

Oligocene magmato-tectonic events influential in the development of Pb-Zn, Ag and Au mineralization at the Plomosas deposit, southwestern Sierra Madre Occidental, Mexico

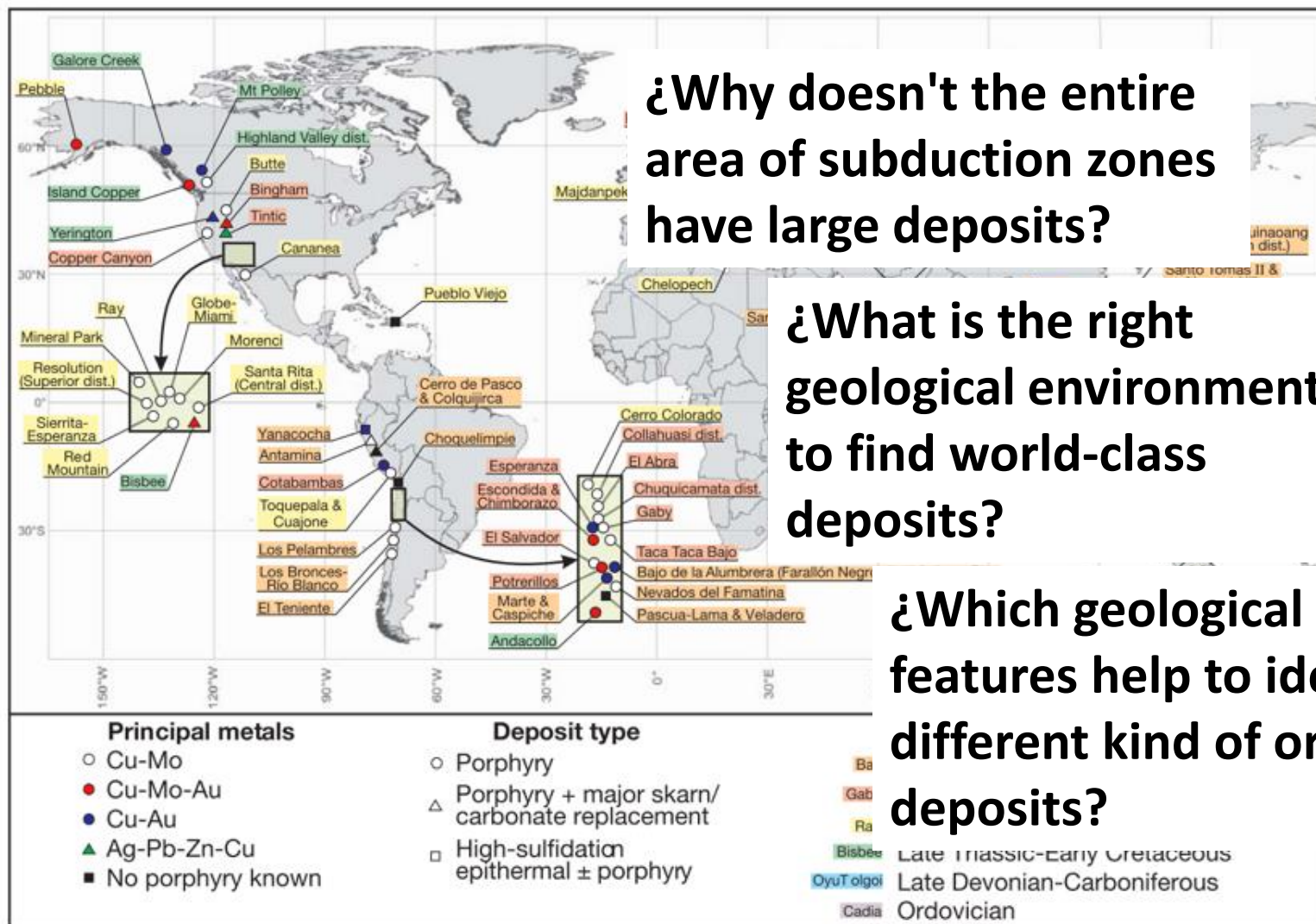
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Key highlights

- Magmatic-tectonic setting and its relationship to ore deposits
- Understanding the implications of tectonic events applied to ore genesis
- Preservation of world-class deposits
- Mineralization overprint explained from a regional point of view

Magmatic-tectonic setting and its relationship to ore deposits

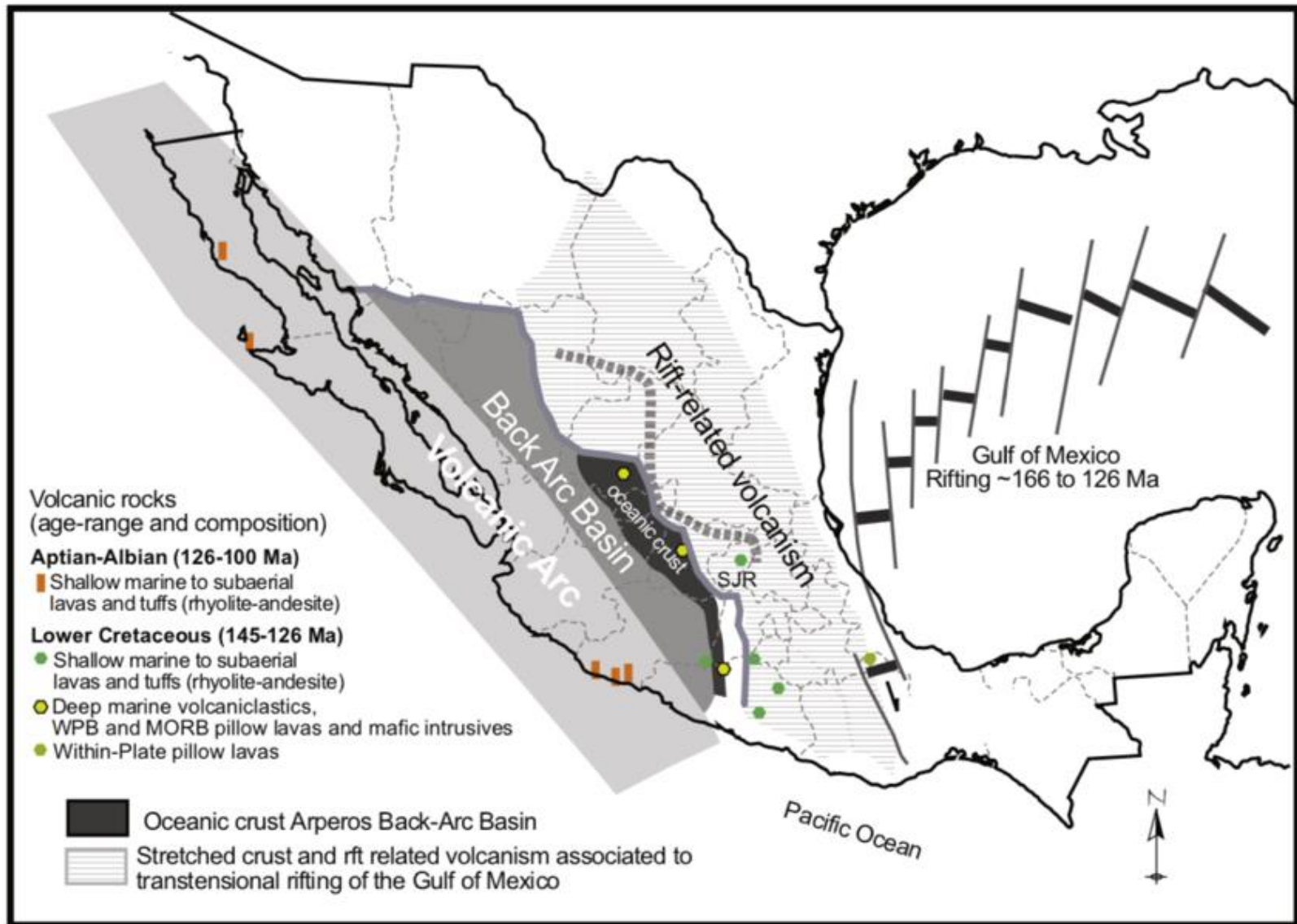


¿Why doesn't the entire area of subduction zones have large deposits?

