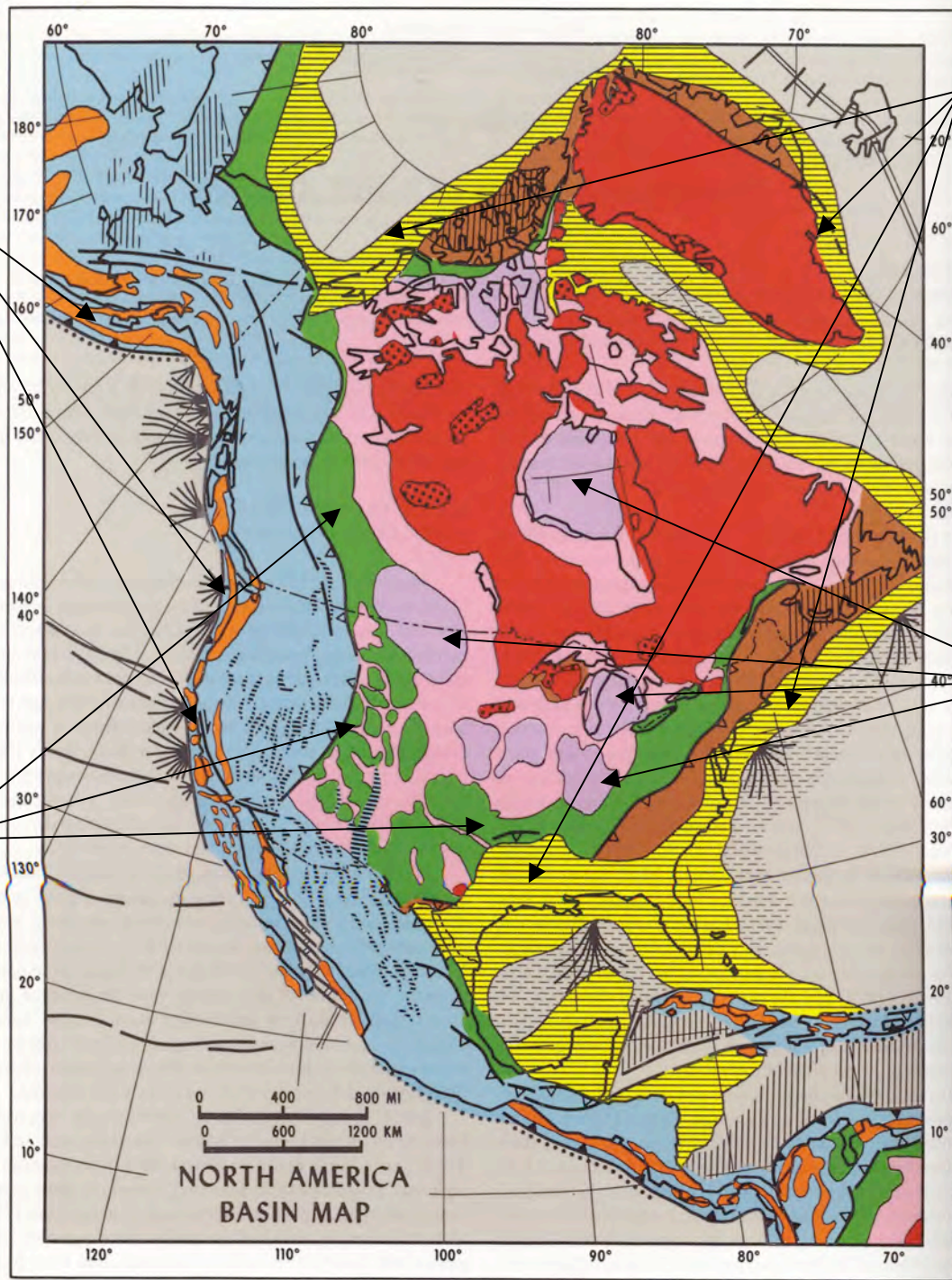


Fore
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Basins

Passive Margins

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Craton
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NORTH AMERICA
BASIN MAP

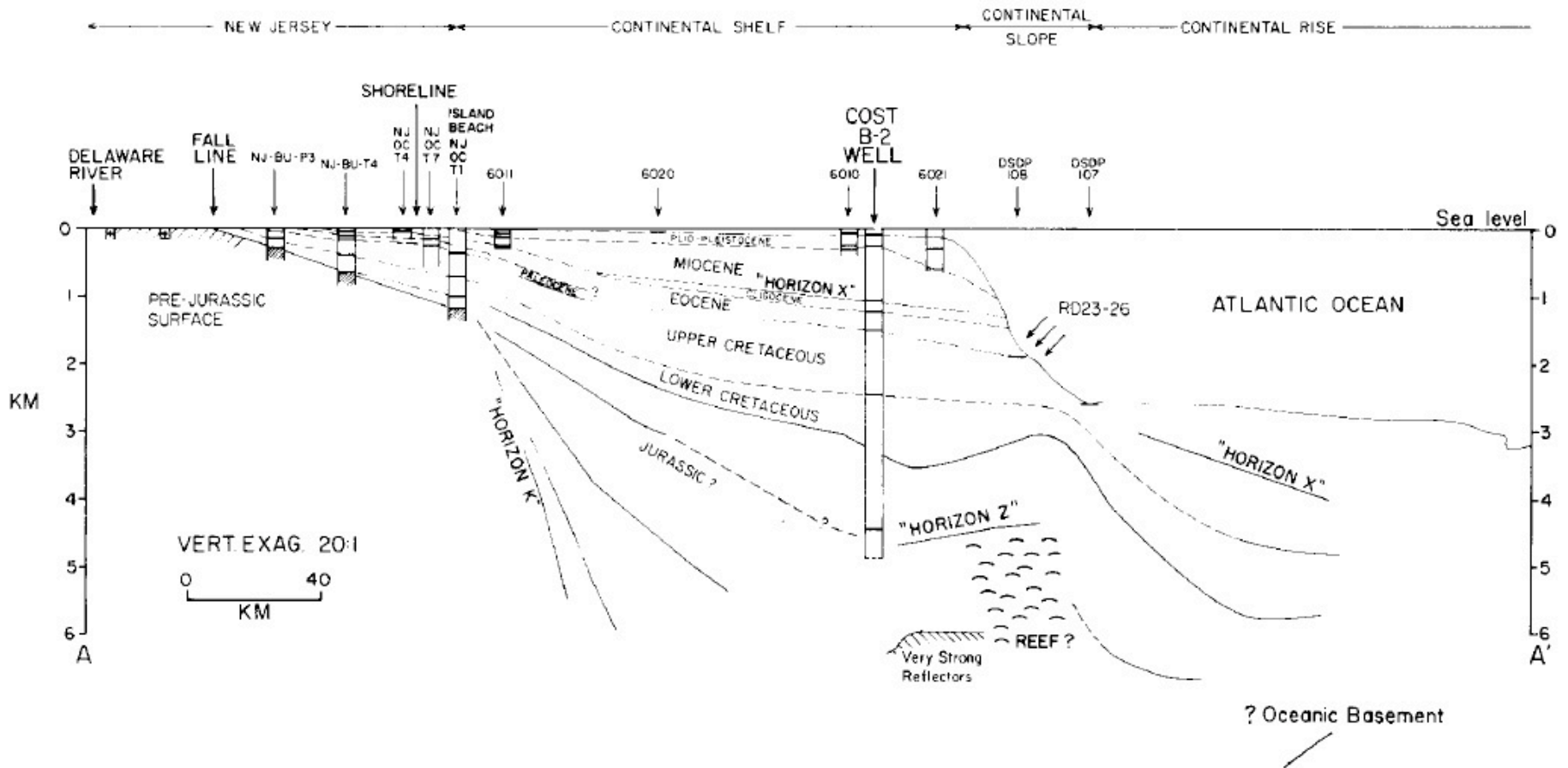
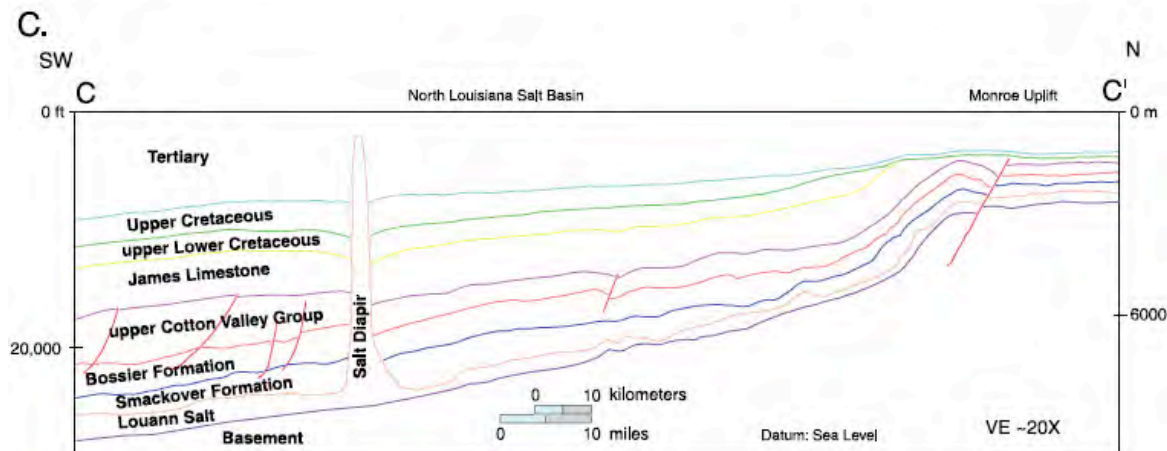
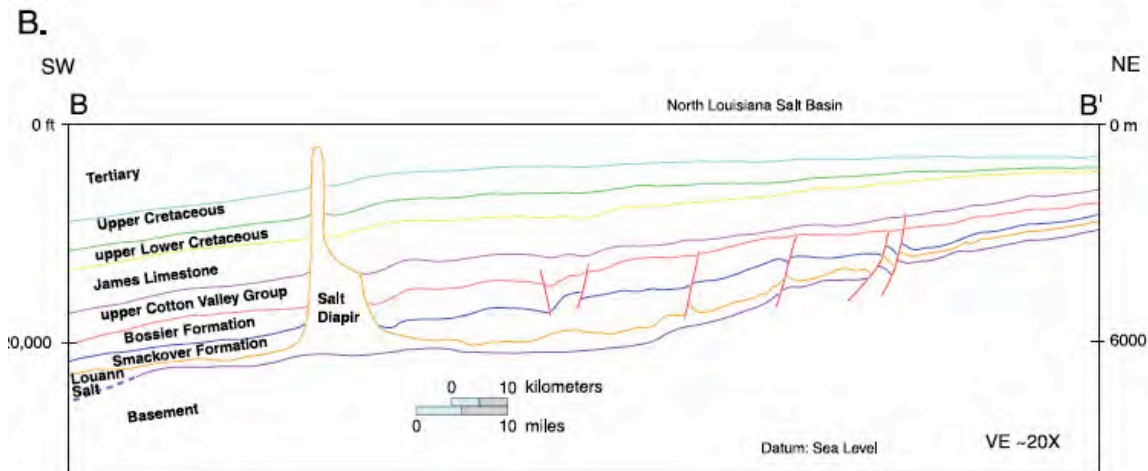
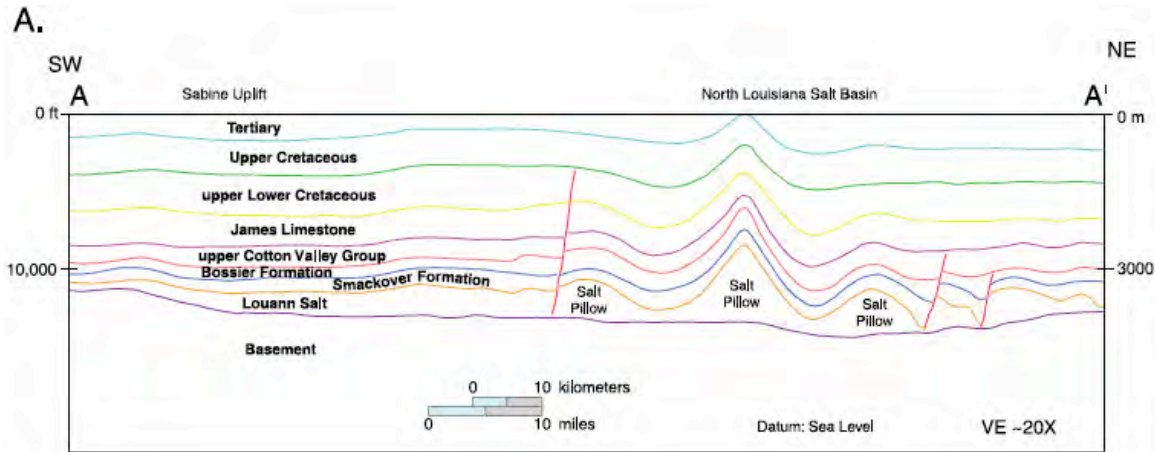


Fig. 2. Schematic cross-section of the continental shelf and margin off New York along profile A-A' (Fig. 1). The identification of sedimentary horizons is based mainly on the COST B-2 well and other boreholes in the shelf and margin. The continuity of sedimentary horizons between boreholes is based on the nearby multichannel Line 2 ([4]; Fig. 1). The solid lines in the cross-section are based on prominent seismic horizons summarized in fig. 11 of Schlee et al. [4].

