

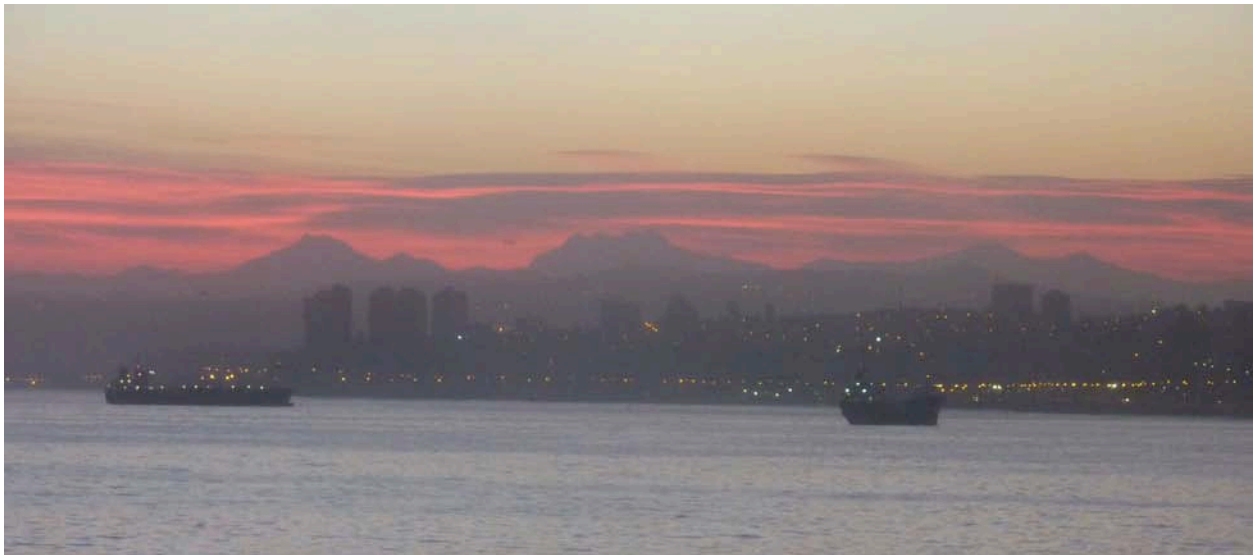


## **CRUISE REPORT**

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**The 2010 Maule, Chile Earthquake:  
Project Evaluating Prism Post-Earthquake Response  
(Chile-PEPPER)**

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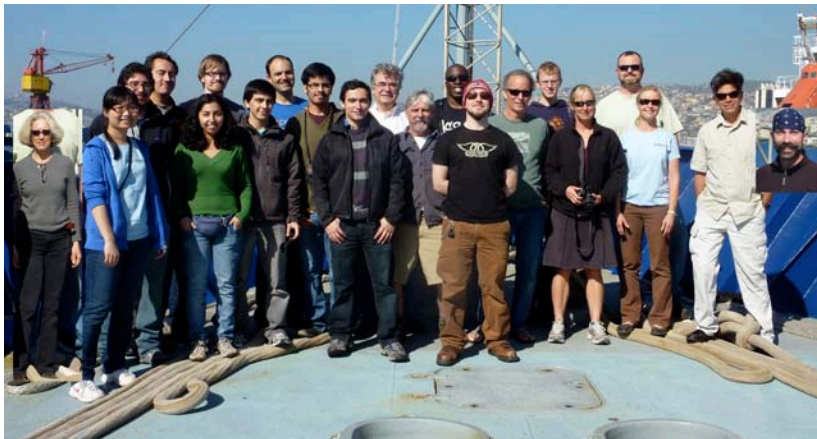
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## Overview of Scientific Objectives and Data Acquired

Based on seismological, geodetic and bathymetric data, it appears that the February 27, 2010 M8.8 subduction zone earthquake beneath central Chile did not rupture to the seafloor during the earthquake (Fig. 1). This contrasts with the March 11, 2011 Tohoku earthquake offshore northeast Japan, which clearly did rupture to the seafloor, resulting in a devastating tsunami. Although the 2010 earthquake generated considerable damage both through ground shaking and because of locally high tsunami run-ups, tsunami damage was not as great as it would have been if the earthquake had ruptured to the seafloor.

Expedition MV1206 of the R/V Melville was designed to study how the outer sedimentary accretionary wedge is adjusting to the change in stress caused by slip that occurred at greater depth on the plate boundary during the 2010 earthquake. Several different kinds of data were (or are currently being) acquired. The primary objective of the cruise was to deploy 10 broadband ocean bottom seismometers (BB-OBS) with integrated flow meters updip from the patch of greatest slip during the 2010 earthquake (Fig. 1, 2). These instruments will be recovered in March 2013. This cruise represents the first time chemical and aqueous transport (CAT) flow meters have been integrated with the ocean bottom seismometers (OBS) from the NSF-sponsored ocean bottom seismology instrument pool (OBSIP) at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (LDEO). Motivation for this effort was provided by the recognition that the hydrogeologic system is directly coupled to the tectonic system through the interaction of fluid pressure and stress state. Temporal records of pore pressure changes have been demonstrated to correlate with regional tectonic stresses and seismic activity in a number of places, e.g. the Juan de Fuca Ridge [Davis *et al.*, 2001], Nankai [Davis *et al.*, 2006], Costa Rica [Davis and Villingier, 2006], and Caucasian orogenic wedge [Kopf *et al.*, 2005]. In the aftermath of a major subduction-thrust earthquake, the distribution of stress and pore fluid pressure is strongly altered in the region of the wedge updip of the rupture. During the subsequent recovery stage, fluid flow should result from this newly imposed pressure distribution, further altering the pressure distribution and effective stress state throughout the updip region. Due to the high hydraulic impedance of typical seafloor sediments, this redistribution should take place over many years and will tend to be focused on preexisting zones of fracture permeability such as out-of-sequence thrusts (OOST). This should lead to slip on faults and other zones of weakness resulting in a heterogeneous pattern of microseismicity, tremor, and aseismic deformation. Half of the BB-OBSs are also equipped with absolute pressure gauges (APG) to detect possible seafloor uplift. The others have differential pressure gauges.

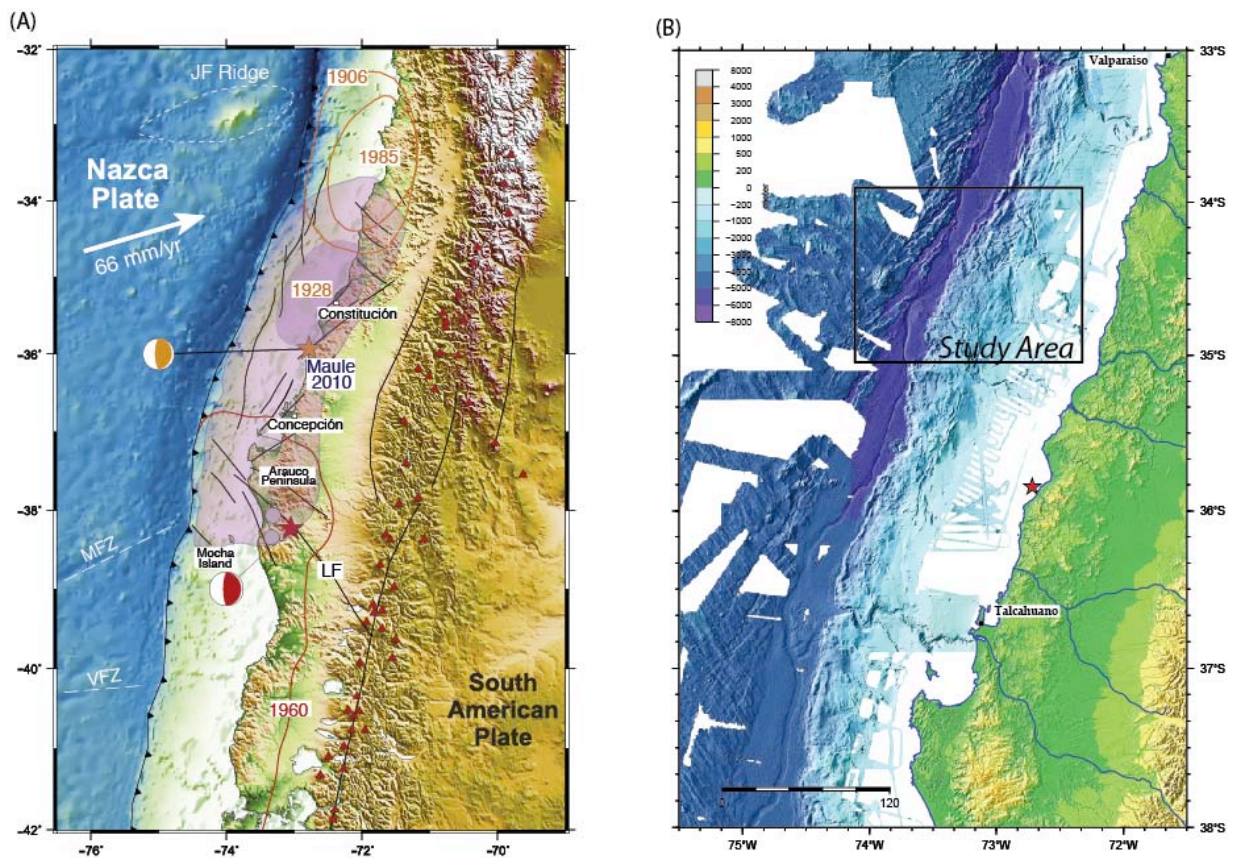
In addition to the OBS deployment, we acquired a variety of other datasets, including ~1500 km of new high-resolution multi-channel seismic reflection data (Fig. 2). The seismic source was two GI-guns shot simultaneously in 45/105 configuration. The shots were recorded on a 48-channel, 600-m-long streamer, which became a 40-channel, 400-m-long streamer after a shark attack resulted in the loss of 2 out of 8 sections; unfortunately only one fully-functional spare section was available. Gravity, acoustic doppler current profiling (ADCP), 3.5 kHz sub-bottom profiling and swath bathymetric (EM-122) data were acquired along all tracks, and magnetic data were acquired along selected tracks. Eighteen expendable bathythermographs (XBT) were



acquired to correct for the acoustic velocity in the water column and provide constraints for interpreting possible reflectivity from within the ocean.

By comparing our new data to data being obtained by others offshore NE Japan, we hope to develop new insights into why slip during some subduction zone megathrust earthquakes extends to the seafloor and why it is arrested at shallow depth in other events. This knowledge could lead to more precise forecasts of where large tsunamis are likely to be generated around the globe.

An important aspect of MV1206 was education. The seven students on board processed seismic, magnetic and bathymetric data on board as well as standing watch, and shipboard discussions included informal lectures about the principles underlying the procedures. There were also several opportunities for community outreach. One example - a local newspaper article about the project prior to the cruise - is included as Appendix 1. At the end of the cruise, we participated in two tours of the ship by local high school and university students and in an interview for a local television station.



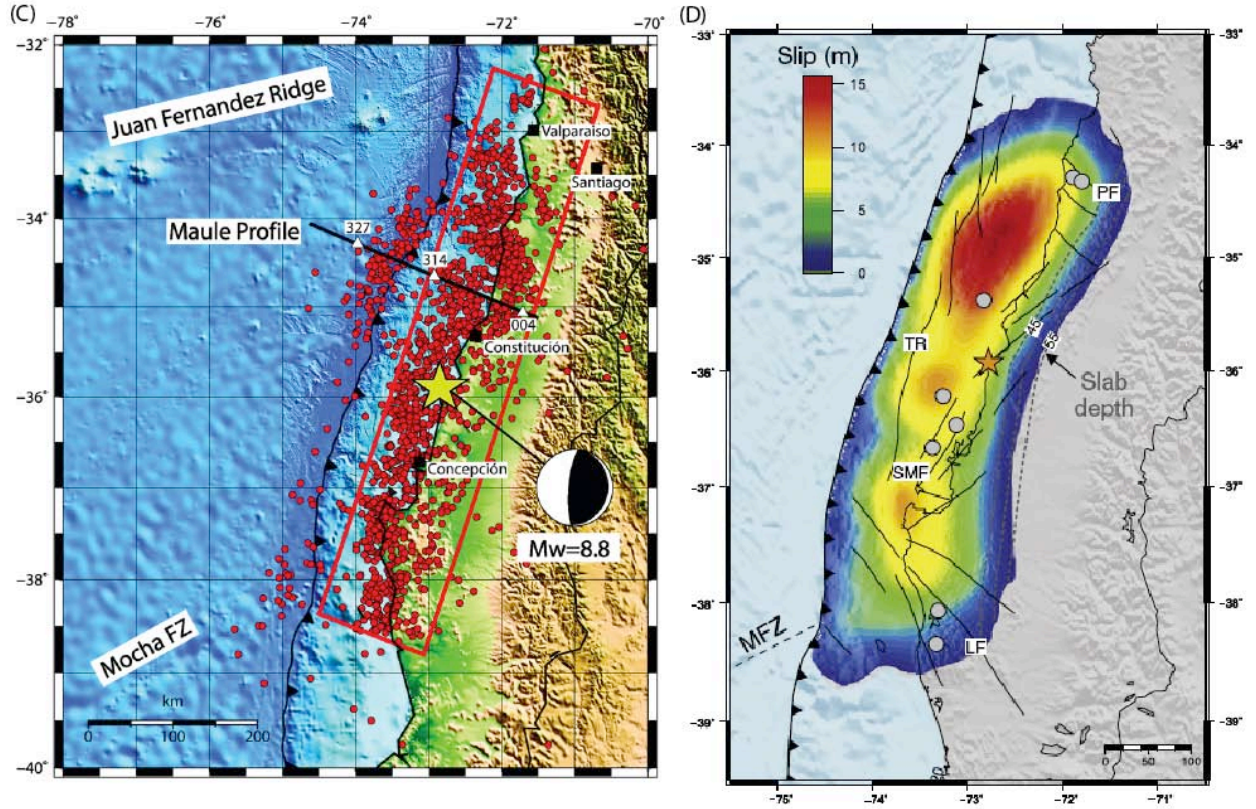


Figure 1. (A) Map of central Chile showing locations of historic earthquakes. The pink shaded area shows the rupture plane of the M8.8 2010 Maule earthquake; the yellow star and "beach-ball" show the epicenter and fault mechanism, respectively. The darker pink region shows the rupture plane of the M8.0 Talca earthquake of 1928. The patch of greatest slip in 2010 (see 1D) is approximately coincident with the patch that slipped during the 1928 event. The red line shows the rupture plane of the M9.5 1960 Valdivia earthquake, with the red star and "beach-ball" showing the epicenter and mechanism. Rupture planes of events in 1906 and 1985 are also outlined. Triangles are volcanoes. (adapted from Moreno et al., 2012). (B) Bathymetric map of the region showing the location of the study area as shown in Figure 2. Data from various GEOMAR cruises conducted prior to 2010. (C) Aftershocks of the 2010 earthquake (Moscoso et al., 2011). Note intense aftershock activity in the subducting plate at the latitude of the study area and the relative lack of aftershocks in the accretionary prism. (D) Slip model from Moreno et al. (2012). While slip models from various investigators differ somewhat, depending on which data or analysis approaches were used, all models show the greatest slip near 35°S.



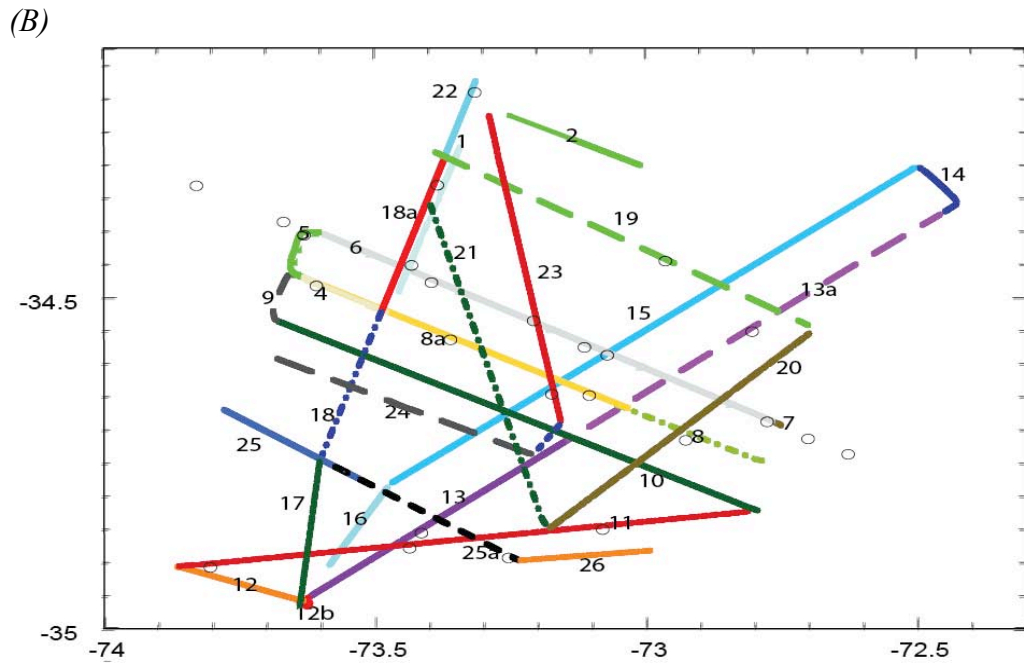
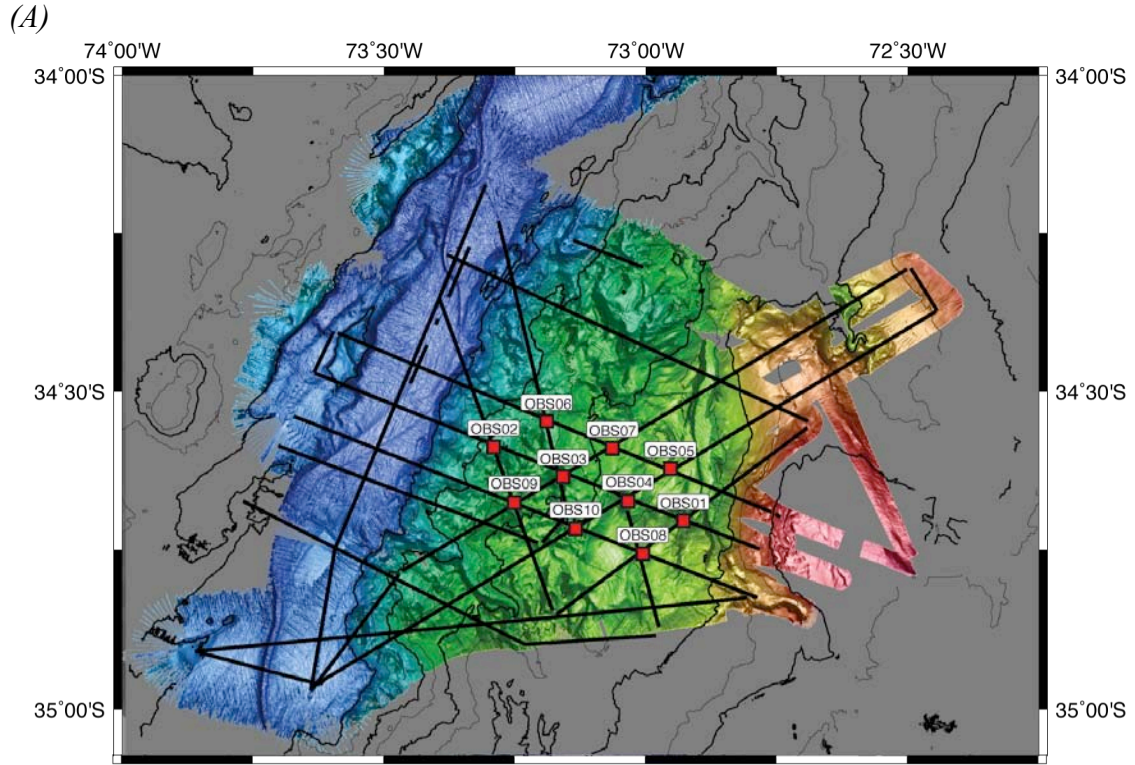


Figure 2. (A) Map showing preliminary bathymetric grid constructed from new data acquired during this cruise and locations of OBSs and seismic reflection lines. (B) Map showing numbering of seismic lines and locations of XBTs (circles).



