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1 Present-Day Stress Orientation in the Molasse Basin

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9 Abstract

10 The present-day state of stress in Western Europe is considered to be controlled by forces
11 acting at the plate boundaries. It is assumed that the Alpine orogen only influence the
12 regional pattern of present-day stress in Western Europe within the Alps themselves. We
13 examine the present-day maximum horizontal stress orientation in the Molasse Basin in the
14 Alpine foreland in order to investigate the possible influence of the Alps on the far-field
15 stress pattern of Western Europe. Four-arm caliper and image logs were analysed in 137
16 wells, in which a total of 1348 borehole breakouts and 59 drilling-induced fractures were
17 observed in 98 wells in the German Molasse Basin. The borehole breakouts and drilling-
18 induced fractures reveal that stress orientations are highly consistent within the Molasse
19 Basin and that the present-day maximum horizontal stress orientation rotates from N-S in
20 southeast Germany ($002^{\circ}\text{N} \pm 19^{\circ}$) to approximately NNW-SSE in southwest Germany and
21 the Swiss Molasse Basin ($150^{\circ}\text{N} \pm 24^{\circ}$). The present-day maximum horizontal stress
22 orientation in the Molasse Basin is broadly perpendicular to the strike of the Alpine front,
23 indicating that the stress pattern is probably controlled by gravitational potential energy of
24 Alpine topography rather than by plate boundary forces. The present-day maximum
25 horizontal stress orientations determined herein have important implications for the
26 production of hydrocarbons and geothermal energy in the German Molasse Basin, in

27 particular that hydraulically-induced fractures are likely to propagate N-S and that wells
28 deviated to the north or south may have reduced wellbore instability problems.

29 *Keywords:* stress field; borehole breakouts; drilling induced fractures; tectonics; Molasse
30 Basin

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33 **1. Introduction**

34 The present-day stress field of Western Europe is considered to be primarily controlled by
35 resistance forces generated by Eurasia-Africa plate collision and ridge-push forces exerted
36 by the mid-Atlantic spreading centre (Müller et al., 1992; Zoback, 1992; Grünthal and
37 Stromeyer, 1986). The first-order control of the Europe-Africa boundary and the mid-
38 Atlantic Ridge on the stress field in Western Europe is supported by the predominantly
39 NW-SE present-day maximum horizontal stress (S_H) orientation (mean S_H orientation of
40 144°N ; Müller et al., 1992; Heidbach et al., 2007), the observation that S_H is sub-parallel to
41 relative plate motion (Müller et al., 1992; Richardson, 1992) and by means of plate-scale
42 finite element modelling of the stress field (Grünthal and Stromeyer, 1992; Gölke and
43 Coblentz, 1996). However, these models downplay the influence of intraplate sources of
44 stress, particularly the Alpine orogen, on the stress field in Western Europe.

45 The plate boundary driven models of stress in Europe have been used to suggest that forces
46 generated by the Alpine orogen have only a negligible impact on the Western European
47 stress field, resulting only in extensional stresses within the Alps themselves (Zoback,
48 1992; Gölke and Coblentz, 1996). However, the Alpine orogen has had a dominant and
49 widespread far-field influence on the Cenozoic tectonics in Western Europe (Cloetingh,
50 1986; Ziegler, 1987). Illies and Greiner (1978) postulate that the S_H orientations are

51 approximately perpendicular to the isobases of Holocene uplift in the Rhine Graben.
52 Stresses generated by the Alpine orogen are hypothesised to have been transmitted over
53 1500 kilometres from the Alps, resulting in uplift and inversion in numerous areas such as
54 the UK and southern North Sea (Cloetingh, 1986; Ziegler 1990; Hillis et al., 2008).
55 Furthermore, recent compilations of S_H orientations reveal that the stress pattern in
56 Western Europe is less homogeneous than previously assumed. The wave-lengths of the
57 stress pattern range from tens to hundreds of kilometres (Müller et al., 1997; Tingay et al.,
58 2006; Heidbach et al., 2007; Heidbach et al., this issue). These second- and third-order
59 stress pattern indicate that localised intraplate sources of stress, such as gravitational
60 potential energy of the elevated Alpine orogen as well as lateral density and strength
61 contrasts can locally overrule the far-field stress contribution in Western Europe and
62 determine the S_H orientations (Tingay et al., 2006; Heidbach et al., 2007).

63 The new data from the Molasse Basin, immediately adjacent to the Alps, provides an
64 opportunity to better understand the relative influence of the Alpine orogen on the
65 European stress pattern. The plate boundary driven models suggest that the Alpine orogen
66 generates only minor gravitational forces localised within the Alps and that a NW-SE to
67 NNW-SSE S_H pattern should be observed throughout the Alpine foreland (and most of
68 Germany and France; Gölke and Coblenz, 1996). However, the S_H orientation would be
69 expected to be roughly perpendicular to the Alpine front (rotating from N-S in southeast
70 Germany to approximately NNW-SSE in southwest Germany) if gravitational and
71 collisional resistance forces generated by the Alps are significantly influencing the stress
72 pattern in the Alpine foreland.

73 In this study we conduct the first regional investigation of the present-day S_H orientation in
74 the German Molasse Basin. We use borehole breakouts interpreted from four-arm caliper

75 and image log data from hydrocarbon and geothermal wells. We discuss localised stress
76 variations, the stress regime, and the sources of the stress field.

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78 **2. Geology and tectonic evolution**

79 The Molasse Basin, located immediately north of the Alps, is considered a classical
80 peripheral foreland basin. It extends over a lateral distance of approximately 1000 km from
81 Lake Geneva in the west to Lower Austria in the east and has a present-day maximum
82 width of 130 km in Bavaria, SE Germany (Fig. 1). The basin has a typically asymmetric
83 cross-section with its deepest part along the Alpine thrust front in SE Bavaria. The Molasse
84 Basin is filled with up to 5000 m of predominantly Late Eocene to Late Miocene sediments
85 of different facies, comprising fluvial fans to deep-marine sandstones, marls and clays
86 (Fig. 1; see Bachmann et al., 1982; Bachmann et al., 1987, and Kuhlemann and Kempf,
87 2002 for details on basin evolution). The Tertiary strata are underlain by 500-1000 m of
88 Mesozoic shelf sediments, local Permo-Carboniferous troughs containing unknown
89 thicknesses of clastics, and the Variscan basement.

90 Basin formation and sedimentation is primarily due to the northward thrusting and isostatic
91 uplift of Alpine nappes and associated down bending of the European plate. At smaller
92 scales, basin formation has been influenced by the inherited structures of the pre-Tertiary
93 basement (Bachmann et al., 1987). Subsidence of the Molasse Basin was initiated and
94 controlled by Alpine nappe tectonics in the south and resulted in formation of E-W striking
95 normal faults that are currently inactive. Over the course of basin evolution, Alpine nappes
96 were thrust northward by up to 50 km onto the Molasse sediments (Bachmann et al., 1987).
97 During thrusting, Molasse sediments in the south became subsequently incorporated into
98 Alpine nappe tectonics ('Subalpine Molasse'), in contrast to the more or less undisturbed

99 'Autochthonous Molasse' in the north and below the Subalpine Molasse. Betz and Wendt
100 (1983) and Brink et al. (1992) describe broad anticlines in the Swiss Molasse Basin, which
101 are very rare in the German part, probably because of the absence of preferred décollement
102 horizons like the Muschelkalk evaporites in Switzerland. Compressive stresses resulting in
103 these folds are believed to result from the northward propagation of Alpine nappes and the
104 topography of the orogen (Illies and Greiner, 1978).

