

Update on Trenton Black River Playbook Study-New York State Museum

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Task 4: Geochemistry

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Have sampled NY and Ohio, will sample WV tomorrow. Plan to sample KY and PA in the next two months

Have prepared all NY and Ohio samples

Have sent NY samples for all analyses and received results for stable isotopes and strontium isotopes

Accomplishments to Date

- All surveys given access to New York subsurface database – this includes tops, scanned logs, completion reports, core photos, more
- Over 150 TBR wells digitized – hope to have 350 more done in the next two months
- Have constructed isopach maps in of Ordovician intervals
- Have done extensive sampling for geochemistry in Ohio and NY

Sampling for Geochemistry

- Visited Ohio and met with members of Ohio and PA Surveys – Thanks Mark and Ron for your hospitality and great intro and organization
- Took 428 samples for stable isotope analysis – for both dolomite and ^{13}C stratigraphy
- Will analyze approximately 25 samples for strontium isotopes and 150 samples for trace elements
- Also took approximately 25 samples for fluid inclusion analysis

Sampling for Geochemistry

- Have also taken about 150 samples from three cores in New York, sent them out and received some results
- Should receive all data from NY geochemistry and fluid inclusions in next month

Sampling for Geochemistry

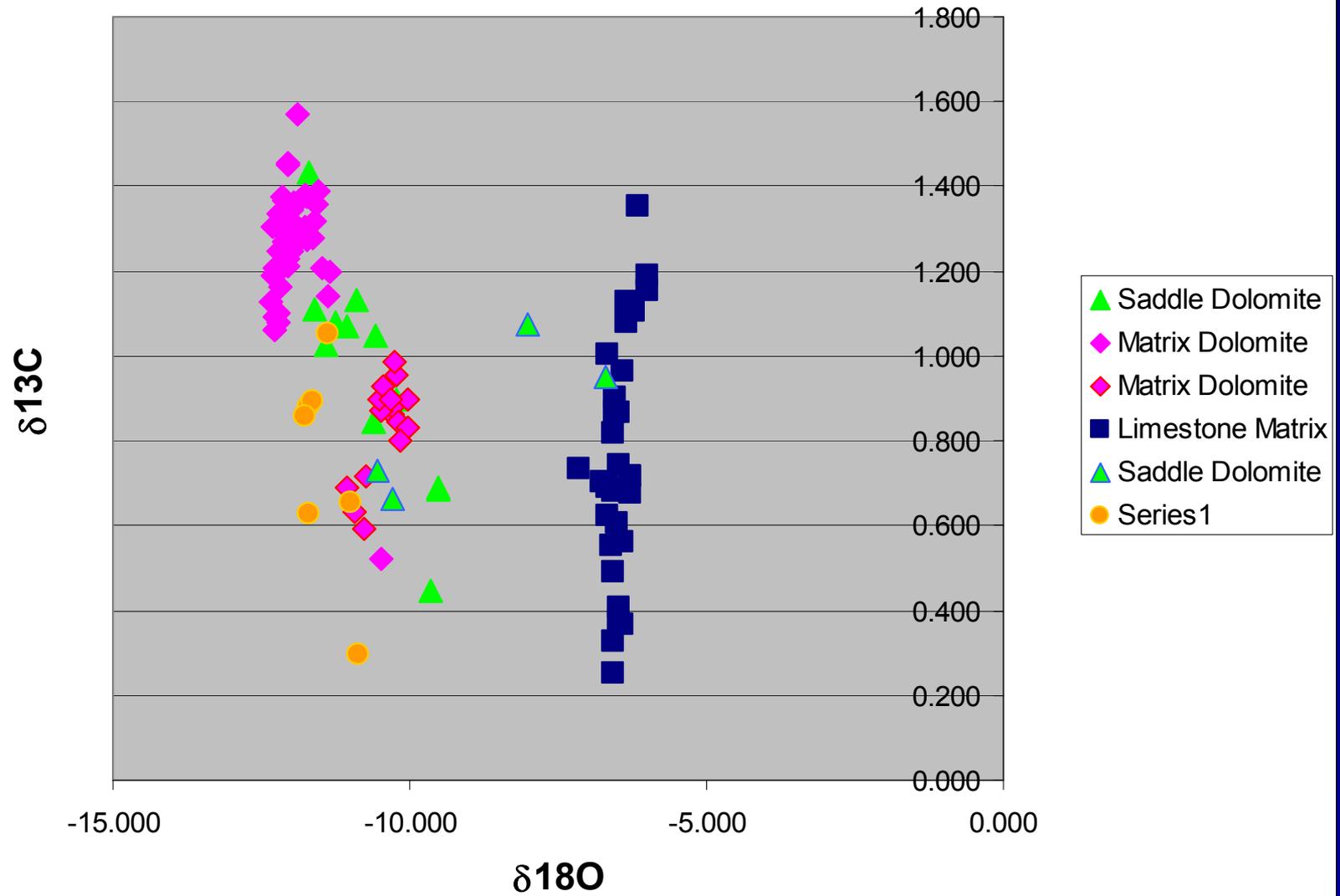
- Going to try to sample cuttings from some OH wells for ^{13}C
- If this works, I encourage other surveys to send cuttings from wells where T-BR contact is hard to pick

Carbon and Oxygen Isotopic Composition of Saddle Dolomite: selected examples

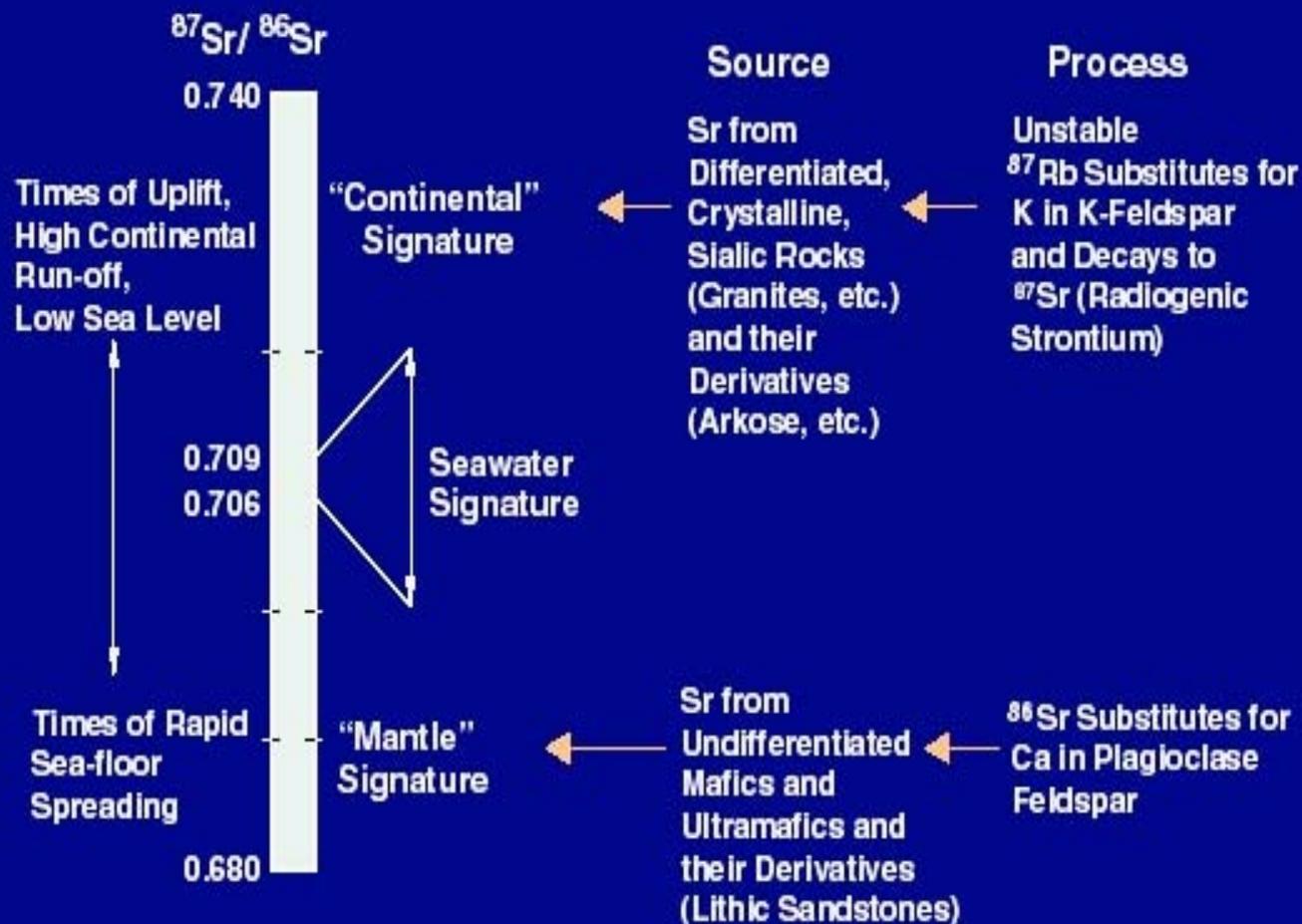
<u>Source</u>	<u>$\delta^{18}\text{C}\text{‰ PDB}$</u>	<u>$\delta^{13}\text{C}\text{‰ PDB}$</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Camb., Cathedral, SE BC	-18.4 to -17.3	-3.2 to -1.9	Yang et al, 1990
Ord., Trenton, Mich.	-11.3 to -7.5	-0.5 to +1.9	Allan and Wiggins, 1993
M. Dev., Manatooe, NWT	-17.33 to -6.25	-5.5 to -1.45	Morrow et al, 1990
M. Dev., Elk Point, N. Alb.	-12 to -14	-1.0 to +2.0	Dravis and Muir, 1992
M. Dev., Pine Point, NWT	-16.0 to -7.0	-3.8 to +1.7	Qing and Mountjoy, 1994
Dev., Sidang-Budan, China	-9.58 to -6.78	-3.08 to -0.78	Schneider et al, 1991
U. Dev., Wabaman, Alb.	-8.99 to -5.71	-0.69 to +0.12	Mountjoy and Dihardja, 1991
U. Dev., Wabaman, Alb.	-6.7 +/- 0.7	0.55 +/- 0.5	Packard et al, 1989
Cret., Saudi Arabia	-7.2 to -4.0	-0.7 to +3.0	Broomhall and Allan, 1987
			Davies, 2000

