## New active-source seismic constraints on the Alaska-Aleutian subduction zone

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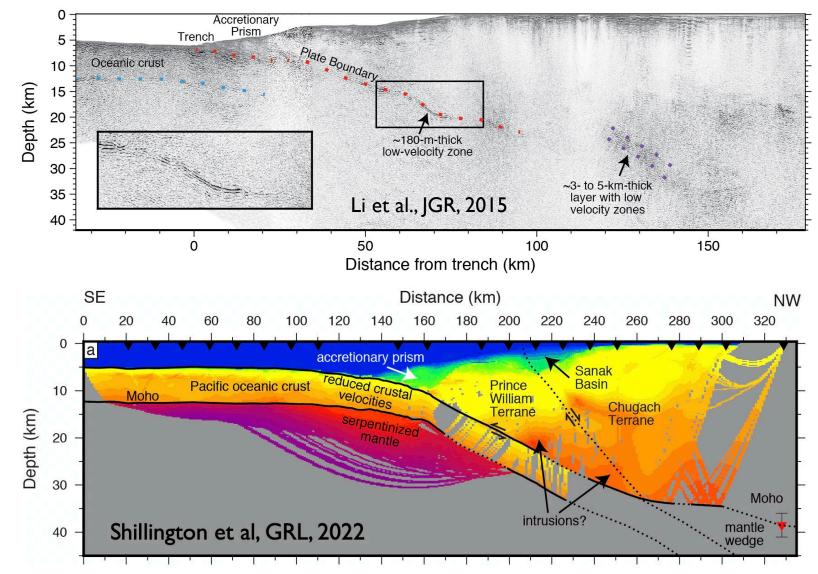
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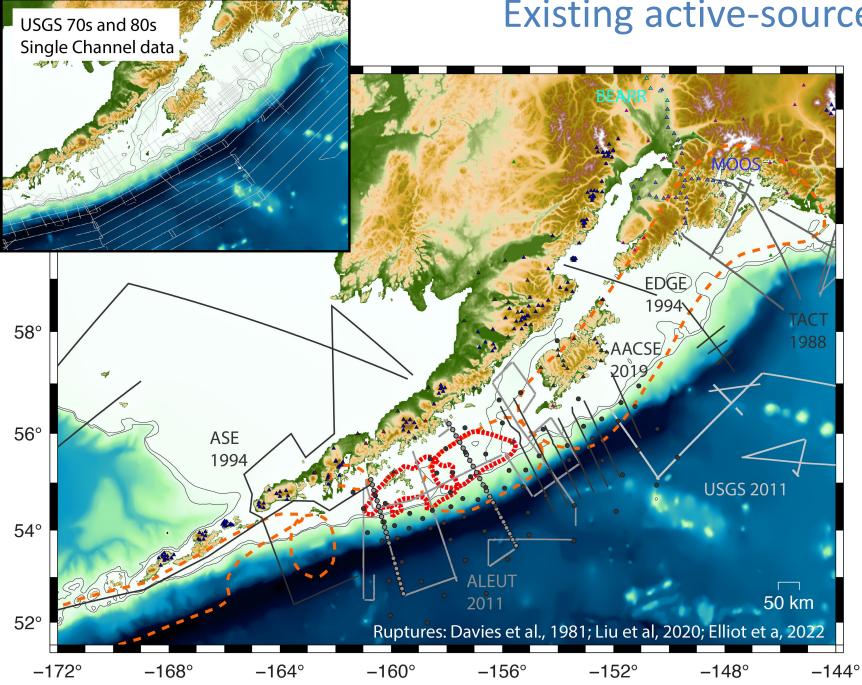
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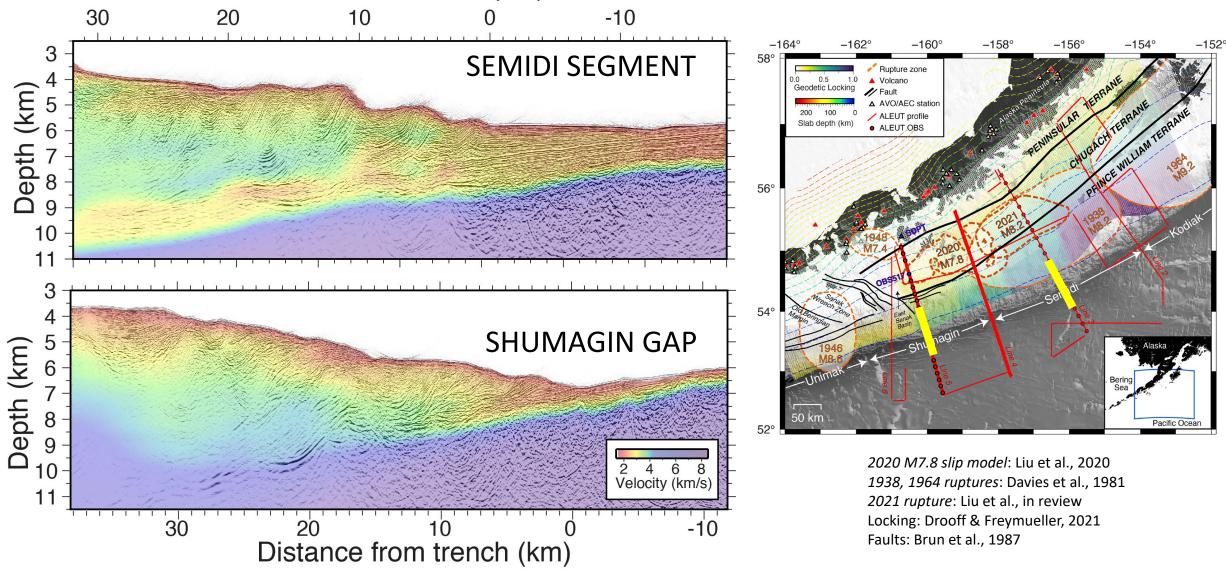




