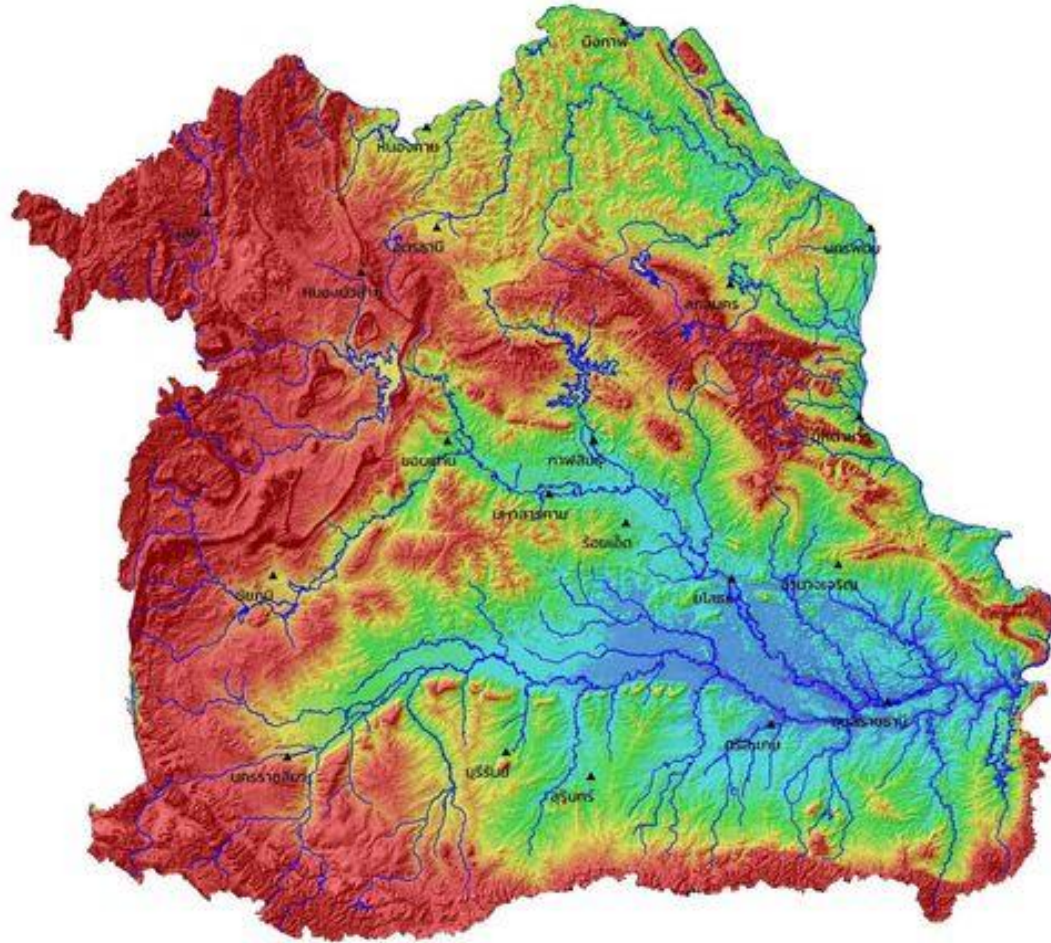


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*Nares Sattayarak : 10 January 2024*

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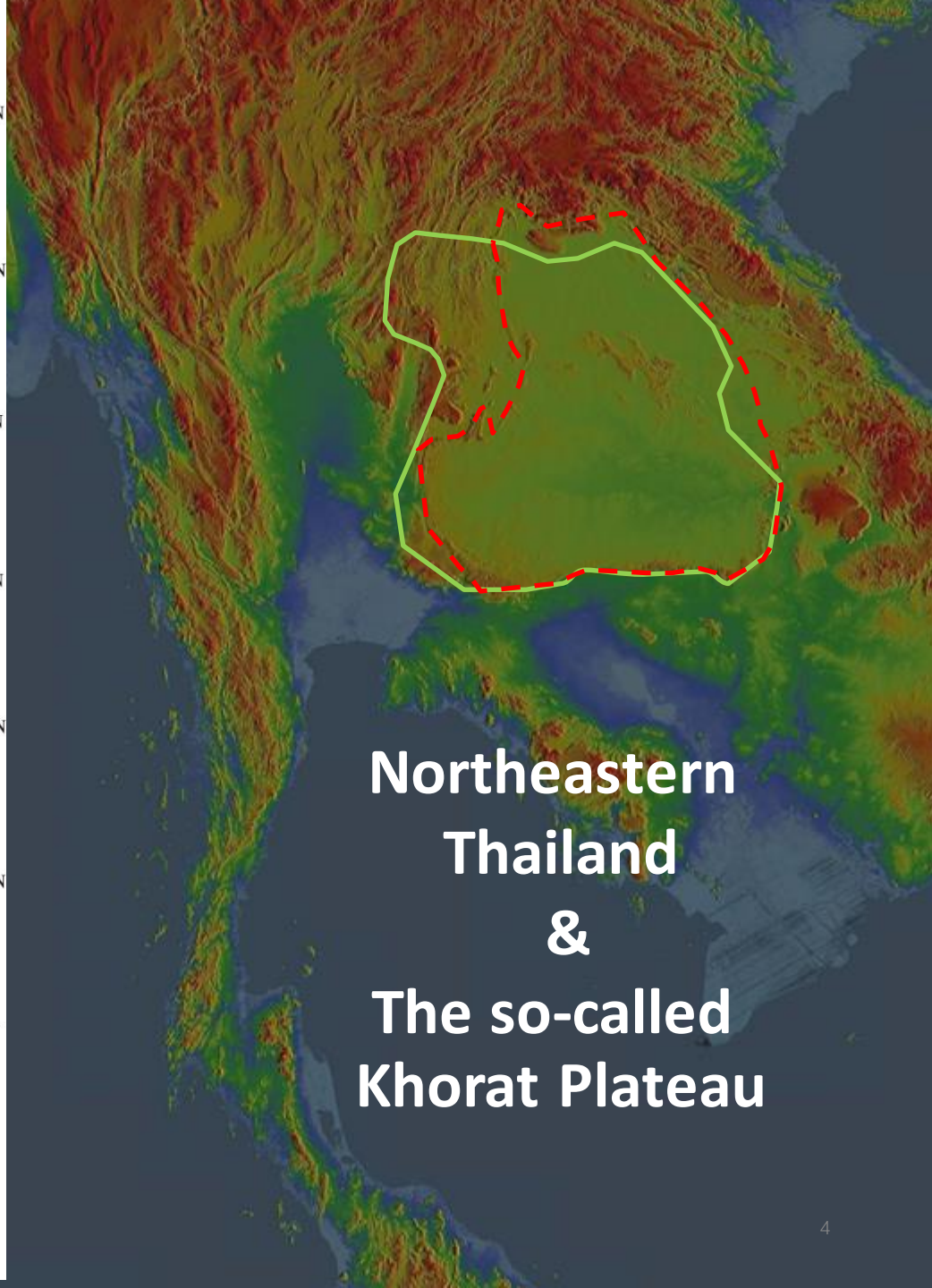
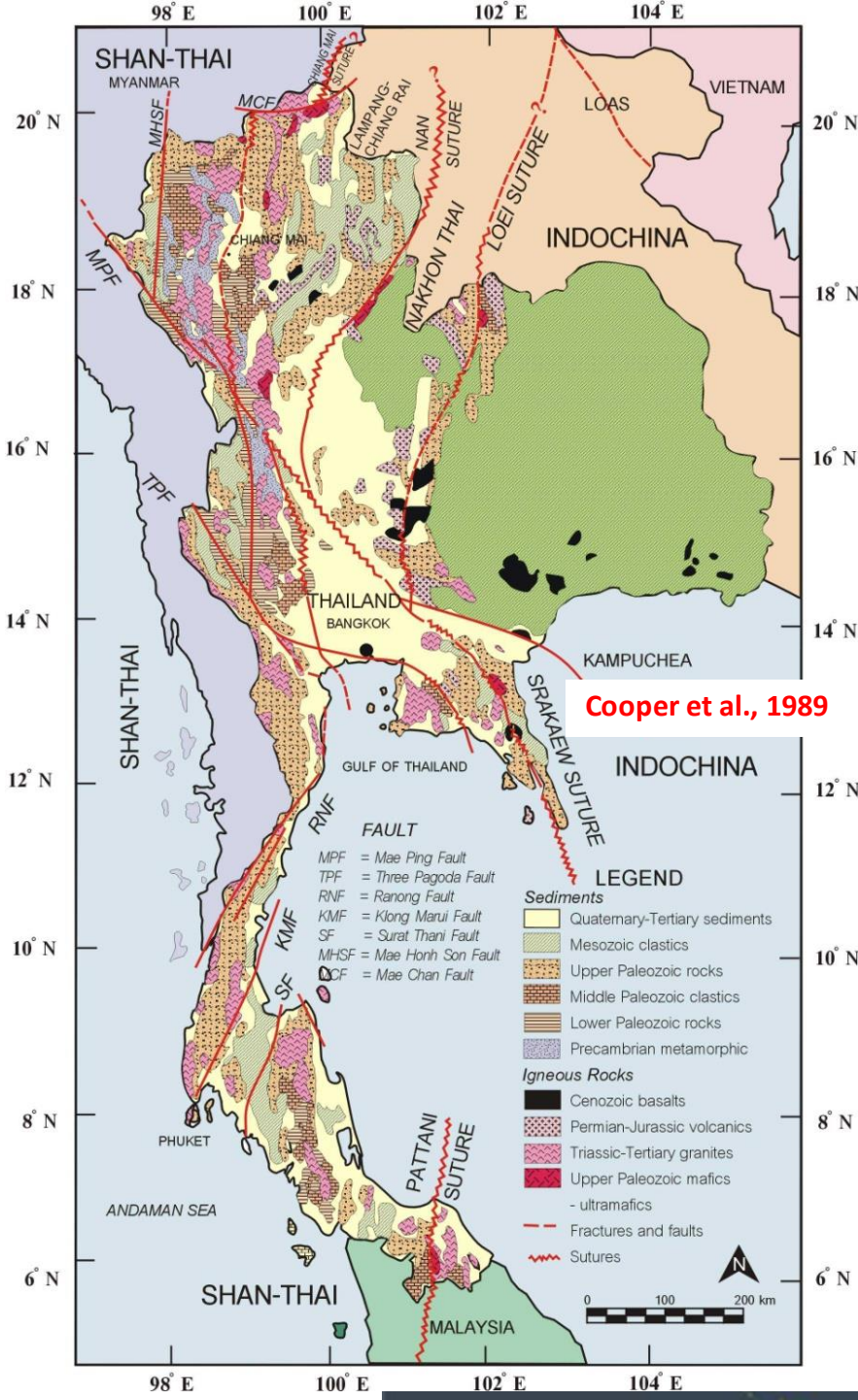
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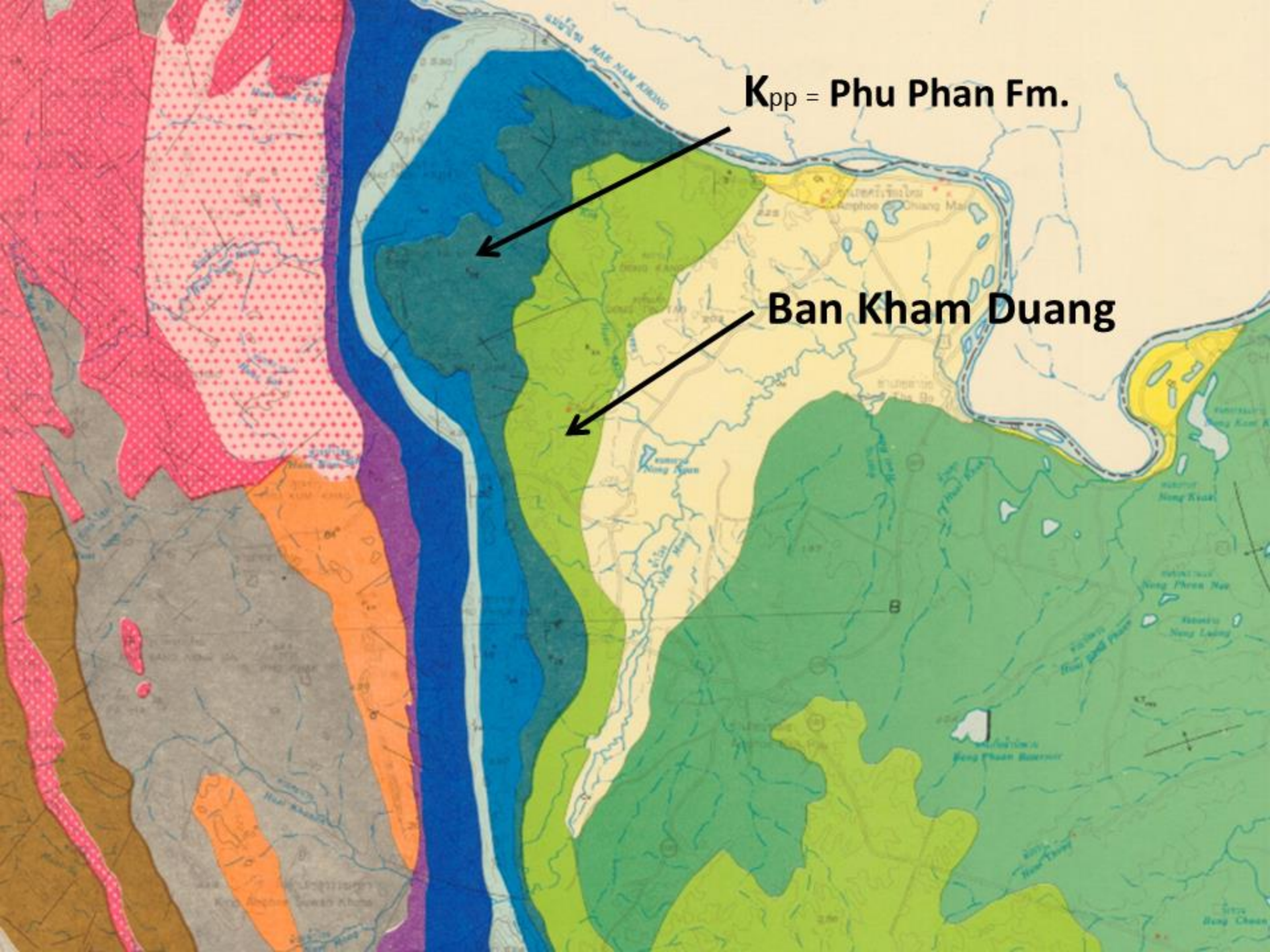
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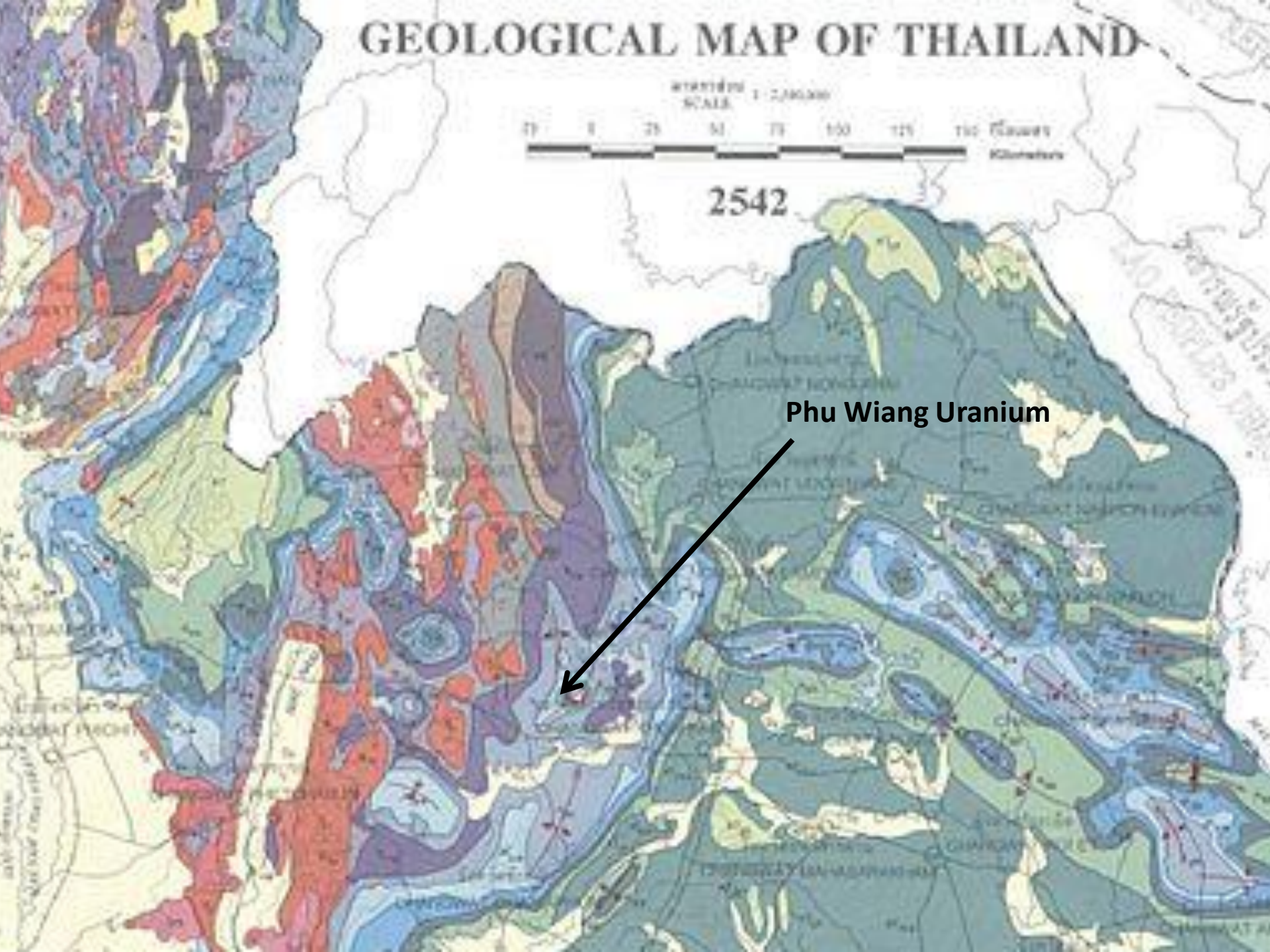
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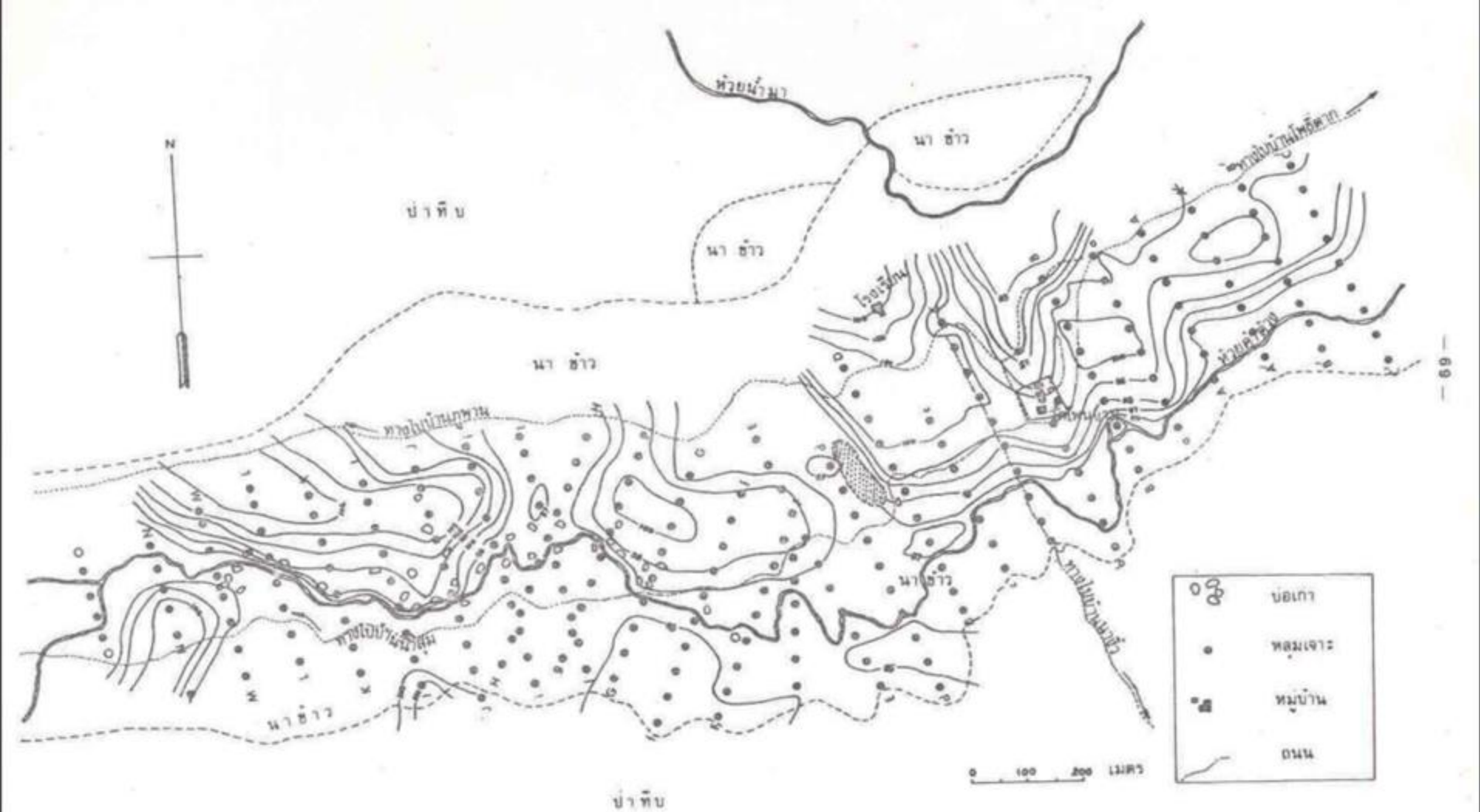
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**Phu Wiang Uranium**





