

25 wave-cut platforms using *in-situ* ^{36}Cl exposure dating. These absolute ages are used to guide
26 a correlation of palaeoshorelines with Quaternary sea-level highstands from 76.5 to ~900 ka;
27 the results of which suggest that uplift rates vary along fault strikes but have been constant
28 for up to 600 ka in places. Correlation of palaeoshorelines across the SCCF results in a
29 throw-rate of 0.41 mm/yr and, assuming repetition of 1.1 m slip events, a fault-specific
30 earthquake recurrence interval of approximately 2700 years. Elastic-half space modelling
31 implies that coastal uplift is related to offshore upper-plate extensional faults. These faults
32 may be responsible for perturbing the uplift rate signals in the south central Crete area. Our
33 findings suggest that where uplifted marine terraces are used to make inferences about the
34 mechanisms responsible for uplift throughout the Hellenic Subduction Zone, and other
35 subduction zones worldwide, the impact of upper-plate extensional faults over multiple
36 seismic cycles should also be considered.

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38 **1. Introduction**

39 Crete is situated above the Hellenic subduction zone (HSZ) and has been used to study the
40 relationship between uplift and slip associated with the HSZ (Gallen et al., 2014;
41 Papadimitriou & Karakostas, 2008; Shaw et al., 2008; Shaw & Jackson, 2010; Strobl et al.,
42 2014). Observations from uplifted palaeoshorelines (e.g. Gallen et al., 2014; (Mouslopolou et
43 al., 2015a; Mouslopolou et al., 2015b; Pirazzoli et al., 1982; Shaw et al., 2008; Tsimi et al.,
44 2007), Palaeolithic sites (Strasser et al., 2011), alluvial fans (Mouslopolou et al., 2017; Pope
45 et al., 2008) and other geomorphological and biological features (Kelletat, 1991; Shaw et al.,
46 2010) along its south and west coasts have been used to discuss the relationships between slip
47 on the subduction interface, thrust faults in the overlying wedge, and historic tsunamigenic
48 earthquakes (Ganas & Parsons, 2009; Shaw et al., 2008; Shaw & Jackson, 2010; Stiros,
49 2010). However, less attention has been given to the role of active normal faulting in

50 influencing uplift, a phenomenon that is widespread on Crete (Angelier, 1979a; Armijo et al.,
51 1992; Caputo et al., 2010; Gallen et al., 2014; Ganas et al., 2017). The upper-plates of
52 subduction zones throughout the World have been shown to host onshore and offshore upper-
53 crustal normal faults (e.g: Binnie et al., 2016; Bottner et al., 2018; Cashman and Kelsey,
54 1990; Howell et al., 2016; McIntosh et al., 1993; McNeill et al., 1998; Meschis et al., 2018;
55 Monaco and Tortorici, 2001; Papanikolaou et al., 2007; Wessel et al., 1994). Where
56 extensional faults occur near to the coastline they leave clear geomorphic signatures of the
57 often variable deformation they cause (Armijo et al., 1996; Meschis et al., 2018;
58 Papanikolaou et al., 2007; Roberts et al., 2009; Roberts et al., 2013) as a result of differential
59 uplift or subsidence between the centre (maximum displacement) and tips (minimum
60 displacement) of the faults. It follows, therefore, that onshore and offshore extensional faults
61 in the upper plate of subduction zones may have the capacity to influence coastal uplift and
62 that uplift rates inferred using coastline data represent a combination of mechanisms
63 including upper-plate extensional faulting (McNeill et al.,1998).

64 In order to understand the relationships between coastal uplift and the broader tectonic
65 influences that occur within a subduction zone setting it is important to consider the impact of
66 upper-plate extensional faults. If we can quantify the deformation that occurs on the length
67 scale of a number of normal faults along the southern Crete coastline, this may, in the future,
68 allow us to explore the component of uplift caused by subduction-related activities that tend
69 to occur on far longer length scales (e.g. Ozawa et al., 2011; Subarya et al., 2006; Vigny et
70 al., 2011). This, in turn, would lead to detailed analysis of the independent seismic hazard
71 posed by normal faults in addition to the hazard related to the converging plate boundary.

72 While normal faults in many parts of Crete are known to be active in the Holocene
73 (Armijo et al., 1992; Caputo et al., 2006; Caputo et al., 2010; Ganas et al., 2017; Monaco &
74 Tortorici, 2004), the longer term activity through the Quaternary is less well-known, in part

75 due to the lack of absolute age control on the Quaternary geology and geomorphology.
76 Inferring the time-averaged uplift behaviour linked to the HSZ and upper-plate deformation
77 over multiple seismic cycles requires robust dating techniques which extend into the Late
78 Quaternary. Presently, there are few sets of existing dates from the south central area of
79 Crete. Determining long-term uplift rates also allows us to explore how these compare to
80 shorter timescales.

81 We investigate a key location along the south central coast of Crete, where a normal
82 fault (South Central Crete Fault – SCCF) crosses the coastline, producing differential uplift,
83 with Quaternary marine terrace deposits at elevations that vary along the coast. To the west
84 where the SCCF crosses the coast at Tsoutsourous Bay (TB) (Figures 1 and 2),
85 palaeoshorelines are cut into a steep, high relief coastal area with greater vertical spacing
86 between them in comparison to those to the east of TB where the palaeoshorelines are more
87 closely spaced together and cut into a low relief coastal plain. Owing to the variation in
88 geology, relief, and elevation of Quaternary palaeoshorelines, and the fact that the SCCF has
89 a clear Holocene scarp with dramatic fault planes exposed near Arvi, we think it is an active
90 fault, capable of hosting destructive earthquakes.

91 The application of a new dating approach allows important new insights. The
92 preservation of geomorphological features associated with wave-cut platforms provides
93 evidence of minimal erosion, thus facilitating the use of *in-situ* ^{36}Cl cosmogenic exposure
94 dating. We have obtained ^{36}Cl exposure ages from five wave-cut platform sites, providing
95 dates for palaeoshorelines that would not be amenable to conventional Optically Stimulated
96 Luminescence (OSL) sediment dating or Uranium-series coral dating. These new ^{36}Cl
97 exposure ages alongside synchronous correlation modelling using sea-level curve data
98 provide new insights that allow us to explore how uplift rates change spatially and
99 temporally. Elastic-half space modelling allows us to compare the observed and modelled

100 patterns of uplift rates in order to establish the significance that extensional upper-plate faults
101 have with regard to coastal uplift. Finally, we discuss the implications of our findings within
102 the context of seismic hazard, and local and broader tectonic regimes of the HSZ and suggest
103 that as coastal uplift along the south of Crete appears to be dominated by extensional faulting
104 this may also be true of the rest of the HSZ.

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107 **2. Background**

108 The Hellenic subduction zone (HSZ) is over 1200 km long and is one of the most
109 seismically active regions on Earth (Becker & Meier, 2010). It accommodates convergence
110 between the Eurasian and African plates at a rate of ~35-40 mm/yr (Nocquet, 2012) (Figure
111 1), with much of this convergence occurring as a result of the southward motion of the
112 Eurasian plate (Jackson, 1994). Crete lies in the forearc of the HSZ, a number of authors
113 suggest that Crete represents a horst structure that has been uplifting since the Miocene
114 (Bohnhoff et al., 2001; Meier et al., 2007; Papanikolaou & Vassilakis, 2010; Ten Veen and
115 Meijer., 1998) but this is not widely accepted (Caputo et al., 2010; Meulenkamp et al., 1994;
116 van Hinsbergen and Meulenkamp, 2006)

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118 *2.1 Crete geology and tectonics*

119 The variation of lithologies observed on Crete exists predominantly as a result of
120 deformation that has occurred throughout the Oligocene to the early Miocene in the form of
121 south-directed thrusting (Fassoulas et al., 1994, and references therein; Papanikolaou &
122 Vassilakis, 2010). The result of this compression was stacking of the internal and external
123 nappe zones (IGME map sheets Ano Viannos 1:50,000; IGME Akhendhrias 1:50,000). The
124 south-central Crete area is bounded by two mountain ranges: the Asterousia mountains in the

125 west and the Dikti mountains in the east (Figure 1c). The hangingwall of the SCCF, which is
126 bounded by the Dikti mountain range to the north, is predominantly comprised of middle-
127 upper Miocene sediments juxtaposed with ophiolitic and flysch deposits from the internal and
128 external zones nappes (IGME Ano Viannos 1:50,000). To the west, beyond the western tip of
129 the SCCF, the lithology is dominated by limestones of variable age (Mesozoic to Tertiary),
130 and their unconsolidated and consolidated scree deposits that make up the Asterousia
131 mountain range (IGME map sheet Akhendhrias 1:50,000). Marine terrace deposits are
132 reported throughout the area and are seen as conglomeratic beach rocks, gravels and sands
133 which unconformably overlie eroded Miocene sediments and limestone surfaces (Gallen et
134 al., 2014). Quaternary and Holocene alluvial fan deposits are common throughout the study
135 area, especially along the hangingwall of the SCCF (Gallen et al., 2014). Associated with the
136 marine terrace deposits are (a) palaeoshorelines, located up-dip from the terrace deposits,
137 defined by palaeo- sea-cliffs cut into bedrock limestones, marked by shoreline notches lined
138 with lithophagid borings and other shoreline fauna (algal encrustations, gastropods,
139 echinoderms, bivalves and, rarely, corals), and (b) wave-cut platforms, that are the along
140 strike correlatable surfaces to marine terrace deposits, characterised by erosive surfaces
141 marked with millholes that are in turn marked by lithophagid borings. The borings are
142 between 3-9 cm deep when formed (Peharda et al., 2015), though research by Devescovi and
143 Ivesa, (2008) suggest a value closer to 6 cm is common, so their preservation with depths of a
144 few centimetres indicates minimal erosion since their formation.

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146 2.1.1 *Upper plate faults and their context within a converging zone*

147 While thrust faulting dominates the offshore of southern Crete at depths above and
148 along the subduction interface, shallower depths of <15 km and closer to the southern
149 shoreline of Crete are predominantly characterized by normal and transtensional faulting

150 (Alves et al., 2007; Kokinou et al., 2012; Papazachos, 1990; Ten Veen and Kleinspehn.,
151 2003). Onshore, normal faulting is prevalent, with the strikes of these dip-slip faults having
152 multiple directions suggesting a complex extensional regime (Caputo et al., 2010; Ganas et
153 al., 2017; Mercier et al., 1987; Zygouri et al., 2016). The active normal faults broadly trend
154 E-W or N-S with the exception of the Ierapetra and Kastelli faults which trend NE-SW
155 (Strobl et al., 2014) (Figure 1a). The E-W trending faults that accommodate arc-
156 perpendicular extension are common, both onshore and offshore of south Crete; these faults
157 are the subject of this study.

158 Onshore E-W trending normal faults show uplift in their footwalls, as expected, but
159 also uplift in their hangingwalls, indicated by preserved marine terraces, despite the
160 subsidence they are experiencing as a result of faulting. The hangingwall subsidence is
161 counteracted by uplift, presumably related to the subduction interface and/or thrust faults in
162 the overlying wedge and/or footwall uplift from offshore, E-W striking normal faults. Uplift
163 in the hangingwall of normal faults is observed along the south coast of Crete, namely the
164 Sfakia fault, SW Crete (Skourtsos et al., 2007, Tsimi et al., 2007), the Ierapetra fault, SE
165 Crete (Gaki-Papanastassiou et al., 2009) and the SCCF (Angelier, 1979b; Gallen et al., 2014;
166 Gallen & Wegmann, 2016).

167 We are interested in the onshore SCCF along the southern central area of Crete
168 (Figure 1a), because it crosses the coast and appears to control differential uplift that can be
169 explored through mapping and dating of wave-cut platforms. Limestone fault scarps are
170 visible along all four of its south-dipping segments and have an average dip of 45° (Gallen et
171 al., 2014). Converging slip vectors reported along its ~45 km onshore length (Gallen et al.,
172 2014) suggest that the segments represent one fault at depth (Michetti et al., 2000; Roberts &
173 Ganas, 2000; Roberts, 1996, 2007). The western section of the SCCF fault exhibits a change
174 in strike as it curves toward the coastline and tips-out offshore (Figures 2, 3). Analysis of

175 bathymetry defines the approximate offshore extent of this fault as ~2.5 km south of the
176 coastline (Figure 3a) (Alves et al., 2014; Kokinou et al., 2012). This interpretation contrasts
177 with the suggestion by Gallen and Wegmann, (2016) where the SCCF represents the onshore
178 extension of the Ptolemy fault, which they suggest has a normal motion, implying in an intra-
179 plate normal fault which is ~124 km in length. This length is at odds with the notion that
180 maximum fault length is about twice the depth of the seismogenic layer of 12-15 km (Jackson
181 & White, 1989), so we prefer our interpretation which defines a ~45 km fault.

182 Offshore, the southern coast of Crete is bounded by active normal faults and three
183 ‘trench’ faults. The normal faults, the Cape Lithino faults and the Mirto fault (Caputo et al.,
184 2010) (Figure 1a), have a dip to the south, synthetic to the SCCF. Investigations using
185 bathymetry, seismic reflection and sediment core data by Alves et al. (2007) and Kokinou et
186 al. (2012) showed that the faults are active and control basin development. The Ptolemy,
187 Pliny and Strabo ‘trenches’ are upper-plate faults that do not represent the subduction trench
188 of Crete, which is buried under up to 10 km of sediments belonging to the accretionary prism
189 (Chaumillon & Mascle, 1997).

190 The Ptolemy fault trends NE to NNE (Angelier et al., 1982) and extends ~90 km
191 along strike (Figure 1). The motion on this fault has been the subject of much debate with
192 earlier studies suggesting that it either accommodates convergence as a transform/thrust fault
193 (Mascle et al., 1982; McKenzie et al., 1978; Taymaz et al., 1990), is a strike-slip fault
194 (Chaumillon & Mascle, 1997; Huguen et al., 2001; Pichon & Angelier, 1979) or is a normal
195 fault (Gallen et al., 2014; Gallen & Wegmann, 2016). However, evidence from
196 microseismicity, bathymetry, seismic reflection and analysis of fault-plane solutions suggest
197 that the active fault cuts through the entire upper plate, is south dipping, near vertical (85°)
198 and records sinistral transtensional motion that has resulted in the development of a wedge-

199 shaped sedimentary basin approximately 4 km thick (Becker et al., 2006; Bohnhoff et al.,
200 2001; Kokinou et al., 2012; Meier et al., 2004).

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202 *2.2 Crete uplift*

203 The cause of uplift on Crete is debated and suggested to result from underplating on
204 the subduction interface, reverse motion on the megathrust, thrusting and oblique slip faulting
205 in the forearc, and active normal faulting (Angelier et al., 1982; Caputo et al., 2010; Gallen et
206 al., 2014; Ganas & Parsons, 2009; Meier et al., 2007; Mouslopoulou et al., 2015a; Shaw et
207 al., 2008; Strobl et al., 2014; Taymaz et al., 1990; Tiberti et al., 2014). Geodetic,
208 seismological and geological evidence suggest compressional, extensional and strike-slip
209 tectonics onshore and offshore southern Crete as seen by the analysis of fault plane solutions
210 and microseismicity studies (Becker et al., 2010; Bohnhoff et al. 2005; Caputo et al., 2010;
211 Doutsos & Kokkalas, 2001; Howell et al., 2017; Kokinou et al., 2012; Meier et al., 2007;
212 Papazachos, 1990; Shaw & Jackson, 2010; Taymaz et al., 1990). These studies show that
213 thrust faulting occurs as a result of forearc-normal compression at depths linked to
214 subduction to the south of Crete; additionally Shaw et al. (2008) suggested that reverse (high-
215 angle) splay faults may cut the upper crust in western Crete, however their existence was
216 debated by Ganas and Parsons, (2009) on the basis of lack of compatible seismological data.
217 The E-W and N-S trending normal faults accommodate arc-normal and arc-parallel extension
218 (Angelier, 1979a; Armijo et al., 1992; Caputo et al., 2006; Caputo et al., 2010; Fassoulas.,
219 2000; Floyd et al., 2010; Gallen et al., 2014; Gallen & Wegmann, 2016; Ganas et al., 2017;
220 Howell et al., 2017; Kokinou et al., 2012; Peterek & Schwarze, 2004; Snopek et al., 2007),
221 which is also reflected in Eurasian (upper) plate GPS motions that increase toward the
222 southern edge of the plate in the location of Crete (Floyd et al., 2010; McClusky et al., 2000)
223 and are quantified by Nocquet et al., 2012 as ~10 mm/yr.

224 Pleistocene uplift is visible in sequences of preserved marine terraces seen throughout
225 the eastern and southern coasts of Crete (Angelier, 1979b; Gaki-Papanastassiou et al., 2009;
226 Gallen et al., 2014; Peterek & Schwarze, 2004; Pirazzoli et al., 1982; Strobl et al., 2014).
227 Uplift continues into the present day, evidenced by raised Holocene notches and raised beach
228 deposits which are predominantly seen in Western Crete and linked to suggested coseismic
229 uplift caused by the 365 A.D. earthquake (Pirazzoli et al., 1982; Postma & Nemec, 1990;
230 Shaw et al., 2008; Stiros, 2001, 2010). Uplifted Holocene beachrocks are also reported on the
231 footwall of the Ierapetra fault toward the south east of the island (Figure 1c; see Gaki-
232 Papanastassiou et al., 2009 and references therein).

233 Investigations using uplifted hangingwall and footwall marine terraces, 2D
234 viscoelastic modelling and sedimentary correlations have led to a large variety of uplift
235 estimates along the south coast of Crete from 0.2 - 7.7 mm/yr over timescales since the late
236 Quaternary (~600 ka) to the present day (Gaki-Papanastassiou et al., 2009; Gallen et al.,
237 2014; Gallen & Wegmann, 2016; Meulenkamp et al., 1994; Mouslopoulou et al., 2017;
238 Mouslopoulou et al., 2015a; Mouslopoulou et al., 2015b; Shaw et al., 2008; Skourtsos et al.,
239 2007; Strasser et al., 2011; Strobl et al., 2014; Tiberti et al., 2014). Additionally, some
240 authors propose that uplift rates have significantly varied over time (Gallen et al., 2014;
241 Mouslopoulou et al., 2015a; Tiberti et al., 2014). Studies to determine uplift rates have
242 employed a mixture of dating techniques with many attempting to explore long-term uplift
243 using AMS ^{14}C radiocarbon dating on marine shells (Mouslopoulou et al., 2015b;
244 Mouslopoulou et al., 2015a; Shaw et al., 2008; Shaw et al., 2010; Shaw, 2012; Strasser et al.,
245 2011; Tiberti et al., 2014) which has a maximum dating span of around ~50 ka (Reimer et al.,
246 2013); other methods include ^{10}Be exposure dating (Strobl et al., 2014), Optically Stimulated
247 Luminescence (OSL) geochronology (Gallen et al., 2014) and U-Series measurements
248 (Angelier 1975b; Gaki-Papanastassiou et al., 2009).

249 The pattern of uplift described within published works is further complicated with
250 regard to attempting to identify regional uplift rates, because most of the south and east of
251 Crete is affected by onshore and offshore faulting with the west of the island uplifted as a
252 result of several Holocene earthquakes (Pirazzoli 1996; Shaw et al., 2008; Stiros, 2001,
253 2010). As such, Strobl et al. (2014) commented that the upper values of uplift are likely to be
254 representative of the short-term (i.e. Holocene) and significantly over-estimate the Pliocene-
255 Quaternary uplift rate. Along the south central area of Crete (Figure 1a), Gallen et al. (2014)
256 suggests Late-Quaternary regional values of ~0.8 mm/yr. This value was obtained by first
257 modelling the expected elevations of terraces in the hangingwall of the SCCF assuming there
258 were no other uplift sources; to do this they assumed a fault-related subsidence versus uplift
259 value of 4:1. These results were then compared to the measured elevations of the hangingwall
260 and the difference was inferred to represent regional values. However, the impact in terms of
261 uplift associated with the offshore upper-plate faults was not considered within their analysis,
262 and as will be shown below, their time varying uplift and uplift values rely on ages they
263 assigned to palaeoshorelines, some of which are questioned.

