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# Modelling of seismicity in the territory of Bulgaria

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## Scope of the researche

We apply a block and fault dynamics (BAFD) model for the Bulgarian region to model regional earthquakes to understand better the seismic hazard in the region.



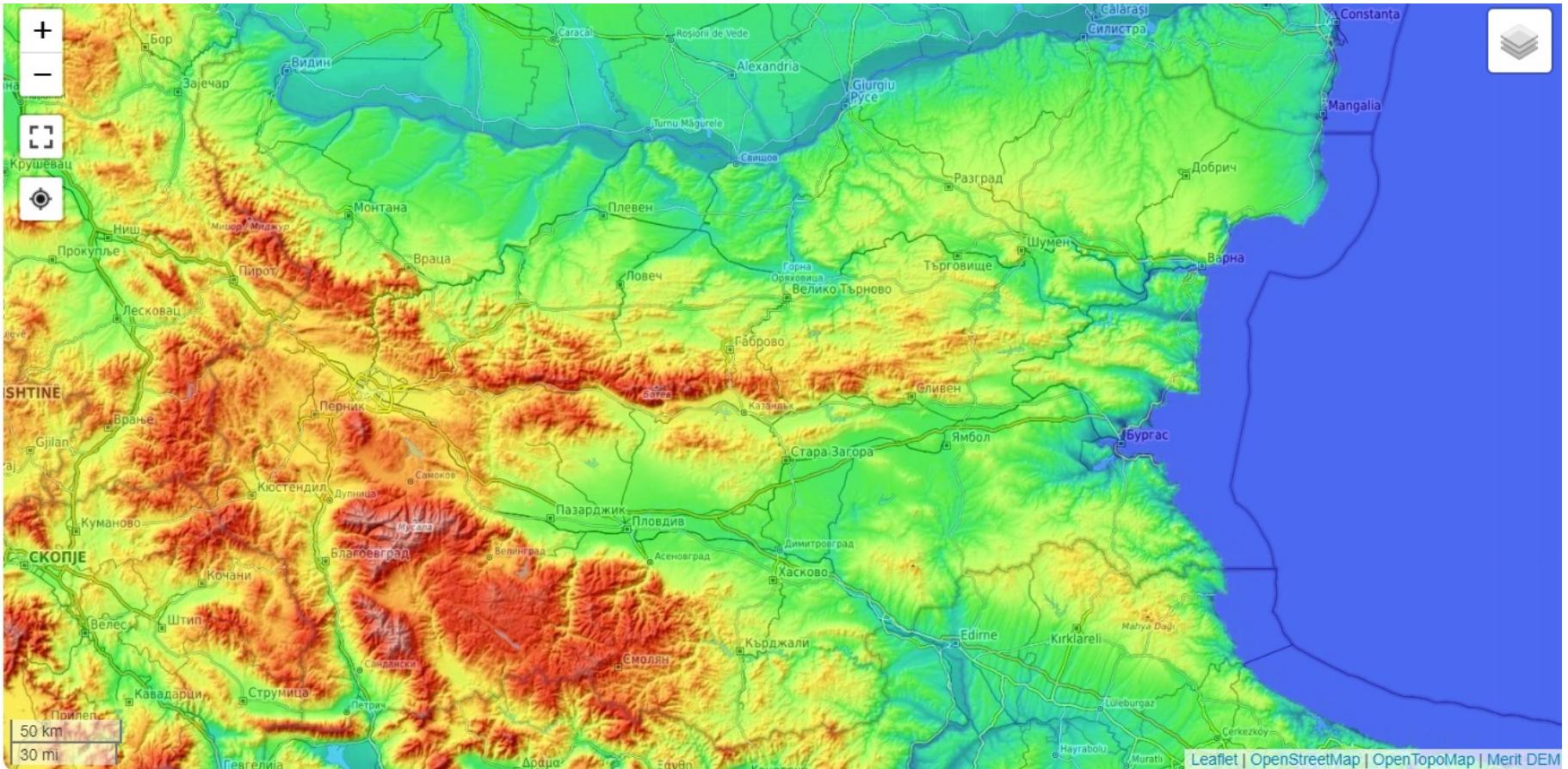
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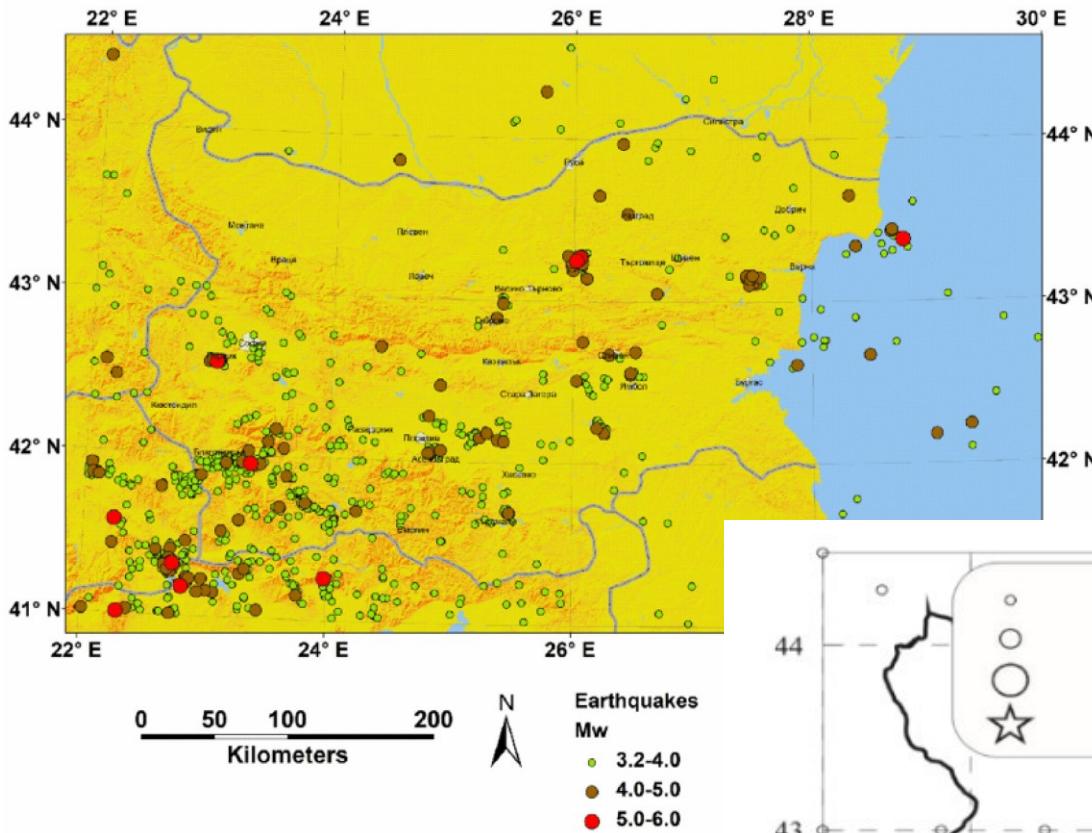
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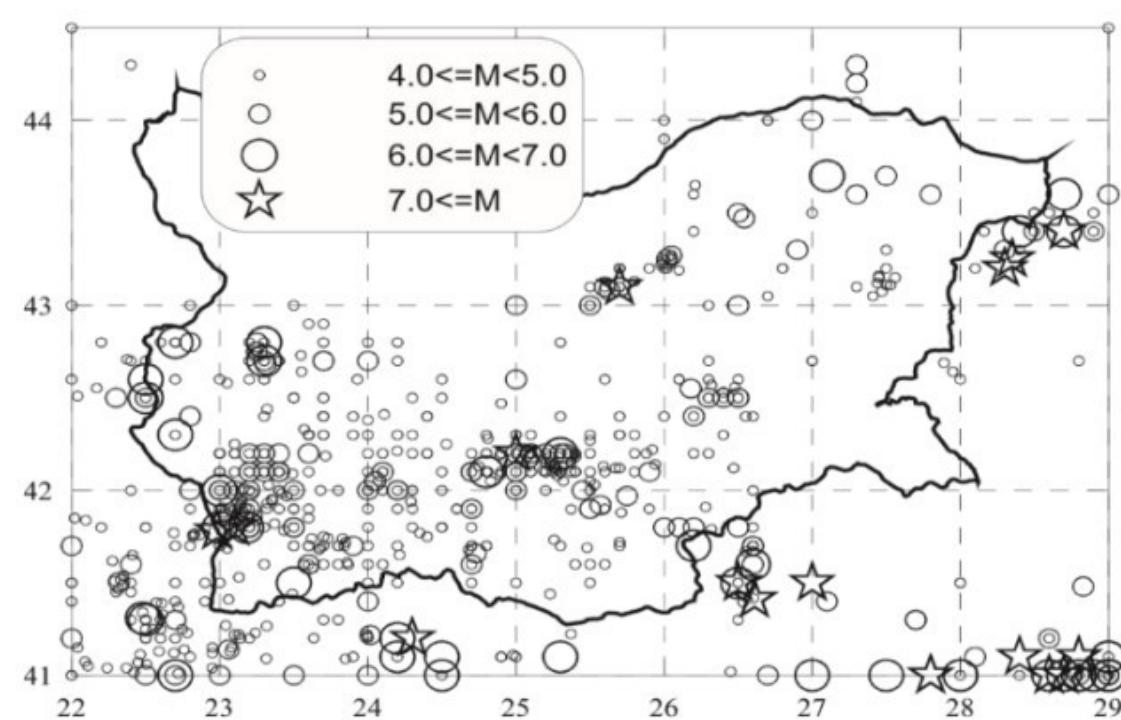
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## Seismicity of Bulgaria



