## **DIONYSUS** project:

Deep structure of the East Sicily / Calabria margin









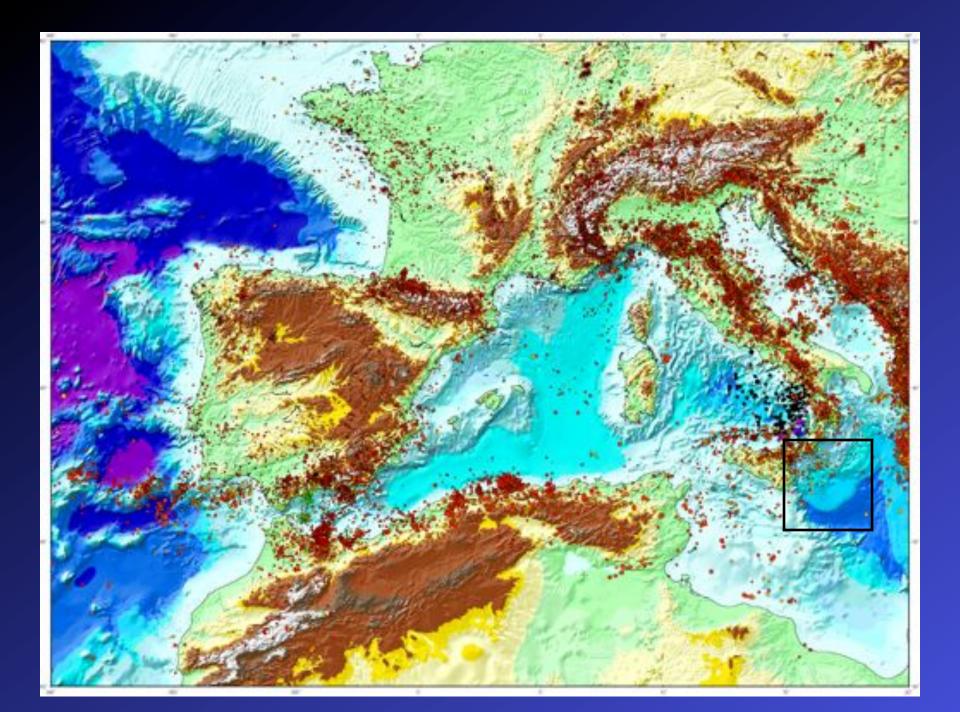






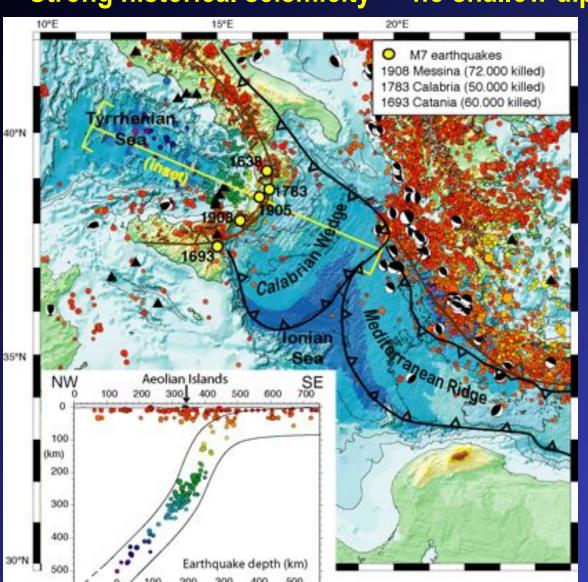
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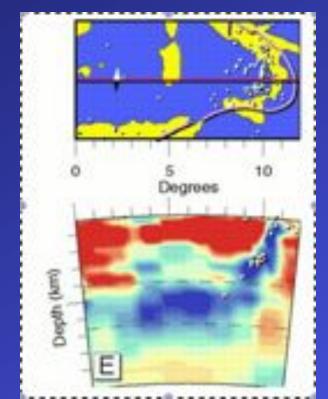


#### Calabria / E Sicily:

- NW dipping subduction (WBZ >500 km)
- active volcanic arc (Aeolien islands)
- no shallow dipping thrust earthquakes
- Strong historical seismicity



Is subduction still active? (Could it generate magn. 8 megathrust earthquakes?)

