

ACCRETIONARY TECTONICS IV:

THE NATURE OF THE NEVADAN OROGENY IN THE SIERRA NEVADA:  
TECTONIC MODELS FOR THE CALIFORNIA COAST RANGES (FRANCISCAN &  
GREAT VALLEY SEQUENCES); JURASSIC EXTENSION IN THE SIERRA NEVADA  
REGION; MESOZOIC THRUST FAULTING IN THE WESTERNMOST GREAT BASIN

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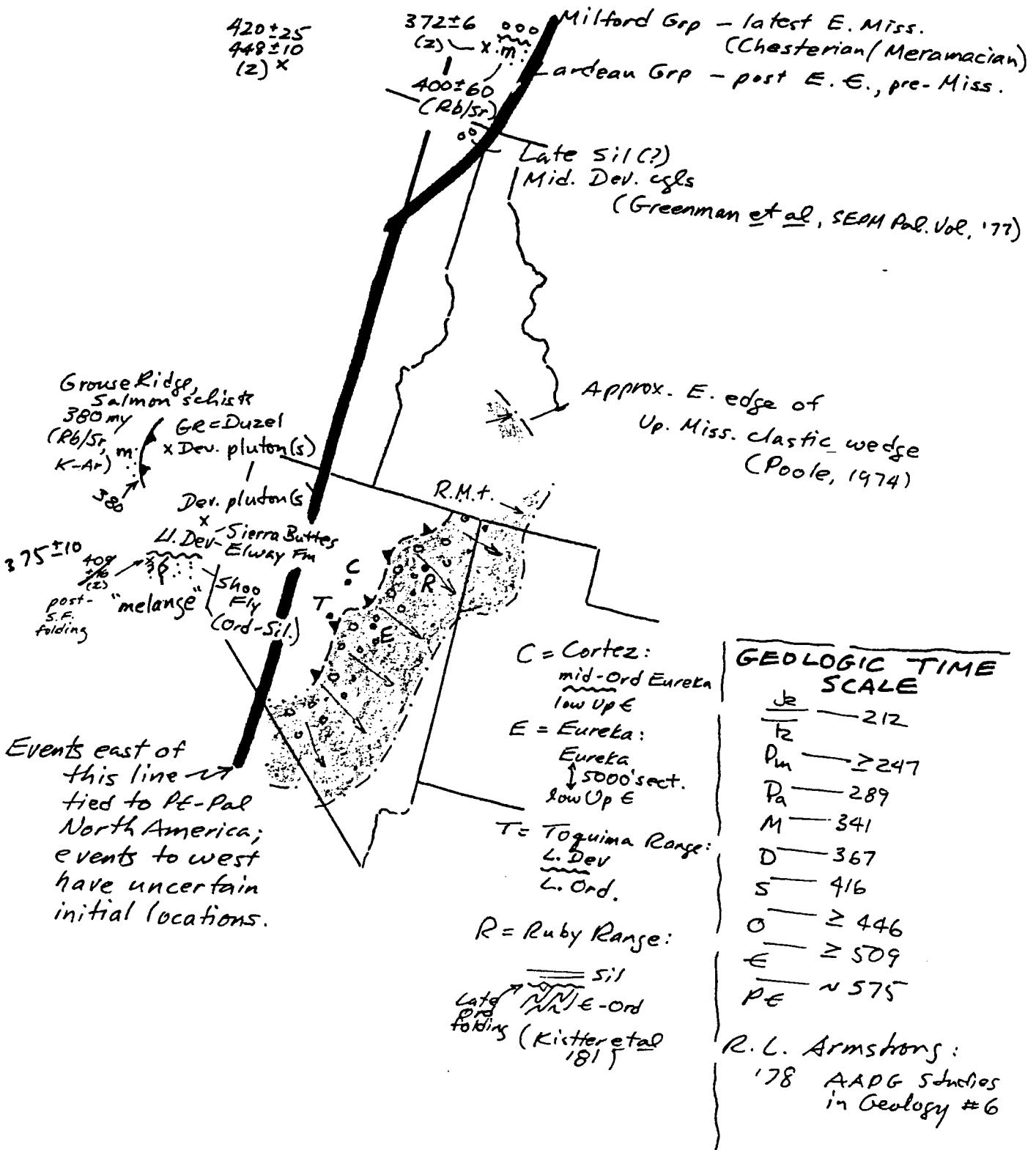
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 $u$  = unconformity  
 $\Delta$  = thrust fault

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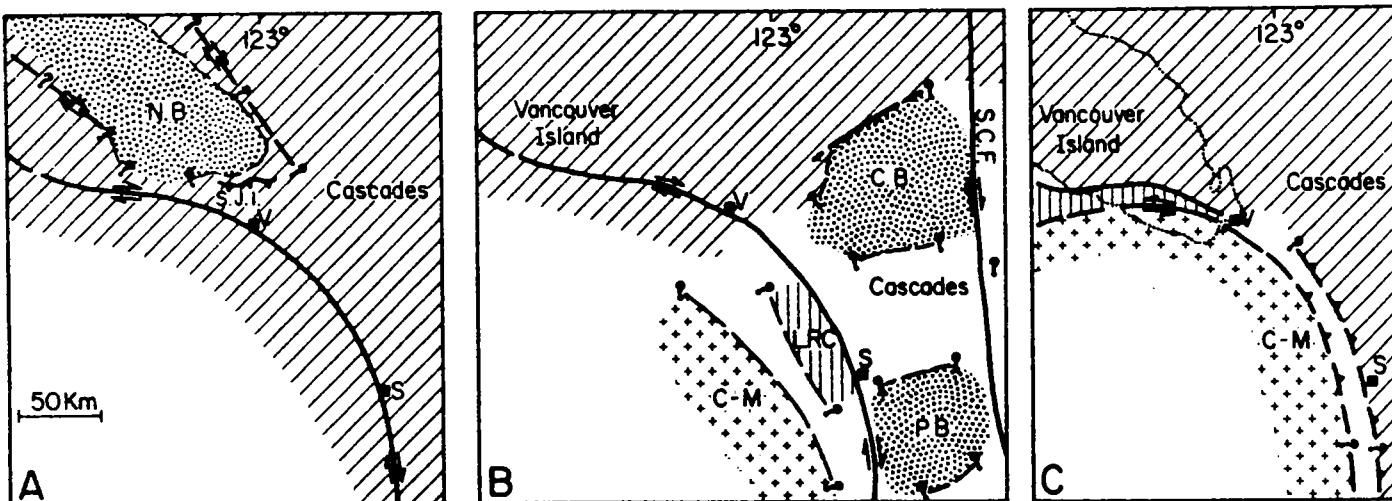
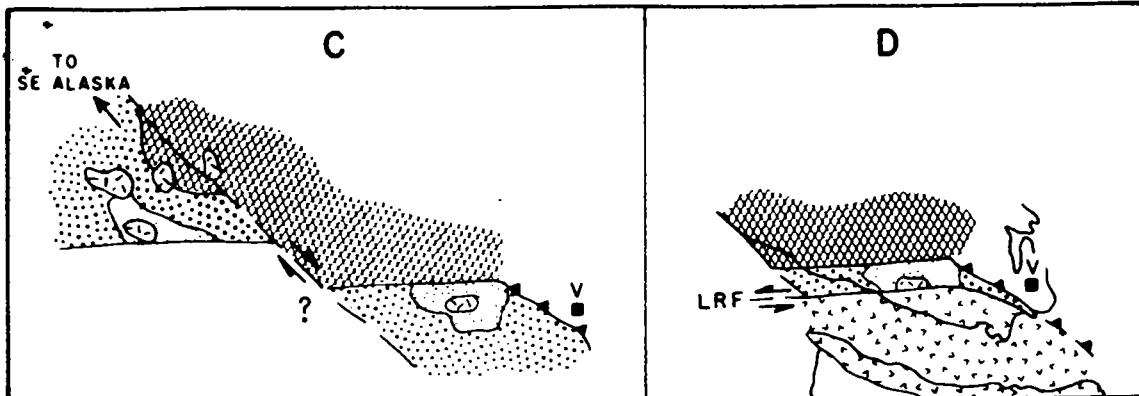
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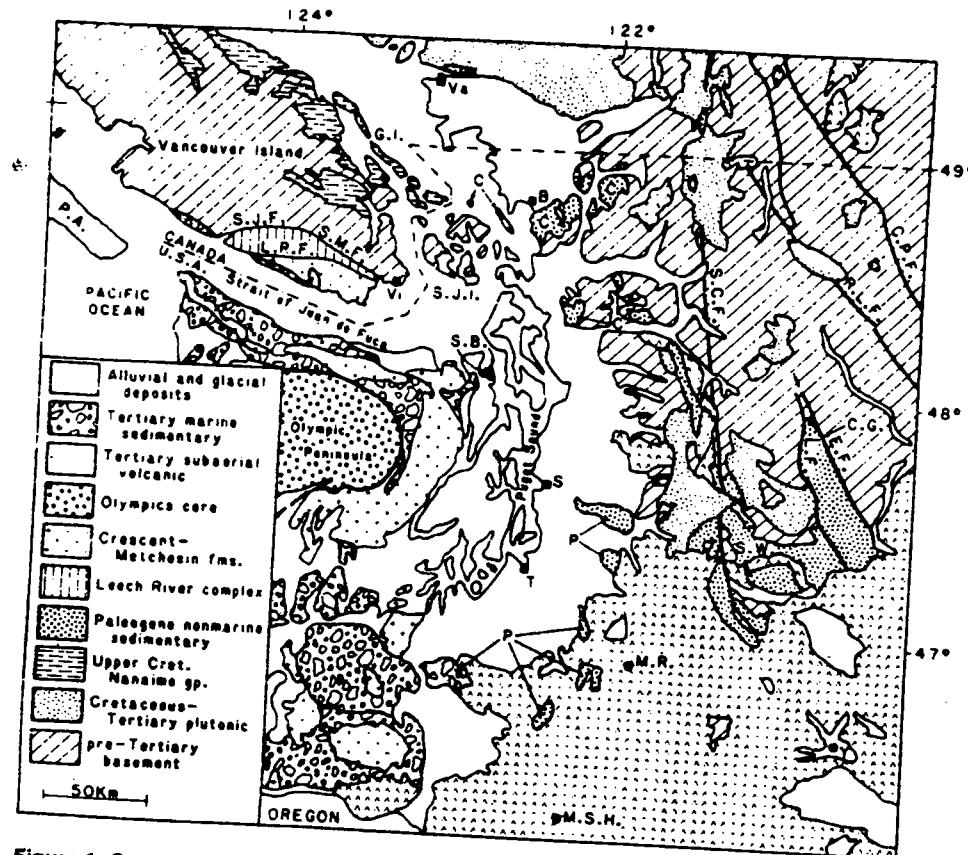
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**Figure 4.** Diagrammatic maps showing possible early Tertiary geography and hypothesized tectonic evolution of area around what is now Juan de Fuca Strait (see Fig. 2). Most patterns are same as in Figures 2 and 3, except that short dashes represent lower Tertiary intrusive rocks. V indicates bedrock underlying Victoria, British Columbia, for reference. A: About 42 to 45 m.y. ago. Light stipple depicts synkinematically metamorphosed Jurassic-Cretaceous (?) rocks, associated with Eocene intrusive bodies, that are now exposed as Leech River complex and schistose rocks on southern Baranof Island; BRF = Border Ranges fault. B: After end of metamorphism and penetrative deformation at about 39 to 41 m.y. ago, Leech River complex and adjacent lower grade equivalents were emplaced against southern edge of Wrangellia by left-lateral slip along San Juan fault (SJF). Fault is overlain by upper Eocene-lower Oligocene Carmanah Formation. C: Truncation of margin after about 40 m.y. ago along major northwest-trending transcurrent fault carried schistose rocks on southern Baranof Island toward their final resting place in Alexander Archipelago. This allochthonous slice included what is now Chugach terrane in Figure 3 and perhaps small fragment of Wrangellia. D: Lower to middle Eocene basalts of Metchosin Volcanics and Crescent Formation were juxtaposed with Leech River complex, probably by left-lateral slip along Leech River fault (LRF) (Fairchild, 1979; Fairchild and Cowan, 1982). Emplacement postdated metamorphism of Leech River complex and predated deposition of upper Oligocene strata that unconformably overlie Leech River fault. Present-day shorelines of southern Vancouver Island and northern Olympic Peninsula are shown for reference.

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**Figure 3.** Schematic diagram showing postulated Late Cretaceous-early Tertiary paleogeography of western Washington and southern Vancouver Island. CB = Chuckanut Basin; C-M = Crescent-Metchosin formations; LRC = Leech River Complex; NB = Nanaimo Basin; PB = Puget Basin; S = Seattle; S.C.F. = Straight Creek fault; S.J.I. = San Juan Islands; V = Victoria. A: Late Cretaceous (Santonian-Campanian) strike-slip fault truncates pre-Tertiary basement and moves western terranes north. Spiays off of main fault generate tensional setting in which Nanaimo Basin forms. Bend in fault may provide transpressive mechanism for thrusting in San Juan Islands. B: Middle Eocene. Chuckanut and Puget basins form in tensional zone between Straight Creek fault and postulated structure to west. Leech River Complex is metamorphosed in Puget Lowland and moves northwestward. Crescent-Metchosin seamount province has been accreted and is likewise moving north, outboard of the Leech River Complex. C: Latest Eocene-early Oligocene. Inferred transcurrent fault is no longer active. Margin is compressed by major left-lateral faulting on Leech River fault and thrusting in Puget Lowland (see MacLeod et al., 1977; Fairchild and Cowan, 1982; Cowan, 1982). This deformation greatly modifies original geometry of postulated fault. Dotted line shows present-day outline of Vancouver Island (FROM COWAN, 1982)



**Figure 1. Generalized geologic map of northwest Washington and southwest British Columbia.**  
 B = Bellingham; C = Chuckanut Formation; C.P.F. = Chewack-Pasayten fault; C.G. = Chi-  
 waukum graben; E.F. = Entiat fault; G.I. = Gulf Island; L.F. = Leavenworth fault; L.R.F. = Leech  
 River fault; M.R. = Mount Rainier; M.S.H. = Mount Saint Helens; P = Puget Group; P.A. =  
 Prometheus magnetic anomaly; R.L.F. = Ross Lake fault; S = Seattle; B = Scow Bay unit; S.C.F.  
 = Straight Creek fault; S.J.F. = San Juan fault; S.J.I. = San Juan Islands; S.M.F. = Survey Moun-  
 tain fault; S.W. = Swauk Formation; T = Tacoma; V = Victoria; Va = Vancouver; Y = Yakima.  
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- Alaska
- most terranes were accreted in Paleocene  
(Wrangellia, Aleut.,) S. Alaska supervolcanic
- Aleut. terrane may have been attached  
to E. Australia in Paleozoic (Sabetz & Gerlach)

## - Franciscan

- Laytonville blocks (L.S.) Alvarez et al.
  - paleomag says orig.  $15^{\circ}$  S lat.
  - thought B.S. at first, but later shown true
- 4 belts

- 1.) Eastern ( $E, J \Rightarrow E, K$ )  $25^{\circ} N$  ← OK based on  
Toralba Plate reconstruction,
- 2.) Central (<sup>LAYTONVILLE</sup>  $101-88 Ma$ )  $14^{\circ} S$  ←
- 3.) Coastal ( $73 Ma$ )  $27^{\circ} N$  ←
- 4.) Peninsular ( $105-90 Ma$ )  $18-25^{\circ} N$  ←
- 5.) Super ( $113-91 Ma$ )  $28^{\circ} S$  ← need to start on Toralba & Bonanza & the Kula plate

## - Okavango

- no rotation from E.K. onward
  - may be remagnetized, but considered good
  - $\approx 90^{\circ}$  rotation  $J \Rightarrow E, K$ 
    - ind. on E-W trench
    - most is remagnetized + overprinted
    - most likely not real
- Wash. - Oregon -
- Coast Range (Eocene)  $70^{\circ}-80^{\circ}$  rotation in Eoc.
  - huge rotation
  - right-lat. transposition causing small-block roller ball differential rotation
  - $20-30^{\circ}$  clockwise rotation over most of Ore. & Wash. (Cascade Col., n.s.) in last 12 Ma
  - + due to sliver rotation

- prior to 200 Ma, most polar wandering paths are plotted with red beds (dunite with)
- little data in E.C.  $\rightarrow$  M.J. for polar wander paths
- S. Calif - most terranes accreted in Eocene
- Salinia & Granites - allochthonous
  - 100-120 Ma Salinia & San Obispo were a composite terrane
- Peninsular range terrane in different from N. Amer. in K
  - $15^\circ$  further S. in K;  $30^\circ$  rotation since 50 Ma
- Salinia
  - 3500-4000 km of N motion compared to N. Amer.
  - accreted in Eocene
  - 185-60 Ma is major motion
    - also true in Alaska, Froncisco, etc
    - assoc. with Kula plate
      - transpressive
      - transpressive again when Pacific plate hits
- Sierra Nevada - no rotation in N; very rotated in S  $\xrightarrow{\text{west}}$ 
  - very dispersed data due to struct. problems
  - all plutons
  - few 100 km of N movement possibly
- most data ind. terranes were accreted in Eocene ( $\approx 45$  Ma) in Calif.
- no rotations on Calif. coast since Miocene, except in W. Froncisco ( $15-8$  Ma) ranges
- some rotation in Mojave  $\approx 15^\circ$  rotation above Pint. in W  $\times 40^\circ$  below Pint. in W

4) viscous random test

- check against present insites  
to see if present field is affecting rx
- no real evidence for rotated  
~~rod~~ roller ball motion along  
the edge of the continent

F - (flattening) inclination of axial dipole  
at time ( $t_1$ )  
 $I_{Ax}(t_1) - I_{Site}(t_1)$

R - (rotation)  $D_{Ax} - D_{Site}$

$$\Delta\lambda = \lambda_{Ax} - \lambda_{Site}$$

- definite change in motion of  
a. Once in Jur. ( $J_1$ )  
late Jurassic ( $J_2$ ) &  
in Paleocene
- based on cusps in paleomag data
- euler angles allow you to get longitude
- Non dipole magnetic field of earth
  - slight descrepancies - different pole positions at different latitudes
  - these descrepancies are not constant,  
but change
  - $2^\circ - 4^\circ$  of non dipole error in  
inclination
- pole positions for polar wander paths of North Amer. are  
really screwy & not very reliable.  $\pm 10^\circ$  latitude

- minerals

magnetite / titanomagnetite - good

hematite + magnetic sulfides - varying

" " usually ind. a CKM

- need at least 12 sites to test

" use stats to get an avg

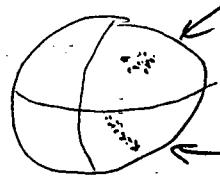
$$\alpha_{95} = 20^\circ$$

$\alpha_{95} < 15^\circ$  alright

$> 15^\circ$  problems

- smearing

not random



smear (not random)

- more than 1 component

- tests

1.) fold test

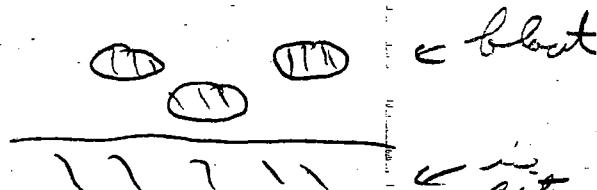
- as unfold

resonance converges ind, pre-folding  
" diverges ind, contemporaneous  
with folding

2.) conglomerate test

- test resonance

is float,



if random then insitu matl is good  
 $\pm 15^\circ$   
if not random, then rev. is post-dep

3.) reversal test

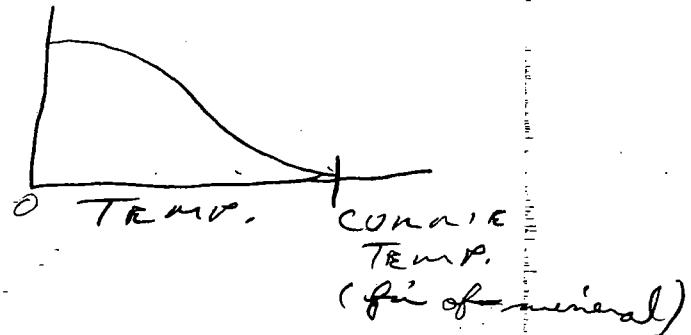
- Test mixed polarity

$$2 \tan \lambda = \tan I = -2 \tan \lambda$$

- 3 basic

- 1.) what concn may run.
- 2.) when was it acquired
- 3.) can you effectively separate components  
~~etc.~~

Remember



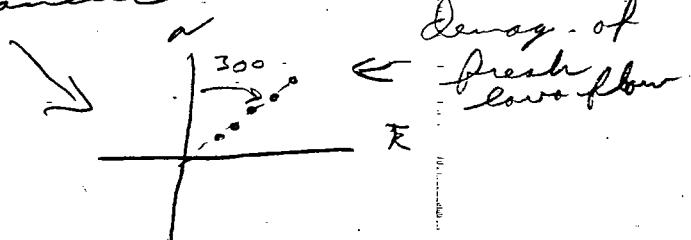
Ex. multiple intrusions  
chem. alteration of sed. rx

characteristics

- low blocking temp, - worse (much oversat)
- hi " " " - good
- highly sensitive (low concn) to alterat's field - worse
- not " " " - good

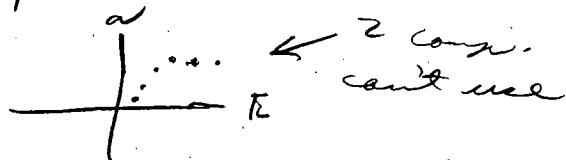
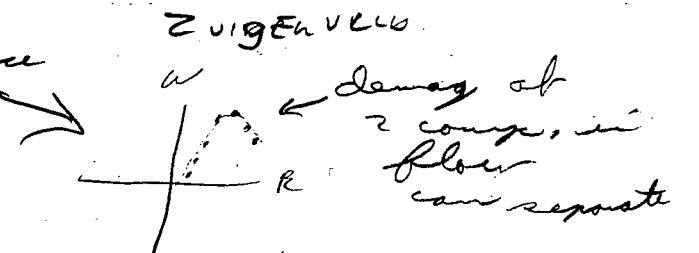
- characteristic resonance

- 1) heat up
- 2) cool down
- 3) measure



2 compo resonance

- difficult  
to separate  
components



# Steve Lewis (TALEONAG)

3/10/88

flakes - small plates  
Paleomag

- dipole - goes thru core & || to rotation axis

horiz comp. declination west, " inclination ( $I$ )

$$\tan(I) = 2 \tan \lambda \text{ (latitude)}$$

- essential eq., but isn't quite correct due to

non-axial dipole components

- usually ignored

- axial geocentric dipole field

- if mag. dipole = earth's rotation axis

- not really true

- magnetic remanence

1.) TRM - thermal remnant magnetization

- due to cooling magma

best  
✓ 2.) DRM - depositional remnant magnetization

- in sediments

- magnetized grains will statistically align with magnetic field

- need quiet water

✓ 3.) PDRM - post-depositional R M

4.) CRM - chemical remanent mag.

