

# Sezioni esposte della crosta continentale

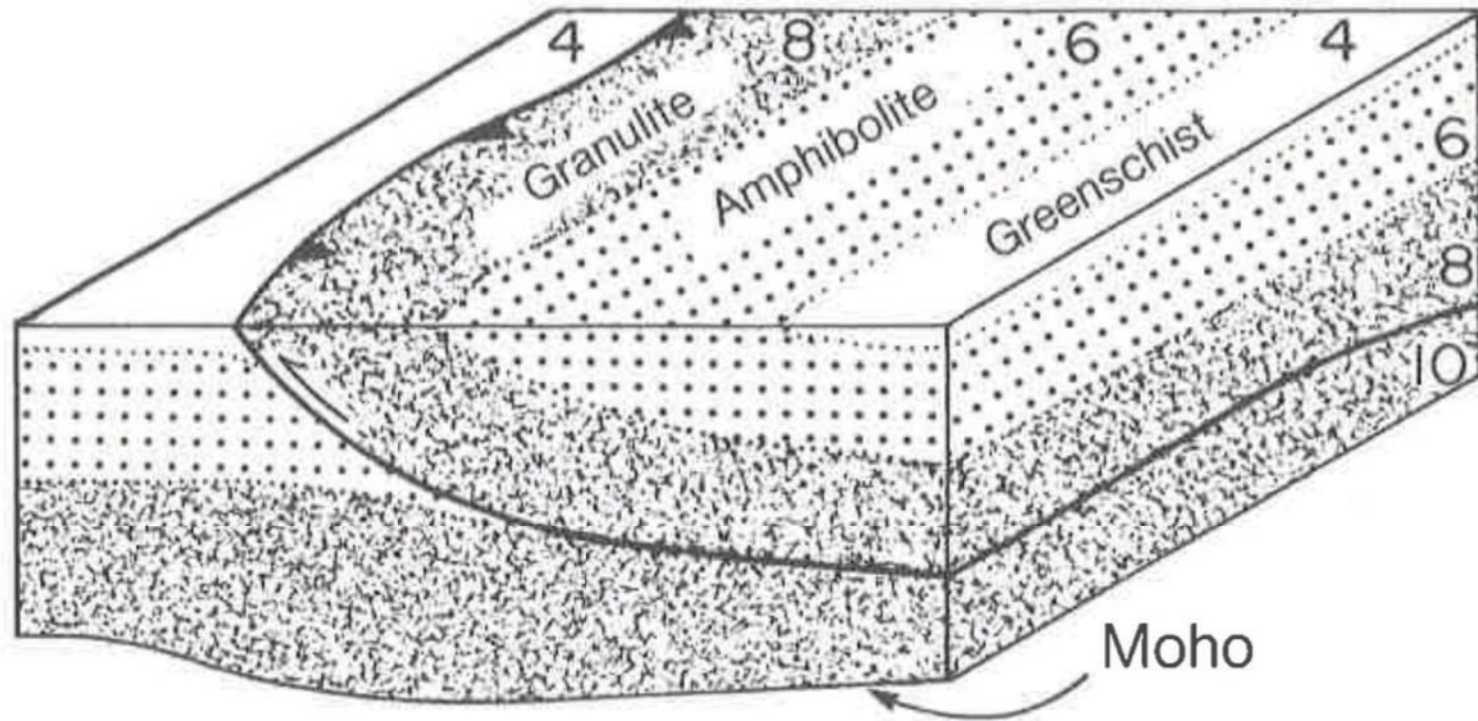
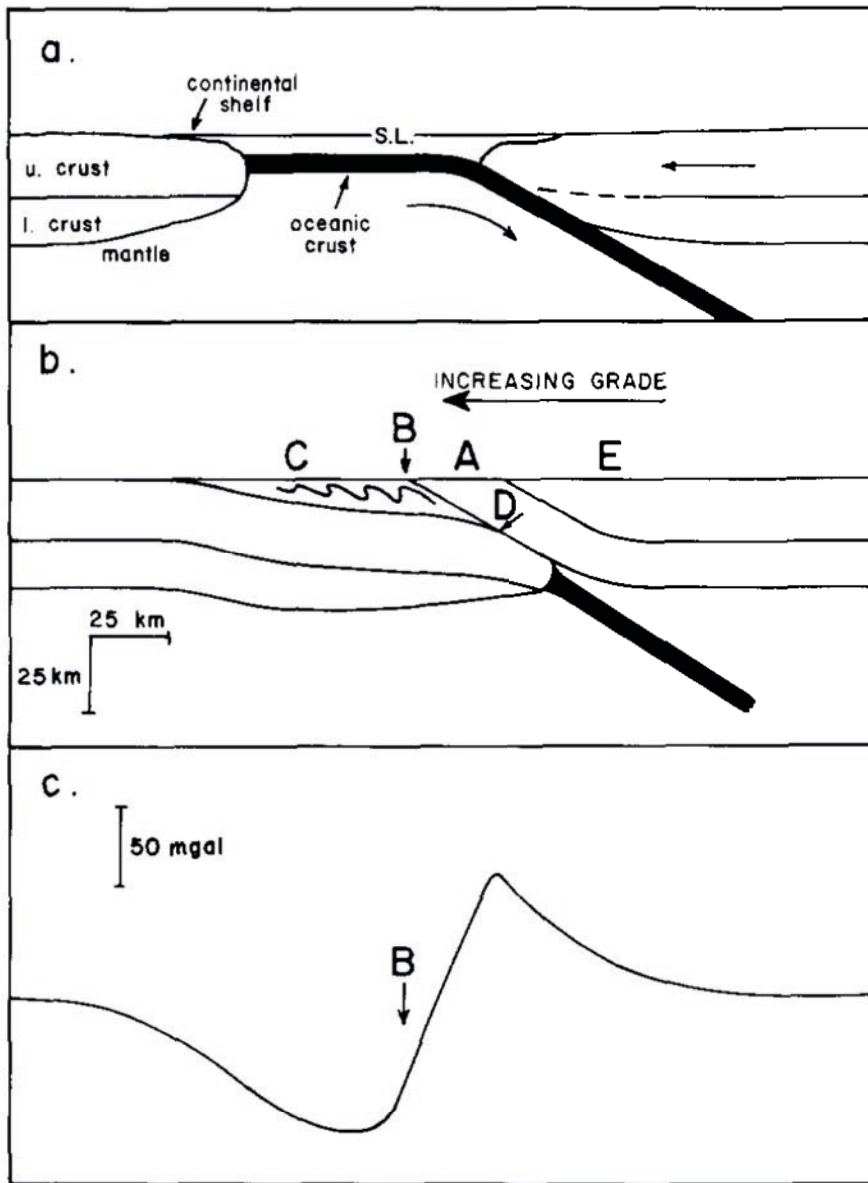
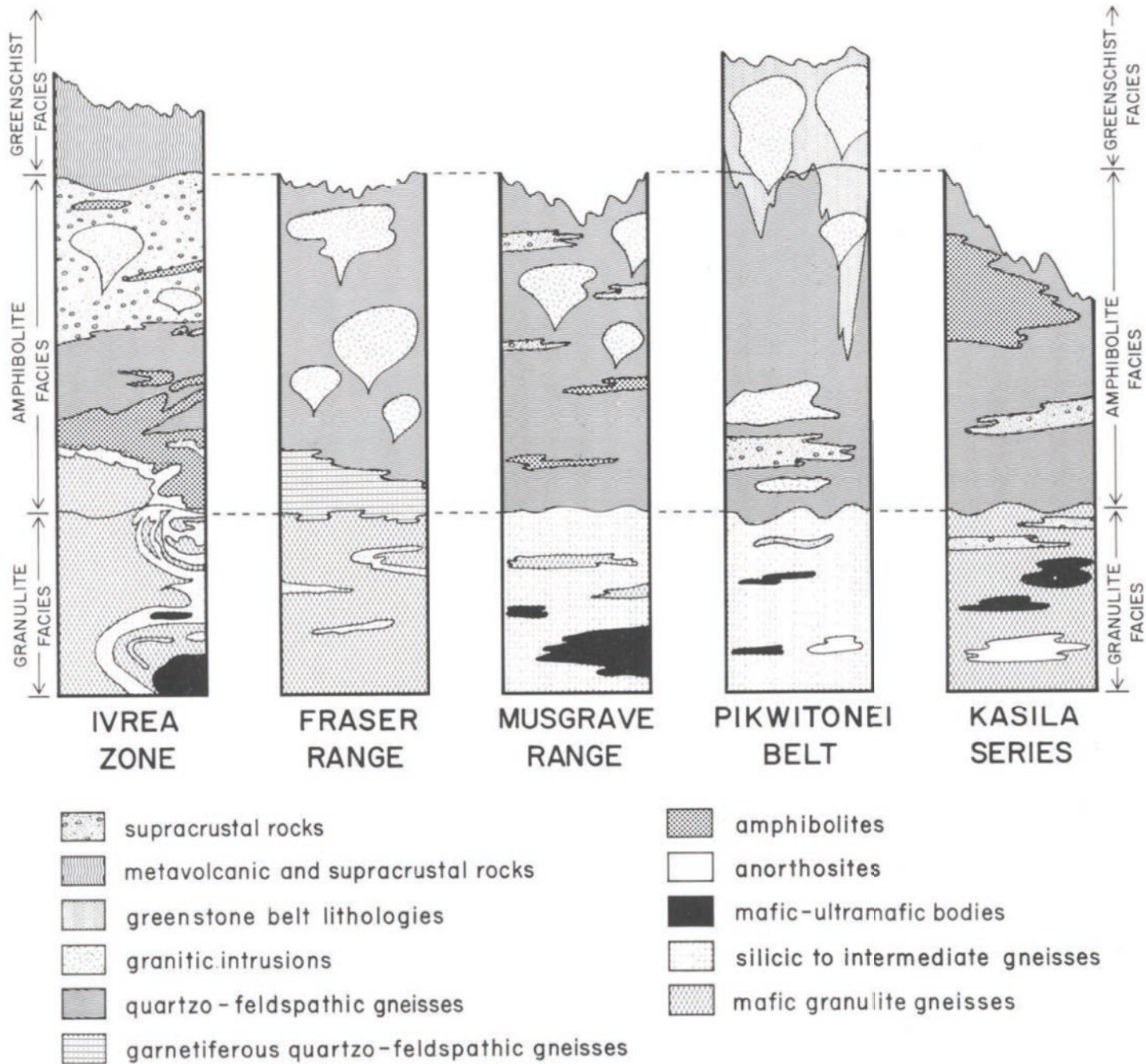


Figure 1. Characteristics of exposed crustal cross sections. Depth to Moho is about 30-50 km; lateral extent of oblique cross section is 20-150 km. Right-hand and top scales are in paleopressure (in kilobars). (from Percival, 1988).



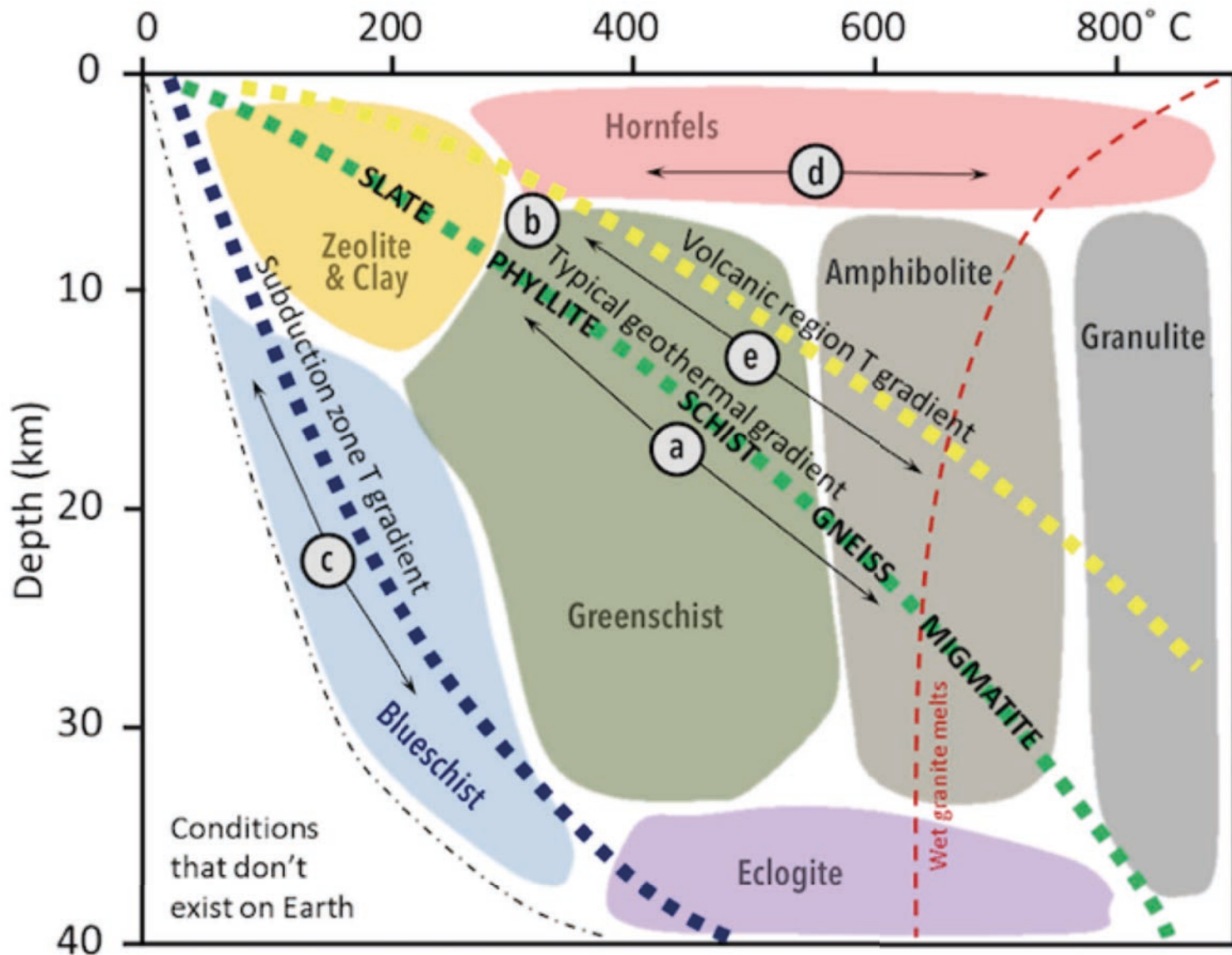
*Fountain & Salisbury (1981;  
EPSL)*

Fig. 2. (a) Impending collision between two continents; (b) postulated geometry produced by collision; and (c) theoretical Bouguer gravity anomaly calculated for crustal structure in (b) (see text).



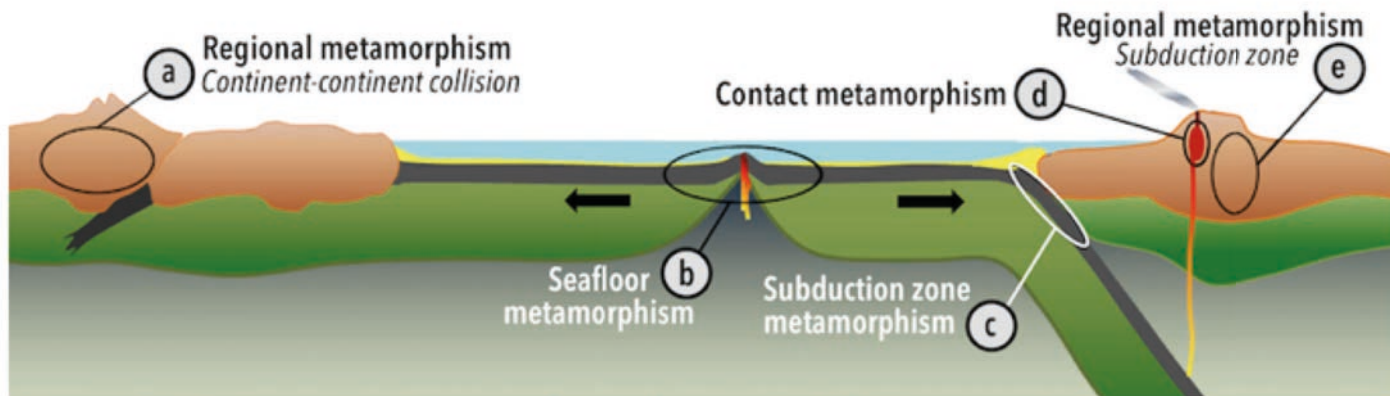
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Fig. 4. Generalized cross-sections of the continental crust based on geological data for (a) Ivrea-Verbano and Strona-Ceneri Zones, (b) Fraser Range, (c) Musgrave Range, (d) Pikwitonei and Cross Lake subprovinces, (e) Kasila Group.



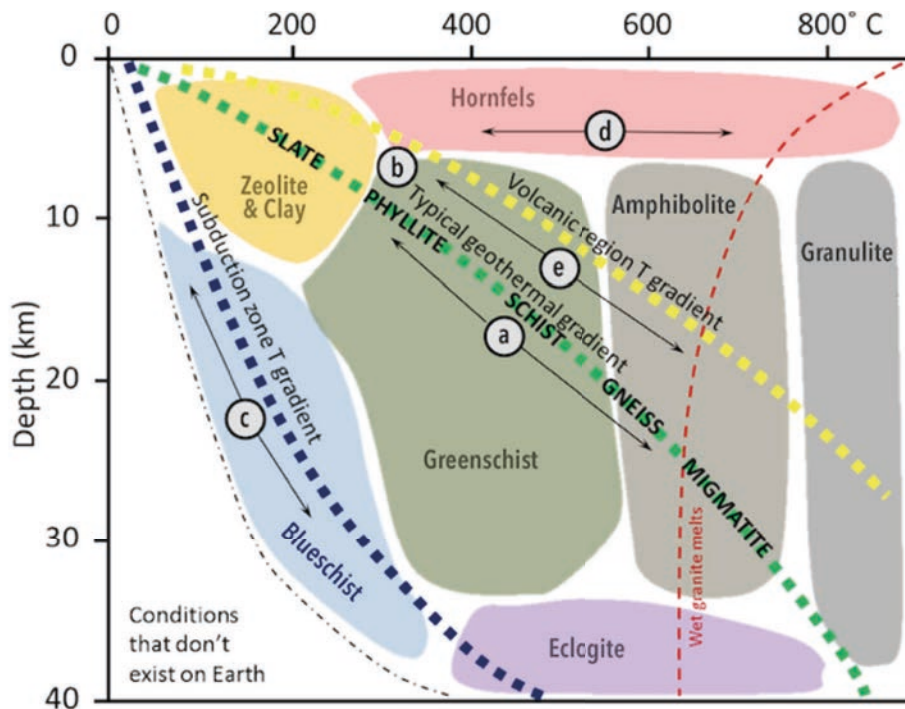
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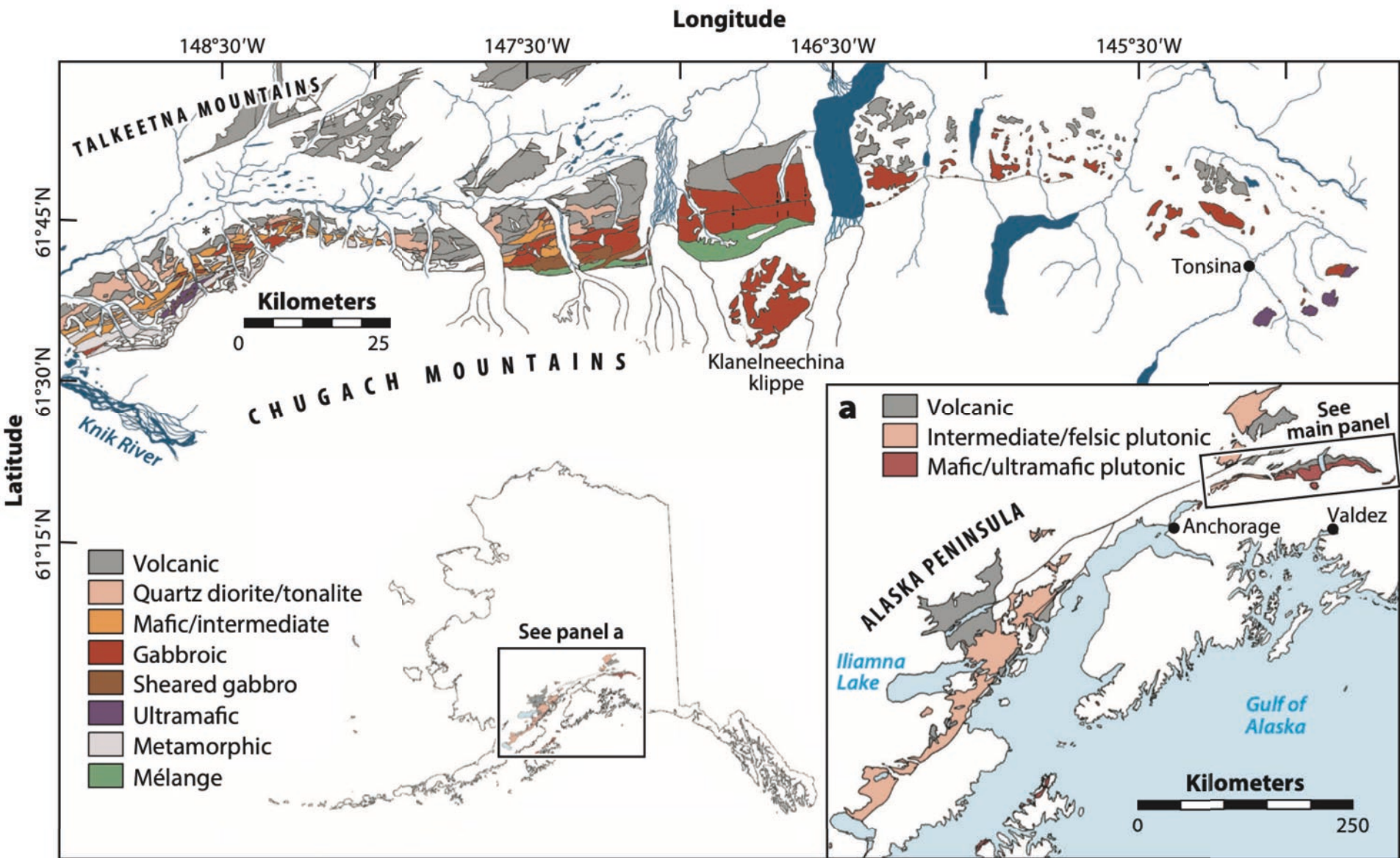
**Figure 10.35** Metamorphic facies and types of metamorphism shown in the context of depth and temperature. The metamorphic rocks formed from a mudrock protolith under regional metamorphism with a typical geothermal gradient are listed. Letters correspond to the types of metamorphism shown in Figure 10.36. Source: Karla Panchuk (2018) CC BY 4.0, modified after Steven Earle (2016) CC BY 4.0 [view source](#)



