

# Anisotropy of Magnetic Remanence: Empirical Guidelines Towards an Efficient Acquisition Protocol

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- 1. Theoretical background for AMR**
- 2. Instruments and data acquisition techniques**
- 3. Empirical guidelines demonstrated on test samples**

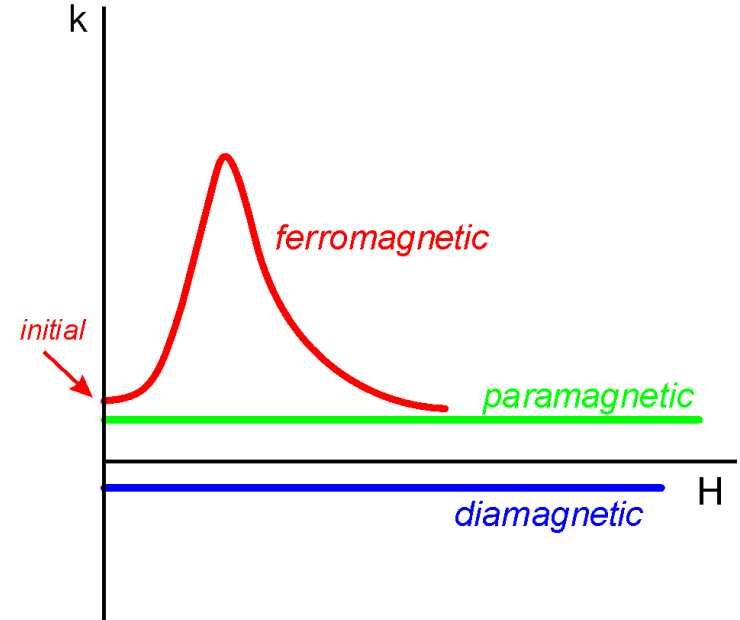
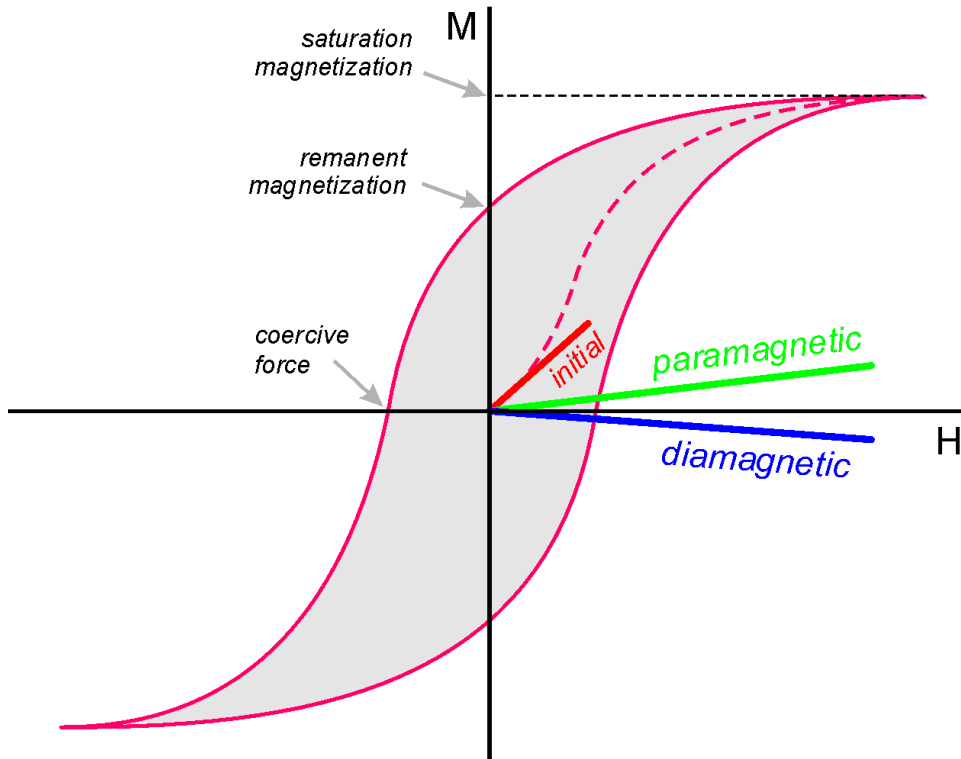
## Introduction

- Rocks and sediments display a magnetic anisotropy when constituent mineral grains have a preferred orientation.
- Magnetic fabric is usually described by the **anisotropy of magnetic susceptibility (AMS)**. As all minerals in a rock or sediment (diamagnetic, paramagnetic, ferromagnetic /sensu lato/) contribute to the susceptibility; the observed anisotropy is the sum of the individual mineral components, their specific susceptibility anisotropy and their preferred alignment.
- The **anisotropy of magnetic remanence (AMR)** is only dependent on the ferromagnetic grains (s.l.) in a rock. Since the number of different ferromagnetic phases is more limited, the source of the AMR is easier to distinguish, and the degree of anisotropy is less sensitive to mineral variation.

## Application

- Tool to study rock texture (**Petrofabric**)
- Compared to the other methods of fabric analysis (U-stage, X-ray texture goniometry, neutron texture goniometry, EBSD), AMS is **fast, cheap, high-resolution, non-destructive**.
- It can be applied to many samples covering **whole outcrops, drill cores, or geological units**.
- Application in **structural geology** and tectonics, volcanology, sedimentology, and paleomagnetism.

# Hysteresis loop



$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}_i + \mathbf{M}_r$$

Induced magnetization

Remanent magnetization

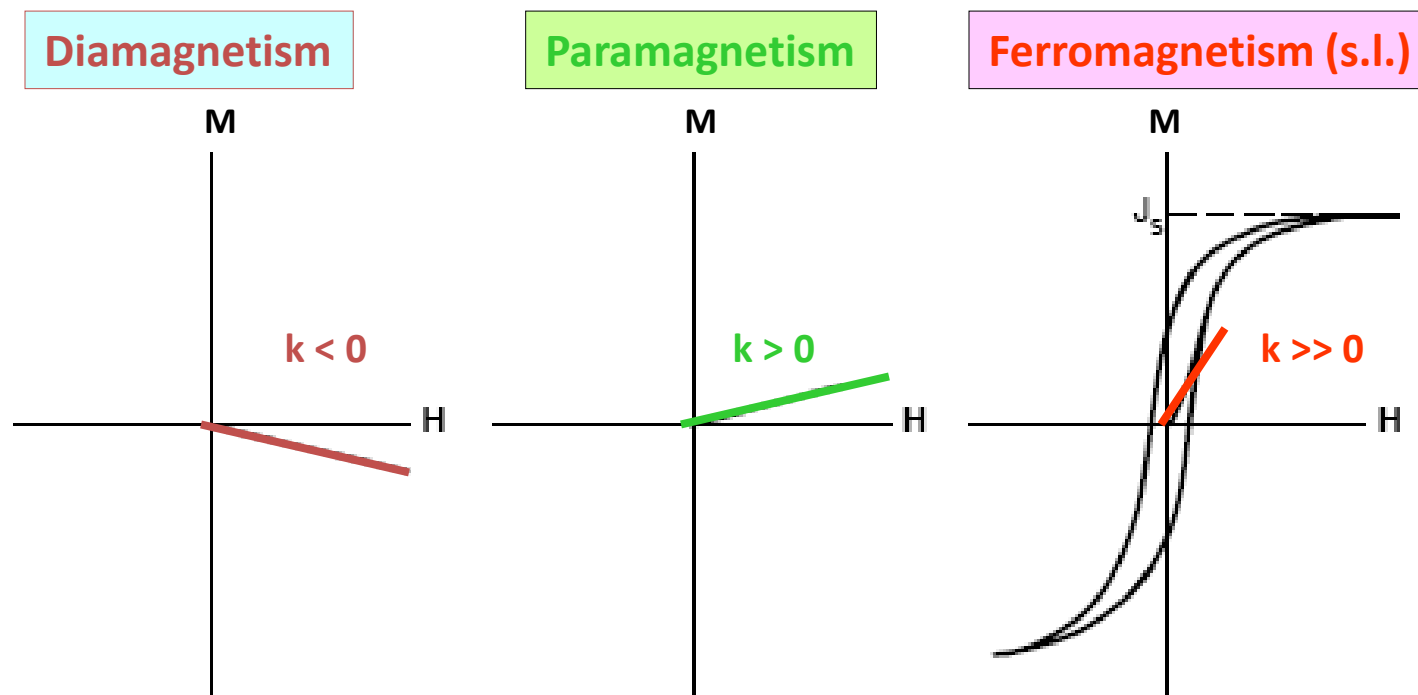
$$\mathbf{M}_i = k \times \mathbf{H}$$

Magnetic susceptibility

$$\mathbf{M}_r = k_r \times \mathbf{H}$$

Remanent susceptibility

# Susceptibility vs. Remanence



Induced magnetization antiparallel to the external field	Induced magnetization parallel to the external field	Complex relationship between external field and induced magnetization: hysteresis curve
Magnetic susceptibility relatively <b>low</b> and <b>negative</b>	Magnetic susceptibility relatively <b>low</b> and <b>positive</b>	Magnetic susceptibility relatively <b>high</b>
<b>No remanence</b>	<b>No remanence</b>	<b>Remanent magnetization</b>
<i>quartz</i> <i>calcite</i> <i>aragonite</i>	<i>pyroxene</i> <i>hornblende</i> <i>olivine</i> <i>micas</i>	<i>iron</i> <i>(titano-) magnetite</i> <i>pyrrhotite</i> <i>hematite</i>

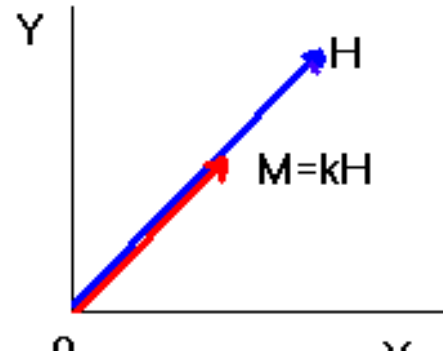
# Tensor notation of AMR (or AMS)

## Magnetically isotropic material

$$M_{r1} = k_r H_1$$

$$M_{r2} = k_r H_2$$

$$M_{r3} = k_r H_3$$



## Magnetization of anisotropic materials

$$M_{r1} = k_{r11} H_1 + k_{r12} H_2 + k_{r13} H_3$$

$$M_{r2} = k_{r21} H_1 + k_{r22} H_2 + k_{r23} H_3$$

$$M_{r3} = k_{r31} H_1 + k_{r32} H_2 + k_{r33} H_3$$

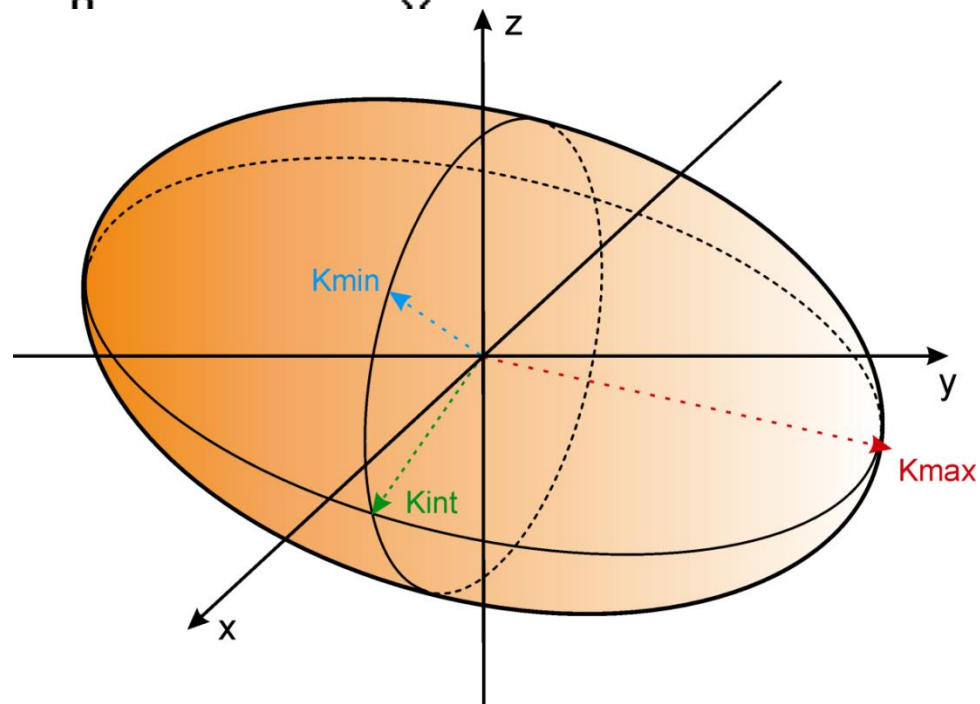
## Matrix notation

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_{r1} \\ M_{r2} \\ M_{r3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k_{r11} & k_{r12} & k_{r13} \\ k_{r21} & k_{r22} & k_{r23} \\ k_{r31} & k_{r32} & k_{r33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} H_1 \\ H_2 \\ H_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

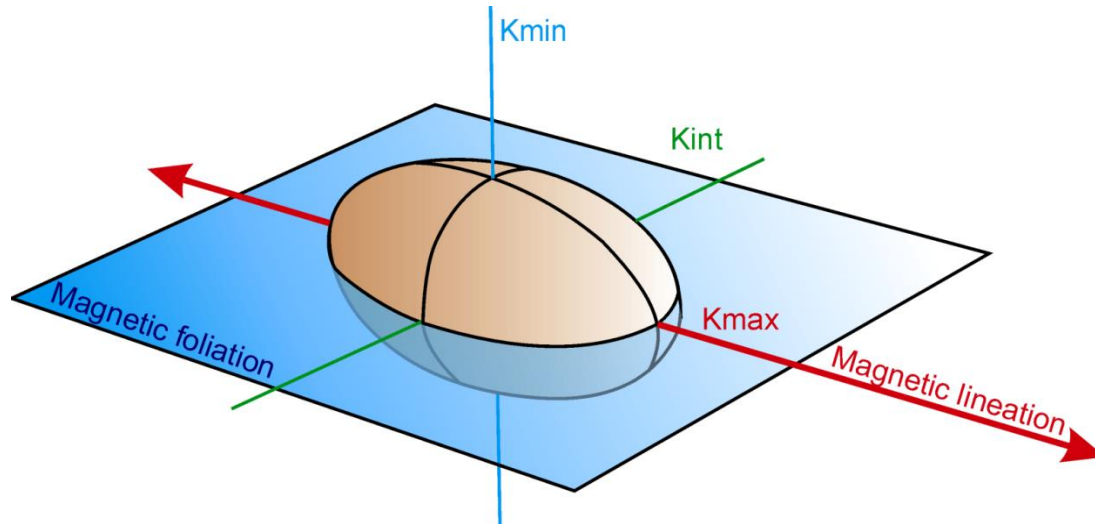
Vector of magnetization

Remanability tensor

Vector of field intensity



## Concept of magnetic fabric



Principal remaneabilities

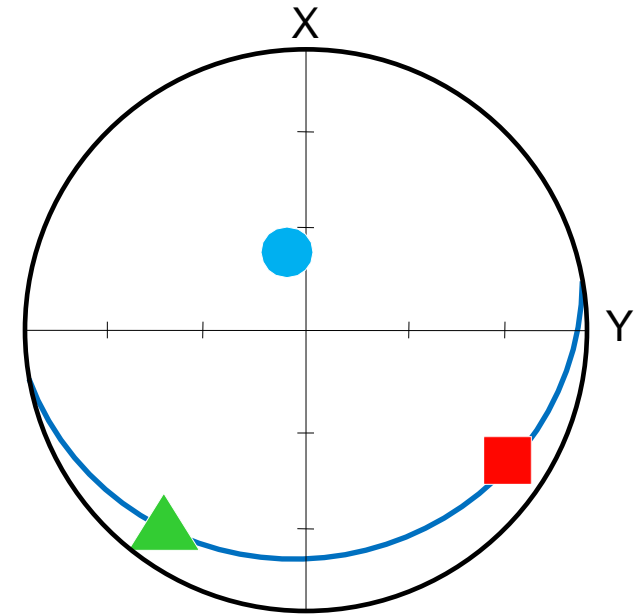
$$k_1 \geq k_2 \geq k_3$$

Mean remaneability

$$k_m = (k_1 + k_2 + k_3) / 3$$

Degree of anisotropy

$$P = k_1 / k_3$$



Shape parameter

$$T = (2\eta_2 - \eta_1 - \eta_3) / (\eta_1 - \eta_3)$$

where  $\eta_1 = \ln k_1$ ,  $\eta_2 = \ln k_2$ ,  $\eta_3 = \ln k_3$

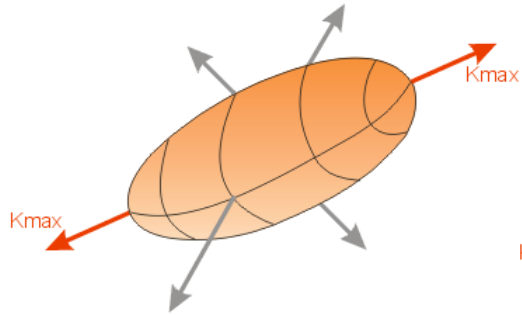
+1 > T > 0 oblate (planar) fabric

-1 < T < 0 prolate (linear) fabric

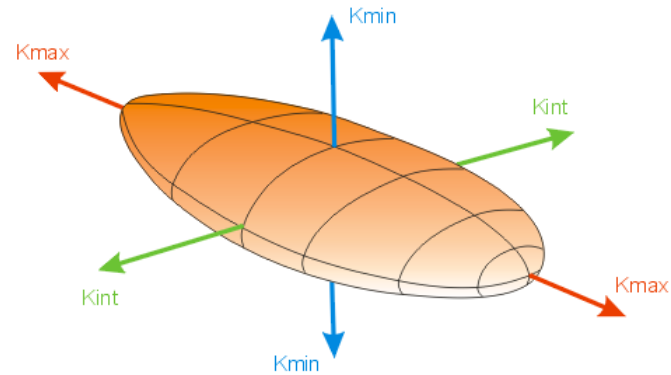
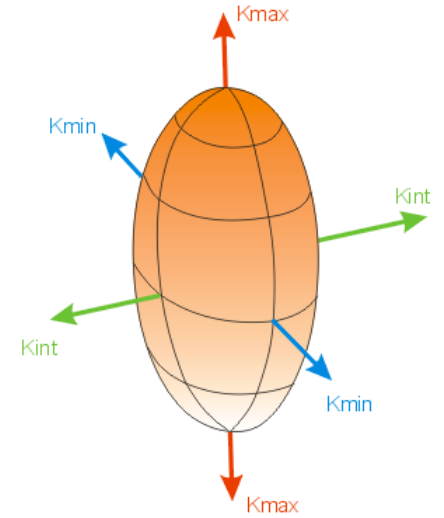


