



The giant Lachlan Orocline – a powerful new predictive tool for mineral exploration under cover across Eastern Australia

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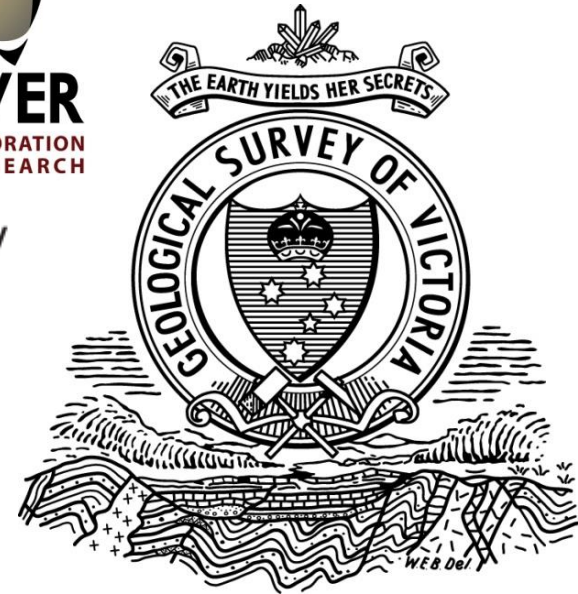


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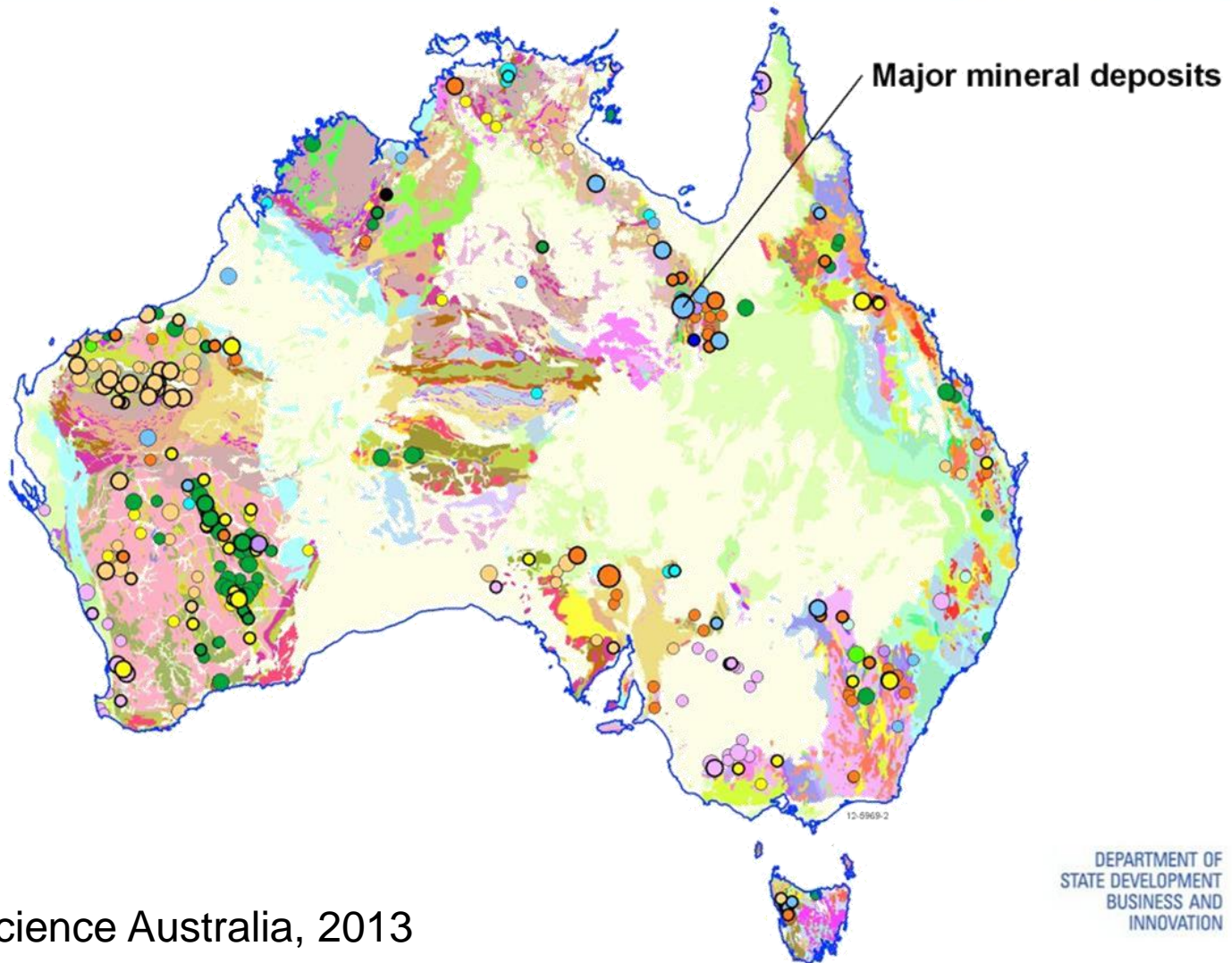
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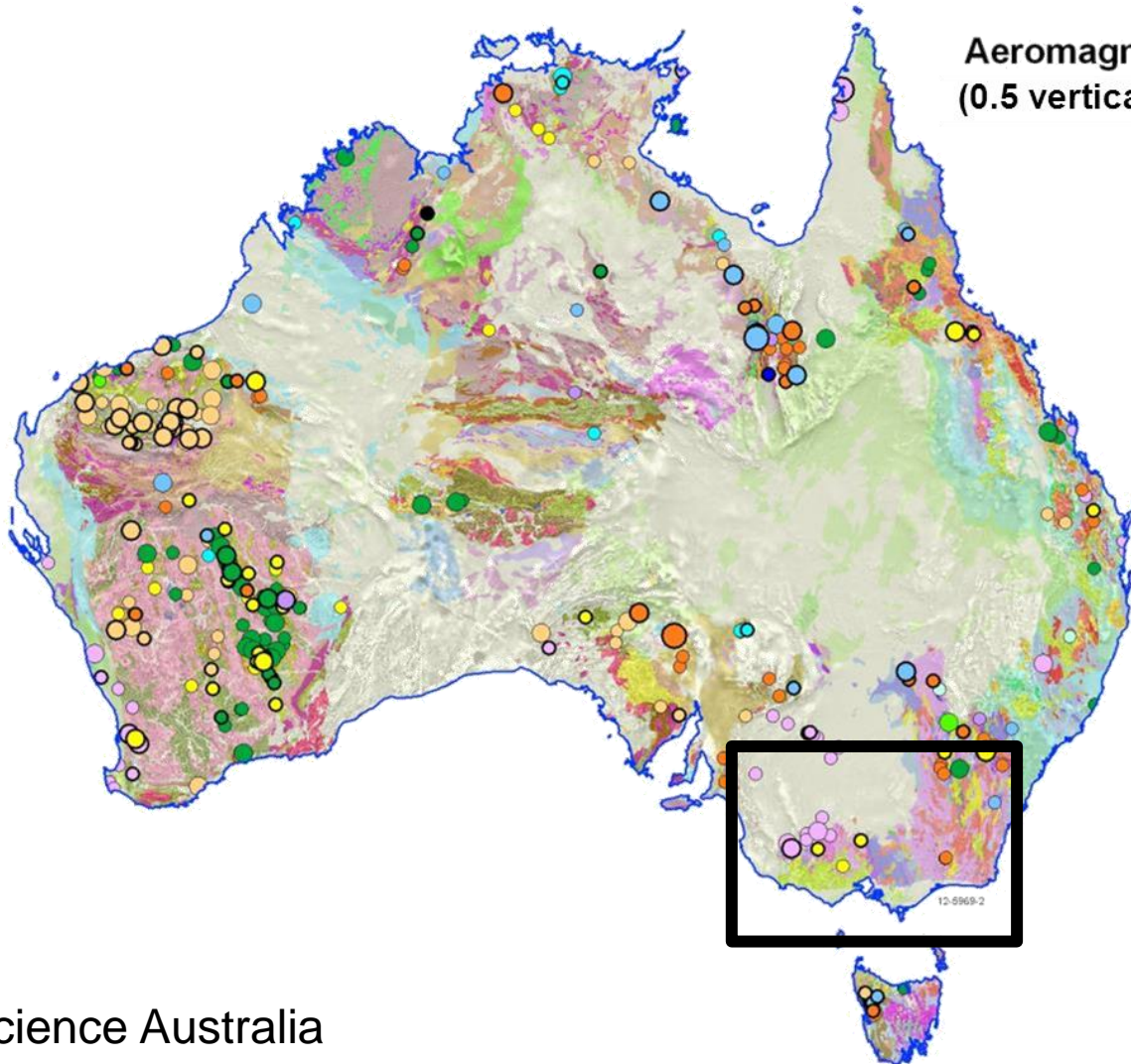


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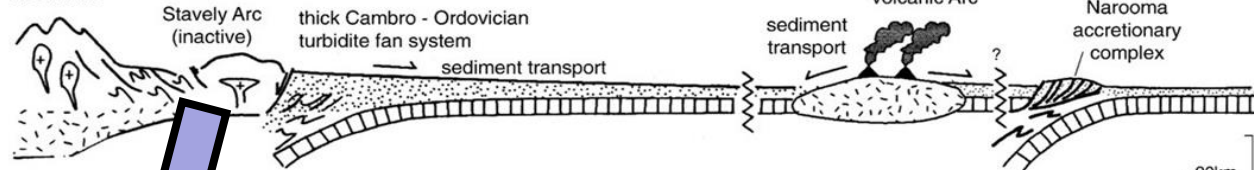
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(0.5 vertical derivative)**

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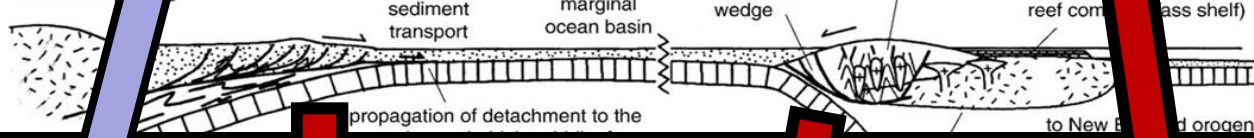
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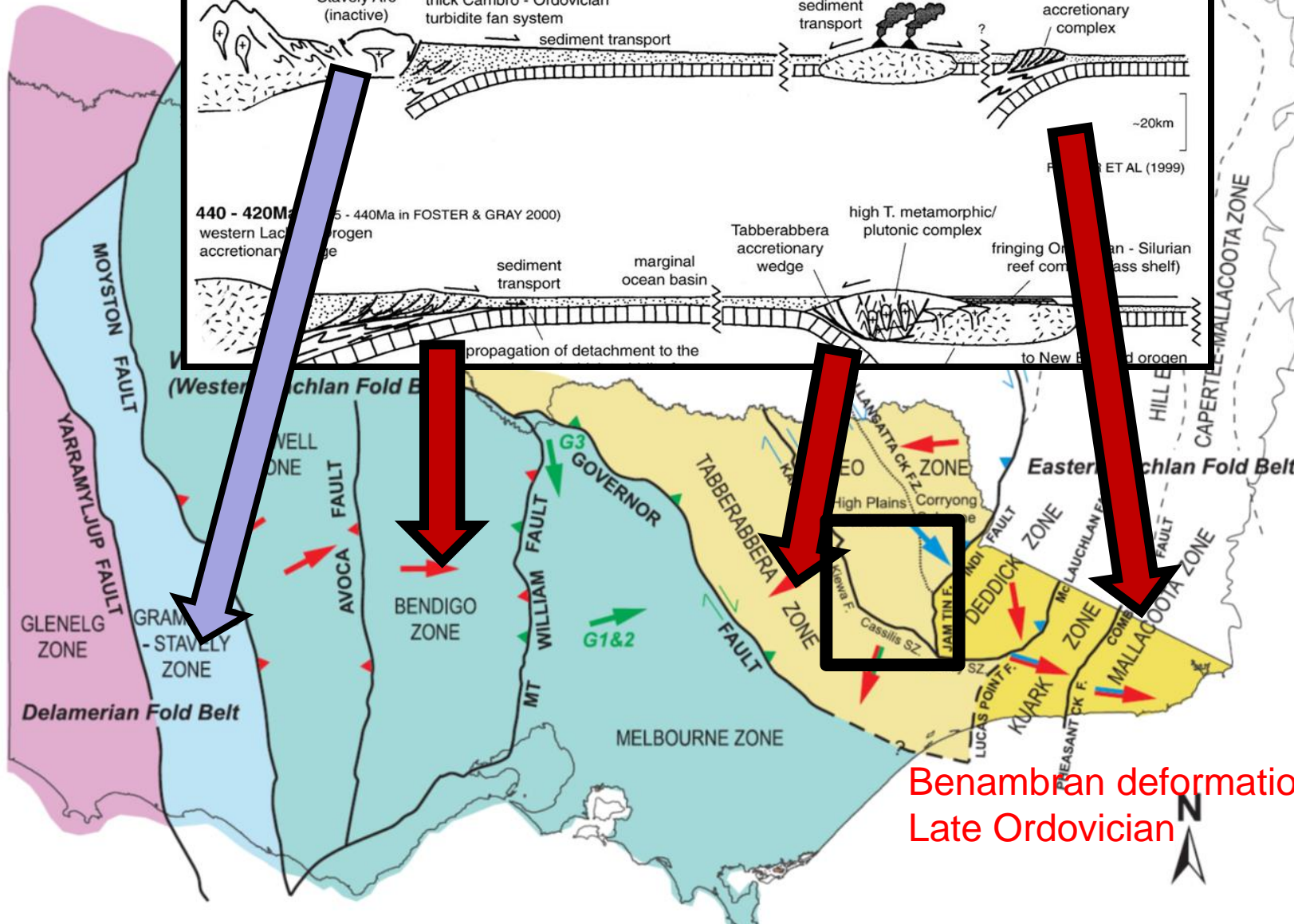


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propagation of detachment to the west to New England orogen



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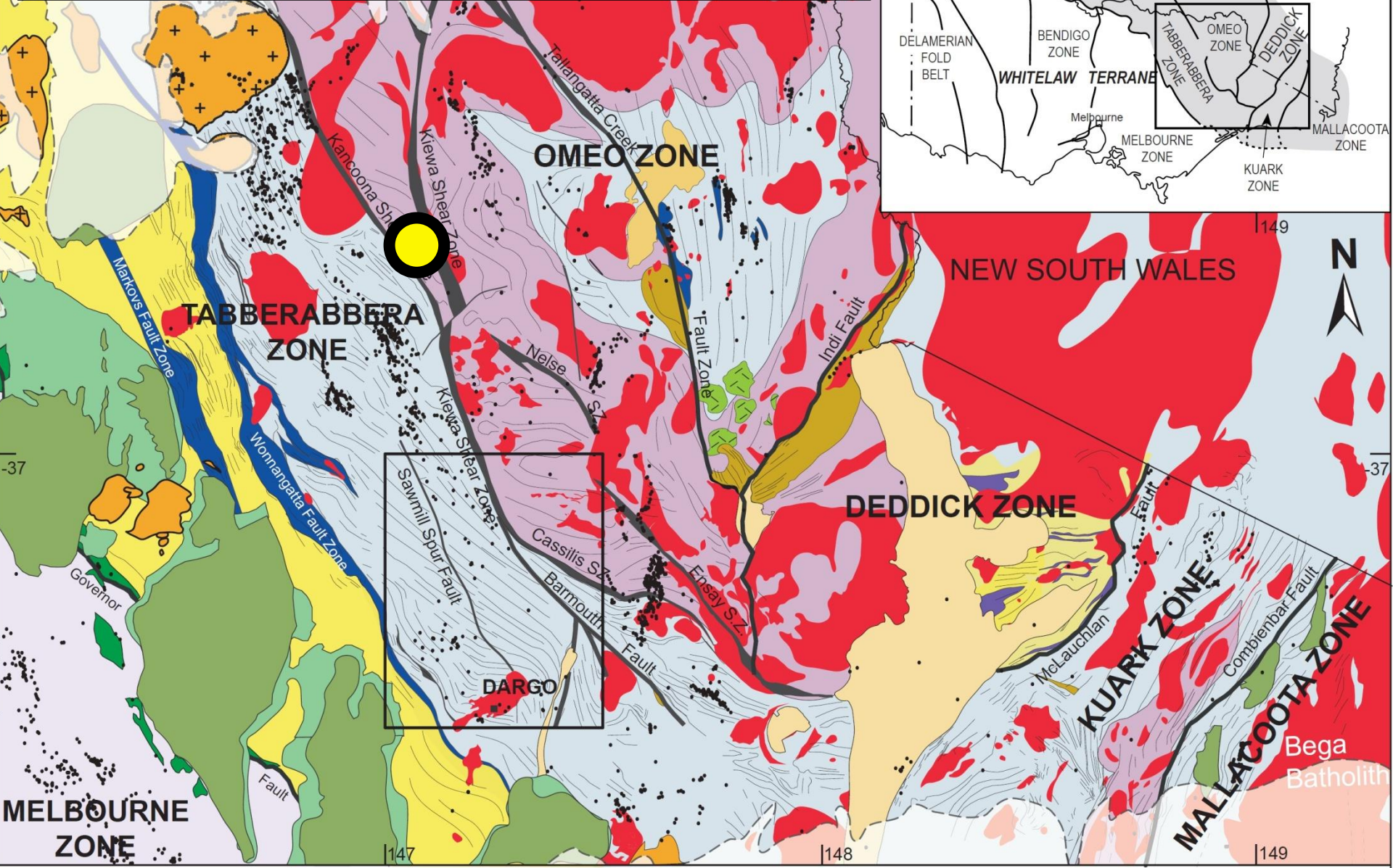
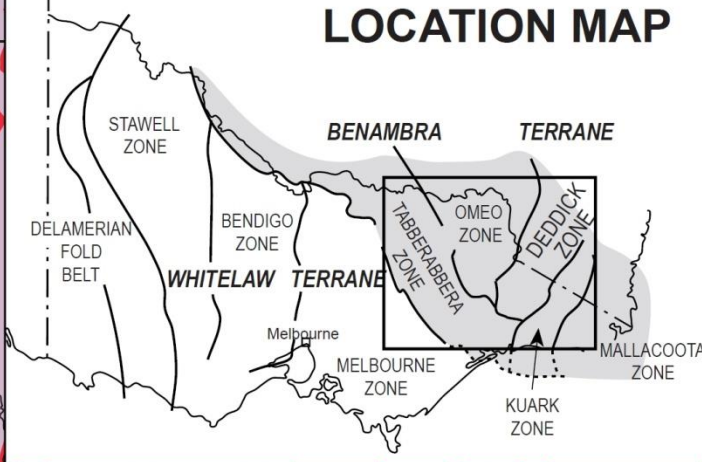
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Large Silurian strike-slip faults dominate eastern LFB

LOCATION MAP



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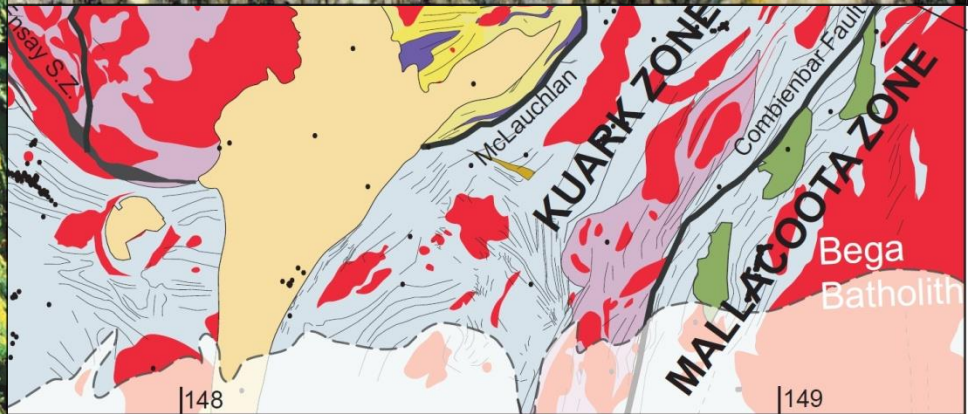
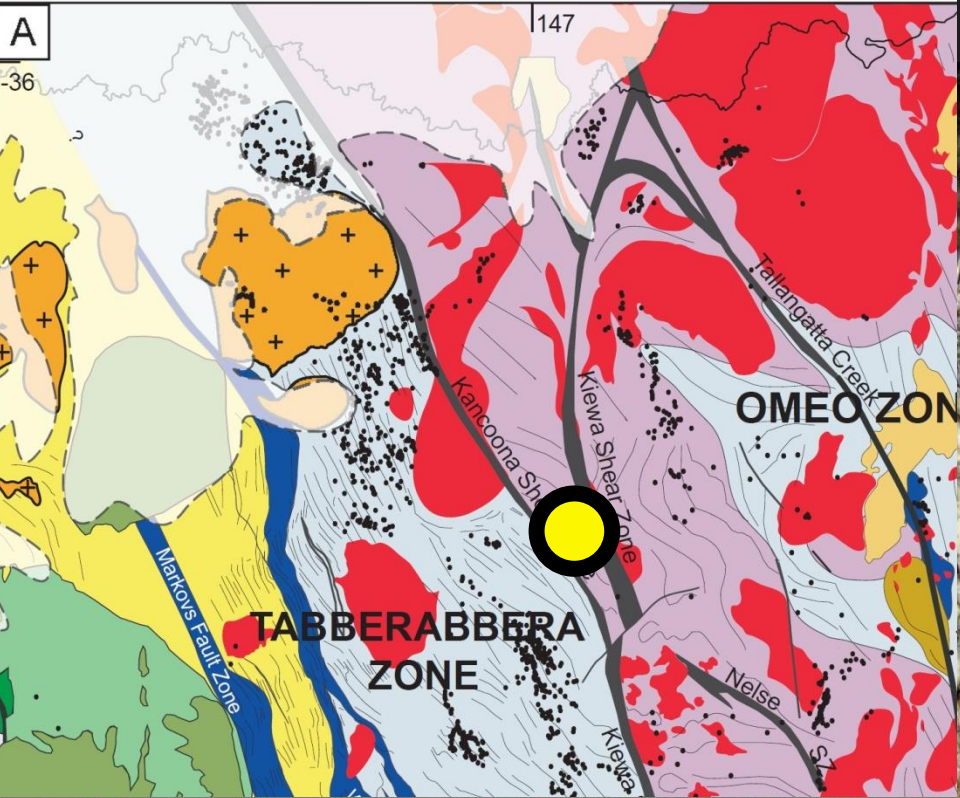
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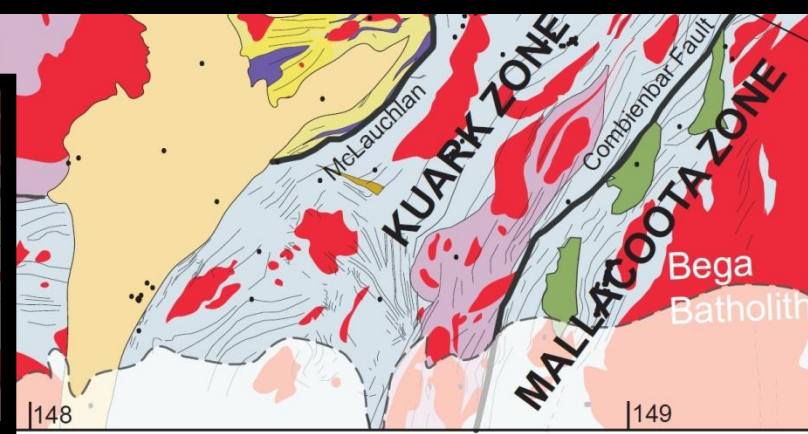
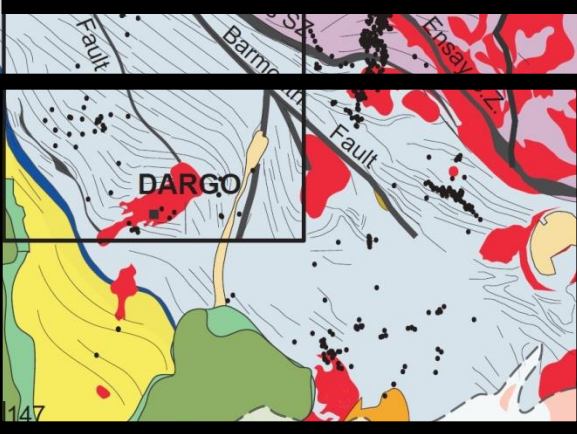
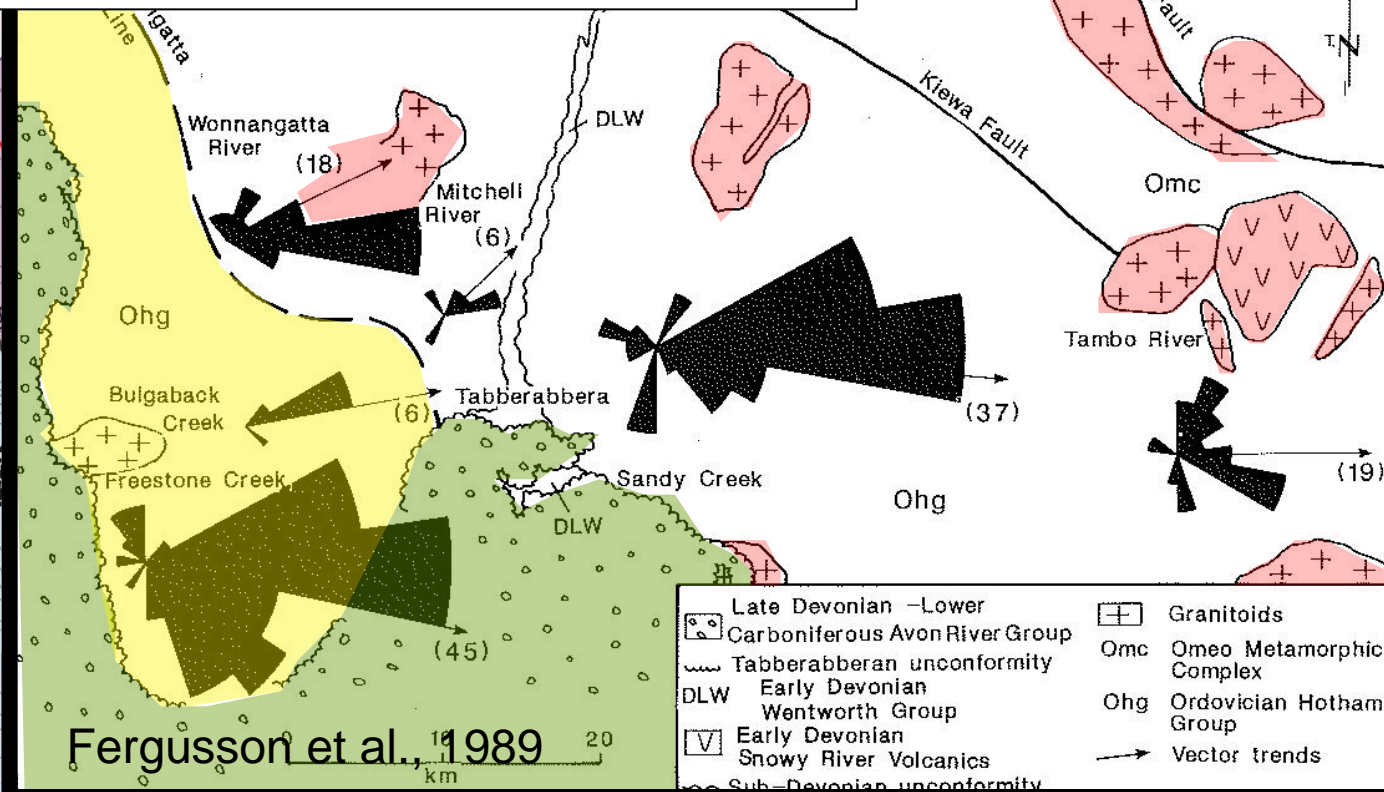
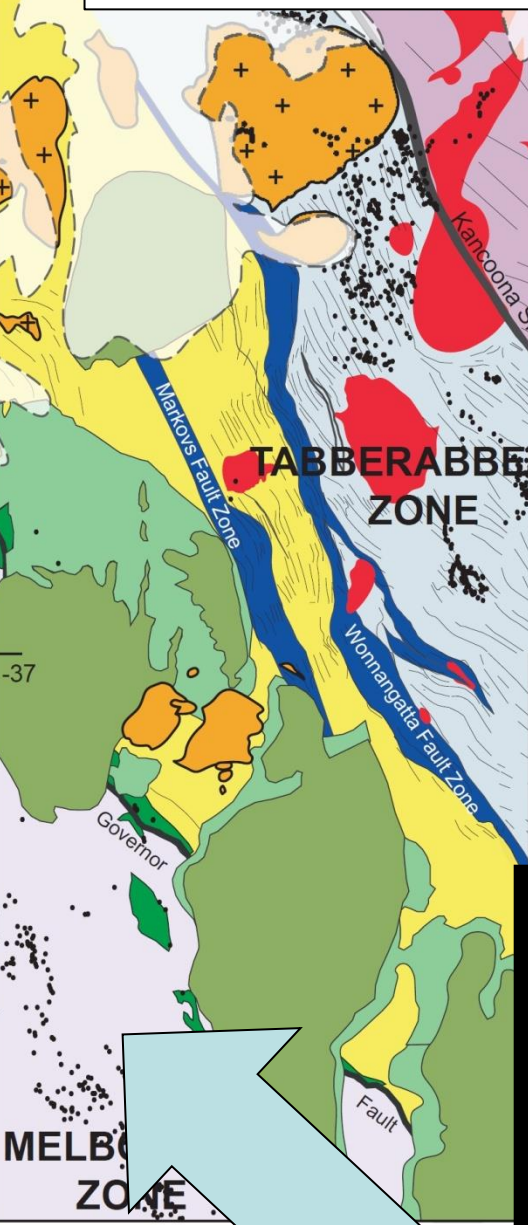
pale areas are covered by
 Devonian rift volcanic

Bega Batholith



rift volcanic

Ordovician paleocurrent directions and sedimentology hint at post-depositional crustal rearrangements

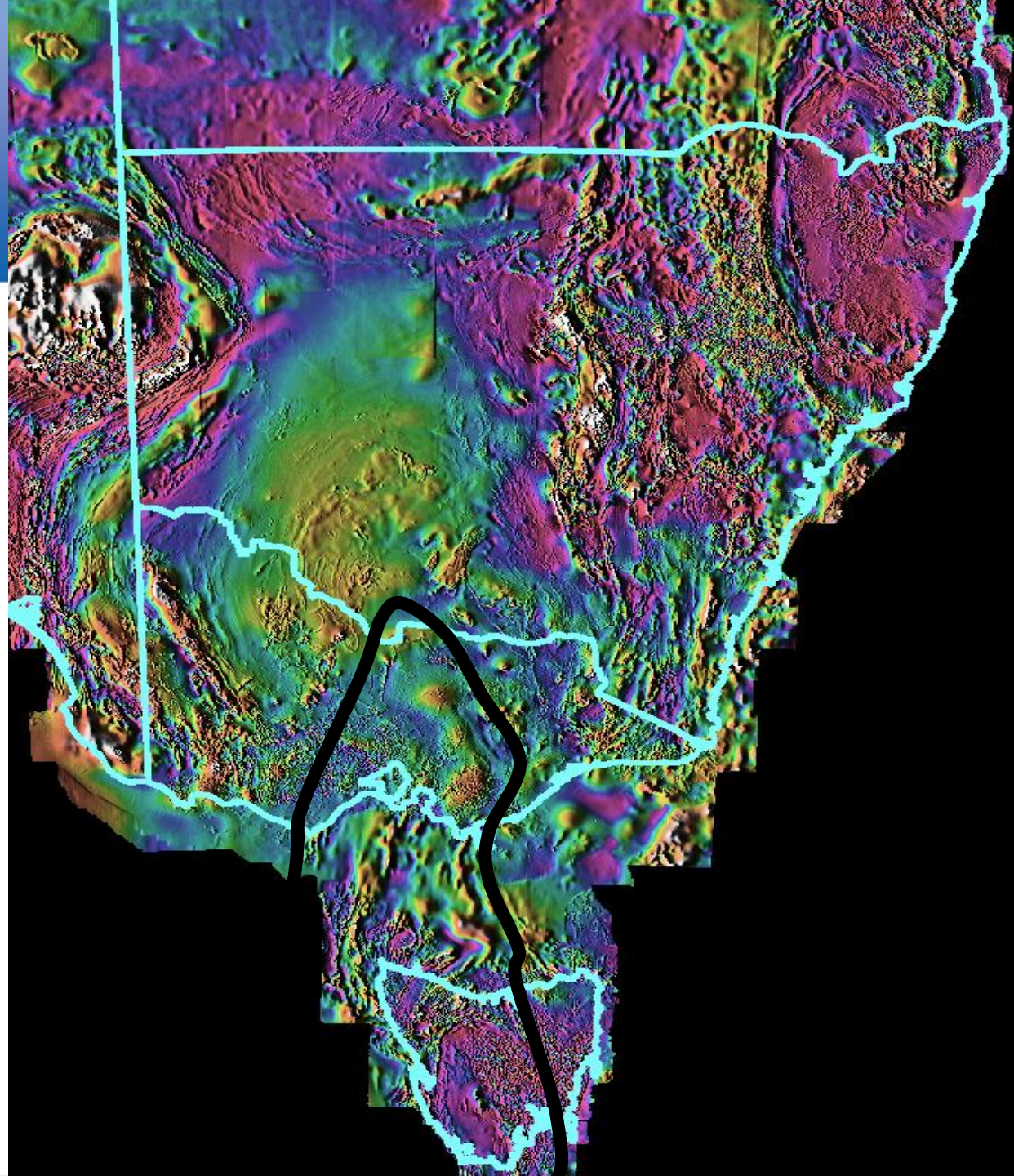


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A Mesoproterozoic
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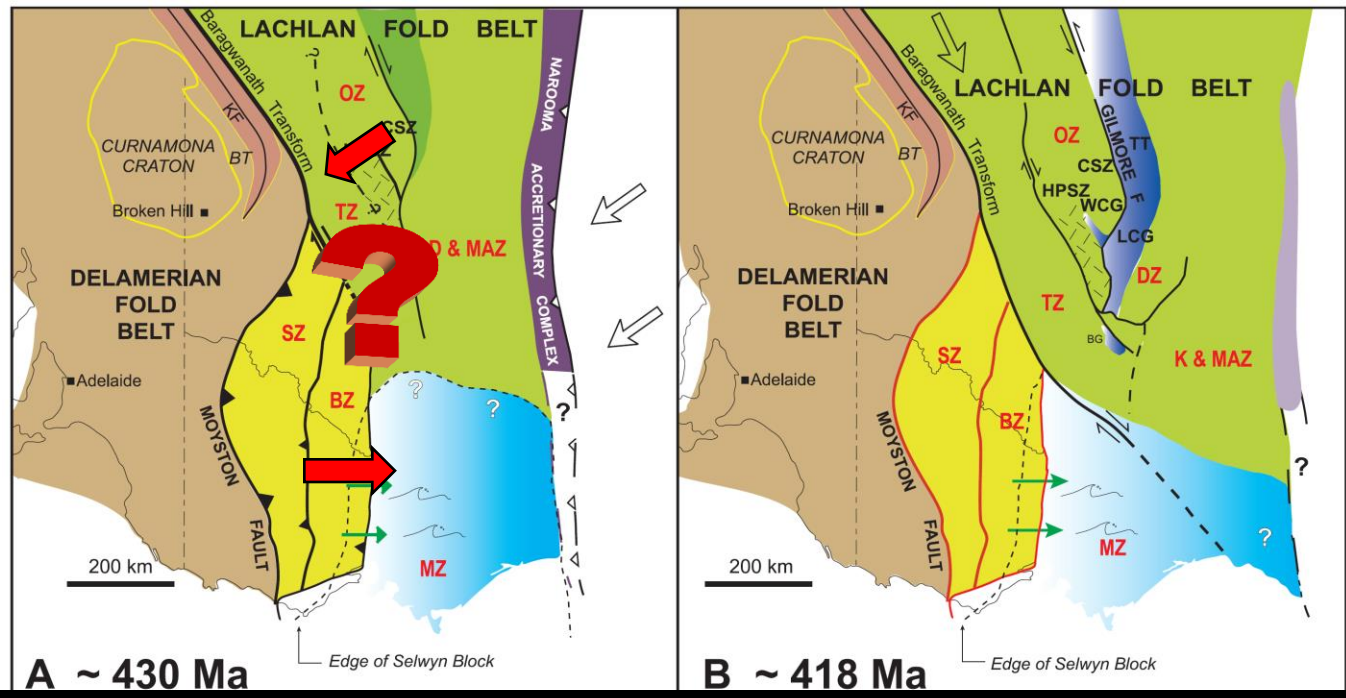
includes Western Tasmania
and the 'Selwyn Block'...

embedded within the
Paleozoic Lachlan Fold Belt...

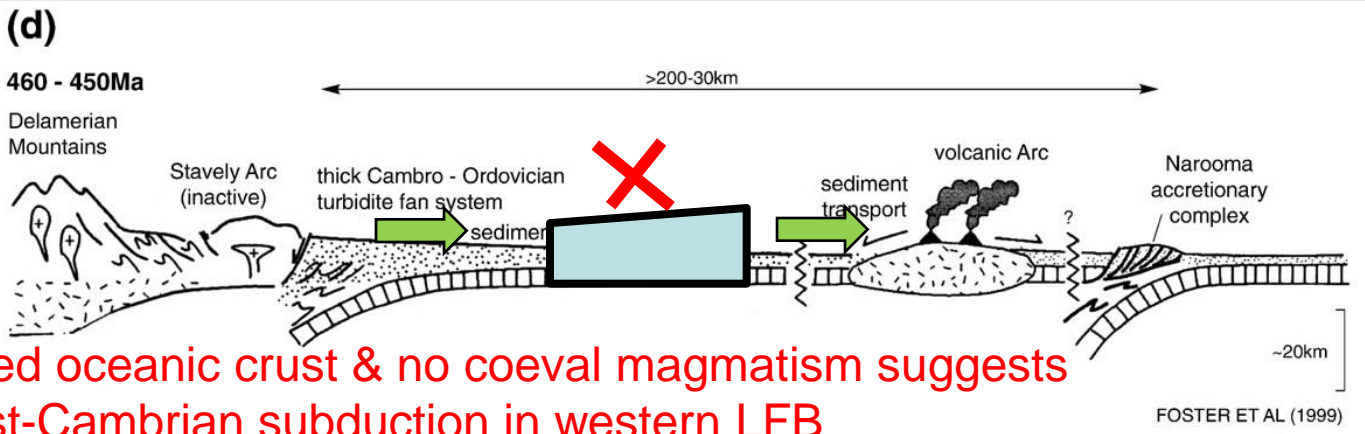


Models that honour paleogeographic constraints, and account for strike-slip faults.....

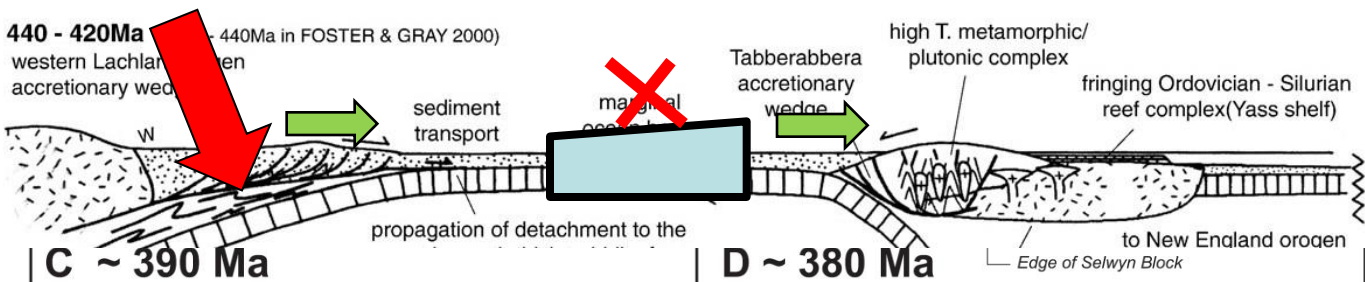
eg. the Baragwanath Transform concept...



(VandenBerg et al. 2000, Willman et al., 2002)



Imbricated oceanic crust & no coeval magmatism suggests little post-Cambrian subduction in western LFB



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Recognition of the critical role of roll-back in LFB evolution....

Tectonic switching and roll-back in the LFB

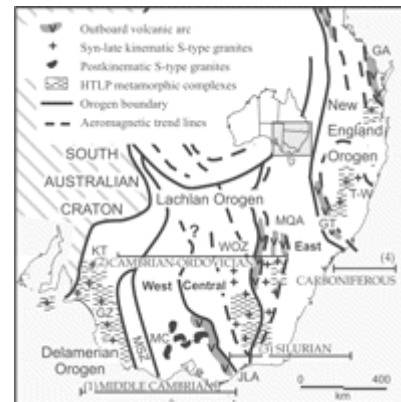
Collins, 2002 (Geology)

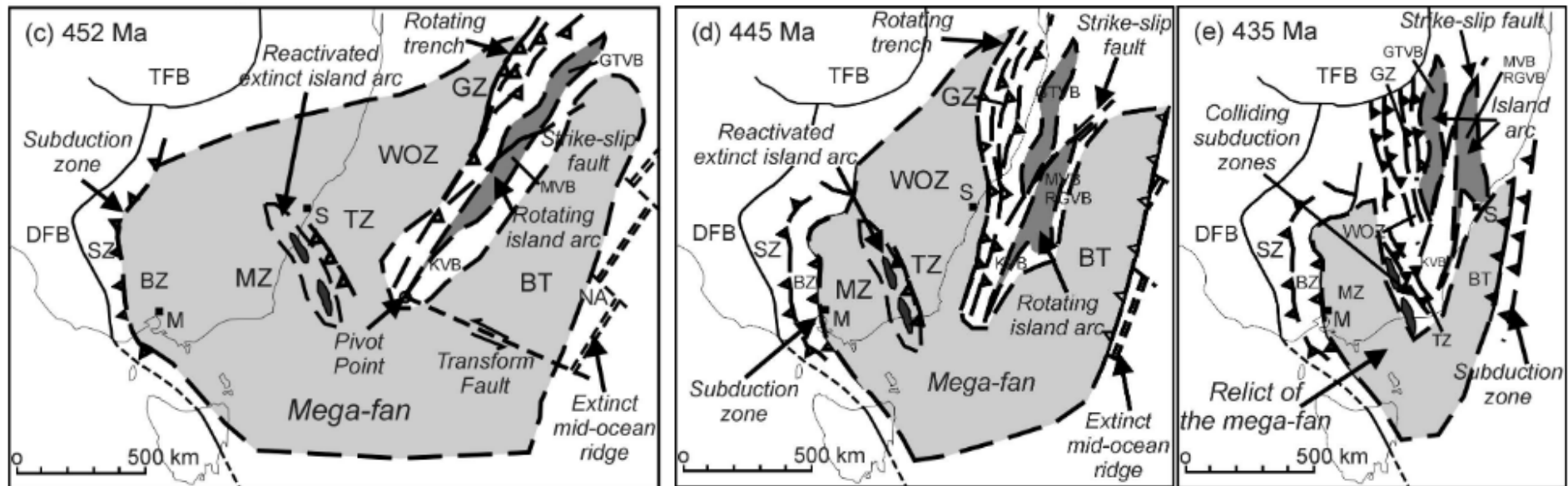


Extension and the tripartite association:

S-type granites, arcs and back-arc basins

Collins and Richards, 2008 (Geology)



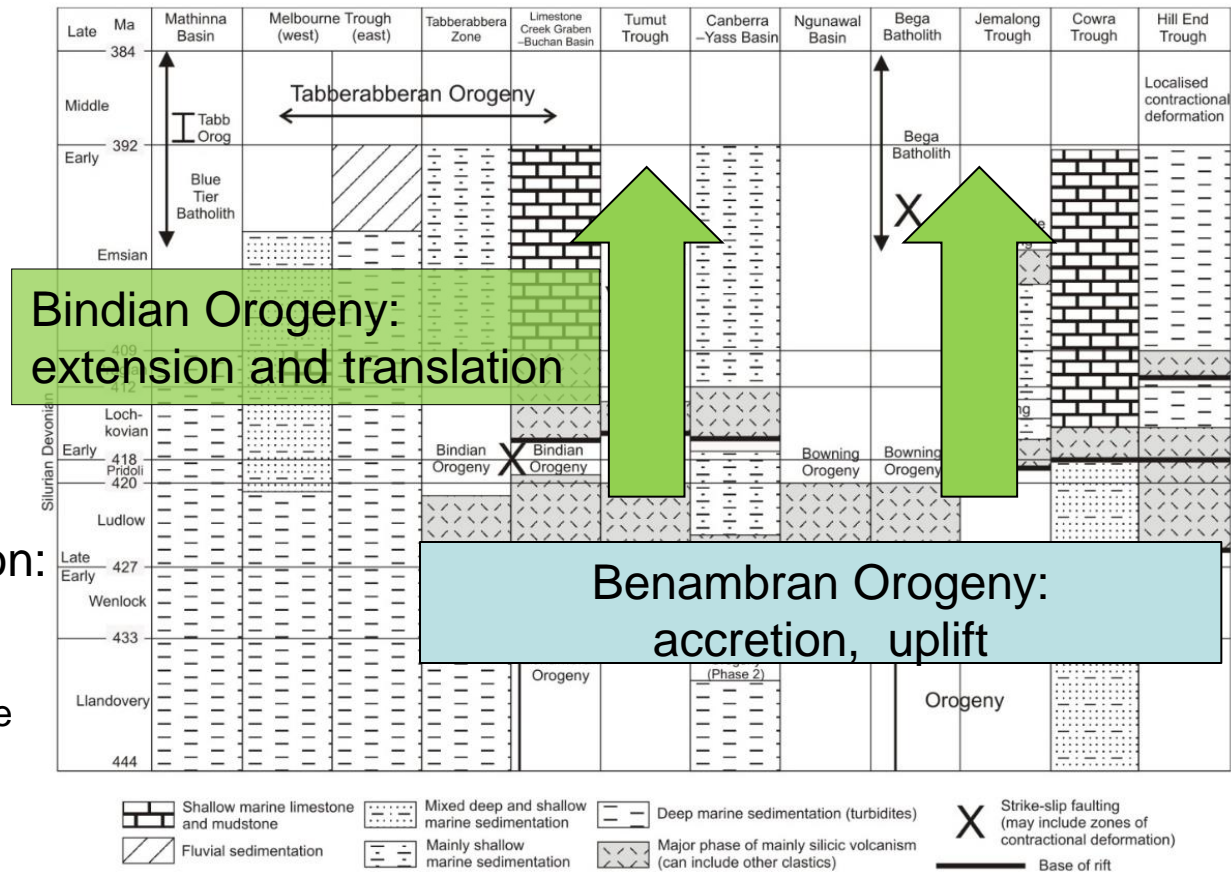


Models that suggest the possibility of strike-slip repetition of Macquarie Arc segments:

Packham, 1987 (AGU Geodynamics Series 19)

Fergusson, 2009 (AJES)

Models that link extension to sedimentation in the LFB:



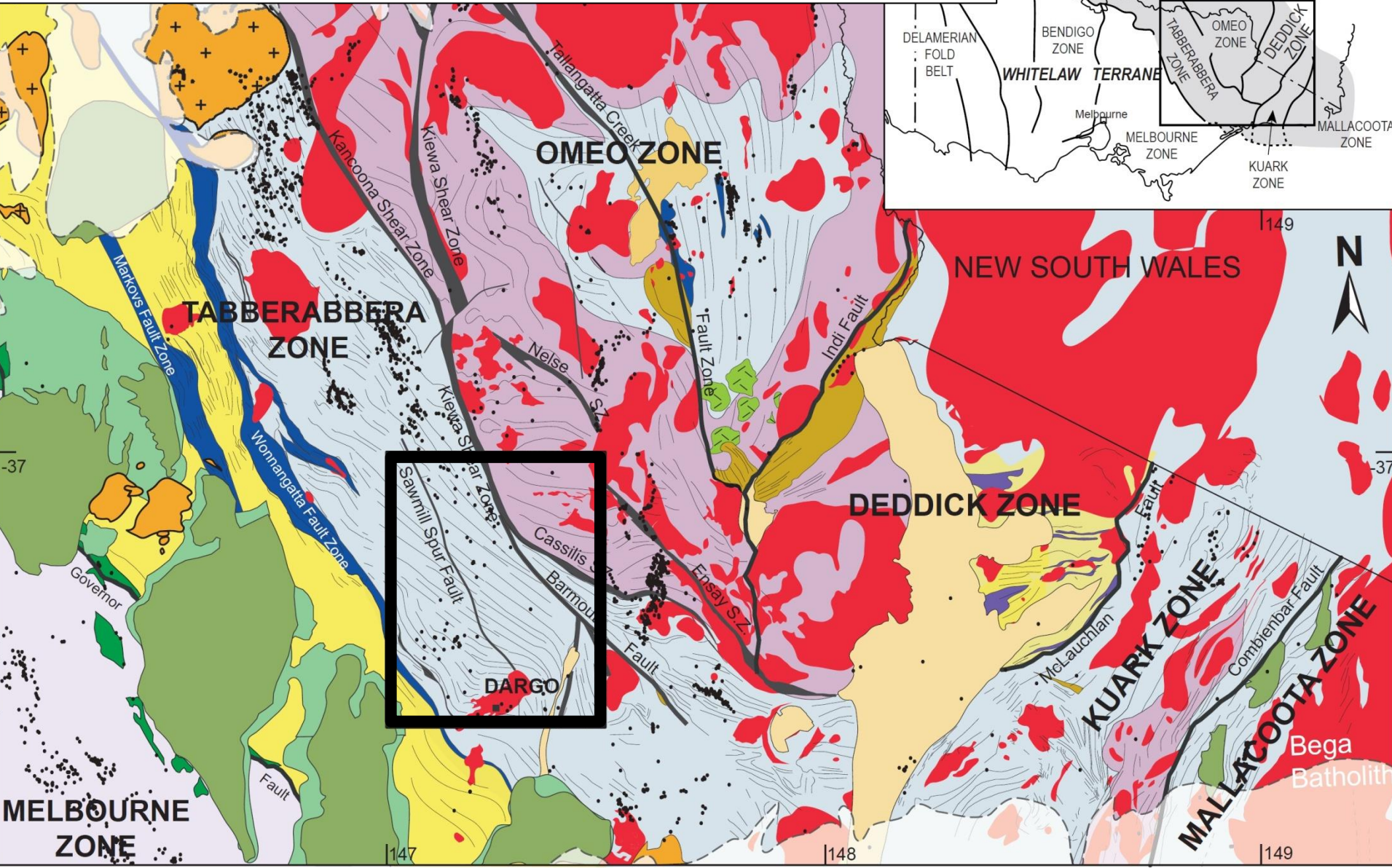
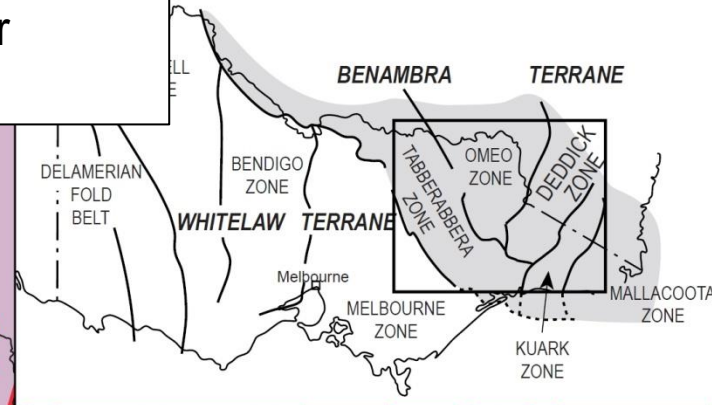
Fergusson, 2010: AJES:

Lachlan Fold Belt sedimentation:

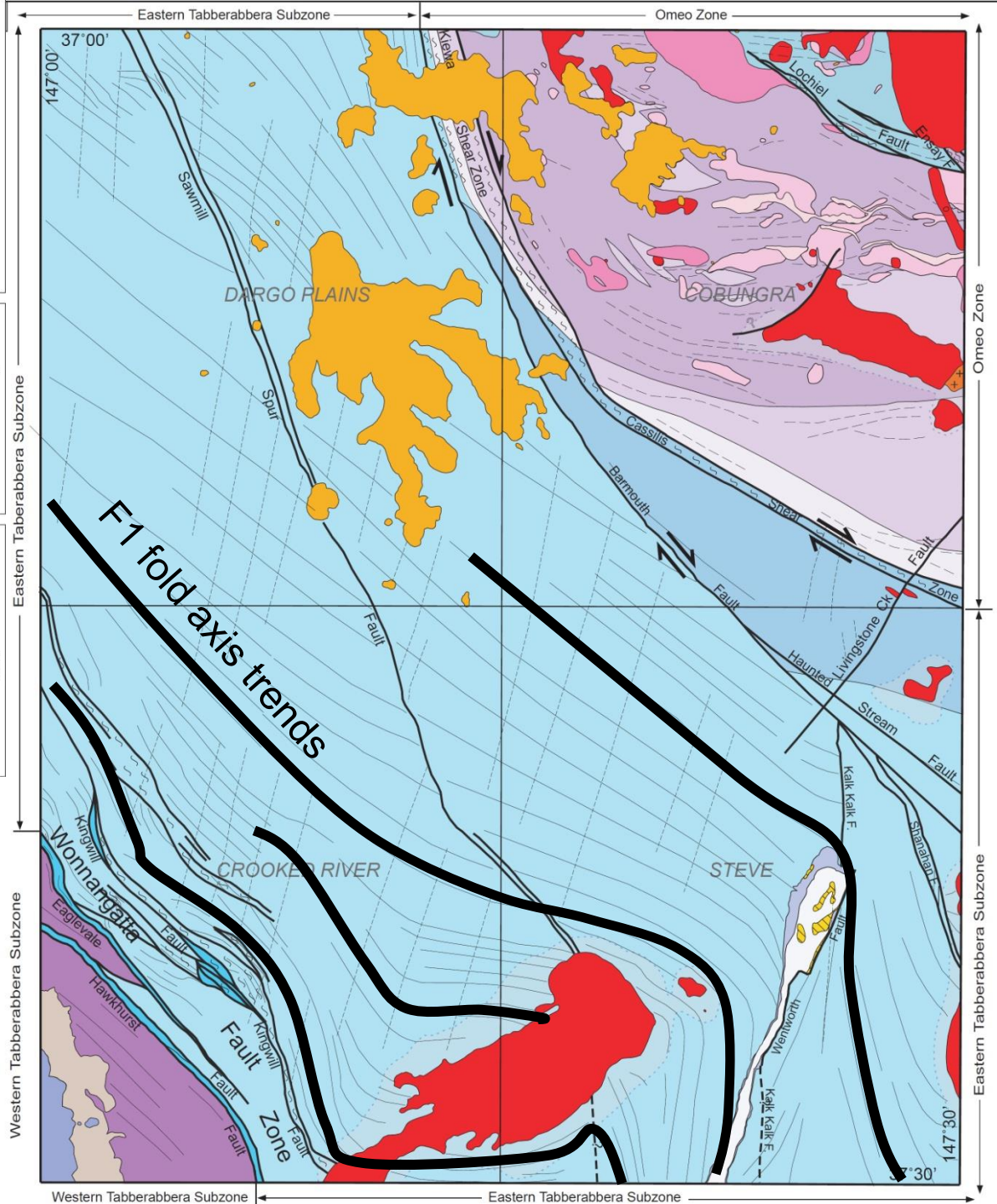
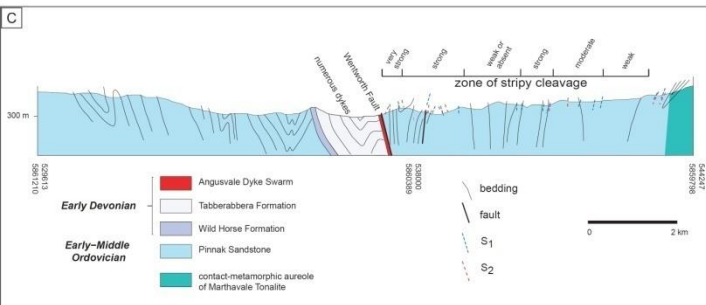
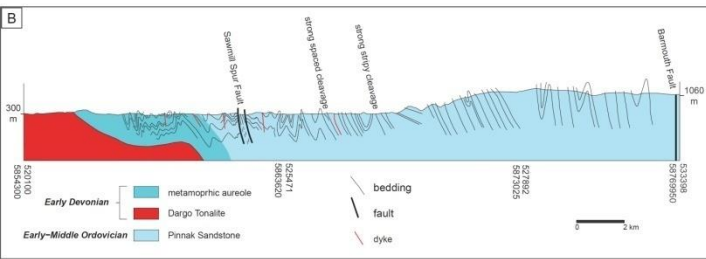
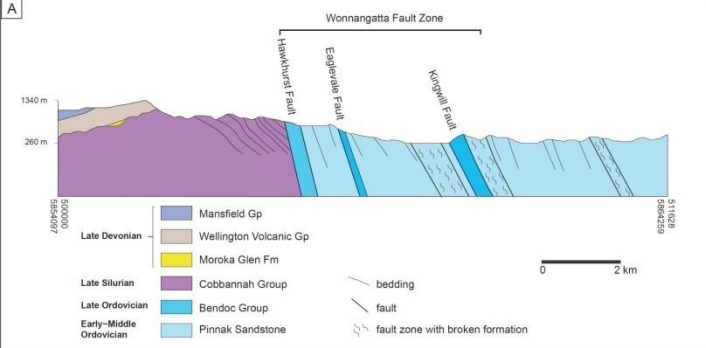
Late Silurian-Middle Devonian plate-driven extension and convergence

New mapping has revealed unanticipated structural complexity, such as large-scale subvertical folds superimposed over Ordovician rocks

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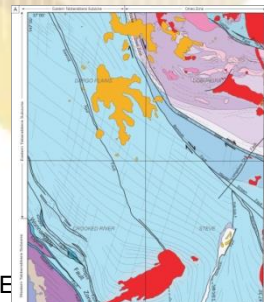
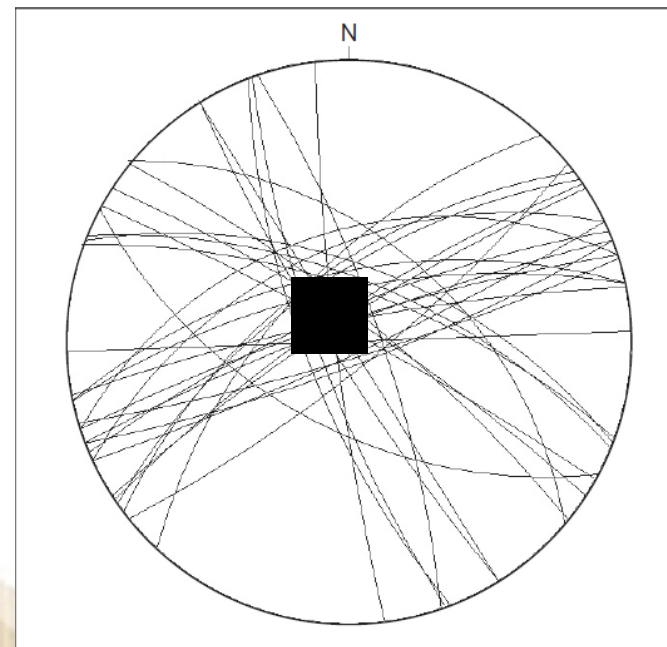
Stereoplot (equal area projection):
34 great-circle traces of
F1 fold axial surfaces (Benambran).

