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**THE CONTRIBUTE OF REGIONAL GEOLOGY:  
FOSSIL VS. ACTIVE GEOTHERMAL SYSTEMS  
IN SOUTHERN TUSCANY**

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# FIELD GEOLOGY

methodology

integration of data

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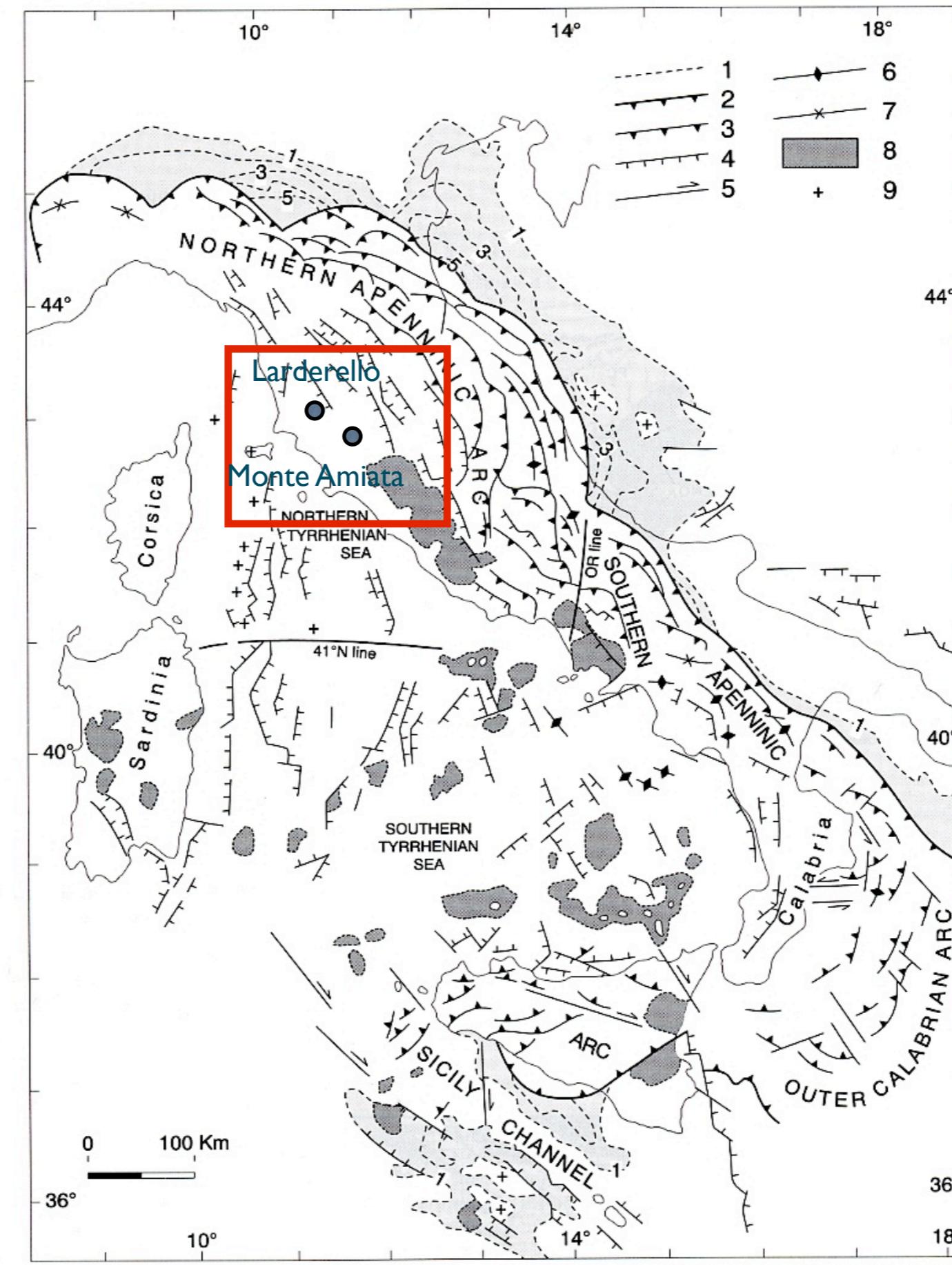
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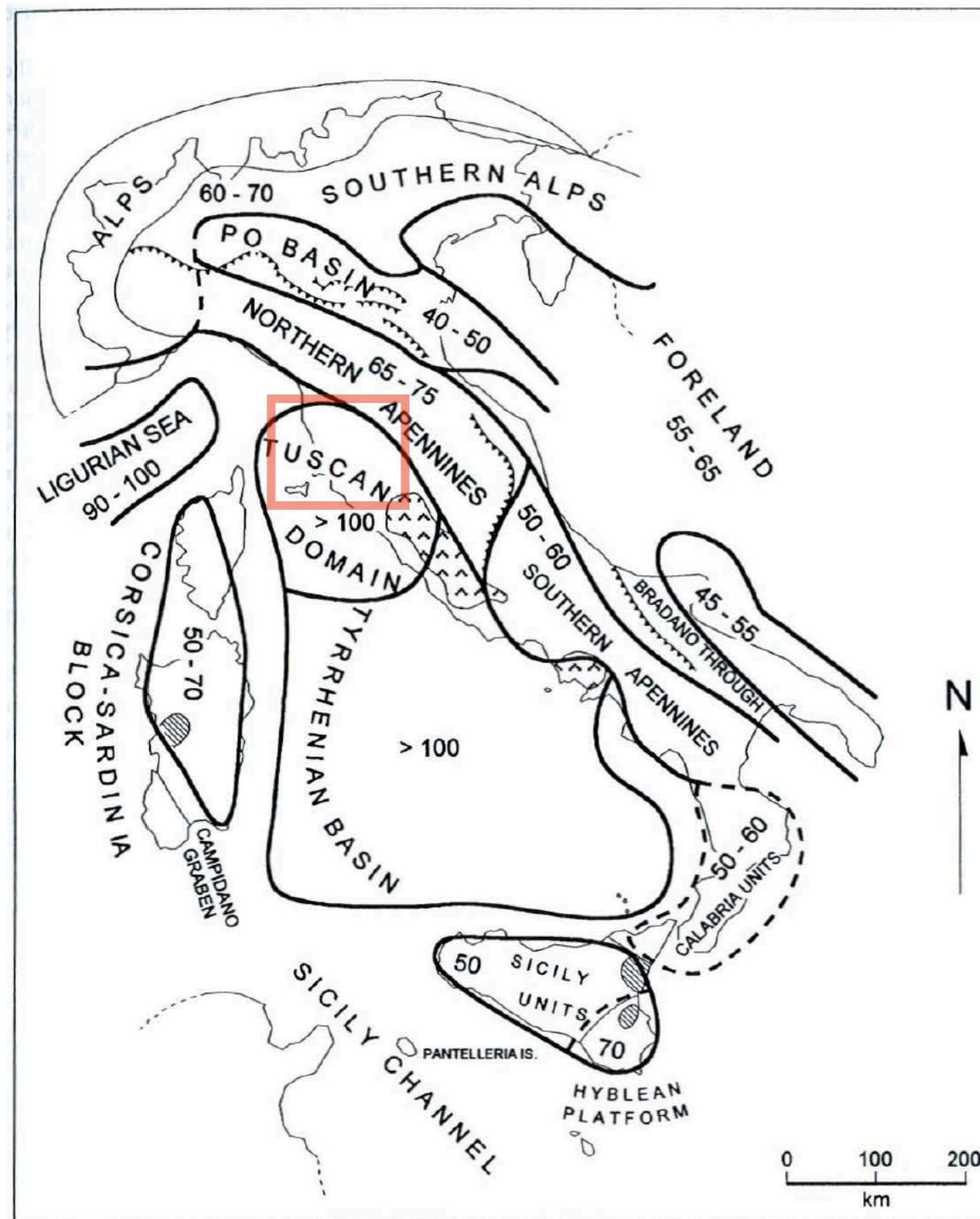
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structures*

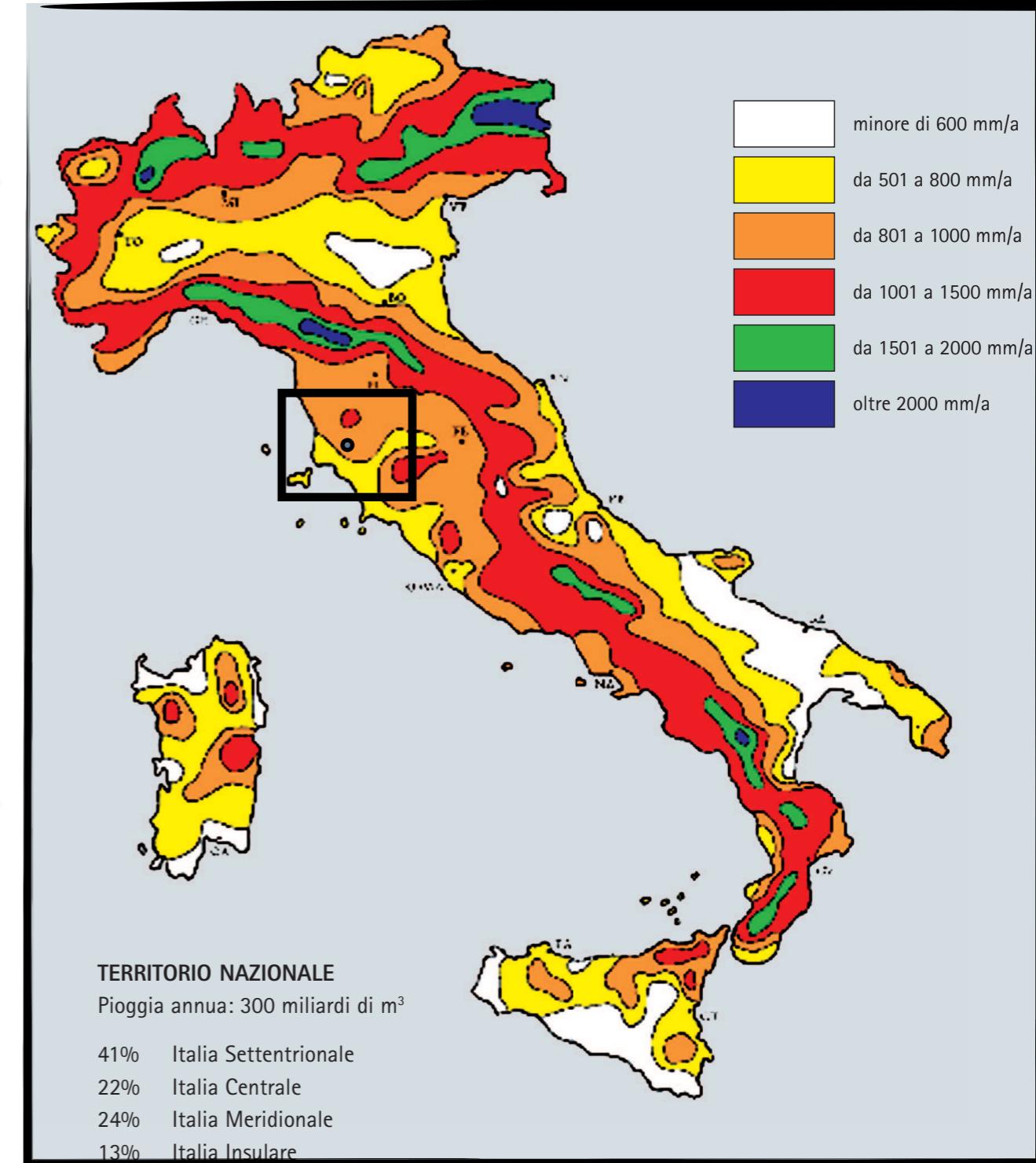
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## heat flow map ( $\text{mW/m}^2$ )



## average annual rainfall



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paleogeography*

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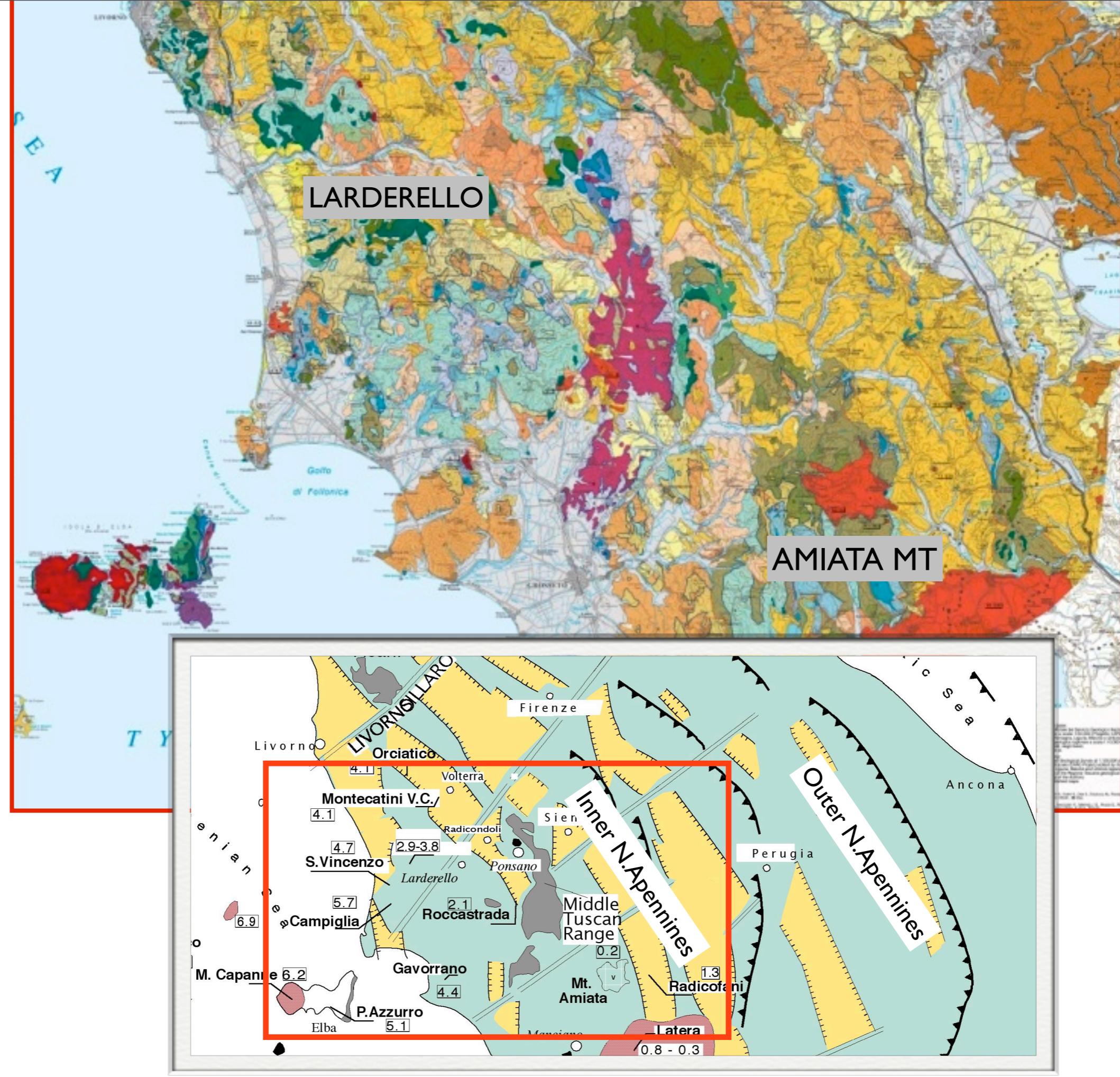
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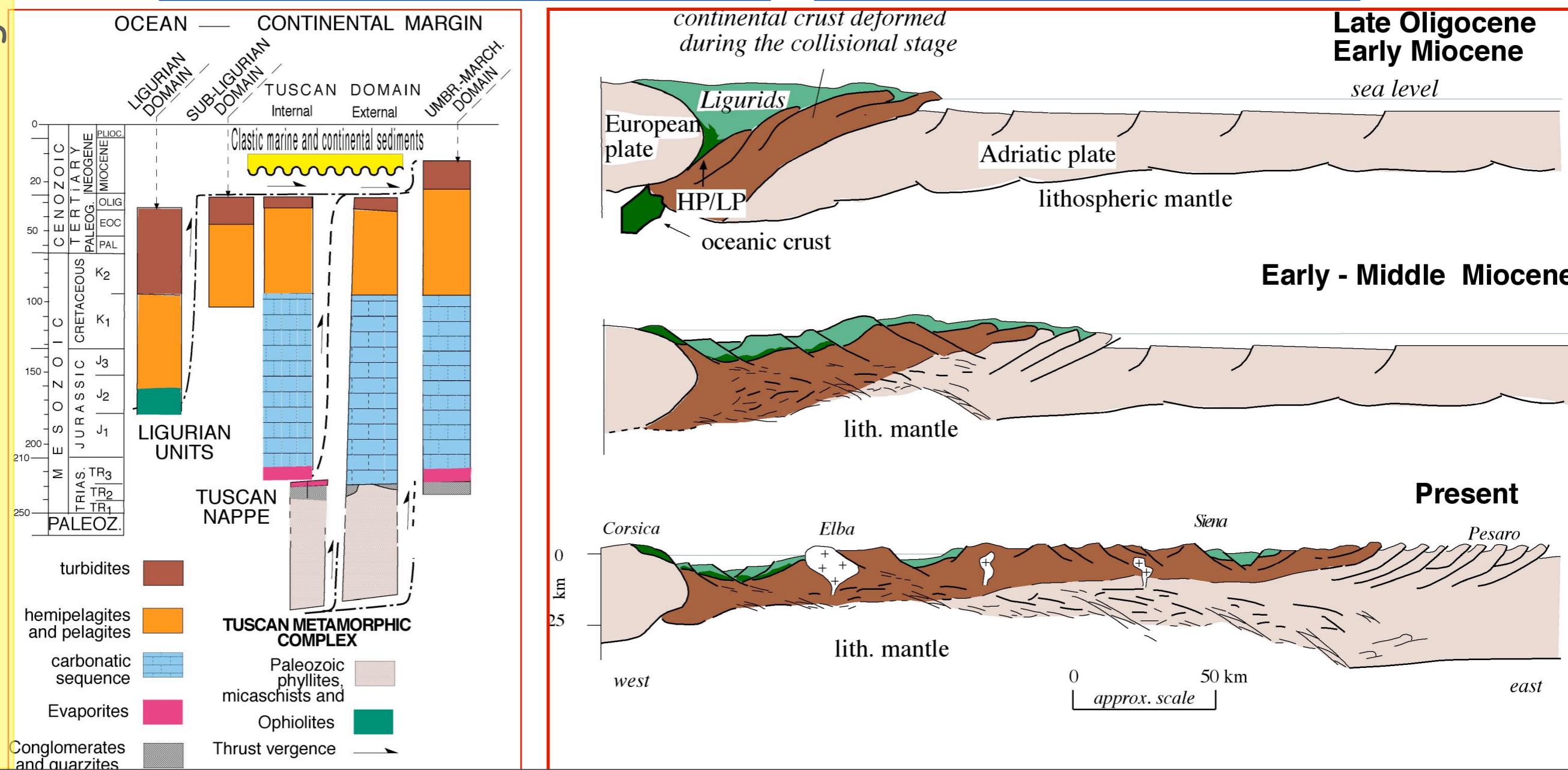
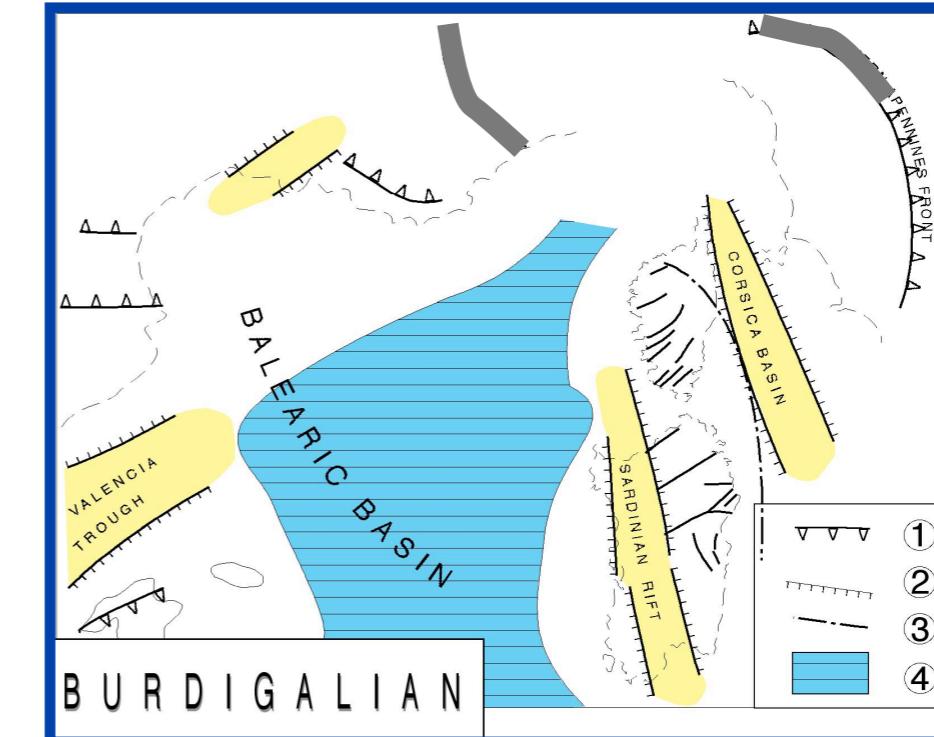
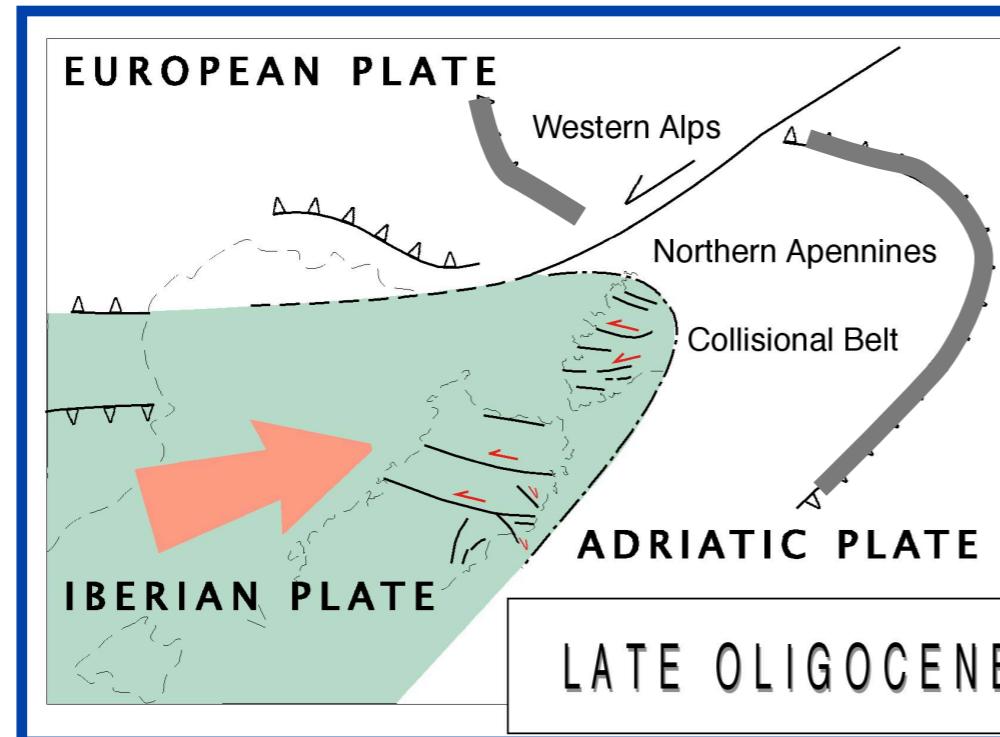
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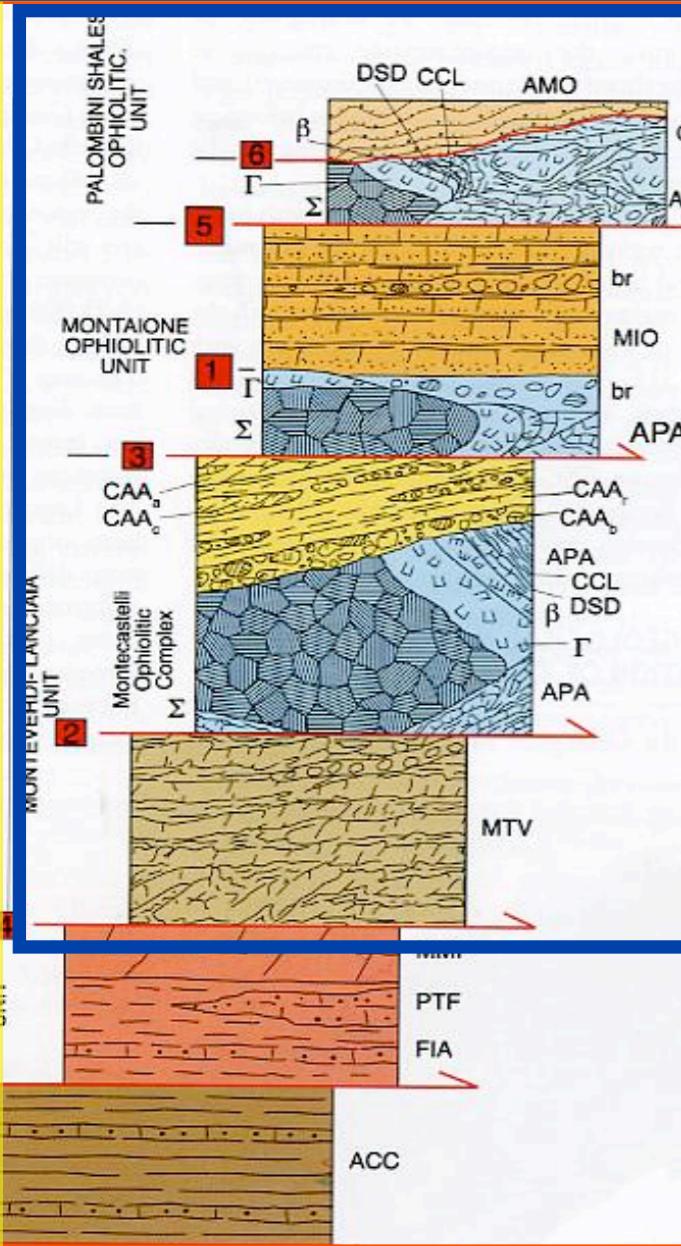
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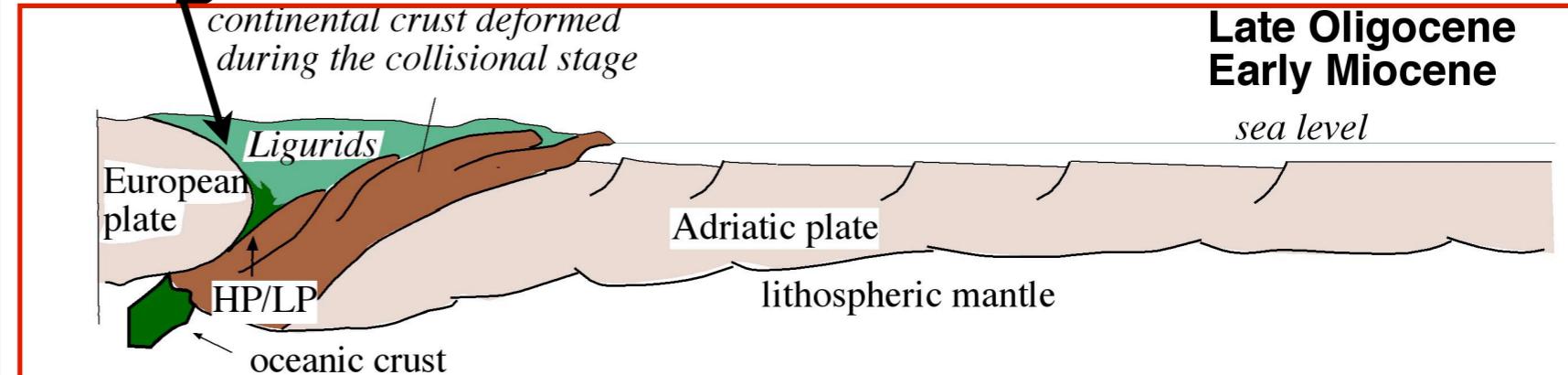
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# Oceanic crust - Ligurian Domain

COLLISION



**magmatic rocks  
and related  
sedimentary  
cover  
Jurassic - Cretaceous**

## LIGURIAN UNITS



**Unità Montevertdei-Lanciaia:  
F. di Lanciaia**  
Early- Middle Eocene



**F. delle Argille a Palombini**  
Aptian -Cenomanian

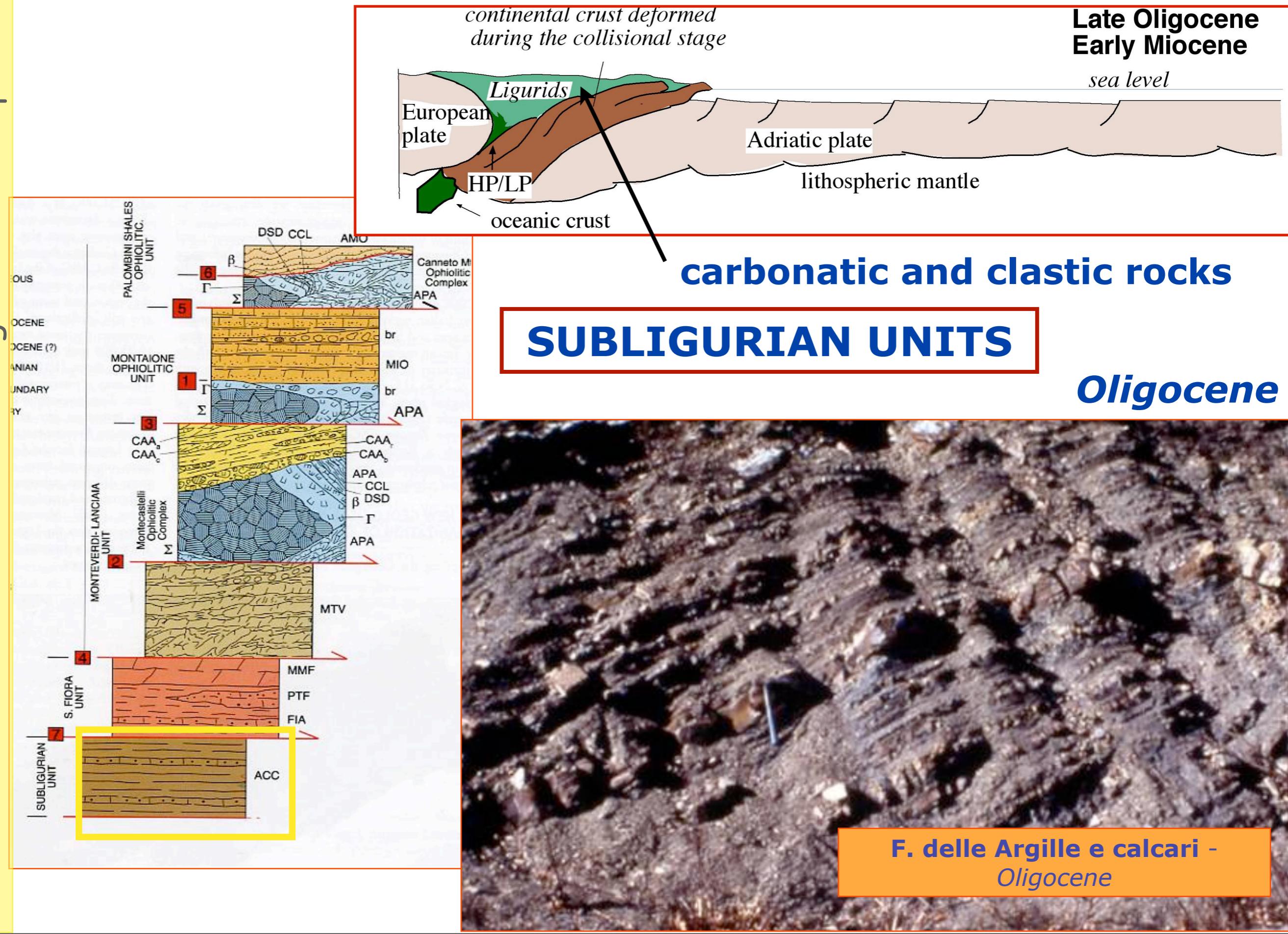


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Campanian - Maastrichtian

# TRANSITIONAL CRUST - Subligurian Domain

COLLISION

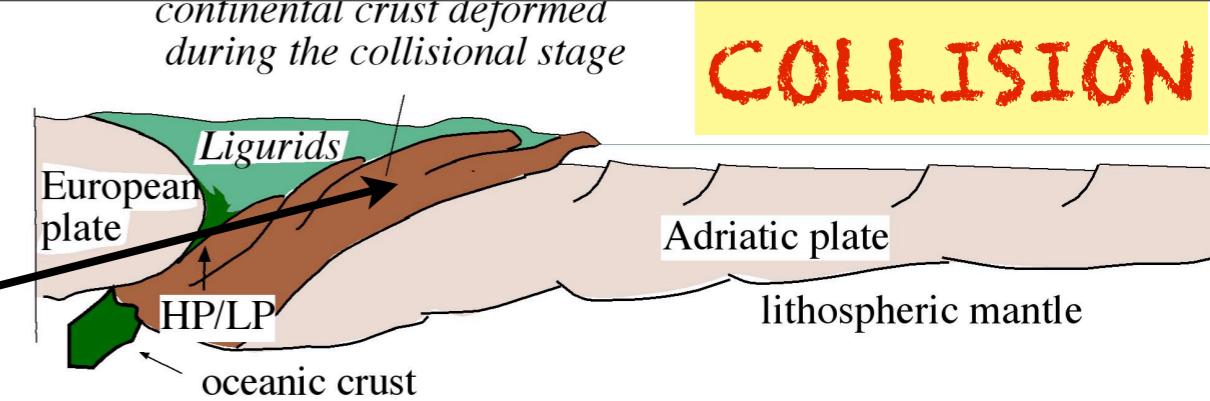
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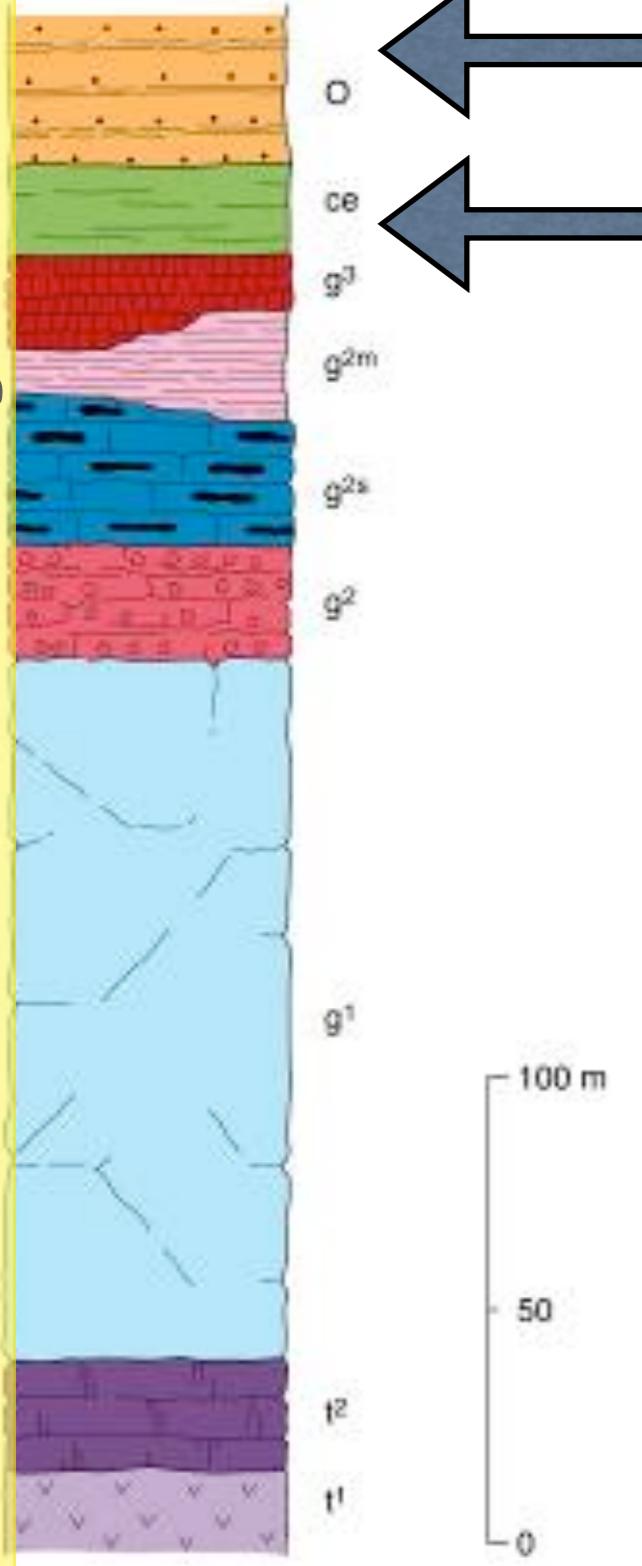
# CONTINENTAL CRUST - Tuscan Domain inner Tuscan Domain

continental crust deformed  
during the collisional stage

**COLLISION**



## TUSCAN NAPPE

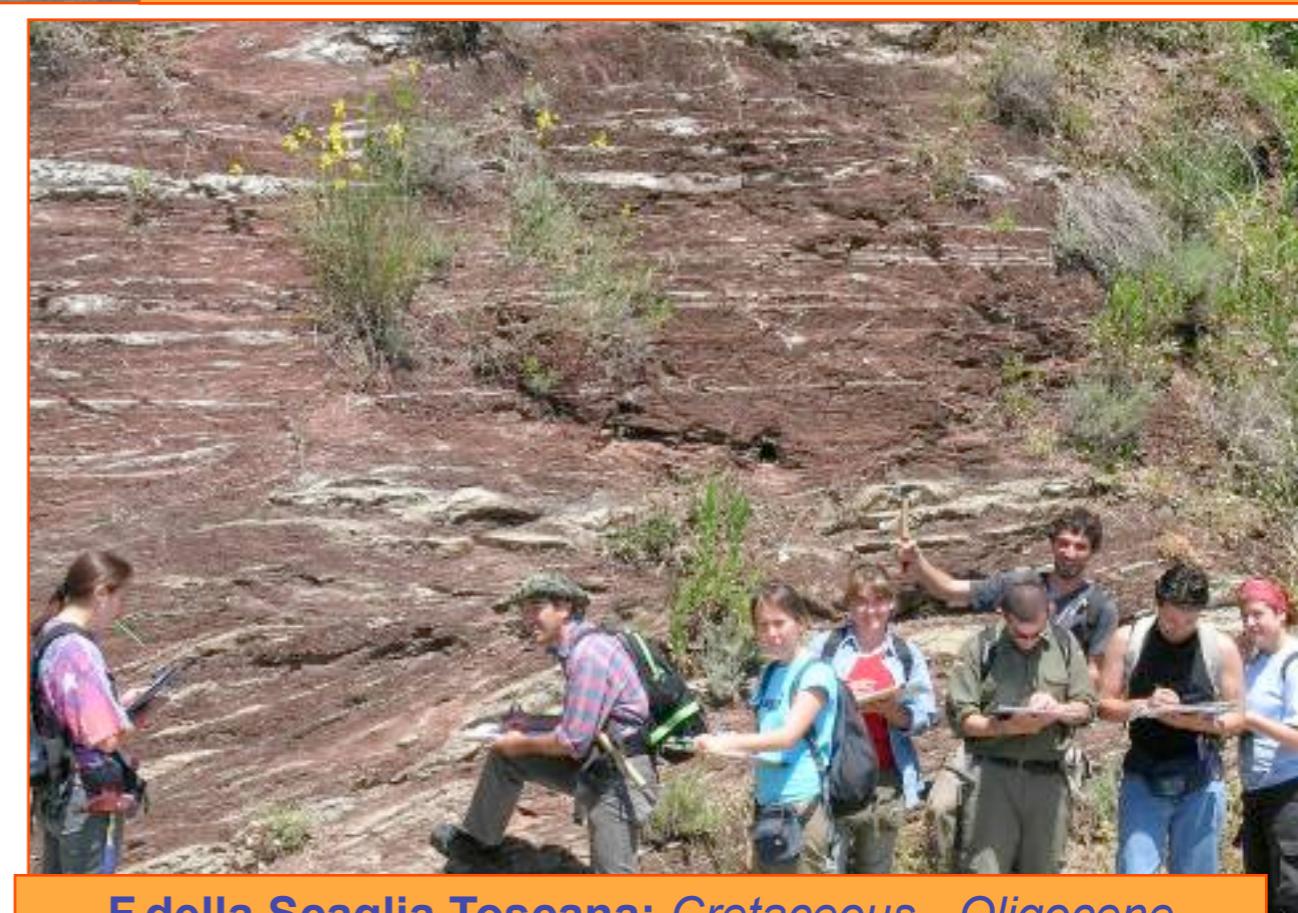


**quartz-  
arenaceous  
flysch**

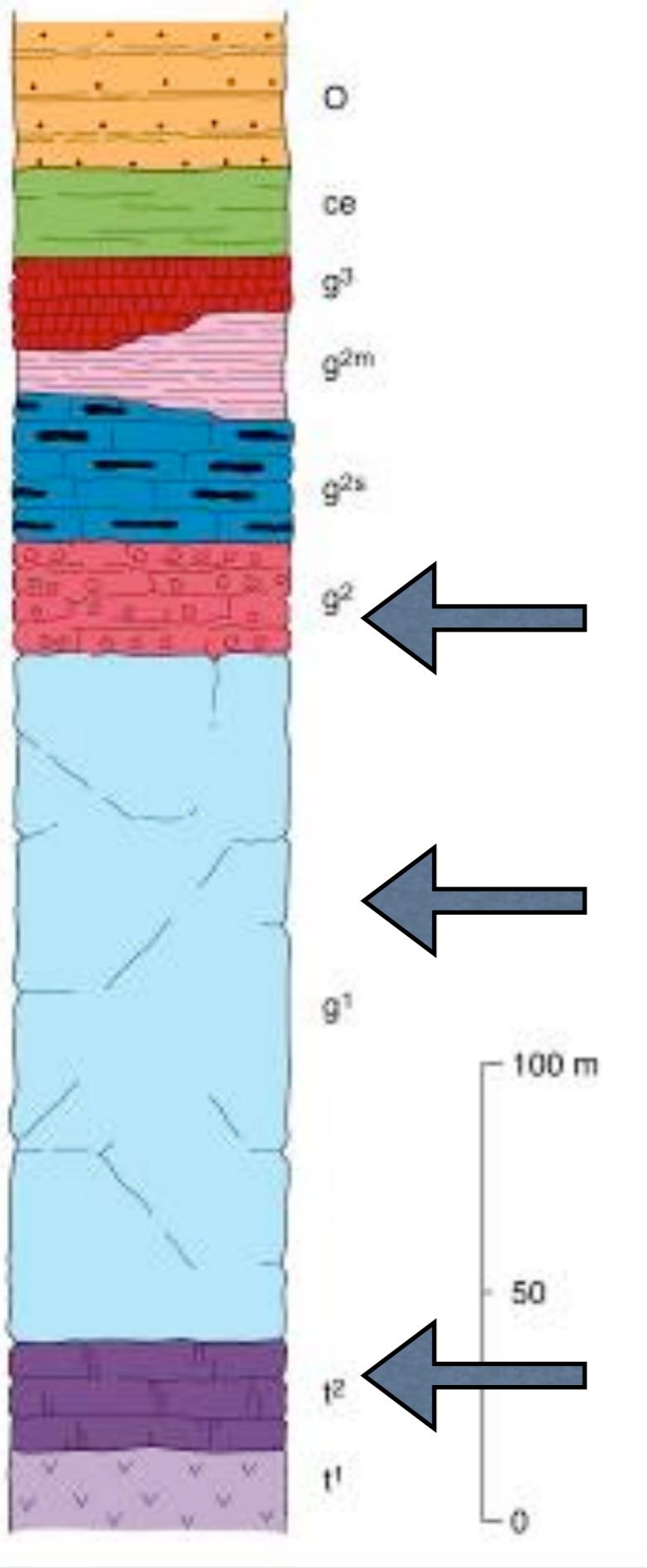
Late Oligocene-  
Early Miocene

**pelitic  
sequence**

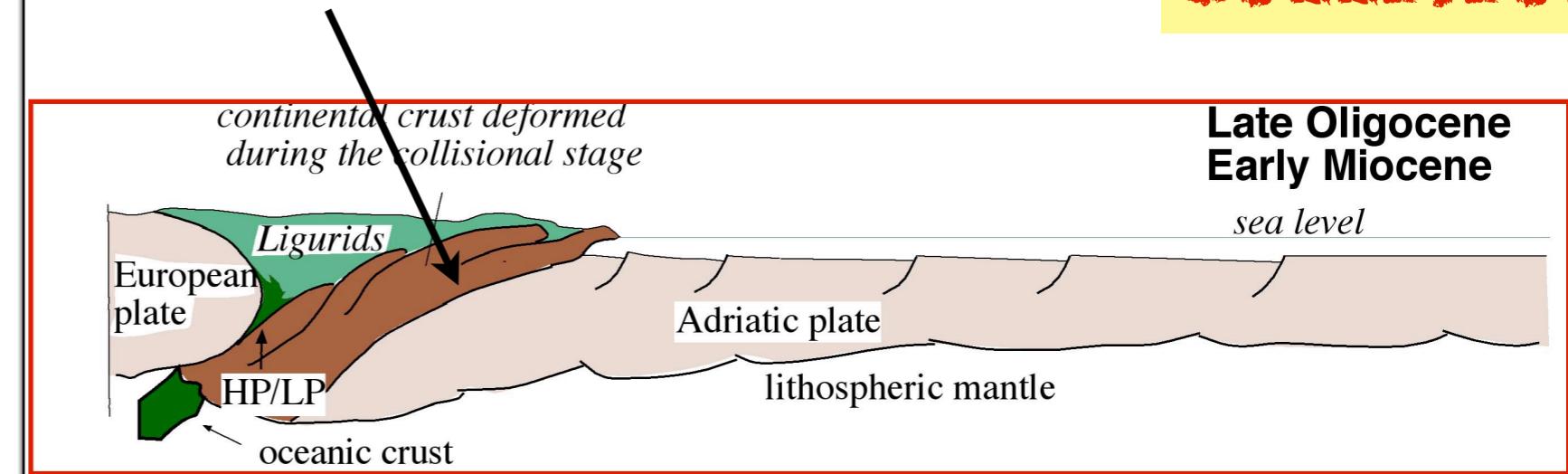
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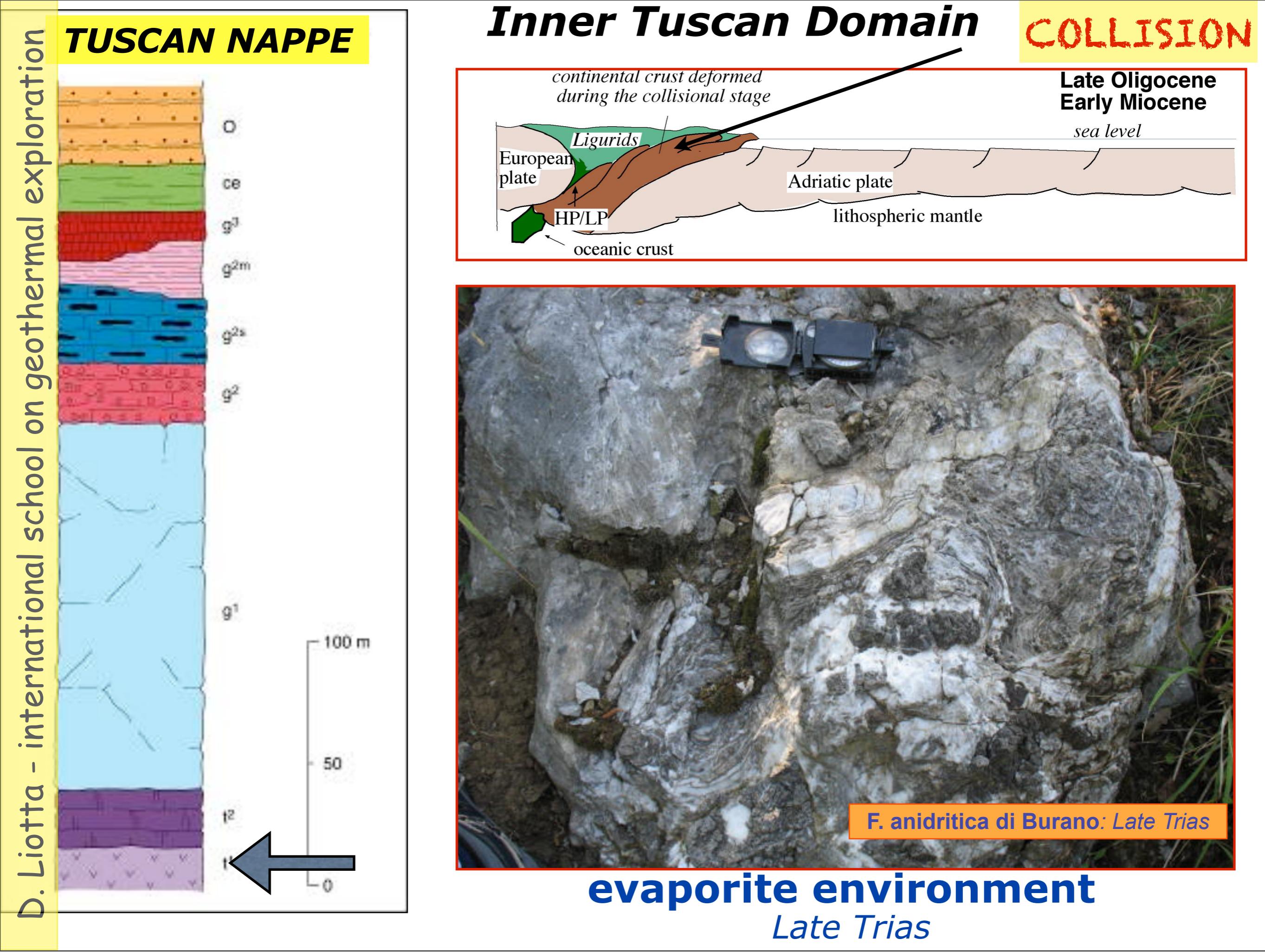
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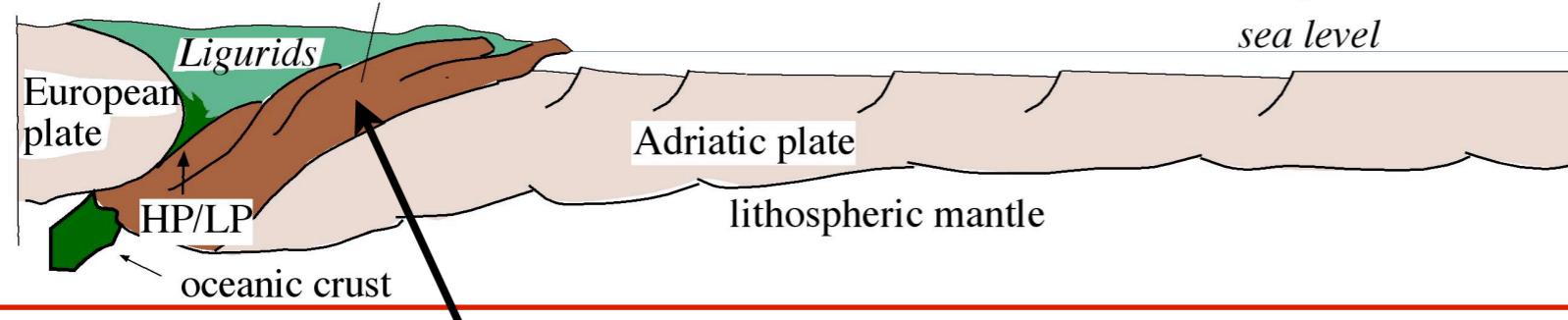
## Inner Tuscan Domain COLLISION