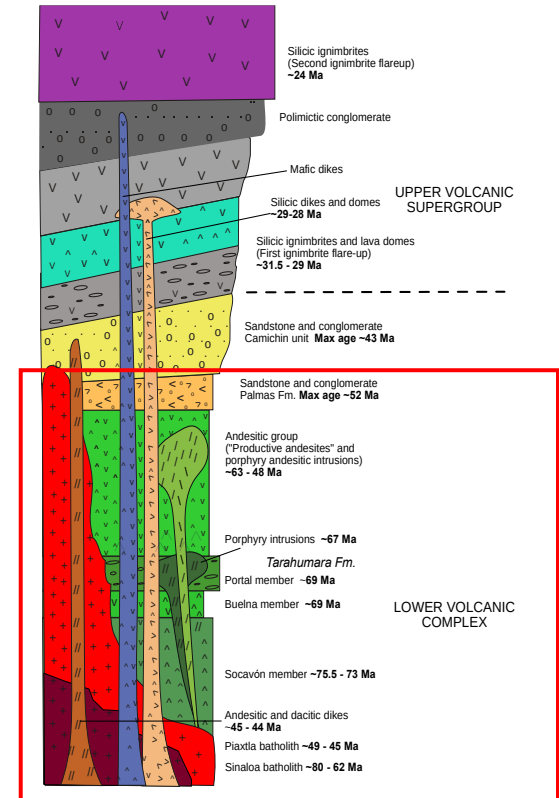
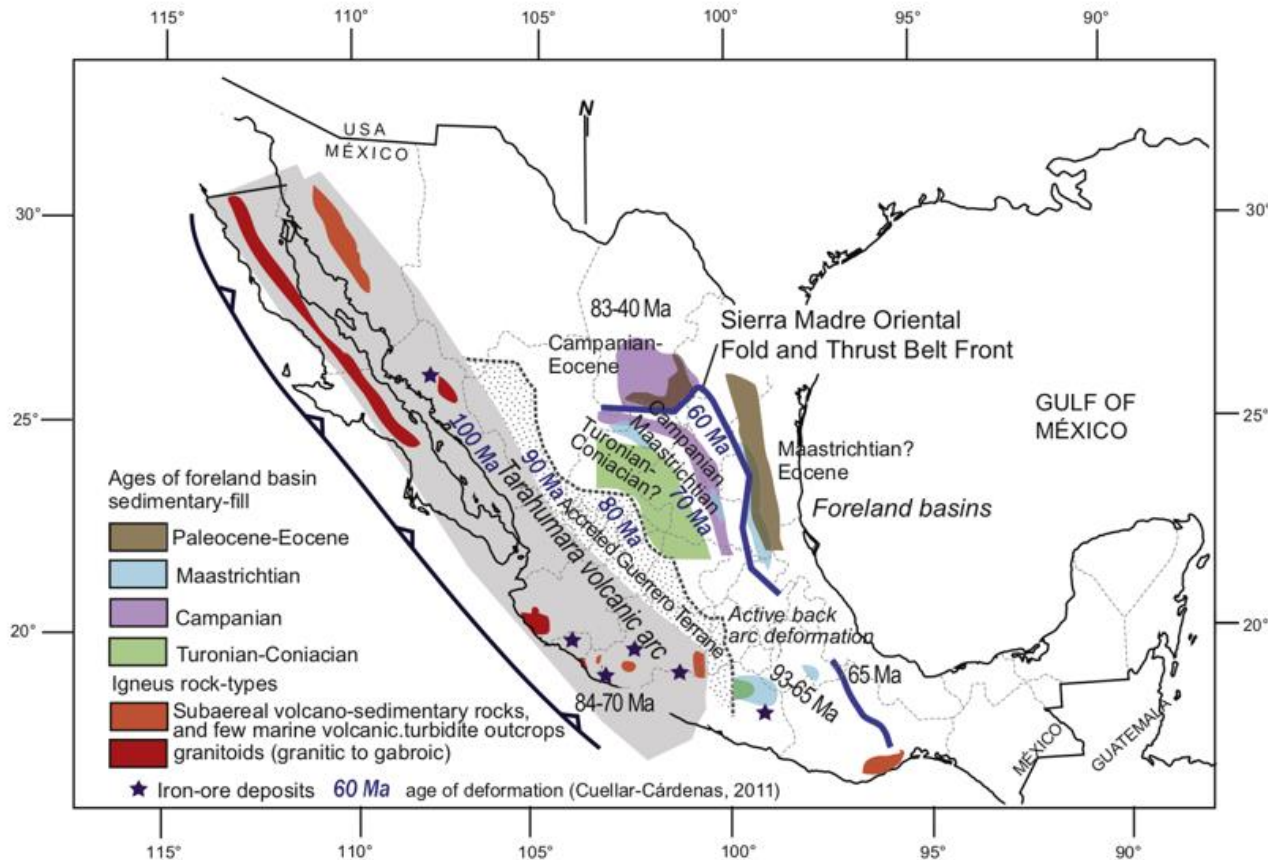
¿What is the right geological environment to find world-class deposits?

¿Which geological features help to identify different kind of ore deposits?