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106 **3. Stress orientation from borehole breakout and drilling-induced fracture analysis**

107 The S_H orientation in the Molasse Basin was determined herein from borehole breakouts
108 (BO) and drilling-induced fractures (DIF). Breakouts are stress-induced enlargements of
109 the wellbore cross-section (Bell and Gough, 1979). When a wellbore is drilled, the material
110 removed from the subsurface is no longer supporting the surrounding rock. As a result, the
111 stresses become concentrated in the surrounding rock (i.e. the wellbore wall). Borehole
112 breakout occurs when stresses around the borehole exceed the compressive strength of the
113 borehole wall (Zoback et al., 1985; Bell, 1990). The enlargement of the wellbore is caused
114 by the development of intersecting conjugate shear planes that cause pieces of the borehole
115 wall to spall off (Zoback et al., 1985). The stress concentration around a vertical borehole
116 is greatest in the direction of the minimum horizontal stress (S_h). Hence, the long axes of
117 borehole breakouts are oriented approximately perpendicular to the S_H orientation. DIF's
118 are created when the stresses concentrated around a borehole exceed the tensile strength of
119 the wellbore wall (Aadnoy, 1990). DIF's typically develop as narrow sharply defined
120 features that are sub-parallel or slightly inclined to the borehole axis in vertical wells. The
121 stress concentration around a vertical borehole is at a minimum in the S_H direction. Hence,
122 DIF's develop approximately parallel to the S_H orientation (Aadnoy and Bell, 1998).

123 Borehole breakouts are interpreted in this study from the analysis of four-arm caliper log
124 data from 132 wells (Table 1). The interpretation of borehole breakouts from caliper log
125 data is conducted using the standard breakout interpretation methodology, with all
126 breakouts being manually interpreted (Bell and Gough, 1979; Plumb and Hickman, 1985;
127 Zoback et al., 1985; Reinecker et al., 2003). Image logs are available from five wells, from
128 which we are able to visually identify DIF's as well as borehole breakout (Tingay et al.,
129 2008). All but 15 wells in the study are sub-vertical and no stress-induced features were
130 included from wells with deviations greater than 5° from vertical if the hole elongation
131 azimuth was within 15° of the hole deviation direction. The average S_H orientation and
132 standard deviation of the stress-induced features observed in each well are calculated using
133 circular statistical analysis following Mardia (1972). The average S_H orientations for each
134 well are quality-ranked according to the updated World Stress Map criteria and available in
135 the World Stress Map 2008 database release (Heidbach et al., 2008; Heidbach et al., this
136 issue).

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138 **4. Stress field in the German Molasse Basin**

139 Approximately 167 kilometres of four-arm caliper and 2.5 kilometres of image log data are
140 analysed from the German Molasse Basin, revealing a total of 1348 breakouts and 59
141 DIF's in 98 wells (Table 1). S_H orientations from 67 wells are ranked A-C quality and used
142 in the analysis herein (Table 1; Fig. 2; Fig. 3). The borehole breakouts and DIF's
143 interpreted herein indicate a highly uniform north-south S_H orientation (average $002^\circ N$
144 with standard deviation of 19.2° ; Fig. 2C) within the Molasse Basin and below in the pre-
145 Tertiary basement. Some wells show perturbed S_H orientations from the dominant N-S
146 orientation but without any regional trend within the Molasse Basin. Localized stress

147 perturbations can be caused by proximity to nearby faults or other structures and in most
148 cases the wells with possible stress rotations are of low quality (see discussion below). No
149 significant rotation of S_H orientation with depth is found from this analysis (Fig. 3A,C).
150 The high ratio between breakouts and well log lengths (with values up to 65 %; Fig. 3B,D)
151 show that horizontal differential stresses ($S_{HD} = S_H - S_h$) are sufficiently high to create
152 breakouts within large volumes of the Molasse Basin.

153 The N-S S_H orientation observed in most of the German Molasse Basin is consistent with
154 the S_H orientation estimated from pressure solution of pebbles in Molasse Basin sequences
155 (Schrader, 1988). S_H orientations estimated from earthquake focal mechanisms below the
156 western part of the German Molasse Basin show the same N-S compression, suggesting
157 that the regional S_H orientations do not vary significantly at crustal scale (Fig.4; Müller et
158 al., 1997; Kastrup et al., 2004).

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160 **5. Discussion**

161 *Localised variations of S_H orientation*

162 Most of the analysed wells are drilled by oil and gas exploration companies. Within the
163 German Molasse Basin structural traps are commonly characterised by partly sealing E-W
164 to NE-SW striking synthetic and antithetic normal faults (Brink et al. 1992). Therefore the
165 proximity of these structures is quite likely to locally perturb the stress field in some
166 locations.

167 Localised variations of up to 90° from the regional N-S S_H trend are observed in Illmensee
168 5 and 8, Mönchsrot 26, Tacherting 1b, Aitingen 4a, Höhenrain A5, Schmidhausen A3,
169 Inzenham-West 14, Breitbrunn C10, Schnaitsee 7, Vorderriss 1, and Hindelang 3L (all of

170 A-C quality; Fig. 2A,B; Table 1). All, but the latter two are drilled within the foreland
171 Molasse Basin.

172 The observed breakout zones in wells Hindelang 3L and Vorderriss 1 are located within
173 the Alpine thrust belt (Fig. 2A and 3A; Table 1). In the lowest part Hindelang 3L has
174 reached the allochthonous (folded) Molasse. The S_H orientation is consistently NW-SE in
175 these two wells, but with a high standard deviation of 22° . The origin of this NW-SE S_H
176 orientation is unknown. However, the high standard deviation of the S_H orientations may
177 reflect local perturbations due to the complex structure of the penetrated Alpine nappe
178 stack. From modelling studies we can exclude an influence of the sharp topographic relief
179 in intramontane regions on S_H orientation at depth greater than 500 m (Engelder, 1993).
180 Lithostatic overpressures, as observed in Hindelang 3L, may indicate either rapid
181 sedimentary or tectonic loading, or a high degree of shearing. The latter is believed to be
182 the case for Hindelang 3L and may be accompanied by additional lateral stress (Müller and
183 Nieberding, 1995, 1996). Here the breakouts occur in the zone of overpressure, but due to
184 lack of data we can not exclude breakouts to be present in zones of normal pressure. In
185 contrast Vorderriss 1 does not show overpressures. However, the quality of sealing, which
186 depends on the structural geology and lithology, seems critical to encounter overpressures
187 (Müller and Nieberding, 1995, 1996). So up to now we can not explain the NW-SE S_H
188 orientation observed in these two wells.

189 The field Illmensee is located in the westernmost part of the German Molasse Basin. The
190 local stress field there is the least constrained in the study area. Nearby wells show very
191 different S_H orientations. Illmensee 6 and 7 fit in the regional N-S trend of the S_H
192 orientation. Illmensee 8 and 5 instead indicate E-W and NE-SW S_H orientations,
193 respectively (Figure 2A,B; Table 1). However, further to the east a clear N-S S_H orientation
194 is observed in the wells Ravensburg 1, Grünlingen 1, and Frohnhofen 16 (Fig. 2A).

195 The wells Mönchsrot 26 and Tacherting 1b contain breakouts indicating approximately E-
196 W S_H orientations at relatively shallow depths (<1900 m), although N-S S_H orientations are
197 observed in deeper sequences of these and nearby wells (Fig. 2A,B and 3A; Table 1).

198 The analysed log intervals from the wells Schmidhausen A3, Inzenham-West 14,
199 Höhenrain A5, and the uppermost section of Breitbrunn C10 are all short, very shallow
200 (<1000 m), and indicate NE-SW S_H orientations (Figure 2A,B; Table 1). Aitingen 4a is the
201 only well showing NW-SE S_H orientation within the German Molasse Basin (Figure 2A;
202 Table 1). In all cases we are not able to address stratigraphic correlation of the abnormal
203 stress orientations, but nearby wells clearly indicate N-S S_H orientation with a high quality
204 at comparable depths suggesting that active faults at depth probably locally perturb the S_H
205 orientation.

206 Schnaitsee 7 is the only well where we have evidence for abrupt rotation of the S_H
207 orientation from N-S within the Molasse sequences to NW-SE in the underlying Mesozoic
208 strata. The NW-SE S_H orientation is of only D-quality and should therefore not be over
209 interpreted.

210 We can not exclude the possibility that these abnormal S_H orientations may be artefacts
211 resulting from large DIF's being incorrectly interpreted as breakouts on four-arm caliper
212 log data. An accurate distinction between breakouts and large DIF's can only be made
213 from high resolution image logs, which are rarely run in the Molasse Basin during the main
214 period of exploration activity between 1970 and 1990.

