



StateMap Forum

4th Quarterly SM Forum

Topic: Correlation of Map Units

Announcements

- **Budgets and match**
 - Work with your Fiscal or Budget Officers to ensure that they will commit to the match or over-match
 - Your revised budget should be the final budget submitted to the program (Kim Dove)
- **Monitoring of StateMap spending accounts**
 - Please be proactive
 - Let us know, as early as possible, if you aren't able to spend the entire amount.
- **Call for Forum Topics!**

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CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS



Today's Agenda

- **US Geological Survey – Randy Orndorff**
 - **Featured on *Secrets of the Earth* – “Sinkholes”**
also with Jon Arthur (FGS) – (Weather Channel -
Season 2, Episode 4, air date 11/10/14)
- **Louisiana Geological Survey – Rick McCulloh**
- **Missouri Geological Survey – Edie Starbuck**
- **Utah Geological Survey – Grant Willis and
Bob Biek**

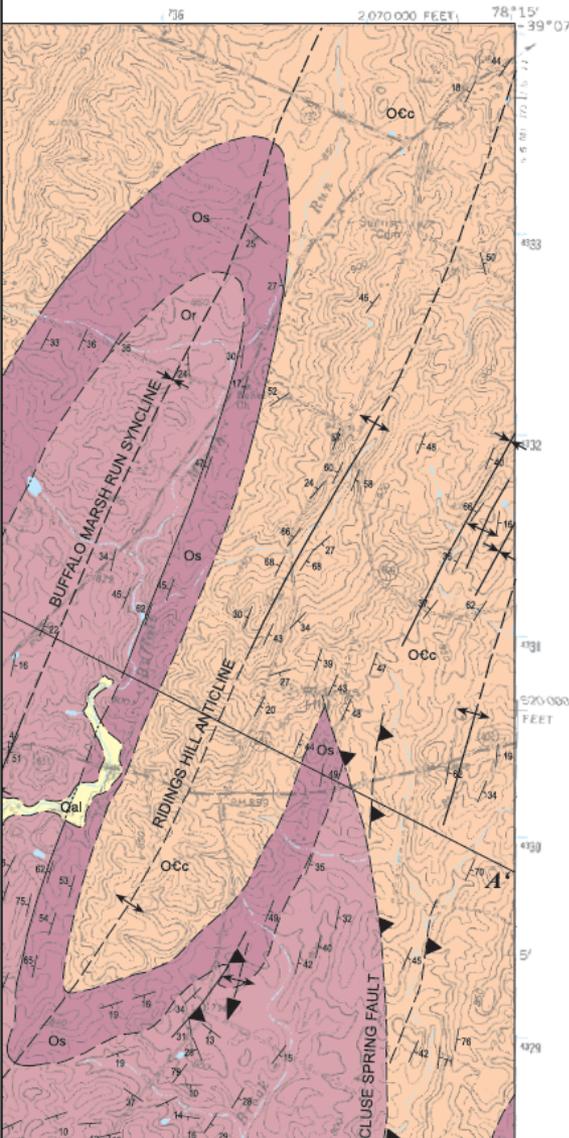
CMU

- What is a Correlation of Map Units?
- How is it used?
- What is the history of use at the USGS?
- CMU Standards
- CMU variability – how do they differ and why?

Why and What is a CMU?

- Effective communication
- Only place where units shown in proper sequence
- Author interpretation of position and age of units
- Important to include map symbol
- Does not include any descriptions
- Can show unconformities and other important items for the reader

Simple CMU from 7-1/2' bedrock map, stacked units



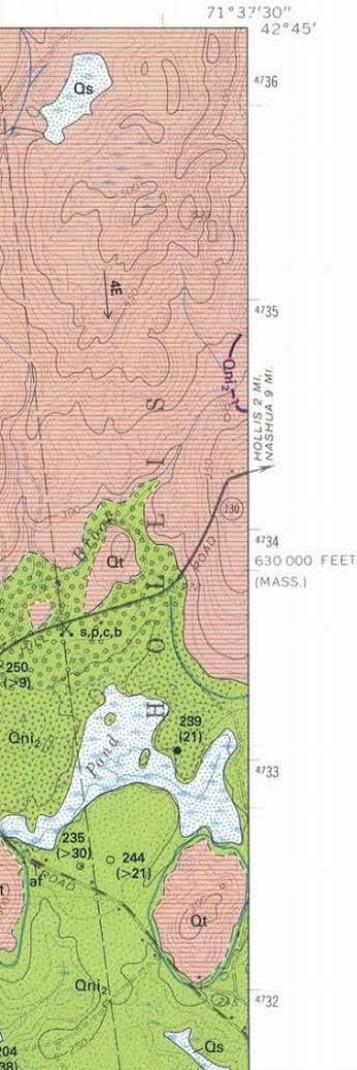
Qal	} Holocene	} QUATERNARY
Qt		
Unconformity		
Dh	} Upper Devonian	} DEVONIAN
Dc		
Db		
Dms		
Dm	} Middle Devonian	} DEVONIAN
Dmn		
DSow		
Sbr		
St	} Upper Silurian	} SILURIAN
Oj		
Oo	} Upper Ordovician	} ORDOVICIAN
Om		
Oms		
Oe		
Ol	} Middle Ordovician	} ORDOVICIAN
On		
Op	} Lower Ordovician	} ORDOVICIAN
Or		
Os		
OEc		
Ce	} Upper Cambrian	} CAMBRIAN
Cwb		
	} Lower Cambrian	

DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

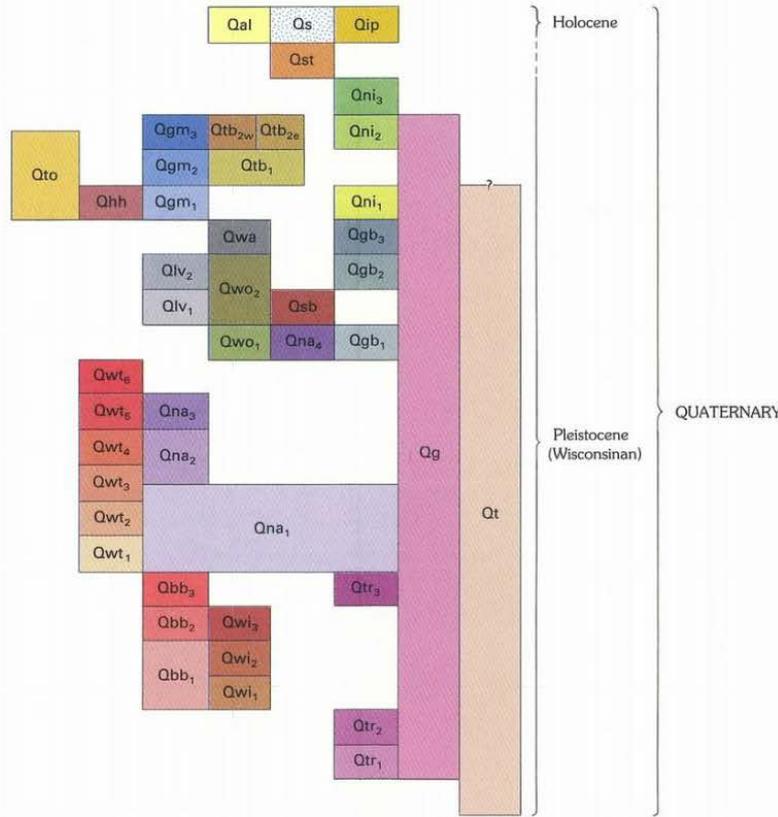
- Qal** Alluvium (Holocene and Pleistocene?)—Clay, silt, and lesser sand with angular to subrounded clasts, up to boulder size, derived from local bedrock. In area underlain by the Martinsburg Formation, consists of light-olive-gray, yellowish-gray, and pale-yellowish-orange to dark-yellowish-orange, well-bedded to crudely bedded, planar-bedded, clayey silt, with weathered shale fragments as much as an inch long; as much as 20 ft thick along Cedar Creek
- Qt** Terrace deposits (Pleistocene?)—Deeply weathered, grayish-orange silt matrix containing leached, generally rounded cobbles as much as 8 in. in diameter of reddish-brown and white sandstone, probably derived from rocks of Silurian and Devonian age. Thickness locally as much as 50 ft or more along Cedar Creek. Two terrace levels occur at about 40