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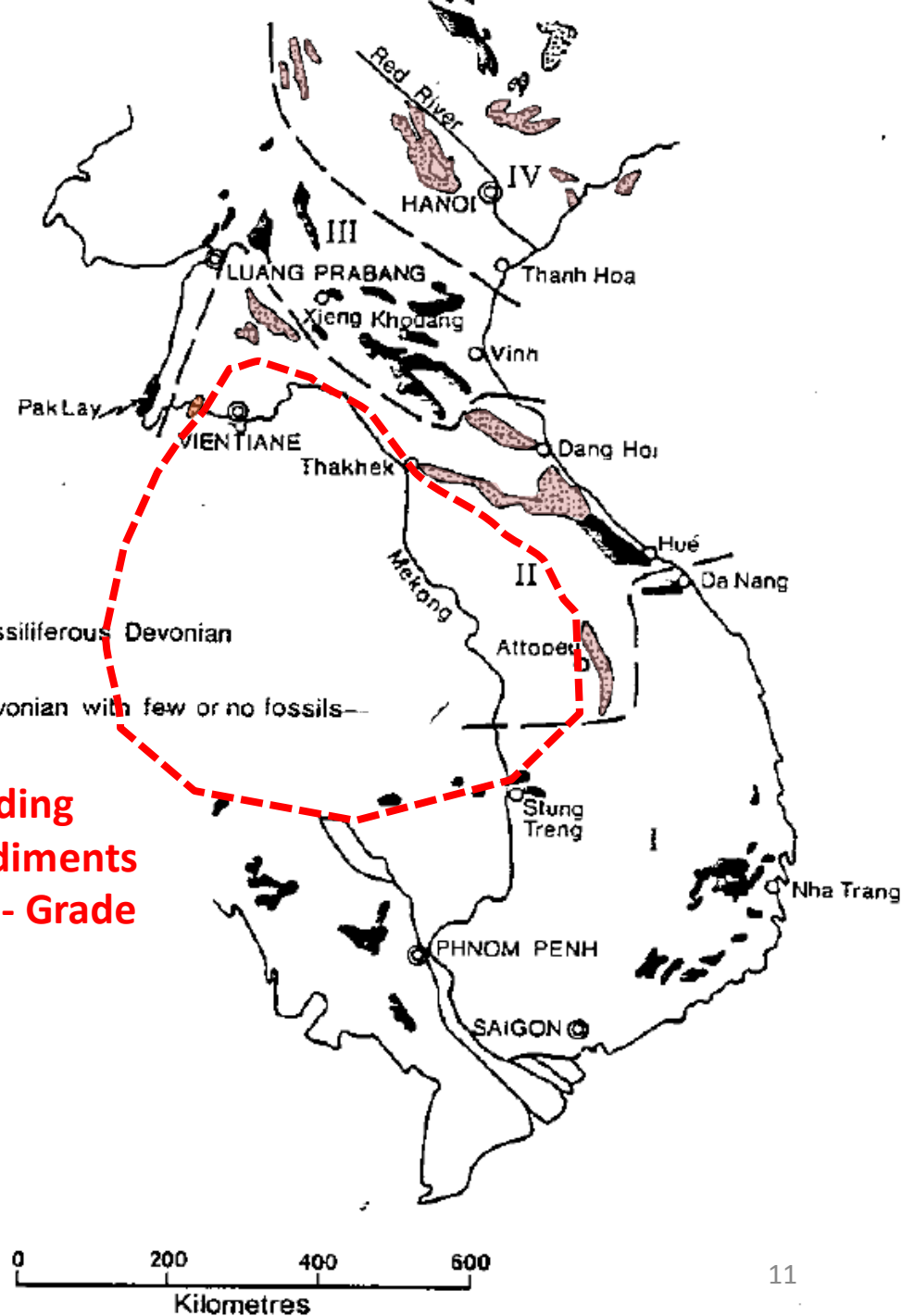
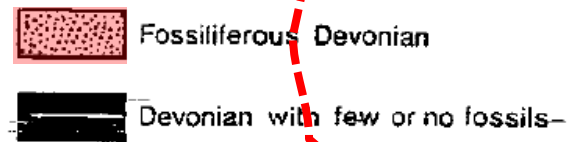
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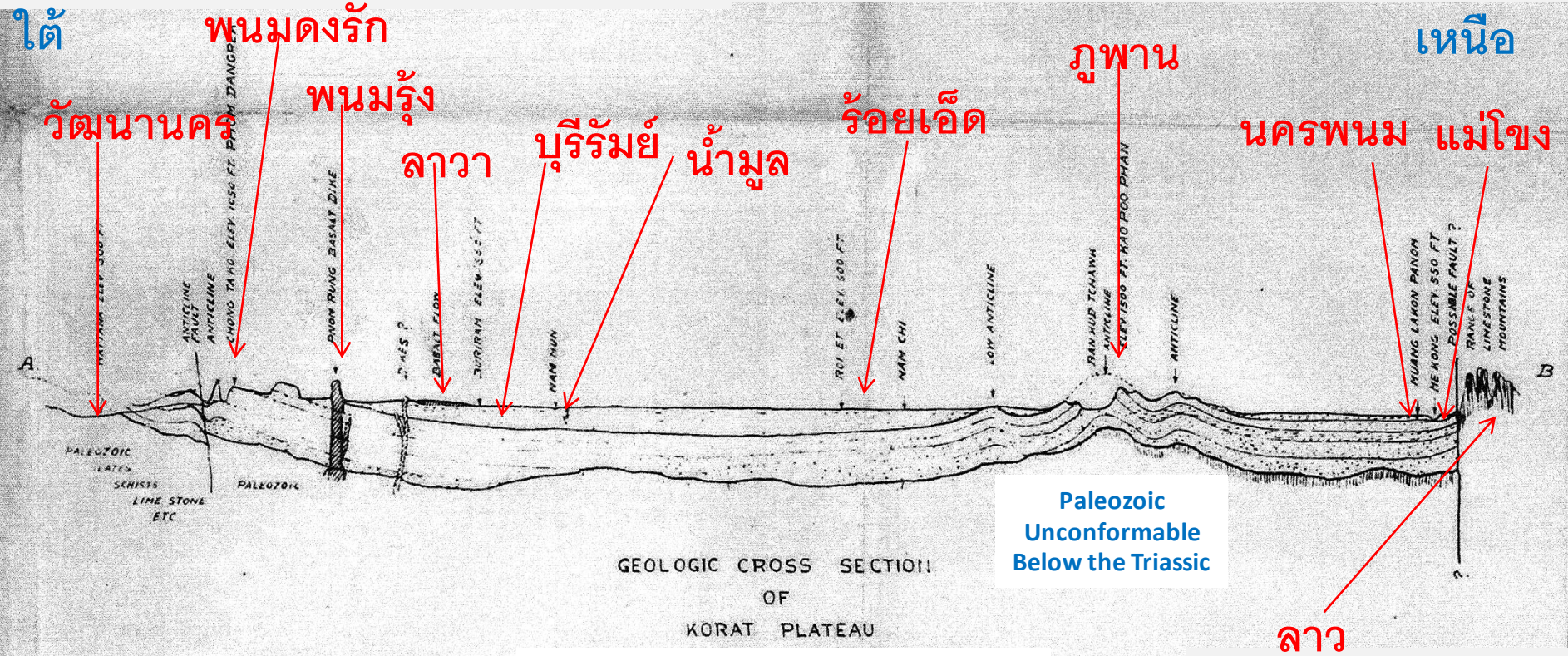
Institute of Geological Sciences Report 19;  
49 p.

## Indochina Terrane

- Flat Land with Board and Simple Folding
- Surrounded by Devonian Marine Sediments
- Floored by Crystalline Rocks or High - Grade Metamorphic Rocks
- Decreasing in Petroleum Potential



# Wallace Lee, 1923



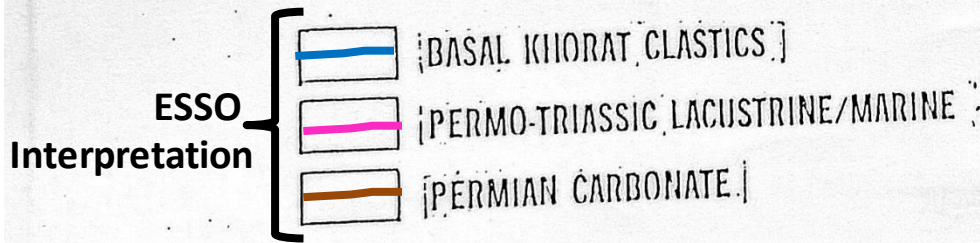
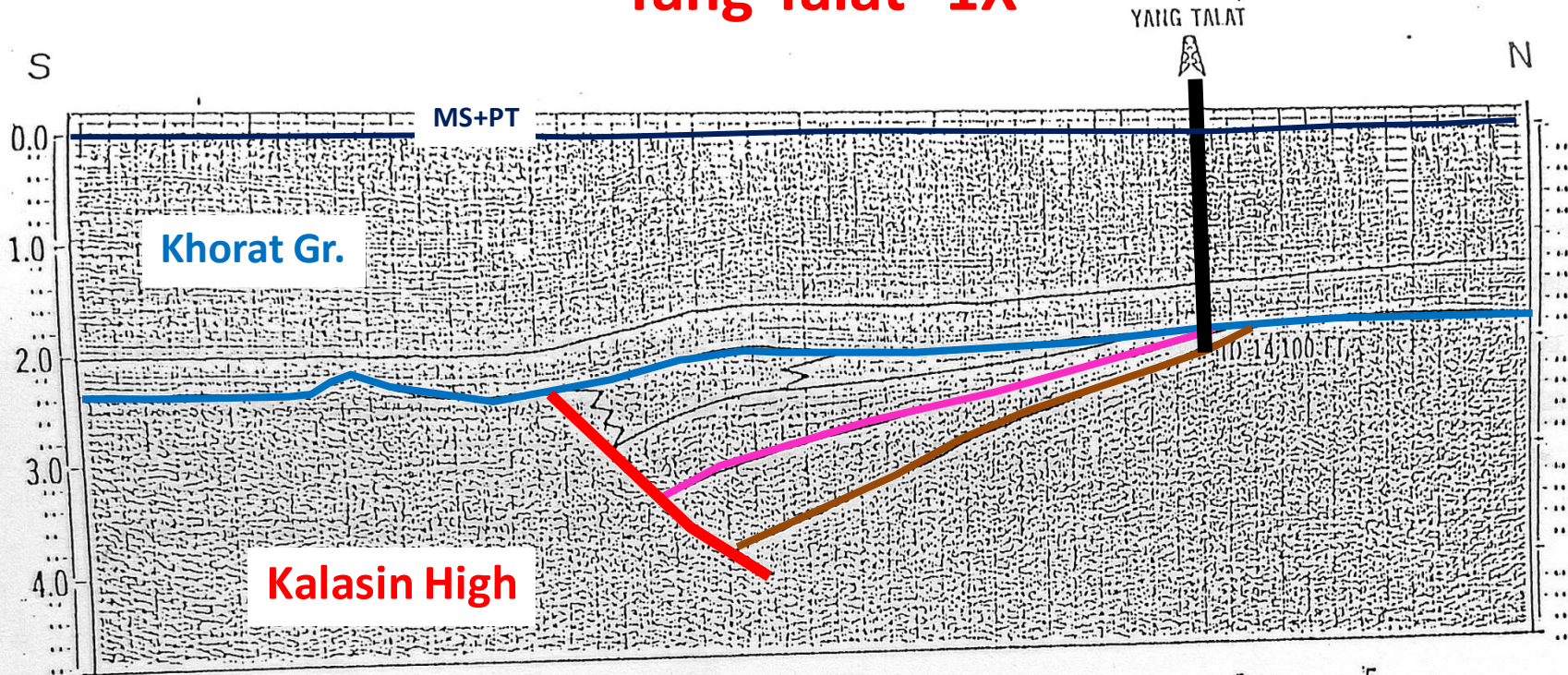
- Introducing the Petroleum Potential in the NE

# การเทียบสัมพันธ์ของหมวดหินที่มีอายุในมหายุคพาลีโอโซอิกตอนล่างในประเทศไทย

**NE?**

Region System	Brown <i>et al.</i> (1951)	Javanaphet. (1969)	Western Highland	Northern Highland	Southern Peninsula	Eastern Gulf	The Central Plain	Loei-Petchaburi Ranges	The Khorat Plateau
Carboniferous	Kanchanaburi Series	Tanaosi Gr.	Mae Hong Son Fm.	Phrae Fm.	Kaeng krachan Fm.	Dan Lan Hoi Gr.(?)		Wang Saphung Fm.	
Devonian			Thong Pha Phum Gr.	Dan Lan Hoi Gr.	Thong Pha Phum Gr.	Sukhothai Gr. (?)			Pak Chom Fm.
Silurian			Kanchanaburi Fm.	Sukhothai Gr.	Thong Pha Phum Gr.				
Ordovician	Thung Song Ls.	Thung Song Gr.	Thung Song Gr. (?)		Thung Song Gr.	Thung Song Gr. (?)			
Cambrian	Phuket Series	Tarutao Gr.	Tarutao Gr. (?)		Tarutao Gr.	Tarutao Gr. (?)			
Pre-Cambrian			Lan Sang Gneiss Complex		Lan Sang Gneiss Complex (?)				

# Yang Talat -1X



**Result :**  
**All Sediments within Half Graben Basin**  
**are Huai Hin Lat Formation**

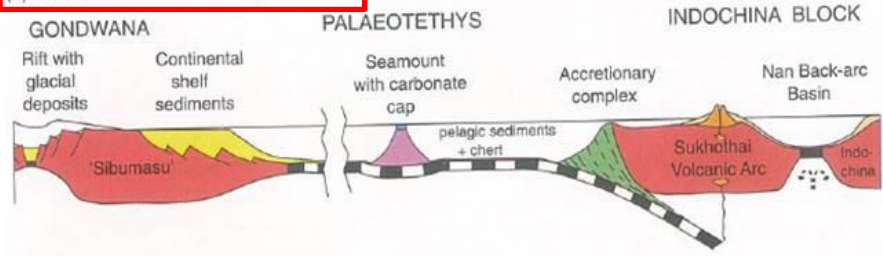
**Basement are  $329 \pm 3$  Ma Granite**

**Yang Talat -1X well Located in Yang Talat, Kalasin**

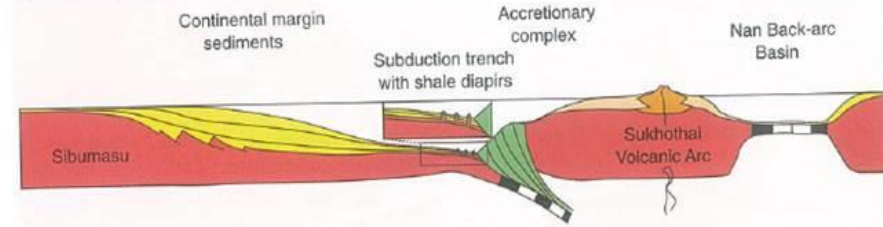
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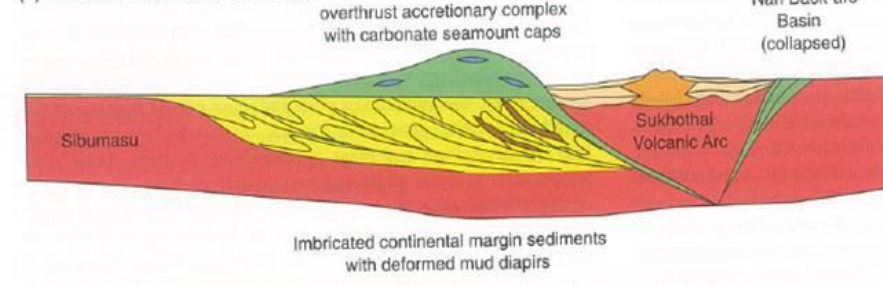
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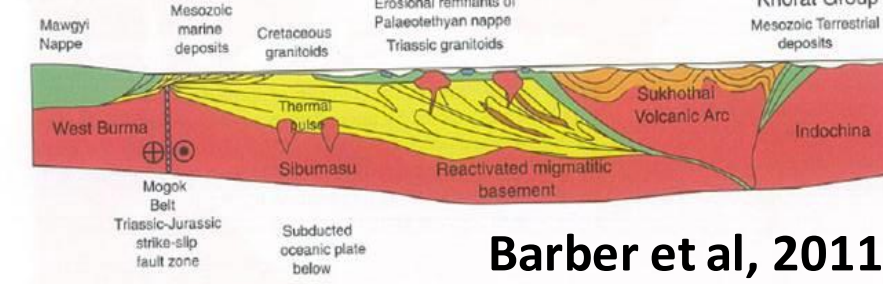
**(b) Late Permian**



**(c) Triassic - Indosinian Orogeny**



**(d) Late Mesozoic**



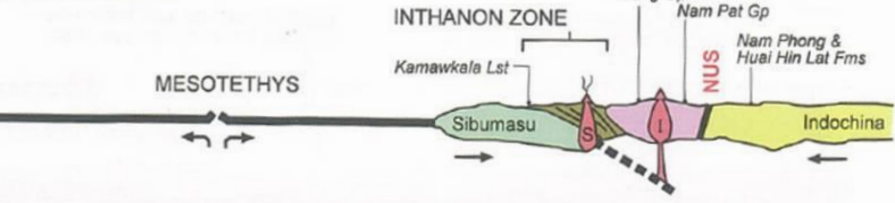
**Barber et al, 2011**

**Earliest Triassic**



**Ridd et al, 2011**

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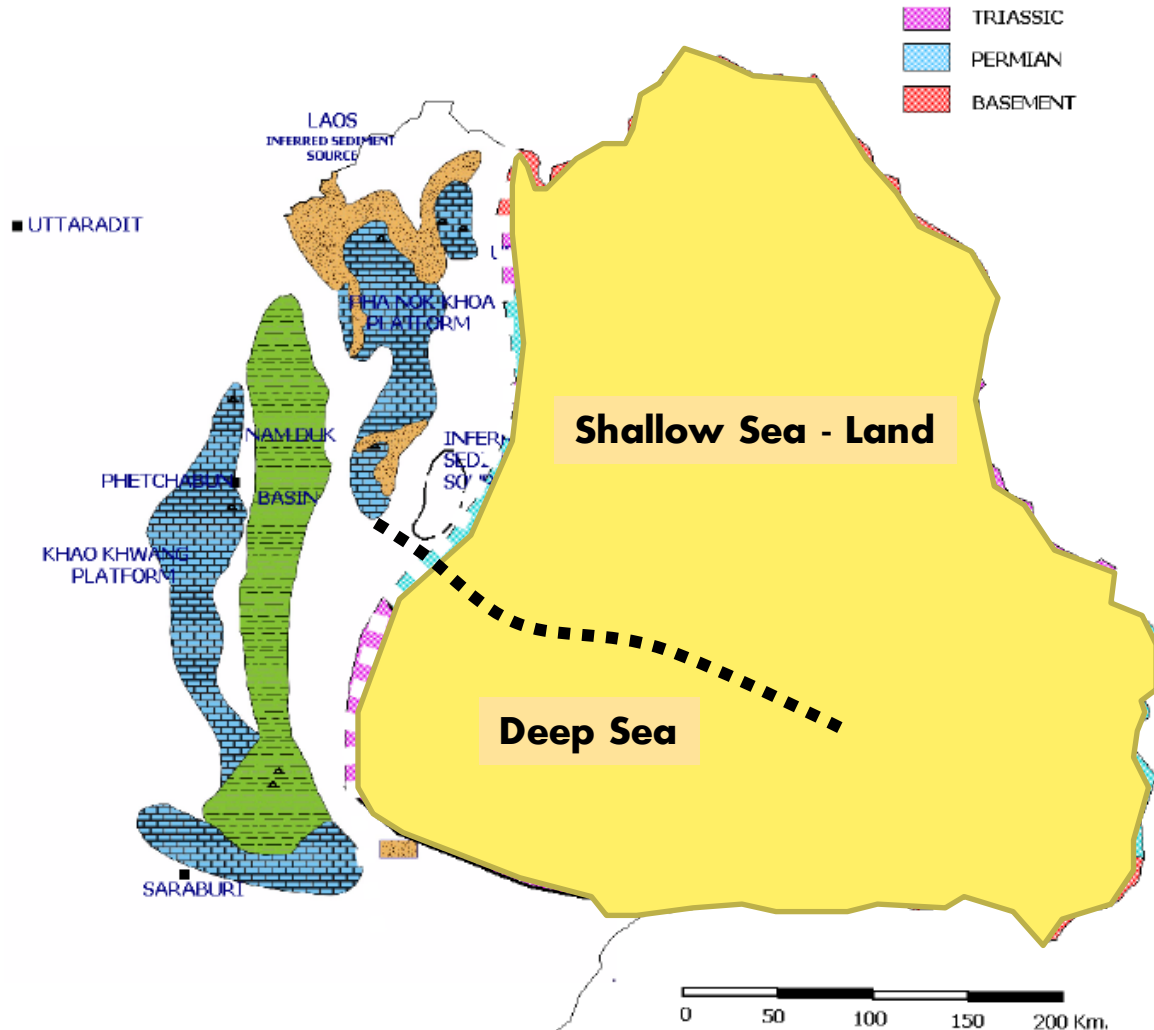


Sibumasu or Shan-Thai Terrane	Sukhothai Arc Terrane	Indochina Terrane
Oceanic crust	Accretionary complex	Acid volcanic rocks & granite (S & I types)