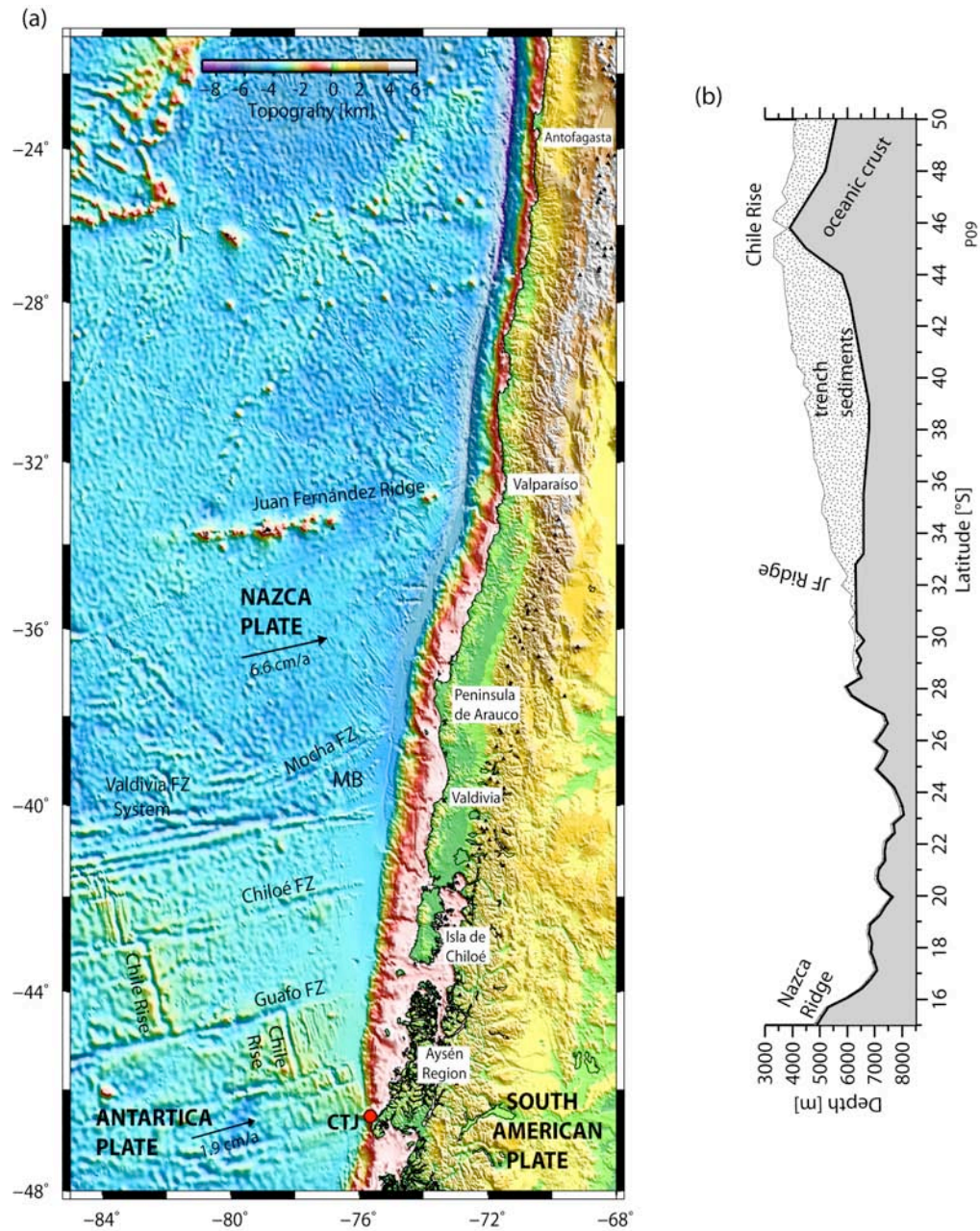
## Tectonic Setting

The southern central Chilean margin (32°-46°S) is characterized by the subduction of the oceanic Nazca plate beneath South America at a present rate of ~66 km/Myr [Angermann *et al.*, 1999] in a N78°E direction, although the rate averaged over several million years is ~85 km/Myr [DeMets *et al.*, 1994]. The Juan Fernandez Ridge (JFR) enters the trench at ~33°S and acts as a barrier to northward transport of trench turbidites, resulting in a sediment-starved trench to the north and a sediment-flooded trench to the south [von Huene *et al.*, 1997] (Fig. 3). The high sedimentation rate in the trench between the JFR and the Chile Triple Junction (CTJ) is the result of high sedimentation rates since the Pliocene linked to glaciation/deglaciation and fast denudation of the Andes [e.g., Melnick and Echtler, 2006; Kukowski and Oncken, 2006]. The deposited material is mainly transported through deep canyons and redistributed within the trench from south to north [Thornburg *et al.*, 1990; Voelker *et al.*, 2011]. The submarine canyons are offshore prolongations of the main rivers of Pleistocene glacial valleys and cut across the continental shelf and slope [Gonzalez, 1989]. Three of these canyons cut through the study area.

The seawardmost part of the south central Chile forearc (33°-46°S) comprises a 5-50 km wide frontal accretionary prism, which abuts the truncated continental basement (inner prism) that extends seaward from beneath the shelf [Contreras-Reyes *et al.*, 2010]. The relatively small amount of sediment in the prism is not compatible with a continuous history of accretion, which implies episodic phases of tectonic accretion, nonaccretion, and erosion [Bangs and Cande, 1997]. Melnick and Echtler [2006] and Kukowski and Oncken [2006] have argued that the accretionary prism started to form as a response to a rapid increase of glacial age sediment supply to the trench during the middle Pliocene. Contreras-Reyes *et al.*, [2010] characterized the southern central Chile margin by two main segments that present differences in their frontal accretionary prism (FAP) size and subduction channel thickness. The northern Maule segment is characterized by a FAP 20-50 km wide and a subduction channel typically thinner than 1 km [Moscoso *et al.*, 2011]. The southern Chiloé segment is characterized by a small FAP (<10 km wide) and a thick subduction channel (~1.5 km) [Schewarth *et al.*, 2009]. Our study, which shows that the along-strike transition from sediment accretion to sediment subduction can be very abrupt, occurring over a few km, with little overall change in the width of the prism, however, suggests that the character of the deformation front changes with time as well as along strike. The factors controlling whether sediment is accreted or subducted are probably complex and not immediately evident.

Seismic data were acquired along the Maule segment by the Chilean vessel Vidal Gormaz in 2002/2003 [Contardo *et al.*, 2008] and by the British vessel James Cook in 2008 [Flueh and Bialas, 2008; Moscoso *et al.*, 2011]. Contardo *et al.*, [2008] discussed faulting along the continental slope in the Maule segment, where the continental shelf is 30-40 km wide and the forearc sedimentary basin is 1,500-2,000 m thick. Moscoso *et al.*, [2011] presented a detailed 2D seismic velocity model from a 2D active-source profile located across the margin in the epicentral region of the megathrust earthquake of 2010. These authors found a frontal accretionary prism 40-50 km wide whose landward limit spatially correlates with the continental shelf break, which is characterized by a prominent ~2 km fault scarp that extends more than 300 km along strike [Contardo *et al.*, 2008; Voelker *et al.*, 2011].

Figure 3A. Geodynamic setting of Nazca, Antarctic, and South America plates. These three plates come together at the Chile triple junction (CTJ). The south-central Chile margin is heavily sedimented and lies between the Juan Fernández Ridge (JFR) and Chile Rise spreading center. The Chile trench and Mocha and Valdivia fracture zones define the Mocha block (MB), which separates young (0–25 Ma) oceanic lithosphere to the south from old (30–35 Ma) lithosphere to the north [Tebbens et al., 1997]. B. Depth of the trench axis along the Chilean trench and trench fill thicknesses after Contreras-Reyes and Osses, [2010].



## **Ocean bottom seismometers**

Broadband ocean bottom seismometers (BB-OBS) were provided by the Ocean Bottom Seismograph Instrument Pool (OBSIP), supported by the National Science Foundation. The OBSIP comprises 3 pools of instruments operated by the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (LDEO), the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI). Scientists request instruments from the pool as part of the proposal process and are assigned instruments from one of the facilities according to instrument availability. This experiment was supported by the LDEO group, which provided 10 broadband (BB) OBSs. Five were the LDEO standard BB OBS, equipped with a 3-component L4C 1 Hz geophone with a low-noise amplifier, which nominally provides useful signal down to 100 s period, and a differential pressure gauge and five were the new LDEO 2001 model seismometer, equipped with a Trillium Compact seismometer, Paroscientific absolute pressure gauge, and a hydrophone, which was developed with support from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Both types of seismometers are recording 100 samples/second. Photographs of the instruments and more details about their technical specifications are found in Appendix 2.

The two instruments have somewhat different capabilities (Appendix 2). Both contain seismic sensors in a separate package, which is deployed along side the main recording and battery package by a retractable arm. In addition, all 10 OBSs were modified for this cruise to incorporate CAT fluid flow meters into the main recording package (see section 4).

Instrument deployment sites were chosen to provide good resolution for microearthquakes and other possible seismic events (e.g. tremor, slow earthquakes) occurring in the accretionary prism seaward of the forearc basement crust as defined by previous seismic refraction experiments. There is a trade-off between the size of the region that could be covered and instrument spacing. To attain good depth resolution, we decided on an inter-OBS spacing <10 km, which allowed us to cover a segment of the lower continental slope with relatively smooth topography located between 2 submarine canyons. Alternative deployment patterns were considered that would extend to the abyssal plain, but would have either greater inter-instrument spacing or less along-strike coverage and were rejected in favor of the pattern shown in Figure 2.

Instruments were relocated on the seafloor by acoustically ranging to them in a circular pattern with a diameter approximately equal to the water depth. Appendix 3 shows the ranging pattern and uncertainty of the solutions for each instrument. In all cases, the OBSs settled within 215 m of the original target site. Planned and actual OBS locations are given in Table 1. OBSs will be recovered in Spring 2013, and a brief addendum to this report will be prepared at that time.

**Table 1. OBS information. A. Identification codes for various instrument components. B. Final instrument positions on the seafloor determined through inversion of travel times observed during an acoustic survey. C. Originally planned locations. Locations may have been modified somewhat based on bathymetric data collected during the cruise. D. Location where the OBS was dropped and the calculated distance and azimuth between the drop position and the final position on the seafloor.**

**Instrument information**

site #	frame #	CAT #	OBS type	radio freq	sensor #	DPG SN#	APG #	logger	sampling H	deploy time	on bottom time
1	C12	2	Cascadia	154.585	653		121754	TREHU3	125	129:18:01	5/9/12 18:49
2	C14	4	Cascadia	160.785	723		121760	TREHU5	125	130:18:17	5/10/12 19:41
3	C13	3	Cascadia	160.785	693		121757	TREHU2	125	130:14:03	5/10/12 15:16
4	C15	5	Cascadia	160.725	701		121758	TREHU4	125	129:21:23	5/9/12 22:20
5	A02	9	standard	159.480	2349	37		ICHIRO	40	126:16:33	5/6/12 17:24
6	A22	6	standard	160.785	3299	46		12-ERIN	40	126:10:28	5/6/12 11:50
7	A21	0	standard	159.480	1696	36		26-HOMER	40	126:13:44	5/6/12 14:42
8	A09	8	standard	160.785	2863	69		17-HERO	40	126:22:56	5/6/12 23:46
9	A07	7	standard	159.480	2802	14		KYLIE	40	126:19:46	5/6/12 20:54
10	C11	1	Cascadia	154.585	710		121759	TREHU1	125	130:02:01	5/10/12 3:15

**Surveyed locations**

site #	frame #	CAT #	lat	deg	min	lon	deg	min	easting	northing	depth
1	C12	2	34.70182	34	42.1091	72.93232	72	55.9394	689376	6158077	2395
2	C14	4	34.58622	34	35.1734	73.29314	73	17.5884	656542	6171518	3924
3	C13	3	34.63270	34	37.9617	73.16094	73	9.6565	668574	6166150	3272
4	C15	5	34.67109	34	40.2652	73.03790	73	2.2739	679771	6161679	2673
5	A02	9	34.61964	34	37.1786	72.95682	72	57.4089	687316	6167238	2550
6	A22	6	34.54564	34	32.7382	73.19254	73	11.5524	665850	6175858	3623
7	A21	0	34.58792	34	35.2754	73.06748	73	4.0486	677237	6170956	2790
8	A09	8	34.75379	34	45.2271	73.00970	73	0.5817	682173	6152456	2398
9	A07	7	34.67334	34	40.4004	73.25416	73	15.2494	659950	6161795	3224
10	C11	1	34.71460	34	42.8759	73.13726	73	8.2356	670577	6157027	2967

**Originally planned locations**

site #	frame #	CAT #	lat	deg	min	lon	deg	min	easting	northing	depth
1	C12	2	34.70183	34	42.1098	72.93169	73	55.9014	689433	6158078	2397
2	C14	4	34.58588	34	35.1528	73.29272	73	17.5632	656583	6171553	3920
3	C13	3	34.63175	34	37.9050	73.16003	73	9.6018	668662	6166248	3290
4	C15	5	34.67251	34	40.3506	73.03813	73	2.2878	679749	6161523	2667
5	A02	9	34.61969	34	37.1814	72.95638	72	57.3828	687355	6167231	2556
6	A22	6	34.54436	34	32.6616	73.19103	73	11.4618	665994	6175993	3625
7	A21	0	34.58672	34	35.2032	73.06633	73	3.9798	677348	6171090	2776
8	A09	8	34.75273	34	45.1638	73.00884	73	0.5304	682258	6152575	2412
9	A07	7	34.67378	34	40.4268	73.25415	73	15.2490	659946	6161744	3235
10	C11	1	34.71452	34	42.8712	73.13688	73	8.2128	670610	6157037	2975

**Drop locations**

site #	frame #	CAT #	lat	deg	min	lon	deg	min	easting	northing	depth	Drift during descent	
1	C12	2	34.70150	34	42.0900	72.93000	72	55.8000	689589	6158108	2395	dist (m)	direction (°)
2	C14	4	34.58589	34	35.1531	73.29224	73	17.5344	656629	6171552	3924	93	249
3	C13	3	34.63163	34	37.8978	73.15978	73	9.5868	668681	6166270	3273	161	222
4	C15	5	34.67183	34	40.3100	73.03667	73	2.2000	679879	6161598	2673	135	307
5	A02	9	34.61983	34	37.1900	72.95550	72	57.3300	687437	6167218	2550	123	279
6	A22	6	34.54447	34	32.6680	73.19109	73	11.4653	665985	6175982	3623	183	227
7	A21	0	34.58654	34	35.1922	73.06607	73	3.9640	677367	6171111	2776	202	220
8	A09	8	34.75285	34	45.1708	73.00916	73	0.5494	682221	6152565	2398	119	204
9	A07	7	34.67400	34	40.4400	73.25450	73	15.2700	659918	6161722	3224	80	24
10	C11	1	34.71437	34	42.8624	73.13660	73	8.1961	670638	6157048	2967	65	251



## Chemical and Aqueous Transport (CAT) Meters

The Chemical and Aqueous Transport (CAT) meter [Tryon *et al.*, 2001] is designed to quantify both inflow and outflow rates on the order of 0.01 cm/yr to 100 m/yr. At high outflow rates, a time series record of the outflow fluid chemistry may also be obtained. These instruments have been in use since 1998 and have been very successful in monitoring long term fluid flow in both seep and non-seep environments. The CAT meter uses the dilution of a chemical tracer to measure flow through the outlet tubing exiting the top of a collection chamber. The pump contains two osmotic membranes that separate the chambers containing pure water from the saline side that is held at saturation levels by an excess of NaCl. Due to the constant gradient, distilled water is drawn from the fresh water chamber through the osmotic membrane into the saline chamber at a rate that is constant for a given temperature. The saline output side of the pump system is rigged to inject the tracer while the distilled input side of the two pumps are connected to separate sample coils into which they draw fluid from either side of the tracer injection point. Each sample coil is initially filled with deionized water. Having two sample coils allows both inflow and outflow to be measured. A unique pattern of chemical tracer distribution is recorded in the sample coils allowing a serial record of the flow rates to be determined. Upon recovery of the instruments the sample coils are subsampled at appropriate intervals and analyzed using a Perkin-Elmer Optima 3700 ICP-OES. Both tracer concentration and major ion concentration (Na, Ca, Mg, S, K, Sr, B, Li) are determined simultaneously. A subset of these instruments are equipped with an auxillary osmotic pump connected to copper coils and high pressure valves so that they can be returned to the surface at ambient pressure, maintaining the gas composition of the fluids for analysis.

As explained in Tryon *et al.* [2001], diffusion in the sample coils is negligible. Typical sample sizes are 25-75 cm of tubing, many times the characteristic diffusion length for typical seawater ions at ocean bottom temperatures. Past experience with year-long deployments has shown that resolutions of ~0.5% of the deployment time in the most recent portions and ~2% in the oldest portion of the record. Resolution is, of course, somewhat dependent on seep flow rate simply because of faster transit times through the instrument, particularly with regards to the chemical resolution. CAT meter locations are the same as OBS locations (Table 1). Data availability will be summarized once the instruments have been recovered.

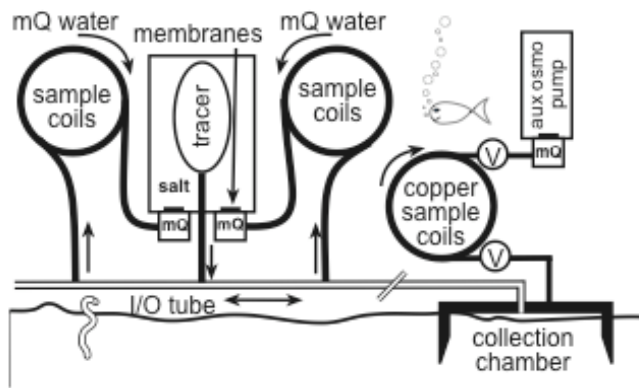


Figure 4. CAT meter schematic [Tryon *et al.*, 2001].

## **Multichannel Seismic (MCS) data**

MCS data were acquired by the SIO Shipboard Geophysical Group (SGG) using a 600-m, 48-channel streamer. The number of channels, however, was decreased to 40 soon after the beginning of the cruise because of shark bites that penetrated two of the 8-channel streamer sections. Fortunately a spare section was available. The source was two GI-guns in a 45/105 cm<sup>3</sup> configuration. The guns were mounted on a cross-bar that maintained them a constant distance apart and were shot at an interval of 25 m as determined from the GPS, with the ship's speed through the water maintained at 4-5 kts. The record length was 9 s for most of the survey, but was increased to 10 s for some lines when the depth of penetration of the seismic energy and thickness of the trench sediments became apparent. Sample rate was 1 ms. The MCS geometry is shown in Figure 5.

Marine mammal observers were on deck during all seismic acquisition conducted during daylight hours. There were numerous sightings during the cruise that required turning off the airguns (Table 2). When airgun shut-downs were less than 10 minutes long, we generally simply continued along the profile and resumed shooting when the area was clear, leaving gaps in the data. For longer shut-downs, we turned and filled the gap once shooting could resume. In all, there were 110 separate sightings of 265 individual animals during the cruise (Table 3). The most commonly sighted mammals were fur seals. A number of whales and dolphins were also seen.

Figure 5a. MCS geometry for 48-channel acquisition.

