



# Structural architecture of the western Greater Caucasus pro-wedge: A case study from the Rioni foreland fold-and-thrust belt

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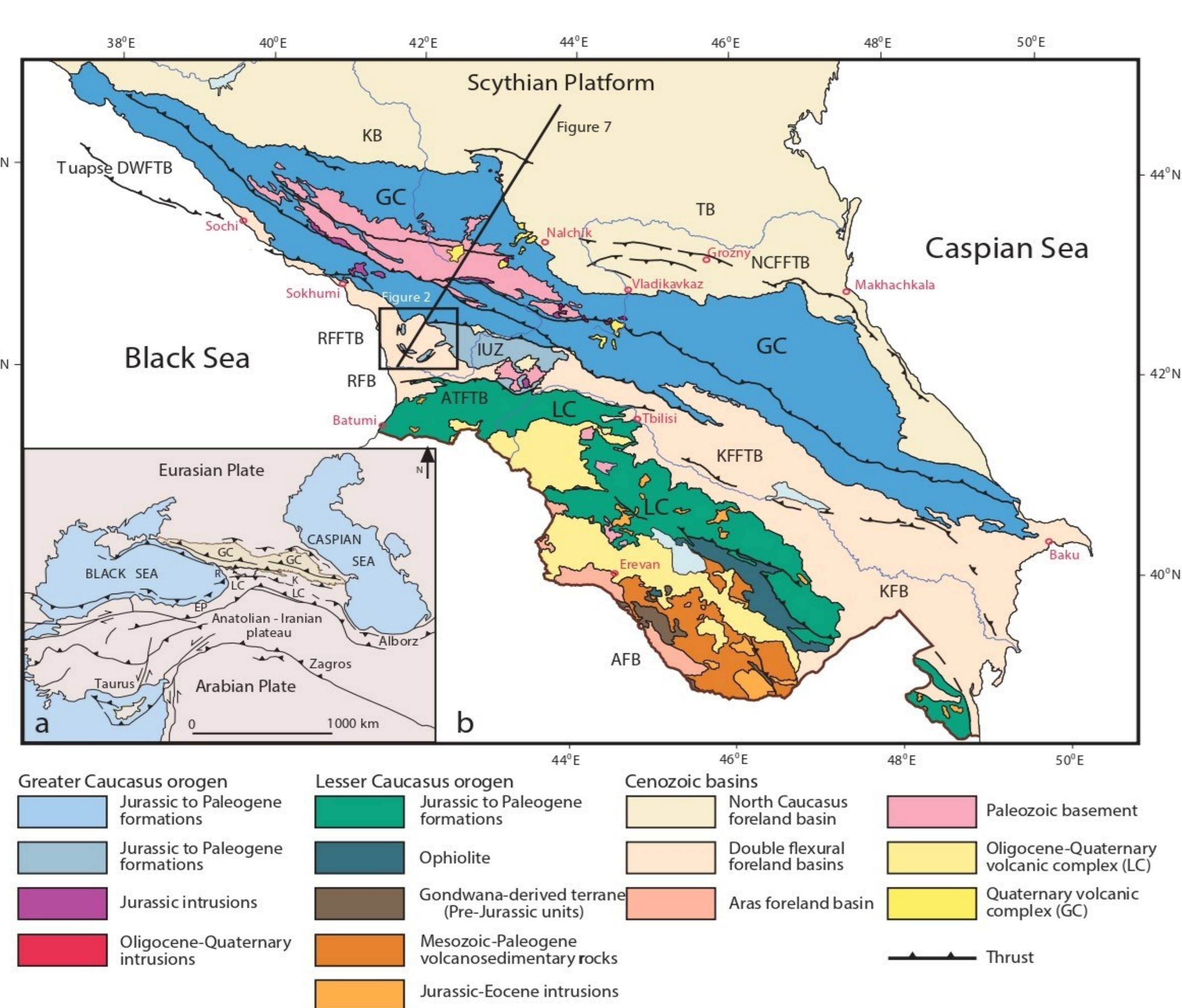
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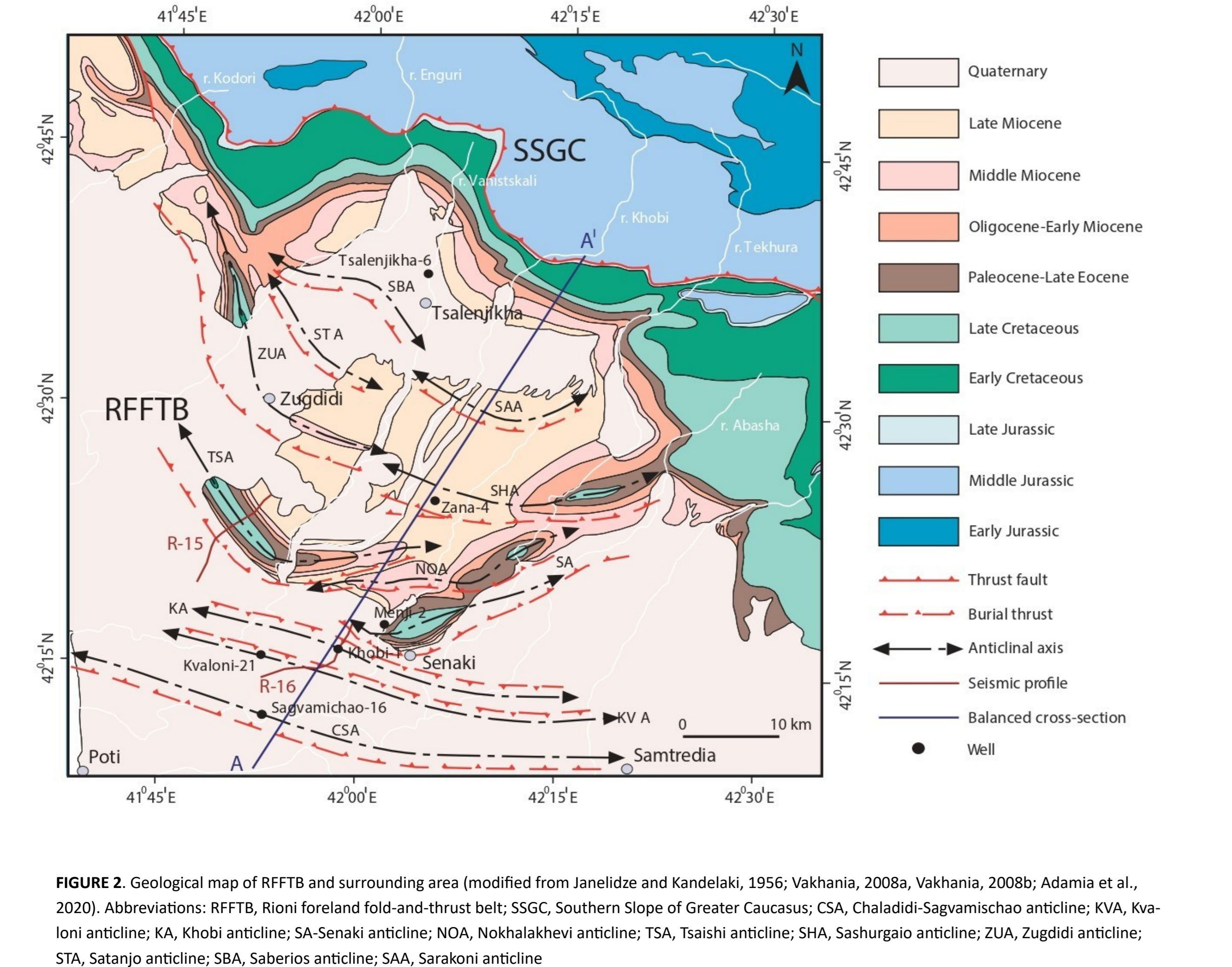
