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AN: **T52A-05**

TI: [Identification of a large-scale, N-S extensional feature in southeastern Tibet, using NASA SRTM data](#)

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AB: Topographic analysis of a NASA SRTM DEM in southern Tibet highlights regional, N-S oriented lineaments that include known rifts. The easternmost lineament at approximately 92° longitude in the eastern Tibetan Plateau is >350 km long and 15-20 km wide. This robust feature is characterized by very low slope and local relief compared to adjacent terrain. It demarcates a geomorphic boundary separating regions with dramatically different topographic characteristics. West of the lineament mean elevation is high and local relief and slope around stream channels are low. East of the lineament mean elevation is about 200 m lower than to the west. Local relief is several hundred meters and slope around stream channels is two times higher than to the west, indicating a higher degree of fluvial incision. Long profiles of streams draining away from the lineament are graded on either side. However, the Tsangpo River crosses the lineament, where a large knickpoint is evident in this otherwise graded portion of the river. To the west, the long profile is flat, and the below-flood level Tsangpo channel is wide (~500 m); to the east the long profile is steep and the river channel narrows to ~100 m wide. The lineament connects previously mapped, smaller, discontinuous rift basins located to the south and north. With a few exceptions, Quaternary sediments are not mapped within this feature suggesting it has developed recently and/or is controlled by low-angle detachments. The depth to which it extends is unknown, but depth-to-Moho measurements (Zurek et al., this session) show that crustal thickness decreases in this region from west to east and patterns in shear-wave splitting (Sol et al., this session) and GPS vectors also show a distinct change from west to east. Due to the low slopes and low local relief characteristic of this feature and because it appears to connect known, active rift basins, it is most likely extensional.

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1025	T52A-01	MCC 3024	<p>HIMEX-A Broad Band Seismic Experiment Across Kumaon Himalaya</p> <p>*S S Rai, A Singh</p> <p>Abstract</p>
1040	T52A-02	MCC 3024	<p>Project Hi-CLIMB: A Synoptic View of the Himalayan Collision Zone and Southern Tibet</p> <p>*J L N'\{a}b\{e}lek, J Vergne, G Hetenyi, a Hi-CLIMB Team</p> <p>Abstract</p>
1055	T52A-03	MCC 3024	<p>Geometry and Characteristics of the Main Himalayan Thrust in Nepal/Tibet Revealed by the Hi-CLIMB Seismological Experiment</p> <p>*j vergne, J L N'\{a}b\{e}lek, . Hi-CLIMB Team</p> <p>Abstract</p>
1110	T52A-04	MCC 3024	<p>Seismic Anisotropy in Eastern Tibet From Shear-Wave Splitting - Evidence for Crust-Mantle De-coupling</p> <p>*E Lev, M D Long, R D van der Hilst</p> <p>Abstract</p>
1125	T52A-05	MCC 3024	<p>Identification of a large-scale, N-S extensional feature in southeastern Tibet, using NASA SRTM data</p> <p>*A L Ault, A S Meltzer, W S Kidd</p> <p>Abstract</p>
1140	T52A-06	MCC 3024	<p>Boundary Conditions for the Geodynamic Evolution of Southeastern Tibet</p> <p>*P K Zeitler, A S Meltzer, P O Koons, S T Sol, B D Zurek, A L Ault</p> <p>Abstract</p>
1155	T52A-07	MCC 3024	<p>Seismicity and 3-D Velocity Structure of the Himalayan Collision Zone: Lateral Variations in Lithospheric Structure</p> <p>*G Monsalve, A Sheehan, C Rowe</p> <p>Abstract</p>
1210	T52A-08	MCC 3024	<p>P-wave velocity variation in the upper mantle beneath Tibetan Plateau</p> <p>*C Li, R van der Hilst, Z Chen, M Anne</p> <p>Abstract</p>

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