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Zhuzishan West Piedmont Fault, provides insight into the structural  
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China

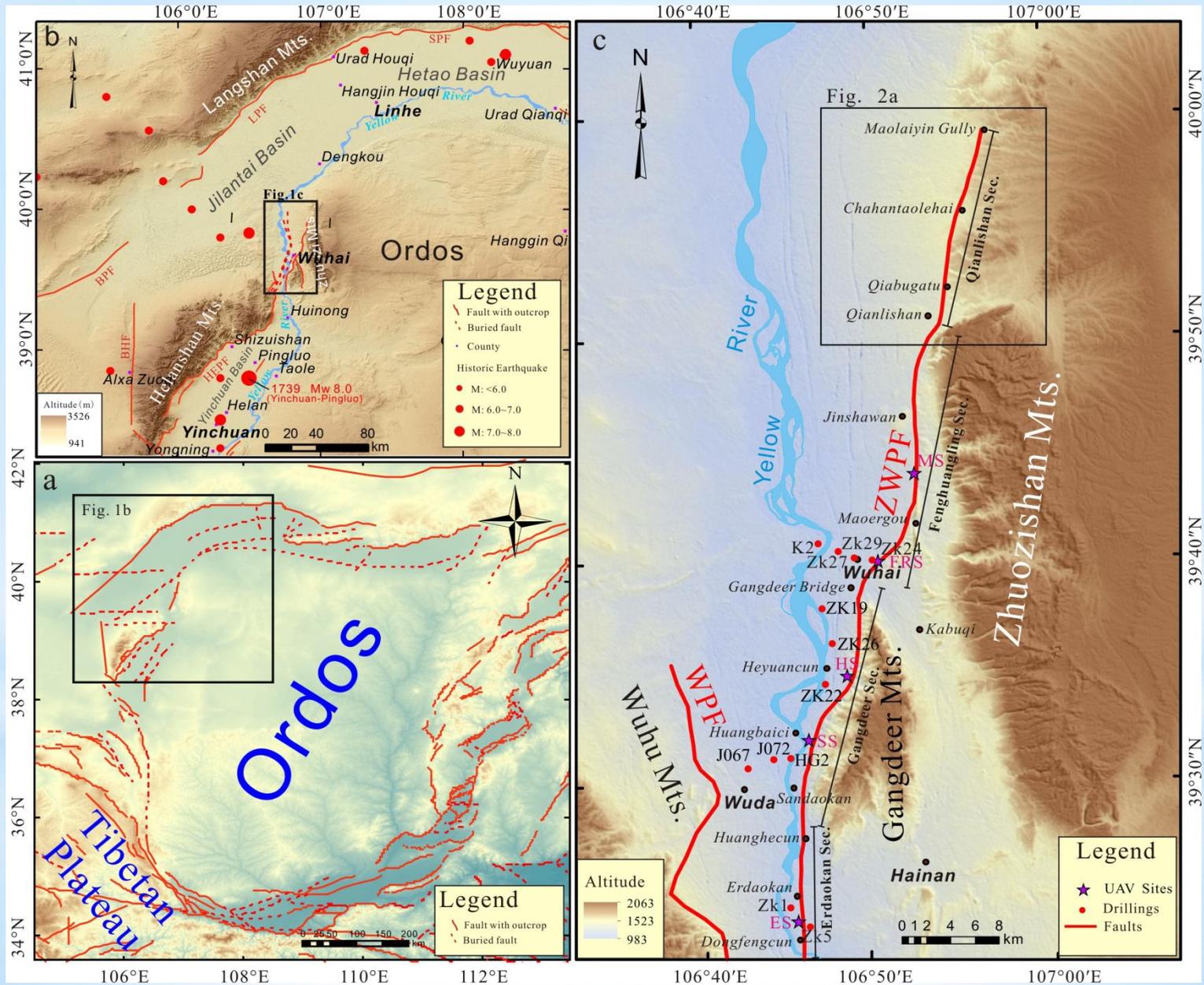
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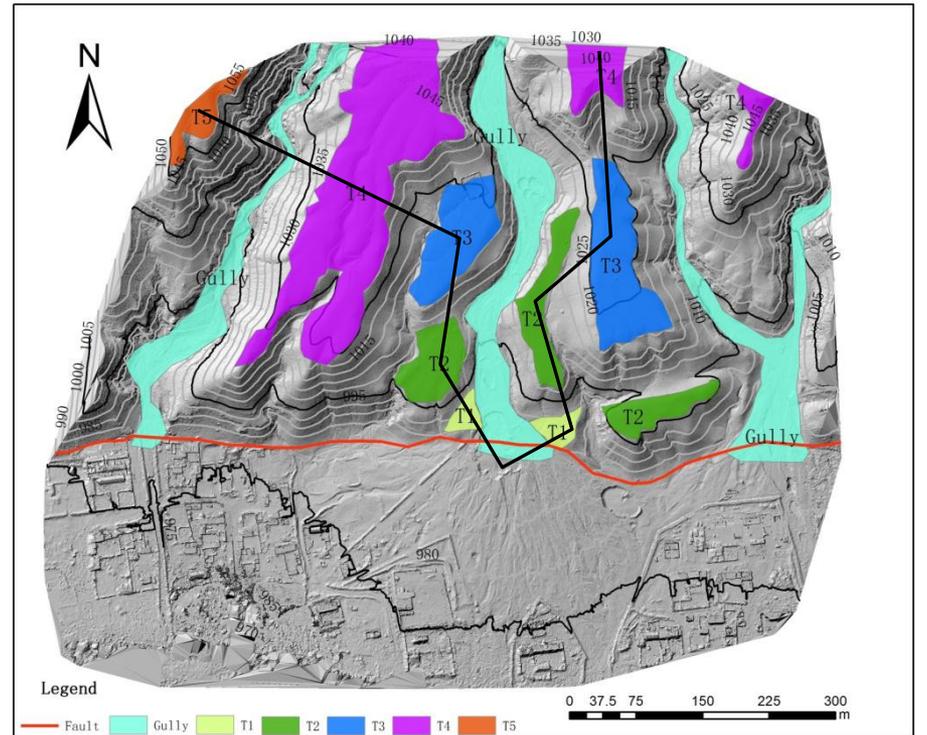
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# 1 Regional tectonic setting

