

The Ario Reality & Other Draughting Rifts



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Background

C4 derigged

Bill's Cave – back door to 2/7

Cueva del Rana – the missing
link

Black Feather for the future





A Coruña

Gijón

Santander

San Sebastián

Toulouse

Montp

Santiago de Compostela

Oviedo

Bilbao

Vitoria-Gasteiz

And

Pontevedra

Ourense

Vigo

Valladolid

Zaragoza

Tarragon

Porto

Salamanca

Madrid

Castellón de la Plana

Toledo

Valencia

Portugal

Spain

Lisbon

Badajoz

Benidorm

Córdoba

Alicante

Seville

Murcia

Albufeira

Huelva

Granada

Algiers

مدينة الجزائر

Faro

Málaga

Almería

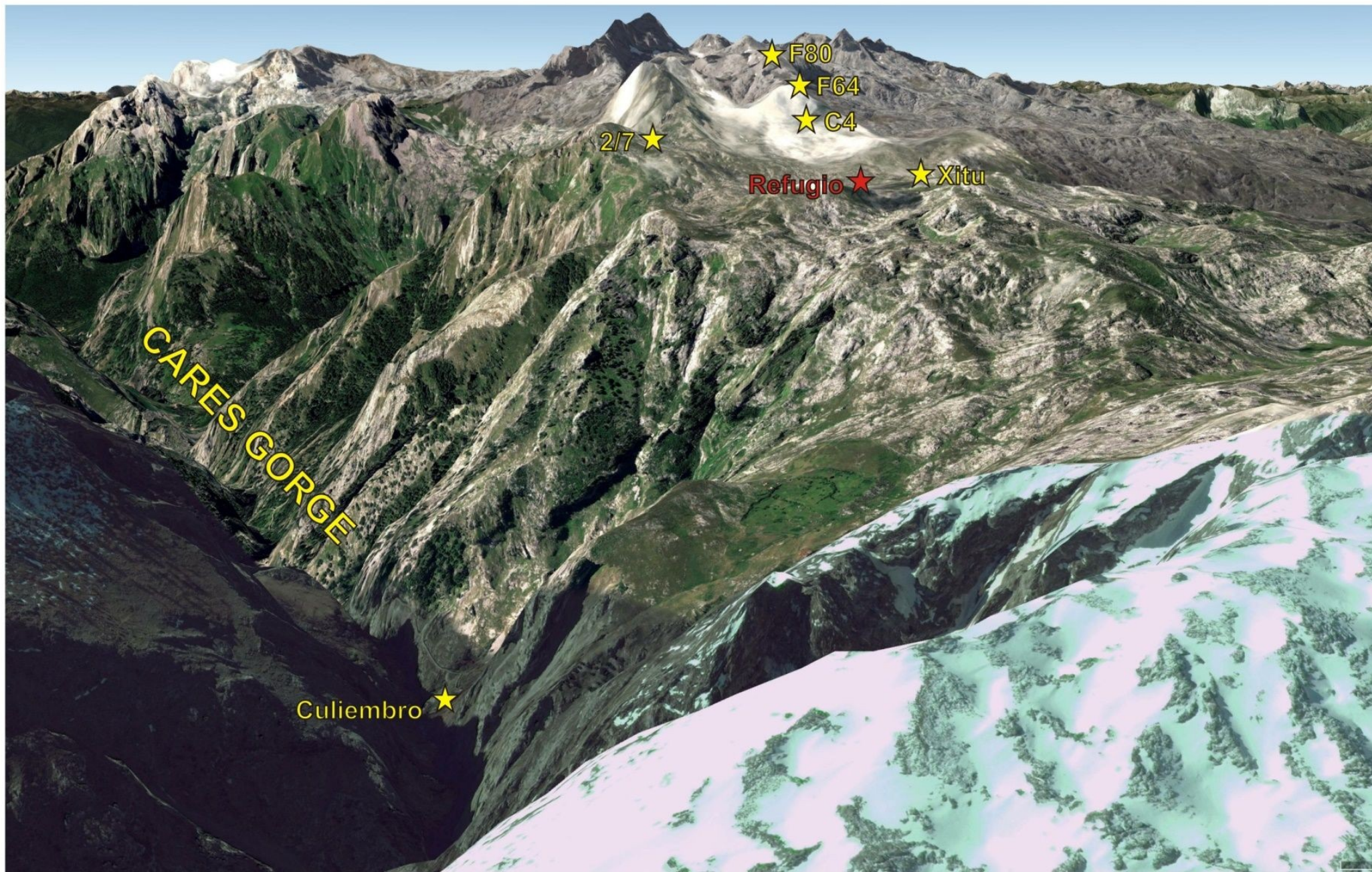






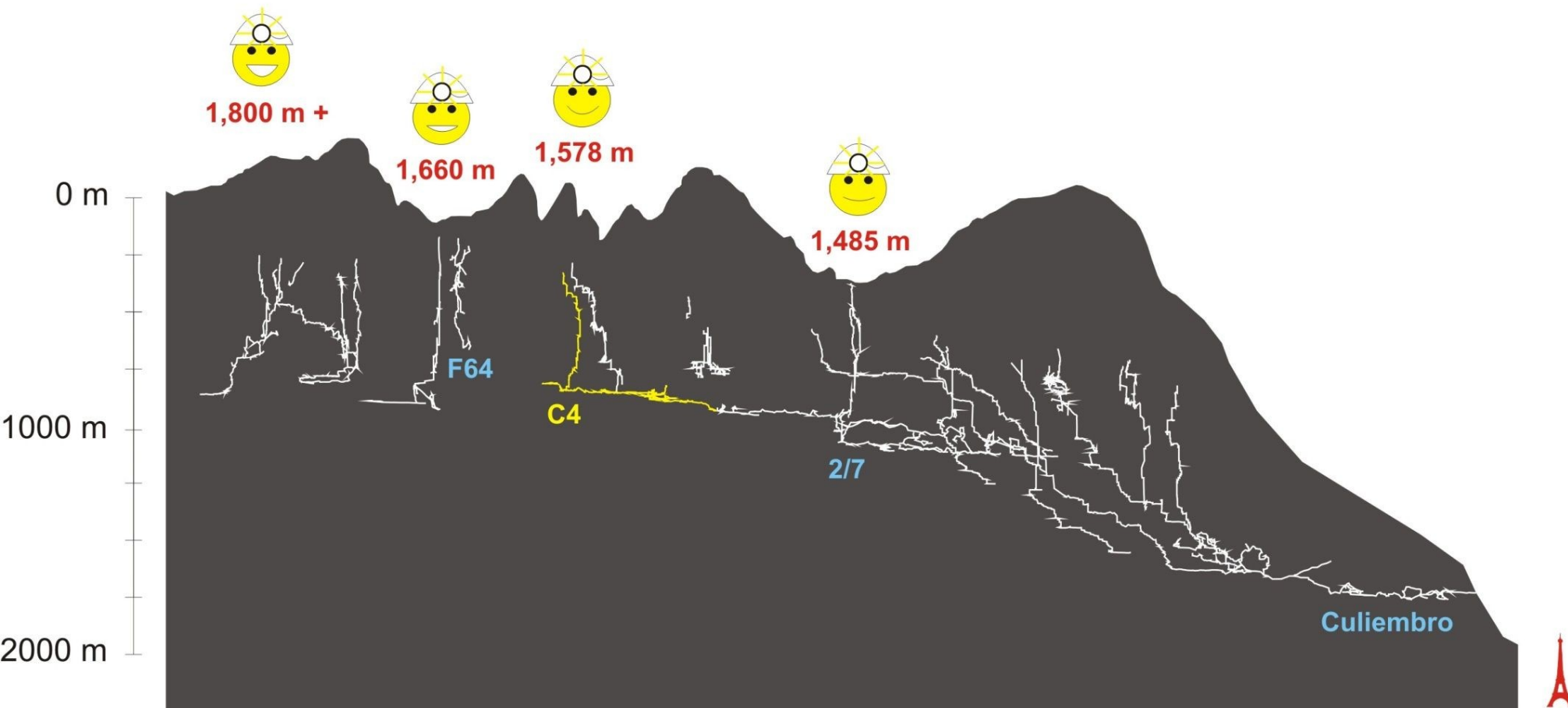


1,800 m +





THE ARIO DREAM



O.U.C.C.
LOC.

16th July 1979. Monday

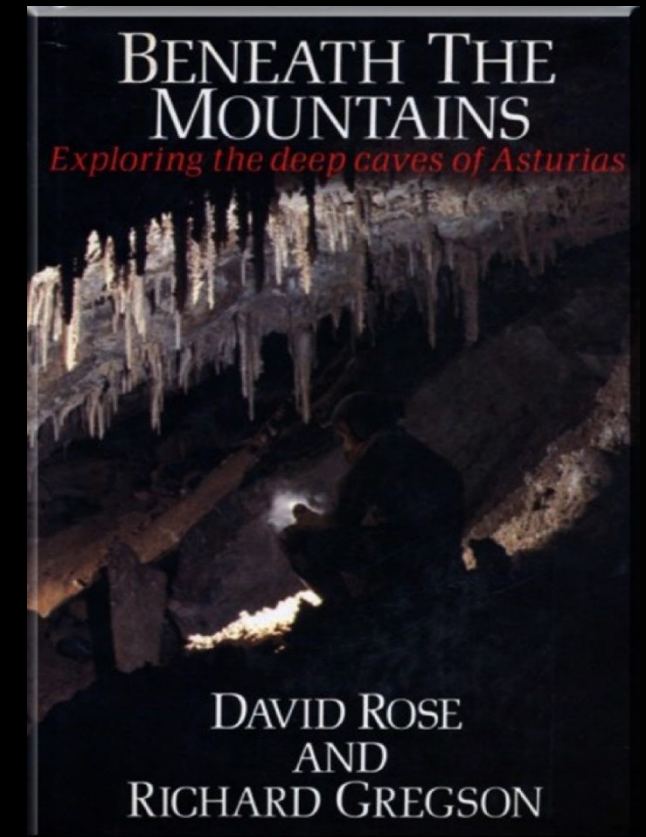
Ignoring the holidaymakers, Martin and John took the Arvo path in search of unexplored caves. Another cheese storage cave which didn't seem to go anywhere was discovered just below Arvo. (see sketch below) The "party" then went up to the

The area seems very promising and a stay at Arvo would be well worth while.

(inc. Spain)

discovered in a lean rock shaft by Martin. The final visit of the afternoon was to an enormous snow filled cave about seven hundred feet below the summit and a forty foot deep snow plugged shaft close by. The area seems very promising and a stay at Arvo would be well worth while.

1961	First Expedition
1979	Xitu Found
1981	Xitu Bottomed
1986 – 98	Pozu Jultayu (2/7)
1989	Cueva del Rana found
1995-7	C3 – C4
1998	Bill's Cave found and initial exploration
2003 – 9	Texa system
2010	Culiembro – Xitu connected
2012	Xitu Traverse
2017	C4 connected to 2/7
2019	Bills' Cave (27/9) breakthrough















