

# Mapping the **distribution of strain** along multiple strike-slip faults in the Chaman fault system from InSAR

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## 100° 80° Kandáhar Elevation (m) Eurasian Plate Afghanistan 1914 Pakistan 28° IN:EU Track151 'Indian Plate Hoshab F OBela Karachi X1945 64° 66° 68°

## Chaman plate boundary

- India-Eurasia left-lateral motion of 25-35 mm/yr
- Numerous active faults are mapped
- Very few historical earthquakes
- Where strain focuses and what are the associated active faults likely to rupture during large earthquakes?



## 33° 32° 31° 30° 29° 28 68° 66° 67° 65°

## InSAR velocity

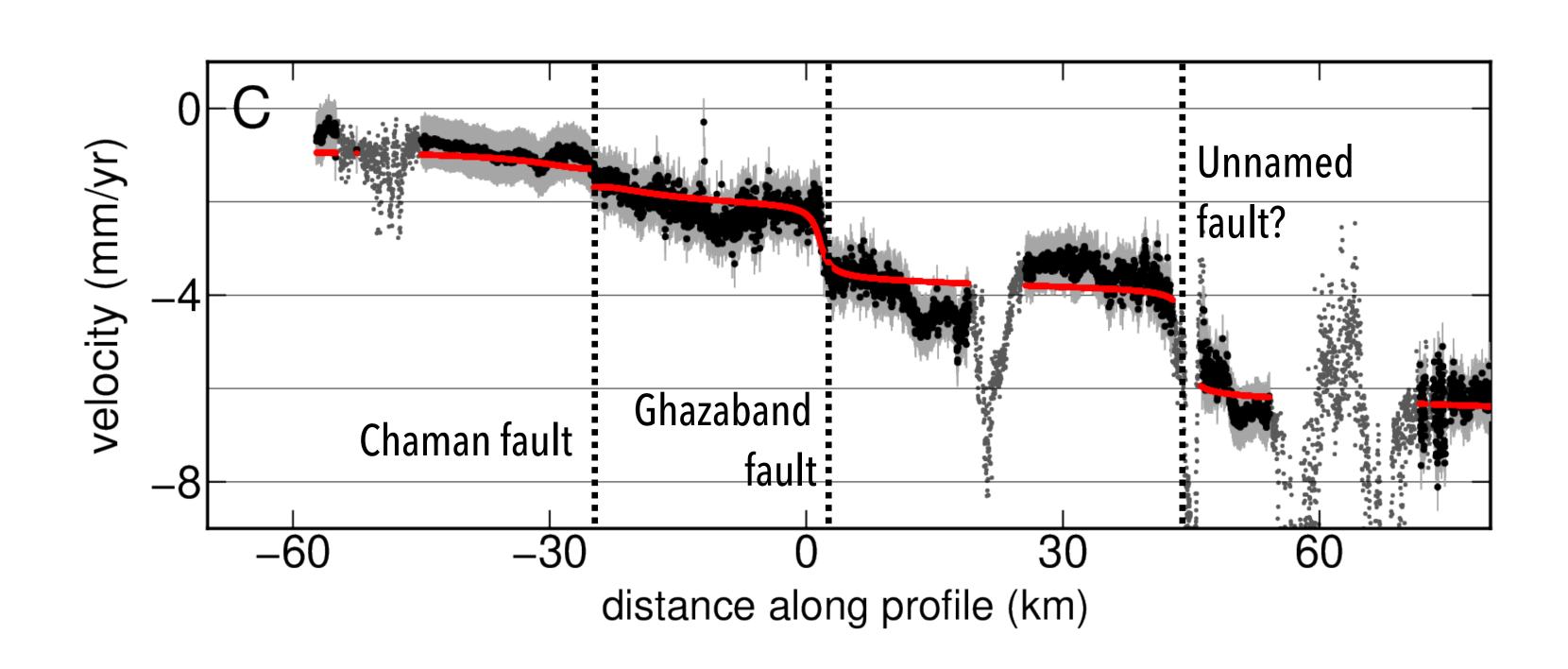
5-15 mm/yr on the Chaman fault  $\approx 30\%$  of relative plate motion

Where is the missing strain rate?

