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## Driving mechanism of back arc basins in the Central Mediterranean region

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The geodynamics of trench-arc-back arc systems in the world is still object of debate. Significant insights into this problem may be gained by comparing the space-time distribution of major post- middle Miocene tectonic events in the Central Mediterranean area with the implications of subduction-related and non subduction-related driving mechanisms.