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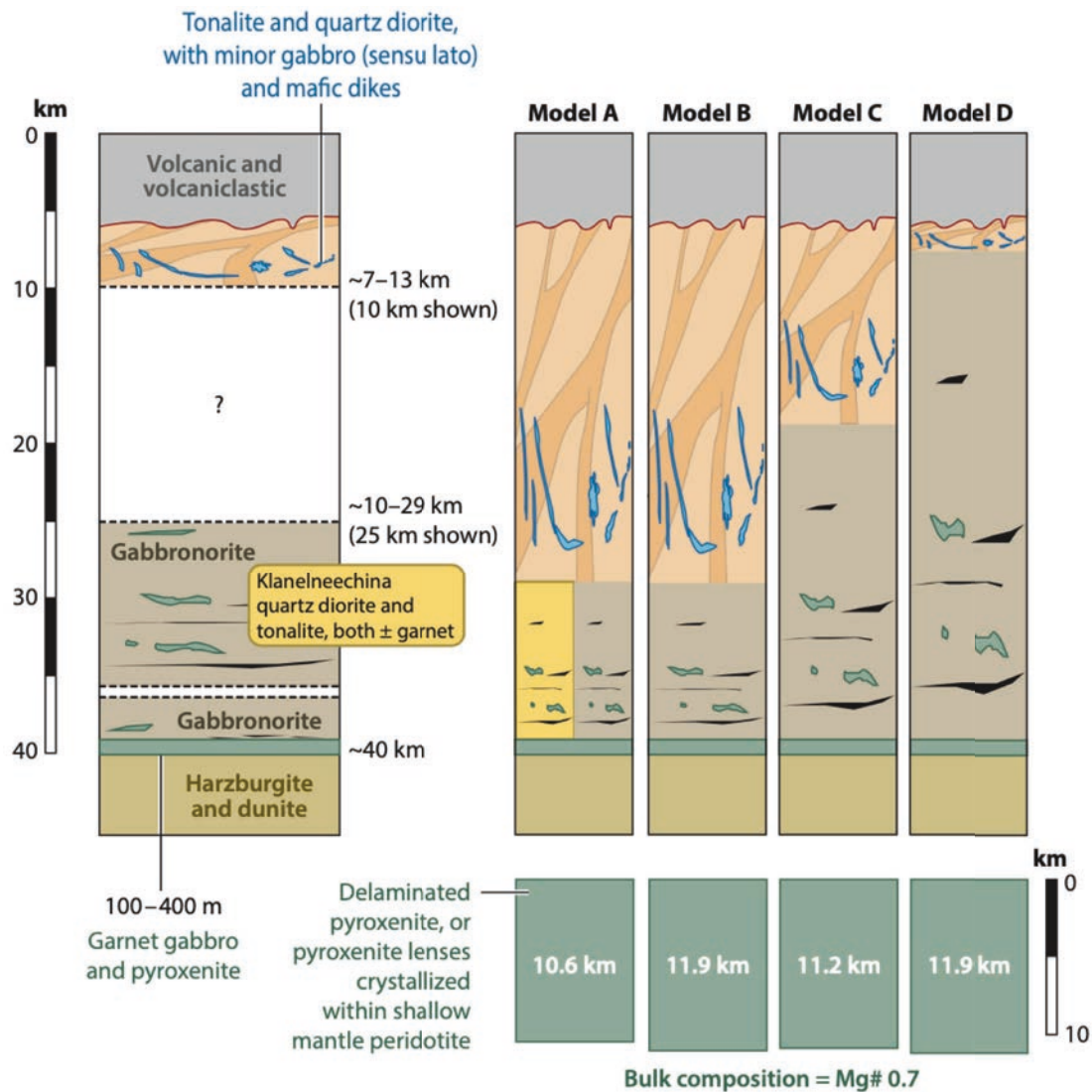
**Figure 10.36** Environments of metamorphism in the context of plate tectonics: (a) regional metamorphism related to mountain building at a continent-continent convergent boundary, (b) seafloor (hydrothermal) metamorphism of oceanic crust in the area on either side of a spreading ridge, (c) metamorphism of oceanic crustal rocks within a subduction zone, (d) contact metamorphism adjacent to a magma body at a high level in the crust, and (e) regional metamorphism related to mountain building at a convergent boundary. Source: Karla Panchuk (2018) CC BY 4.0, modified after Steven Earle (2015) CC BY 4.0 [view source](#)





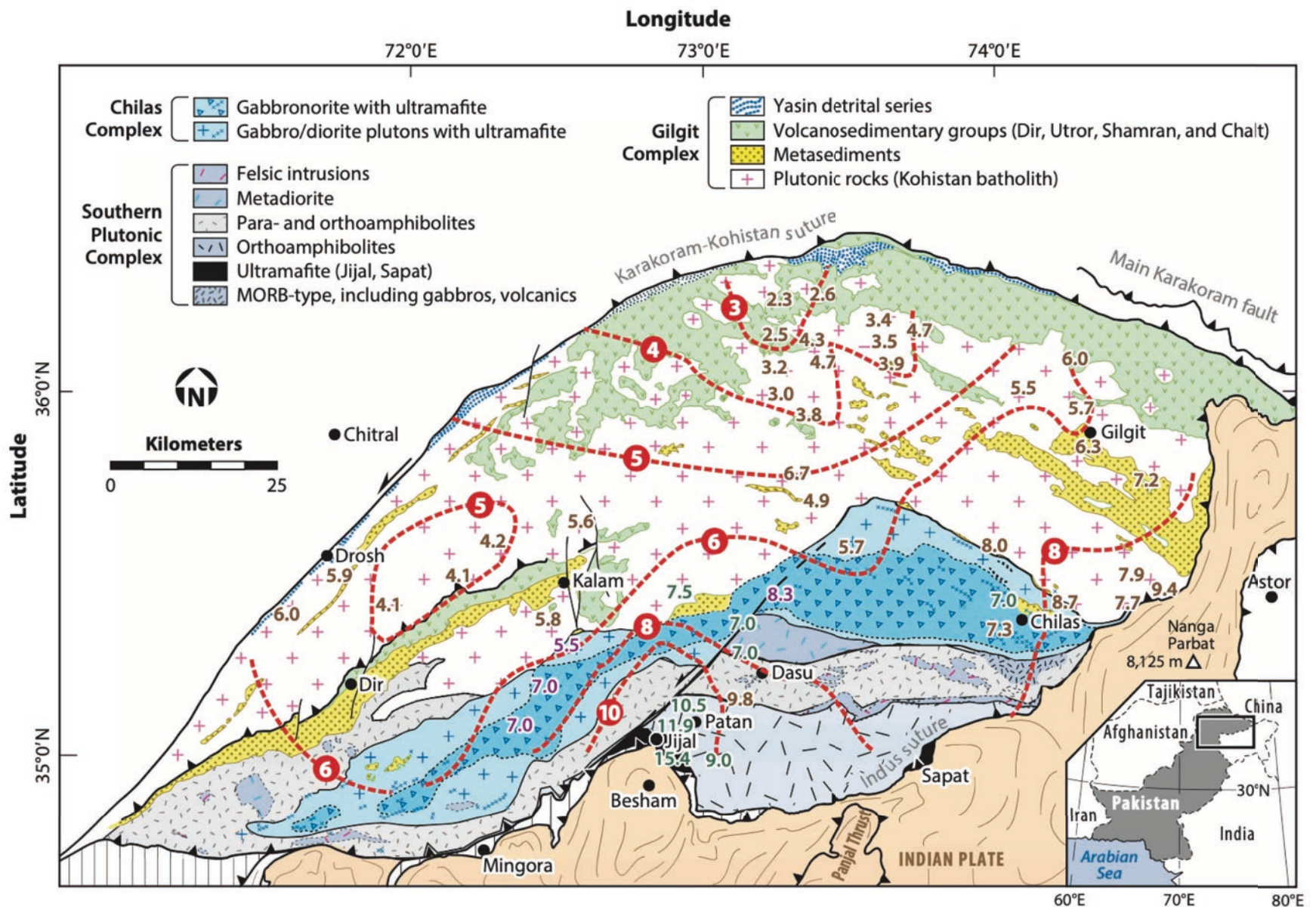
**Figure 2**

Simplified geological map of the Talkeetna arc. Figure modified with permission from Rioux et al. (2007, 2010).



**Figure 4**

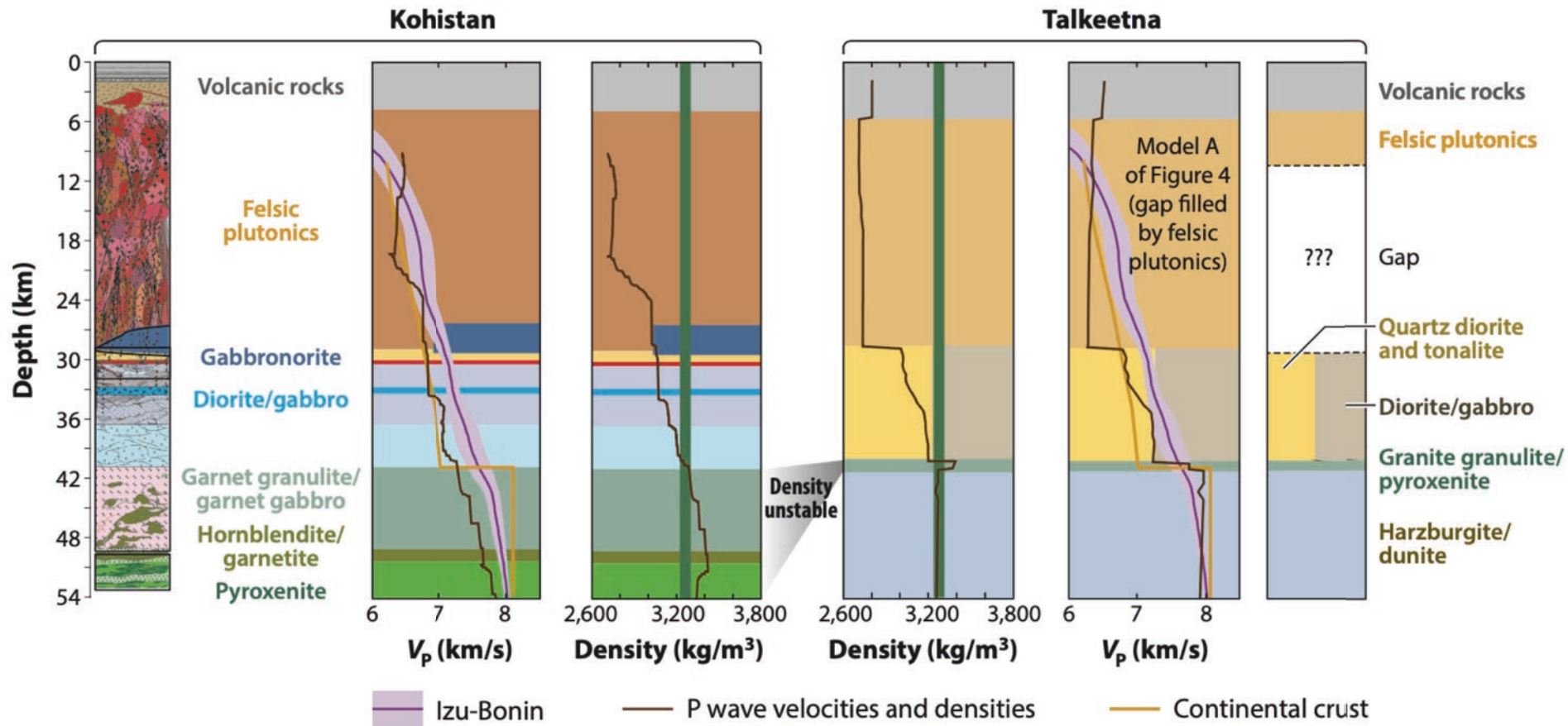
Simplified stratigraphic column of the Talkeetna arc section. (*Left*) The preserved rock types and their respective thicknesses. (*Right*) Four hypothetical columns where the preservation gap in the middle crust is systematically filled with more mafic compositions from A to D. Figure modified with permission from Kelemen et al. (2015).



**Figure 5**

Simplified geological map of the Kohistan arc. Numbers indicate pressure in kilobars constrained by Al-in-hornblende barometry (*brown*) or by net transfer reactions involving garnet (*green*) or pyroxene-plagioclase-quartz (*purple*). The isobars (*dashed red lines*; associated numbers in red circles are in kilobars) illustrate the exhumation level of the Kohistan arc constrained by geostatistical modeling. Figure modified with permission from Jagoutz (2014). Abbreviation: MORB, mid-ocean ridge basalt.





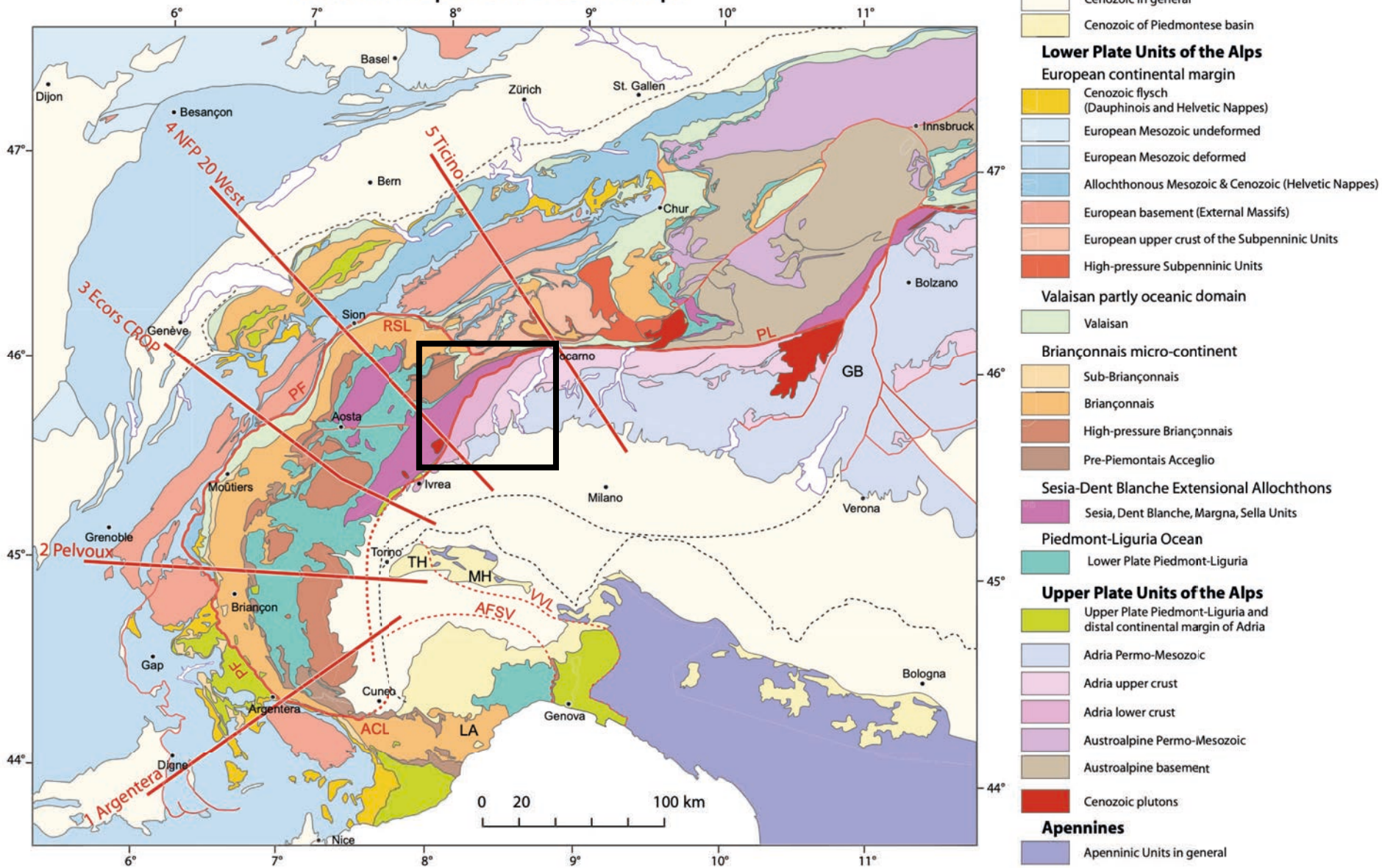
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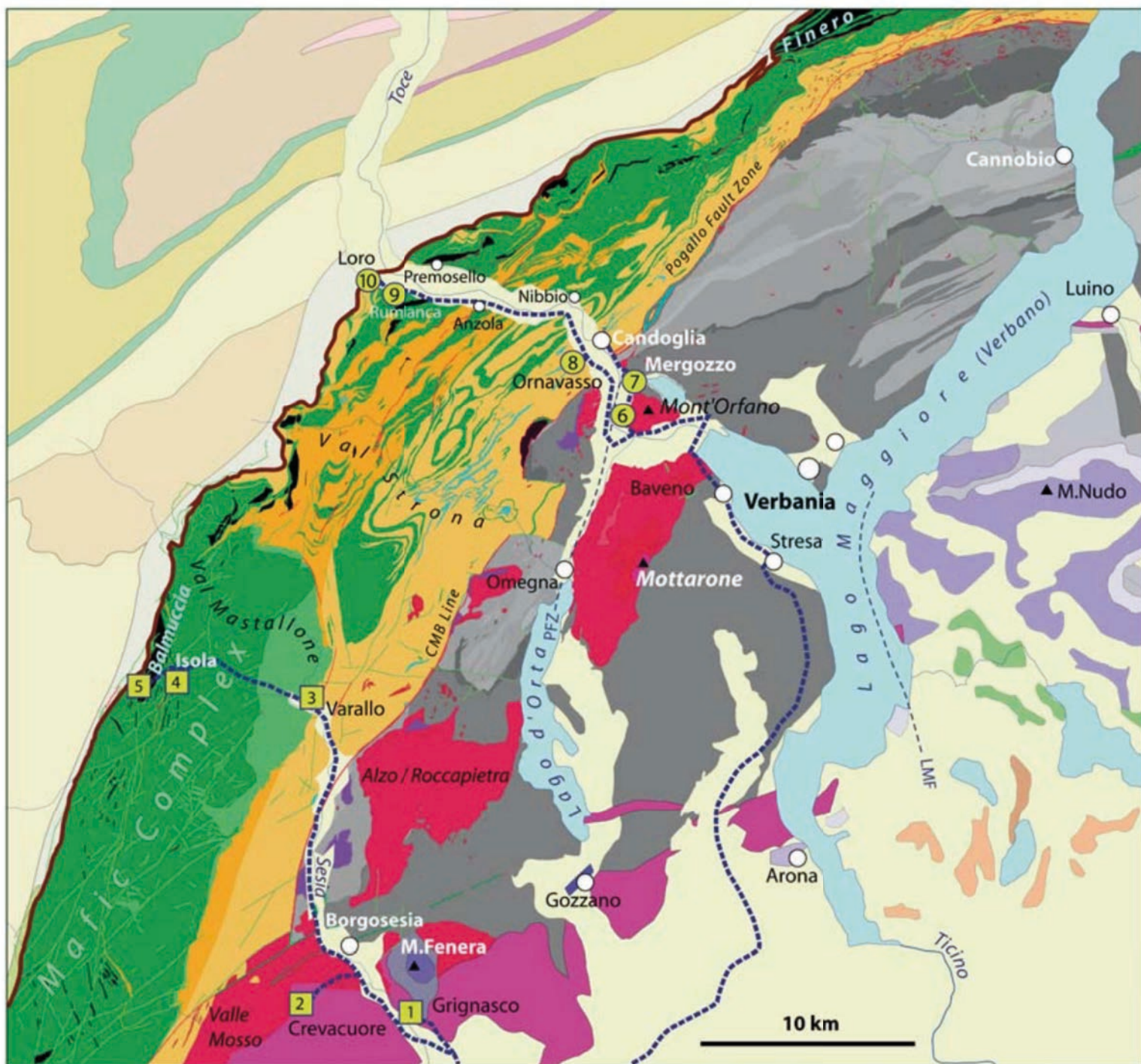
Schematic illustrations of the lithological, seismic, and density properties of the Kohistan and Talkeetna arc sections. Shown are simplified, schematic crustal columns and the calculated average seismic P wave velocities ( $V_p$ ) and densities (*dark brown lines*) of the main crustal building blocks of the two arcs. Each dark green vertical band represents the density of peridotitic upper mantle at  $\sim 15$  kbar. The reconstructed Kohistan section is seismically similar to the active Izu arc section, and the lower arc crust is denser than the underlying mantle at depths exceeding  $\sim 40$  km. In contrast, the reconstructed Talkeetna section shows a jump in seismic velocities at the sharply defined crust-mantle transition, similar to that observed in continental regions. Density-unstable rocks are only preserved as relicts in Talkeetna, indicating that Talkeetna is density sorted. Figure modified with permission from Jagoutz & Behn (2013).

