

Magmatic evolution in a sedimented margin and implications for lithospheric breakup:

insights from high-resolution seismic data from the South China Sea

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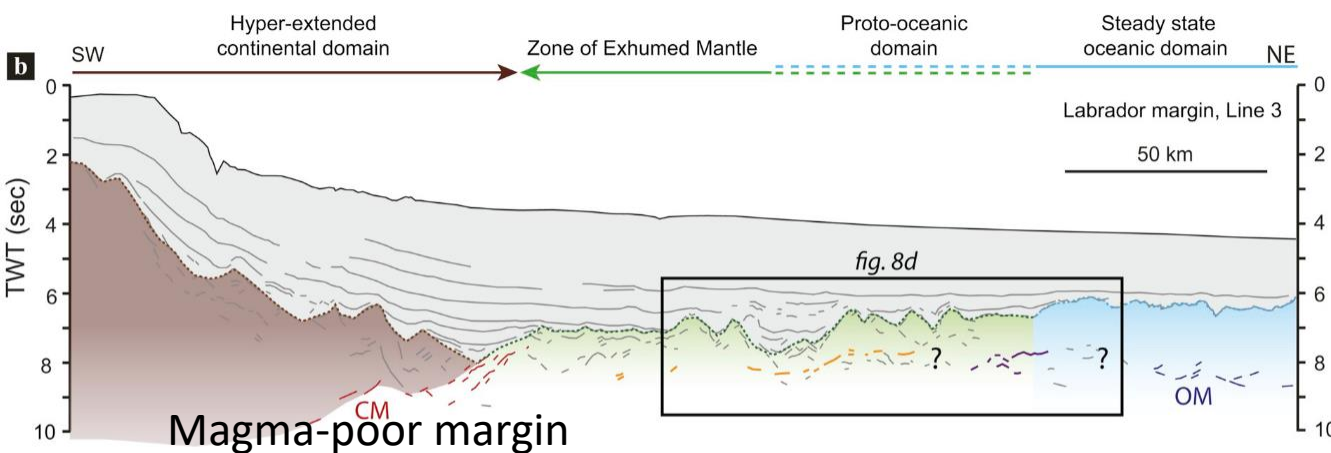