**carbonate platform**  
Late Trias - Jurassic



continental crust deformed  
during the collisional stage



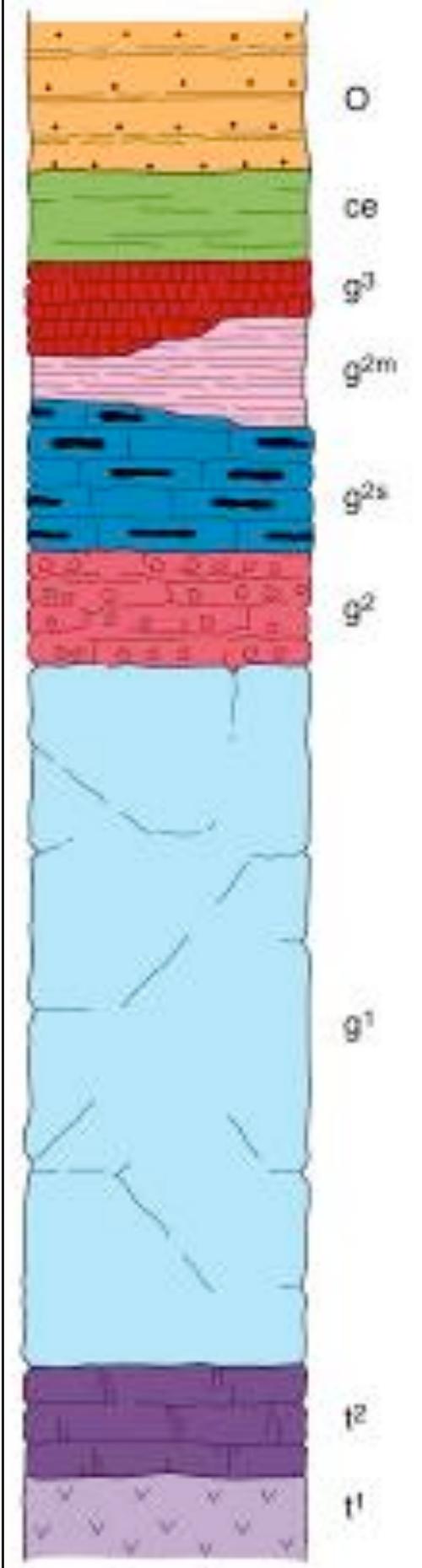
**COLLISION**

## Outer Tuscan Domain

metamorphic rocks (green schists facies)



**METAMORPHIC TUSCAN UNIT**

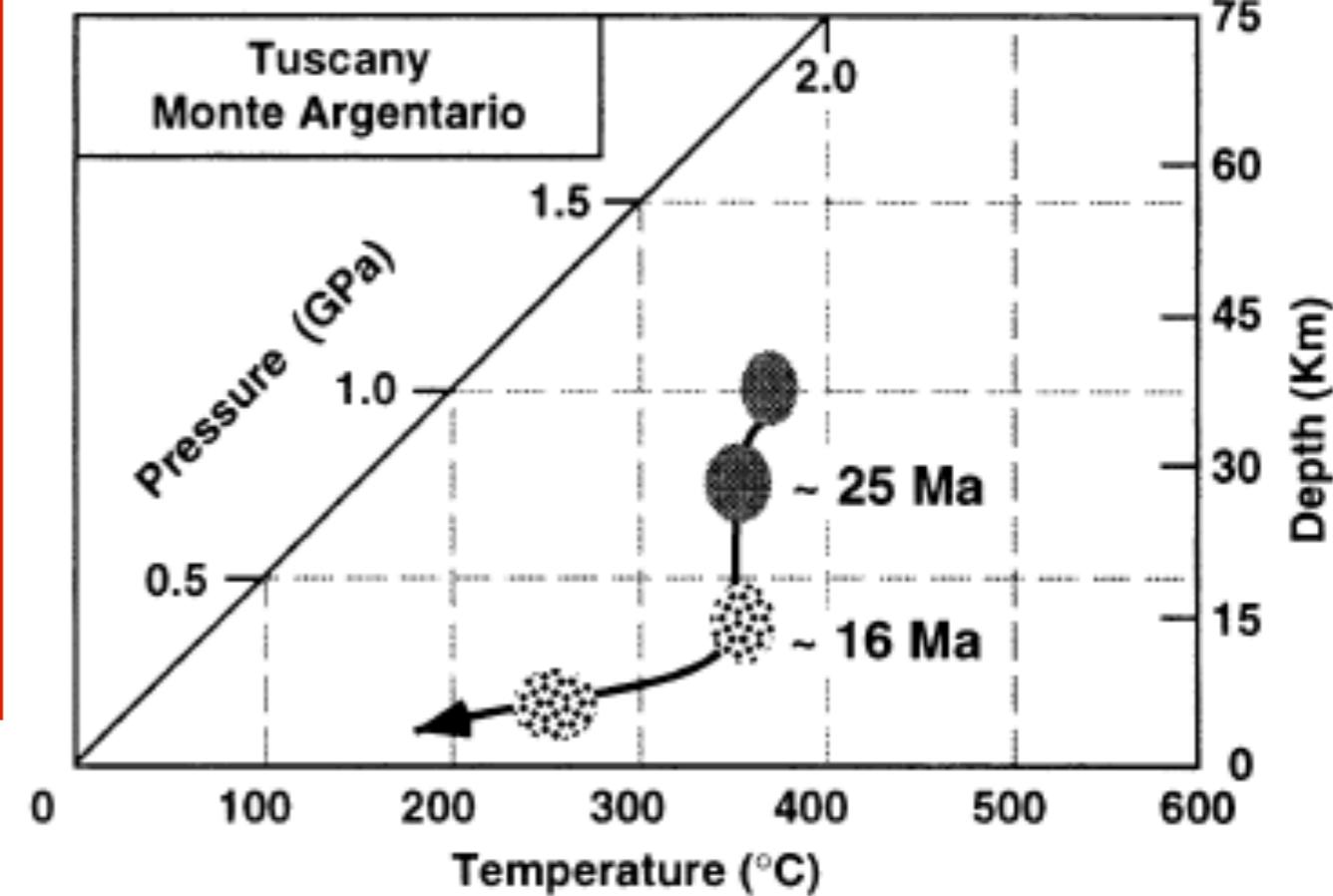
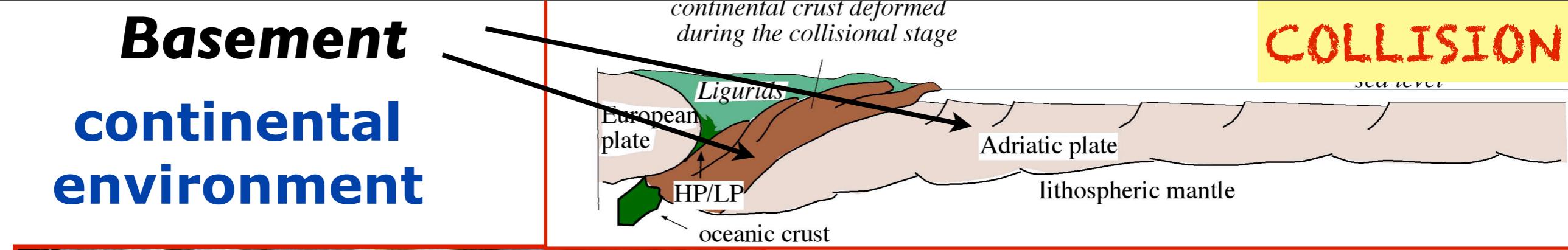


age of metamorphism:  
Late Oligocene - Early Miocene

# Basement continental environment

continental crust deformed  
during the collisional stage

**COLLISION**

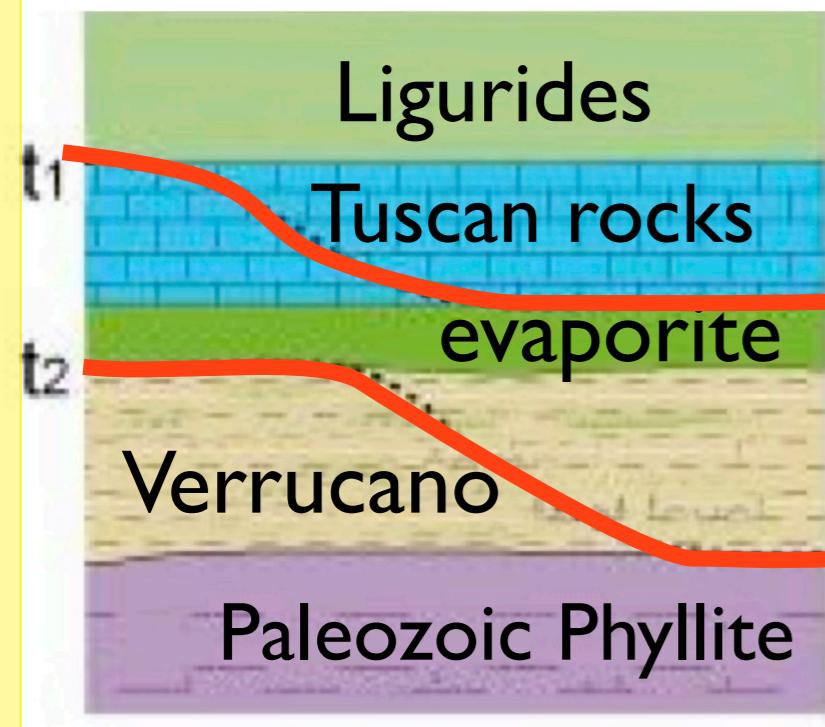
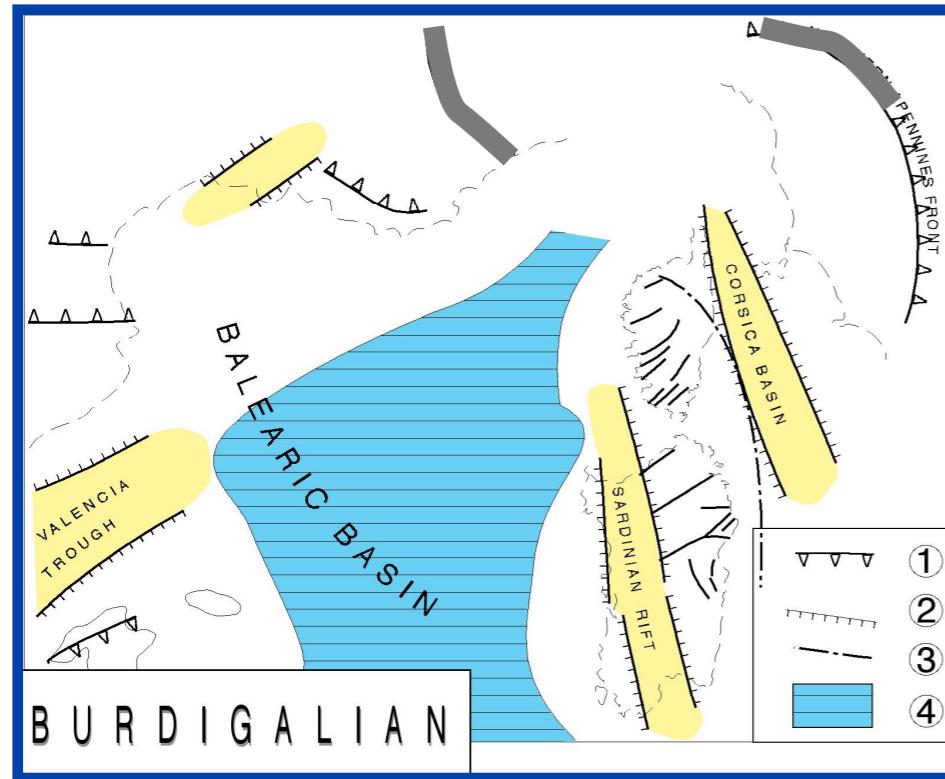
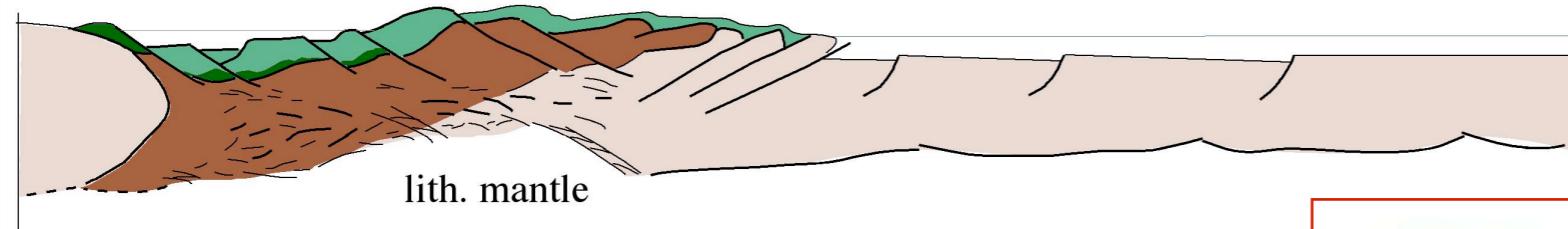


Micaschist and  
gneiss



Early - Middle Miocene

MIocene EXTENSION



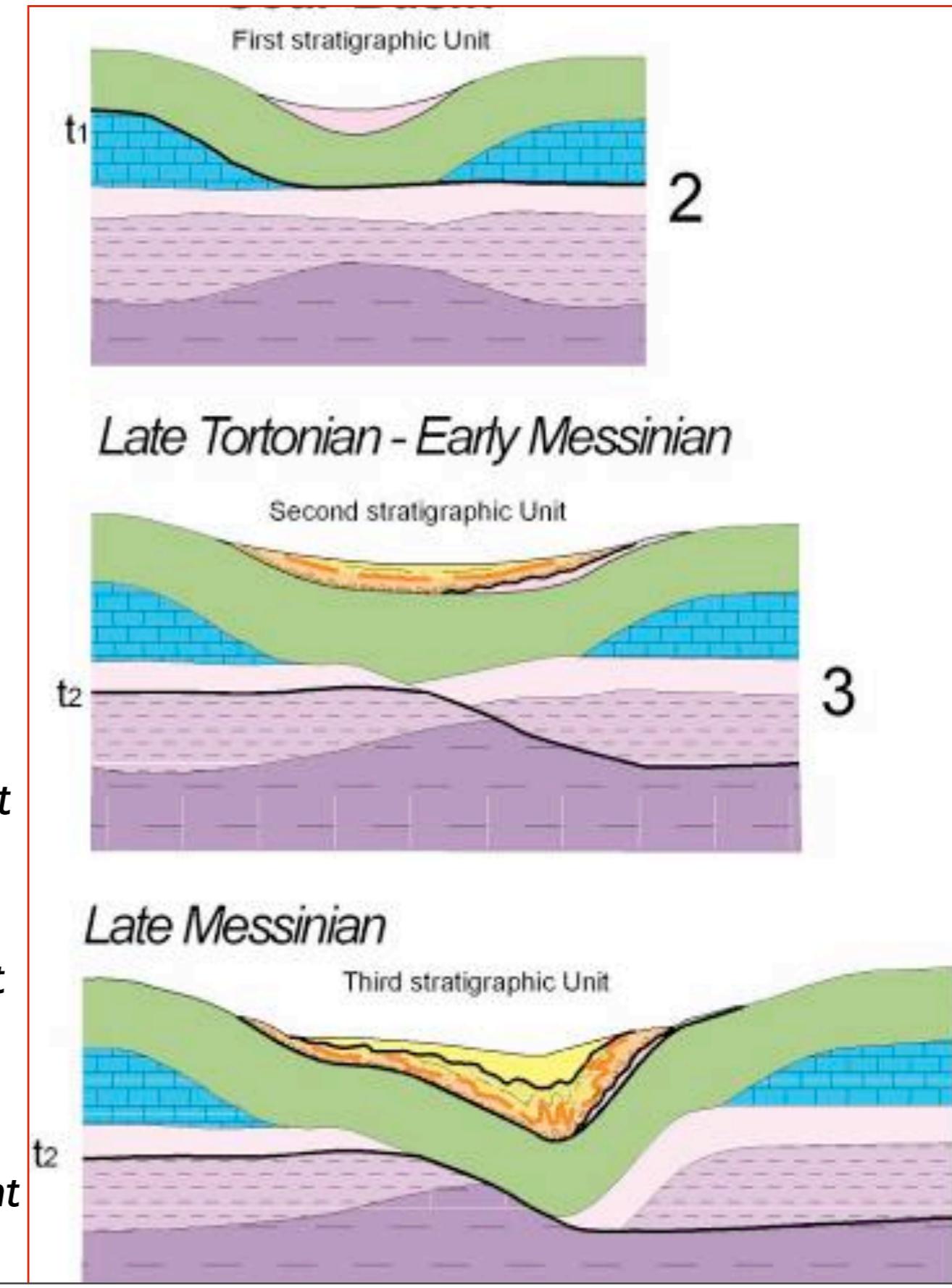
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competent

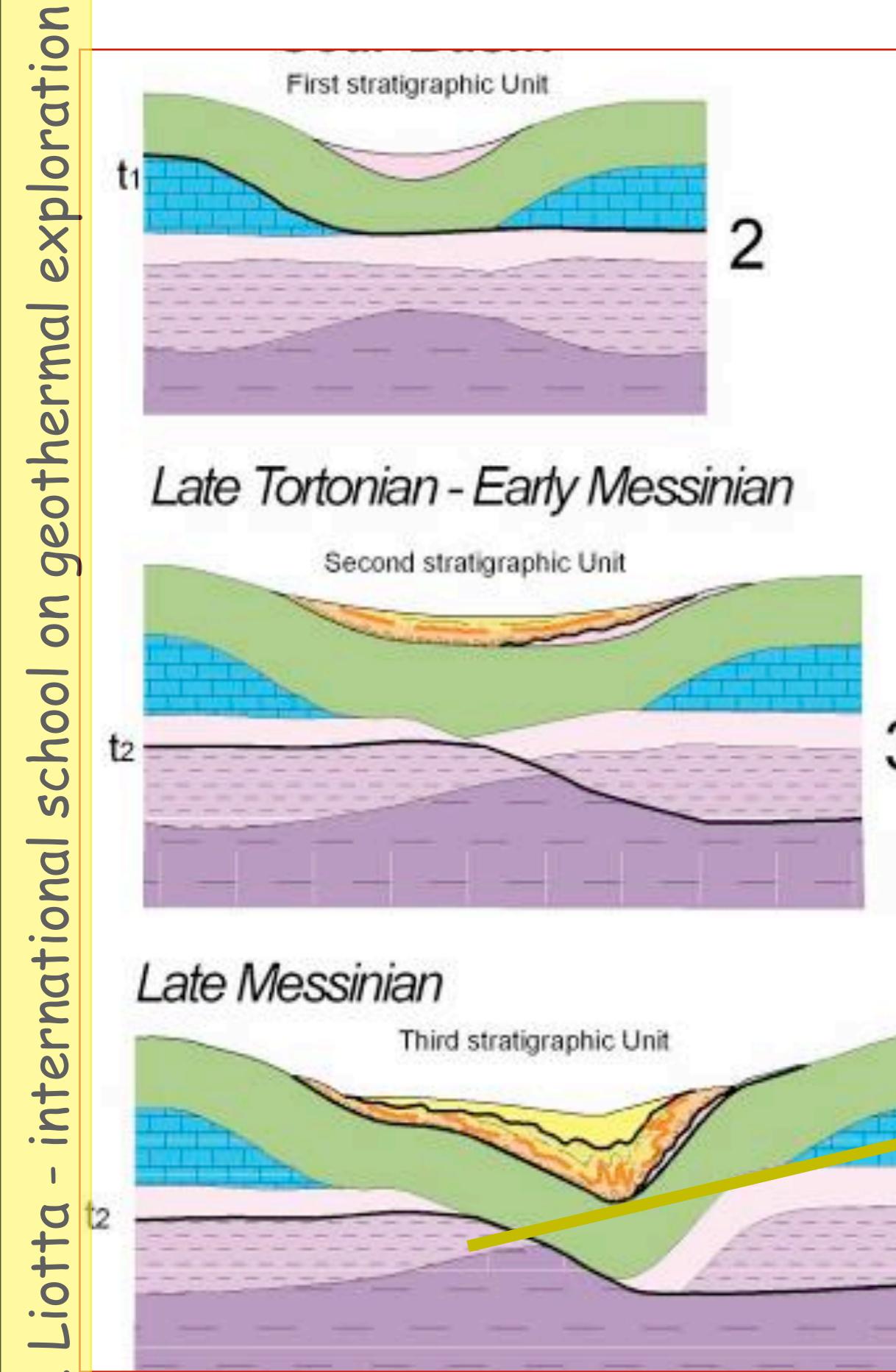
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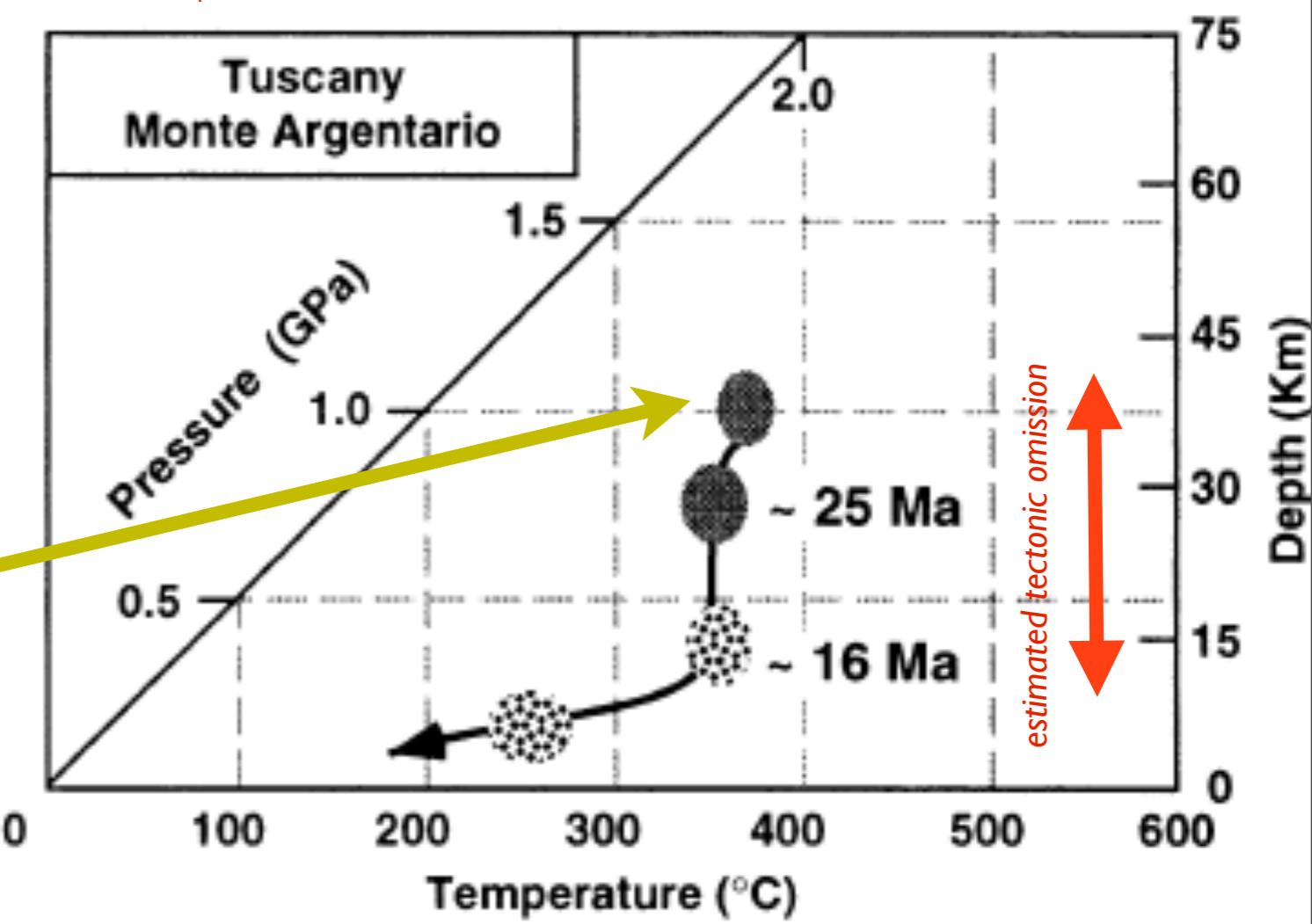
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# EXTENSION

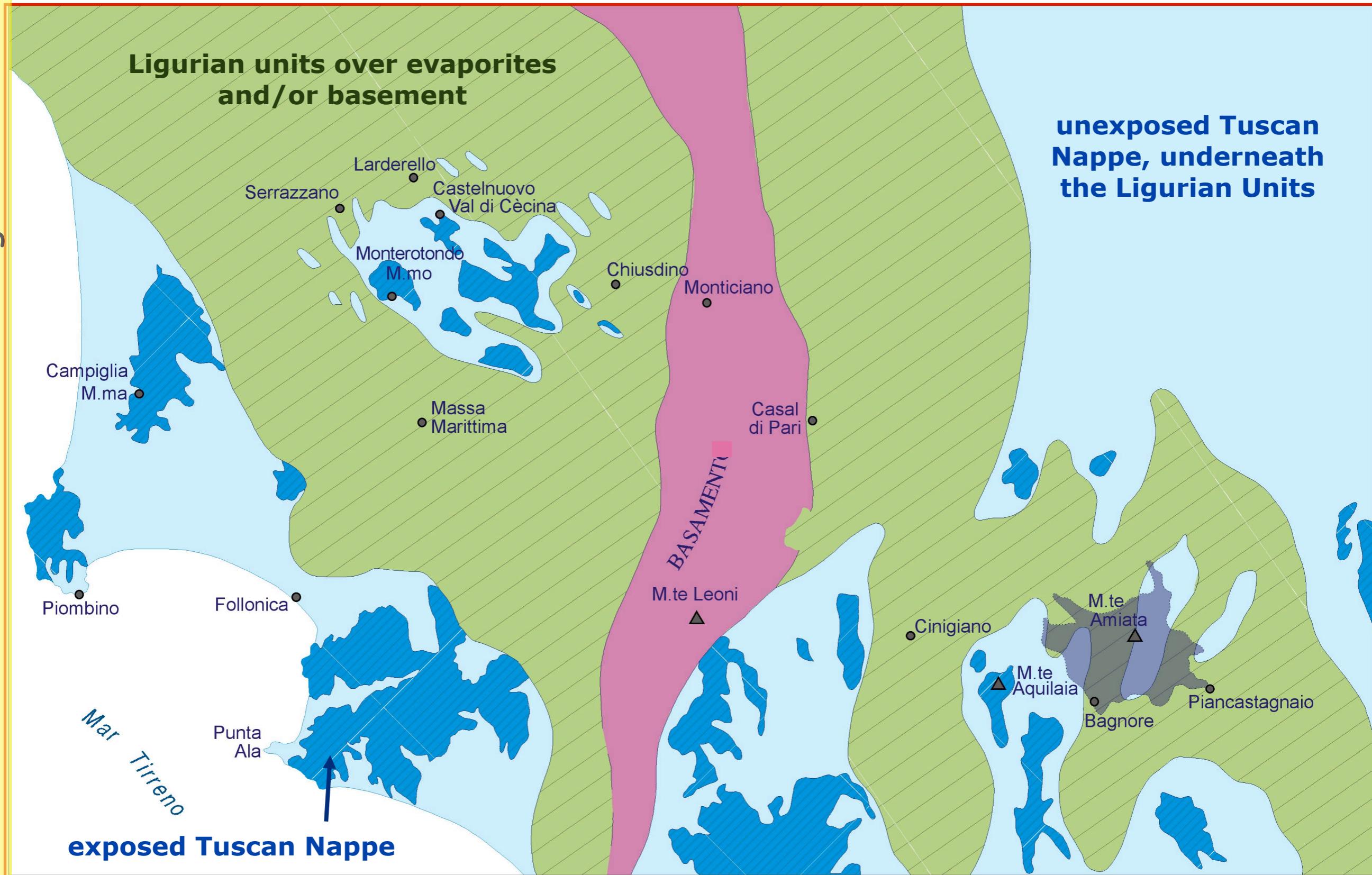


Extension determined a tectonic omission of about 20 km, at least and exhumation of deeper structural levels

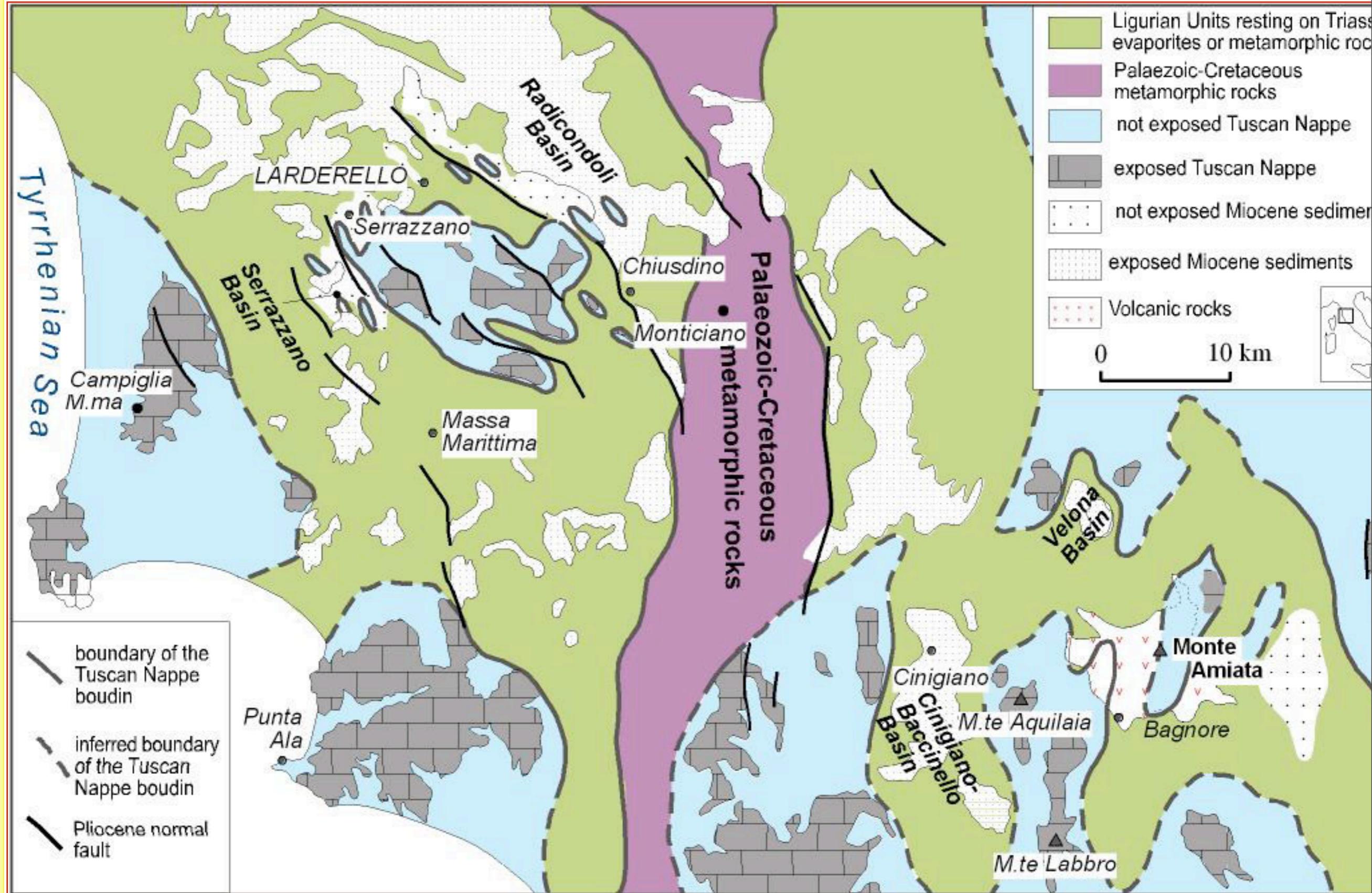


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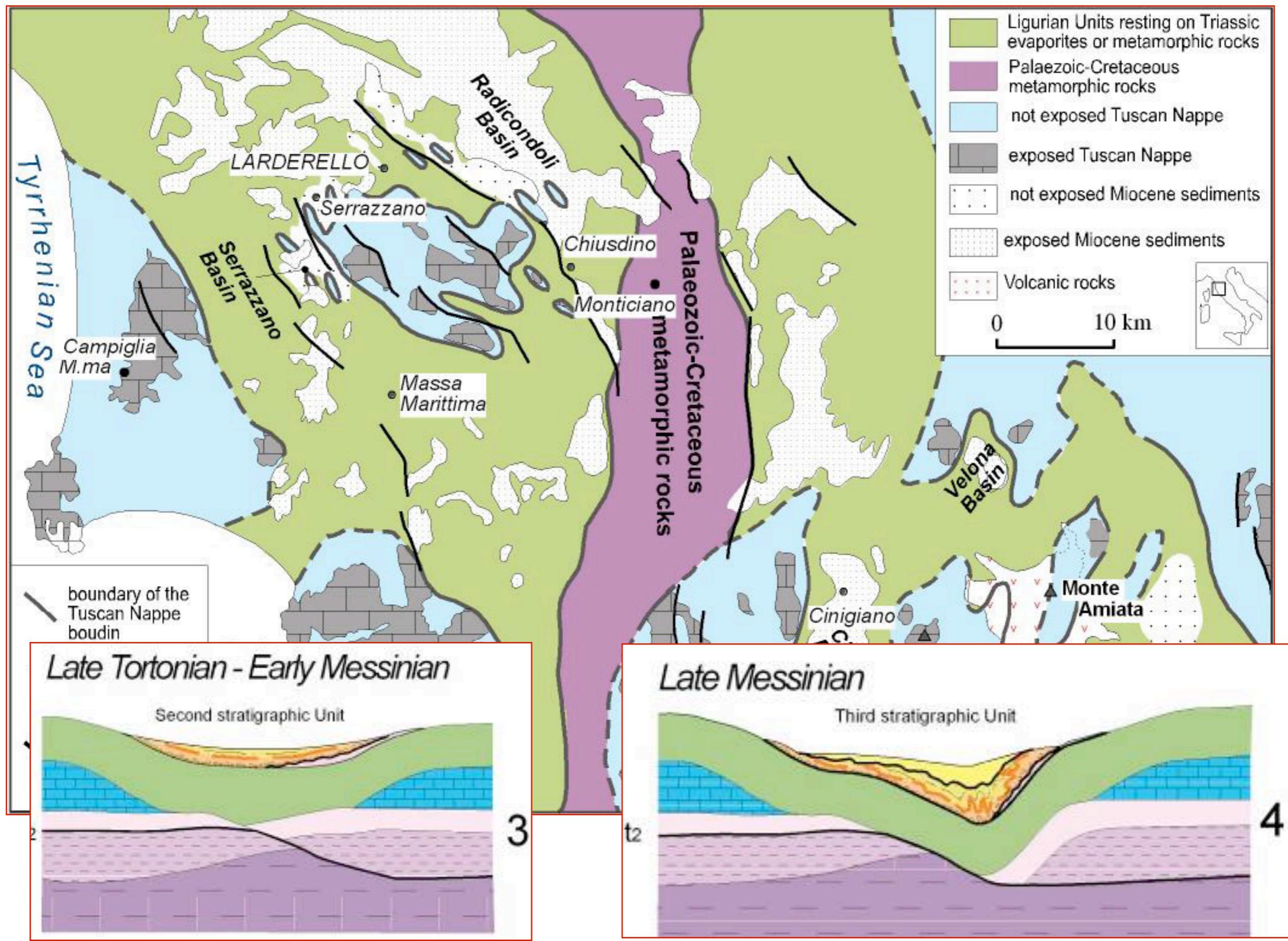
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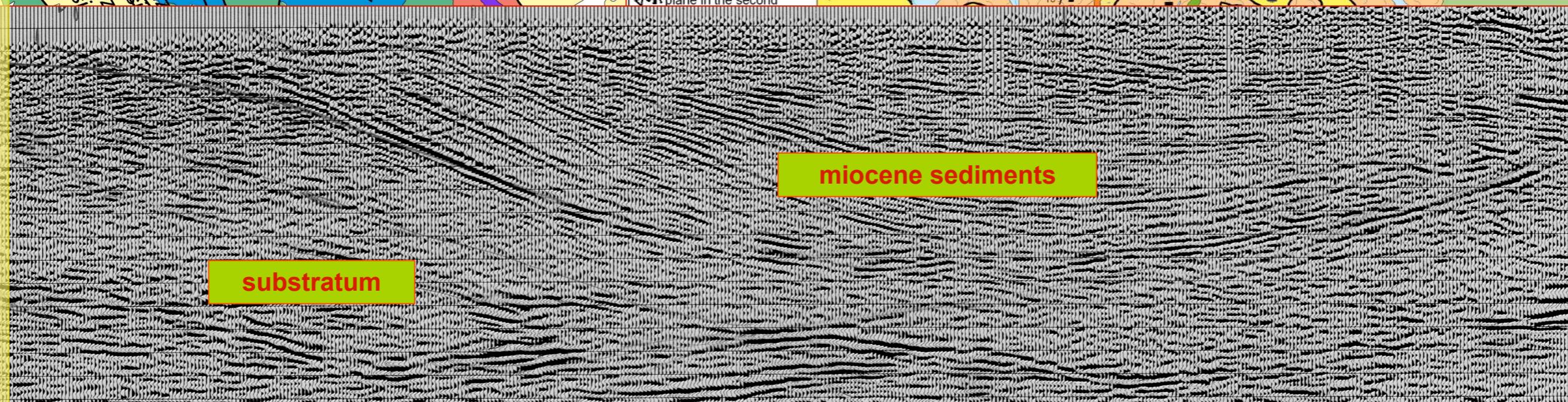
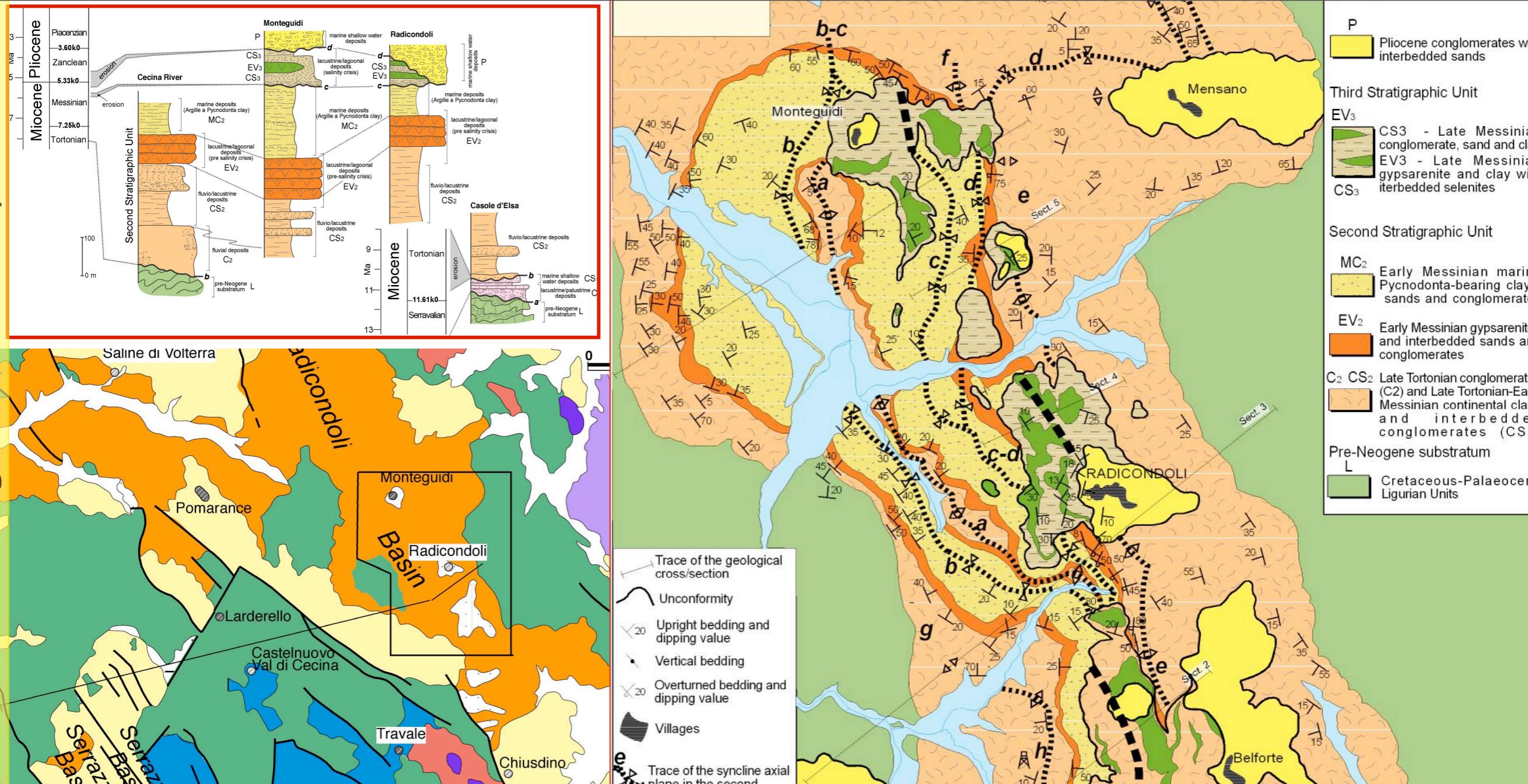
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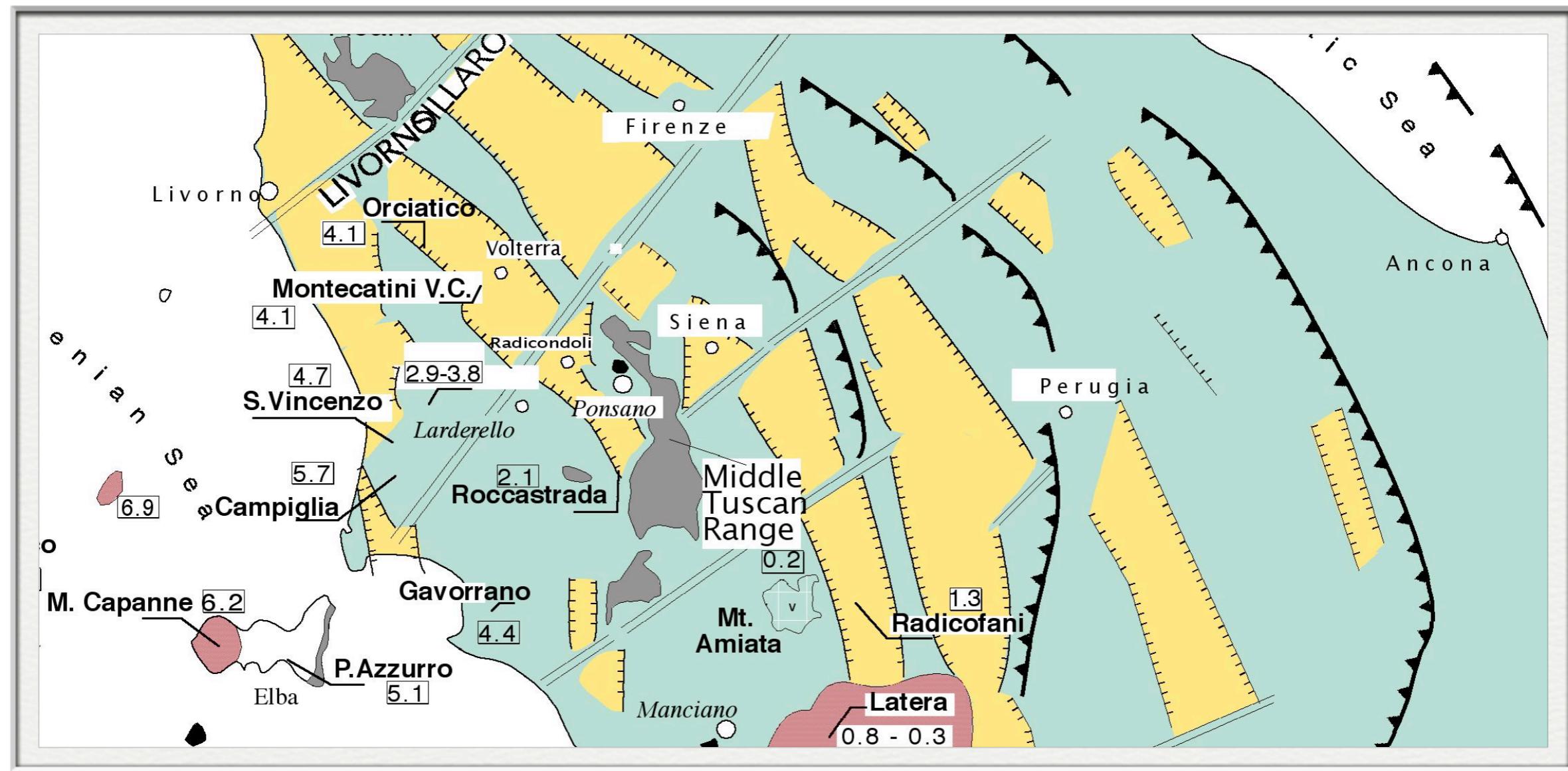
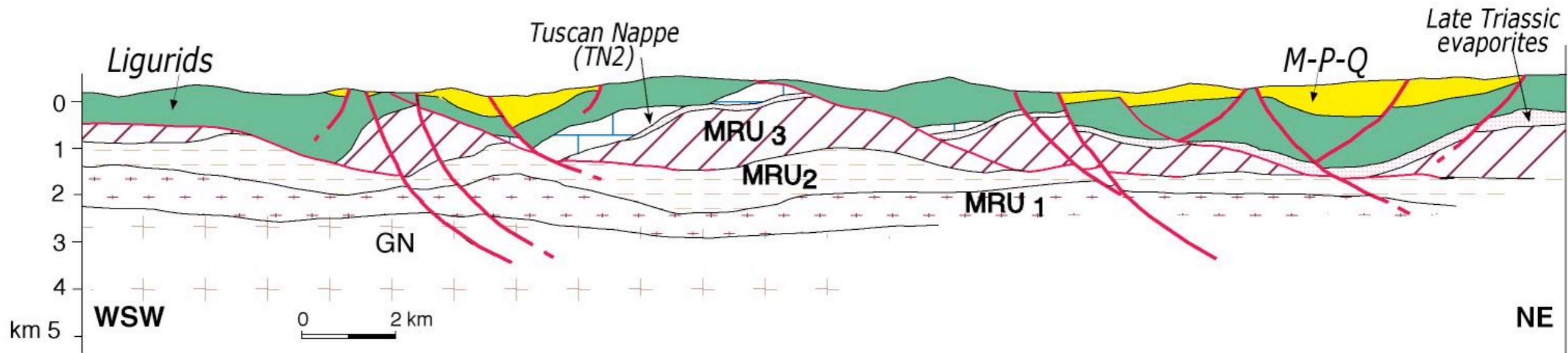
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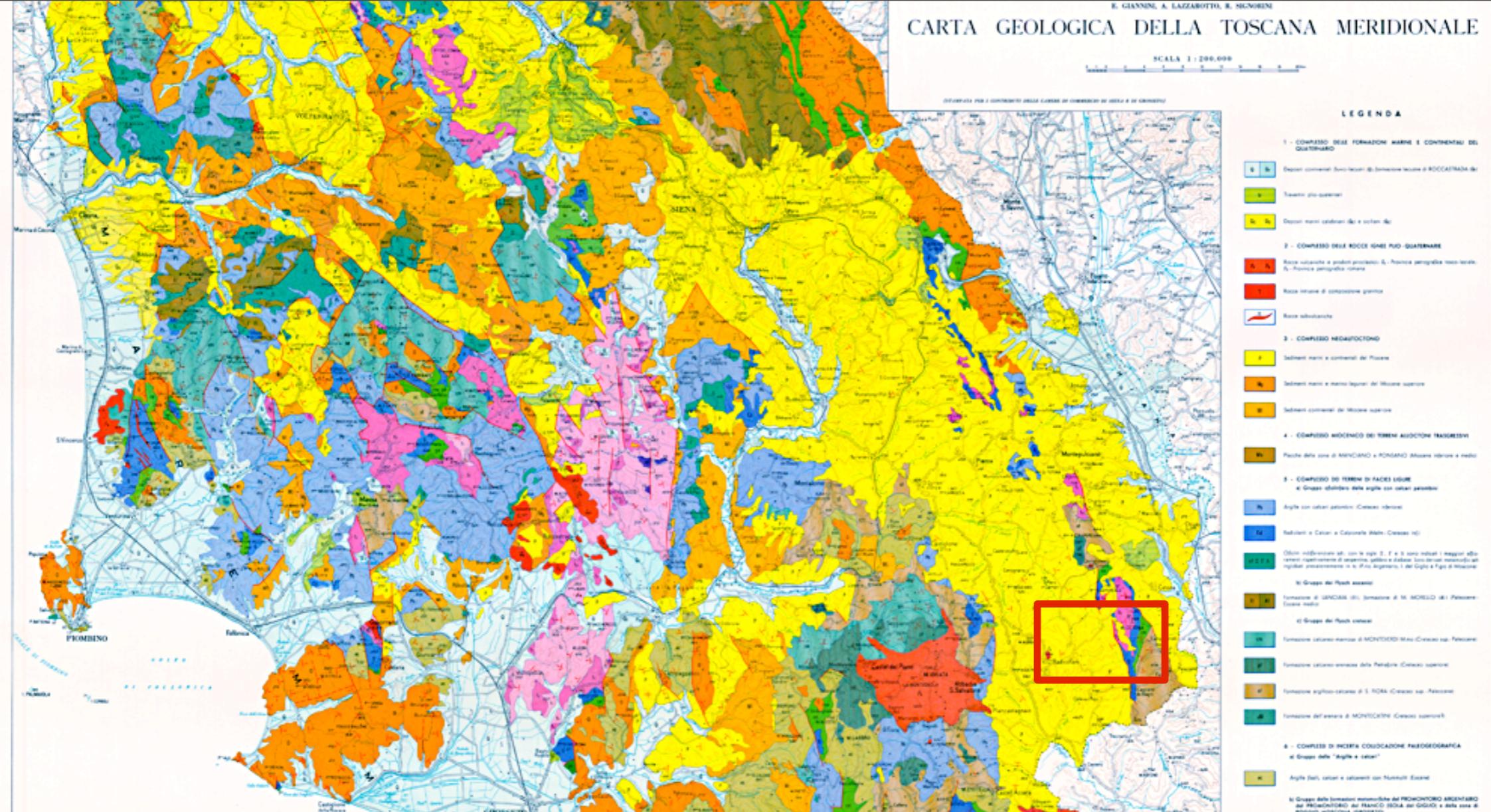


