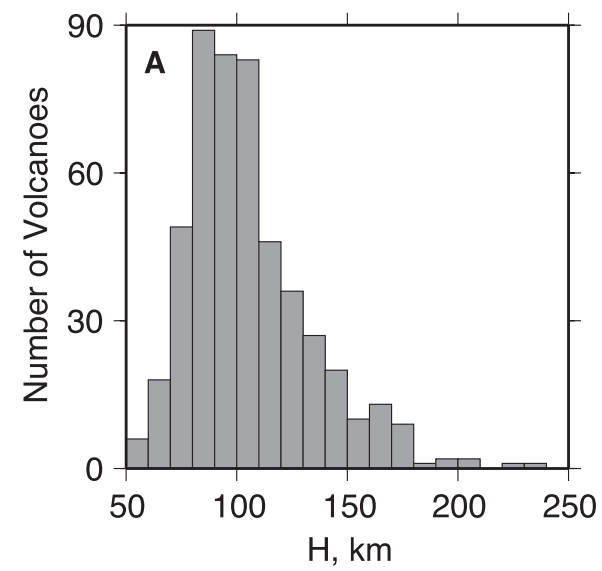
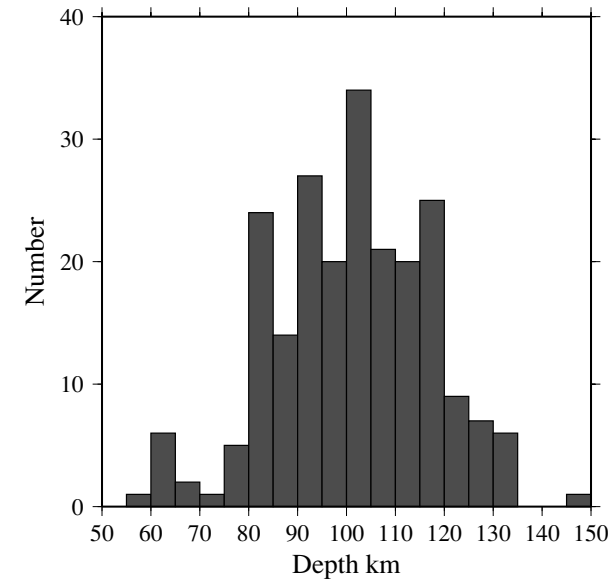


Slab depth under volcanic arc fronts

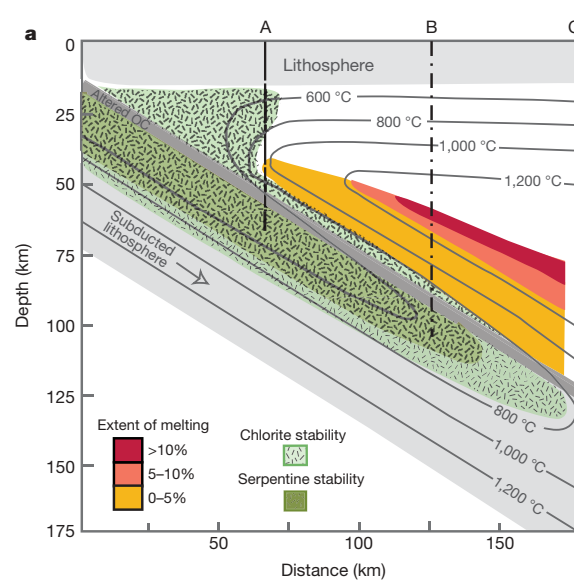


Syracuse & Abers, *G³*, 2006

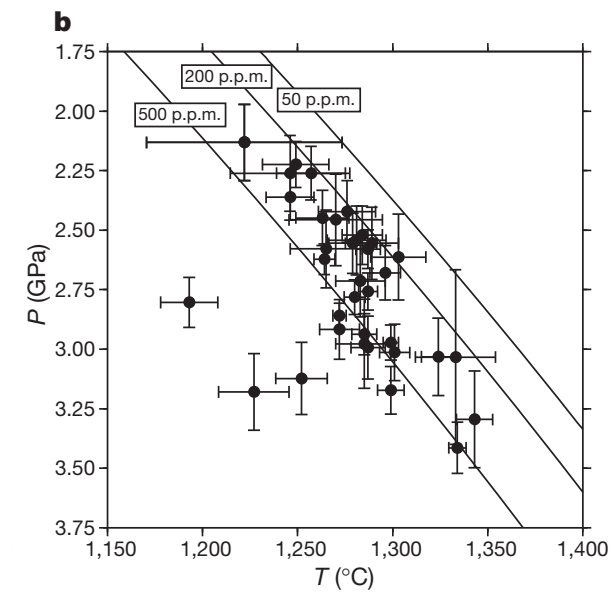


England et al., *GJI*, 2004

A lot of the variation is apparently most closely related to the vertical descent rate ($V \cdot \sin(\text{dip})$).



Grove et al., *Nature*, 2009



England and Katz., *Nature*, 2010

Exact mechanism for this relation is debated still, but increasingly seems like the temperature in the mantle wedge is what controls this

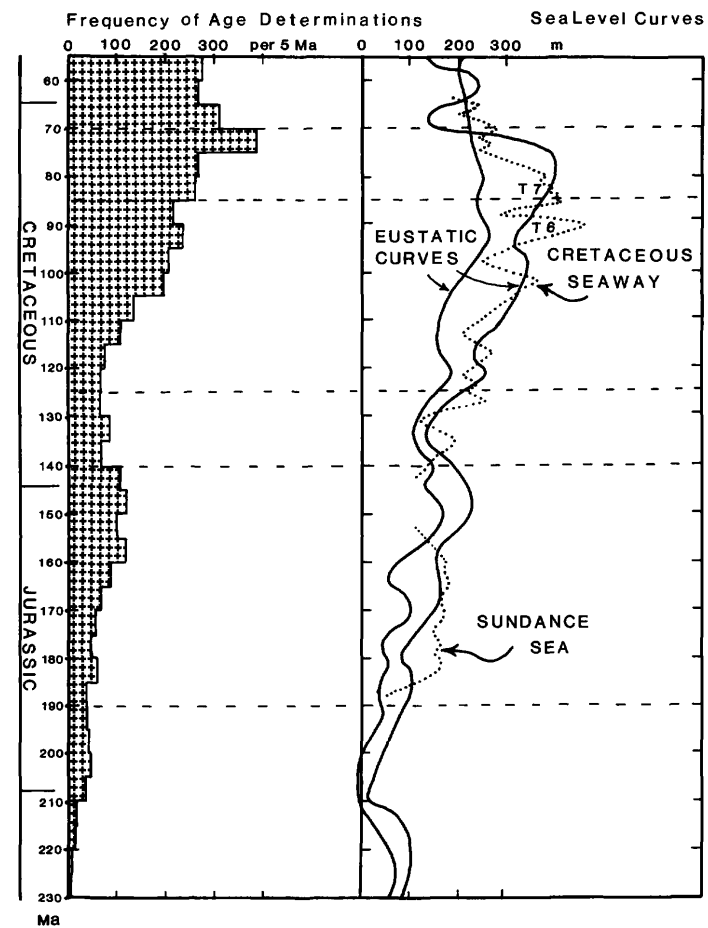
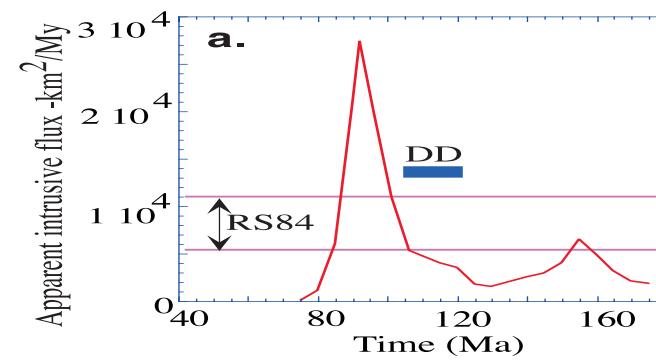


Figure 1. Comparison of the frequency of isotopic dates between 230 Ma and 55 Ma for magmatic rocks in the North American Cordillera (from RADB and Canadian Cordilleran Isotopic Data File) between the northern border of Mexico and the western border of Yukon Territory, and sea-level curves from several sources. The worldwide eustatic sea-level curves are from Haq et al. (1987) and Hallam (1984) (who gives somewhat higher estimates of eustatic sea-level rise), and show the general agreement on broad trends, but the uncertainty of some details. The Cretaceous seaway transgression-regression curve is modified from Kauffman (1985) and the Sundance Sea curve derived from Imlay (1980).

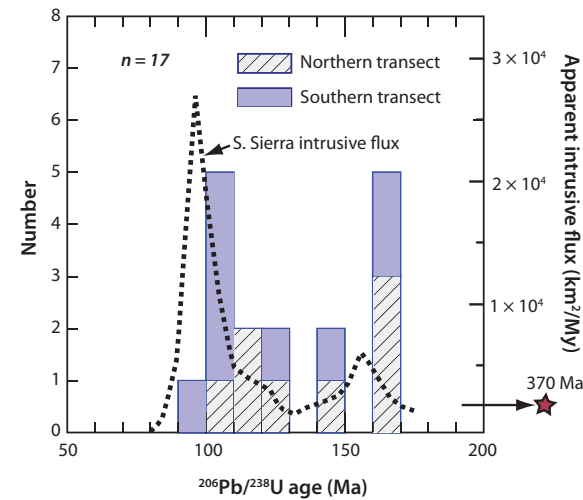
Armstrong and Ward, Geol. Soc. Can SP, 1993

At the broadest level (all of North America), it would seem that magmatism is pretty constant...