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216 *Estimates of the relative state of stress in the Molasse Basin*

217 No data was available for this study to directly examine stress magnitudes. However, it is
218 possible to speculate on the state of stress in the German Molasse Basin based on the stress

219 pattern and further details of the wellbore failure observations. Over 1300 breakouts are
220 interpreted in this study and breakouts were often observed to have large angular widths
221 ($>60^\circ$), high eccentricities ($>50\%$ more than bit size) and occur at shallow depths (at
222 <600 m depth in 27 wells, with some breakout observed at less than 100 m depth).

223 Breakouts and DIF's require high horizontal stresses and, typically, horizontal stress
224 differences to develop (Engelder, 1993; Haimson and Herrick, 1989). Breakout width and
225 eccentricity have been used to give an indication on the magnitude of horizontal
226 differential stress (Zoback et al., 1985; Haimson and Herrick, 1989). Laboratory studies
227 suggest that the width of breakouts in vertical wells is proportional to the ratio of the two
228 horizontal principal stresses S_H/S_h and can help constrain the in-situ stress tensor (Zoback
229 et al., 1985; Barton et al., 1988; Zajak and Stock, 1997). Hence, breakouts that exhibit high
230 angular widths can be used as a rough proxy for the value of S_{HD} (Zoback et al., 1985;
231 Haimson and Herrick, 1989; Engelder, 1993). The high angular widths and eccentricities
232 of breakouts observed in this study suggest that S_{HD} values are high in the Molasse Basin.

233 The four-arm caliper log datasets examined herein contain, rather unusually, a significant
234 number of logging runs at very shallow depth, with 43 wells containing caliper log at
235 depths shallower than 500 m. Furthermore, the shallow caliper log data examined herein
236 revealed that breakouts in the German Molasse Basin occur at very shallow depths, with
237 the shallowest breakout observed at just 67 m below the surface. Breakouts are rarely
238 observed at such shallow depths, particularly in petroleum wells in which the pressure of
239 the drilling mud improves the stability of the wellbore. In general, the S_{HD} in shallow
240 sedimentary sequences are typically too low to induce failure. Furthermore, shallow
241 sediments are unconsolidated and weak and thus unable to transmit high magnitudes of
242 shear stress. Hence, the unusual observation of breakouts at shallow depths suggests that

243 the horizontal stress magnitudes (or, at least S_H magnitude) are quite high in the Molasse
244 Basin.

245 The occurrence of small-scale stress perturbations, such as those discussed in the previous
246 section, is frequently considered to indicate that horizontal stress magnitudes are relatively
247 similar and/or that local intra-basinal sources of stress dominate over far-field sources
248 (Sonder, 1990; Bell, 1996; Tingay et al., 2006). However, the inference of similar S_H and
249 S_h magnitudes due to the presence of small-scale stress perturbations is inconsistent with
250 the observations of wellbore failure at low depth discussed above.

251 The majority of stress regimes inferred from earthquake focal mechanisms, recent
252 structural styles in the region, and observations of thrust deformation in the lignite mine of
253 Peissenberg (Heissbauer, 1975; Illies and Greiner, 1978) indicate that a strike-slip or thrust
254 faulting stress regime is most likely present in the Molasse Basin (Fig. 4). Therefore, we
255 speculate that the characteristics of wellbore failure, combined with the observed recent
256 structural and fault styles, indicate that a strike-slip ($S_H > S_v > S_h$) or thrust ($S_H > S_h > S_v$)
257 faulting stress regime presently exists in the German Molasse Basin.

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259 *Sources of the North Alpine foreland stress field*

260 Plate boundary forces resulting from northward motion and counter clockwise rotation of
261 Adria relative to stable Europe, together with push from the north Atlantic mid ocean
262 ridge, are commonly suggested to control the stress field in central and western Europe
263 (e.g. Müller et al., 1992). On the other hand, stresses resulting from buoyancy forces
264 associated with elevated topography and related thickened crust of the Alps may also
265 significantly contribute to the stress pattern in the north Alpine foreland.

266 The general pattern of S_H orientations within the Molasse Basin is perpendicular to the
267 strike of the Alpine front in the near vicinity north of the Alps between Lake Geneva and
268 Salzburg (Fig. 2A,B and 4; Kastrup et al., 2004). WNW-ESE S_H orientations found in the
269 eastern Swiss Molasse Basin and the eastern Jura Mountains (Becker, 2000) are controlled
270 by the influence of the Black Forest Massif. Further to the east (between Salzburg and
271 Vienna), the stress pattern seems to be regionally perturbed by the Bohemian Massif acting
272 as a rigid indenter (Reinecker and Lenhardt, 1999).

273 S_H orientations change with depth in the western Swiss Molasse Basin due to Mesozoic
274 evaporite layers below the Molasse Basin, which are acting as décollement horizons (e.g.
275 Brereton and Müller, 1991). However, no such evaporitic layers are known to occur in the
276 German Molasse Basin and no systematic stress rotations with depth are observed in the
277 German Alpine foreland. The well Bromberg 1 (Fig. 3A) is a nice example for a
278 continuous stress profile from the Tertiary Molasse Basin into the underlying Mesozoic
279 strata indicating N-S S_H orientation down to 4.7 km depth. The observed overpressures in
280 this well have no effect on the S_H orientation (Müller and Nieberding, 1996). Also the
281 wells Grambach 1 and Bad Waldsee 2 provide further evidence that S_H orientations are
282 generally N-S in the German Molasse Basin and below to depths of 6 km (Fig. 3A,C). S_H
283 orientations from earthquake focal mechanisms in the western German Molasse Basin
284 support this hypothesis (Fig. 4).

285 The observation that S_H is oriented perpendicular to the Alpine front, and not restricted to
286 the Molasse sediment sequence, indicates that the present-day stress pattern in the foreland
287 is probably controlled by the gravitational potential energy generated by Alpine
288 topography. Furthermore, the N-S S_H orientation is observed over 100 km from the Alpine
289 front, suggesting that topographic stresses can be transmitted larger distances away from
290 mountain ranges (Fig. 2, Fig.4).

291 In-situ stresses at any given point are the combined result of far-field and local sources of
292 stress, and thus, stress orientations should typically not be considered to result from only
293 one source of stress (Sonder, 1990; Tingay et al., 2006). Hence, although gravitational
294 forces appear to be the dominant control on regional stress orientations in the Molasse
295 Basin, the stress field may still be influenced by plate-boundary forces, albeit to a lesser
296 degree.

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298 *Implications for hydrocarbon and geothermal production*

299 The numerous wide and highly eccentric breakouts observed in this study suggest that
300 mechanical wellbore instability may be a significant issue for the drilling of hydrocarbon
301 and geothermal wells in the Molasse Basin. The number of breakouts, and thus mechanical
302 instability of the borehole, can be reduced by raising the mud weight and/or altering
303 borehole deviation and azimuth in order to lower the circumferential stress acting on the
304 wellbore (Aadnoy and Chenevery, 1987; Moos and Peska, 1998; Aadnoy, 2003). It is
305 generally considered that vertical boreholes are least stable in strike-slip faulting stress
306 regimes, while wells deviated towards the S_h direction are least stable in thrust faulting
307 stress regimes (Mastin, 1988; Peska and Zoback, 1995). Hence, in the absence of detailed
308 stress magnitudes, we predict that wells deviated towards S_H in the Molasse Basin (i.e. N-S
309 in southeast Germany and NNW-SSE in southwest Germany) are likely to have the lowest
310 absolute stress magnitudes and differential stresses acting upon them and, thus be more
311 mechanically stable.

312 The present-day state of stress is also a key influence on fluid flow through both natural
313 and hydraulically-induced fractures and is thus of key significance for geothermal and
314 petroleum production in the Molasse Basin. Hydraulically-induced fractures open against

315 the minimum principal stress (typically S_h ; Hubbert & Willis, 1957). Hence, hydraulic
316 fractures induced in the Molasse Basin would be expected to strike parallel to S_H (N-S to
317 NNW-SSE) if a strike-slip stress regime is present, or to be sub-horizontal in a thrust
318 faulting stress regime. Natural fractures that are most suitably oriented for tensile or shear
319 failure in the present-day stress tensor, typically those fractures striking parallel to or
320 within 30° of the maximum principal stress respectively, are observed to transmit the
321 greatest volumes of fluids in many fractured rocks (Barton et al., 1995; Sibson, 1996).
322 Hence, any engineered geothermal production planned in fractured reservoirs in the
323 Molasse Basin should target natural fractures that are optimally oriented for failure in the
324 present-day stress tensor, namely sub-vertical fractures that strike between NNW and NNE
325 in a strike-slip stress regime, or fractures that are sub-horizontal or dipping approximately
326 30° towards the north or south in a thrust faulting stress regime.

