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# topics

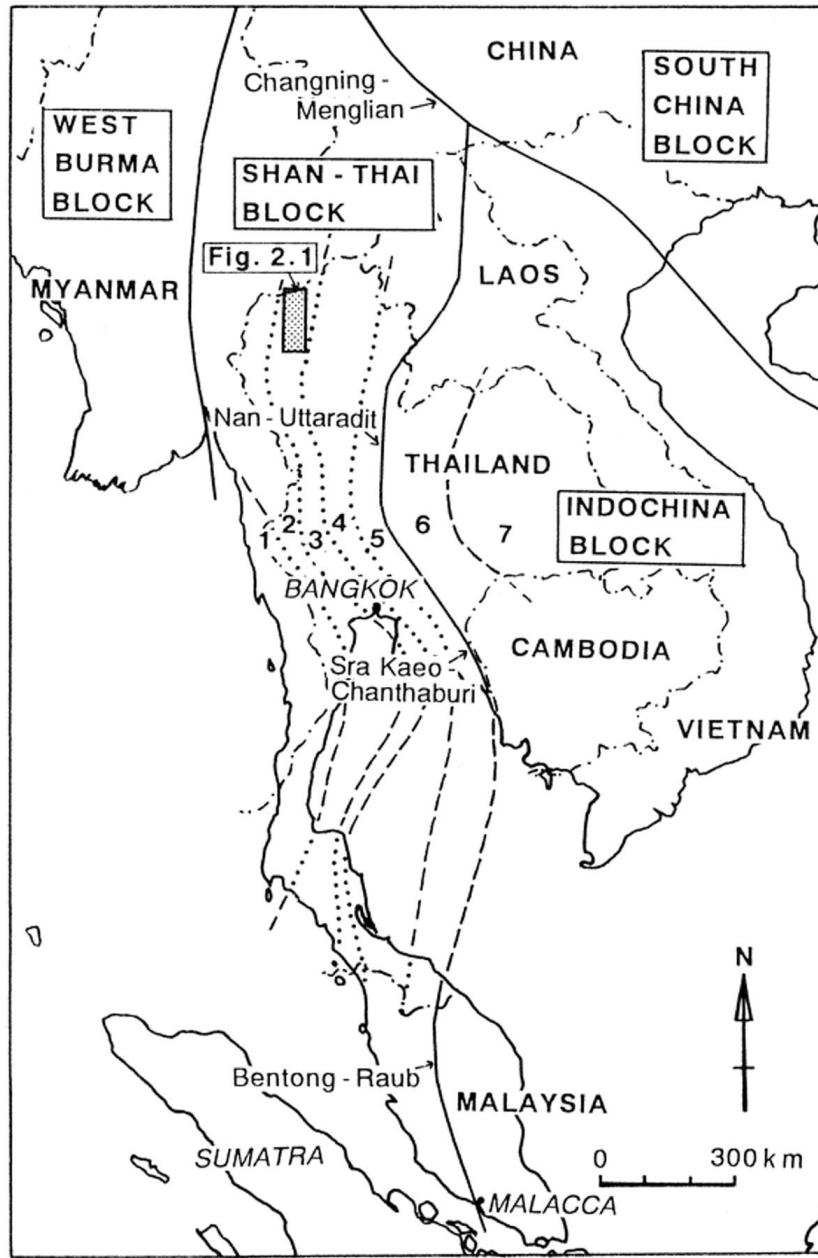
- Tectonic setting
- Magmatism
- mineralization
- conclusion

# objectives

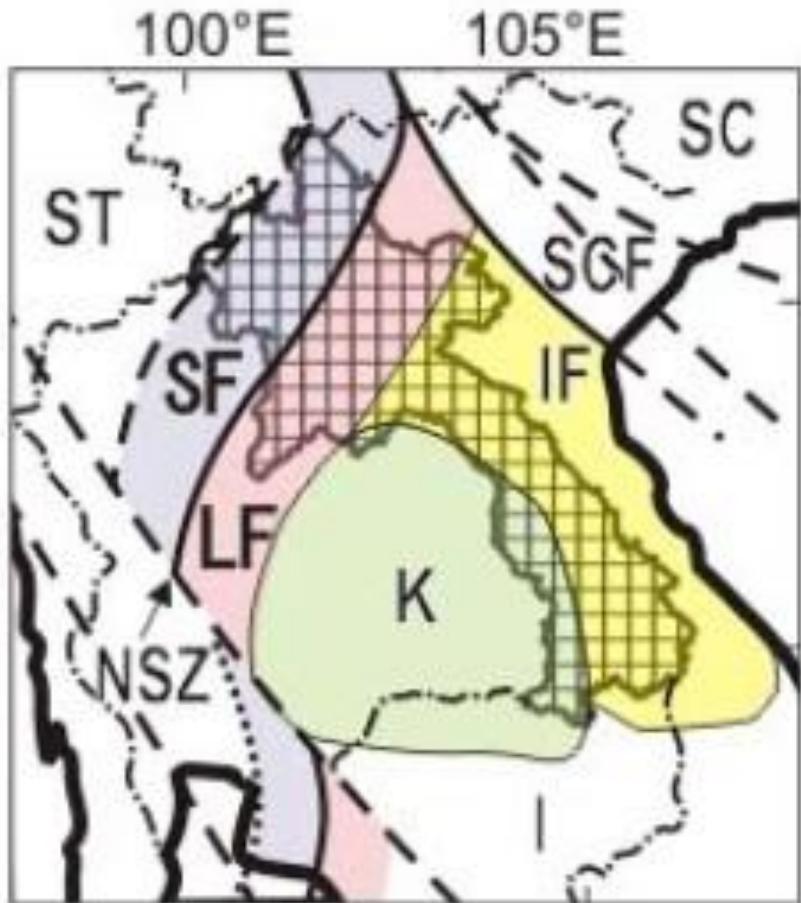
- To document new data on geochronology and petrochemistry of igneous rocks;
- To provide more accurate data on mineralization related to tectonics; and
- To discuss on tectonic/magmatic evolution

# Thailand Tectonics by Bunopas (1981)

Pioneer work  
And still can  
be applied



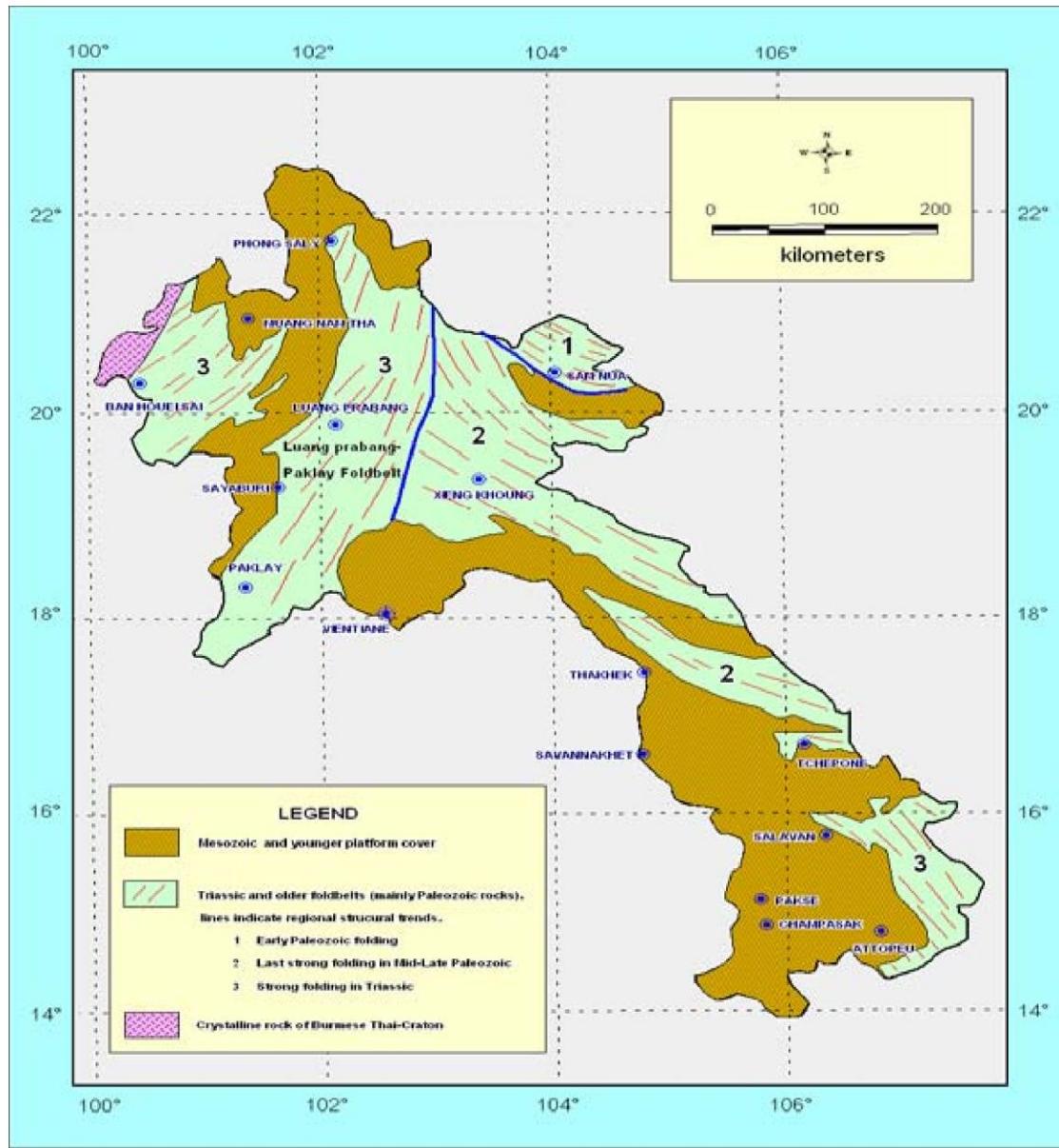
# Previous studies of tectonic setting of Lao PDR and eastern Thailand



- K : Khorat Plateau
- SF : Sukhothai Fold Belt
- LF : Loei Fold Belt
- IF : Indosinian Fold Belt
- SCF : South China Fold Belt
- SC : South-China Terrane
- ST : Shan-Thai Terrane
- I : Indosinian Craton
- NSZ : Nan River Suture Zone

