

Use of Detrital Zircons

Many workers now combine individual zircons as illustrated at left, summing probability density functions

Stewart et al., GSA Bull 2001

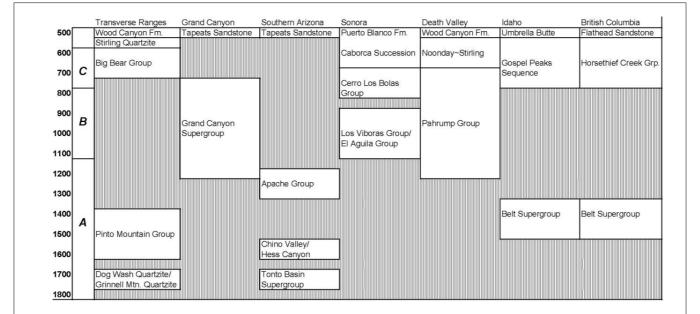
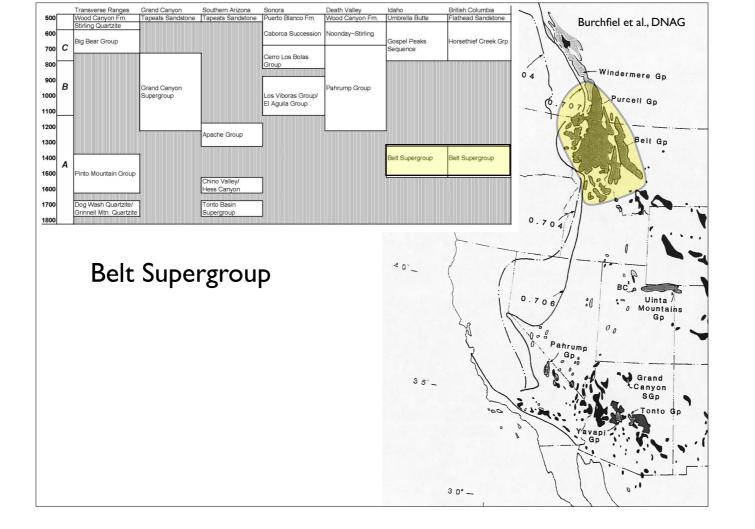


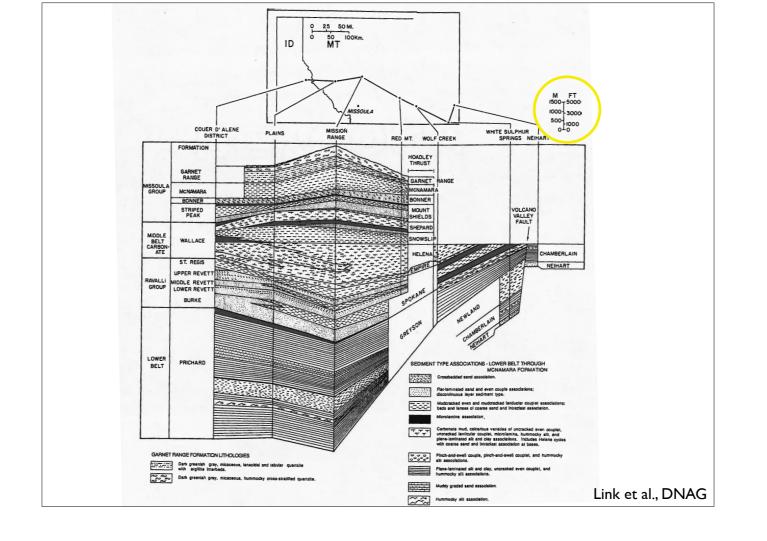
Figure 13. Regional stratigraphic correlation chart for Proterozoic sedimentary rocks in the southwestern Cordillera, illustrating the inferred correlation of quartzite sequences in this study (adapted from Link et al. 1993; additional data from Timmons et al. 2001; Cox et al. 2002; Stewart et al. 2002; Lund et al. 2003). Grinnell Mountain and Dog Wash quartzites are components of the Paleoproterozoic basement and are not representative of a regionally widespread Joshua Tree terrane. Pinto Mountain Group is correlated with Cordilleran Proterozoic succession A and is therefore similar in age or slightly younger than quartzites of the Mazatzal Group of the Tonto Basin Supergroup. Big Bear Group is pre–Stirling Quartzite in age and correlated with the early part of succession C deposited in the earliest stages of Neoproterozoic Cordilleran rifting.