Calculated β -axis for this dataset:
79° towards 333°

= average orientation
of large-scale (Bindian) F2 folds

*Large, subvertical-plunging second-generation
folds within Tabberabbera Zone:
Parasitic ?*

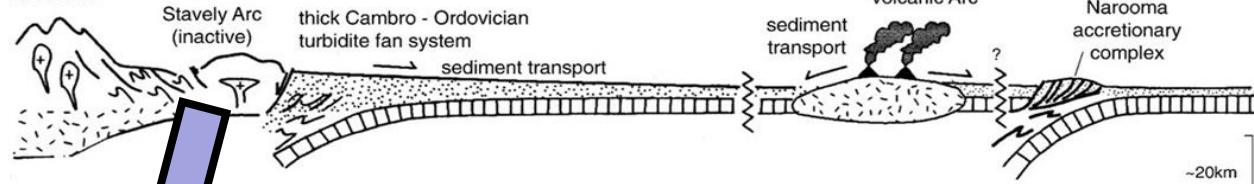
Willman et al., 2005.
GSV Report 126: Dargo



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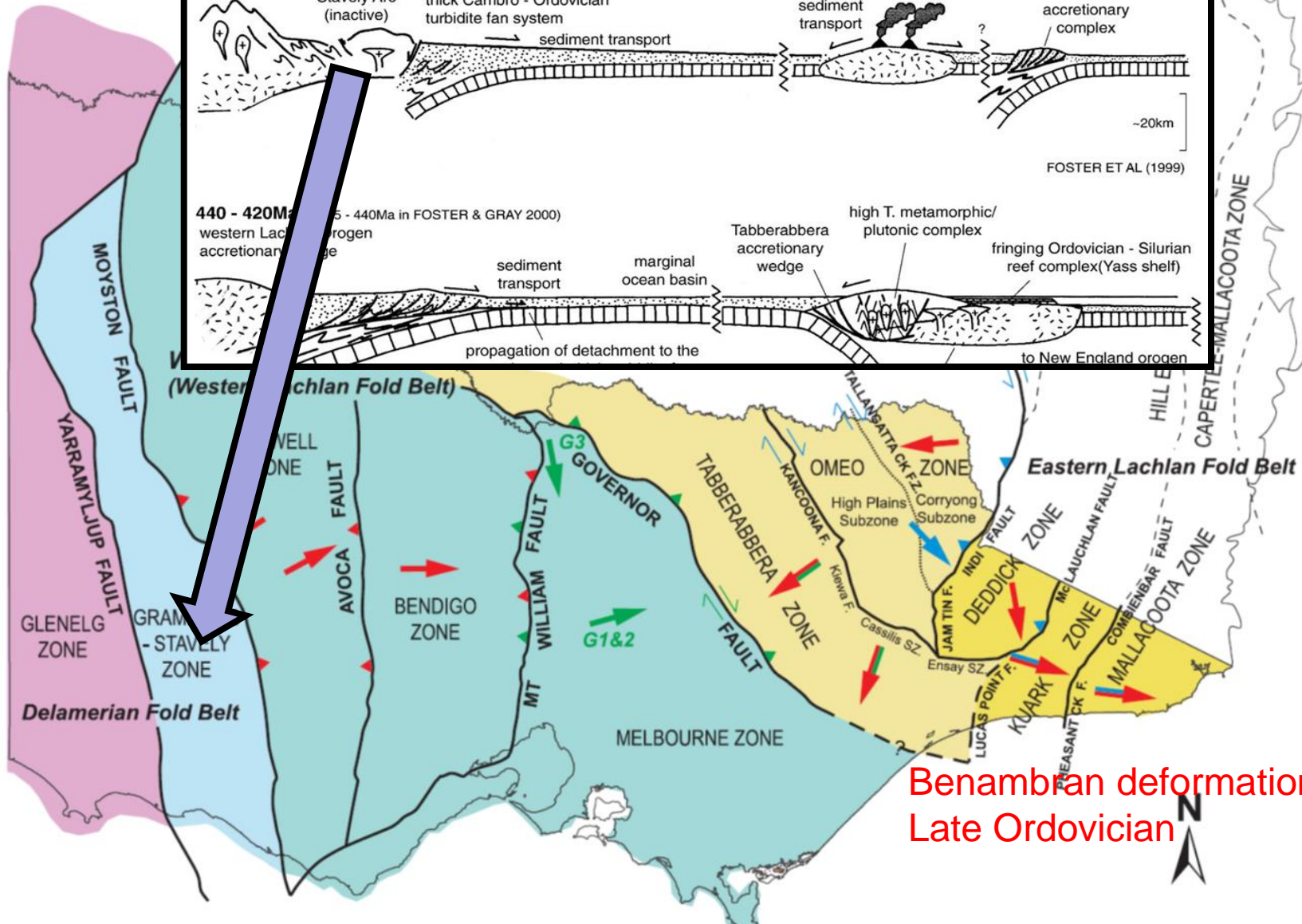
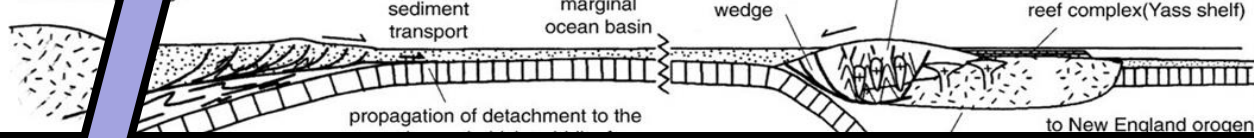
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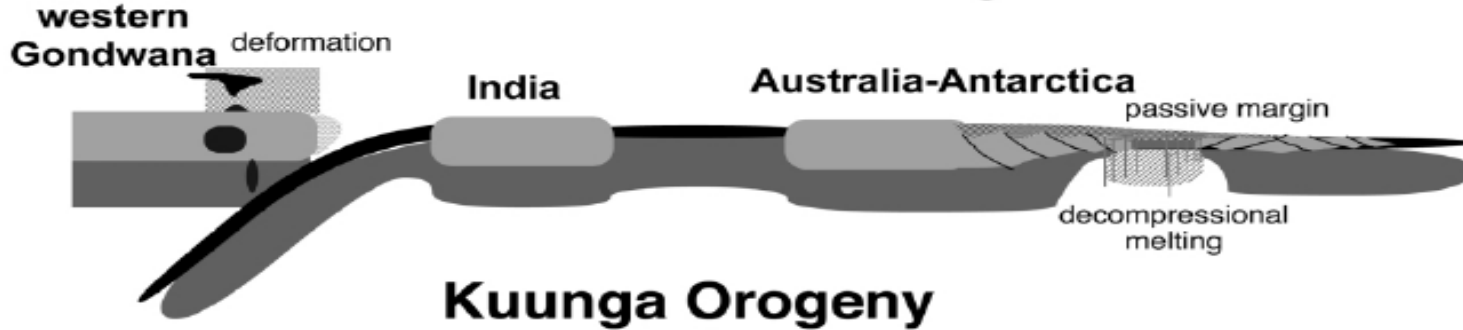


Benambrian deformation – Late Ordovician

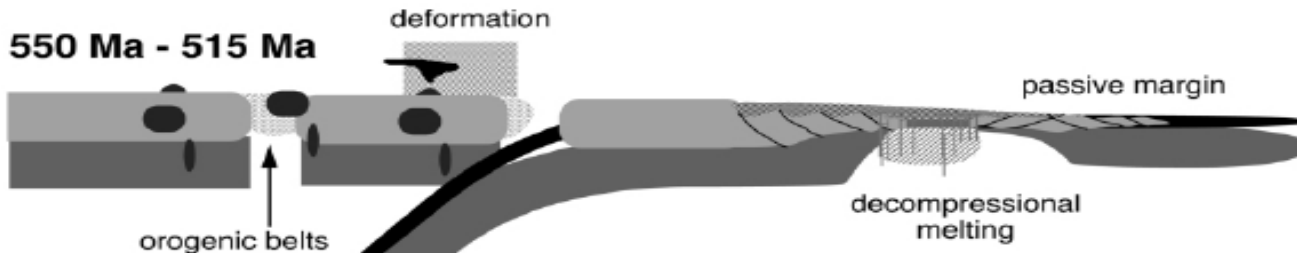
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~800 Ma - 550 Ma

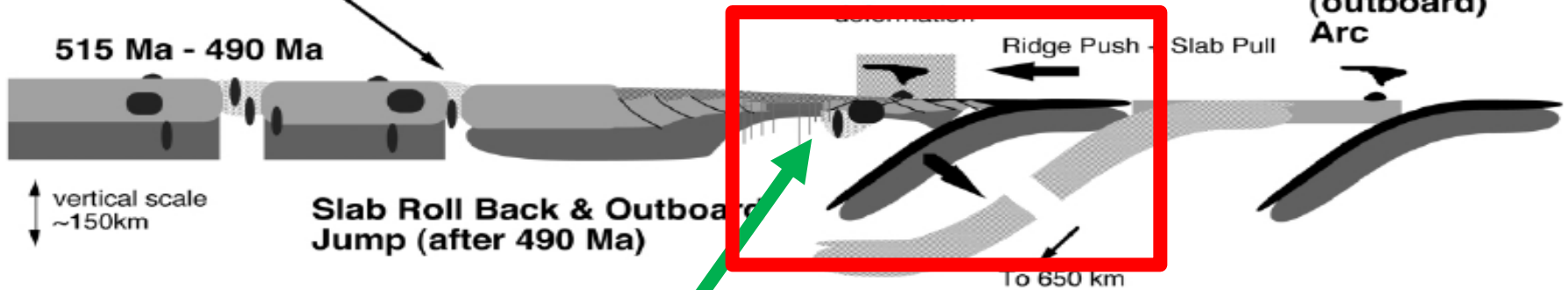
East African Orogenies



Kuunga Orogeny



Delamerian Orogeny



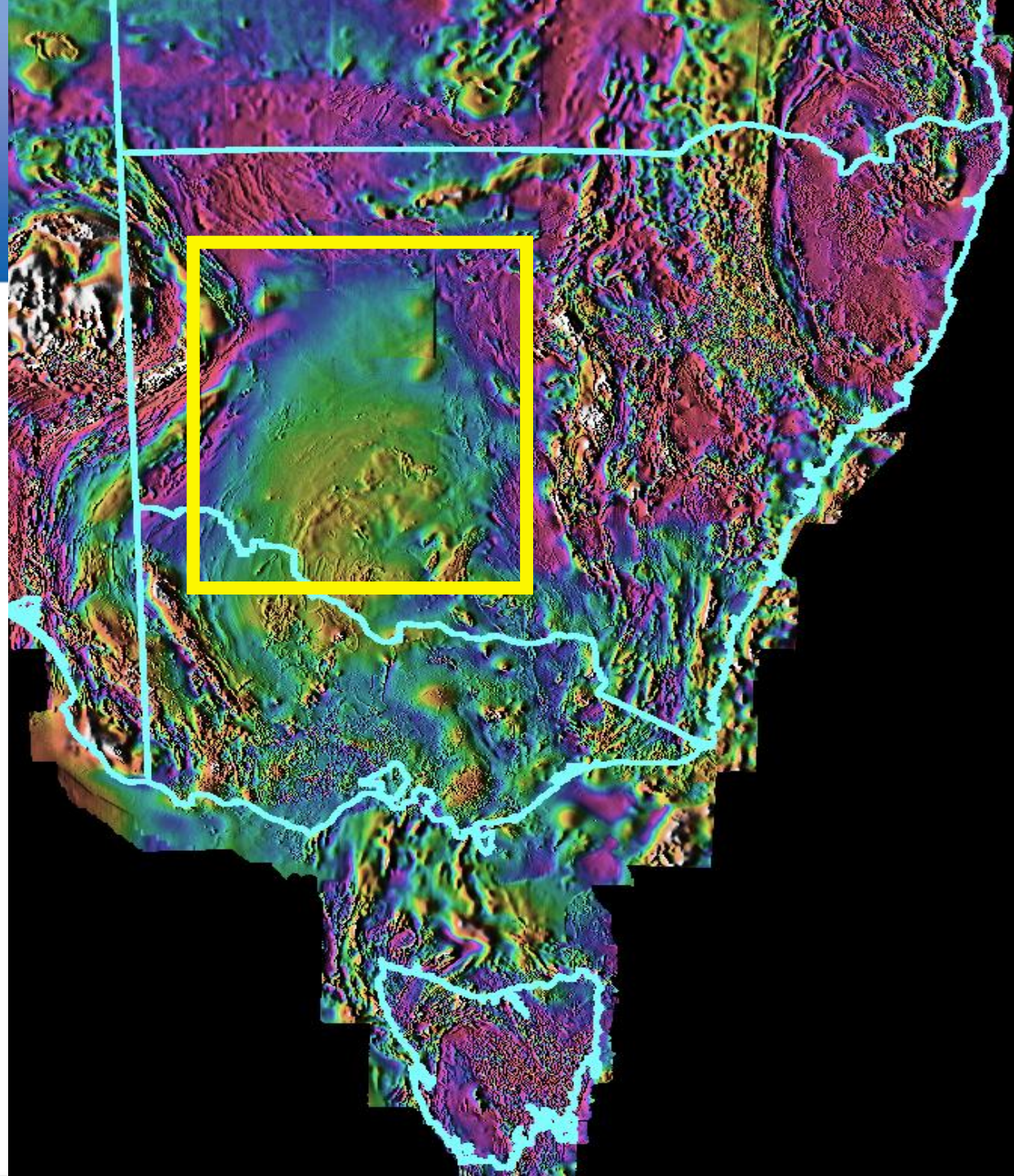
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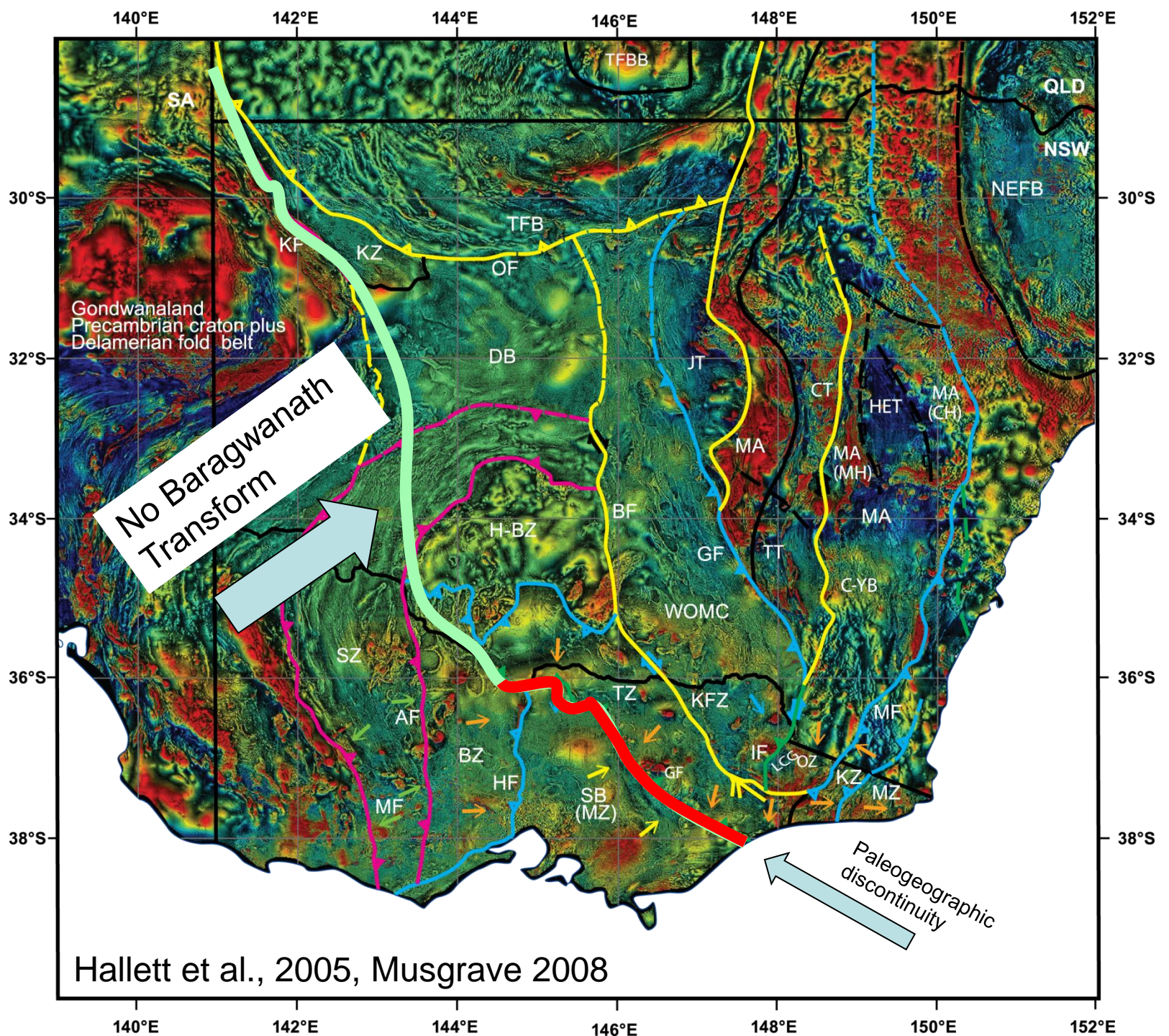
Foden et al., 2006 (Journal of Geology 114)

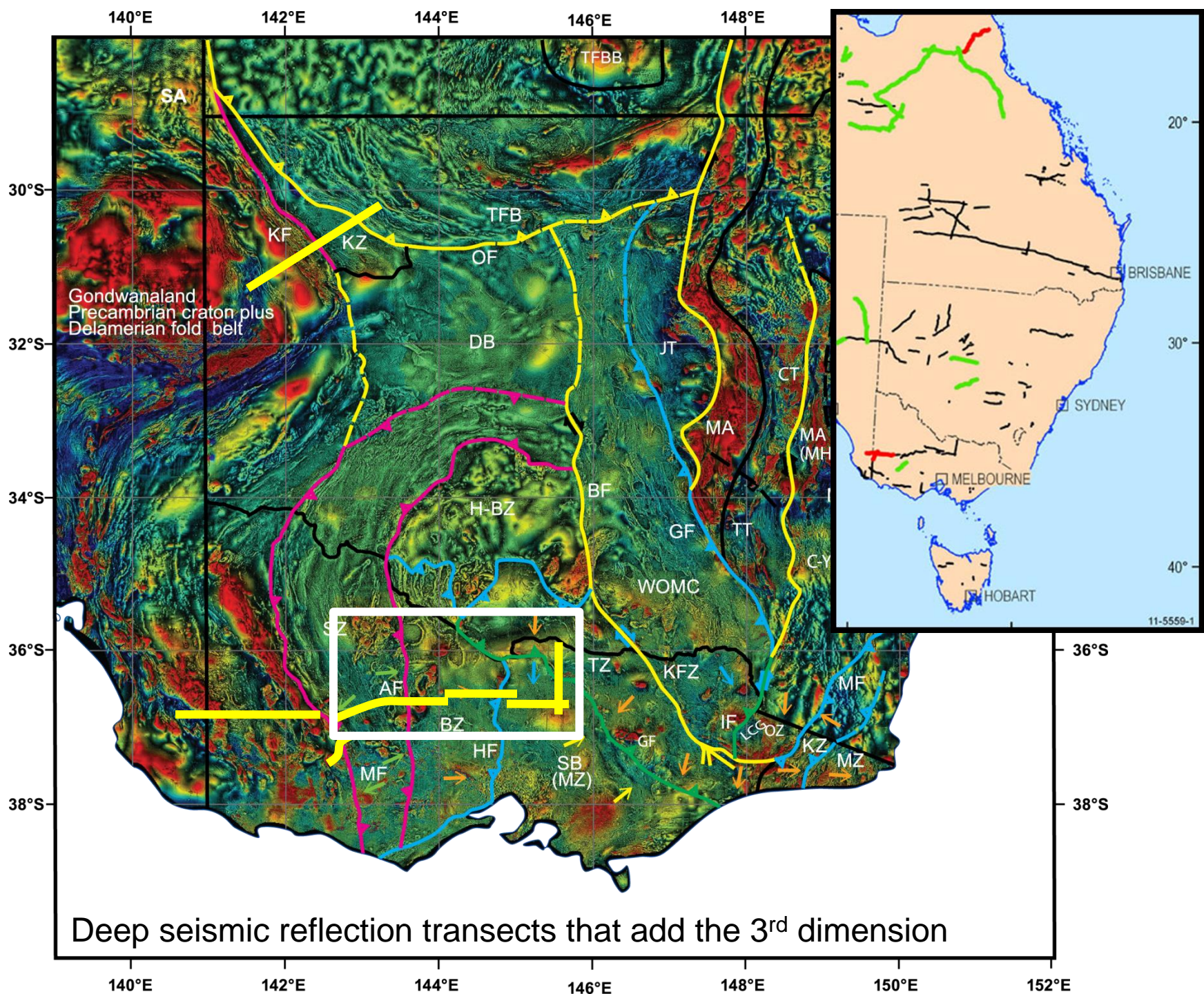
New, high quality

Aeromagnetic data infill....

.....where it matters....

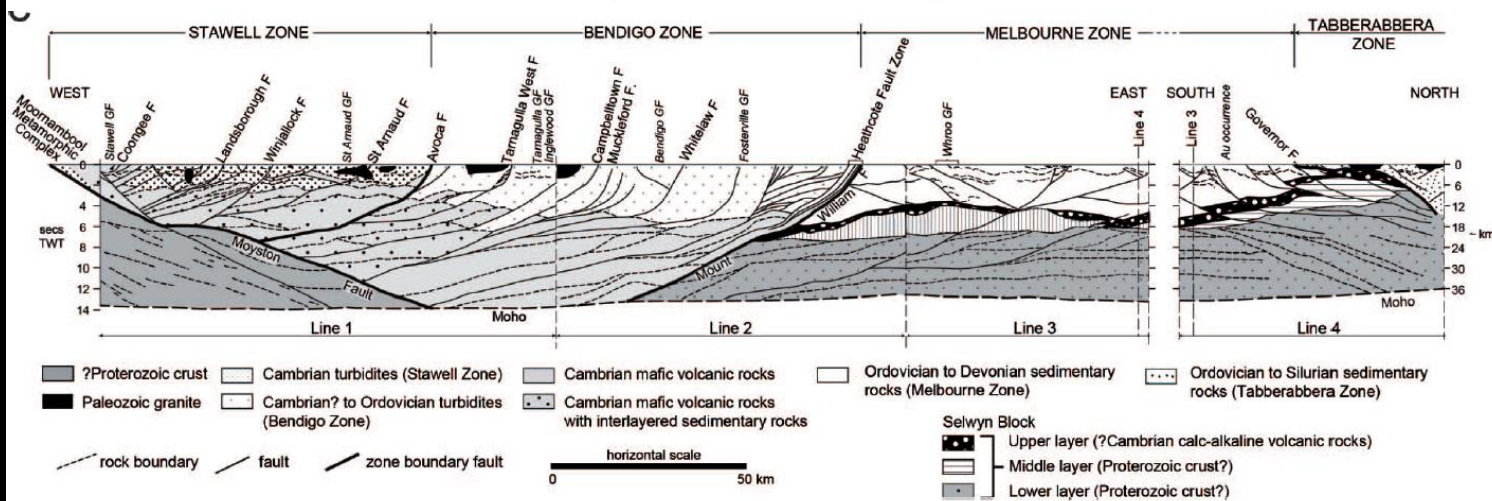
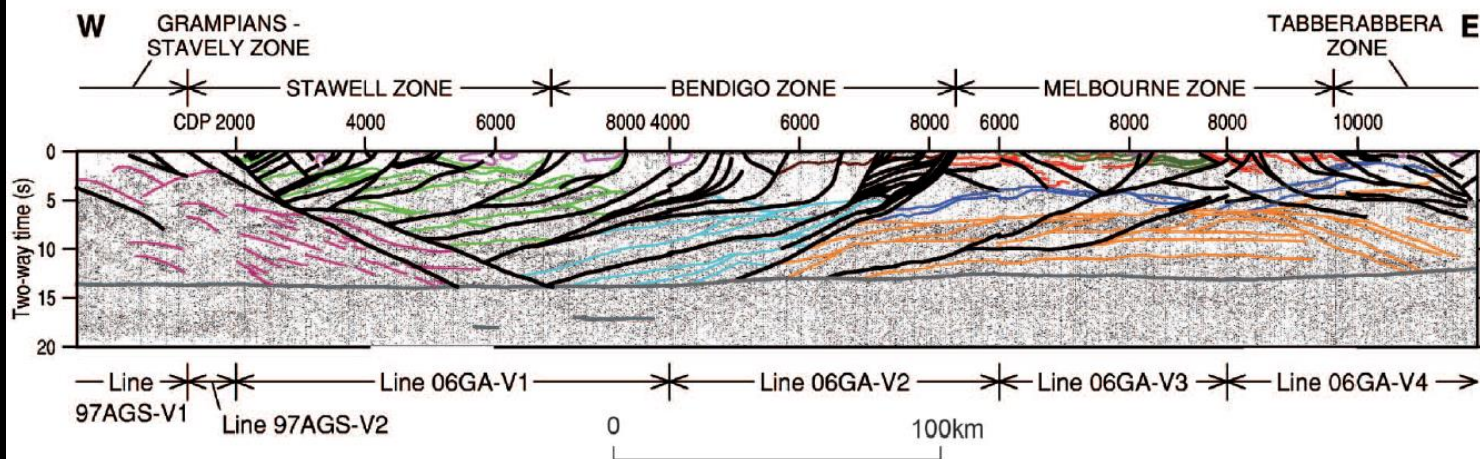
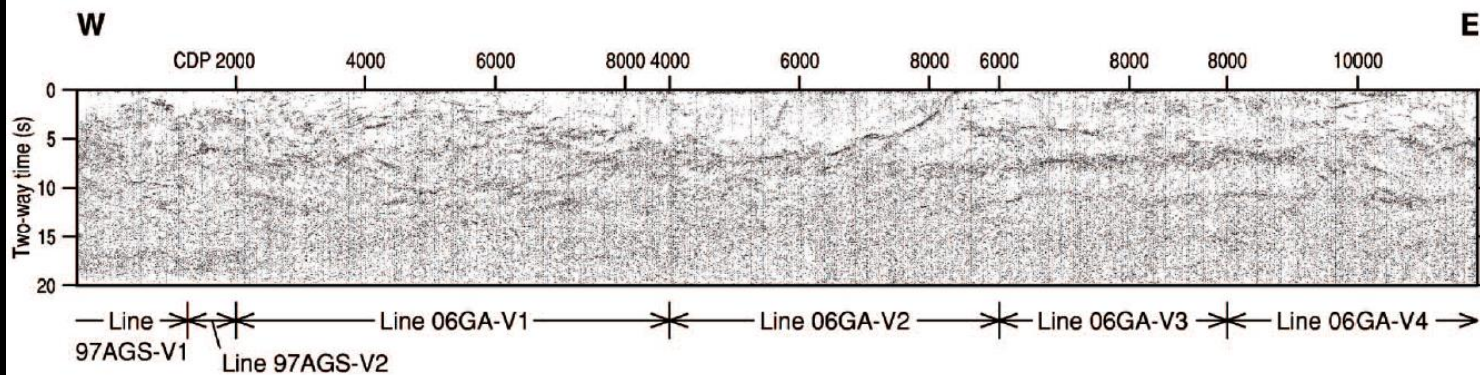


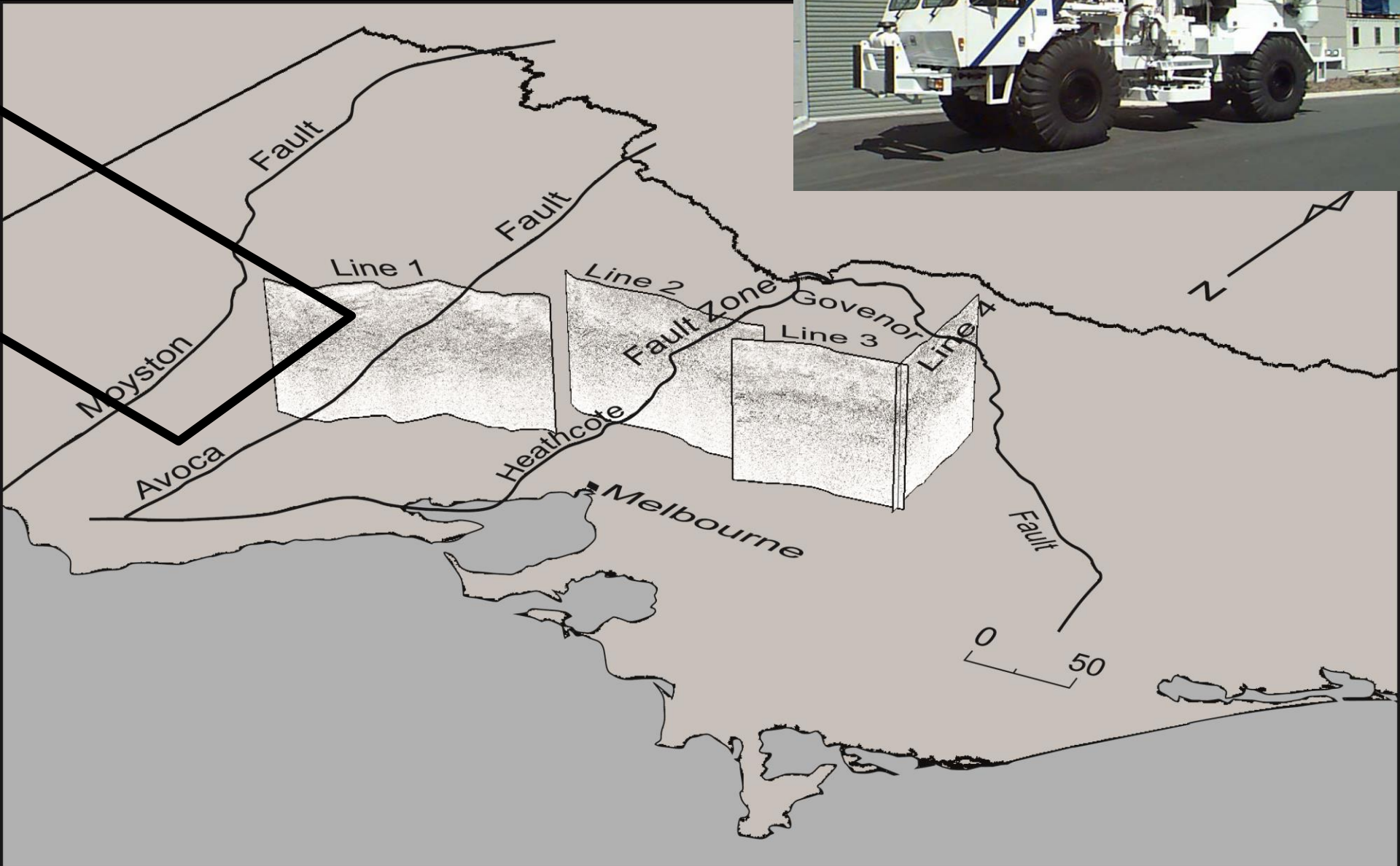




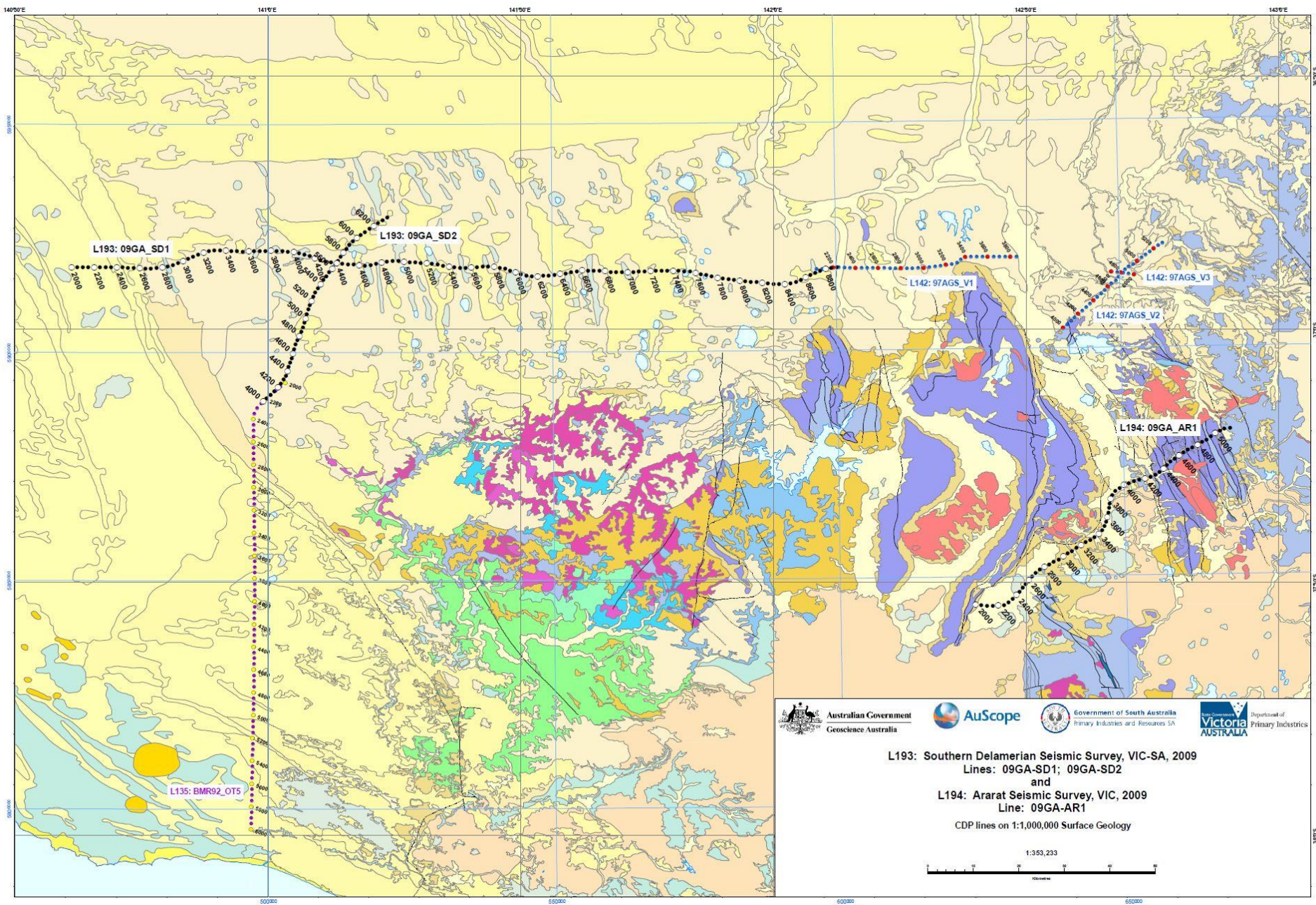


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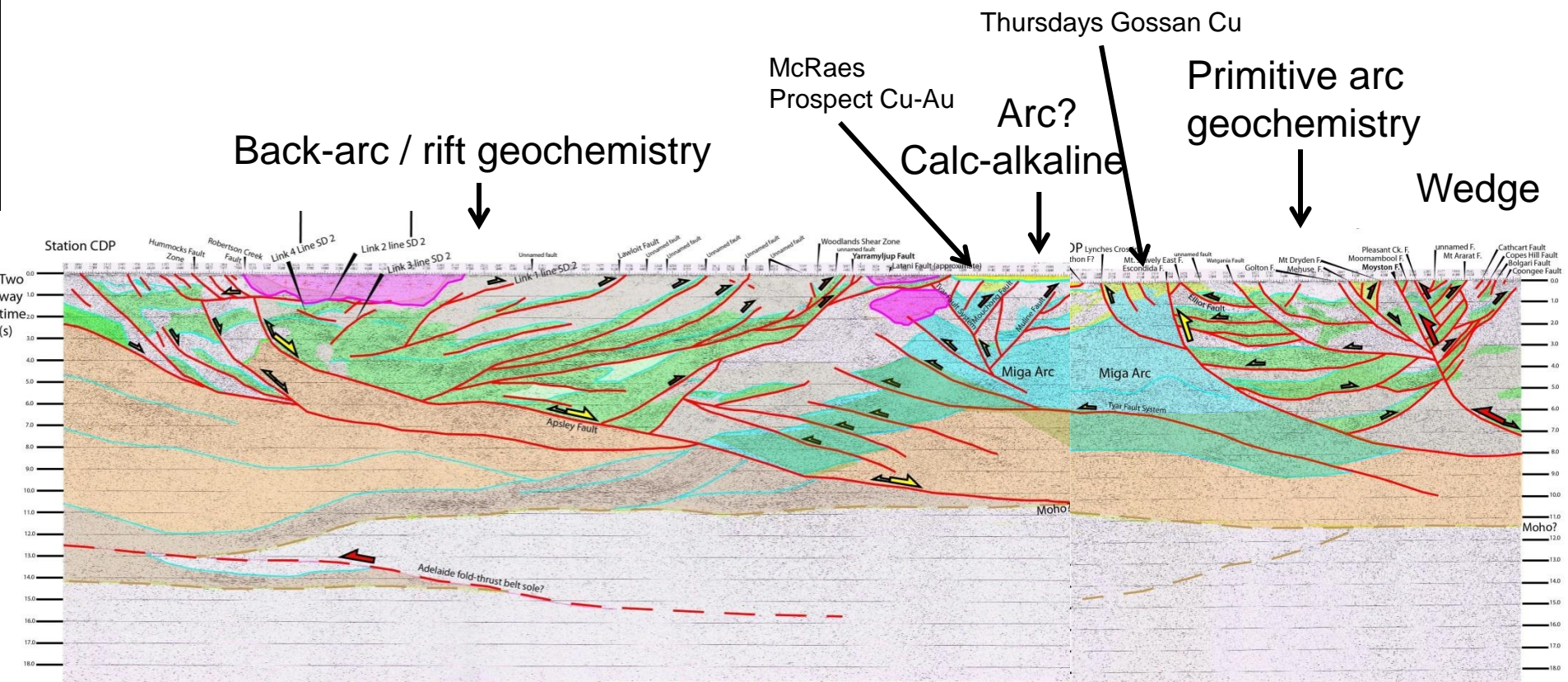






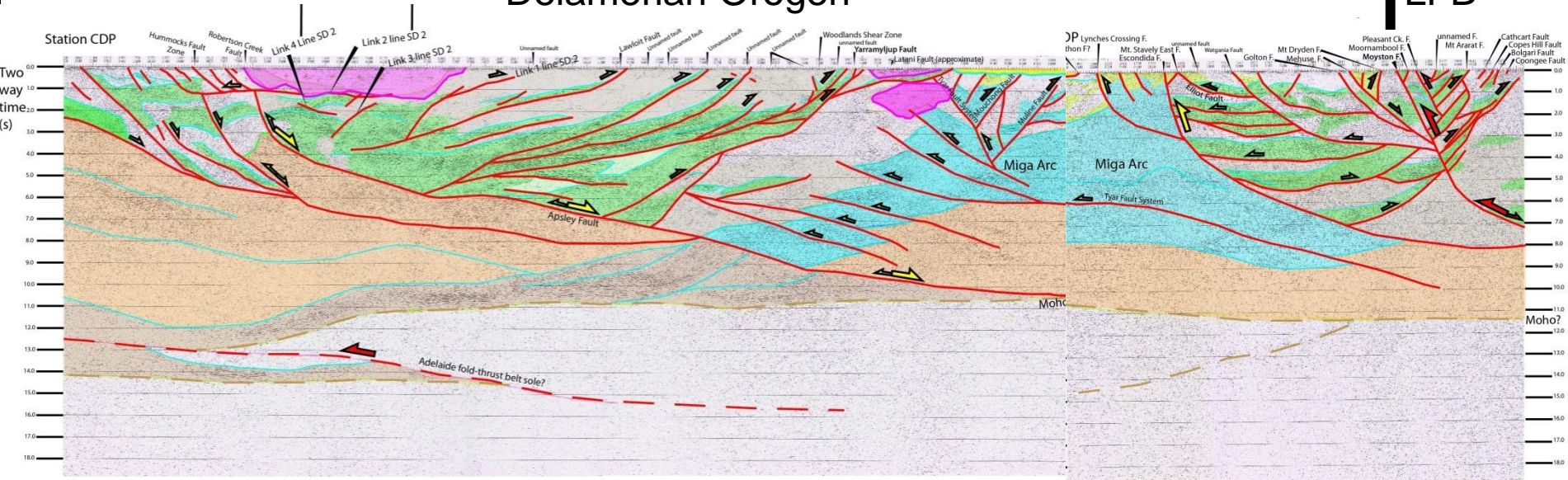

L193: Southern Delamerian Seismic Survey, VIC-SA, 2009
 Lines: 09GA-SD1; 09GA-SD2
 and
L194: Ararat Seismic Survey, VIC, 2009
 Line: 09GA-AR1
 CDP lines on 1:1,000,000 Surface Geology





Delamerian Orogen

LFB



B: 500 - 495 Ma

Delamerian Fold Belt (upper plate)

Lachlan Fold Belt (lower plate)

west Paleoproterozoic Australian craton

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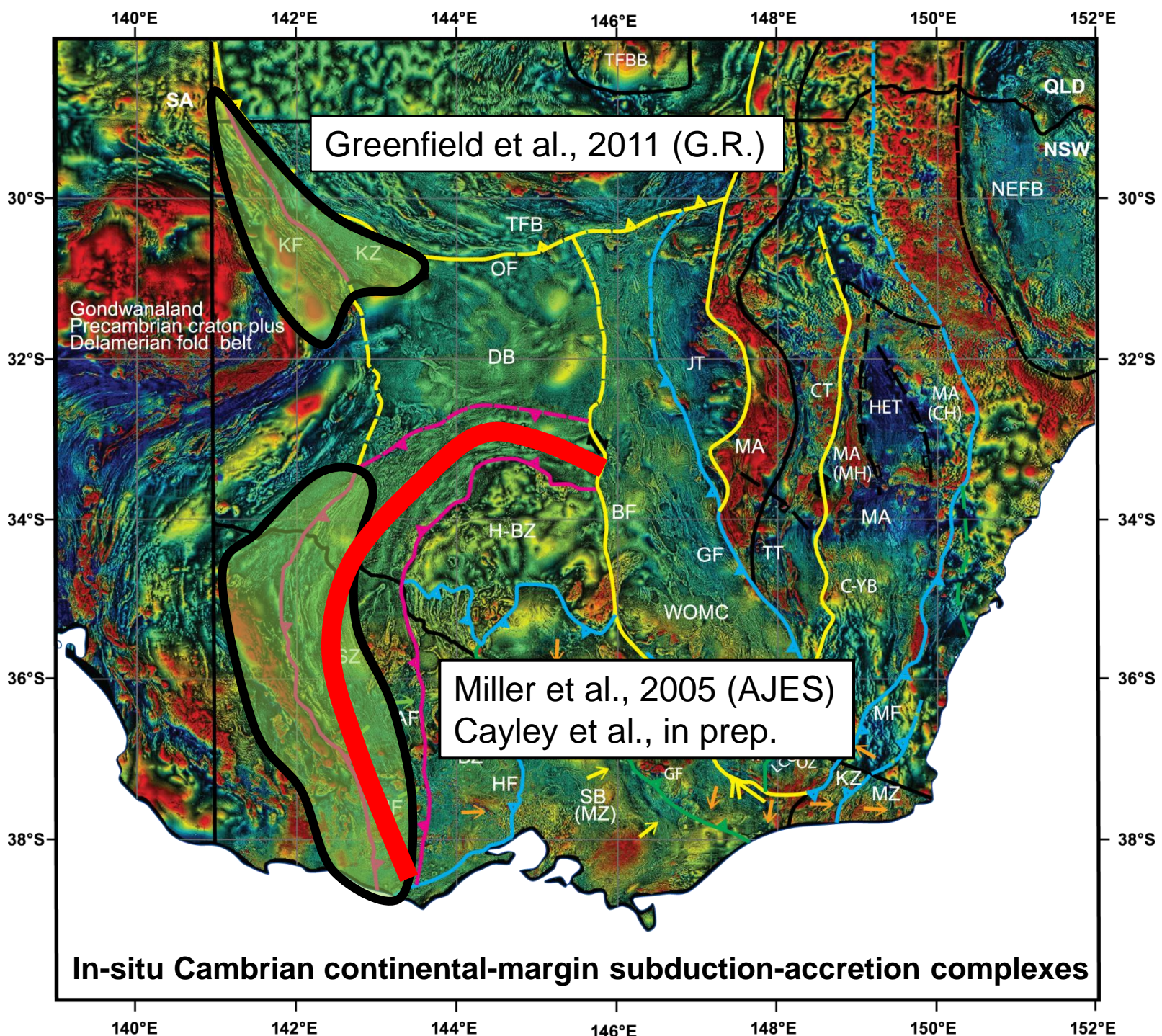
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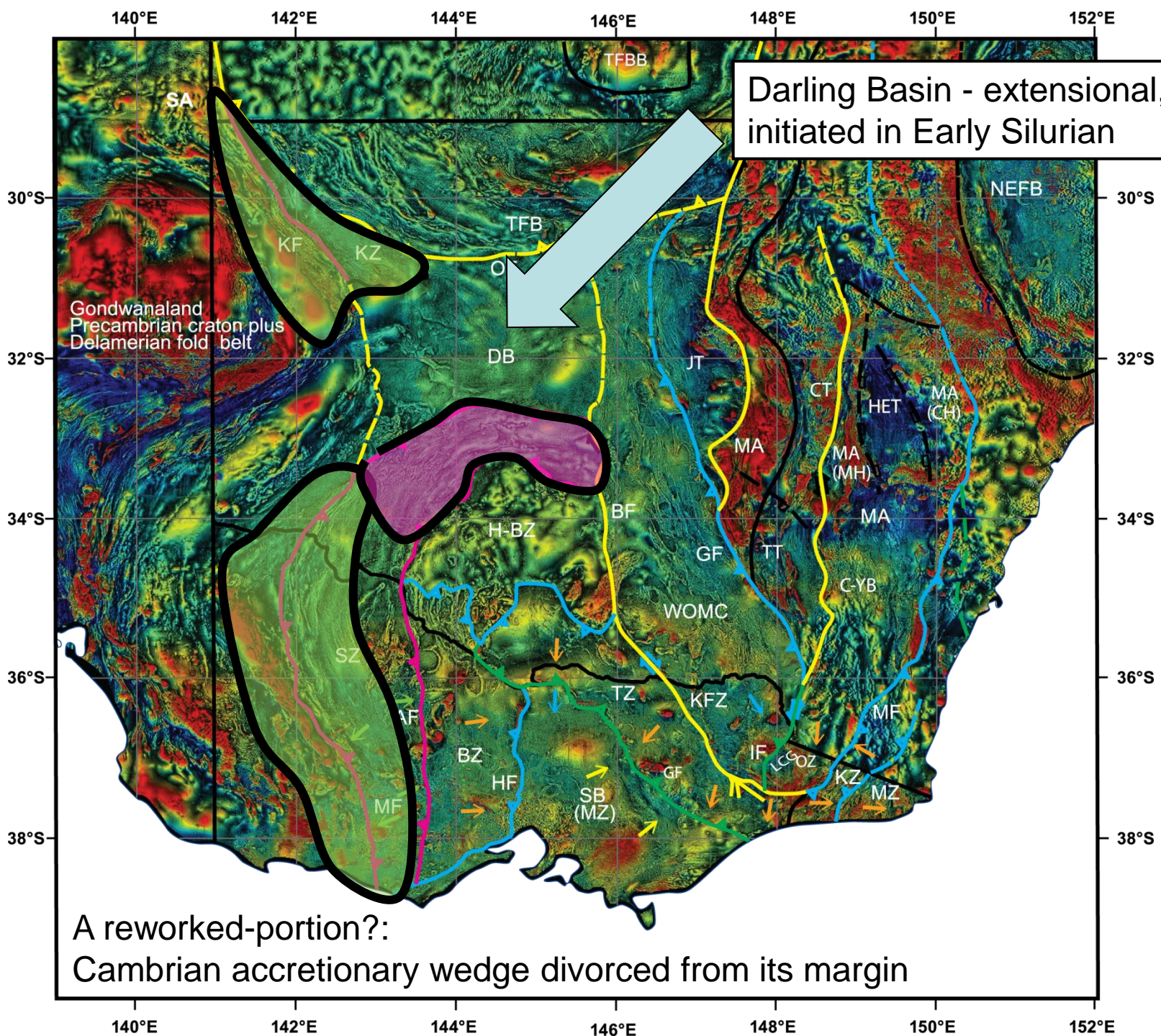
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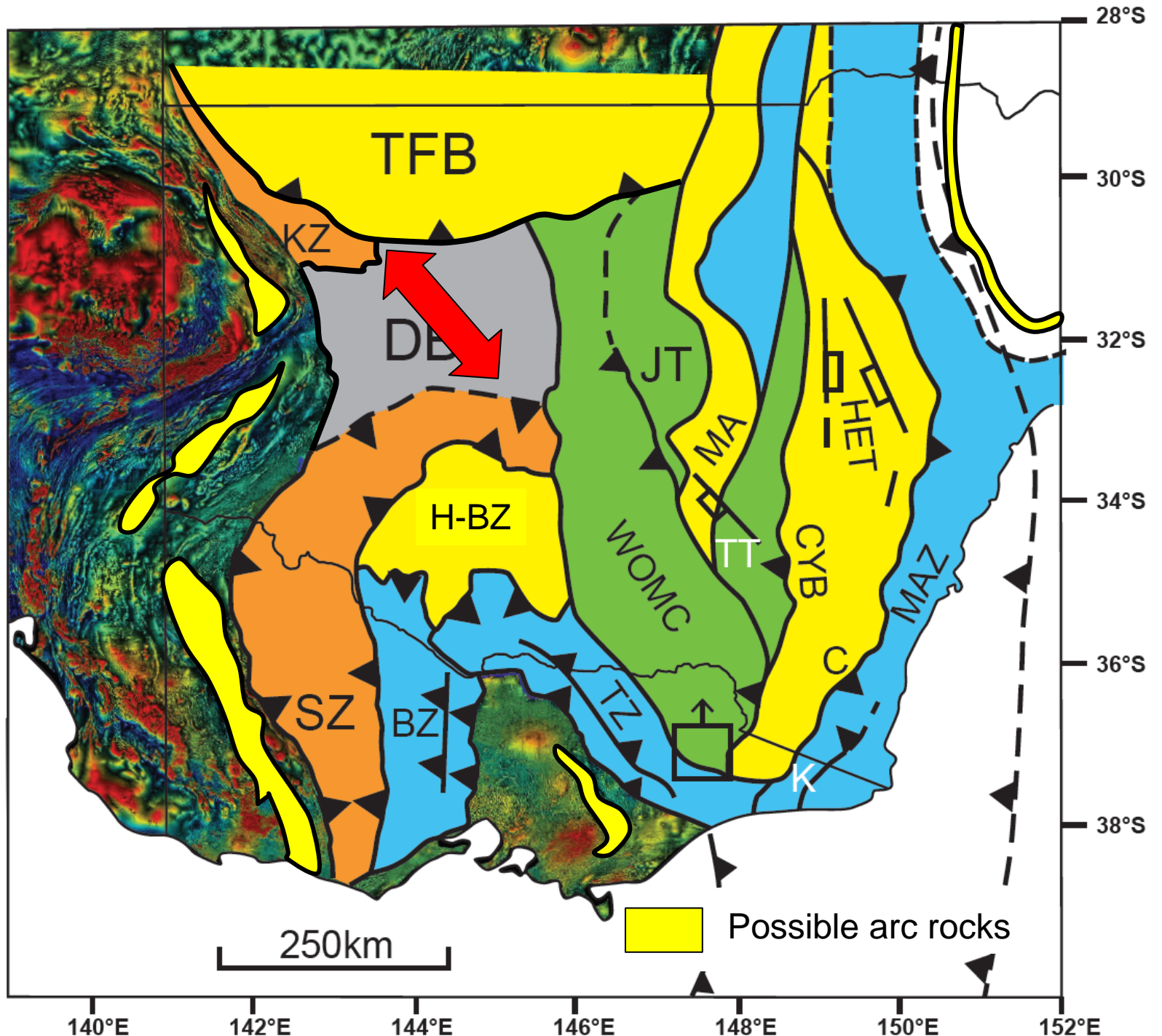
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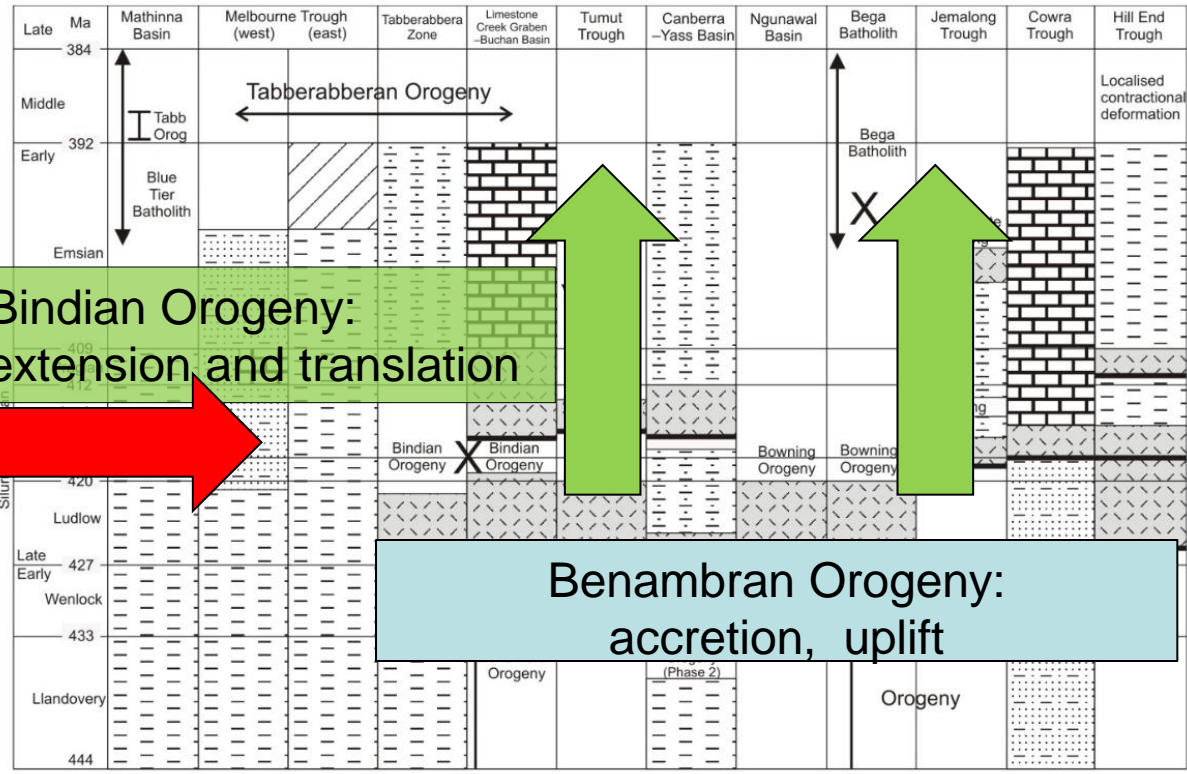








