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Modulo 6.1 Seabed mapping

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Using Sound: Single Beam, Sidescan Sonar, Multibeam, Interferometric Sonar Using Satellite: satellite altimetry, gravity data, SAR Using Light: LIDAR, laser line scan, video & photography, stereophotography Remote sensing platforms and data integration for shallow water coastal areas – 'the white frame' problem

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History

70% of the Earth is covered by water, but so far just 19% of it has been surveyed (Mars, Venus and the Moon are better surveyed).

Hydrography as a science has changed dramatically since the first measurements were made by Alexander Dalrymple and James Cook 1700 with lead lines and sextants



Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)pilota dei battelli a vapore sul Mississippi derivi dal arido in uso nello slang della marineria fluviale degli Stati Uniti d'America per segnalare la profondità delle acque: by the mark, *twain*, ovvero: dal segno, due (sottinteso tese). Tale grido indica una profondità di sicurezza (appunto due tese, circa 3,7 metri).



Where it all started: measuring bathymetry with **leadlines** (photo: NOAA)

Time-consuming

Limited number of measurements

May be affected by currents

XV- XVIII secolo - Grandi esplorazioni marittime --> cartografia

One of the first and most valuable inventions in navigation was the **leadline**. Since the 5th century BC, the leadline has been used to both measure the depth of the water and determine the characteristics of the sea floor.

This tool is so simple and reliable that its design hasn't changed much in thousands of years. It consists of a lead weight attached to a rope that is marked at measured lengths. The bottom of the lead is concave, or cupped inward. Filling this space with something sticky, such as tallow (animal fat) or grease, is called "arming the lead" and is used to bring up bottom samples, such as sand, gravel, or mud, to show what was on the sea floor in that spot.

The length of line that it took to reach the bottom was measured and recorded, called a sounding. To collect sounding data to make nautical charts, mariners and scientists would take hundreds of soundings with the leadline from boats and ships before the development of echosounders and other high-tech electronic instruments. The deeper the water, the bigger the lead.

A traditional leadline is marked at measured intervals with red or white rags or strips of leather to make it easier to read: 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 20, and 25 fathoms. The person taking the soundings would throw the lead and its line overboard—holding on to the end and let the line slide through his hands until the lead weight stopped at the bottom. Then he would note which marking was closest to the surface of the water and call out, "by the mark 5" if near the white rag marking five fathoms or "by the deep 6" if in between the white and red rags at 5 and 7 fathoms.



Underwater acoustic

"If you cause your ship to stop and place the head of a long tube in the water and place the outer extremity to your ear, you will hear ships at a great distance from you." Leonardo da Vinci, 1490

The 1800s, the FWW and the Cold War

before the First World War, very few attempts were made to understand underwater sound. The main purpose was initially communications. The telegraph was discovered in the 19th century and it was thought that it might even be possible to communicate under water. It was already known that the speed of sound was higher under water than in air.

The hydrophone, an underwater microphone making it possible to receive sounds under water, was invented in 1889. When submarines were used for the first time during the First World War, the importance of this research increased.

Because radio waves do not travel well through good electrical conductors like salt water, submerged submarines are cut off from radio communication with their command authorities at ordinary radio frequencies.



In 1826 on Lake Geneva, Switzerland, Jean-Daniel Colladon, a physicist, and Charles-Francois Sturm, a mathematician, made the first recorded attempt to determine the speed of sound in water. In their experiment, the underwater bell was struck simultaneously with ignition of gunpowder on the first boat. The sound of the bell and flash from the aunpowder were observed 10 miles away on the second boat. The time between the gunpowder flash and the sound reaching the second boat was used to calculate the speed of sound in water. Colladon and Sturm were able to determine the speed of sound in water fairly accurately with this method. J. D. Colladon, Souvenirs et Memoires, Albert-Schuchardt, Geneva, 1893.

Discovery of sound in the Sea

https://dosits.org/people-and-sound/history-of-underwater-acoustics/

History of Hydrographic Surveying

https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/charts/history-of-hydrographic-surveying.html

Sound waves from ships and **radio waves** from satellites are two of the most common ways to measure the depth of the sea.

Much like the land's surface with mountains and hills, the ocean floor or seabed isn't completely flat. There are flat surfaces, but there are all sorts of underwater landforms such as canyons, trenches and underwater volcanoes.