Oxygen isotopes are generally light (negative) in hydrothermal dolomites

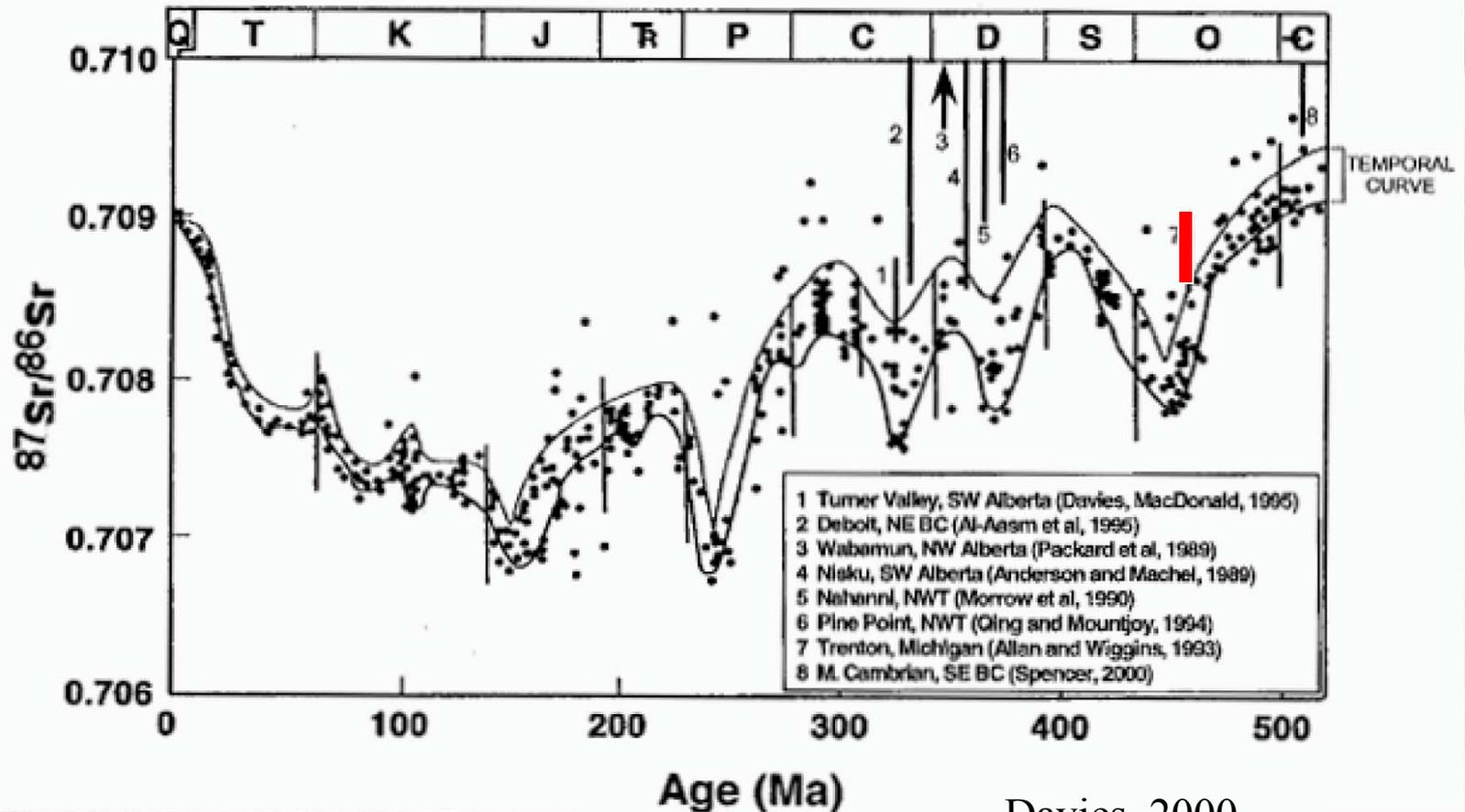
Stable Isotopes



Sources of ^{87}Sr and ^{86}Sr and Paths Which Influence Sr Isotopic Composition of Paleo-Oceans



STRONTIUM ISOTOPE COMPOSITION OF SADDLE DOLOMITE

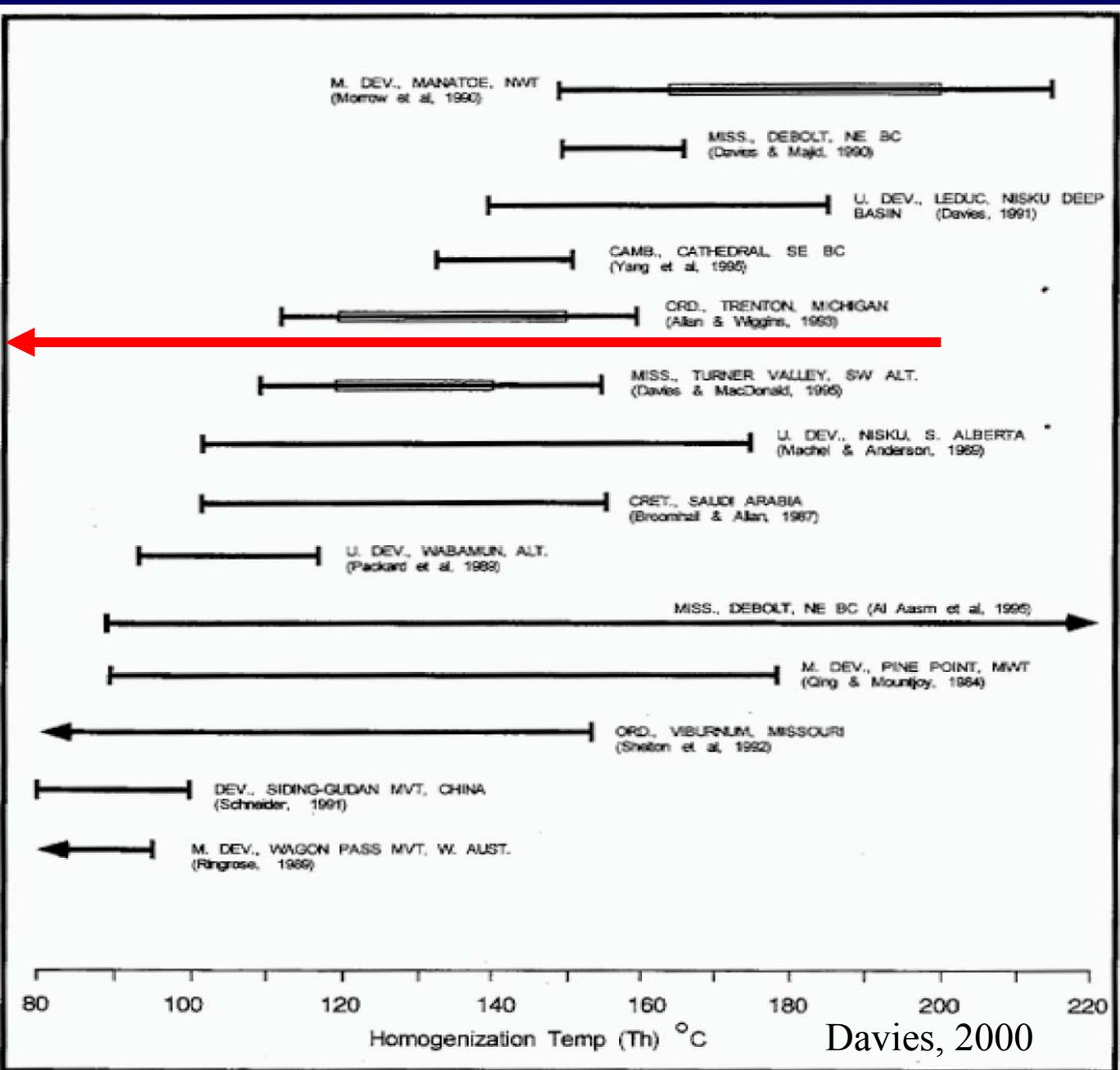


Sr CURVE FROM ALLAN AND WIGGINS (1993)

Davies, 2000

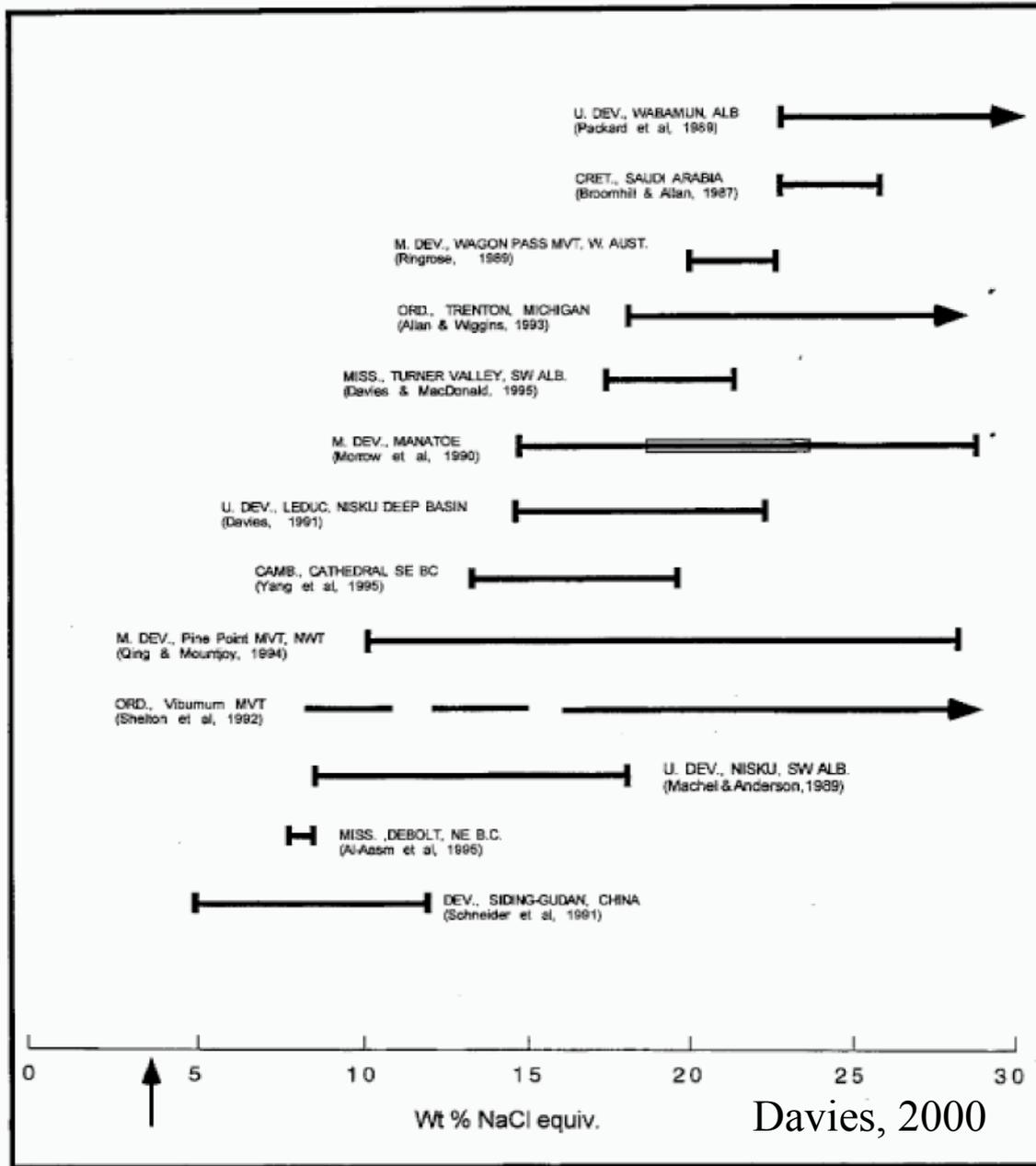
GDGC96

Hydrothermal dolomites typically plot as more radiogenic than seawater for the time the rocks were deposited – True for TBR (barely)