Terrain Guerrero Suture

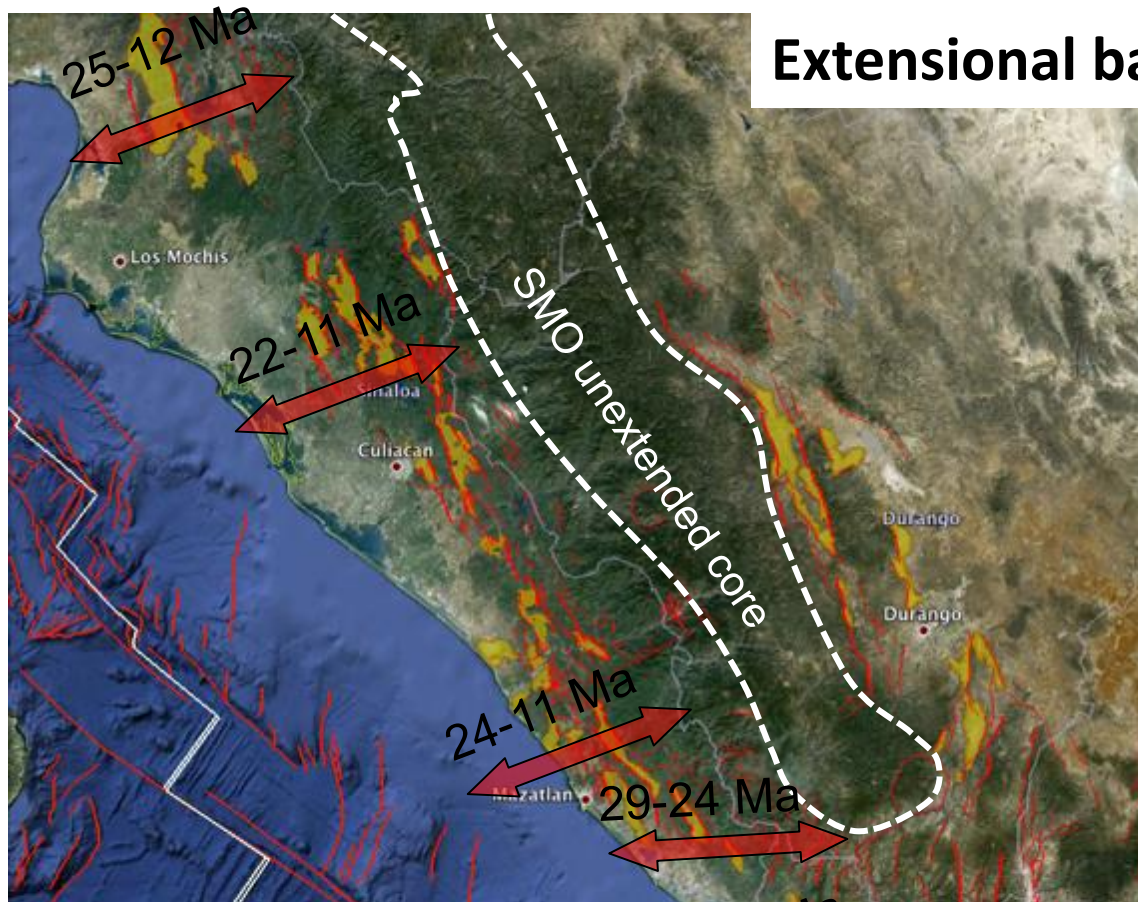


Strain and Laramide magmatism at North of México



Extensión del Oligoceno

Extensional basins 29-12 Ma



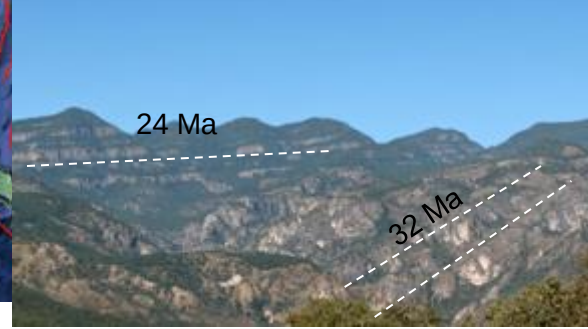
Sinaloa and Nayarit extension begins in the late Oligocene, causing an angular unconformity between the Oligocene (32-29 Ma) and early Miocene (24-20 Ma) ignimbritic sequences.

Ferrari et al., 2002, Tectonics
Ferrari et al., 2013, Geosphere
Duque et al., 2015, GSA Bull.
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Piaxtla River valley (Tayoltita)



Baluarte River valley



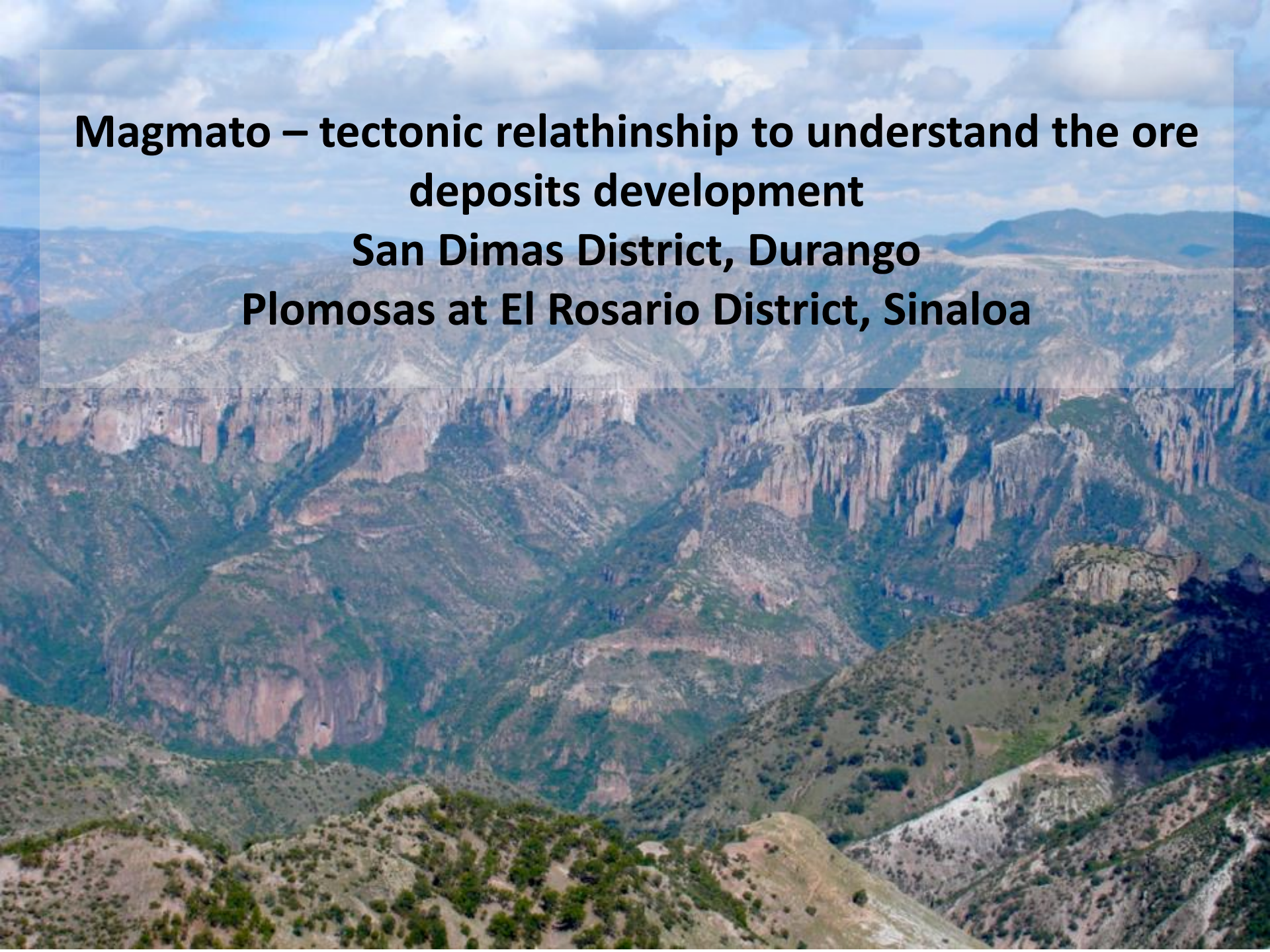
Presidio River valley



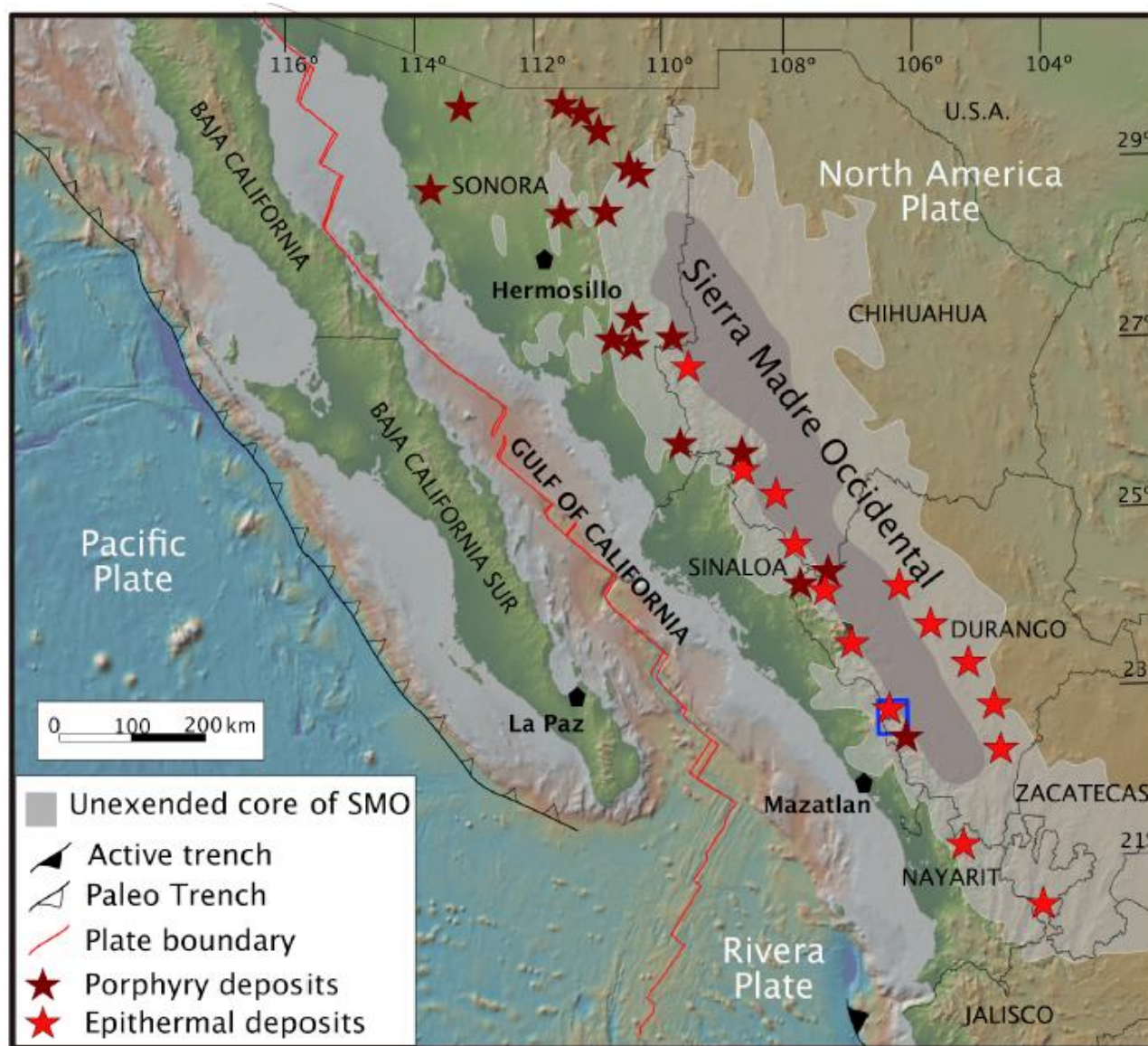
**Magmato – tectonic relationship to understand the ore
deposits development**

