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Stress evolution during caldera collapse

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Abstract

The dynamics of caldera collapse are subject of long-running debate. Particular uncertainties concern how stresses around a magma reservoir relate to fracturing as the reservoir roof collapses, and how roof collapse in turn impacts upon the reservoir. We used two-dimensional Distinct Element Method models to characterise the evolution of stress around a depleting sub-surface magma body during gravity-driven collapse of its roof. These models illustrate how principal stress directions rotate during progressive deformation so that roof fracturing transitions from initial reverse faulting to later normal faulting. They also reveal four end-member stress paths to fracture, each corresponding to a particular location within the roof. Analysis of these paths indicates that fractures associated with ultimate roof failure initiate in compression (i.e. as shear fractures). We also report on how mechanical and geometric conditions in the roof affect pre-failure unloading and post-failure reloading of the reservoir. In particular, the models show how residual friction within a failed roof could, without friction reduction mechanisms or fluid-derived counter-effects, inhibit a return to the initial pre-collapse pressure in the magma reservoir. Many of these findings should be

22 transferable to other gravity-driven collapse processes, such as sinkhole formation, mine collapse
23 and subsidence above hydrocarbon reservoirs.

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25 **Keywords:** collapse calderas; subsidence; stress; ring-faults; stress paths; Distinct Element Method
26 models.

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28 **1. Introduction**

29 Extraction of material from a sub-surface body commonly causes the overburden to subside or
30 collapse. Perhaps the most extreme instances occur with drainage of a sub-surface magma body.
31 This can cause subsidence of many 100's or 1000's of metres within a few weeks or days (Geshi et
32 al., 2002; Michon et al., 2007; Wilson and Hildreth, 1997), to form enclosed topographic
33 depressions called pit-craters (diameter < 1 km) or calderas (diameter 1 – 100 km). A similar,
34 smaller-scale natural phenomenon is sink-hole formation induced by karst-rock dissolution
35 (Gutierrez et al., 2008). Man-made phenomena include ground subsidence or collapse induced by
36 sub-surface mining (Walters, 1978; Whittaker and Reddish, 1989), water extraction (Arkin and
37 Gilat, 2000) or hydrocarbon recovery (Nagel, 2001; Odonne et al., 1999). In all cases, removal of
38 material from the sub-surface body causes deformation and stress changes within the surrounding
39 host-rock. The host-rock eventually fails through to the surface, with often dramatic and adverse
40 consequences for buildings, equipment, infrastructure and human safety. Characterisation of the
41 host-rock stress field during depletion or extraction of material from below the Earth's surface is
42 hence of multidisciplinary interest.

43 The dynamic (i.e. stress-related) attributes of caldera collapse, which are the focus of this
44 paper, have been subject of a long-running debate. Several unresolved questions include:

- 45 (1) How does the stress field arising from magma reservoir depletion evolve with progressive
46 deformation and fracturing during the reservoir roof's collapse?
- 47 (2) What are the modes of fracturing in the host rock around the reservoir and which of these is
48 associated with ultimate roof failure?
- 49 (3) How are the evolutions of stress and fracturing in the reservoir roof coupled to pressure
50 conditions in the reservoir?

51 Answers to these questions inform the theoretical framework for interpretation of geodetic, seismic
52 and other geophysical data collected before, during and after a collapse event (Ekstrom, 1994;
53 Fichtner and Tkalcić, 2010; Massin et al., 2011; Michon et al., 2011; Shuler et al., 2013). They are
54 hence important for deformation monitoring and hazard assessment at not only volcanoes, but also
55 to other natural or man-made instances of depletion-induced subsidence (Cesca et al., 2011; Dahm
56 et al., 2011; Lenhardt and Pascher, 1996; Segall, 1989).

57 For caldera collapse, these answers are clouded by differing observations or interpretations of
58 primary field or geophysical data, as well as by inconsistency of past modelling approaches or
59 results. For example, some past analytical or numerical studies of stresses arising from reservoir
60 depletion conclude that initial roof failure should occur along a reverse fault inclined outward from
61 the reservoir centre (Anderson, 1936; Holohan et al., 2013; Sanford, 1959) (**Figure 1A**), whereas
62 others conclude or assume that it should occur along a normal fault inclined toward the reservoir
63 centre (Gudmundsson, 1998; Gudmundsson et al., 1997; Robson and Barr, 1964) (**Figure 1B**). This
64 discrepancy arises in part because continuum-based analytic

65 cal and numerical approaches cannot simulate the large discontinuous (i.e. fault-related) strains
66 characteristic of caldera collapse. Analogue models (Marti et al., 1994; Roche et al., 2000) or
67 Distinct Element Method (DEM) numerical models (Hardy, 2008; Holohan et al., 2011) of caldera
68 collapse can do so and produce both fault orientations (**Figure 1C**). Although these models are
69 consistent with field and geophysical evidence from some well-exposed or well-monitored calderas
70 (Clough et al., 1909; Fichtner and Tkalcić, 2010; Geshi et al., 2002; Holohan et al., 2009; Massin et
71 al., 2011) (**Figure 1D**), they have not yielded information on how fracturing relates to stress. One
72 consequence is an interpretative inconsistency in the literature about how the orientations of
73 principal stresses and caldera faults relate to each other, e.g. (Roche et al., 2000) vs. (Lavalley et al.,
74 2004) vs. (Michon et al., 2009).

75 Here we characterise the evolution of stress around a depleting sub-surface body from onset
76 of roof subsidence through to the roof's failure and collapse. We do so with two-dimensional DEM
77 models (Cundall and Strack, 1979) in which rock is represented by an assemblage of bonded
78 particles (Potyondy and Cundall, 2004). The relatively-new DEM approach readily simulates the
79 formation and growth of large-displacement fracture systems, and so can reveal their relationship to
80 evolving stress-states. Moreover, our model formulation is such that roof stresses and fracturing are
81 coupled to the reservoir's loading-unloading history. This enables relationships between roof
82 fracturing, reservoir depletion and reservoir 'under-pressure' to be ascertained throughout the
83 course of roof subsidence. While the model results primarily pertain to stress evolution during
84 collapse into a depleting magma body, many of them should be transferable to other extraction-
85 induced subsidence scenarios.

86 **2. Numerical Methods and Model Set-Up**

87 Our starting point for modelling caldera collapse is the following geological scenario. A dyke
88 intrusion has begun to laterally drain a magma reservoir (e.g. (Geshi et al., 2002; Hildreth and
89 Fierstein, 2000; Michon et al., 2007)). Pressure in the reservoir has returned to a 'lithostatically-
90 equilibrated' value as the dyke's propagation and the onset of any associated eruption expended
91 any related 'over-pressure' (Druitt and Sparks, 1984; Roche and Druitt, 2001). (Note: "lithostatic"
92 or "magmastic" here describe the origins of stress or pressure, as derived from the weight of
93 overlying rock or magma, respectively. 'Lithostatically-equilibrated' thus refers to a reservoir
94 pressure equal to that expected from the combined lithostatic and magmastic loads.) Thereafter,
95 magma withdrawal continues through the open dyke, even as the reservoir becomes 'under-
96 pressured' relative to its lithostatically-equilibrated state and the roof eventually collapses without
97 any eruption through it. Detailed observations of recent collapses at several volcanoes (Geshi et al.,

98 2002; Michon et al., 2007; Sigmundsson et al., 2015; Staudacher et al., 2009) support this
99 scenario's plausibility.

100 We address this scenario numerically by using the two-dimensional DEM software PFC2D
101 (Itasca Consulting Group Inc., 2004). This simulates the motion of rigid disk-like particles that
102 interact with each other and with rigid boundary walls according to simple elastic-frictional contact
103 laws. Particles can be connected by beam-like elastic bonds that act in parallel with a linear contact
104 law ('parallel bonds' - see (Potyondy and Cundall, 2004)). These bonds transmit both forces and
105 moment between particles, and so enable elastic continuum behaviour at larger scale. Bonds break
106 once their shear or tensile strength is exceeded. This ultimately causes path-dependent fracture
107 development and failure of the DEM material (i.e. non-elastic discontinuum behaviour).

108 As in those of Holohan et al., (2011), our models comprised a 3 x 4 km assemblage of ca.
109 50,000 rigid, cylindrical (disk-like) particles that were randomly placed inside rigid, frictionless,
110 boundary walls (**Figure 2**). Particle radii were uniformly distributed between 6 m and 10 m. Particle
111 density was 2700 kgm^{-3} . Tests show that the main results shown below are essentially unaffected by
112 changing the assemblage's boundary conditions, size or resolution (see **Supplementary Material**).
113 The particles were first settled under gravity with a low friction coefficient of 0.01, and then
114 grouped into one of two domains: 'host rock' or 'reservoir'.

115 Host rock particles were bonded and given a higher friction coefficient of 0.5. Varying the
116 'host rock' particle and bond properties produces a range of bulk properties (**Table 1**). These are
117 characteristic of natural volcanic rock masses, and were estimated from simulated biaxial tension
118 and compression tests (for further details and discussion see (Holohan et al., 2011)). For illustration
119 purposes, a Hoek-Brown failure envelope for the host rock was fitted to the maximum stress states
120 attained within a model-wide array of overlapping measurement circles of 75 m radius. Mechanical
121 properties varied here included the host-rock's unconfined compressive (UCS) and tensile (UTS)

122 strengths and its Young's modulus (E) (**Table 1**). We also varied a key geometric property, namely
123 the reservoir roof's thickness/diameter (T/D) ratio.

124 Reservoir particles were grouped to form a c. 1,200 x 300 m (i.e., sill-like) body, and left in
125 the un-bonded, low friction state. Notwithstanding shear stresses arising within the reservoir and on
126 the reservoir/host-rock boundary, related to particle interlocking (see **Supplementary Material**),
127 these simple conditions enabled a fluid-like behaviour (particulate flow) and related stress
128 redistribution in the reservoir. They also provided numerical stability for large strains of the
129 reservoir/host-rock boundary. Further reducing the particle friction coefficient has no notable effect
130 on either the reservoir or host-rock behaviour (see **Supplementary Material**). An alternative
131 'super-bonded' reservoir-host rock boundary condition was also tested. This produces quite similar
132 results at low (elastic strains), and also for the general evolution of fracturing in the host rock, but
133 leads to rather unrealistic reservoir behaviour at high depletions (see **Supplementary Material**).

134 For simplicity, we assume that reservoir depletion occurs at a constant rate, which was
135 simulated by a slow, constant, incremental reduction of each reservoir particle's area, up to a value
136 of 50%. This slow depletion, combined with damping of particle accelerations, ensured quasi-static
137 model behaviour. Dyke propagation and magma outflow attending depletion were assumed to occur
138 in a direction perpendicular to the 2D plane of cross-section in the model, and hence they were not
139 directly simulated. Both reservoir and host-rock could deform freely in reaction to the gravitational
140 loading during depletion.

141 Stress and strain, which are continuum quantities, were computed at 1% depletion intervals
142 through averaging procedures (Potyondy and Cundall, 2004). In the host-rock, the maximum finite
143 shear strain was chosen as a measure of strain localisation and was calculated from displacements
144 within a radius of 25 m around each particle, which was then coloured accordingly. Principal stress
145 magnitudes, as well as differential stress magnitudes, were visualised by colouring each particle

146 according to the sum of the particle contact forces divided by the particle area (see Eq. 52 in
147 (Potyondy and Cundall, 2004)). Principal stress orientations were on the other hand plotted after
148 first averaging particle stresses and interpolating them upon a 125 x 125 m grid. Stress paths were
149 constructed for selected areas of interest from the average particle stress tensor within a circular
150 area of radius 75 m (see Eq. 57 in (Potyondy and Cundall, 2004)). In the reservoir, pressure was
151 defined as the mean stress within a circular area of radius 75 m that was located in the bottom half
152 of the reservoir domain.

153 The geometric and mechanical properties of the models shown below are most applicable to
154 small-scale caldera collapses (Geshi et al., 2002; Michon et al., 2007). Given an apparent scale-
155 independence of the main features of caldera structure (Branney, 1995), however, much of the
156 dynamic model behaviour is likely transferable to larger-scale. Additional factors potentially
157 affecting caldera collapse in nature, such as stresses from regional tectonics (Gudmundsson et al
158 1997), topographic loads (Pinel 2011) or three-dimensional geometric effects (Roche and Druitt
159 2001, Holohan et al., 2008, 2013) were not examined here, but could be a subject of future work.

160 **3. Results**

161 **Figure 3** schematically summarises the structural styles of collapse seen in DEM caldera
162 collapse models as the reservoir roof's geometric and mechanical properties are varied (see
163 (Holohan et al., 2011) for details). The most typical style formed within the investigated parameter
164 space is the 'single central block' collapse style; the others in this figure develop at the geometrical
165 and mechanical extremes. Consequently, we focus below on the stress evolution in a representative
166 'single central block' collapse style. The main features of this stress evolution occur in all of the
167 other collapse styles also, however (**see Supplementary Material**).

168 **3.1 Depletion-induced stress patterns and host-rock fracturing**

169 A key advantage of the DEM approach is the ability to directly compare the strain and stress
170 evolutions of the simulated caldera collapse as they emerge and interrelate during progressive
171 deformation. **Figure 4** hence shows strain localisation, stress orientation and stress magnitude at
172 several stages of the representative model's evolution.

173 Prior to depletion (**Figure 4, first row**), maximum compressive principal stress (σ_1)
174 orientations are predominantly steeply inclined or vertical as a consequence of gravity. Deviations
175 arise locally where significant non-vertical inter-particle contact forces occur within an averaging
176 region. These reflect the anastomosing inter-particle force chains in the assemblage.

177 The 'host rock' deforms elastically during the earliest increments of reservoir depletion
178 (**Figure 4, second row**). A general inward movement of the host rock toward the reservoir causes
179 σ_1 orientations to wrap around the reservoir and so define a 'stress arch' above it and a 'stress
180 bowl' below it. Relative to initial lithostatic values, σ_1 magnitudes increase in the upper central and
181 lower marginal parts of the reservoir roof, but they decrease both in the lower central part of the
182 roof and in the central part of the floor. Magnitudes of the minimum principal stress (σ_3) generally
183 decrease in the roof and in the floor, except at the tips of the sill. In two peripheral areas lying near
184 the model surface, σ_3 magnitudes decrease to negative (i.e. tensile) values. Significantly, the
185 combination of decreased σ_3 and increased σ_1 magnitudes results in relatively large differential or
186 shear stresses in the roof's upper central and lower marginal parts. The distribution of the high
187 differential stresses also follows an arch-like pattern in the roof (cf. (Folch and Marti, 2004;
188 Holohan et al., 2013)).

189 With increased reservoir depletion, the 'host rock' begins to deform non-elastically (**Figure 4,**
190 **third row**). Damage (broken bonds) accumulates, significant fractures develop and eventually the

191 reservoir roof fails. The main fractures formed at this stage typically include near-vertical fissures
192 and outward-dipping (reverse) faults. The fissures relax the tensile stress developed in the
193 peripheral near-surface areas. The outward-dipping faults pass through the roof's lower marginal
194 and upper central parts, where their development locally decreases the σ_1 magnitudes. Conversely,
195 differential stresses increase in the roof's upper marginal parts - i.e., in the hanging walls of the
196 outward-dipping faults. Also, σ_1 orientations here undergo a subtle outward-rotation and
197 steepening. With still further reservoir depletion, additional outward-dipping faults may form as
198 splays from the initial ones. In a reflection of the steepening of σ_1 orientations, the newer faults dip
199 more steeply than the older faults.

200 At the latest stages of depletion, inward-dipping faults eventually develop in the areas
201 outward of the reservoir margin (**Figure 4, fourth row**). Their formation substantially relaxes the
202 recently increased σ_1 magnitudes and differential stresses there. Also, their inward dip reflects a
203 further outward rotation and steepening of the σ_1 directions to near-vertical. The lower tip of each
204 normal fault typically links with an outward-dipping fault or with the reservoir's lateral edge. The
205 upper tip usually links with an earlier-formed crack near the surface.

206 Overall, the process of fracturing and failure of the reservoir roof is associated with a
207 progressive disruption of the stress arch seen in the initial elastic phase. Nonetheless, a more
208 spatially-irregular stress arching persists within the collapsing roof even after formation of all the
209 main fractures.

210 **3.2 Stress paths to host-rock fracturing**

211 Analysis of the paths taken through principal stress space toward fracture (cf. (Schopfer et al.,
212 2006)) gives further insights into the mode of failure of the reservoir roof. **Figure 5** shows such
213 paths for the main areas of fracture within the representative 'single central block collapse' model.

214 All paths in the host rock start close to a line with a slope of one, denoting initial lithostatic
215 stress conditions that are close to isotropic (i.e., $\sigma_1 = \sigma_3$). This is because of the low inter-particle
216 friction during initial settling. The exact starting point of each path is related to the initial depth of
217 the analysed area of fracture; paths for deeper areas start at higher values of both principal stresses
218 (i.e. toward the top and right of the diagram). As the reservoir is depleted, the principal stress states
219 all move toward the host rock's failure envelope.