- as crystals grow (hematite),

it acquires a magnetic field

- frequently post-depositional in sed.

- always post-dex in magma

OK

worry

B + K

NEU/UT

crust  
thickness

noHo

- doming coincides with core complex

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\* Final Trip

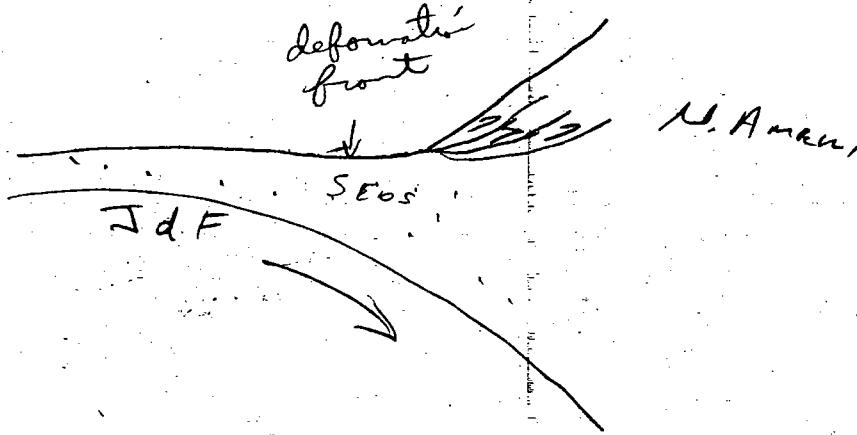
- Day 1 - Clark Mtn.
- Day 2 - " " + Death Valley
- Day 3 - Death Valley + Titus Canyon (Shoshone)
- leaving USC at 8:45 AM

\* Final 7-9 PM

- general questions
- 2 essays
- more questions

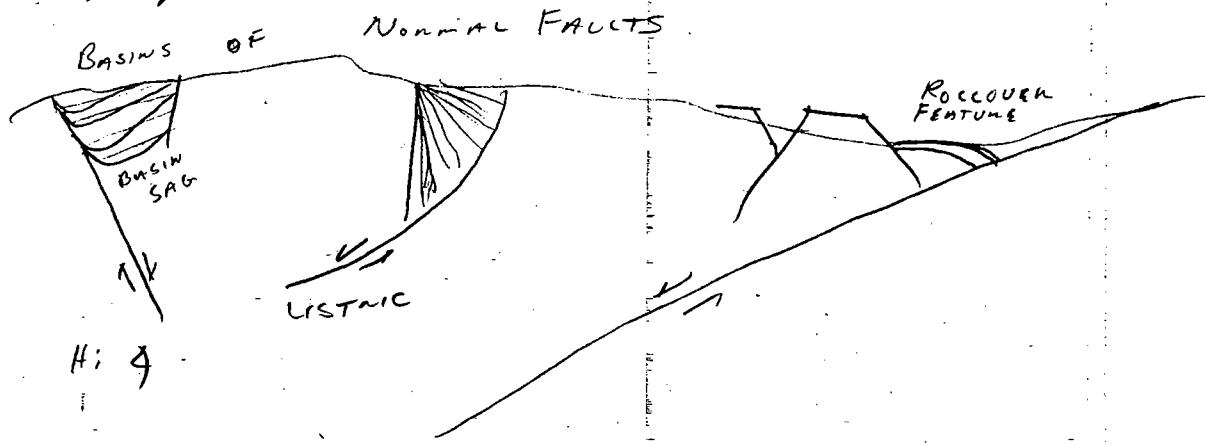
\* Neotectonics of W. N. Amer.

- Juan de Fuca Plate
- much internal deformation in N + S near subd. zone (buckles, etc.)
- doesn't act as a strong coherent plate



- deformation front - deformation due to devatining
- occurs a few km in front of trench
- trench is covered by one of the deepest sed. seq. of the world

- heat flow and brittle/ductile transition based on gty is  $\approx 8 \text{ km}$  & not  $15 \text{ km}$  as most faults Earthquakes propagate downward
- dep. on strain rate
- get deeper earthquakes in few places
- seismic evidence sometimes shows anisotropies, which may be mylonite zones
- moho beneath P+R is not offset by faults
- remarkably flat
- subhorizontal reflection at base may be
  - 1) mylonitic fabrics
  - 2) igneous sills



- Devil's Desert may be a reactivated thrust
- thickness of crust combined with flatness of moho and lower crust is being compensated by magmatic injection during extension

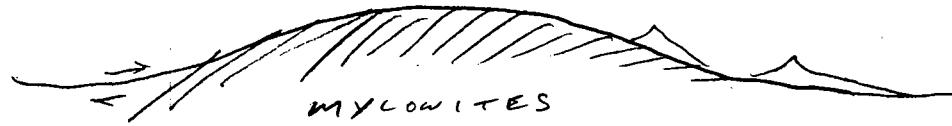
- Basin & Range
  - Province is domed in center around Nev/Ut. border
    - higher than Columbia Plat.
  - not a high degree of symmetry as previously thought
  - thick crustal layer (brittle)
  - ranges bend toward Walker Lane
    - may mark real edge of Sierra Nev. blocks
  - Death Valley is due to oblique pull-apart
  - Mojave shouldn't be part of B+R
    - + most dips are  $\approx 60^\circ$
  - Hi & faults may become listric at depth due to ductile regime as in Eaton (19 ) paper
  - transition between high & B+R. faulting is coincident with calc - alk  $\rightarrow$  bimodal volc. transition
    - ↓
    - subd. related
    - not subd. related
  - extension in G. Basin more related to initiation of San Andreas (Attwater, 1971)
    - would expect oblique slip on B+R faults
      - found in W, but not E
      - true relationships are wrong
    - B+R. faulting started long before pass of Mendocino fracture zone
      - may have superposed deformation, but did not initiate extension
    - earthquakes on normal faults in normal faults go to 12-15 km & don't appear to flatten with depth (sometimes do)

- core complex fr.

Eoc. Bc / Wash

Olig. vt / Nev.

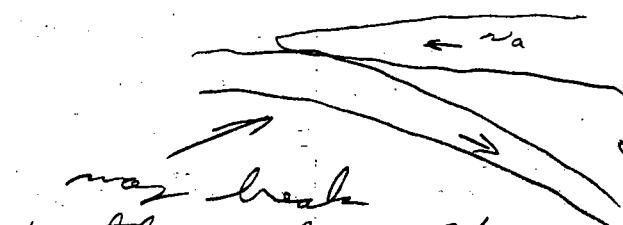
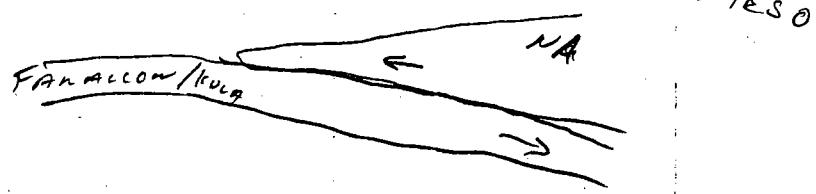
Mio S-N / SE cal / S. Am.



are discordant with fault  
core complex theories

- 1.) crust is thickened in areas.  
+ later relaxes in mid tect.  
- may be triggered by  
magma which provides  
heat for ductility  
& spreads due to gravitational  
instability

- 2.) due to steepening of subd.  
slab + asthenospheric flow  
in the gap



may break  
& asthenosphere flow  
in or rolls  
lack

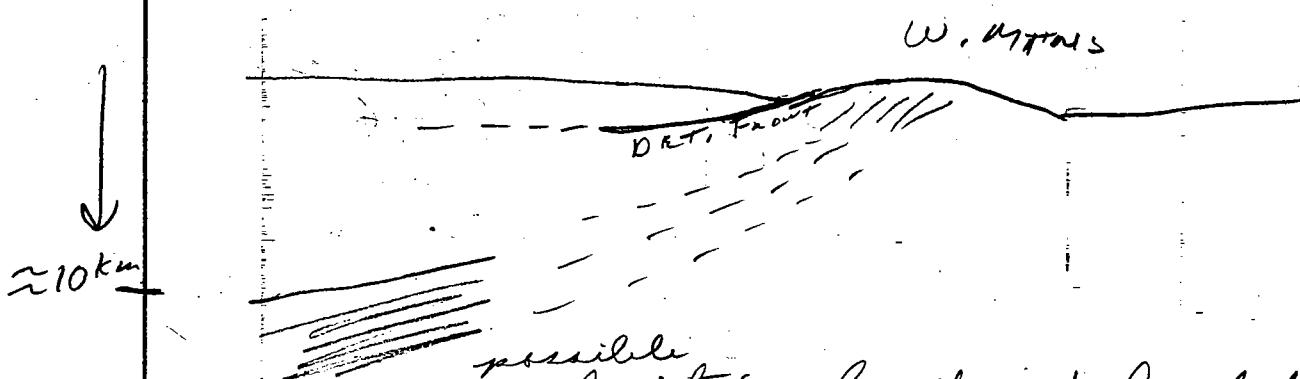
MESO  
Tect.  
ASTHEN.  
flow

- no low-dipping slab  
in Canada for shovved  
terrane

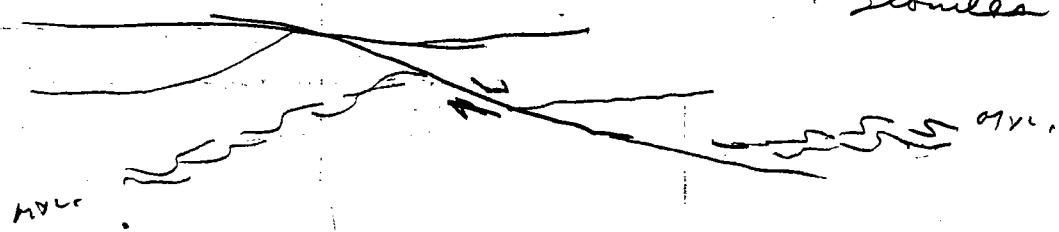
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Bair & Range

- 26 cm/1000 yrs uplift (up to 36 cm/1000 yrs)
- tilted fault block in NE Calif B + R
- Mid-TERT. province (Warren Range)
- Uplift in Whipples (lower plate)



- possible mylonite front at depth as shown on CALCRUST seismic line
- mylonites started at  $\approx 16 \pm 4$  km depth
- uplift in  $2.3 \pm 1.3$  Myr & R  $16 \text{ km} \rightarrow 0 \text{ km}$   
 $1.27 \text{ mm/yr}$  at  $40 \text{ km} \rightarrow 16 \text{ km}$
- mylonization @ 26 Ma @  $540^\circ\text{C} + 7 \text{ kbar}$
- mylonites stopped rising @ 16 Ma
- most transport is  $20-18$  or  $16$  Ma
- get uplift of  $3 \text{ mm/yr}$  ( $10 \times$  Warren Range)  
+ may get as high as  $6 \text{ mm/yr}$
- slip on fault is as high as  $1.4 \text{ cm/yr}$
- very fast uplift, much faster than B + R uplift rates
- mylonites predate det. fault  
+ det. fault later forms its own mylonites





**PLATE TECTONICS: REFERENCES ON THE PALEOMAGNETIC EVIDENCE FOR MESOZOIC AND CENOZOIC PLATE TECTONIC MOTIONS OF CENTRAL AND NORTH AMERICAN SUSPECT TERRANES AND RELATED AREAS.**

**BOLD** papers are required reading.

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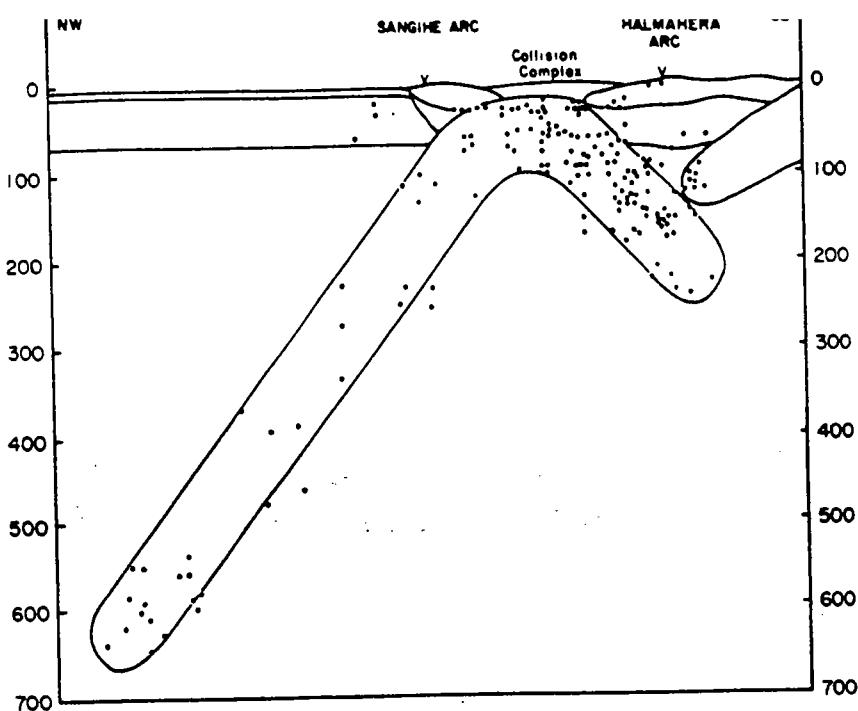


Fig. 3. Lithospheric section across the Molucca Sea collision zone based on earthquake locations by Hatherton and Dickinson [1969]. Dots are earthquake hypocenters. Location of this section is shown in Figure 2. Earthquakes were compiled over a band 300 km wide, which is why part of the Benioff zone from the subducting Philippine Sea plate can be observed on the section. V symbols on the island arcs located the volcanic lines. No vertical exaggeration.

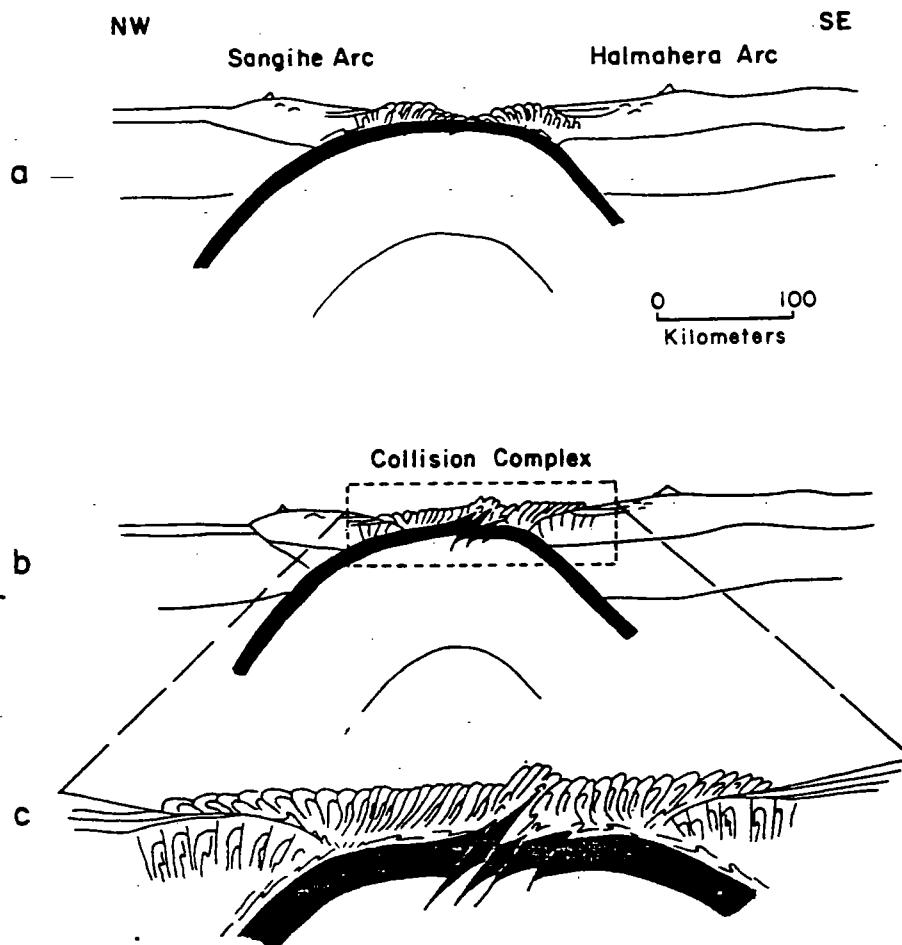


Fig. 13. Schematic interpretation of the structure of the Molucca Sea collision zone along the line of section of Figure 3 (see location in Figure 2). (a) Hypothetical structure at time of initial collision of the facing subduction complexes. (b) Hypothetical present structure of the collision zone. No scale exaggeration. Based on Figure 3. (c) Expanded view of collision complex in the dashed rectangle in Figure 13b. See discussion in text.

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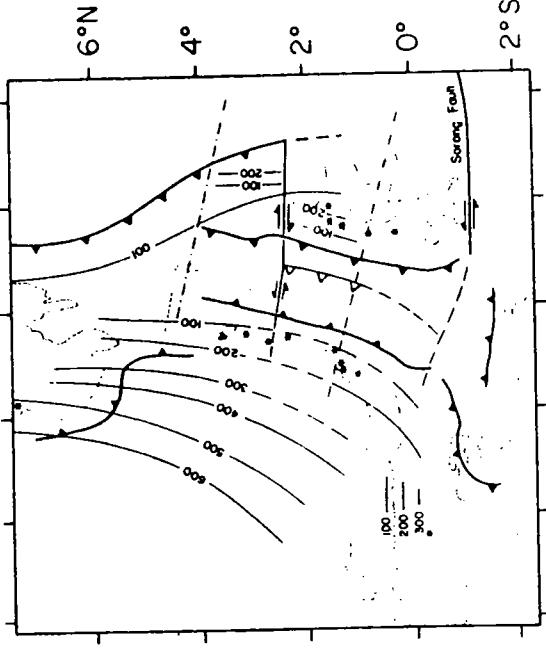
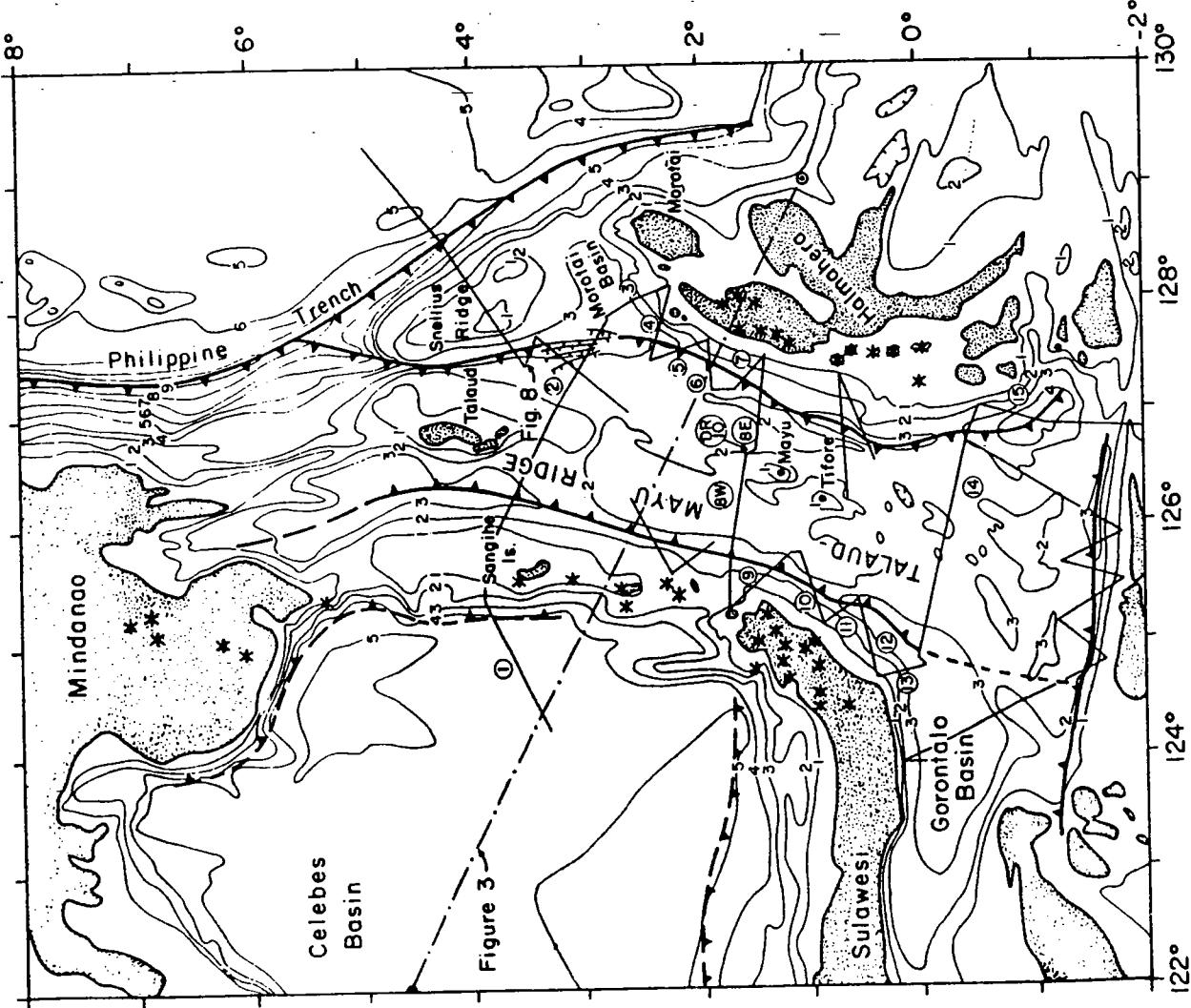


Figure 10. Tectonic map of the Molucca Sea collision zone. Asterisks indicate active volcanoes. Surface boundaries are shown by heavy solid lines and solid teeth on the overriding plate of thrust boundaries. Lighter lines, small arrows, and open teeth refer to tectonic boundaries within the buried Molucca Sea plate. Lines are dashed where boundaries are inferred. Contours to the tops of seismic zones are labeled in kilometers and are modified from Cardwell et al. [1980]. Contours are dashed where interpolated or extrapolated because of insufficient data to resolve the seismic zone. The dash-dot lines through the central and northern Molucca Sea outline the southern and northern limits of the block diagram of Figure 2.