- Om** **Martinsburg Formation (Upper and Middle Ordovician)**—interbedded shale and less graywacke-siltstone and graywacke-sandstone. Shale, medium-gray to dark gray at light-olive-gray, grayish-orange- and dark-yellowish-orange-weathering, commonly silt generally noncalcareous, although calcareous intervals occur in lower part of formation. Sandstone and siltstone (immature, generally lithic graywacke), medium-gray grayish-orange-weathering, very fine to fine-grained, commonly graded (fining upwards), lenticular, slightly calcareous to noncalcareous. Many small-scale crossbeds. Graywacke is more abundant and more thickly bedded higher in section (approximately 2,000 ft above base of Martinsburg) where it forms conspicuous ribs in creek beds and may comprise as much as 30 percent of some intervals that are several hundred feet thick. Thicker beds are generally graded and display characteristics of complete Bouma cycles, although Bouma cycles c-c appear to be most abundant. Contains a few load casts. Thickness approximately 2,600 ft; total regional thickness may be more than 5,000 ft. Best exposed in Catlett Run northwest of Virginia Highway 842; top of unit probably not exposed quadrangle
- Oms** Stickley Run Member (Middle Ordovician)—Includes all rocks above higher knobby-weathering limestone of the Edinburg Formation (Oe) up to and including rocks containing platy limestones interbedded with shales just below shales of middle part of Martinsburg Formation (Om). Limestone, medium-gray to grayish-black, olive-gray grayish-orange, and dark-yellowish-orange-weathering, very fine grained, laminated at very thin bedded to thin-bedded, argillaceous, commonly micro-graded. Shale medium-gray to medium-dark-gray, and calcareous. Also includes several thin beds of yellowish-brown metabentonite. Contact with the remainder of Martinsburg transitional where limestones become less abundant upwards. A few thin beds of graywacke, siltstone and very fine grained sandstone, generally less than 2 in. thick, are found near top. Calcareous shale averages 49 percent carbonate (range is 45 to 53 percent) and limestones average 75 percent (range is 65 to 85 percent). Includes rocks previously called Oranda Formation and several hundred feet of rock previously included with lower part of the Martinsburg Formation (Epstein and others, 1995). Thickness may be as much as 900 ft. Best exposed at its type locality along southeast side of northbound U.S. Highway 11 just past bridge over Cedar Creek
- Oe** **Edinburg Formation (Middle Ordovician)**—Interbedded limestone and calcareous shale. Limestone, medium- to medium-dark-gray, fine- to medium-grained, thin- to thick-bedded, irregularly bedded, knobby weathering. Calcareous shale, medium-dark- to very dark gray. Characterized by knobby weathering of fine-grained limestone bed interbedded with shale. Contains several thin beds of yellowish-brown metabentonite. Lower contact transitional with Lincolnshire Limestone (Ol) and placed at base of fine-grained knobby-weathering, argillaceous limestone; very dark gray, shaly limestone; or calcareous shale. Thickness about 500 ft. Best exposed along entrance ramp to southbound Interstate Highway 81 from U.S. Highway 11
- Ol** **Lincolnshire Limestone (Middle Ordovician)**—Limestone, dark-gray to very dark gray medium- to coarse-grained, medium-bedded with bedded black chert nodules; an bioclastic limestone, medium-gray, coarse-grained, thin-bedded. Lower contact placed at base of first dark-gray, medium-grained limestone above dove-gray, micritic limestone New Market Limestone (On). Thickness ranges from 75 to 105 ft. Best exposed along entrance ramp to southbound Interstate Highway 81 from U.S. Highway 11
- On** **New Market Limestone (Middle Ordovician)**—Limestone, medium-gray and dove-gray light-gray-weathering, thick-bedded, micritic, fenestral. Lower 10 ft is medium-

CMU from 7-1/2' surficial/glacial map



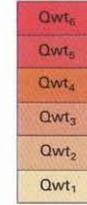
CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS



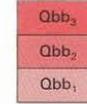
DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

(A layer of pale-orange windblown fine- to medium-grained sand and silt less than 3 ft (1 m) thick is present over much of the surface of the map area but is not shown. The lower part of this layer is generally mixed with underlying surficial deposits)

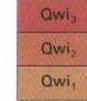
Qal Alluvium (Holocene)—Sand, silt, and minor gravel in flood plain along



West Townsend deposits (Pleistocene)—Sand, gravel, and minor silt deposited in successively lower pond levels between successive stagnant-ice margins and spillways east of Lunenburg Road. Thickness not well known, but ranges from as much as 30 ft (9.1 m) at the northern part to more than 70 ft (21.3 m) at the southern part



Bixby Brook deposits (Pleistocene)—Sand, gravel, and minor silt deposited in a successively lowering lake between successive stagnant-ice margins and spillways to the south and east. Unit Qbb₃ as much as 80 ft (24.4 m) thick; unit Qbb₂ as much as 70 ft (21.3 m) thick; and unit Qbb₁ more than 35 ft (10.7 m) thick



Witch Brook deposits (Pleistocene)—Sand, gravel, and minor silt deposited in a successively lowering lake between successive stagnant-ice margins and spillways, first in the Shirley quadrangle to the south and then east along Turner Road. Thickness not well known, but is at least 50 ft (15.2 m) for units Qwi₁ and Qwi₃ and as much as 30 ft (9.1 m) for unit Qwi₂



Uncorrelated meltwater deposits (Pleistocene)—Sand, gravel, and silt deposited by meltwater streams within or at the margin of stagnant ice. Thickness 20–40 ft (6.1–12.2 m). Deposition was in either a fluvial or lacustrine environment, but chronologic position and/or base-level controls are not well known



Till (Pleistocene)—Light- to dark-gray, nonsorted to poorly sorted mixture of clay, silt, sand, pebbles, cobbles, and boulders; contains some gravel. Thickness varies but generally is less than 20 ft (6.1 m); may be more than 50 ft (15.2 m) under the crests of drumlins



Artificial fill—Made land derived chiefly from till, meltwater deposits, and rock waste. Ruled pattern indicates area partly cut and partly filled, where geology is concealed by construction



Bedrock exposures—Individual exposures not shown completely in till areas. Ruled pattern indicates areas of abundant exposures and areas where surficial deposits are less than 10 ft (3 m) thick. Extent of ruled pattern mapped in part from aerial photographs

EXPLANATION OF MAP SYMBOLS

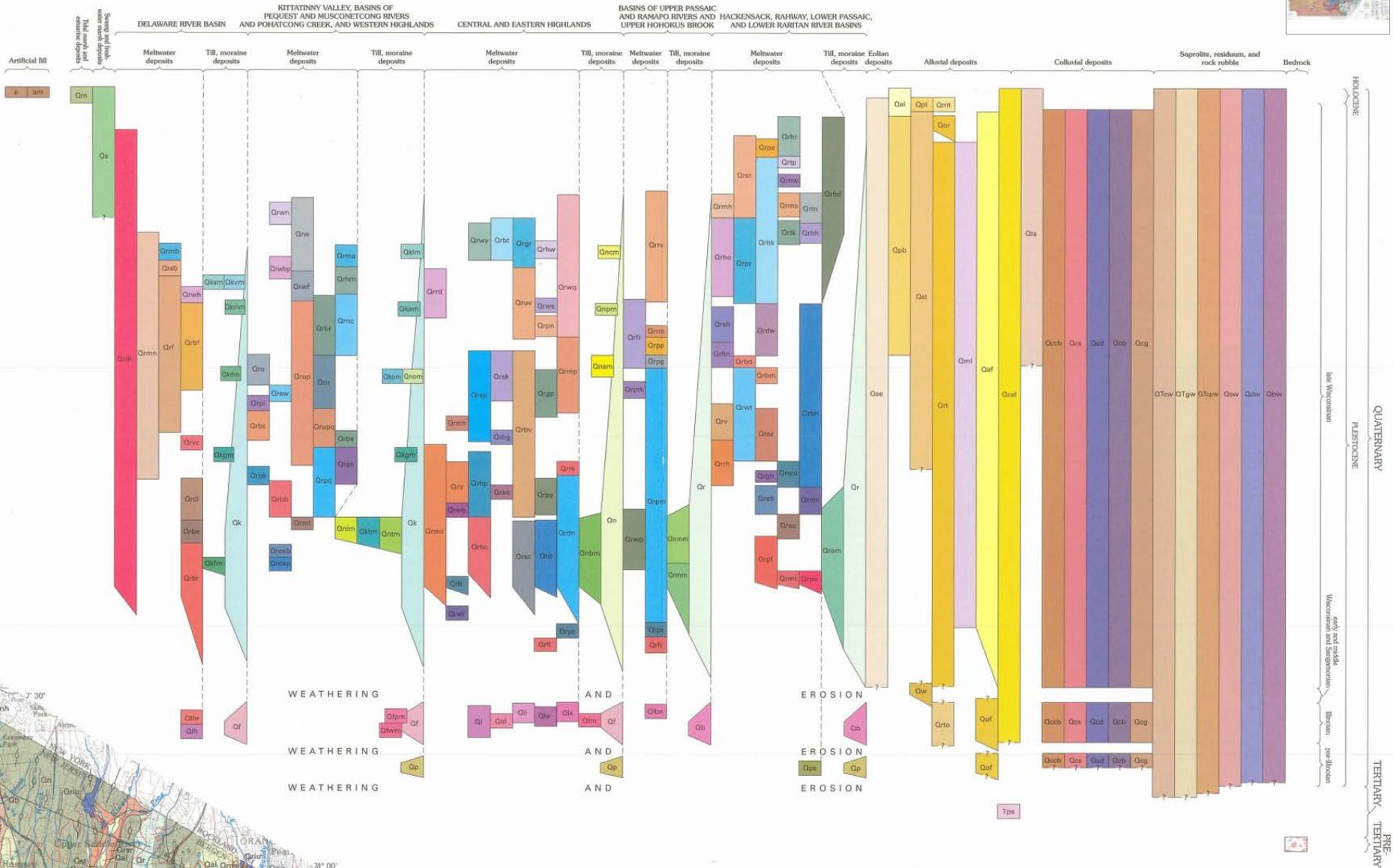
- Contact—Dashed where approximately located
- Qgb₃?— Retreatal ice position of stagnant ice front—Approximate position of ice margin during final stages of deposition of designated map unit. Dashed line indicates intermediate ice retreat position within unit; queried where doubtful