**Il corpo dell' Ivrea-Verbano**

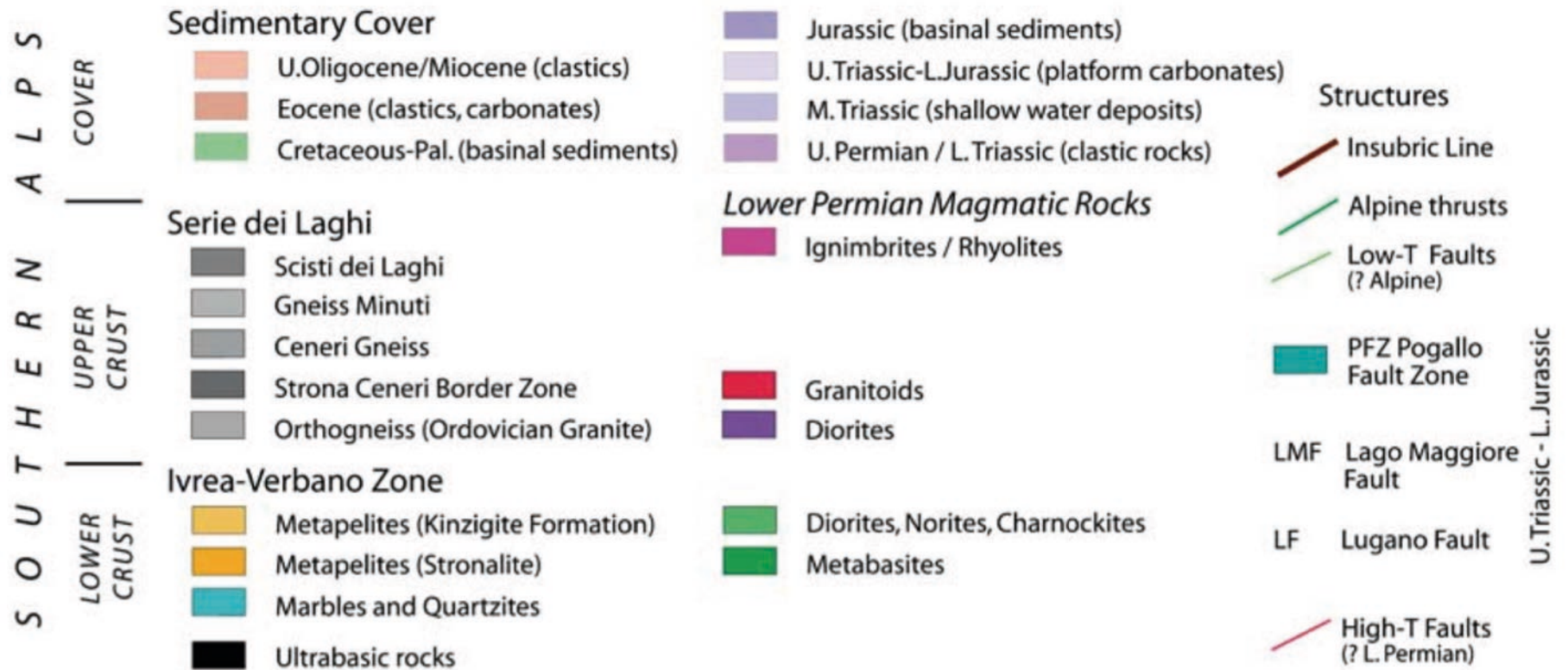
**Un po' di inquadramento geologico**

# Tectonic map of the Western Alps

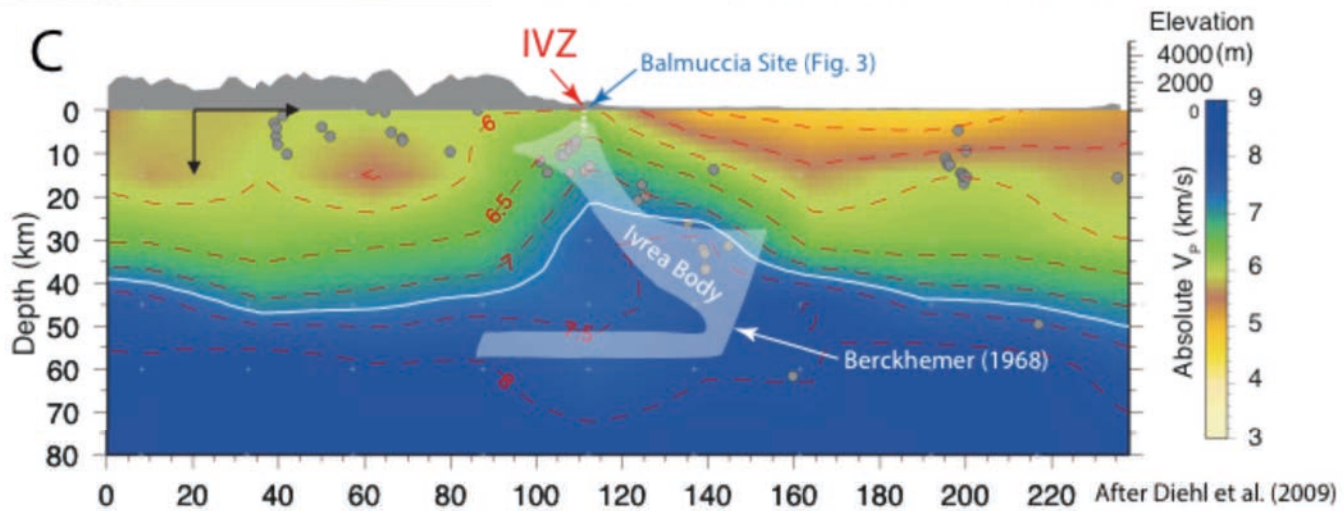
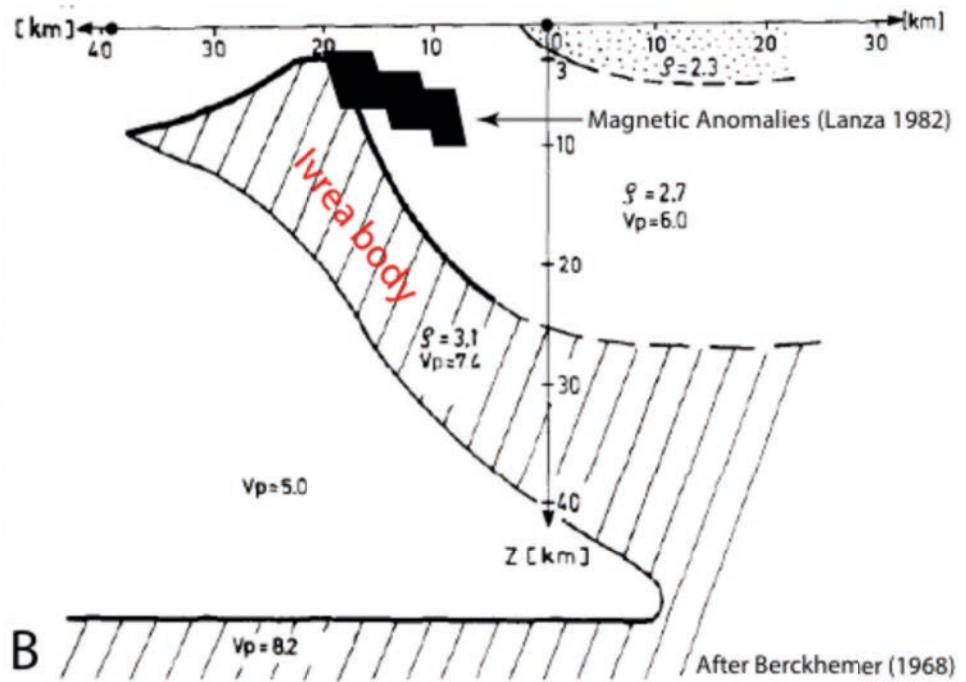
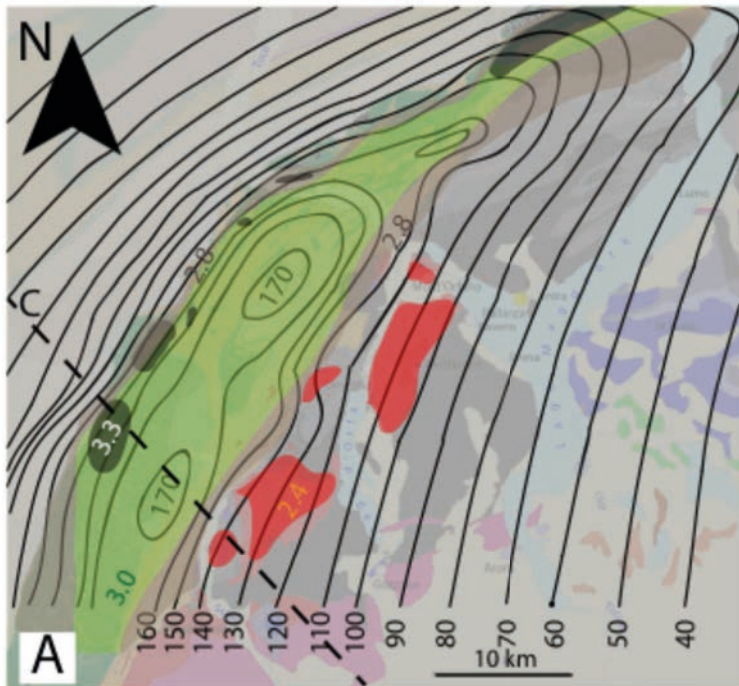




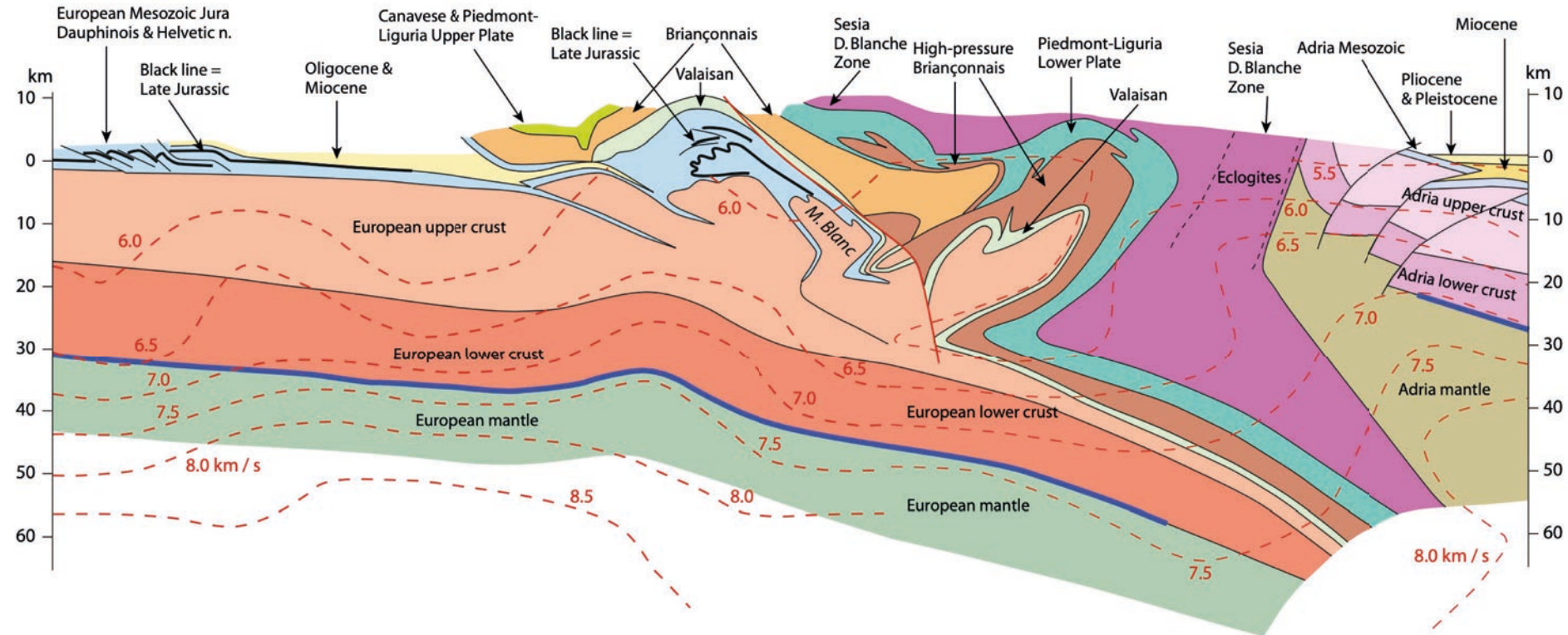
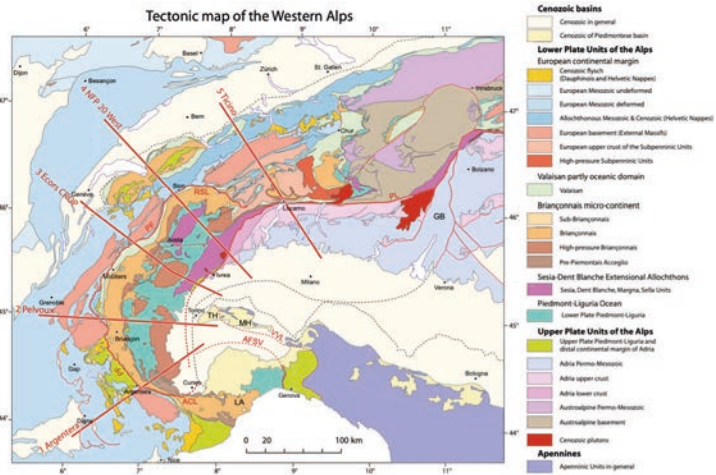
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**Fig. 3:** Geological map of the Massiccio dei Laghi west of Lago Maggiore (Ivrea-Verbano Zone and Serie dei Laghi; simplified after a compilation by T. James 2001). The proposed field trip itineraries and stops are indicated: crustal section and mantle rocks in Valsesia (squares), upper and lower crustal rocks in Val d'Ossola (circles).



A) Densità ( $\text{g/cm}^3$ ) di alcune rocce affioranti in superficie (aree colorate) e contorni delle anomalie di gravità (mgal) (Kissling 1984, ridisegnato da Mattia Pistone, p.c.). B) Modello di velocità e densità secondo Berckhemer (1968). C) Profilo sismico secondo Diehl et al. (2009)



## Shear Zones within the Ivrea Zone

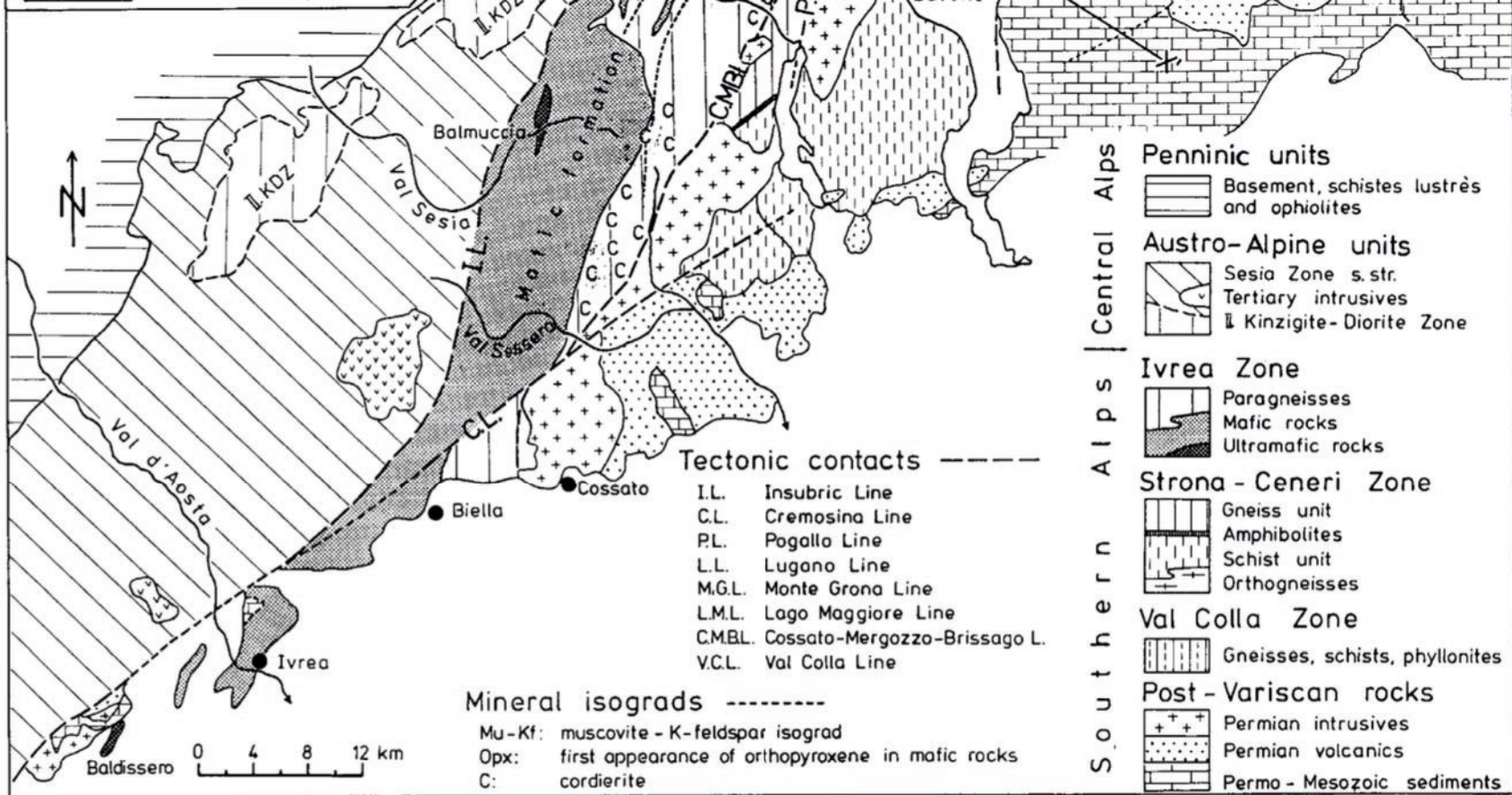
- High-Temperature Shear Zones  
 - - - Low-Temperature Shear Zones

## Insubric Mylonite Belt

- ▨ Sesia-derived Mylonites  
 ▩ Canavese  
 ▧ Ivrea-derived Mylonites

Amphibolite Facies  
 Rim of the Ivrea Z.  
 Granulite Facies  
 Amphibolite Facies

2 km





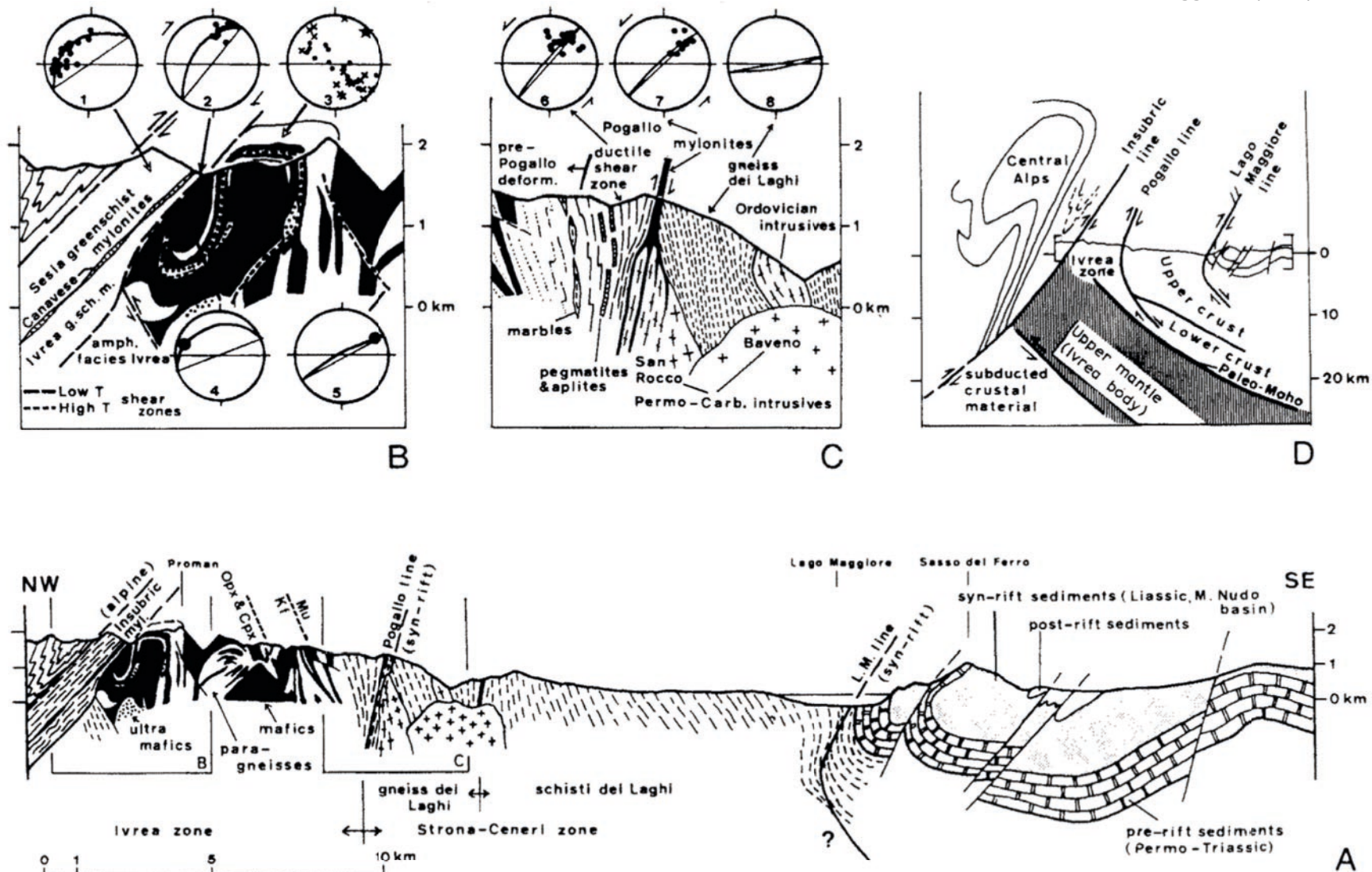
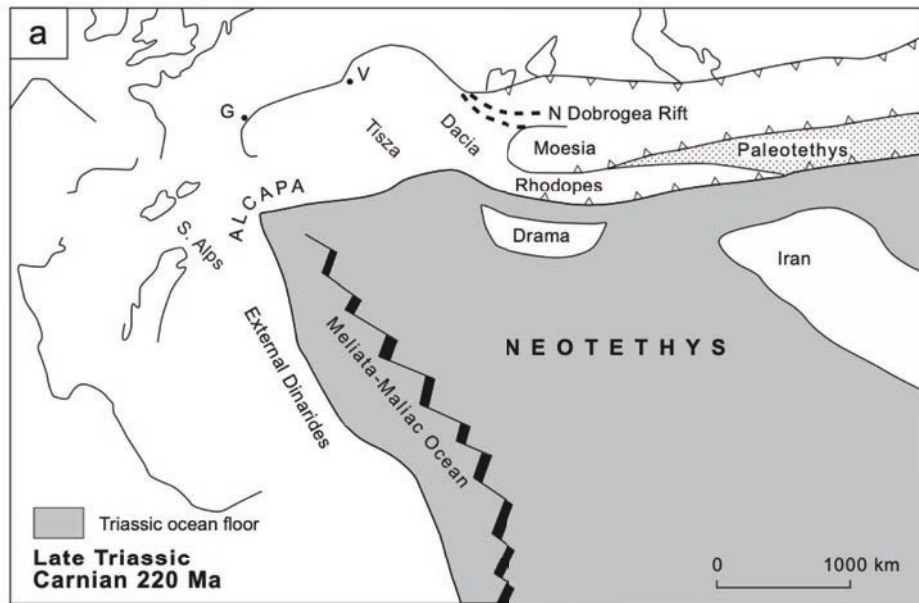


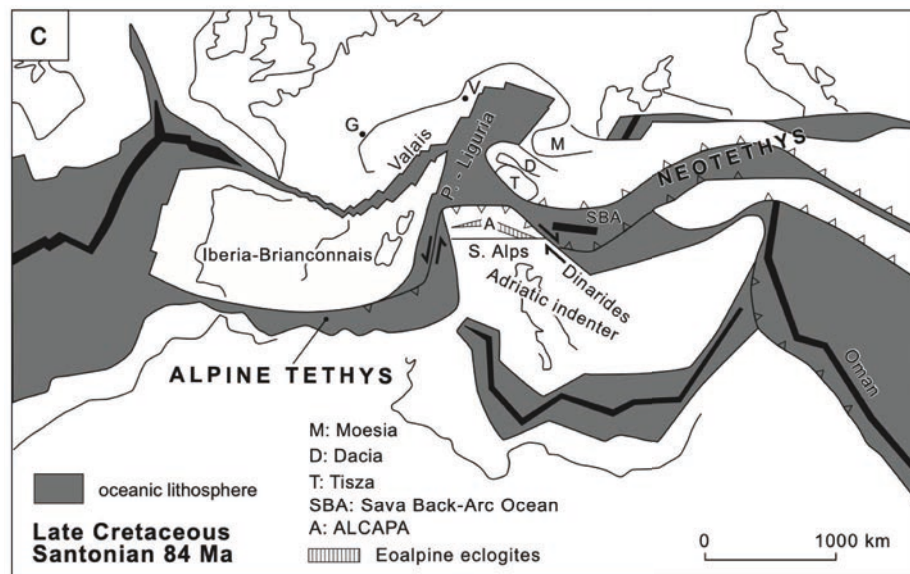
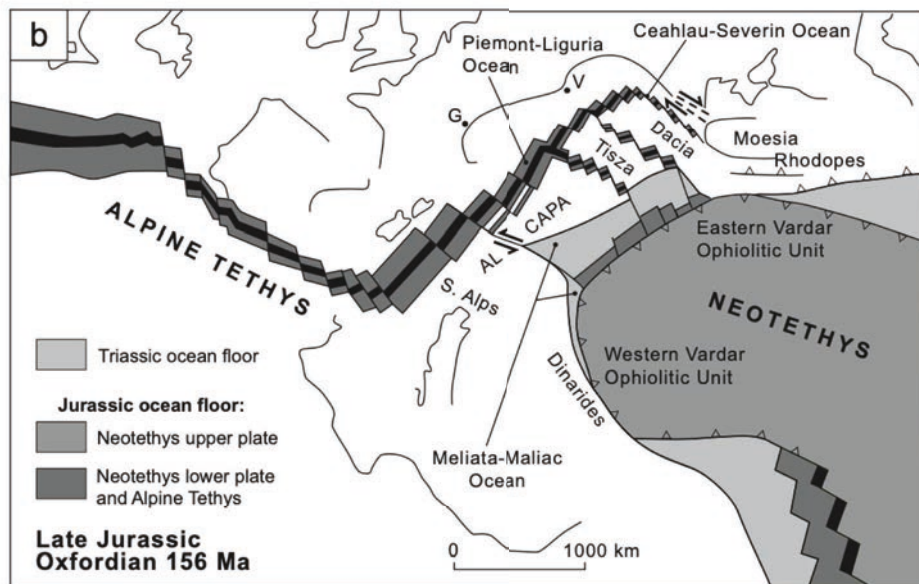
Fig. 3. (A) Geological section from the Insular Line to the cover of the Southern Alpine basement. Location of profile indicated in Fig. 2. (b) Details of the Proman antiform and adjacent areas. The stereographic projections are lower hemisphere and indicate the average foliation and stretching lineations (dots) of the Insular mylonites (projections 1 and 2 from S.M. Schmid et al., 1987); measurements from the Proman antiform (projection 3: dots = foliation poles; crosses = slickenside lineations; star = fold axis orientation); average orientation of foliation and stretching lineation within the high-temperature shear zones (projections 4 and 5, from Brodie and Rutter, 1987). (c) Details of the area around the Pogallo ductile fault zone. The stereographic projections are lower hemisphere and indicate the average foliation and lineation orientations (dots) within the Pogallo ductile fault zone (projection 6), the mylonites of the Pogallo Line (projection 7) and the gneiss dei Laghi (projection 8). (d) Sketch illustrating the position of the profile depicted in Fig. 3A within a larger context.