San Dimas District, Durango

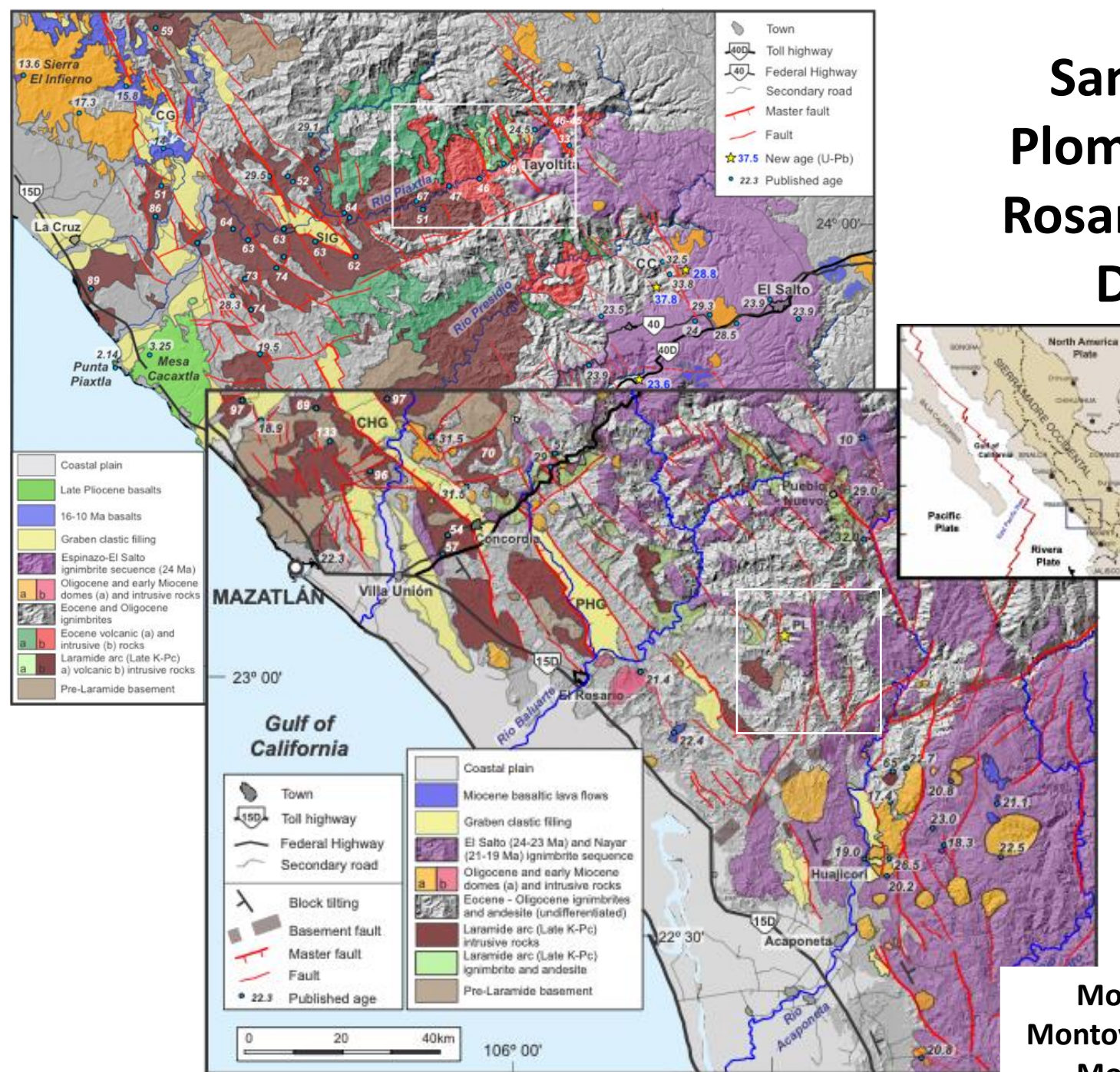
Plomosas at El Rosario District, Sinaloa



Magmatism and ore deposit development

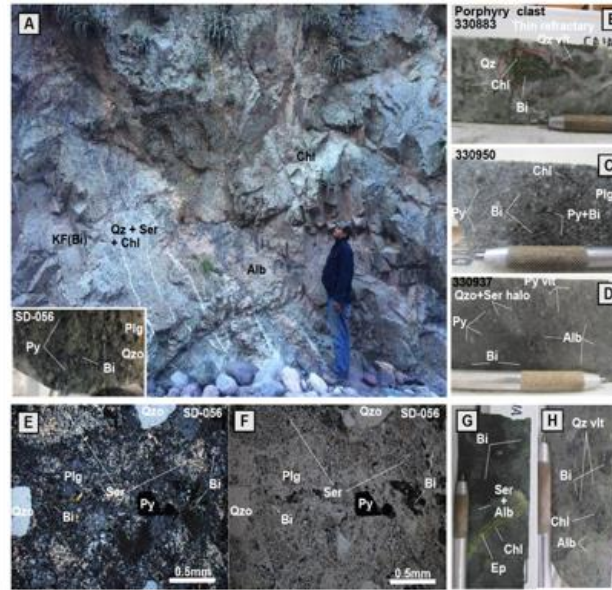
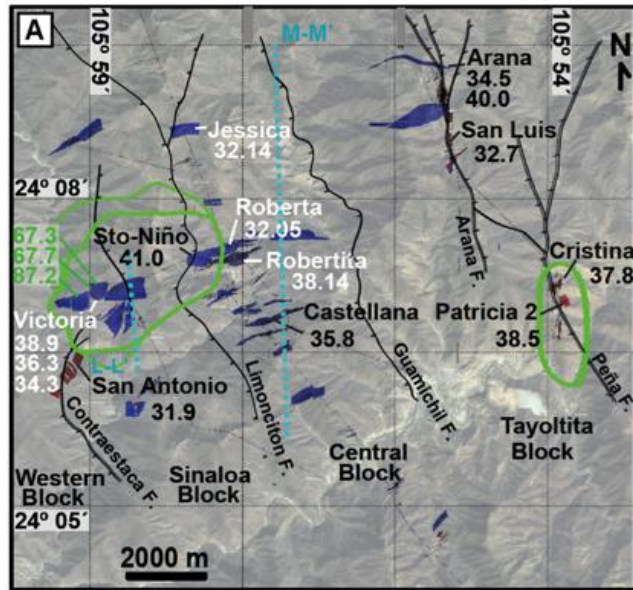