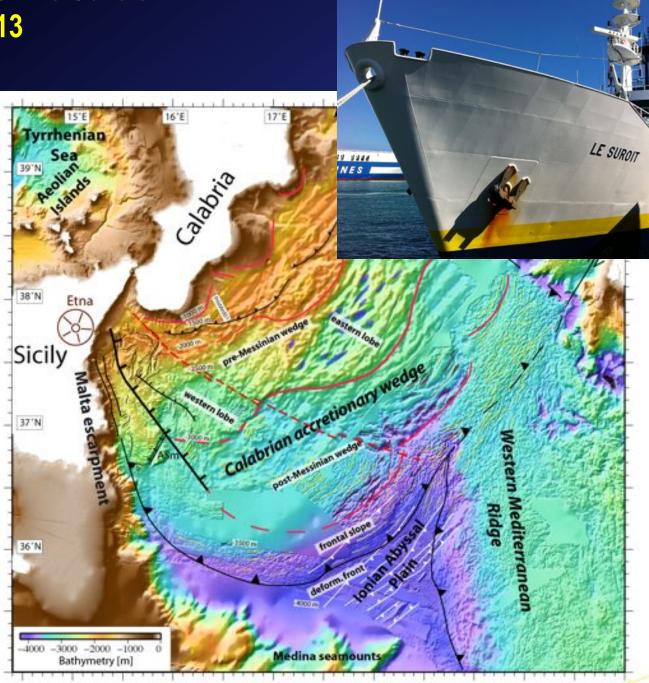


# CIRCEE survey R/V Le Suroit 2 - 24 October 2013

## **Objectives:**

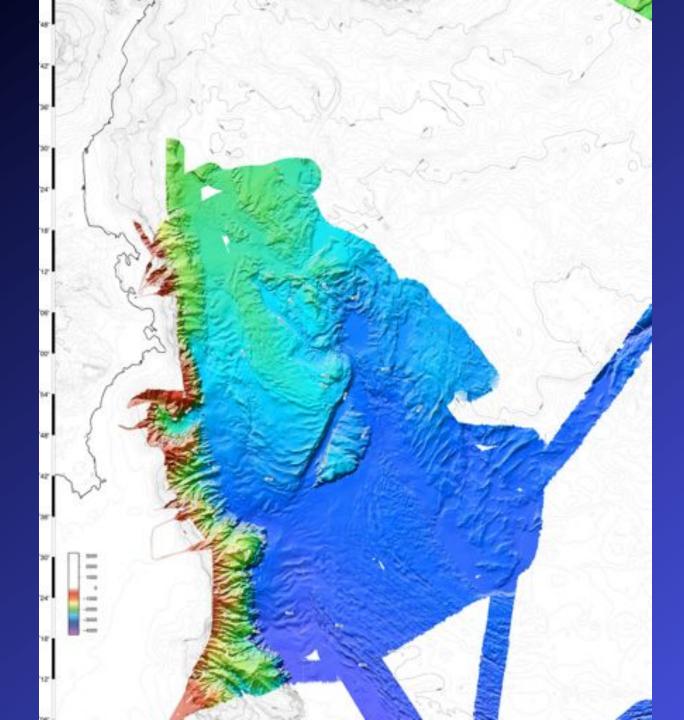
- Active faults,sources of the1169, 1693 events
- Paleoseismology, recurrence interval earthquakes & tsunamis by dating turbidites





