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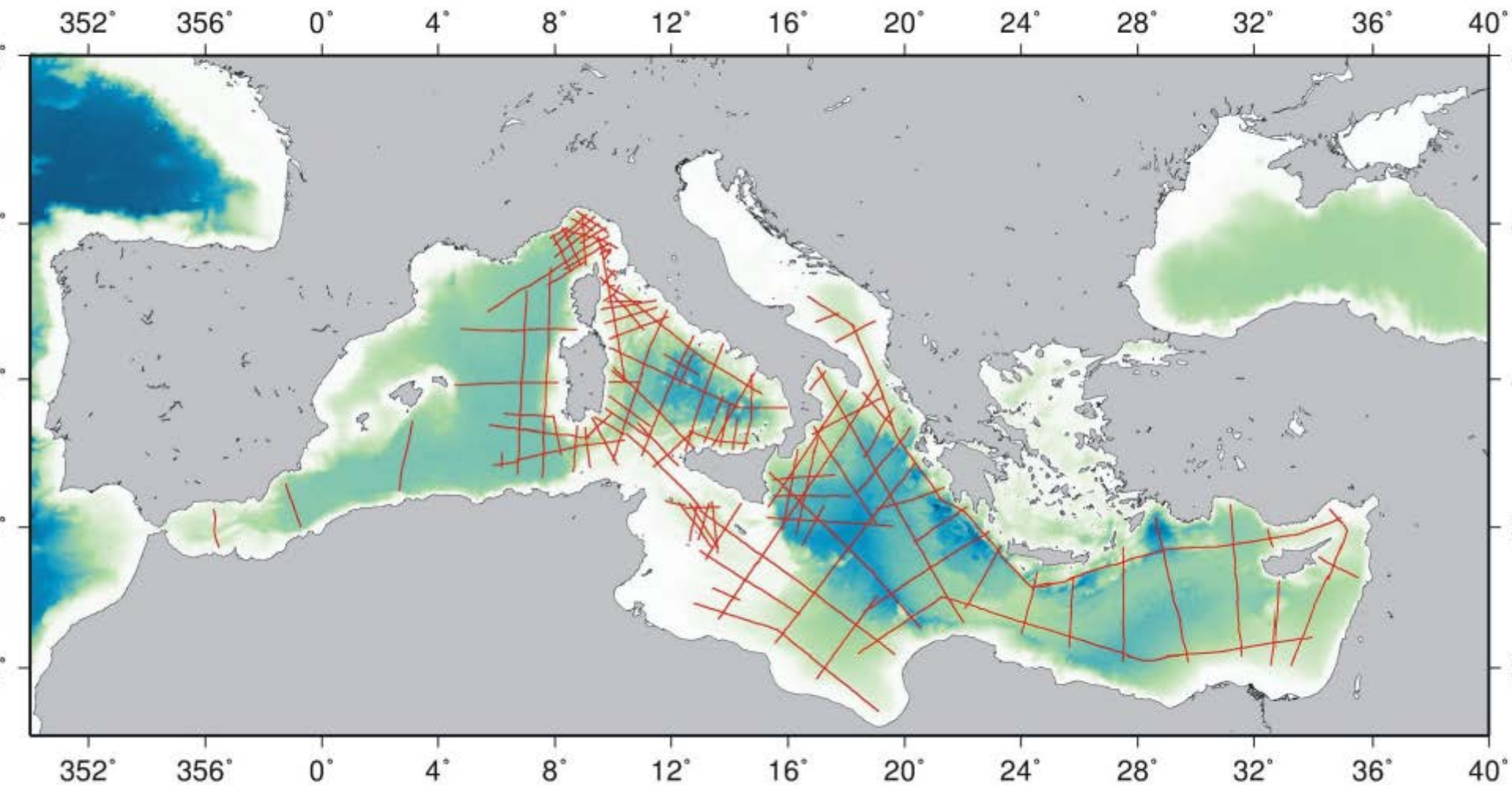
Mediterraneo 2 (Alboran, Balearico e Ionio)
Part 2

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MS map

(seismic profiles collected from 1968 to 1982)



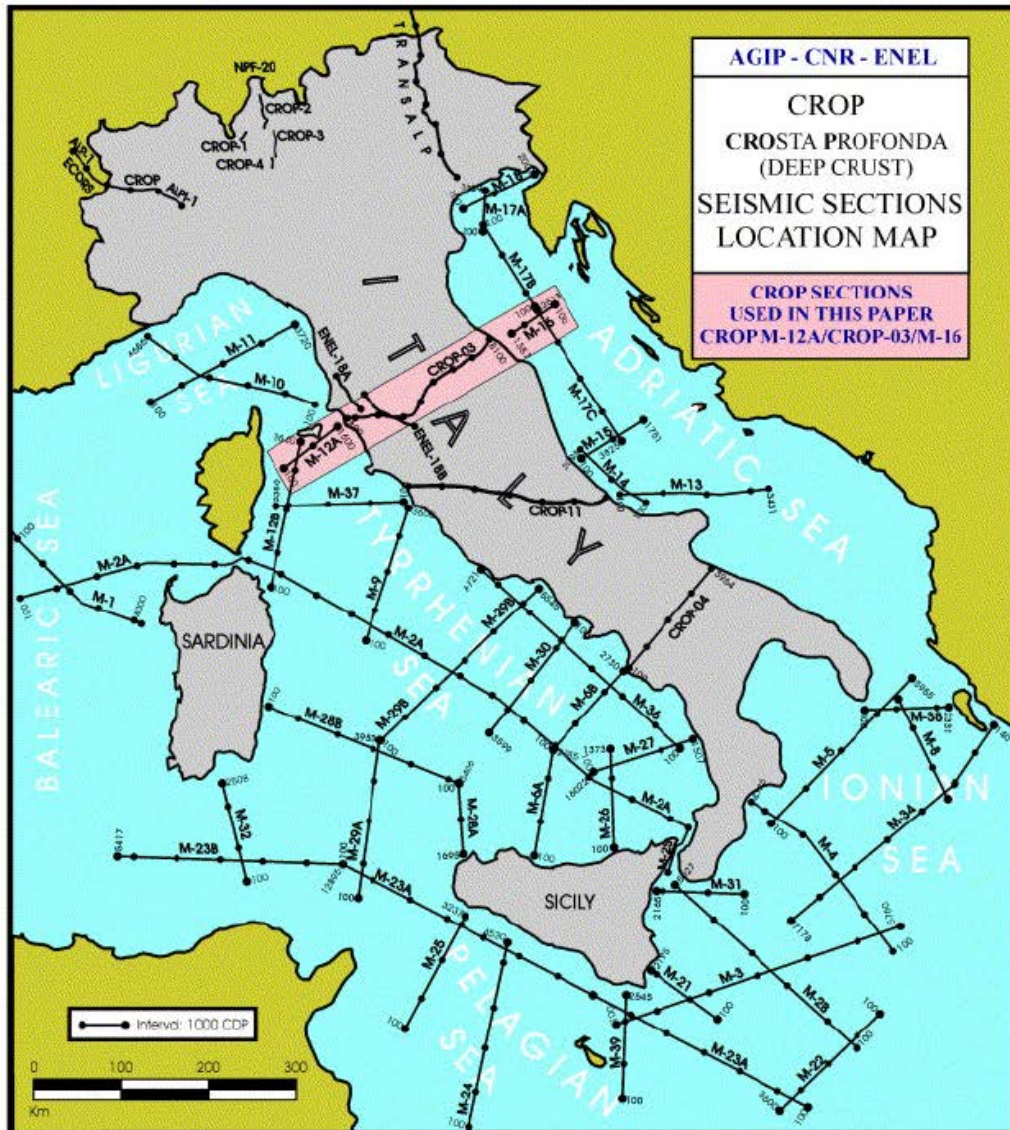
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CROP

CROSTA PROFONDA
(DEEP CRUST)

SEISMIC SECTIONS
LOCATION MAP

CROP SECTIONS
USED IN THIS PAPER
CROP-M-12A/CROP-03/M-16



CROP map

(Seismic profiles collected both onshore and offshore)

FRENCH (ECORS) - ITALIAN (CROP) COOPERATION
-WESTERN ALPS (ALP-I/ALPI-1)
-BALEARIC SEA (GULF OF LYON/SARDINIA, M-1)

GERMAN (DEKORP) - AUSTRIAN (OEKORP) -
-ITALIAN (CROP) COOPERATION
-EASTERN ALPS (TRANSALP)

SWISS (NPF-20) - ITALIAN (CROP) COOPERATION
-CENTRAL ALPS (CROP-1, 2, 3, 4 AND NPF-20
CONTINUATION TO NORTH)

GREEK - ITALIAN (CROP) COOPERATION
-NE IONIAN SEA (EAST - EXTREMITIES OF M-34 & M-38)





PUBLIC DOMAIN DATA BASE

Composite Wells downloading for over 2000 released wells are available at the web site
<http://unmig.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/unmig/stat/pozziDisponibili.htm>

Paper copies of the reports for the expired Licences are available for consultation at the BAST library of Roma 3 University in Rome (Via della Vasca Navale 79/81)
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Seismic Data collected from the documents filed by the Operators to UNMIG are available at the web site
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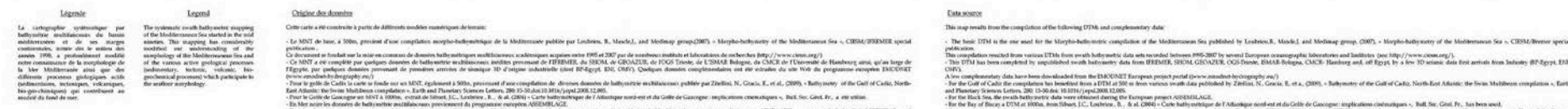


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Visibilità dei dati afferenti
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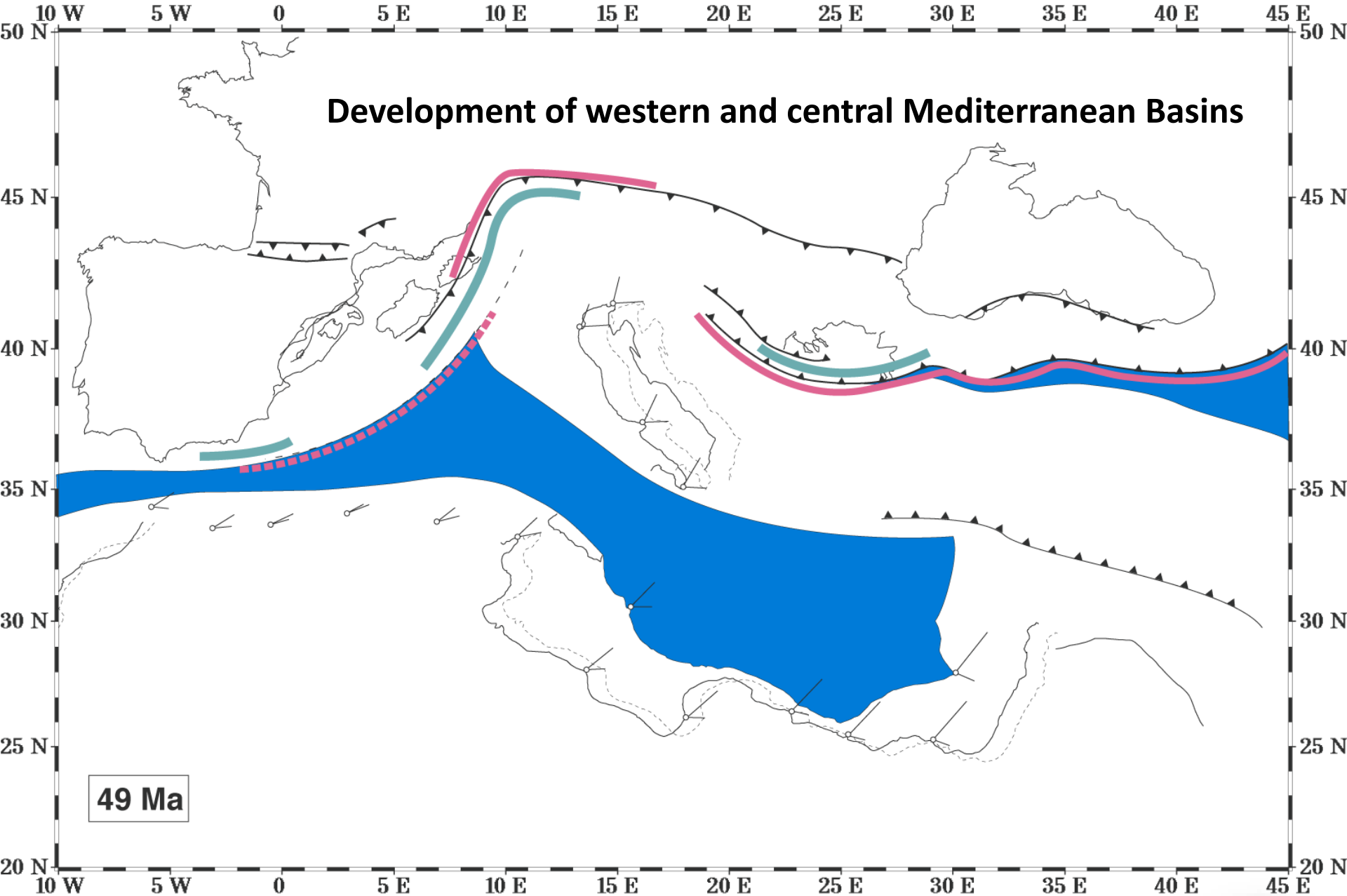
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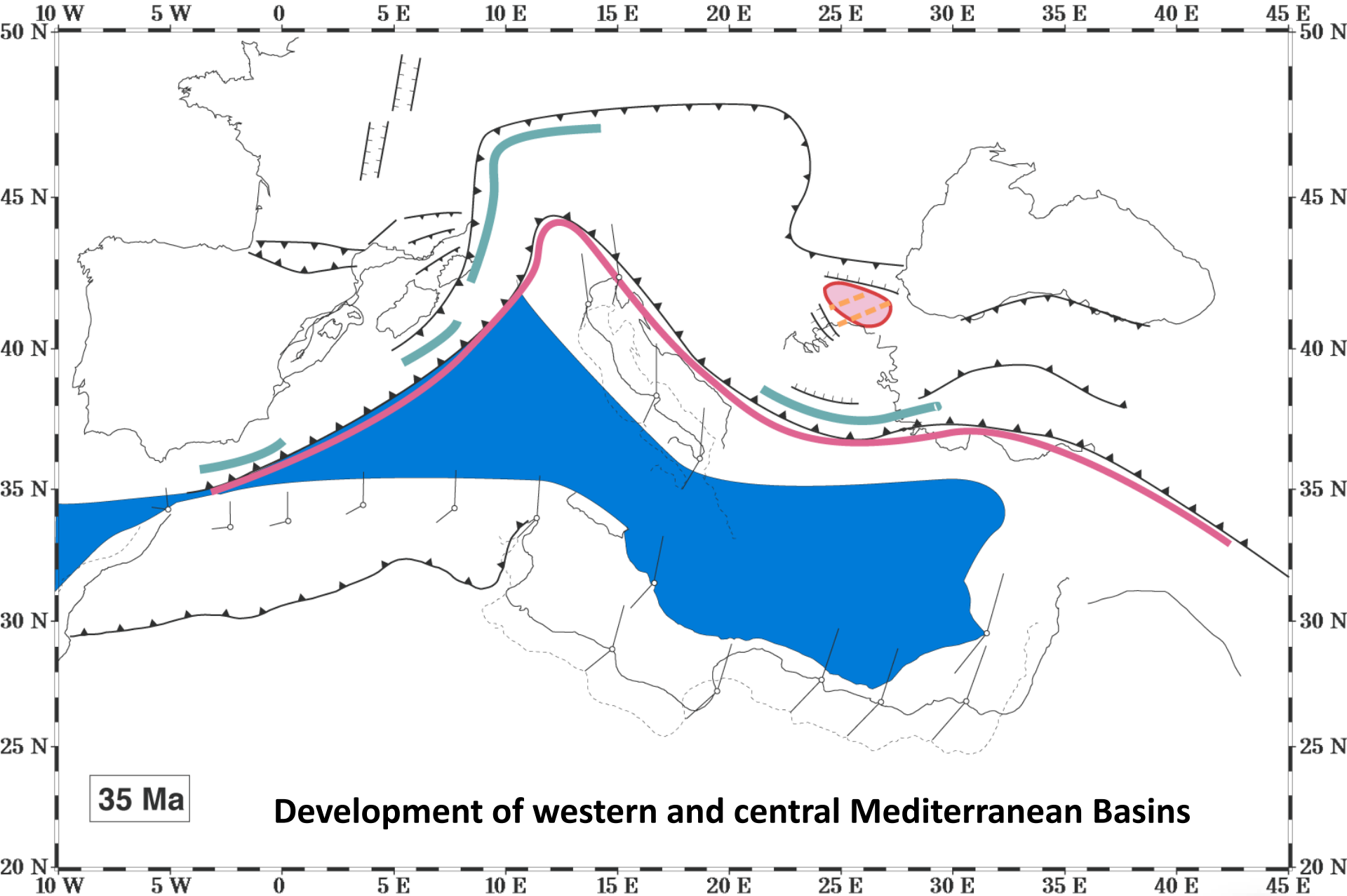
- The present-day geological configuration of the Mediterranean region is the result of the creation and ensuing consumption of two major oceanic basins: the Paleotethys and the Neotethys.
- The overall tectonic regime was (and it is) the regime of prolonged interaction between the Eurasian and the African-Arabian plates.
- The Mediterranean domain provides a present-day geodynamic analog for the final stages of a continent-continent collisional orogeny. Over this area, the oceanic lithospheric domains originally present between the Eurasian and African-Arabian plates have been subducted and partially obducted (ophiolitic terranes), except for the Ionian basin and the south-eastern Mediterranean.
- The modern marine basins of the Mediterranean Sea are variably floored by: (i) remnants of the Tethyan oceanic domains (Ionian, E Mediterranean); (ii) Neogene oceanic crust (Algero-Provençal basin and Tyrrhenian Sea); (iii) extended continental lithosphere (Alboran Sea, Valencia Trough, Aegean Sea), and (iv) thick continental lithosphere (Adriatic Sea).