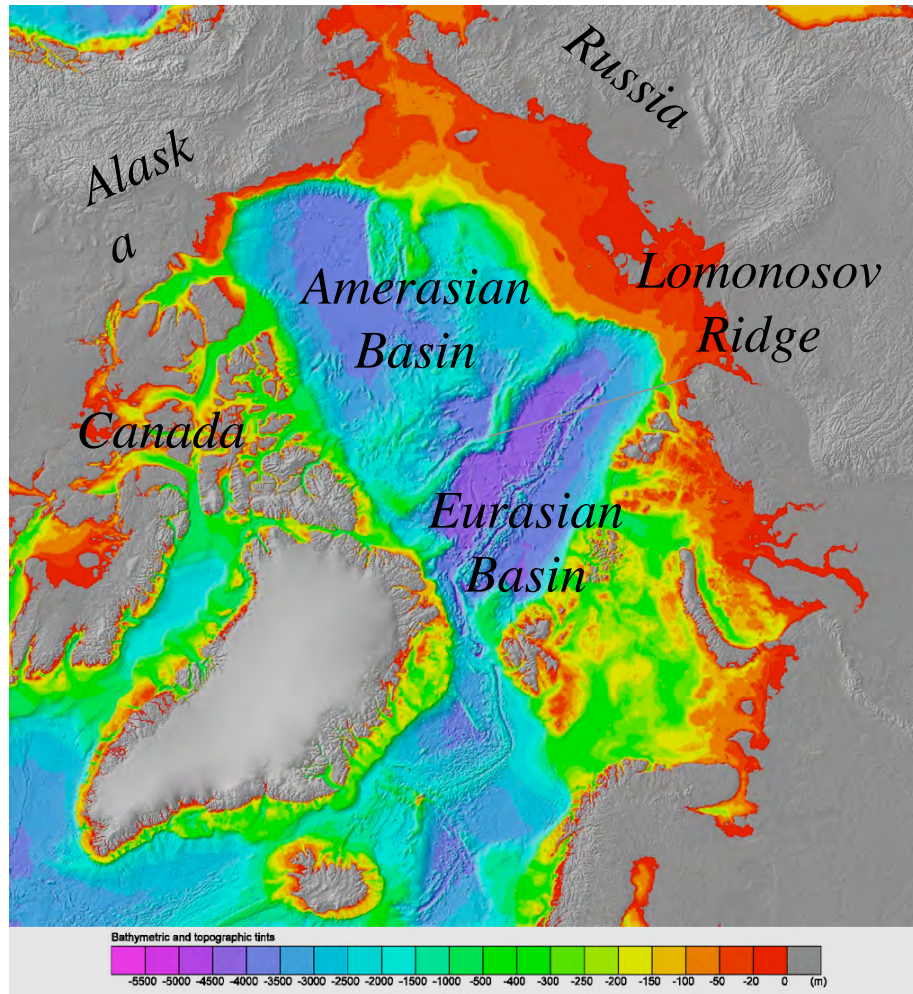
Atlantic Passive Margin

Gulf Coast Passive Margin



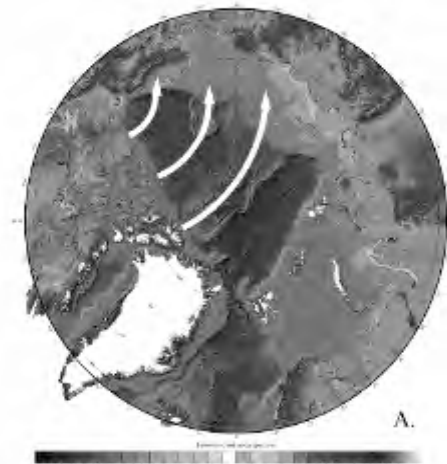
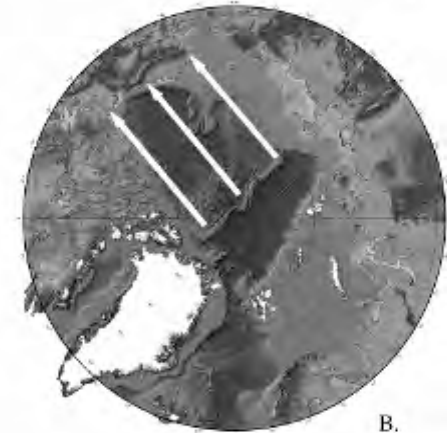
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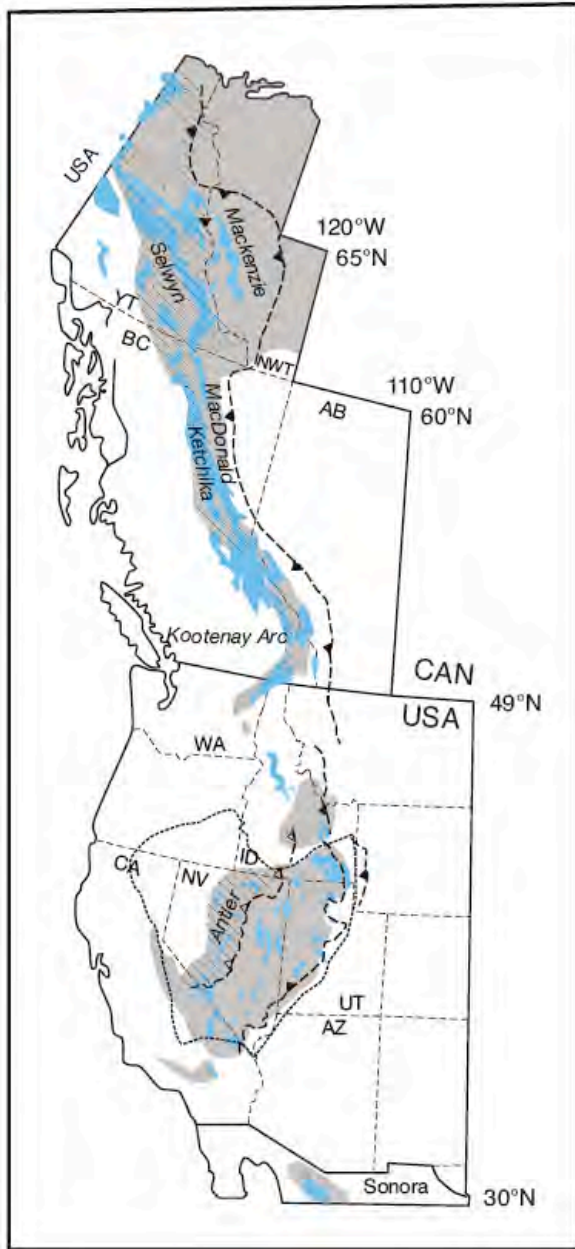
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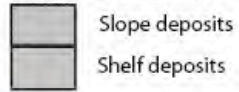
Other models proposed for the formation of the Amerasian Basin -none except the rotation model are viable for Alaska given the geologic and magnetic anomaly constraints

Rifting models for Amerasian Basin summarized by Lawver and Scotese (1990) with specific predictions for rift versus transform origin of margins and the geologic matches of margins. Base map IBCAO (2000)

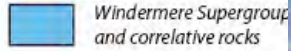




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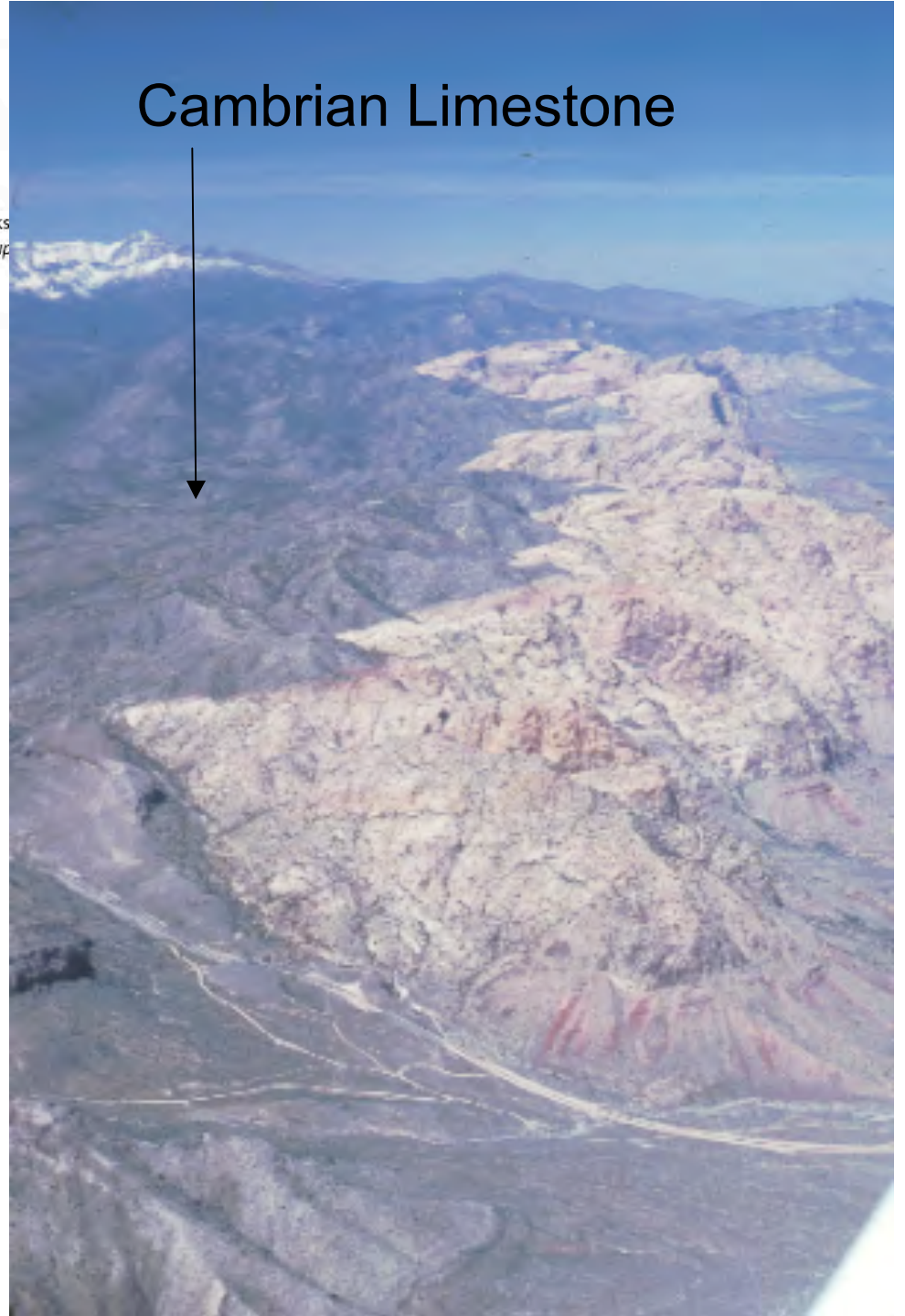
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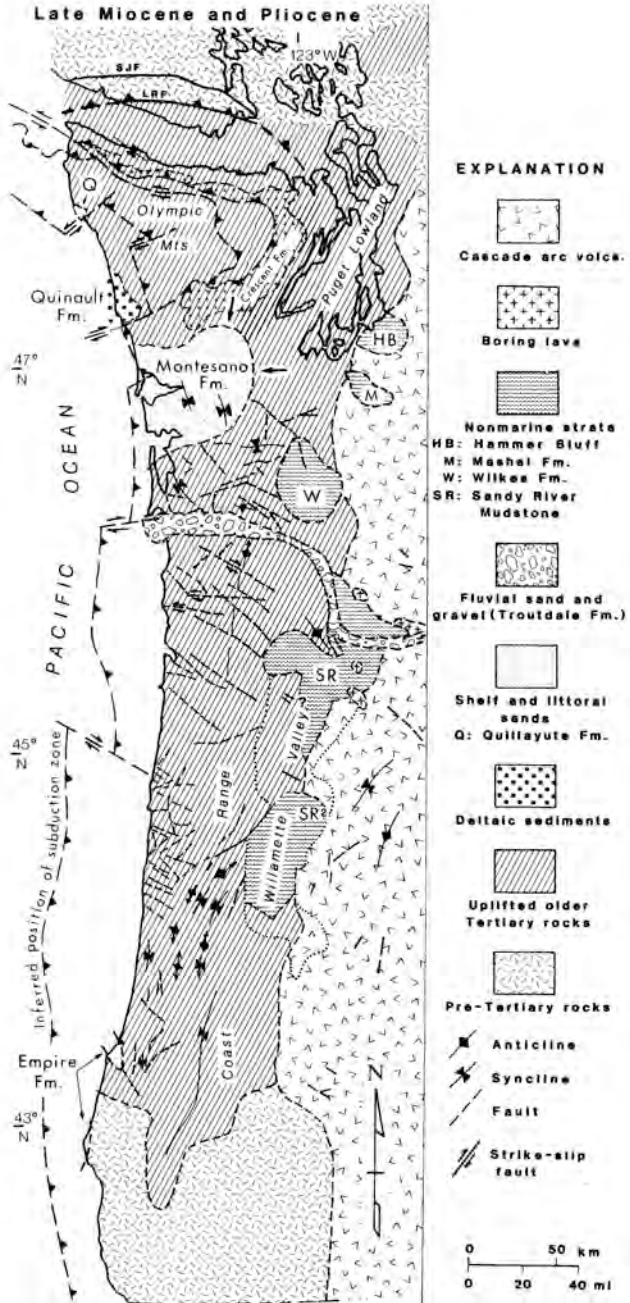
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Antler thrust belt