# Shapes of fabric ellipsoids

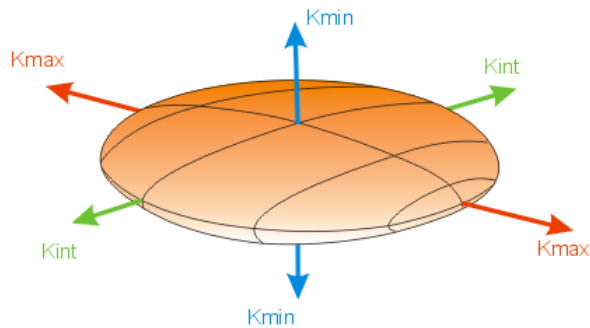
Rotational prolate



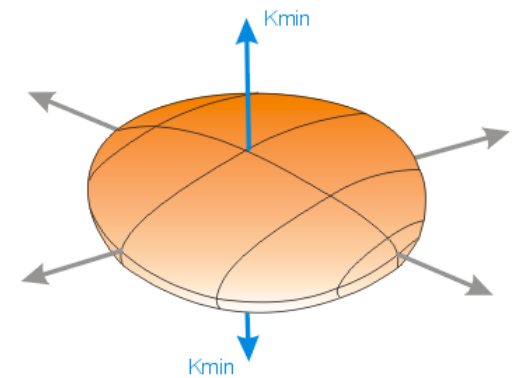
Triaxial prolate



Neutral

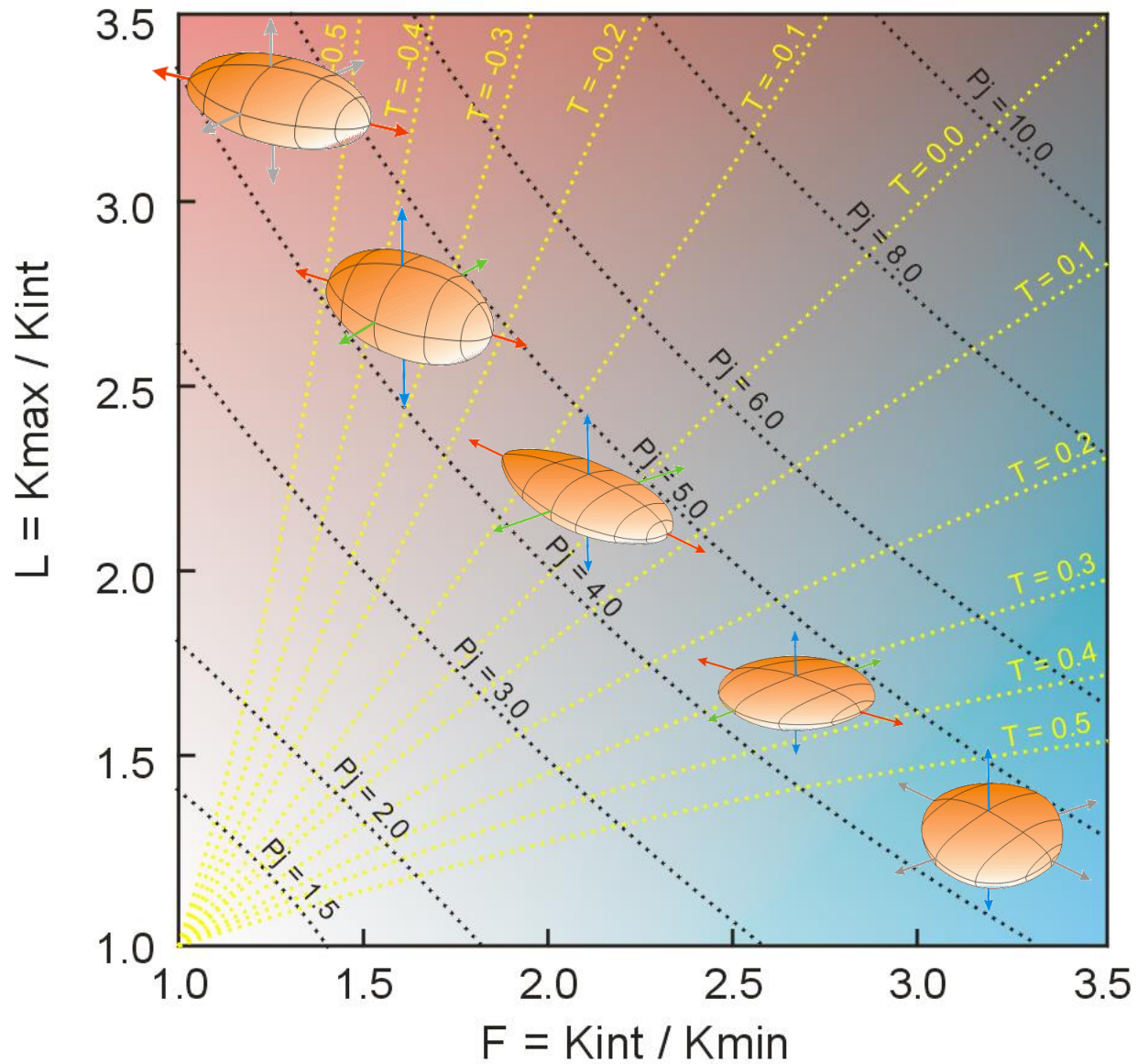


Triaxial oblate

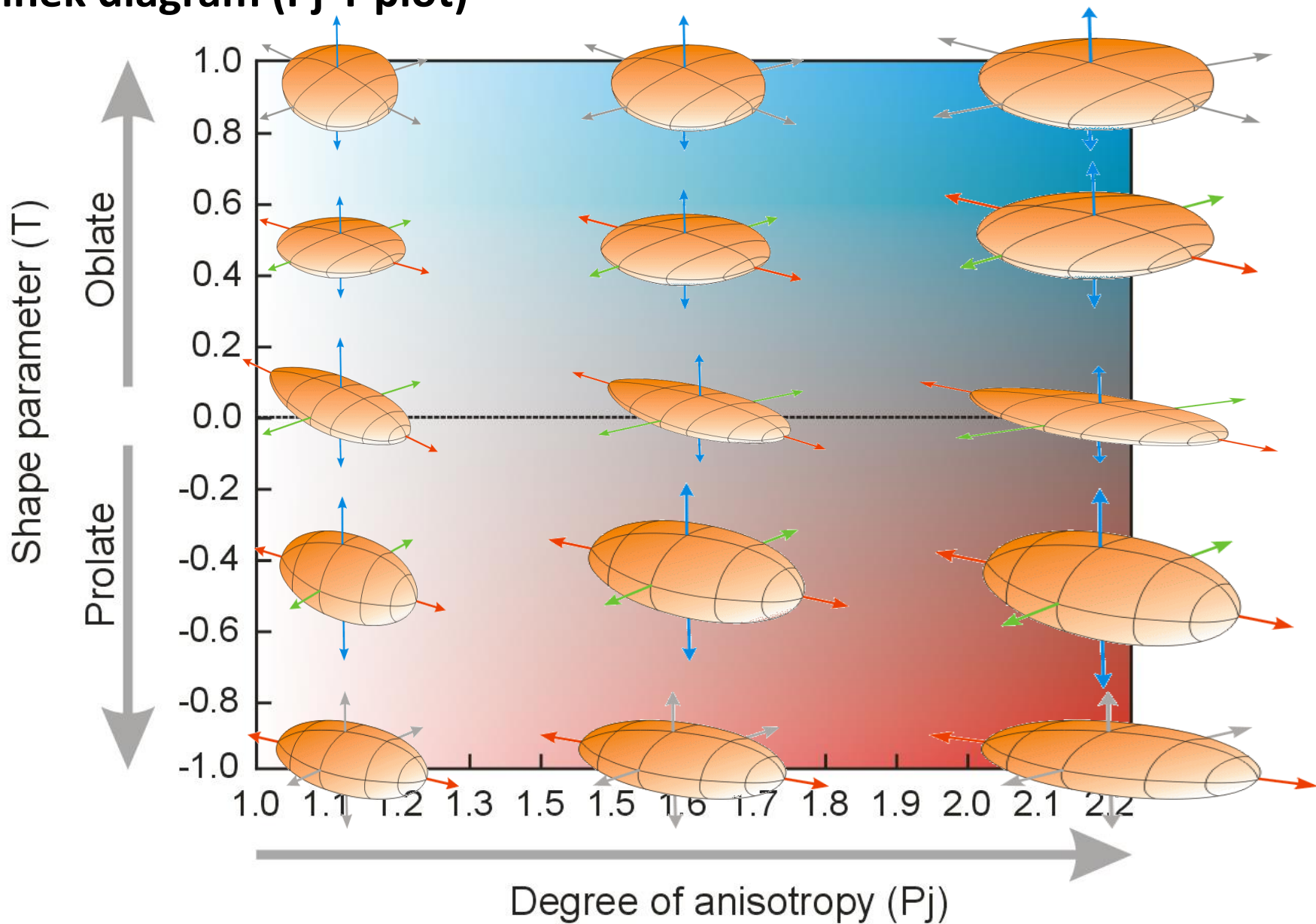


Rotational oblate

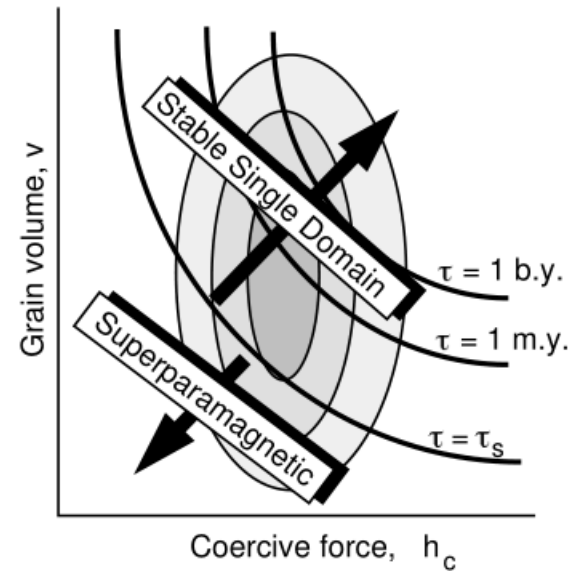
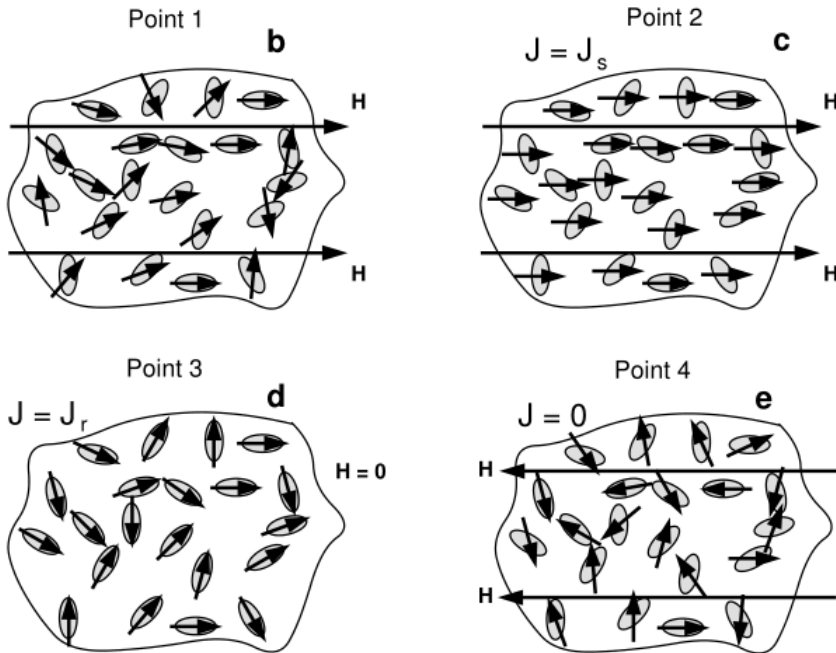
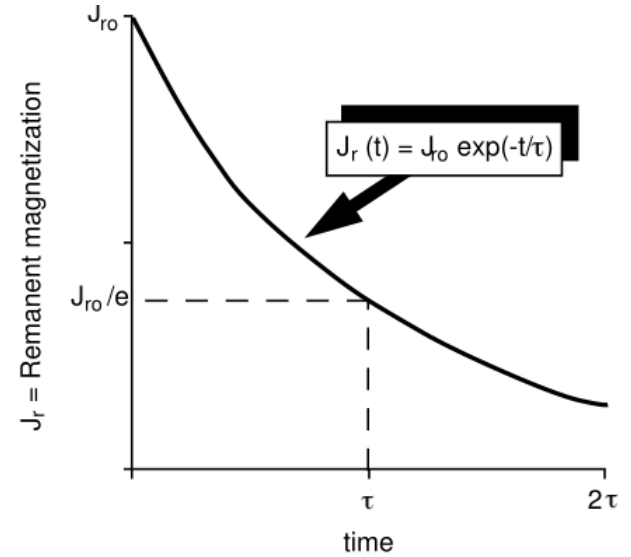
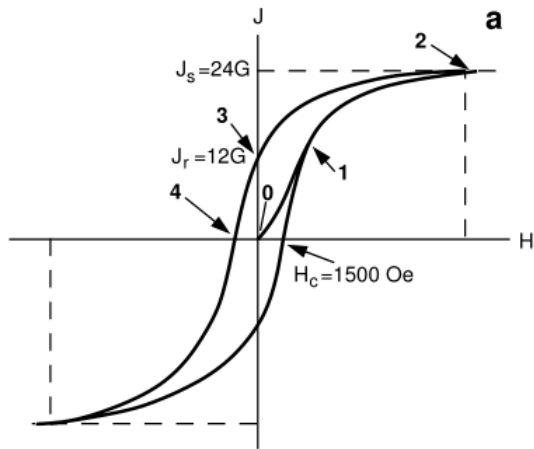
# Flinn diagram (L-F plot)



## Jelinek diagram (Pj-T plot)



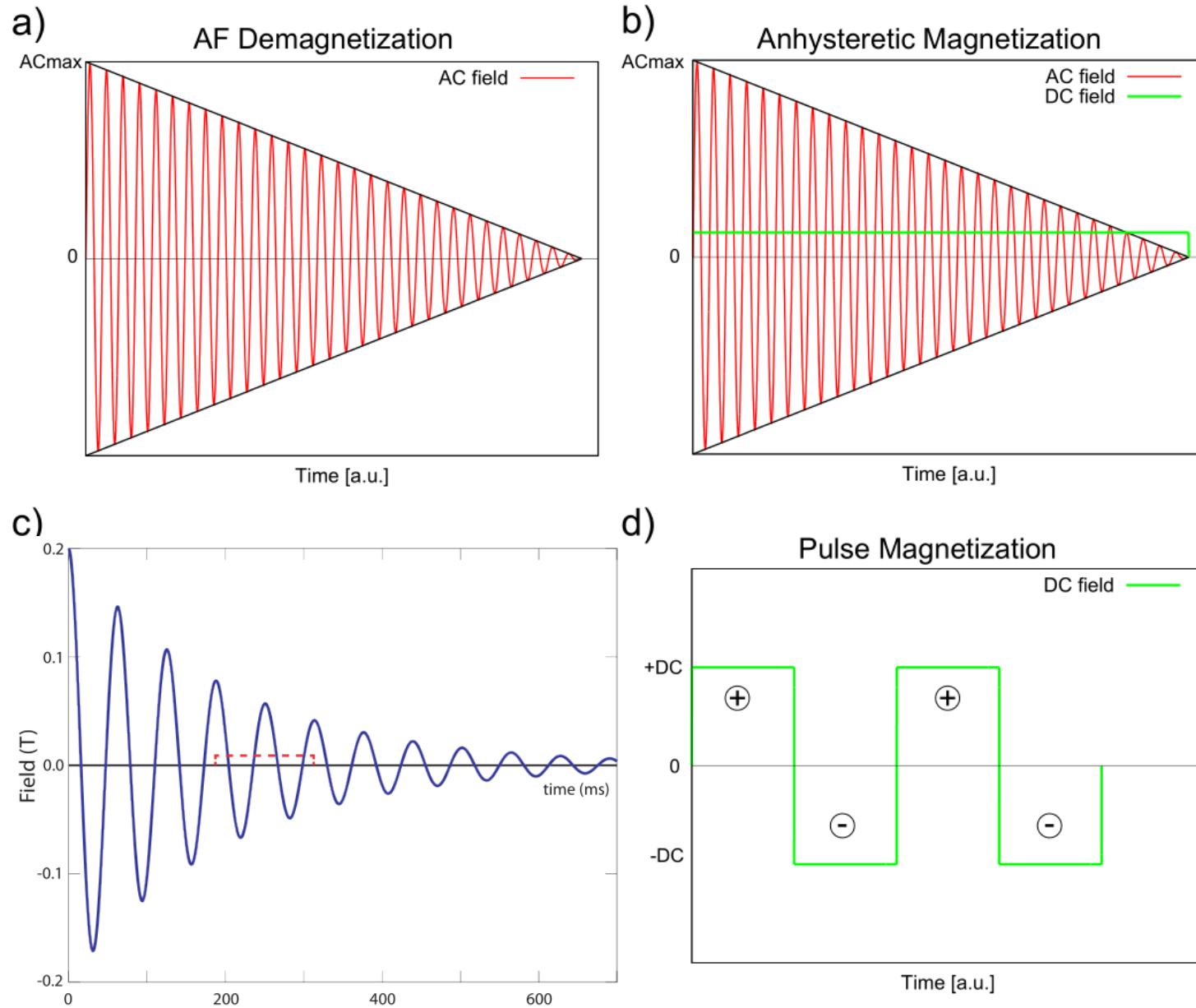
# Acquisition of isothermal remanence



## Types of anisotropy of magnetic remanence (AMR)

- Anisotropy of Anhyseretic Remanent Magnetization (AARM)  
Anisotropy of partial ARM (ApARM)
- Anisotropy of Isothermal Remanent Magnetization (AIRM)  
low field IRM  
high field IRM or saturation IRM (SIRM)
- Anisotropy of Thermal Remanent Magnetization (ATRM)  
Anisotropy of partial TRM (ApTRM)

# Acquisition of ARM (pARM) and IRM



## Application of AMR

- Preferential orientation of ferromagnetic (remanence-carrying) minerals
- Coaxial and non-coaxial fabrics
- Timing of mineral formation
- Change in strain field
- Deflection of paleomagnetic vectors
- Paleointensity
- Paleopole – plate reconstruction

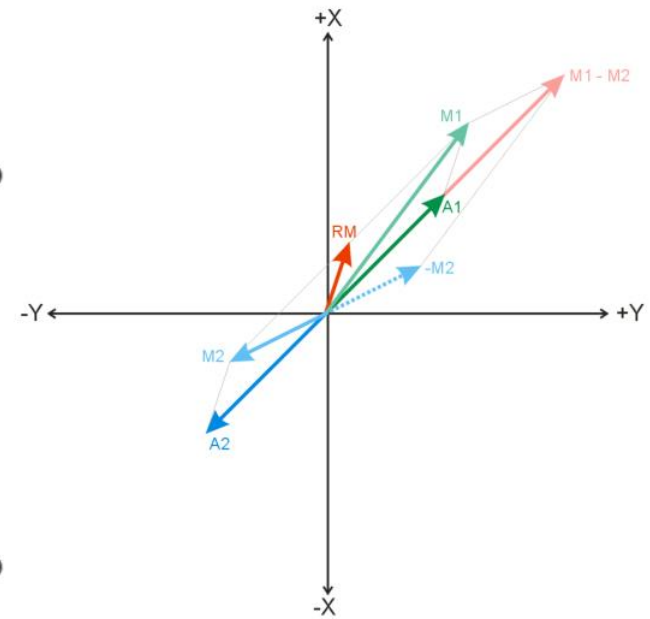
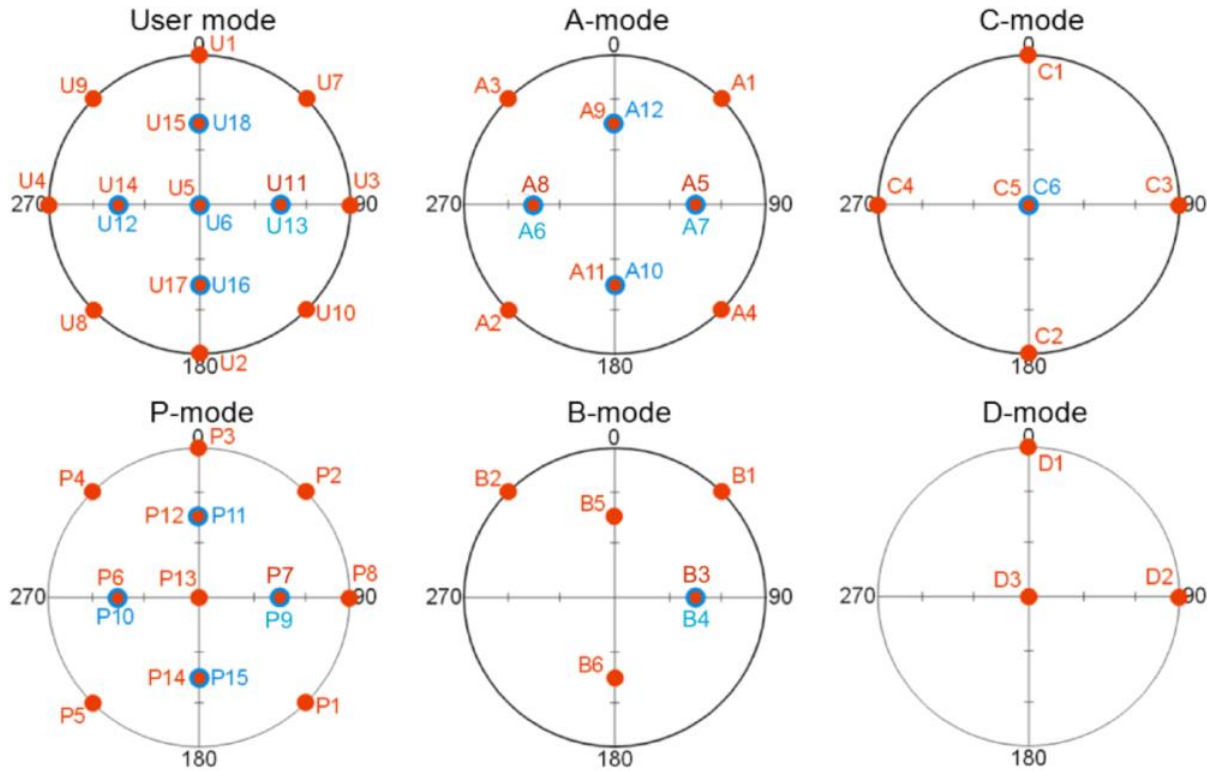
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## Pros & Cons (advantages & disadvantages)

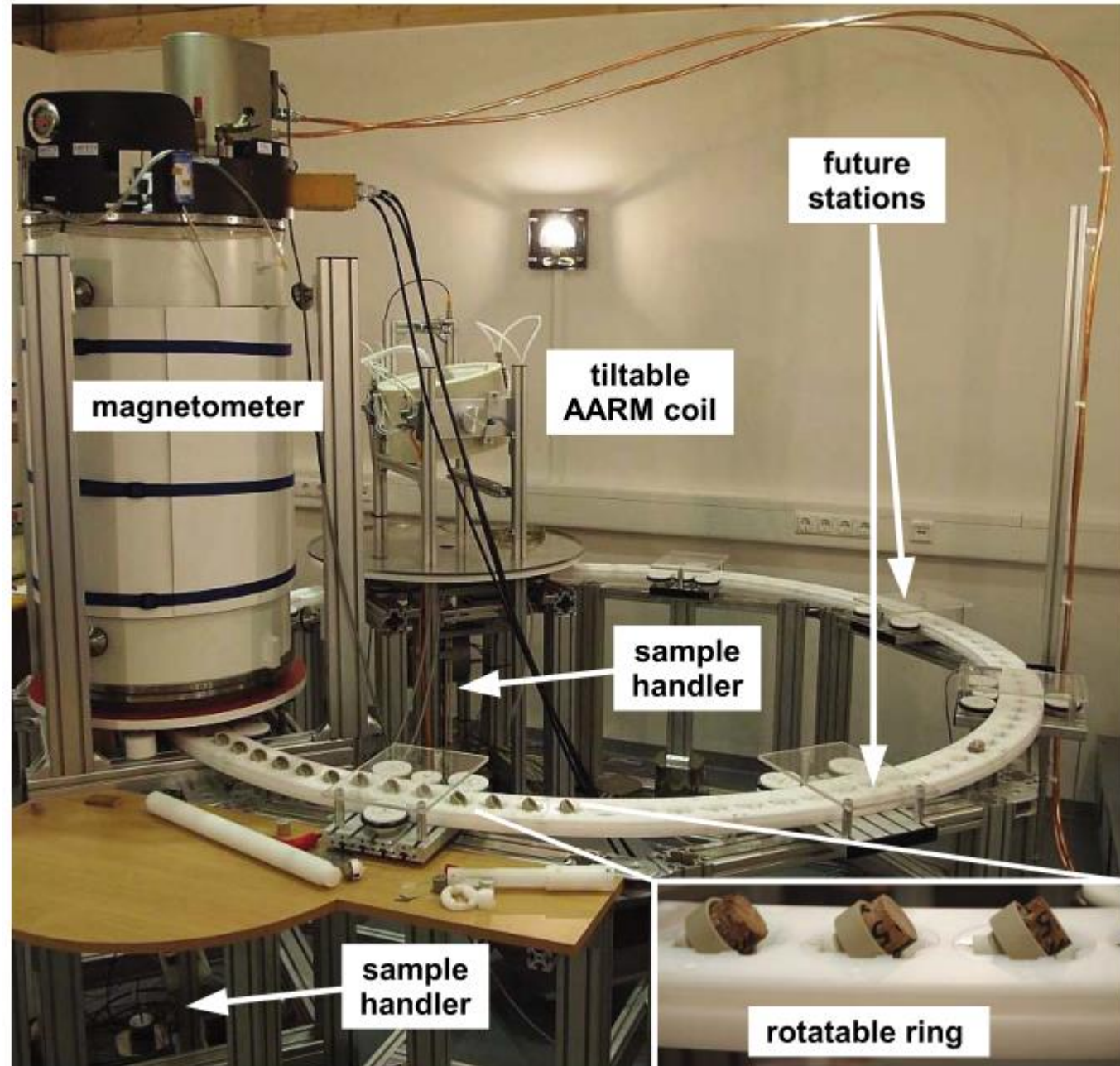
- AARM: easy to apply and remove, but limited in coercivity range
- AIRM: useful for high coercivity minerals, but question about repeatability of acquired magnetization.
- ATRM: useful for low and high coercivity minerals, but rocks cannot produce new ferromagnetic phases with heating.



# Directional schemes for AMR acquisition



# SushiBar Munich



# AGICO LDA5/PAM1 Magnetizer & JR-6(A) Magnetometer



## Specifications

### LDA5

Specimen shape:	cube:	20x20x20 mm
	cylinder:	25.4 mm diameter 22 mm height
AF Demagnetizing Field:		1 to 200 mT
Power requirements:		230 V / 50 Hz, 400 VA (optionally 120 V / 60 Hz)

### Dimensions, Mass:

Specimen Unit:	110 x 39 x 46 cm, 95 kg
Electronic Unit:	47 x 38 x 17 cm, 30 kg

### PAM1

#### Anhyseretic Magnetizer

Direct Magnetizing Field: 0 to 500  $\mu$ T

#### Pulse Magnetizer

Direct Magnetizing Field: 0 to 20 mT  
Length of Direct Field Pulses: 0.01 to 10 s

- Both instruments controlled from one computer
- Timer starts when magnetization pulse terminates
- Repeated measurement of viscous decay of IRM



**Rema6** interface showing specimen configuration and measurement parameters.

**Specimen**

Name: SPECIMEN1

Treatment: ARM\_A3

**Measurements**

Position: Mx, My, Mz, Exp.

