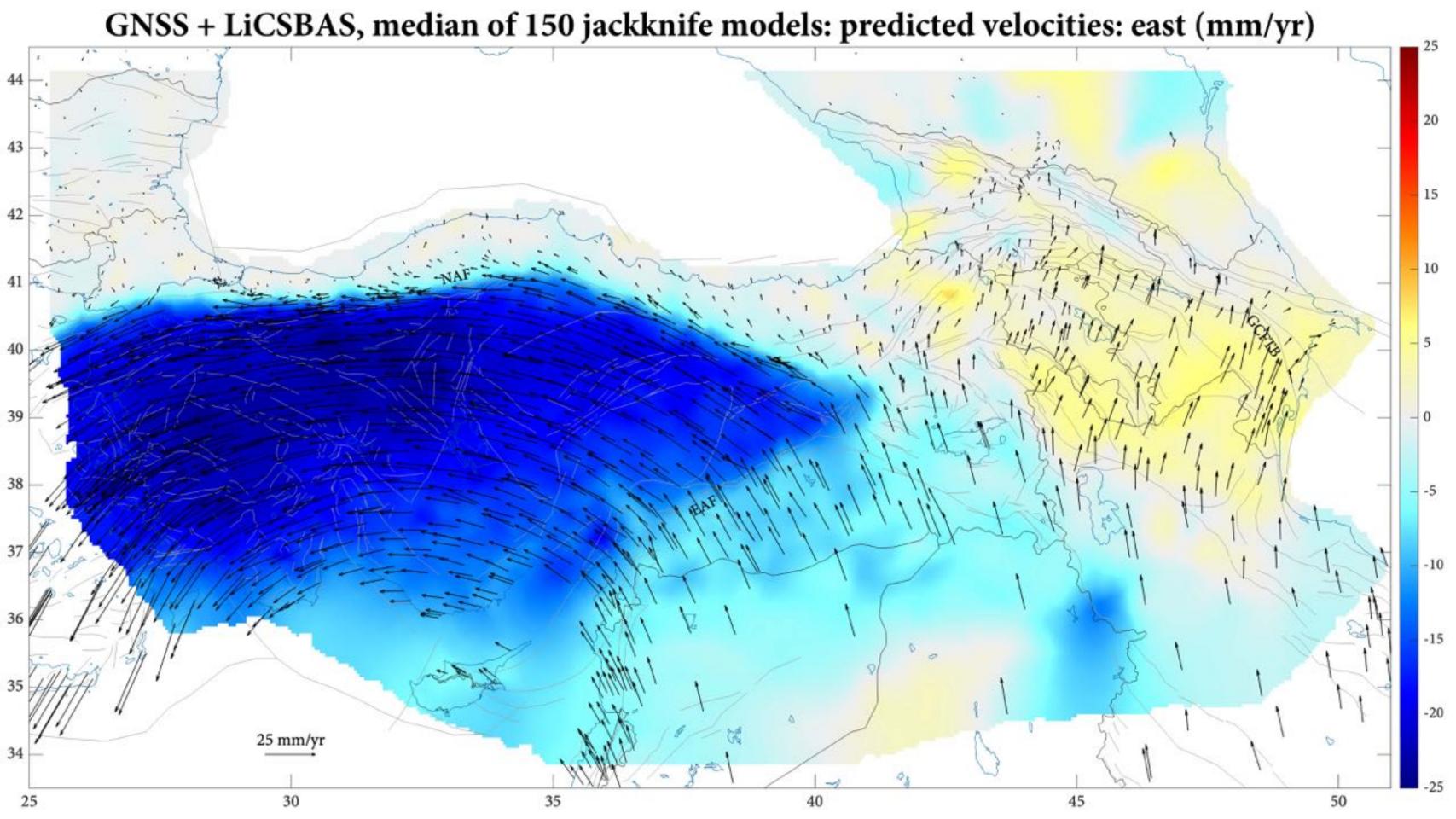


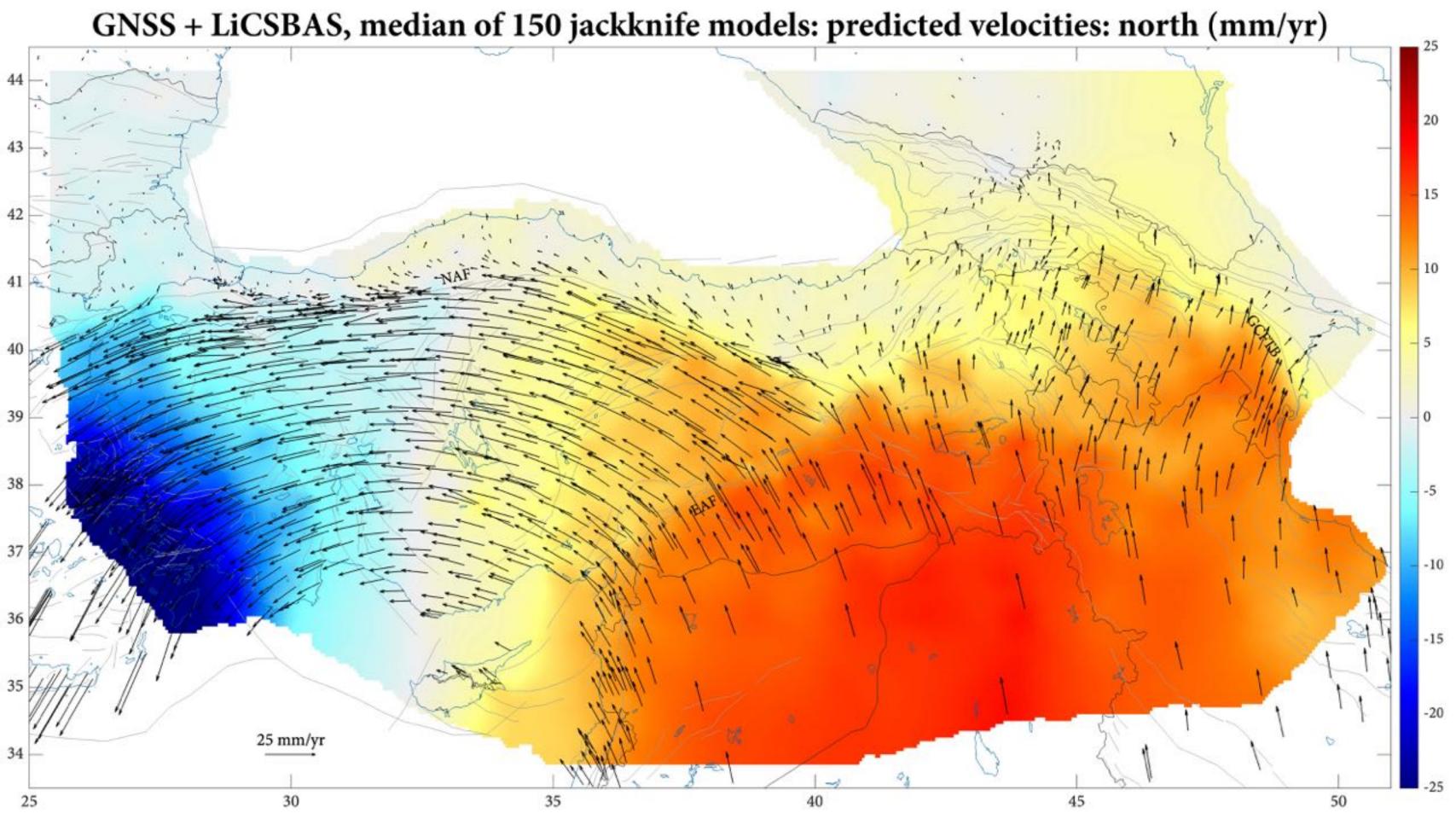
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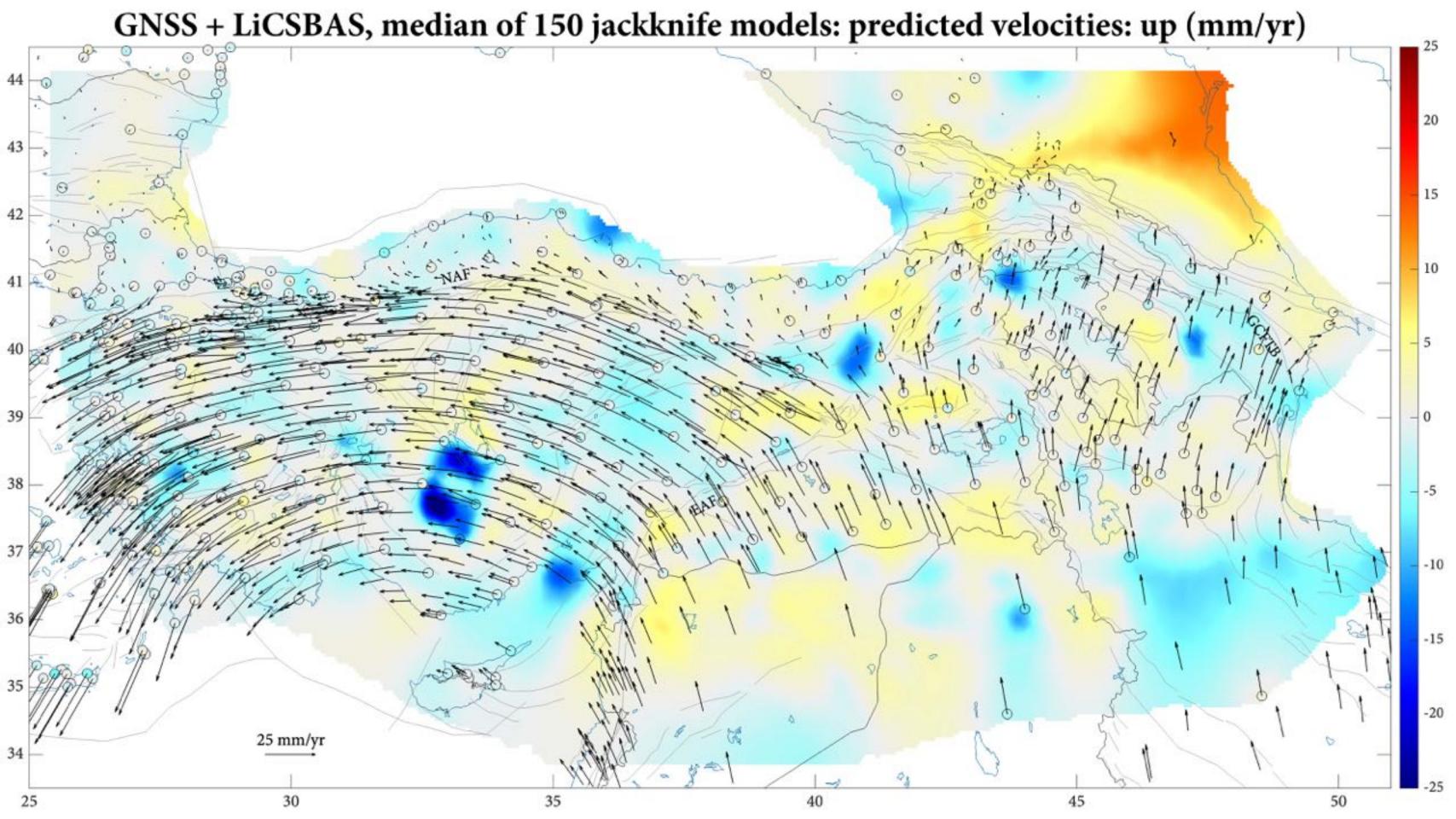