**Where were the Eastern margin of Late Paleozoic Seas**

**Most Farang implied ISAN Sea as the western rim of Indochina Block**

# Combination between maps of Permian paleogeographic provinces and Permo-Triassic subcrop



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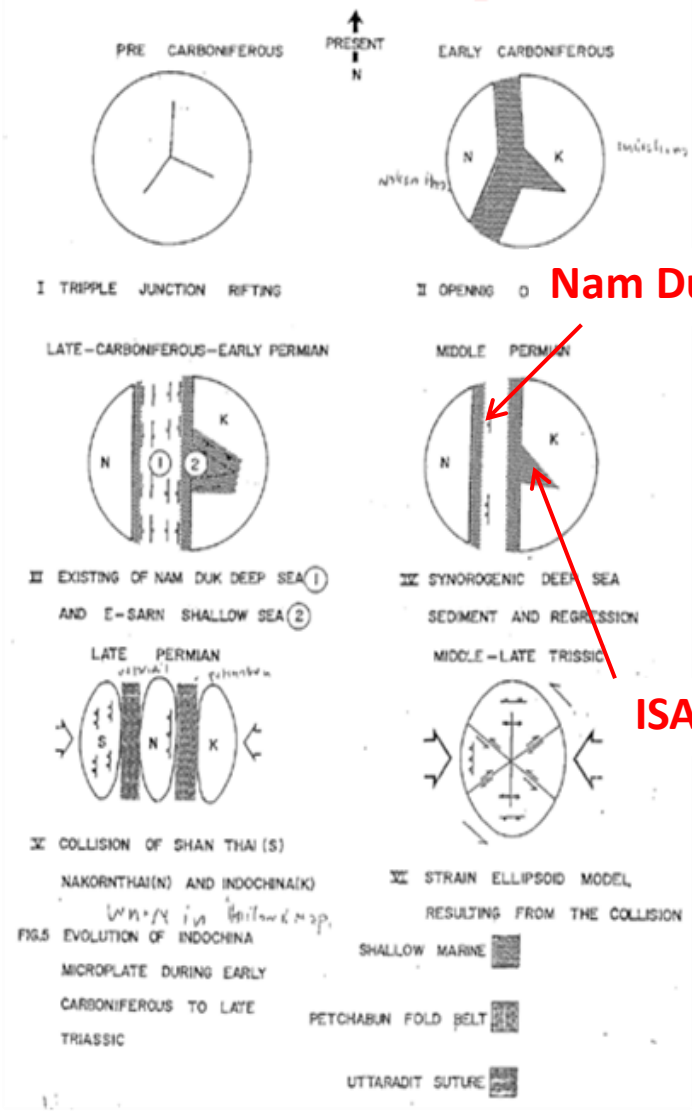
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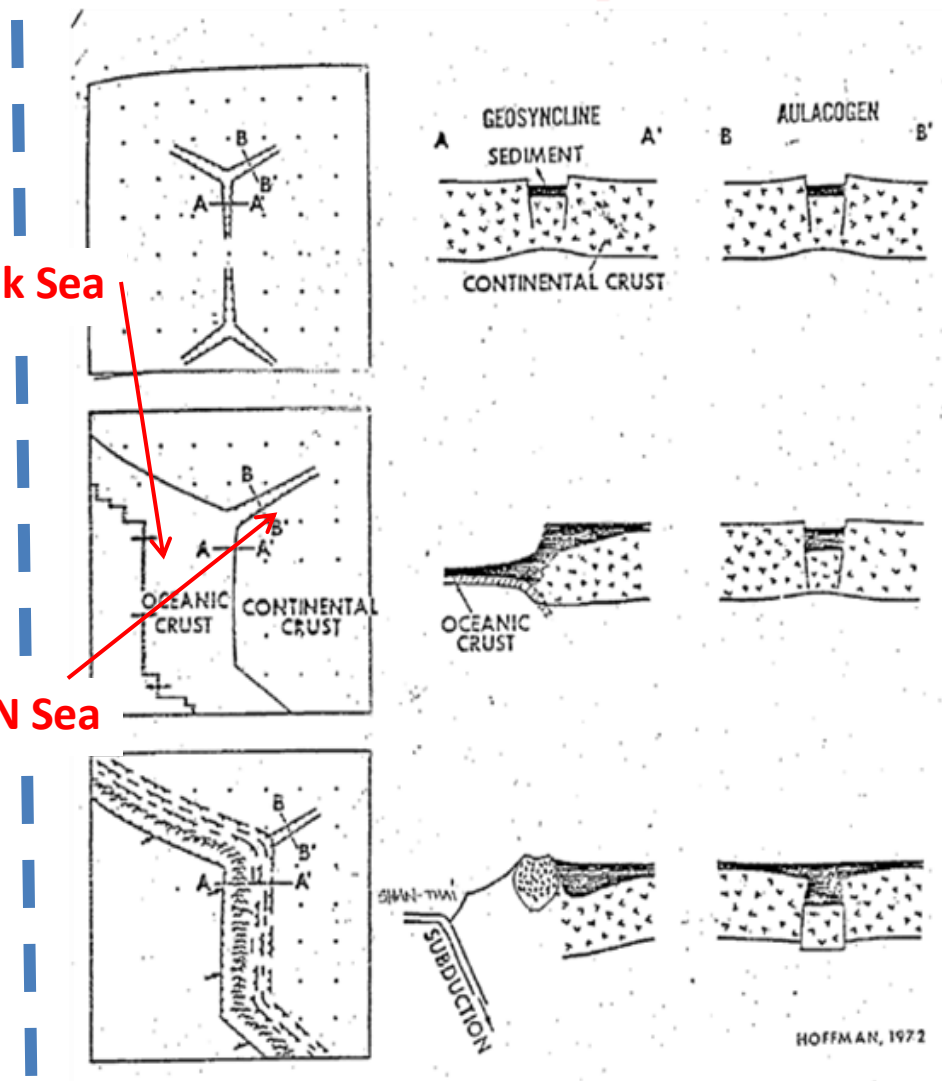
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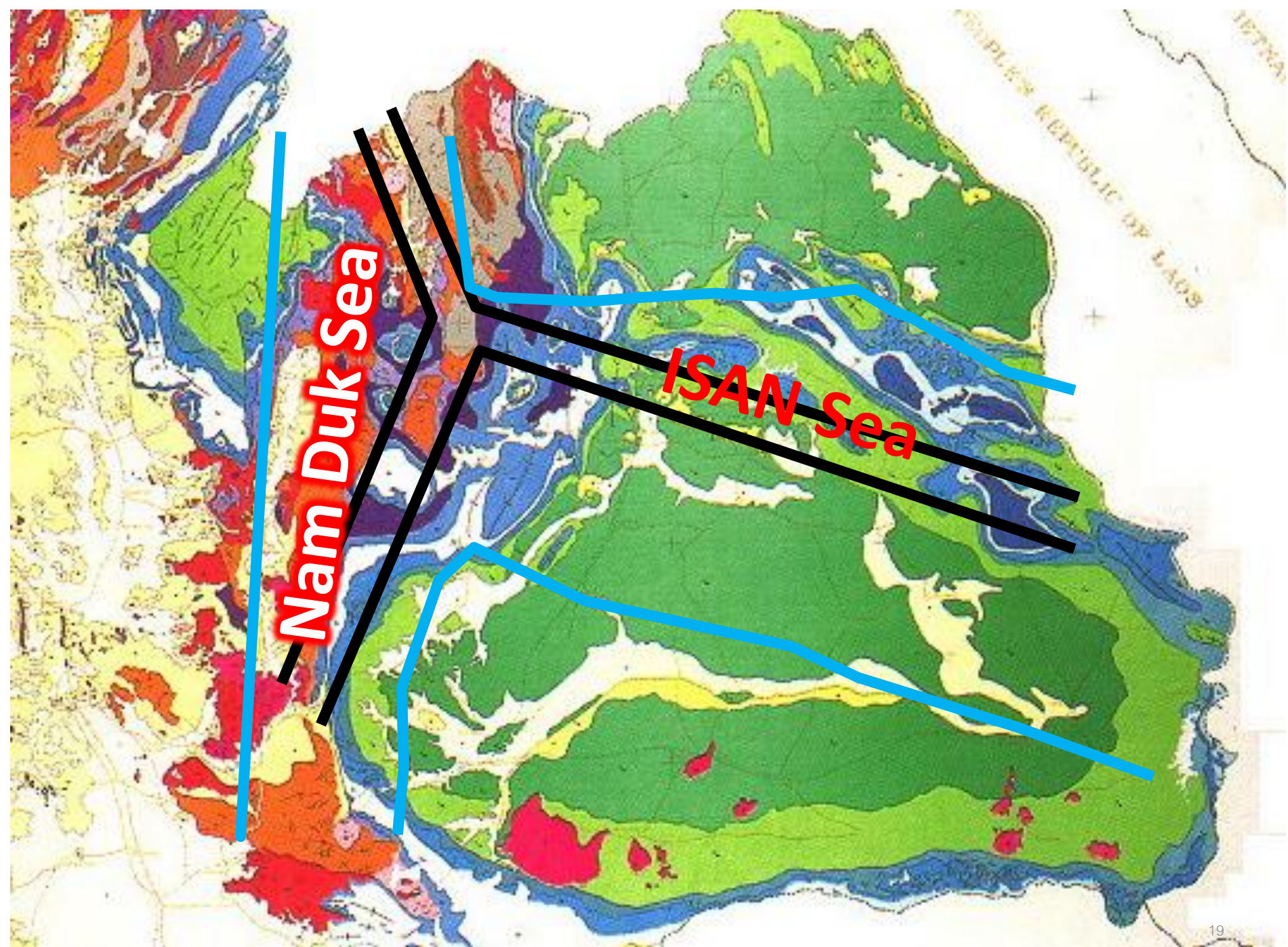
# Nam Duk & NE Permian Sea With Triple Junction Assumption



Sattayarak et al, 1989

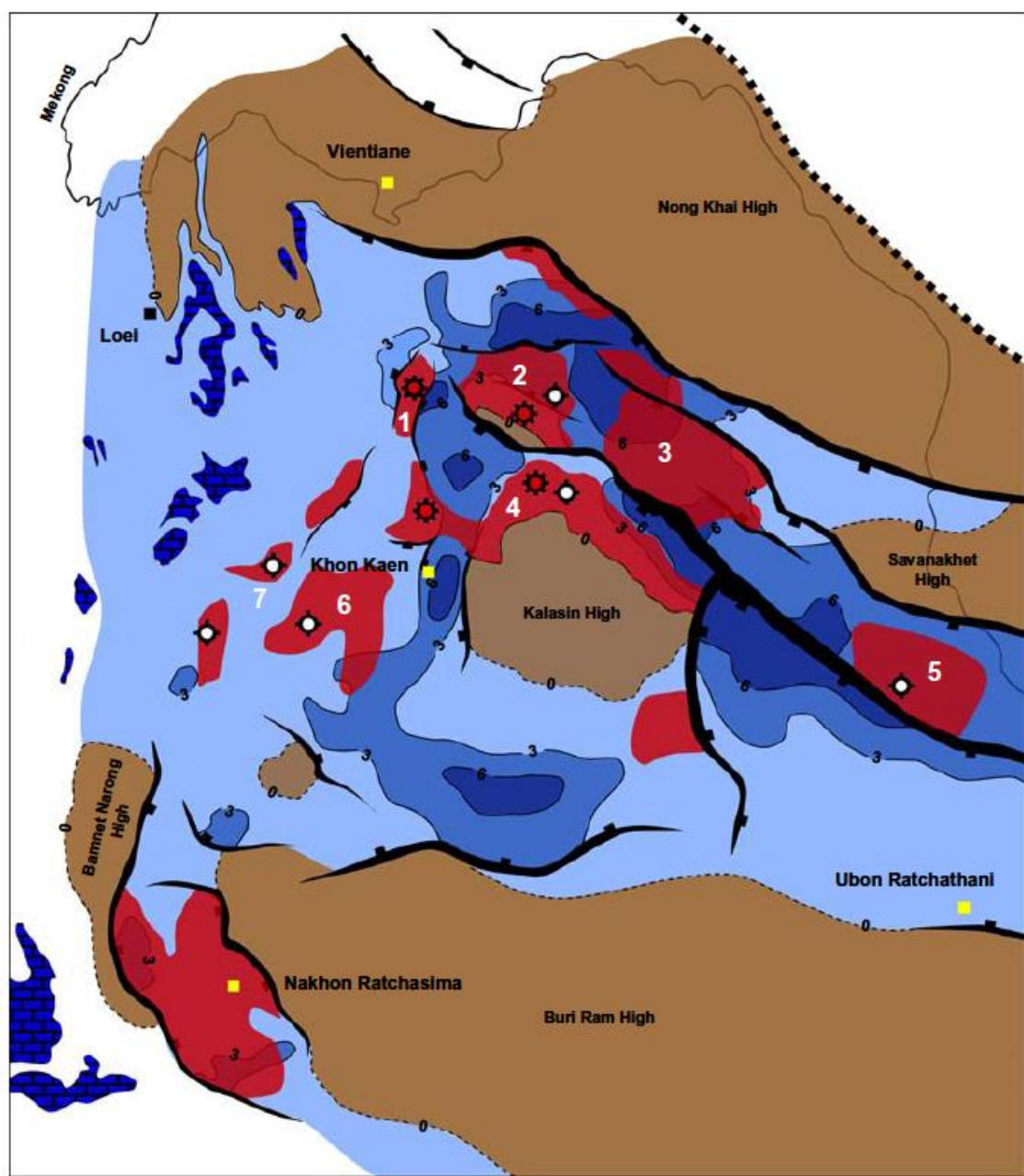


Harding and Henshaw, 1981



**Nam Duk Sea**

**ISAN Sea**



Outcropping platform carbonates



Subsurface carbonate platform  
(where undrilled inferred from seismic facies character)

- 1 Phu Horm carbonate platform
- 2 Si That carbonate platform
- 3 Lam Pao carbonate platform
- 4 Dong Mun carbonate platform
- 5 Non Sung carbonate platform
- 6 Phu Din carbonate platform
- 7 Dao Ruang carbonate platform



Gas well with carbonate reservoir



Dry hole penetrated carbonates

**Booth and Sattayarak, 2011**



Basement High



<3 km



3–6 km



>6 km

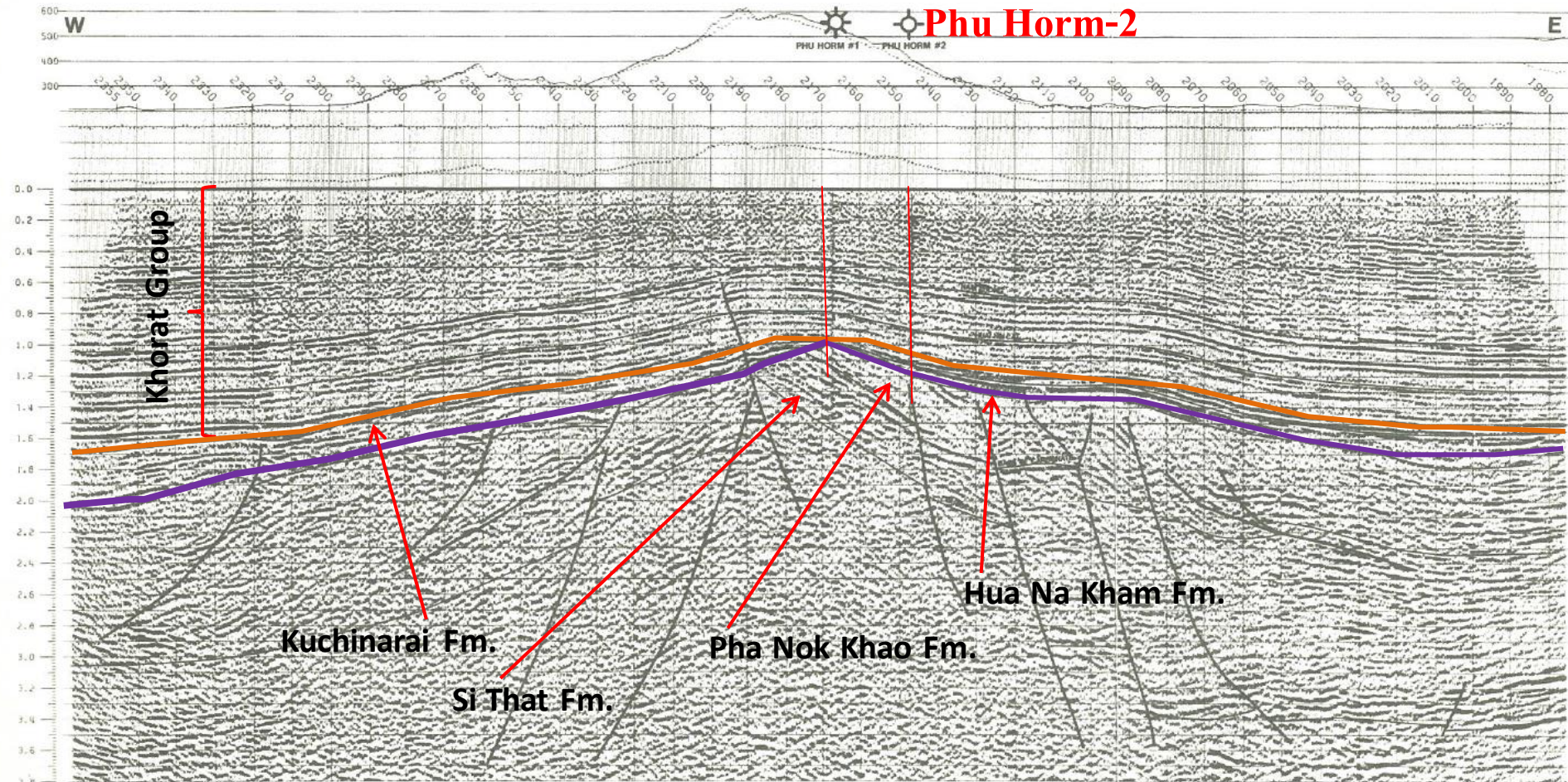
**Carbonate Platforms of the Pha Nok  
Khao Formation equivalents  
(mid Lower–Middle Permian)**