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# PLIOCENE-PRESENT EXTENSION



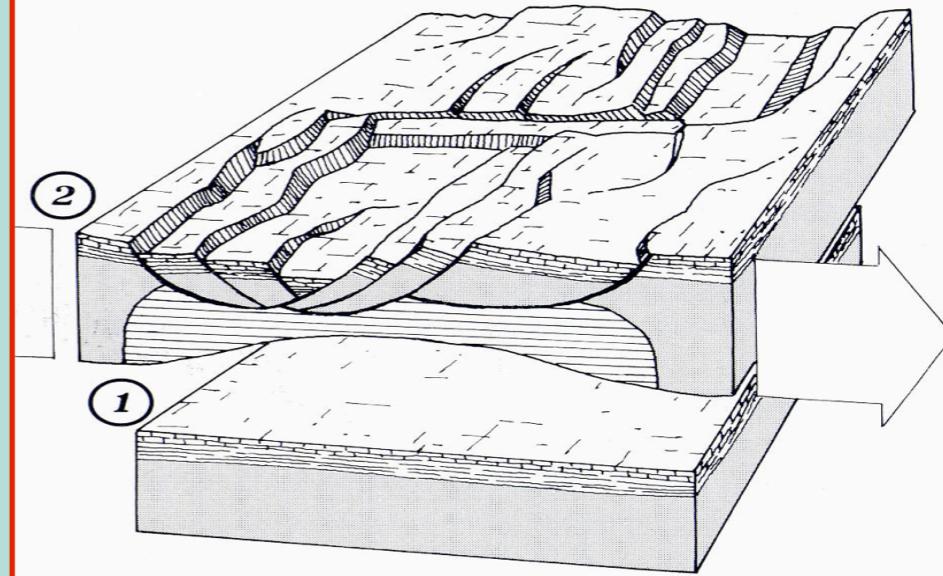
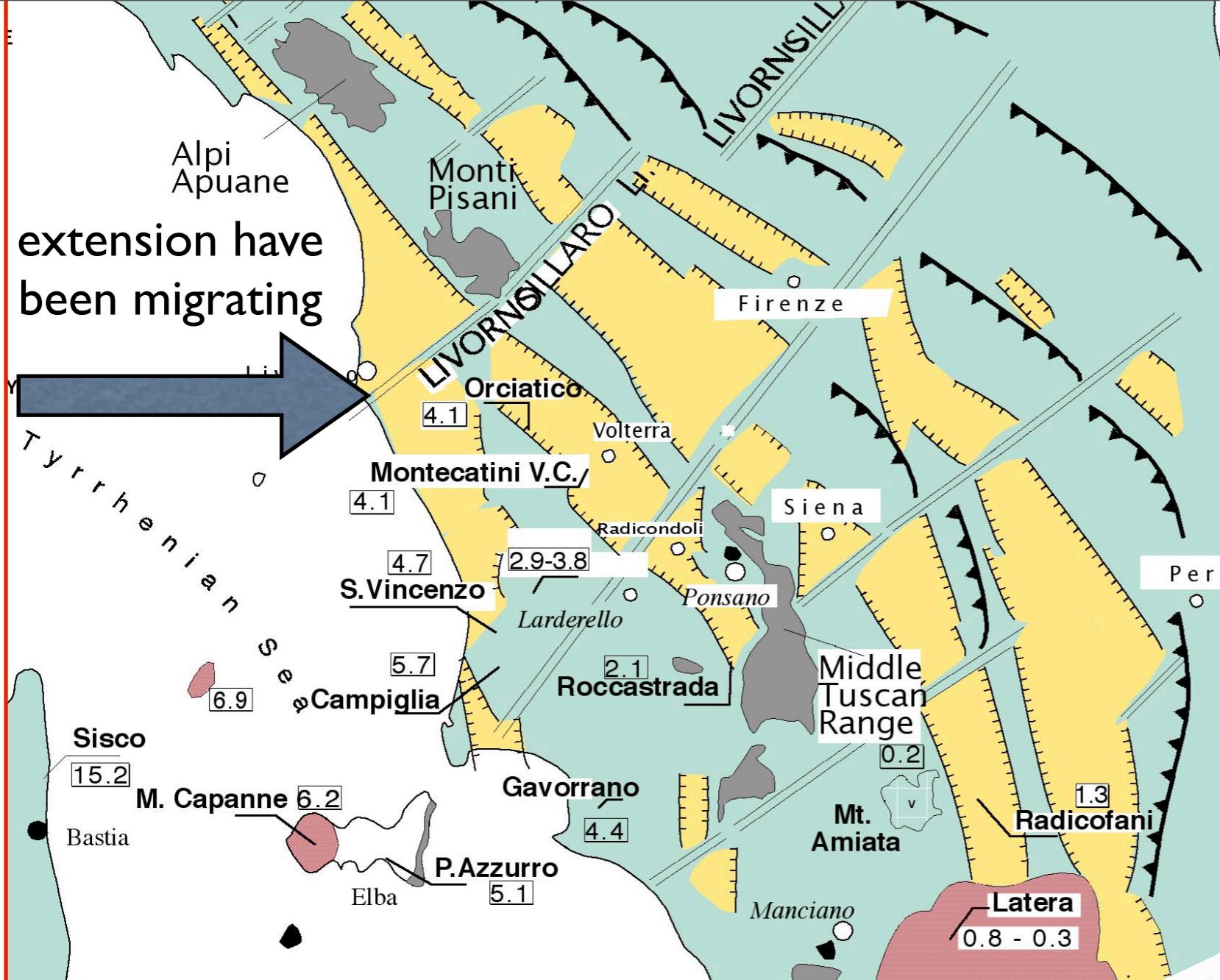


PLIOCENE RADICOFANI BASIN

normal fault

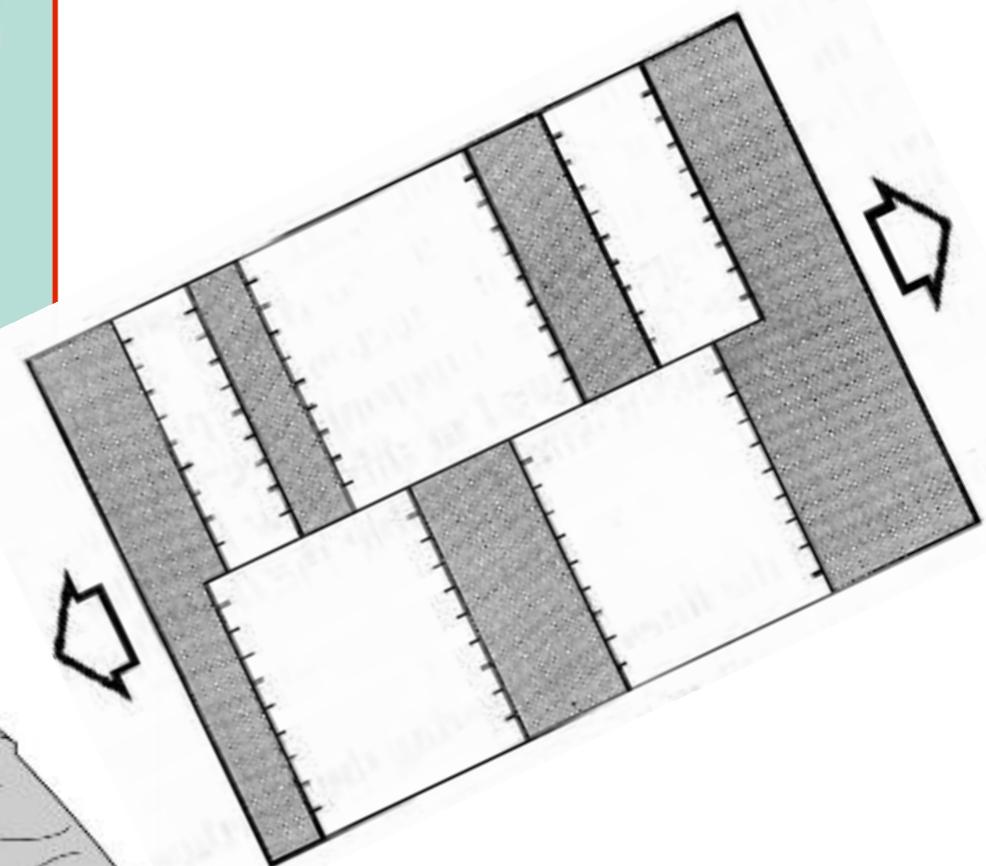
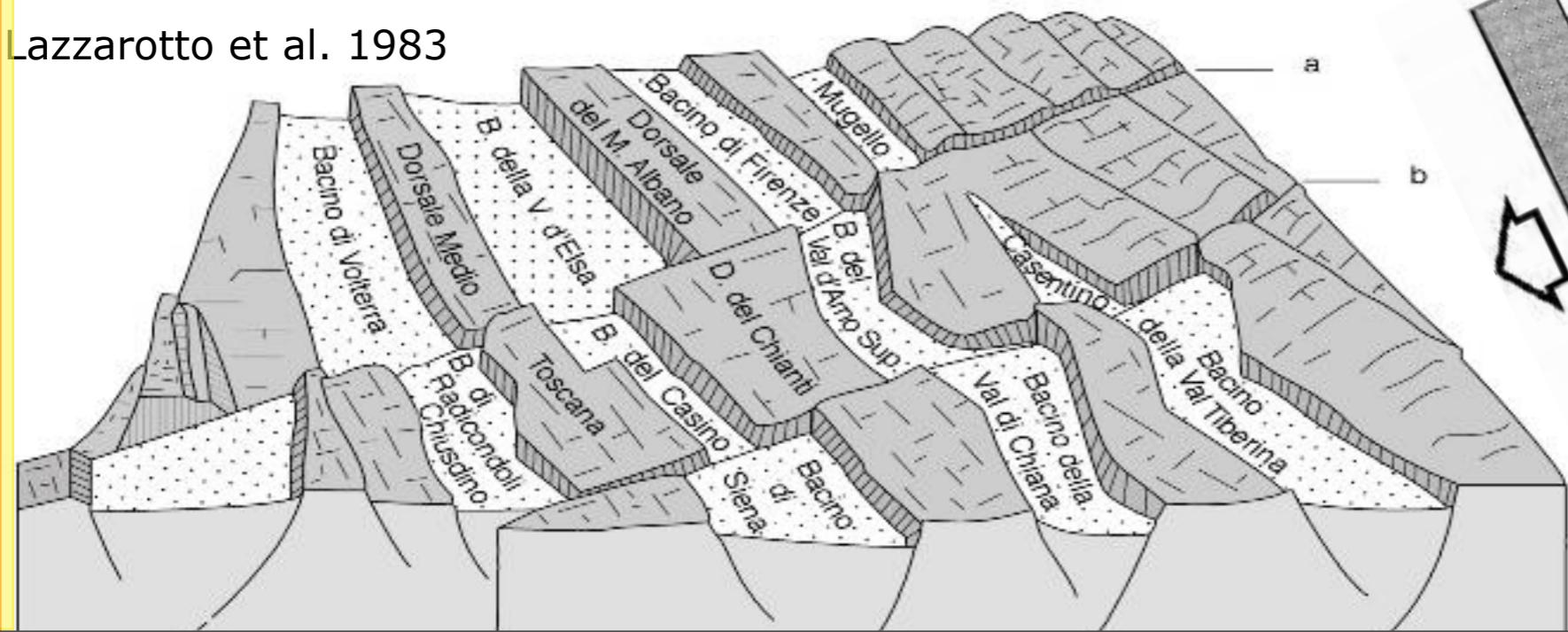


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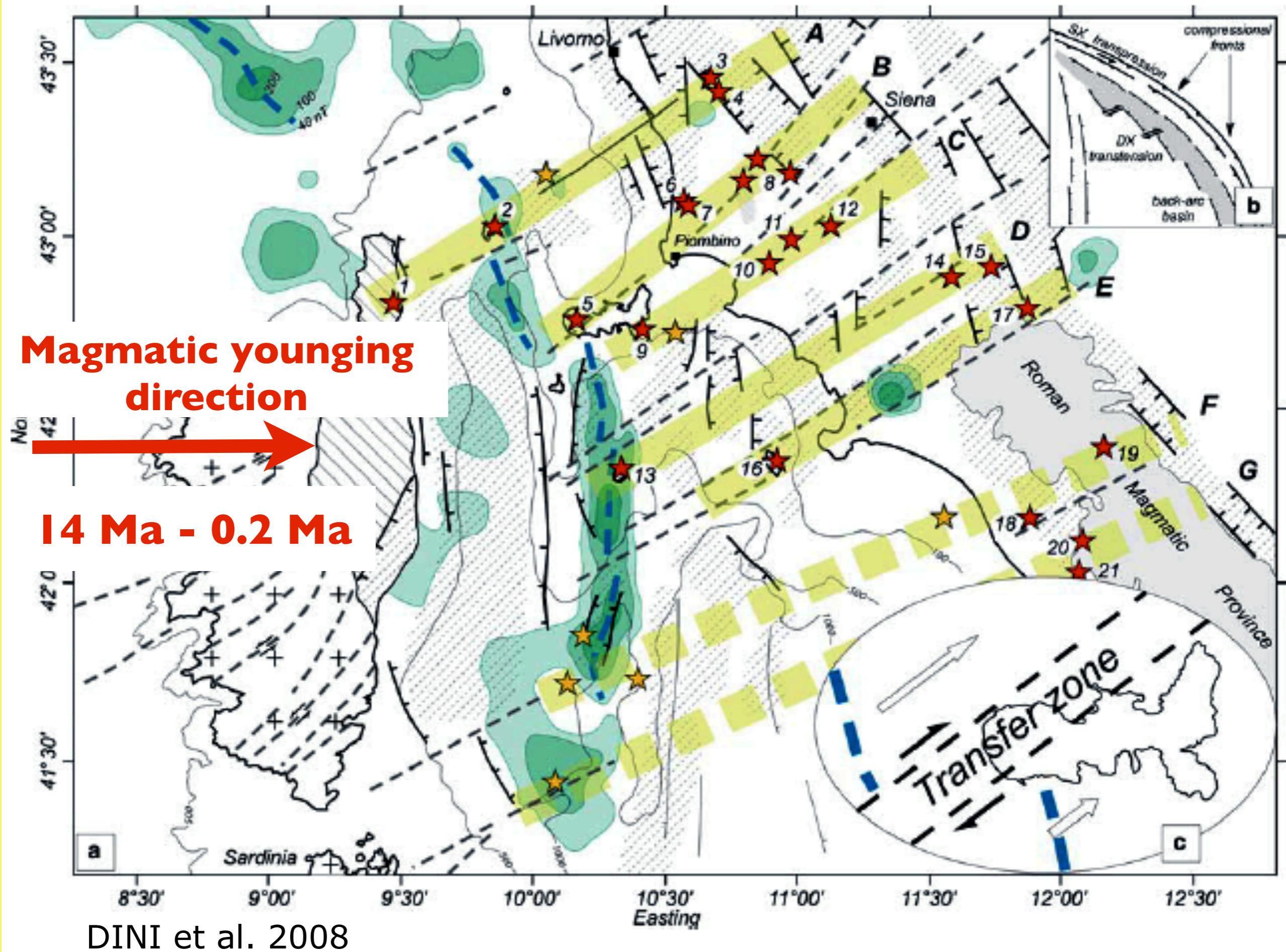


Bally, 1981

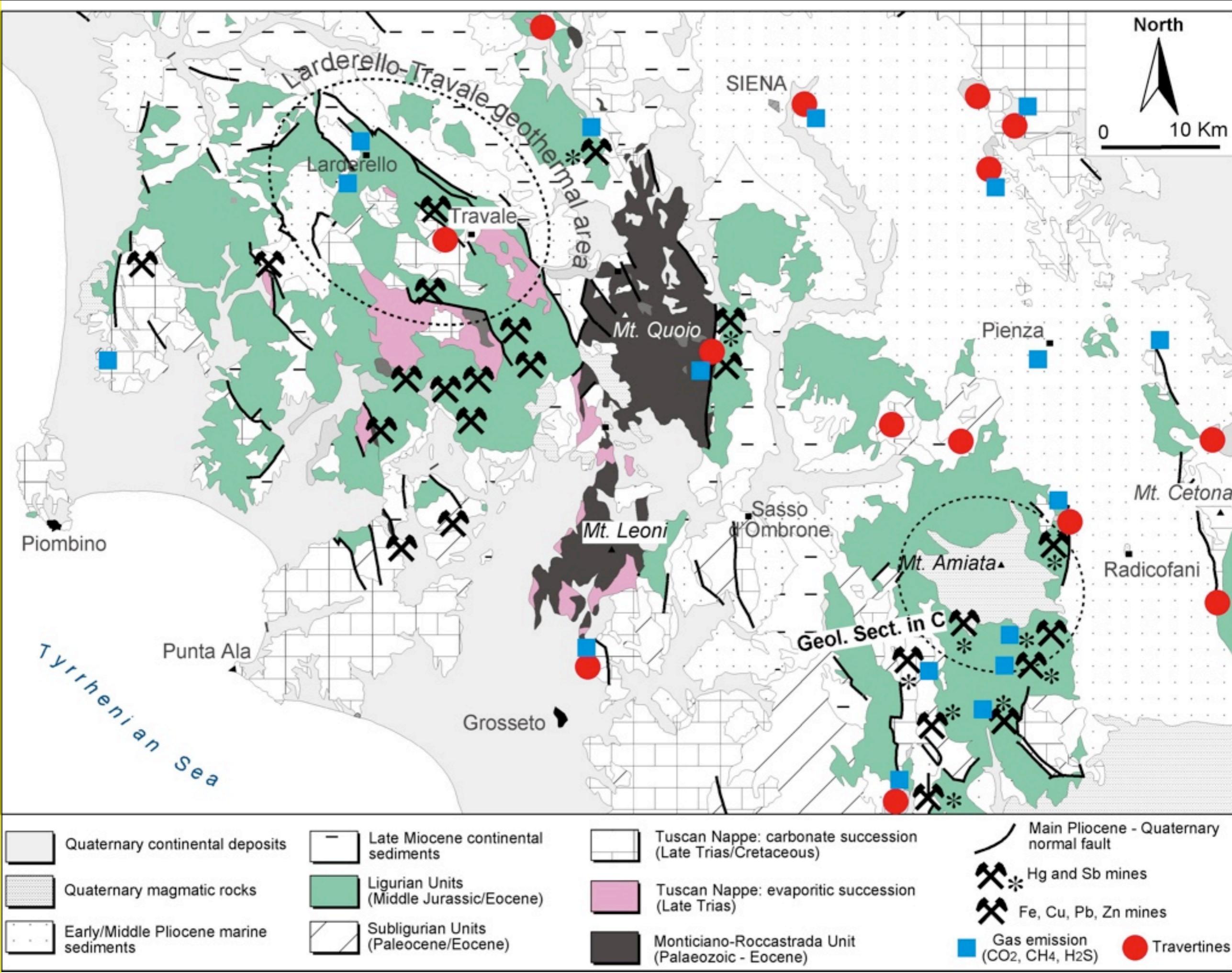
Lazzarotto et al. 1983

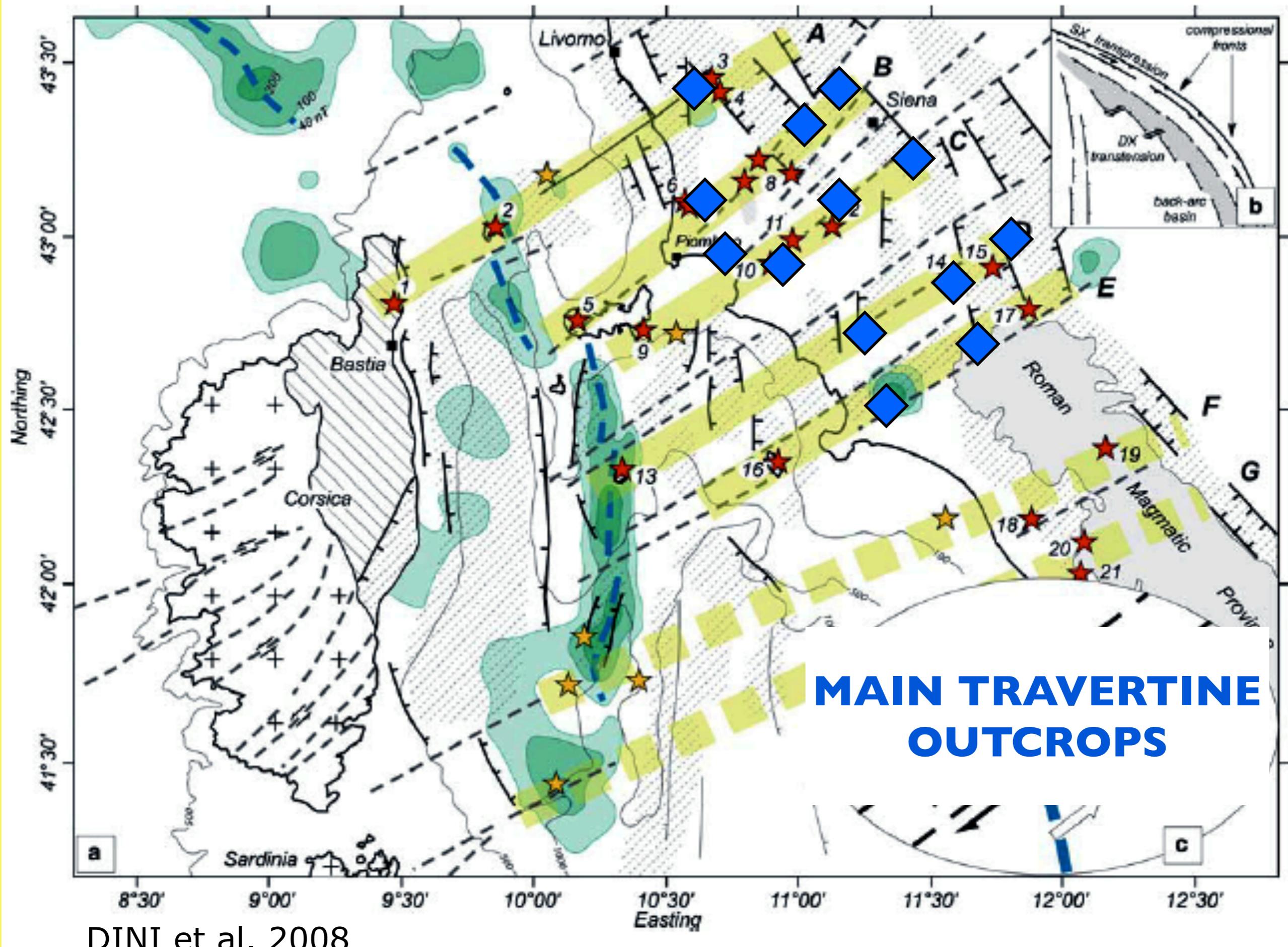


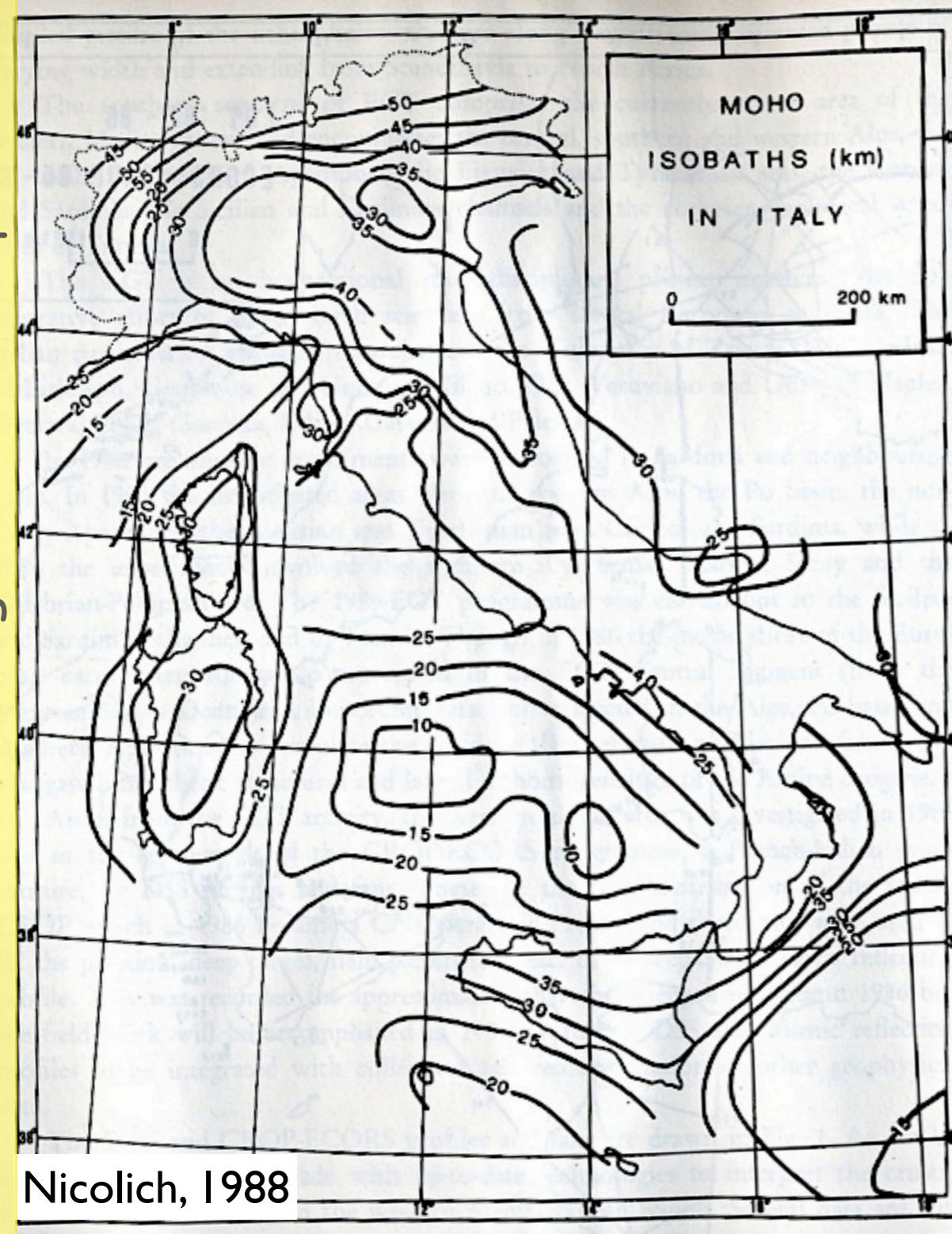
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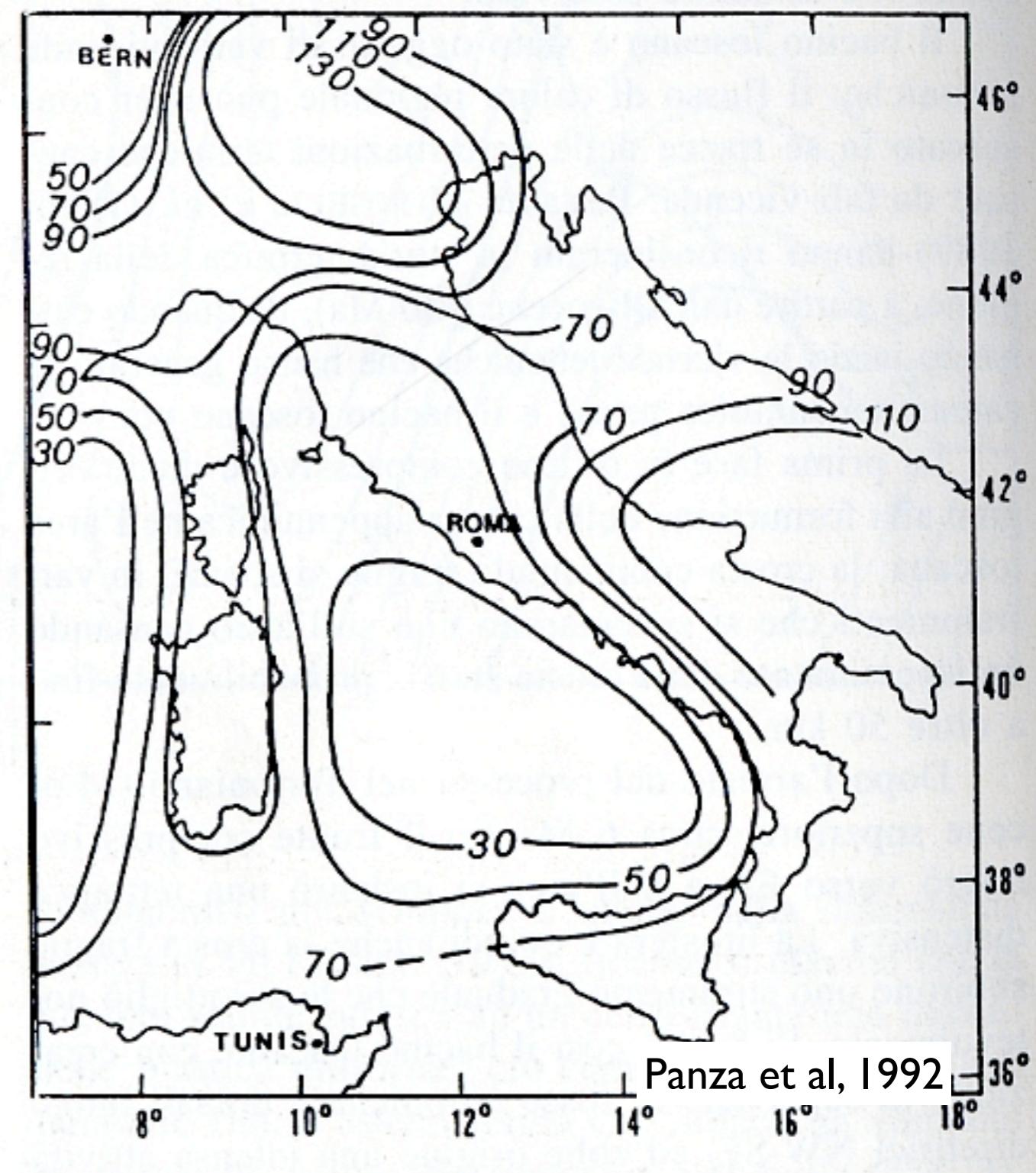
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Crust thickness is about 25 km  
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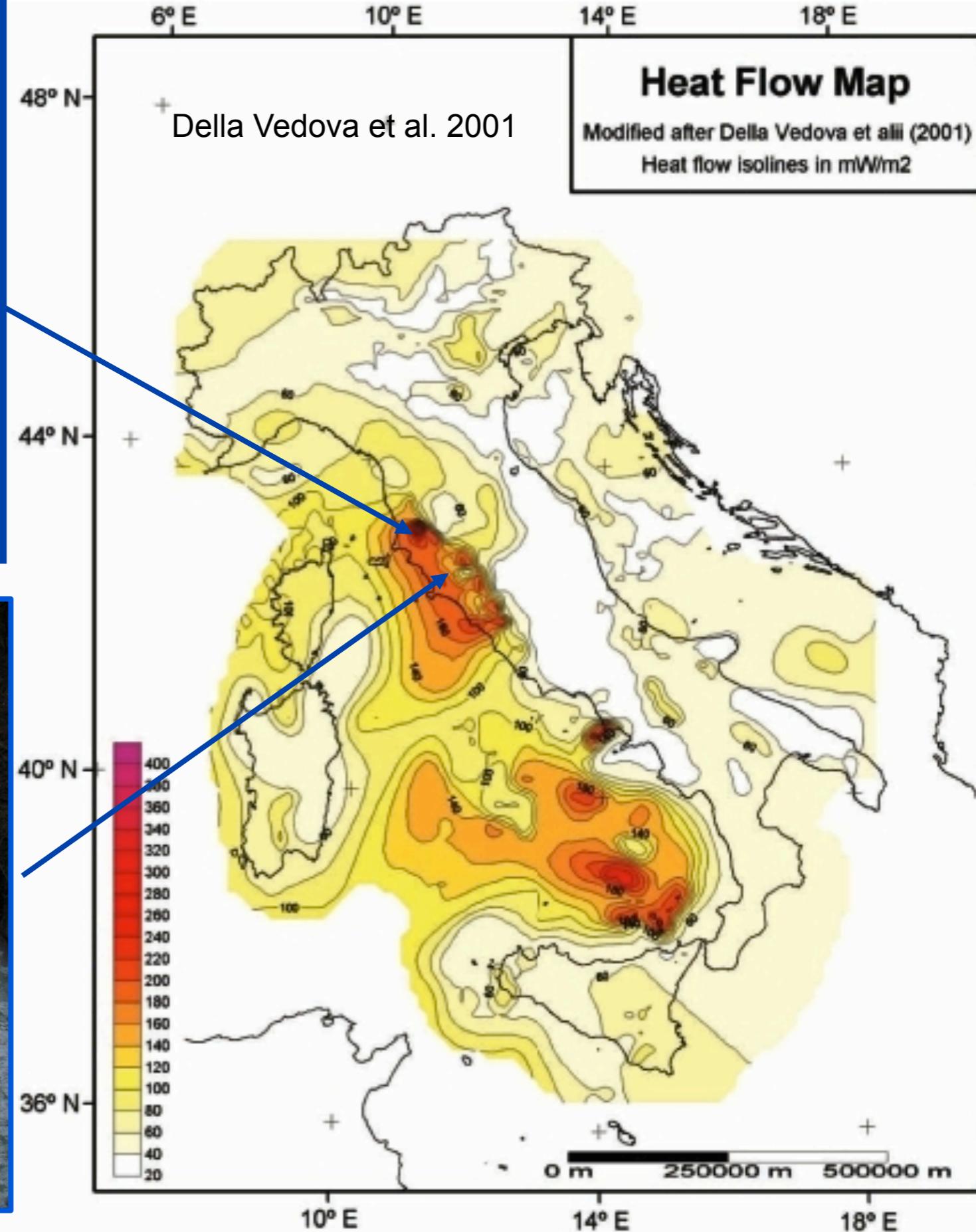


Lithosphere thickness is about 40 km  
in southern Tuscany

## LARDERELLO



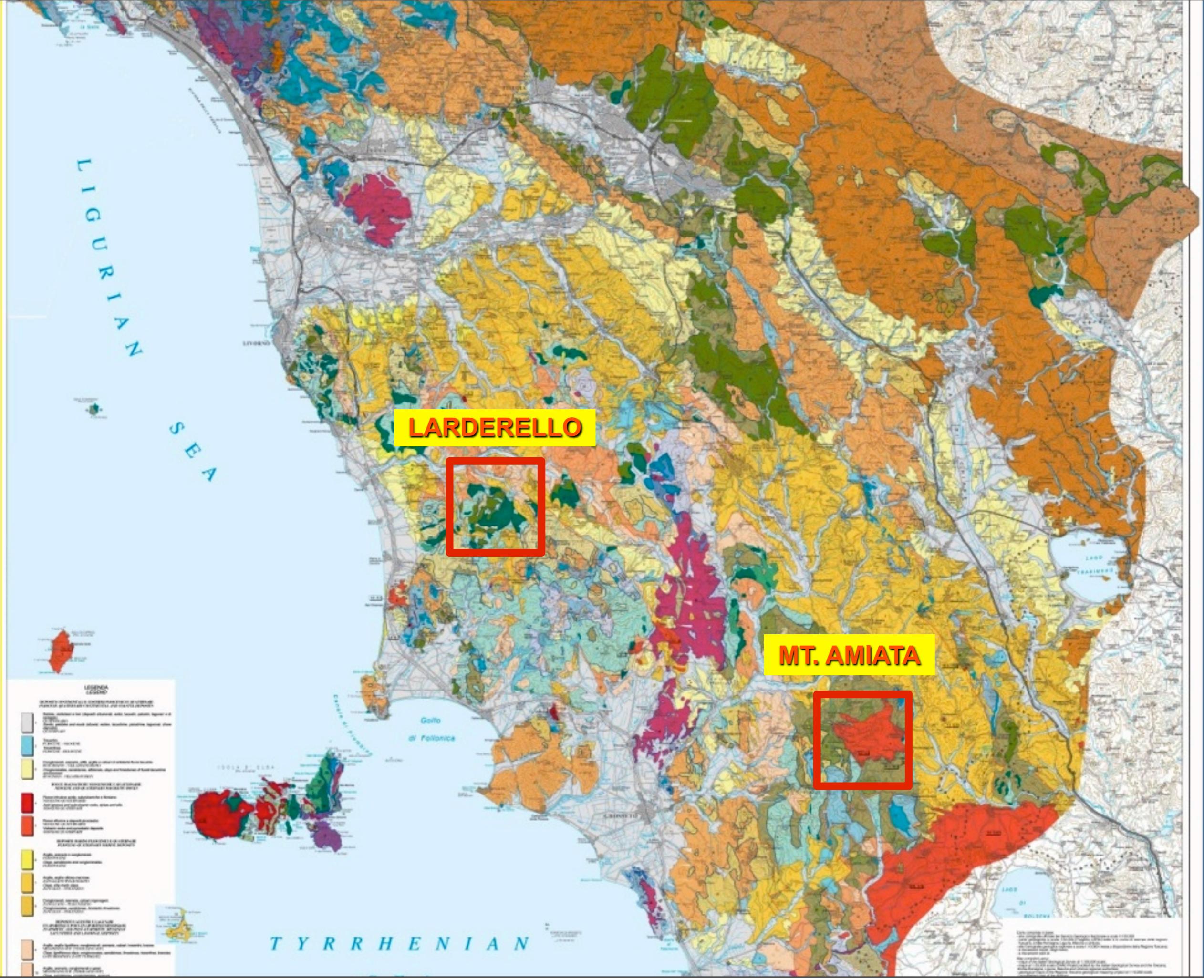
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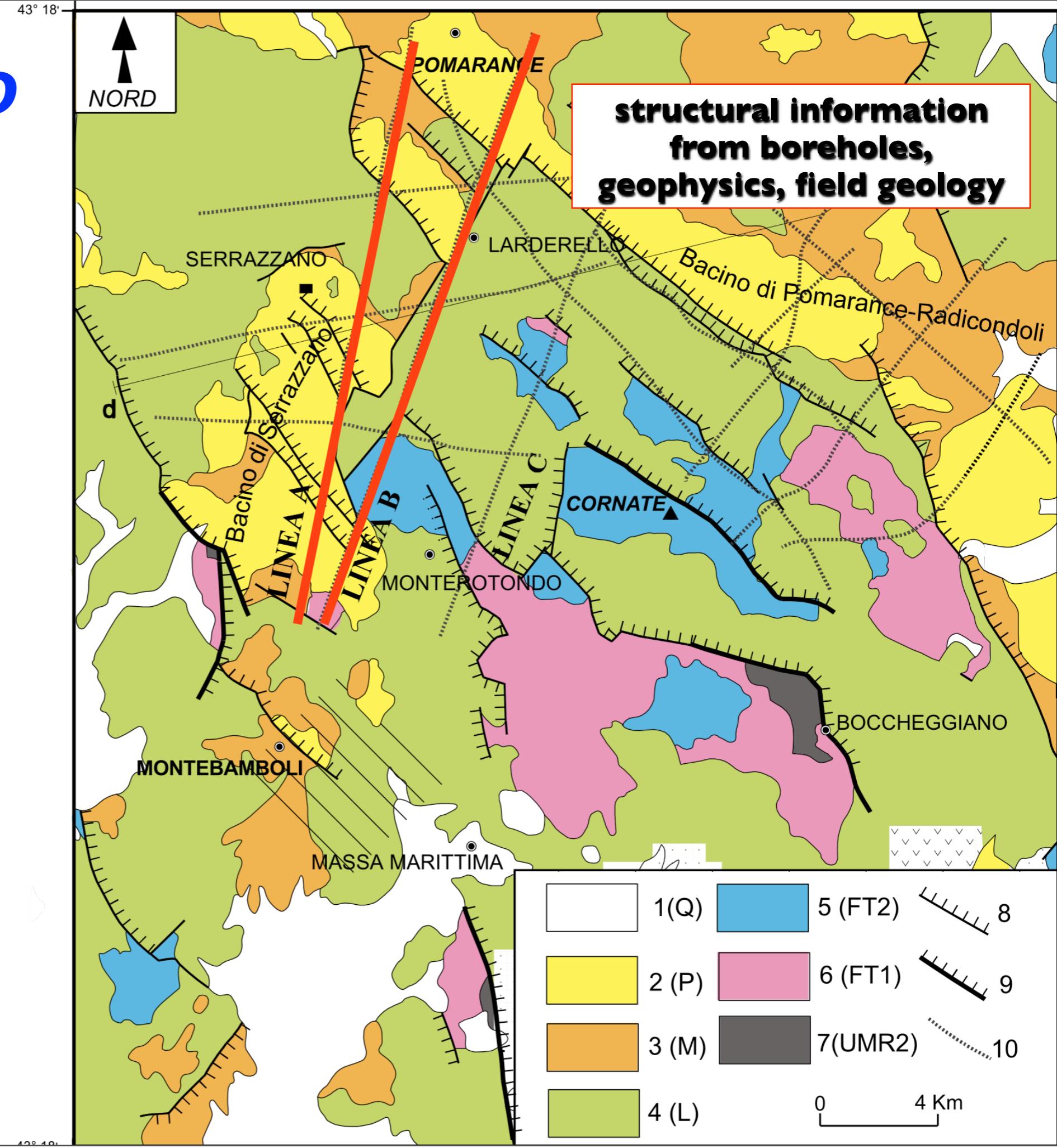
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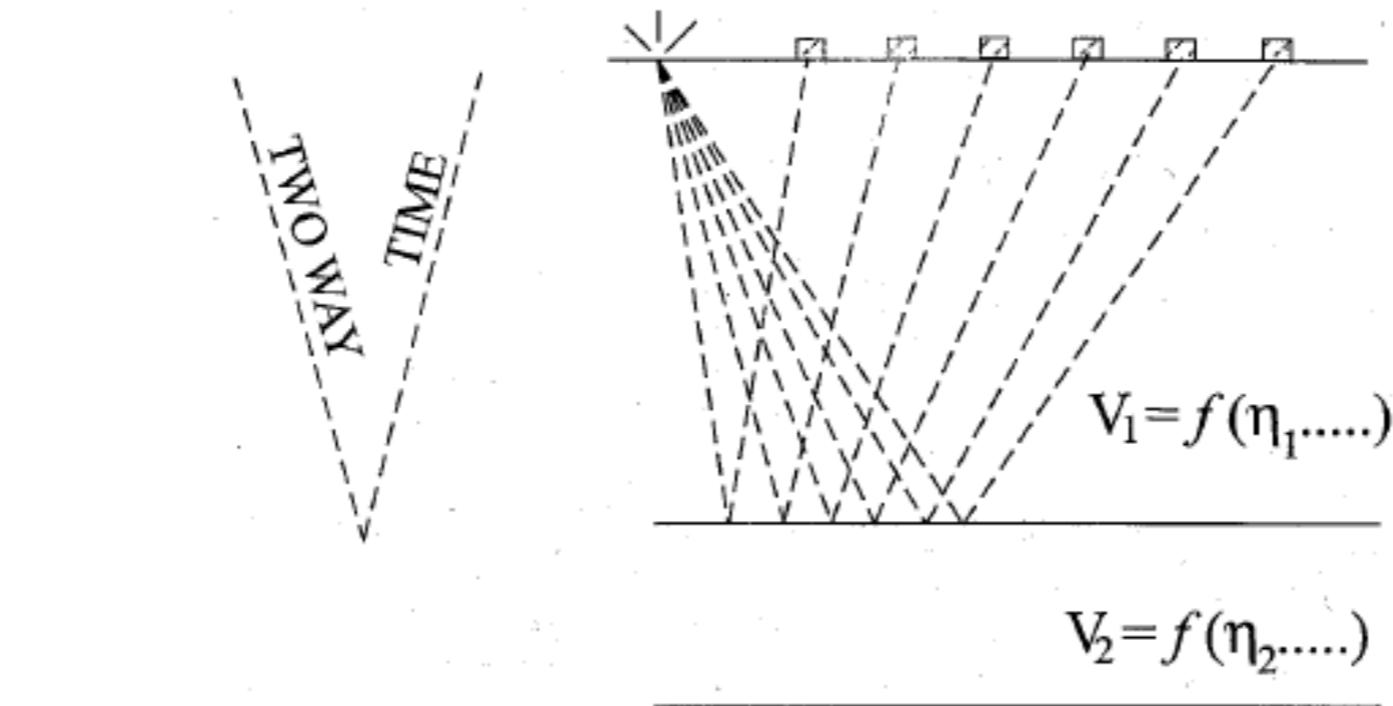