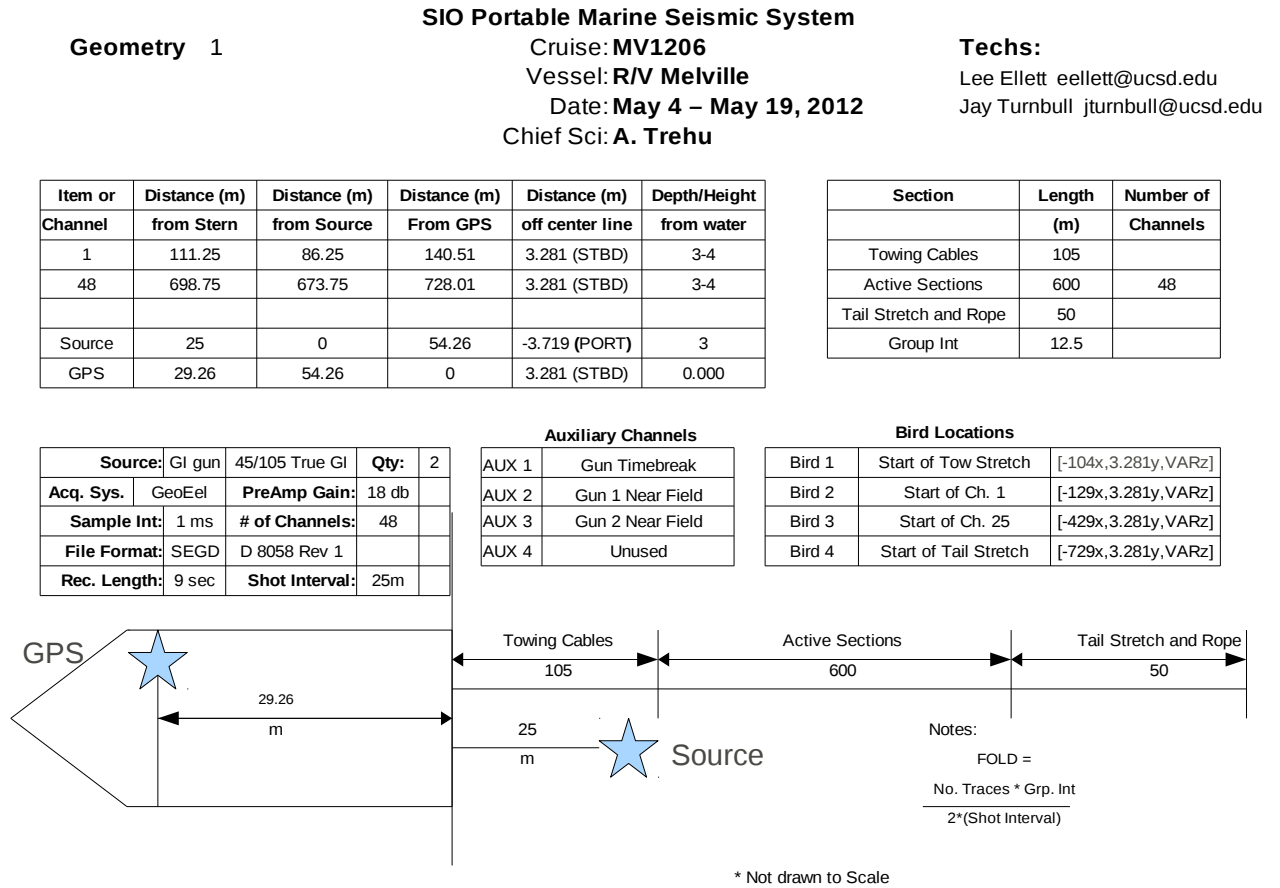


Figure 5b. MCS parameters for 40-channel acquisition.

Geometry 1

SIO Portable Marine Seismic System

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Item or Channel	Distance (m) from Stern	Distance (m) from Source	Distance (m) From GPS	Distance (m) off center line	Depth/Height from water
1	111.25	86.25	140.51	3.281 (STBD)	3-4
40	598.75	573.75	628.01	3.281 (STBD)	3-4
Source	25	0	54.26	-3.719 (PORT)	3
GPS	29.26	54.26	0	3.281 (STBD)	0.000

Section	Length (m)	Number of Channels
Towing Cables	105	
Active Sections	500	40
Tail Stretch and Rope	50	
Group Int	12.5	

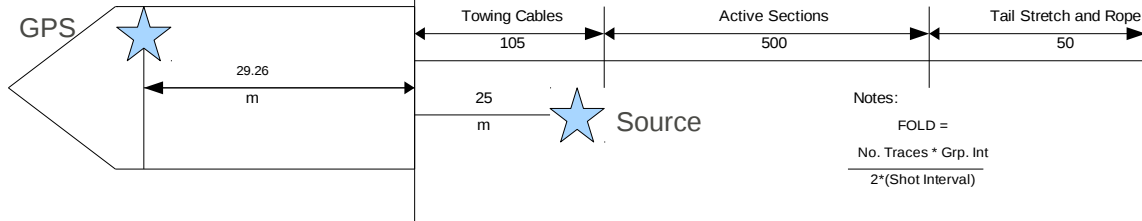
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Sample Int:	1 ms	# of Channels:	40	
File Format:	SEGD	D 8058 Rev 1		
Rec. Length:	9 sec	Shot Interval:	25m	

Auxiliary Channels

AUX 1	Gun Timebreak
AUX 2	
AUX 3	
AUX 4	

Bird Locations

Bird 1	Start of Tow Stretch	[-104x,3.281y,VARz]
Bird 2	Start of Ch. 1	[-129x,3.281y,VARz]
Bird 3	Start of Ch. 25	[-429x,3.281y,VARz]
Bird 4	Start of Tail Stretch	[-729x,3.281y,VARz]



\* Not drawn to Scale



Table 2. Times when GI-guns were turned on and off.

Date GMT(yymmdd)	Start GMT	End GMT	Tot time (hr:min)	Latitude S	Longitude W	Distance Traveled NM	#guns	Comments
12-05-07	13:43		00:33	34 24.10	073 23.79		1	1 gun on
12-05-07		14:16		34 326.06	073 24.74		0	gun off, compressor down
12-05-07	15:28		01:24	34 30.85	073 25.20		1	1 gun firing
12-05-07	15:36		01:16	34 30.43	073 25.88		2	2nd gun firing
12-05-07		16:52		34 25.05	073 24.82			guns off
12-05-07	17:15		03:58	34 24.15	073 24.34		1	1 gun on
12-05-07	17:21		03:52	34 23.79	073 24.16		2	2nd gun on
12-05-07		21:13		34 15.50	073 21.12		0	guns off, entangled with streamer
12-05-07	22:11		00:35	34 14.19	073 17.03		1	1 gun on
12-05-07	22:16		00:30	34 14.04	073 16.61		2	2nd gun on
12-05-07		22:46		34 13.80	073 14.30		0	guns off, compressor failed
12-05-08	00:00			34 15.49	073 08.88		1	1 gun on
12-05-08	00:05			34 15.61	073 08.52		2	2nd gun on
12-05-08		02:46		34 20.54	073 02.73		0	guns off
12-05-09	22:14		01:02	34 31.98	073 26.90		1	1 gun on
12-05-09	22:20		00:56	34 31.56	073 27.24		2	2nd gun firing
12-05-09		23:16		34 30.55	073 31.11		0	guns off
12-05-10	00:13		13:17	34 29.18	073 35.19		1	1 gun on
12-05-10	00:16		13:12	34 29.00	073 35.74		2	2nd gun on
12-05-10		13:30		34 41.14	072 44.68		0	guns off
12-05-10	14:34			34 44.78	072 45.98		1	1 gun on
12-05-10	14:40			34 44.90	072 46.45		2	2 guns on
12-05-10		18:04		34 39.98	073 02.81		0	guns off
12-05-10	18:41			34 40.22	073 04.28		1	1 gun on
12-05-10	18:46			34 40.39	073 03.76		2	2 guns on
12-05-11		12:40		34 43.12	073 07.05		0	guns off
12-05-11	12:50			34 43.36	073 06.31		2	2 guns on
12-05-11		13:43		34 48.68	073 02.22		0	guns off
12-05-11	13:52			34 44.91	073 01.48		2	2 guns on
12-05-12		12:38		34 51.22	073 26.87		0	guns off
12-05-12	12:42			34 52.08	073 26.59		2	guns on
12-05-12		15:11		34 46.70	073 15.77		0	guns off
12-05-12	15:21			34 46.34	073 15.05		2	2 guns on
12-05-12		16:26		34 44.01	073 10.36		0	guns off
12-05-12	16:30			34 43.86	073 10.06		2	2 guns on
12-05-12		16:33		34 43.79	073 09.53		0	guns off
12-05-12	16:40			34 43.54	073 09.41		2	2 guns on
12-05-12		17:38		34 45.11	073 11.17		0	guns off
12-05-12	17:41			34 45.12	073 11.41		2	2 guns on
12-05-12		21:12		34 37.50	072 57.33		0	guns off
12-05-12	21:19			34 37.29	072 56.90		2	2 guns on
12-05-13		19:21		34 46.82	073 27.67		0	guns off
12-05-13	19:26			34 47.04	073 28.09		2	guns on
12-05-13		20:22		34 50.05	073 30.86		0	guns off
12-05-13	20:27			34 50.30	073 31.05		2	guns on
12-05-13		20:44		34 51.29	073 31.91		0	guns off
12-05-13	20:48			34 51.47	073 32.13		2	guns on
12-05-14		07:30		34 29.74	073 27.25			Guns were shut down before 04:00 local time
12-05-14	09:23			x	x			1st Gun ON: no position logged by bridge or observers
12-05-14	09:29			x	x		2	2nd Gun ON: no position logged by bridge or observers
12-05-14		13:26		34 17.46	073 21.81		0	Guns off for maintenance
12-05-14	14:10			34 15.80	073 22.93		1	1st gun on
12-05-14	14:15			34 15.78	073 23.35		2	2nd gun on
12-05-14		14:37		34 16.78	073 23.40		0	Guns off (turtle in zone)
12-05-14	14:41			34 16.90	073 23.14		2	Guns on
12-05-14		16:15		34 19.54	073 16.21		0	Guns off
12-05-14	16:22			34 19.73	073 15.71		2	Guns on
12-05-14		16:40		34 20.44	073 14.36		0	Guns off
12-05-14	16:48			34 20.44	073 13.82		2	Guns on
12-05-14		17:08		34 21.00	073 12.36		0	Guns off
12-05-14	17:14			34 21.16	073 11.92		2	Guns on
12-05-14		17:54		34 22.28	073 08.99		0	Guns off
12-05-14	17:59			34 22.38	073 08.70		2	Guns on
12-05-14		18:34		34 23.34	073 06.19		0	Guns off
12-05-14	18:39			34 23.49	073 05.80		2	Guns on
12-05-14		19:08		34 24.29	073 03.69		0	Guns off
12-05-14	19:15			34 24.48	073 03.18		2	Guns on
12-05-14		19:18		34 24.56	073 02.97		0	Guns off
12-05-14	19:22			34 24.67	073 02.67		2	Guns on
12-05-15		19:47		34 10.92	073 19.53		0	Guns shut down due to entanglement with streamer
12-05-15	21:26			34 09.54	073 19.53		1	1 gun firing
12-05-15	21:32			34 09.95	073 19.42		2	2 guns on
12-05-16		11:01		34 36.76	073 36.97		0	guns off
12-05-16	11:11			34 36.57	073 37.59		2	guns on
12-05-16		14:12		34 41.20	073 44.18		0	guns off
12-05-16	14:18			34 41.44	073 43.63		2	guns on
12-05-16		14:58		34 42.81	073 40.34		0	guns off
12-05-16	15:12			34 43.27	073 39.24		2	guns on
12-05-16		16:43		34 46.25	073 32.13		0	guns off
12-05-16	17:00			34 46.85	073 30.70		1	gun on
12-05-16	17:07			34 47.12	073 30.15		2	2nd gun on
12-05-17		04:35		34 39.13	073 02.87			guns off, will remain off for the rest of the cruise

Table 3. Summary of marine mammal observations.

Observer	Animal Information						GMT Date & Time		Ship and Position Information			
	Sighting Number	Sighting Cue	Species	Group Size	Age	Size	Sex	Yr/Mo/Da	Time (GMT)	Latitude	Longitude	Ship Heading (kts)
228	1	mammal	Otaria flavescens	2				2012-05-04	20:03:00	33 02 11S	071 37 32W	83
92	2	mammal	Otaria flavescens	2				2012-05-04	20:09:00	33 01 80S	071 38 78W	83
228	3	mammal	Otaria flavescens	1				2012-05-04	20:47:00	32 58 15S	071 39 45W	63
228	4	blow	Balaenoptera physalus	2		>12m		2012-05-05	12:22:00	34 33 42S	073 10 85W	37
228	5	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	3	adult			2012-05-05	12:36:00	34 33 91S	073 08 96W	111
92	6	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1	adult			2012-05-05	13:06:00	34 35 13S	073 03 29W	111
92	7	mammal	Otaria flavescens	2				2012-05-05	12:51:00	34 40 40S	073 15 22W	268
800	8	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-05	21:08:00	34 36 82S	073 16 01W	288
228	9	blow	Balaenoptera sp.	1				2012-05-06	13:38:00	34 26 44S	073 30 52W	276
92	10	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	3	adult			2012-05-06	13:57:00	34 27 53S	073 27 23W	276
92	11	mammal	Lissodelphis peronii	2		1.1m		2012-05-06	14:05:00	34 28 01S	073 26 79W	107
800	12	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	6				2012-05-06	14:06:00	34 28 06S	073 26 63W	107
800	13	mammal	Balaenoptera sp.	1		40 ft		2012-05-06	14:16:00	34 28 83S	073 23 89W	107
800	14	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-06	15:05:00	34 30 82S	073 18 95W	107
92	15	blow	Balaenoptera physalus	1				2012-05-07	11:29:00	34 25 58S	073 25 09W	19
228	16	blow	Balaenoptera physalus	3		>10m		2012-05-07	12:12:00	34 23 00S	073 23 52W	41
800	17	blow	Balaenoptera physalus	3	2 adult 60ft. juv			2012-05-07	14:05:00	34 25 46S	073 24 42W	201
92	18	blow	Balaenoptera sp.	1				2012-05-07	14:51:00	34 28 06S	073 24 77W	201
800	19	blow	Balaenoptera sp.	1				2012-05-07	15:34:00	34 30 54S	073 26 69W	241
228	20	blow	Balaenoptera physalus	2		>10m		2012-05-07	17:31:00	34 23 18S	073 23 94W	42
800	21	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-08	21:27:00	34 40 32S	073 02 17W	288
800	22	blow	Balaenoptera sp.	2				2012-05-09	12:67:00	34 37 91S	073 06 80W	134
800	23	blow	Balaenoptera sp.	1				2012-05-09	14:40:00	34 37 90S	073 06 50W	159
92	24	blow	Balaenoptera physalus	2		50-60 ft		2012-05-09	15:22:00	34 38 00S	073 10 51W	159
92	25	blow	Balaenoptera physalus	1				2012-05-09	15:56:00	34 38 29S	073 10 89W	202
228	26	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	28				2012-05-09	18:03:00	34 35 16S	073 17 57W	5
800	27	blow	Physeter macrocephalus	2		40 ft		2012-05-09	18:28:00	34 35 17S	073 17 49W	38
92	28	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-09	20:55:00	34 33 64S	073 21 96W	17
228	29	blow	Balaenoptera sp.	1				2012-05-09	21:08:00	34 33 33S	073 22 90W	17
228	30	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-10	12:06:00	34 39 50S	072 51 15W	120
228	31	splash	Unid. Dolphin	25				2012-05-10	13:37:00	34 42 19S	072 44 74W	114
92	32	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	2				2012-05-10	16:53:00	34 41 88S	072 56 72W	294
228	33	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	4				2012-05-10	18:04:00	34 40 09S	073 02 25W	288
92	34	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-10	18:37:00	34 40 05S	073 04 52W	208
800	35	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	4	adults			2012-05-10	20:38:00	34 38 66S	073 06 31W	296
228	36	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	3				2012-05-10	21:45:00	34 36 86S	073 11 80W	291
92	37	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	3				2012-05-11	12:12:00	34 42 40S	073 08 27W	113
800	38	mammal	Unid. Pinniped	2				2012-05-11	12:16:00	34 42 54S	073 08 89W	113
800	39	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	3	2ads/1 juv			2012-05-11	12:21:00	34 42 82S	073 08 81W	113
800	40	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-11	13:42:00	34 44 87S	073 02 27W	103
92	41	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-12	12:38:00	34 52 23S	073 26 90W	63
800	42	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-12	15:10:00	34 46 74S	073 15 87W	63
92	43	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	2				2012-05-12	15:56:00	34 45 13S	073 12 63W	54
228	44	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	2				2012-05-12	15:26:00	34 44 06S	073 10 49W	54
228	45	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	2				2012-05-12	16:33:00	34 43 80S	073 09 96W	54
228	46	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	2				2012-05-12	21:12:00	34 37 51S	072 57 36W	61
228	47	splash	Balaenoptera physalus	2				2012-05-12	21:59:00	34 35 82S	072 53 96W	55
800	48	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	2				2012-05-13	12:39:00	34 32 46S	072 58 51W	239
92	49	mammal	Mirounga leonina	1	imm or female			2012-05-13	13:02:00	34 33 28S	073 00 15W	239
92	50	mammal	Unid. Pinniped	4				2012-05-13	13:34:00	34 34 40S	073 02 44W	239
92	51	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	3				2012-05-13	13:40:00	34 34 96S	073 03 81W	239
92	52	blow	Balaenoptera sp.	4				2012-05-13	17:04:00	34 42 75S	073 17 57W	238
92	53	blow	Balaenoptera sp.	1				2012-05-13	18:10:00	34 44 23S	073 22 39W	238
92	54	blow	Balaenoptera physalus	3				2012-05-13	18:13:00	34 44 33S	073 22 80W	238
92	55	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-13	18:26:00	34 44 81S	073 23 58W	238
92	56	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	5				2012-05-13	18:53:00	34 45 78S	073 25 67W	234
800	57	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-13	20:22:00	34 50 04S	073 30 83W	216
228	58	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	2				2012-05-13	20:44:00	34 51 23S	073 31 62W	216
228	59	mammal	Unid. Small Whale	1				2012-05-14	12:03:00	34 22 54S	073 34 38W	27
800	60	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-14	12:46:00	34 19 88S	073 23 04W	32
92	61	mammal	Unid. Pinniped	1				2012-05-14	13:05:00	34 18 72S	073 22 46W	24
92	62	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-14	14:01:00	34 16 00S	073 22 44W	300
228	63	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-14	14:09:00	34 15 83S	073 22 84W	300
228	64	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-14	14:14:00	34 15 83S	073 23 22W	265
92	65	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-14	14:36:00	34 16 73S	073 23 53W	16
228	66	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-14	15:27:00	34 18 18S	073 16 77W	109
92	67	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	5				2012-05-14	15:57:00	34 19 03S	073 17 55W	112
800	68	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-14	16:01:00	34 19 13S	073 17 28W	112
800	69	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-14	16:07:00	34 19 31S	073 16 83W	112
800	70	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-14	16:11:00	34 19 40S	073 16 67W	112
92	71	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-14	16:13:00	34 19 48S	073 16 38W	112
92	72	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-13	16:27:00	34 19 74S	073 15 89W	112
92	73	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	2				2012-05-13	16:25:00	34 19 82S	073 15 49W	112
92	74	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	2				2012-05-13	16:51:00	34 20 52S	073 13 61W	112
92	75	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	2				2012-05-14	16:53:00	34 20 59S	073 13 45W	112
92	76	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-14	17:08:00	34 21 01S	073 12 33W	111
800	77	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-14	17:11:00	34 21 09S	073 12 11W	111
800	78	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	3				2012-05-14	17:12:00	34 21 12S	073 12 09W	111
800	79	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-14	17:31:00	34 21 61S	073 10 76W	111
92	80	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-14	17:37:00	34 21 78S	073 10 31W	111
92	81	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	1				2012-05-14	17:48:00	34 22 07S	073 09 53W	111
92	82	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	2				2012-05-14	18:05:00	34 22 55S	073 08 27W	121
92	83	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	2				2012-05-14	18:20:00	34 22 94S	073 07 24W	121
92	84	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	5				2012-05-14	18:22:00	34 23 01S	073 07 07W	121
92	85	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	2				2012-05-14	18:40:00	34 23 51S	073 05 76W	115
228	86	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	4				2012-05-14	18:46:00	34 23 87S	073 05 51W	115
228	87	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	3				2012-05-14	18:49:00	34 23 74S	073 05 12W	115
228	88	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	9				2012-05-14	18:56:00	34 23 94S	073 04 62W	115
228	89	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	3				2012-05-14	18:58:00	34 24 01S	073 04 41W	115
228	90	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	3				2012-05-14	19:11:00	34 24 36S	073 03 50W	115
228	91	blow	Unid. large whale	1				2012-05-15	12:52:00	34 33 08S	073 18 52W	341
800	92	blow	Unid. large whale	1				2012-05-15	13:27:00	34 30 95S	073 18 45W	341
800	93	blow	Balaenoptera physalus	5				2012-05-16	11:00:00	34 39 84S	073 36 70W	298
228	94	blow	Balaenoptera physalus	5				2012-05-16	13:20:00	34 38 83S	073 46 29W	239
92	95	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	3				2012-05-16	14:56:00	34 42 75S	073 40 51W	123
800	96	blow	Balaenoptera physalus	2				2012-05-16	15:21:00	34 43 58S	073 38 53W	123
800	97	blow	Balaenoptera physalus	4				2012-05-16	16:17:00	34 45 39S	073 34 21W	102
228	98	blow	Balaenoptera sp.	3				2012-05-16	19:17:00	34 47 36S	073 29 40W	98
800	99	ship	Balaenoptera sp.	1				2012-05-17	11:17:00	34 43 44S	072 30 29W	285
228	100	blow	Balaenoptera sp.	2				2012-05-17	12:55:00	34 38 48S	072 54 00W	285
800	101	mammal	Arctocephalus sp.	4								

Data were processed through frequency-wavenumber (fk) migration using SIOSEIS software. The processing sequence included sorting, normal moveout (NMO), stack, and fk migration. A velocity of 1485 m/s was used for both NMO and migration. In general each line was processed within a few hours of acquisition. Preliminary interpretations of the data guided subsequent acquisition. The complete data set will be available through the Academic Seismic Portal maintained by the University of Texas Institute for Geophysics (<http://www.ig.utexas.edu/sdc/>) after an initial period of exclusive use by the principle investigators (June, 2014).

