

## Chapter 10

### Mass transport processes, injectites and styles of sediment remobilization

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#### ABSTRACT

Sediment remobilization of seafloor strata is linked to the early stages of sediment burial, diagenesis and fluid migration in different geological settings. It can impact the depositional architecture of a sedimentary basin by promoting local and widespread erosion while, in parallel, lead to an overall redistribution of near-seafloor strata (the mass movement *per se*). It can also generate relatively deep sediment injections, fluid-flow features and associated sediment extrusion. Sediment remobilization plays an important role in hydrocarbon-rich basins. Mass transport complexes and deposits can contain reservoirs intervals or constitute competent seal units. Sediment injections can form either reservoirs or comprise routes for fluid migration (sand injectites). The existence of deep hydrocarbon reservoirs is often associated with fields of mud volcanoes. This Chapter highlights sediment remobilization

24 processes as being significant due to their societal, economic and ecological impact as both  
25 geohazards and hydrocarbon indicators. While associated with hydrocarbon shows and  
26 prolific accumulations at depth, some of these processes can be also damaging to  
27 infrastructure, local populations and marine life. In addition, mass movement on continental  
28 slopes, volcanic islands or seamounts can trigger catastrophic tsunamis.

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31 societal impact; economic impact.

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### 33 **INTRODUCTION**

34 Sediment remobilization is a common process associated with the early stages of  
35 sediment burial, diagenesis and fluid migration in sedimentary basins. It can be divided into  
36 two main types depending on their relative timing and depth of occurrence: a) mass transport  
37 deposits, or complexes, materializing erosion and an overall redistribution of near-seafloor  
38 strata, and b) relatively deeper sediment injections and fluid-flow features, capable of  
39 extruding sediment onto the seafloor and surface. This Chapter will focus on mass transport  
40 as a process and review associated deformation styles. The aim is to understand the  
41 diagnostic features that identify them at outcrop and seismic data in hydrocarbon-rich basins.  
42 The styles of sediment remobilization resulting from fluid flow, and the build-up of  
43 overpressure in sediment, will also be summarized in this work and identified as a key  
44 process occurring below the surface in many a sedimentary basin.

45 Mass transport deposits (MTDs) and mass transport complexes (MTCs) are often used  
46 interchangeably in the scientific community, despite representing distinct scales and degrees  
47 of instability on continental slopes. The various types of mass movements occurring in nature

48 generate a wide spectrum of deposits, which are better referred to as mass transport  
49 complexes (MTCs) when they are clearly associated in space and time (see Pickering and  
50 Hiscott, 2016). Such a broad definition considers all types of gravitational flows, including  
51 non-cohesive turbidites and grainflows, as comprising mass transport complexes. However,  
52 this Chapter considers sediment remobilization as involving the reworking of previously  
53 deposited sediments; therefore, these sediments tend to have a degree of cohesion during their  
54 transport and hence exhibit laminar behavior. This is a key characteristic that distinguishes  
55 remobilized deposits (e.g., debrites, slumps, slides) from turbidites (Middleton and Hampton,  
56 1976). As the most recent literature discriminates between MTDs and MTCs based on their  
57 geometry and character on seismic, borehole and outcrop data, when a single landslide event  
58 is believed to have generated a single deposit this is called *mass transport deposit* (MTD).  
59 When several stacked MTDs are identified on seismic and sedimentological data, often based  
60 on the recognition of distinct basal glide zones separating successive, but discrete MTDs, the  
61 term most often used is *mass transport complex* (MTC) (Pickering and Hiscott, 2016).  
62 Significantly, while MTDs and MTCs typically occur in marine or lacustrine (i.e., sub-  
63 aqueous) environments, sediment injection and associated fluid flow can occur in both  
64 onshore and offshore sedimentary basins (Hurst et al., 2011; Andresen, 2021). The notion  
65 that mass transport complexes (MTCs) and deposits (MTDs) can be associated with  
66 hydrocarbon accumulations is not novel among explorationists (Fairbridge, 1946). Such  
67 deposits have historically been considered as a depositional facies to avoid from a viewpoint  
68 of hydrocarbon exploration (Posamentier and Kolla, 2003; Weimer and Slatt, 2004), but it is  
69 now understood that MTCs and MTDs can contain hydrocarbon source intervals (Tanavsuu-  
70 Milkeviciene and Sarg, 2012; Johnson et al., 2015), reservoirs (Shanmugam et al., 2009;  
71 Meckel, 2011; Bhatnagar et al., 2019), or constitute competent seal units (Godo, 2006; Alves,  
72 2010a; Algar et al., 2011; Cardona et al., 2016, 2020b; Kessler and Jong, 2018; Amy, 2019) –

73 see Chapter 7 in this book. In addition, the relief created by the emplacement of MTCs and  
74 MTDs on the seafloor can influence the pathways of post-emplacement turbidite flows  
75 (Armitage et al., 2009; Jackson and Johnson, 2009; Kneller et al., 2016; Ward et al., 2018;  
76 Henry et al., 2018) creating space on the seafloor for “healing phase” top-fill reservoir targets  
77 (Wood et al., 2015). Examples of such a control on hydrocarbon trapping and accumulation  
78 are documented in the Ubit field of Nigeria, with ~2 billion barrels of oil (BBO) (Clayton et  
79 al., 1998), the Tarn field in the North Slope Borough of Alaska with ~100 MMBO, and the  
80 Meltwater field also in the North Slope of Alaska with ~50 MMBO (Houseknecht and  
81 Schenk, 2007; Houseknecht, 2019), to name three examples.

82 Sediment remobilization occurs in multiple geological settings, and can markedly  
83 impact the depositional architecture of a sedimentary basin (Roy et al., 2019; Palan et al.,  
84 2020; Wenau et al., 2021). Furthermore, it is capable of redistributing sub-surface stresses,  
85 fluid and heat, in quasi-instantaneous episodes at the geological time scale (Ho et al., 2018;  
86 Roelofse et al., 2020). An example is the loss of effective pressure below the paleo-seafloor  
87 when large landslides occur via the sudden escape of fluid to the surface, as documented in  
88 large, blocky MTDs (Alves, 2010b, 2015). Vast areas with sand injections – themselves  
89 representing fluid migration paths and overpressure markers - are also strong enough to  
90 redistribute fluid and sediment through previously competent seal units (Sun et al., 2017).  
91 Finally, the largest of MTCs on continental margins, namely those associated with the  
92 mobilization of slide blocks (also named megaclasts) and subsequent deposition of  
93 megabreccias, have been systematically documented to form key markers of tectonism in  
94 sedimentary basins. This tectonism can occur at a regional scale (Alves, 2015; Festa et al.,  
95 2016; Naranjo-Vesga et al., 2020), or locally in association with tectonically controlled  
96 topography (Alves and Cupkovic, 2018).

97 As summarized in Chapter 6, MTDs and MTCs comprise a wide spectrum of deposits  
98 and represent distinct styles of sediment movement, or remobilization. MTDs and MTCs  
99 include rock falls, creeps, slides, slumps, and flows presenting some degree of internal  
100 cohesion – therefore excluding turbidites and non-cohesive grainflows from their definition.  
101 They can comprise more than 50% of the sedimentary record of a single continental margin  
102 and are known to respond to varied tectonically and climatically driven triggers (Masson et  
103 al., 2006). Hence, modern sediment remobilization processes fall into the realm of  
104 Geohazards in economic and physical terms.

105 This Chapter is divided in specific sections addressing aspects of sediment  
106 remobilization in sedimentary basins (**Figure 1**). After this introductory part, a review of the  
107 current knowledge (state-of-the-art) about fluid remobilization is developed as a way to  
108 inform readers of recent developments under this theme. The regional distribution of field  
109 analogues and recognized areas with sediment remobilization are summarized in the  
110 following sections, and complemented with relevant examples in seismic data. The paper will  
111 conclude on how the analysis of mass transport deposits or complexes at different scales may  
112 help to define the potential impact of such sediment remobilization in petroleum plays, as  
113 well as the importance of studying sediment remobilization to realize its potential as a  
114 geohazard.

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## 116 **DATA AND METHODS**

117 This work uses three-dimensional (3D) seismic and outcrop data from distinct regions  
118 to illustrate common aspects of MTCs and MTDs. In particular, our work will present seismic  
119 examples from Trinidad and Tobago, Niger Delta and the North Sea, and outcrop data from

120 Crete (Eastern Mediterranean), Taranaki Basin (New Zealand), and Paraná Basin (South  
121 Brazil) (**Figure 1**).

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### 123 *Seismic interpretation*

124 Seismic data in this work include vertical seismic profiles of high resolution and  
125 quality, complemented by seismic-attribute maps taken from the published literature. To  
126 characterise MTCs, seismic attributes of interest include root-mean-square (RMS) amplitude,  
127 maximum magnitude and coherence (or variance), all capable of highlighting structural and  
128 depositional features of particular areas of continental slopes affected by slope instability (see  
129 Alves et al., 2014). In detail, root-mean-square (RMS) amplitude maps depict the average  
130 squared amplitude from individual samples within a defined interval (Brown, 2011).  
131 Maximum magnitude undertakes a similar process, but the seismic amplitudes computed are  
132 all positive, thus stressing the presence of the higher amplitude features against low-  
133 amplitude background strata. Coherence attributes convert a seismic volume of continuity  
134 (normal reflections) into a volume of discontinuity, allowing features such as faults, folds and  
135 ridges, and stratigraphic boundaries, to be emphasized on time slices (Marfurt and Alves,  
136 2015). The locations of the seismic surveys and outcrops used in this study are shown in  
137 **Figure 1**.

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### 139 *Outcropping mass transport deposits in SE Crete (Eastern Mediterranean)*

140 In SE Crete occur a series of Miocene-Quaternary units deposited on the tectonically  
141 active continental slopes that bordered what were, at the time, multiple islets and  
142 transtensional/extensional basins in the South Aegean Sea (Alves and Cupkovic, 2018;  
143 Sakellariou and Tsampouraki-Kraounaki, 2019) (**Figure 1**). The area has been used as an

144 analogue of a marine rift basin, distinct from the Gulf of Corinth and Sperchios Basin in  
145 Central Greece insomuch as slope depositional processes dominate over the shallow-marine  
146 to continental facies predominating in Central Greece. Furthermore, the erosion of distinct,  
147 and spatially variable, basement units allows a more complete understanding of the effect of  
148 basement lithology and regolith types on sediment distribution.

149         Mass transport and turbidite deposits predominated in what is now Crete during a  
150 Serravalian-Tortonian ‘syn-rift’ phase that led to widespread deepening of  
151 transtensional/extensional basins. At the end of the Miocene, at least four (4) individual  
152 islands composed what is now the elongated E-W island of Crete, and the slopes of these  
153 islands were bordering transtensional basins roughly striking N20 and N70 (Alves and  
154 Lourenço, 2010). Marine deposits predominated in this overall tectonic setting, leading to the  
155 concomitant deposition of proximal, coarser deposits near the four highs (islands) that existed  
156 at the time, slope turbidites and mass transport deposits on adjacent slopes, and deep-marine  
157 clays in the main basin depocenters. In SE Crete, it is possible to map and document the  
158 juxtaposition of such facies, and to record the geometry of mass-wasting deposits sourced  
159 from distinct basement lithologies.

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#### 161 *Outcropping mass transport deposits in the Taranaki Basin (New Zealand)*

162         In the North Island, New Zealand, Late Miocene (Tortonian) outcrops of MTDs are  
163 exposed in the Lower Mount Messenger Formation (LMMF). Following its initial  
164 development within a synrift setting, the Taranaki Basin evolved as a passive margin in Late  
165 Cretaceous to Paleogene times (King & Thrasher, 1996; Strogon et al., 2017). Structural,  
166 sedimentological and paleogeographic evidence shows that the Taranaki Basin remained as a

167 passive margin throughout much of the Paleogene (King & Thrasher, 1992; Baur et al., 2014;  
168 Strogon et al., 2014).

169 The case study used in this Chapter is the Rapanui MTD (RMTD). The outcrops of this  
170 study were deposited in middle to lower bathyal water depths during the Late Miocene (King  
171 et al., 1993) (**Figure 1**). The shelf was relatively narrow (ca. 10 to 15 km wide) and located  
172 immediately east of the study area (King et al., 2011). In general, the regional Late Miocene  
173 paleoflow direction in the Taranaki basin was to the northwest (King et al., 2011;  
174 Masalimova et al., 2016). These clastic sediments were mixed with coeval volcanoclastic  
175 material derived from the submarine andesitic Mohakatino volcanic arc in the northern  
176 offshore part of the basin (Giba et al., 2013; Shumaker et al., 2018) and were punctuated by  
177 several MTDs (King et al., 2011; Rotzien et al., 2014; Sharman et al., 2015; Masalimova et  
178 al., 2016).

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#### 180 *Outcrop examples from Paraná Basin (S Brazil)*

181 The outcrop examples from South Brazil correspond to MTDs from the Itararé Group,  
182 exposed in three regions along the east border of Paraná Basin, and studied by Rodrigues et  
183 al. (2020). The Paraná Basin is considered to form a large elongated (NNE-SSW)  
184 intracratonic basin (up to 1,600,000 km<sup>2</sup>) situated in southeast South America (**Figure 1**).  
185 The stratigraphy and structural evolution of the Paraná Basin were controlled by tectonic  
186 trends inherited from a heterogeneous basement, which comprises cratonic terrains and  
187 orogenic belts agglutinated during the Brazilian Orogeny (Zalán et al., 1990). Several  
188 eustatic–tectonic cycles reactivated the basement structural trends and controlled  
189 sedimentation from the Ordovician to the Early Cretaceous (Milani et al., 1994).



190 The Itararé Group (late Mississippian to Cisuralian) forms the lower half of a  
191 Permian-Carboniferous supersequence that is up to 2.5 km-thick (Schneider et al., 1974;  
192 Zalán et al., 1990; França and Potter 1991; Holz et al., 2010). Sediments were mostly  
193 accumulated in marginal to relatively deep-marine environments during multiple deglaciation  
194 episodes associated with the late Paleozoic ice age affecting southwestern Gondwana (França  
195 and Potter, 1991; Vesely and Assine, 2006; Fallgatter, 2015; Valdez-Buso et al.; 2019).  
196 França and Potter (1991) subdivided the Itararé Group into three basin-wide lithostratigraphic  
197 intervals that correspond broadly to the formations previously defined by Schneider et al.  
198 (1974) and can be correlated with the three palynozones defined by Souza (2006). The  
199 outcrop examples include MTDs from Lagoa Azul, Campo Mourão and, mainly, Taciba  
200 Formation, comprising the best outcrop exposures, particularly in the southernmost region of  
201 Rio do Sul (**Figure 1**).

202 After the deposition of the Itararé Group, the Paraná Basin was affected by tectonic  
203 deformation related to the reactivation of ancient basement faults. This was due to  
204 convergence at the active margin of the South American Plate and opening of the Atlantic  
205 Ocean (Zalán et al., 1990; Soares, 1991; Milani 1997, 2004). Yet, this post-sedimentary  
206 deformation is easy to differentiate from mass transport deformation - brittle structures  
207 formed during the youngest deformation episodes crosscut several layers and deposits and are  
208 associated with regional structures (Rostirolla et al., 2000; 2002; 2003; Trzaskos et al., 2006).

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## 210 **CLASSIFYING SEDIMENT REMOBILIZATION ON SEISMIC AND OUTCROP**

211 Fundamentally, the processes behind sediment remobilization (i.e., mass transport)  
212 occur when the shear component of gravity, as an underlying force, surpasses the shear  
213 strength of a deposit due to allogenic or autogenic factors (Dott, 1963; De Blasio, 2011).

214 Such phenomena are more likely to occur in poorly consolidated sediments (i.e. sediments  
215 near the surface or seafloor) than in deeply buried ( $> \sim 100$  m) units, although evidence for  
216 large-scale remobilization of slide blocks is recorded in areas such as offshore Morocco  
217 (Dunlap et al., 2010), SE Brazil (Gamboa et al., 2010), Alaska's North Slope (Bhattacharya et  
218 al., 2020)) and off Greenland (Cox et al., 2020). Therefore, sediment remobilization is not an  
219 uncommon phenomenon and can occur in subaerial and subaqueous environments.  
220 Consequently, deposits resulting from sediment remobilization have been documented across  
221 different geologic periods in both siliciclastic (Ogiesoba and Hammes, 2012; Cardona et al.,  
222 2016; Sun and Alves, 2020; Gutierrez and Snedden, 2021; Steventon et al., 2021) and  
223 carbonate settings (Eyles and Eyles, 2001; Jablonská et al., 2018; Le Goff et al., 2020). More  
224 recently, they have also been documented in mixed-composition settings (Moscardelli et al.,  
225 2019; Cumberpatch et al., 2020; Walker et al., 2021).

226         Historically, and following the definition of Pickering and Corregidor (2005), deposits  
227 resulting from sediment remobilization were routinely termed by the energy industry as mass  
228 transport complexes (MTCs). This term was first introduced by Weimer (1989) and its  
229 original definition had a clear sequence stratigraphic meaning. Later, Weimer and Shipp  
230 (2004) considered the term MTC as applying to "...features at a scale that can only be  
231 completely imaged on volumetrically large seismic surveys". Recent studies have  
232 demonstrated that deposits identified as MTCs are often composed of multiple individual  
233 mass transport deposits (MTDs) typically below the resolution of conventional seismic data  
234 (Alves and Lourenço, 2010; Dykstra et al., 2011; Sobiesiak et al., 2017; Cardona et al.,  
235 2020b; Jablonska et al., 2021). Although numerous geoscientists use the terms MTDs and  
236 MTCs interchangeably, we prefer the definition of MTCs as depositional architectural  
237 complexes comprised of several coeval or closely chronologically and genetically related  
238 MTDs (Alves and Lourenço, 2010; Pickering and Hiscott, 2015; Cardona et al., 2020a). This

239 hierarchical classification is also helpful when distinguishing between MTC at the seismic  
240 scale (~50-200 ms two-way-traveltime (TWT) time thickness or >10 m thick) and those  
241 identified at outcrop, core, and borehole scale in so-called MTDs (<10 m thick). In addition,  
242 submarine MTCs can be further classified into attached or detached MTCs based on their  
243 relative source areas. Attached-MTCs are those sourced either from shelf or slope settings  
244 (i.e., shelf-attached or slope-attached MTCs), whereas detached-MTCs are sourced from  
245 isolated bathymetric highs (Moscardelli and Wood, 2008b; Ortiz-Karpf et al., 2018) (**Figure**  
246 **2**). In general, attached-MTCs have areas over 100 km<sup>2</sup>, and are approximately an order of  
247 magnitude broader than most detached MTCs (Moscardelli and Wood, 2016).

248         The planform and cross-section architectures of MTCs, which are typically imaged in  
249 seismic data, can be divided into three strain-dominated domains, from proximal to distal  
250 along dip-direction with respect to the sediment source; the headwall, the translational, and  
251 the toe domain (Lewis, 1971; Bull et al., 2009; Steventon et al., 2019) (**Figure 3**). Each  
252 domain is characterized by a locally dominant stress regime manifested in syn-depositional  
253 deformation structures (e.g., boudinage, folds, faults, pressure ridges, flow fabrics etc.). In  
254 general, the headwall domain of MTCs is dominated by extensional stress, manifested by the  
255 omnipresence of normal faults and extensional ridges (Martinsen and Bakken, 1990; Bull et  
256 al., 2009; Gamboa and Alves, 2016; Doughty-Jones et al., 2019). The translational domain is  
257 characterized by structures associated with longitudinal shear stress (Bull et al., 2009;  
258 Cardona et al., 2016; Safadi et al., 2017; Steventon et al., 2019). The toe domain is dominated  
259 by compressional stress caused by the arrest of the mass flow front, which creates a  
260 buttressing effect (Farrell, 1984; Frey-Martínez et al., 2006; Eng and Tsuji, 2019; Nugraha et  
261 al., 2020). When outcrops of MTDs are sufficiently exposed, it is possible to identify these  
262 key domains and their associated syn-depositional deformation structures (Alves and

263 Lourenço, 2010; Alves, 2015; Sharman et al., 2015; Le Goff et al., 2020; Cardona et al.,  
264 2020).

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## 266 **SEDIMENT REMOBILIZATION AS AN OVERARCHING PHYSICAL PROCESS**

267 Sediment remobilization reflects a broad spectrum of phenomena, from soft-sediment  
268 instability near the sea floor to deeper, fluid-driven injection of sand and fluid usually related  
269 with the build-up of overpressures several 100s of metres below the seafloor. Sediment  
270 remobilization also records different scales and shows distinct areal distributions in  
271 sedimentary basins, from discrete features such as fluid pipes and chimneys to widespread  
272 fields of mud volcanoes and sand injection features (Milkov, 2000; Hurst et al., 2011). Close  
273 to the seafloor, MTCs and MTDs can be of different scales and, potentially, affect continental  
274 slopes for long periods of time. Sediment remobilization occurs on most continental margins  
275 and is recorded at outcrop in multiple regions of the world.

276 Several studies have focused on the geomorphological characterization of lithological  
277 and structural variations within MTDs using remote data (e.g., seismic, side-scan sonar), core  
278 and outcrop information with the purpose of understanding the process of mass failure and its  
279 controlling factors (Moscardelli et al., 2006; Frey-Martínez, 2010; Alves and Lourenço,  
280 2010; Dykstra et al., 2011; Ogata et al., 2014; Moscardelli and Wood, 2016; Sobiesiak et al.,  
281 2017; Cardona et al., 2020a). The distribution, frequency and internal character of submarine  
282 landslides have revealed some key insights. According to Hühnerbach and Masson (2004), a  
283 series of landslide headscarps occur at a water depth of 1000–1300 m and the influence of  
284 slope gradient on landslide distribution is seemingly limited. However, Hühnerbach and  
285 Masson (2004) also recognized that the largest landslides occur in the gentler of continental  
286 slopes, where strata involved in the mass transport of sediment can affect broader areas. In

287 parallel, Urgeles and Camerlenghi (2013) identified the presence of many small failures on  
288 active margins, proving at the same time that passive margins show fewer, but relatively  
289 larger landslides. More recently, Moscardelli and Wood (2016) have analysed the  
290 morphometry of several MTCs from different settings around the world. Morphometric  
291 parameters such as length, area, volume, and thickness of MTCs suggest that the geometry,  
292 geological setting, and causal mechanisms are to a variable degree linked and that predictive  
293 models can be applied in areas with incomplete, or low-quality, data.

294         Mass transport deposits consist of chaotic, convoluted strata resulting from meters to  
295 hundreds of meters of sediments being translated downslope, sometimes for hundreds of  
296 kilometers. In seismic data, these deposits are commonly composite bodies of blocky to  
297 highly disrupted, chaotic seismic facies with variable amplitude (Moscardelli and Wood,  
298 2008a,b; Bull et al., 2009; Sawyer et al., 2009; Posamentier and Martinsen, 2011; Gamboa  
299 and Alves, 2015; Scarselli et al., 2016). They common geomorphic features and structures,  
300 most of which were generated during mass flows, that may allow an understanding of MTDs  
301 development. Many of these features can also be used as kinematic indicators (Woodcock,  
302 1979; Farrell, 1984; Strachan, 2008; Bull et al., 2009). Ultimately, the identification of  
303 geomorphic features and structures within MTDs allows the definition of three main regions  
304 within these deposits: 1) a headwall region dominated by extension, which comprises a  
305 headwall scarp, extensional ridges, blocks, normal faults and boudins, 2) a translational  
306 region dominated by basal shearing and sediment downslope movement, where a transition  
307 from extensional deformation (or stretching) to compression occurs, and 3) a toe region  
308 dominated by compression, and marked by the development of folds and thrust systems in  
309 frontally confined landslides, or pressure ridges resulting from thrusts in frontally  
310 emergent/unconfined landslides (Martinsen and Bakken 1990; Frey-Martínez et al., 2006)  
311 **(Figure 3).**

312           The basal shear zones of MTDs document different styles of interaction between the  
313 material being remobilized and the substrate (Alves and Lourenço, 2010; Alves, 2015;  
314 Sobiesiak et al., 2018; Cardona et al., 2020). Mass transport deposits may also show some  
315 distinctive geomorphic features and structures, such as compressional and extensional  
316 features not restricted to their toe and headwall regions, respectively, as a result of the  
317 presence of blocks, substrate topography or complex soft sediment deformation processes  
318 (Strachan 2008; Alsop and Marco 2011; 2014). Finally, some blocks may travel beyond the  
319 edge of the toe region, the so-called outrunner blocks, to form basal shear surface striations  
320 (Nissen et al., 1999; Moscardelli et al., 2006; Kumar et al., 2021).