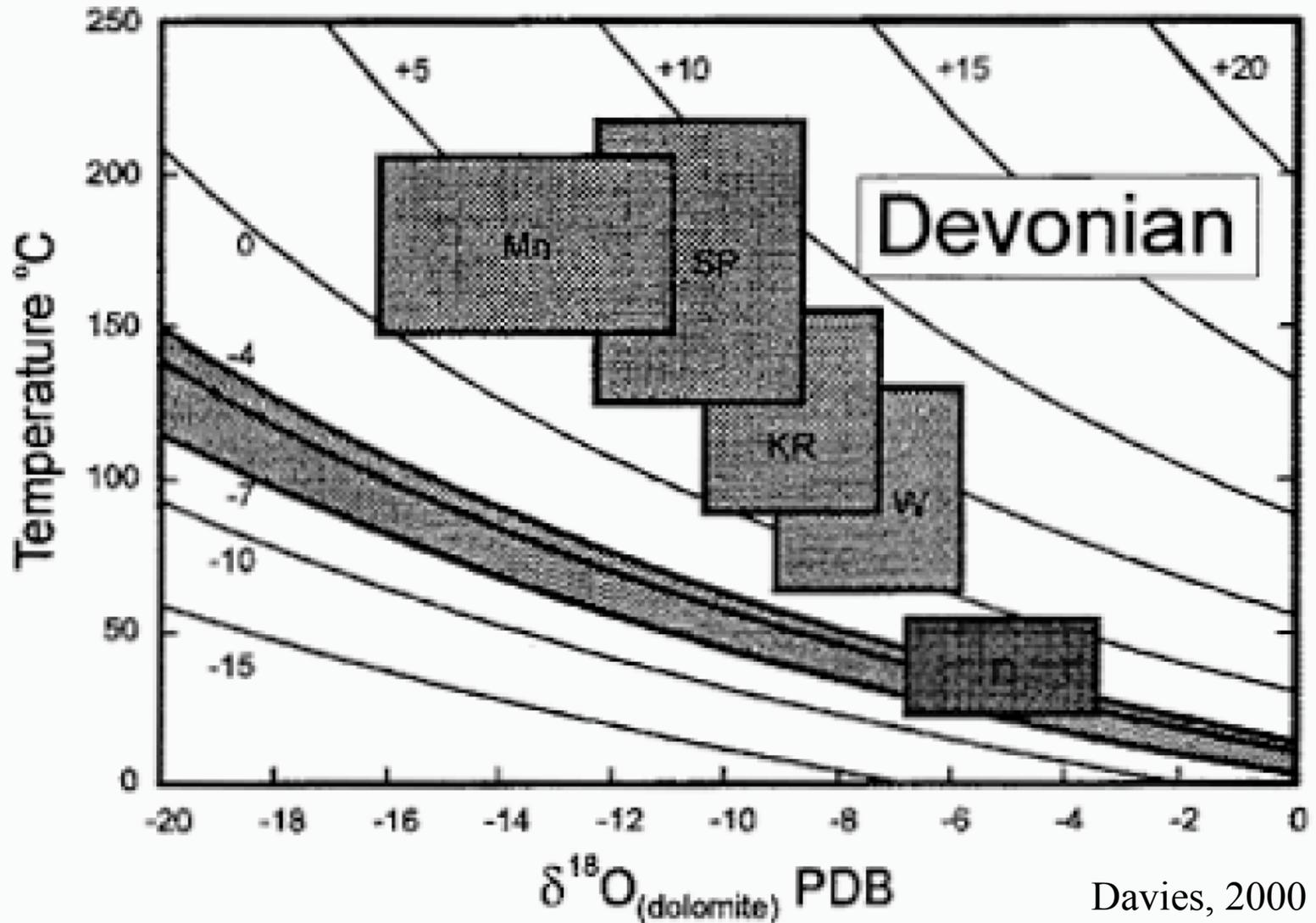
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Table 2 Salinity of Fluid Inclusions from Melting Temperature (T_m) for Saddle Dolomite: Selected Sources

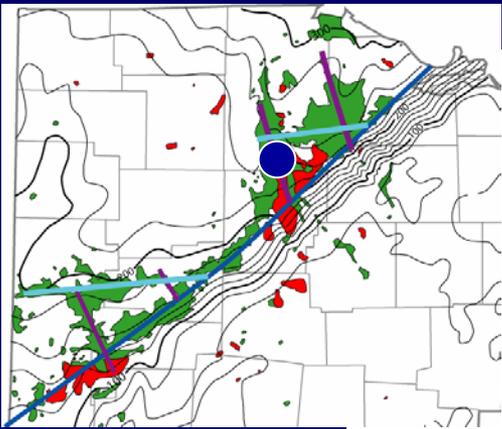


Salinity of the fluid that made the dolomite can be determined from fluid inclusions

TBR dolomite averages around 20 wt% (6 times normal seawater)

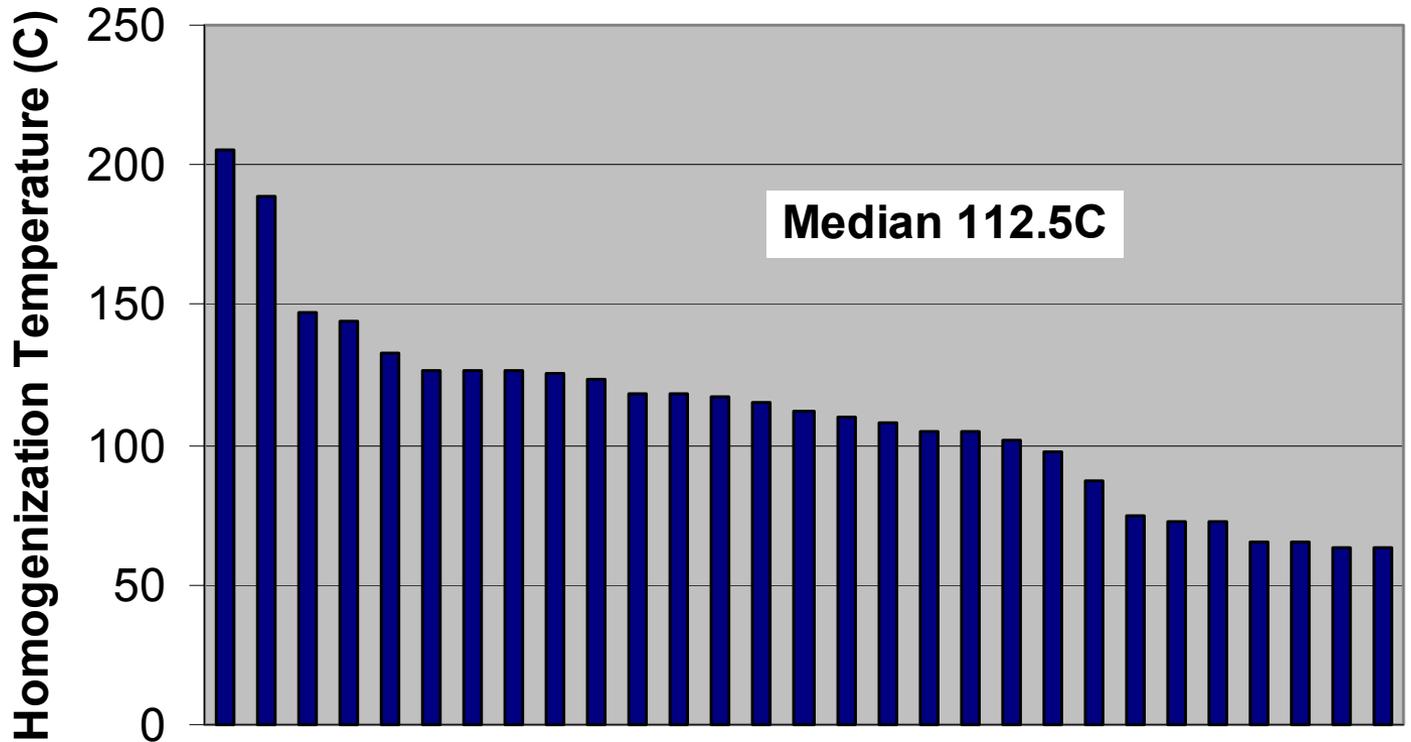


With fluid inclusion data and stable isotopes, it is possible to determine the composition of the fluid which then makes direct interpretation of temperature from stable isotopes possible



Homogenization Temperatures, Saddle Dolomite, Bowling Green Fault Zone (around 350 meters, probably never buried more than 1Km)

Trenton
(currently at 1200 ft)
probably
never
buried more
than 1 km
on Findlay
Arch (50°C)



These temperatures suggest that TBR is truly hydrothermal,
Homogenization temps > ambient temperature ever was

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Sampling all matrix and saddle dolomites and also taking samples at regular intervals for carbon isotope stratigraphy

A little behind schedule, but we should be able to catch up now that we are (hopefully) getting paid



Dolomitized Grainstone



“Facies” dolomite from near margin in SW Ohio

Fault zone in Black River. Interval around fault is dolomitized and massive calcite occurs in actual fault zone (Prudential V