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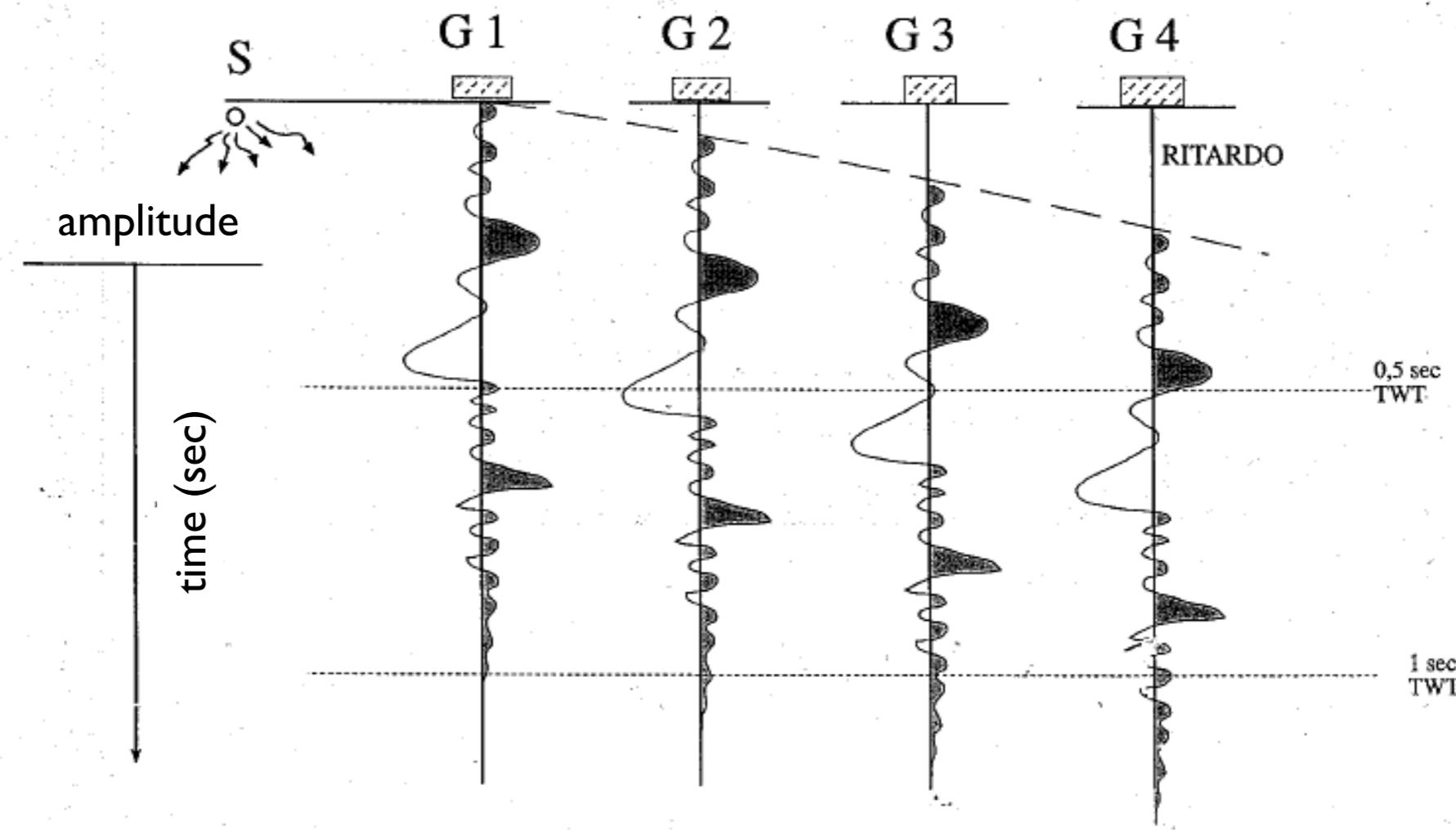


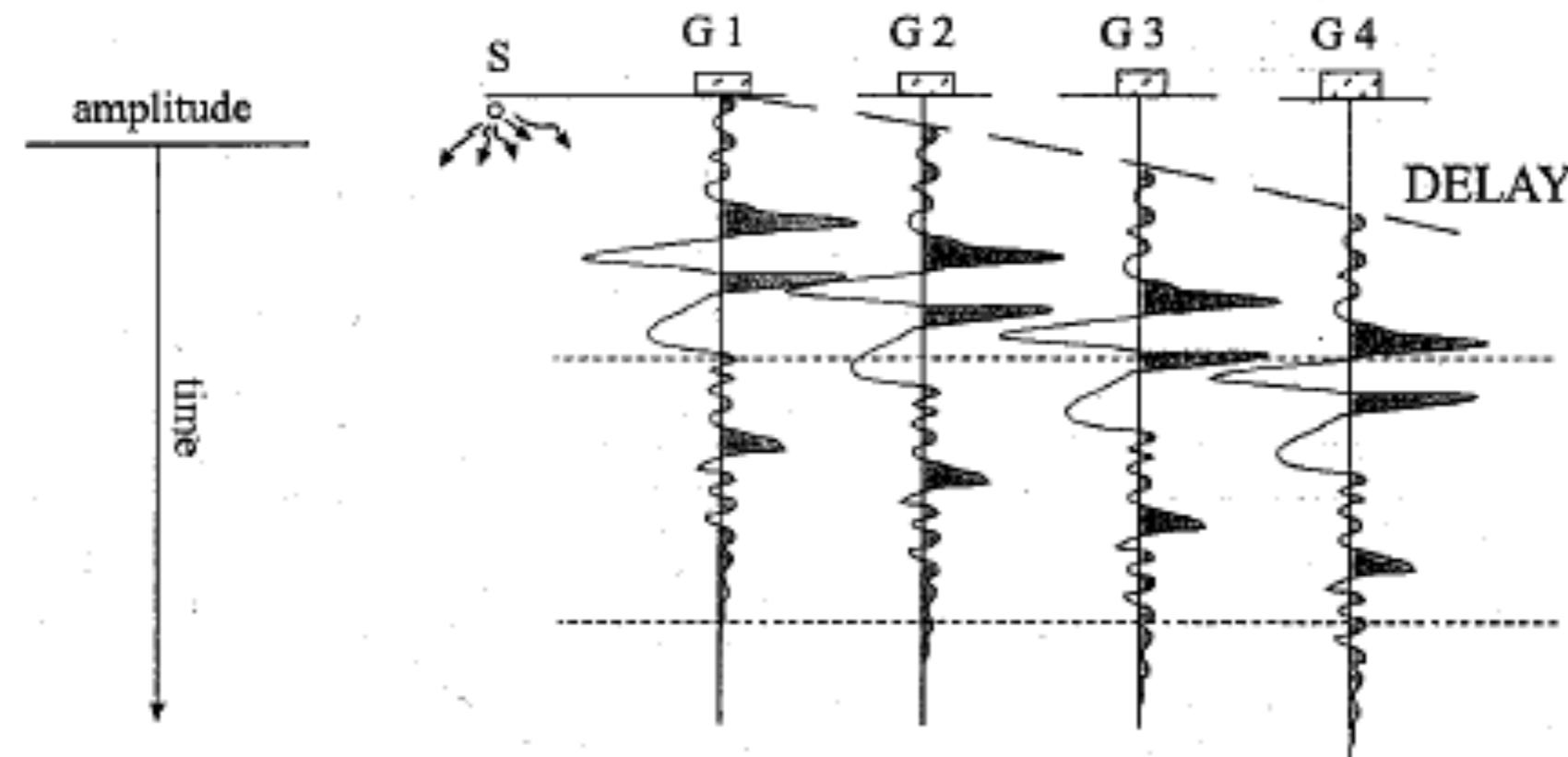
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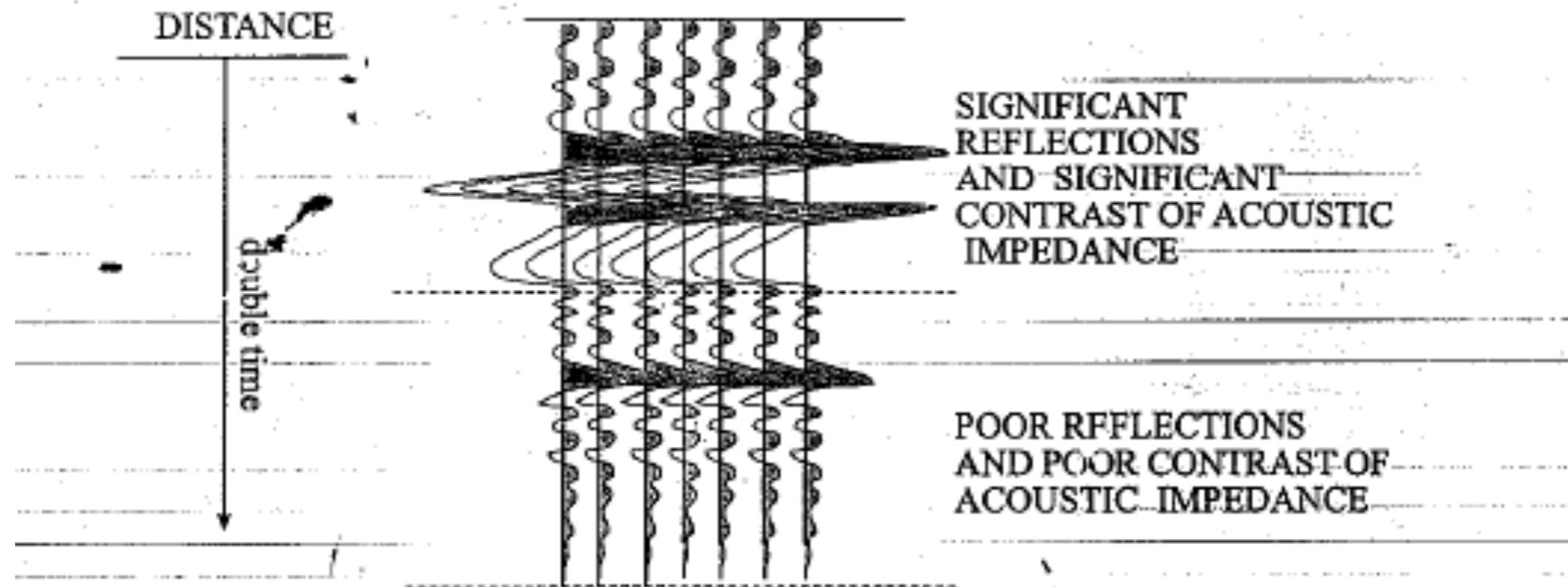


**ACOUSTIC IMPEDANCE = VELOCITY x DENSITY**

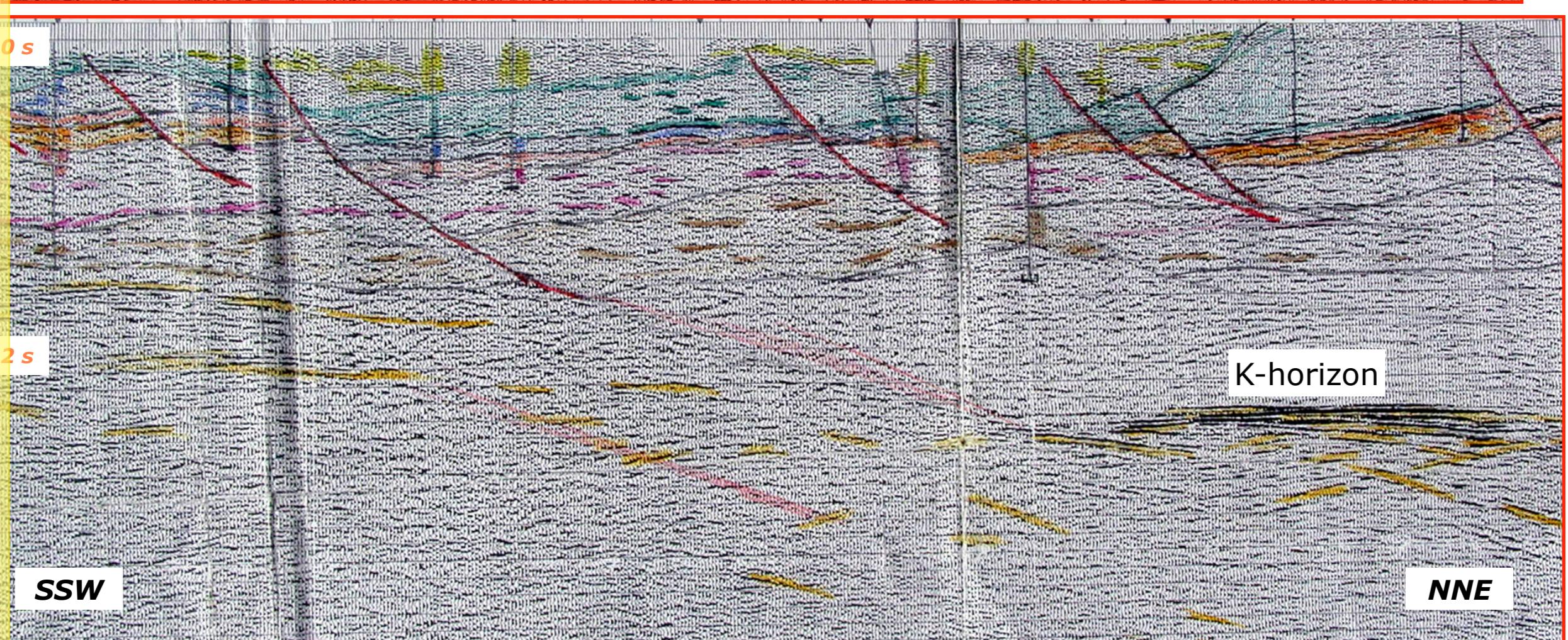
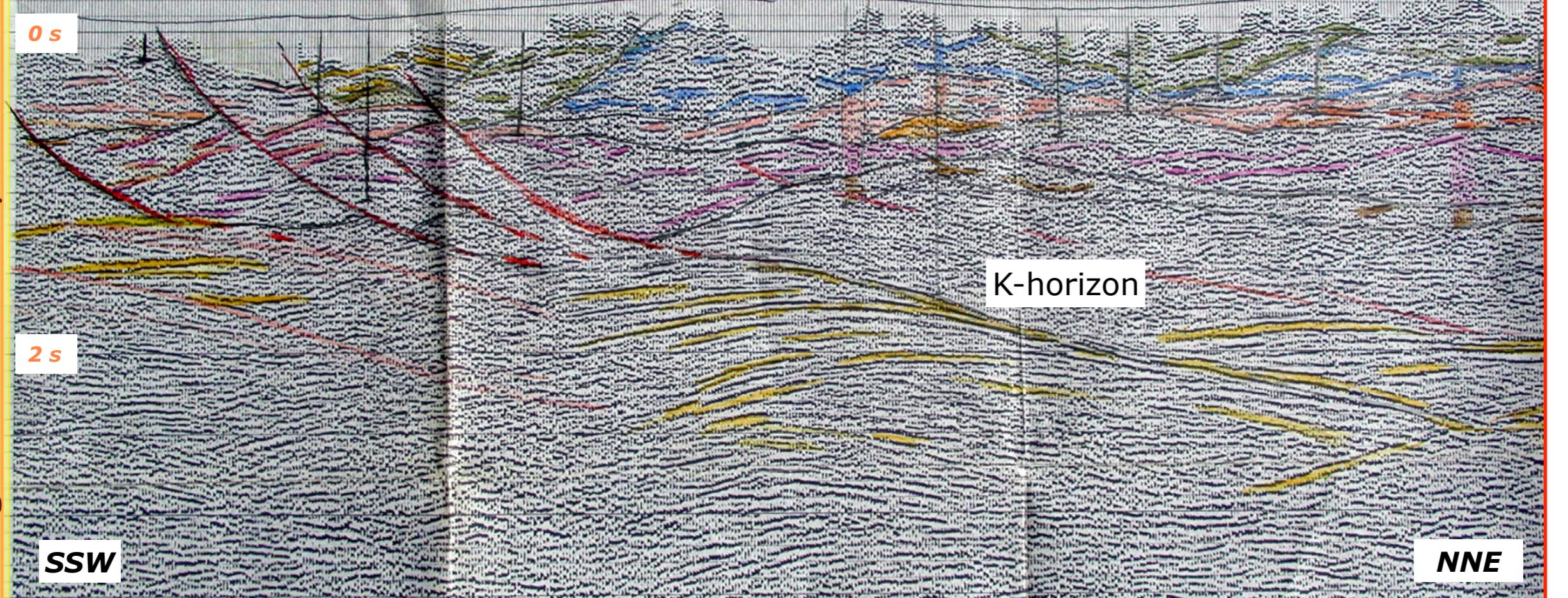


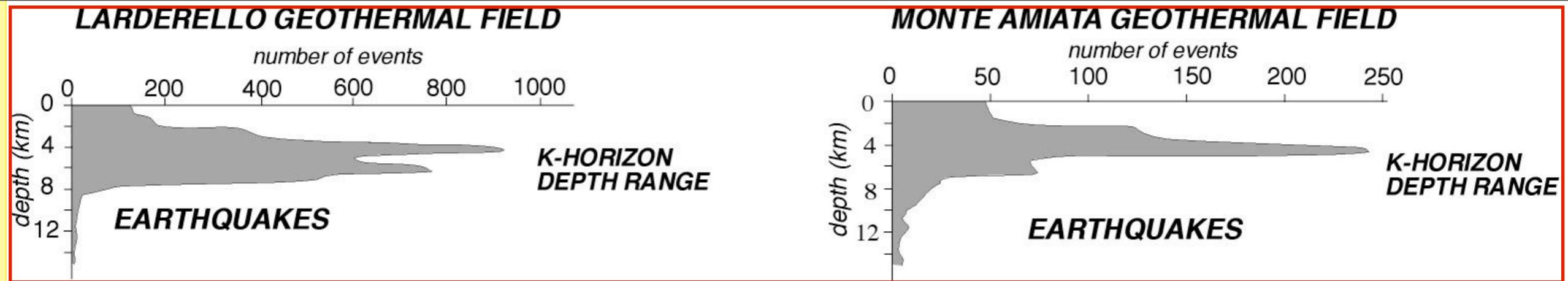


to obtain a reflection seismic line, the original data need to be processed

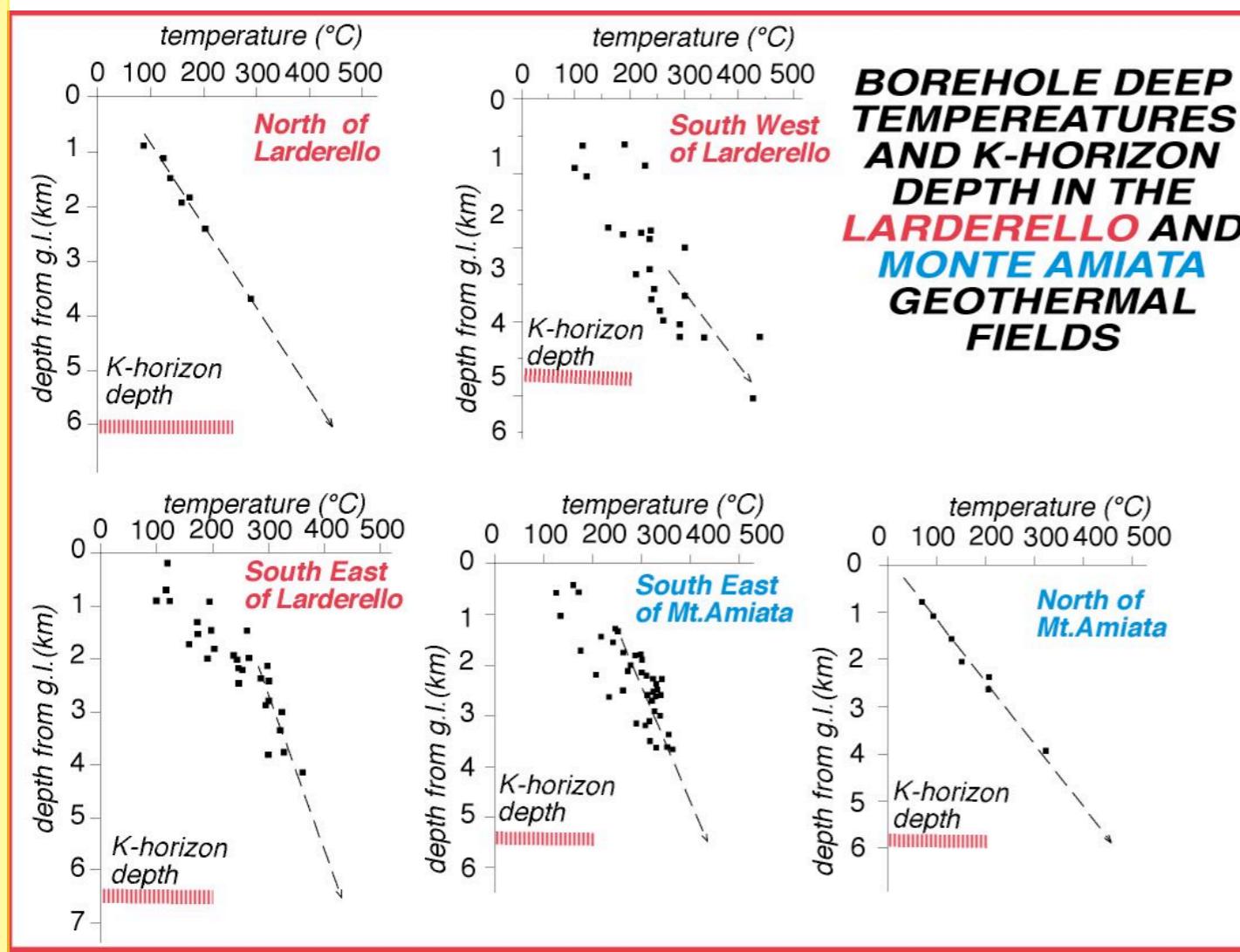


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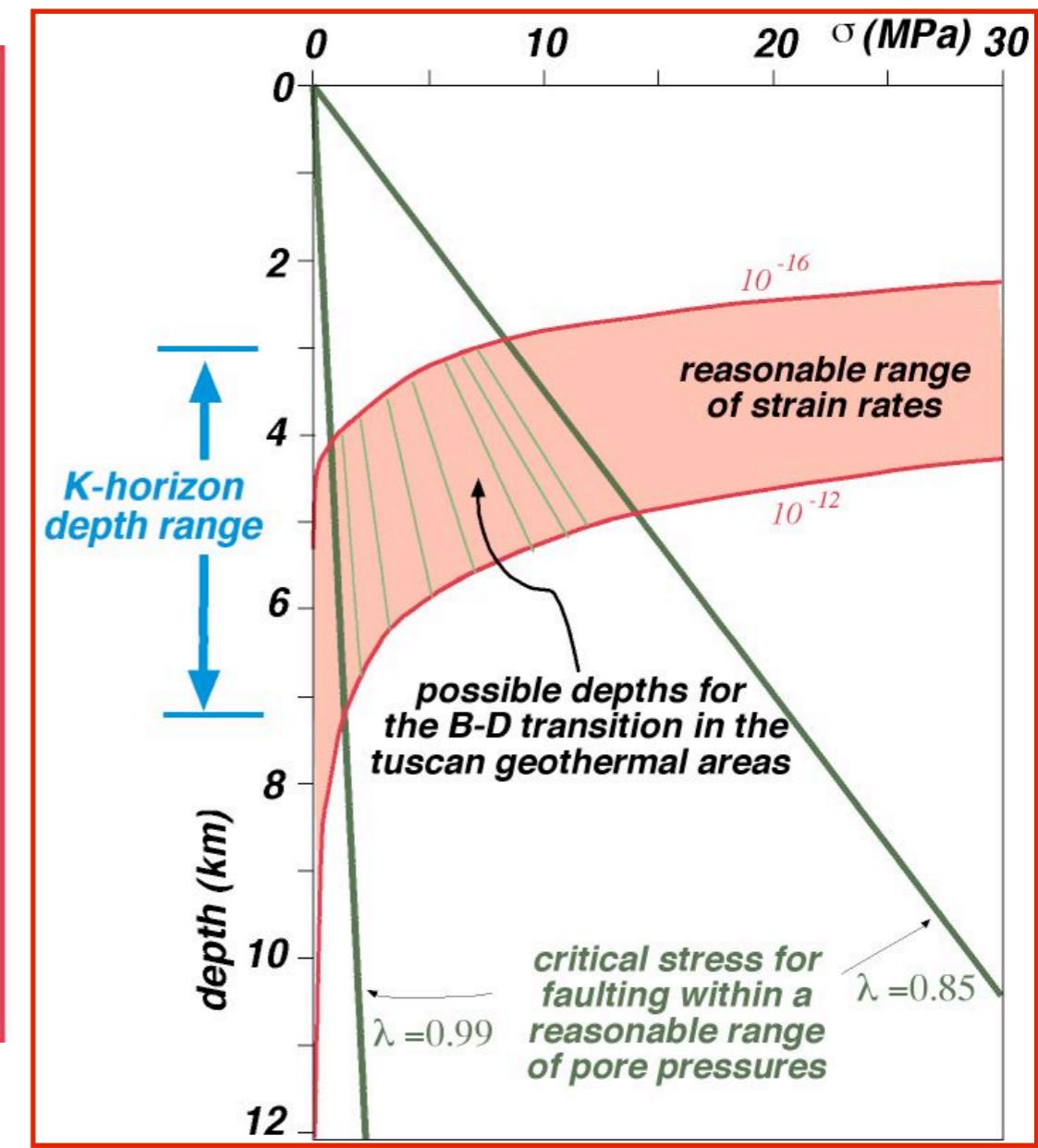




**Local epicentres are mostly concentrated at the K-horizon depth**

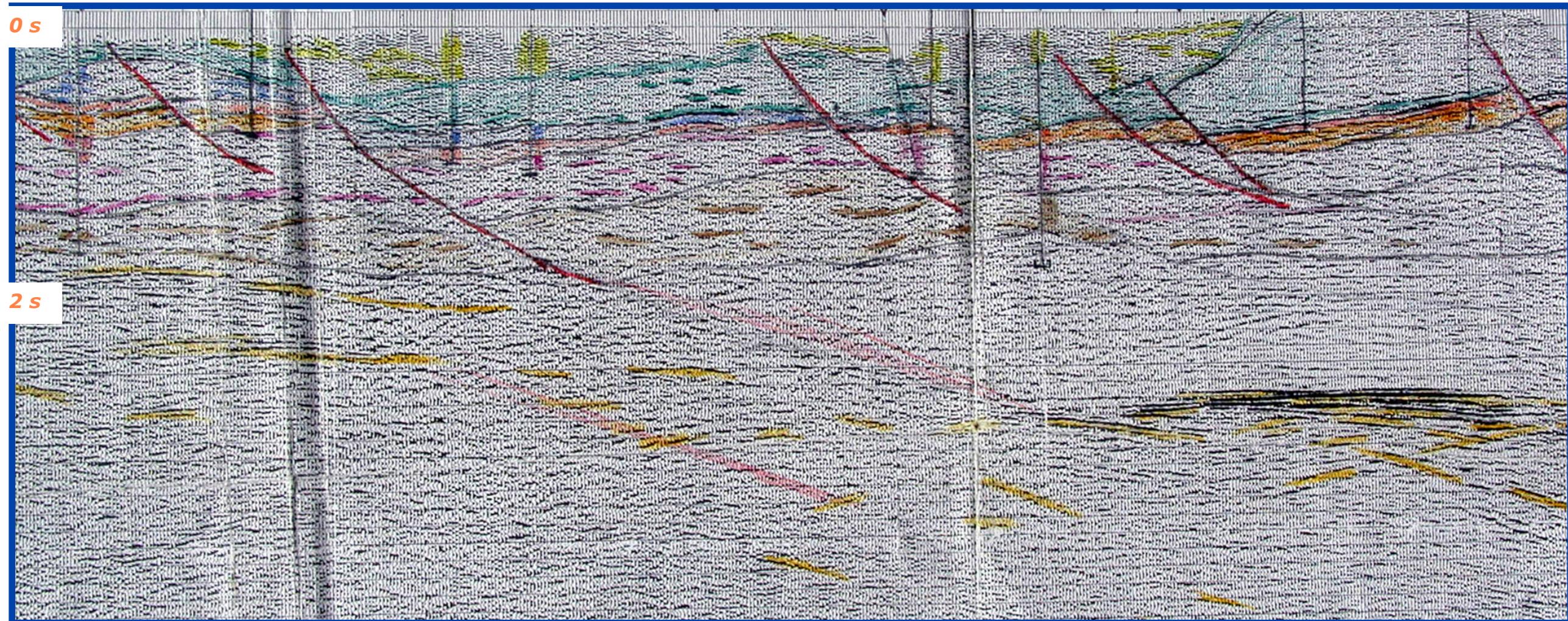
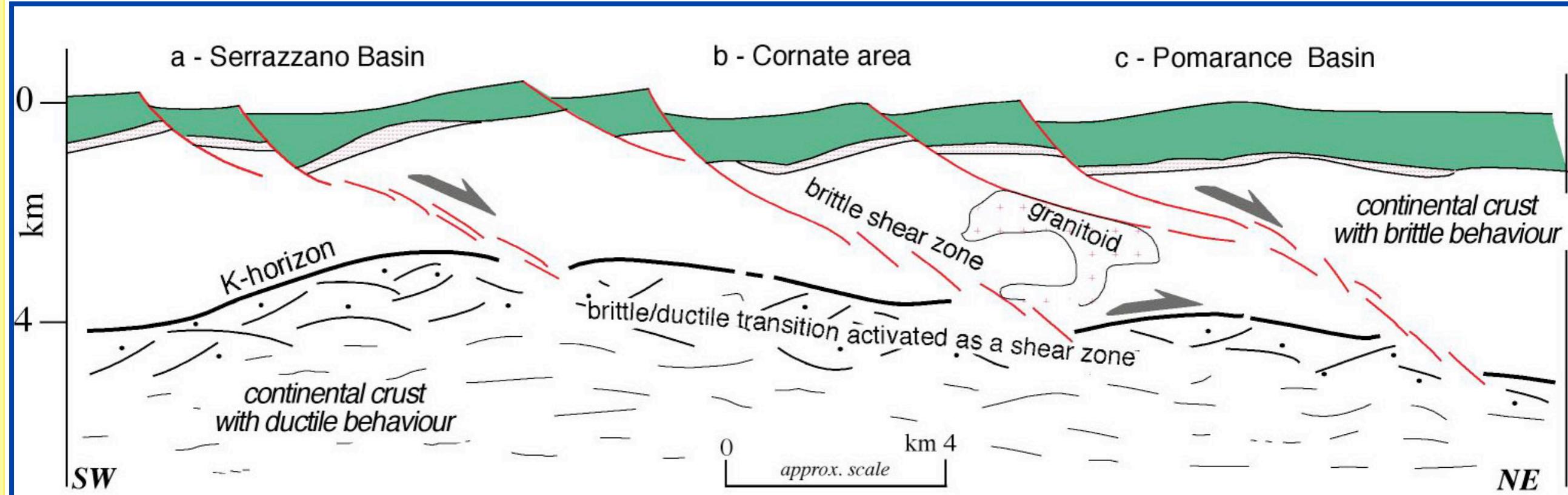


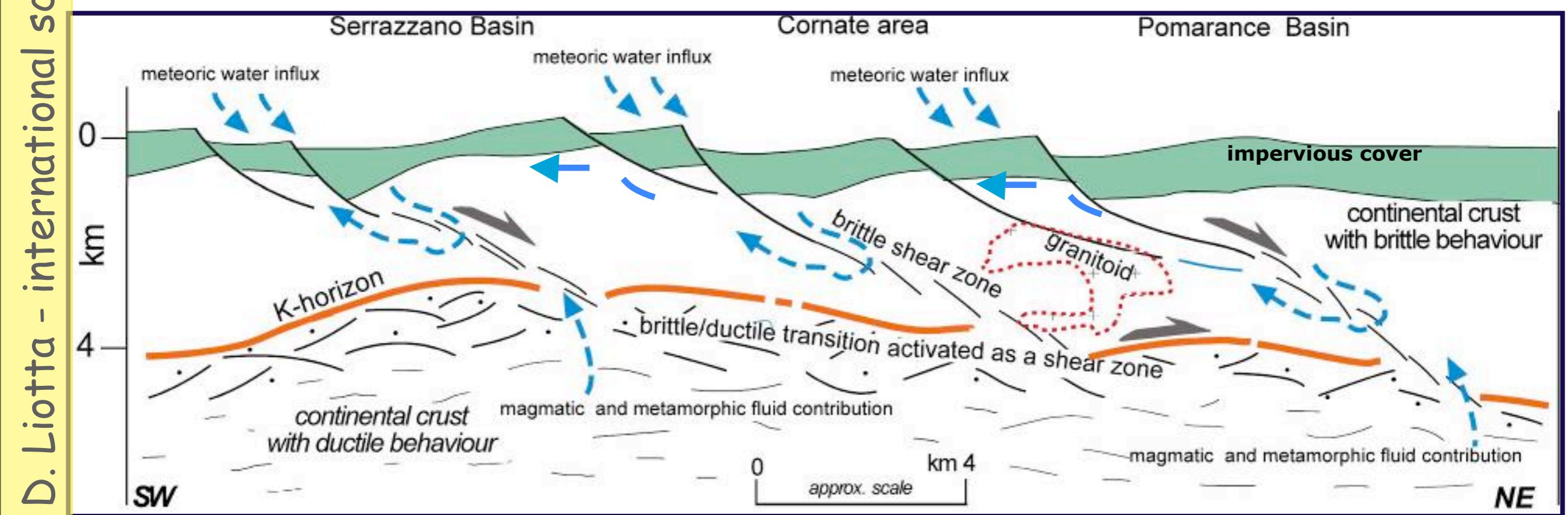
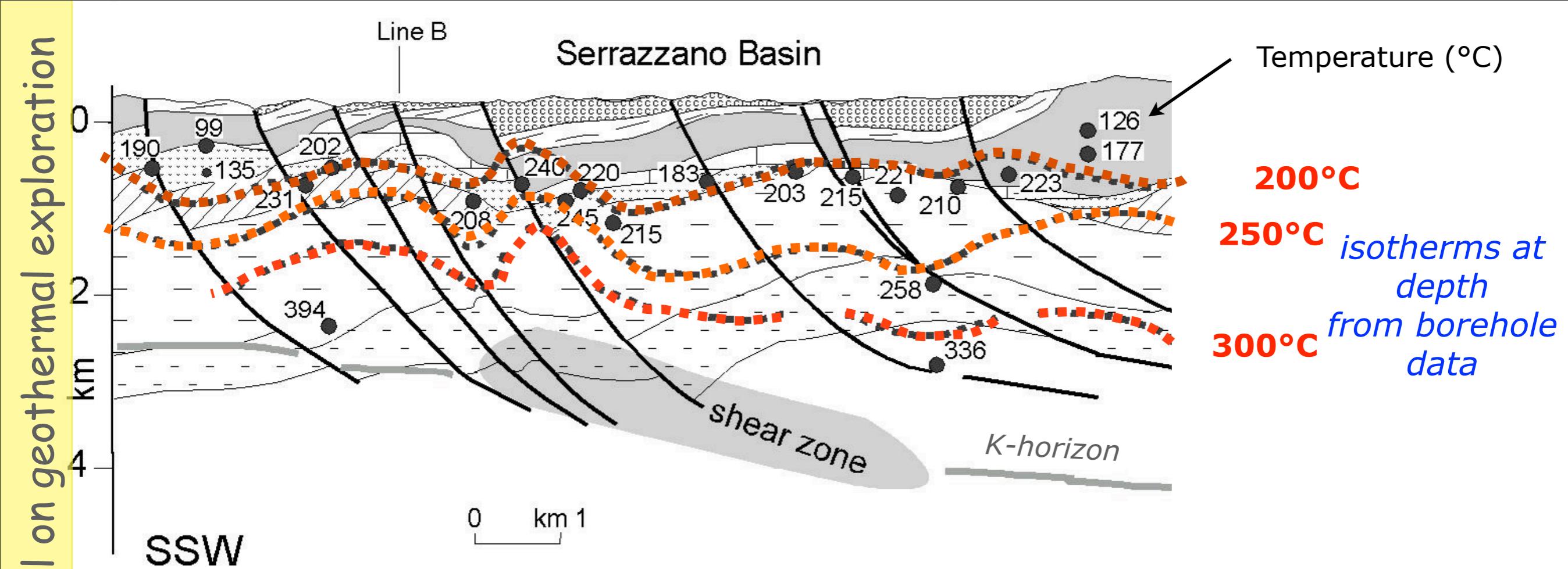
**Estimated temperature is 400-450 $^{\circ}\text{C}$  at the K-horizon depth**



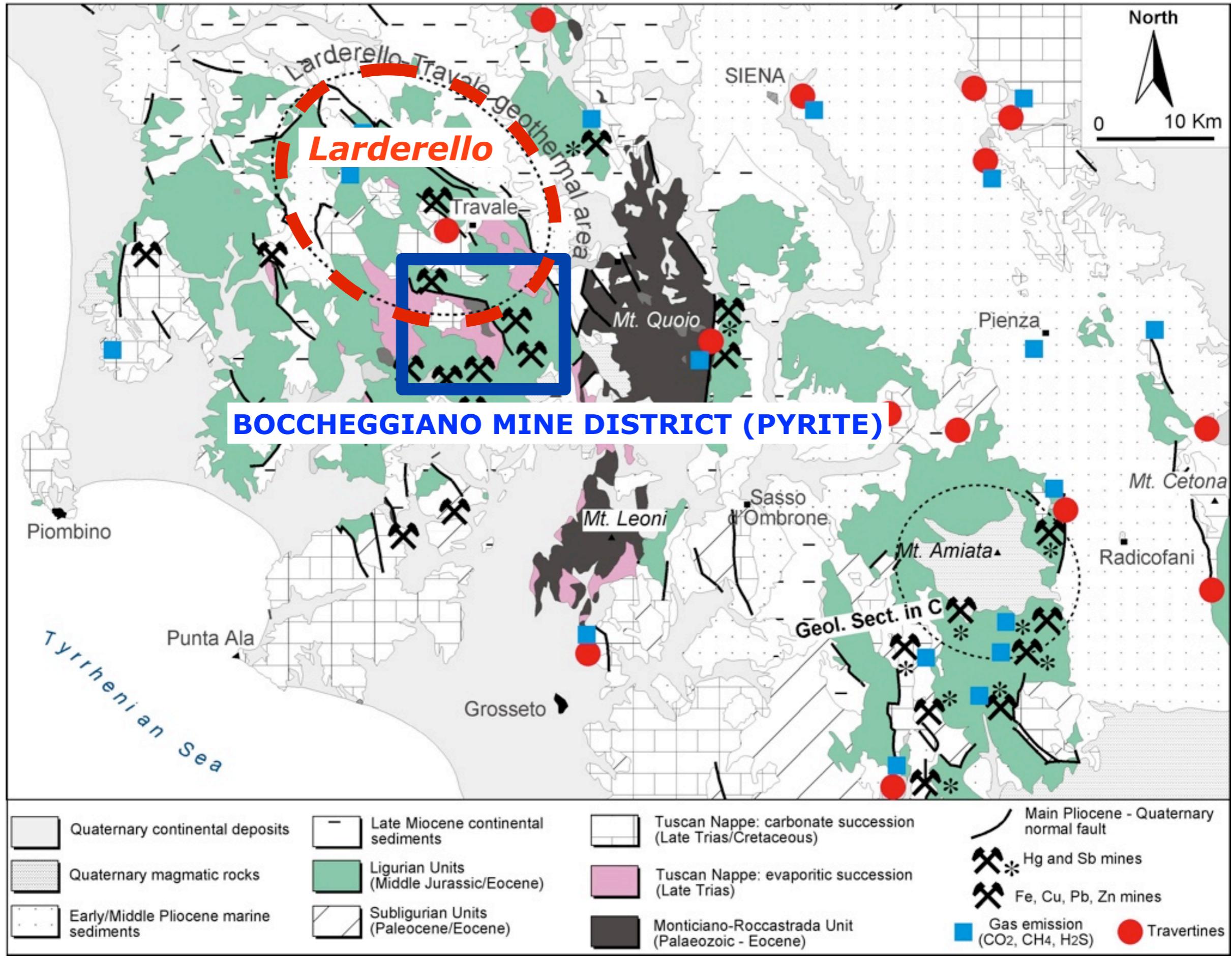
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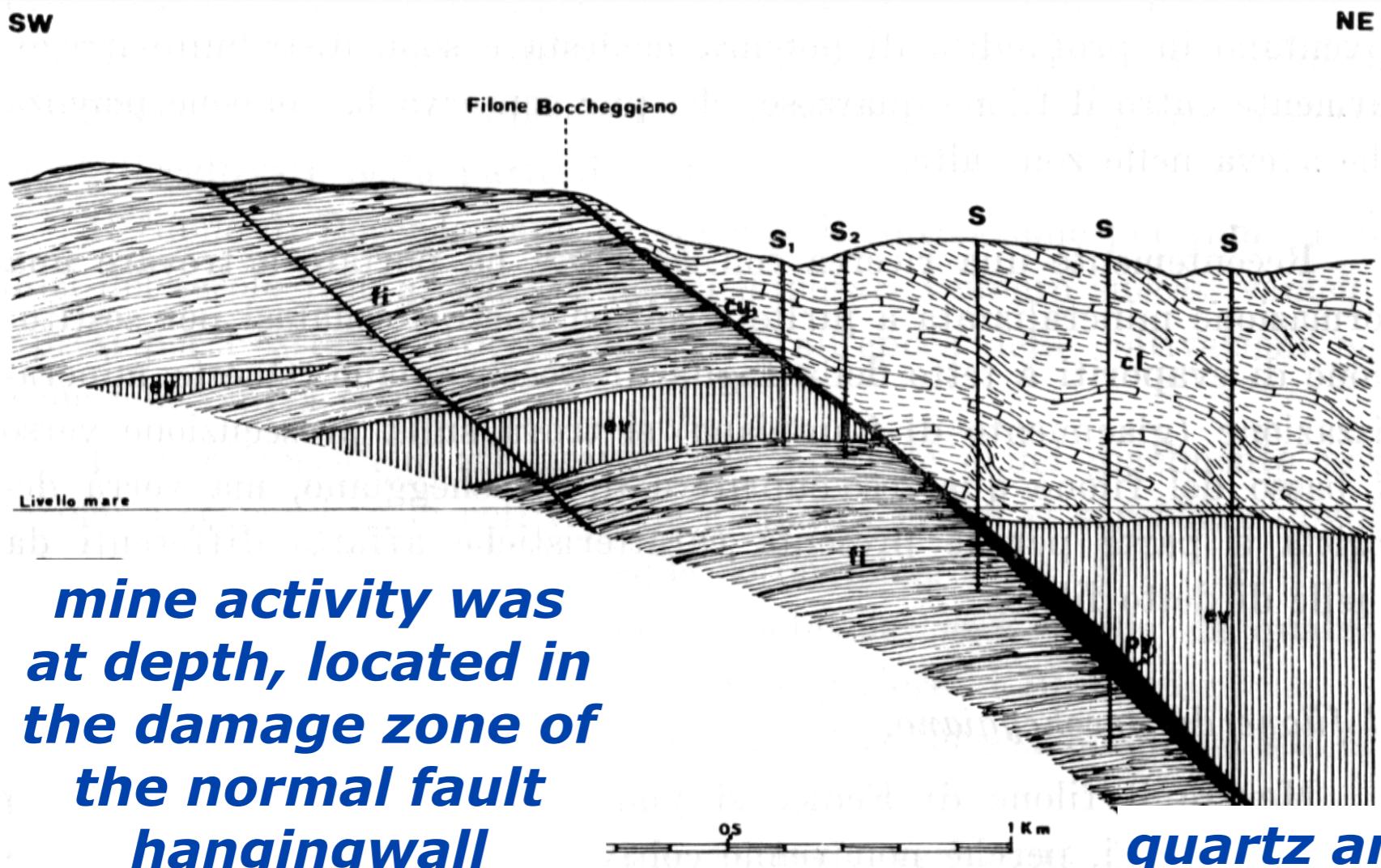
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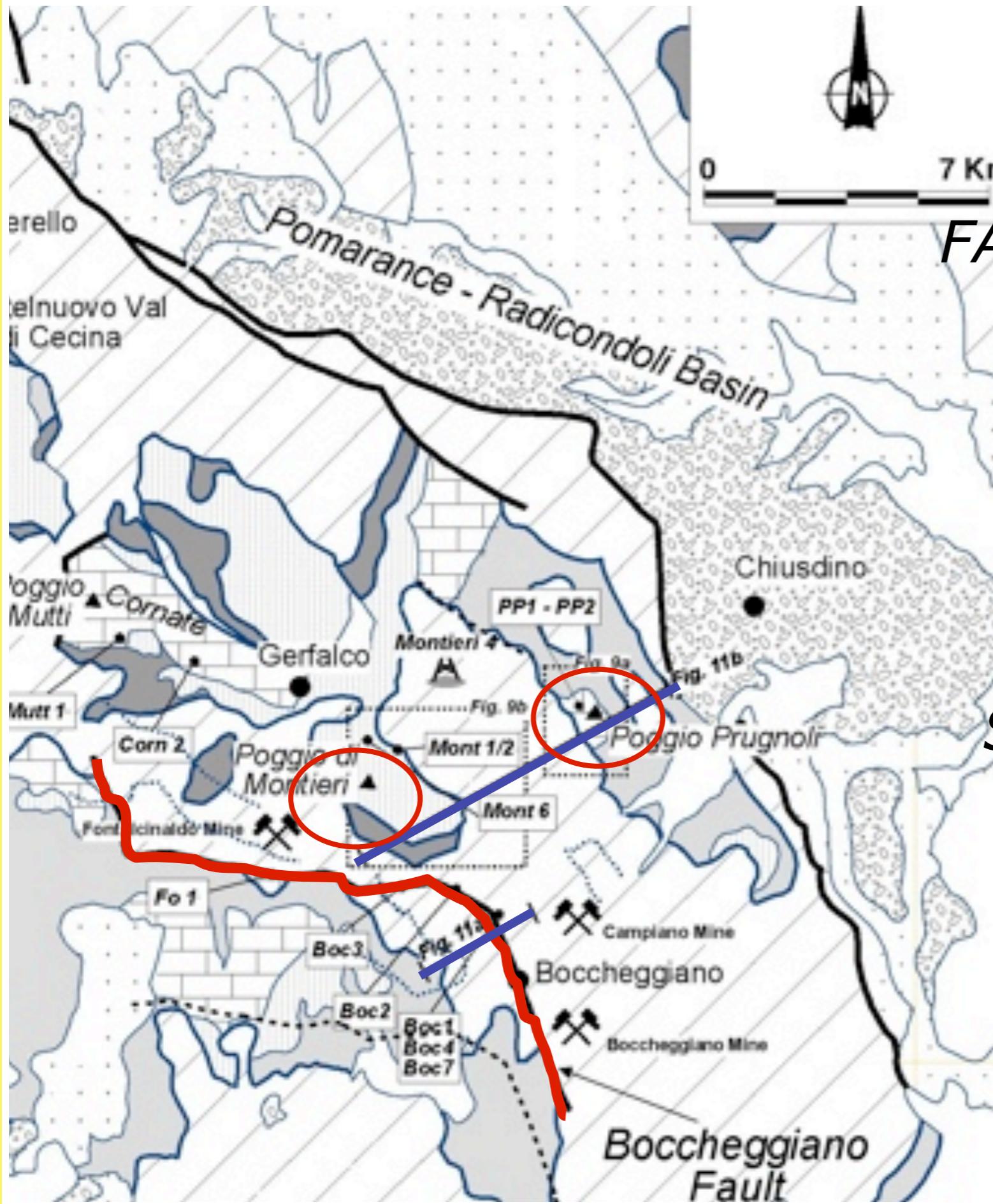