0 km 100

# Khorat Plateau Subsurface Stratigraphy

**Phu Horm-1**

**Phu Horm-2**

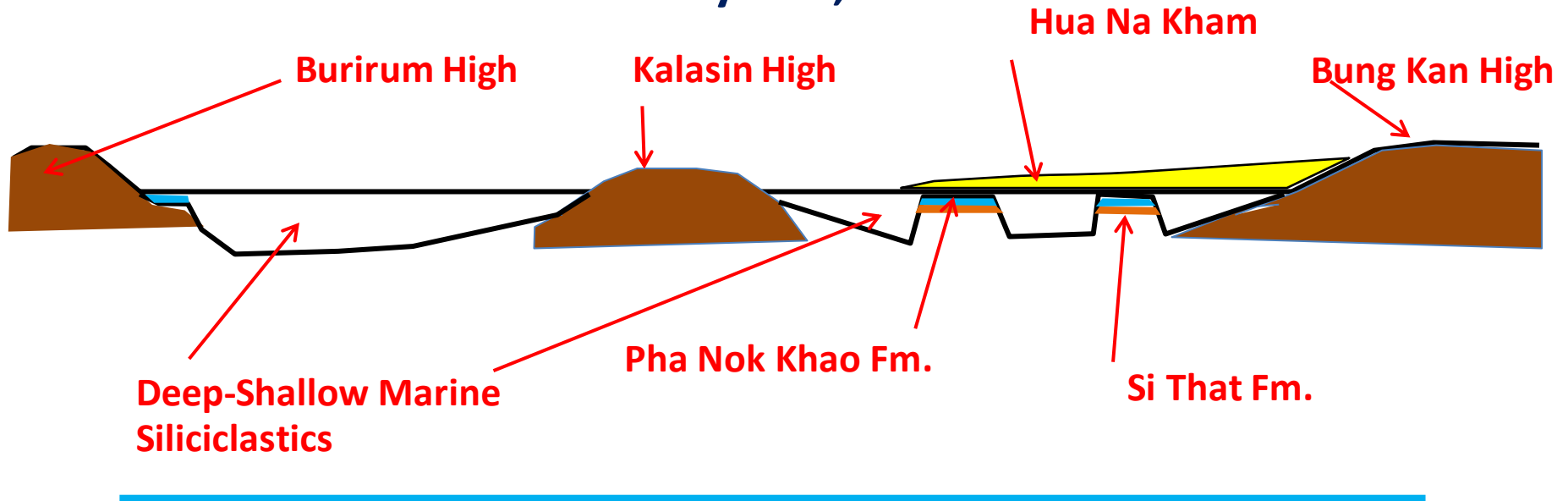


**Seismic Line Across Phu Horm Gas Field, U-Don Thani**

**Kozar et al., 1992**

# Permo-Carboniferous Basins in NE Thailand

## Sattayarak, 2021



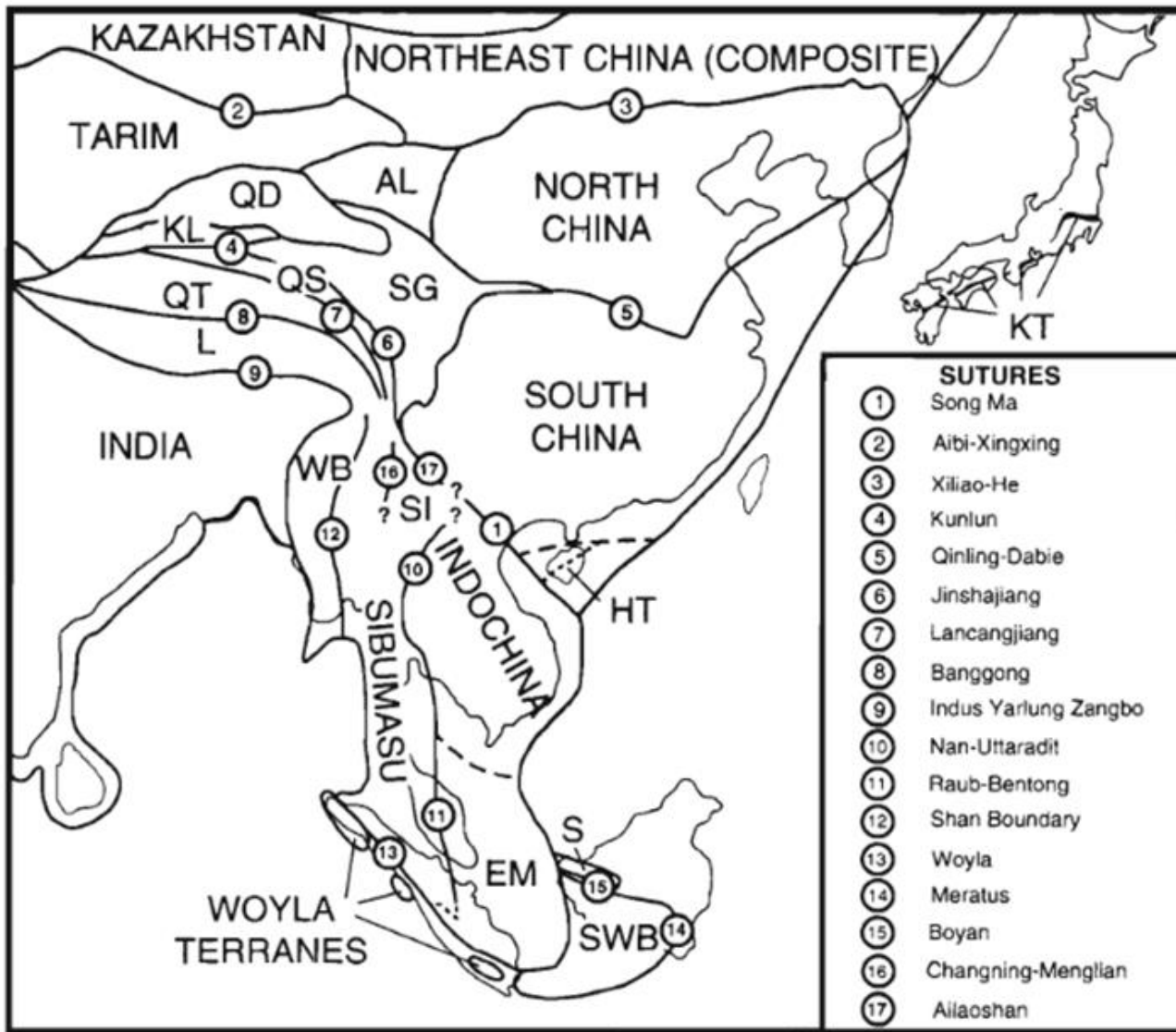
Shallow Marine & Siliciclastics

Deep Sea Sediments

**Host & Graben  
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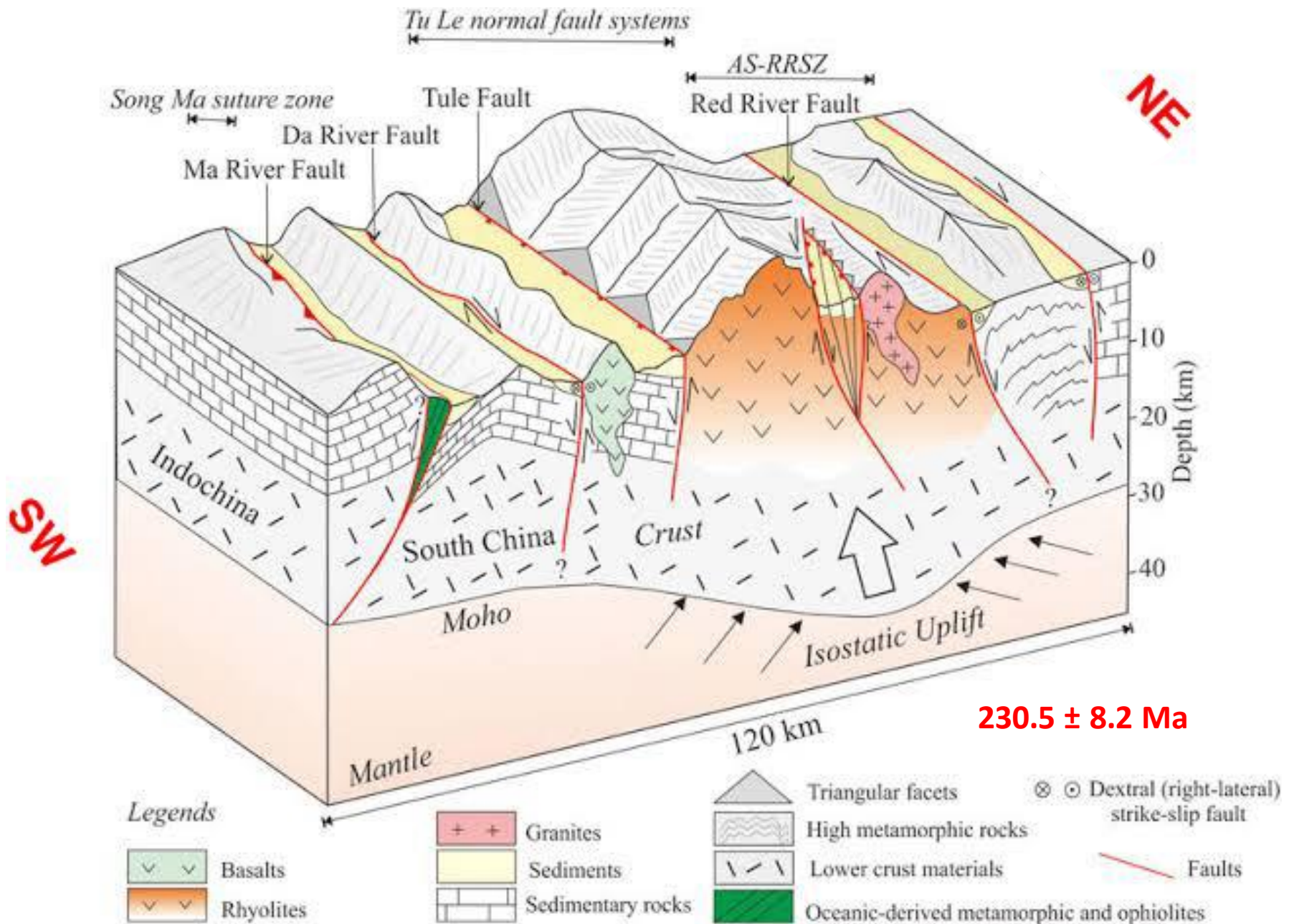
**Carter and Clift, 2008**

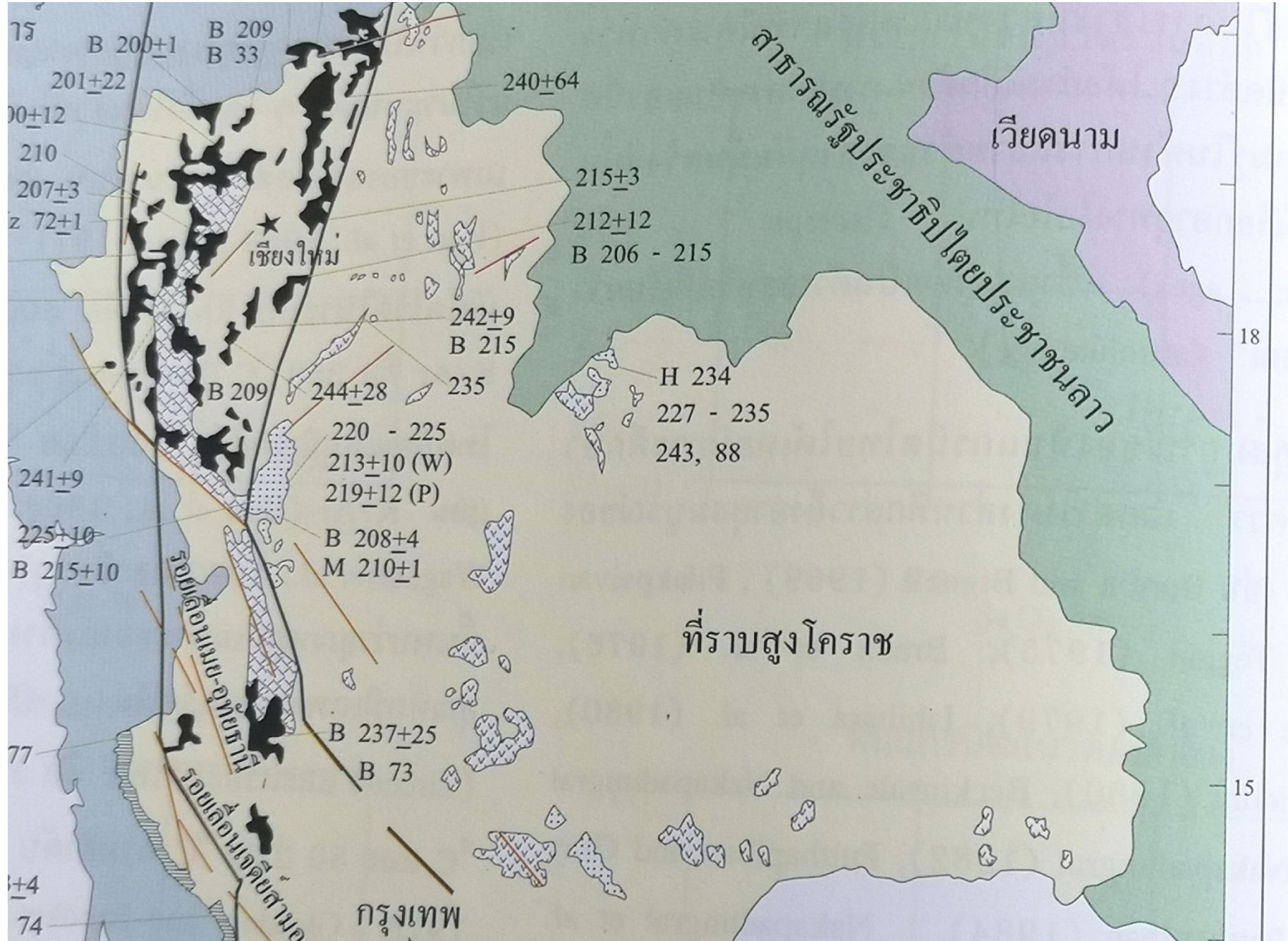
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**Minezaki et al, 2018**

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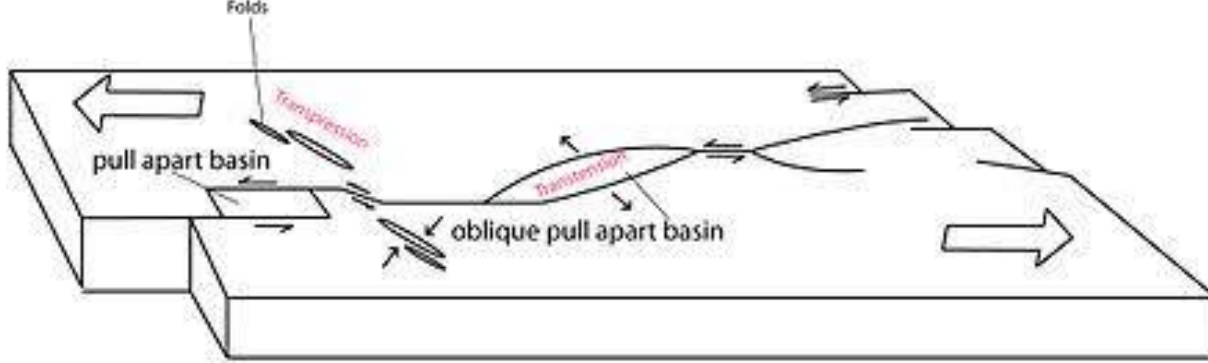




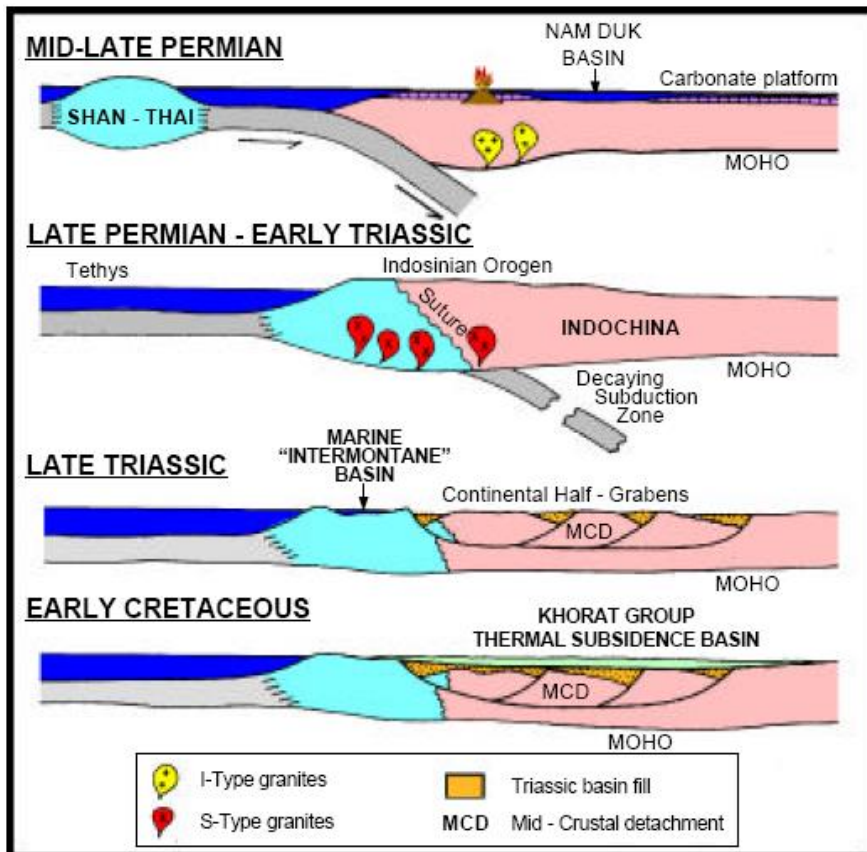
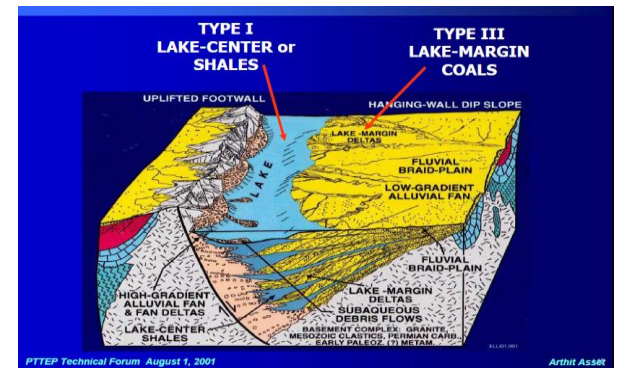
**Map of Granite and Ages in the Upper Part of Thailand, DMR (1999)**

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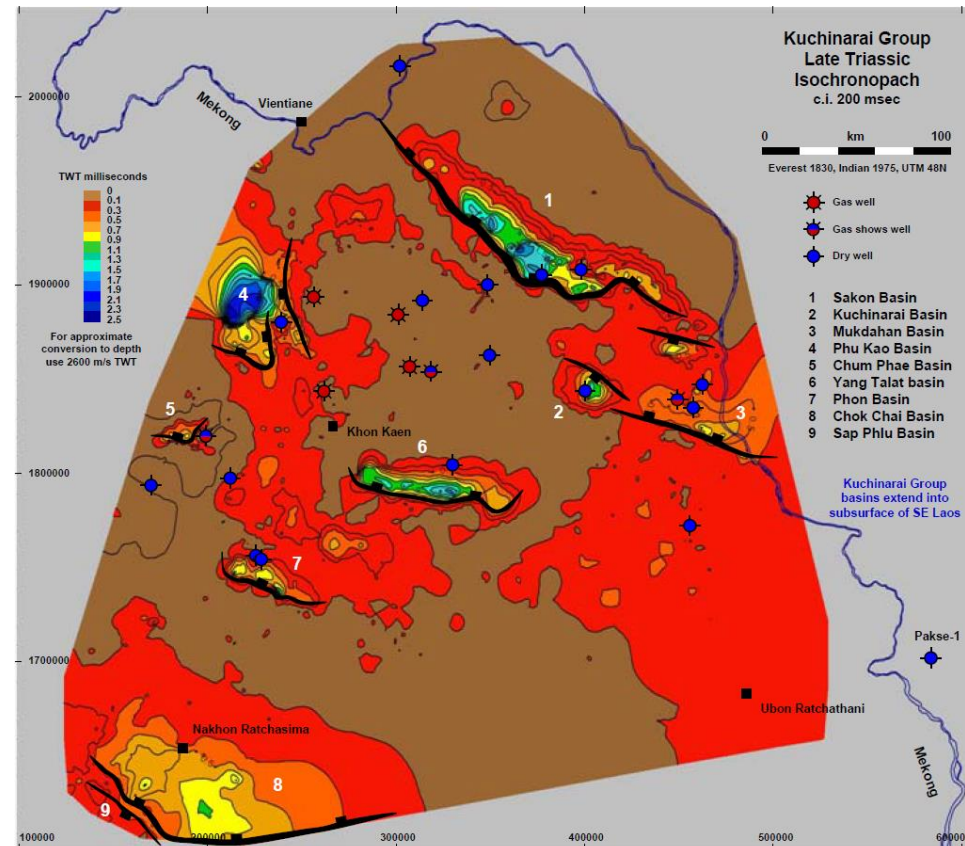
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**Transtensional Rift Basin**



**Cooper et al, 1989**

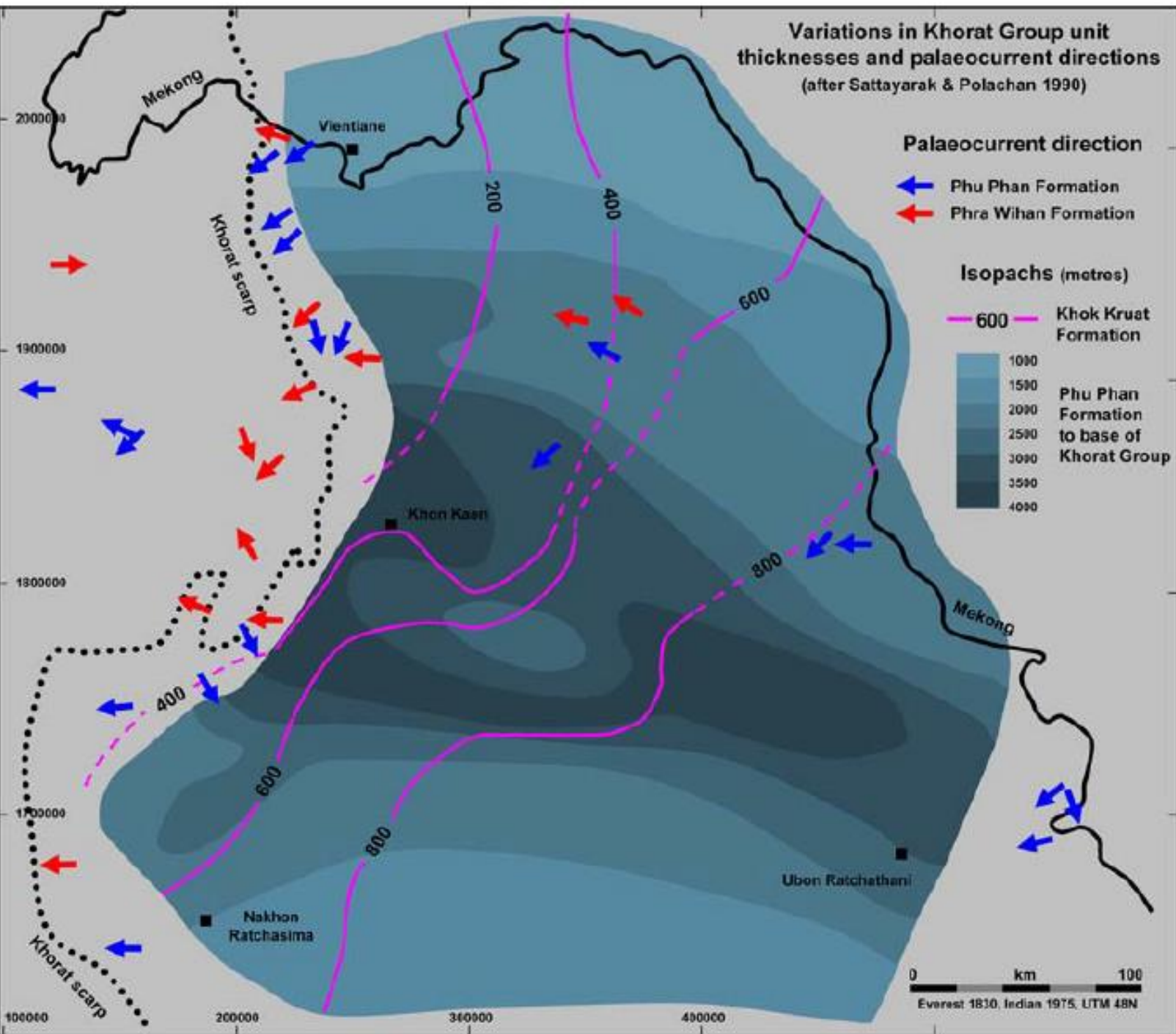


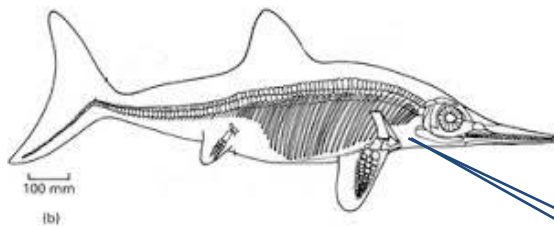
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(after Sattayarak & Polachan 1990)





