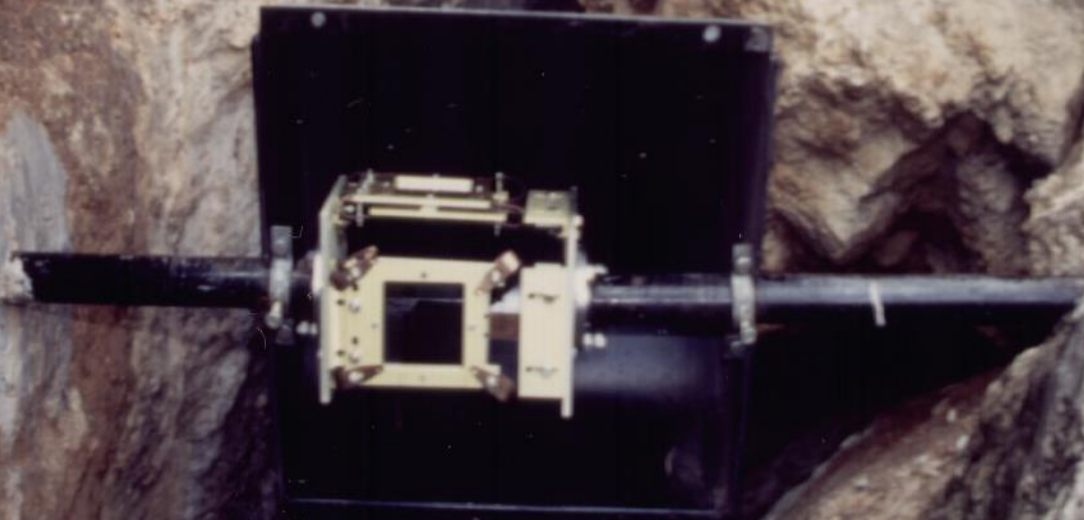


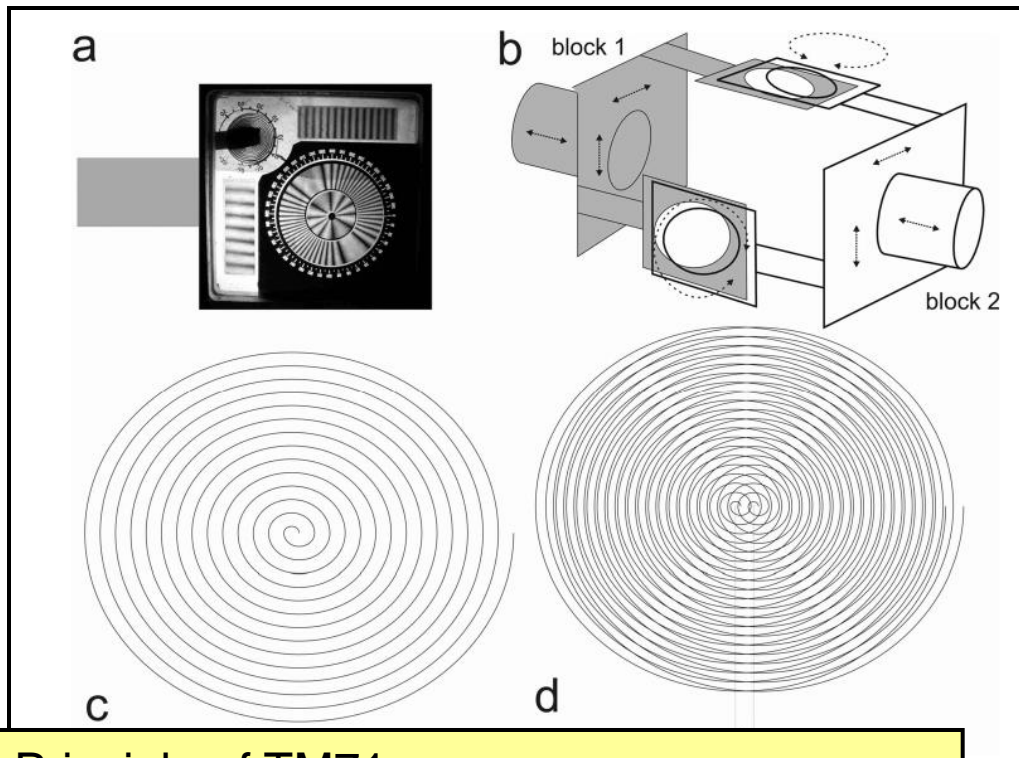
*Monitoring of  
tectonic faults  
with the use of  
TM71 crack gauges*

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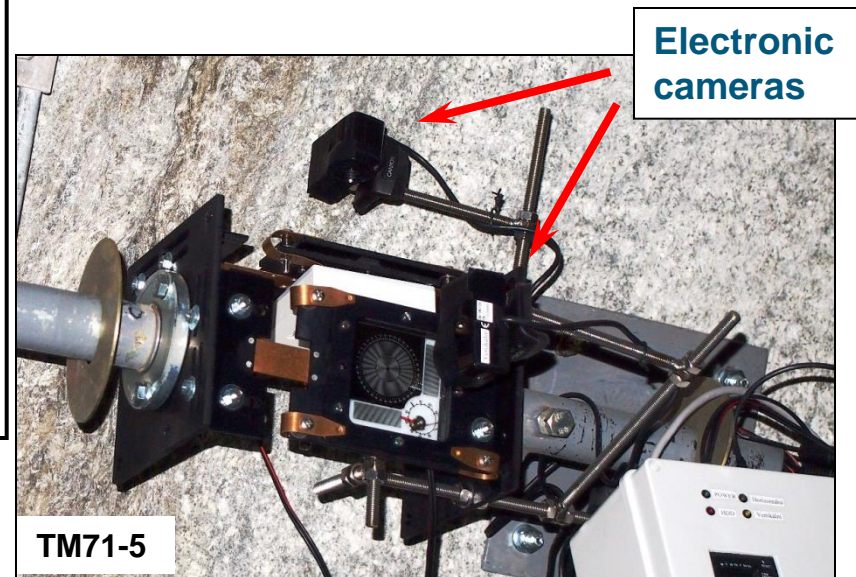
**For recording of very small displacements  
a 3-D gauges (TM71) was developed  
- sensitivity in order of 0,0X – 0,00X mm**