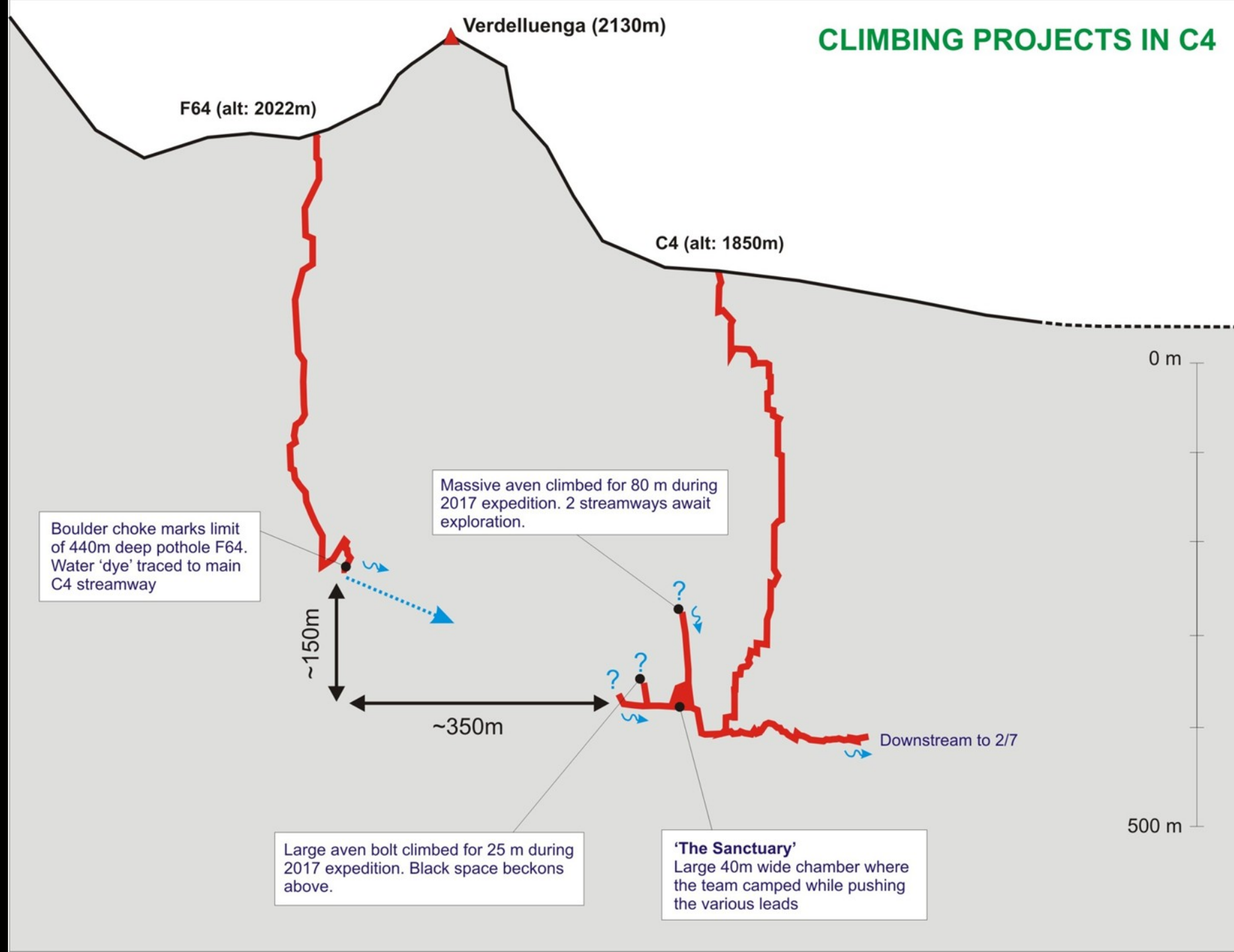








CLIMBING PROJECTS IN C4





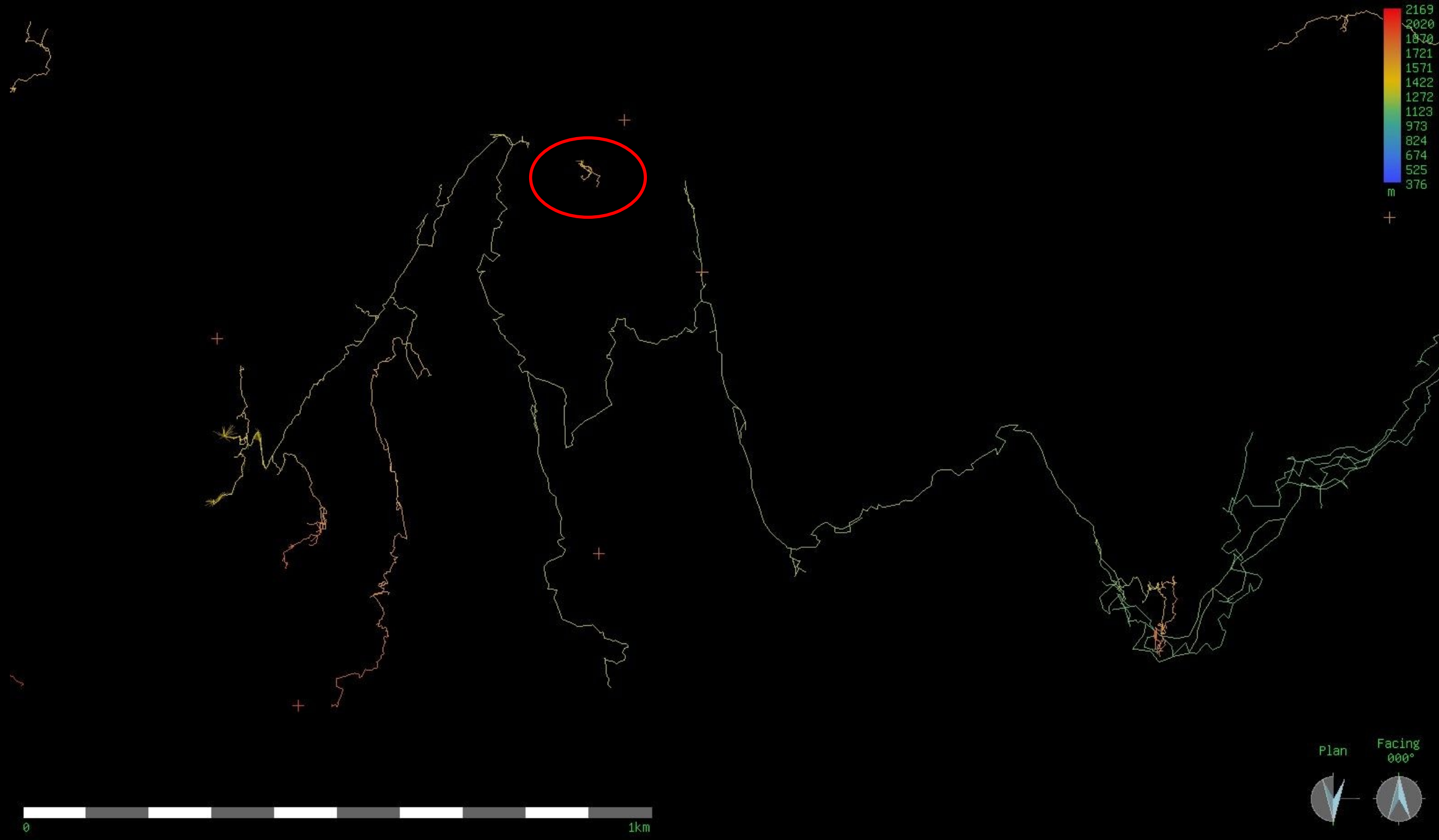














Oxford University Cave Club