Complex CMU from 1:100,000-scale state surficial geologic map

MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATIONS SERIES
MAP I-25
Explanatory



CORRELATION OF MAP AND SUBSURFACE UNITS



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LGS – CMU EXAMPLE

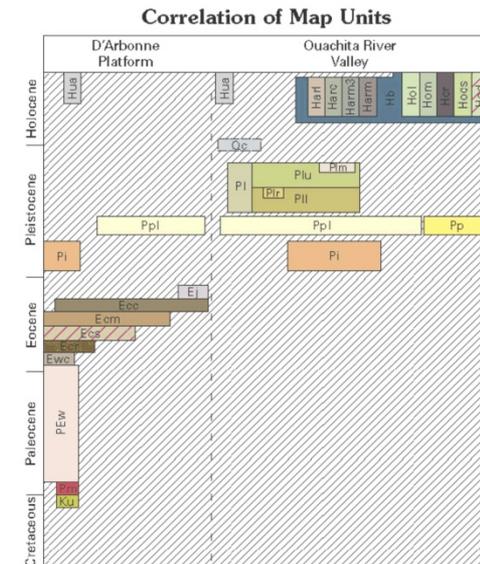
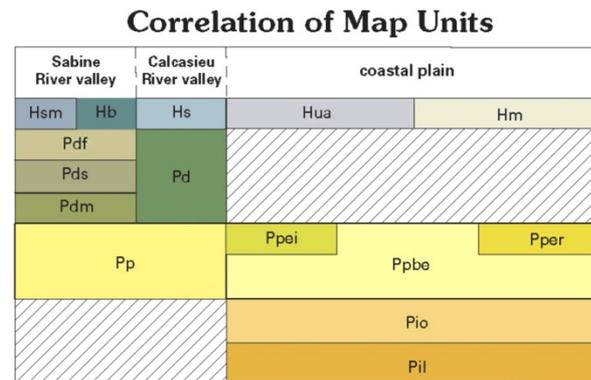
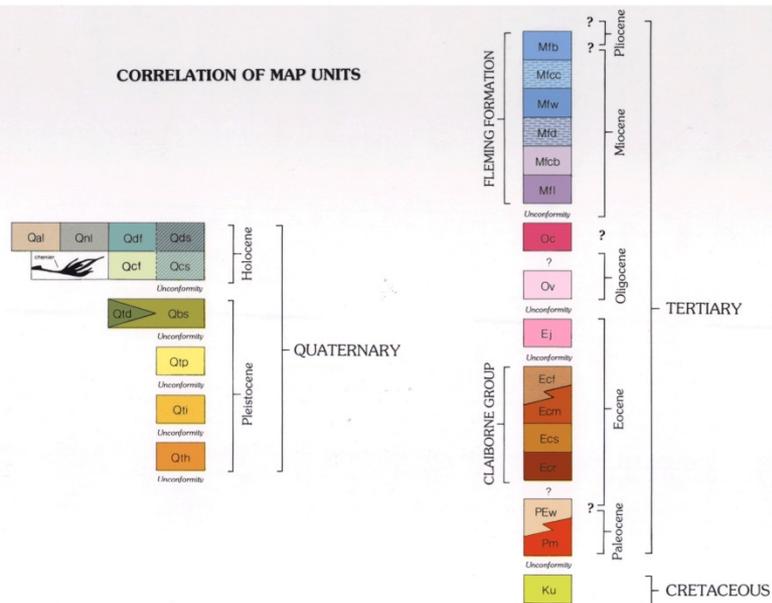


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Traditional
(space-economic)

Intermediate

Time-Scaling
(for represented series only)



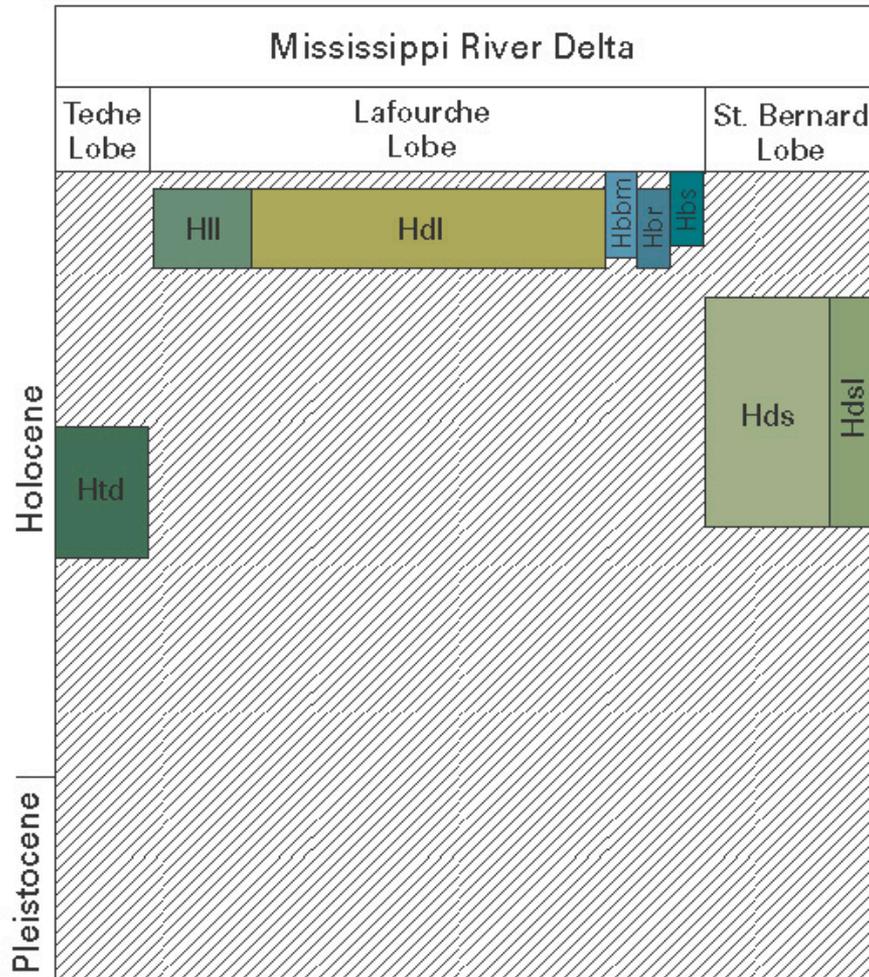
*Louisiana state geologic map
(1984)*

*Lake Charles 30 x 60
(2002)*

*Monroe South 30 x 60
(2010)*

Louisiana Geological Survey

Correlation of Map Units



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MGS – CMU EXAMPLE



CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS

Map Unit Symbol	System <i>Subsystem</i>	Series	Map Unit	Thickness (feet)
Pk	Carboniferous <i>Pennsylvanian</i>	Desmoinesian	Krebs Subgroup	0 - 40
~~ Unconformity ~~				
Mbk	Carboniferous <i>Mississippian</i>	Osagean	Burlington-Keokuk Limestone	0 - 120
Mcfg	Carboniferous <i>Mississippian</i>	Osagean and Kinderhookian	Fern Glen Formation and Kinderhookian Series	40 - 50
~~ Unconformity ~~				
Dssg	Devonian	Upper Devonian	Sulphur Springs Group	0 - 25
~~ Unconformity ~~				
Ok	Ordovician	Mohawkian	Kimmswick Limestone	0 - 90
Od	Ordovician	Mohawkian	Decorah Group	15 - 20
Op	Ordovician	Mohawkian	Plattin Group	120 - 130
Oj	Ordovician	Mohawkian	Joachim Dolomite	110 - 120
Osp	Ordovician	Mohawkian	St. Peter Sandstone	100 - 150*