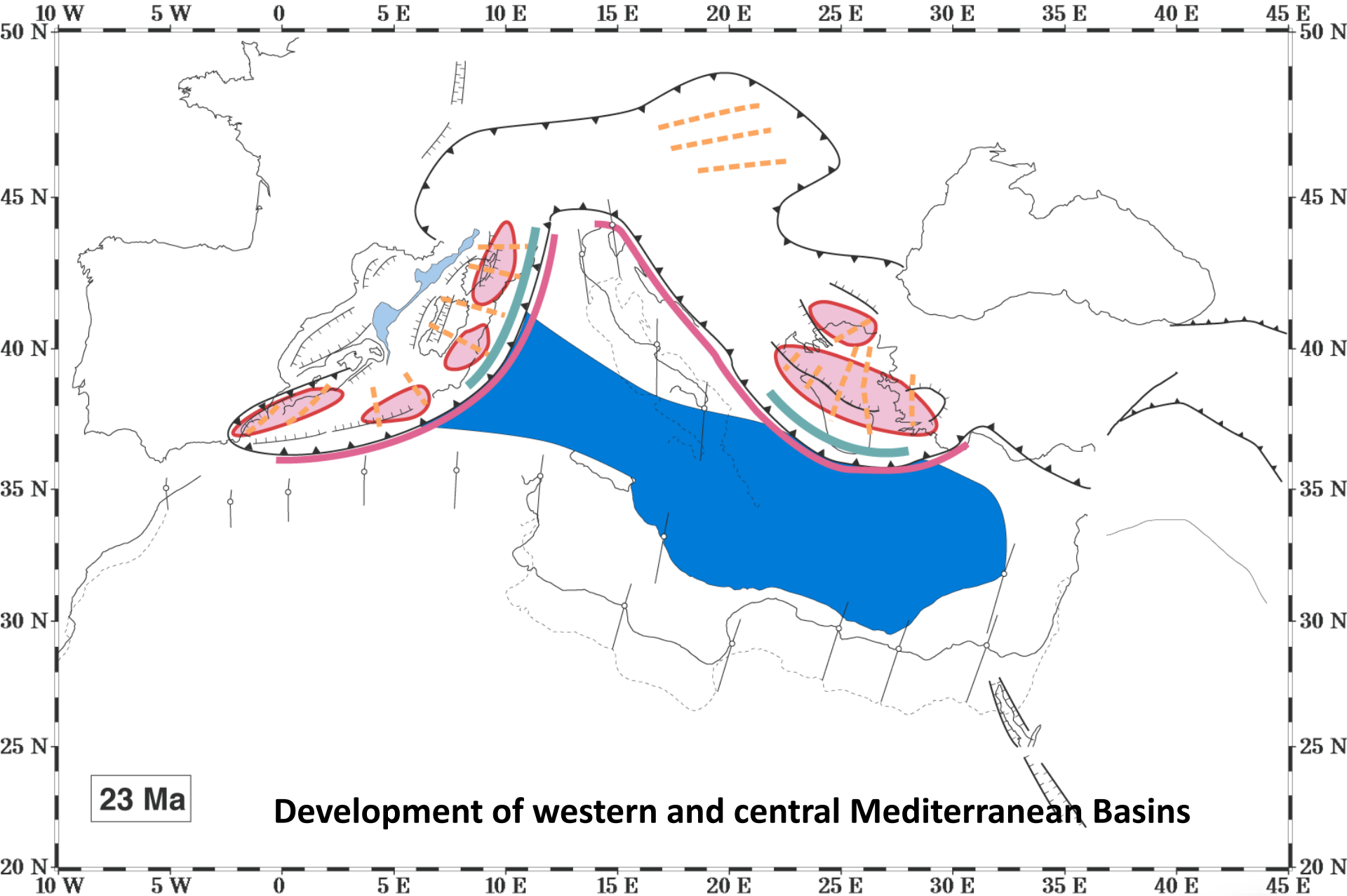
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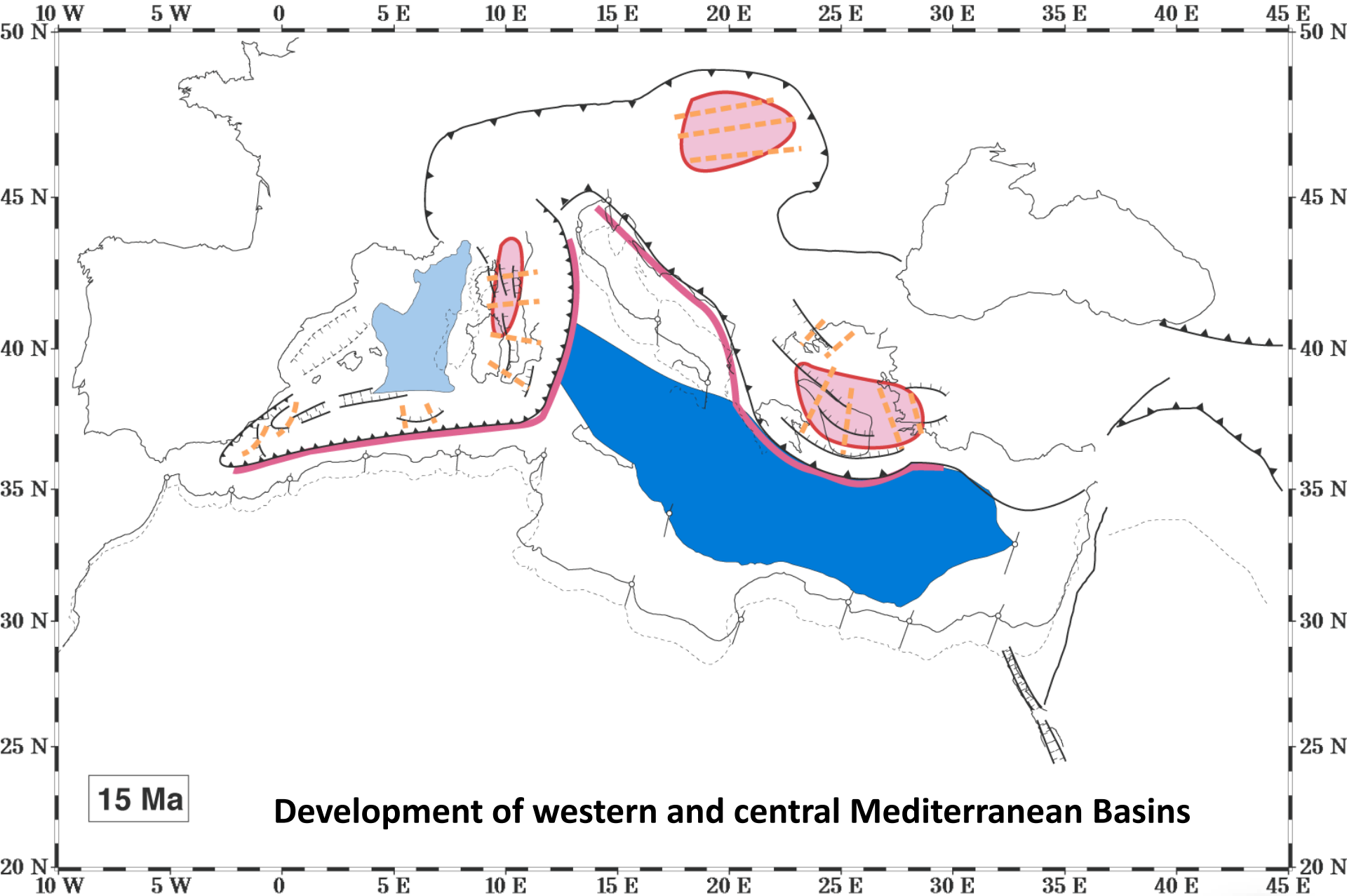
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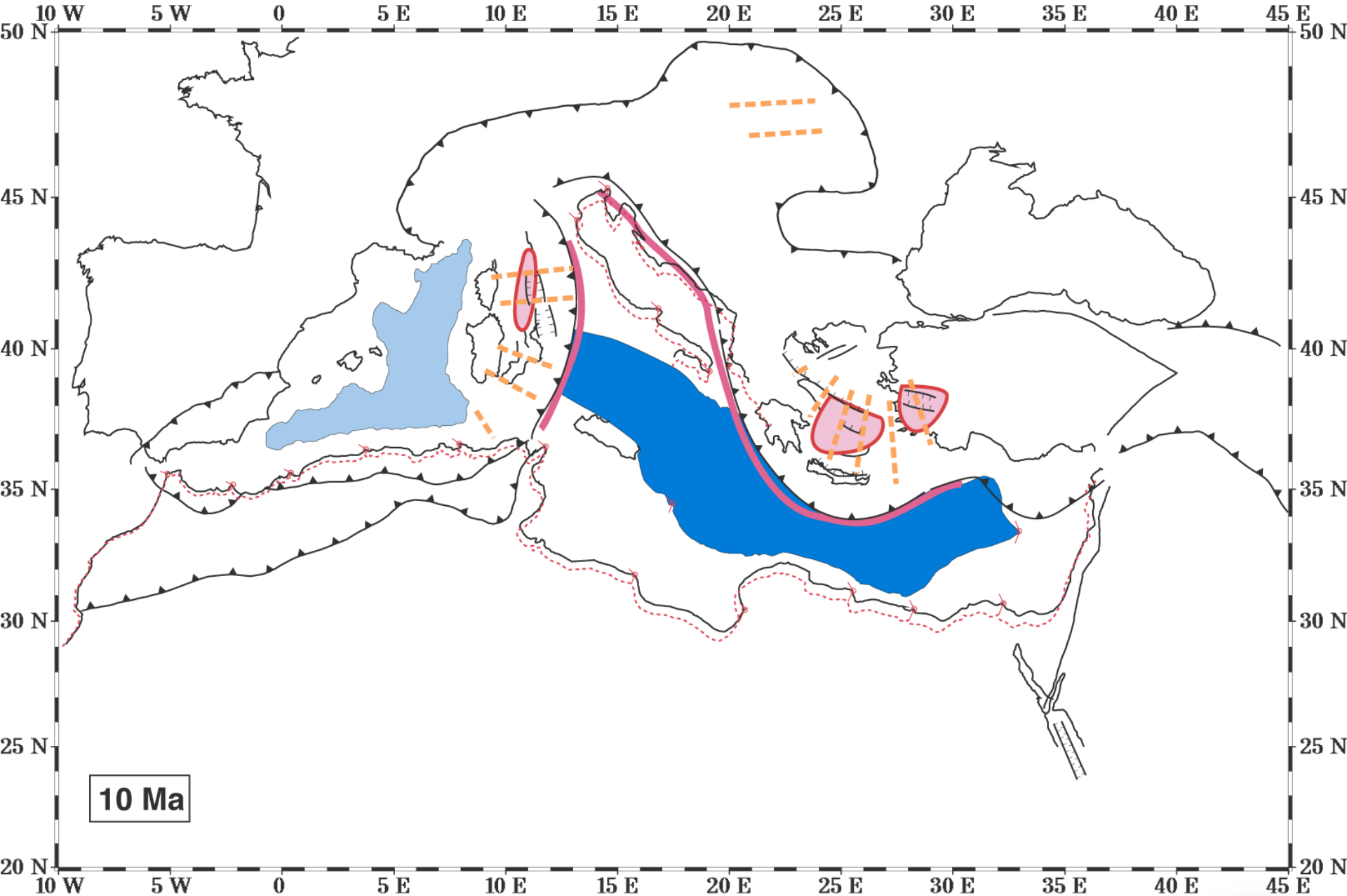
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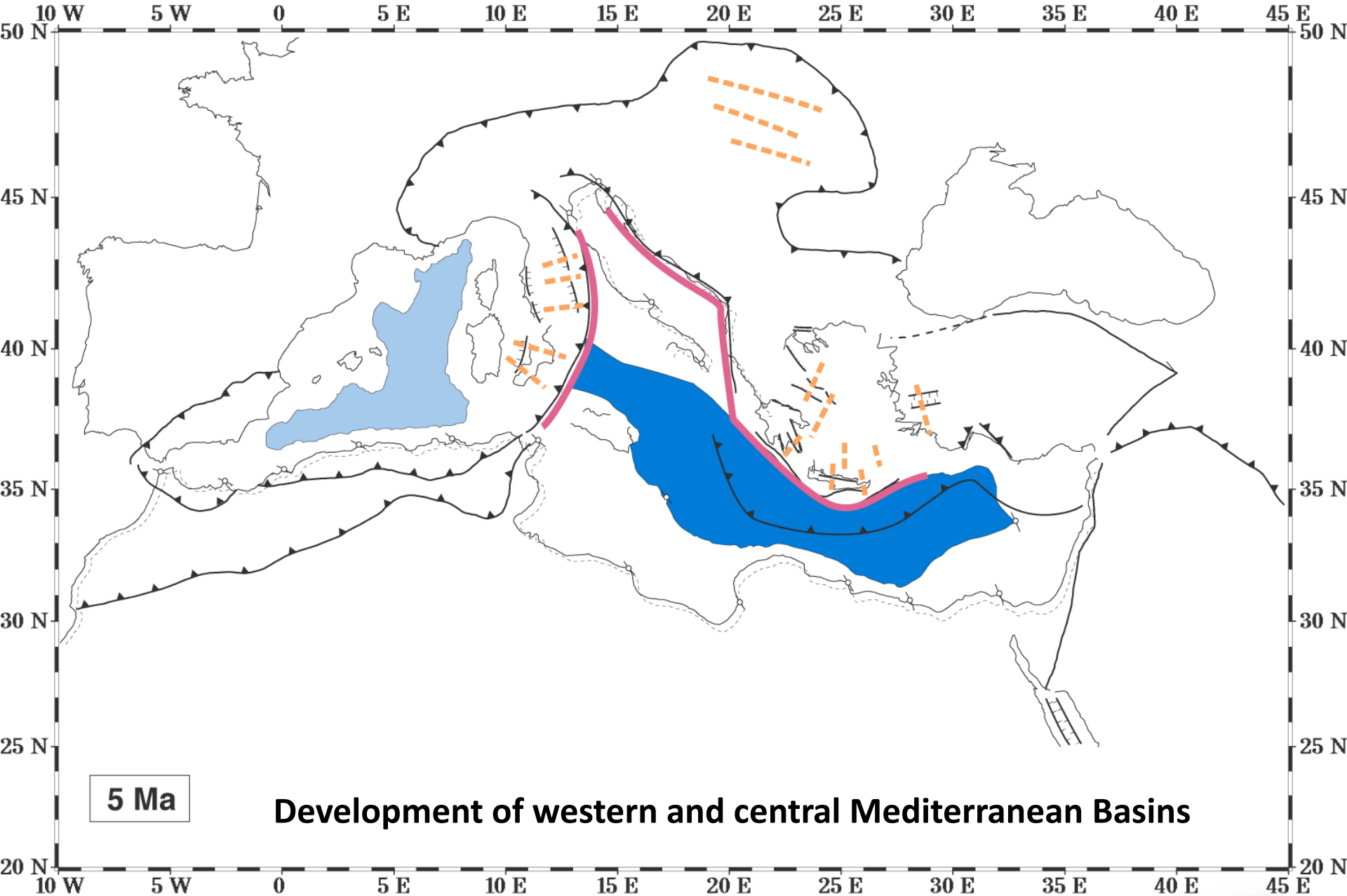
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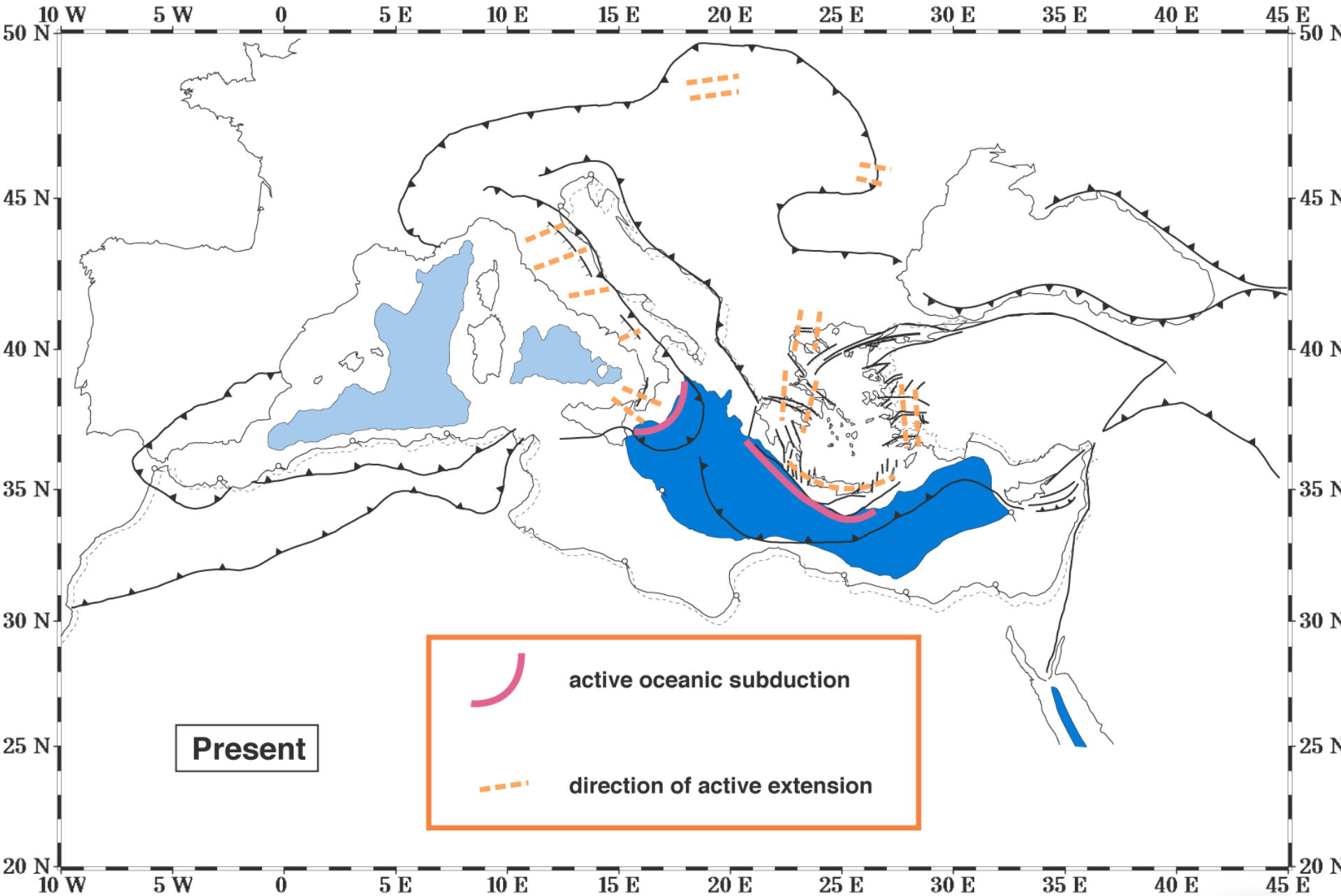
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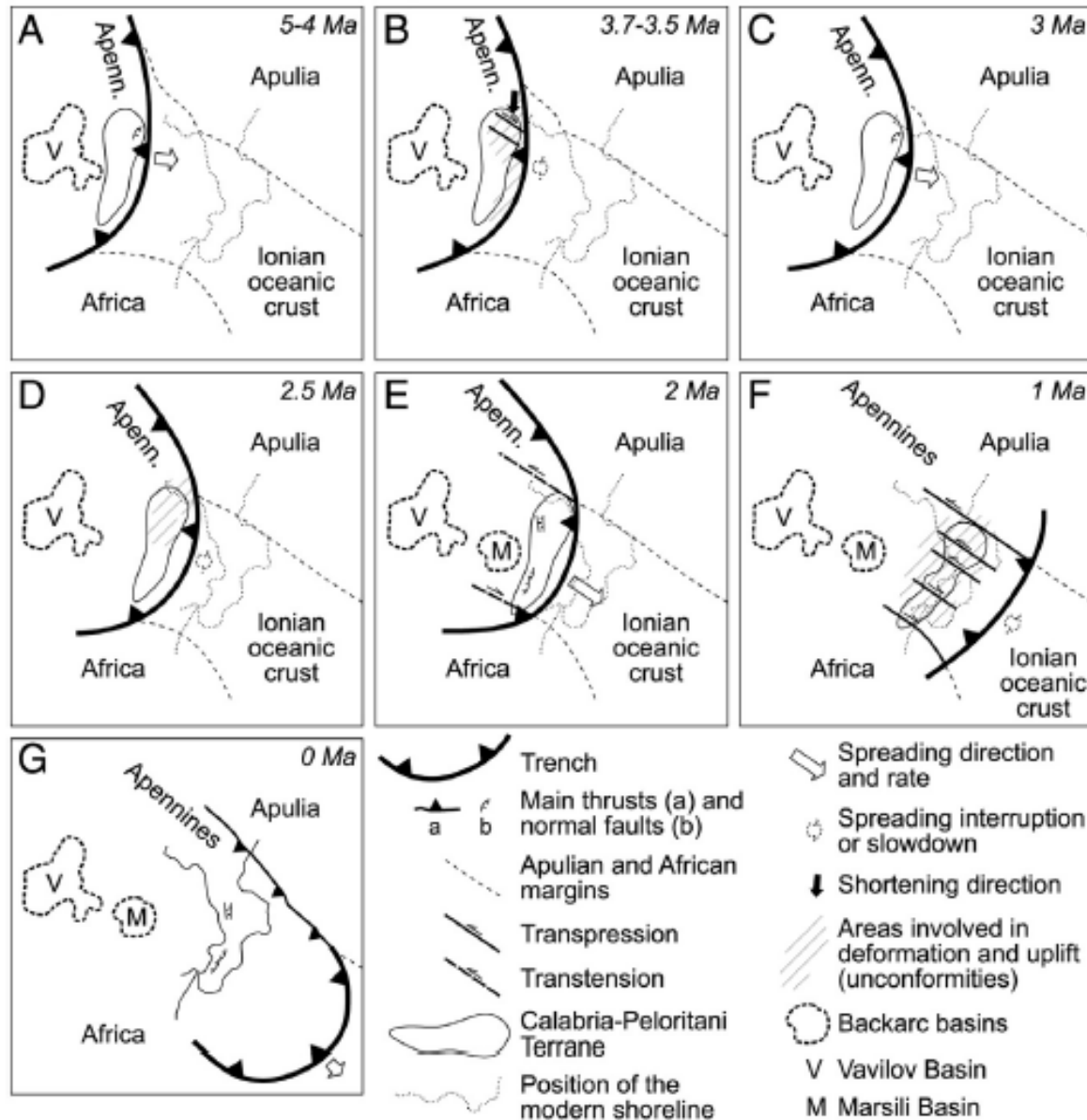