#### Existing active-source data off Alaska & Alaska Peninsula

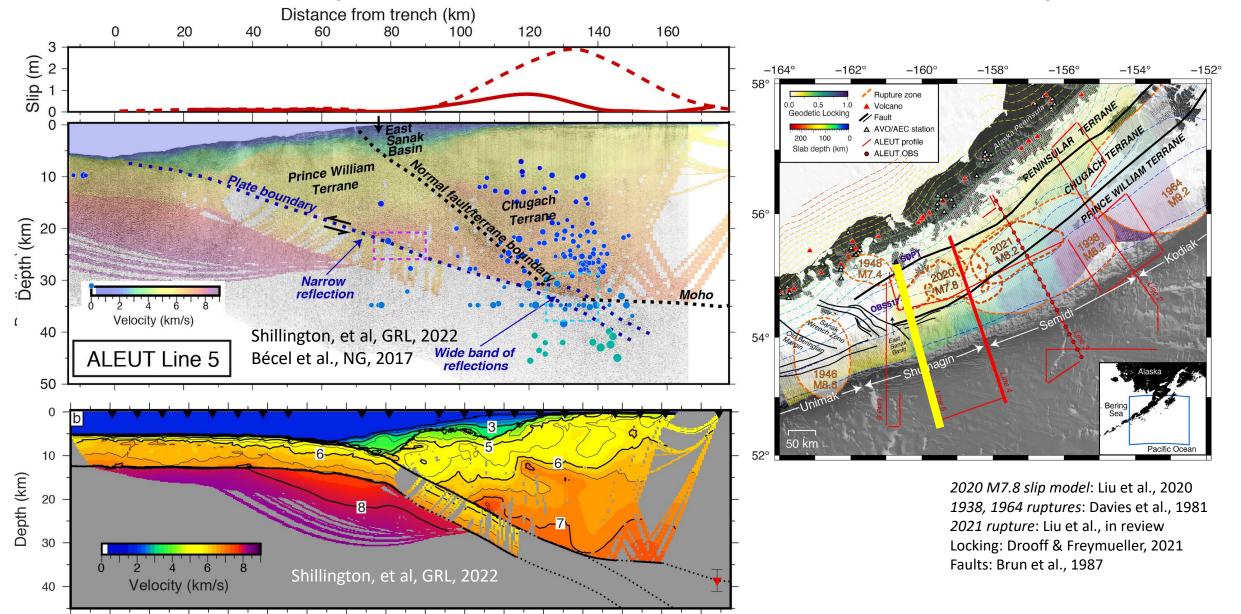
- Irregular coverage and important gaps
- Where modern data exist, very high quality
- Reveal variations in upper plate & lower plate structure, megathrust geometry and properties