220 In the lower central part of the reservoir roof, the stress state moves along a downward path
221 (red in **Figure 5**) that is almost parallel to the isotropic line. This indicates a progressive near-
222 isotropic decrease in both σ_1 and σ_3 in this area immediately above the reservoir. In the roof's
223 lower marginal parts (green and light blue paths in **Figure 5**) and in its upper marginal parts (pink
224 path in **Figure 5**), the paths are orientated at c. 90° to the isotropic line. This shows that the areas
225 where the major outward-dipping (reverse) and inward-dipping (normal) faults eventually form are
226 characterised by an initial σ_1 increase coupled with a σ_3 decrease.

227 Near the model surface, the stress path in the roof's central part (black path in **Figure 5**) is
228 orientated at c. 45° counter-clockwise to the isotropic line, showing that σ_1 increases while σ_3
229 remains unchanged. Conversely, the stress path in the roof's peripheral area (dark blue path in
230 **Figure 5**) runs at c. 45° clockwise to the isotropic line, and so here σ_3 decreases while σ_1 remains
231 unchanged. The stress evolutions in both of these near-surface areas are hence characterised by
232 almost uniaxial, rather than biaxial, loading conditions.

233 After reaching the failure envelope, most stress states retreat toward the isotropic line.
234 Detailed comparison of the strain and stress field evolutions in the model shows that such retreat is
235 usually associated with initial fracture formation or with rupture (i.e. a slip event on an existing
236 fracture – seen as relatively sudden increases in shear strain) within the related area of the roof. A

237 straightforward example is the stress state evolution in the vicinity of fracture T4. Sequential strain
238 plots such as in **Figure 4** show that T4 forms between 17-18% depletion, an interval corresponding
239 to a sudden retreat along the related stress path (dark blue path in **Figure 5**). A more complex
240 example concerns the outward-dipping fractures, R1 and R2. Sequential strain plots show that R1
241 and R2 begin to form after 9% and 10 % depletion, but undergo major ruptures between 10-12%
242 and 13-16% depletion, respectively. The sharpest retreat along each stress path (see the green and
243 light blue paths in **Figure 5**) hence coincides with a rupture event, rather than initial fracture
244 formation, in these cases (i.e. stress-drops are not instantaneous after failure).

245 Lastly, the stress path analysis reveals that most of the material fracture occurs in compression
246 and thus that the overriding mode of roof failure is in shear. Only the near surface marginal
247 fractures form in tension.

248 **3.3. Reservoir unloading and reloading**

249 The above-described stress and fracturing evolution within the model host-rock stems from a
250 redistribution of gravitationally-induced stresses as the model reservoir is depleted. Since both the
251 model reservoir and its host-rock are free to deform under gravity, these stresses can in principle be
252 redistributed back onto the reservoir once the roof has failed. In this sense, the depletion-induced
253 stress evolutions of the model host-rock and the reservoir are coupled.

254 **Figure 6A** shows the details of this host-rock/reservoir coupling in our representative model.
255 It is important to note that the reservoir pressure here stems only from the weight of the reservoir
256 particles themselves and the load exerted by the host-rock, since we neglect effects of magma
257 incompressibility, volatile release, and eruption-related fluid dynamics. Changes in model reservoir
258 pressure hence arise from the constant-rate reduction of mass within the reservoir (magmatic

259 component) and, of greatest interest here, from any increase or decrease in the roof load acting on
260 the reservoir (lithostatic component).

261 Effects of host-rock fracturing upon the reservoir pressure are highlighted by comparing the
262 reservoir pressure evolution of the representative model with that of a geometrically-identical model
263 in which fracturing of the host-rock was not permitted (**Figure 6A**). In the non-fractured model, the
264 reservoir pressure first decreases rapidly then declines gently. The initial rapid decrease in pressure
265 primarily represents an unloading of the reservoir that stems from the roof's ability to support its
266 own weight elastically as material is withdrawn from under it. The subsequent gentler decline
267 relates only to the continued reduction of the reservoir's mass beneath the non-fractured and
268 entirely self-supported roof. This decline can hence be used to constrain the depletion-adjusted
269 reservoir pressure that should be observed if the full load of the roof were re-established.

270 Unloading of the representative model reservoir during the initial elastic phase of host-rock
271 strain (0-5% depletion) is seen as a rapid, near-linear decline in reservoir pressure that matches its
272 non-fractured equivalent (**Figure 6A**). The onset of permanent strain in the form of bond breakage
273 and associated minor fracturing in the host-rock is seen in a divergence from the 'non-fractured'
274 pressure curve after about 5% depletion. At 7-9% depletion, the reservoir pressure in the
275 representative model levels off and even kicks slightly upward. This mainly reflects the formation
276 of near-surface fractures, particularly T1 and T2. Thereafter, however, the reservoir pressure
277 decreases further and reaches a minimum at about 12% depletion. This marks the "ultimate
278 strength" of the roof; further depletion results in the roof's "ultimate failure".

279 Reloading of the model reservoir following the roof's ultimate failure occurs episodically and
280 in close association with the formation or slip of major fractures in the roof (**Figures 6A**). A first
281 sharp increase in reservoir pressure occurs between 12-16% depletion, shortly after or in
282 conjunction with formation and rupture of the major fractures R1 and R2 (see also **Figure 4** and

283 related stress paths in **Figure 5**). Further phases of rapid pressure increase at 18-21% and 30-33%
284 are also related to later ruptures of R1 and R2, as well as to the formation of faults R3 and N1.

285 The unloading-reloading history is strongly affected by the roof's T/D ratio and the host-rock
286 Young's modulus (**Figure 6B, 6C**). Host-rock strength has a more subordinate influence (see
287 **Supplementary Material**). Increasing Young's modulus increases the rapidity, in depletion terms,
288 of the initial unloading. Increasing T/D ratio increases the magnitude of reservoir unloading or
289 'under-pressure' that is sustained by the roof. Reloading of the reservoir is increasingly gradual
290 with increased T/D, and, even after all the main fractures have formed, is increasingly inhibited
291 from returning to depletion-adjusted lithostatic equilibrium.

292 **3.4. Reservoir conditions at ultimate failure**

293 The minimum of the reservoir pressure vs. depletion curve corresponds to the critical condition for
294 the ultimate failure of the reservoir roof and the onset of roof collapse. **Figure 7** contains plots of
295 these critical conditions calculated over the investigated range of roof thicknesses and mechanical
296 properties.

297 Here one can see that the critical depletions and pressure drops increase with increased T/D. The
298 critical pressure drop is also subtly dependent on the roof's unconfined strength. For a given T/D
299 ratio, stronger roofs require larger pressure drops to fail (most notable in the normalised plots). This
300 effect seems most pronounced at lower T/D ratios. Any dependence of critical depletion on
301 unconfined strength is unclear from these data. For the same T/D, model roof's with high or low
302 Young's modulus fail at similar pressure drops (normalised or not). However, roofs with higher
303 Young's modulus fail at consistently smaller critical depletions.

304 4. Discussion

305 4.1. Outward- vs. inward-dipping caldera ring faults: a unified dynamical explanation

306 There has been a several-decade-old debate about the nature of fractures accommodating
307 caldera collapse and how their formation relates to the stress field induced by a magma reservoir.
308 This debate was sparked by observations that the dip of ring-faults or ring-dykes, the major
309 subsidence-accommodating fractures in nature, appeared to vary from steeply outward (e.g. (Richey
310 and Thomas, 1932) to vertical (e.g. (Billings, 1945)) to steeply inward (e.g. (Lipman, 1976)). In
311 some cases, this variation was even reported to occur laterally around an individual ring fault
312 system (e.g. (Clough et al., 1909)).

313 An early attempt to mechanically explain ring fault inclination was Anderson's ((Anderson,
314 1936)) seminal analytical study. By relating the arched orientations of principal stresses around a
315 depleting magma body to those of *initial* fractures, Anderson's theory can account for the formation
316 of outward-dipping (reverse) ring faults (**Figure 1A**). Inward-inclined (normal) ring faults are not
317 accounted for, but are commonly reported in field studies (Lipman, 1984). This apparent
318 discrepancy motivated other workers to find mechanical scenarios in which magma reservoir
319 depletion could lead to *initial* fractures that were inward-dipping normal faults.

320 Indeed, many of subsequent numerical or analytical studies of caldera ring fault formation
321 started from premises that effectively discount the formation of outward-dipping (reverse) faults
322 (e.g. (Folch and Marti, 2004; Gudmundsson, 1998; Gudmundsson et al., 1997; Pinel, 2011; Pinel
323 and Jaupart, 2005)). In contrast to Anderson's ((Anderson, 1936)) theory, these studies exclusively
324 or primarily considered stress magnitudes, rather than stress orientations. This school of thought has
325 an important common feature: near-surface tensile failure above or within a certain lateral distance

326 of the reservoir margin is thought to mark the onset of inward-inclined ring faulting and of roof
327 failure (**Figure 1B**).

328 The idea that the roof of a depleting magma reservoir initially fractures and subsides along an
329 inward-dipping ring fault is geometrically problematic, however. This has been long referred to as
330 the ‘space problem’ of caldera subsidence (Branney, 1995; Lipman, 1984). Analogue collapse
331 experiments (e.g. (Marti et al., 1994; Roche et al., 2000)) have consistently indicated that inward-
332 inclined normal ring-faults form *not as initial fractures*, but develop after the formation of outward-
333 dipping reverse ring-faults (**Figure 1C**). Moreover, the scarcity of reverse faults in the geological
334 record is likely explained by a low preservation potential stemming from their more central position
335 within the collapsing roof and their inherently unstable overhanging scarps (Branney, 1995). These
336 insights accord very closely with the best observed caldera collapse in nature to date at Miyakejima
337 in 2000 (**Figure 1D**).

338 By explicitly simulating fracture system development during caldera collapse, our DEM
339 models may resolve this debate over the dynamic conditions leading to differing ring fault
340 orientations. In agreement with Anderson’s (1936) theory, and for most geometric and mechanical
341 configurations, ultimate failure of the roof above an under-pressured magma reservoir occurs along
342 steep outward-dipping reverse faults. The term ‘ultimate failure’ is important here. In many
343 situations, typically with low T/D and high strength, significant near-surface tensile failures occur
344 first, as predicted in the above-mentioned studies that focused on stress magnitudes. The DEM
345 model reservoir pressure evolutions (**Figures 6, S10**) show, however, that such tensile failures do
346 not directly result in the roof being unable to support its own weight. Near-surface tensile fracture is
347 hence a superficial or ‘cosmetic’ failure mode. ‘Ultimate failure’ occurs with the formation of
348 fractures that disrupt the principal stress arch and reduce the roof’s ability for self-support. The
349 stress-arching entails a component of horizontal compression and so, unless this relaxed by ductile

350 behaviour such as down-sagging (Branney 1995, Holohan et al., 2011) (**Figs. 3, S5**), the initial
351 fractures formed at ultimate failure must be reverse faults that are most typically outward-inclined.

352 The DEM models further show that the mechanical conditions for the formation of inward-
353 dipping (normal) faults arise only *after* the stress arch has been disrupted. Stress arch disruption,
354 either through creep or fracture, leads to an increase of differential stress in the areas marginal to the
355 reservoir where inward-dipping normal faults subsequently form. This is similar to the concept of
356 Coulomb stress transfer that is used to explain how an initial faulting event influences the location
357 of subsequent fault activity (Stein et al., 1994). Additionally, stress arch disruption causes a
358 steepening of the maximum principal stress trajectories in the areas marginal to the reservoir, such
359 that faults forming at an acute angle to these trajectories (Anderson, 1951) are inward-dipping and
360 normal. Although surface tensile fracturing *does not* mark their formation, the inward-dipping
361 normal faults typically link with such tensile fractures at a later stage.

362 ***4.2. Stress paths to fracture during caldera collapse: implications for the formation*** 363 ***of ring dykes***

364 Another novel finding from our models is that different parts of the roof above a depleting
365 reservoir take distinctive stress paths toward fracturing (**Figure 5 & S9**). As shown in **Figure 8**, we
366 identify four end-member stress paths.

367 Two of these end-member paths, occurring near the surface, are characterised by a change in
368 one principal stress only. In the roof centre, σ_1 increases (at constant minimum stress – **Figure 8**),
369 thereby pushing the stress state toward compressive failure and formation of a central pop-up
370 structure (analogous to ‘wrinkle ridges’ found in many calderas on Mars – e.g. (Mouginis-Mark and
371 Robinson, 1992). In the roof periphery, σ_3 decreases (at constant maximum stress – **Figure 8**), thus
372 moving the stress state toward tensile failure and the formation of marginal fissures.

373 The other two end-member paths, occurring at depth, are characterised by changes in both
374 principal stresses. In the lower central part of the roof, the stress state moves along a path parallel to
375 the isotropic line (at constant differential stress – **Figure 8**). In the limit, this path might intersect
376 the failure envelope in the tensile field to form near-horizontal ‘cross fractures’, as seen in some of
377 our other DEM models (Holohan et al., 2011). In nature, such cross fractures could mark the upper
378 edge of a sub-surface cavity or of a ring-dyke ‘cap’ (cf. (Anderson, 1936)). In lower and upper
379 marginal parts of the roof, the stress state moves along a path perpendicular to the isotropic line (at
380 constant mean stress – **Figure 8**). This leads to failure in compression and the formation of the
381 major outward-inclined reverse faults or inward-inclined normal faults.

382 This analysis indicates that shear fracturing predominates over tensile fracturing in the
383 subsiding reservoir roof. Moreover, our results support Anderson’s (Anderson, 1936) inference that
384 ring-dykes, the steeply-inclined or bell-shaped intrusions found at many eroded volcanoes and
385 thought to act as main conduits for caldera-forming eruptions, initiate as shear fractures (i.e. faults).
386 A caveat is that our models do not include the effects of host-rock pore-fluid pressures, which, if
387 very high, could in theory favour tensile failure. The (in)significance of pore-fluid pressures for
388 caldera collapse in nature is unknown, however. The prediction that ring-dykes form in shear is
389 nonetheless supported by brecciation or cataclasis of the host rock at some well-exposed ring-dyke
390 margins (e.g. (Clough et al., 1909; Holohan et al., 2009; Kokelaar, 2007)).

391 In addition to insights for fracture system development at calderas, such DEM-based stress
392 path analysis may serve as a guide for future modelling aimed at understanding the relationship of
393 in-situ stresses and induced seismicity related to subsidence at working mines (e.g. (Kinscher et al.,
394 2015)) or hydrocarbon fields (e.g. (Hetteema et al., 2000; Odonne et al., 1999; Segall, 1989)).
395 Furthermore, this type of analysis is likely transferrable to the study of the mechanics of sinkhole
396 formation in karst regions (Gutierrez et al., 2008; Poppe et al., 2015). Despite differences in scale,

397 driving mechanisms (e.g. fluid body pressure reduction vs. pore-fluid pressure reduction vs. solid
398 mass removal) and deformation timescales, these non-volcanic subsidence phenomena show many
399 structural, geophysical and geodetic similarities with volcanic collapses. Such similarities
400 presumably arise primarily from their common feature: gravitationally-driven subsidence or
401 collapse of the overburden into a sub-surface zone of volume loss.

402 ***4.3. Coupling of reservoir and host rock stress evolutions during caldera collapse***

403 Caldera collapse involves coupling between the dynamics of the magma body and the host
404 rock. Most past modelling studies have investigated this coupling to the point of roof failure in
405 order to examine the reservoir's response to depletion or to estimate reservoir depressurisation or
406 depletion needed for the onset of collapse (e.g. (Folch and Marti, 2004; Roche and Druitt, 2001)).
407 Investigations of this coupling beyond roof failure have mainly been concerned with the fluid
408 dynamics of the reservoir and their effects on related seismicity (Kumagai et al., 2001; Stix and
409 Kobayashi, 2008); Stix and Kobashi 2008), intrusion (Kennedy et al., 2008), or eruption (Folch and
410 Marti, 2009). Such post-failure coupling studies have hence assumed a simplistic, typically-fixed
411 fault structure within the roof, and have not considered the potential impacts of varying the host-
412 rock's mechanical properties. Our DEM models overcome these limitations.

413 On the other hand, a physio-chemically complete simulation of the magma reservoir's
414 behaviour is beyond the scope of this work. In particular, we neglect the strain rate-, temperature-
415 and pressure-dependent complexities of magma fluid dynamics and rheology. We also neglect
416 changes in magma extraction rate (e.g. (Staudacher et al., 2009)) that may relate to such
417 complexities or to feedbacks with the roof's collapse. These fluid-dynamical effects can
418 significantly influence a natural reservoir's exact pressurisation history with respect to depletion
419 and roof collapse (Roche and Druitt, 2001). Consequently, we limit ourselves here to a semi-

420 quantitative examination of the host-rock's potential contributions to the reservoir's pressurisation
421 history, in terms of the unloading and reloading of the reservoir by the roof.