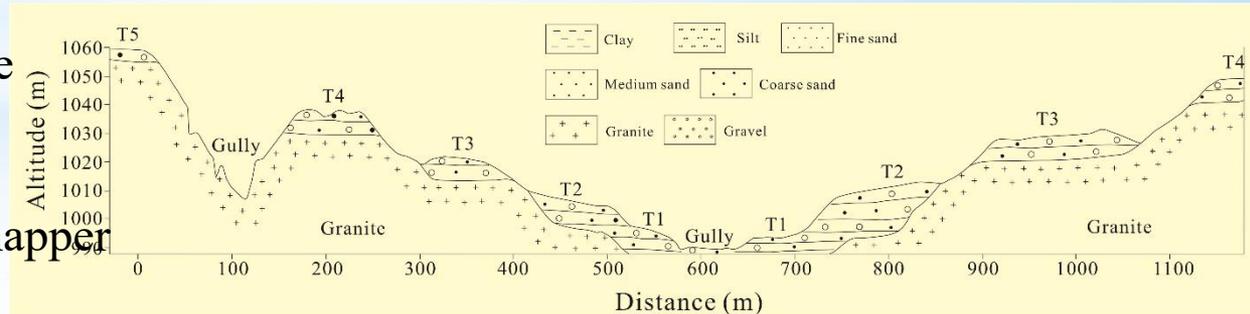


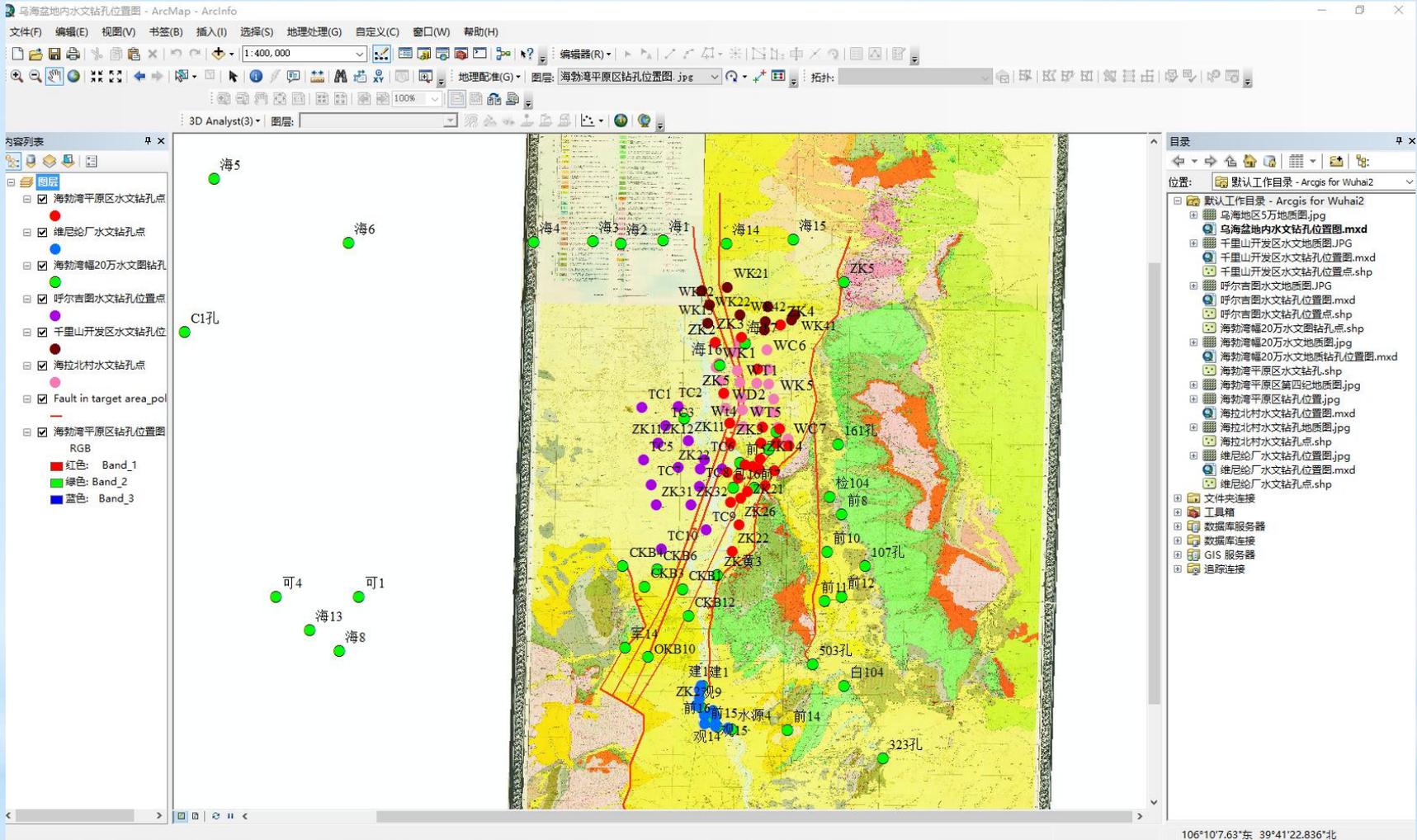
## 2 Study methods

### UAV measurement



Device: A PHANTOM 4 RTK UAV  
(Chinese Dajiang Company)  
Controlling software: Altizure  
Flight height: 80-100m  
Overlap rate: >70%  
Processing software: Pix4Dmapper





118 holes drilled from previous publications, including borehole location, depth, elevation, and detailed stratigraphic descriptions. 12 of the boreholes showed clear, uniform lacustrine intervals.