Expedition to Northern Spain

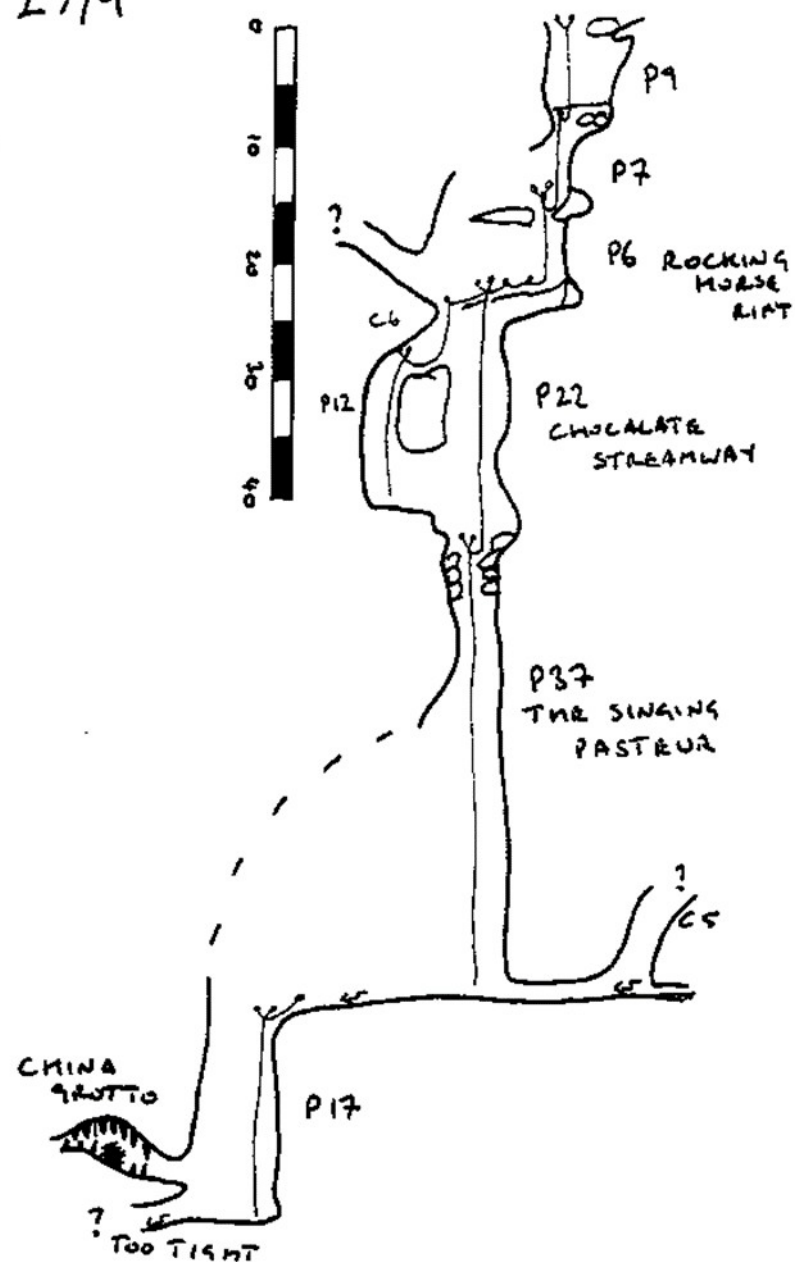
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FINAL REPORT