**New Specimen Dialog**

Geological file

Name: Specimen1

Treatment	ACmax [mT]	ACmin [mT]	DC [uT]
ARM	50	10	500

Mode: A-mode (12 directions) | DC: A3

Copy Settings to LDA5

Sampling Angles		Orientation Parameters				Volume
Azimuth	Dip	P1	P2	P3	P4	
120	30	6	0	6	0	10

**Foliation**

Dip Dir.	Dip	Trend	Plunge

**Lineation**

Dip Dir.	Dip	Trend	Plunge

Note: [ ]

Buttons: OK, CANCEL

**Instrument Control**

NEW SPECIMEN | Auto Start | START | STOP | Auto Repeat | SAVE | CANCEL

INSTRUMENT IS READY | Auto | Cylinder | High speed | Normal time | Repeat: N/A | CALIB | HCORR

**LDA5 - ver. 1.2.3 [Desktop Mode]** interface showing magnetizer and tumbler settings.

**DEMAGNETIZER**

**ANHYSTERETIC MAGNETIZER**

**PULSE MAGNETIZER**

**AC/DC fields**

AC max [mT]: 50

AC min [mT]: 10

DC [uT]: 500

**AC max time**

Time [s]: 1

**AC decrease rate**

Slow

Medium

Fast

Extra fast

**AC decrease course**

Speeding

Linear

Slowing

**Tumbler**

User mode |  A-mode |  B-mode

P-mode |  C-mode |  D-mode

+x-axis |  +y-axis |  +z-axis

-x-axis |  -y-axis |  -z-axis

PREV | **A3** | NEXT

Auto next

INITIALIZE TUMBLER

**AC field [mT]**: 0

**DC field [uT]**: 0

START

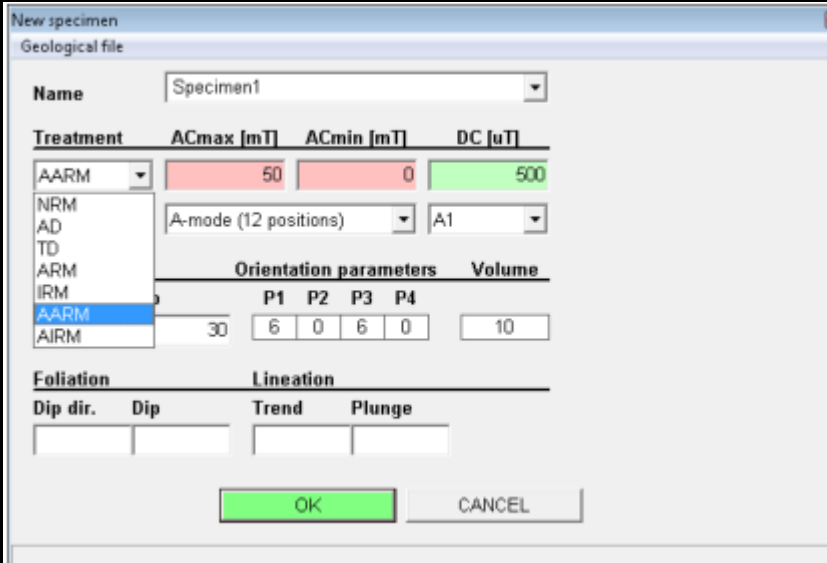
Demagnetize |  Ping JR6 when finished

STOP

INSTRUMENT IS READY

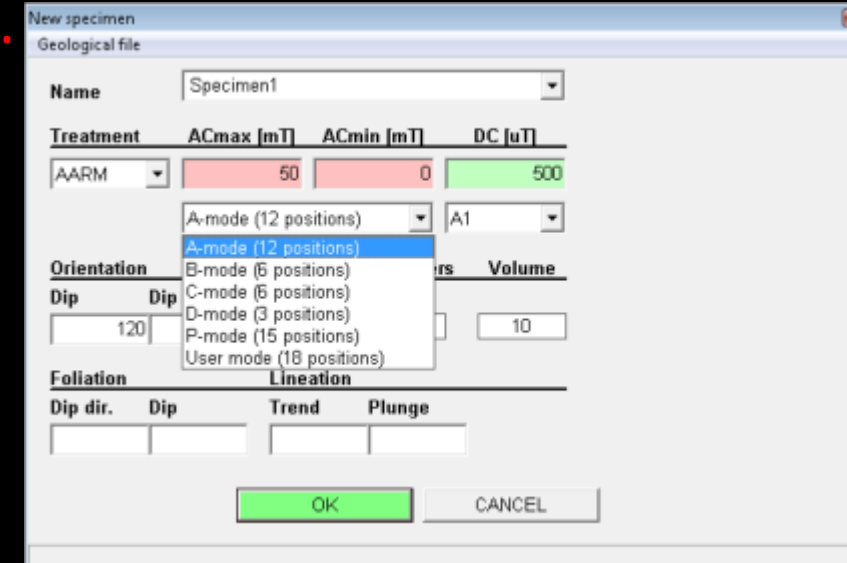
**Rema6**  
Instrument control SW for JR-6(A)

**LDA5**  
Instrument control SW for LDA5

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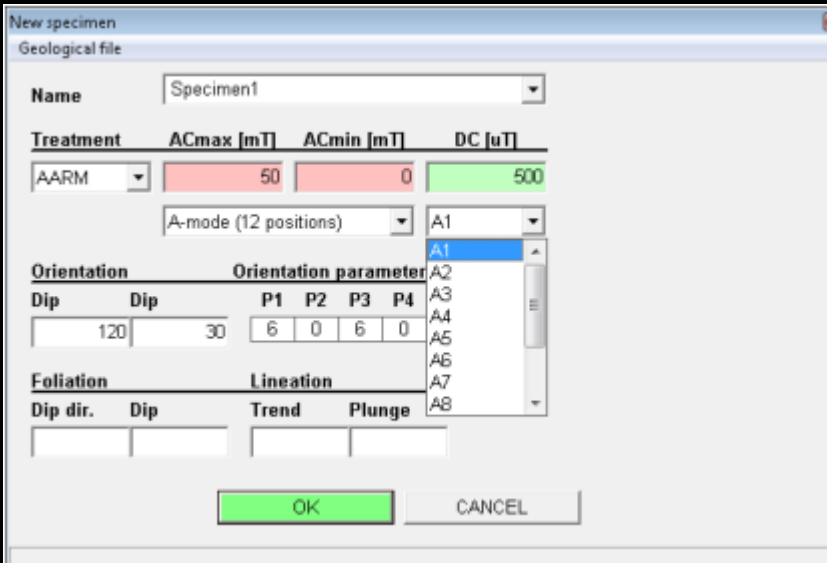
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Orientation parameters					Volume	
	P1	P2	P3	P4		
AARM	30	6	0	6	0	10

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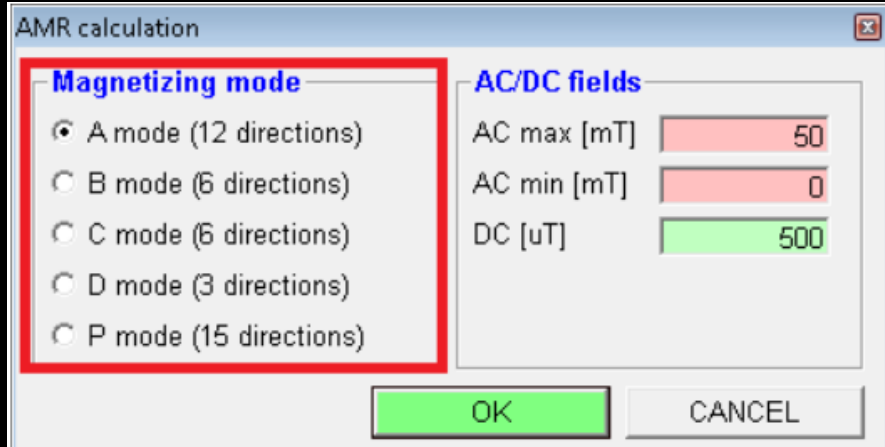
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Treatment	ACmax [mT]	ACmin [mT]	DC [uT]
AARM	50	0	500

Orientation parameters					Volume	
	P1	P2	P3	P4		
A1	30	6	0	6	0	10

4. 

**Magnetizing mode**

- A mode (12 directions)
- B mode (6 directions)
- C mode (6 directions)
- D mode (3 directions)
- P mode (15 directions)

**AC/DC fields**

AC max [mT]

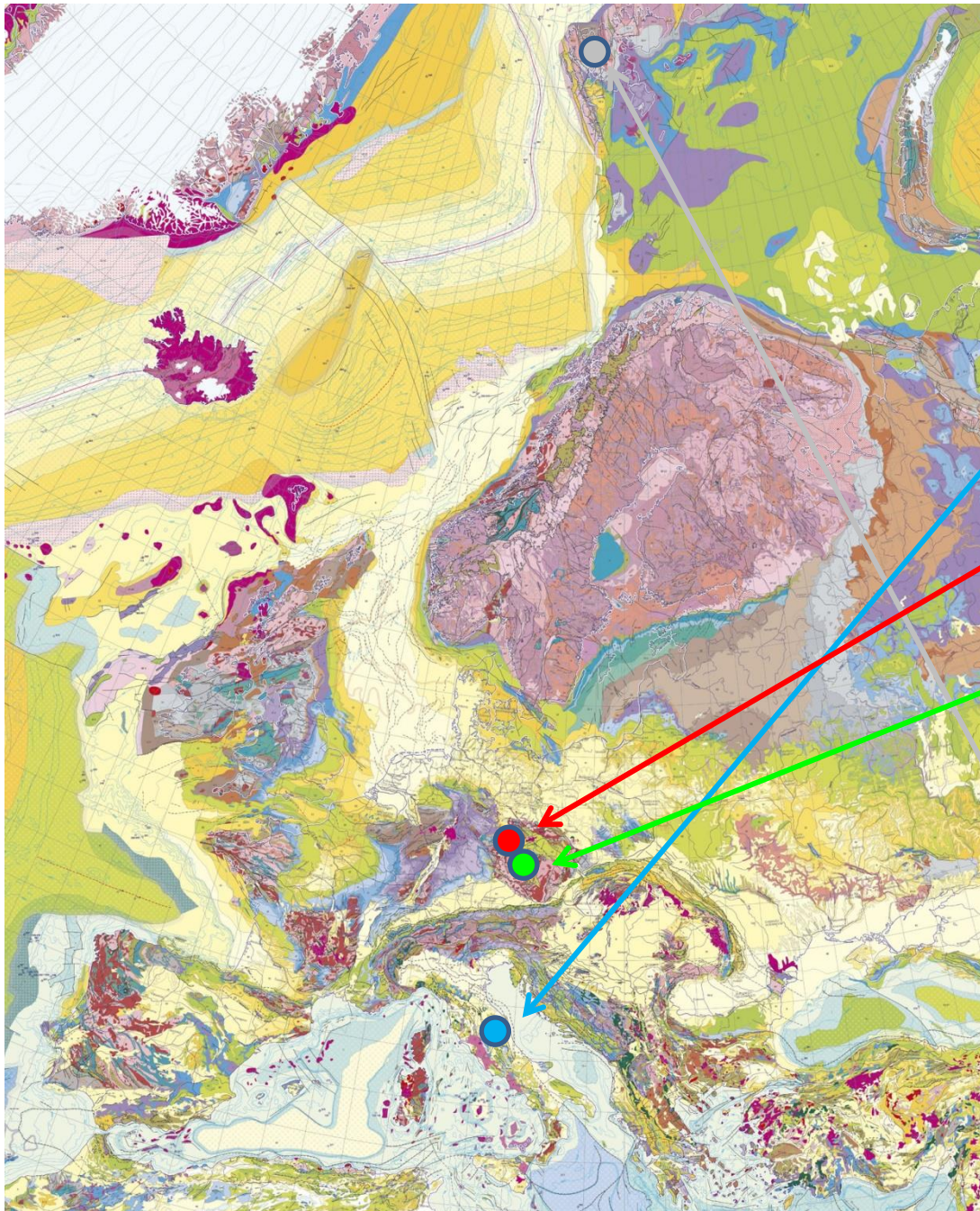
AC min [mT]

DC [uT]



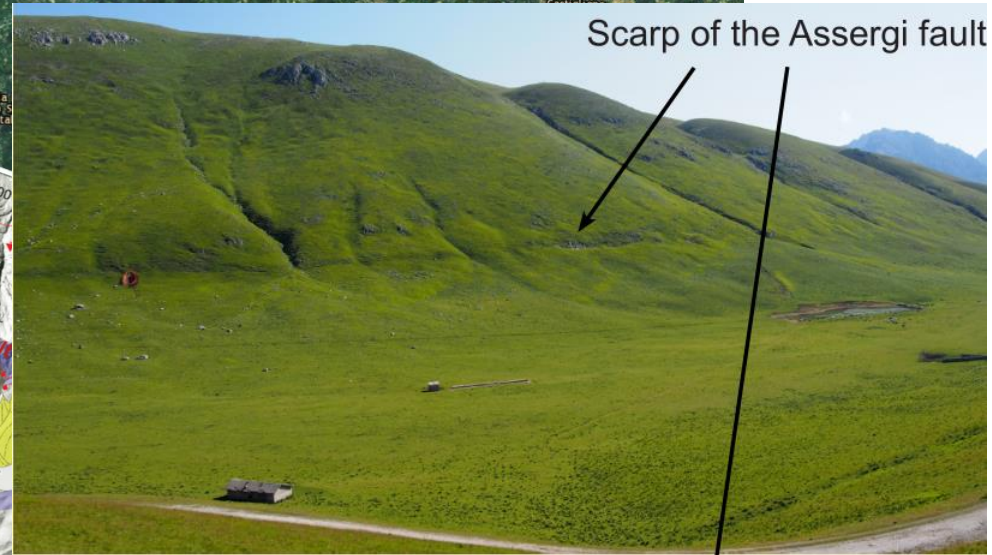
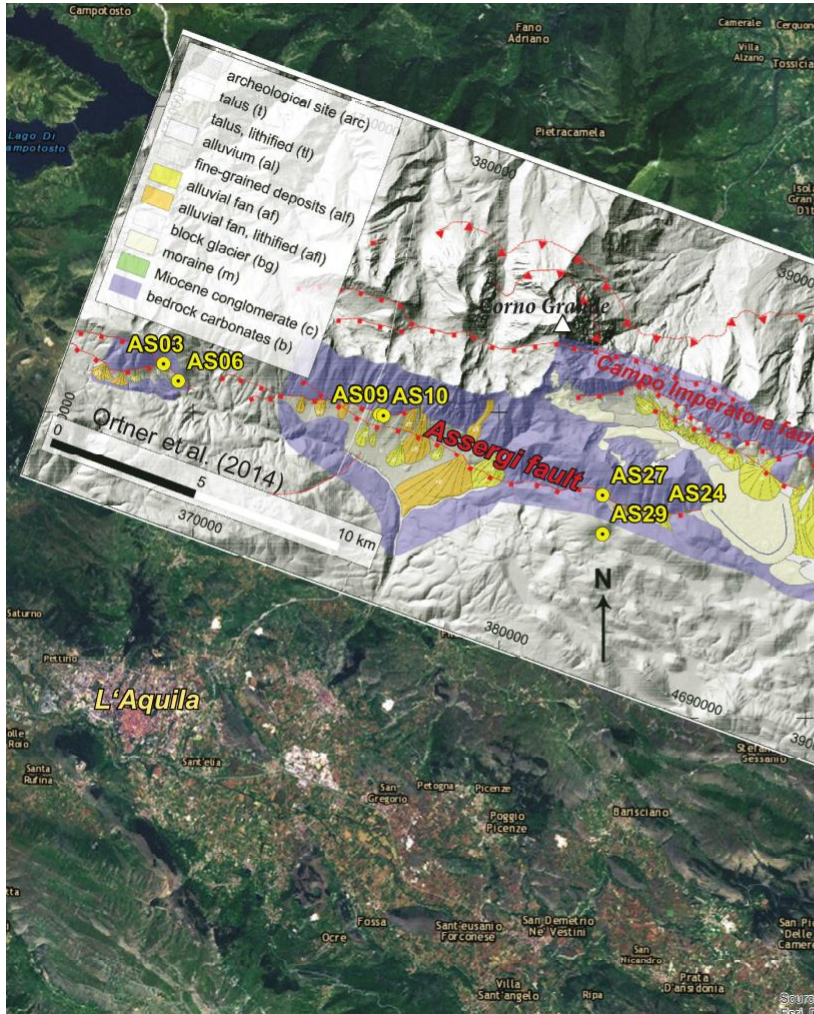
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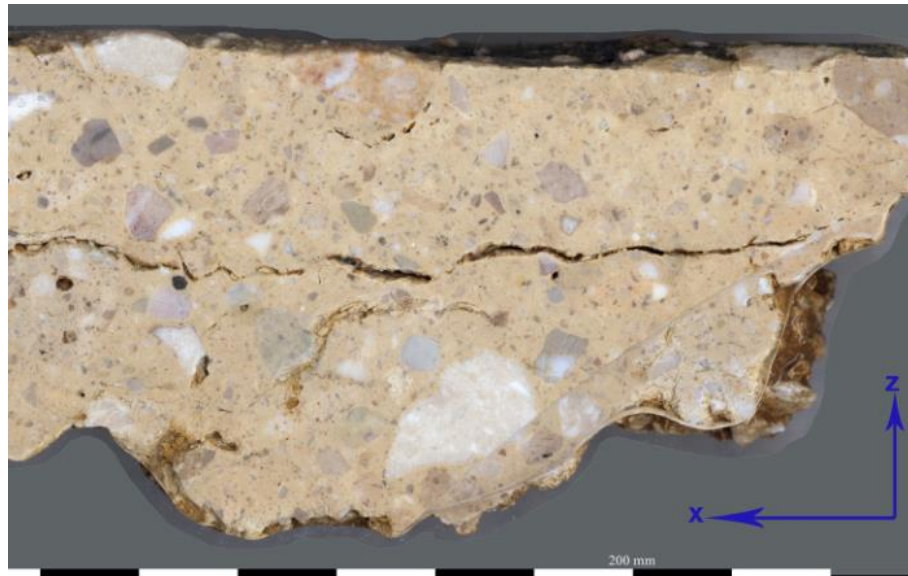
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AS32	Limestone	Italy	Magnetite	ca. 10 E-6
CS34	Camptonite (volcanic rock)	Czech Republic	Titanomagnetite	ca. 150 E-3
JH10	Shale	Czech Republic	Pyrrhotite	ca. 800 E-6
VIK01	Mudstone	Svalbard	Magnetite	ca. 300 E-6



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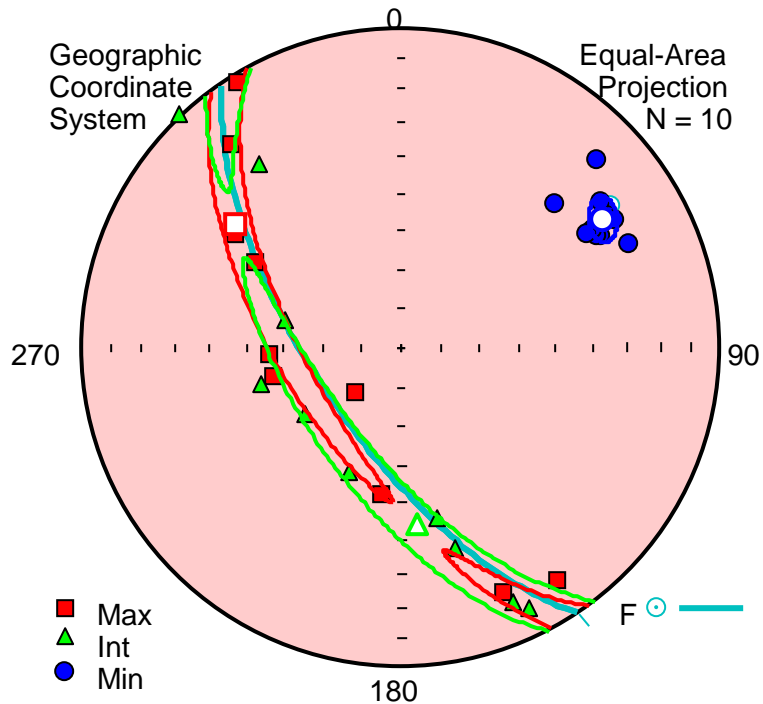




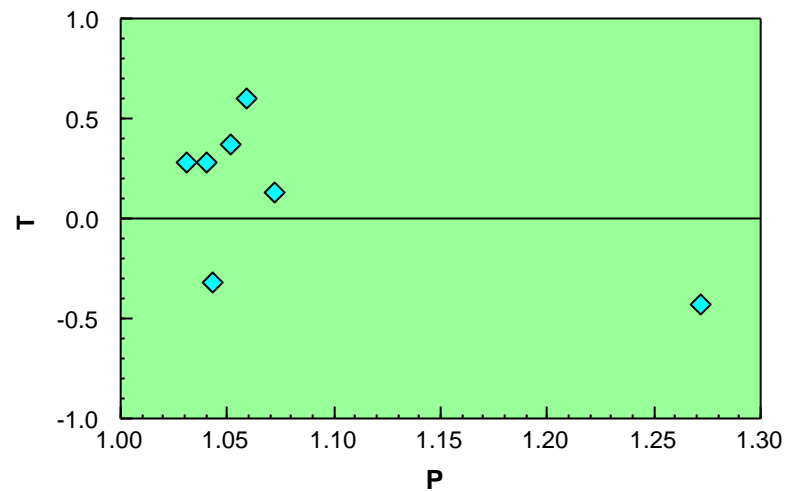
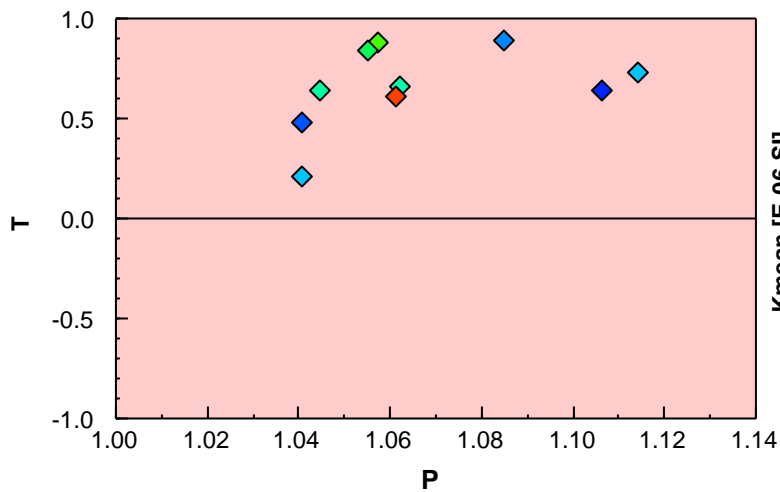
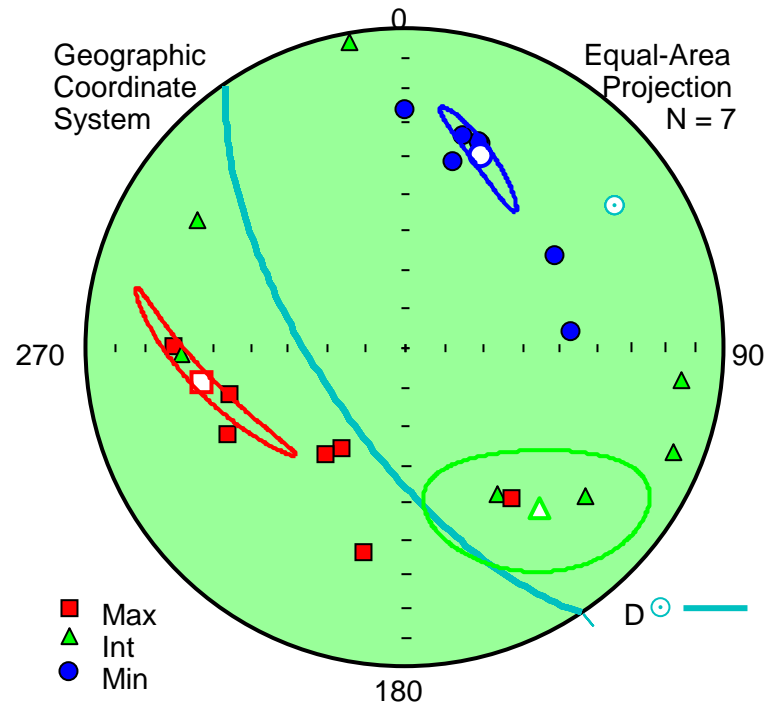