* Complete thickness is not exposed on the Eureka 7.5' quadrangle

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UGS – CMU EXAMPLE

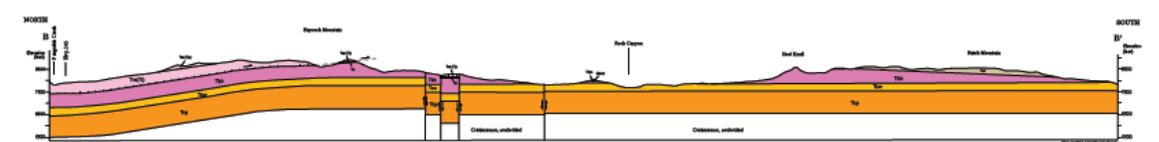
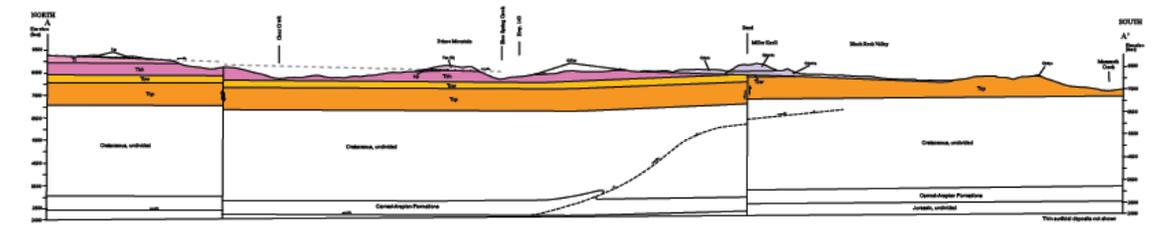
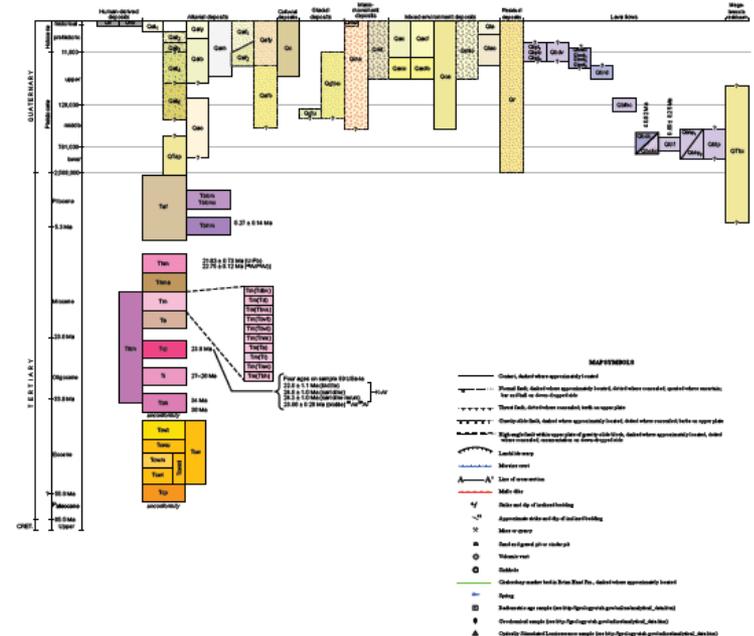


UGS – Panguitch quad – CMU plate placement

LITHOLOGIC COLUMN

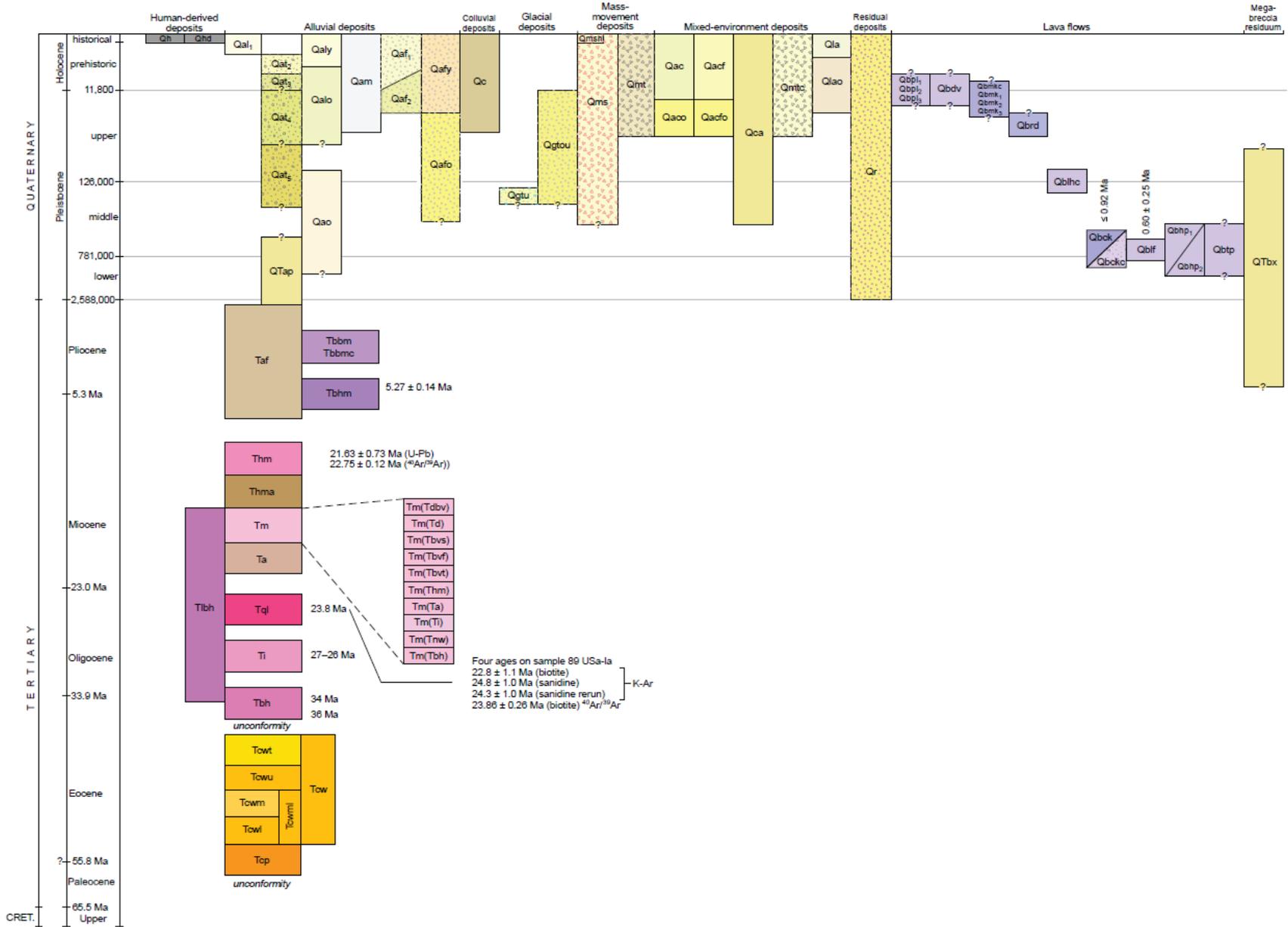
AGE	UNIT	MAP UNIT	MAP SYMBOL	THICKNESS (feet)	PLATE TECTONIC SETTING	DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT	DOMINANT ROCK TYPE AND WEATHERED PROFILE	NOTES		
Cretaceous	Permian	Washakie	Washakie	100-150	Subduction zone, accretionary prism, forearc basin, and backarc basin.	Non-basaltic basins to west and south-southwest on Mancosque Plateau, basaltic basins elsewhere.	sand and gravel, basaltic sandstone			
	Permian	Washakie	Washakie	100-150						
Tertiary	Miocene	Mojave	Washakie	Washakie	100-150					
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Cenozoic	Pliocene	Wasatch-Cache National Monument	Wasatch-Cache National Monument	Wasatch-Cache National Monument	Wasatch-Cache National Monument					
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CORRELATION OF MAPS