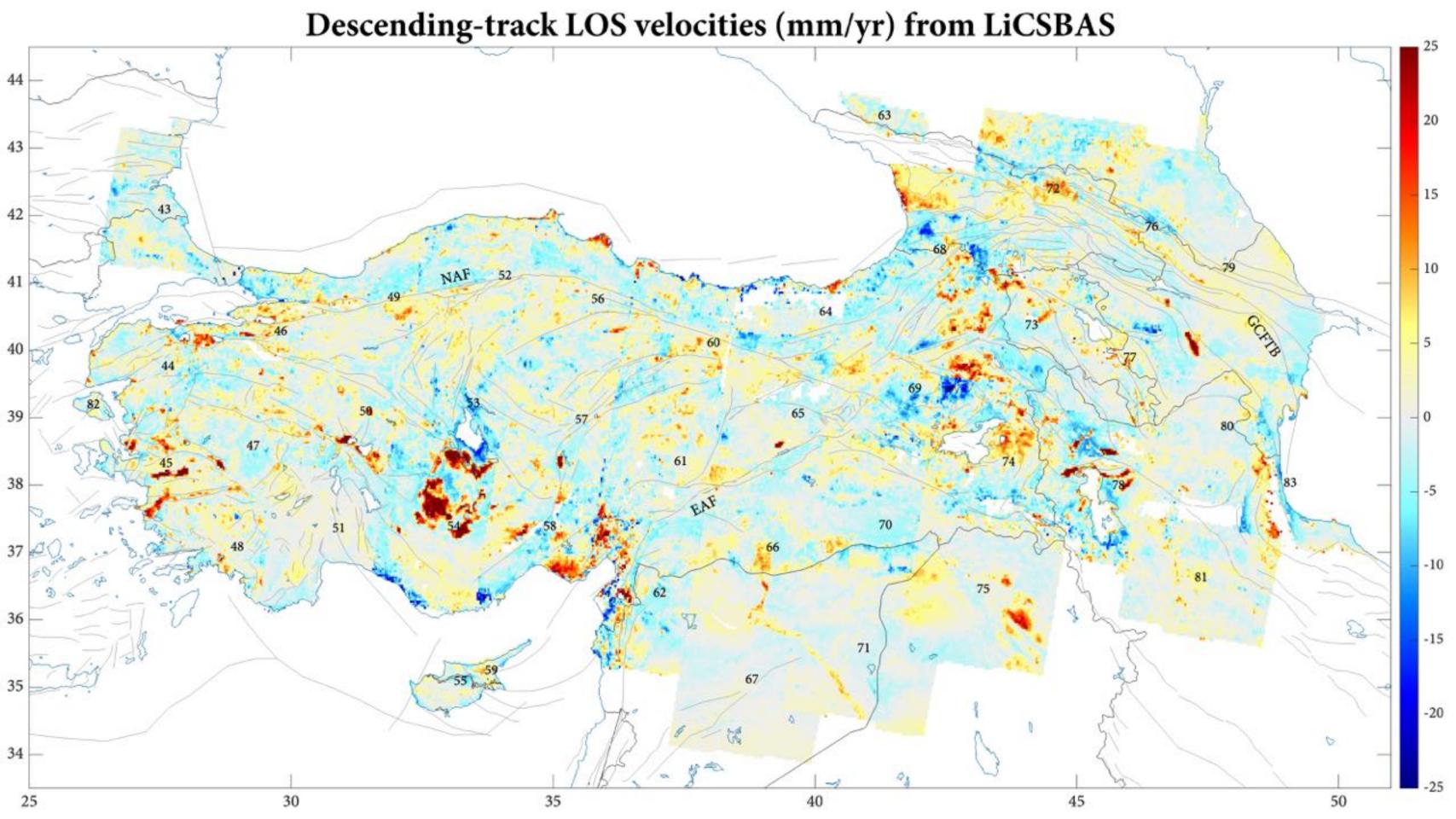


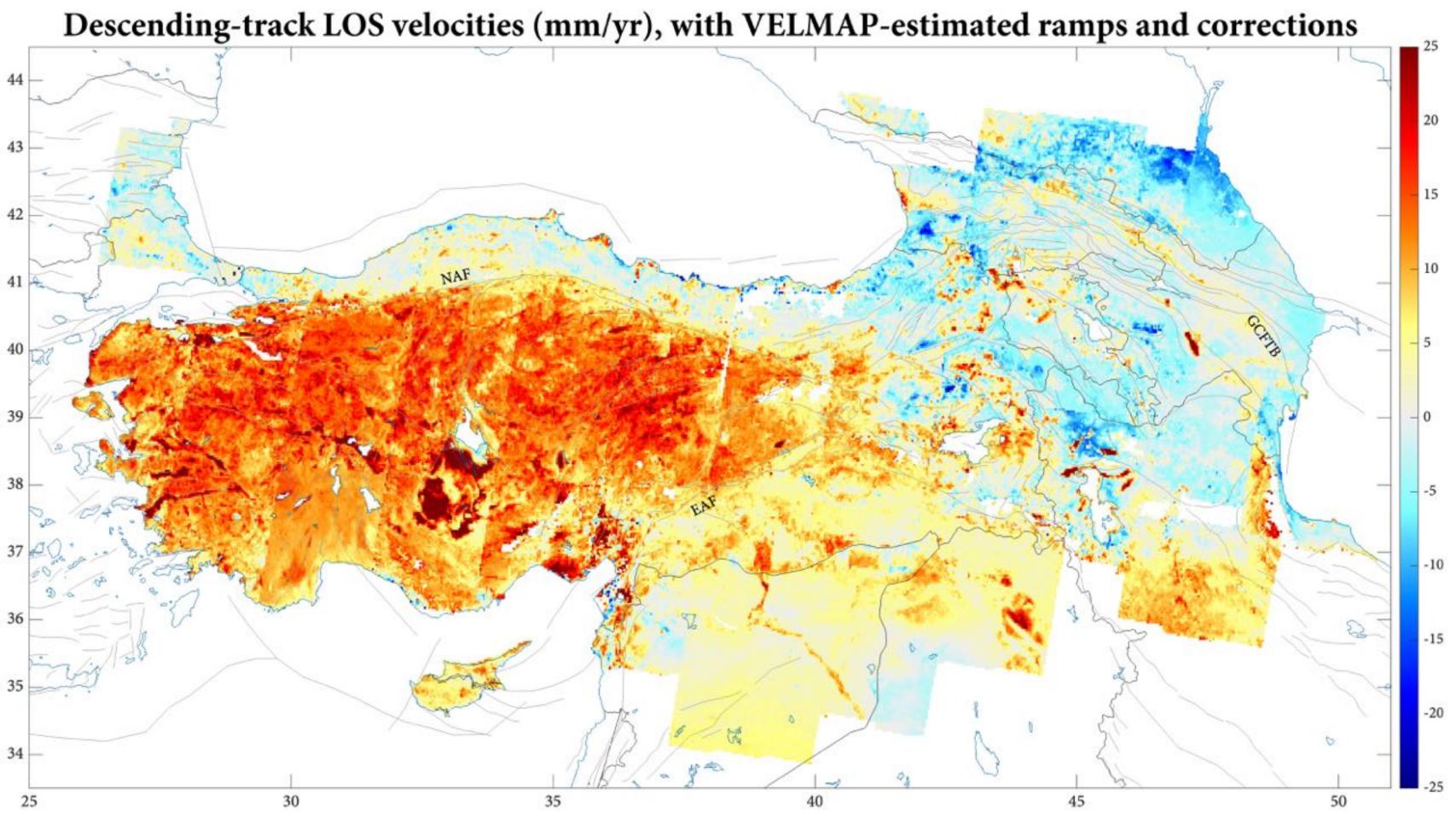


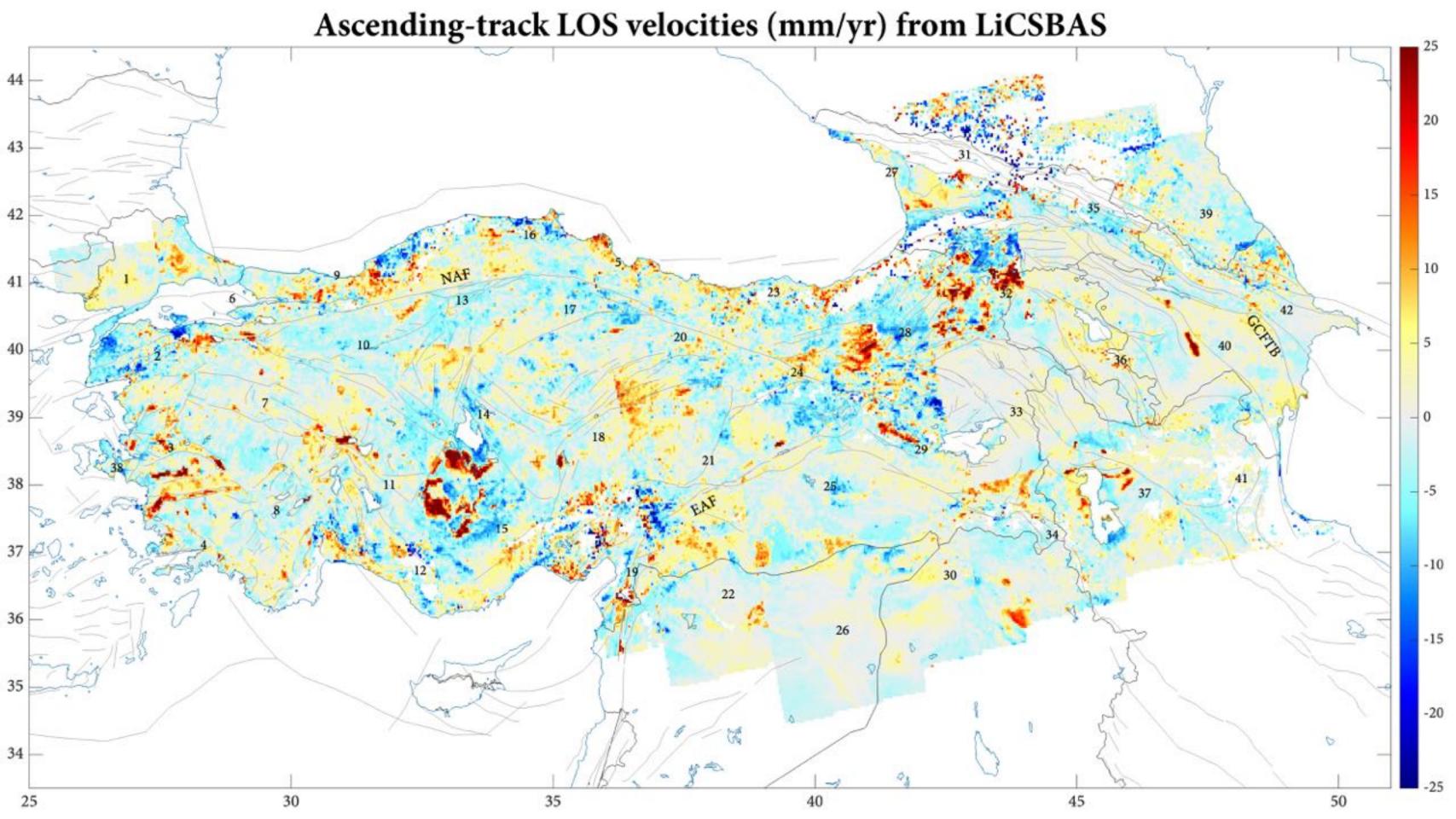


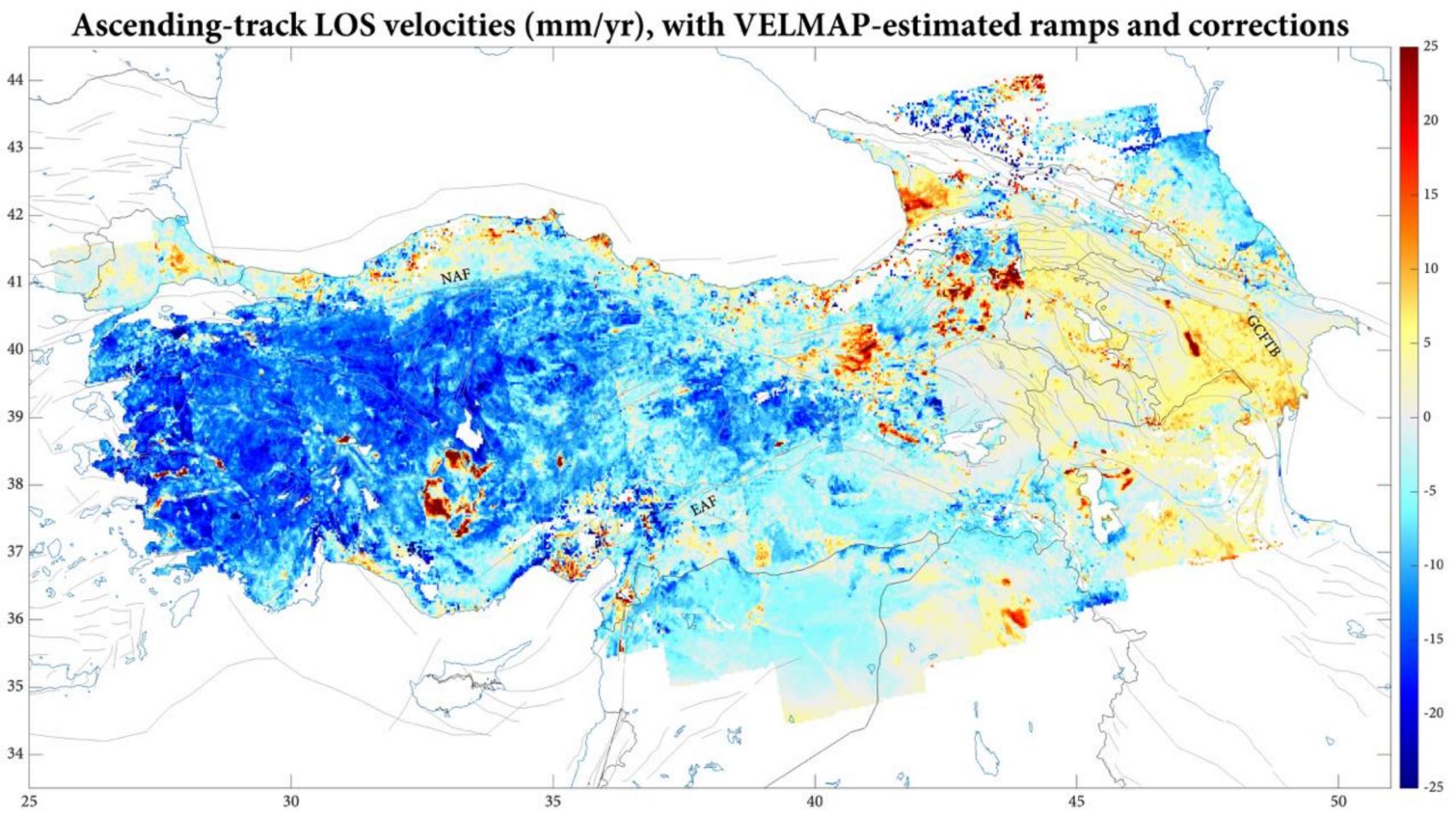


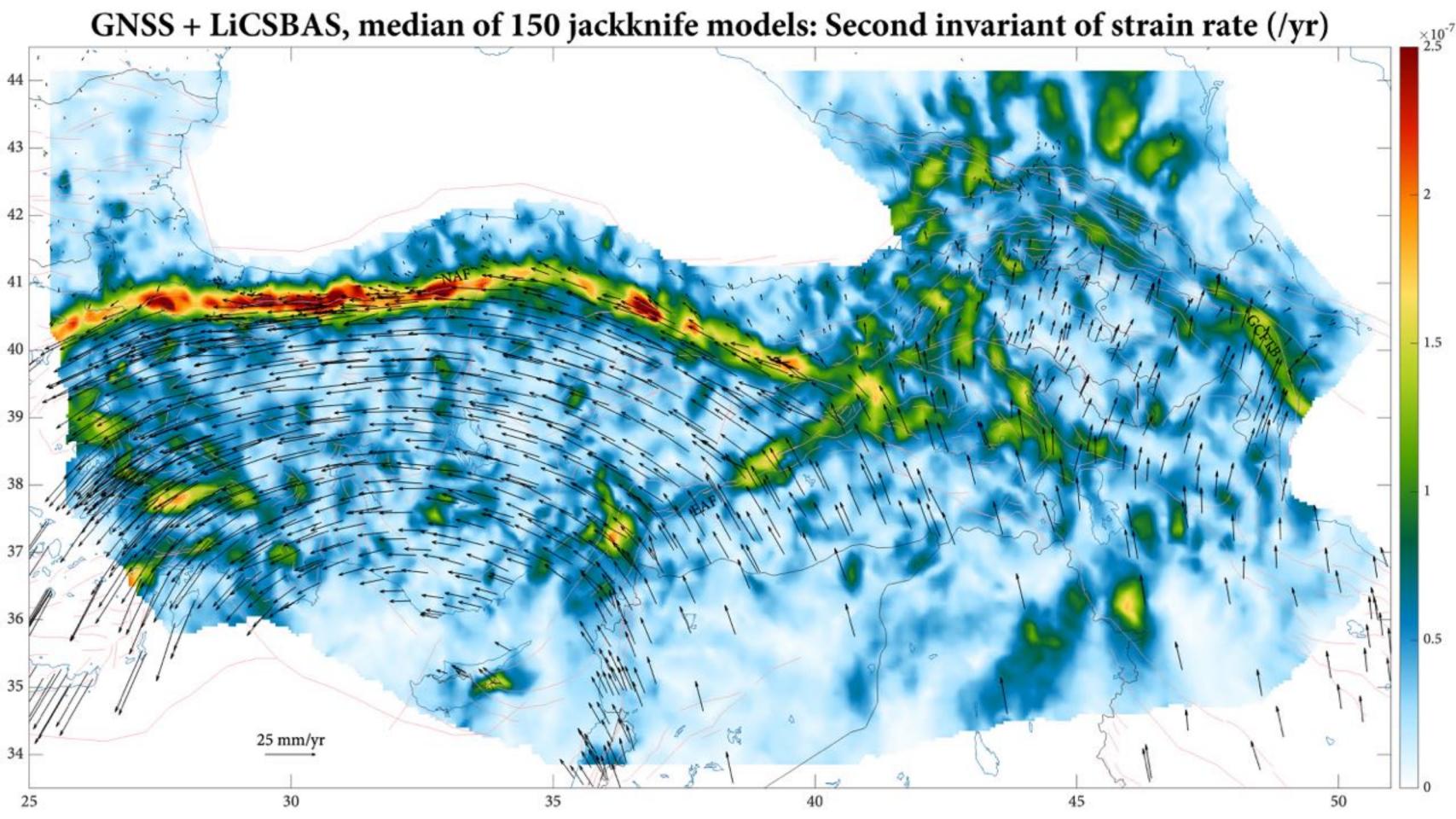


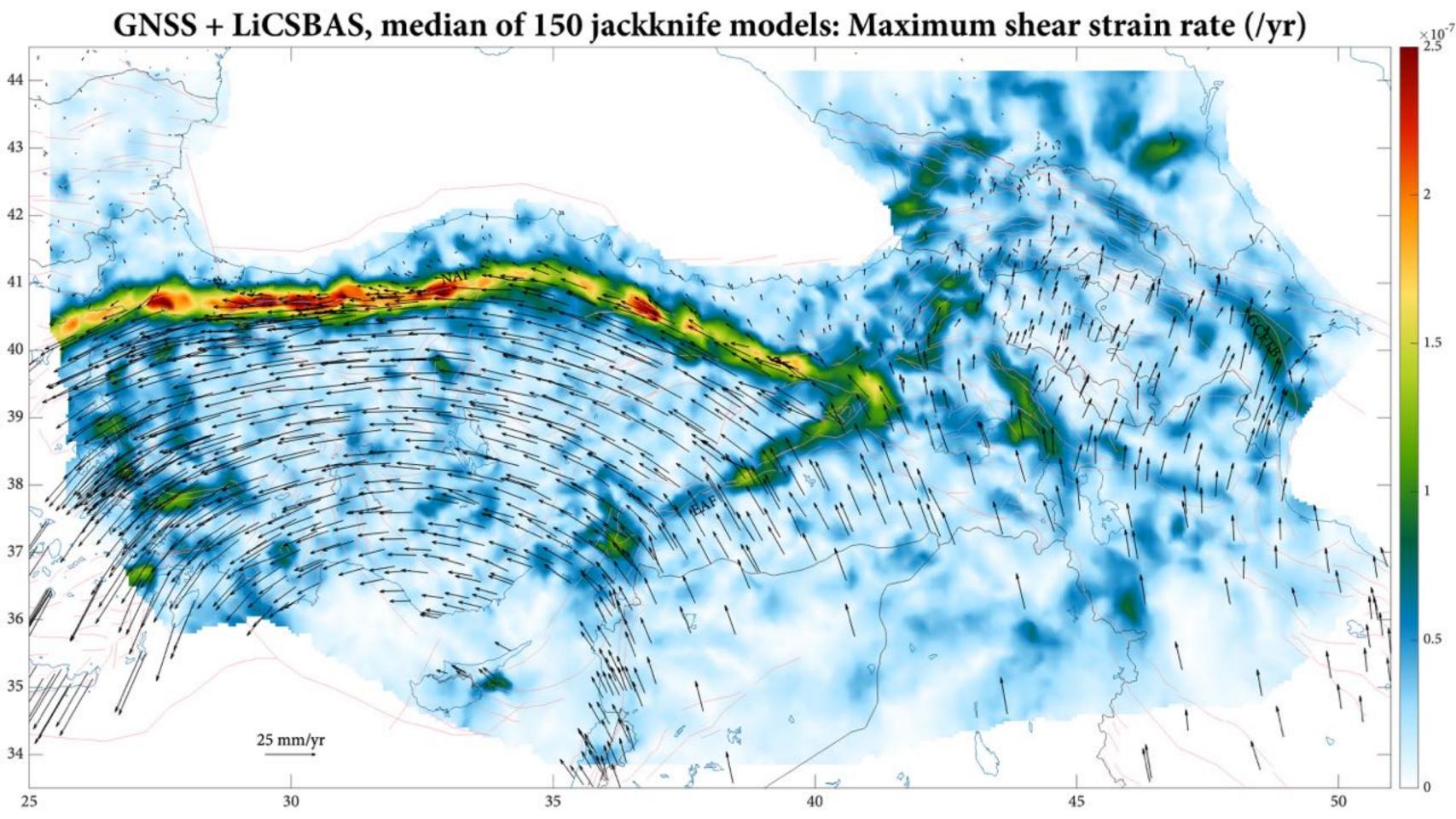