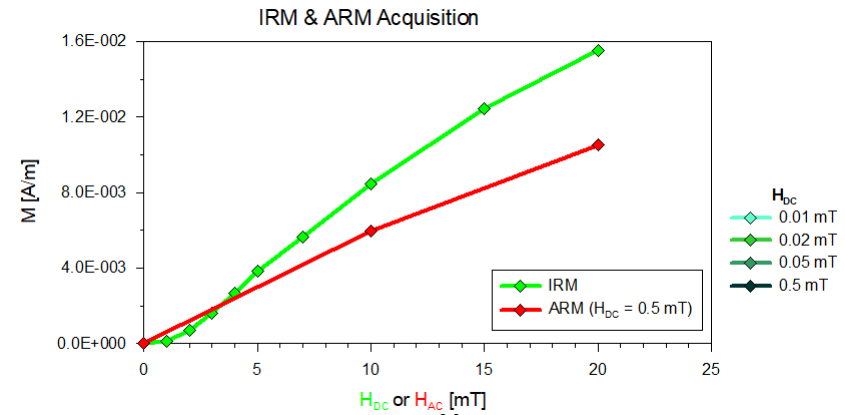
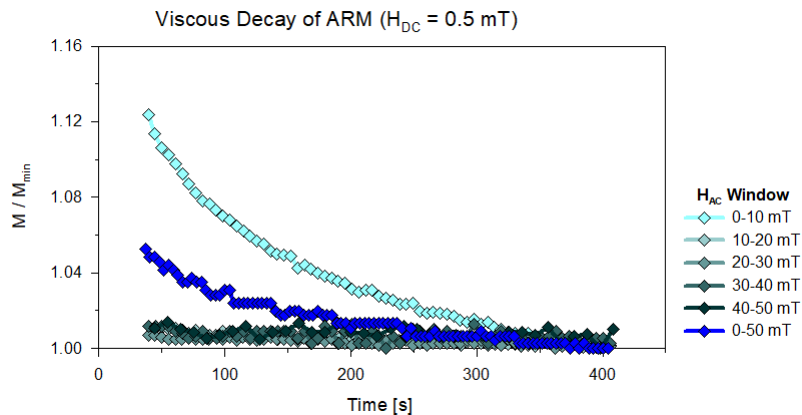
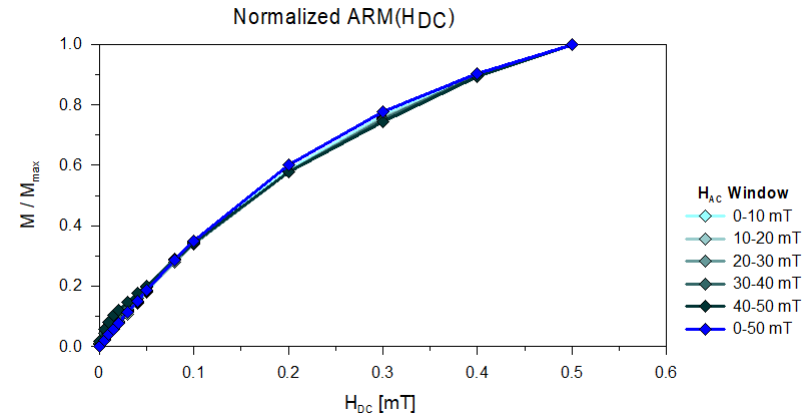
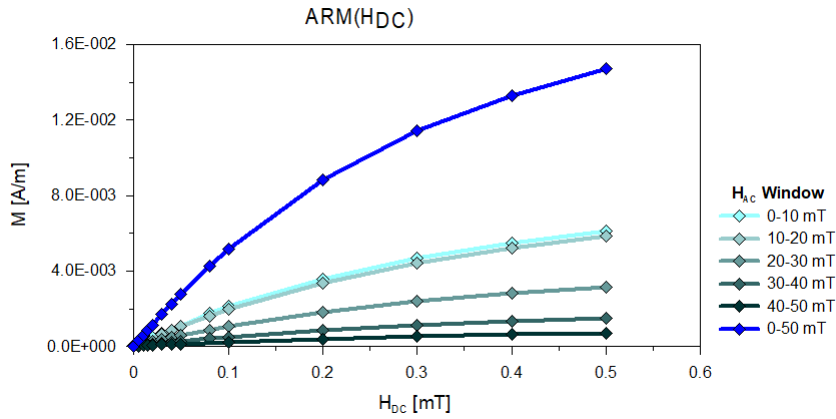
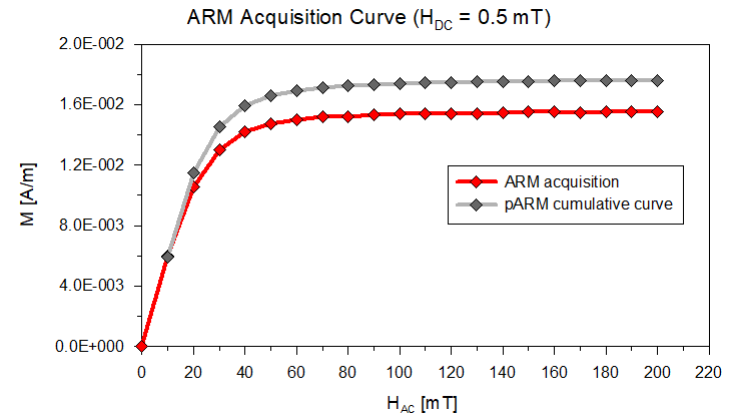
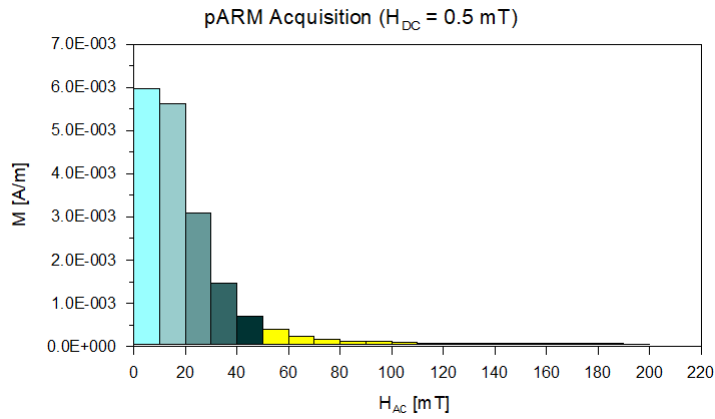
Ultracataclastic talus breccia. The fault rock is polymict and has the strongest susceptibility in this dataset. Nevertheless the magnetic fabric is not stronger or better constrained than in the other sites. K3 axes plot perfectly in the fault plane pole, whereas K1 and K2 are nearly undefined. Weak positive susceptibility.

### AMS



### AAMR





$H_{AC} = 20 - 40 \text{ mT}$ ,  $H_{DC} = 0.5 \text{ mT}$

Weak magnetization  
Weak anisotropy

Demag. after each position ( $U1-D, U2$ )  
Demag. after each pair of positions ( $U1-U2-D$ )

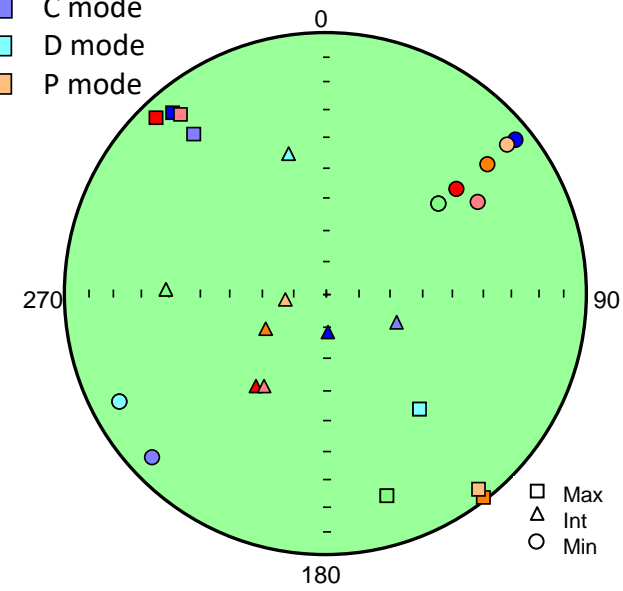
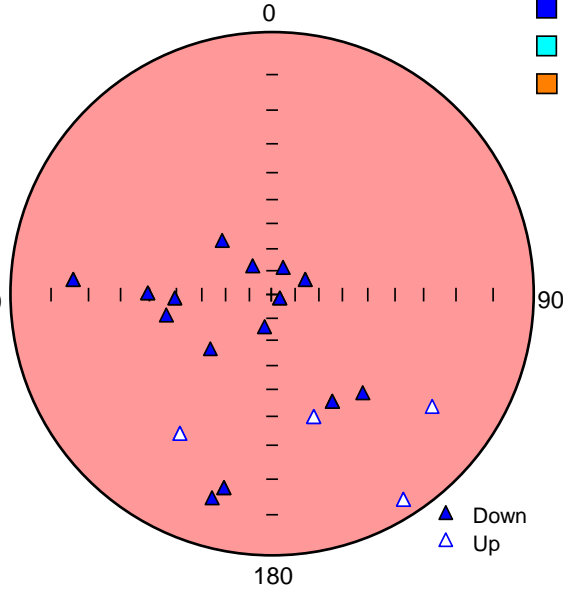
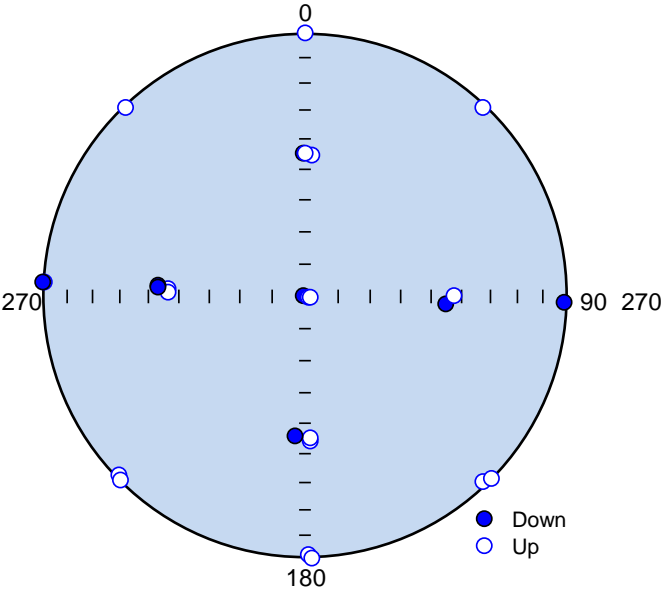
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AARM tensors

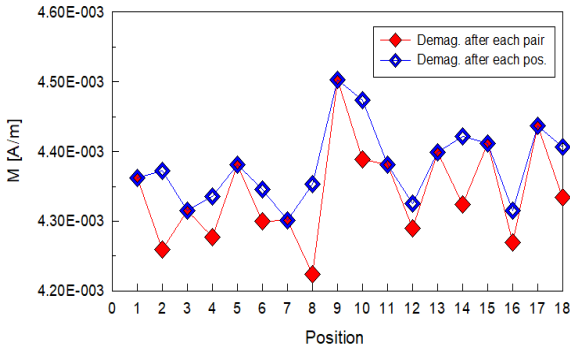
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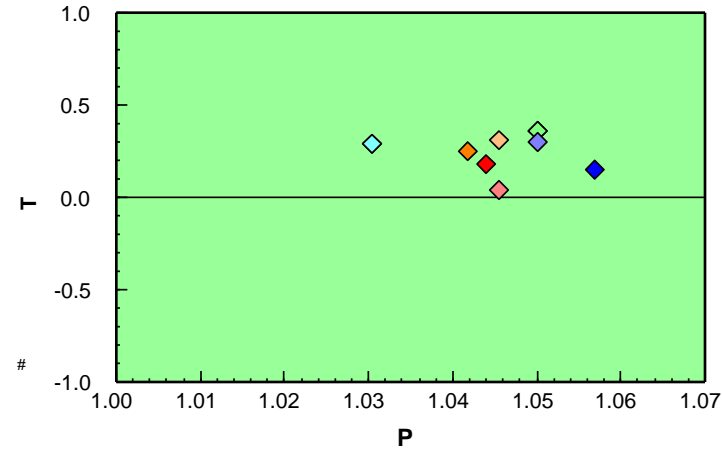
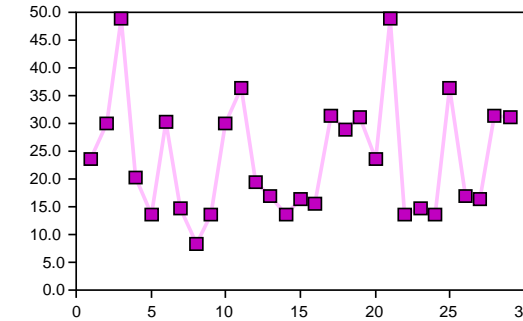
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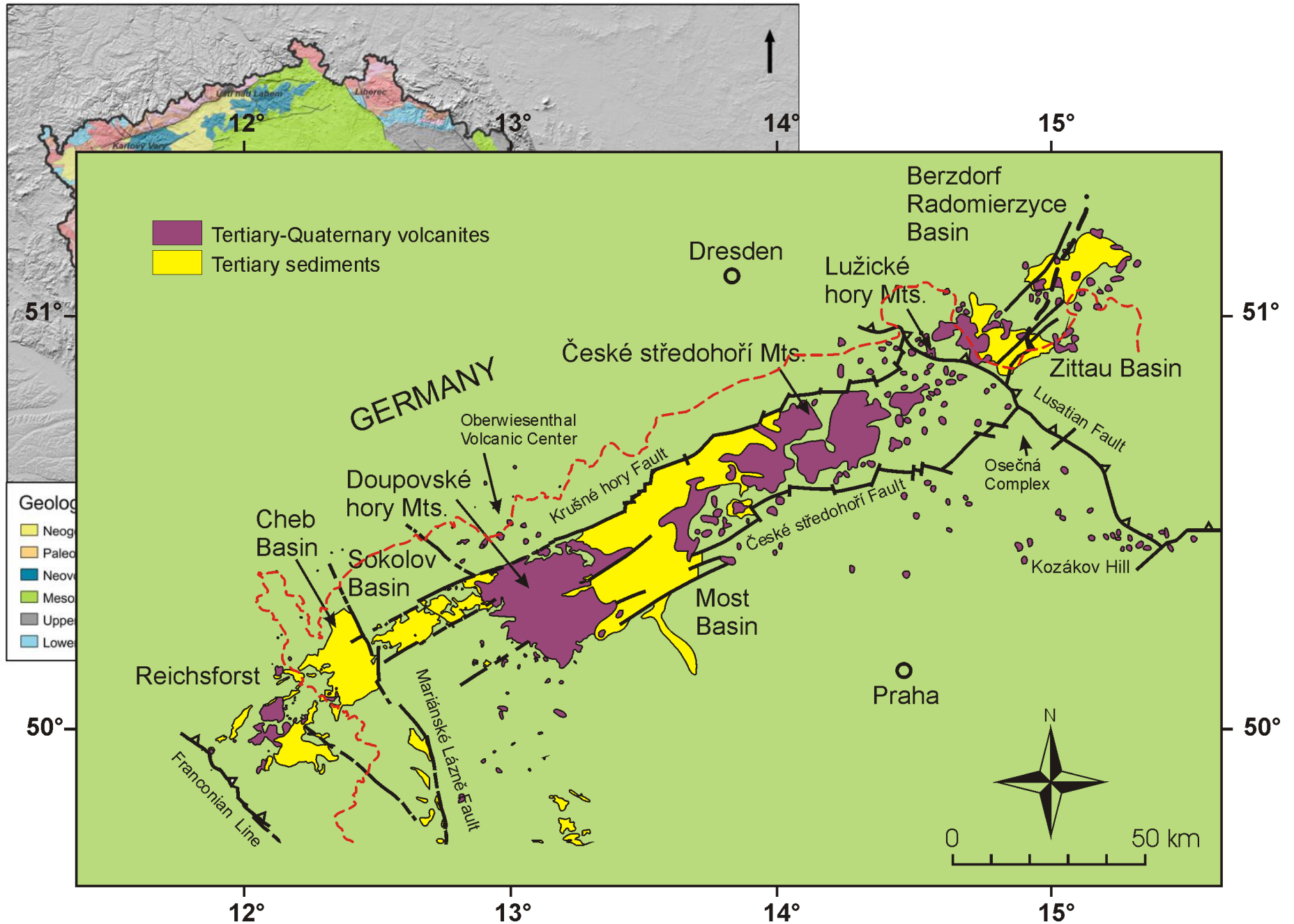


ARM (AC=20-40 mT, DC=0.5 mT)



M [E-06 A/m]

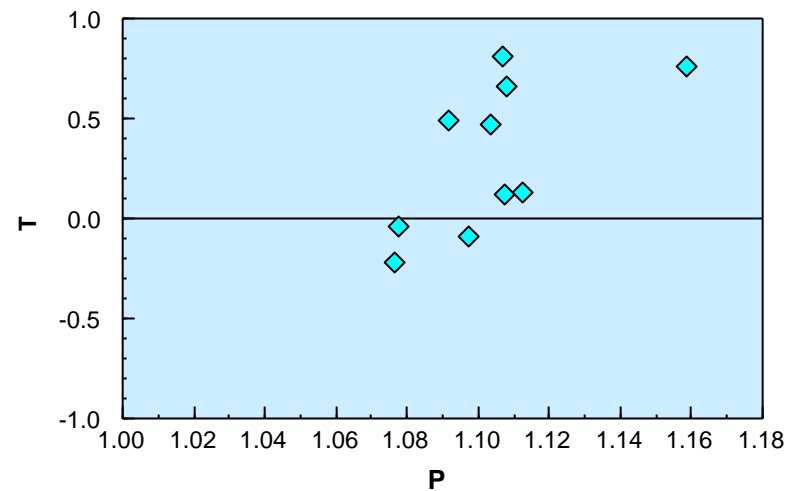
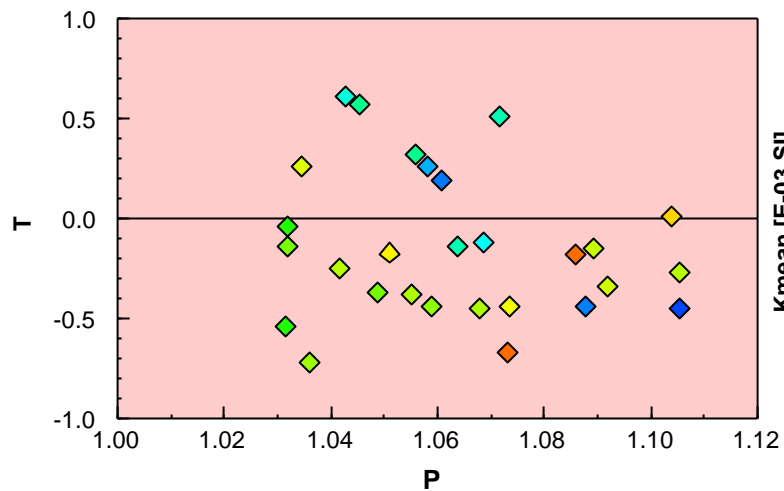
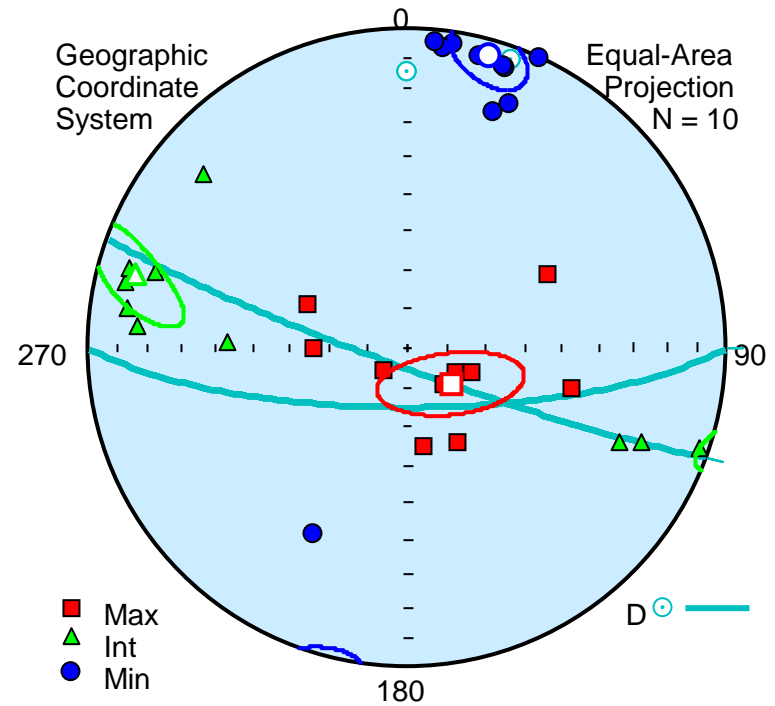
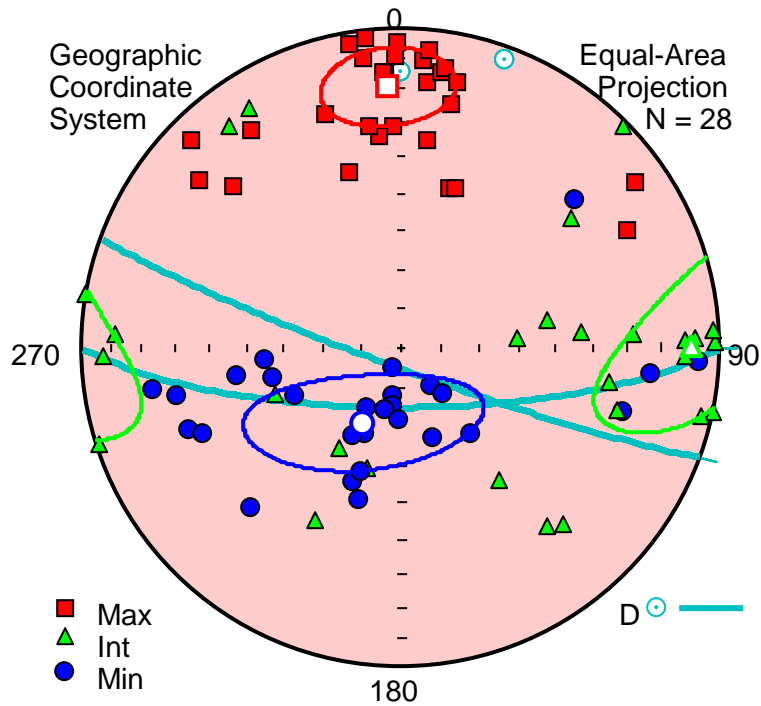