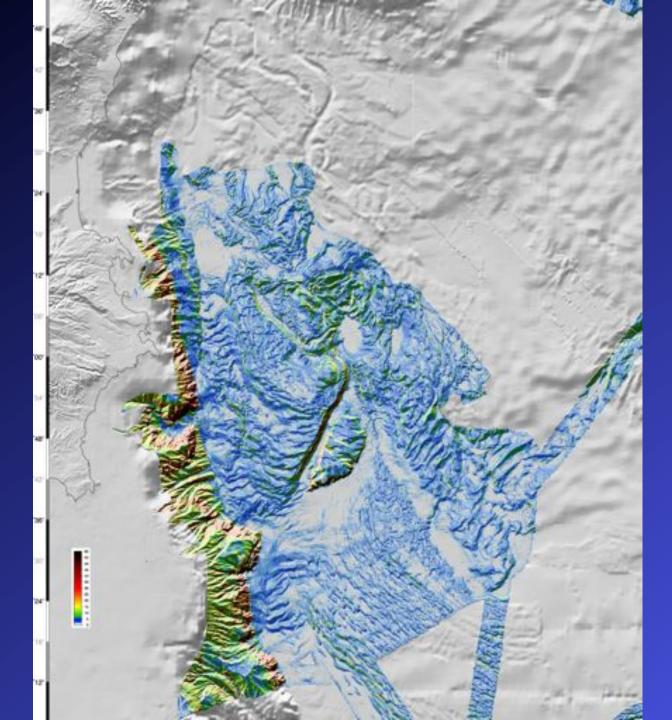
New data:

- Morpho-bathymetry and tectonics



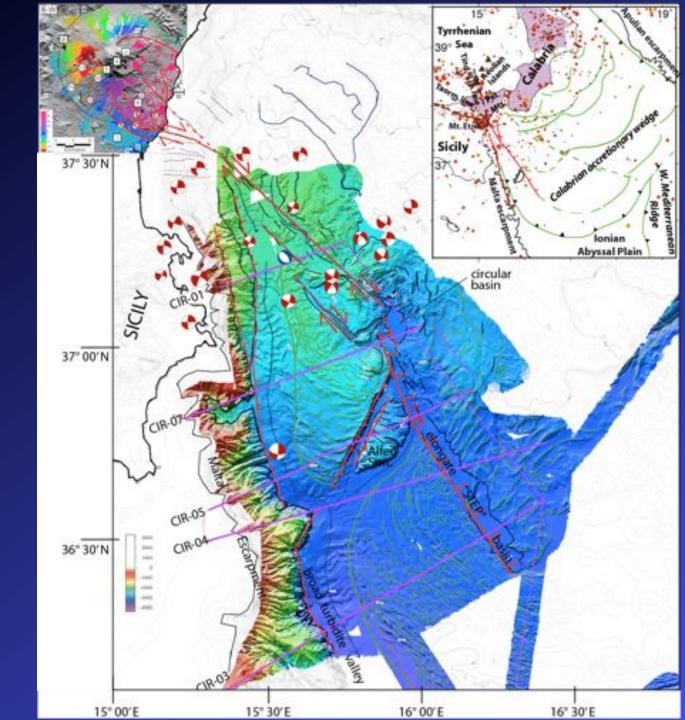
New data:

- Slope Map



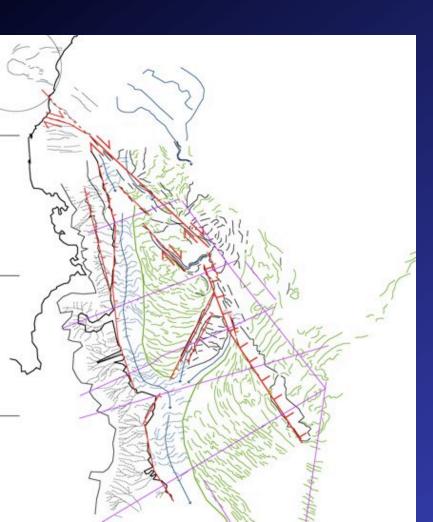
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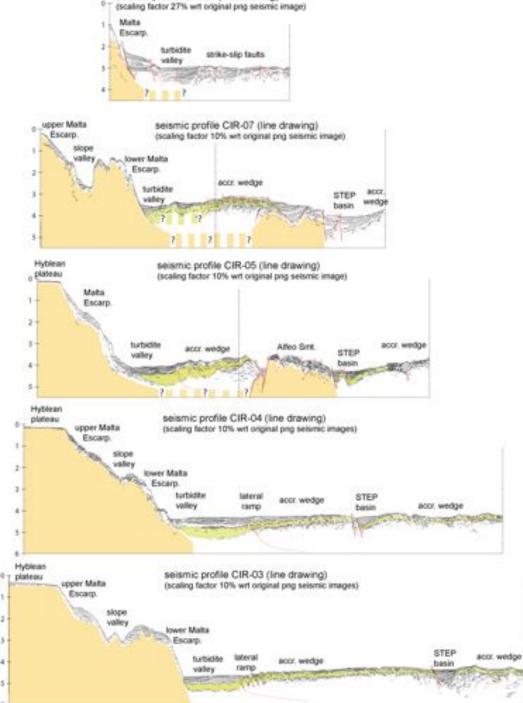
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#### **New data:**

