

# Graduate Student Pop-ups

1 Minute Poster Previews

# The Role of Obliquity in Rift Localization: Example of the Northern Gulf of California

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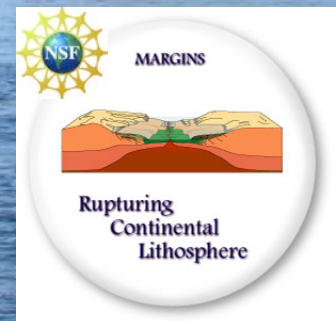
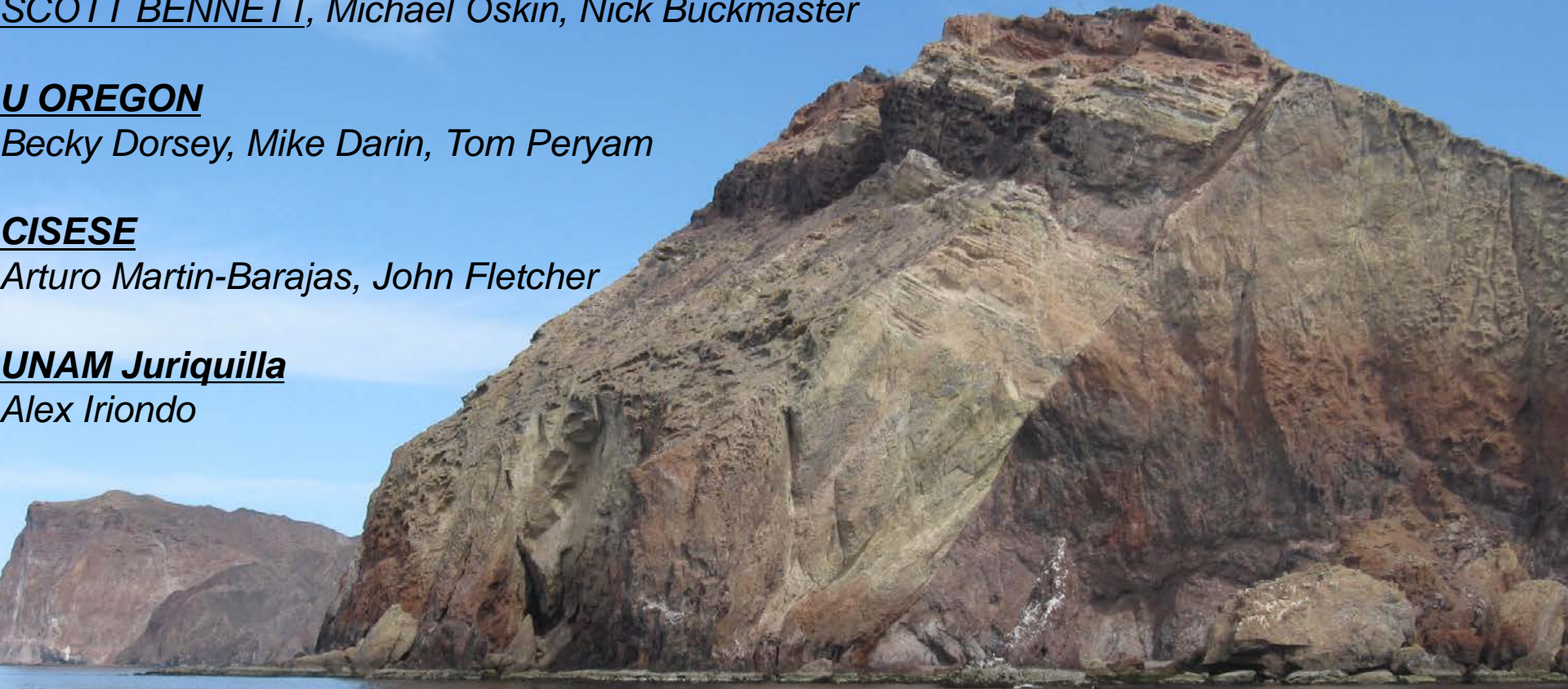
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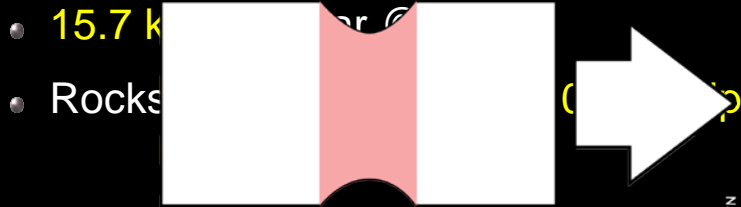
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# ROLE OF RIFT OBLIQUITY