San Dimas, Plomosas at El Rosario Mining District

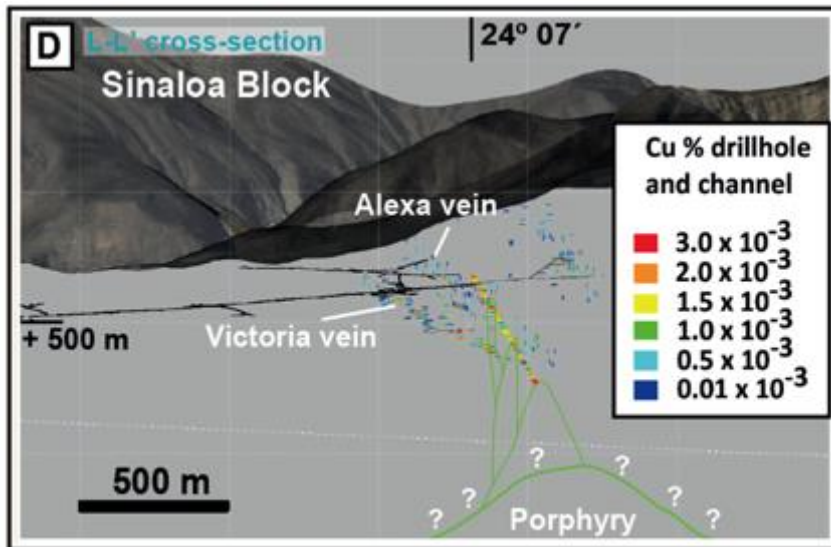


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Cretaceous Cu-Mo Porphyry mineralization

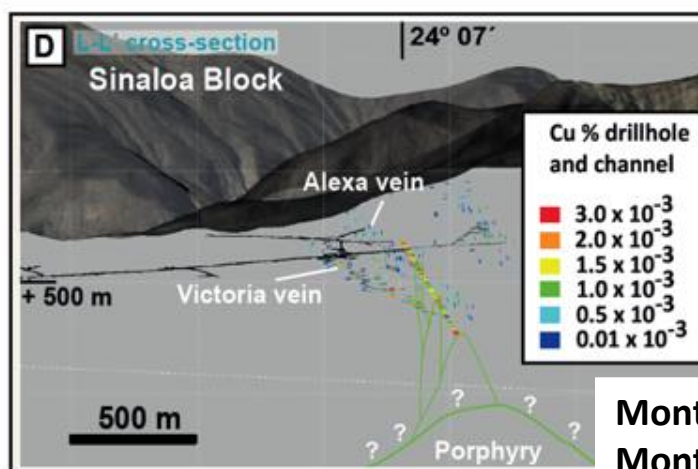
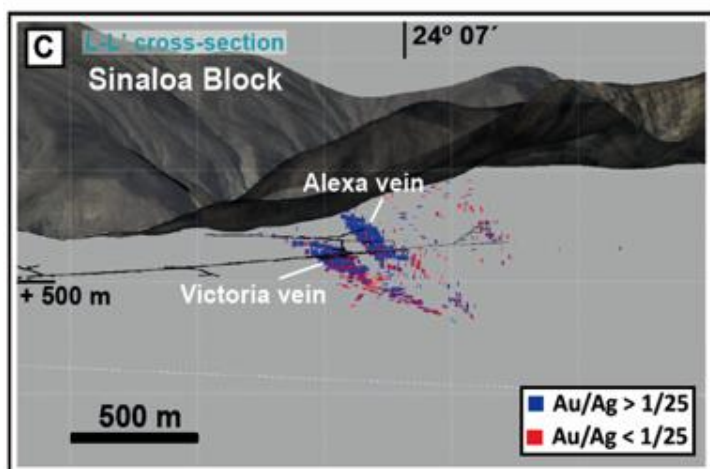
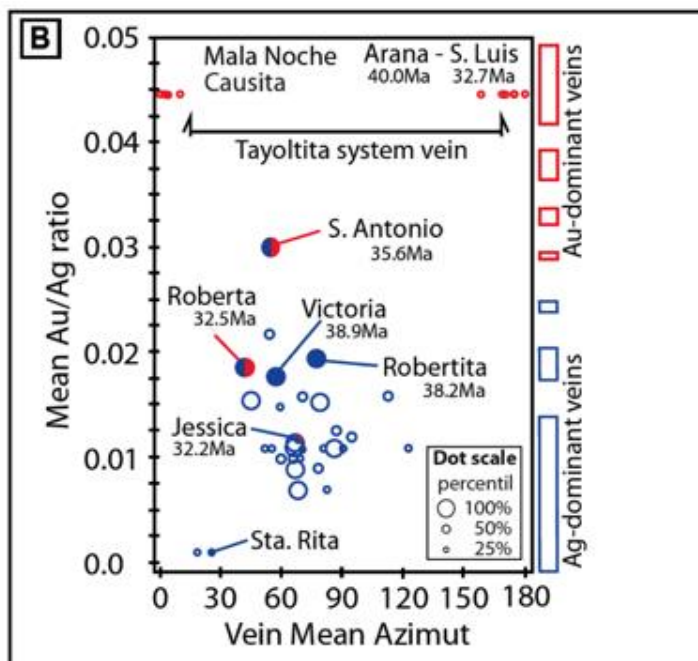
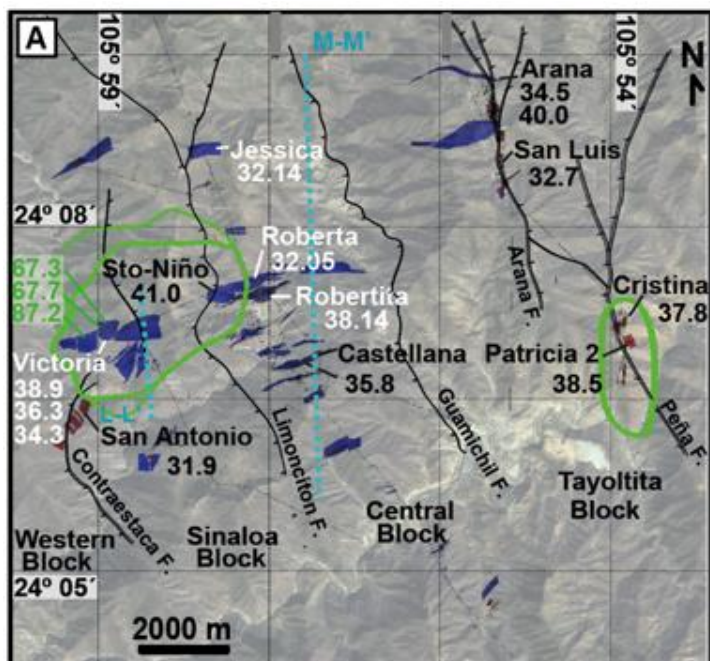