## 2 Study methods

### Calculation of fault vertical slip rate

$V_v$ : vertical slip rate of the fault

$H_f$ : altitude of the top of the lacustrine layer on the footwall (by UAV measurement)

$H_h$ : altitude of the top of the lacustrine layer on the hanging-wall (by drillings)

$T$ : the age of the layer top (by OSL)

$H_f$  and  $H_h$  are calibrated by 1:25,000 topography map

$$V_v = \frac{H_f - H_h}{T}$$

OSL:  $69.6 \pm 7.2$  ka



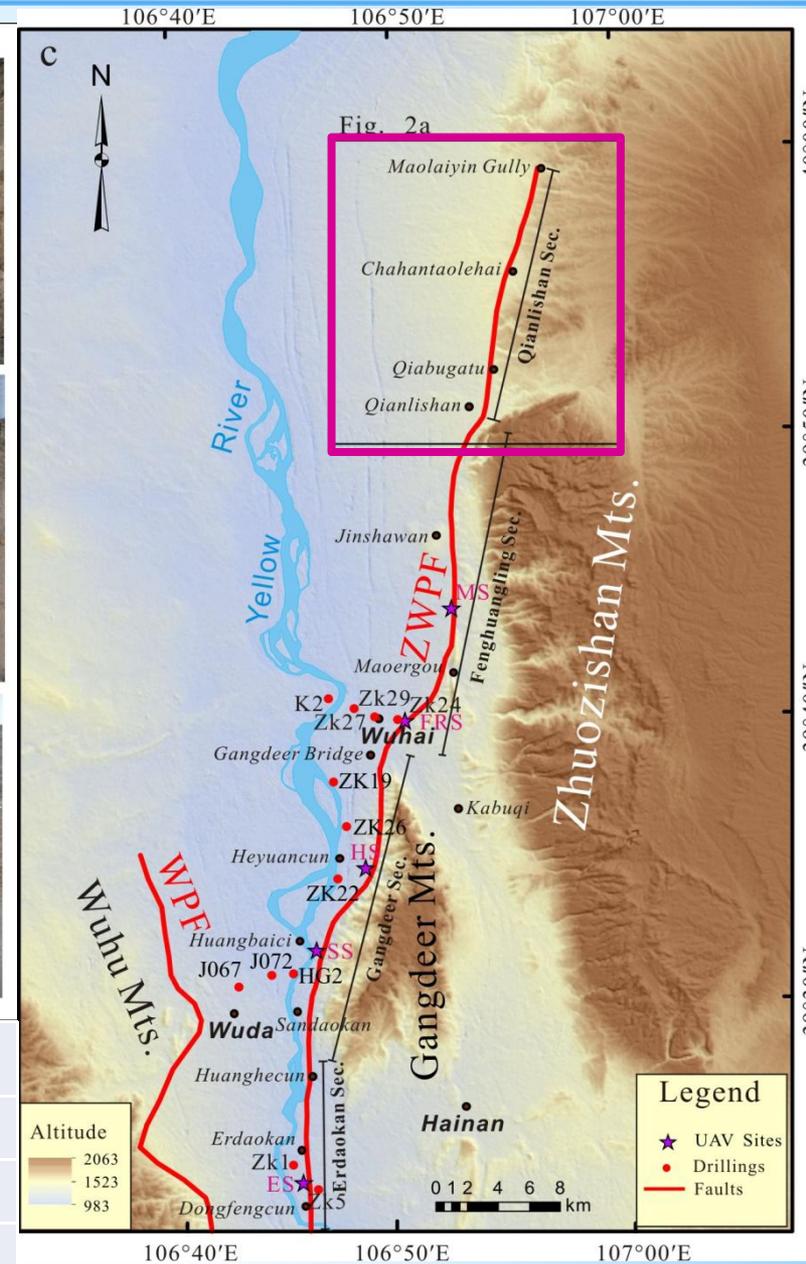
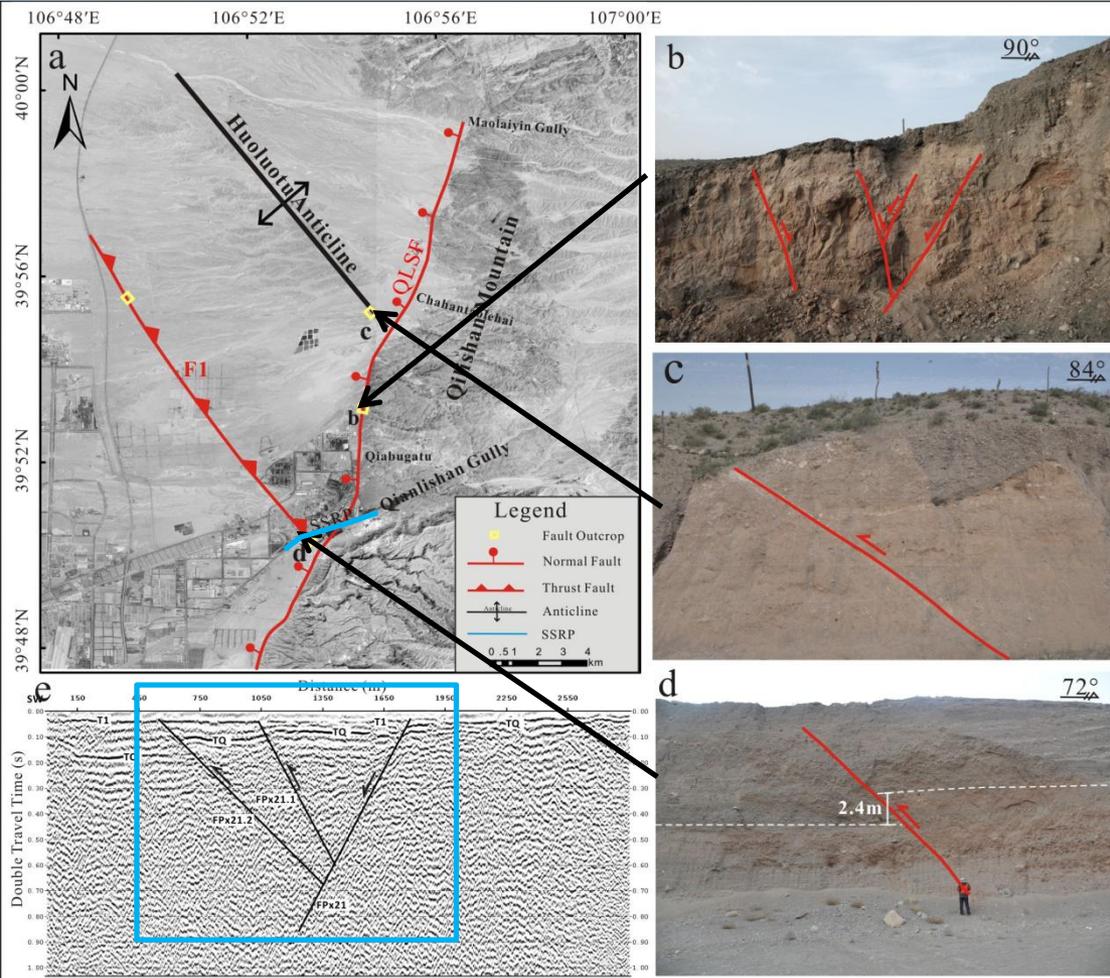
Lacustrine layers outcrop in the footwall