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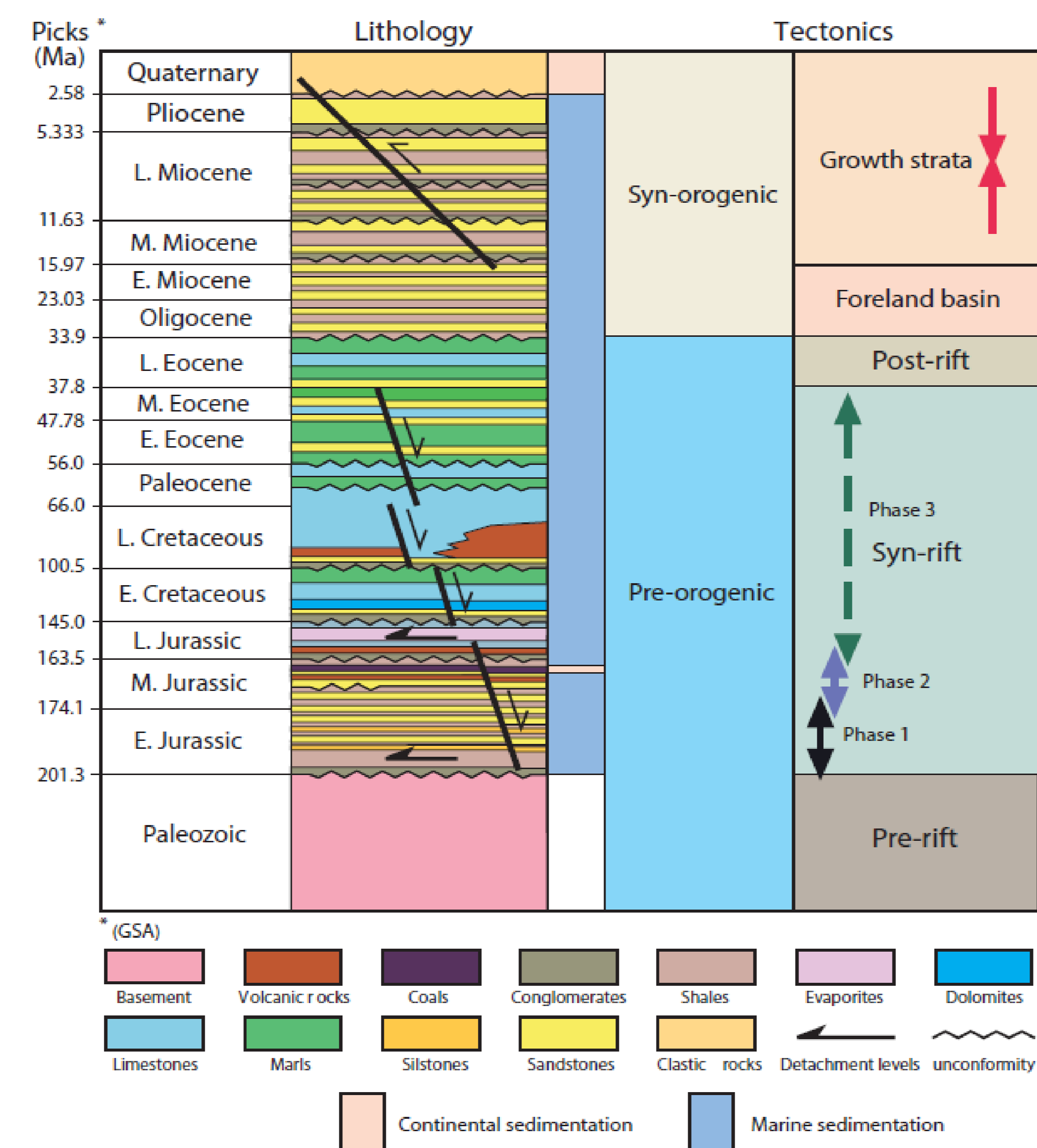
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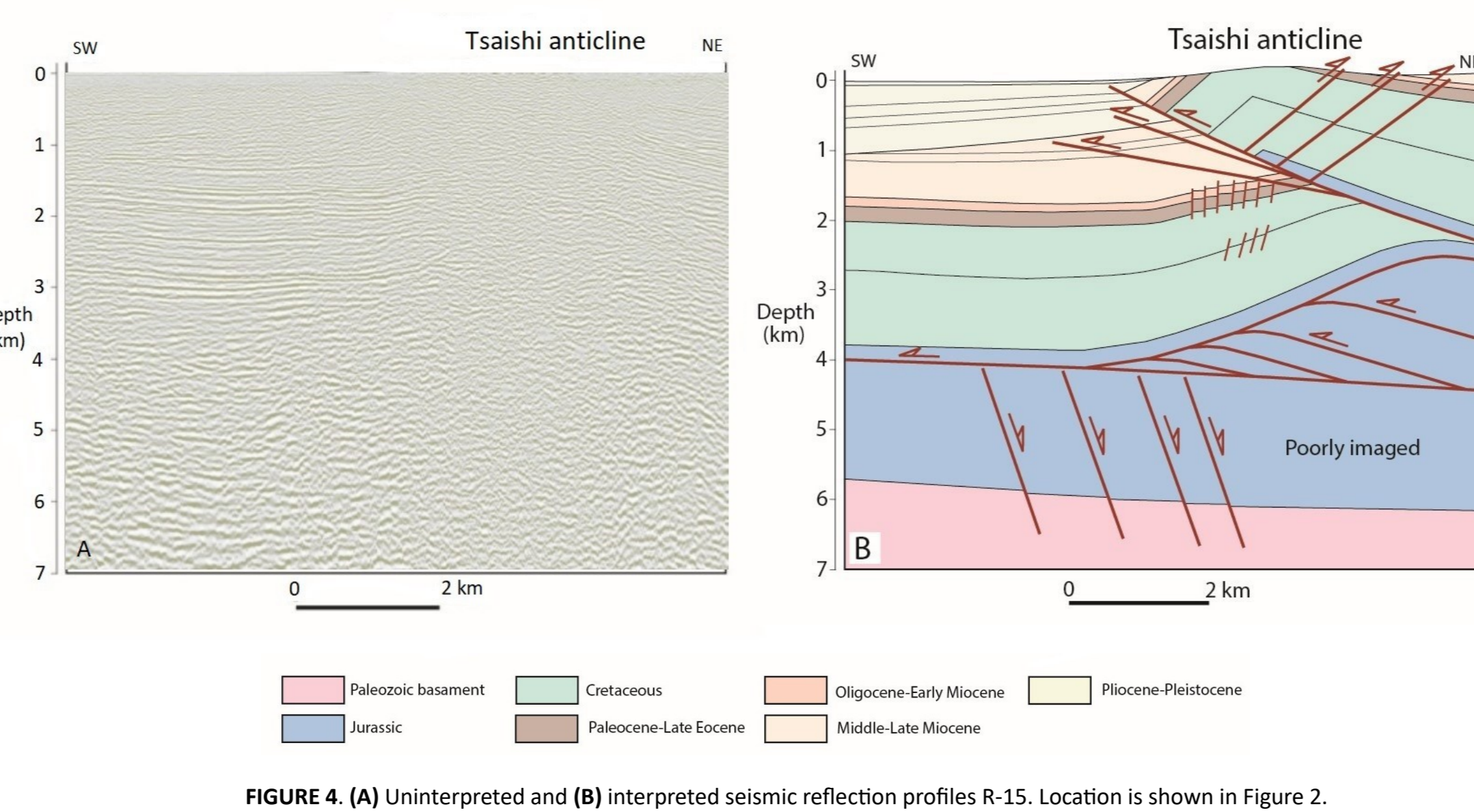
**FIGURE 1.** (A) Tectonic map of Arabia-Eurasia collision zone (modified from Sossou et al., 2016). (B) Tectonic map of the Caucasus (modified from Sobornov, 1996; Adamia et al., 2011a; Sossou et al., 2016; Adamia et al., 2020; Alania et al., 2021a; Alania et al., 2021b; Mosar et al., 2022). Abbreviations: GC-Greater Caucasus, LC-Lesser Caucasus, RFFTB-Rioni foreland fold-and-thrust belt, SSGC-Southern Slope of Greater Caucasus, CSA, Chaladidi-Sagvamischaio anticline, KVA, Kvaloni anticline, KA, Khobi anticline, RFFTB-Rioni foreland fold-and-thrust belt, KFB-Kura foreland fold-and-thrust belt, KVA-Kvaloni anticline, NOA, Nokhalakevi anticline, TSA, Tsaishi anticline, NB, Narazeni basin, SHA, Sasurgalo anticline, DZB, Dikharuglo basin, SAA, Sarakoni anticline, TB-Tsalenikha basin, KB-Kuban Basin, TB-Terek Basin, AFB-Araks foreland basin.