The average depth of the ocean is 3,700 meters (12,100 feet). But the deepest part ever recorded is located in the western part of the Pacific Ocean, in the Mariana Trench, at a depth of around 11,000 meters (36,200 feet).

Bathymetry is the scientific term for measuring the depth of water in oceans, lakes and rivers. Bathymetric maps are similar to land maps in that they show the different underwater landforms in a specific area. Scientists and researchers can use different methods to measure ocean depth. Radio waves do not travel well through good electrical conductors like salt water,



It's easy to ignore what we cannot see.







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Satellite/RADAR (electromagnetic)

•Very much depth-limited

•Only useful for sea surface measurements, shallow waters or instruments close to seabed

Acoustic

- •Good penetration of water column
- •Information about depth and reflectivity of the seabed

•Still affected by attenuation: trade-off between depth & resolution

Light

- •Basically same principle as RADAR or multibeam, using laser (i.e. visible light)
- •For topographic surveys of the 'white zone': coastal areas & intertidal zone too shallow to map with multibeam

•Much larger coverage and data density: up to 1 measurement per m^2 , vertical resolution ~1-10cm



www.biologyreference.com



Image: ENCORA project



Using acoustic (sound)

(Echo)sounding: Single Beam Echosounder



Measure water depth as two-way travel time

- Repeated single acoustic pulse

- Considerably faster and much higher measurement density - along the track

- Requires knowledge of sound velocity (density dependent) (Echo)sounding: Sidescan sonar:

Two narrow acoustic pulses: one on either side of the system

Hydrophones record backscatter strength in relation to time

Backscatter is function of slope, seabed type and roughness





(Echo)sounding; Sidescan sonar:

slant-range correction





- Conversion of time-recording into spatial backscatter map

- Typically uses a 'flat seabed' assumption
- Not correct in complex terrain! (e.g. canyons)
- Using bathymetric information, 'true slant-range correction' can be calculated



Sidescan example: TOBI

- •Towed Ocean Bottom Instrument
- •Contains 30kHz sidescan sonar, chirp, magnetometer & gravimeter
- •Operated at 300 to 400 m off the seabed
- •Swath width of 2 x 3km, 3 to 6 m pixel resolution



Sidescan sonar:



2 – Methods to acquire seabed bathymetry

Methods: (Echo)sounding

- originated for military applications: was developed in the early 1960s by the US Navy, in conjunction with General Instrument to map large swaths of the ocean floor to assist the underwater navigation of its submarine force

- Francis Parker Shepard in US Navy during 1stWW - In the Second World War, Shepard again worked for the US Navy, where his expertise and knowledge of seafloors was used to assist submarine operations.

Multibeam Echosounder:

Fan of acoustic beams (between ~100 and ~550, depending on model)

Focussed down to $\sim 1.5^{\circ}$ along-track

Spread over 120 to 170° across-track (210 in extreme shallow water)

On a single transect, swath mapping can sound an area 10 to 60 km wide and as long as the distance traveled by the ship

Acoustic frequency determines resolution and maximum workable water depth (from 500kHz to 12kHz – from 200m to 11000m)

Multibeam bathymetry and multibeam backscatter data are collected at the same time using a multibeam echosounder mounted on a survey vessel. While bathymetry measures ocean depth, backscatter can be used to measure sea floor hardness.

Data processing needs information on attitude of the ship (pitch, roll, heave)

Small low-power multibeam swath systems are also now suitable for mounting on an Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV)







The "white frame" problem

Most of the time **geohazard indicators** (such as scars and deposits, canyon headscarps and steep erosional flanks, fault-related seafloor unevenness,

mud volcanoes, pock-marks, gravity flow deposits, erosional scours and bed-forms) are located (or terminate) very close to the coastlines and provide important information on their hazard/risk (and the gap with the terrestrial system).





Methods: it's all about scale

Scale

•Extent (coverage)

 \Rightarrow Often a trade-off!

- •Resolution (pixel size)
 - ≠resolving power: needs a few pixels!



The MAGIC strategy



Therefore MaGIC project planned to acquire data along the continental margins with a reference depth range 50-500.

It can be extended in shallow waters (e.g. canyon head) and to deeper water if time allows on critical morphologies

<u>It can be reduced</u> in the outer shelf if relevant features are not present (e.g. Adriatic sea)





Costs are water-depth dependent...

...only 19% of our oceans have been mapped so far!!!