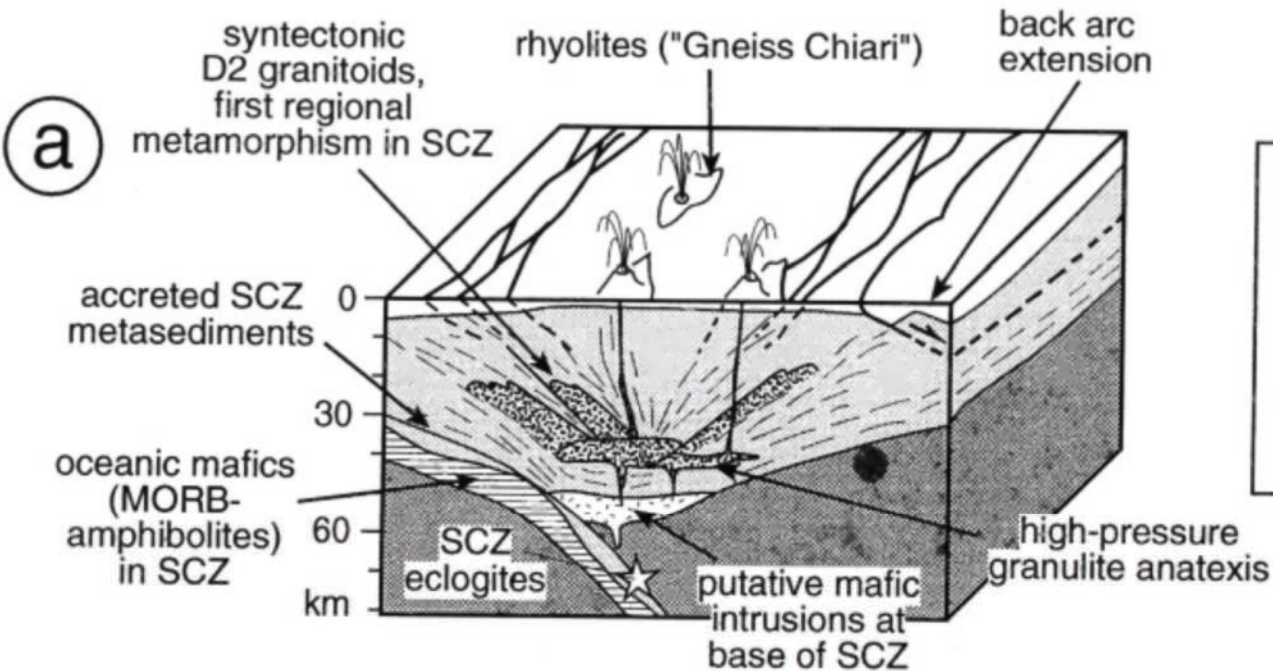
**Il corpo dell' Ivrea-Verbano**

**Un po' sull'evoluzione geologica**



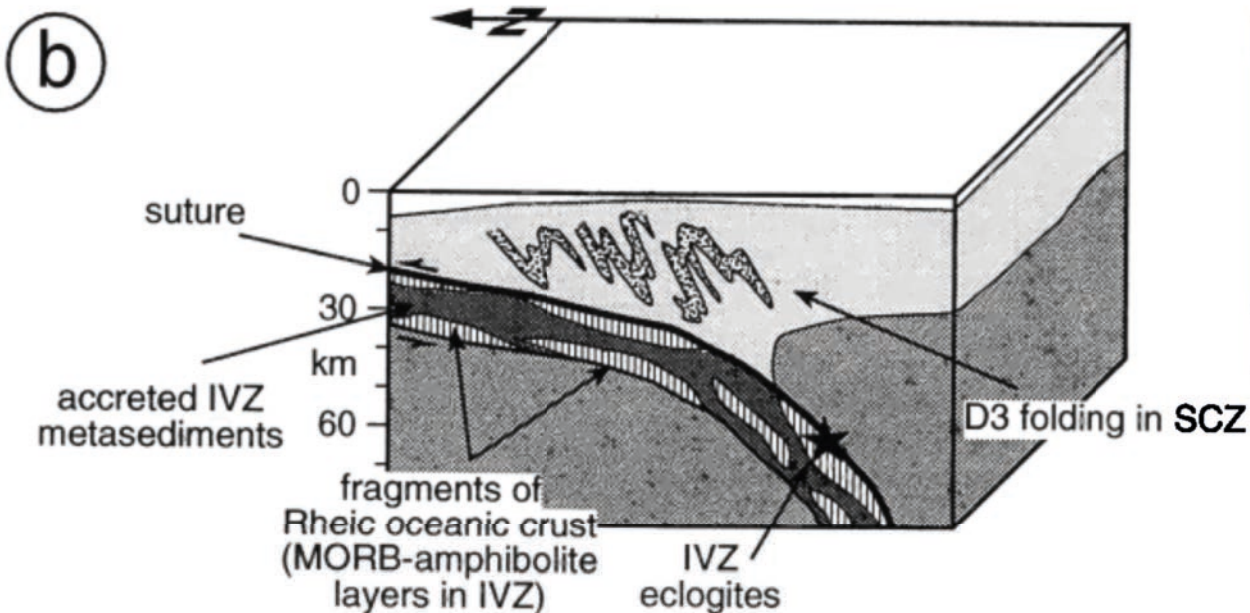
*Schmid et al (2008; S.J.G.)*





**Sardic Event** 440-480 Ma

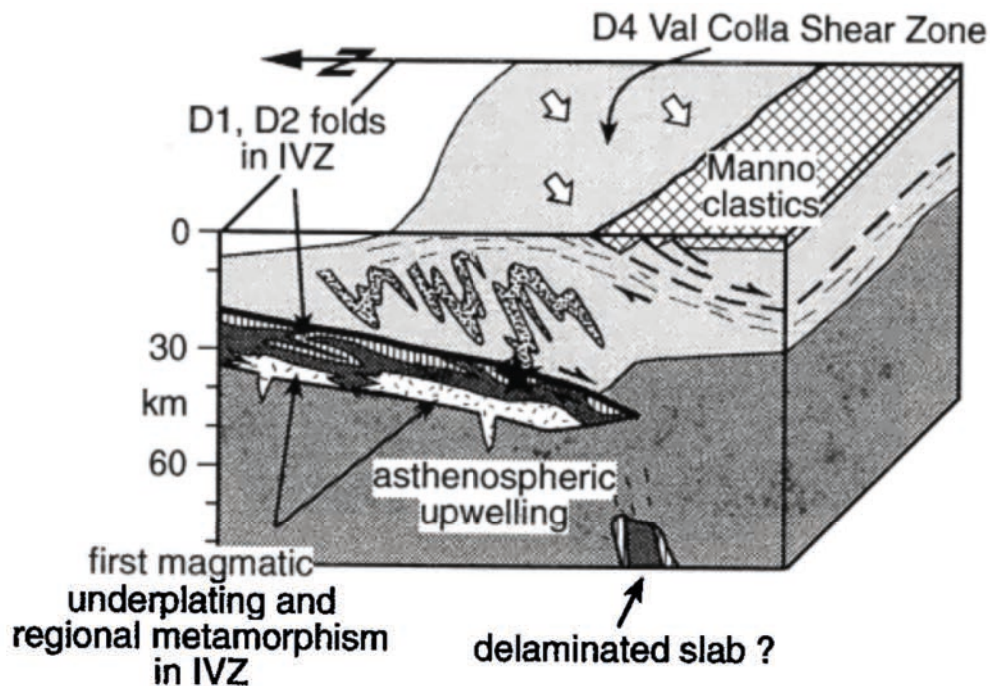
- accretion and subduction of SCZ metasediments and MORB-mafics
- D2 magmatism in all crustal levels, regional metamorphism in the SCZ and VCZ



**Variscan Subduction** 320-350 Ma

- accretion and subduction of IVZ metasediments, high P metamorphism in IVZ

(c)

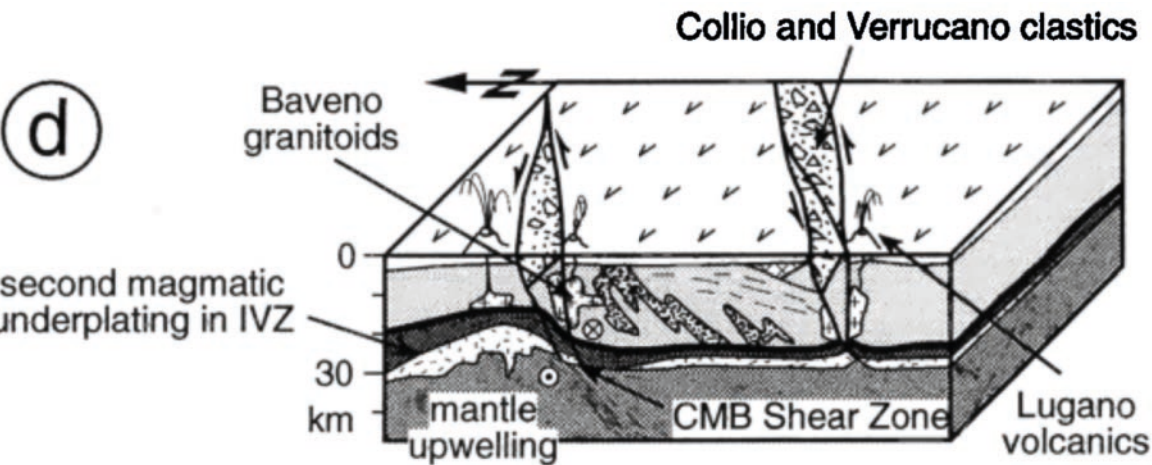


290-320 Ma

### Late Variscan Delamination

- mafic underplating, regional metamorphism in IVZ and SCZ
- extensional exhumation and erosion of SCZ

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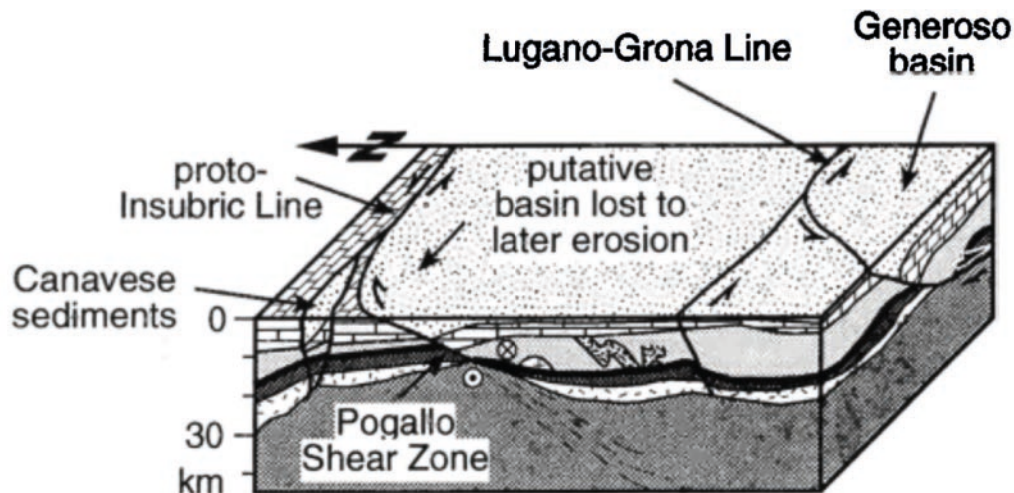


270-290 Ma

### Permian Transtension

- CMB mylonitic shearing and local transtensional exhumation of the lower crust (IVZ)
- mafic underplating in IVZ, calc-alkaline magmatism along fault systems in all crustal levels

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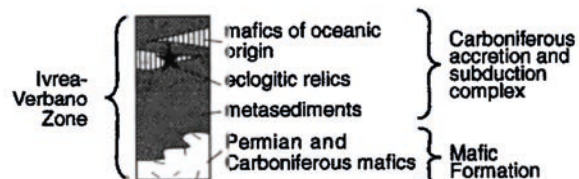
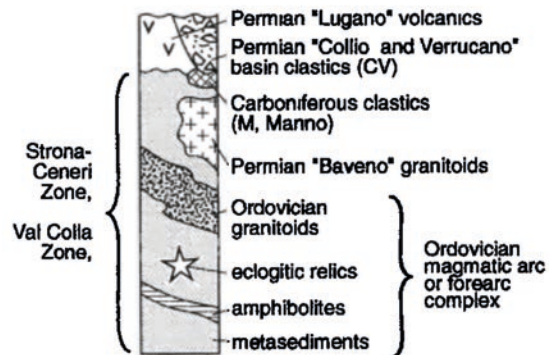
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180-230 Ma

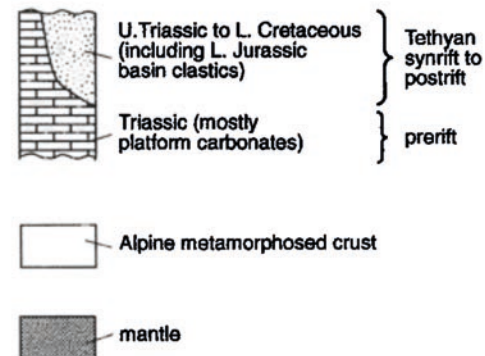
- Pogallo mylonitic shearing associated with strong attenuation and extensional exhumation of the intermediate and lower crust (IVZ)
- asymmetrical rift basins in the upper crust

Handy et al (1999; Tectonics)

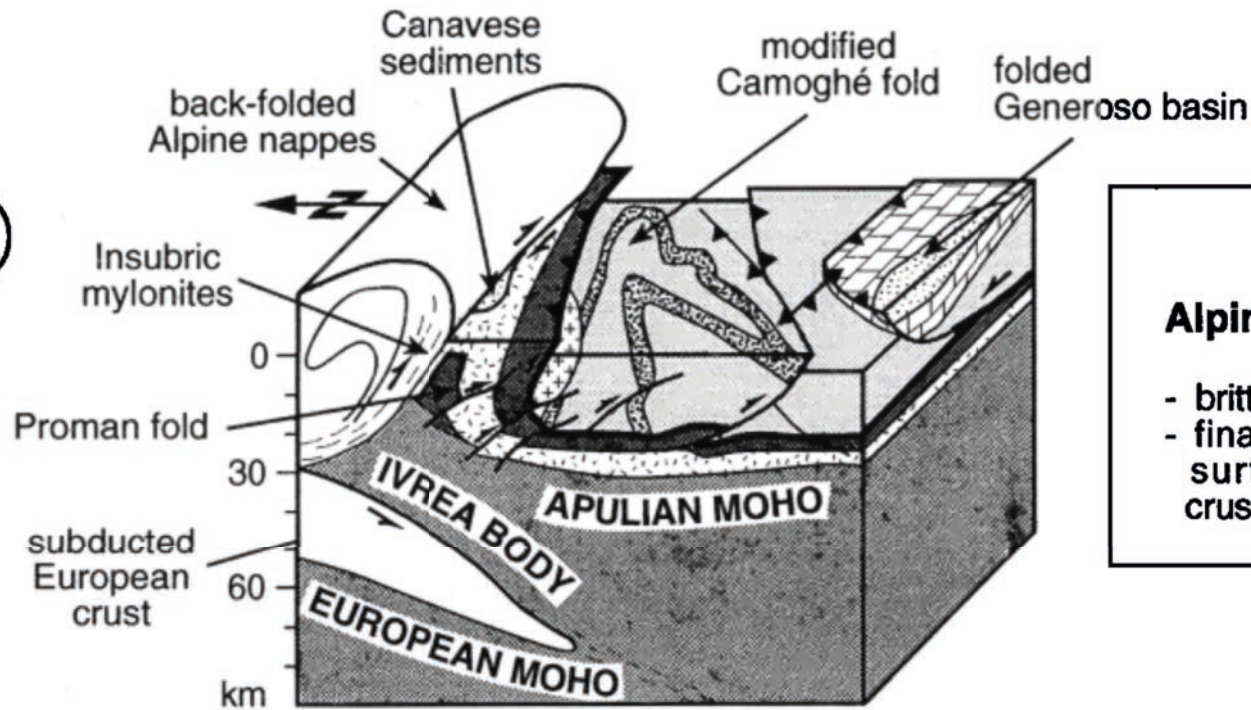
### Pre-Mesozoic Basement & Cover



### Mesozoic Cover



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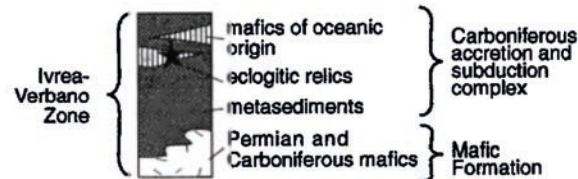
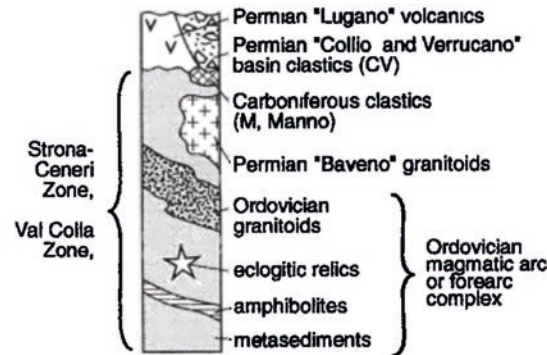
20-50 Ma

### Alpine Emplacement

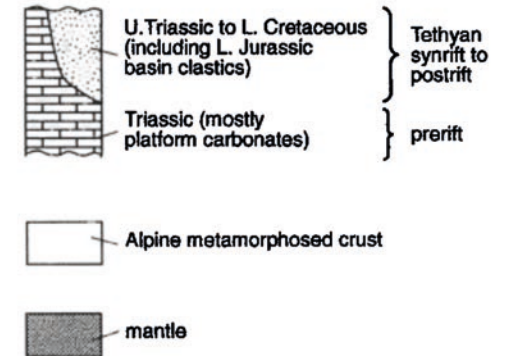
- brittle folding and thrust faulting
- final emplacement of IVZ to surface, fragmentation of crustal section

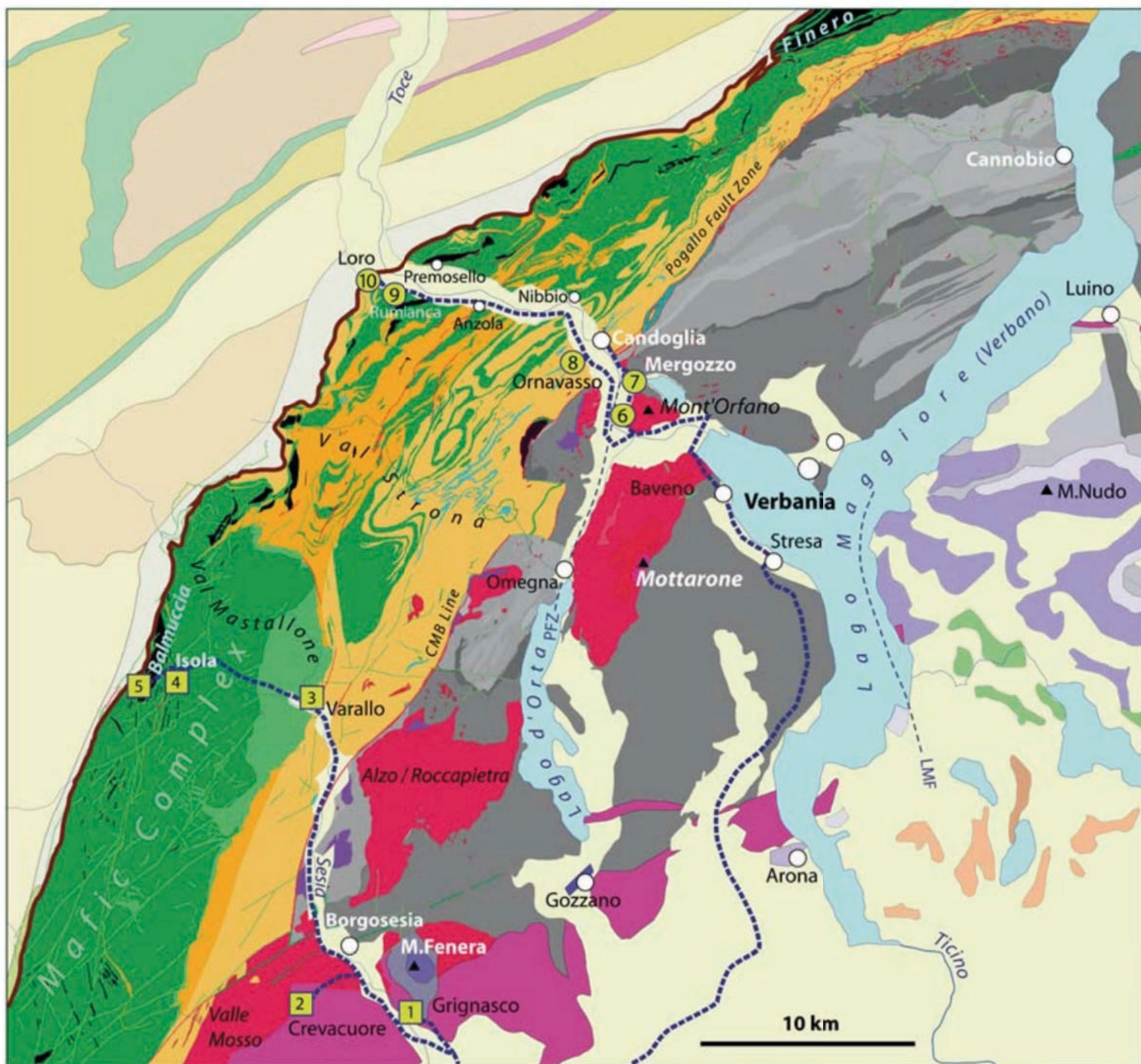
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### Mesozoic Cover