2014-2020 fault-parallel velocity

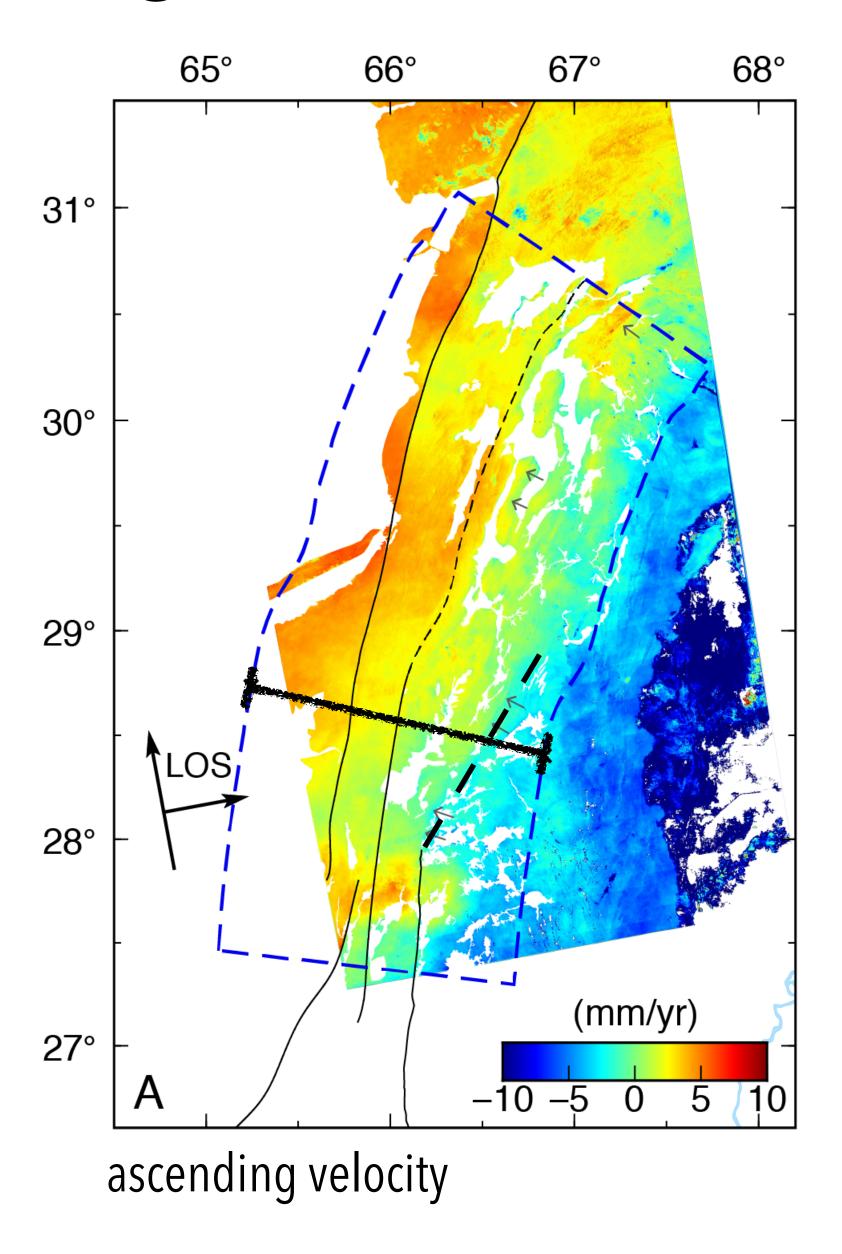
Dalaison et al (2021)

## Parametric model of deformation gradients



4 to 5 vertical strike-slip faults modelled as screw dislocations in a elastic half-space (Savage & Budford, 1973)