**Indochina geologic setting**  
(Modified after Copper *et al.*, 1989)

# Lao PDR tectonic map by ESCAP (1996)



# Ealier work for tectonic division in Lao PDR by Manomai Vilaihongs et al. (1997)

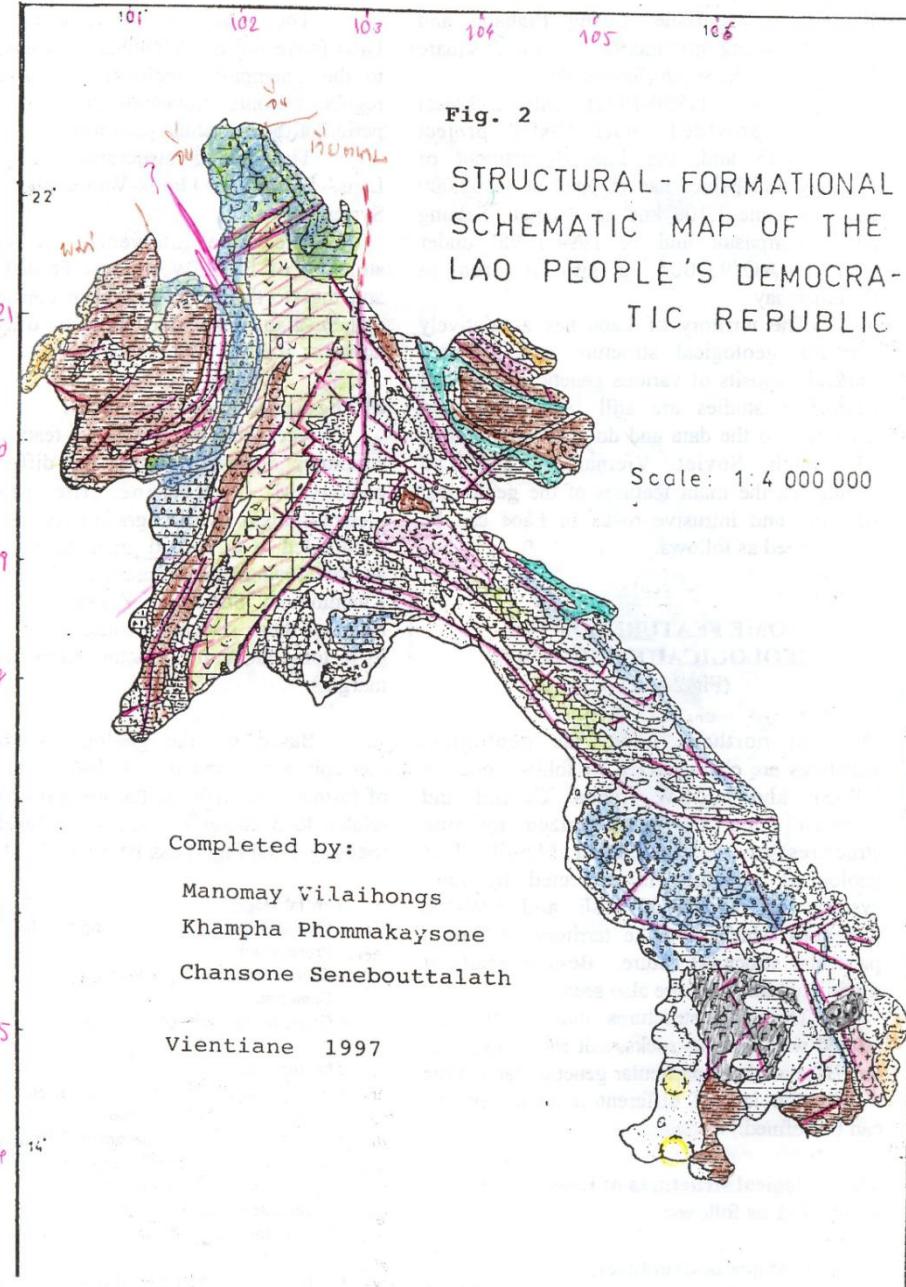
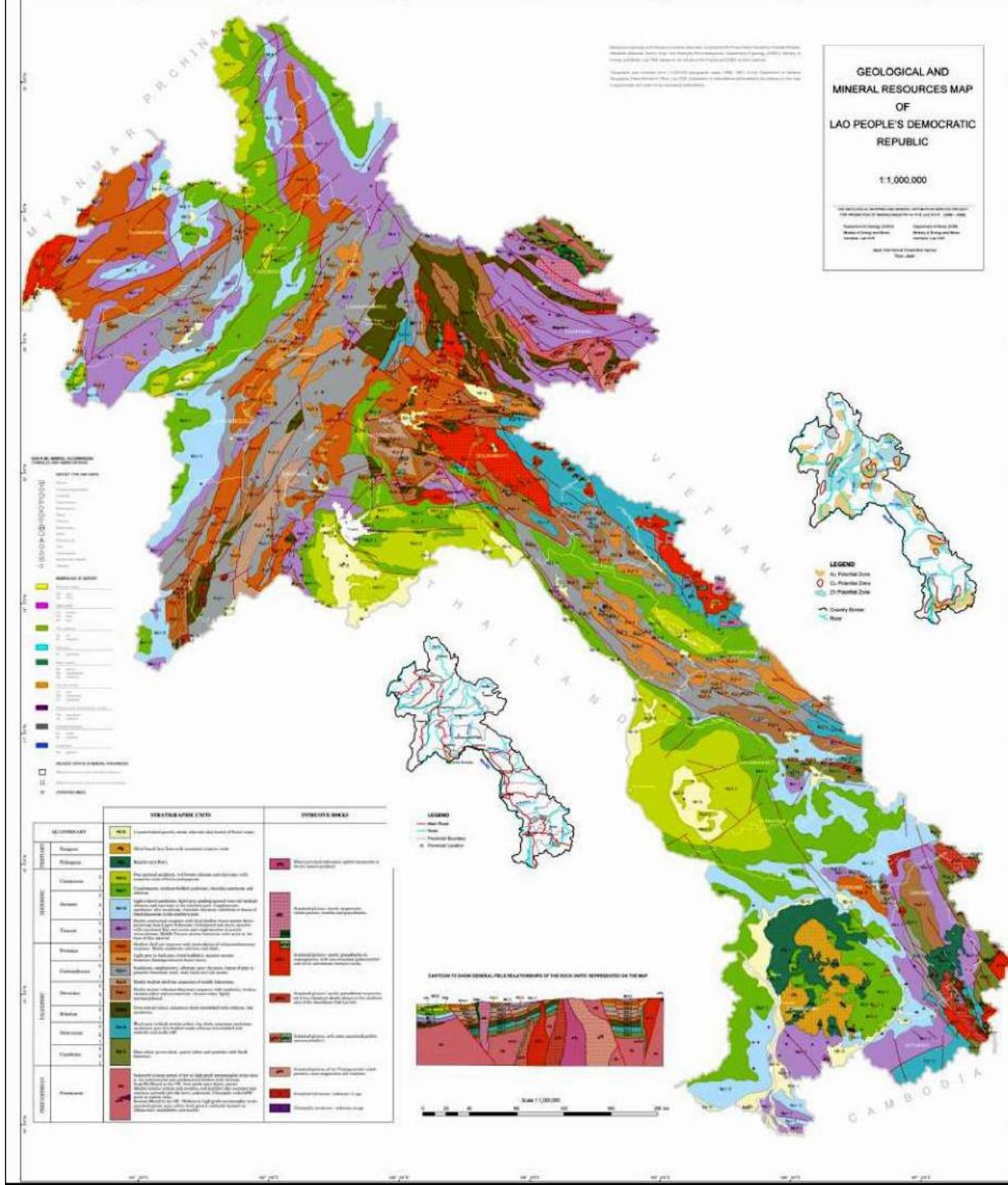
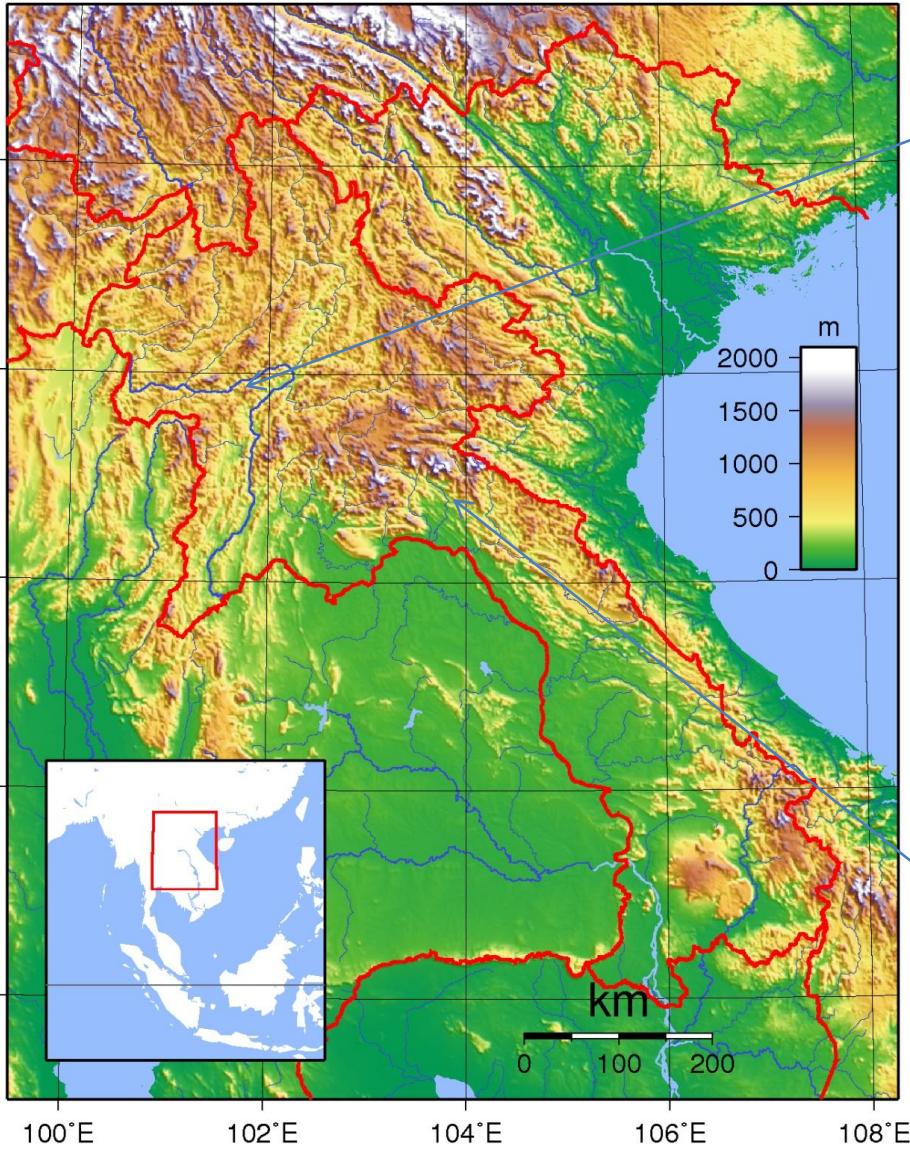


Figure 2 Structural-formational schematic map of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

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Geologic  
map of  
Lao PDR  
following  
BGS  
(2003)