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**Geological map**

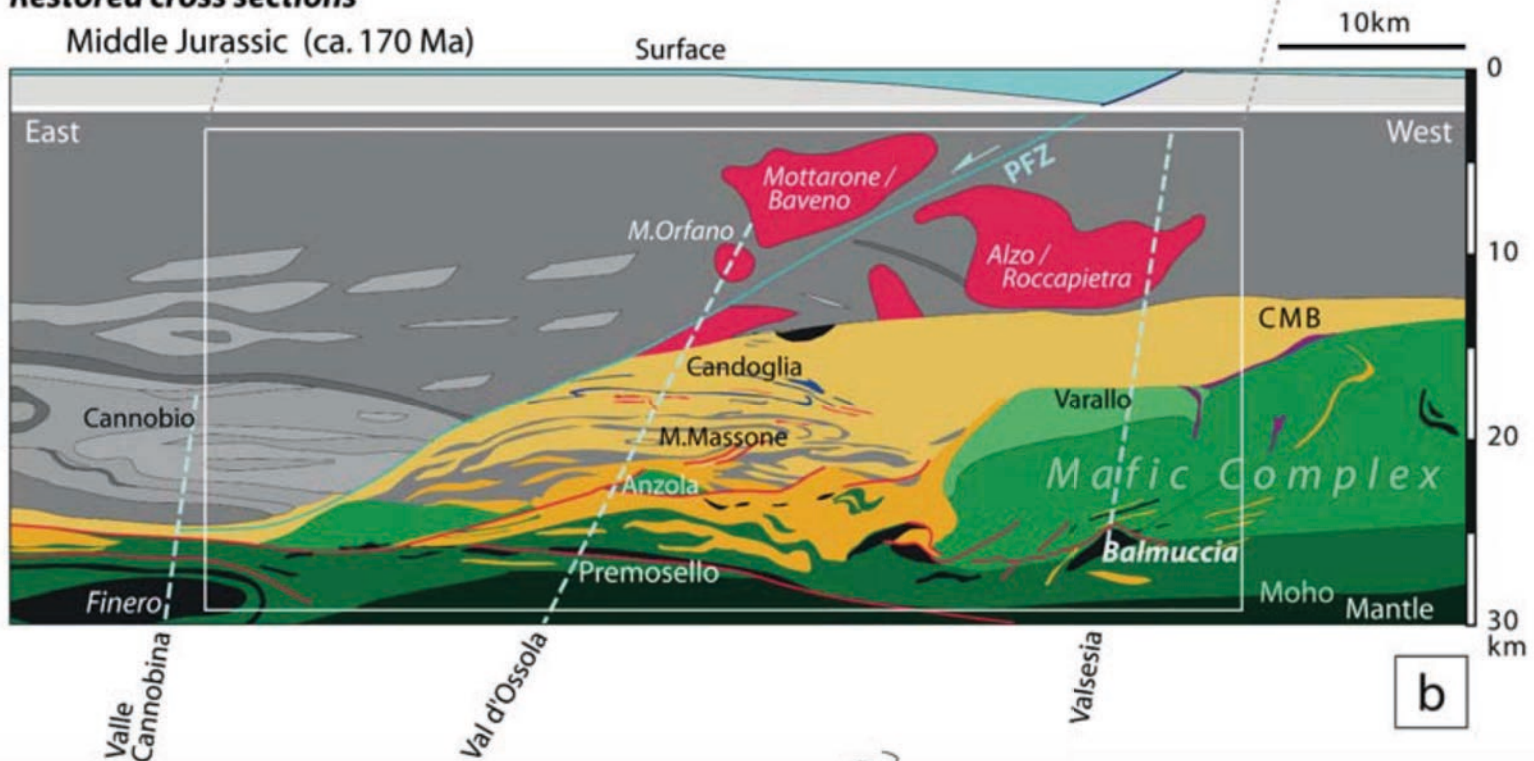


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**Restored cross sections**

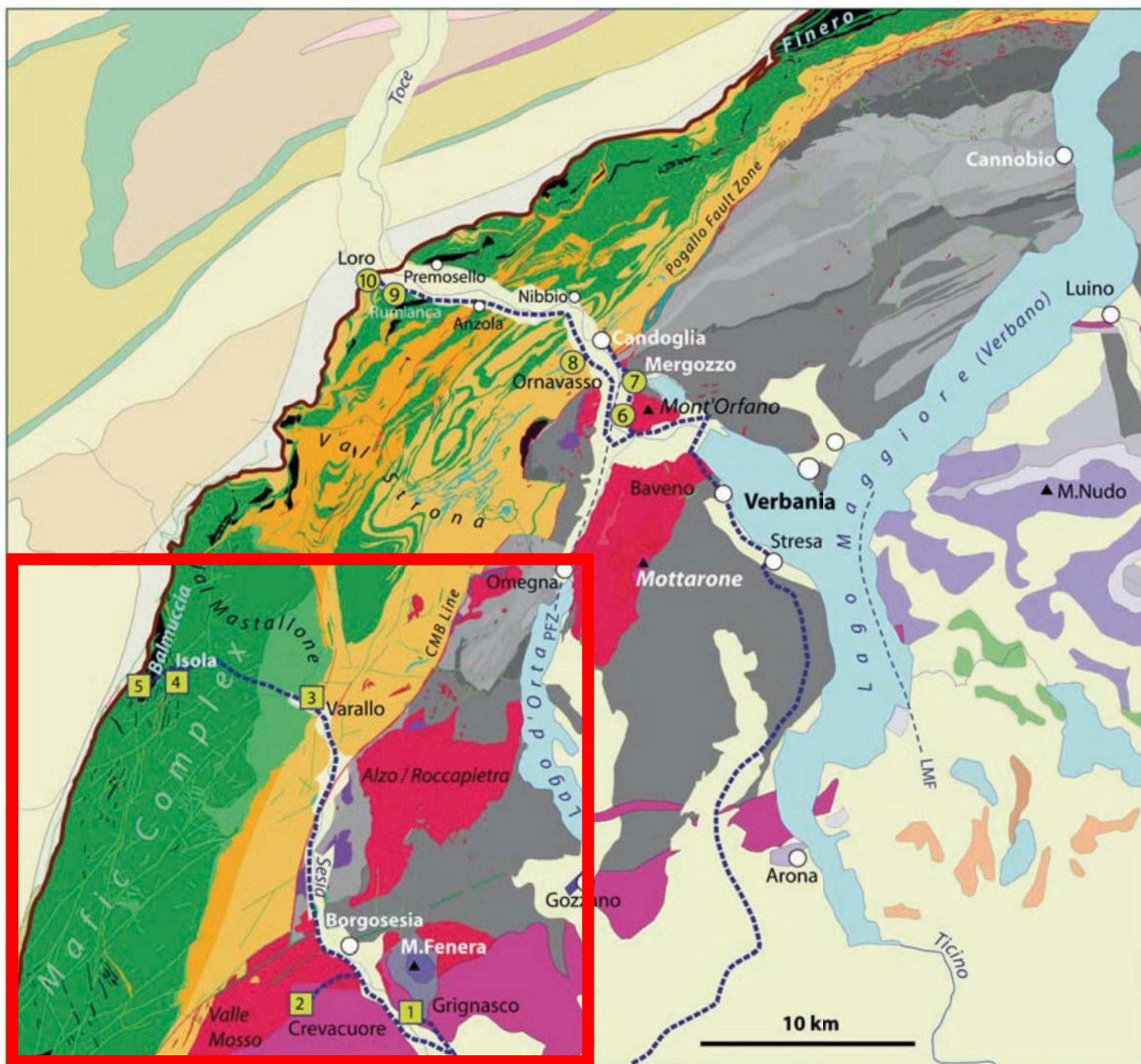
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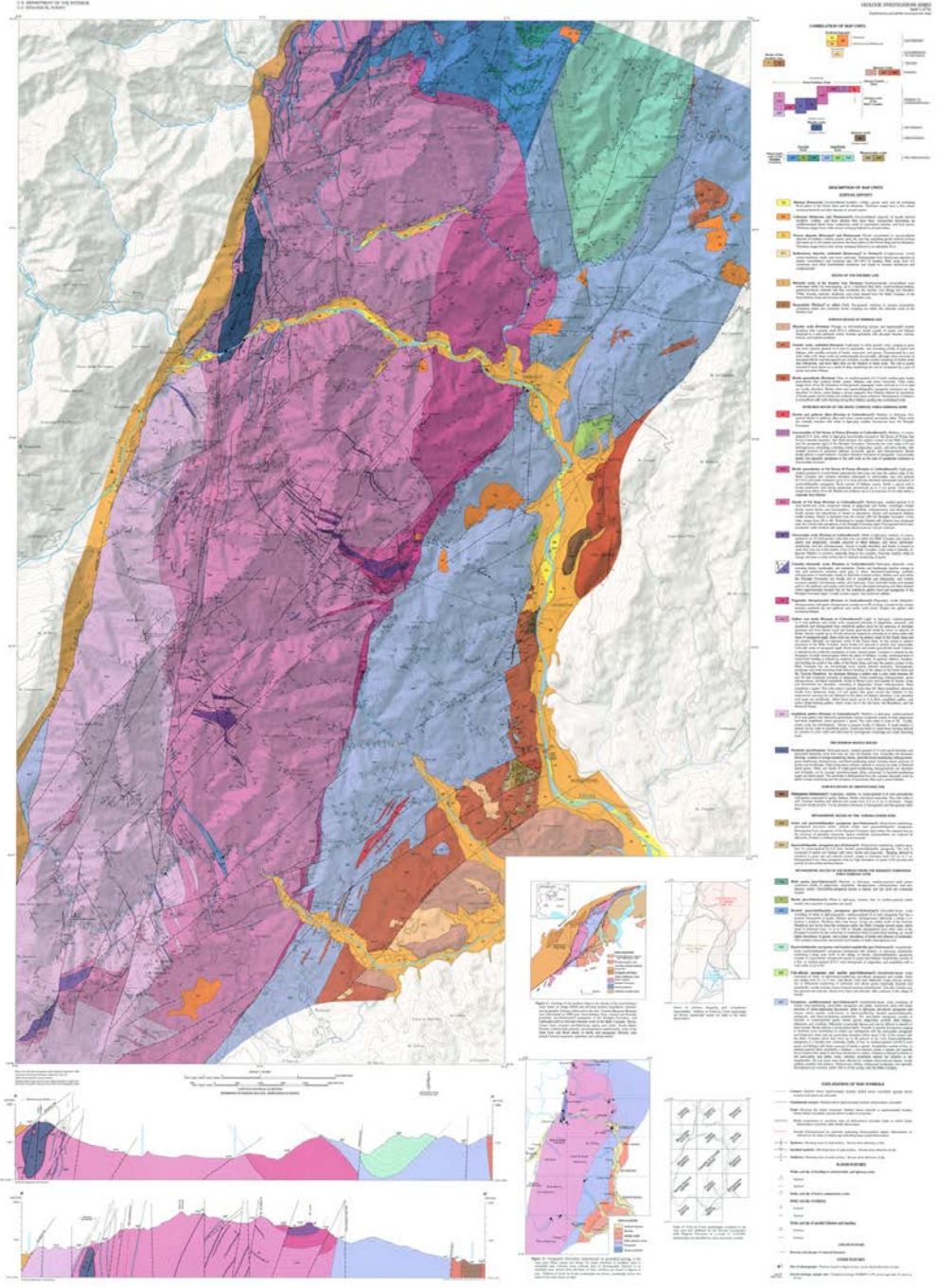
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**Il corpo dell' Ivrea-Verbano**

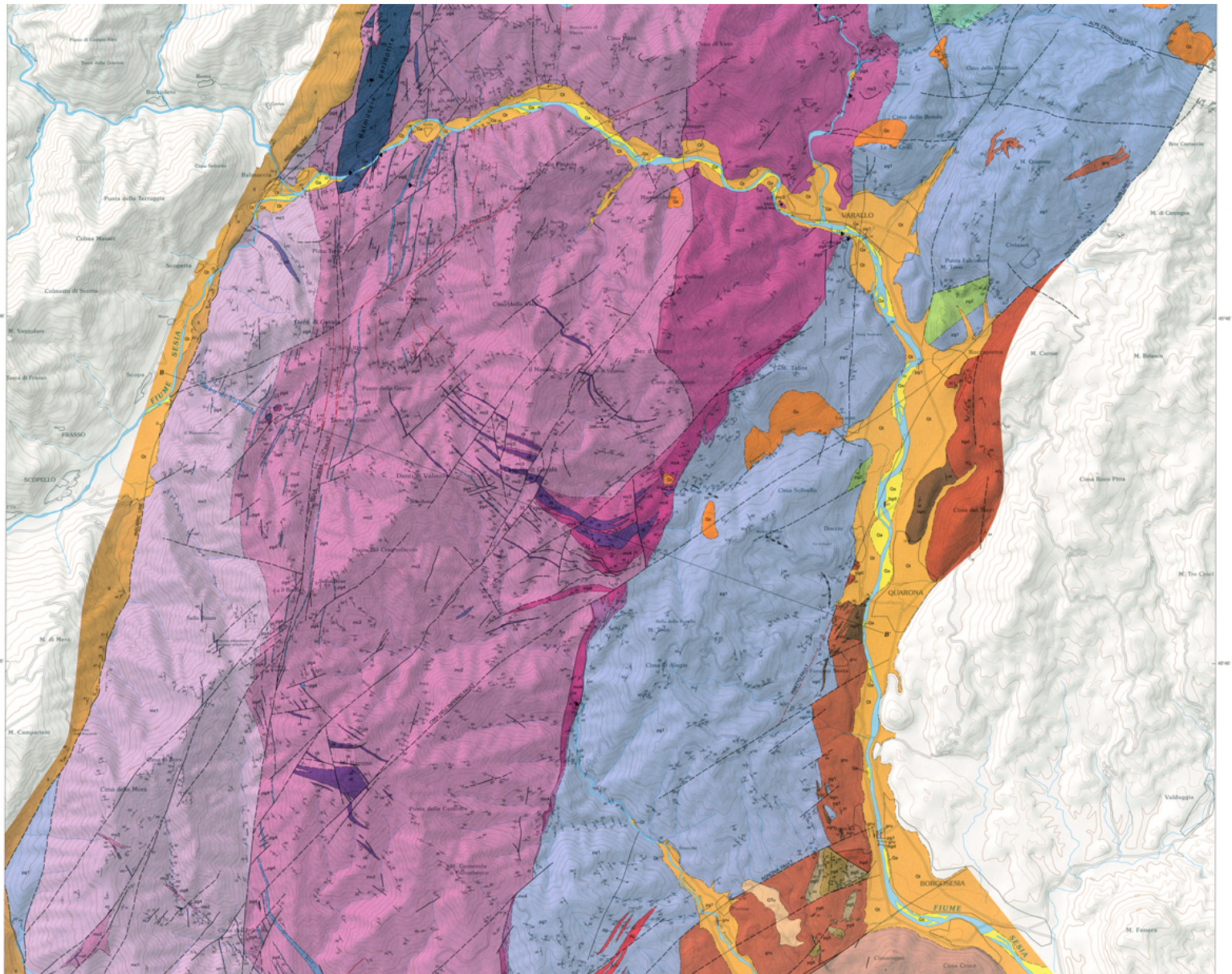
**Zona meridionale – *Sesia Magmatic System***



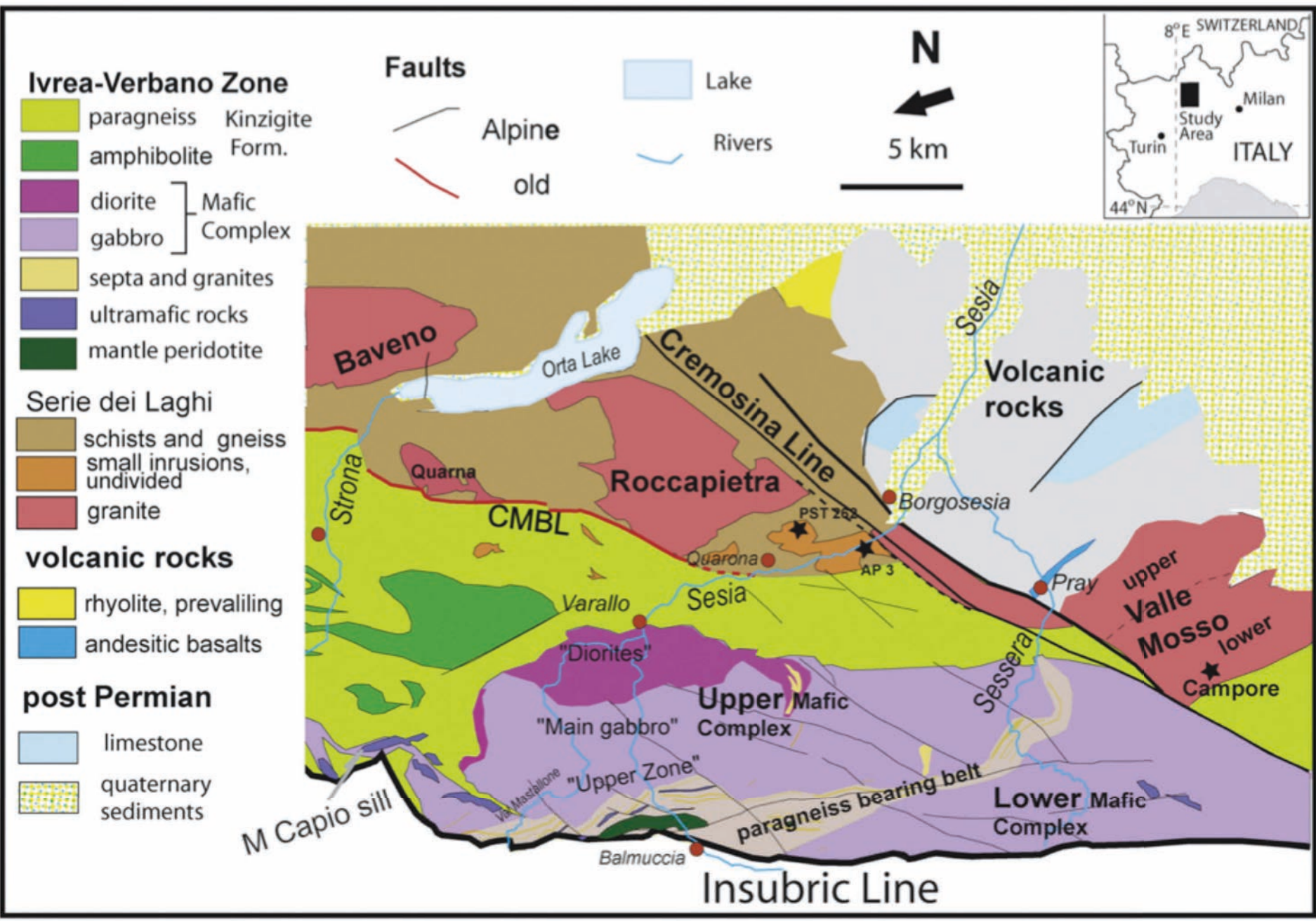
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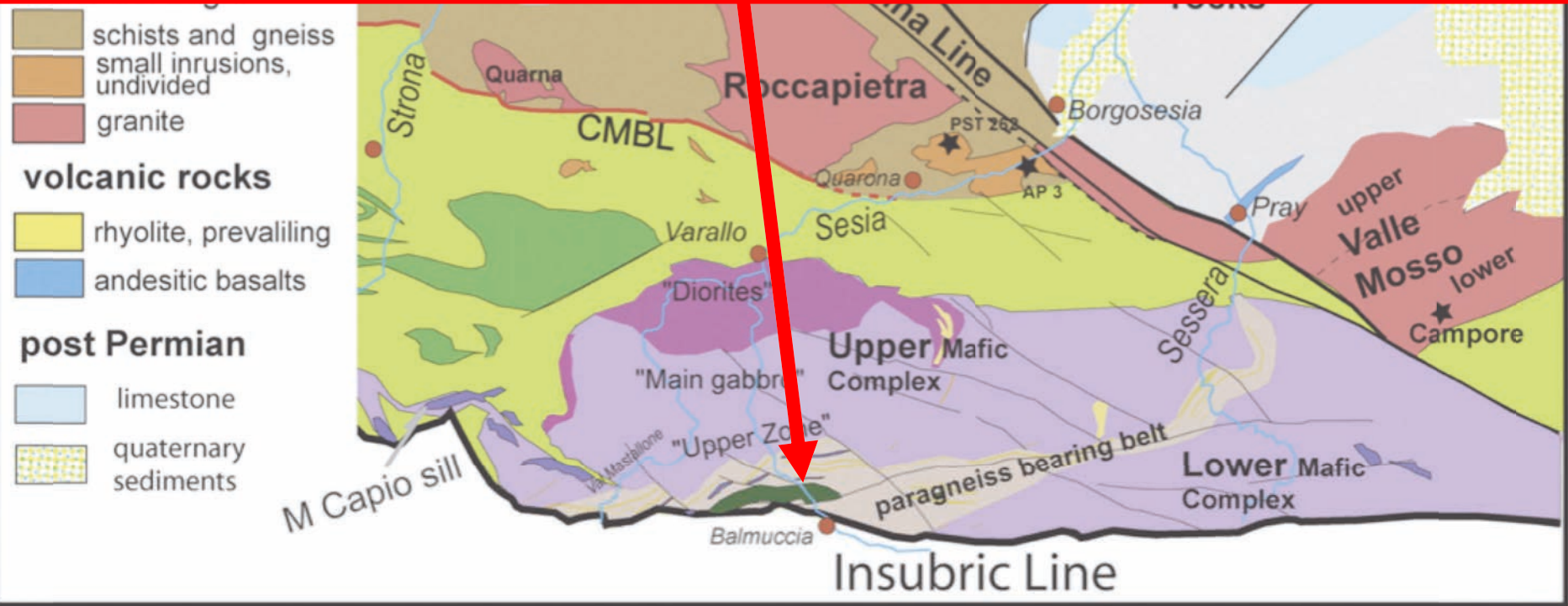
**GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE SOUTHERN NURA-URBANO ZONE, NORTHWESTERN ITALY**  
 James E. Quirk, Simone Stegato, Arthur W. Sarker, Thomas J. Kulakov, Adriano Nappi, and Gabriele Pissinatti