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## 322 **SEDIMENT REMOBILIZATION AS A GEOHAZARD IN SUBMARINE**

### 323 **ENVIRONMENTS**

324           Mass movements are commonly attributed to different triggering mechanisms, usually  
325 a combination of local and regional factors such as slope geometry and changes in slope  
326 gradient, evolving tectonic settings, local and far-field seismicity, high sedimentation rates,  
327 seafloor deformation associated with salt tectonics, pore-fluid overpressure, destabilization of  
328 gas hydrates, isostatic rebound, glacial-eustatic low-stands, climate change and rapid  
329 variations in sea level (Nisbet and Piper, 1998; McAdoo et al., 2000; Posamentier and Kolla,  
330 2003; Sultan et al., 2004; Lee et al., 2007; Alves et al., 2009; Bertoni et al., 2013; Berton and  
331 Vesely, 2016). In addition, mass flow initiation and the distribution of associated deposits  
332 depend on changes in rheological properties, liquefaction, diagenesis, differential compaction  
333 and fluid expulsion (Bryn et al., 2005; Kvalstad et al., 2005; Locat et al., 2014). For the well-  
334 studied Storegga Slide, offshore Norway, the failure is considered to have been  
335 preconditioned by high pore-fluid pressure related to high sedimentation rates that followed

336 glacial retreat, and was later triggered by an earthquake (and subsequent slope undercutting)  
337 on the lower continental slope in association with isostatic rebound (Haflidason et al., 2003;  
338 Kvalstad et al., 2005; Bellwald et al., 2019). A local control of strike-slip transport faults is  
339 also suggested for its northern flank, near the Modgunn Arch (Song et al., 2020).

340         Mass movement on continental slopes, volcanic islands or seamounts, is often  
341 damaging to infrastructure and life, with the added danger of being able to trigger tsunamis  
342 that may affect coastal populations (Nisbet and Piper, 1998; Masson et al., 2006; Paris et al.,  
343 2020). In the particular case of volcanic islands, their evolution is a result of periods of rapid  
344 volcanic-edifice growth, followed by the large-scale collapse of their flanks (Boulesteix et al.,  
345 2013; Hunt et al., 2013), often involving volumes of rock greater than 100 km<sup>3</sup> and  
346 comprising some of the largest mass movements in the world (Masson et al., 2002, 2008;  
347 Oehler et al., 2008). In the Canary Islands, NW Africa, the last 2 million years saw the onset  
348 of 11 different landslides that remobilized strata and rocks from different eruptive complexes  
349 (Masson et al., 2002; Boulesteix et al., 2013). These 11 landslides triggered tsunamis such as  
350 that associated with flank failure on the eastern coast of Tenerife (Güïmar and La Orotava  
351 mega-landslides), as proven by the accumulation of tsunami deposits on the Agaete Valley of  
352 Gran Canaria (Pérez-Torrado et al., 2006; Giachetti et al., 2011; Paris et al., 2018). Modeling  
353 studies have predicted the future collapse of the Cumbre Vieja volcano of La Palma as a  
354 single block with a volume of 500 km<sup>3</sup> and a thickness of 1400 m, but recording different  
355 amplitudes and impact in coastal areas. Models have shown that the ensuing tsunami would  
356 mostly affect near-field areas of the Canary Islands and Northwest Africa, potentially  
357 inundating the Atlantic coastline of the United States of America and Western Europe in a  
358 worst-case scenario (Ward and Day 2001; Mader 2001; Gisler et al., 2006; Lovholt et al.,  
359 2008; Abadi et al., 2012; Tehranirad et al., 2015). As of the final compilation of this Chapter  
360 (October 2021), the Cumbra Vieja volcano is erupting and feeding large volumes of lava to

361 the SW flank of La Palma. Large-volume landslides resulting from flank collapses of ocean  
362 island volcanoes are thus considered one of the main causes of mega-tsunamis (Paris et al.,  
363 2018; 2020), but catastrophic tsunami waves can also be triggered by relatively small  
364 subaqueous landslides such as that of Anak Krakatau in Indonesia (September 2018). This  
365 submarine landslide remobilized a volume of 0.22-0.3 km<sup>3</sup> (Grilli et al., 2019; Zengaffinen et  
366 al., 2020) and generated a tsunami with a height approaching 13 m, resulting in the loss of  
367 more than 400 lives (Muhari et al., 2019).

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## 369 **SEDIMENT REMOBILIZATION DUE TO FLUID FLOW AND SUB-SURFACE** 370 **OVERPRESSURE**

371 Sediment remobilization is also considered a geohazard when associated with  
372 subsurface fluid flow, as the sudden release of overpressured fluid may jeopardize offshore  
373 drilling sites, their associated infrastructure, new CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration storage sites, and even  
374 structures for geothermal, wind and solar energy production (Roelofse et al., 2020). In  
375 parallel, characterising and dating fluid flow and structures associated with mass wasting can  
376 provide information concerning past events of fluid migration in a sedimentary basin. It also  
377 contributes to a better characterization of the magmatic processes leading to escape of heat  
378 and hydrothermal fluids from deeper parts of the crust.

379 Mud volcanoes are a category of fluid vent structures (**Figure 4A**) formed in  
380 sedimentary basins as the surface expression of hydrocarbon migration. This results in the  
381 extrusion of a three-phase mixture of solids and fluids (fine-grained solid phase derived from  
382 underlying sediments and at least two fluid phases, water and gas - mainly methane, and  
383 occasional liquid hydrocarbons; Kopf et al., 2001; Dimitrov, 2002; Levin, 2005; Judd and  
384 Hovland, 2009; Etiope, 2015; Mazzini and Etiope, 2017). They are the surface expression of



385 subsurface processes characterized by movements of large masses of sediments and fluids,  
386 such as diapirs, diatremes, domes, dewatering pipes, mud intrusions, mud mounds, chimneys  
387 and pipes (Kopf, 2002; Skinner and Mazzini, 2009; Mazzini and Etiope, 2017). The mixture  
388 of solids and fluids is commonly sourced from depths of several kilometers (Stewart and  
389 Davies, 2006; Kirkham, 2015; Blouin et al., 2019).

390         Mud volcanoes occur on tectonically active margins (e.g. compressional zones of  
391 accretionary complexes, fold-and-thrust belts), passive margins, deep sedimentary basins  
392 related to active plate boundaries, as well as delta regions and areas with important salt  
393 diapirism (Milkov, 2000; Kopf, 2002; Etiope, 2015; Mazzini and Etiope, 2017). They are  
394 located in petroliferous basins, both offshore (Black Sea, Gulf of Cadiz, Caspian Sea,  
395 Mediterranean Sea, Gulf of Mexico, Indian Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Norwegian Sea, Atlantic  
396 Ocean, Pacific Ocean, China Sea) and onshore in countries as Colombia, Azerbaijan, Papua  
397 New Guinea, Japan, Romania (see Mazzini and Etiope, 2017 and references herein), along  
398 anticline axes, strike slip faults, normal faults and fault-related folds.

399         Fluid vents vary significantly in size and geometry depending on the fluid rheology  
400 and source, and eruption processes and subsequent erosion (Kopf, 2002; Murton and Biggs,  
401 2003; Mazzini and Etiope, 2017). They may display various morphologies such as conical,  
402 elongated, pie-shaped, multicrater, growing diapir-like, stiff neck, swamp-like, plateau-like,  
403 impact crater-like, subsiding structure, subsiding flanks and sink-hole type (Roelofse et al.,  
404 2020) (**Figure 4B**). One common morphology is that of subcircular hills, classified as mud  
405 cones (slope of the flanks  $> 5^\circ$ ) and mud pies (slope  $< 5^\circ$ ) (Kopf, 2002).

406         Mud volcanoes are usually composed of a group of cones and crater systems (Mazzini  
407 and Etiope, 2017). Mud volcanoes may display areal extension ranging from the order of a  
408 square meter up to several square kilometers, a width of 4 km onshore and up to 12 km

409 offshore, and a height of a few centimeters to hundreds of meters (Yusifov and Rabinowitz,  
410 2004; Orange et al., 2009; Mazzini and Etiope, 2017) (**Figure 5**). The migration of fluid and  
411 mud is mainly driven by a combination of gravity driven instability of shales and fluid  
412 overpressure build-up in shales, reservoir rocks or fractures, followed by the hydrofracturing  
413 of impermeable barriers (Kopf, 2002; Revil, 2002; Mazzini and Etiope, 2017). Fluid  
414 overpressure may be caused by fast rates of sediment deposition (Judd and Hovland, 2007;  
415 Wu et al., 2019), tectonic subduction and compression (Conrad et al., 2018), seismic-induced  
416 shock and gas buoyancy (Kopf et al., 2001).

417 Overpressure in shales may result in volumetric expansion due to generation of  
418 hydrocarbons and other additional mechanisms such as the thermal effect in pore fluids (as  
419 temperature gradient increases), dehydration reactions (e.g., illitization of clay minerals),  
420 disequilibrium compaction, related to lithostatic loading or compressive tectonic stresses, and  
421 pressure dissipation by fluid flow (Revil, 2002; Mazzini and Etiope, 2017). In contrast,  
422 gravity driven instability generally occurs due to rapid sedimentation in subsiding basins and  
423 blanketing of low density clay-bearing strata, which can be buoyant in surrounding units  
424 (Mazzini and Etiope, 2017). Intragranular overpressure also tends to increase by mechanical  
425 compaction during the gradual burial of clays, or during sudden depositional events (slides,  
426 slumps, thick turbidite deposits) associated with high rates of sedimentation and subsidence.  
427 Rapid subsidence of porous sediments rich in water and organic matter, and the subsequent  
428 thermal maturation of hydrocarbons during early diagenesis, also produce fluid-mud mixtures  
429 that migrate upward under high pressures (Dimitrov, 2002; Milkov, 2000; Kopf, 2002;  
430 Mazzini and Etiope, 2017). Hydrofracturing may result from this process and also by  
431 increases in fluid pressure, tectonic stresses, fault reactivation and seismicity (Mazzini and  
432 Etiope, 2017).

433 Sand injections can occur as dykes, sills, conical and saucer-shaped intrusions with  
434 wings (**Figure 6**), and are usually identified as discordant, high-amplitude anomalies on  
435 seismic profiles (Hurst et al., 2005; Huuse et al., 2007; Cartwright et al., 2008; Hurst et al.,  
436 2011 Andresen and Clausen 2014) (**Figure 7**). According to Hurst et al. (2011), the injection  
437 of sand into overburden units requires fluid overpressure as a precondition, initiating  
438 hydrofractures and driving the subsequent fluid flow. The development of sand injectites  
439 results from fluid overpressuring (usually the generation of excess water and, sometimes,  
440 hydrocarbons), the hydrofracturing of sealing strata, liquefaction, fluidization and the  
441 injection of sand (Jolly and Lonergan, 2002; Duranti and Hurst, 2004; Vigorito and Hurst,  
442 2010; Hurst et al., 2011). Different triggering mechanisms are associated with the formation  
443 of sand injectites: i) local earthquakes resulting in sand liquefaction (Obermeier, 1996; 1998;  
444 Rosseti, 1999; Boehm and Moore, 2002; Obermeier et al., 2005); ii) overpressure caused by  
445 rapid loading and good seal integrity (Truswell, 1972; Allen, 1985; Strachan, 2002;  
446 Hildebrandt and Egenhoff, 2007); iii) thermal pressurization (Ujiie et al., 2007); and, iv) fluid  
447 migration causing increased overpressure (Lonergan et al., 2000; Davies et al., 2006).

448 Seismicity and rapid loading (by submarine landslides or sediment derived from storm  
449 waves) are considered the most typical triggering mechanisms for sand injection and  
450 extrusion (Truswell, 1972; Strachan, 2002; Jonk et al., 2007; Jonk, 2010; Obermeier, 1996;  
451 Obermeier et al., 2005 Boehm and Moore, 2002; Hildebrandt and Egenhoff, 2007), though  
452 seismicity is unlikely to act alone considering the energy required to fluidize and inject the  
453 10's of km<sup>3</sup> of sand (Huuse et al., 2005; Duranti, 2007; Szarawarska, 2009; Vetel and  
454 Cartwright, 2009; Vigorito and Hurst, 2010). The overpressure caused by the rapid migration  
455 of fluid into depositional sand bodies can be related to: i) the formation of polygonal faults in  
456 mudstones (Cartwright and Dewhurst, 1998; Cartwright et al., 2003; Wattrus et al., 2003); ii)  
457 mineralogical phase changes (Davies et al., 2006); iii) the rapid migration of hydrocarbon gas

458 (Brooke et al., 1995); and iv) the decomposition of gas hydrates during periods of eustatic  
459 sealevel change or ocean warming (Hurst et al., 2011). Importantly, the migration of fluids  
460 from deep sedimentary sources is one of the factors responsible for the development of large-  
461 scale sand injectites - some capable of crosscutting more than 200 m of fine-grained strata  
462 (Hurst et al., 2003b, 2011; Huuse et al., 2005).

463         The North Sea giant sand injectite province was the first where subsurface sand  
464 injectites, up to several 100 of meters high and 1000 of meters wide, were recognized in the  
465 literature and proven in wells and seismic data (Lonergan and Cartwright, 1999; Huuse and  
466 Mickelson, 2004; Huuse et al., 2005; Cartwright et al., 2007; Hurst and Cartwright, 2007a;  
467 Huuse et al., 2007; Shoulders et al., 2007; Andresen and Clausen 2014). The recent study of  
468 Andresen and Clausen (2014) described injectites from this province as comprising  
469 geometries ranging from basal sills with wings to V-shaped and conical injectites 300 to 3700  
470 m in width and up to 150 m in height. The formation of these injectites was due to  
471 overpressure caused by rapid differential loading during the Oligocene, combined with a  
472 possible influx of fluids from underlying Paleozoic half-grabens. The authors suggested the  
473 Upper Paleocene sand within the Lista Formation as the source sand for the injectites, which  
474 are connected with the top of these formation by potential feeder conduits.

475         For the sand injectites in the Tertiary petroleum reservoirs of the northern North Sea,  
476 suggested trigger mechanisms include seismicity, rapid loading and fluid migration  
477 (Lonergan et al., 2000; Jolly and Lonergan, 2002; Duranti and Hurst, 2004; Huuse et al.,  
478 2004). In the south Viking Graben, injectites consist of dikes (discordant to bedding) and sills  
479 (concordant to bedding), with thicknesses ranging from subcentimeter to meter scale, and  
480 commonly associated with injection breccias (up to 10-m thick), sand-supported with mud-  
481 clasts (Jonk et al., 2005). Sand injection was possibly triggered by earthquake activity and  
482 may have been facilitated by petroleum fluids (Huuse et al., 2004; Jonk et al., 2005).

483 Sand injectites that comprise significant hydrocarbon reservoirs also occur in the  
484 Paleogene section of the northern North Sea (Dixon et al., 1995; Lonergan et al., 2000; Hurst  
485 et al., 2003a). Large-scale tabular dykes associated with extrusions (subhorizontal extensions)  
486 occur along the margins of the Nauchlan Member (Late Eocene Alba Formation), which  
487 comprises a deep-water channel fill extensively modified by post-depositional sand  
488 remobilization and injection that terminates at the Eocene–Oligocene unconformity (Duranti  
489 and Hurt, 2004) (**Figure 7D**). These injectites resulted from a sudden increase in the ratio of  
490 overpressure to confining pressure, possibly caused by static liquefaction and enhanced by  
491 hydrocarbon gas (Duranti and Hurt, 2004). Fluid overpressure and associated hydraulic  
492 fracturing resulted in the severe disruption of adjacent mudstones, as proven by the fragments  
493 of mudstone that were incorporated into the injectites. According to Duranti and Hurst  
494 (2004), two main phases of sand injection occurred at different burial depths: the first was a  
495 shallow burial phase (below 100 m) that produced thin folded dykes and sills, while the  
496 second phase - with injectites at the boundary between the Eocene and Oligocene - was  
497 deeper (about 300m burial depth), more voluminous and formed large-scale tabular wing-like  
498 dykes that project from the edges of the channel fill. Numerous sharp-sided, thick dykes and  
499 sills were also formed (Duranti and Hurt, 2004).

500 In central California, at least three sand injection complexes have been the subject of  
501 several recent studies: a) the Panoche Giant Injection Complex (**Figure 7A**; Vigorito et al.,  
502 2008; Vigorito and Hurst 2010; Scott et al., 2013; Palladino et al., 2018), b) the Tumey Giant  
503 Injection Complex (**Figures 6A and 7B**; Huuse et al., 2007; Zvirtes et al., 2019; 2020), and  
504 c) the Santa Cruz Injection Complex (**Figure 6B-E**; Boehm and Moore 2002; Thompson et  
505 al., 2007; Scott et al., 2009; Palladino et al., 2020). The Panoche Giant Injection Complex  
506 (PGIC) comprises a well-defined system of sand dikes and sills intruded within the Upper  
507 Cretaceous to Paleocene Moreno Formation (Vigorito and Hurst 2010). Different

508 architectural elements are present in the PGIC, from its base to its top, such as parent units,  
509 intrusive bodies and extrudites (Vigorito et al., 2008; Hurst et al., 2011; Scott et al., 2013). In  
510 the PGIC, parent units consist of turbiditic channel-complexes and isolated sandstone  
511 channels, which occur in the lower part of the Moreno Formation (Vigorito et al., 2008).  
512 Injectites correspond to interconnected single or multi-layered sills and dikes with a thickness  
513 ranging from centimeters to meters, while extrudites are mound-like sand bodies located in  
514 the upper part of the Moreno Formation (Vigorito and Hurst, 2010). These extrudites are  
515 composed of fine- to medium-grained sands and link to the underlying intrusive complex via  
516 isolated dikes. According to Vigorito and Hurst (2010), the PGIC was the result of a large-  
517 scale overpressure event that occurred in the Lower Paleocene, involving an area of at least  
518 1500 km<sup>2</sup>. At the base of the injection complex, the estimated pore-fluid pressures likely  
519 reached 22.26 to 25.08 MPa, or 0.81 and 0.95 of lithostatic pressure (Vigorito and Hurst,  
520 2010). A diachronous timing for sand injection, combined with fluid pressure in excess of the  
521 lithostatic load pressure within the source units that was, were also suggested by Vétel and  
522 Cartwright (2010) based on the analysis of cross-cutting relationships in the field. These  
523 authors recognised that the opening of the sand intrusions did not obey a systematic sense of  
524 movement, a character resulting from the presence of short-range mechanical interactions  
525 between adjacent sills and dikes.

526 Two different families of sandstone-filled normal faults occur in the lower portion of  
527 the Moreno Formation and, particularly, at the top of PGIC (Palladino et al 2018). The first  
528 normal-fault family resulted from the rapid increase of pore-fluid pressure in poorly-  
529 consolidated sandstones, with associated hydraulic failure of the overlying host strata, i.e.  
530 pressure build-up and overburden collapse extension. The second family resulted from  
531 regional extensional and related draining of fluidized sand towards active tectonic structures.

532           The Tumey Giant Injection Complex (TGIC) is composed of a network of dikes and  
533 sills emplaced in an interval ca. 450 m-thick in the so-called Kreyenhagen Shales (Middle to  
534 Upper Eocene; Huuse et al., 2007; Zvirtes et al., 2019). According to Zvirtes et al. (2020), the  
535 parent units of the TGIC are the turbiditic channels of the Kreyenhagen Formation, lacking a  
536 contribution from the underlying Lodo and Domengine formations. When considering its  
537 stratigraphic and structural relationships, the TGIC consists of lower and upper intrusive  
538 intervals, (Zvirtes et al., 2019). The lower intrusive interval comprises a sill complex with a  
539 stepped, staggered and multi-layered geometry connected by narrow, short low- and high-  
540 angle dykes with planar and irregular geometry. The upper intrusive interval is a network of  
541 interconnected sills, dykes, irregular intrusive bodies and injection breccias, which show  
542 several intrusive shapes. These range from sheet-like intrusions with planar margins to highly  
543 irregular, bulbous and curved margins to asymmetric saucer-shaped intrusions with large  
544 wings emanating from the channelized turbidites (parent units; Zvirtes et al., 2019) (**Figures**  
545 **6A and 7E-G**).

546           As the TGIC intrudes the Lower-Middle Eocene Kreyenhagen Shale, but does not  
547 affect the overlying Miocene Temblor Formation, the timing of sand injection must have  
548 occurred between the Middle Eocene and the Miocene (Palladino et al., 2018). In the  
549 Kreyenhagen Shale were identified sandstone-filled normal faults associated with pressure  
550 build-up with overburden collapse extension (Palladino et al., 2018), and sandstone-filled  
551 contractional structures related to regional contractional tectonics (Palladino et al., 2016).

552           The Santa Cruz Injection Complex (SCIC) corresponds to a network of partially tar-  
553 saturated and unsaturated injectites emplaced in the Santa Cruz Mudstone (Thompson et al.,  
554 1999; Scott et al., 2009). Four different architectural elements occur in the SCIC, including  
555 parent units, injectites, extrudites and sandstone-filled faults (Palladino et al., 2020). The  
556 parent unit is commonly identified as the Santa Margarita Sandstone (Boehm and Moore

557 2002; Thompson et al., 2007); however, some studies indicate multiple parent sandstones  
558 based on mineralogical data (Clark 1981; Scott et al., 2009). The injectites consist of a well-  
559 developed intrusive network that includes single or swarms of dikes, water and tar saturated,  
560 occasional sills and locally preserved saucer-shaped intrusions (Palladino et al., 2020)  
561 (**Figure 6B-E**). The thicknesses of individual injectites generally ranges from a few  
562 centimeters to a decimeter. Yet, some isolated dikes or sills are up to a few meters wide and  
563 the Yellowbank/Panther beach sill is, at least, 15 m thick (Thompson et al., 1999; Scott et al.,  
564 2009). Sandstone-filled faults are sand injections emplaced directly along tectonic structures,  
565 predominantly normal faults and less common strike-slip and compressional fault planes  
566 (Palladino et al., 2020). Extruded sands occur as multiple, laterally discontinuous tar-  
567 saturated mounds emplaced in different stratigraphic levels of the Santa Cruz Mudstone  
568 (Boehm and Moore 2002; Hurst et al., 2006; Palladino et al., 2020). They span hundreds of  
569 meters, are several meters thick and, locally, the original structure of sand volcanoes shows  
570 multiple conduits and laminated flanks (Palladino et al., 2020).

571         The age of emplacement of the SCIC is constrained to the Late Miocene (7–9 Ma), as  
572 extrudites occur within the Santa Cruz Mudstone (Palladino et al., 2020). However, two  
573 distinct sand injection phases are identified (Palladino et al., 2020). The first phase (Late  
574 Miocene) resulted in large volumes of sand emplaced within the top-seal units and controlled  
575 by compaction and compressional tectonic processes. This phase was followed by  
576 hydrocarbon accumulation within newly injected sandstones. The second phase is related to a  
577 series of brittle tectonic events associated with the San Andreas/San Gregorio Fault System,  
578 which promoted the remobilization and accumulation of sand along newly formed fault  
579 planes, mostly high-angle extensional faults. As a result of this brittle deformation, the top  
580 seal was breached and previously accumulated hydrocarbons were leaked. The age of this



581 phase still uncertain but ranges between the Late Miocene to Quaternary (Palladino et al.,  
582 2020).

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## 584 **ECONOMIC AND SOCIETAL RELEVANCE OF SEDIMENT-REMOBILIZATION** 585 **PROCESSES**

586 Processes of sediment-remobilization in deep-water settings, such as submarine  
587 landslides, turbidity currents, and sub-surface fluid flow and seafloor expulsion (Clare et al.,  
588 2017), can have societal, economic and ecological impacts (Talling et al., 2014). Submarine  
589 landslides may affect marine biological communities due to the disturbance and modification  
590 of seafloor ecology during their emplacement, or by acting as habitat hotspots on their scars  
591 and remobilized elements (De Mol et al., 2009). This process is also considered a mechanism  
592 for the dispersion of species between isolated islands, so influencing local evolution  
593 (Caujapé-Castells et al., 2017).