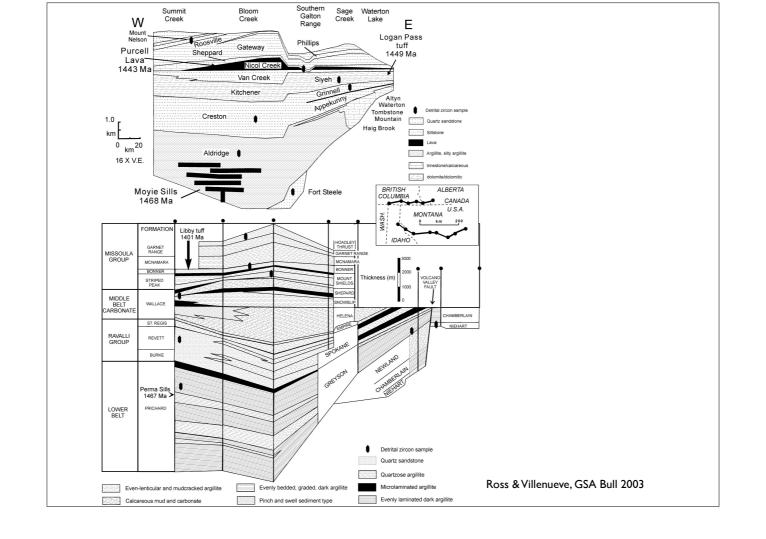
Barth et al., J Geol., 2009

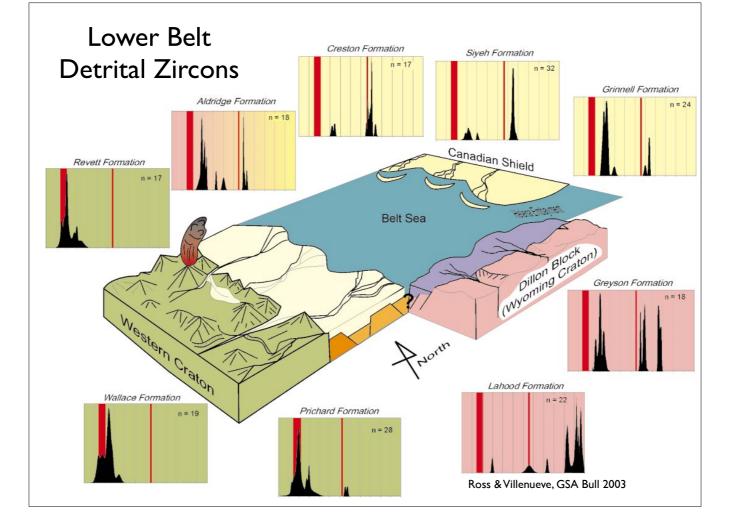




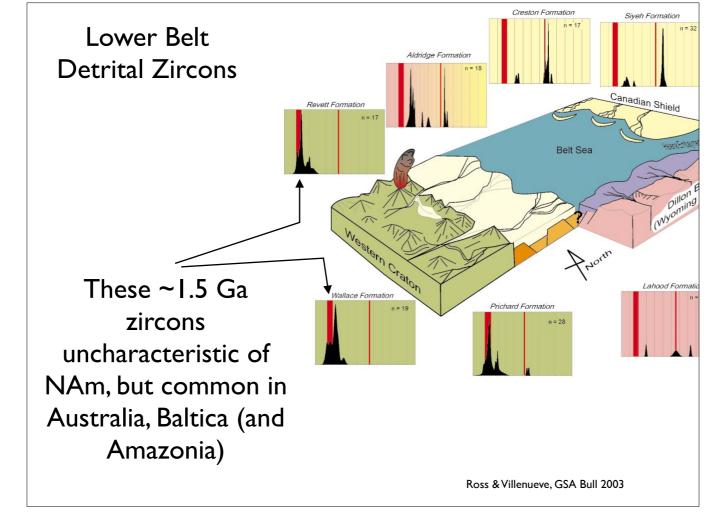




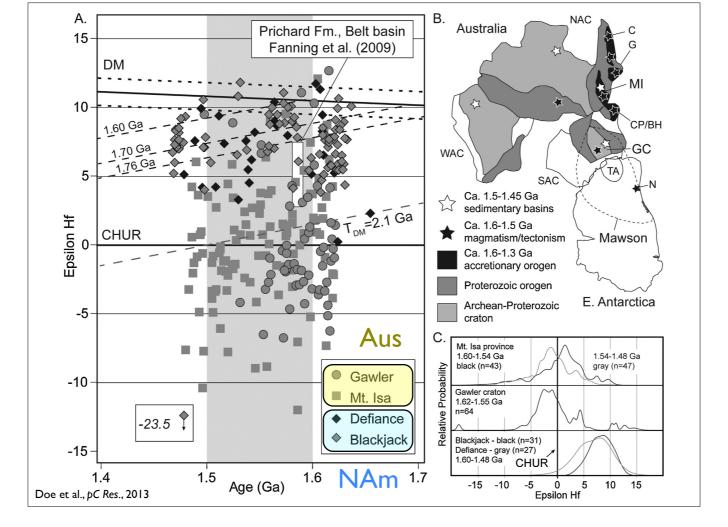




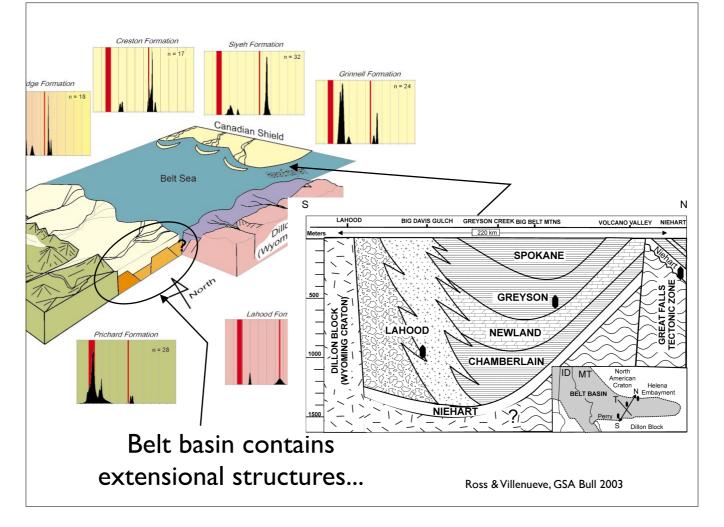
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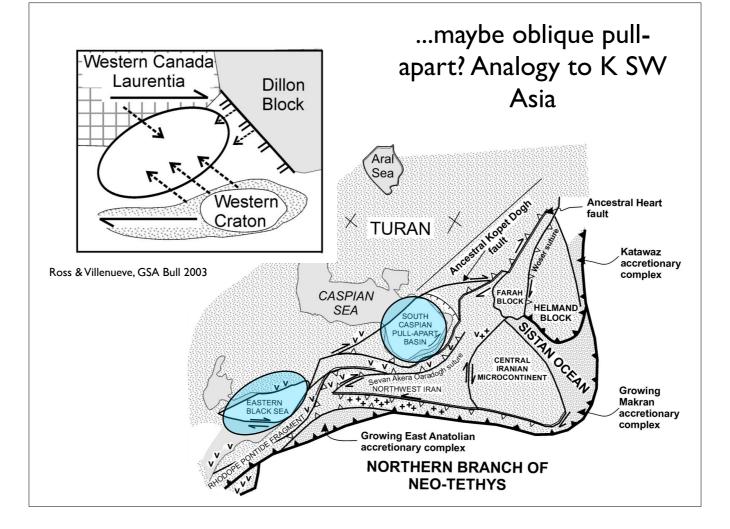
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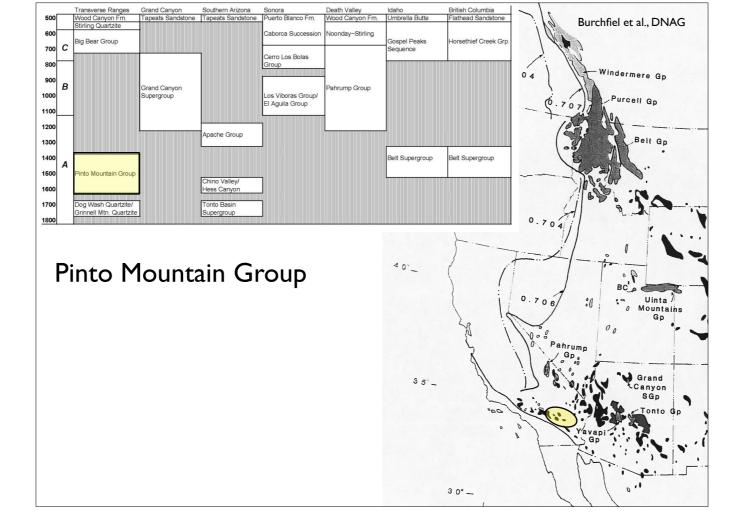
This seems to support an Australian source to the west of the WUS c. 1500 Ma (but how??-plot in lower right seems to make this unlikely). —same time as constraints used to put Siberia there! This is from newly recognized 1.48 Ga quartzites in NE AZ. Absence of these zircons later thought to mean that these terranes moved during shift from Nuna/Columbia supercontinent to Rodinia. Fig. 7. A) Initial Hf values for 1.62–1.48 Ga detrital zircon from the Defiance uplift and Blackjack Formation, Arizona, plotted with the range of Hf values for 1.59 Ga detrital zircon from the Lower Belt Group (Fanning et al., 2009) and detrital zircon from river sediment derived from the Gawler craton (Belousova et al., 2009) and East Antarctica (Payne et al., 2009). The lower black dashed line represents a 2.1 Ga peak in TDM ages of the Gawler data (Belousova et al., 2009). B) Generalized reconstruction of Australia (Giles et al., 2009) during the Proterozoic showing the distribution of potential 1.6–1.5 Ga igneous sources and 1.5–1.45 Ga sedimentary basins. The approximate outline of the Mawson continent is shown by the dashed line. NAC—North Australia craton; C—Coen region; MI—Mt. Isa region; GC—Gawler craton; TA—Terra Adelie; SAC—South Australia craton; WAC—West Australia craton; Wach age population from the Gawler craton (Belousova et al., 2009), and the entire range of overlapping ages from the Blackjack Formation and Defiance uplift.