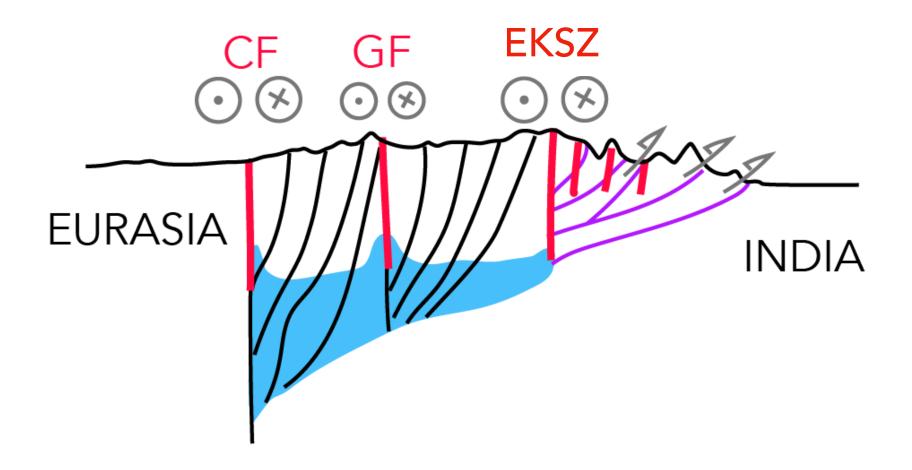
Where are the faults exactly and how fast are they loaded?



## 31° 30° 29° 28° 15 20 25 30 35 Ornach Nal fault 66°

## Results: strain localization

- A diffuse & segmented zone host strain rates of about 20 mm/yr east of the Ghazaband fault
- Location in the continuation of the Ornach Nal fault and along the Quetta-Kalat axis
- We close the plate boundary strain budget with the identification of the Eastern Kirthar shear zone



## Conclusion

- From InSAR velocities, we localise strain deformation and estimate partitioning along a portion of the plate boundary between India and Eurasia.
- Most of the plate boundary strain is accommodated on structures east of the Chaman fault, notably in the continuity of the Ornach Nal fault.

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#### **Key Points:**

InSAR time series analysis allows for

#### A Kalman Filter Time Series Analysis Method for InSAR

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#### The Interplay Between Seismic and Aseismic Slip Along the **Chaman Fault Illuminated by InSAR**

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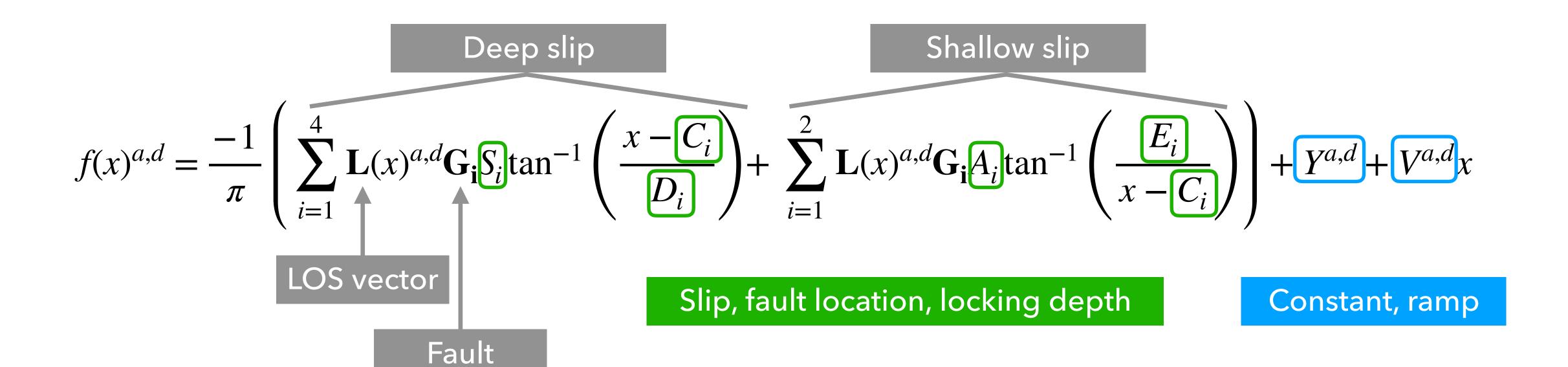
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For more informations about the method and the Chaman fault.

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#### Dislocation model for LOS surface velocity

orientation



$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} S_i = 27.5 \pm 2 \ mm/an$$