Subduction zone inputs influence megathrust heterogeneity & behavior Distance from trench (km)

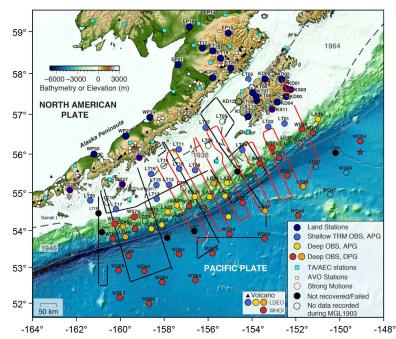


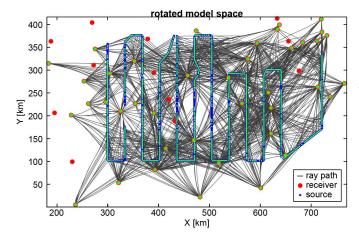
Li, Shillington, Saffer et al, Geology, 2018

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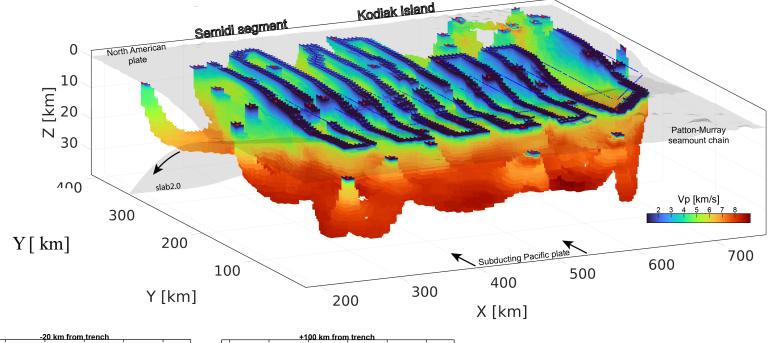
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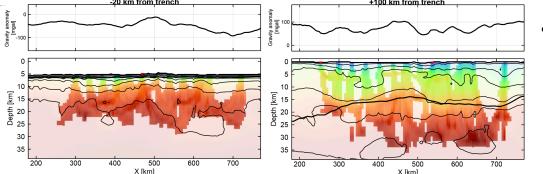