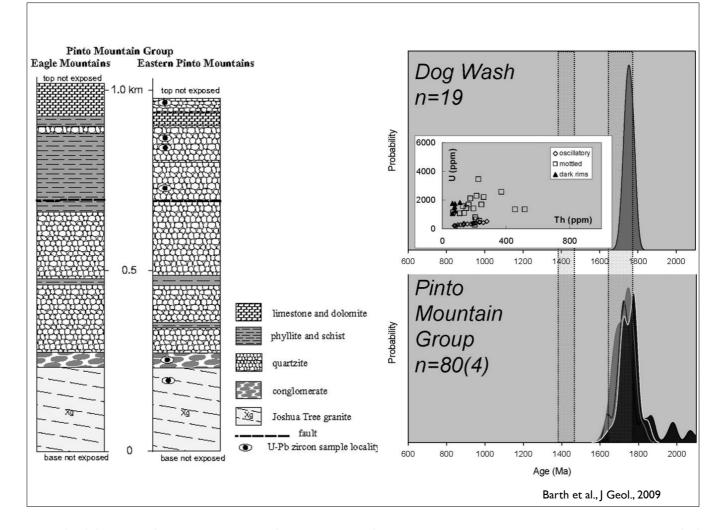


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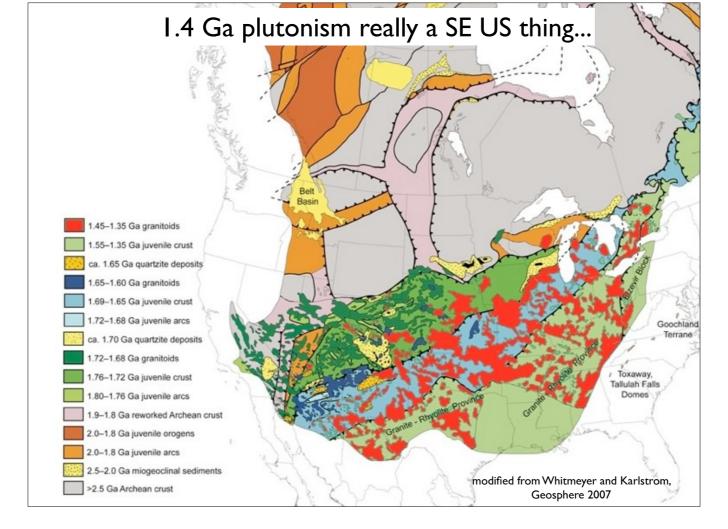


While an interesting idea, seems to run into issues with plutonism being all to SE...

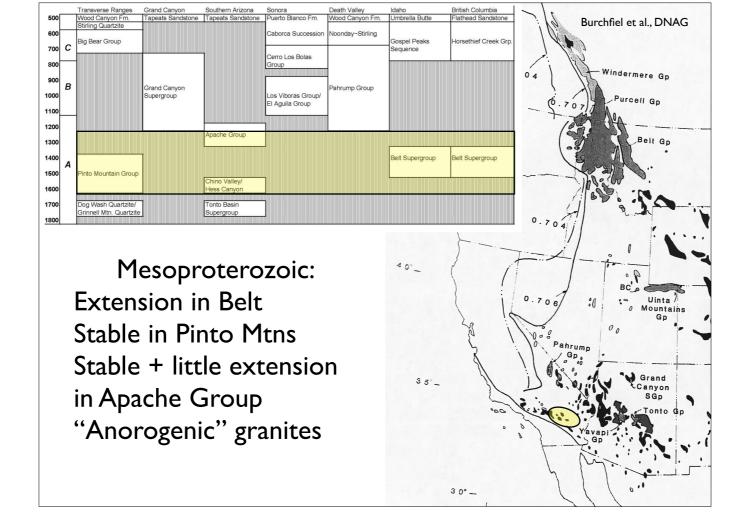


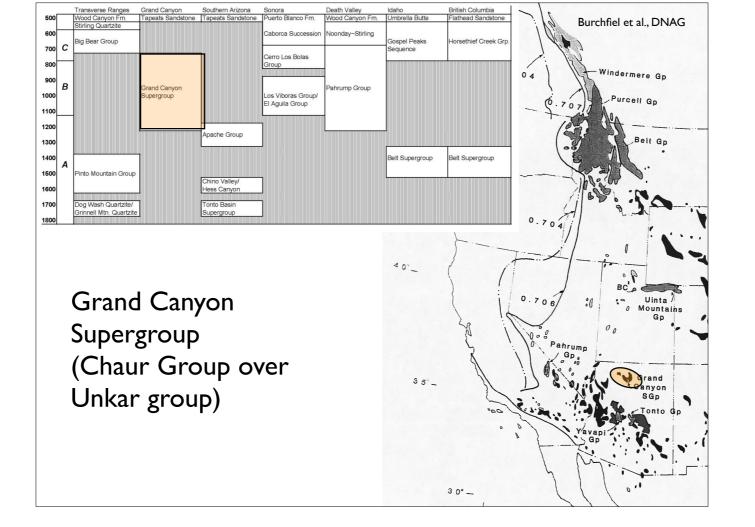


Two notes: No c. 1400 Ma zircons, so probably not that young. And no unusual zircons-exotic terrane not required (but not impossible, either).