594 The economic impact of submarine landslides is related to damage of strategically  
595 important seafloor infrastructure including telecommunication cables, production platforms  
596 and hydrocarbon pipelines caused by these processes (Piper et al., 1999; Shipp et al., 2004;  
597 Mosher et al., 2010b; Thomas et al., 2010; Carter et al., 2014; Forsberg et al., 2016; Pope et  
598 al., 2017). The repair of cables and subsea infrastructure networks may cost hundreds of  
599 millions of dollars, while the subsequent interruption of global communication, global  
600 financial trading, and global supply chains, can potentially be immense as trillions of dollars  
601 are traded per day on this network (Carter et al., 2009; 2014). In parallel, damage to seafloor  
602 hydrocarbon infrastructure (platforms and pipelines) can result in production delays and  
603 marine environment contamination due to uncontrolled losses of hydrocarbons (Kaiser et al.,  
604 2009; Skogdalen and Vinnem 2012). The cost of damage to hydrocarbon pipelines due to

605 submarine instability processes is estimated in more than \$400 million per year (Mosher et  
606 al., 2010).

607 Submarine landslides may also cause tsunamis, such as the 3000 km<sup>3</sup> Storegga Slide  
608 that occurred offshore Norway at ~8.2 ka b.p. (Talling et al., 2014). Tsunamis comprise a  
609 threat to many a coastal community and may result in large numbers of fatalities (Tappin et  
610 al., 2001; Ward 2001; Harbitz et al., 2014). Even small submarine landslides (i.e., less than  
611 0.1 km<sup>3</sup>) can be dangerous, causing tsunami waves as high as tens of meters (Bohannon and  
612 Gardner, 2004; Von Huene et al., 2004) and landward flooding (retrogression) leading to loss  
613 of life (Vardy et al., 2012). The destruction potential of such events has been associated with  
614 the volume, vertical displacement, water depth and velocity of the remobilized sediments  
615 (McAdoo and Watts, 2004; Álvarez-Gómez et al., 2011; Schnyder et al., 2016).

616 Hazard assessments for possible future tsunamis triggered by landslides have been a  
617 concern among researchers and non-scientists throughout the world (Paris et al., 2020). Based  
618 on identification of landslide populations and their morphology, numerical simulations can  
619 help estimate the impact of past-tsunamis resulting from landslides and areas affected by such  
620 events (Gianchetti et al., 2011; Lovholt et al., 2015; Yavari-Ramshe and Ataie-Ashtiani  
621 2016). Future large-scale landslides and ensuing tsunamis, such as the tsunami predicted for  
622 future flank collapse of the Cumbre Vieja volcano in the Canary Islands (Ward and Day  
623 2001; Tehranirad et al., 2015), can only be characterised using a combined geophysical,  
624 geological and modeling approach. Climate change is another issue that makes risk  
625 assessments for landslide-tsunamis relevant in the short to long term; paleoclimatic changes  
626 and eustatic variations have being identified as major factors triggering instability factors on  
627 some continental margins (McMurtry et al., 2004; Quidelleur et al., 2008; Boulesteix et al.,  
628 2013; Berton and Vesely 2016).

629 Economically speaking, submarine landslides can generate thick, extensive mass  
630 transport deposits, playing an important role as seal or reservoir intervals in deepwater  
631 petroleum systems (Moscardelli and Wood 2008b; Gamberi et al., 2011; Posamentier and  
632 Martinsen 2011; Alves et al., 2014). Mass transport deposits associated with turbidites have  
633 been identified as comprising some of the world's largest oil and gas fields (Barley, 1999;  
634 Eyrton 2005). In terms of their sedimentological character, mass transport deposits cover a  
635 wide range of depositional facies, from MTDs with a highly mud content (i.e., remobilized  
636 slope muds) to complex deposits with interconnected and interfingering sand intervals, i.e.,  
637 slumped levees or channel bodies. Consequently, MTDs may act as competent barriers to  
638 fluid flow (top seals or intra-reservoir barriers and baffles) or, instead, reservoirs and conduits  
639 to fluid flow (Shultz 2004; Dykstra et al., 2011). The impact of submarine landslides in  
640 petroleum systems is also related to the distribution of stratigraphic traps on the slope as a  
641 result of seafloor remobilization, the geometry of facies developed within mass transport  
642 deposits and the morphology of these deposits, in which local lows are, usually, controlled by  
643 their internal structure (Kneller et al., 2016). Reservoir geometry can be influenced by the  
644 different slumps, slides and debris flows domains identified in submarine landslides, as these  
645 flow processes usually lead to discontinuous and compartmentalized sand reservoirs  
646 (Shanmugam et al. 1995). In turn, turbidity currents generally form continuous, sheet-like  
647 sand bodies, with the caveat that, where mass transport deposits are present, or in areas of  
648 slide scars, turbidite systems location, nature, and geometry may vary widely (Brami et al.,  
649 2000; Armitage et al., 2009; Kneller et al., 2016).

650 Fluid flowing in buried MTDs, and its eventual expulsion onto the seafloor, may  
651 constitute a hazard in multiple settings. Sediment remobilization resulting in mud volcanoes  
652 and sand extrusion due to fluid flow and sub-surface overpressure may also impact sub-sea  
653 infrastructures, such telecommunication cables, production platforms and hydrocarbon

654 pipelines (Lupi et al., 2013; Kilb 2008). Sediment injection and/or free gas in the sub-surface  
655 may result in slope instability once they modify sediment shear strength, compressibility, and  
656 effective stress (Chillarige et al., 1997; Evans 2010; Riboulot et al., 2013). Mud volcanoes  
657 represent geohazards due to the potentially violent release of large amounts of hydrocarbons  
658 and mud, the degradation of sediments at seafloor and quicksand effect, and episodic  
659 dissociation of submarine gas hydrates (Mazzini and Etiope 2017). They are also one of the  
660 geological sources of methane that are currently considered a major contributor to the  
661 atmospheric methane budget (Etiope, 2015). At shallow depths, the presence of gas may  
662 result in gas kicks and blowouts while drilling, subsidence and leaks outside casing, and  
663 issues with cementing wells (Nimblett et al., 2005). Natural seepage of fluids at the seafloor  
664 may be associated with sediment remobilization at depth, such as eruptive mud volcanoes  
665 with associated caldera collapses (Gray et al., 2013), and sand extrusions related to sand  
666 liquefaction, fluidization and injection (Hurst et al., 2011). The expulsion of fluids on the  
667 seafloor can create corrosive pore fluids and locally modify seafloor geotechnical properties  
668 (Thomas et al., 2011); hence, it can lead to problems for pipeline design, particularly where  
669 seeps occur in high spatial densities (Gafeira, et al., 2012; Moss et al., 2012).

670 Sand injectites can influence traps, reservoirs, seals, and fluid migration in sedimentary  
671 basins (MacLeod et al., 1999; Duranti et al., 2002; Hurst and Cartwright, 2007b). They may  
672 affect the distribution and geometry of hydrocarbon reservoirs, connect otherwise isolated  
673 sand bodies to form possible hydrocarbon migration routes and thief zones (Hurst and  
674 Cartwright, 2007; Satur and Hurst 2007). Therefore, sand injectites may impact hydrocarbon  
675 plumbing systems and represent potential drilling hazards (Hurst and Cartwright, 2007b;  
676 Andresen and Clausen 2014). Mud volcanoes are common in several petroleum provinces  
677 worldwide, including major hydrocarbon exploration and production regions (e.g., the North  
678 Sea, the Caspian Sea, the Gulf of Mexico, the Black Sea, the Sea of Okhotsk, the Sea of

679 Japan) and often related to modern (Mazzini and Etiope 2017; Cortes et al., 2018). These  
680 geological features consist of ideal targets for hydrocarbon exploration, as they indicate the  
681 existence of relevant subsurface reservoirs (Mazzini and Etiope 2017).

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## 683 **OUTCROP EXAMPLES FROM KEY ANALOGUES: CRETE, NEW ZEALAND AND** 684 **PARANÁ**

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### 686 *Fault-bounded slopes in SE Crete*

687 Slope deformation styles in SE Crete include the presence of mass transport deposits  
688 with distinct lithologies reflecting a marked contrast between remobilized mass-wasting  
689 deposits and ‘background’ slope deposits. Hence, it is relatively straight-forward to  
690 distinguish not only the source areas of mass transport deposits on Crete, but also their exact  
691 geometries when exposed in the field (**Figure 8**). Specific structures are associated with the  
692 largest mass transport deposits: a) recumbent folds of ductile material are common in areas  
693 where the slopes were tectonically oversteepened, or where sliding strata were buttressed in a  
694 locally emergent configuration sensu Frey-Martinez et al. (2006), b) bed-parallel shearing  
695 occurs sporadically as small, localized slope-instability features, c) rolling of larger blocks  
696 under breccia-conglomerate carpets, d) sliding of large carbonate blocks occurs over  
697 siliciclastic slope strata, and e) moderate sliding of carbonate blocks and siliciclastic volumes  
698 of rock (slumps) is observed over detachment faults.

699 **Figure 9** shows, as an outcrop example, a Late Miocene slide block transported over  
700 siliciclastic turbidites on the paleoslope of SE Crete. The area in question comprises  
701 autochthonous carbonate fan cones and boulder conglomerates, with slide blocks proving the  
702 widespread collapse of fault-bounded slopes during the Miocene (**Figure 8**). Slide blocks

703 reflecting large-distance transport are scattered throughout the mid to lower paleoslopes of  
704 SE Crete. Slide blocks occur mainly over the Parathiri Member and Kalamavka Formation  
705 (see Alves and Lourenço, 2010). Their size varies from 10 to 100 m, with individual blocks  
706 >100 m long occurring in particular parts of the paleoslope (**Figure 8**).

707 Other siliclastic MTDs are common towards the most distal parts of SE Crete's  
708 paleoslope, where carbonate blocks were sparser and debris-flows dominated instability  
709 processes (**Figures 8 and 9**). Here, scarce polymictic breccia-conglomerates give rise to  
710 siliclastic debrites with minor presence of cm-size blocks. Basal contacts are commonly  
711 erosional below individual blocks and slope strata, and also in debrites/siliclastic MTDs. In  
712 fact, basal contacts comprise distinct lithologies and structures. Alves and Lourenço (2010)  
713 have shown that polymictic breccia-conglomerates and siliclastic (sandy to conglomeratic)  
714 blocks are often embedded within a debris-flow matrix below the largest blocks. In **Figure 9**  
715 is shown an example of one of such limestone slide blocks under which a basal polymictic  
716 breccia changes into an area of siliclastic slope sediment that was also deformed by the  
717 movement of the block. Below the first 1–2 m of basal strata, in which the polymictic breccia  
718 is observed, the basal slip plane is formed by contorted fragments of strata (sandy to silty)  
719 embedded in a clayey matrix (Fig. 8b). Below other blocks, sheath folds are visible and often  
720 intercalated with more chaotic strata comprising sandy and silty material injected during the  
721 basal deformation event.

722 A series of structural features appear on SE Crete's paleoslope, from shear structures at  
723 the basal shear zone of MTDs and blocks, to bookshelf sliding and micro-structural features  
724 indicating sediment shearing and local slope collapse (**Figures 11 and 12**). **Figure 12** shows  
725 S-C fabrics, foliation and pinch-and-swell structures are observed below a 40-m tall slide  
726 block. In particular, S-C fabrics and pinch-and-swell structures are diagnostic of the direction  
727 of movement of MTDs and slide blocks (see Alves, 2015).

728 Comparisons between statistical data from slide blocks (and MTDs) in SE Crete and  
729 high-resolution seismic data from 60 published case studies have been presented in Alves and  
730 Lourenço (2010) as an attempt to understand the scale relationship between the thickness of  
731 failed megablocks and the corresponding thickness of deformed basal strata. In **Figure 13** are  
732 shown key graphs illustrating the thickness of failed strata vs. thickness of basal shear  
733 surfaces, as published in Alves and Lourenço (2010). Of importance in these graphs is the  
734 apparent scale discrepancy among the seismic data and outcrop examples studied by the  
735 authors - the difference between the average thickness of basal shear surfaces recorded in  
736 geophysical data (12.8 m on average, reaching a maximum of 65 m), and the thickness  
737 observed in SE Crete (3.1 m on average) is clear on the graphs. Nevertheless, both the  
738 submerged and outcropping examples show failed strata to be 2.0 to 20 times thicker than the  
739 underlying basal shear surface, a value further investigated in Alves (2015), who  
740 demonstrated that the ratio between the thickness of failed deposits and the corresponding  
741 thickness of deformed strata at the base of the blocks ( $R$ ) is usually in the order of  $5 < R < 10$ .  
742 Average ratios between failed strata and their corresponding basal shear surfaces reach 5:1  
743 for the outcropping examples from SE Crete and just above 9:1 for documented examples  
744 from offshore landslides (**Figure 13**). Such threshold values are important as the thickness of  
745 seismically imaged basal shear zones is often not resolved on industry seismic data; the ratio  
746  $R$  can thus be used to predict the thickness of such deformed basal shear zones.

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748 *The Rapanui MTD outcrop, Miocene Mount Messenger Formation, Taranaki Basin (New*  
749 *Zealand)*

750 The outcrops of the Rapanui MTD (RMTD) are dominated by soft-sediment  
751 deformation associated with submarine mass flows (**Figure 14**). The RMTD is sandwiched

752 between two sandstone units (Lobe 1 and Lobe 2) interpreted as submarine fan lobes by  
753 Masalimova et al. (2016) and Do (2018). Based on sedimentary structures, slide blocks,  
754 matrix disruption and deformation features, three domains in the RMTD were identified:  
755 headwall (**Figure 15**), translational (**Figure 16**) and toe domains (**Figure 17**). The thickness  
756 of the RMTD varies spatially from 4 m near the headwall, to at least ca 15 m in the toe,  
757 reflecting a thickness inflation of about 27%. The average thickness is 7.4 m and the RMTD  
758 maintains this value through the translational domain. Although the true dimensions of  
759 outcropping MTDs are generally unknown (Martinsen, 1989), the length of the RMTD can be  
760 estimated as approximately 10 km using the average deposit thickness (see Moscardelli and  
761 Wood, 2015, for methodology).

762 The headwall domain of the RMTD is not fully exposed but does make up  
763 approximately 15% of the outcrop extent. Where this domain is exposed, the RMTD has an  
764 average thickness of 4 m and is dominated by structures reflective of extensional strain, for  
765 example, boudinage, fractures and clastic injectites (**Figure 15**). Slide blocks are scarce in the  
766 headwall domain. The original bedding of the RMTD protolith can still be recognized and is  
767 comprised of thinly-interbedded sandstones with siltstones and mudstones (**Figure 15B and**  
768 **D**). The syndepositional intrafolial folds in the headwall (n = 11) have orientations from  
769 upright to recumbent and their interlimb angles are predominantly close (30 to 70°).  
770 Furthermore, the headwall is devoid of isoclinal-shaped and ptygmatic-shaped folds, and  
771 open-shaped folds (interlimb angle between 70° and 120°) were only documented in this  
772 domain.

773 The deformation structures described in the headwall are confined within the RMTD  
774 and the interaction between the RMTD and the underlying deposits is minor. The  
775 translational domain in the RMTD has an average thickness of 7.4 m and comprises 60% of  
776 the outcrop extent. The transition into this domain can be identified by conspicuous stratal



777 disruption and homogenization of the RMTD matrix (Ogata et al., 2012). In this domain,  
778 nearly all the original bedding/stratification from the RMTD protolith has been obliterated  
779 (**Figure 16**). Flow folds or flowage fabric are also pervasive in this domain. Brodzikowski  
780 and Van Loon (1985) defined flow structures as those resulting from partial or complete  
781 deformation via fluidization (viscoplastic nature) without tectonic influence. Syndepositional  
782 folds ( $n = 35$ ) are common in this domain and are primarily moderately inclined to recumbent  
783 tight-shaped folds with average interlimb angle of  $16^\circ$ . No open-shaped folds were identified  
784 in this domain. Folds become rootless up-section in the RMTD and decrease in number. The  
785 described structures are characteristic of low-viscosity Bingham flow deposits (Tripsanas et  
786 al., 2008).

787         The toe domain exhibits the greatest thickness in the RMTD reaching at least 15 m,  
788 even though its upper contact is truncated here by the Early Holocene Rapanui wave cut  
789 surface. The extent of this domain is estimated to be around 25% of the RMTD exposure. The  
790 largest megablock (ca 35 m width) in the RMTD is located in the toe (**Figure 14C**). The  
791 RMTD matrix in the toe is substantially enriched in fine to medium-sand fraction in  
792 comparison with the other domains (samples S 8, S 9 and S 10 in **Figure 2B**). Similar to the  
793 translational domain, syndepositional folds are abundant in the toe ( $n = 33$ ) and openshaped  
794 folds are absent. Most folds in this domain are moderately inclined to recumbent tight-shaped  
795 folds with an average interlimb angle of  $17^\circ$ . The dominant deformation structures in the toe  
796 are associated with a compressional stress regime such as metre-scale sheath-like folds of  
797 sandstone beds (**Figure 17B and D**). These metre-scale folds are associated with pressure  
798 ridges (Frey-Martinez et al., 2006; Bull et al., 2009) and high shear strains (Farrell, 1984;  
799 Bradley and Hanson, 1998). Additionally, the mud-rich portions surrounding some folds  
800 show a weak crenulation texture formed in response to folding (Fossen, 2016) (**Figure 17B**).

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802 *Outcrop analogues from the Itararé group, Paraná Basin (Southern Brazil)*

803 MTDs have been identified along all the stratigraphic section and area of exposure of  
804 the Itararé Group (Gama Jr. et al., 1992; Eyles et al., 1993; Carneiro and Costa 2006; Vesely  
805 and Assine 2006; d'Ávila 2009; Suss et al., 2014; Carvalho and Vesely 2017; Valdez-Buso et  
806 al., 2019; Mottin et al., 2018; Vesely et al., 2018; Schemiko et al., 2019; Rodrigues et al.,  
807 2020; 2021). The full extent and thickness of a single MTD is usually difficult to assess due  
808 to the limited exposure of the Itararé Group. The thickness of the some MTDs generally  
809 ranges from about 5 m to 10s of meters (Carvalho and Vesely 2017; Mottin et al., 2018;  
810 Schemiko et al., 2019). When the boundaries between MTD and non-MTD strata are  
811 exposed, they show sharp aspects, with the base of MTDs being commonly erosive and  
812 irregular. The top surface of MTDs is usually flat but low amplitude relief has been described  
813 locally, on which fine-grained facies may be ponded (Vesely et al., 2018).

814 Although the Itararé Group presents penecontemporaneous deformation associated  
815 with glaciotectonics (Aquino et al., 2016; Rosa et al., 2019; Ferdochuk et al., 2019), most  
816 deformation structures described in this group resulted from subaqueous mass movements  
817 associated with turbiditic deposits, with or without a definite record of glacial influence  
818 (Salamuni et al., 1966; Schneider et al., 1974; França and Potter 1991; Gama Jr. et al., 1992;  
819 Eyles et al., 1993; Vesely et al., 2005; Carneiro and Costa 2006; Vesely and Assine 2006;  
820 d'Ávila 2009; Suss et al., 2014; Carvalho and Vesely 2017; Valdez-Buso et al., 2019; Mottin  
821 et al., 2018; Vesely et al., 2018; Schemiko et al., 2019; Rodrigues et al., 2020). Several  
822 structures have been identified within these MTDs, such as folds, faults, boudins, shear  
823 features (as quarter-like structures, sheared lamination, etc.), plus deformation at the borders  
824 of intrabasinal clasts in diamictites, injectites, and others (Vesely and Assine 2006; Suss et  
825 al., 2014; Carvalho and Vesely 2017; Valdez-Buso et al., 2019; Mottin et al., 2018; Vesely et  
826 al., 2018; Schemiko et al., 2019; Rodrigues et al., 2020; 2021).

827           The MTDs of the Itararé Group consist mostly of: 1) large allochthonous intrabasinal  
828 clasts (IC) of sandstones, rhythmites and mudstones; 2) deformed sandstone, rhythmite and  
829 shale; and 3) heterogeneous (banded matrix) to homogeneous (massive matrix) sandy-muddy  
830 diamictites with dispersed granules to boulders of intrabasinal clasts (sandstones, shale,  
831 rhythmites and plant fragments) and extrabasinal clasts (granites and metamorphics), with  
832 some striated and faceted. Heterogeneous diamictite corresponds to pebbly-sandy-mudstone  
833 containing disrupted fragments of deformed strata in which the original bedding is still  
834 preserved (Vesely and Assine 2006; Suss et al., 2014; Carvalho and Vesely 2017; Valdez-  
835 Buso et al., 2019; Mottin et al., 2018; Vesely et al., 2018; Schemiko et al., 2019; Rodrigues et  
836 al., 2020; 2021). Based on the degree of deformation, disaggregation and mixing of  
837 sediments of the remobilized layers, MTDs have been described as slides, slumps and debris  
838 flows, or a transition between all these mass-movement deposits in all three stratigraphic  
839 units of the Itararé Group (Vesely and Assine 2006; Suss et al., 2014; Carvalho and Vesely  
840 2017; Valdez-Buso et al., 2019; Mottin et al., 2018; Vesely et al., 2018; Schemiko et al.,  
841 2019; Rodrigues et al., 2020; 2021).

842           Large intrabasinal clasts (IC) consist mainly of deltaic sandstone and were identified  
843 within the Taciba Formation in the southernmost and northernmost areas (**Figure 18**;  
844 outcrops Ib-1, RS-2, RS-4 and RS-5). These clasts extend from tens of meters to 100 m and  
845 are a few tens of meters thick (**Figures 19A-E and 23F**). Well preserved bedding, sometimes  
846 tilted, occur within these clasts, usually accompanied by sedimentary structures with little or  
847 no deformation (Rodrigues et al., 2020). Some of these clasts were described resting on  
848 internally deformed diamictite (**Figures 19D and 23F**, Ib-1 and RS-2 respectively). Although  
849 large intrabasinal clasts have shown little internal deformation, folds are identified at the base  
850 of IC sandstone; these may be related to the clasts' downslope movement and emplacement.

851 Normal faults and sand injections near to, and in the contact with diamictite, may also relate  
852 to the clasts' translation (**Figures 19D and 19E**).

853 MTDs with slide to slump features were also described in the Taciba Formation, in  
854 the Rio do Sul region (e.g., RS-1 and RS-2) (**Figure 18**). These MTDs display well preserved  
855 bedding with sedimentary structures and partially preserved bedding with up to 5% of matrix,  
856 a result of sediment mixing. Structures consist mainly of normal and reverse faults and folds  
857 (symmetric to asymmetric, upright to recumbent folds), as well as symmetric and asymmetric  
858 boudins. Other shear-related features, such as quarter-like structures and intrastratal  
859 detachment surfaces, are also observed (Fig. 20A-G). When present, the matrix is massive  
860 and formed of partially mixed zones with little or no bedding/lamination. These mixed zones  
861 occur in the vicinity of disrupted layers with internal bedding/lamination preserved and  
862 deformed (**Figure 20F and G**).

863 Outcrop RS-1 exemplifies MTDs that with deformed layers and a relative lack of  
864 matrix. This MTD consist of rhythmite deformed by recumbent folds and, locally, symmetric  
865 boudins (**Figure 20A-C**). In turn, outcrop RS-3 presents at least two intervals of deformed  
866 rhythmite and sandstone that are separated by an interval of rhythmite with no clear  
867 deformation (**Figure 20D-H**). In the lower MTD, exposed in the southernmost part of  
868 outcrop RS-3, normal faults and associated thin shear zones subparallel to the lamination  
869 correspond to the extensional domain of the MTD. The upper MTD is better exposed and  
870 easily accessed in the central to northernmost part of the outcrop, where it shows partially to  
871 highly folded layers locally disrupted in symmetric boudins (**Figure 20E-G**). Folds are  
872 asymmetric, inclined to recumbent and may show complex patterns with local refolding and  
873 thrust faults (**Figure 20E**). Normal fault can deform the folded layers, relating to the main  
874 deformation stage or, instead, to a later stage of the mass movement marked by stress  
875 relaxation in the compressional domain of the upper MTD. A flow direction toward the NW

876 is reinforced by the location of extensional (lower MTD) and compressional domains (upper  
877 MTD) to the south and north, respectively.