Models that link extension to sedimentation in the LFB:



Bindian Orogeny:
extension and translation

Benambran Orogeny:
accretion, uplift

Fergusson, 2010: AJES:

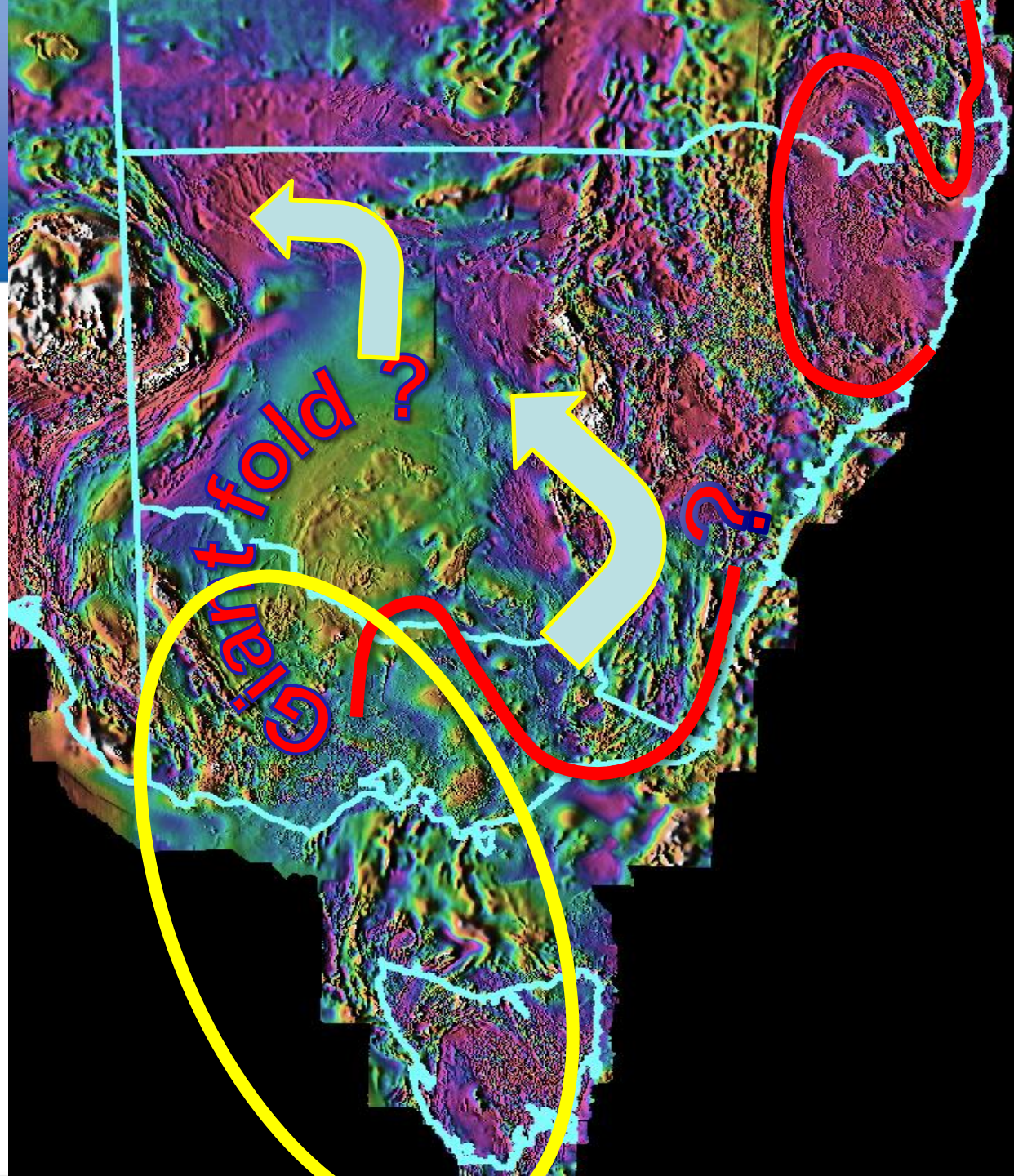
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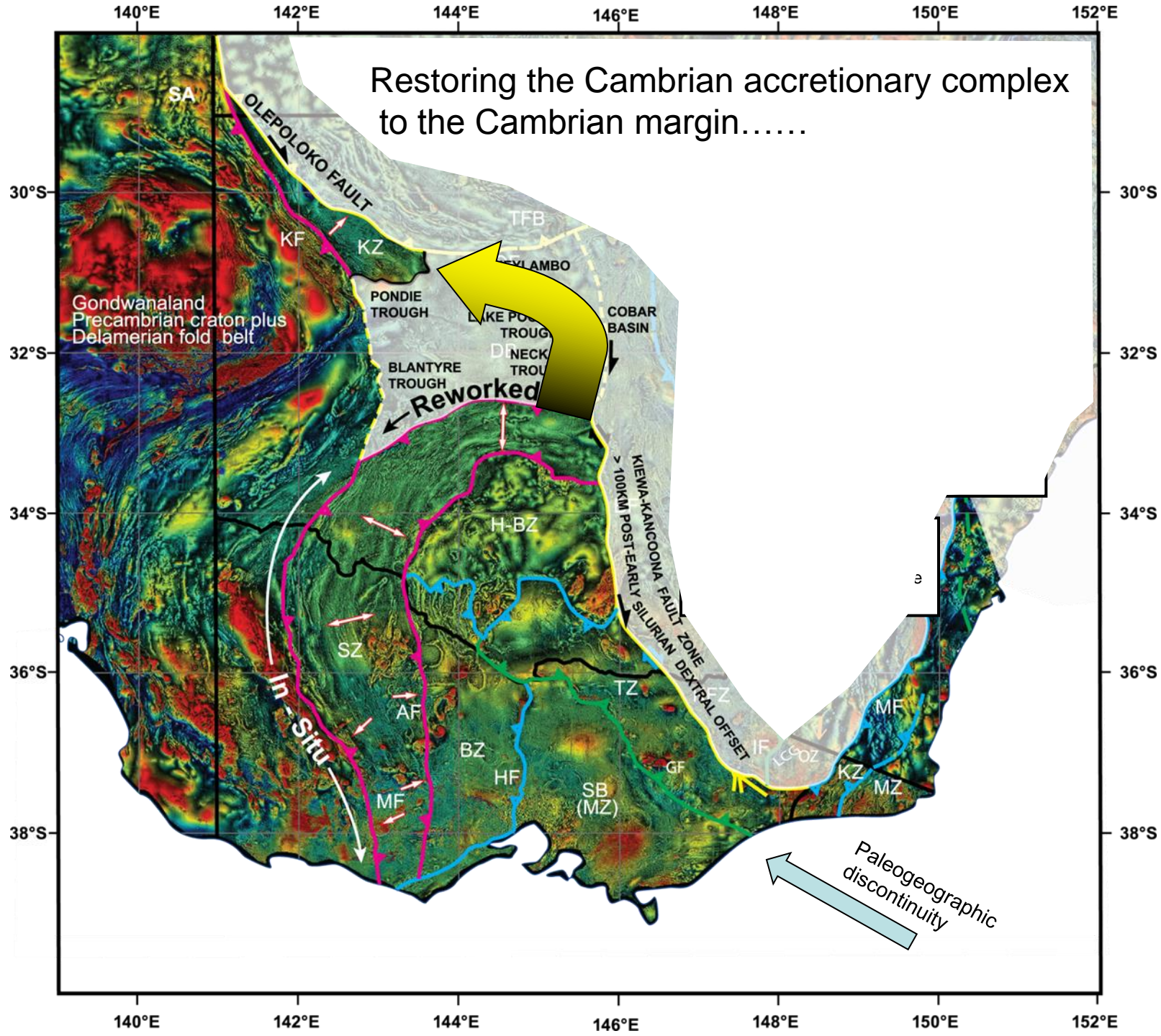
- Shallow marine limestone and mudstone
- Mixed deep and shallow marine sedimentation
- Deep marine sedimentation (turbidites)
- Fluvial sedimentation
- Mainly shallow marine sedimentation
- Major phase of mainly silicic volcanism (can include other clastics)
- Strike-slip faulting (may include zones of contractional deformation)
- Base of rift

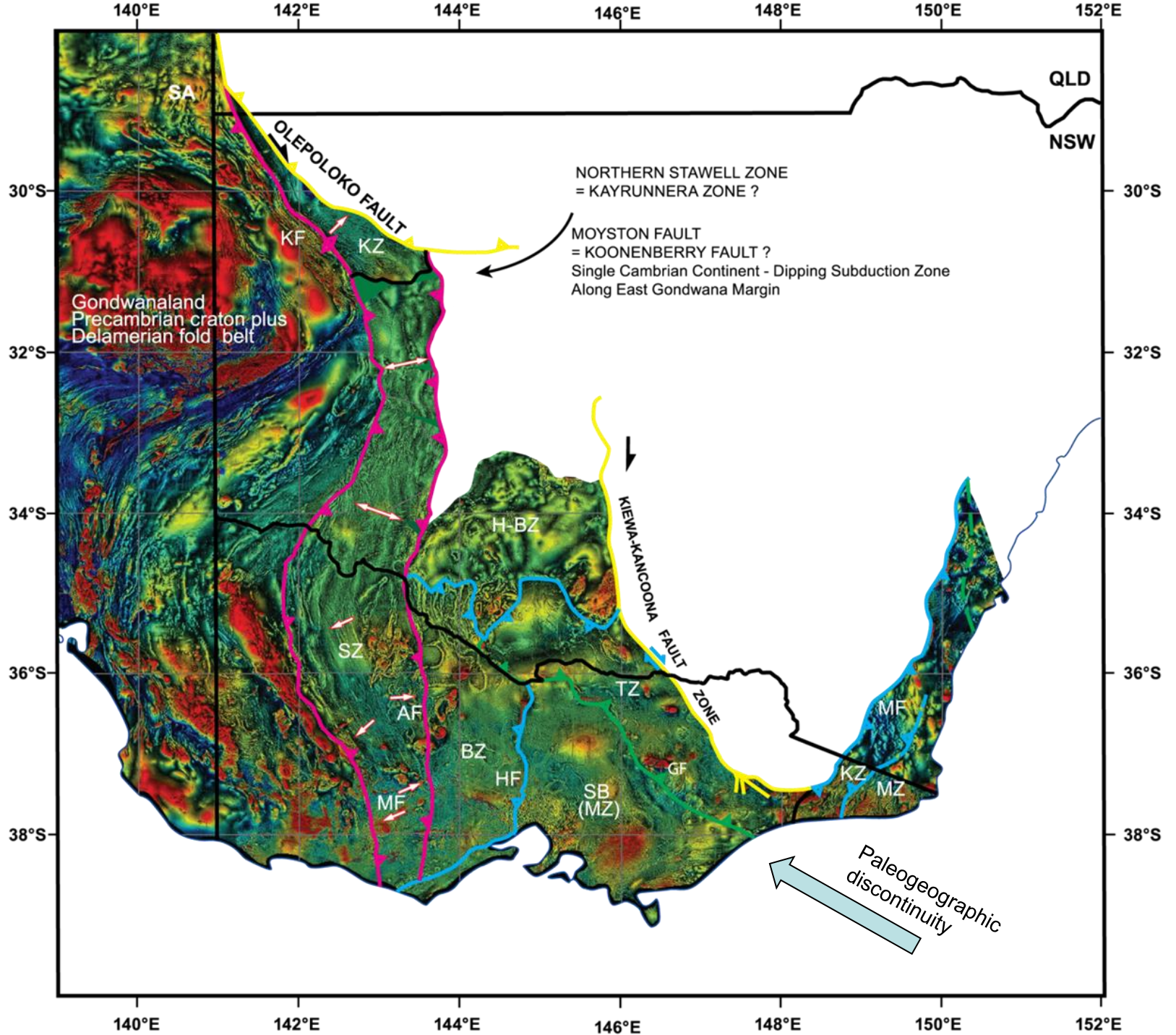
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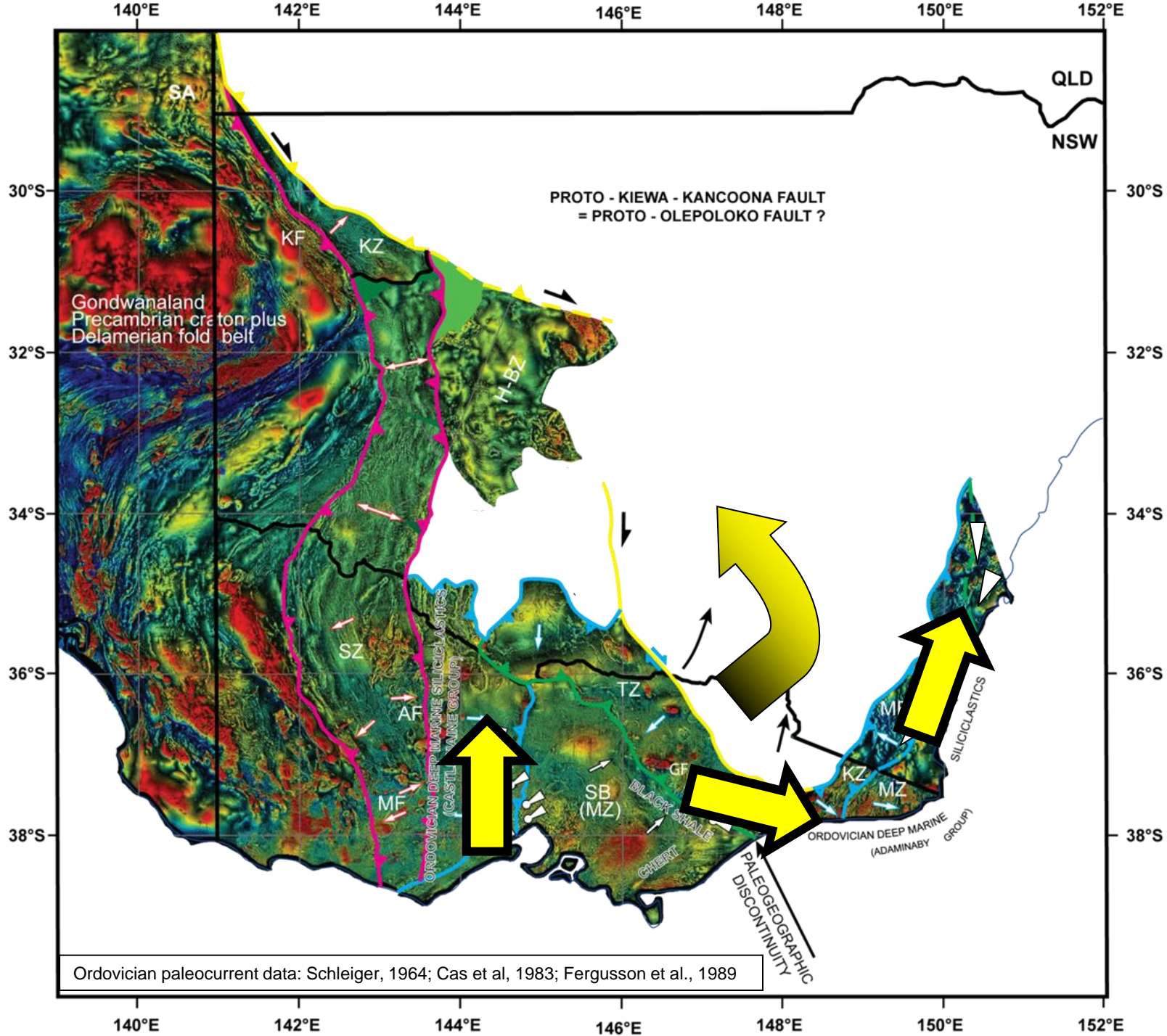
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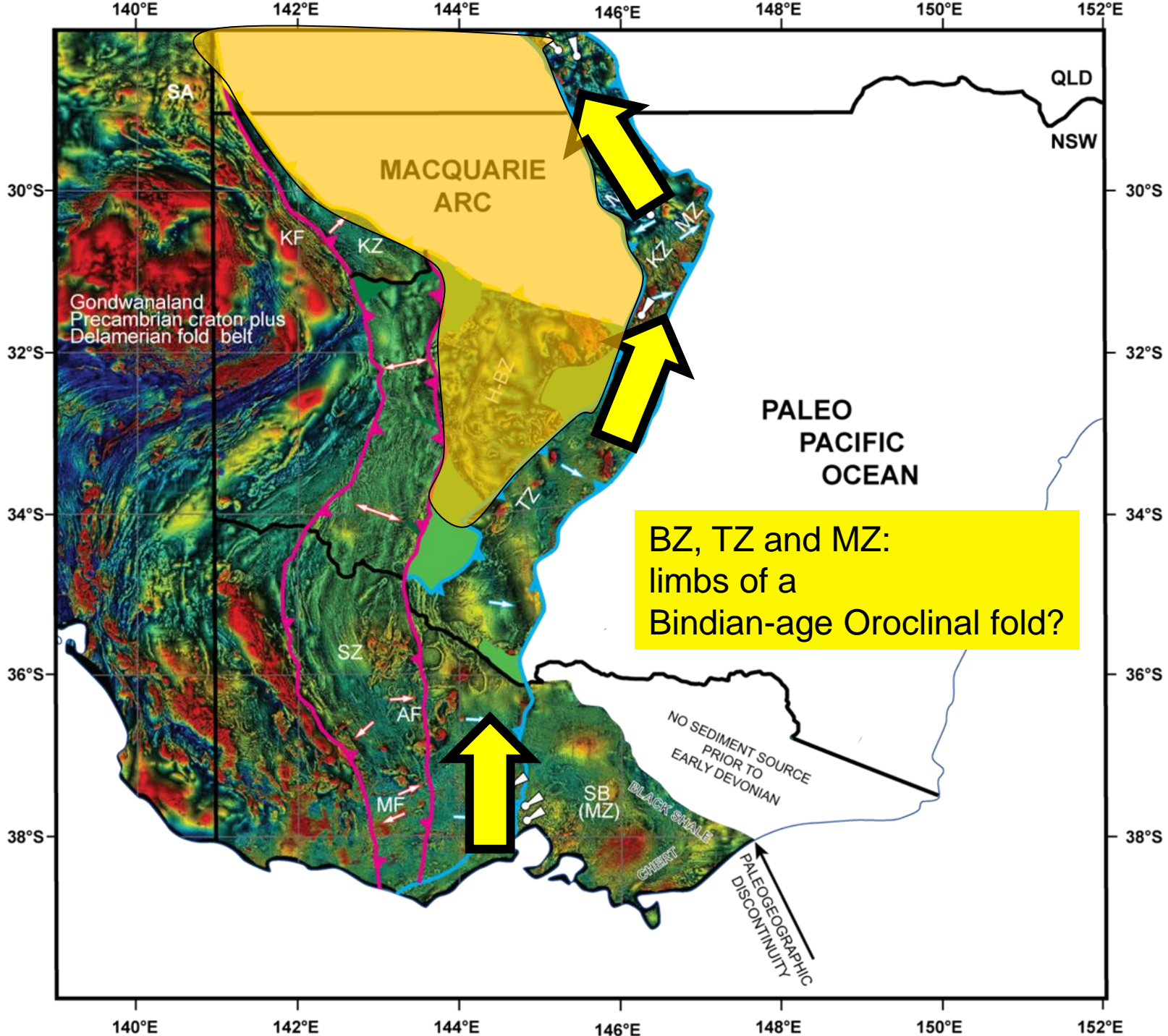


Restoring the Cambrian accretionary complex to the Cambrian margin.....





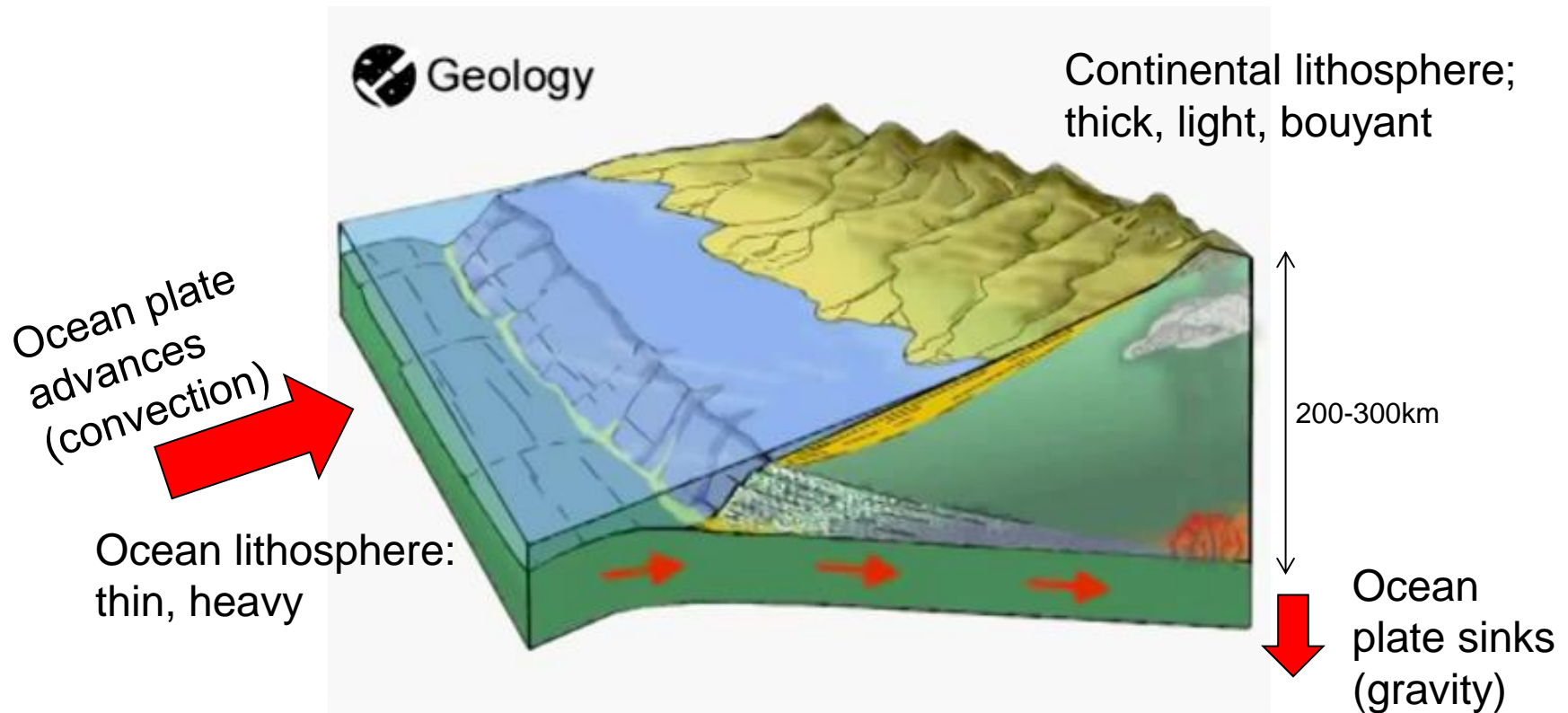




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Subduction: when oceans and continents collide:



Ocean plate advances faster than it sinks: Collision! pushes up and supports high mountain ranges = the Andes. Crust shortened and thickened.

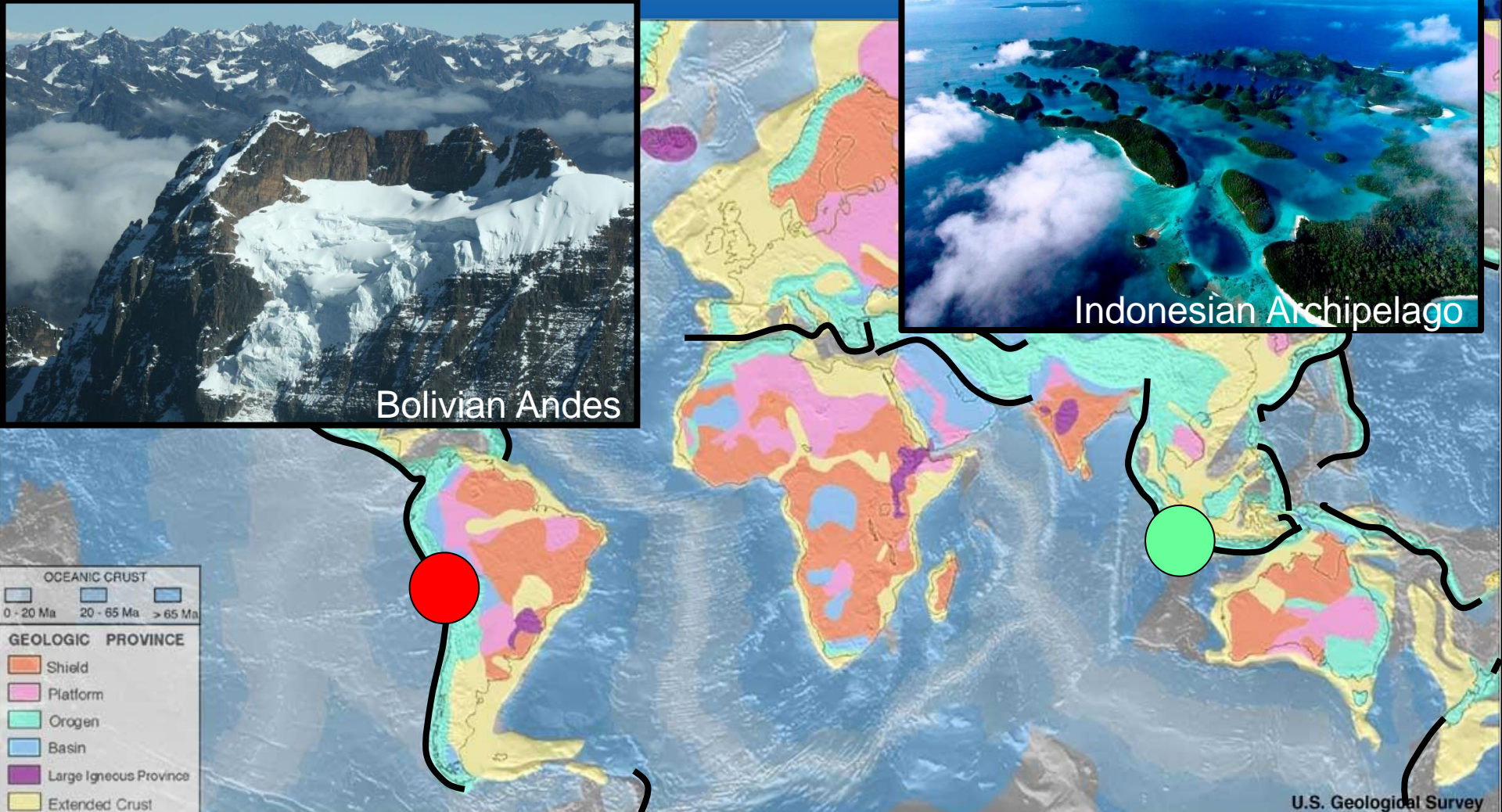
Ocean plate sinks faster than it advances: Extension! makes huge holes that mountains collapse into = west Pacific / Indonesia, Aleutian Islands. Crust extended and thinned.



Bolivian Andes

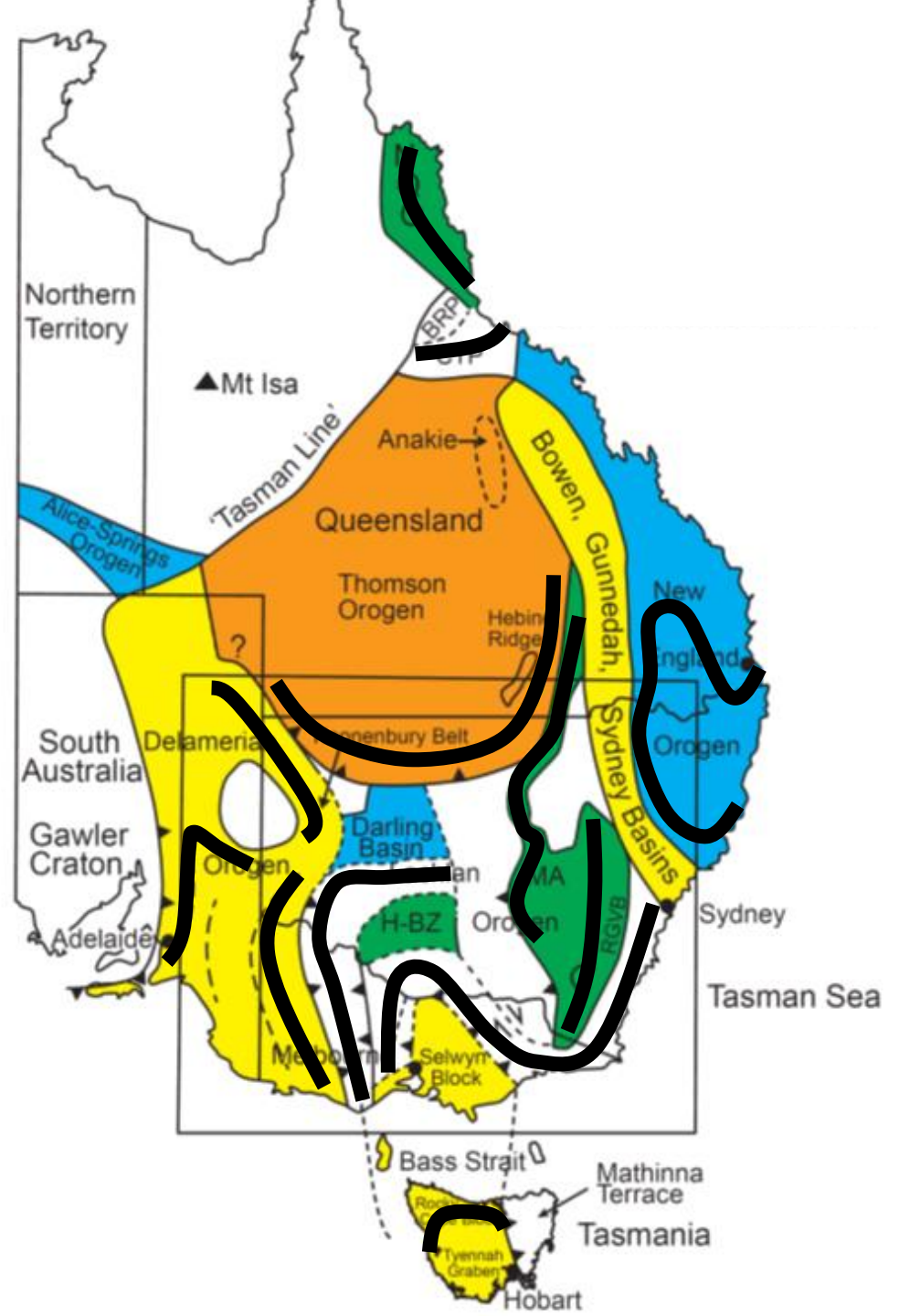
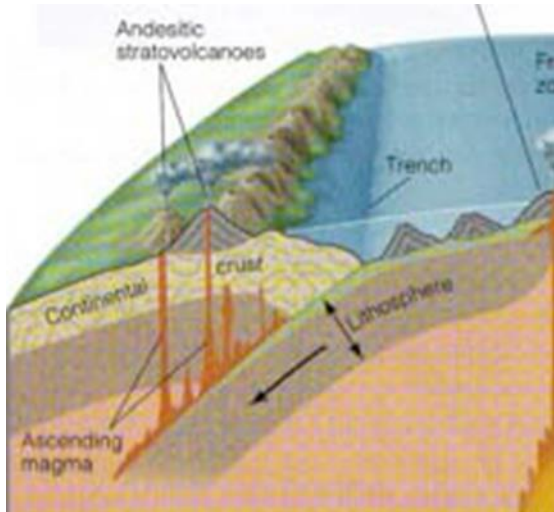


Indonesian Archipelago

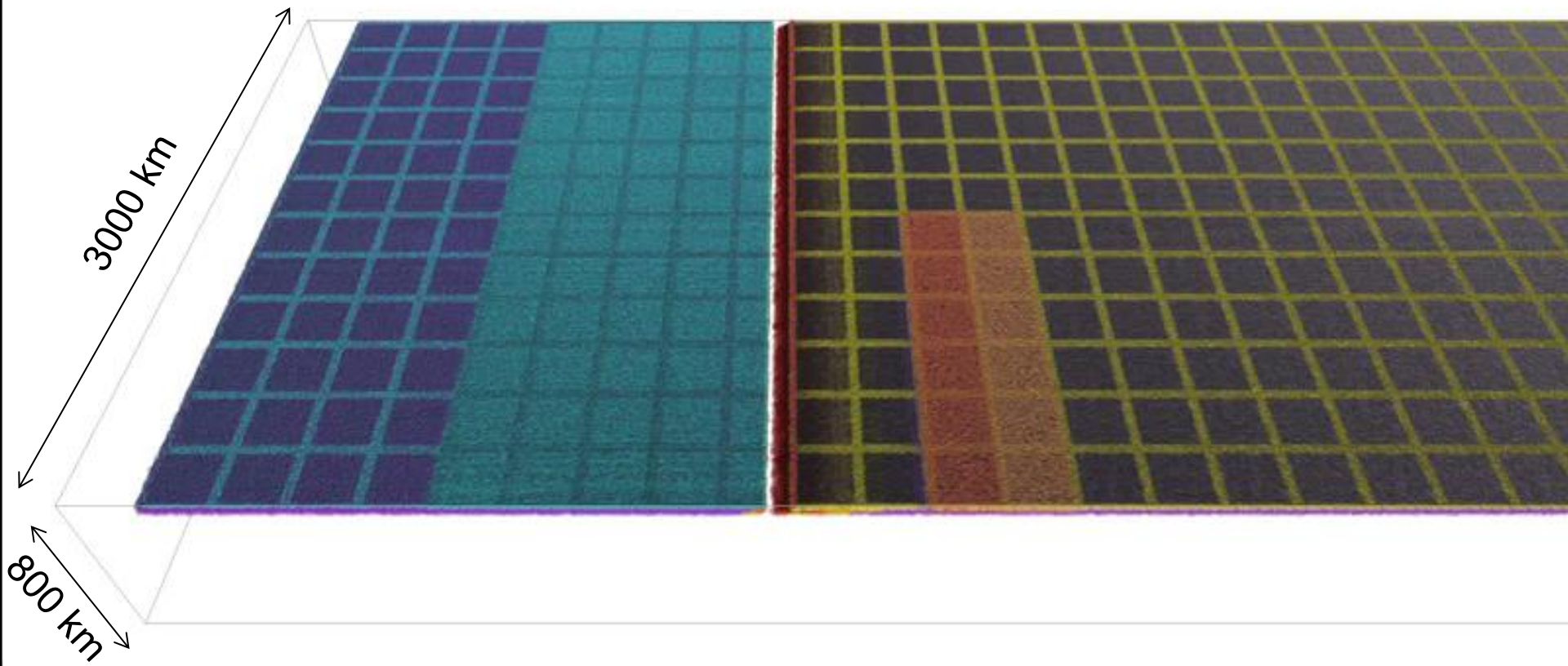


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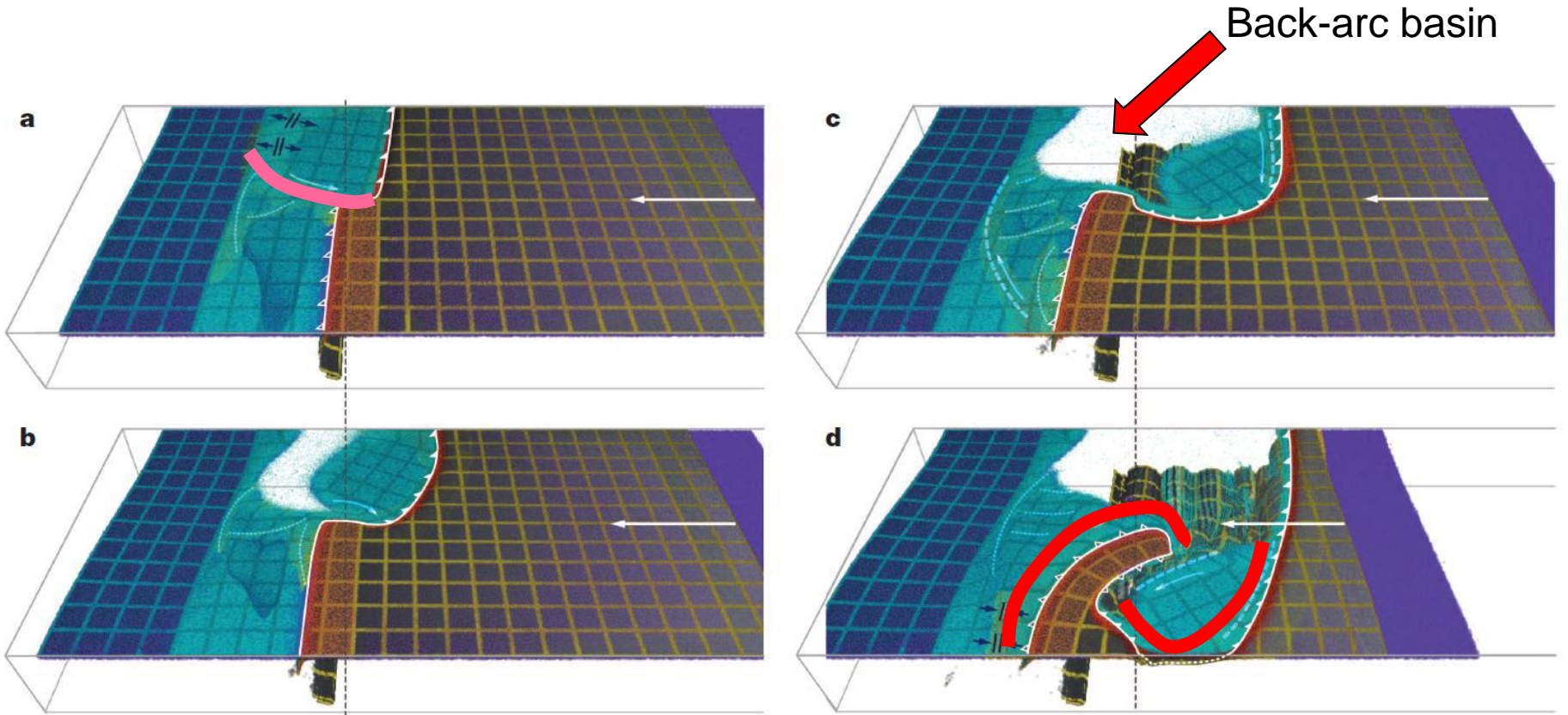
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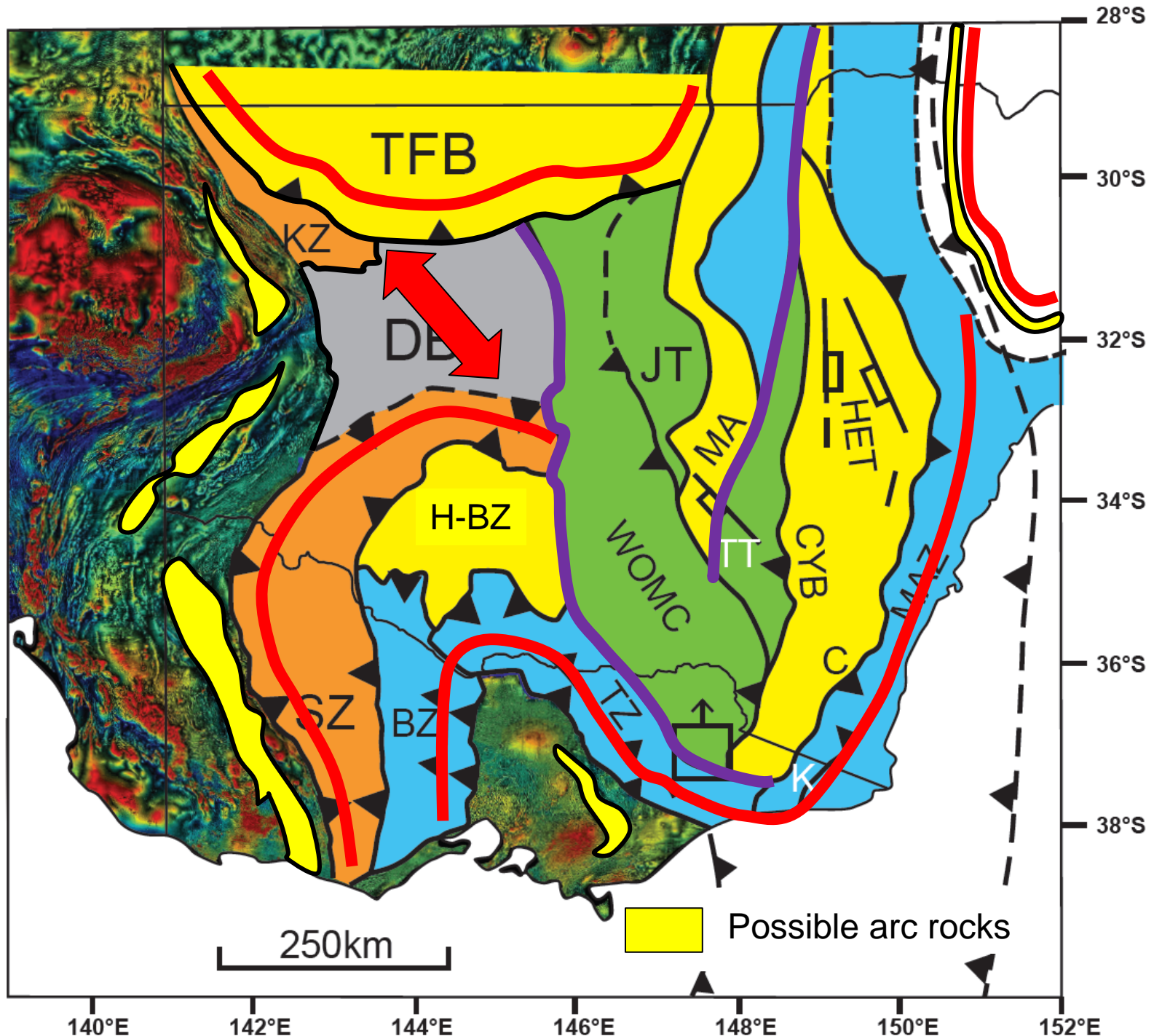
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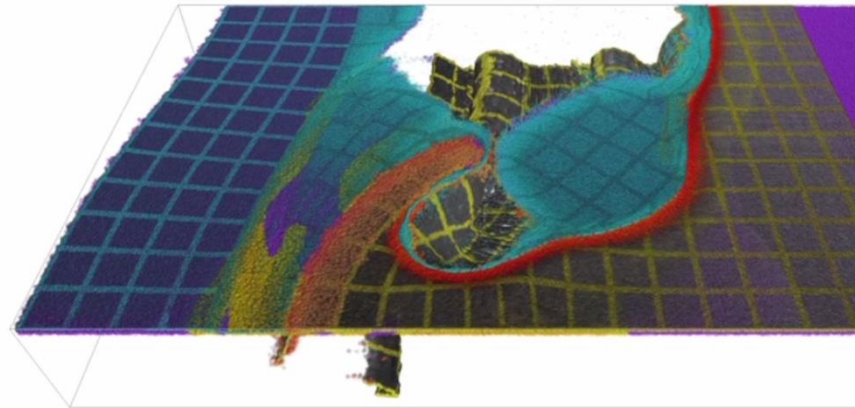
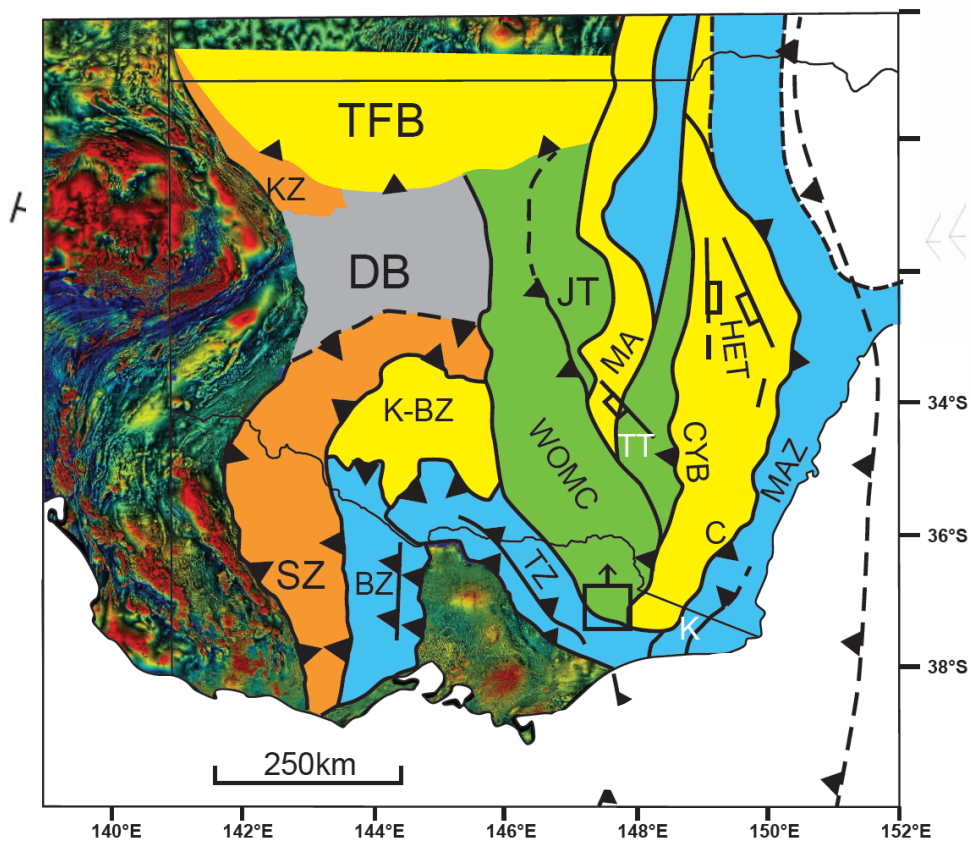


Numerical modelling...