## COASTAL SONORA FAULT ZONE & NE ISLA TIBURON

Initiated during **Fast Strain Rate** by **6 Ma**



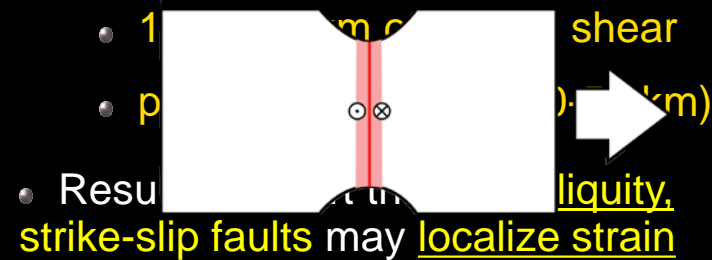
## LA CRUZ FIT SW TIBURON

Marine **Magmatism** - 4.1 Ma

<6.7 Ma (m slip)



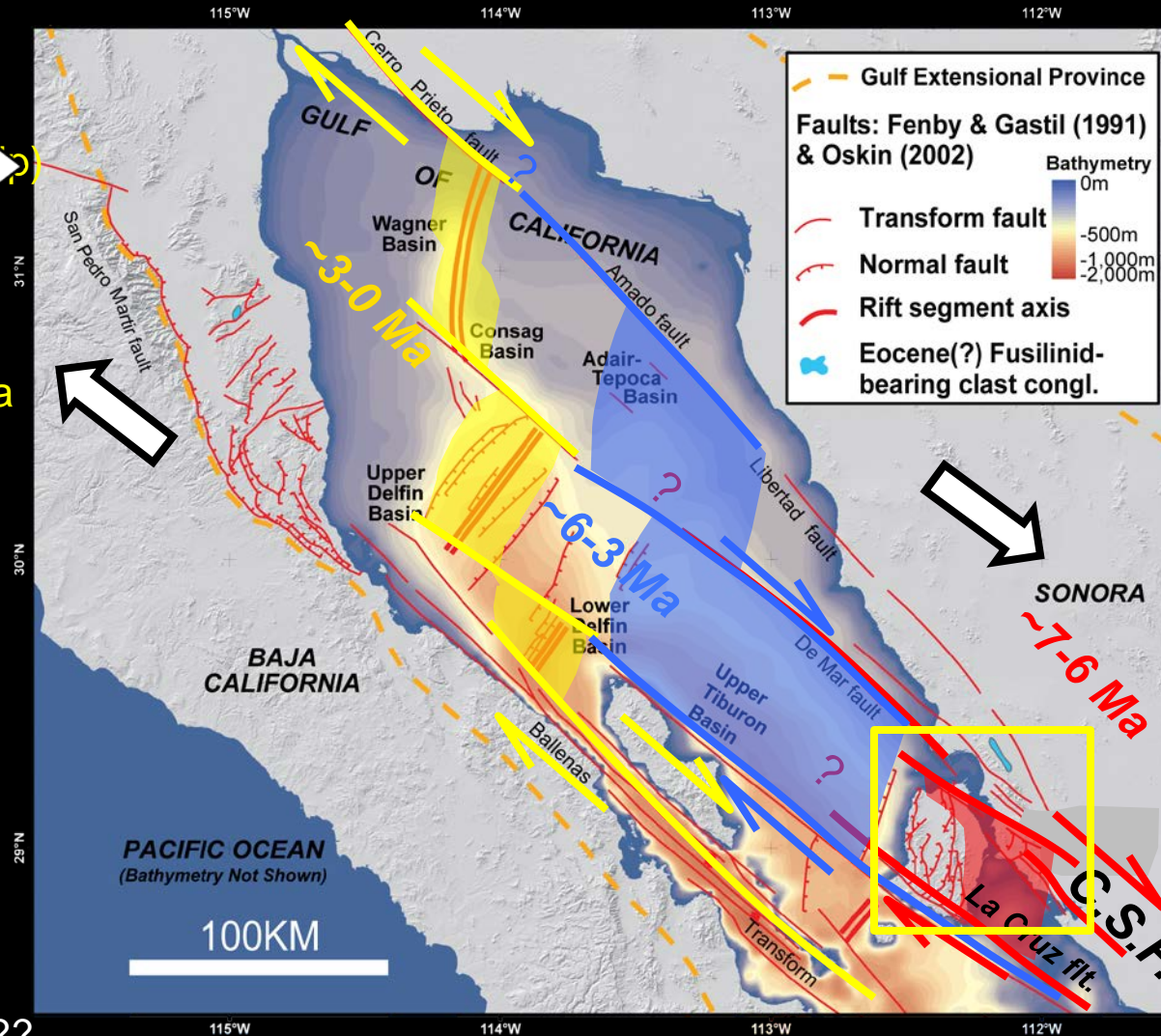
preceded by **Rift Obliquity?** Myr



Older (pre-7Ma) shear zones east??