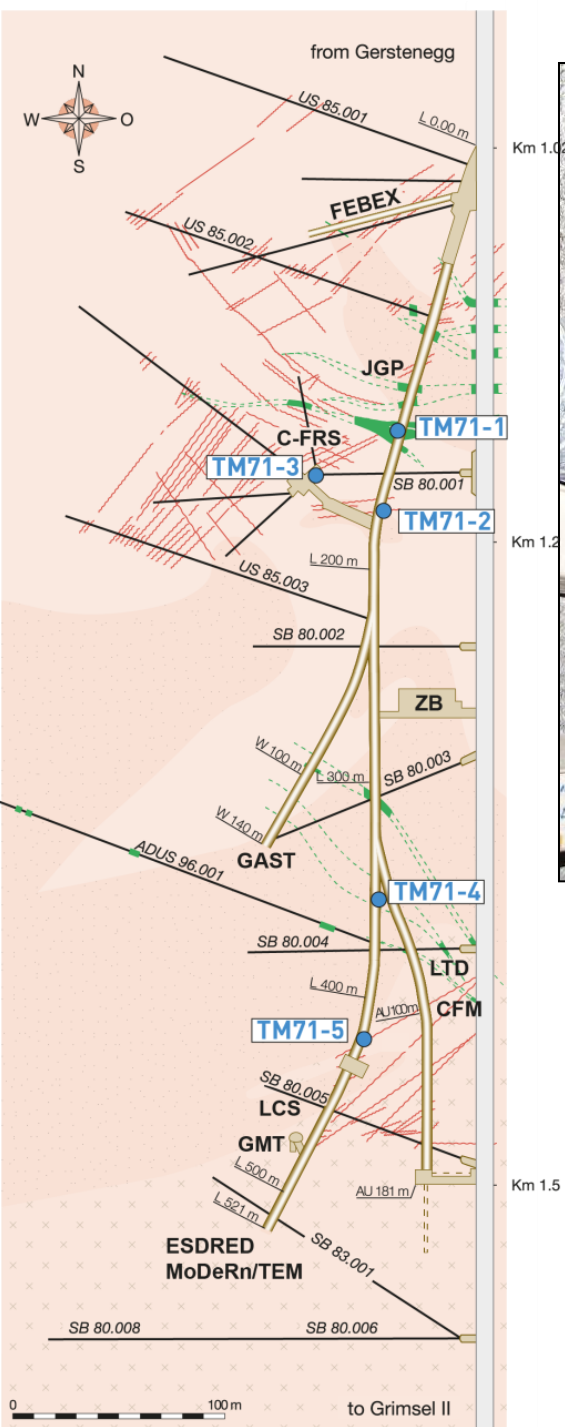
**Basic presumption:  
Recent stress is transformed along discontinuities (faults)  
which disrupt rock massif to micro-displacement  
between blocks**



Principle of TM71: a) Moiré patterns from grid lines  
 b) installation for 3-D measurement; c) single grid line;  
 d) interference of two identical grid lines



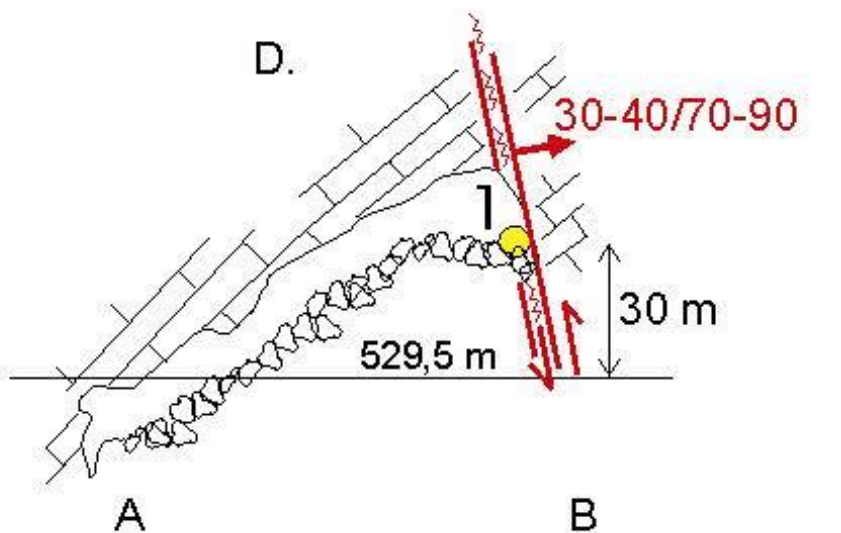
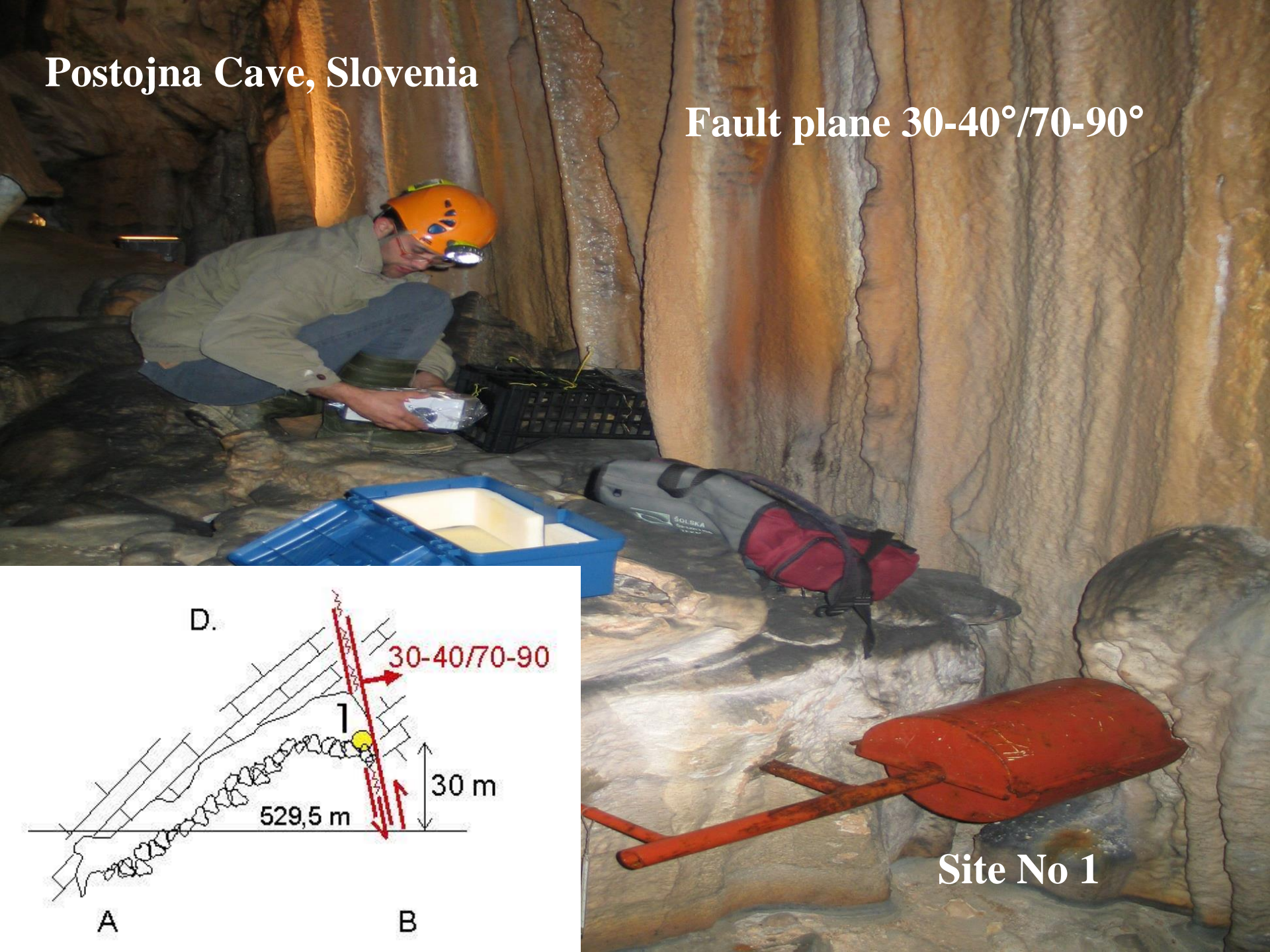
Interferences are scanned once a day (00:00 CET, 23:00 GMT)  
 Transfer via internet to IRSM for evaluation (see [www.tecnet.cz](http://www.tecnet.cz))