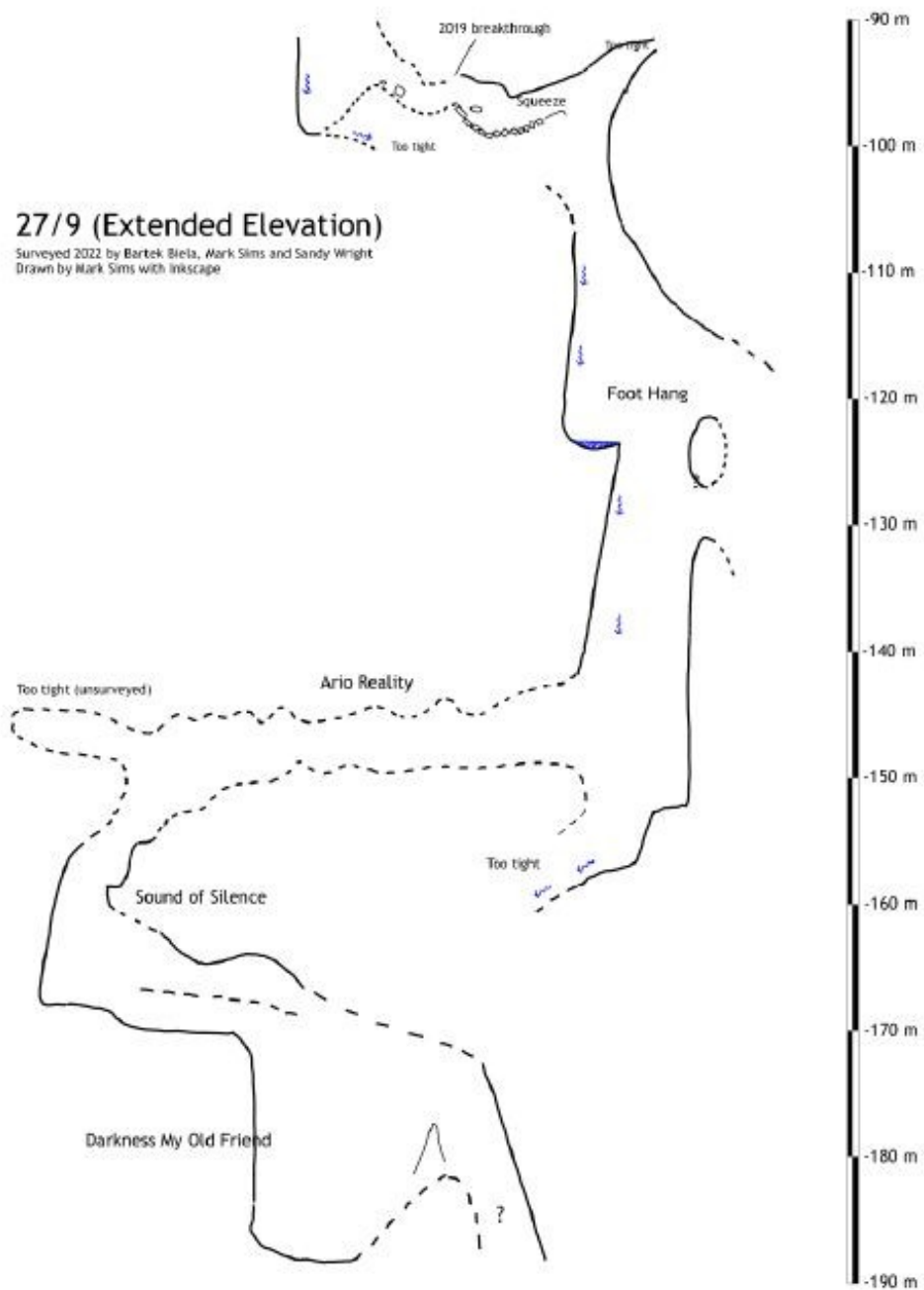


27/9



27/9 (Extended Elevation)

Surveyed 2022 by Bartek Bleis, Mark Sims and Sandy Wright
 Drawn by Mark Sims with Inkscape























PSS Ran. apl. (6)

HCG, LJM

3. 8. 2000







PSS 19

Randolph

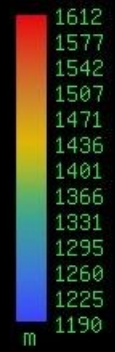
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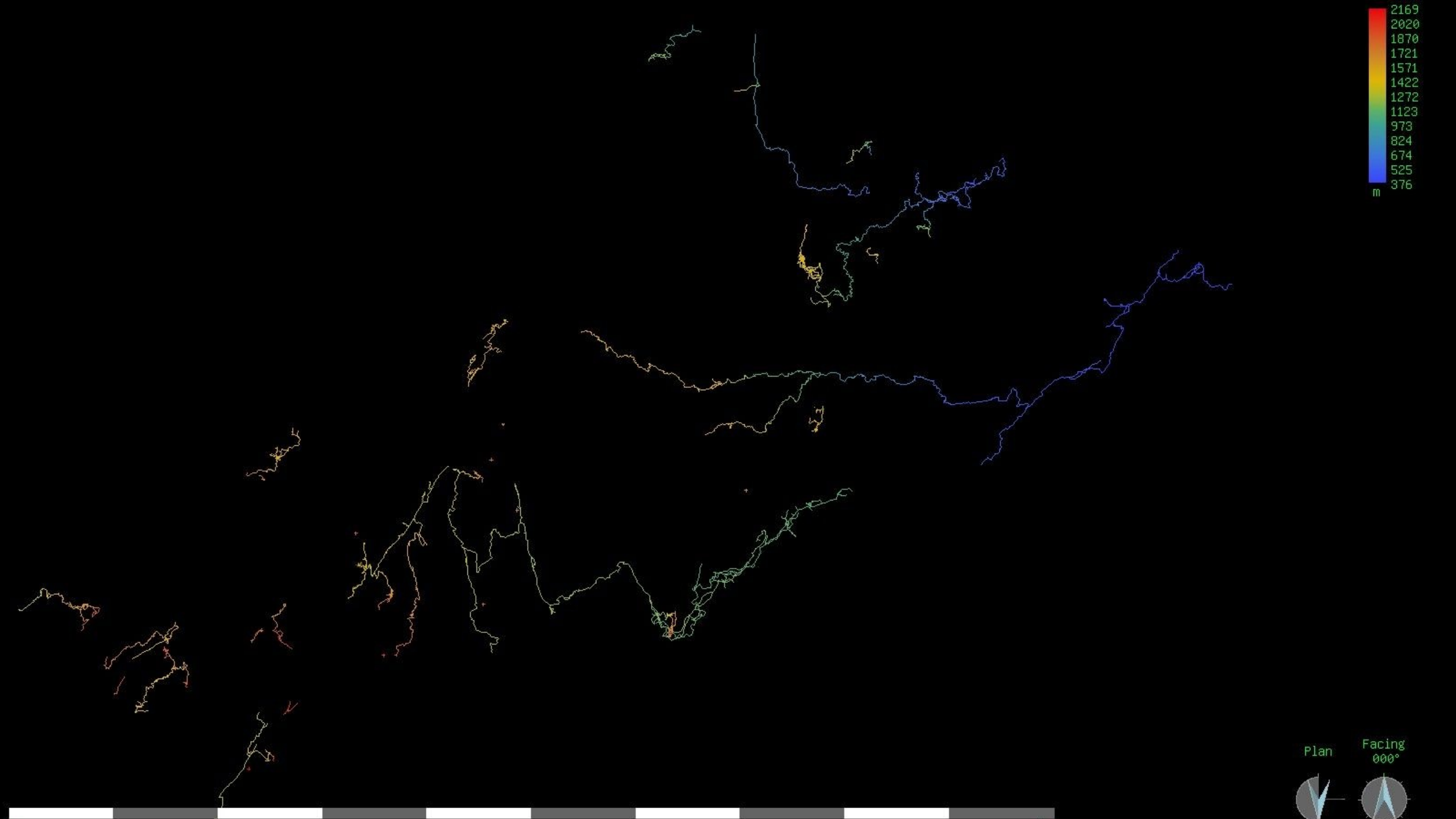
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C4 Sump!