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The Calabrian subduction

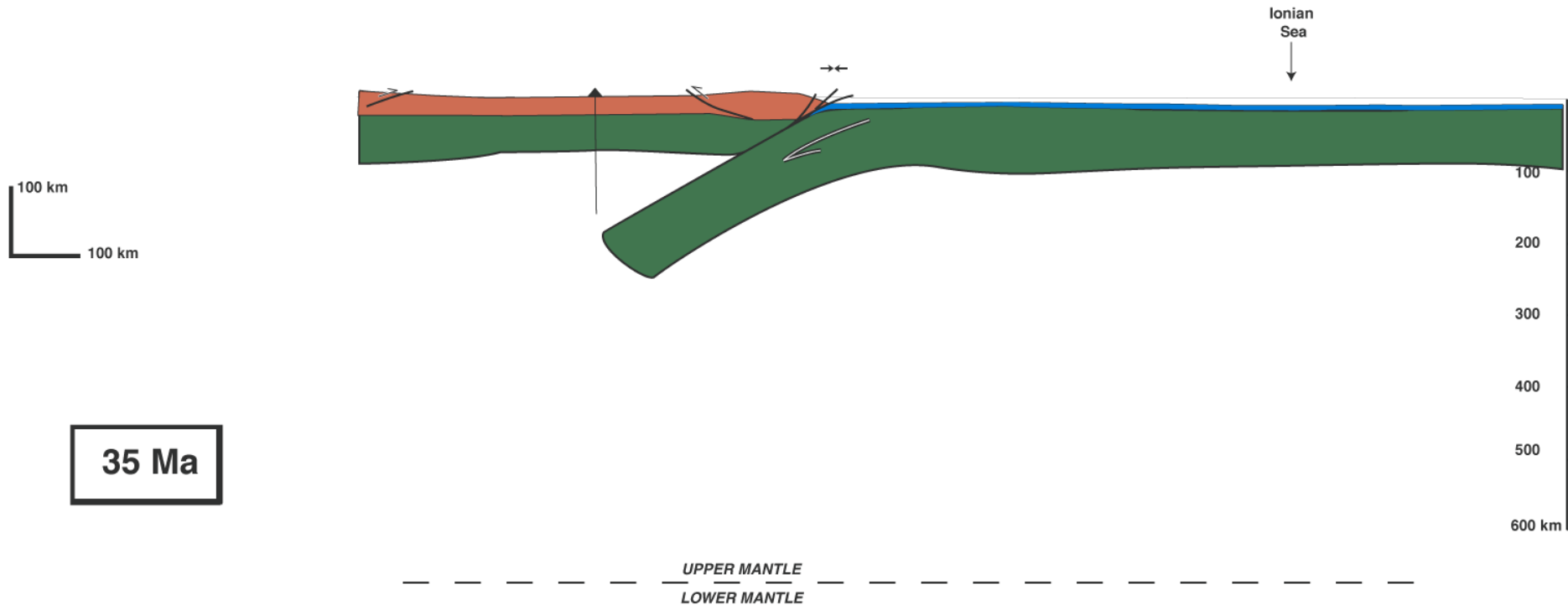


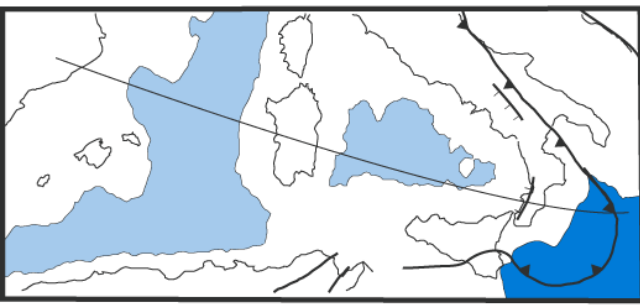


The subduction of the Ionian Sea

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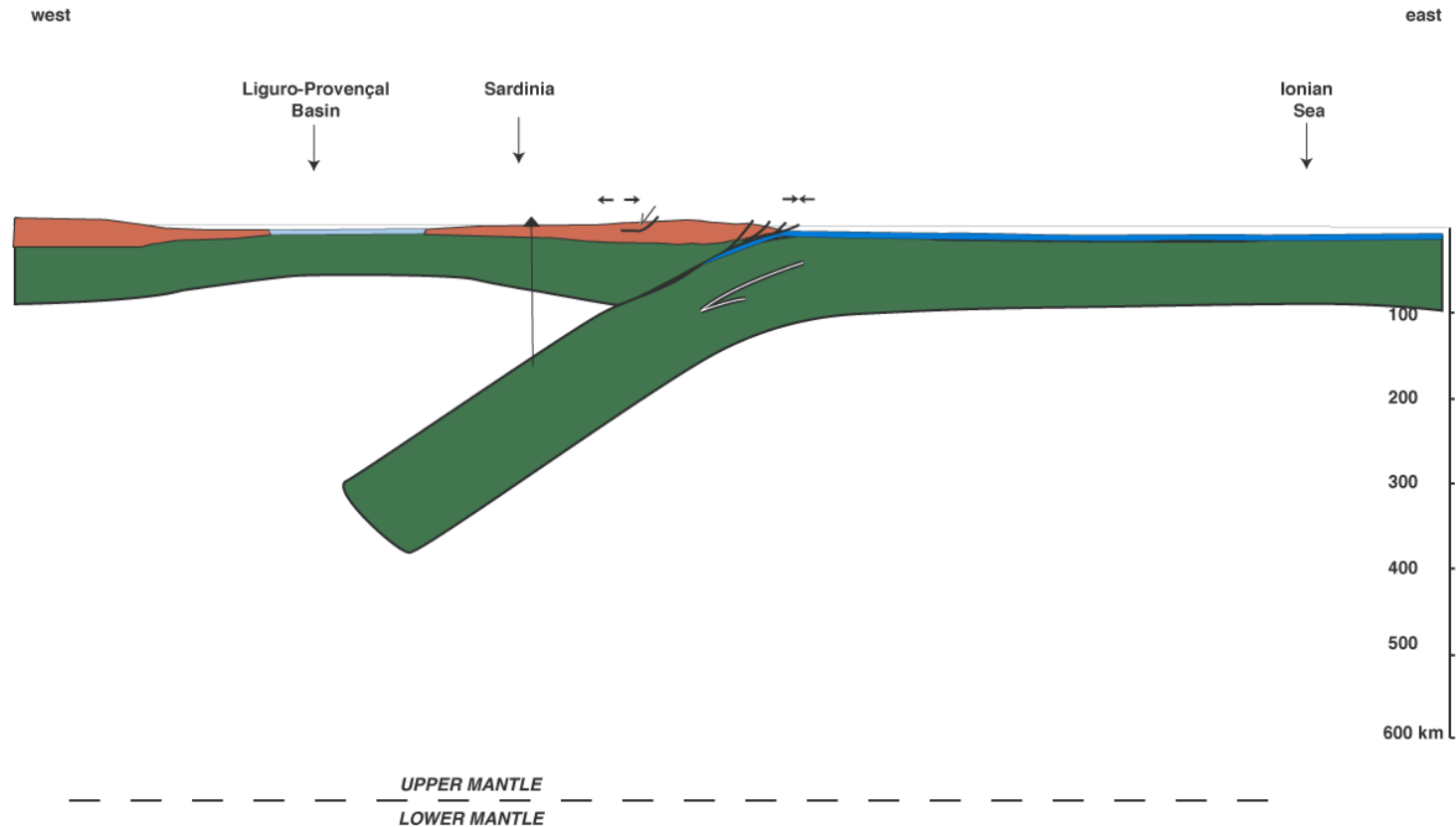


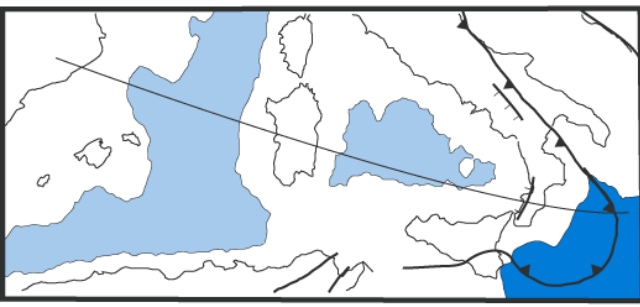


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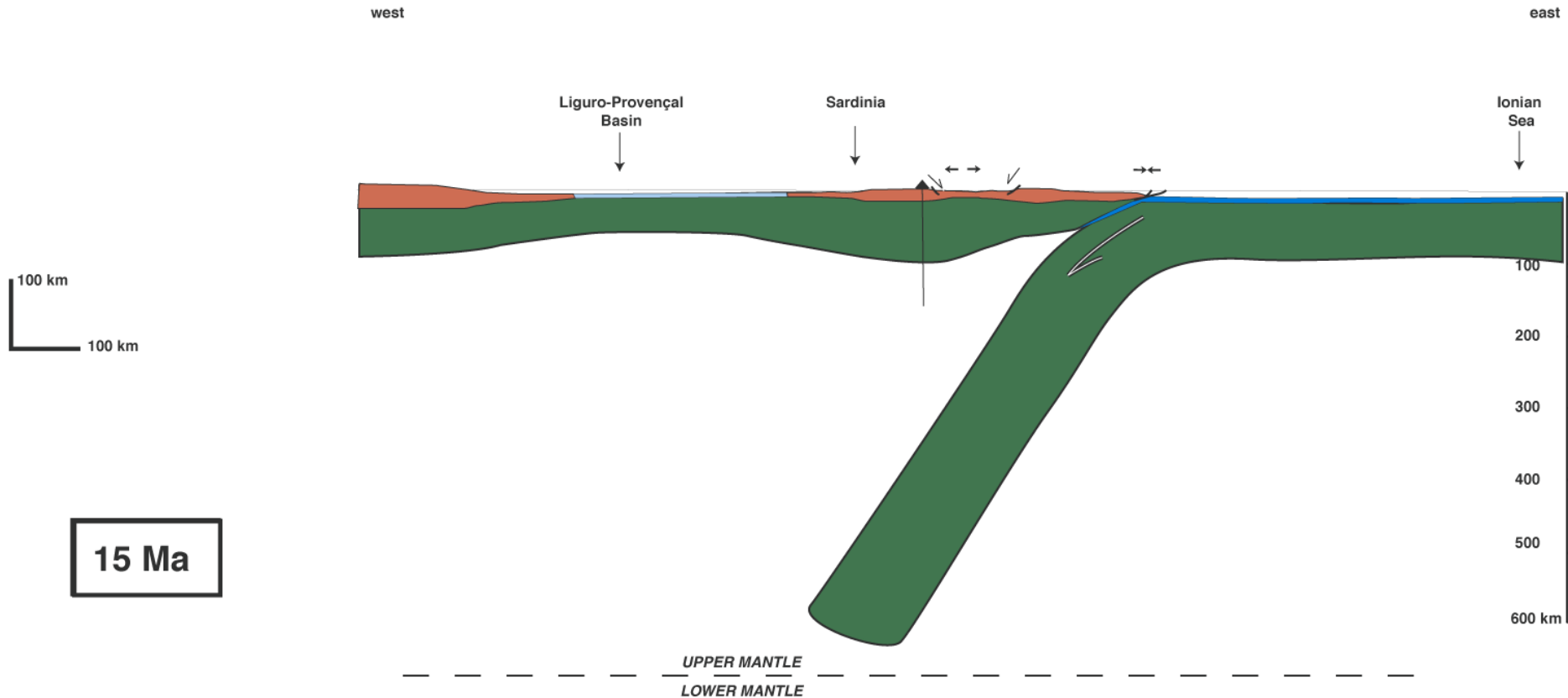