Figure 2A shows the location of the MCS lines overlain on the bathymetry; figure 2B identifies the line numbers. Several crossing lines were obtained over each OBS to characterize faults and folds in the study region. When it became apparent that partitioning between sediment accretion and subduction was very variable along this segment of the margin and that there was considerable complex structure beneath the trench sediments, several additional profiles were acquired along the trench and across the deformation front.

Data quality is excellent, due in large part to the broadband source signature (Fig. 6a). Figure 6b shows unfiltered data, illustrating the low frequency nature of the background noise due to waves and the separation between the source signal and background noise. Wave noise varied with sea state, which was variable over the course of the cruise. This example is from a time of relatively rough seas. This low frequency noise could be essentially removed through band-pass filtering. Figure 6c shows data across the deformation front on line 6. The signal from the 2 GI guns penetrates to up to 2 s twtt beneath the seafloor, and the top of the subducted crust can be followed for nearly 10 km landward of the deformation front. On this line, it appears that nearly all of the sediment on the incoming plate is being underthrust, and a possible earlier underthrusting surface can be observed preserved in the accretionary prism. Several additional examples of data can be seen in Appendix 3, which was presented as a poster at the Fall 2012 AGU meeting. The data show a number of interesting features, including complex deposition and erosion in the trench, large and abrupt changes along strike in the amount of sediment that is underthrust beneath the accretionary complex, and the presence of active faulting in the trench and in the accretionary complex.

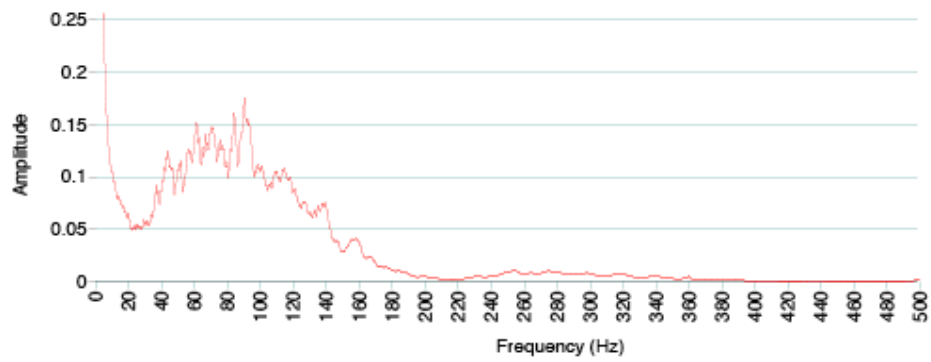


Figure 6a. Amplitude spectrum of data in Figure 6b.

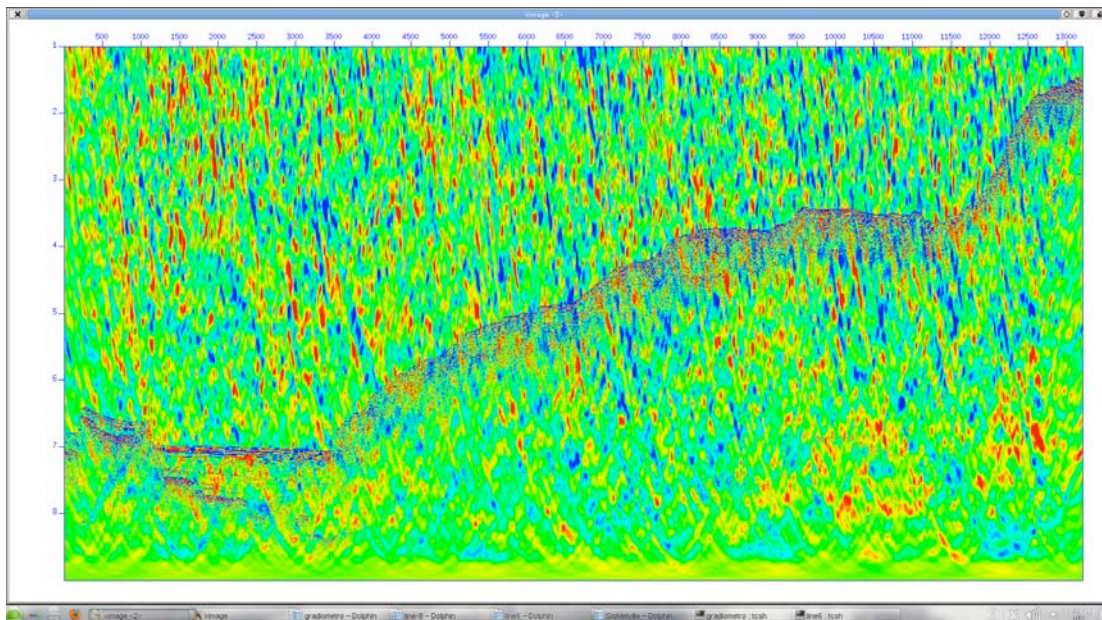


Figure 6b. Data from line 6 without any filtering showing separation between wave-generated noise and the signal from the GI-guns.



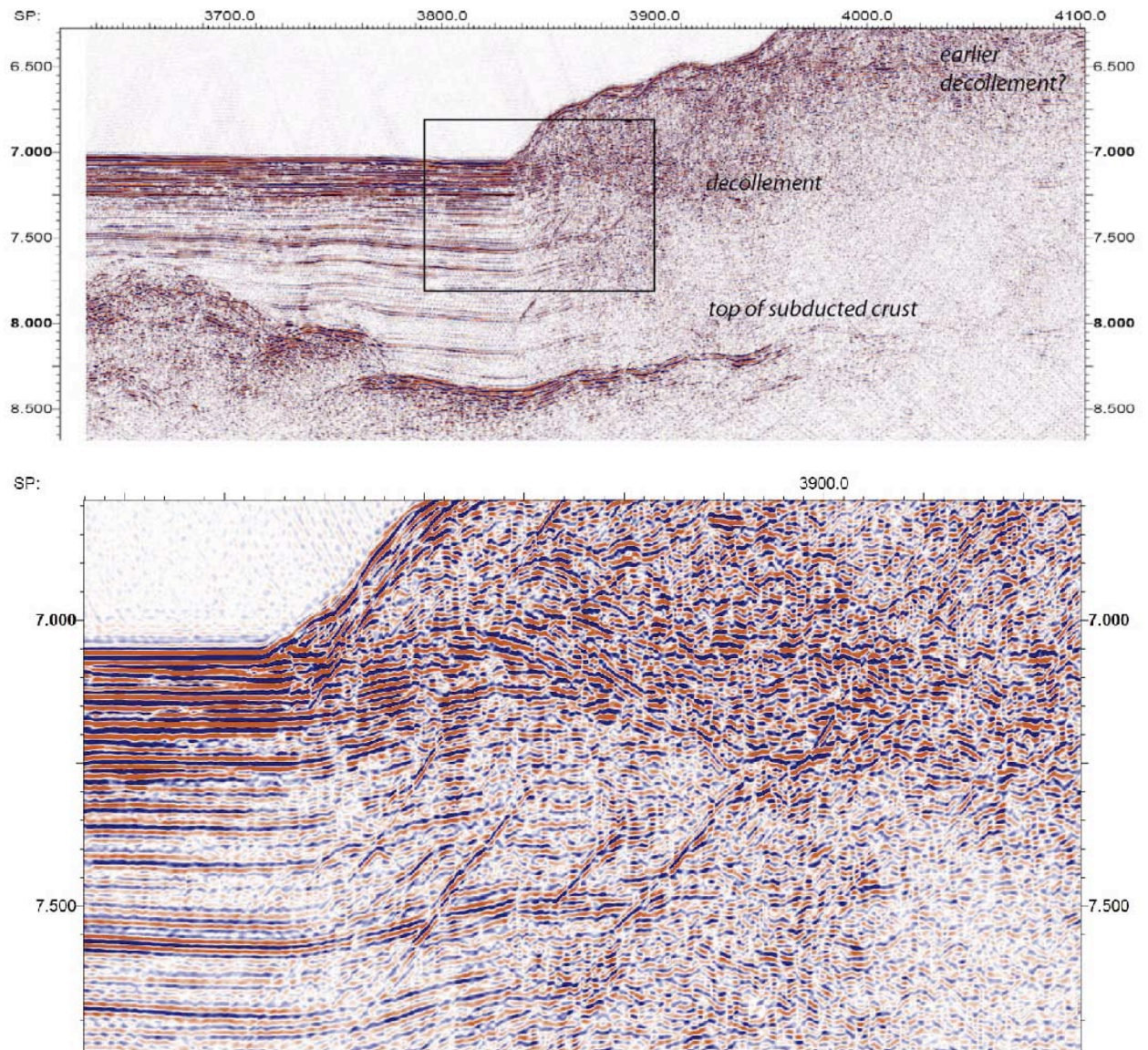


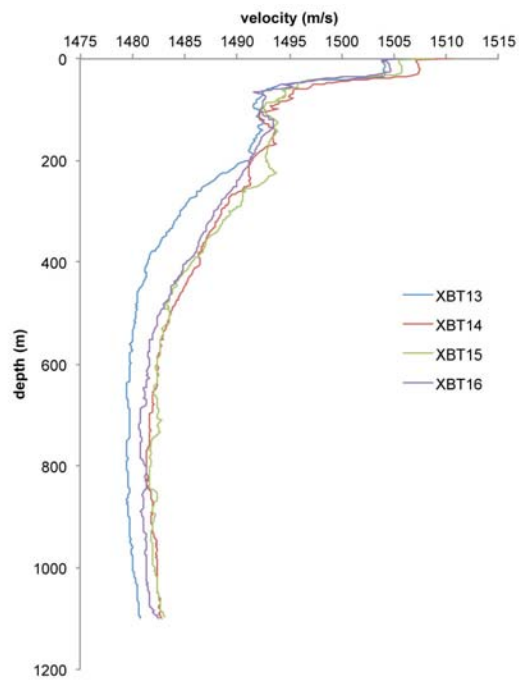
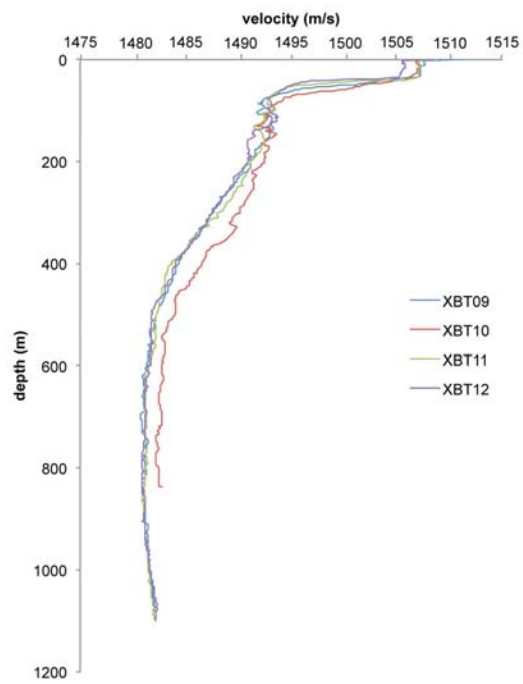
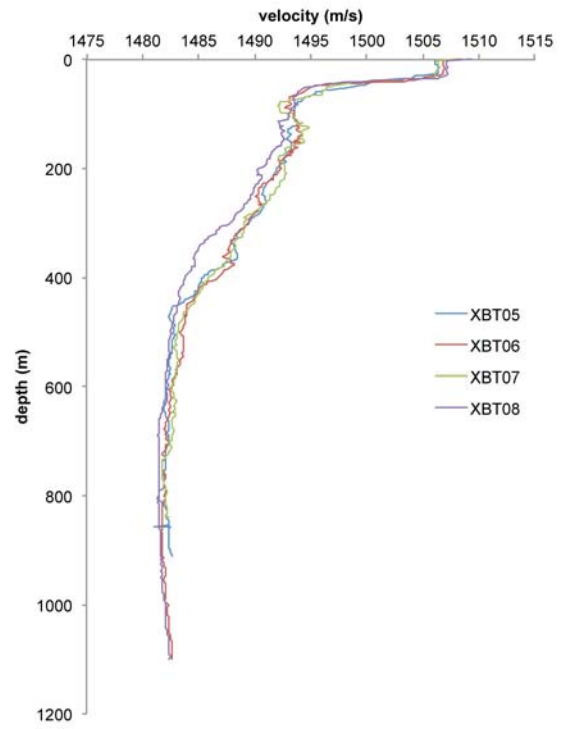
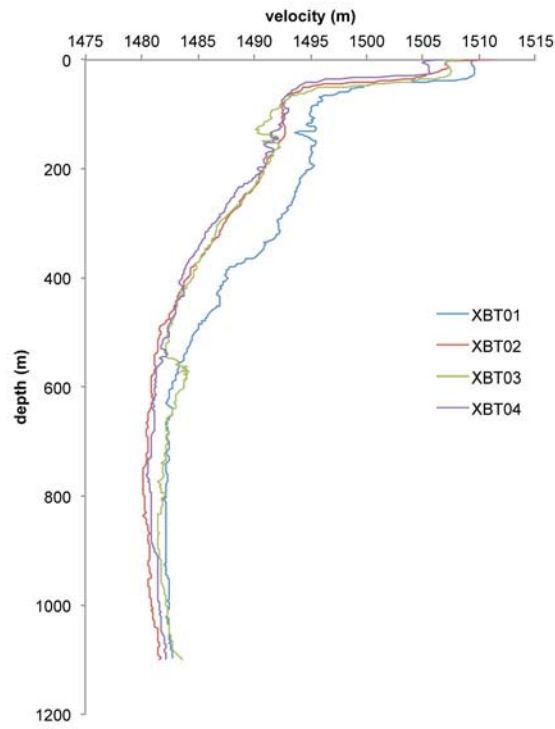
Figure 6c. Portion of line 6 after application of bandpass filtering and f-k migration. The top of the subducted oceanic crust can be seen for ~2000 shots (5 km) landward of the deformation front. A second low frequency reflection can be seen that may be the top of underthrust sediment. The structure of the deformation front varies significantly over very short along-strike distances. Considerable topography, both of constructional and tectonic origin, is seen on the subducting plate.

### Expendible BathyThermograph (XBT) data:

XBTs, which measure water temperature in the upper 1000 m of the water column, were acquired at least once per day, with several XBTs acquired on some days in order to provide higher resolution of oceanographic conditions during certain profiles to support attempts to image water column features in the seismic data and for correcting bathymetric data. Data were converted to sound velocity by the onboard software assuming standard salinity. XBT data were acquired at least once per day, with additional data acquired as needed to maintain temporal and spatial coverage. The new profiles were immediately loaded into the EM122 multibeam acquisition software package to maintain its calibration for comparing bathymetry with previously acquired data. Following is a table of time of acquisition and site location for XBT casts and plots of the data. Data can be downloaded from the Rolling Deck to Repository (R2R) web site (<http://www.rvdata.us/catalog/MV1206>).

*Table 4. Locations of XBT profiles.*

File	Time	Latitude	Longitude
XBT01	5/4/12 23:23	33° 19.99' S	72° 04.78' W
XBT02	5/5/12 12:00	34° 31.95' S	73° 12.32' W
XBT03	5/6/12 12:44	34° 23.02' S	73° 39.94' W
XBT04	5/6/12 16:03	34° 34.35' S	73° 06.69' W
XBT05	5/6/12 18:21	34° 42.62' S	72° 41.99' W
XBT06	5/7/12 16:30	34° 26.94' S	73° 25.79' W
XBT07	5/8/12 19:06	34° 42.76' S	72° 55.49' W
XBT08	5/9/12 15:54	34° 38.59' S	73° 10.30' W
XBT09	5/10/12 1:55	34° 24.22' S	73° 37.68' W
XBT10	5/10/12 13:06	34° 41.09' S	72° 46.50' W
XBT11	5/10/12 20:35	34° 38.71' S	73° 06.17' W
XBT12	5/10/12 23:52	34° 33.67' S	73° 21.49' W
XBT13	5/11/12 3:09	34° 28.80' S	73° 36.30' W
XBT14	5/11/12 20:53	34° 50.83' S	73° 04.68' W
XBT15	5/12/12 1:03	34° 52.53' S	73° 26.00' W
XBT16	5/12/12 5:17	34° 54.25' S	73° 48.02' W
XBT17	5/12/12 13:08	34° 51.14' S	73° 24.70' W
XBT18	5/12/12 23:17	34° 32.92' S	72° 48.15' W
XBT19	5/14/12 12:49	34° 19.68' S	73° 22.94' W
XBT20	5/14/12 20:31	34° 26.54' S	72° 57.77' W
XBT21	5/15/12 18:46	34° 11.30' S	73° 18.81' W
XBT22	5/16/12 22:14	34° 53.40' S	73° 15.07' W
XBT23	5/17/12 11:06	34° 44.02' S	72° 37.56' W
XBT24	5/17/12 14:02	34° 35.06' S	73° 04.18' W
XBT25	5/17/12 16:13	34° 28.50' S	73° 23.61' W
XBT26	5/17/12 19:10	34° 19.73' S	73° 49.55' W





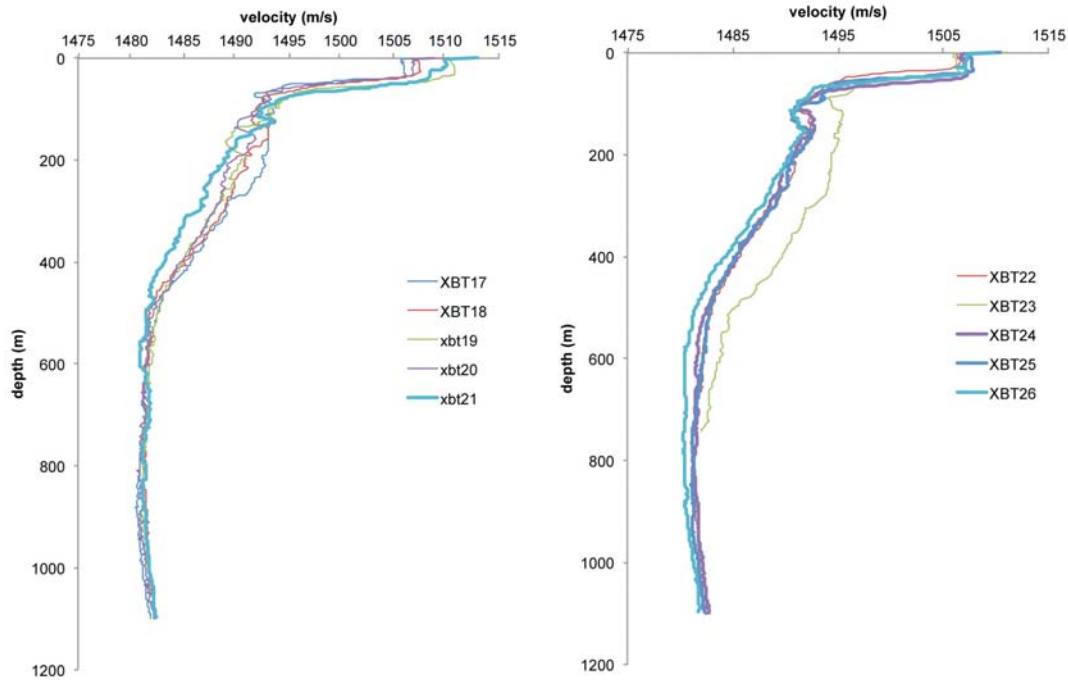


Figure 7. XBT profiles. Site locations are given in Table 2 and are shown in Figure 2b.