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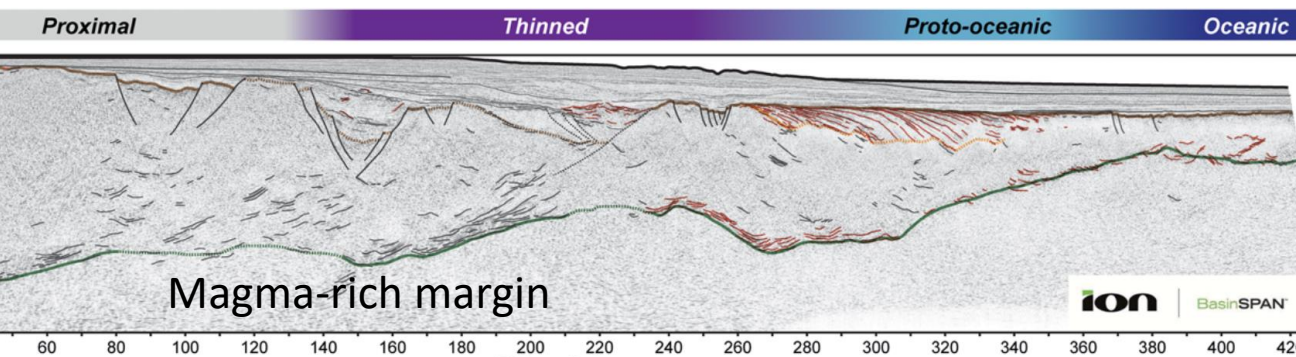
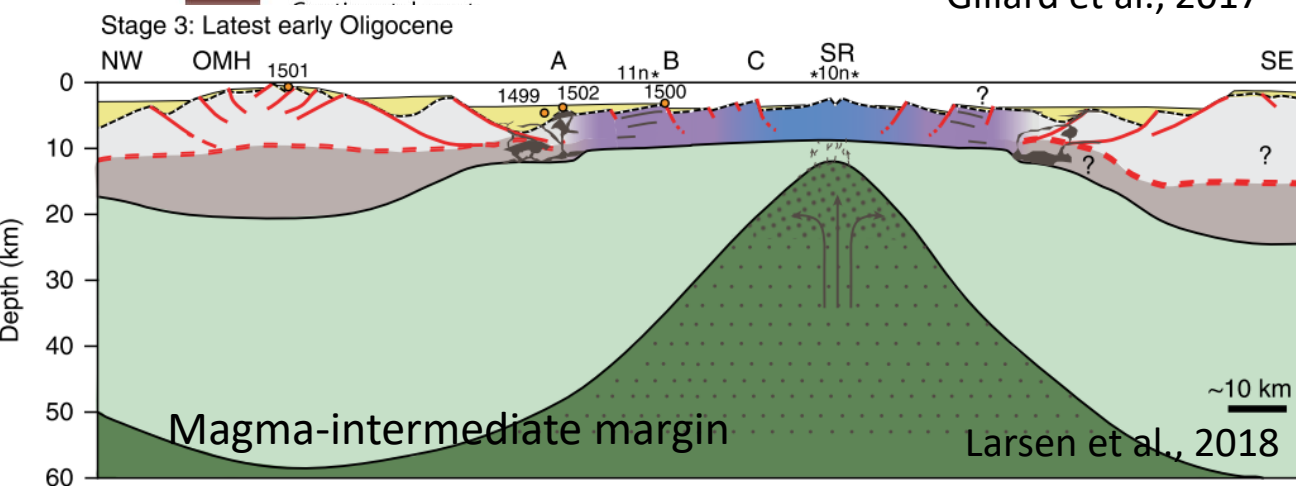
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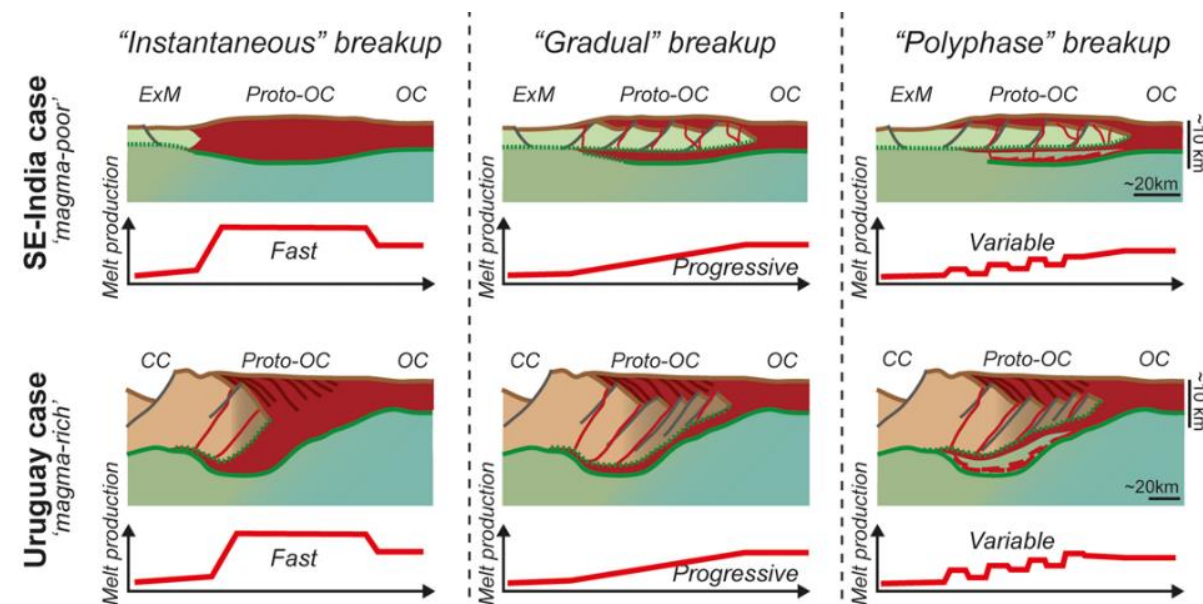