878 MTDs described as debris flows were identified, in the three regions (**Figure 18**),  
879 within the Lagoa Azul (CTM-1), Campo Mourão (outcrop CTM-2) and Taciba formations  
880 (RS-2, Ib-1, Ib-2 e CTM-3). These debris flows consist of sandy-muddy diamictites with a  
881 banded to mostly massive matrix that, usually, forms more than 75% of the volume of the  
882 deposit (Rodrigues et al., 2020). The matrix tends to show little (banded diamictites) or no  
883 bedding/lamination (massive diamictites), a character that subtly changes on a meter scale  
884 within the same outcrop (Rodrigues et al., 2020). In contrast, intrabasinal clasts dispersed  
885 within the matrix are disrupted and highly deformed with poorly to well-preserved bedding.

886 Deformation structures include folds, normal and inverse faults (with or without a  
887 sand/clay smear), symmetric and asymmetric boudins, and other shear-related features, such  
888 as sheared laminations and/or fragments (**Figures 21, 22 and 23**). These structures are visible  
889 in deformed remnants of beds or banded matrix, as well as within sedimentary clasts formed  
890 by the rupture or boudinage of larger sandstone blocks. Internal deformation structures in  
891 intrabasinal clasts do not affect the surrounding matrix and have been interpreted to predate  
892 the clasts rupture (Rodrigues et al., 2020). Deformation styles of intrabasinal clasts thus  
893 include faulting, mutual injection between clasts and matrix sediments, and, more commonly,  
894 shearing and ‘grooves’ that affect their borders (**Figures 21B, 21C, 21G, 21H, 23A, 23C,**  
895 **23D and 23G**). Disrupted lenses described in the matrix result from shearing of intrabasinal  
896 clasts and remnants of lamination. Other record of deformation described in some diamictites  
897 correspond to the preferential orientation of extra- and intrabasinal clasts long axes that tend  
898 to be roughly parallel to the flow direction (Rodrigues et al., 2020).

899 Debris flows from Lagoa Azul Formation were identified in the Campo do Tenente-  
900 Mafra region (outcrop CTM-1; **Figures 18 and 21A-E**). The diamictite in CTM-1 is rich in  
901 intrabasinal clasts consisting of sandstone and occasionally rhythmites that are deformed  
902 internally by faulting and shearing. These intrabasinal clasts tend to occur in the same level  
903 with rounded/eye shaped features interpreted as symmetric boudins. Some clasts are  
904 deformed by normal faults and tend to show sheared features (mostly at the top and borders  
905 of clasts) and grooves/ “scratch” marks at their borders. Sheared sand fragments and remnant  
906 lamina in the matrix, together with the faults and shear bands in intrabasinal clasts, indicate  
907 shearing during mass flow (Rodrigues et al., 2020).

908 Mass-transported diamictite from Campo Mourão Formation was described in Campo  
909 do Tenente-Mafra region (outcrop CTM-2; **Figures 18 and 21F-M**). This diamictite reveals a  
910 higher content of sand compared to other diamictites. Intrabasinal clasts consist of mudstone  
911 and rhythmites with internal shear deformation of lamina. Cobble- to boulder-size clasts  
912 display sheared borders on which sediments or matrix fragments are incorporated, while  
913 intrabasinal granules tend to show a preferential orientation. Subhorizontal to inclined shear  
914 planes with mostly normal kinematics and clay smears were described in the matrix and in  
915 fractures crossing intrabasinal clasts. The matrix varies from massive to banded along  
916 outcrop CTM-2. Banded matrix display folds, asymmetric boudins and shear features.

917 Mass transport diamictites from the Taciba Formation were described in Ibaiti, Campo  
918 do Tenente-Mafra e Rio do Sul regions (outcrops Ib-1, Ib-2, CTM-3 and RS-2) (**Figures 18,**  
919 **22 and 23**). Diamictites in outcrop Ib-1 and Ib-2 record a heterogeneous matrix (**Figure 22A-**  
920 **D and 22F**). At outcrop Ib-1, the diamictite is characterized by banded matrix deformed by  
921 reverse faults and folds that are locally disrupted or show fluidization and injection at their  
922 hinges (**Figure 22A-C**). Diamictite at outcrop Ib-2 shows sandy lamina that are sheared and  
923 vestiges of folded beds (**Figure 22F**).

924 MTDs at outcrops CTM-3 and RS-2 tend to show a homogeneous matrix (i.e. they are  
925 massive) with portions of heterogeneous matrix with disrupted lamina and preserved  
926 remnants of the original bedding (**Figures 23A-E and 23F-I**). Shear planes and zones  
927 characterized by clay and sand smear were described in the matrix at both outcrops. At CTM-  
928 3, diamictite in the shear planes/zones show both normal and reverse kinematics, whereas  
929 shear planes/zones at RS-2 show mostly reverse faults. Shear features such as “S-C” fabrics  
930 and asymmetric boudins may occur associated with these shear zones in diamictite intervals.  
931 Intrabasinal clasts consist of sandstones and rhythmites that, usually, display internal  
932 deformation by folds and faults and border deformation. Reverse faults that affect both matrix  
933 and intrabasinal clasts were also identified in these diamictites.

934 Recent studies in the Campo do Tenente-Mafra and Rio do Sul regions have  
935 interpreted MTDs as the result of delta slope collapse caused by high sedimentation rates  
936 associated with intervals of maximum ice retreat (Suss et al., 2014; Fallgatter 2015; Carvalho  
937 and Vesely 2017; Valdez-Buso et al., 2019; Schemiko et al., 2019). These MTDs have been  
938 related to progradational or progradational-aggradational stacking patterns of a clinoforn  
939 system with fluvio-deltaic to marine deposits, which sourced turbidites and non-cohesive  
940 density-flows deposits more distally on the delta slope (Carvalho and Vesely 2017; Schemiko  
941 et al., 2019). According to Carvalho and Vesely (2017), a rapid progradation of fluvio-deltaic  
942 systems with recurrent collapse of their sand-rich portion is suggested by the occurrence of  
943 allochthonous fluvial and deltaic blocks within MTDs. Nevertheless, MTDs in the Ibaíti  
944 region were interpreted as resulting from isostatic rebound and base-level fall due to ice-  
945 margin retreat, which caused slope instability and the resedimentation of previously  
946 accumulated glaciomarine sediments (Mottin et al., 2018).

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949 Sand injections have been described at outcrop in the Campo Mourão and Taciba  
950 formations by Rodrigues et al. (2020) (**Figures 18, 20E, 20H, 21I, 21K-M, 22A, 22C-E and**  
951 **24A-C**). The injectites are composed of very fine to very coarse sand and may show silt,  
952 granules (including mud fragments) and fragments of the host rock. These structures seem to  
953 be pre-, syn- to post-MTD. According to Rodrigues et al. (2020), no parental rock was  
954 identified in most cases. Where the parental rock was identified, it corresponds to sand layers  
955 within the MTD (**Figure 24A and C**). Injectites with breccia features were described in one  
956 of these cases, sometimes with sheared host-rock fragments (**Figures 24A and 24B**). In  
957 another cases the injections seem to be syn-MTD, once they deform and are deformed by  
958 MTD structures (**Figure 24C**). Such observations indicate sand injection within the MTD due  
959 to increase in pore-fluid pressure of sand layers during the mass flow. The trigger mechanism  
960 for most sand injection cases and the relationship with MTDs is still not clear and requires  
961 further investigation; nevertheless, the recurrence of injectites at outcrops suggests mass  
962 flows as a trigger mechanism for sand injection (Strachan 2002).

963 At outcrop Ib-1, injectites crossing the diamictite consist of first-phase dikes and sills,  
964 in places folded with the banded matrix (**Figure 22A, 22D and 22E**). This suggests that the  
965 injection of sand predates the mass flow, which naturally occurred when the host rock and  
966 injectites were still unconsolidated. In a second phase, thin injectites crosscut the first-stage  
967 injectites and folds in the banded matrix (**Figure 22C**). This second phase of injectites  
968 occurred in the last phases of the mass flow or even later. Thin irregular to tabular injectites  
969 were also described in diamictite intervals at outcrop CTM-2 (Rodrigues et al., 2020) (**Figure**  
970 **21I, K-M**). These injectites crosscut the deformed banded matrix and clay smear shear planes  
971 or zones. They also occur parallel to subparallel to the shear structures. The temporal  
972 relationship between injectites and MTD structures suggest intrusion syn- and later to post-



973 mass flow, but no possible parental rock was identified. The slumped MTDs at outcrop RS-3  
974 also present injectites, which crosscut the deformed layers as dikes with an “en échelon”  
975 pattern (**Figure 20E and H**). These injectites seem to have occurred after the cessation of  
976 mass flow; they were identified locally and without a clear relationship with tectonic  
977 structures. They may have been injected due during the relaxation stage of the mass flow.

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## 979 **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

980 Several studies have demonstrated the direct and diverse relationship between  
981 different sediment remobilization and petroleum plays, including MTCs and MTDs, mud  
982 volcanoes and sand injections. Mud volcanoes and sand injectites are related to overpressured  
983 fluid flow occurring in different basins, onshore or offshore, and in different tectonic  
984 contexts. Mud volcanoes result from the flow of pressurized fluids with mud at depth,  
985 particularly hydrocarbons that ascend to the surface and commonly occur in association with  
986 petroleum systems. Therefore, mud volcanoes are considered ideal indicators of hydrocarbon  
987 plays that can be targetted for further exploration. Sand injections (or injectites) can influence  
988 different aspects of petroleum plays, including reservoir, seal, traps and fluid migration. The  
989 distribution and geometry of injectites may affect the distribution of hydrocarbons reservoirs,  
990 connect isolated sand bodies, break through rocks that would otherwise be potential seals,  
991 indicate fluid migration routes and thief zones. Thus, the occurrence of sand injectites in  
992 petroleum systems has consequences for hydrocarbon plumbing systems.

993 Deepwater traps continue to be important targets for future hydrocarbon exploration  
994 and are likely to deliver future volumes in both mature and frontier basins (Amy, 2019;  
995 Collard, 2020). The several examples discussed here show that MTCs and MTDs,  
996 particularly the thicker and more extensive, may act as seals (top seals or intra-reservoir

997 barriers) or reservoirs in deepwater petroleum systems. In addition, the irregular morphology  
998 of these deposits and of the seafloor affected by submarine landslides can influence the  
999 deposition of turbidites, which are potential deepwater reservoirs.

1000           Submarine landslides can generate deposits with widely varying characteristics,  
1001 geometries, morphologies, structures and depositional facies, as exemplified in this Chapter.  
1002 Although mass transport deposits show domains with preferential aspects of deformation, a  
1003 wide variety of structures at seismic to subseismic scales, and deformation styles, can occur  
1004 along these deposits. Furthermore, submarine landslides can be triggered by several  
1005 coexisting mechanisms in different types of basins and tectonic contexts. Future studies of  
1006 these deposits at different scales (at seismic to outcrop scales) will help address their different  
1007 aspects and relationship with other deposits, thus, identifying potential impacts on petroleum  
1008 systems. Integration of seismic data with core data and comparison with analogous outcrop is  
1009 probably the best approach to understanding the formation of these deposits and their impacts  
1010 on petroleum plays. We acknowledge that resolution of seismic data is still unable to define  
1011 the potential of MTCs to act as a source, reservoir, or seal, and therefore, integration of  
1012 different datasets is paramount to address the subsurface uncertainty. Moreover, not all  
1013 MTCs/MTDs are made equal and explorationists need to assess them in a case-by-case  
1014 scenario.

1015           The phenomena resulting in sediment remobilization generate geohazards and need to  
1016 be considered in offshore and subsurface projects. Because sediment remobilization can be  
1017 directly or indirectly related to climate change, understanding how different sediment  
1018 remobilization processes occur and their roles as geohazards is highly relevant. For instance,  
1019 changes in marine dynamics, relative sea level, and sediment input can favour the  
1020 destabilization of submarine slopes and trigger large landslides with the potential to affect

1021 infrastructure on the seafloor and generate tsunamis, depending on the volume of remobilized  
1022 sediments.

1023         The remobilization of sediments associated with fluid flow, including mud volcanoes  
1024 and sand extrusion (associated with the formation of sand injections), can be triggered by  
1025 several mechanisms, such as seismicity, high deposition rate and fluid migration. Large  
1026 sediment remobilization related to submarine landslide may also result in fluid overpressure  
1027 in underlying sediments and trigger fluid migration, mud volcanism and sand extrusions.  
1028 Studies also indicate that these sediment remobilizations can affect subsea infrastructures, as  
1029 well as expelling fluid and hydrocarbons to the surface to contaminate marine and lacustrine  
1030 environments. In addition, sediment remobilization associated with fluid flow, particularly  
1031 mud volcanoes, is an important source of methane. Therefore, these sediment remobilization  
1032 processes can also contribute to climate change. Lastly, as offshore infrastructure keeps  
1033 growing in the energy transition landscape, understanding such phenomena and associated  
1034 deposits will be important for a responsible development of offshore infrastructure.

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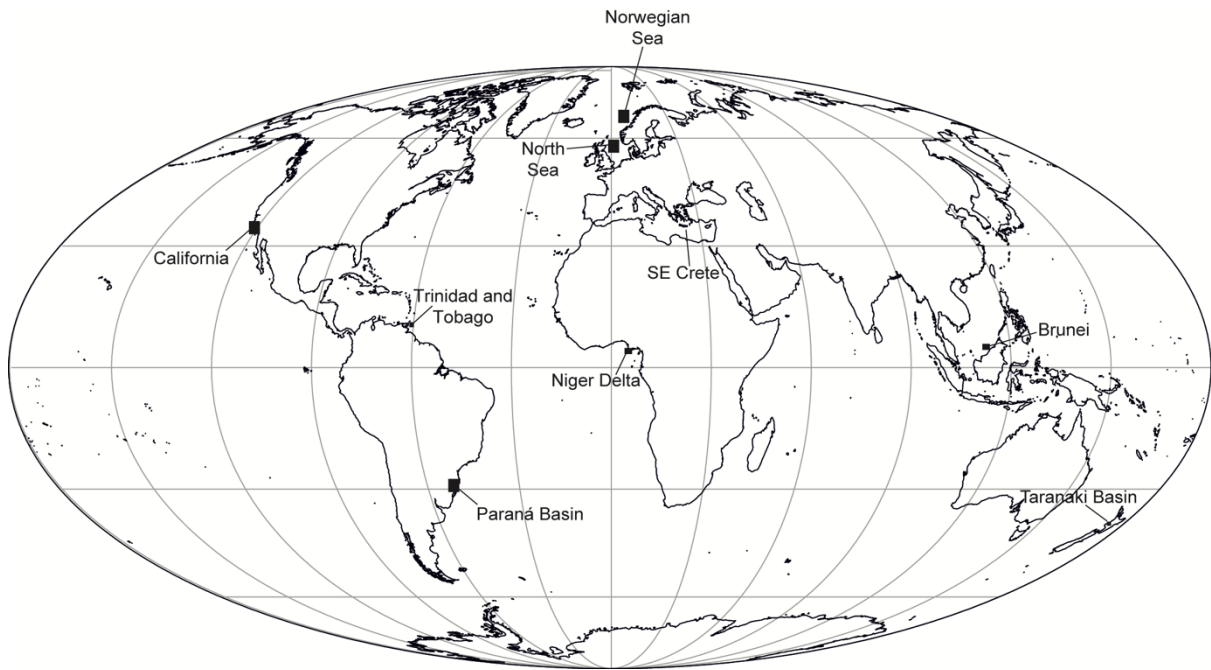
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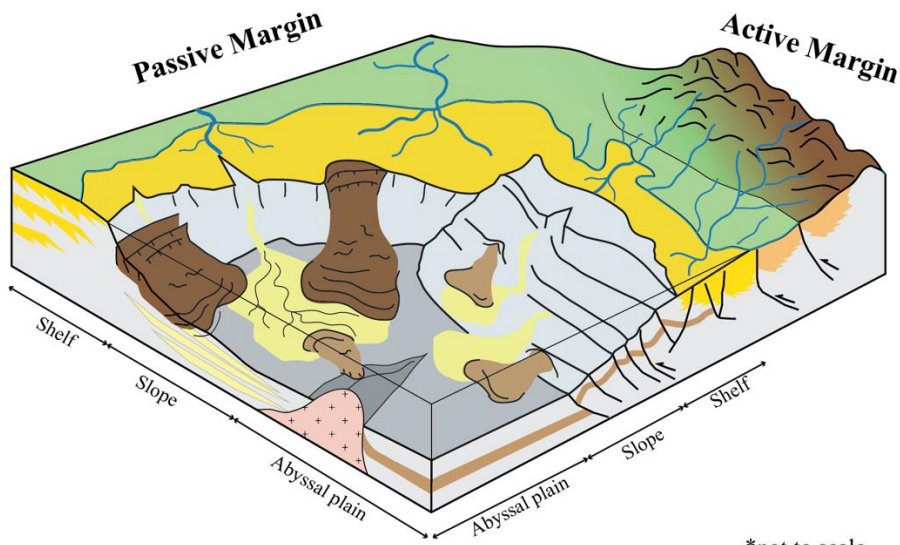
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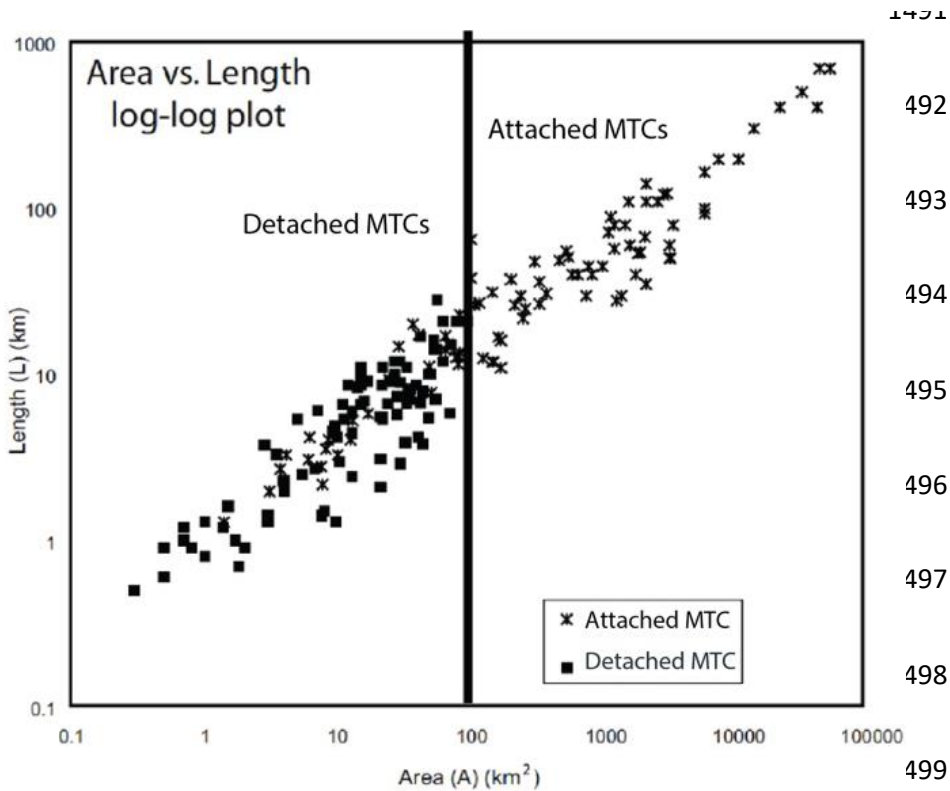
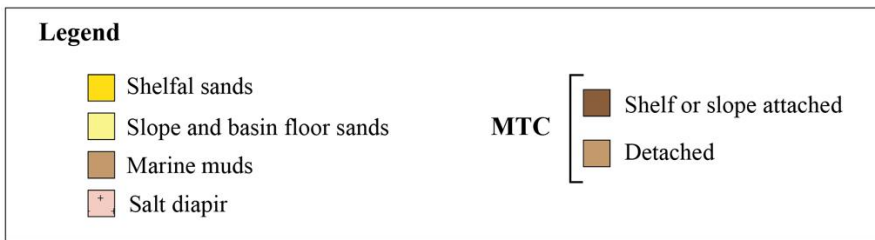
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1472 Figure 1 World map indicating the location of the case studies documented in this  
1473 Chapter. The distribution of the sediment remobilization features referred to in the Chapter is  
1474 associated with the regional tectonic setting and includes: a) mass-wasting on tectonically  
1475 active continental margins, b) sand injection features in discrete, overpressured basins, c)  
1476 mass-flows (non-glacial) occurring in proglacial marine deposits and related to ice-margin  
1477 retreat in an intracratonic basin. Main triggers of sediment remobilization are varied and have  
1478 a clear relationship to local physiography and the stress history of sediments below these  
1479 same remobilization features.

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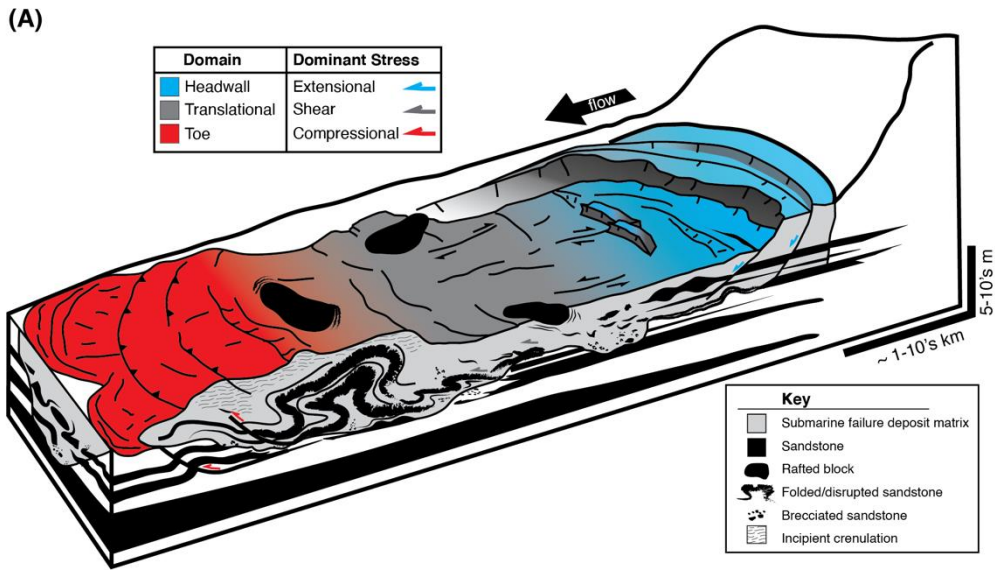