#### - Line drawings of MCS lines

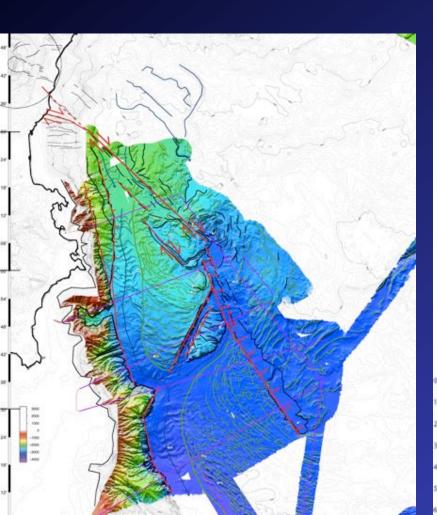


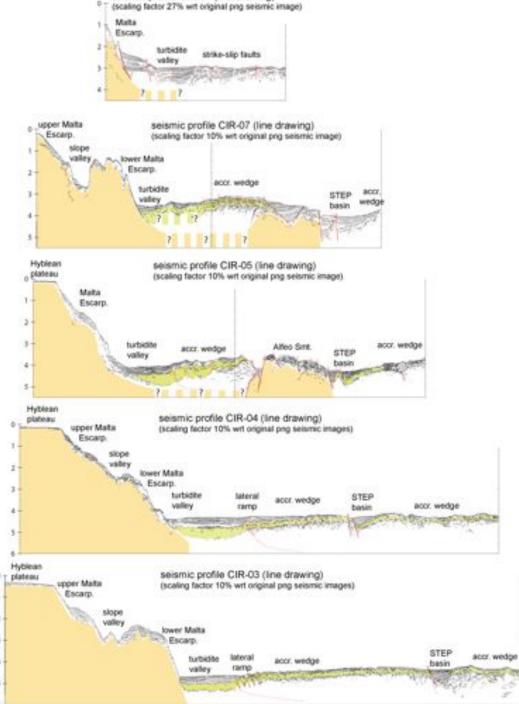


seismic profile CIR-01 (line drawing)

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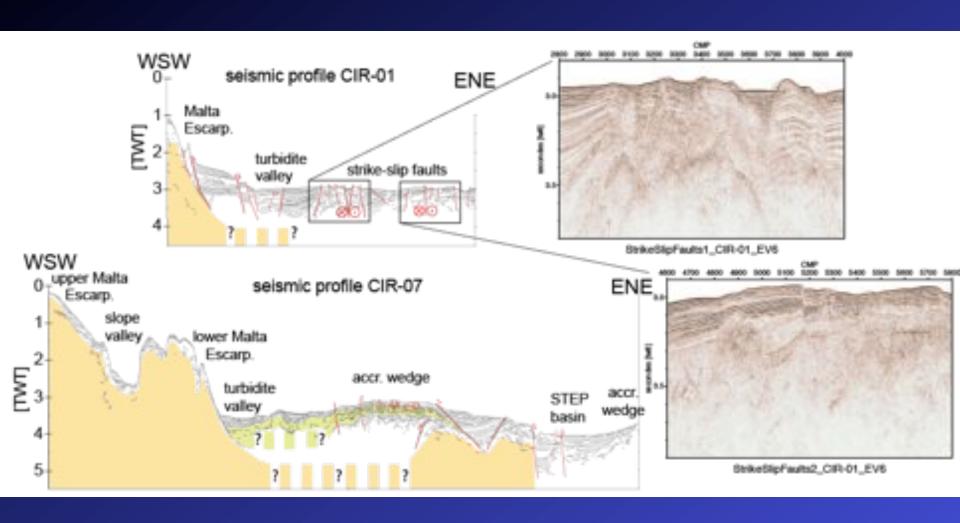
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### CIRCEE survey N STEP fault - Strike-slip faulting