Lacustrine layers in the drillings (hanging-wall)

# 3 Date and Result

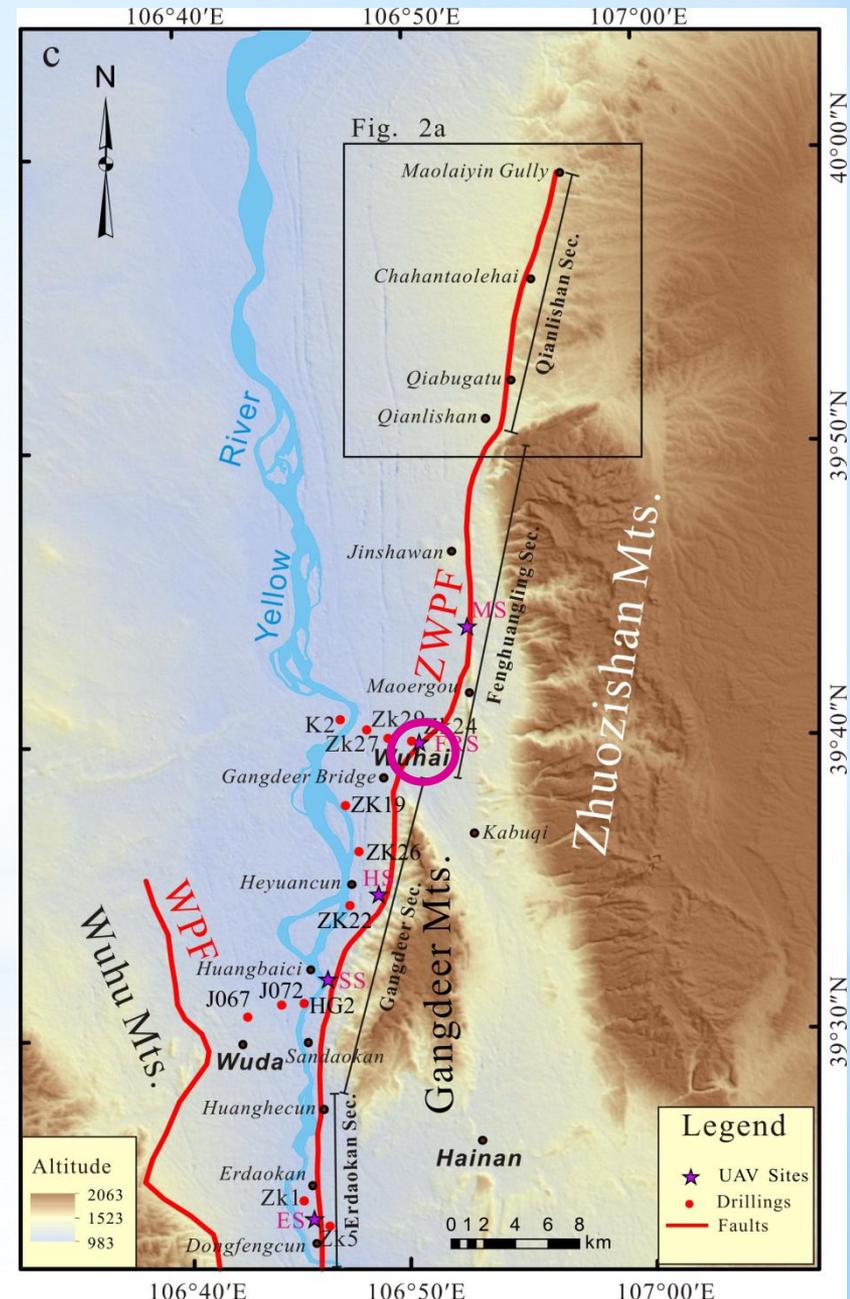
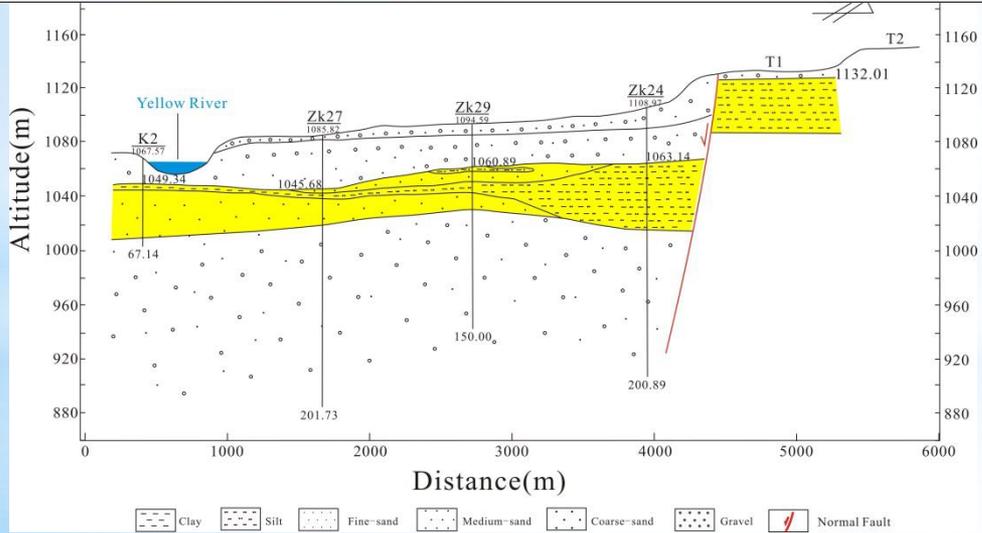
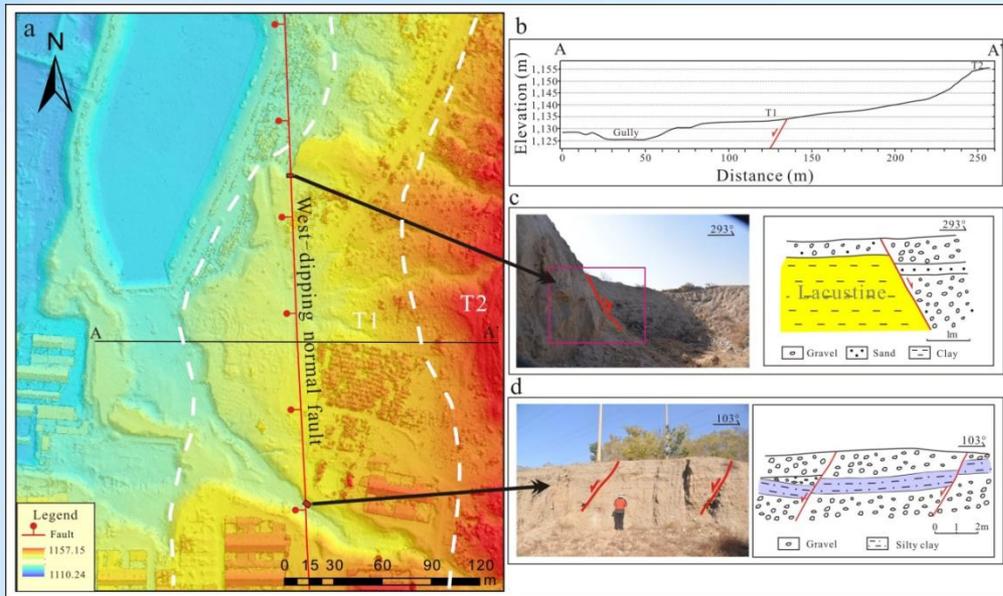
## Geological features of the Qianlishan section