<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Position Tunnel meter</i>	<i>Geological feature</i>	<i>Feature orientation Azimuth/Dip [°]</i>	<i>MAC adress</i>	<i>IP: Port number</i>
TM71-1	L124.5 W face	~2 m wide lamprophyre, strongly sheared and foliated zone TM71 is attached to CAGR bedrock and CAGR inclusion in the lamprophyre	195/83		
TM71-2	L175.3 E face	Thin shear zone in CAGR	168/67		
TM71-3	BK northern arm ESE face	Shear zone with fault gouge, 3-4 cm wide	232/77	00:60:e0:54:4e:8b	192.168.10.142:194
TM71-4	VE, L352.0 E face	Sheared lamprophyre, ~8 cm wide	185/70		
TM71-5	VE, L418.5 E face	strongly foliated shear zone in granodiorite	150/77	00:60:e0:54:4e:8b	192.168.10.142:194

# Postojna Cave, Slovenia

Fault plane  $30\text{-}40^\circ/70\text{-}90^\circ$



Site No 1

# TecNet – Bohemian Massif



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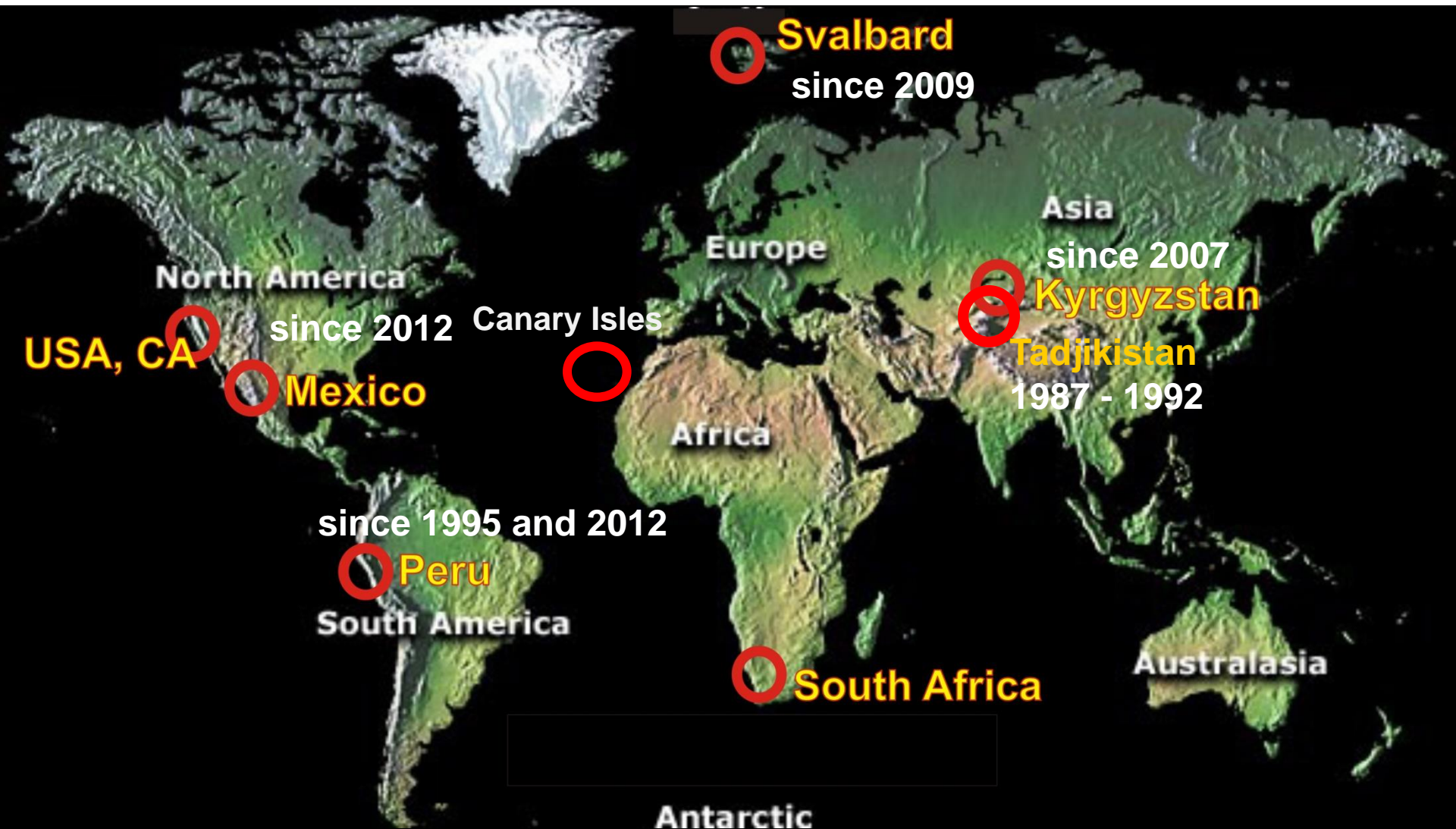
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Monitoring activities in the Europe

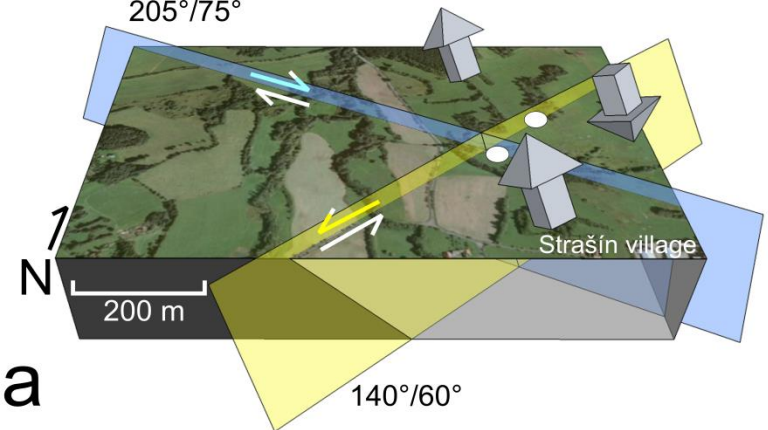
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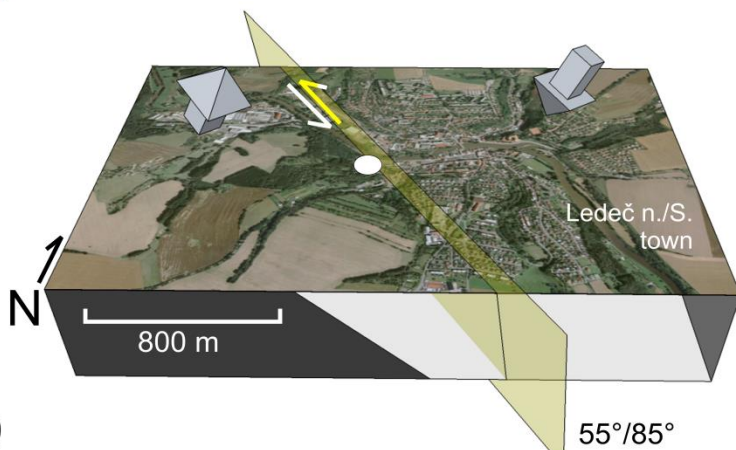
**Monitoring activities outside of Europe**

