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It is the asymmetry that generates the phenomenon









RIFTING



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Ande cilene

S-America

Nazca

subduction

Past 100 Ma movements

Present movements



Doglioni & Panza 2015 Advances Geophys.





decoupling of the lithosphere











subduction



Doglioni & Panza 2015 Advances Geophys.

















Slab recycling volumes ≈ 306 km³/yr (180 Ma)









Doglioni & Panza 2015 Advances Geophys.
PLATES MOVE: WHO IS PUSHING THEM??!!

Forces acting on the lithosphere



Doglioni et al., 2007, ESR





internal radiogenic heat R

ρ

q

α

h

η

К

0

Doglioni & Panza 2015





Magnitude

Global seismicity



Riguzzi et al., 2010 Tectonophysics



Adinolfi et al. in prep.















Zaccagnino et al. 2020

TIDAL FRICTION

- Earth's rotation is slowing: with dinosaurs the day was of 22h
- Moon receding at 38 mm/year
- Tidal friction 10²⁰⁻²¹ J/yr
- Tectonic moment 10²¹ J/yr







Zaccagnino et al. 2020 ESR



Zaccagnino et al. 2020 ESR









c) Displacement fluctuation: one year





b) Displacement fluctuation: one month, K=10



K=frictional coefficient







Fig. 7. Tidal modulations of plate motions around the linear long-term trend for $K = 50 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (corresponding to $\eta \approx 2.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}$) produced by the 18.6-years-long













1) Orogens and Rifts show an "E-W" global asymmetry



2) The lithosphere moves along a westerly polarized flow



3) Plate tectonics is tuned by Earth's rotation


























Bignami et al. 2019 Scientific Reports





 β =3 thrust, 1.2 strike-slip, 0.75 normal fault

STRESS





















Valerio et al., 2018



Bignami et al. 2019 Scientific Reports



Bignami et al. 2019 Scientific Reports

normal fault seismic cycle





ESTENSION

graviquake







COMPRESSION







Doglioni et al. 2015 SREP



Fault type	Earthquake	M	Z (km)	L (km)	L/z
Normal fault	Pleasant Valley 1915	7.2	15-20	~60	3-4
Normal fault	Irpinia 1980		.5	~45	3
Normal fault	Corinth 1981	15	.3	~40	3
Normal fault	Edgecumbe 1987		.5	~50	3.3
Normal fault	L'Aquila 2009	6.3	10	~30	3
Strike slip	Macquarie Ridge 1989	8.1	12-15	~140	9.3-11.6
Strike slip	Luzon 1990	~ -	.5-20	~150	7.
Strike slip	Landers 1992	8 /	.2	~85	7 1 ()
Strike slip	Izmit 1999		.5	~160	1
Strike slip	Sumatra 2012	8.7	35-40	~400	10-11.4
Thrust	Chile 1960	9.5	30-40	~900	22.5-30
Thrust	Alaska 1964		0-40	~700-800	
Thrust	Sumatra 2004	95	5-45	~1200	2 25
Thrust	Maule 2010		25-30	~500	1
Thrust	Tohoku 2011	9.0	30	~650	21.6







against gravity

pro gravity



EARTHQUAKE ENERGY

GRAVIQUAKE

ELASTOQUAKE









Earthquakes since January 1st 1985




























Petricca et al. 2021 ESR



0.6 Vert (g) 6 E-W (g) ITALIA CENTRALE, 30.10.2016 CASTELLUCCIO DI NORCIA CLO: 7.8 km - ACCUMULI ACC: 18.6 km · FABRIANO FBR: 59.1 km

Mariani & Pugi 2019 Ingeni



Al Shawa et al. 2021 Eng. Geol.







Bignami et al., 2020



"It's all Moon's fault, when it gets too close to the earth it makes everyone crazy"



William Shakespeare

Piero: an hyperbolic gradient