Solakov et al., 2020



Grigorova et al., 1978



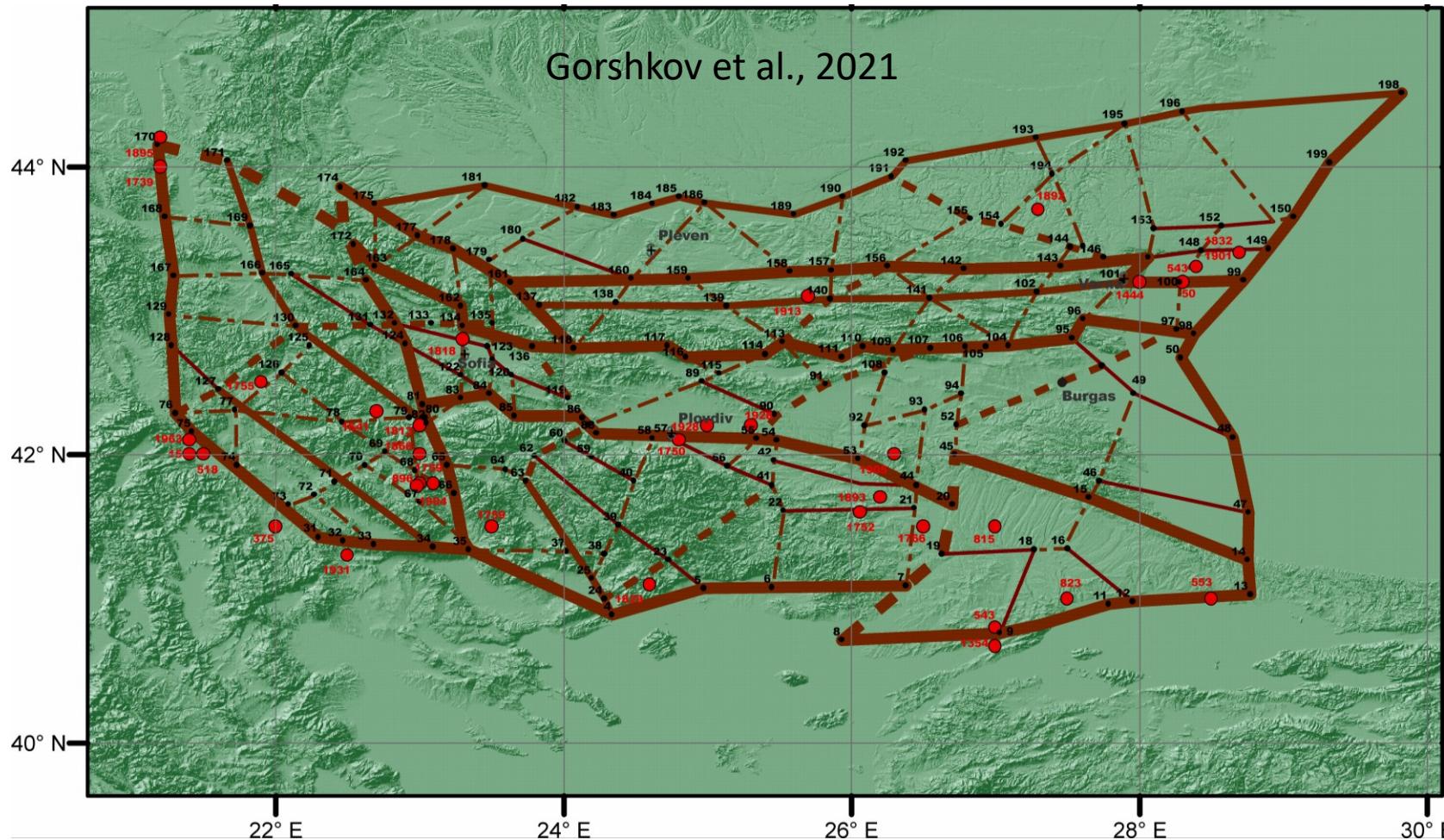
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## Morfostructural analysis



Thick lines are the lineaments of the first rank, medium lines are the lineaments of the second rank, thin lines are the lineaments of the third rank; continuous lines note longitudinal lineaments, dashed ones - transverse lineaments.  
Red dots are epicenters of earth-quakes with  $M \geq 6.0$ .



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## GNNS data for the motions in Bulgaria





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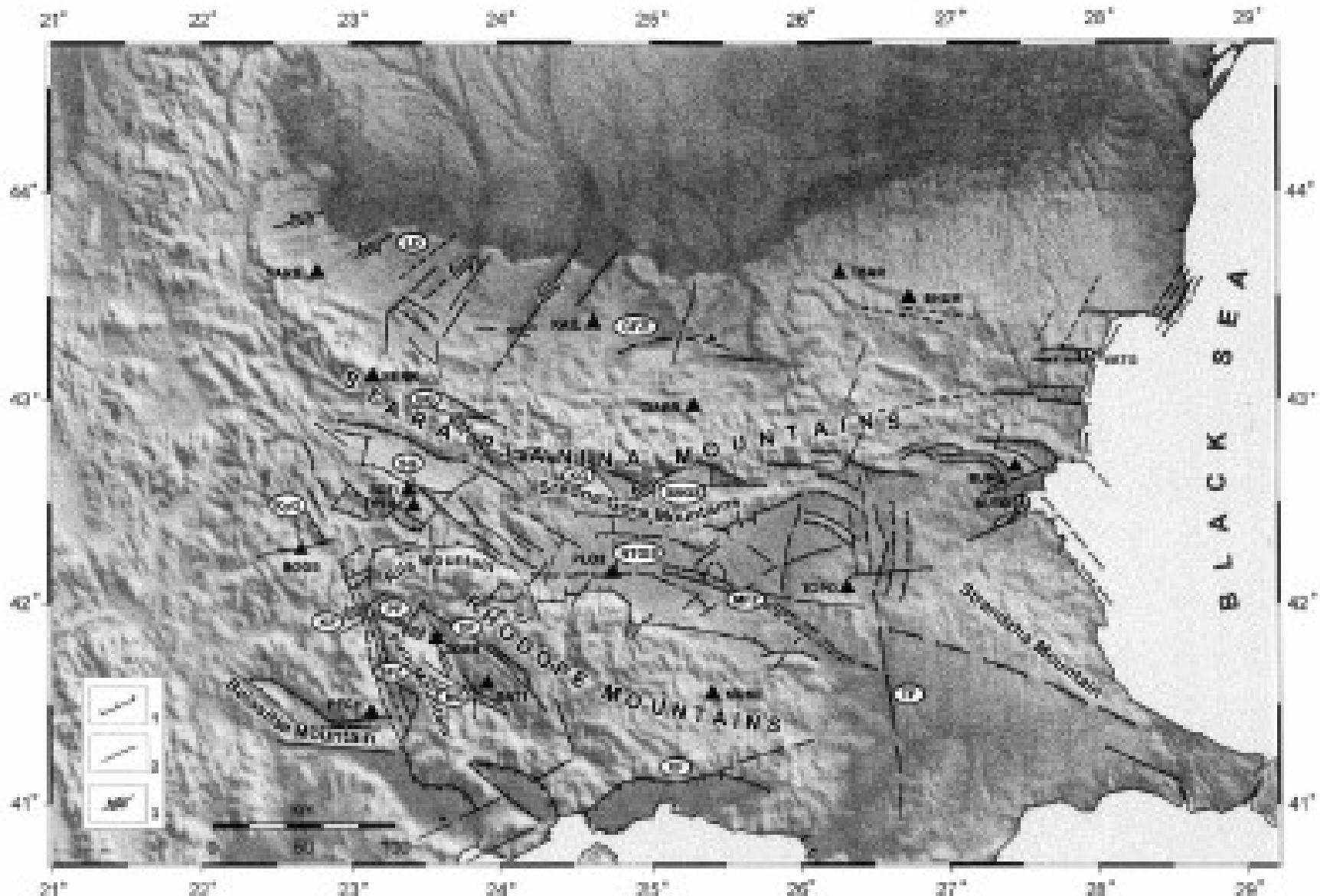
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# Active faults in Bulgaria