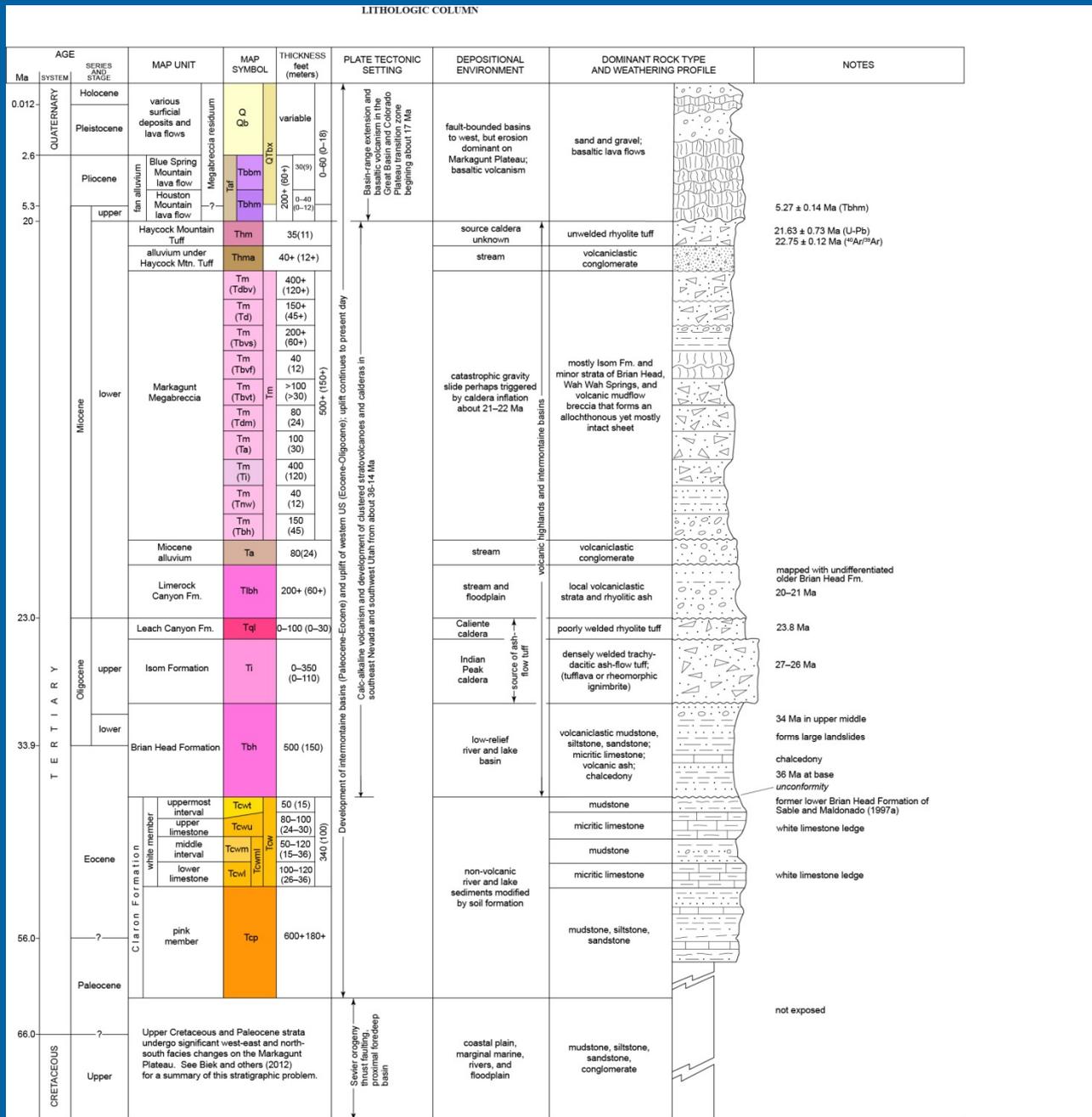


Utah Geological Survey – Panguitch Lake 7.5' quad

CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS



UGS – CMU and Strat Column



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CALIFORNIA GS – CMU EXAMPLES



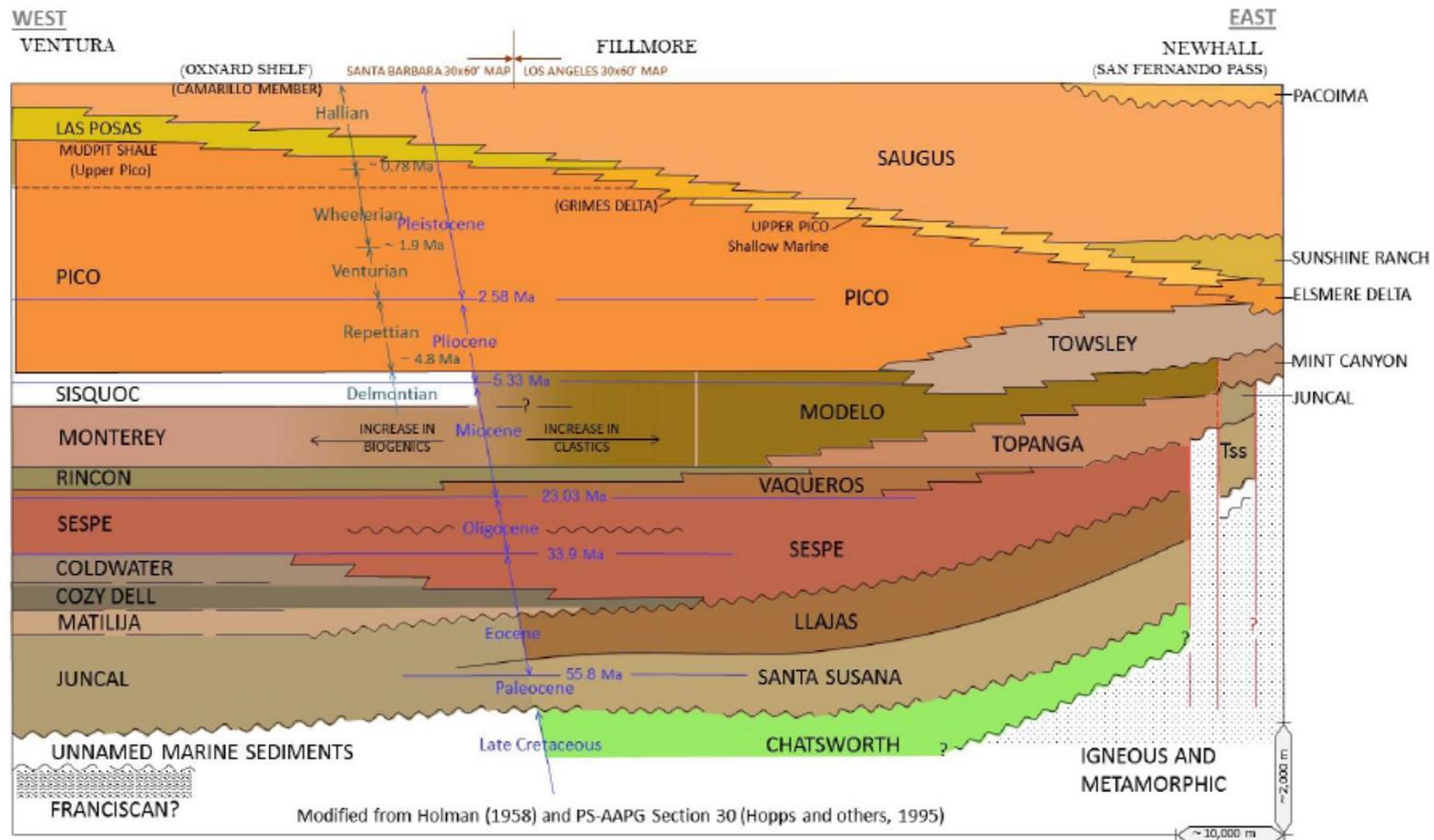


Figure A1. Diagrammatic longitudinal cross-section of the Ventura basin showing general relations of stratigraphic units.

ABBREVIATED EXPLANATION
Approximate stratigraphic relationships only;
see pamphlet for more detailed information

af Artificial fill	Qw Wash deposits	Qe Eolian deposits	Qa Alluvium	Qf Alluvial fan deposits	Qb Beach deposits	Qls Landslide deposits <i>(Only selected, larger landslides shown)</i>
			Young alluvium	Young alluvial fan deposits		
			Qya Undivided	Qyf Undivided		
			Qya₄ Unit 4	Qyf₅ Unit 5		
			Qya₃ Unit 3	Qyf₃ Unit 3		
			Qya₂ Unit 2	Qyf₂ Unit 2		
			Qya₁ Unit 1	Qyf₁ Unit 1		
			Old alluvium	Old alluvial fan deposits		
			Qoa Undivided	Qof Undivided		
			Qoa₃ Unit 3	Qof₄ Unit 4	Qoft Old alluvial fan deposits on wave-cut surface	Qoab Old alluvium and breccia
			Qoa₂ Unit 2	Qof₃ Unit 3	Qom Old Shallow marine deposits on wave-cut surface	Qob Old breccia
			Qoa₁ Unit 1	Qof₂ Unit 2		
				Qof₁ Unit 1		

Ventura Basin

Qpa Pacoima Formation
Saugus Formation
Qts/Qs Undivided
Qtsu Upper member
Qsc Camarillo member
Qsv Volcanic breccia
Qtsq Conglomerate
Qtsr Sunshine Ranch Member
Qtsru upper facies
Qtsrl lower facies
Qtse Elsmere Canyon delta plain facies

Los Angeles Basin

Qsp San Pedro Formation
Qti Ingelwood Formation
Qtms Sedimentary rocks of the Pacific Palisades area
Fernando Formation
Qtfu Upper Member
Qtfc pebbly sandstone
Qtfu fossiliferous
Qtfi Lower Member
Qtfc conglomerate

**Soledad Basin
and San Andreas
Fault Zone**

Juniper Hills Formation
Qth Undifferentiated
Qthc Clay shale member
Qthr Red arkose member
Qthm Mixed clast member

Very old alluvium

Qvoa Undivided
Qvoa₁ Unit 2
Qvoa₂ Unit 1

Very old alluvial fan deposits

Qvof Undivided
Qvof₂ Unit 2

Qlp Las Posas Formation
Pico Formation
Qtp Undivided
Qtpg Grimes Canyon deltaic facies
Qtpcu Coarse-grained upper facies
Qtpms Mudpit shale member
Qtpc Sandstone and conglomerate

Towsley Formation
Tw Undivided
Tws Siltstone
Twc Conglomerate
Twhc Hasley Conglomerate Member

Puente Formation
Tpn Undivided
Tpsl Siltstone
Tpsh Siliceous shale
Tpds Diatomaceous shale
Tpss Sandstone
Tpns Sycamore Canyon Member
Tpnsc conglomerate bed
Tpny Yorba Member
Tpsq Soquel Member

Tcs Castaic Formation, undivided
Punch Bowl Formation
Tpbc Clay shale member
Tpbv Volcanic clast member
Mint Canyon Formation
Tmc Undivided
Tmcd Lacustrine deltaic (foreset) facies
Tmcl Lacustrine bottomset facies
Tmcm Lacustrine and lake-marginal fluvial facies