Acquiring a HR- DEM of a portion of seabed of the extension of Belgium:



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Seafloor mapping

Seafloor mapping is the <u>first</u> step in making a census of the geohazard-bearing features present in a given offshore area. It often provides the <u>only tool for a</u> comprehensive seafloor geohazard assessment over large areas that are scarcely groundtruthed by acoustic prospection and seafloor sampling.

by Chiocci et al 2011



- To obtain very high-resolution imaging of the seafloor (up to cm)
- To access remote settings (i.e. canyons)

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From satellite data



Altimetric Bathymetry

How Radar Altimetry Works -

An altimeter measures how high something is. Satellite radar altimeters measure the ocean surface height (sea level) by measuring the time it takes a radar pulse to make a round-trip from the satellite to the sea surface and back. Bathymetry is measurement of the depth of the ocean.

Mars, Venus and Earth's Moon are better mapped than Earth. These other planetary bodies have dry surfaces, making their surface topography accessible to laser or radar measurements of their elevation. Seventy percent of Earth's surface topography is under the oceans, and cannot be directly sensed by lasers or radars.

We use satellite radar altimeter measurements of the ocean surface height (sea level) to infer the presence of mountains below. Mountains on the sea floor add extra pull to Earth's gravity field, drawing more water around them and bulging the sea surface outward. This way of estimating depth we call "altimetric bathymetry".

https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/socd/lsa/AltBathy/

Satellite Altimetry

The basis of satellite altimetry is the known process of emitting a radar pulse and measuring the time it takes for the reflection to be detected. The biggest errors that mostly affect the altimetry-derived sea level are the orbit errors and errors in the environmental and geophysical corrections applied. It can be said that the satellite altimetry is unique among ocean remote sensing techniques because it provides us with much more information on the Earth's gravitational field: the shape and the structure of the ocean floor, the integrated heat and the salt content of the ocean and the geostrophic ocean currents, than any other remote sensing technique. The global coverage measurements and the revisit time of several days makes this method one of the most frequently used. The accuracy of satellite altimetry varies between the satellites. The average claimed accuracy for global mean sea level averaged over a 10 day orbital cycle is 2-4mm. The biggest disadvantage of satellite altimetry is "the contamination of the radar signal near the coast when the reflection of the radar pulse is partly due to the ocean surface and partly to land" (Gomis, Monserat et al., 2012). As a consequence, the standard altimetry data is unreliable at distances shorter than 40 km from the coast. Whereas most debates were previously related to the resolution and the accuracy, the cost of purchasing satellite images has dropped significantly over the past years. However, there is one large disadvantage of satellite imagery: the inability to wait for improved weather conditions (i.e. cloud coverage). We are probably approaching the day when we will have both aerial cameras and Lidar systems combined in one device to provide both data at the same time.

Another advantage of satellite imagery is the fact that we can use them as a time lapse. This information is vital to humanity to realize how large our impact on the planet is as well as to understand the range of natural disasters such as hurricanes, tsunamis and fires in recent years.

Seabed topography from gravity data derived from satellite

The gravitational pull of a mountain adds to Earth's overall gravity, and this introduces small tilts in the direction that gravity pulls. By this mechanism, undersea mountains tilt sea level. We can use satellite radar measurements of sea level to detect these tilts and infer the presence of uncharted mountains below the sea surface.

This cartoon exaggerates the effect for clarity. In reality, though an undersea mountain can be a few kilometers high, the bump in sea level it produces is only a few meters high. A typical seamount tilts the sea surface by a very small angle, around 30 micro-radians. We are trying to measure these tilts to 1 micro-radian to discover the unknown topography of the sea floor. One microradian of sea surface slope means that sea level changes by 1 mm vertically for each 1 km you move horizontally. That is about 1/16th inch in one mile.



Global Seafloor Topography - measured & estimated from gravity data derived from satellite altimetry and shipboard depth soundings. (Poster available)

https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/socd/lsa/AltBathy/

Using satellite data

Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) SAR is a method that is used for capturing the seafloor further from the coast. SAR works by detecting the changes in the wavelengths in the deep waters. The radar works by transmitting electromagnetic waves and then collecting, digitizing and storing their echoes for later processing. The backscatter data detected by SAR depends on the roughness of the sea surface and the length scale of the roughness.



Principio di funzionamento del SAR. Lo stesso punto P è illuminato più volte dal radar in movimento.