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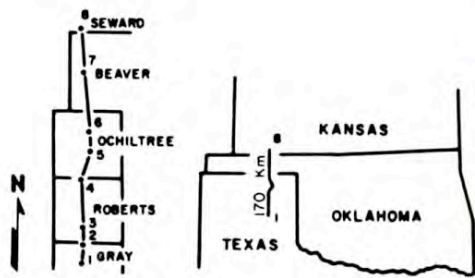
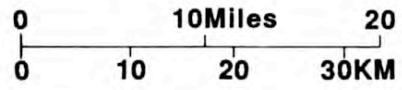
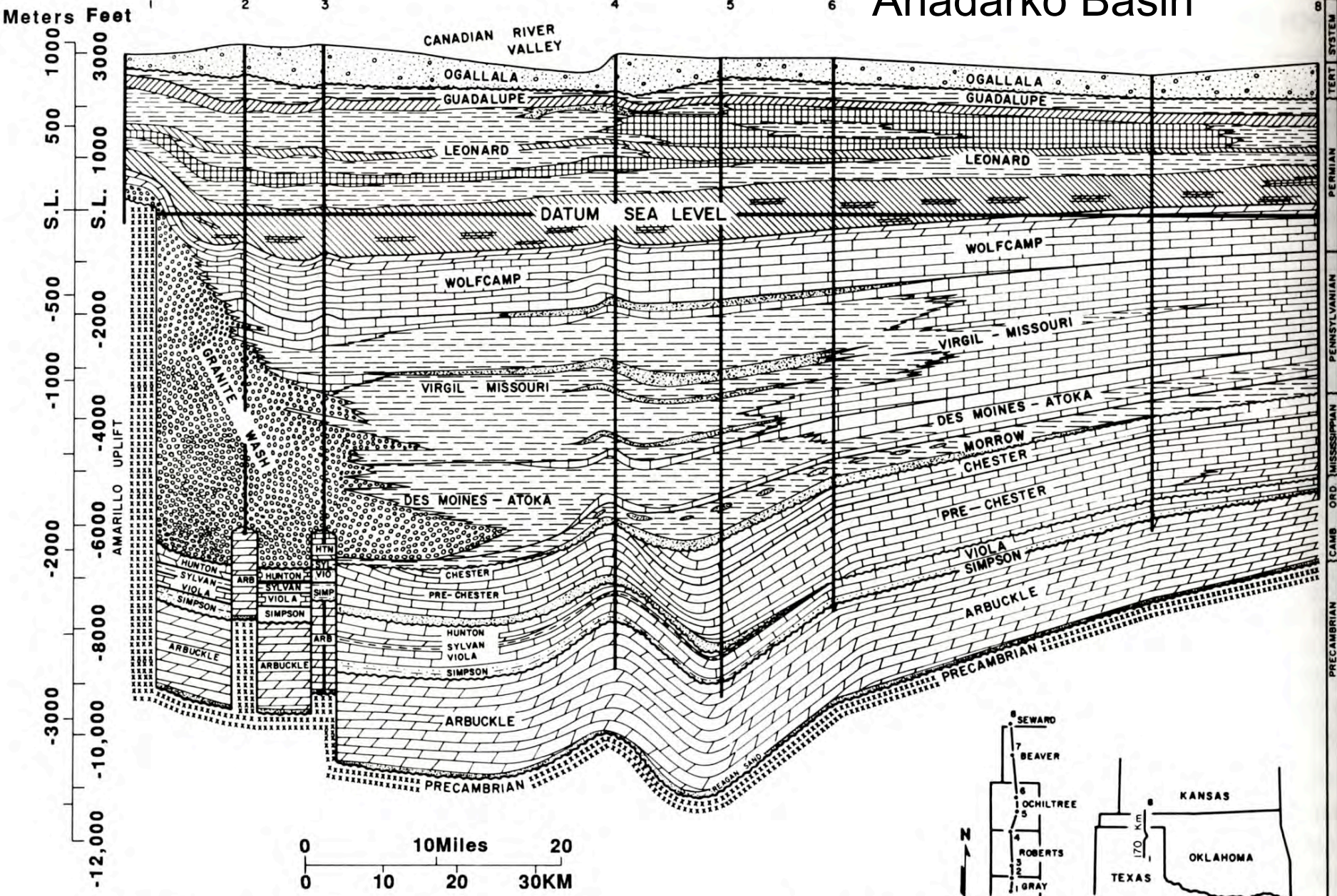


Cascade Fore-arc Basin



113 Puget Sound Washington

Anadarko Basin



- Limestone
- Dolomite
- Gypsum
- Anhydrite
- Salt
- Shale
- Sandstone
- Sandstone & Conglomerate
- Granite Wash
- Granite

8 TERT SYSTEM
PERMIAN
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Permian Basin: Guadalupe National Park Permian Reef

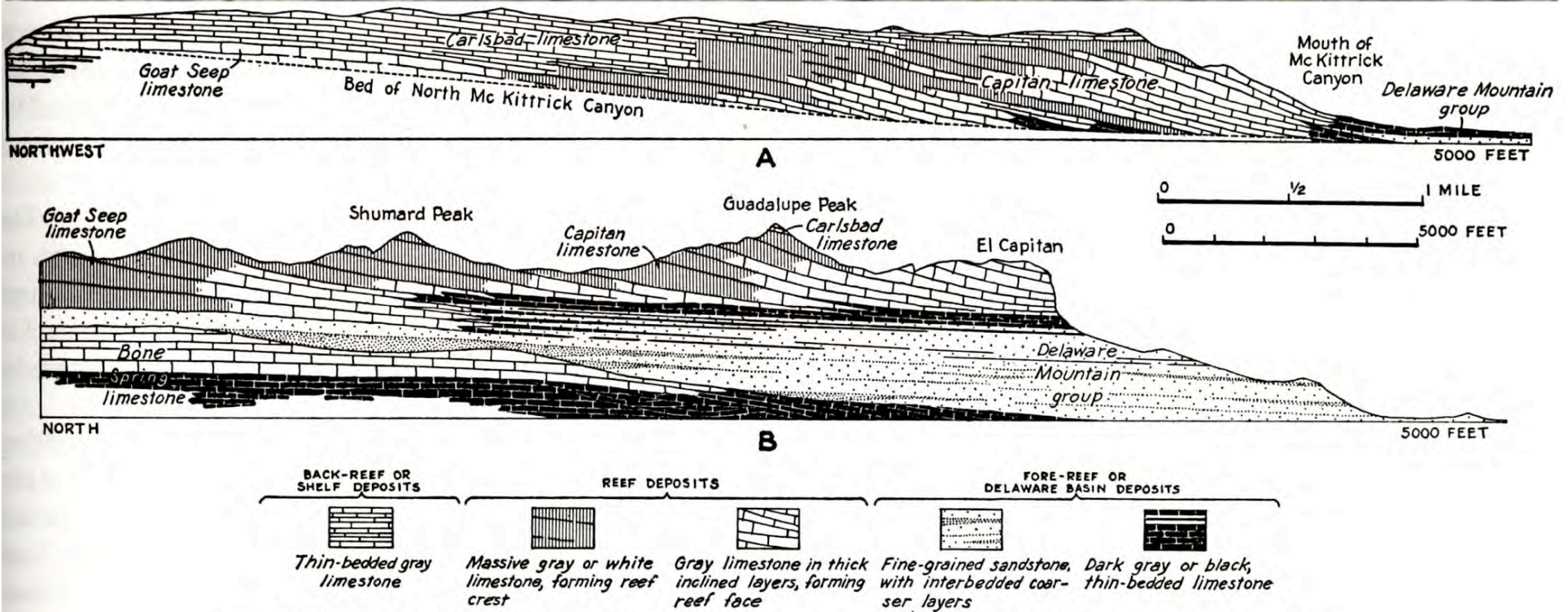
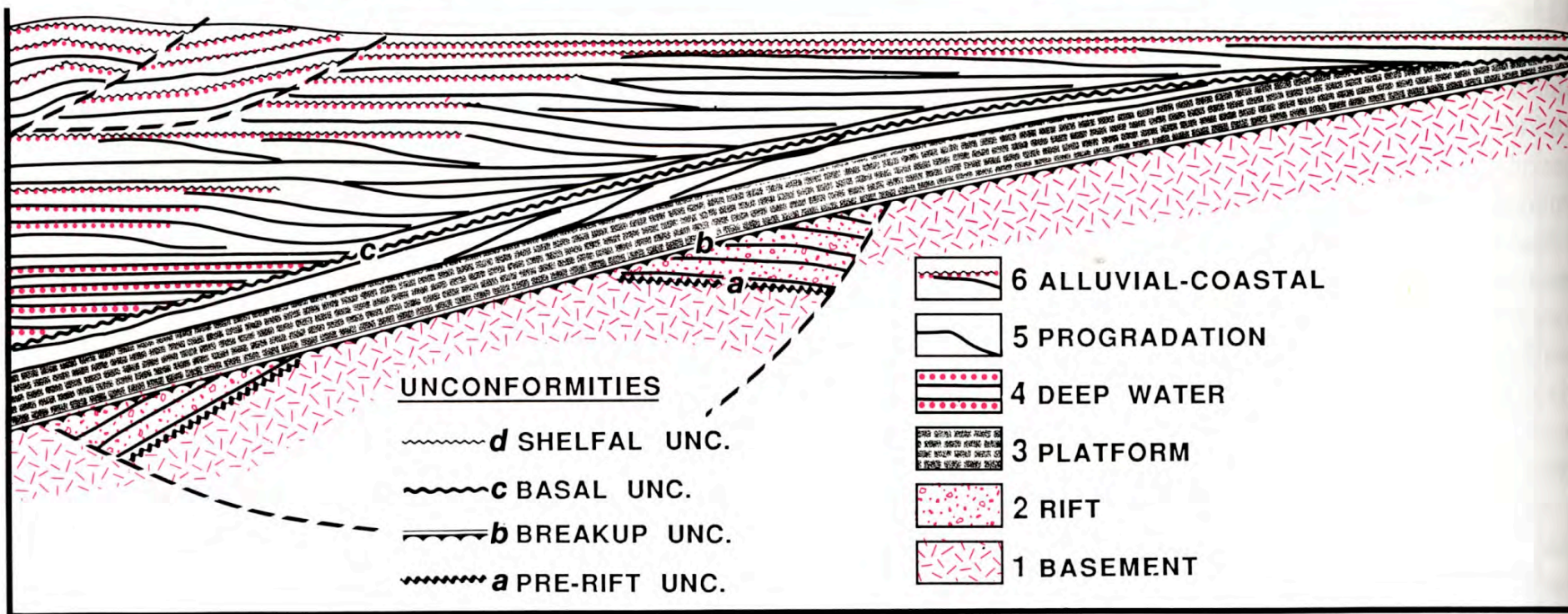


Figure 20. Permian reefs of the Guadalupe Mountains, west Texas. Section A, upper part of sections, Section B, lower part of succession (from King, 1948).