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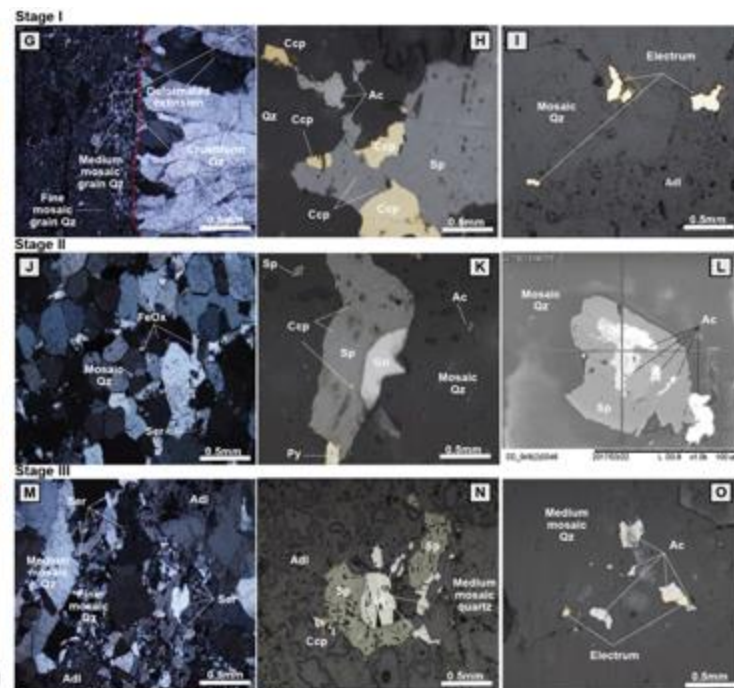
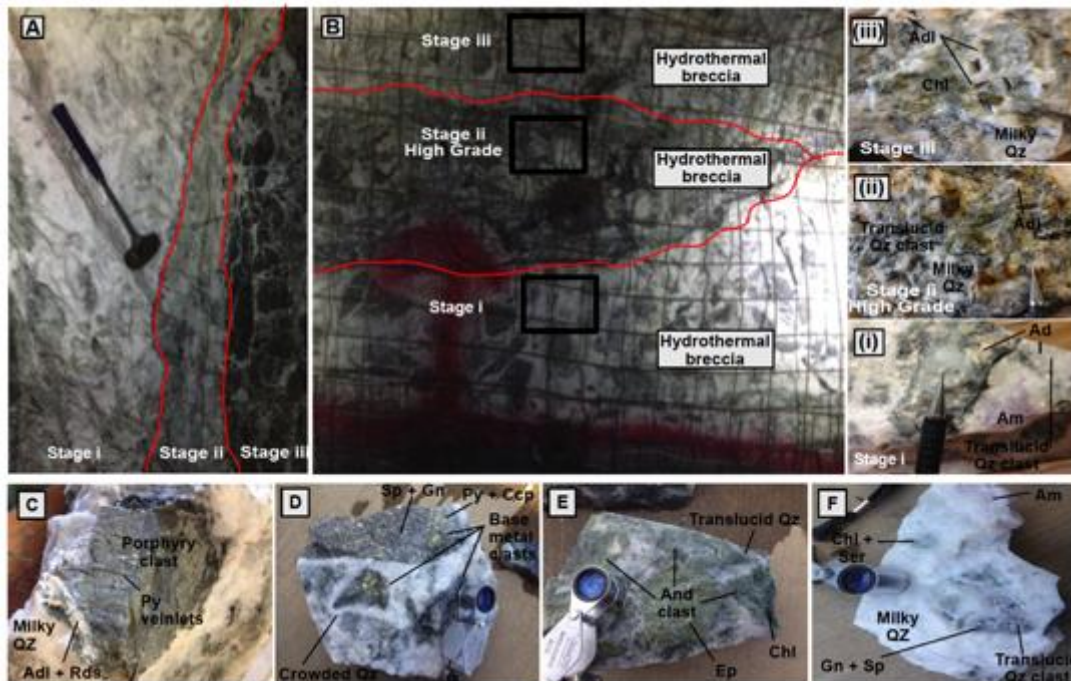
	Cu-Porphyry event	Ag-dominant hydrothermal event			Au-dominant hydrothermal event	Supergen alteration
		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3		
Crustiform Quartz						
Banded Quartz						
Mosaic Quartz						
Adularia						
Rhodochrosite						
Calcite						
Pyrite (FeS ₂)						
Chalcocite (Cu ₂ S)						
Sphalerite (ZnS)						
Galena (PbS)						
Acanthite (Ag ₂ S)						
Polibasicite (Ag ₂ CO ₃)						
Jalpaite (Ag ₂ CO ₃)						
Electrum						
Covellite (CuS)						
Bornite (Cu ₅ FeS ₄)						
Native Silver						
Native Gold						
Native Copper						
Biotite						
Albite						
Sericite						
Mg Chlorite						
Al Chlorite						
Malachite						
Alunite						
Cu-Oxides						
Fe-Oxides						

Eocene Ag rich mesothermal veins



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Eocene Ag rich mesothermal veins



Ag system

- ✓EW structural controlled
- ✓Adularia – rodocrosite – Mg chlorite
- ✓Pyrite > Chalcopryite > Galena > Sphalerite
- ✓Acantite, Jalpaite, Proustite, Polibasite

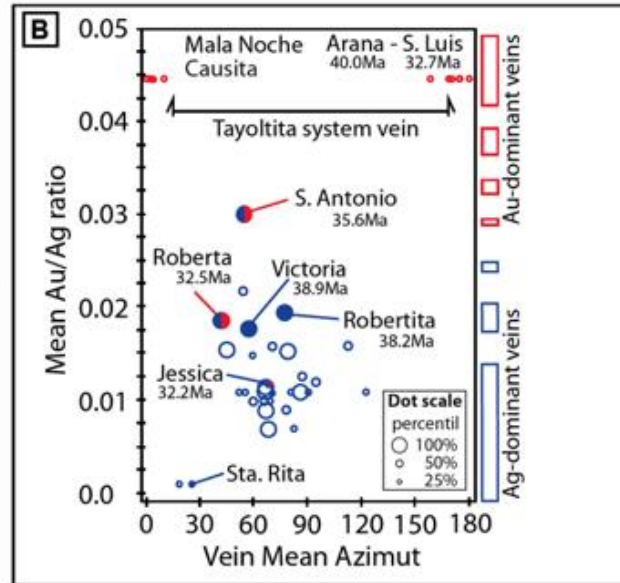
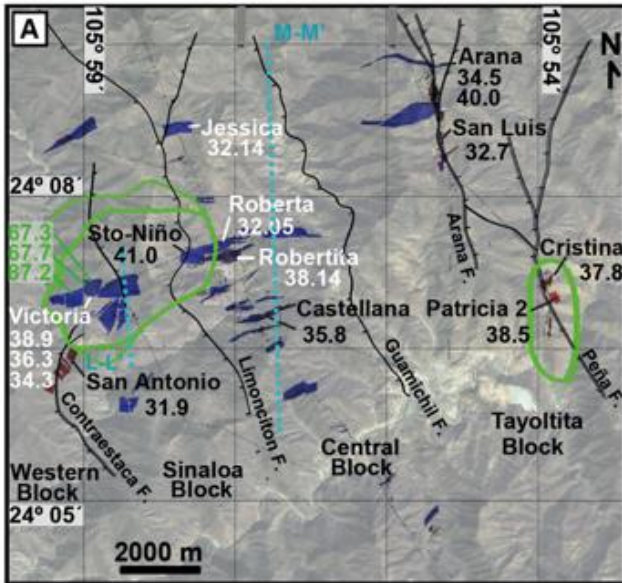
Phase 1: Open space filling

Phase 2: Crack-seal

Phase 3: Close space

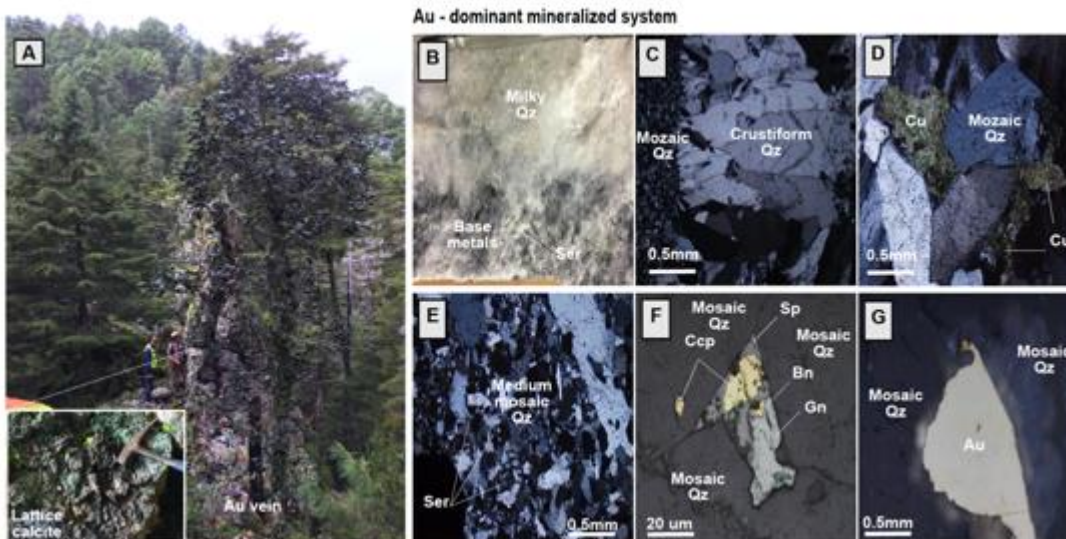
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Oligocene Au rich epithermal veins