Kotzev et al., 2001



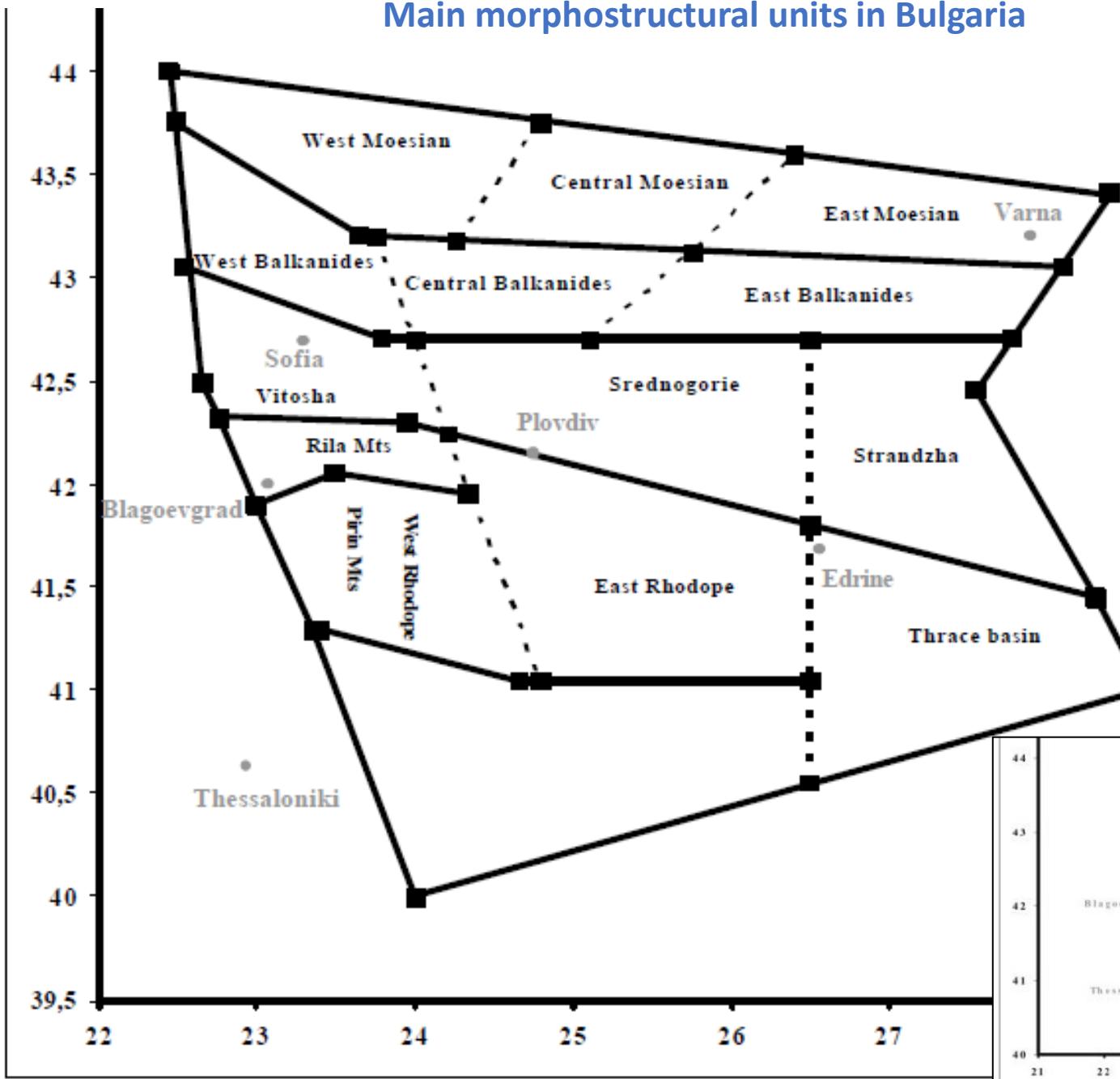
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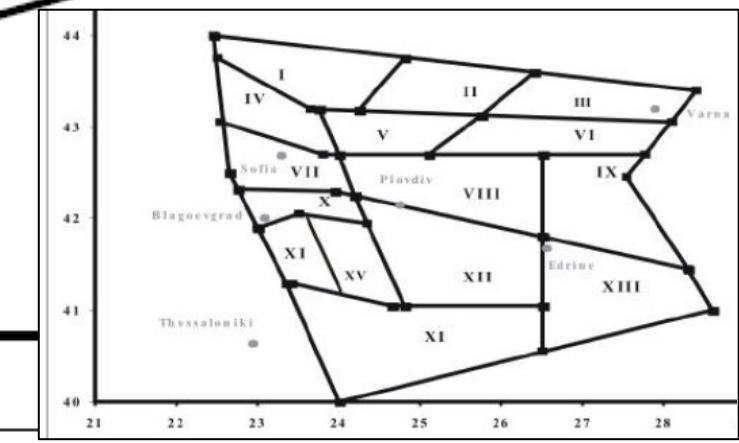
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## Main morphostructural units in Bulgaria