### EM-122 swath bathymetry:

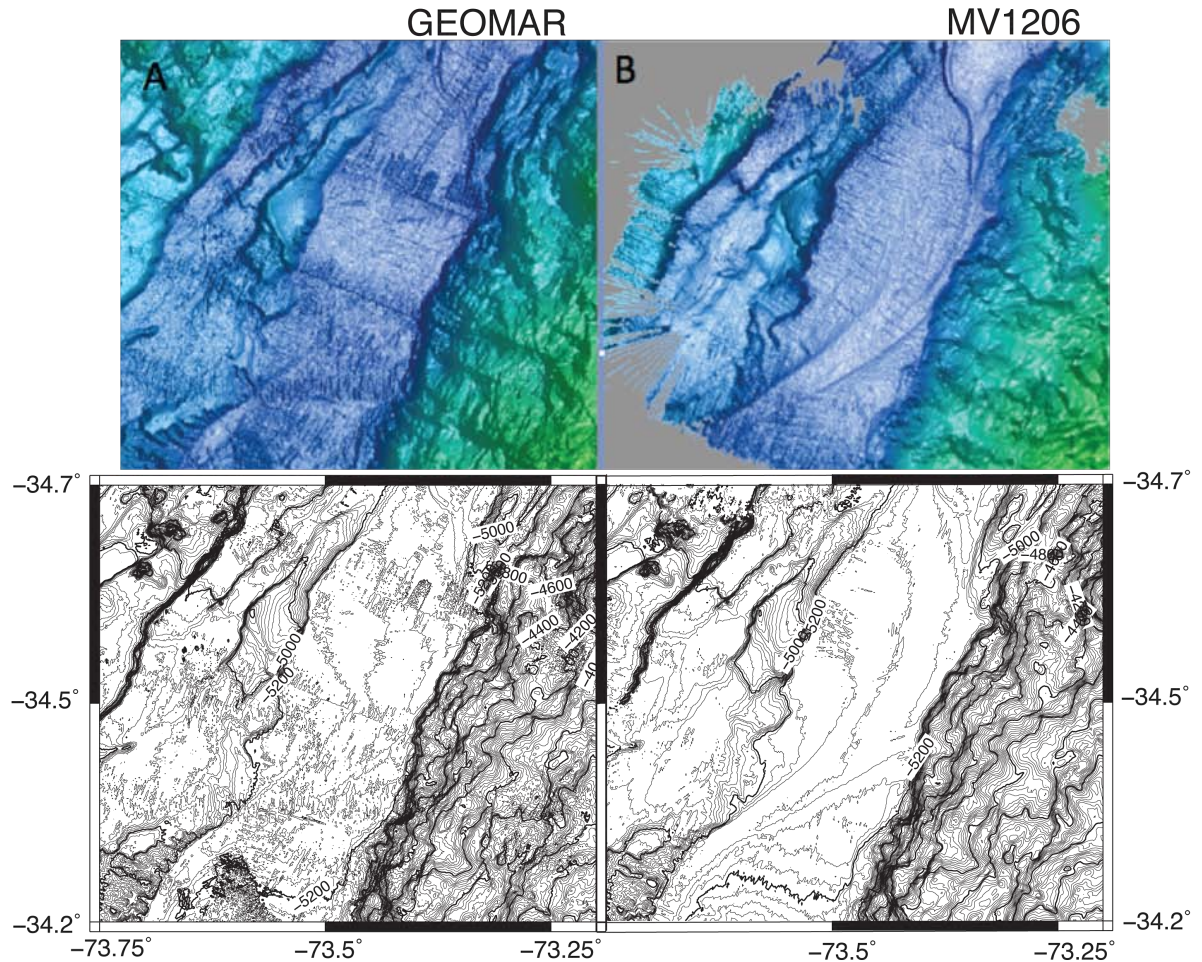
Kongsberg EM-122 multibeam swath bathymetry data were acquired and processed throughout the cruise (Fig. 2). Data were processed using MBSytem to edit bad pings and generate a grid with 200 m resolution, shown in Figure 2, with a detail from the trench shown in Figure 8. Because of good weather and the relatively slow speed of the ship, data quality in the trench is significantly improved compared to existing data. One longer bathymetric profile across the outer-rise, trench and forearc was acquired for comparison with a profile acquired by Geomar using the HMRV James Cook in 2008 and repeated by Scripps Institution of Oceanography in 2011. XBTs were acquired at least once/day, and more often during the profile intended for comparison with previous data, and the water column velocity was updated to reflect the most recent XBT. A BIST test was run at the end of the previous cruise and confirmed that the EM122 system was operating optimally.

Water column data were saved as well as seafloor depth and reflectivity for most of the cruise. However, this option was turned off late in the cruise when it was suspected that this option was responsible for anomalously frequent system crashes due to memory issues with GridEngine. These required restarting the system several times during the cruise, and starting new surveys, which are designated in the database as MV1206a, MV1206b, etc. Why exercising the option of saving water column data should be problematic was not understood.



Watchstanders were charged with keeping an eye on the screen showing the water column data and with noting any anomalous signals indicative of free gas bubbles venting from the seafloor in the watchstander log. No such events were noted during the MV1206.

Data can be downloaded from the Rolling Deck to Repository (R2R) web site (<http://www.rvdata.us/catalog/MV1206>).



*Figure 8. Example of bathymetry in the trench from this cruise (B) compared to bathymetry available from a previous GEOMAR cruise (A). Contour interval is 20 m. While the major features are the same, the new data provide allow us to look at subtle topographic variations in the trench.*

### **Magnetics:**

Magnetic anomaly data were acquired both in gradiometer and in single magnetometer mode (Figure 9). Early in the cruise, we ran a "figure of merit" to determine whether the data were affected by the presence of the ship. Although we had originally planned to acquire magnetic data throughout the cruise while acquiring MCS data, this proved to be impossible because the magnetometer cable and GI-guns were getting tangled. Fortunately we were able to untangle them before equipment was damaged. Magnetic data were therefore acquired when the seismic

system was being repaired. Data from SAMBA (South American Magnetometer B-Field Array; see <http://samba.atmos.ucla.edu>) are available for correcting the data for temporal changes in the magnetic field. A map showing the lines along which magnetic data were acquired is shown in Figure 10. Raw data are shown in Figure 11. Data will be available through NGDC. Data are referenced to time and must be merged with the ship's GPS data. When towed as a gradiometer, the distance between the reported ship position and the first fish is 629m; second fish is 100m behind that. When a single magnetometer was towed, the distance from the ship position to the fish is 329m. Data can be downloaded from the Rolling Deck to Repository (R2R) web site (<http://www.rvdata.us/catalog/MV1206>).

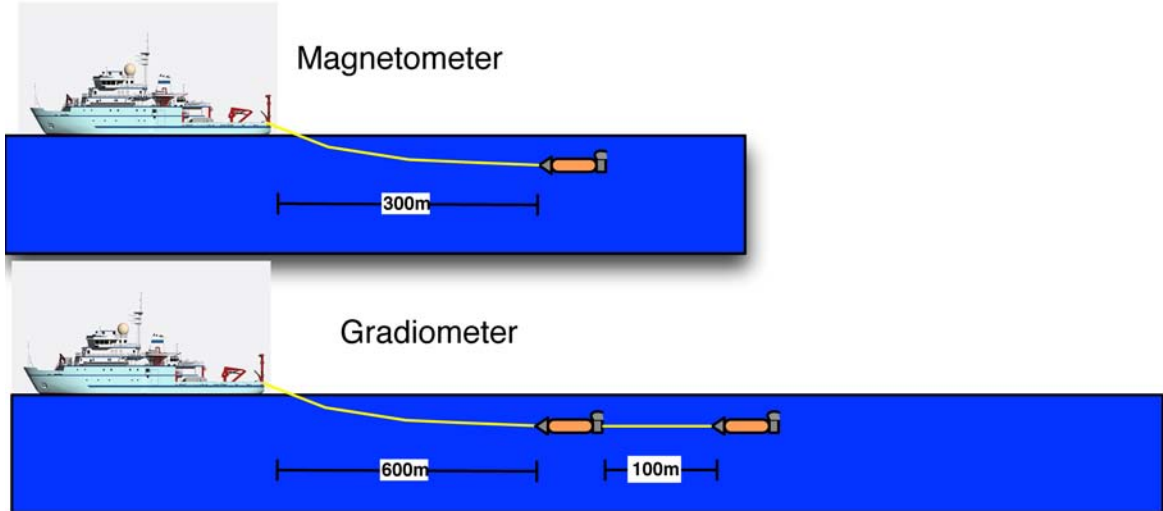


Figure 9. Magnetometer towing diagram.

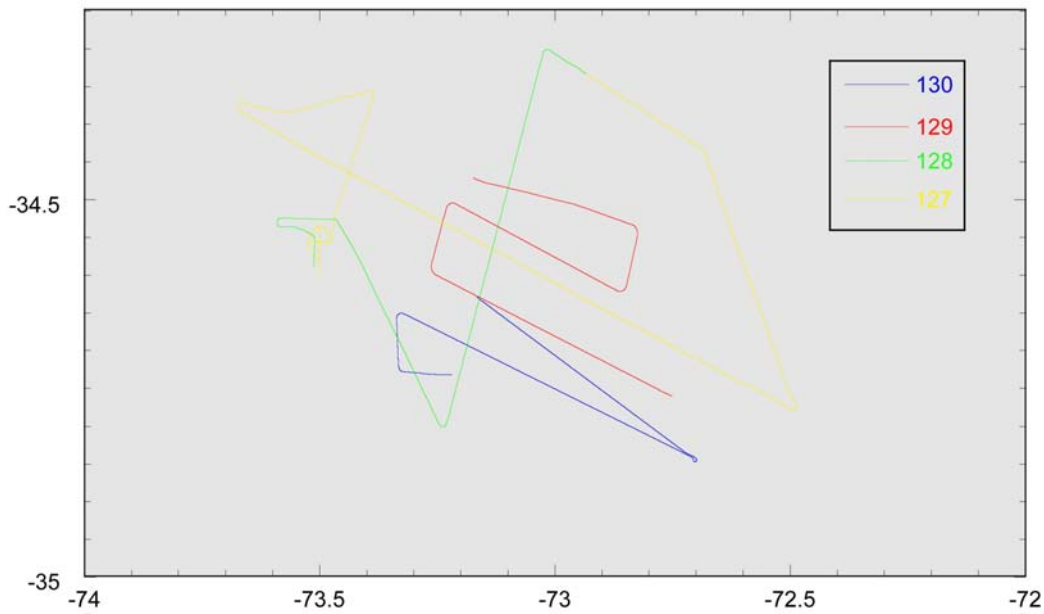


Figure 10. Map showing ship tracks during acquisition of magnetic gradiometer data.

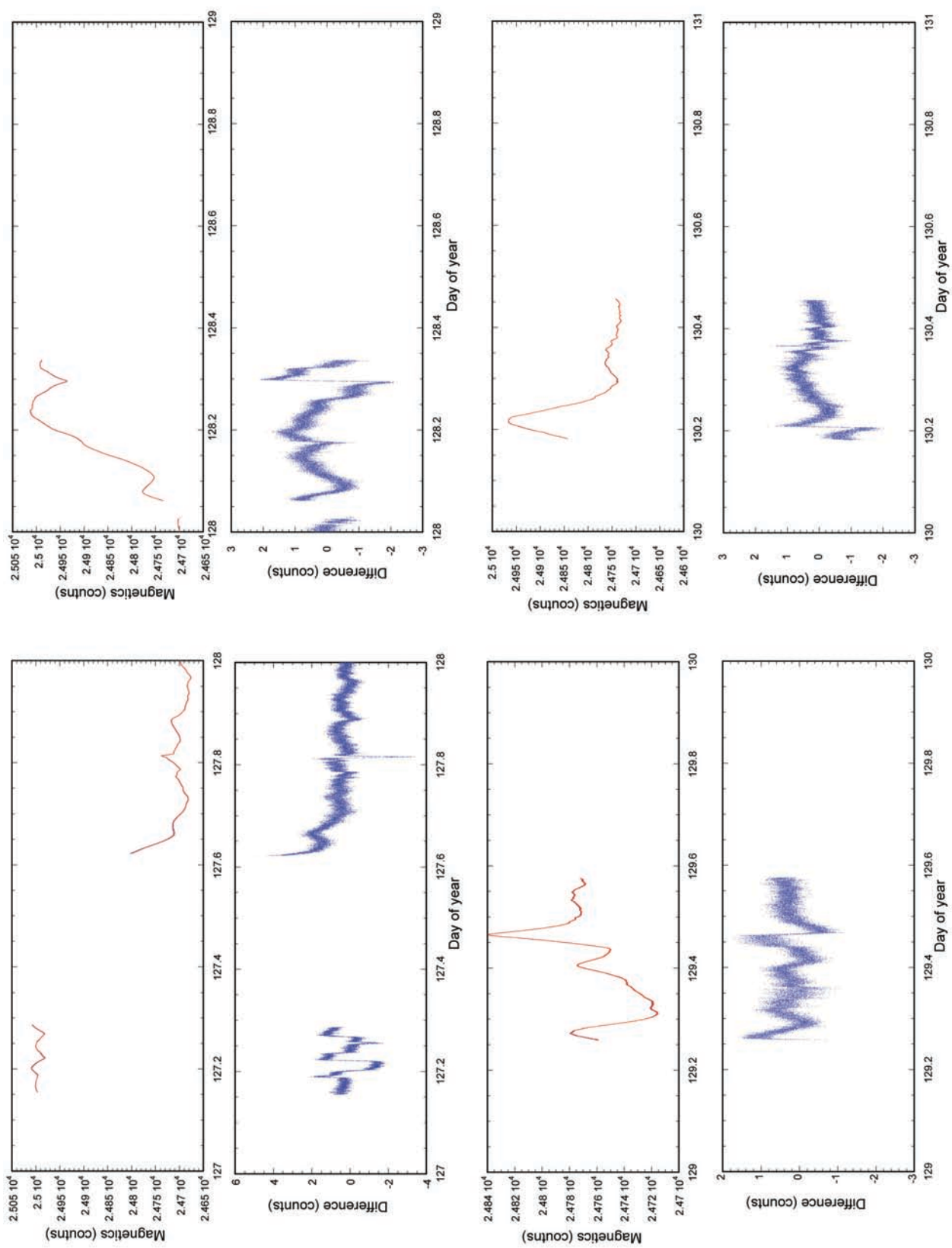


Figure 11. Magnetic data. The raw data recorded on each magnetometer and the difference between the two magnetometers is shown.

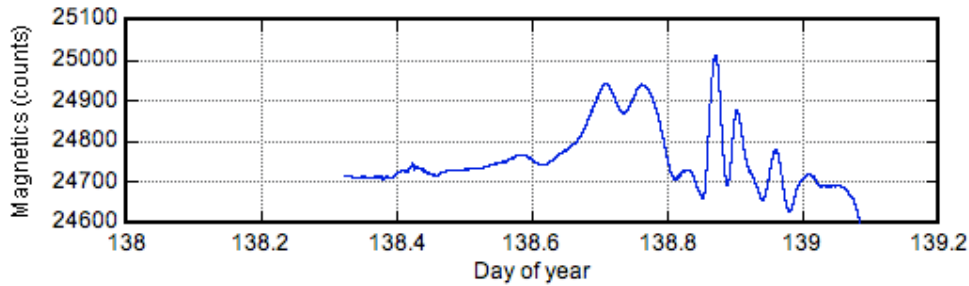


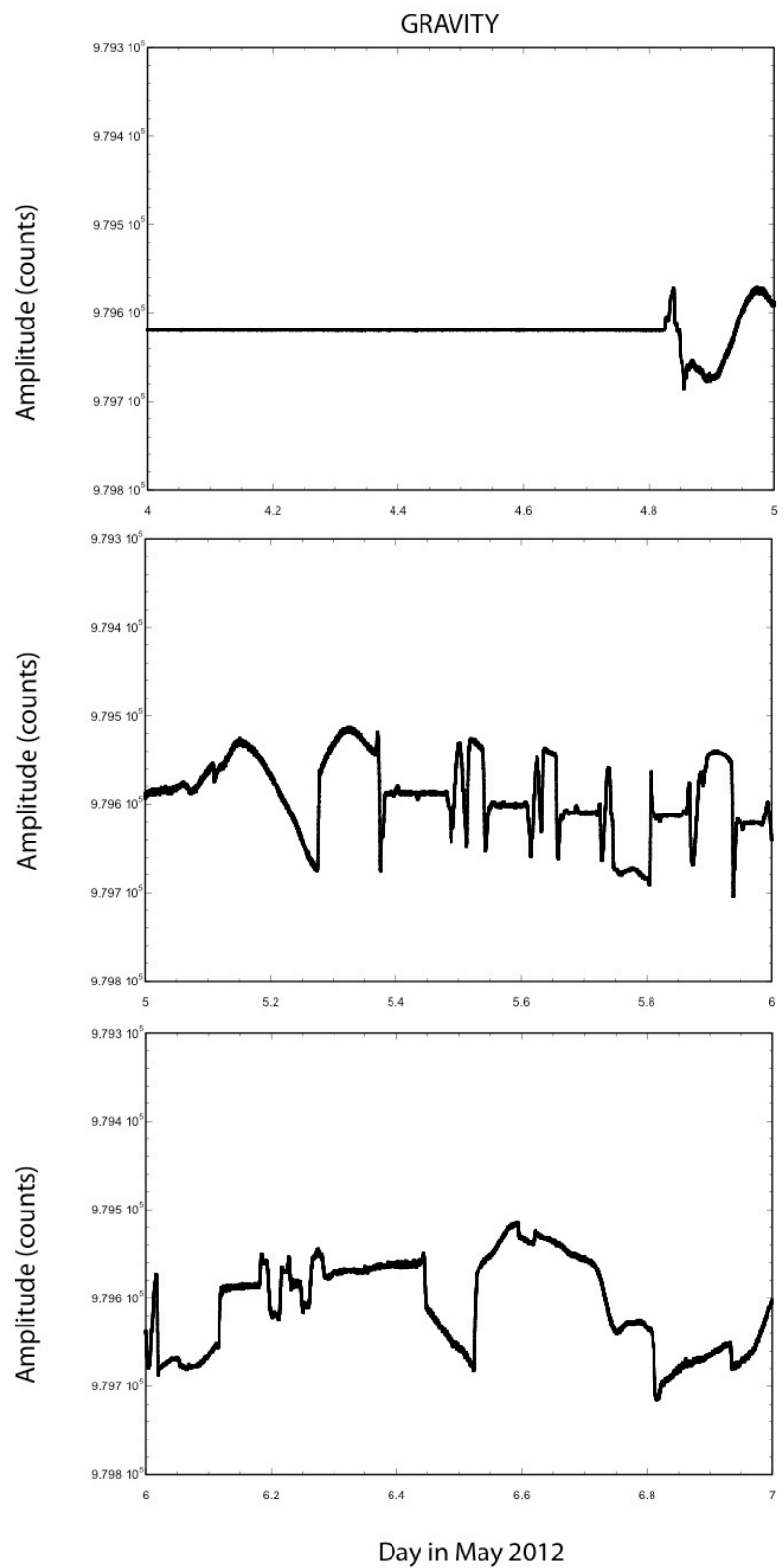
Figure 12. Magnetic data from May 17 and 18. Only a single magnetometer acquired data during this time period.