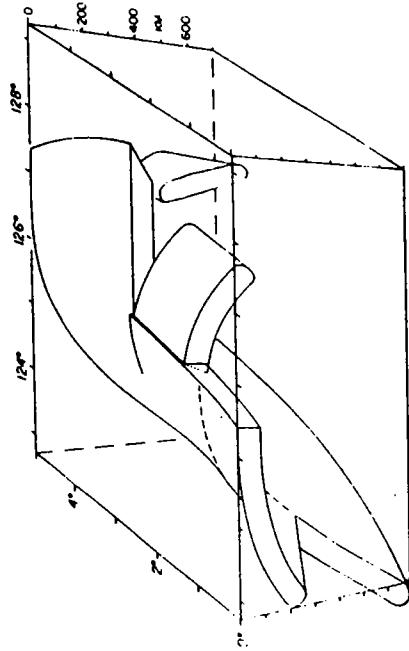


Figure 9. Block diagram interpretation of the shape of the Molucca Sea lithosphere at the trench.

Fig. 2. Molucca Sea structure, geophysical track lines, and geographic features. Teeth are on upper plate of thrust or subduction zone as observed at the surface. Dashed thrust symbol indicates incipient subduction zone. Dashed lines extending thrust faults mean that location is poorly controlled. Circled numbers are track lines referred to in text and shown in Figures 4-10. Asterisks are Quaternary volcanoes. Contour interval is 1 km. Bathymetry is based on map of Mammerickx et al. 1961. Location of Figure 3 is given by dashed-dotted line.

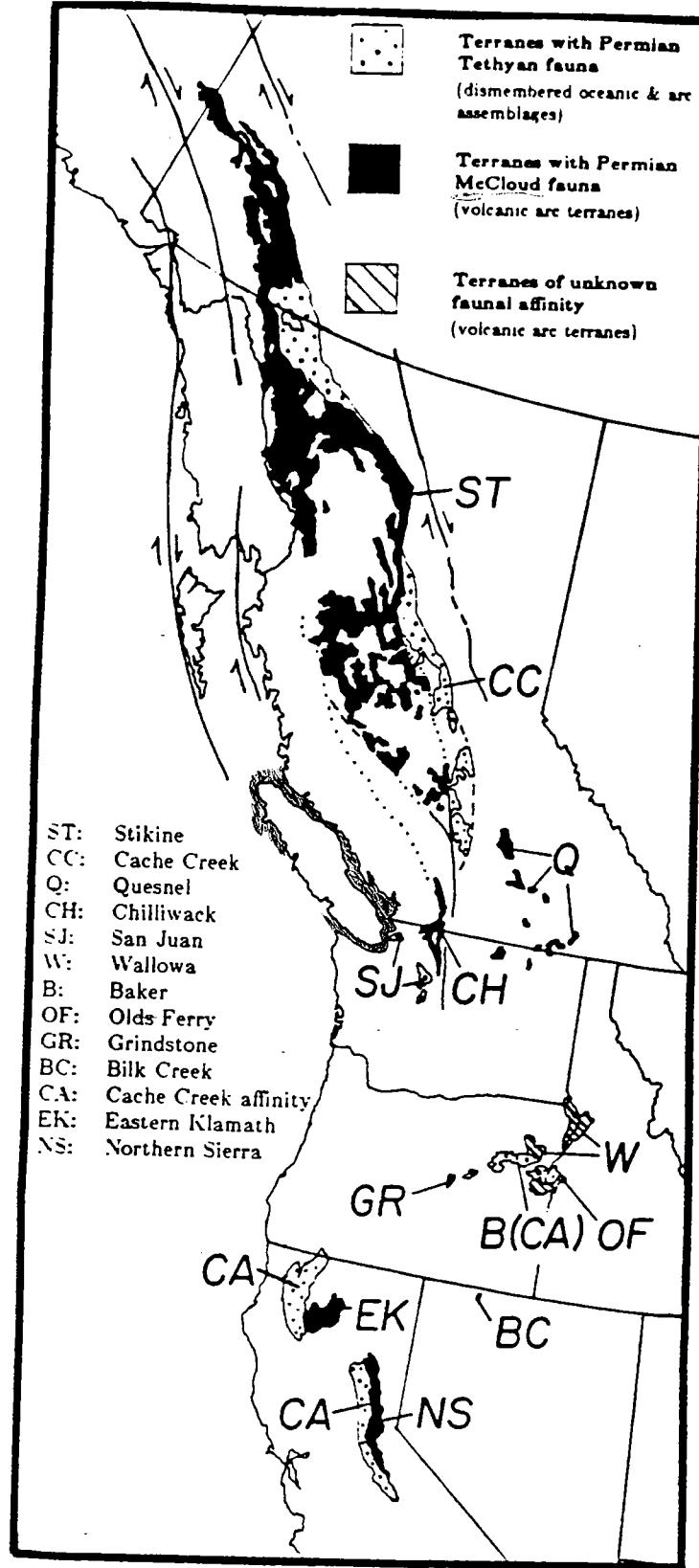


Fig. 1. Generalized distribution of western North American terranes containing contrasting Permian fauna. The Insular superterrane which underlies western British Columbia and southeastern Alaska is not shown. Terrane nomenclature and faunal distribution are modified from Monger and Berg [1984] and Silberling et al. [1984]. Additional faunal correlation is taken from Skinner and Wilde [1966], Ross and Ross [1983], and Stevens [1987 and personal communication, 1987].

NEXT WEEK: 3 GENERAL TOPICS

Mz (esp. J) HISTORY OF SIERRA NEVADA & PLAMATHS  
J PROL. OF CONT. MARGIN

CANADA

- J. PUBL. OF CANADA

ANADA ACCRETION HAS BEEN MUCH MORE PREVALENT IN CANADA THAN IN U.S. CLIMATE  
- M2 ACCRETION HAS BEEN MUCH MORE PREVALENT IN CANADA THAN IN U.S. CLIMATE  
- SOME OF TERRAIN IN CAN & S. ALASKA, (AME FROM CALIFORNIA)  
CONVERGENCE WAS STRONGLY NEARLY  
L. TO PRESENT - DEXTRAL, FOULDS NEAR CONT EDGE  
- S. PART OF CONT. IS SALAMANDER HAND TO PRESENT  
- N. " " " HAND  
MOST EFFICIENT HAND IS IMPERITY OF ALASKA

(AMADA had elements added to it  
MANUFACTURED AND NOT N.A.M., MAY HAVE BEEN S.A.M.

- WRANGELIA WAS FAR TRAVELED AND WAS OFFSHORE OF N.A.; MOVED 10-12 DEGREES
  - STICKENIA MAY BE N.A., THAT IS, 60 mi/deg

## MONGER & ROSS: ANALOGUE OF TERRAINES

ER & ROSS: ANALOGUE OF TERRANE  
 6 ON 7 CO-EVAL PT TERRANE DIFFER IN FAULTS & FAVOURABLE RELATIONSHIP  
 FINAL BASIN BETWEEN TERRANE - COMPLEX (e.g. ALGIE CREEK) - MIGRATION  
 - SAME IN LATE PT  


SLIDE MTN ASSEMBLY  
MAY HAVE BEEN  
IN SAME SORT OF  
SETTING AS  
HAWAIIAN - RUMP  
QUINELIA  $\cong$  SONOMIA  
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## ACCRETION OF 2 SUPERTERRAMS

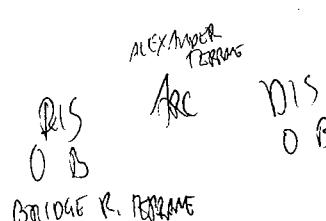
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CACHE CREEK TERRANE = NW-NA.  
OK: 173 OCEANIC

DR: 175 OCEANIC

MAY HAVE  
OPERATED COVERTLY  
WHILE CACHE CREEK  
REGION WAS BEING MAPPED  
THESE WERE COMING TO  
GIFTMEN

STRUCTURE  
ARE DIS O B (CONTINUED)



Geol. 538, Tect. Evol. W. N. Am., Reading and reference list 4, for 2/17/1988:

ACCRETIONARY TECTONICS III: THE JURASSIC NORTHERN SIERRA NEVADA;  
THE 160+/-5 Ma OPHIOLITES OF WESTERN NORTH AMERICA;  
THE MOHAVE-SONORAN MEGASHEAR

**BOLD** = Assigned reading; *Italicized* = Review paper

Josephine Ophiolite, Klamath Mountains, California-Oregon

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Saleeby, Jason, 1981, Ocean floor accretion and volcanoplutonic arc evolution of Mesozoic Sierra Nevada, p. 132-181 in Geotectonic devel. of California.

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**Bailey, E. H., Blake, M. C., and Jones, D. L., 1970, On-land Mesozoic oceanic crust in California Coast Ranges: USGS PP 700-C, p. C70-C81.**

**Hopson, C. A., Mattinson, J. M., and Pessagno, E. A., Jr., 1981, Coast Range ophiolite, western California, p. 418-510 in The geotectonic development of California (Ernst, W. G., Ed.): Prentice-Hall, Inc., 706 p.**  
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Shervais, J. W., and Kimbrough, D. L., 1985, Geochemical evidence for the tectonic setting of the Coast Range ophiolite: a composite island arc-oceanic crust terrane in western California.

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Southwick, D. L., 1974, Geology of the alpine-type ultramafic complex near Mt. Stuart, Washington: GSA Bull., v. 85, p. 391-402.

Miller, R. B., 1985, The ophiolitic Ingalls Complex, north-central Cascade Mountains, Washington: GSA Bull., v. 96, p. 27-42.

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Vance, J. A., Dungan, M. A., Blanchard, D. P., and Rhodes, J. M., 1980, Tectonic setting and trace element geochemistry of Mesozoic ophiolitic rocks in western Washington: AJS., v. 280-A, p. 359-388.

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MOJAVE-MEGASHEAR

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Ingersoll, R. V., and Schweickert, R. A., 1986, A plate-tectonic model for Late Jurassic ophiolite genesis, Nevadan orogeny, and forearc initiation, northern California: Tectonics, v. 5, p. 901-912.

Geol. 538, Tect. Evol. W. N. Am., Reading and reference list 4, for 2/11/1988:

ACCRETIONARY TECTONICS II: TRIASSIC AND JURASSIC TECTONIC  
EVOLUTION OF THE KLAMATH MOUNTAINS, CALIFORNIA AND OREGON--  
HOW MUCH ACCRETION?

End Member Positions A Decade Ago:

"The Triassic and Jurassic volcanic rocks of the eastern Klamaths, and the Jurassic arc-magmatic rocks of Nevada, likely are products of subduction beneath the enlarged continent, and may be paired to the subduction recorded by the Triassic blueschist and Jurassic melange that bound the eastern Klamaths on the west ...

The remainder of the Klamath Mountains, west of this Paleozoic terrain [*eastern Klamath Mountains -- GAD*], was welded to the continent in the form of variably aggregated island-arc fragments, perhaps analogous to the southern Philippine Islands\* ... . Consideration of K/Si ratios indicates that the Upper Jurassic trondjemites, intruded into the western part of the Paleozoic terrain, could not have formed in response to the subduction system (or probably systems) which produced the Upper Jurassic granodiorites much farther west, so not until late Late Jurassic or Early Cretaceous time was the suturing completed. Jurassic aggregation of the Klamaths is required also by the ages of materials in the melanges. ... The island arcs were individually active during Middle and Late Jurassic time, and probably earlier; the intervening oceanic crust formed in part during the Triassic." [W. Hamilton, 1978, Pac. Sect. SEPM Mesoz. Vol., p. 46]

\* "The southern Philippines represent an aggregate of the products of at least six Cenozoic island-arc systems." [ibid., p. 34]

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"Most of the Klamath Mountains province west of the Siskiyou thrust fault ... consists of Jurassic sedimentary and igneous rocks with both arc and oceanic affinities. ... an increasing number of authors have interpreted the Jurassic rocks of the western Klamath Mountains and Sierra Nevada as exotic elements of the Cordillera, i.e. units alien to the North American plate but carried to it atop Pacific Ocean lithosphere that was subducted in Jurassic time along the western edge of the continent ... .

It is our opinion that such hypotheses are conceptually pleasing, but increasingly difficult to defend as mapping studies in the western Klamath and Sierran regions progress. [p. 21, Davis and others, see below]

... The Middle and Late Jurassic Klamath Mountains-Sierra Nevada can be interpreted as a single arc complex constructed across a previously sutured (Middle or Late Triassic to Early Jurassic) plate boundary between the North American continent and western oceanic rocks of 'Calaveras'-type. Internal Jurassic disruption and imbrication of this arc by strike-slip and thrust faulting is believed to be an intraplate response to continued plate convergence to the west, and not a direct expression of the collision and accretion to the continent of multiple arc or remnant arc complexes foreign to North America." [Davis, Monger, & Burchfiel, 1978, SEPM Mes. Vol., p. 1] ..

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Hamilton, Warren, 1969, Mesozoic California and the underflow of the Pacific mantle: GSA Bull., v. 80, p. 2409-2430.

**Davis, G. A., Monger, J. W. H., and Burchfiel, B. C., 1978, Mesozoic construction of the Cordilleran "collage", central British Columbia to central California, p. 1-32 in Mesozoic Paleogeography of the Western United States: Pac. Sect. SEPM, Los Angeles, 573 p. Read p. 1-9 (to "BC and N. Wa."), 11 ("Klamath Mts" ...)-13 (to "Sierra Nev."), 21 ("Klamath Mts")-23 (to "Sierra Nev.").**

**Hamilton, Warren, 1978, Mesozoic tectonics of the western United States, p. 33-70 in Mes. Paleogeog. ... Pac. Sect. SEPM. Read p. 33-37 (to "Cret. Complexes ...), p. 44 ("Klam. Mts")-46 (to "Sierra Nev.").**

*Miller, M. M. , 1987, Dispersed remnants of a northeast Pacific fringing arc; upper Paleozoic terranes of Permian McCloud faunal affinity, western U. S.: Tectonics, v. 6, p. 807-830.*

**Irwin, W. P., 1981, Tectonic accretion of the Klamath Mountains, p. 29-49 in The Geotectonic Development of California (Ernst, W. G., Ed.): Prentice-Hall, Inc., 706 p.**

**Davis, G. A., Ando, C. J., Cashman, P. H., and Goulaud, Lee, 1980, Geologic cross section of the central Klamath Mountains: summary: GSA Bull., Pt. 1, v. 91, p. 139-142.**

Burchfiel, B. C., and Davis, G. A., 1981, Triassic and Jurassic tectonic evolution of the Klamath Mountains-Sierra Nevada geologic terrane, p. 50-70 in The Geotectonic Development of California (Ernst, W. G., Ed.), Prentice-Hall, Inc., 706 p.

**Wright, J. E., 1982, Permo-Triassic accretionary subduction complex, southwestern Klamath Mountains, northern California, JGR, v. 87, p. 3805-3818.**

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west-central Klamath Mountains, California: JGR, v. 87, p. 3831-3848.

**Blome, C. D., and Irwin, W. P., 1983, Tectonic significance of late Paleozoic to Jurassic radiolarians from the North Fork terrane, Klamath Mountains, California, p. 77-85 in Pre-Jurassic rocks in western North American suspect terranes (Stevens, C. H., Ed.): Pac. Sect. SEPM, LA, 141 p.**

**Ando, C. J., Irwin, W. P., Jones, D. L., and Saleeby, J. B., 1983, The ophiolitic North Fork terrane in the Salmon River region, central Klamath Mountains, California: GSA Bull., v. 94, p. 236-252.**

**Harper, G. D., and Wright, J. E., 1984, Middle to Late Jurassic tectonic evolution of the Klamath Mountains, California-Oregon: Tectonics, v. 3, p. 759-772.**

**Irwin, W. P., Mankinen, E. A., and Gromme, C. S., 1984, Paleomagnetism in the Klamath Mountains, California and Oregon, p. 122-125 in Proc. of the Circum-Pacific Terrane Conf. (Howell, D. G., and others, Eds): Stanford Univ. Pub., Geol. Sciences, v. XVIII, 248 p.**

**Irwin, W. P., 1985, Age and tectonics of plutonic belts in accreted terranes of the Klamath Mountains, California and Oregon, p. 187-199 in Tectonostratigraphic terranes of the circum-Pacific region (Howell, D. G., Ed.): Circum-Pacific Council for Energy and Mineral Resources, Houston., 581 p.**

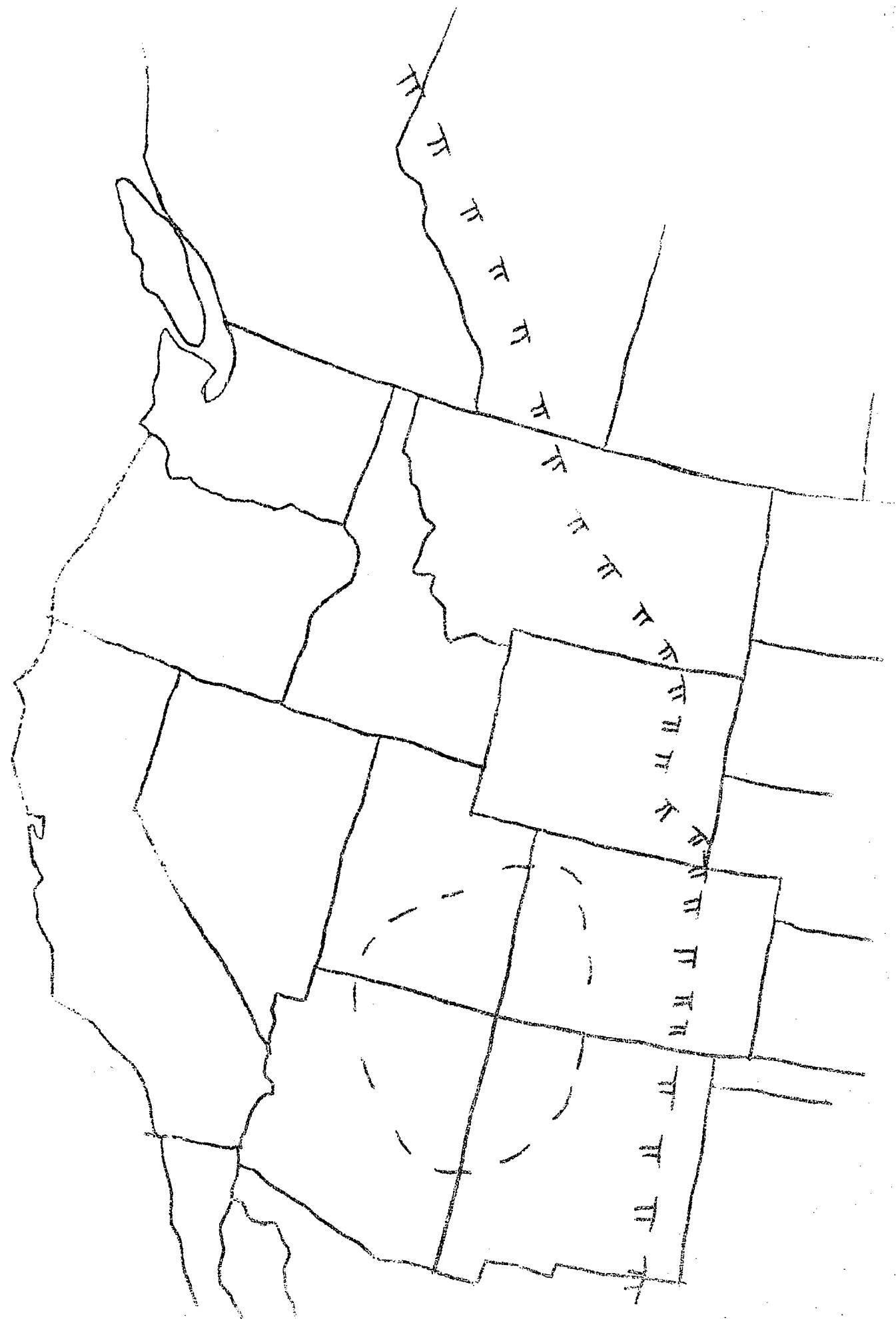
**Schultz, K. L., and Levi, S., 1983, Paleomagnetism of Middle Jurassic plutons of the north-central Klamath Mountains: GSA Abst.w/ Prog., 15, p. 427.**

**Scott, G. R., Renne, P. R., Bazard, D. R., and Johnston, J. M., 1985, Paleomagnetism of a Permian Nosoni Fm. ignimbrite and implications to accretionary models of eastern Klamath Belt tectonics: GSA Abstracts with Programs, v. 17, no. 6, p. 407 (Cord. Sect., Vancouver, BC).**

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**Barnes, C. G., Rice, J. M., and Gribble, R. F., 1986, Tilted plutons in the Klamath Mountains of California and Oregon: JGR., v. 91, p. 6059-6071.**



GEOL. 538: TECTONIC EVOLUTION OF WESTERN NORTH AMERICA  
 (G. A. DAVIS, SPRING, 88)

EMPHASIS: U.S.

## COURSE OUTLINE

- Meeting: Topic(s):
- 1/14 Introduction: nature of course; Cordilleran overview; the geologic setting of pre-Cordillera "western" North America
  - 1/21 Late Proterozoic Cordilleran rifting tectonics and sedimentation; Purcell-Belt "basin"; Cordilleran miogeocline
  - 1/28 Paleozoic tectonics: Antler and Sonoma orogenies; late Paleozoic sedimentation; origin of ancestral Rocky Mtns.
  - 2/4 Accretionary tectonics I: Basic concepts; Canadian Cordillera
  - 2/11 Accretionary tectonics II: Triassic to mid-Jurassic events: an American case study -- the Klamath Mtns, California
  - 2/18 Accretionary tectonics III: Mid-Jurassic events:  $160 \pm 5$  Ma ophiolites; Mohave-Sonoran megashear
  - 2/25 Accretionary tectonics IV: Late Jurassic & Cretaceous events with emphasis on Calif. Coast Ranges and w. Sierra Nevada; Nevadan orogeny; thrust faulting in the w. Great Basin
  - 3/3 Post-Triassic to present interactions of Pacific plates with North America; related patterns of Cordilleran magmatism; Mesozoic and Cenozoic continental margin slivering
  - 3/10 (tentative) Accretionary tectonics V (Steve Lund): a paleomagnetic overview
  - 3/17 Cordilleran foreland fold-and-thrust belt: Alberta - California
  - 3/24 Latest Cretaceous-Early Tertiary compressional tectonics: Laramide Rocky Mtns; Vincent-Orocopia thrust; S. Arizona
  - 3/31 No seminar - Easter recess
  - 4/7 Extensional tectonics I: metamorphic core complexes
  - 4/14 Extensional tectonics II: Basin-and-Range structure
  - 4/21 Cordilleran neotectonics (non-extensional): B.C. to Baja Calif.