## PRE-RUPTURE DEXTRAL SHEAR

When? How Much? Where?

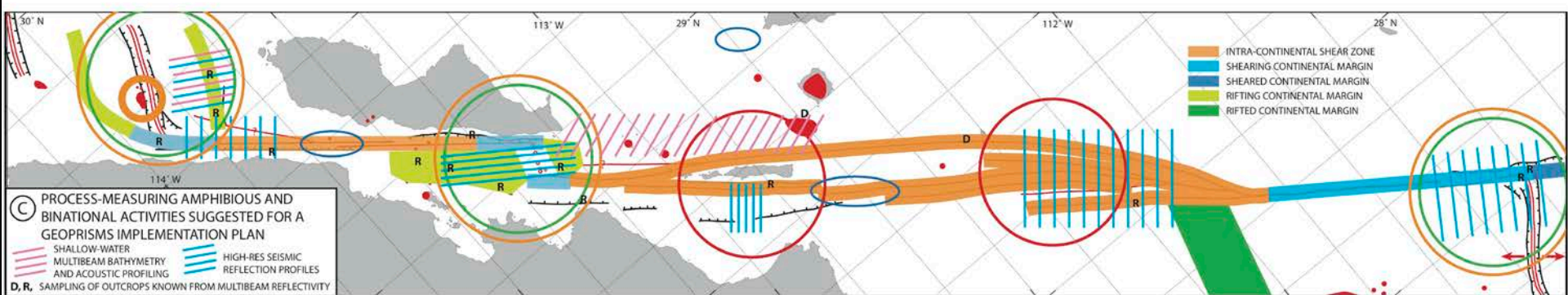
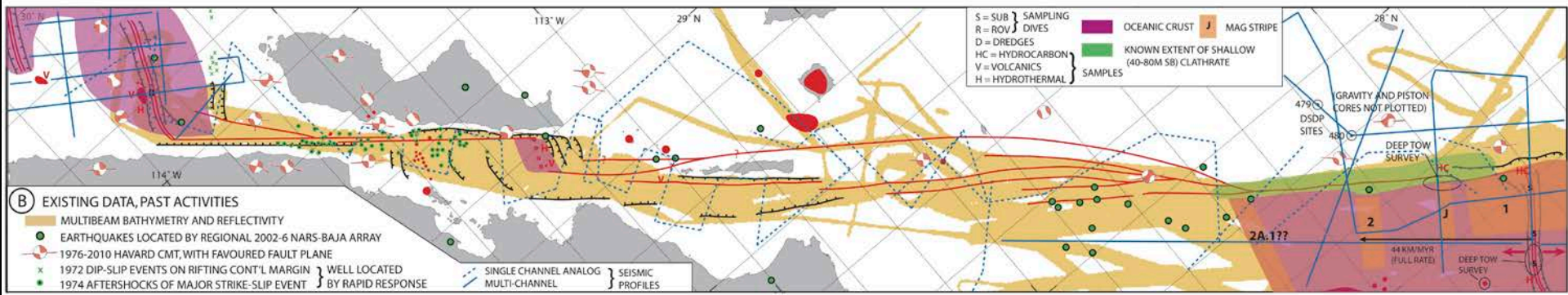
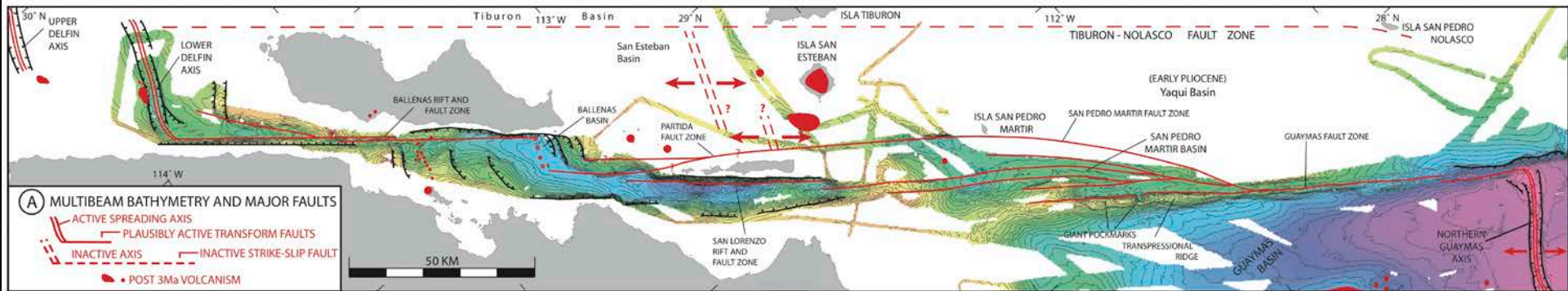


