## 11-Subduktion zonen

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Earthquakes



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Earthquake Location





**USGS** 

#### http://earthquake.usgs.gov/

#### **USGS** Centroid Moment Tensor Solution

10/01/12 21:53:10.16 HAITI REGION Epicenter: 18.523 -72.559 MW 7.0

JSGS CI	ENTRO	DID MO	MENT TI	ENSOR	10
10/01/2	12 21	:53:2	4.50		
Centro	id:	18.8	26 -72	2.162	
Depth	10		No.	of st	a:125
foment	Tens	sor;	Scale	10**	19 Nm
Mrr=	1.63	1	Mtt=	-3.71	5
Mpp=	2.08	3	Mrt=	0.42	
Mrp=	1.93	1	Mtp=	2.50	E.
Princ	ipal	axes:			
T Va	al=	4.40	Plg=3	5 Az	m=289
N		0.26	5	4	115
Ρ	10	4.65		2	21

Best Double Couple:Mo=4.5\*10\*\*19 NP1:Strike= 71 Dip=64 Slip= 25 NP2: 330 68 151

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HAITI REGION Mw 7.0 USGS Centroid Moment Tensor Solution



Date: 12 JAN 2010 Time: 21:53:10.16 Epicenter: 18.523 -72.559 Depth: 10 km

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#### An accretionary wedge is a wide submarine mountain belt...



#### Makran wedge



#### Marianna wedge

Schematic Representation of Relationships of Serpentine Seamounts to Forearc Structures Distance from trench Axis (km) 100 50 0 0 brucite chimneys carbonate chimneys Pacific Plate seamount forearc sediment **Trench Axis** horst block horst block compaction, dessication, graben Depth (km) diagenetic reactions •  $\odot$  $\otimes$ Legend dip-slip motion direction of subduction horizontal motion toward  $\odot$ horizontal motion away decarbonation, serpentine mud volcano dehydration blueschis 20 decollement reactions conduit of mud volcano blueschist pod

#### Lesser Antilles wedge





Barbados accretionary prism

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#### Sunda wedge

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## Nankai wedge (Japan)

Muroto transect - Cross section of the accretionary complex Shikoku deep sea fan(s) (volcaniclastic poor) Nankai Trough axial channel (volcaniclastic rich) Trench Recent accretionary wedge Miocene-Pliocene package Plio-Pleistocene package accreted 1-1.8 Ma reactivated 0.5-0.7 Ma 1178 slump 8SR cover sequence 1175 1176 1 Ma basin BSR 1173 808 1174 LDR's cover Thrust sediment fault traces seismogenic zone thick imbricate packages frontal decollement Basement high ? Moho 10 0 approximate V.E.3x kilometers P. Henry & JOIDES Team

#### Cascadia wedge





#### Ionian Sea wedge



Kukowski et al., 2002

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Kukowski et al., 2002

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Kukowski et al., 2002

## Types of accretionary wedge



#### **Mechanisms of accretion**



- Strain partitioning
- Two different growth processes acting simultaneously

#### **Mechanisms of accretion**

#### In the eighties, **mechanical modeling** of mountain building bring geologists to consider mountain belts as **crustal scale accretionary wedges.**



-> Coulomb wedge theory (The wedge is considered to deform homogeneously).



# \* Different tectonic regimes depending on wedge stability : critical, subcritical...

#### **Critical taper**

Surface motions of various wedge states relative to the subducting plate



do not give any information on how the interior of the wedge deforms

#### Fixed plate (Backstop)



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High	friction	





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Biagi & Malavieille, 1987





#### Impact of backstop geometry





Malavieille & Biaggi., 1987

#### Types of wedge & exhumation of HP rocks



#### **Tectonic plates around Taiwan**





Geodynamic setting

# Taiwan, The classical example of

Arc-continent collision!

Why not? But, what does it mean?

#### Tomography below Taiwan

North profile



Lallemand et al., 2001

## **Tomography below Taiwan**

**Profile in the** Middle of the island



## **Tomography below Taiwan**

#### **South profile**





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#### Seismicity around Taiwan

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Carena et al., 2002

#### Taiwan's wedge geometry

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#### Taiwan's wedge geometry

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#### 3D geometry

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Lallemand et al., 2001

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Section 2

#### Taiwan: analogical models

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Although convergence & erosion being uniform, deformation recorded in the wedge is complex

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#### Taiwan: structure vs model

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#### Metamorphic evolution & erosion distribution

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Willett et al. 2001

![](_page_60_Picture_1.jpeg)

#### Main forces of plate tectonics

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#### Slab dip vs. age

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#### **Back-arc dynamics**

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#### **Back-arc dynamics**

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Major Pacific slab geometries classified by groups of deep slab dips except the first group, which concerns flat subductions with variable deep slab dips: 30° to 50°, 50° to 60°, 60° to 70°, steeper than 70°. Active arc/ back-arc compression is observed for slab dips lower than 50°, whereas active arc/ back-arc extension occurs only for slabs dips steeper than 50°.

## Absolute vs effective trench migration

The shape produced by sinking slab elements depends upon the speed of the trench relative to the underlying mantle

![](_page_65_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### Similar profiles may result from (a) a fast trench and quiescent mantle or

(b) a stationary trench and a fast flowing upper mantle; in both cases the effective migration rate is the same. Even in the absence of the global mantle flow, this coupling will result in steeper dips than produced in a.

(c) **Conversely**, a fast moving trench may have zero effective velocity.

(d) Plate motions alter mantle flow fields unless completely decoupled.

(e) In one-sided subduction, plate/ mantle coupling will generate a flow associated with the trench's motion, thus limiting changes in effective migration.

*Tao & O'Connell*, 1992

#### **Relative motions of subduction zones**

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Arcay et al., 2008

#### **Relative motions of subduction zones**

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#### Plate tectonic forces

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