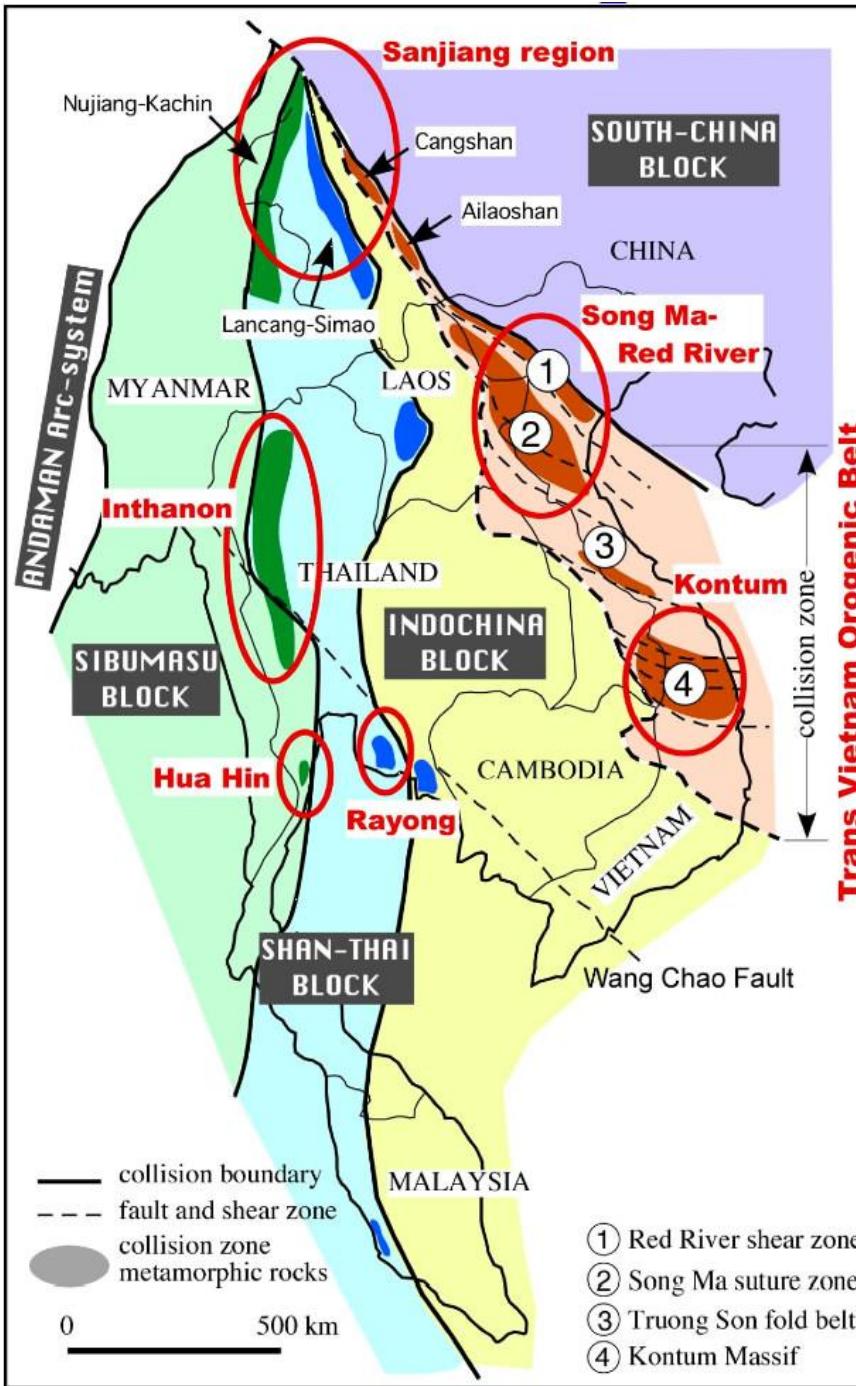


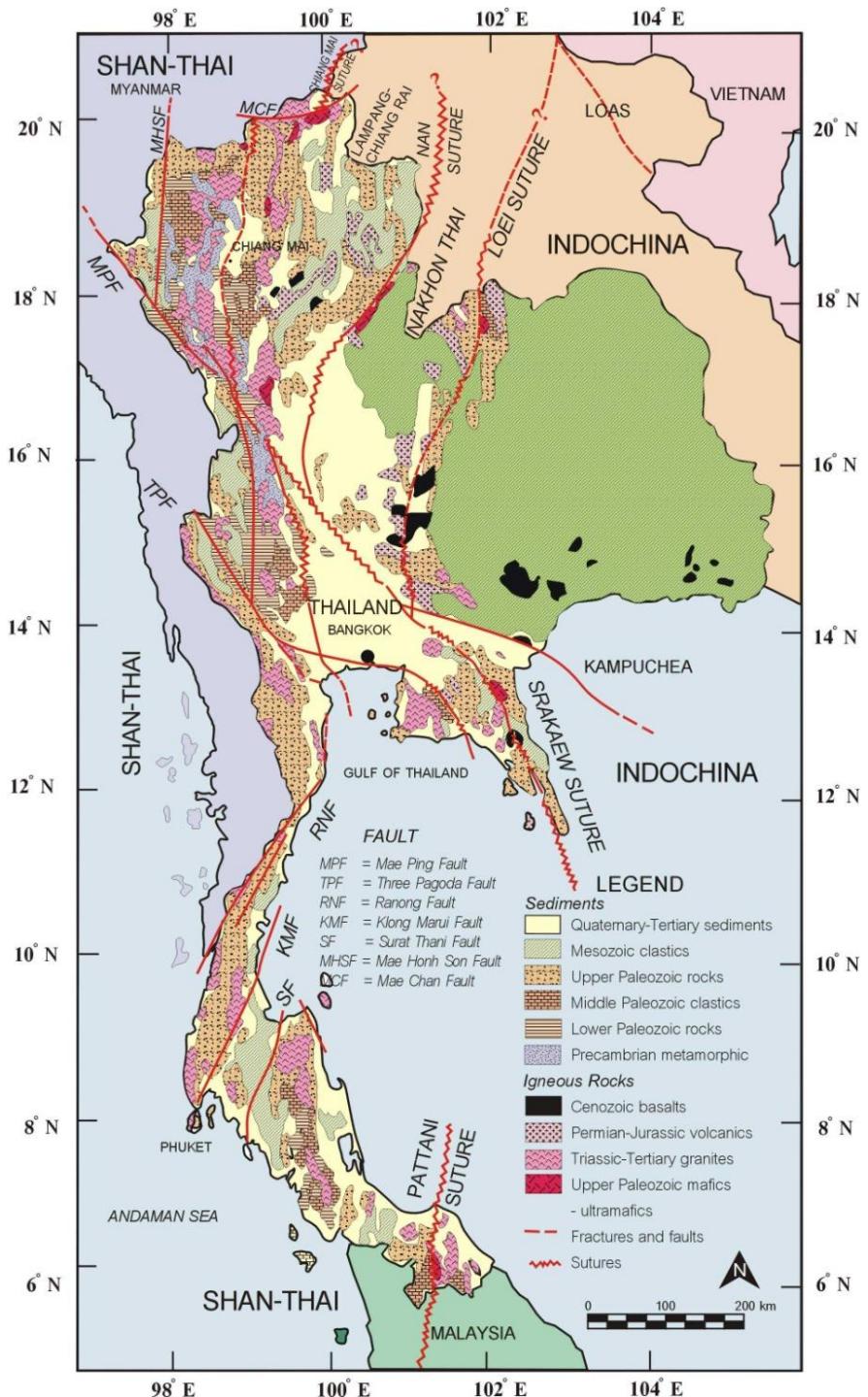
NE-SW  
lineaments

Lao  
Sattelite  
Image  
DEM data

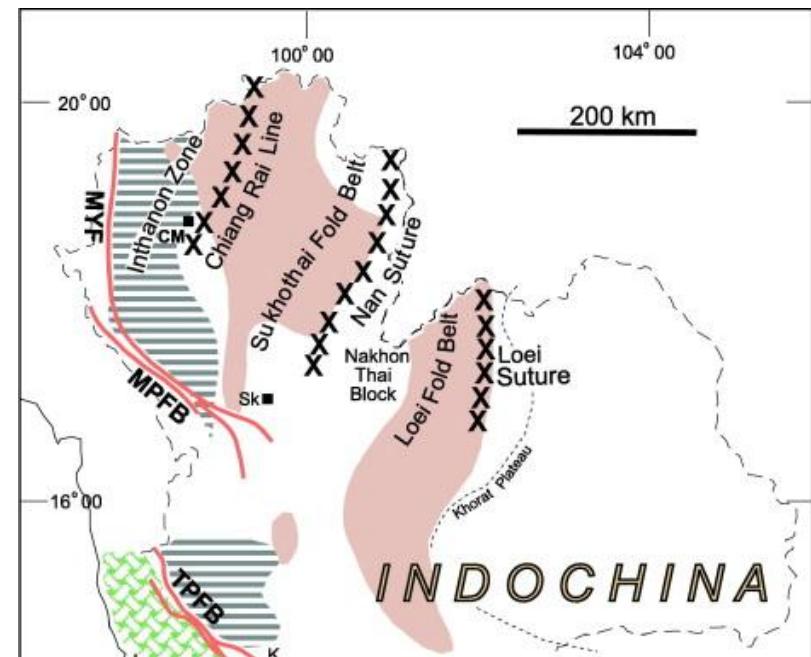
NW-SE  
lineaments

# Tectonic framework of SE Asia by Osanai et al. (2011)





Michael Ridd (2015) applied charusiri et al. (2002) data for his map



*Charusiri et al.(2002)*

**2 minor blocks**

*Luang Namtha Block*

*Xam Nua block*

**4 major blocks:**

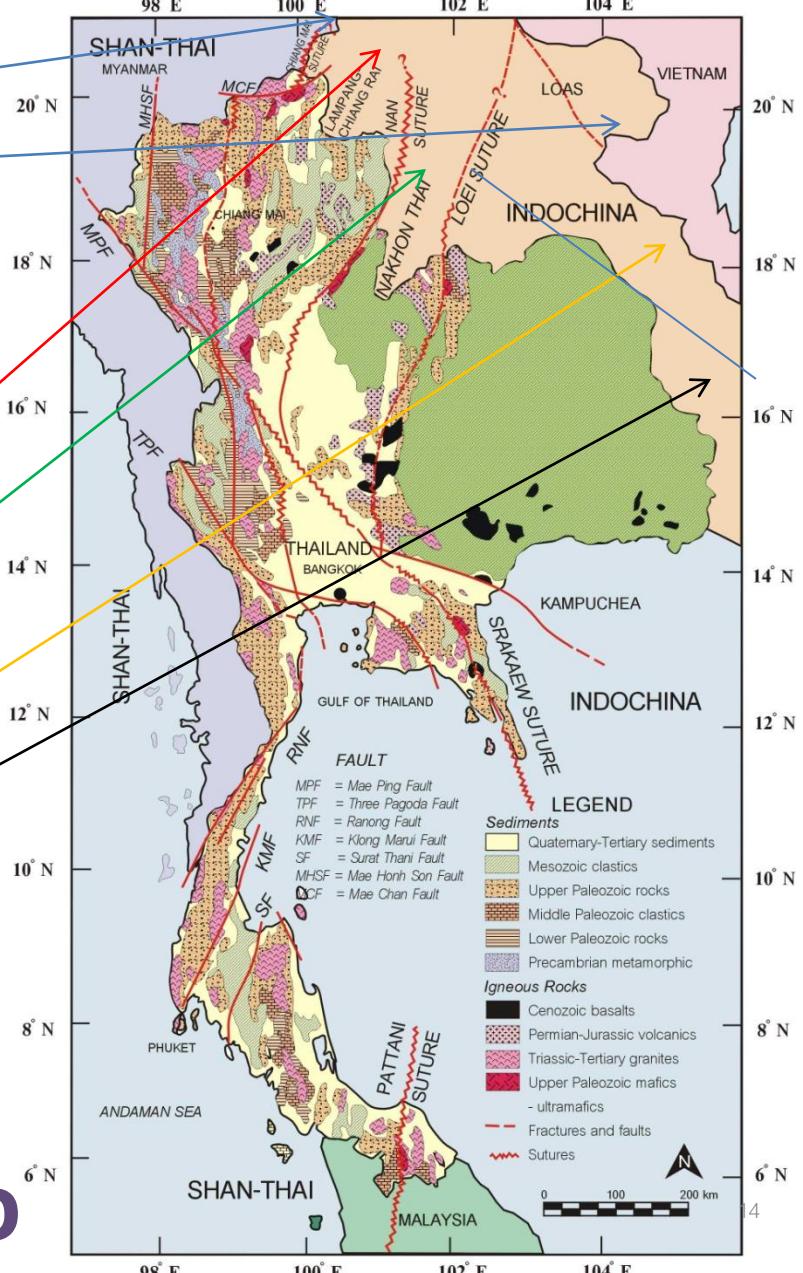
*Oudomxai block -West,*

*Paklay block - Central,*

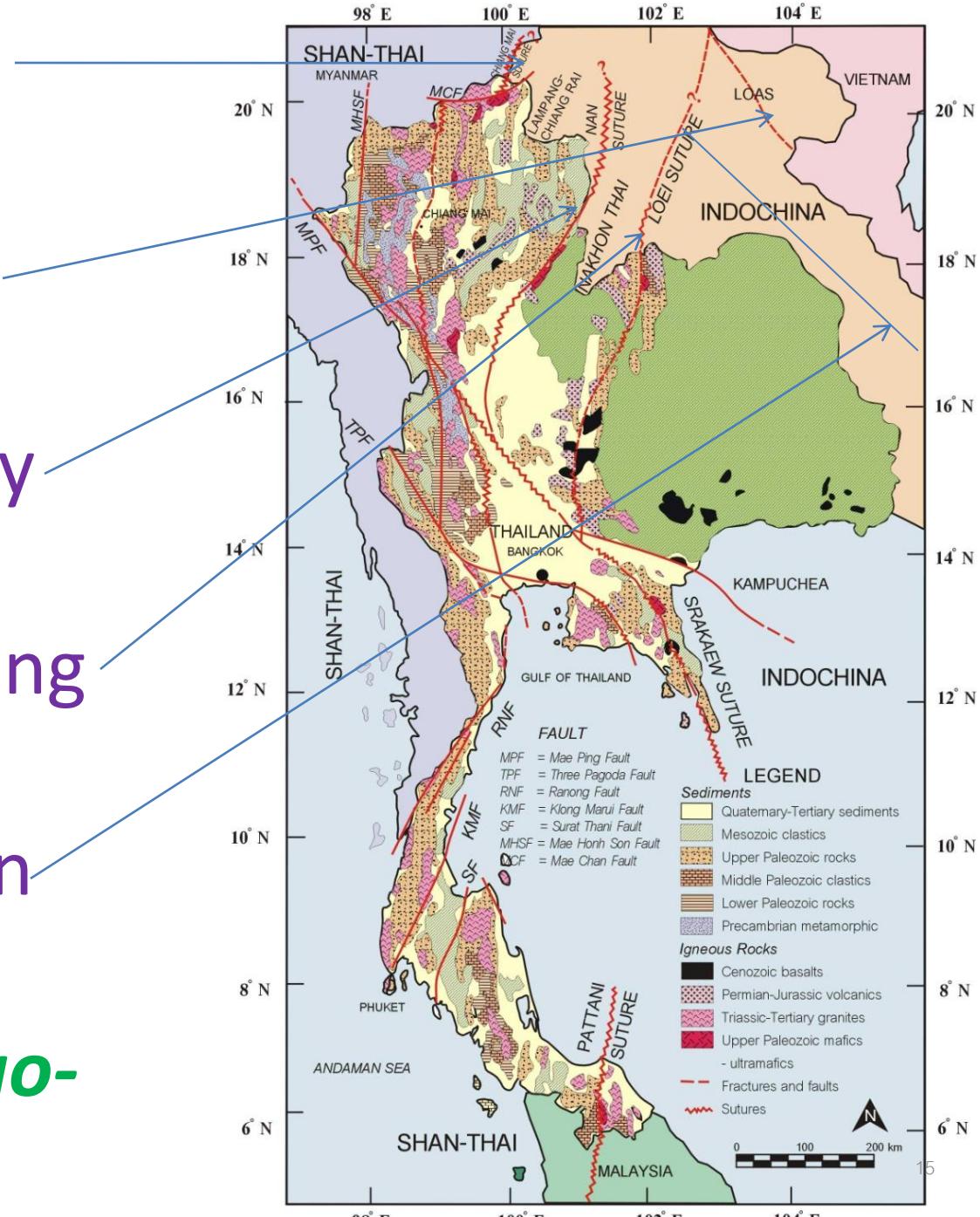
*Phuluang block - East*

*Indochina block-South*

**6 tectonic blocks in Lao**



1. Bo Kaeo  
*E Tr* Suture.
  2. Nam Ma  
*P-Tr* Suture.
  3. Xaiyaboury  
*E Tr* Suture.
  4. Luang Prabang  
*E Tr* Suture.
  5. Nam Thoen  
*P-Tr* Suture.
- 5 sutures in Lao-  
Thailand**