15 block are  
defined in  
Bulgarian territory





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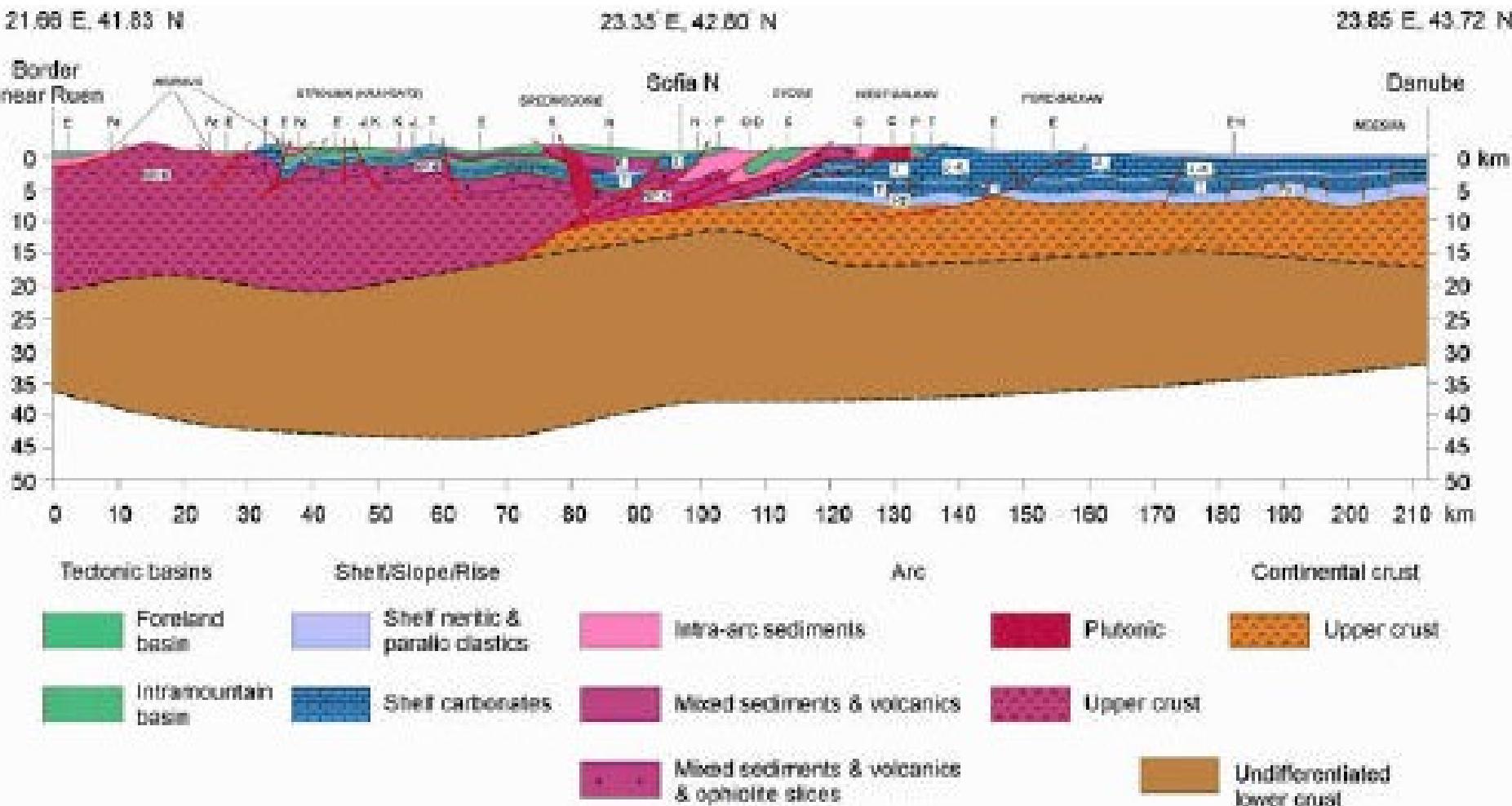
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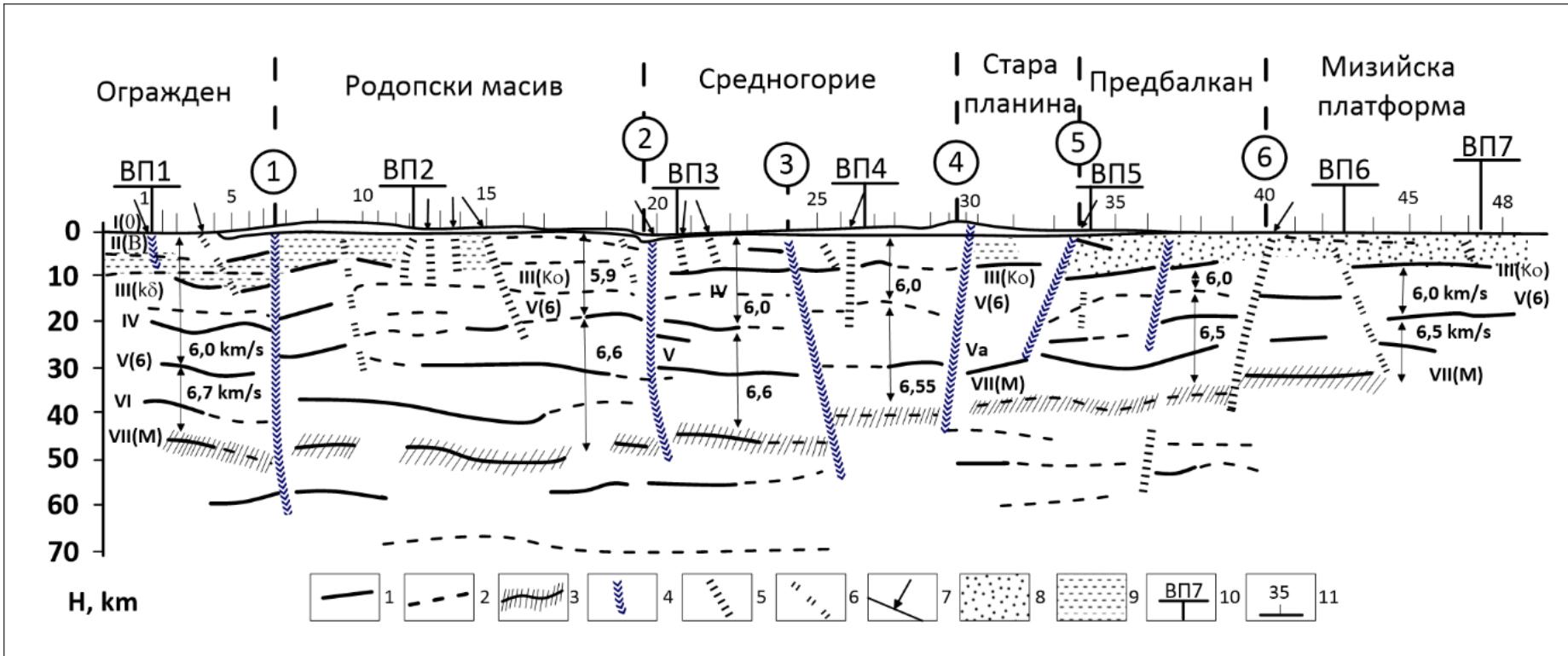
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Petrich-Nikopol seismic profile (Volvovski et al., 1985)