Geol. 538, Tect. Evol. W. N. Am., Reading list 1 for 1/21/1988:LATE PROTEROZOIC CORDILLERAN RIFTING TECTONICS AND SEDIMENTATION

Belt-Purcell Supergroup (**Bold** = assigned reading; *italicized* = to be reviewed)

**Gabrielse, Hubert, 1972**, Younger Precambrian of the Canadian Cordillera: AJS, v. 272, p: 521-536.

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**Harrison, J. E., 1972**, Precambrian Belt basin of northwestern United States: its geometry, sedimentation, and copper occurrences: GSA Bull., v. 83, p. 1215-1240.

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**Badham, J. P. N., 1978**, Has there been an oceanic margin to western North America since Archean time?: Geology, v. 6, p. 621-625. Also, v. 7, 226.

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**Sears, J. W., and Price, R. A., 1978**, The Siberian connection: a case for Precambrian separation of the North American and Siberian cratons: Geology, v. 6, p. 267-270. Also, 466-9.

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Young, Grant, 1984, Proterozoic plate tectonics in Canada with emphasis on evidence for a Late Proterozoic rifting event: Precambrian Research, v. 25, p. 233-256.

*McMechan, M. E., and Price, R. A., 1982*, Superimposed low-grade metamorphism in the Mount Fisher area, southeastern British Columbia -- implications for the East Kootenay orogeny: Can. Jour. Earth Sci., v.

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19, p. 476-489. Note: review should combine this and following paper; assess bearing of these papers on ages of Belt rifting and a subsequent late Proterozoic tectonic/metamorphic event affecting Belt strata.

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**Sears, J. W., Graff, P. J., and Holden, G. S., 1982, Tectonic evolution of lower Proterozoic rocks, Uinta Mountains, Utah and Colorado: GSA Bull., v. 93, p. 990-997.** ✓

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#### Windermere Supergroup and Cordilleran miogeocline

**Kay, Marshall, 1947, Geosynclinal nomenclature and the craton: Bull. AAPG, v. 31, p. 1289-1293.** TN 860 ASI ✓

Roberts, R. J., Hotz, P. E., Gilluly, James, and Ferguson, G. G., 1958, Paleozoic of north-central Nevada: Bull. AAPG, v. 42, p. 2815-2857.

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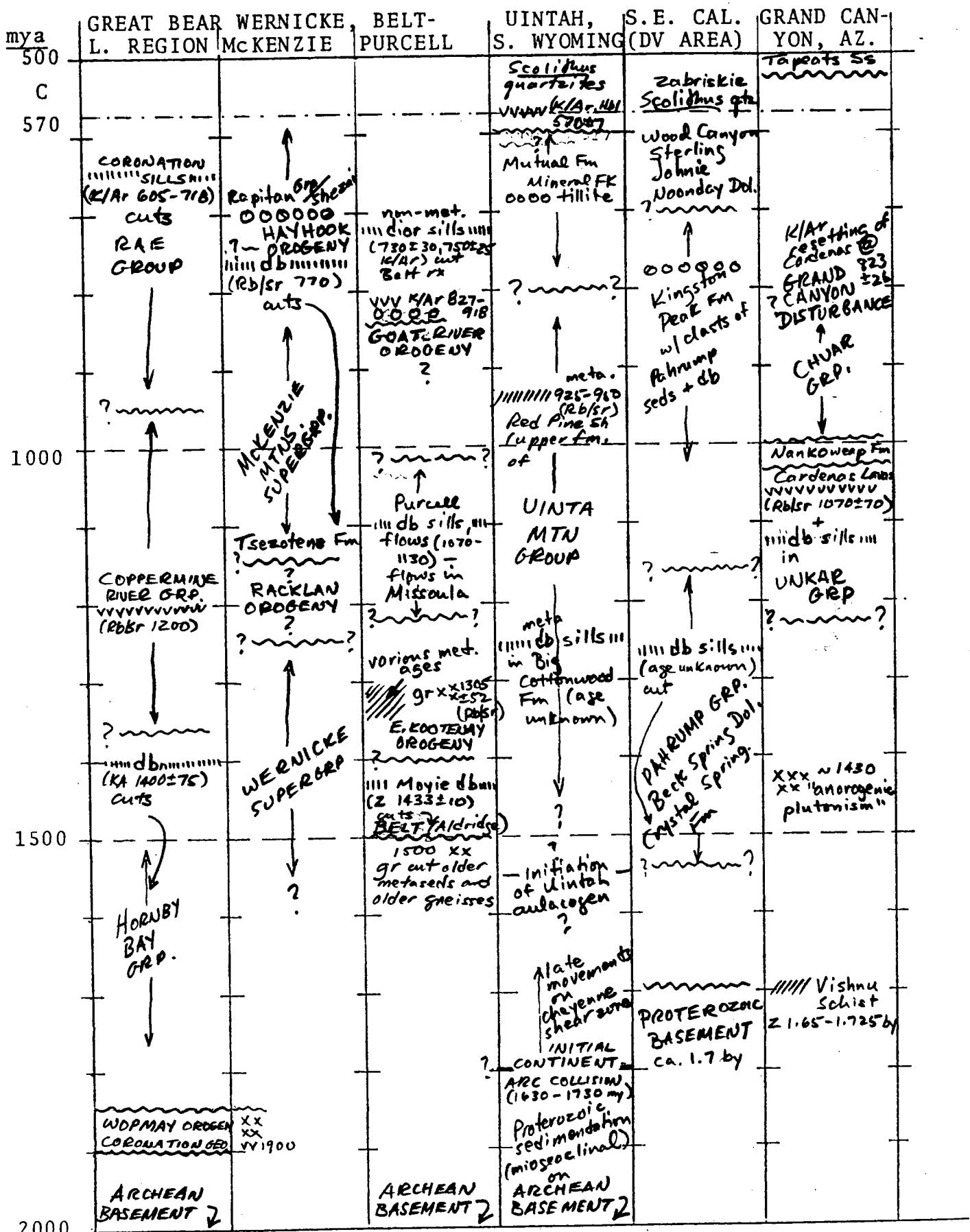
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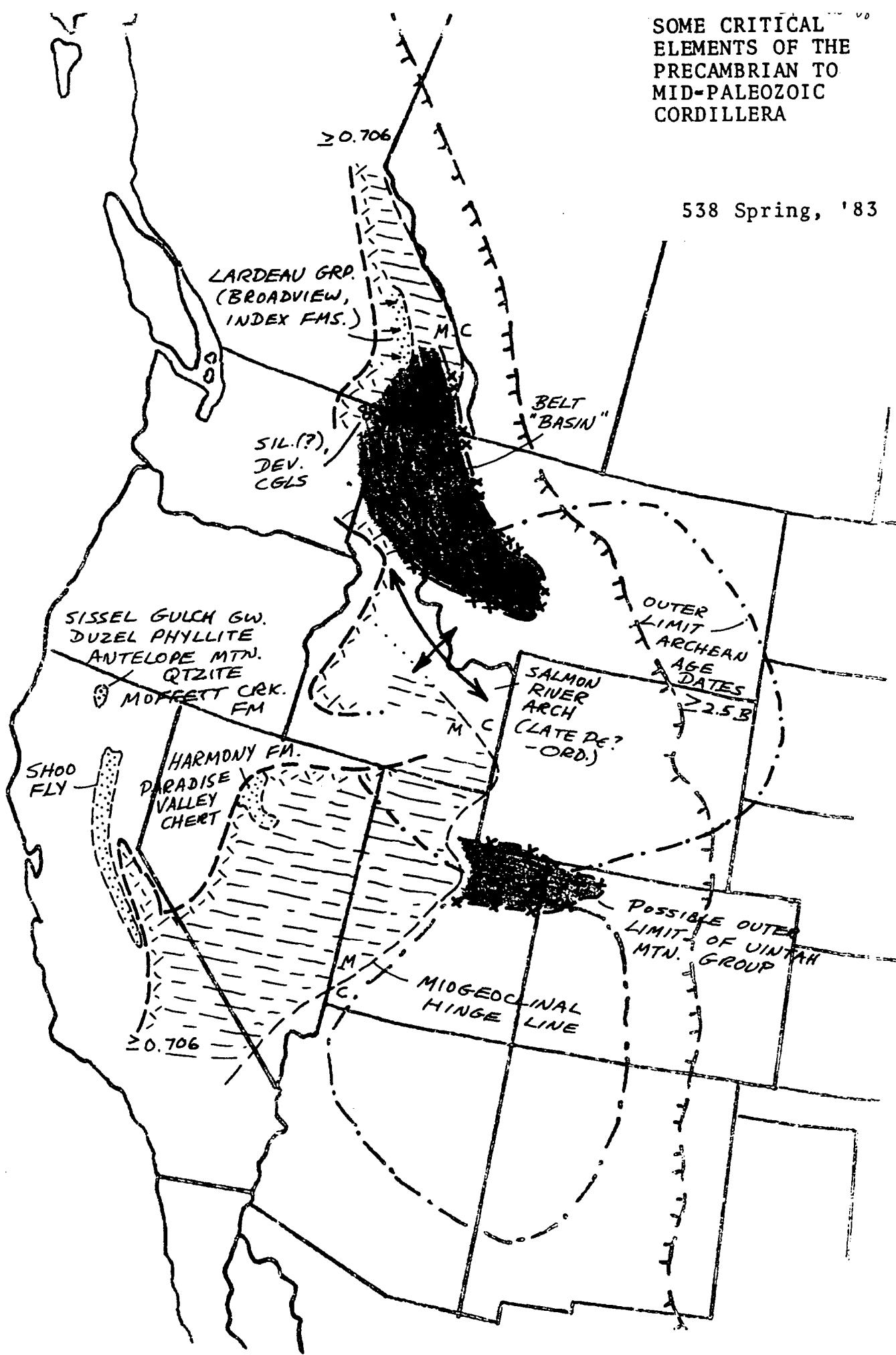
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HIGHLY SIMPLIFIED STRATIGRAPHIC SECTIONS OF SELECTED AREAS IN  
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SOME CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF THE  
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# Tectonic significance of an Early Proterozoic two-province boundary in central Arizona

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## ABSTRACT

A compilation of U-Pb zircon dates for lower Proterozoic rocks in central Arizona shows that, although rocks tend to be older in the northwest (1800–1696 m.y.) than the southeast (1738–1630 m.y.), there is no single boundary separating distinct geochronologic provinces in Arizona. Instead, the distribution of isotopic ages reflects the presence of two major tectonic provinces separated by a regionally subhorizontal boundary or boundaries. The northwestern part of central Arizona contains the Yavapai Series (1800–1755 m.y.) and calc-alkaline batholiths (1750–1696 m.y.), both believed to represent oceanic island-arc materials. The southeastern part of central Arizona is dominated by the Alder, Red Rock, and Mazatzal Groups and related hypabyssal intrusions (1710–1692 m.y.), with voluminous rhyolitic ash-flow tuffs and quartz arenite believed to record a relatively stable continental tectonic setting.

Two working hypotheses emerge to explain the juxtaposition of representatives of these two tectonic provinces over a 100-km-wide zone in central Arizona. One interpretation (model 1) suggests that rocks of the southeast province were deposited with angular unconformity on newly accreted continental crust composed of northwest province rocks. A second interpretation (model 2) suggests that the two areas represent allochthonous terranes that evolved separately and were juxtaposed by large subhorizontal movements on thrusts and strike-slip faults. An important new constraint is that the 1699-m.y.-old strongly peraluminous Crazy Basin Quartz Monzonite was emplaced in the northwest province during ductile deformation at depths greater than 8 km at the same time that rhyolitic ash-flow tuffs and quartz arenite were being deposited in the southeast province. For model 1, this implies a rapid change of tectonic regimes about 1700 Ma, from convergence to uplift, erosion, sedimentation, and possibly extension. For model 2, the differences in crustal level, structural style, and petrologic affinity between ~1700-m.y.-old rocks in both provinces are believed to result from juxtaposition of different crustal blocks after 1700 Ma.

## INTRODUCTION

Proterozoic continental crust beneath central Arizona makes up part of a 1,300-km-wide orogenic zone that extends from southern Wyoming to northern Mexico (Fig. 1). Rocks within this wide zone were accreted to North America ca. 1800–1600 Ma. Recent geochronologic and isotopic studies (Van Schmus and Bickford, 1981; DePaolo, 1981; Stacey and

Hedlund, 1983; Nelson and DePaolo, 1984, 1985) have continued to support a model wherein the North American continent grew some 20% in less than 200 m.y., by addition of predominantly mantle-derived material to the continent. Studies of Proterozoic orogenic history in the Southwest are thus of importance in terms of evaluating secular changes in processes of

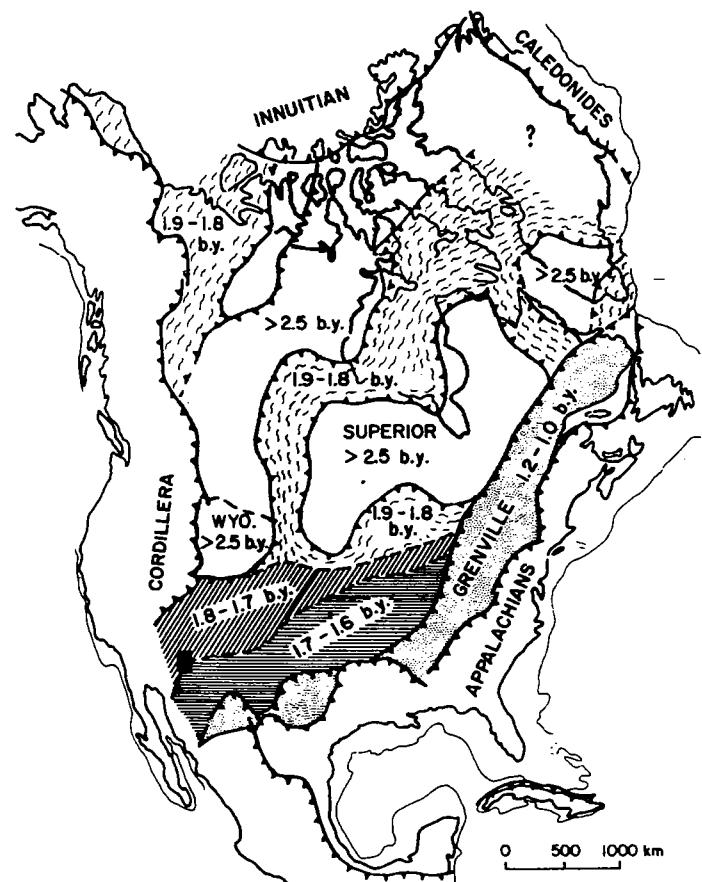


Figure 1. Distribution of major Precambrian orogenic belts and age provinces in North America, adapted from Hoffman (unpubl. map). Lower Proterozoic rocks were added to southwestern North America between 1800 and 1600 Ma. This resulted in growth of the North American continent by some 20% in 200 m.y.

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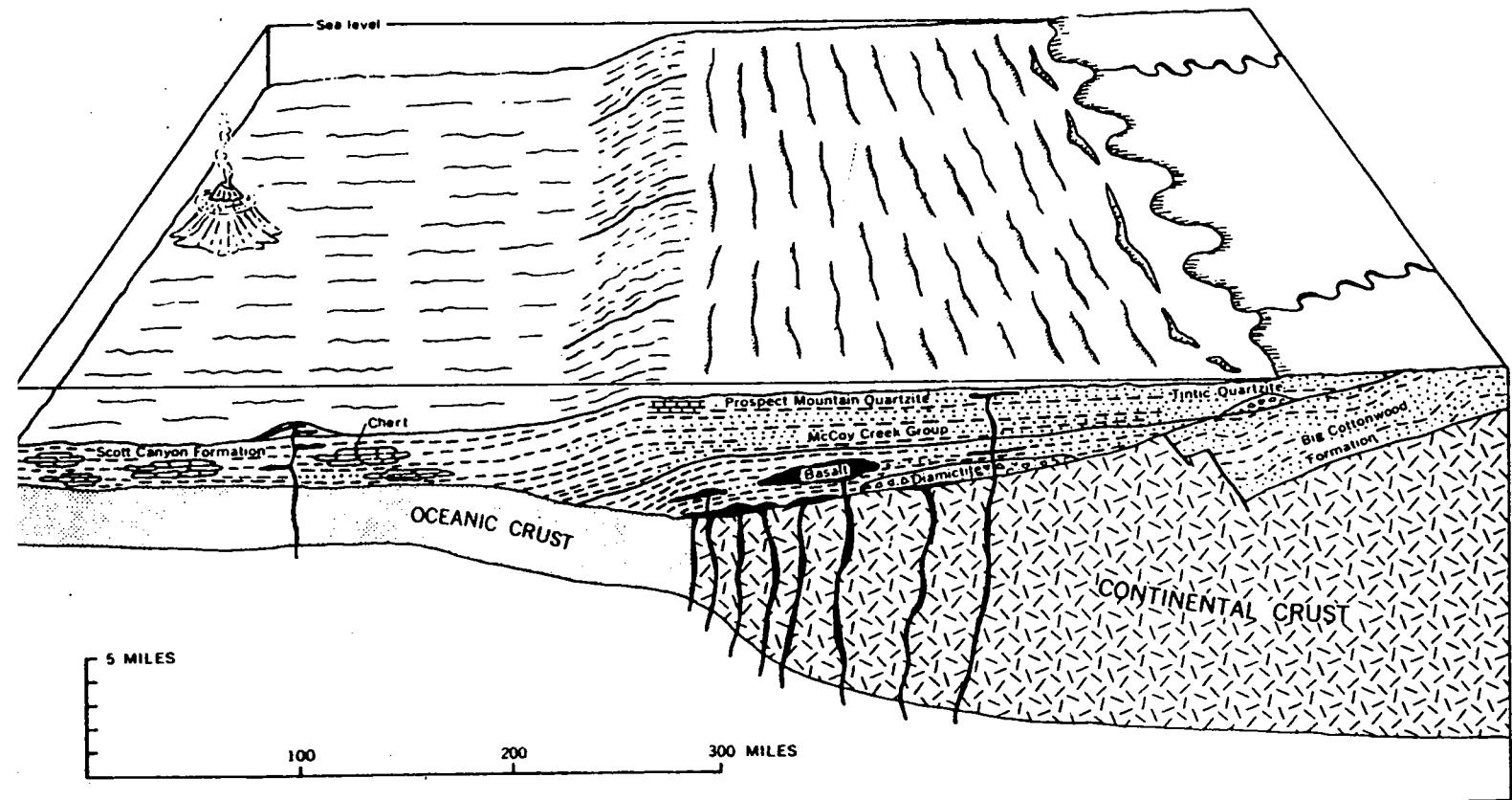


Figure 3. Diagrammatic cross section showing upper Precambrian and Lower Cambrian rocks in the northern Great Basin, Nevada and Utah.

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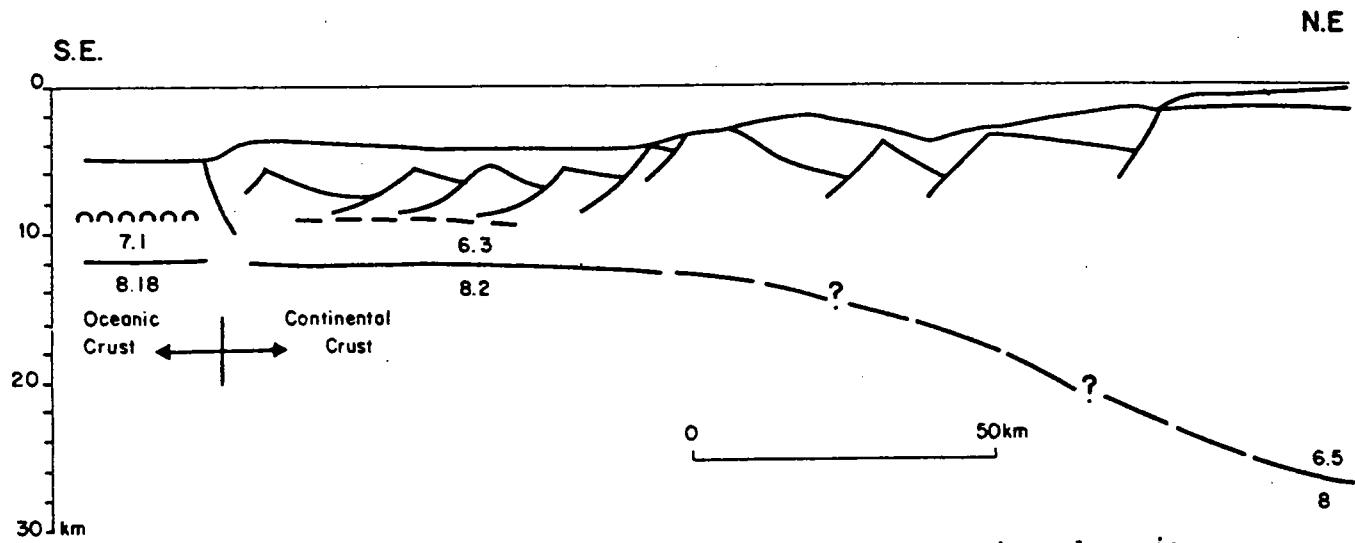


Fig. 18. Schematic crustal section through the N. Biscay continental margin.