Southern Sierran plutons

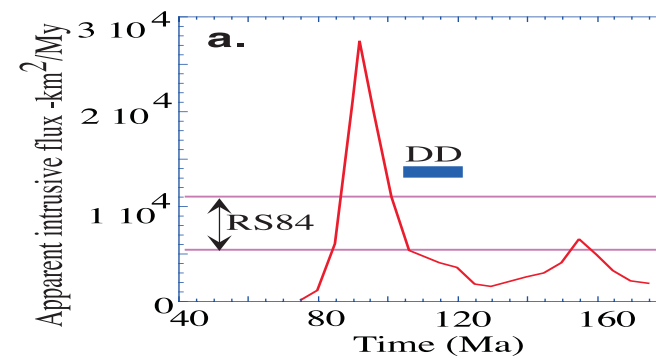
Ducea, GSA Today, 2001



Northern Sierra plutons

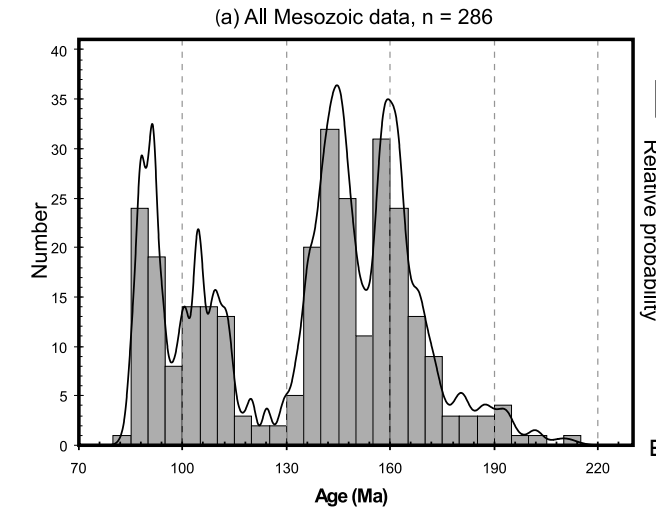
Robinson et al, *Geosphere*, 2012

Observationally, arc (expressed as plutons) at any one latitude seems to vary in intensity (though it is unclear if this captures the full E–W extent of arc)



Sierran plutons

Ducea, GSA Today, 2001

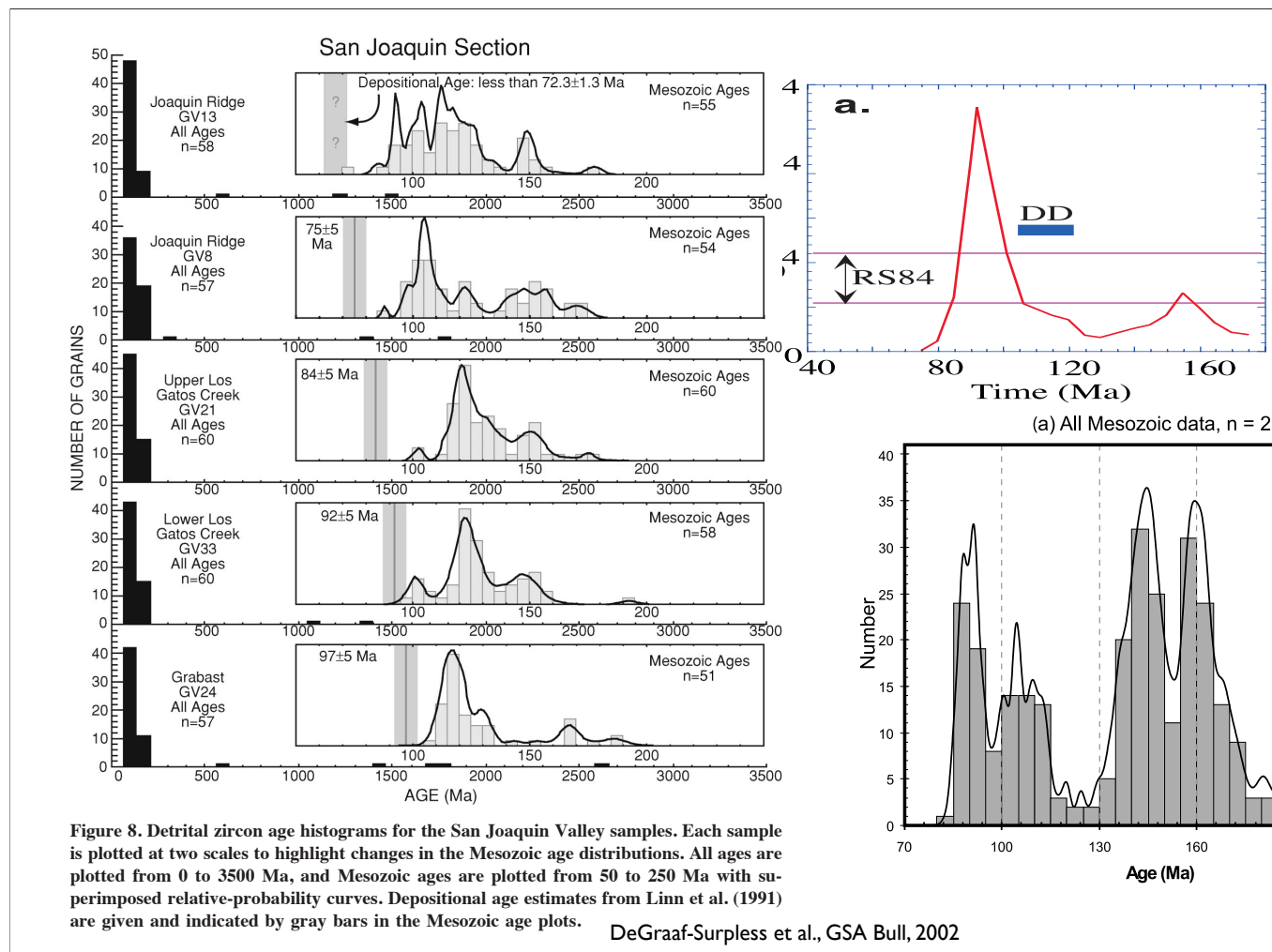


Franciscan zircons

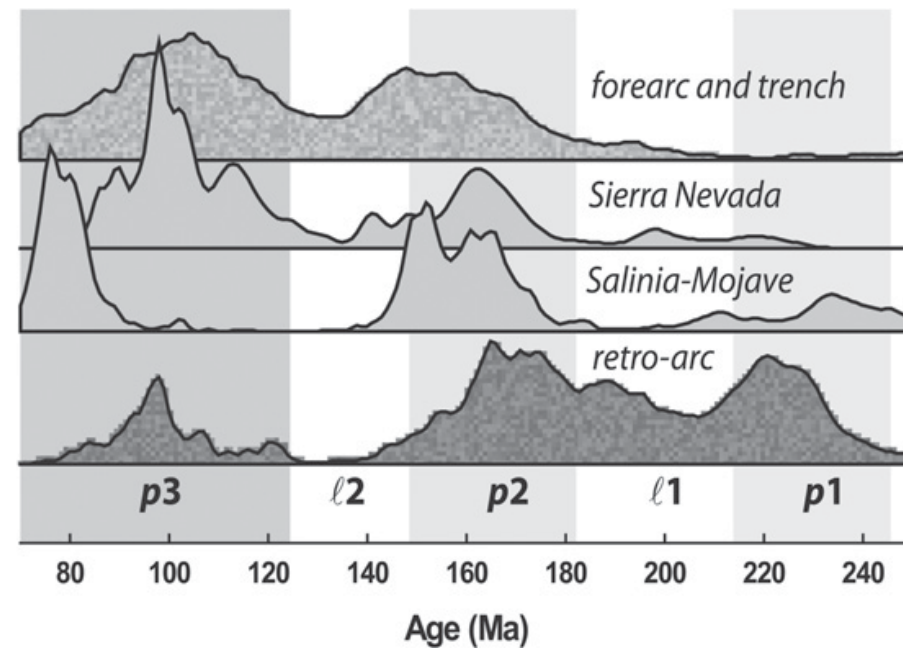
Ernst et al, GSA Bull, 2009

Ernst zircons from metagraywackes dating from ~102 to ~85 Ma.

Ducea: Plot of total California arc apparent intrusive flux (area of presently exposed plutonic rocks produced per units of time; in $\text{km}^2/\text{m.y.}$) vs. time of magmatism, using an updated version of CONTACT88 (Barton et al., 1988). About 600 plutons representing almost 65% of arc-exposed area have been included in database. Line labeled DD indicates period of ductile deformation in exposed mid-crust of arc and in granulite xenoliths. RS84 corresponds to magmatic addition rates in range of $20\text{--}40 \text{ km}^3/\text{km} \cdot \text{m.y.}$, typical of island arcs (Reymer and Schubert, 1984). Magmatic addition rate is defined as total volume of magma produced in an arc per unit of time scaled over length of arc, assuming an average granitoid thickness of 30 km for California arc.