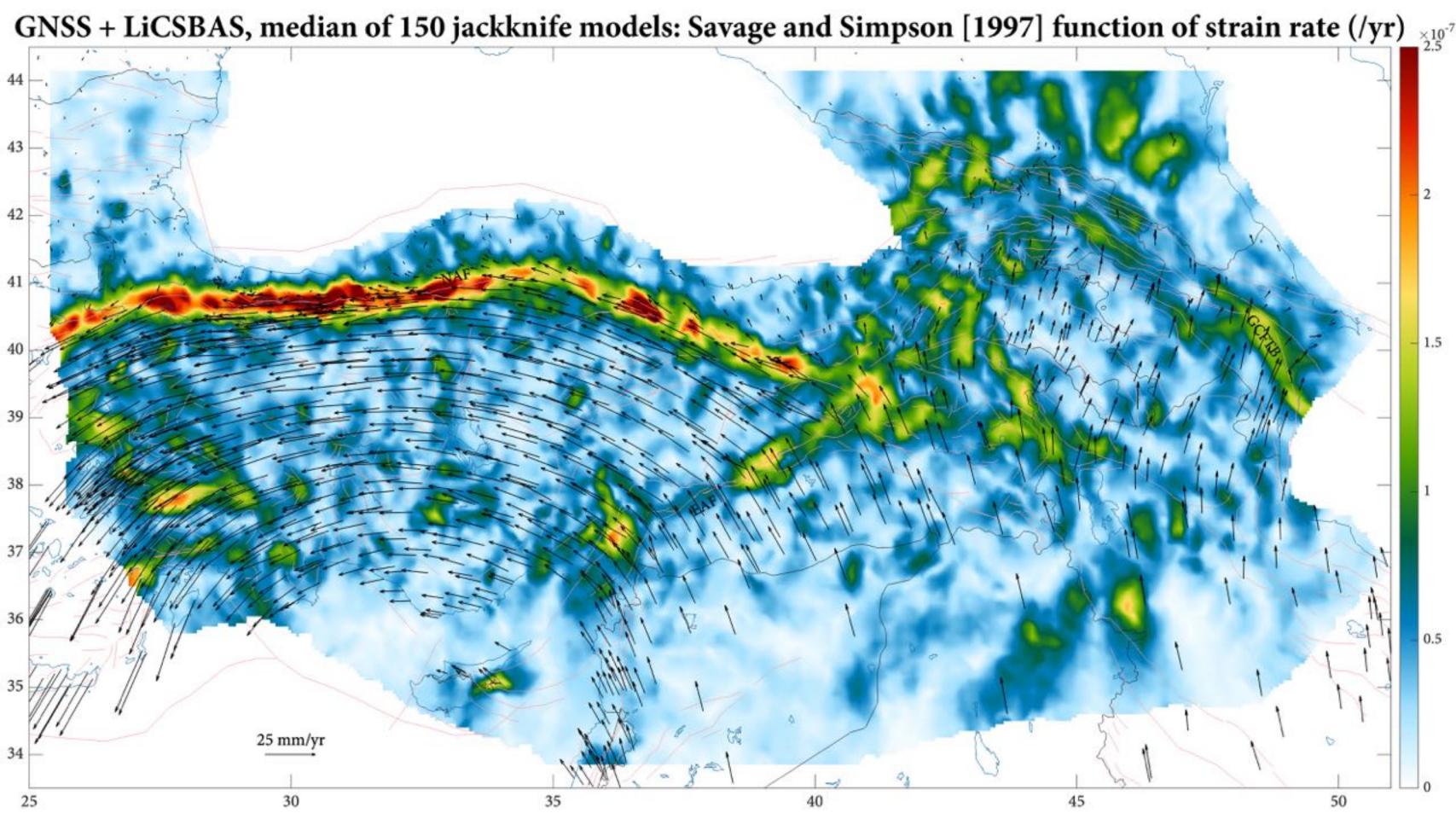










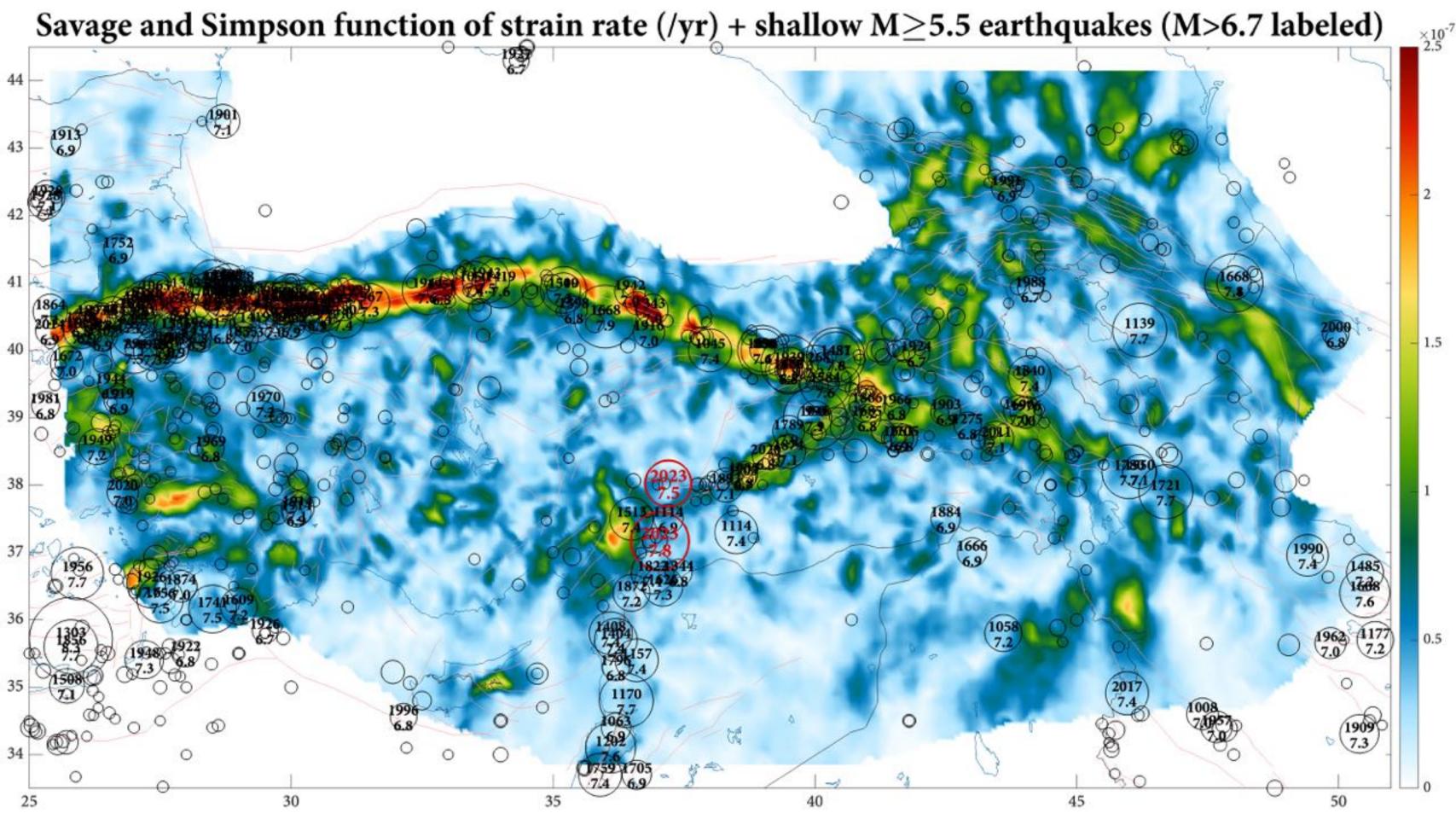


Assembling a combined earthquake catalogue for the region

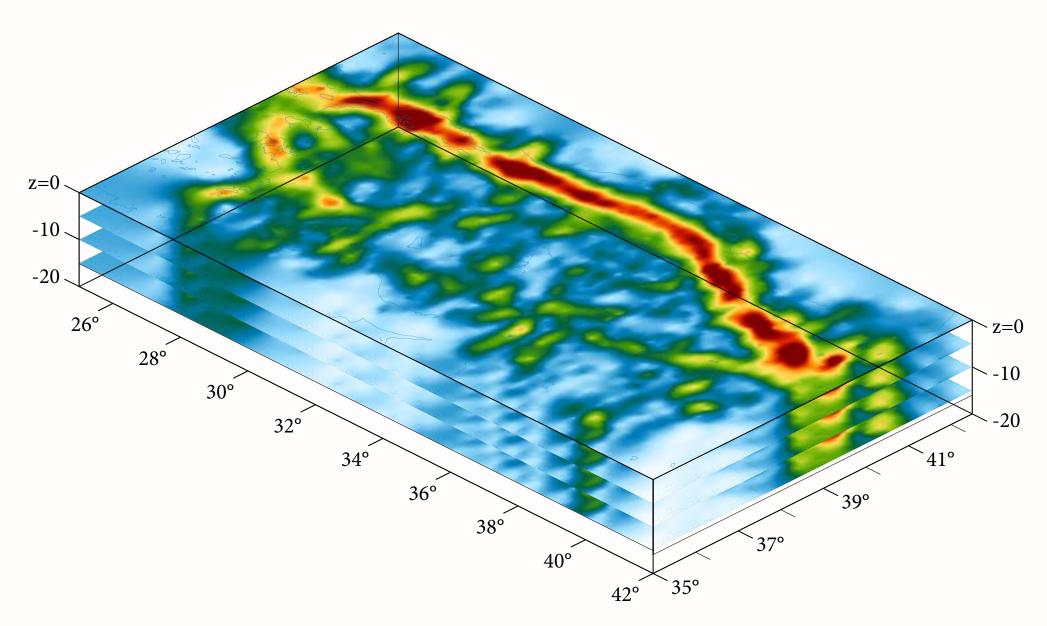
Source	Period	Parameters
Kadirioğlu et al. [2018] (full catalogue)	1900-2012	Event dates, locations, depths, magnitudes
ISC-EHB catalogue	1964-2018	Depths, a few M _w magnitudes
Global CMT catalogue	1976-2020	Depths, M _w magnitudes
ISC-GEM catalogue	1900-2018	Depths, M _w magnitudes
USGS catalogue	1973-2020	Depths, M _w magnitudes
GEM Global Historical EQ Catalogue	1000-1903	Dates, locations, depths, magnitudes
Bohnhoff et al. [2016] NAF catalogue	342 BC-2014	Dates, locations, magnitudes
(Region: 30-47° N, 19-51° E)		