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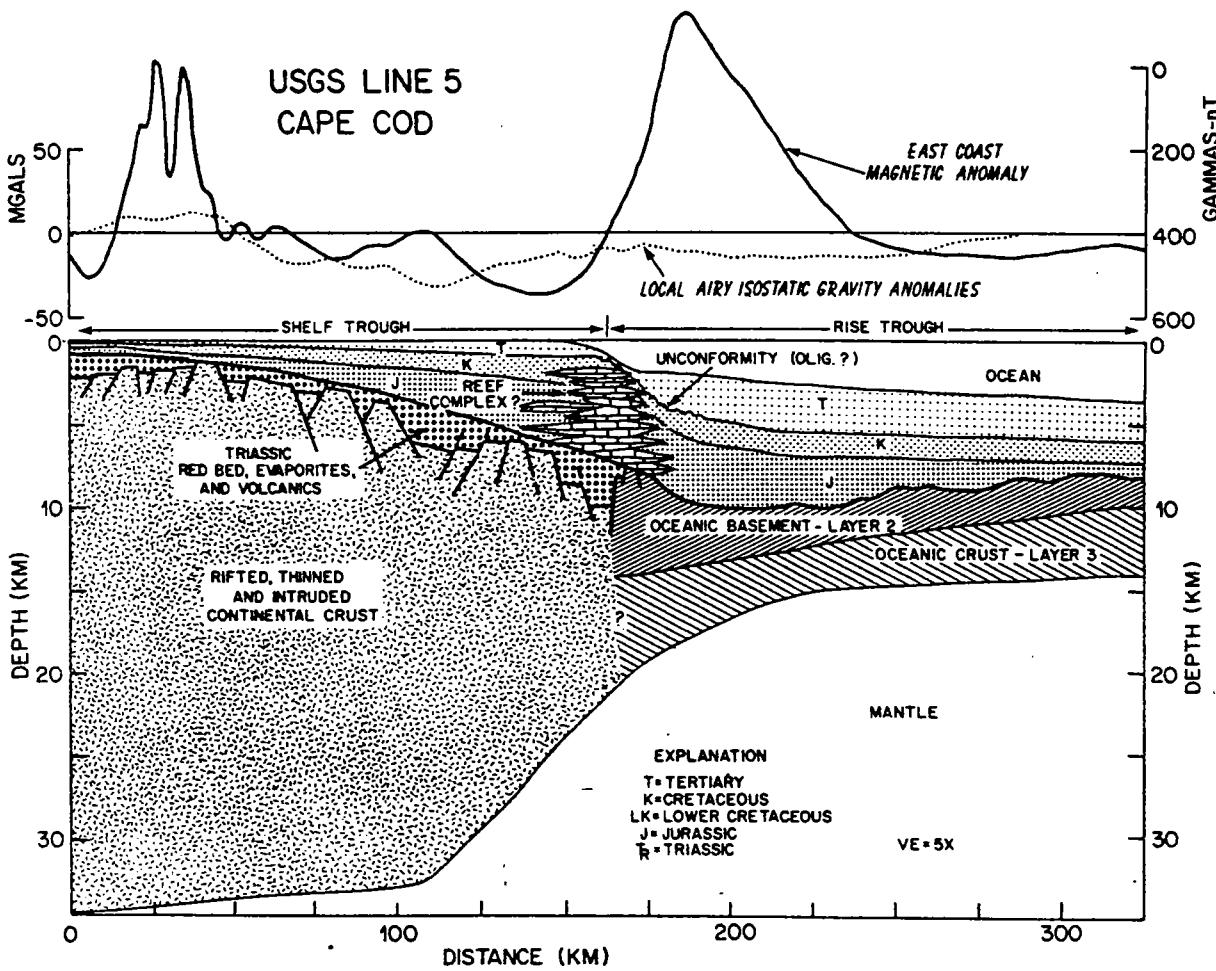


Fig. 6. Interpretative cross section along CDP Line 5 southeast of Cape Cod across the northeastern part of the Long Island platform (0 to 75 km distance) and the southwestern end of the Georges Bank basin (75 to 175 km distance). Line 5 is unique in that the top of oceanic basement can be clearly traced to a depth of 10 km at the axis of the East Coast Magnetic Anomaly (Grow and others, 1979). The Moho configuration is based on gravity modeling (Grow and others, in press).

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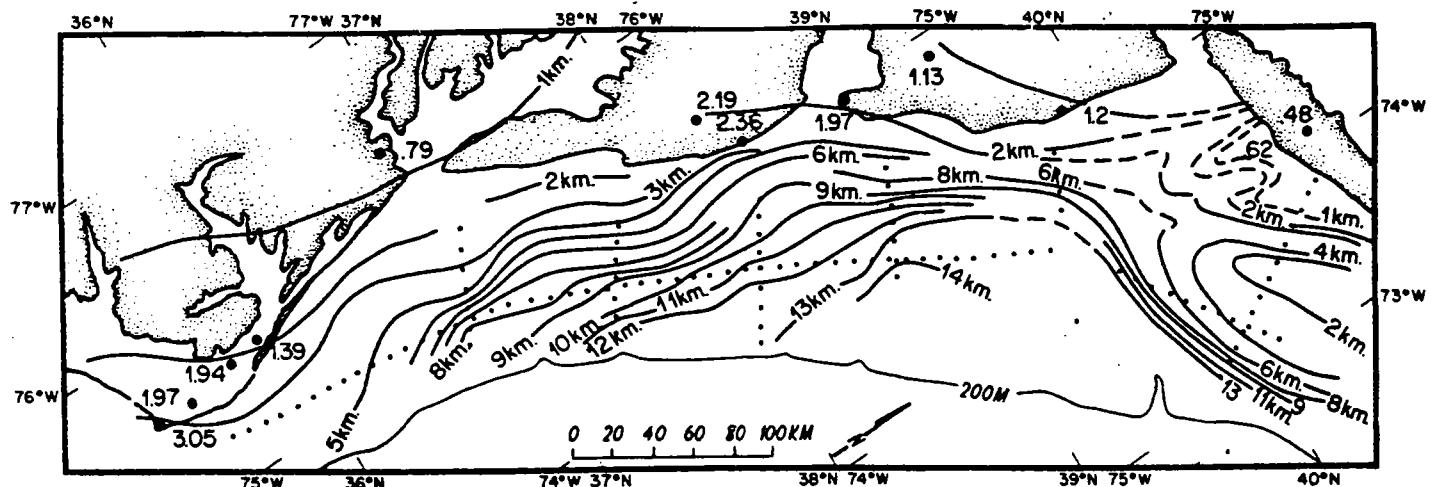
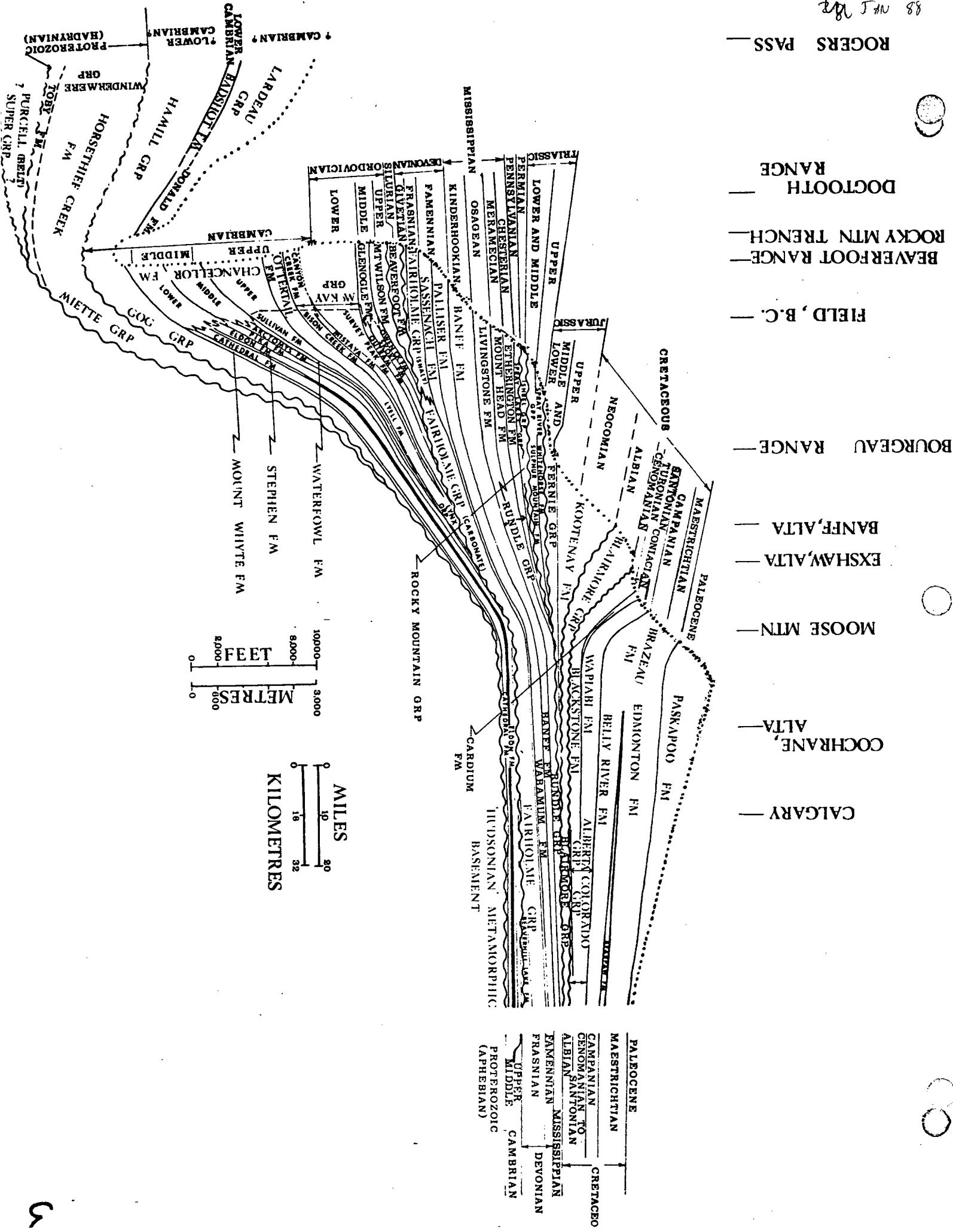


Fig. 12. Depth to basement in the Baltimore Canyon Trough area based on CDP seismic data (from Schlee and others, 1977).



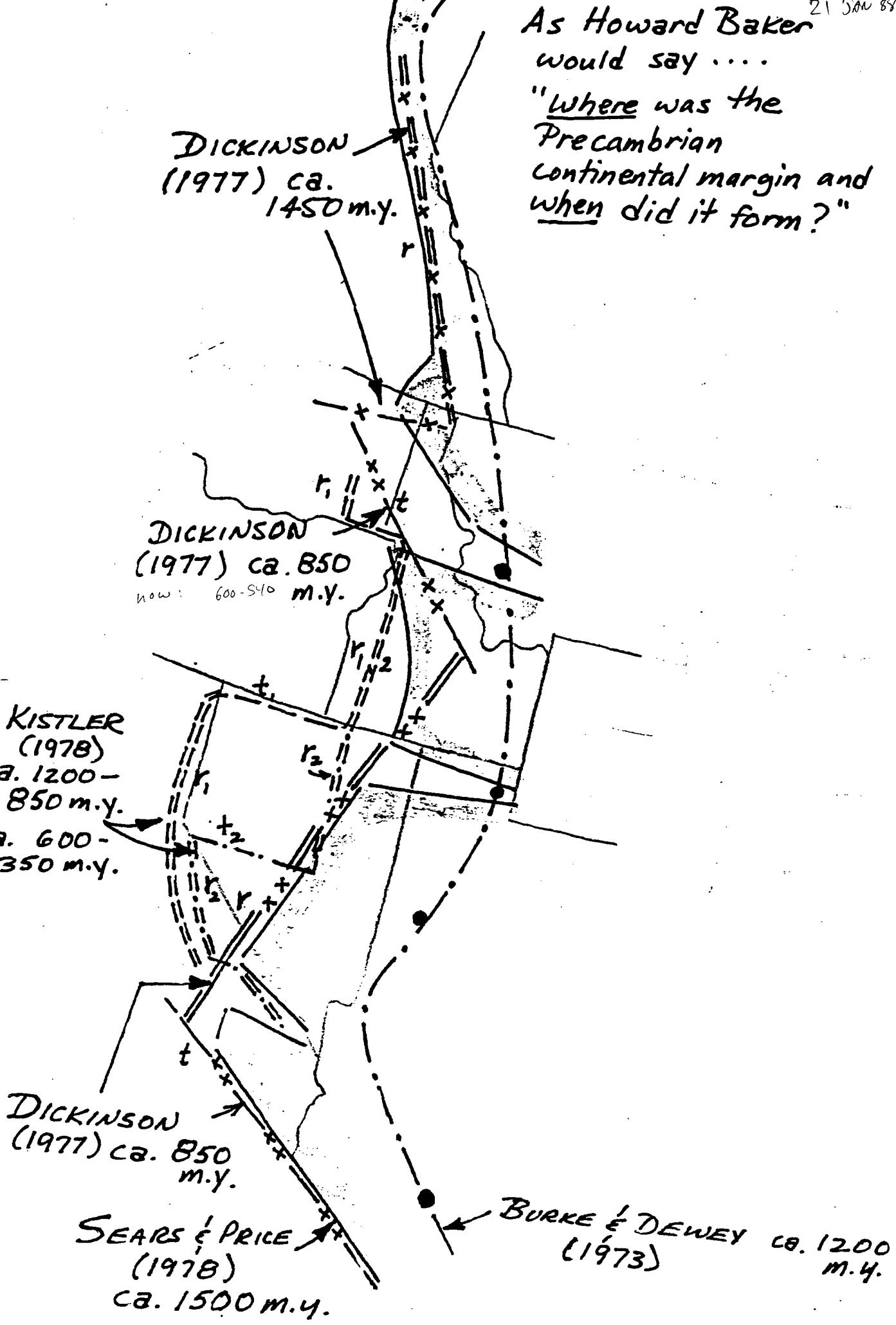
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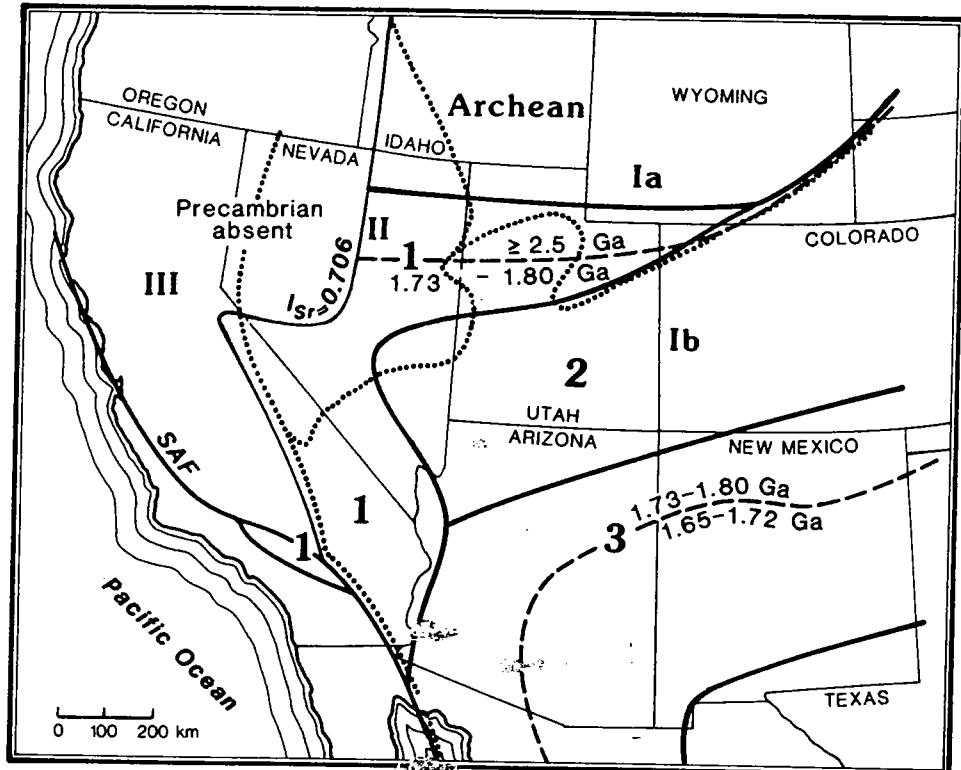


Figure 6. Comparison of crustal boundaries defined on the basis of crystallization ages (dashed lines) (Condie, 1981), Pb isotopes (dotted lines) (Zartman, 1974), and Nd isotopes (heavy solid lines). Edge of Precambrian basement is as defined on the basis of initial  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratios in Tertiary and Mesozoic granitic rocks (Kistler and Peterman, 1978). Ages refer to crystallization ages as determined by zircon U-Pb data and whole-rock Rb-Sr data. Roman numerals are lead isotopic provinces.

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This method should be particularly appropriate in which the continents have been separated since the Proterozoic had very different subsequent histories.

## ORIGIN OF 2.0–2.3 Ga MODEL AGES

For all of the lower Proterozoic terranes and related terranes, the model ages are between 1.65 and 2.0–2.3 Ga. These model ages exist to account for this age range. Rocks originally crystallized at least 2.0 Ga ago and were subsequently modified. It is believed that little evidence of the original crystallization age remains, or (2) the rocks are a mixture of Archean crustal material (~2.7 Ga) and mantle-derived material, and therefore have intermediate model ages and corresponding old ages.

If the first case is true, we must look to some remaining evidence of the 2.0–2.3 Ga orogenic episode. Although zircon studies have provided crystallization ages in the range of 2.0–2.3 Ga, others (1961) interpreted U-Pb zircon data from rocks within the Panamint Mountains as reflecting a minimum age of 2.0 Ga. Recently, J. Wooden (1985, p. 11) has determined an upper intercept for a metavolcanic sample from the Panamint Mountains, California. Hedge (1985) determined a zircon age of 2.3 Ga for a core sample from Antelope Island, Utah, but Nd isotopes measured on the same samples give Archean model ages rather than model ages in the range of 2.0–2.3 Ga.

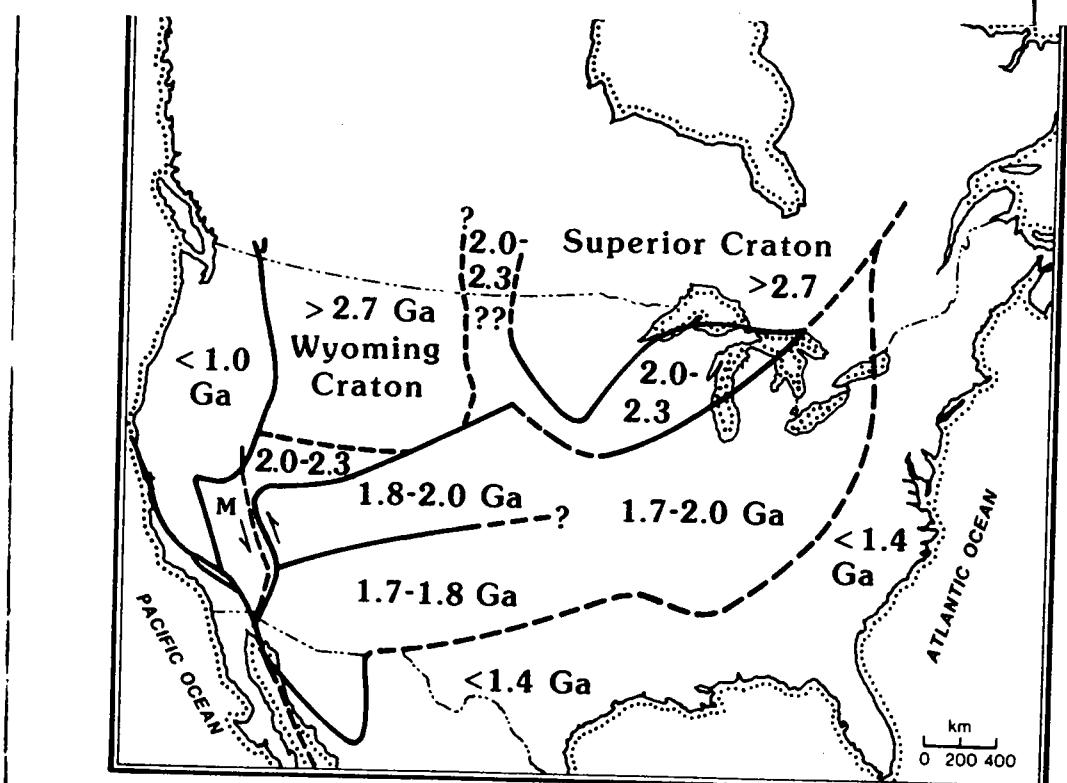


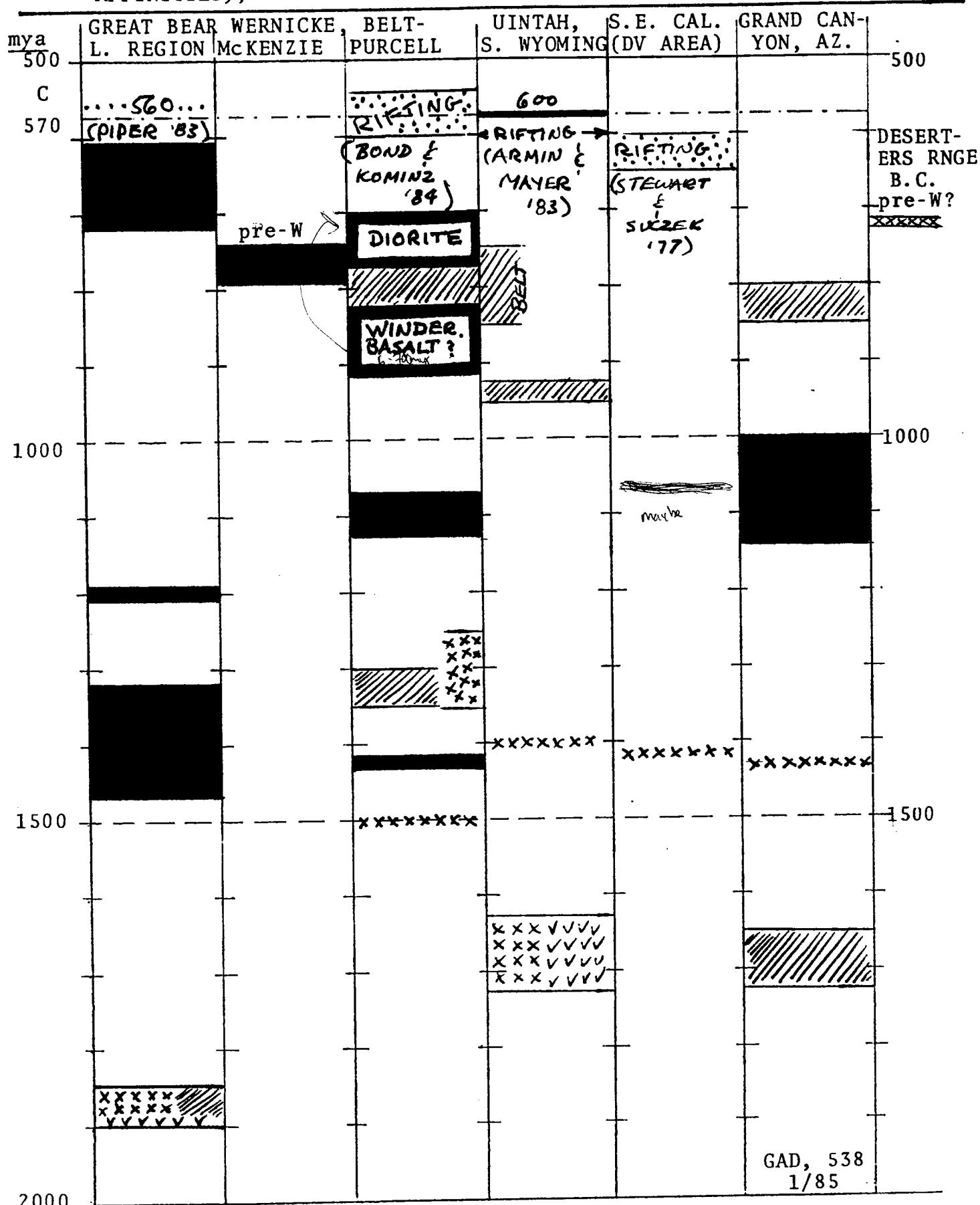
Figure 7. Map of North America, showing the distribution of Nd-model age provinces on the basis of data from this study, Nelson and DePaolo (1985), Farmer and DePaolo (1983), Patchett and Arndt (1986), and Van Schmus and others (1987). M indicates the Mojave terrane. The adjacent dashed curve is the inferred location of a Proterozoic shear zone.