Detrital zircons from Coalinga area (southern Coast Ranges) show a significant source in 120 Ma window that seems absent in batholith—could be plutons now buried under Great Valley that Saleeby has spoken about at a few meetings. So a bit of a challenge in terms of understanding arc evolution. Other site in northern Coast Ranges doesn't see the 120 Ma spike...



Barth et al., *Geology*, 2013

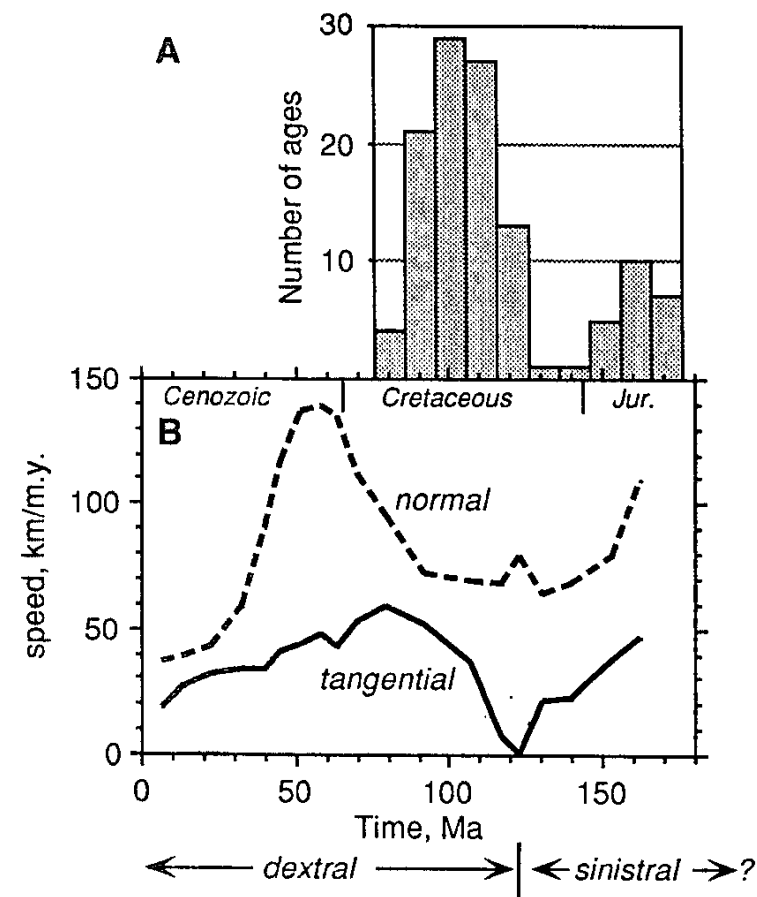
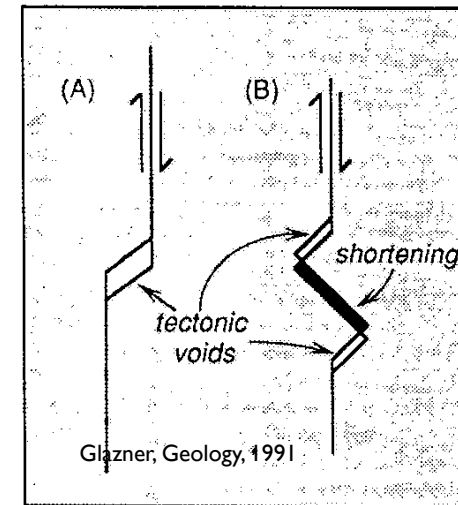
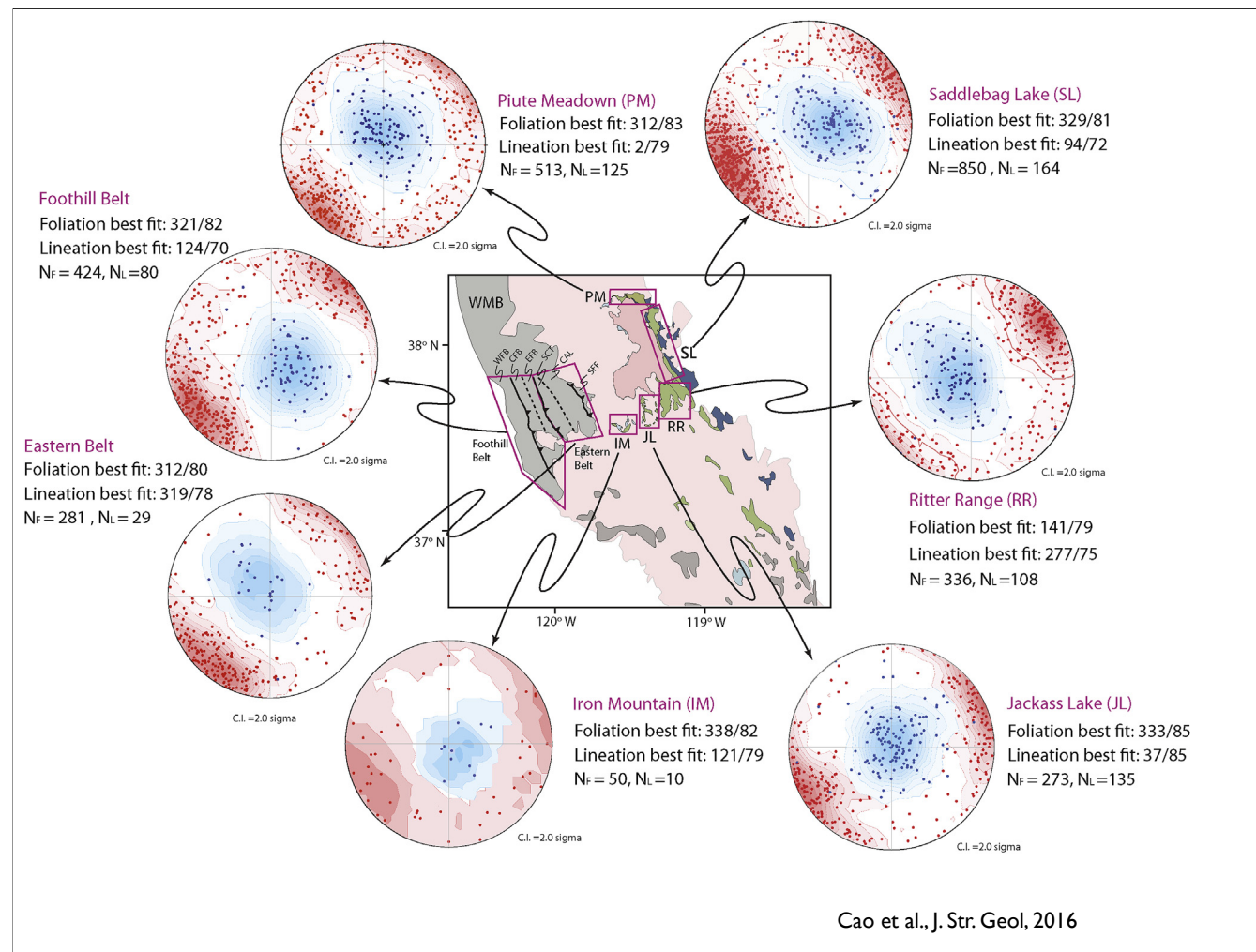


Figure 1. A: Histogram of U-Pb zircon ages from plutonic rocks from California. Data from Stern et al. (1981), Chen and Moore (1982), and Silver and Chappell (1988). Although these data are imperfect representation of relative volumes of plutonic rocks, they indicate significant Late Jurassic and Cretaceous fluxes, separated by earliest Cretaceous lull. B: Normal and tangential components of convergence between Farallon and North American plates, calculated from data of Engebretson et al. (1985) (see text). Curves were smoothed by three-point moving average. Note that predicted time of change from sinistral to dextral convergence correlates with lull in plutonism. Exact time of change depends on assumed orientation of trench; sense of movement predicted by reconstructions is consistent with geologic data (see text). Period boundaries from Harland et al. (1982).