HEW RTH + CJC
2023-07-08 from 271









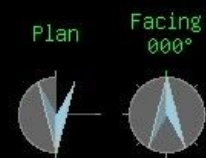
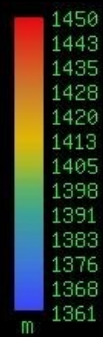
A photograph of three men in waders at a rock site. Two men stand in the background against a large rock wall, while a third man sits in the foreground on a patch of green plants. A white plastic bag is on the ground near the man sitting. The scene is outdoors with natural lighting.

Gavin: Not tight
just awkward

Tim: I routinely
carried a hammer in
my welly

“Shagging the
Hedgehog”

Tim: Hopelessly long
term. More of a
Mendip project.







PROTEGS?

2+
T-CAN
ST
DC
ST. V

ENTRANCE!

PS 1.

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CHAMBER

103

1.?

1.?

1.?

LAURA WENT

5 m - TOO TIGHT

INLET
DRAFTS.

BRD
Horizontal
1.?

CHAMBER

STW 20.

BUT BRDLY VERT!!

1. or 2. (STRONG)

CHAMBER

PRETTY

HIGH

RIFT

103

0.5 VE

24 WEATH

BUT

HIGH

RIFT.

106

1.?

1.?

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HIGH RIFT

WEAK DRAFT

1.?

CLIMBS

IN RIFT

SLIPPERY

MOONMILK

CUM/PITCH.

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TRANVERSE

OVER DEEP

HOLE

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2. or 3.

MARK & SANDY'S

BREAKTHRU

POINT?

FIRST

HAMMERED

SQUEEZE

STAL

HIGH RIFT

2. or 3.

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(MS REPORTS

"SOME DRAFT")

OCC

EXTENSIONS

BUT LARGE

PASSAGE

1.?

ENTRANCE

5/5!

HOWLING

GALE

PTERODACTYL

PITCH

SCALE.

5 = HOWLING!

2 or 3 = VERY STRONG

(FEEL ON BOTH

SIDES OF ISLAND

WHEN REVERSED)