*Luang Namtha Block*

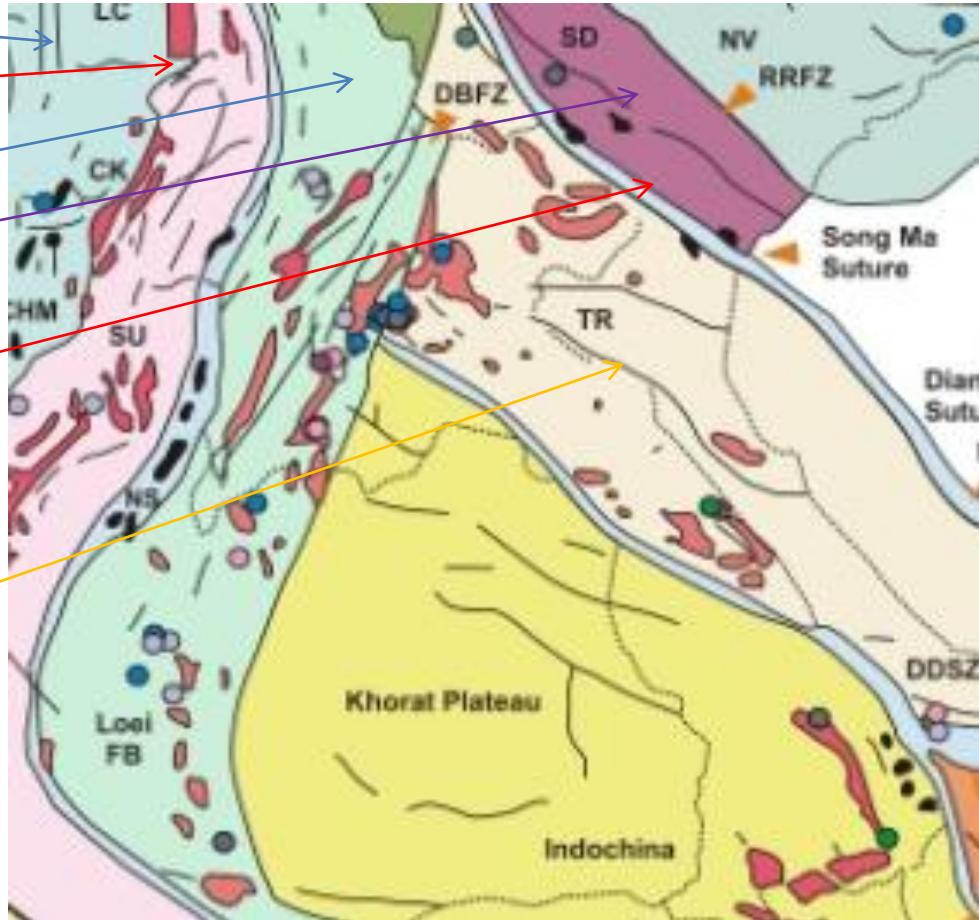
*Bo Kaeo S.*

*Oudomxai block*

*Xam Nua B.*

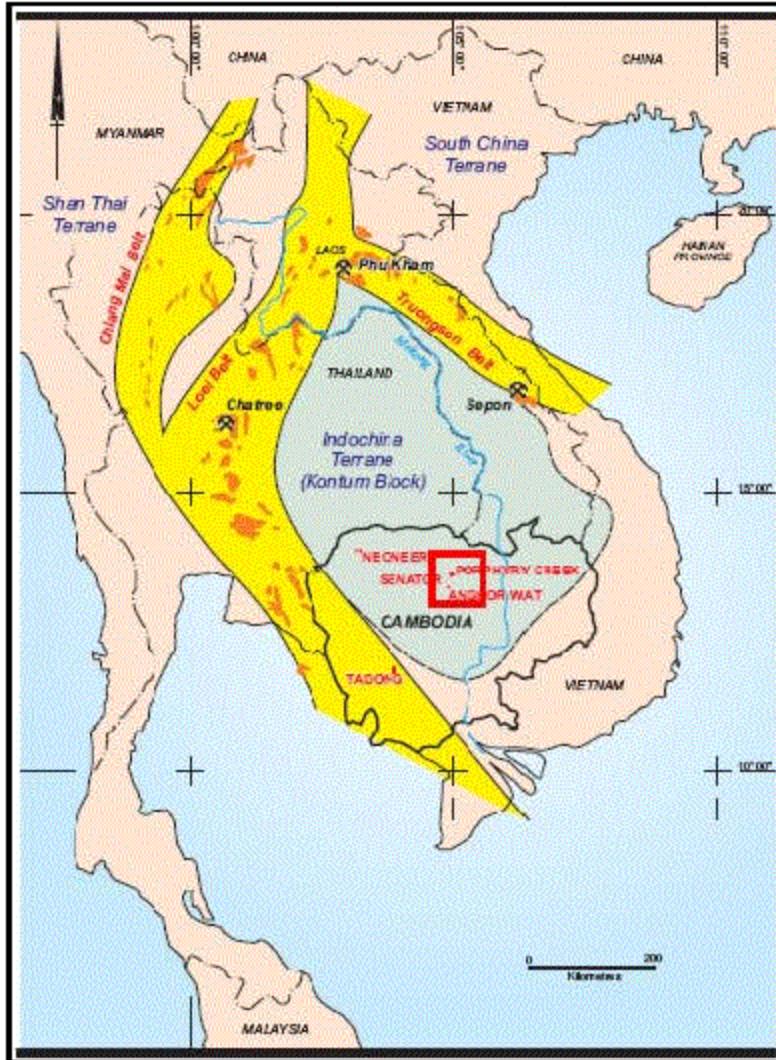
*Nam Ma S.*

*Phuluang B  
(Trung Son B)*

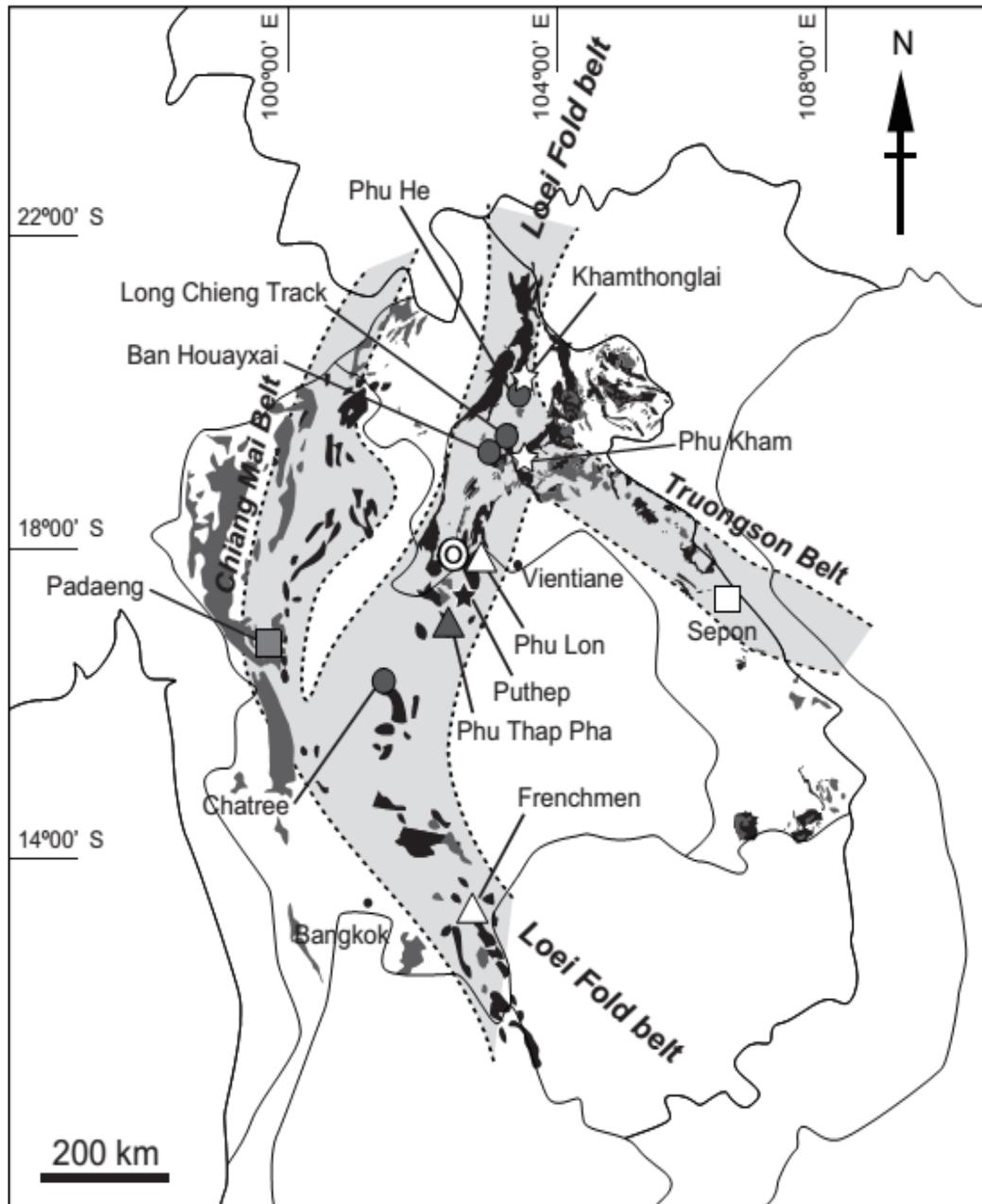


*Modified after Burrte et al. (2015)*

# Thai-Lao Gold belts



# Thai-Lao Mineral Deposits



## Legend

○ South Moune area

Granitic intrusive rock

Volcanics

## Major ore deposits

★ Porphyry-skarn Cu

★ Porphyry-skarn Cu-Au

● Epithermal Au

▲ Skarn Au

△ Skarn Cu-Au

□ Sediment-hosted Au / Porphyry Cu

■ Sediment-hosted Zn

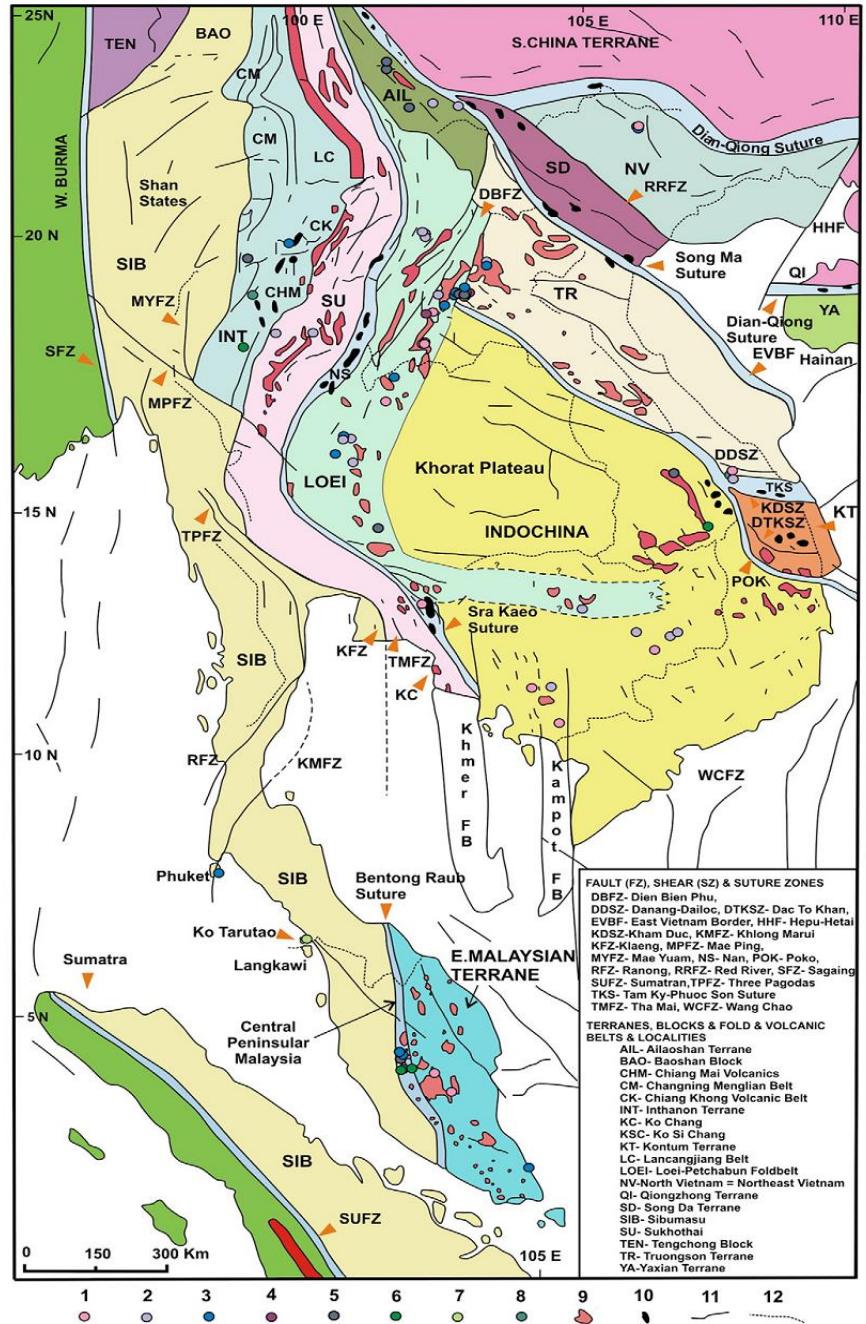
Fig. 3 Distribution of igneous rocks and major ore deposit in Lao PDR and Thailand, compiled after Nakapadungrat and Putthapibun (1992), Panjasawatwong et al. (2006), Kamvong and Khin Zaw (2009) and BGS and DGM (1991).