**Western Los Angeles
Basin-Continental
Borderland**

Monterey Shale
Tmt Undivided
Tmtd Deformed
Trancas Formation
Tr Undivided
Tra Quartz-bearing calcareonites
Tz Zuma Volcanics

Modelo Formation
Tm Undivided
Tmsu Upper sandstone
Tm₅ Member 5
Tm₄ Member 4
Tm₃ Member 3
Tm₂ Member 2
Tm₁ Member 1
Tmd Diatomaceous shale
Tms Sandstone
Tmb "Burnt shale"
Tt Topanga Group, undivided
Tco Conejo Volcanics, undivided

Topanga Group
Tt₄ Oat Mountain unit 4
Tt₃ Oat Mountain unit 3
Tt₂ Oat Mountain unit 2
Tt₁ Oat Mountain unit 1

Topanga Group <i>(eastern Santa Monica Mtns.)</i>
Ttss Sandstone
Ttst Siltstone
Ttctg Conglomerate
Ttb Intrusive and extrusive volcanic rocks

Tick Canyon Formation
Ttk Undivided
Ttkc Conglomerate

Conejo Volcanics <i>(along north flank of Santa Monica Mtns.)</i>
Tcode Dacite-bearing epiclastic lenses
Tcod Dacite-bearing upper zone
Tcoa Andesitic central zone
Tcoaf Andesitic flows
Tcoaa Andesitic agglomerate
Tcoab Andesite breccia
Tcob Basaltic lower zone, basalt and andesitic basalt
Tcobf Basalt and andesitic basalt, basalt flows
Tcobb Basalt and andesitic basalt, basaltic breccia
Tcop Basaltic lower zone, pillow basalt
Tcobz Basaltic lower zone, basaltic sand

Conejo Volcanics <i>(upper plate of Malibu Bowl detachment fault)</i>
Tcom Malibu Bowl Tongue
Tcos Solstice Canyon Tongue
Tcor Ramera Canyon Tongue

Calabasas Formation <i>(central and western Santa Monica Mtns.)</i>
Tcb Undivided
Tcbvc Volcanic conglomerate
Tcbs Stokes Canyon Breccia Member

Calabasas Formation <i>(upper plate of Malibu Bowl detachment fault)</i>
Tcbmp Mesa Peak Breccia Member
Tcbn Newell Sandstone Member
Tcbd Dry Canyon Sandstone Member
Tcbl Latigo Canyon Breccia Member
Tcbe Escondido Canyon Shale Member

Ti Intrusive rocks, undivided
Tid Intrusive rocks, dacite
Tia Intrusive rocks, andesitic
Tib Intrusive rocks, basaltic
Tim Mixed rocks

Vasquez Formation <i>(Soledad basin and San Andreas fault zone)</i>
Tvz Undivided
Tvza Andesitic volcanic rocks
Tvzb Basaltic volcanic rocks
Tvzc Non-marine conglomerate
Tvzs Sedimentary rocks

Topanga Canyon Formation
Ttc Undivided
Ttcb Big Sycamore Member
Ttce Encinal Member
Ttcc Cold Creek Member
Ttcf Fernwood Member
Ttcs Saddle Peak Member

Vaqueros Formation <i>(central and western Santa Monica Mtns.)</i>
Tvn San Nicholas Member
Tvd Danielson Member

Rincon Formation
Trn Marine shale and mudstone
Vaqueros Formation
Tv Undivided
<i>(Topatopa Mtns. and eastern Santa Ynez Range)</i>
Tcw Coldwater Formation
Tcz Cozy Dell Formation
Matilija Formation
Tma Undivided
Tmasi Siltstone and shale

Sespe Formation
Tsp Piuma Member
Ts Undivided
Llajas Formation
Tl Undivided
Tlc Conglomerate
Santa Susana Formation
Tss Undivided
Tssl Limestone
Tlv Las Virgenes Formation

**San Gabriel Mountains and
Eastern Santa Monica Mountains**

Tj Juncal Formation

Tuna Canyon Formation <i>(central and western Santa Monica Mtns.)</i>
Kt Undivided
Kte Informal member 'e'
Ktd informal member 'd'
Ktc informal member 'c'
Ktb informal member 'b'
Ktr Trabuco Formation

Chatsworth Formation
Kc
Santa Monica Slate <i>(eastern Santa Monica Mtns.)</i>
Jsm Undivided
Jsms Spotted slate
Jsmf Phyllite
Jeg Echo granite

Kp Pelona Schist

Kgr Granitic rocks	Kgl Leucocratic granodiorite
Kto Tonalite	Ktoqd Tonalite and quartz diorite
Kgrd Granodiorite	Kgd Granodiorite
Ktowd Tonalite (Wilson Diorite of Miller, 1934)	
Mh Hornblende	Mdbh Biotite-hornblende diorite
Mhm Mylonite	Mdmb Hornblende-biotite diorite
Mdg Diorite gneiss	Mqdb Biotite-quartz diorite
	Mmg Biotite monzogranite
	Mmgp Porphyritic biotite monzogranite
	Md Biotite-hornblende quartz diorite, diorite, and gabbro
	Mhd Hornblende diorite
	Mha Alaskite

Mount Lowe Intrusive Suite
Flgd Undivided
Flgb Biotite-orthoclase facies
Flgdp Porphyritic facies
Flgdh Orthoclase-hornblende facies
Flgm Metamorphosed

Flhdg Hornblende diorite gabbro
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Pp Placerita Formation	Pgn Gneiss complex
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Anorthosite-gabbro complex of Oakeshott (1958) <i>Unit is composed of sub-units mapped and described by Carter (1980) including:</i>		
Ean Anorthosite	Ejgba Jotunitic-norite-gabbro-diorite	Egn Gneiss
Eagb Anorthosite with gabbro	Eggn Gabbroic to anorthositic gneiss	Esgn Syenite and Mendenhall Gneiss
Esy Syenite	Egb Gabbro	
Efgb Ferro-gabbro	Ehgb Hornblende bytownite gabbro	
Efg Leucogabbro	Egbla Anorthosite inclusion-rich gabbro	
Efgb Jotunitic gabbro		
Emgn Mendenhall Gneiss		

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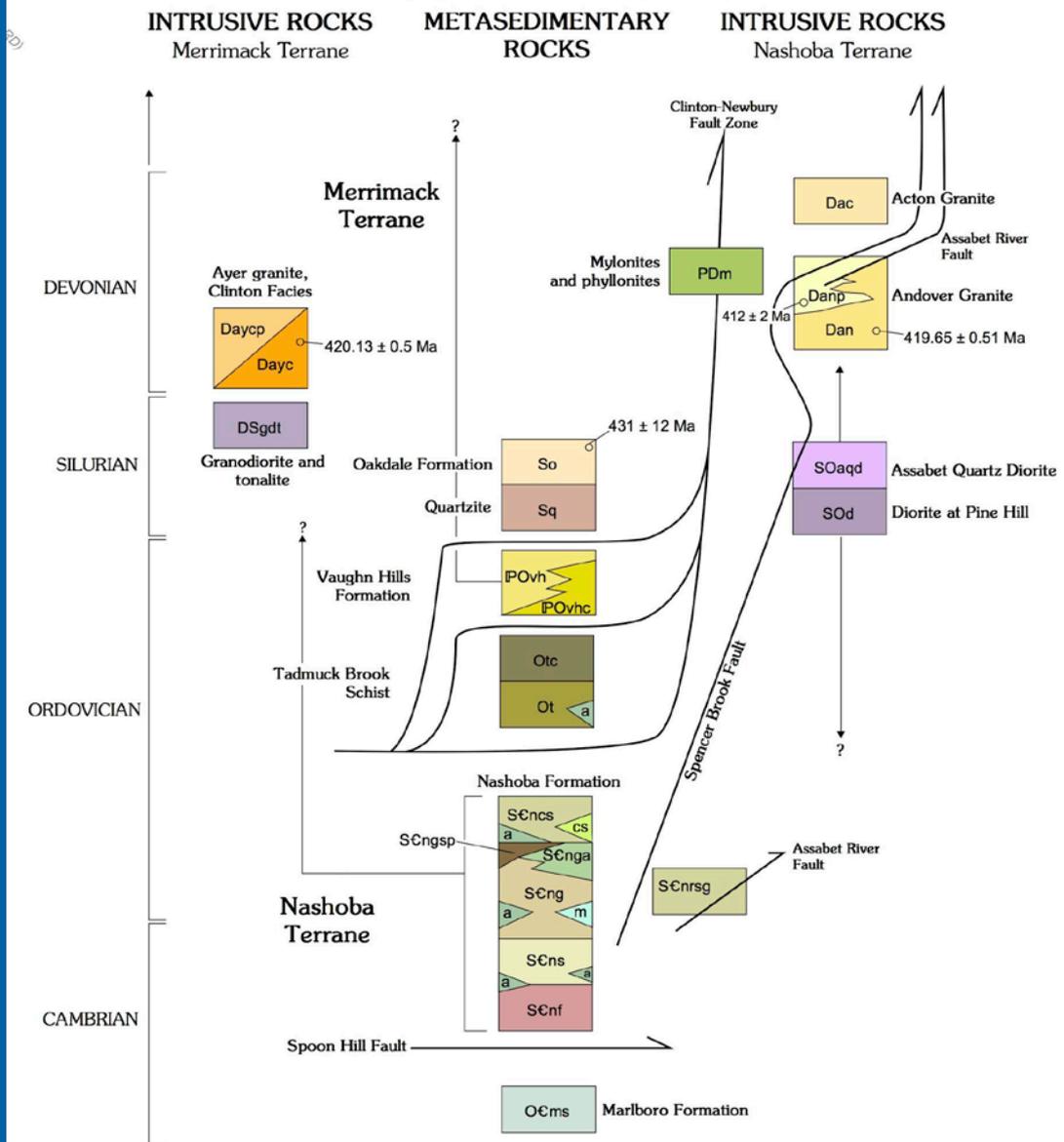
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CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS

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ILLINOIS STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

FROM: SURFICIAL GEOLOGY MAPS OF THE RANTOUL AND GIFFORD 7.5-MINUTE QUADRANGLES

QUATERNARY DEPOSITS

Description	Unit	Interpretation ¹
HUDSON EPISODE (~14,600 years before present (B.P.) to today) ²		
Areas of disturbed or removed geologic materials: texture ranges from clay to gravel; may include waste or other rubble	Disturbed ground (dg)	Deposits disturbed or modified by human activity in gravel pits, landfills, and other excavations
Sand, silt, clay, and gravel: massive to stratified; locally oxidized; calcareous; poorly sorted; contains beds of organic material; up to 15 feet thick	Cahokia Formation (undivided) (c)	Alluvium (stream deposits) mapped in floodplains along creeks and drainage ditches and in fan-shaped deposits where streams emerge from the moraines onto lower gradient slopes
Diamictic: massive to crudely stratified; sandy loam to silty clay; yellowish brown to gray; calcareous; similar texture and composition to the materials lying upslope; 5 to 20 feet thick	Peyton Formation (py)	Post-glacial slopewash and debris flow deposits lying on nearly flat to moderately inclined slopes along the western edge of the Illiana Moraine System
HUDSON AND WISCONSIN EPISODES (~23,000--~12,000 years B.P.) ²		
Silt and clay: stratified to massive; grayish brown; calcareous; may contain beds of diamictic, sand, or gravel; 5 to 20 feet thick	Equality Formation (e)	Proglacial and postglacial lake deposits fills depressions or low-lying areas on land surface
WISCONSIN EPISODE (~55,000--~23,000 years B.P.) ²		
Sand and gravel: contains some beds of silt; brown to yellowish brown; calcareous; well to poorly sorted; up to 25 feet thick	Henry Formation (h)	Glaciofluvial sediment (outwash) deposited by glacial meltwater in streams and rivers that drained the former ice sheets
Diamictic: silt loam to silty clay texture; stiff to very stiff; calcareous; on steep-sided hillocks and hollows; 10 to 30 feet thick	Yorkville Member, Lemont Formation (hummocky facies) (l-y(h))	Till and ice-contact sediment derived directly from glacial ice; surface topography is hummocky; formed by uneven downwasting of supraglacial sediment or collapse of ice surface over subglacial drainage channel; present in areas trending from southwest to northeast
Diamictic: silt loam to silty clay; gray to brown; stiff to very stiff; calcareous; contains beds of sand and gravel; found on moderately sloping to rolling terrain; 10 to 30 feet thick	Yorkville Member, Lemont Formation (undulating facies) (l-y(u))	Till and ice-contact sediment derived directly from glacial ice; surface topography is undulating; present east of the western edge of the Illiana Moraine System
Diamictic or sand, silt and clay: diamictic is sandy loam to silt loam; gray to grayish brown; calcareous; stiff to very stiff; contains beds of sand, silt, and gravel; 25 to 75 feet thick	Batestown Member, Lemont Formation (l-b)	Till and ice-marginal sediment forms end moraines and ice disintegration topography present west beyond the Illiana Moraine System; may include hummocky moraine, deposits in sediment- and ice-dammed lakes, and outwash
Diamictic: loam; grayish brown to reddish gray; calcareous; very stiff; 10 to 50 feet thick	Tiskilwa Formation (cross section only) (t)	Till and ice-marginal sediment derived directly from glacial ice; encountered in the subsurface only, underlying the Batestown Member
Sand and gravel with silt: pebbly and cobbly; brown to grayish brown; calcareous; well to poorly sorted; 10 to 20 feet thick	Ashmore Tongue, Henry Formation (cross section only) (h-a)	Glaciofluvial sediment (outwash) deposited by glacial meltwater in streams and rivers that flowed from an advancing Tiskilwa ice margin; not consistently differentiable from underlying deposits correlated to the Pearl and Glasford Formations
Silt and fine sand: massive to crudely stratified; very dark grayish brown; leached; may contain humus, peat, wood, and/or fossil snails; 5 to 15 feet thick	Robein Member, Roxana Silt (cross section only) (r-r)	Proglacial eolian or lacustrine sediment containing a weakly developed paleosol (Farmdale Geosol) deposited on a former land surface that was well to poorly drained; includes silty slopewash sediment where deposited on or near slopes; originally widespread

SANGAMON AND ILLINOIS EPISODES (~200,000–130,000 years B.P.)

Fine to coarse sand with gravel; yellowish brown to grayish brown; calcite cemented in places; incised into the Vandalia Member; upper part weathered in profile of Sangamon Geosol; 30 to 150 feet thick	Pearl Formation (cross section only) (pl)	Glaciofluvial sediment (outwash) deposited by glacial meltwater in streams and rivers that flowed from former Vandalia ice margins; contains the Sangamon Geosol in the upper part except where eroded
Diamictic, sand and gravel, and silt and clay; interstratified; includes sediments previously assigned to the Berry Clay, Radnor Member, Toulon Member, or Roby Silt; upper part weathered in profile of Sangamon Geosol; 30 to 90 feet thick	Vandalia Member, Glasford Formation upper unit (cross section only) (g-v3)	Proglacial or ice-contact sediment deposited by glacial meltwater or sediment gravity flows (debris flows) along or in front of former Vandalia ice margins; contains the Sangamon Geosol in the upper part except where eroded
Diamictic, sand and gravel, and silt and clay; interstratified; includes sediments previously assigned to the Radnor Member, Toulon Member, or Roby Silt; 15 to 130 feet thick	Vandalia Member, Glasford Formation middle unit (cross section only) (g-v2)	Subglacial or ice-contact sediment derived directly from glacial ice or deposited by glacial meltwater; deposition is interpreted to have occurred within an area of fast-flowing ice, possibly an ice stream; associated with the deglacial phase of the Illinois Episode glaciation
Diamictic: silt loam to loam; grayish brown; calcareous; contains beds of sand, silt, and gravel; hard; 5 to 70 feet thick	Vandalia Member, Glasford Formation lower unit (cross section only) (g-v1)	Till and associated sediment derived directly from glacial ice; nearly continuous deposit, regionally
Sand and gravel; pebbly; grayish brown; contains some beds of silt or diamictic; calcareous; well to moderately well sorted; 10 to 50 feet thick	Grigg tongue 2, Pearl Formation (cross section only) (pl-g2)	Fluvial and glaciofluvial sediment deposited in front of advancing Vandalia ice margins, or outflow from lakes ponded behind these ice margins; not consistently differentiable from underlying deposits of the Mahomet Sand Member where intervening tills are absent

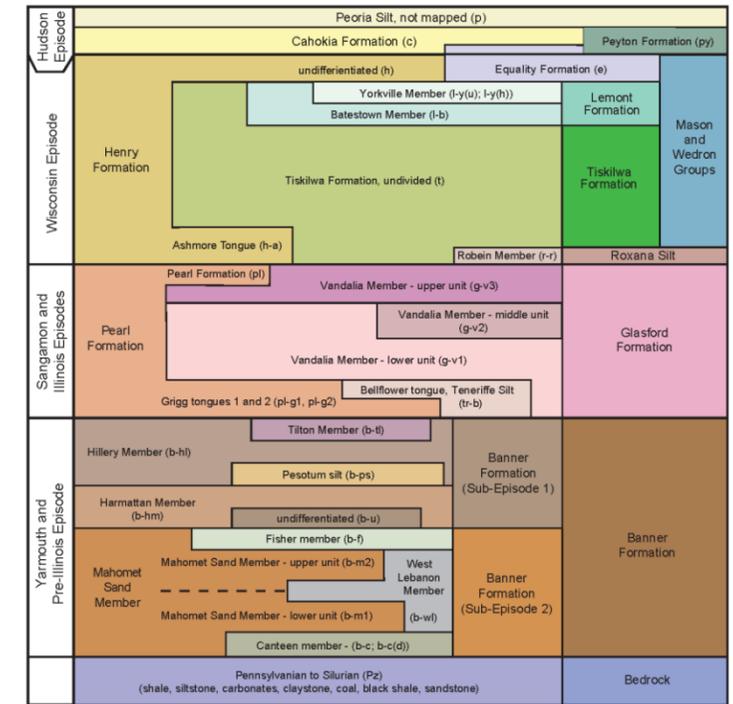
PRE-ILLINOIS EPISODES (>1,000,000–430,000 years B.P.)³ Sub-Episode 1