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328 *Implications for other foreland basins*

329 The hypothesis that topographic body forces from the Alps may influence the far-field
330 intraplate stress pattern is largely inconsistent with generally accepted theory that large-
331 scale stress patterns are controlled by plate boundary forces (Zoback, 1992; Richardson,
332 1992; Zoback and Mooney, 2003). However, it is interesting to note that similar stress
333 patterns have been observed from borehole breakout analysis in other foreland basins.
334 Similar regional stress field analysis has also been conducted in the Alberta and Neuquén
335 Basins, foreland basins of the Rockies and Andes respectively, and both reveal S_H
336 orientations that are consistently perpendicular to the strike of the topographic front (Bell,
337 1996; Guzmán et al., 2007, Guzmán and Cristallini, 2009). The S_H orientations observed in
338 the Alberta and Neuquén Basins, and in the southwest part of the Molasse Basin, are
339 consistent with absolute plate motion and thus have been used to suggest that plate

340 boundary forces, rather than gravitational forces, control the S_H orientation in these
341 foreland areas (Richardson, 1992; Zoback, 1992; Gölke and Coblenz, 1996; Guzmán et
342 al., 2007; Guzmán and Cristallini, 2009). However, the strike of the topographic front is
343 largely perpendicular to the direction of relative plate motion in the Alberta, Neuquén,
344 Cuya and southwest Molasse Basins, and thus both topographic body forces and plate
345 boundary forces may be expected to yield similar S_H orientations. In contrast, the section
346 of the Molasse Basin in southeast Germany provides an opportunity to distinguish between
347 the stress patterns generated by intraplate topographic body forces from that generated by
348 plate boundary forces. Therefore, we suggest that the present-day S_H orientations observed
349 in the Alberta, Cuya and Neuquén Basins may also predominantly reflect intraplate
350 topographic body forces, rather than stresses generated by plate boundary forces.
351 Furthermore, we predict that present-day S_H orientations are likely to be perpendicular to
352 the topographic front in other foreland basins, particularly those that are mechanically
353 detached from the basement.

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355 **6. Conclusions**

356 The S_H orientations observed in this study yield the first regional understanding of the
357 stress pattern in the German Molasse Basin. The mean S_H orientation rotates $\sim 30^\circ$
358 counterclock-wise from N-S in southeast Germany to NNW-SSW in southwest Germany
359 and the Swiss Molasse Basin and, quite significantly, shows a clear correlation with the
360 strike of the Alpine front (Fig. 2; Fig. 4). We suggest that the gravitational potential energy
361 generated by Alpine topography is the dominant source of stress in the Molasse Basin.
362 Furthermore, N-S S_H orientations are observed over 100 km from the Alps into the
363 Northern Alpine foreland, indicating that the Alpine topography may be a significant
364 source of intraplate stresses in Western Europe.

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523 **Figure captions**

524 **Figure 1. (A)** Overview of the Swiss-German Molasse Basin with contour lines of the base
525 of Tertiary sediments (i.e. the Molasse sediments) and major structures **(B)** N-S profile
526 through the German Molasse Basin.

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528 **Figure 2.** Present-day orientation of maximum horizontal stress (S_H) determined in this
529 study from borehole breakouts and drilling-induced fractures. Symbol size is proportional
530 to quality of the data. Names identify the wellbore locations according to Table 1. **(A)** A-D
531 quality stress orientations (long axes of symbols) in 96 wells across the German Molasse
532 Basin demonstrate that the present-day S_H in the German Molasse Basin is predominantly
533 oriented N-S. However, localized stress perturbations are observed in Hindelang,
534 Illmensee, Mönchsrot, Tacherting and Vorderiss. **(B)** Detailed view of stress orientations in
535 southeast Germany (same legend as in A). Topography data are from the SRTM project
536 (Farr et al., 2007). **(C)** Rose diagram of the S_H orientations from Fig. 2a. Petal length
537 represents the relative number of wells clustered in 10° azimuthal bins. The overall mean
538 of the maximum horizontal stress orientation (\bar{S}_H) and standard deviation (s.d.) for each
539 dataset was calculated using the Mardia statistics for bi-polar data (Mardia, 1972). Note
540 that the standard deviation significantly decreases when D-quality data are omitted.

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542 **Figure 3.** Occurrence of stress induced borehole failure in the German Molasse Basin with
543 depth, S_H orientation, and level of differential stress depending on **(A and B)** latitude and
544 **(C and D)** longitude. Occurrence with depth is indicated by the vertical bars. The quality
545 of S_H orientation is color coded (see inset). Ratio of BO length to log length as a proxy for
546 differential stress is generally high. There is no significant stress rotation with depth within
547 the entire Molasse Basin. Also there is no significant change in stress down into the pre-

548 Tertiary basement. The labeled wells are further discussed in the text. Note that the thick
549 grey dashed lines give only a rough orientation for the base of Tertiary and the front of
550 Alpine nappes. Both vary along strike of the Alpine front. The base of Tertiary is up to 3
551 km higher in the western German Molasse basin than indicated in (A). Here a
552 representative depth is given for the eastern part (comparable to the profile given in Figure
553 1), where most well bores are located.

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555 **Figure 4.** Present-day S_H orientations in the Molasse Basin from the analysis herein and
556 from the 2005 World Stress Map database (Reinecker et al., 2005). S_H rotates from N-S in
557 the Eastern Alps ($000^\circ\text{N} \pm 23^\circ$) to NNW-SSE in the Western Alps ($150^\circ\text{N} \pm 24^\circ$). Legends
558 for rose diagrams are the same as in Fig.2. The S_H orientation is roughly perpendicular to
559 the topographic front throughout the basin, indicating that forces originating from the
560 gravitational potential energy of the Alps (rather than plate boundary forces) are
561 controlling the Molasse Basin stress field. See inset legend for details on data types, stress
562 regime (NF = normal faulting, SS = strike-slip, TF = thrust faulting, U = undefined), and
563 quality ranking. Thin black lines are the trajectories of maximum horizontal stress
564 calculated using a quality and distance weighted approach with a smoothing radius of
565 100 km (as described in Müller et al., 2003).