2 – Methods to acquire seabed bathymetry

Using light - Remote sensing: airborne

Light Detection and Ranging (Lidar)

Lidar is a method that uses both **green and red light** to survey a coastal region above and below sea level. The green light penetrates into the water body and captures the seafloor, whereas the red light is not able to penetrate the water body and therefore bounces back from the water surface. By using both colours it is easy to distinguish the water surface from the water column and water body floor.

As mentioned above, the most crucial thing to take into account is the Secchi Depth. Another important consideration is the power of the system. The more powerful the Lidar system is, the more it will penetrate into the water. Therefore, the Lidar systems on the market are split into one of two types depending on their penetration into the water column. One system type is able to reach 1 to 1.5 times Secchi depth and the other 2.5 to 3 times Secchi depth. At ideal viewing conditions the sea/river bed can be detected down to around 10m depth.

Other issues for the airborne cameras and lasers are the weather condition (fog, high surface waves, rain, and sun glint), bad detection and recognition of underwater features, and the data gaps due to vegetation or suspended sediment issues with bad backscattering. These gaps need to be filled by hydrographic surveys.



The Lidar data has a more area-wide homogeneous spread and a substantially bigger density of points per square metre when compared to the data derived from an echo sounder, SBES or MBES, which makes the morphological model produced from the Lidar data more plausible. The measurements both have: a very high-accuracy (\pm centimetres, depends on the depth) and a very high-resolution (between 20 to 30 points per m2). There are different types of measures describing the quality of the Lidar systems: vertical and horizontal accuracy, depth of the water measurement, distribution of the points and footprint size.

Using light - Remote sensing: airborne

Airborne Remote Sensing

When discussing airborne remote data gathering one must not forget 'Secchi Depth', the methodology used to measure water turbidity or transparency.

This measure is crucial for the accuracy of all airborne surveying techniques because it is the ability of the light to penetrate into the water. The turbidity or the transparency depends on the amount of particles within the water column.

To measure the water clarity we need a 'Secchi Disk'. The most effective seasons for measuring 'Secchi Depths' are spring and autumn (spring has slightly better Secchi depths, but autumn has a longer time window and the weather is easier to predict).



The working depth of LIDAR is limited by turbidity in the water column

Using light - Remote sensing: airborne

Aerial Photogrammetry

Essentially photogrammetry is a combination of various aerial photography shots to create 2D or 3D models and derive measurements from them. Aerial photogrammetry is the process of taking pictures of large areas of land by mounting advanced digital cameras from the underside of an airplane.

If we compare the resolutions of aerial photography and satellite images, then the aerial photography has significantly better values. Comparing results from providers shows that Vexcel, for example, can provide aerial photography with a resolution of around 6.5cm. Satellite imagery is also quite accurate: GeoEye-1 can supply the user with panchromatic imagery down to 4.1cm resolution.

However, nowadays the resolution is just a small part of the specifications. The development of 3D models, GIS and CAD connections and the advances in automated image extraction are shifting the aerial photogrammetry to advanced work flows.



Combining methods and data integration

Big research vessels are very expensive (50k€ a day) and maybe are not sustainable for acquisition in shallow waters /coastal areas (e.g. noise, pollution, ship traffic), **new integrated methods** (smaller, cheaper, easily deployable and possibly carbon free) can be used for acquire high resolution bathymetry to monitoring coastal areas (0-100m) and to fill the gap of the "white frame" problem.



Airborne Laser Bathymetry (LiDAR)



AUV and ROV surveys (High-resolution!)



Combining methods and data integration

Affordable Data Map

It is evident that bathymetric airborne laser scanning, photogrammetry and satellite imagery will not replace traditional hydrographic surveys, however, these techniques are complementary to shallow-water mapping.

The combined method of airborne satellite imagery, Lidar systems or aerial photogrammetry together with acoustic surveys, leads to a powerful and very effective manner to create maps of the seafloor.

This is due to the fact that the acoustic surveys in areas with shallow waters (5-10m) require significant efforts and costs and are quite often very difficult to access.

Furthermore, the overlapping between both methods can serve as a calibration and validation of the methods and as a proof of the quality of the data.

There has been great progress on many fronts including computation, knowledge, services and last but not least, in software and hardware.

So the best technique to choose depends greatly on the target and the goal.