Gillard et al., 2017



Questions:

When, where and how the magma came in during the development of the rifted margin?

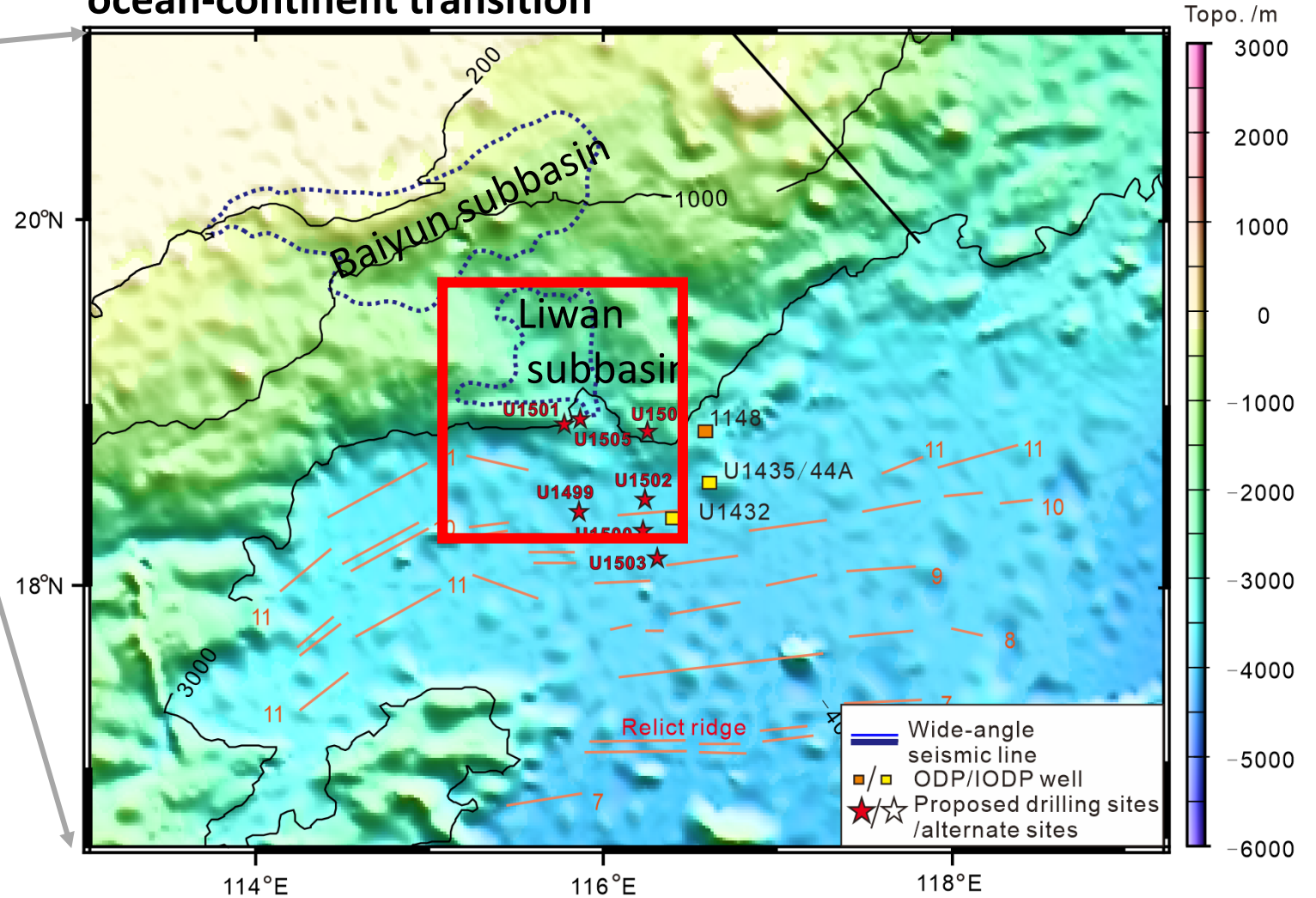
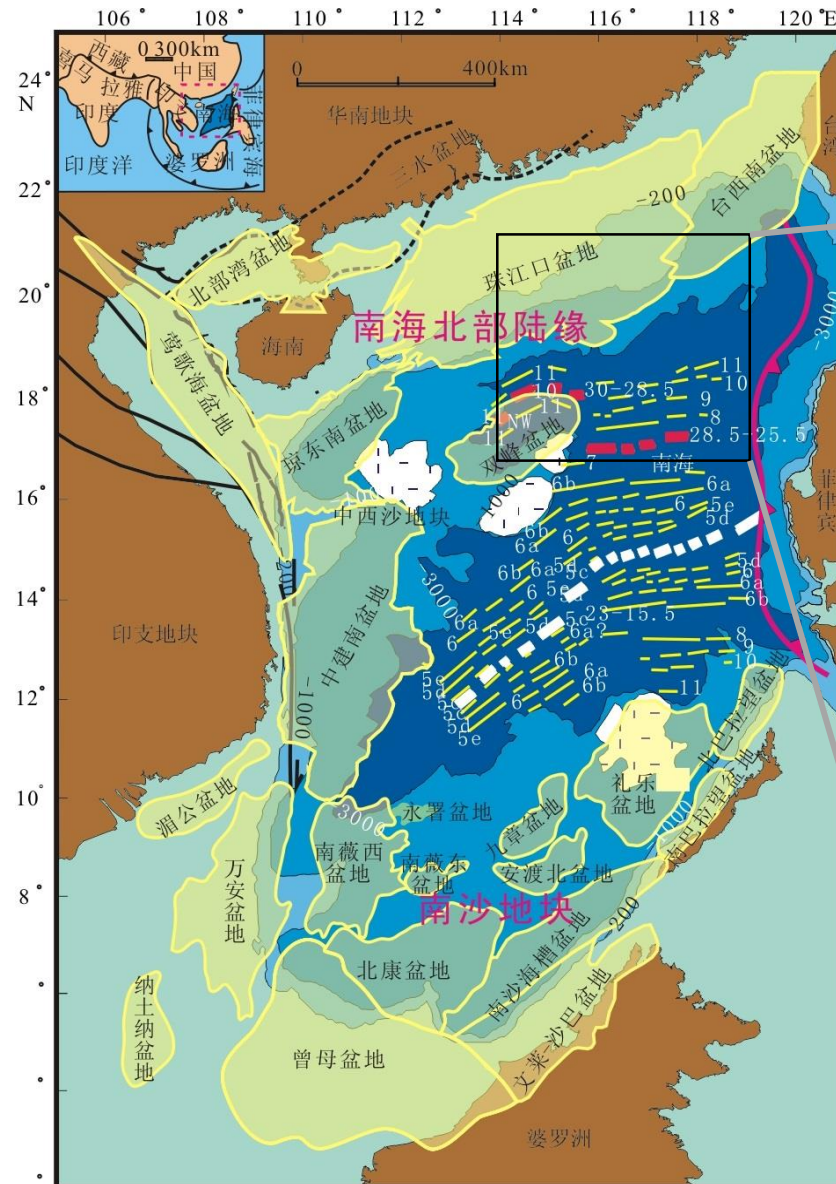


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1. Geological setting in the mid-northern SCS