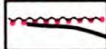





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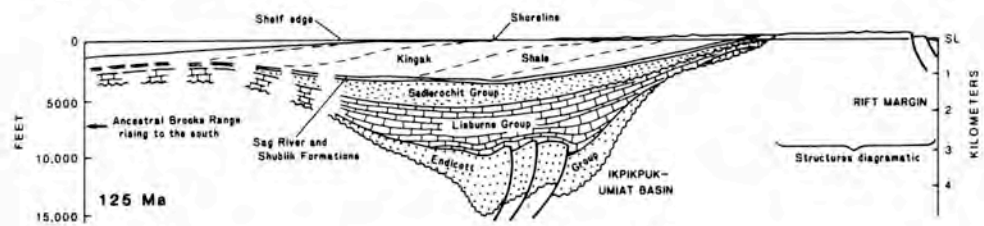
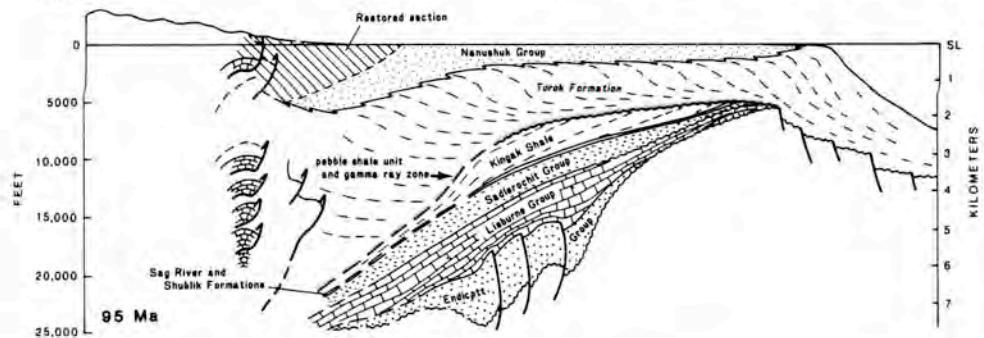
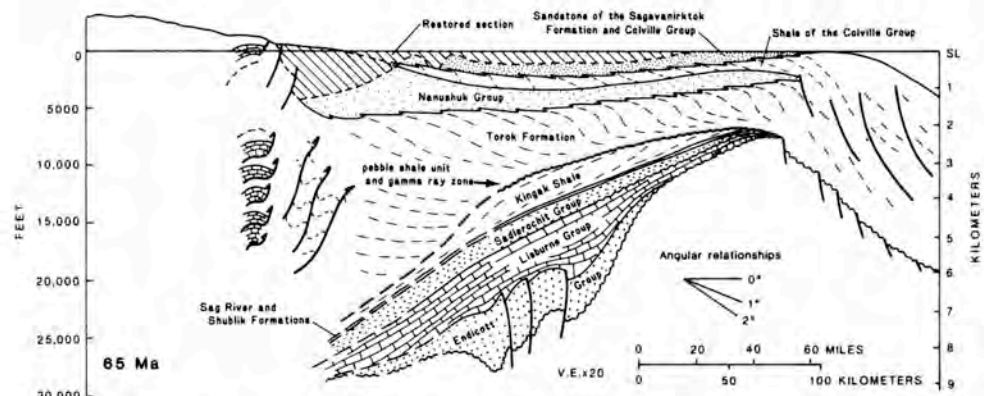
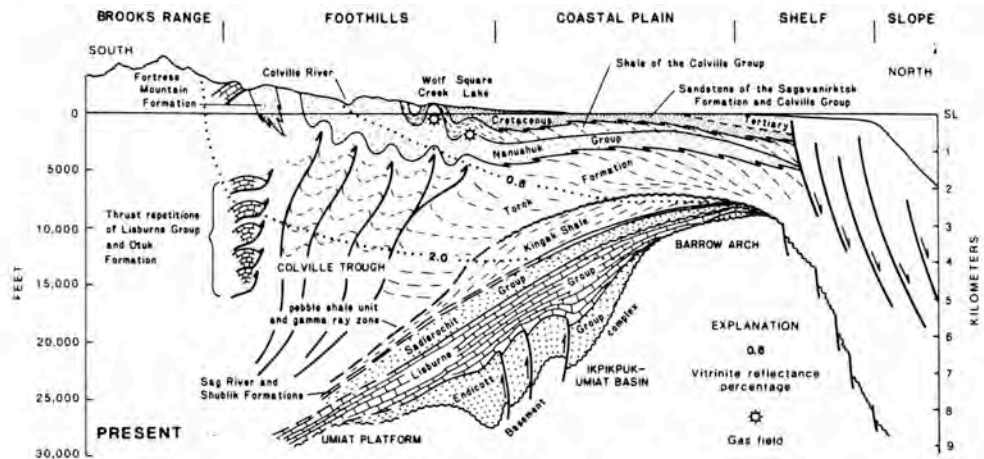
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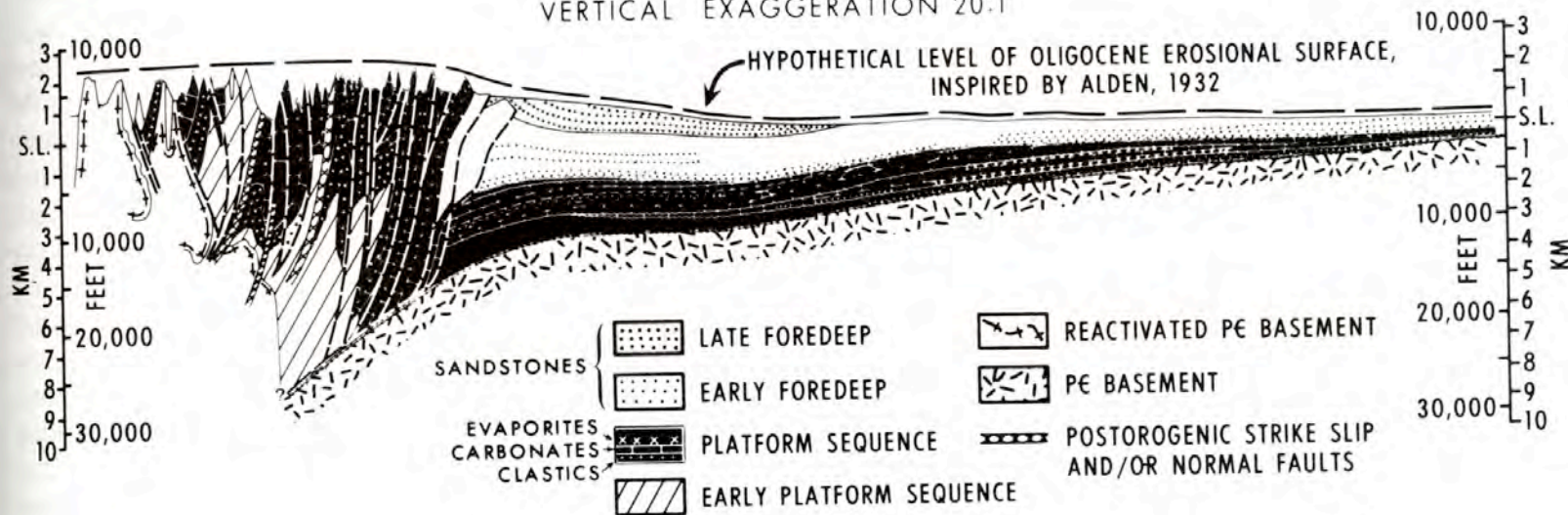
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- ~~~~~ **b** BREAKUP UNC.
- ~~~~~ **a** PRE-RIFT UNC.

-  **6 ALLUVIAL-COASTAL**
-  **5 PROGRADATION**
-  **4 DEEP WATER**
-  **3 PLATFORM**
-  **2 RIFT**
-  **1 BASEMENT**



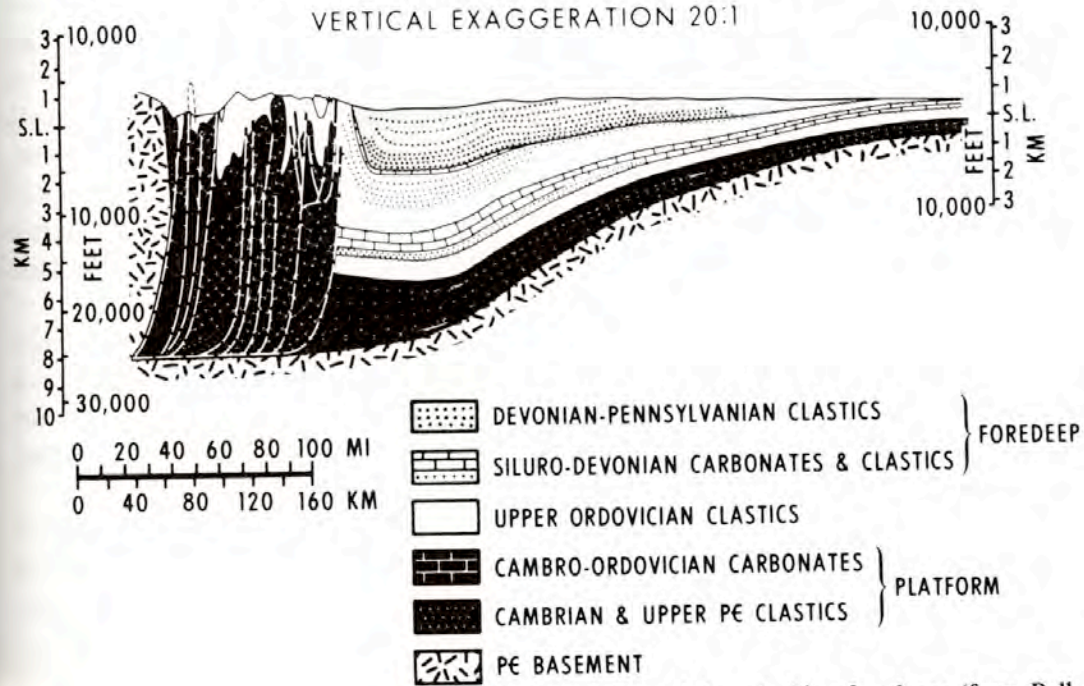
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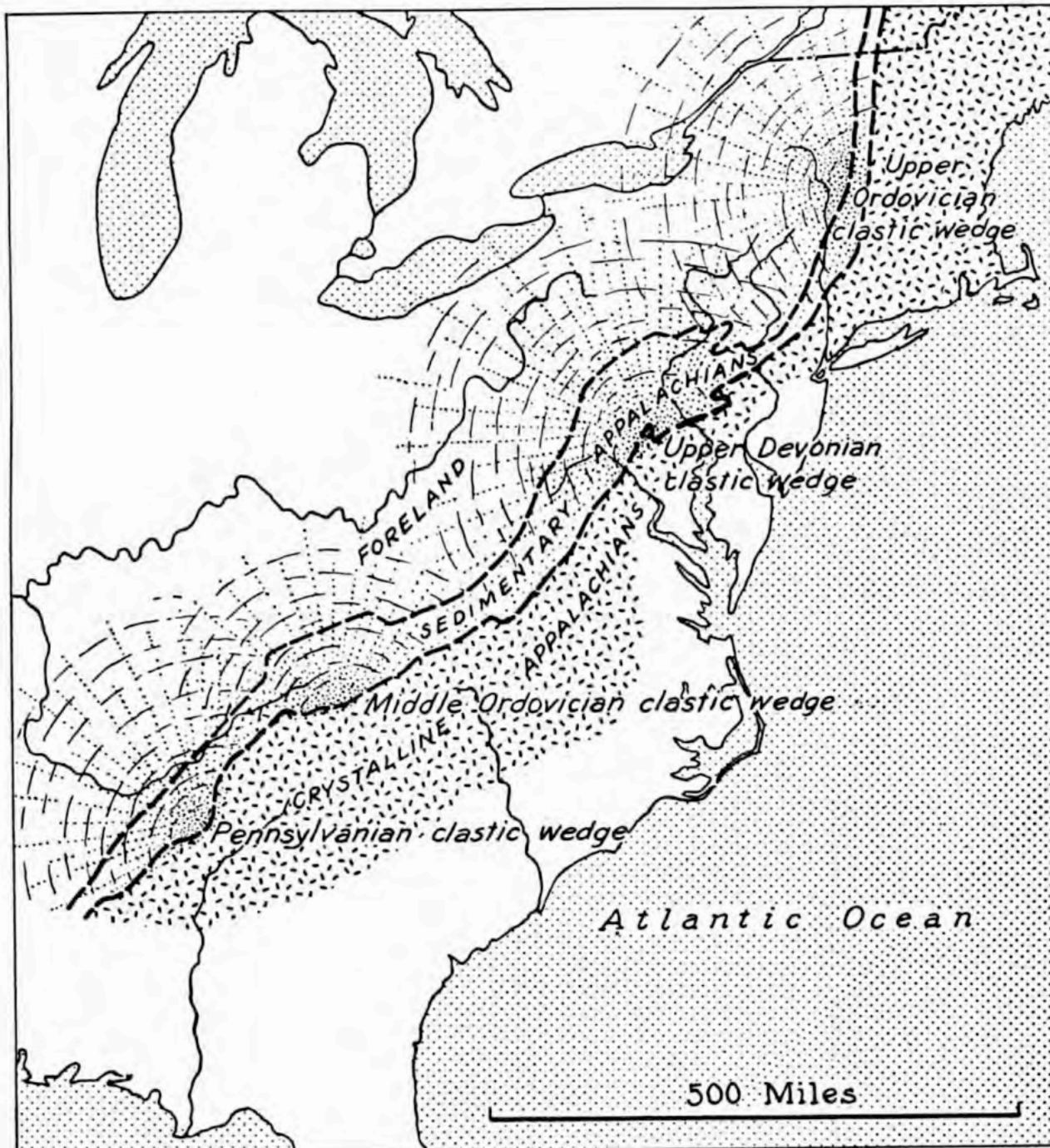


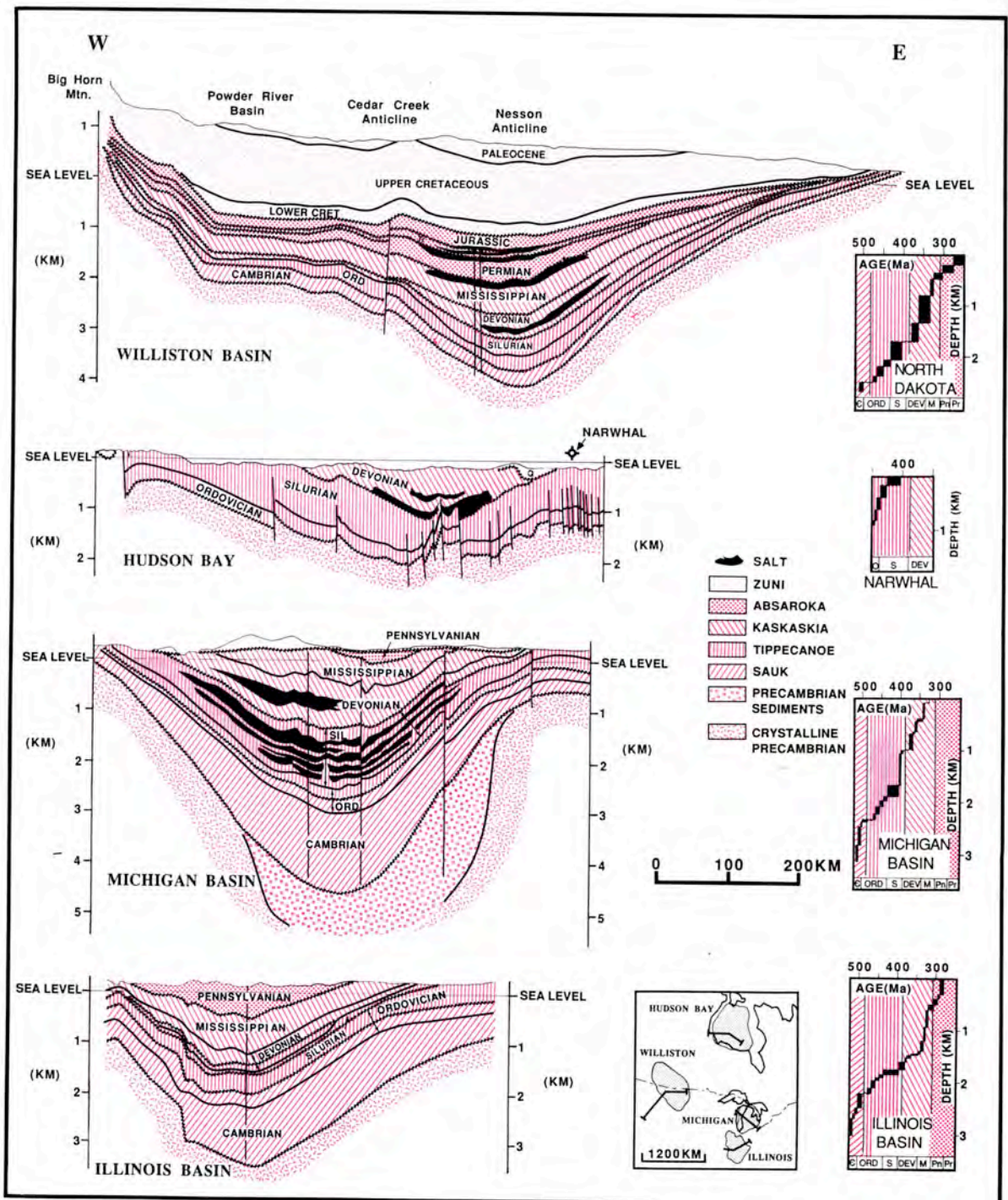
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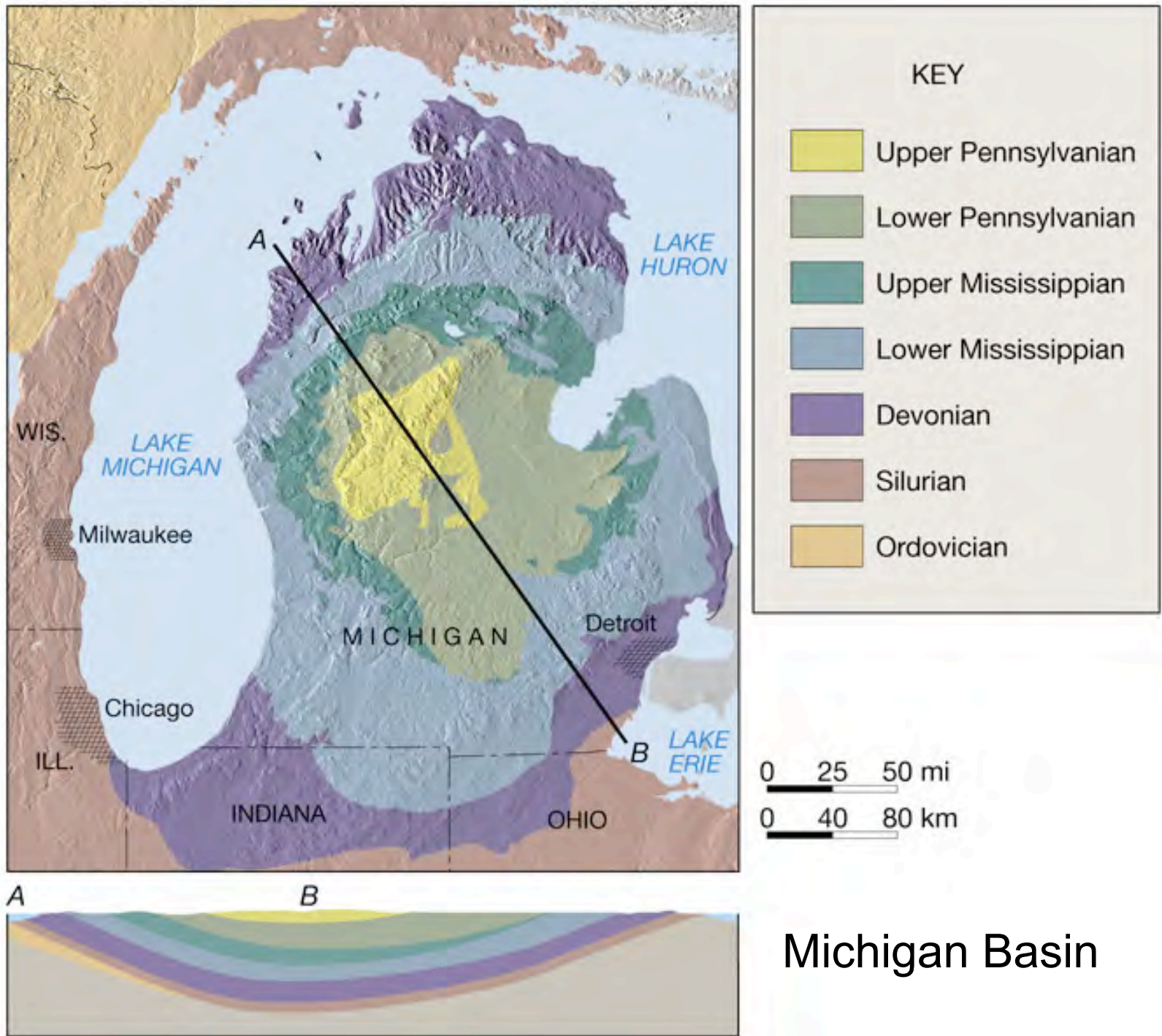
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Williston Basin: Paleocene Sentinel Butte Fm, Roosevelt NP North Dakota