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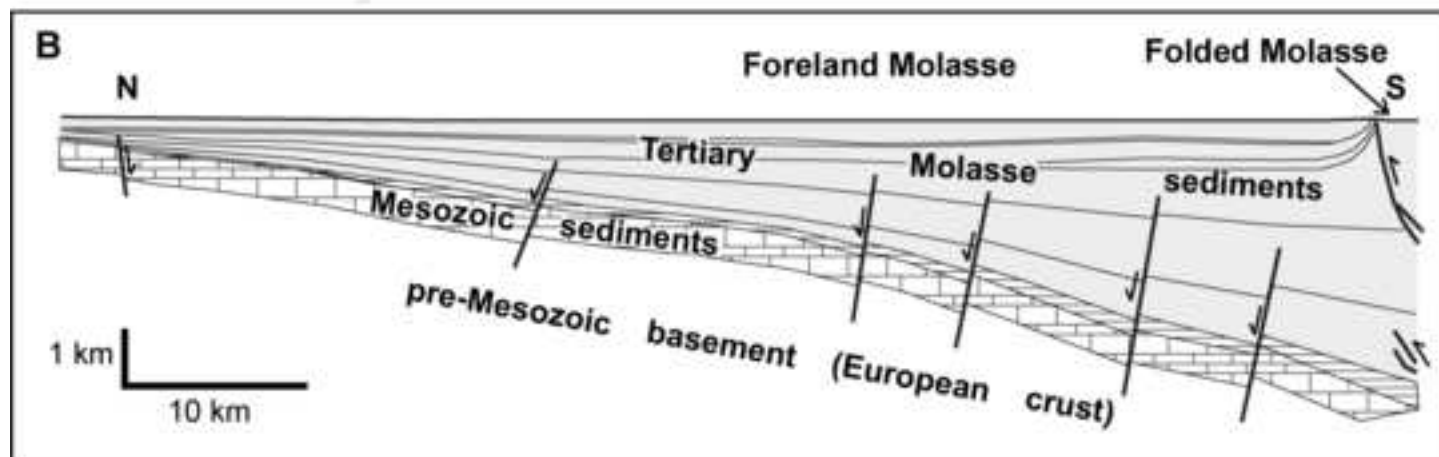
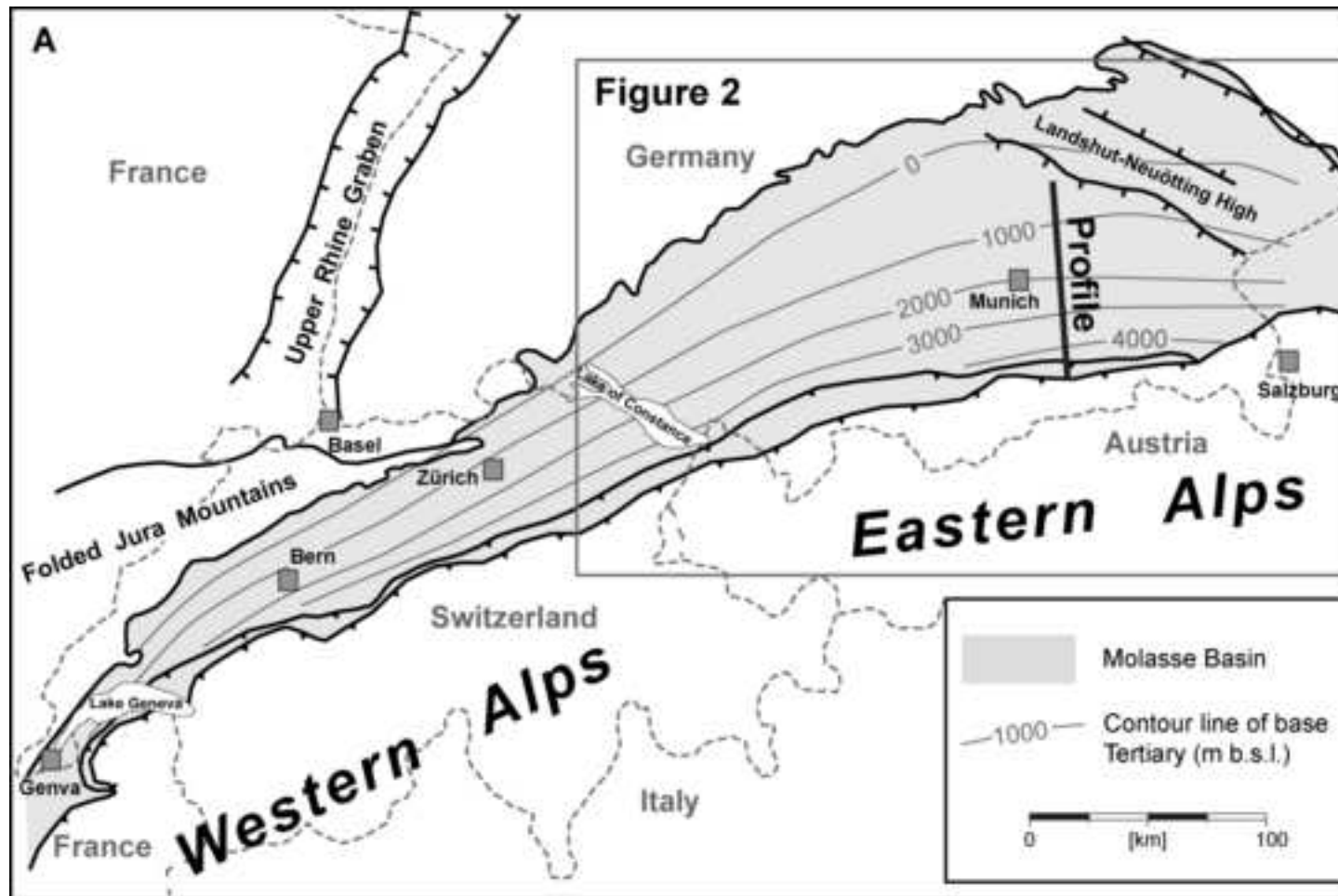
567 **Table Captions**

568 **Table 1.** Summary of breakout and drilling-induced fracture analysis results from 132
569 wells in the German Molasse Basin sorted by longitude. S_H = average maximum horizontal
570 stress orientation ($^\circ\text{N}$). # = number of breakouts (BO) or drilling-induced fractures (DIF),
571 s.d. = standard deviation, total = total length of BO/DIF, top and bottom =