422 The rapid initial decline in reservoir pressure with magma withdrawal in our models (**Figure**
423 **6a**) is very similar to that predicted in many previous studies (Druitt and Sparks, 1984; Folch and
424 Marti, 2009). One previously-identified influence on this decline's rate is the reservoir's bulk
425 modulus (i.e., its (in-) compressibility), with higher modulus leading to a more rapid pressure
426 decline (Druitt and Sparks, 1984; Kumagai et al., 2001; Stix and Kobayashi, 2008). Our models
427 indicate that the host-rock Young's modulus plays a very similar role, whereby host-rocks of higher
428 modulus enable a more rapid transfer of stress from the reservoir into the initially self-supporting
429 roof (**Figure 6b,c**). A consequence is that higher modulus host rocks require lower critical depletion
430 values to reach the critical stress for roof failure and hence to begin reloading the reservoir (**Figure**
431 **7a**). In combination with other factors, such as low magma compressibility or pre-existing ring
432 faults, this effect of host rock modulus may in part explain why some critical depletion levels
433 estimated in nature (Michon et al., 2011) are much less than those predicted by past analogue
434 models (Geyer et al., 2006) or analytical studies (Roche and Druitt, 2001).

435 The critical reservoir pressure decrease, or unloading, prior to roof failure is most strongly
436 influenced by the T/D ratio in our models (**Figure 6 and 7**). This is a conclusion of several previous
437 studies (e.g. (Folch and Marti, 2004; Holohan et al., 2013), including some accounting more
438 rigorously for the reservoir dynamics (e.g. (Roche and Druitt, 2001)). The main reason is that, as in
439 nature, the host-rock's frictional or shear strength increases with increased confining pressure, i.e.
440 with increased depth (see Fig. 4 in (Holohan et al., 2011)). Critical depletion therefore also
441 increases with T/D (cf. (Geyer et al., 2006; Roche and Druitt, 2001)), but, as noted above, also
442 depends on the moduli of both reservoir and host rock. This effect of T/D helps explain why large

443 eruptions from deep reservoirs may occur without resulting in collapse at surface (Lavallee et al.,
444 2006).

445 In addition, our DEM models show that the unconfined strength of the host-rock has only a
446 secondary influence on the critical reservoir pressure decrease, and it is most clearly expressed at
447 lower T/D ratios (i.e. at shallower depths). This is likely because, with greater depth, the
448 contribution of cohesion to the total rock strength is proportionally decreased relative to that of
449 friction.

450 Roof collapse in our models does not necessarily return the reservoir pressure to a
451 lithostatically-equilibrated value (**Figure 6**). This is in contrast to an assumption of many past
452 studies of caldera formation (e.g. (Druitt and Sparks, 1984; Folch and Marti, 2009; Legros et al.,
453 2000). A return to such a value is seen only in the lowest T/D (0.2) ratios tested. For higher T/D
454 ratios, our models show that post-failure reloading of the reservoir is inhibited by the residual
455 frictional strength within faulted reservoir roofs, which leads to a persistence of stress arching there
456 (**Figure 4**). Moreover, this effect is enhanced with increased roof T/D ratio (i.e. reservoir depth).
457 For hydrocarbon fields, such loading of a reservoir by its subsiding roof is a common and often
458 important factor for enhancing recovery via a so-called ‘compaction drive’ that acts to increase
459 reservoir pore fluid pressure (Nagel, 2001). Numerical and analytical studies of hydrocarbon
460 reservoir compaction indicate that such compaction drive is inhibited by an increased T/D ratio
461 (Addis et al., 1998; Alassi et al., 2006), a finding in line with our results here.

462 Given the limitations of our approach, we do not argue that magma reservoir pressures cannot
463 in reality reach or even exceed lithostatic values after the onset of caldera collapse. Rather, our
464 models indicate that additional factors are likely required to achieve this. These might include
465 sufficiently reducing the friction on faults by magma intrusion or frictional melting ((Kokelaar,

466 2007)), or else additionally increasing the pressure in the reservoir by exsolution of volatiles (Druitt
467 and Sparks, 1984), or a combination of such phenomena.

468 Nevertheless, an inhibition of reservoir reloading after its roof collapses may help to explain
469 why some caldera-forming eruptions do not obey past model predictions (Druitt and Sparks, 1984;
470 Folch and Marti, 2009) that magma discharge rates and volumes should be higher after the onset of
471 collapse than beforehand. During the 1912 Katmai eruption, for example, only about 20% by
472 volume of magma was erupted after the inferred onset of collapse and the discharge rate *decreased*
473 by an order of magnitude (Stix and Kobayashi, 2008). This observation and the high T/D value
474 inferred for Katmai ($T/D > 2.0$) (Stix and Kobayashi, 2008) are consistent with the depth-increasing
475 inhibition of reservoir reloading following roof collapse in our models.

476 **5. Conclusions**

477 The main conclusions of this study, summarised schematically in **Figure 9**, are as follows:

- 478 1. The evolution of stress during caldera collapse begins with the formation of a stable ‘stress arch’
479 in the roof of a depleting magma reservoir. Ultimate failure of the reservoir roof occurs when the
480 stress arch is disrupted by the formation of reverse faults that are typically outward-inclined.
- 481 2. Disruption of the stress arch results in stress transfer to the roof margins and outward rotation of
482 stress directions there, which in turn leads to the formation of inward-inclined normal faults.
- 483 3. Near-surface tensile fracturing is not necessarily indicative of ultimate roof failure or of ring fault
484 formation.
- 485 4. There are four end-member stress paths taken toward fracturing and roof failure during caldera
486 subsidence. Each end-member path characterizes a particular part of the reservoir roof.

487 5. The depleting magma reservoir is rapidly unloaded while the reservoir roof initially supports its
488 own weight, an effect that is more pronounced with higher Young's modulus of the host-rock. In
489 nature, this may affect crystallization and volatile exsolution within the magma reservoir.

490 6. Roof collapse acts to reload the magma reservoir, with fault ruptures possibly causing sharp
491 increases in reservoir re-pressurization. Residual friction within the down-going roof acts to inhibit
492 full reloading of the reservoir, however. This effect increases with increasing reservoir depth.

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649 **Table 1:** Properties of particles, bonds and the bulk DEM materials in this study.

Particle Property^a	Symbol	Value	Units
Maximum radius	r_{max}	10	m
Minimum radius	r_{min}	6	m
Density	ρ	2700	kg m ⁻³
Young's modulus ^b	E_c	1 or 10	GPa
Stiffness ratio (normal to shear)	k_n / k_s	2.5	-
Contact friction coefficient	μ_c	0.5	-
Bond Property^a	Symbol	Value	Units
Tensile strength ^c	$\bar{\sigma}_c$	1, 5 or 10	MPa
Shear strength ^c	$\bar{\tau}_c$	1, 5 or 10	MPa
Young's modulus ^b	\bar{E}_c	1 or 10	GPa
Stiffness ratio (normal to shear)	\bar{k}_n / \bar{k}_s	2.5	-
Bond width multiplier	λ	1	-
Bulk Property^a	Symbol	Value	Units
Young's modulus ^d	E	0.7 – 1.4 or 8 - 12.9	GPa
Poisson's ratio ^e	ν	0.15 – 0.25	-
Unconfined compressive strength ^f	UCS	1.0, 5.0, or 10.5	MPa
Unconfined tensile strength ^f	UTS	0.3, 1.3, or 3.1	MPa
Compressive/Tensile strength ratio	UCS/UTS	2.8 – 3.7	-
Friction coefficient	μ	0.48 – 0.56 ^e	-
Bulk density	ρ	2300 – 2500	kg m ⁻³

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651 ^a Full definitions of particle and bond properties, as well as details of how the simulated biaxial rock
652 deformation tests are used to calibrate the bulk properties, are given by *Potyondy and Cundall*
653 [2004].

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656 ^b Young's moduli of particles and bonds were always set to be equal in any one model. The Young's
657 moduli of the particles and bonds are scaled to their respective normal stiffness (p. 1336 in
658 [*Potyondy and Cundall, 2004*]).

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660 ^c Tensile and shear strengths of bonds were always set to be equal in any one model.

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662 ^d In any one model, as in nature, the bulk Young's Modulus, E , exhibits a slight dependence on
663 depth (i.e. confining pressure). The bulk Young's modulus nonetheless remains in the same order of
664 magnitude as the particle and bond Young's moduli. Thus where particle and bond moduli were set
665 to $E = 1$ GPa, Young's Modulus increased from $E \sim 0.75$ GPa near surface to $E \sim c. 1.4$ GPa at 2
666 km depth. Where particle and bond moduli were set to $E_c = 10$ GPa, Young's Modulus increased
667 from $E \sim 7.5$ GPa near surface to $E \sim c. 14$ GPa at 2 km depth.

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669 ^e Poisson's ratio, ν , also exhibits a slight depth dependence, and in all models decreased from $\nu =$
670 0.25 near the surface to $\nu = 0.17$ at 2 km depth.

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672 ^f Unconfined compressive strength (UCS) and unconfined tensile strength (UCS) are closely linked
673 to the bond strength. Models with bond strengths of 1, 5 or 10 MPa typically have bulk UCS values
674 of around 1, 5 or 10 MPa, respectively. UTS values are usually about one third of the respective
675 UCS values.

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677 **Figures**

678 **Figure 1.** Stress and faulting during caldera collapse. The upper two half-section sketches show
679 existing hypotheses on the relationship of stress to faulting upon magma chamber roof failure. The
680 lower two show fault geometries observed in analog models and in the field. **(A)** An analysis of
681 principal stress directions predicting initial failure along an outward-inclined reverse fault (modified
682 from Anderson, 1936). **(B)** An analysis of differential stress patterns predicting initial failure along
683 an inward-inclined normal fault (modified from Folch and Marti, 2004). **(C)** Analog model showing
684 development of both outward-inclined reverse and inward-inclined normal faults in that order (note
685 numbering of traces) (modified from Roche et al., 2000). **(D)** Interpretation of field and geodetic
686 data for the 2000 collapse of Miyakejima caldera showing development of both outward-inclined
687 reverse and inward-inclined normal faults (modified from Geshi et al., 2002).

688 **Figure 2:** Pre-collapse view of 2D-DEM caldera subsidence models. Note that the light and dark
689 grey layers in the host rock are passive markers for visualization of fault offsets; they do not
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S1. Tests for effects of changing model boundary conditions and resolution

S1.1 External boundaries

The external boundaries in the models of the main article are cohesion- and frictionless. This choice of boundary condition is somewhat arbitrary, since as long as the ‘box’ defined by the boundary walls is large enough, the boundaries have little effect on the model outcome. This is demonstrated in **Figures S1 and S2**, which show that the effects of enlarging the box or of imposing opposite end-member (i.e. fully-fixed) external boundary conditions on the host-rock stress paths and the reservoir stresses are minimal.

S1.2 Reservoir/host-rock interface

In the main article, the boundary condition at the sill-host rock interface is frictional and cohesion-less. In the limit, settling ‘magma’ particles can detach from the reservoir ceiling and walls; this may be possible for magma in nature due to gas exsolution. The coefficient of friction at the boundary is nominally that of the reservoir particles, i.e. 0.01, although, as explained below, this may locally increase due to particle interlocking. These boundary conditions facilitate a simple but numerically robust approximation of fluid-like behaviour in the reservoir, in that the particles can “flow” due to differential stress.

As shown in **Figure S2**, the ‘magma’ stress state is not isotropic (or ‘hydrostatic’), but is characterised by a small non-zero differential stress (between 1-5 MPa). This differential stress ultimately drives flow of the particles. It arises in large part because the confined low-friction particles seek to rearrange to an ideal (closest) packing, such that flow is resisted by the particle framework itself. This ‘framework effect’ and the differential stress related to it are independent of the particle contact friction. Consequently, and as shown on **Figures S1 and S2**, reducing the reservoir particle friction by three orders of magnitude has little effect on the stress evolution in either the reservoir or the host-rock.

An alternative ‘welded’ reservoir-host rock boundary condition is effectively assumed in many past continuum-based numerical modelling studies of magma chamber depletion – e.g. (Gudmundsson et al 1997; Folch and Marti 2004; Holohan et al., 2013). We tested a simplified, extreme version of such a no-slip ‘super-bonded’ boundary condition by setting no-slip contact bonds (Itasca Consulting Group 2004) of ‘infinitely’ high strength between the reservoir particles and between the particles at the host-rock/reservoir interface.

As shown in **Figure S3a**, this ‘super-bonded’ boundary condition nonetheless produces a very similar stress pattern in the elastic phase (i.e. at low depletions - here 5%) to that seen with what is essentially the opposite end-member boundary condition in the models of the main text (see **Figure 4**). Differences become more pronounced at higher depletions, with the ‘super-bonded’ condition producing anomalously high strains in the host rock immediately adjacent the reservoir. This leads to a difference in the position of reverse faulting associated with failure – in the models with the ‘super-bonded’ reservoir condition, the reverse faults initiate at the edges of the high strain zone in the host rock rather than at the edges of the reservoir. Nonetheless, the stress paths for the fractures in the cover (i.e. reservoir roof) in the super-bonded case are essentially the same as those in the ‘standard’ model (See **Figure S3b**). The only exception is for the area immediately above the reservoir. Here, the stresses in the super-bonded case are linked to an effect of the boundary condition – effectively the reservoir is being modelled as a uniformly contracting solid such that it exerts very high shear stresses against the host rock as it reduces in area. Another effect of this solid behaviour is that the reservoir ‘pressure’ (mean stress) can attain highly negative absolute values – something very unlikely to characterise a magma reservoir in nature (**Figure S3c**).

Another more complex approach to simulating the host-rock-boundary interface would be to apply particle forces normal to the interface. The simplest implementation, assigning a radially-inward direction to the forces (e.g. Alassi et al., 2003), would likely result in over-constraining the reservoir behaviour. A more complex implementation allowing for free movement of the reservoir-host rock interface under gravity would face difficulty in remaining numerically stable at high depletions (and strains) and would possibly require coupling to a finite element or boundary element code, which is beyond the technical scope of our study. Moreover, it would be unlikely to change our broader conclusions, given the general similarities of model host rock behaviour even with the diametrically differing end-member boundary conditions tested here.

S1.3 Particle resolution

The model resolution in the main article was chosen to provide a reasonable balance between the structural resolution of faults etc., and the model run time for the model scale. For the resolution used here, with particle radii between 6-10m and comprising 50,000 particles, model run time on a fairly powerful desktop machine (3.6 GHz processor, 32 Gb RAM) was typically over 24 hours. We also tested the effects of increased model resolution by running models of equivalent size, but with particles radii between 3-5m and 1.8 – 3m. These comprised over 200,000 and 500,000 particles, respectively. The run time for one model to 50% depletion, equivalent to that in the ‘low resolution’ models, took over 7 and 50 days respectively. Thus it was unfeasible time-wise for us to have fully explored the parameter space presented in the paper, which is covered by 74 individual model realisations including multiple realisations for each parameter combination, at such high particle resolutions.

Moreover, the faults developed in higher resolution test models are actually quite similar in terms of orientation and position to those in the ‘low resolution’ models of the paper (**Figure S4a**). The main and unsurprising difference is that fault zone width decreases with decreasing particle size. Also the pattern of stress paths is almost identical to that in the low resolution models (**Figure S4b**). A subtle effect of higher particle resolution is a slight decrease in the pressure drop or depletion required to initiate ultimate roof failure and a slightly increased post-failure reloading (**Figure S4c**). These effects can be attributed to a reduced fracture toughness of the material at higher particle resolutions (Potyondy and Cundall, 2004). Such effects are likely to be systematic across all model geometries, however, and so are unlikely to change the general findings made from the lower resolution models in the main article.

S2. Variations in results associated with changes in model parameters

Here we summarise the evolutions of stress and fracturing within other collapse styles seen in the DEM model results (**Figure 3**). These other collapse styles arise from varying the mechanical (UCS, E) and geometric (T/D) parameters of the reservoir roof. As noted in the main text, the main features of the stress evolutions in these cases are actually rather similar to that of the representative ‘single central block collapse’ model, and so here we focus more on the differences. We also show here in some more detail how variation in the model’s

geometric and mechanical parameters affects the unloading-reloading of the reservoir and the amount of depletion or ‘under-pressure’ needed to cause ultimate roof failure.

S2.1 Stress and strain evolution in end-member collapse styles

A sufficiently shallow reservoir ($T/D < 0.3$) favours ‘central sagging’ or ‘central snapping’ collapse styles. ‘Central sagging’ occurs with low host-rock strength (**Figure S5**); ‘Central snapping’ occurs with high host-rock strength (**Figure S6**).

The main difference in both cases from the representative model (**Figure 4**) is that the initial elastic phase of subsidence is marked by a zone of especially high σ_1 and differential stress magnitudes in the central upper part of the roof. Indeed, the overall differential stress pattern is very similar to that shown in **Figure 1B**, which has been previously interpreted to lead to initial formation of an inward-dipping normal fault (Folch and Marti 2004). In both DEM models, however, the initially-formed structures comprise a pop-up structure or compressional ridge in the roof’s near-surface central area, plus outward-dipping fractures in the roof’s lower marginal areas.