No.	Depth (m)	Offset (m)	Fault Type	Tilt Direction	Reliability
FPx21	14-17	2-4	Normal	SW	Reliable
FPx21.1	14-17	2-4	Thrust	NE	Reliable
FPx21.2	14-18	3-4	Thrust	NE	Reliable

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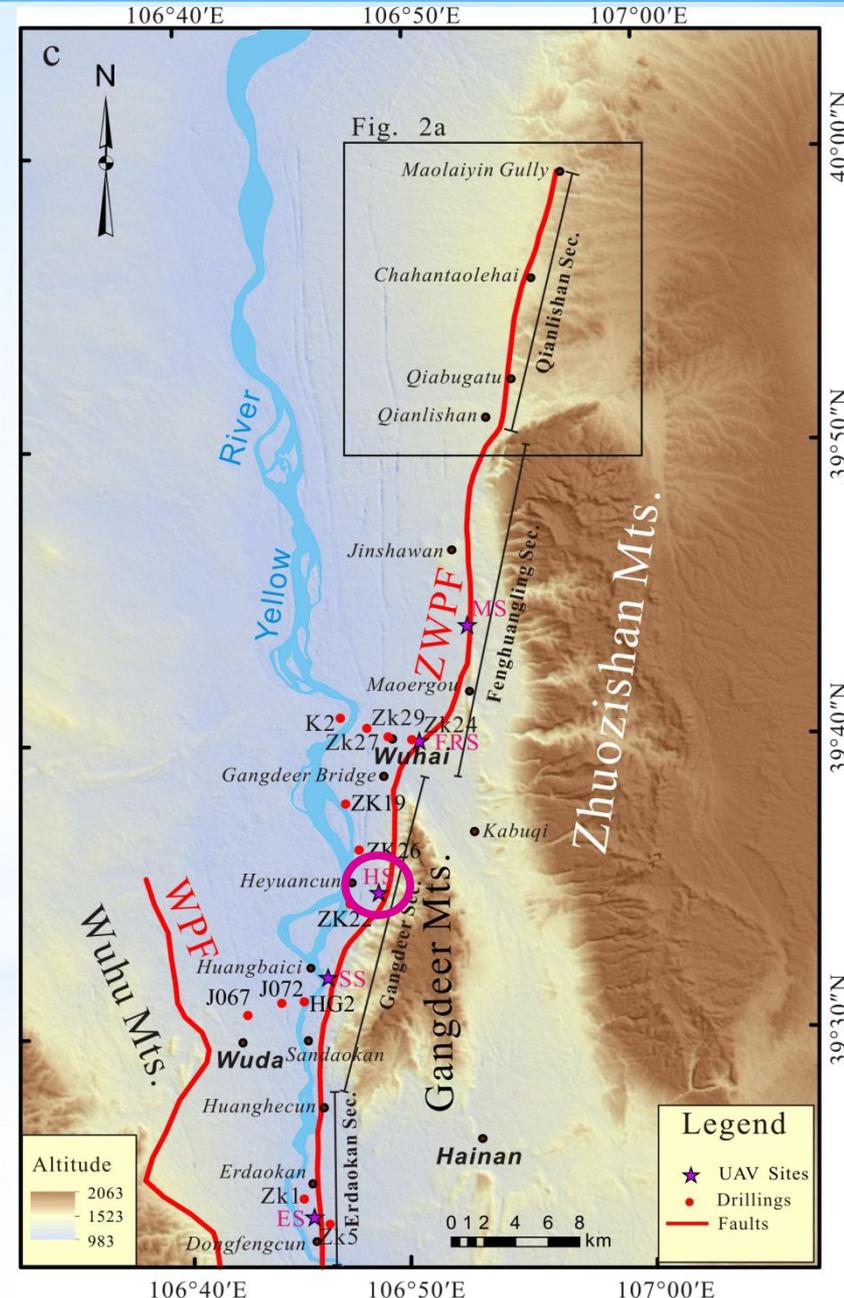
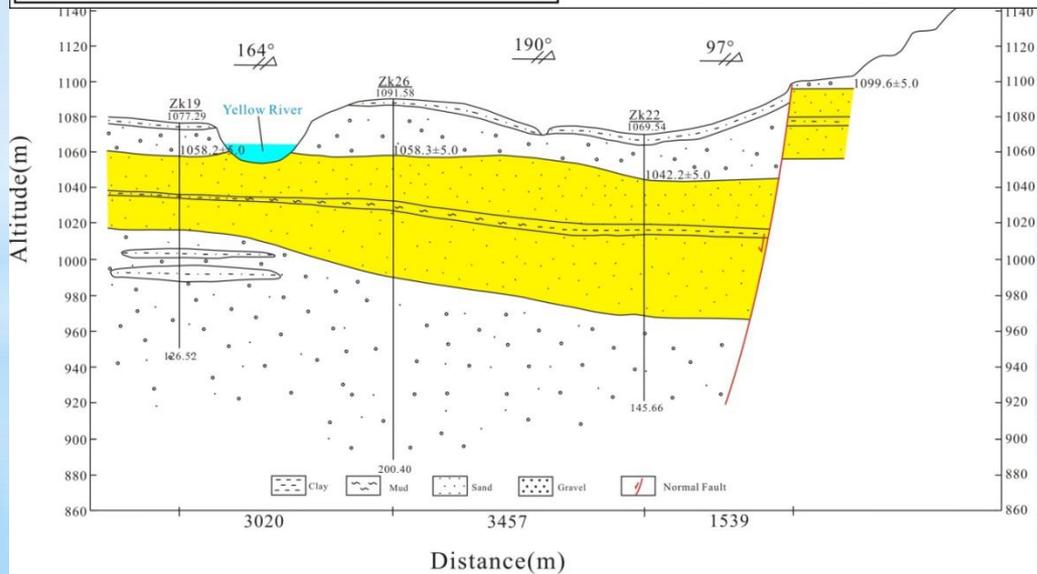
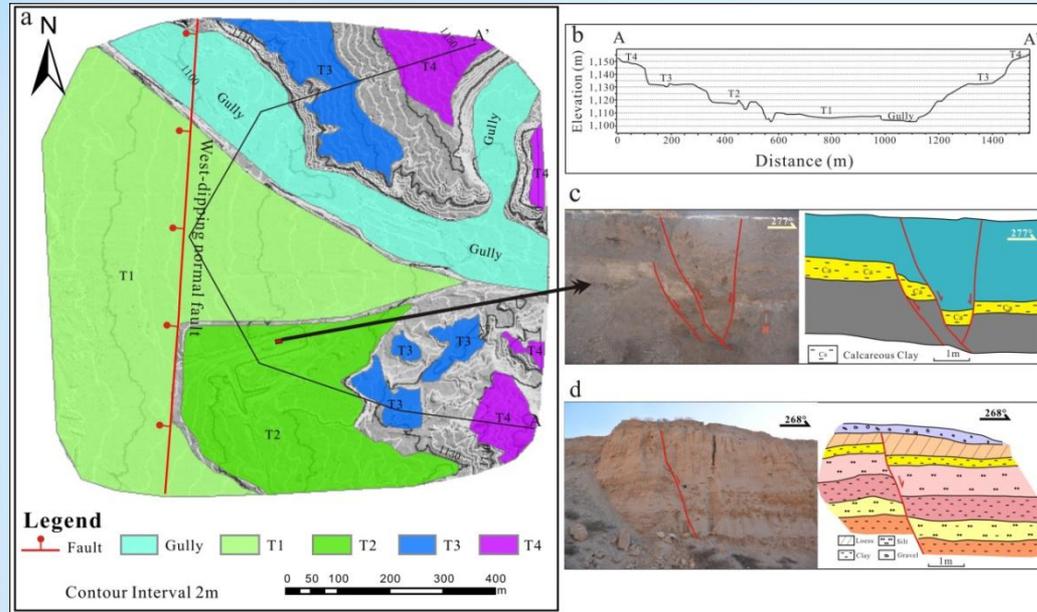
## Geomorphology of the southern Fenghuang Ridge Site (FRS).