1500 Figure 2 Schematic model of attached and detached mass transport complexes (MTC)  
1501 in active and passive margins. Log-log scatter plot of length (km) versus area (km<sup>2</sup>) for  
1502 several detached and attached MTCs. Note that attached MTCs (either slope or shelf  
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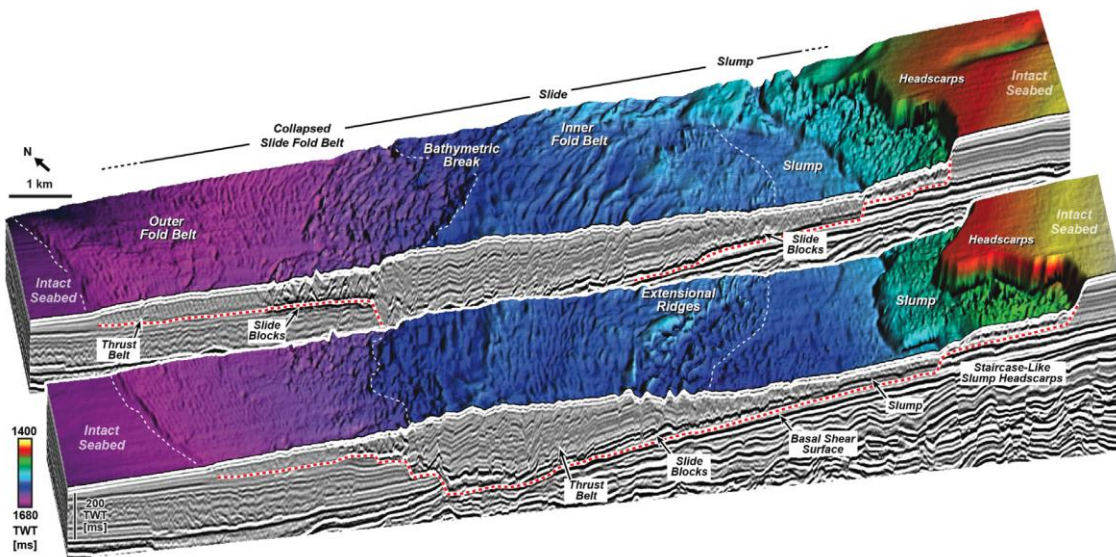
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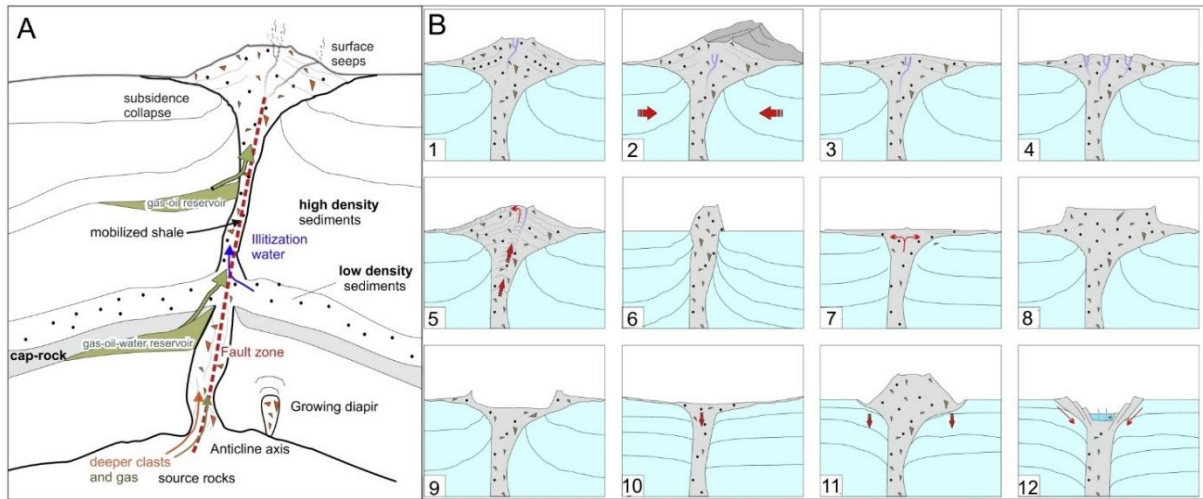
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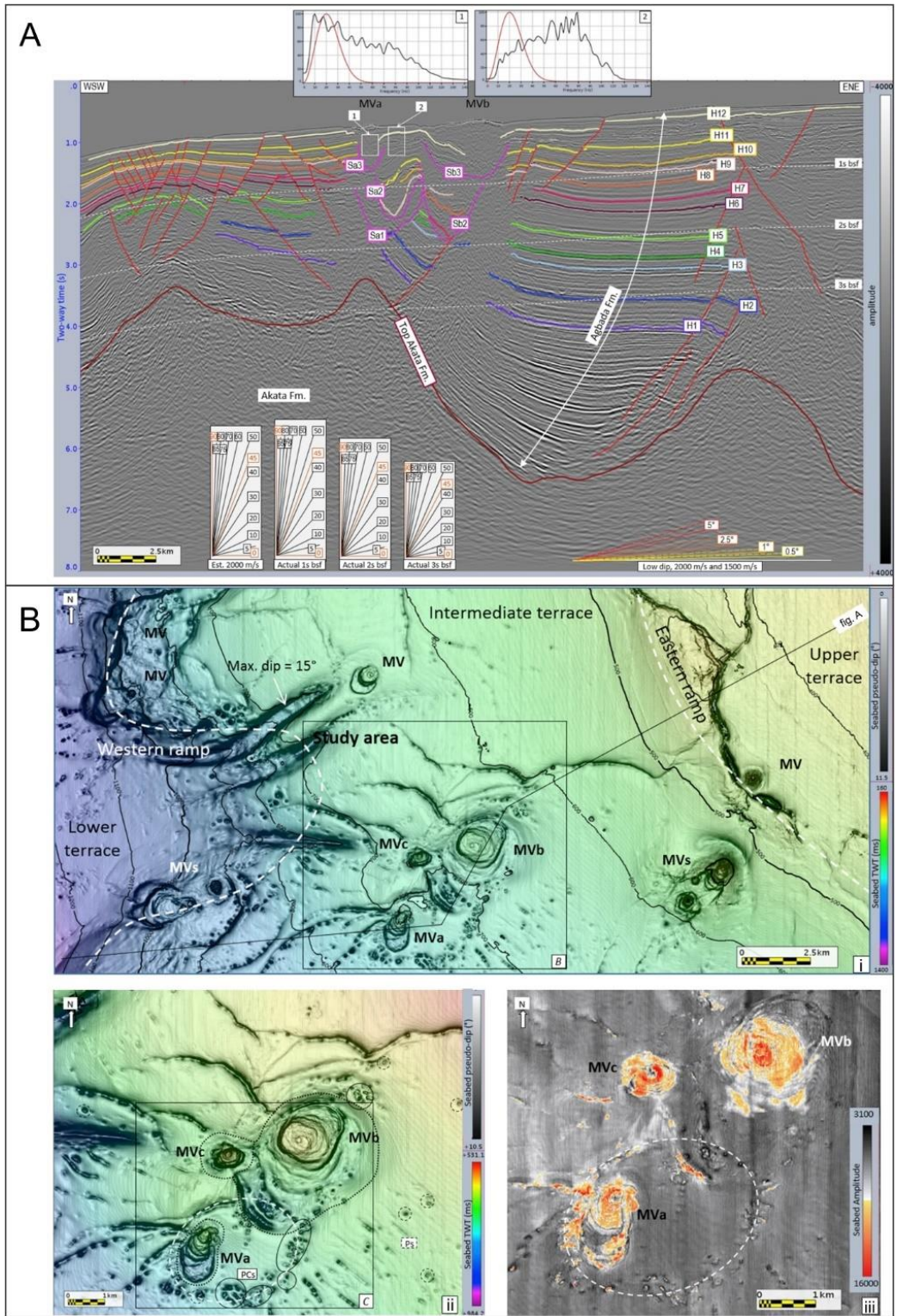
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1511 Figure 3 A) Idealized submarine failure deposit with the three typical MTD domains  
 1512 and corresponding dominant stress. (B) Seismic example of a submarine mass transport  
 1513 complex (MTC) at the seafloor in Exmouth Plateau, NW shelf of Australia, whereby stress-  
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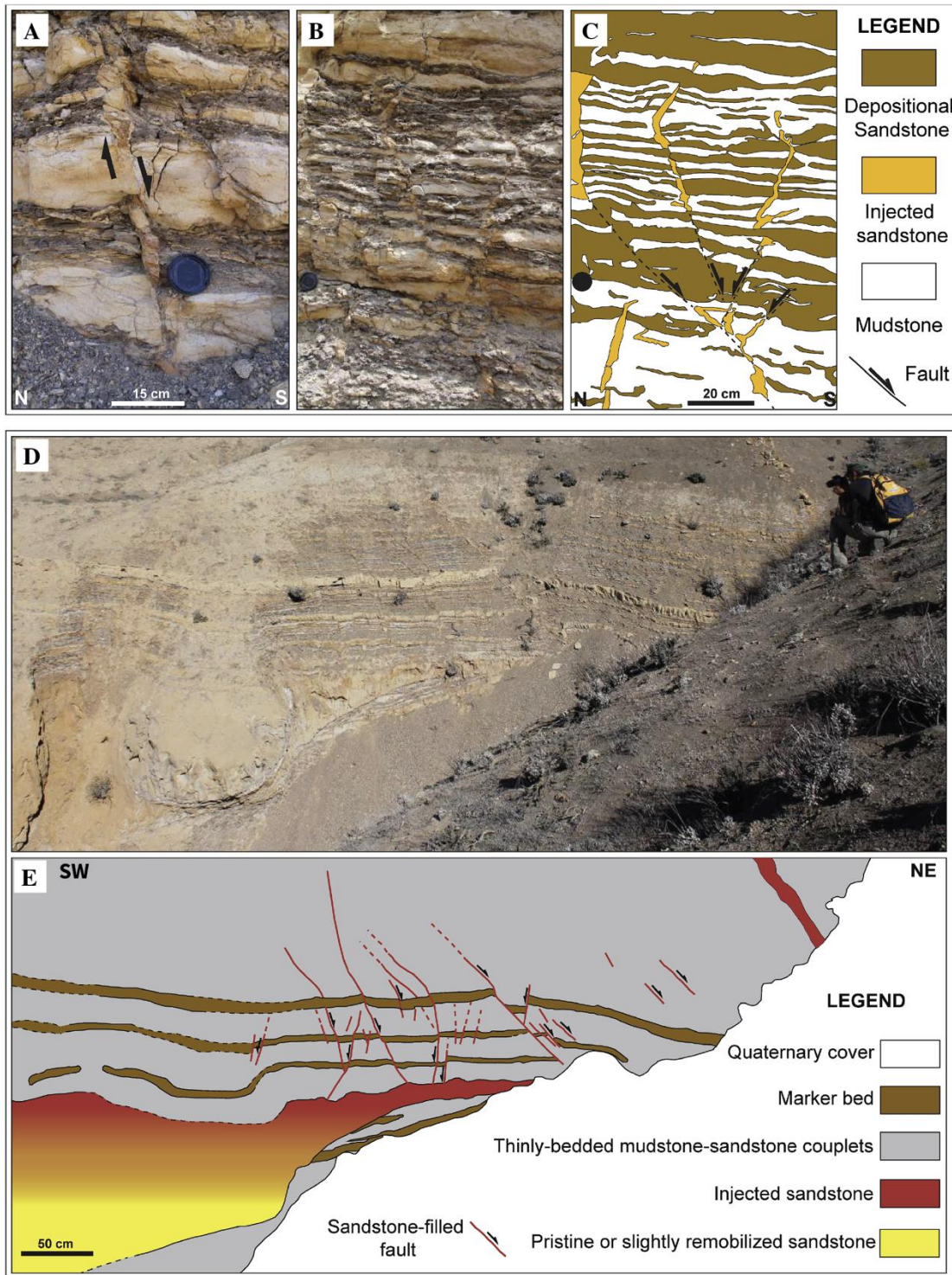
1517 Figure 4 A) Conceptual drawing indicating the main elements that compose most mud  
 1518 volcanoes and corresponding sources of fluids (from Mazzini and Etiope, 2017). B) Mud  
 1519 volcanoes morphologies: 1) conical, 2) elongated, 3) pie-shaped, 4) multicrater, 5) growing  
 1520 diapir-like, 6) stiff neck, 7) swamp-like, 8) plateau-like, 9) impact craterlike, 10) subsiding  
 1521 structure, 11) Subsiding flanks, 12) sink-hole type.



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1523 Figure 5 Example of seismic section (A) and seafloor maps from 3D seismic data (B)  
 1524 from mud volcanoes in the western lobe of Niger Delta system, offshore Nigeria, studied by  
 1525 Dupuis et al. (2019). The studied features of the mud volcanoes MVa and MVb are  
 1526 highlighted by the magenta surfaces Sa1 to Sb3. The Insets 1–2 show the frequency spectra

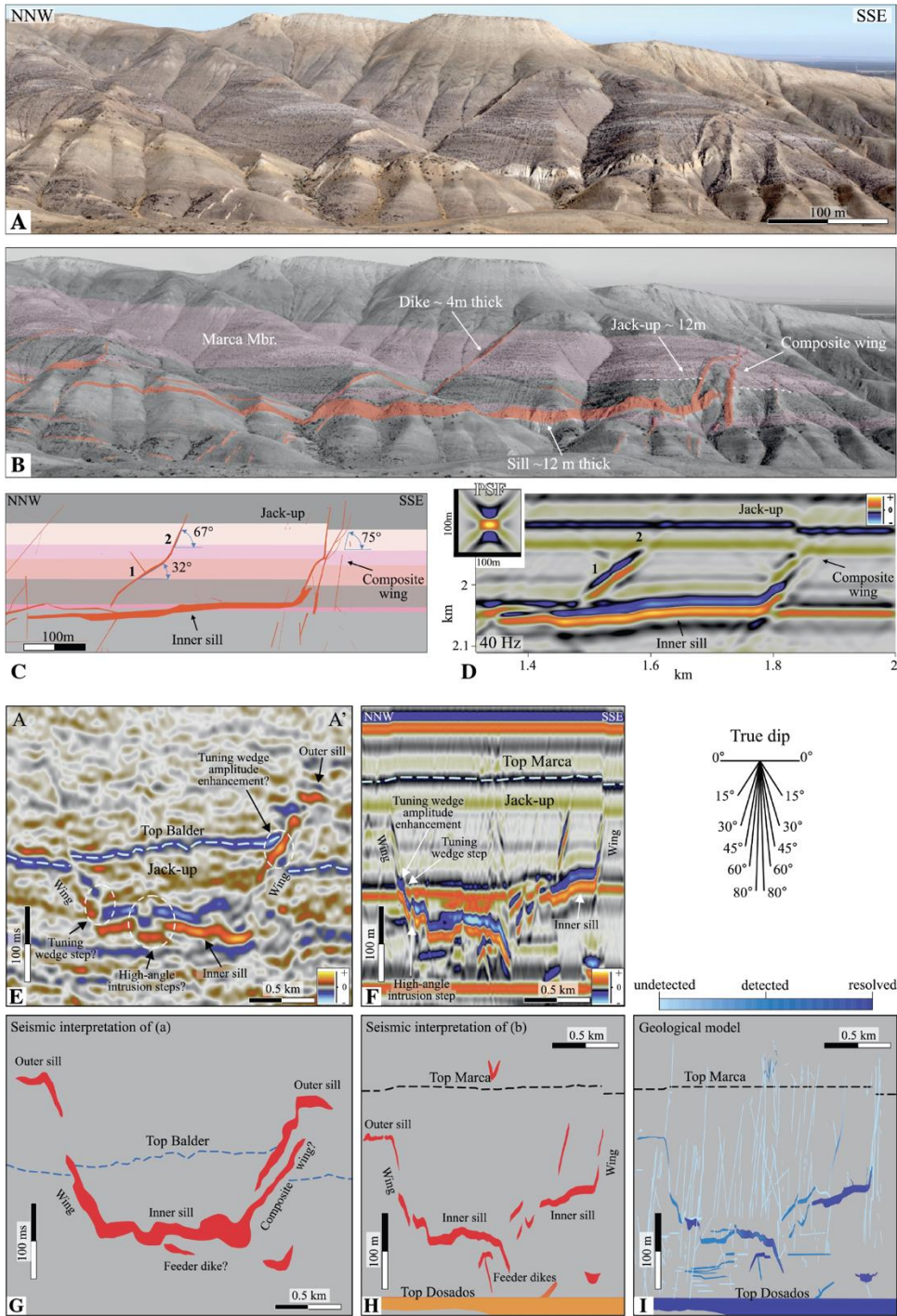
1527 (black curve) within the areas (white boxes) below and on the flanks of MVA, respectively.  
1528 The maps include: i) and ii) two-way time map of the seafloor (in color) with gradient  
1529 overlain on it and indicating the location of mud volcanoes based on Dupuis et al. (2019).  
1530 Mud volcanoes MVA, MVb and MVc are the three mud volcanoes studied in this Chapter,  
1531 and iii) map of seafloor amplitudes.



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1533 Figure 6 Examples of sand-filled normal faults (SFNF) from the Panoche/Tumey hills  
 1534 area in California. A) The photo shows Type 1 SFNF in the Tumey Gulch area, namely: a)  
 1535 SFNF with centimetre-scale offsets and openings of a few centimetres. b) Field photograph  
 1536 and c) associated line drawing of conjugate sets of Type 1 SFNF with centimetre-scale

1537 offsets. In the photos, faults die out upwards over tens of centimetres, and the overlying  
1538 layers are undeformed. The anomalous curvatures observed in some of the fault planes are  
1539 related to ‘post-emplacment’ compaction. B) Overview of Type 1 SFNF from in the Tumey  
1540 Gulch area (Outcrop O2). The figure shows: a) Panoramic photo and b) corresponding line  
1541 drawing of a SFNF array overlying a remobilized turbidite sandstone body. Once again, the  
1542 anomalous curvature shown by the fault planes is mainly due to ‘post-emplacment’  
1543 deformation processes. Figures are modified from Palladino et al. (2018).

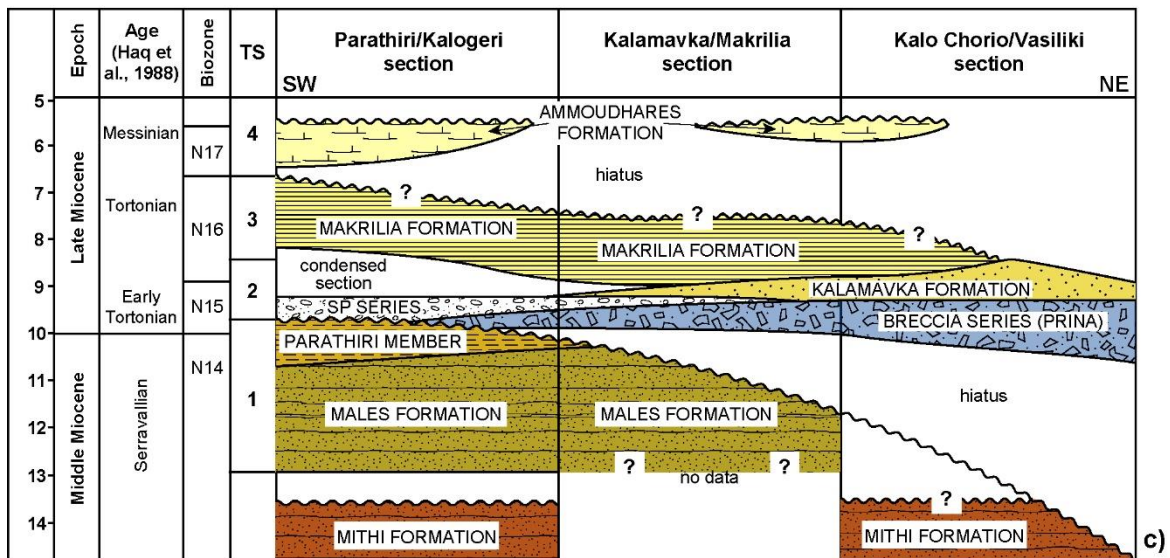
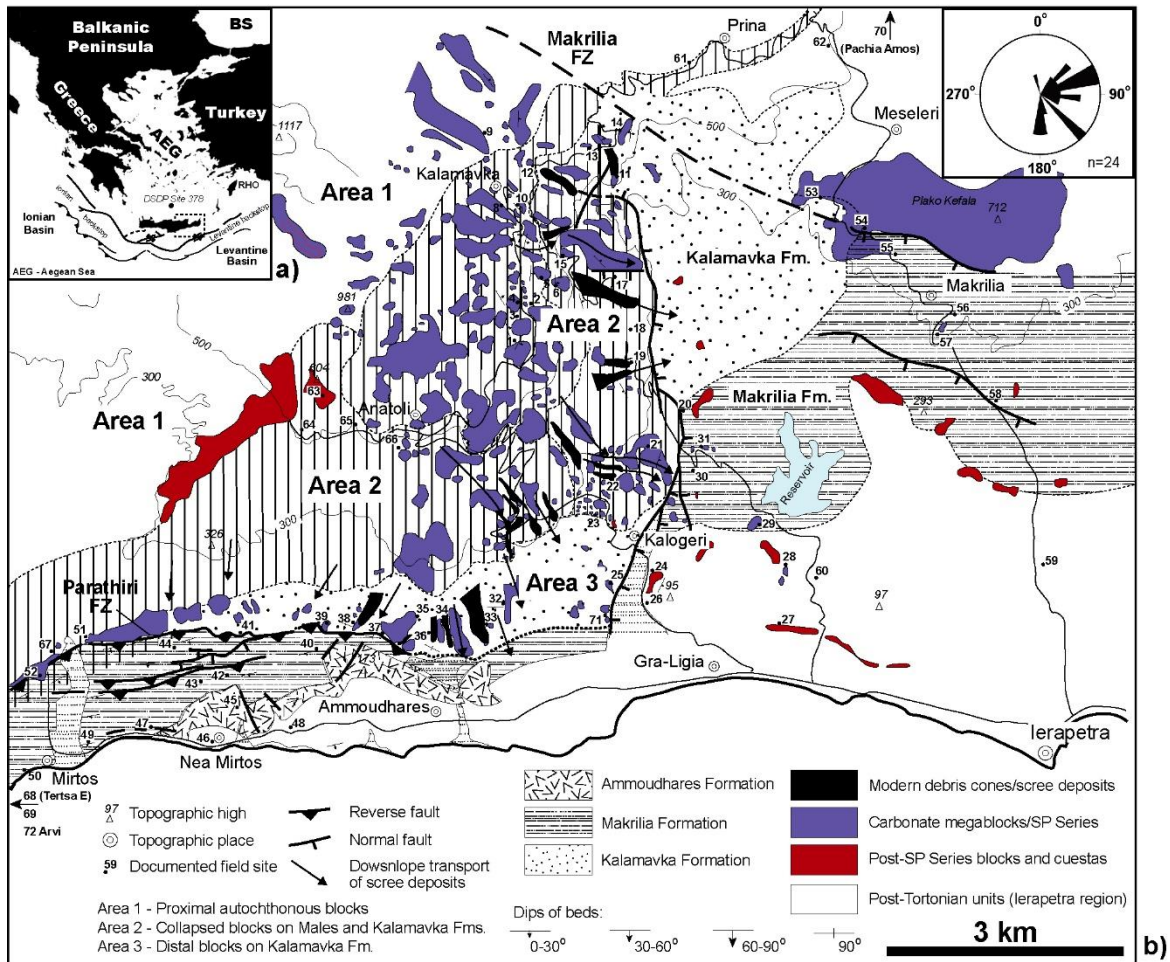


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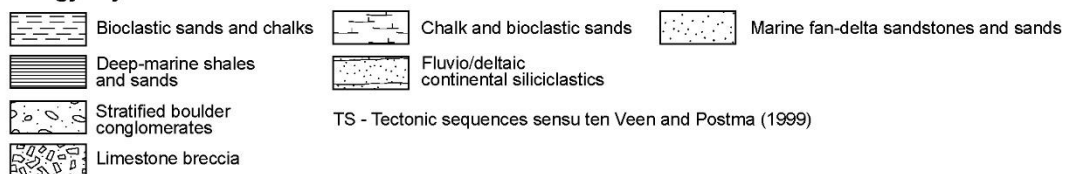
1545 Figure 7 Complex geometries and imaging of sandstone intrusions as detailed in Grippa  
 1546 et al. (2019) based on information from Central California, USA. A) The figure shows part of  
 1547 the Right Angle Canyon in the Panoche hills area: a) detail of the southern wing of the Right  
 1548 Angle Canyon (RAC) and portion of the southern inner sill. b) Geological interpretation of  
 1549 the photo shown in a) highlighting how discordant is the sandstone intrusion and the overall



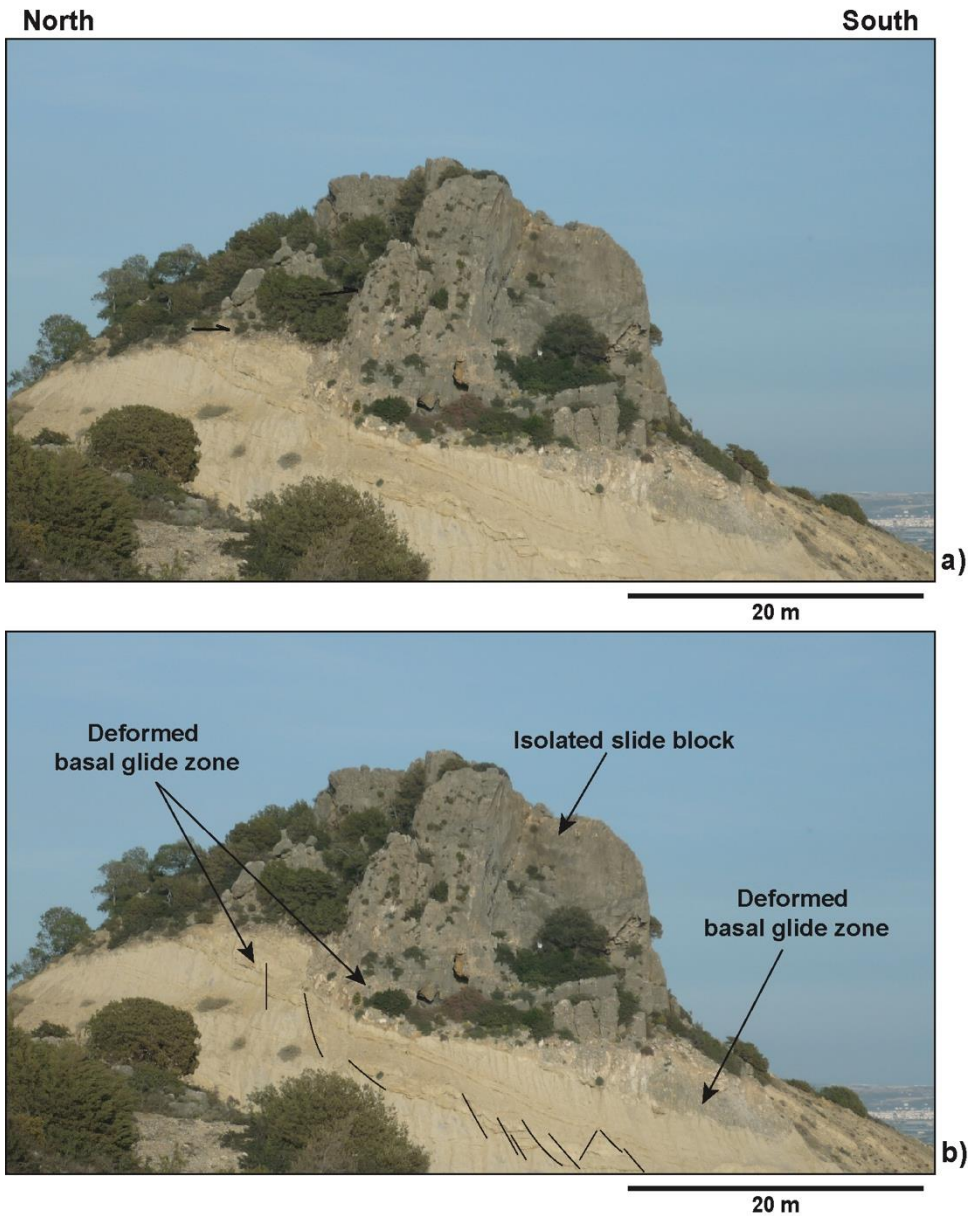
1550 jack-up of the overlying mudstone. c) Geological model of the southern RAC wing. d)  
1551 Synthetic seismic model of the southern wing using a zero-phase Ricker wavelet with a peak  
1552 frequency of 40 Hz to convolve the reflectivity model. B) Comparison of actual seismic data  
1553 of sandstone intrusions with synthetic data in which the horizontal and vertical scales are  
1554 approximately equal. a) Seismic section through a saucer-shaped sandstone intrusion in the  
1555 Volund field, Norwegian North Sea (Huuse et al., 2004, Schwab et al., 2014). Note that  
1556 emplacement of the inner sill causes the jack-up of the overlying strata, as also shown in the  
1557 outcrop photos above. Dashed white ovals highlight the occurrence of steps within the inner  
1558 sill reflections and at the base of the wing reflection, as well as amplitude enhancement  
1559 effect. b) The 40 Hz synthetic seismic section from the RAC shown above displaying a  
1560 similar geometry to the Volund section. c) Seismic interpretation of a) showing the main  
1561 sandstone intrusion features on seismic data. d) Seismic interpretation of b) showing the  
1562 geometry of the saucer-shaped intrusion as a seismic interpreter would see them. e)  
1563 Geological model of the RAC showing its high number of high-angle sandstone intrusions,  
1564 which are unlikely to be detected by a seismic survey.