A sufficiently deep reservoir ($T/D < 1.0$) favours either a “quasi-single central block” or a “multiple central block” collapse style. The former occurs with low strength and/or high Young’s modulus (**Figure S7**); the latter occurs with high strength and/or low Young’s modulus (**Figure S8**). The main difference from the representative model (**Figure 4**) is that in both cases the pattern of stress arching above the reservoir is disrupted through an upward-migrating sequence of material failures. At high modulus, this migration occurs very rapidly in depletion terms, such that very little strain accumulates on the failure-related fractures at depth (**Figure S7**). At low modulus, the migration occurs more slowly in depletion terms, such that strain accumulation on the failure-related fractures at depth leads to number of well-defined blocks (**Figure S8**).

The similarities of stress and fracturing evolutions in the end-member collapse styles and in the representative model are nevertheless strong. In all cases, stress arches and stress bowls develop in the elastic phase. The formation of fractures accommodating horizontal contraction (pop-up structures and/or outward-dipping reverse faults) again marks the disruption of the stress arch. Stress arch disruption leads to outward rotation of principal stress trajectories in the upper marginal parts of the roof and transfer of differential stress to these parts. Major fractures accommodating horizontal extension (inward-dipping normal faults)

eventually form here. Finally, and although more weakly so in the low T/D models, stress arching persists within the subsiding roof after its ultimate failure in all cases.

S2.2 Stress paths in end-member collapse styles

Figure S9 shows that stress paths taken toward fracture in the end-member collapse styles also differ only subtly from those in the representative model (**Figure 5**). The most notable difference occurs in the low T/D models, where the stress paths in the roof's lower marginal areas move toward the failure envelope at steeper, non-perpendicular orientations to the isostatic line (light blue and green paths in **Figure S9 A,B**). This effect is most pronounced in the high-strength "central snapping" style. One explanation for this difference may be that the marginal areas of such thin roofs are subject to higher bending stresses, which are added mainly to the generally more-horizontally orientated σ_1 (**Figure S6**).

In the high T/D models, the main difference to the representative stress paths shown in **Figure 5** is an additional path for the roof centre (yellow path in **Figure S9 C,D**) where fracturing occurs to delimit the upper part of a detached block. With respect to the isostatic line, motion along this path is initially near-perpendicular, but then abruptly switches to be near-parallel, followed by a retreat. This abrupt switch is associated with the upward passage of the failure zones in such thick roofs. In all other respects, the stress paths in the end-member collapse styles are very similar to those in the representative model.

S2.3 Relationship of near-surface tensile fracturing to roof failure

Figure S10 shows further details of the relationship of fracturing or slip events to the reservoir 'pressure' evolution in DEM models. The plots for three selected models are arranged in order of increasing T/D ratio, and they correspond to the 'central snapping', 'single central block' and 'multiple central block' collapse styles shown in **Figures S6, 4 and S8**, respectively.

Figure S10a shows that initial formation of near-surface tensile fractures (T1 and T2) marks neither (1) the ultimate failure of the roof nor (2) the concurrent formation of an inward-dipping normal ring fault. This is despite the fact that the stress pattern in the elastic phase of this model (**Figure S6**) is very similar to that previously interpreted as leading to both these outcomes (**Figure 1b**) (Folch and Marti 2004). Rather, ultimate roof failure occurs here in association with the formation of the pop-up structure in the roof centre (CR) and an outward-dipping reverse fault (R1) just above the reservoir margin. **Figure S10b**, which is the

same as that in **Figure 6a** and is included here for reference, makes essentially the same point as **Figure 6a**. Initial tensile fracturing in these examples hence marks a yielding ('cosmetic failure') of the roof material.

Figure S6c shows that with increased T/D, the yielding phase is no longer associated with formation of near-surface tensile fractures, but with distributed deformation and the formation of minor reverse faults (R1 and R2) immediately above the reservoir. Again, ultimate roof failure is associated with the formation of outward-inclined reverse faults (R3 and R4), and in this case it precedes the formation of a depression at the surface. Collapse through to surface is marked by the formation of another reverse fault (R5). At this point, the first surface tensile fracture (T1) forms. After a further period of depletion, another reverse fault (R6), several surface tensile fractures (T2-T4) and an inward inclined normal fault (N1) develop in quick succession.

With high T/D, near surface tensile fracturing therefore occurs after ultimate roof failure, rather than marking it. Moreover, and in agreement with some past interpretations for such a roof geometry (Folch and Marti 2004, Holohan et al. 2013), surface tensile fracturing occurs either with or after onset of surface collapse marked by the initial formation of outward-dipping reverse faults rather than inward-dipping faults.

S2.4 Effects of parameter variations on reservoir unloading-reloading

As noted and explained in the main text, the reservoir unloading-reloading history is most strongly affected by the roof's T/D ratio and its Young's modulus (**Figures S11**).

With respect to the initial unloading phase, and all other parameters being equal, increasing the roof's T/D ratio increases the maximum reservoir under-pressure (i.e. the magnitude of reservoir unloading) sustained by the roof. Increasing the roof's unconfined strength has a similar effect, although this is not so pronounced at the highest T/D values (see main text for explanation). The plots here further show that the amount of depletion required to reach ultimate roof failure also increases with increased T/D ratio. From the plots in **Figure S11**, one might be tempted to suggest that this critical depletion may also increase with increased strength (all other parameters being equal). This relationship is unclear when all the available data are examined, however (see **Figure 7**). The main effect of increased Young's modulus is to increase the rapidity, in depletion terms, of the initial unloading. This effect is further shown here for a variety of roof T/D and strength values (**Figure S11**).

With respect to the post-failure reloading phase, the strongest effect stems from the roof's T/D ratio (**Figure S11**). At low T/D, the post-nadir reloading of the reservoir is sharp. With increased T/D, the post-nadir reloading is increasingly gradual. A similarly increased sharpness of post-failure reloading is also seen with higher roof strength, albeit more so for low T/D values. These patterns largely reflect a more brittle failure of the roof at low T/D and high strengths vs. a more ductile failure at high T/D and low strengths. Finally, as noted in the main text, and shown here for a variety of strength and modulus values, the post-failure reservoir pressure returns to a depletion-adjusted lithostatic value for low T/D only. The post failure reservoir pressure remains progressively further below the lithostatic value (i.e. the magnitude of reloading is inhibited) as T/D increases.

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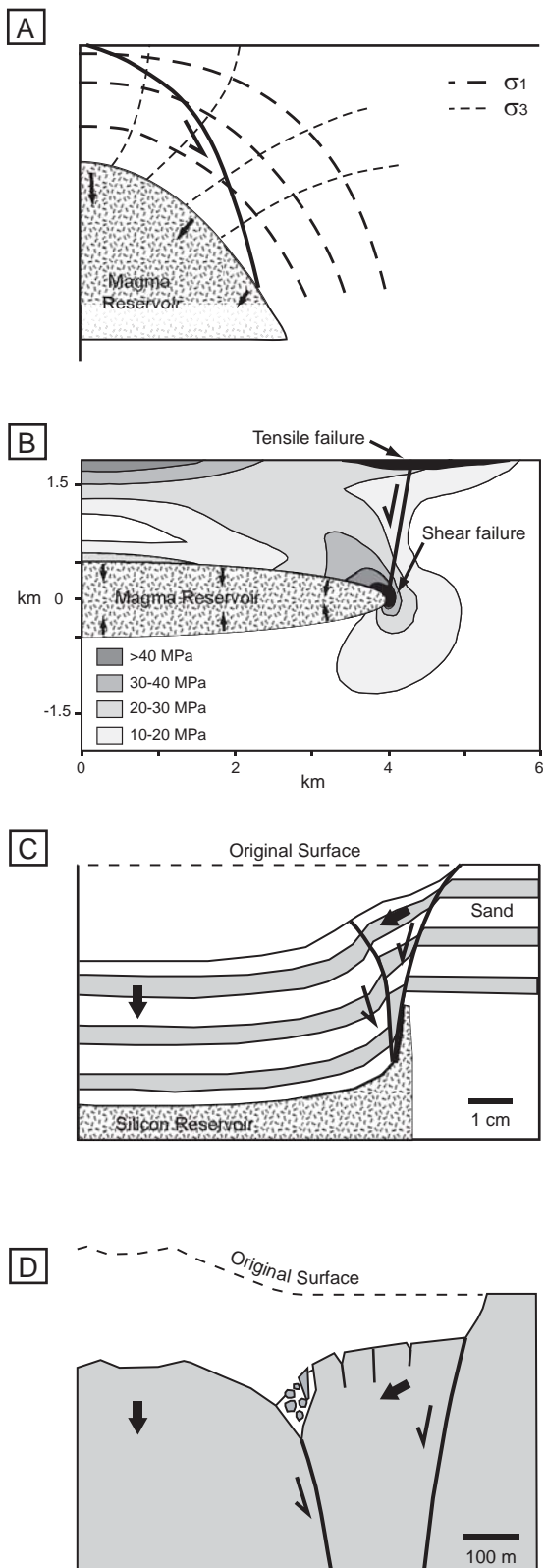


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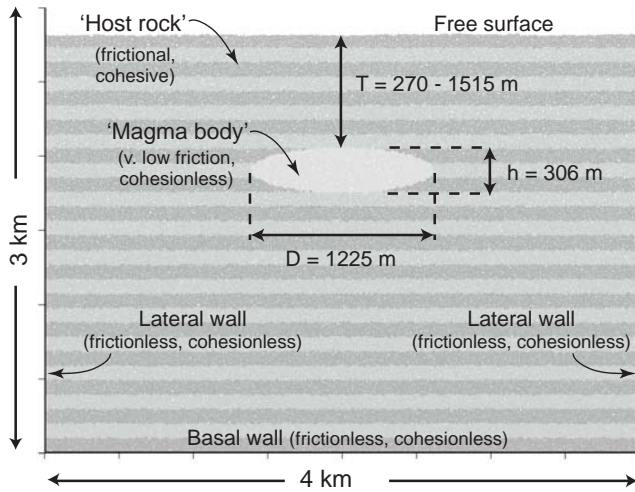


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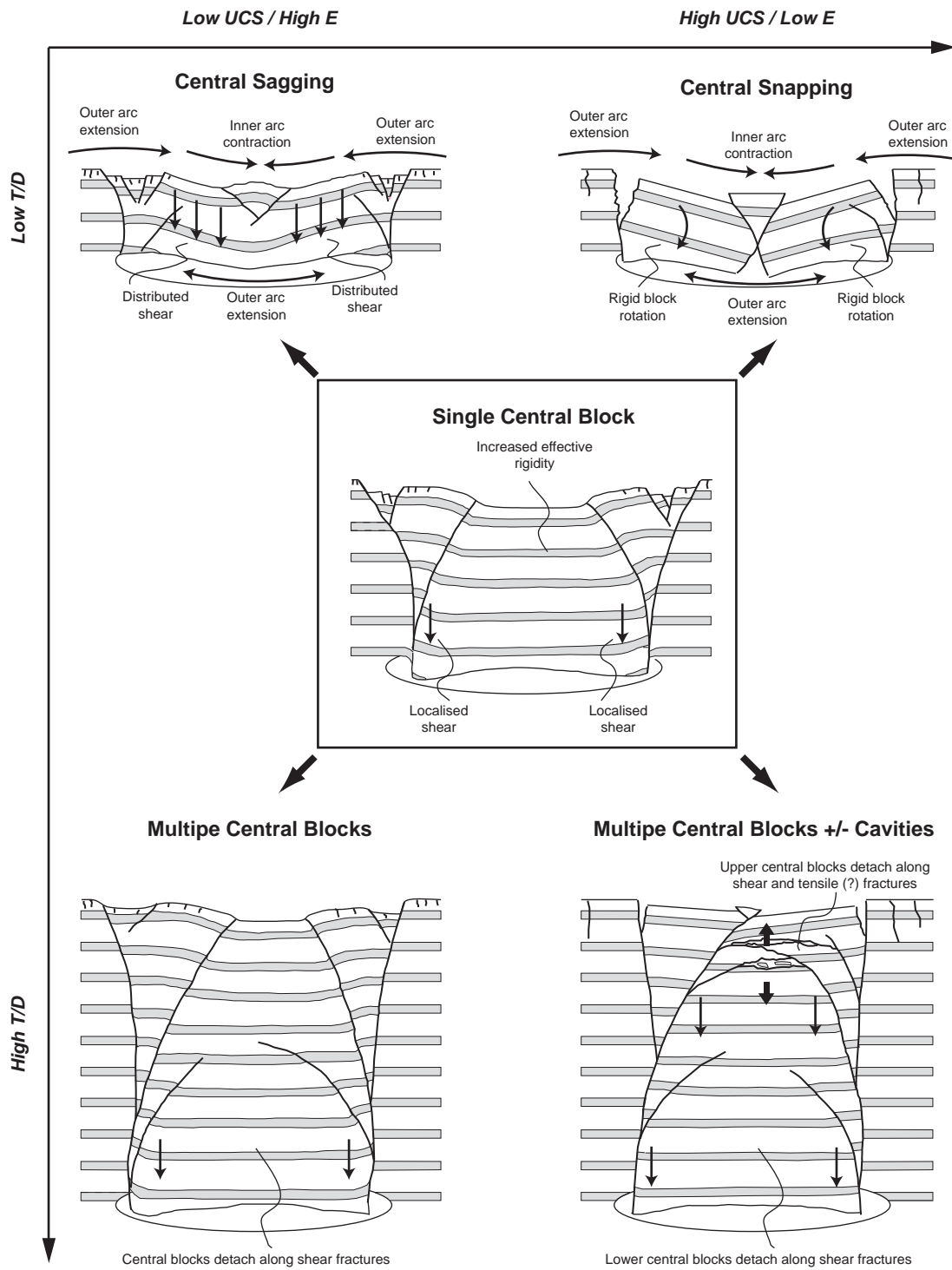


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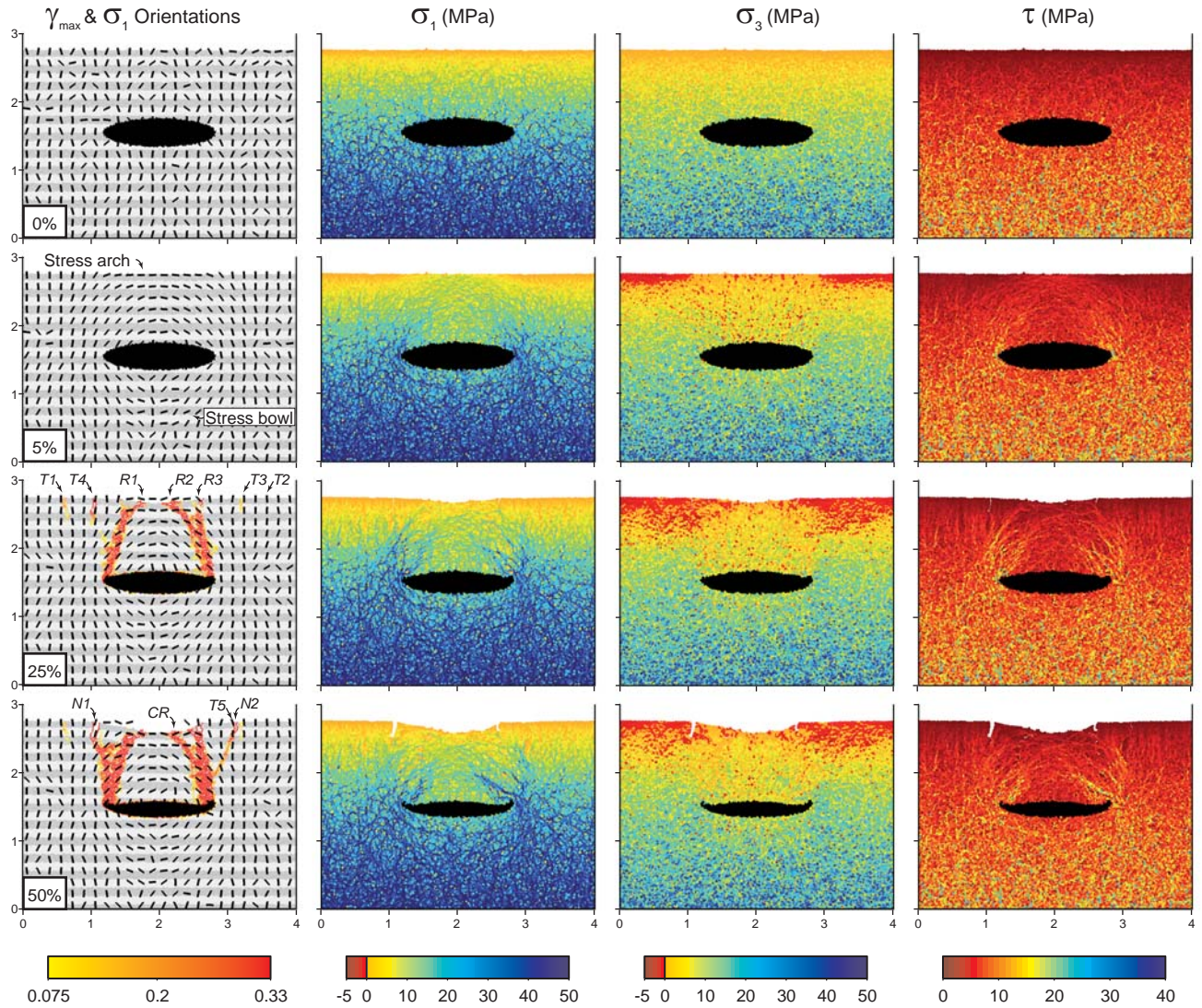