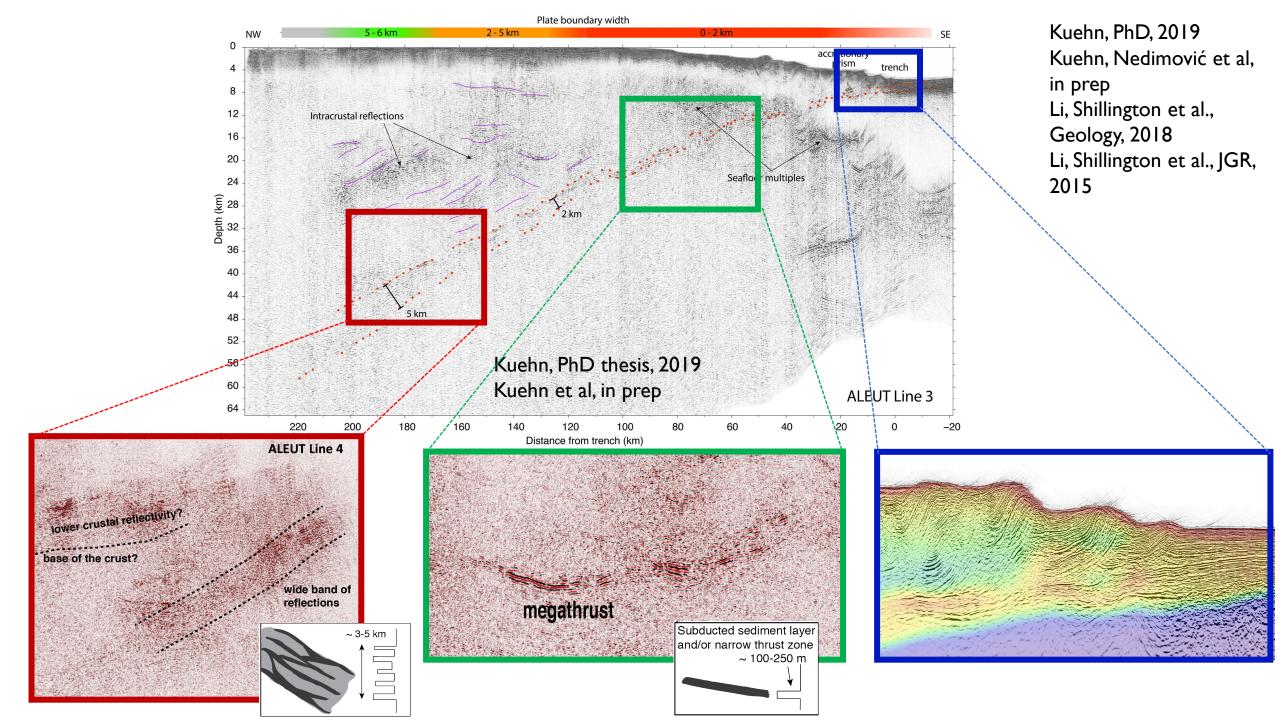
Acquisto, Bécel et al., AGU, 2022

3D P-wave model derived from active source seismic data acquired during the 2018-2019 Alaska Amphibious Community Seismic Experiment (AACSE)

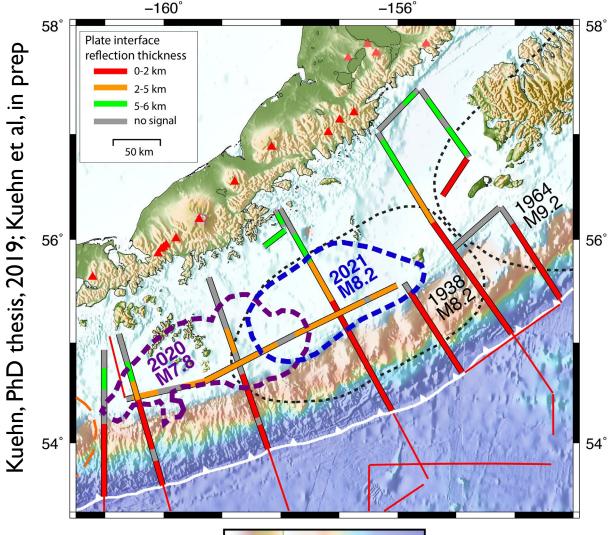




 Provide new constraints on along-strike variations in structures and properties across both the overriding and incoming plates

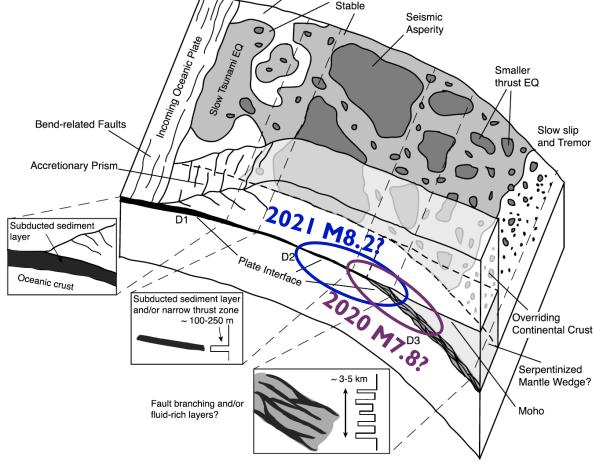


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2000 0 –2000 –4000 –6000 Elevation over sea level (m) 2021 rupture: Elliott et al., 2022 2020 rupture: Liu et al, 2020 Other ruptures Davies et al. 1981