Lacustrine strata have a vertical drop of  $68.7 \pm 8.4$  m, the vertical slip rate of the is about  $1.0 \pm 0.2$  mm / a.

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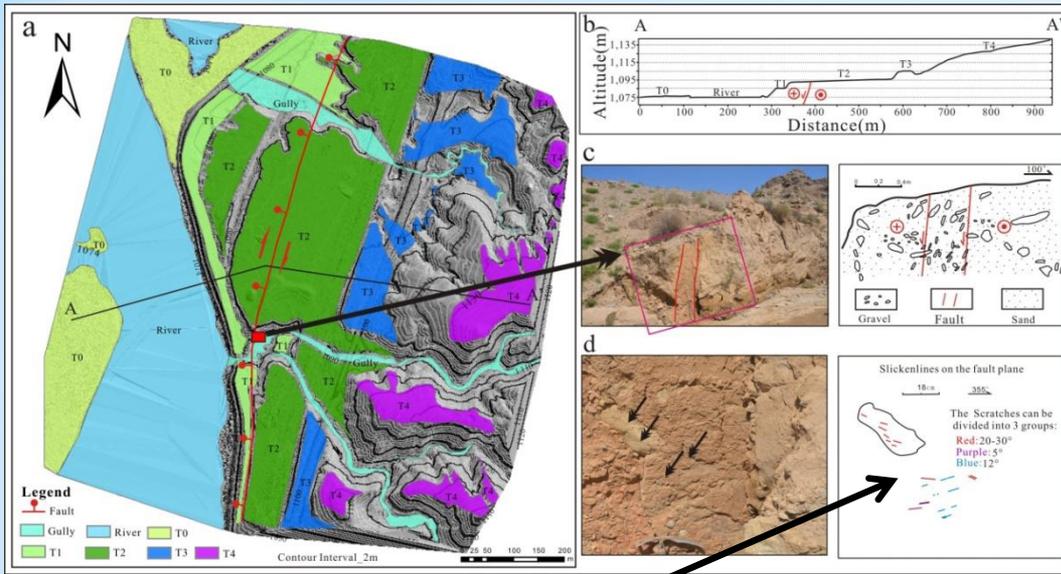
## Geomorphology of the Huanghuaxi Site (HS)



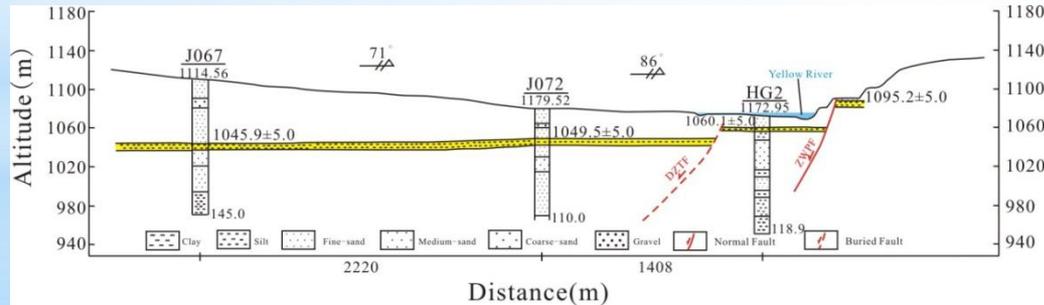
Lacustrine strata have a vertical drop of  $57.5 \pm 8.5$  m, the vertical slip rate of the is about  $0.9 \pm 0.2$  mm / a.