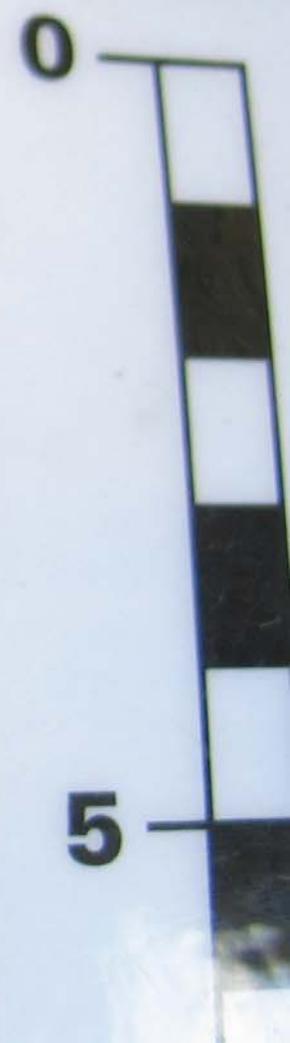


Saddle dolomite cemented breccia, Spitler well, Trenton Formation,
Bowling Green fault Zone



Post saddle
dolomite blocky ,
calcite, Spitler
well

Saddle dolomite in horizontal clay seam; horizontal vugs also very common





“Cap” dolomite, Top Trenton, near
bowling Green Fault zone – Fe stained



Dolomite- and Fe-sulfide-cemented breccia (First published in Wickstrom et al., 1992)

Note geopetal distribution of sulfides to base of voids and saddle dolomite to tops- this was seen throughout – not sure what it means

Breccia is within Trenton and is thought (by me) to be a hydraulic or fault-related breccia, not a karst breccia

GB well, Bowling Green Fault Zone

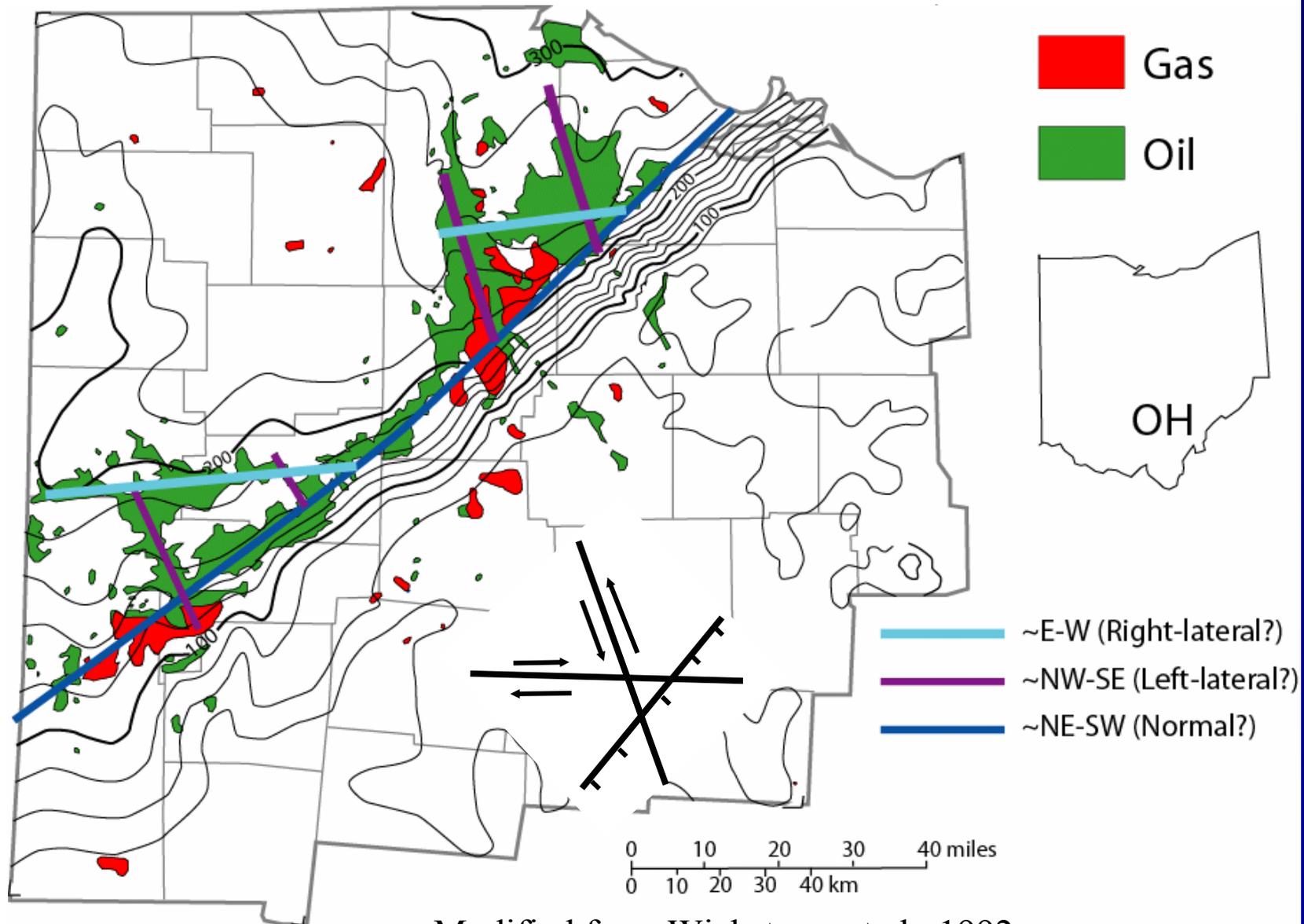


Piper, margin southwest of
BG fault, Black River,
looks like fracture
propogating through soft
sediment in shallow marine
facies

This suggests that the rock
was not lithified and
therefore pretty shallowly
buried at the time of
fracturing

Evidence for Shallow Burial at the Time of Alteration

- What are the implications of horizontal vugs and fractures? Horizontal fractures common from surface down to about 1500 feet, then vertical fractures take over
- Seismic shows faults dying out in Trenton or Utica in many cases
- Seismites abundant in Trenton
- Soft sediment deformation around fractures and faults
- Findlay Arch area probably never buried more than 1 km yet everything looks the same there

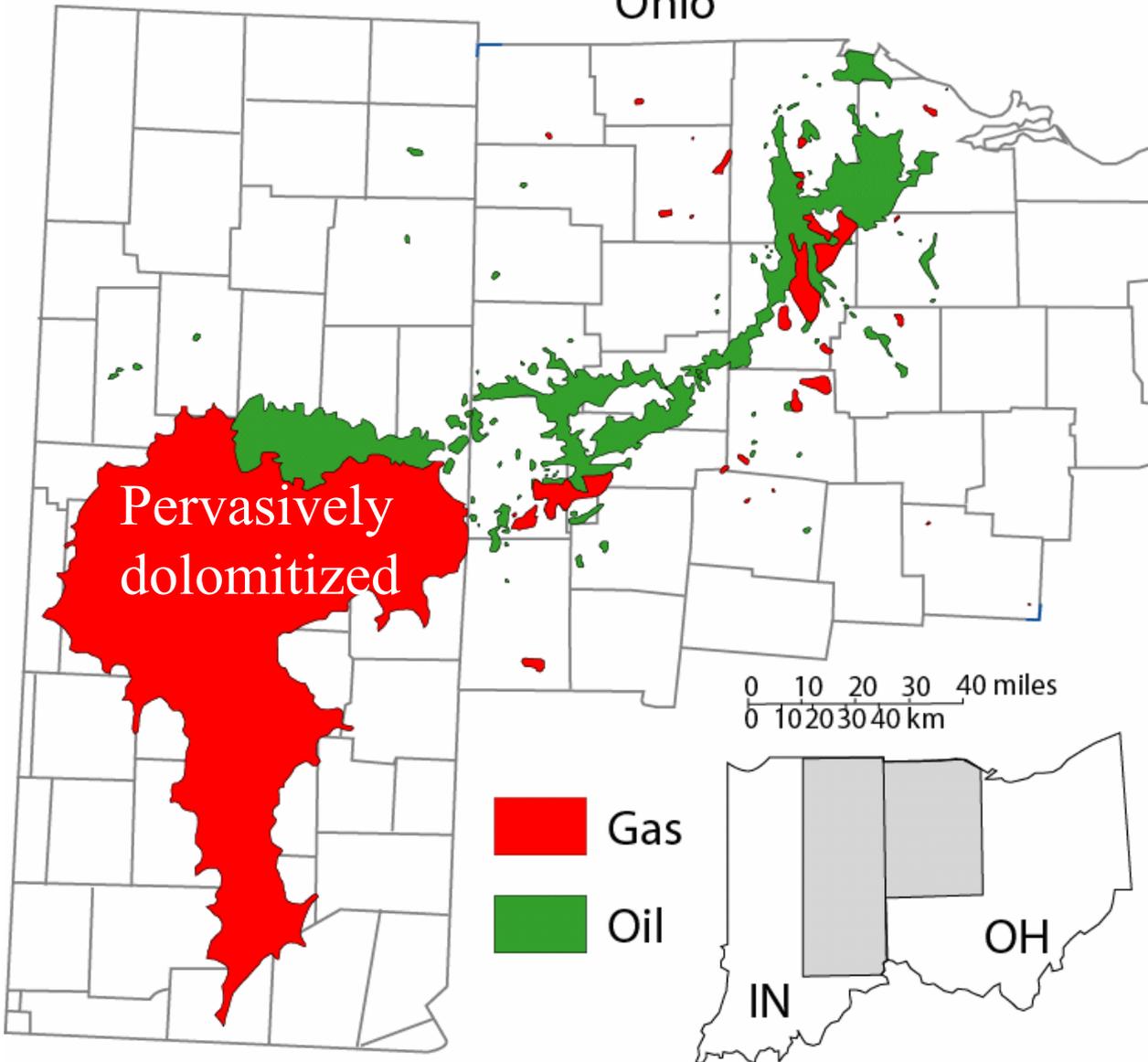


Dolomitization in Trenton occurs along margin with shale basin, around intraplateform wrench faults and at fault intersections