572 shallowest/deepest BO/DIF observed in well. Data are included in World Stress Map 2008
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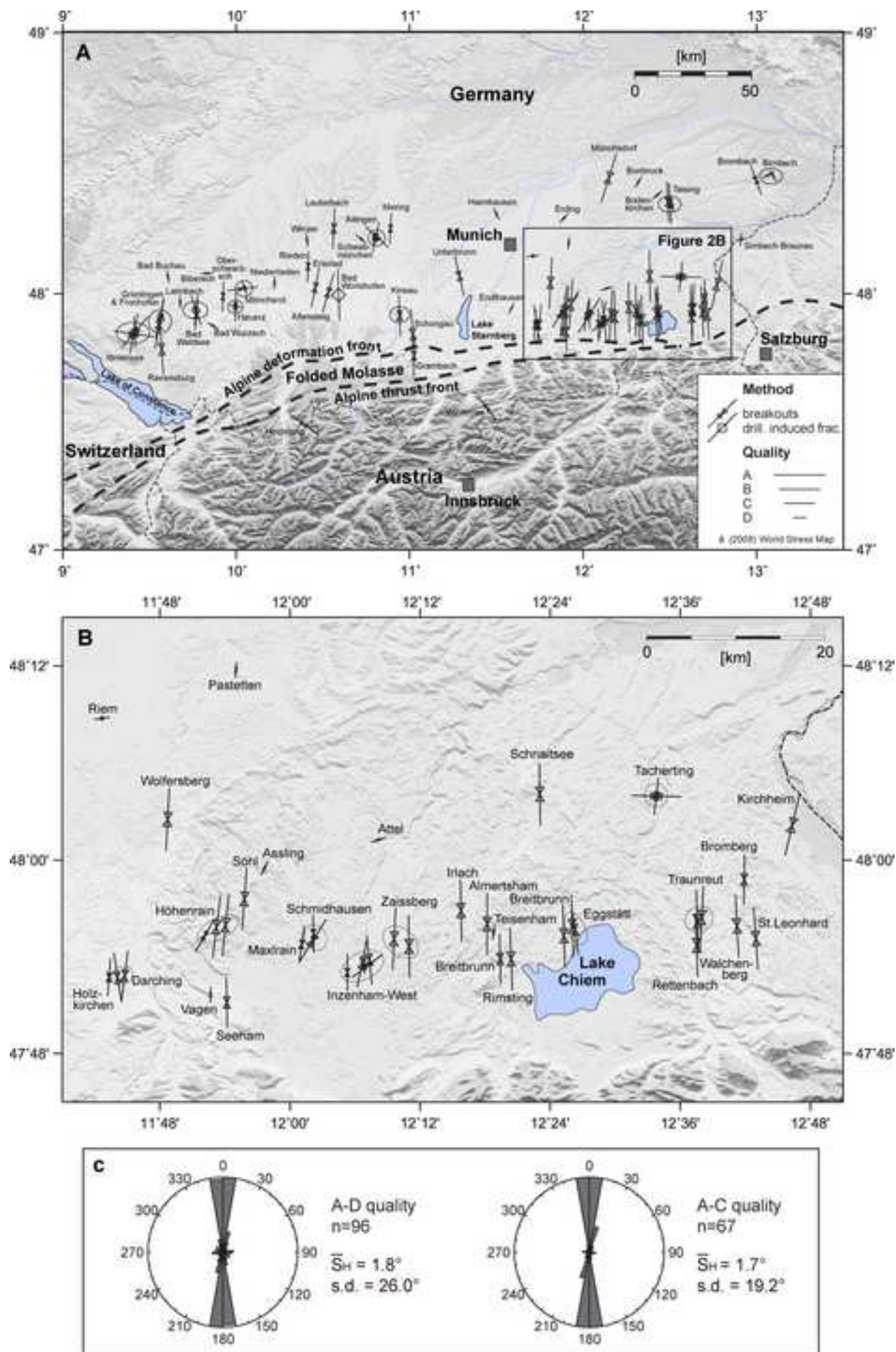
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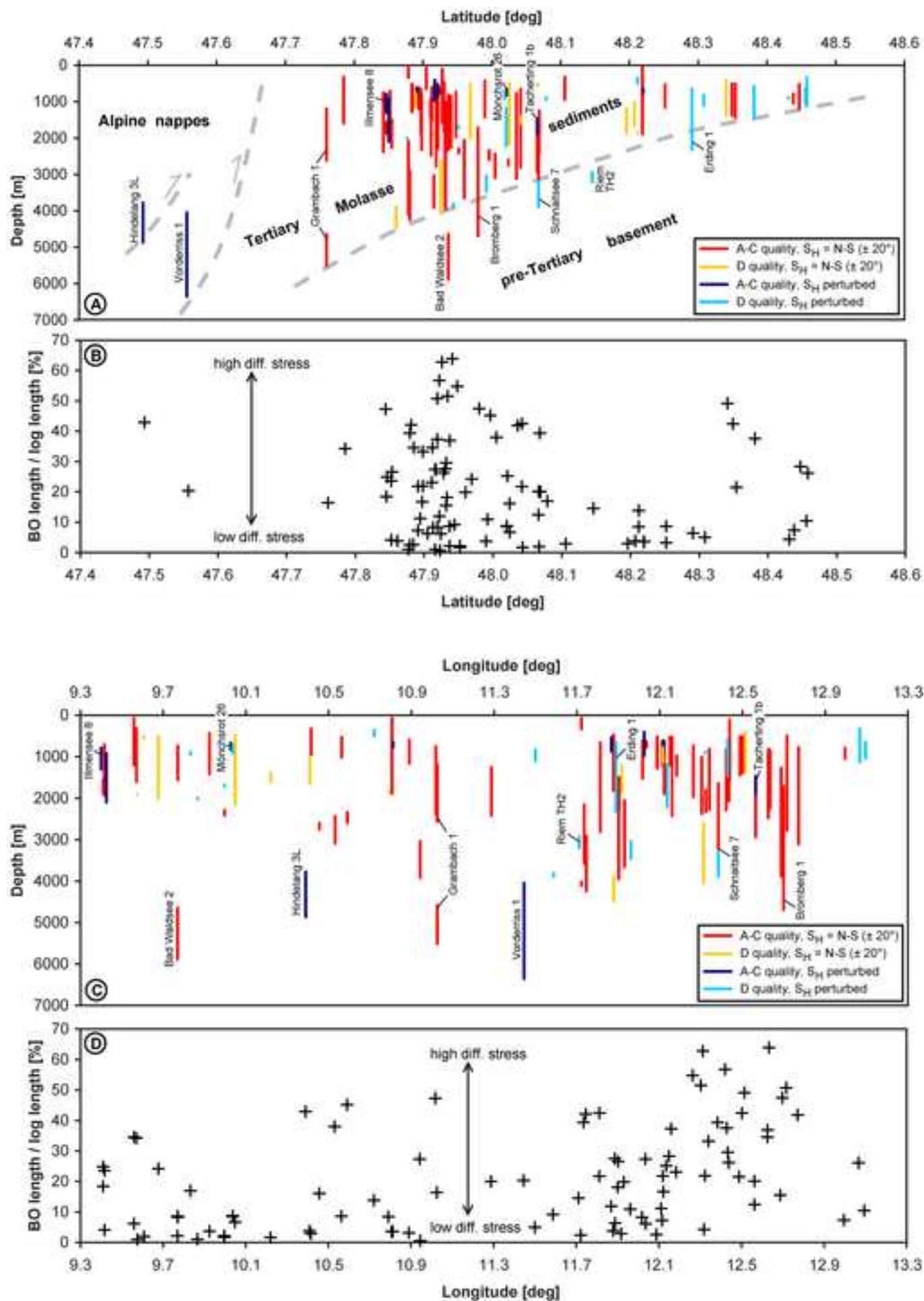
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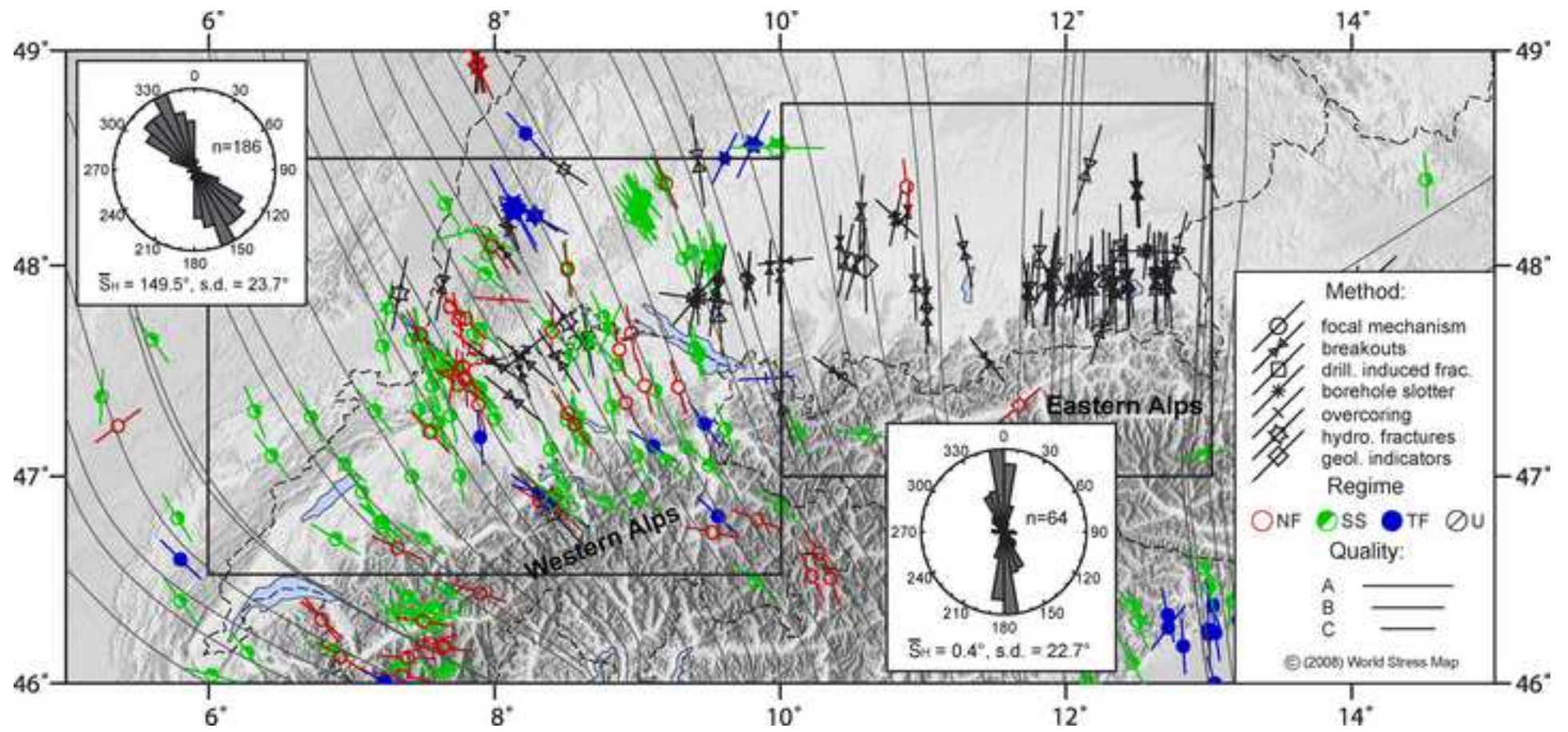


Table 1.