Ward & Bunnak, 1964



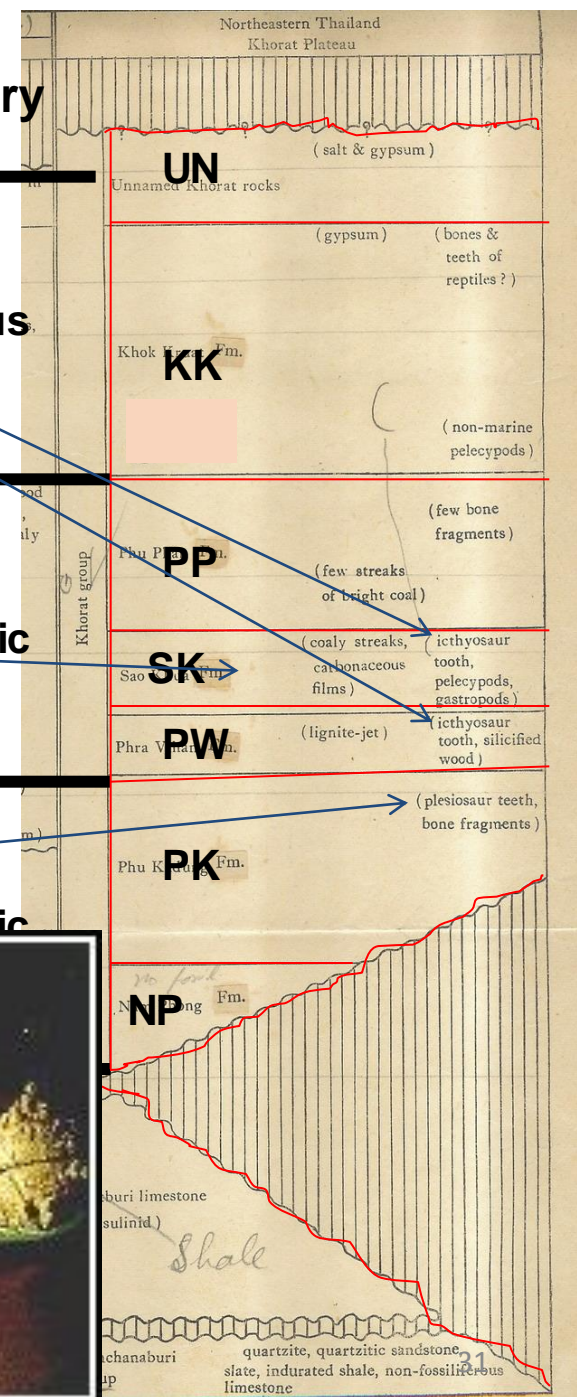
Khorat Group

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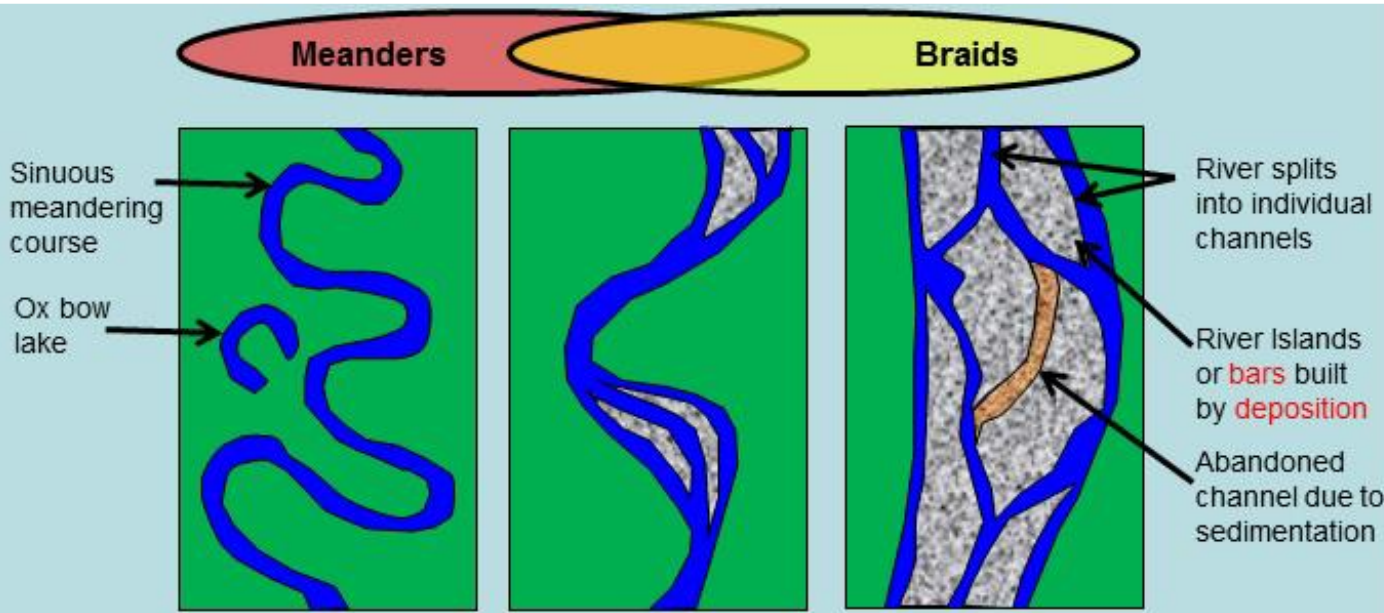
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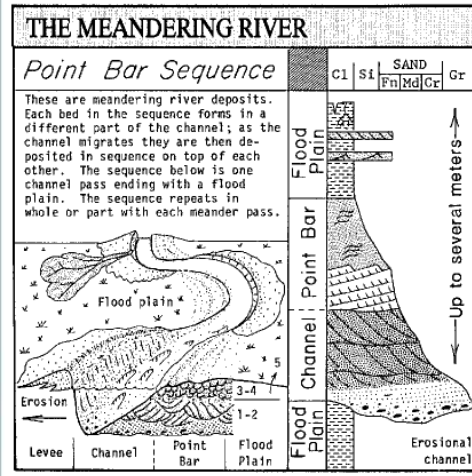
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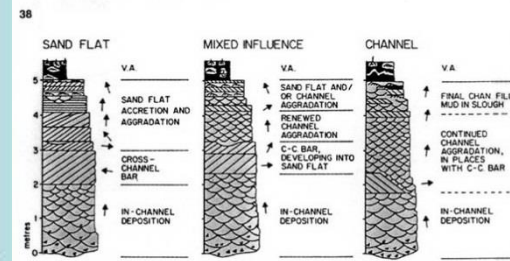
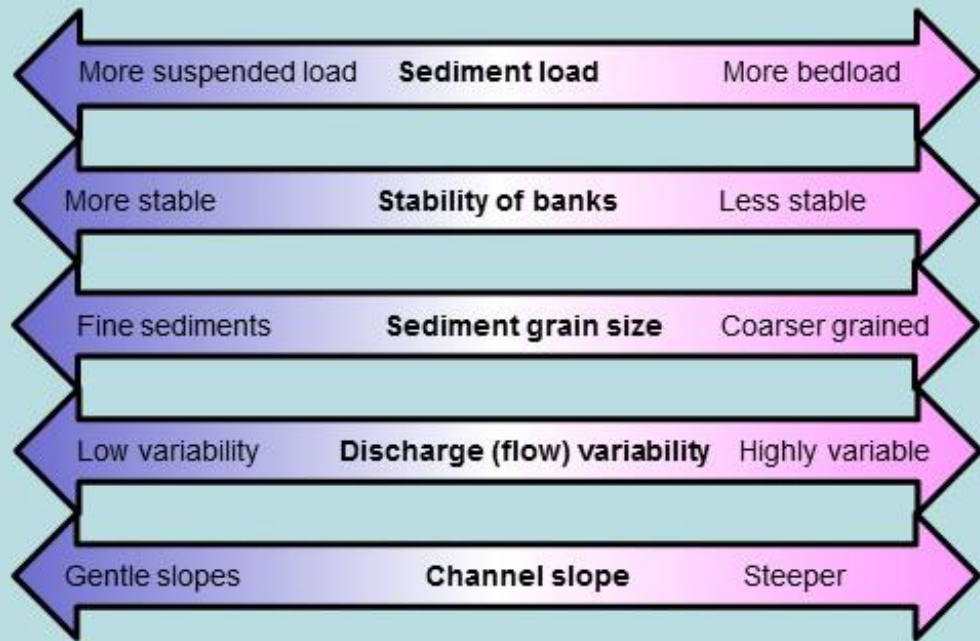
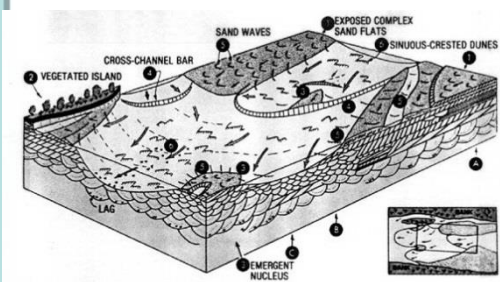
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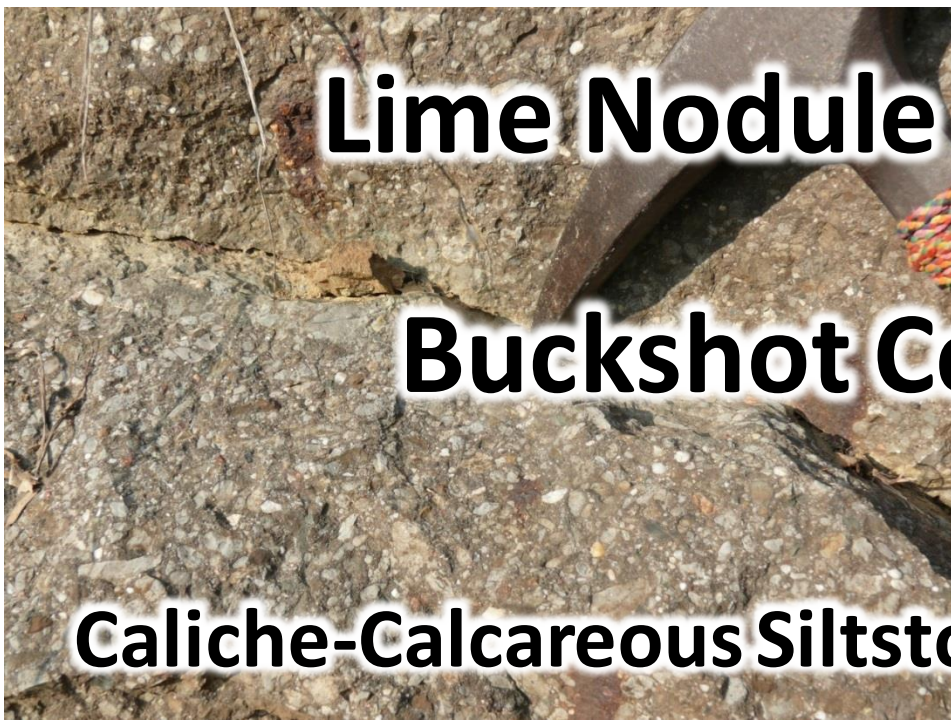
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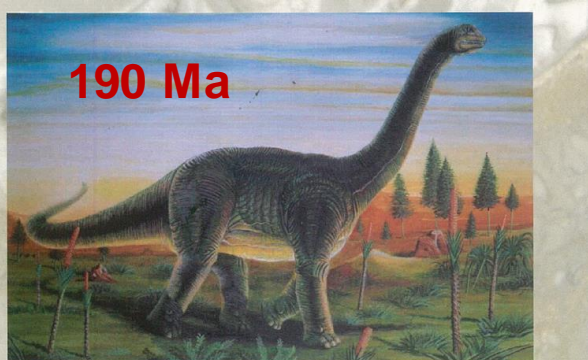
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By Rob Gamesby



190 Ma

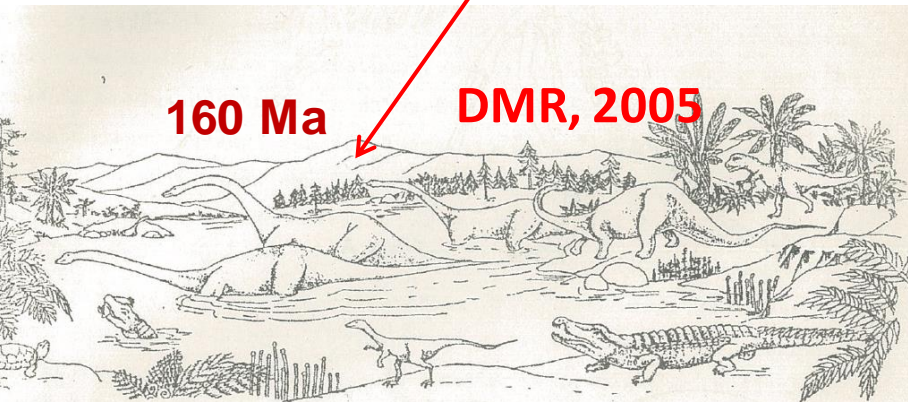


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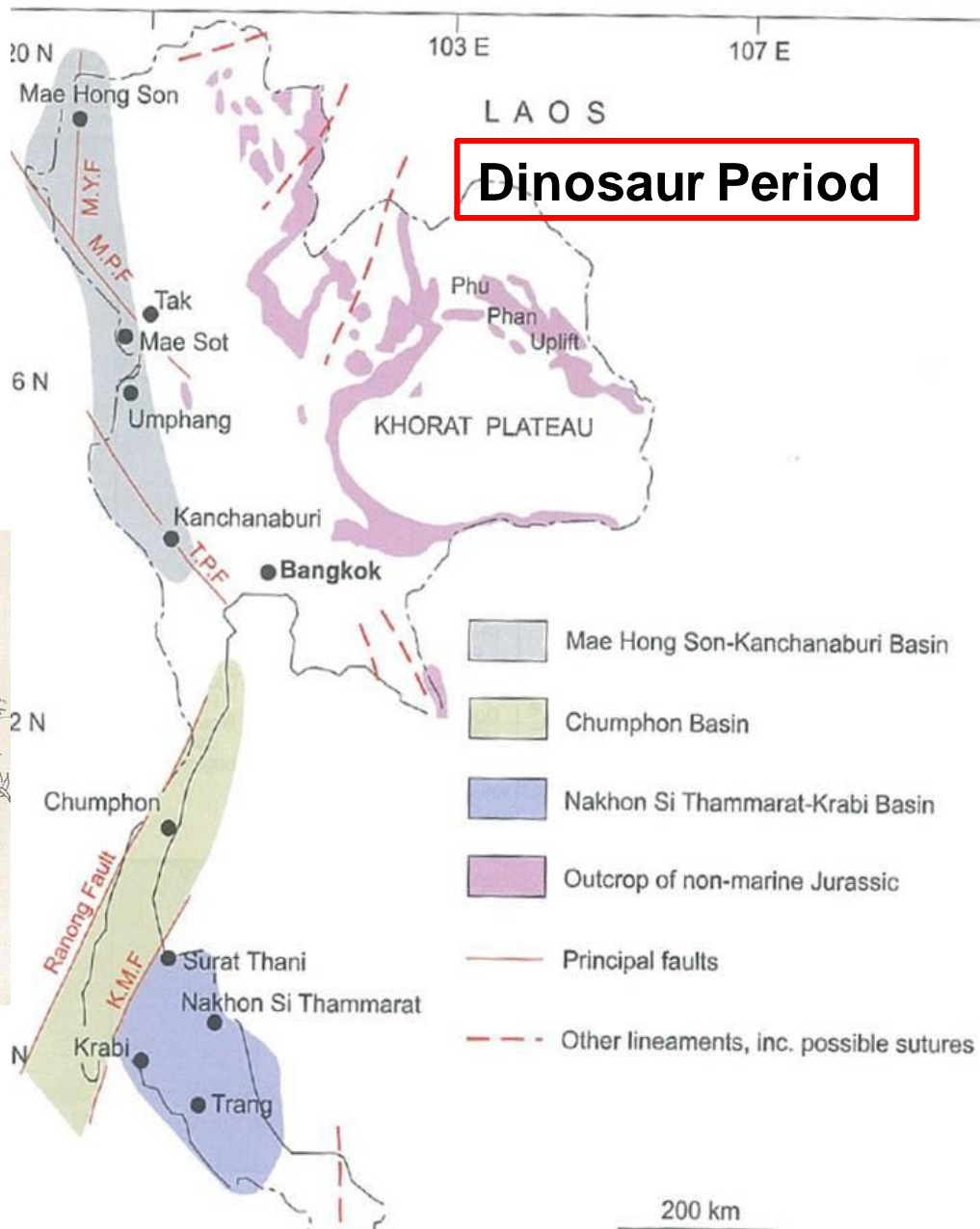
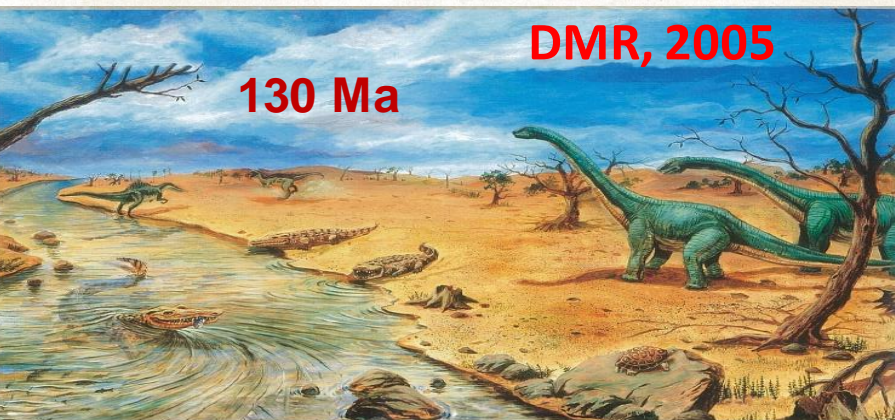
160 Ma

DMR, 2005



130 Ma

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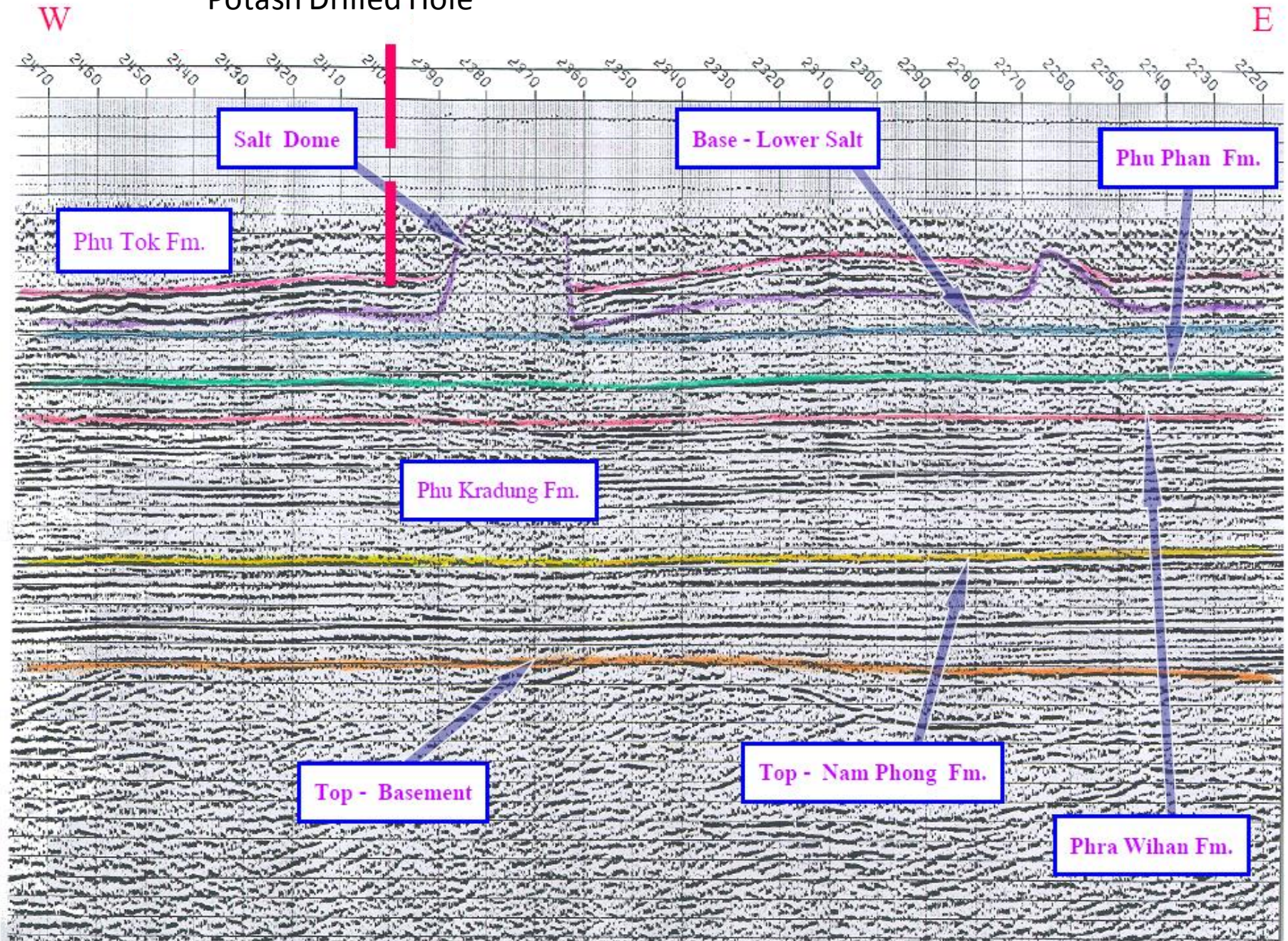


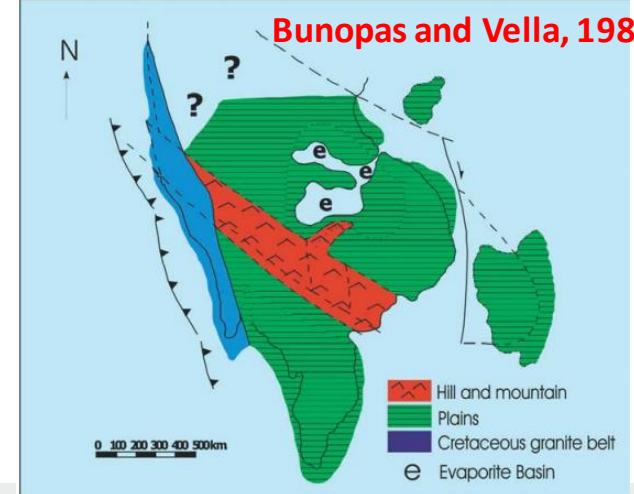
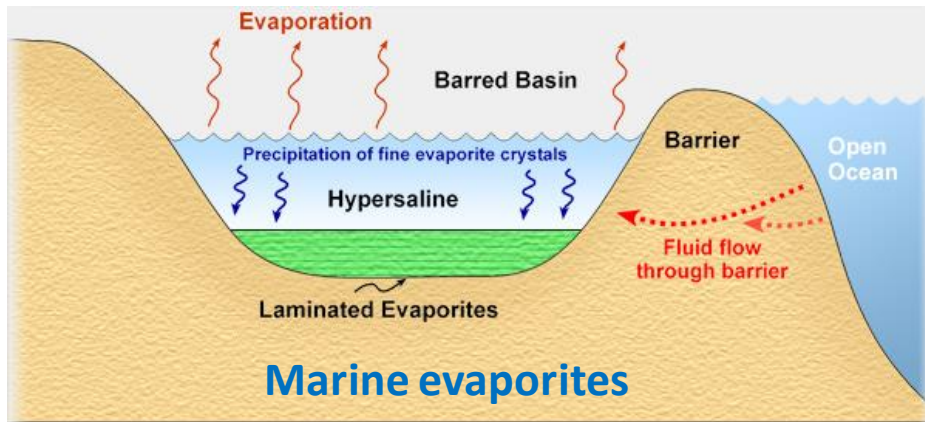
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Potash Drilled Hole