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AGE RANGES BASED ON ISOTOPIC DATING OF IGNEOUS AND METAMORPHIC ROCKS IN WESTERN NORTH AMERICA. BLACK PATTERN = MAFIC DIKES, SILLS, AND/OR FLOWS; X's = GRANITIC ROCKS; V's = VOLCANIC ROCKS (ARC AFFINITIES); CROSSRULED PATTERN = METAMORPHISM OR REHEATING



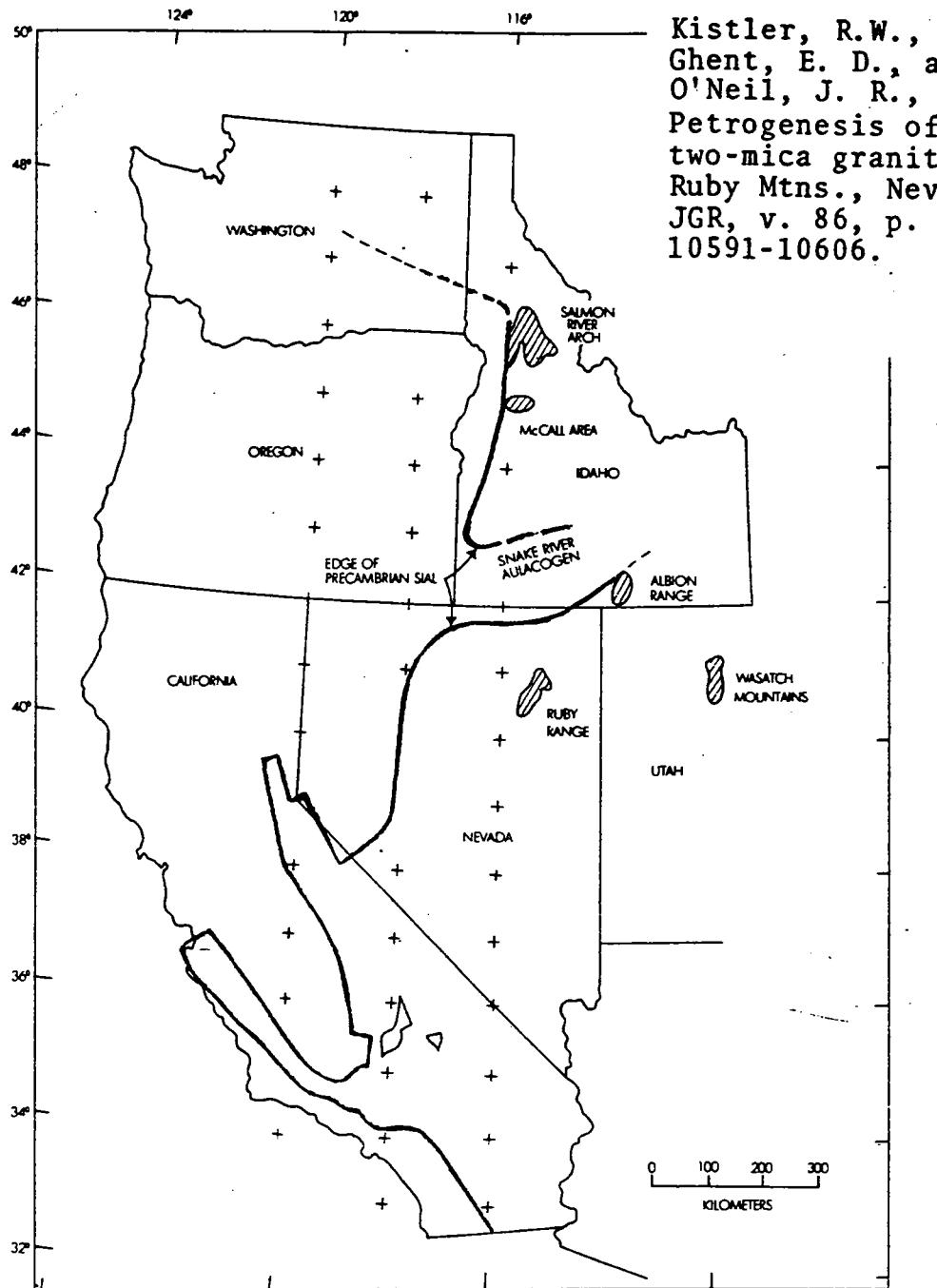


Fig. 4. Outline map of the western United States showing edge of Precambrian sialic crust as indicated by initial strontium isotopic composition of Mesozoic and Cenozoic plutons (modified from Kistler and Peterman [1978]). Areas that have yielded approximately 550 m.y. metamorphic ages of rocks and minerals are hachured.

biotite and muscovite. Garnet and beryl are occasional accessory minerals.

In thin section, albite (30 to 35%), microcline (40 to 45%), and quartz (20 to 25%) are seen as generally 0.1 to 3 mm anhedral interlocking grains. Muscovite (1%) and/or biotite (2 to 4%) occur as anhedral crystals or as ragged crystals interstitial to the feldspar and quartz. Apatite inclusions in the feldspars are the most abundant and ubiquitous accessory mineral. Euhedral garnet, beryl, and zircon are minor accessory minerals. Opaque oxides are absent from the rock.

The chemical composition of two specimens of the two-mica granite in the Dawley Canyon area are given in Table 1, and their locations are shown on Figure 1. Normative albite,

orthoclase, and quartz of these specimens normalized to 100% are plotted on a ternary diagram in Figure 5.

Electron microprobe analyses of muscovite, garnet, and both plagioclase and alkali feldspar from a specimen of the Cretaceous granite (RM-38-66) are given in Tables 3, 5, and 6, respectively. Biotite from this specimen was too altered to give a reliable analysis. The muscovite composition is the same as that in the Jurassic granite. The garnet is spessartine and almandine-rich with very low grossular and pyrope contents (Figure 6). The MnO zoning, however, is not as pronounced as the zoning in garnet RM-31-66 in the Jurassic granite. The plagioclase is albite, and X ray study indicates that the alkali feldspar is microcline and orthoclase.

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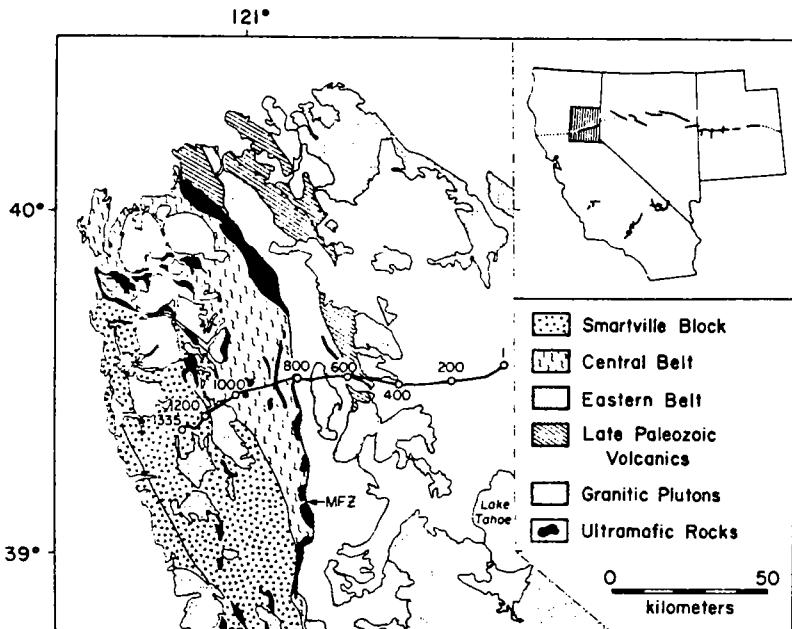


Fig. 1. Generalized geologic map of the northern Sierra showing location of COCORP profile and its relation to major geologic terranes in the region. MFZ - Melones fault zone. Inset map shows location of COCORP profiles in the western U.S.

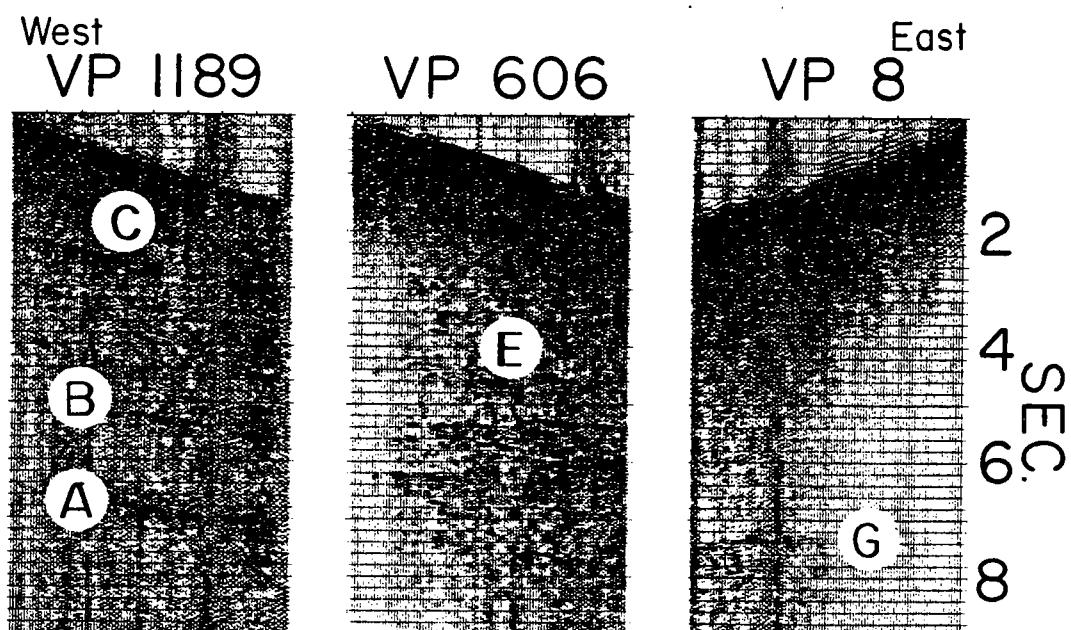


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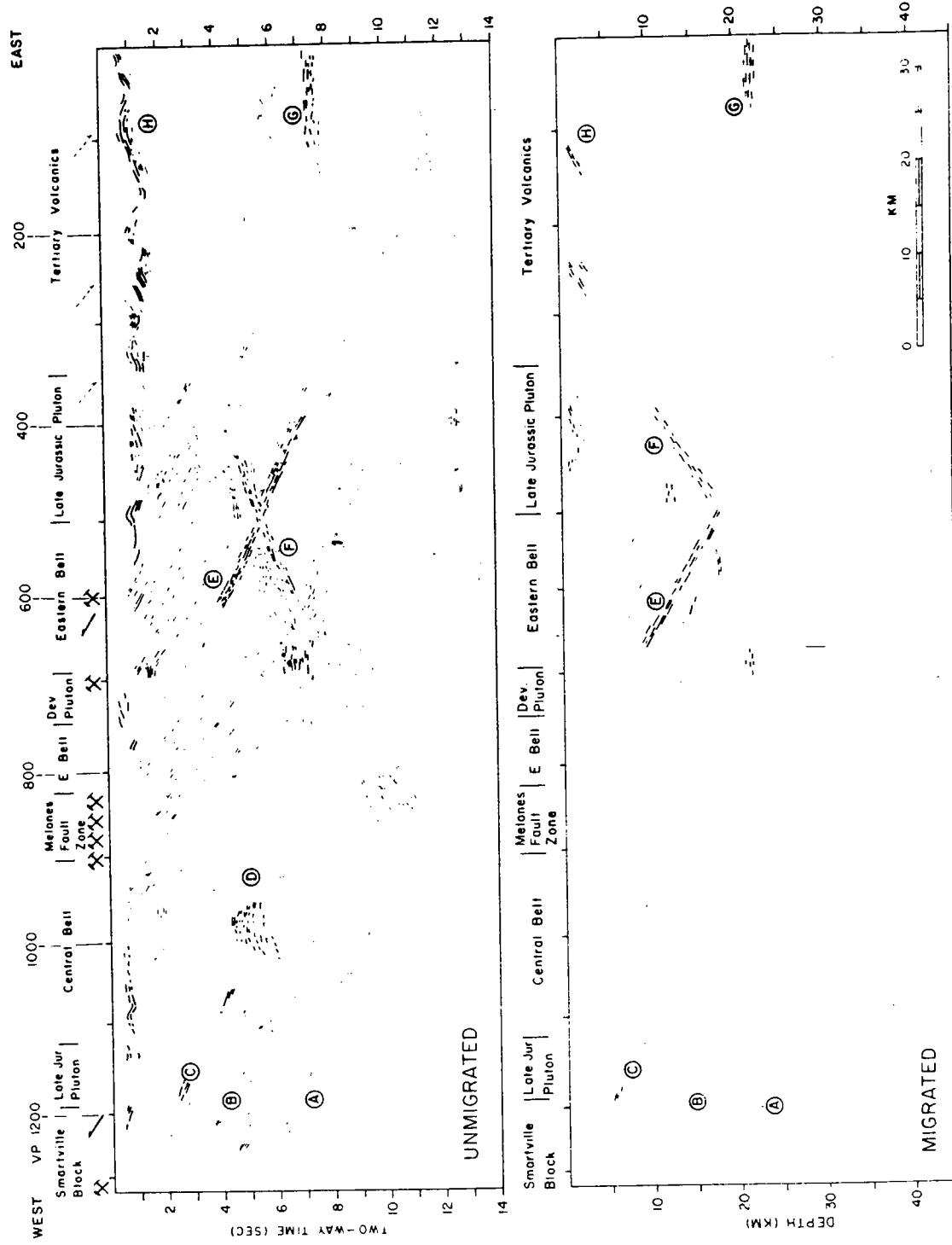


Fig. 2. (top) Line drawing of the upper 14 s of the COCORP Sierra profile (unmigrated). The figure is approximately 1:1 assuming an average crustal velocity of 6 km/s. The line weights illustrate schematically the relative prominence of reflections as seen on the seismic section. (Bottom) Line drawing of COCORP Sierra profile after migration and depth conversion. Figure is 1:1 (see text for discussion).

The rate of change was used to improve the model fit and may or may not be physically meaningful. Cross-tie section based on data presented in Fig. 6a and 6b and Table 1, and on L-DGO MCS profiles.

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$24.8^\circ$ ,  $D = 0.15 \text{ emu/cm}^3$ , magnetic layer thickness = 500 m, depth to magnetic layer = 5 km,  $f_0 = 20^\circ$ ,  $D_0 = 0^\circ$ ,  $f_R = 0^\circ$ .

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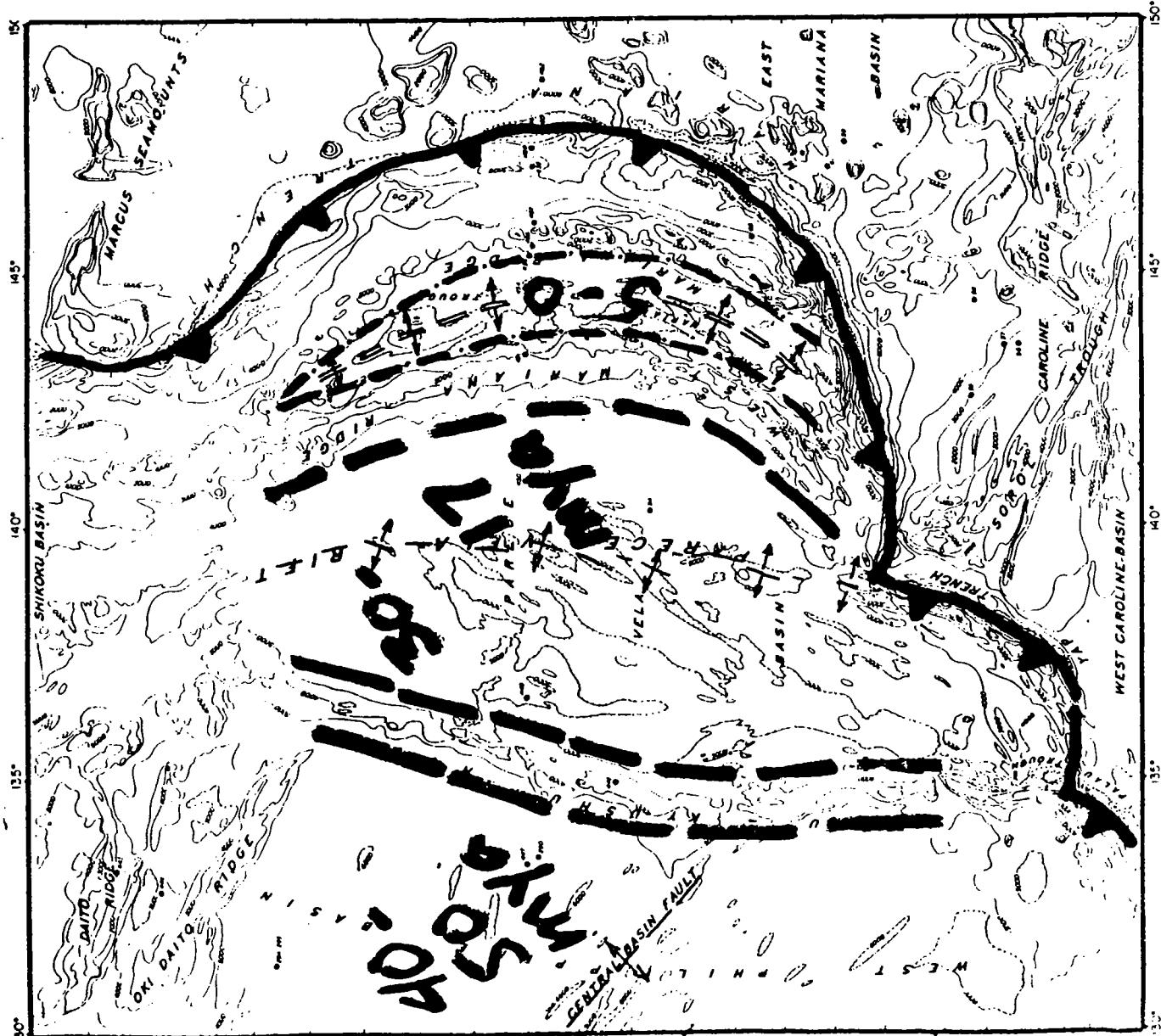
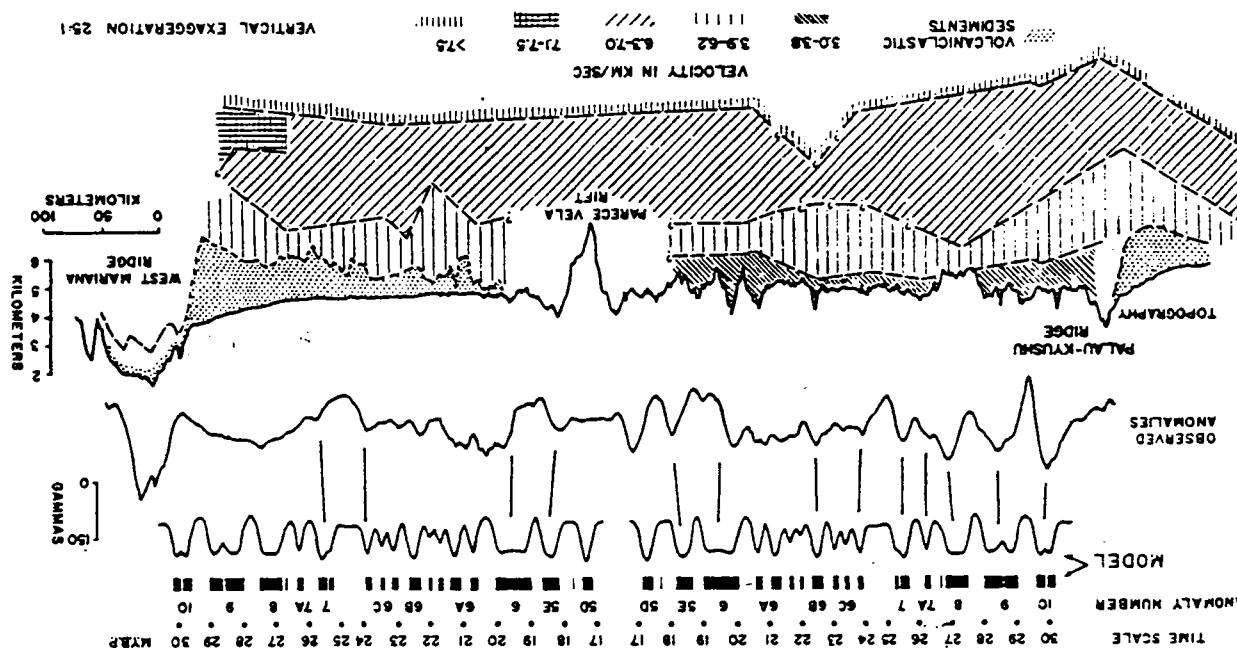
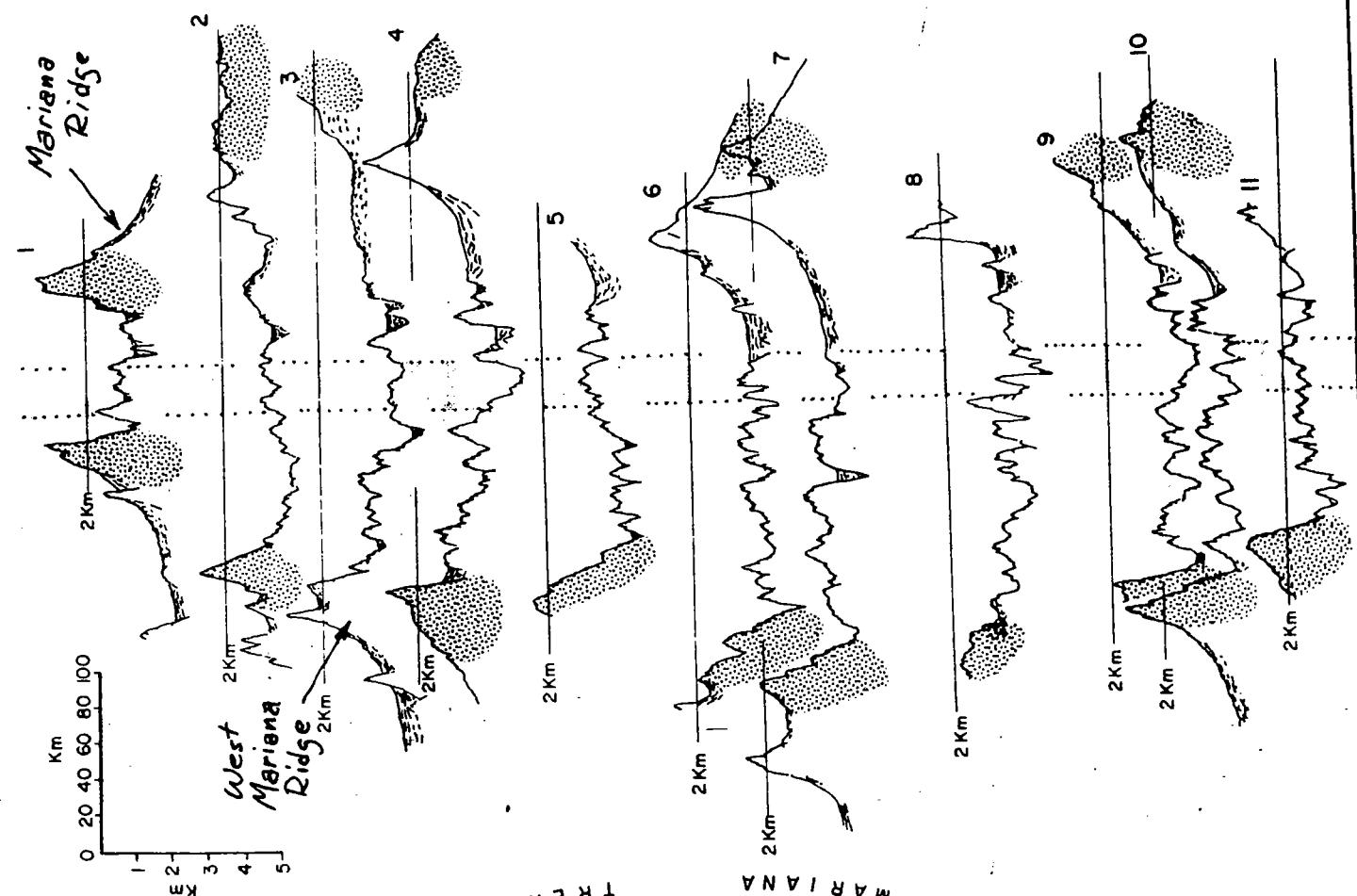