| lat | long | S _H | Type | Depth [km] | Quality | Locality | # | s.d. | Total [m] | Top [m] | Bottom [m] |
|--------|--------|----------------|------|---------------|---------|----------------------|----|------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| 47.846 | 9.41 | 11 | BO | 1.7 | B | Illmensee 7 | 4 | 9 | 169 | 1558 | 1878 |
| 47.845 | 9.41 | 98 | BO | 1.0 | B | Illmensee 8 | 9 | 7 | 170 | 785 | 1304 |
| 47.852 | 9.416 | 40 | BO | 1.5 | B | Illmensee 5 | 8 | 20 | 364 | 916 | 2099 |
| 47.852 | 9.416 | 177 | BO | 1.3 | C | Illmensee 6 | 12 | 16 | 66 | 703 | 1930 |
| 47.885 | 9.559 | 10 | BO | 0.9 | A | Grünlingen 1 | 38 | 11 | 344 | 518 | 1200 |
| 47.905 | 9.559 | 11 | BO | 0.4 | B | Fronhofen 16 | 9 | 10 | 111 | 74 | 645 |
| 47.785 | 9.571 | 176 | BO | 1.0 | A | Ravensburg 1 | 19 | 7 | 490 | 319 | 1598 |
| 47.916 | 9.575 | 165 | BO | 1.9 | D | Fronhofen 23 | 1 | - | 5 | 1904 | 1908 |
| 48.067 | 9.607 | 172 | BO | 0.5 | D | Bad Buchau | 2 | 10 | 10 | 508 | 554 |
| 47.969 | 9.677 | 177 | BO | 1.3 | D | Laimbach 1 | 30 | 27 | 296 | 510 | 2021 |
| 47.937 | 9.769 | 5 | DIF | 5.1 | C | Bad Waldsee 2 | 7 | 16 | 31 | 4641 | 5563 |
| 47.937 | 9.769 | 161 | BO | 5.3 | C | Bad Waldsee 2 | 25 | 20 | 123 | 4674 | 5879 |
| 47.919 | 9.771 | 5 | BO | 1.1 | C | Bad Waldsee 1 | 6 | 5 | 79 | 737 | 1556 |
| 48.079 | 9.832 | 87 | BO | 0.9 | D | Jordanbad Biberach 1 | 2 | 10 | 30 | 887 | 945 |
| 47.877 | 9.866 | 121 | BO | 2.0 | D | Bad Wurzach 3 | 3 | 7 | 15 | 1993 | 2018 |
| 47.99 | 9.924 | 2 | BO | 0.9 | C | Oberschwarzach 4 | 4 | 7 | 45 | 426 | 1420 |
| 47.99 | 9.932 | - | BO | - | E | Oberschwarzach 3 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.952 | 9.996 | 100 | BO | 1.7 | D | Hauerz 3 | 1 | - | 32 | 1680 | 1712 |
| 47.952 | 9.997 | 2 | BO | 2.3 | C | Hauerz 1 | 5 | 2 | 33 | 2288 | 2411 |
| 47.953 | 10.011 | - | BO | - | E | Hauerz 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 48.02 | 10.036 | 83 | BO | 0.7 | C | Mönchsrot 26 | 12 | 15 | 97 | 664 | 829 |
| 48.02 | 10.036 | 81 | BO | 0.8 | D | Mönchsrot 26A | 8 | 32 | 76 | 690 | 916 |
| 48.024 | 10.048 | 161 | BO | 1.3 | D | Mönchsrot 27 | 13 | 37 | 126 | 485 | 2171 |
| 48.224 | 10.172 | - | BO | - | E | Buch 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 48.043 | 10.22 | 0 | BO | 1.5 | D | Niederrieden 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1383 | 1599 |
| 48.061 | 10.246 | - | BO | - | E | Lauberhart 3 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 48.061 | 10.246 | - | BO | - | E | Lauberhart 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 48.071 | 10.248 | - | BO | - | E | Lauberhart 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 48.112 | 10.365 | - | BO | - | E | Arlesried 11 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 48.113 | 10.38 | - | BO | - | E | Arlesried 29 | 14 | 46 | 405 | 423 | 1337 |
| 47.493 | 10.389 | 125 | BO | 4.3 | C | Hindelang 3L | 15 | 22 | 505 | 3778 | 4866 |
| 48.207 | 10.409 | 175 | BO | 1.3 | D | Winzler 1 | 2 | 0 | 56 | 1012 | 1653 |
| 48.106 | 10.415 | 2 | BO | 0.6 | C | Rieden 3 | 8 | 3 | 33 | 323 | 947 |
| 48.024 | 10.456 | 11 | BO | 2.7 | B | Erisried 1 | 4 | 2 | 121 | 2597 | 2748 |
| 48.005 | 10.531 | 16 | BO | 2.7 | B | Altensteig 1 | 10 | 17 | 288 | 2435 | 3090 |
| 48.252 | 10.563 | 3 | BO | 0.7 | B | Lauterbach 1 | 14 | 7 | 102 | 526 | 1010 |
| 47.996 | 10.591 | 178 | DIF | 2.4 | A | GT2 Bad Worishofen | 22 | 6 | 122 | 2337 | 2596 |
| 48.152 | 10.602 | - | BO | - | E | Zaisertshofen 5 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 48.212 | 10.721 | 130 | BO | 0.4 | D | Schwabmünchen 4 | 2 | 26 | 135 | 355 | 497 |
| 48.212 | 10.791 | 174 | BO | 1.85 | D | Aitingen 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 1843 | 1859 |
| 48.218 | 10.795 | - | BO | - | E | Aitingen 5 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 48.221 | 10.8 | - | BO | - | E | Aitingen 6 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 48.219 | 10.806 | 12 | BO | 1.0 | C | Aitingen 2 | 18 | 10 | 70 | 67 | 1890 |
| 48.22 | 10.812 | 132 | BO | 0.7 | C | Aitingen 4a | 4 | 15 | 26 | 647 | 760 |
| 48.22 | 10.812 | - | BO | - | E | Aitingen 4 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 48.252 | 10.89 | 3 | BO | 0.9 | C | Mering 1 | 8 | 8 | 40 | 591 | 1157 |
| 47.91 | 10.923 | - | BO | - | E | Kinsau 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.916 | 10.942 | 178 | BO | 3.4 | B | Kinsau 1 | 8 | 7 | 250 | 3035 | 3916 |
| 47.923 | 10.945 | 165 | BO | 3.2 | D | Kinsau 3 | 1 | - | 2 | 3224 | 3226 |
| 47.844 | 11.018 | 176 | BO | 1.5 | A | Schongau 1 | 39 | 8 | 828 | 752 | 2382 |
| 47.76 | 11.025 | 1 | BO | 3.3 | B | Grambach 1 | 52 | 17 | 711 | 1192 | 5509 |
| 48.069 | 11.287 | 167 | BO | 1.8 | B | Unterbrunn 3 | 9 | 4 | 354 | 1248 | 2418 |
| 48.286 | 11.442 | - | DIF | - | E | Hebertshausen 4a | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1555 | 1565 |
| 48.286 | 11.442 | - | BO | - | E | Hebertshausen 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.557 | 11.445 | 142 | BO | 5.1 | C | Vorderriss 1 | 60 | 27 | 490 | 4043 | 6353 |
| 48.308 | 11.5 | 155 | BO | 0.9 | D | Haimhausen 1 and 1a | 2 | 0 | 52 | 822 | 1097 |
| 48.312 | 11.531 | - | BO | - | E | Haimhausen 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.944 | 11.587 | 24 | BO | 3.8 | D | Endlhausen 1 | 5 | 11 | 23 | 3808 | 3887 |
| 48.146 | 11.711 | 81 | DIF | 3.1 | D | Riem TH2 | 18 | 40 | 44 | 2935 | 3206 |
| 47.879 | 11.722 | 4 | BO | 2.0 | C | Holzkirchen 3 | 6 | 11 | 66 | 71 | 4107 |
| 47.879 | 11.735 | 171 | BO | 3.1 | B | Darching 5 | 16 | 14 | 970 | 2155 | 3575 |
| 47.881 | 11.746 | 7 | BO | 3.6 | B | Darching 3 | 31 | 21 | 1017 | 2910 | 4240 |
| 48.042 | 11.812 | 3 | BO | 1.7 | A | Wolfersberg 11 | 42 | 7 | 1002 | 653 | 2812 |
| 48.042 | 11.812 | 3 | BO | 1.3 | A | Wolfersberg 10a | 18 | 3 | 517 | 695 | 1927 |
| 48.042 | 11.812 | 35 | BO | 1.2 | E | Wolfersberg 9 | 37 | 48 | 321 | 700 | 1802 |
| 48.105 | 11.813 | - | BO | - | E | Poering 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.796 | 11.839 | - | BO | - | E | Miesbach 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.922 | 11.869 | 30 | BO | 0.7 | C | Höhenrain A5 | 4 | 17 | 166 | 535 | 868 |
| 47.922 | 11.869 | - | BO | - | E | Höhenrain H1 | - | - | - | - | - |
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| 47.853 | 11.903 | 179 | BO | 1.8 | B | Seeham C1 | 9 | 3 | 432 | 1491 | 2260 |