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265 *2.3 Deformed marine terraces and their palaeoshorelines*

266 Quaternary marine terraces and their associated palaeoshorelines represent markers in
267 the landscape that are produced during sea-level highstands associated with interglacial
268 periods. The marine terraces and their associated palaeoshorelines become uplifted and
269 preserved as a result of the interplay between eustatic sea-level change and tectonic uplift
270 (Lajoie, 1986). They document long-term uplift and commonly occur where uplift due to
271 repeated earthquakes outpaces sea-level change, and, as such are used to investigate fault-
272 related deformation (e.g. Armijo et al., 1996; Lajoie, 1986; Roberts et al., 2009, 2013;
273 Saillard et al., 2011; Tortorici et al., 2003; Westaway, 1993). A combination of geological

274 knowledge and deformation of the palaeoshorelines associated with marine terraces can be
275 used to explore the cause of uplift (Armijo et al., 1996; Gallen et al., 2014; Roberts et al.,
276 2009, 2013). The marine terraces studied in this paper have previously been investigated by
277 Angelier (1975b) and Gallen et al. (2014), and are broadly parallel to the coastline and in the
278 case of the SCCF, parallel to the strike of the fault. Three possible pre-existing age controls
279 from Gallen et al. (2014) have been obtained using OSL (Figures 3b-d). Two ages constrain
280 the lowest palaeoshoreline to the 76.5 ka highstand (LS1251 and LS1254) in the western
281 sector with the remaining sample (LS1255) (Figure 3) dating the lowest palaeoshoreline in
282 the hangingwall of the SCCF to the 125 ka highstand (Gallen et al., 2014). In this study we
283 are particularly interested in how uplift changes along and across the SCCF.

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285 **3. Methods**

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287 This research revisits known palaeoshorelines in southern Crete, previously
288 investigated by Gallen et al. (2014), in order to conduct a reappraisal of palaeoshoreline ages.
289 The field-based, DEM and dating methods we employed to carry out this investigation are
290 detailed within this section with an explanation of our method in Figure 4. We show how new
291 ages obtained using ^{36}Cl exposure dating are used to allocate highstands to palaeoshorelines
292 throughout the research area and then discuss the uncertainties involved in the process.

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294 *3.1 Collecting palaeoshoreline elevation data*

295 We collected palaeoshoreline elevations through a combination of study of a 5 m
296 DEM (produced by ktimatologio SA from air-photo stereopairs) (Figures 2 and 3) and field
297 work to verify the DEM data, elevations were obtained using a hand-held barometric
298 altimeter which was regularly recalibrated. Palaeoshoreline elevations from 17 serial

299 topographic profiles, taken perpendicular to the strike of the palaeoshorelines (Figure 3),
300 were recorded and investigated; we avoided areas near river incision, preferring to use broad
301 interfluves, to ensure marine and not fluvial features were measured. These palaeoshorelines
302 were also investigated in Google Earth to check that the breaks of slope were not associated
303 with ‘man-made’ features and, more importantly, they were verified during field mapping
304 throughout 2016 and 2017 campaigns.

305 Field-based geomorphological indicators (Figure 5) used to identify palaeoshorelines
306 include (a) notches (Ferranti et al., 2006), caves, lithophagid borings (Firth & Stewart, 1996;
307 Papanikolaou et al., 2010; Roberts et al., 2013), (b) planed-off limestone and conglomeritic
308 wave-cut platforms where bedrock, pebbles and cobbles were eroded by wave action
309 (Roberts et al., 2009), and (c) millholes/potholes, that is, circular depressions in the platform
310 caused by pebbles scouring the surface as a result of wave action (Miller & Mason, 1994).
311 These features generally form in the intertidal zone, a few decimetres to metres down-dip of
312 the actual palaeoshoreline. Marine sedimentary deposits are commonly deposited on wave-
313 cut platforms and include algal reefs, which are suggestive of shallow water (Kershaw et al.,
314 2005), conglomerates with rounded clasts and lithophagid and sponge bored pebbles, and
315 coarse sands. It is common for these sedimentary deposits to be fossiliferous in places and
316 contain serpulid worm tubes, various bivalve shells and rare corals (Angelier, 1979b; Gallen
317 et al., 2014; Gaki-Papanastassiou et al., 2009; Strasser et al., 2011). Thus, the palaeoshoreline
318 itself is commonly a break of slope marking a palaeo-rocky-shoreline or a palaeo sea-cliff
319 that exists a few decimetres to metres up-dip of either a wave-cut platform or outcrops of
320 shallow marine sediment.

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322 *3.2 ³⁶Cl sampling approach and preparation*

323 We have developed a method to use *in situ* ^{36}Cl cosmogenic exposure dating to define
324 the ages of palaeoshorelines through identification of sites that indicate minimal erosion. ^{36}Cl
325 exposure dating has historically been used to date features like fault scarps (e.g. Schlagenhauf
326 et al., 2010) and exposure ages of glacial boulders (e.g. Ivy-Ochs et al., 2004), however, it
327 has also been successfully used to date a Holocene-age marine platform in Scotland (Stone et
328 al., 1996), inspiring our study. There are a number of natural pathways capable of producing
329 ^{36}Cl in limestone (see Dunai, 2010 for details). The main production pathway in limestones is
330 spallation of ^{40}Ca atoms which occurs predominantly in the top 2 m of rock beneath exposed
331 limestone surfaces (Licciardi et al., 2008) and exponentially decreases with depth, while
332 production as a result of low energy neutrons also contributes to the ^{36}Cl concentration
333 (Schimmelpfennig et al., 2009).

334 We selected sample sites where we were confident of minimal erosion of the surface
335 we were trying to date, indicated by preserved lithophagid borings and millholes (Figure
336 6a,c,h and i) as their preservation suggests erosion since palaeoshoreline formation of few
337 centimetres or less.. Samples were removed using a mallet and chisel. Shielding values were
338 noted every 30° of azimuth as per the method in Dunai et al. (2010). Prior to ^{36}Cl sample
339 preparation, all samples were analysed as thin sections to accurately determine their
340 lithologies and washed in distilled water in an ultrasonic bath. We then followed the ^{36}Cl
341 sample preparation method outlined by Schimmelpfennig et al. (2009). Following
342 Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (AMS), the exposure ages of samples were calculated using
343 CRONUScalc (Marrero et al., 2016), which calculates concentrations using known
344 production pathways. A constant, and very low, value of 0.1 mm/ky for erosion was applied
345 to all samples when calculating the ages in CRONUScalc, and this is further discussed in the
346 results section below. Exposure age results are shown in Table 1.

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348 3.3 Assigning palaeoshorelines to highstands: the Terrace Calculator

349 We use the so-called “synchronous correlation” approach to assign ages to un-dated
350 palaeoshorelines (see Houghton et al., 2003, Roberts et al., 2009, Roberts et al., 2013,
351 Meschis et al., 2018) (Figure 4). This approach makes use of the observation that Quaternary
352 sea-level highstands occurred during unevenly spaced time intervals and have variable
353 elevations relative to sea-level today. Correlation is aided if the age of one palaeoshoreline is
354 known from absolute dating, and this is used to drive the simplest hypothesis, that of constant
355 uplift-rate through time. Constant uplift-rate scenarios are tested before more complicated
356 uplift scenarios are explored if needed. We initially use the age determinations from ^{36}Cl to
357 drive the search for correlation between the measured elevations and those predicted from
358 sea-level curve data. We apply the uplift rate implied by the ^{36}Cl age determinations to the
359 entire sequence of palaeoshoreline elevations measured from a topographic profile (Figure
360 4a) and field data. This tests whether the elevations of un-dated palaeoshorelines can be
361 explained by the uplift-rates implied by the elevations of dated palaeoshorelines. This
362 calculation is facilitated by a ‘Terrace Calculator’ in Excel, populated with data from the sea-
363 level curves (Rohling et al., 2014; Siddall et al., 2003). The calculator uses an input uplift rate
364 (u), which is iterated, to calculate the predicted elevations (E_{pred}) of all highstands using the
365 age of the highstands (T) and the sea level elevations (SL) of the highstands relative to
366 today’s sea level (Eq.1):

$$367 \quad E_{pred} = (T \times u) + SL \quad (\text{Eq.1})$$

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369 For this study the ‘Terrace Calculator’ has been extended beyond 410 ka (compare with
370 Houghton et al. 2003, Roberts et al. 2009, 2013) to include highstands to 980 ka (Siddall et
371 al. (2003) to 410 ka, Rohling et al. (2014) beyond 410 ka) so that we can explore the uplift
372 further back in time.

373 The output of the ‘Terrace Calculator’, given iteration of the uplift rate, is a set of
374 predicted elevations for all sea-level highstands along the topographic profile in question,
375 which are then matched if they are ± 10 m of the measured elevations allowing us to assign
376 palaeoshorelines to highstand ages (Figure 4b). The fit between the two datasets (predicted
377 versus measured elevations) was evaluated using R^2 and the Root Mean Square Error
378 (RMSE). We also attempt to maximise the number of palaeoshorelines that we identify,
379 taking particular care to make sure that palaeoshorelines that tend to have prominent
380 geomorphology, such as those from 125, 240 and 340 ka, are identified. However, not all
381 terraces will have preserved palaeoshorelines, either because they have been sub-aerially
382 eroded, or eroded as a consequence of overprinting of older terraces by younger sea-level
383 highstands (Jara-Muñoz et al., 2017; Jara-Muñoz & Melnick, 2015; Pedoja et al., 2017;
384 Pedoja et al., 2014; Roberts et al., 2013). This is visible on Figure 4c where the Terrace
385 Calculator shows which palaeoshorelines are likely to have been destroyed for profile 10 with
386 an uplift value of 0.37 ± 0.09 mm/yr; palaeoshorelines at 175, 217 and 285 ka are particularly
387 prone to being overprinted.

388 In order to assign highstand ages to undated palaeoshorelines we laterally traced dated
389 palaeoshorelines and then tested all possible uplift scenarios based on the measured
390 palaeoshoreline elevations. We used the number of matches between measured and predicted
391 palaeoshoreline elevations and RMSE values to identify the best fit. Exact uplift values for
392 each topographic profile were obtained by iterating the uplift values from 0.1 to 1.0 mm/yr at
393 intervals of 0.05 mm/yr and plotting the RMSE values obtained from comparing the predicted
394 versus measured elevation values. The uplift value with the lowest RMSE was applied to the
395 topographic profile (see Figure 4d for an example).

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397 *3.4 Uncertainties and errors*

398 Elevation measurement errors from the hand-held barometric altimeter used for field
 399 determination of palaeoshoreline elevation are ± 3 m, with errors of ± 4 m for the DEM (at
 400 95% confidence level). Uncertainties for the exposure ages from ^{36}Cl exposure dating are
 401 calculated in CRONUScalc (Marrero et al., 2016) and rely on the uncertainty value for each
 402 input parameter. The uncertainties are reported as internal (analytical) and external (total)
 403 values in ka; internal uncertainty values are linked to analytical uncertainties and result in a
 404 minimum uncertainty age value. External uncertainties are calculated by propagating the
 405 production-rate and measured uncertainties and combining them with the analytical
 406 uncertainty (Marrero et al., 2016).

407 Sea-level curve uncertainties vary depending on the sea-level curve employed. For the
 408 Siddall et al. (2003) curve the reported uncertainty on the sea level is 12 m compared to the
 409 reported uncertainty of 6 m for the Rohling et al. (2014) curve. The uncertainty values on the
 410 age of the sea-level highstands are reported to be 4 ky from Rohling et al. (2014), but are not
 411 defined by Siddall et al. (2003). This value is needed in order to propagate our uplift rate
 412 errors so we assign the value obtained by Rohling et al. (2014) as this later work builds upon
 413 research initially based upon the Siddall et al. (2003) data. We used the equation for standard
 414 error (SE) to propagate our uplift value errors (Eq.2):

$$415 \quad SE(u)^2 = u^2 \left(\left(\frac{\sigma_H^2}{(H_T - H_{SL})^2} \right) + \left(\frac{\sigma_T^2}{T^2} \right) \right) \quad (\text{Eq.2})$$

416 Where SE is the standard error, u is the uplift rate, σ_H is the combined uncertainty for
 417 measured palaeoshoreline elevation and sea level relative to today, H_T is the measured
 418 palaeoshoreline elevation, H_{SL} is the sea level for the highstand in question, and, T is the
 419 highstand age related to the terrace formation. Overall, we think that summed errors are small
 420 relative to the signals we are trying to identify.

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422 **4. Results**

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424 This section applies the method outlined above to correlate sea-level highstand ages
425 and palaeoshoreline elevations with absolute dating provided by *in-situ* ^{36}Cl exposure dating
426 of wave-cut platforms and other published ages. We review the along-strike variation of
427 palaeoshoreline elevations between the topographic profiles and evaluate the temporal and
428 spatial variation of uplift values. We then use these data in combination with the
429 palaeoshoreline elevations of offset terraces on the footwall of the SCCF to derive the throw
430 rate and recurrence interval values for the fault.

431

432 4.1 *Field mapping and palaeoshoreline elevations*

433 Detailed field mapping of the study area reveals that the western section (Profiles 1-5; Figure
434 3b) displays excellent palaeoshoreline features cut into Mesozoic bedrock (Figure 7b-i)
435 including notches and shoreline caves, many of which contain abundant lithophagid borings.
436 Syn-wave-cut platform deposits are rarely preserved, except on the lower platform of Profiles
437 4 and 5, where cemented marine sands and conglomeritic deposits occur (Figure 6h).
438 Extensive wave-cut platforms, that can be mapped for tens to hundreds of metres along strike,
439 form laterally-persistent features in the landscape, and kilometres along strike on DEMs
440 (Figures 3, 7a,b).

441 East of where the SCCF fault crosses the coast (Figure 3c-d), significant fluvial
442 incision exists due to softer lithified syn-rift sediments with the creation of interfluves clearly
443 visible in the DEM (Figures 2c and e, 3c and e). The soft sediments preserve breaks of slope
444 marking the palaeoshorelines, especially on interfluves, and these can be mapped between
445 profiles. Flat surfaces a few decimetres to metres down-dip of the palaeoshorelines are wave-
446 cut surfaces cut into compositionally immature conglomerates containing bioclastic debris
447 including marine oyster shells. In places bedrock limestone occurs as wave-cut platforms

448 with associated sedimentary deposits (Figure 7e) or as sea-stacks which represent inliers
449 within the shallow marine sediments and display horizontal stripes of lithophagid borings.
450 Fault scarps are clear in the field (Figure 7a-ai) and on the DEM (Figure 3c and e) separating
451 the hangingwall marine sediments from uplifted basement rocks.

452 During fieldwork we measured the elevations of as many palaeoshoreline elevations
453 as we could access; ~30% of DEM inner-edges were verified in the field. The field and DEM
454 elevations were well correlated with an R^2 of 0.999 (Supplementary Figure 1), and we
455 interpret this to suggest that we have a robust regional coverage of palaeoshoreline elevations
456 from our combined field and DEM studies. In summary, we mapped the palaeoshorelines
457 and, in addition to the existing age controls from Gallen et al. (2014), obtained ^{36}Cl exposure
458 dating results that place further constraints on the ages of the palaeoshorelines – these are
459 discussed below.

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461 4.2 ^{36}Cl exposure dating results

462 Absolute dating of the wave-cut platforms was carried out using ^{36}Cl exposure dating. Five
463 localities were sampled, the geomorphology of each sample location is detailed in
464 Supplementary Table 1 and shown in Figure 6b and d. The ^{36}Cl exposure age values for each
465 sample are reported along with their external errors in Figure 8a and Table 1. We believe that
466 four of the five ^{36}Cl determinations provide exposure ages that can be assigned to sea-level
467 highstands, whereas the fifth was probably covered by sediment at some point and a complex
468 exposure–covering–re-exposure history results in an anomalously low ^{36}Cl concentration.
469 The four exposure ages that we can assign to sea-level highstands are: S1, 134 ± 33 ky; S3,
470 61 ± 13 ky; S4, 88 ± 21 ky, and S5, 108 ± 24 ky. The fifth ^{36}Cl determination, S2, implies an
471 exposure age of 40 ± 7.5 ka, but we reject this age because (a) there is no clear sea-level
472 highstand at this time on the sea-level curve (Figure 8b), and (b) re-examination of our field

473 photographs shows that the sample was taken close to syn-wave-cut platform sediments dated
474 by Gallen et al. (2014) as 78 ± 8 ka using OSL, and we now suspect our sample was covered
475 by this sediment before erosion (Figure 6h), producing a low ^{36}Cl concentration and hence
476 age.

477 While we recognise the value of the errors on our ^{36}Cl exposure age determinations is
478 relatively large compared to other dating techniques, it is important to note that these are
479 likely to be overestimated when comparing between groups of samples from a single
480 geographic location where the uncertainties are not independent (Marrero et al., 2016).
481 Despite the errors, we note that Table 1 shows that for the samples from close to TB (Figure
482 3) the concentration of ^{36}Cl atoms/g in the footwall samples (S3-S5 from profiles 4 and 5,
483 Table 1) increase with elevation, as would be expected if the rocks were incrementally lifted
484 out of the sea, suggesting a stratigraphical correlation of palaeoshoreline age with elevation.

485 The wave-cut platforms and associated palaeoshorelines are likely to have been
486 formed during sea-level highstands which occurred at 76, 100, 125, 175, 200, 240, 310, 340
487 and 410 ka (Siddall et al., 2003) (Figure 8b); the question is which of these is the highstand
488 for each wave-cut platform? Plotting the exposure ages against the sea-level curve shows
489 that, samples could be allocated to more than one sea-level highstand (Figure 8b): S3 ($61 \pm$
490 13 ka), inner edge 38 m, could be allocated to the 50 or 76.5 ka highstands; S4 (88 ± 21 ka),
491 inner edge 67 m, could be allocated to the 76.5 or 100 ka highstands; S5 (108 ± 24), inner
492 edge 116 m, could be allocated to the 100 or 125 ka palaeoshoreline, and, S1 (134 ± 33 ka),
493 inner edge 54 m, could be allocated to the 125 highstand.

494 Samples close to TB (S3, S4 and S5) were removed from sequentially higher terraces
495 which form a set of continuous palaeoshorelines along Profiles 4 and 5 situated 50 m apart
496 (Figures 3d, 7b). These samples are interpreted to represent three successive wave-cut
497 platforms and their associated palaeoshorelines at 38, 67 and 116 m. There is no evidence of

498 additional palaeoshorelines existing between these elevations (see Figure 7b). Having
499 identified the possible highstands each sample might belong to (Figure 8b) we tested all
500 synchronous correlation uplift-rate scenarios and found that one uplift solution of 0.89 ± 0.09
501 mm/yr results in the allocation of all of the exposure ages and their palaeoshorelines to three
502 sequential highstands, the 76.5, 100 and 125 ka. The results of the other tested scenarios are
503 shown in Supplementary Figure 2 (for the 76.5, 100 and 125 ka highstands) and detailed in
504 Supplementary Table 2 (for all highstands to 980 ka). Our allocation of the lowest
505 palaeoshoreline to the 76.5 ka highstand is in agreement with the OSL age from syn-wave-cut
506 platform deposits obtained by Gallen et al., (2014) (sample LS1254) but the two studies do
507 not agree with regard to the palaeoshoreline elevation for this location (27 m from Gallen et
508 al. (2014), 38 m this study). We cannot explain this variation between palaeoshoreline
509 measurement and base our 38 m palaeoshoreline measurement on the geomorphic
510 observations we made in the field along with the absolute dating from Gallen et al., 2014 (25
511 m) and from this study (34 m) which both suggest a highstand age of ~76.5 ka

512 For ^{36}Cl sample S1, sampled from the hangingwall (Figure 3c), the exposure age of
513 134 ± 33 suggests that it should be allocated to the 125 highstand which requires an uplift
514 value of $0.37 \text{ mm/yr} \pm 0.09$. This is in agreement with the 125 ka OSL age obtained by Gallen
515 et al., 2014 (sample LS1255) for the same palaeoshoreline 3 km to the west (Figure 3c). A
516 final note is that calculating the ^{36}Cl exposure ages of these samples relies on CRONUScalc
517 (Marrero et al., 2016), which requires an erosional rate value for each sample. Based on the
518 fact that all of these samples are from the same bedrock limestone lithology, with widespread
519 preservation of lithophagid borings that are a few centimetres deep when formed, the same
520 erosional rate of 0.1 mm/ka was applied. Over 125 kyrs, 1.25 cm would be eroded, consistent
521 with the preservation of lithophagid borings.

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523 4.3 *Temporally constant uplift rates*

524 Absolute ages in combination with the Terrace Calculator are used to iterate uplift rates to
525 produce a correlation between mapped palaeoshorelines to expected highstand elevations for
526 un-dated palaeoshorelines. An outcome of this correlation is an uplift rate for each of the 17
527 topographic profiles (Figure 9). This in turn allows us to investigate palaeoshoreline
528 elevations and uplift-rates along strike.