Michigan Basin:
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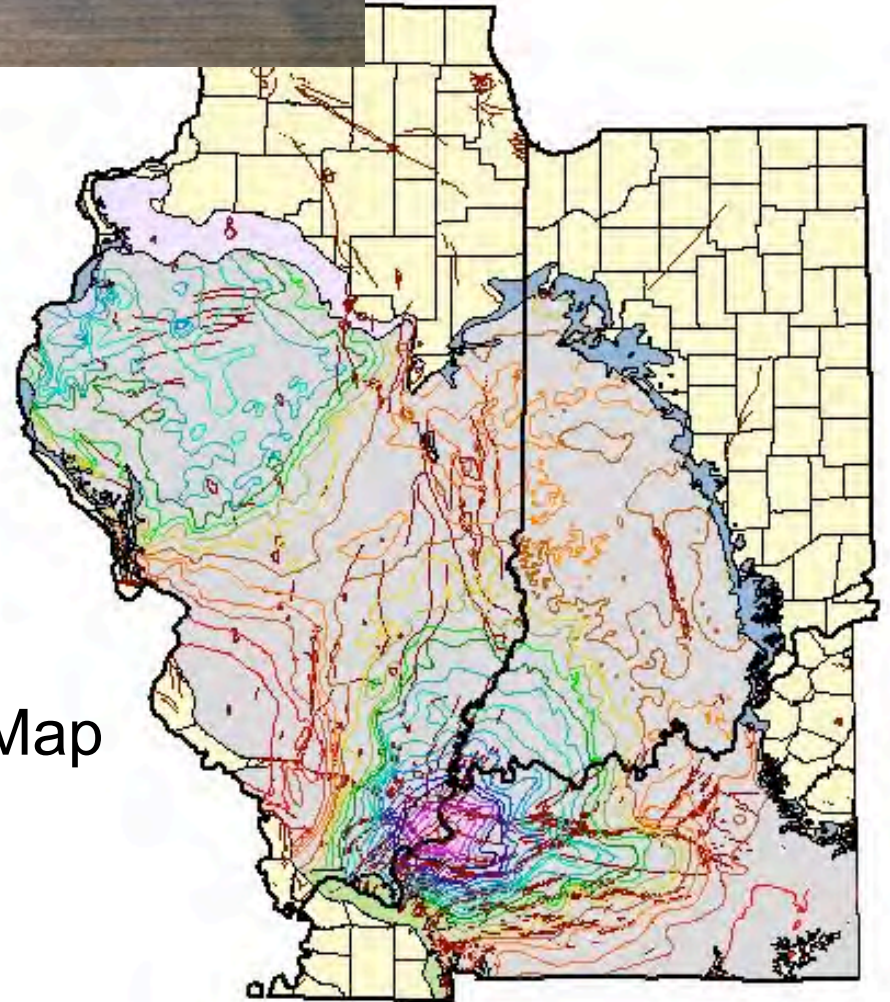




Patriot Coal Mine, Illinois Basin

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Albany Shale Map Illinois Basin



Hudson Bay Basin

Typical Muskeg Habitat

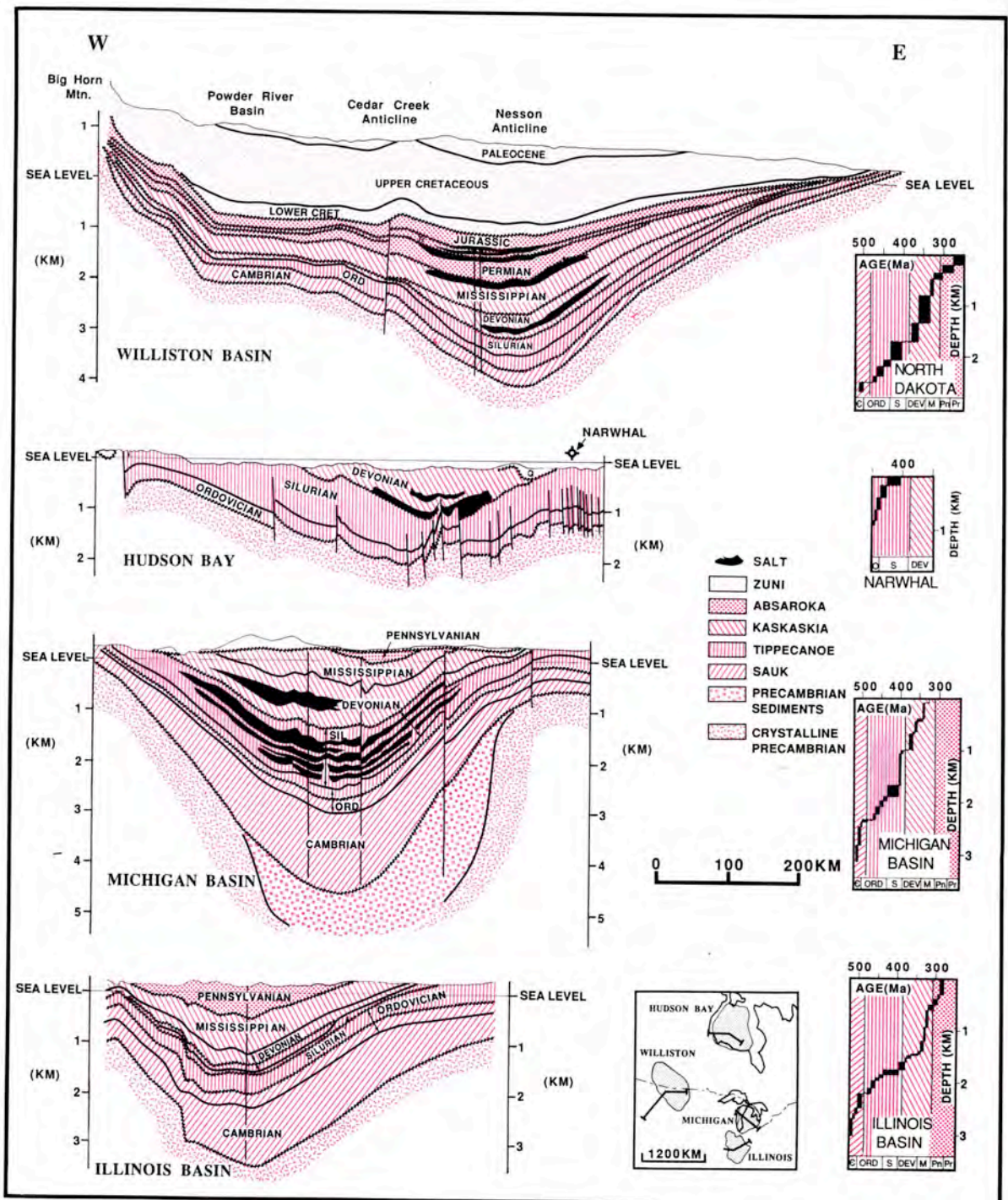


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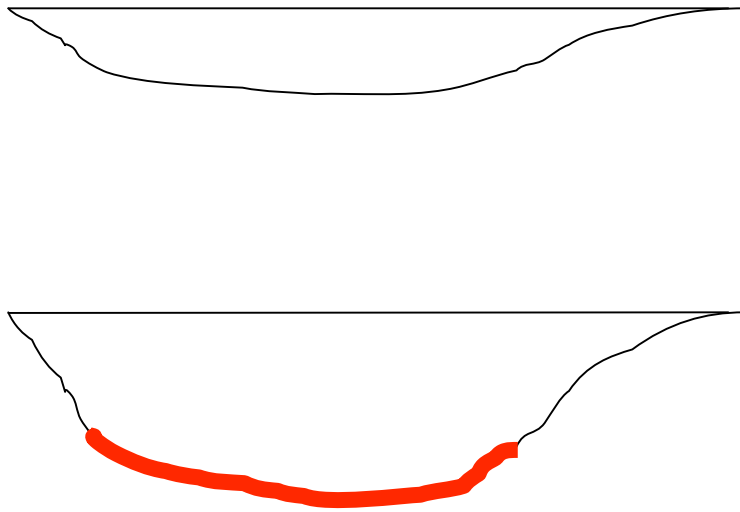
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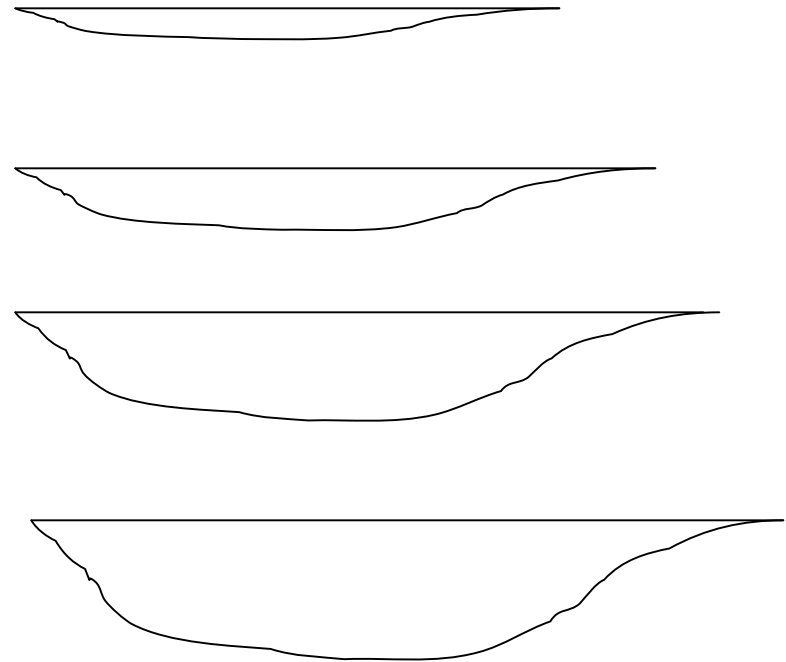


Two Models for Cratonic Basins

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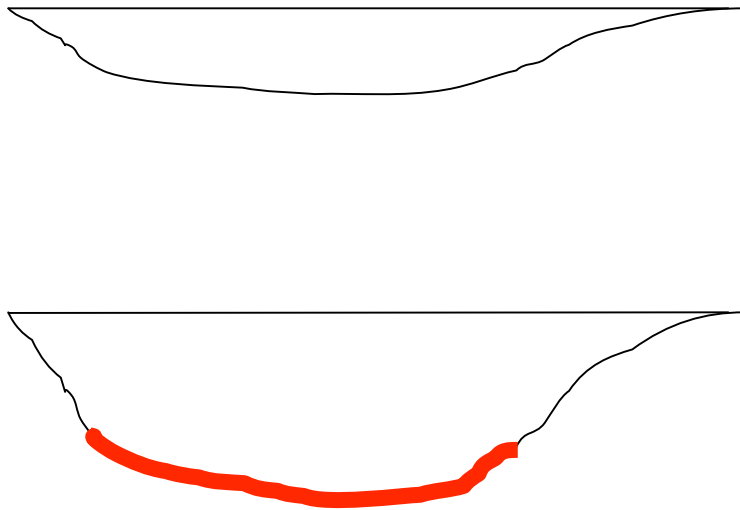


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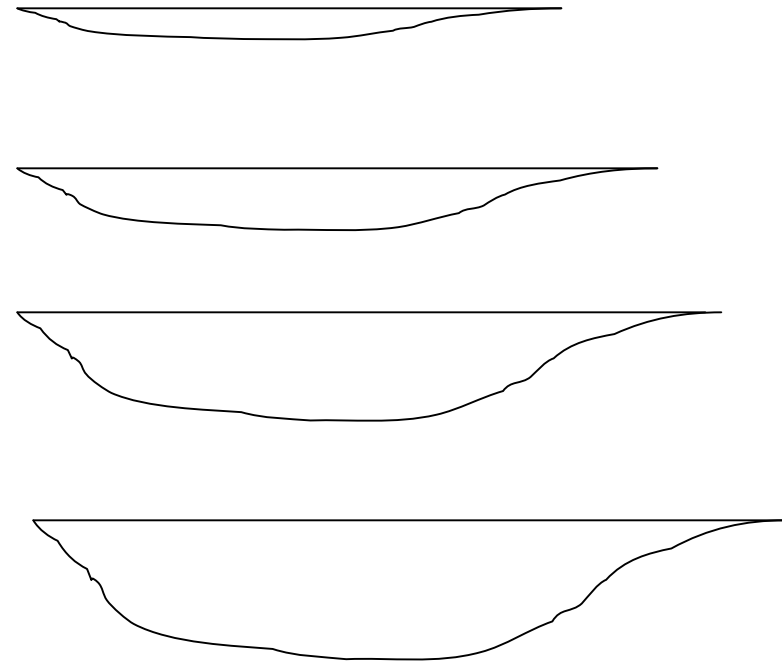


Two Models for Cratonic Basins: How do we test these models?

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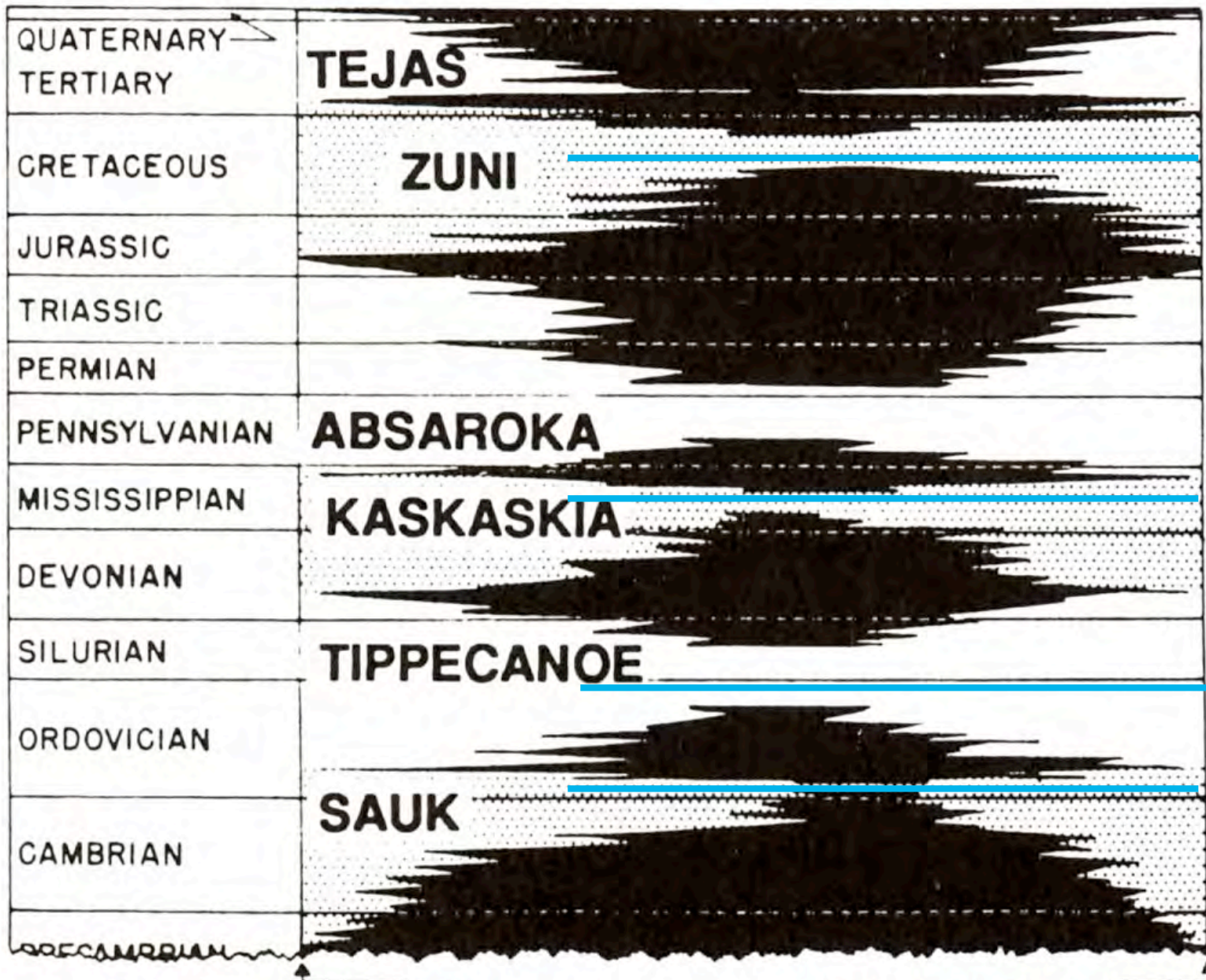
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There is nothing to image with seismic data: no faults.