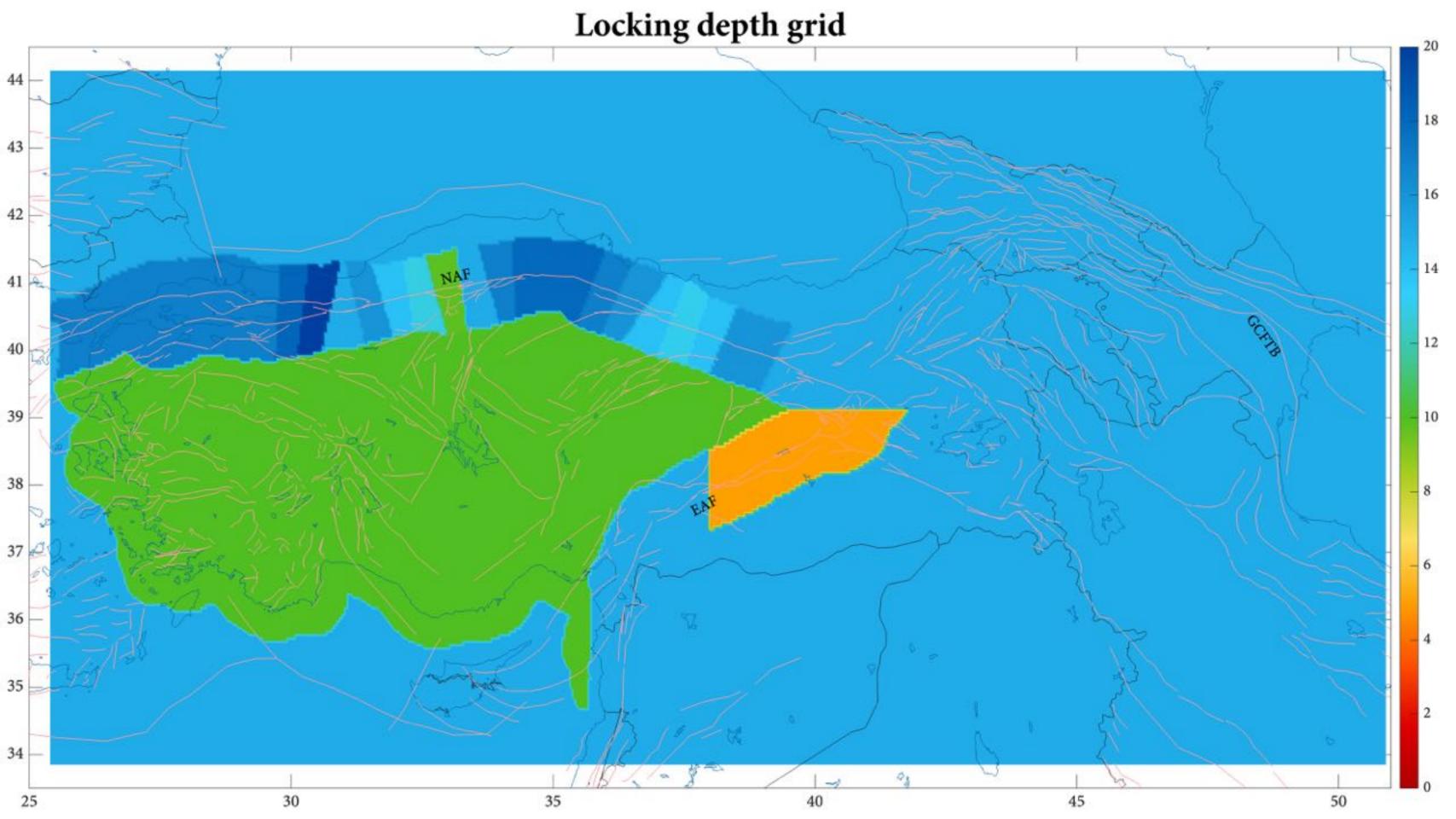
In the process of adding: Tan [2021], Rojo Limon et al. [2021]

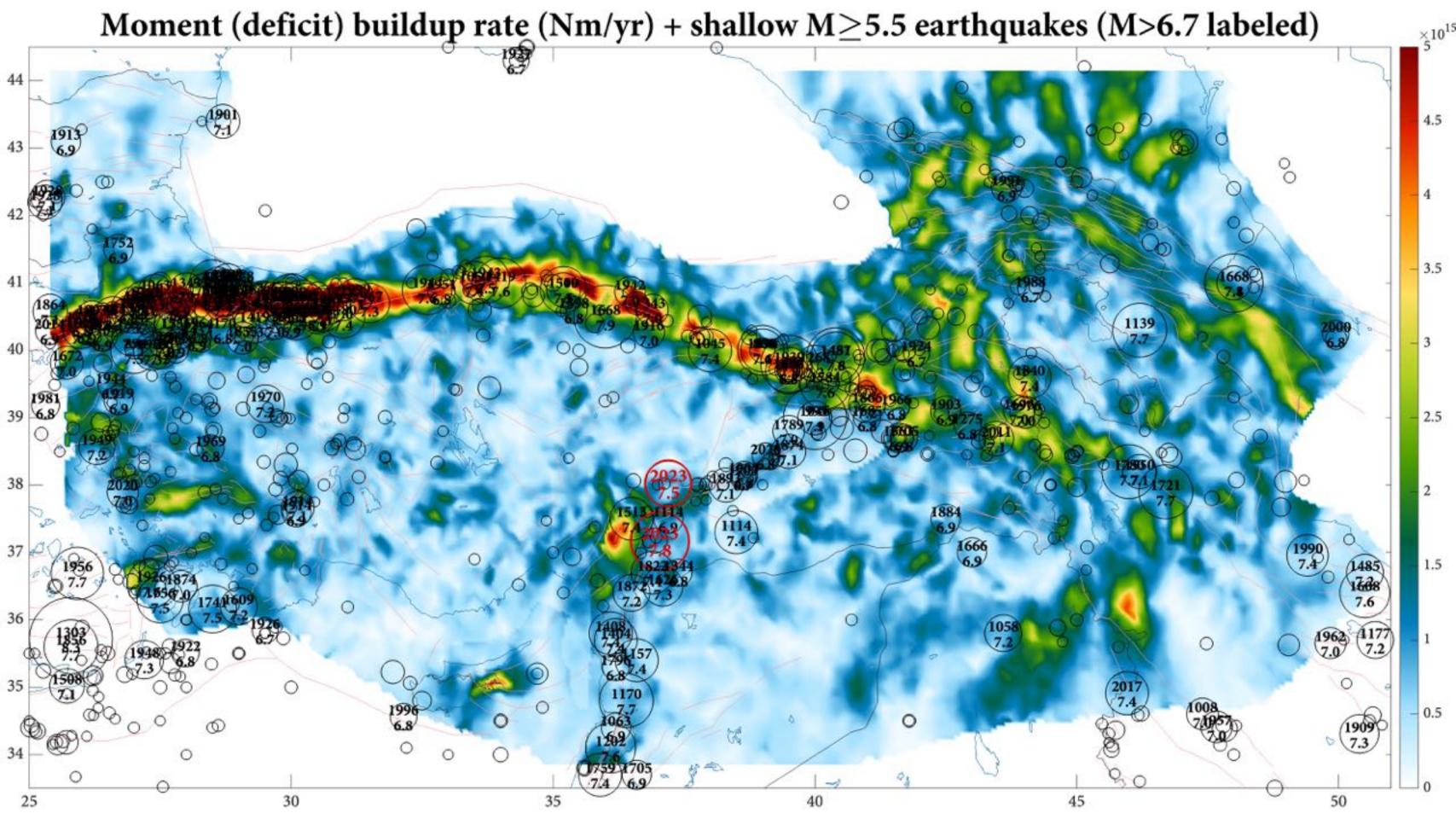
More soon!