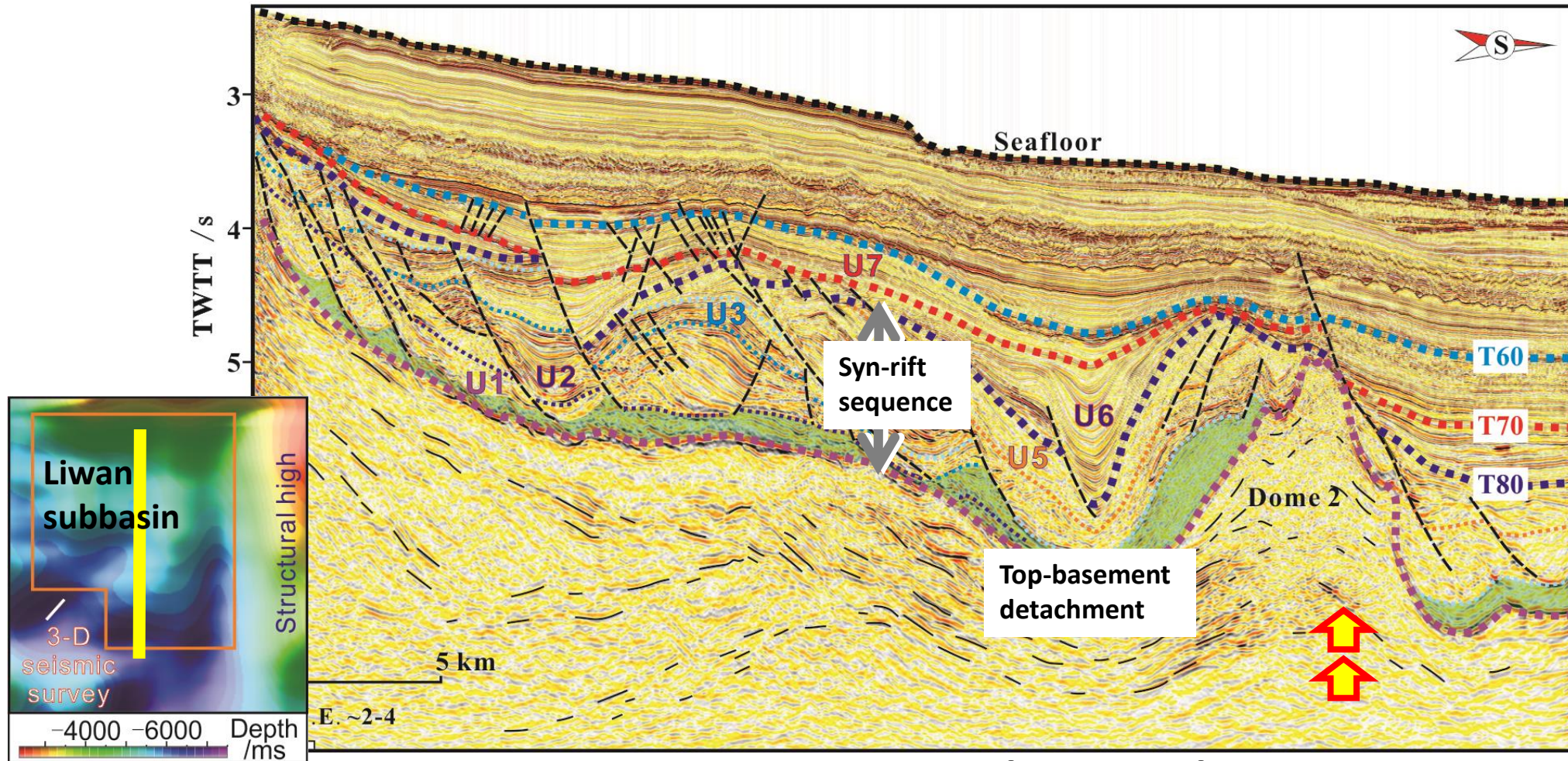
SCS northern margin is rich in sediments.

The study area covers from the hyperextended Liwan