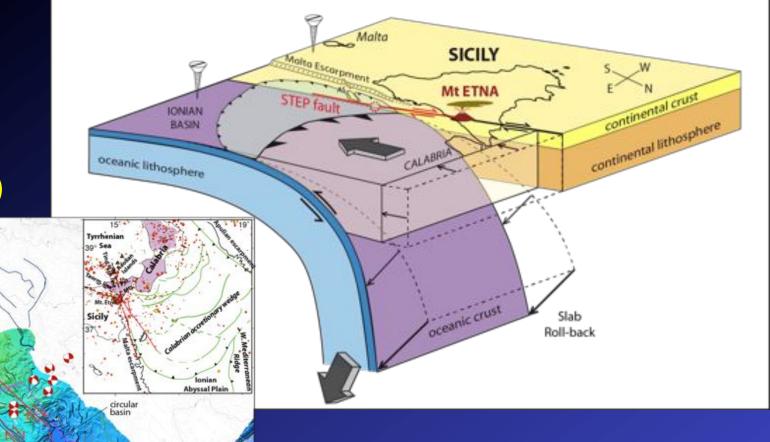


Tectonic interpretation

STEP fault (Subduction Tear Edge Propagator)

37° 00'N

15° 00'E



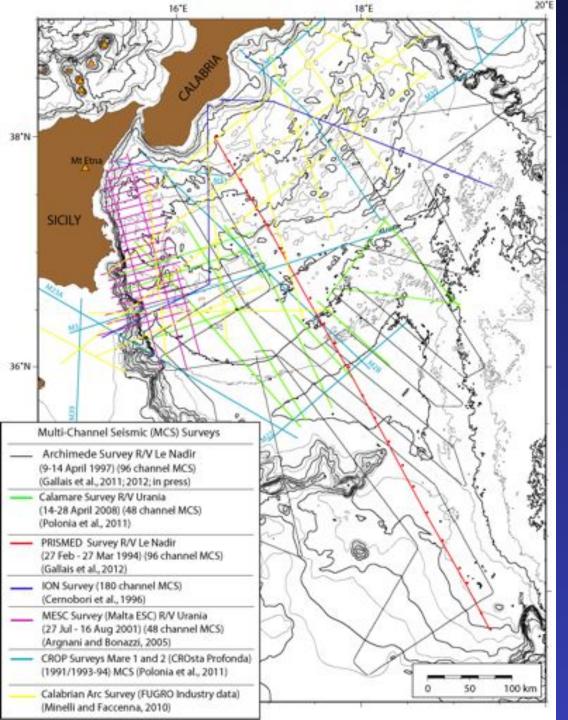
**Conclusions:** 

16° 30' E

STEP fault = two segments (80 - 90 km)

S segment: pure normal/block faulting

N segment: pure strike-slip faulting (into Etna)