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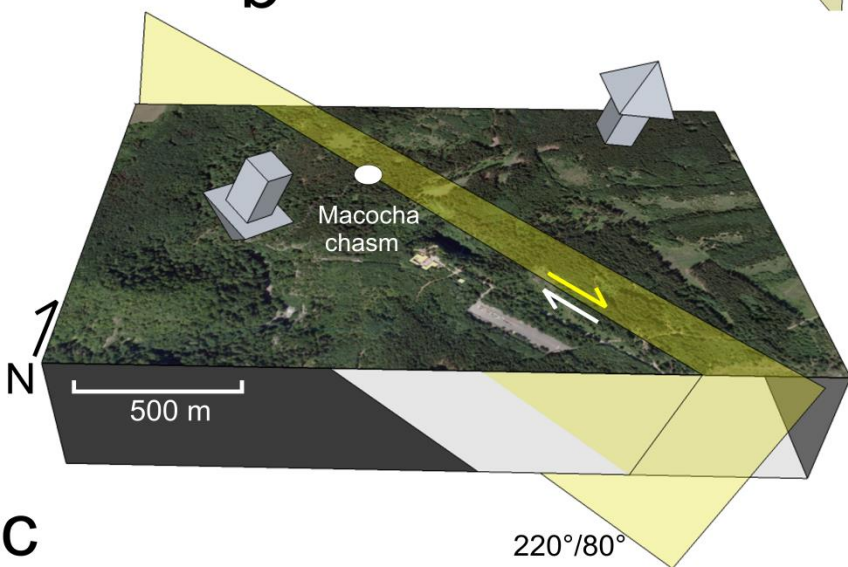




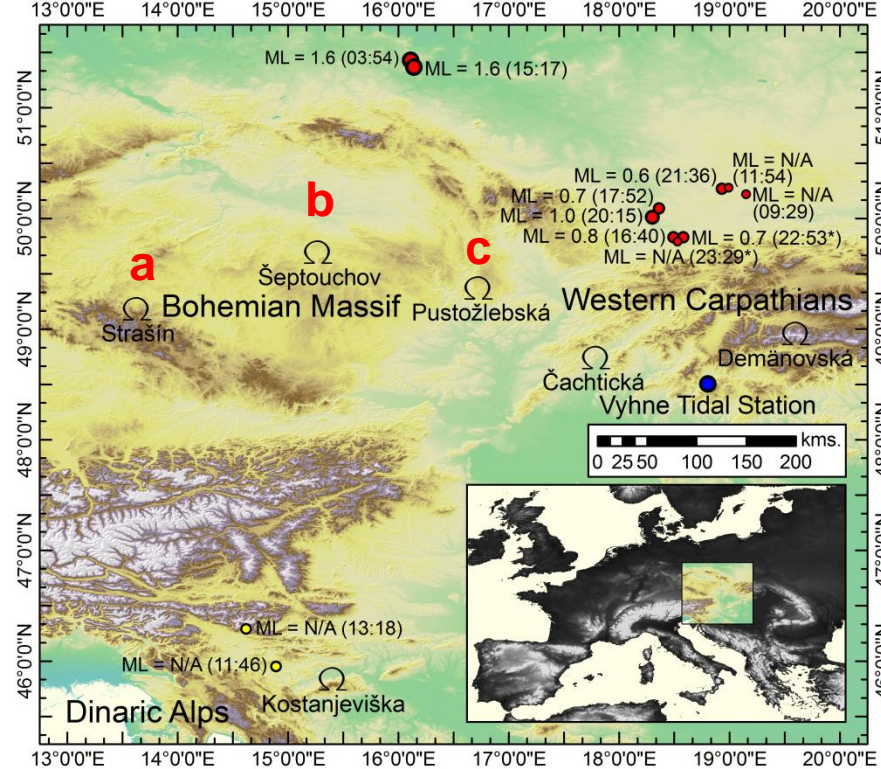
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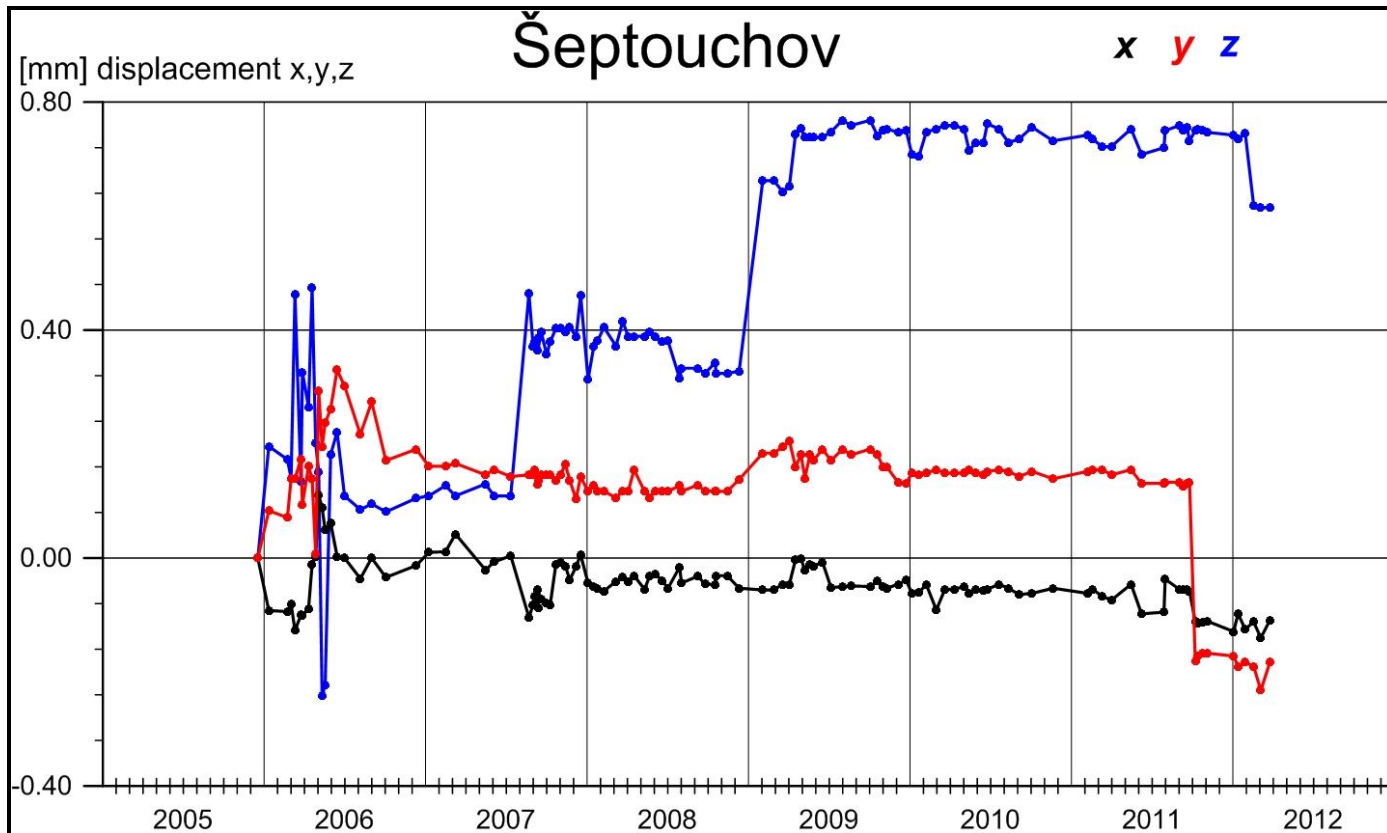
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**A series of schematic three-dimensional block diagrams representing the long-term displacements recorded at each site. (a) Strašín Cave; (b) Šeptouchov Cave; (c) Pustožlebská Cave**