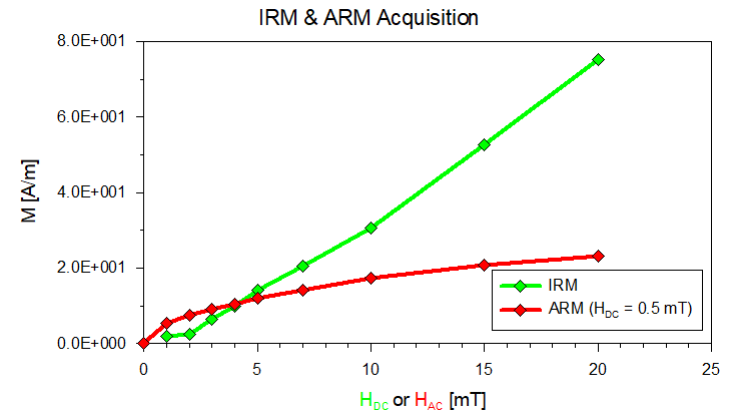
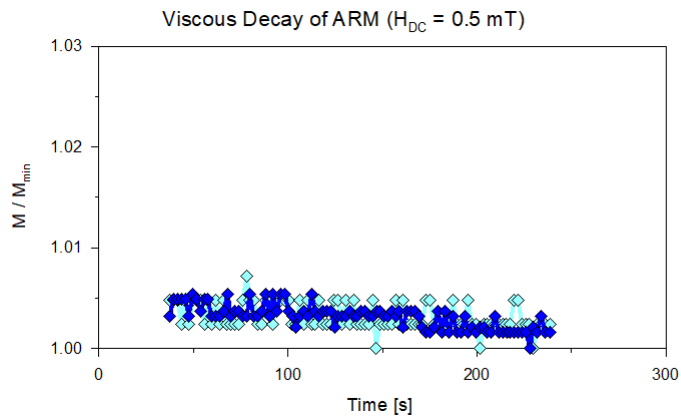
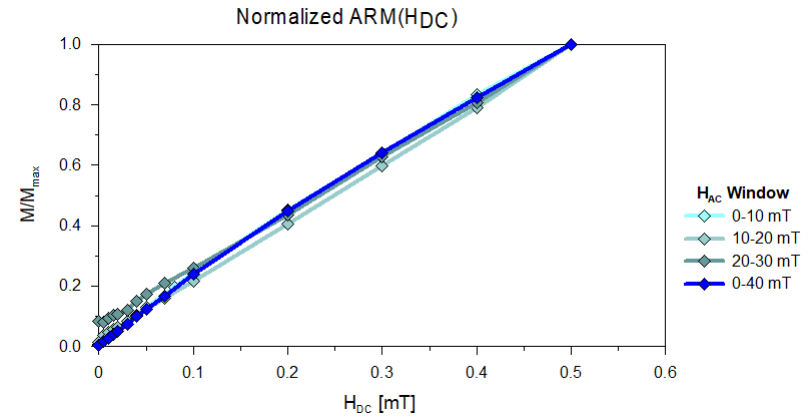
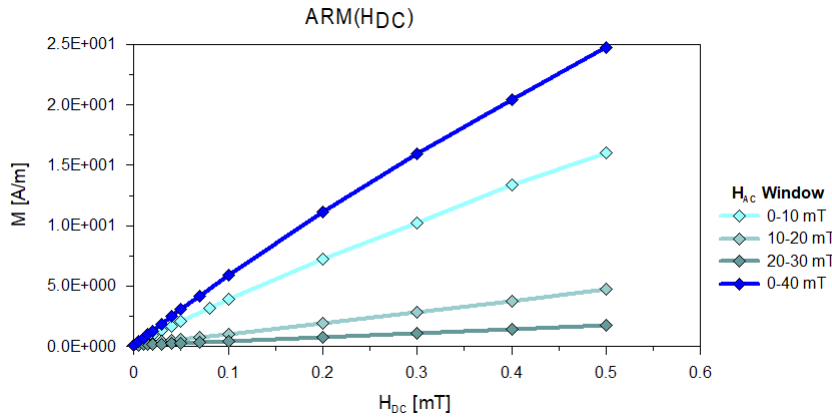
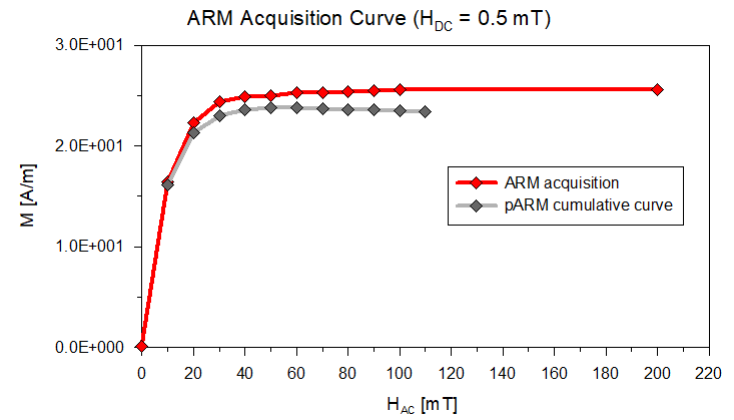
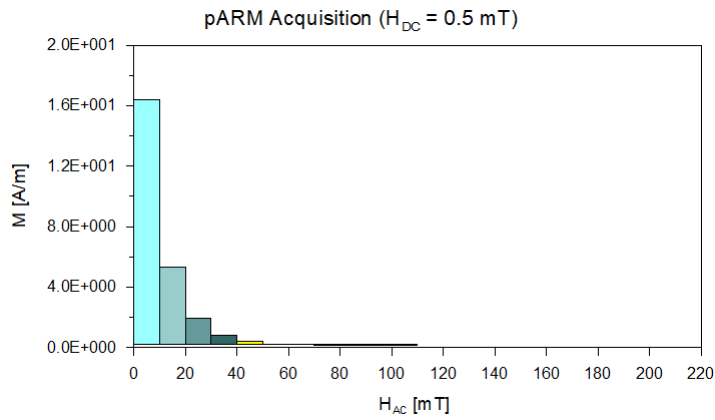


AMS

AAMR







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Very strong magnetization!  
Weak anisotropy

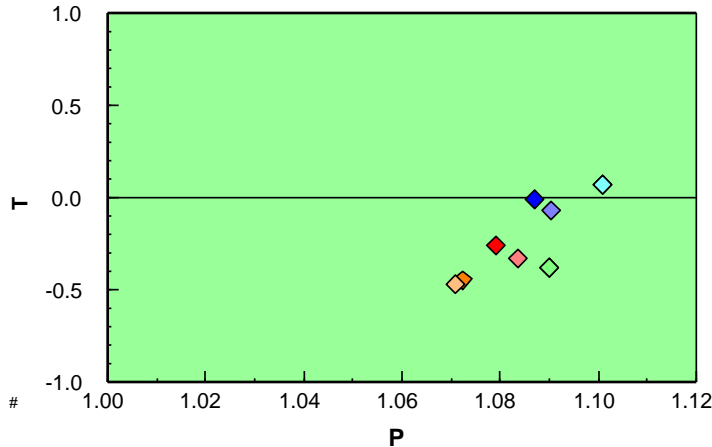
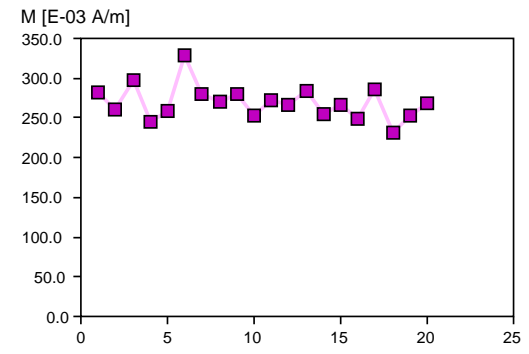
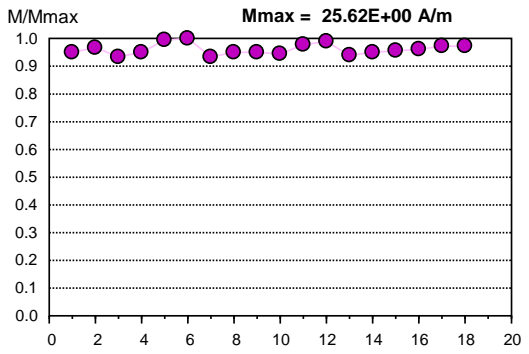
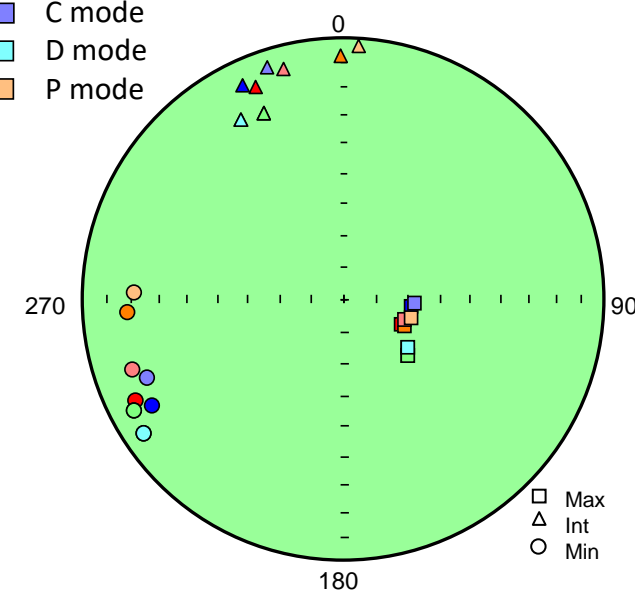
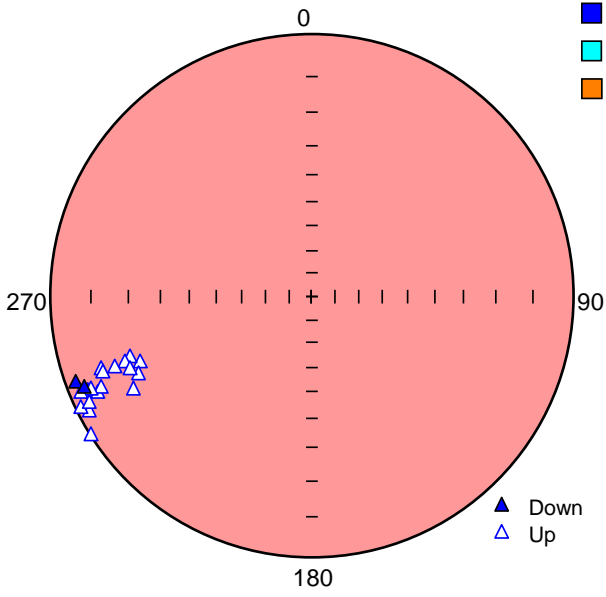
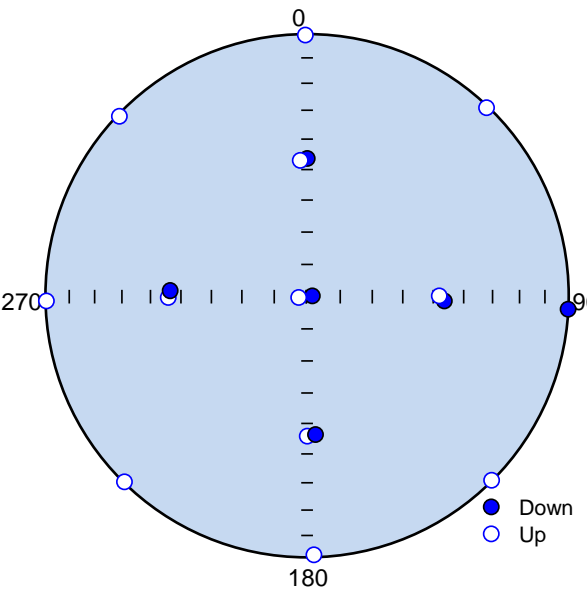
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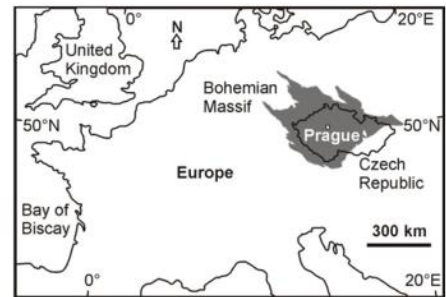
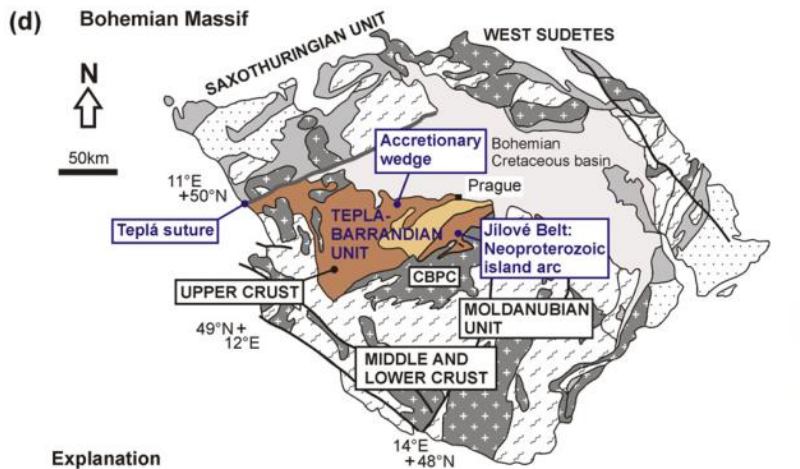
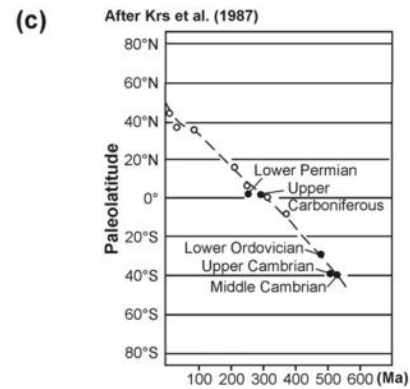
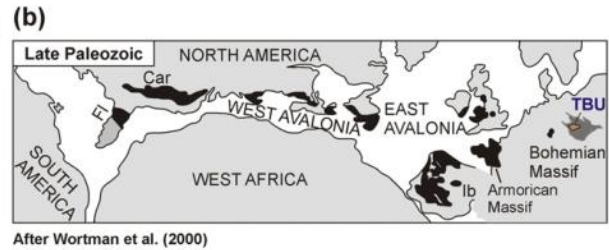
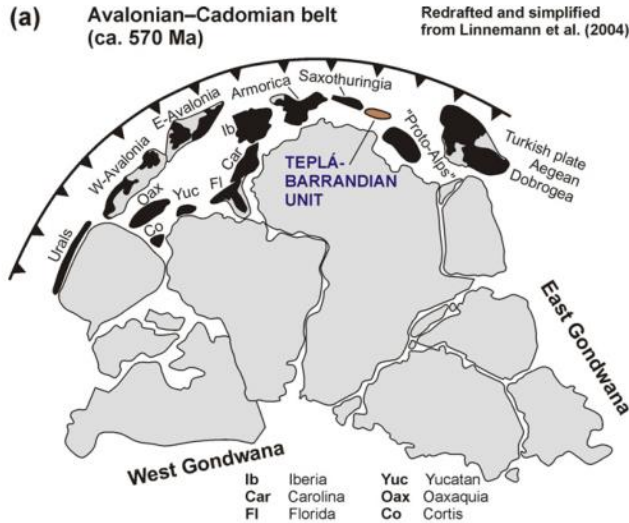
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AARM tensors

Magnetizing directions

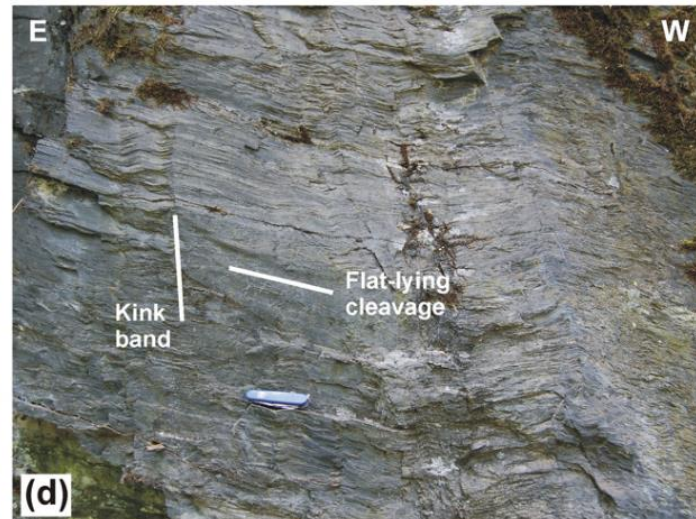
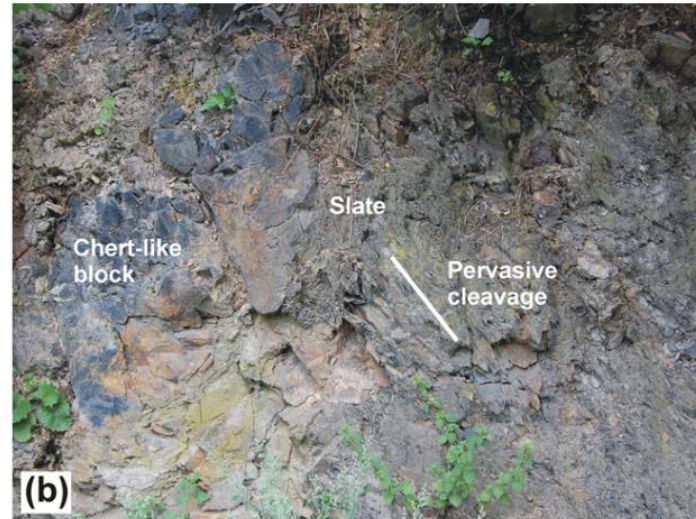
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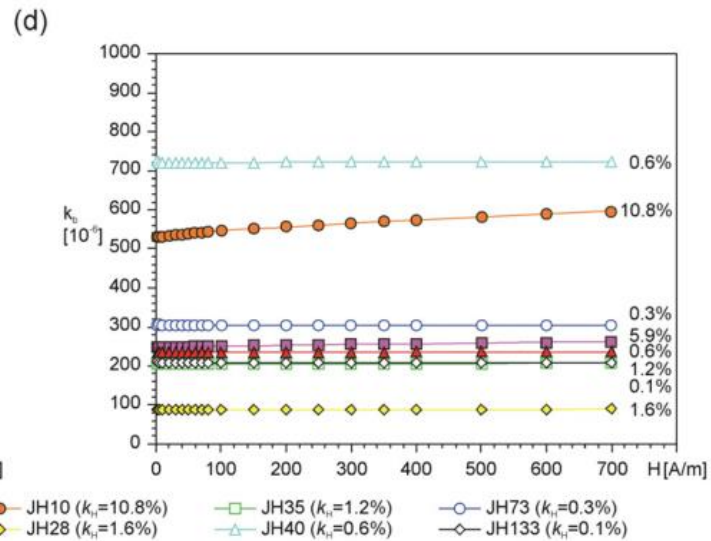
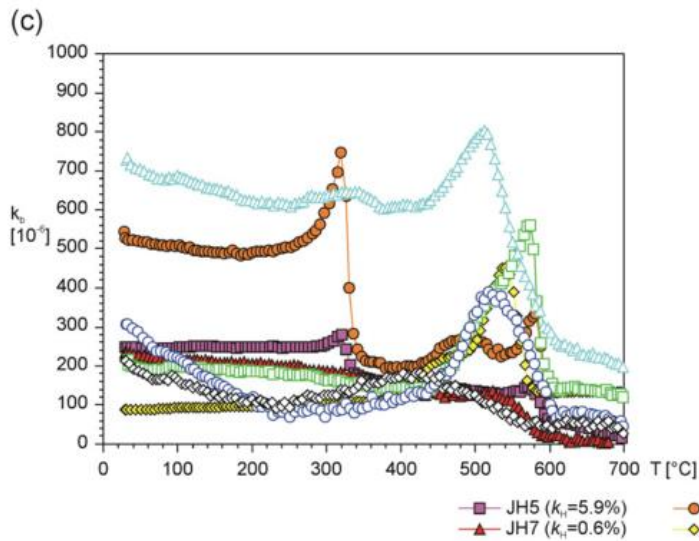
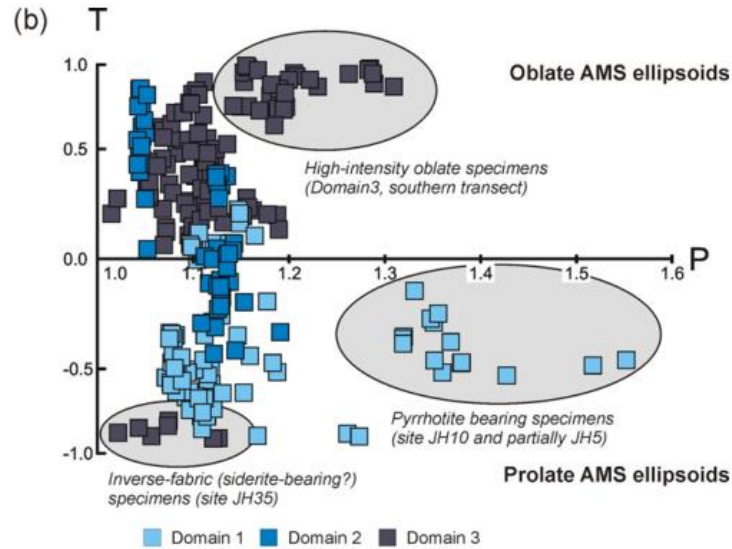
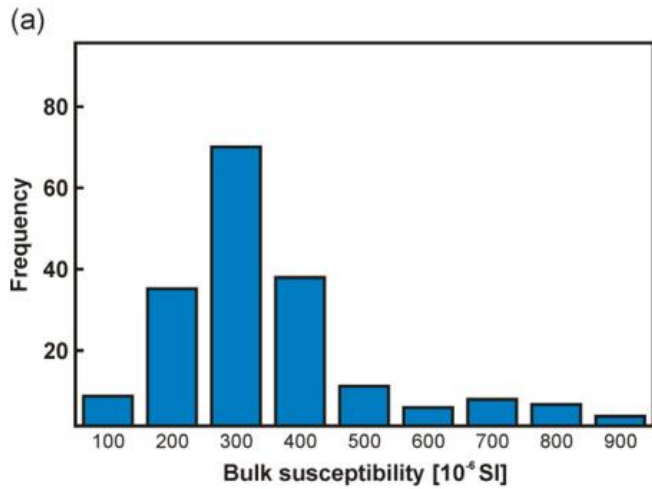


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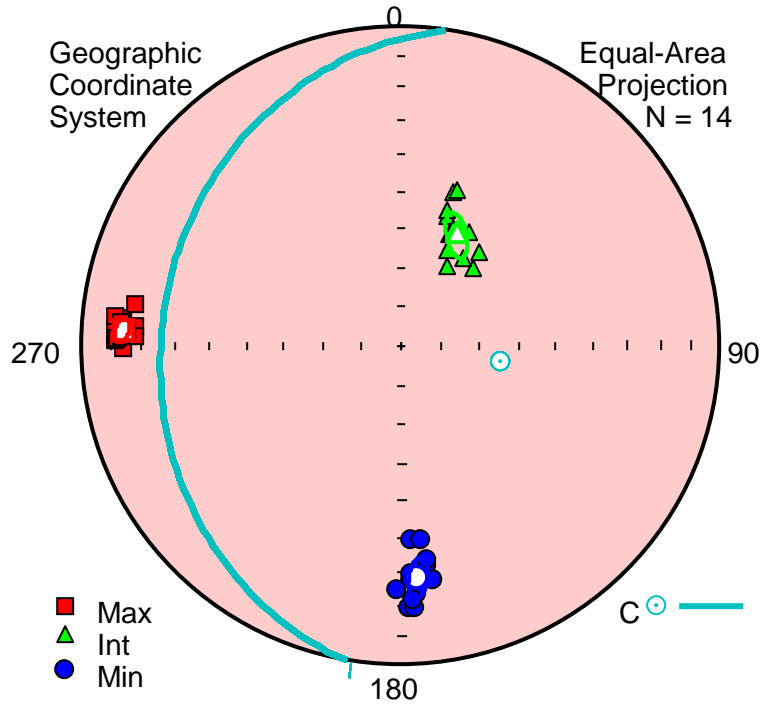
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- Plutonic rocks (undifferentiated)
- Cambrian - Lower Carboniferous sedimentary sequences