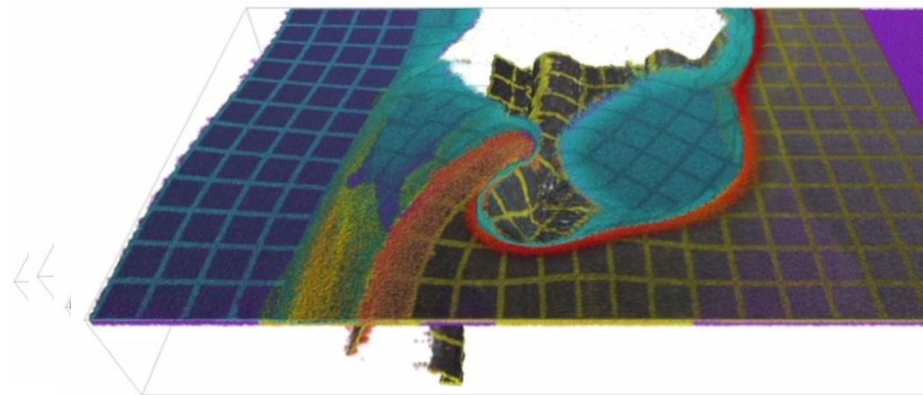
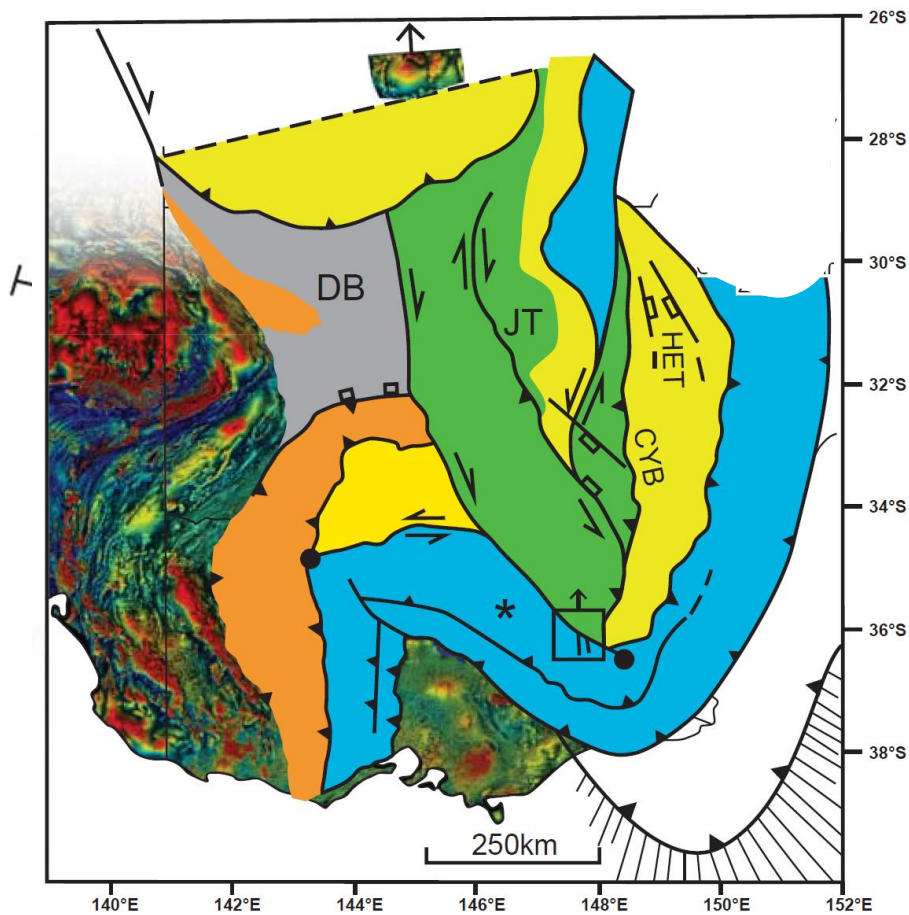


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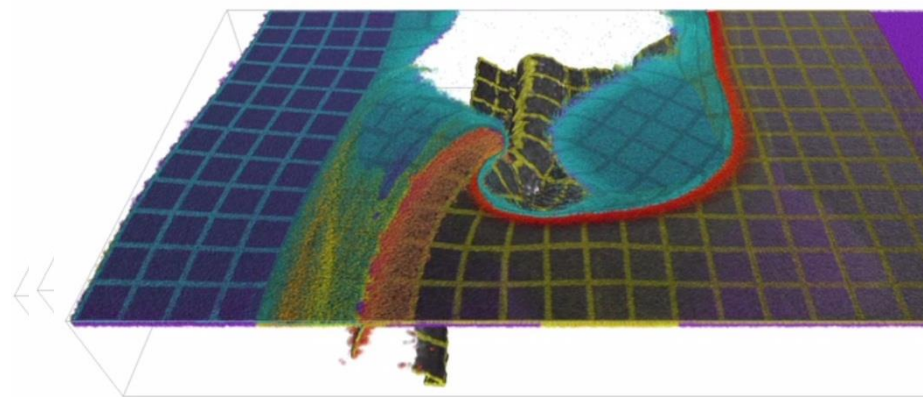
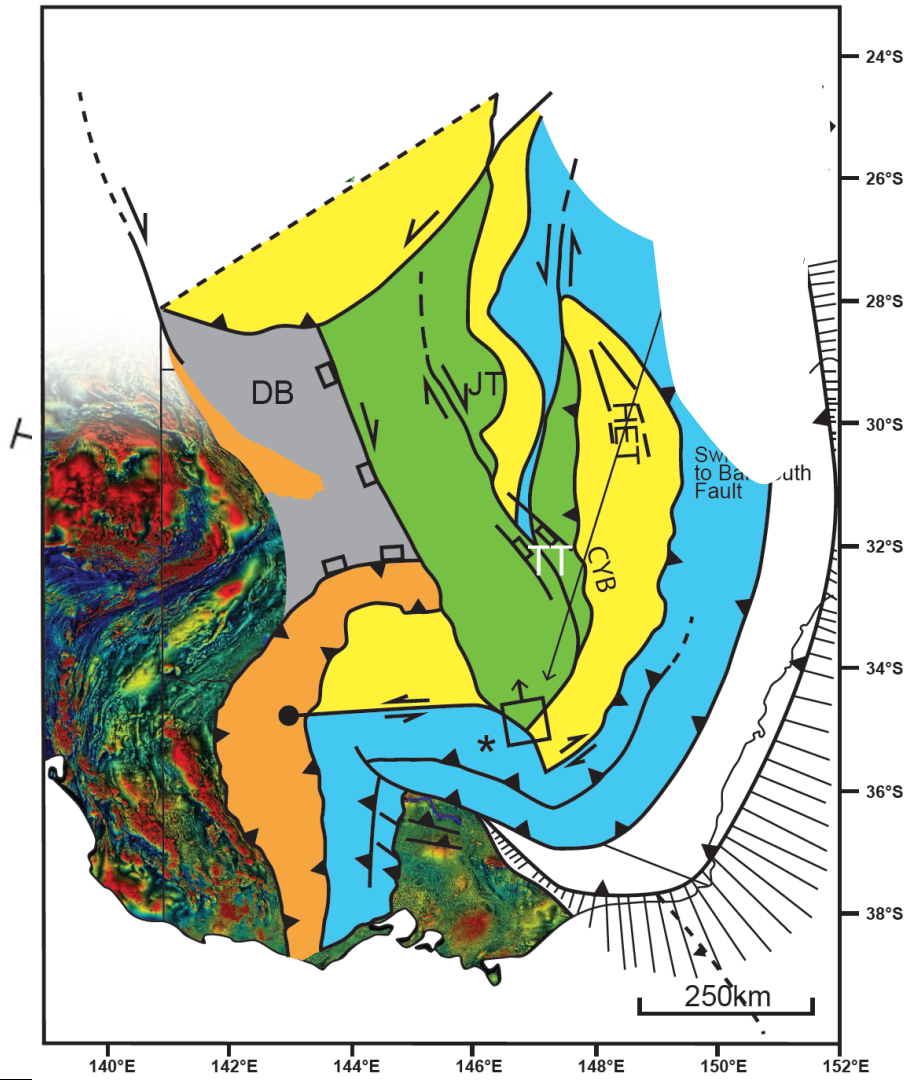




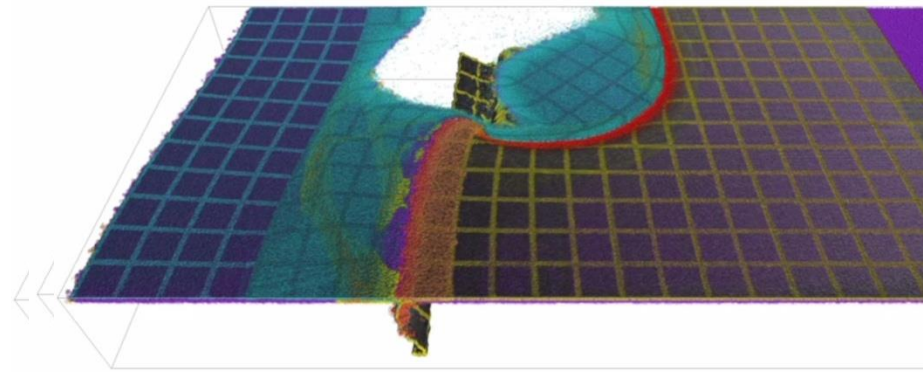
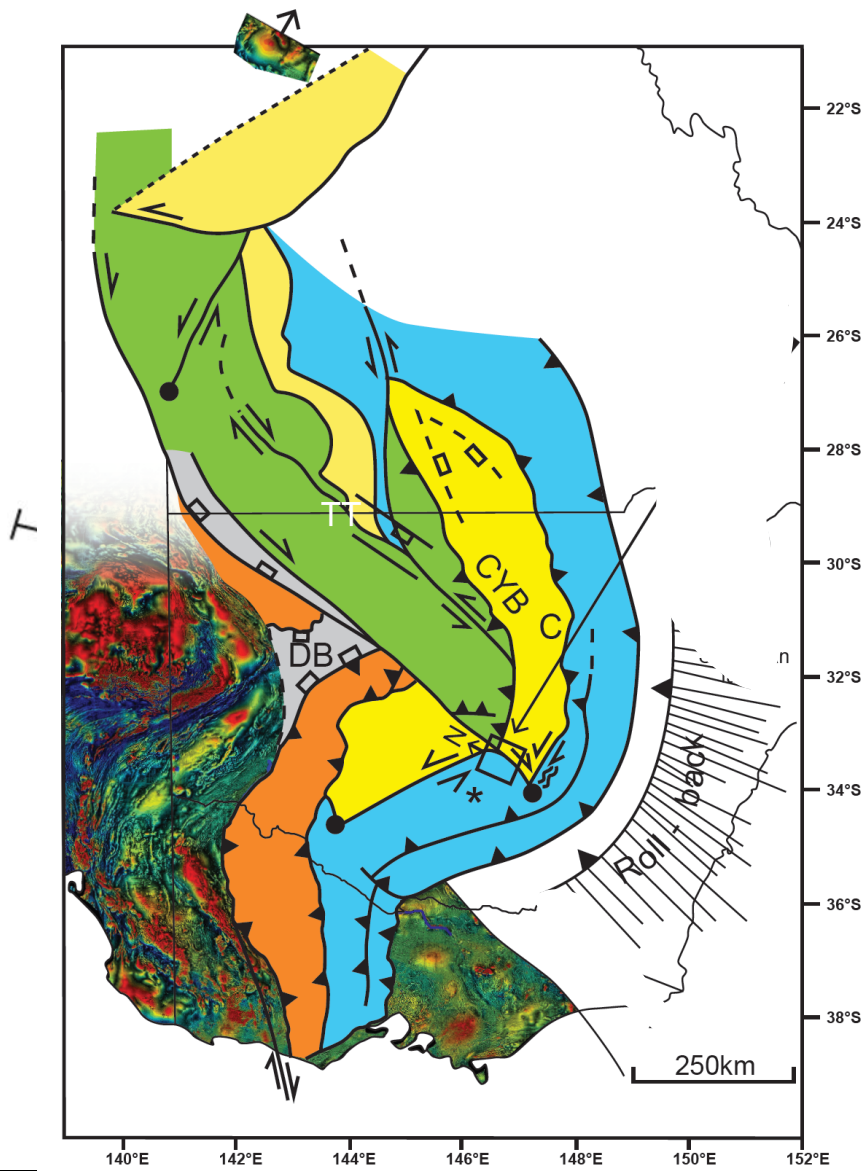
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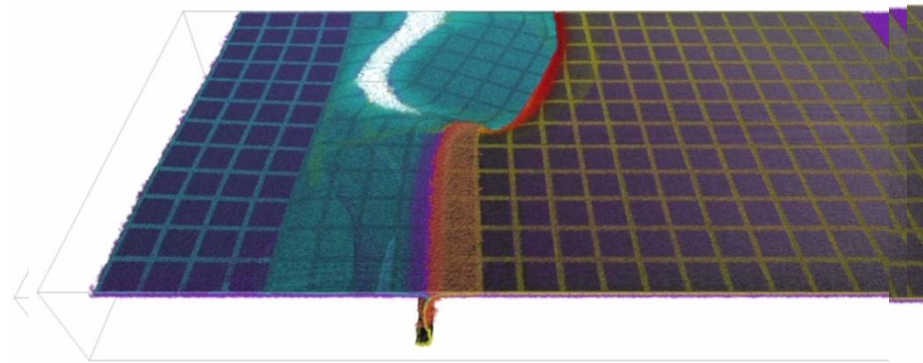
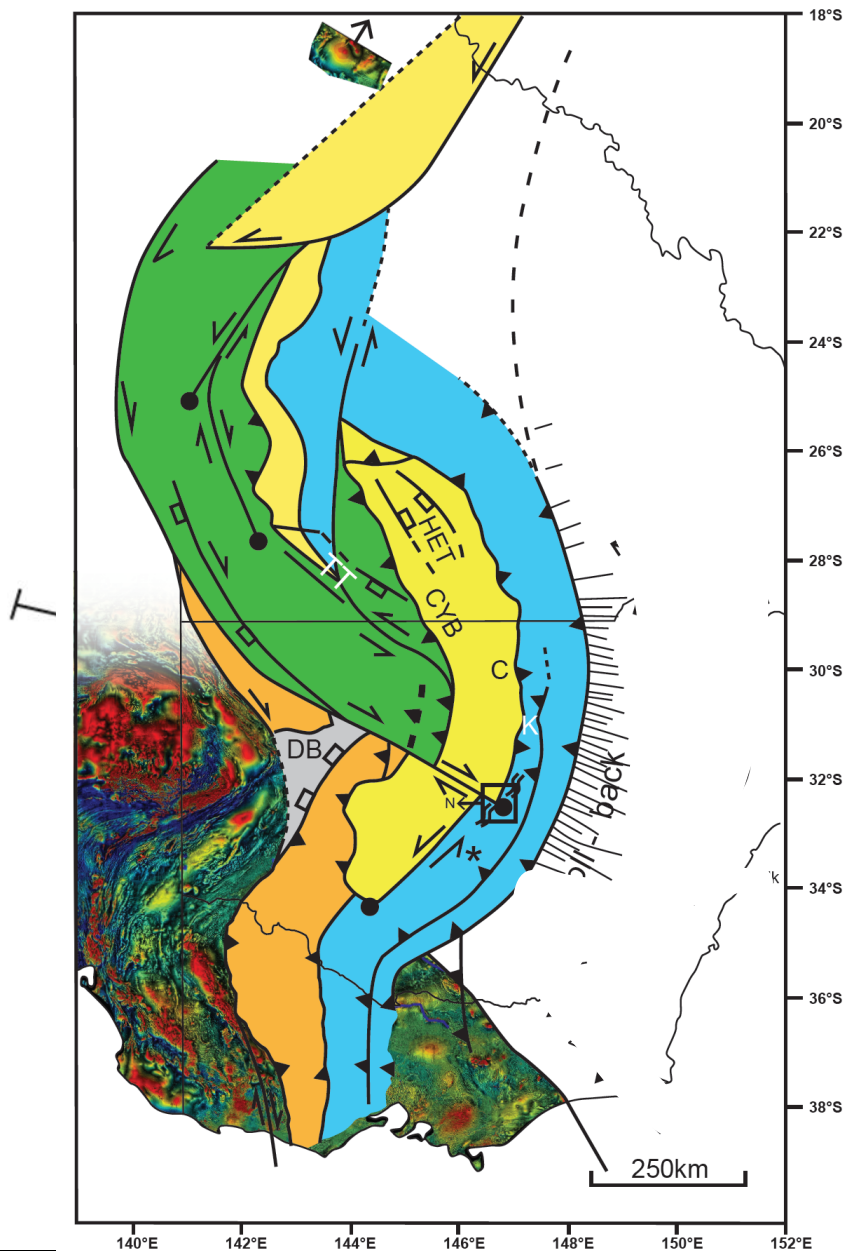
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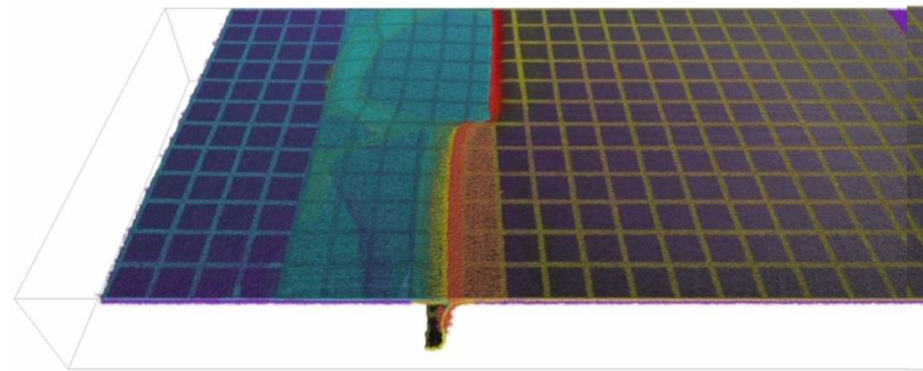
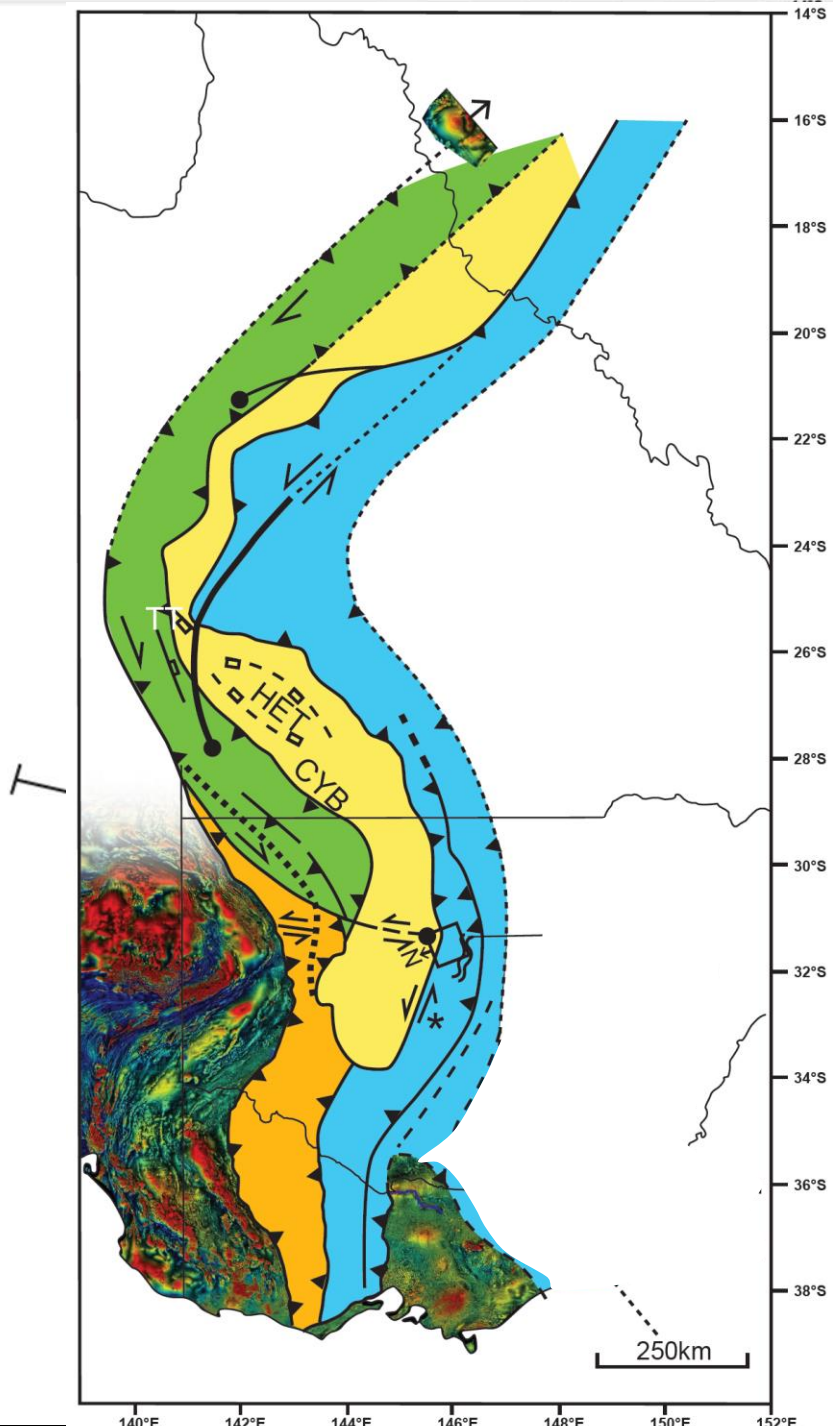
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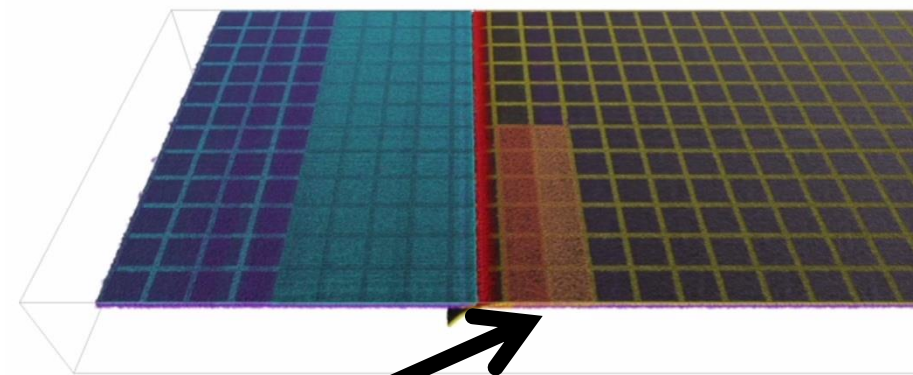
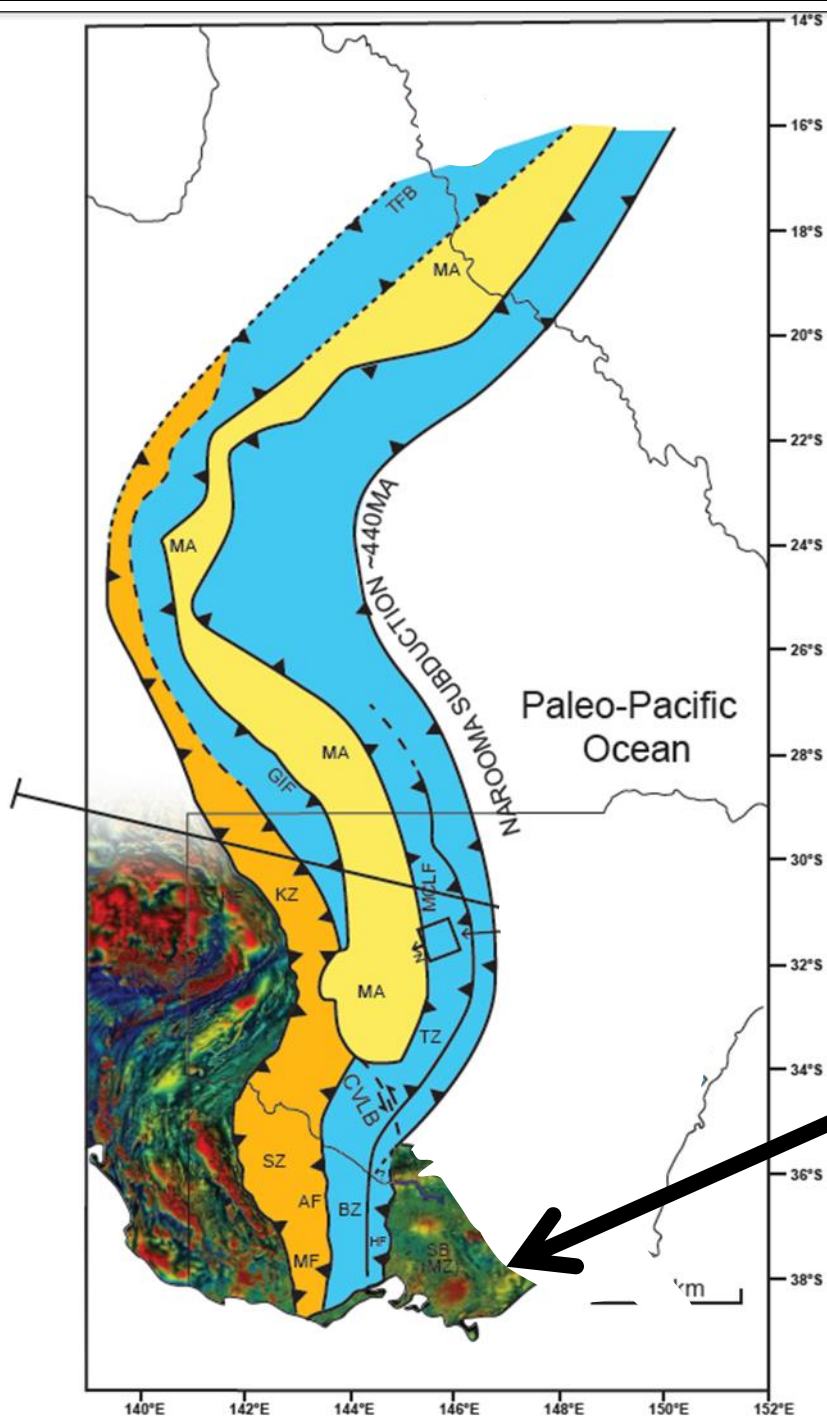
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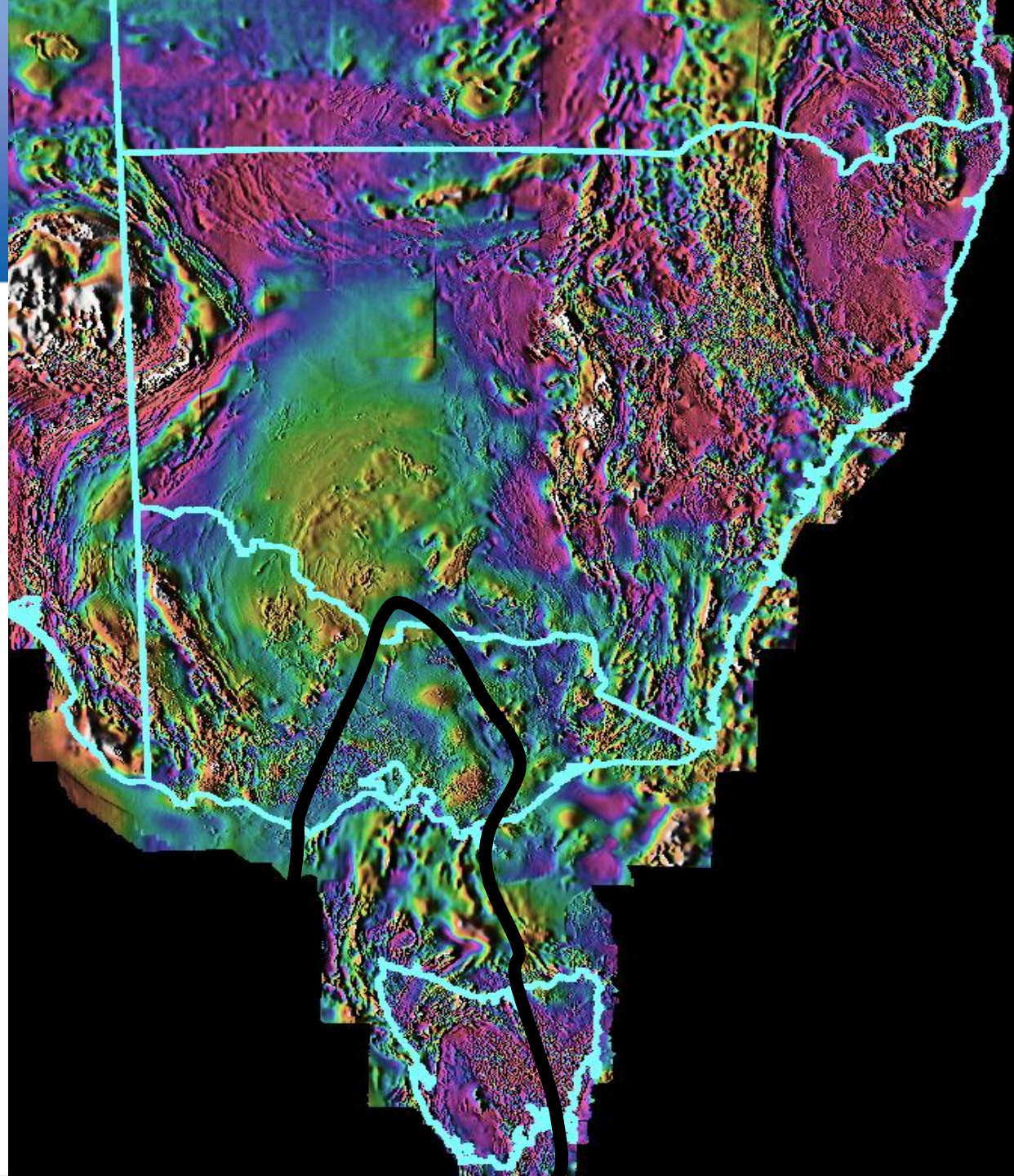


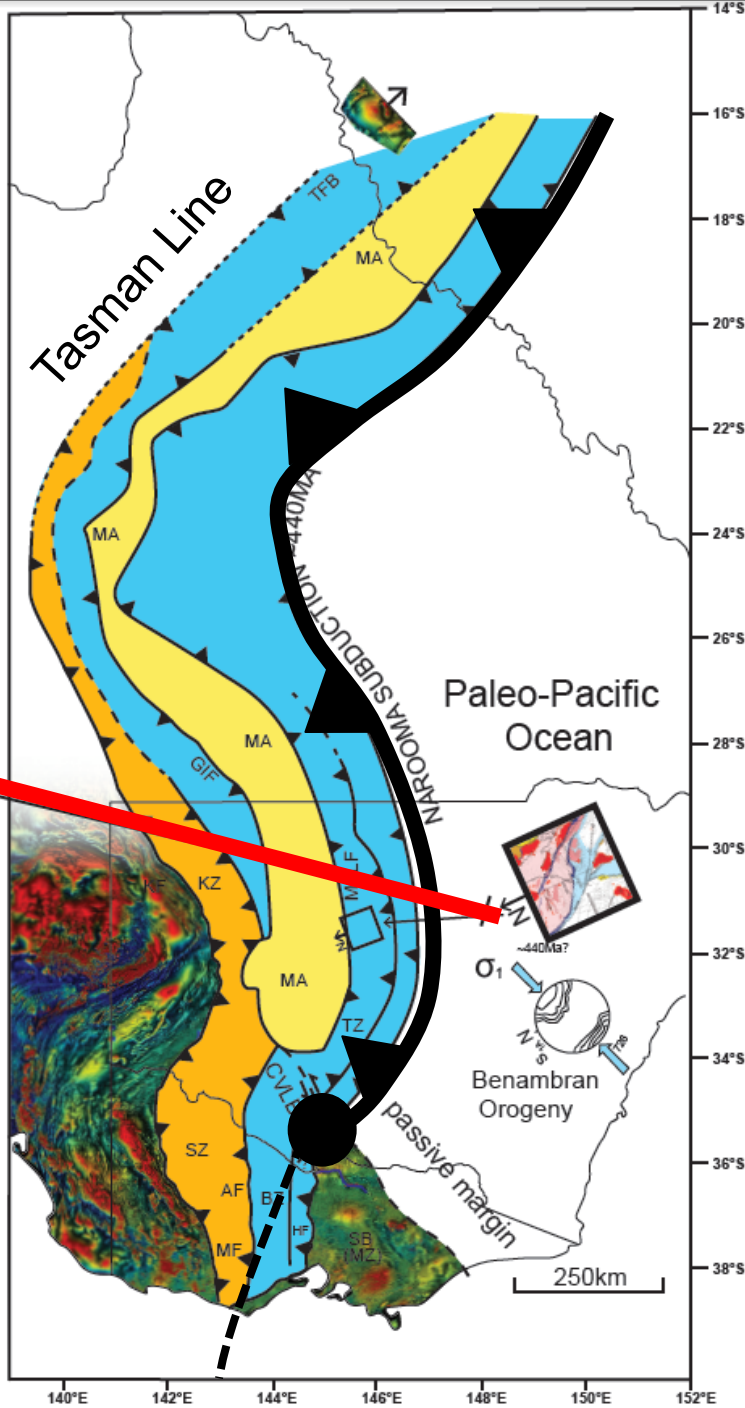
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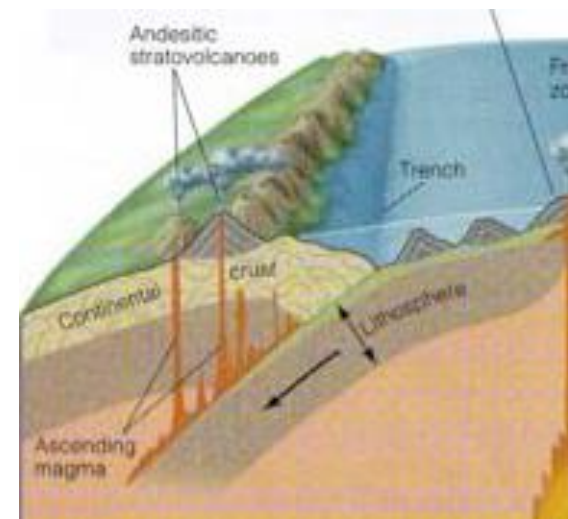
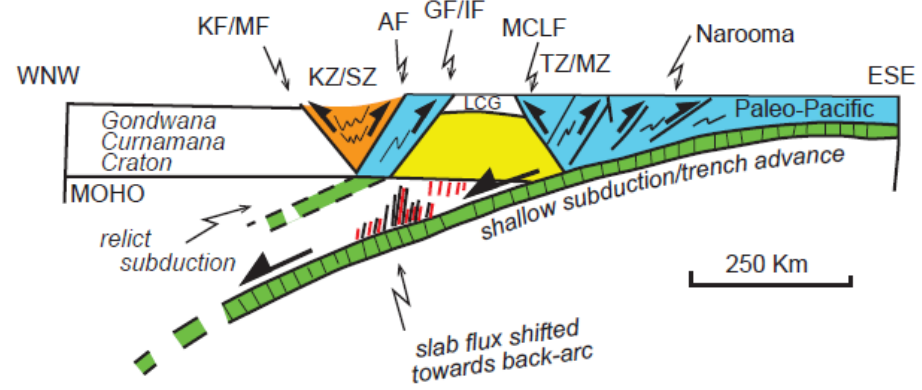
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Western Tasmania –
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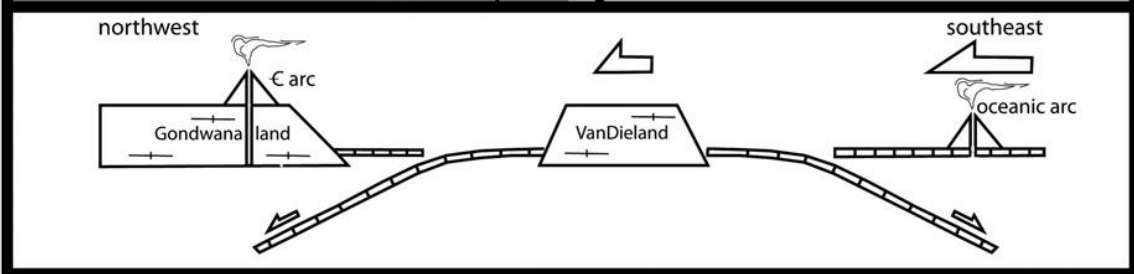
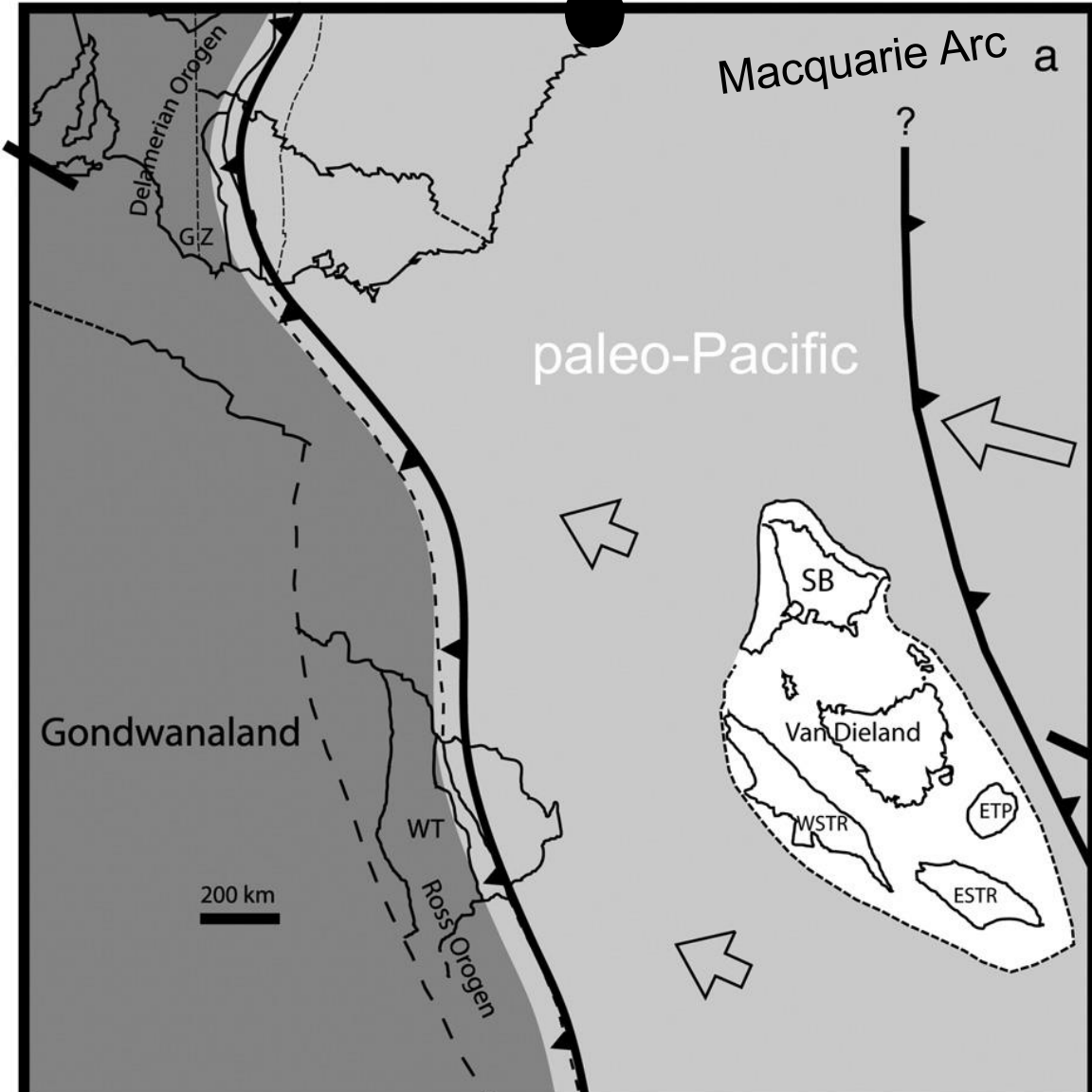


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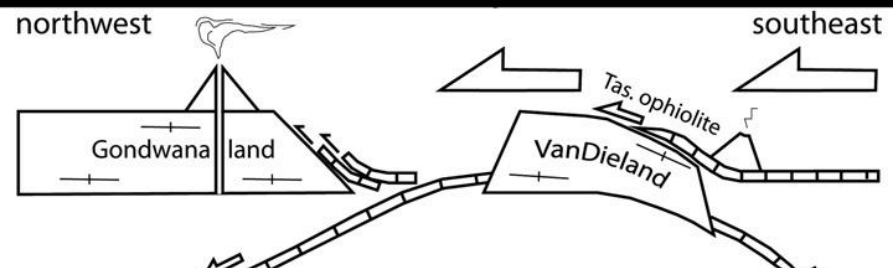
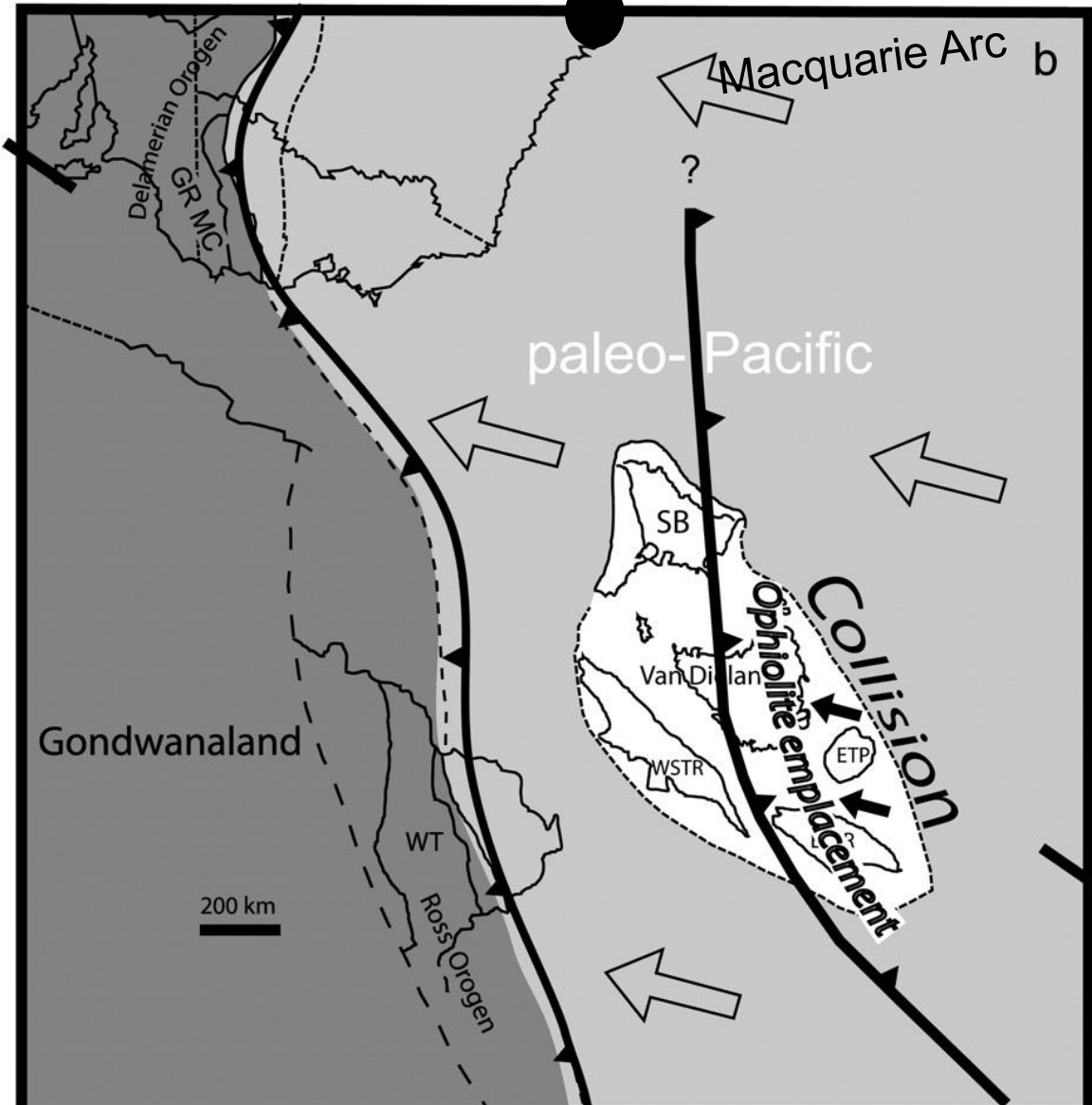