The eclogite keel is too deep to reach by drilling.

Basin Models

- Rift basins: faulting in crust
- Fore-arc basins: slab rollback
- Back-arc basins: slab rollback
- Foredeep basins: response to thrust loads
- Craton basins
 - ?deep crustal faults-not imaged on seismic
 - ?elevated Moho, mantle dynamics-not imaged
 - ?cooling lithosphere anomaly-?what evidence

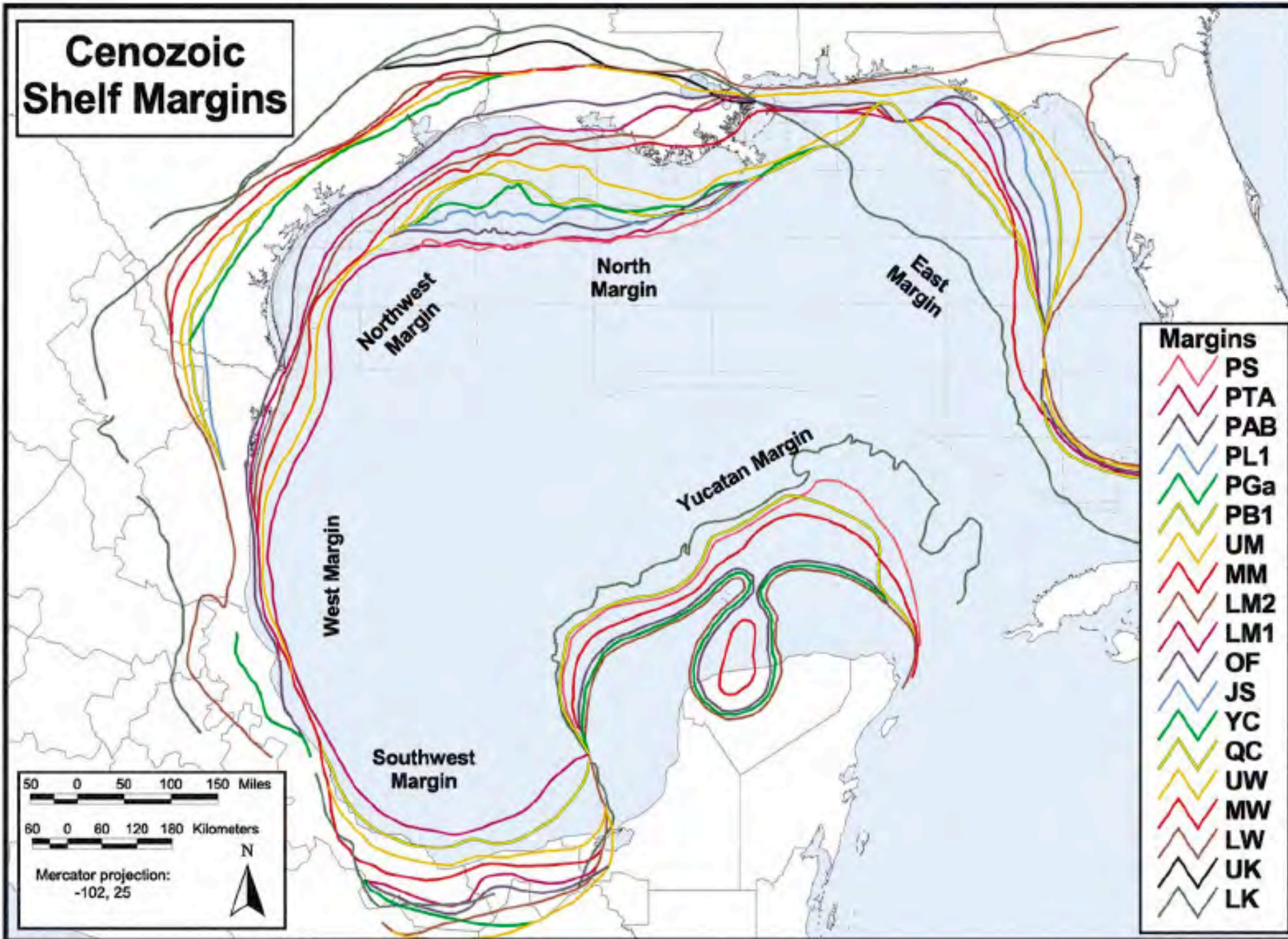


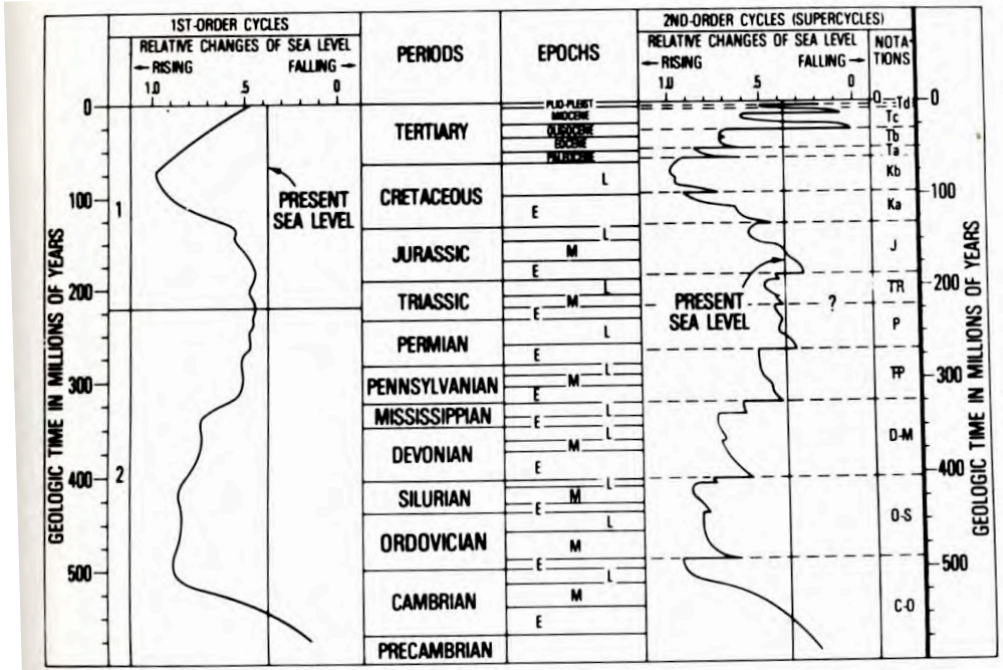
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Sloss
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Cenozoic Shelf Margins

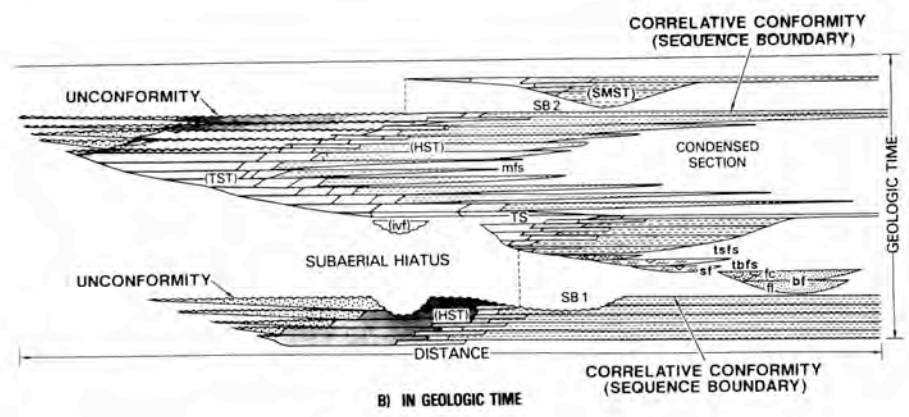
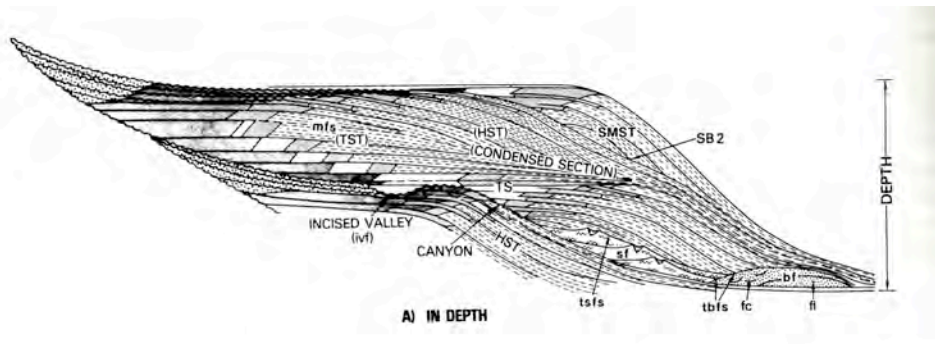




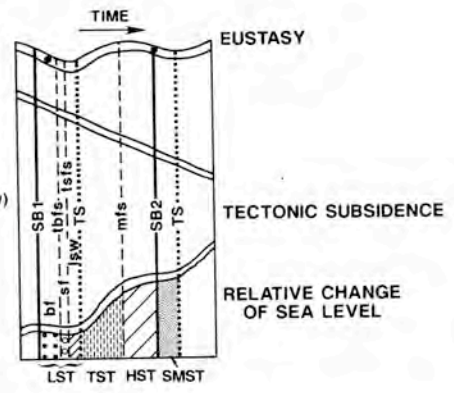
Vail et al 1977 sea level curve



Sloss 1963 Sequences



- LST** Lowstand Systems Tract (LST)
- Lowstand Basin Floor Fan (bf)
- Lowstand Slope Fan (sf)
- Lowstand Wedge-Prograding Complex (lsw)
- Transgressive Systems Tract (TST)
- Highstand Systems Tract (HST)