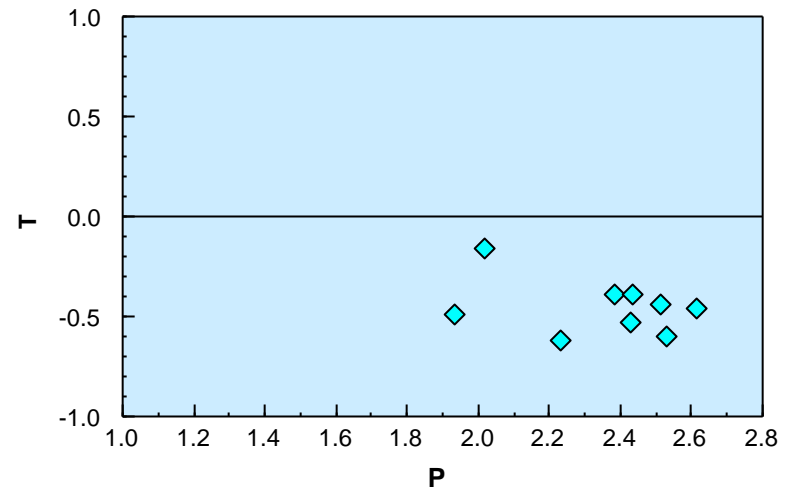
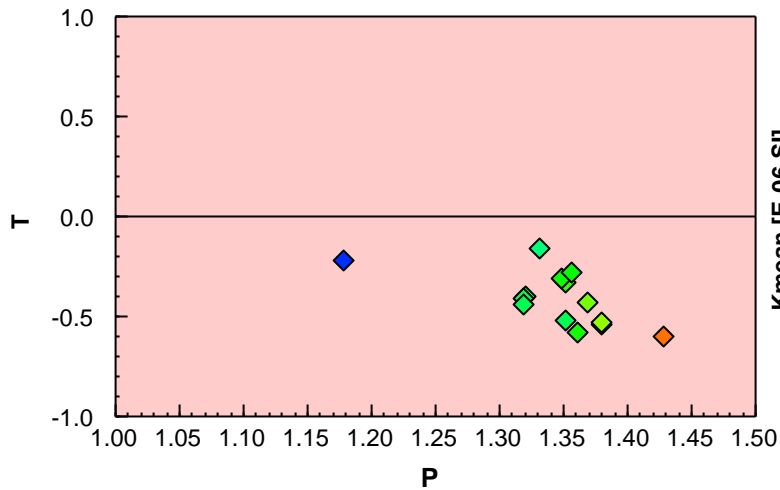
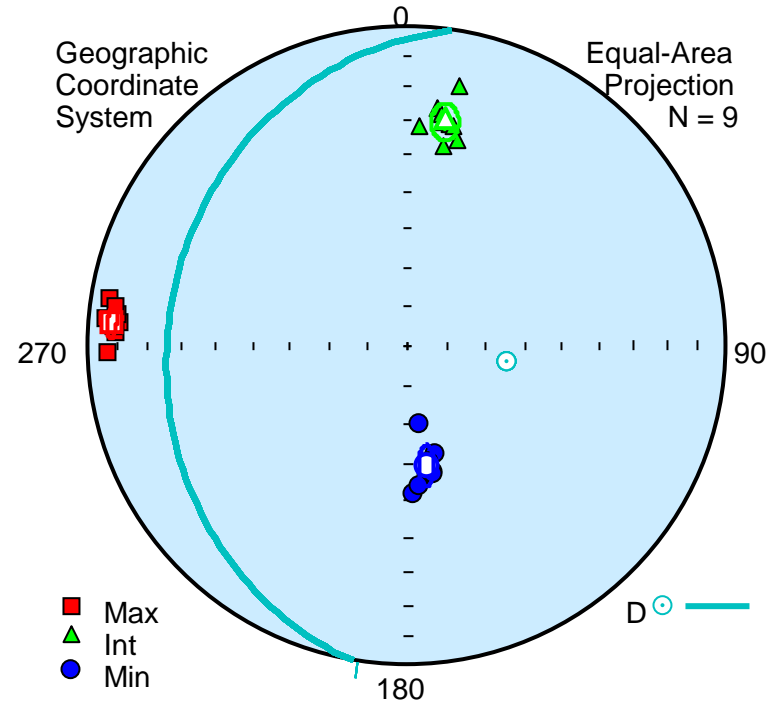
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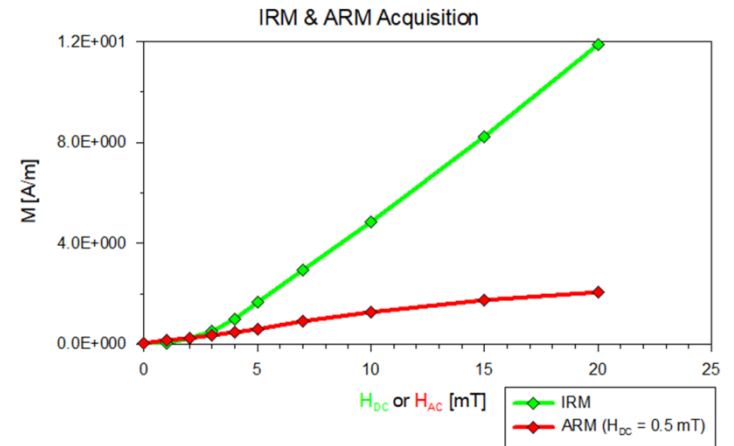
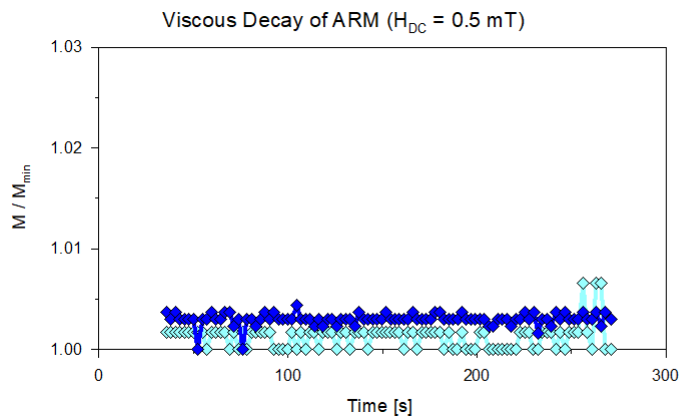
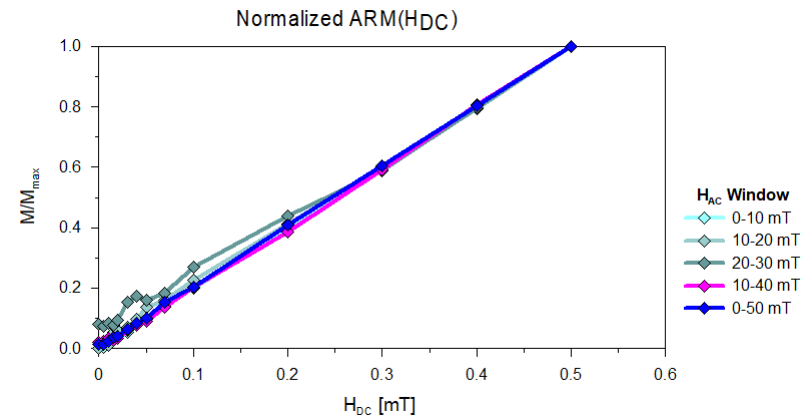
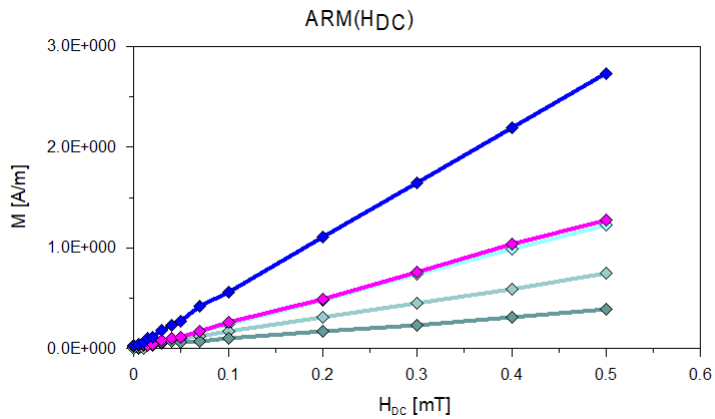
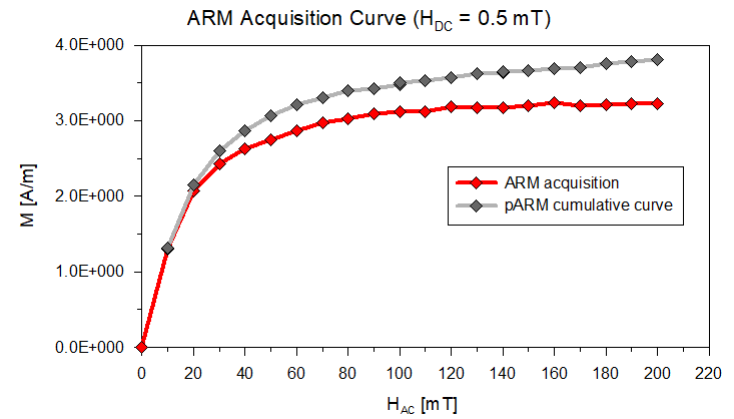
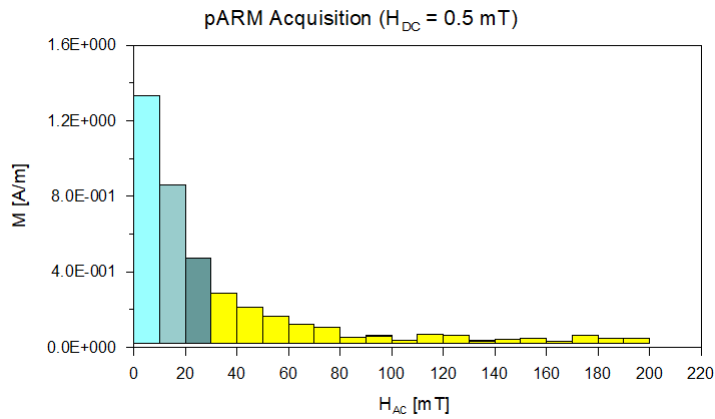


### AMS



### AAMR

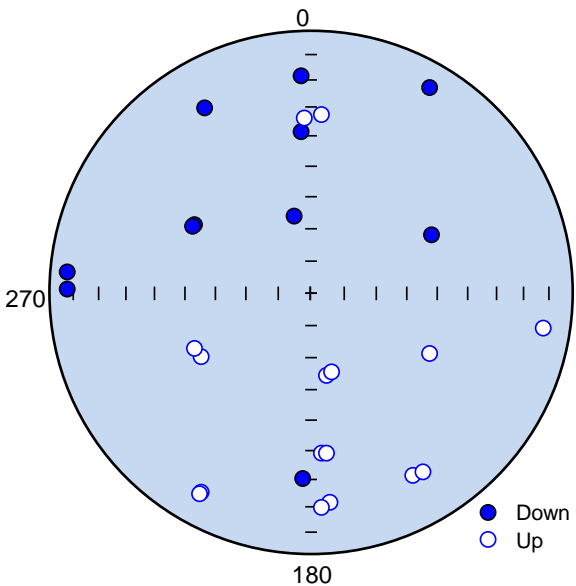




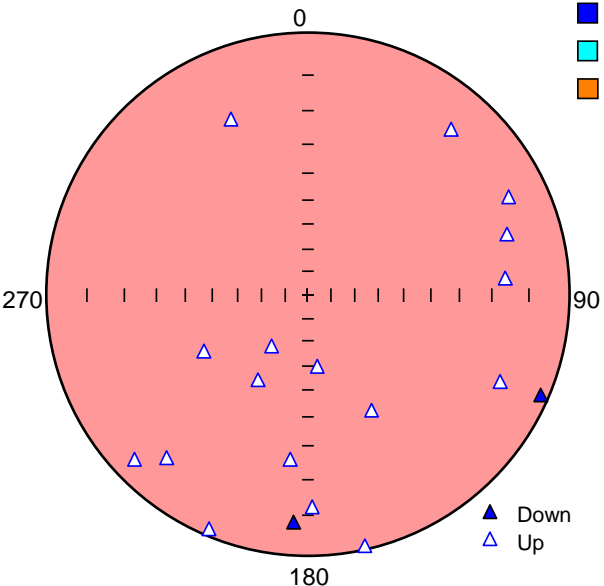
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Strong magnetization  
Very strong anisotropy!

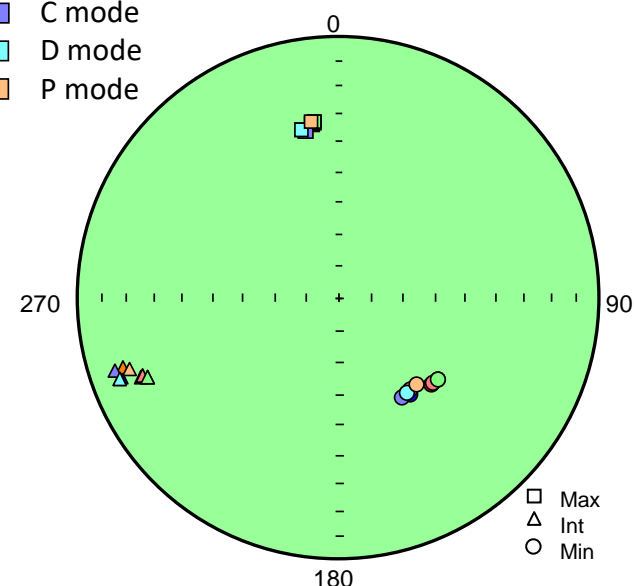
Magnetizing directions



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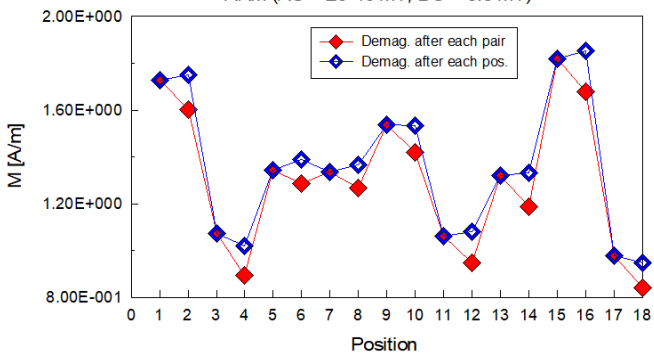


AARM tensors

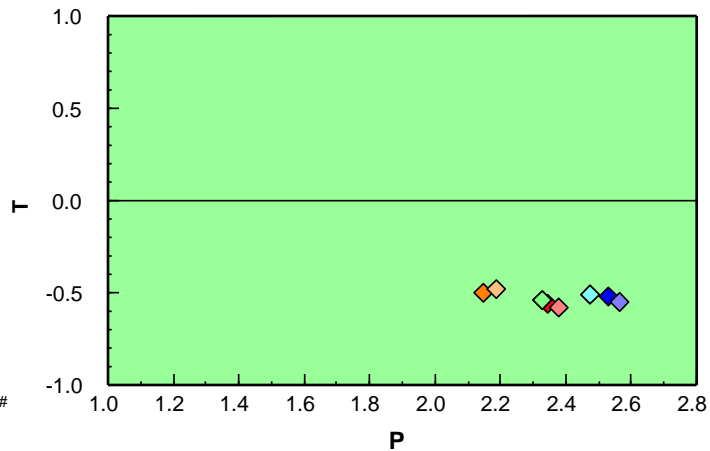
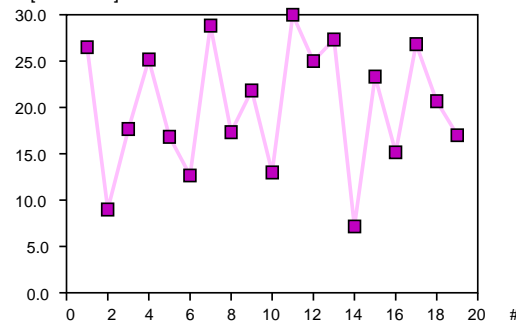


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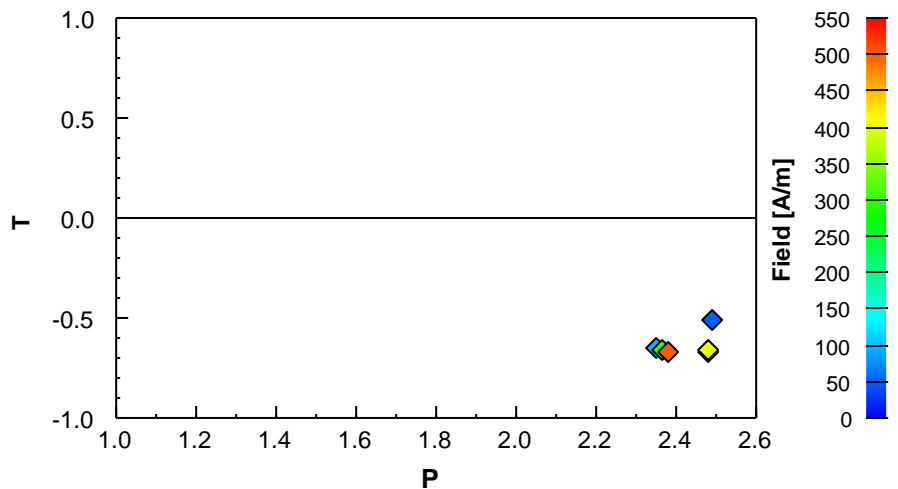
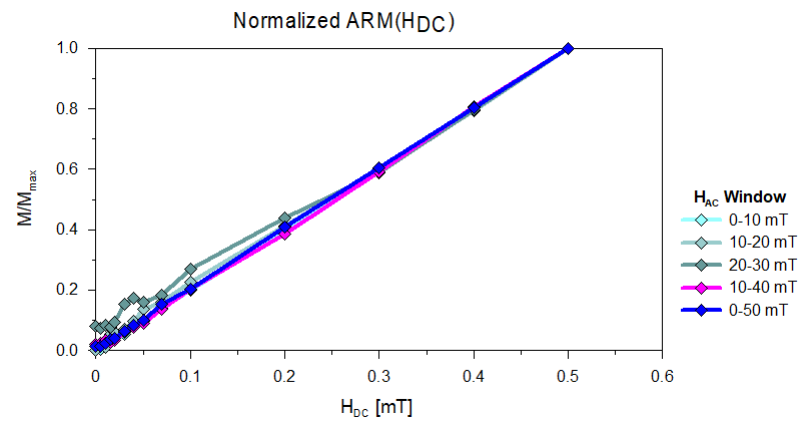
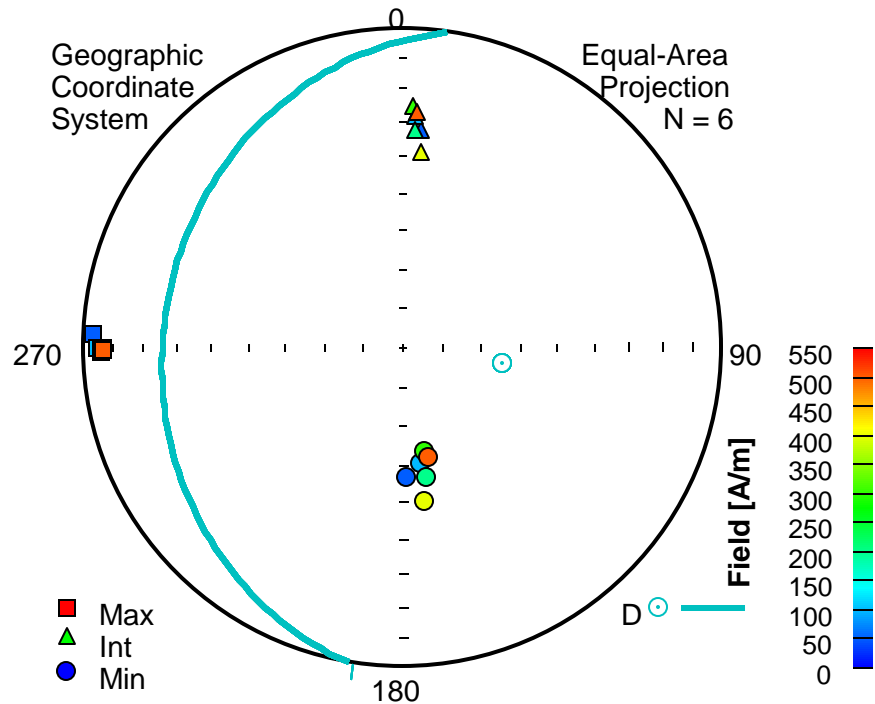
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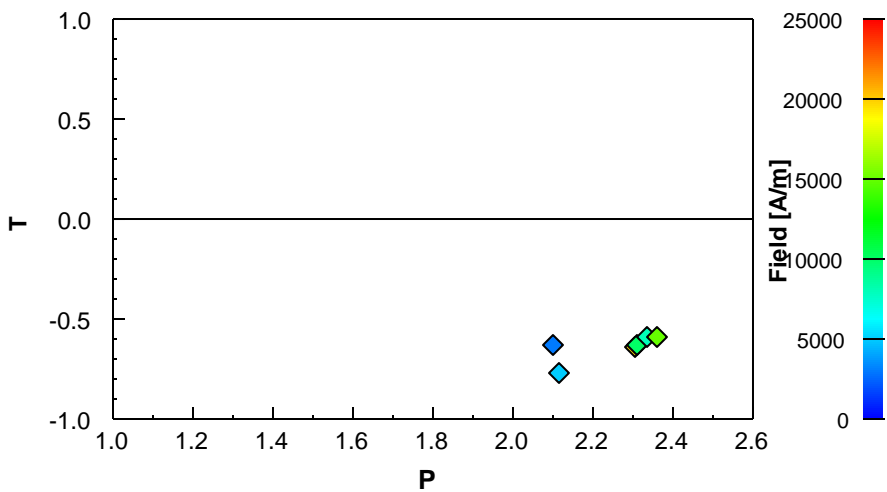
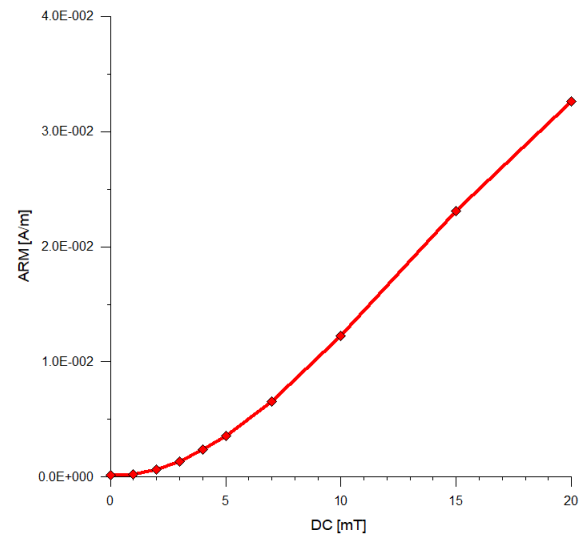
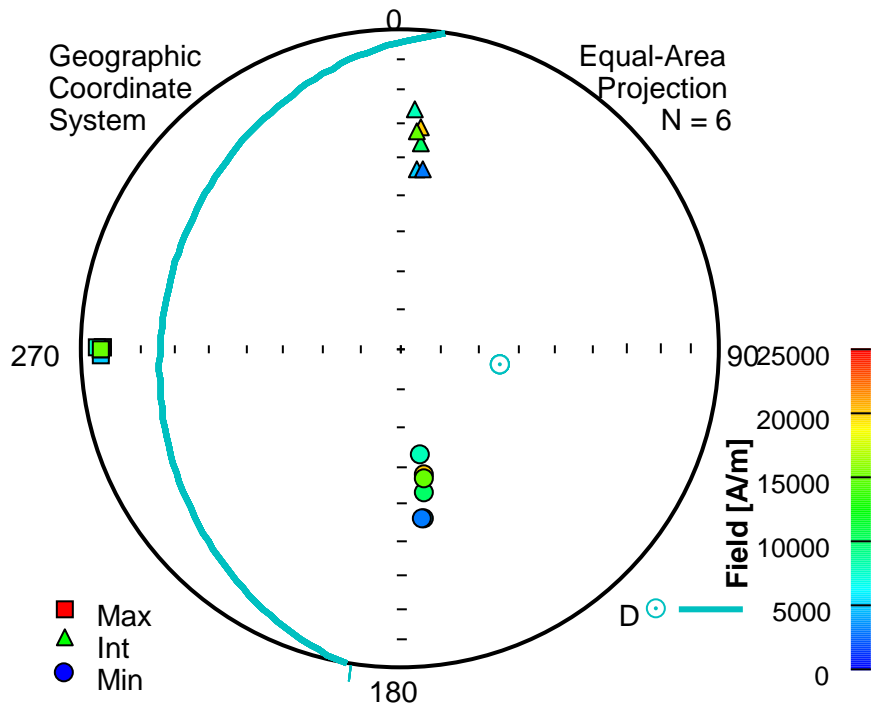