# Ages of major magmatism and mineral deposits

- Silurian – Devonian (Phulaoan volcanic)
- Carboniferous – Permian (plutonics and polymetallic deposits / Au-Ag ores)
- Permian – Triassic (Plutonic/ volcanic)
- Juro-Triassic (A-type magma, rifting)
- Plio-Pleistocene (gem/basalt)

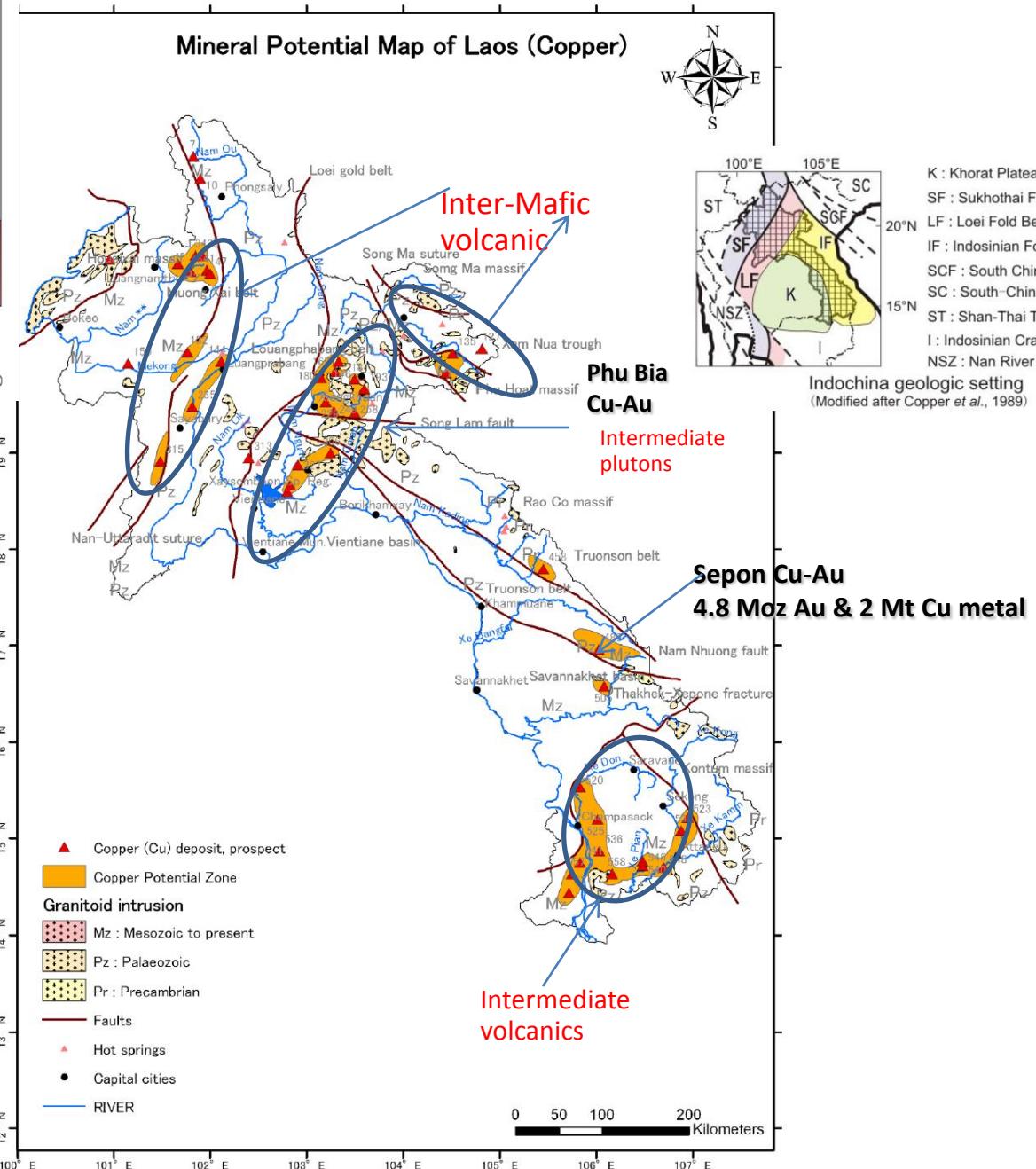
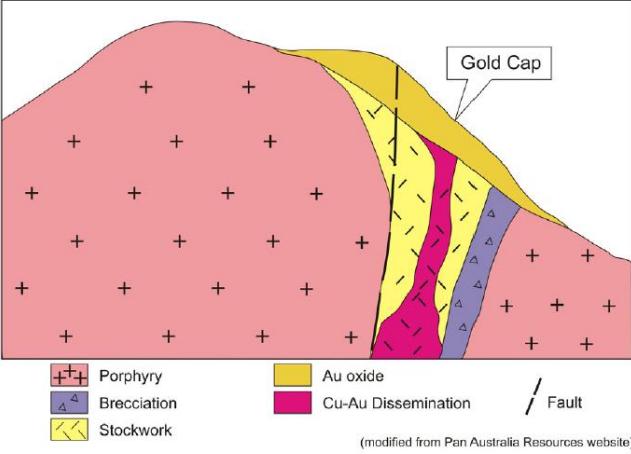
# Major tectonic features based on new geochronology and petrochemistry

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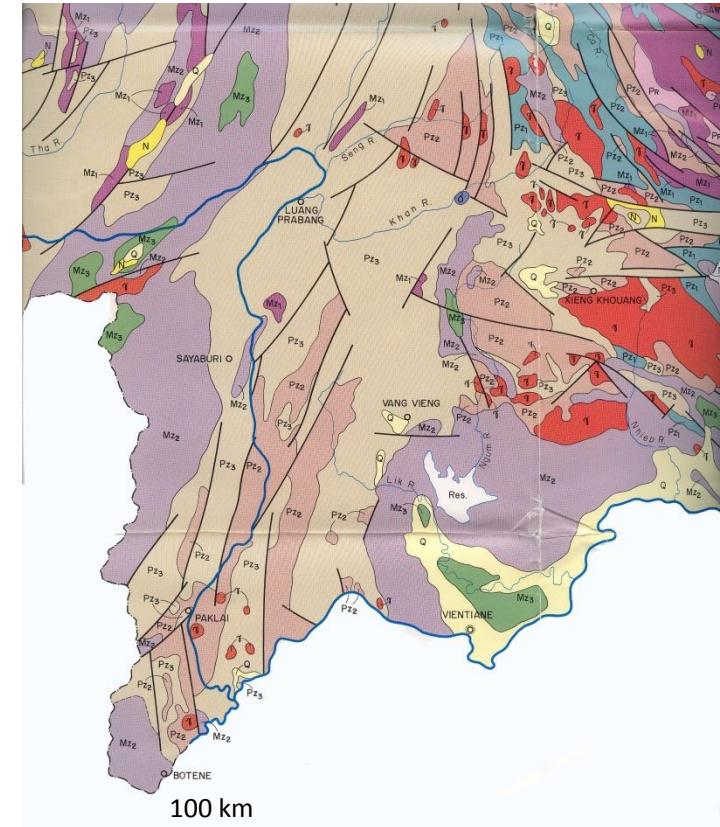
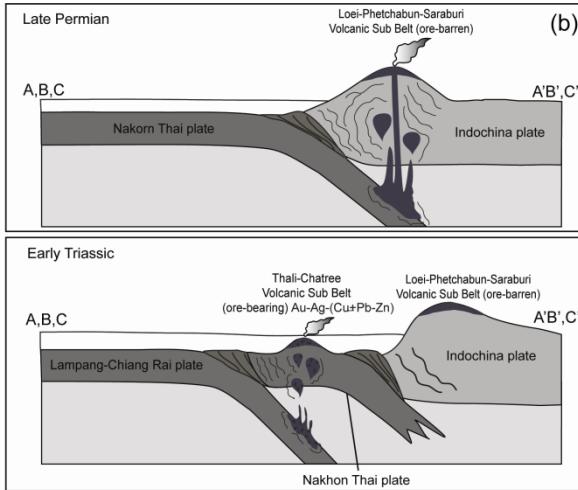
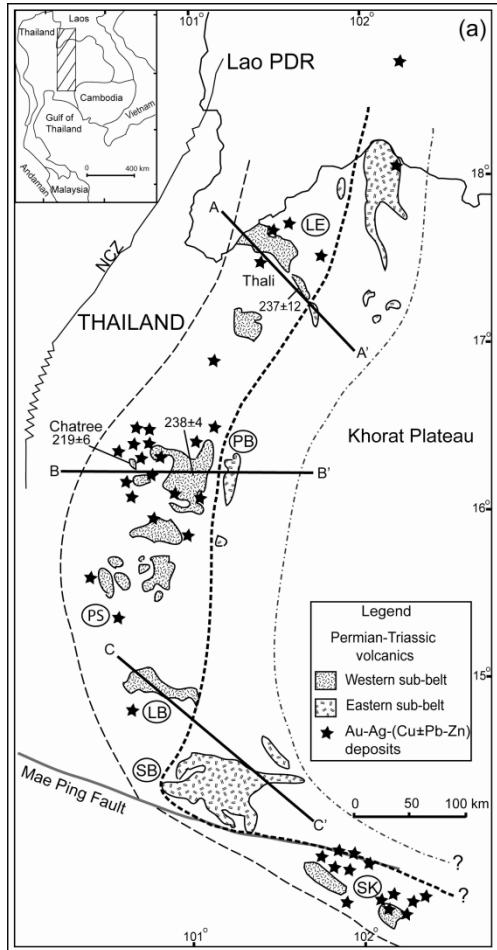