subbasin to ocean-continent transition



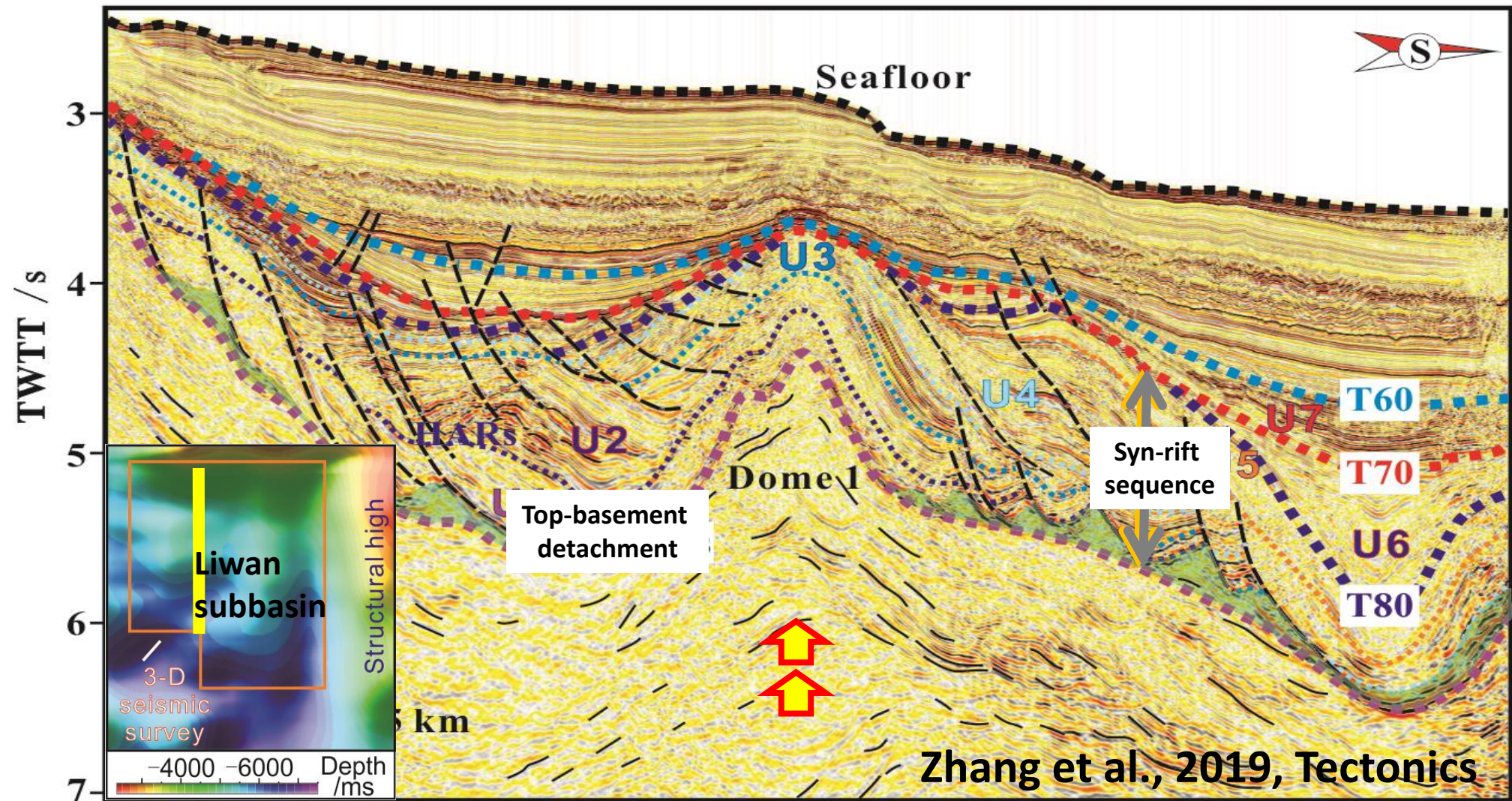
2. Structures reminiscent of magmatic additions