Westward Migration of Extensional Basins  
Aragón-Arreola & Martín-Barajas (2007)



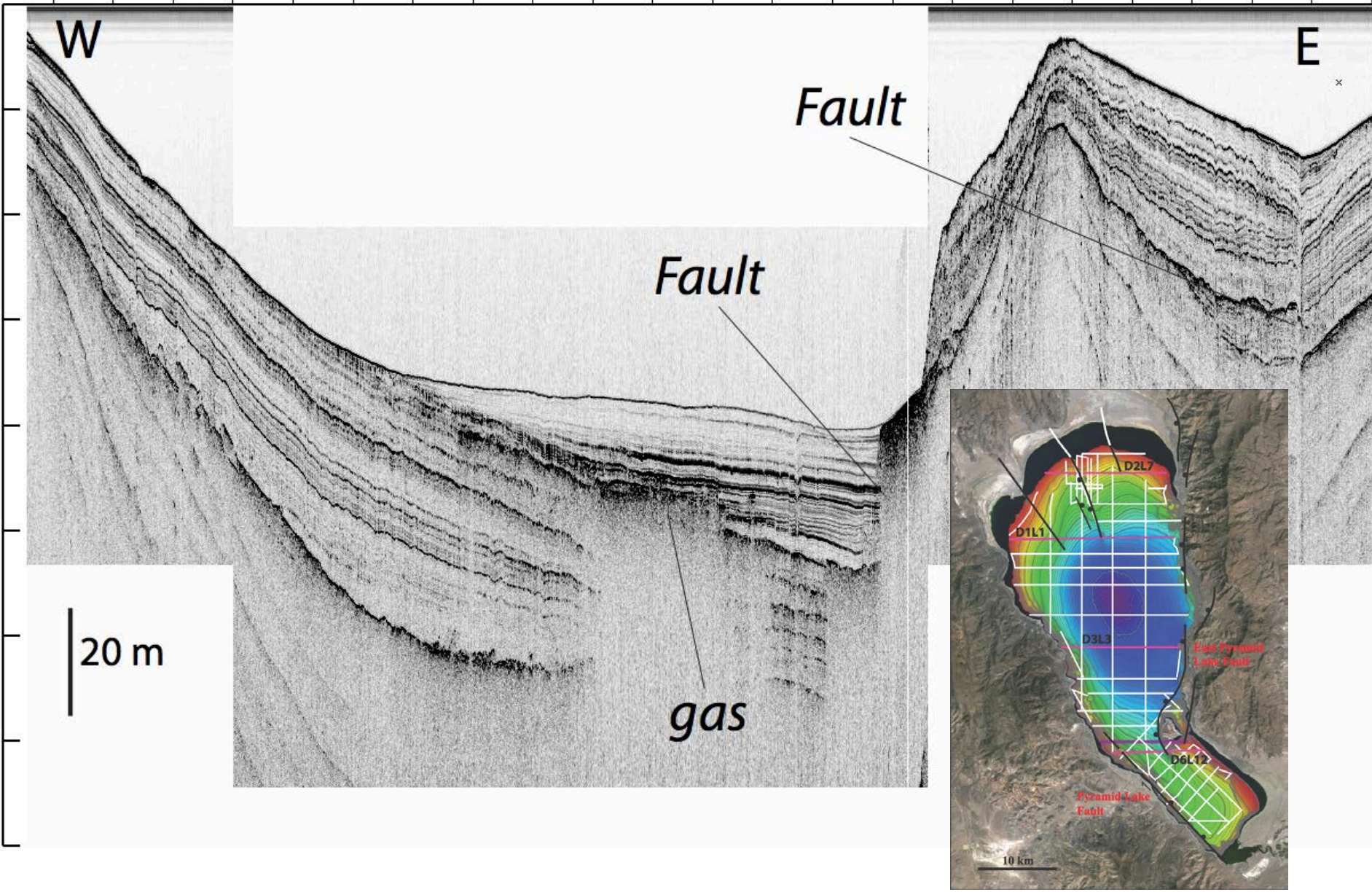
# THE GUAYMAS TRANSFORM SYSTEM OF THE CENTRAL GULF OF CALIFORNIA

MAPS OF THE ENTIRE FAULT SYSTEM ON AN OBLIQUE MERCATOR CENTRED AT THE BAJA CALIFORNIA / NORTH AMERICA EULER POLE