Fault displacement recorded on deep seated Sazava Fault, Central Bohemia

Black line: displacement along axis  $x$  (extension or compression)

Red line: strike slip along axis  $y$

Blue line: vertical displacement along axis  $z$

# Principal results after 15 years of regular monitoring:

## 1. Long term trends (creep x pulse)

- pulse movements are recorded across Europe simultaneously (Stemberk et al. 2010 in Tectonophysics)
- vertical component predominates

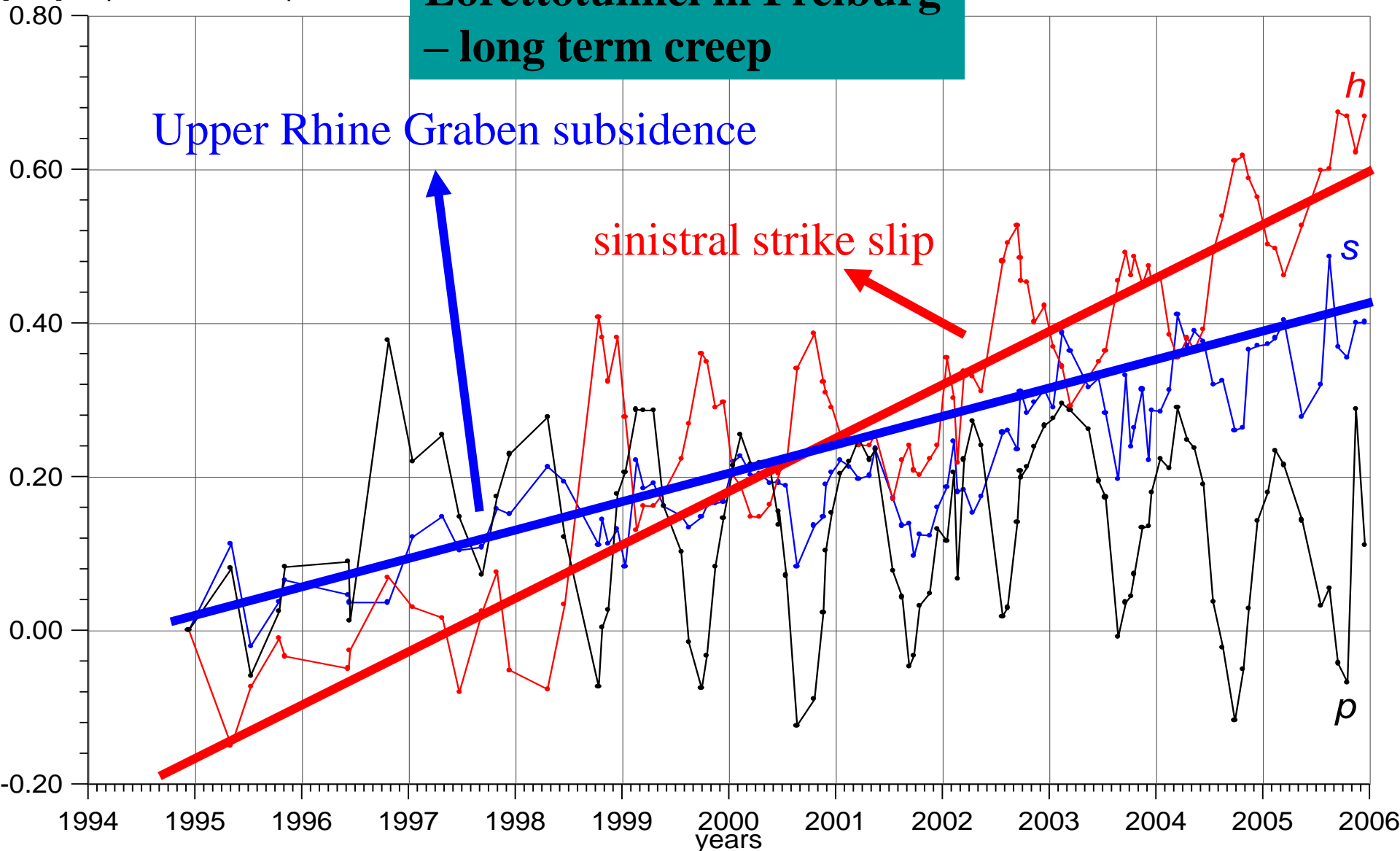
2. Temporal changes of movement trend
3. Unusual development before local earthquake