## comparison with a fossil geothermal system







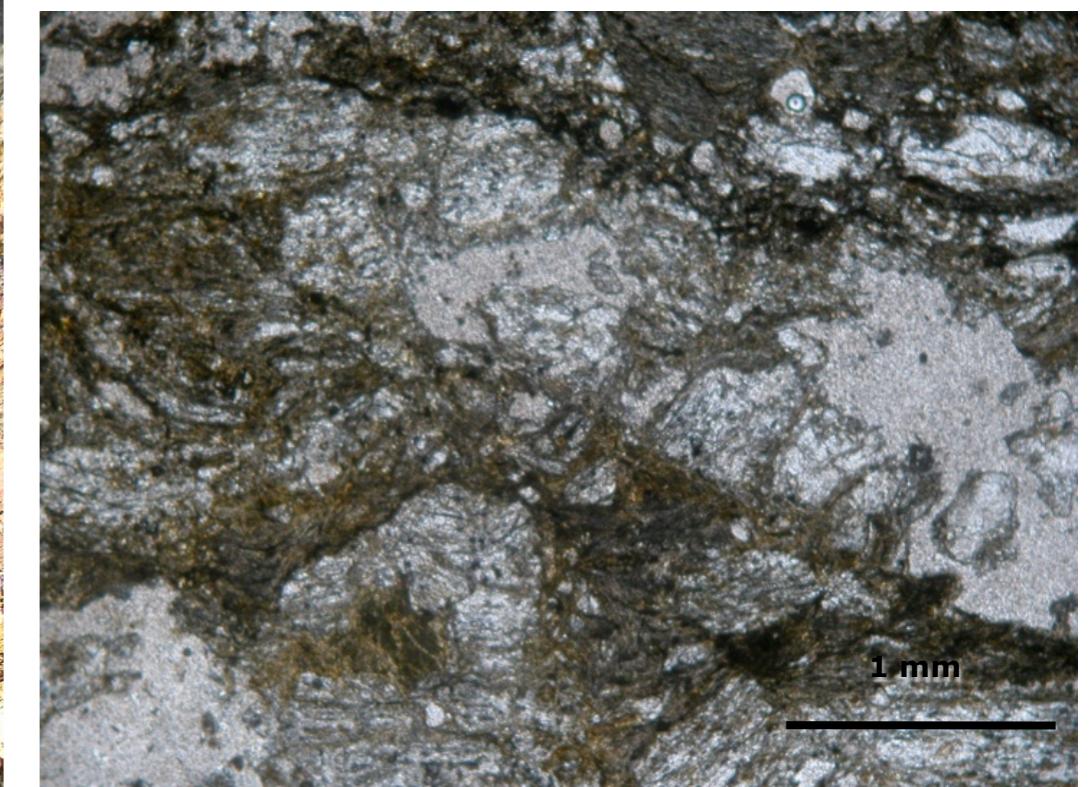
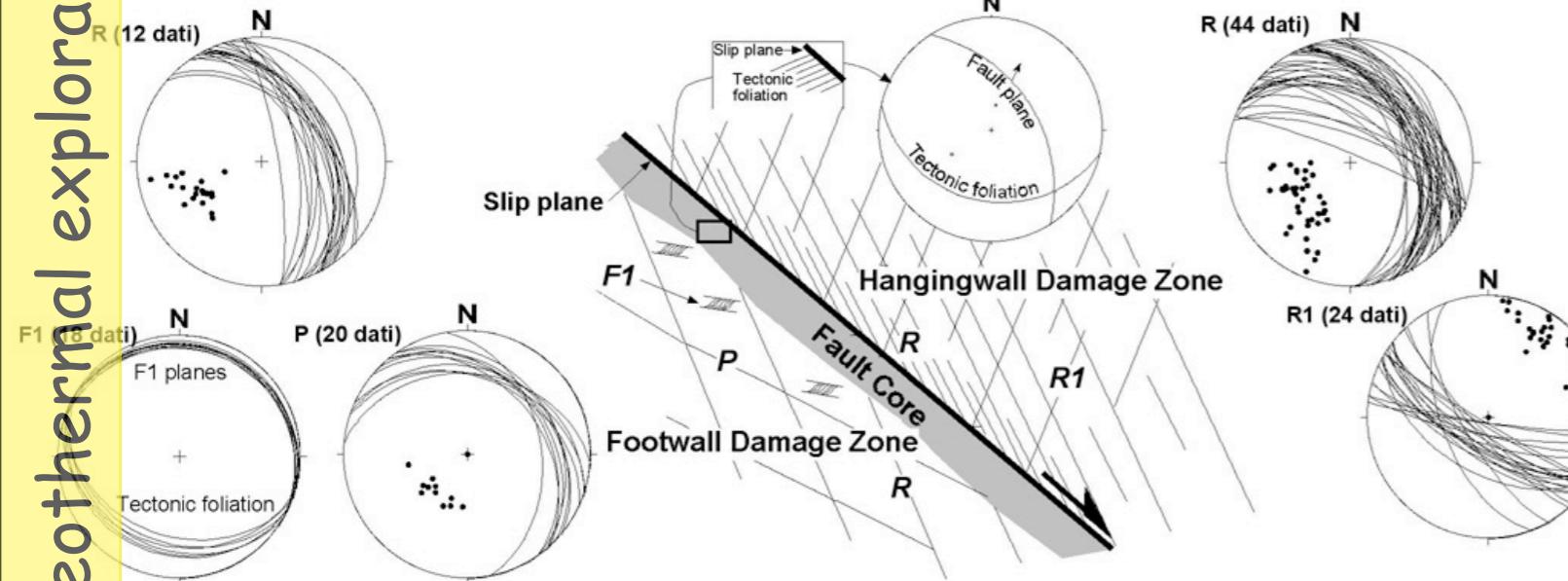
**FAULT ARCHITECTURE**

**PATTERN OF  
FRACTURES**

**DISTRIBUTION,  
TEXTURE AND  
STRUCTURE OF VEINS**

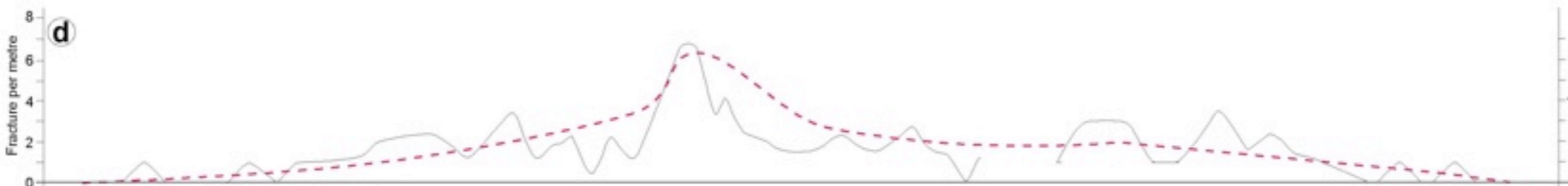
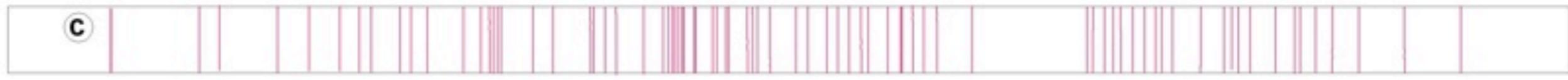
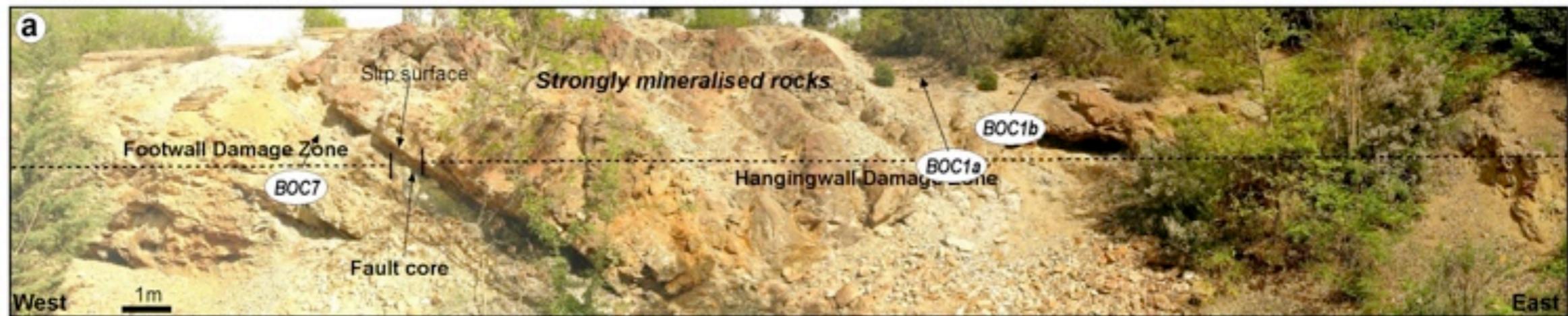
**FLUID  
INCLUSIONS IN  
QUARTZ**

# FAULT ARCHITECTURE



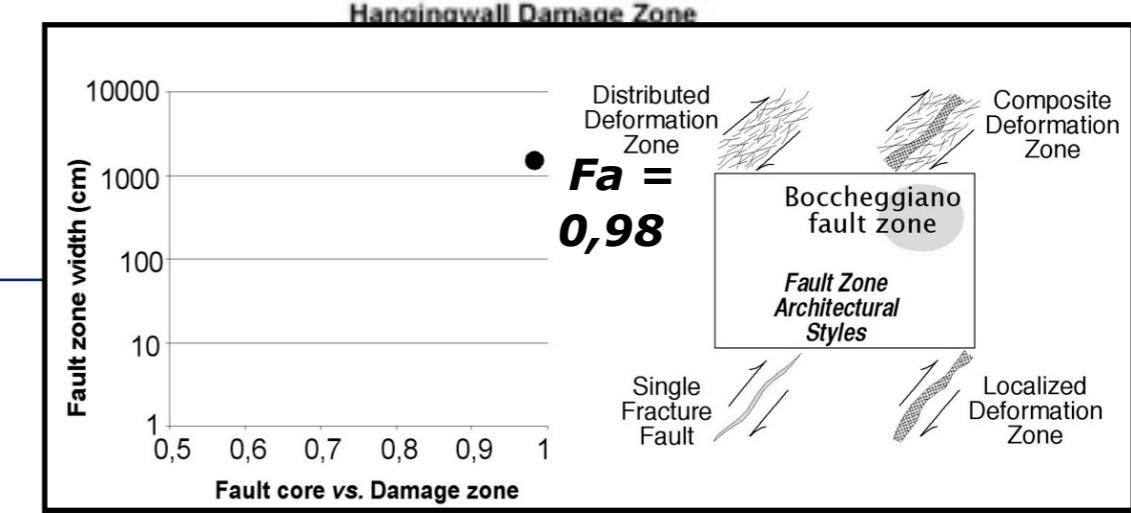
**vertical throw: 930 m**  
**horizontal throw: 520 m**

# PATTERN AND DISTRIBUTION OF FRACTURES



Footwall Damage Zone

- Protolith
- Gap
- Quartz veins with pyrite
- Palaeozoic phyllite

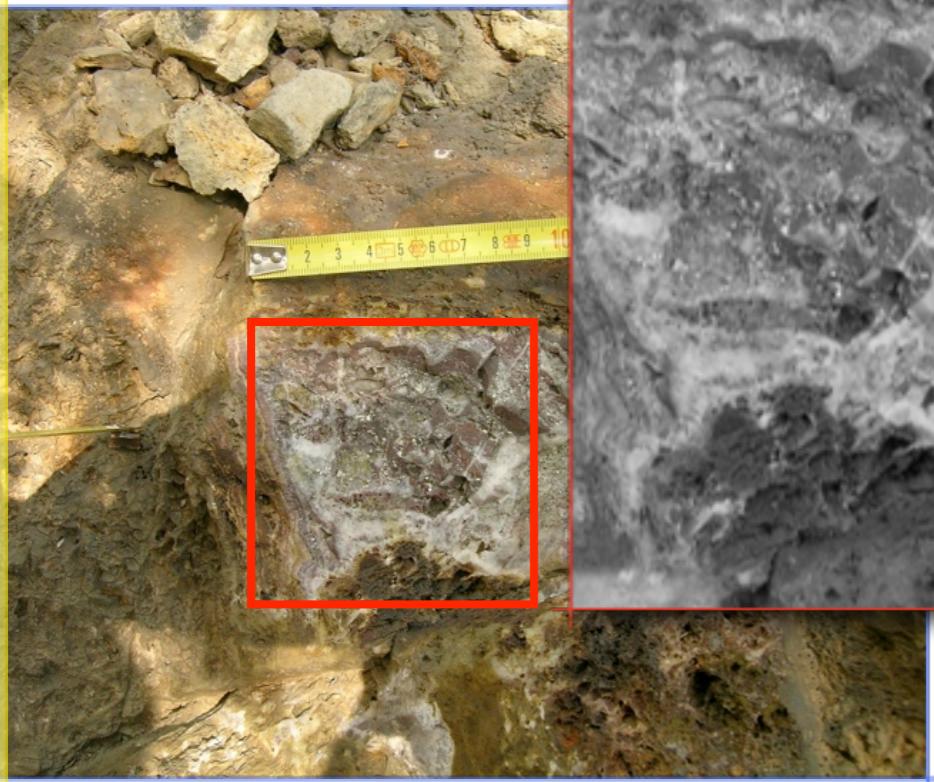


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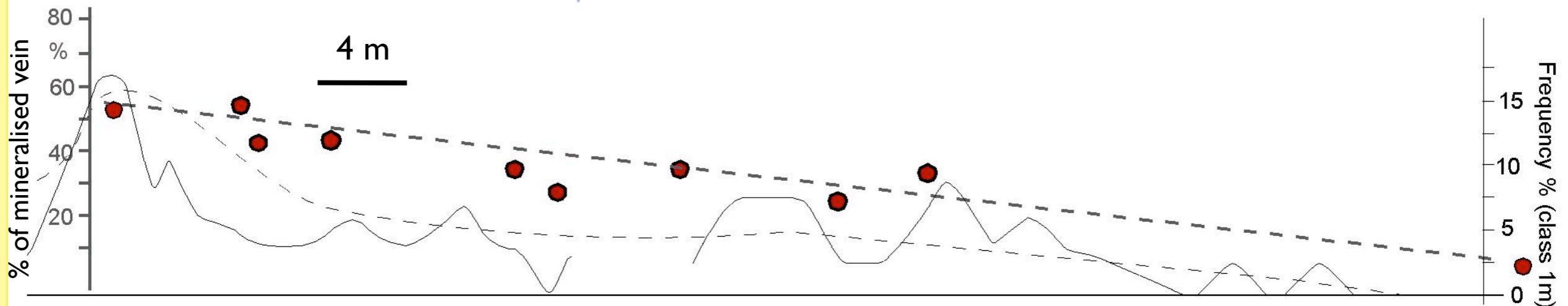
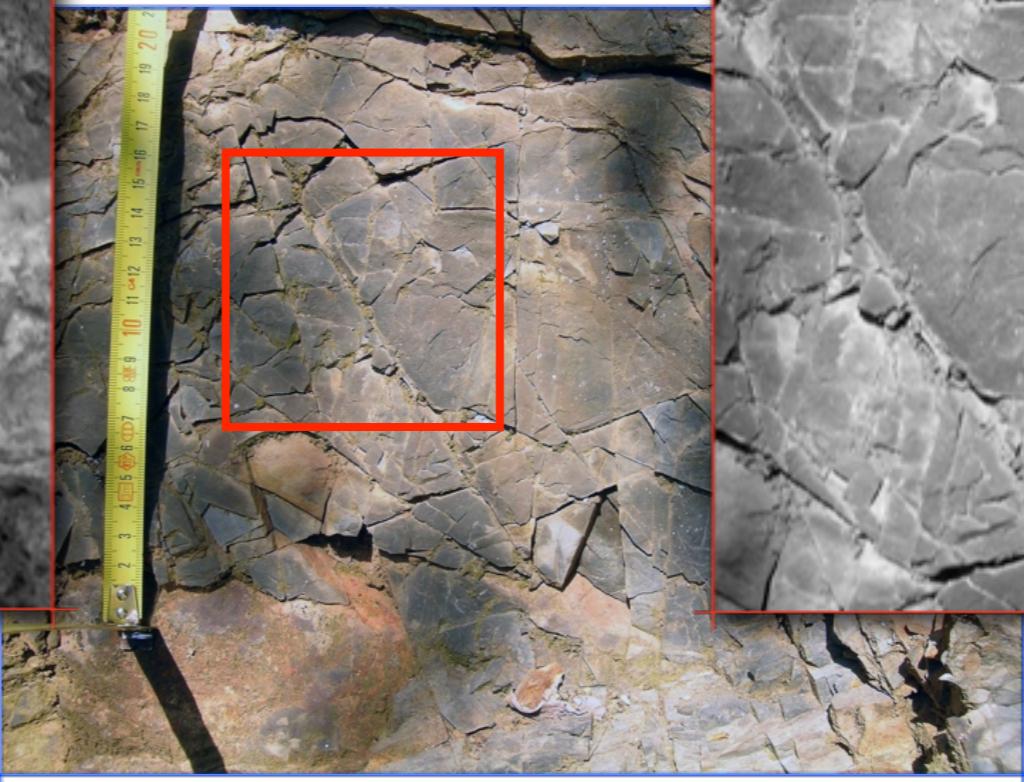
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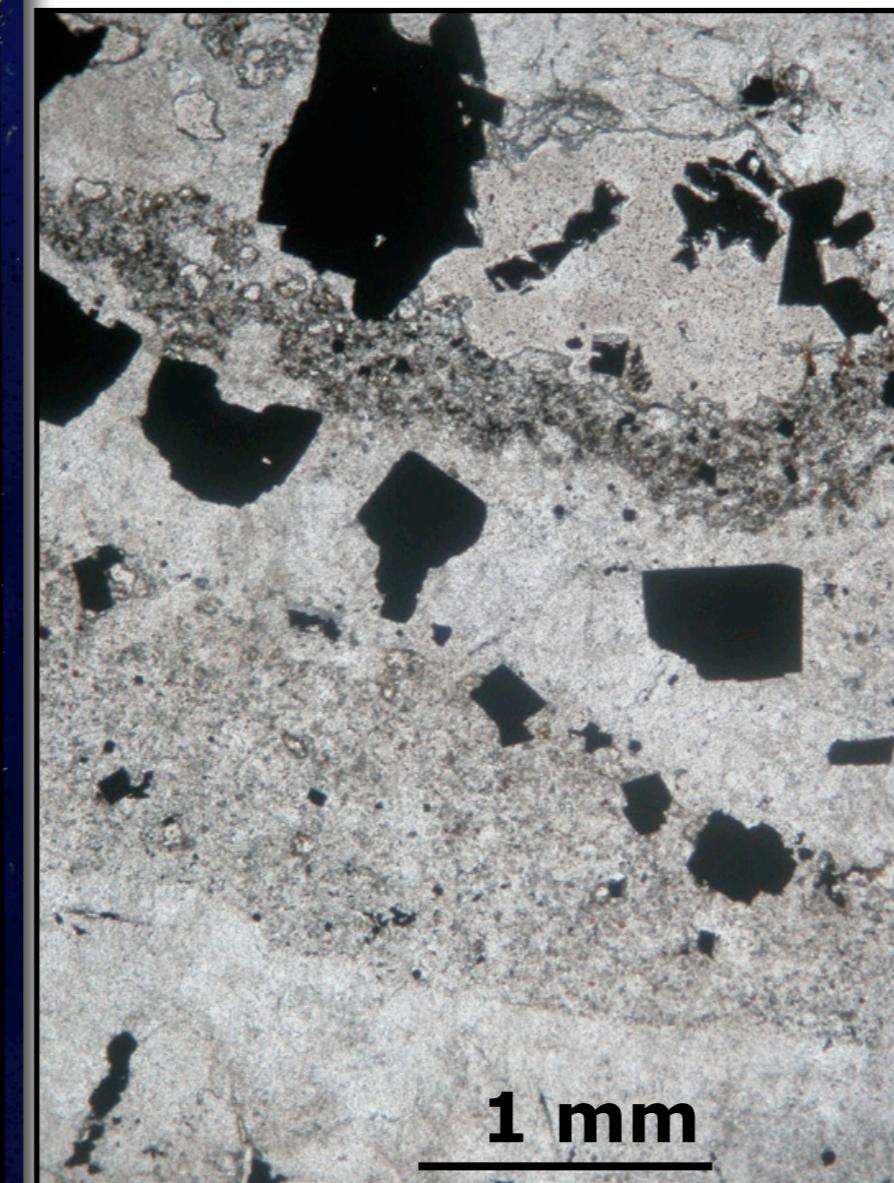
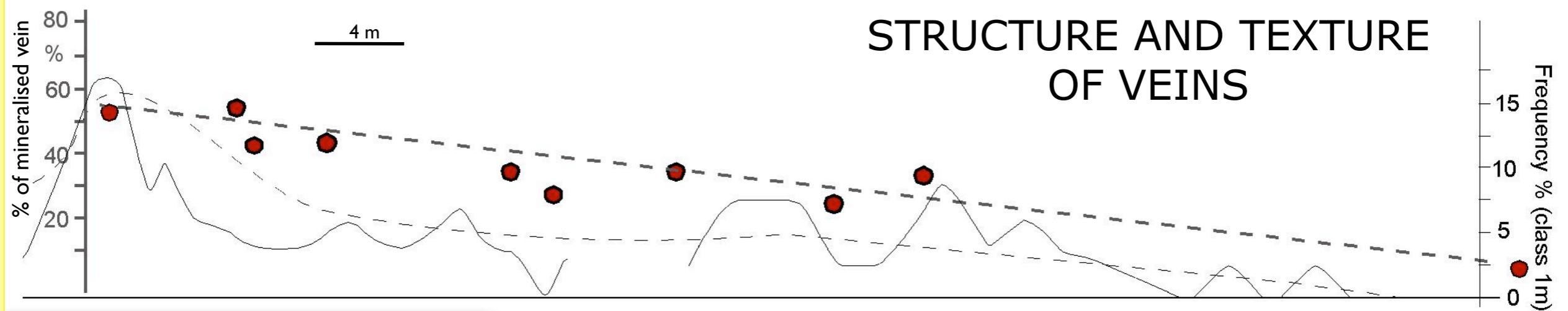


**Campione F5**



**Campione F9**

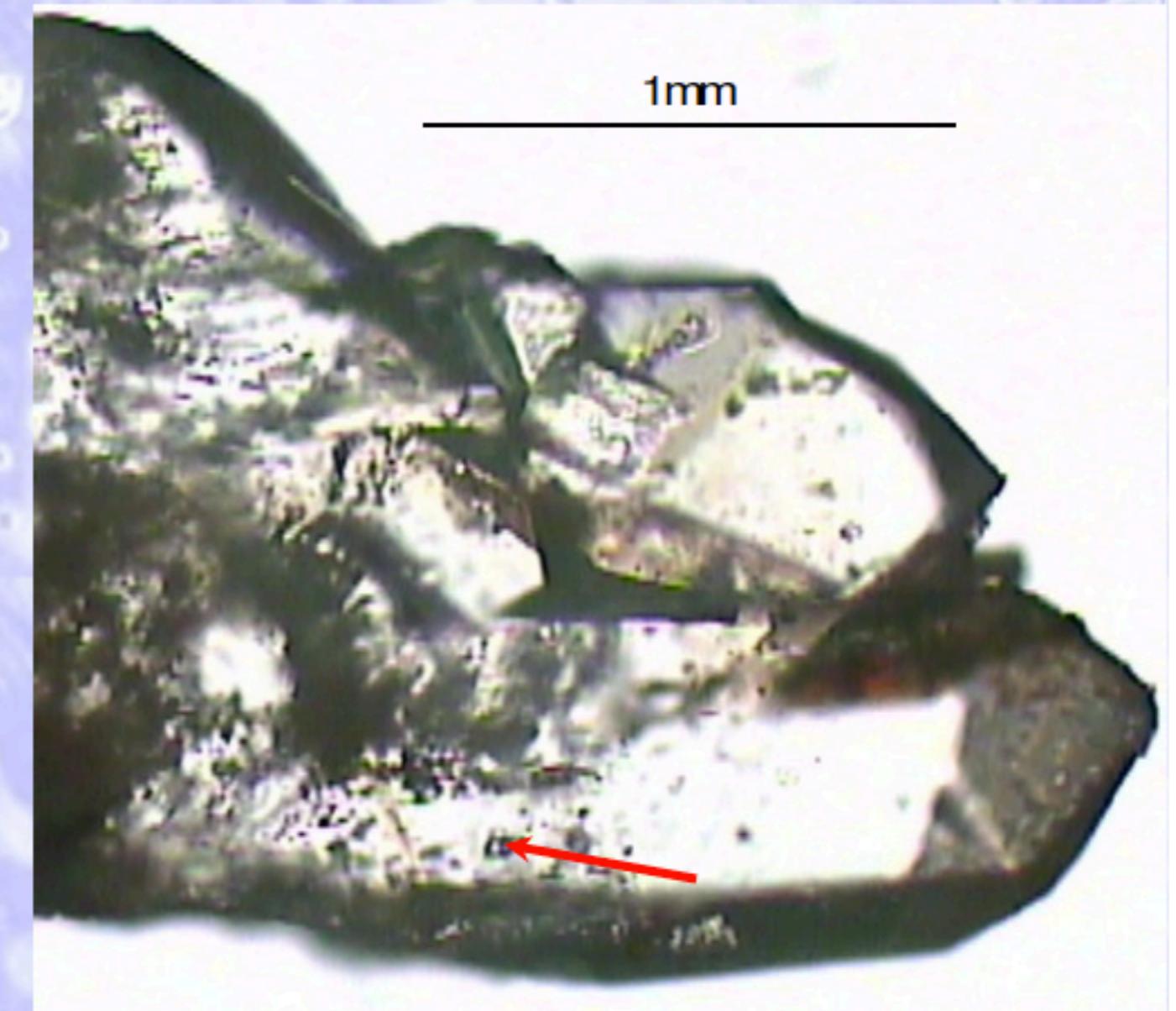
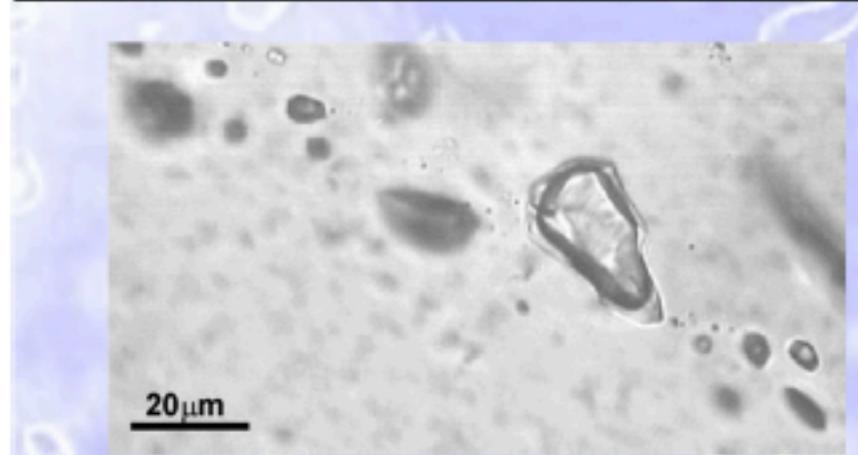




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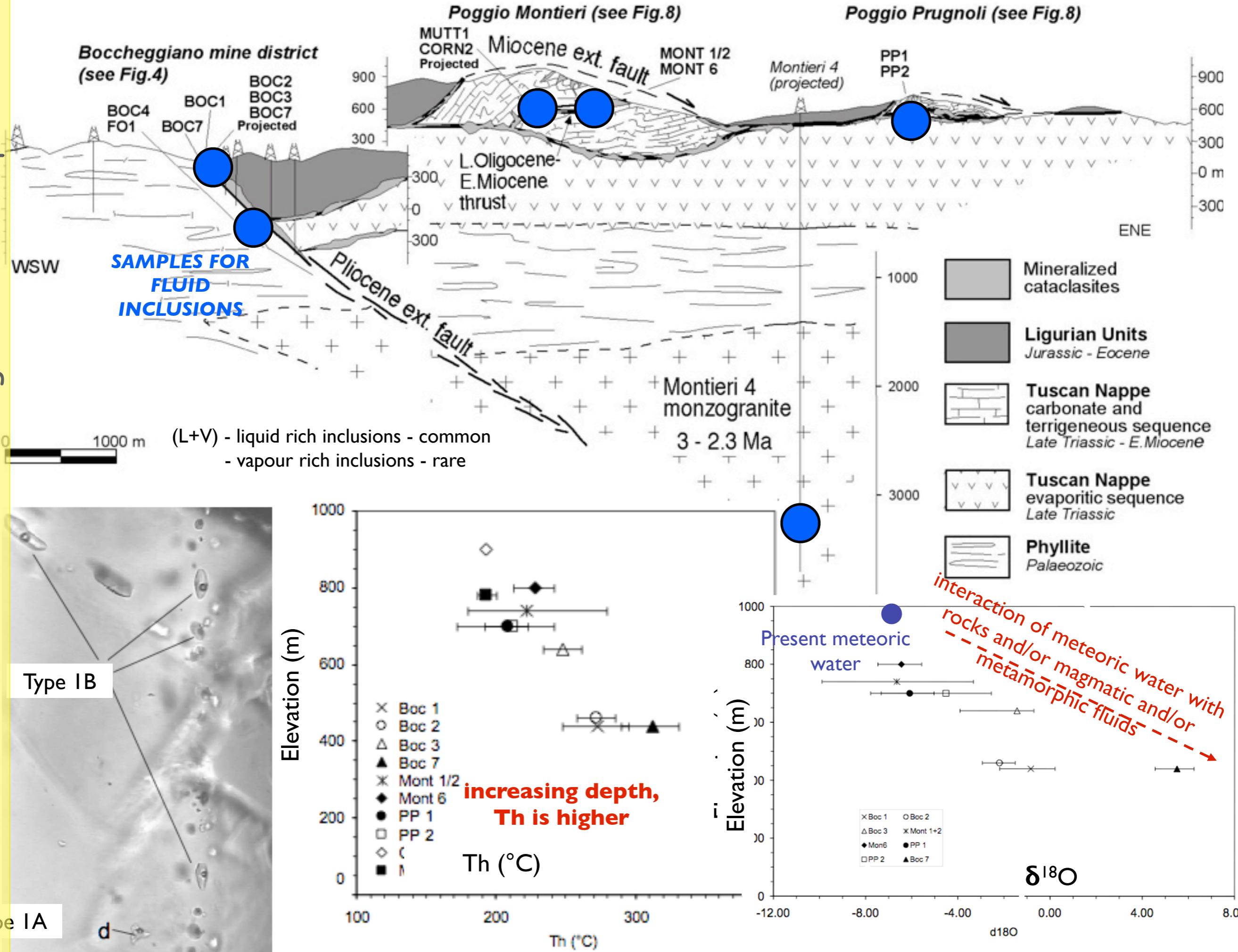


*Fluid inclusions are small portions of fluid trapped within crystals during or after their growth*

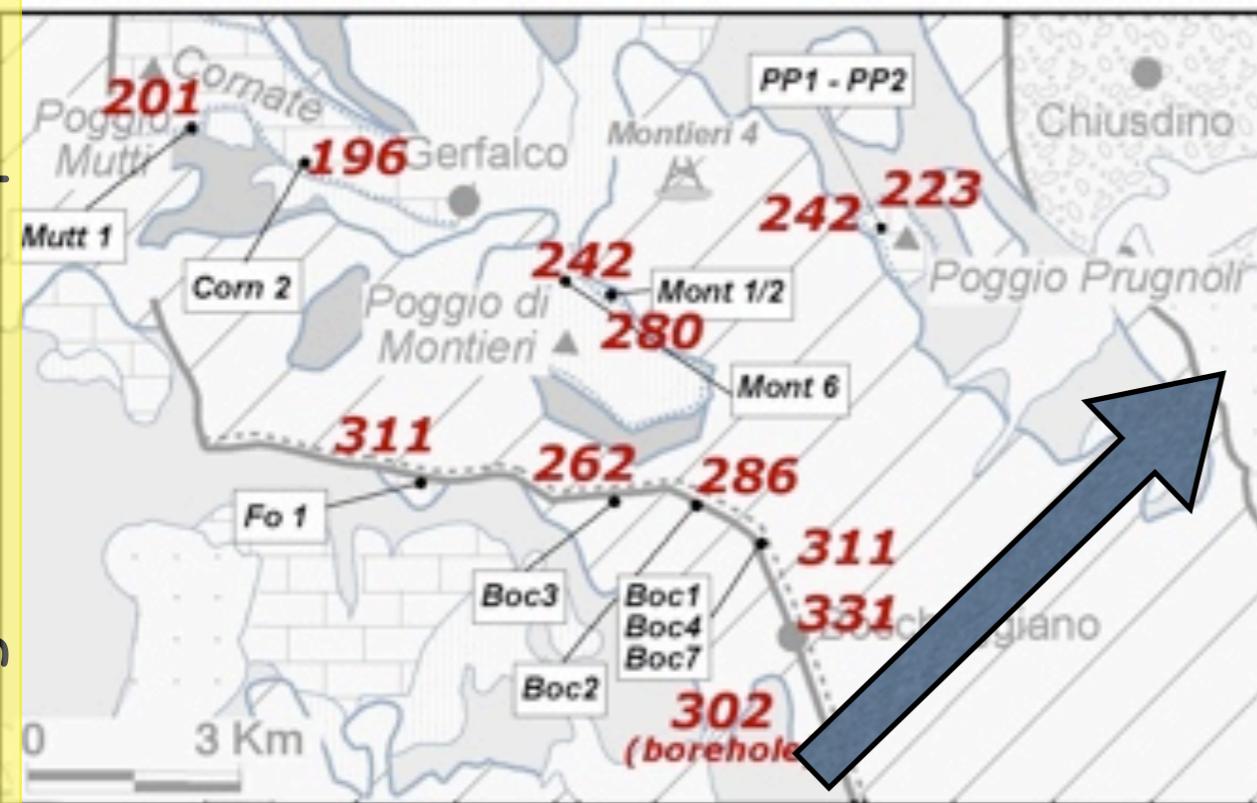


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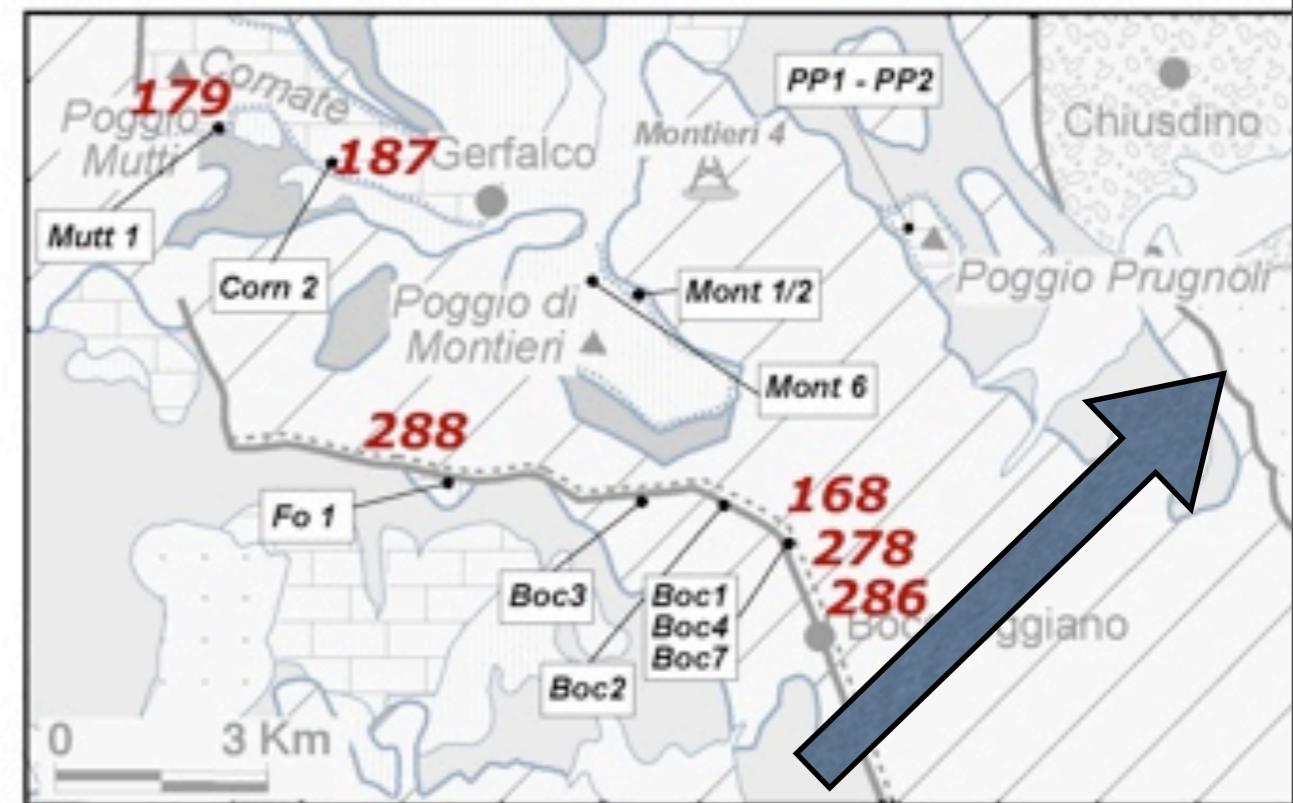
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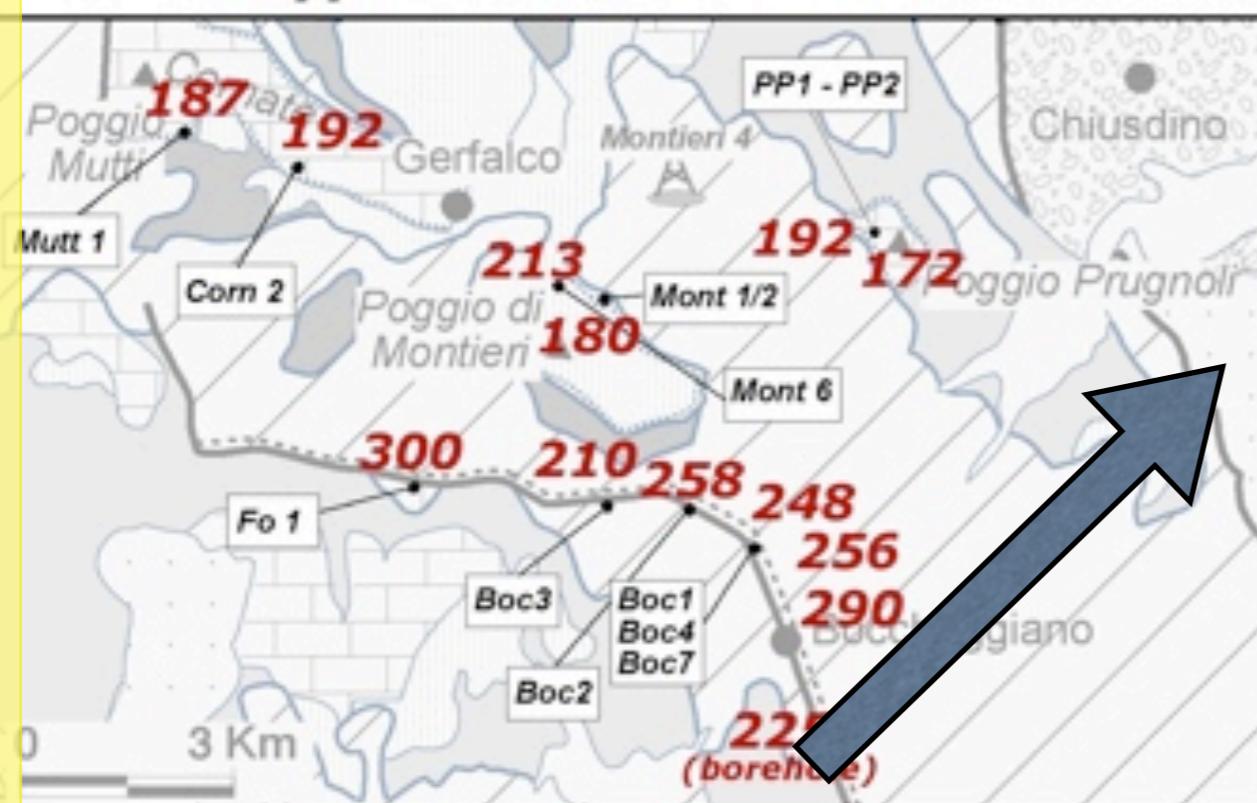
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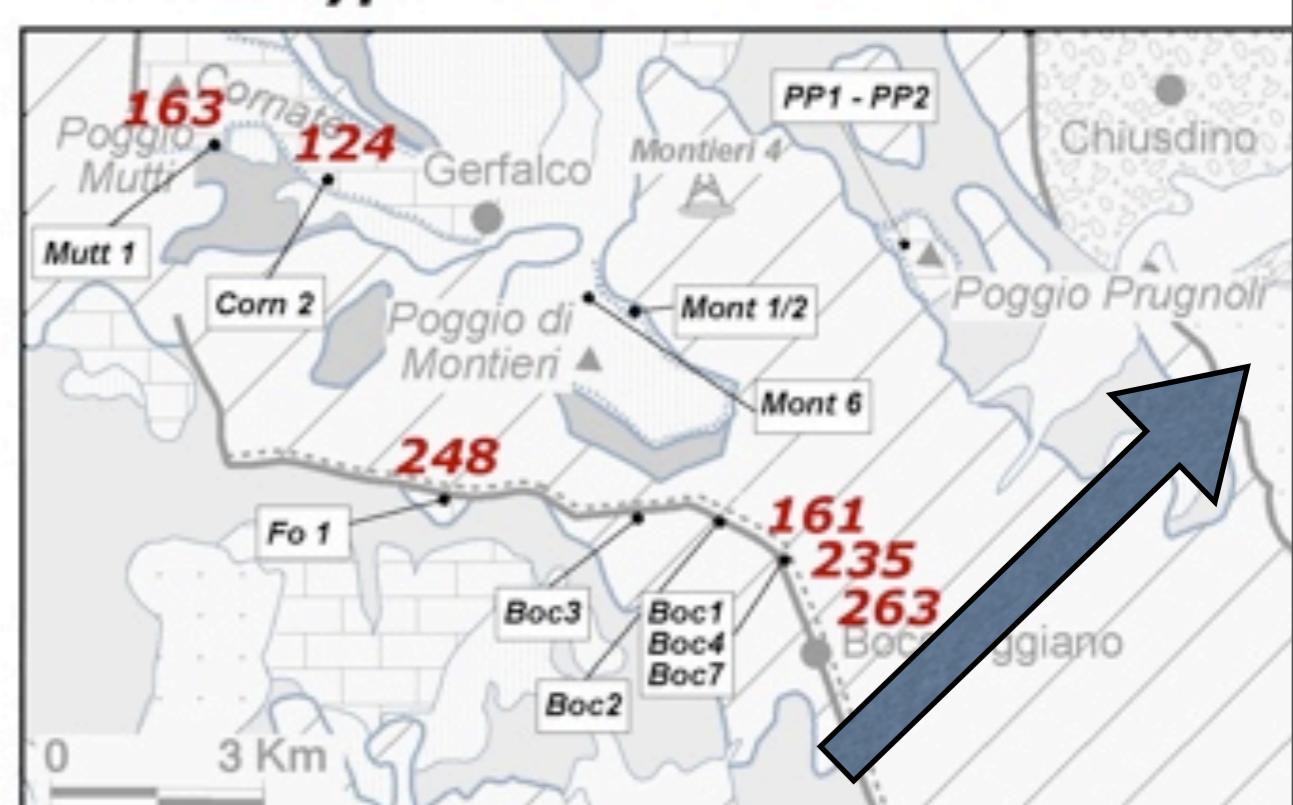
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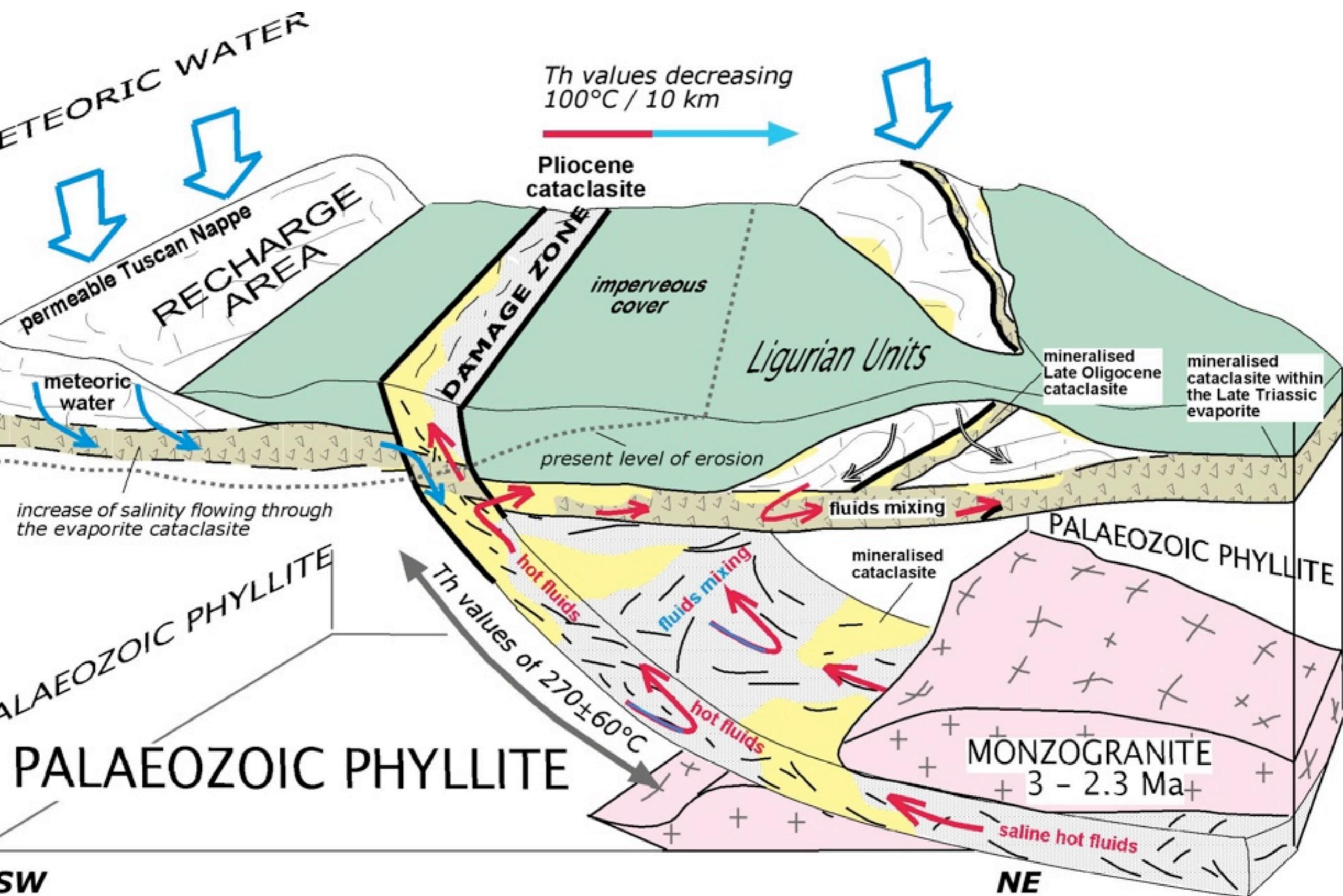


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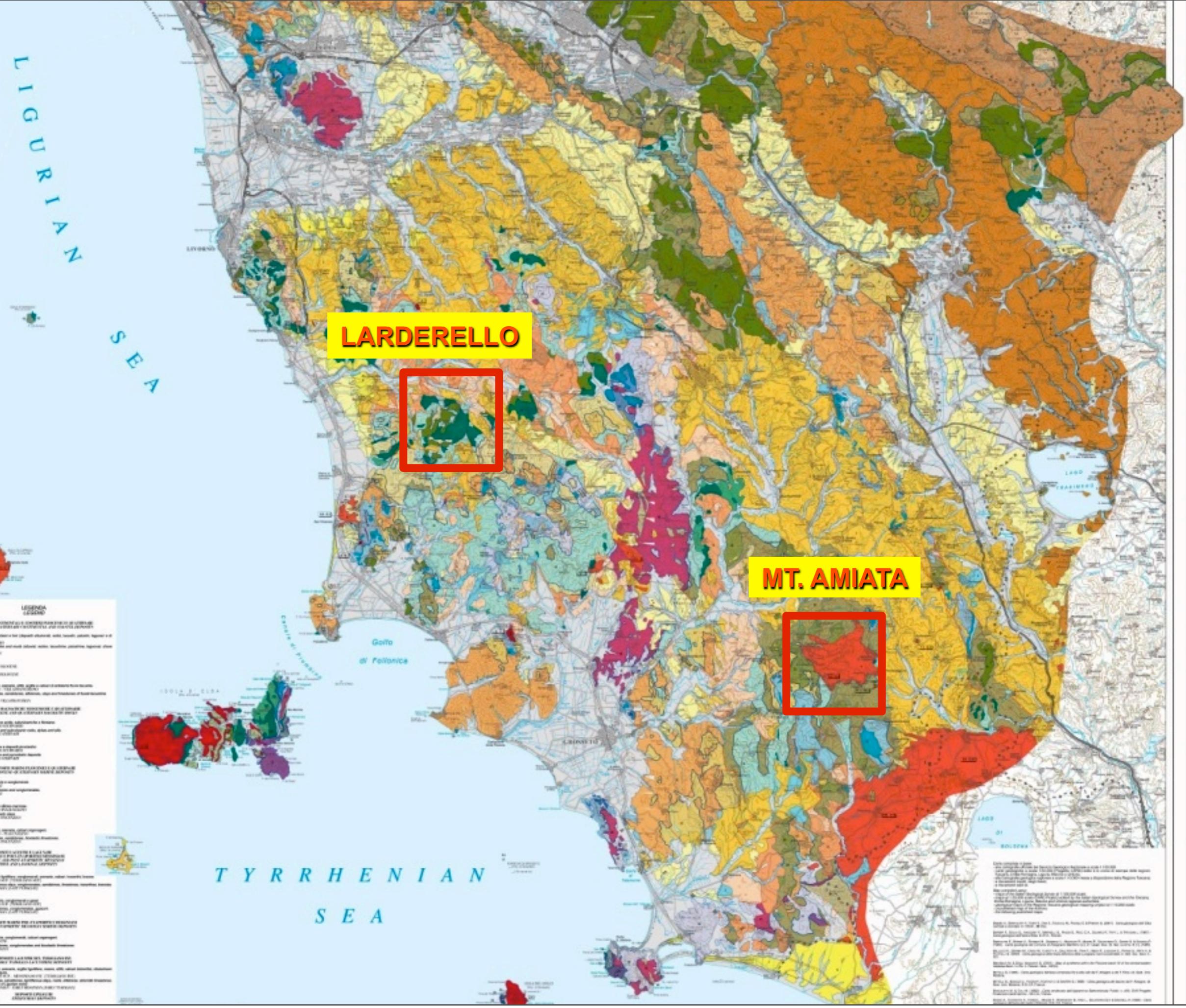