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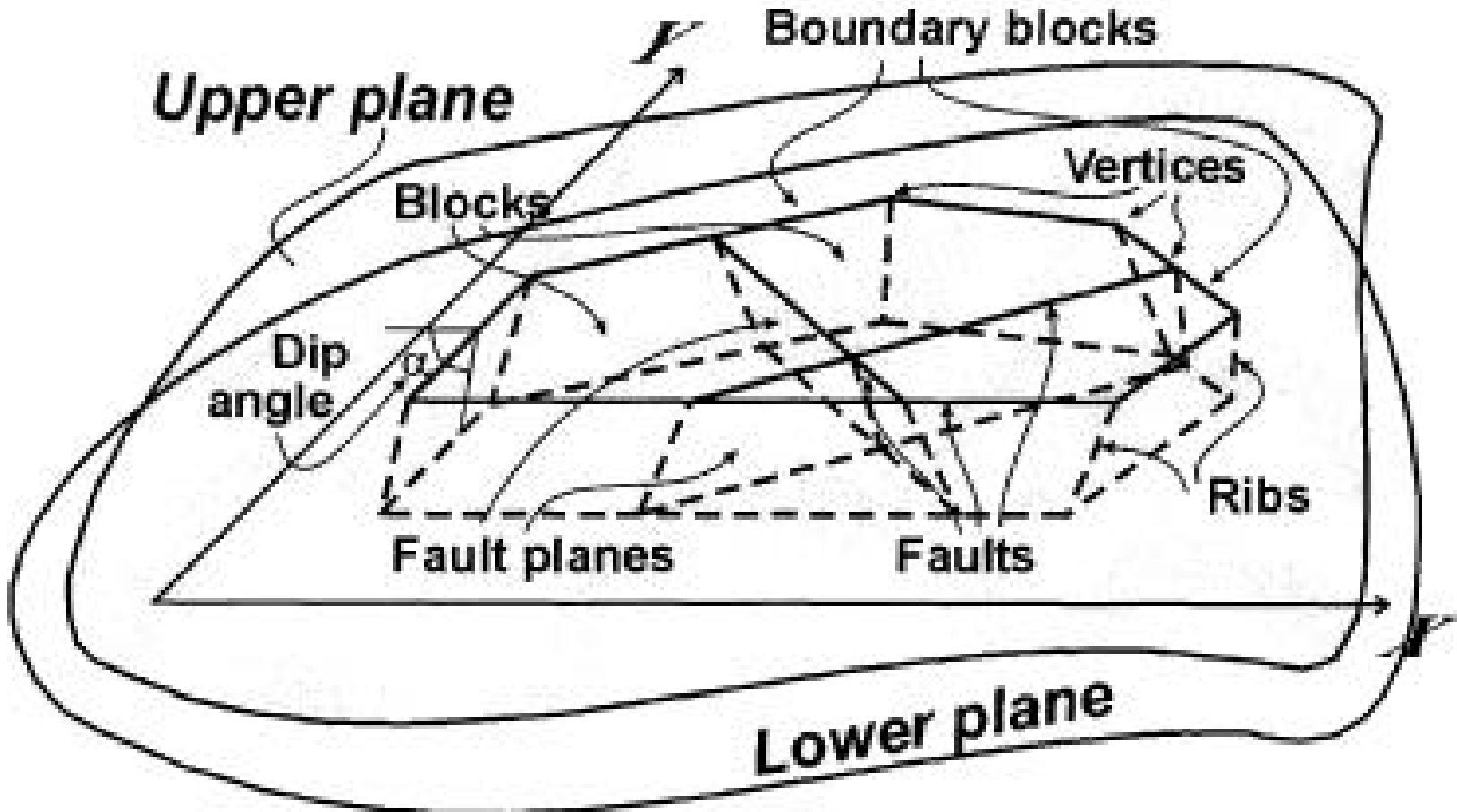
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## Block structure model