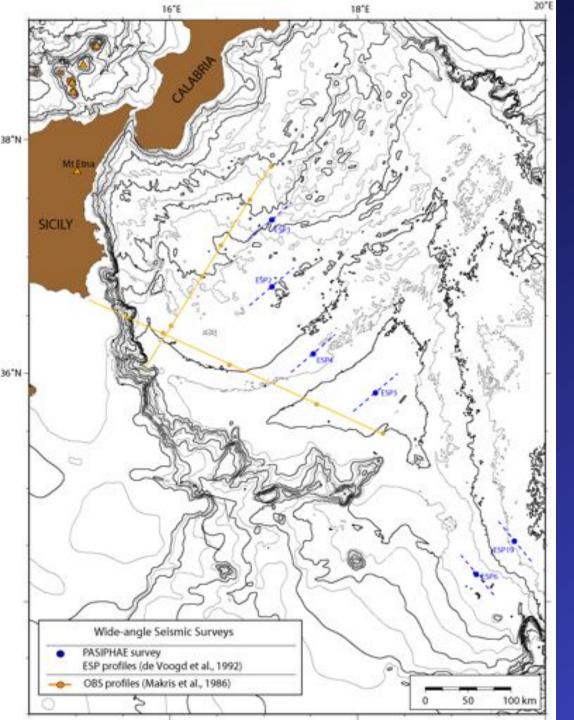


Existing MCS data:

PrisMed and Archimede

(RVLe Nadir, 1994, 1997)

(Gallais et al., 2011; 2012; 2013)



**Existing wide-angle seismic** surveys:

ESP (de Voogd et al., 1992)

2 profiles with 5 OBS (Makris et al., 1986) spacing 40 - 50 km

# Cruise proposal

#### **DIONYSUS**

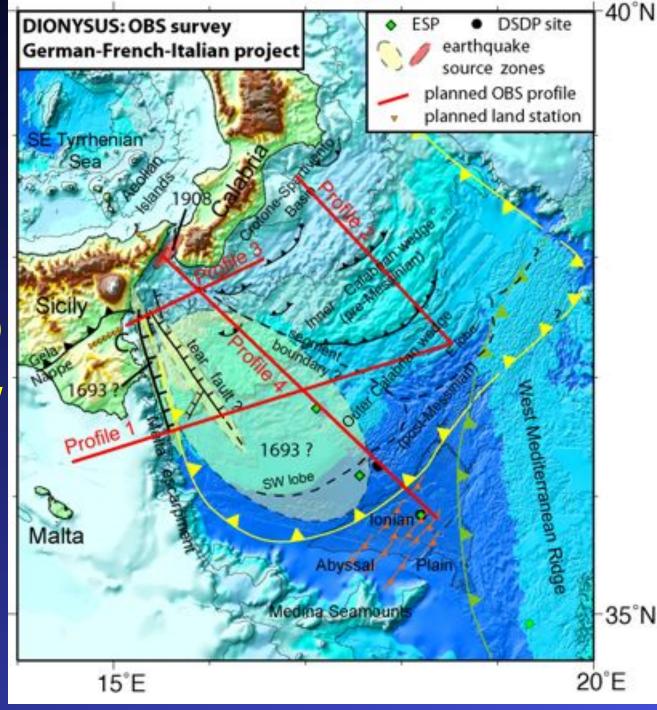
# **Objectives:**

- image the deep structure of the Tethyan margins
- determine the nature and thickness of the crust (oceanic vs. thinned contin.)
- constrain the 3-D geometry of the Calabrian subduction zone





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# **Cruise proposal**

#### **DIONYSUS**

#### **Methods:**

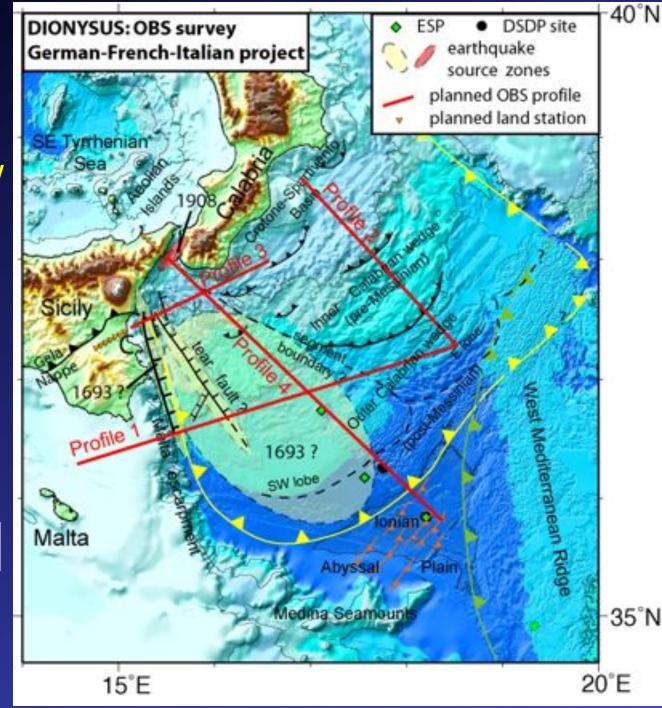
- Wide-angle seismic survey (shot along existing MCS lines depth processed in Geomar CROP lines)