# Investigations into early rift development and geothermal resources in the Pyramid Lake fault zone, Western Nevada

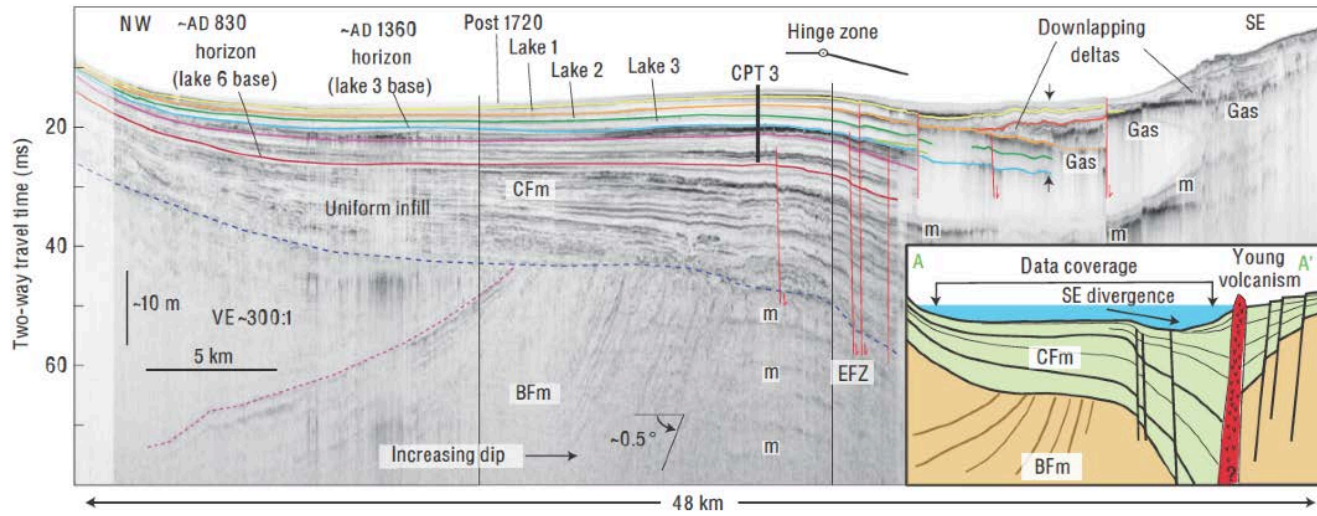




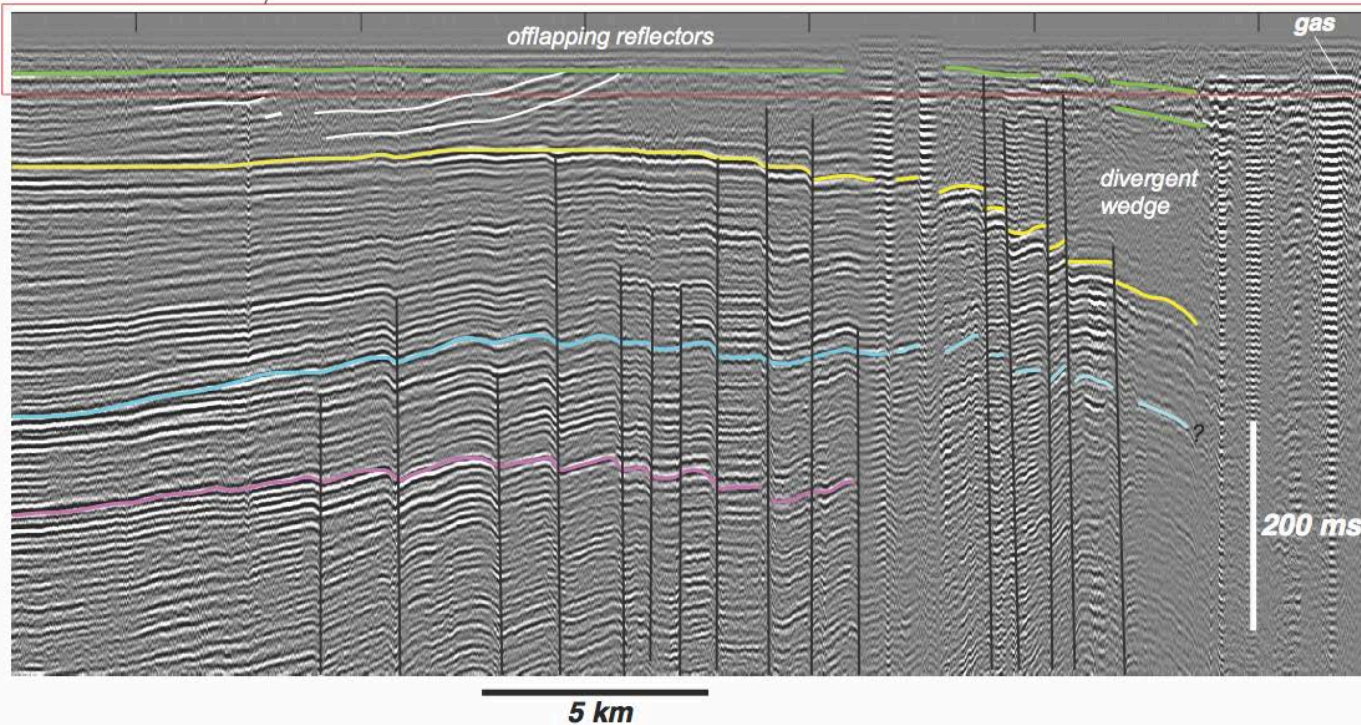




# Seismic Reflection Study of the Salton Sea



N region imaged by CHIRP **SSLine 10** Danny Brothers et al., 2009 S