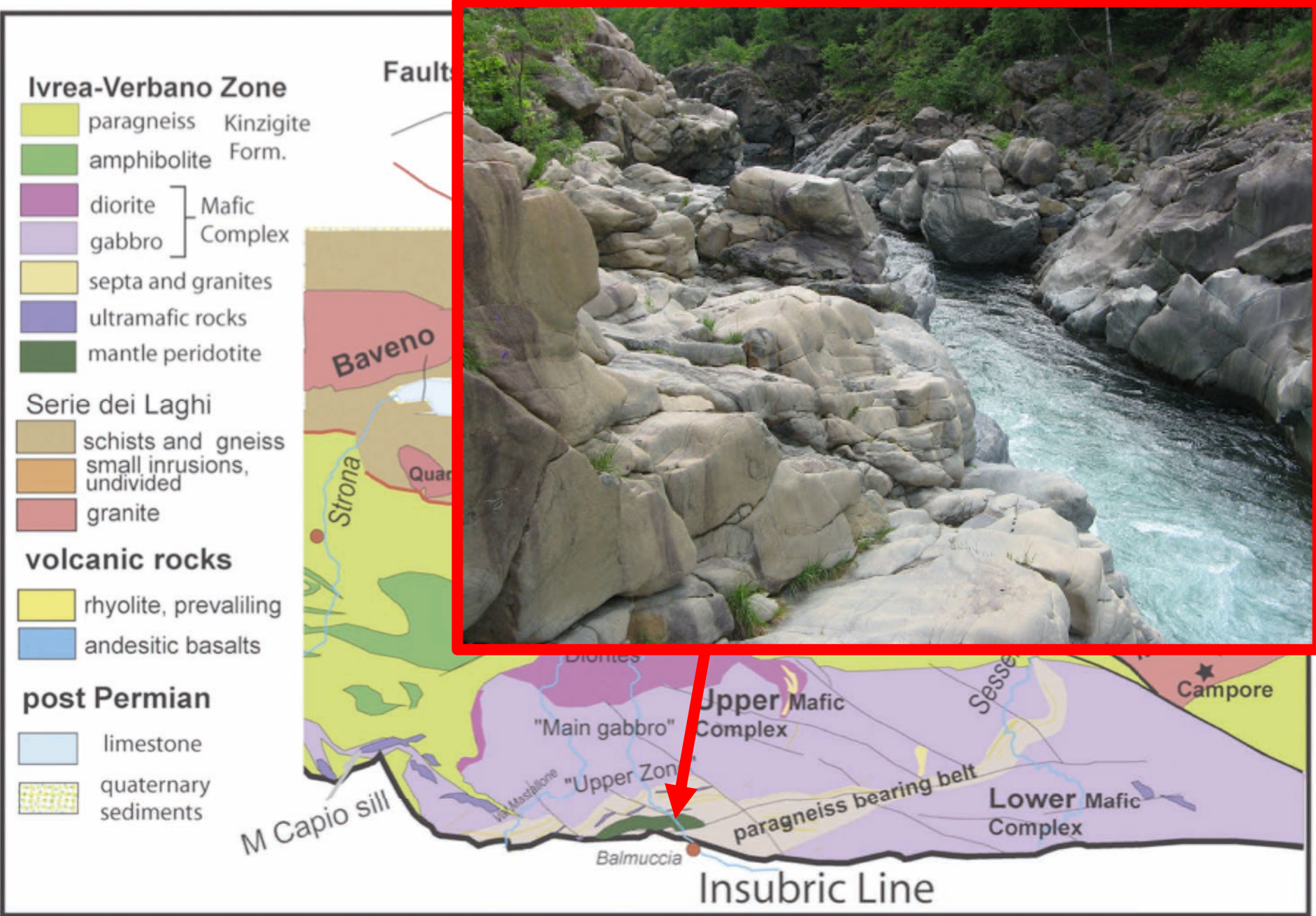
- 07r** **Sedimentary deposits, unbedded (Quaternary) to Tertiary**—Cenozoic; poorly sorted sandstone, silt, and minor carbonates. Disintegrated from Quaternary deposits by ground consolidation. Includes volcanic deposits (20-25% of total) of basaltic type (1-3 m thick) containing thin thick interbedded sandstone and shale to massive sandstone and conglomerate.
- BOCKS OF THE INSUBRIC LINE**
- 1** **Miocenic rocks of the Insubric Line (Tertiary)**—Sedimentarily recrystallized rocks (metamorphic) of the Insubric Line (1-3 m thick). Locally, micaceous shales, gneiss-like sandstone, and shales that contain the Insubric Line Zones and the Insubric Zone. Includes calcareous, platy, and shaly sandstone from the Middle Zone of the Insubric Line and terrane west of the Insubric Line.
- 2** **Serpentine (Tertiary) or older**—Dark, fine-grained, schistose to massive serpentine containing quartz and calciferous lenses cropping out within the Insubric zone of the Insubric Line.
- IGNEOUS ROCKS OF PERMIAN AGE**
- 3** **Rhyolitic rocks (Permian)**—Orange to red weathering volcanic and hypabyssal (dykes) granites (see notes on 11-3) with abundant quartz and minor calciferous lenses. Includes quartzite with abundant laminae, basaltic, andesite, and minor porphyry.
- 4** **Granitic rocks, unbedded (Permian)**—Light gray to white granitic rocks, ranging in grain size from medium to coarse (1-3 m). Locally, they are strongly chlorite, quartz, and albite, with variable amounts of biotite, muscovite, and garnet. Characterized by a low silica index (50). These rocks are predominantly biotite-bearing, granitic, and contain biotite and oligoclase and biotite and oligoclase. Locally contain inclusions of biotite schist and oligoclase, and have thin dikes of the Insubric zone. The area is a quartzite region in great part as a result of deep weathering but can be recognized by a grain of quartz and white feldspar.
- 5** **Basite granodiorite (Permian)**—Fine to medium-grained (0.3-3 m), medium-gray basite granodiorite that contains biotite, quartz, albite, and minor muscovite. Color ranges from 10 to 20. Includes a few greenish, albite-rich rock up to 1 m in size. Locally, they are strongly chlorite, quartz, and albite, with variable amounts of biotite, muscovite, and garnet. Characterized by a low silica index (50). These rocks are predominantly biotite-bearing, granitic, and contain biotite and oligoclase and biotite and oligoclase. Locally contain inclusions of biotite schist and oligoclase, and have thin dikes of the Insubric zone. The area is a quartzite region in great part as a result of deep weathering but can be recognized by a grain of quartz and white feldspar.
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- INTRUSIVE ROCKS OF THE MAFIC COMPLEX, FRIA-VENEZIANA ZONE**
- 7** **Dioritic and gabbroic dikes (Permian to Carboniferous)**—Medium to dark gray, fine-grained dikes of gabbroic and minor coarse-grained gabbroic dikes. These rocks are usually massive with white to light gray tonalitic facies from the Knappe Formation.
- 8** **Lamprophyre of Val Sesta & Pusteria (Permian to Carboniferous)**—Medium to coarse-grained (1-3 m), white to light gray lamprophyre exposed in Val Sesta & Pusteria that forms a small, isolated area. Locally, they are strongly chlorite, quartz, and albite, with variable amounts of biotite, muscovite, and garnet. Characterized by a low silica index (50). These rocks are predominantly biotite-bearing, granitic, and contain biotite and oligoclase and biotite and oligoclase. Locally contain inclusions of biotite schist and oligoclase, and have thin dikes of the Insubric zone. The area is a quartzite region in great part as a result of deep weathering but can be recognized by a grain of quartz and white feldspar.
- 9** **Basite granodiorite of Val Sesta & Pusteria (Permian to Carboniferous)**—Light gray, medium-grained (1-3 m) basite granodiorite that contains biotite, quartz, albite, and minor muscovite. Color ranges from 10 to 20. Includes a few greenish, albite-rich rock up to 1 m in size. Locally, they are strongly chlorite, quartz, and albite, with variable amounts of biotite, muscovite, and garnet. Characterized by a low silica index (50). These rocks are predominantly biotite-bearing, granitic, and contain biotite and oligoclase and biotite and oligoclase. Locally contain inclusions of biotite schist and oligoclase, and have thin dikes of the Insubric zone. The area is a quartzite region in great part as a result of deep weathering but can be recognized by a grain of quartz and white feldspar.
- 10** **Diorite of Val Sesta (Permian to Carboniferous)**—Medium gray, medium-grained (1-4 m) basite-rich rocks composed mainly of plagioclase and biotite. Lithologies include diorite, quartz diorite, and monzonite. Amphibole, orthopyroxene, and olivine are locally present. Garnet is abundant near the contact with the Knappe Formation. Color ranges from 10 to 20. Includes a few greenish, albite-rich rock up to 1 m in size. Locally, they are strongly chlorite, quartz, and albite, with variable amounts of biotite, muscovite, and garnet. Characterized by a low silica index (50). These rocks are predominantly biotite-bearing, granitic, and contain biotite and oligoclase and biotite and oligoclase. Locally contain inclusions of biotite schist and oligoclase, and have thin dikes of the Insubric zone. The area is a quartzite region in great part as a result of deep weathering but can be recognized by a grain of quartz and white feldspar.
- 11** **Chromitite rocks (Permian to Carboniferous)**—White to light gray, medium to coarse-grained (1 to >5 m) granitic rocks that crop out within the Mafic Complex and consist of quartz and plagioclase, variable amounts of albite, biotite, and minor orthopyroxene, and weathering, iron-rich orthopyroxene. Garnet is locally abundant and biotite is present in trace but not in the matrix. Locally, they are strongly chlorite, quartz, and albite, with variable amounts of biotite, muscovite, and garnet. Characterized by a low silica index (50). These rocks are predominantly biotite-bearing, granitic, and contain biotite and oligoclase and biotite and oligoclase. Locally contain inclusions of biotite schist and oligoclase, and have thin dikes of the Insubric zone. The area is a quartzite region in great part as a result of deep weathering but can be recognized by a grain of quartz and white feldspar.
- 12** **Calcic ultrabasic rocks (Permian to Carboniferous)**—Dark gray ultrabasic rocks including diorite, hornfels, and calcite. Diorite and hornfels weather orange to red, and calcite weathers white to black. Hornfels weathering orthopyroxene, biotite, and hornfels are locally rich in amphibole and plagioclase, and contain biotite and hornfels. Color ranges from 10 to 20. Includes a few greenish, albite-rich rock up to 1 m in size. Locally, they are strongly chlorite, quartz, and albite, with variable amounts of biotite, muscovite, and garnet. Characterized by a low silica index (50). These rocks are predominantly biotite-bearing, granitic, and contain biotite and oligoclase and biotite and oligoclase. Locally contain inclusions of biotite schist and oligoclase, and have thin dikes of the Insubric zone. The area is a quartzite region in great part as a result of deep weathering but can be recognized by a grain of quartz and white feldspar.
- 13** **Pegmatitic orthopyroxene (Permian to Carboniferous)**—Pegmatitic, locally foliated orthopyroxene with green orthopyroxene crystals up to 20 cm long. Located at the contact between peridotite (9) and gabbroic and noritic rocks (10). Grades into gabbro with increasing albite.
- 14** **Gabbro and norite (Permian to Carboniferous)**—Light to dark gray, medium-grained (1-3 m) gabbro and noritic rocks composed primarily of plagioclase, pyroxene, and amphibole and distinguished from amphibole gabbro (15) by the presence of abundant pyroxene and from diorite (10) and biotite granodiorite (11) by minor or absence of biotite. Garnet crystals up to 10 mm across are present in gabbro but absent in norite. Color ranges from 10 to 20. Includes a few greenish, albite-rich rock up to 1 m in size. Locally, they are strongly chlorite, quartz, and albite, with variable amounts of biotite, muscovite, and garnet. Characterized by a low silica index (50). These rocks are predominantly biotite-bearing, granitic, and contain biotite and oligoclase and biotite and oligoclase. Locally contain inclusions of biotite schist and oligoclase, and have thin dikes of the Insubric zone. The area is a quartzite region in great part as a result of deep weathering but can be recognized by a grain of quartz and white feldspar.
- 15** **Amphibole gabbro (Permian to Carboniferous)**—Medium to dark gray, medium-grained (2-4 m) gabbro with distinctive gabbroic texture composed mainly of white plagioclase and black amphibole, minor pyroxene, a biotite. The color index is 50. Locally, noritic rocks are interbedded. Garnet is present locally in Valsusa. A weak foliation is defined by the lack of amphibole grains. Characterized by a noritic-looking bedding defined by variation in color index and defined by asymmetric bedding and small stretching lineation.
- PRE-PERMIAN MANTLE ROCKS**
- 16** **Peridotite (pre-Permian)**—Dark gray-green, medium-grained (1-3 m) equi-granular and olivine-bearing rocks that crop out near the Insubric Line. These rocks are dark brown, biotite, and hornfels. High-temperature foliation defined in outcrop by lack of foliated noritic grains. Color and texture of biotite-bearing gabbro with a color index of 50 and composed primarily of plagioclase, horn-weathering orthopyroxene, green orthopyroxene, and black amphibole. Locally, they are strongly chlorite, quartz, and albite, with variable amounts of biotite, muscovite, and garnet. Characterized by a low silica index (50). These rocks are predominantly biotite-bearing, granitic, and contain biotite and oligoclase and biotite and oligoclase. Locally contain inclusions of biotite schist and oligoclase, and have thin dikes of the Insubric zone. The area is a quartzite region in great part as a result of deep weathering but can be recognized by a grain of quartz and white feldspar.
- IGNEOUS ROCKS OF CRETACEOUS AGE**
- 17** **Orthopyroxene (Cretaceous)**—Light gray, medium to coarse-grained (1-4 m) granodiorite orthopyroxene composed of quartz, albite, biotite, and minor muscovite. The color index is 50. Diorite bearing and defined and ranges from 1.1 to 2 cm in thickness. Garnet structure locally present. Color is abundant in orthopyroxene and fine-grained noritic dikes.
- MEGACRYSTALLIC ROCKS OF THE STRONA-CENSRIO ZONE**
- 18** **Schist and quartzofeldspathic gabbro (Cretaceous)**—Dark gray weathering, interbedded hornfels with chlorite schist and quartzofeldspathic gabbro containing orthopyroxene and biotite. Locally, they are strongly chlorite, quartz, and albite, with variable amounts of biotite, muscovite, and garnet. Characterized by a low silica index (50). These rocks are predominantly biotite-bearing, granitic, and contain biotite and oligoclase and biotite and oligoclase. Locally contain inclusions of biotite schist and oligoclase, and have thin dikes of the Insubric zone. The area is a quartzite region in great part as a result of deep weathering but can be recognized by a grain of quartz and white feldspar.



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Ivrea-Verbano Zone

Faults

Lake

N

8°E SWITZERLAND

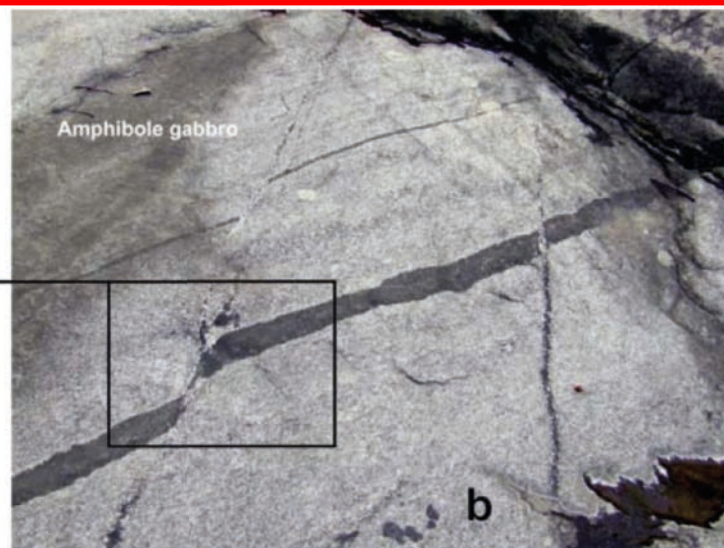


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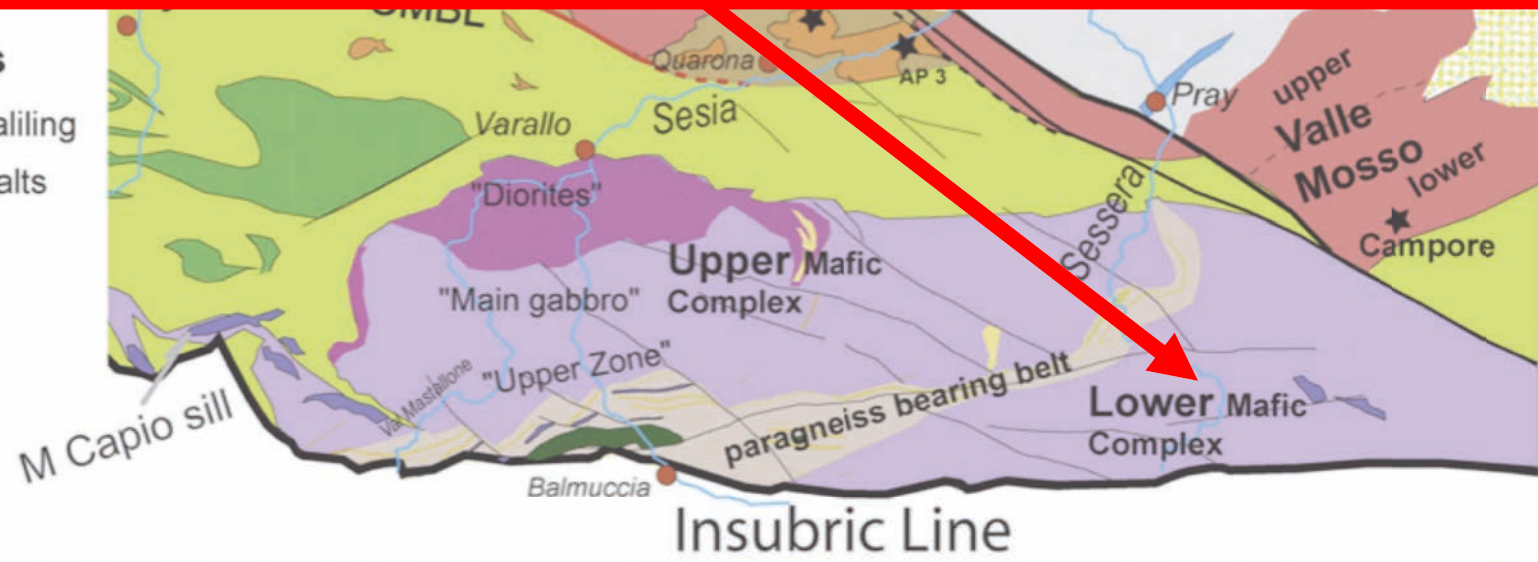
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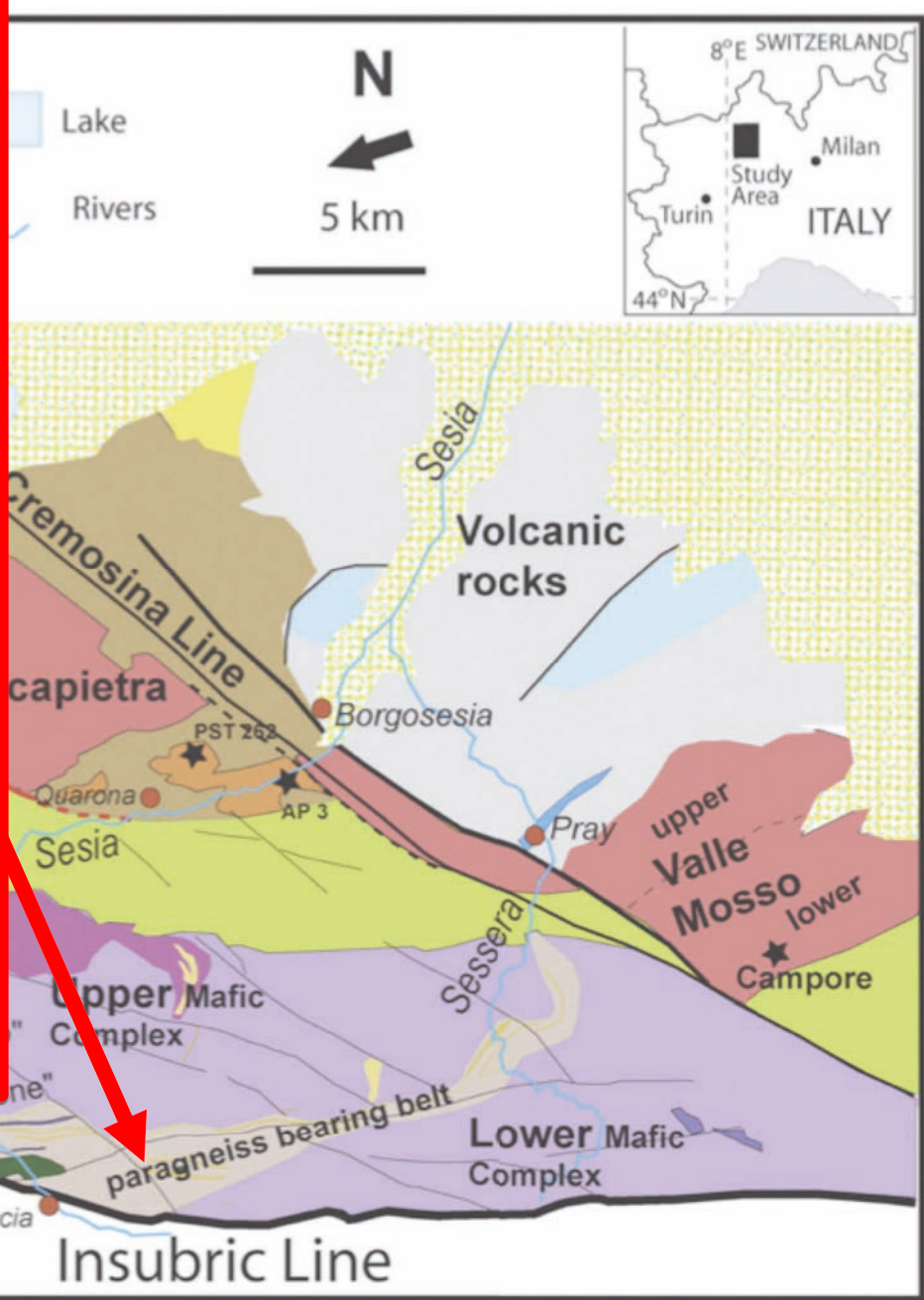
**volcanic rocks**

- rhyolite, prevailing
- andesitic basalts

**post Permian**

- limestone
- quaternary sediments

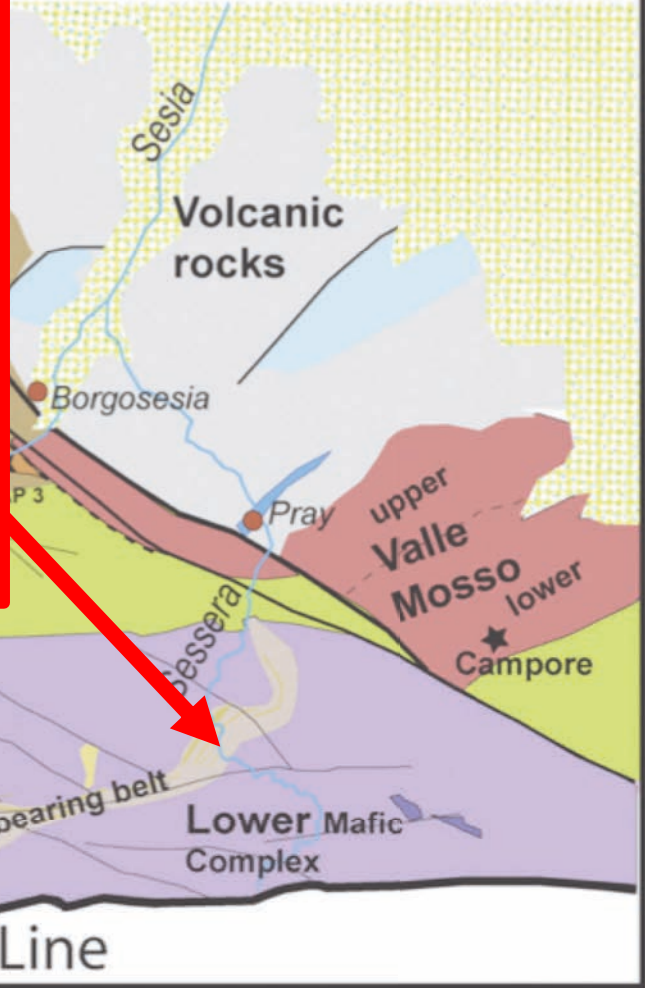
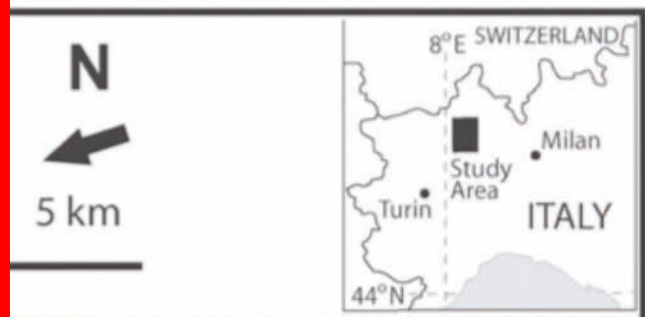




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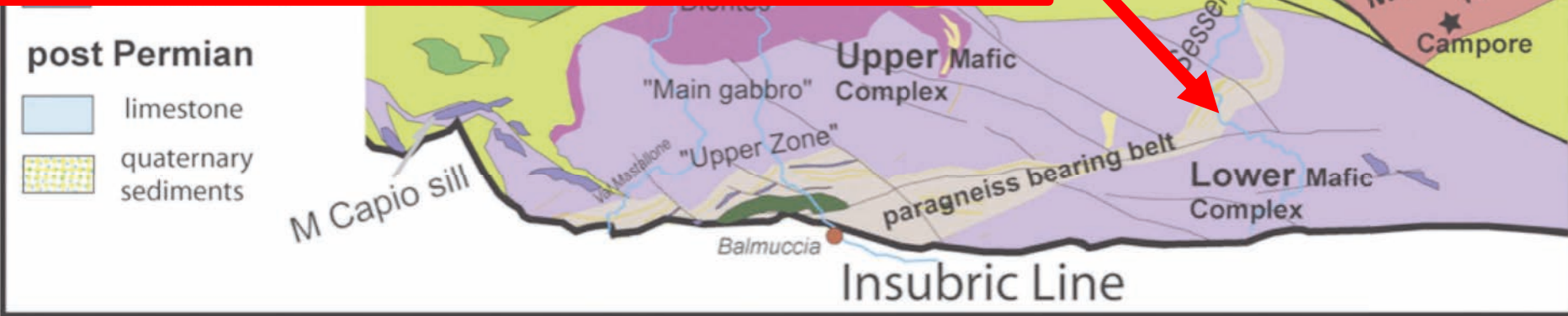
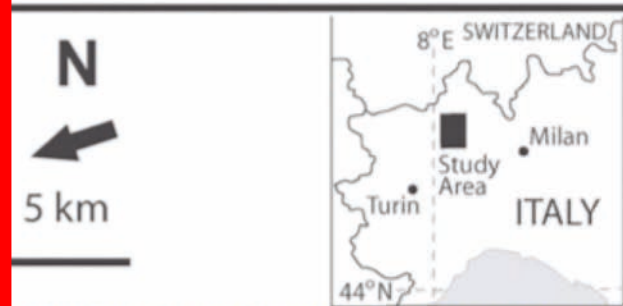


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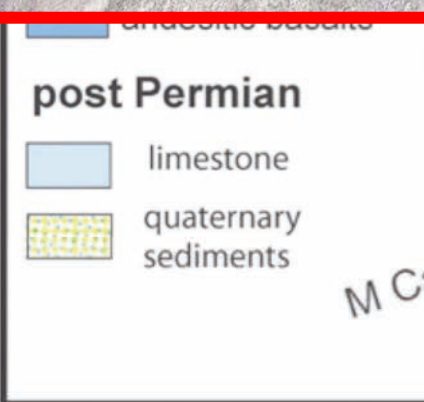
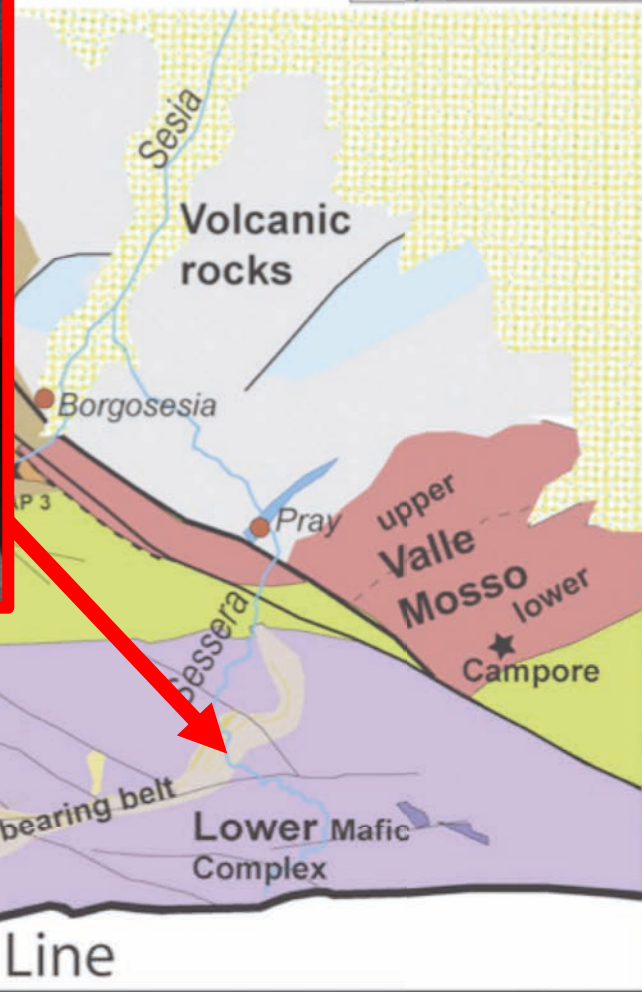


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*Sinigoi et al (2010; J.V.E.)*



*Mazzucchelli et al (2014)*

**Ivrea-Verbano Zone**

- paragneiss Kinz
- amphibolite For
- diorite } Mafic
- gabbro } Compl
- septa and granites
- ultramafic rocks
- mantle peridotite