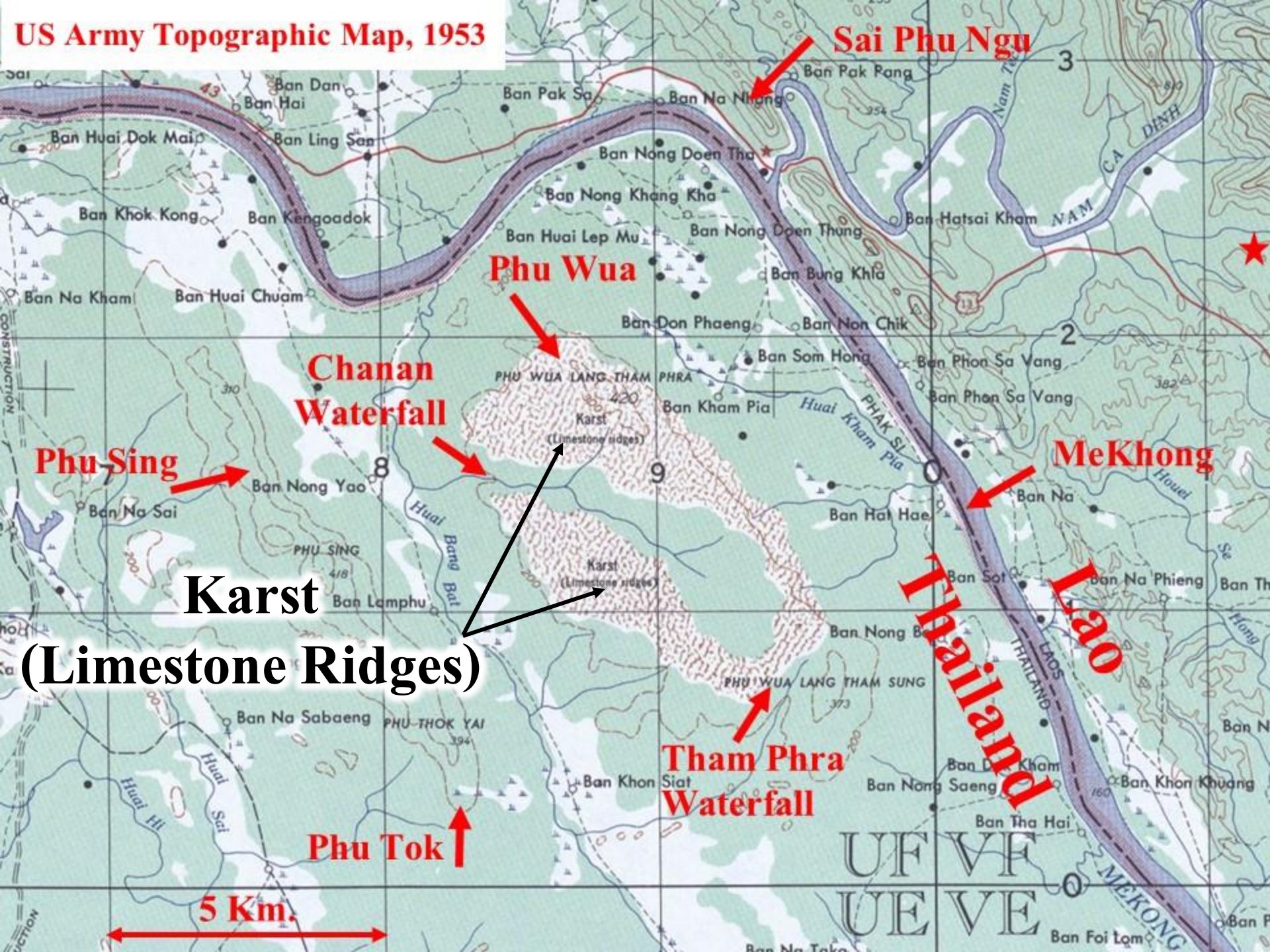
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El Tabakh et al. (1999)	Anhydrite	S isotope	SKB and KB	
	Halite	Br concentration	SKB and KB	
Timofeeff et al. (2006)	Halite	Geochemical analysis	SKB	
Tan et al. (2010)	Halite and Potash	B and Sr isotopes	SKB	
Zhang et al. (2013)	Borate minerals	B isotope	SKB	
Ren et al. (2018)	Halite	B isotope	SKB	
Qin et al. (2020)	Gypsum, Anhydrite and Halite	B, Sr and S isotopes	SKB and KB	
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Sun et al (2019)	Halite	Cl and Br concentrations	SKB	
El Tabakh et al. (1999)	Tachyhydrite and Borate minerals	Mineralogy	SKB and KB	Mixed fluid origin such as Hydrothermal, Meteoric water
Li et al. (2018)	Halite	Sr isotope	SKB	
Ren et al. (2018)	Camallite	B concentration	SKB	
Li et al. (2020)	Halite and Potash minerals	Cl and Br concentrations and Cl isotope	KB	
Sattayarak (1991)	Kerogen of pollen	-	-	Middle Cretaceous (Albian - Cenomanian)
Hansen et al. (2002)	Claystone of the Middle Clastic Unit	Multiple isotopes	KB	
Hansen et al. (2016)	Anhydrites of the Middle Salt Unit	Sr isotope	KB	

\* Note: SKB = Sakon Nakhon Basin; KB = Khorat Basin; "-" = Unknow

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**US Army Topographic Map, 1953**



**Sai Phu Ngu**

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**Chanan  
Waterfall**

**Phu Sing**

**MeKhong**

**Karst  
(Limestone Ridges)**

**Thailand  
Lao**

**Tham Phra  
Waterfall**

**Phu Tok**

**5 Km.**

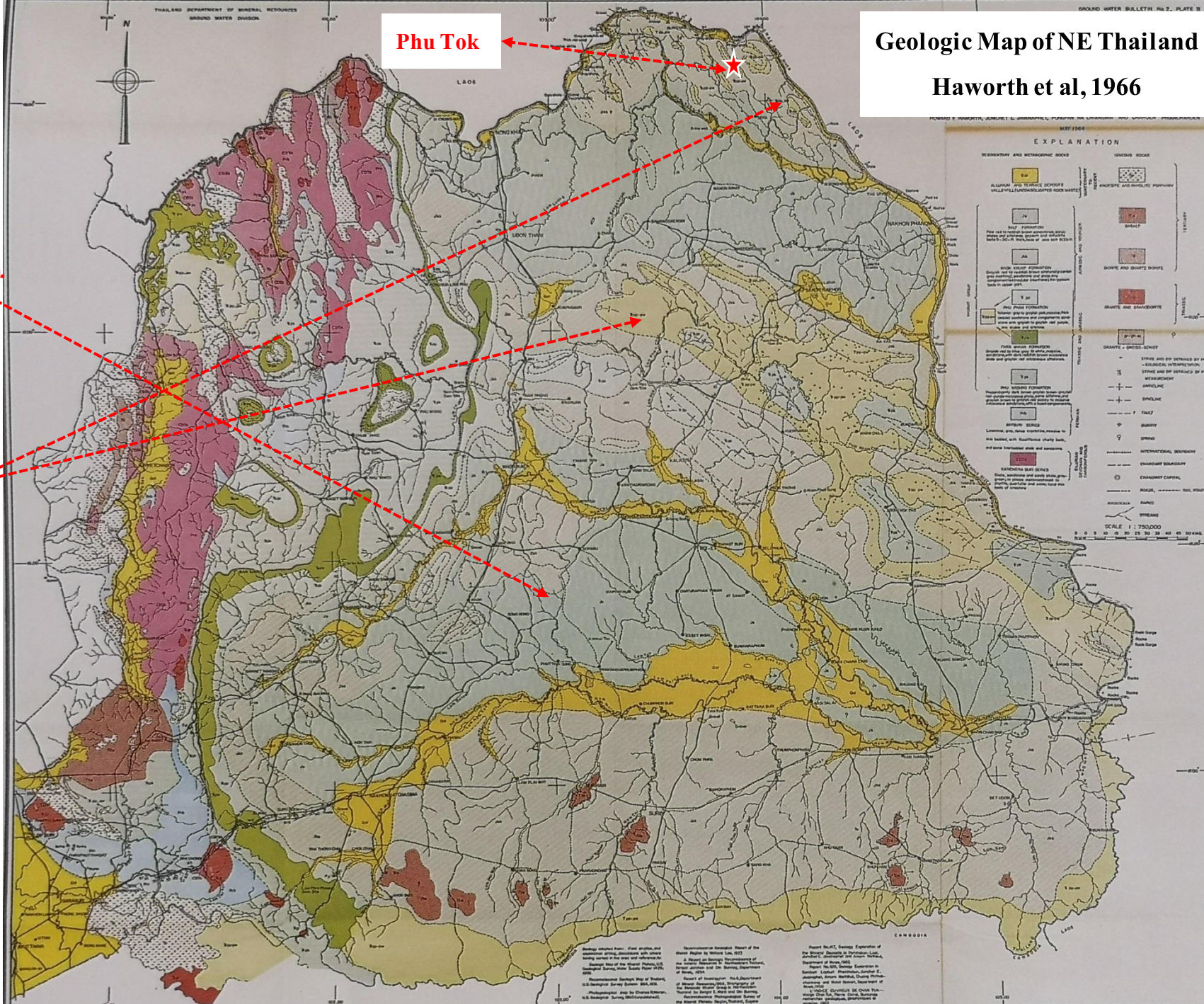
# Geologic Map of NE Thailand

## Haworth et al, 1966

**Phu Tok**

**Jr-T?; Salt Fm**

**Trpp  
Tr-Jr; PP**

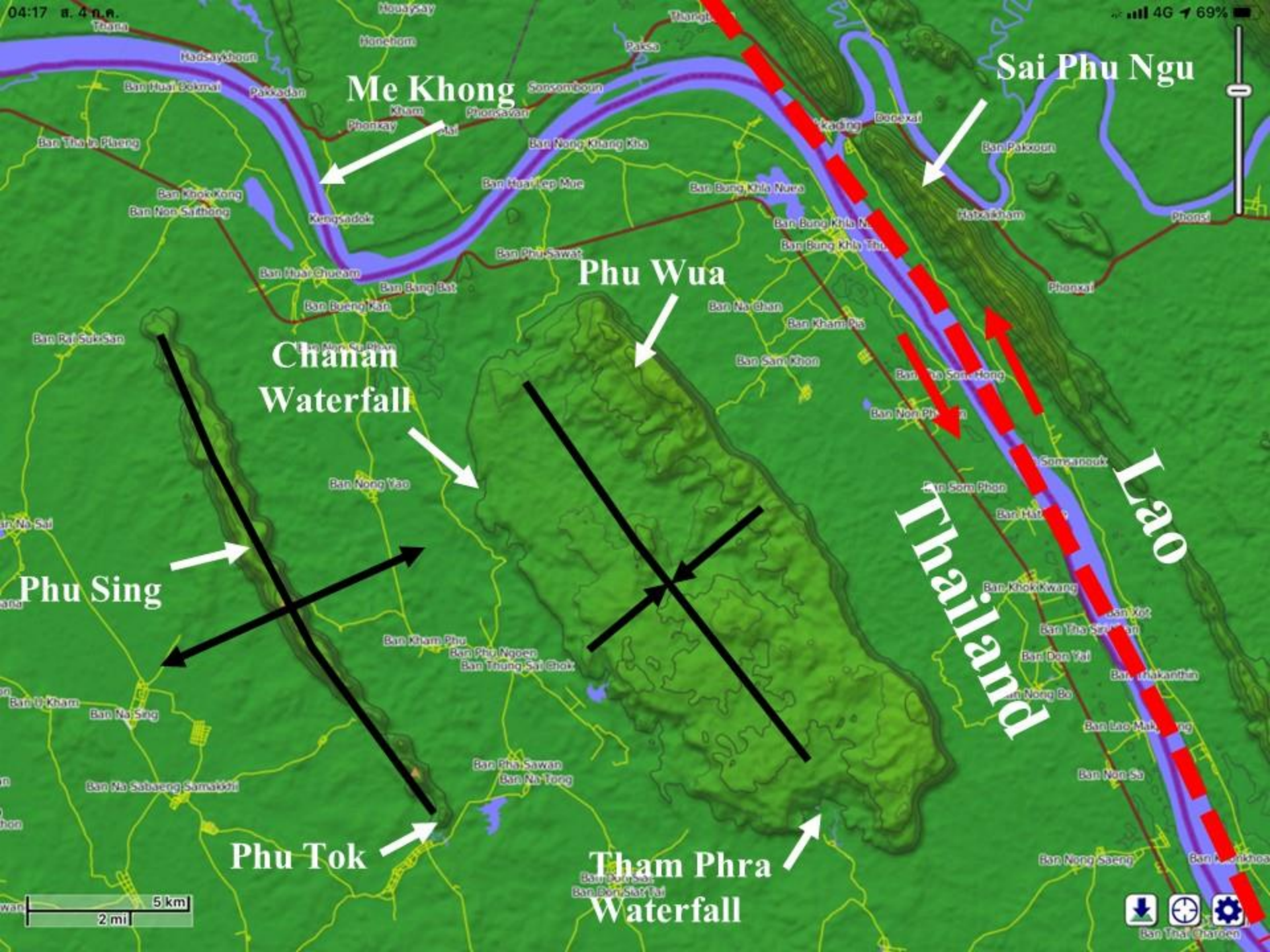


**EXPLANATION**

SEDIMENTARY AND METAMORPHIC ROCKS	IGNEOUS ROCKS
<p><b>ALLUVIAL AND TERTIARY DEPOSITS</b> WELLS, SANDHILLS, COARSE SAND BASTES</p> <p><b>7a</b> Alluvium This is the most recent deposit covering the entire area. It is composed of sand, silt, and clay, and is highly permeable.</p> <p><b>7b</b> Tertiary This is the most recent deposit covering the entire area. It is composed of sand, silt, and clay, and is highly permeable.</p> <p><b>7c</b> Quaternary This is the most recent deposit covering the entire area. It is composed of sand, silt, and clay, and is highly permeable.</p> <p><b>7d</b> Pleistocene This is the most recent deposit covering the entire area. It is composed of sand, silt, and clay, and is highly permeable.</p> <p><b>7e</b> Holocene This is the most recent deposit covering the entire area. It is composed of sand, silt, and clay, and is highly permeable.</p>	<p><b>7f</b> Granite and Quartz Diorite This is the most recent deposit covering the entire area. It is composed of sand, silt, and clay, and is highly permeable.</p> <p><b>7g</b> Granite and Quartz Diorite This is the most recent deposit covering the entire area. It is composed of sand, silt, and clay, and is highly permeable.</p> <p><b>7h</b> Granite and Quartz Diorite This is the most recent deposit covering the entire area. It is composed of sand, silt, and clay, and is highly permeable.</p> <p><b>7i</b> Granite and Quartz Diorite This is the most recent deposit covering the entire area. It is composed of sand, silt, and clay, and is highly permeable.</p> <p><b>7j</b> Granite and Quartz Diorite This is the most recent deposit covering the entire area. It is composed of sand, silt, and clay, and is highly permeable.</p>

**SCALE 1 : 750,000**

**BASE MODIFIED FROM U.S. ARMY MAP SERVICE, SERIES 1:509 MAP**



Me Khong

Sai Phu Ngu

Phu Wua

Chan-an Waterfall

Phu Sing

Phu Tok

Tham Phra Waterfall

Lao

Thailand

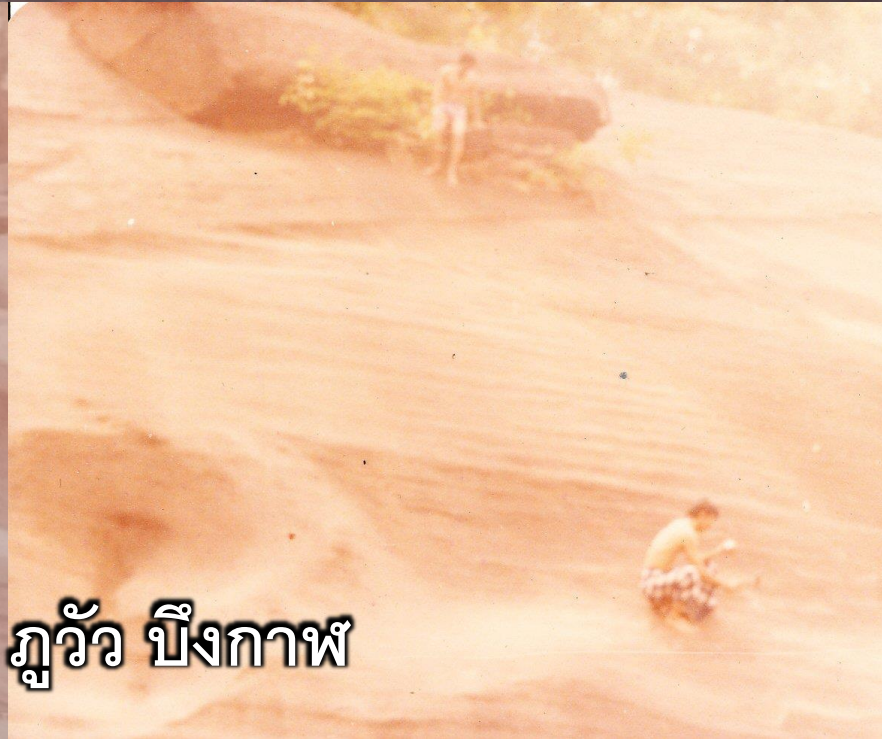
5 km  
2 mi



ลานอเมริกา ภูว้ บึงกาฬ



น้ำตกชะแนน ภูว้ บึงกาฬ





หลังถ่ายภาพ ภูว้ บึงกาฬ

Phu Tok  
Aeolian  
Sandstone

Tham Phra Waterfall, Bung Kan

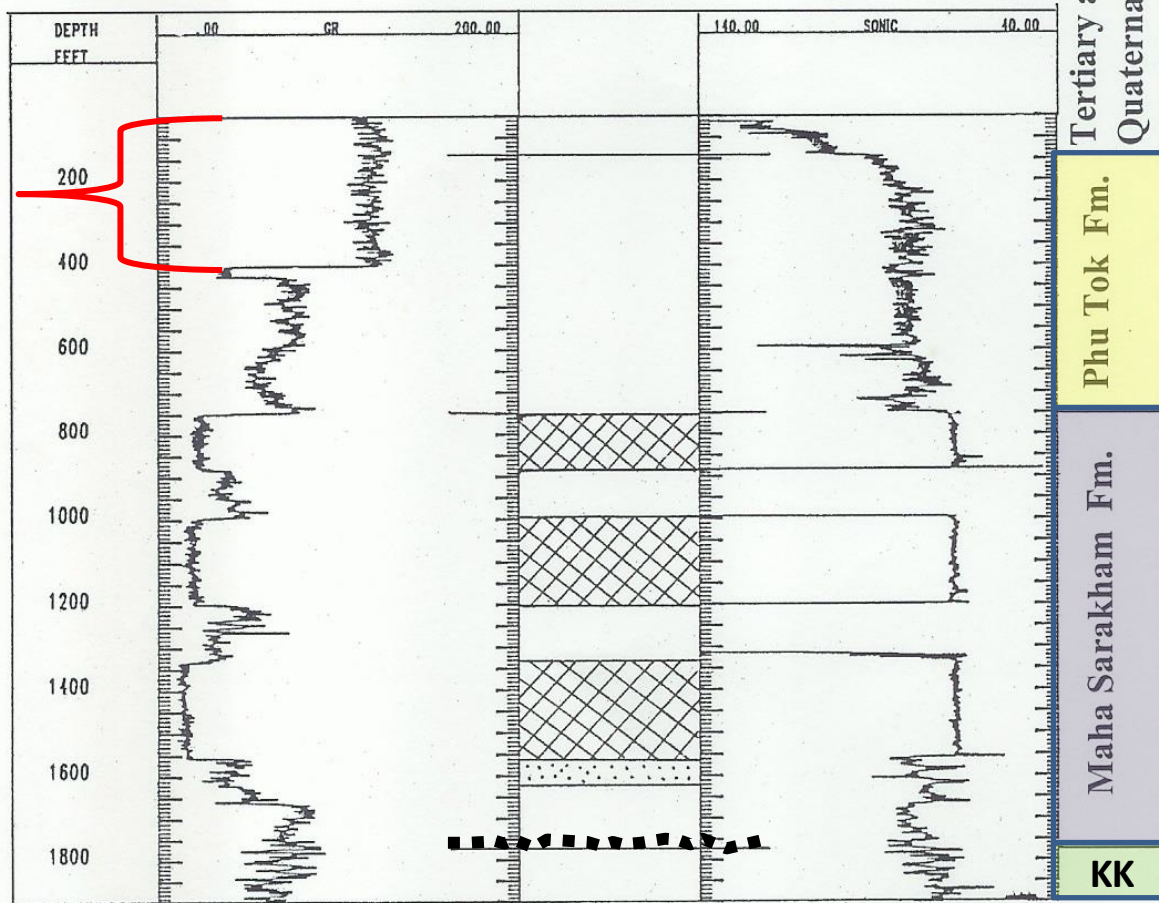
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บ่อพันขัน  
ทุ่งกุลาร้องไห้  
ปัจจุบัน