529 In general, we achieve a good fit between inner edges identified in the field and on the
530 DEM, with palaeoshorelines at the elevations expected given our preferred uplift rate
531 scenarios. The most prominent palaeoshorelines on the sea-level curve (125, 200, 240 and
532 340 ka) fall on clear geomorphic inner edges on the topographic profiles in most cases, and
533 other more-subtle sea-level highstands (e.g. 76 ka and 410 ka) are also identified in places.
534 Cross-plots of measured inner-edge elevations against predicted inner-edge elevations from
535 the Terrace Calculator (Figure 10) show an R^2 value of 0.9996. This value confirms that the
536 fits between highstands and palaeoshorelines are good, giving confidence to the uplift rates.
537 Figure 9 shows that constant uplift rates through time produce excellent fits between
538 measured and predicted palaeoshoreline elevations. This contrasts with the interpretation
539 from Gallen et al. (2014) who suggest uplift rates increased through time. This contrast is
540 probably due to the fact that Gallen et al. (2014) lacked the age control that our new
541 cosmogenic exposure ages provide near to TB, and also because they used a sequential
542 correlation technique to derive the ages of un-dated palaeoshorelines (see Roberts et al. 2013
543 for a critique of this approach). The major consequence of the sequential approach is that as
544 uplift rates are calculated for each palaeoshoreline within a topographic profile. Any incorrect
545 allocation between palaeoshoreline to highstand may result in variation between uplift rates
546 along one topographic profile, which could be erroneous.

547 Further variation between the two studies occurs when the comparing the allocation of
548 highstands to palaeoshorelines, this is particularly visible along Profiles 4, 14 and 17.
549 Specifically, along Profile 4 we allocate the 125, 200, 285, 340, and 410 ka highstands to
550 palaeoshoreline elevations at 116, 173, 224, 310 and 360 m. Along the same profile, Gallen et
551 al. (2014) allocated the following palaeoshoreline elevations to the same highstands,
552 respectively: 97, 140, 166, 210, 251 m. For profile 14, we place the 125, 200 and 340 ka
553 palaeoshorelines at 41 m, 53 m and 94 respectively while Gallen et al. (2014) have the same
554 palaeoshoreline ages allocated to palaeoshoreline elevations of 1 m, 39 m and 50 m. There is
555 a similar pattern along Profile 17 where we allocate the 125, 200 and 340 ka highstands to 33,
556 43, and 85 m and Gallen et al. (2014) suggest the same highstands are at 2, 40 and 59 m. For
557 Profiles 9 and 13 the variation between the two studies is only apparent for older highstand
558 allocations (see Table 2).

559 The reason for the highstand to palaeoshoreline variation could be due to
560 measurement differences, sea-level curve data or the method employed to allocate
561 palaeoshorelines to highstands. While there is generally good agreement between the
562 measured palaeoshoreline elevations in this study and those obtained by Gallen et al. (2014)
563 (50% of our measurements are within ± 7 m with those from Gallen et al. (2014)), we suggest
564 that some of the variation is due to different measurements. We do not think that the fact that
565 different sea-level curves for 0-450 ka are used between the two studies (Siddall et al., 2003
566 for this study, Lambeck and Chappell, 2001 for 0-125 ka and Waelbroeck et al. (2002) for
567 125-410 ka (Gallen et al., 2014)) has a significant impact, but that it is linked to the fact that
568 Gallen et al. (2014) recognise only one of the MIS 7 highstands (215 ka) from Waelbroeck et
569 al. (2002) (compare this to the 200 ka, 217 ka and 240 ka highstands used in this study).
570 However, to ensure we have been rigorous in our approach we explore the effect of other sea-
571 level curves on our results by plotting predicted elevations from Siddall et al. (2003) for all

572 17 profiles against the predicted elevations from other sea-level curves (Supplementary
573 Figure 3) (Lambeck and Chappell, 2001; Shakun et al, 2015 and Spratt and Lisiecki. 2016;
574 Waelbroeck et al., 2002). These plots show variations for the elevations belonging to the
575 ~76.5 ka, ~217 ka, ~280 ka, ~340 ka highstands along profiles 1-5 in the western section, but
576 as a result of lower uplift rates, the variation is less pronounced in the eastern section
577 (profiles 6-17). We note that from profiles 14-17 the youngest palaeoshoreline for all sea-
578 level curves is predicted to be the 125 ka (Supplementary Figure 3, profiles 14-17).

579 Further analysis using sea-level data from Waelbroeck et al. (2002) in place of Siddall
580 et al. (2003) was carried out for each topographic profile in order to explore the effect this
581 had on the uplift rates (Supplementary Figure 4). The results show an almost identical spatial
582 variation of uplift rates across the 17 topographic profiles (see Figure 9 for the uplift rates
583 obtained using Siddall et al. (2003)). There is some very slight variation of the uplift rates; for
584 profiles 1-6, this variation does not exceed 0.04 mm/yr and for profiles 6-17 it does not
585 exceed 0.02 mm/yr. This is a consequence of the fact that the Siddall et al. (2003) and the
586 Waelbroeck et al. (2002) curves are broadly similar for the key highstands. Relative
587 highstand sea levels differ by 1 m for the 125 ka, 5 m for the 200 ka, 5 m for the 240 ka and 1
588 m for the 340 ka.

589 Our constant uplift rate interpretation is preferred because (a) it is simpler, (b) it
590 identifies geomorphic features that are consistent with both the prominent and less prominent
591 sea-level highstands, and (c) we have mapped a greater number of palaeoshoreline elevations
592 using the high-resolution DEM. To further explore the constant uplift rate, we plotted each
593 profile's highstand ages versus measured elevations. These plots result in near-straight lines
594 for all of the 17 profiles which strongly support temporally constant uplift (Figures 11a-p)
595 (note we do not expect perfectly-straight lines due the variations in palaeo-sea-level between
596 highstands). For the topographic profiles along the western footwall section (Profiles 1-5,

597 Figures 11a-e) constant uplift rates are implied to 600 ka and in the case of profile 1, up to c.
598 900 ka. Along the hangingwall section (Profiles 6-17, Figures 11f-p), constant uplift rates are
599 implied up to 410 ka.

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601 *4.4 Along strike variation of palaeoshoreline elevations and uplift*

602 When the elevations for the palaeoshorelines are plotted along strike across the entire
603 area the variation in uplift either side of the western tip of the SCCF is clearly visible
604 (Figures 12, 13a-b), also pointed out by Gallen et al., (2014). Palaeoshorelines in the
605 hangingwall of the SCCF, east of ~22.5 km (Figure 12) (longitude 25.28°) along strike, are
606 relatively low and closely spaced in elevation, whilst those to the west in the adjacent
607 footwall and beyond the SCCF fault tip are higher and more widely-spaced with elevation.

608 Within the western sector, elevations, and therefore uplift (Figure 12, 13a), increases
609 across Profiles 1 to 5 (from west to east) where it reaches a peak at 0.89 ± 0.09 mm/yr. This
610 pattern of uplift is observed on all palaeoshorelines throughout the area and is particularly
611 reliable given that there are age controls at the western and eastern areas within this sector
612 (see samples LS1251 and S3 on Figure 12a). We interpret the spatial variation in the uplift
613 rates along the western sector as footwall uplift.

614 For the SCCF, the transition from footwall to hangingwall at TB results in uplift rates
615 decreasing from 0.88 ± 0.08 mm/yr (Profile 5) to 0.39 ± 0.08 mm/yr (Profile 6) (Figures 13a-
616 b; Table 2). They continue to decrease to the east toward the centre of the SCCF at Profile 17;
617 the lowest palaeoshoreline allocated to the 125 ka highstand decreases in elevation from 55 m
618 to 33 m. Uplift rates decrease from 0.39 ± 0.08 mm/yr to 0.24 ± 0.09 mm/yr, with lowest
619 values between Profiles 14 and 17 at the centre of the fault where the displacement, and
620 hence the component of hangingwall subsidence is at its greatest. This deformation suggests a
621 component of hangingwall subsidence as a result of normal-slip motion of the SCCF, but as

622 the hangingwall terraces are above current sea-level we can conclude that this area is being
623 uplifted by a background value, perhaps related to the subduction interface, thrust faulting in
624 the wedge above the subduction interface, or offshore upper-plate faults, that exceeds the
625 subsidence value linked to the SCCF.

626 The variation of uplift rates between the western (Figure 13a) and eastern (Figure
627 13b) sections is a clear indication that the SCCF has been active in the Late Quaternary.
628 Earthquakes along the SCCF during the Late Quaternary would result in greater cumulative
629 fault offset, it follows that older palaeoshorelines would therefore experience more
630 deformation. Due to variation in displacement along fault strike, older palaeoshorelines are
631 expected to be more steeply tilted along-strike than younger, lower palaeoshorelines. To test
632 this we have measured the tilt angle for each palaeoshoreline from its tip to the centre
633 (highest point for the footwall and lowest point for the hangingwall (Figure 12a). These data
634 for measured tilt angles are plotted for each palaeoshoreline on the footwall and adjacent
635 hangingwall (Figures 13c and 13d respectively, Supplementary Figure 5).

636 The tilt values increase with age, suggesting that the older palaeoshorelines have
637 experienced more fault-related deformation (uplift in the case of the footwall; subsidence, in
638 addition to some uplift component, in the case of the hangingwall). Note that the sharp
639 increase of the tilt value observed between the 125 ka and 525 ka palaeoshorelines along the
640 western sector between Profiles 1 and 5 (Figure 13c) occurs as a result of a lack of
641 continuous elevation data for the palaeoshorelines in between. Also note that the values of tilt
642 observed for the footwall and hangingwall are similar which is perhaps unexpected given the
643 fact that observations from other normal fault systems suggest the amplitude of deformation
644 tends to be greater in the hangingwall compared to the footwall, with ratios in the order of
645 ~1:2-3 uplift to subsidence (McNeill and Collier, 2004; Papanikolaou et al., 2010). When we
646 compare the hangingwall tilt angles for the SCCF (0.16 along the 340 ka terrace), against

647 other hangingwall tilt angle values from elsewhere in the Mediterranean: 0.93 and 2.14 along
648 the 340 ka terraces belonging to the Capo D'Orlando fault, Sicily (Meschis et al., 2018) and
649 the Vibo fault, Calabria (Roberts et al., 2013) respectively, the SCCF has anomalously low
650 values. As all normal faults ought to have similar displacement gradients (e.g. see Schlische
651 et al. 1996), this is unusual. The reasons for the relatively low tilt angles are explored further
652 in the Discussion section.

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654 *4.5 Calculating the throw rate of the SCCF*

655 We can use the hangingwall exposure ages and along-strike highstand-to-
656 palaeoshoreline allocation to investigate faulting activity on the SCCF. Profile 14 is located
657 toward the centre of the fault (Figure 3e) along an interfluvial that abuts against the fault scarp
658 (Figures 7a and 9p). Directly above the scarp in the footwall, six palaeoshorelines are
659 observed from the DEM topographic profile; the lower three were explored during fieldwork
660 and show wave-cut platform evidence including syn-wave cut platform deposits, possible
661 lithophagid borings, and a notch. The hangingwall of this profile displays four preserved
662 palaeoshorelines which have been allocated to highstands by laterally tracing the
663 palaeoshorelines within the DEM from the absolute dating of the 54 m palaeoshoreline on
664 Profile 10 (Figure 9l). The oldest and highest marine terrace on the hangingwall along Profile
665 14 is modelled to extend from ~130 m to ~162 m in elevation and belong to the 478 ka
666 highstand. This terrace has experienced faulting, as indicated by lithological variation across
667 the fault (IGME map sheet Ano Viannos 1:50,000), and its predicted palaeoshoreline
668 elevation is suggested to be at an elevation where the main fault scarp of the SCCF is
669 observed. This indicates that the 478 ka terrace may have been offset by the SCCF placing
670 the 478 ka palaeoshoreline on the uplifted footwall and allows us to calculate the throw rate
671 of the SCCF.

672 As we have measured elevations of palaeoshorelines on the footwall above the scarp
673 in this location, we can test whether this is plausible using the Terrace Calculator. The lowest
674 observed (field and DEM) palaeoshoreline on the footwall was at 336 m. Allocating the 336
675 m palaeoshoreline to the 478 ka highstand requires an uplift rate of 0.71 ± 0.02 mm/yr which
676 we apply to the entire footwall topographic profile. The predicted elevations for highstands
677 >478 ka using the 0.71 mm/yr uplift rate matches all six of the measured palaeoshoreline
678 elevations along this profile (Table 3; Supplementary Figure 6a). In order to ensure that we
679 have identified a good fit between palaeoshoreline elevations and highstand ages along the
680 footwall profile, we modelled all possible scenarios by testing how well the measured and
681 predicted palaeoshoreline elevations matched if we allocated, in turn, each highstand older
682 than 478 ka to the lowest footwall palaeoshoreline (336 m). The results show that allocating
683 the 478 ka highstand to the palaeoshoreline at 336 m yields the highest number of matches
684 between the predicted and measured palaeoshoreline elevations (Supplementary Table 3;
685 Supplementary Figure 6b).

686 We therefore suggest that the 478 ka terrace has been offset by the fault and we can
687 use the 196 m of measured vertical fault displacement (Figure 12) to calculate a throw rate of
688 0.41 mm/yr, which equates to a slip rate of 0.58 mm/yr (the average dip of the fault is 45°).
689 The throw rate value, in addition to the expected coseismic displacement obtained from
690 empirical fault-scaling relationships (Wells and Coppersmith, 1994) can be used to calculate
691 the time-averaged recurrence interval on the fault. The recurrence interval is an indication of
692 the time interval that may occur between earthquakes on the same fault of a similar
693 magnitude. A typical M_w 6.5 earthquake along the SCCF would result in a maximum vertical
694 surface displacement of ~ 1.1 m (Wells & Coppersmith, 1994), which assumes the occurrence
695 of ~ 178 standard earthquakes along the length of the fault over 478 ka resulting in a time-
696 averaged recurrence interval of ~ 2685 years. This approach is based upon the constant-

697 length fault model proposed by Walsh et al. (2002) that suggests that fault lengths are
698 established from an early stage and growth is achieved via cumulative displacement.

699

700 **5. Discussion**

701 We have shown that differential uplift occurs along the south central area of Crete,
702 but that while this uplift varies spatially it appears to have been temporally constant between
703 76.5-980 ka. We have observed that the uplift rate varies along the strike of a mapped fault,
704 and across the fault as seen through a change in uplift rate between the western footwall
705 section and hangingwall of the SCCF. Our major conclusion is that normal faulting must be
706 included in any analysis of the uplift, and hence dynamics, of the tectonics for Crete, the
707 HSZ, and perhaps other subduction systems.

708 In detail, it is now clear that limestone wave-cut platforms, which display features
709 suggesting minimal erosion, can be used to provide cosmogenic exposure ages that correlate
710 with highstands from Quaternary sea-level curves, and hence constrain the rates of uplift.
711 This may have wider significance because experience suggests to us that wave-cut platforms
712 amenable to *in situ* ^{36}Cl cosmogenic exposure dating appear to be more common than sites
713 containing corals suitable for $^{234}\text{U}/^{230}\text{Th}$ dating or sediments suitable for OSL dating, so the
714 former approach may allow many more sites to be dated, and across wider regions. The
715 success of the ^{36}Cl approach relies on careful site selection to ensure that samples are
716 removed from locations that display features indicative of minimal erosion such as
717 lithophagid borings and millholes with further consideration as to the possibility of
718 sedimentary cover. We also advocate checking the consistency of the implied ages with other
719 un-dated palaeoshorelines in the same across-strike profile using the synchronous correlation
720 approach because this quantifies the goodness of fit to all mapped palaeoshorelines

721 simultaneously, and is less prone to subjective interpretations that may suffer from
722 preconceptions about the uplift history.

723 The variation in uplift-rate along-strike of the SCCF is reminiscent of similar
724 observations for other active faults. Specifically, spatial variation in footwall uplift
725 responsible for deforming palaeoshorelines has been reported in the Gulf of Corinth along the
726 South Alkyonides fault (Morewood & Roberts, 1999; Roberts et al., 2009), the Eastern Eliki
727 fault (McNeill et al., 2005) and the Xylocastro fault (Armijo et al., 1996). Along strike
728 variation in uplift rate along the hangingwall of normal faults has been reported along the
729 Vibo fault in Calabria (Roberts et al., 2013), and along the Capo D'Orlando and Messina
730 Straits faults in Sicily/Calabria (Cucci et al., 1996, Meschis et al. 2018). All the above
731 examples show decreases in uplift or subsidence of palaeoshorelines towards fault tips with
732 maxima near the centres of the faults. This observation links the structural geology of the
733 faults with the uplift/subsidence pattern and hence supports the notion that normal faulting is
734 a major control of vertical motions in the upper plate of subduction zones.

735 There are two aspects of our findings that are of particular interest. Firstly, uplift of
736 the western section of the coast, between Profiles 1-5, is up to ~20 km away from the SCCF,
737 so foowall uplift as a consequence of the SCCF alone is perhaps unlikely to explain the
738 observed uplift. Secondly, we note very low along-strike tilt angles for the palaeoshorelines
739 in the hangingwall of the SCCF compared to other examples (Roberts et al. 2013, Meschis et
740 al. 2018). We quantitatively explore these issues via calculations of elastic interaction and
741 discuss the outcome of each in turn.

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743 *5.1 Exploring the uplift caused by extensional upper-plate faulting using an elastic half-space*
744 *model*

745 In this section we investigate whether the south-dipping normal faults immediately
746 offshore of Crete and the transtensional Ptolemy fault play a significant role in affecting local
747 uplift onshore; specifically, the extent that these faults impact (i) uplift of the western
748 footwall section (Profiles 1-5), and (ii) the low tilt angles observed on the palaeoshorelines in
749 the hangingwall of the SCCF (profiles 6-17) where the SCCF exhibits a 0.16° along-strike tilt
750 angle for the 340 ka hangingwall palaeoshoreline (Figure 13d). This value can be compared
751 to the tilt angles on other 340 ka palaeoshorelines in Italy (Vibo fault, Calabria) and Sicily
752 (Capo D'Orlando fault) which have values of 2.15° (Roberts et al., 2013) and 0.93° (Meschis
753 et al., 2018) respectively. The variation between these angles is unknown but may relate to
754 fault interaction and differences in slip rates.

755 We model the coseismic uplift expected from upper-plate faults using Coulomb 3.3
756 software which allows the user to explore vertical fault-related deformation using inputs from
757 multiple faults (Lin & Stein, 2004; Mildon et al., 2016; Toda et al., 2005). Fault traces and
758 fault geometry input parameters (Table 4) were used in Coulomb to produce the vertical
759 deformation expected during one earthquake along each fault, and we included the along-
760 strike variability in fault strike using the code from Mildon et al. (2016). The sub-surface slip
761 for each fault is an input within the Coulomb code and was iterated until the maximum Mw
762 from Wells and Coppersmith (2004) was achieved (based on total fault-length scaling
763 relationships); the output is a map view model of 2D deformation shown as vertical contours
764 (Figure 14). We have chosen to model the Ptolemy trench fault with a seismogenic layer of
765 30 km based upon the microseismicity shown in Meier et al. (2004). We also modelled the
766 deformation of the fault with a 15 km seismogenic layer and note that the footwall vertical
767 deformation between the two models is similar. We recognise that this approach does not
768 take into account post-seismic deformation as a consequence of faulting. However, it is
769 suggested that postseismic deformation increases the magnitude of vertical motions by at

770 most a few tens of percent of the coseismic values, and that postseismic vertical motions
771 share similar spatial variation patterns as coseismic motions (Atzori et al. 2008; D'Agostino
772 et al. 2012). The results of our solely coseismic models, assuming that the uplift:subsidence
773 ratio is correct, provides qualitative insights into the absolute values for vertical motions.
774 These analyses allow us to explore whether the influence of the offshore faults is capable of
775 causing the observed uplift of the western section and if it tends to increase or decrease the
776 tilt angles of the SCCF hangingwall onshore.