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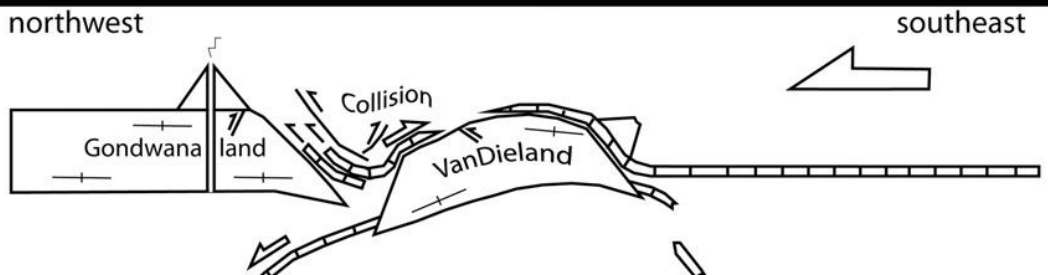
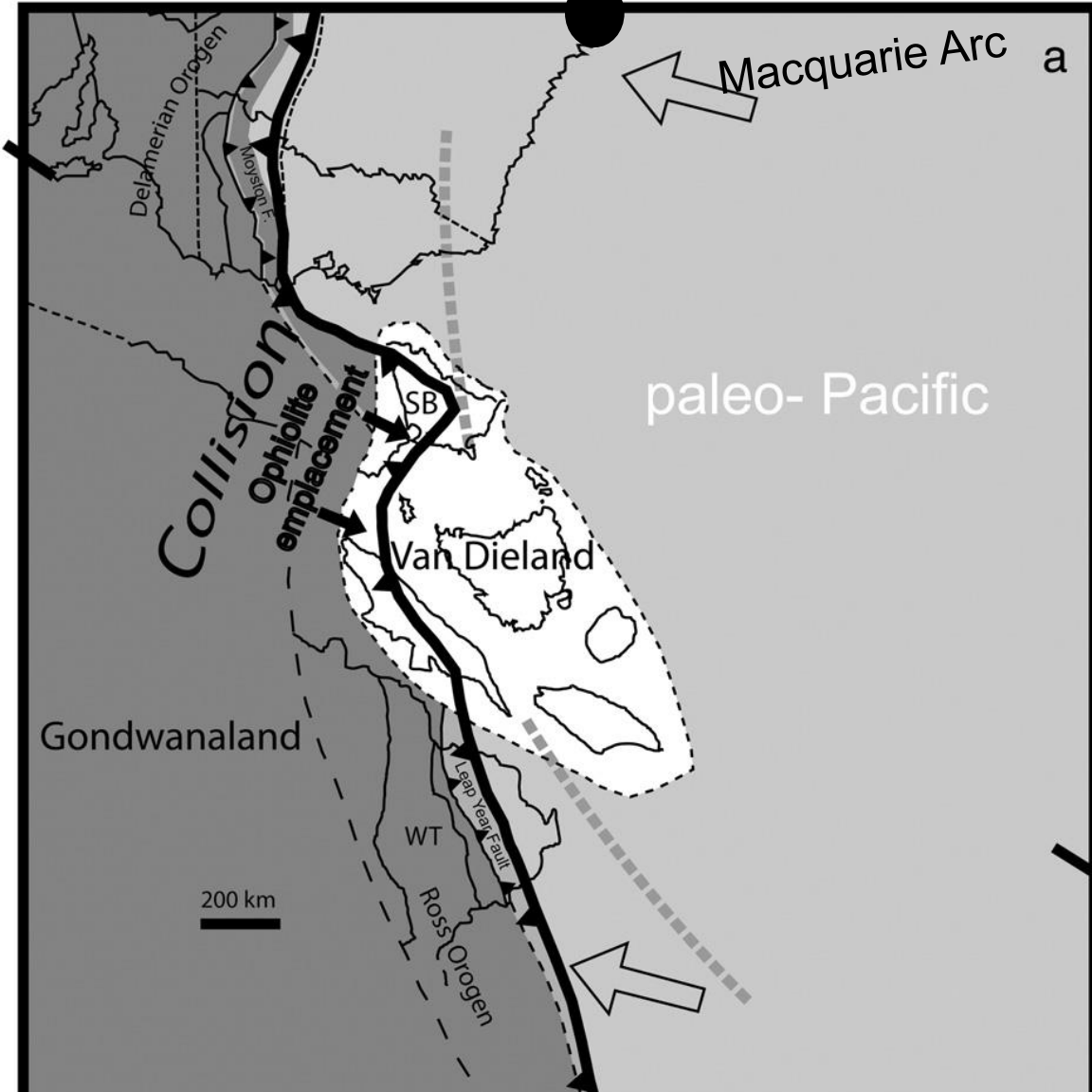
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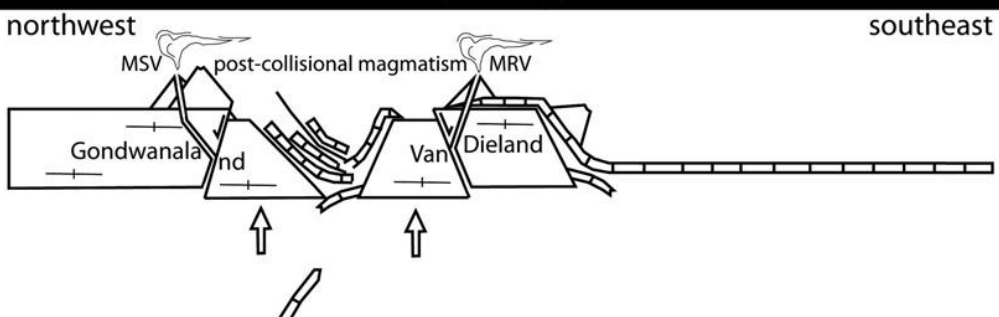
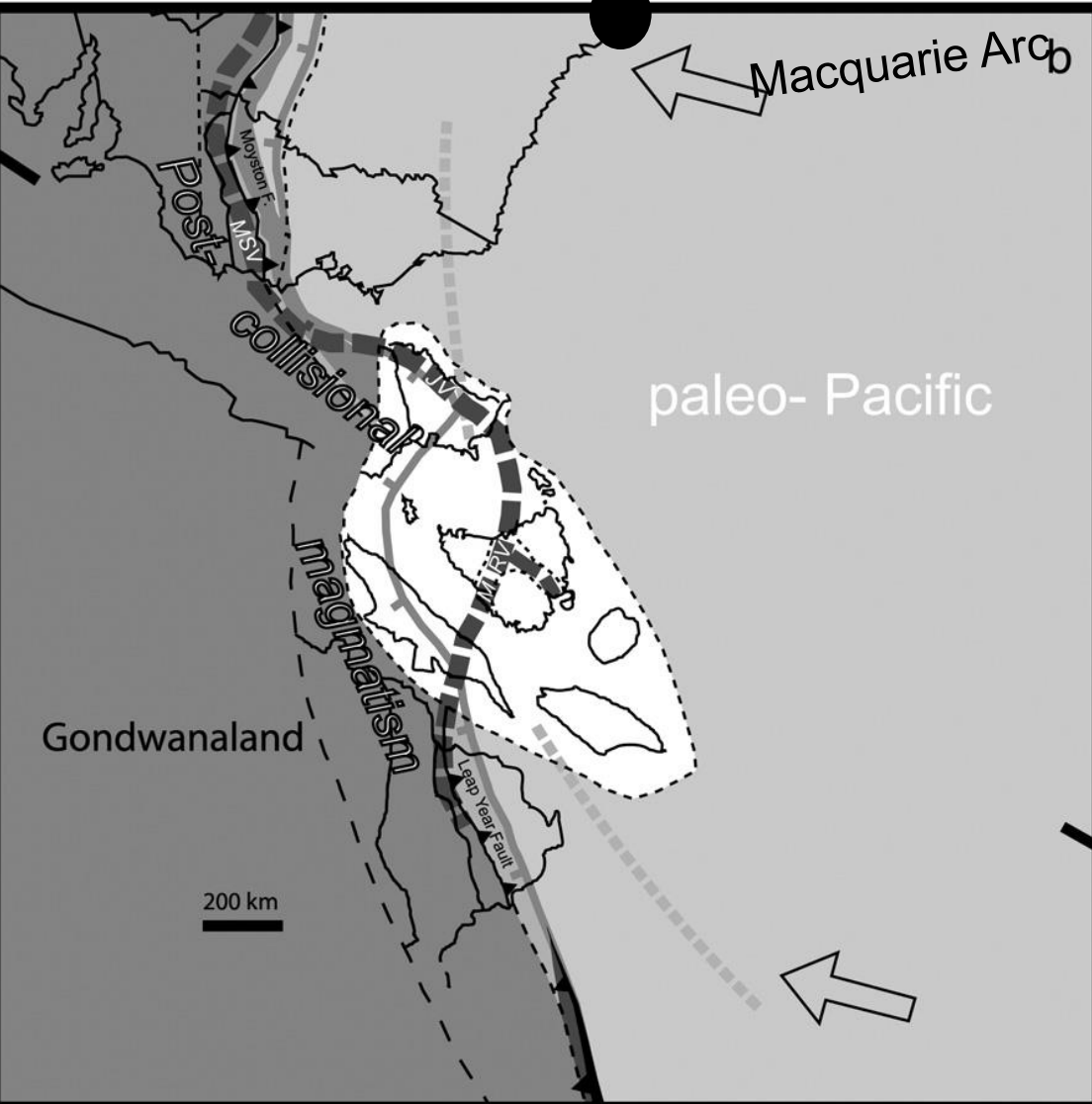
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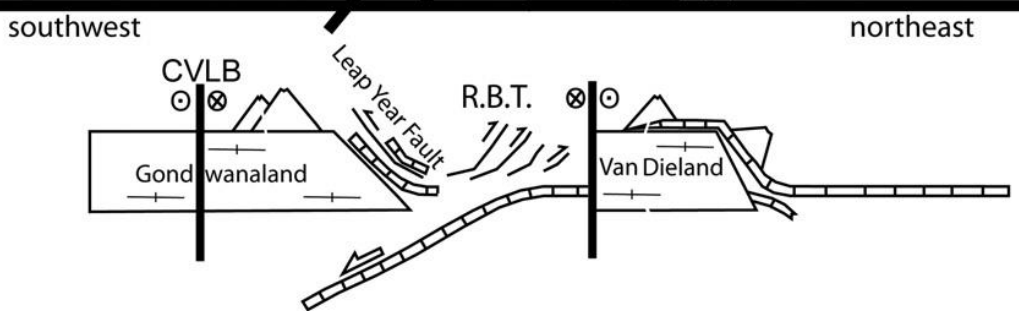
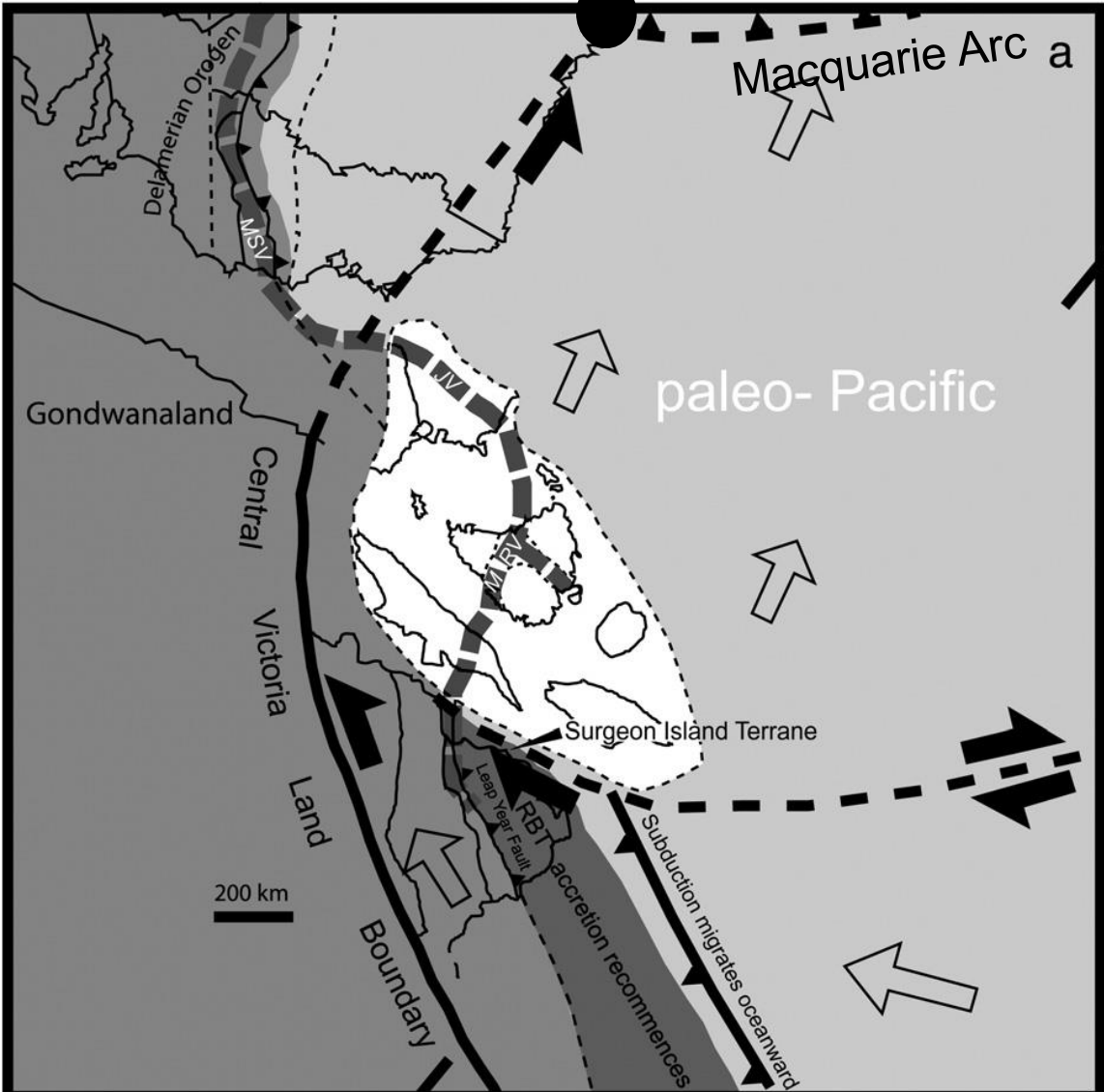
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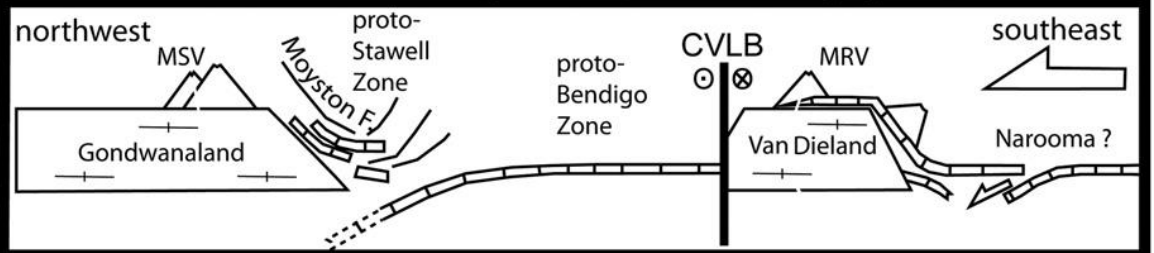
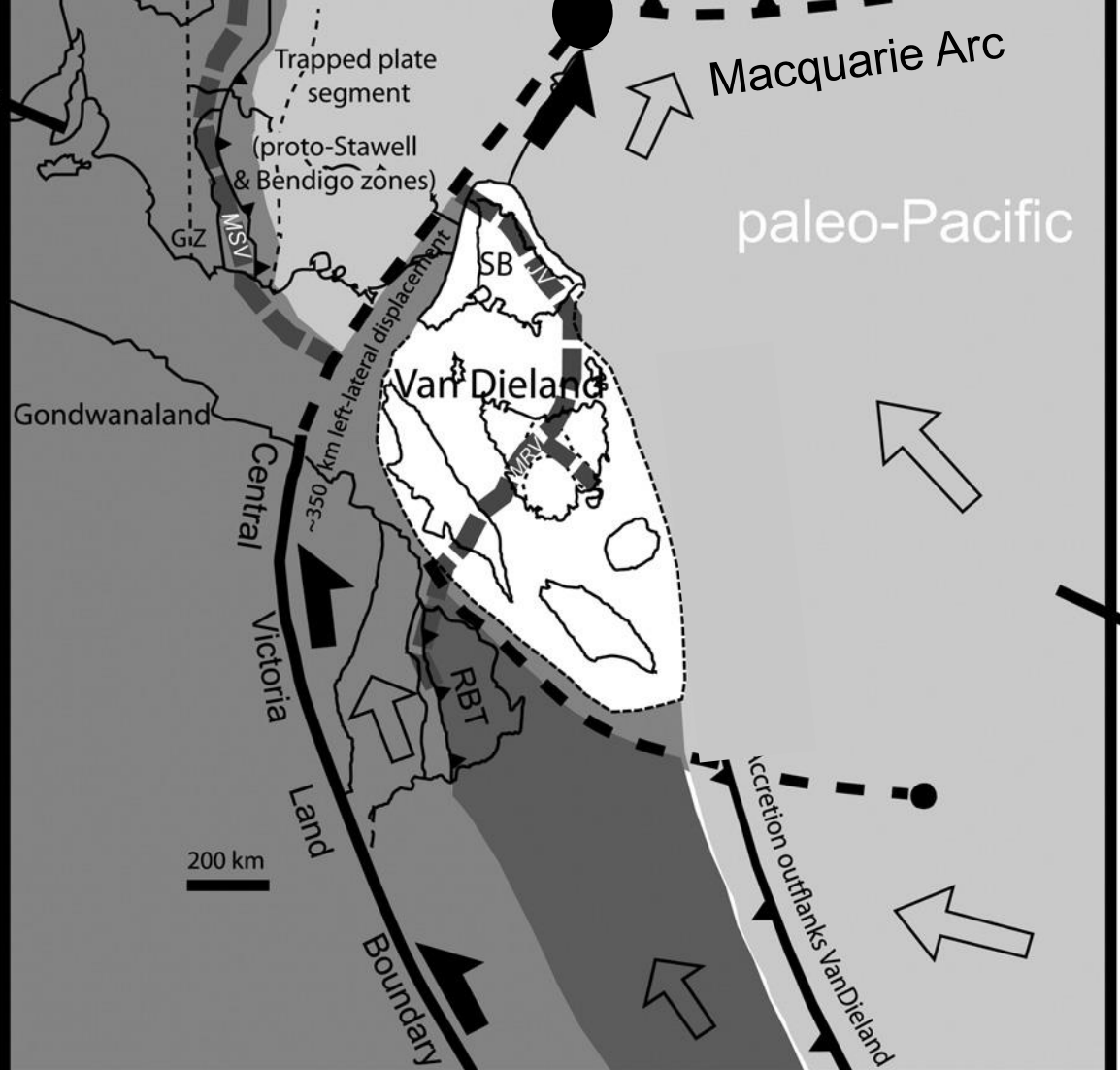
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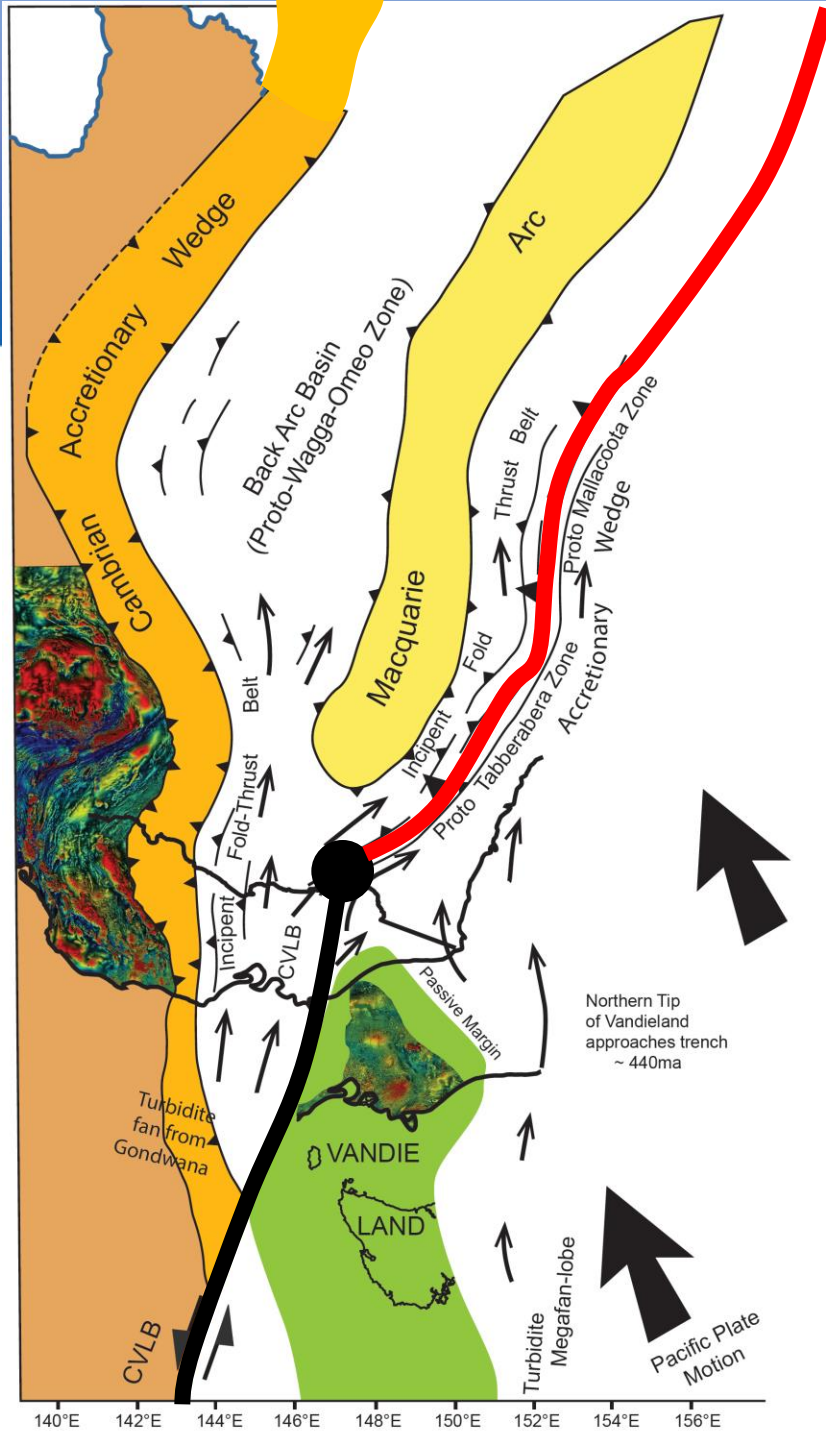
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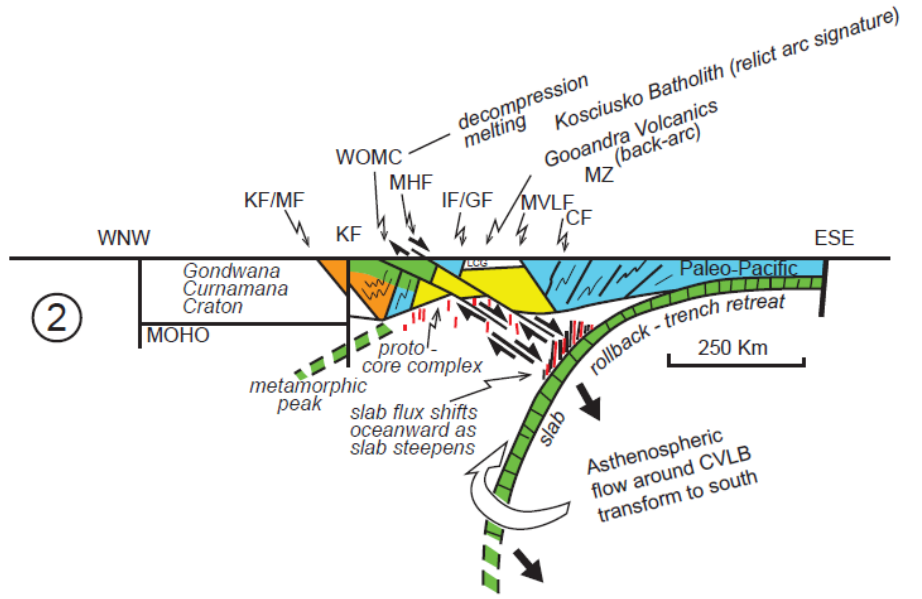
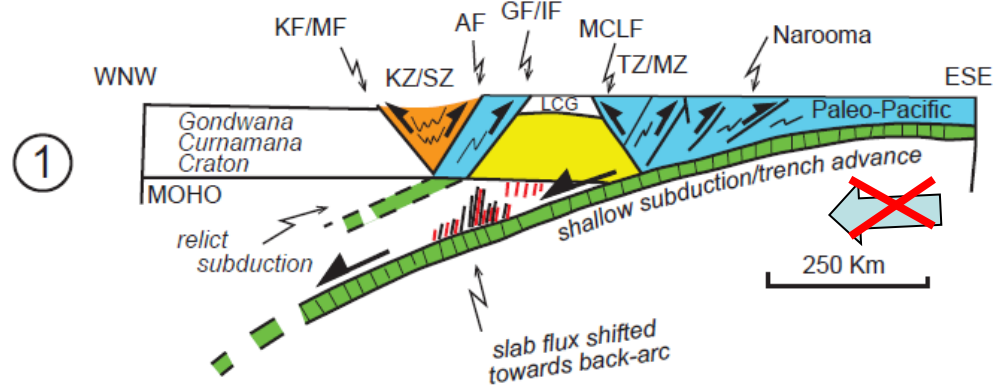
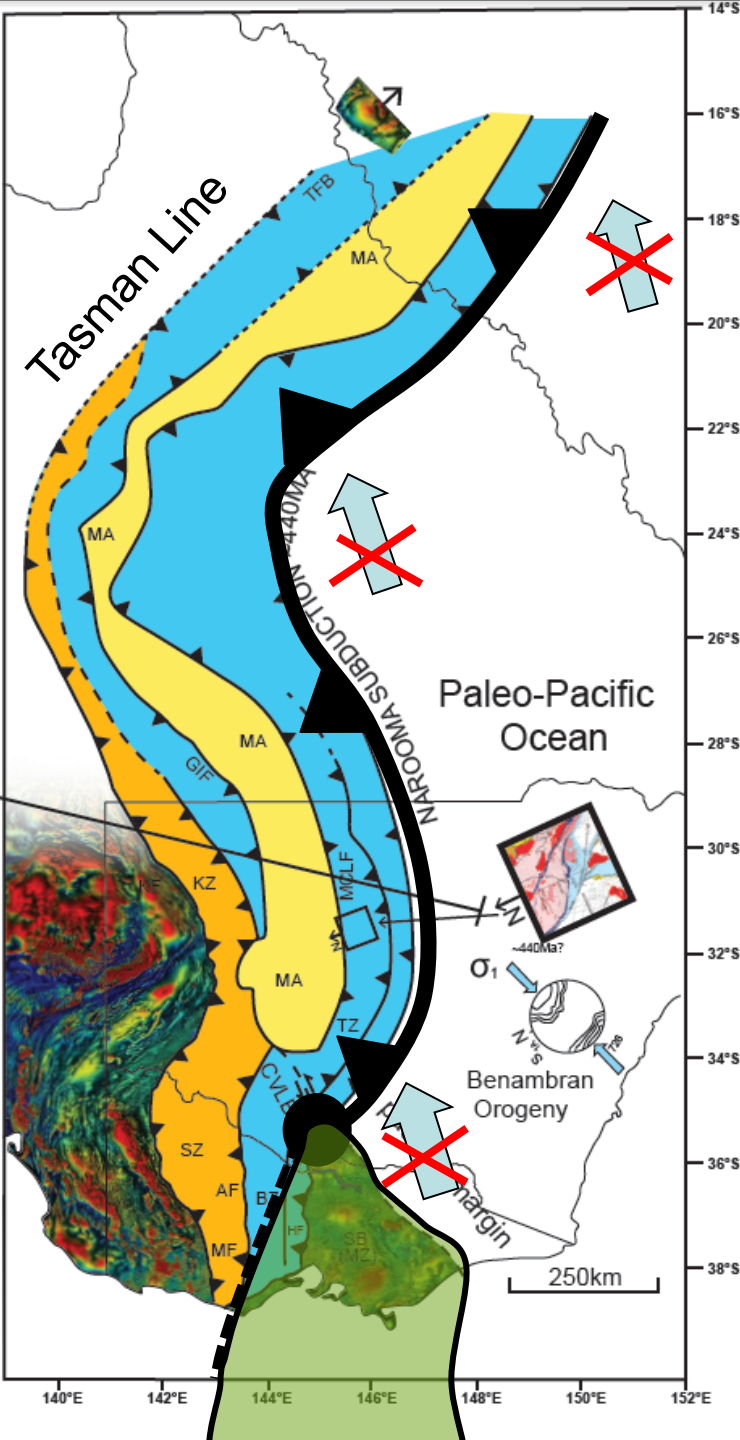
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Vandieland, Mk 2 (Post-Tyennan/Delamerian)

Tectonic switching and roll-back in the LFB

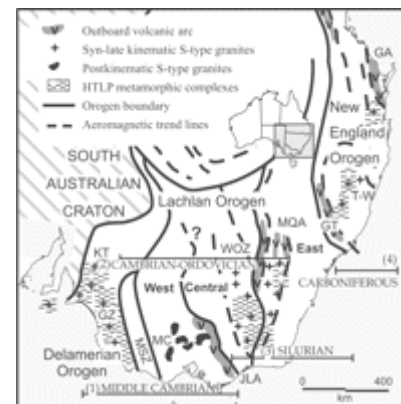
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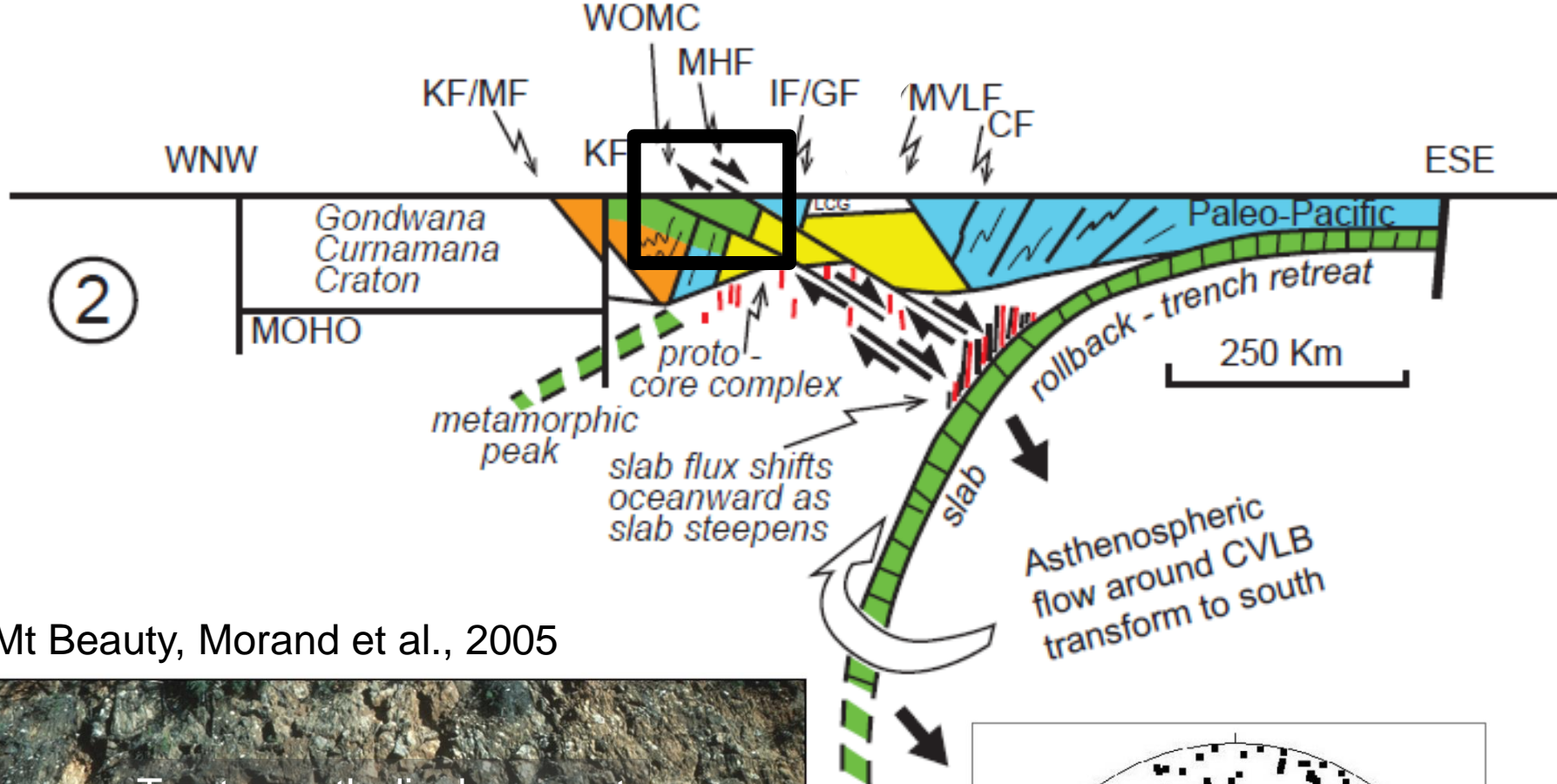


Extension and the tri-partite association:

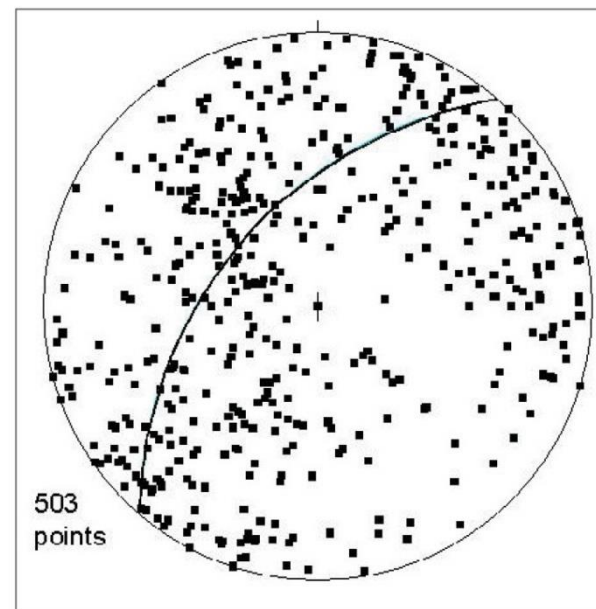
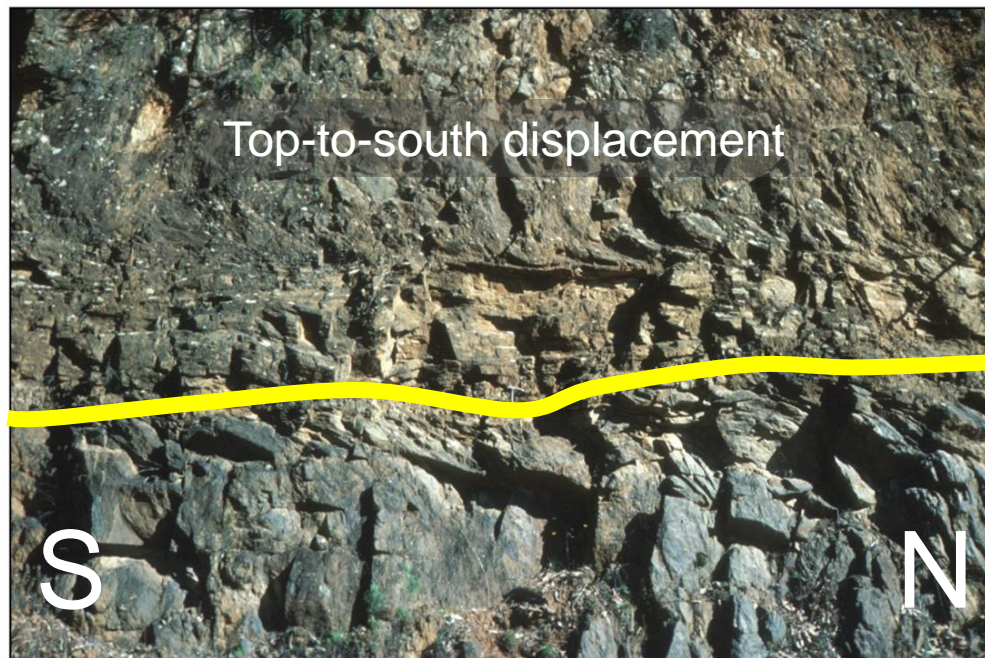
S-type granites, arcs and back-arc basins

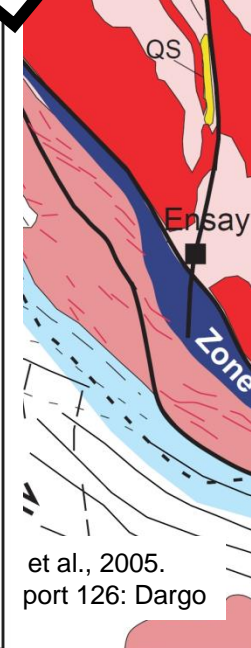
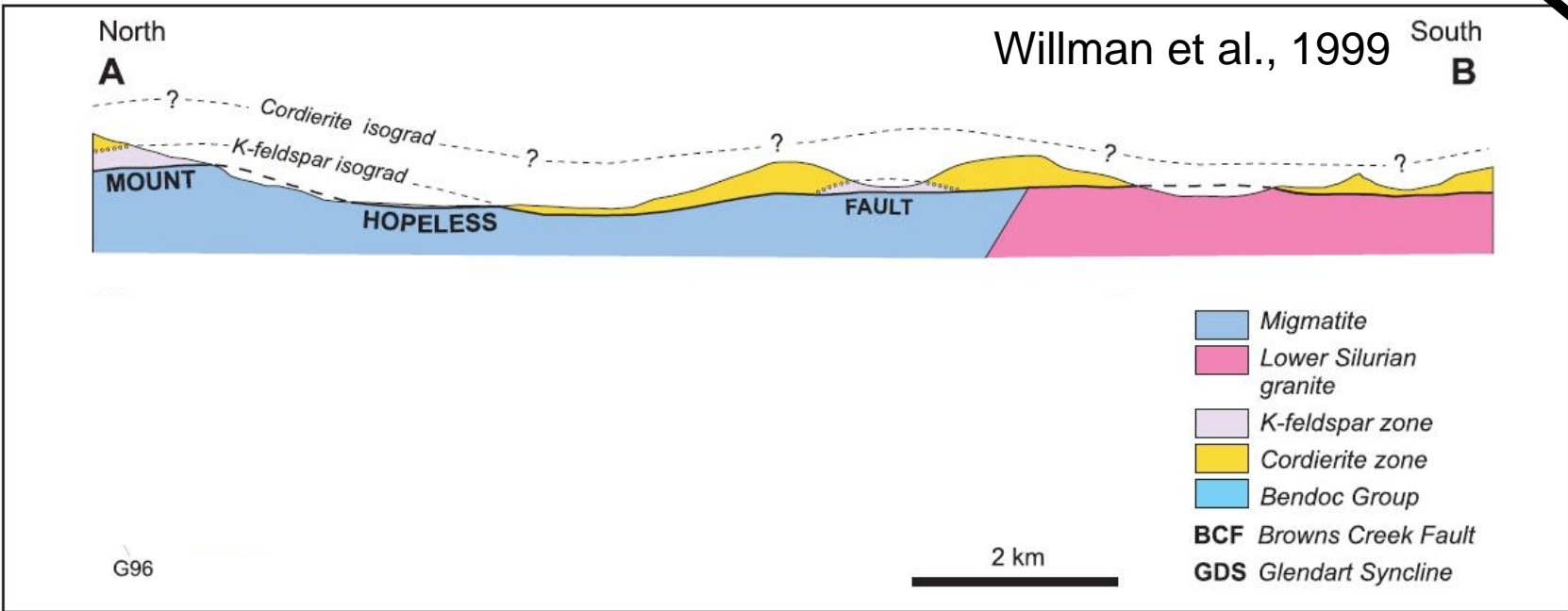
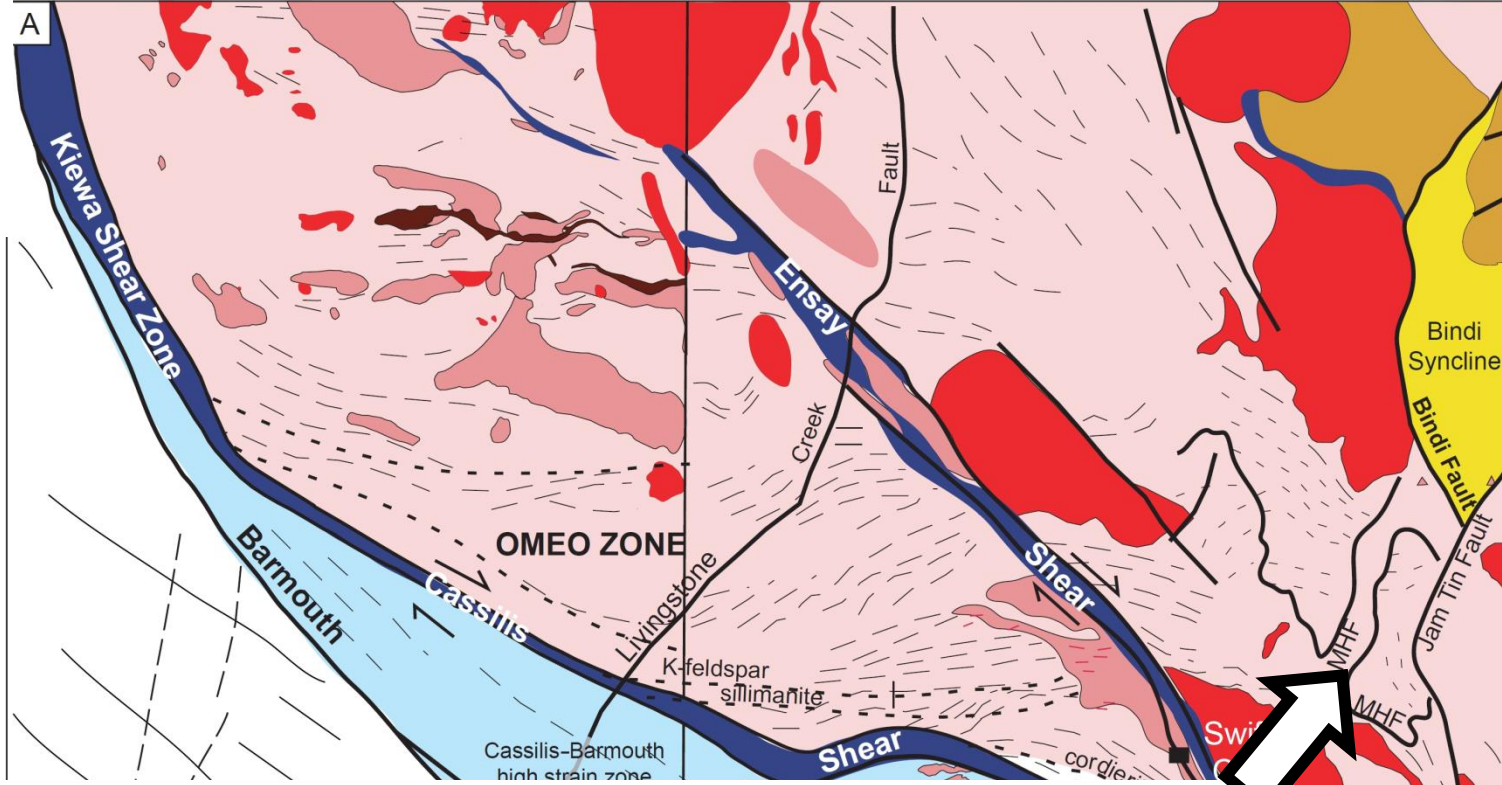
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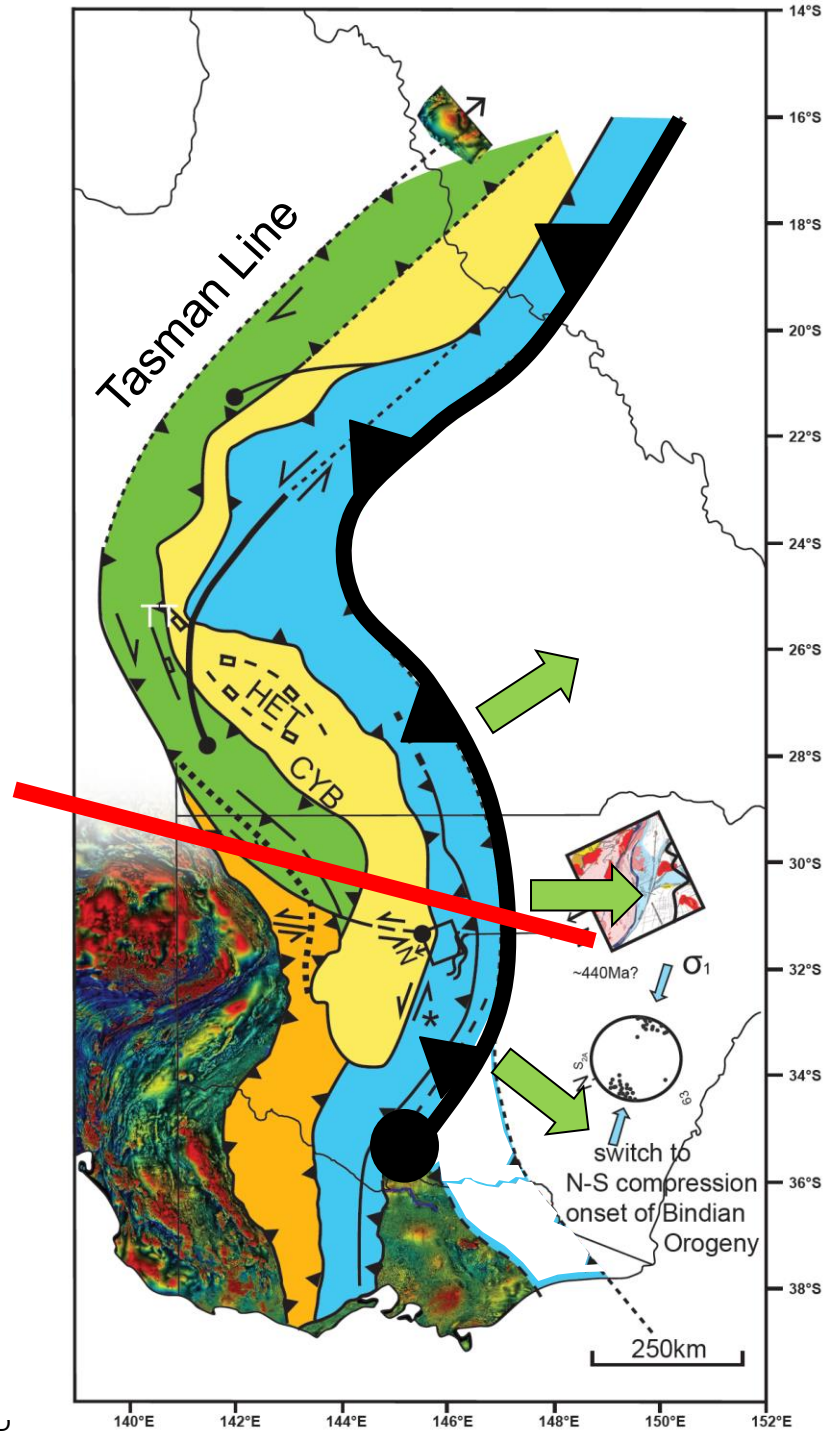
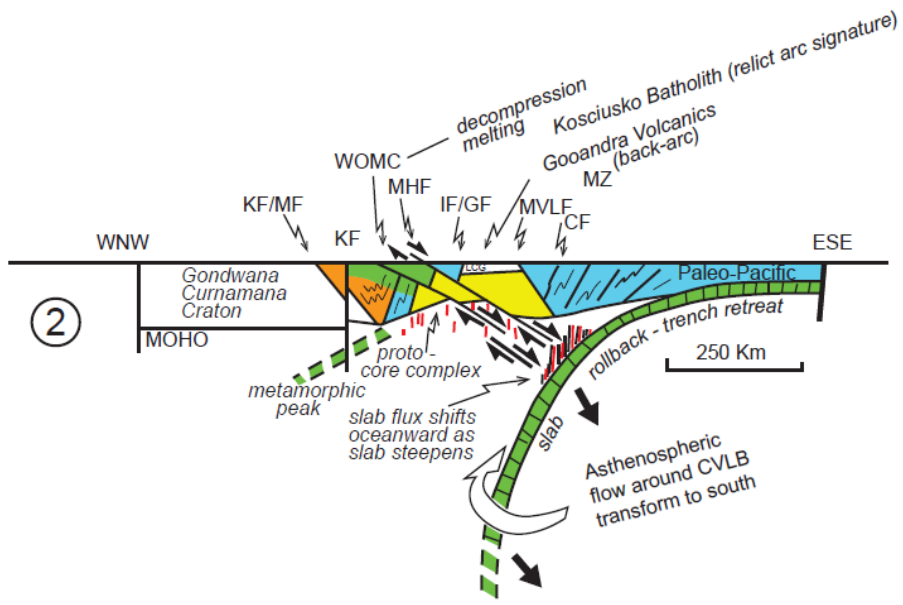


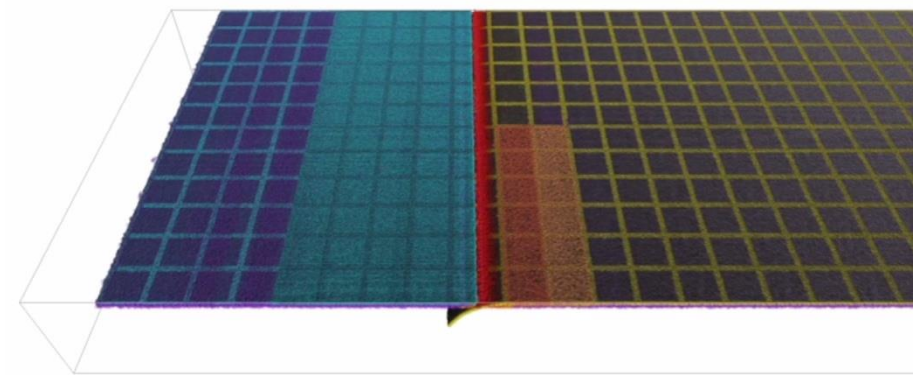
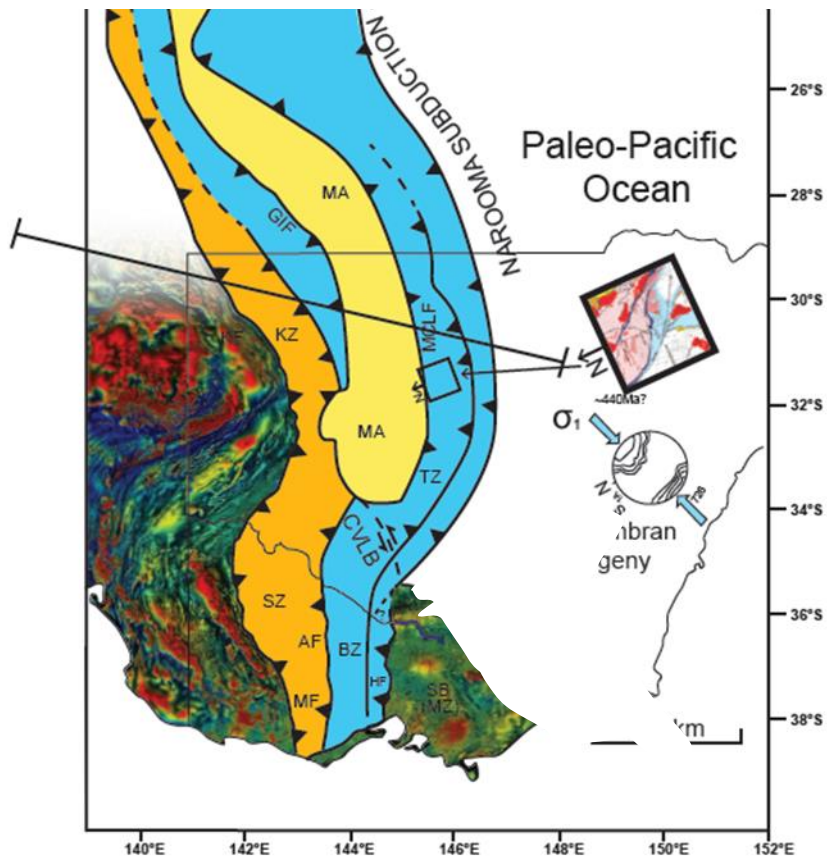


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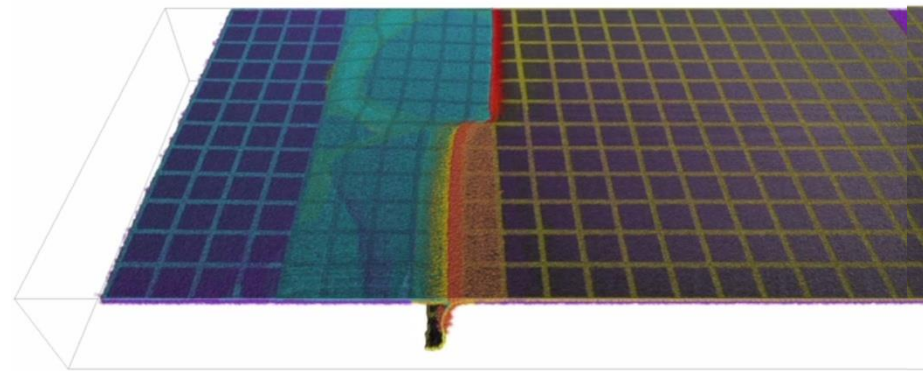
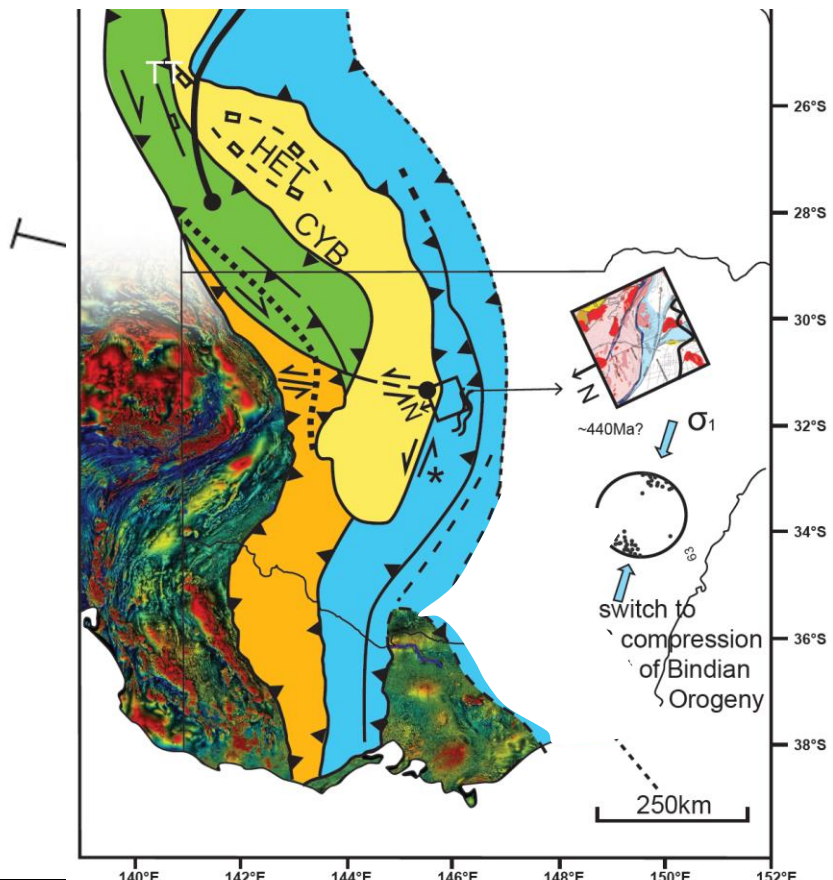




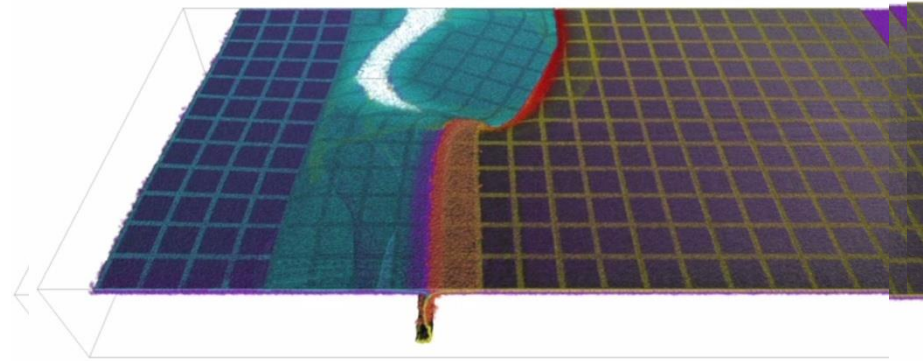
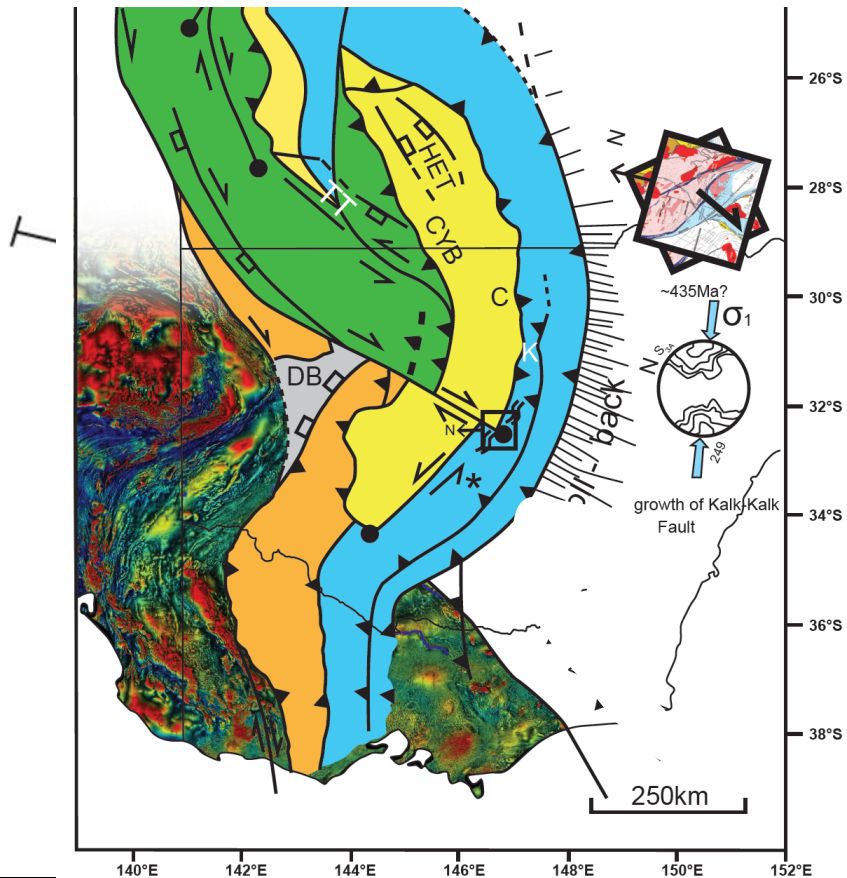