2.1 Dome shaped highs (DSHs)—magmatic intrusions

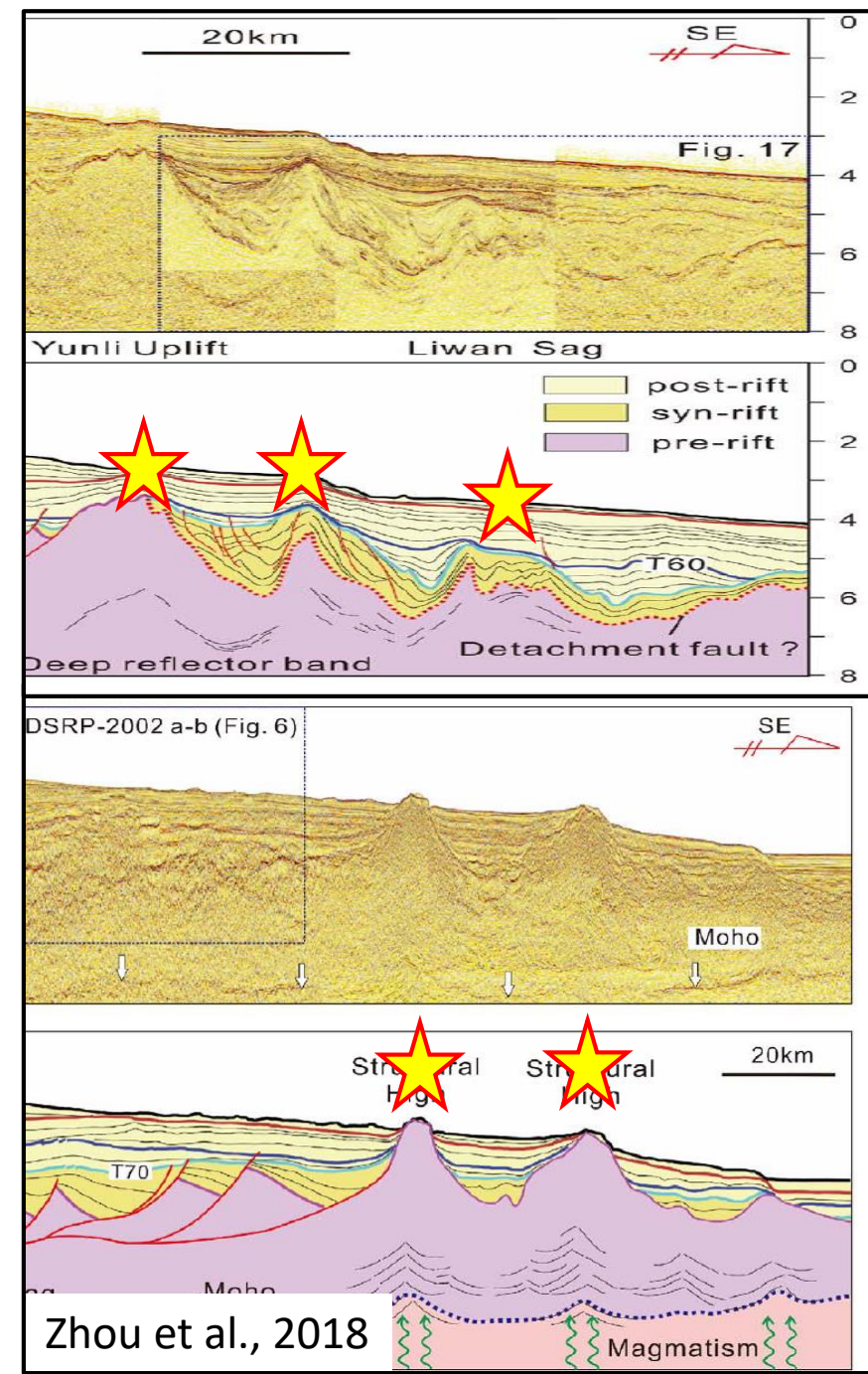
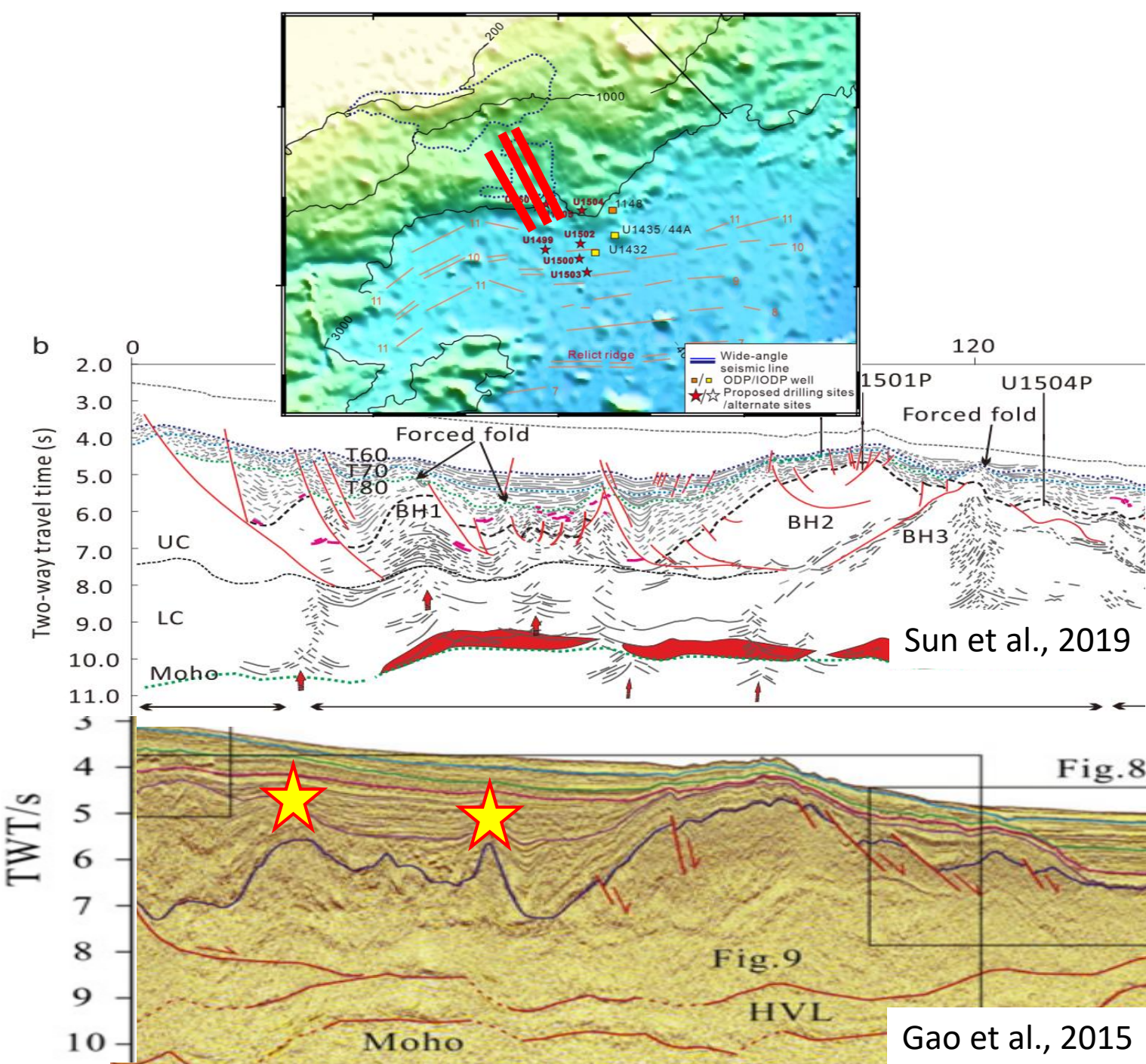