# Cu potential map of Lao PDR

(Phommakaysone, 2010)



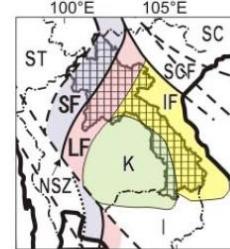
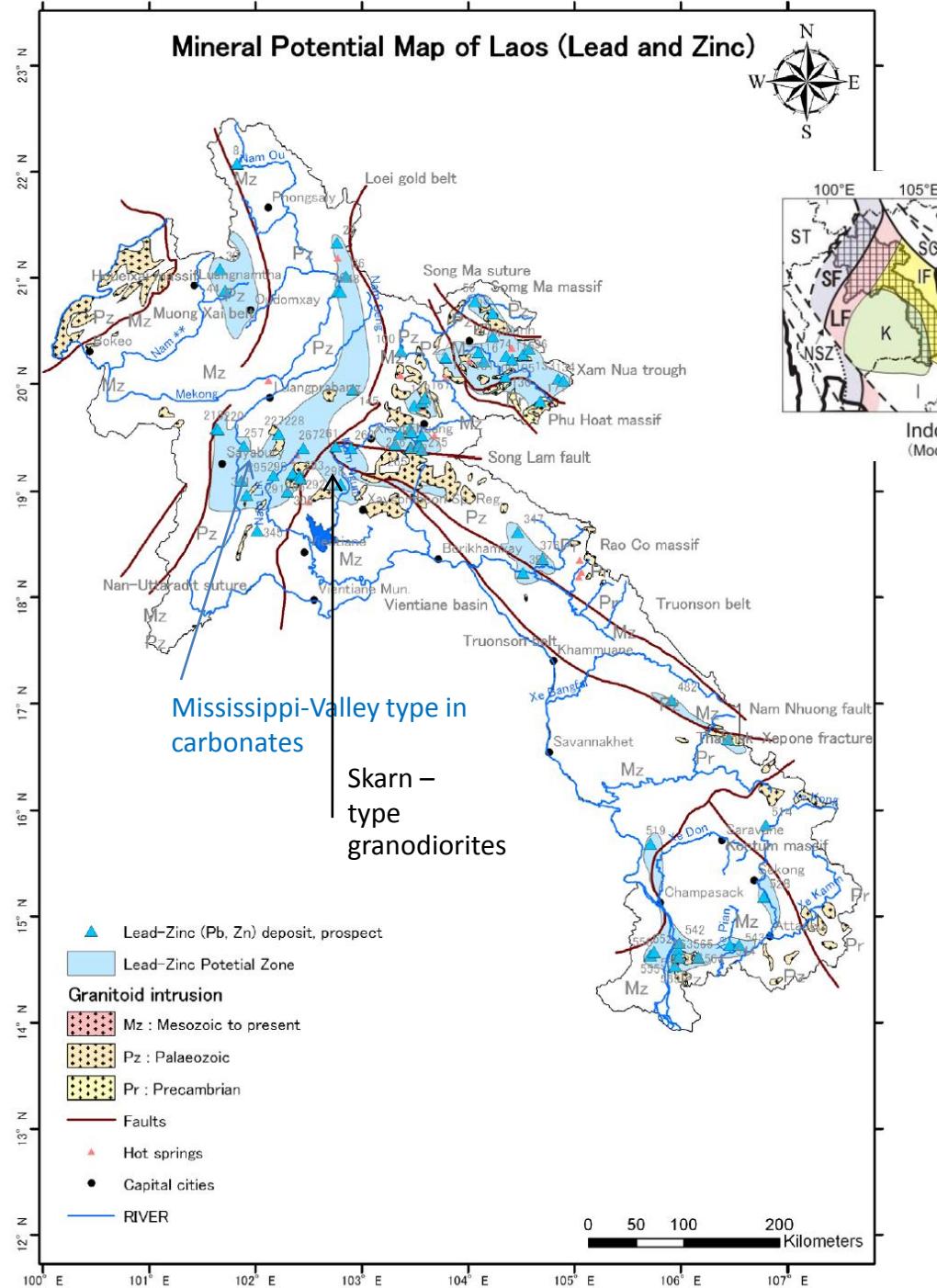
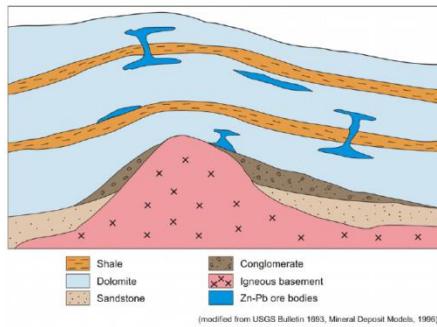
# Paklay B subducted beneath Indochina B during Permo-Triassic time



Vivatpinyou et al.  
(2014)

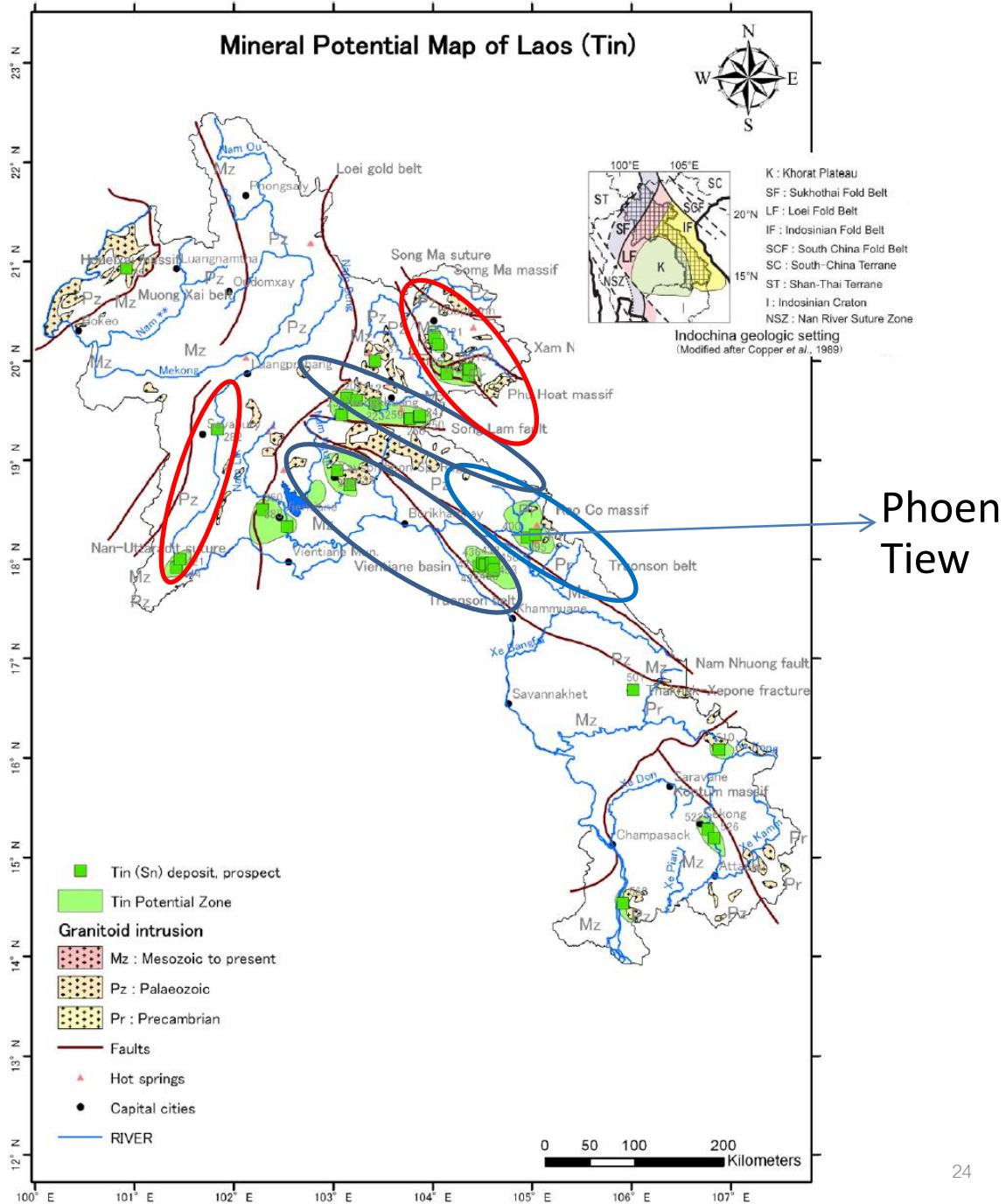
# Pb-Zn potential map of Lao PDR

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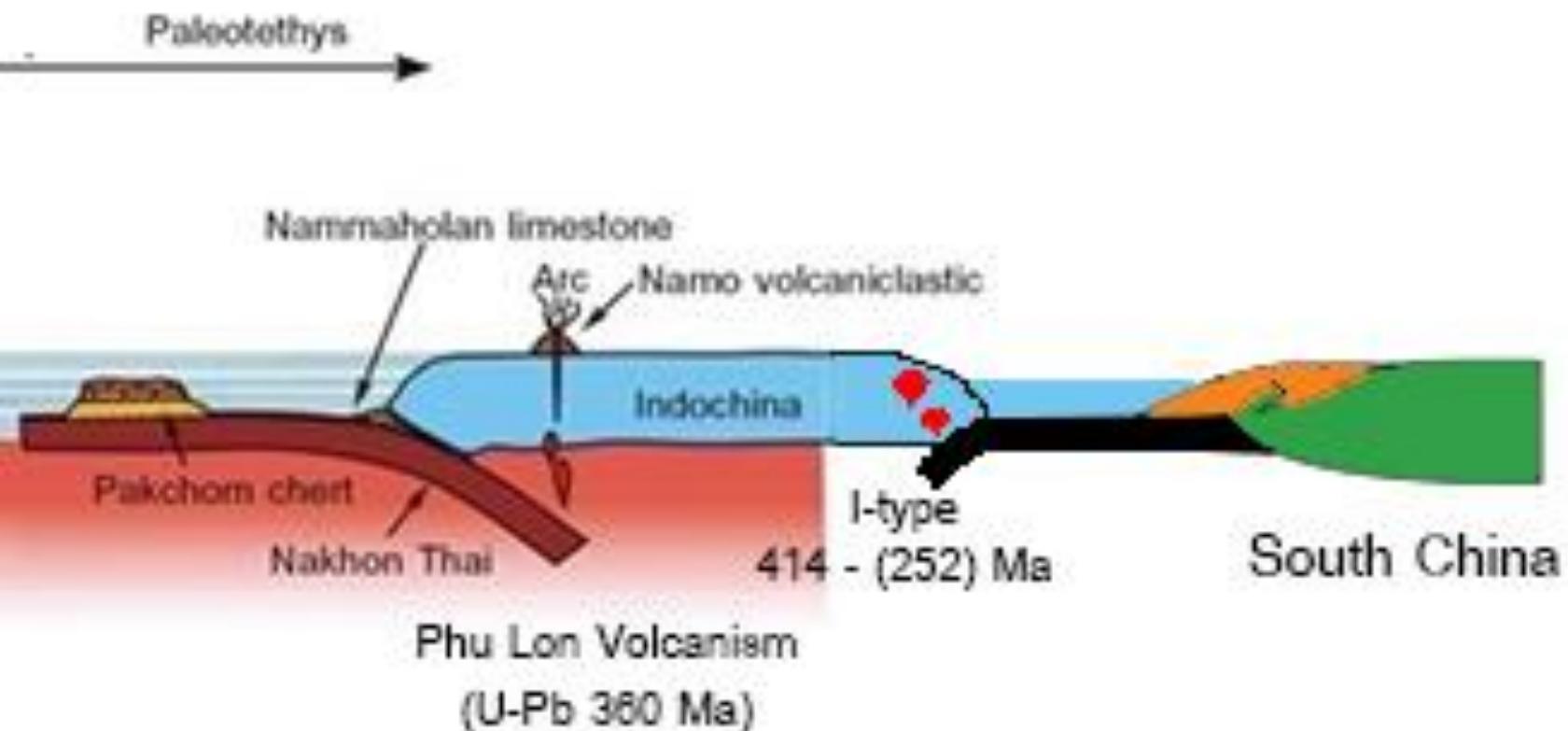