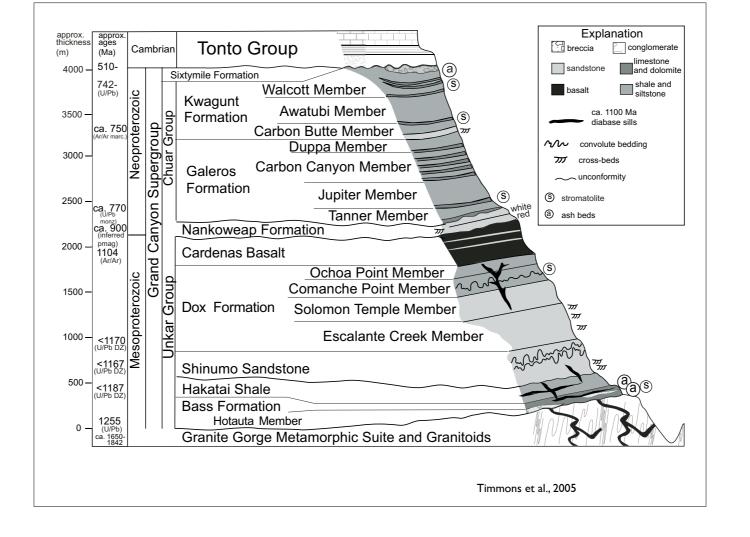


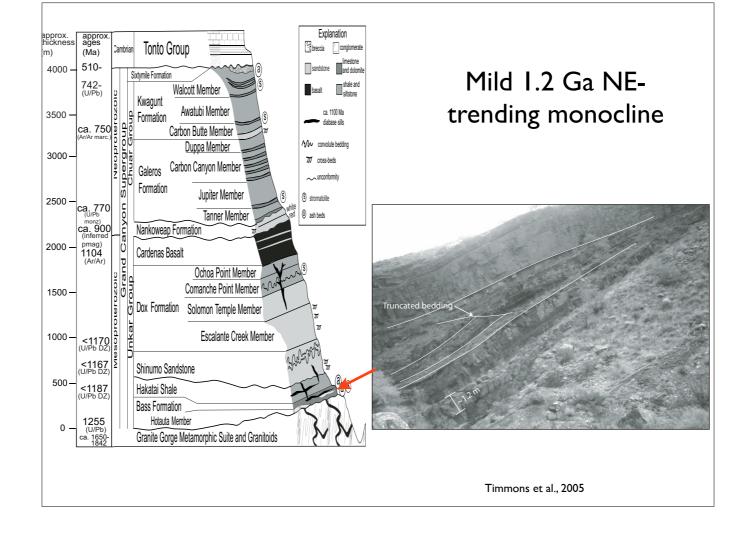
...though note that the Holland et al. paper identified some in SoCal not evident on this map. Also note this is during Belt deposition.