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| 48.196 | 11.917 | 4 | BO | 1.5 | D | Pastetten 1 | 3 | 4 | 31 | 1201 | 1864 |
| 47.96 | 11.93 | 4 | BO | 2.8 | A | Söhl 1 | 13 | 4 | 413 | 2057 | 3648 |
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| 47.992 | 11.961 | - | BO | - | E | Assling 5a | - | - | - | - | - |
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| 47.924 | 12.036 | 179 | BO | 0.7 | C | Schmidhausen A2 | 8 | 3 | 40 | 629 | 768 |
| 47.919 | 12.068 | - | BO | - | E | Schmidhausen-Ost C1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.884 | 12.088 | 0 | BO | 0.8 | C | Inzenham-West 3 | 13 | 7 | 27 | 518 | 1280 |
| 48.33 | 12.089 | - | BO | - | E | Hofkirchen 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.893 | 12.092 | - | BO | - | E | Inzenham-West 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.892 | 12.105 | 108 | BO | 0.8 | E | Inzenham-West 11 | 2 | 3 | 68 | 645 | 923 |
| 47.894 | 12.111 | 11 | BO | 1.0 | B | Inzenham-West 4 | 12 | 3 | 94 | 620 | 1198 |
| 47.886 | 12.112 | - | BO | - | E | Inzenham-West 42 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.891 | 12.115 | 4 | BO | 1.0 | D | Inzenham-West 23 | 3 | 7 | 58 | 775 | 1145 |
| 47.891 | 12.119 | 52 | BO | 0.7 | C | Inzenham-West 14 | 12 | 11 | 73 | 608 | 866 |
| 47.897 | 12.122 | 174 | BO | 1.2 | B | Inzenham-West C5 | 11 | 6 | 223 | 656 | 1892 |
| 48.021 | 12.136 | 73 | BO | 1.7 | D | Attel 3 | 13 | 43 | 303 | 1180 | 2213 |
| 48.447 | 12.149 | 17 | BO | 0.8 | A | Münchsdorf 1 | 18 | 8 | 314 | 519 | 1191 |
| 47.919 | 12.16 | 3 | BO | 1.5 | A | Zaissberg C4 | 14 | 5 | 926 | 525 | 2420 |
| 47.911 | 12.183 | 179 | BO | 1.2 | A | Zaissberg C3 | 18 | 4 | 231 | 970 | 1450 |
| 47.948 | 12.263 | 179 | BO | 1.3 | A | Irlach C1 | 11 | 2 | 704 | 731 | 1966 |
| 47.929 | 12.298 | - | BO | - | E | Almertsham C2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.934 | 12.303 | 0 | BO | 1.7 | A | Almertsham C1 | 32 | 4 | 755 | 1010 | 2375 |
| 47.926 | 12.313 | 7 | BO | 3.3 | D | Teisenham 1 | 16 | 32 | 925 | 2602 | 4044 |
| 48.431 | 12.319 | 30 | BO | 0.9 | D | Bonbruck 2 | 1 | - | 23 | 887 | 910 |
| 47.898 | 12.323 | 179 | BO | 2.1 | B | Breitbrunn C4 | 16 | 3 | 151 | 1800 | 2328 |
| 47.898 | 12.34 | 178 | BO | 1.5 | A | Rimsting C1 | 15 | 12 | 494 | 814 | 2273 |
| 47.91 | 12.358 | - | BO | - | E | Breitbrunn C5 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 48.068 | 12.384 | 1 | BO | 2.2 | A | Schnaitsee 7 | 14 | 8 | 926 | 1640 | 2793 |
| 48.068 | 12.384 | 147 | BO | 3.8 | D | Schnaitsee 7 | 2 | 3 | 58 | 3733 | 3869 |
| 47.912 | 12.407 | - | BO | - | E | Breitbrunn C1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.922 | 12.421 | 178 | BO | 1.5 | A | Breitbrunn C10 | 24 | 5 | 1020 | 834 | 2286 |
| 47.928 | 12.426 | - | BO | - | E | Eggstätt C1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 48.381 | 12.428 | 48 | BO | 1 | D | Bodenkirchen 1 - 1a | 15 | 46 | 454 | 575 | 1463 |
| 47.932 | 12.434 | 178 | BO | 1.5 | A | Eggstätt C2 | 19 | 10 | 341 | 1325 | 2066 |
| 47.923 | 12.435 | - | BO | - | E | Breitbrunn 22 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.923 | 12.435 | - | BO | - | E | Breitbrunn 21 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.923 | 12.435 | - | BO | - | E | Breitbrunn 26 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.923 | 12.435 | - | BO | - | E | Breitbrunn C6 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.928 | 12.438 | 172 | BO | 1.0 | B | Eggstätt C4 | 17 | 13 | 249 | 105 | 1583 |
| 48.354 | 12.488 | 177 | BO | 0.9 | B | Teising 1 | 10 | 4 | 167 | 507 | 1442 |
| 48.349 | 12.502 | 177 | BO | 0.9 | B | Teising 2 | 12 | 19 | 456 | 506 | 1381 |
| 48.341 | 12.514 | 172 | BO | 0.9 | D | Teising 3 | 19 | 35 | 512 | 412 | 1376 |
| 47.9 | 12.544 | - | BO | - | E | Chieming C1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 48.066 | 12.563 | 91 | BO | 1.6 | B | Tacherting 1-b | 5 | 2 | 259 | 1465 | 1890 |
| 48.066 | 12.563 | 6 | BO | 2.4 | C | Tacherting 1-a | 2 | 6 | 419 | 1900 | 2936 |
| 48.141 | 12.585 | - | BO | - | E | Garching 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.912 | 12.625 | 178 | BO | 1.7 | A | Rettenbach C2 | 27 | 6 | 635 | 887 | 2478 |
| 47.937 | 12.626 | 178 | BO | 1.6 | A | Traunreut A3 | 25 | 4 | 591 | 814 | 2321 |
| 47.941 | 12.633 | 3 | BO | 1.5 | A | Traunreut A2 | 21 | 4 | 1185 | 852 | 2258 |
| 48.158 | 12.641 | - | BO | - | E | Hinterberg 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.985 | 12.649 | - | BO | - | E | Traunreut C1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.932 | 12.687 | 177 | BO | 2.5 | A | Walchenberg 1 | 11 | 8 | 397 | 1269 | 3878 |
| 47.98 | 12.698 | 1 | BO | 3.2 | B | Bromberg 1 | 54 | 20 | 1716 | 1713 | 4690 |
| 48.177 | 12.704 | - | BO | - | E | Pirach 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47.919 | 12.716 | 176 | BO | 1.6 | A | St.Leonhard C1 | 31 | 4 | 1435 | 492 | 2778 |
| 48.036 | 12.772 | 13 | BO | 2.4 | A | Kirchheim C1 | 27 | 6 | 1017 | 768 | 3112 |
| 48.338 | 12.777 | - | BO | - | E | Wurmannsquick 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 48.299 | 12.965 | - | BO | - | E | Taubenbach 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 48.438 | 12.996 | 160 | BO | 0.9 | C | Brombach 1 | 15 | 11 | 69 | 783 | 1044 |
| 48.258 | 13.01 | 5 | DIF | 1.8 | D | Simbach-Braunau TH1 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 1770 | 1839 |
| 48.458 | 13.067 | 60 | BO | 0.7 | D | Birnbach 5 | 16 | 41 | 265 | 328 | 1127 |
| 48.456 | 13.094 | 152 | BO | 0.8 | D | Birnbach T 4 | 7 | 32 | 71 | 648 | 1042 |