**Serie dei Laghi**

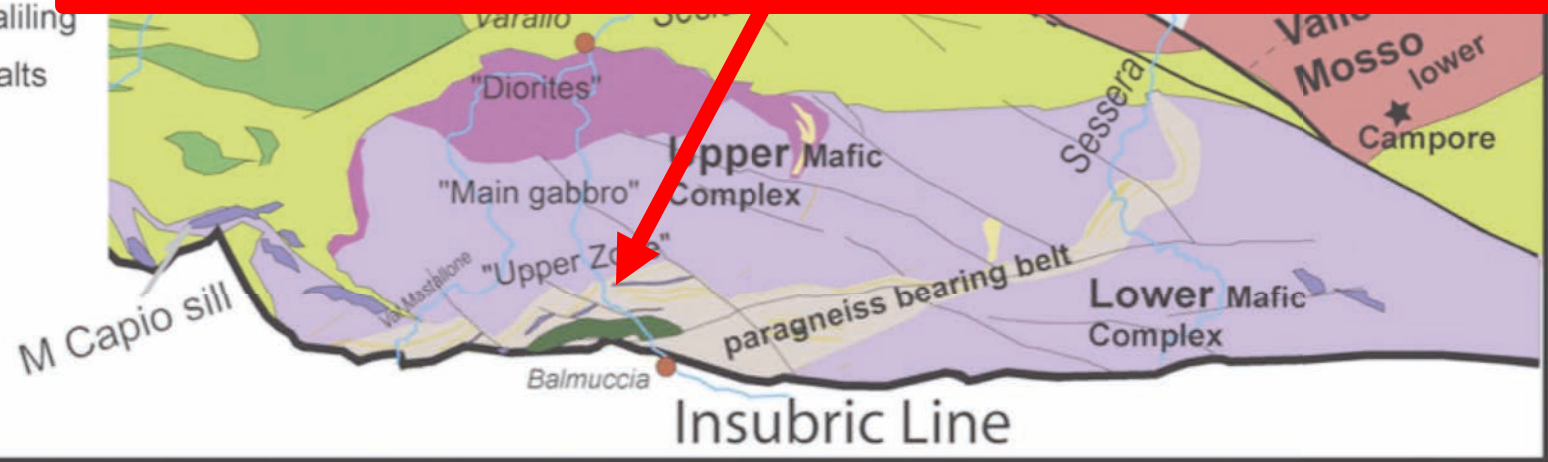
- schists and gneis
- small intrusions, undivided
- granite

**volcanic rocks**

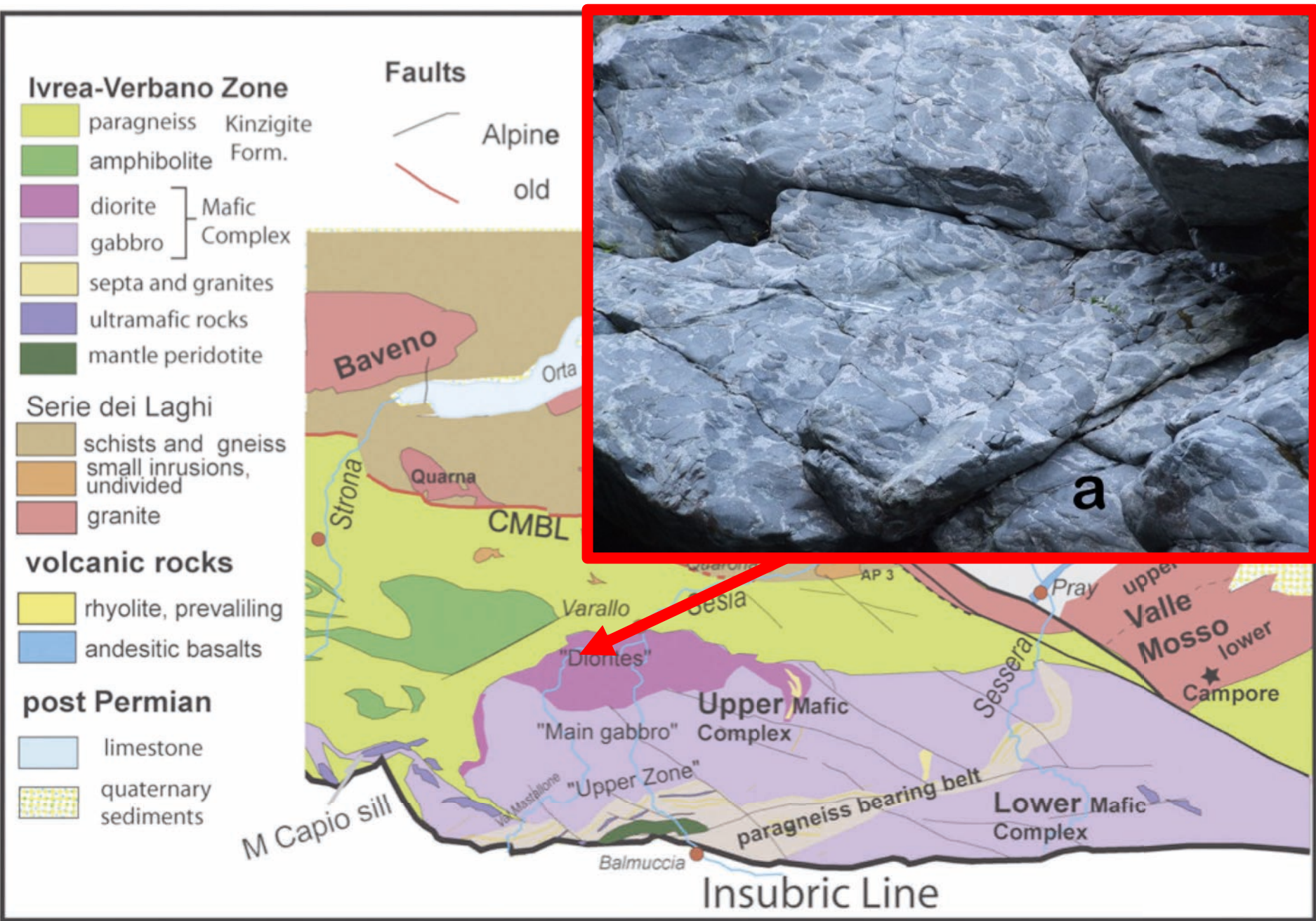
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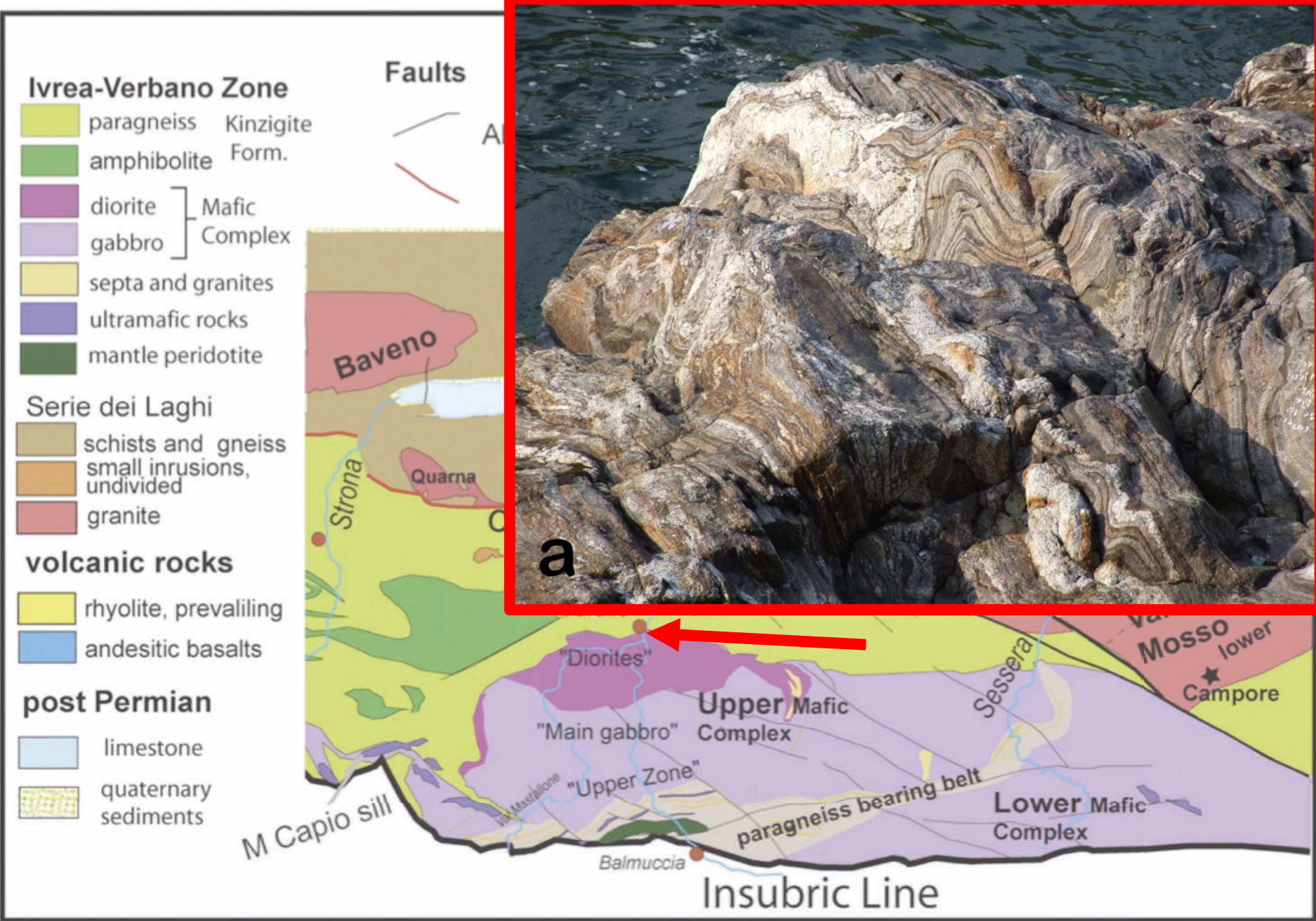






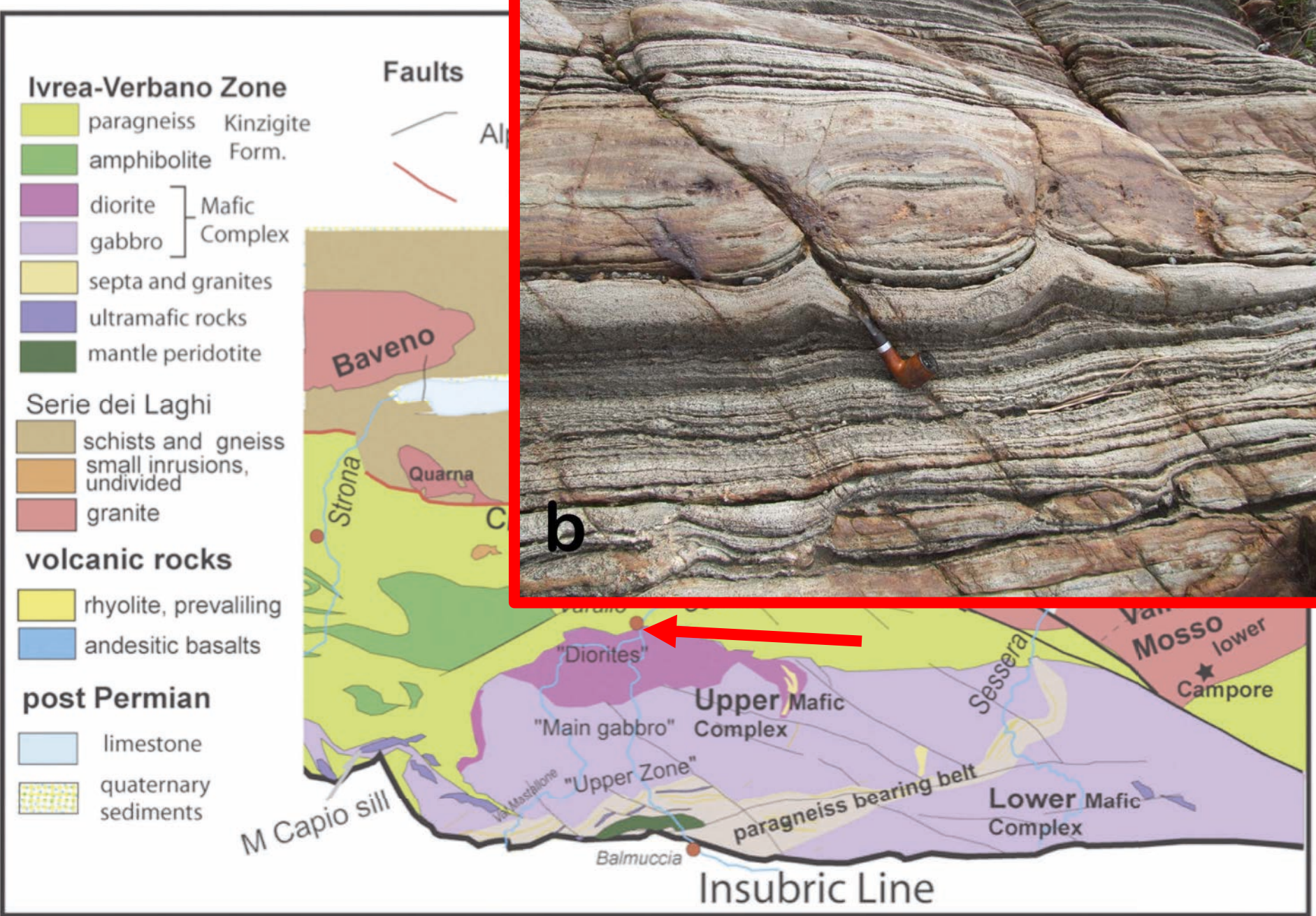


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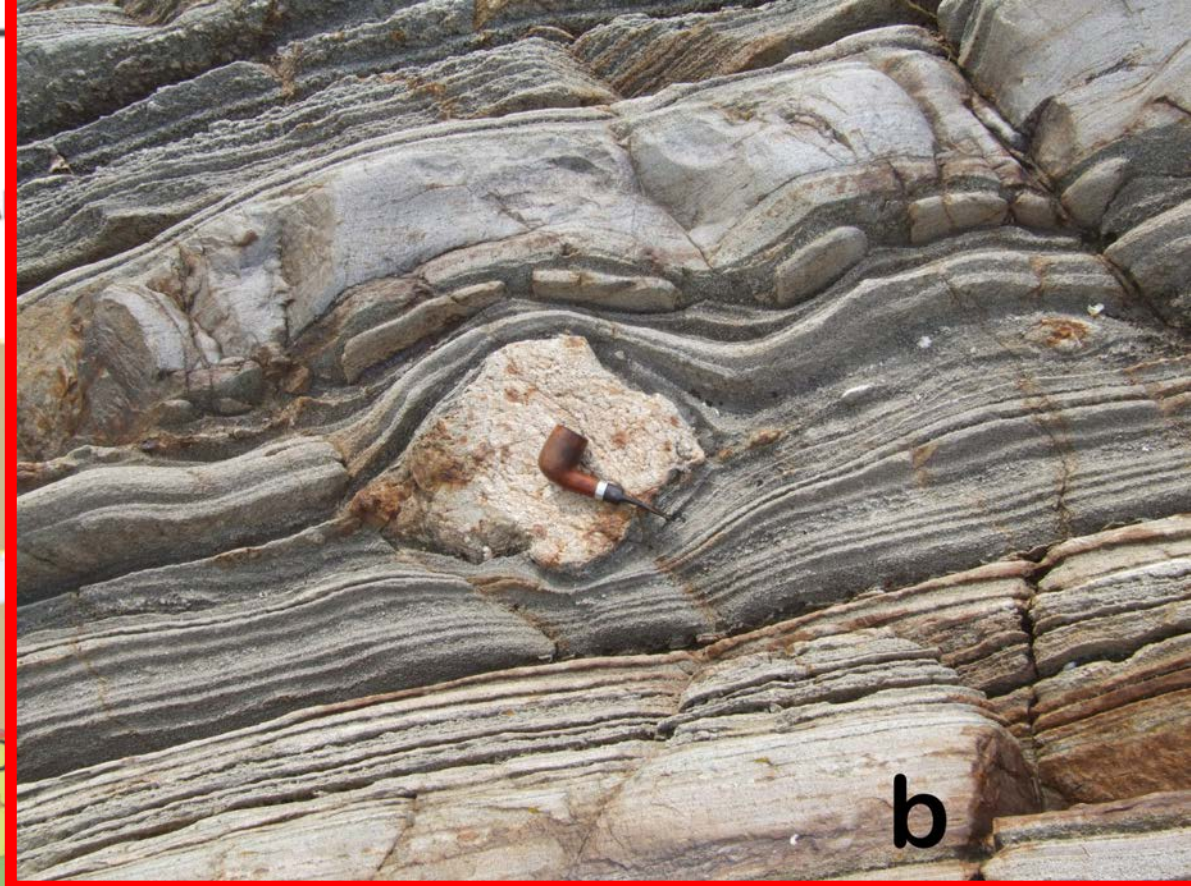
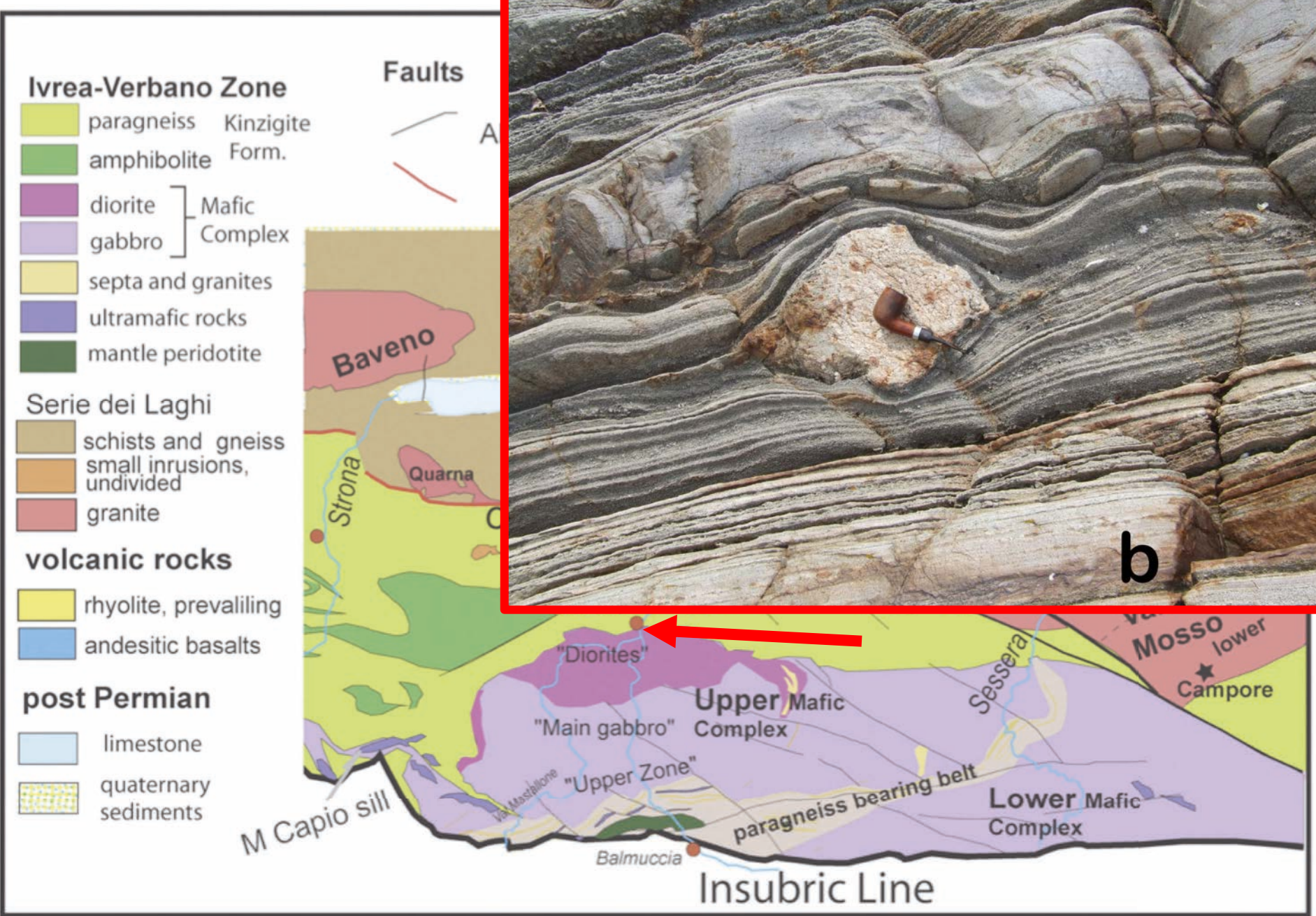