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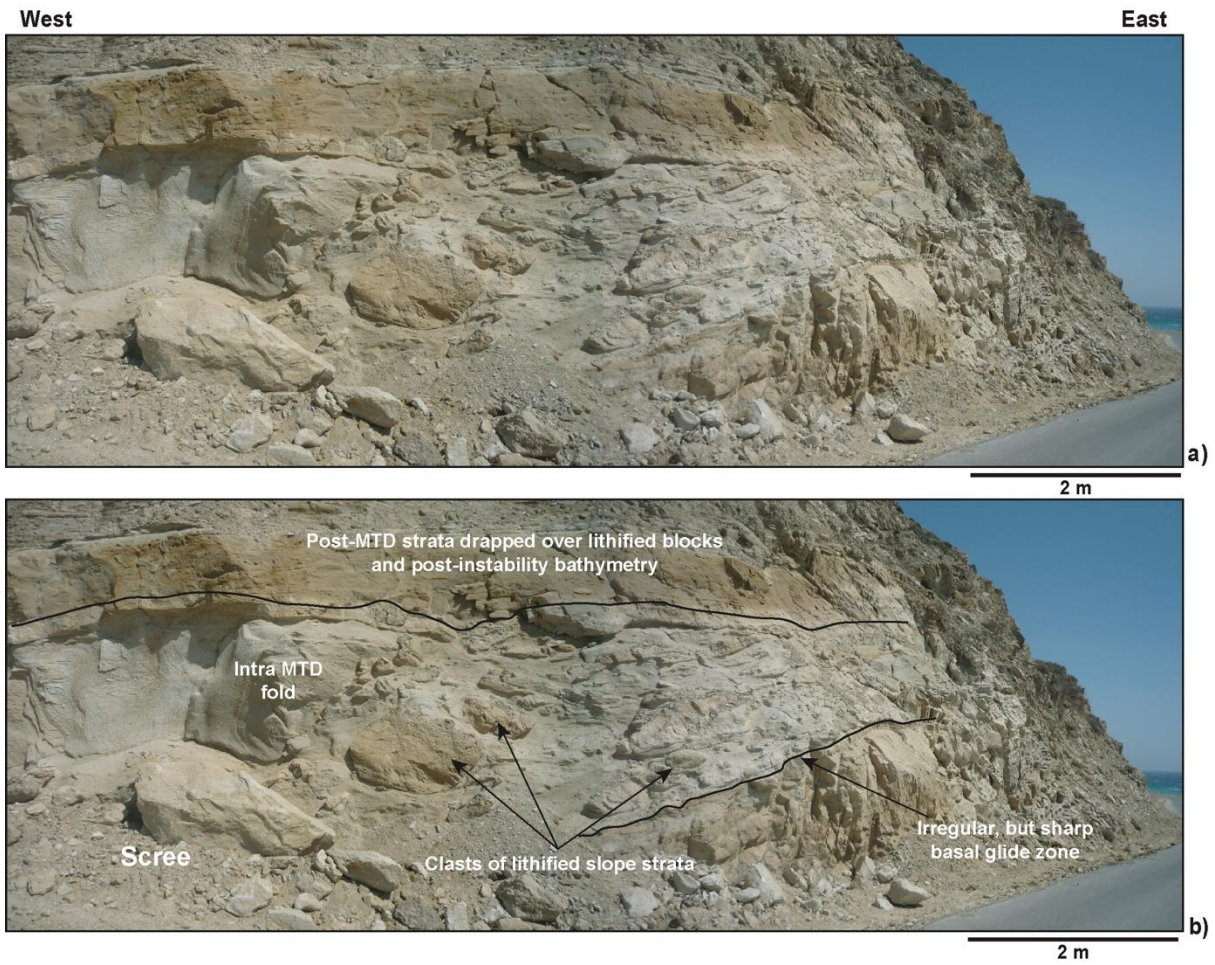


1566 Figure 8 General map of SE Crete's slide blocks modified from Alves (2015). The  
1567 small map in (A) shows the location of the investigated slope successions in SE Crete. In the  
1568 geological map of SE Crete's palaeoslope shown in (B), Area 1 comprises autochthonous  
1569 carbonate blocks and breccia–conglomerates showing limited gravitational collapse. Area 2  
1570 comprises disrupted deep-water (carbonate) fan cones, carbonate megabreccias and boulder  
1571 conglomerates. Area 3 includes carbonate fan cones, collapsed blocks, and minor debris-flow  
1572 deposits (boulder conglomerates) deposited in distal regions of the palaeoslope. (C)  
1573 Stratigraphic panel for SE Crete, where a tectonic trough (Ierapetra Basin) was subject to  
1574 extensional and transtensional movements since, at least, the end of the Serravalian. The  
1575 stratigraphic panel is modified from Postma and Drinia (1993) and van Hinsbergen and  
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1578 Figure 9 Collapsed slide block at Location 33 in Figure 8A, showing associated basal  
 1579 features. Note the dual character of the basal shear zone at this location 33 - up to 2 m of  
 1580 coarse immature breccias occur below the slide block and change abruptly into in a sandier  
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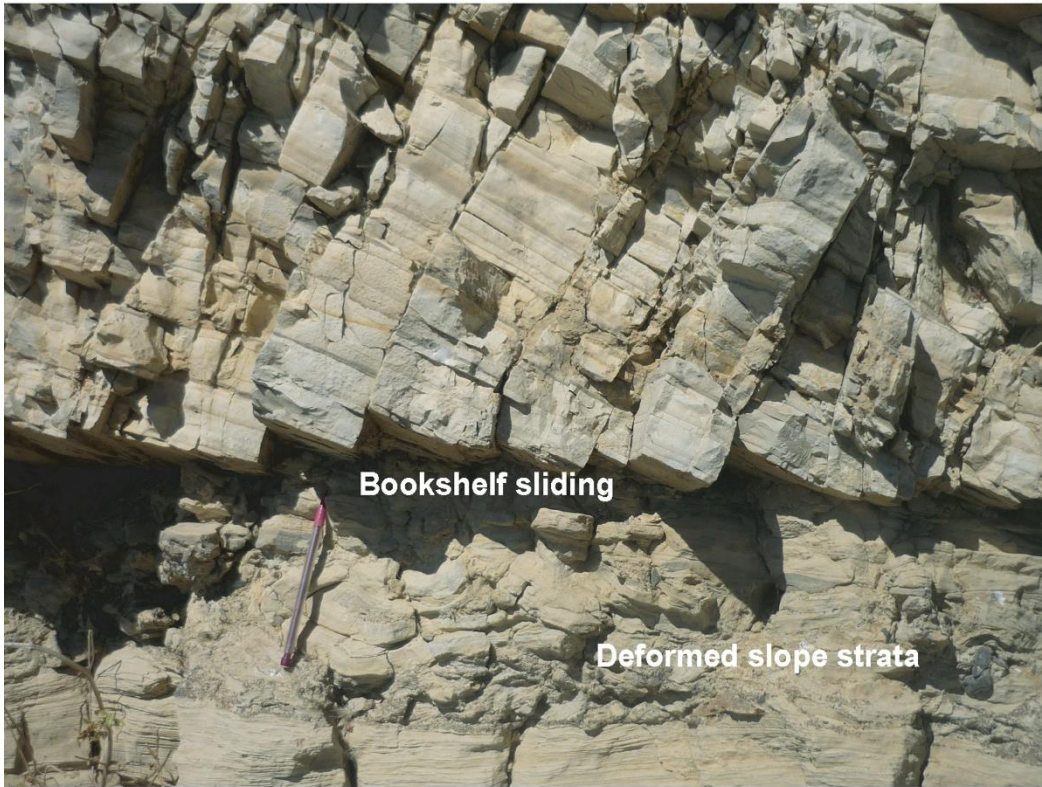


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1584 Figure 10 Detail of a sandy MTD in the Ammoudhares Formation near Location 50 in  
 1585 Figure 8A. Note the complex arrangement of siliciclastic material and small blocks within the  
 1586 imaged MTD, in which internal folding (slumps) alternate with lithified blocks of sediment.  
 1587 The basal glide zone is sharp and very thin (<30 cm) in this location.

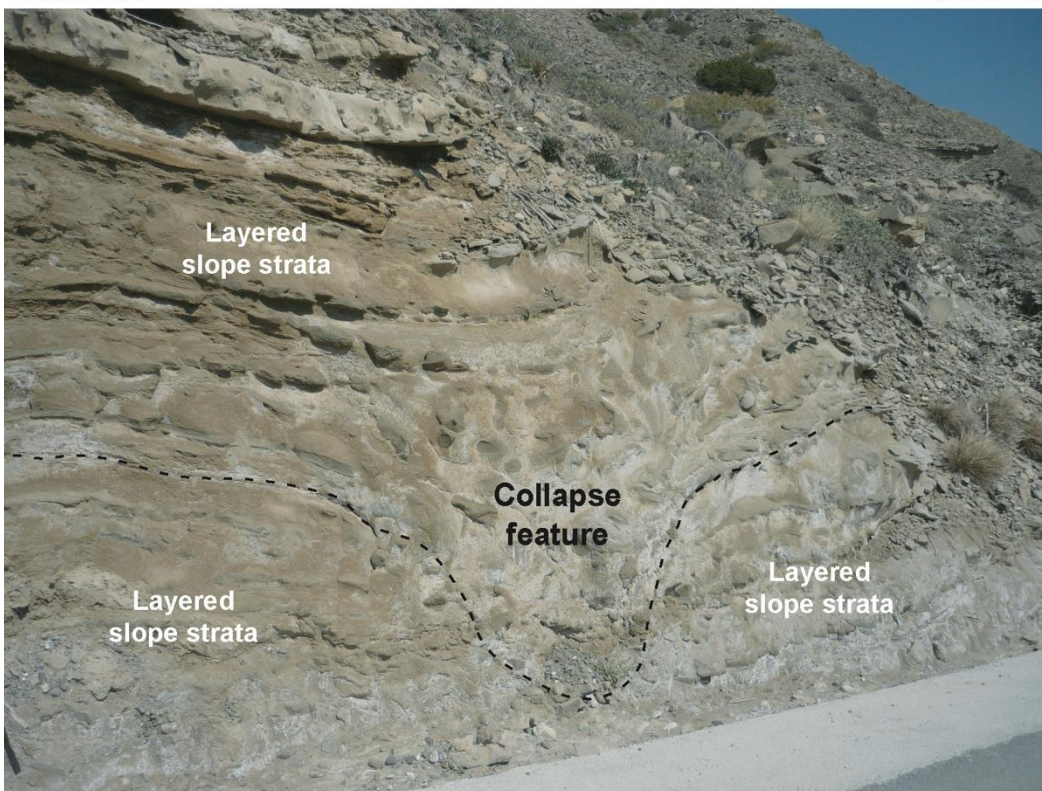
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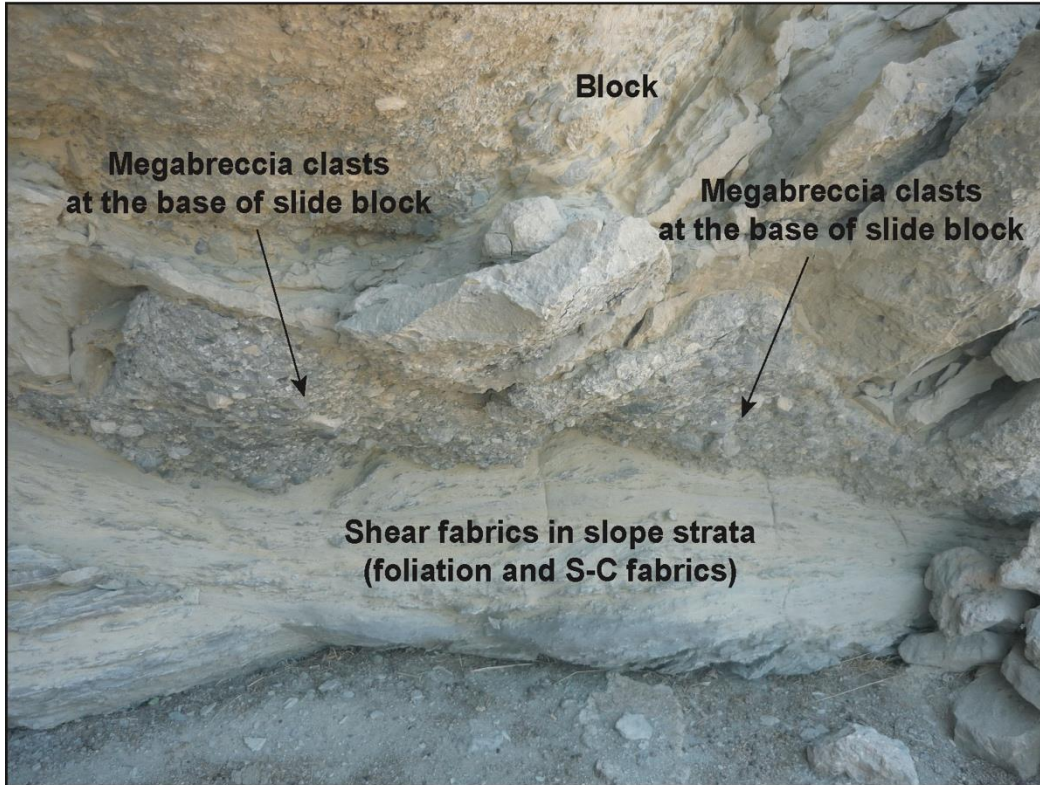
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1589 Figure 11 A) Example of bookshelf sliding of slope strata at Location 12 in Figure 8A.  
1590 This type of sliding may have occurred post-depositionally by the readjustment of the paleo-  
1591 slope to tectonic oversteepening or local overpressure increase. B) Collapse feature near  
1592 Location 68 in Figure 8a. Here, tectonic oversteepening and withdrawal of soft slope strata  
1593 may have caused the local collapse feature imaged in the photograph. The depositional facies  
1594 suggest the strata in this photo belong to the Makrilia Formation (see Figure 8B), though very  
1595 similar to Ammoudhares facies.

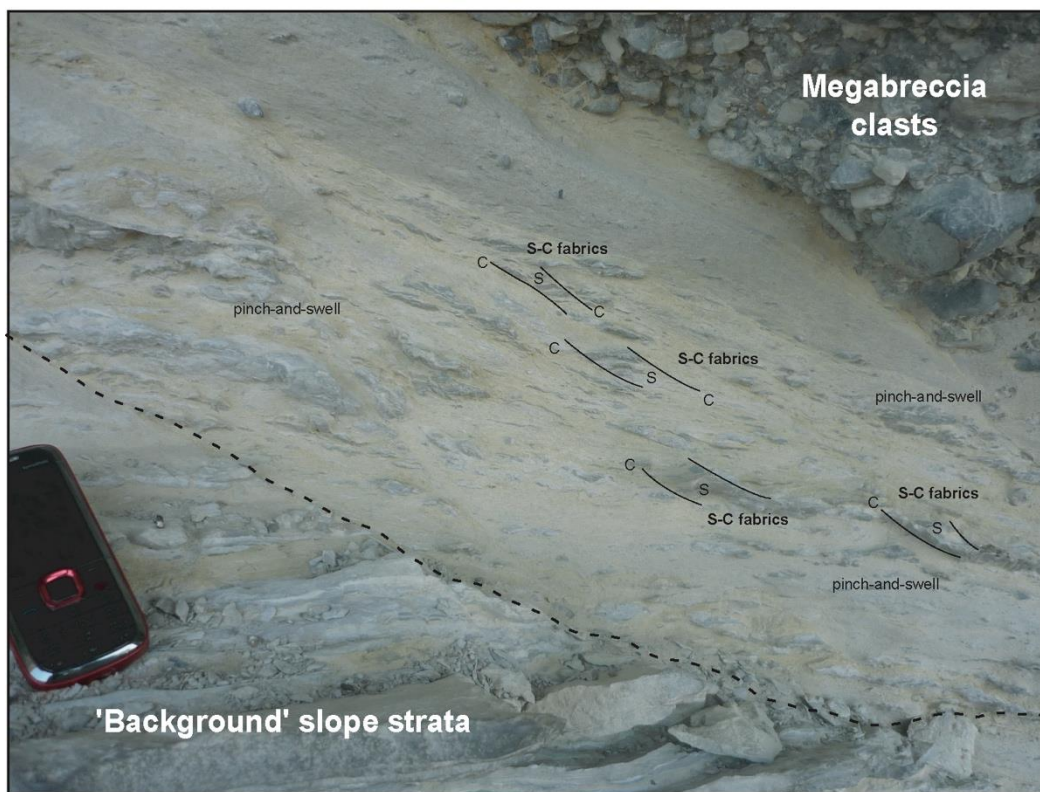
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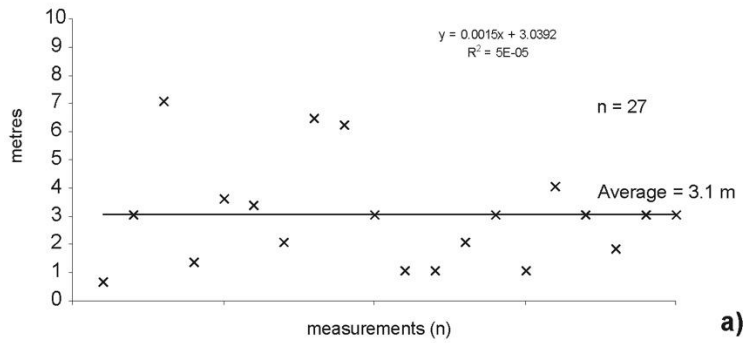
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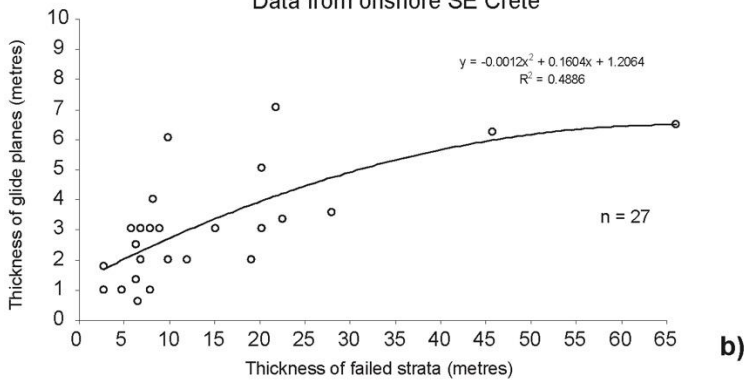


1597 Figure 12 Detailed examples of soft-sediment deformation in the basal shear zones of  
1598 blocks, Location 11 (Figure 8A). A) Local carbonate megabreccias below a 20 m-thick block.  
1599 B) Foliated slope strata with local S-C fabrics indicating that the transport direction of the  
1600 block above is to the right (east).