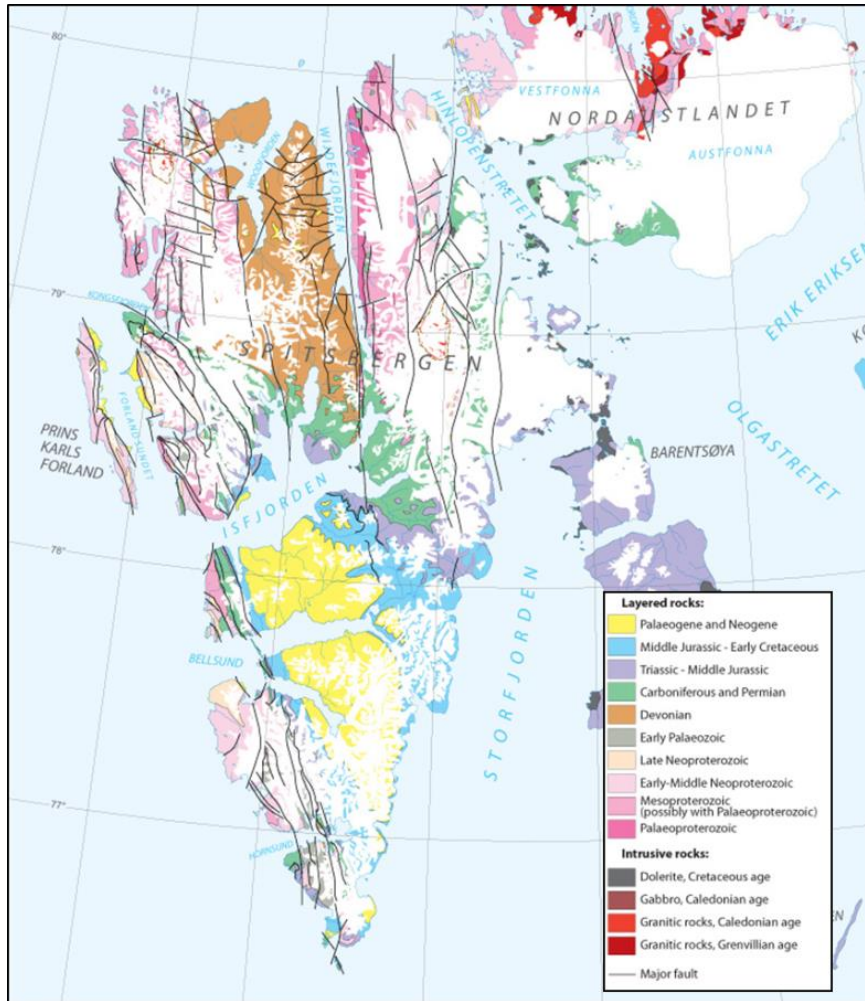
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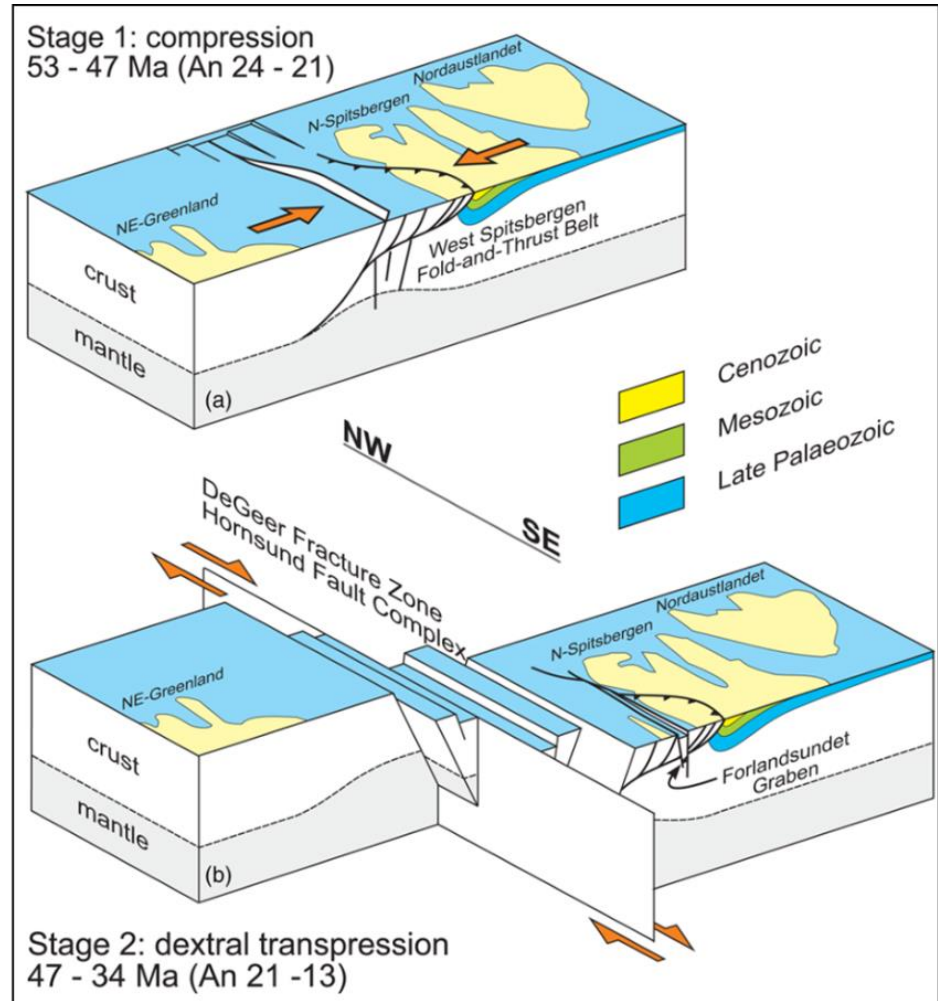




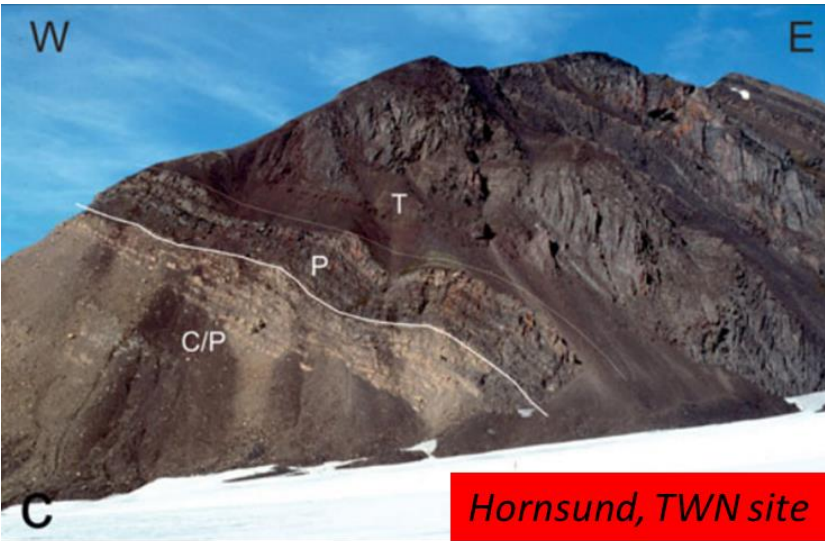




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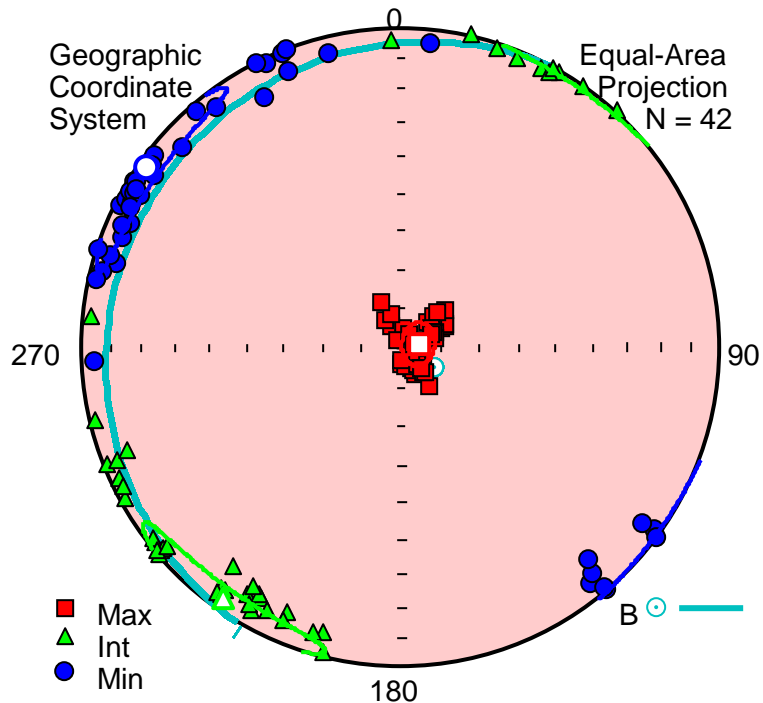
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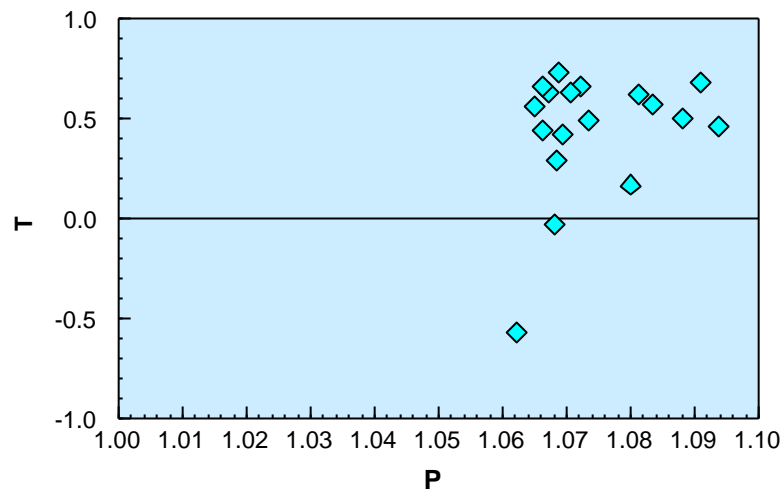
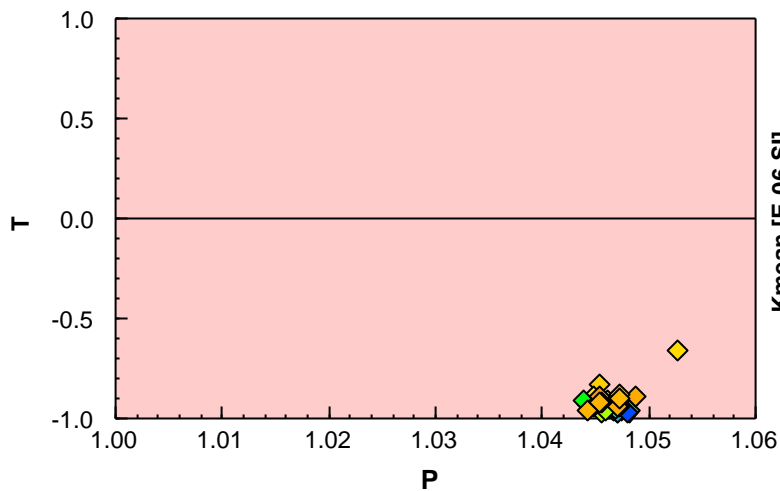
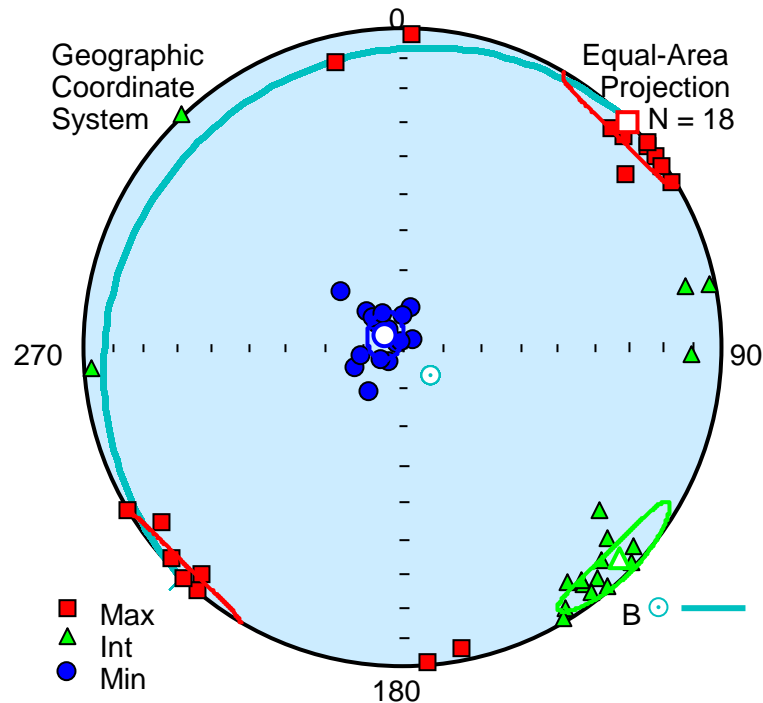
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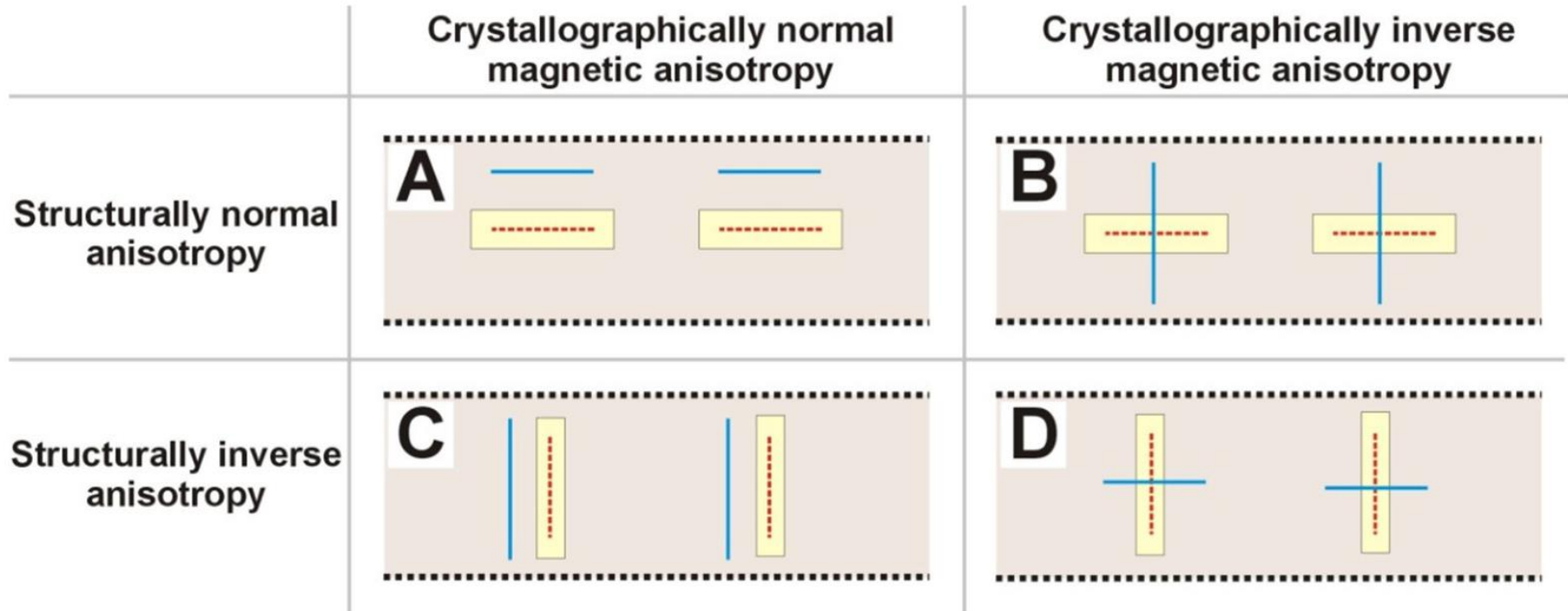
### AMS



### AAMR



Mineralogically controlled



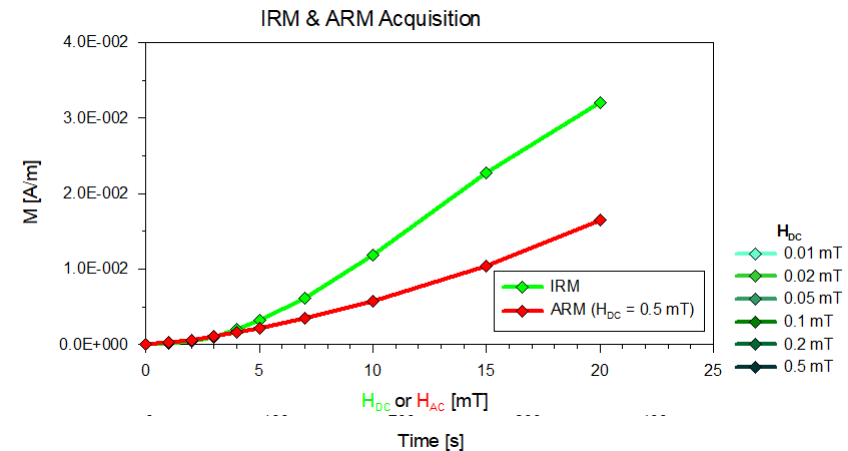
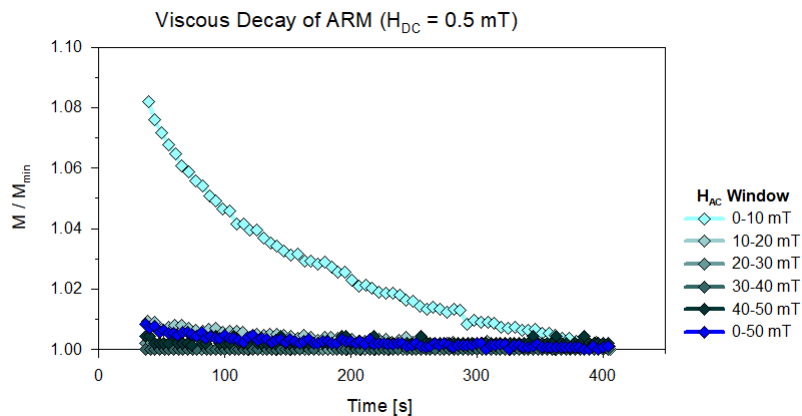
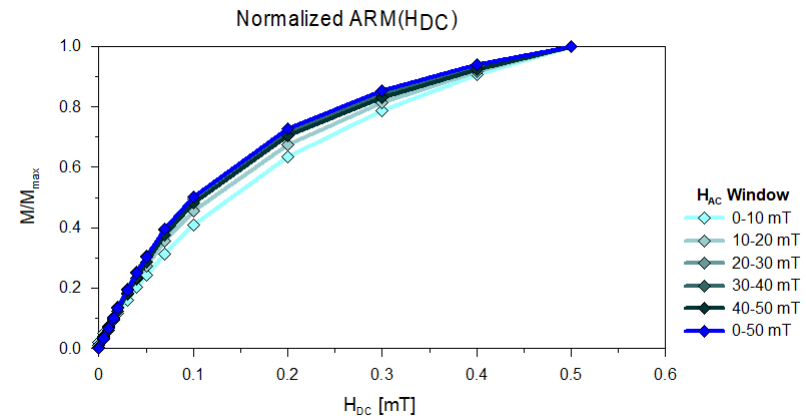
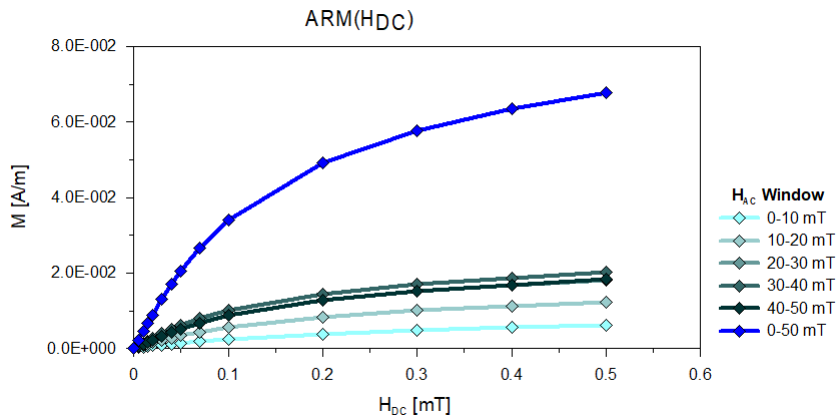
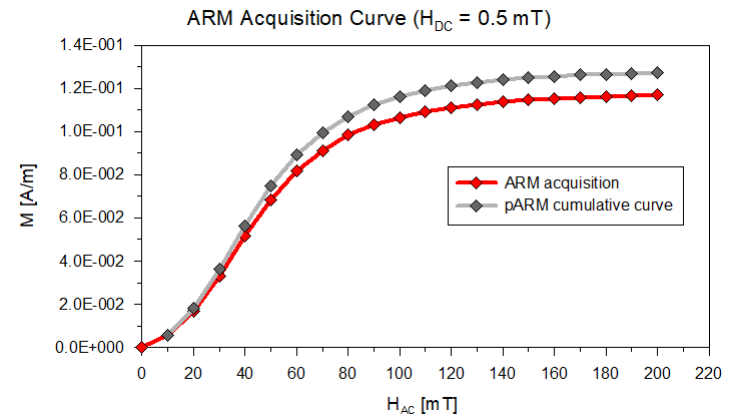
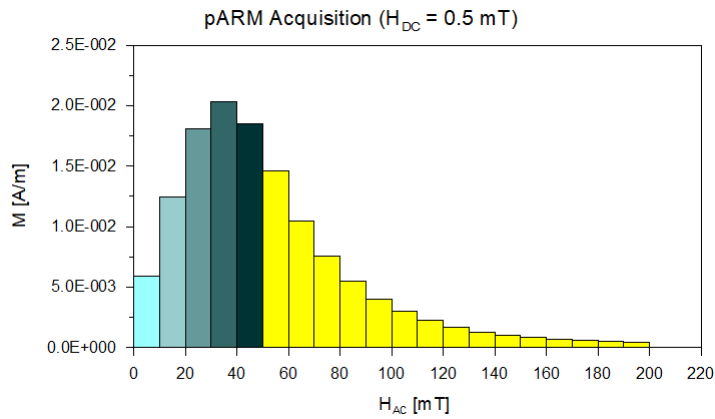
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—  $K_1$  Direction

- - - - - c-axis of a Mineral

..... Bedding Plane

□ Mineral Grain/Crystal



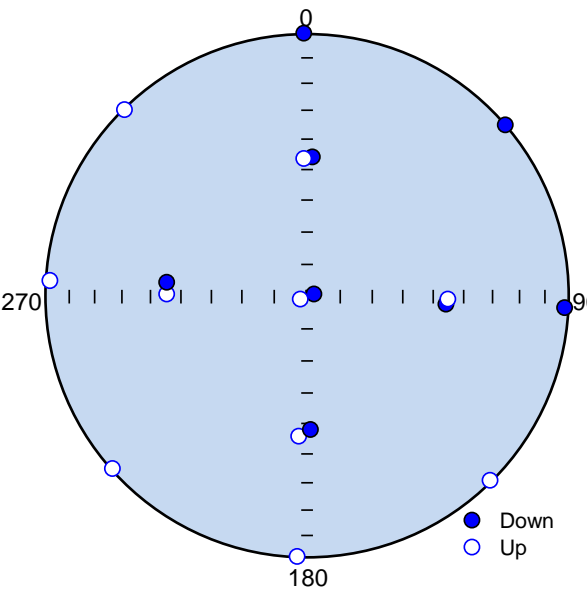
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Moderate magnetization  
Weak anisotropy

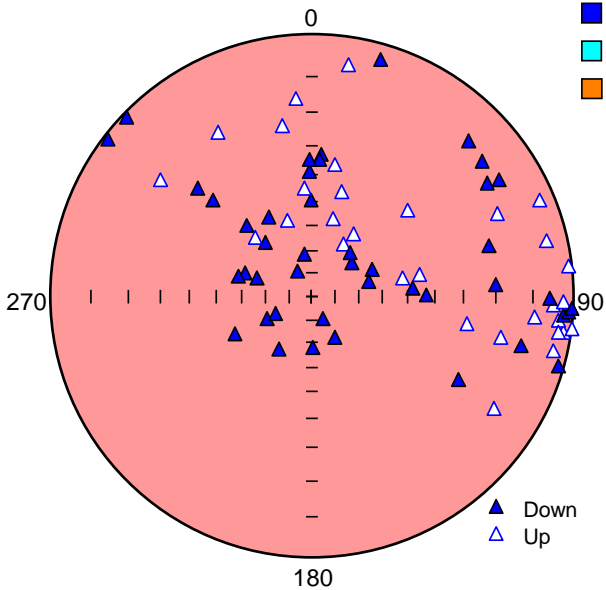
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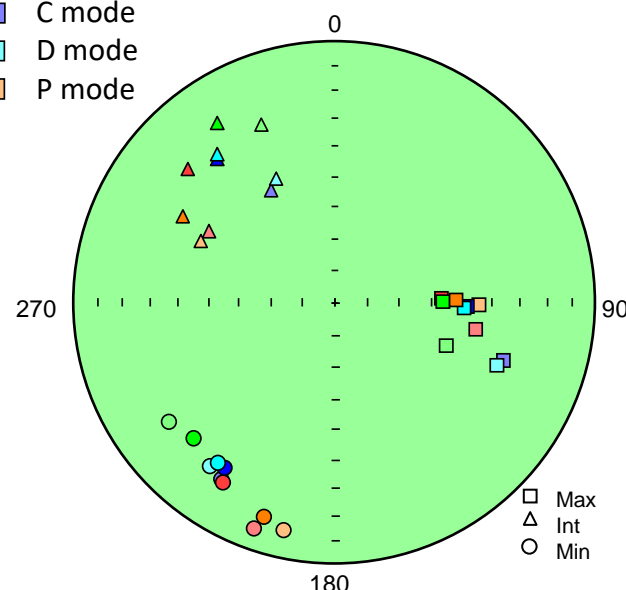
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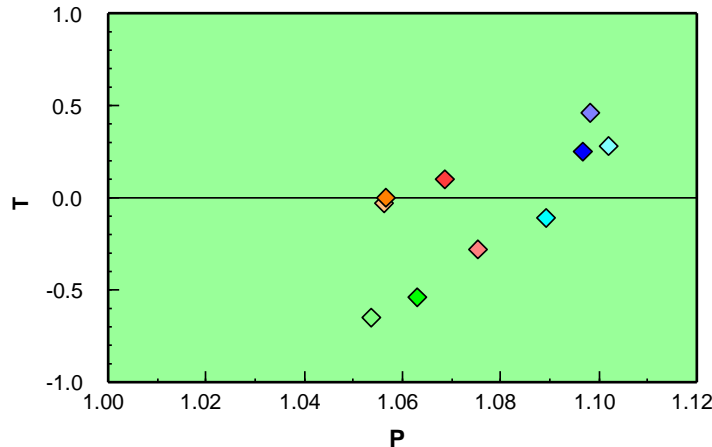
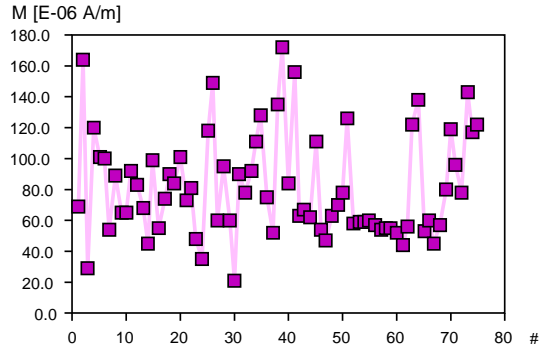
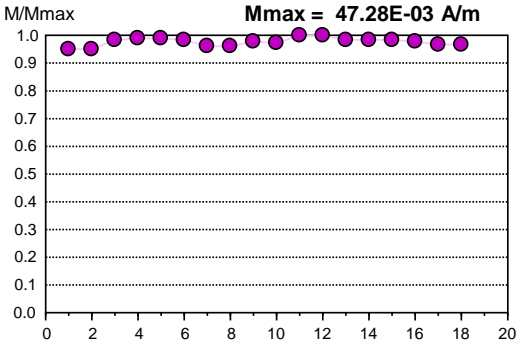
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Strong residual artifact!