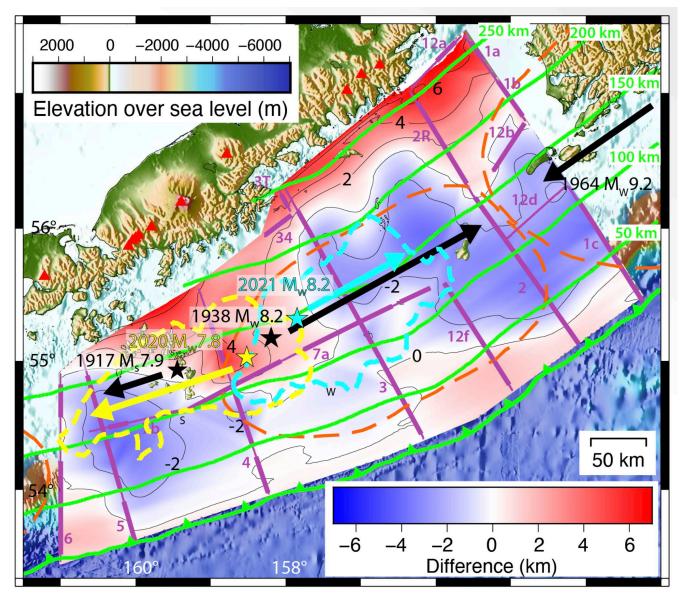
Li, Shillington et al, *JGR*, 2015 Modified after Lay et al., *JGR*, 2012



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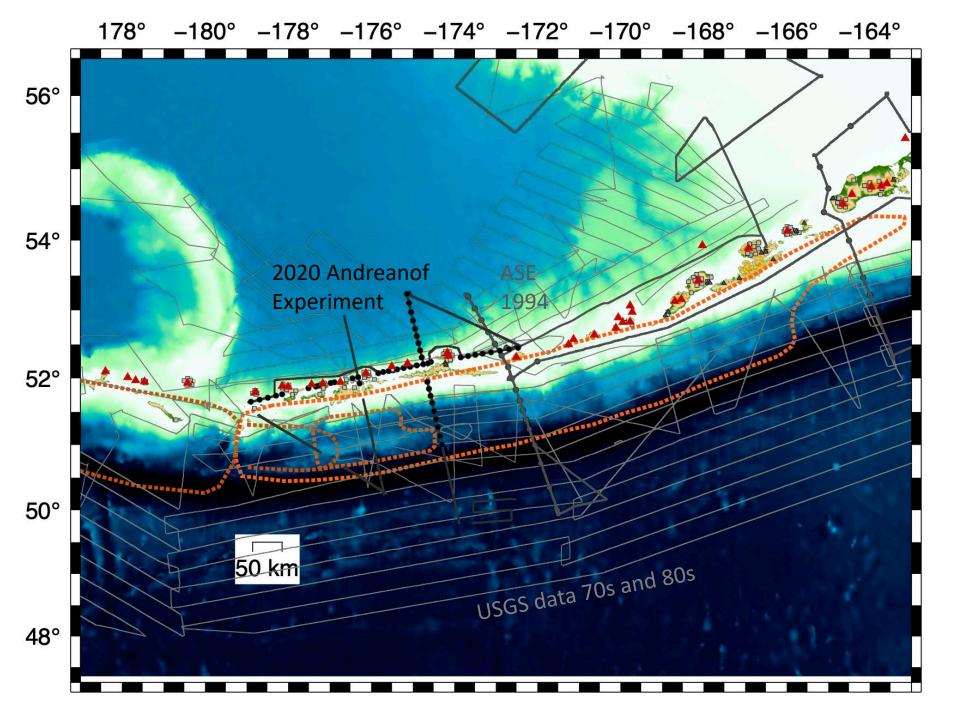
Conditionally