Modified from Wickstrom et al., 1992

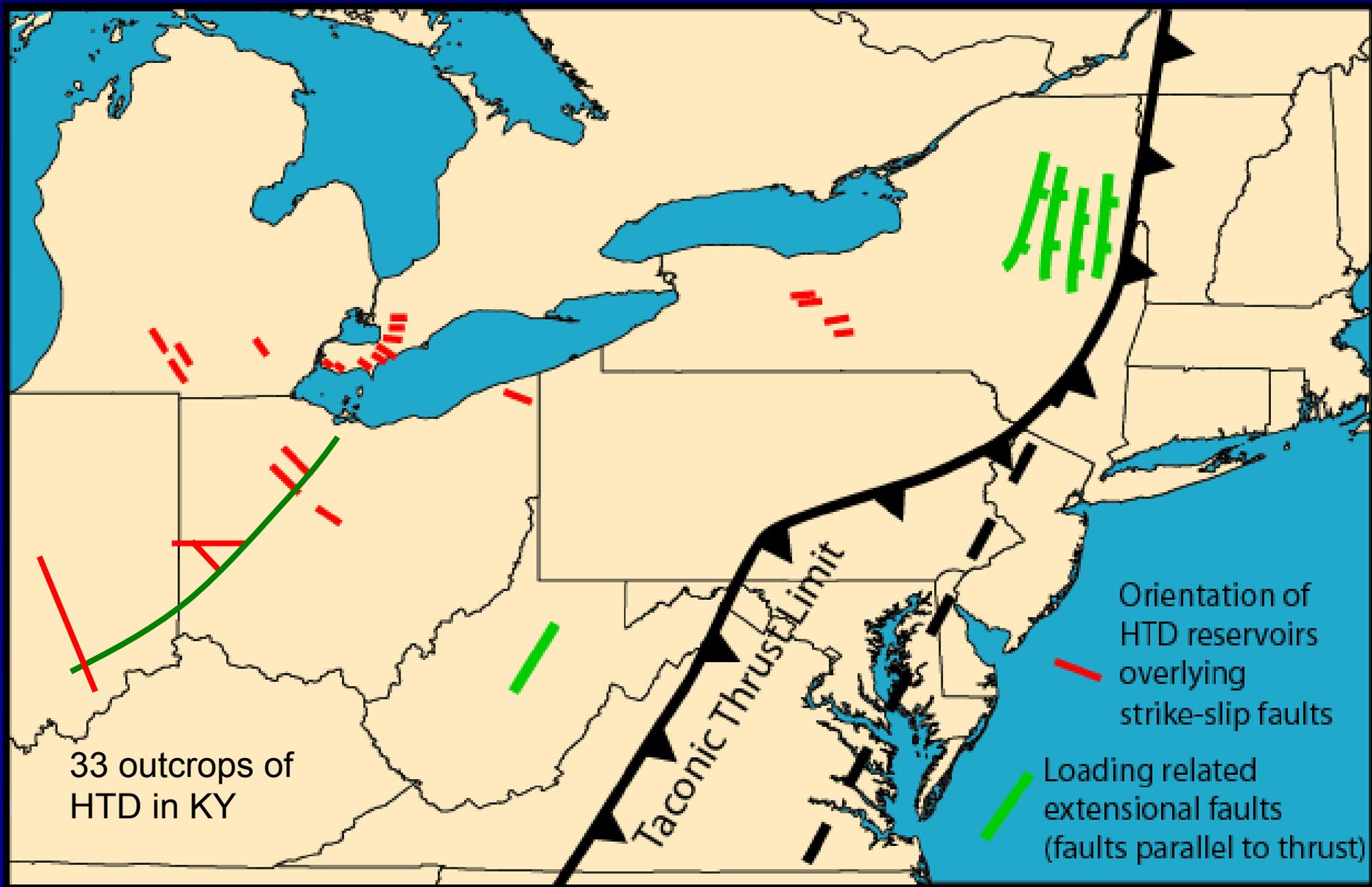
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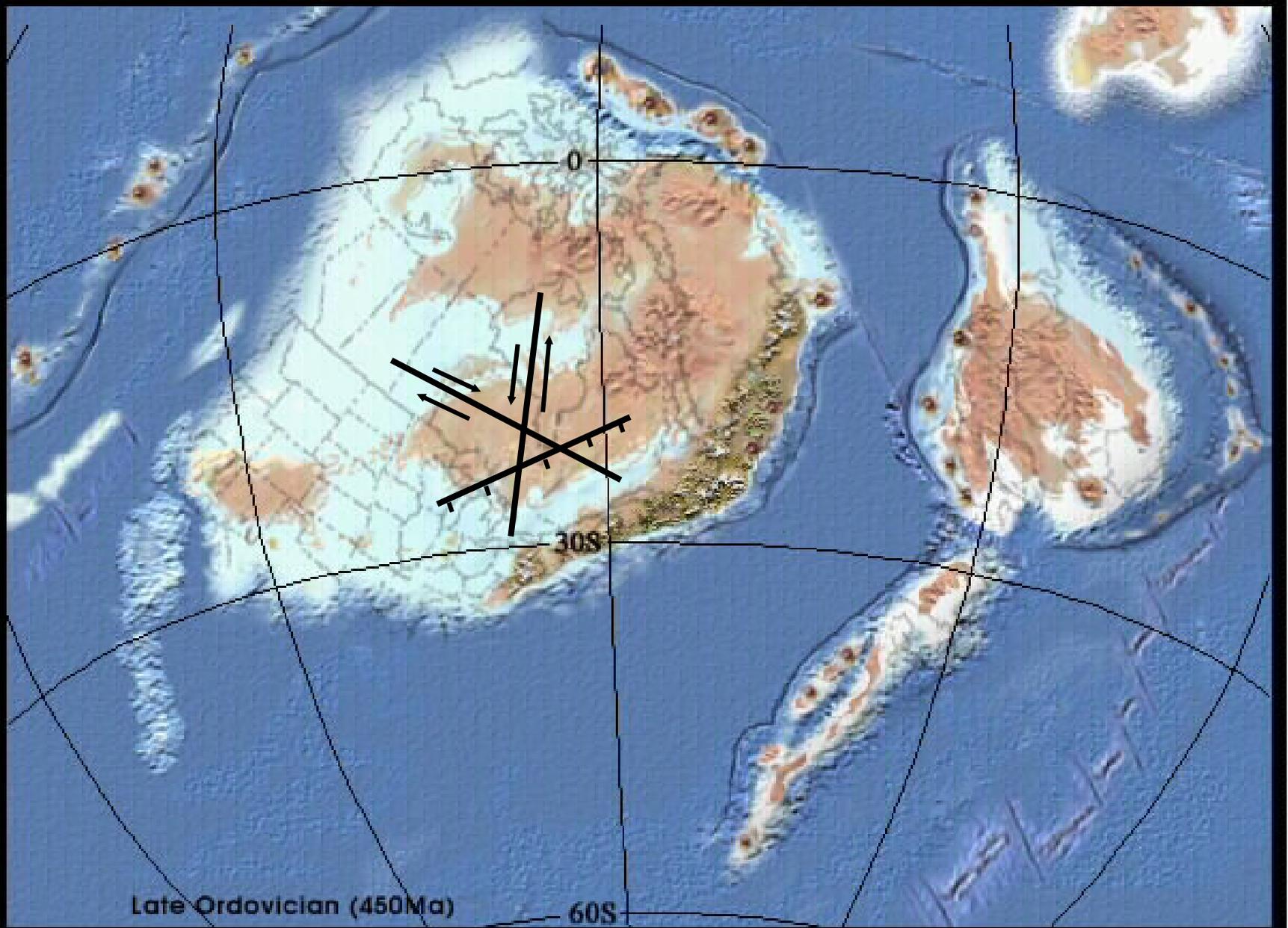


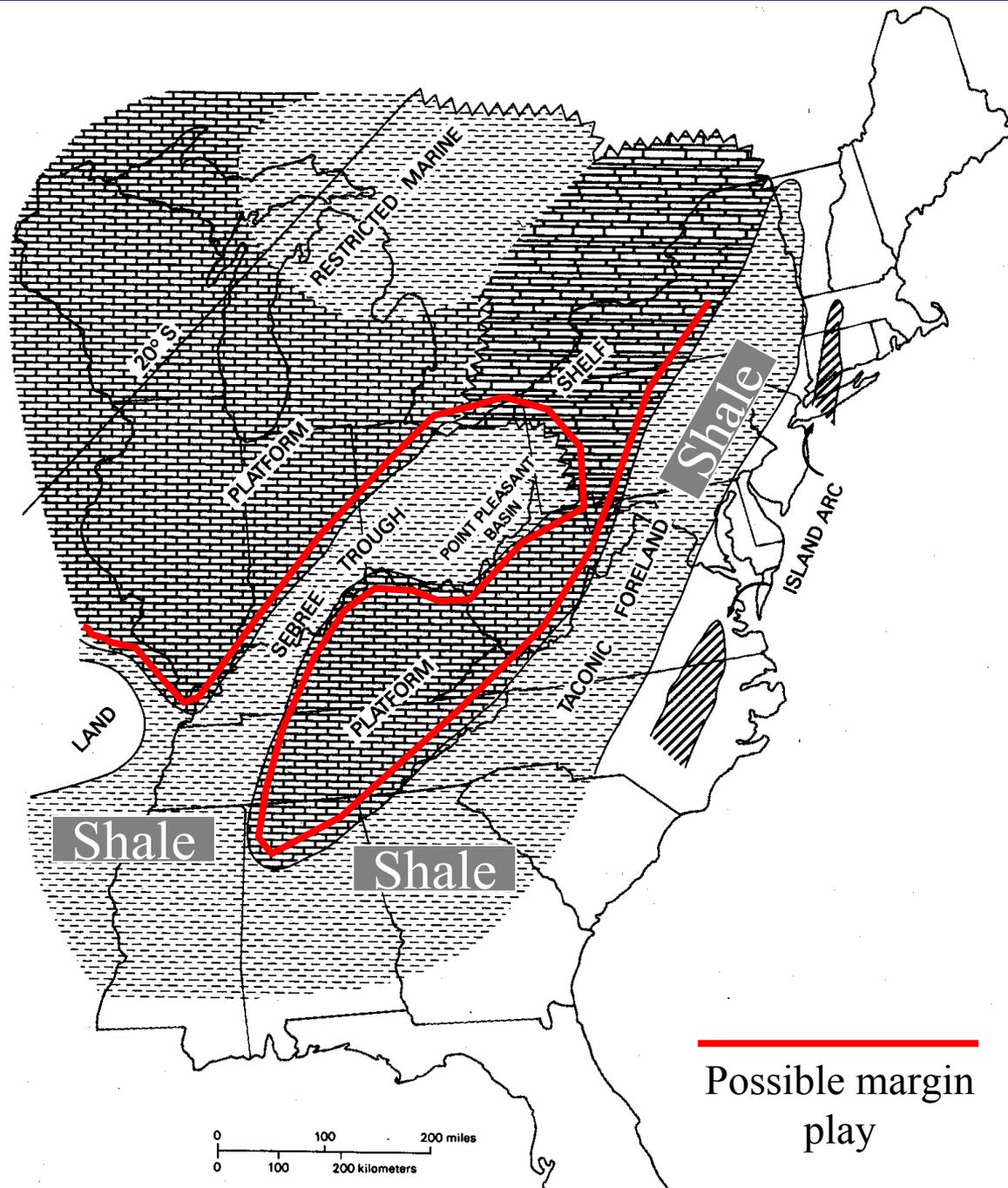
Trenton Black
River “Facies
Dolomite”
Reservoirs in
Indiana and Ohio
– Pervasively
dolomitized over
large area but is
probably all fault-
controlled
hydrothermal
dolomite

Q: Can pervasive
dolomitization be
hydrothermal in
origin?