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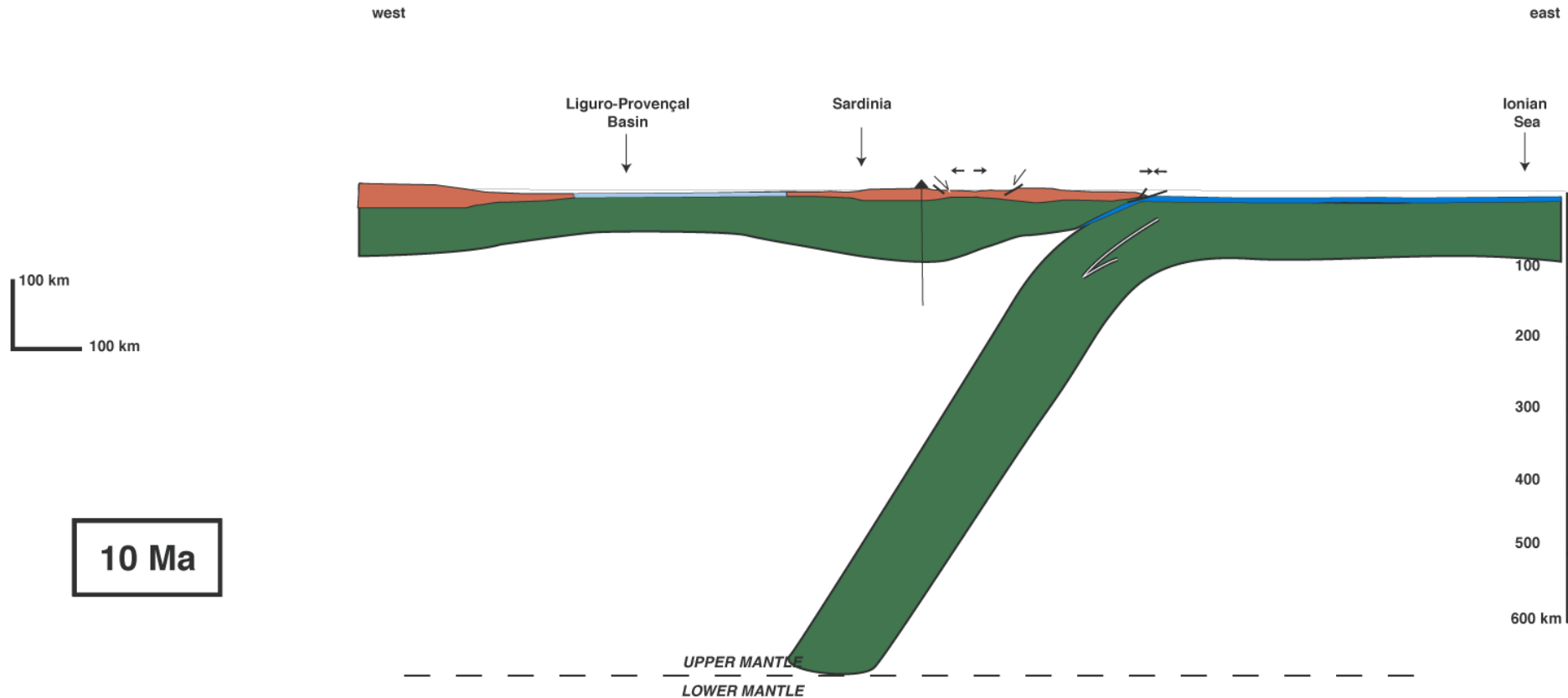


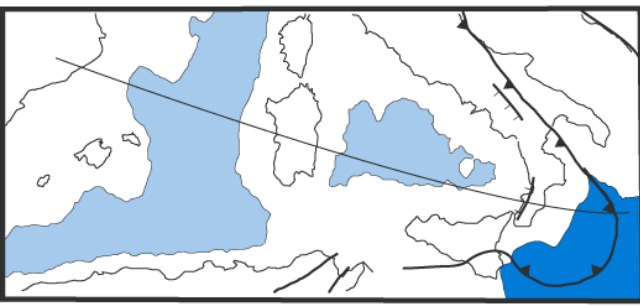
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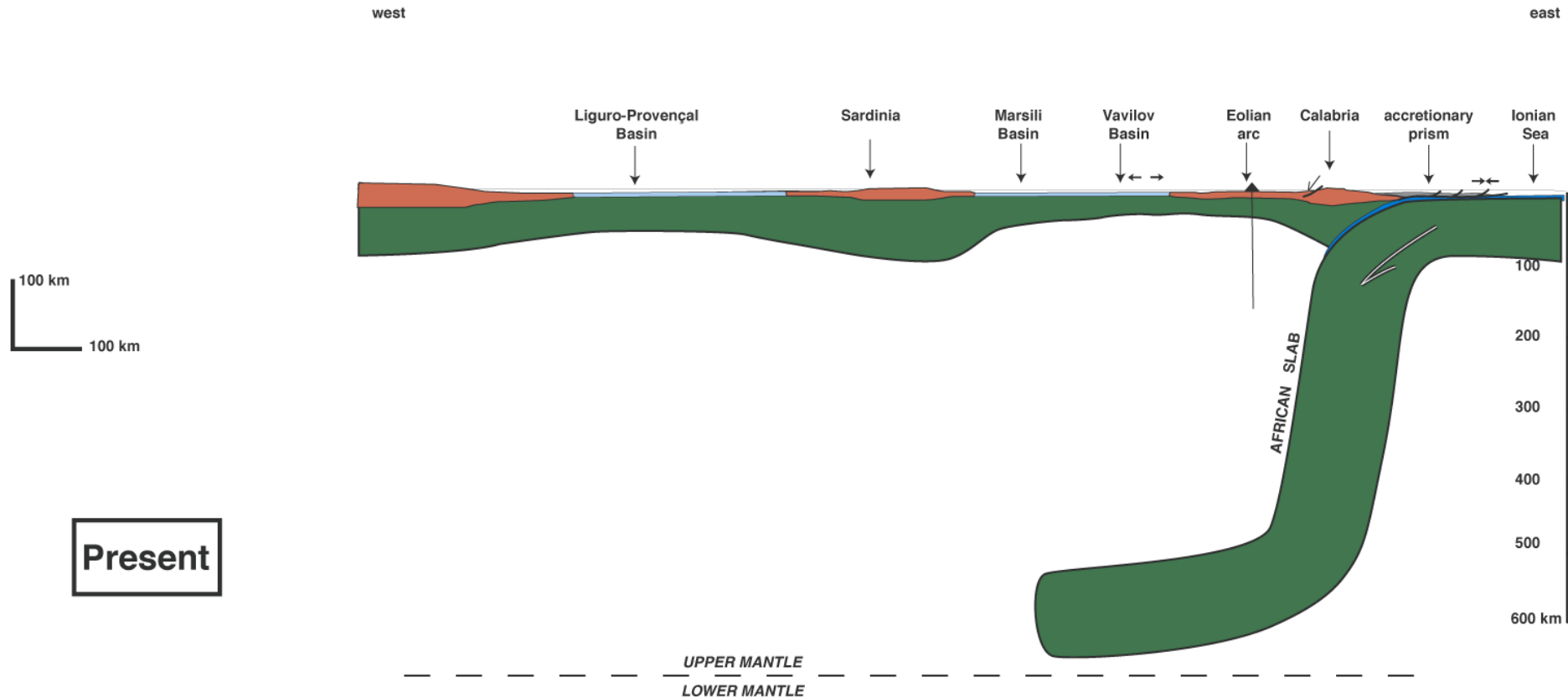


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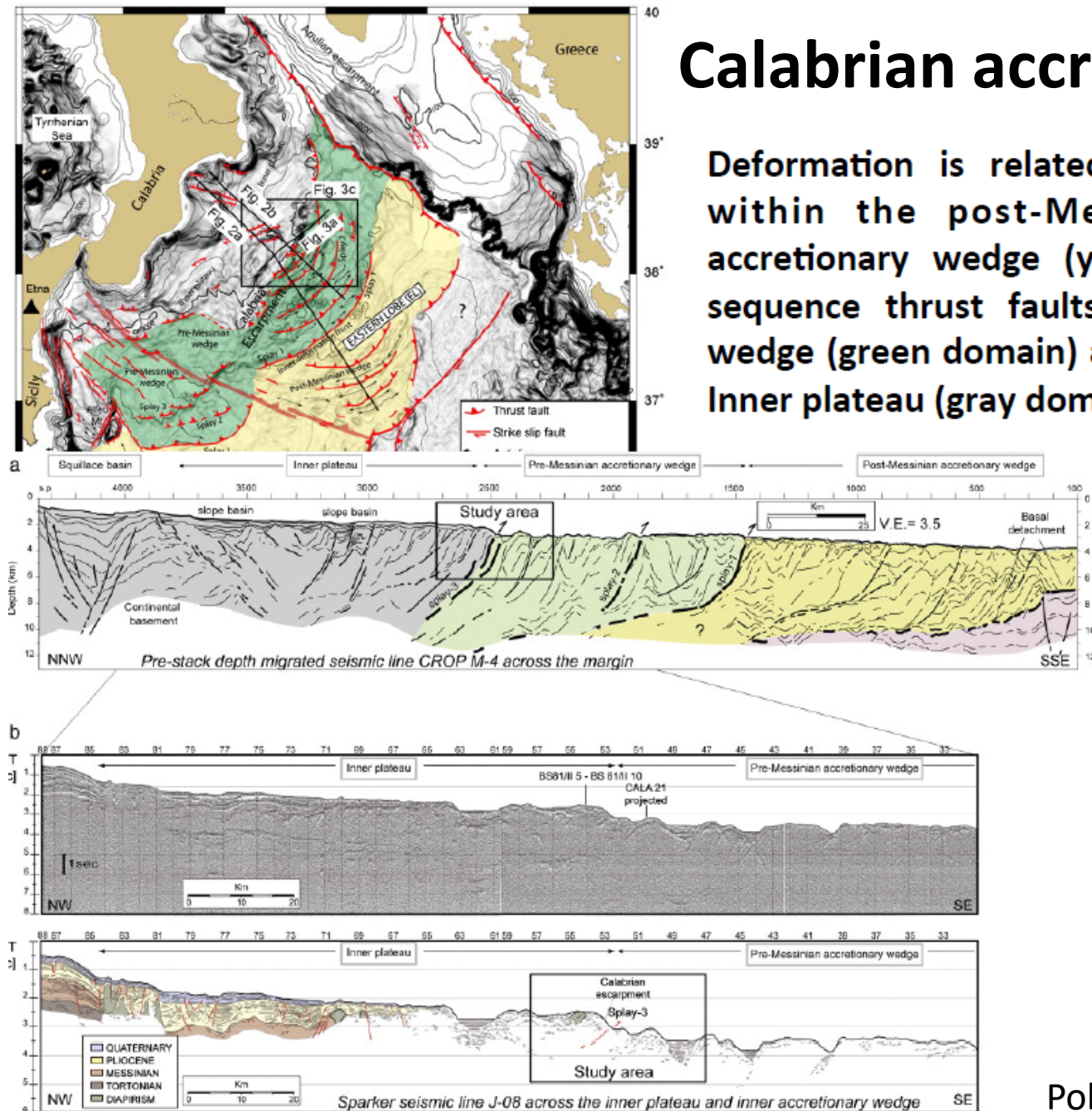


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Calabrian accretionary Prism

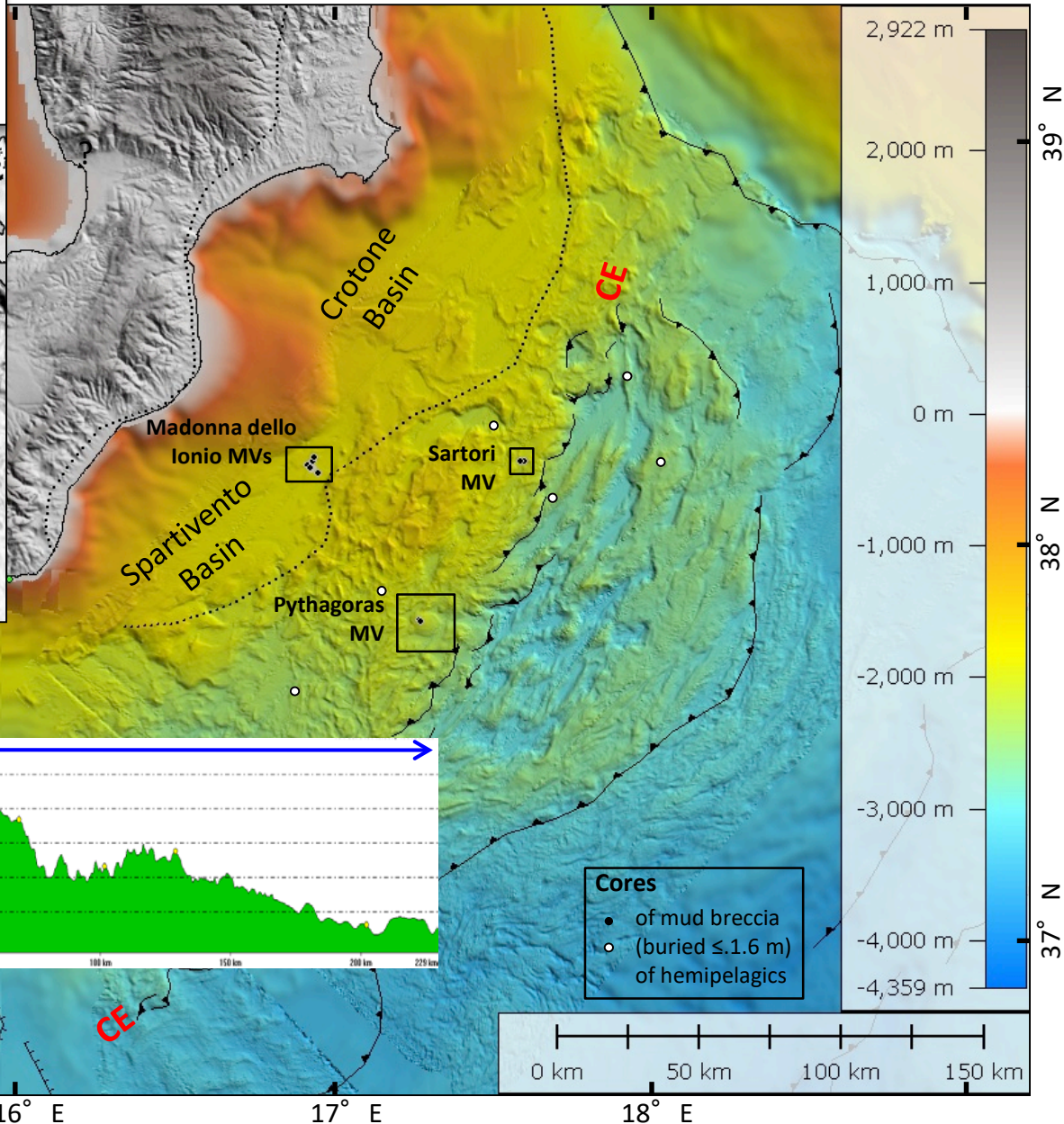
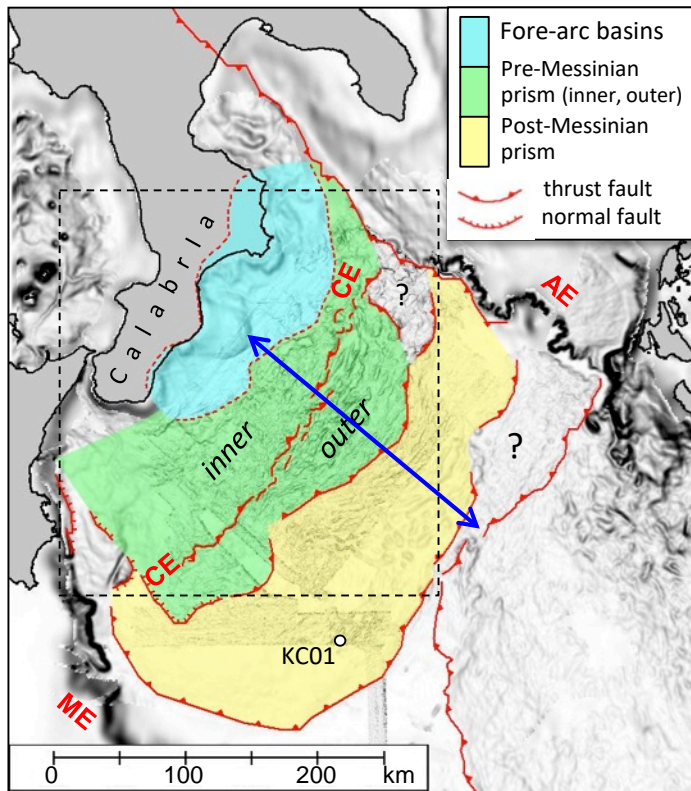
Deformation is related to an imbricate fan within the post-Messinian salt-bearing accretionary wedge (yellow domain), out-of-sequence thrust faults in the pre-Messinian wedge (green domain) and normal faults in the Inner plateau (gray domain).