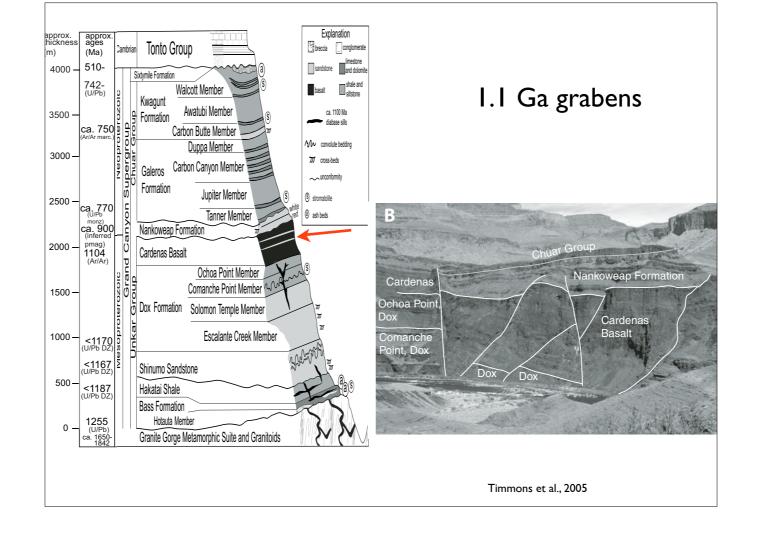


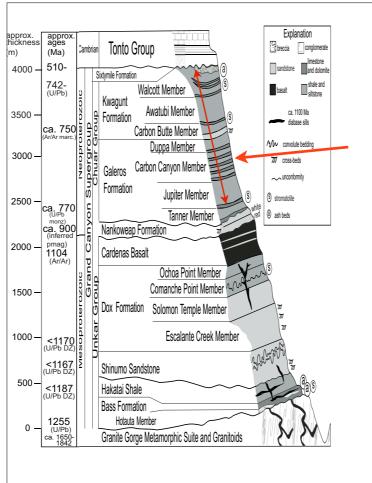




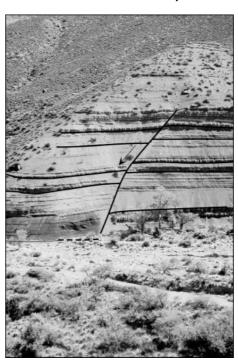




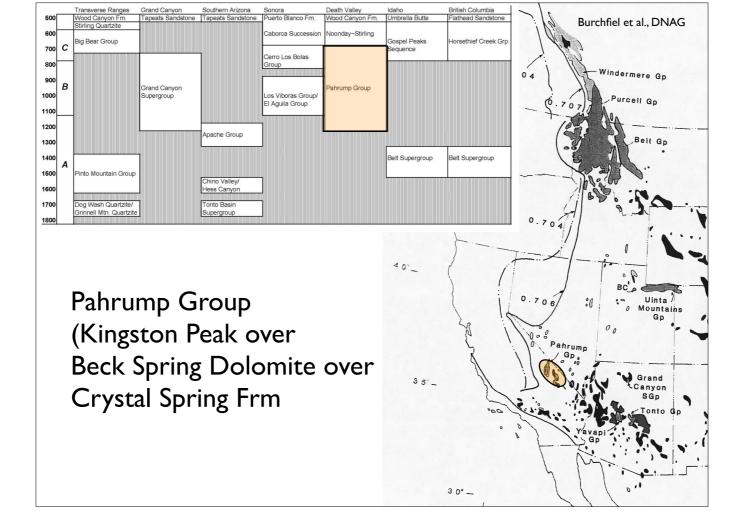


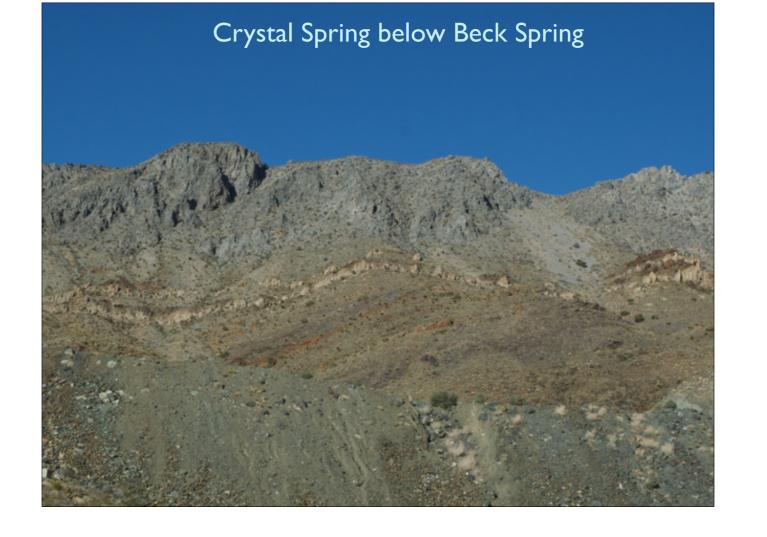


0.76 Ga extension (e.g., 700m slip on Butte Fault)



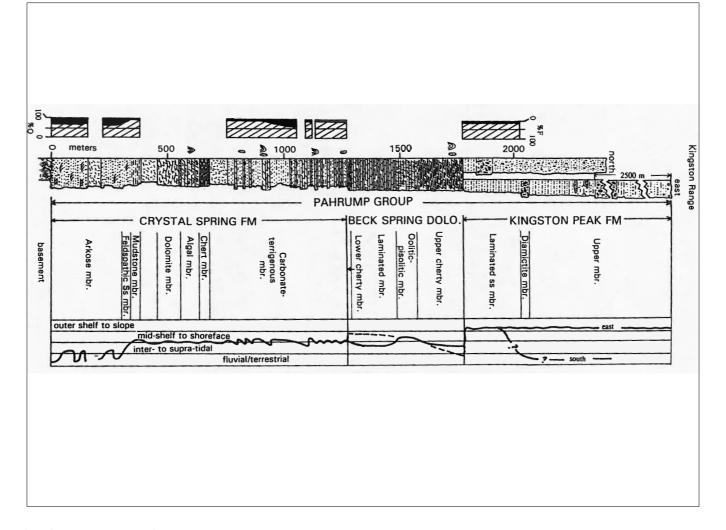
Timmons et al., GSA Bull., 2001



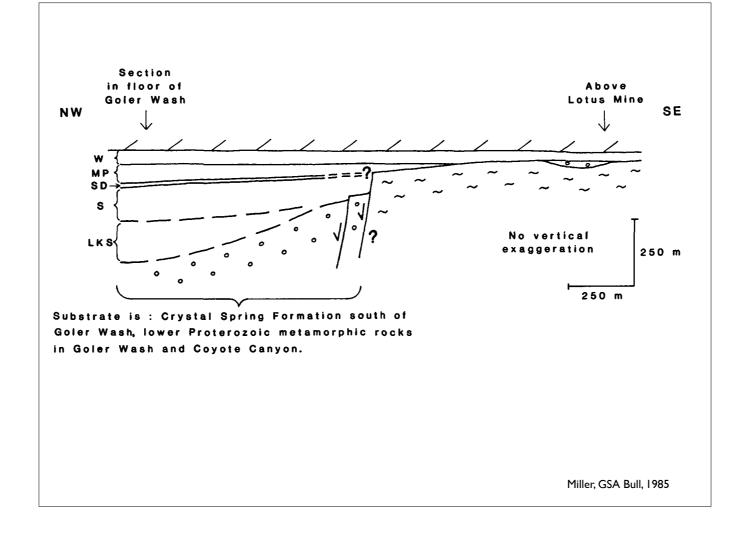


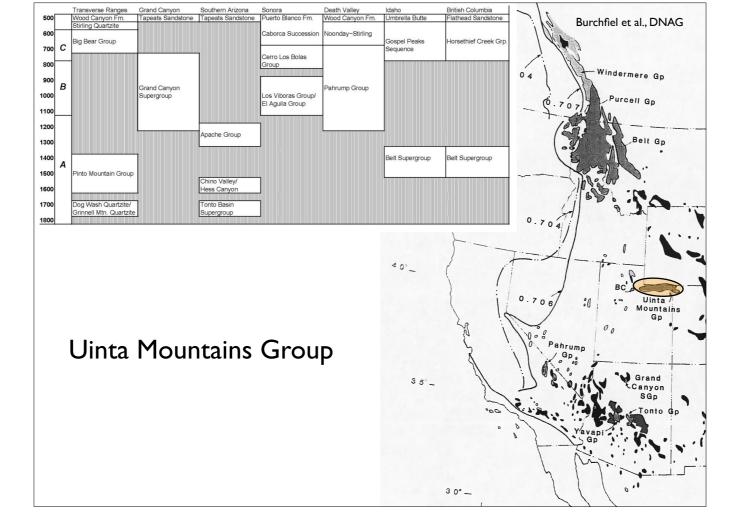






Now appears there is a big break in the lower Crystal Spring





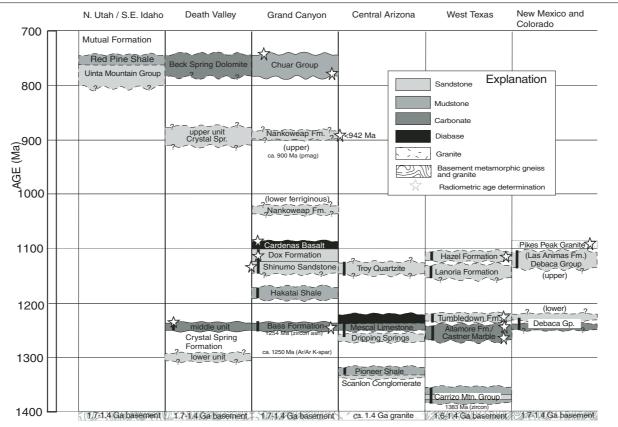
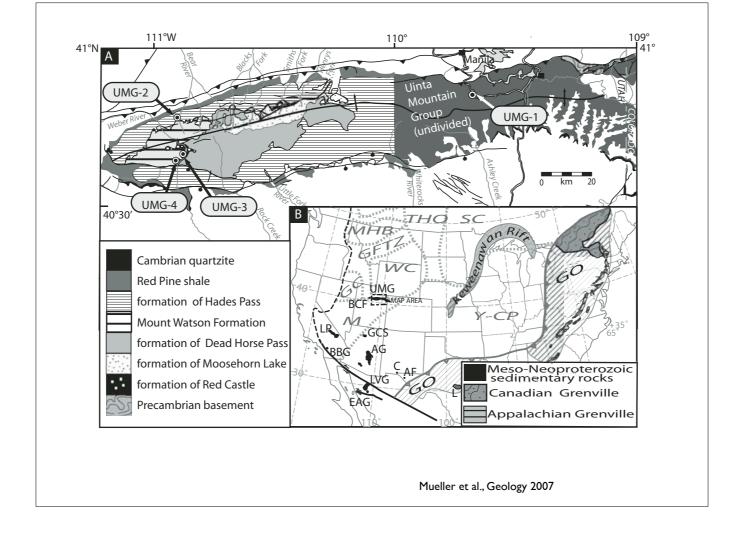