Au epithermal system

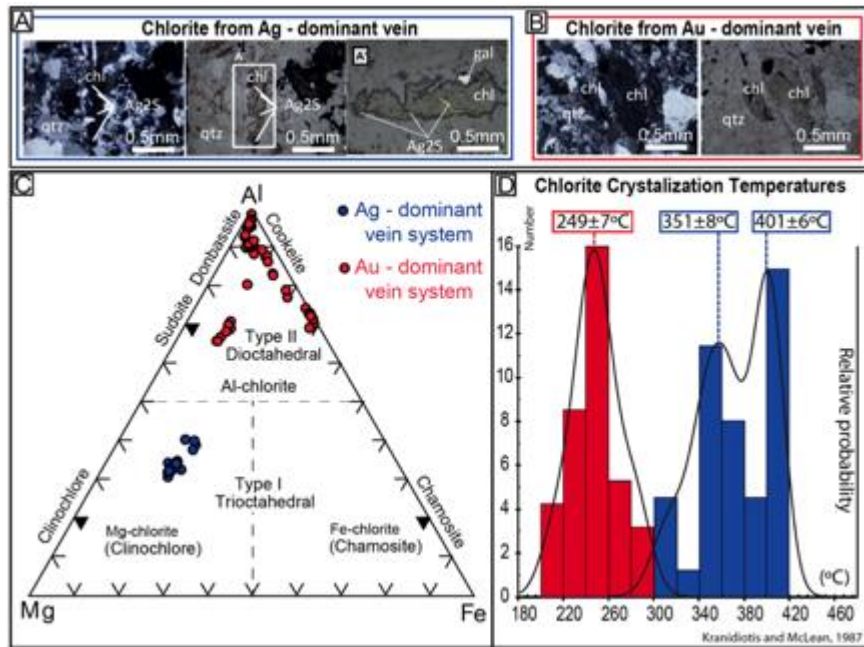
- ✓ NS structural controlled
- ✓ Sericite - Al chlorite
- ✓ Pyrite > Chalcopyrite > Galena > Sphalerite
- ✓ Electrum Au



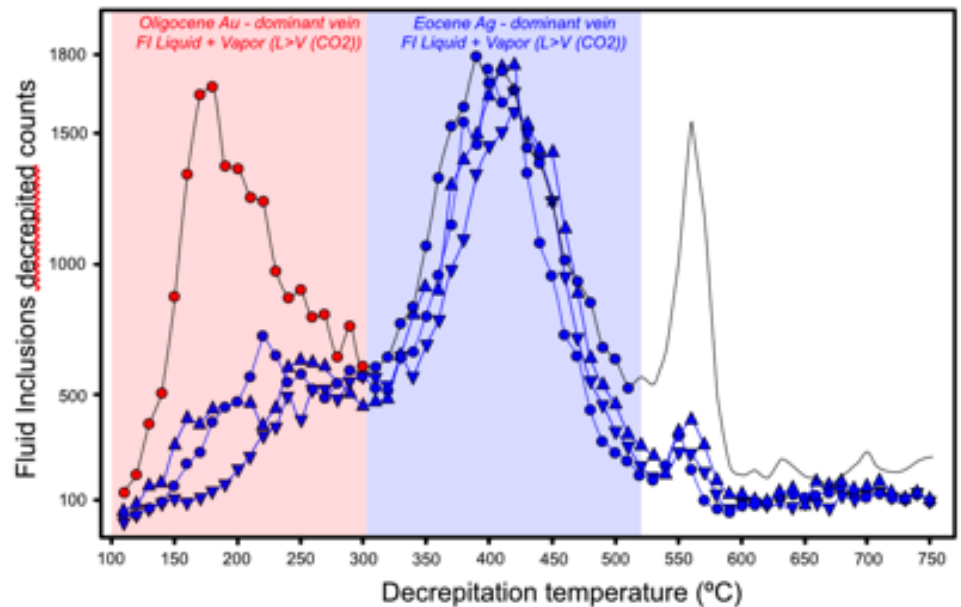
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San Dimas Mineralization model: Microthermometry

Geothermometry (T_{geo})



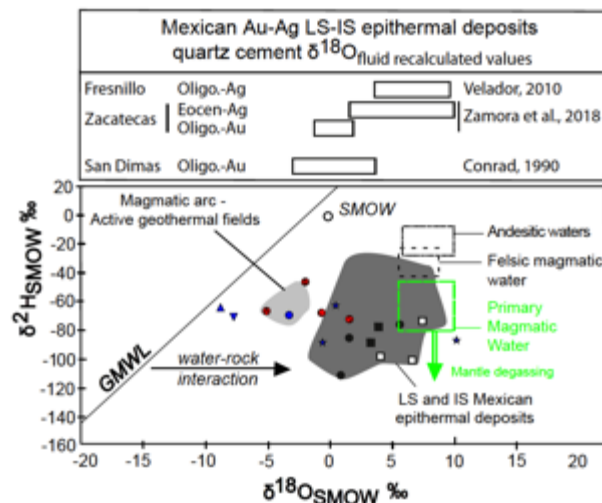
Decriptometry studies (T_d)



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Hydrothermal fluid characterization

Stable isotopes



Oligocene Au-dominant vein

- Arana vein, Fillingstage
- Causita vein, Fillingstage
- San Antonio vein, Fillingstage
- San Luis vein, Fillingstage

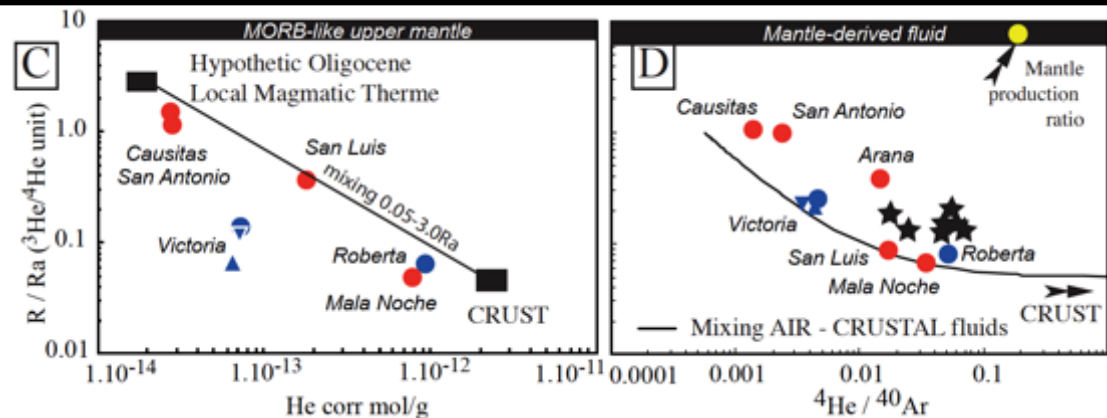
SMO-Oligocene Au-dominant vein

- BACIS (Albinson, 2001)
- Palmajero (Albinson, 2001)
- Panuco (Albinson, 2001)

Eocene Ag-dominant vein

- Victoria vein(SinaloaBlock)
- ▼ Open space stage
- Filling stage
- ▲ Close stage
- Robertas(CenterBlock)
- ★ Fillingstage