777 We first address the possible mechanisms that could be responsible for uplifting the
778 western footwall section (Profiles 1-5): the results from the Coulomb modelling show that
779 rupturing the Ptolemy fault results in 0.3-0.4 m of footwall uplift along the coastline from
780 Profiles 1-5 (Figure 14a) compared to 0.01-0.02 m at the same location when we model the
781 rupture of the offshore Cape Lithino normal faults (Figure 14b). We can attempt to
782 differentiate between these two scenarios by calculating the implied recurrence interval for
783 uplift events using the dated elevations of palaeoshorelines and the single earthquake uplift
784 contours modelled in Coulomb (Figure 14a-b). At profile 2 on Figures 14a and b the 25 m
785 palaeoshoreline has been allocated to the 76.5 ka highstand (using OSL dating of sample
786 LS1251 from Gallen et al., 2014). Solely rupturing the Ptolemy fault results in 0.4 m of
787 uplift at profile 2 (Figure 14a); over the period of 76.5 ka 62.5 standard earthquakes would be
788 required for this palaeoshoreline to reach its 25 m elevation; this results in a time-averaged
789 recurrence interval of 1224 years (Figure 14c) for Mw 7.3 events (this value is obtained from
790 fault length-scaling relationships from Wells and Coppersmith, 1994; Table 4). We carried
791 out the same analysis using the uplift produced by rupturing the western and eastern Cape
792 Lithino faults which results in 0.018 m uplift per standard earthquake at profile 2 (Figure
793 14b). Over 76.5 ka 1389 earthquakes would be required to uplift the palaeoshoreline to 25 m,
794 which results in a time averaged recurrence interval of 55 years (Figure 14d) for Mw 6.1

795 (western fault) and Mw 6.25 (eastern fault) events (Table 4). If we consider that 50% of the
796 uplift was achieved postseismically, our recurrence intervals for the Ptolemy and Cape
797 Lithino faults increases to 1838 and 83 years respectively (Figures 14e, f).

798 An analysis of the instrumental seismology for depths ≤ 30 km reveals a small number
799 of moderately sized earthquakes (\sim Mw 5) which may be attributed to the Cape Lithino faults
800 from a record that is thought to be complete since \sim 1900 (Dziewonski et al., 1981; Ekström et
801 al., 2012; International Seismological Centre (ISC), 2016; Makropoulos et al., 2012;
802 National Observatory of Athens (NOA), 1997; Papazachos et al., 1998); but there is no
803 instrumental evidence of earthquakes \geq Mw 6.1 during this period. It is, therefore, possible
804 that the Ptolemy fault could solely be responsible for uplifting the western section, because it
805 is plausible that the Ptolemy fault may not have ruptured in this time period (i.e. 1900-2018).
806 However, we suggest that the normal offshore faults alone cannot because the instrumental
807 and historical seismicity do not support such a frequent earthquake recurrence on these faults.

808 To explore the impact of earthquakes along the offshore south-dipping normal Mirto
809 fault and the transtensional Ptolemy fault on the tilt angles of the palaeoshorelines in the
810 hangingwall of the SCCF (Profiles 6-17) we individually ruptured each fault and assessed the
811 coseismic uplift pattern along profiles 6-17 (Figures 13a and b). We tested two iterations for
812 the offshore Mirto fault – as one fault, and also as two separate faults because there is a
813 lack of clarity in the literature. Modeling the Coulomb footwall uplift for both fault options
814 results in a coseismic uplift value of ~ 0.07 mm/yr (combined faults) versus ~ 0.02 mm/yr (two
815 separate faults) at profile 10; as these values are in the same order of magnitude we use the
816 combined fault model in the following analysis. As we are exploring the observed shallowing
817 of tilt angles along the SCCF hangingwall palaeoshorelines from its western tip (Profile 6)
818 toward its centre (Profile 17), we are interested in whether the footwall uplift from rupturing
819 the Mirto and/or Ptolemy fault results in uplift patterns which increase or decrease toward the

820 centre of the SCCF hangingwall. A coseismic uplift pattern which decreases from the western
821 tip to the centre would increase the tilt angles along the SCCF hangingwall; an uplift pattern
822 which increases from the western tip to the centre of the SCCF hangingwall would shallow
823 the original tilt angles. Our modelling shows that when we compare footwall uplift caused by
824 slip along the Ptolemy fault versus the Mirto fault, both result in spatially variable uplift but
825 the magnitude and pattern of uplift differs. The Ptolemy fault results in maximum uplift
826 values close to the centre of the fault at the western tip of the SCCF hangingwall (Profile 6),
827 that decrease toward the east and centre of the SCCF (Profile 17) (Figure 14a). The coseismic
828 uplift caused by the offshore Mirto fault results in maximum uplift values at the centre of the
829 SCCF (Profile 17) that decrease toward the west (Profile 6) (Figure 14b). When we consider
830 these uplift patterns in the context of a significantly shallower tilt angle along the SCCF
831 hangingwall, (Figure 13d), we infer that it is plausible that the shallower tilt of the SCCF
832 hangingwall palaeoshorelines could be linked to footwall uplift caused by the Mirto fault
833 which uplifts the centre portion of the SCCF hangingwall by greater amounts than the tip
834 areas.

835 Our interpretation of the Coulomb modelling is (i) that the Ptolemy fault may be
836 solely capable of causing the observed uplift along the western section of the research area
837 (Profiles 1-5), but it is also possible that uplift from the Cape Lithino faults makes a minor
838 contribution; (ii) that the tilt variation observed along the palaeoshorelines in the hangingwall
839 of the SCCF may be explained by uplift along the footwall of the offshore Mirto fault, with
840 the relationship between faulting on the Ptolemy and Mirto faults difficult to disentangle with
841 our modelling approach – the impact of the Mirto fault may be greater due to a shorter
842 recurrence interval compared to the Ptolemy, but this needs more investigation; (iii) while we
843 cannot constrain the individual long-term uplift contributions made by the Ptolemy and
844 offshore normal faults, they all probably contribute to the observed temporally constant Late

845 Quaternary uplift within the research area, and, (iv) the upper-plate faults have the capacity to
846 significantly perturb patterns of spatial variation in uplift (Figure 15). Importantly, these
847 results show that elastic interaction between upper-plate faults is possible and may affect the
848 coastal topography along the south central area of Crete; this is in contrast to the suggestions
849 by other authors (Gallen et al., 2014; Mouslopoulou et al., 2015a) that regional uplift controls
850 the observed coastal topography.

851 Our discussion above suggests that both the onshore SCCF and the offshore faults
852 are active and contributing to seismic hazard. Specifically, (i) the observed bedrock fault
853 scarps along the SCCF likely record faulting since the Last Glacial Maximum (~12-18 ka)
854 (Armijo et al., 1992; Benedetti et al., 2002; Palumbo et al., 2004; Roberts & Michetti, 2004),
855 and, (ii) the youngest palaeoshorelines on the hangingwall (125 ka) and western footwall
856 (76.5 ka) sections have been successively deformed by faulting since their formation; both
857 these observations suggest active faulting on the SCCF. For the offshore faults, activity is
858 supported by observations from seismic reflection and bathymetric studies that show that the
859 upper-plate faults offset the sea-bed and control the basin development in the south of Crete
860 (Alves et al., 2007; Alves et al., 2014; Kokinou et al., 2012). Based on fault length-scaling
861 relationships (Table 4) (Wells & Coppersmith, 1994), we calculate that the SCCF is capable
862 of a ~Mw 6.5 and the offshore normal and Ptolemy faults are capable of earthquakes in the
863 region of Mw 6 and Mw 7.3 respectively.

864 The above observations suggest active extensional faulting within the upper plate of
865 the subduction interface on Crete, and this should not be a surprise as a similar pattern has
866 been described from other subduction zones. For example, differential uplift as a result of
867 forearc extension is observed in Peru (Saillard et al., 2011), Costa Rica (McIntosh et al.,
868 1993; Sak et al., 2009) and along the Calabrian Arc, where sets of normal faults control the
869 local topography, (Meschis et al., 2018; Michetti et al., 1997; Papanikolaou & Roberts,

870 2007). Normal faults within the accretionary prisms in the upper plates of subduction zones
871 have also been suggested to rupture during tsunami-inducing interplate earthquakes in Japan,
872 Indonesia and Nicaragua (see McKenszie and Jackson, 2012, and references therein). The
873 impact of upper-plate extensional faults must be considered when conclusions about slip
874 distribution along the subduction interface are formed.

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876 *5.2 Extension in the upper-plate of the Hellenic subduction zone*

877 Extensional faults that trend parallel to the Hellenic arc, such as those discussed in
878 this study, exist offshore and onshore southern Crete (e.g Sfakia fault, Selia/Assomatos faults,
879 Figure 1a), Kythira, the Mani Peninsula (Peloponnese), and western Peloponnese (Armijo et
880 al., 1992; Gaki-Papanastassiou et al., 2011; Kassaras et al., 2018; Kokinou & Kamberis,
881 2009; Mascle et al., 1982; Papanikolaou et al., 2007; Papoulia et al., 2014; Papoulia &
882 Makris, 2004; Tsimi et al., 2007; Wardell et al., 2014) and are in many places associated with
883 uplifted marine terraces (e.g. Angelier, 1979a; Athanassas & Fountoulis, 2013; Gaki-
884 Papanastassiou et al., 2011; Kelletat et al., 1976). The presence of terraces and
885 onshore/offshore extensional faults throughout the rest of the Hellenic Arc leads us to suggest
886 the observed uplift along these coastlines could, in part, also be controlled by upper-plate
887 faults; there is evidence that terraces along the western Peloponnese are on a length scale
888 associated with upper-plate extensional faults (Howell et al., 2017).

889 Convergence-based tectonic models for the south of Crete have suggested slip on
890 shallow splay or steeply dipping thrust faults beneath Crete as the cause of coastal uplift;
891 these are predominanty based on coastal observations along south western Crete linked to the
892 365 A.D. earthquake (Mouslopoulou et al., 2015a; Shaw et al., 2008; Taymaz et al., 1990;
893 Tiberti et al., 2014). However, such convergence-based models have been extended

894 throughout south Crete to explain the observed coastal topography (Mouslopolou et al.,
895 2015a) without considering the impact of extensional faults within their analyses.

896 We suggest that in order to fully examine the mechanisms involved in long-term
897 uplift, as opposed to single event uplift, it is essential to identify rates that can be robustly
898 extended into the Late Quaternary. We believe that the results of this study show that that
899 upper-plate extensional and transtensional faulting may perturb the uplift signals along the
900 Hellenic arc and that studies throughout the Hellenic subduction zone, and other Worldwide
901 subduction zones which use uplifted coastal marine terraces to make inferences about the
902 causes and extent of subduction-related uplift, must ensure that they consider the role of
903 upper-plate extensional faults in their analysis.

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905 **6. Conclusions**

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907 1. The deformation caused by extensional faulting in the upper plate of the HSZ, and
908 possibly other upper plates worldwide, may be observed on the length scales of
909 normal faults and are likely to perturb uplift rates that may be assumed to occur from
910 slip on the subduction interface. We suggest that uplift contributions made by upper-
911 plate faults should be considered when conclusions about subduction interface slip are
912 made using coastal uplift observations.

913 2. The south central part of Crete is being uplifted as a consequence of upper-plate
914 faulting combined with subduction-related (regional) uplift (Figure 15). Temporally
915 constant uplift rates can successfully be used to explain the observed elevations of
916 palaeoshorelines up to 900 ka in places. The observed spatial variation of uplift rates
917 has been shown to be as a result of slip along upper-plate extensional faults.

- 918 3. ^{36}Cl cosmogenic exposure dating of wave-cut platforms, in combination with sea-
919 level highstand data, is an acceptable method to derive uplift values over the long
920 term and obtain Late Quaternary ages of palaeoshorelines. We emphasise the
921 importance of sampling in locations with minimal erosion and note the significance of
922 features such as lithophagid borings when carrying out site selection.
- 923 4. The SCCF is an active fault capable of a maximum $M_w \sim 6.5$ earthquake; it has a
924 throw rate of 0.41 mm/yr, which equates to a slip rate of 0.58 mm/yr. Using empirical
925 fault-scaling relationships, we calculate a recurrence interval of ~ 2700 years.

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Sample reference	Profile reference	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Elevation (m)	Inner-edge Elevation (m)	Erosion rate (mm/kyr)	Total erosion (mm)	Cl (p.p.m)	^{36}Cl (g of rock)	±	CaO (wt%)	±	Age (kyr)	Internal uncertainty (kyr)	Total uncertainty (kyr)	
S1	Profile 10	34.98335	25.3472	43	54	0.1	13.4	26.7499	0.626047	2137936	74973	50.8388	1.17	134	0.92	33
S2	Profile 4	34.98417	25.282	20	38	0.1	4	40.54	1.191038	677147	21952	49.4534	1.21	40	0.22	7.5
S3	Profile 4	34.98303	25.2788	34	38	0.1	6.1	41.0464	1.200486	1027505	33320	49.584	1.28	61	0.4	13
S4	Profile 5	34.98106	25.2782	65	67	0.1	8.8	29.4929	0.720745	1464291	44509	50.1486	1.14	88	0.52	21
S5	Profile 5	34.98207	25.2785	80	116	0.1	10.8	33.0023	0.868346	1770564	53271	48.5666	1.21	108	0.66	24

1399

1400 Table 1: ^{36}Cl data for all samples

Profile reference	Uplift (mm/yr)	UTM of altimeter msmts		Measured palaeoshoreline elevations (this study)		Siddall et al 2003/Rohling et al 2014		RMSD	Profile reference (Gallen et al., 2014)	Allocated highstand age (ka)	Measured palaeoshoreline elevations (Gallen et al., 2014) (m)	
		Easting	Northing	DEM palaeoshoreline elevations (this study) (m)	Barometric altimeter palaeoshoreline elevations (this study) (m)	Allocated highstand age (ka)	Predicted palaeoshoreline elevations (m) (Siddall et al, 2003)					
1	0.58 ± 0.09					76.5	14	9.01	7		78	13
				34		100	33					
				71		125	78					
				277		478	277					
				439		740	439					
				584		980	584					
2	0.72 ± 0.10			26		76.5	25	4.71	8		78	25
						100	47				82	43
				97		125	95				107	60
				139		200	139				123	96
				174		285	175					
				395		525	395					
3	0.75 ± 0.08			534		740	538	7.75	9		78	30
						76.5	27				82	47
				51		100	50				107	65
				98		125	99				123	103
				185		285	184					
				566		740	560					
4	0.89 ± 0.09			651		855	661	7.63	10		78	30
				38		76.5	38				82	43
		342710	3872265	68	67	100	64				107	62
				116		125	116				123	97
				211		200	173				215	140
						240	209					
5	0.88 ± 0.08					285	224	12.56			287	166
				310		340	308				330	210
						410	360				405	251
				482		525	487					
				506		560	501					
				342882	3872461	38	38				76.5	38
6	0.39 ± 0.09					100	62	4.55	11			
				57		240	204					
				201		310	248					
				258		340	301					
				304		478	416					
				415		560	490					
7	0.38 ± 0.09			497		125	55	2.7			123	50
				55		200	75				215	65
				86		240	91					
				105		340	102				330	103
				50		125	53					
				345779	3873003	72	74				200	71
8	0.39 ± 0.08			345763	3873855	134	136	4.23				
						53	53					
				72		200	71					
				88		240	86					
				138		340	134					
				146		410	151					
9	0.38 ± 0.11					100	12	3.04	12			
				11	12	125	51				123	50
				51		200	69				215	70
				86		240	84					
						340	131				330	105
				149		410	147					
10	0.37 ± 0.09			349877	3873397	52	54	3.65				
						125	51					
				67		200	69					
				83		240	84					
				99		310	93					
				53		200	55					
11	0.29 ± 0.06					240	67	2.92				
				352204	3874596	69					240	67
				352238	3874670	104	105				340	107
				353581	3874152		41				125	43
						200	55				215	55
				353707	3874364	69	70				240	67
12	0.3 ± 0.08					340	105	2.12	13		330	92
				353789	3874574	106	105				340	105
				356636	3873273	45	45				125	45
				356352	3873458	55	56				200	55
				355492	3873344	67	68				240	67
						102					340	107
13	0.3 ± 0.07					410	118	6.52	14*		330	114
				120								
				358624	3873366	40	41				125	40
				358618	3873493	53	53				200	51
						240	62					
						94					340	100
14	0.29 ± 0.08					125	40	6.42	15		123	1
				43		240	62				215	39
				54		340	100					
				60		125	40				330	50
				98		200	51					
						240	62					
15	0.28 ± 0.08					340	100	4.9				
16	0.25 ± 0.08					125	36	1.84				
				360348	3873126	38					240	55
				359983	3873325	57	55				340	90
						91					125	35
						33					200	43
											240	53
17	0.24 ± 0.09					340	87	6.72	16**		123	2
				361216	3872978	55	56				240	53
				361280	3873130		85				340	87
						99					410	93

* Location of my profile is 130 m to the east of Gallen's location
 ** Location of my profile is 220 m to the west of Gallen's location

1401

1402 Table 2: Calculator data for all profiles

Uplift (mm/yr)	R ²	RMSE	UTM of altimeter msmts		Allocated highstand age (ka)	Predicted palaeoshoreline elevations (m)	DEM palaeoshoreline elevations (this study) (m)	Barometric altimeter palaeoshoreline elevations (this study)
			Easting	Northing				
0.71 ± 0.02	0.9982	7.16	358496	3874675	478	339	336	336
			358995	3874892	525	393	395	394
			358840	3874889	550	401	405	406
					560	401		
					590	439	440	
					620	460	462	
					695	503	504	

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1404 Table 3: Footwall calculator data for Profile 14 footwall profile.

Fault name	Fault information (fault trace, kinematics)	Length (km)	Depth of seismogenic zone (km)	Dip °	Dip direction °	Rake °	Sub-surface slip value (m)	Max. Mw
Ptolemy trench	Kokinou et al., 2012; Becker et al 2006, 2009; Meier et al., 2004, Ozbakir et al., 2013	94	30	85	150	-40	4.3	7.3
Offshore normal faults:								
Fault 1 (aka. Lithino fault)		14.8	15	60	180	-90	0.75	6.1
Fault 2 (aka. Lithino fault)		18.2	15	60	180	-90	1	6.2
Fault 3 (aka. Mirto fault)	Kokinou et al., 2012; Mascle 1982; Caputo et al., 2010; Gallen et al., 2014	13	15	60	170	-90	0.6	6
Fault 4 (aka. Mirto fault)		19	15	60	170	-90	1	6.2
Fault 3&4 combined (aka. Mirtos fault)		37	15	60	155	-90	2.2	6.7

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1407 Table 4: Coulomb input data. Slip at the surface is set at 0.1 (10%) of the slip value at depth.
 1408 This is based upon the relationship between surface slip (Vittori et al., 2011) and maximum
 1409 slip values at depth (Wilkinson et al., 2015) for the Mw 6.3 2009 L'Aquila earthquake. The
 1410 seismogenic layer depth is considered to be 15 km, with the exception of the Ptolemy fault
 1411 which has been imaged to 30 km by Meier et al., 2004

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1413 **Captions**

1414 Figure 1

1415 (a) Tectonic setting of Crete, Greece. GPS data is from Nocquet et al., 2012. The location of
 1416 the Hellenic subduction zone is taken from Kreemer and Chamot-Rooke, 2004. Dots show
 1417 earthquakes between 1900-2009 $>M_w$ 4, constrained to a depth ≤ 30 km (Makropoulos et al.,
 1418 2012); fault plane solutions for earthquakes constrained to a depth ≤ 30 between 1953-1995
 1419 ($M_w \geq 5.5$) (Papazachos et al., 1998) and 1995-2018 (M_w 4) (CMT Catalog: Dziewonski et
 1420 al., 1981; Ekstrom et al., 2012). (b) Velocity field for Greece (Nocquet et al., 2012) (c) map
 1421 of Crete with possible active arc-normal upper-plate faults labelled: Ka: Kastelli fault
 1422 (Caputo et al., 2010); Sf: Sfakia (Caputo et al., 2010); Se/A: Sellia/Asomatos (Caputo et al.,
 1423 2010); Sp: Spilli (Monaco and Tortorici, 2004); Caputo et al., 2010); AgG: Agia Galini
 1424 (Monaco and Tortorici, 2004; Caputo et al. 2010); Ier: Ierapetra (Caputo et al., 2010); Ms:
 1425 Messara (Fassoulas, 2001); CL: Cape Lithino (Caputo et al., 2010); Mr: Mirto (Caputo et al.,
 1426 2010) SCCF: South Central Crete Fault (Gallen et al., 2014); Pt: Ptolemy trench fault
 1427 (Mascle et al., 1982; Becker et al., 2006, 2009; Kokinou et al., 2012).

1428 Figure 2

1429 5 m Digital Elevation Models of (a) the research area and (b-e) detailed views of the DEMs.
 1430 Locality names and annotations can be found within Figure 3.

1431 Figure 3

1432 5 m Digital Elevation Models: (a) location of topographic profiles (numbered). Observed
 1433 fault location from fieldwork during 2015 and 2016; inferred fault location is obtained from
 1434 IGME Ano Viannos 1:50,000 map. Locations of figures (b), (c) and (e) are shown by dashed
 1435 boxes in (a). (b) western section of the study area from Profile 1 (Agios Ioannis) to Profile 5
 1436 (Tsoutsouros), inset location is shown in detail in (d). (c) eastern study area from Profile 6
 1437 (Tsoutsouros) to Profile 10 (Kastri). (d) detailed view of west of Tsoutsouros Bay (TB). (e)
 1438 eastern study area from Profile 11 (Kastri) to profile 17 (Arvi). Dating locations using ^{36}Cl
 1439 (this study) and OSL (Gallen et al., 2014) are shown. Locations of photographs featured in
 1440 (Fig.7) are marked.