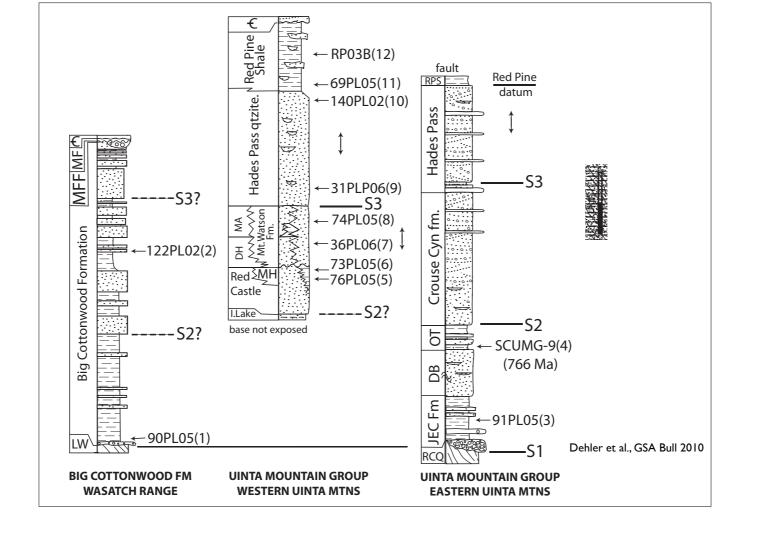
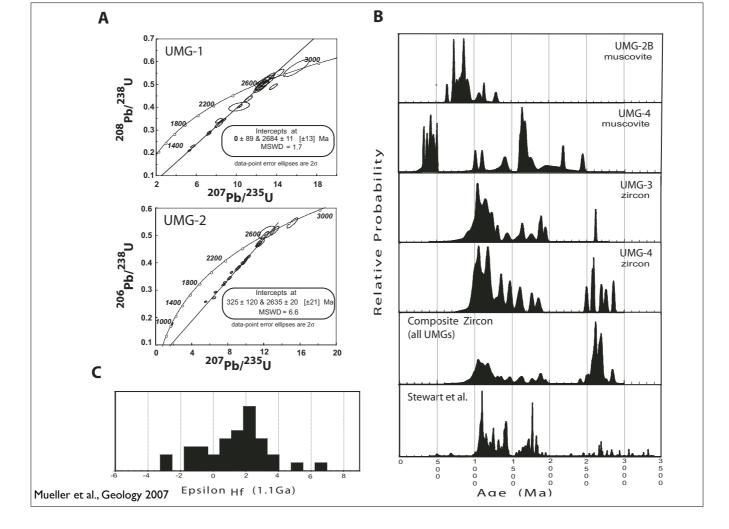


Figure 16. Correlation of lower Mesoproterozoic and Neoproterozoic successions in the southwestern United States, showing three main tectono-stratigraphic packages and unconformities: (1) 1350–1250 Ma intracratonic successions; (2) 1250–1100 Ma syntectonic intracratonic deposition; (3) ca. 900 Ma unconformity bounded sedimentary rocks; and (4) ca. 800–700 Ma synrift deposits (Dehler et al., 2001). Radiometric ages are cited in the text (figure modified after Link et al., 1993).

