

Long-offset 2D seismic reflection with OBS refraction for our full scientific site survey: 20 days. We note that we can install 25 to 30 OBS by our own research grant. Short 2D seismic reflection: 5 days.

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Our scientific plan includes imaging
Pacific plate subduction below the
Philippine Sea plate in the Ogasawara
(Bonin) Island region. How do steep slab
dip and deep trench depth relate to the

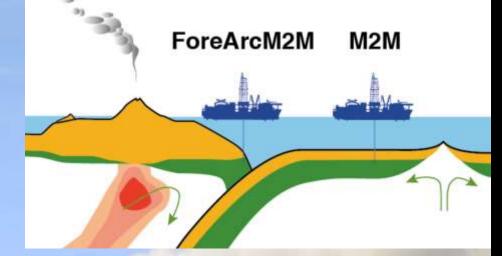
structure of the incoming and upper

plates?

Our long 2D survey line is set up to reveal a detailed subduction zone image from the incoming Pacific plate to fore-arc area, which will provide key information for understanding why the Mariana-type trench is the deepest in the world. It is also designed to provide the images needed for selecting the best sites in the Bonin fore-arc for drilling through the basal crust and into the upper mantle.

We are planning a collaborative project with Prof. Gail Christeson at UTIG. She will submit a proposal to NSF to use the R/V Marcus G. Langseth to perform the site survey needed by our proposed expedition across the Bonin Trench, and we will provide the OBS instruments.

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Oceanic to Proto-arc Mantle Transformation: Fore Arc M2M (Moho-toMantle) in the Bonin Trench, Northwestern

Pacific

The science is exciting and SEP recommends development of a full proposal with required site survey data sets.

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