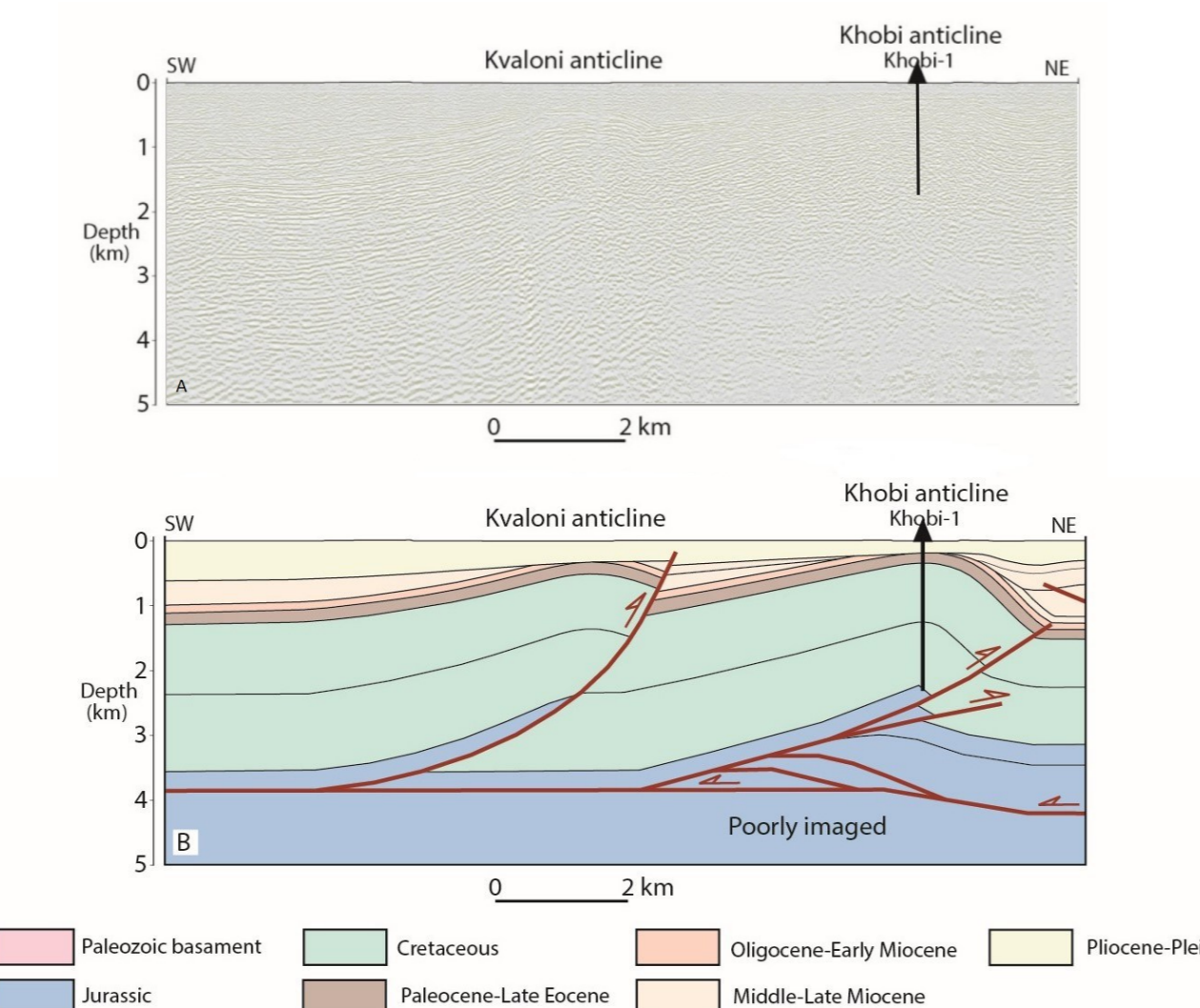
**FIGURE 2.** Geological map of RFFTB and surrounding area (modified from Janelidze and Kandelaki, 1956; Vakhania, 2008a, Vakhania, 2008b; Adamia et al., 2020). Abbreviations: RFFTB, Rioni foreland fold-and-thrust belt; SSGC, Southern Slope of Greater Caucasus; CSA, Chaladidi-Sagvamischaio anticline; KVA, Kvaloni anticline; KA, Khobi anticline; SA-Senaki anticline; NOA, Nokhalakevi anticline; TSA, Tsaishi anticline; SHA, Sasurgalo anticline; ZUA, Zugdidi anticline; STA, Sataroni anticline; SBA, Saberi anticline; SAA, Sarakoni anticline



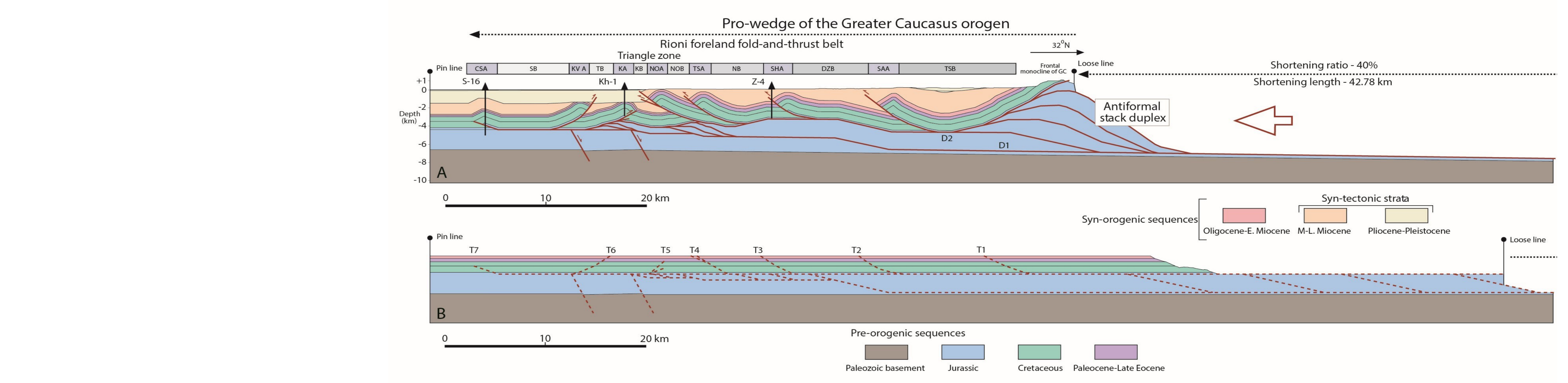
**FIGURE 3.** Tectonostratigraphic chart of the Rioni basin and surrounding area (modified from Adamia et al., 2010; Adamia et al., 2011a; Adamia et al., 2011b; Vincent et al., 2016; Tari et al., 2018; Alania et al., 2021a).