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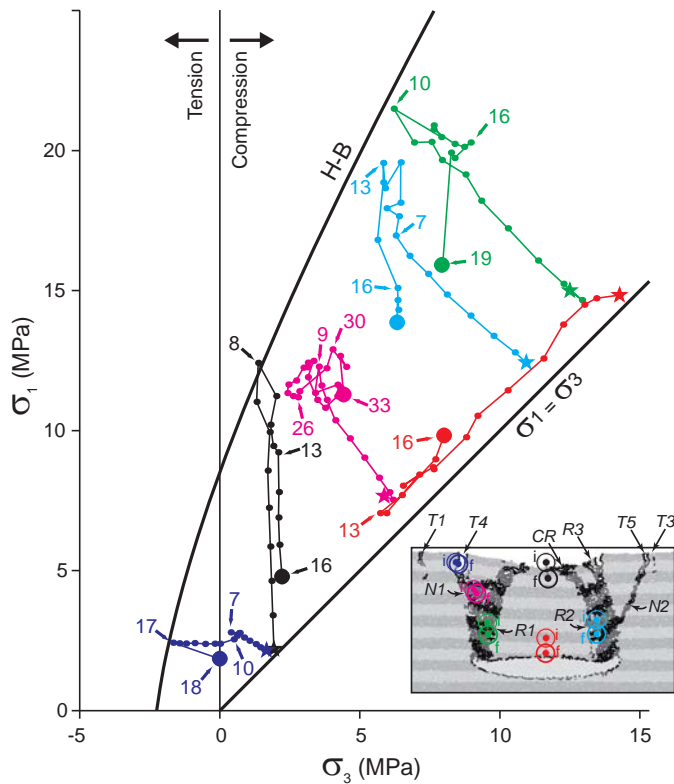


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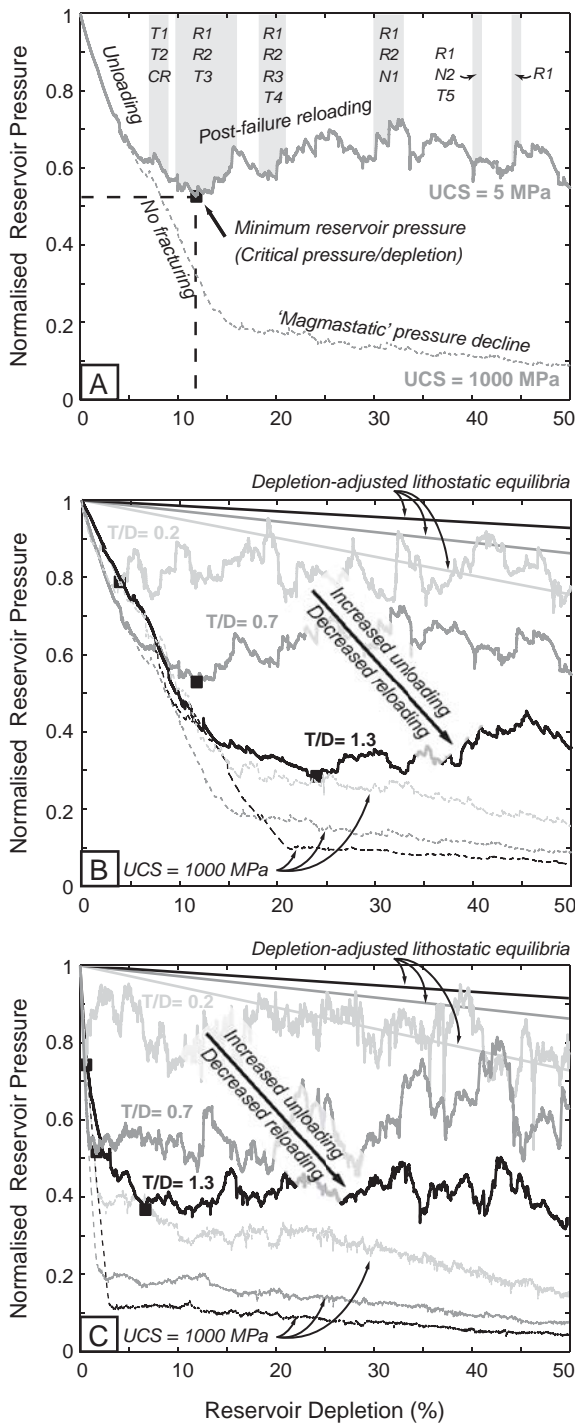


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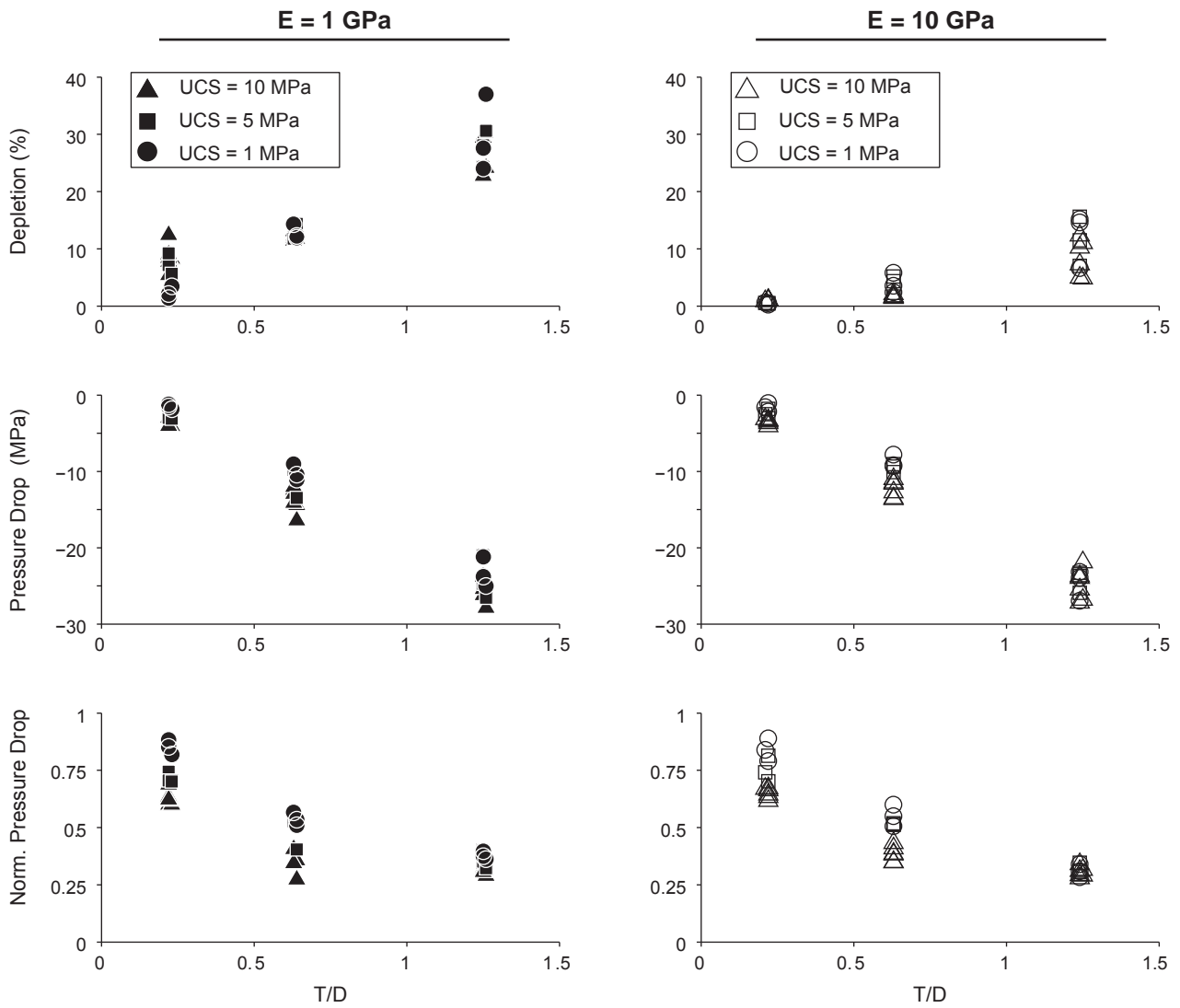


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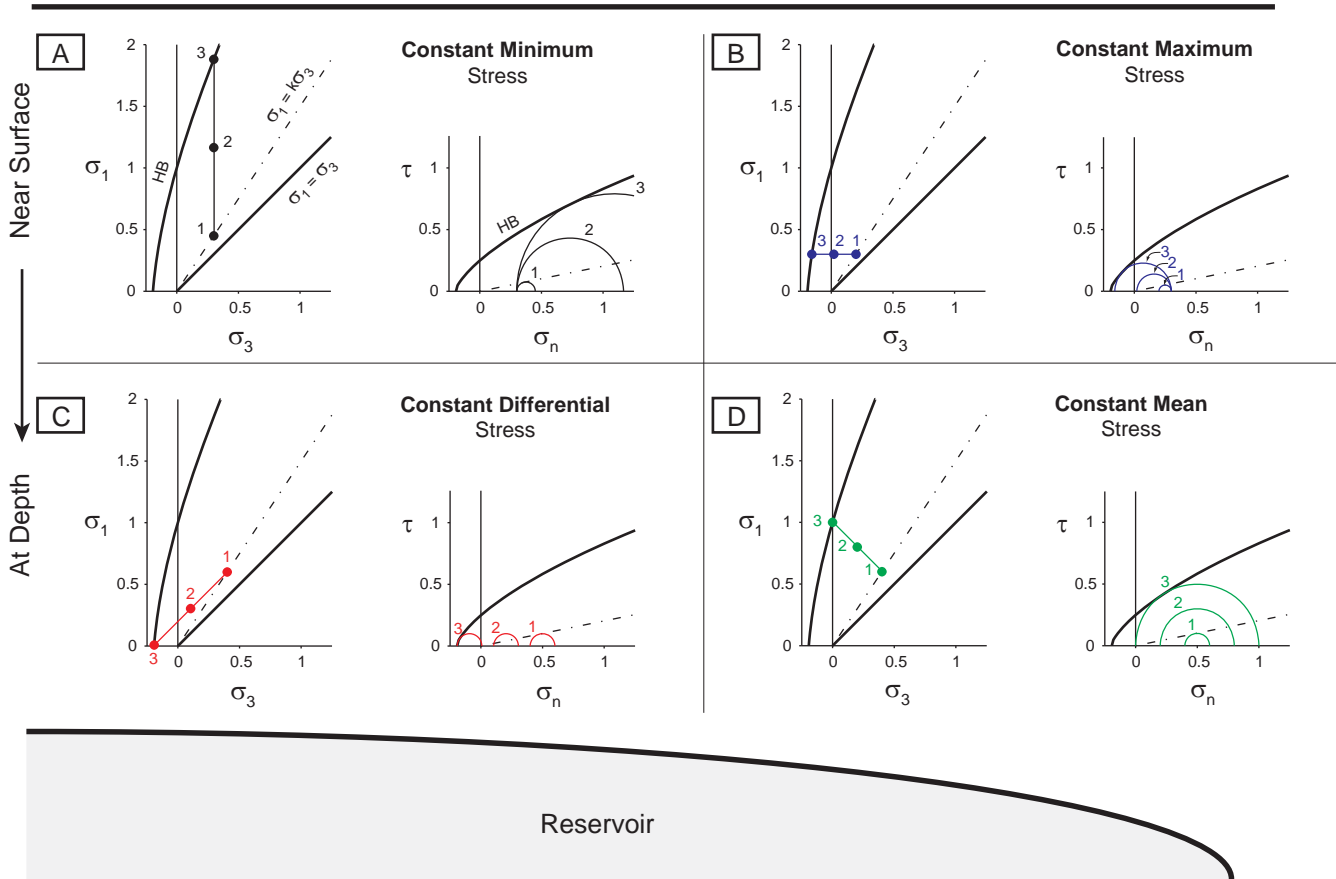


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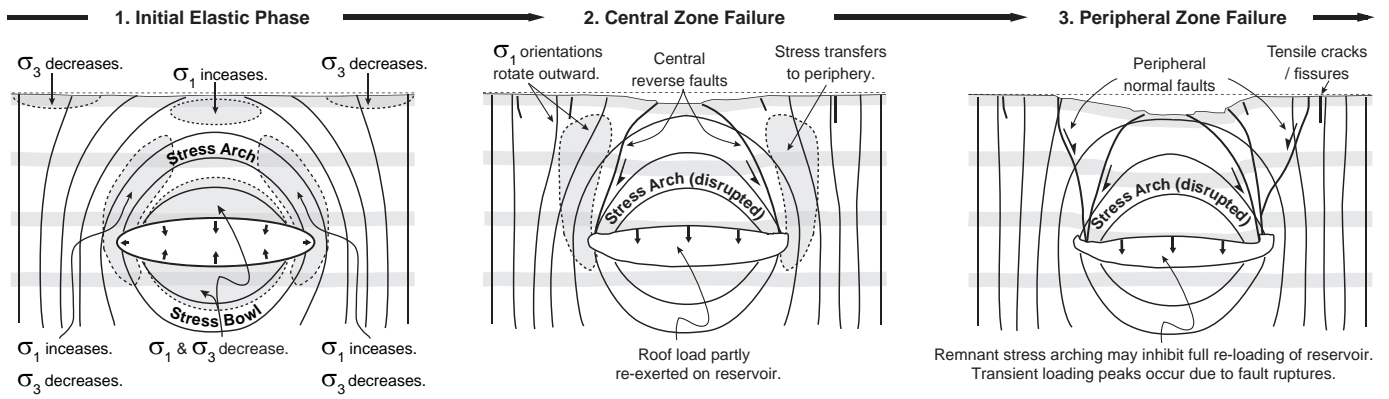


Figure 9: Summary of stress evolution during a single central block caldera collapse. Darkly shaded areas in the initial elastic phase show the end-member stress paths to failure. Central roof failure along outward-dipping reverse faults leads to the partial relaxation of the stress arch and to the outward rotation of the principal stress orientations in the peripheral zone. This outward rotation, combined with a transfer of differential stress from the central zone to the periphery, leads to the formation of inward-dipping normal faults here. The reservoir undergoes an initial unloading of the roof-related stresses, but roof failure leads to a reloading of the reservoir. Friction within the down-going roof causes a persistence of the stress arching and so may inhibit re-establishment of the full roof load onto the reservoir.