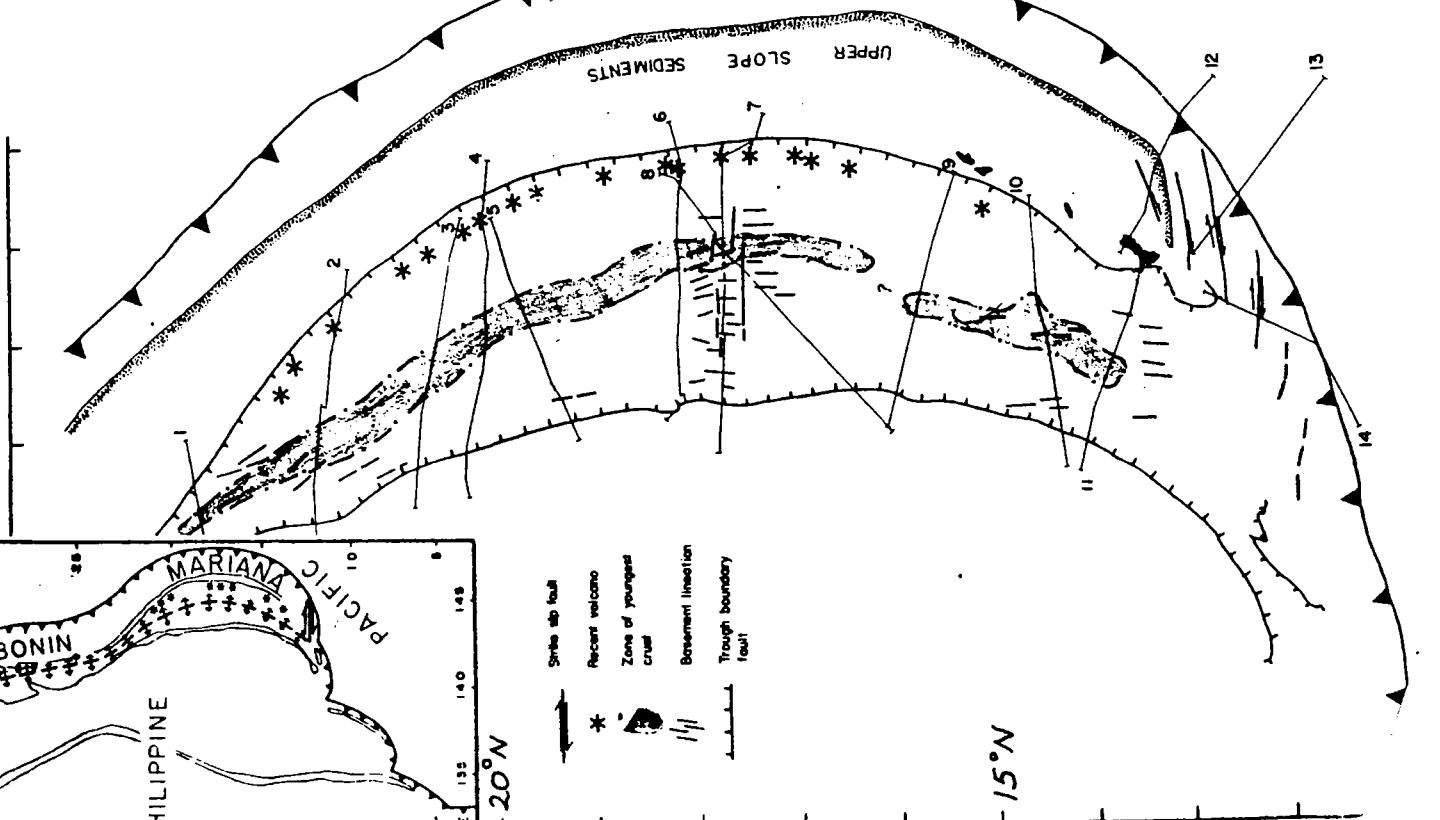
Fig. 1. Bathymetric map of the eastern Philippine Sea, simplified from map of Mammerickx et al. [54]. Major morphological features and DSDP sites have been labelled. The position of the Parece Vela Rift has been plotted from topographic profiles along ship tracks. Bathymetric contours are in meters.

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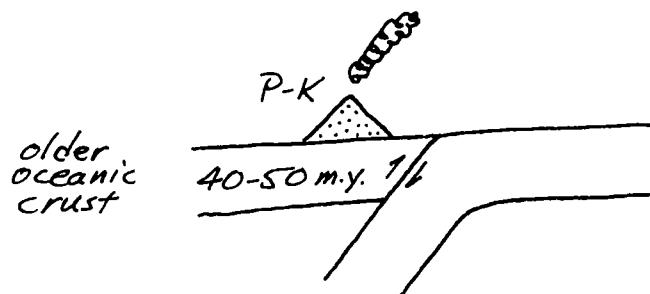
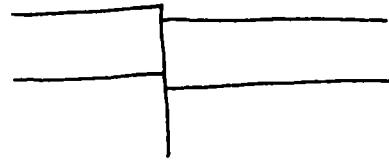
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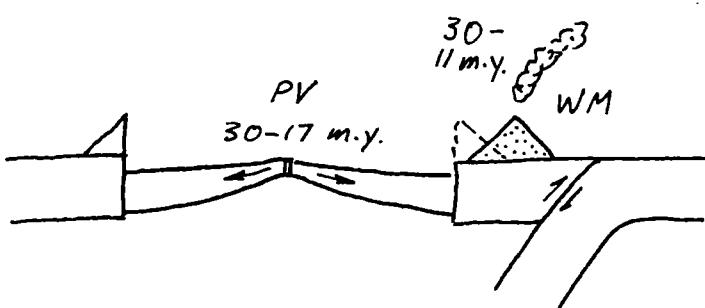
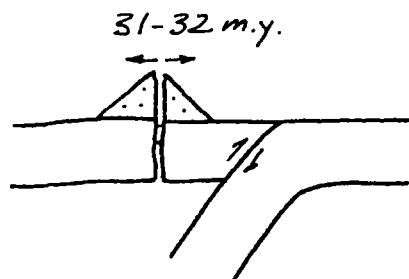
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Fig. 4. Profiles across the Mariana Trough from north (top) to south. Locations are of the Mariana Trough and location in Figure 3. The original profiles have been reoriented into an east-west plane, and profile spacing approximates location in the basin. Profile all replotted at the same scale.

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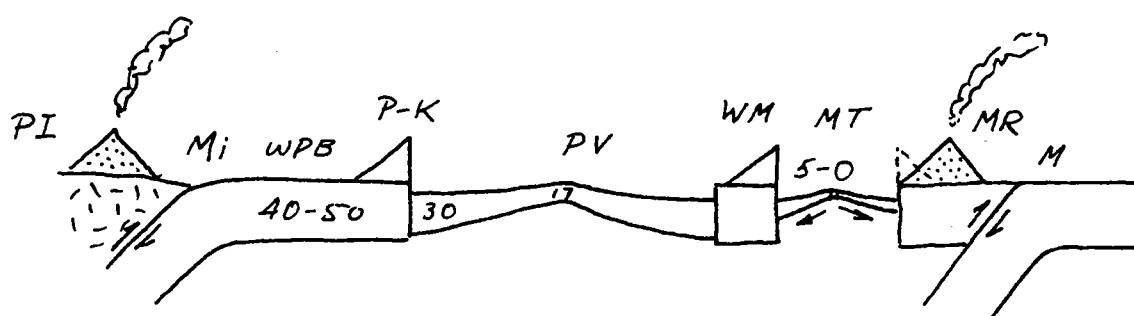


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WM = W. Mariana Ridge



PI = Philippine Islands

Mi = Mindanao Trench

WPB = W. Philippine Basin

MT = Mariana Trough

MR = Mariana Ridge

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SCHEMATIC REPRESENTATION OF EVENTS LEADING TO THE PRESENT CONFIGURATION (LOWER FIGURE) OF THE PHILIPPINE SEA AREA (AFTER KARIG & OTHERS, 1978; MROZOWSKI AND HAYES, 1979)



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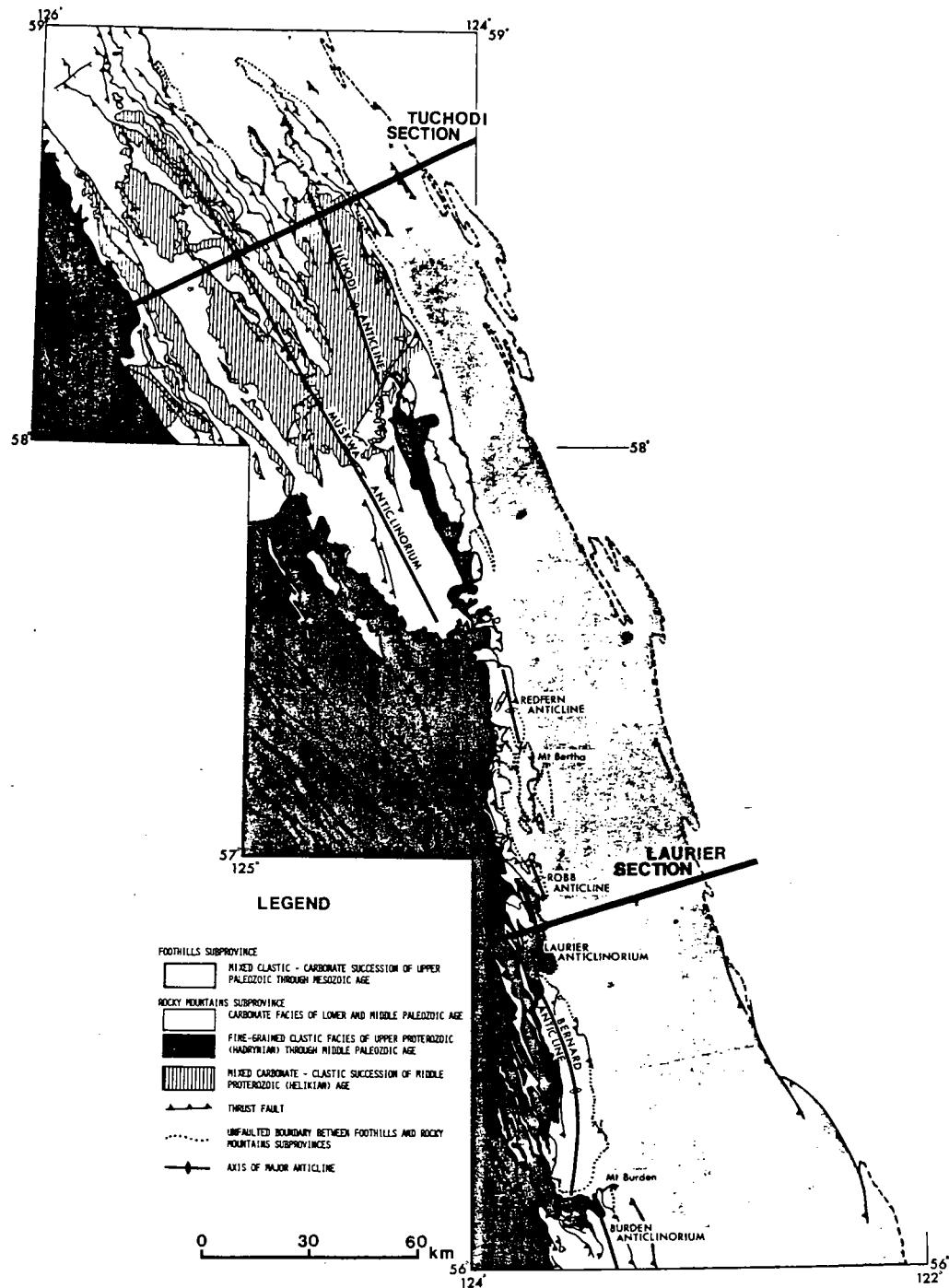
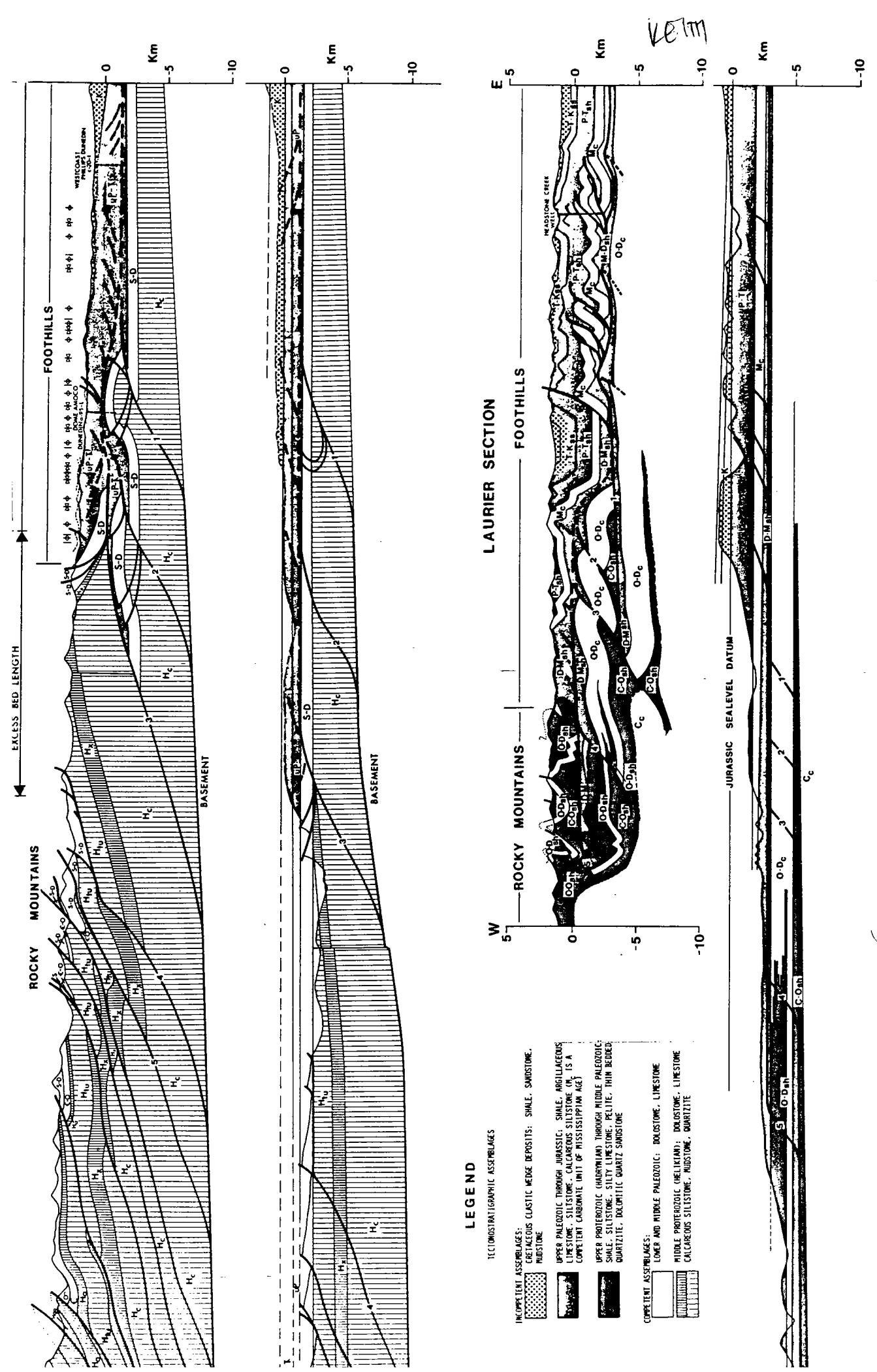
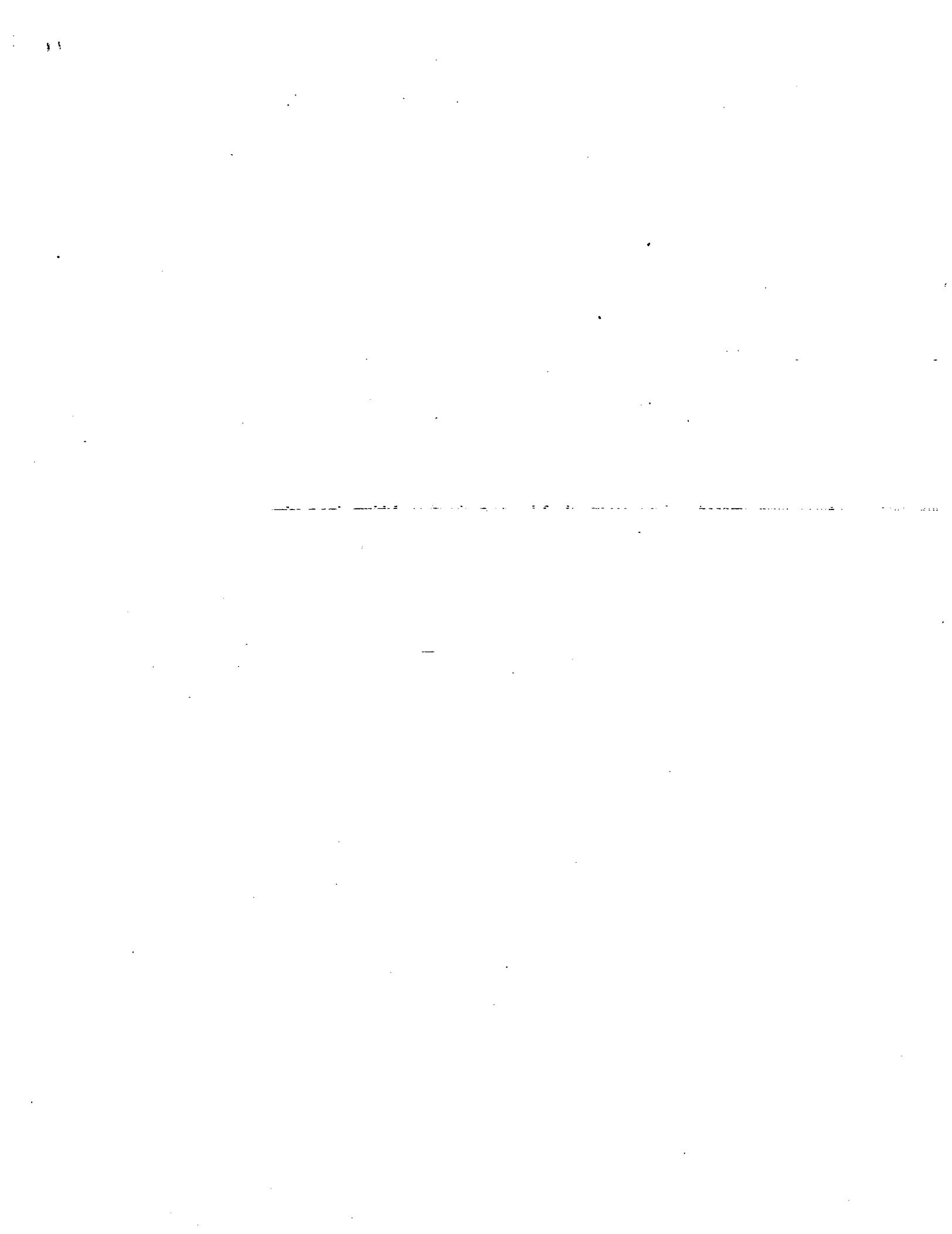


FIG. 2. Generalized tectonic-stratigraphic assemblage map showing the distribution of major thrust faults, the location of major mountain front anticlines, the Muskwa Anticlinorium, and the location of the Laurier and Tuchodi structure cross-sections.