Methods: remote sensing platforms and limitations

Satellites & planes

- •Use optical/electromagnetic methods
- •Satellite altimetry for broadscale map of ocean topography
- •Aerial and satellite photography for coastal areas

Ships

- •Main platform for seabed mapping
- •Good positioning (DGPS)
- •Stays at sea surface: variable altitude above seabed

Towed vehicles

- •Simple solution to bring instruments closer to seabed •Large uncertainty in
- •Large uncertainty in instrument position

Robotic vehicles (ROV, AUV)

- •Bring instruments to any desired distance from seabed
- •Surveys at constant altitude
- Moderate navigational accuracy



Kongsberg Maritime

Coastal monitoring of marine geohazards - future perspective

New frontiers for marine geohazard assessment :

We already have the 'big picture' (MBES regional data) and we have identified the **critical areas**, we now need

- to fill the gap land-sea (to solve the white frame problem)
- and to develop long-term initiatives to carry out repeated surveys for monitoring geomorphic



Airborne Laser Bathymetry (ALB)









The example of the Squillace and the Ciro' retrogressive canyon headwalls



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Seabed classification: what to map??

Classification maps are subject to ground verification in order to identify the compositions and bottom type that characterize each class.

Such data may come from in-situ sediment grab sampling, the use of a dredge, trawl net, visual imagery or surveys using Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs).

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) can be used to integrate data from different sources, including ground truth data.

The seabed classification map can be combined with other information about the area, such as fish distribution and abundance or vegetation characteristics, to establish habitat groups based on associations.

This process allows classification maps derived from multibeam data to help characterize the seabed and more effectively manage its use. (derived variables: slope, aspect, seabed rugosity, habitat patchiness...)





The MAGIC Project:

a milestone in the seafloor mapping for marine geohazards,



OGS Seminars - Trieste, 9th October 2020

MAGIC project: MArine Geohazards along the Italian Coasts

Aim of the Project:

Provide (for the first time) the Italian DPC with a basic tool for monitoring and managing marine geohazards (and risks) at national level.

Timeframe:

From December 2007- to June 2013 (5¹/₂-year period)









5.25 M€ direct funding +2 M€ ship-time CNR/OGS co-funding



Seafloor mapping with Multibeam Echosounder (MBES) of the most vulnerable Italian margins in the depth range between 50-500m to produce 73 sheets 1:50.000



Marine geohazards

Geomorphic features are bathymetric landforms on the seabed surface and can be used as geohazard indicators:

scars and deposits, canyon headscarps and steep erosional flanks, fault-related seafloor unevenness, mud volcanoes, pock-marks, gravity flow deposits, erosional scours and bed-forms indicating sediment mobility at diverse temporal/spatial scale....

Everything that's active at sea bottom and below can create an hazard....

Chiocci et al. 2011


Marine geohazards

Geohazard Feature	Causative event	Effects	Consequences	Recent historical examples	
Landalida aran and	Sediment failure	Gravity flow	Cable break	Algeria 2003 ⁷	
denosit		Tsunami	Coastal inundation	Stromboli 2002 ⁸	
deposit		Deter market and in	Constalleredelide	Finneidfjord 1996 ⁹	
Canyon head	Seafloor erosion	Retrogressive erosion	Coastal landslide	Punta Alice 2006 ¹⁰	
	and sediment failure	Tsunami	Coastal inundation	Nice 1979 ¹¹	
		Gravity flow	Cable break	Gioia Tauro 1977 ¹²	
Mudualaana	Fluid escaping the seafloor	Fluidification of sediment	Weakening of soil	Patras Gulf 1993 ¹³	
pockmark		Gas eruption	Navigation problems	Scoglio d'Affrica 2017 ¹⁴	
	Earthquake	Submarine landslide	Cable break	Pingtung 2006 ¹⁵	
Active faults		Land shaking	Structure collapse	Massing 100916	
		Tsunami	Coastal inundation	Messilia 1908	
Submarine and	Eruption	Emissions in oceans and atmosphere	Navigation problems	Hierro 2011-'12 ¹⁷	
insular volcanoes	Caldera or sector collapse	Tsunami	Coastal inundation	Anak Krakatoa 2018 ¹⁸	



Wang et al 2018, *energies, MDPI*

Marine geohazards are natural, real and complex and their occurrence can arm people and infrastructures

- ✓ Increasing economic use of the seabed for energy, communications and mineral resources.
- ✓ Very densely-populated coastlines of certain European regions

The ex-Italian Mediterranean research fleet

The whole Italian marine geological community and infrastructures were involved in the project:

Istituto di Geologia Ambientale e Geoingegneria (**IGAG- CNR**), Roma Istituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale (**OGS**), Trieste Istituto di Scienza del Mare (**ISMAR – CNR**), Bologna Istituto per l'Ambiente Marino e Costiero (**IAMC- CNR**), Napoli Sette Università del Consorzio Nazionale Interuniversitario per le scienze del Mare (**Conisma**)



The Magic MBES acquisition and processing standards (TC)





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Set the **standards** so that all the acquisitions and the data processing were carried out using **same parameters and same procedures**,

On each MAGIC survey we embarked a 1 o 2 members of the TC to make sure the standards where accomplished and the problems 'solved' at the same way.





Criteria of representation of geohazard features



How do we define criteria of objective interpretation and homogenous representation **independent from context an interpreter experience**? 1 - show all the available information, maintaining a **good readability** of the map

2 - set up criteria to define, identify and map geohazard features **homogeneously**

3 - establish **a hierarchy** among the information, trough different mapping levels

The solution adopted was to map ALL and ONLY features having morphobathymetric expression



The Magic legend

IST 1.16 Base di Scarpata



Scientific Committee

LEGENDA 1.17 Bordo di Thalweg di Canale 1.1 Ciglio di Erosione Generica Secondario o Semplice 1.2 Ciglio di Nicchia di Frana Semplice 1.18 Bordo di Thalweg di Canyon 1.3 Area di Traslazione 1.19 Letto di Canale a Profilo Arrotondato CC 1.4 Ciglio di Nicchia di Frana Complessa 1.20 Letto di Canale Con Profilo a V 1.5 Ciglio di Nicchia di Frana Intracanale 2.1 Solco Erosivo 1.6 Bordo di Canyon Ð 2.2 Area a Depressioni Erosive 67 1.7 Bordo di Area a Erosione Diffusa 2.3 Duna (Cresta/Area a) 2.4 Area a Megaripple 1.8 Ciglio di Canale Secondario o Semplice T 2.5 Onda di Sedimento (Cresta/Area a) 1.9 Ciglio di Canale con Argine 2.6 Impronte da Ostacolo 1.10 Ciglio di Terrazzamento Intracanale 3.1 Deposito Intracanale 1.11 Ciglio di Gradino Intracanale 3.2 Deposito da Flusso Gravitativo non Canalizzato 1.12 Ciglio di Terrazzo deposizionale 3.3 Corpo di Frana a superficie regolare 1.13 Ciglio di Scarpata di Faglia 3.4 Corpo di Frana a Hummocky/Area a 1.14 Ciglio Indefinit 3.5 Corpo di Frana a Blocchi/Area a 1.15 Ciglio di Piattaforma Continentale 3.6 Colata Lavica





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The Magic seabed classification

Four level representation model

1st Physiographic domains (1:250.000 areas)

2nd Morphostructural units (1:50.000 areas + database)

3rd Morphologic features (1:50.000 vectors)

4th Critical points (detailed scale - variable highlights)





The Magic 'Global Mapper'



3rd Morphologic features (1:50.000 vectors)



COHALARDS ALONG RINE Ciglio di Erosione Generica Ciglio di Nicchia di Frana Bordo di Canyon (Ciglio di Testata e di Canale) Ciglio di Nicchia di Frana Intracanale Ciglio di Canale Ciglio di Terrazzo di Canale Ciglio di Gradino Intracanale (trasversale al thalweg) Scarpata di Faglia (incerta= simbolo a tratto discontinuo) Ciglio di Terrazzo Deposizionale

Ciglio di Piattaforma Continentale



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MAGIC contribution to seabed compilation of the Mediterranean sea



The lesson learned from MAGIC

Strengths

- **Defragmented** the Italian scientific community
- Favoured coordination
 activities of
 - vessels anIn the meantime there are no more different. Italian research vessels available in the
- Create Mediterranean Sea
 seab to acquire new geophysical data...
 process
 became
 - the Med (a.
- Provided the D maps of the many geohazards of the most critical Italian continental margins.

Weaknesses

We did not have funding to white frame'



policymakers and stakeholders



Sub-surface seabed classification

Sub-surface seabed classification is commonly referred to as sub-bottom profiling and is generally used for geological assessment of the sub-surface characteristics.

Sub-bottom profiling can return information from tens to hundreds of meters below the seafloor.