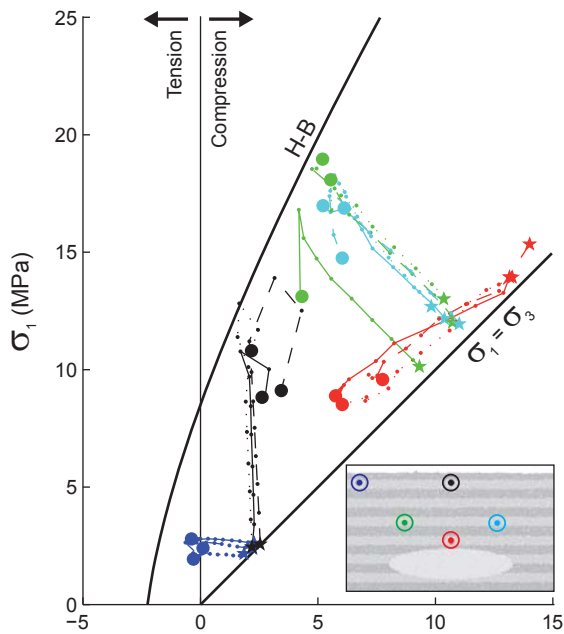
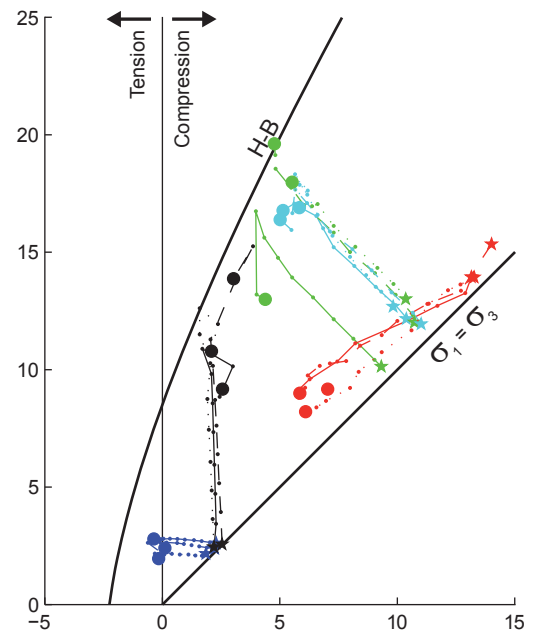
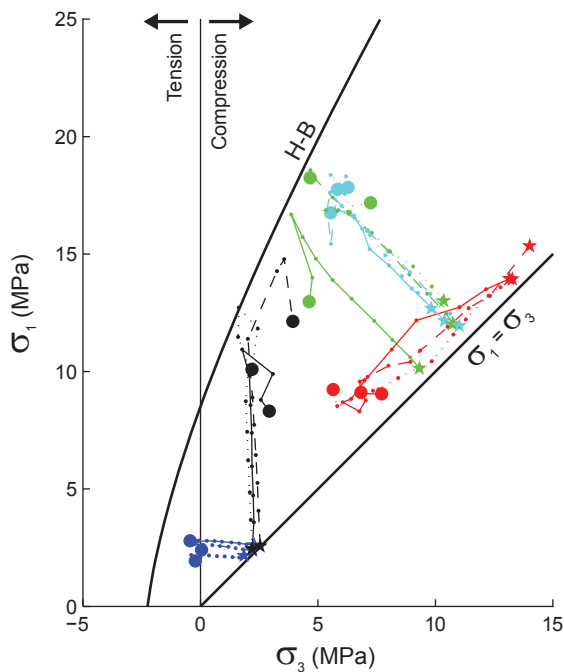
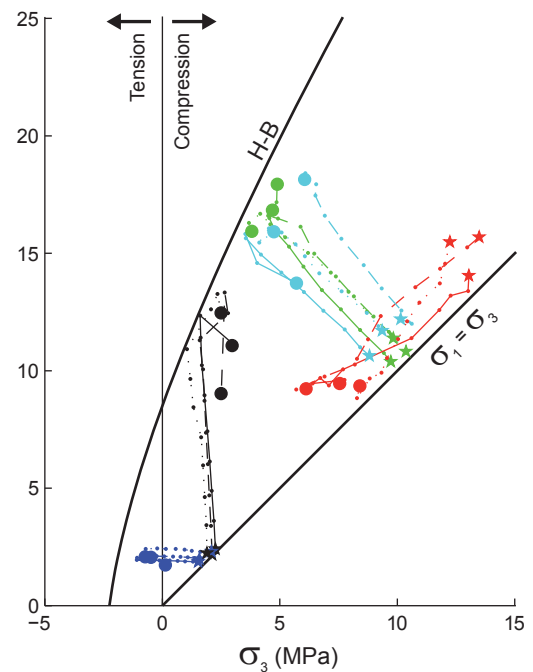
A Model set-up in main article**B Fixed external boundaries****C Reduced reservoir friction****D Increased model size**

Figure S1: Test for effects of boundary conditions on stress paths. **(A)** Paths from three realisations of the representative model set-up in this paper. This has non-cohesive, frictionless external boundaries; has reservoir particle friction = 0.01; and has boundary dimensions of 3 x 4 km. **(B)** Paths from realisations with fixed external boundaries. **(C)** Paths from realisations with reservoir friction reduced to 0.00001. **(D)** Paths from realisations with boundary dimensions increased to 5 x 15 km. All paths span a depletion of 0-10%. Each plot contains data from three model realisations (i.e. particle assemblages). The dotted lines in (A) are data from the representative model of the main article. Inset in (A) shows the initial locations of the circular areas for which the paths were calculated. These are the same for the models in all figure parts. See caption to Figure 5 for further explanation of symbols and labels.

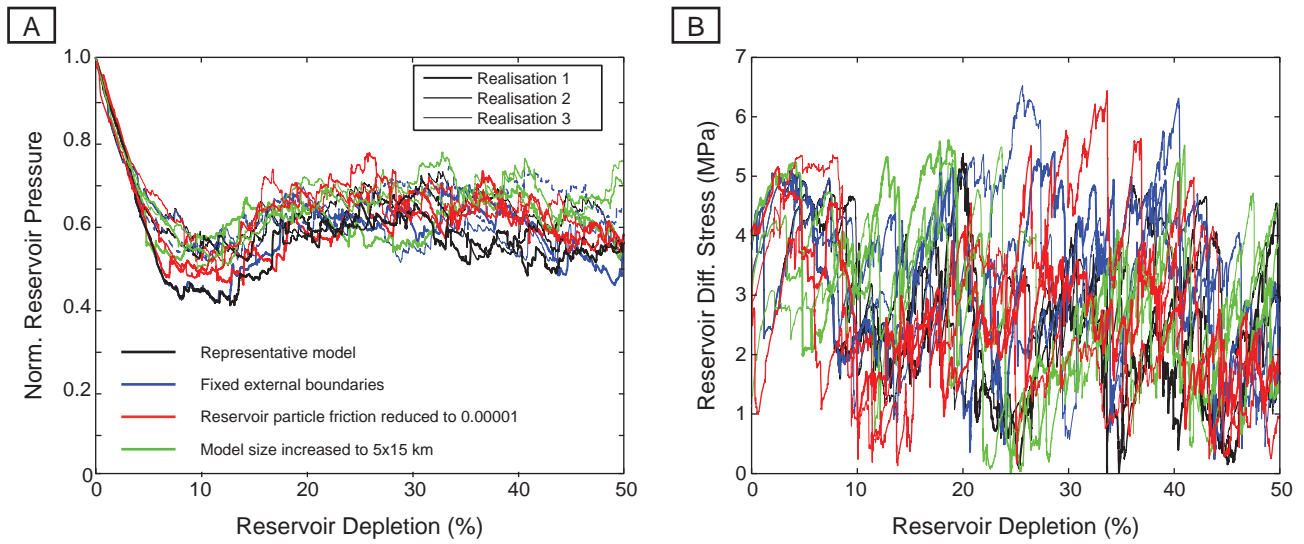


Figure S2: Test for effect of boundary conditions on reservoir stresses: **(A)** Reservoir mean stress, i.e. reservoir pressure, **(B)** Reservoir differential stress. The legend in part (A) applies also to part (B). Results from three model realisations (i.e. particle assemblages) are shown for each configuration of boundary conditions. Note that the curves from each configuration overlap substantially with, or lie within the range of, those of other configurations. This implies that effects from changing the boundary conditions as done here are minimal.

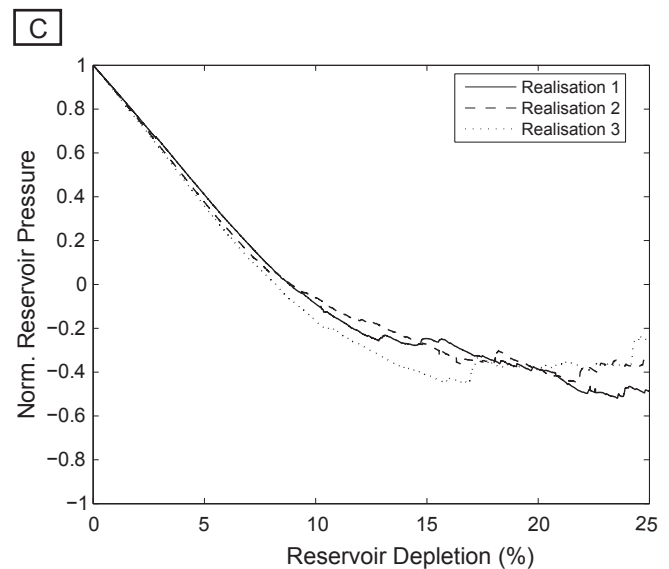
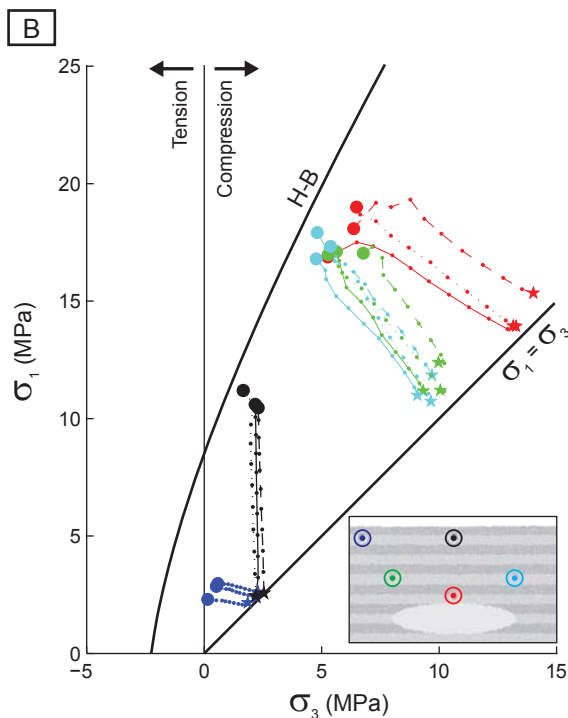
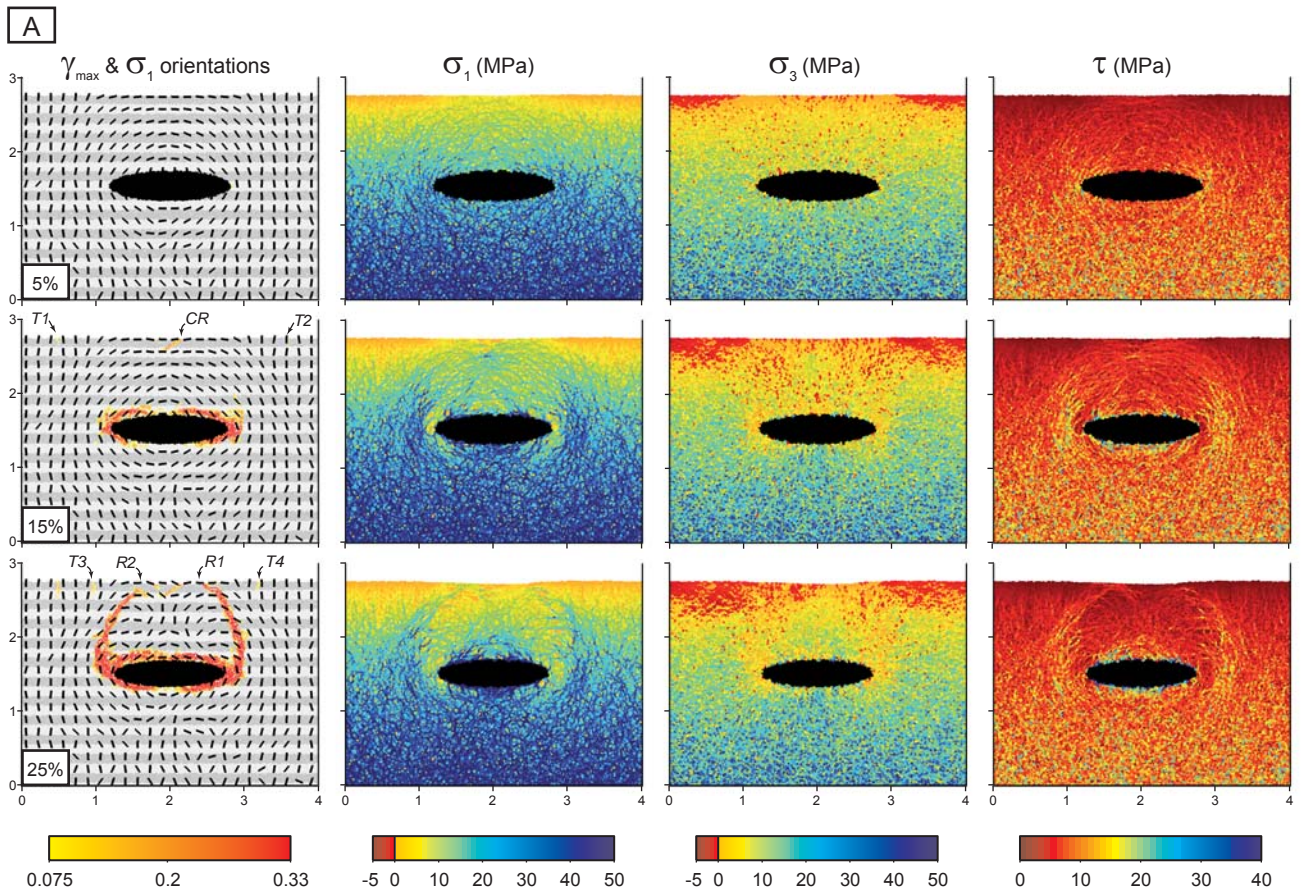


Figure S3: Effects of infinitely-strong contact bonding of reservoir particles to each other and to the host-rock. **(A)** Stress and strain evolution. Host-rock properties are the same as in Figure 4. See caption to Figure 4 for explanation of layout and annotations. Note the development of large shear stresses in the host-rock immediately above and below the reservoir. **(B)** Stress paths for three model realisations run up to 10% depletion. See caption to Figure 5 for explanation of labels and symbols. Inset shows the initial positions of the circular areas for which each path was calculated. None of the paths reach failure by 10% depletion, probably because of the concentration of strain around the reservoir. Only the red stress path (area immediately above the reservoir centre) deviates from the orientations in Figure 5. **(C)** Evolution of reservoir pressure (normalised to maximum). Note that the pressure (mean stress) declines to large negative values.

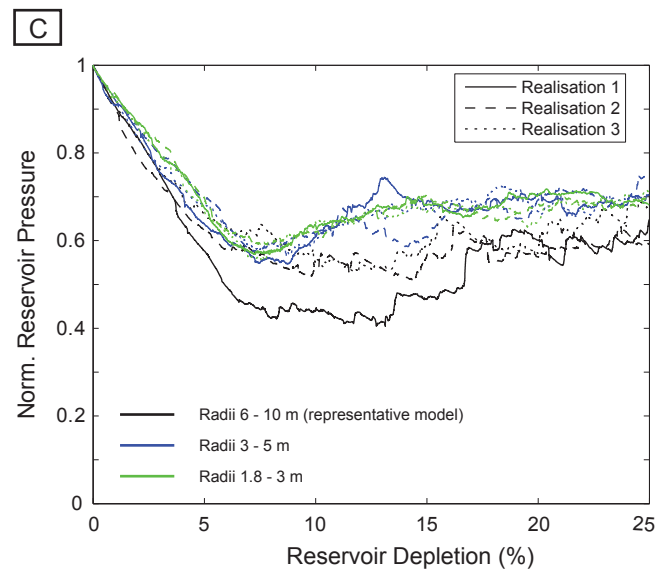
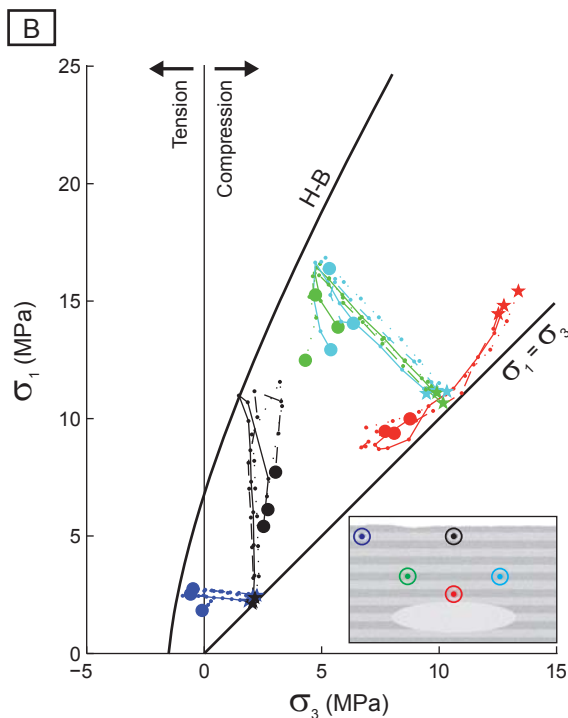
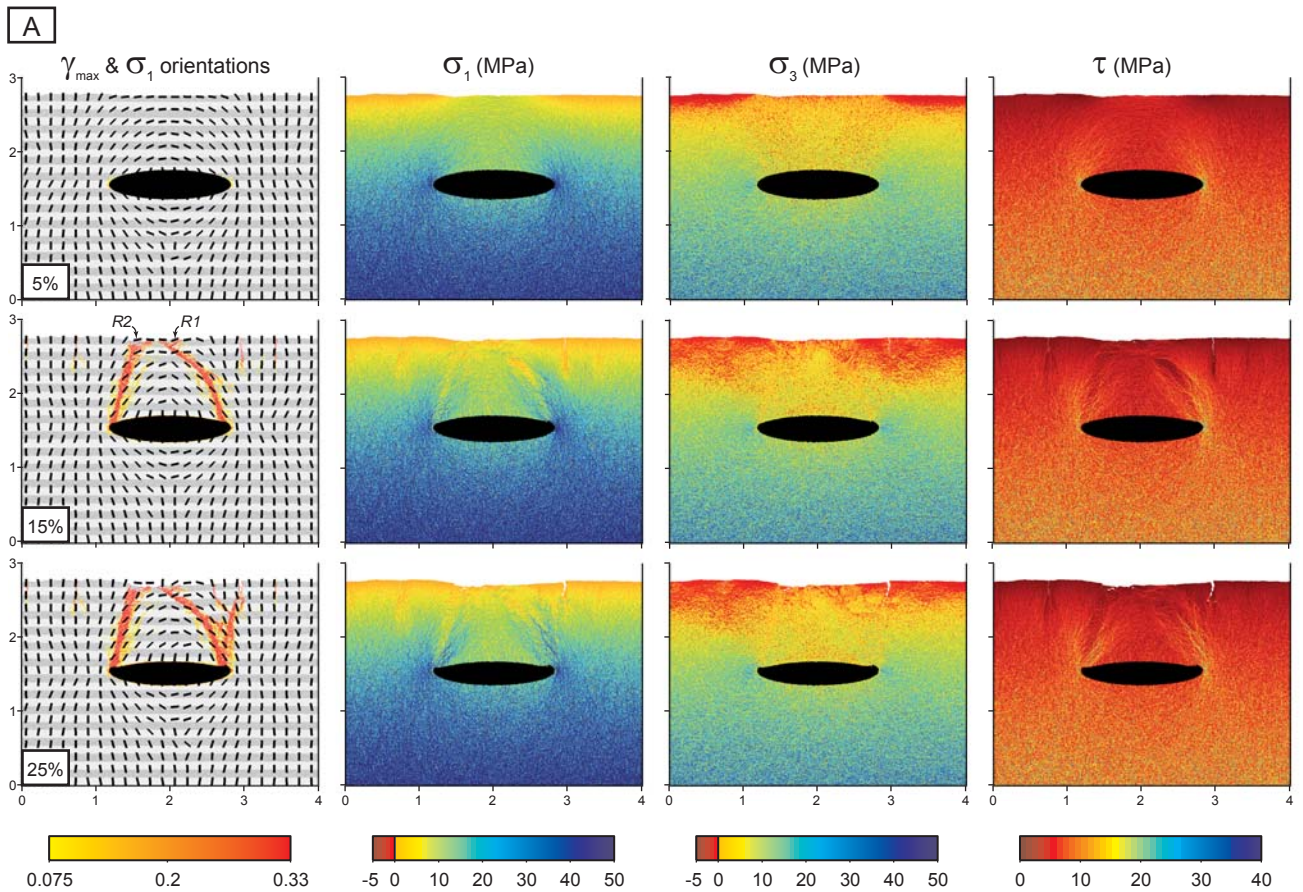