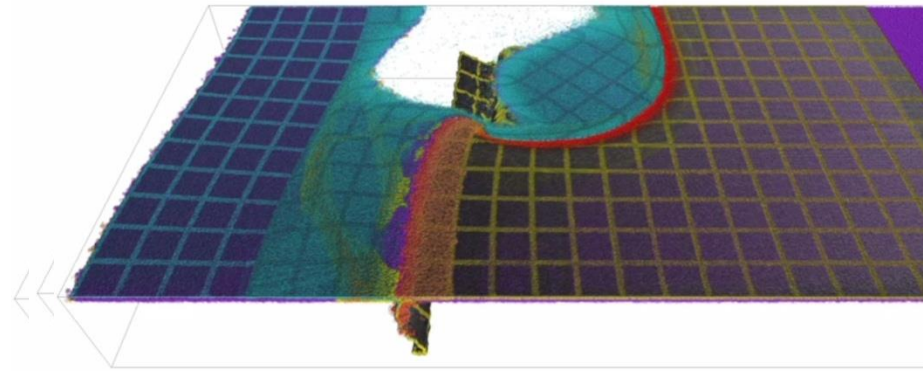
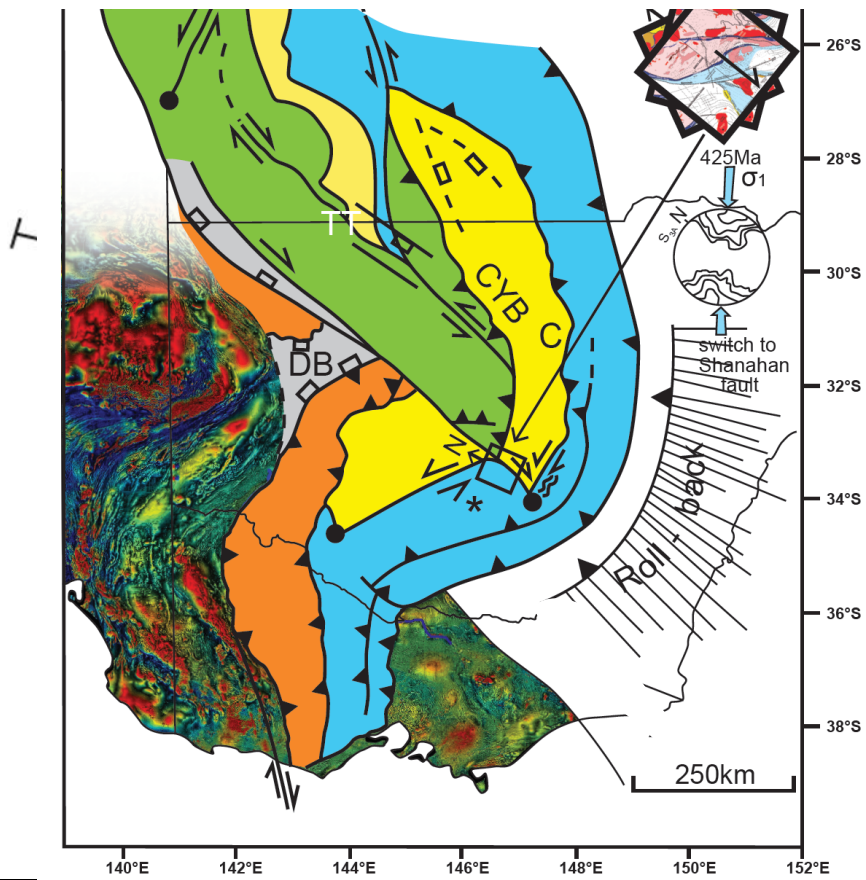
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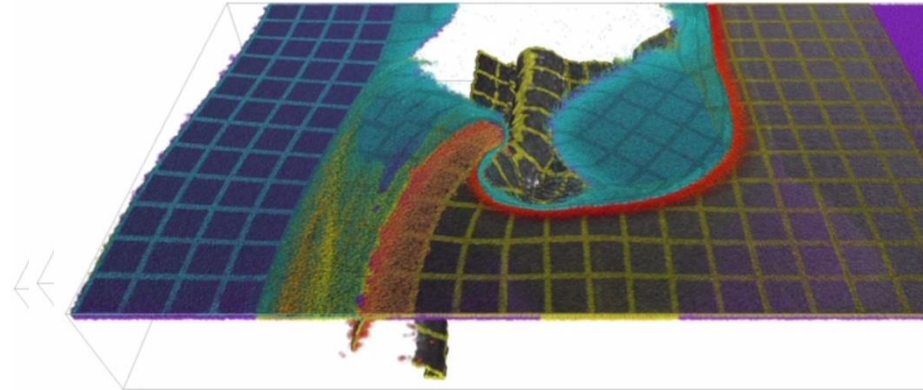
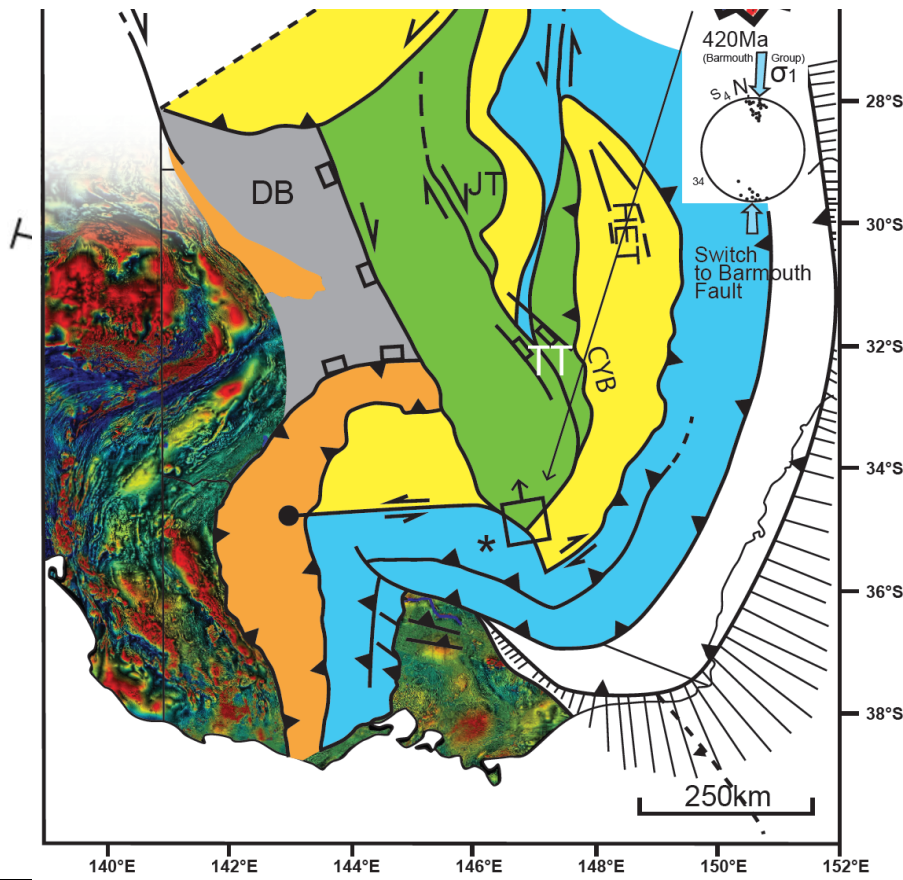
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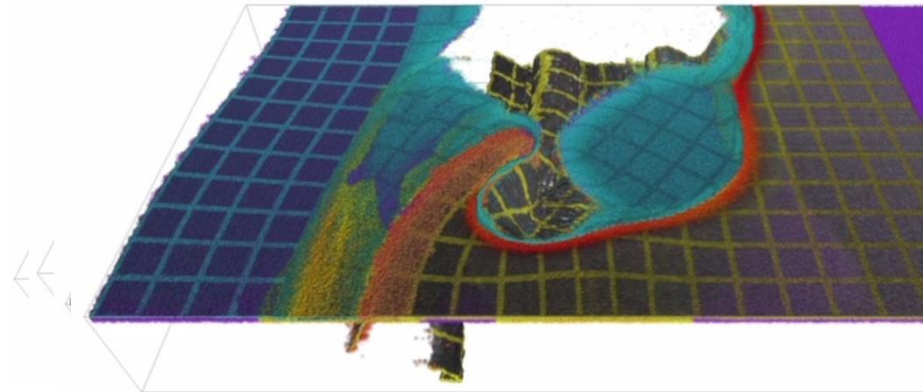
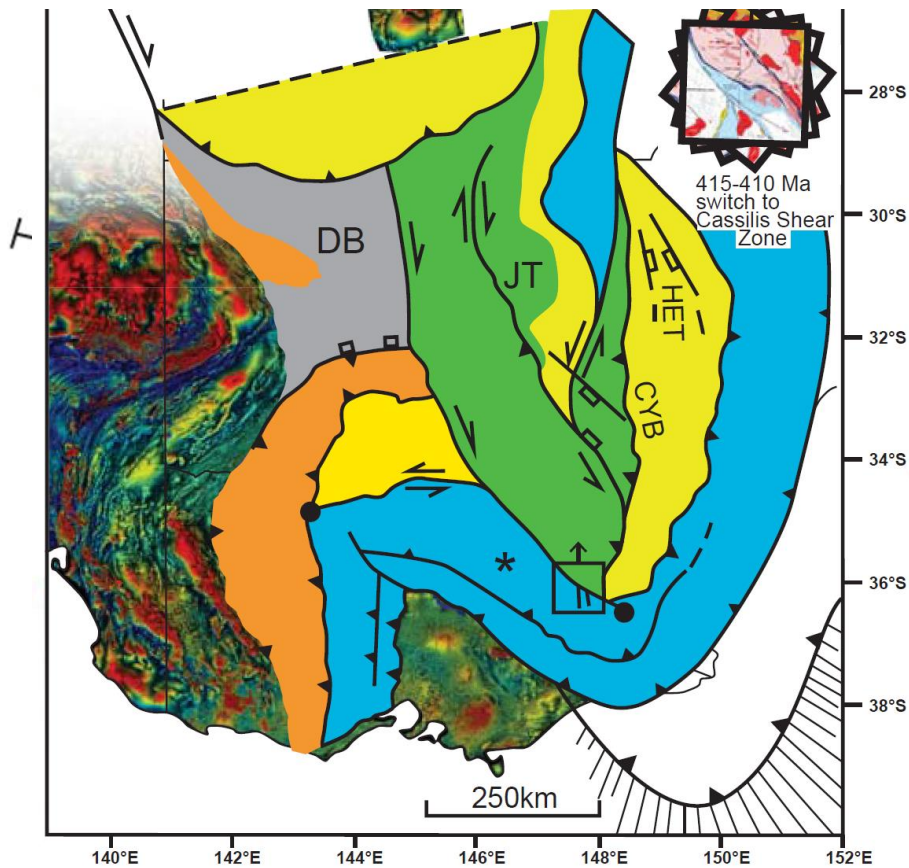
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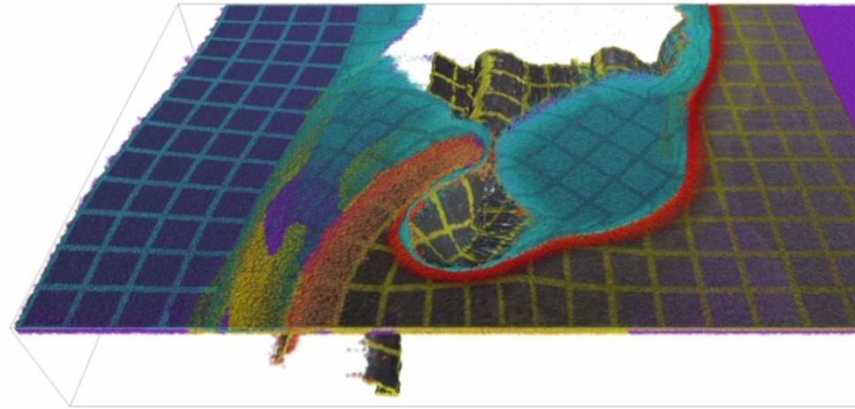
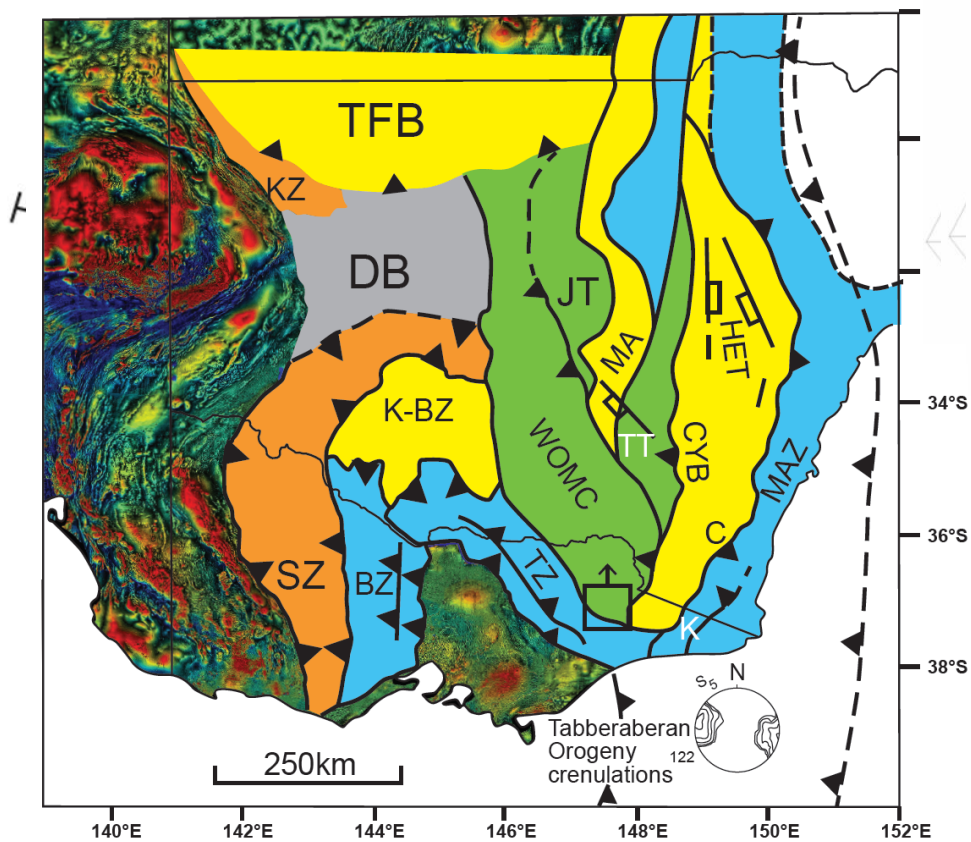
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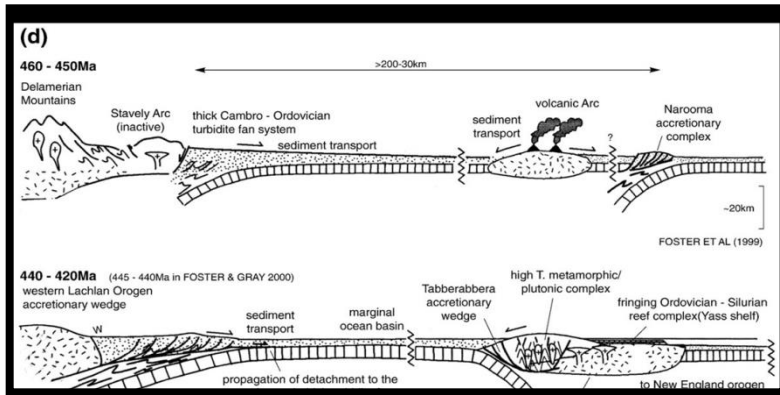
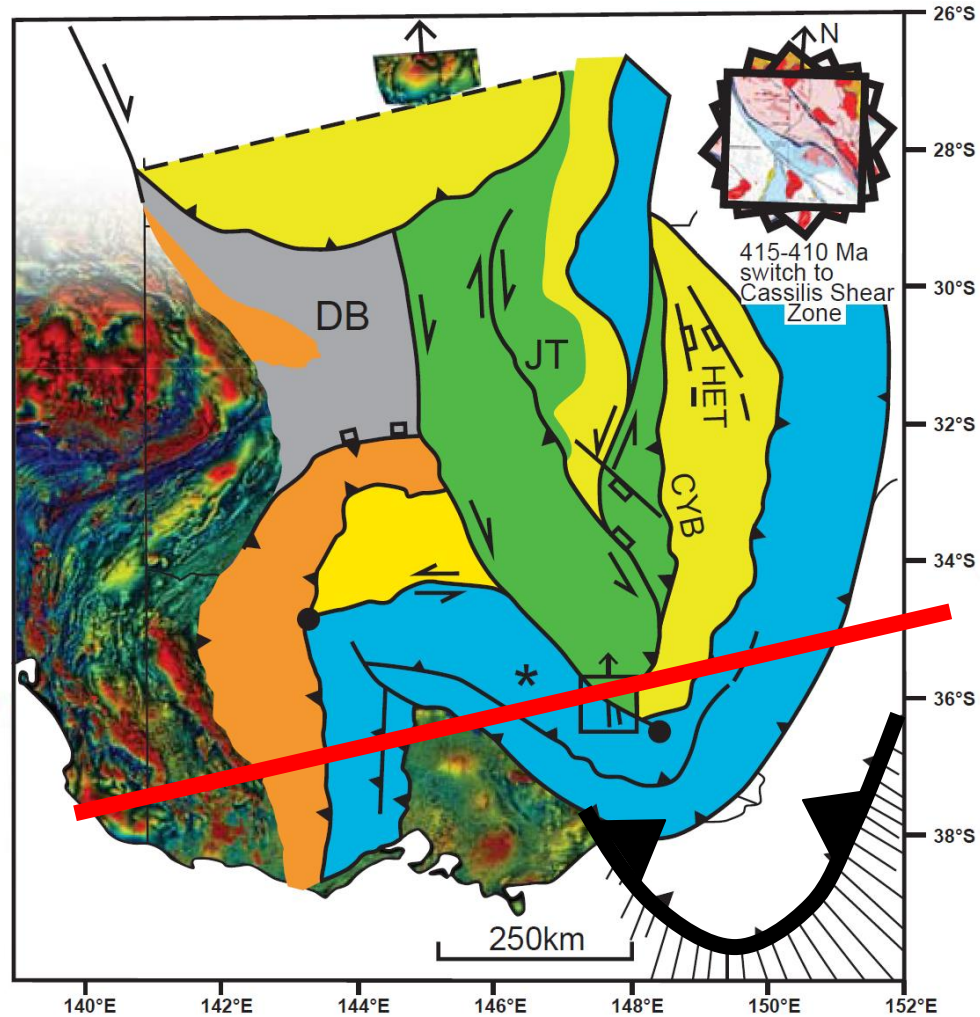
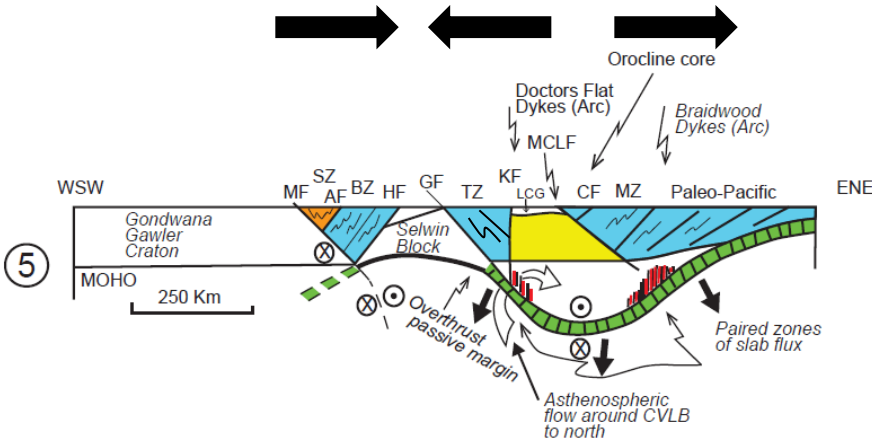
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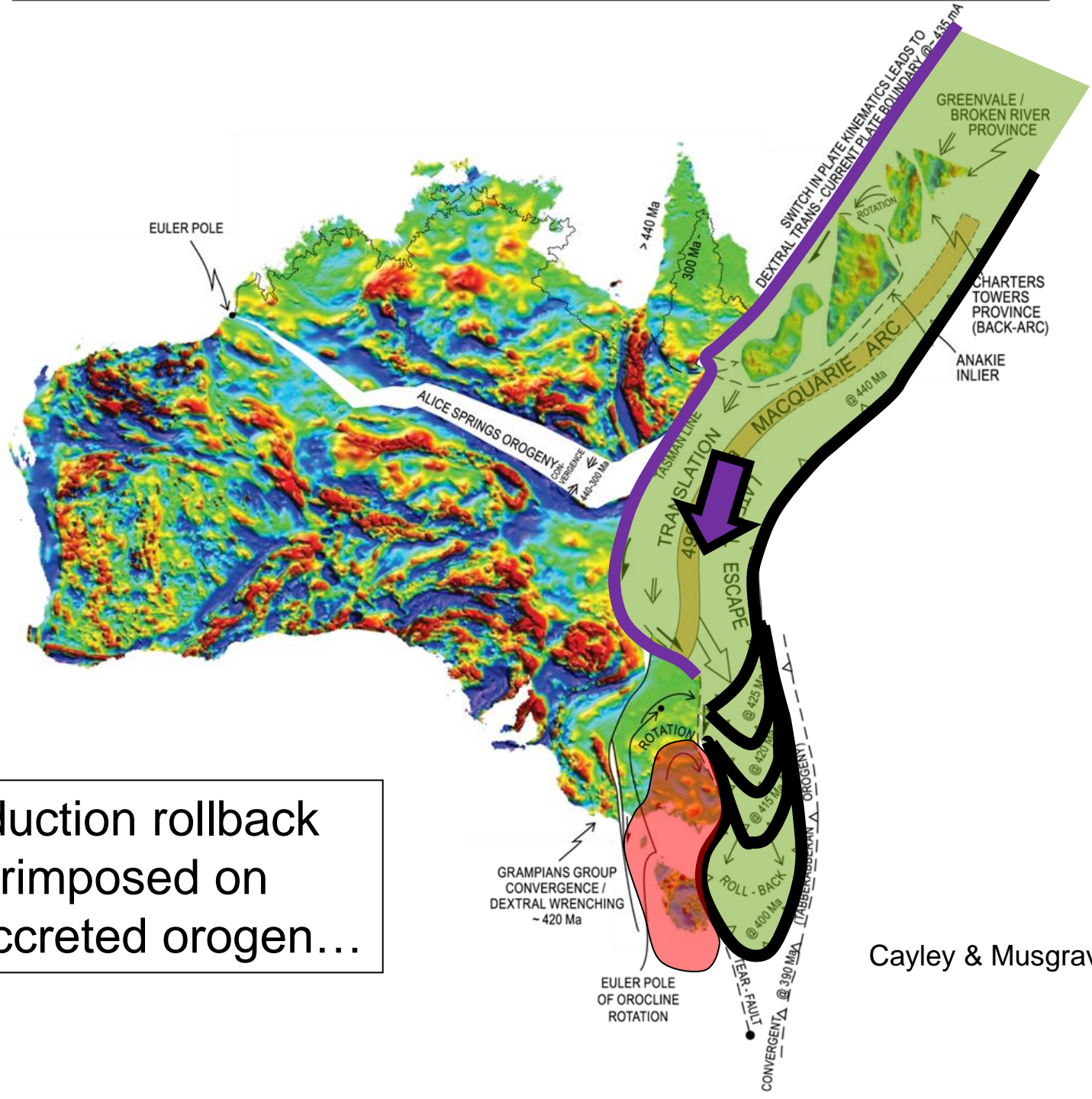


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an alternative explanation of apparent vergence reversals in Ordovician LFB:

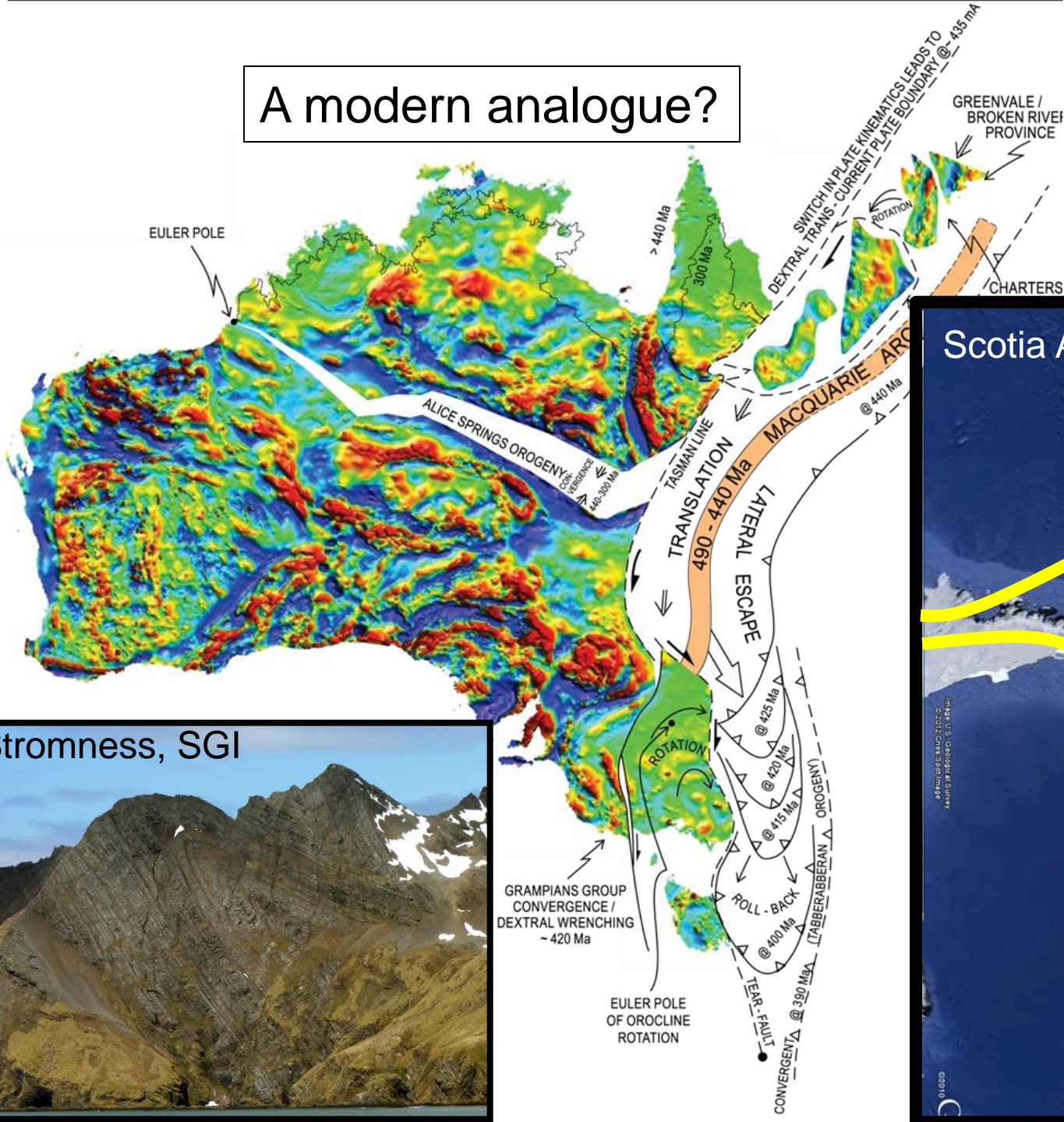




Subduction rollback superimposed on an accreted orogen...

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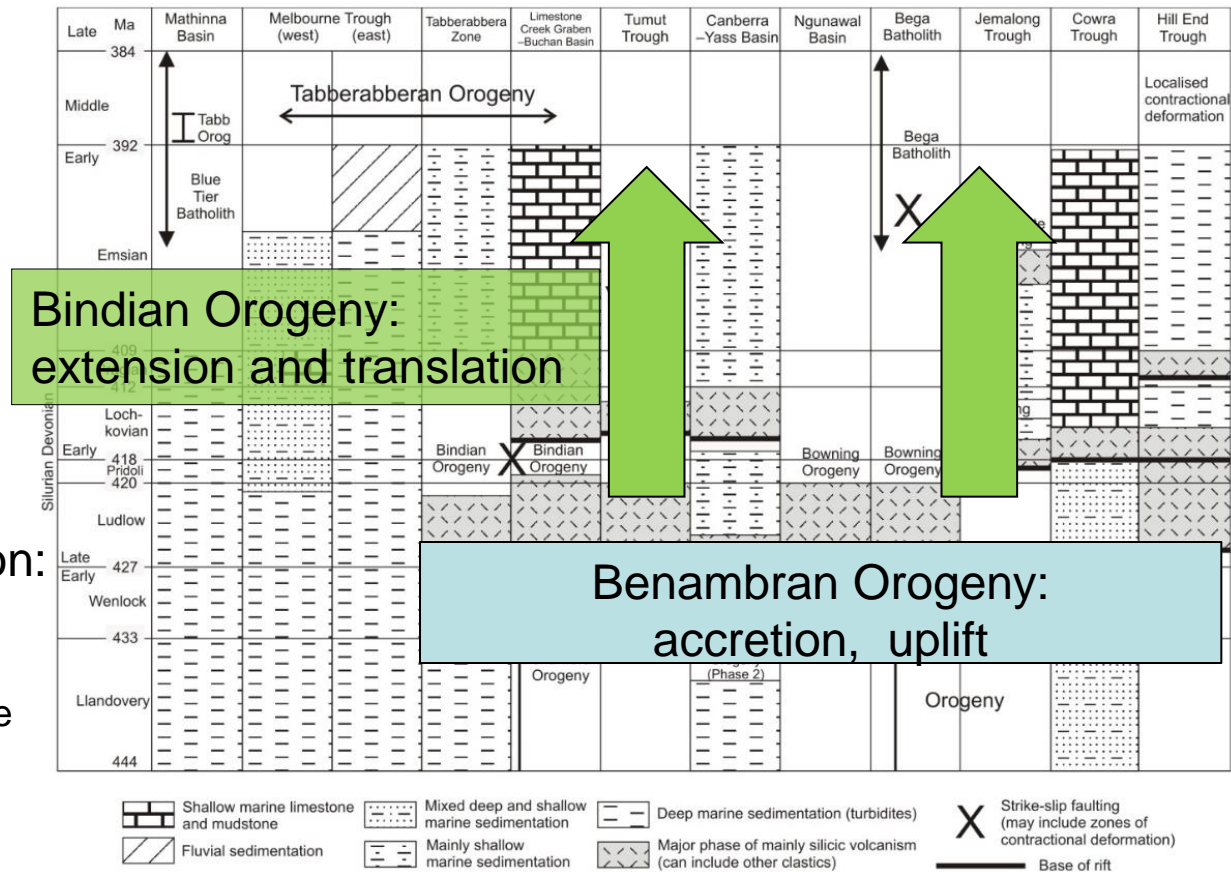
A modern analogue?



Stromness, SGI



Models that link extension to sedimentation in the LFB:



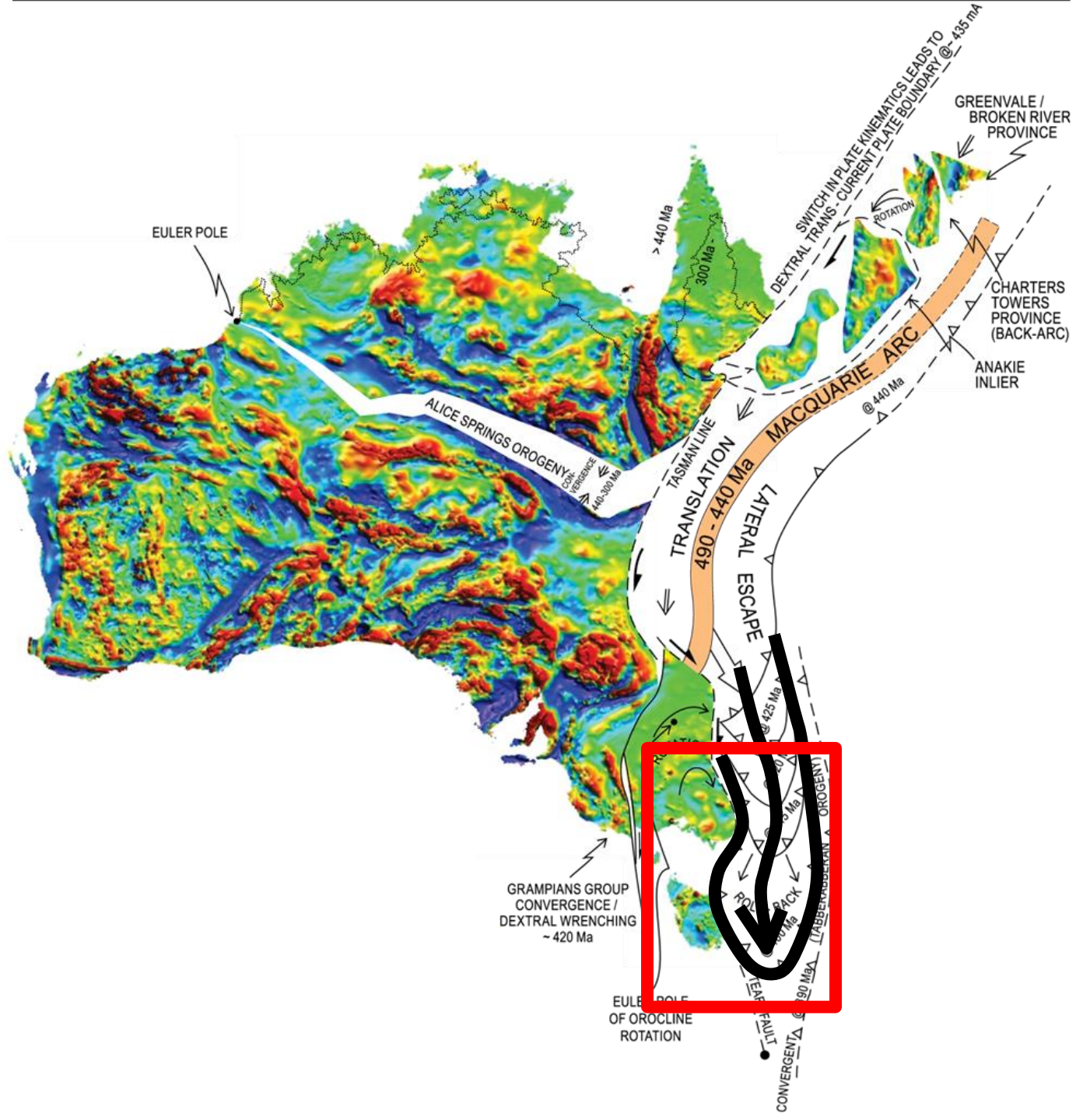
Fergusson, 2010: AJES:

Lachlan Fold Belt sedimentation:

Late Silurian-Middle Devonian plate-driven extension and convergence

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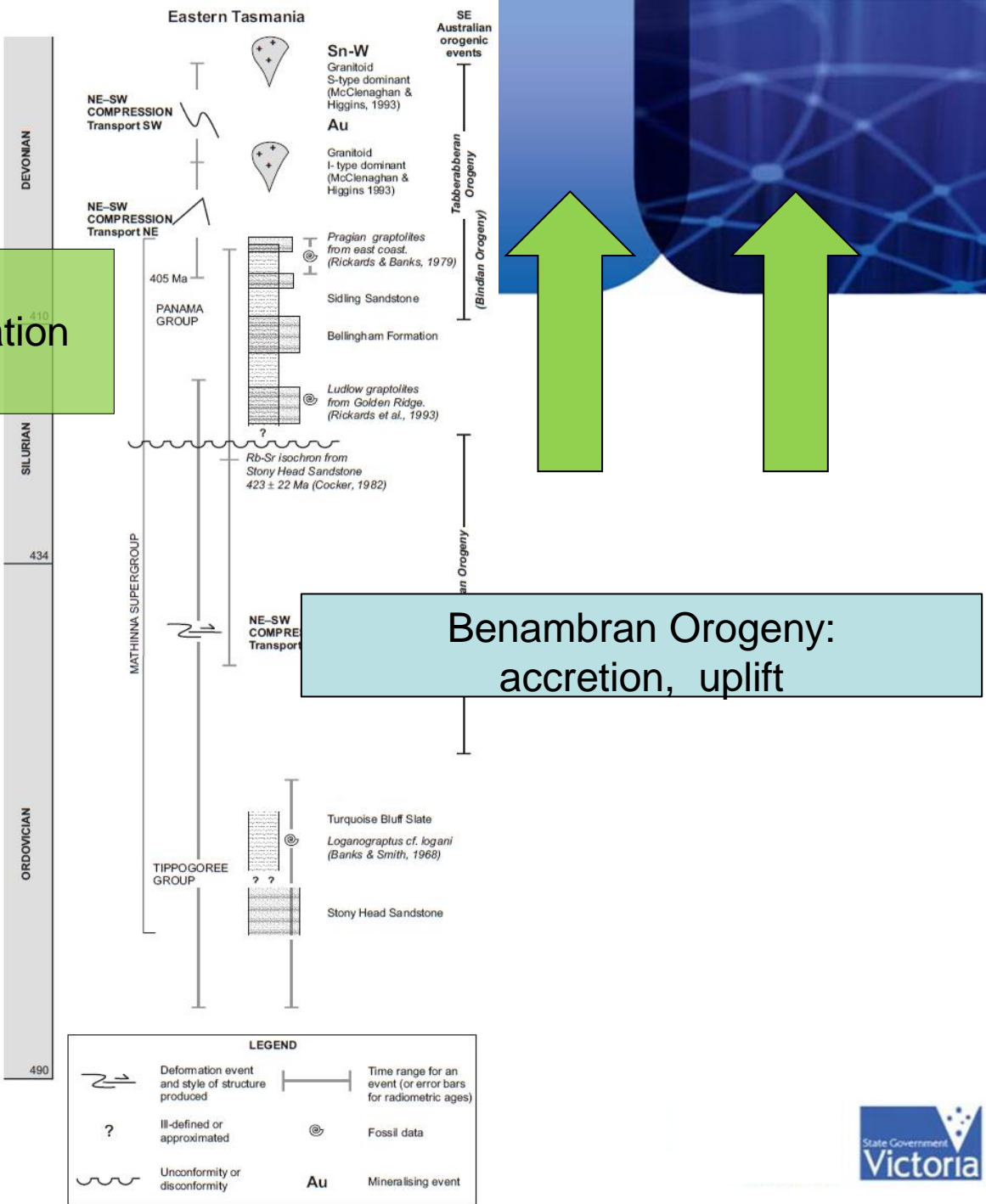


Bindian Orogeny:
extension, sedimentation
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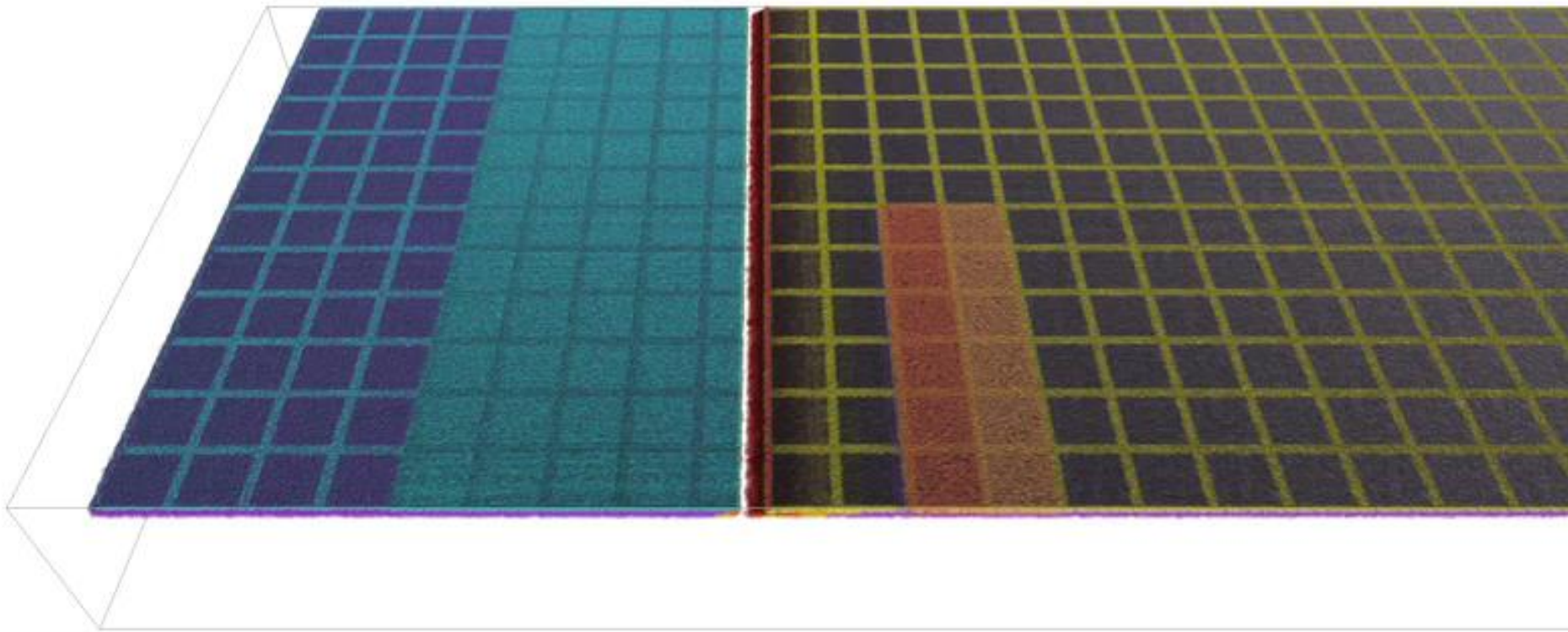
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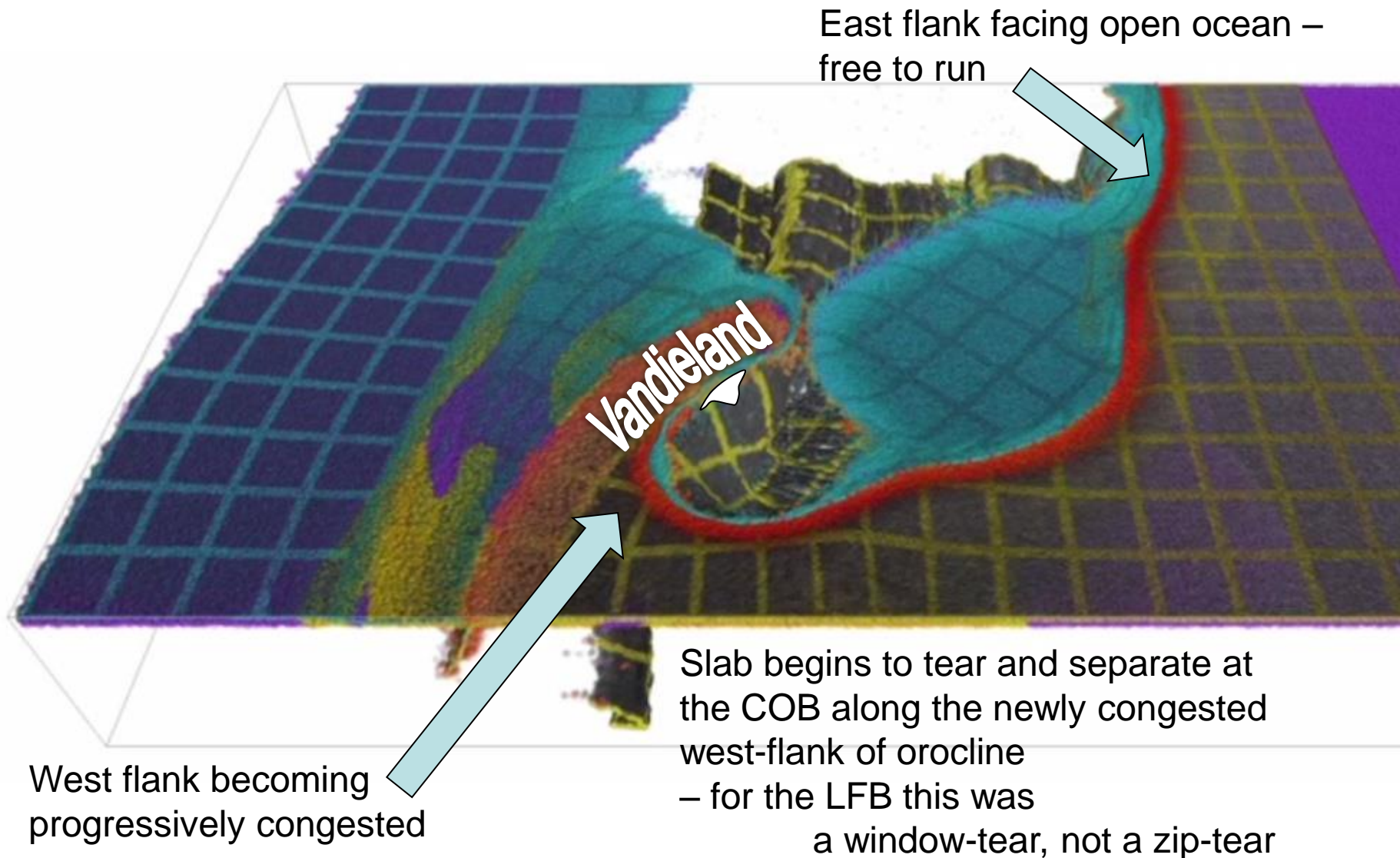
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Revised NE Tasmania
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gslab





East flank facing open ocean – free to run

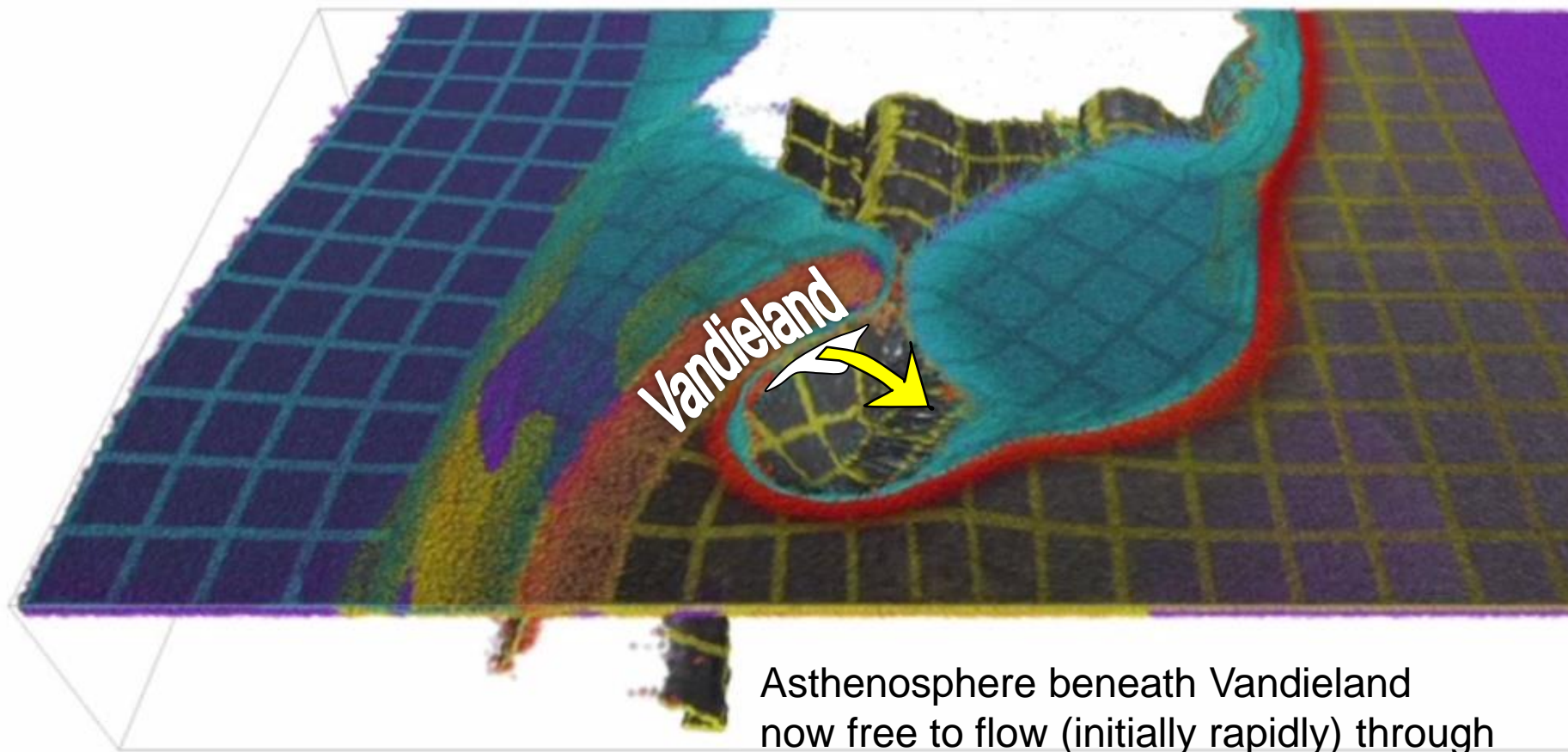
Vandieland

West flank becoming progressively congested

Slab begins to tear and separate at the COB along the newly congested west-flank of orocline – for the LFB this was a window-tear, not a zip-tear

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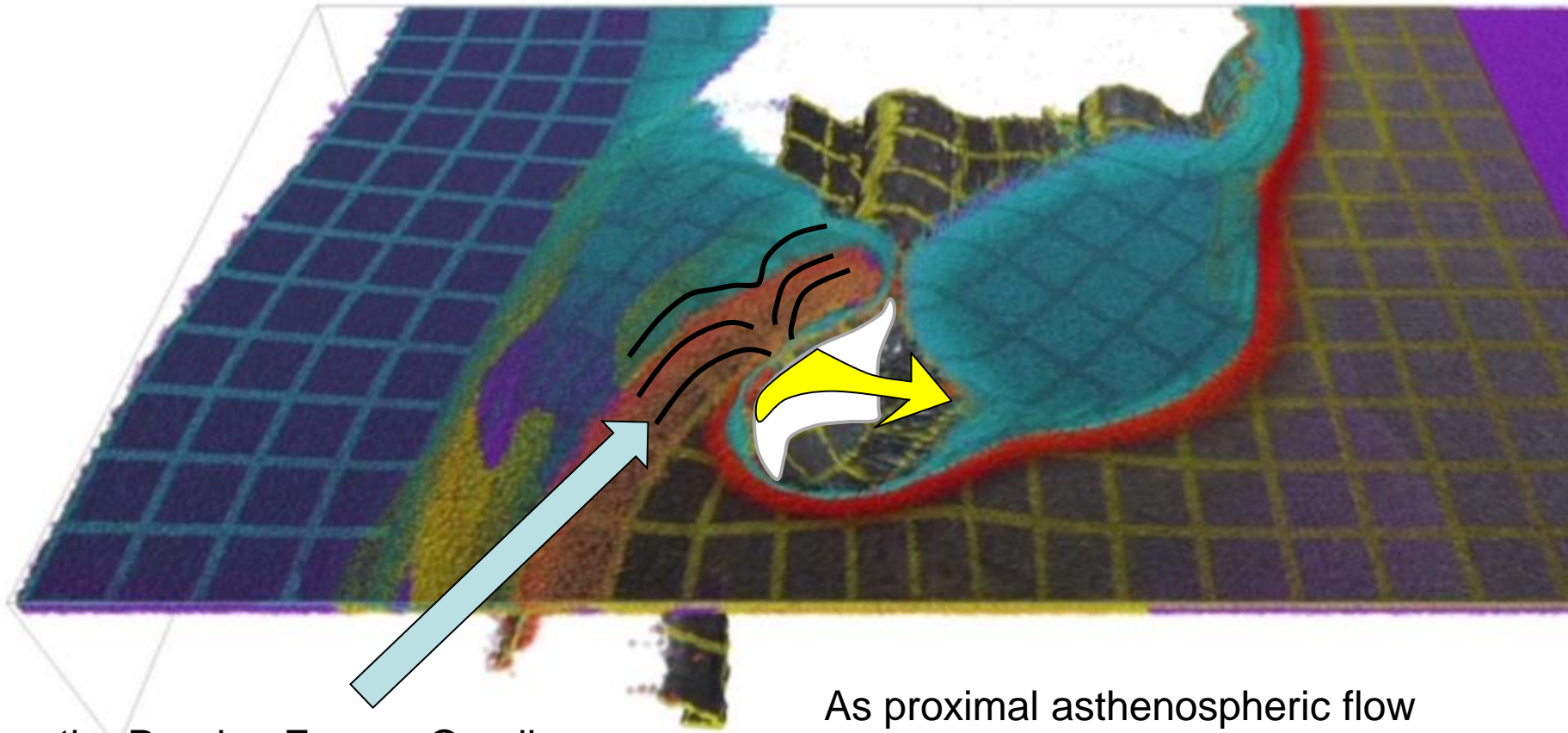
...marks beginning of final transfer of Vandieland onto the upper plate (of the remaining active east flank of the subduction zone)



Asthenosphere beneath Vandieland now free to flow (initially rapidly) through slab window, and directly into the site of ongoing slab-foudnering

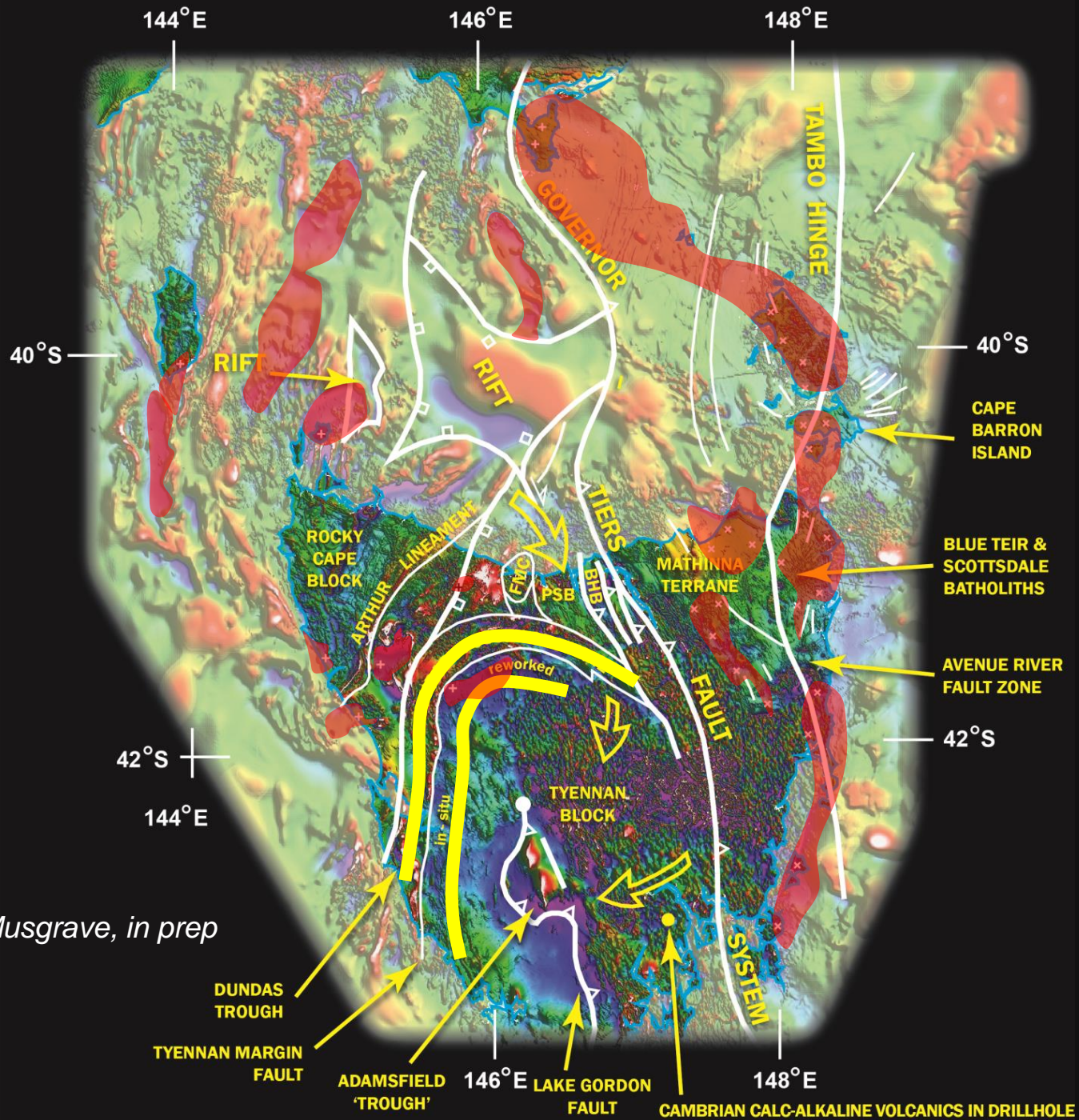
(for the first time since it's initial accretion.... 40 million years earlier)

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...the Dundas-Fossey Orocline

As proximal asthenospheric flow gathers momentum, the resulting flow-gradient drives extension in the overlying lithosphere – it's thinned (Bass Strait), and rafted along for the ride (orocline)...