From sub-surface classifications, scientists and engineers can characterize rock and sediment types, as well as pore fluids.

This information is used for many applications, such as slope failure analysis and hydrocarbon exploration.

ECHOFACIES ANALYSES

La definizione degli ambienti deposizionali e relativi depositi delle unità affioranti e delle unità recenti depositate sul margine è stata ricavata dall'interpretazione delle echo-facies sismiche osservate nei pro fili sub-bottom.

Il metodo consiste nella mappatura delle facies acustiche identificate sui profili Chirp utilizzando il contesto fisiografico fornito dal rilievo morfobatimetrico.

Questo metodo utilizza la complementarietà delle informazioni ricavate dallo studio del rilievo morfobatimetrico di un'area di fondo mare e dal carattere acustico dei sedimenti marini rilevati nella parte più superficiale (100/300 m) delle prospezioni sismiche.

Il metodo (modified after Damuth 1975) permette di identificare i principali pattern deposizionali e i processi a loro associati, avvenuti a partire dal tardo Pleistocene e di capire se questi processi siano stati controllati tettonicamante o meno.

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Progetto CARG

FACIES ACUSTICA	NOME	DESCRIZIONE	INTERPRE- TAZIONE	PROCESSI SEDIMENTARI
	Bedded BB	Orizzonti piano- paralleli, continui, di ampiezza decrescente verso il basso fino a facies acustica trasparente.	Torbiditi, emipelagiti, o contouriti	Correnti di torbida o sedimentazione emipelagica o sedimentazione da correnti di fondo
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ECHOFACIES ANALYSES

La definizione degli ambienti deposizionali e relativi depositi delle unità affioranti e delle unità recenti depositate sul margine è stata ricavata dall'interpretazione delle echo-facies sismiche osservate nei pro fili sub-bottom.

Il metodo consiste nella mappatura delle facies acustiche identificate sui profili Chirp utilizzando il contesto fisiografico fornito dal rilievo morfobatimetrico.

Questo metodo utilizza la complementarietà delle informazioni ricavate dallo studio del rilievo morfobatimetrico di un'area di fondo mare e dal carattere acustico dei sedimenti marini rilevati nella parte più superficiale (100/300 m) delle prospezioni sismiche.

Il metodo (modified after Damuth 1975) permette di identificare i principali pattern deposizionali e i processi a loro associati, avvenuti a partire dal tardo Pleistocene e di capire se questi processi siano stati controllati tettonicamante o meno.

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1 <u>MTCs within intra-slope basins</u> Northern margin: slide scars at seabed, buried deposits in intra-slope basins

2 Slide scars on steep slopes Southern margin: multiple slide scars at seabed

<u>3 Gravity sliding above evaporites</u> (?) Southern margin: elongate features, parallel to slope, above diapiric structures

<u>4 Canyon headwalls</u> Numerous small scarps up to 50m high

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Uniformly bedded

ECHOFACIES ANALYSES







Uniformly bedded



Bedded buried transparent







Uniformly bedded



Bedded buried transparent



Hyperbolic



Rough







buried transparent

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Nella zona interessata sono state identificate 11 facies acustiche in base alla chiarezza, continuità, trasparenza e geometria del riflettore del fondo mare e dei riflettori interni.





Facies acustiche





Facies acustiche

Settore Nord









Facies acustiche

Settore Sud





Stratigrafia sismica

Settore Sud





Stratigrafia sismica

Settore Sud





Dinamica gravitativa

Dall'interpretazione delle facies acustiche e della morfobatimetria è stato stabilito che il versante è stato soggetto a tre distinti eventi gravitativi:

Frana 1: la frana più vecchia, no depositi, superficie concava, lineamento nicchia discontinuo, spessore unita C (post-frana) è più spesso, incisa dalla frana 3. regioni meridionali.

Frana 3: è la frana più recente associata alla parte superiore della nicchia meridionale.

Frana 2: forma (restringimento), maggiori quantità di materiale traslato nella zona restringimento, depositi multipli di materiale franato nelle













TECTONIC FRAMEWORK

Active continental margin (convergent) \rightarrow Subduction

2 main processes related:

→ Frontal compression and forearc extension during the SE advance of the Calabrian accretionary prism since late Miocene;

→ A rapid uplift (up to 1 mm/yr) of onshore and




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Analyses of samples of clasts and mud from 5 cores up to 1.8 m long







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CONCLUSIONI

I margini ionici calabro e apulo sono sede di processi geologici attivi (faglie, frane sottomarine, fuoriuscite di fluidi). Questi processi hanno rilevanza per le loro potenziali conseguenze come geohazards. Il loro studio e la mappatura dei fondali marini stanno diventando obiettivi prioritari delle grandi agenzie finanziztrici (nazionali e internazionali).