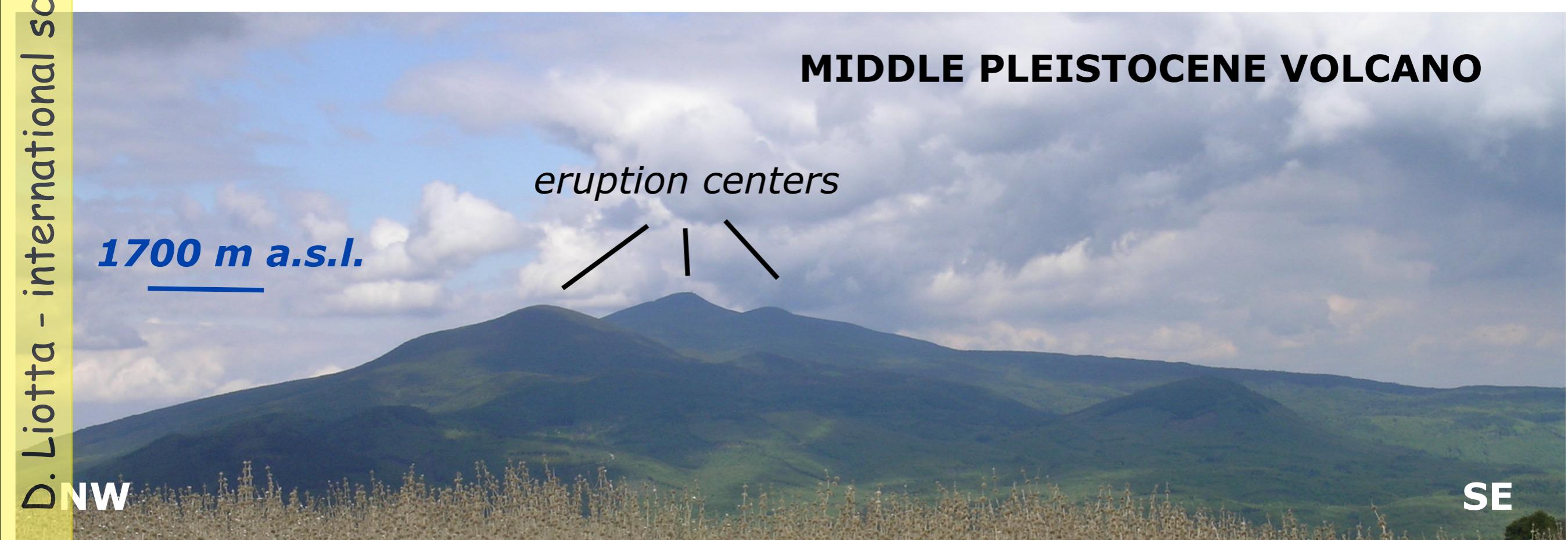
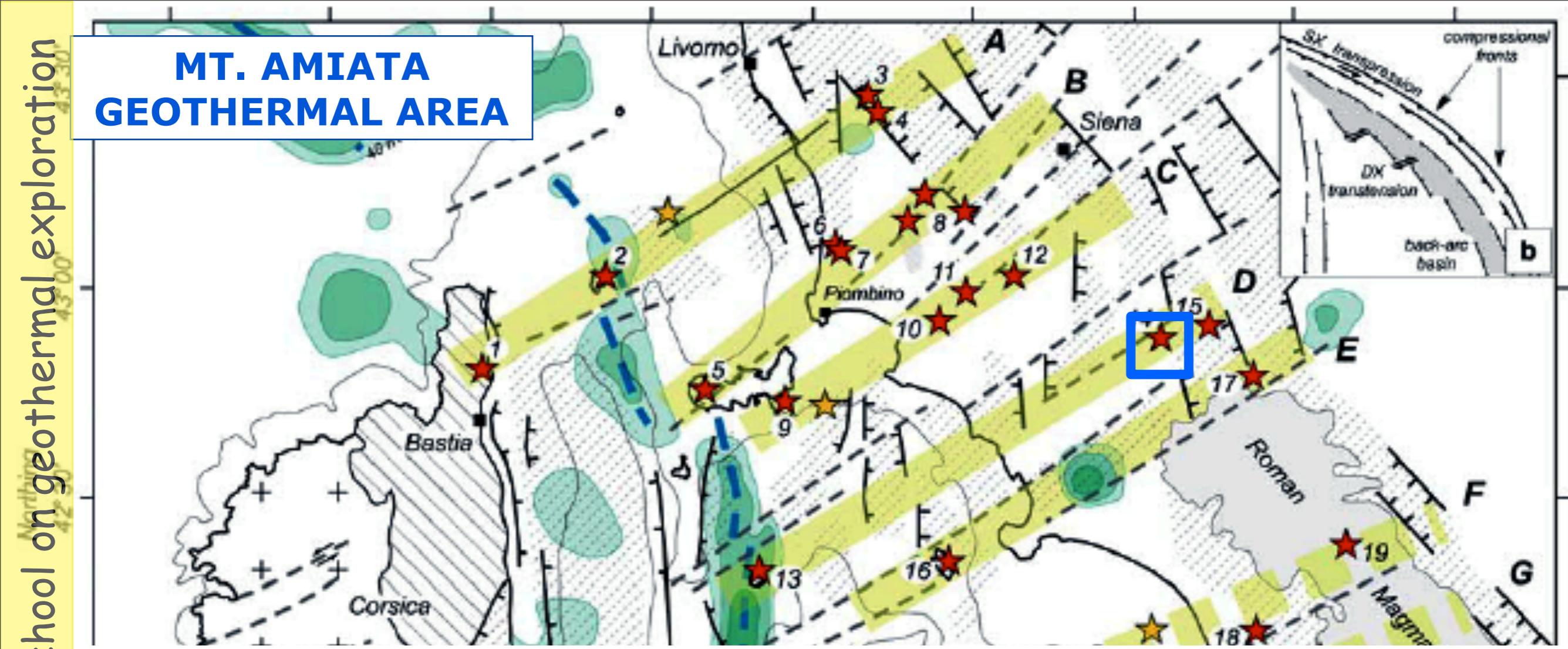
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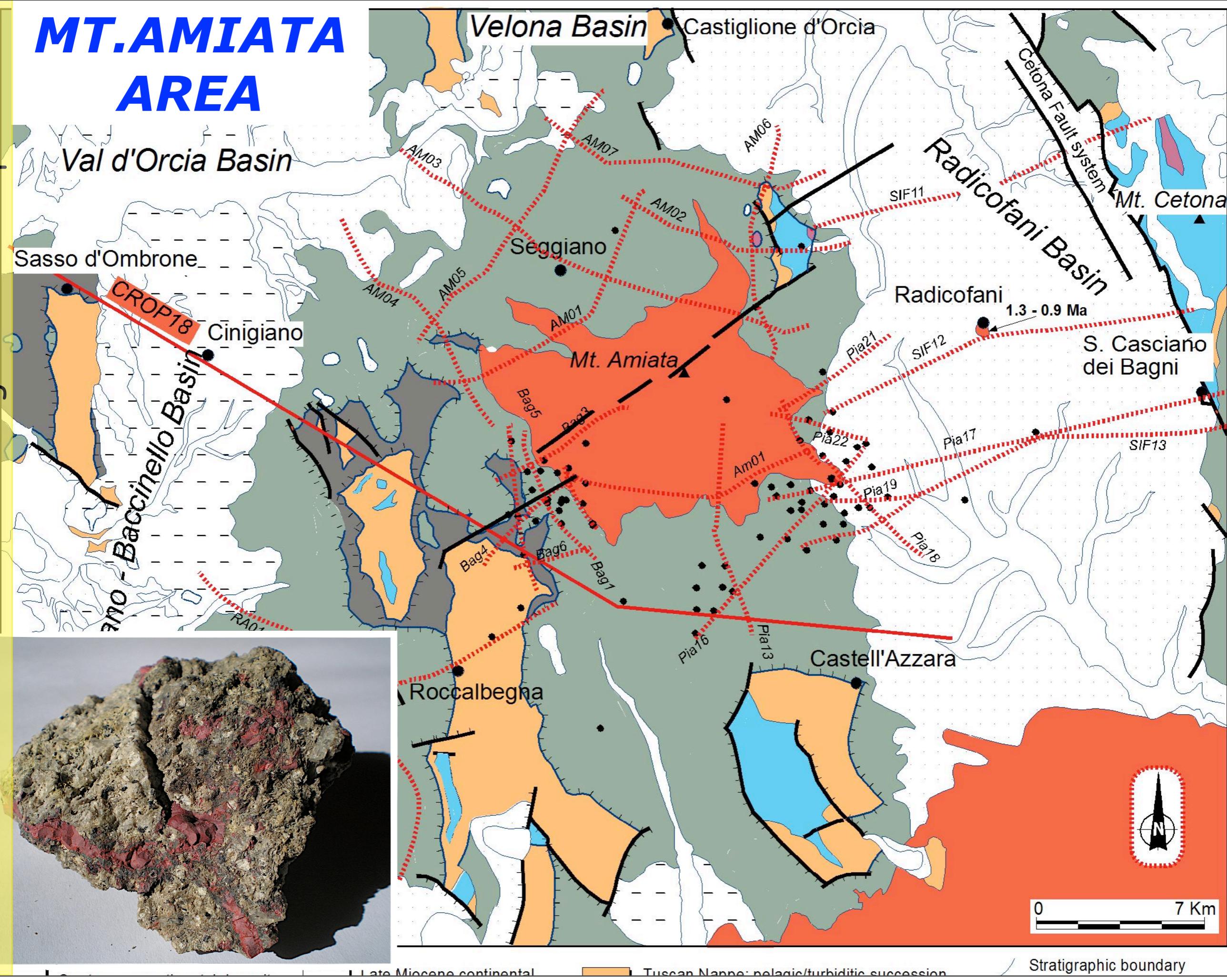
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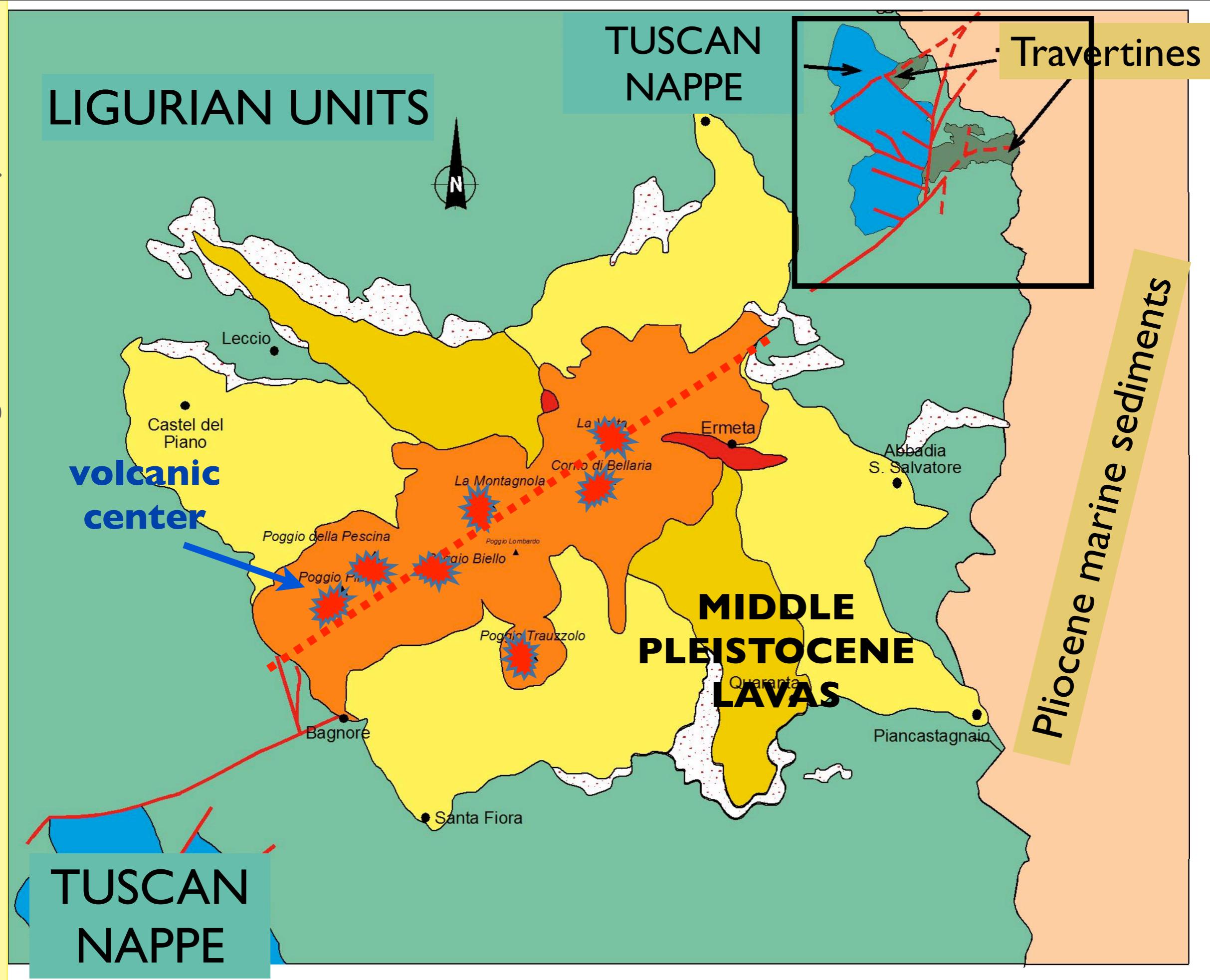




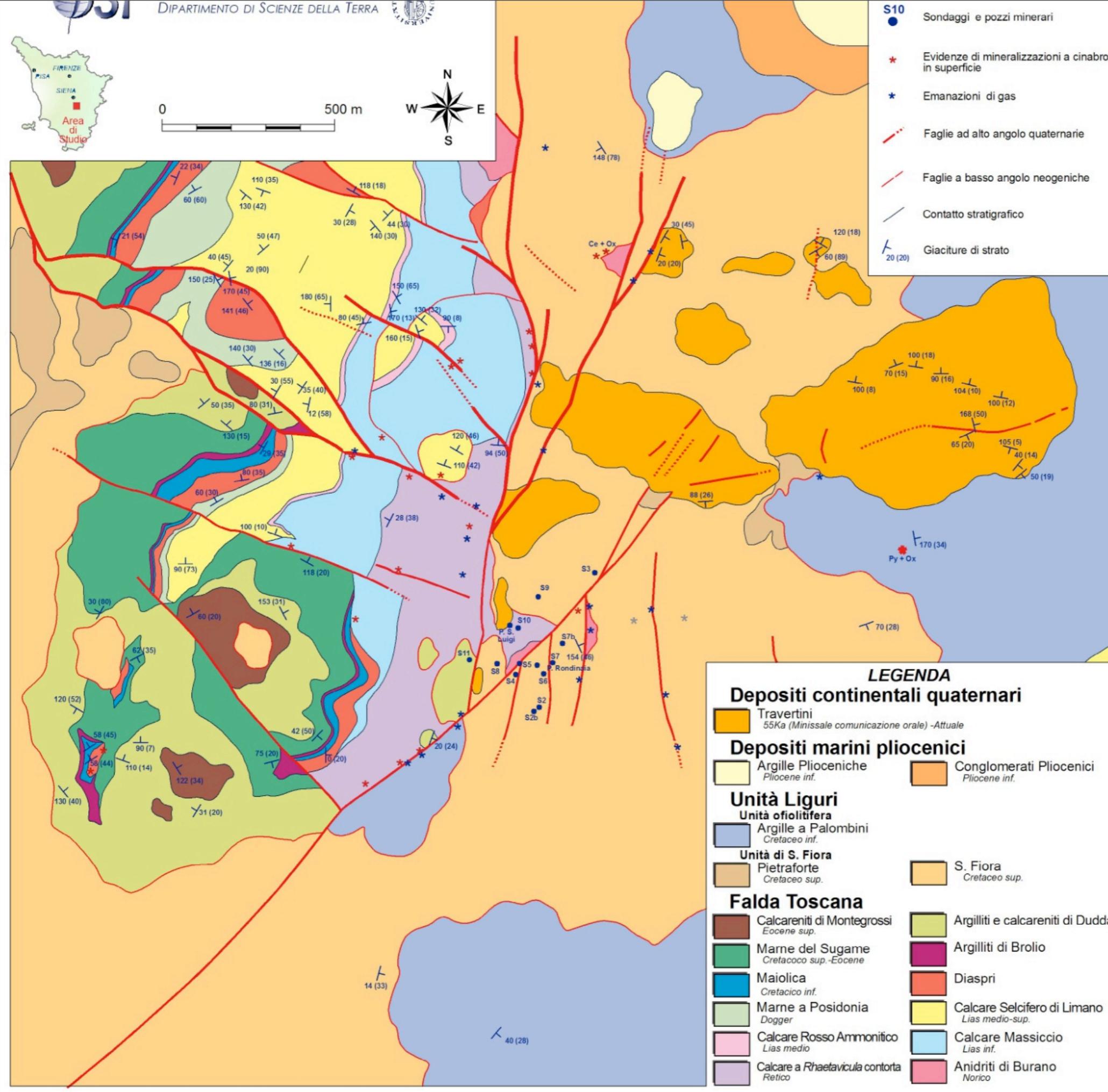
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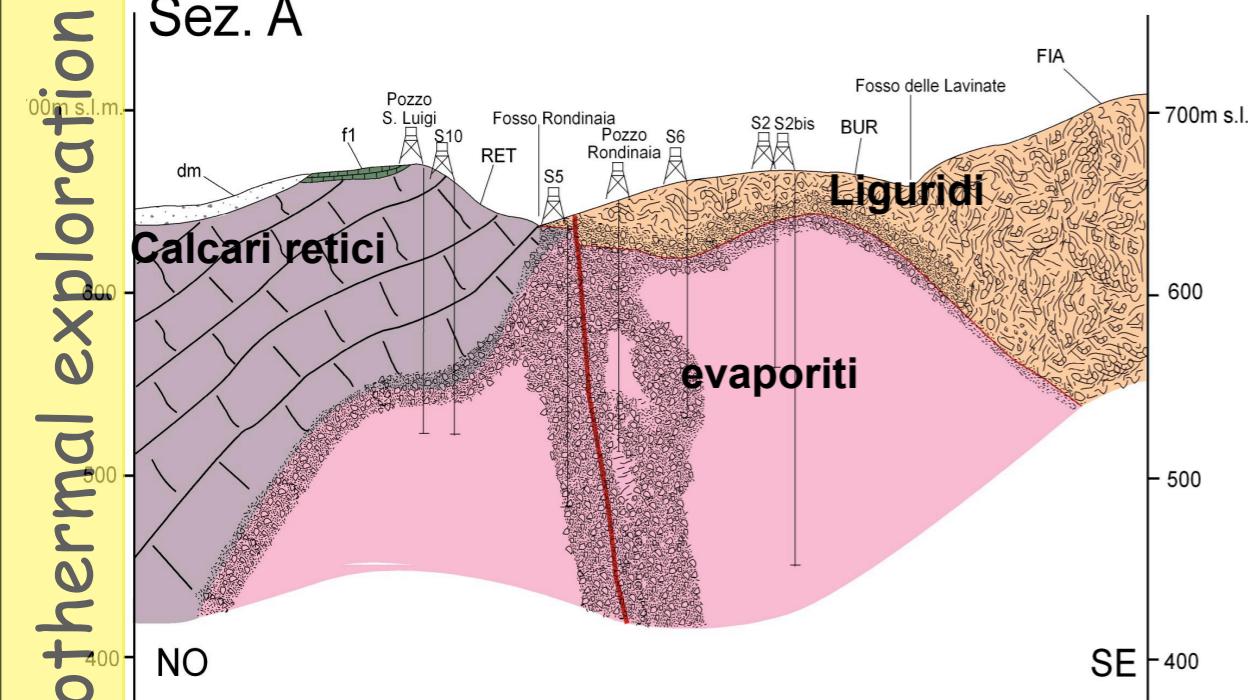




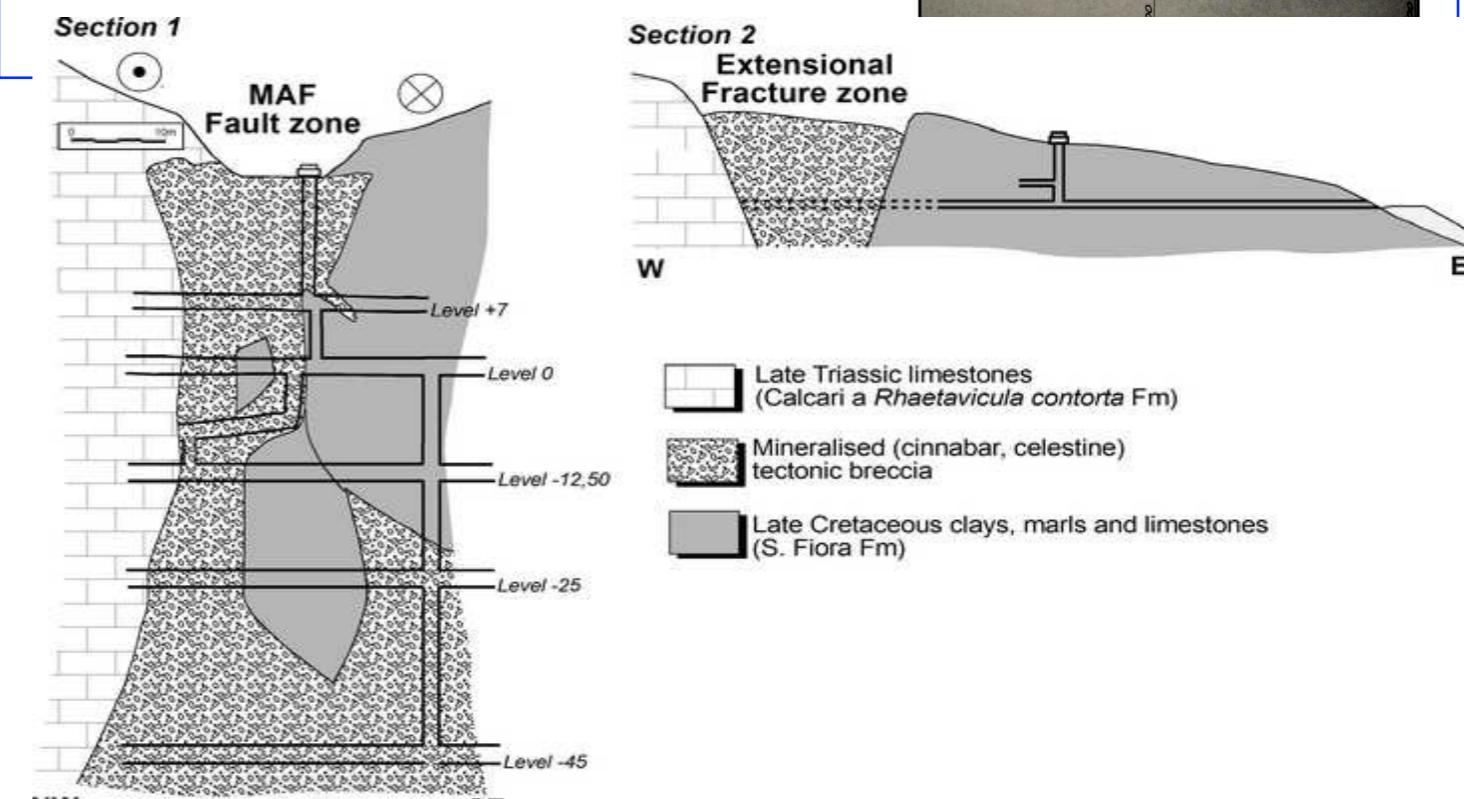
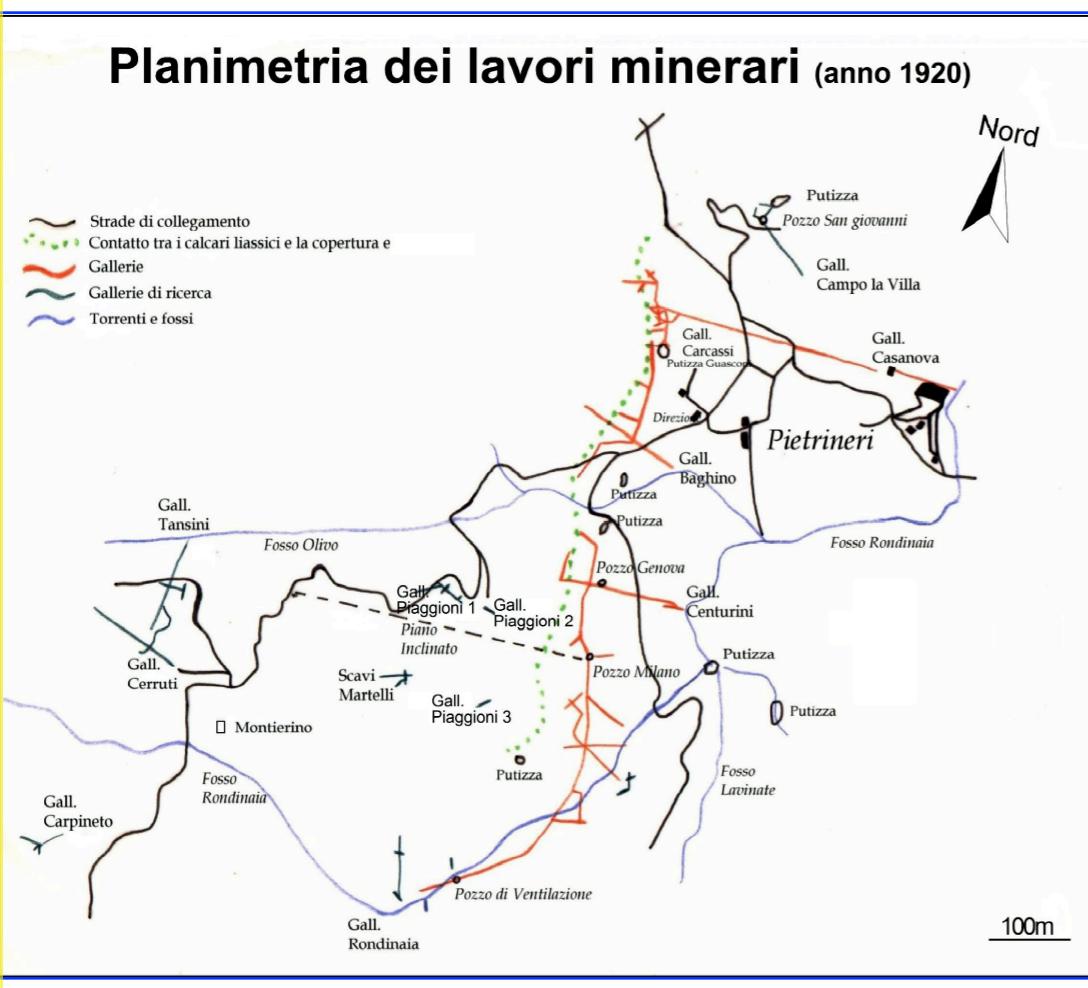
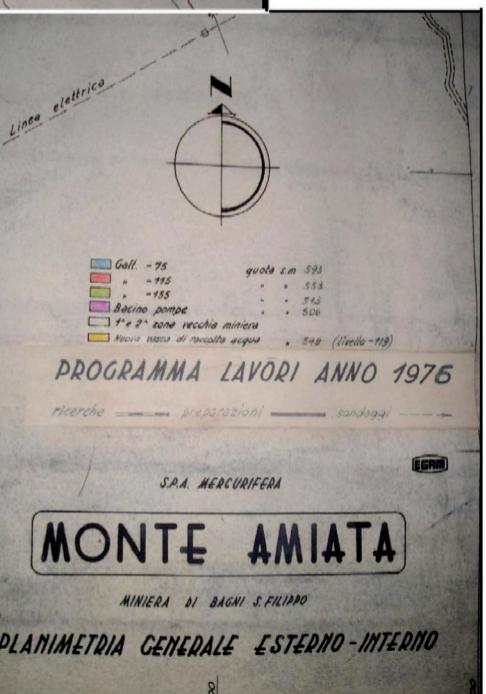
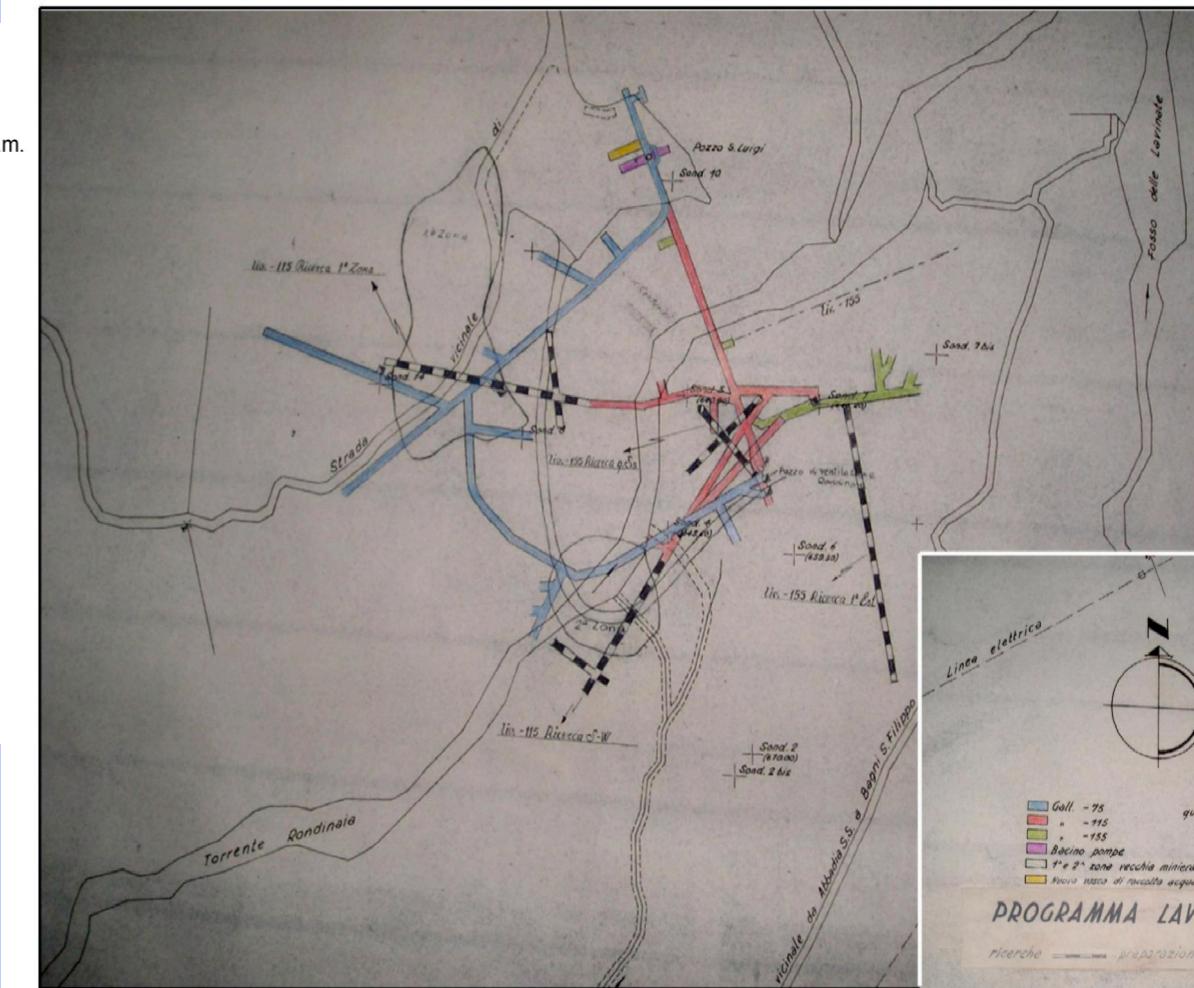
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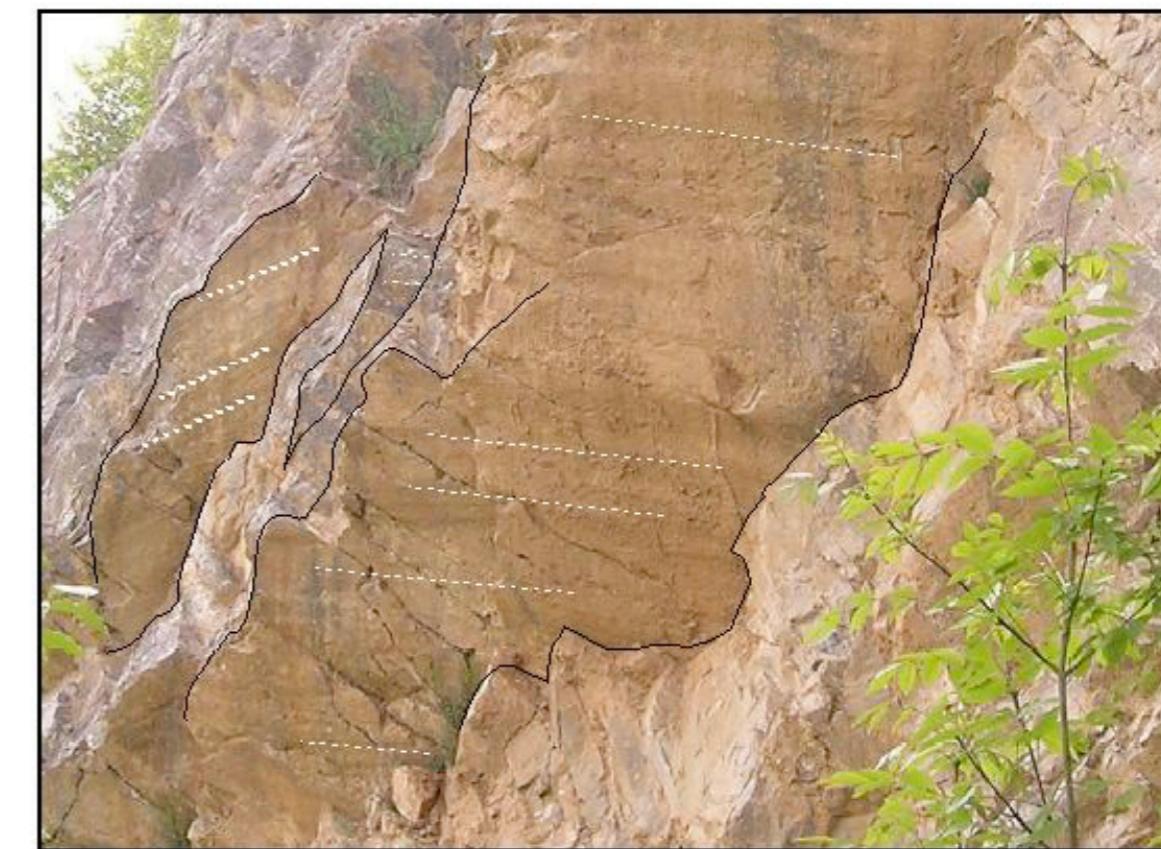


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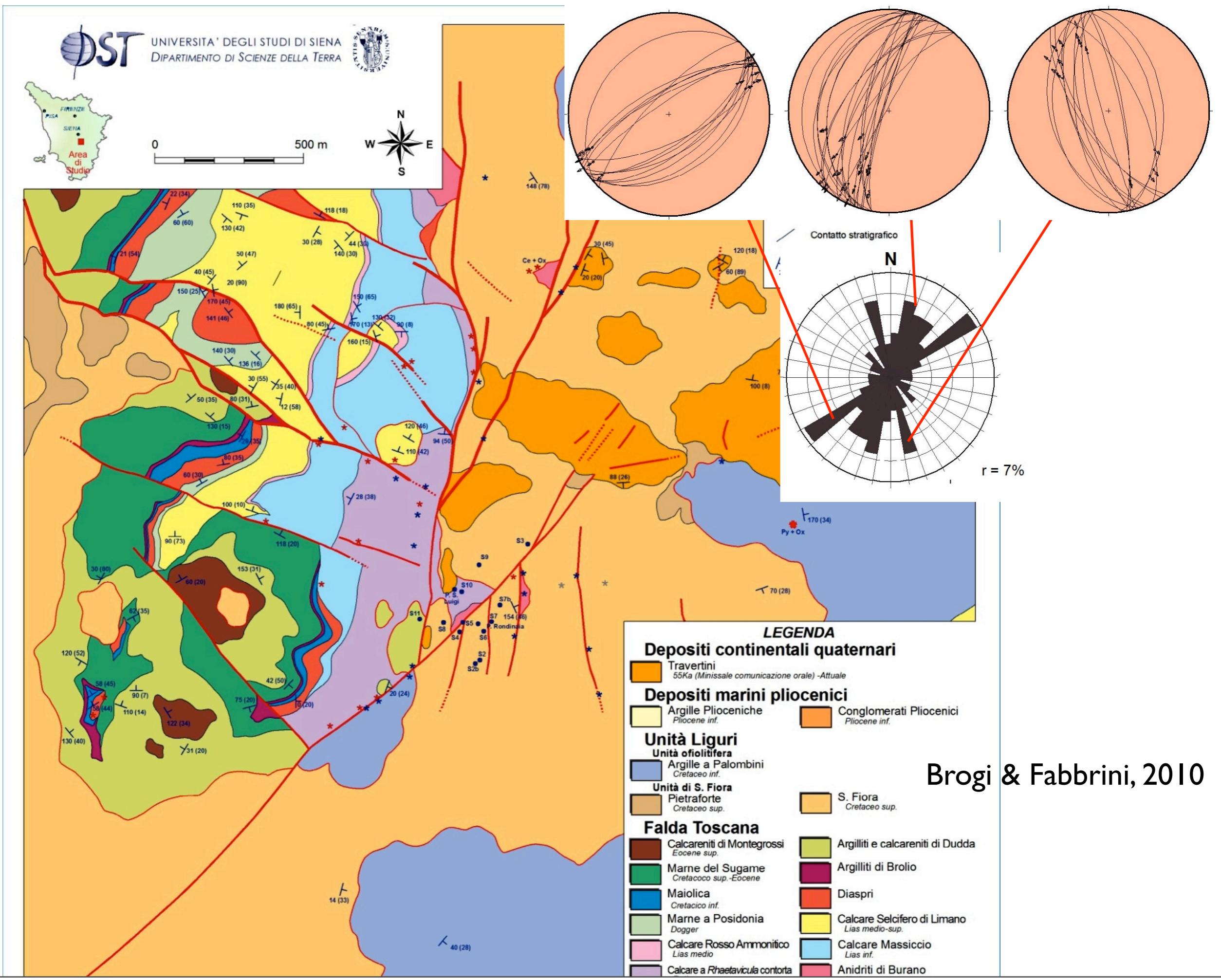


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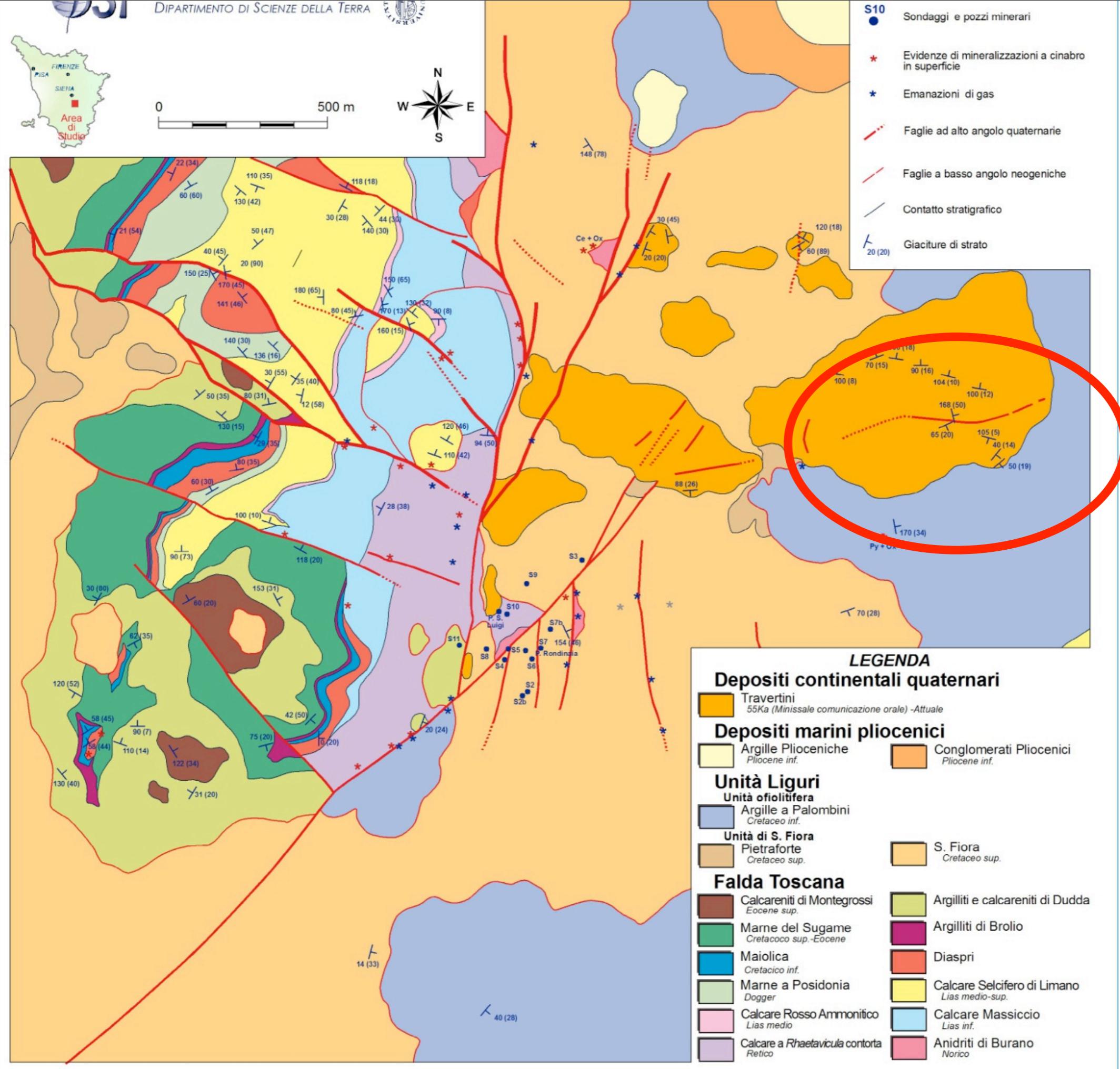




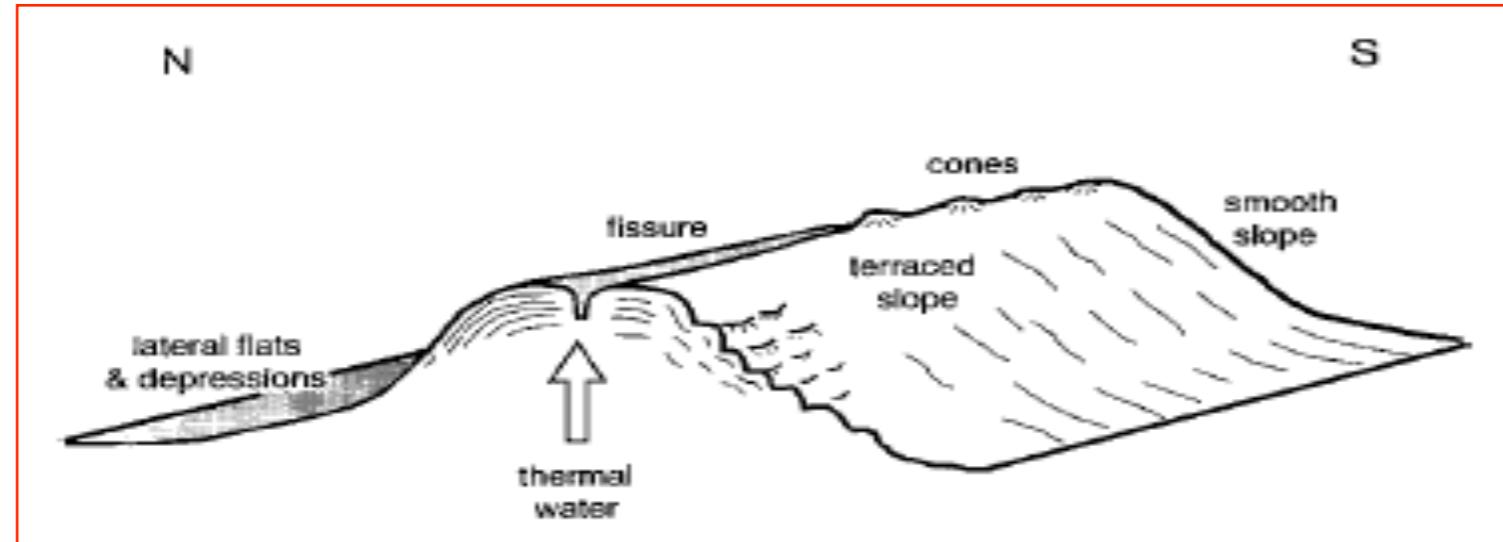
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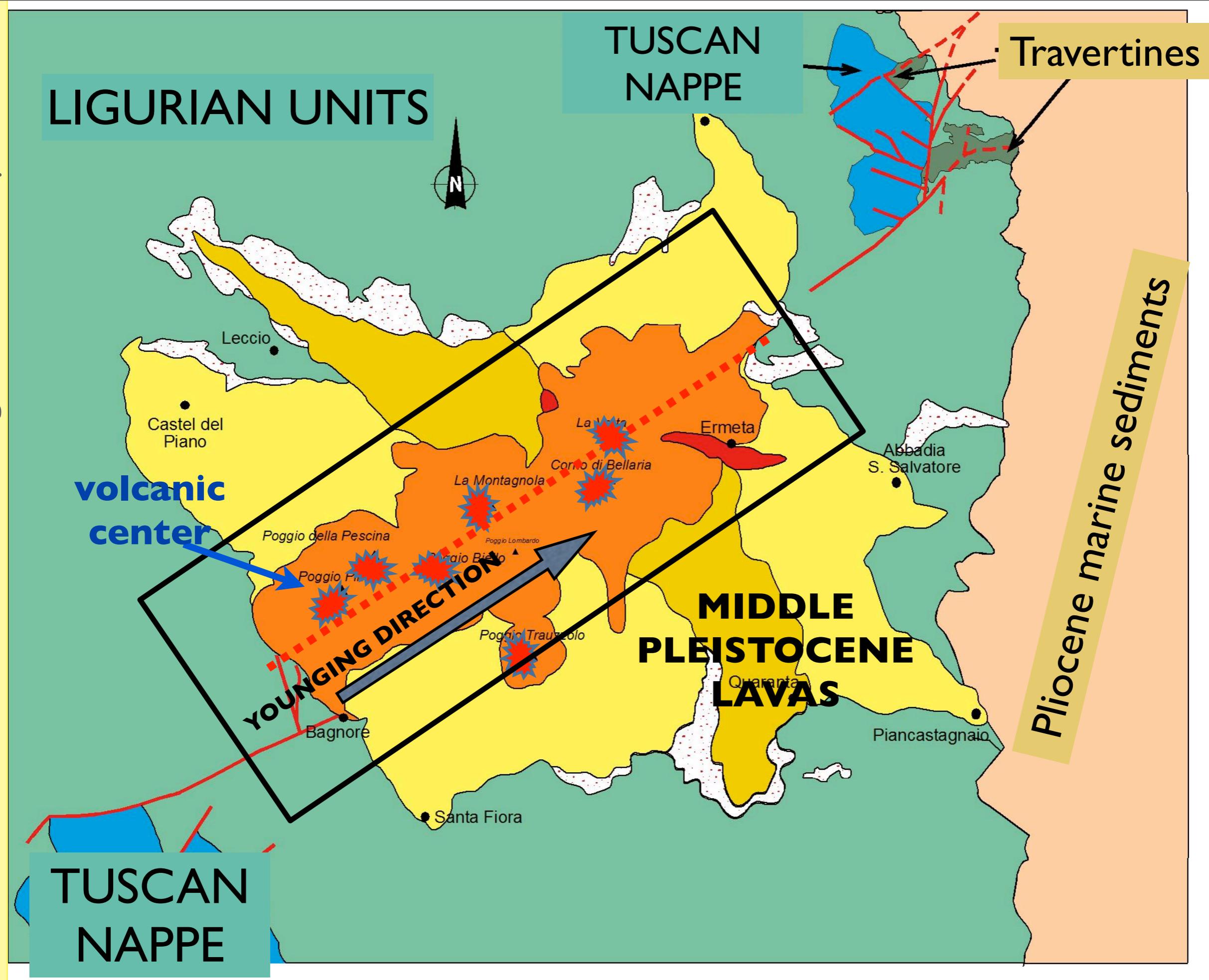