Figure S4: Effects of increasing particle resolution. **(A)** Stress and strain evolution for model with particle radii between 1.8 and 3 m. Host-rock properties are the same as in Figure 4. See caption to Figure 4 for explanation of layout and annotations. Note the fault geometry upon failure is essentially the same as in the lower resolution model in Figure 4. **(B)** Stress paths for three model realisations with particle radii between 1.8 and 3 m, run up to 10% depletion. Inset shows the initial positions of the circular areas for which each path was calculated. See caption to Figure 5 for explanation of labels and symbols. Note that stress path pattern is essentially the same as the lower resolution model in Figure 5. **(C)** Evolution of reservoir pressure (normalised to maximum) for models with increased particle resolution.

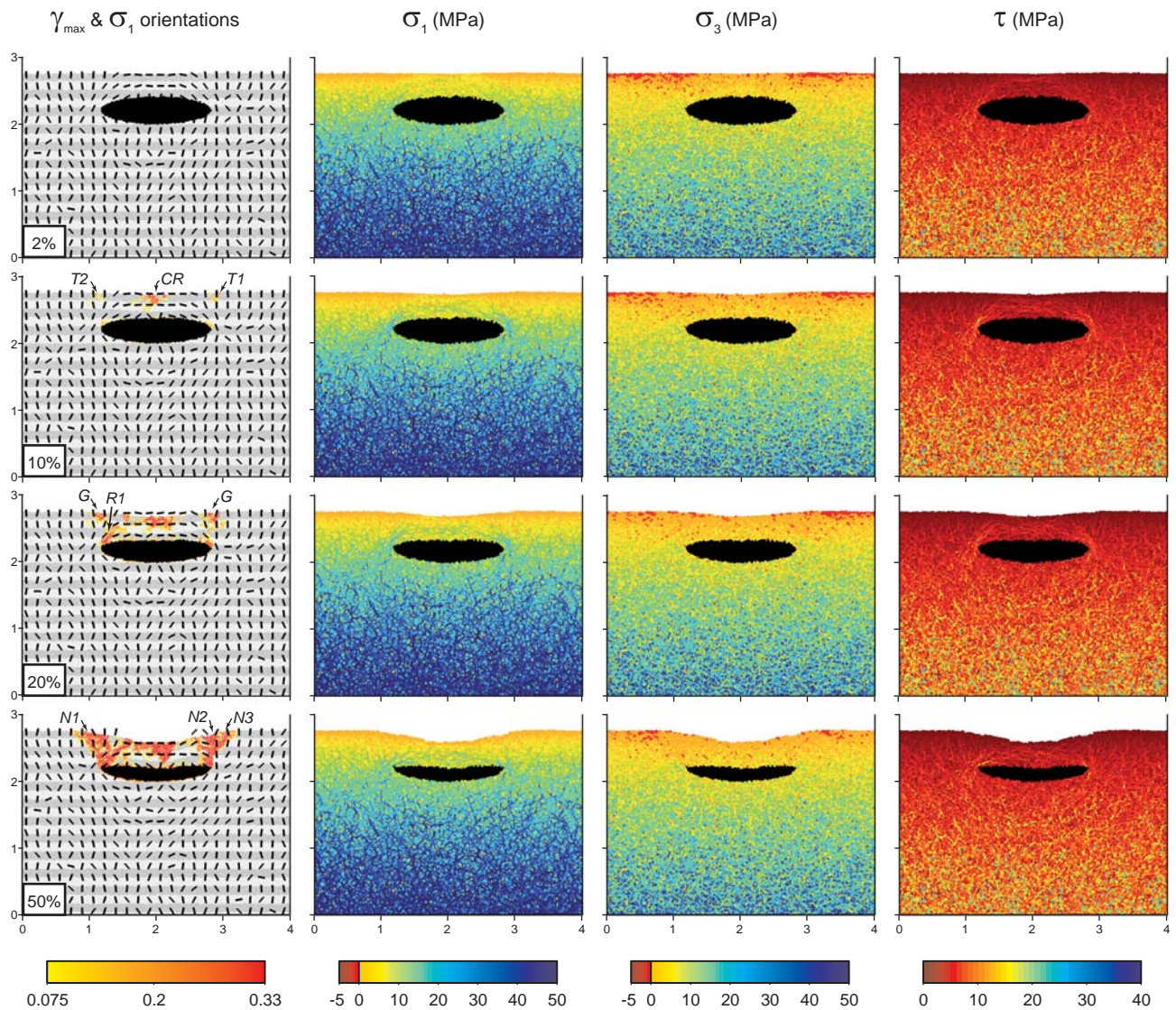


Figure S5: Stress and strain evolution during a ‘central sagging’ collapse style. See caption to Figure 4 for explanation of symbols and layout (except: CR, compressional ridge; G, graben). Such a collapse style emerges in low strength materials that cannot support high differential stresses (contrast with Figure S6). Nonetheless, as shown in Figure S9, the stress paths leading to failure are similar in orientation to those seen in the more typical ‘single central block collapse’ style (Figure 5).

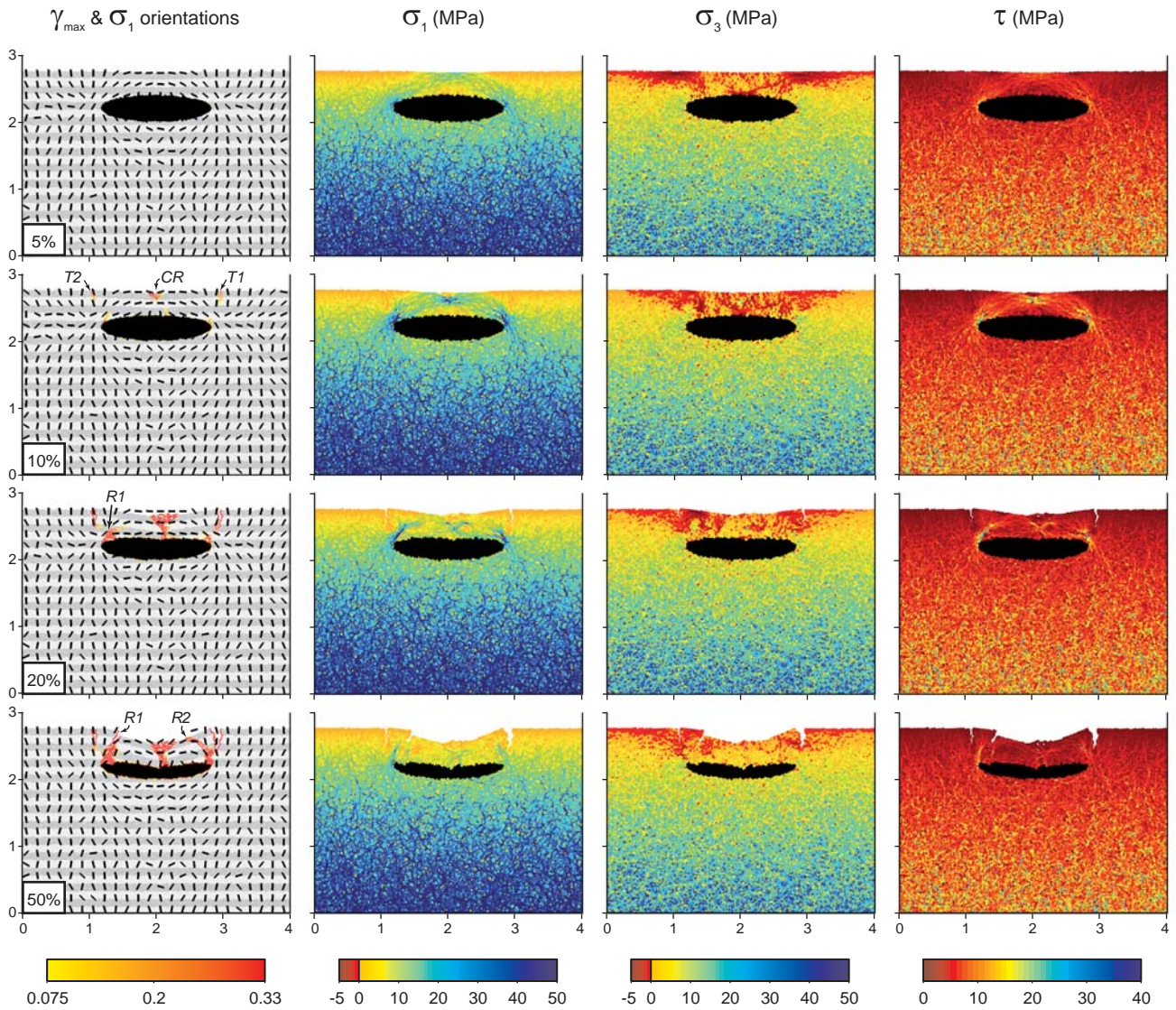


Figure S6: Stress and strain evolution during a ‘central snapping’ style collapse. See caption to Figure 4 for explanation of layout, symbols and labelling of fractures in the first column (except: CR, compressional ridge). Fracture labelling corresponds to that in Figures S9B and S10A. Note that the patterns of tensile and differential stress in the elastic phase (5% depletion) are very similar to that shown in Figure 1B. The predicted ultimate failure along an inward-inclined normal fault does not occur, however. Instead, and as shown in the related stress paths in Figure S9 and in the corresponding reservoir pressure vs. depletion curve in Figure S10, ultimate failure is associated with formation of a central Y-shaped fracture system (‘pop-up’ structure) and also of marginal outward-inclined reverse faults.

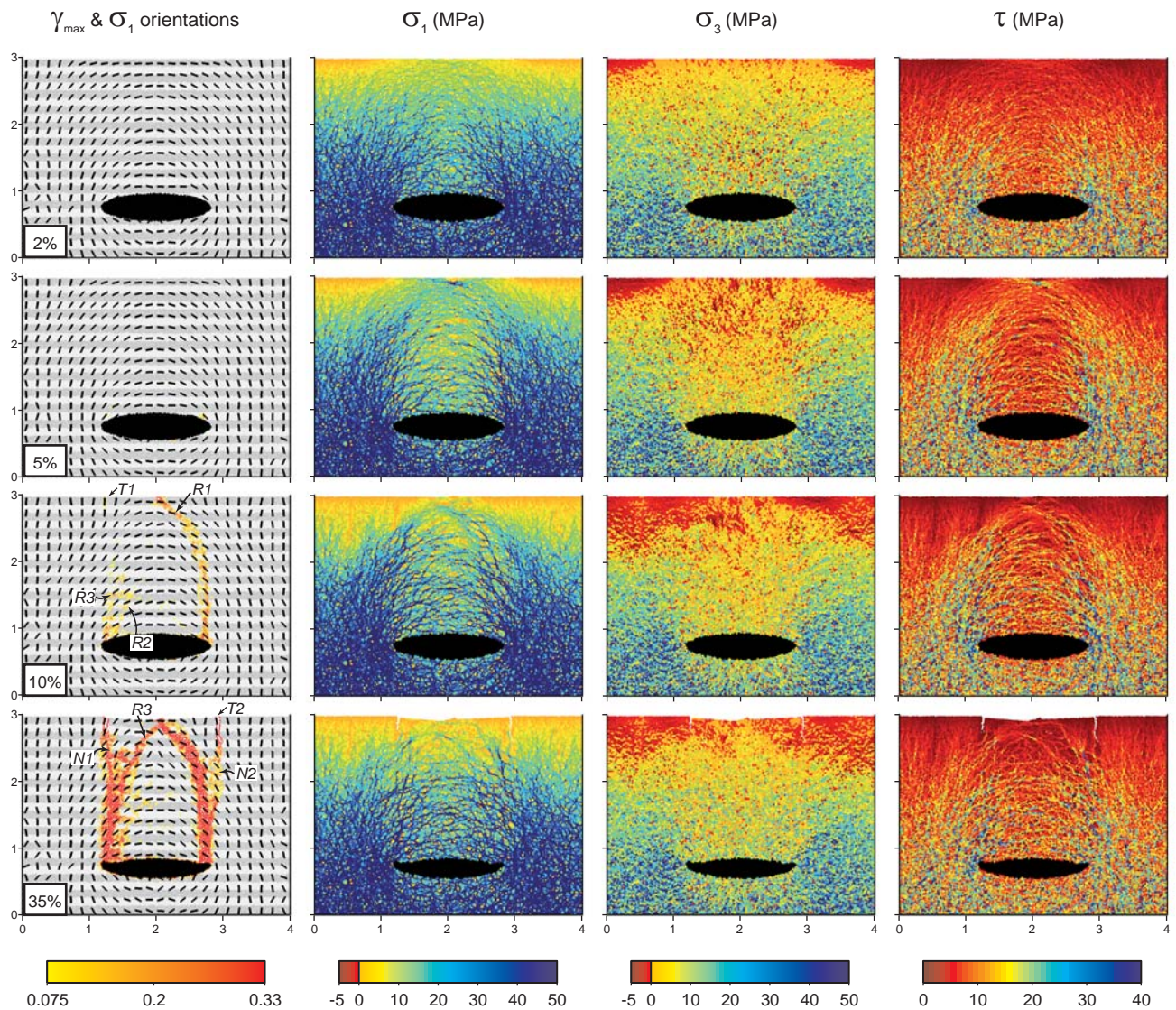


Figure S7: Stress and strain evolution in a ‘single central block’ collapse developing in a higher Young’s modulus (10 GPa) model. See caption to Figure 4 for explanation of symbols and layout. In detail, the roof undergoes a rapid upward migration of ‘damage accumulation’ (i.e. bond breakage), such that the stresses seen in the elastic phase at 2% depletion are already substantially relaxed by 5% depletion (note the columnar zone of lower stresses above the reservoir). As seen in the corresponding reservoir depletion vs. pressure curve in Figure S11 (UCS = 10 MPa, T/D = 1.3), this is the ‘yielding’ phase in this model. Shortly afterward at c. 7% depletion, the model undergoes ultimate failure along a single through-going reverse fault, which is well expressed at 10% depletion. Accordingly, the stress paths leading to failure (Figure S9) are similar to those of the ‘single central block model’ shown in Figure 5.

