This is a seismic research vessel owned by the US National Science Foundation and operated by Columbia University.

It has now acquired four large-scale 3D seismic experiments: EPR, Costa Rica, Galicia, and New Jersey.
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Figure 6. 3D correlations of faults and fault blocks identified on 2D profiles. (a) See Figures 3-4 and 9-13 for stratigraphy. Axes are labeled in meters relative to the NW corner of the study area and as meters below sea level. Faults (purple) are labeled F1-F6. Fault F2 joins with F1 to the north before the ISE 4 profile. Fault F4 joins with fault F3 to the south before the ISE 2 profile. Fault-bounded blocks are labeled A-G. (b) Map view of fault geometry and topography. Topography contoured every 250 m. Warm colors are deep. Cool colors are shallow. Over their interpreted lengths, the mapped faults trend within 10 degrees of north, in agreement with the interpretation of overall east-west oriented extension. The faults surfaces, however, are not planar. On a smaller scale the fault surfaces are irregular and locally strike up to 35 degrees east or west of north. Black arrows indicate the general orientation of hanging wall blocks' true-dip directions based on line intersections.
Survey Completed

Brian Jordon (2013)
Galicia 3D Seismic Dataset

pre- and syn-rift sediment
post-rift sediment

VE = 1
Contour Interval = 500 m

Brian Jordan (2015)
Above: Contour maps of the yellow (upper), blue (middle), and purple (lower) interpreted lines from the figures to the left.

Right: 3D interpretations of the continental crust and mantle.
Depth converted surface is between sediments above & hard rocks below. Annotated above are likely structural fabrics.

Exhumation Domain  Hyper-extended Domain  Necking Domain
Major Faults

Red 9 North
Green 1 North
Salmon 3 North
Pink 5 North
Violet 6 North

Magenta 8 Central

Orange 4 South
Pale Yellow 2 South
Blue 7 South

PSTM Repsol - Depth
East-West extent of 11 km

Inline #350 – Red line is the 7884 TWT (ms).

Time Slice #7884 – Yellow line is the Inline 350 location.

Repsol – PSTM – May2015
Gaye Bayrakci et al. (AGU 2014) – OBS Tomography
Tectonic models constrained by proposed IODP drilling

Reston, Sawyer, et al. (2008)
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