Un vasto e eterogeneo dataset geofisico e geologico è stato acquisito da OGS in quest'area all'interno di vari progetti nazionali e europei dal 2005 ad oggi che è stato integrato in un database digitale insieme a dati pubblici batimetrici (Gebco, Medimap), sismici e di pozzo (Ministeriali).

Integrated acoustic mapping dei margini ionici calabro e apulo è stato realizzato utilizzando differenti approcci interpretativi: l'integrazione dell'informazione morfobatimetria con quella della riflettività del fondale (backscatter) e l'analisi delle echofacies sono due esempi.

Questi due differenti approcci sono stati utilizzati al fine di identificare e mappare, per esempio, fuoriuscite di fluidi lungo il prisma di accrezione calabro e per ricostruire i ambienti deposizionali lungo il margine calabro e apulo (piattaforma, scarpata e bacino)







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Healthy oceans, seas, coastal and inland waters is one of five dedicated mission areas under Horizon Europe, the EU's next research and innovation framework programme.

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A European Green Deal <u>https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en</u>

The 5 EU Missions

- 1. Adaptation to Climate Change: support at least 150 European regions and communities to become climate resilient by 2030
- 2. <u>Cancer: working with Europe's Beating Cancer Plan to improve the lives of more than 3 million</u> people by 2030 through prevention, cure and solutions to live longer and better
- 3. Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030
- 4. 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030
- A Soil Deal for Europe: 100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils by 2030

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International ocean governance

Discover how the EU contributes to the healthy and productive management of the world's oceans for the benefit of the current and future generations.

Sea basins

The EU is surrounded by the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans, the Baltic, the North Sea, the Mediterranean, and the Black Sea.

Clean and healthy oceans

Marine pollution including plastics has no borders. The Commission is working to promote cleaner sea in the EU and worldwide.

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Explore, collate and create your own sea map. For teachers, students, journalists, companies and more!

Blue economy

The sustainable blue economy creates growth and jobs. It also helps us fight climate change, restore biodiversity and use marine resources responsibly

Marine biodiversity

Protection of marine biodiversity is a key objective, including for the EU common fisheries policy.

Sustainable ocean finance

Sustainable blue economy finance principles provide a framework for financing a sustainable ocean economy.

Maritime Forum

Website that aims to improve communication amongst EU maritime policy stakeholders.

https://ec.europa.eu/oceans-and-fisheries/ocean_it

MSFD Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008

The aim of the European Union's ambitious Marine Strategy Framework Directive is to protect more effectively the marine environment across Europe. It came into force on June 2008 and was transposed into each member's state national legislation by mid 2010



Directive 2008/56/EC https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32008L0056

https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/research-area/environment/oceans-and-seas_en



Good environmental Status (GES)

The main goal of the Marine Directive (is to achieve Good Environmental Status of EU marine waters by 2020. The Directive defines Good Environmental Status (GES)





How EU Member States develop marine strategies

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The European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet) is a network of organisations supported by the EU's integrated maritime policy. These organisations work together to observe the sea, process the data according to international standards and make that information freely available as interop Lai ai data lave

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Gain a better knowledge of the seabed (safety conserv

The Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project

https://seabed2030.org/

THE NIPPON FOUNDATION-GEBCO

100% of the ocean floor mapped by 2030

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The project was launched at the United Nations (UN) Ocean Conference in June 2017 and is aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goal #14 to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources.

European Marine Board https://www.marineboard.eu/

JPI Ocean https://www.jpi-oceans.eu/

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Outcomes and Challenges

The Decade is a transformative vision to deliver the

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- 2. A healthy and resilient ocean where marine ecos
- 3. A productive ocean supporting sustainable food s
- 4. A predicted ocean where society understands and
- 5. A safe ocean where life and livelihoods are protect
- 6. An accessible ocean with open and equitable acce
- 7. An inspiring and engaging ocean where society u

The Decade vision and outcomes will require the engage include: scientists, governments, academics, policy make



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Recognition and classification of subsea structures using artificial intelligence and high-performance computing



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