1441 Figure 4

1442 Overview of the method used for allocating highstand ages to inner-edge elevations for each
 1443 topographic profile, illustrated used Profile 10. (a) Topographic profile 10 with an uplift rate

1444 of 0.37 mm/yr. Horizontal coloured lines show the predicted elevations of highstands
 1445 obtained using the Terrace Calculator, which shows some older highstands overprinted by
 1446 younger highstands, this is clear in (c). Tie points between observed (field or DEM) inner
 1447 edges and those predicted are marked. Initial uplift value is derived from the dated ^{36}Cl
 1448 sample S1 (b) Terrace calculator data for topographic profile 10. (c) Predicted highstand
 1449 elevations for topographic Profile 10, graph shows the highstands which would not be
 1450 preserved (black squares) given the 0.37 mm/yr uplift rate (d) RMSE values for all uplift
 1451 scenarios from 0 to 1 mm/yr at intervals of 0.05 mm/yr when the 125 ka highstand is tied to
 1452 the 54 m palaeoshoreline.

1453 Figure 5:

1454 Schematic cartoon of the features commonly observed on palaeoshorelines and the associated
 1455 wave-cut platforms.

1456 Figure 6:

1457 ^{36}Cl exposure dating location photographs and cross section illustrations showing
 1458 palaeogeological evidence for sample locations S1 (a-c), S2 (d and h), S3 (d and g), S4 (d and
 1459 i), and S5 (d, e-f). Inner edges are marked by arrows on (d).

1460 Figure 7:

1461 Field photographs (see Figure 3 for locations). (a) Photograph of hangingwall terraces cut
 1462 into Miocene sediments against the limestone fault scarp and footwall, (ai) shows a close up
 1463 of the slot gorge near to Arvi (Figure 3, profile 14) with visible bedrock scarps identified by
 1464 red arrows. (b) overview of the profile 4 and 5 area and the locations of ^{36}Cl samples S2 S3,
 1465 S4 and S5. Arrows show the palaeoshorelines of the 76.5, 100 and 125 ka highstands. (c)
 1466 Profile 4, lower terrace (76.5 ka). Lithophagid borings are visible on the limestone outer edge
 1467 (h) and palaeostep (g) at 27 m. (d) Detailed view of the S4 sample site at 60 m on profile 4;
 1468 lithophagid borings in limestone are clear and remains of a serpulid algal reef surround part
 1469 of the limestone. (e) Profile 10 at 43 m contact between algal serpulid reef and beach
 1470 conglomerate both deposited during the 125 ka highstand allocated to this elevation. (f)
 1471 Overview Profile 10 palaeoshoreline at 54 m and associated wave-cut platform, ^{36}Cl sample
 1472 S1 was removed from this location. (g) and (h) lithophagid borings along profile 4 (i) Profile
 1473 10 at 43 m, an eroded millhole cut into limestone within 1 m of the sampling location for S1.

1474 Figure 8:

1475 (a) ^{36}Cl sample ages and associated errors. (b) ages and errors plotted onto the Siddall et al.
 1476 (2003) sea-level curve, the two lines represent two cores used in their study. (c) Preferred
 1477 uplift scenario of 0.89 achieved by tying S3 to the 76.5 ka highstand. Note that while only the
 1478 allocation to highstands 76.5, 100 and 125 ka are shown in (c), matches between measured
 1479 inner-edge elevations and predicted inner-edge elevations up to 980 ka were carried out
 1480 (detailed in Supplementary Figure 2, Supplementary Table 2). Predicted vs matched
 1481 elevations were evaluated using R^2 .

1482 Figure 9:

1483 Topographic profiles for all profile lines which run perpendicular to the strike of the faults
1484 (see Figure 3b for locations of profile lines), obtained from 5 m DEMs. Measured (DEM or
1485 field) elevations of inner-edges are matched against highstand elevations predicted by the
1486 Terrace Calculator given an iterated uplift value (see Figure 4 for further explanation).
1487 Locations of ^{36}Cl dated samples (this study) and OSL dated samples (Gallen et al., 2014) are
1488 shown alongside the ages obtained. Detailed topographic profiles are shown for 0-400 m for
1489 profiles 5 (f) and 4 (e). See text for an explanation of along strike correlation between
1490 palaeoshorelines. Figures (a-g) show profiles in the footwall of an offshore fault; figures (h-s)
1491 are in the hangingwall of the SCCF onshore fault.

1492 Figure 10:

1493 Measured (DEM and field) versus predicted palaeoshoreline elevations from the Terrace
1494 Calculator, error values are small and contained within the size of the symbols which
1495 represent each data point.

1496 Figure 11:

1497 (a-p) Elevation of measured inner-edge elevations plotted against highstand age for each
1498 topographic profile, error values are small and contained within the size of the symbols which
1499 represent each data point.

1500 Figure 12:

1501 (a) Along-strike palaeoshoreline elevations for the footwall and hangingwall terraces from
1502 profile 1 in the west to profile 17 in the east (see Figure 3a for locations). Vertical dotted line
1503 indicates point at which the curving SCCF fault trace is crossed. (b) location of the offshore
1504 Ptolemy fault and the onshore SCCF with dating locations (this study and Gallen et al., 2014)
1505 also marked.

1506 Figure 13:

1507 (a) Footwall uplift along strike (Profile 1 - 5). (b) Hangingwall uplift along strike (Profile 6 -
1508 17). (c) Tilt angles of FW terraces from profiles 1 - 4 (tip to the highest point of the fault). (d)
1509 Tilt angles of HW terraces from profiles 6 - 17 (tip to the lowest point of the fault) (see
1510 Supplementary Figure 5 for actual tilt values).

1511 Figure 14:

1512 Coulomb models of the vertical deformation (m) caused by offshore upper-plate faults as a
1513 result of a standard earthquake (see Table 4 for input values). Crete coastline is outlined in
1514 black with the profile lines (numbered every alternate profile; blue lines are faults; green lines
1515 represent the faults modelled; contours represent uplift (red) and subsidence (blue) at the
1516 surface. (a) modelling only the Ptolemy fault results in a maximum value of 0.4 m of
1517 coseismic uplift at profile 2 where the 76.5 ka palaeoshoreline is at 25 m (Table 2); (b)
1518 modelling the offshore normal Cape Lithino and Mirto faults (see table 4 for input values)

1519 results in 0.01-0.02 m of coseismic uplift at profile 2 where the 76.5 ka palaeoshoreline is at
1520 25 m (Table 2). Tests to obtain the recurrence intervals for the 25 m, 76.5 ka palaeoshoreline
1521 at profile 2 are shown in (c) for coseismic uplift along the Ptolemy fault, (d) for coseismic
1522 uplift for the Cape Lithino faults, (e) for coseismic plus postseismic uplift (50% of the
1523 coseismic value for the Ptolemy fault, and, (f) for coseismic plus postseismic uplift (50% of
1524 the coseismic value for the Cape Lithino faults.

1525 Figure 15:

1526 3D cartoon of the study area illustrating that upper-plate extensional faults in the south
1527 central area of Crete may perturb regional uplift and have a controlling effect on the coastal
1528 topography. Differential uplift occurs along fault-length scales as a result of footwall and
1529 hangingwall deformation. Faults relevant to the study are labelled as: SCCF: South Central
1530 Crete Fault; Pt: Ptolemy fault; CL: Cape Lithino faults; Mr: Mirto fault

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Figure 1.

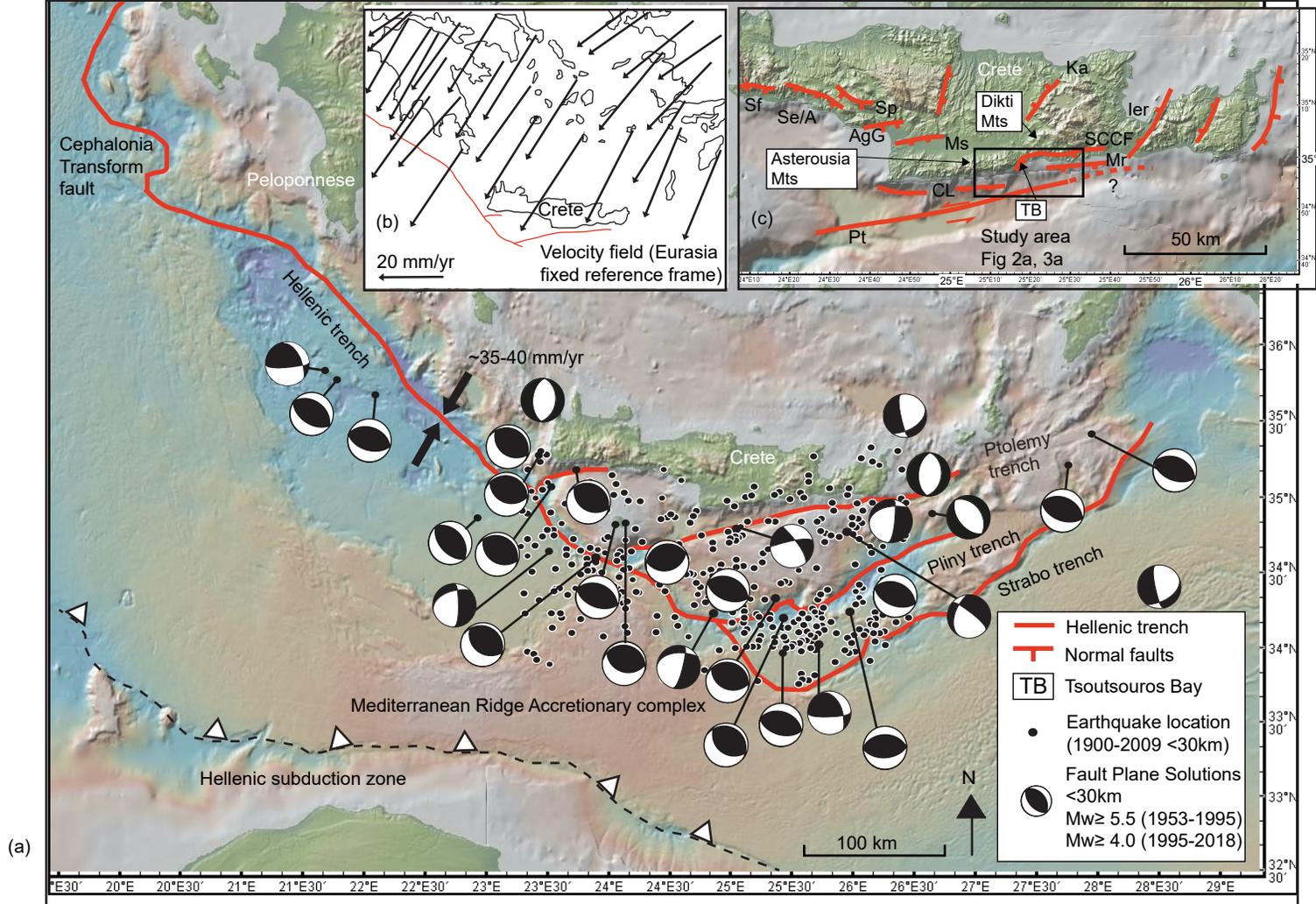
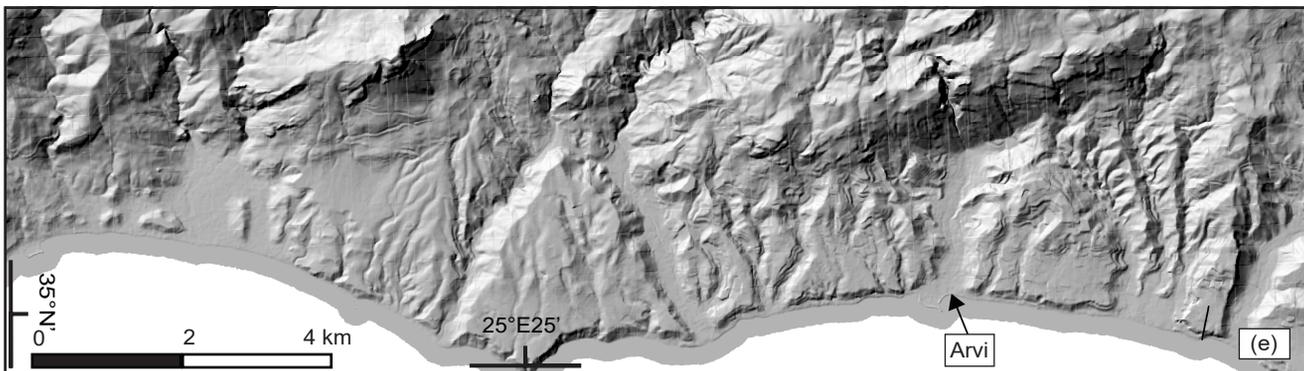
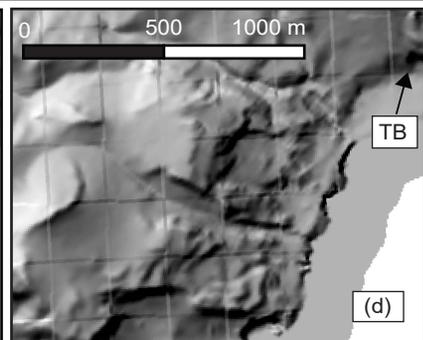
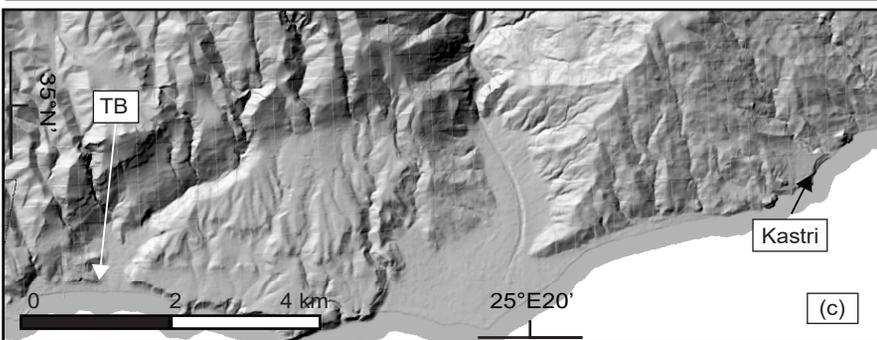
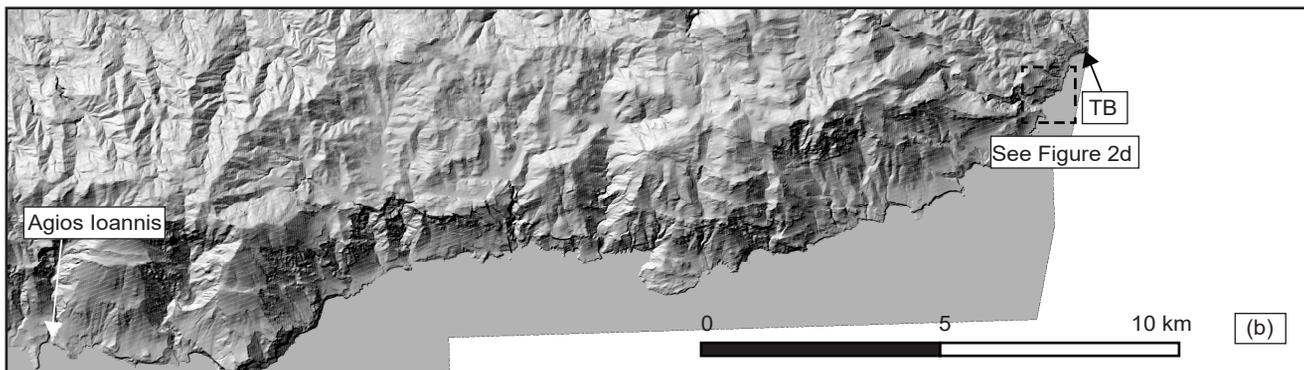
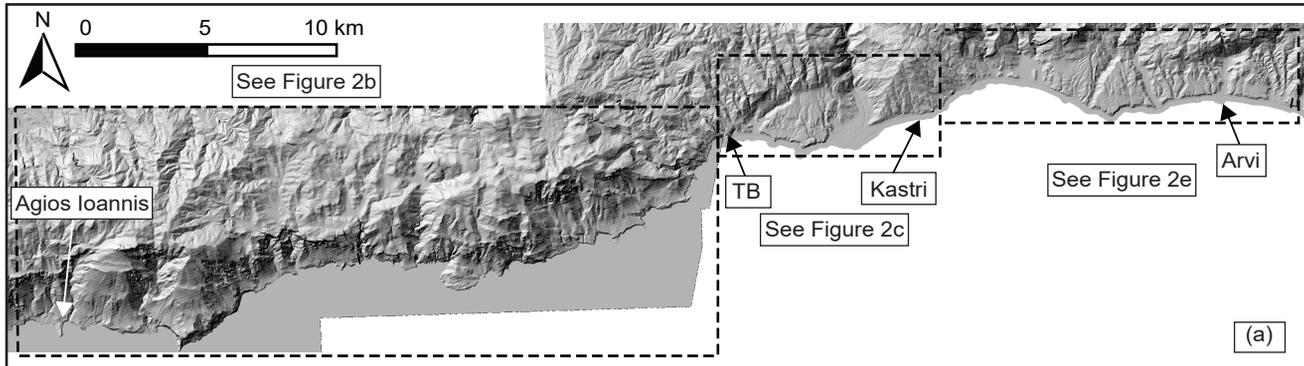