### Gravity:

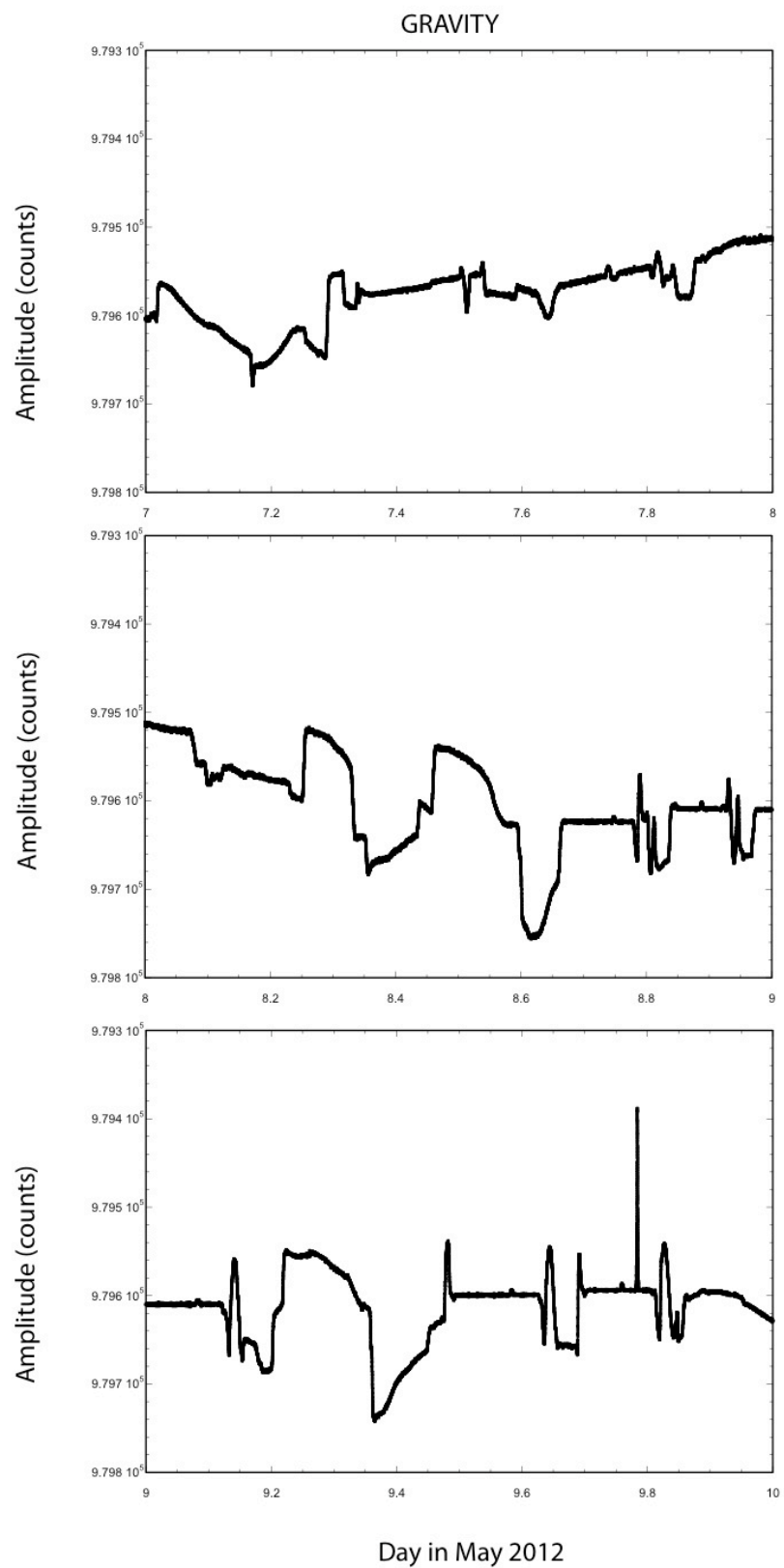
Gravity data were acquired throughout the cruise, with the exception of a 2.5 hour period on May 12. Raw data are shown in Figure 12. Gravity ties were taken at a base station in Valparaiso, Chile, immediately before and after the cruise (Table 3). However, after the computer crash on May 12, corrections were applied from the previous cruise (Puenta Arenas, Chile on March 20, 2012). Data can be downloaded from the Rolling Deck to Repository (R2R) web site (<http://www.rvdata.us/catalog/MV1206>).

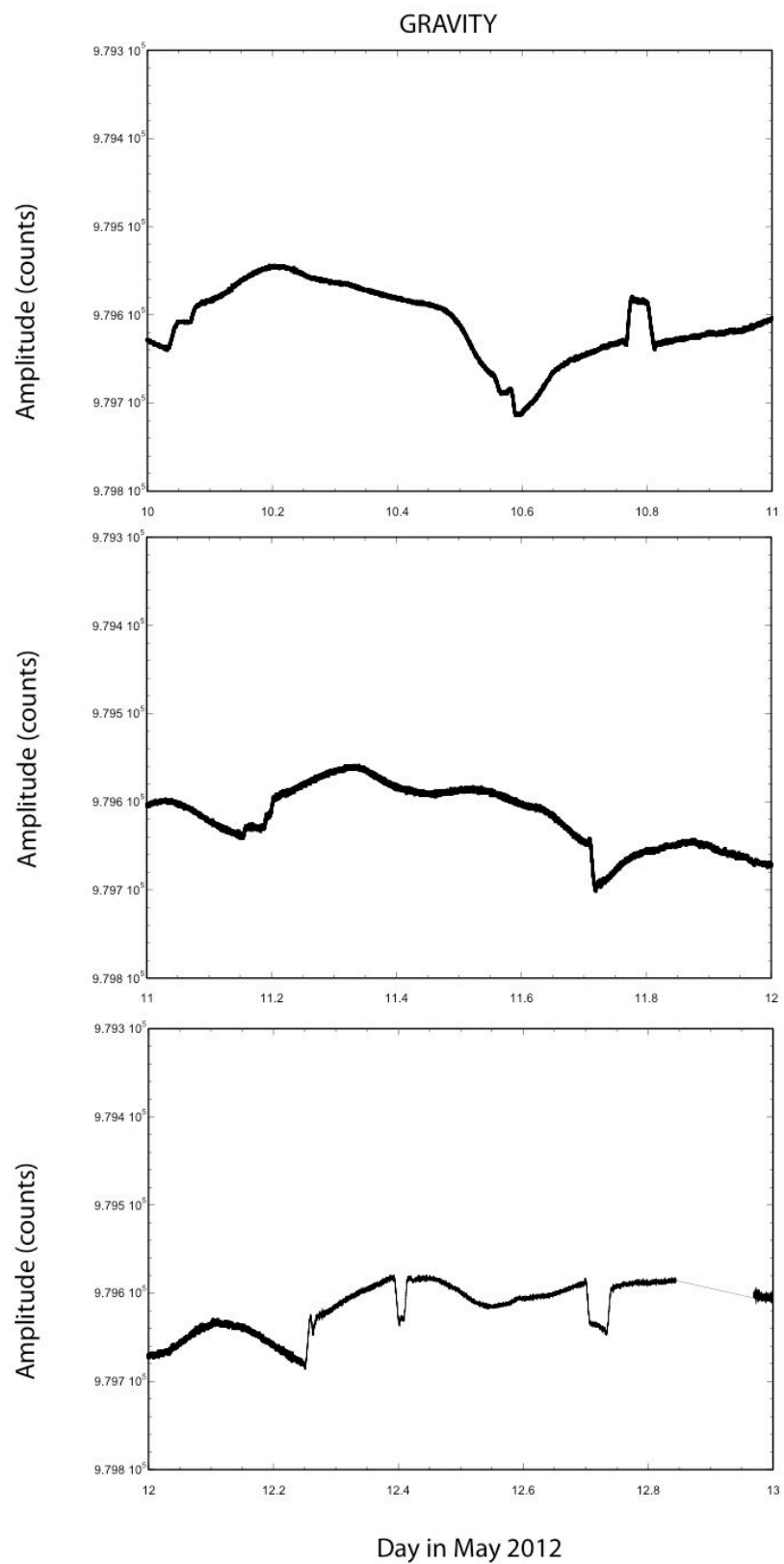
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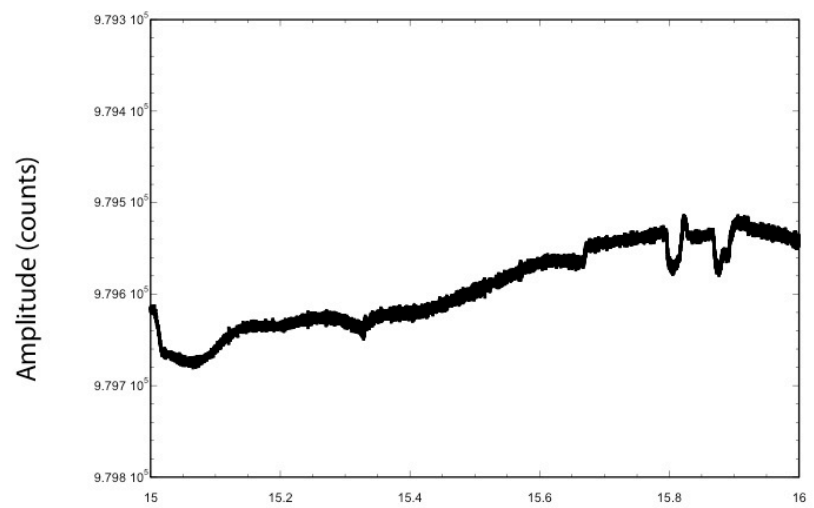
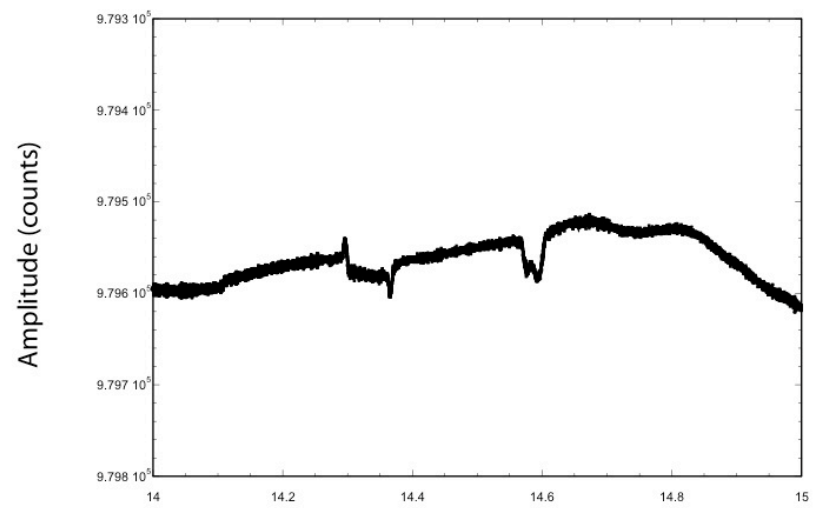
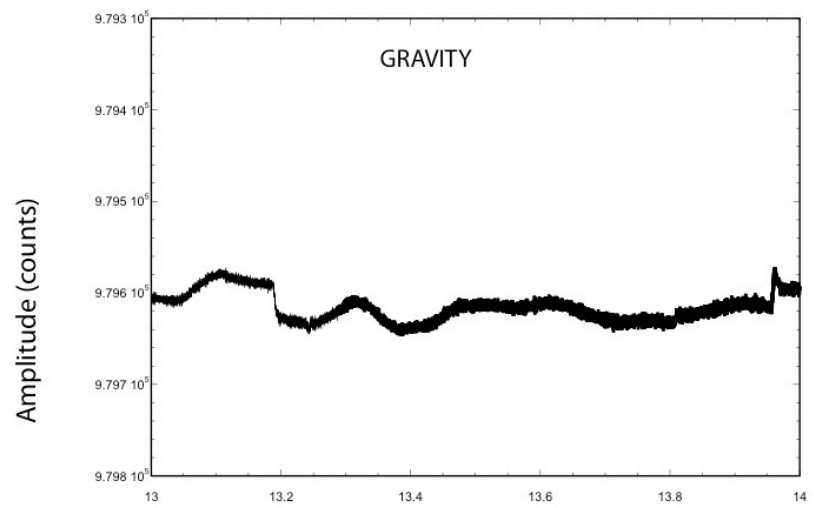
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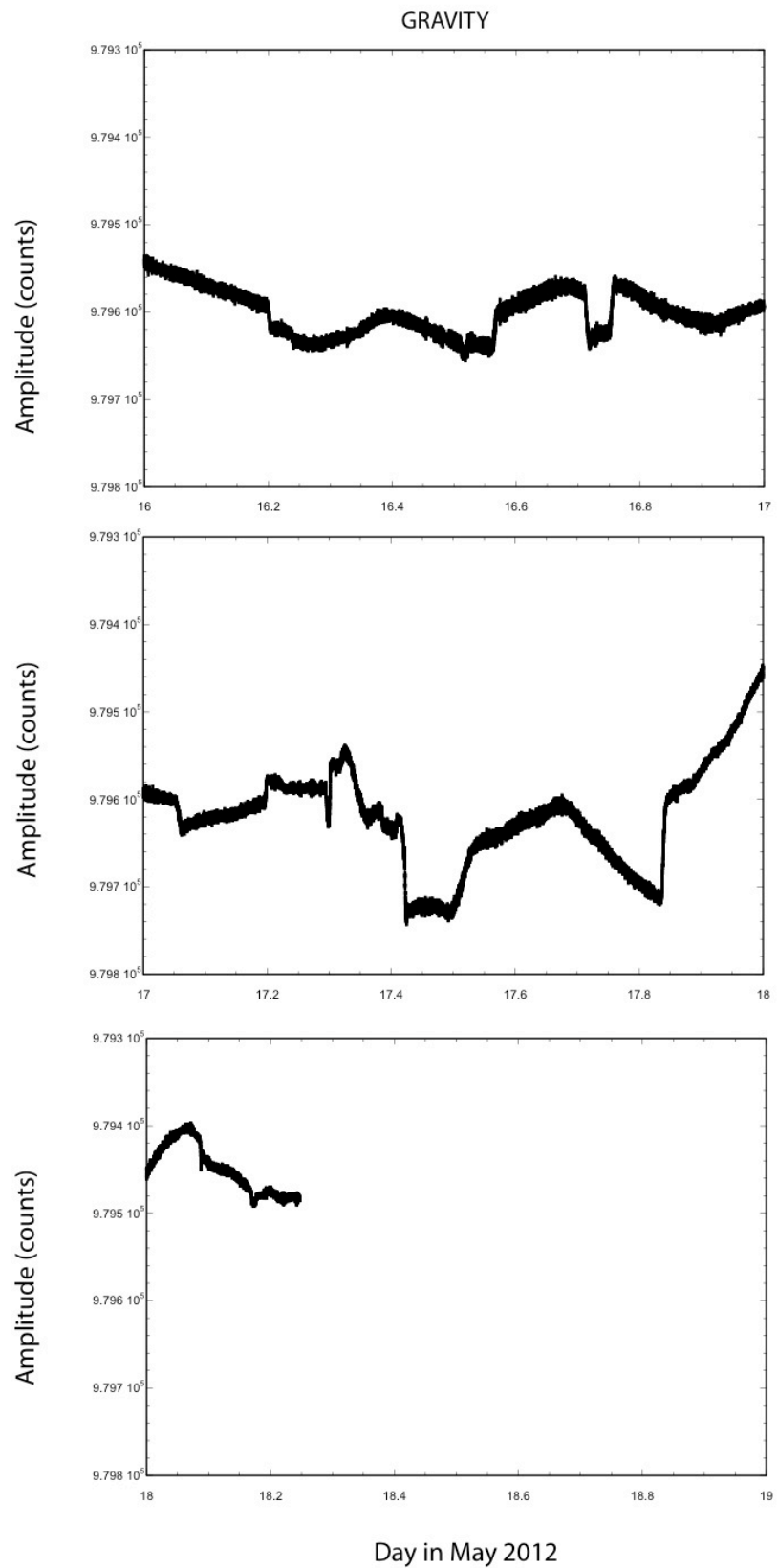








Day in May 2012



## Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP):

ADCP data were acquired throughout the cruise at the 75 kHz. Data were processed during the cruise using University of Hawaii UHDAS software. A few example plots from the plot archive are shown in Figure 13. For each day of the cruise, the archive includes map views of shallow current speed, direction and sea surface temperature, and of the north-south and east-west components of the current as a function of depth versus time, latitude and longitude (i.e. 4 plots/day for 75nb and 4 for 75bb). The raw data, plot archive, and reprocessed data are available from the Joint Archive for Shipboard ADCP data at the University of Hawaii ([ilikai.soest.hawaii.edu/sadcp/](http://ilikai.soest.hawaii.edu/sadcp/)) or from the R2R web site ([www.rvdata.us/catalog/MV1206](http://www.rvdata.us/catalog/MV1206)).

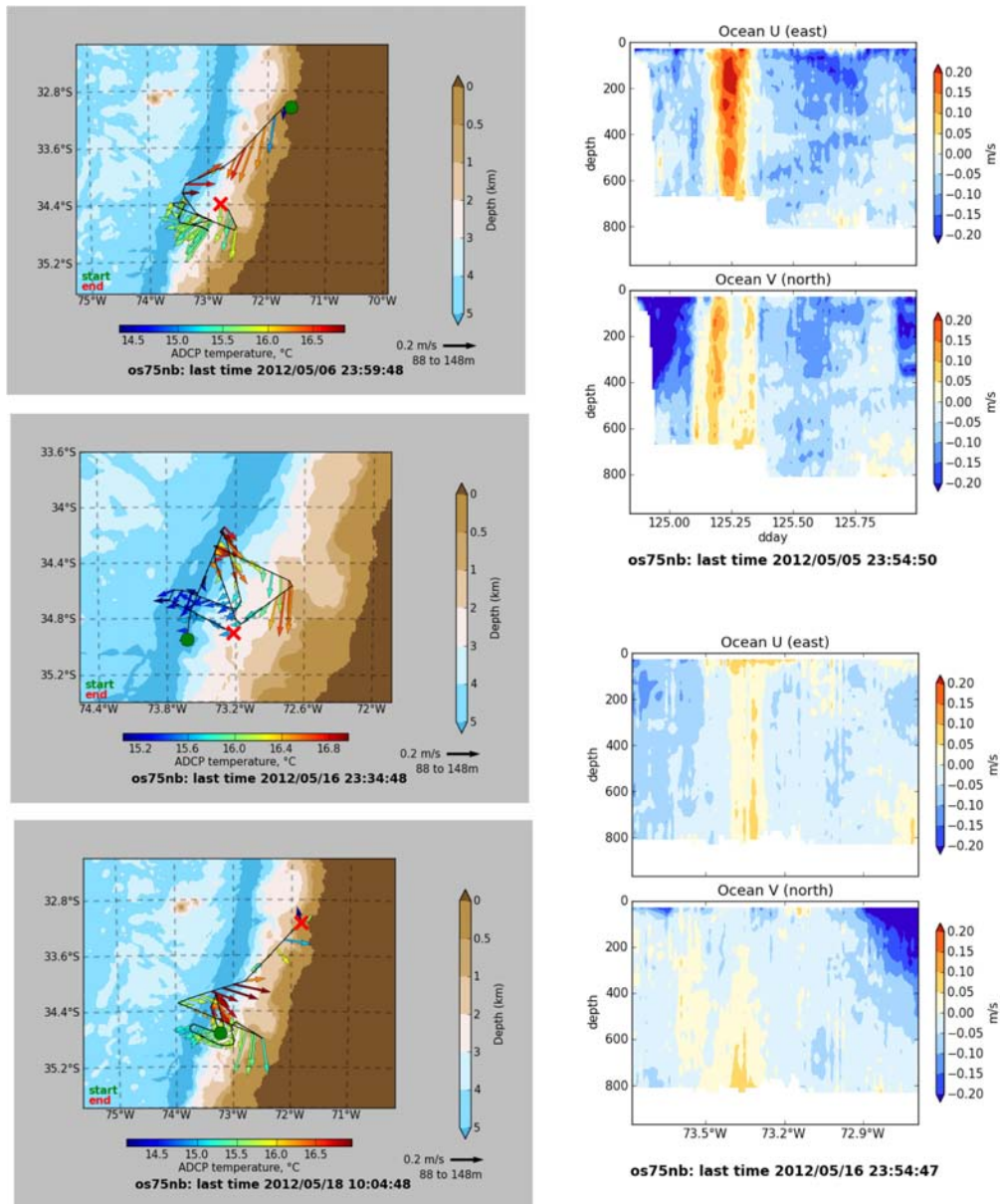


Figure 13. Examples of data plots from the ADCP image archive created during MV1206.