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Cased Hole

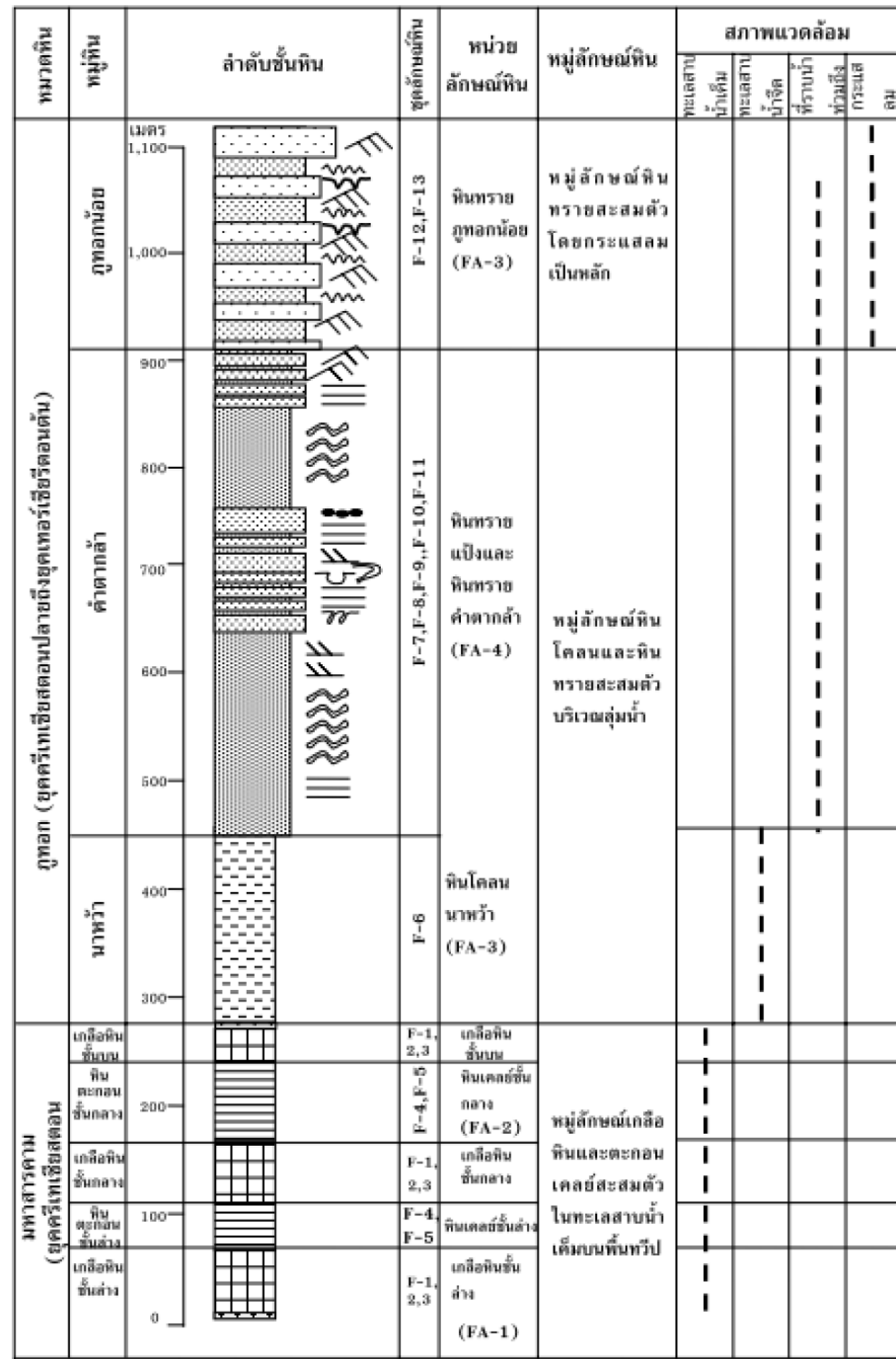


Yang Talat 1X  
Ms & PT  
Stratigraphy

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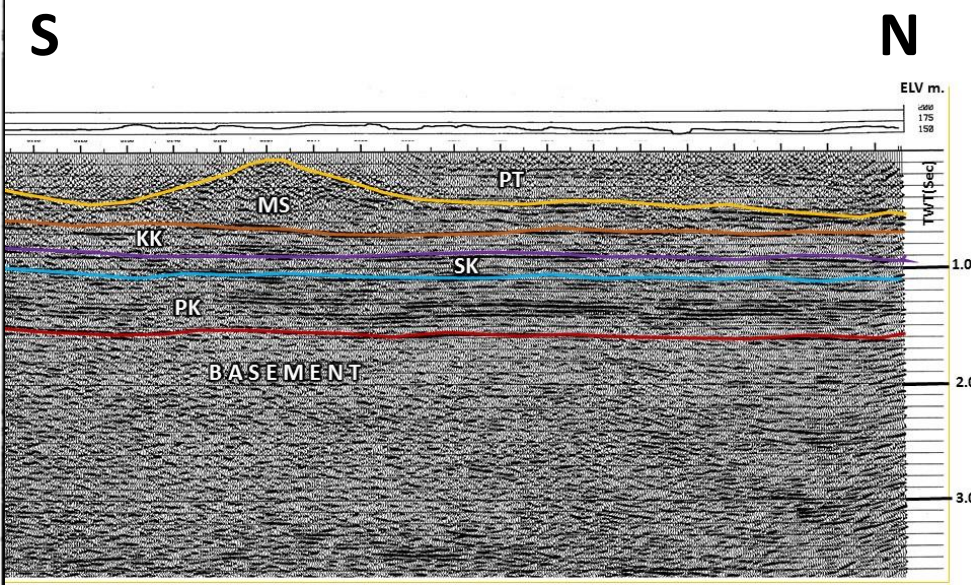
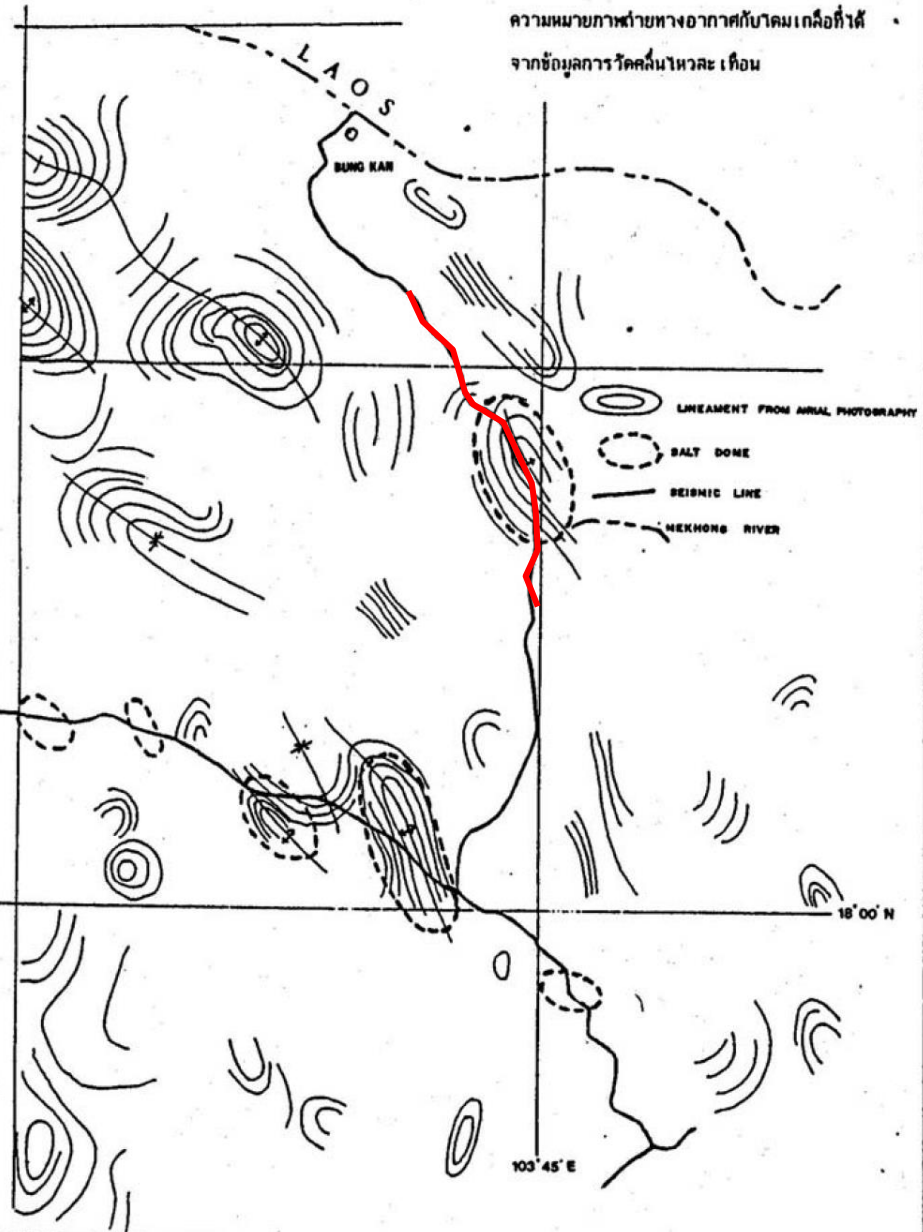
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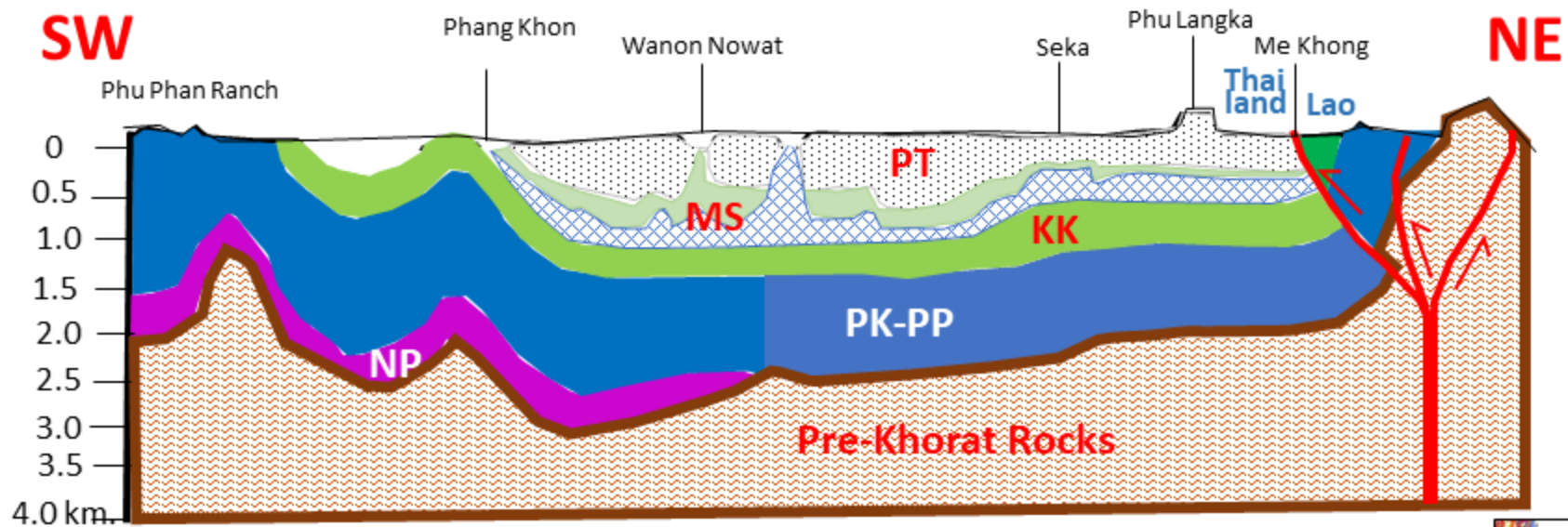


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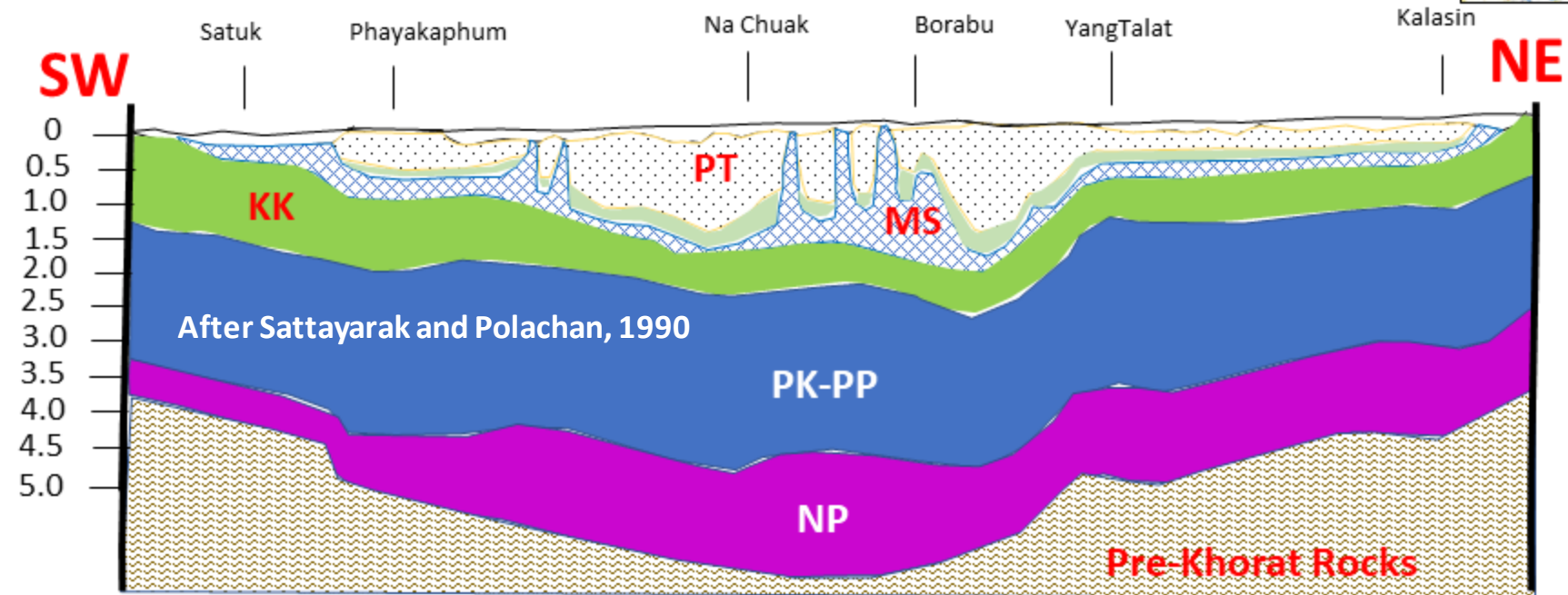
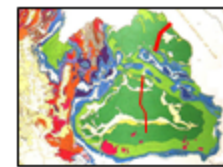
# Sattayarak & Polachan, 1990

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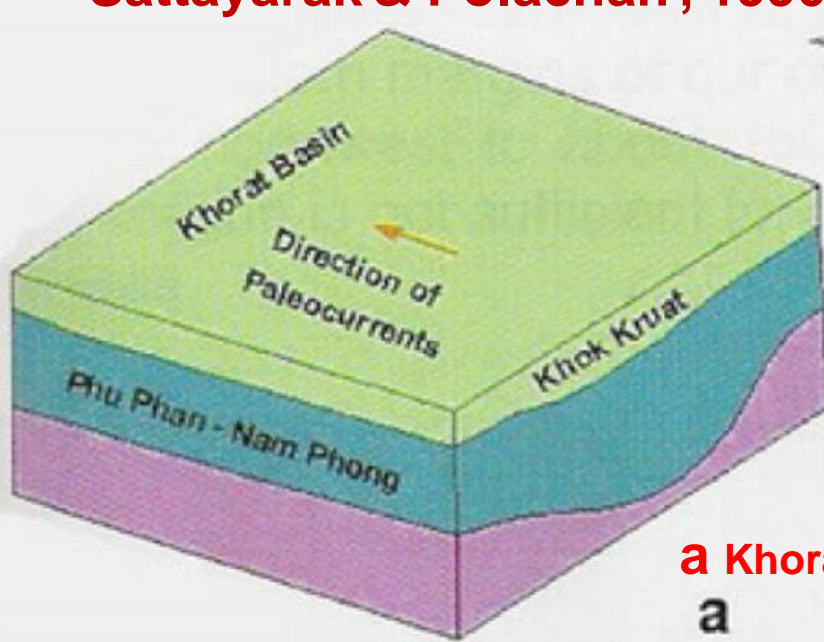




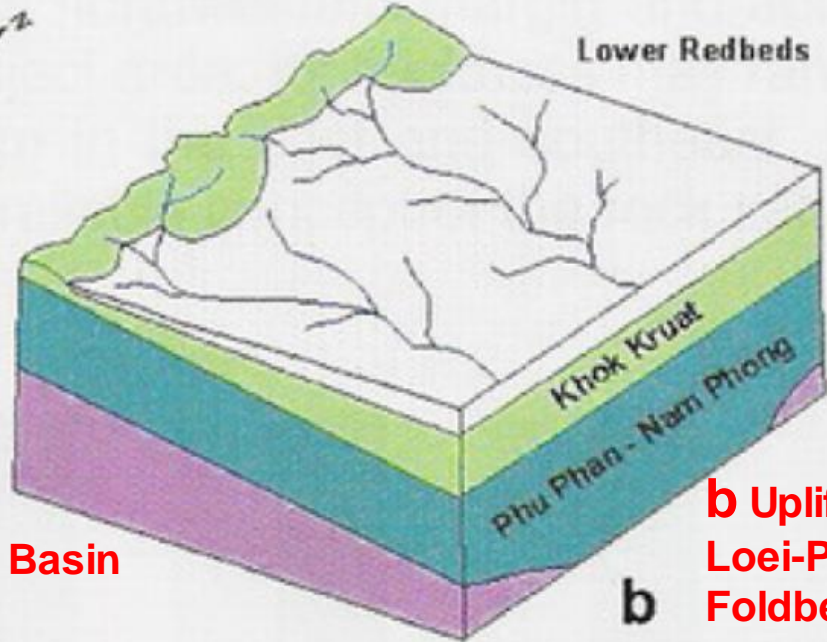
## SW-NE Idealized Section Across the NE Thailand



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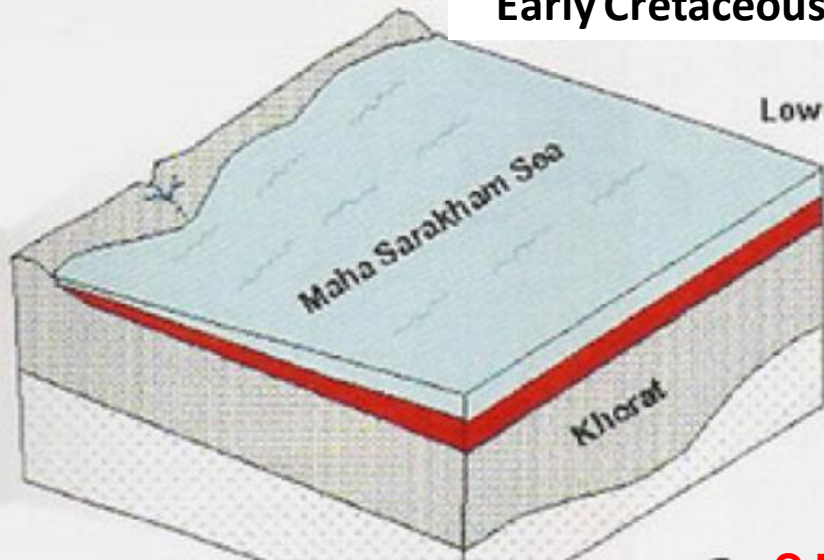
**a Khorat Basin**