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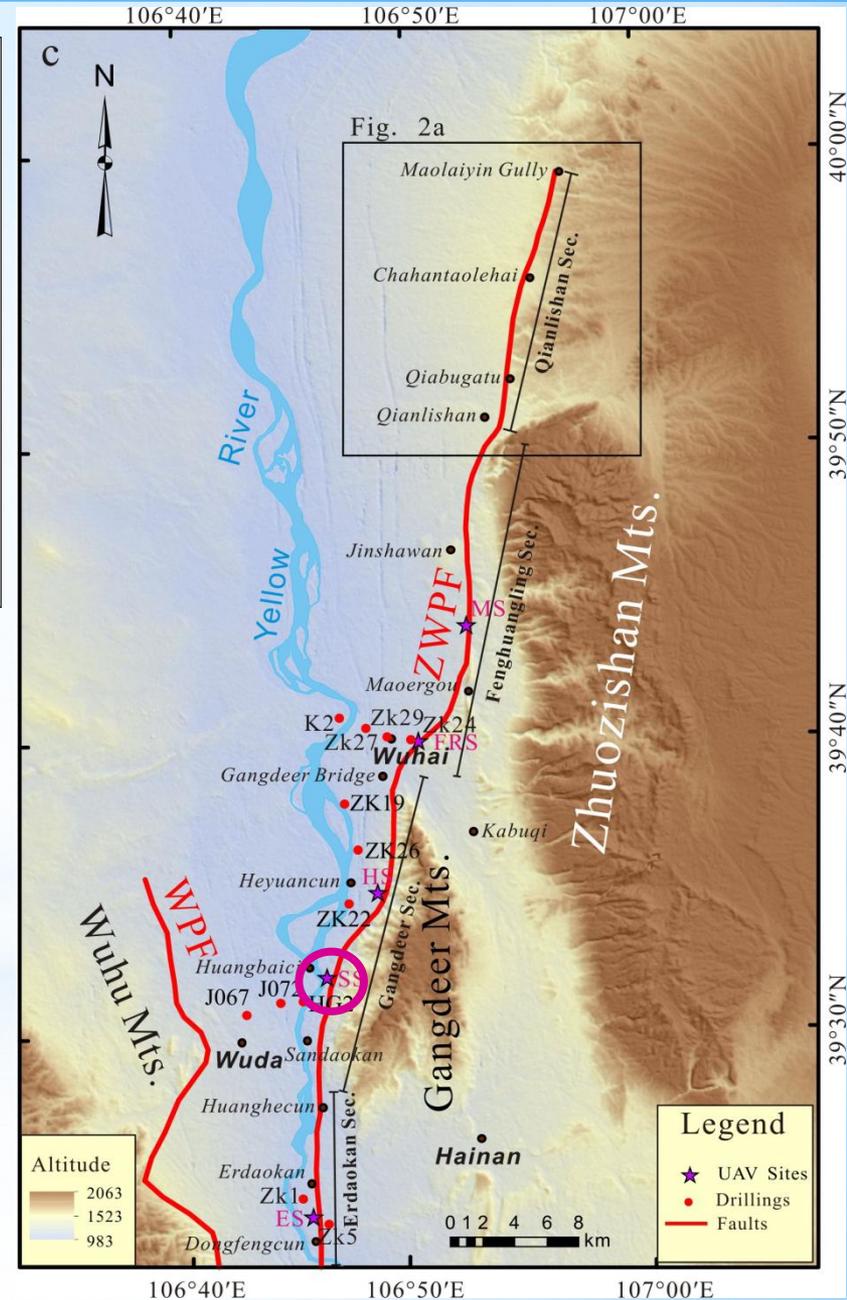
## Geomorphology of the Sandaokan Site (SS)