Average thickness of the crust is fixed to 35 km (Raykova and Nikolova, 2007)



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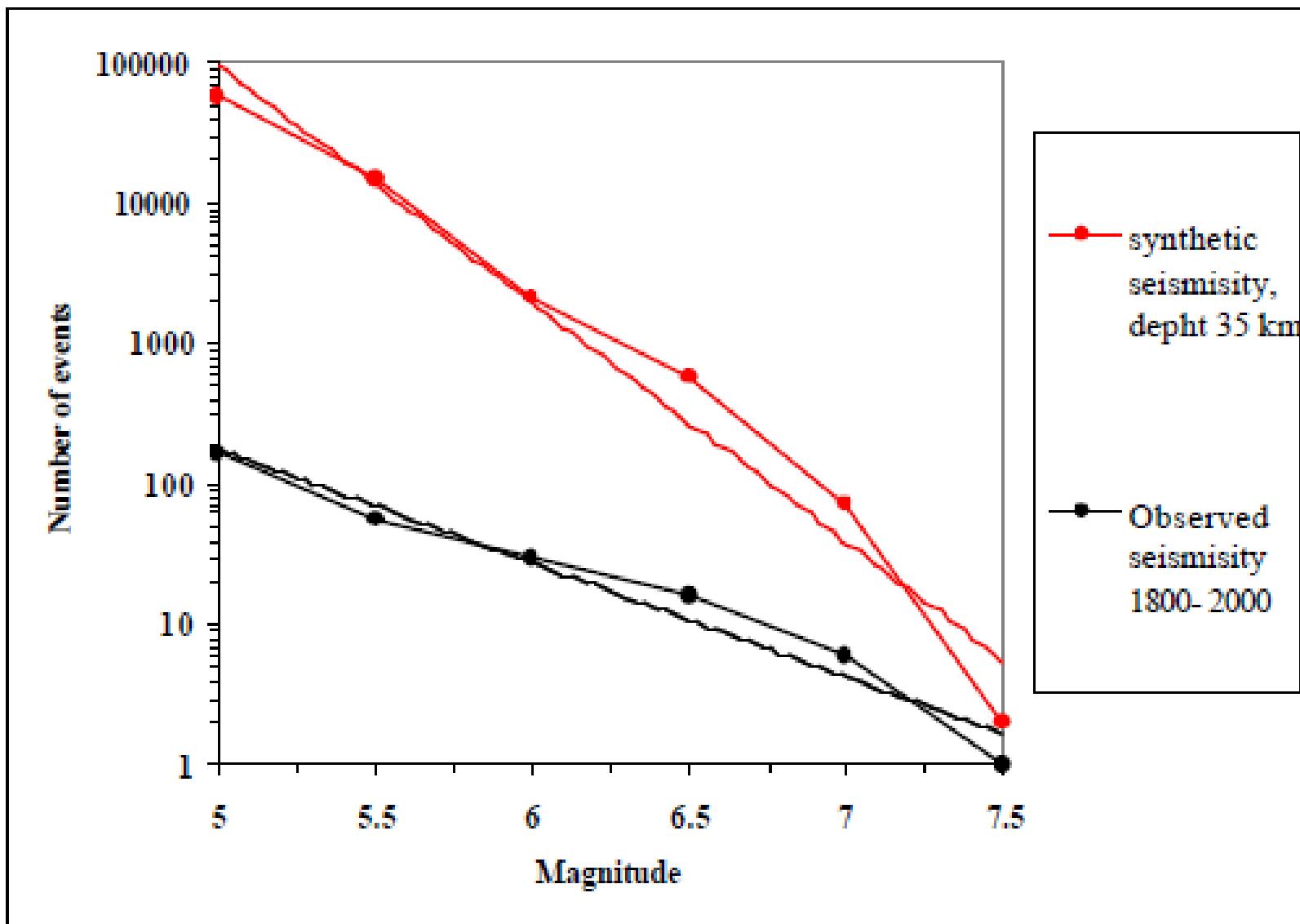
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## Defined dip angle of the main faults in Bulgaria

<i>Fault</i>	<i>Dip angle</i>						
<b>1</b>	135	<b>6</b>	80	<b>11</b>	60	<b>16</b>	120
<b>2</b>	45	<b>7</b>	120	<b>12</b>	60	<b>17</b>	85
<b>3</b>	60	<b>8</b>	135	<b>13</b>	60	<b>18</b>	85
<b>4</b>	60	<b>9</b>	120	<b>14</b>	45	<b>19</b>	85
<b>5</b>	85	<b>10</b>	115	<b>15</b>	120	<b>20</b>	85
<b>21</b>	60						

## Comparison between modeled and observed seismicity



Gutenberg-Richter relation for the observed and the synthetic M5+ seismicity for dimensionless time - 100 units.