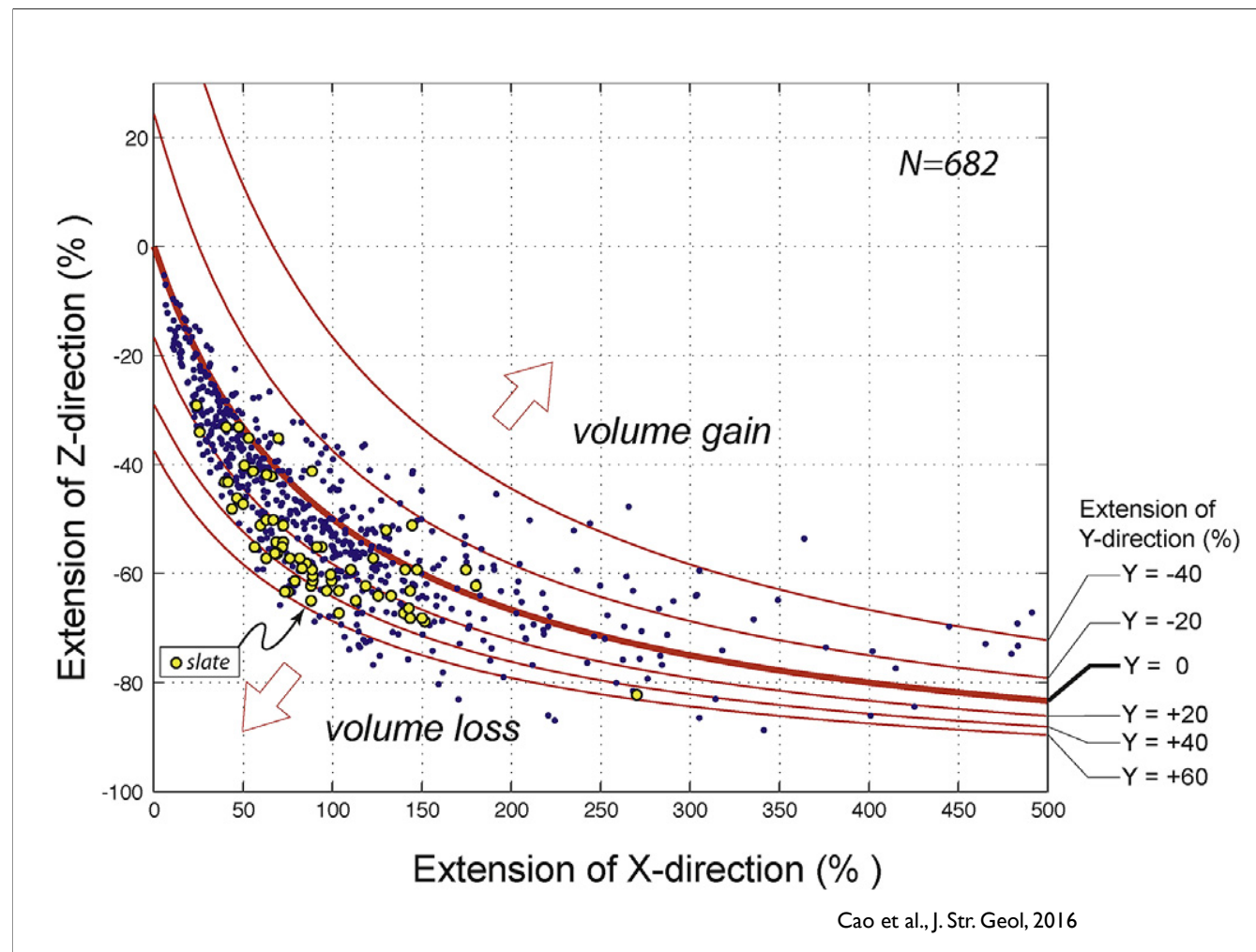


but within arcs, there seems to be episodic instances of major plutonic activity...maybe due to changes in ability to emplace plutons?



Structural work in the Sierra points to vertical elongation and arc-normal shortening.

Fig. 3. Lower hemisphere, equal area projections of metamorphic foliations and lineations from Western Metamorphic Belt and host rock pendants in central Sierra Nevada. Kamb contours with 2.0 sigma contour interval (C.I.) are added. Dots in the red shade are poles to the metamorphic foliation and dots in the blue shade are metamorphic lineation. N_f Number of foliation, N_l Number of lineation. Cylindrical best fits are calculated using Stereonet 9.0 and 95% confidence ellipses (Allmendinger et al., 2012; Cardozo and Allmendinger, 2013).



Note Z is maximum shortening (so arc-normal here) and X is maximum elongation (vertical). Note volume loss/gain trades off with extension/shortening along Y axis.

Fig. 5. Finite strain measurements plotted in the space of X- and Z-extension percent (negative value 14 shortening; X, Y, Z are the longest, intermediate and shortest axes of a finite strain ellipsoid). Each dot represents an individual strain measurement. The central coarse red curves represent the relation between X- and Z-extension if the deformation is plane strain. The thin red curves represent the relation between X- and Z-extension if there is volume loss or Y-extension during deformation. Measurements from slates are shown as yellow dots, whose finite strain ellipsoids are likely to be affected by primary compaction during sedimentation and lithification. The plot suggests that the host rocks in the central Sierra Nevada are strained at about 50% in average with <15e20% Y-direction length change and/or potential volume changes.

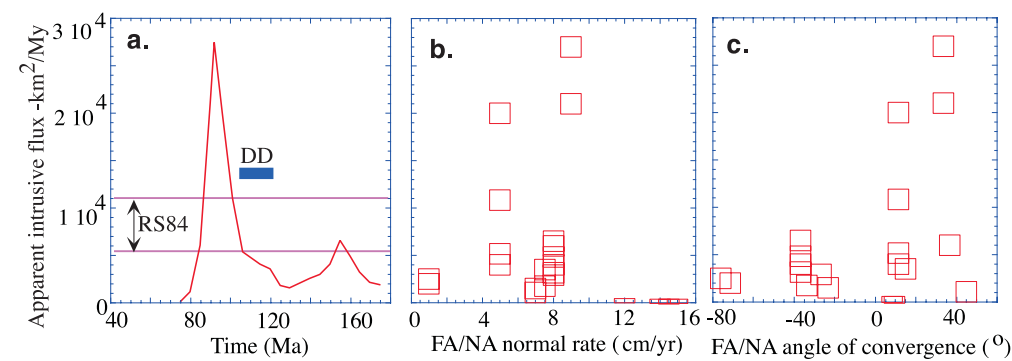


Figure 6. A: Plot of total California arc apparent intrusive flux (area of presently exposed plutonic rocks produced per units of time; in $\text{km}^2/\text{m.y.}$) vs. time of magmatism, using an updated version of CONTACT88 (Barton et al., 1988). About 600 plutons representing almost 65% of arc-exposed area have been included in database. Line labeled DD indicates period of ductile deformation in exposed mid-crust of arc and in granulite xenoliths. RS84 corresponds to magmatic addition rates in range of $20\text{--}40 \text{ km}^3/\text{km} \cdot \text{m.y.}$, typical of island arcs (Reymer and Schubert, 1984). Magmatic addition rate is defined as total volume of magma produced in an arc per unit of time scaled over length of arc, assuming an average granulite thickness of 30 km for California arc. **B:** Plot of apparent intrusive flux vs. normal convergence rate between Farallon and North American plates in California (Page and Engebretson, 1985) for 5 m.y. intervals between 170 and 60 Ma. **C:** Plot of apparent intrusive flux vs. angle of convergence in degrees. Zero corresponds to normal convergence, positive angles reflect right-lateral motion, and negative angles represent left-lateral motion.

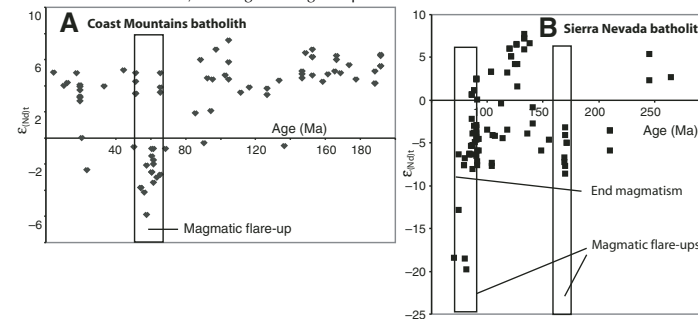
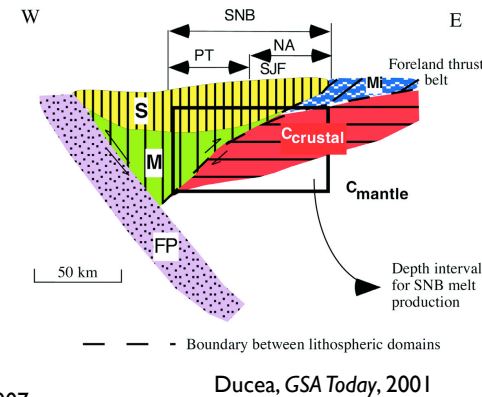
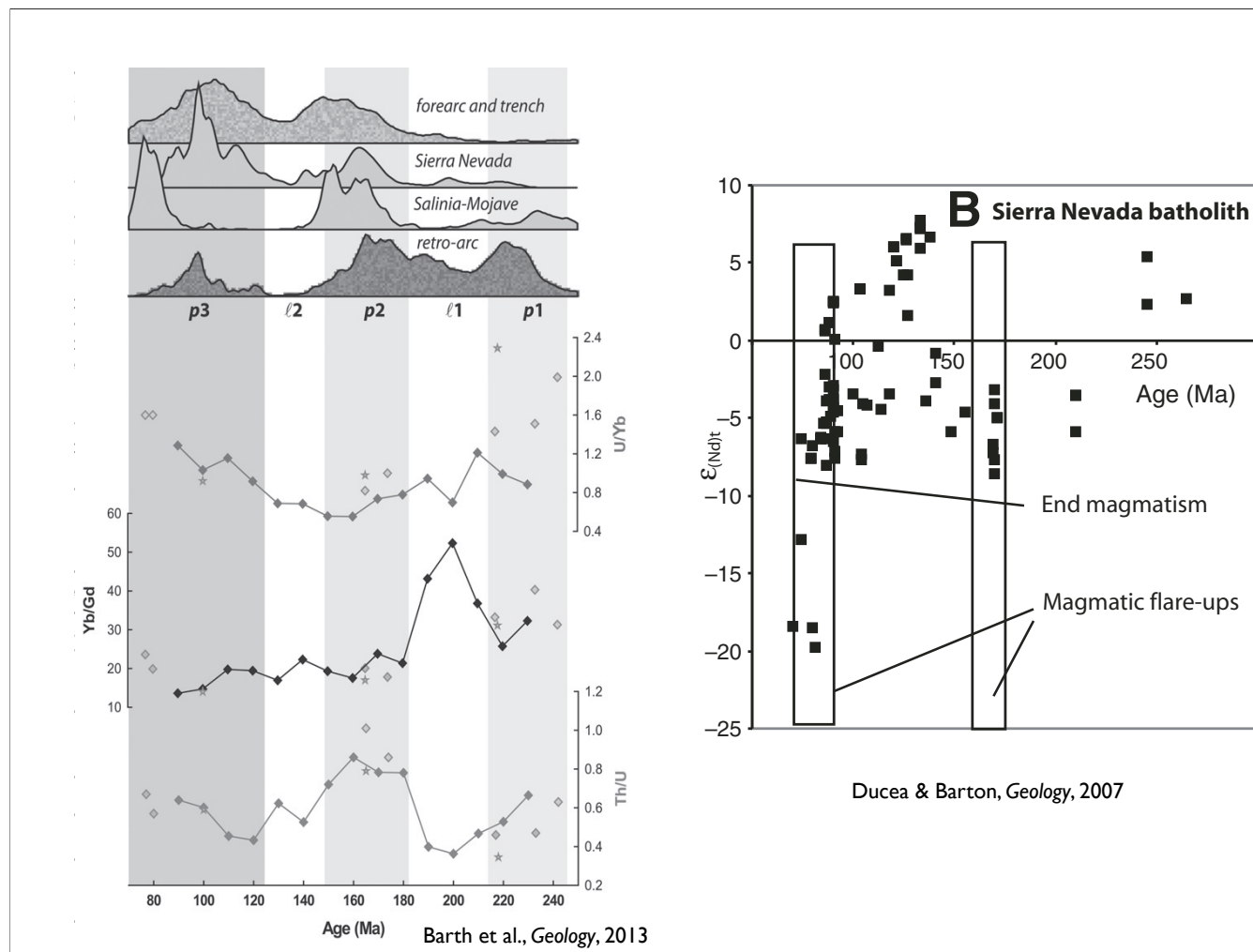