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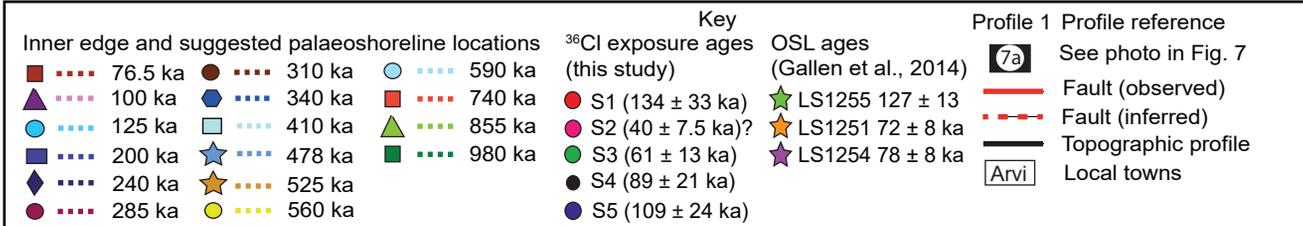
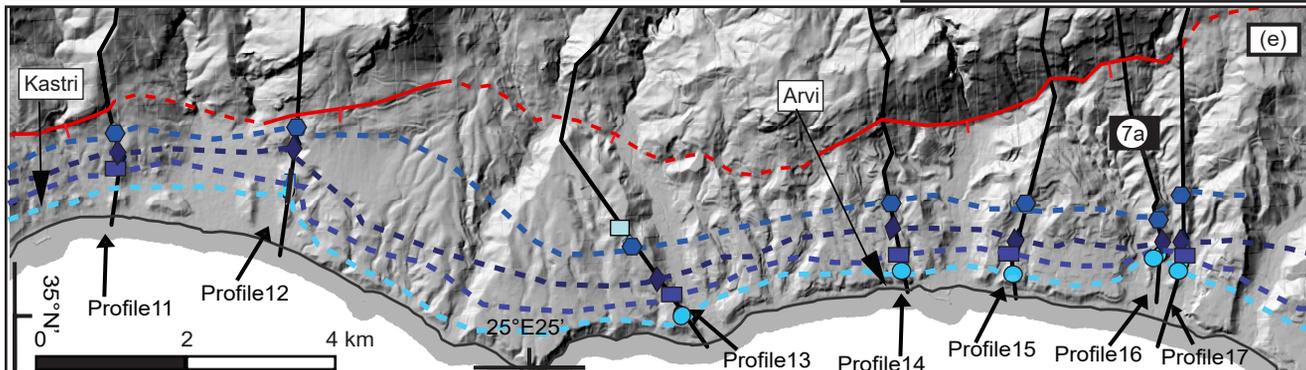
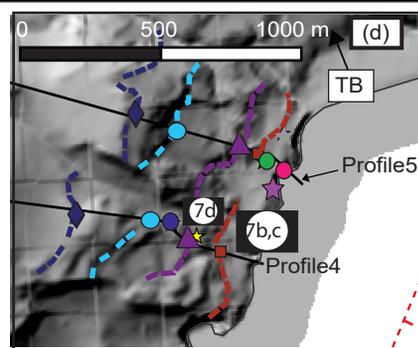
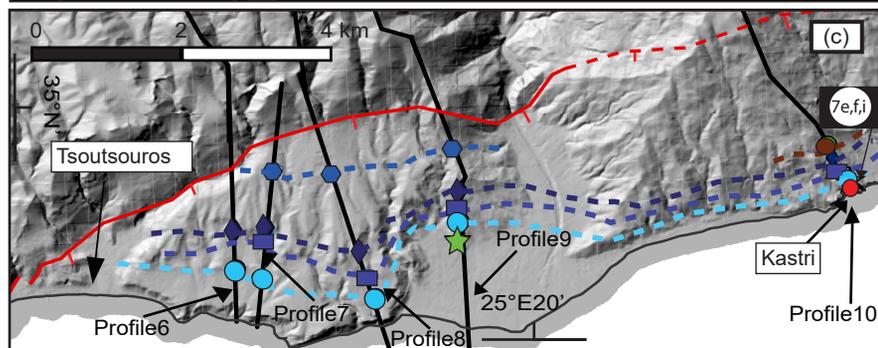
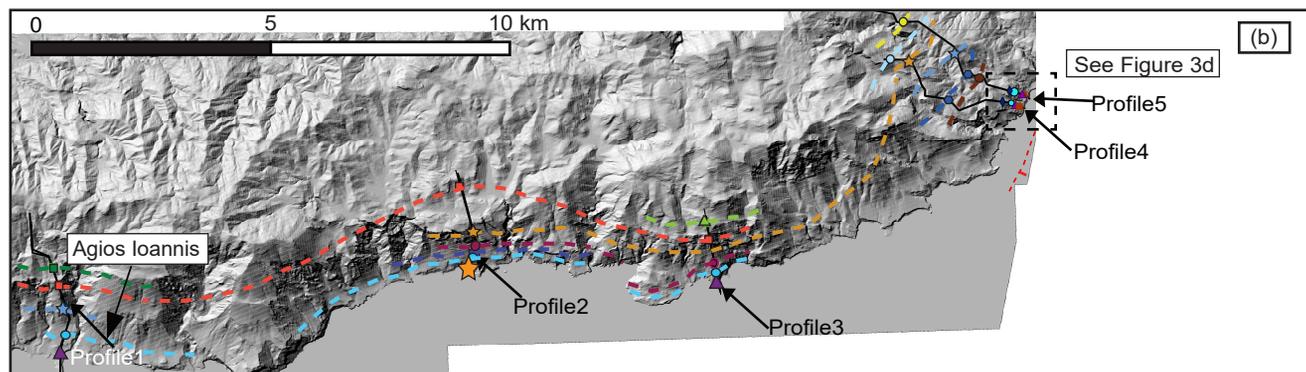
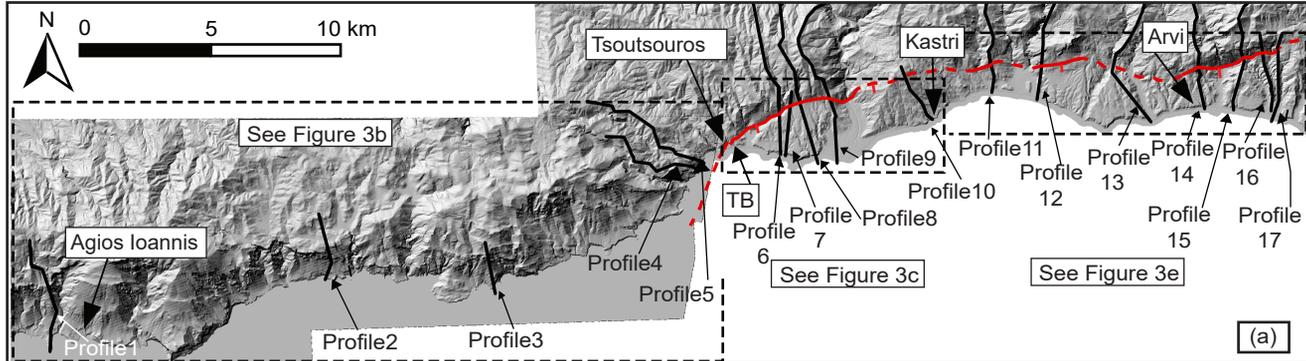
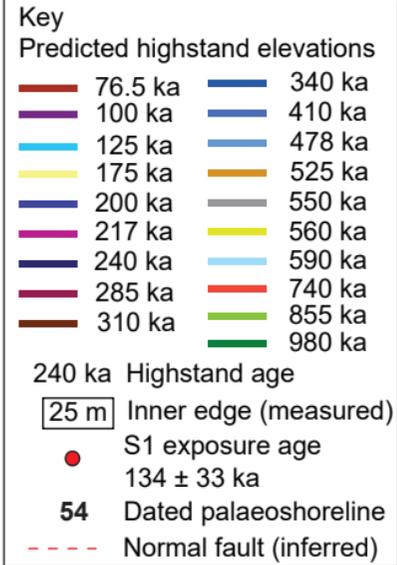
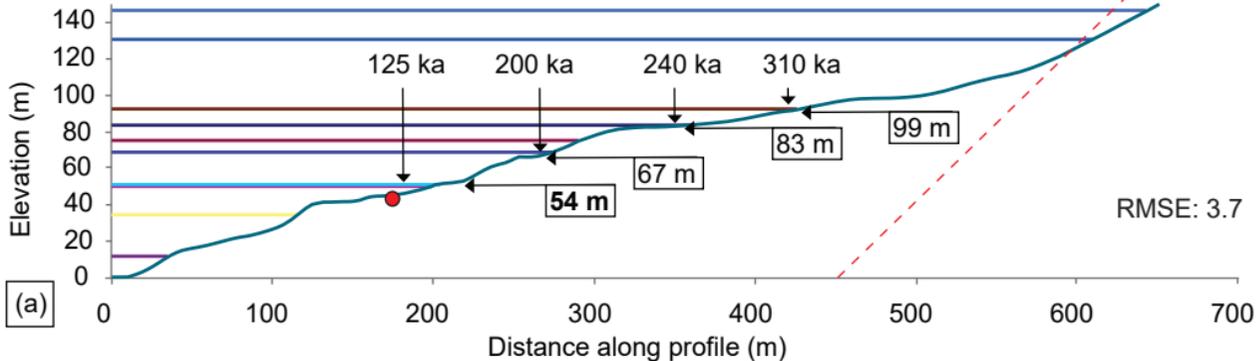
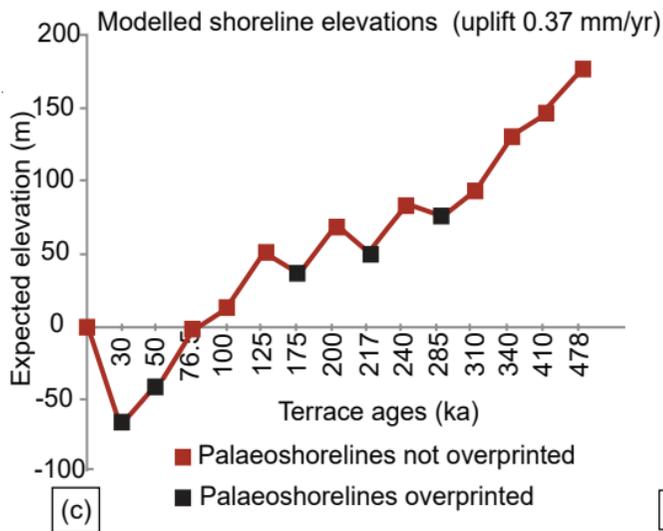


Figure 4.

Profile 10 (uplift 0.37 mm/yr)



Uplift rate (mm/yr)	Highstand age (y), [relative sea level (m)]	Predicted elevation (m)	Measured elevation (m) *GPS **DEM
0.37	30000 [-80]	-69	
0.37	50000 [-60]	-42	
0.37	76500 [-30]	-2	
0.37	100000 [-25]	12	
0.37	125000 [5]	51	54*
0.37	175000 [-30]	35	
0.37	200000 [-5]	69	67**
0.37	217000 [-30]	50	
0.37	240000 [-5]	84	83**
0.37	285000 [-30]	75	
0.37	310000 [-22]	93	99**
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0.37	410000 [-5]	147	



RMSE vs uplift rates for profile 10

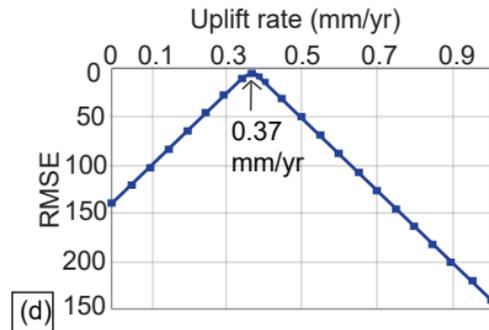


Figure 5.

Concentration of lithophagid borings within notch and backwall

Bioclastic deposits adhere to the backwall and notch

Algal serpulid reef with borings

Cave walls lined with borings

Notch - may contain bioclastic deposits

Millholes which may be bored by lithophgids

Lithophagid borings on WCP

Syn-wave cut platform deposits

 Conglomerate

 Serpulid reef • Lithophagid borings

 Bioclastic deposits

 Limestone

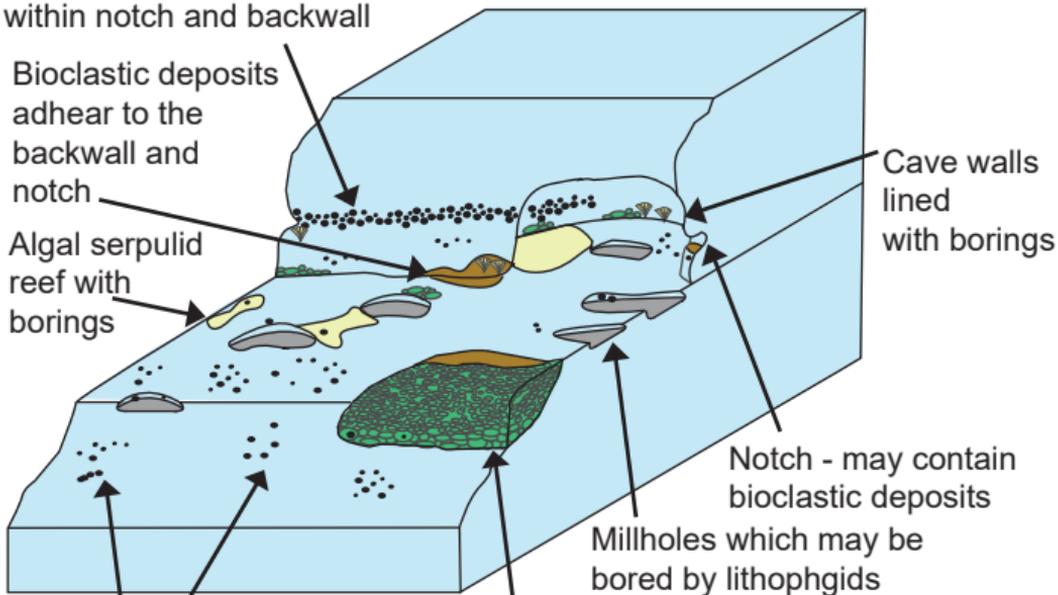
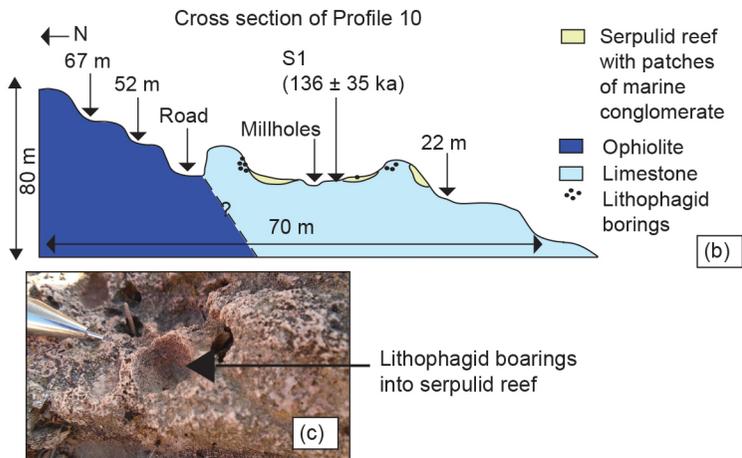
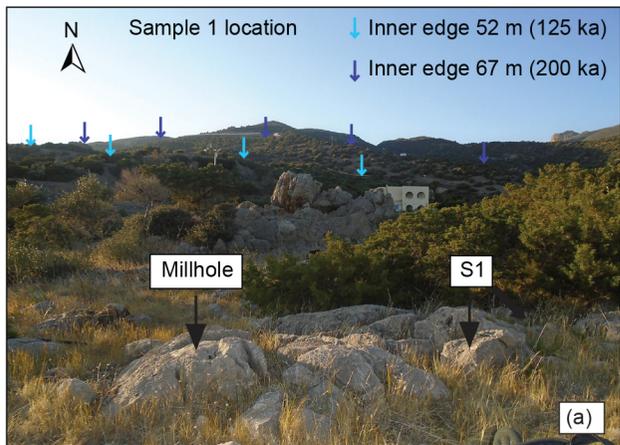


Figure 6.



← N Cross section of Profile 4, with sampling locations detailed in photographs below (Figs. 6e-i)

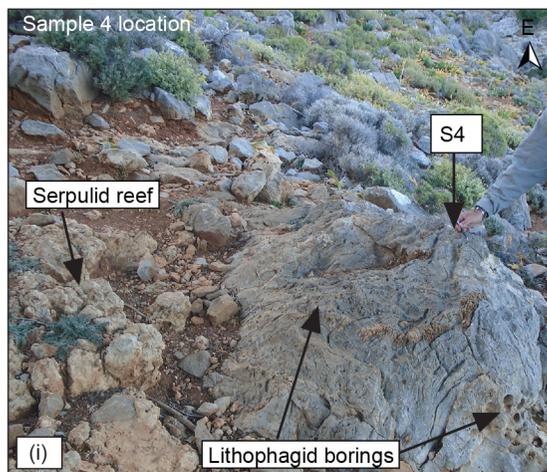
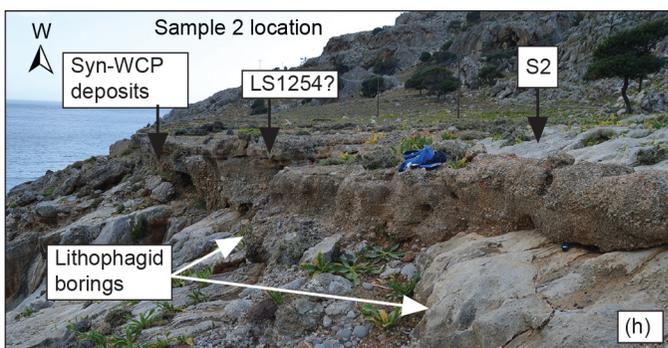
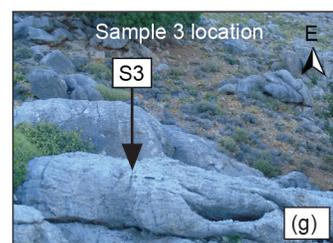
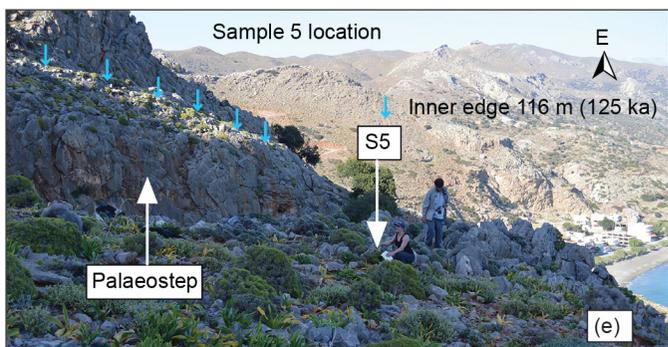
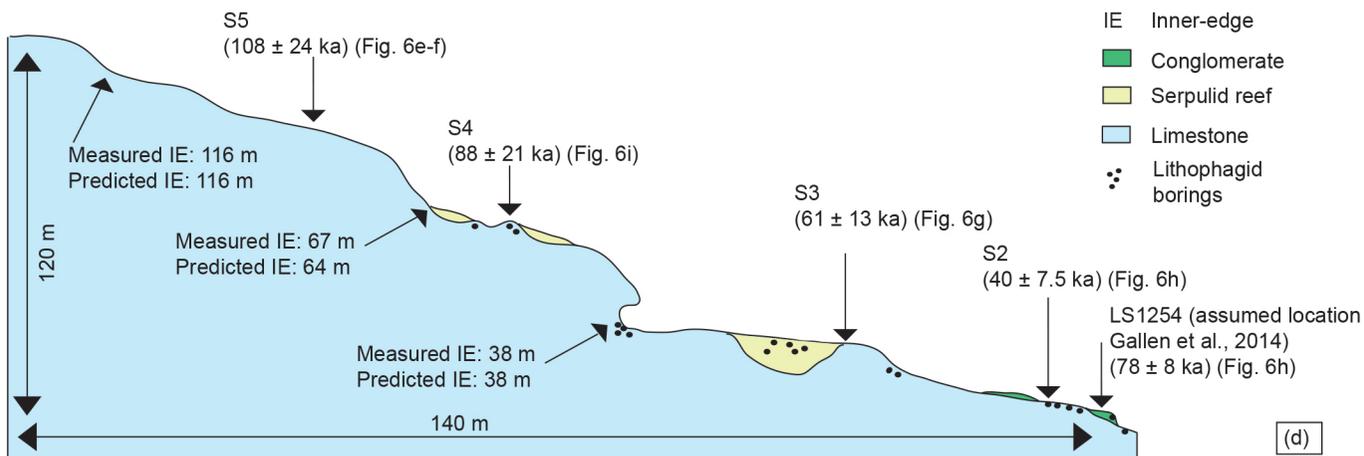