10 Oct. - 1 Nov. 2014
30 OBS Geomar
30 OBS Brest
180 deployments
4 profiles 580 nm (1040 km)
spacing <6km (3,2 nm)



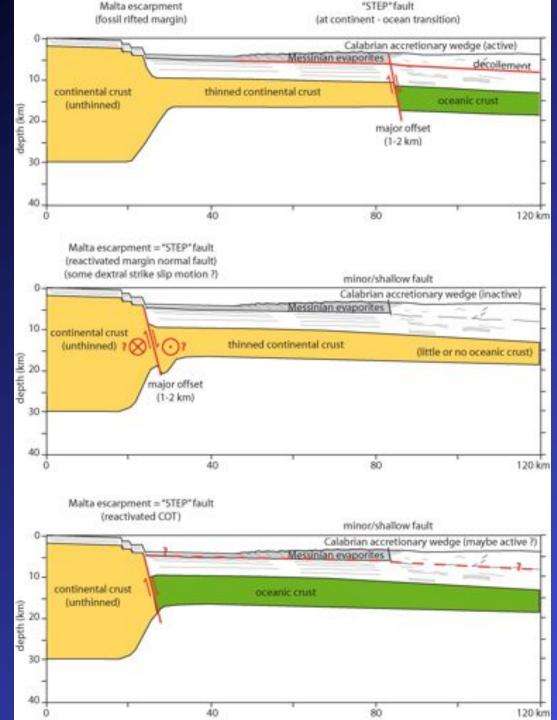


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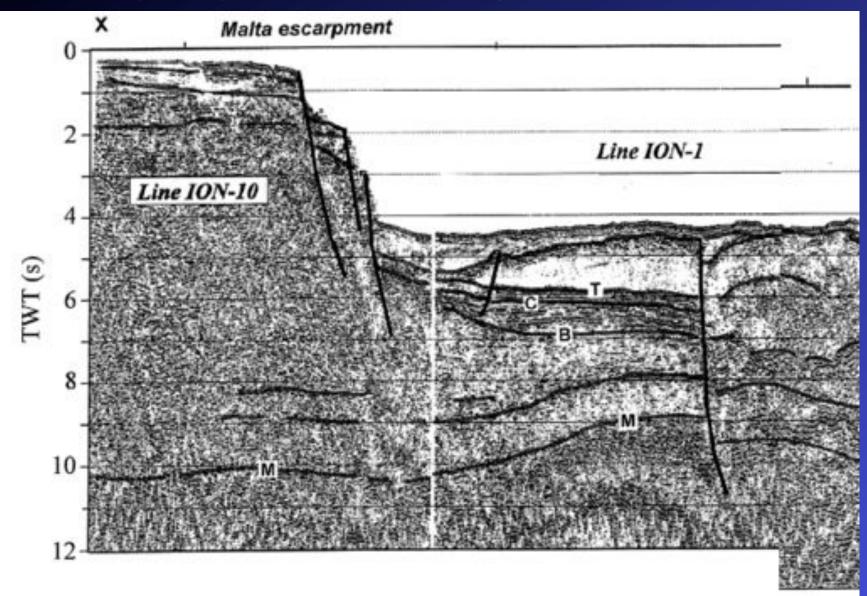