Polonia et al. 2011



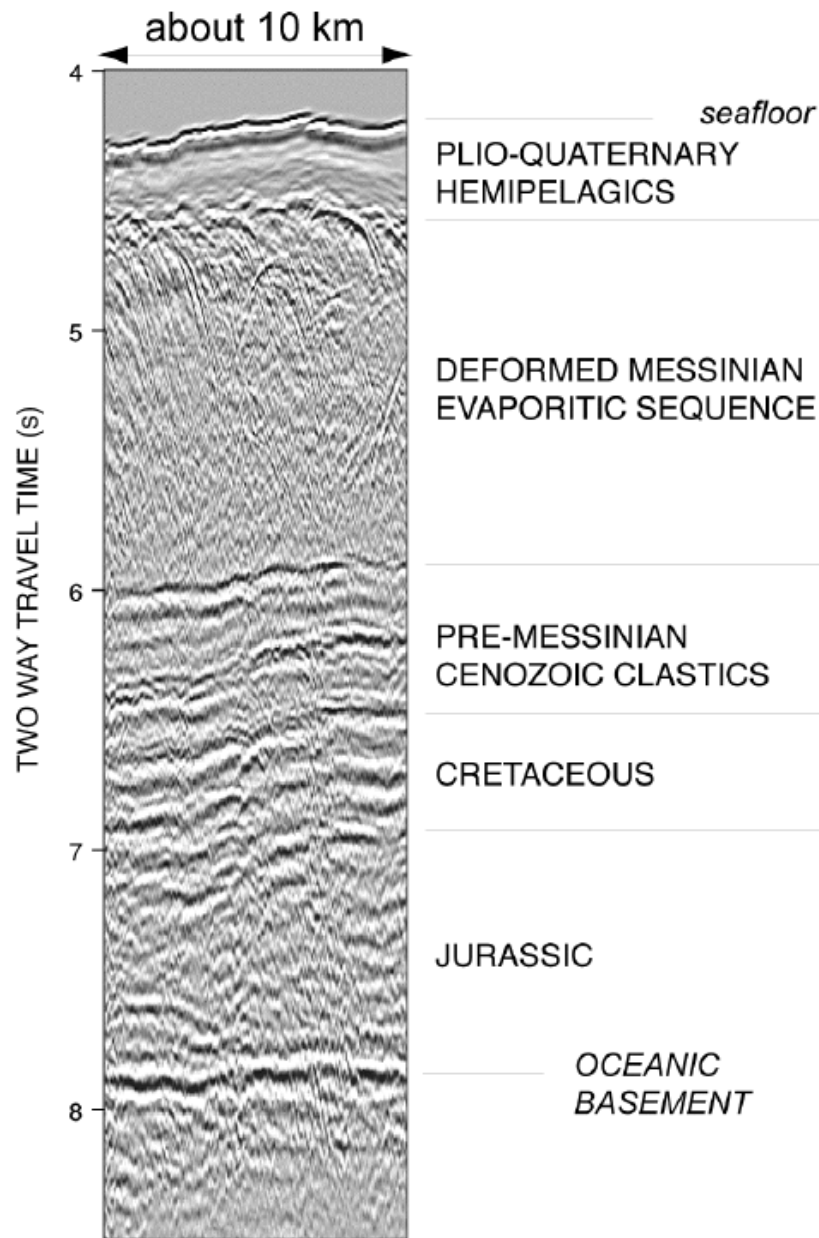
Bathymetry of Calabrian accretionary prism



Calabrian Escarpment

up to 750 m high, 200 km long, 1st order feature of prism, separating inner plateau from steeper outer wedge

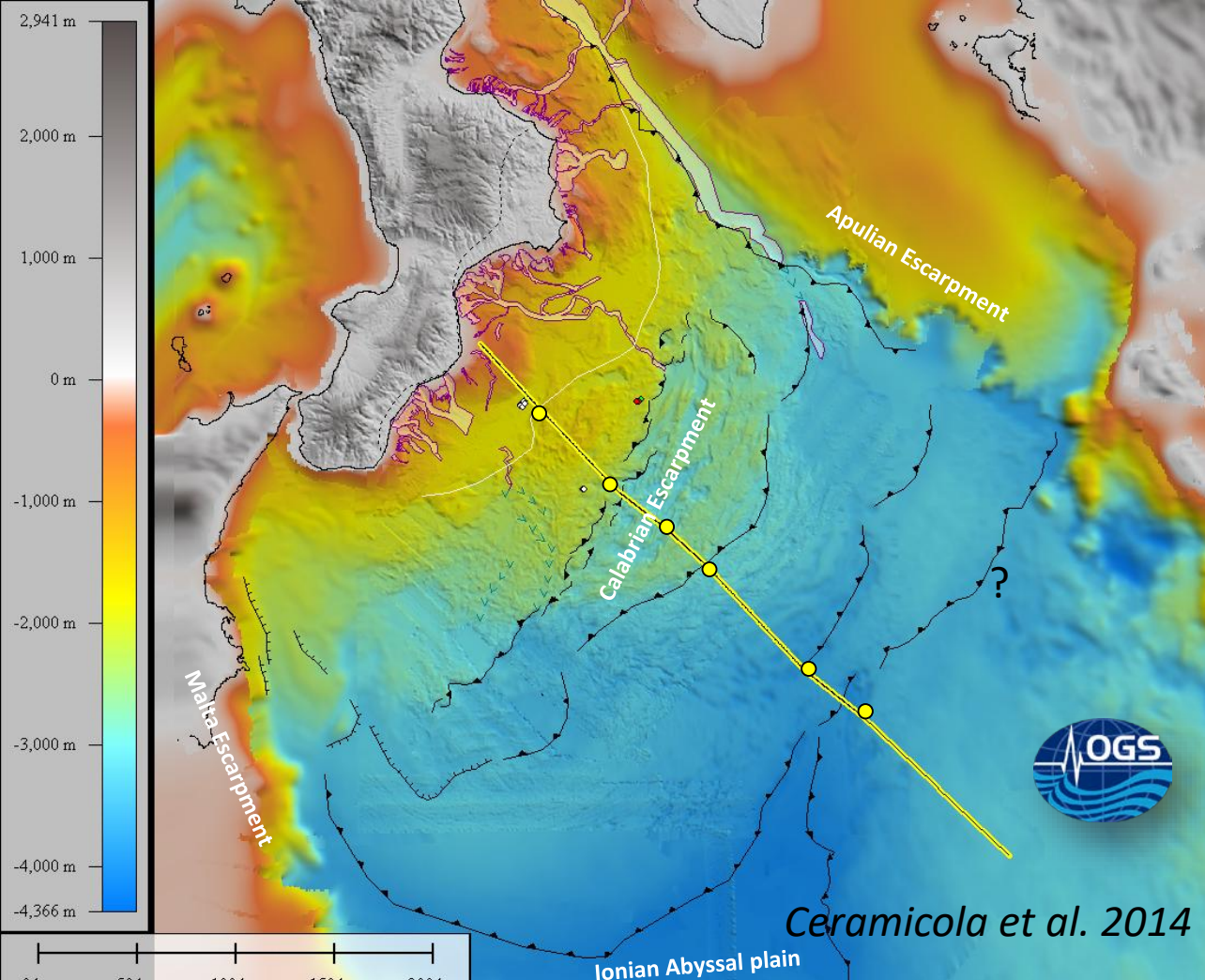
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Seismic stratigraphy of the Ionian basin

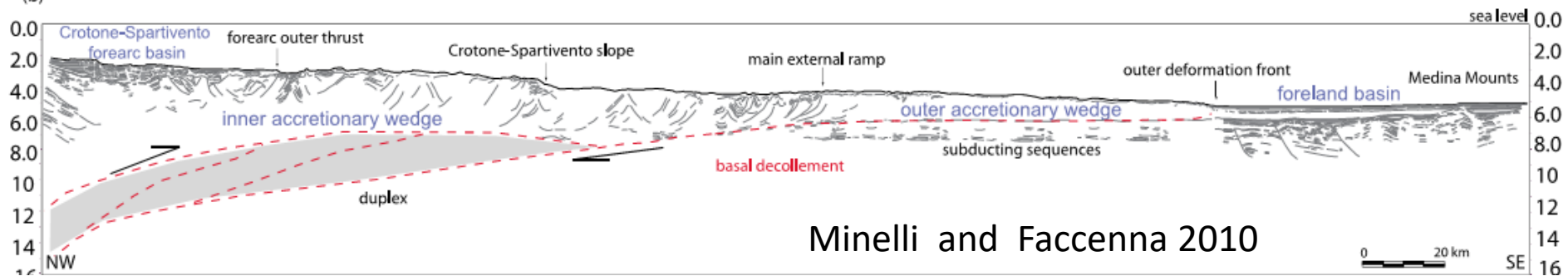
- As the last non-subducted sector of the Neo-Tethys ocean, the Ionian Sea turns out to be the oldest *in situ* ocean fragment of the world.
- It has been saved from subduction since locked within irregular S shaped continental margins of Africa and Eurasia.
- It is a 350 km wide x 600 km long abyssal plain lying at 3–4 km depth, locked between the continental platforms of northern Africa, Malta-Hyblean plateau, and Apulia, and active orogens of Calabria Arc and Hellenides.
- A thick package (5–7 km) of sediments overlying an extremely thin (8–11 km) crystalline crust.

THE IONIAN SEA

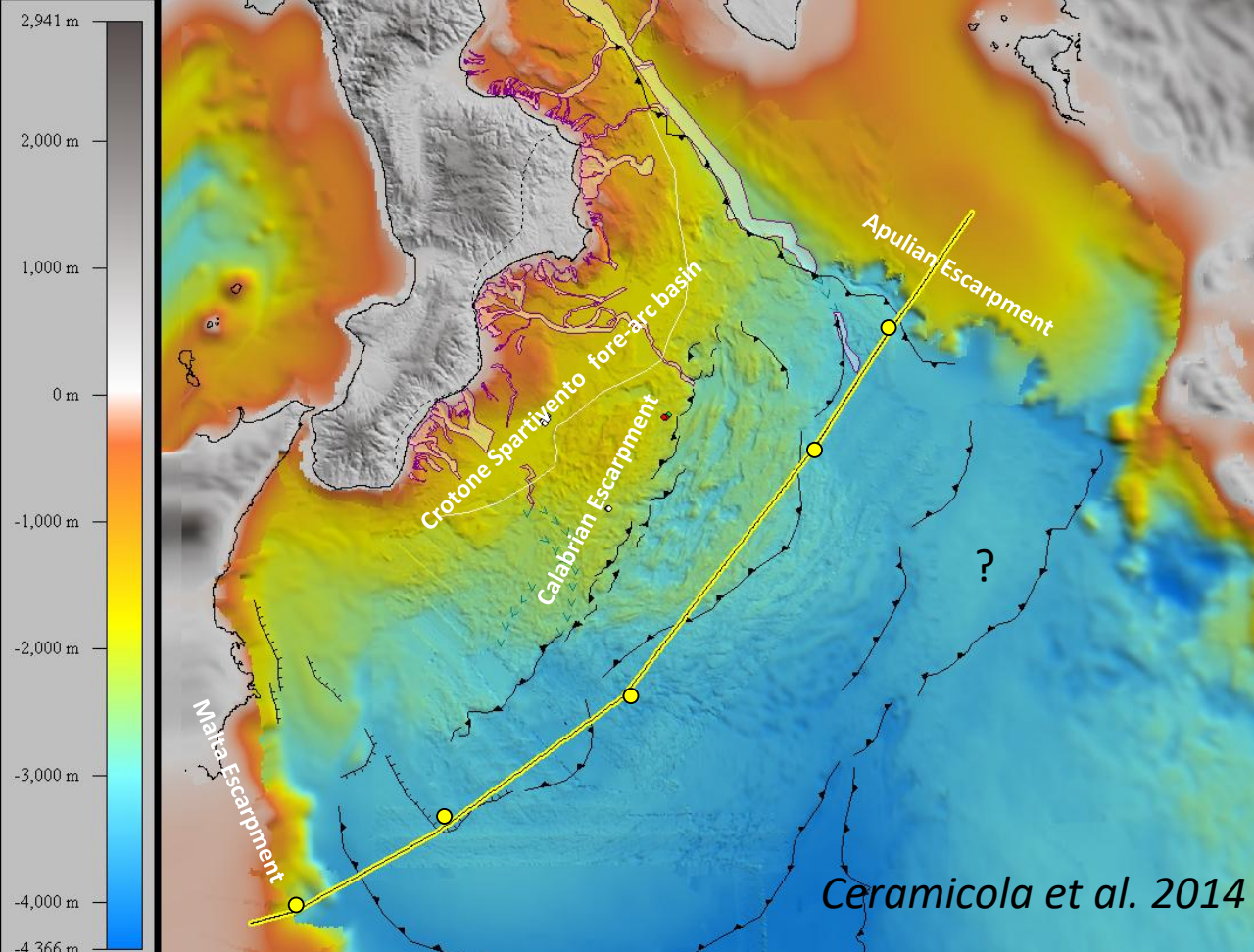


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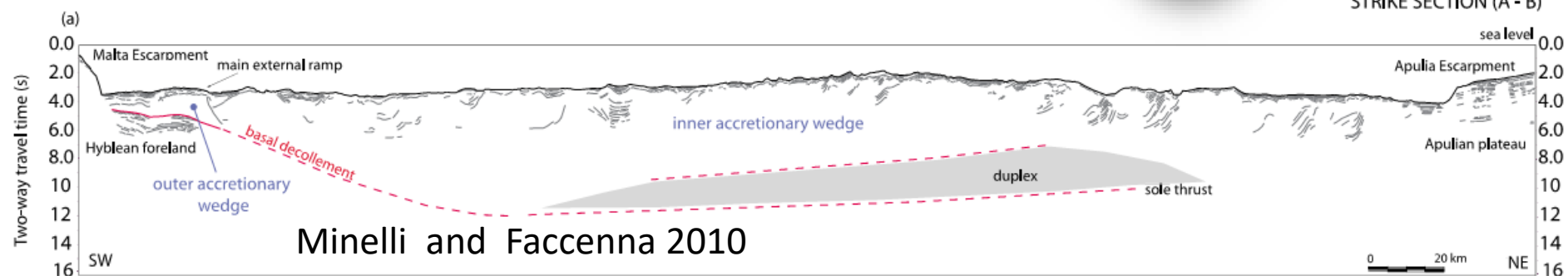
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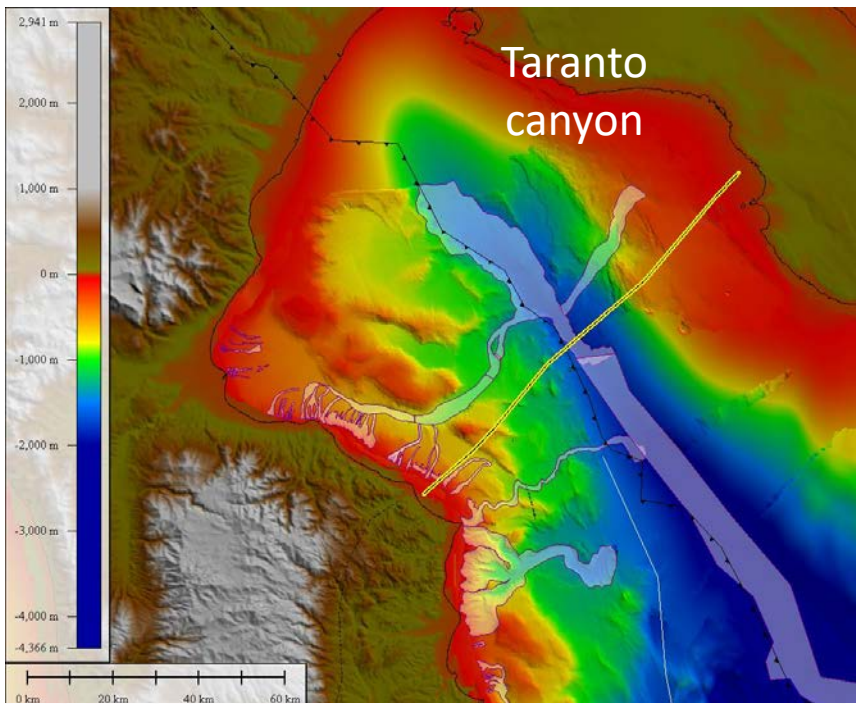