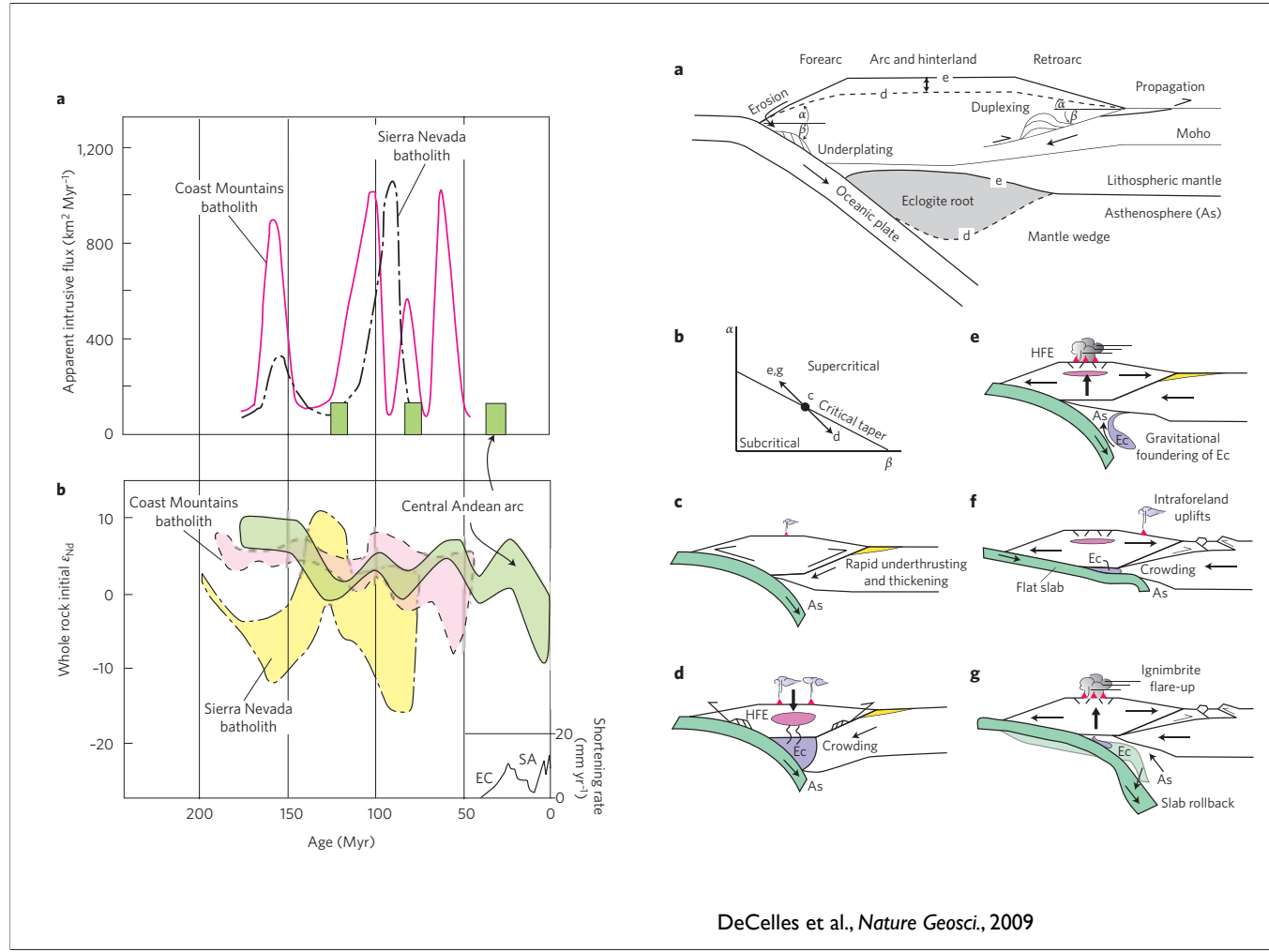
Figure 2. Initial ϵ_{Nd} whole rock values, as a function of crystallization age for plutons in the (A) Coast Mountains batholith (British Columbia) and (B) Sierra Nevada batholith.
Ducea & Barton, *Geology*, 2007



Estimates of intrusive flux inferred to be episodic...maybe related to obliquity? (Which was kind of what Glazner was going for). Notes ENd seems related to flux: high flux when End low...so cartoon at lower right.



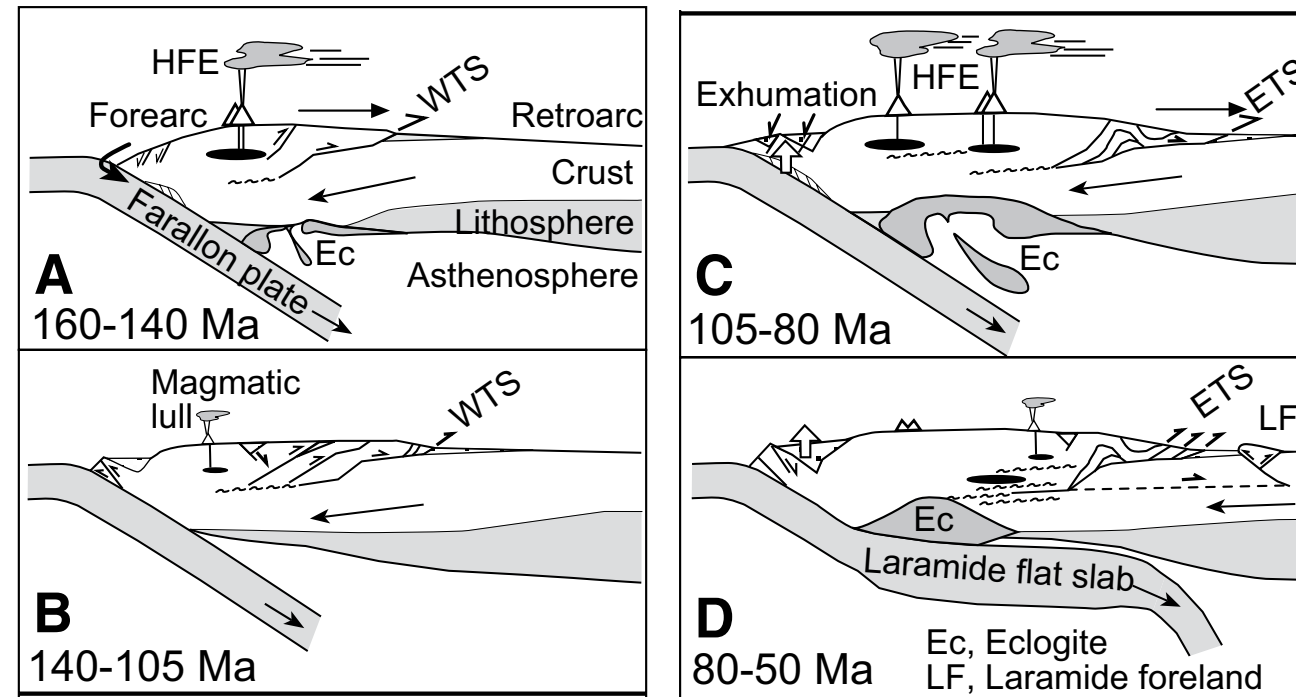
Ratios from detrital zircons (solid lines) and magmatic zircons (points) Interpret the decreasing Yb/Gd as increasing crustal influence (basically, garnet is increasingly involved as a residue, requiring thicker crust); Th/U high in higher volume episodes requires crustal input. Lull 1 maybe related to extension (little slab derived fluid + little crustal involvement [GSA talk 2016 claimed there was nothing significantly different in lulls–Hernandez et al. poster Tuesday afternoon])