1. = ONE SIDE

NARROW/WIDE

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NARROW/WIDE

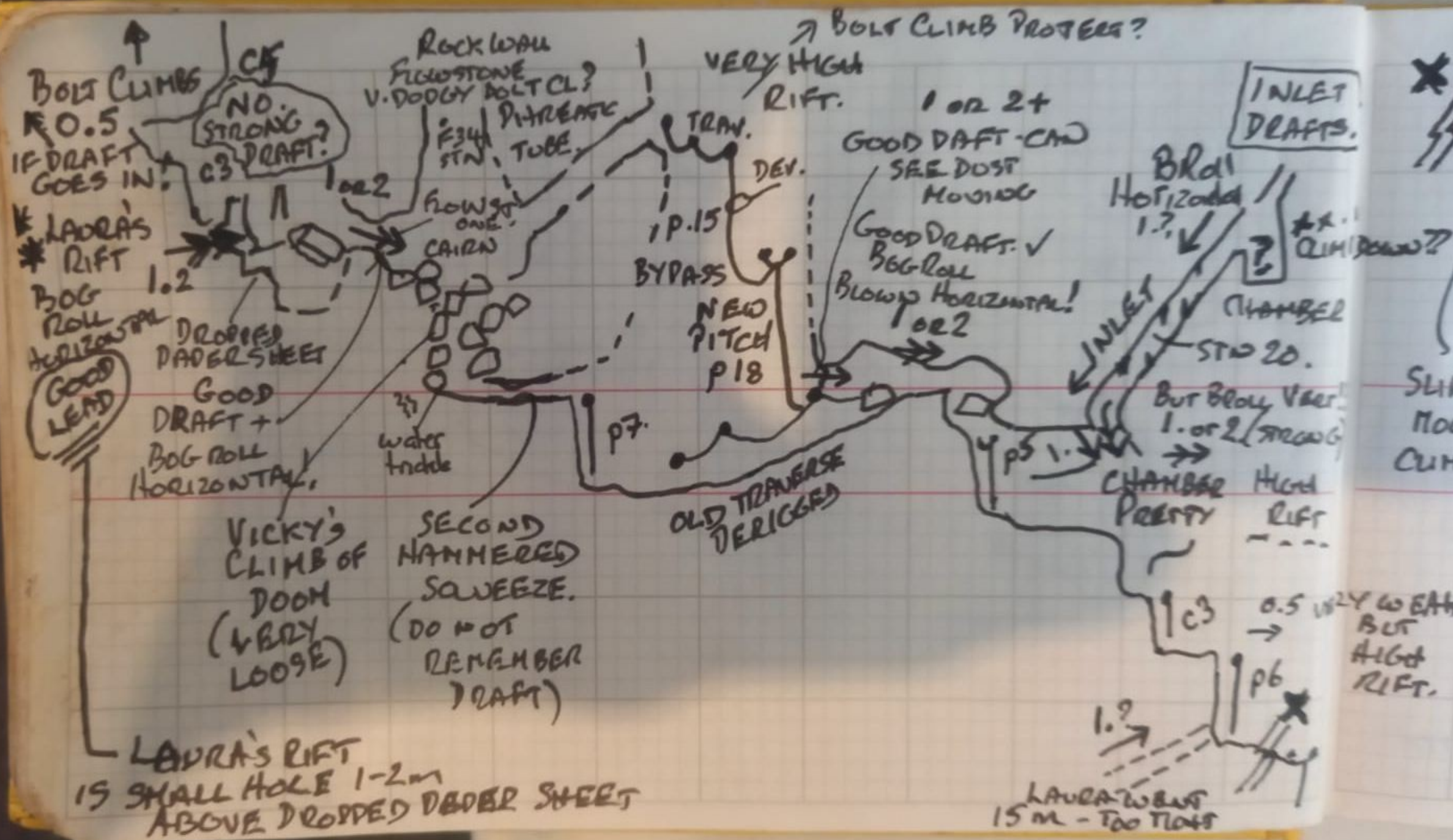
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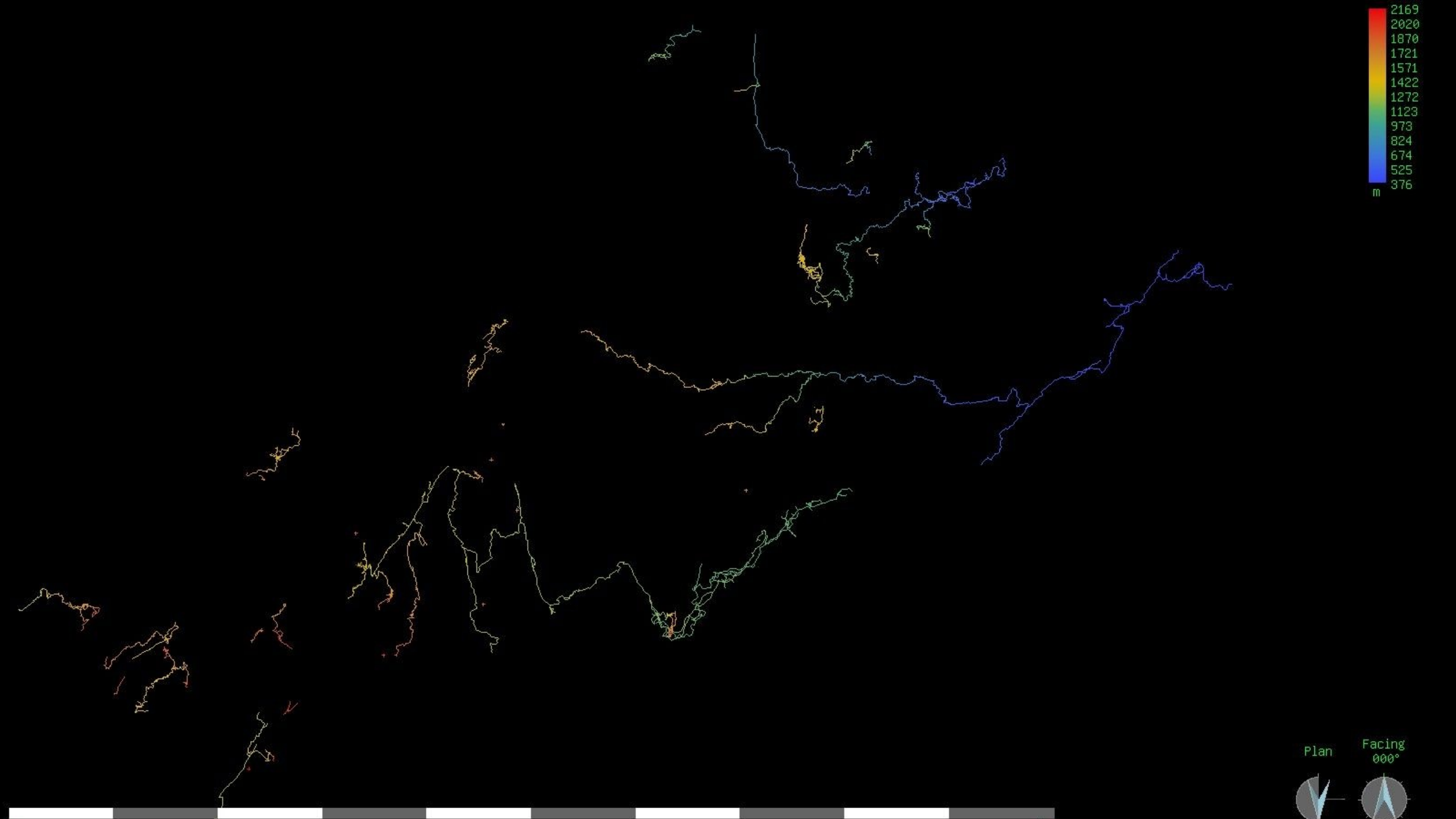