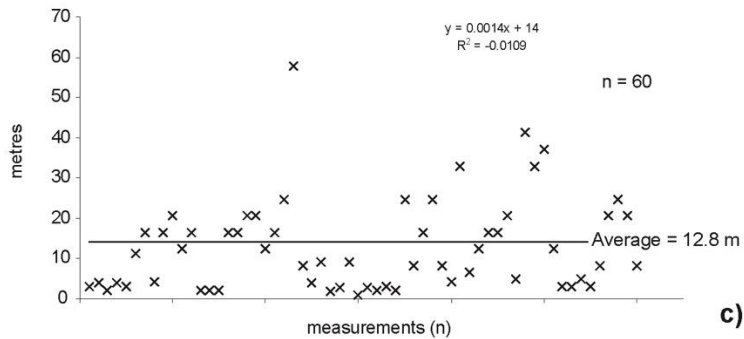
Thickness of basal shear surfaces (m): SE Crete



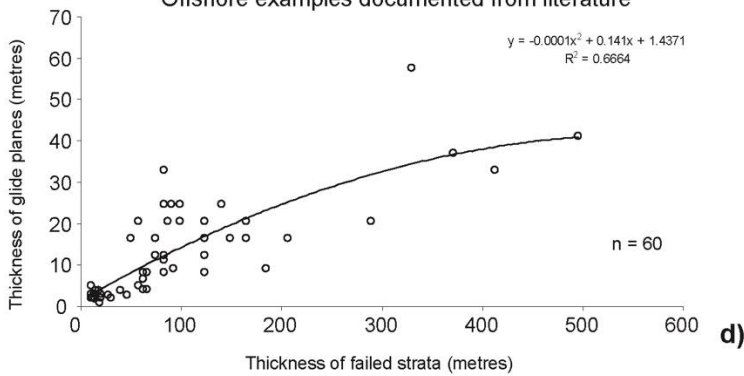
Thickness of basal shear surfaces vs. thickness of failed strata (m):  
Data from onshore SE Crete



Thickness of basal shear surfaces (m): Offshore examples

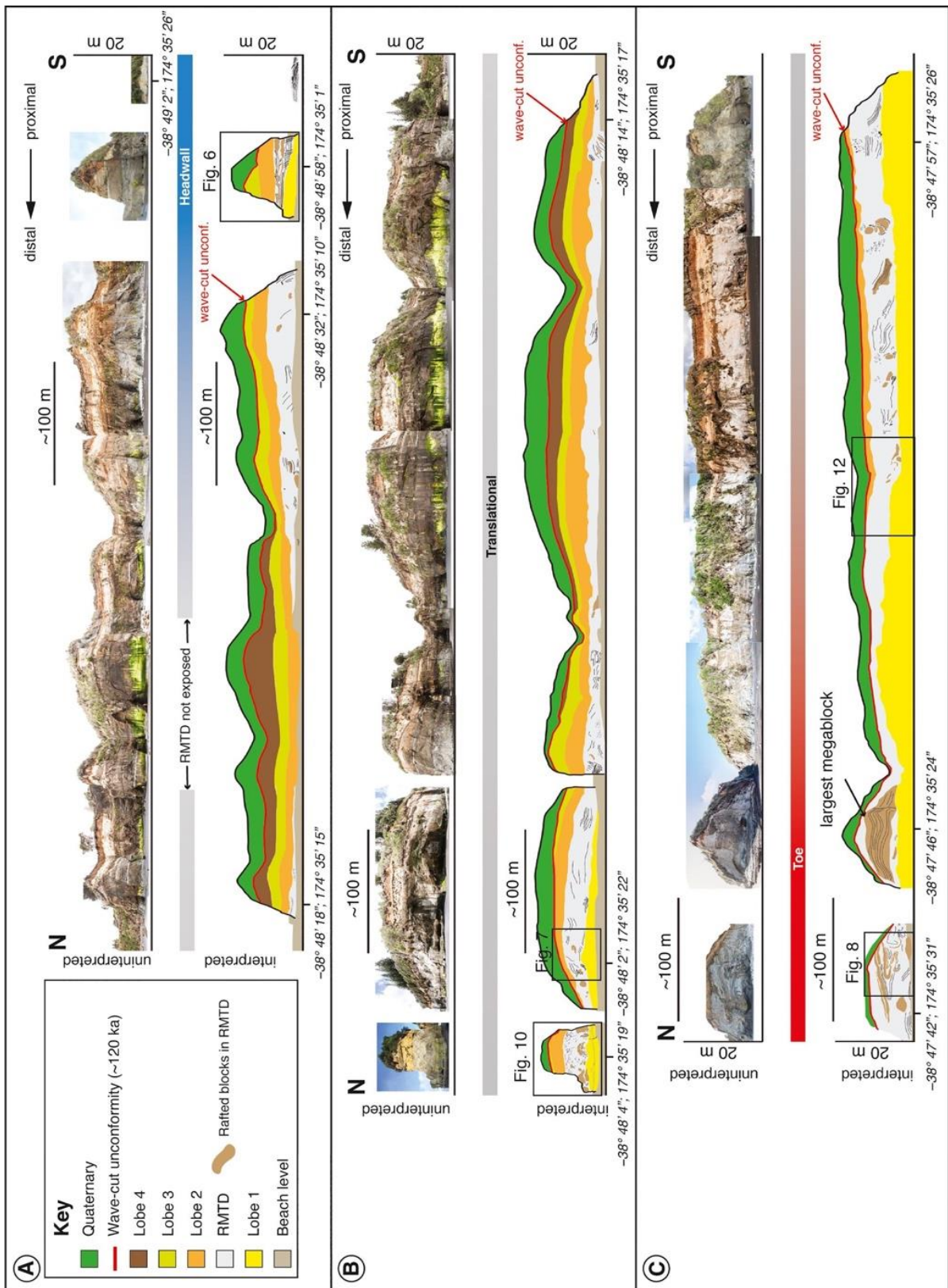


Thickness of basal shear surfaces vs. thickness of failed strata (m):  
Offshore examples documented from literature



1602 Figure 13      Graphs showing the scale relationships between the thicknesses of failed strata  
1603 above vs. the thickness of basal shear zones (R ratio). Measurements were taken from several  
1604 authors as described in Alves and Lourenço (2010) and Alves (2015) - Hampton et al. (1996),  
1605 Gardner et al. (1999), Gee et al. (1999), Gee et al. (2006), Gee et al. (2007), DePlus et al.  
1606 (2001), Bohannon and Gardner (2004), Haflidason et al. (2004), Lee (2005), Frey-Martinez et  
1607 al. (2006), Greene et al. (2006), Lee et al. (2006), Vanneste et al. (2006), Hjelstuen et al.  
1608 (2007), Minisini et al. (2007), Normarck et al. (2007), Sultan et al. (2007), Bull et al. (2008),  
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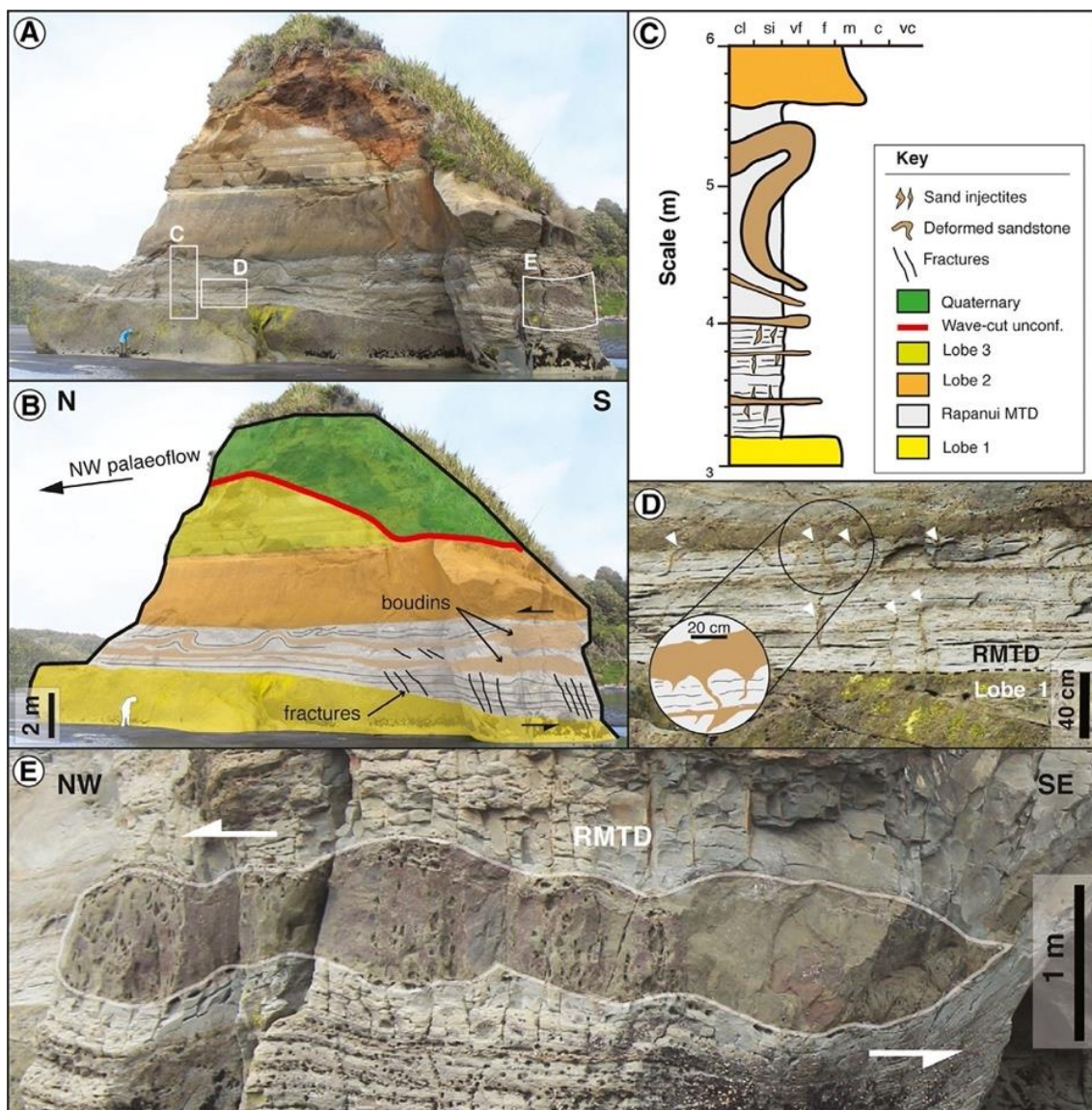
Figure 14 Photomosaic panels of the Rapanui mass transport deposit (RMTD) with

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approximate coordinates. Outcrops are exposed semi-obliquely to the northwest depositional

1613 dip. See Fig. 4D for the approximate map location for each panel. The RMTD is sandwiched  
1614 between two sandstone units interpreted as submarine fan lobes and here informally labelled  
1615 as Lobe 1 and Lobe 2. Slide blocks inside the RMTD have been traced to scale. A)  
1616 Uninterpreted (above) and interpreted (below) panel covering part of the headwall into the  
1617 translational domain. B) Uninterpreted (above) and interpreted (below) panel in the  
1618 translational domain. Note the increase in slide blocks inside the RMTD matrix. C)  
1619 Uninterpreted (above) and interpreted (below) panel covering part of the translational into the  
1620 toe domain. Here, the upper contact of the RMTD is sharply truncated by the Rapanui wave  
1621 cut unconformity.

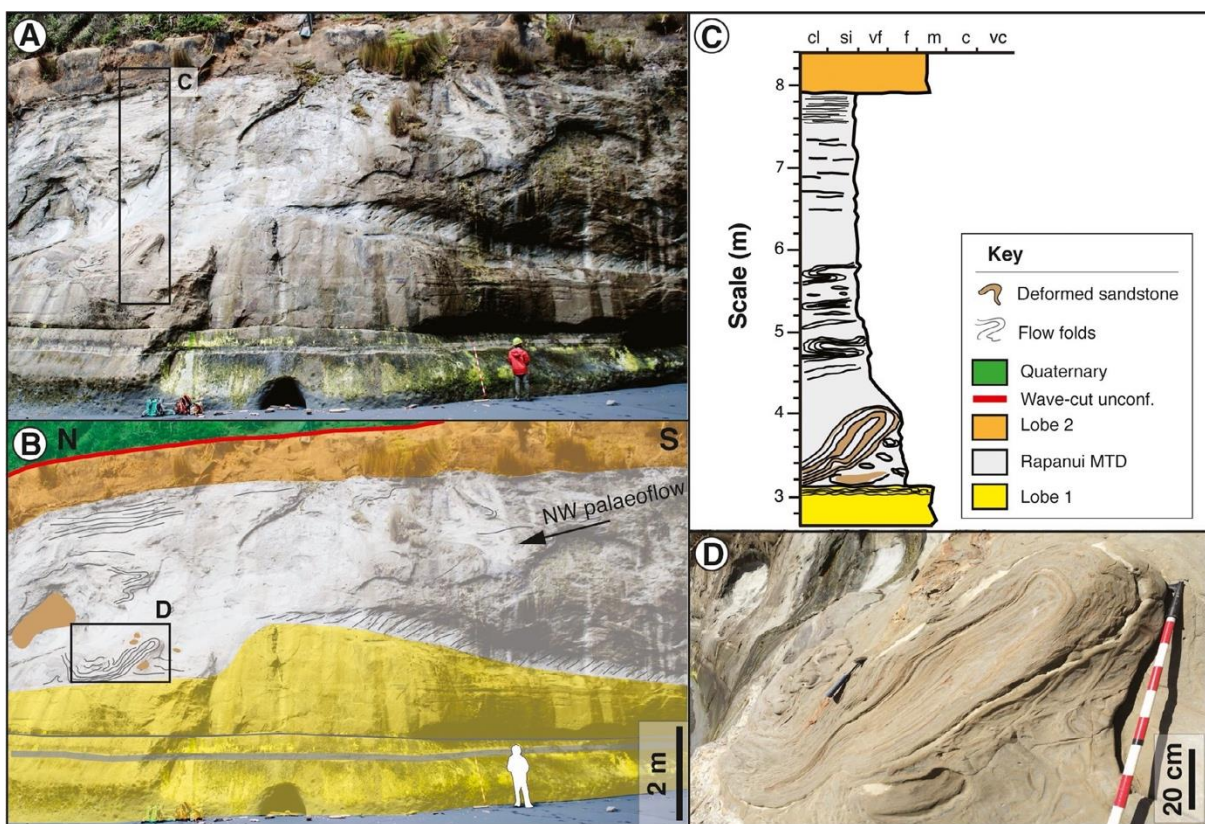
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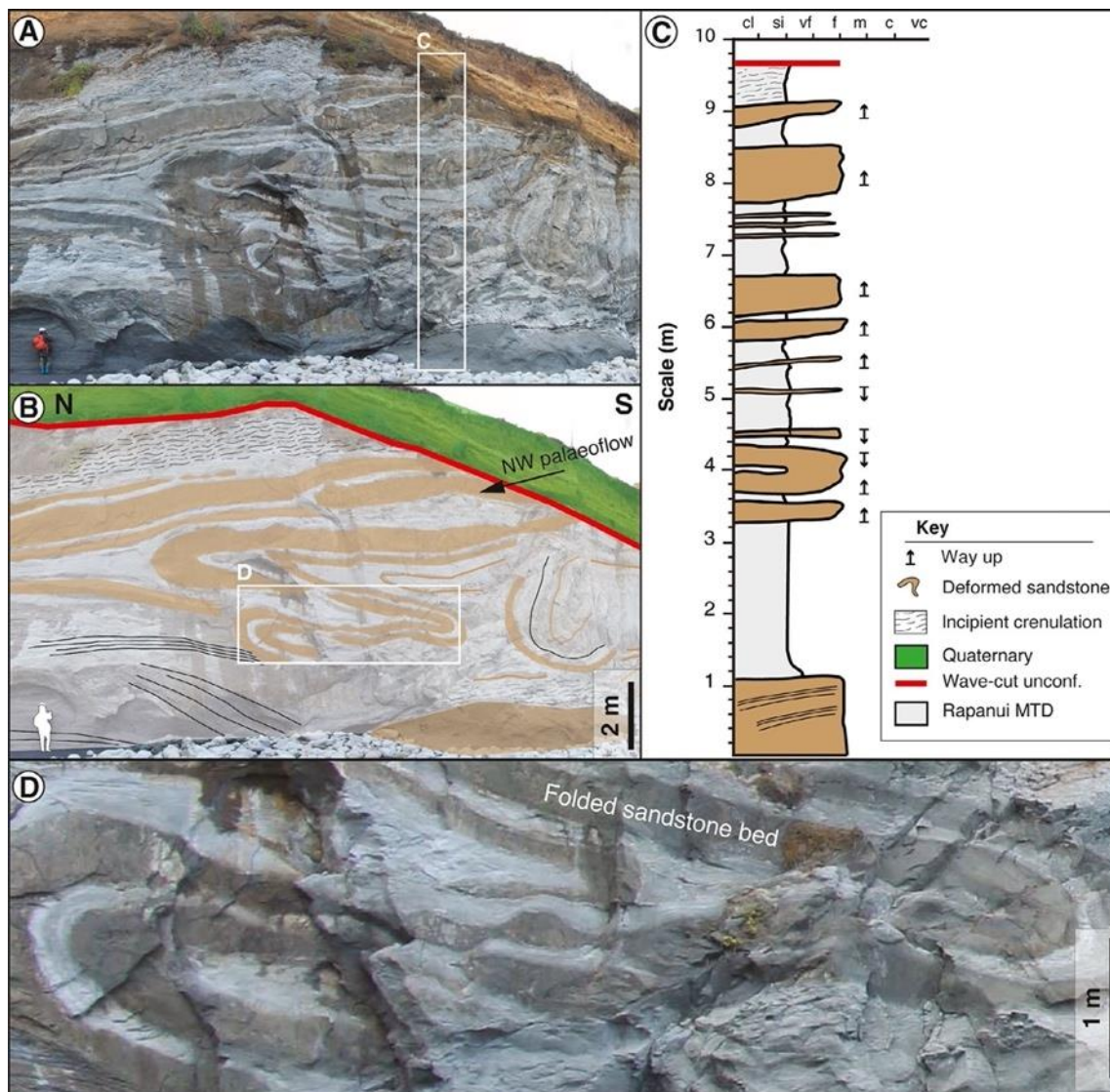
1625 Figure 15 A) Uninterpreted and (B) interpreted key outcrop in the headwall domain of  
 1626 the Rapanui mass transport deposit (RMTD) – see Figs 4D and 5A for location. Note that  
 1627 deformation structures within the RMTD are associated with extensional stress and comprise  
 1628 fractures, boudinage and clastic injectites. However, deformation did not completely  
 1629 obliterate the original stratification of the RMTD ‘protolith’. Fractures abruptly stop against  
 1630 thick sandstone layers and substratum. C) Representative stratigraphic measured section in  
 1631 the headwall of the RMTD. Note that sandstone beds deformed plastically (presenting, for  
 1632 example, folds and boudinage) but disaggregation is minor. D) Close up of the sand injectites

1633 in the RMTD. These cuspidate injectites (white triangles) have lengths around 10 to 20 cm  
 1634 and form during sudden dilation of brittle beds (i.e. sandstone). The contact between the  
 1635 RMTD and the underlying deposits (Lobe 1), marked with the dashed line, is sharp and  
 1636 deformation is limited within the RMTD. E) Close-up of metre-scale, shear-band boudin in a  
 1637 thick sandstone bed. This type of boudinage is associated with ductile deformation and large  
 1638 lateral displacement. Boudins only formed in the sandstone beds and can be used to estimate  
 1639 shear sense (see white arrows).



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 1641 Figure 16 A) Uninterpreted and (B) interpreted key outcrop in the translational domain  
 1642 of the Rapanui mass transport deposit (RMTD) – see Figs. 4D and 5B for location. Note the  
 1643 homogenization/stratal disruption of the RMTD matrix; nearly all primary  
 1644 bedding/stratification has been completely obliterated. Slide sandstone blocks are present in  
 1645 the matrix and some blocks show disaggregation (see Fig. 10). The basal shear zone here is  
 1646 irregular and shows evidence of entrainment and fluidization (see partially fluidized and

1647 folded sandstone from substratum in the close-up in (D). Flow folds or flowage structures are  
 1648 identified in the matrix resulting from partial to complete fluidization conditions (viscoplastic  
 1649 nature) during mass transport. C) Representative stratigraphic measured section in the  
 1650 translational domain. D) Close-up of fluidized sandstone from the substratum in the basal  
 1651 shear zone.

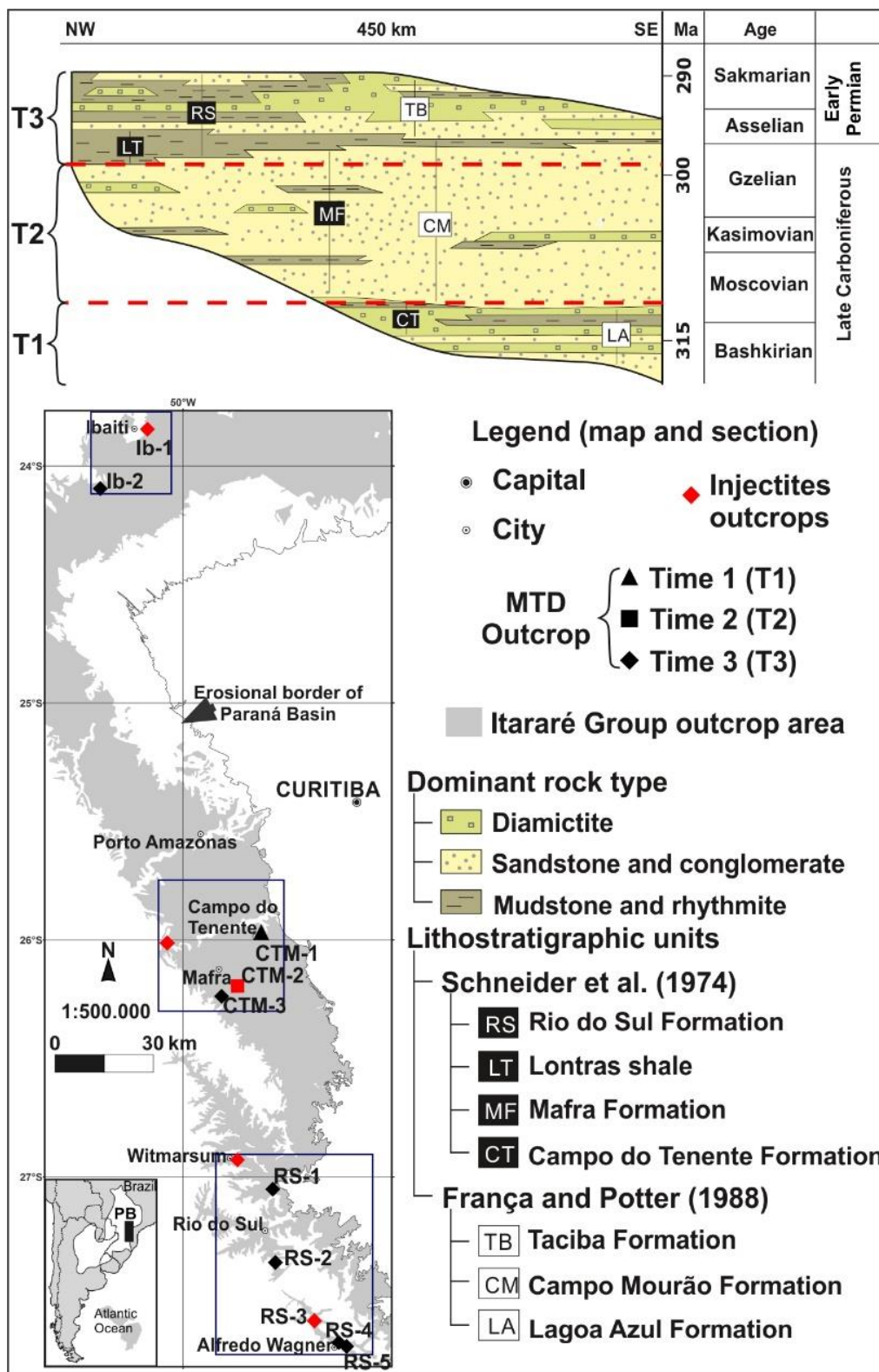


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 1653 Figure 17 A) Uninterpreted and (B) interpreted key outcrop in the toe domain of the  
 1654 Rapanui mass transport deposit (RMTD) – see Figs 4D and 5C for location. The dominant  
 1655 deformation structures shown here are meter-scale compressional folds. These types of folds  
 1656 are probably associated with pressure ridges formed in the toe domain. Some folds display a



1657 sheath-like geometry such as the one in the close up in (D). Matrix near hinge of folds  
1658 displays an incipient crenulation. C) Representative stratigraphic measured section in the toe  
1659 of the RMTD. D) Close-up of sheath fold.