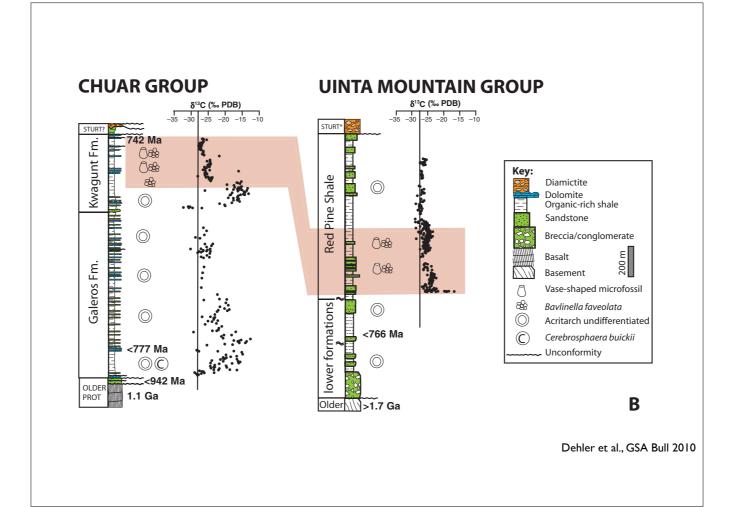
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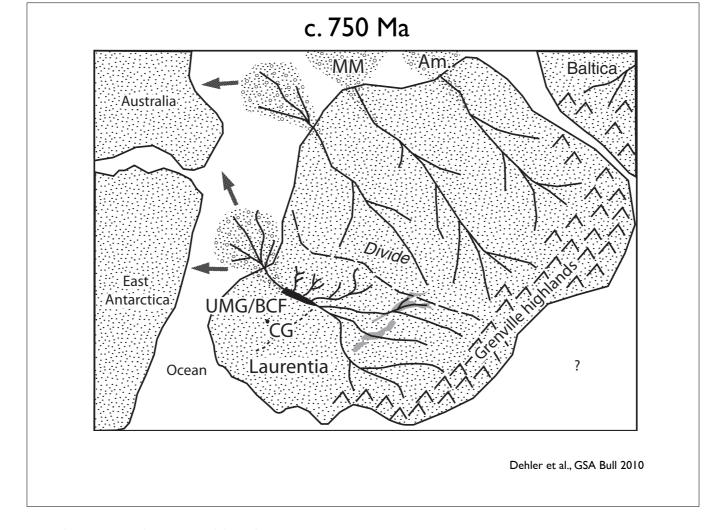




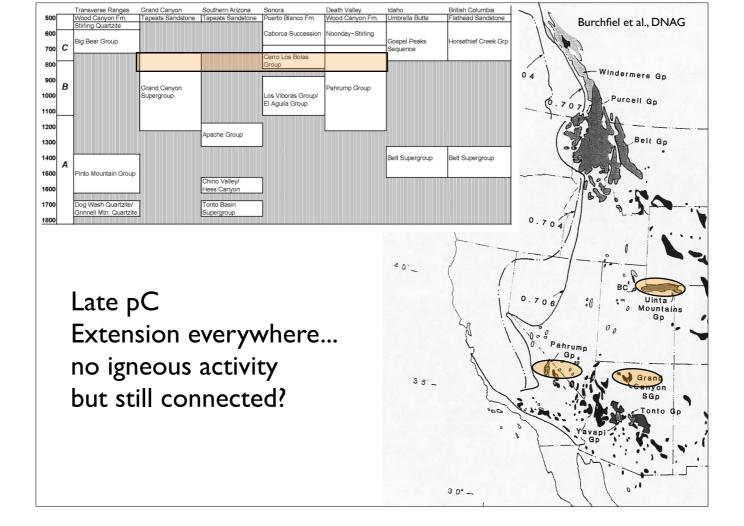


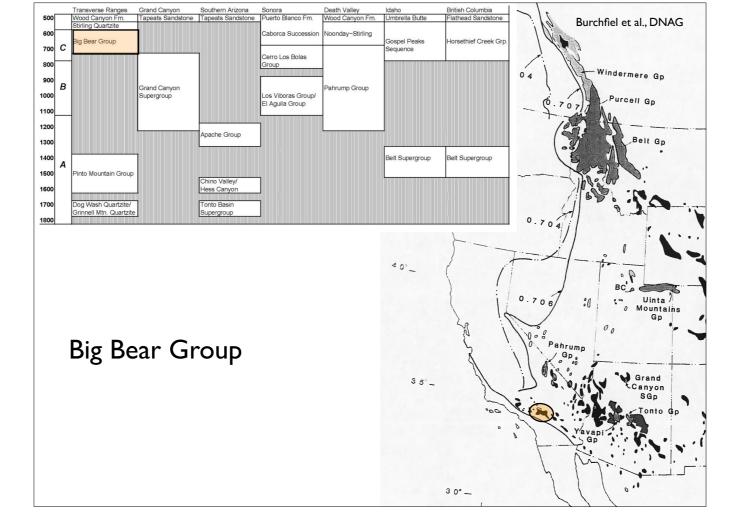
caption in paper is scrambled. Muscovite probabilities are apparently Ar-Ar datees

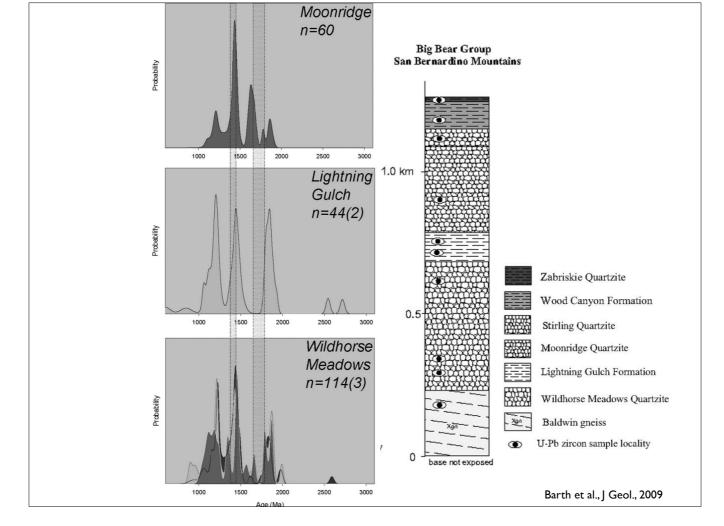




Detrital zircons from Grenville in Aust and Ant need source like this.