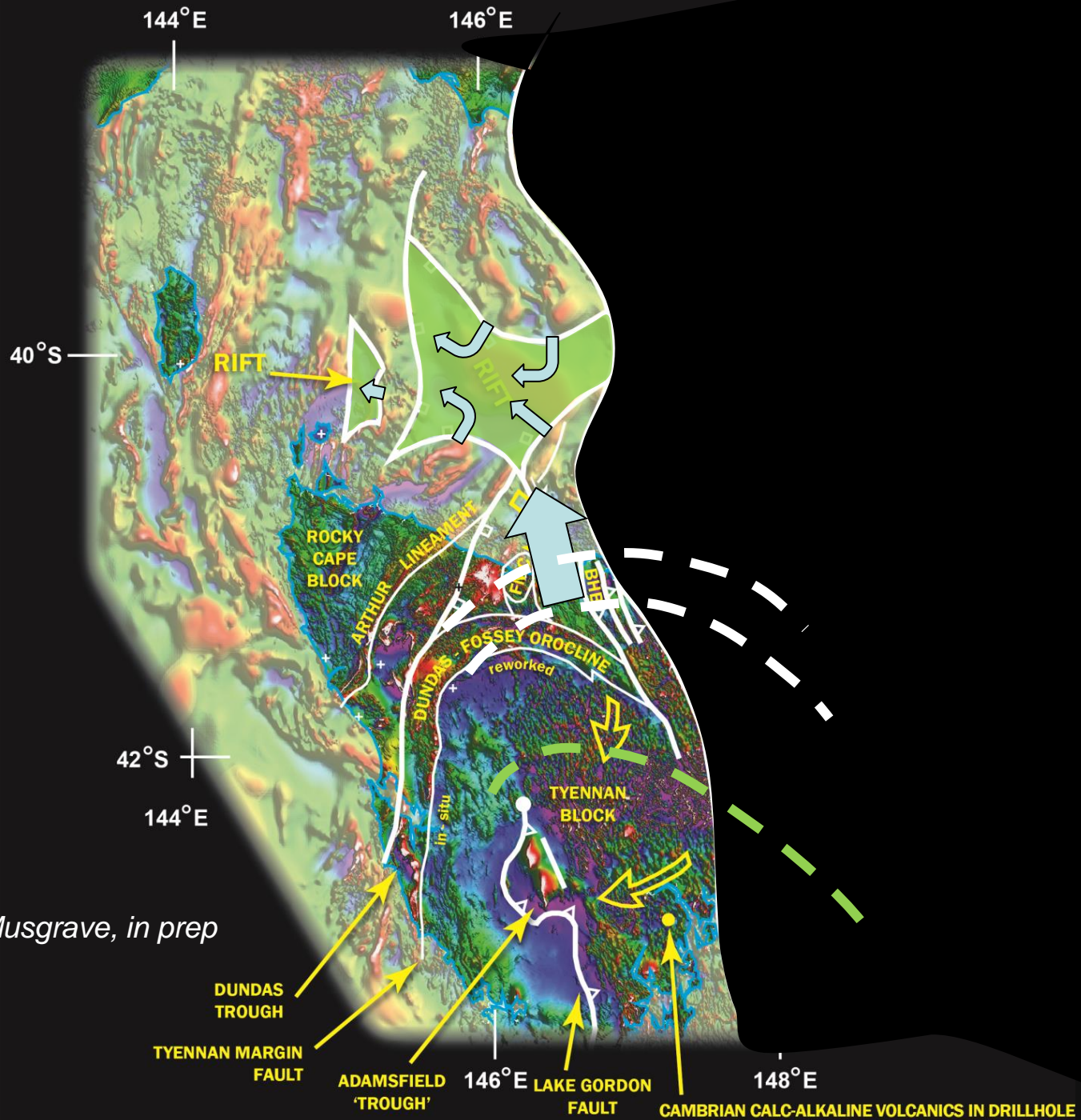
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DUNDAS TROUGH
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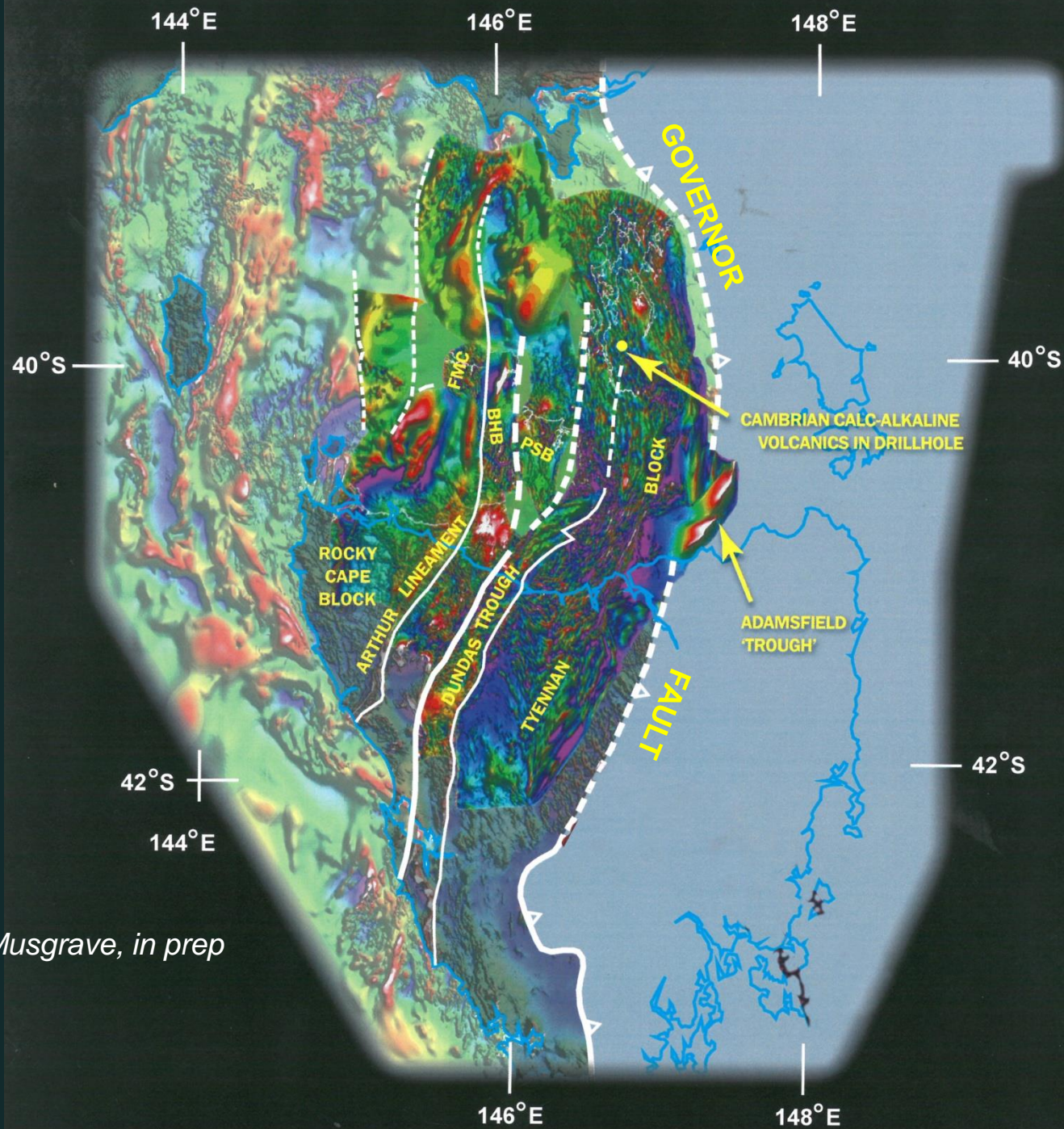
ADAMSFIELD 'TROUGH'

146°E LAKE GORDON FAULT

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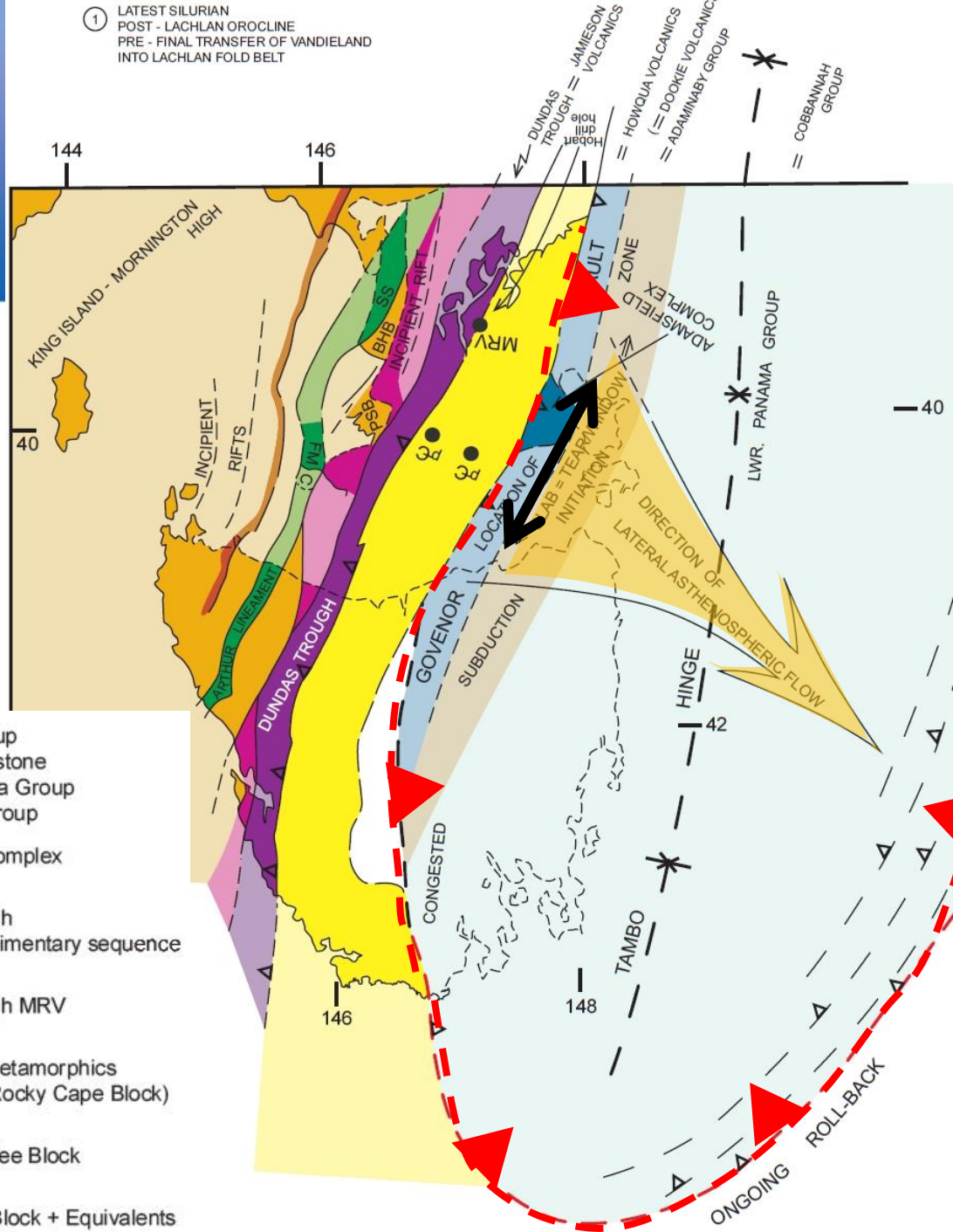


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① LATEST SILURIAN
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 PRE - FINAL TRANSFER OF VANDIELAND
 INTO LACHLAN FOLD BELT

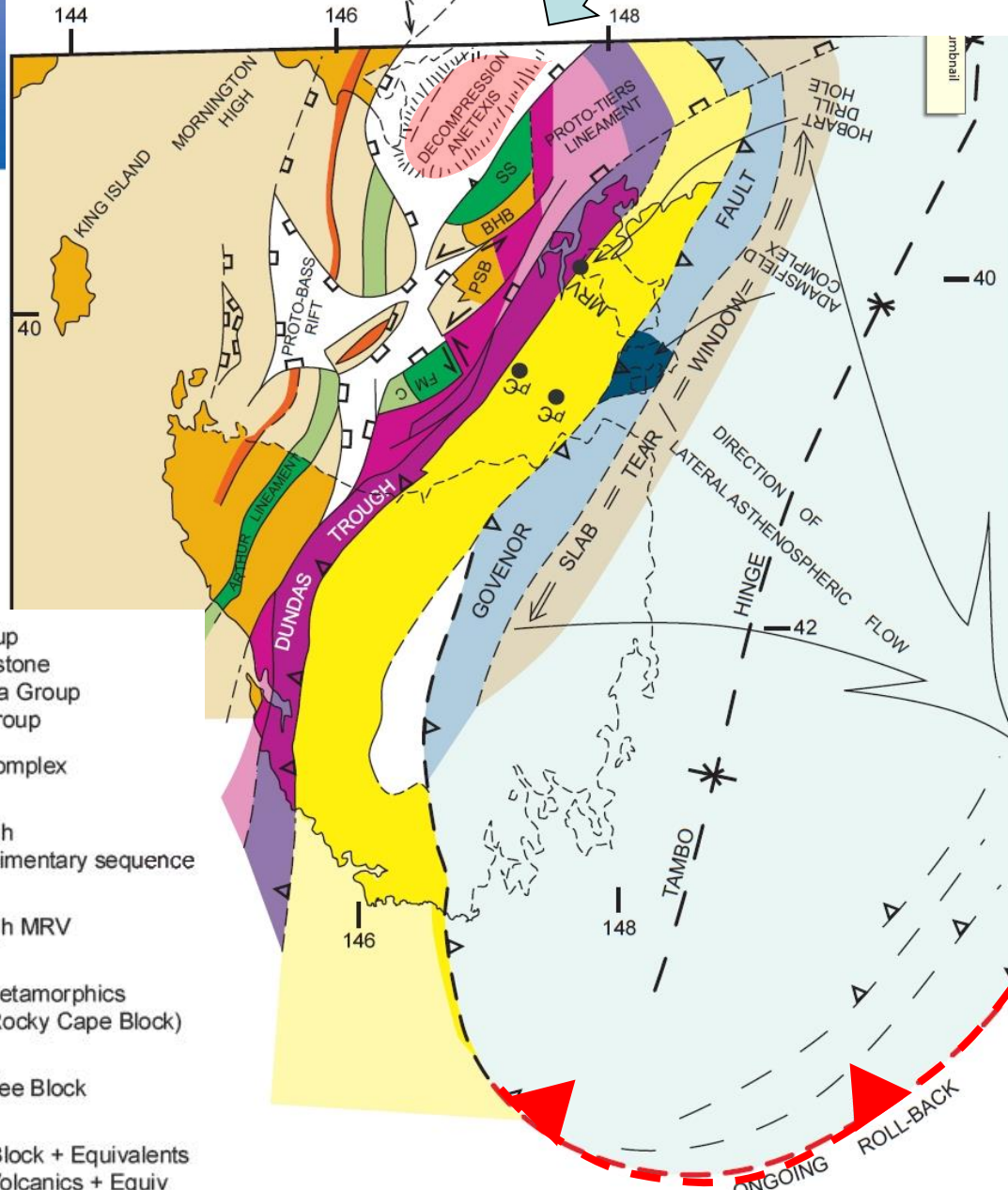


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 Early Devonian.
 Governor Fault arm of Tambo
 Hinge Subduction Zone develops
 tear. Onset of lateral asthenospheric
 flow and rifting.

Wilson's Promontory

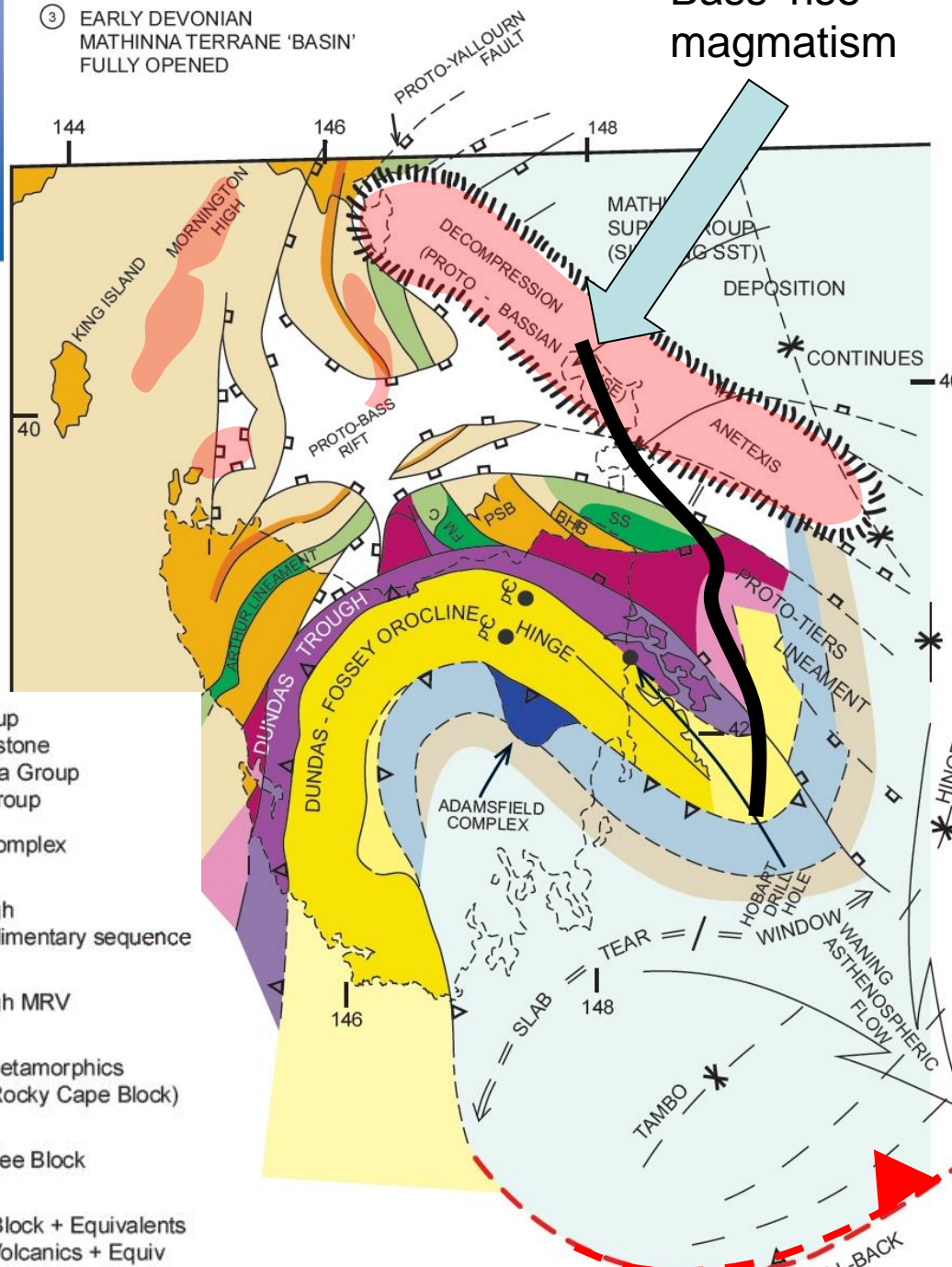









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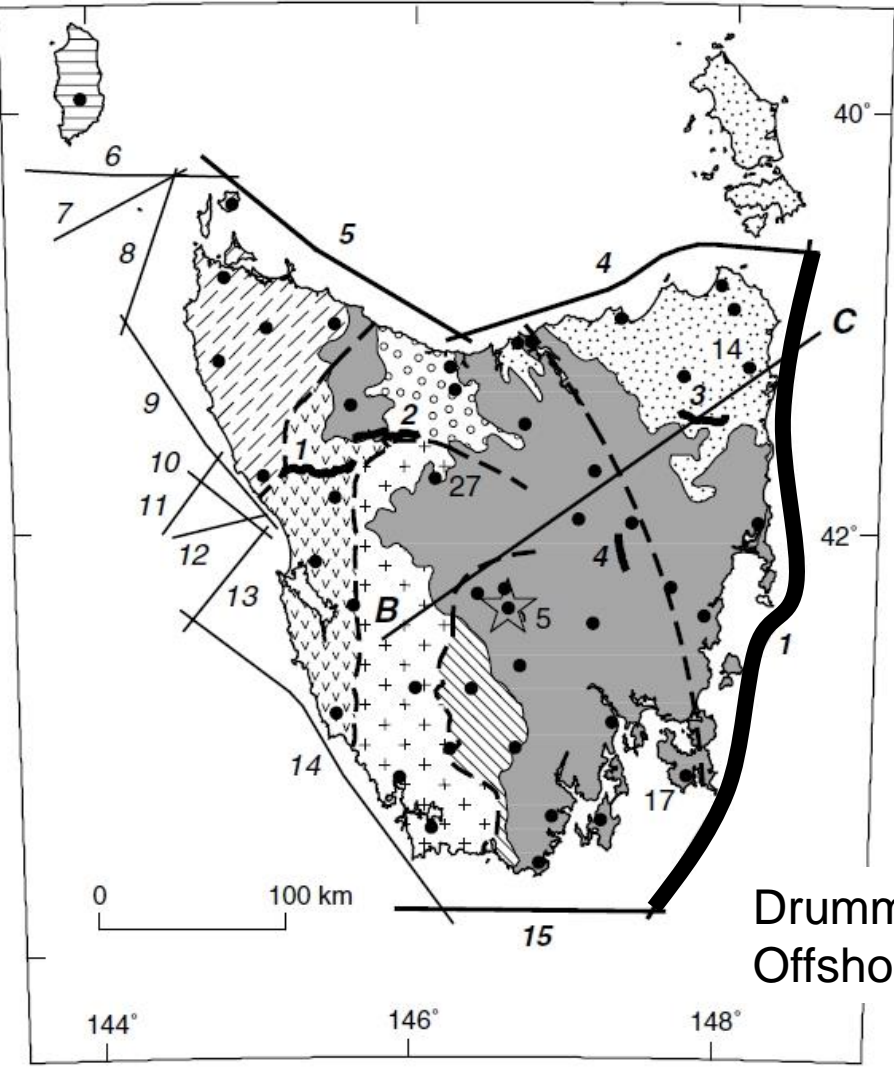
Bass 'rise' magmatism

③ EARLY DEVONIAN
MATHINNA TERRANE 'BASIN'
FULLY OPENED

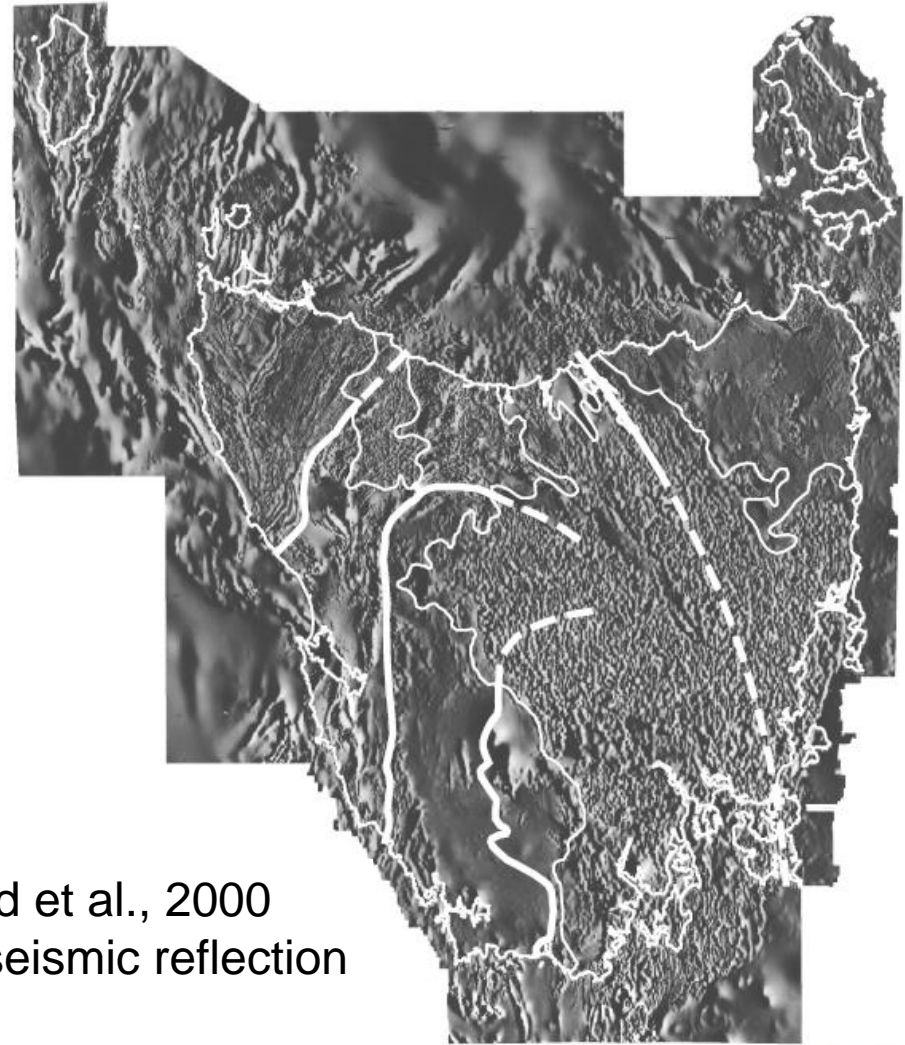


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Drummond et al., 2000
Offshore seismic reflection



- | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---|
| King Island | Dundas Element | Tyennan Element | Northeast Tasmania Element |
| Rocky Cape Element | Sheffield Element | Adamsfield - Jubilee Element | Tasmania Basin and younger cover sequence |
| Element boundary | Onshore Seismic line | Offshore Seismic line | Station number |

Drummond et al, 2000: interpreted highly extended Precambrian continental margin beneath Mathinna Terrane

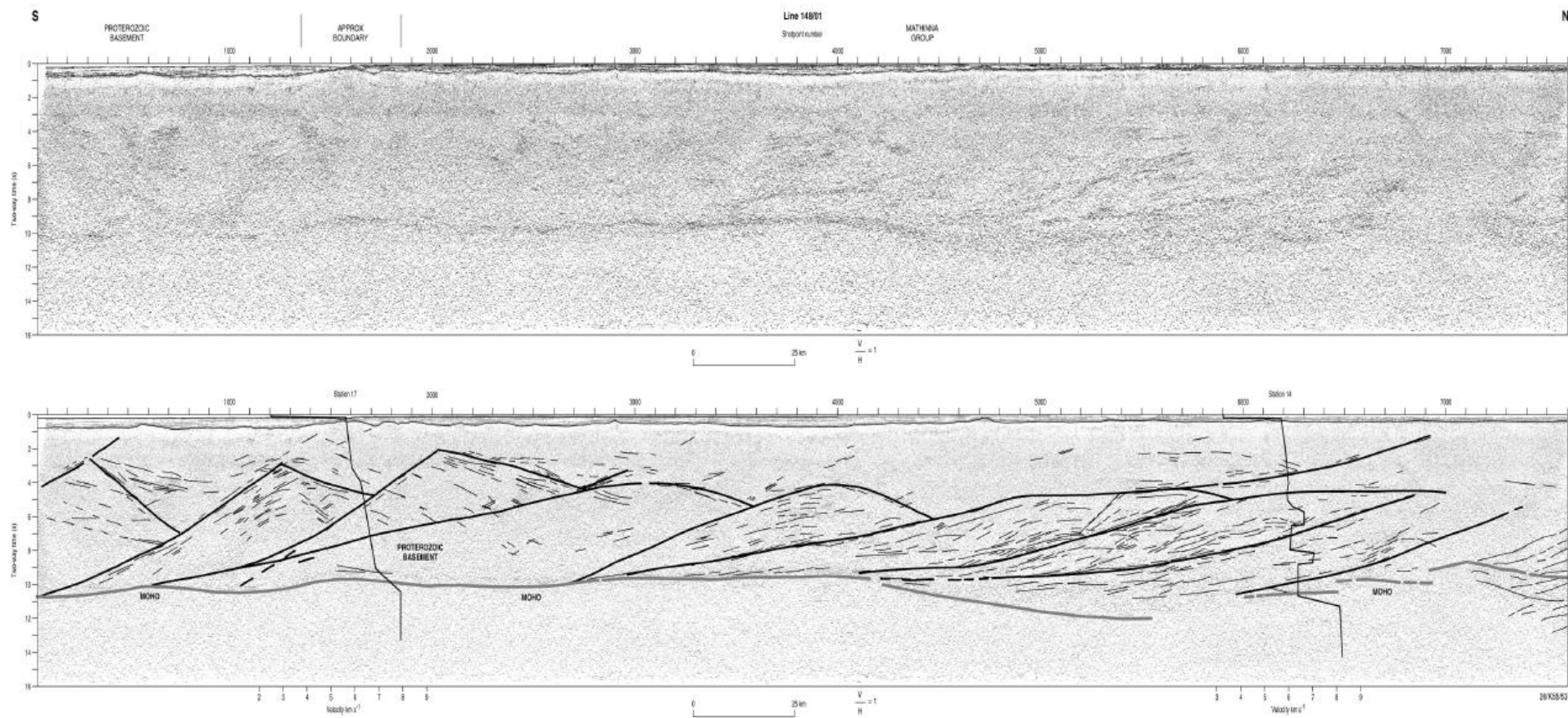
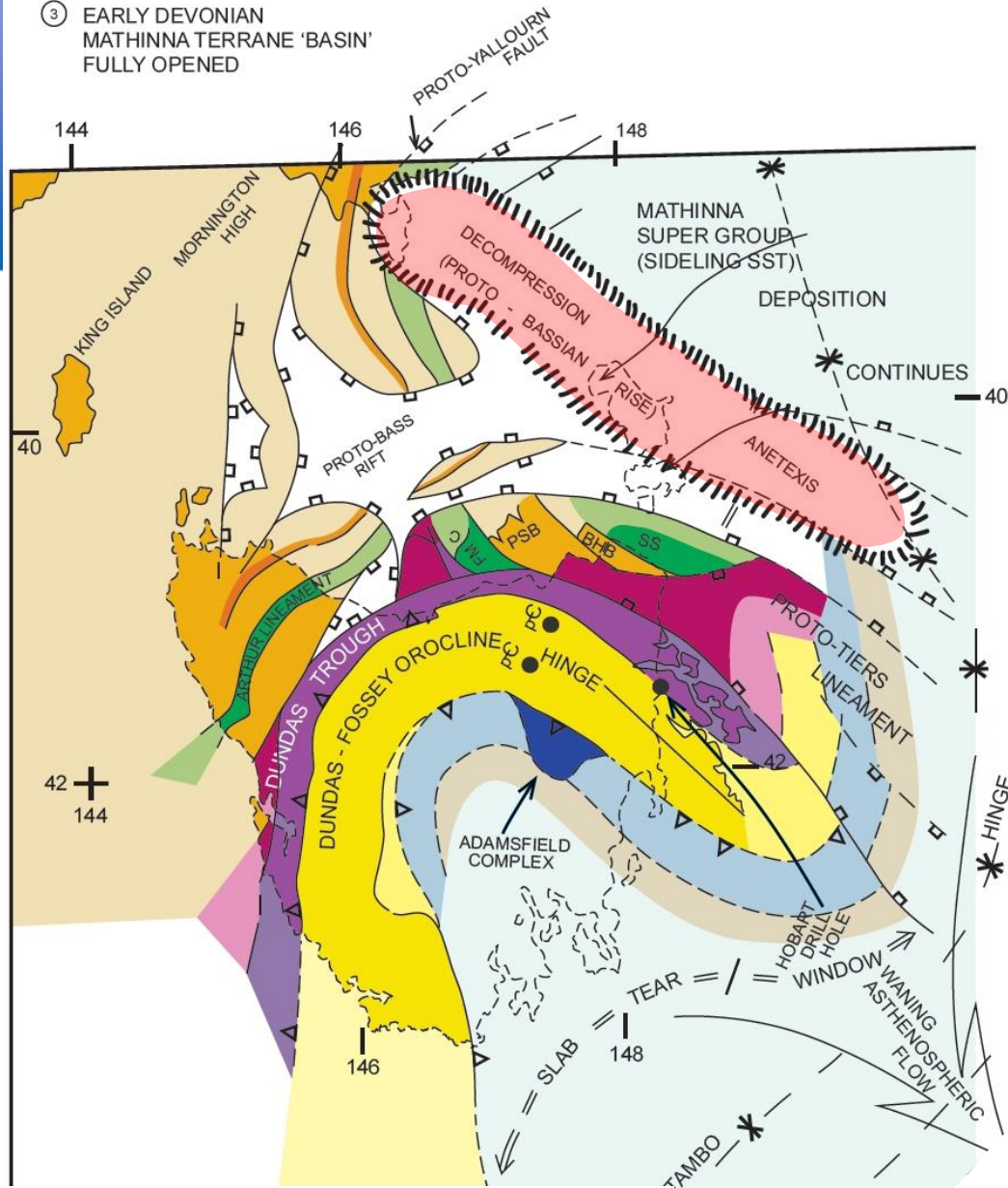


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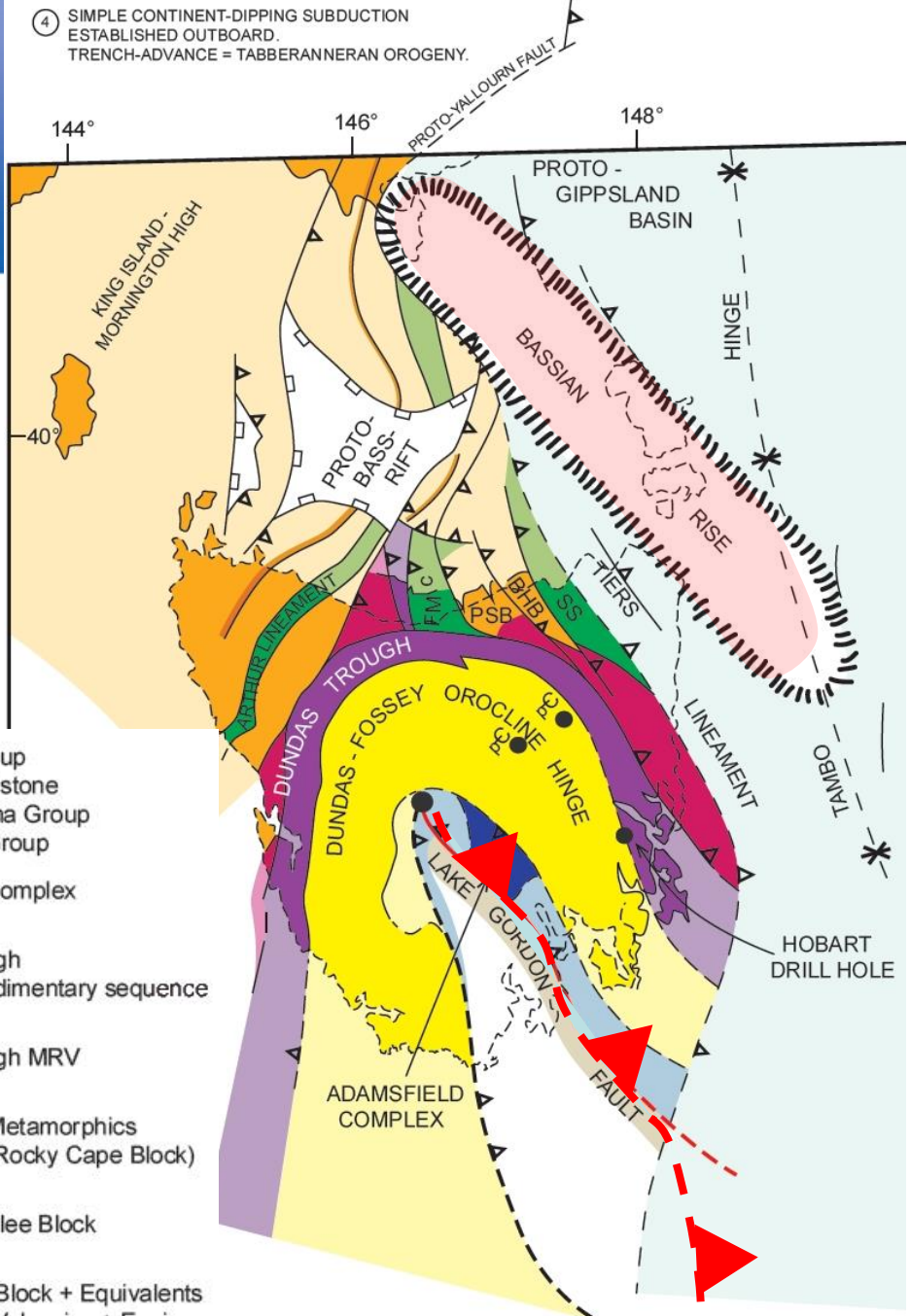
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390 Ma

Single continent-dipping subduction zone re-established outboard.....








④ SIMPLE CONTINENT-DIPPING SUBDUCTION ESTABLISHED OUTBOARD.
TRENCH-ADVANCE = TABBERANNERAN OROGENY.

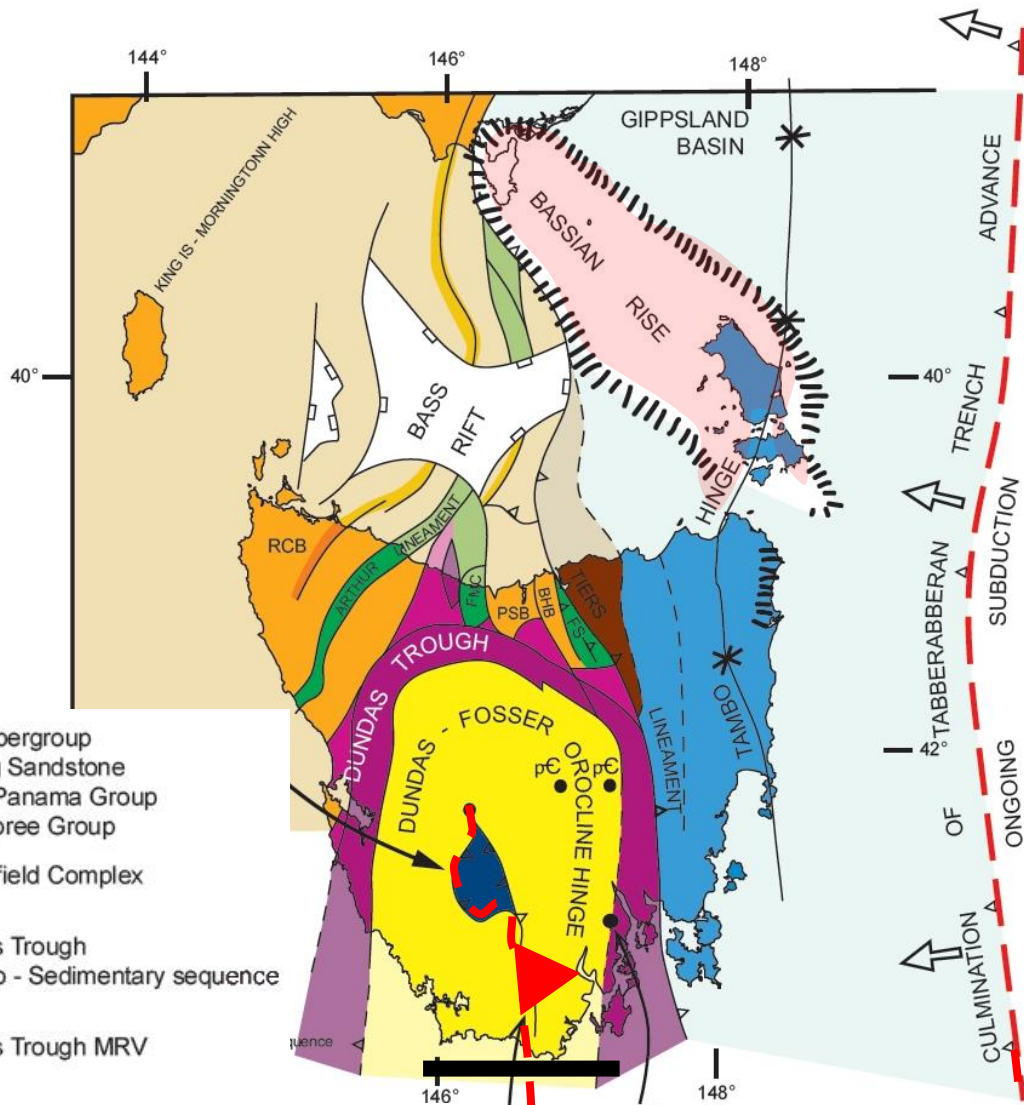


advance

Onset of
Tabberabberan
Orogeny
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Trench

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Culmination of Tabberabberan Orogeny ~375 Ma

Mathinna Supergroup

Dev: Sideling Sandstone
 Sil: Lower Panama Group
 Ord: Tippogoree Group

Adamsfield Complex

Dundas Trough
 Volcano - Sedimentary sequence

Dundas Trough MRV

High Grade Metamorphics
 (500 +MA in Rocky Cape Block)

Tyennan/Jubilee Block

Rocky Cape Block + Equivalents
 + Spinks Ck Volcanics + Equiv

Lake Gordon Fault

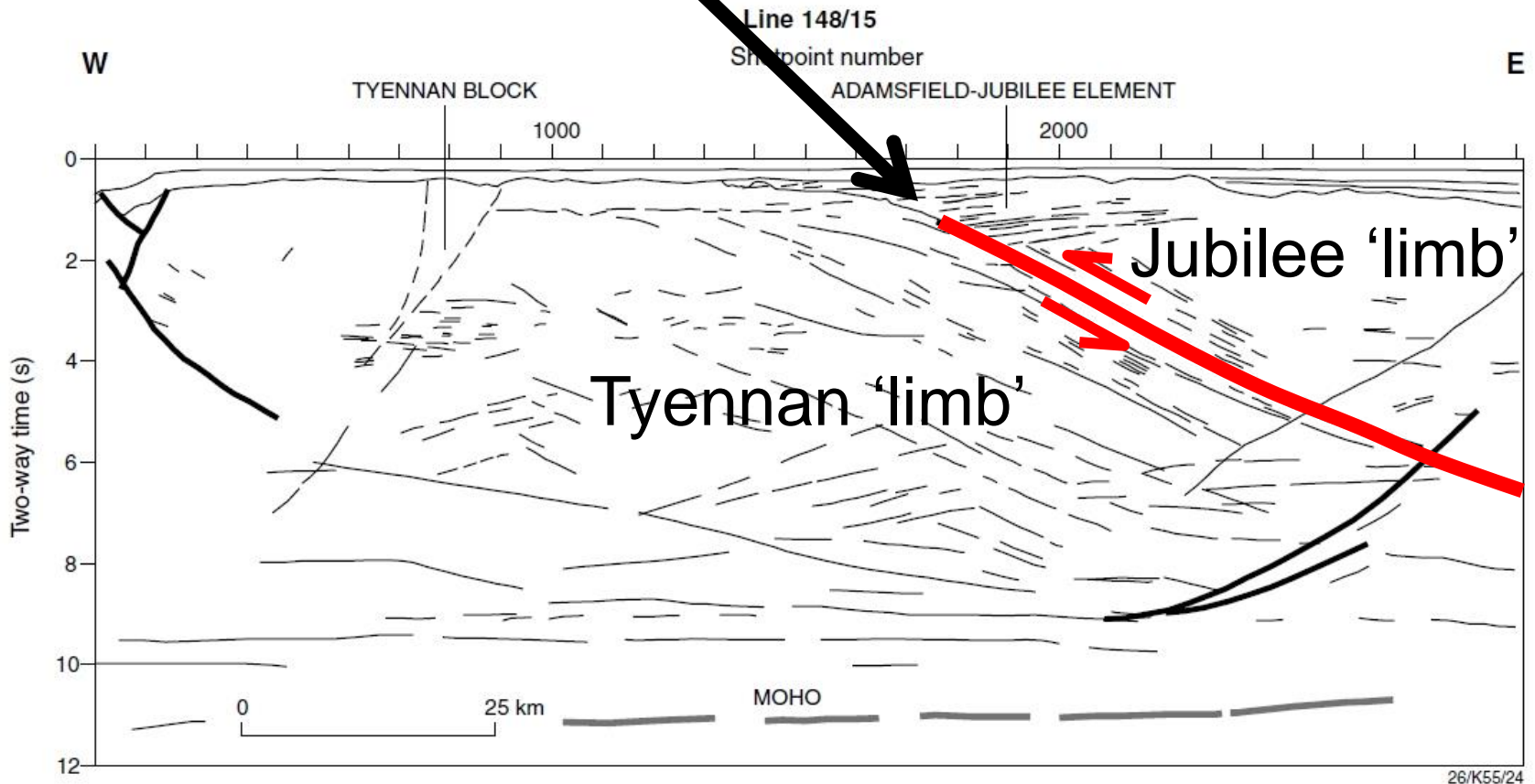
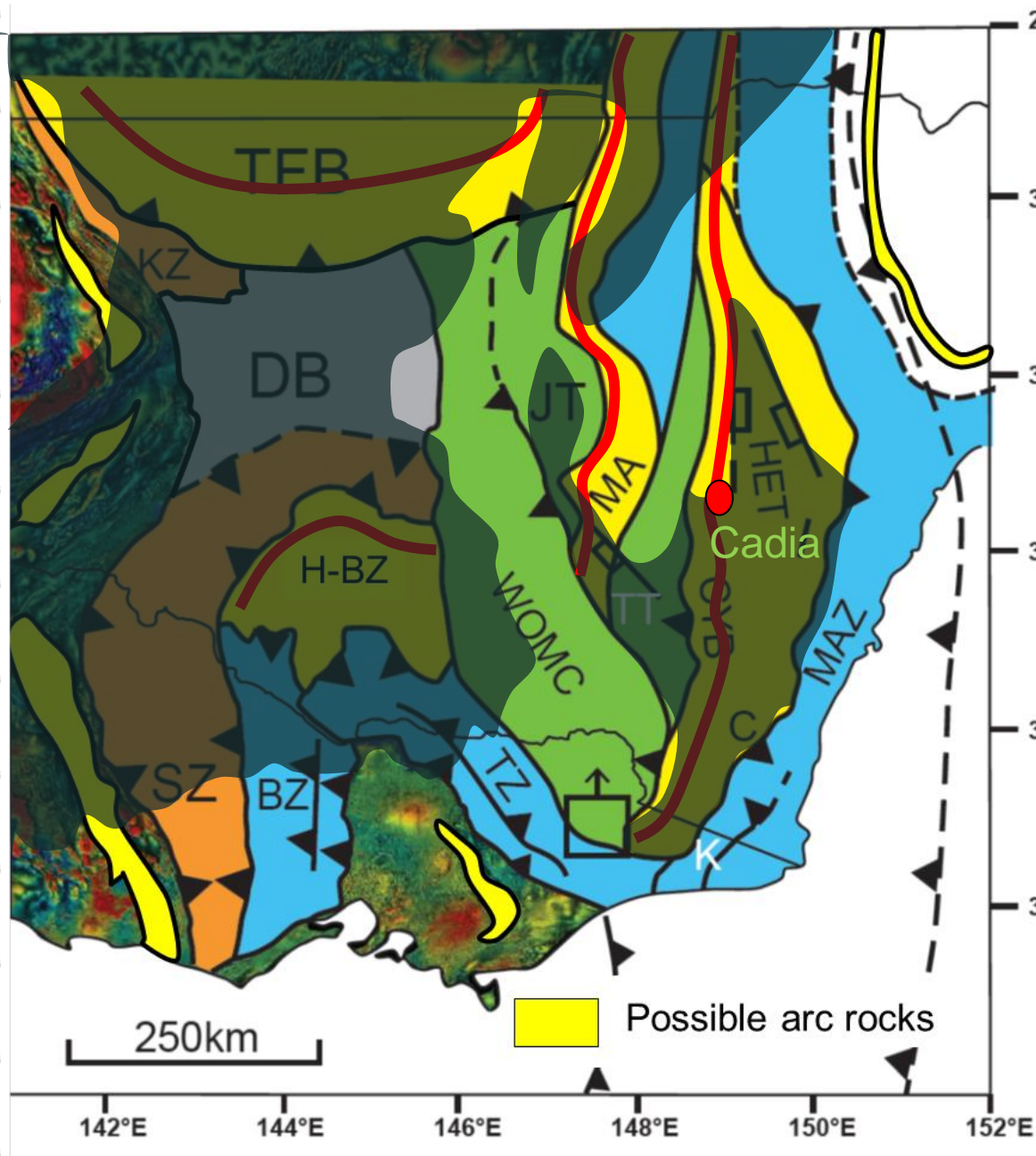
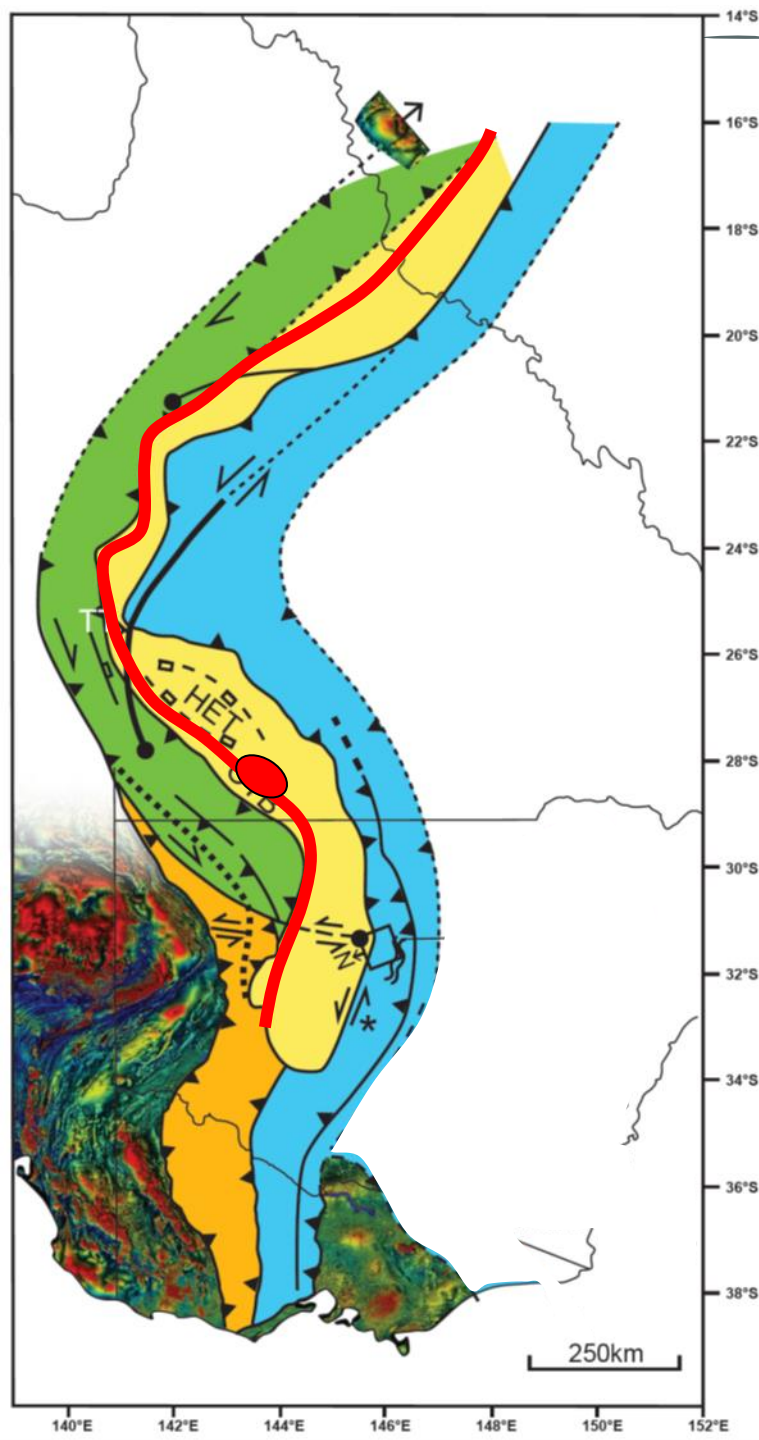


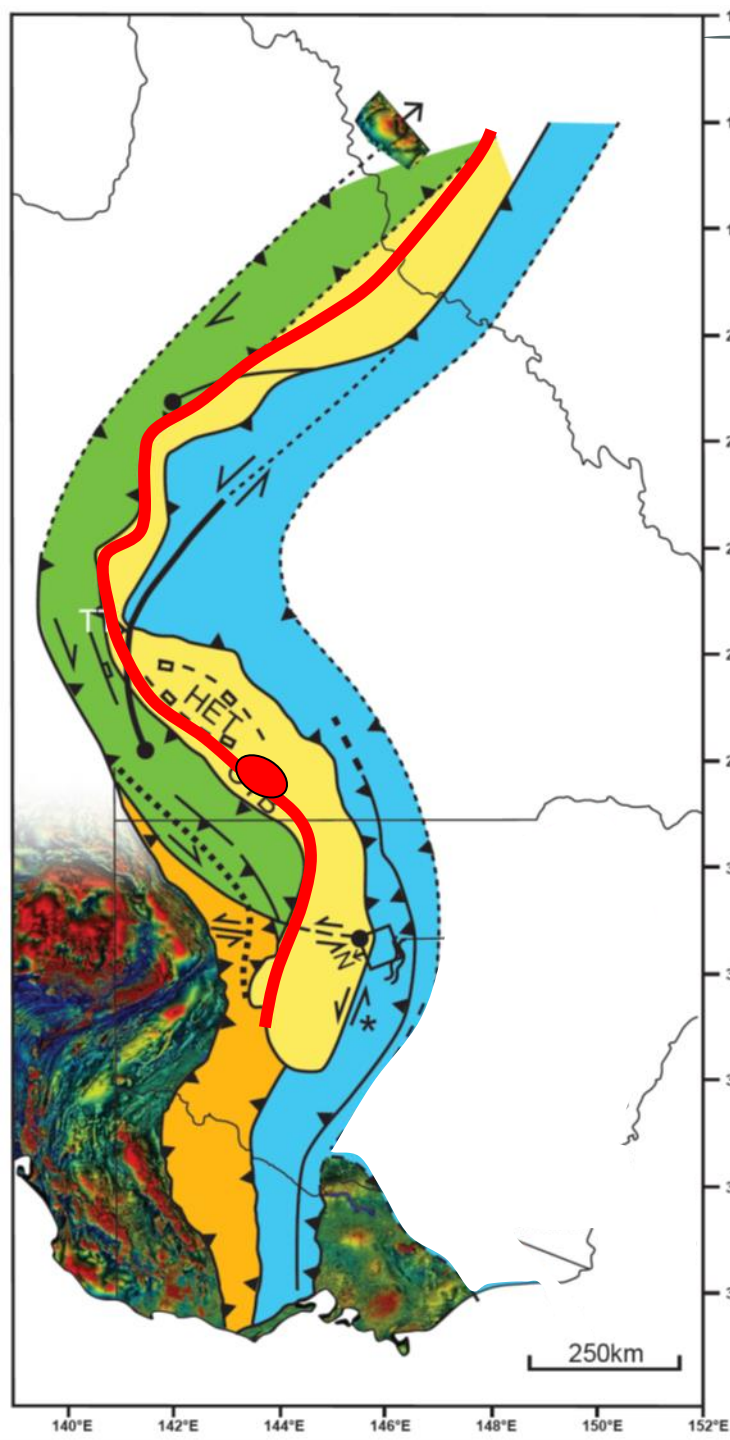
Fig. 8. Line diagram of offshore Line 15 along the southern coastline.