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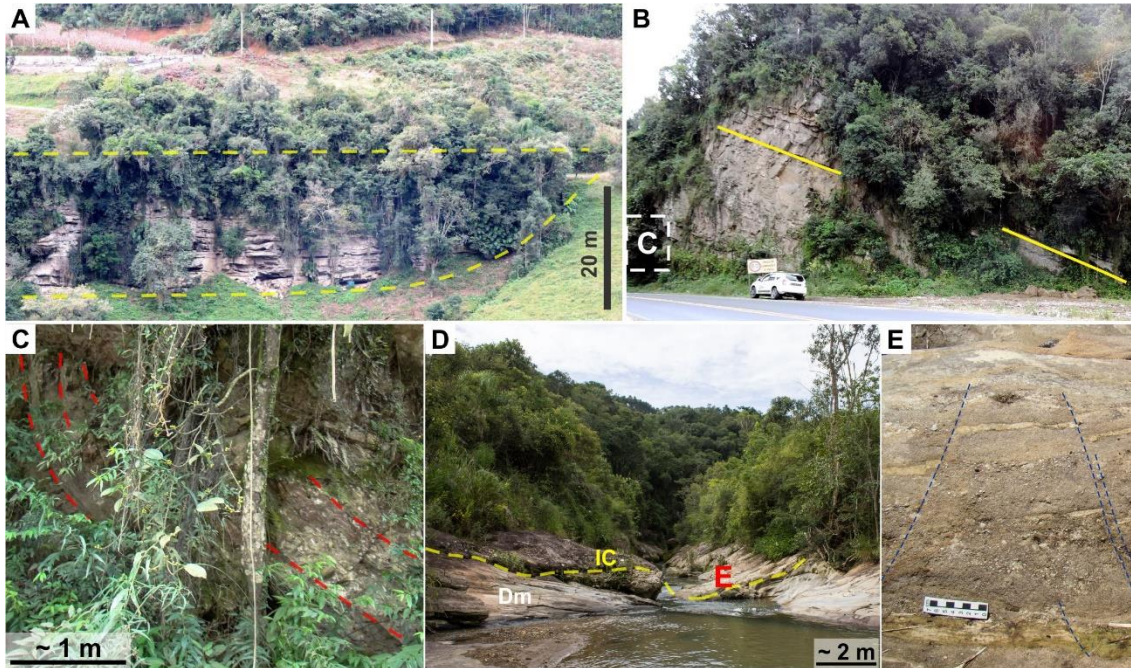


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1663 Figure 18 Location map and stratigraphic setting of MTDs cases in the Itararé Group

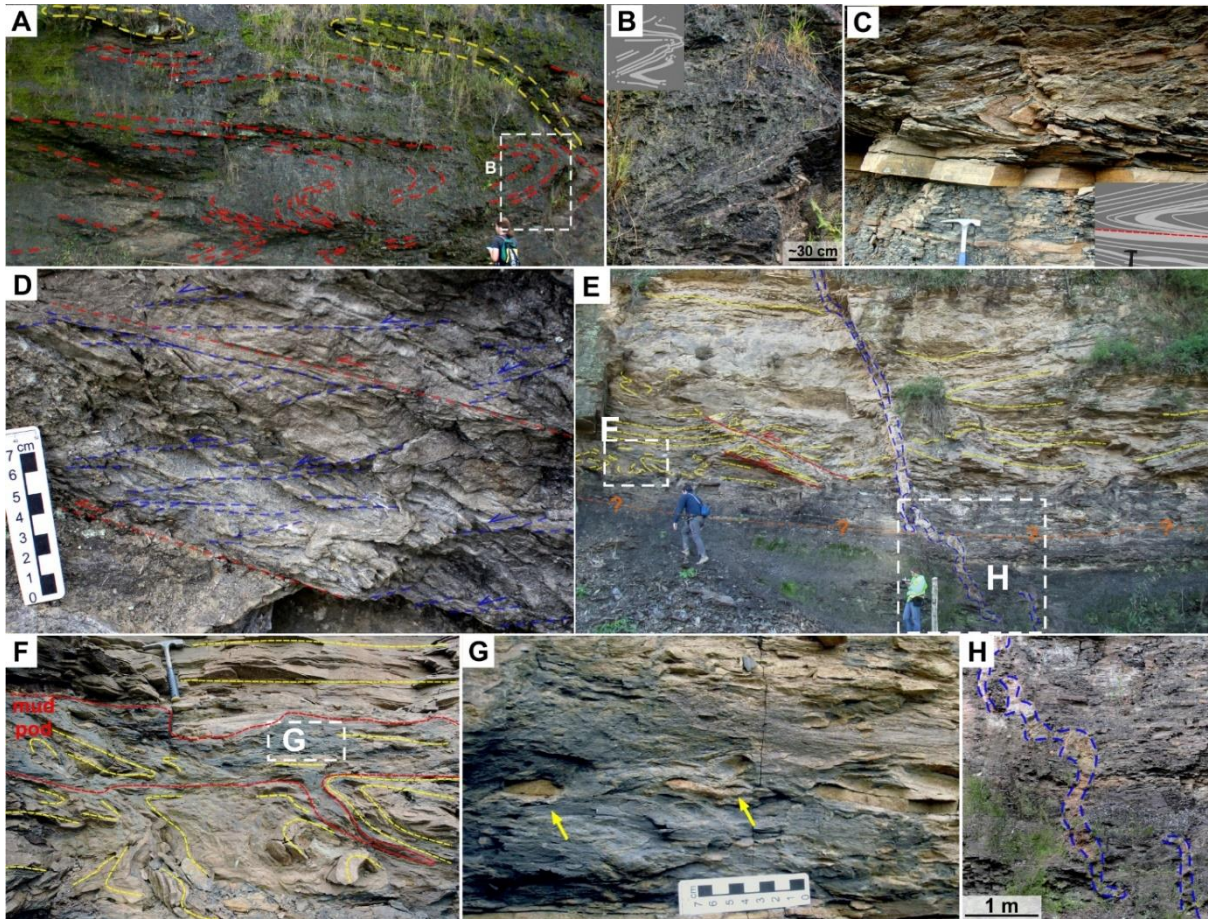
1664 (Paraná Basin in South Brazil) in the three areas of Ibaiti (Ib), Campo do Tenente-Mafra

1665 (CTM) and Rio do Sul (RS). The geographic location and stratigraphic positions of each  
1666 presented mass transport deposit (outcrop locality) are indicated by codes and symbols,  
1667 respectively. In the outcrops indicated in red were documented sand injectites. Modified from  
1668 Rodrigues et al. (2020).



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1670 Figure 19 Large intrabasinal clasts (IC) of sandstones: A) without internal deformation  
1671 (outcrop RS-5; Rodrigues et al., 2020); B) with tilted bedding (adapted from Rodrigues et al.,  
1672 2020) and C) localized fold (outcrop RS-4); D) resting on banded diamictite (Dm; outcrop Ib-  
1673 1) and E) internally deformed by normal faults.



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Figure 20 MTDs in outcrops RS-1 (A to C) and RS-3 (D to K) that exemplify

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slides/slumps cases in the Itararé Group. MTD outcrop RS-1: A) Interval of rhythmite folded

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with symmetric boudin at the limb of a thicker sandstone layer that is folded (adapted from

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Rodrigues et al., 2020); B) Detail of recumbent folds; and C) Recumbent folds with hinge

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thickening in thicker sandstone layers, next to the bottom of the MTD (possible detachment

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surface indicated by the red dashed line) (Rodrigues et al., 2020). Lower MTD in outcrop RS-

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3: D) normal faults associated to subhorizontal or low-angle inverse faults in rhythmite.

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Upper MTD in outcrop RS-3: E) symmetric to asymmetric folds and thrust faults in a

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sandstone and rhythmite interval, crosscut by sand injectites with “en echelon” pattern; F)

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asymmetric to recumbent folds in rhythmites with mud-layers with no preserved lamination,

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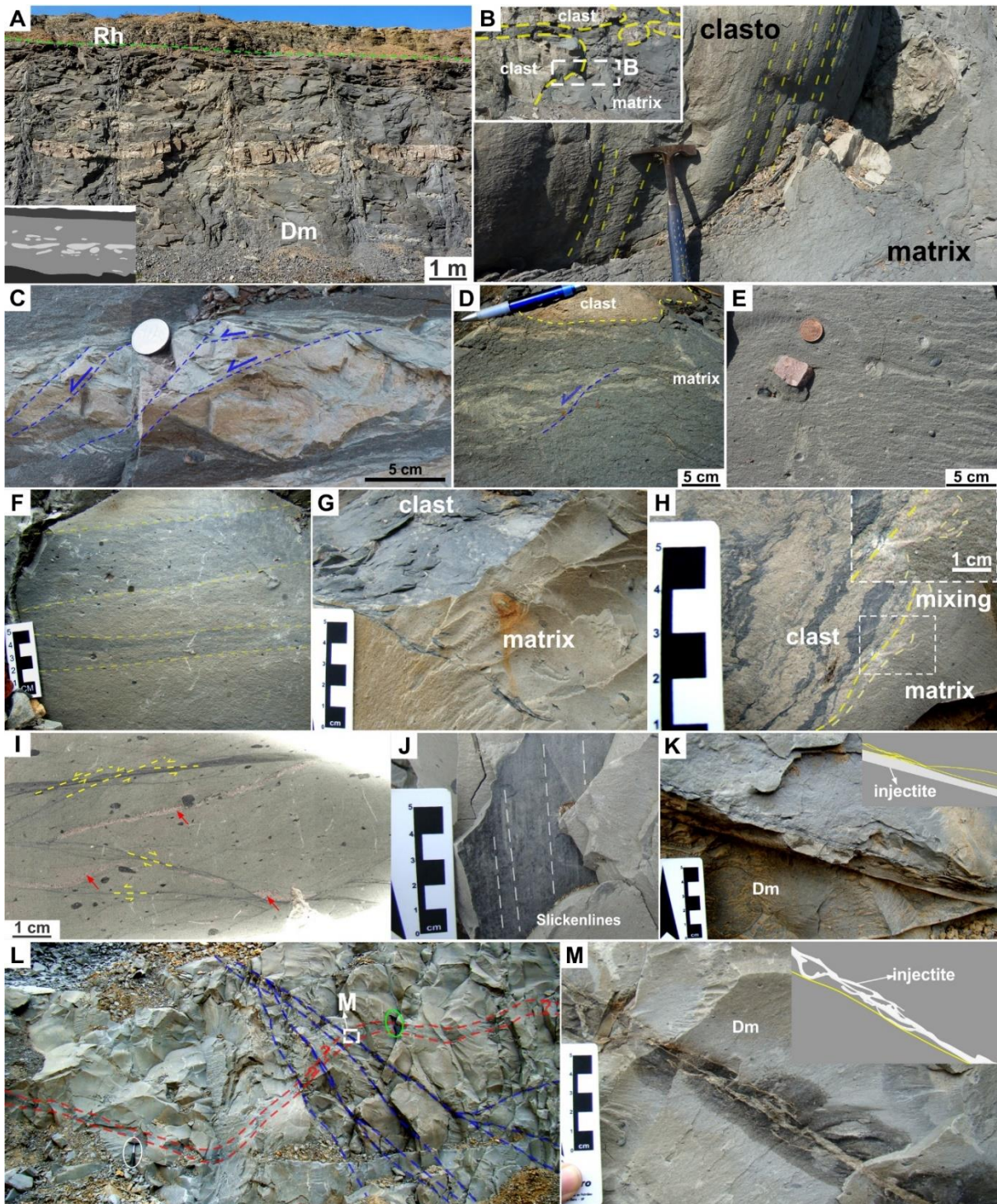
sand-layers folded partially disrupted and pods of mud (dark gray material broadly

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highlighted by red dashed line; E and F adapted from Rodrigues et al., 2020); G) symmetric

1687 boudins (indicated by yellow arrows) in limbs of folded sand layers (Rodrigues et al., 2020);  
1688 H) detail of sand injectites, with partially folded aspect that possibly results from compaction  
1689 that affects the upper MTD and the underlying rhythmite. Possible base limit of the upper  
1690 MTD indicated by the orange dashed lines (F).

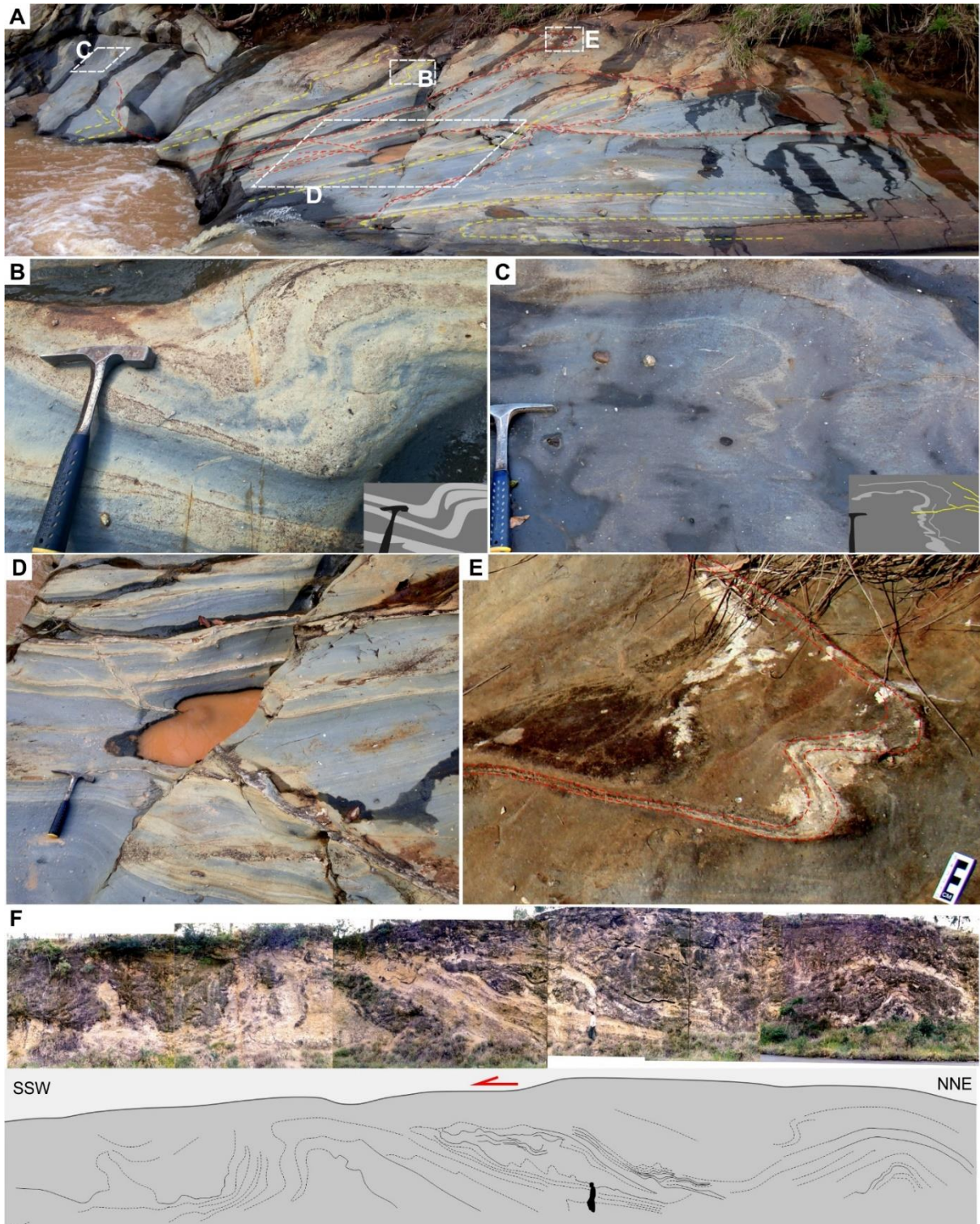
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1694 Figure 21 MTDs in outcrops CTM-1 (A to E) and CTM-2 (F to M) that exemplify debris  
 1695 flows in the Lagoa Azul and Campo Mourão formations, respectively. MTD outcrop CTM-1:  
 1696 Diamictite (Dm) with A) sandstone clasts deformed as symmetric boudins, with rhythmite

1697 deposited on the top (contact approximate indicated by green dashed line) (modified from  
1698 Rodrigues et al., 2020); B) these sandstone clasts formed by boudinage were subsequently  
1699 deformed by grooves/stretch marks at the borders (A and B modified from Rodrigues et al.,  
1700 2020); C) some sandstone clasts were deformed by normal faults and shearing at the borders  
1701 forming films of sediments incorporated by the matrix, which can be heterogeneous with  
1702 remnant sand laminations sheared and deformed by normal faults (D; Rodrigues et al., 2020)  
1703 or massive (E; Vesely et al., 2018, Rodrigues et al., 2020). MTD outcrop CTM-2: Diamictite  
1704 (Dm) with massive (homogenous) to heterogenous matrix with discrete  
1705 textural/compositional banding (F; highlighted by yellow dashed lines) and mud granules  
1706 dispersed (Rodrigues et al., 2020). This diamictite also shows larger deformed clasts such as  
1707 mud clasts with sheared borders (G) and rhythmite clasts with internal laminations sheared  
1708 and folded and with sheared borders, with mixed zones resulting from the partial  
1709 incorporation of sediment clasts by the matrix (H) (Rodrigues et al., 2020). I) Clay smear  
1710 faults (planes and zones) with anastomosed patterns that deform some of the sand injectites  
1711 (Rodrigues et al., 2015, 2021). J) Displacement surface (dark grey surface; looking down on  
1712 the plane) with slickenlines in clay smear fault (highlighted by white lines; Rodrigues et al.,  
1713 2020). K) Tabular injectite parallel to clay smear fault (yellow lines in the drawing) (adapted  
1714 from Rodrigues et al., 2020). L) Sand injectites subparallel to clay smear faults (highlighted  
1715 by blue dashed lines) that crosscut open folds in banded matrix (highlighted by red dashed  
1716 lines). M) Irregular anastomosed injectite subparallel to clay smear fault (yellow lines in the  
1717 drawing).

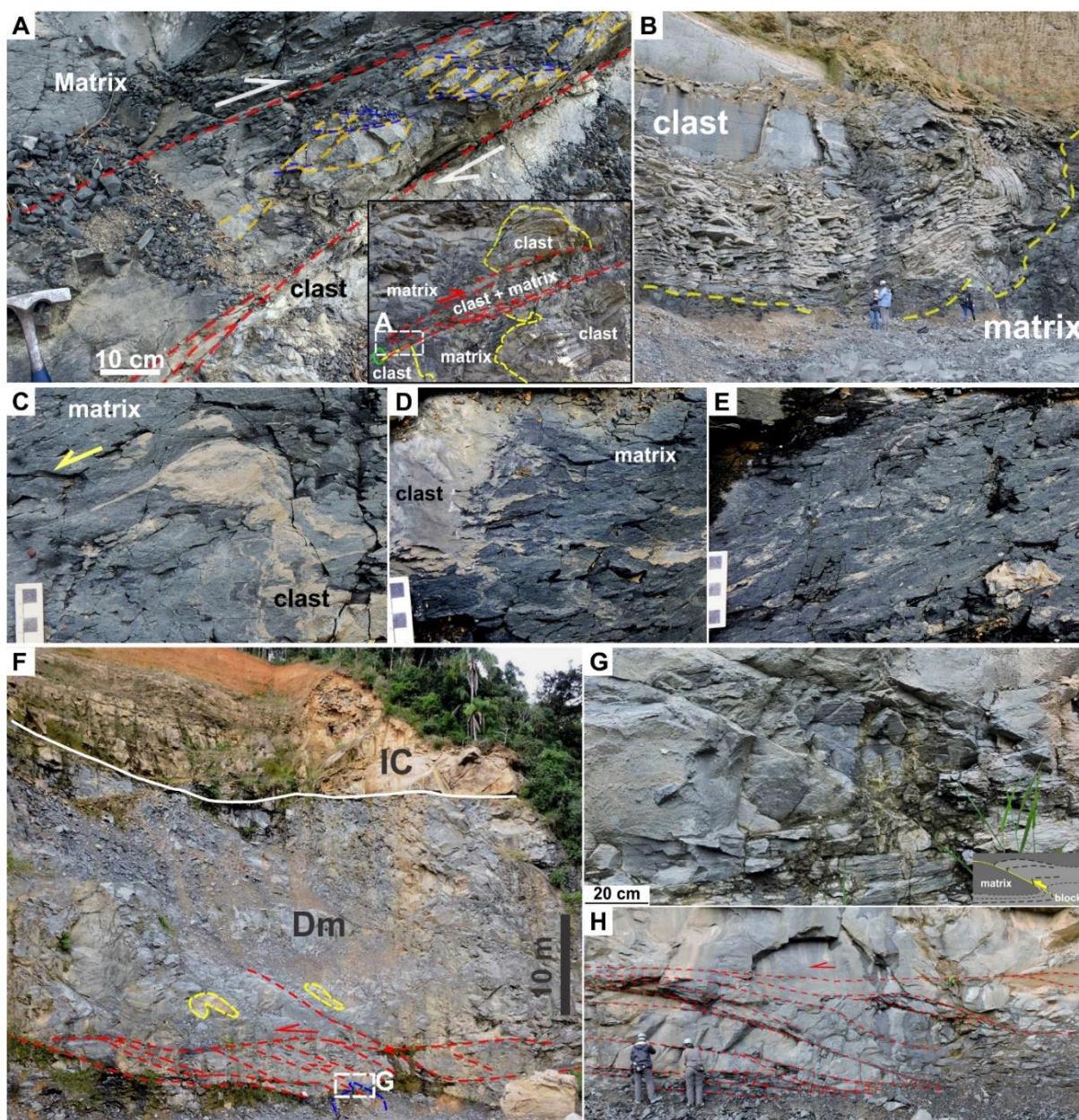


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1719 Figure 22 MTDs in the outcrops Ib-1 (A to E) and Ib-2 (F) that exemplify debris flow  
 1720 cases in the Taciba Formation, in the Ibaity region. MTD outcrop Ib-1: A) Diamictite with  
 1721 matrix characterized by well-defined textural/compositional banding partially folded  
 1722 (highlighted by yellow dashed lines) and sand injections (highlighted by red dashed lines). B)



1723 Asymmetric fold in banded matrix (Rodrigues et al., 2020). C) Banded matrix folded and  
 1724 locally disrupted crosscut by thin later sand injection. D) Injectites in the form of sills and  
 1725 dikes associated to the first stage of injection (Rodrigues et al., 2020). E) Sandy sill folded  
 1726 (highlighted by red dashed line) (modified from Rodrigues et al., 2020). MTD outcrop Ib-2:  
 1727 F) Photomosaic and interpreted sketch of mass transported diamictite with metric-scale  
 1728 symmentric and asymmetric folds (modified from Mottin et al., 2018).

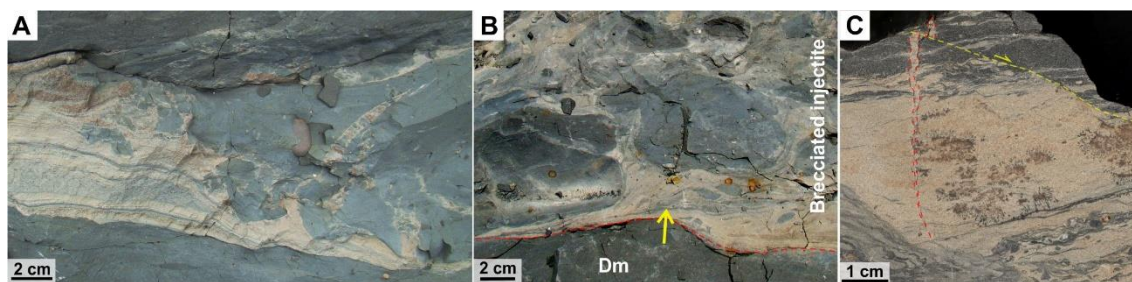


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1730 Figure 23 MTDs of the outcrops CTM-3 (A to E) and RS-2 (F to J) that exemplify debris  
1731 flow cases in the Taciba Formation, in the regions of Campo do Tenente-Mafra and Rio do  
1732 Sul, respectively. MTD outcrop CTM-3: A) Reverse fault that affect the diamictite matrix  
1733 and intrabasinal clasts of rhythmite, which show internal deformation by folds not related to  
1734 the external deformation; within the fault zone occur matrix and clasts fragments deformed,  
1735 commonly with sigma shape (highlighted by blue dashed lines). B) Intrabasinal clast of  
1736 rhythmite internally deformed decimetric to decametric folds (Rodrigues et al., 2020). C)  
1737 Shearing at the borders of sand-rich rhythmite clast and resulting sandy films and fragments  
1738 incorporated by the matrix. D) Sandstone clast with border disintegration, mutual injection  
1739 (matrix injection in clast and clast sediments injection in matrix) and incorporation of clast  
1740 sediment by matrix (Rodrigues et al., 2020). E) Diamictite matrix with sheared and disrupted  
1741 sand lamination (Rodrigues et al., 2020). MTD outcrop RS-2: F) Diamictite (Dm) with  
1742 inverse shear zones (red dashed lines) and deformed intrabasinal clasts of rhythmite (blue  
1743 dashed lines) and sandstone (yellow dashed lines), and large intrabasinal clast (IC) resting on  
1744 the diamictite (adapted from Rodrigues et al., 2020). G) Detail of inverse fault and associated  
1745 drag fold that affect both matrix and rhythmite clast (Rodrigues et al., 2020). H) Inverse shear  
1746 zones, commonly, with clay smear associated (adapted from Rodrigues et al., 2020).

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1750 Figure 24 Other examples of sand injections identified in MTD of Itararé Group in the  
1751 Campo do Tenente-Mafra (A and B) and Rio do Sul regions (C) (see location in Fig.1). A)  
1752 Sandstone layer partially fluidized and injected in diamictite matrix; note the irregular  
1753 portions of the host rock partially to totally enveloped by the injections. B) Breccia resulting  
1754 from sand injection in diamictite; note that some host rock fragment show shearing (indicated  
1755 by yellow arrow) (adapted from Rodrigues et al., 2020). C) Sand injectite that crosscuts  
1756 deformed laminations of rhythmite and is also ductily sheared with the host layers. Although  
1757 the parental layer is not present in the sample, it is a sand layer within the MTD.