- Shelf Margin Systems Tract (SMST)



LEGEND

- ALLUVIAL
- COASTAL PLAIN
- ESTUARINE/FLUVIAL
- SHOREFACE/DELTAIC SANDS
- MARINE SILT, MUDSTONE
- MARINE SHALE
- DEEP-WATER SANDS

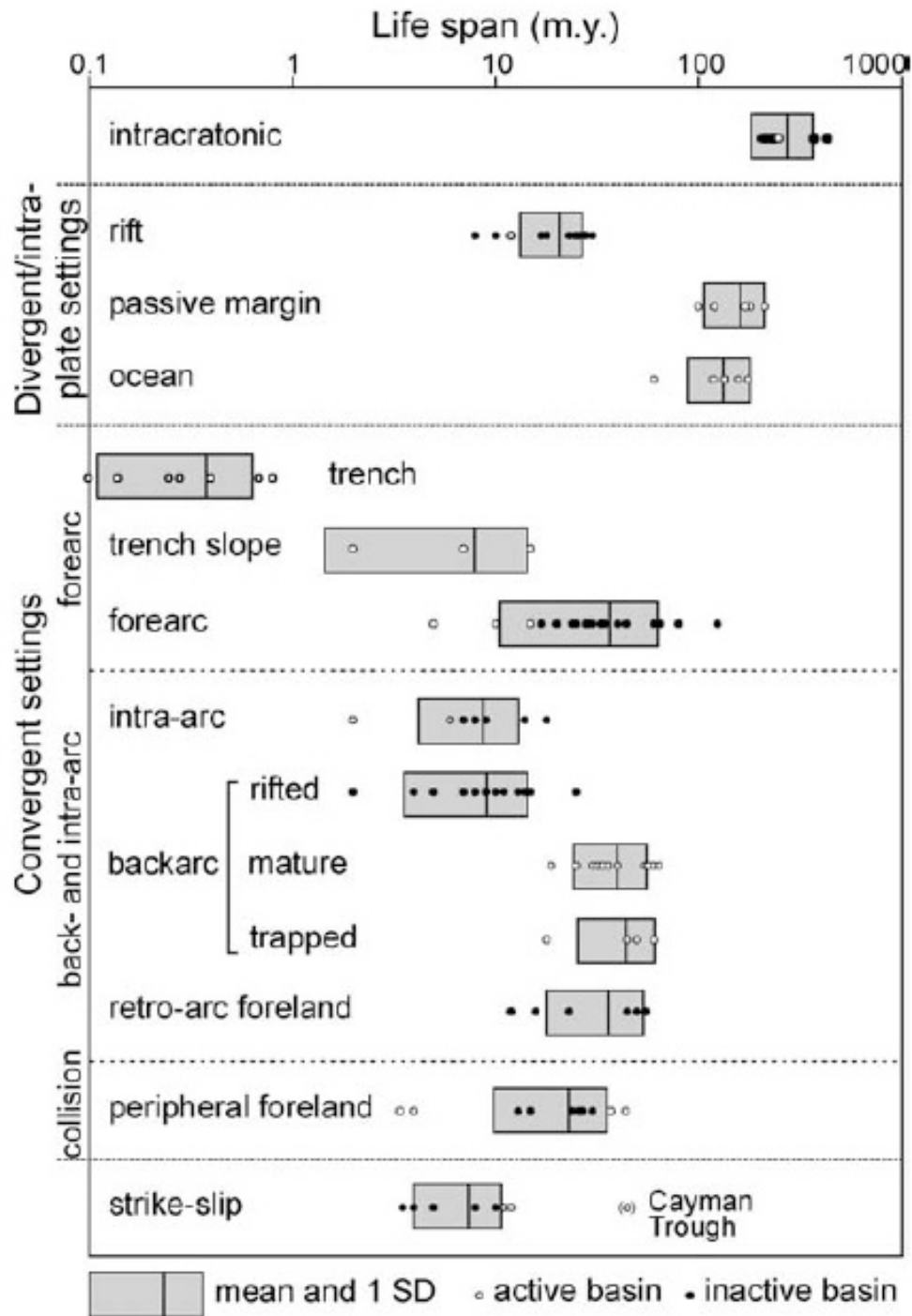
ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Stable Continental Platforms
2. First and Second Order Cycles
represent changes sea floor spreading
rate
3. Rapid sea floor spreading reduces
ocean basin volume, displacing sea
water onto shelves

PROBLEMS WITH EUSTACY:

1. Continental Platforms Do Not Appear to be Stable in simulations of mantle flow
2. First and Second Order Cycles may represent changes in dynamic topography as well as changes in sea floor spreading.
3. “Say Goodby to Global Eustacy”-Jerry Mitrovica, AGU Fall Meeting 2008

http://www.agu.org/meetings/fm09/lectures/lecture_videos/T34A.shtml



The Lifespan Of Sedimentary Basin

Woodcock 2005

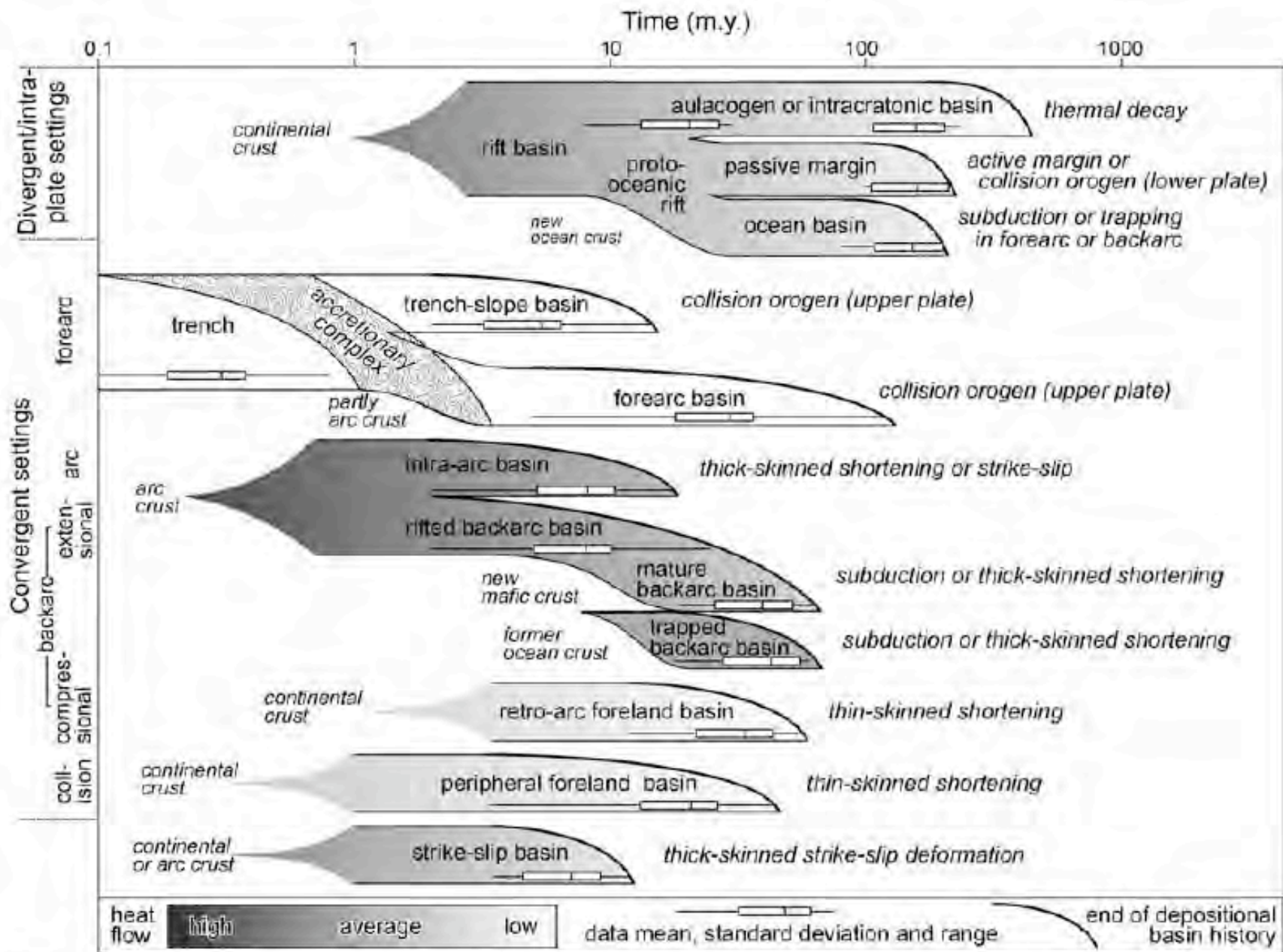