Zhang et al., 2019, Tectonics

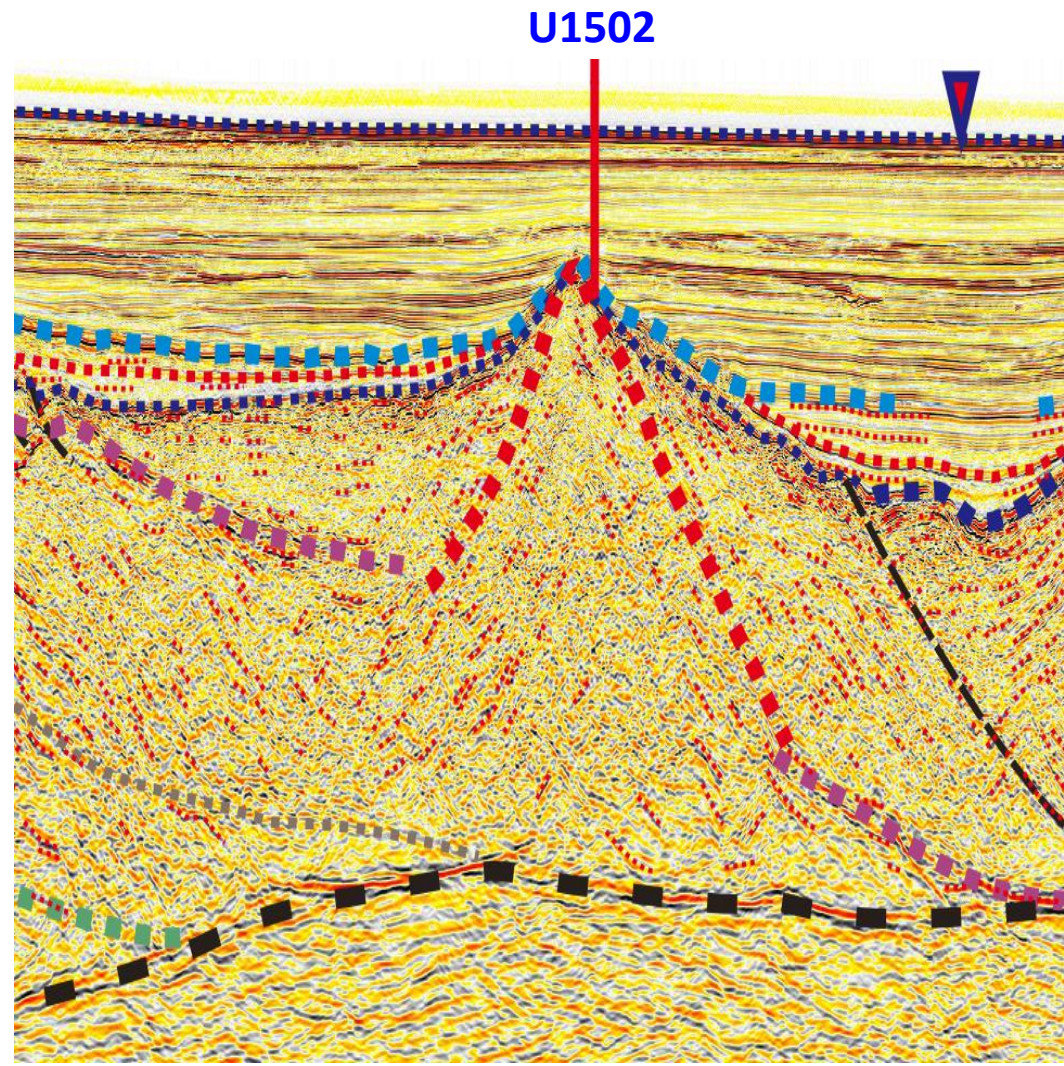
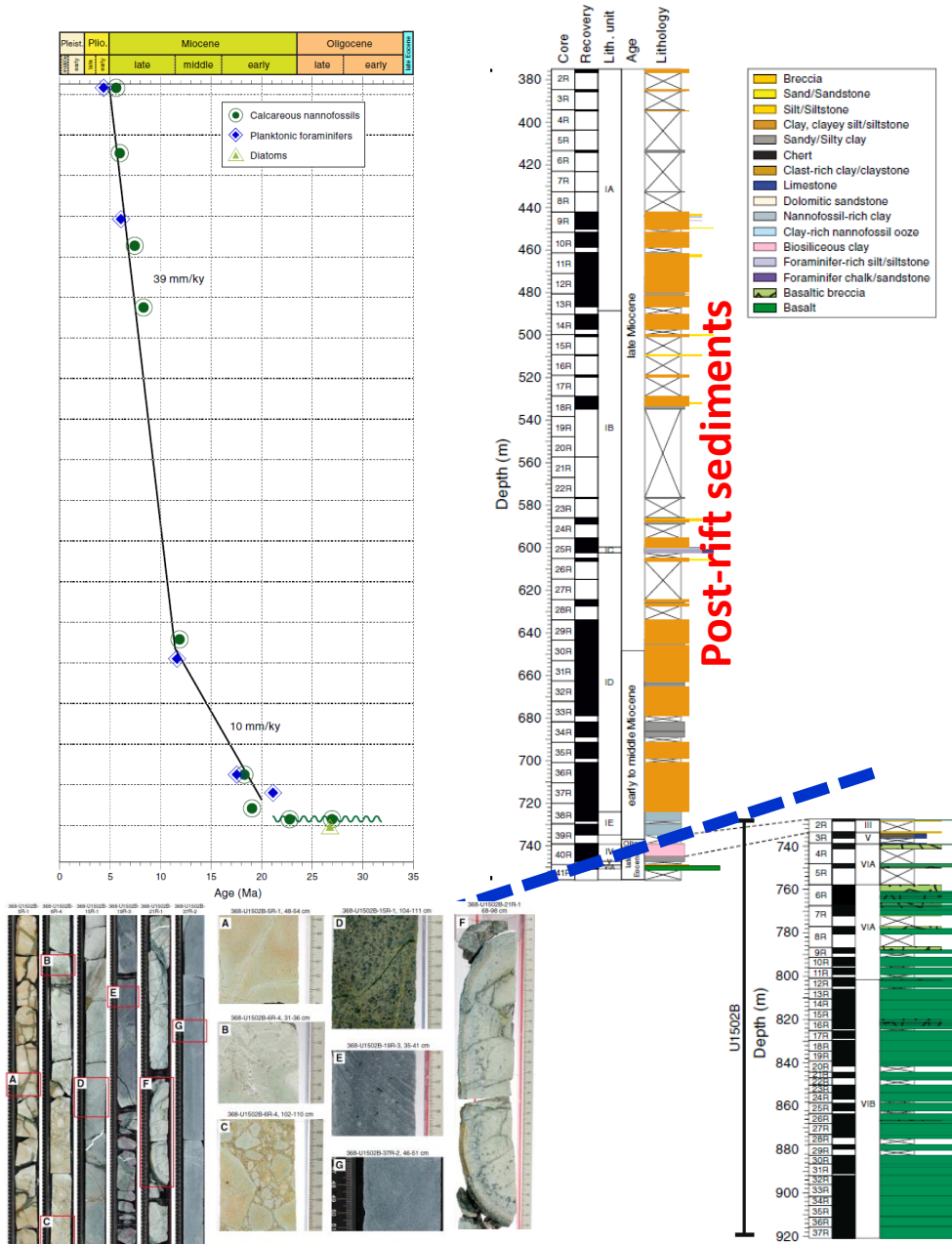
Rare extensional faults offset the top-basement detachment; the seismic basement is decoupled with the syn-rift sequences and structures. The detachment surface was uplifted and formed DSHs.