Tectonic creep recorded in Upper Rhine Graben

[mm] displacement s,h,p

# Lorettotunnel in Freiburg – long term creep

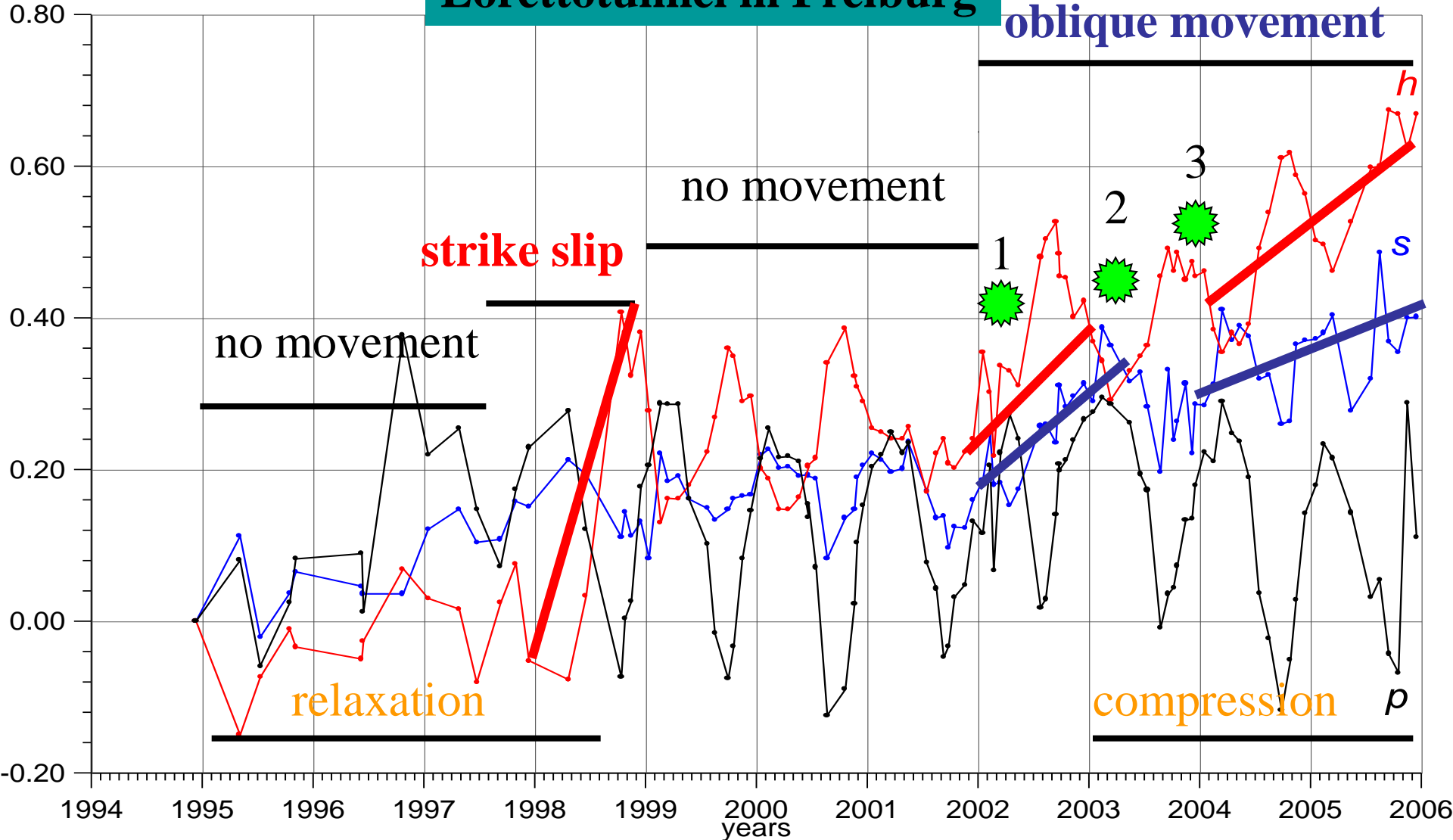


Movement components:

**h** – strike slip; **s** – fault slip; **p** – fault opening/closing

[mm] displacement s,h,p

# Lorettotunnel in Freiburg



## Temporal changes of movement trend

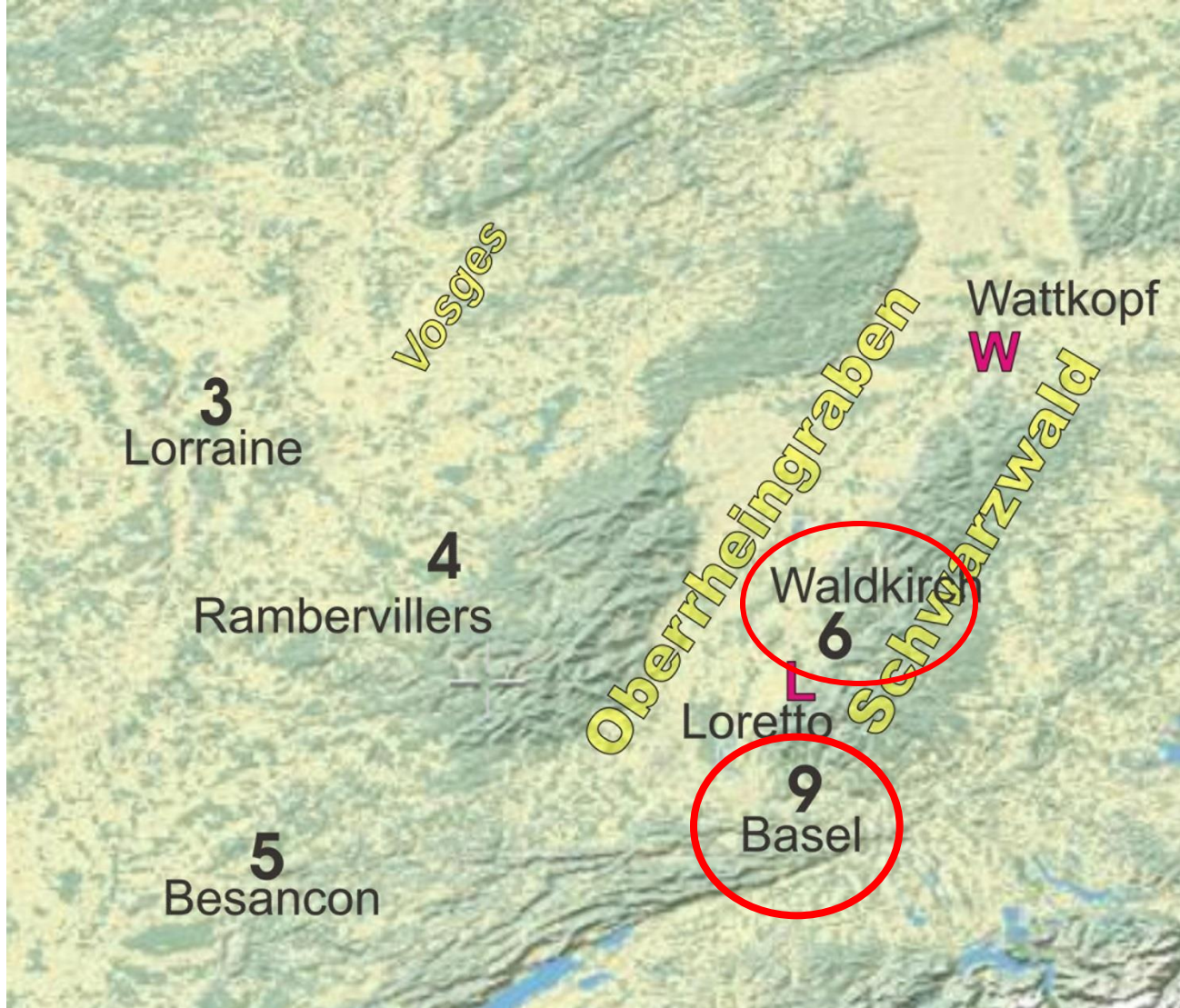
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(regional earthquakes: 1 – Rambervillers; 2 – Besancon; 3 – Waldkirch)

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1. Long term trends
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**3. Unusual development before regional earthquakes**