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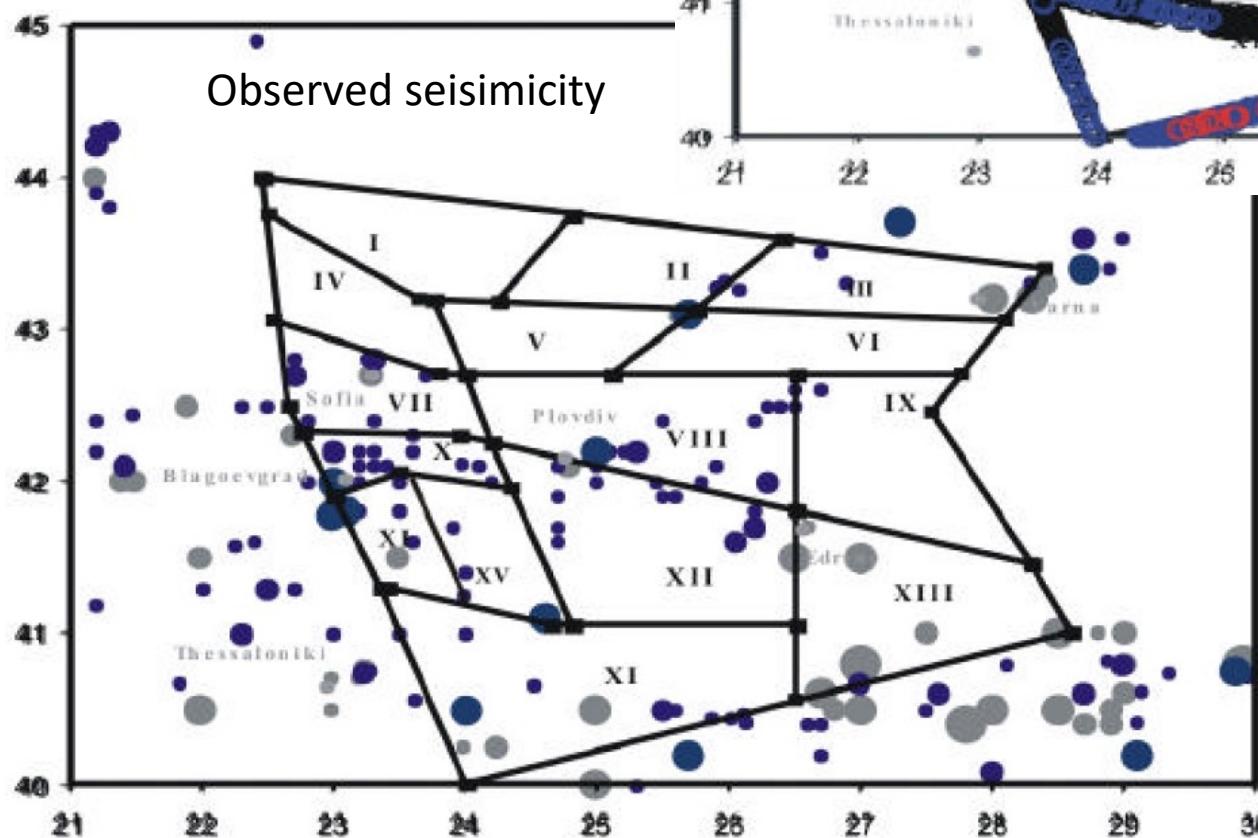
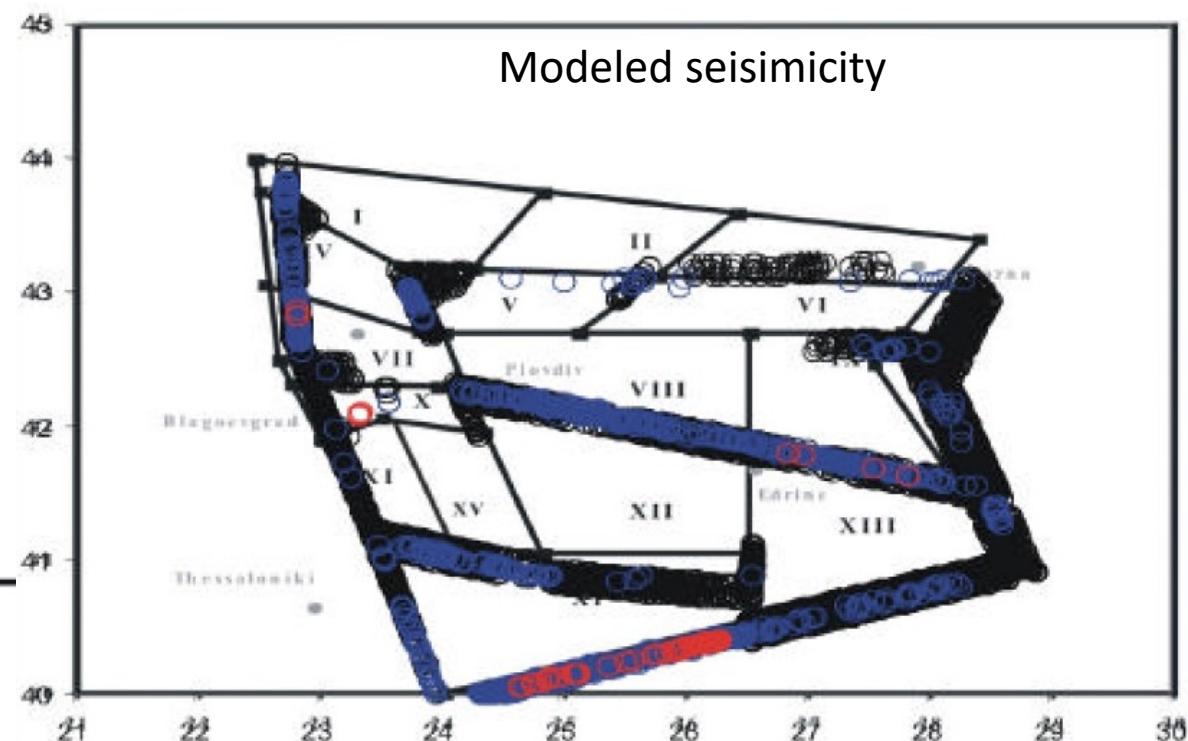


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## Comparison between modeled and observed seismicity

The black circles indicate EQ with  $M>5$ , the blue circles EQ with  $M>6$  and the red circles EQ with  $M>7$ .



The blue points are instrumental seismicity,  
the gray points indicate historical seismicity.



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**Thank you for attention!**

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