1. The detachment surface was uplifted and formed DSHs.
2. DSHs interacted with the syn-rift sediments, which enable to define the timing of DSHs.
3. DSHs are linked with syn-rift magmatic intrusions.



2.2 Cone shaped high-volcano during final breakup



Top of
basement

Altered basalt

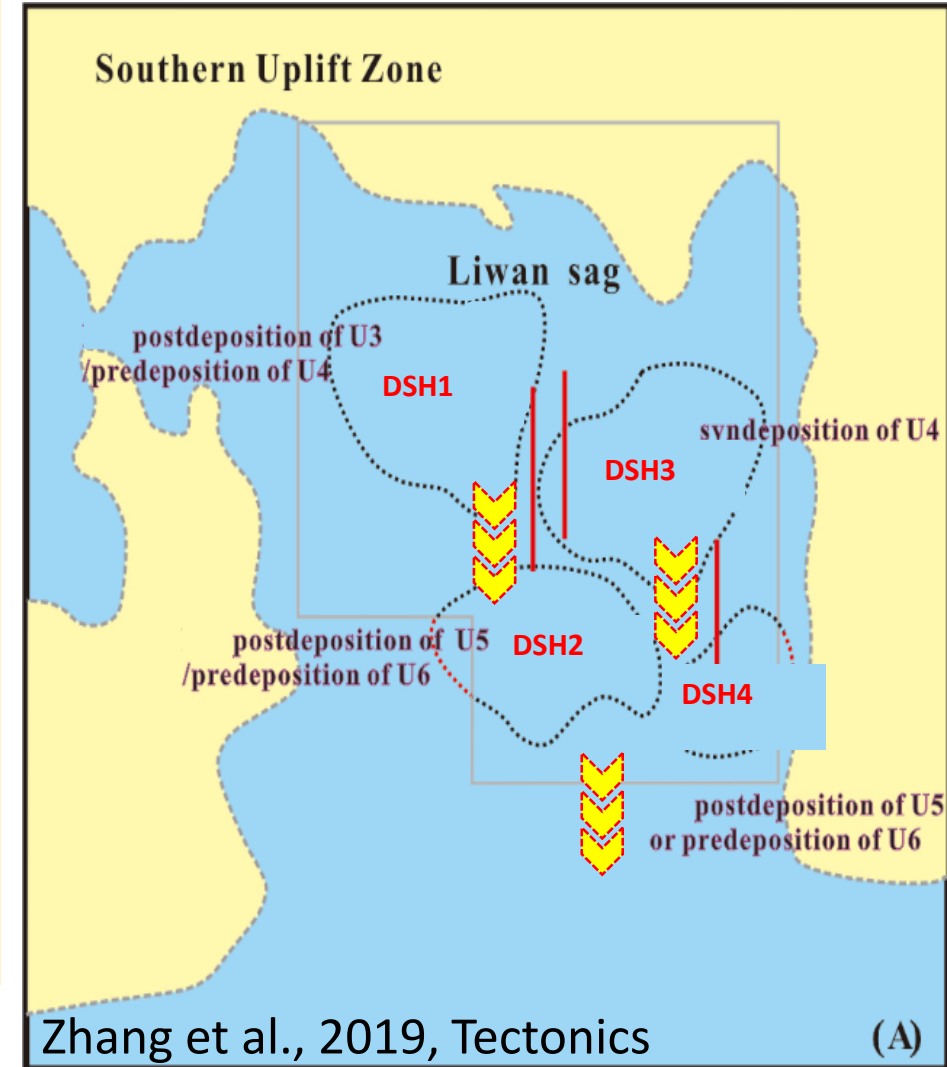
Zhang et al. In review.

Larsen et al., 2018

Based on the observations of magma-related structures, we focus on:

2. Defining the forms and distribution of magmatic additions
3. Timing and migration of magmatism
4. Amount of magmatic additions and their evolution as a function of the development of northern margin

Zhang et al. 2020, In review.



Thanks for your attention!