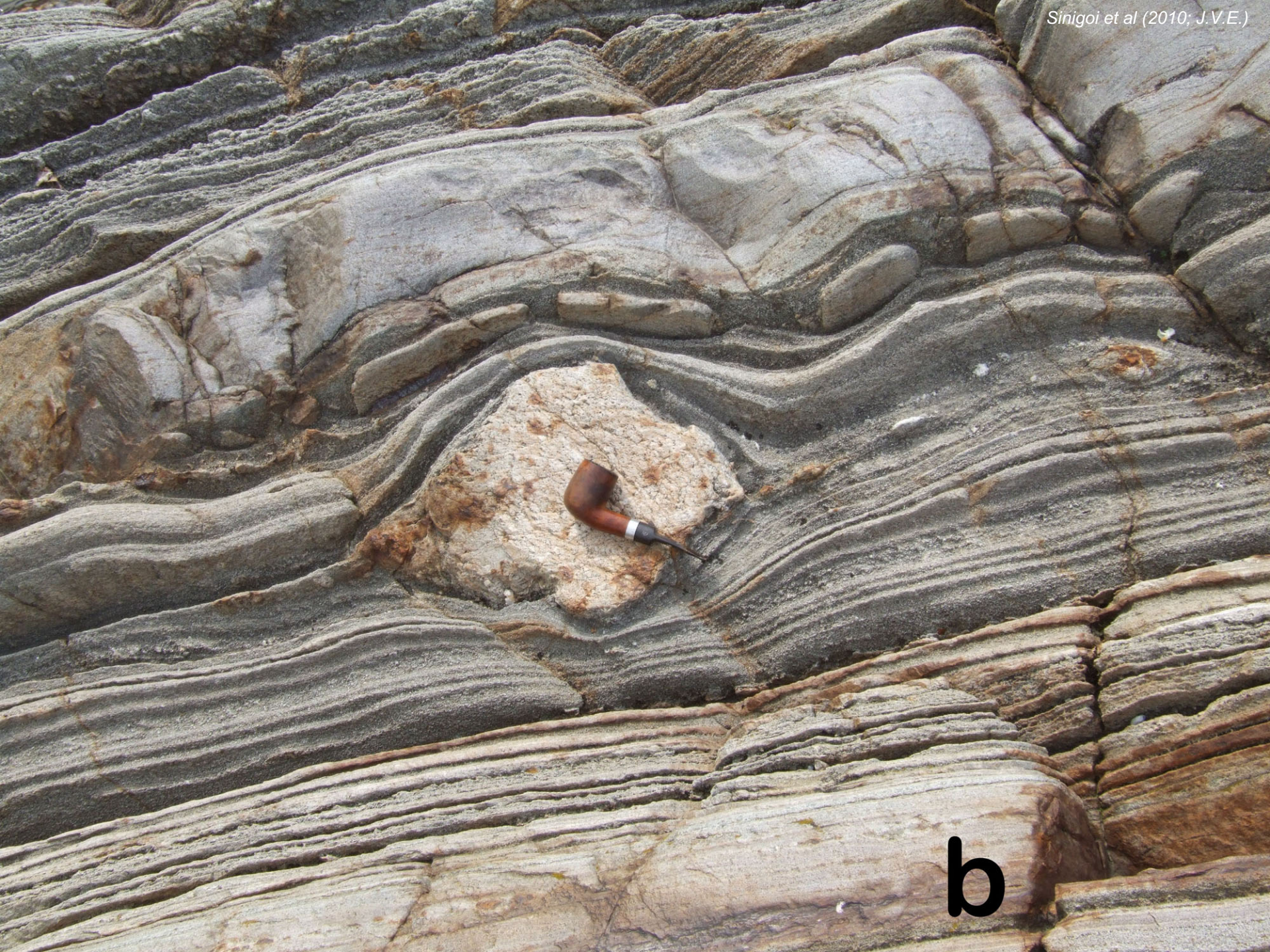


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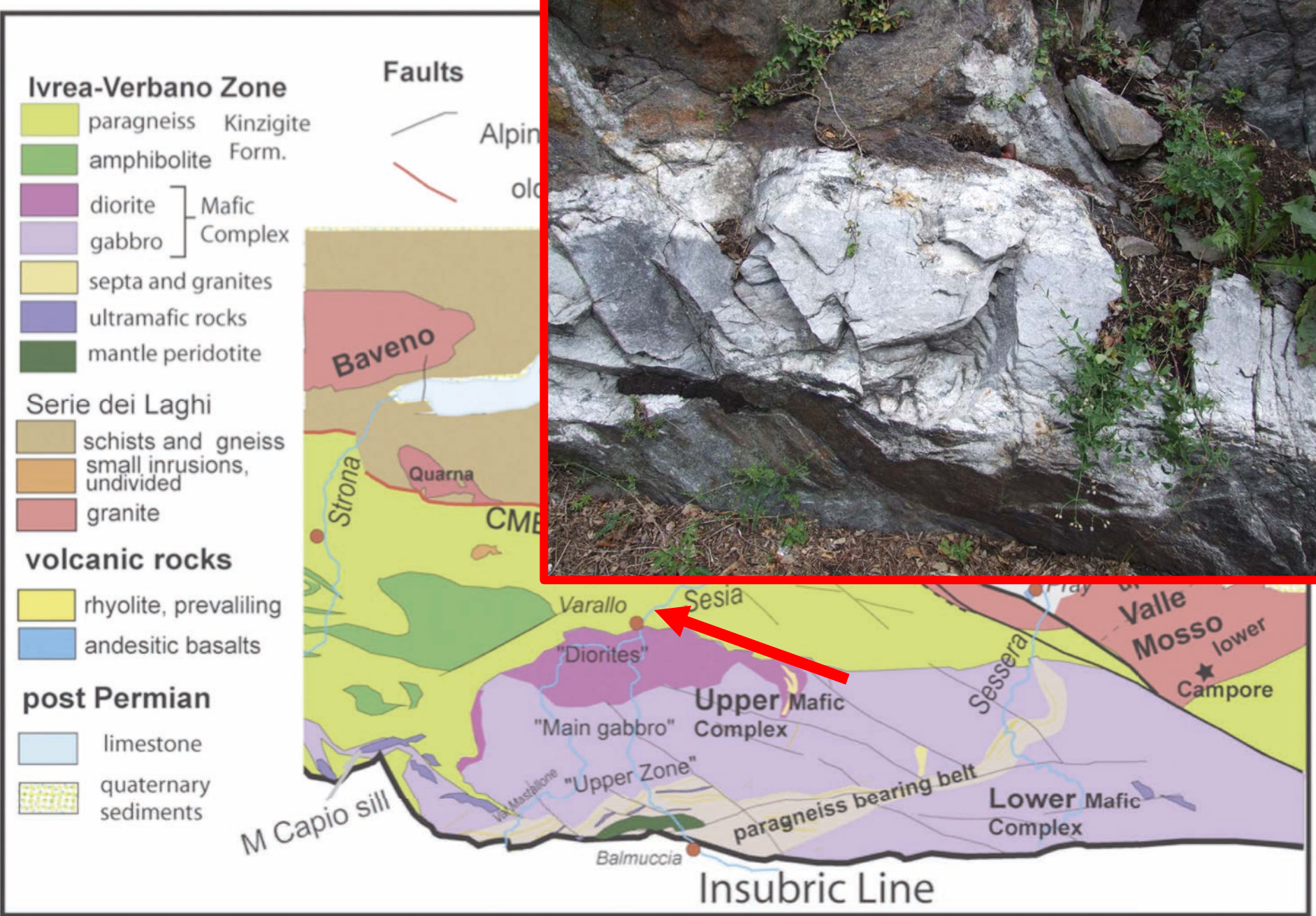


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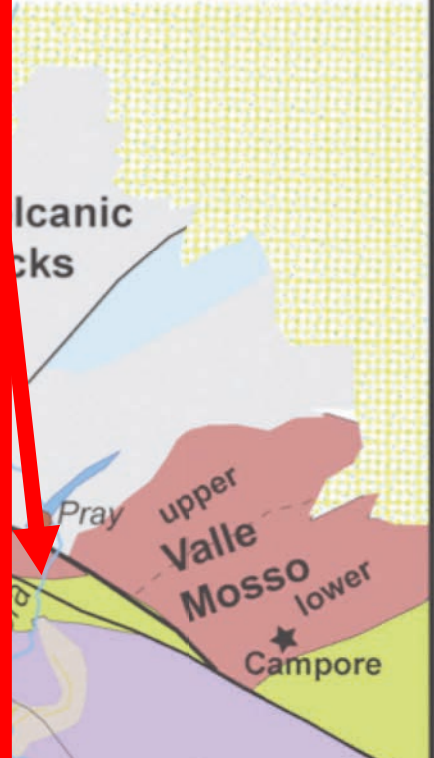
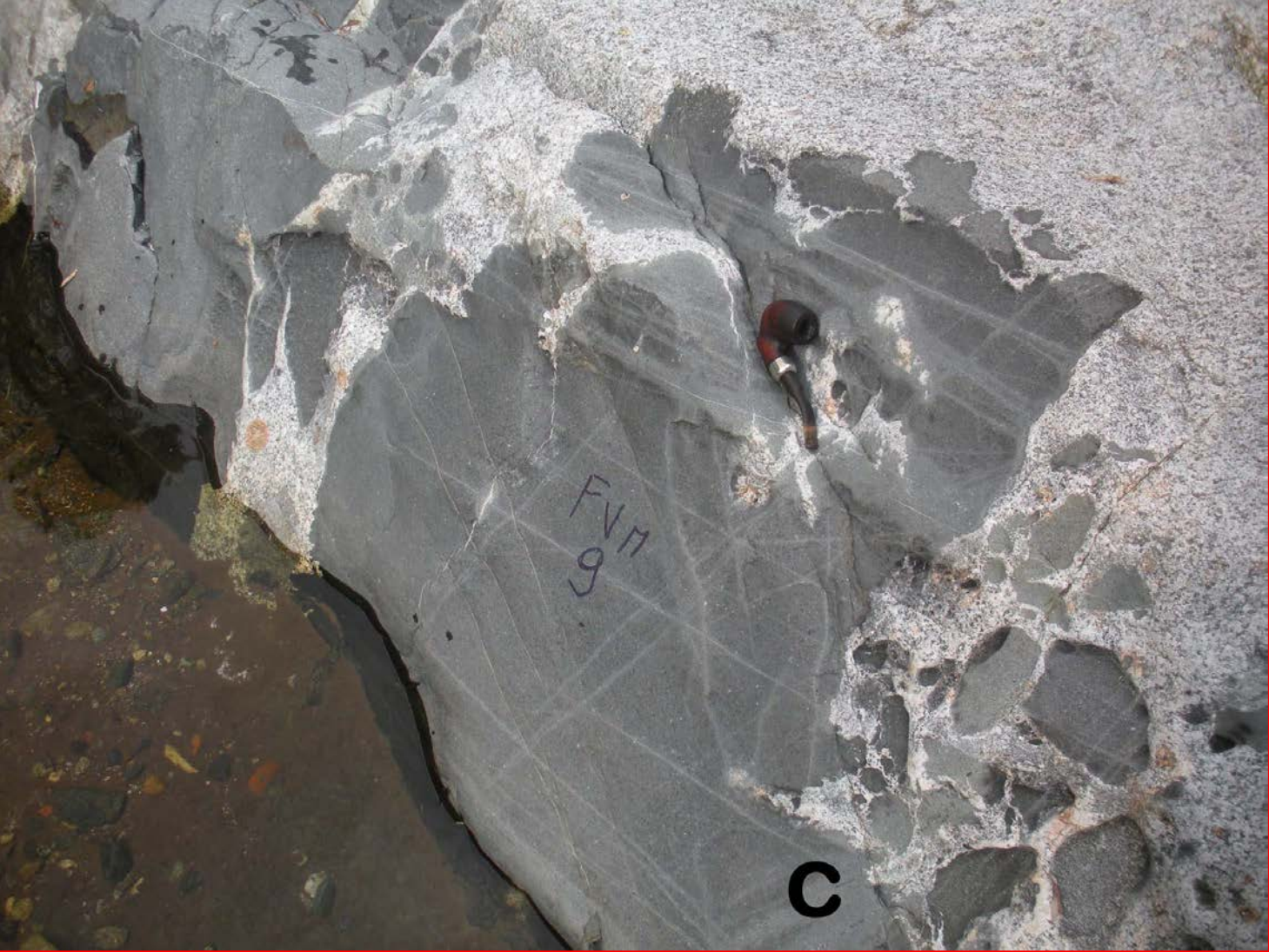


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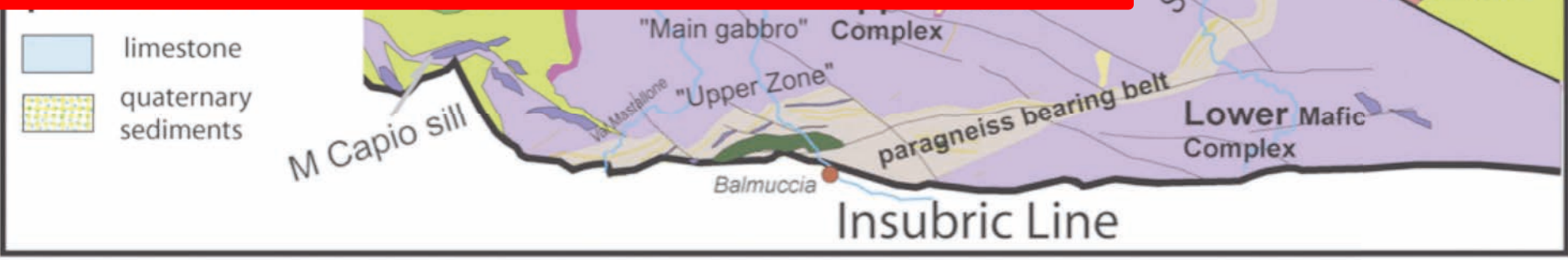
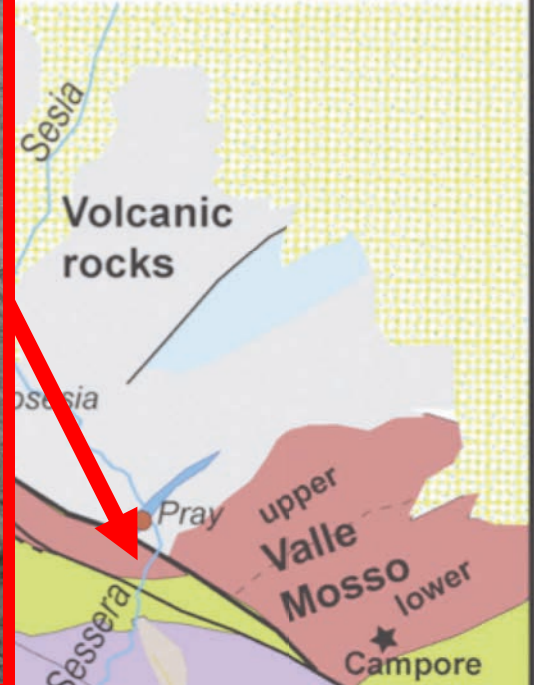


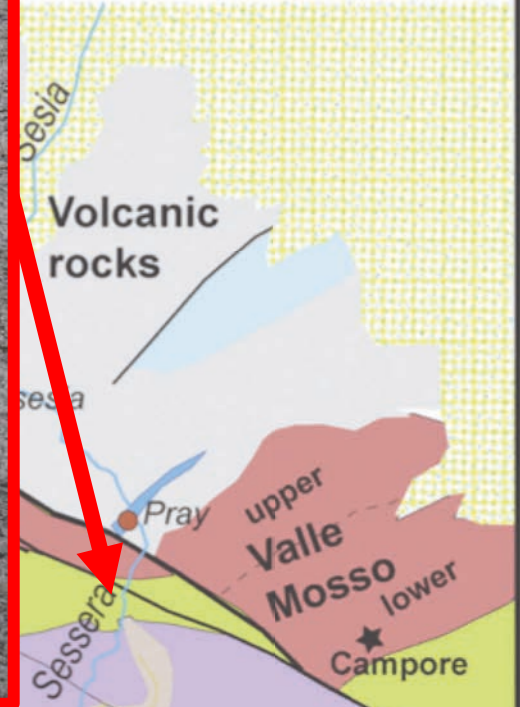
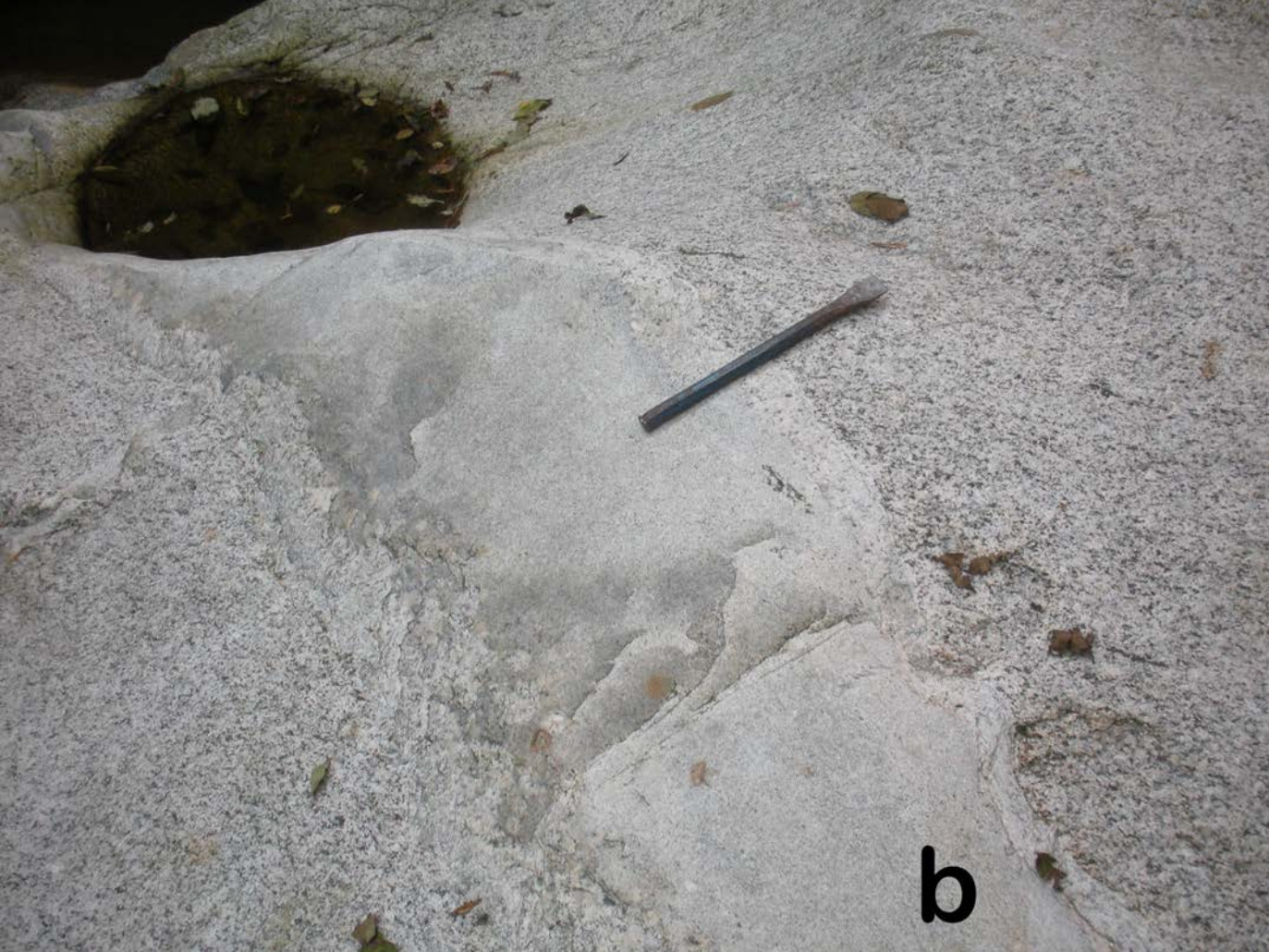






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- andesitic basalt
- post Permian**
- limestone
- quaternary sediments





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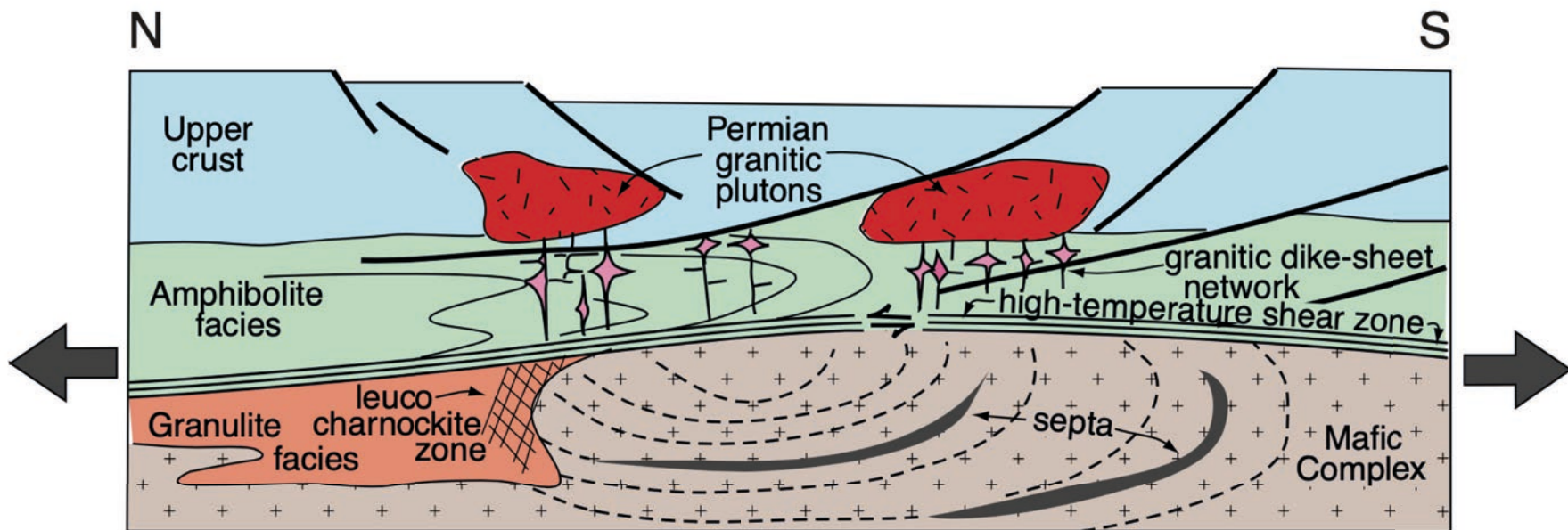
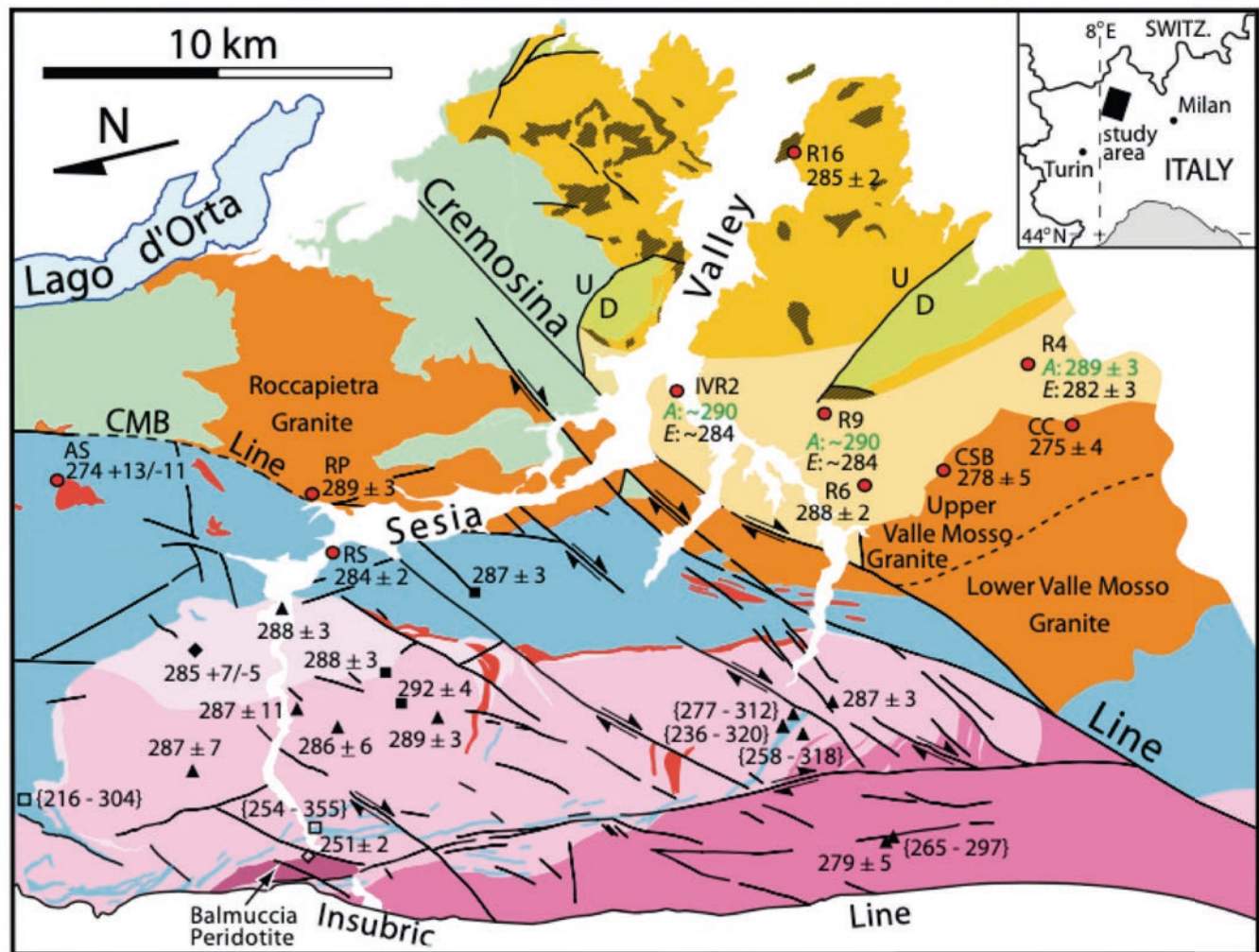


Fig. 6. Integrated model of the development of the Mafic Complex (multiple intrusion of mantle-derived magma into the lower crust and downward and outward flow of dense cumulates and entrained roof-rock septa), partial melting in roof rocks, and non-coaxial ductile deformation in a high-temperature shear zone (stretching fault). Migration of melt/magma along channelways within the shear zone and concentration in low-strain regions. Migration of magmas out of the shear zone and concentration in networks of dikes and small plutons in the eastern IVZ. This scenario occurred during a tectonic regime of crustal extension. Structurally higher, late Paleozoic plutons exposed in the Serie dei Laghi (Strona–Ceneri zone) are inferred to have been fed by magmas generated in the IVZ. Modified from Sinigoi et al. ([6], their fig. 11c).



Sesia Valley volcanic and sedimentary rocks

- Limestone
- Caldera fill with megabreccia
- Volcanic rocks, undivided

Serie dei Laghi

- Graniti dei Laghi
- Schist and gneiss

Ivrea-Verbano Zone

- Granitic rocks
  - Diorite
  - Gabbronorite
  - Amphibole gabbro
- } Upper Mafic Complex
- } Lower Mafic Complex
- Kinzigite Formation
  - Balmuccia Peridotite

SHRIMP zircon ages

- This study
- Peressini et al. (2007)
- Vavra et al. (1999)
- Pin (1986)
- Wright and Shervais (1980)

Conventional U-Pb ages

- Garuti et al. (2001)

Ages in Ma with 2σ standard deviation  
 A: antecryst age      E: eruption age  
 {277-312} range of SHRIMP spot ages