DeCelles et al., *Nature Geosci.*, 2009

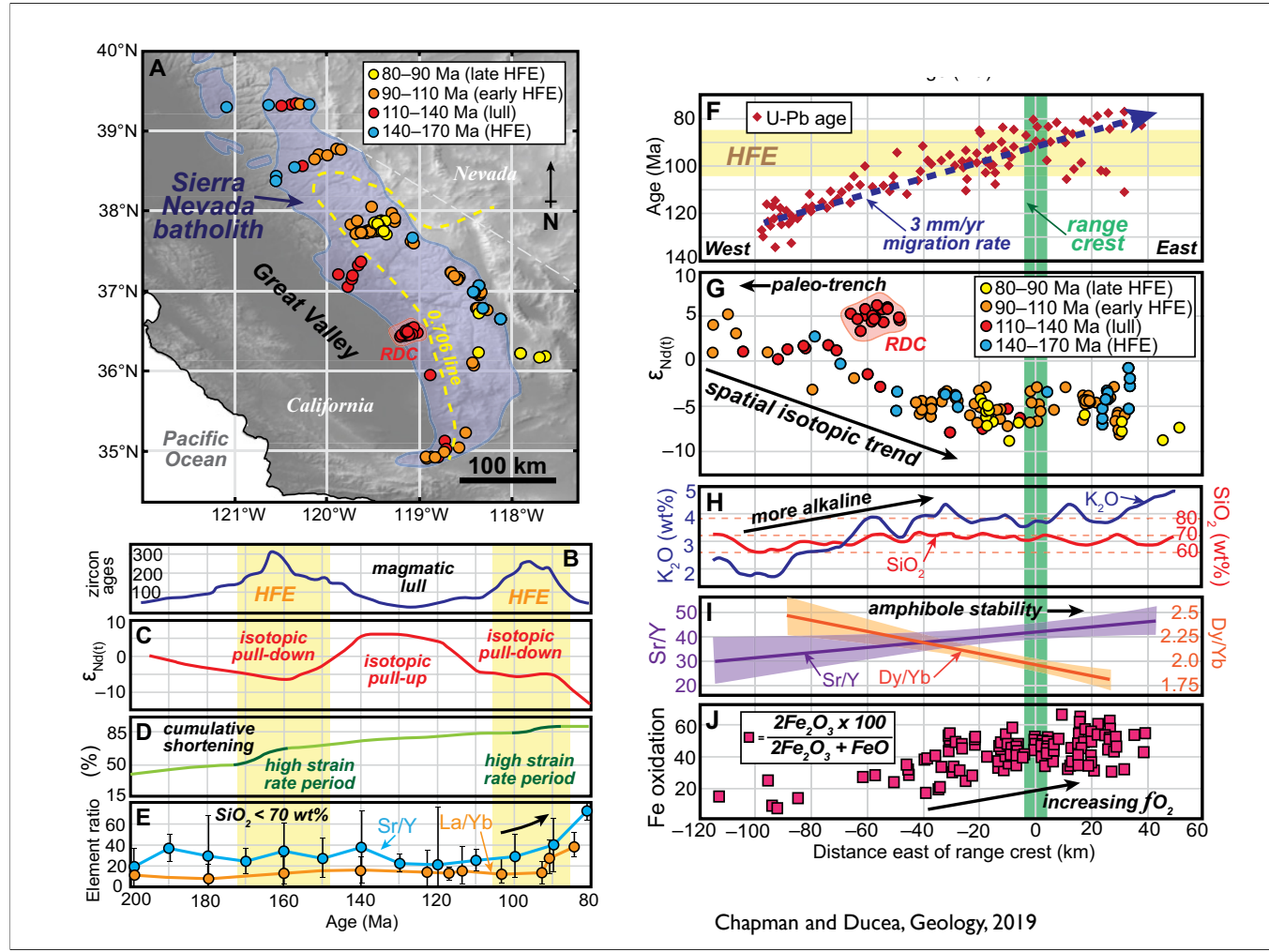
Figure 3 | evolution of Cordilleran orogenic systems. a, Schematic cross- section (not to scale) of a Cordilleran orogenic system with a sediment- starved trench, illustrating the effects of eclogite root development and removal on isostatic and orogenic wedge taper ($\alpha + \beta$). For clarity, the magmatic arc is omitted. All lettered labels refer to other parts of this figure. Dashed lines labelled d represent the topographic profile and base of the lithosphere configuration at the peak of eclogite (gray shading) growth. Solid lines labelled e show post-drip/delamination configurations, in which the base of the lithosphere is adjusted upward and the surface has rebounded to high elevation. Kinematic processes responding to changes in orogenic wedge taper (duplexing and underplating) are also illustrated. b, Critical taper diagram in terms of surface slope (α) and the angle of the basal detachment (β) depicting the evolution of taper in forearc and retroarc orogenic wedges at different stages of the cycle. The dot labelled c represents a given orogenic wedge at the critical taper (the straight line with negative slope), and arrows indicate taper changes corresponding to configurations labelled in part a, and illustrated in cross sections c–g of this figure. c, Retroarc underthrusting. d, Development of an arc HFE and growth of the eclogite root (Ec) beneath the arc causing a regional isostatic depression of surface elevation, and internal underplating and duplexing in the forearc and retroarc wedges. e, Eclogite root foundering, regional uplift and outward propagation of the flanking orogenic wedges, upper- crustal extension and ignimbrite flare-up. Subduction of a buoyant oceanic slab immediately after stage e would potentially produce the situation illustrated in f, where flat-slab subduction creates crowding beneath the arc and drives strain into the foreland region. As the slab returns to a normal subduction angle g, upwelling asthenosphere (As) may promote a regional ignimbrite flare-up.



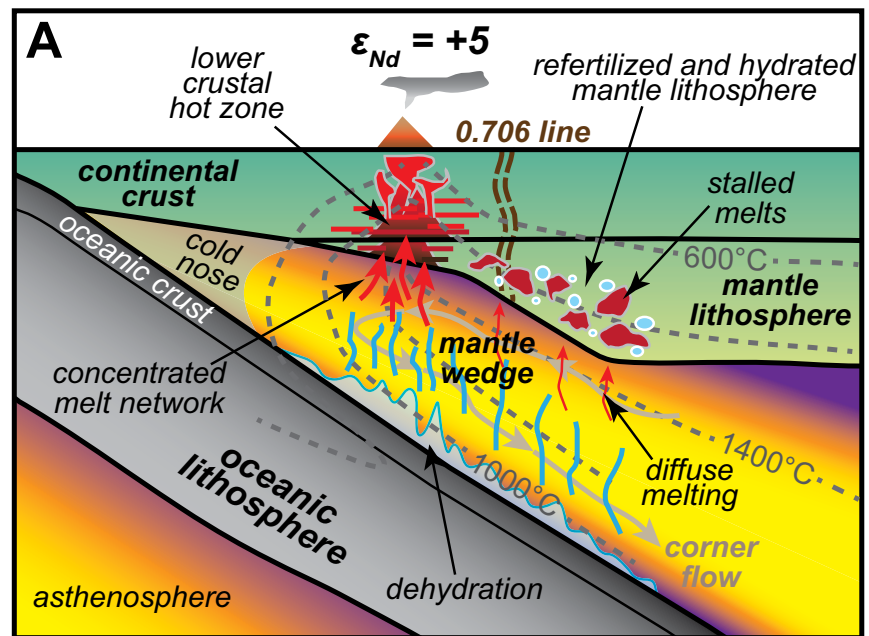


DeCelles and Graham, *Geology* 2015

Proposed cycle

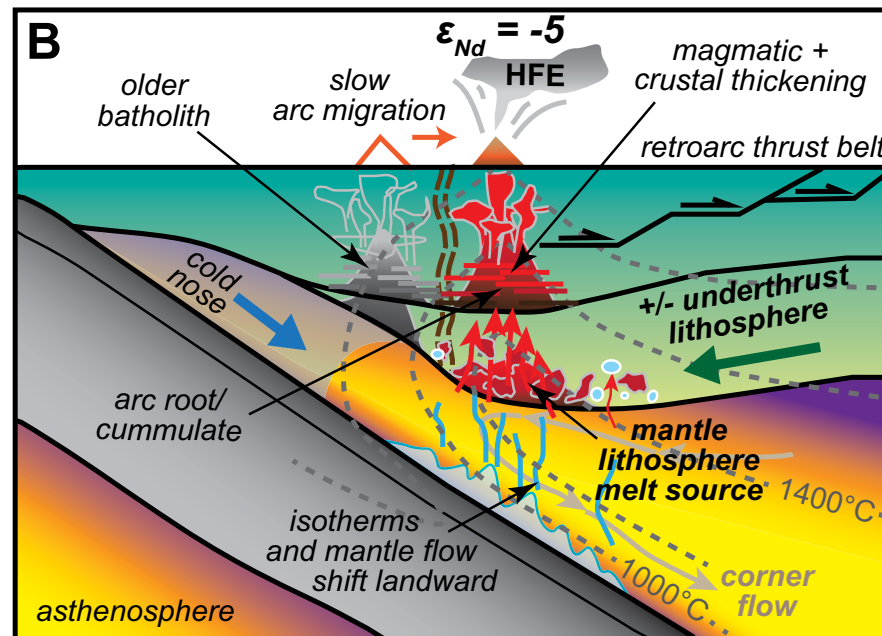


More cycles. Note HFE = High Flux Event. Migration of the arc tied to last HFE, lower ϵ_{Nd} .