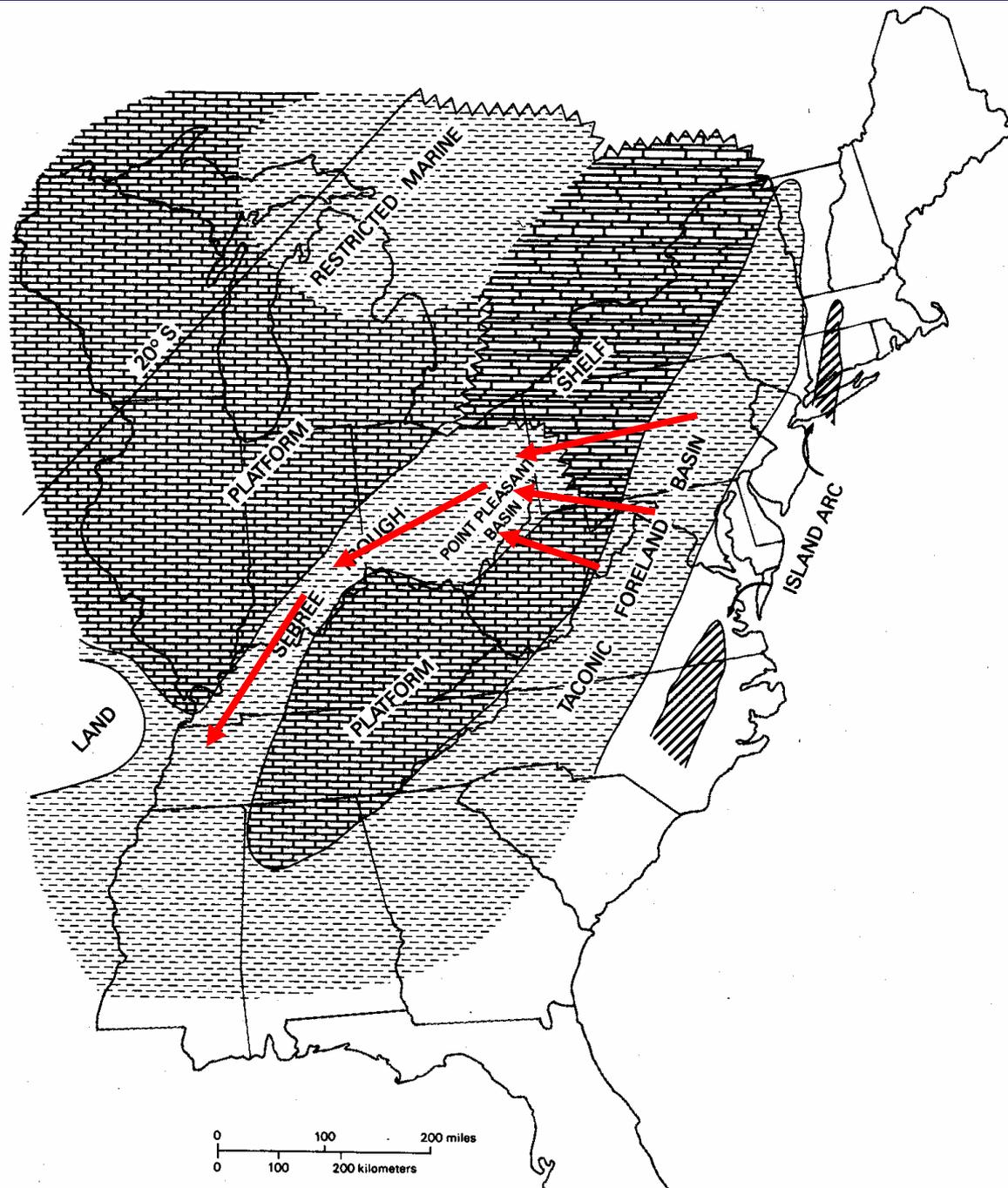
Orientation of hydrothermal dolomite reservoirs and some Mid-Late Ordovician structures, Eastern US





Trenton time
Facies Map
from
Wickstrom et
al., 1992

This may
explain the
“facies”
dolomite of
Keith, 1985 in
NW Ohio and
Indiana (which
is probably
also
hydrothermal
in origin)

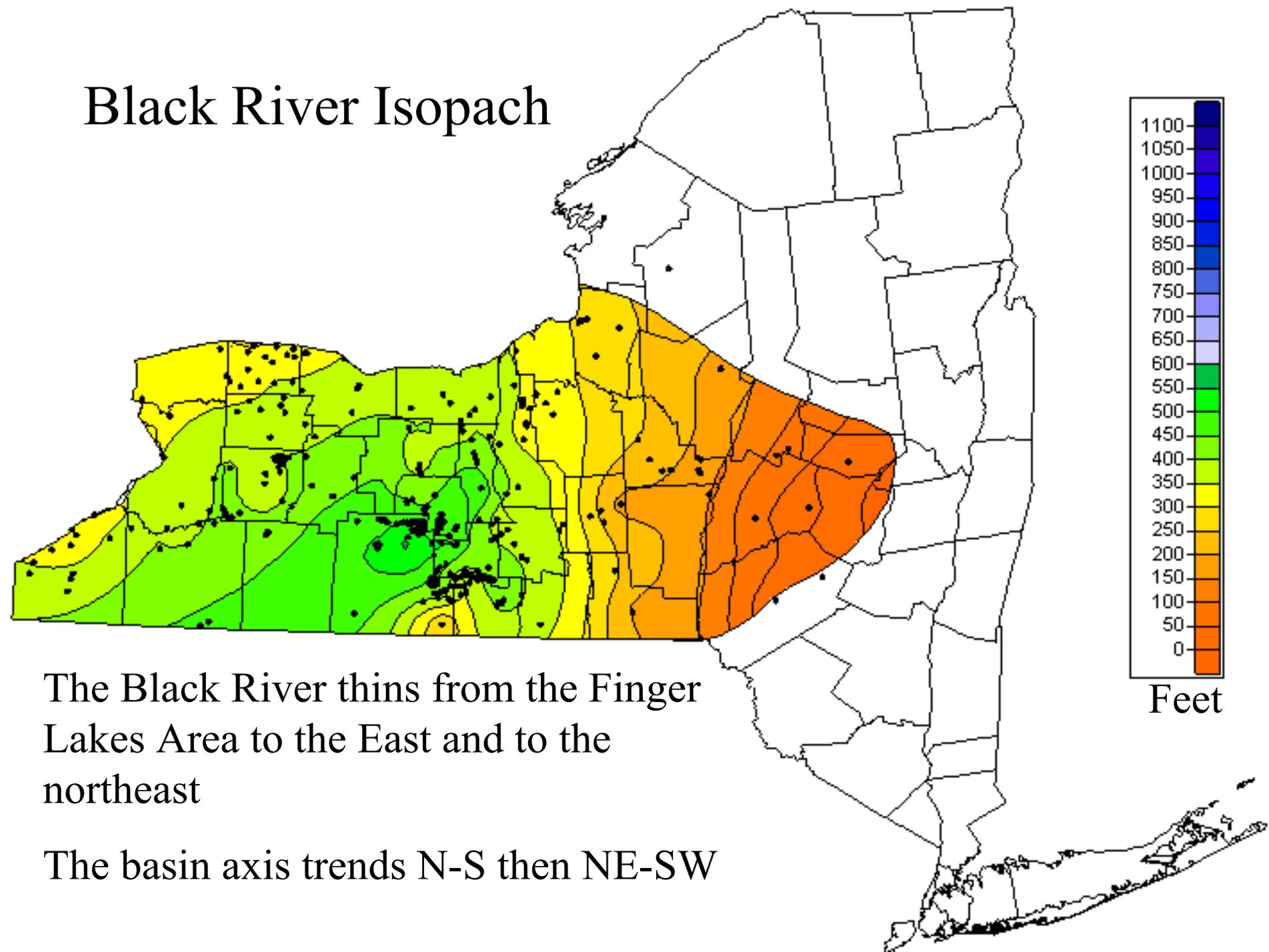


Could the
Sebree Trough
be a clay filled
channel
discharging
from
mountains?

Channel may
have formed in
subtle low and
suppressed or
halted
carbonate
production

Where else
would clay
come from?