Deep structure and tectonics of the E Sicily margin

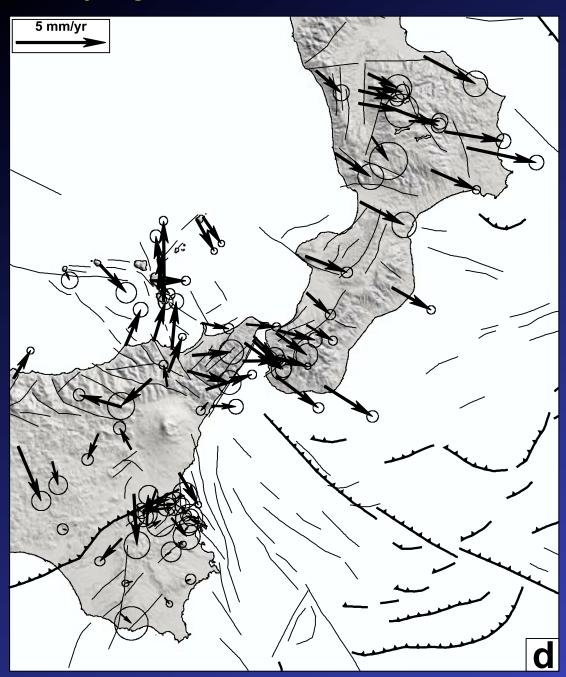
(three hypotheses to test)



Profile ION-10 and ION-1 (Nicolich et al., 2000): crossing the Malta escarpment and tear fault ("STEP"), deep seismic profile images offset in basement & Moho

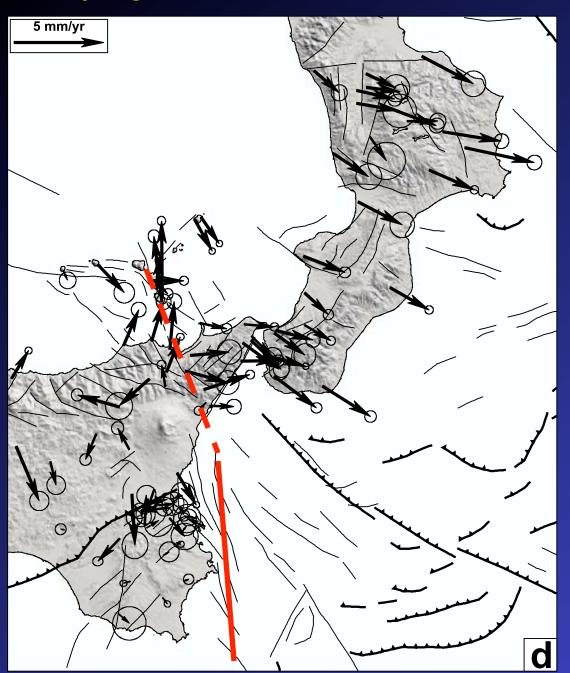


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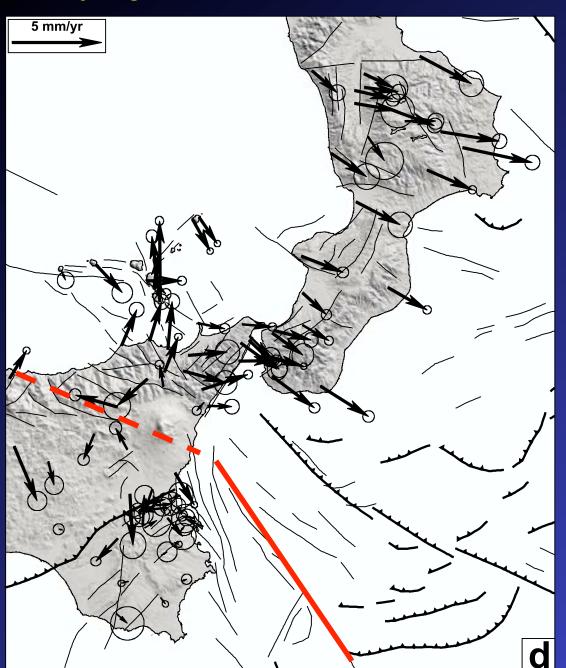
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Strike-slip boundary separating blocks:

**Tindari-Lipari line** 

**STEP fault = Malta Escarpm.** 

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**Taormina line (N Sicily)** 

STEP fault 50+ km offshore of E Sicily