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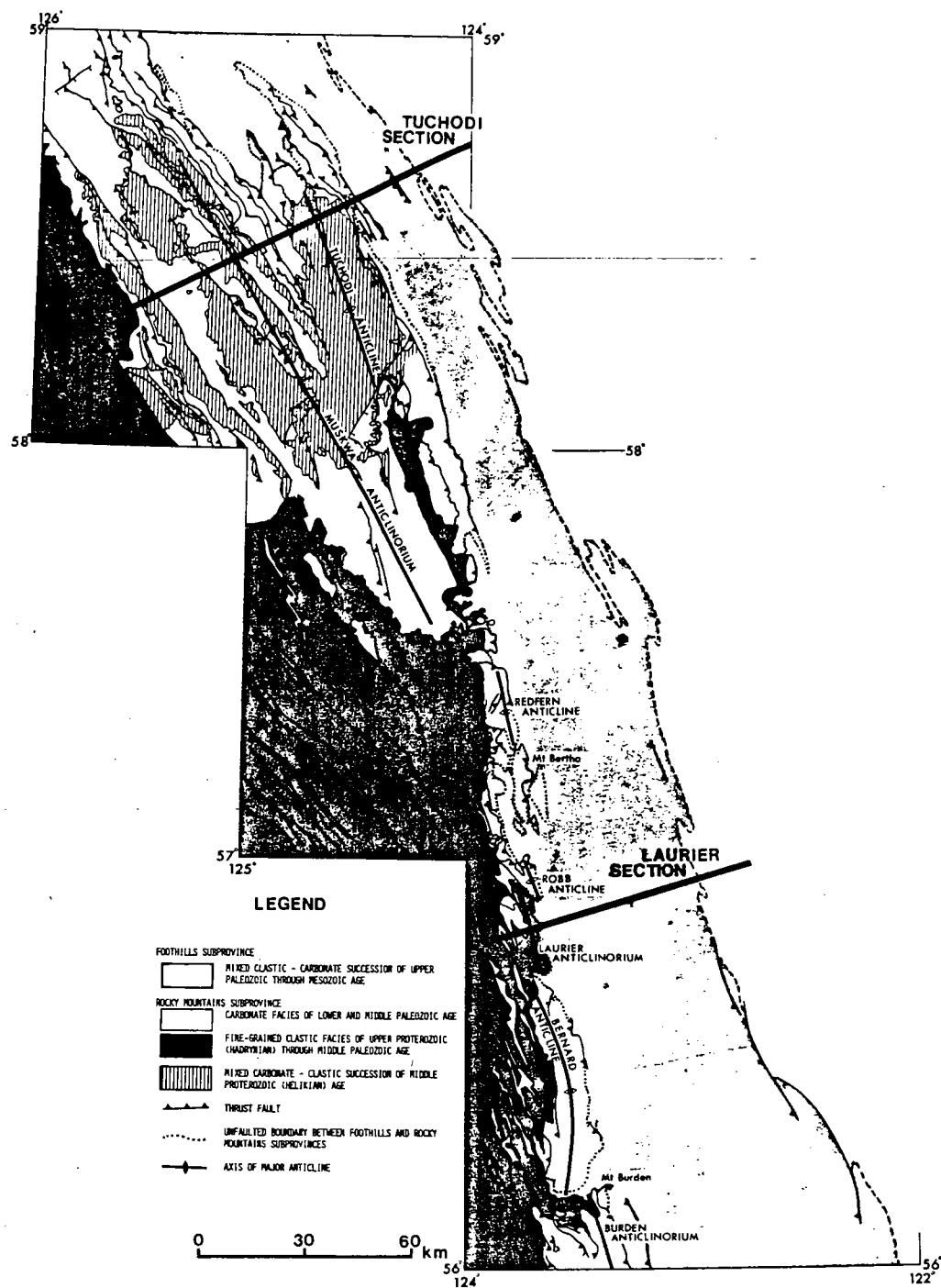
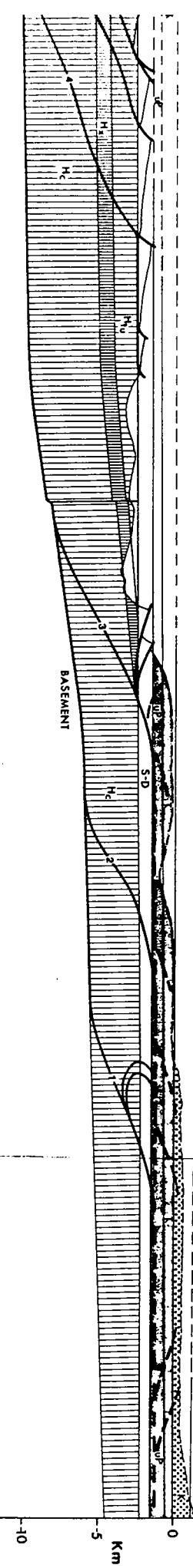
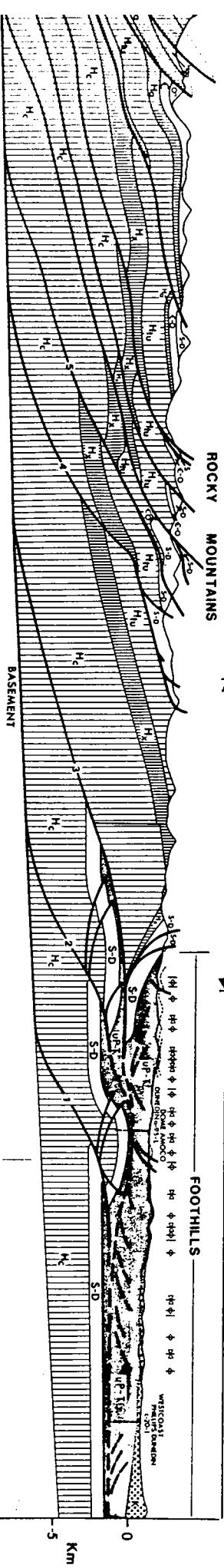


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## ROCKY MOUNTAINS

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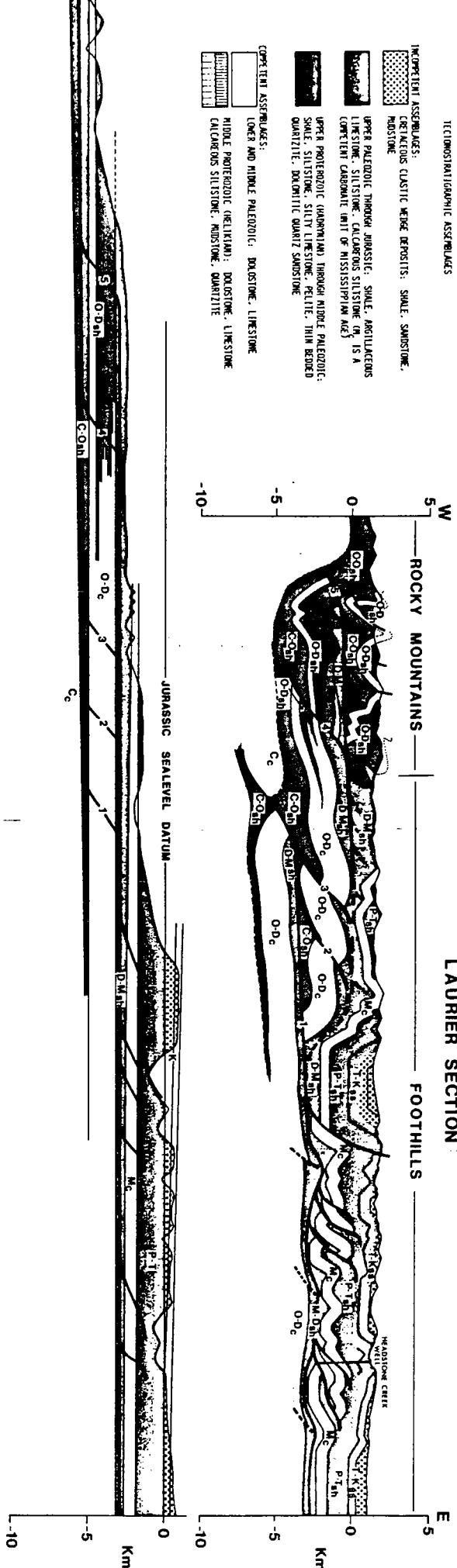


## LEGEND

### TECTONOSTRATIGRAPHIC ASSEMBLAGES

- INCOMPETENT ASSEMBLAGES:**
- CREVATICASIS CLASTIC WEDGE DEPOSITS: SHALE, SANDSTONE.
- MUDSTONE
- COMPETENT ASSEMBLAGES:**
- UPPER PALEOZOIC THROUGH JURASSIC: SHALE, ARTICULATED LIMESTONE, SILSTONE. CALCAREOUS SILSTONE IN A COMPLETE CARBONATE UNIT OF MISSISSIPPIAN AGE.
- UPPER PROTEROZOIC (ARMANDIAN) THROUGH MIDDLE PALEOZOIC: SHALE, SILSTONE, SILTY LIMESTONE, PELITE, THIN BEDDED QUARTZITE, DOLOMITE QUARTZ SANDSTONE.
- LOWER AND MIDDLE PALEOZOIC: DOLOSTONE, LIMESTONE
- MIDDLE PROTEROZOIC (HELIKIAN): DOLOSTONE, LIMESTONE
- CALCAREOUS SILSTONE, MUDSTONE, QUARTZITE

## LAURIER SECTION



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# Quaternary flake tectonics of the California Transverse Ranges

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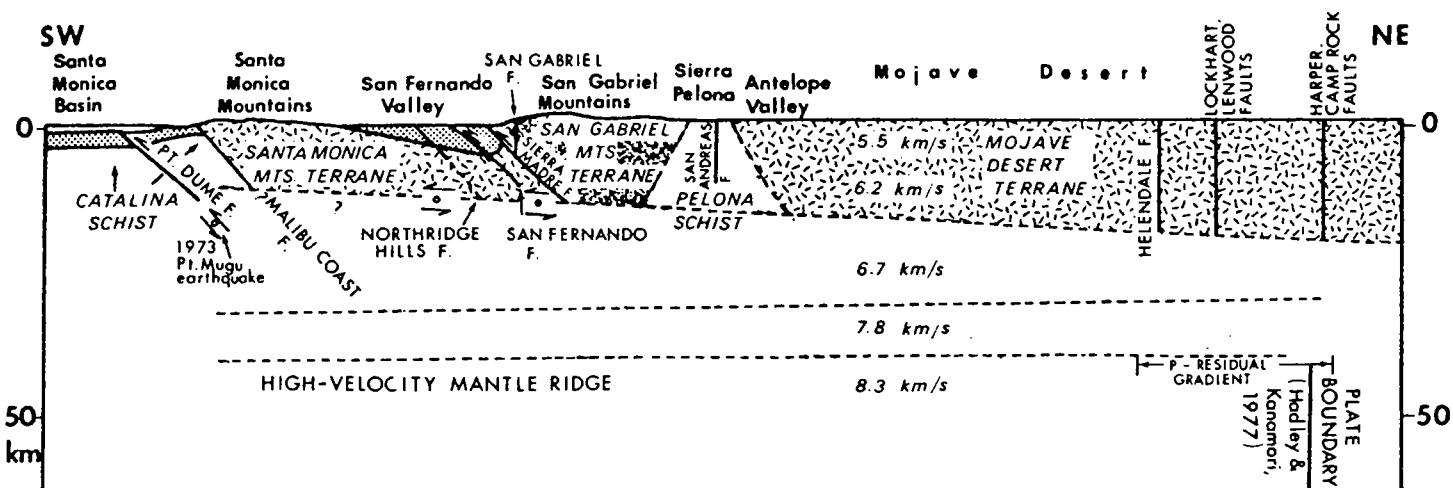


Figure 3. Crustal cross section between Santa Monica Basin and central Mojave Desert. Velocities and location of  $P$ -residual gradient from Hadley and Kanamori (1977); flat-thrust focal mechanisms below San Fernando Valley and San Gabriel Mountains are diagrammatic representations of data presented by Hadley and Kanamori (1978). Detachment may occur on zone of partial melting, as suggested by Hadley and Kanamori (1977, 1978) or on ductile Pelona and Catalina Schist, as suggested in this paper. No vertical exaggeration.

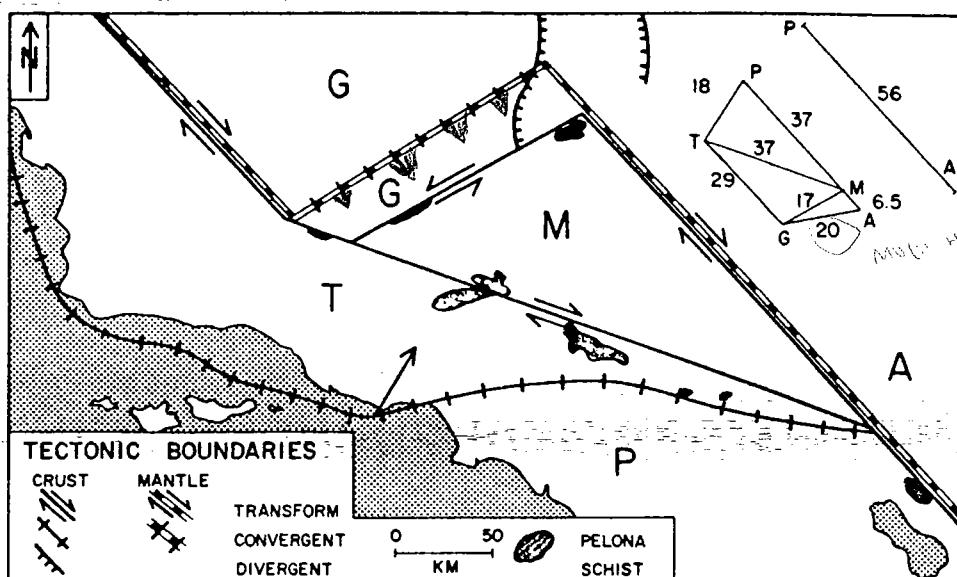


Figure 4. Flake-tectonics model of Transverse Ranges, with possible velocity diagram for flakes and plates. Pelona Schist distribution from Hazel and Dillon (1978). Simplification of flake geometry from actual fault pattern (see Fig. 1) places Pelona Schist on southwest rather than northeast side of plate boundary in southeast corner of map. Numbers indicate displacements in millimetres per year, based on velocity diagram. Pacific-American plate motion of 56 mm/yr from Minster and Jordan (1978). Letters designate plates and flakes: A, America; G, Great Valley-Sierra; M, Mojave, P, Pacific; T, Transverse Ranges.



Fig. 2. Seismicity (black dots) and focal mechanisms of the Gorda region. Size of dots corresponds to magnitudes of earthquakes. Magnitudes range from 4 to 7. Focal mechanisms are from Bolt et al. [1968], Seeber et al. [1970], and Chandra [1974].

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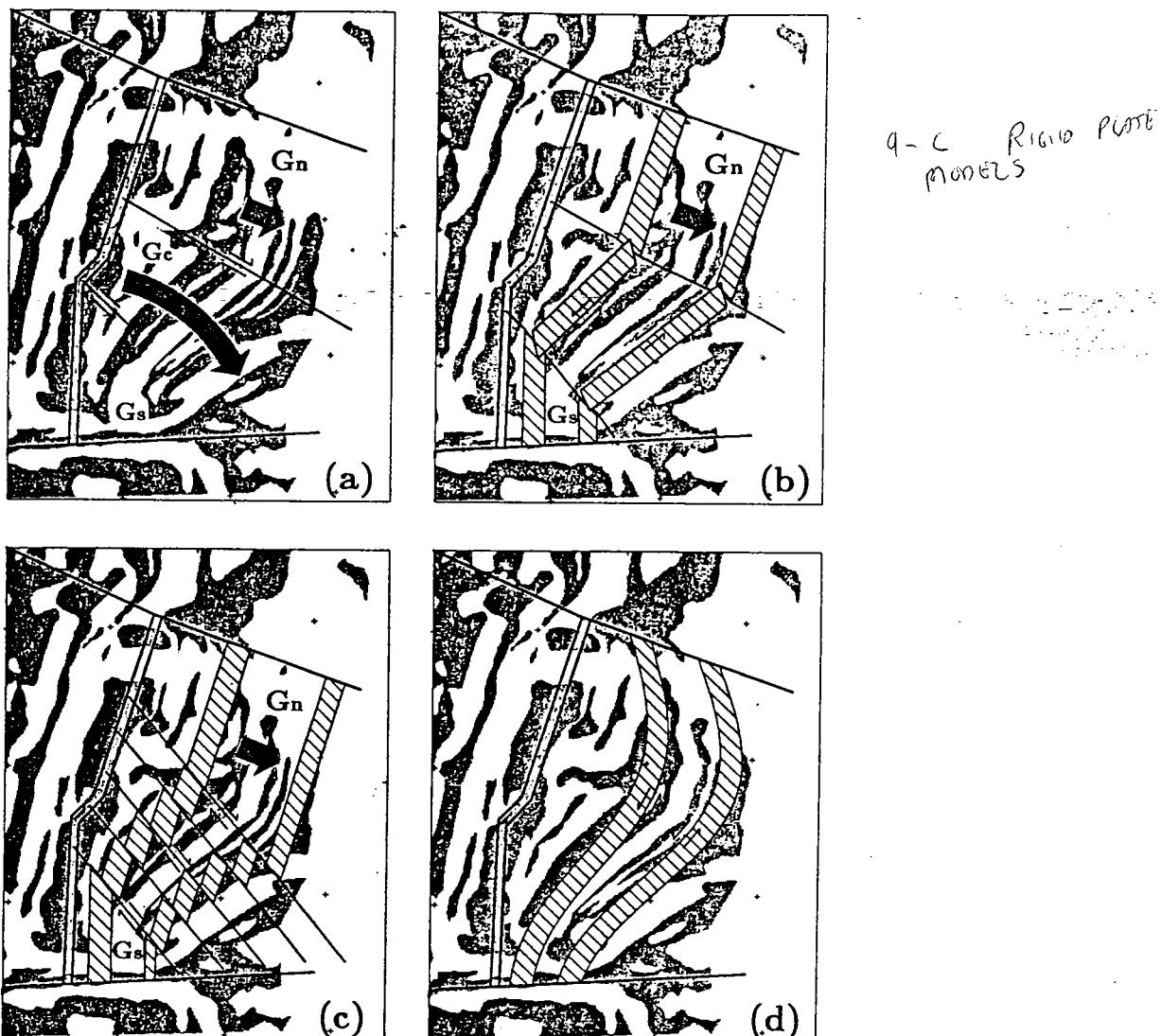


Fig. 3. Proposed deformation models for the Gorda Plate. (a) Central rotation model of Riddihough [1980]. (b) Left-lateral shear model [Knapp, 1982]. (c) Right-lateral shear model [Bolt *et al.*, 1968]. (d) Flexural-slip buckle model [Silver, 1971; Carlson and Stoddard, 1981].

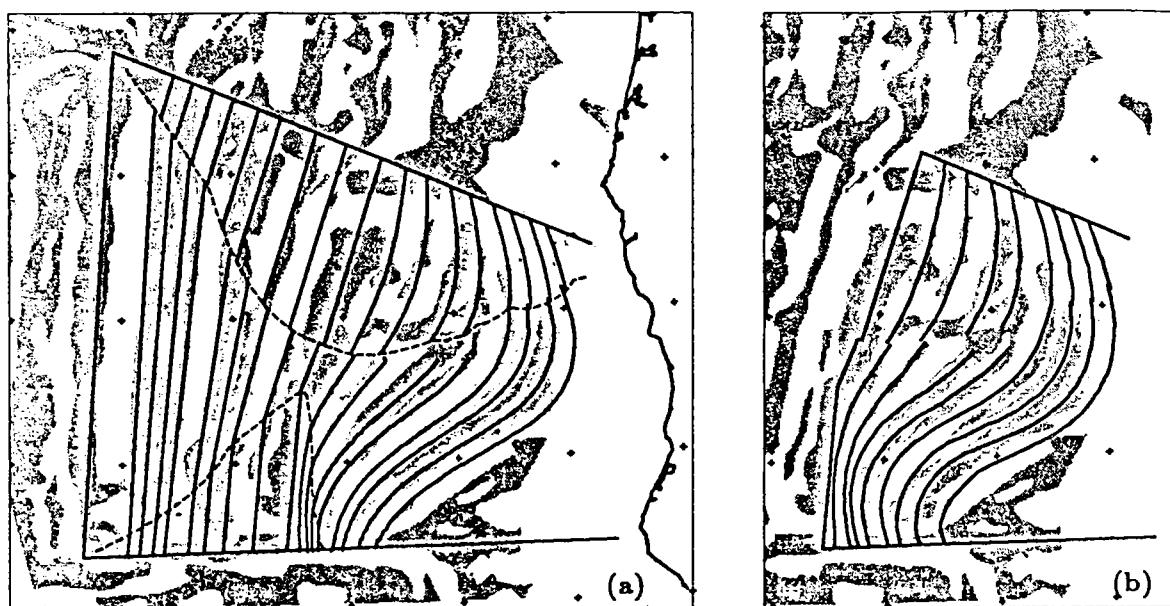


Fig. 7. Comparison of model predictions with observed lineations. (a) Convergence at Mendocino transform fault is allowed. Dashed lines indicate propagator wakes. (b) No convergence allowed (shortening case). Note that for the southern portion of anomaly 3 (easternmost four lines) there is too much curvature.

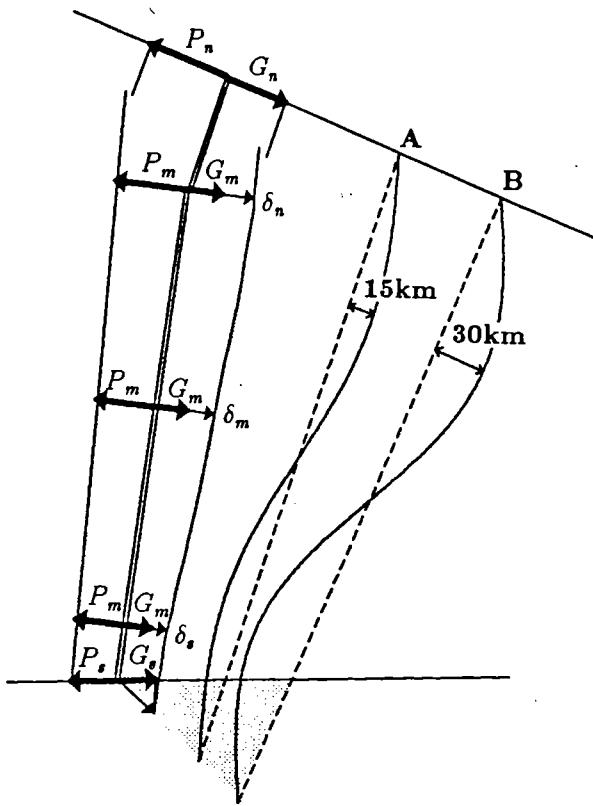


Fig. 6. Schematic diagram of Gorda evolution model. Bold vectors  $G_n$ ,  $G_m$ , and  $G_s$  represent velocity of the Gorda block with respect to the northern, middle, and southern segments of the Gorda Rise, respectively. Bold vectors  $P_n$ ,  $P_m$ , and  $P_s$  are the velocity vectors for the Pacific plate. Note that velocities decrease southward along the middle segment. Shaded region is "obducted" material. Light vectors  $\delta_n$ ,  $\delta_m$ , and  $\delta_s$  are corrections to Gorda-side spreading along the middle segment (see text):  $\delta_n = G_n - G_m$ ,  $\delta_s = G_s - G_m$ ,  $\delta_m = (\delta_n + \delta_s)/2$ .