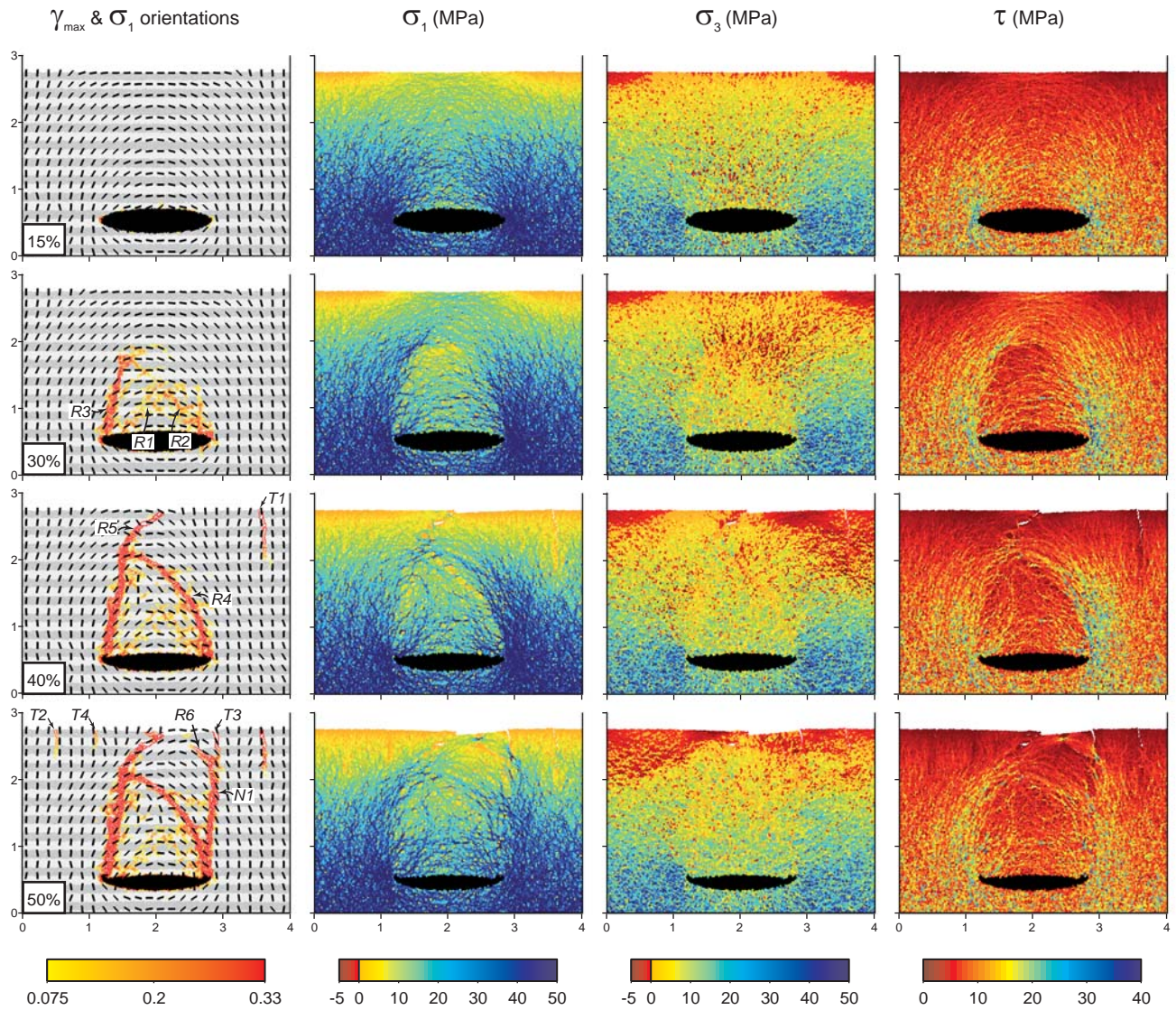


Figure S8: Stress and strain evolution during a ‘multiple central blocks’ collapse style. See caption to Figure 4 for explanation of symbols and layout. Fracture labelling corresponds to that in Figures S9D and S10C. In contrast to the higher modulus model in Figure S7, the accumulation of ‘damage’ (i.e. bond breakage) within the reservoir roof progresses more slowly upward in depletion terms. Consequently, strain localises more effectively on fractures at depth before stresses in the overlying material grow large enough to continue the upward propagation of fracturing. This leads to the clear delimitation of multiple sub-surface blocks, and gives rise to a sequential upward intensification and disruption of the stress arch (i.e. stress transfer), as the roof failure progresses from reservoir to surface.

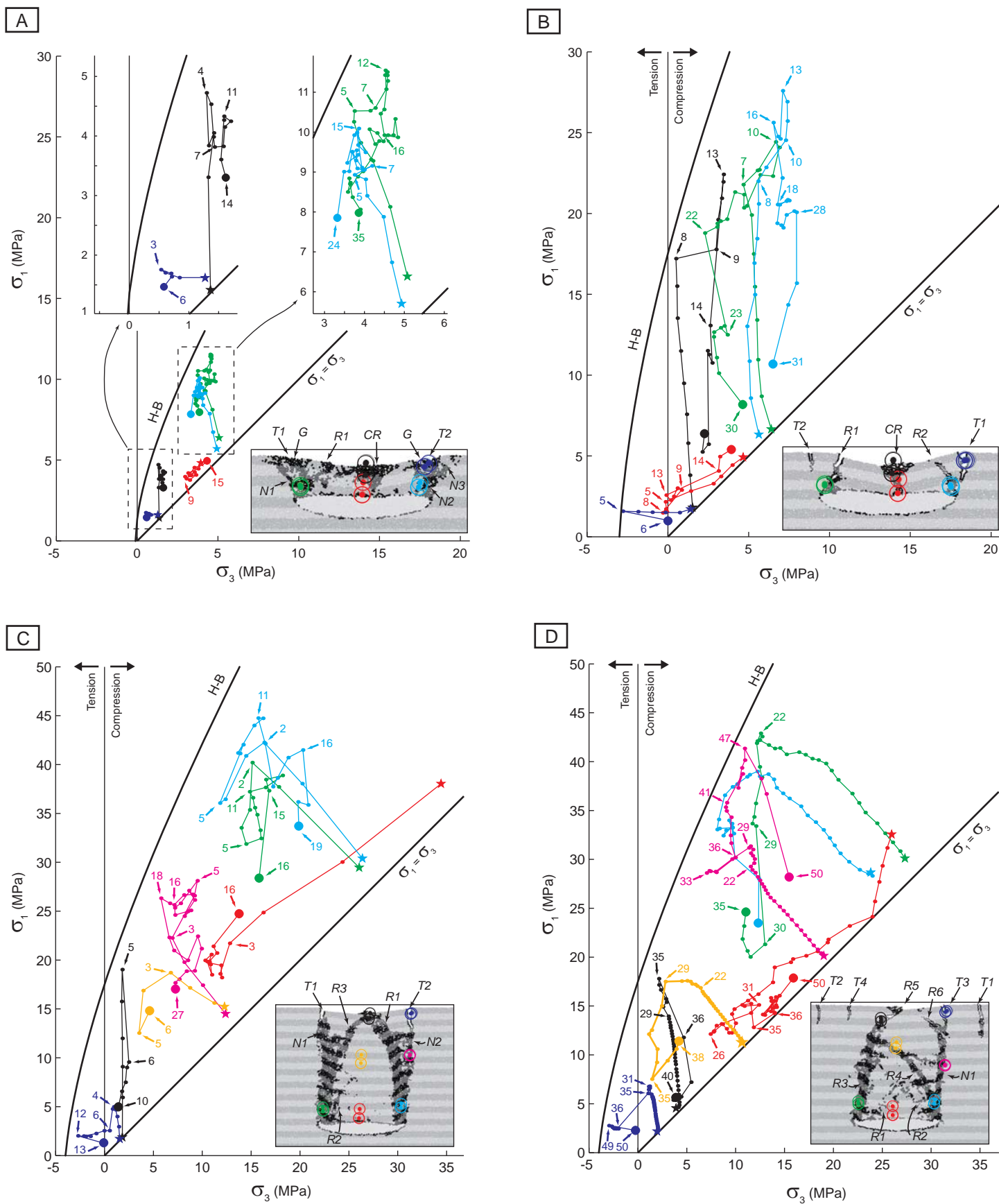
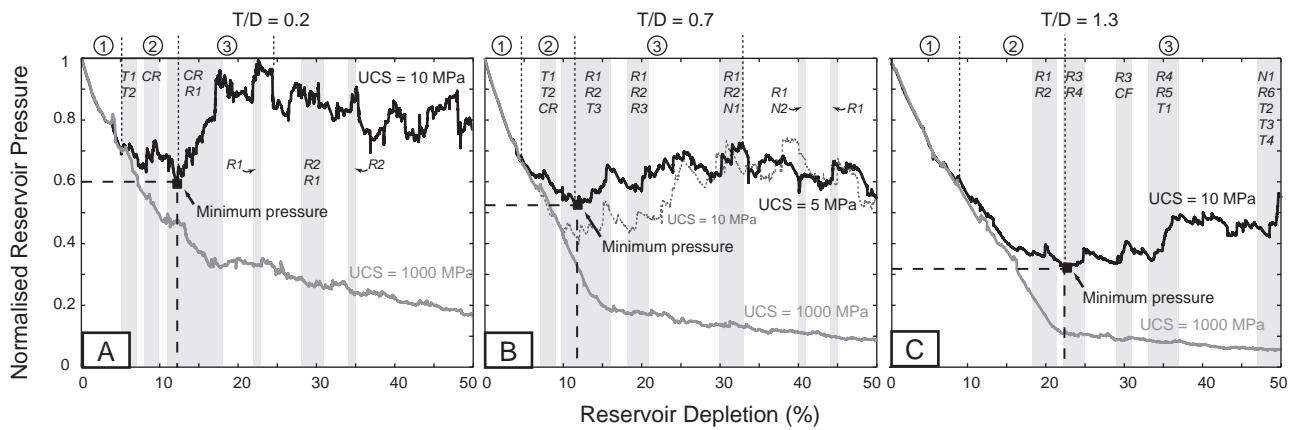


Figure S9: Principal stress paths for key roof locations during end-member caldera collapse styles (see Figure 3). (A) a ‘central sagging’ collapse; (B) a ‘central snapping’ collapse; (C) a ‘single central block’ collapse developed in a higher Young’s modulus host-rock; and (D) a ‘multiple central blocks’ collapse. Paths are from the models shown in Figures S5, S6, S7 and S8, respectively. Fractures in the insets are labelled in correspondence with Figures S5-S8. See caption to Figure 5 for further description of symbols. Note that the stress path patterns in most cases are closely similar to those in the typical ‘single central block’ collapse style in Figure 4. The main exceptions to this is the stress paths associated with fractures R1 and R2 in the central snapping end-member. These are steeper than in other collapse styles, a fact that probably reflects the greater influence of bending stresses in this case (high strength and thin beam-like roof).



Phases: ① Unloading in elastic phase → ② 'Yielding' → ③ Reloading after 'ultimate' roof failure

Figure S10: The influence of faulting on reservoir unloading-reloading evolution shown for selected DEM collapse models of differing roof thickness/diameter ratio. (A) the model in Figure S6 with UCS = 10 MPa, developing a 'central snapping' collapse style; (B) the model in Figure 4 with UCS = 5 MPa developing a typical 'single central block' collapse style. The grey dashed curve shows data from an equivalent model with UCS = 10 MPa; (C) the model in Figure S8 with UCS = 10 MPa developing a 'multiple central blocks' collapse style. The solid grey curves in each plot come from geometrically equivalent models with an 'infinitely strong' host-rock (UCS = 1000 MPa). These curves hence show a purely elastic unloading of the 'lithostatic' pressure exerted on the reservoir, plus a 'magma-static' pressure decline. The black curves also include the effects of non-elastic deformation (i.e. fracturing). The grey bars denote depletion intervals during which fractures labelled in Figures S6, Figure 4, and Figure S8, respectively, either form or undergo significant ruptures (i.e. slip events). Such fracturing effects are seen also as stress path changes in Figure 4 and in the corresponding parts of Figure S9.

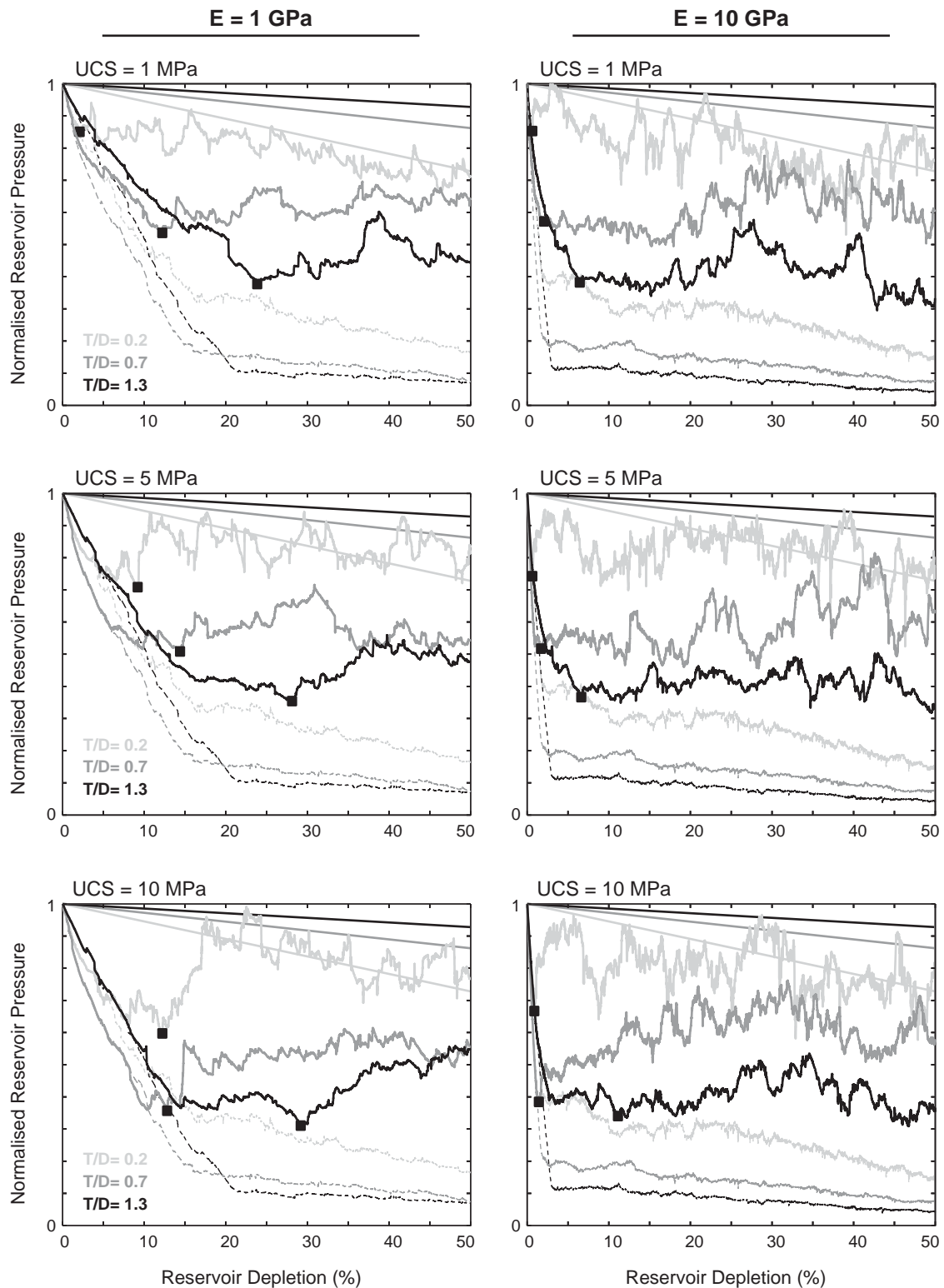


Figure S11: Reservoir unloading vs. depletion for selected caldera collapse models. The results are shown columnwise in terms of low (left) or high (right) Young's Modulus and row-wise in terms of increasing unconfined compressive strength (UCS). Each subplot shows the results of mechanically similar models with differing roof thickness/diameter ratios (T/D) and correspondingly different shades of grey. The dashed curves in each plot come from geometrically equivalent models to the correspondingly grey-shaded solid curves, but with an 'infinitely strong' host-rock ($UCS = 1000 \text{ MPa}$). The dashed grey curves hence show a purely elastic unloading of the reservoir, plus a 'magma-static' pressure decline. In contrast, the solid grey curves also include the effects of non-elastic deformation (i.e. faulting). The comparison of dashed and solid curves helps to show the onset of yielding and failure in models with 'finite strength'. Solid sloped lines indicate the depletion-adjusted lithostatic pressure for each T/D ratio and are shaded accordingly.