Nobel gases



Oligocene Au-dominant vein

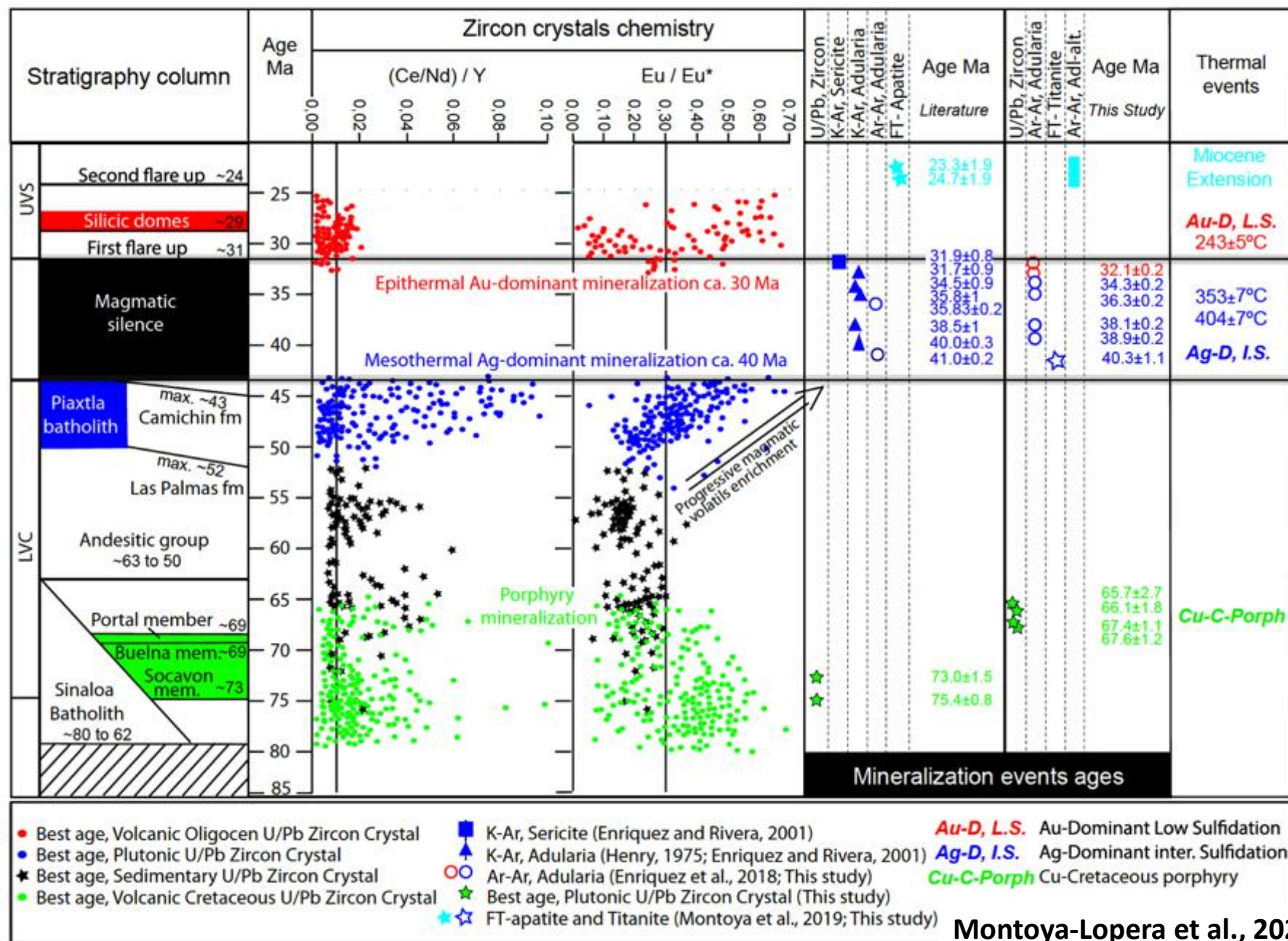
- Filling stage
- ★ Select epithermal deposit

Eocene Ag-dominant vein

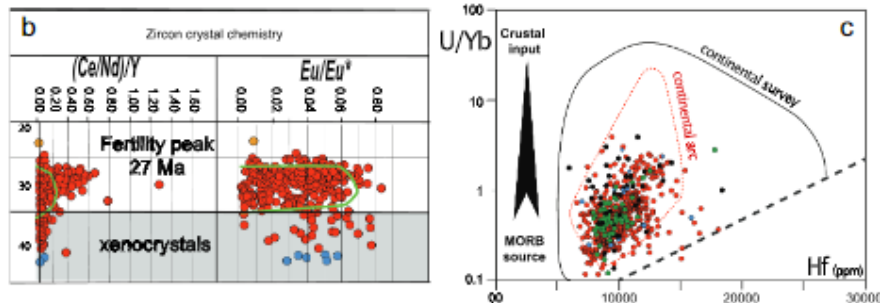
- ▼ Open stage
- Filling stage
- ▲ Close stage

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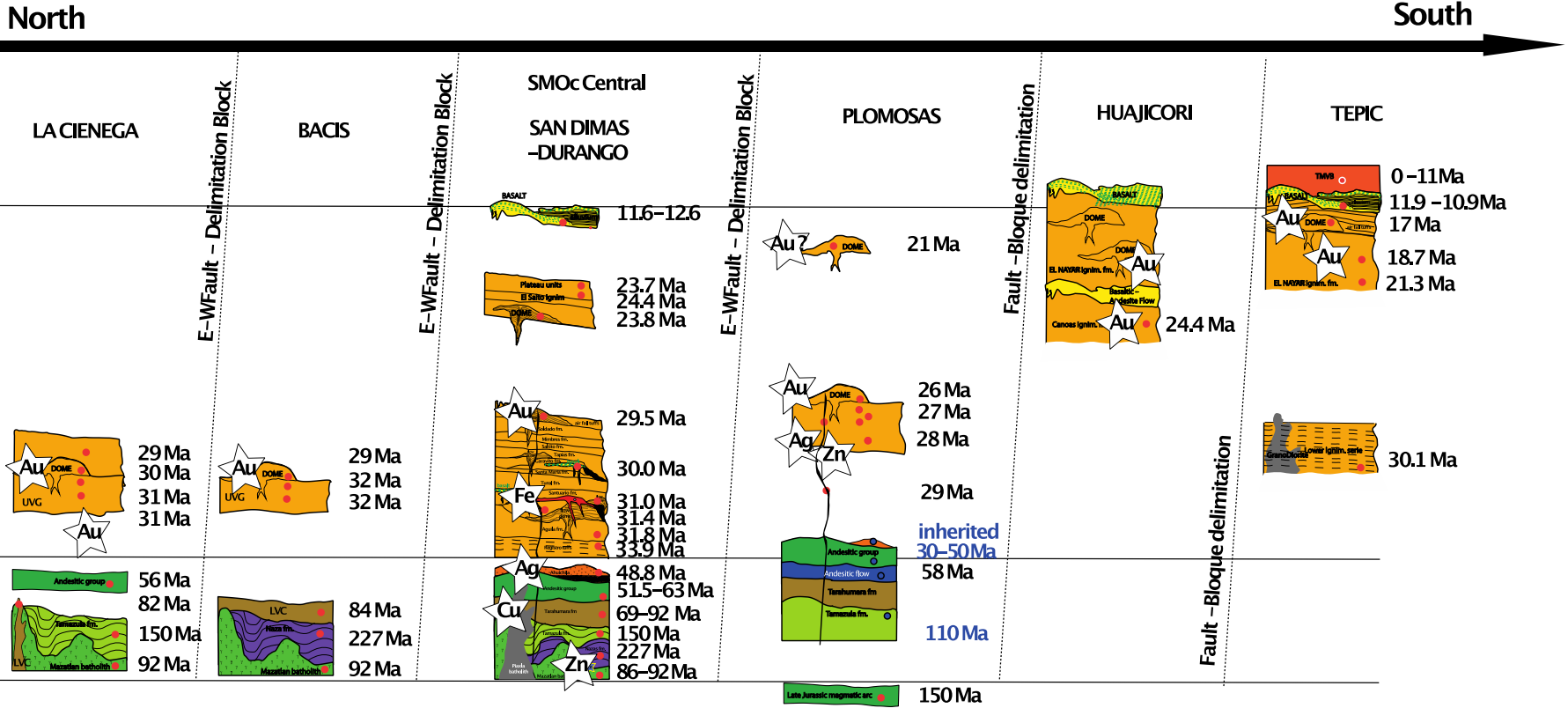
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In a regional context



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