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Comment on se-2021-73

Frank Pazzaglia (Editor)

Editor comment on "Late Quaternary faulting in southern Matese (central Italy): implications for earthquake potential in the southern Apennines" by Paolo Boncio et al., Solid Earth Discuss., <https://doi.org/10.5194/se-2021-73-EC4>, 2021

The AE has received, read, and considered the excellent comments from three external reviewers of the Boncio manuscript. The external reviewers offer detailed and constructive comments both in revised manuscript organization, and in more conservative interpretations of the data presented. Specifically, the authors are challenged to falsify the assertion that faults are (1) the best explanation of the observed mapped contacts and (2) seismogenic in late Pleistocene time frames. There are many opportunities for comparing and contrasting the results of this study with other, recent published papers focused on the same area, and many of the same faults. I believe that it is time to end the discussion period, and allow the authors to respond to reviewer comments.