# Sn potential map of Lao PDR

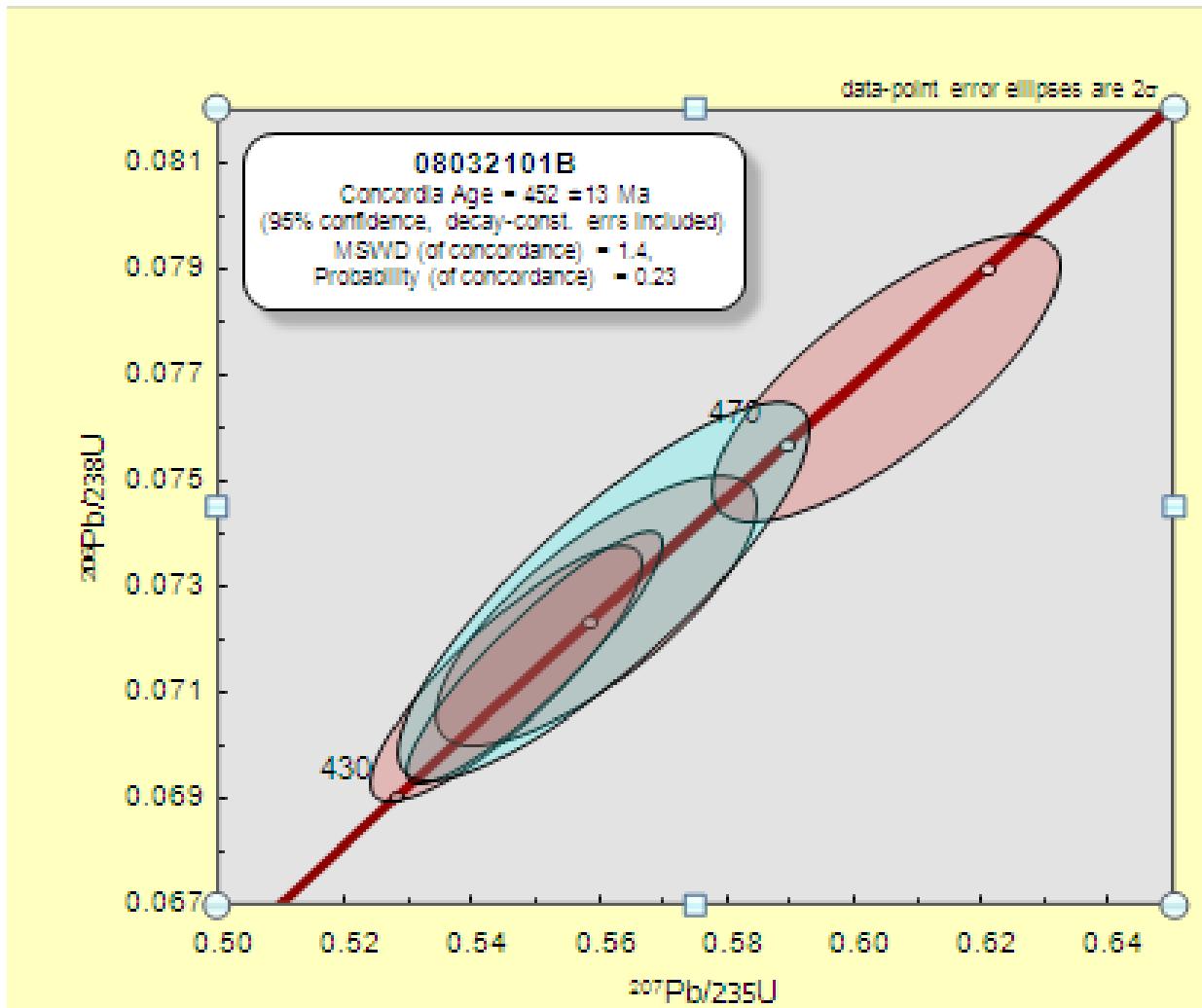
(Phommakaysone,  
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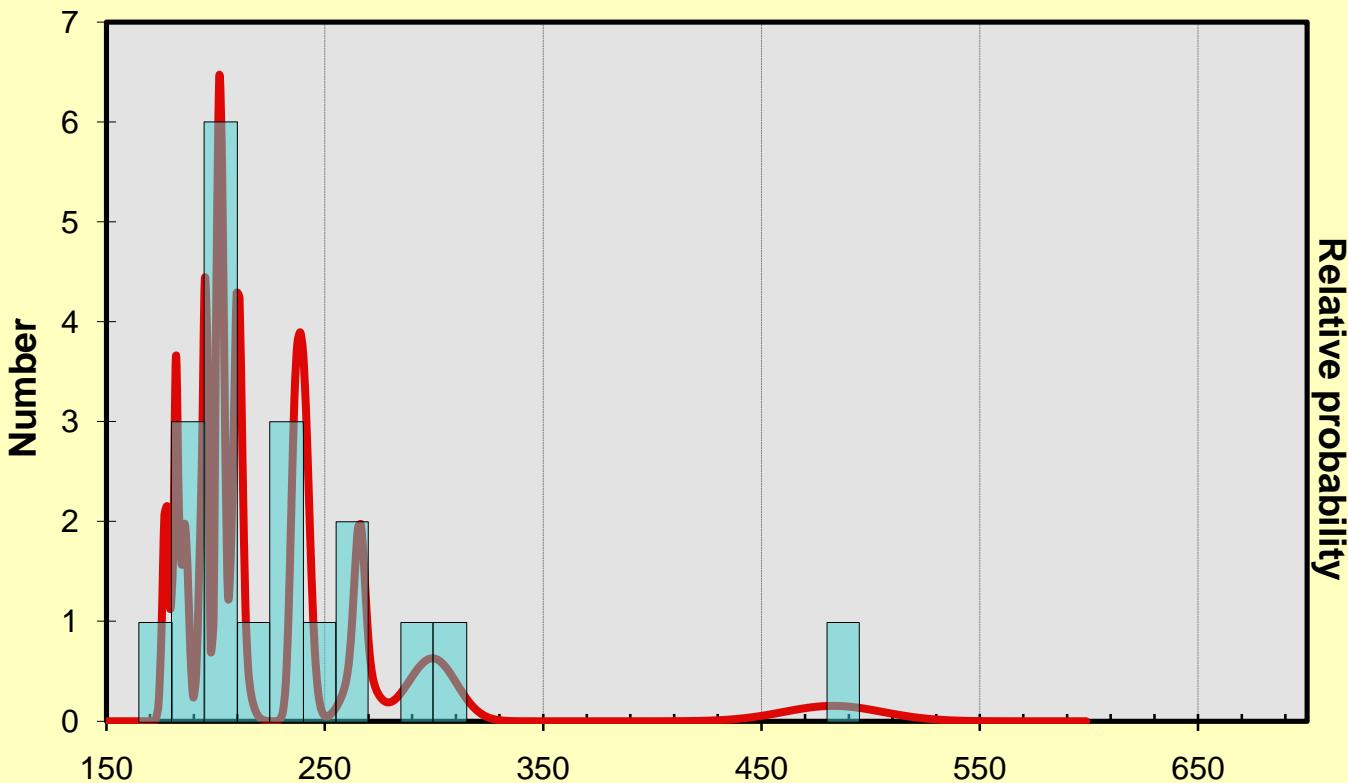
# Silurian - Devonian



# U-Pb monazite dating age data of Sam Nua Bi granite gneiss



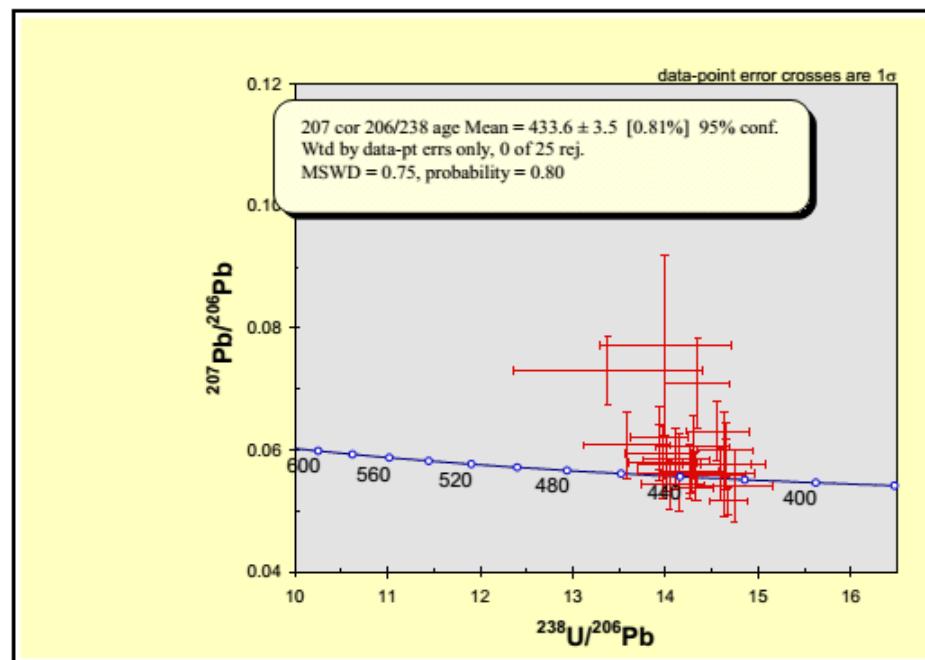
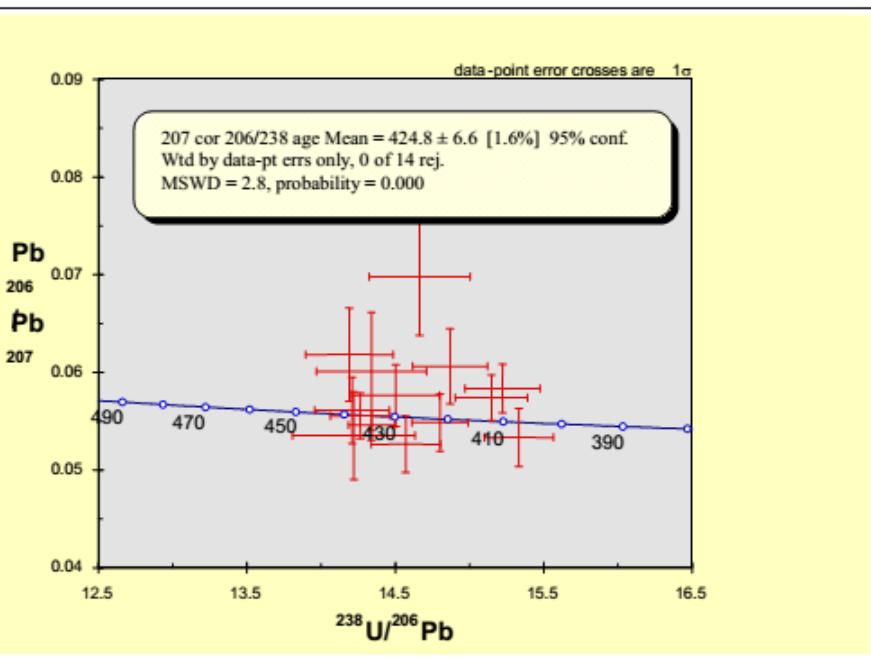
# Ar-Ar age data of Sam Nua granite