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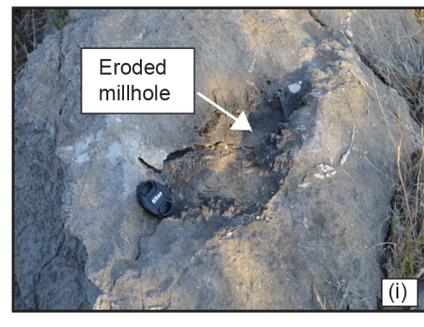
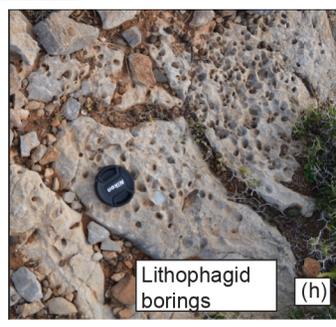
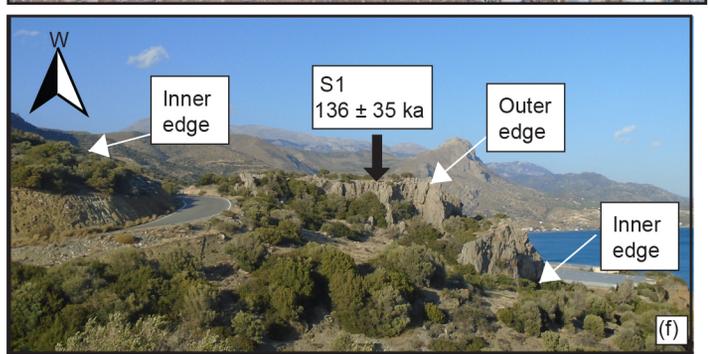
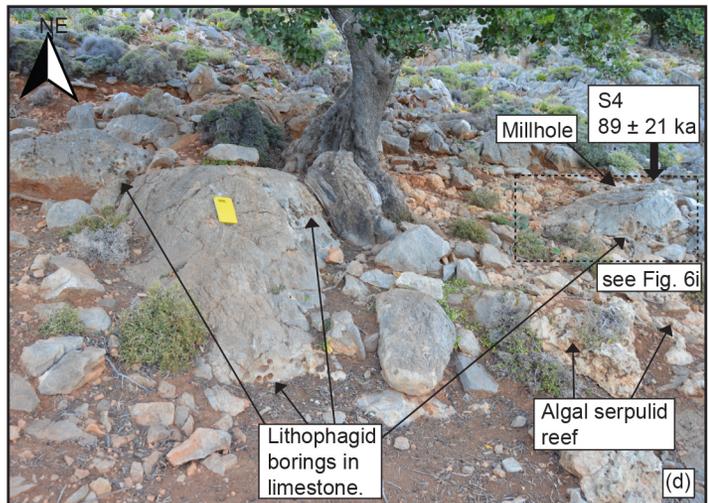
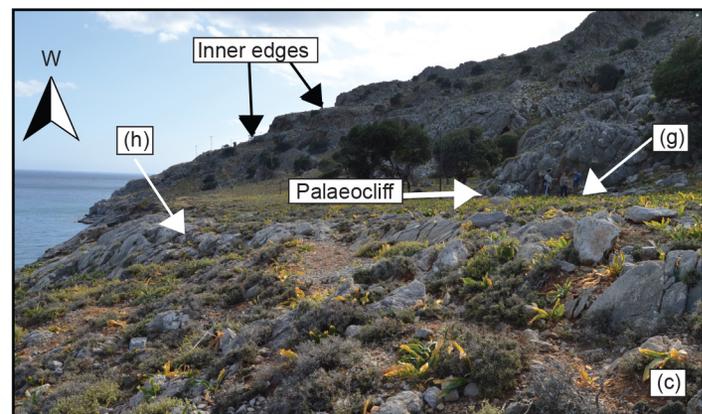
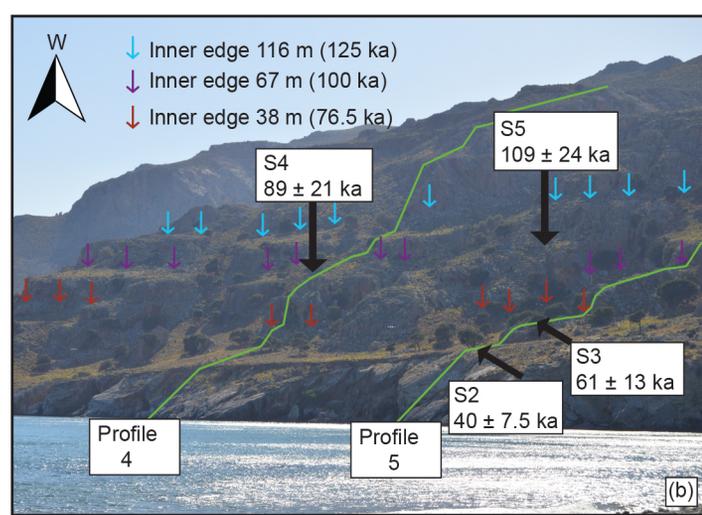
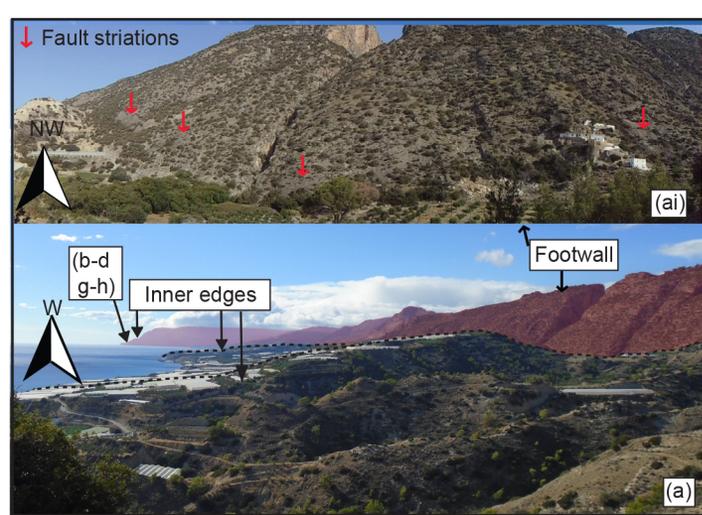
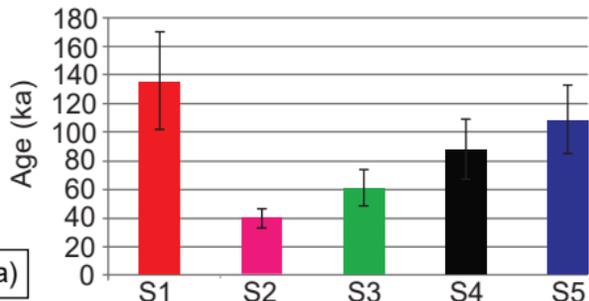


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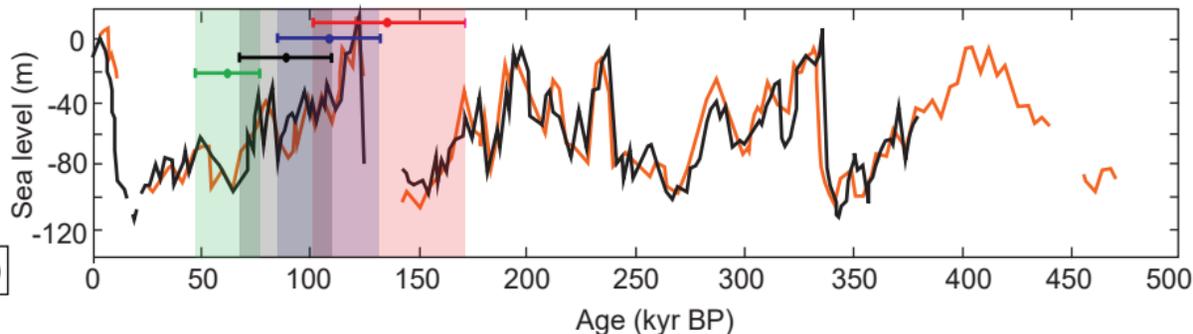
Sample by age and associated errors



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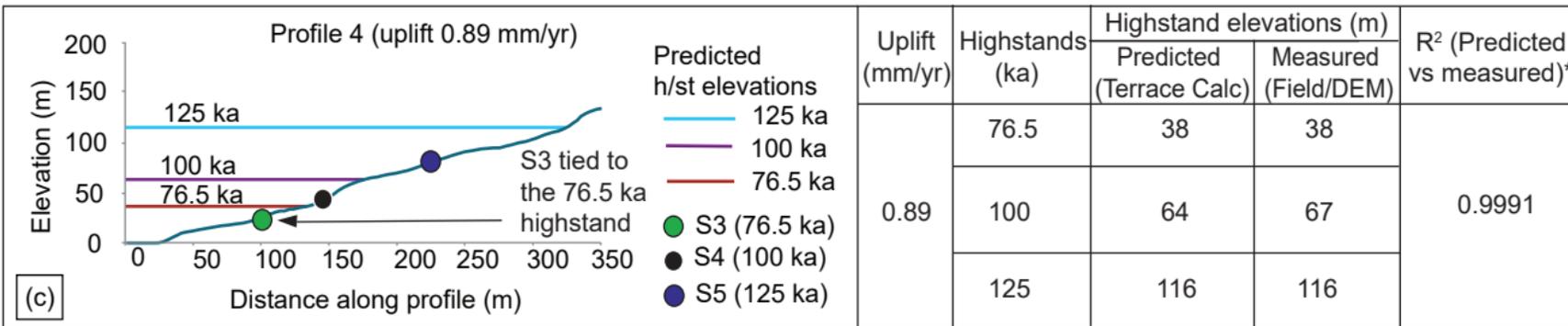
³⁶Cl sample

Ages of ³⁶Cl samples alongside 0-410 kyr sea level curve (Siddall et al., 2003)



—●— S1 134 ± 33 ka
 —●— S3 61 ± 13 ka
 —●— S4 88 ± 21 ka
 —●— S5 108 ± 24 ka
 Inner edge: 54 m Inner edge: 38 m Inner edge: 67 m Inner edge: 116 m

Allocating ³⁶Cl exposure ages to sea-level highstands using the Terrace Calculator

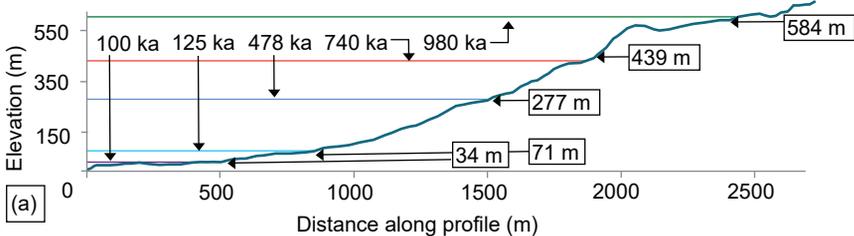


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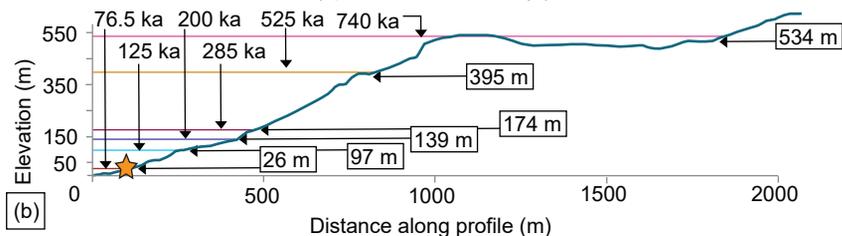
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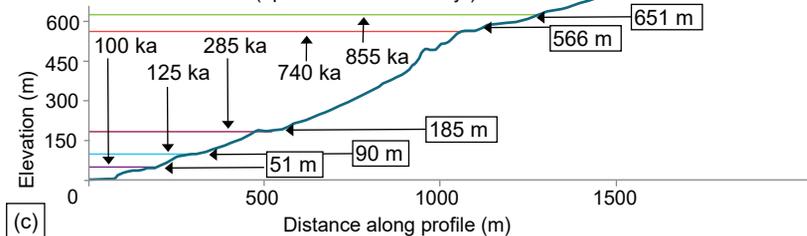
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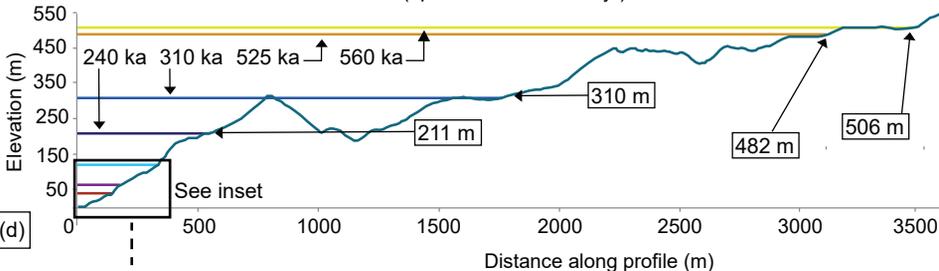
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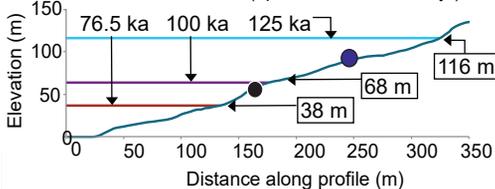
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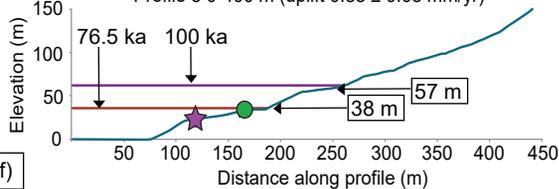
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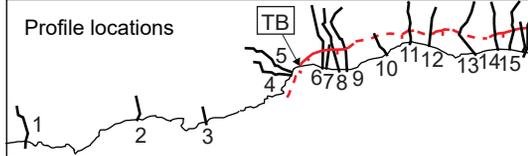
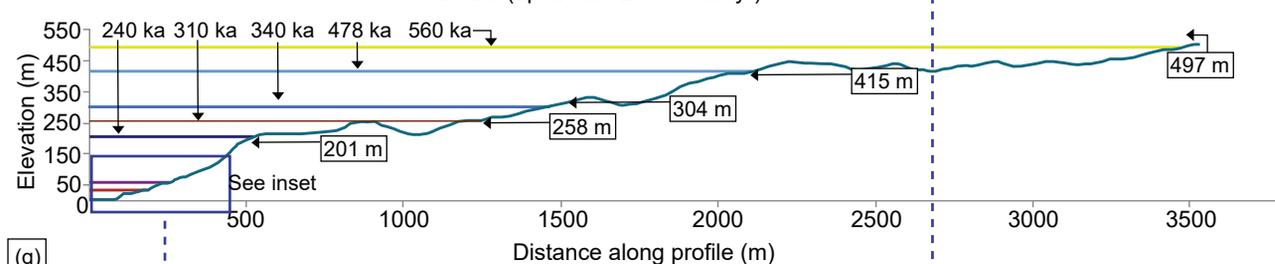
Profile 4 0-350 m (uplift 0.89 ± 0.09 mm/yr)



Profile 5 0-400 m (uplift 0.88 ± 0.08 mm/yr)



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Key

— 76.5 ka	— 340 ka
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— 125 ka	— 478 ka
— 175 ka	— 525 ka
— 200 ka	— 550 ka
— 217 ka	— 560 ka
— 240 ka	— 590 ka
— 285 ka	— 740 ka
— 310 ka	— 855 ka
	— 980 ka

25 m Inner edge (DEM/field measurement)

240 ka Highstand age

— Normal fault (observed)

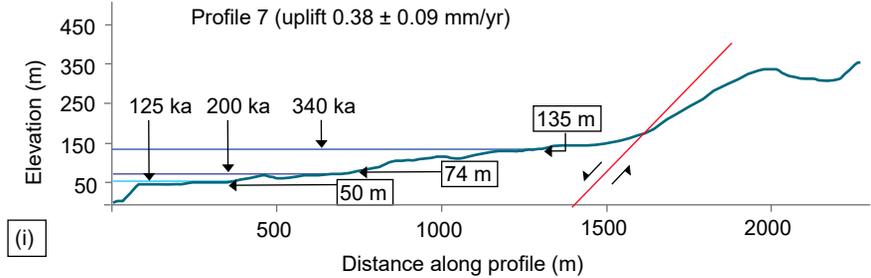
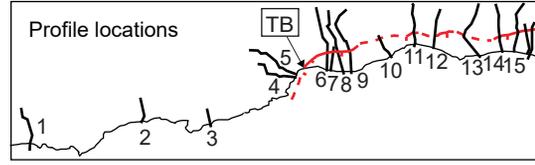
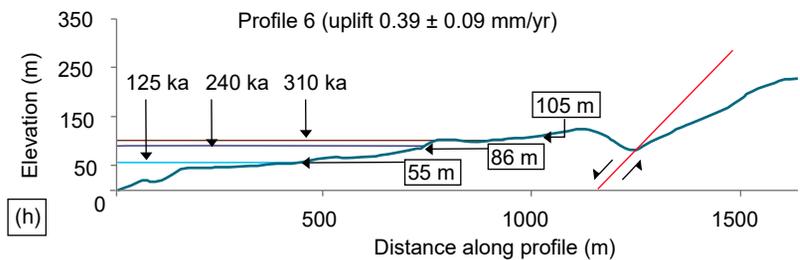
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- ★ LS1254 78 ± 8 ka



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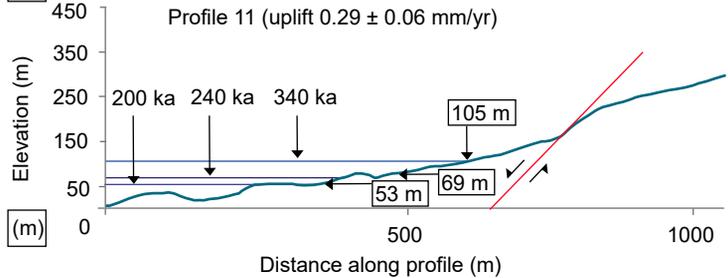
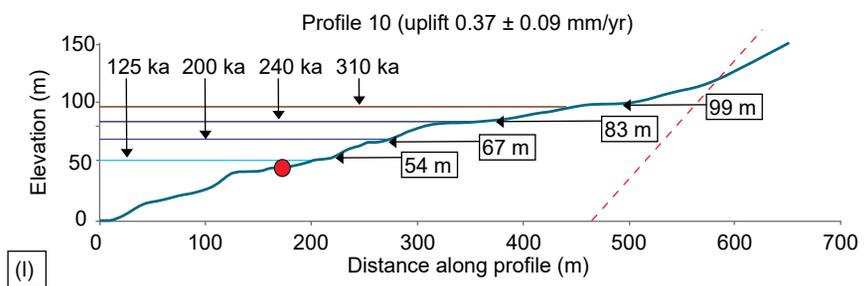
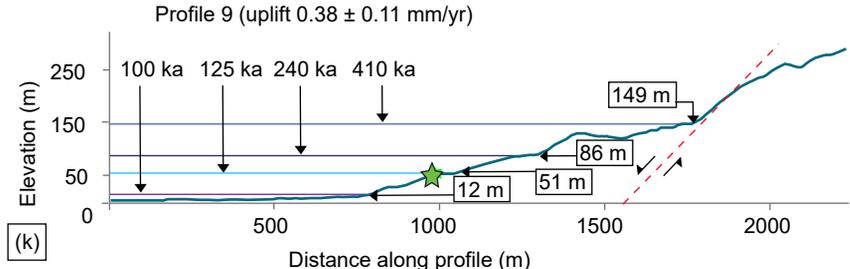
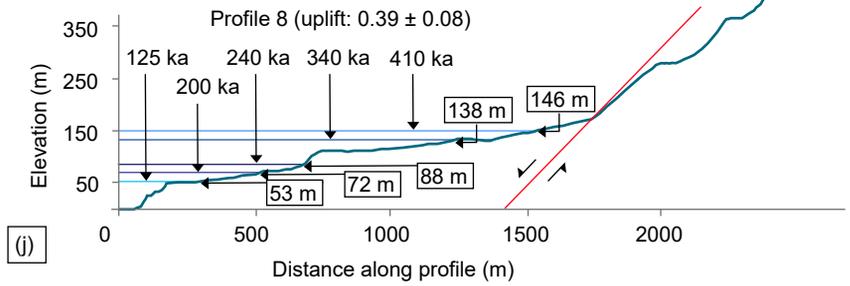
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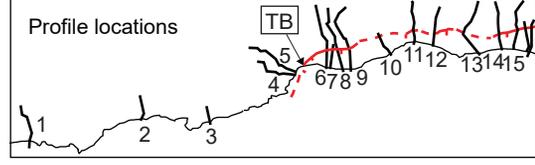
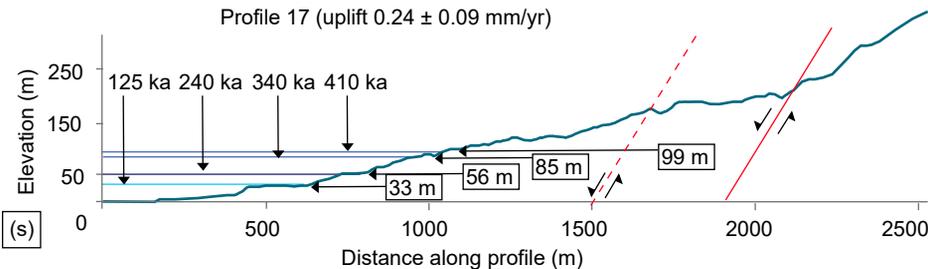
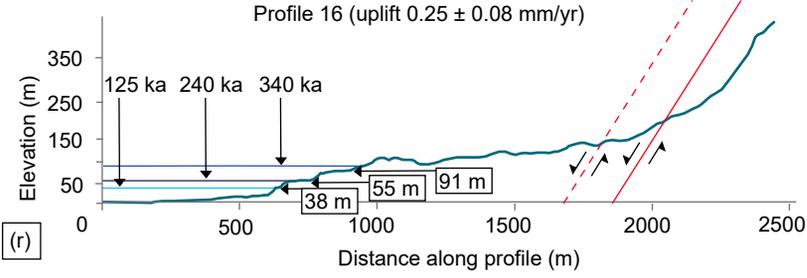
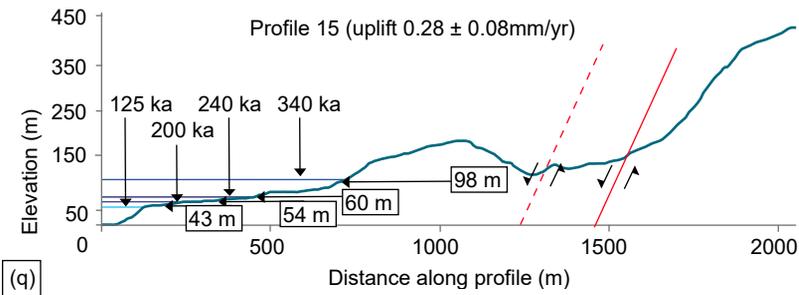
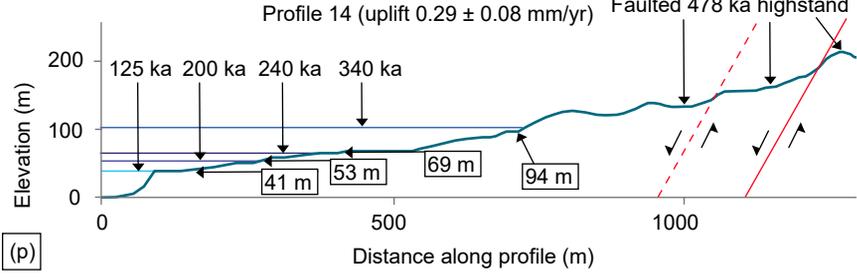
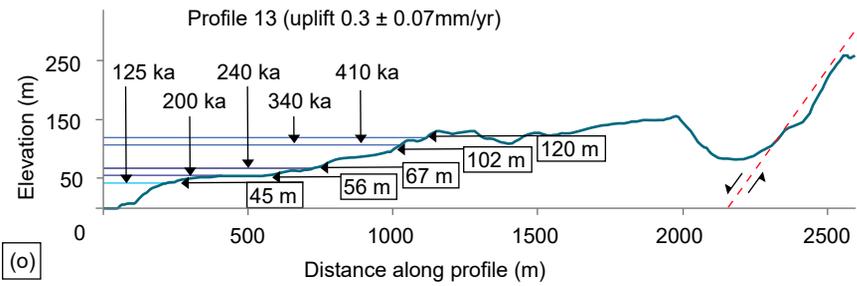
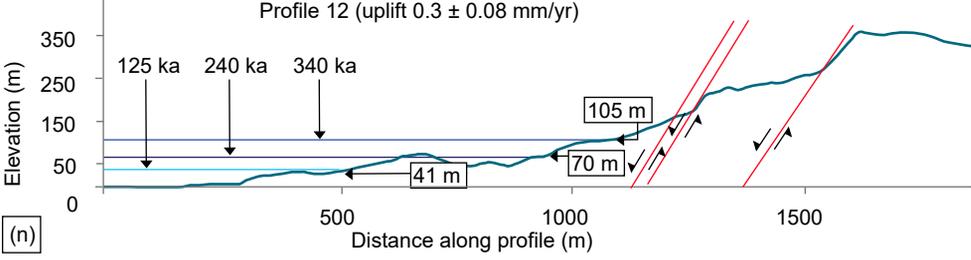
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Figure 10.