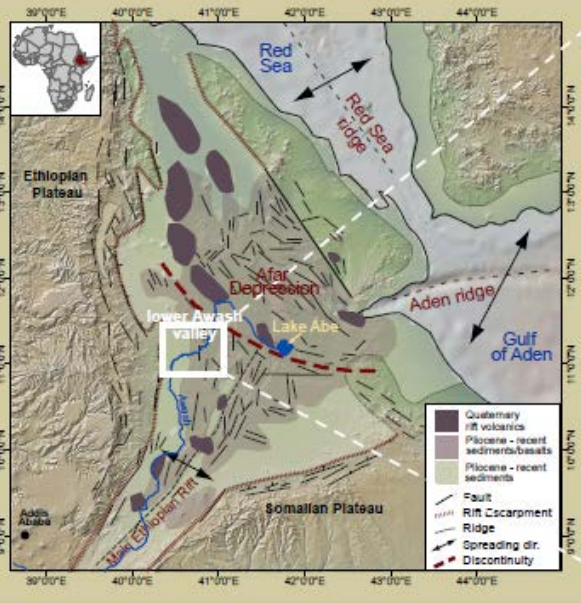
# Investigations of rare Pliocene strata for interpreting basin evolution in an active extensional margin in the southern Afar Depression

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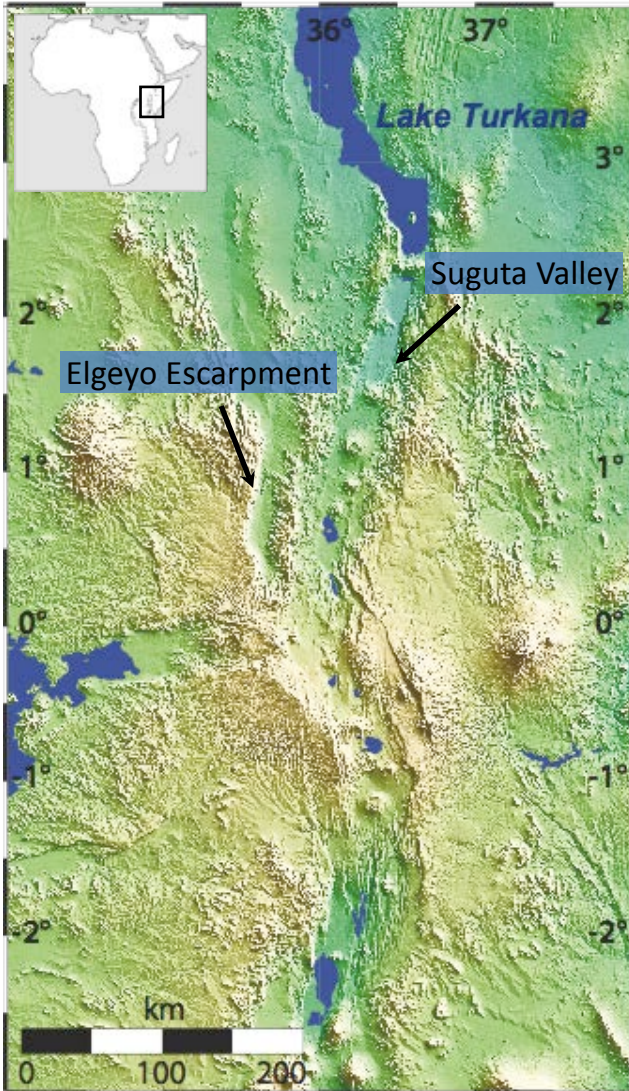
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## Methods