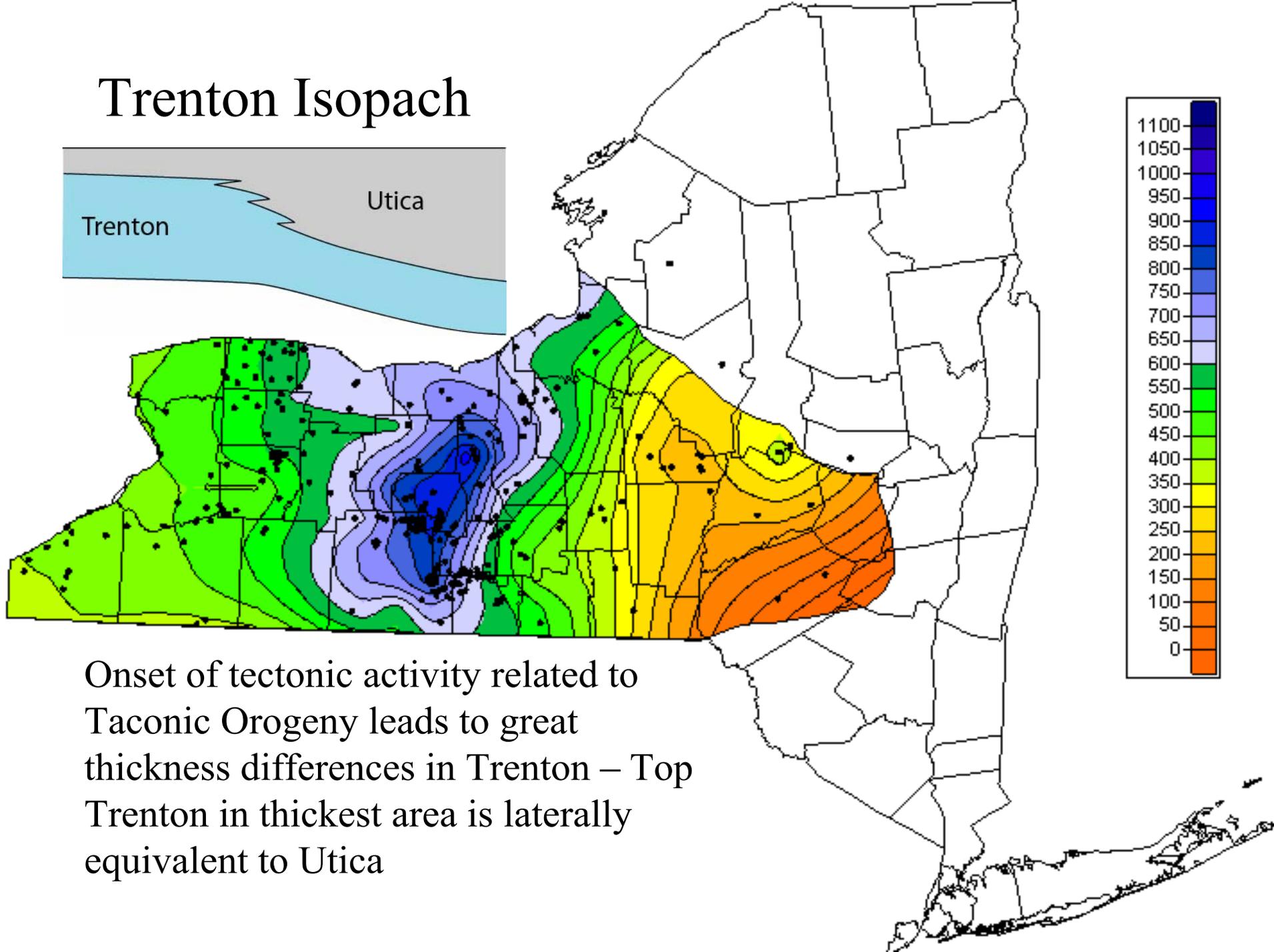
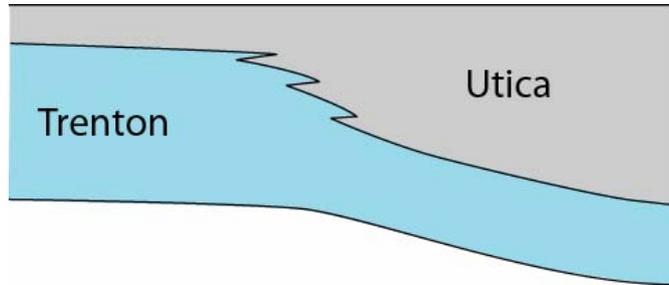
Black River Isopach



The Black River thins from the Finger Lakes Area to the East and to the northeast

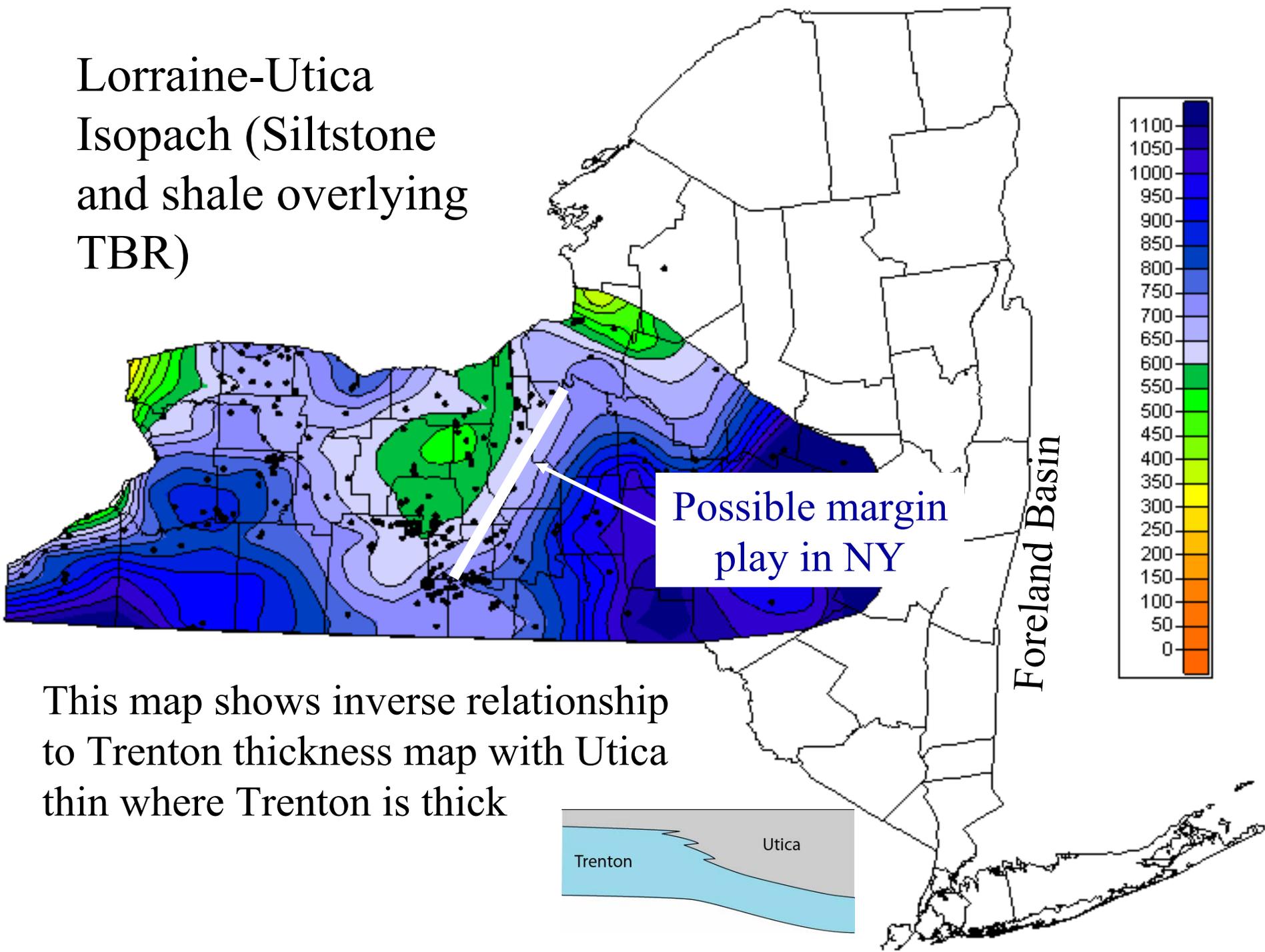
The basin axis trends N-S then NE-SW

Trenton Isopach

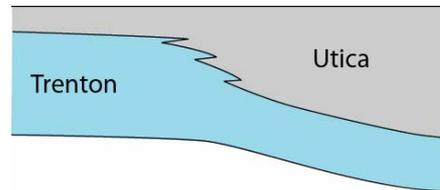


Onset of tectonic activity related to Taconic Orogeny leads to great thickness differences in Trenton – Top Trenton in thickest area is laterally equivalent to Utica

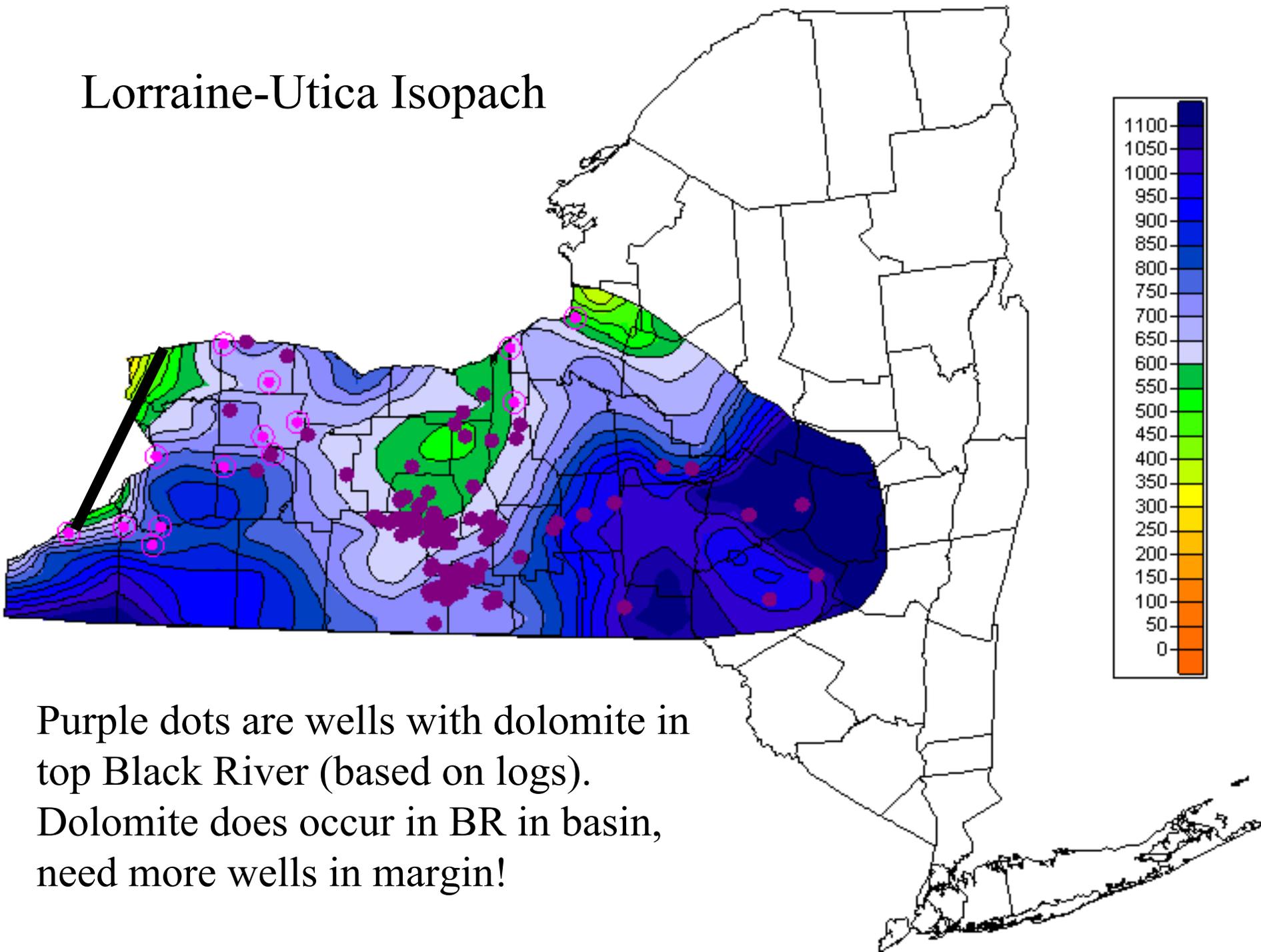
Lorraine-Utica Isopach (Siltstone and shale overlying TBR)