**3.5 kHz sub-bottom profiler data:**

Knudsen 3260 3.5 kHz subbottom profiling data were acquired during the entire cruise. The ping interval was synchronized with the EM122, resulting in a ping repetition interval that was not optimal for subbottom profiling. Data were recorded in both segy and Knudsen proprietary keb format. The keb files can be viewed with the free Knudsen viewer. Data can be downloaded from the Rolling Deck to Repository (R2R) web site (<http://www.rvdata.us/catalog/MV1206>).

**MET data**

Various types of standard under-way meteorological data were acquired, including wind speed, surface water temperature. Data can be downloaded from the Rolling Deck to Repository (R2R) web site (<http://www.rvdata.us/catalog/MV1206>).

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## Appendix 1:

Article about the cruise in a local newspaper prior to our departure from Valparaíso.

6 | Actualidad

EL MERCURIO DE VALPARAÍSO | Sábado 5 de marzo

# De Valparaíso zarpó crucero que estudiará placas sísmicas

**GEOFÍSICA.** Expertos chilenos, en compañía de norteamericanos, realizarán por dos semanas un estudio que busca respuestas del continente tras terremoto.

**D**esde Valparaíso zarpó un grupo de geofísicos de la Facultad de Ciencias Físicas y Matemáticas de la Universidad de Chile y de la Oregon State University, de Estados Unidos, acompañados por expertos del Scripps Institution of Oceanography, con el objetivo de investigar la zona de ruptura marina que dejó el terremoto producido en el país el 27 de febrero de 2010.

Para llevar a cabo esta larga investigación, que podría tardar hasta cinco años en entregar la totalidad de los resultados, los embarcados hasta Constitución (Región del Maule) depositarán entre 4 mil a 5 mil metros de profundidad, un total de 10 sismómetros en varios puntos. Un año después, los aparatos serán retirados para su estudio.

### ESTUDIO

El buque Melville emprendió su viaje durante la tarde de ayer hasta la zona donde la placa de Nazca se subducta bajo la Sudamericana, con el objetivo de recorrer y estudiar durante



DIEZ SISMÓMETROS INSTALARÁN FRENTE A LAS COSTAS DE CONSTITUCIÓN PARA LLEVAR A CABO EL ESTUDIO.

dos semanas las deformaciones dejadas por el sismo de 8.8 grados Richter.

"Queremos estudiar la respuesta del continente en deformación producido por el deslizamiento del terremoto, es decir, cómo se forma y cómo se transmiten los esfuerzos hacia la parte más externa. En este

lugar de la región no corresponde a roca dura, sino que son sedimentos que se llama prisma de acreción, entonces su deformación es muy distinta al contacto de roca dura oceánica con respecto a roca dura continental", informó el geofísico, Eduardo Contreras.

El estudio de la ubicación

del límite entre la corteza continental con el prisma de acreción es fundamental para la estimación de la magnitud de los tsunamis y terremotos producidos al interior del mar, ya que el contacto entre ambas zonas controla la ubicación del límite superior de la zona sísmogénica.

## Sumario a Jumbo por ratones se entregará la próxima semana

**SANIDAD.** Seremi de Salud confirmará que "se encontraron deficiencias"

**E**ntre lunes o martes de la próxima semana finalizará el sumario realizado por la Seremi de Salud al supermercado Jumbo de Valparaíso, el que espera arrojar importantes resultados sobre la posible presencia de una plaga de ratones al interior de este establecimiento comercial.

La denuncia ante la Secretaría Ministerial fue hecha por el Sindicato de Trabajadores del local, quienes declararon que desde el año pasado se conoce la presencia de roedores, los que -según indican- no son ejemplares pequeños.

Pese a esta situación dada a conocer por funcionarios del mismo supermercado, el seremi de Salud (s), Juan Luis Solari, explicó que "no puedo dar mayores informaciones acerca del sumario que se está haciendo hasta que no se le notifique a la empresa. Una vez que se realice esto, se pueden hacer público los detalles. Por el momento sólo podemos decir que efectivamente se encontraron deficiencias".

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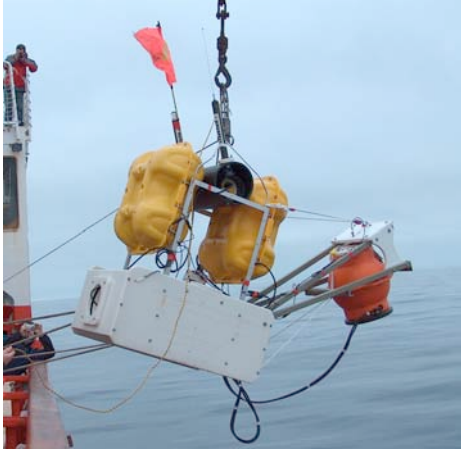
ratones también se otros casos donde h contrado feca de pi hasta palomas mism rior de bodas de algu tos comerciales, e mente donde están l tos o bien, donde s nan estos mismos".

Sandra Báez, tes sindicato regional d dores de Jumbo, con la intención de ellos rrar el local, puesto q ir en desmedro de l chos casos- única fu ral de la familia.

## Appendix 2: Specifications of the OBSs deployed on the central Chile margin.

### LDEO Standard Ocean-Bottom Seismometer

Ocean-Bottom Seismology Laboratory  
Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY | EARTH INSTITUTE



The LDEO standard seismometer design has been in use for nearly 10 years. The LDEO OBS lab has built and operates 25 standard OBSs as part of the NSF OBS Instrumentation Pool. The seismometer sensor is an L4C 1 Hz geophone, with a low-noise amplifier, giving useful response down to 100 s, and a differential pressure gauge. This instrument has been used in both year-long passive-source and shorter-term active-source experiments. The design includes dual redundancy with two transponders and two dropweights.

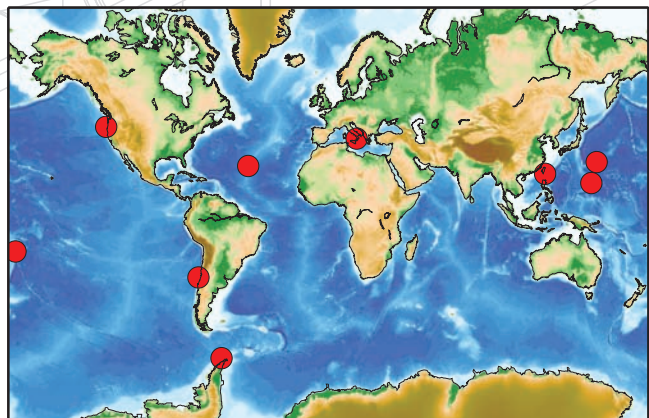
#### Variants and add-ons

- Trawl-resistant OBS
- Moored DPG/hydrophone
- Ocean-bottom magnetometer
- Diffuse flowmeter
- Trillium Compact sensor
- Absolute pressure gauge
- Hydrophone

#### Specifications

<b>Max. Depth</b>	5000 m
<b>Max. Duration</b>	400 days @ 125 sps
<b>Channels</b>	4, 24-bit recording
<b>Sensors</b>	L4C 3-component geophones; differential pressure gauge
<b>Response</b>	100 s - 60 Hz (seismometer) 0-20 Hz (DPG)
<b>Leveling system</b>	Active 360°, motor-driven
<b>Weight</b>	750 lb in air
<b>Footprint</b>	3'X4'
<b>Flotation</b>	9X12" glass spheres
<b>Sampling</b>	40-100-125 sps
<b>Release</b>	Dual dropweights
<b>Acoustics</b>	Two ORE 12 kHz transponders
<b>Power</b>	Lithium battery pack, +/- 7.5 V
<b>Oscillator</b>	Seascan 10 MHz clock
<b>Sensor housing</b>	17" glass sphere
<b>Burnwires</b>	LDEO design
<b>Recovery aids</b>	Radio, strobe, flag
<b>Recording</b>	2 X 32 Gb CompactFlash cards
<b>Dropweights</b>	Two steel weights (75 lb in air)
<b>Datalogger</b>	LDEO ultra-low power OBS datalogger (300 mW @ 125 sps)

#### Deployment History

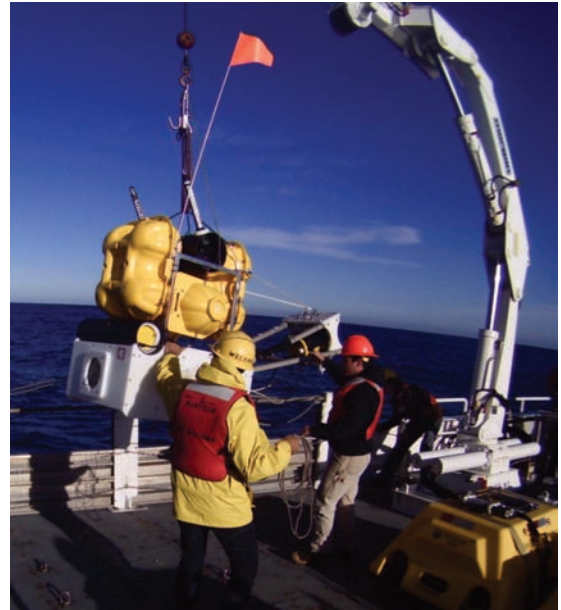




## LDEO 2011 Model OBS

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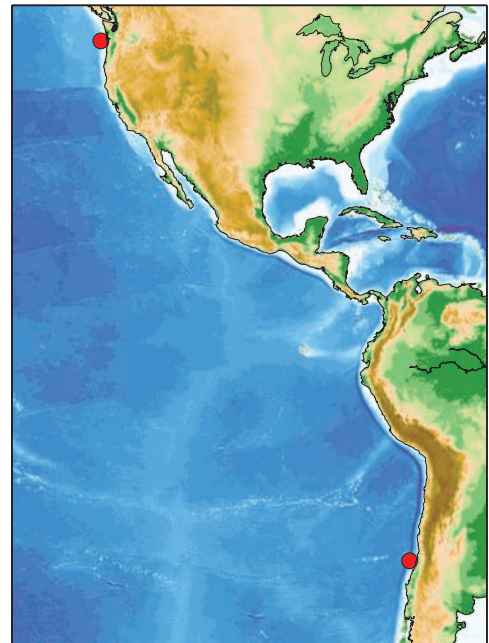
The LDEO 2011 seismometer design is a recent update of the standard LDEO design. Each OBS is equipped with a Trillium Compact seismometer, a Paroscientific absolute pressure gauge, and a hydrophone. The LDEO OBS lab has built 15 2011 OBSs: 5 for use in the standard OBSIP fleet and 10 for use in the Cascadia Initiative. The design includes dual redundancy with two transponders and two dropweights.



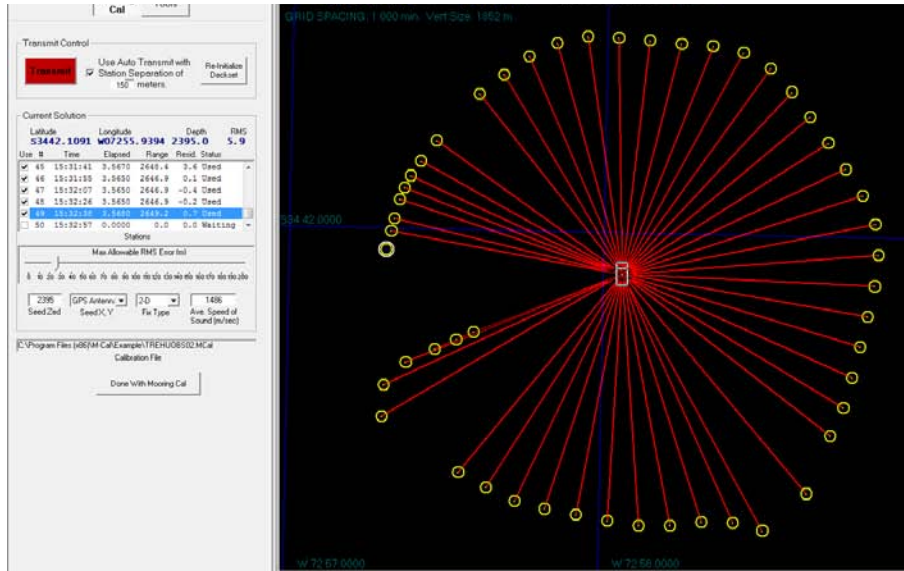
### Specifications

<b>Max. Depth</b>	5000 m
<b>Duration</b>	400 days
<b>Channels</b>	6, 24-bit recording
<b>Sensors</b>	Trillium Compact seismometer absolute pressure gauge (APG) hydrophone
<b>Response</b>	120 s - 60 Hz (seismometer)
<b>Leveling system</b>	Active 360°, motor-driven
<b>Weight</b>	850 lb in air
<b>Footprint</b>	3'X4'
<b>Flotation</b>	11X12" glass spheres
<b>Sampling</b>	40, 100, or 125 sps
<b>Release</b>	Dual dropweights
<b>Acoustics</b>	Two ORE 12 kHz transponders
<b>Power</b>	Lithium battery pack, +/- 7.5 V
<b>Oscillator</b>	Seascan 10 MHz clock
<b>Sensor housing</b>	8" diameter Al tube
<b>Burnwires</b>	LDEO design
<b>Recovery aids</b>	Radio, strobe, flag
<b>Recording</b>	2 X 32 Gb CF cards (seismo) 1 X 16 Gb SD card (APG)
<b>Dropweights</b>	Two steel weights (100 lb in air)
<b>Datalogger</b>	LDEO OBS datalogger LDEO APG datalogger

### Deployment History



### Appendix 3: Surveys to relocate OBSs on the seafloor.



Site Name: OBS01ALT

Latitude: S 34° 42.1091'

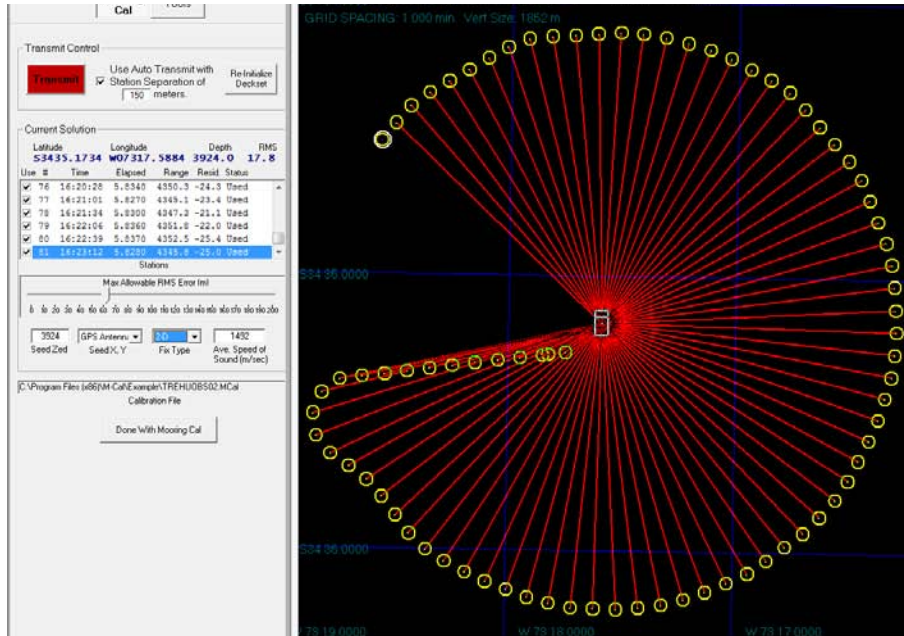
Longitude: W 072° 55.9394'

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Depth: 2395m

RMS: 5.9m



Site Name: OBS02

Latitude: S 34° 35.1734'

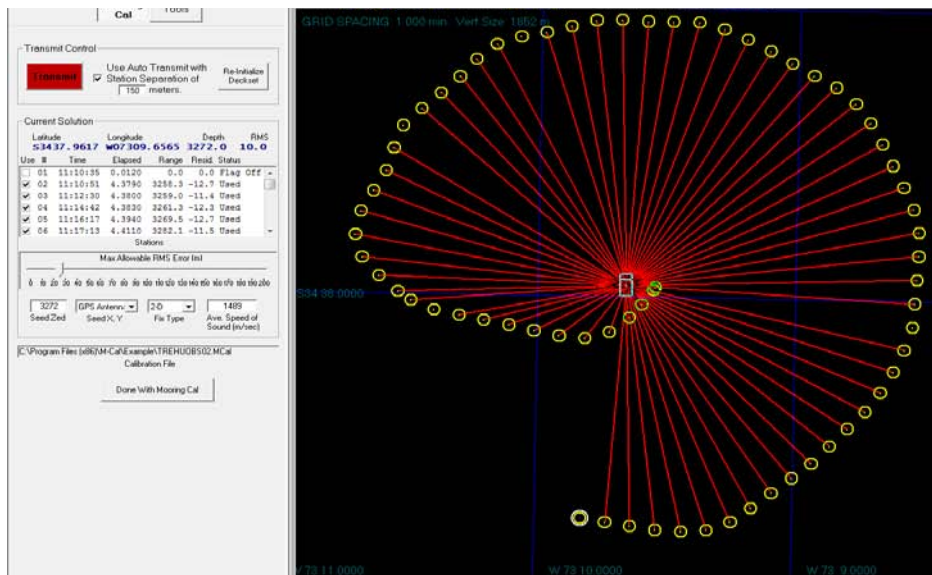
Longitude: W 073° 17.5884'

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Depth: 3924m

RMS: 17.8m



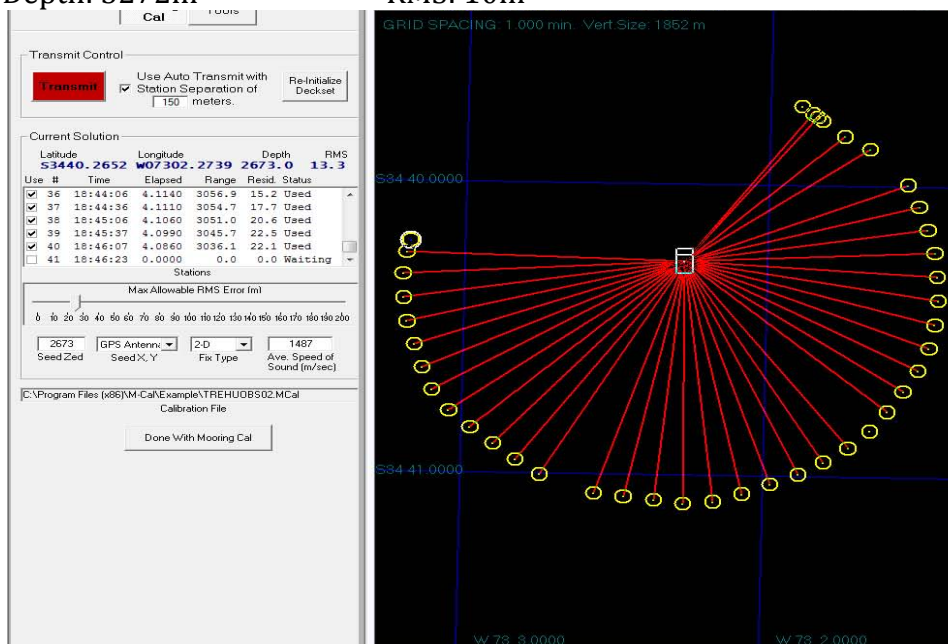
Site Name: OBS03

Latitude: S 34° 37.9617'