Magnetizing directions

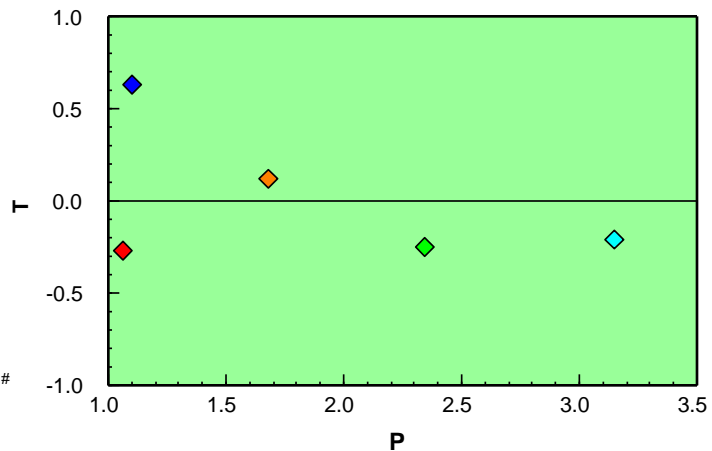
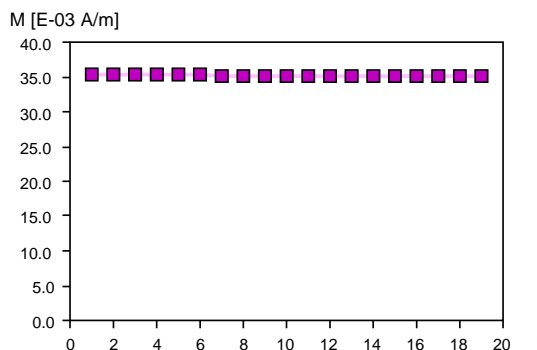
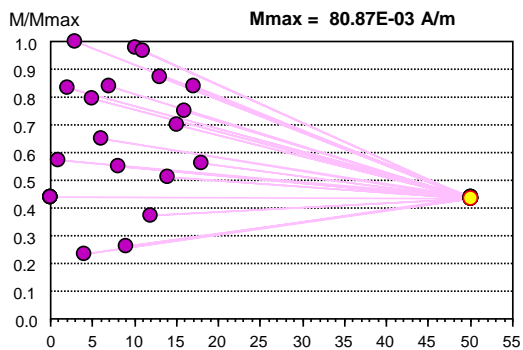
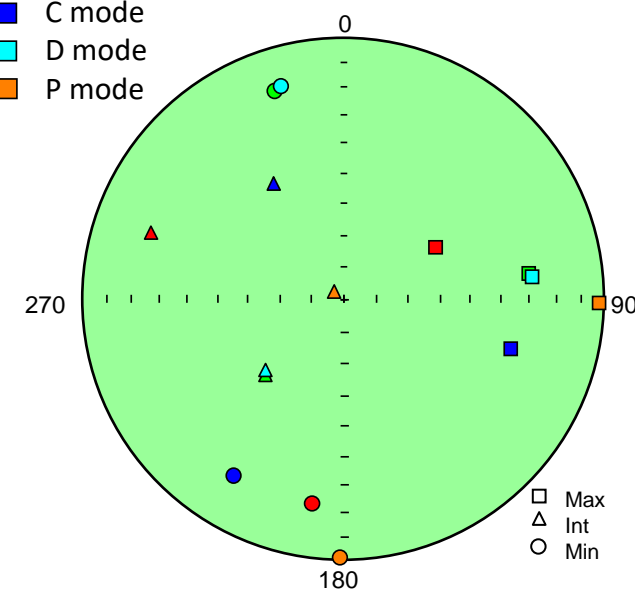
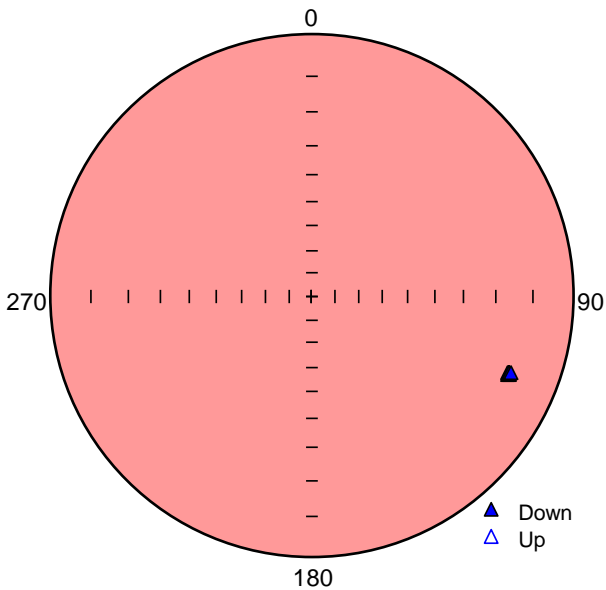
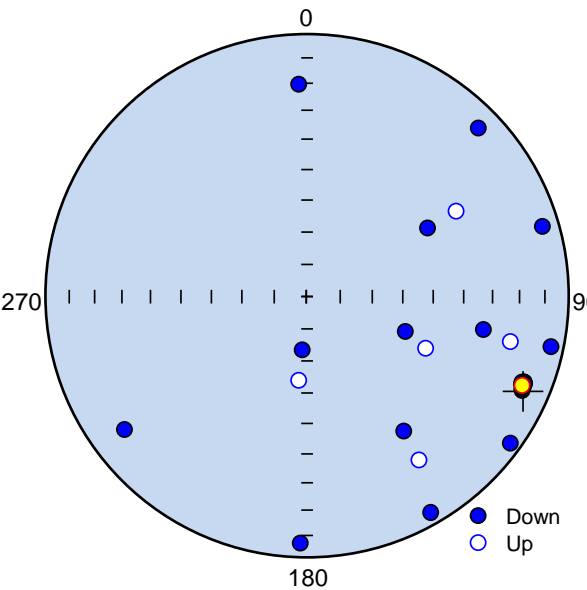
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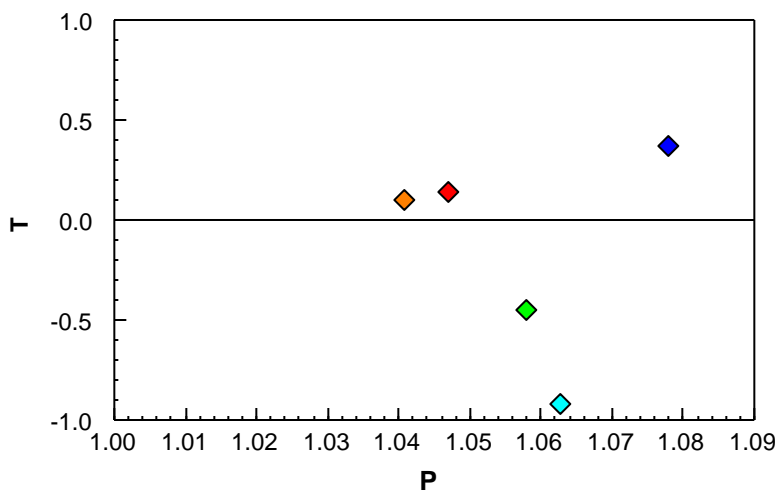
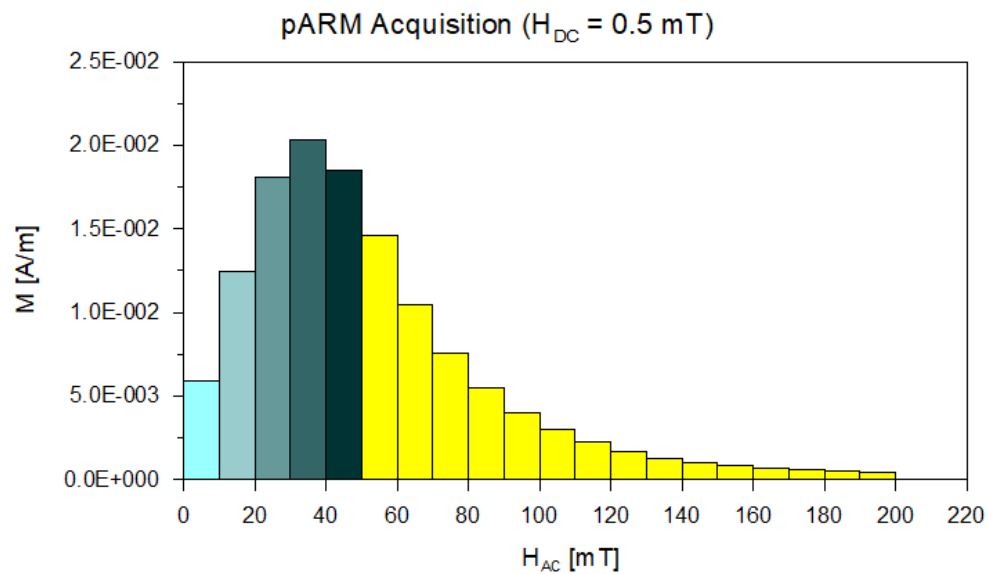
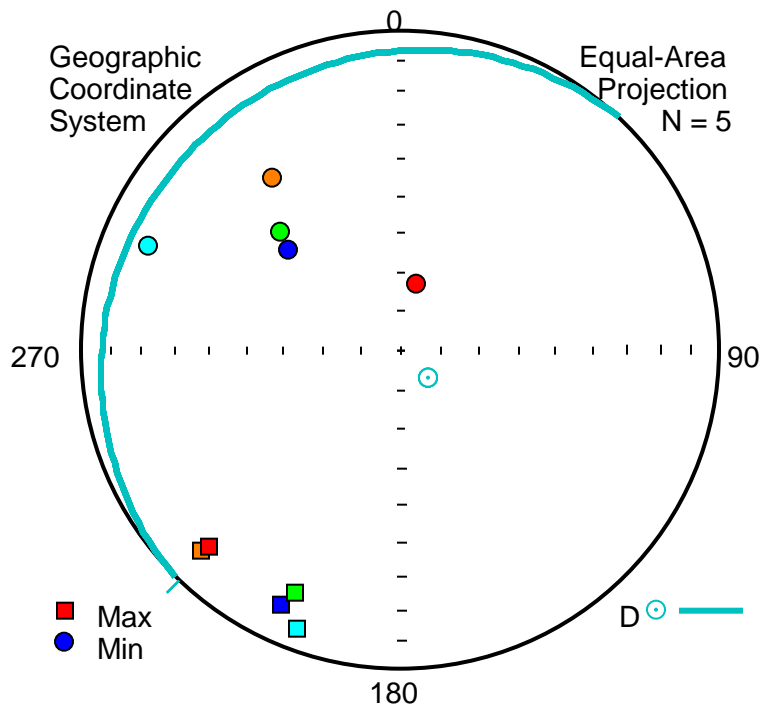
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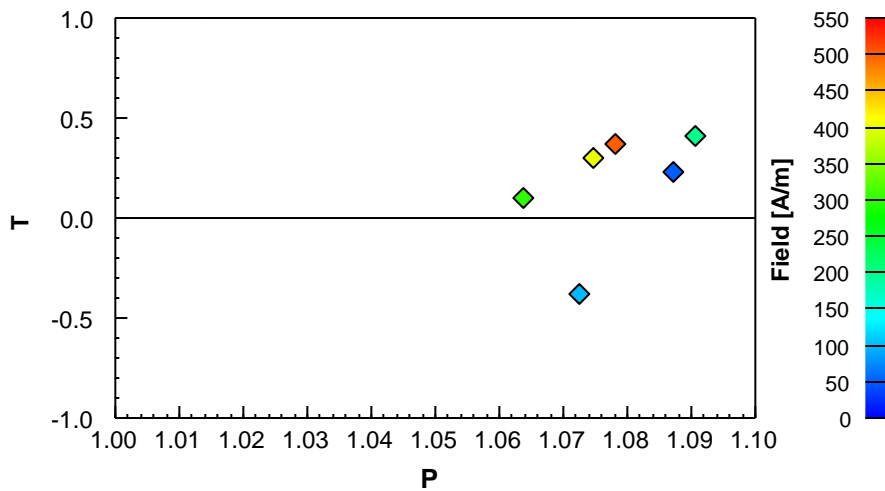
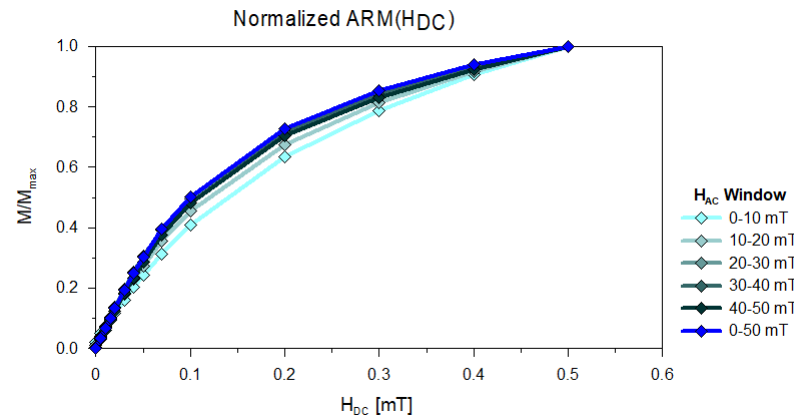
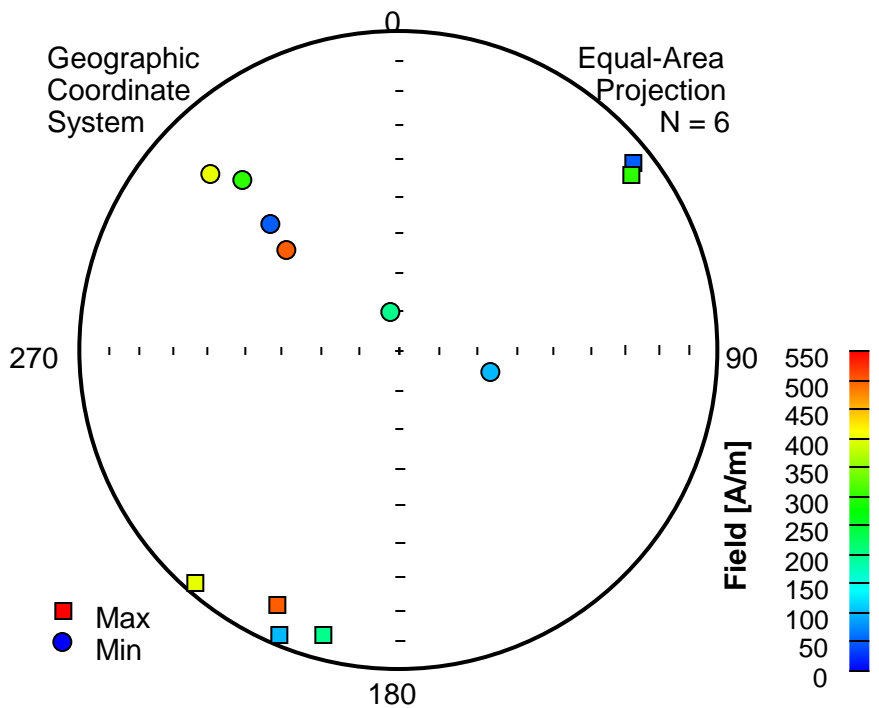
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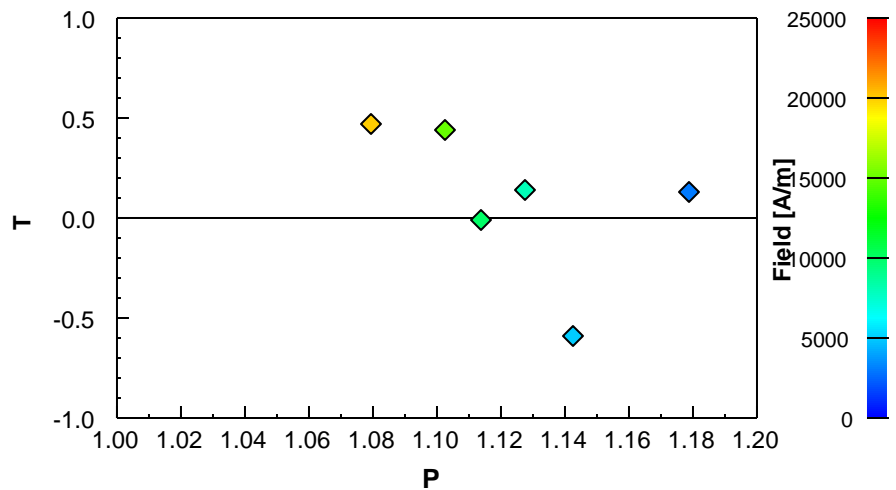
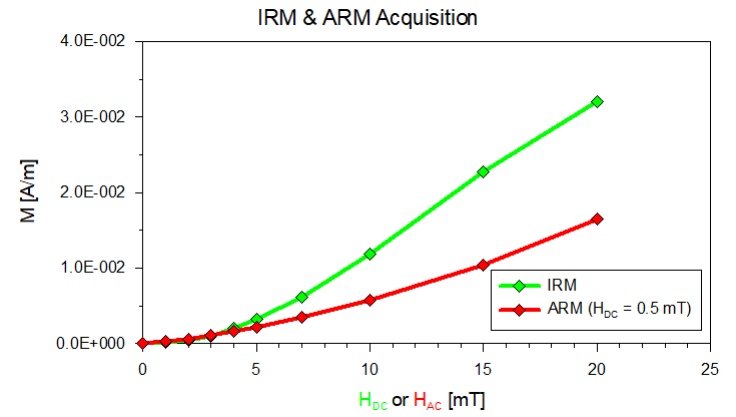
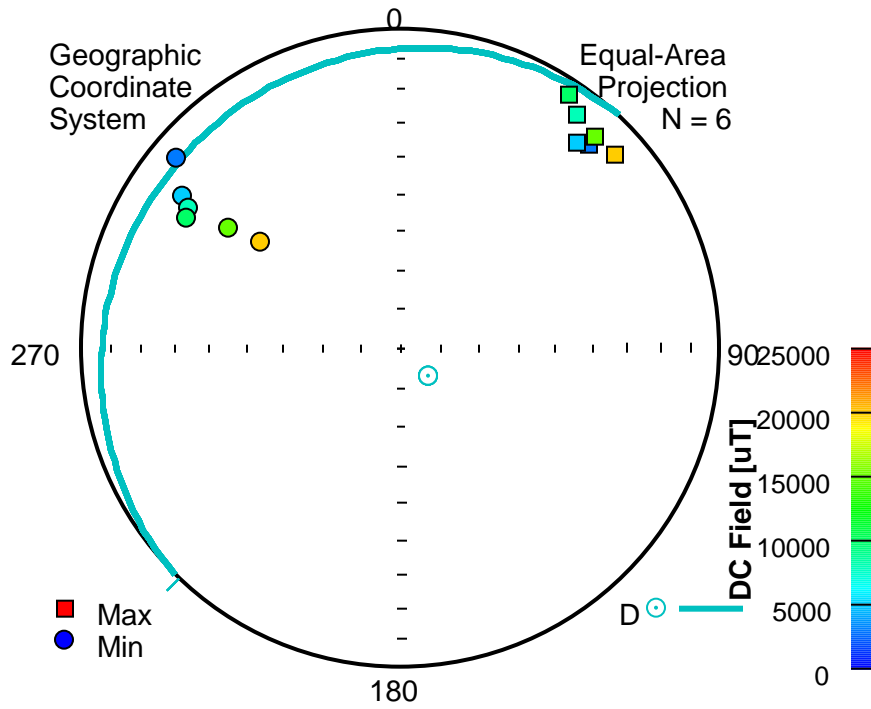
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1. Acquire a **coercivity spectrum** of some representative sample(s) to decide which coercivity window is of interest (controlled by **AC field**).
2. **DC bias field** controls how much a particular coercivity sub-population is magnetized. Test whether acquired ARM is linear as a function of DC field and try to set the highest DC field which still falls within a linear range. Note that by selecting higher DC field, one may reach up to two orders of magnitude difference between the magnetized and demagnetized states.
3. Test whether acquired ARM is **stable in time** (effect of viscous decay), if not, each directional ARM should be measured in the same time after ARM has been acquired or long time after that to allow the viscous magnetization to relax.
4. Try to reach the optimum balance between precision and speed (number of magnetizing directions). The precise fitting of AARM tensor strongly depends on the **residual magnetization**. Prior to any directional ARM acquisition, demagnetize a sample using the highest AC field possible. If the strength of the residual magnetization is in the same order of magnitude as that of magnetized states, one is strongly advised to use magnetizing design employing pairs of antipodal magnetizing directions (**A-** or **C-modes**) where the constant residue is compensated.
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