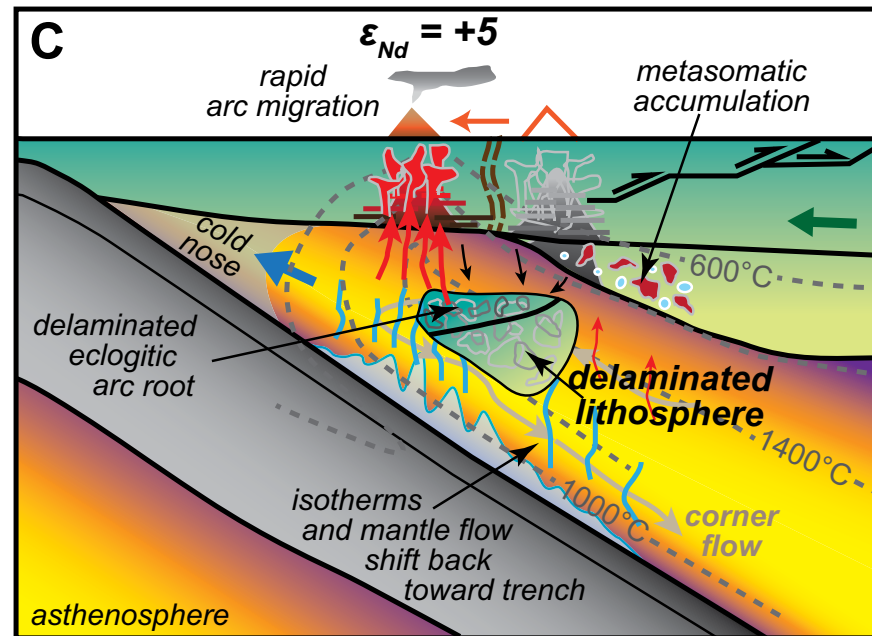
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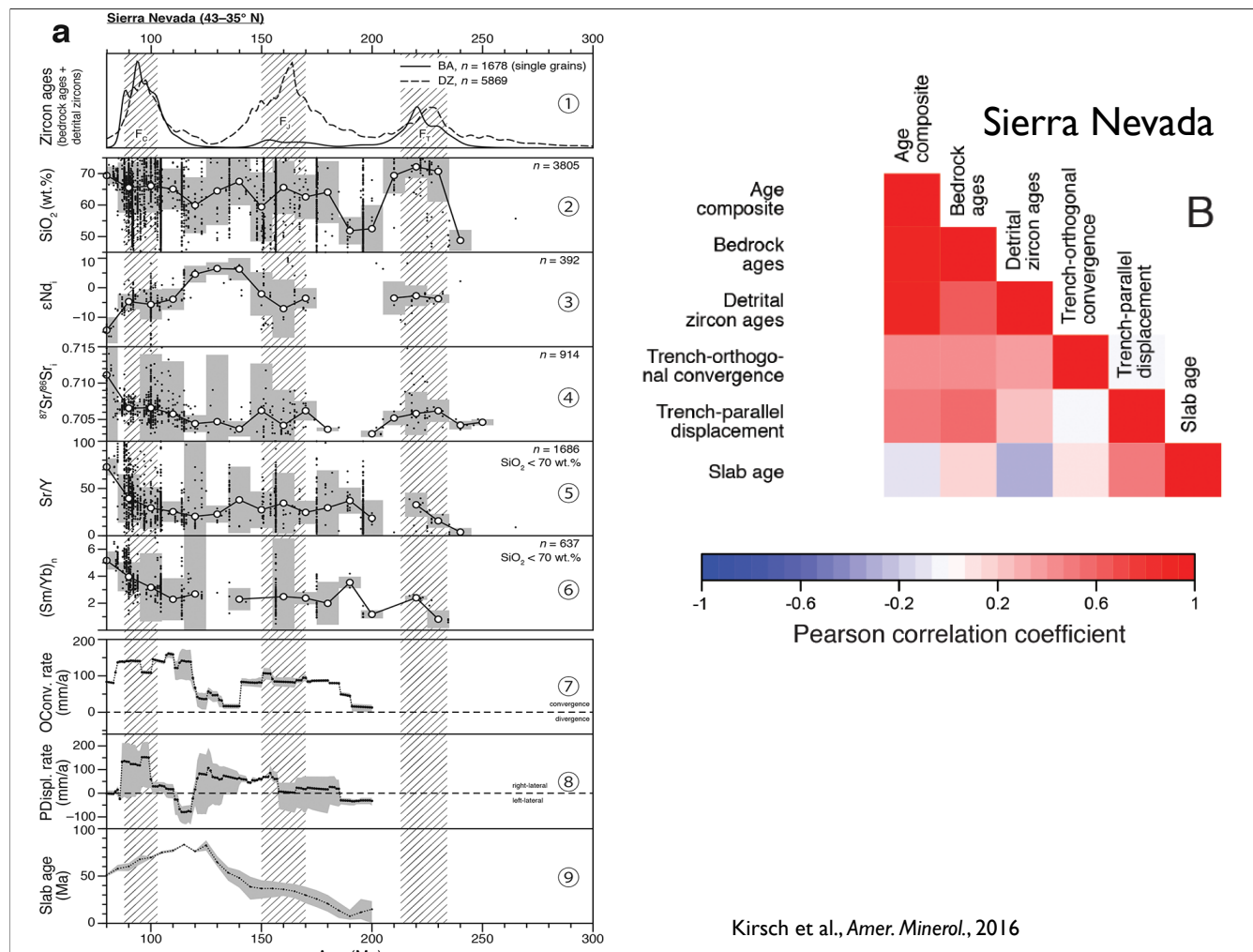
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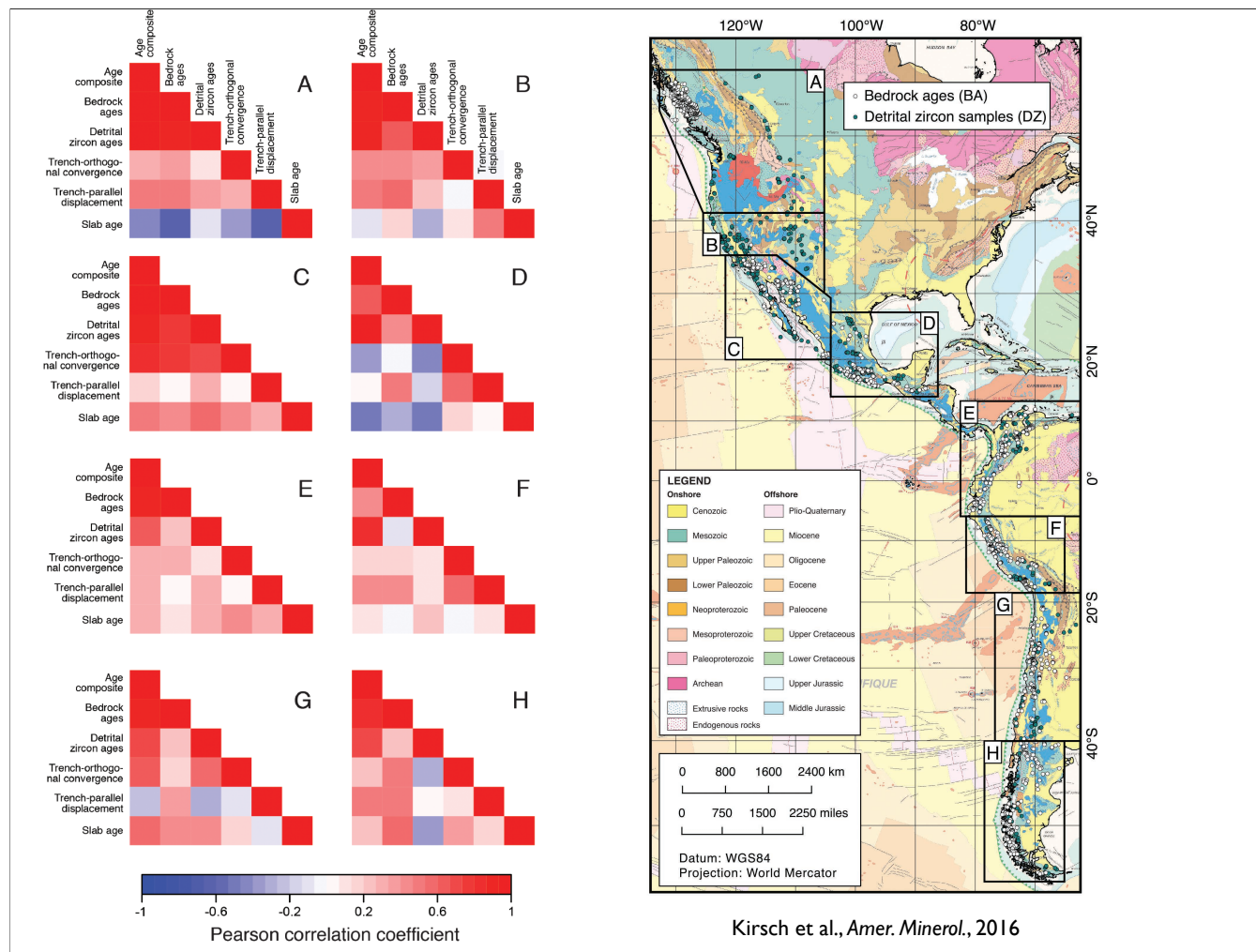