Diamictic: silt loam to loam; grayish brown; calcareous; hard upper part weathered in profile of Yarmouth Geosol; 5 to 15 feet thick	Tilton Member, Banner Formation (cross section only) (b-tl)	Till and ice-marginal sediment derived directly from glacial ice; in a few places may contain evidence of Yarmouth Geosol weathering profile (i.e., oxidation, leaching of primary carbonate minerals, and pedogenic features) in upper 10 feet
Diamictic: loam; reddish brown to grayish brown; calcareous; contains beds of sand, silt, or gravel; hard; may contain material eroded from underlying deposits (e.g., wood and peat); upper part weathered in profile of Yarmouth Geosol; 5 to 90 feet thick	Hillery Member, Banner Formation (cross section only) (b-hl)	Till and ice-marginal sediment derived directly from glacial ice; in a few places contain evidence of Yarmouth Geosol weathering profile (i.e., oxidation, leaching of primary carbonate minerals, and pedogenic features) in upper 10 feet
Sub-Episode 2 Sand, diamictic, and silt; sandy loam to silty clay loam; black to greenish gray; leached to weakly calcareous; hard; may contain peat, wood, and/or small shells; 10 to 40 feet thick	Fisher member, Banner Formation (cross section only) (b-f)	Fluvial or lacustrine sediment deposited on a former floodplain of a river flowing in the Mahomet Bedrock Valley; the land surface was poorly drained and occasionally covered by overbank deposits or slopewash
Sand and gravel; brown to grayish brown; contains some beds of silt; calcareous; well to moderately well sorted; 10 to 50 feet thick	Mahomet Sand Member, Banner Formation, upper unit (cross section only) (b-m1)	Glaciofluvial sediment (outwash) deposited in the Mahomet Bedrock Valley by streams flowing in front of advancing/rereating ice margins located to the northeast of the map area
Diamictic: sandy loam to clay loam; brown to pinkish gray; calcareous; contains intervals of sand and gravel or silt and clay; hard; 5 to 30 feet thick	West Lebanon Member ⁴ , Banner Formation (cross section only) (b-wl)	Till and associated sediment derived directly from glacial ice flowing into the area from a northern or eastern ice source
Sand and gravel; pebbly to cobbly; brown; locally contains beds of silt or diamictic; calcareous; well to moderately well sorted; 20 to 100 feet thick	Mahomet Sand Member, Banner Formation lower unit (cross section only) (b-m2)	Glaciofluvial sediment (outwash) deposited in the Mahomet Bedrock Valley by streams flowing in front of advancing ice margin located to the northeast of the map area

PRE-ILLINOIS EPISODE AND OLDER

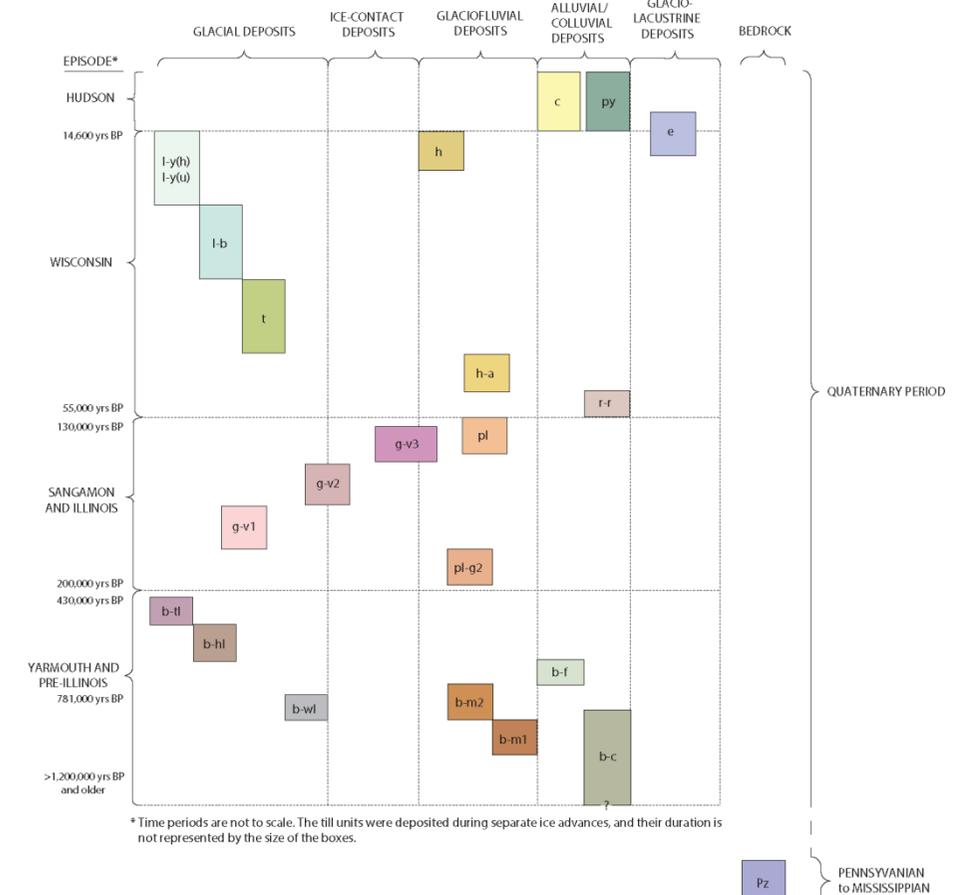
Diamictic, silt, clay, and sand and gravel; crudely stratified; olive brown; calcareous or leached; contains a higher proportion of fragments of the local bedrock; 10 to 40 feet thick	Canteen member, Banner Formation (cross section only) (b-c)	Fluvial and lacustrine sediment, colluvium, or weathered bedrock that accumulated in the Mahomet Bedrock Valley prior to the latest pre-Illinois Episode glaciation
Shale, siltstone, claystone, and underlay; upper part is soft, fissile, and fractured; locally contains siderite nodules, plant macrofossils, and slickensides	Pennsylvanian or Mississippian bedrock (cross section only) (Pz)	Bedrock: includes strata having a marine or terrestrial origin that form an irregular surface with valleys and uplands, shaped by multiple cycles of erosion from water and glacial ice

¹ Generally, the Wisconsin Episode sediments mapped at the land surface are overlain by 1 to 5 feet of wind-deposited silt (oozes).
² The time periods for the Wisconsin Episode and the Hudson Episode are reported as calibrated radiocarbon years and can be directly compared to calendar years before 1950 (Stuiver et al. 2005).
³ The subdivision of sediments assigned to the pre-Illinois Episode is discussed in Stumpf and Dey (2012).
⁴ The West Lebanon "Til" Member was previously only mapped in western Indiana by Bleuer (1976).

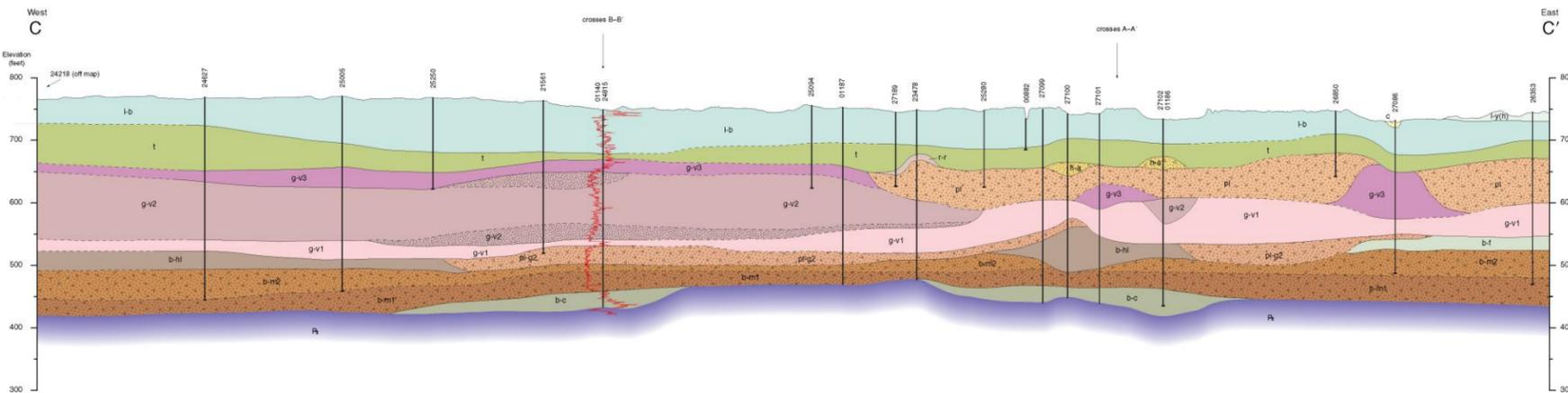


Schematic vertical and intertonguing relationships among the lithostratigraphic units for Quaternary sediments in east-central Illinois.

CORRELATION OF MAPPING UNITS



* Time periods are not to scale. The till units were deposited during separate ice advances, and their duration is not represented by the size of the boxes.



Geologic cross section across the Mahomet Bedrock Valley in east-central Illinois.

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QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION



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