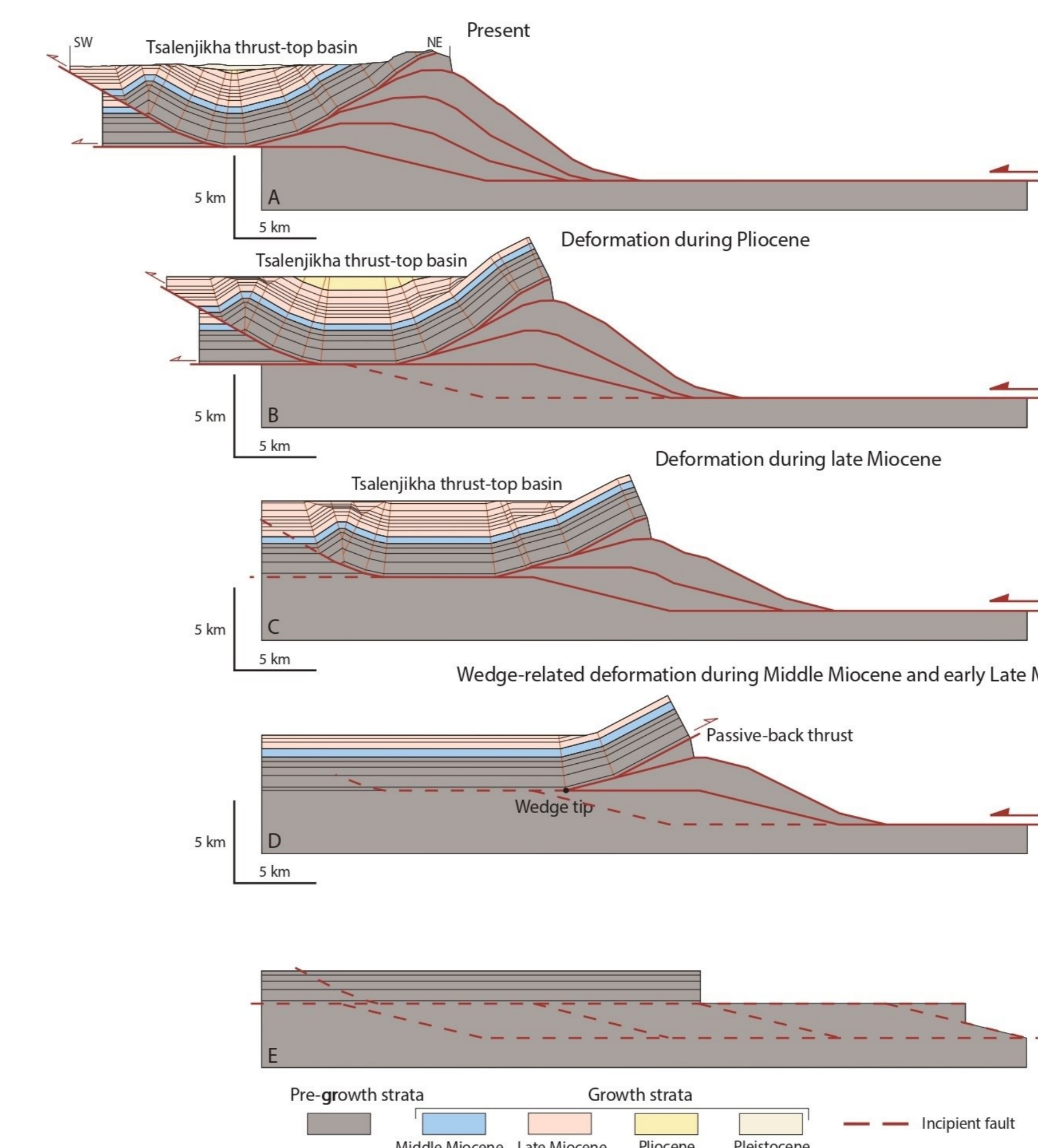
**FIGURE 4.** (A) Uninterpreted and (B) interpreted seismic reflection profiles R-15. Location is shown in Figure 2.