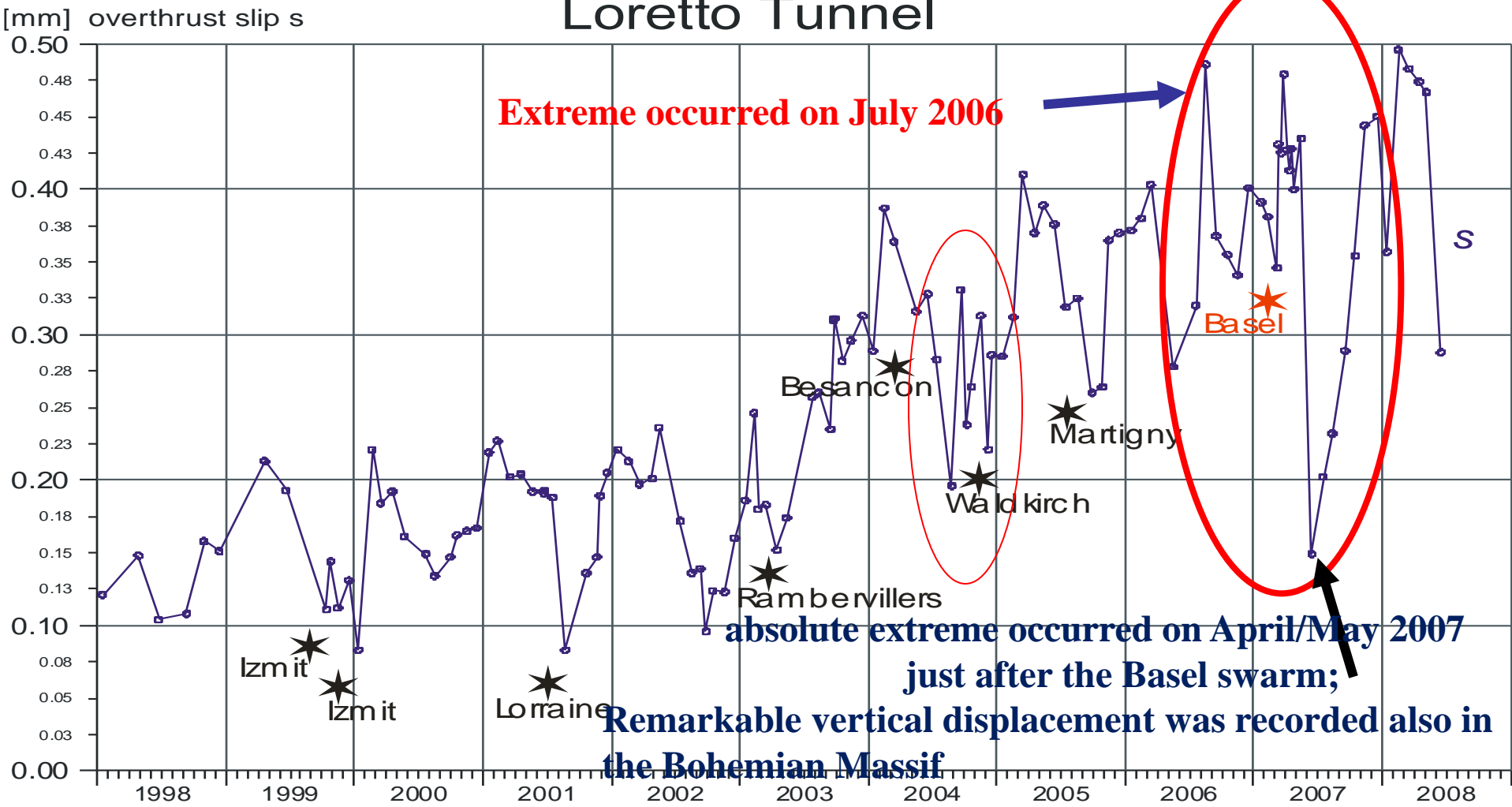


During December 2006 – March 2007 several earthquakes occurred in Basel induced (??) by hydro-pressure injection in deep borehole at the geothermal power station under construction in Basel

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# Loretto Tunnel



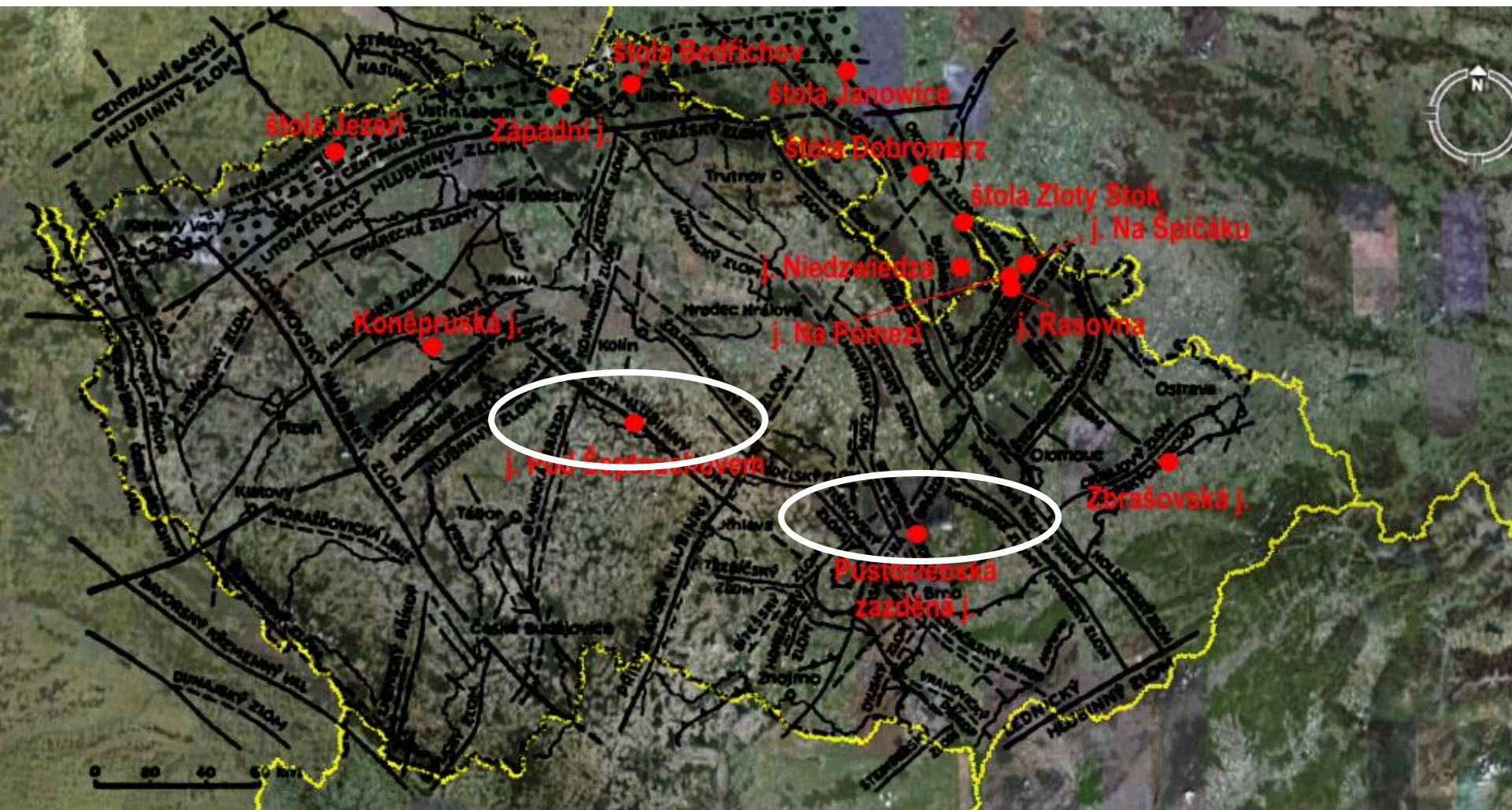
Extreme events that took place during displacement monitoring:



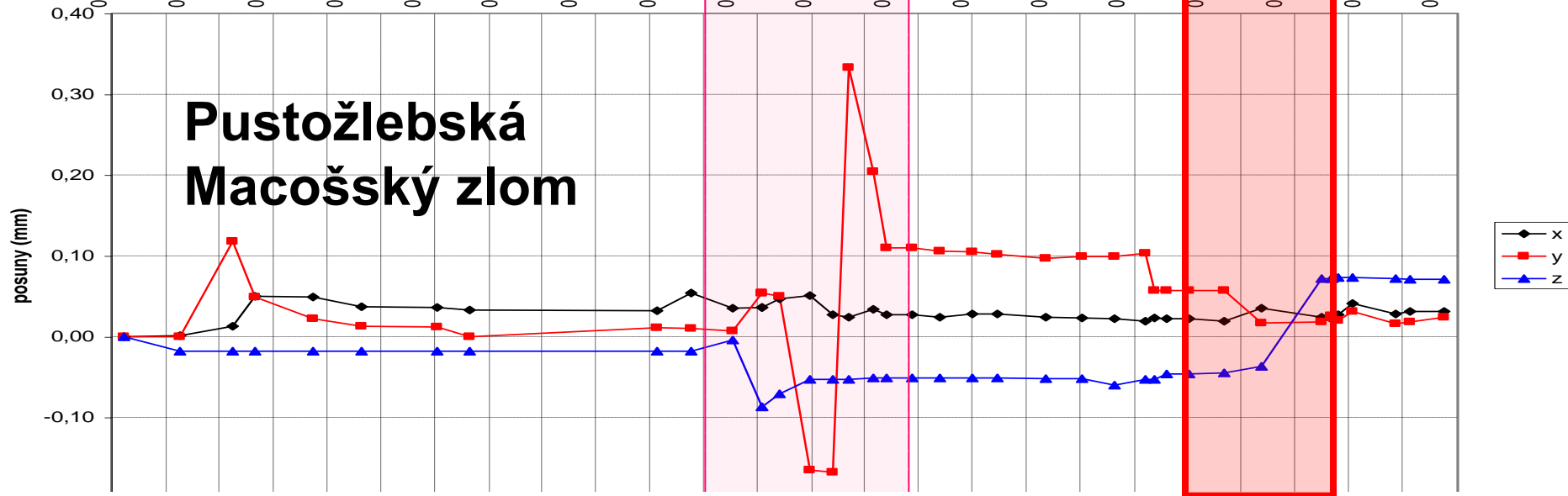
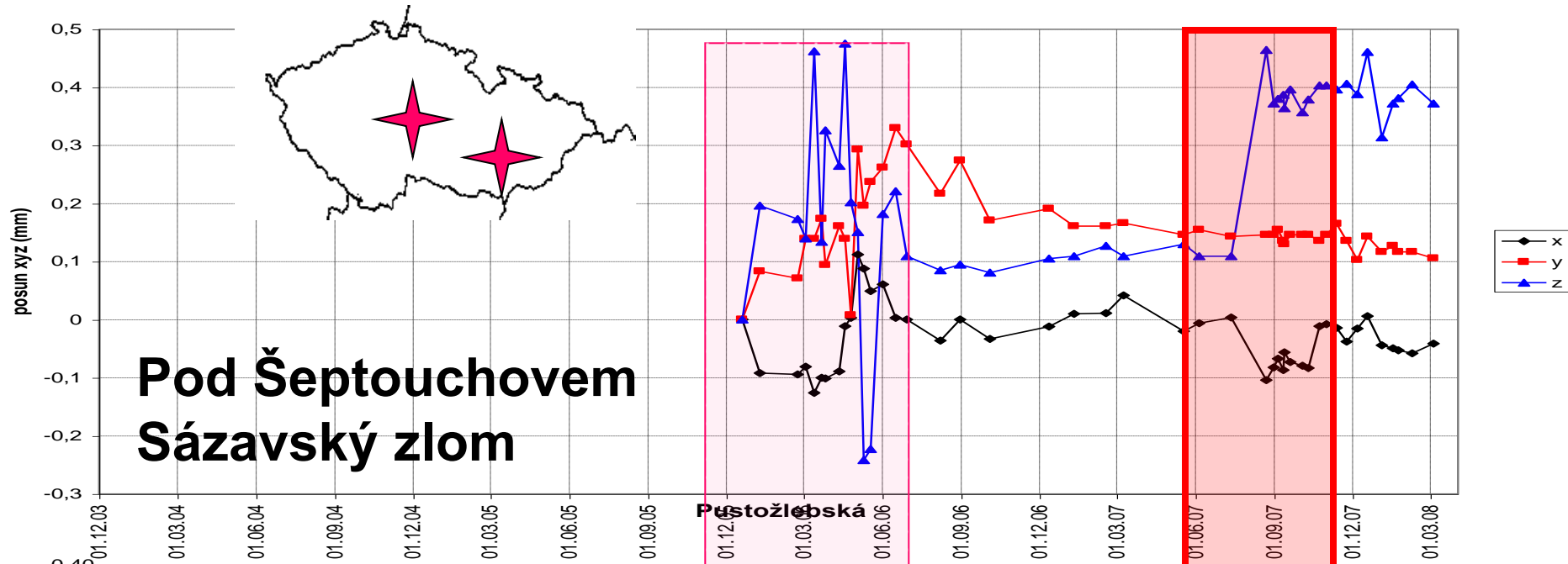
Basel swarm of triggered earthquakes



earthquakes of natural origin



Example of pulse displacements recorded in the middle of 2007 in the Bohemian Massif



**Pulse movements registered in the caves across the Bohemian Massif during November 2005/March 2006 and July/August 2007**

## **Conclusion:**

- **Basel swarm occurred during period of extraordinary fault displacement recorded across Europe in 2003/2007 due to stress changes in the crust (published by Stemberk, Košťák, Cacon, 2010 in Tectonophysics)**
- **High probability of the earthquake occurrence was predicted for the region of Upper Rhine Graben for period of 2007 (published by Stemberk, Košťák, Rybář in Vesmír, 1/2007)**
- **We suppose, that hydro-pressure injection was operated during highly risk period and therefore resulted in series earthquakes affected the Basel**
- **It could be proposed, that by identification of these risk periods can be reduced seismic risk**

Thank you for your attention