### Megathrust geometry and potential asperities



Kuehn, PhD thesis, 2019; Kuehn, Nedimović et al, in prep

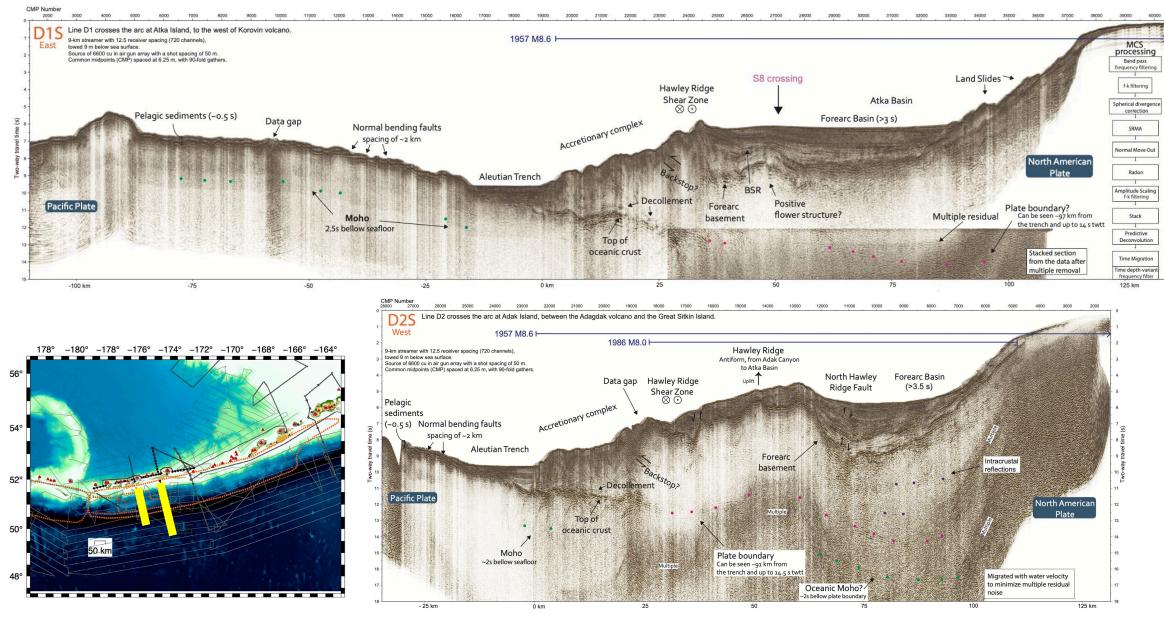
Difference between slab depth from ALEUT data and Slab 1.0



Existing activesource data in Aleutians

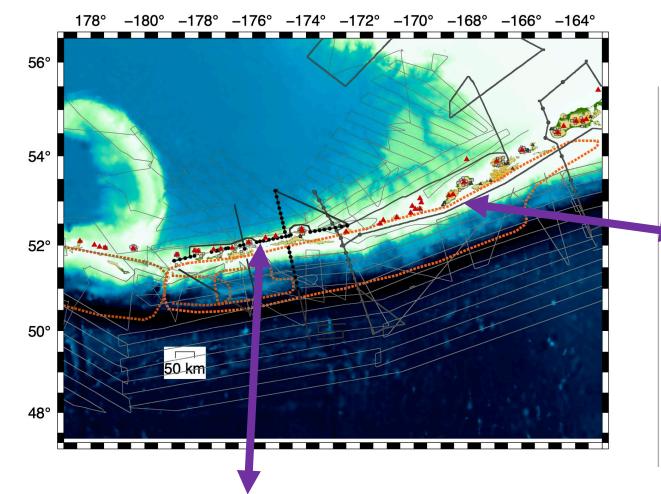
- Very sparse
- Where modern data exist, very high quality
- Reveal variations in forearc and arc structure, with relevance for seismogenesis and magmatism

#### Along-strike variations in forearc structure

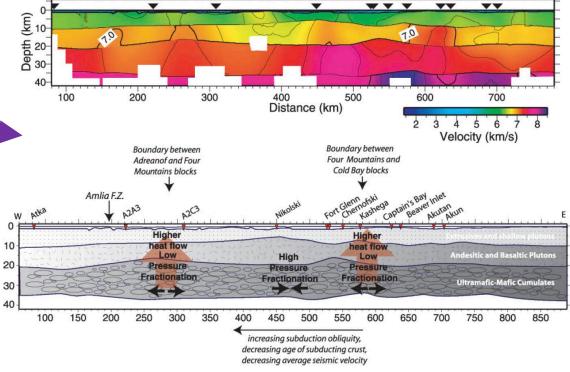


#### Cortés Rivas et al, AGU 2022

### Along-strike variations in arc crustal composition



Old results from very sparse 1994 along-strike profile



Shillington et al., G3, 2004

Higher-resolution constraints from region with more dramatic along-strike changes in arc volcanism in the works... (Mark, Lizarralde et al.)

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