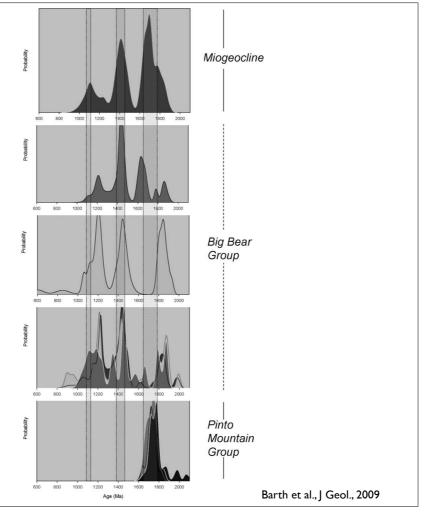


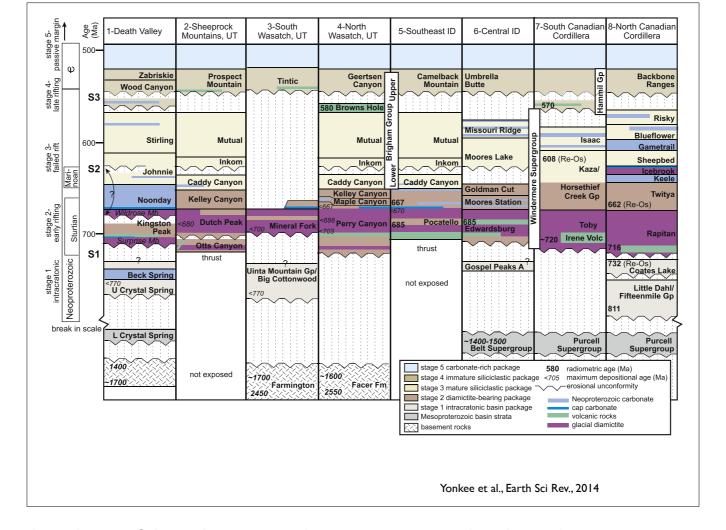


Big Bear group is clearly younger, but zircons don't look NAM and the sedimentary structures suggest a source to SW--is this last record of adjacent material?

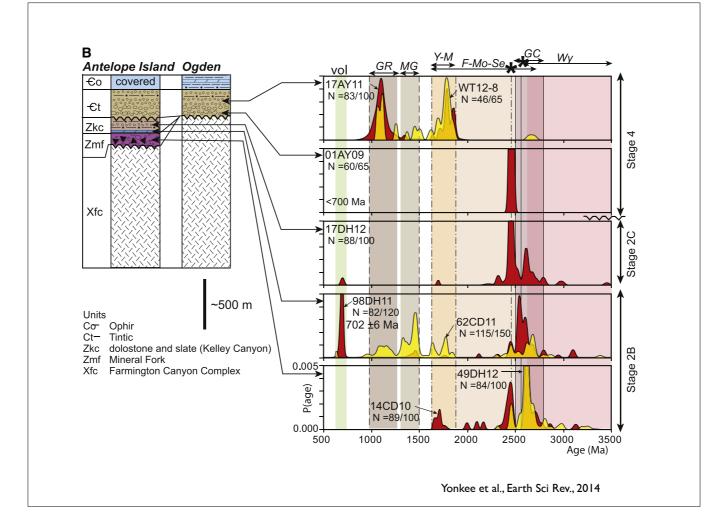
Note miogeocline peaks don't match Big Bear Group, which shows transport from southwest...

so something was still attached to North America at this time but maybe rifting off

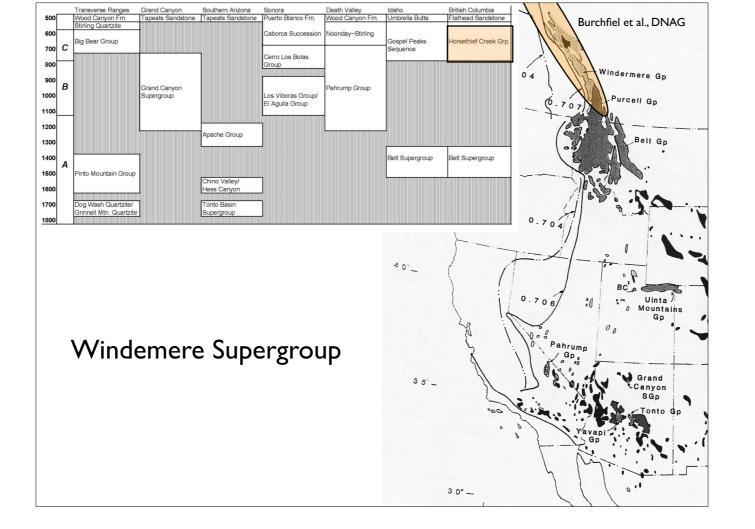


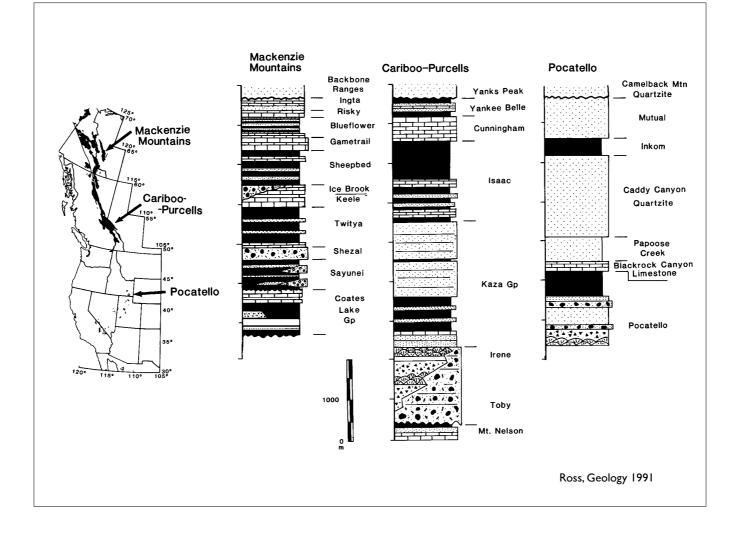


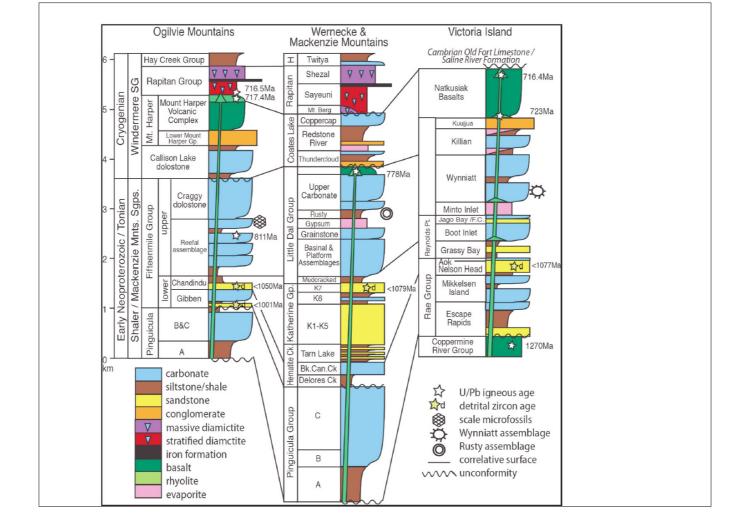
Late Proterozoic correlations now made with use of detrital zircons and presuming some glacial correlations.



An example of how detrital zircons can be misleading—look at 01AY09







Note magmatism in here