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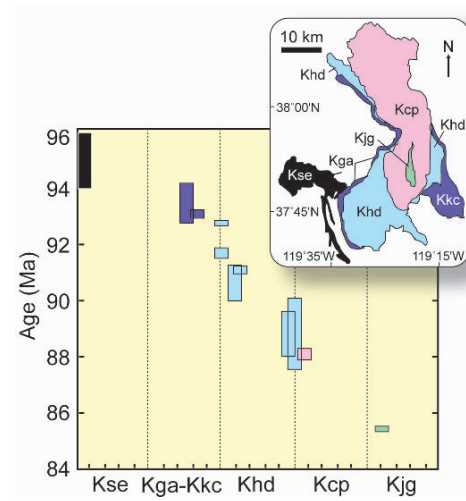
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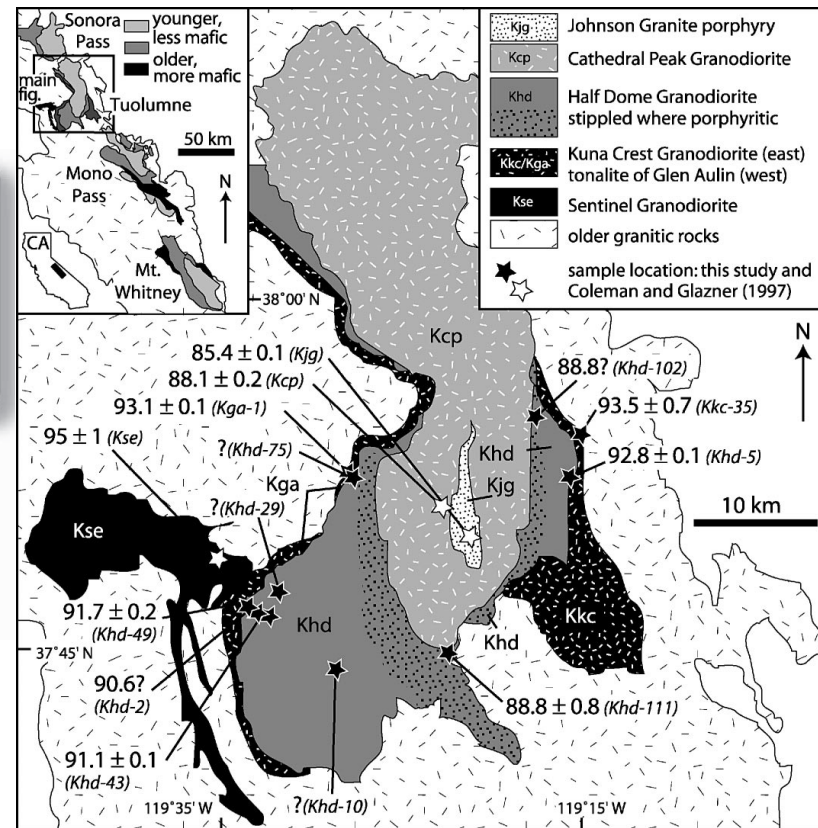
More recent attempt to look at cycles through entire Cordillera. This just Sierra part. Diagonally hatched bands mark magmatic flare-up events, visually delineated on the basis of peaks in the age spectra. For geochemical data, individual data points are plotted (dots), along with median values $\pm 1s$ (circles and gray bars) for a moving 10 m.y. average. For kinematic data, black dots are average values and gray envelopes represent minimum–maximum ranges from a set of three values extracted per arc domain. Note differing age range in c. Abbreviations: BA = bedrock ages, DZ = detrital zircons, OConv. = orthogonal convergence, PDispl. = parallel displacement.



When you look at entire Cordillera, seems controls are variable...so maybe some of the stories told in WUS are confusing coincidence with causality

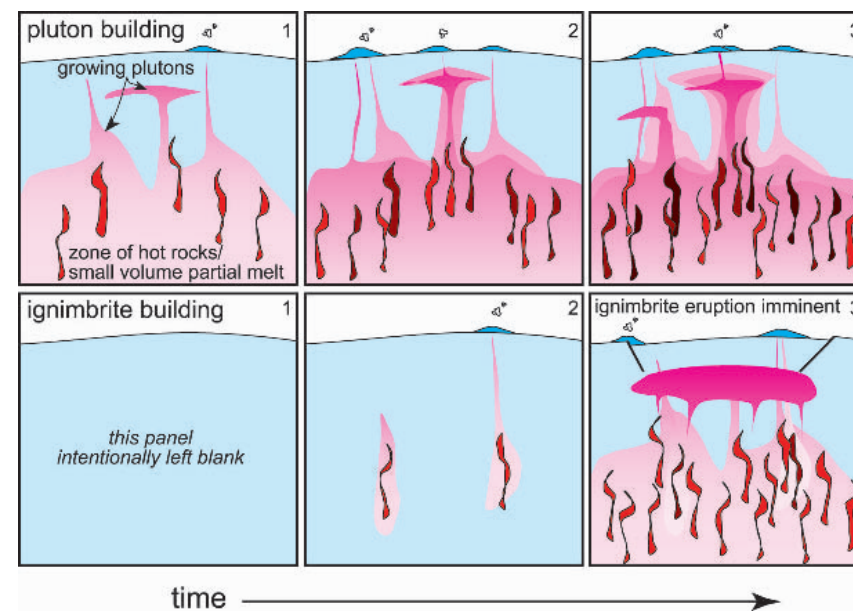


Glazner et al., *GSA Today*, 2004

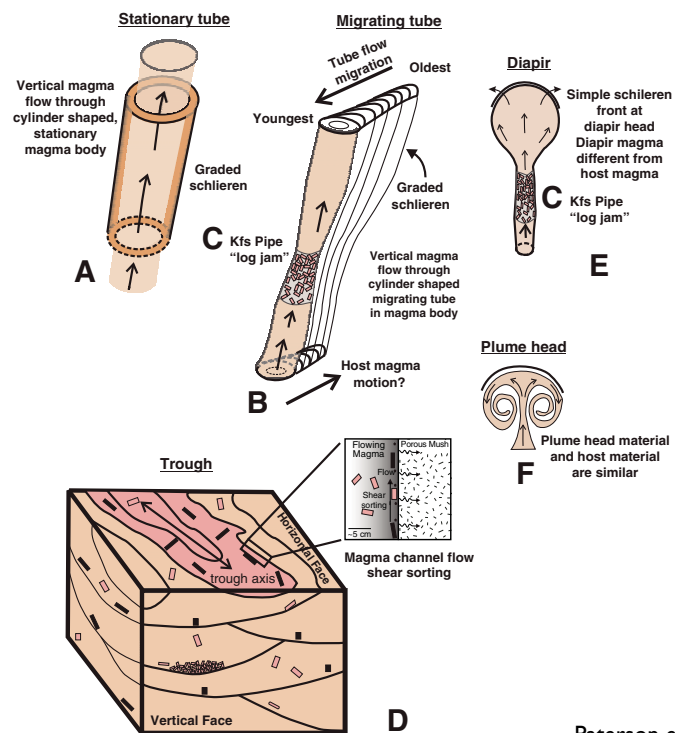


Coleman et al., *Geology*, 2004

On to something different if time. Have been finding with increasingly high resolution dating that plutons are in some cases very long lived. This groups suggestion is that plutons are built more by successive intrusions and not a big cauldron



Glazner et al., *GSA Today*, 2004



Paterson et al., *Geosphere*, 2009

Figure 18. Features discussed in this paper, possible relationships between different types of structures, and the relationships between mineral fabrics and accumulations. (A, B) Tubes. (C) Pipes; Kfs—K-feldspar. (D) Troughs. (E) Diapirs. (F) Plume heads. Some drawings are based on diagrams in Weinberg et al. (2001), but with a number of additions. Trough illustrations show typical relationships between trough cutoffs, mineral fabrics, magma flow directions, and crystal accumulations seen in the field. Arrows show implied magma flow directions in each structure.