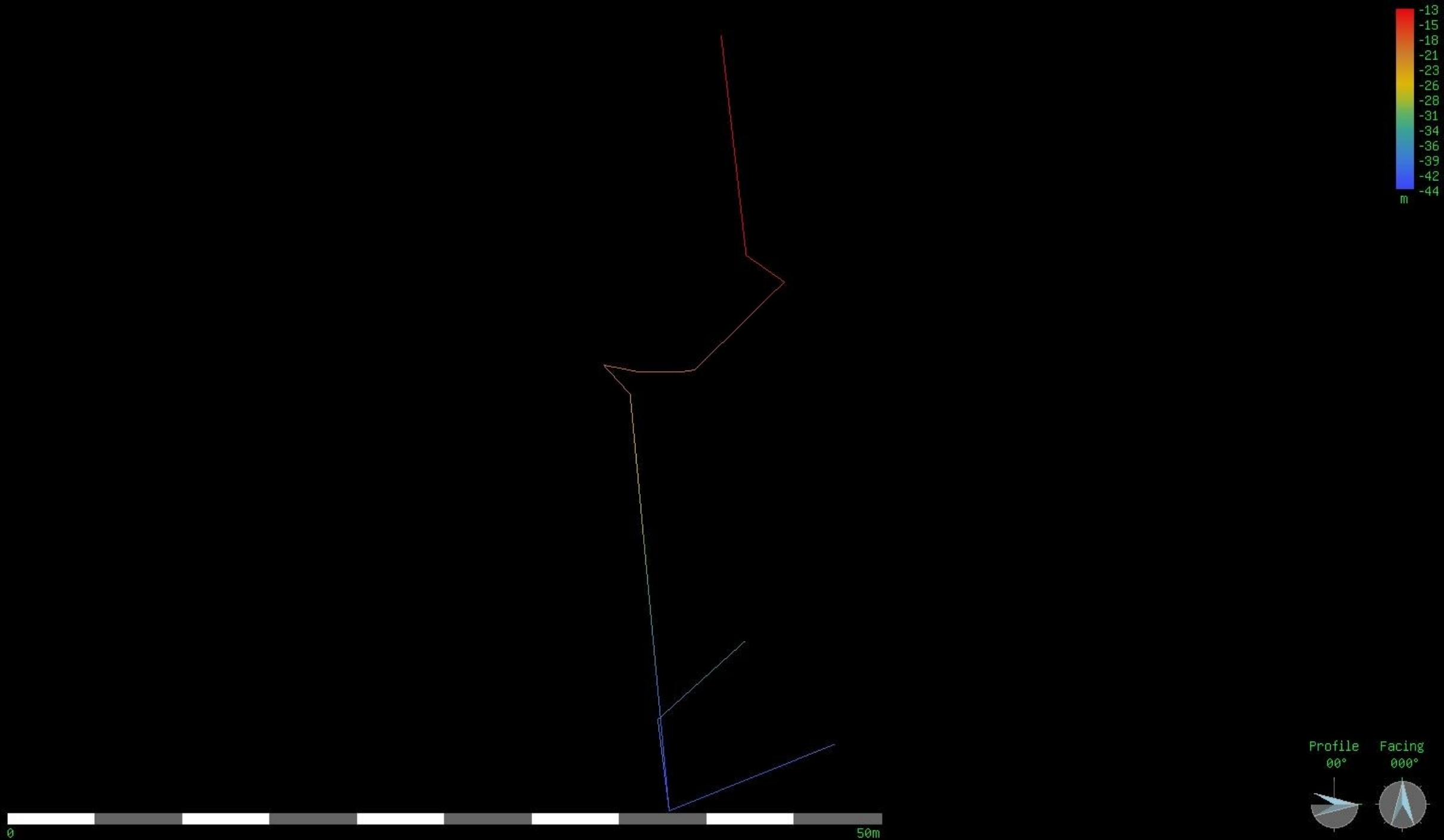
6/8

1979 - 81

20m shaft with snow at the bottom



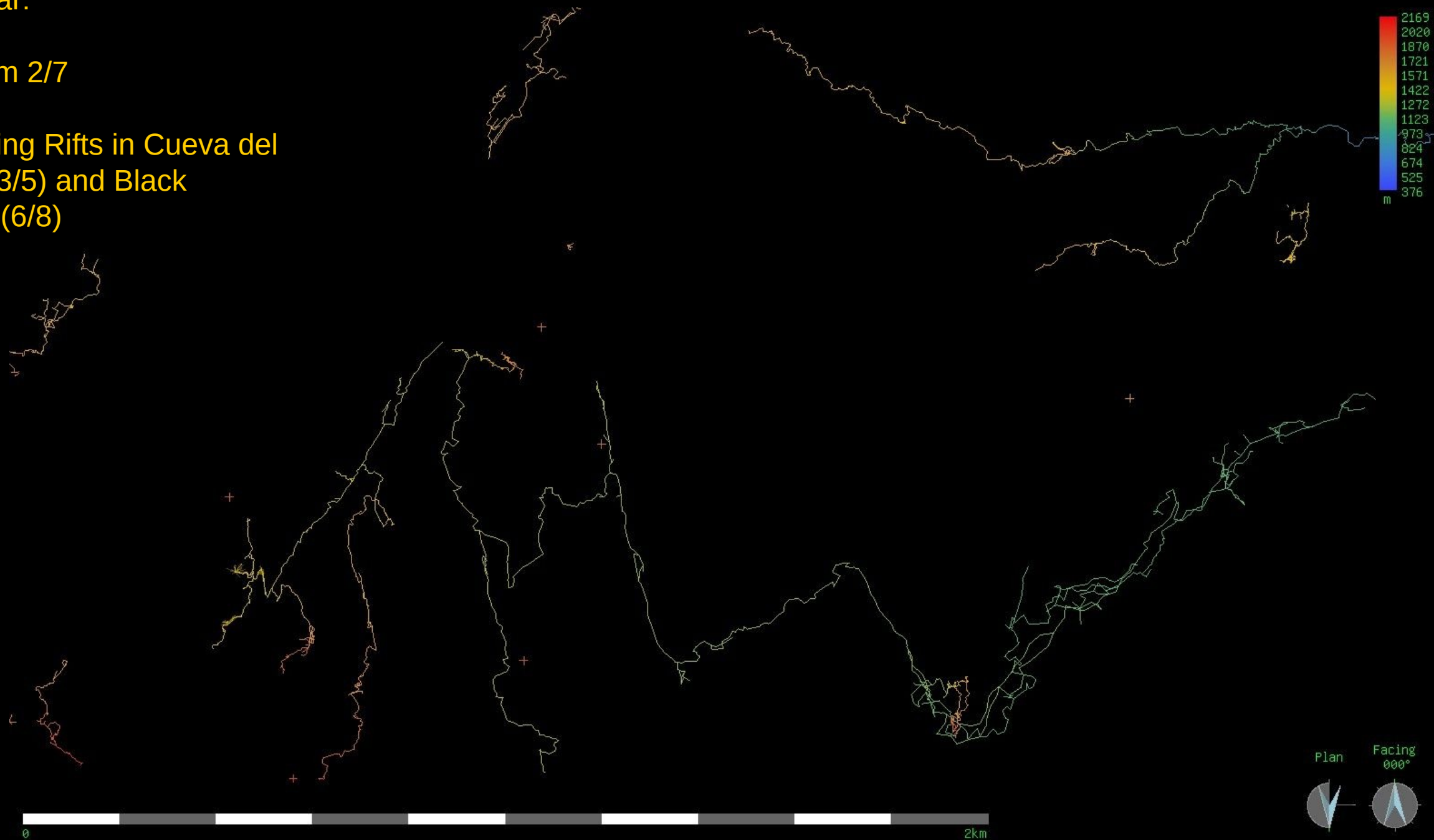




Next Year:

Upstream 2/7

Draughting Rifts in Cueva del
Rana (53/5) and Black
Feather (6/8)











Thank you!

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