**b Uplifting of Loei-Petchabun Foldbelt**

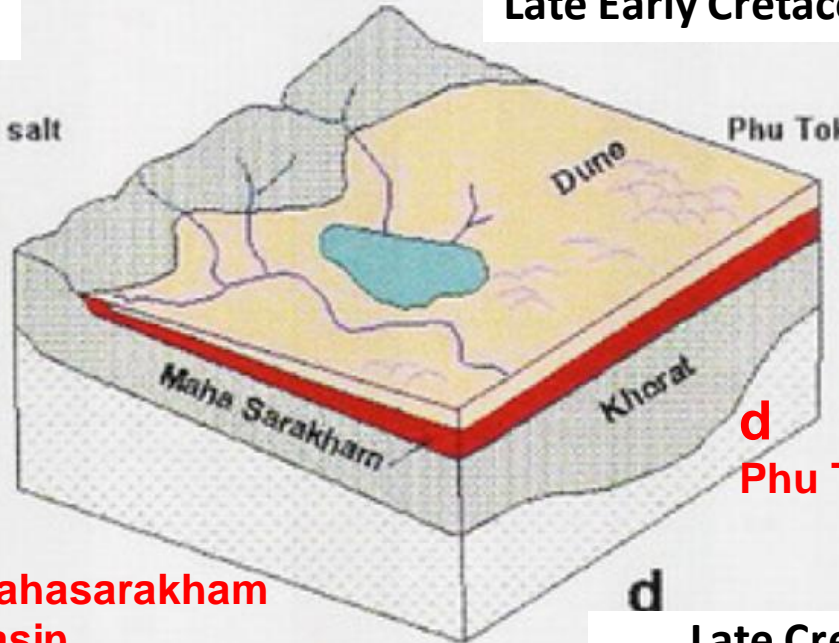
Early Cretaceous

Late Early Cretaceous



Late Early Cretaceous

Lower salt

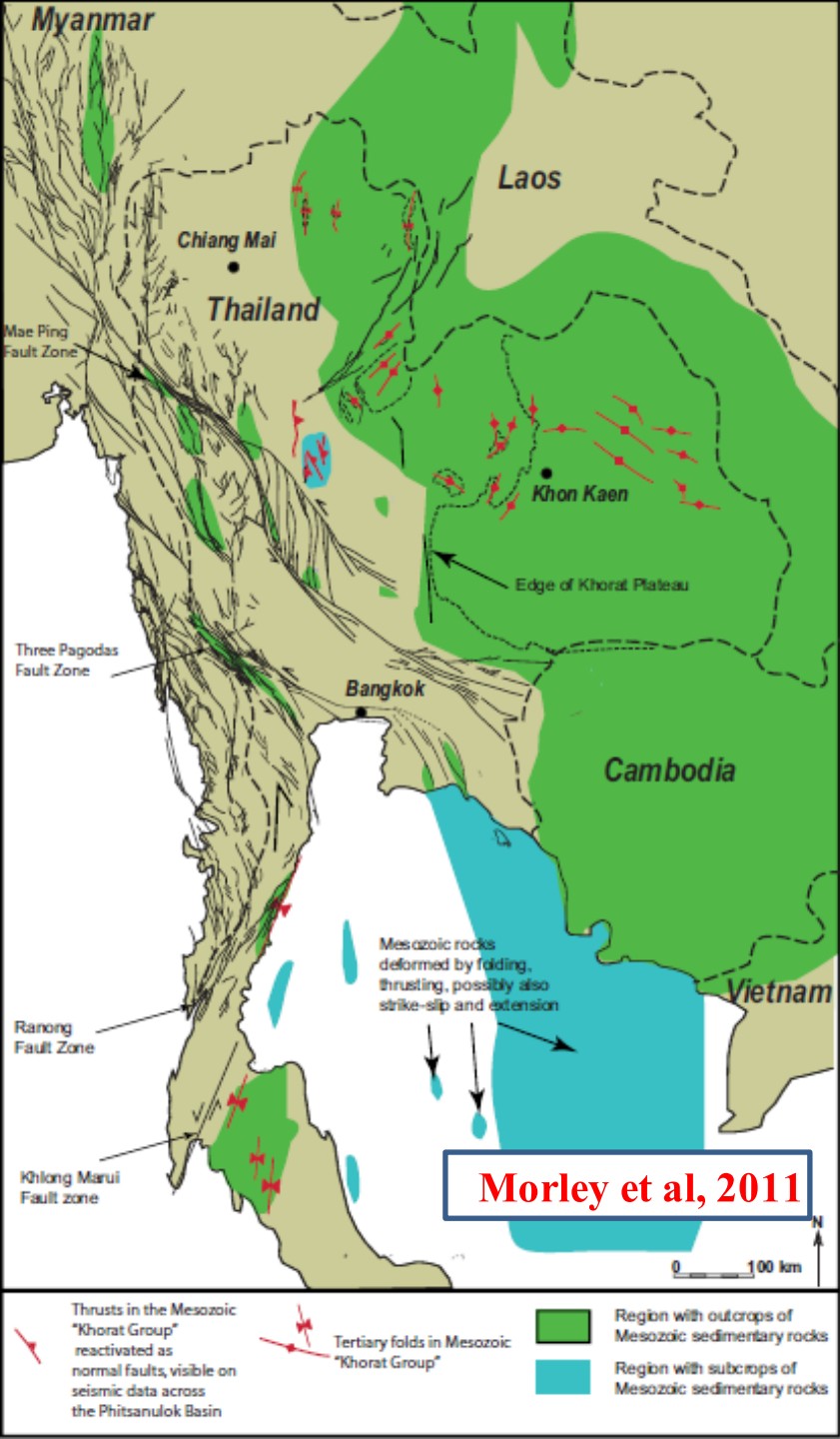


**d Phu Tok Basin**

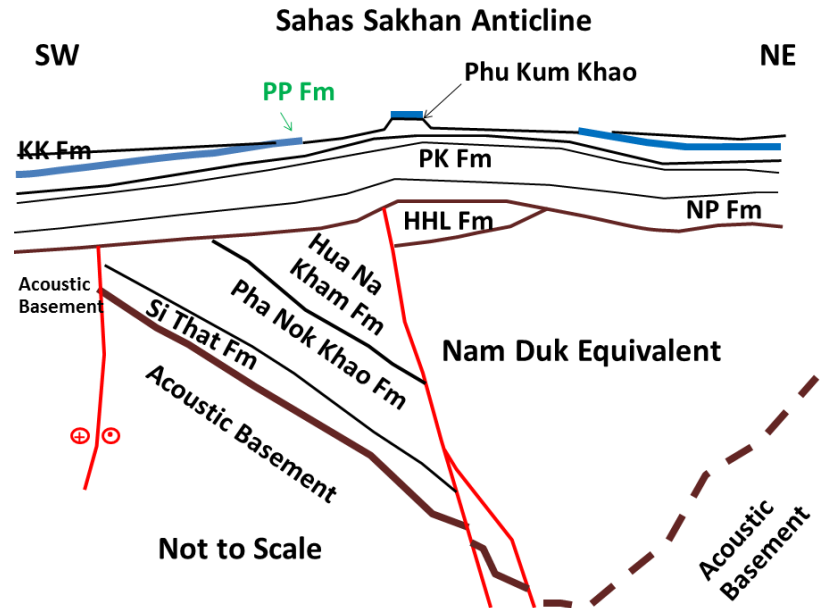
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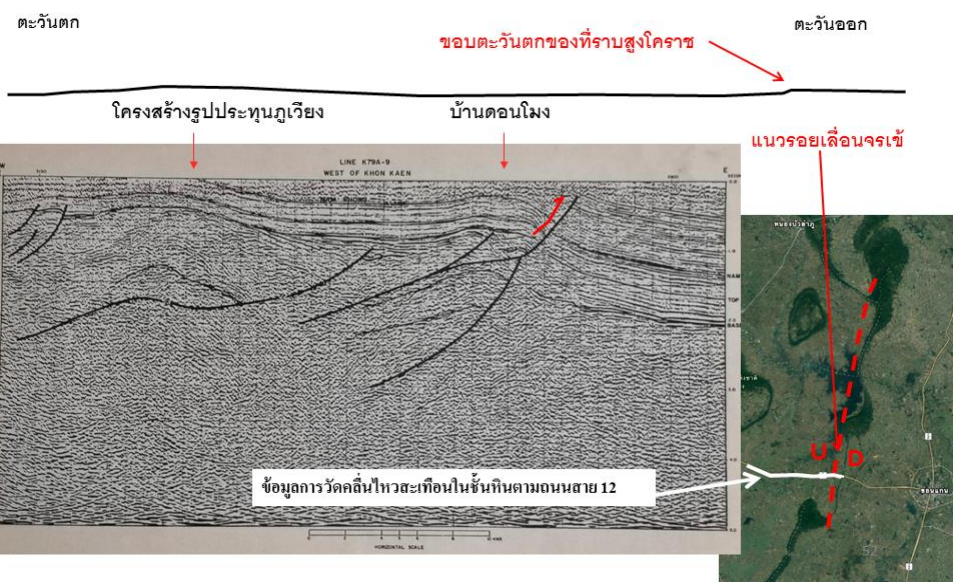
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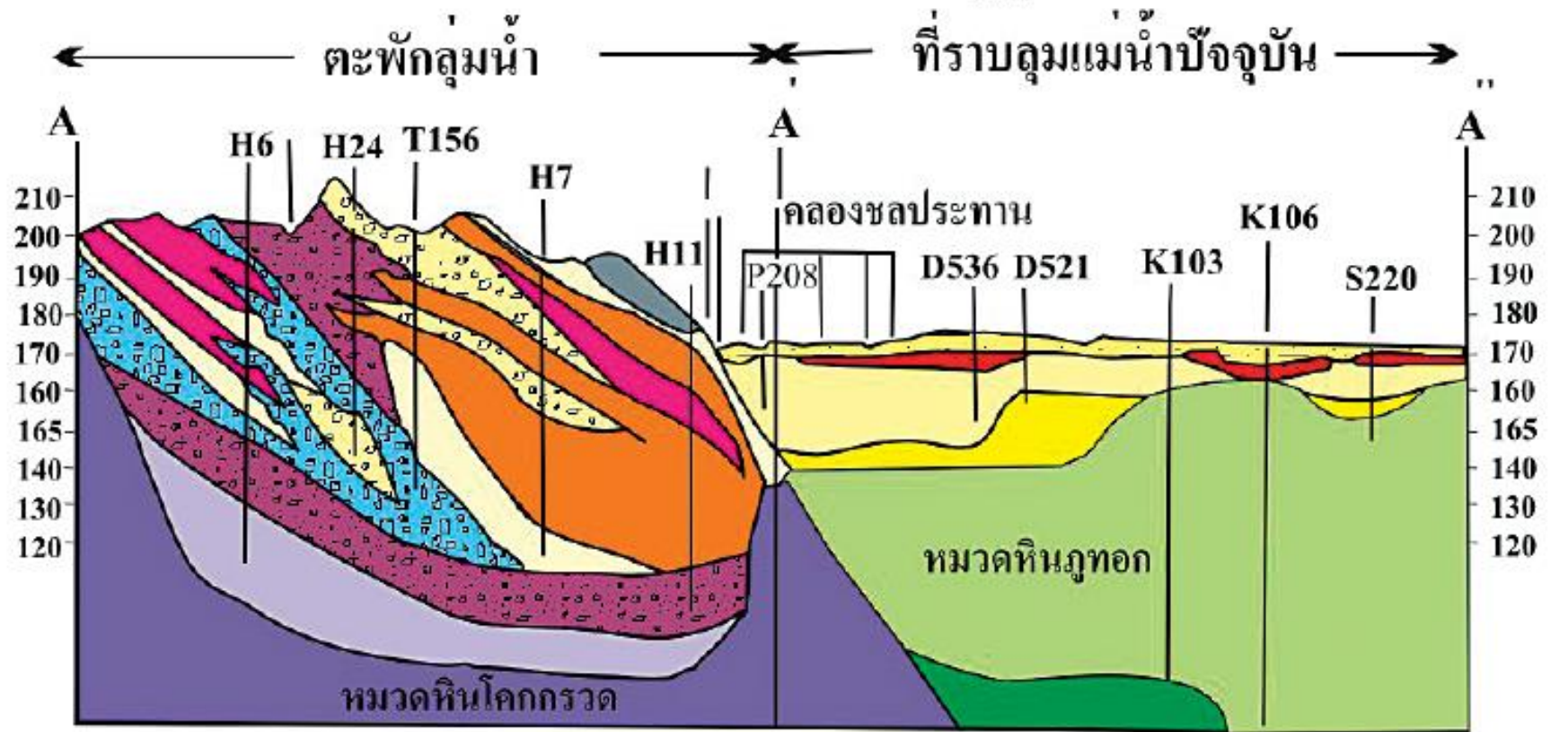
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# ISAN Geology Yield Us

- **Mineral & Mining Business**
- **Rock salt & Potash Industries**
- **Petroleum Fields**
- **Groundwater Enrichment**
- **Salty Soil**
- **Geotourism**
- **Geohazard**

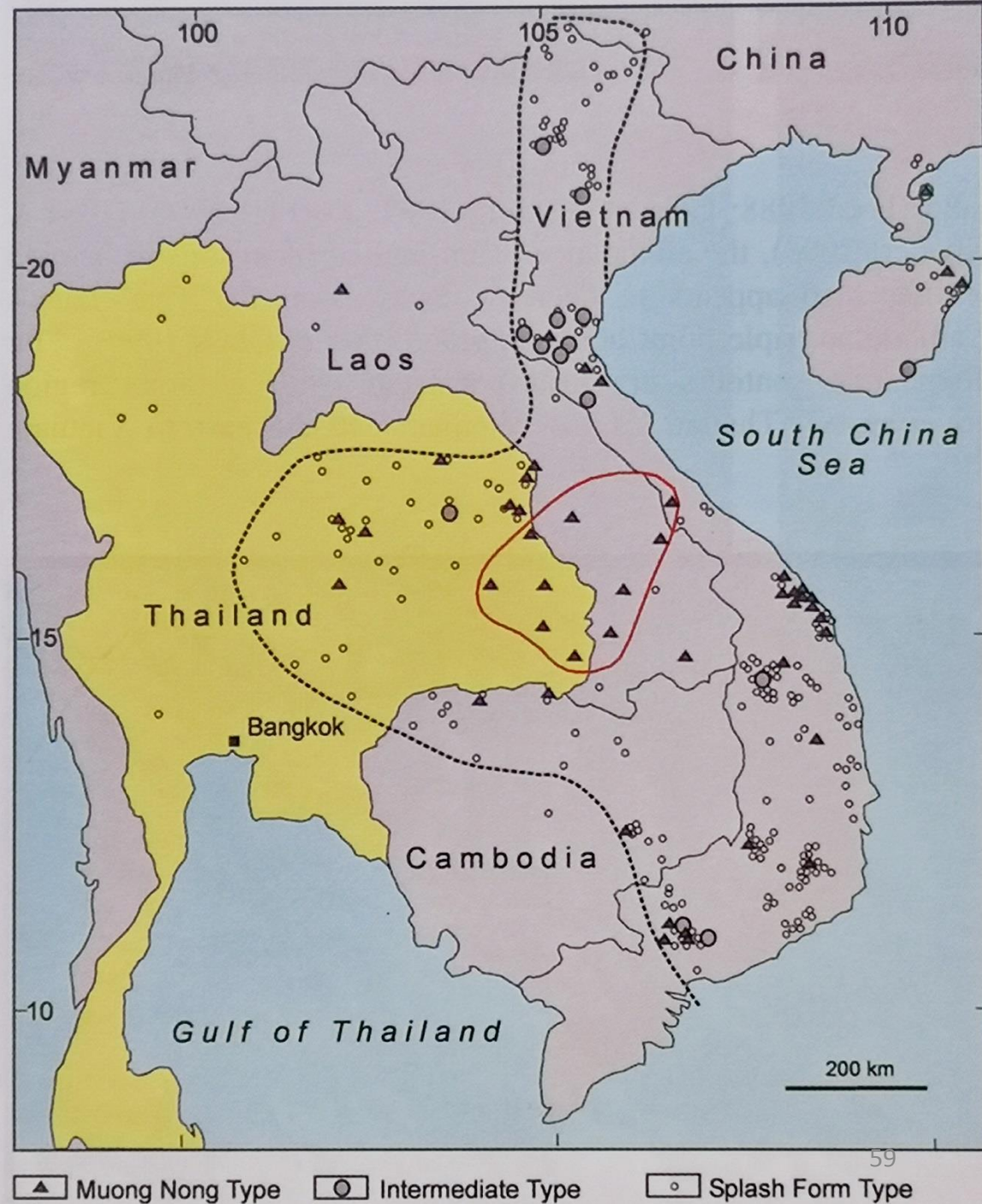
การกระจายตัว  
ของเทคโนโลยี (800 ka) แต่ละชนิด  
ในไทยและเพื่อนบ้าน

Howard, 2011

Buntharik Event

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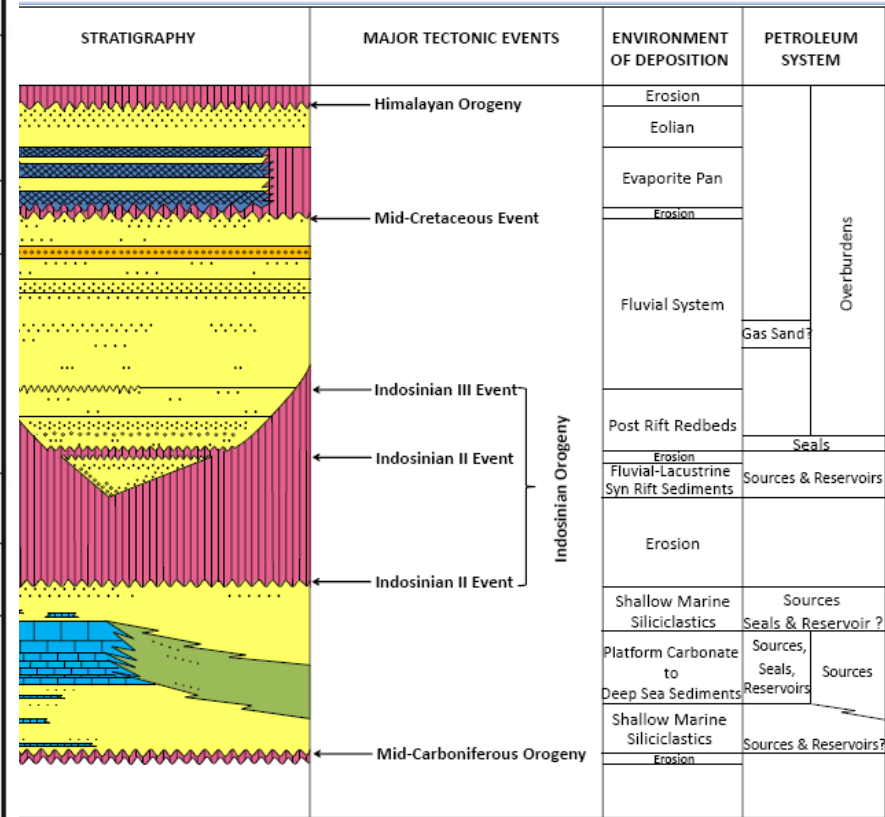


# Racey, 2010

## Stratigraphy of Northeast Thailand

Age	Group	Formation	Key Events	Environment		
TERT.	LATE	Phu Tok	HIMALAYAN OROGENY Major uplift and erosion of >3km of sediment plus formation of long wavelength folds. 500 - 1500km left-lateral displacement and palaeomagnetic data indicate the Khorat Basin was located within Southern China (Sichuan).	Aeolian & Fluvial		
		Maha Sarakham		Fluvial & Aeolian		
CRETACEOUS	LATE	Maha Sarakham	Rimmed and isolated intracontinental basin.	Hypersaline lake within an arid desert		
		Khok Kruat		MID-CRETACEOUS EVENT Inversion, uplift and erosion plus initiation of Phu Phan Uplift to separate Khorat Basin in south from Sakhon Nakhon Basin in north.		
	EARLY	Aptian	Phu Phan	Possible BARREMIAN-APTIAN EVENT suggested by palaeomagnetic data and marked erosion of Sao Khua Formation.	Fluvial to Paralic	
			Sao Khua		Braided river system	
		Berriasian - Early Barremian	Khorat Group	Phra Wihan	Deposition in a foreland basin (? Sichuan Basin) associated with flexural subsidence at the front of a ? Late Jurassic orogenic belt. Possibly formed during ongoing collision of Lhasa Block with China	Alluvial floodplain
				Phu Kradung		Braided river system
				Upper Nam Phong		Lacustrine dominated alluvial floodplain
				Lower Nam Phong		Fluvial braided and meandering rivers
				Huai Hin Lat		Alluvial fans and floodplain (only seen in basin centre)
				Upper Clastics		Lacustrine and fluvial with volcanics in lower part
Pha Nok Khao	Shallow marine					
JURASSIC	LATE	Upper Nam Phong	'CIMMERIAN' EVENT Marked by Jurassic-Hiatus and unconformity along southern edge of Khorat Basin.			
		Lower Nam Phong	INDOSINIAN II OROGENY Major uplift, erosion and peneplanation. Inversion of Triassic half-grabens.			
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		Huai Hin Lat		Extension and half-graben development.		
PERMIAN	LATE	Upper Clastics	INDOSINIAN I OROGENY (Late Permian-Mid Triassic) Major uplift, erosion and peneplanation.			
		Pha Nok Khao				

**INDOSINIAN III**  
Booth and Sattayarak, 2011



### EASTERN THAILAND

- Conglomerate
- Limestone



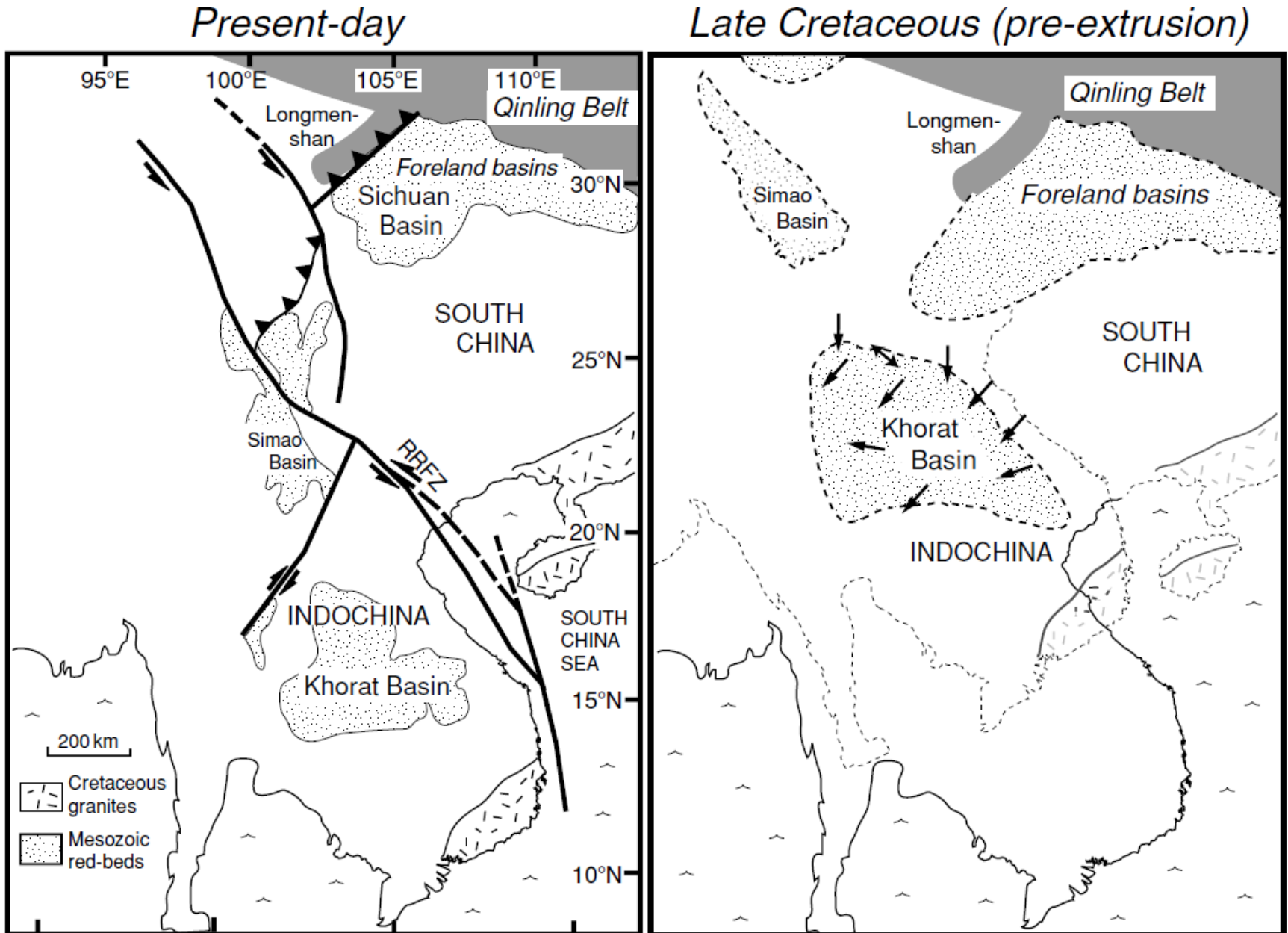
PTT Exploration and Production Public Co., Ltd.

Author: Nares S.      Drn. by: Kathawut N.

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# Present Day Location and Restoration of the Basin to pre-Extrusion Location

Carter and Bristow, 2003



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**Q&A**