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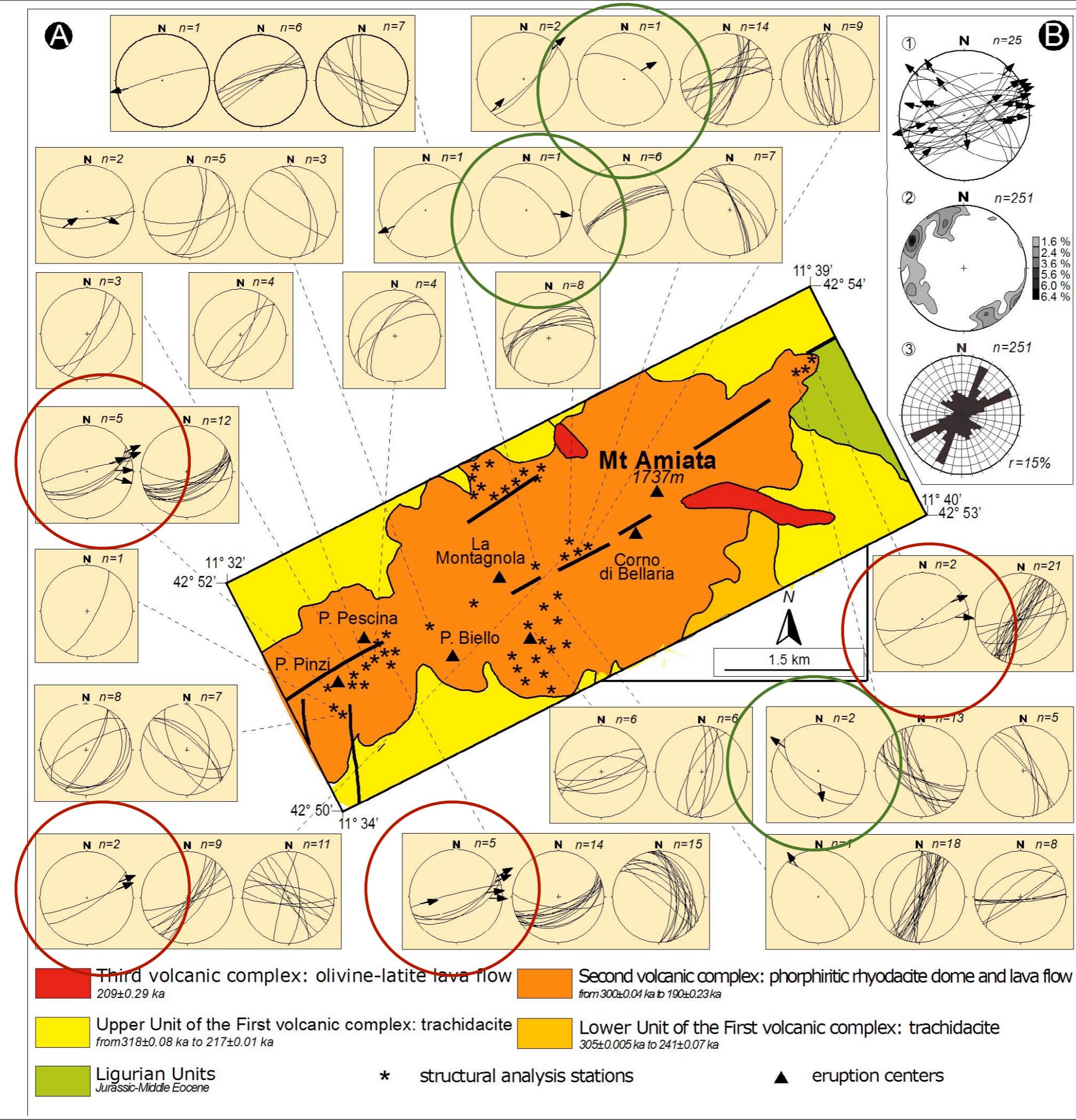




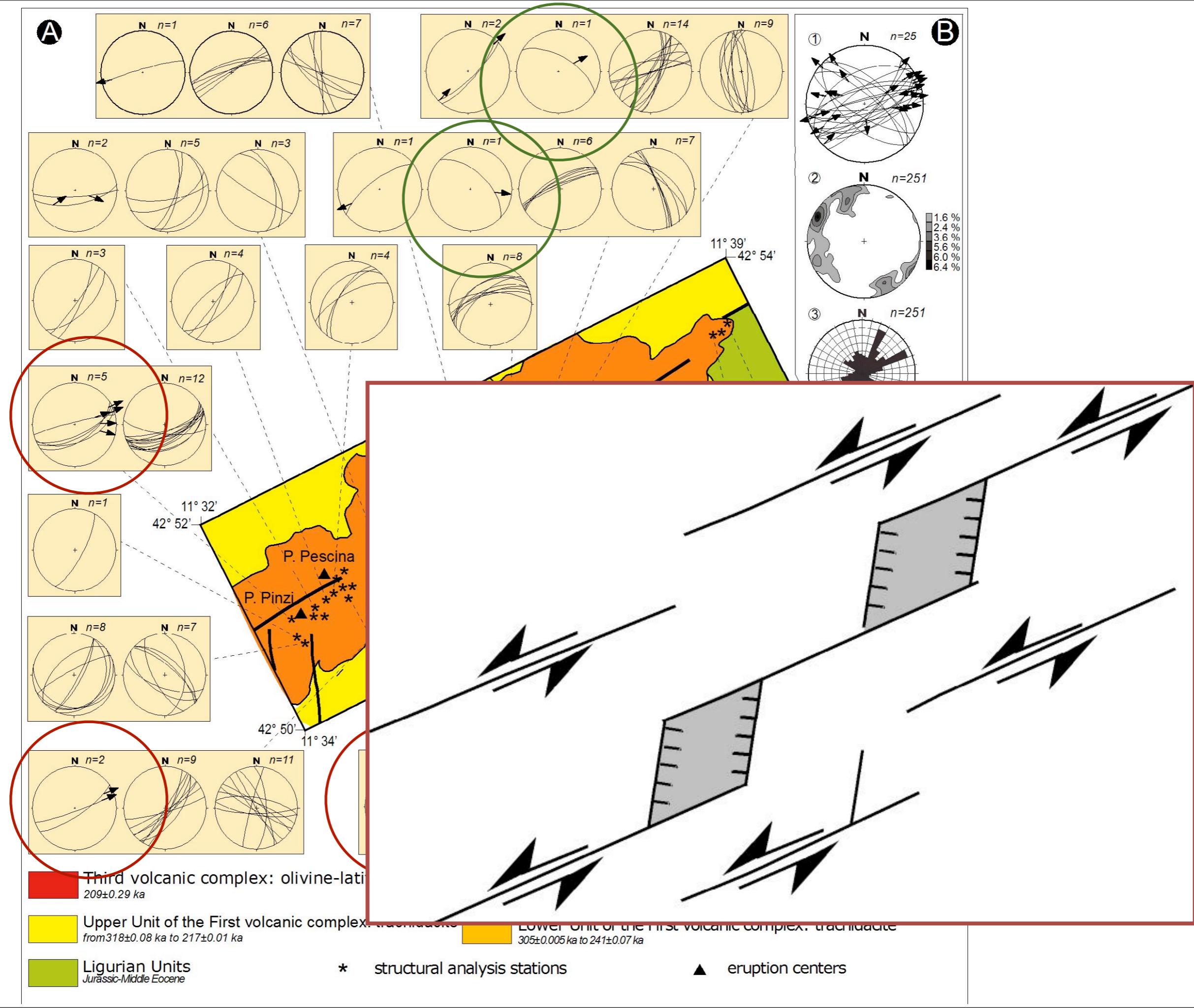
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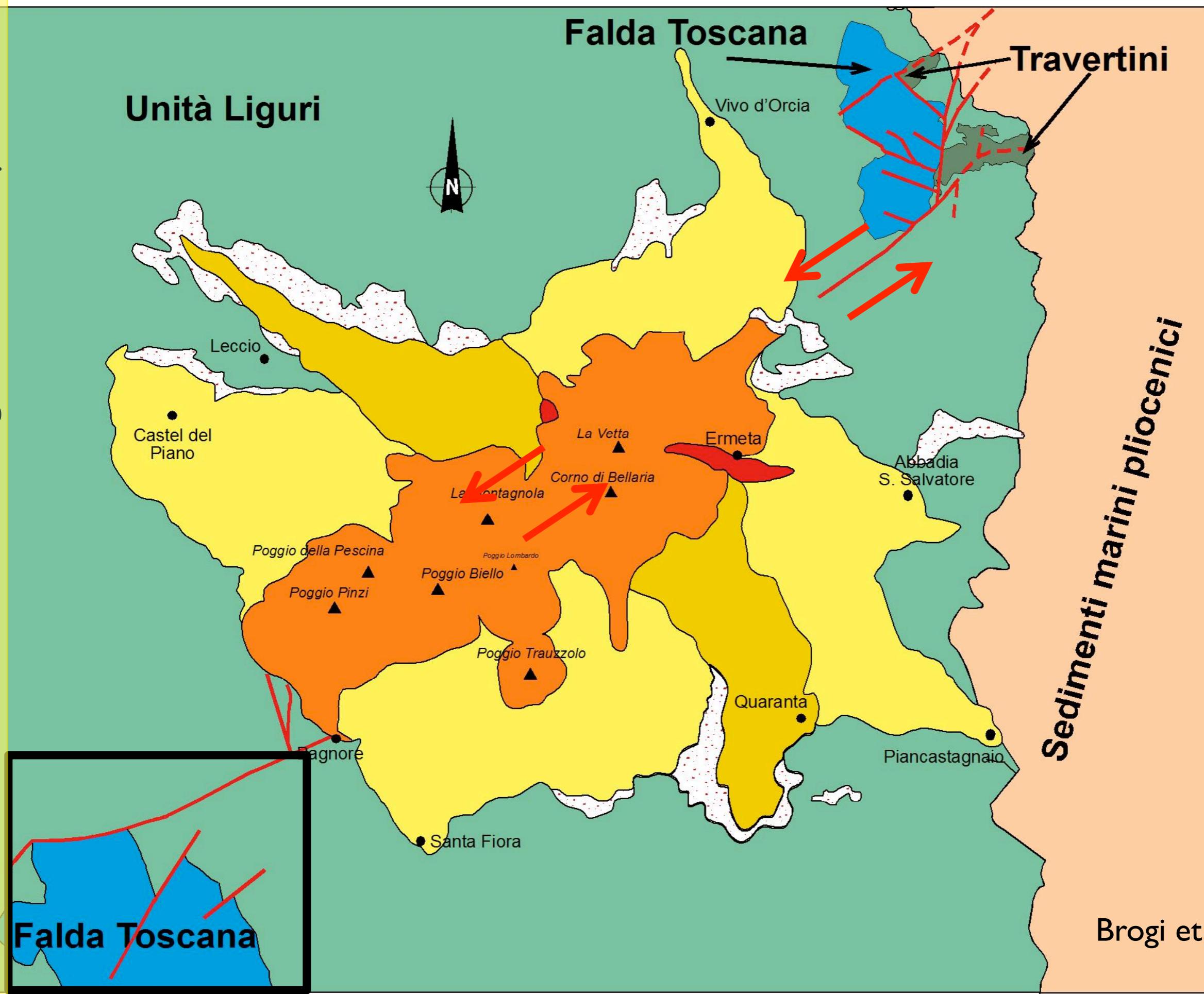
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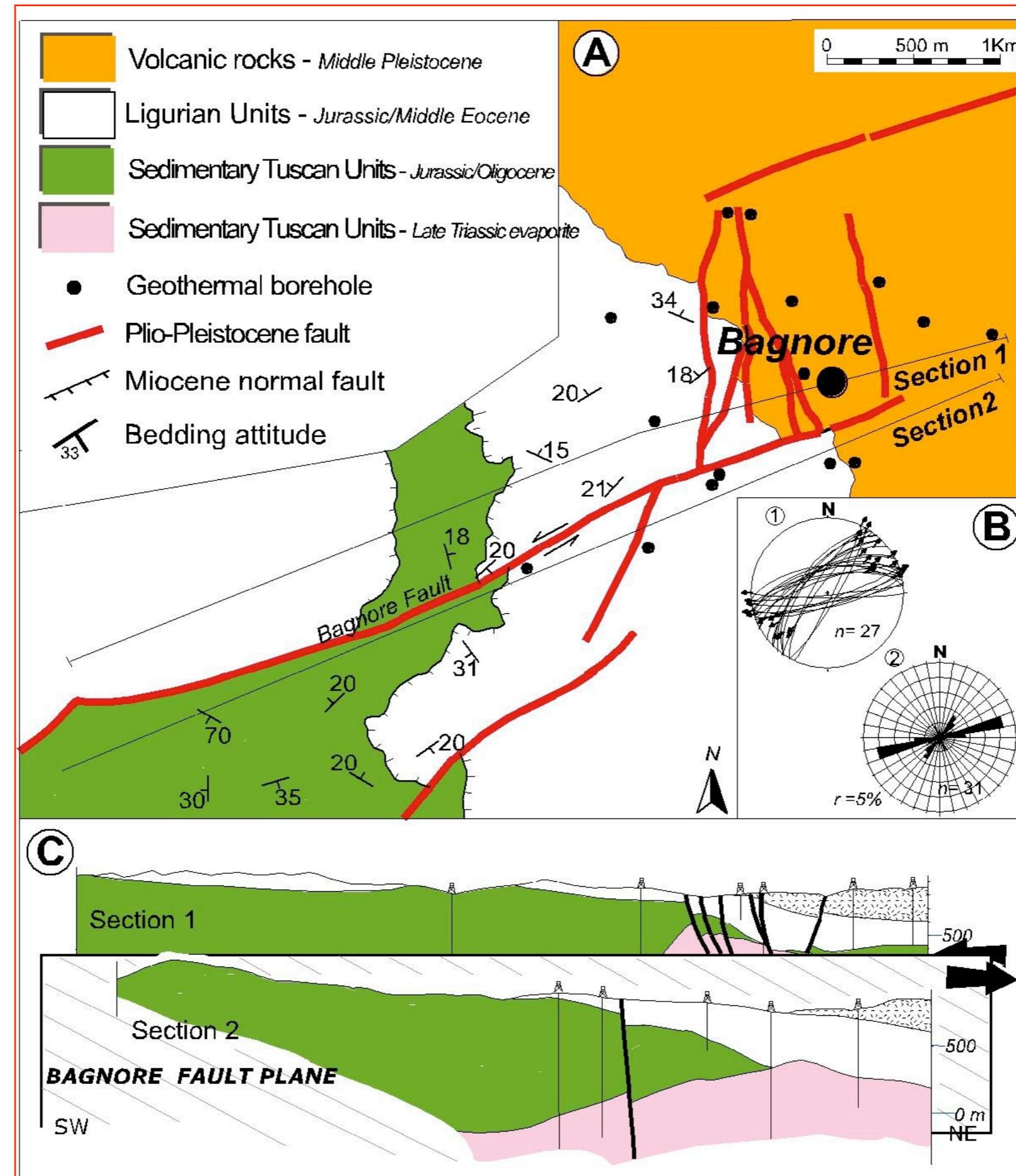
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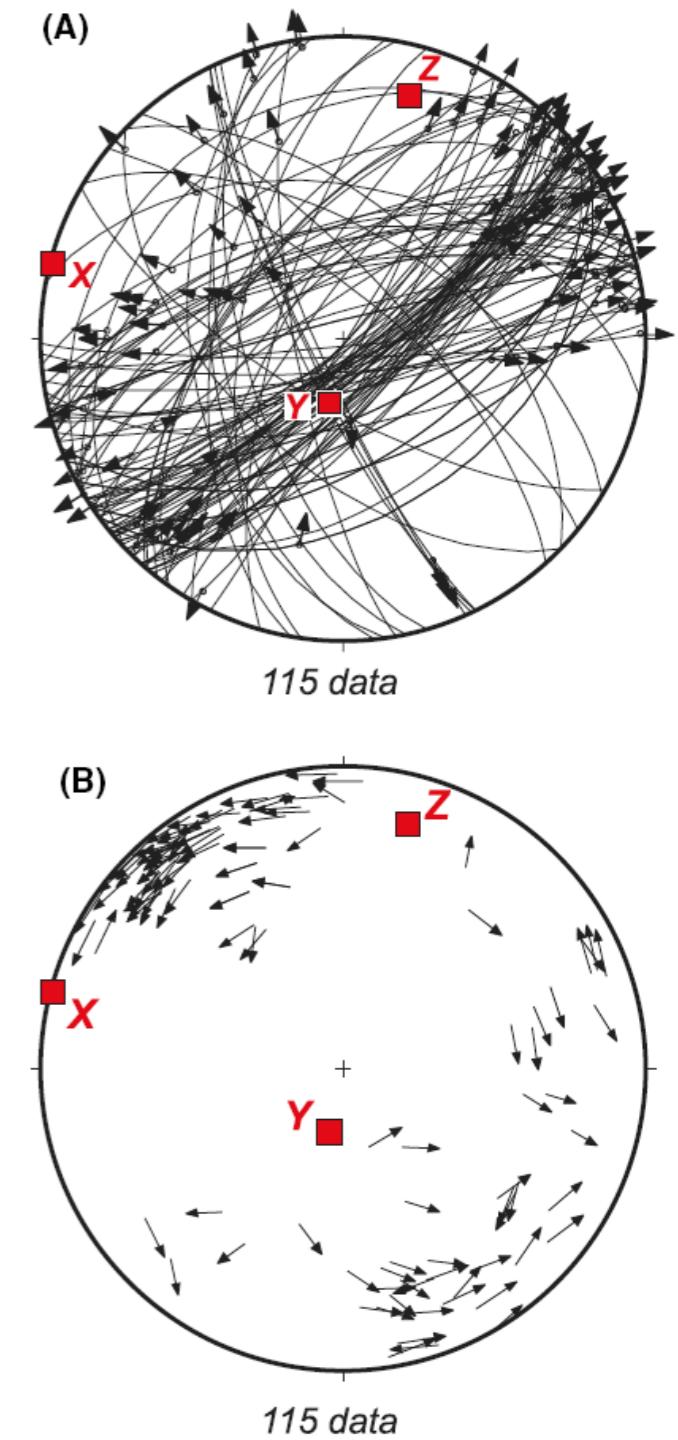
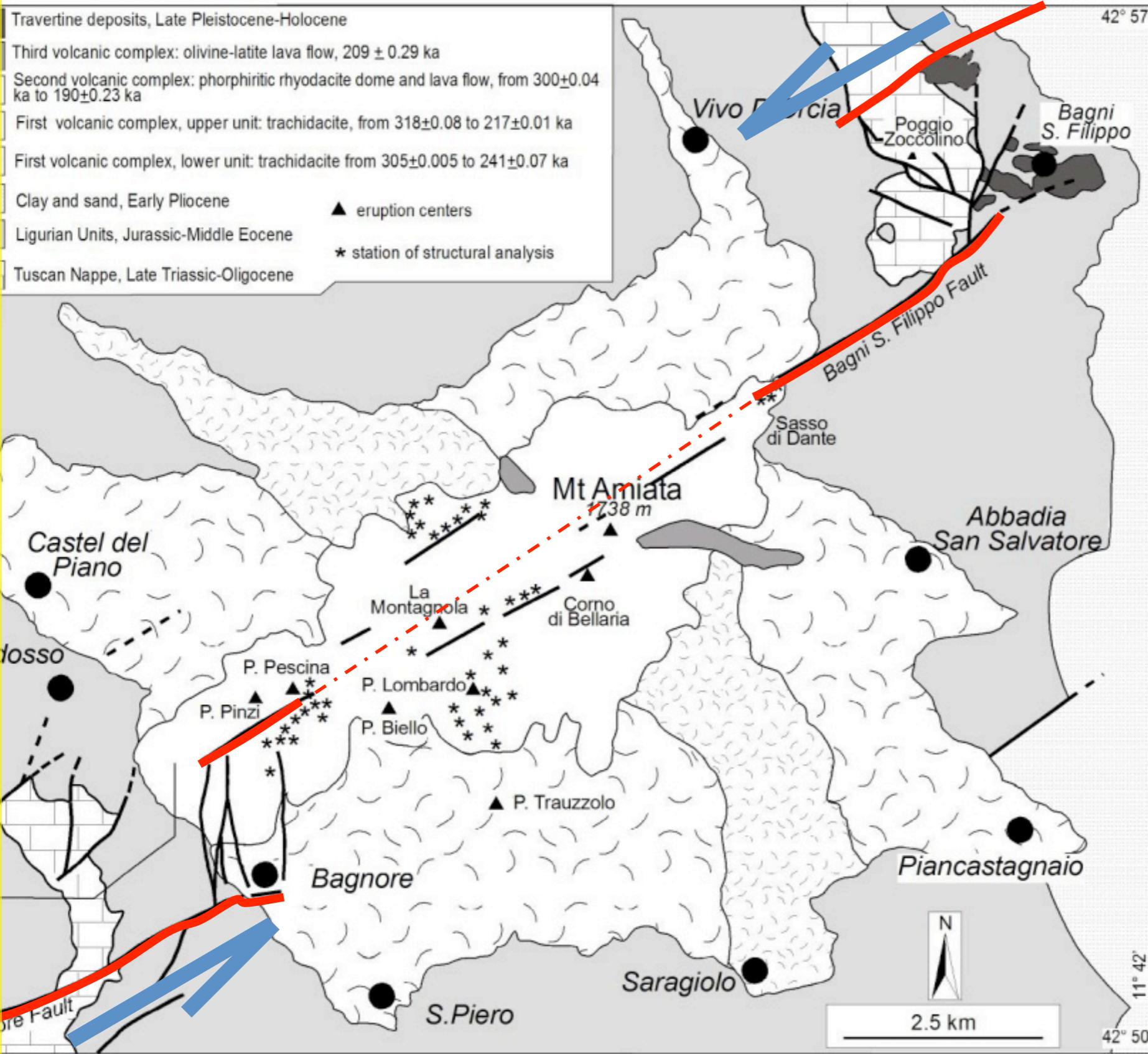
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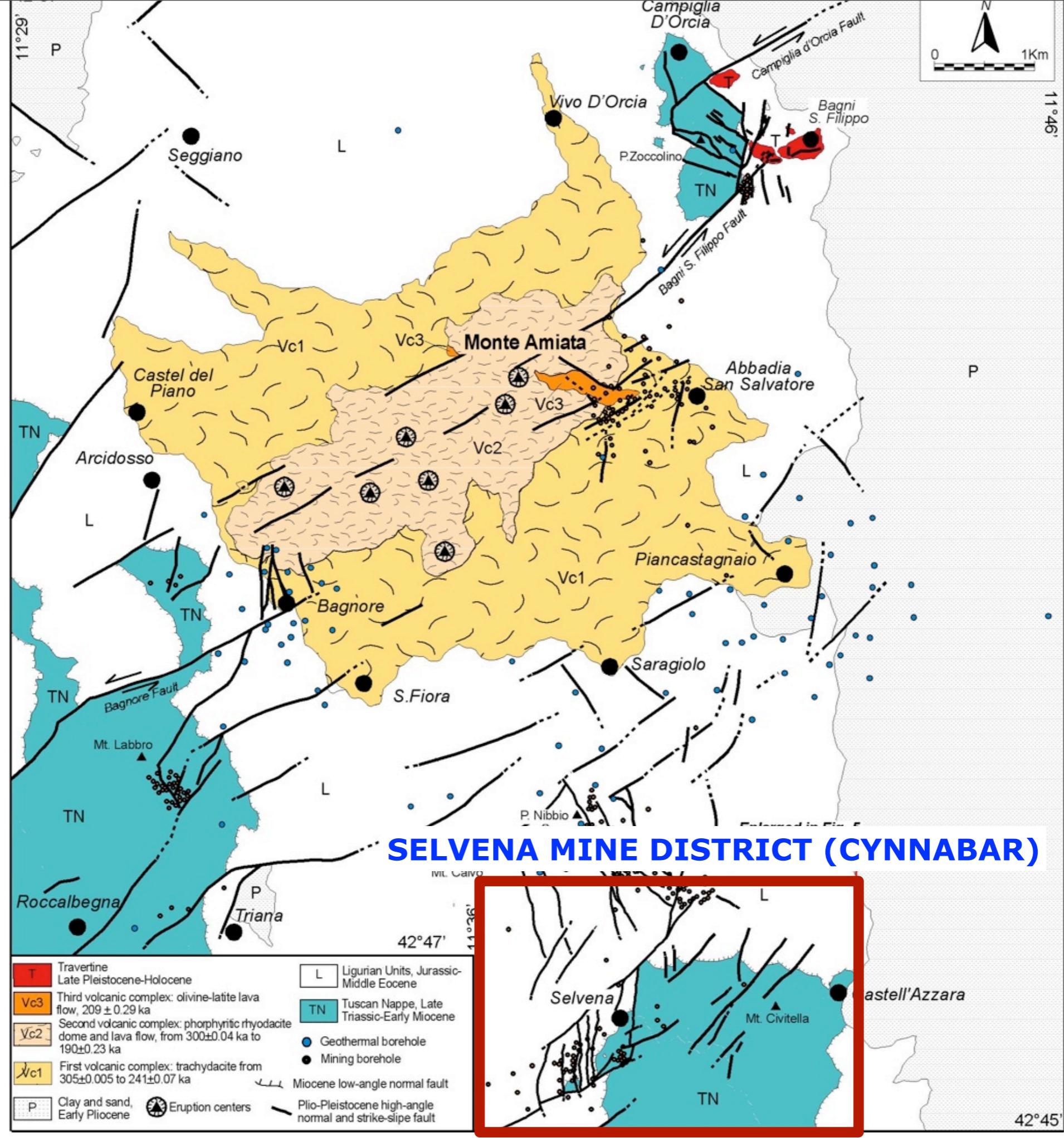


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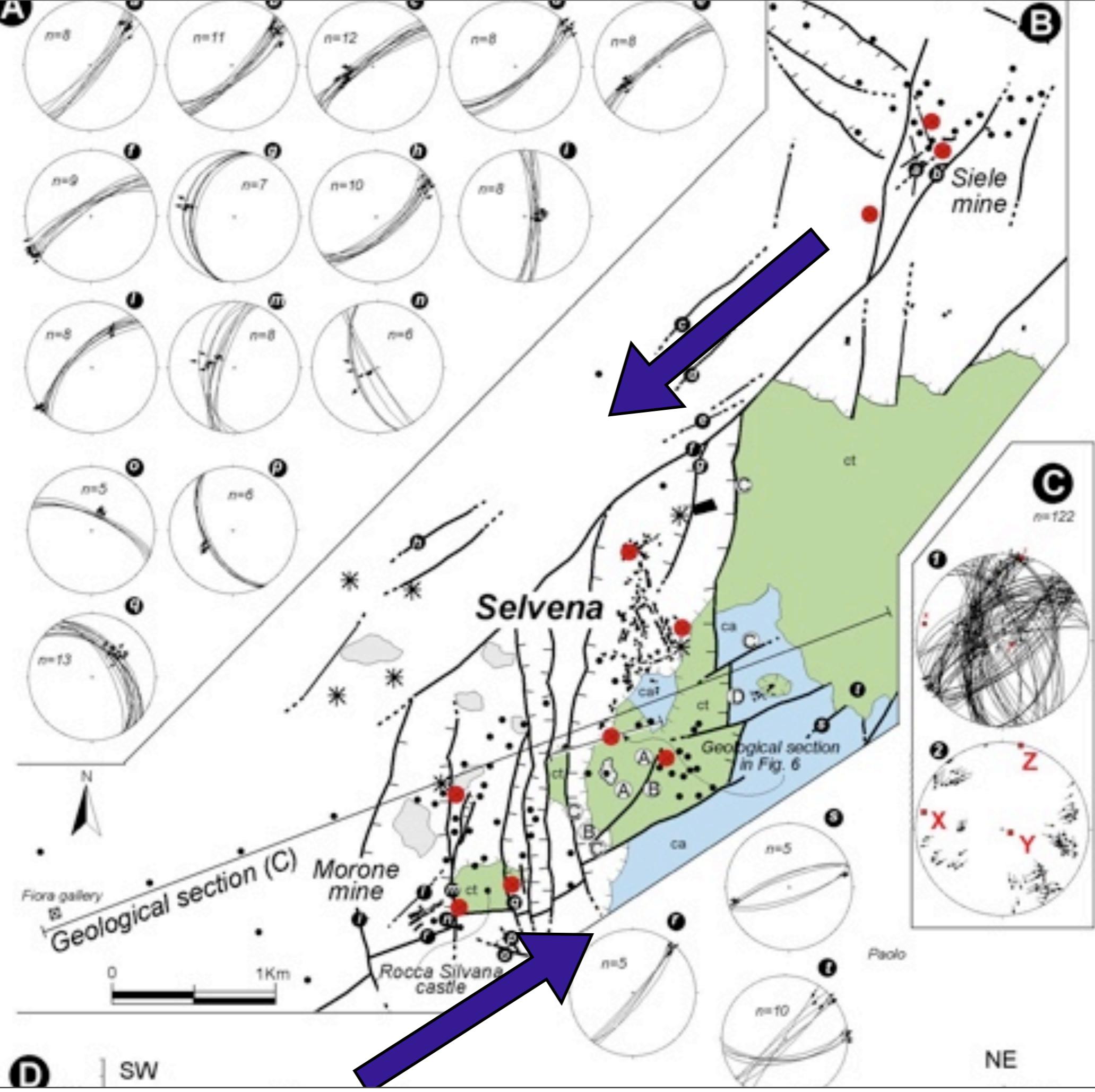


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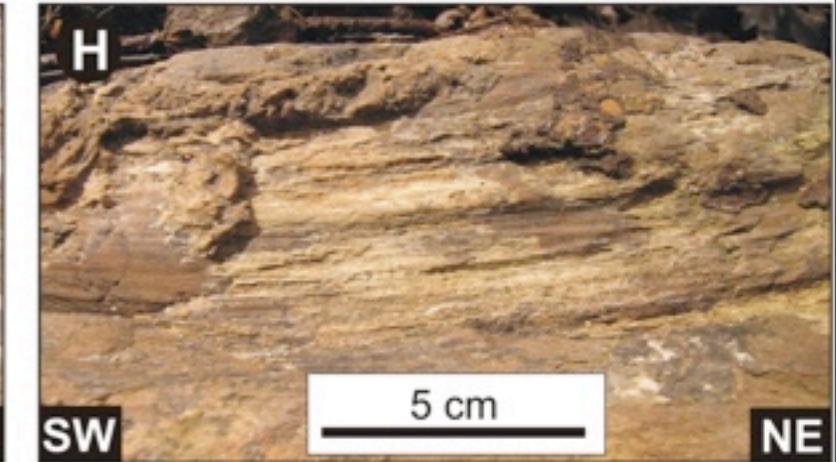
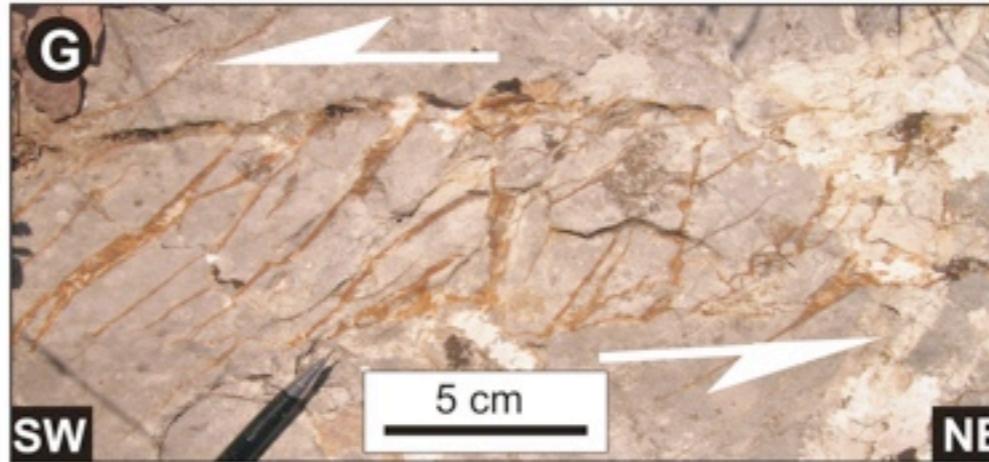
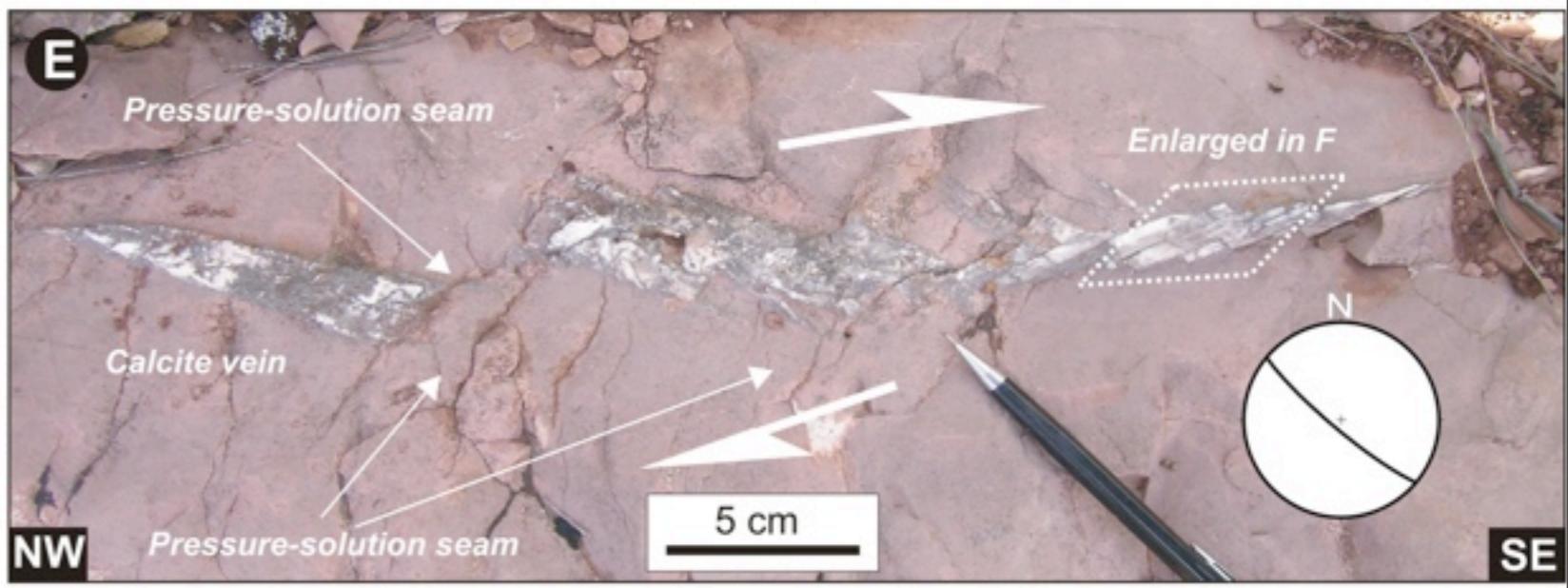
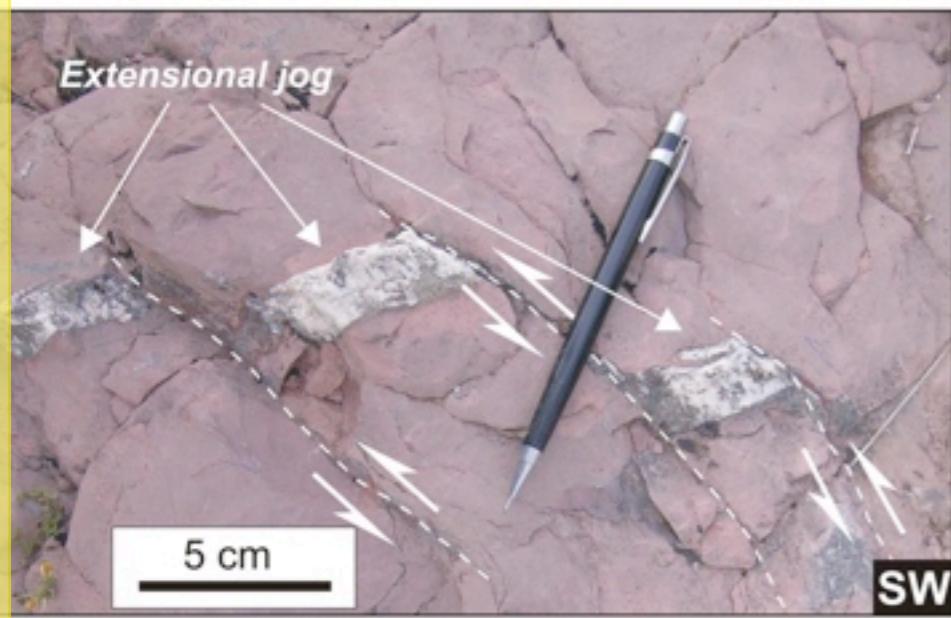
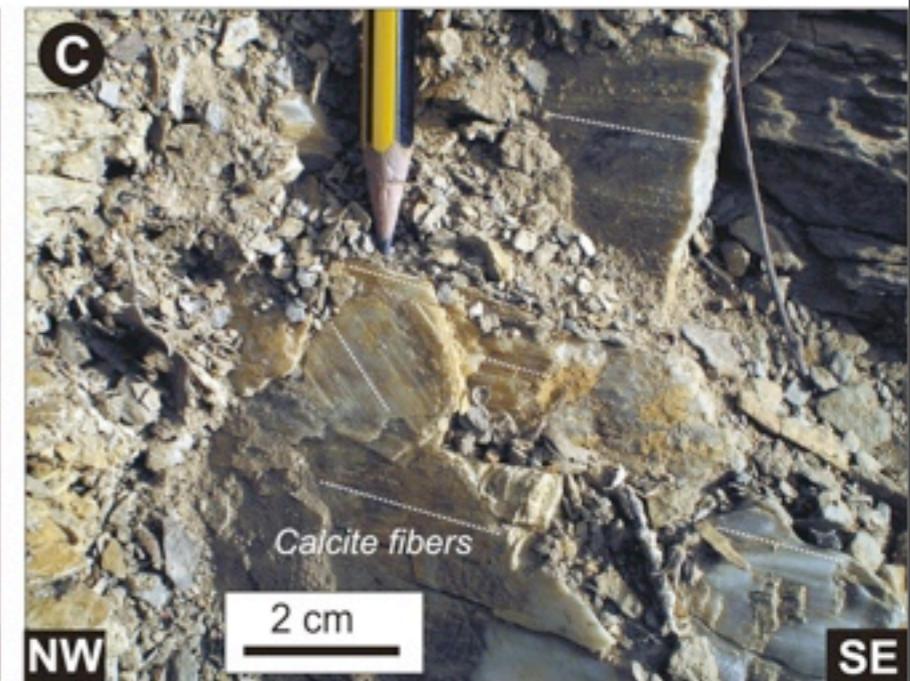
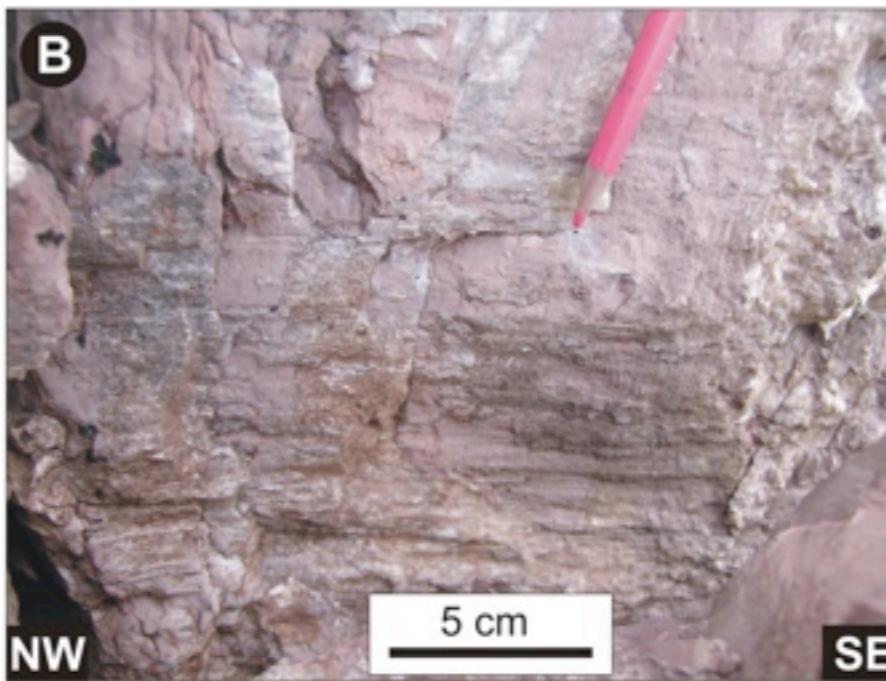
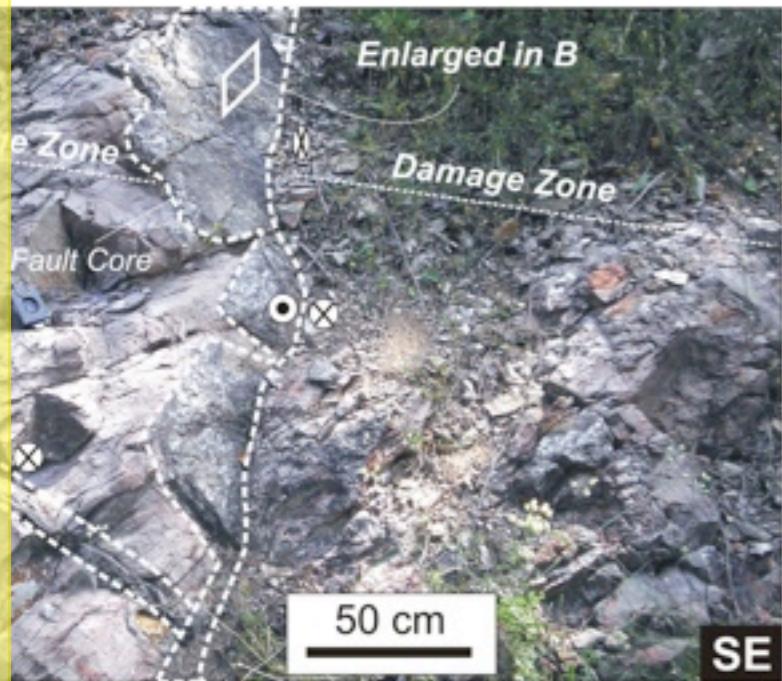
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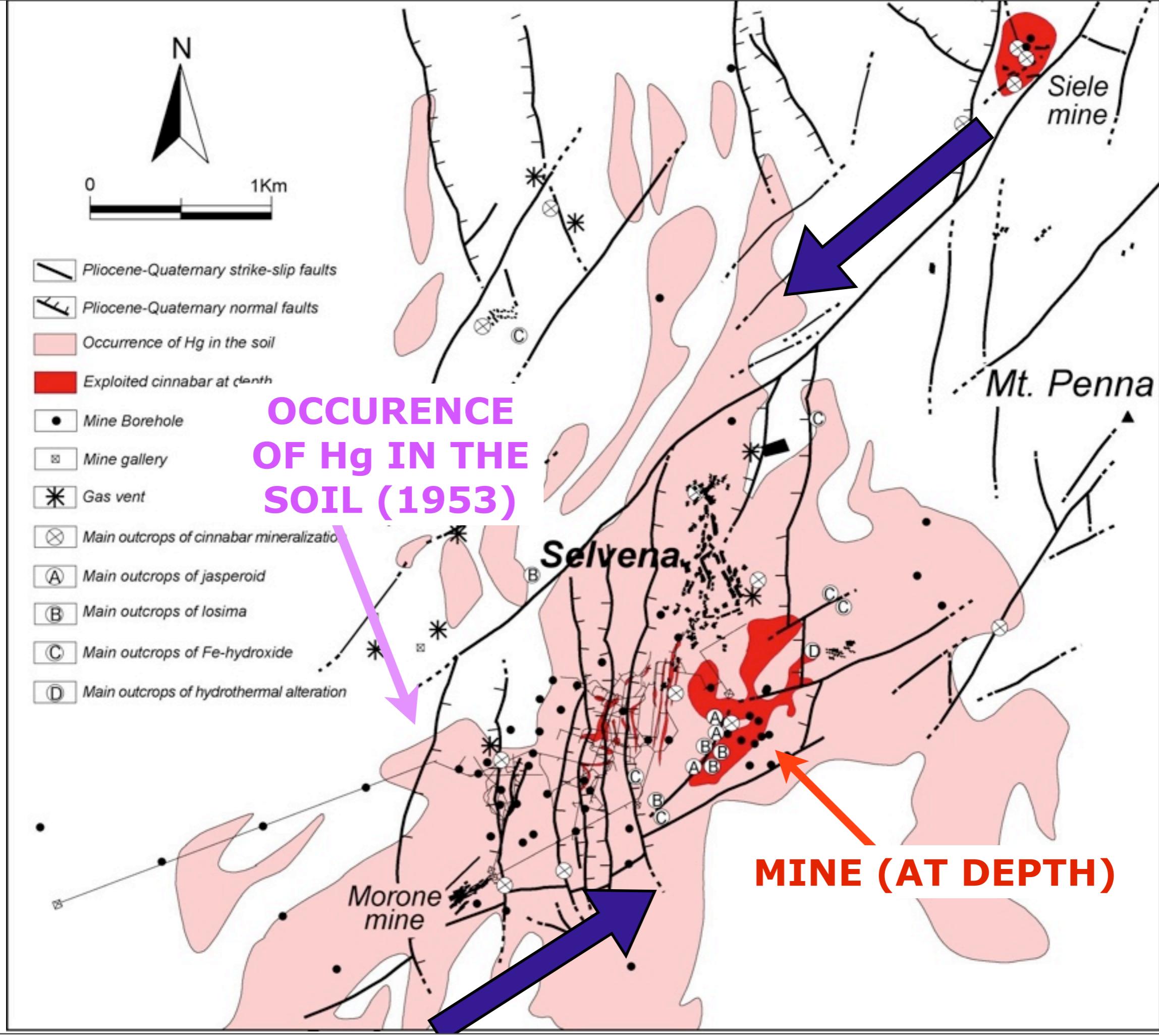