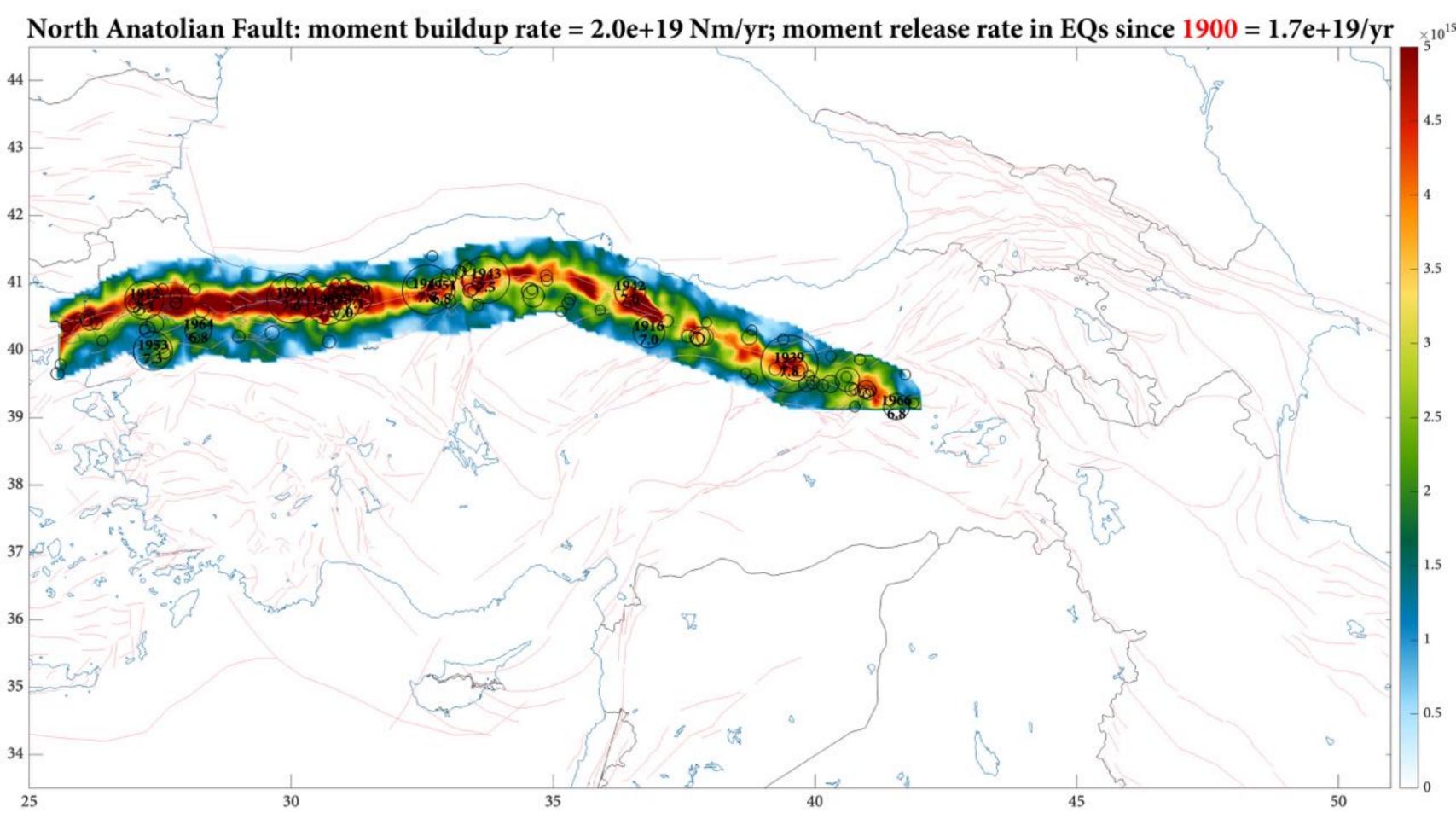


Assume surface strain rates continue down to ~15 km depth and that $\mu = 32$ GPa \rightarrow can estimate **moment (deficit) buildup rate** and compare to moment release in EQs