This map shows inverse relationship
to Trenton thickness map with Utica
thin where Trenton is thick

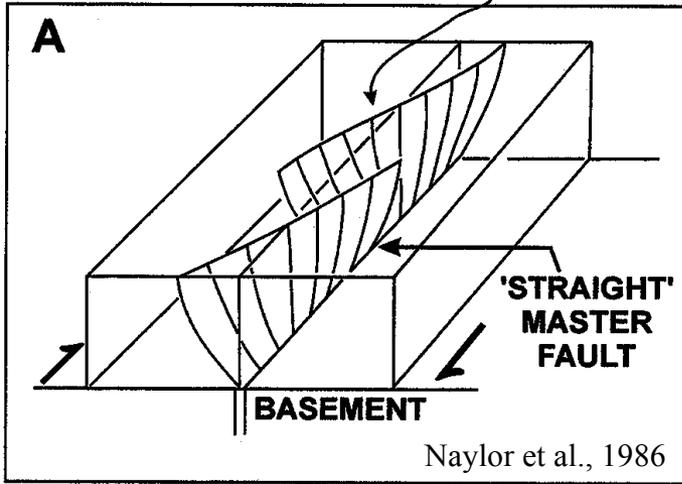


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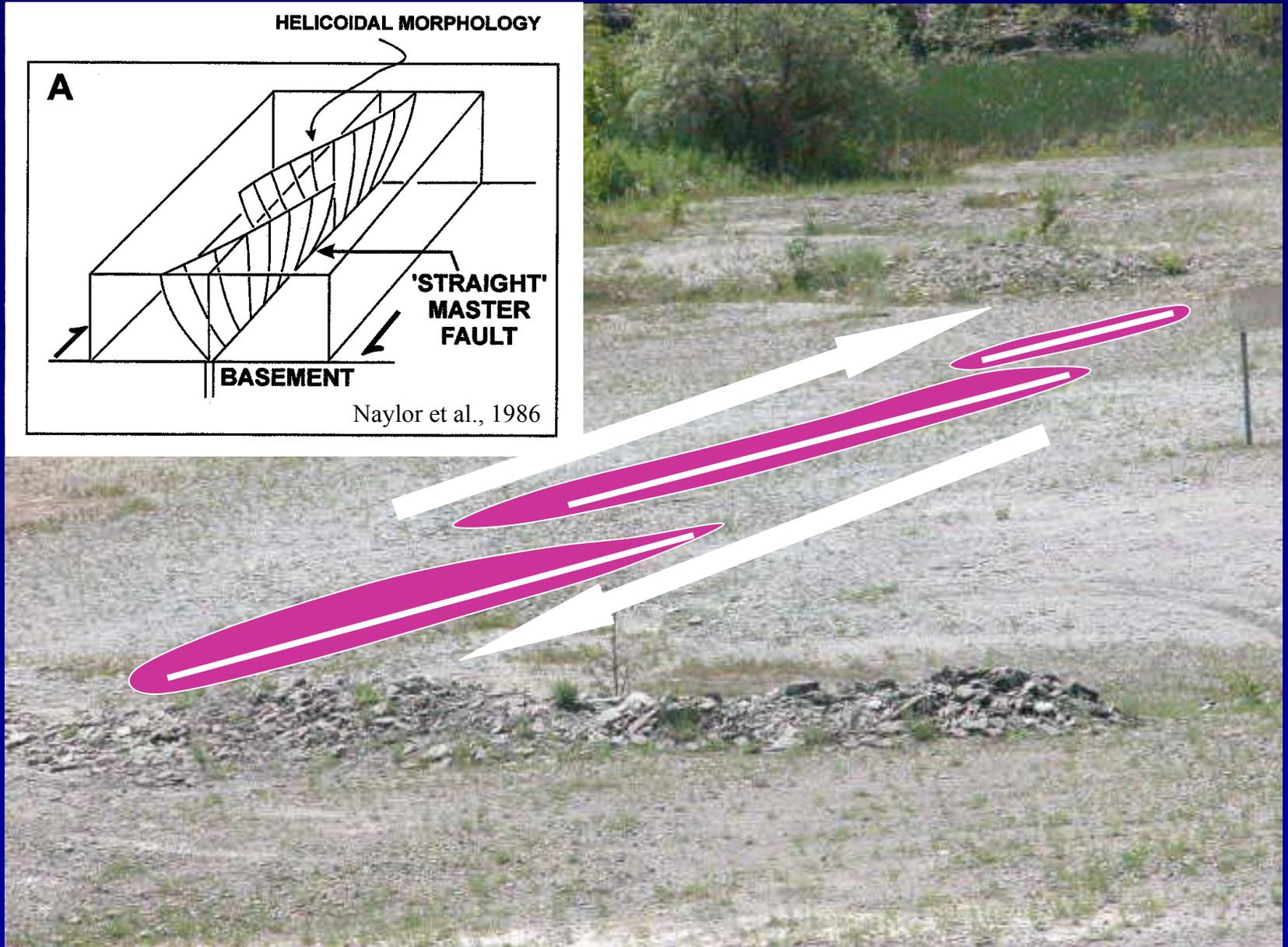


Purple dots are wells with dolomite in top Black River (based on logs). Dolomite does occur in BR in basin, need more wells in margin!

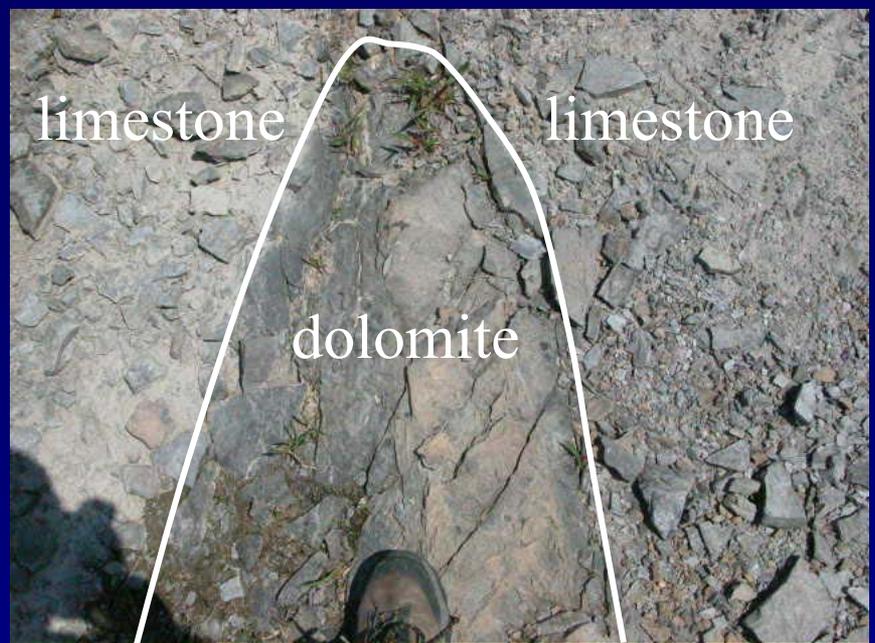
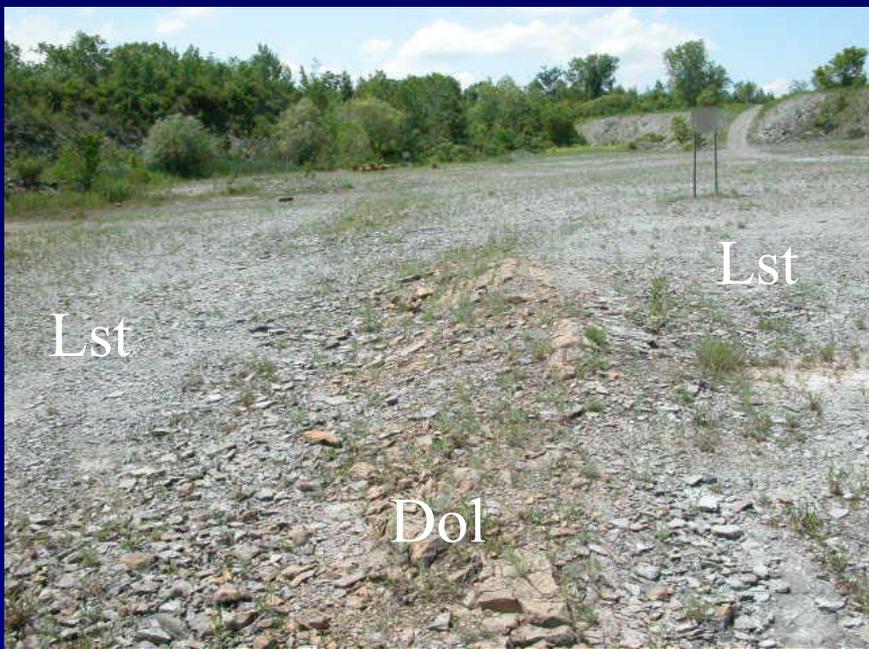
HELICOIDAL MORPHOLOGY



Naylor et al., 1986



Dolomitization around Reidel Shears over right lateral strike-slip fault in Ordovician of New York



Ordovician Tribes Hill Formation outcrop, Mohawk Valley, New York