- + Geologic Mapping
- + Stratigraphy
- + Tephrochronology
- + Tephrostratigraphy





## Objectives

- Understanding the onset of rifting.
- Determining erosion Rates through time

## Methods

Cosmogenic Nuclides:  $^{10}\text{Be}$   
in river sediment

Thermochronology: (U-Th)/ He on apatite from  
basement rocks

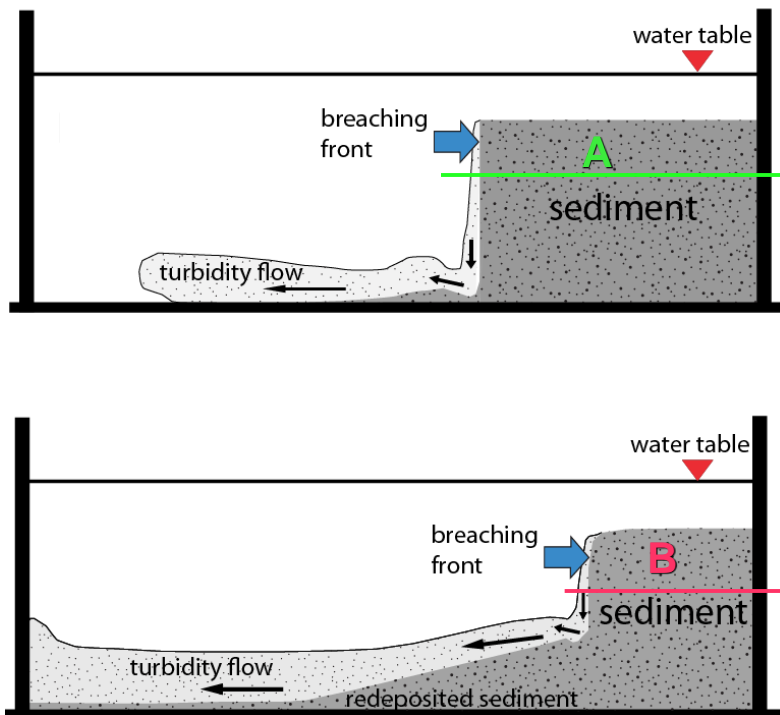


# Breaching: a slope failure process that generates sustained turbidity currents

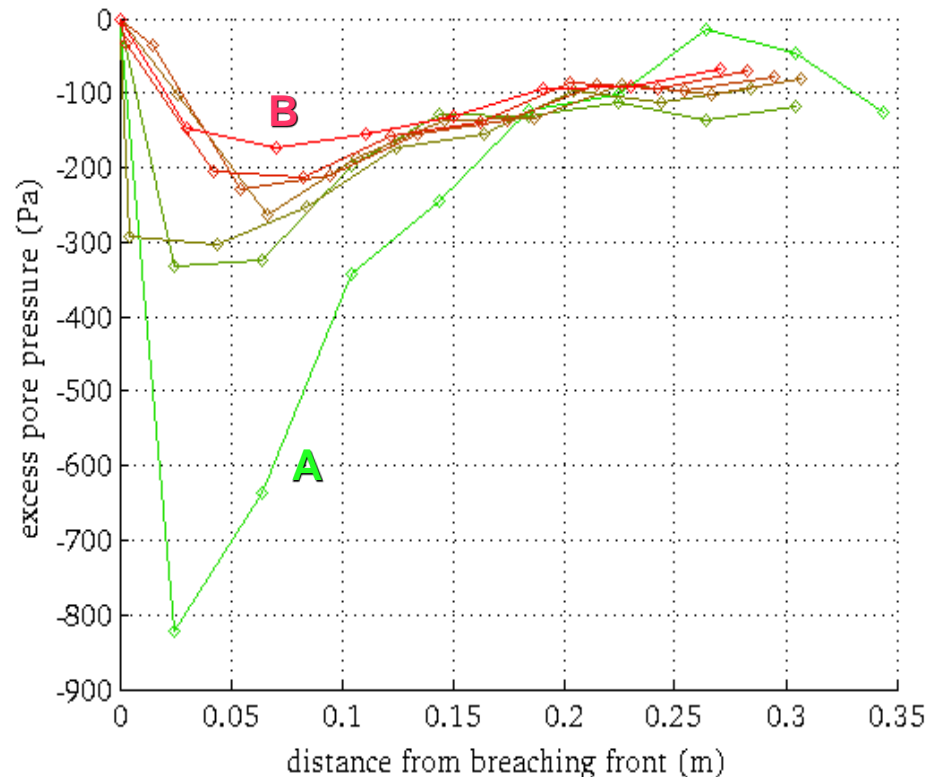
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1. Breaching can occur in any dilative material, like silty sand on the head of submarine canyons.
2. The erosion rate of breaching is proportional to the coefficient of consolidation of the deposit.