Talk Outline

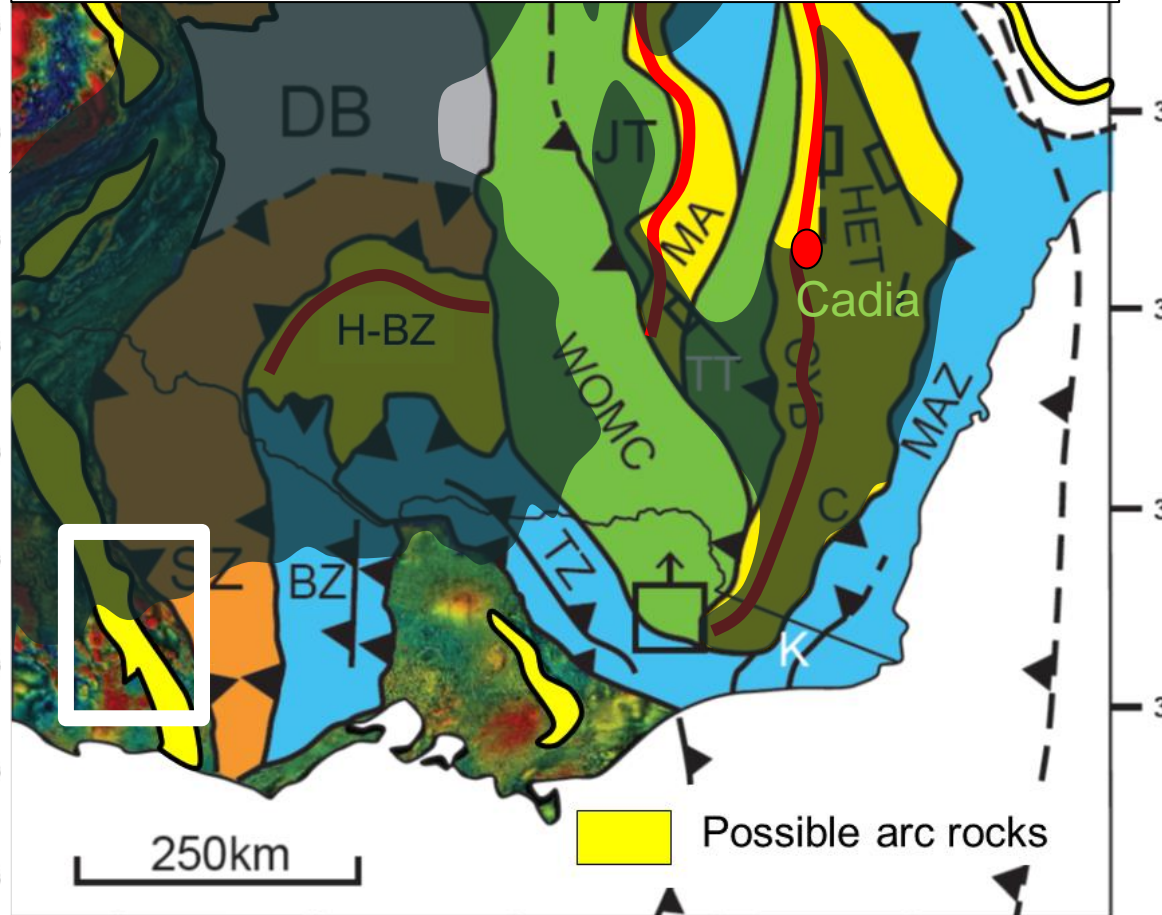
- The problems
- New data/concepts constrain viable solutions
- Retro-deformation, analogue and numerical modelling
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- The Lachlan Orocline through time – a new geodynamic model for Ordovician-Devonian Australia
- How congested subduction zones resolve – key to understanding Tasmanian evolution
- **What does it all mean for mineral prospectivity?**

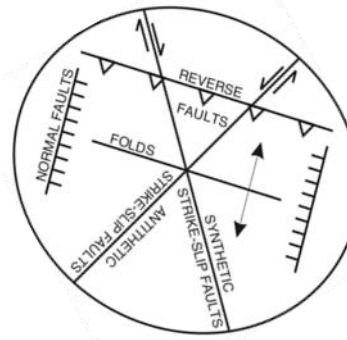
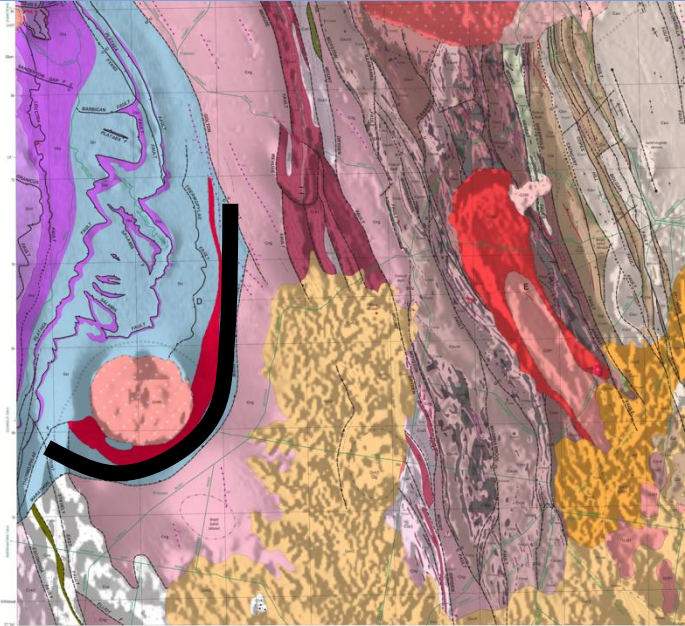


Cayley & Musgrave, in prep.

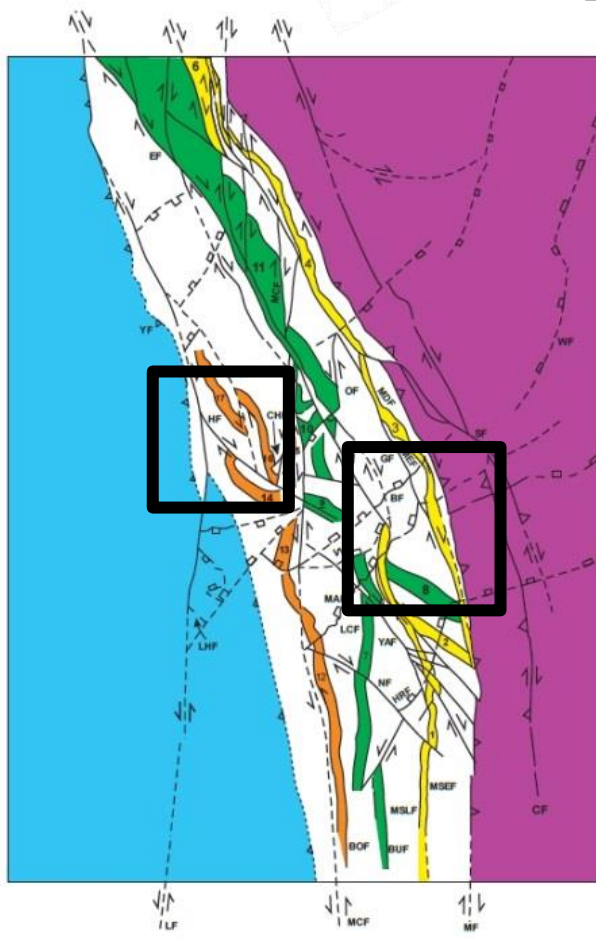
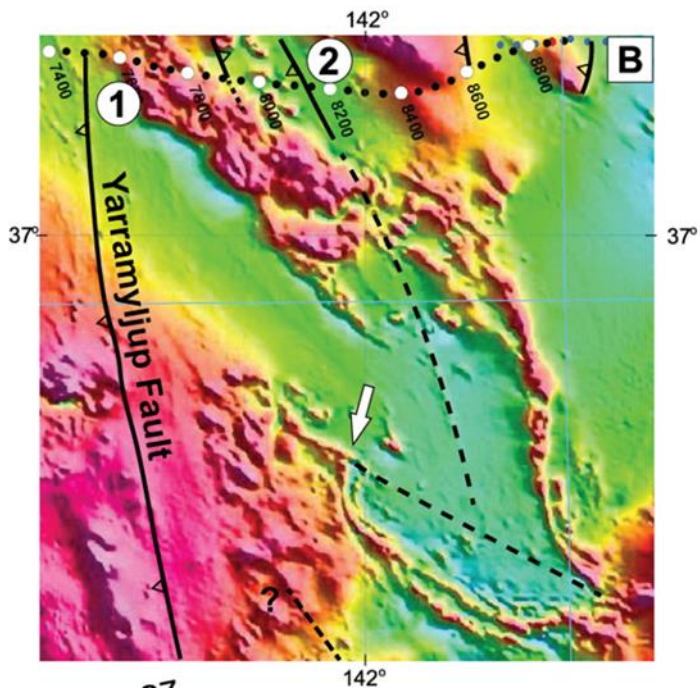


A scalable structural template that can be applied to other parts of the system known to have been deformed in the Silurian...Like fault slices of the Stavely Arc.

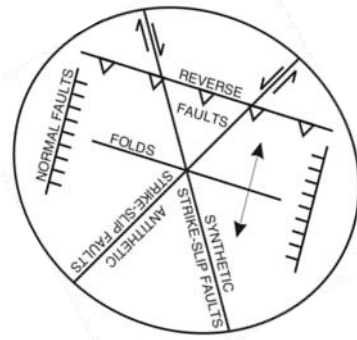
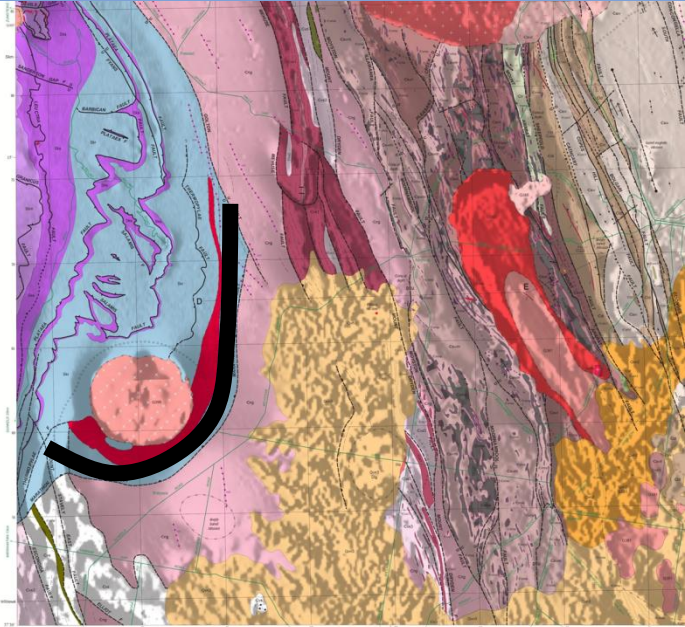




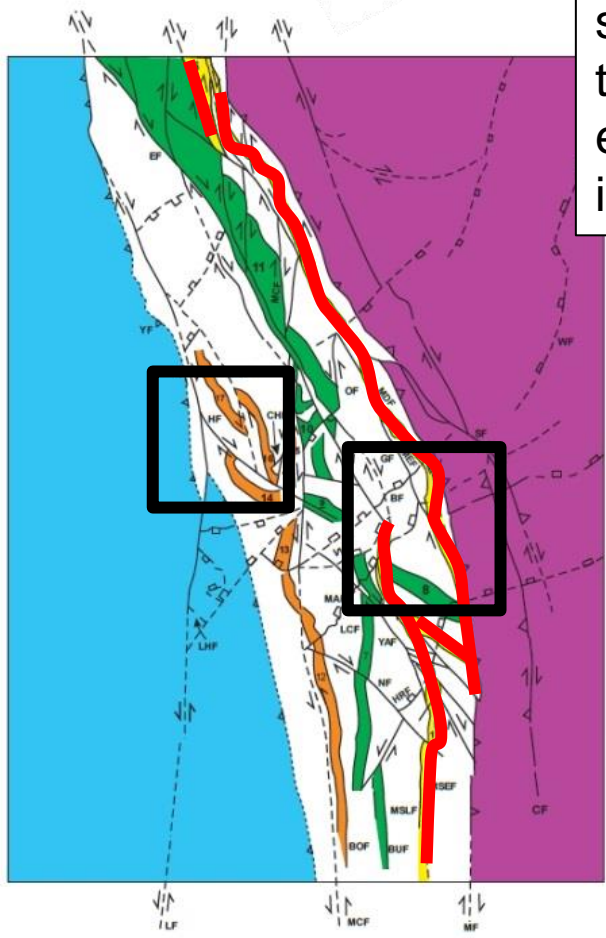
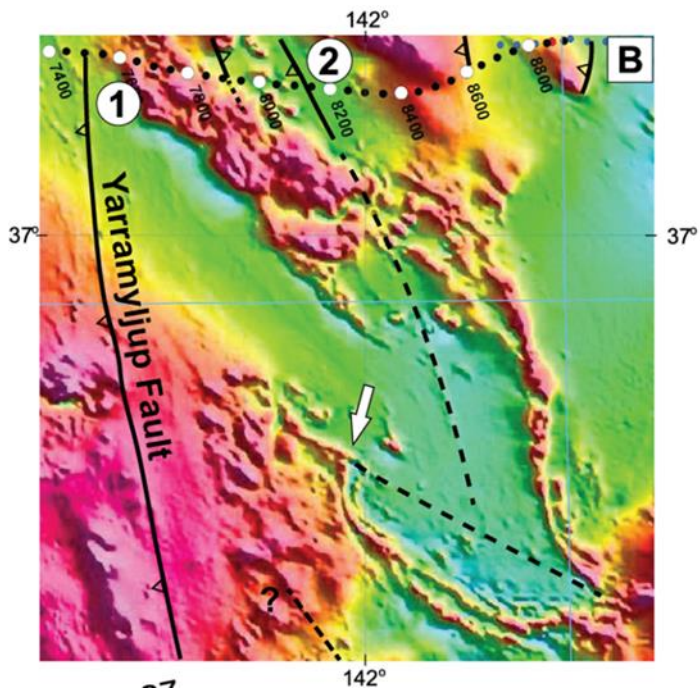
The Grampians Group constrains the age of some deformation to the Late Silurian (Cayley & Taylor, 1997)



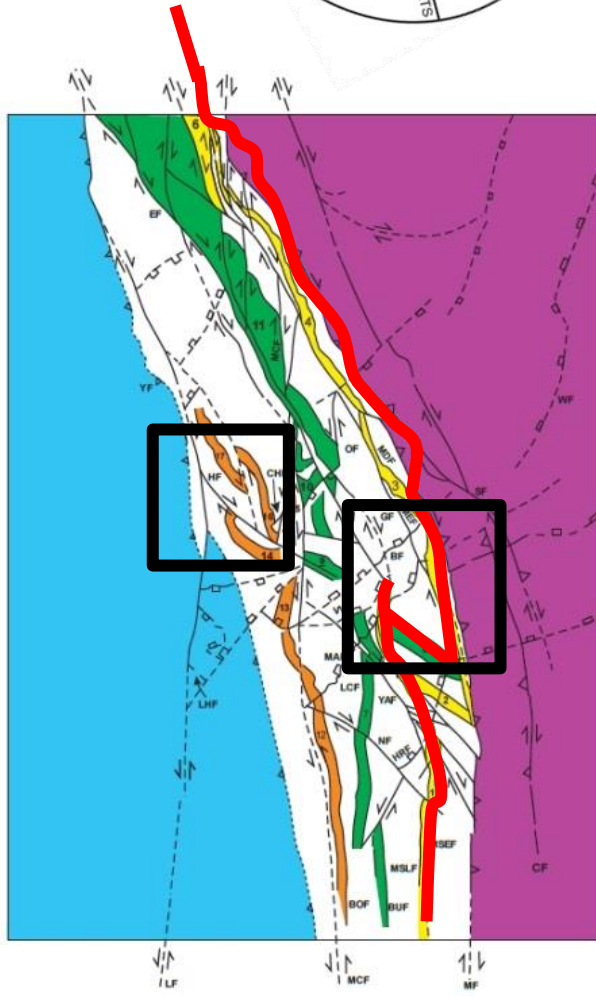
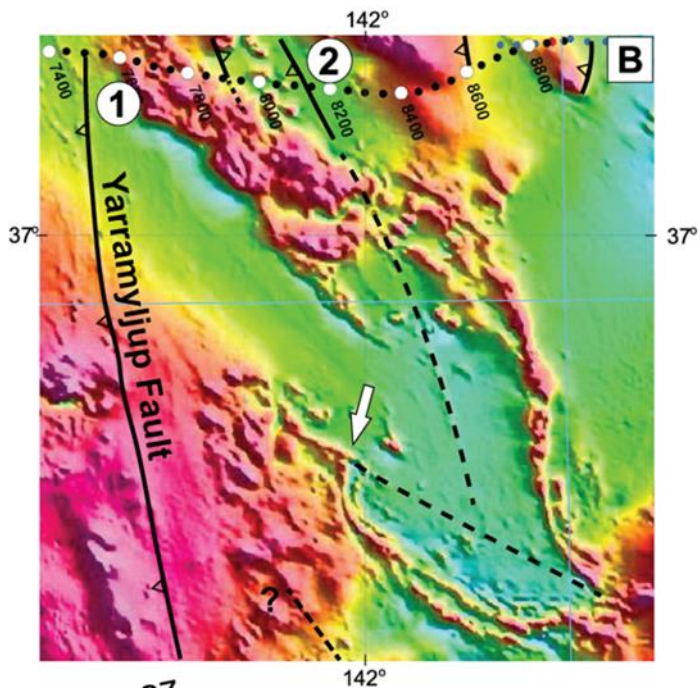
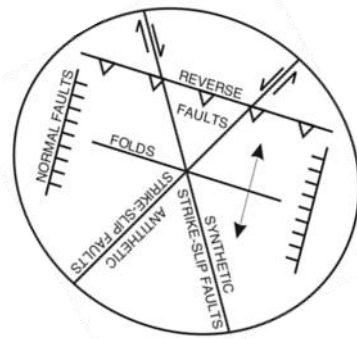
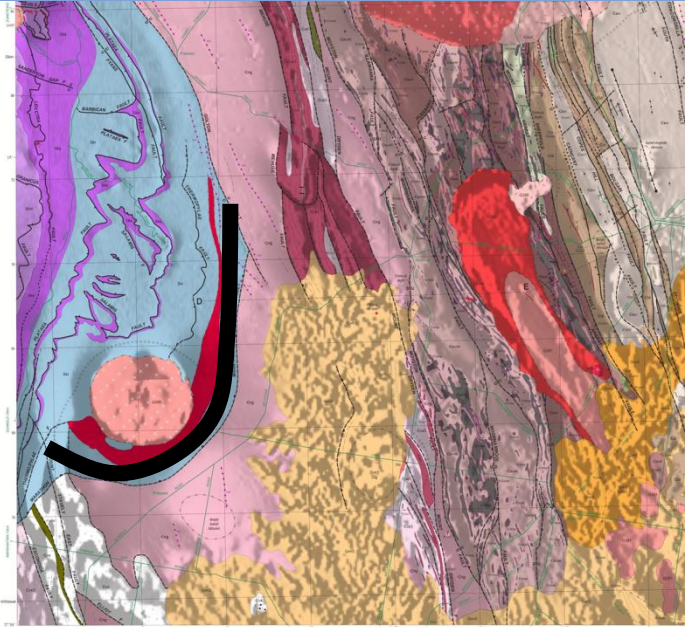
Mount Stavelly Arc – restoration of Silurian deformation



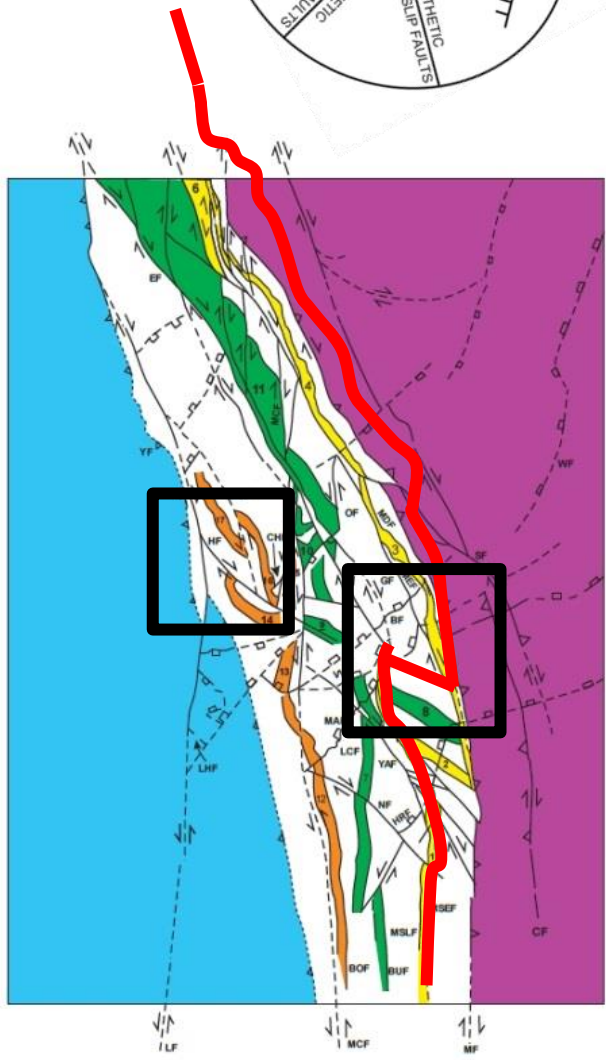
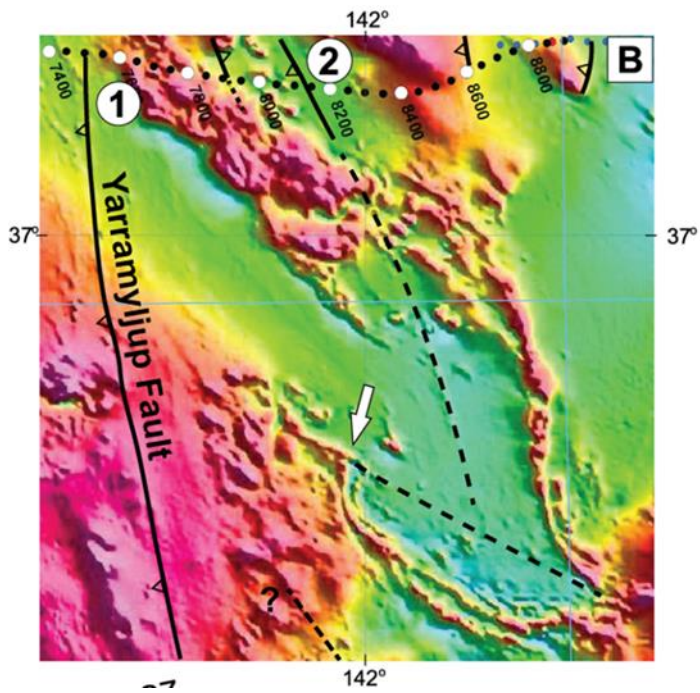
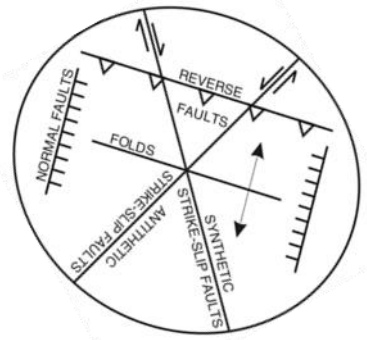
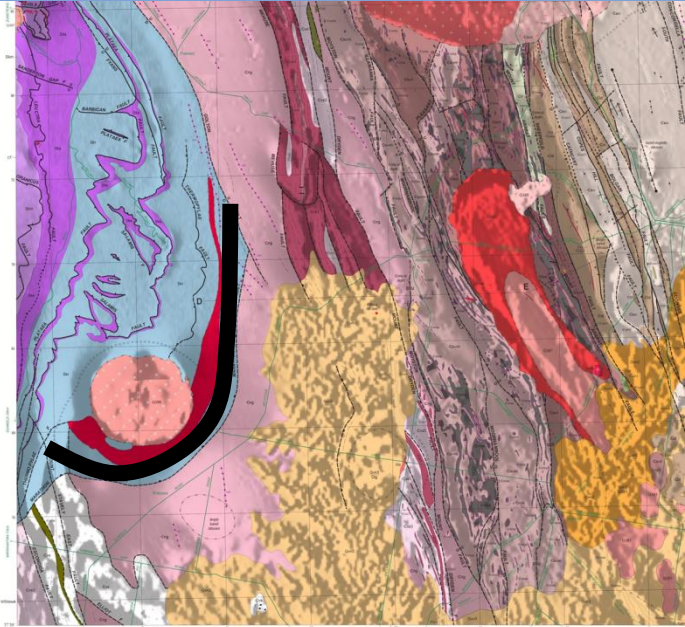
The template constrains retrodeformation of Cambrian fault slice segments back to simple parallel faults: eg.: Stavelly-Dryden, in red



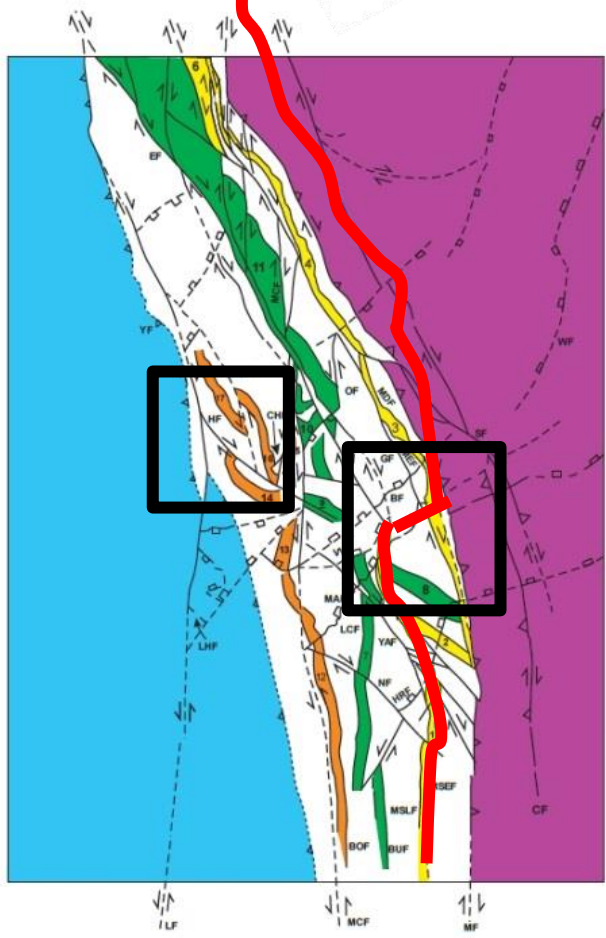
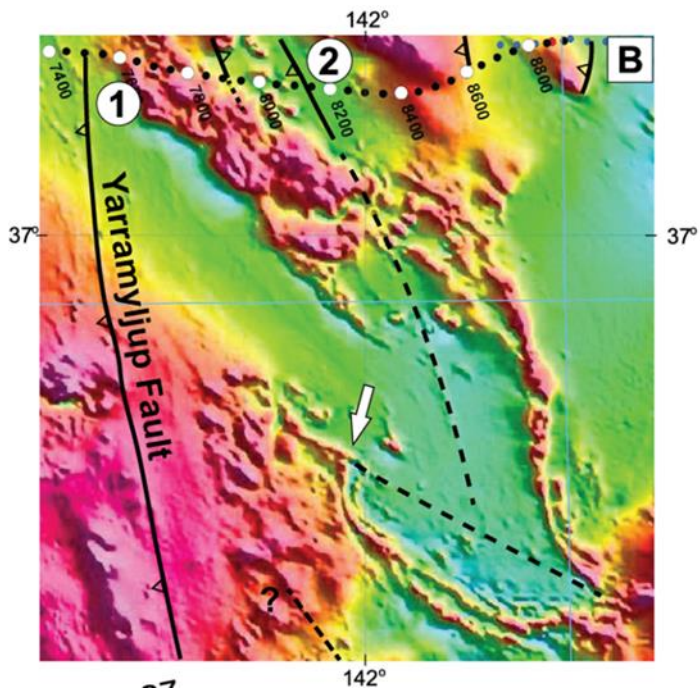
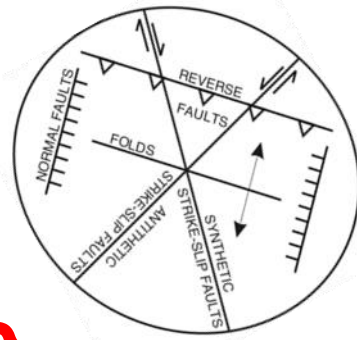
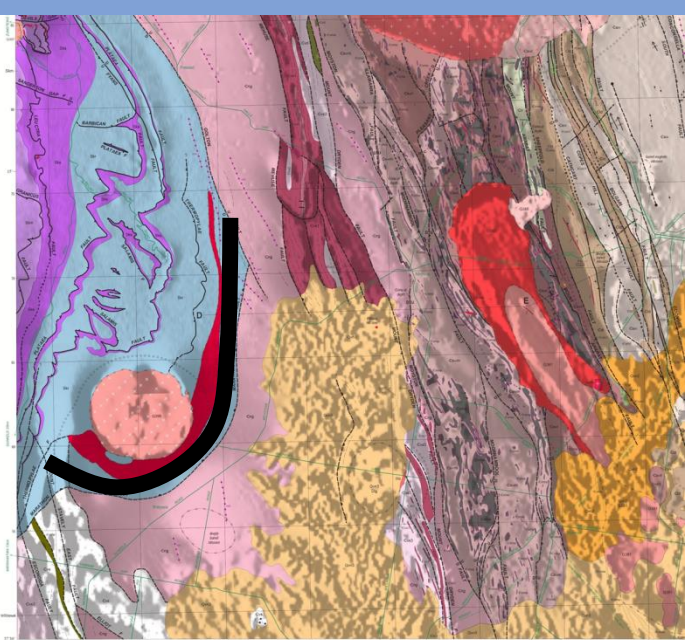
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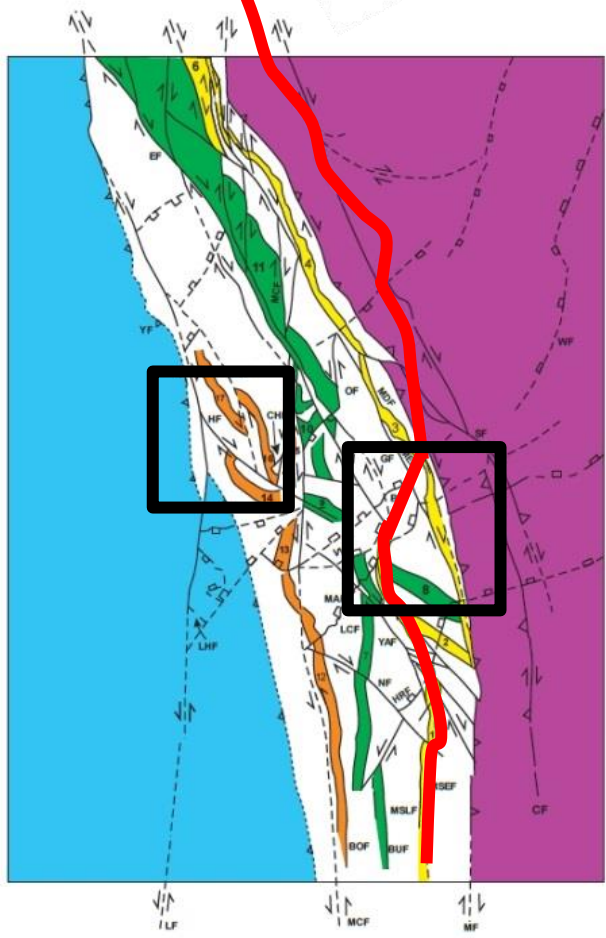
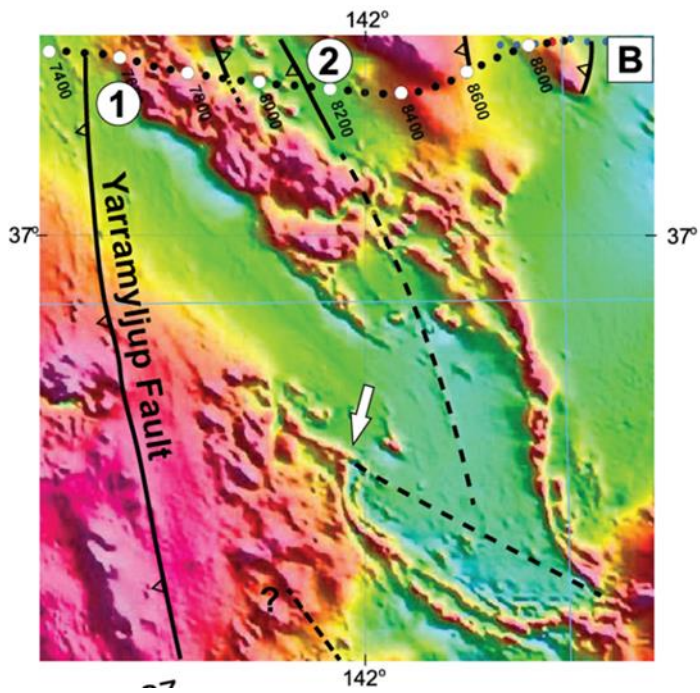
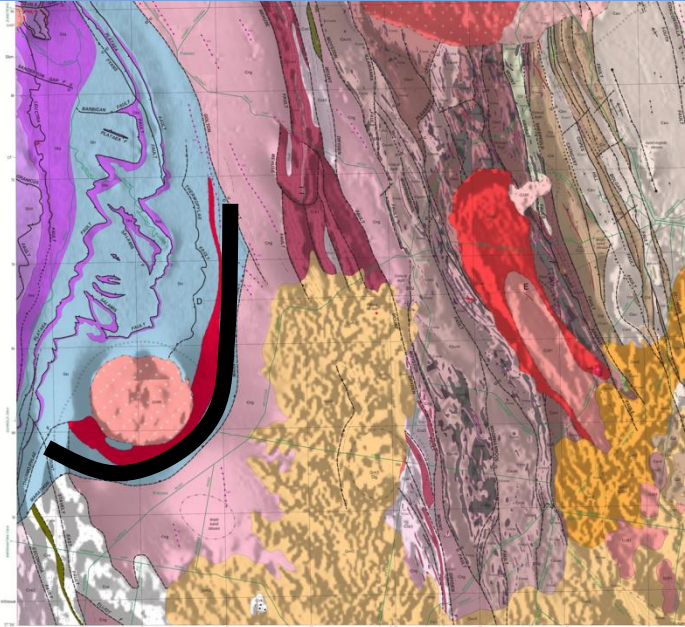
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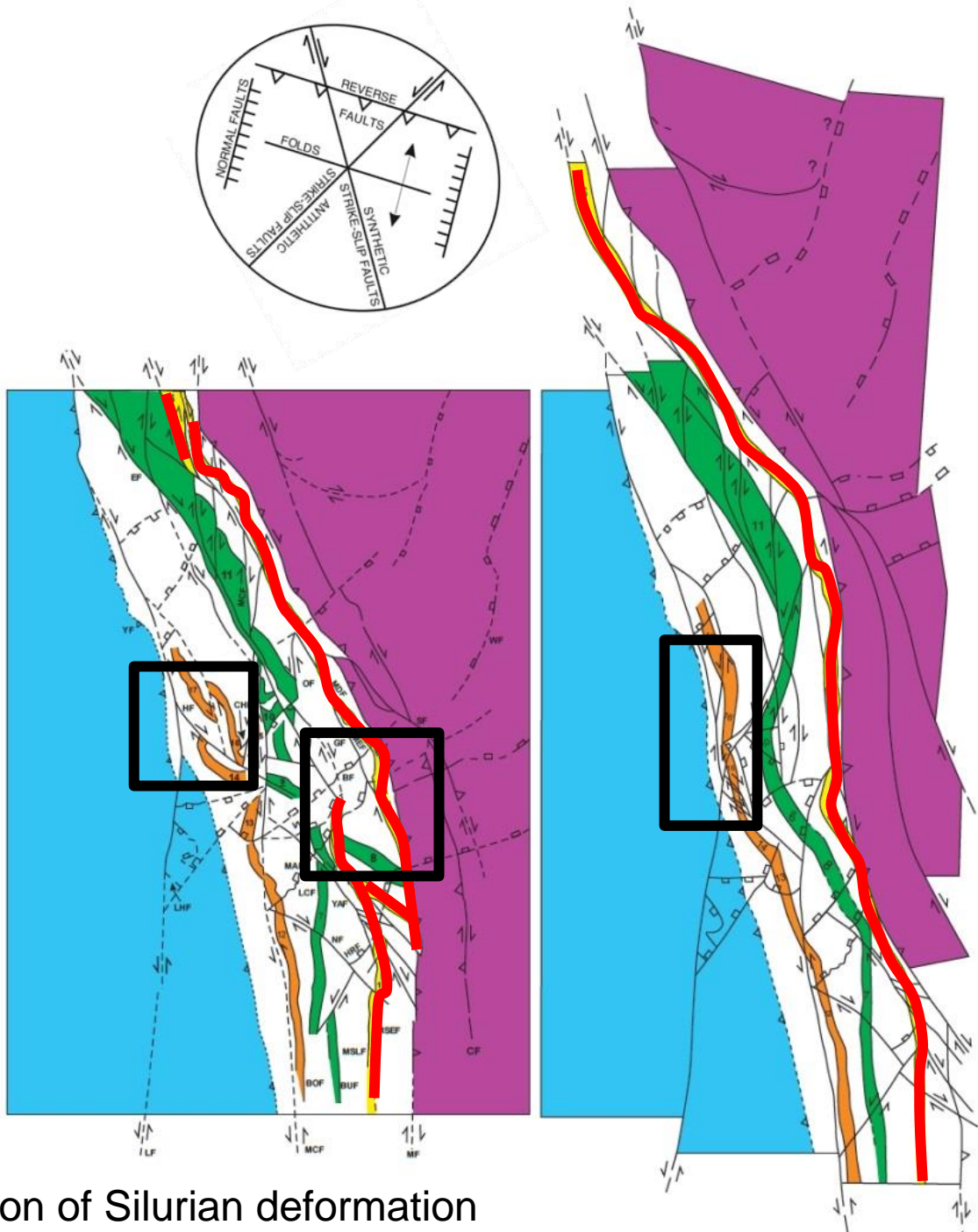
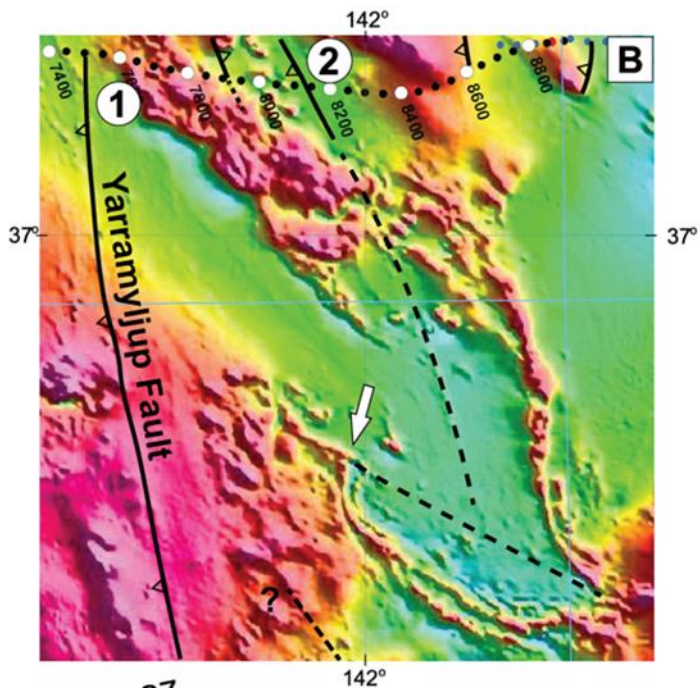
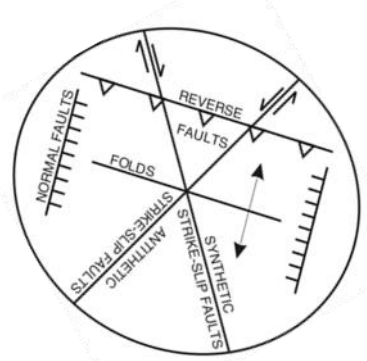
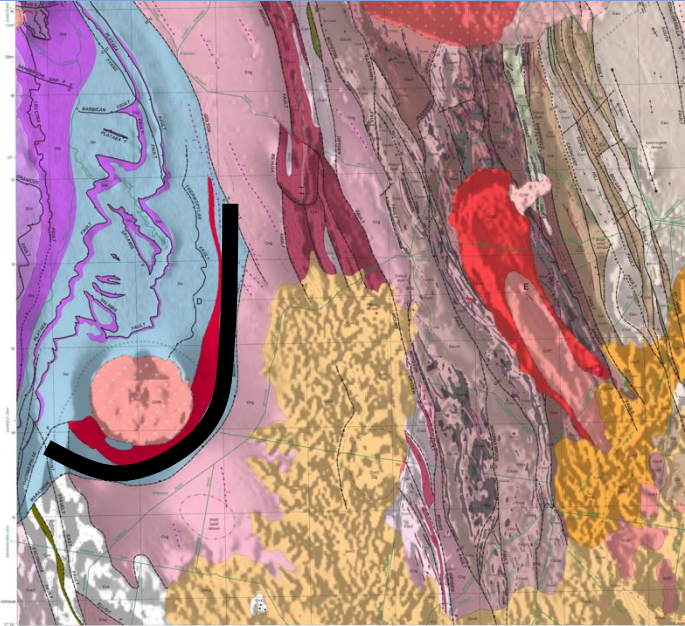
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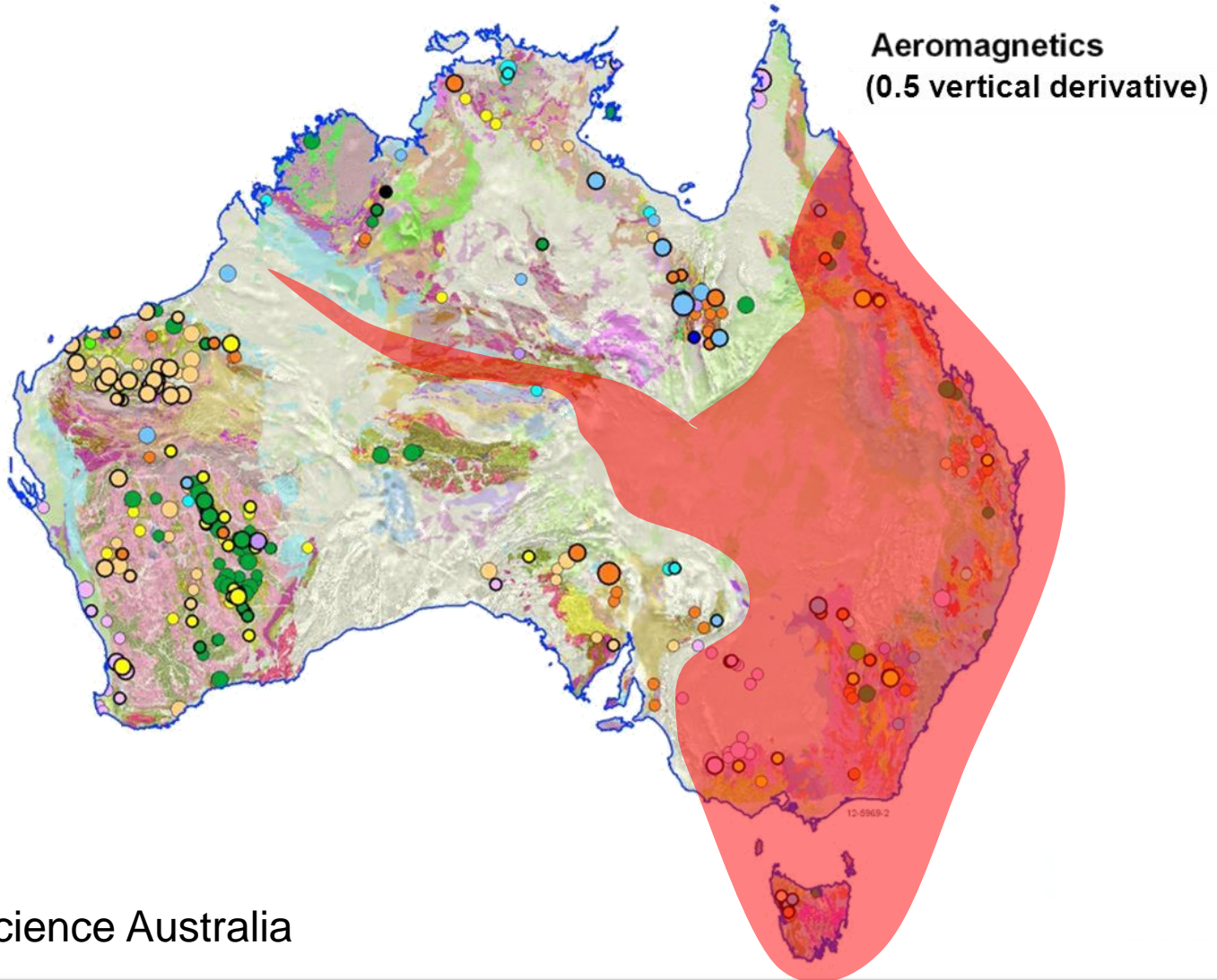


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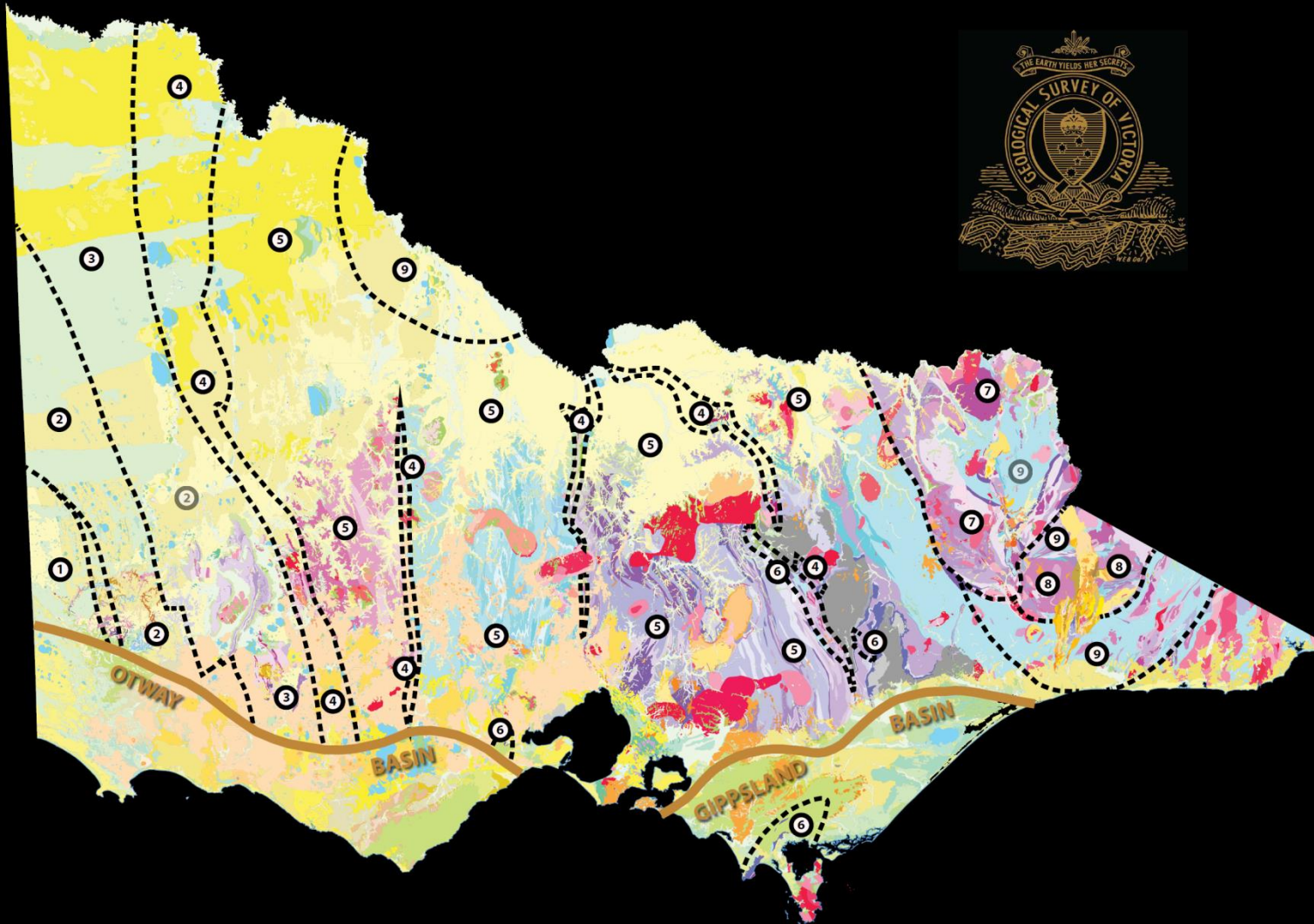
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This is the scale of influence of the Lachlan Orocline model – a significant proportion of the continent....

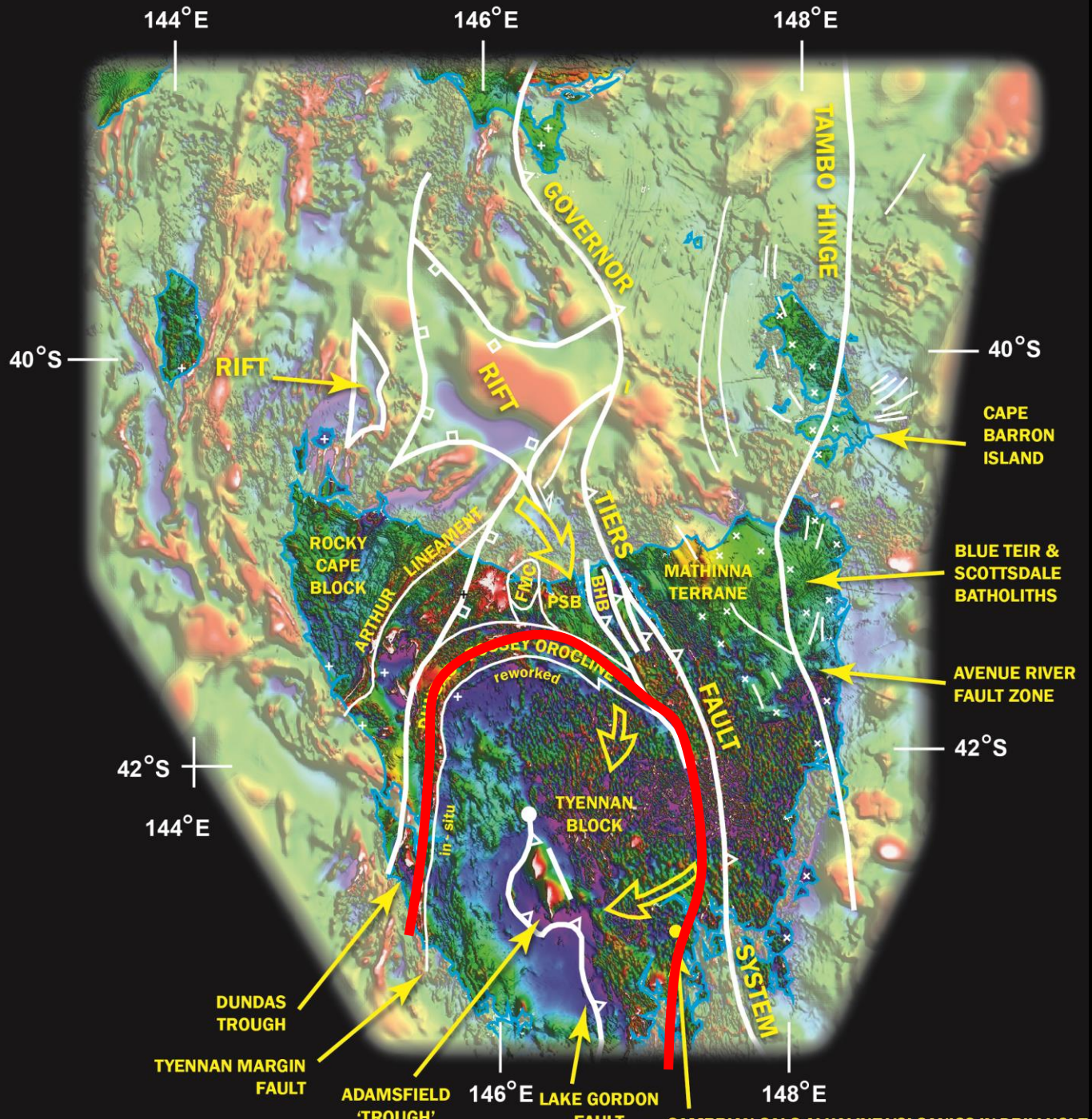


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Enables a 'systems' approach to classify major mineral exploration 'fairways'



- 1: Kanmantoo – Strathalbyn SEDEX
- 2: Delamerian Ultramafic Ni
- 3: Miga Arc base metals gold
- 4: Greenstone orogenic gold
- 5: Bendigo orogenic gold
- 6: Selwyn Block base metals (gold)
- 7: Wagga-Omeo Zone tin
- 8: Macquarie Arc base metals (gold)
- 9: Macquarie Arc derivatives base metals (gold)
- 10: Devonian magmatic metals



Conclusions

- The Lachlan Orocline- fundamental to understanding LFB, DFB (and TFB) and Tasmanian evolution and mineral prospectivity
- Restored Ordovician DFB, LFB/TFB: narrow, simple, single continent-directed subduction zones and accretionary complexes — multiple subduction not needed
- Late Ordovician-Early Silurian LFB/TFB – mode-switch to asymmetric roll-back triggered by ingestion of Vandieland – context for mineralised MA porphyries.
- Post-Silurian LFB/TFB: wide and complex— dextral strike-slip faults & oroclines in an extending and fragmenting upper plate, chasing a slab in asymmetric SE-directed roll-back
- One simple geodynamic system explains Palaeozoic Qld, NSW, Vic. & Tas. and the origin of the Alice Springs Orogen. A template for finding buried arc segments.