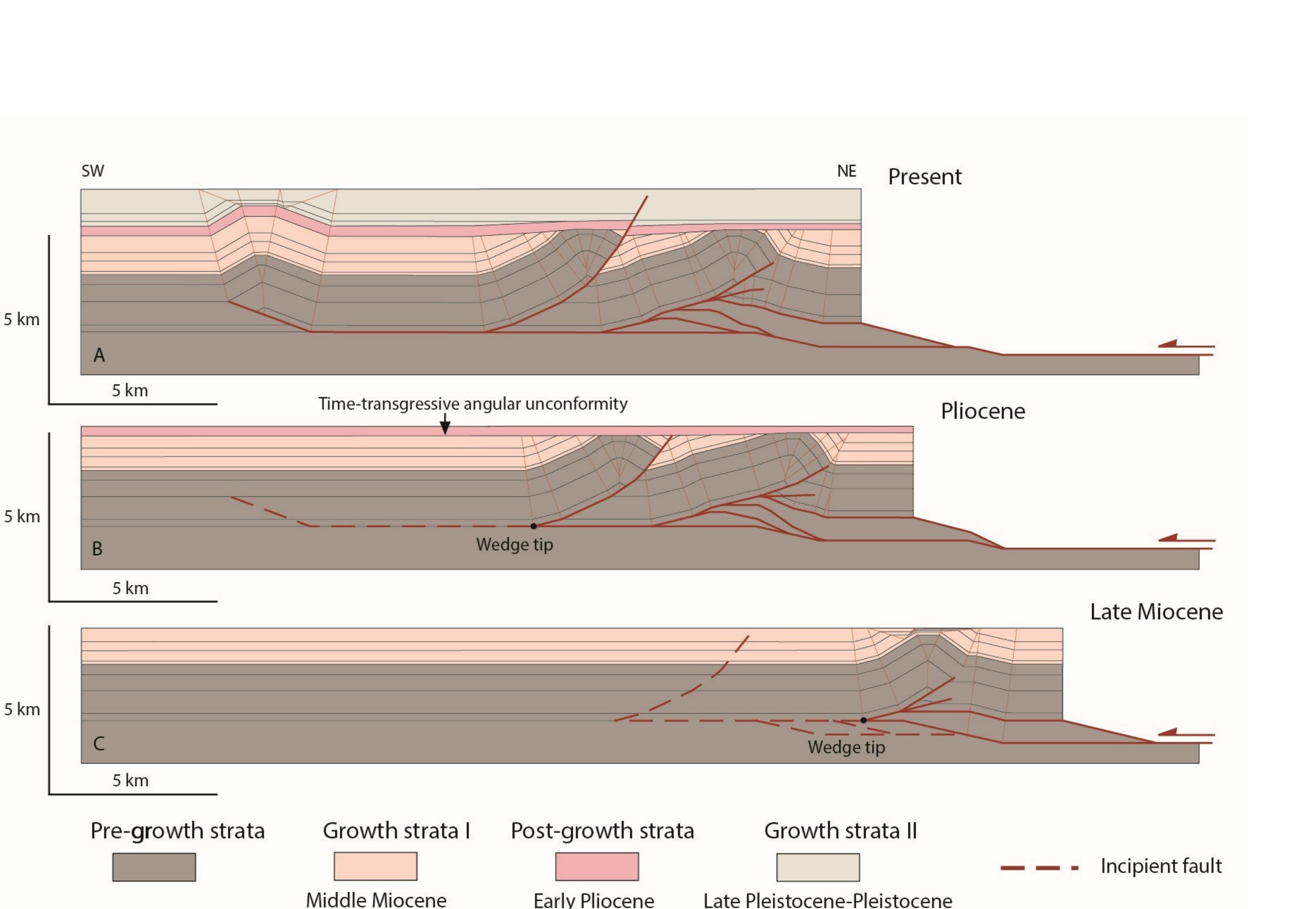
**FIGURE 5.** (A) Uninterpreted and (B) interpreted seismic reflection profiles R-16. Location is shown in Figure 2.



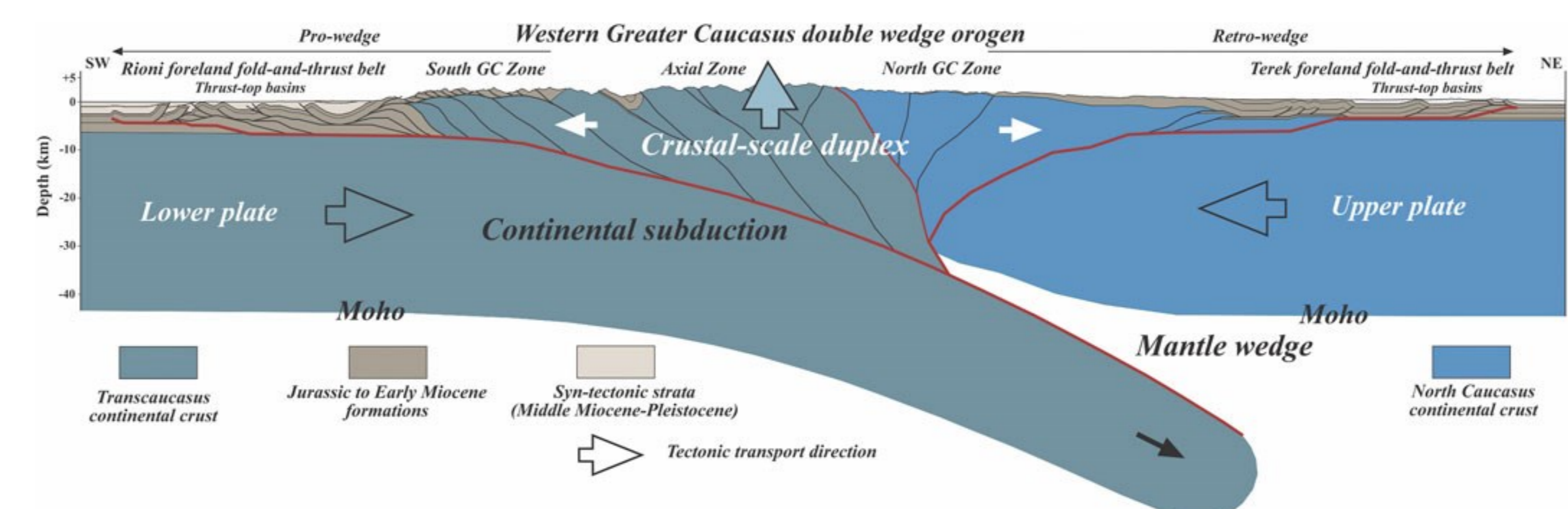
**FIGURE 6.** (A) Balanced—A-A' and (B) restored cross-sections. Location is shown in Figures 1, 2. Abbreviations: T1-T7—Thrusts; D1, D2, Detachments; CSA, Chaladidi-Sagvamischaio anticline; SB, Sagvamischaio basin; KVA, Kvaloni anticline; TB, Tekhuri basin; KA, Khobi anticline; KB, Khobi basin; NOA, Nokhalakevi anticline; NB, Narazeni basin; SHA, Sasurgalo anticline; DZB, Dikharuglo basin; SAA, Sarakoni anticline; TSA-Tsalenikha basin.



**FIGURE 7.** Kinematic models of sequential development of Tsalenikha thrust-top basin. (A) Present-day structure. (B) Deformation during Pliocene. (C) Deformation during the late Miocene. (D) Wedge-related deformation during Middle Miocene and early late Miocene. (E) Restored cross-section.



**FIGURE 8.** Kinematic models of sequential development of frontal folds of the RFFTB. (A) Present-day structure. (B) Deformation during early Pliocene. (C) Deformation during the late Miocene.



**FIGURE 9.** Tectonic model of the western GC orogen (modified from Alania et al., 2021a).

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