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Depth: 3272m RMS: 10m



Site Name: OBS04

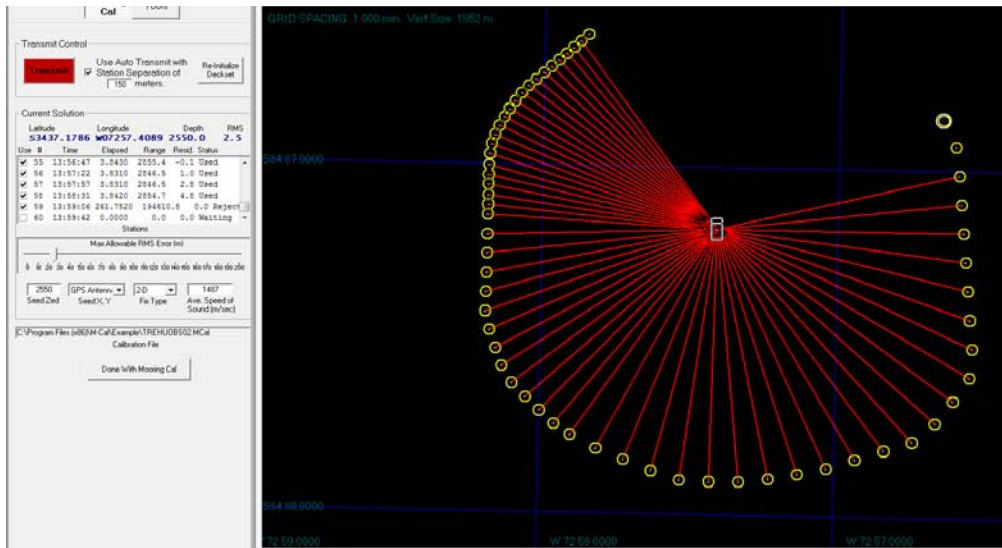
Latitude: S 34° 40.2652'

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Depth: 2673m RMS: 13.3m





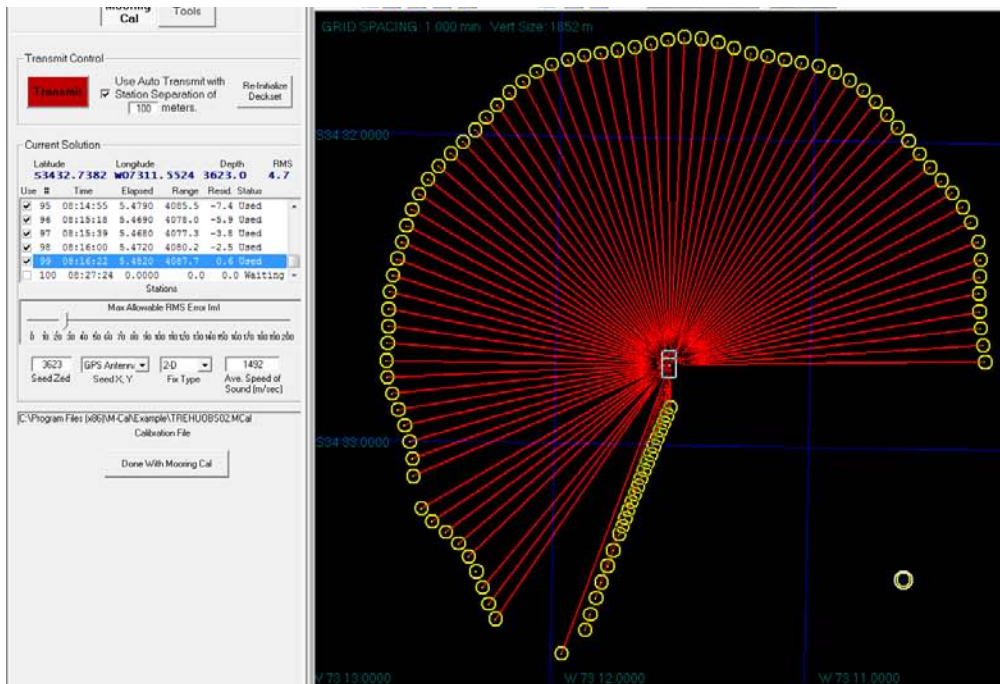
Site Name: OBS05ALT

Latitude: S 34° 37.1786'

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Depth: 2550m RMS: 2.5m



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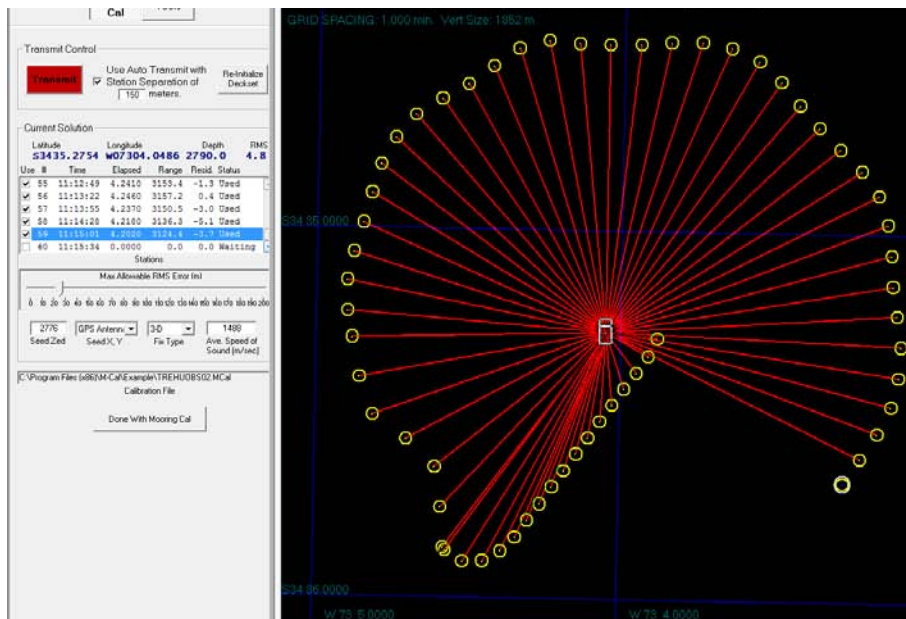
Latitude: S 34° 32.7382'

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Depth: 3623m RMS: 4.7m





Site Name: OBS07

Latitude: S 34° 35.2754'

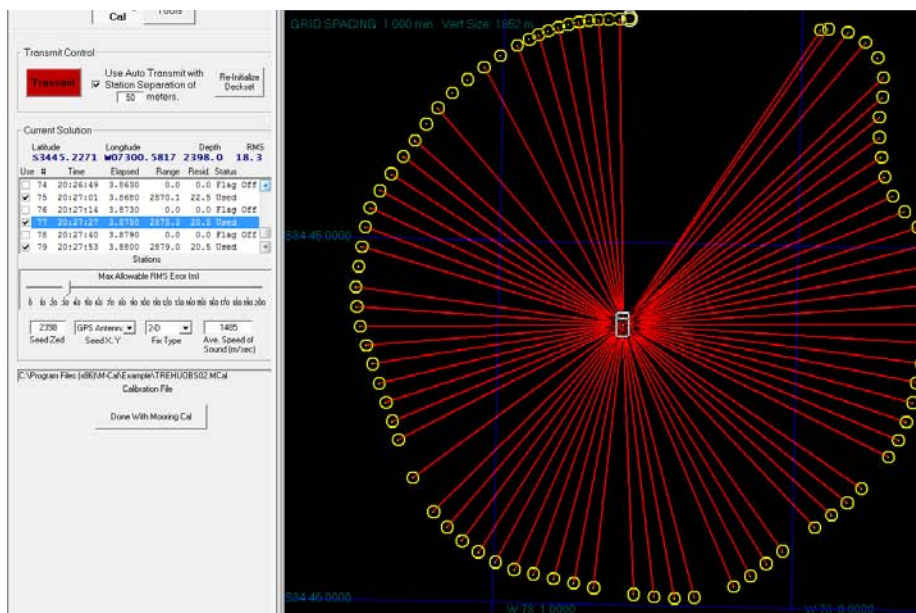
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Depth: 2790m

RMS: 4.8m



Site Name: OBS08

Latitude: S 34° 45.2271'

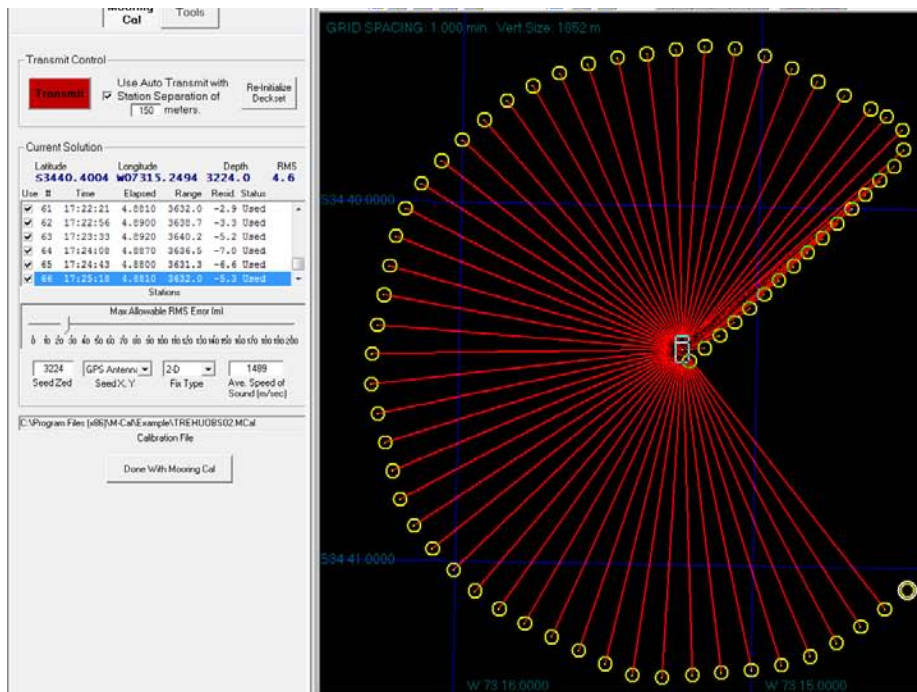
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Depth: 2398m

RMS: 18.3m



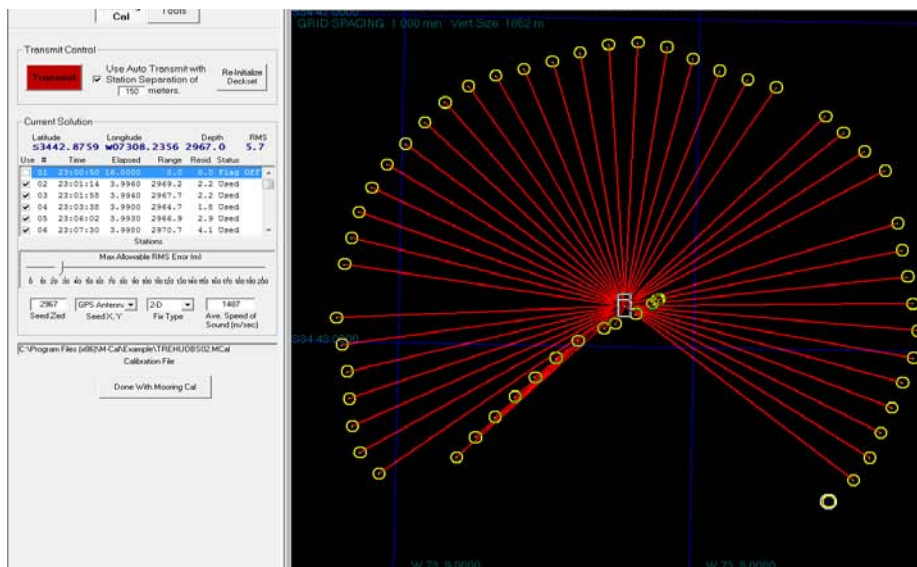
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Longitude: W 073° 15.2494'

Latitude / Longitude in decimal degrees: -34.67334 -73.25415667

Depth: 3224m RMS: 4.6m



Site Name: OBS10

Latitude: S 34° 42.8759'

Longitude: W 073° 08.2356'

Latitude / Longitude in decimal degrees: - 34.71459833 -73.13726

Depth: 2967m RMS: 5.7m

#### Appendix 4: Abstracts and poster presented at the Fall 2012 meeting of the American Geophysical Union.

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**TITLE:** Structure of the accretionary prism up-dip of the M8.8 Maule earthquake rupture

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**ABSTRACT BODY:** In May 2012, we deployed 10 ocean bottom seismometers with integrated flow meters to record the post-seismic response of the accretionary prism up-dip from the patch of greatest slip during the M8.8 Maule earthquake on Feb. 27, 2010. Multiple lines of evidence indicate that significant slip and seafloor motion did not extend to the trench during this event, unlike during the 2011 Tohoku earthquake. As a result, the tsunami generated by this event, while locally devastating, was not as large or damaging as it might have been. Although constraints on the dynamic response of the prism to this event will not be available until the OBSs are recovered in spring 2013, we also had the opportunity to collect 1500 km of high resolution seismic reflection data, which help to define deformation patterns from the seaward to the landward boundary of the active prism. The reflection data show dramatic rapid variations along strike in the ratio of sediment subduction to sediment accretion at the trench and the presence of a large slump block in the trench that pre-dates the 2010 earthquake. We are examining the impact of buried topography and variations in trench sedimentation on the deformation front. At the eastern boundary of the accretionary prism, the new data indicate a complex boundary transpressional boundary overlying the seaward boundary of the continental backstop, and the seafloor morphology is shaped by interaction between tectonics and canyon cutting by the offshore extension of major rivers. The results presented here reflect the accumulated effect of multiple past megathrust earthquakes and will help to put the anticipated OBS results in a broader context.

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# Structure of the Accretionary Prism Updip of the M8.8 Maule Earthquake Rupture

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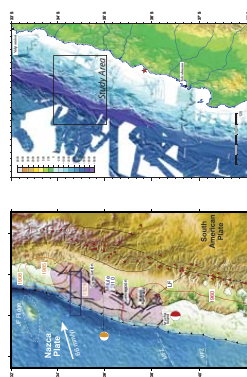
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## Background:

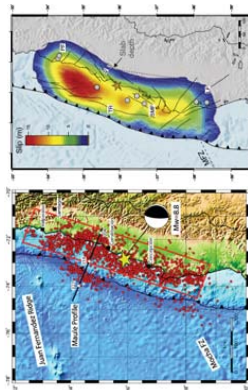
Several lines of evidence indicate that rupture during the 2010 M8.8 Maule earthquake offshore Chile was a tsunami generated by the event, while locally devastating, was not as large or damaging as it might have been.

In May 2012, we deployed 10 ocean bottom seismometers with integrated flow meters to record the post-seismic response of the accretionary prism updip from the patch of greatest slip. Although constraints on the dynamic response of the prism to the event will not be available until reflection data, which help to define deformation history of the prism. In this poster we present some preliminary results from the seismic reflection data.

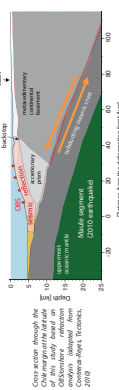
Ultimately our objective is to understand how slip on the megathrust is accommodated within the accretionary complex and whether there are geologic characteristics of the margin that can be used to estimate tsunami potential. Although post-seismic and inter-seismic slip down-dip of the rupture zone are important, we have not yet given a lot of attention in past year's the post-seismic slip up-dip of rupture is virtually unknown.



Map of recording sites showing the rupture zone, accretionary prism, and various seismic stations (A-H). Map is from GEBCO, updated during several surveys in 2009.

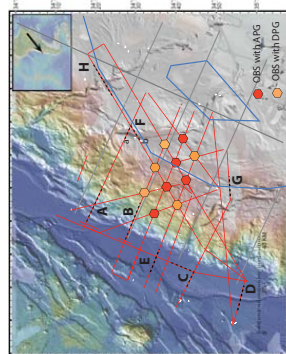


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Cross-section through the accretionary prism, showing the rupture zone, accretionary prism, and various seismic stations (A-H). Diagram is from GEBCO, updated during several surveys in 2009.

## New data:



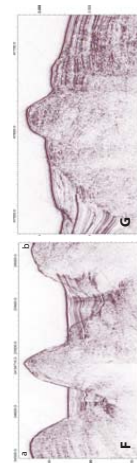
Gray lines show the location of seismic reflection data acquired in 2002 as part of the FONGEP project. Red lines show new data acquired for this project. Dashed segments are shown in this poster. The map includes labels for 'Seismic stations', 'Rupture zone', 'Accretionary prism', and 'New data'.

The seismic source was 2 G guns shot simultaneously at 25 m interval. The shots were initially recorded on a 400m long streamer. However, for most of the data, only 40 channels were recorded. The streamer was damaged by a shark. Data were processed through 14 migration on board.

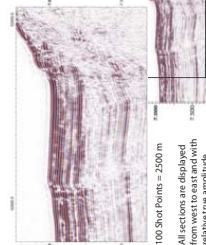
In addition, gravity and MARG bathymetry were collected along all track lines. Magnetic anomaly data were collected along some tracks. A total of 26 NRTs were acquired during the cruise to provide groundtruth for possible "seismic oceanography".

## Landward edge of the accretionary complex:

Crossings of a topographic channel (G) and ridge (H) over the landward edge of the accretionary prism. The new bathymetric data, acquired at 4-5 hrs, provide higher resolution data on the morphology of the seafloor in this region than were previously available. The new data show a channel (G) and a ridge (H) over the landward edge of the accretionary prism. The channel (G) is a topographic channel, and the ridge (H) is a topographic ridge. The channel (G) is a topographic channel, and the ridge (H) is a topographic ridge.



## Deformation front:

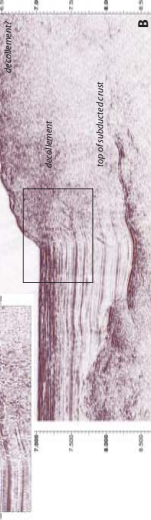


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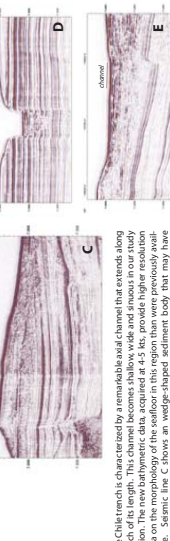
All sections are displayed from west to east with relative true amplitude.

Some questions to address concerning sediment subduction controlled by basement topography and/or the composition of near-surface tectonic sediment?

- Does sediment subduction lead to over-steepened slopes and more slope instability?



## Trench:



The Chile trench is shown by a remarkable arc-shaped, steeply sloping much of the length. This channel becomes shallow wide and sinuous in our study region. The new bathymetric data, acquired at 4-5 hrs, provide higher resolution data on the morphology of the seafloor in this region than were previously available. The new data show a channel (G) and a ridge (H) over the landward edge of the accretionary prism. The channel (G) is a topographic channel, and the ridge (H) is a topographic ridge. The channel (G) is a topographic channel, and the ridge (H) is a topographic ridge.

## Canyons and slope stability:

The Matagorda river canyon shows spectacular slump scars along its walls. The new bathymetric data reveal a sequence of slumps, and indicate that the canyon is a result of a series of slumps. The canyon is a result of a series of slumps, and the slumps are a result of a series of slumps. The canyon is a result of a series of slumps, and the slumps are a result of a series of slumps.