**morphology**



**excess pore pressure**



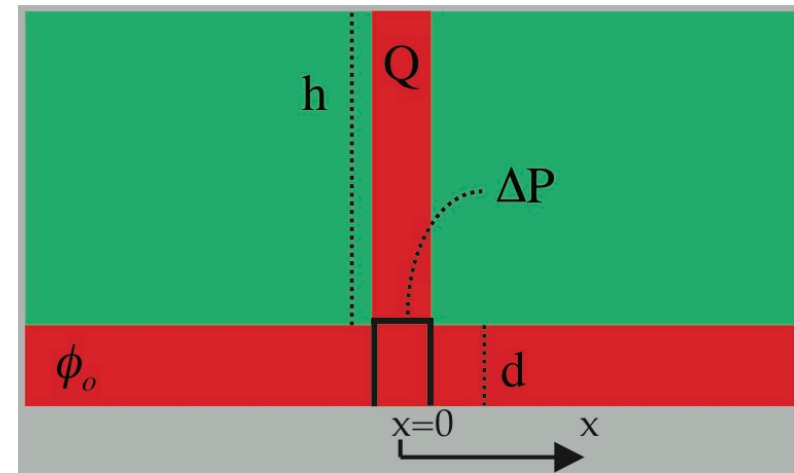
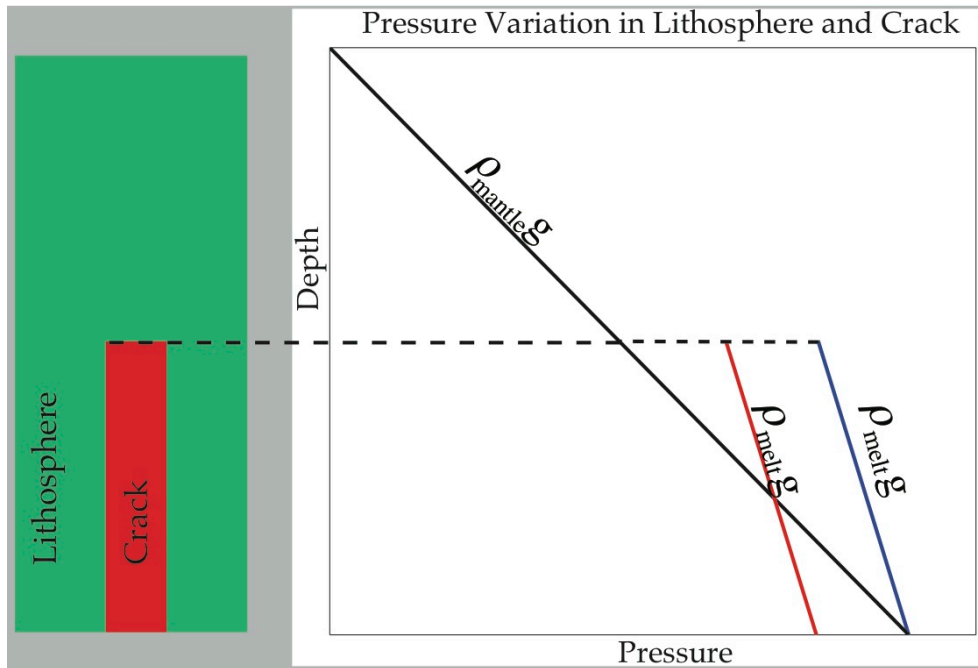


# Melt generation and extraction from the upper mantle as a magma source for rifting

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An assessment of the ability of porous flow melt migration to supply magma for dike emplacement in the lithosphere at early and intermediate stages of continental rifting



For reasonable material parameters, reasonable extension rates (1 km/Myr)



# Thermochronological evidence for diffuse rupture of continental lithosphere within the central Arabian margin of the Red Sea rift system

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## RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

- central and northern Arabian rift flank unexplored in terms of low-T (U-Th)/He thermochronology research
- CARF geologic terrane occupies a critical position along the length of the RSR system that allows us to investigate the nature of the change in rift dynamics

## KEY RESULTS

- Onset of lithosphere rupture phase ~23 Ma
  - began concomitantly along the near-full length of the Red Sea – Gulf of Suez system
- strain diffusion: AHe data shows the CARF subdivided into two primary structural domains (HFC and inboard)
- CARF terranes exhumed along numerous rift-parallel footwalls from pre-rift flank depths of ~1.5 – 3.9 km

