The 1989 Dôbi earthquake sequence: propagation of seismic normal faulting along the Dôbi Graben (Central Afar)

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D3 seismic scarplet, 1993







D3 free face, 1994







Galafi-Kada Hawli region

SPOT image

Tectonic interpretation





Tectonic map of Kadda Hawli half graben



1989 Seismic surface breaks (measured in 1993)

Deformation model of of Galafi Kadda Hawli region











x utm (km) UTM 38 projection system

Relationship, in section, between principal shocks and faults ruptured during Dôbi sequence

Most of the ruptures involved fault systems, which consist in a deeper main fault and a second order shallower fault abutting the former.





Conclusion

- In detail and in 3D, the faulting along the Dobi graben, which propagated about 35 km in 20 hours was probably governed by 3D Coulomb stress changes and mediated by water flow as proposed by noir et al. 1997 within a crustal volume of 65000km3.
- The coseismic kinematics inferred from the Dôbi earthquake sequence are in keeping with that inferred from regional deformation in the last 2 million years.
- Given the unusual density of active faults of different strikes, the complexity of the Dobi sequence typifies that of most multi-event sequences in Central Afar and other region of distributed normal faulting, elsewhere in the World.
- Such complex faulting coupling, explain the difficulty in interpreting previous Afar seismic sequences from sparser data (i.e. Serdo sequence, 1969).
- It is essential to study faulting at different time and spatial scales in order to understand how the hierarchy of imbricate structures of different sizes and the history of fault growth and propagation govern the finite kinematics of long term deformation.

The Dobi sequence partly bridges the gap between the largest sequences that occurred in Central and eastern Afar in the last 40 years



Thank you for your attention !



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Kadda Hawli, 1993

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Surface effects of the earthquakes





Kambourta graben 1989, Ethiopia

East of Dicito 1993, Ethiopia



D3 seismic scarplet, 1993