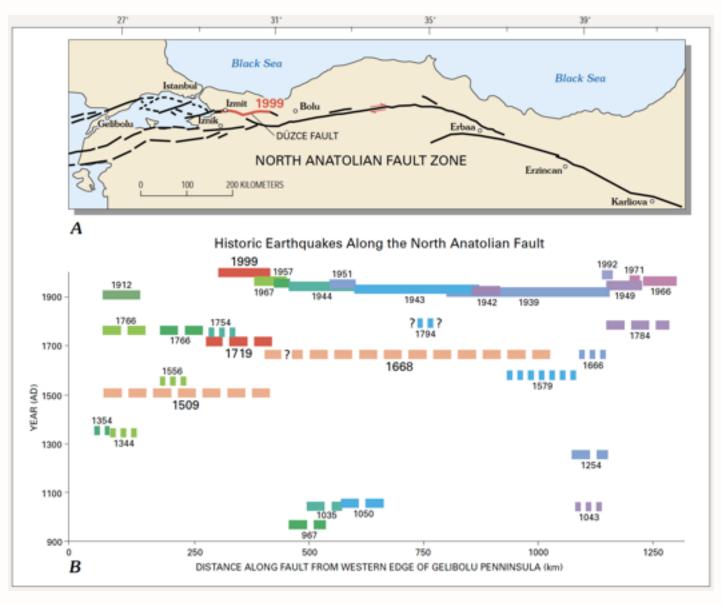


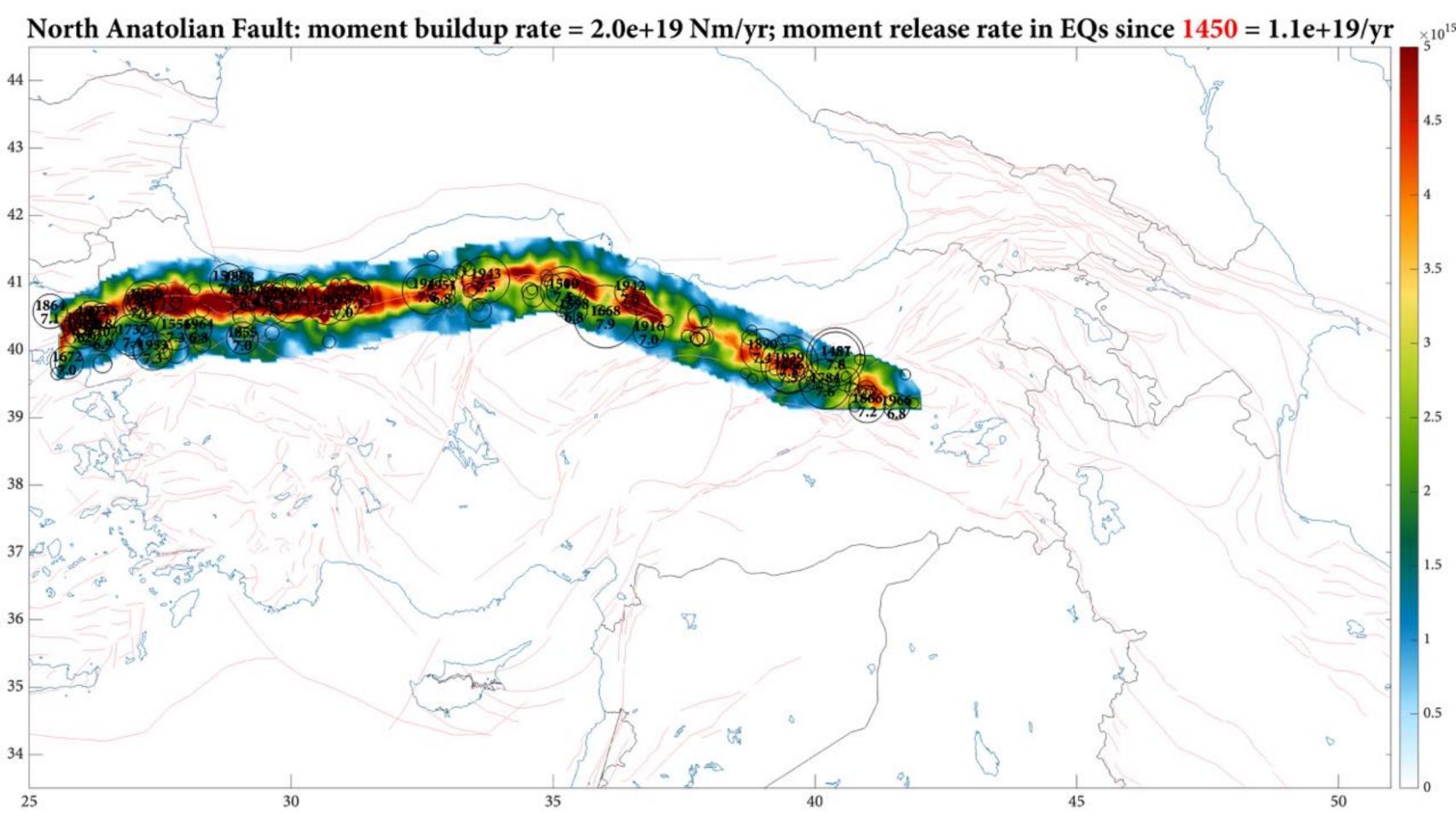


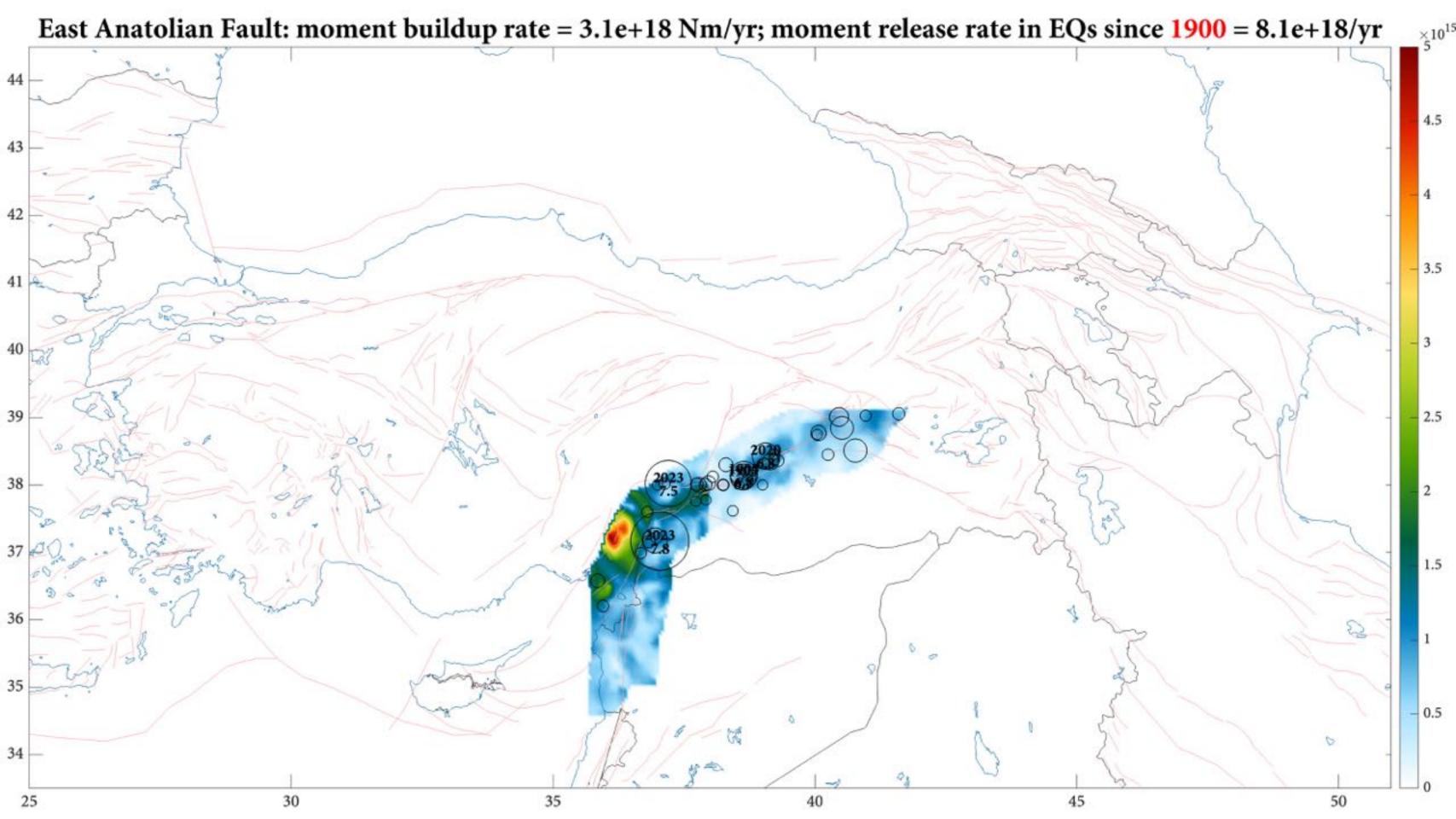


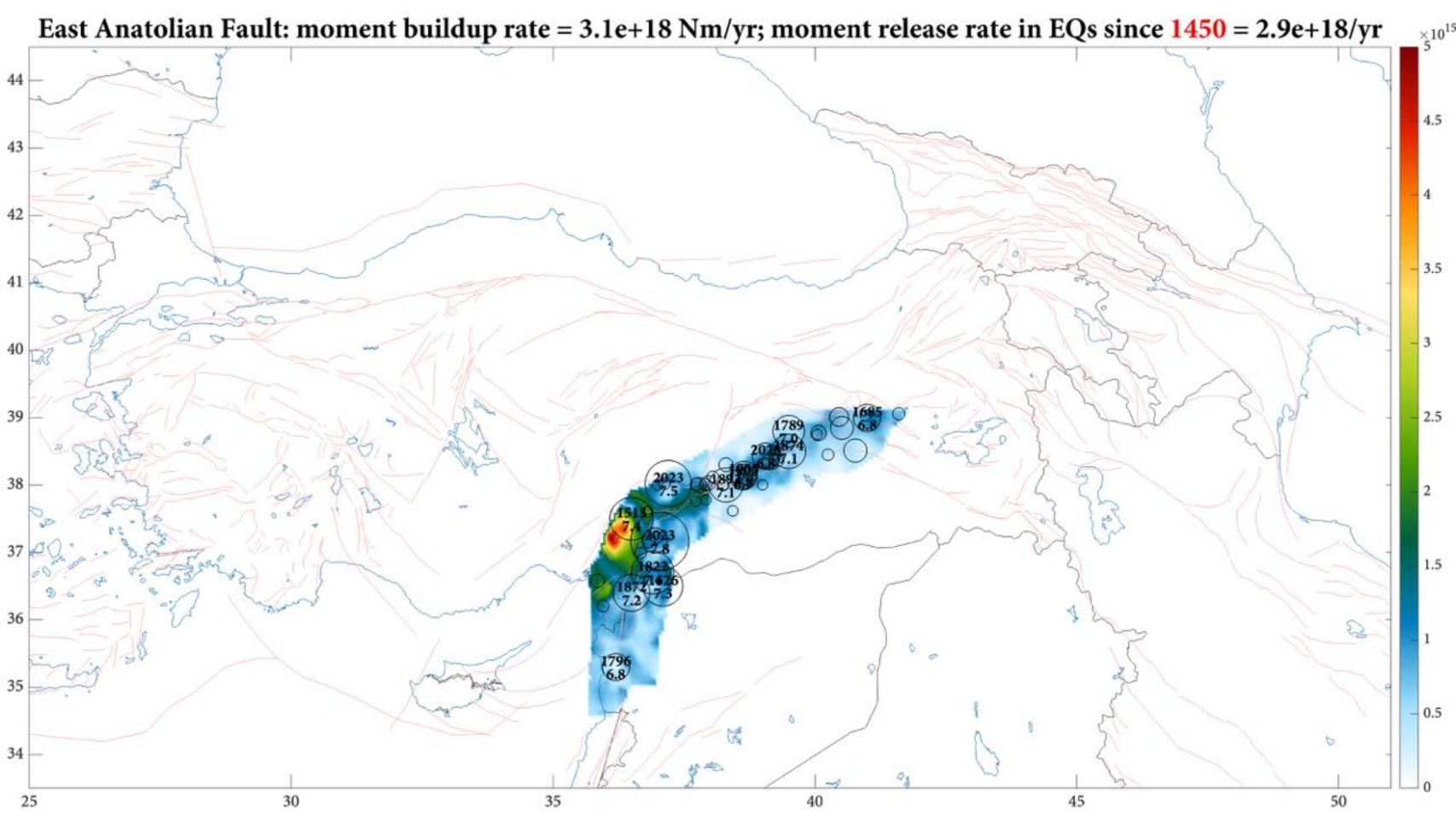


But the last 120 years may not be a full earthquake cycle on the NAF









Caveats on comparing moment buildup and release

Difference if corrected, on NAF/EAF (guesses)

1. We are aliasing aseismic creep as seismic strain buildup Buildup rate \downarrow 10-30%?

2. Aliasing **nontectonic deformation** as strain buildup Buildup rate ↓10-30%?

3. The way strain is computed may amplify noise Buildup rate \downarrow ?

4. We aren't accounting for **postseismic deformation** Release rate ↑10-30%?

5. Not accounting for **moment release in smaller EQs** Release rate ↑10-30%?

6. **Incompleteness in EQ catalogue** (especially pre-1900) Release rate ↑?

- Note: away from the NAF and EAF, effects #2, #3, #5 and #6 may skyrocket