Figure 2. Typical fates of different classes of sedimentary basin through time, plotted on logarithmic scale. Small Italics show basement to each class. Large Italics show deformational or thermal consequent fates of each class. Estimates of basin heat flow are from compilation by Allen and Allen (1990).

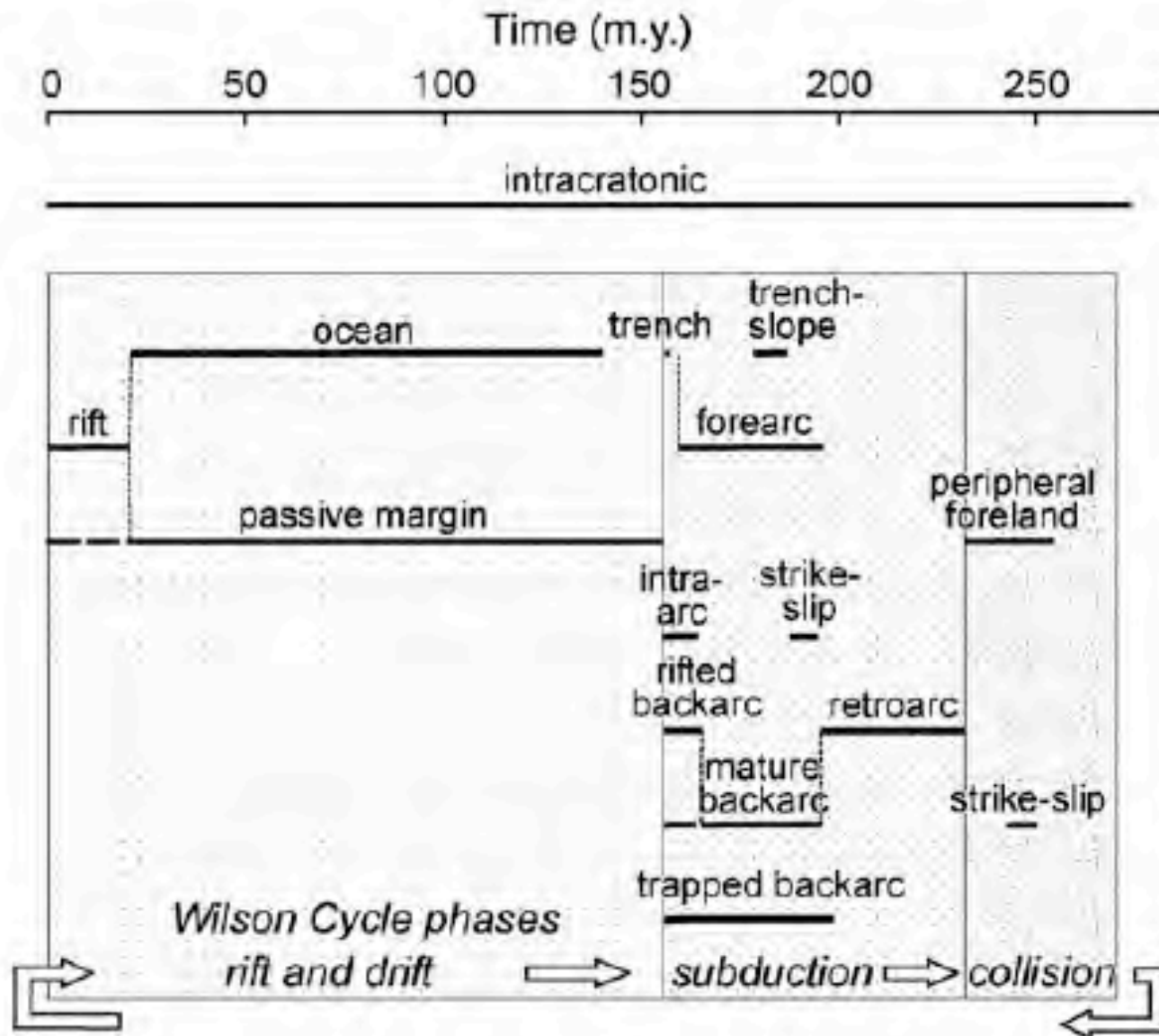
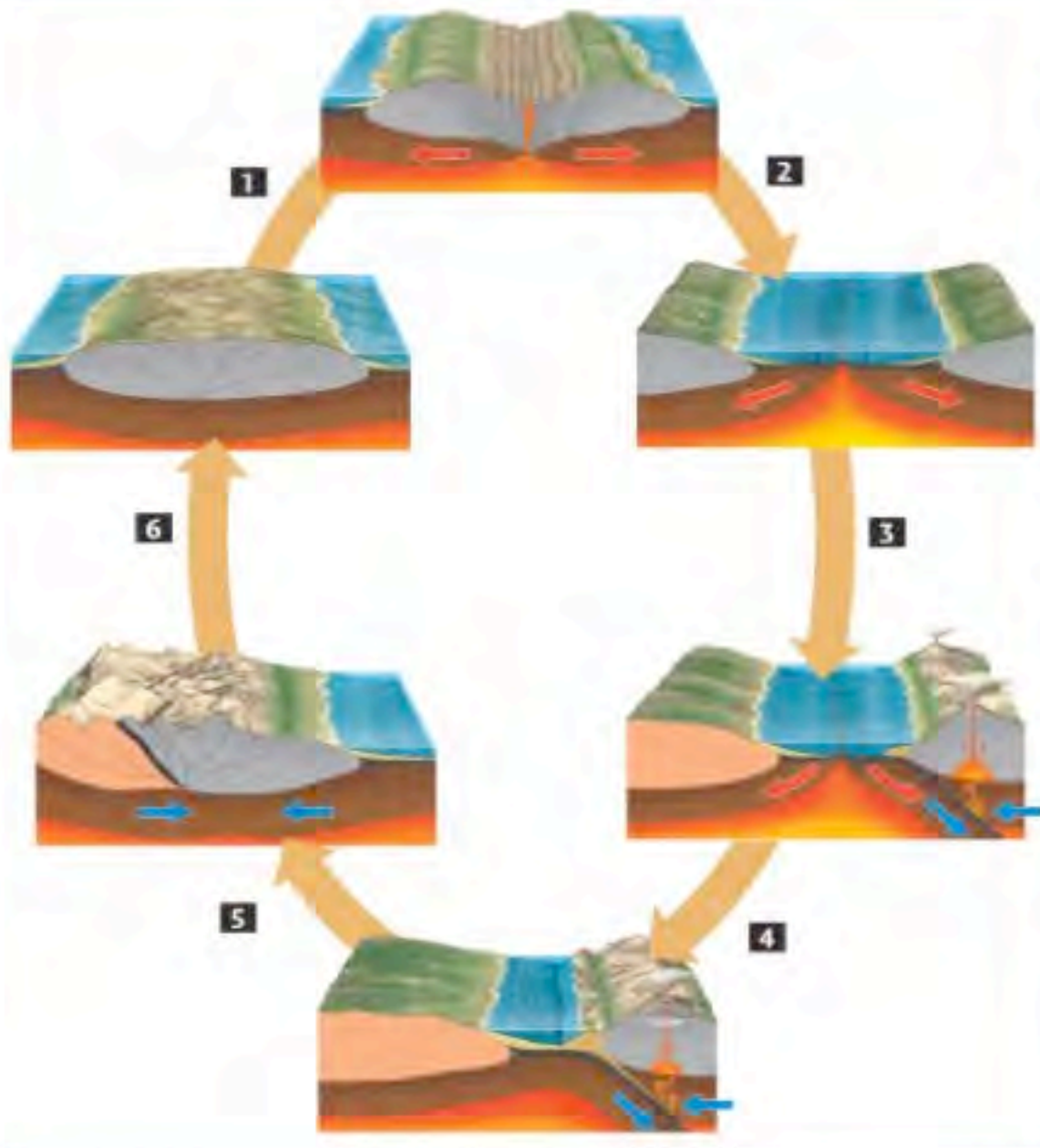


Figure 3. Average life span of basin classes used to calibrate Wilson Cycle of ocean opening and closing. Note linear time scale. Dashed lines are sequential links between basin classes that help to constrain lengths of cycle phases.

Wilson cycle

1. A continent rifts when it breaks up



2. As spreading continues an ocean opens, passive margin cools and sediments accumulate

3. Convergence begins; an oceanic plate subducts, creating a volcanic chain at an active margin

4. Terrain accretion-from the sedimentary wedge welds material to the continent

6. The continent erodes, thinning the crust

5. As two continents collide orogeny thickens the crust and building mountains