Measured vs Predicted inner-edge elevations

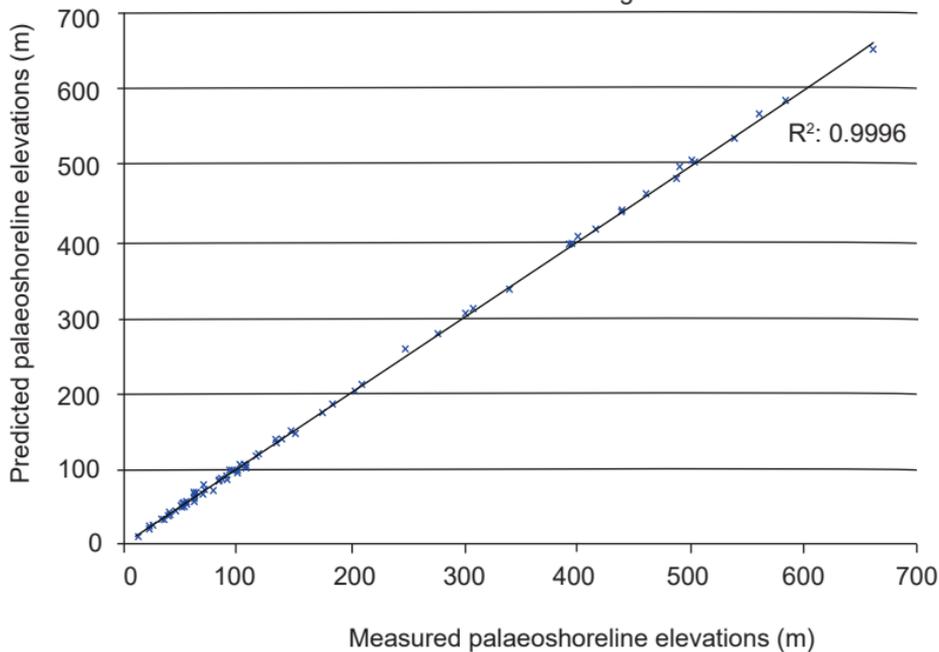


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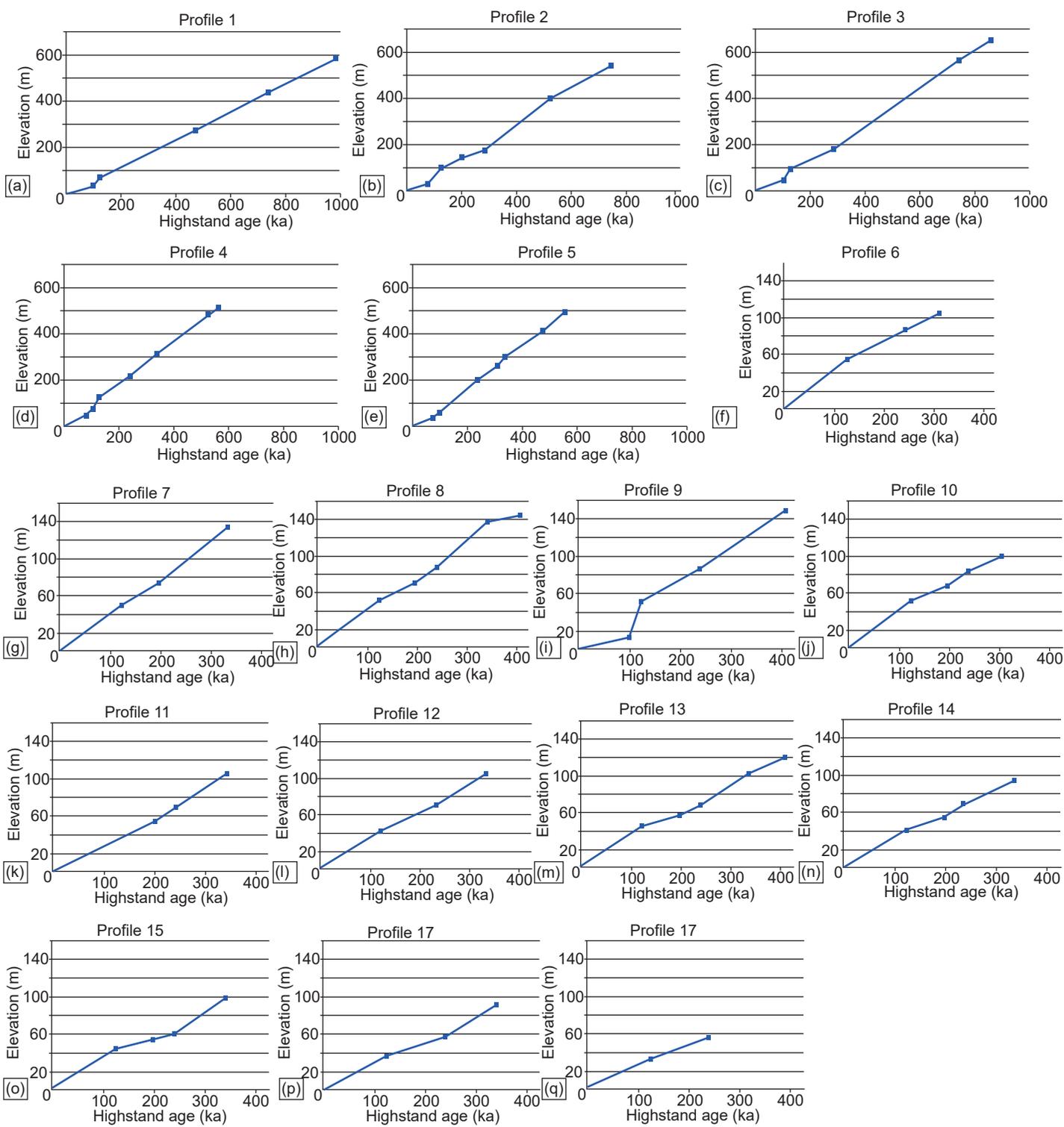
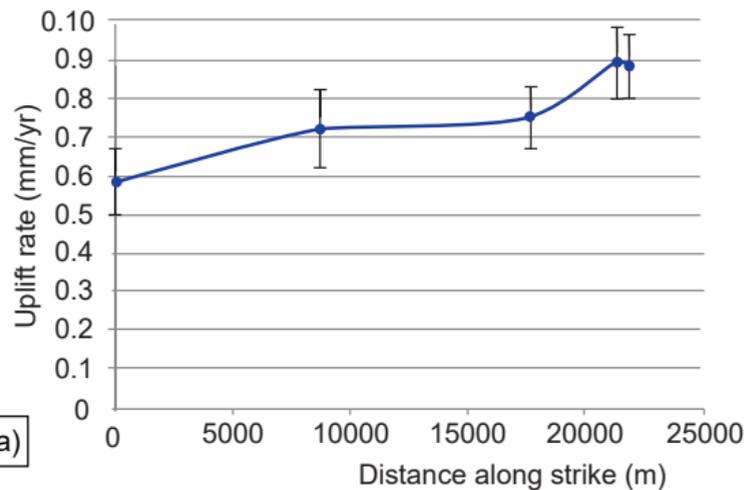


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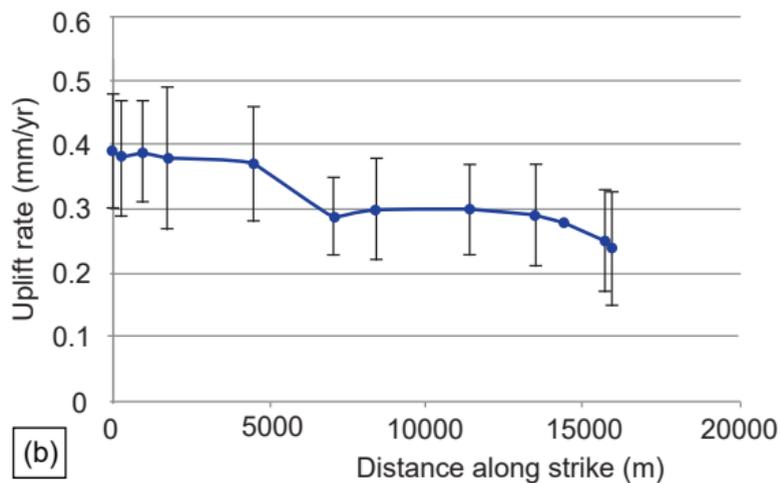
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Footwall uplift rates along strike: profiles 1 - 5



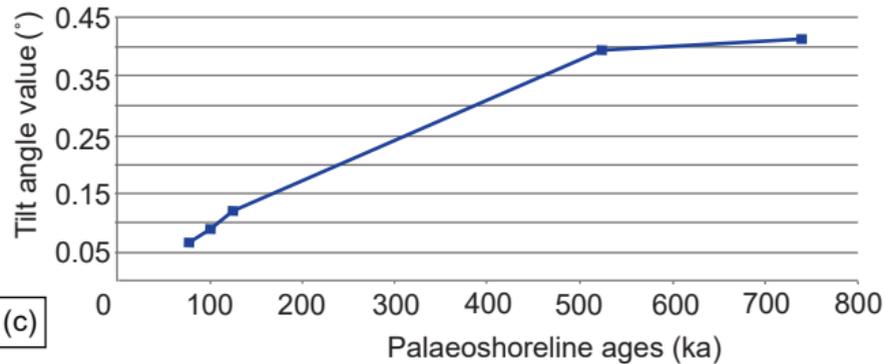
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Hangingwall uplift rates along strike: profiles 6 - 17



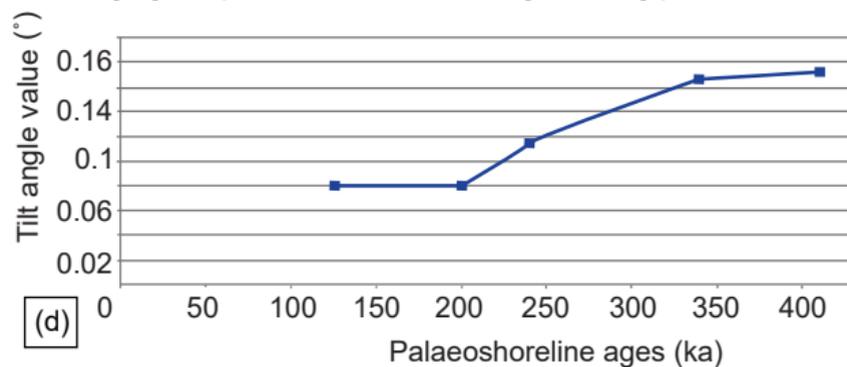
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Footwall palaeoshorelines' tilt angles along profiles 1 - 5



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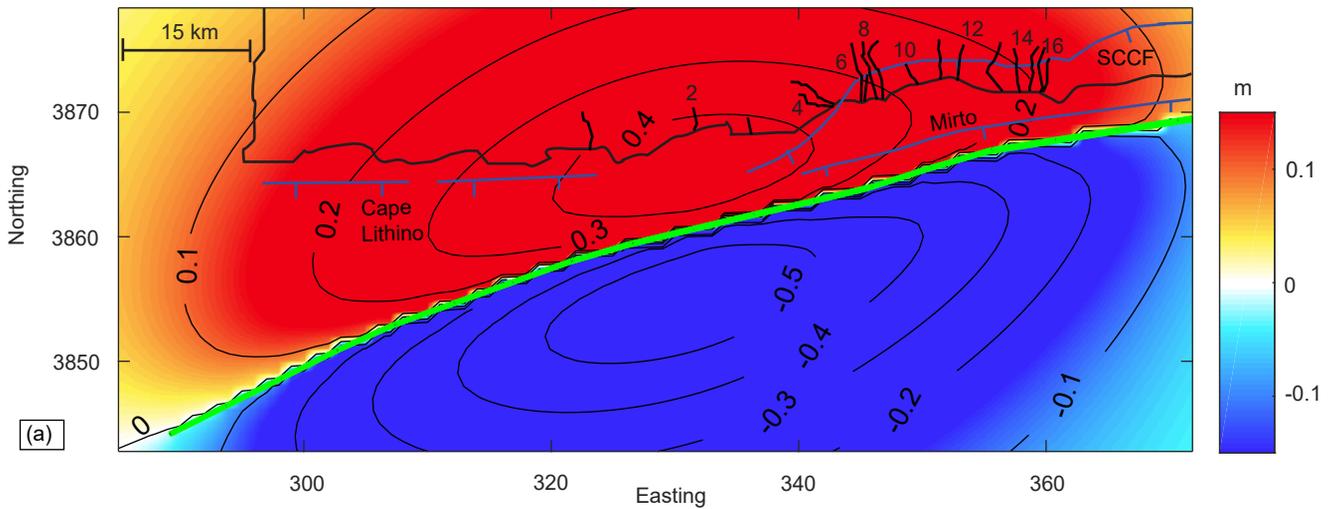
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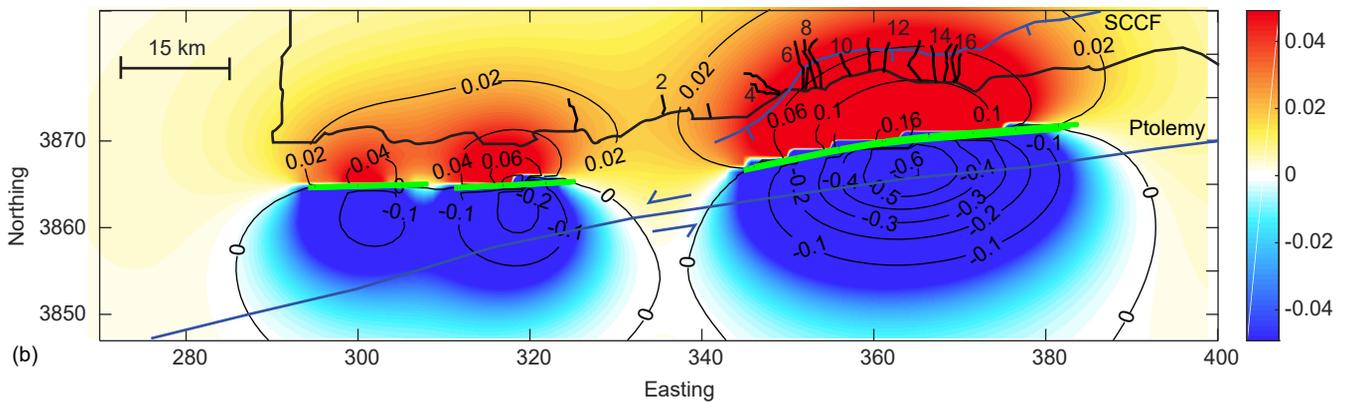
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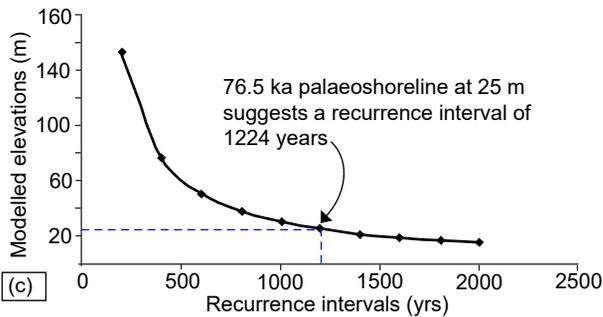
Coseismic vertical displacement (m) for a characteristic earthquake along the Ptolemy trench fault



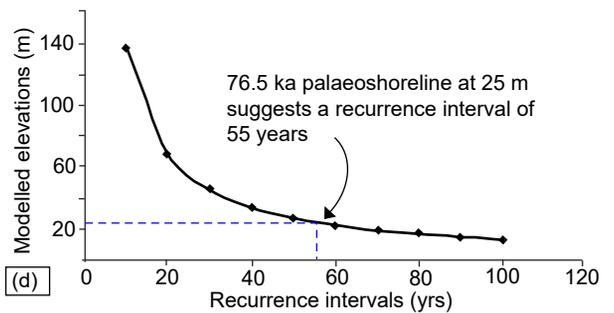
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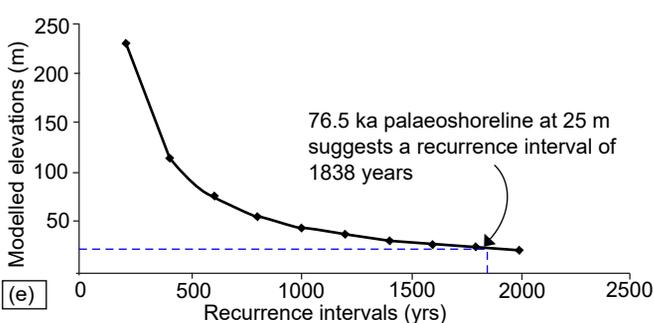
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Modelled elevations of 76.5 ka palaeoshoreline produced by a test of recurrence intervals for the Cape Lithino faults (profile 2, coseismic uplift 0.018 m)



Modelled elevations of 76.5 ka palaeoshoreline produced by a test of recurrence intervals for the Ptolemy fault (profile 2, uplift 0.6 m: coseismic uplift 0.4 m + 50% postseismic uplift of 0.2 m)



Modelled elevations of 76.5 ka palaeoshoreline produced by a test of recurrence intervals for the Cape Lithino faults (profile 2, uplift 0.027 m: coseismic uplift 0.018 m + 50% postseismic uplift of 0.009 m)

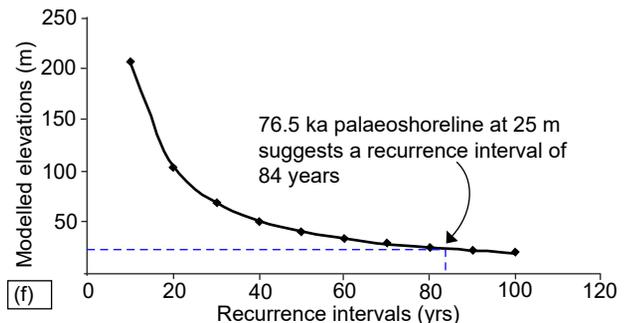


Figure 15.