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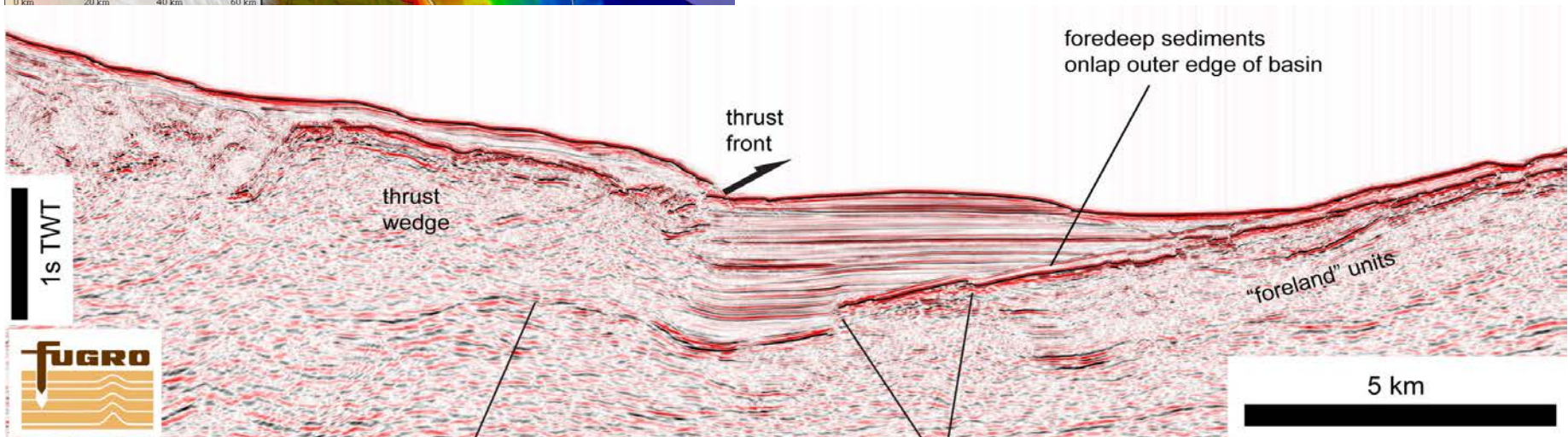


Calabrian accretionary prism - cross sections



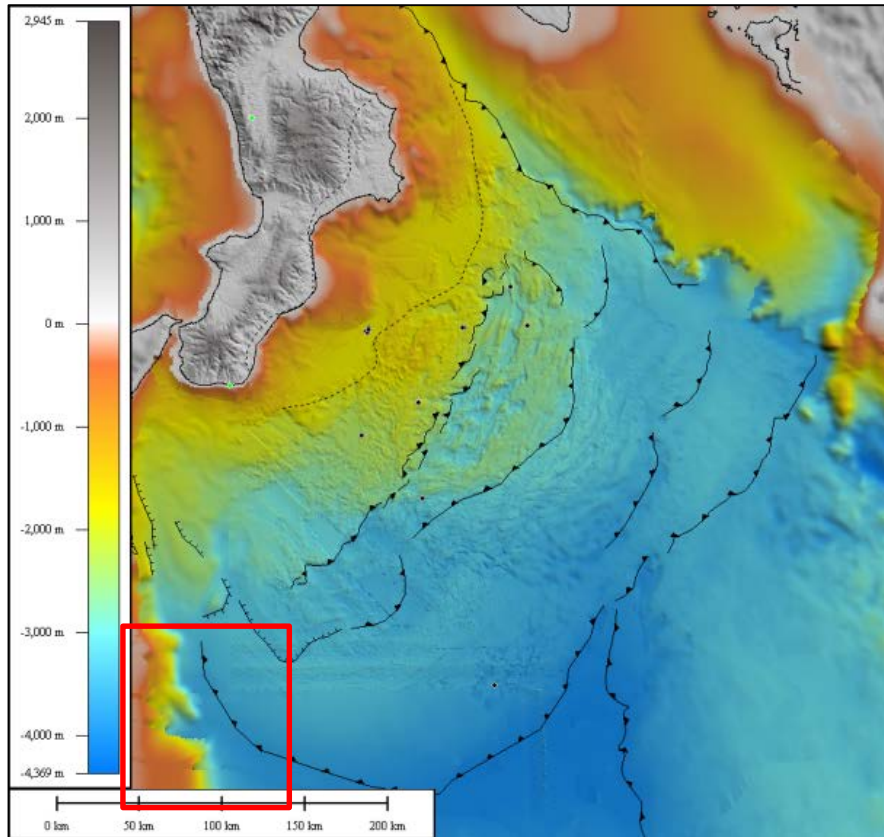


GULF OF TARANTO





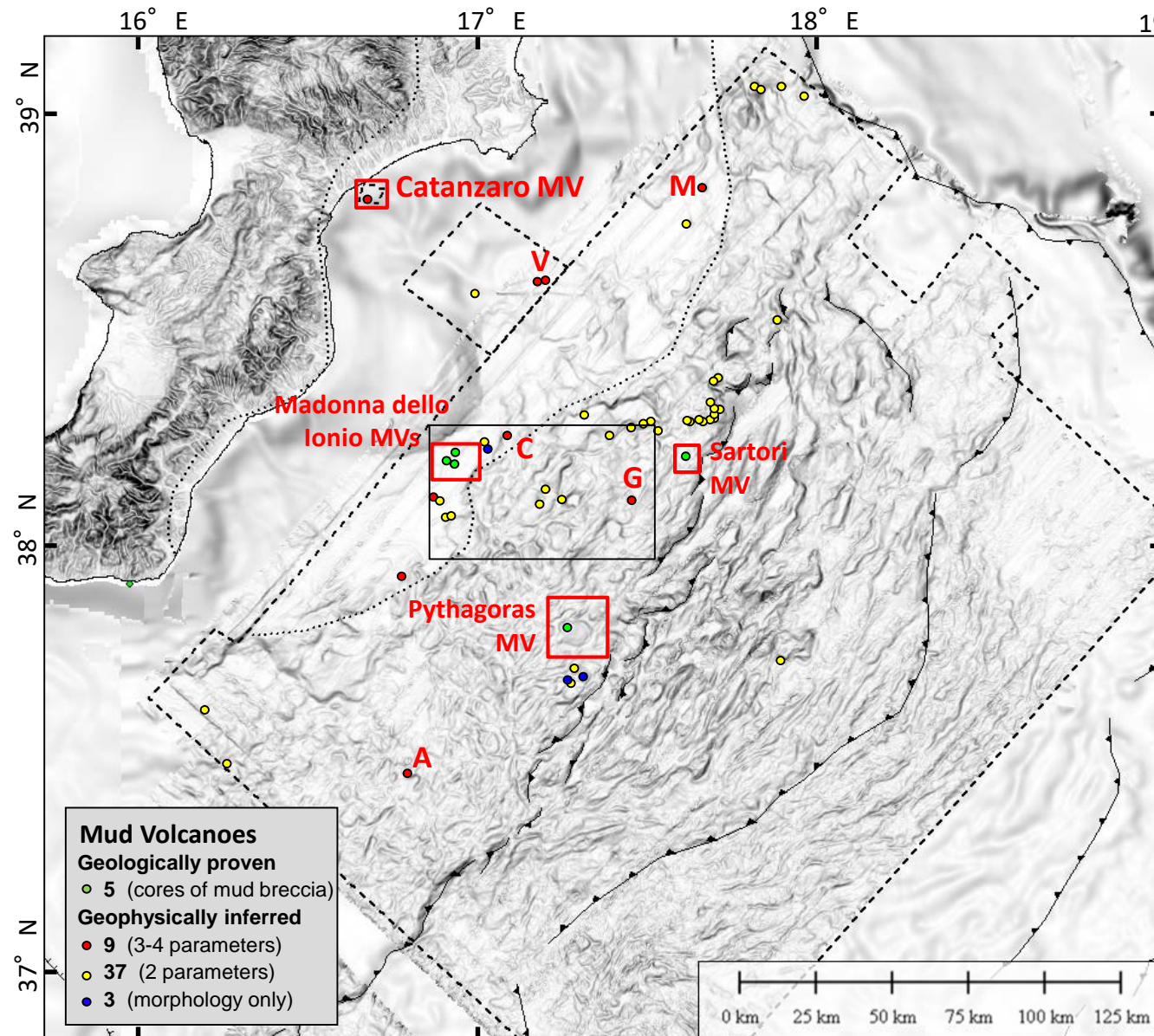
MALTA ESCARPMENT



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The Calabrian mud volcano province

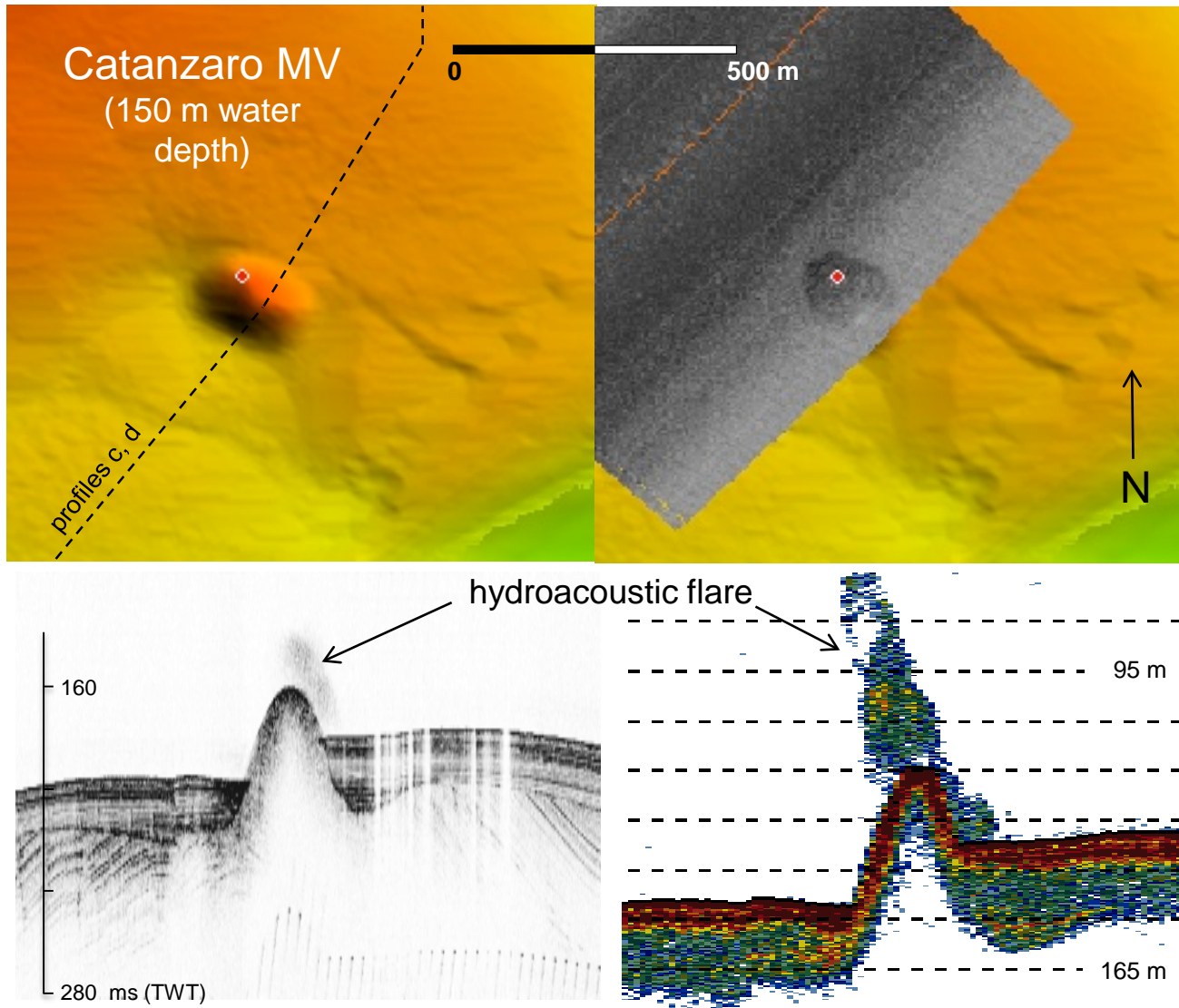


- **Seabed mapping** based on data acquired by OGS in 2005 and 2009
- At least 54 MVs (conservative criteria), all but one (possible) landward of Calabrian Escarpment
- 3 sites cored, others geophysically inferred

(Cericola et al. 2014b)



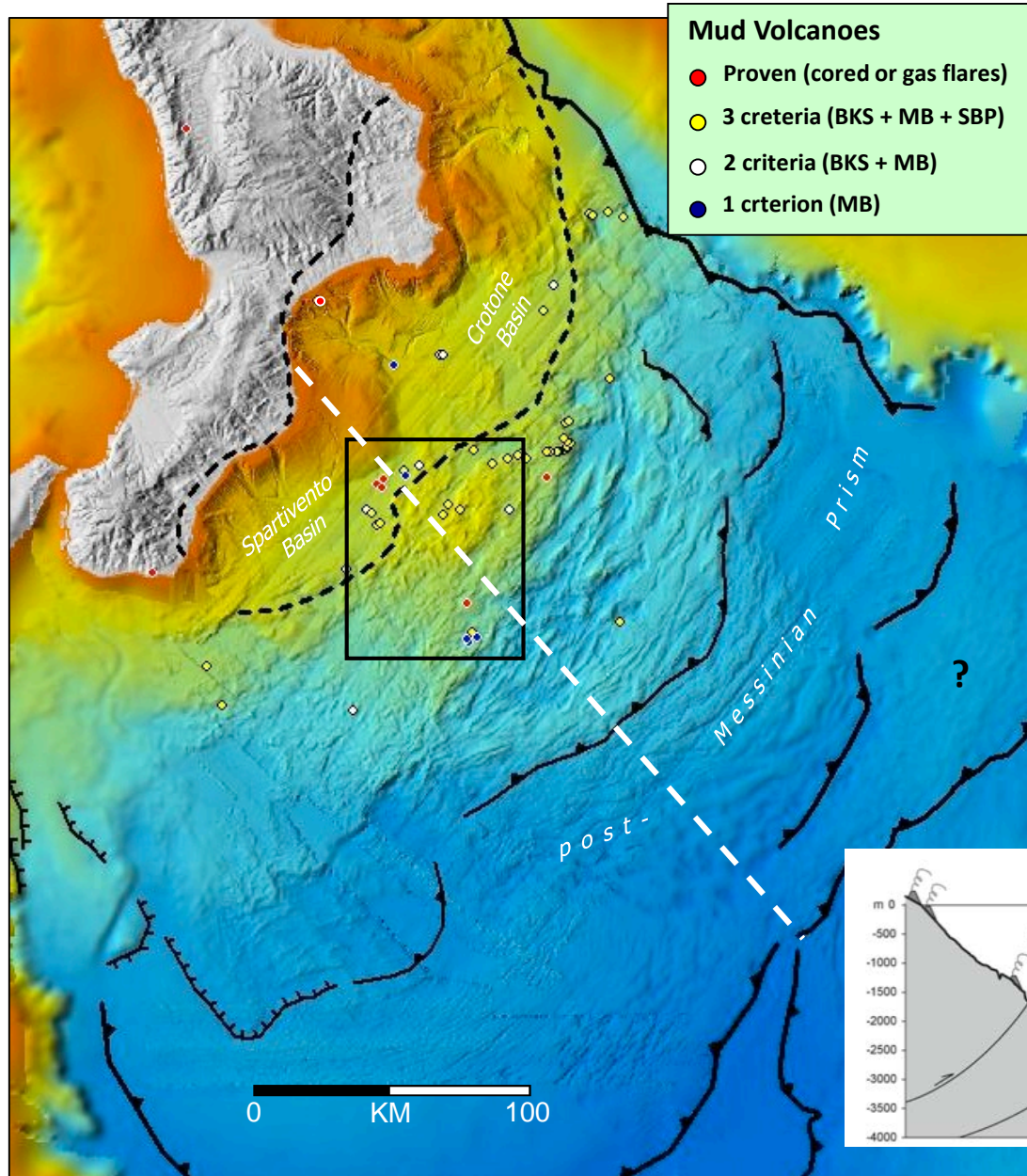
Multi-parameter geophysical evidence of mud volcanoes



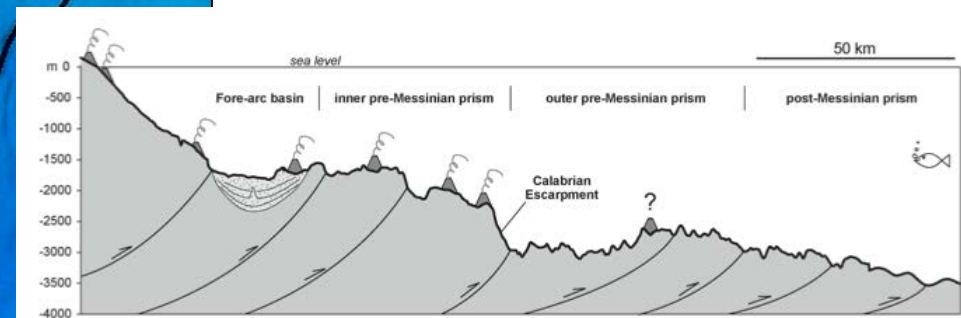
- 5 km off Calabrian coast, only MV in <1000 m water depth (100 kHz backscatter)
- Mud breccia extrusion above last glacial maximum unconformity **(19-23 ka BP)**
- Hydroacoustic evidence of gas venting to water column