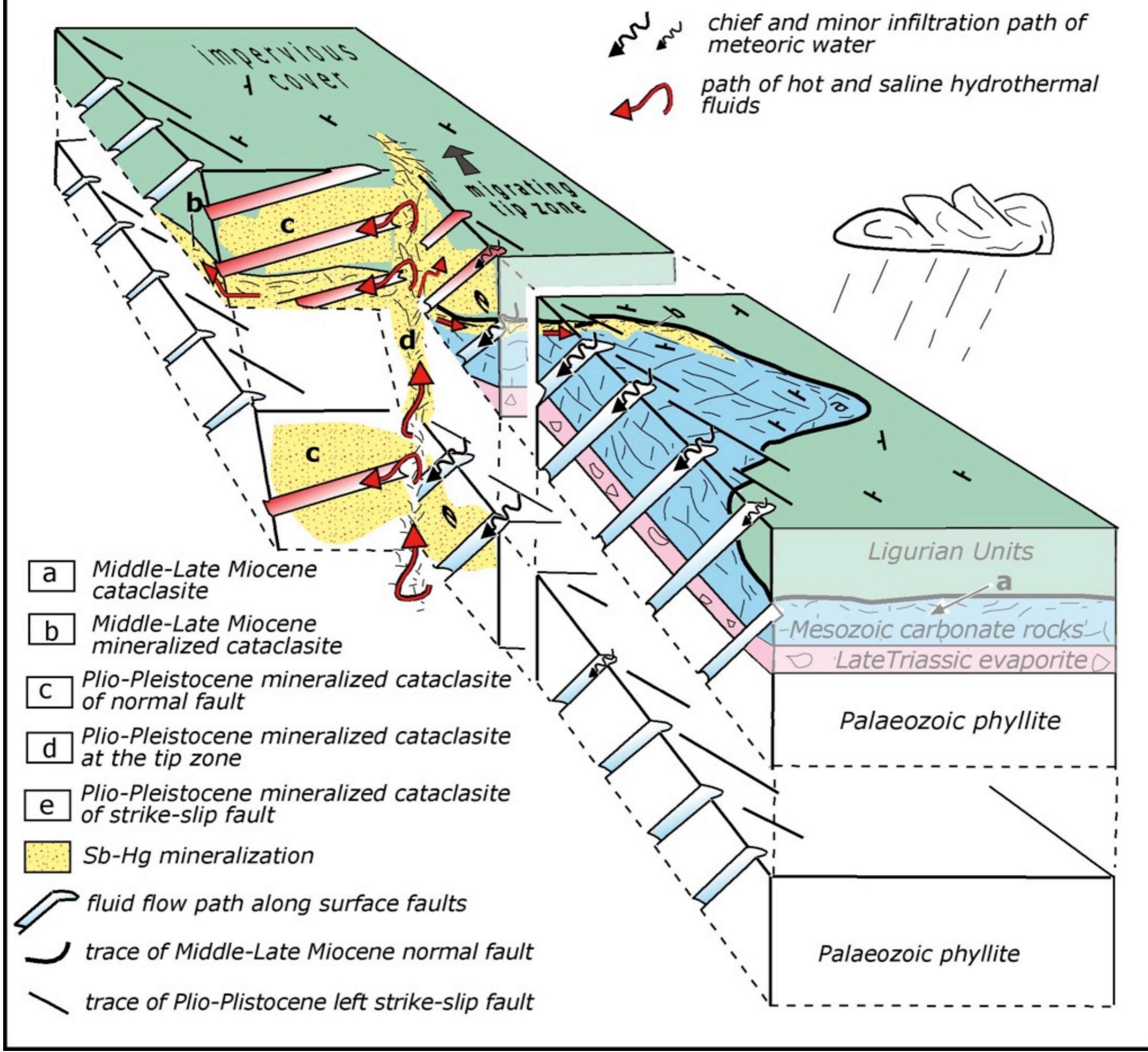
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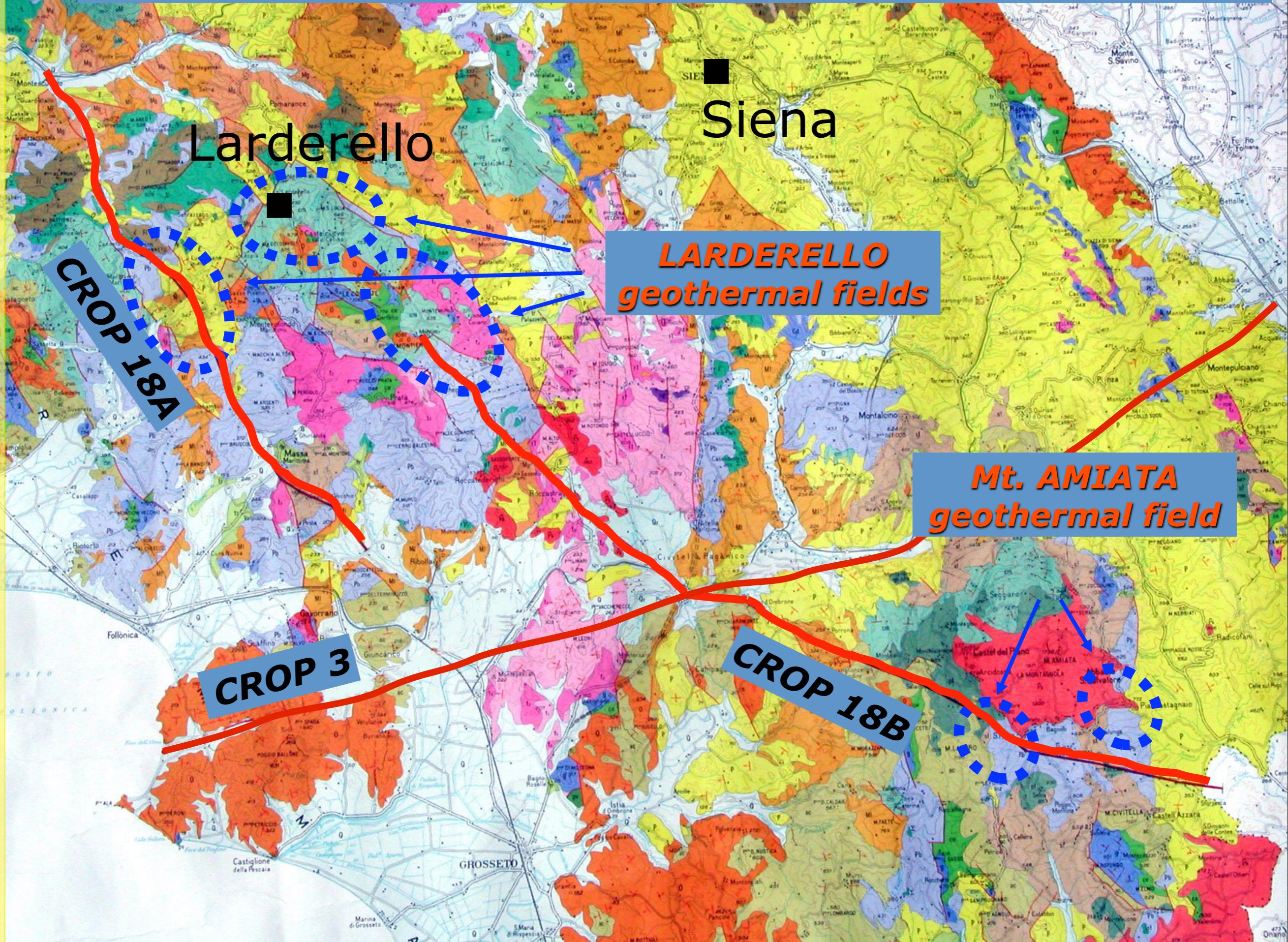


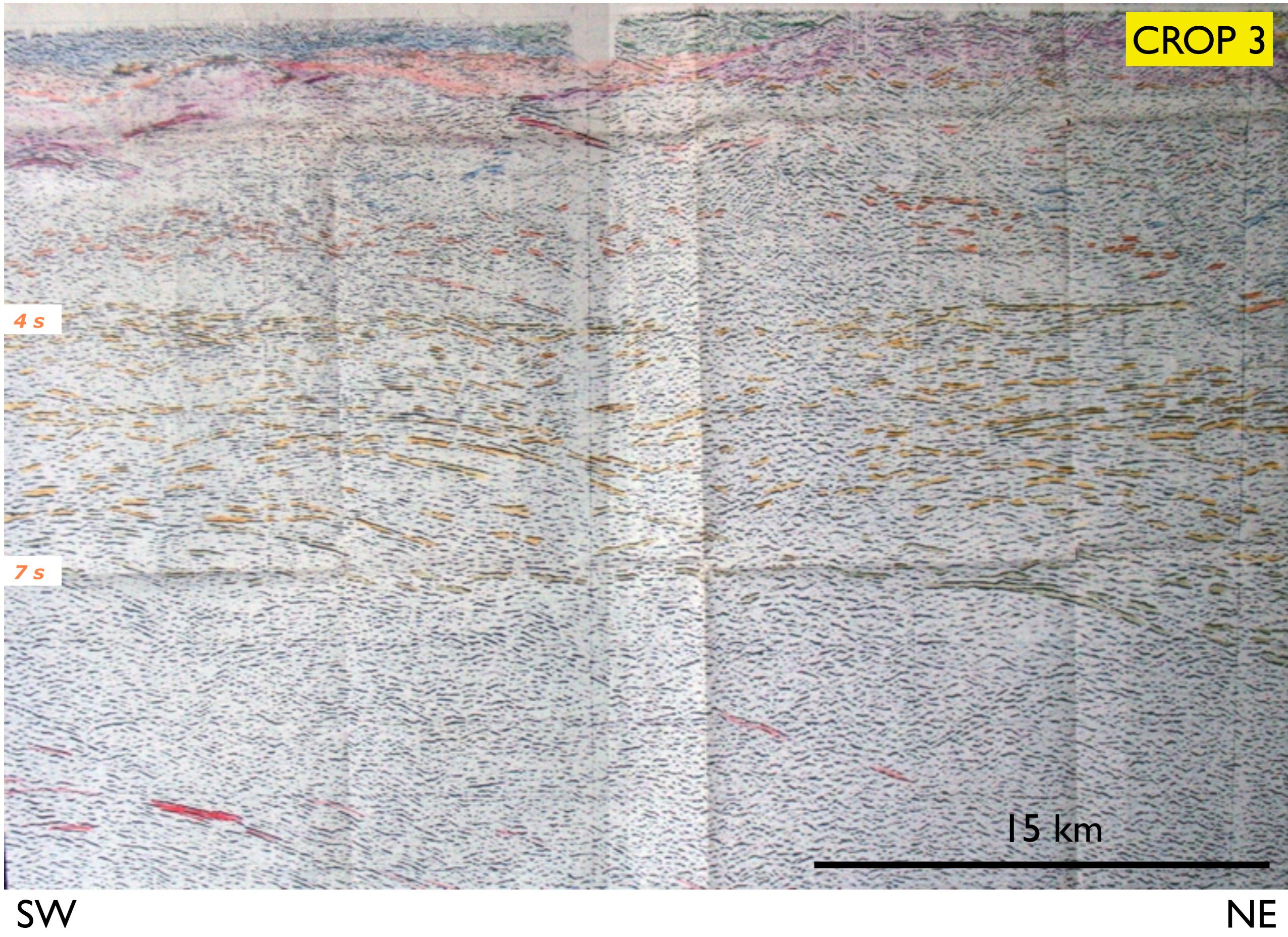




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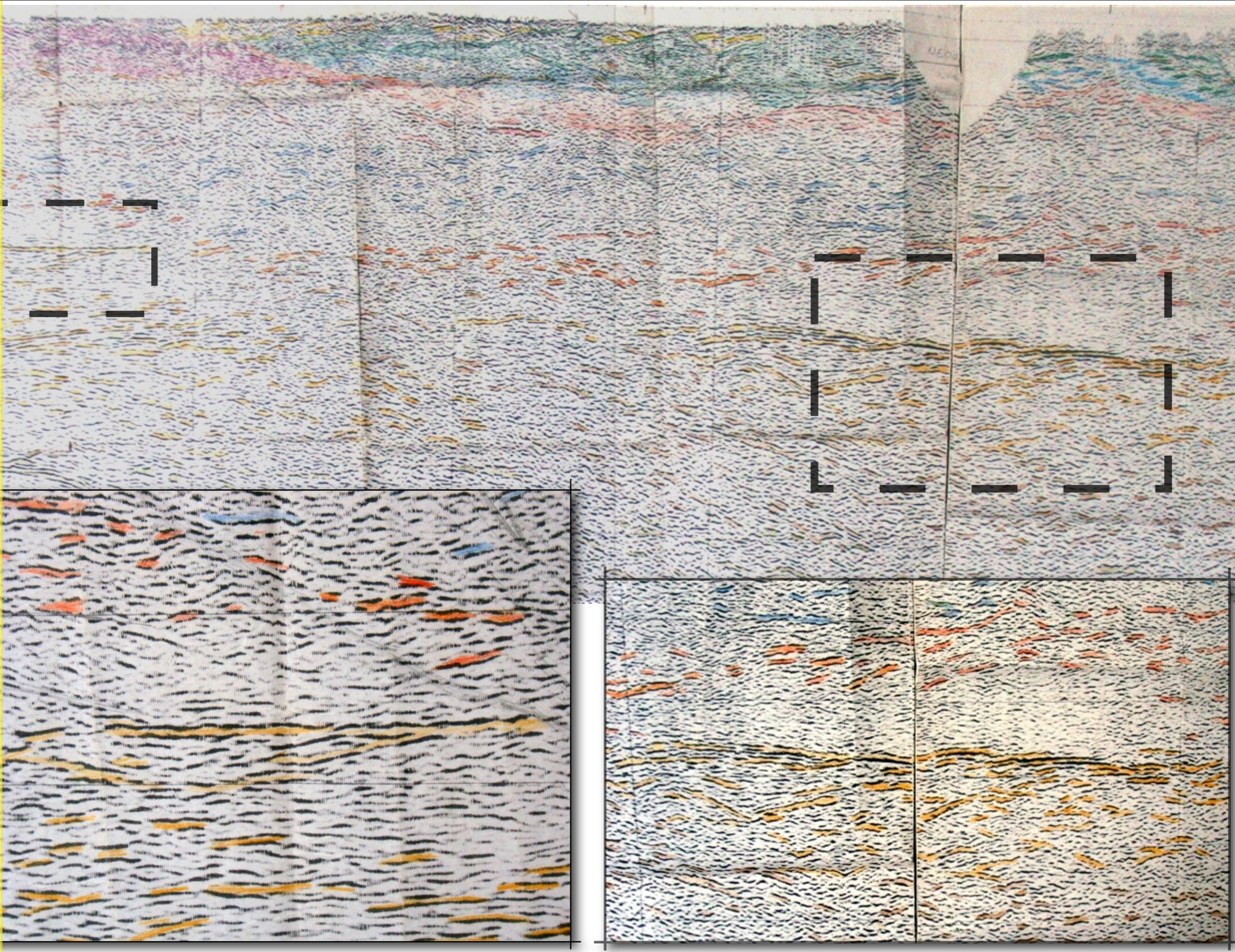
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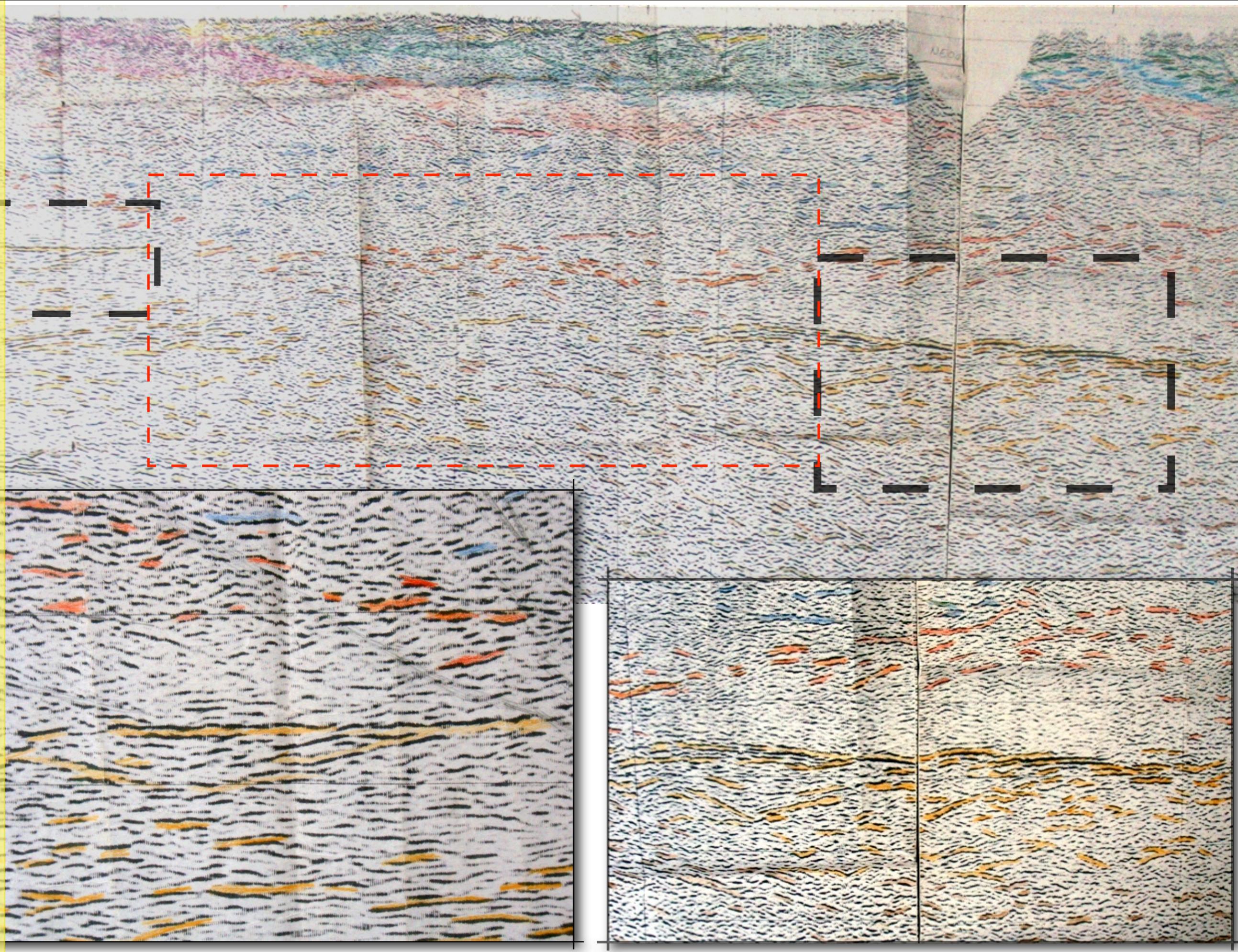


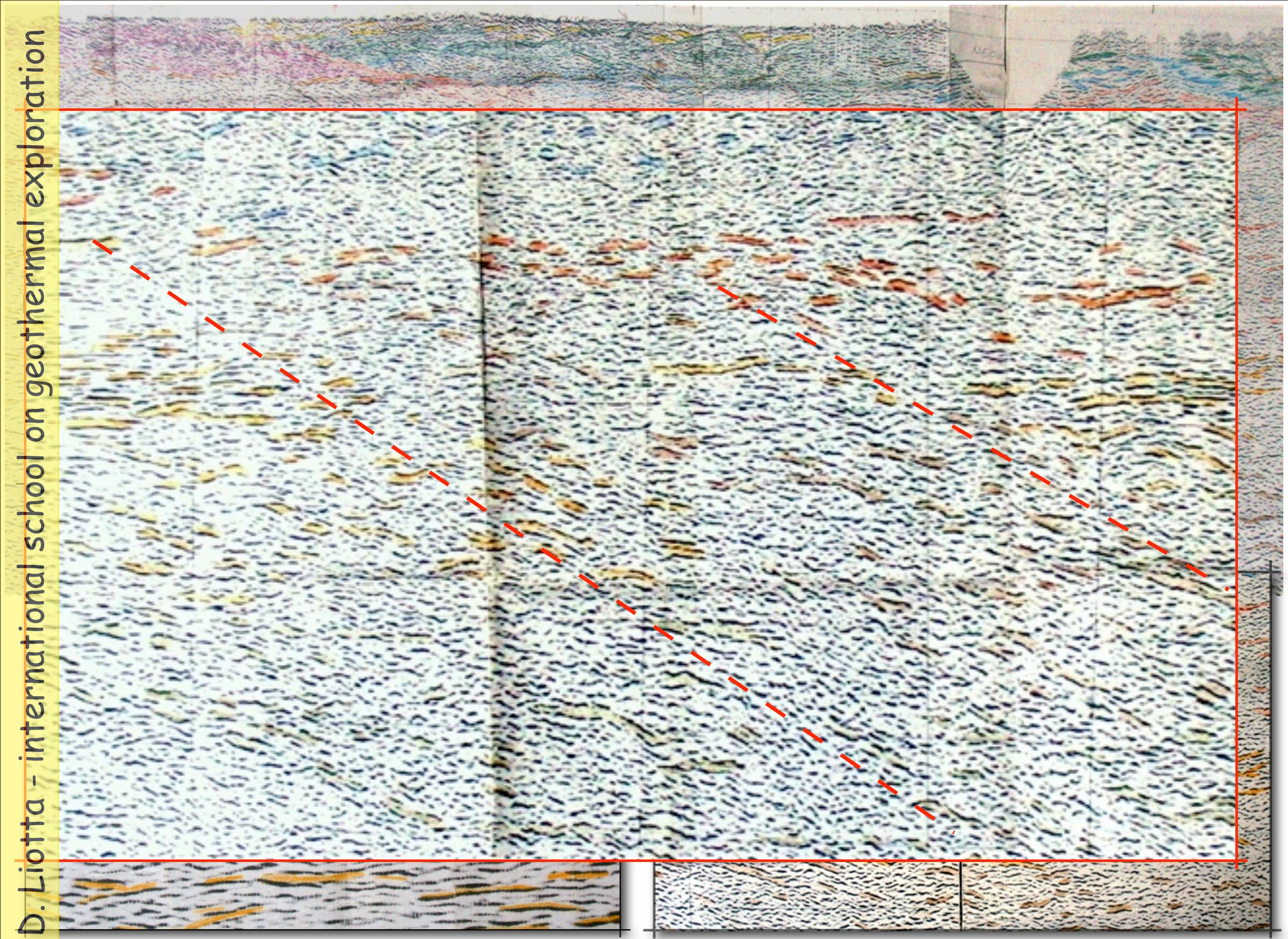


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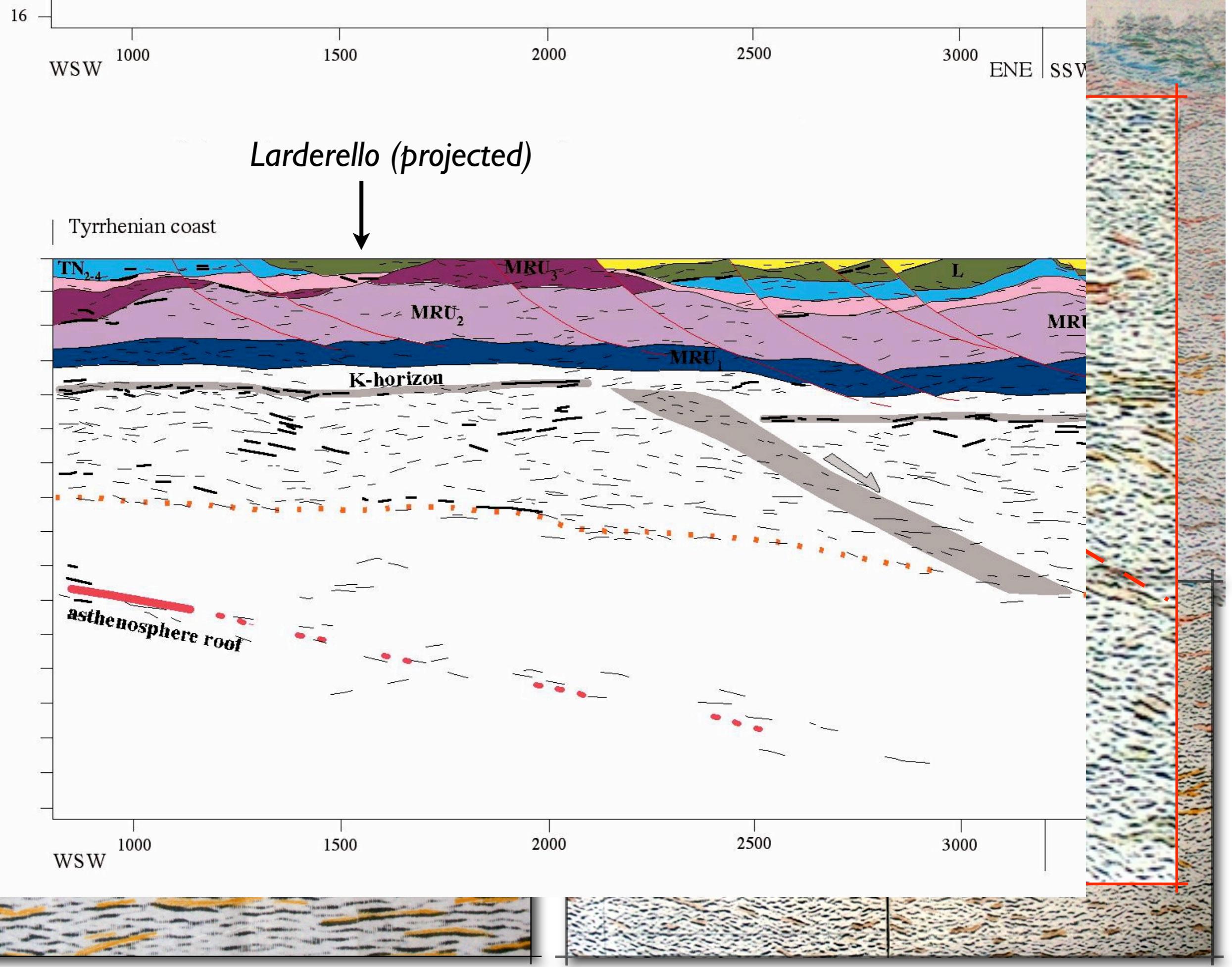


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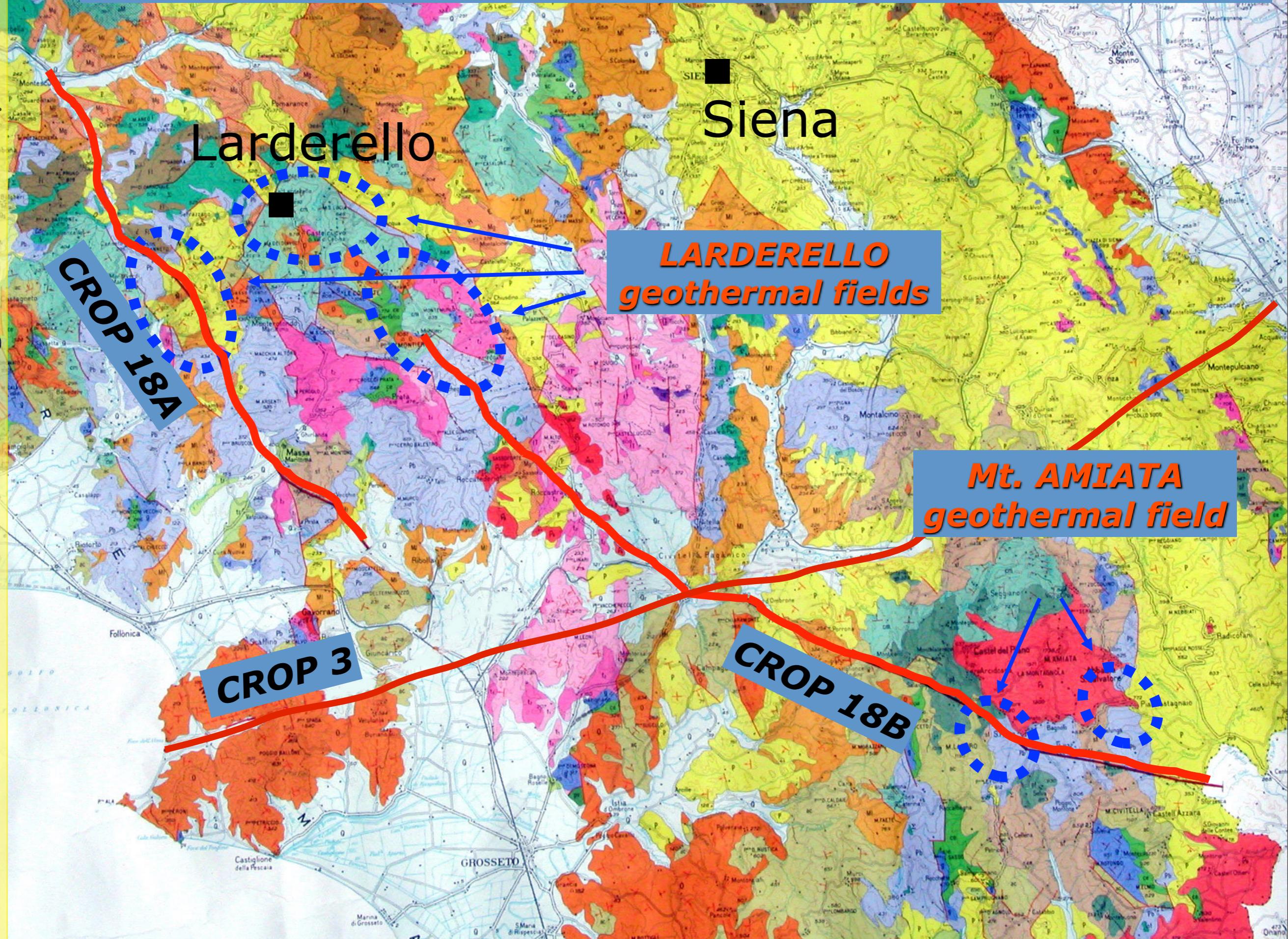


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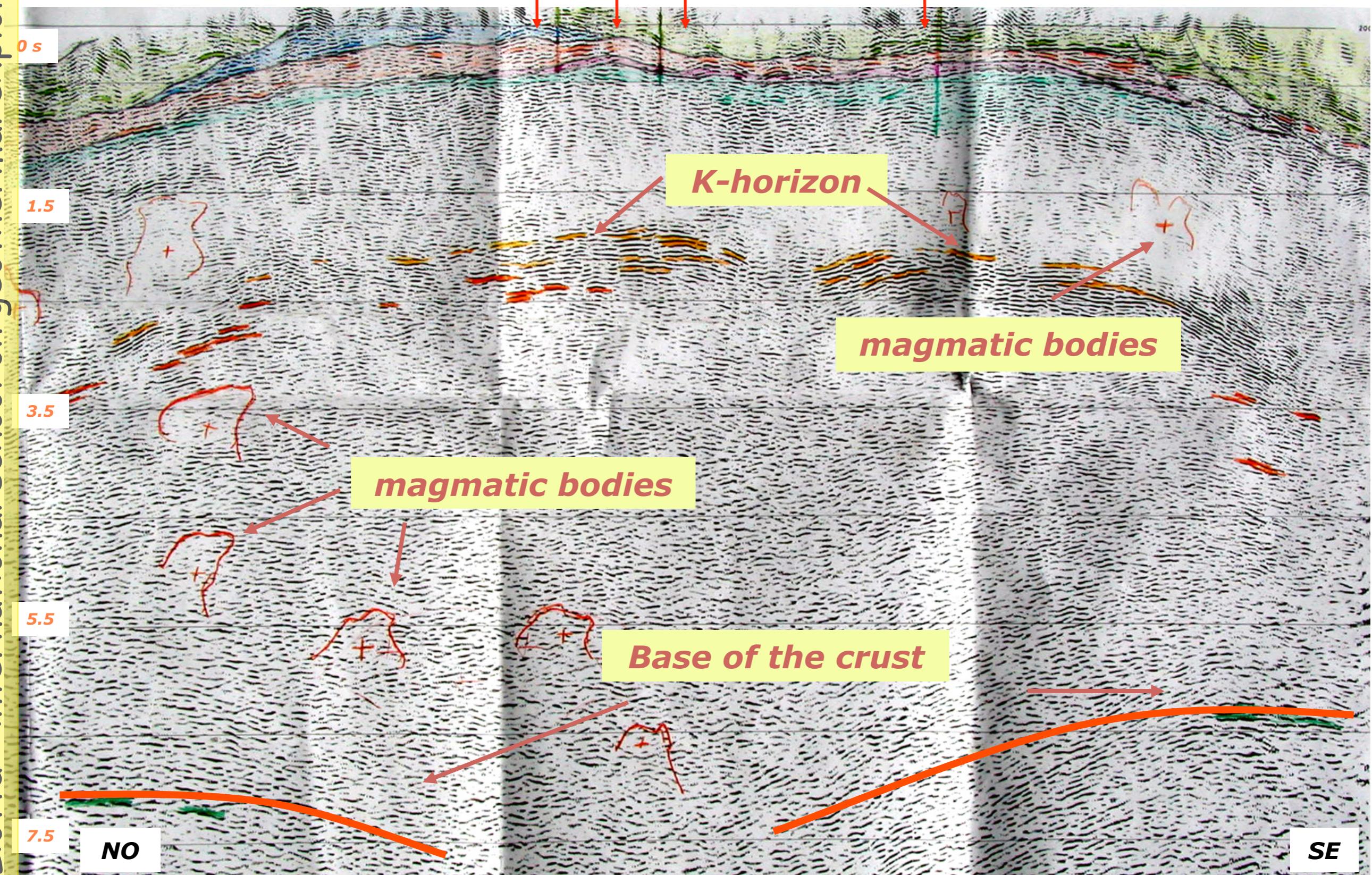


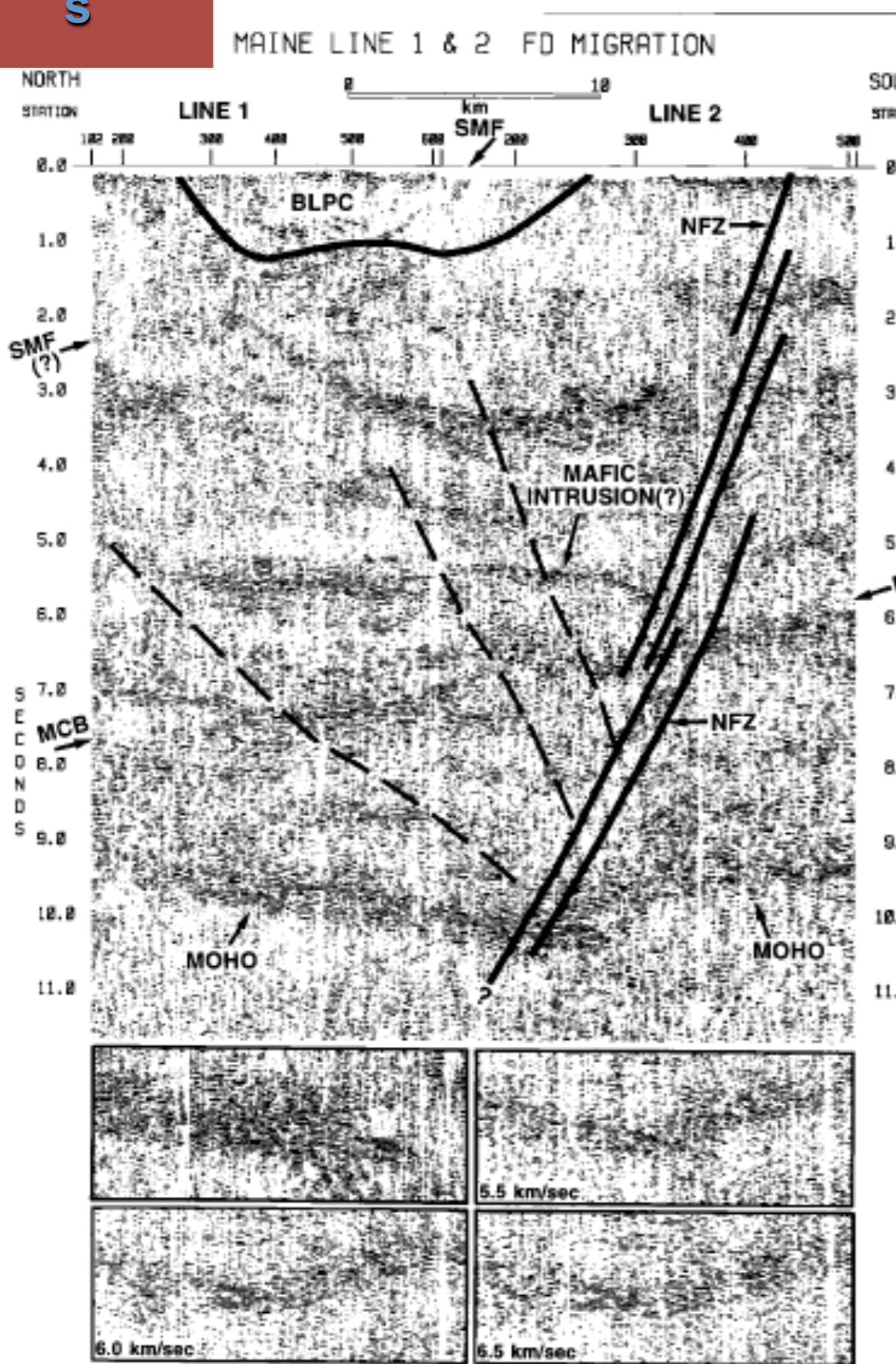
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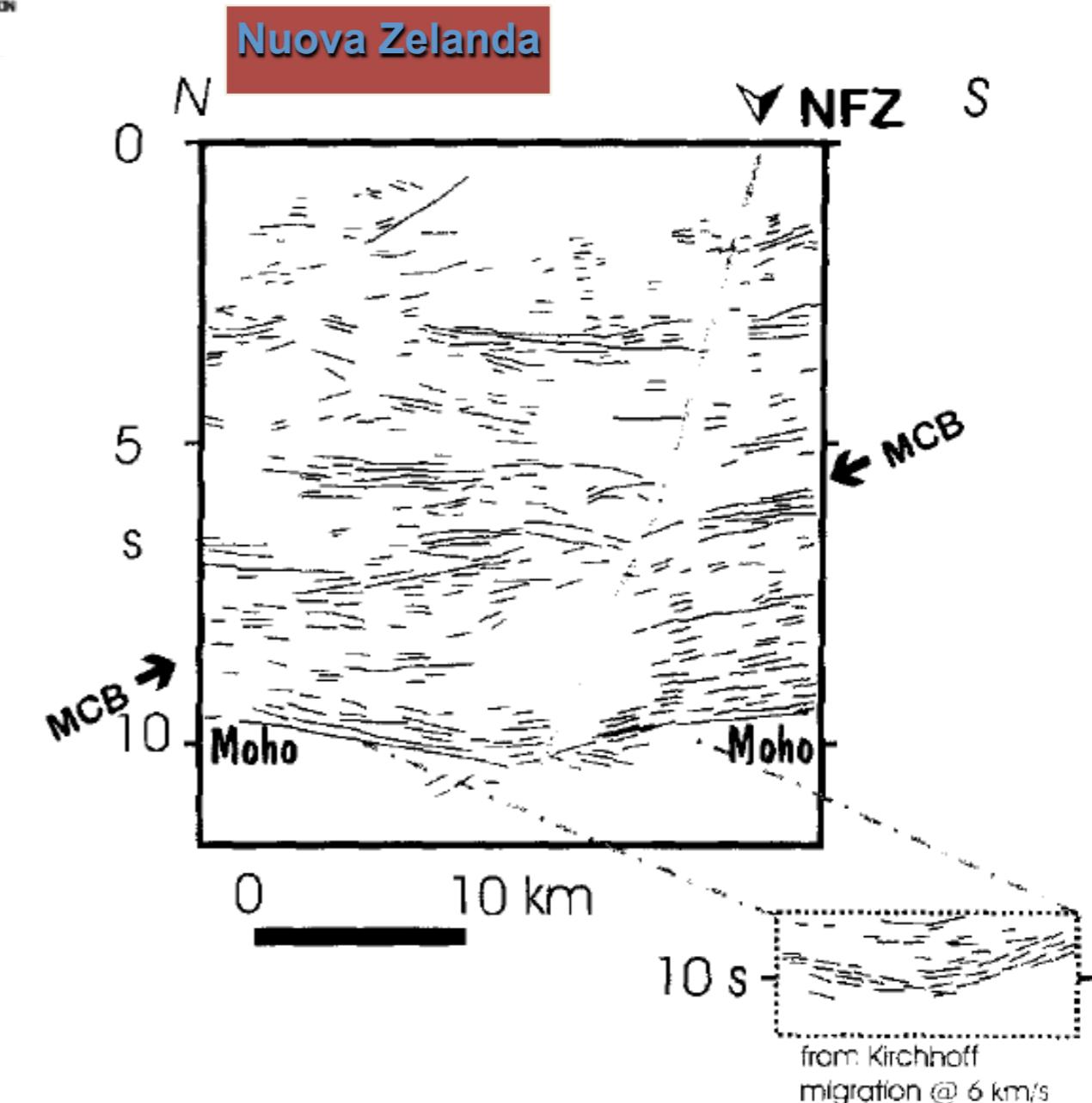
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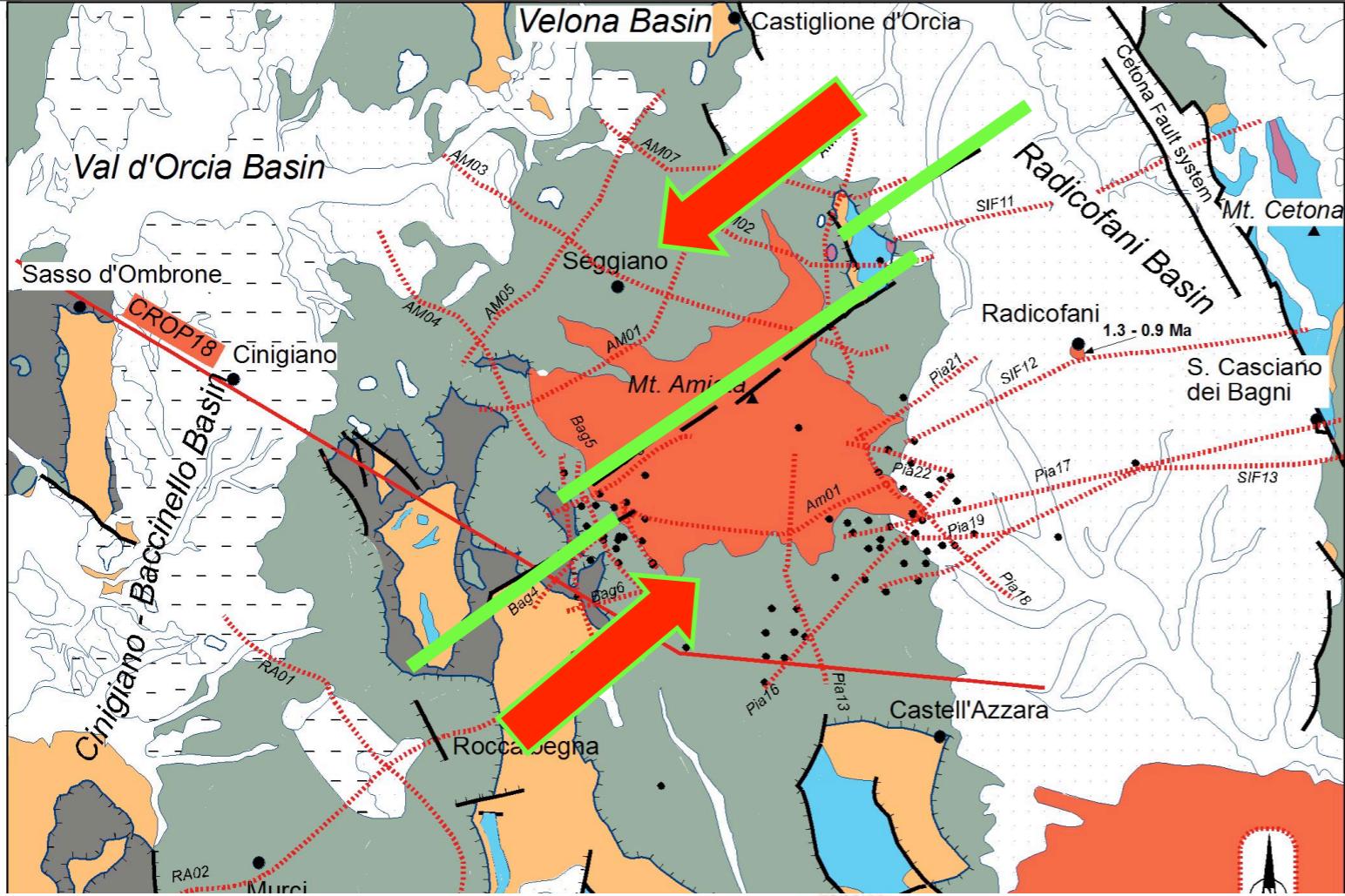
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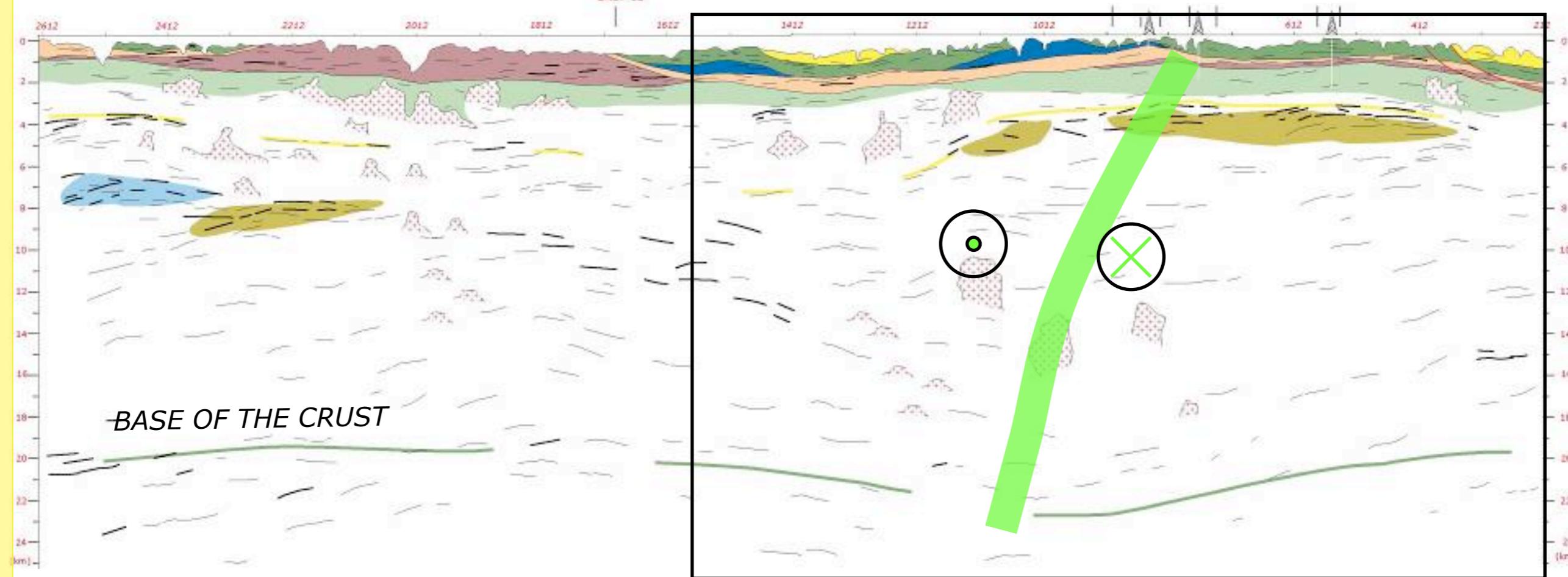
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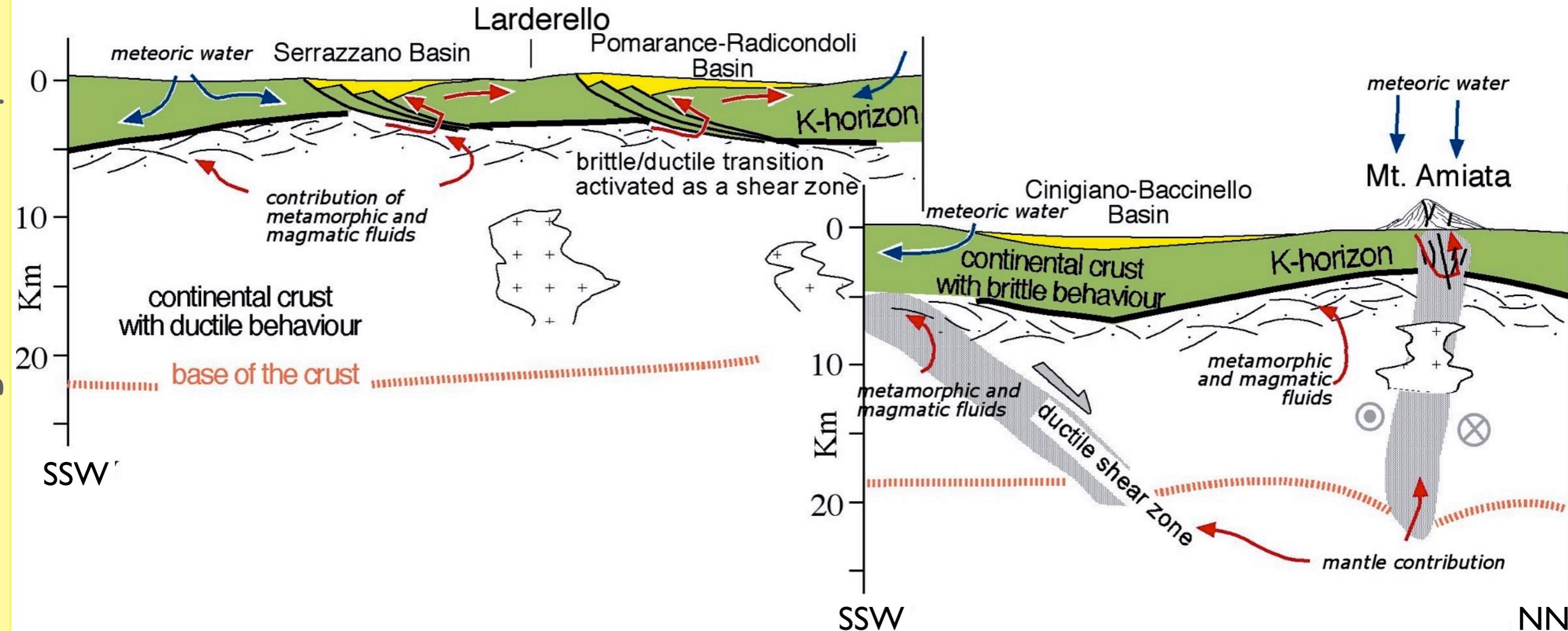
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**Bagnore geothermal field**



# CONCLUSIONS



studying the Past to understand the Present

normal and transtensive faults are the most favourable to channel fluids flow

multidisciplinary approach

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