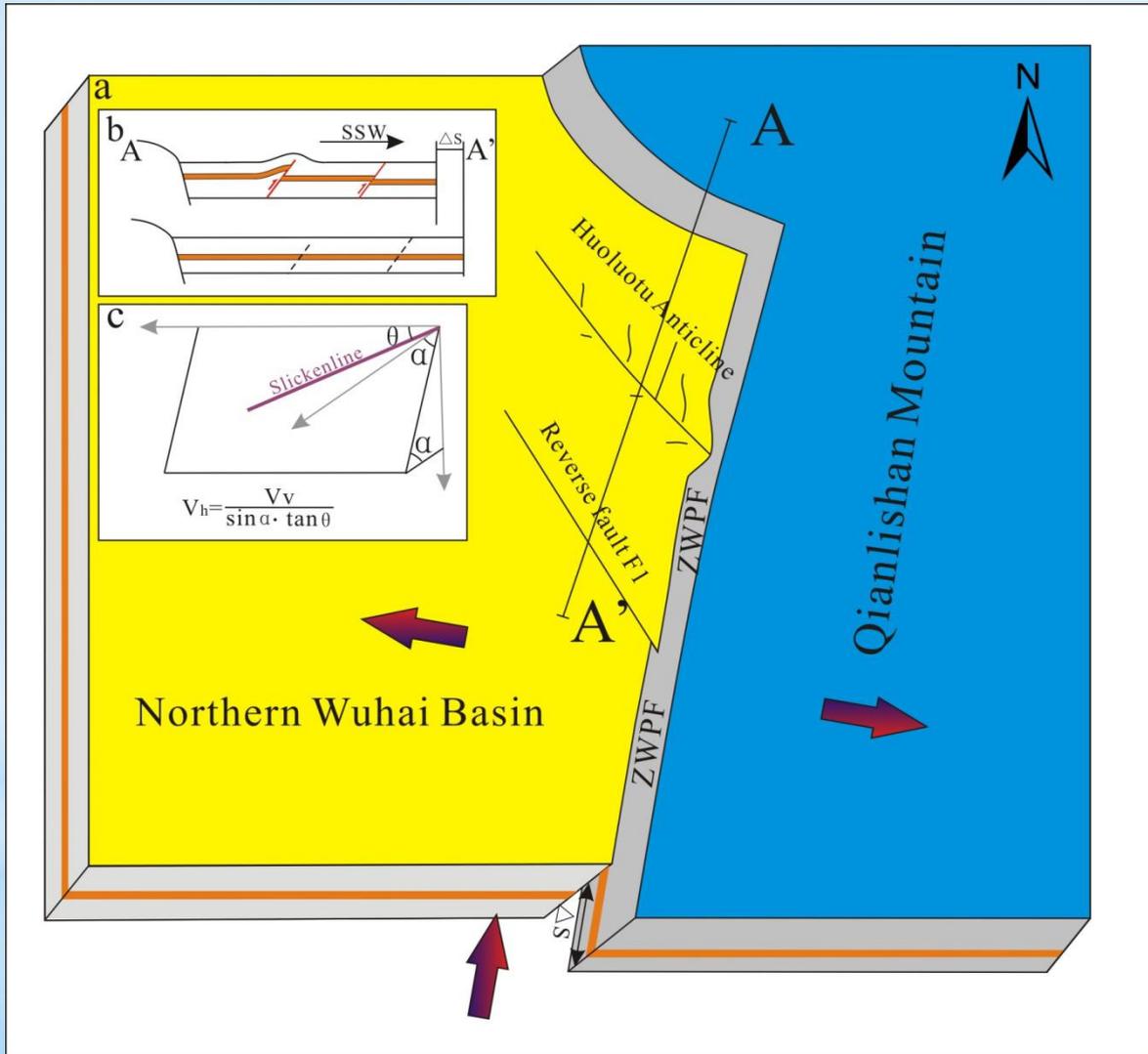


Three groups of slickenlines indicate the fault is a normal dextral slip fault.



Lacustrine strata have a vertical drop of  $35.6 \pm 8.5\text{m}$ , the vertical slip rate of the is about  $0.5 \pm 0.2 \text{ mm / a}$ .

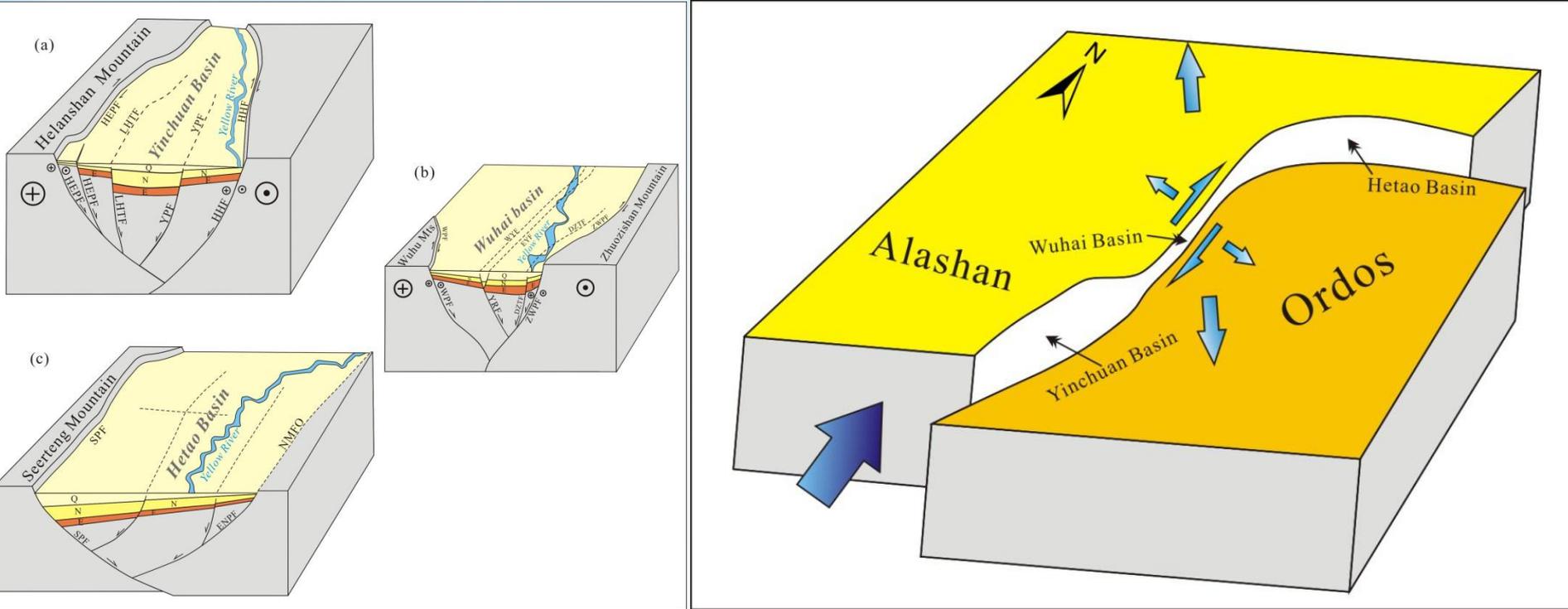




The slickenlines at the Sandaokan Site have pitch angles of between 25, 12° and 5°.

$$V_h = \frac{V_v}{\sin \alpha \cdot \tan \theta}$$

The horizontal slip rates of the ZWPf in Sandaokan Site calculated from the slickenlines were 1.1 mm/a, 2.4 mm/a, and 5.8 mm/a.



1. The Wuhai Basin and Yinchuan Basin are dextral and tensional **negative flower-like structure**. The Hetao Basin is a north-deep –south-shallow **dustpan-like structure**.

2. Under **tensile stress of 139°–319°** and **S-type basins distribution**, the near N-S oriented dextral strike-slip movement on the western margin of the Ordos Block further enhances expansion of the Hetao and Yinchuan Basins through transition of the faults.

# 5. Conclusion

Table 3 Information on lacustrine layers at different sites

	Erdaokan	Sandaokan	Huanghuaxi	Fenghuang Ridge
Footwall (m)	1092.6±5.0	1095.2±5.0	1099.6±5.0	1132.0±5.0
Hanging wall (m)	1052.7±5.0	1060.1±5.0	1042.2±5.0	1063.1±5.0
Vertical offset (m)	40.1±8.2	35.6±8.5	57.5±8.5	68.7±8.4
Vertical slip rate (mm/a)	0.6±0.2	0.5±0.2	0.9±0.2	1.0±0.2

1. Vertical slip rate of the ZWPF are estimated as  $0.5\pm 0.2$  to  $1.0\pm 0.2$  mm/a.
2. Highest slip rates occur in the central part of the fault, declining southward.
3. The reverse faults and fold is result from the dextral strike-slip of the ZWPF.
4. The Wuhai Basin revealed to be a dextral-tensional negative flower structure.
5. Stress conditions and S-shaped distribution dominate the development of basins.