Ceramicola et al. 2014b

Calabrian mud volcano province – in summary

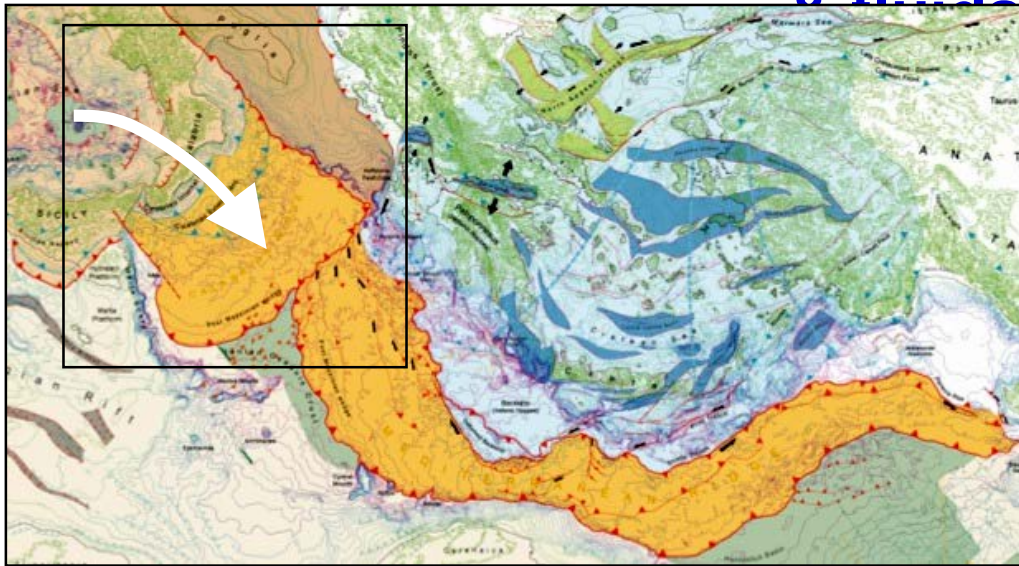


- At least 54 MVs (+ one on land) distributed across fore-arc basins (thin salt) and inner prism (no salt) – lower density than Med Ridge, fluid sources at depth
- Local influence of faults, none in centres of fore-arc basins (rising fluids blocked by salt or mud?)
- Seabed extrusion of mud breccias over last glacial to post-glacial cycle (50/53), ongoing gas seepage (3 sites)
- All but one possible MV landward of Calabrian Escarpment



Ceramicola, et al. (2014)

Central and Eastern Mediterranean accretionary prisms



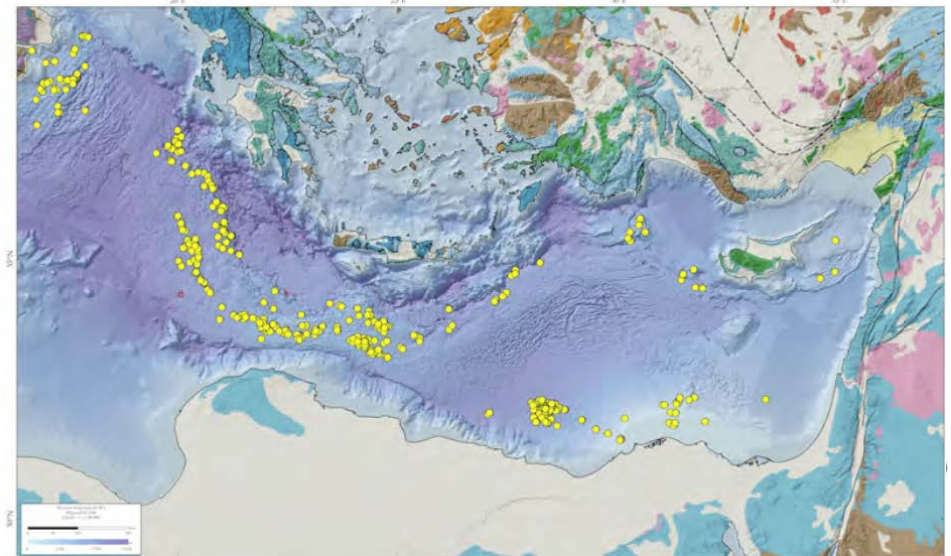
Chamot-Rooke et al. 2005

Mediterranean Ridge etc :

- MVs 1st identified from mud breccias over 30 years ago (Cita et al. 1981)
- Mud breccia extrusion for >1 Ma (ODP 164, 1996)
- Hundreds – highest abundance on Earth? (Kopf 2002)
- Tectonically-controlled crestal belt

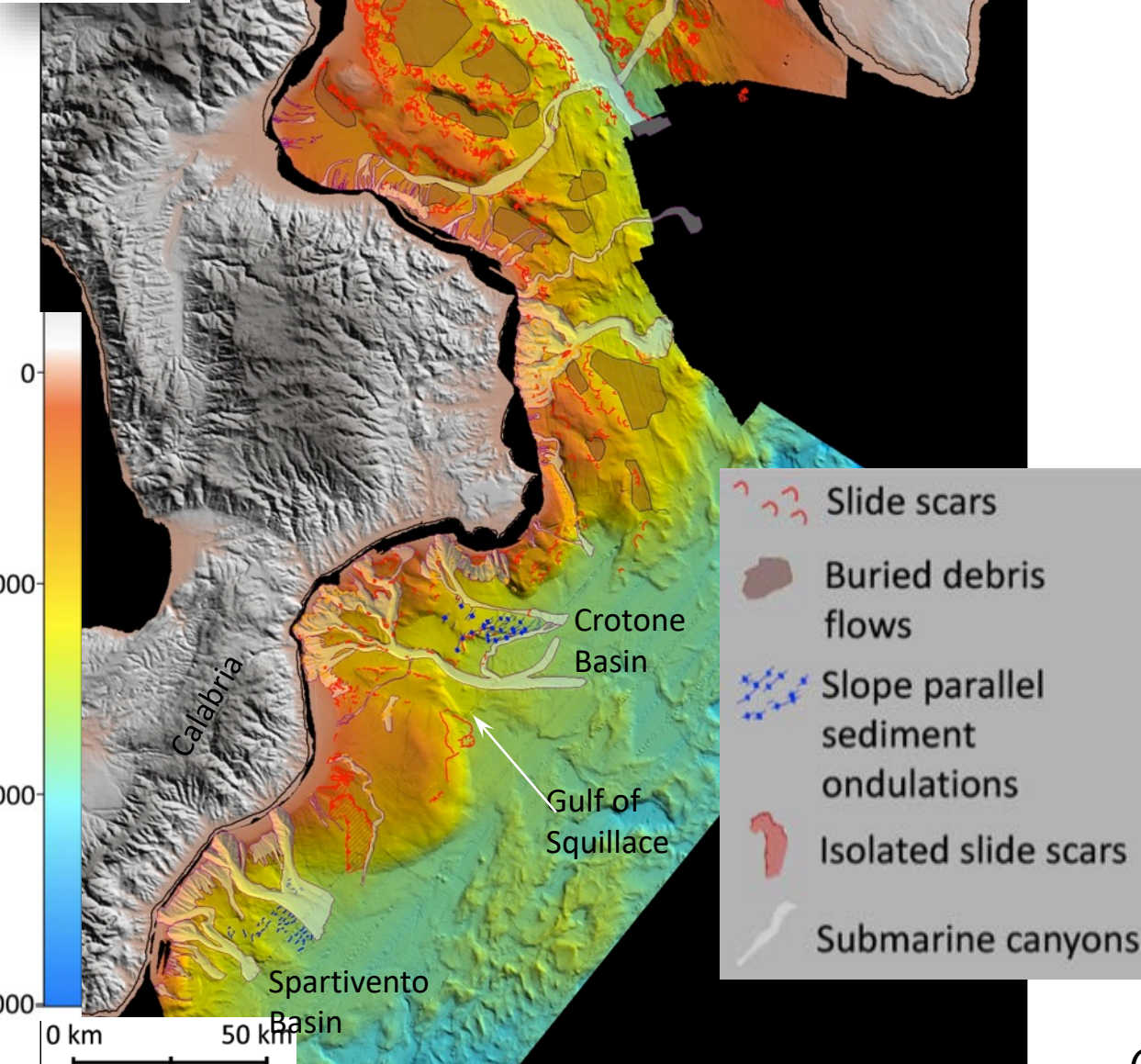
Calabrian 'arc' :

- Recent entry– rapid slab roll-back since the mid-Miocene c. 9 Ma → meets Med Ridge
- No seabed studies for >25 years since Rossi & Sartori (1981)
- Presence of long-lived mud volcanoes proven by OGS in 2005



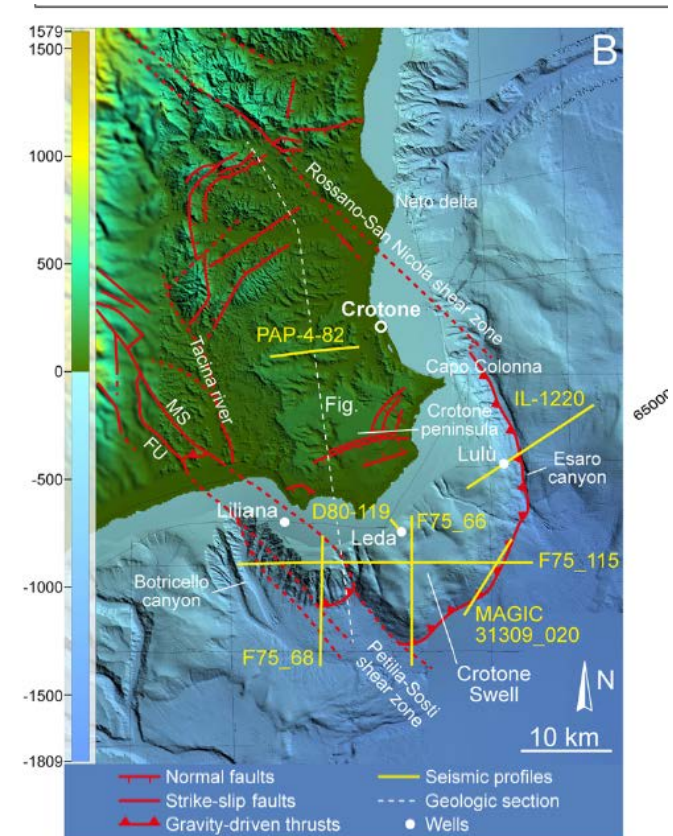
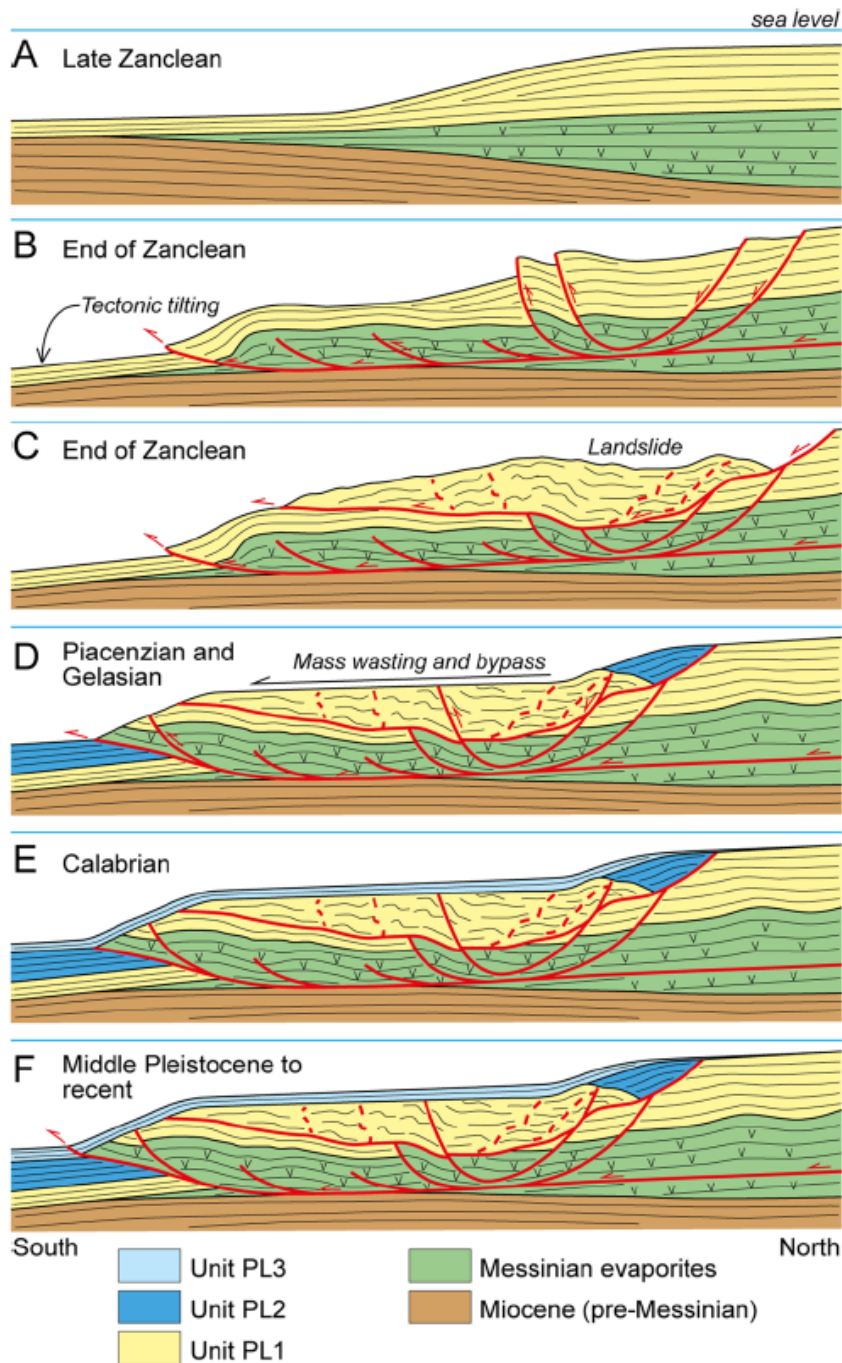
Masclé et al. 2014

Mass movements along the Calabrian margin



- 1 Mass Transport Complexes (MTCs) in intra-slope basins (northern Calabrian margin)
- 2 Isolated Slide Scars (ISSs) on open slopes (all margins)
- 3 Headwall & Sidewall Scarps in Submarine Canyons (HSC) (Calabrian margin)
- 4 Slope-Parallel Sediment Undulations (SPSU) (southern Calabrian margin)

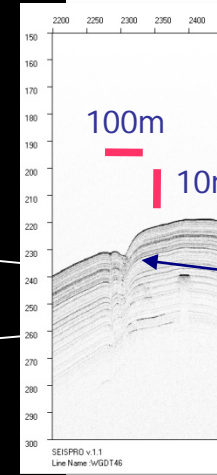
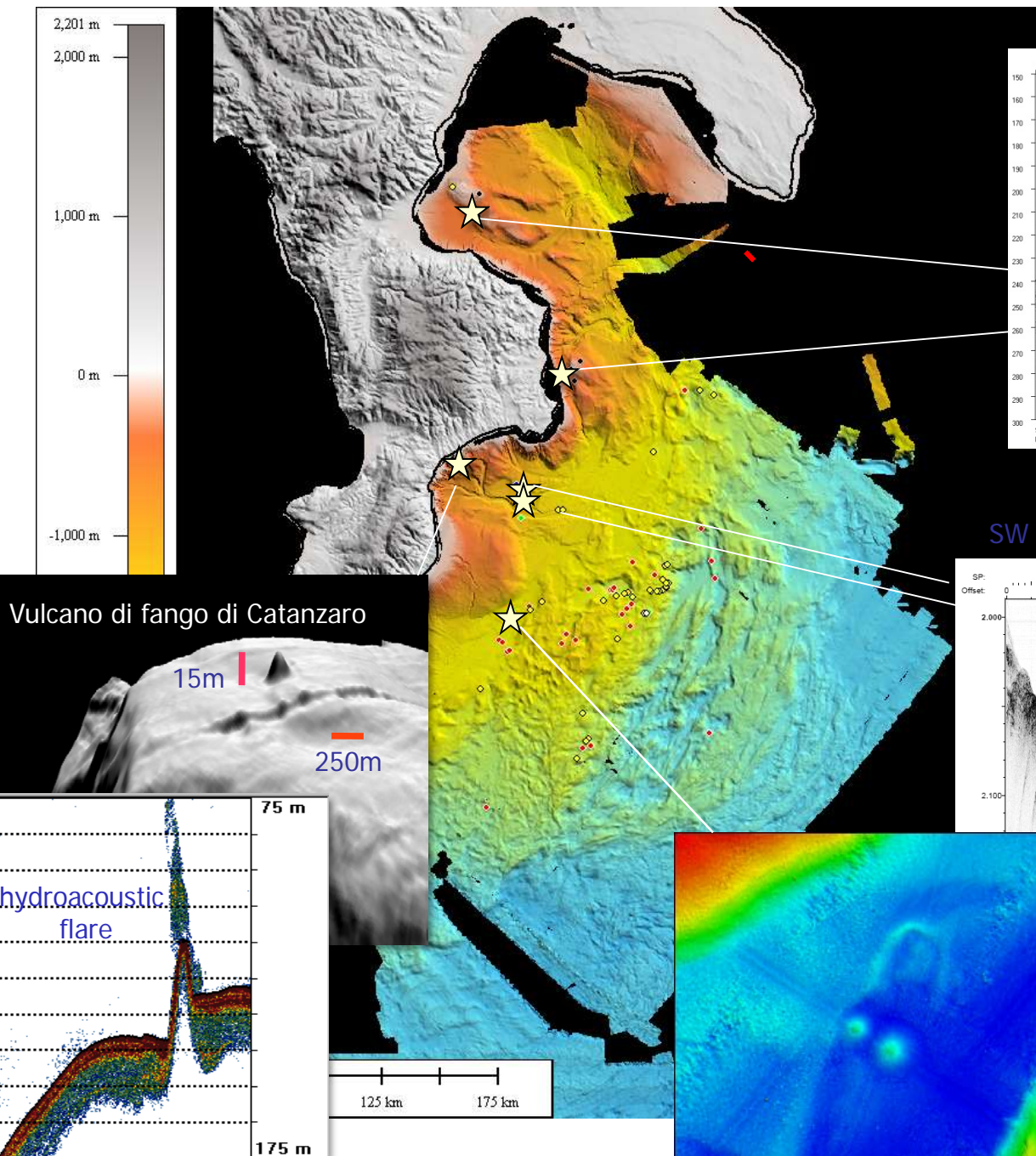
The Crotone Megaslides



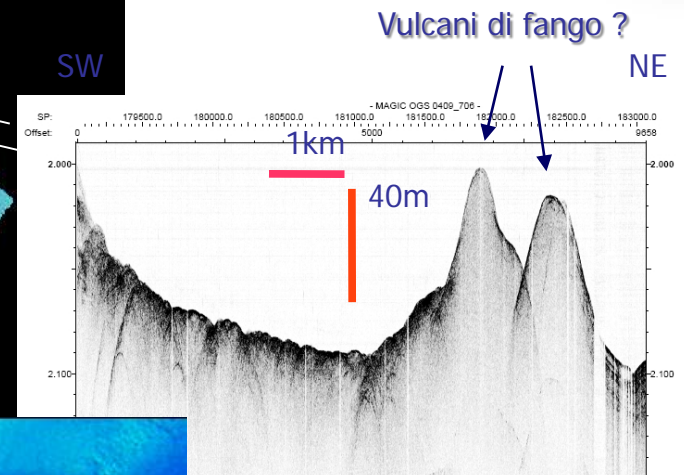
Zecchin et al. 2018



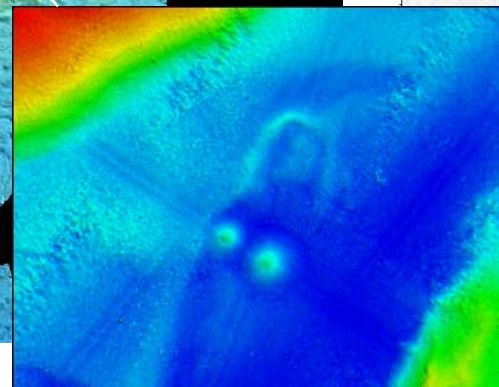
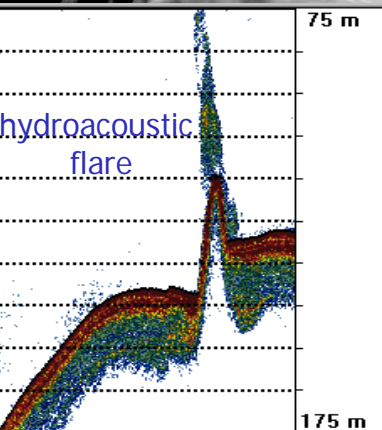
Fluid seepage



Pockmarks



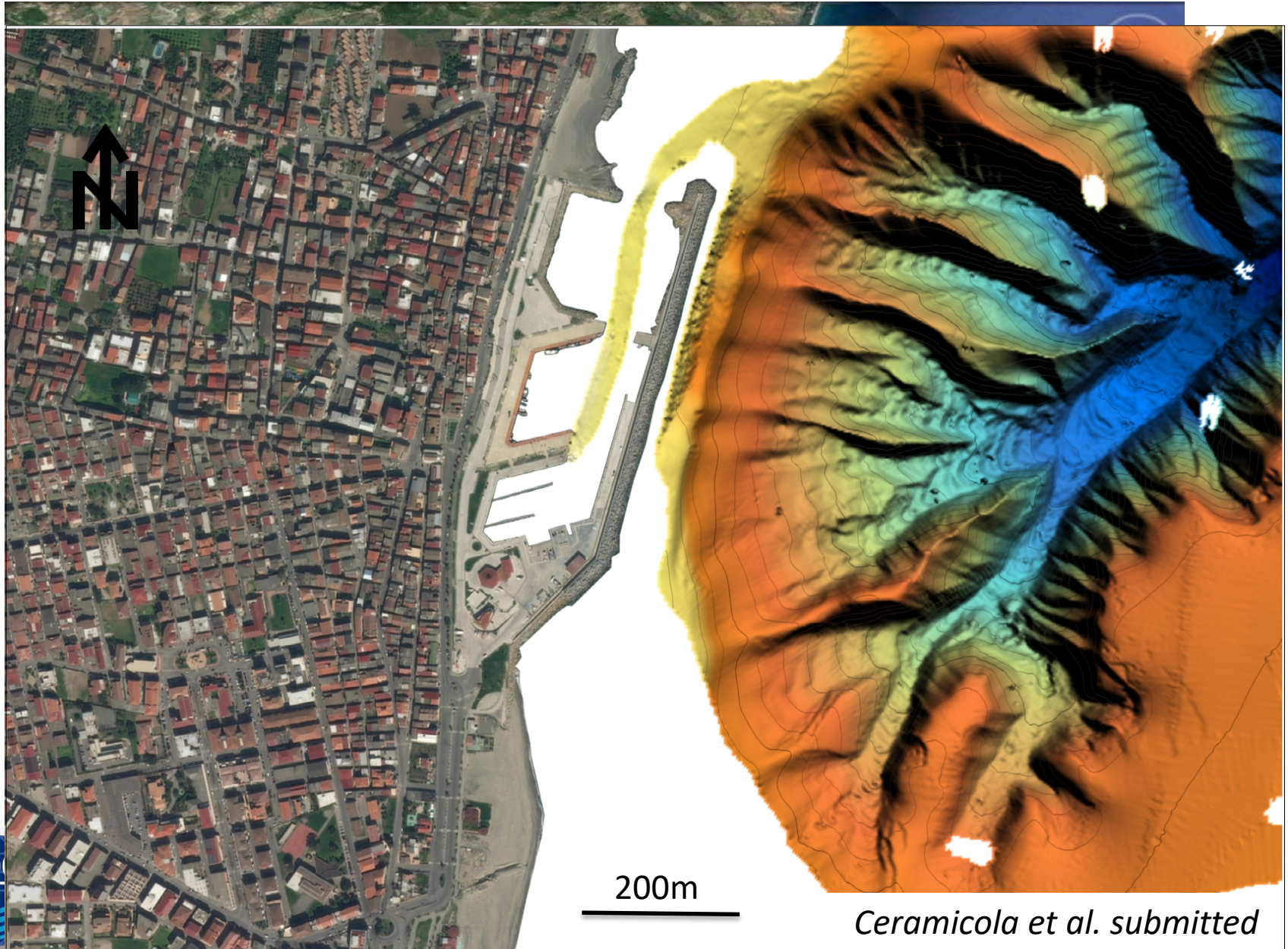
Vulcano di fango di Catanzaro



siti individuati nel
margine calabro ionico sottocosta,
molti di piu' sul prisma di accrezione

Ceramicola et al. 2014

Cirò marina submarine canyon and coastal hazard



Ceramicola et al. submitted

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Cirò marina submarine canyon and coastal hazard



Adriatic-Ionian Bimodal Oscillating System (BiOs) (Gacic et al., 2010)

The Ionian Sea is the deepest regional sea of the Mediterranean and plays an important role in the intermediate and deep thermohaline cell of the Eastern Mediterranean (EMed) conveyor belt (Gacic et al., 2010)

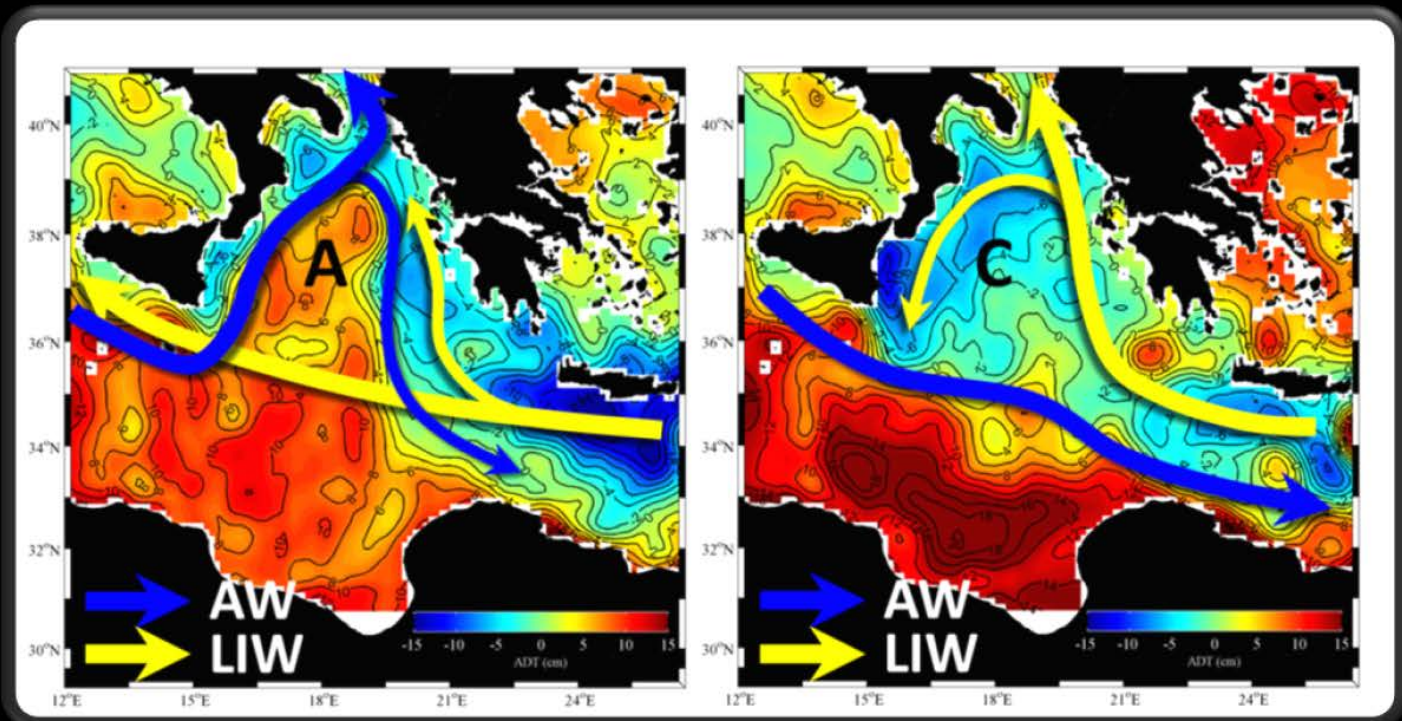
The vertical structure of a water column is formed by three layers : dense and oxygenated waters, mainly of Adriatic origin (in the bottom layer), salty and warm waters coming from the Levantine and Aegean basins (in the intermediate layer) , relatively fresh water of Atlantic origin (AW) propagating toward the Levantine basin over surface

A reversal of circulation in the Ionian Gyre from anticyclonic to cyclonic has been observed in the middle of 1997.

Adriatic Ionian system behaves as a bimodal oscillating system when anticyclonic circulation are present in Ionian AW are deflected in the Adriatic leading to production of ADW of lowering density which spread in the Ionian producing a deepening of isopycnal surface and stretching of water column ! weaking of anticyclonic circulation produce the reverse of circulation to cyclonic when cyclonic circulation are present in Ionian salty LIW enters in the Adriatic leading the production of ADW of increasing density which produce a shallowing of isopycnal surface → weaking/inversion of cyclonic circulation



The Ionian Sea circulation *reverses* on decadal scale. Accordingly, Atlantic Water path is deviated, generating an *alternate «dilution»* of the North Ionian and Adriatic Sea (A), or Levantine (C)



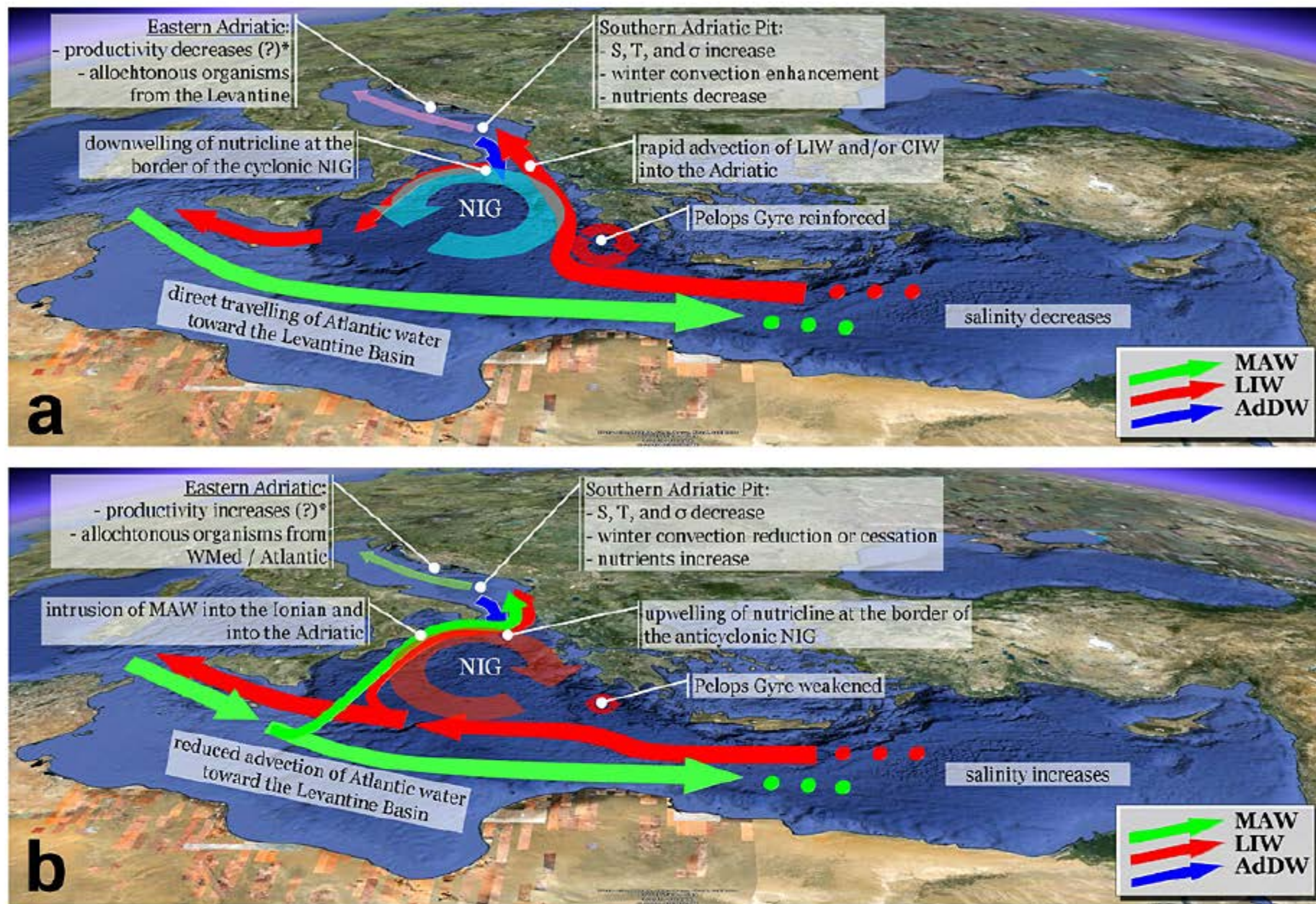


Fig. 5. Summary of the main characteristics of the Adriatic-Ionian BiOS and its impact on the area. (a) cyclonic NIG; (b) anticyclonic NIG

* For more detailed explanations, see main text (Sect. 4.2). For acronyms, see main text.