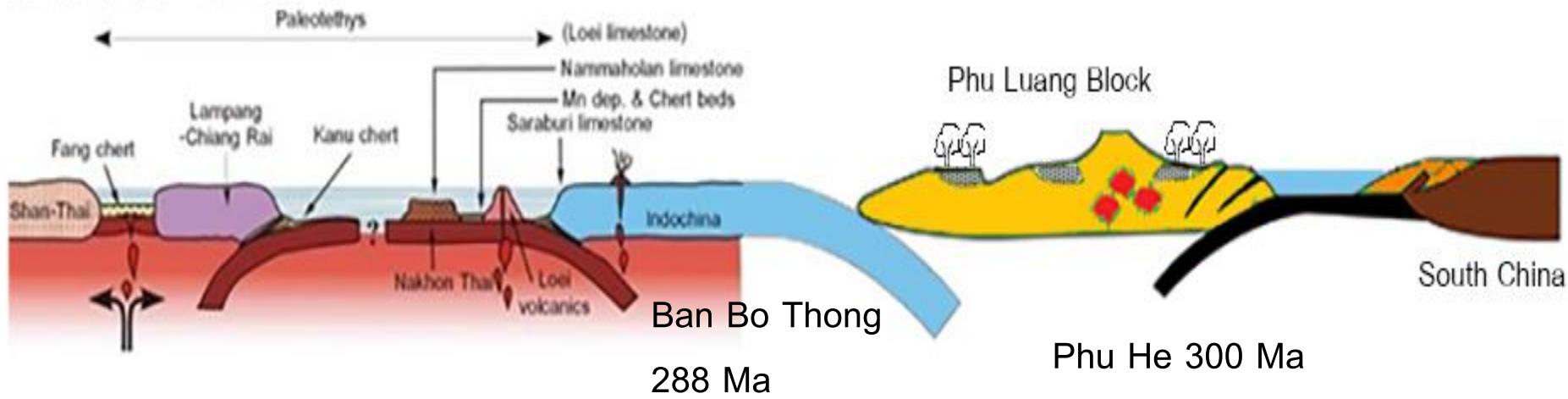
200 Ma Ar-Ar age

# Loei Volcanic-arc Rhyolite/Dacite (Silurian age)

- $428 \pm 6$  Ma
  - 361 Ma (Nd-Sm age) of Devonian ocean floor basalt (Intasopa, 1993)
- $433 \pm 3$  Ma

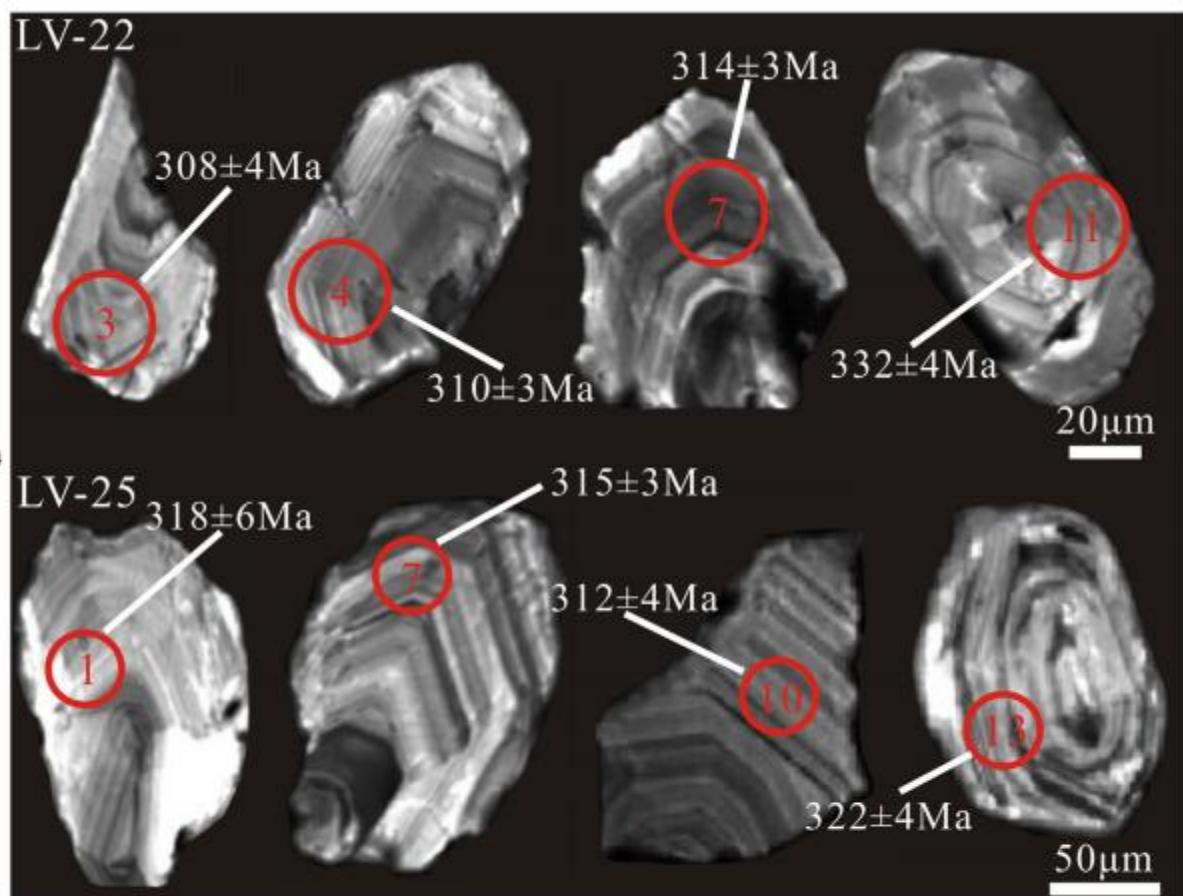
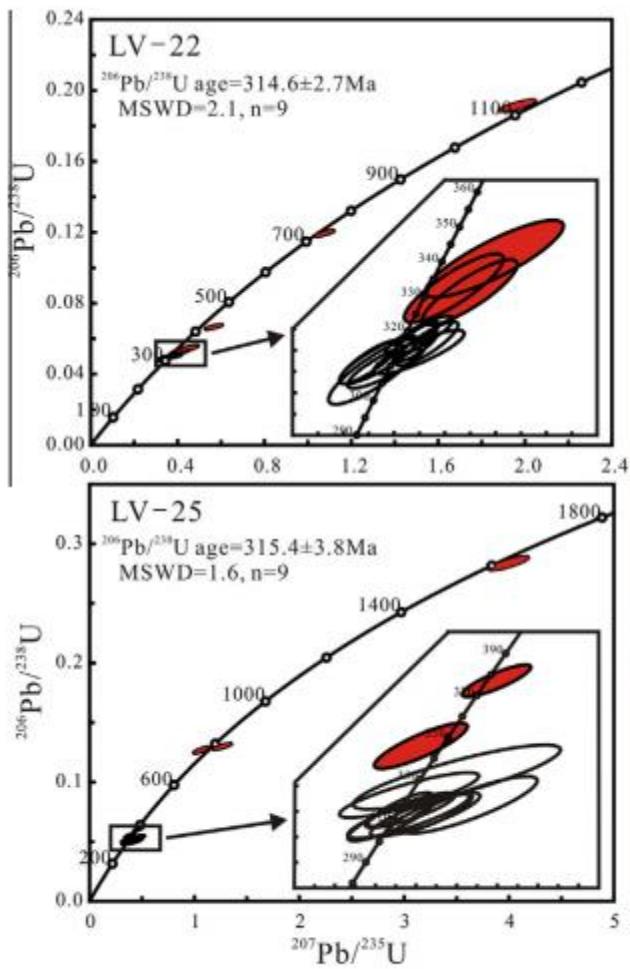


# Carboniferous - Permian



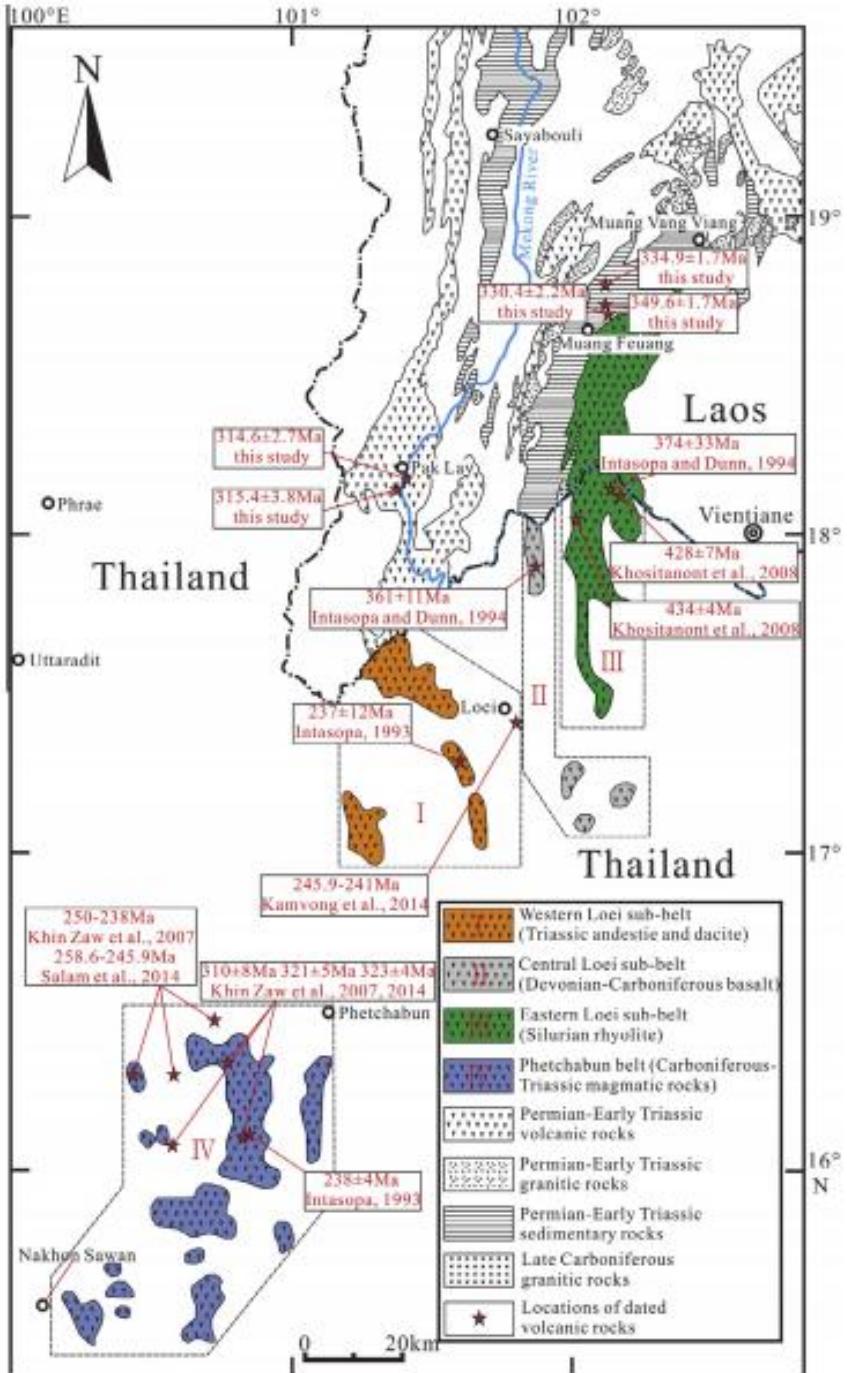
Coal deposits in  
Carboniferous  
strata

- Phu He 300 Ma
- Ban Huai Sai 280 Ma
- Se Pon 310 – 280 Ma
- Phu Kham 306 – 304 Ma
- Padang 297 Ma (Sm-Nd molybdenite)
- Tha Khaek 279 Ma
- Po Yai 294 Ma



**Fig. 5.** LA-ICP-MS zircon U-Pb concordia diagrams and cathodoluminescence images (CL) of the representative gains for the Pak Lay volcanic rocks in NW Laos.

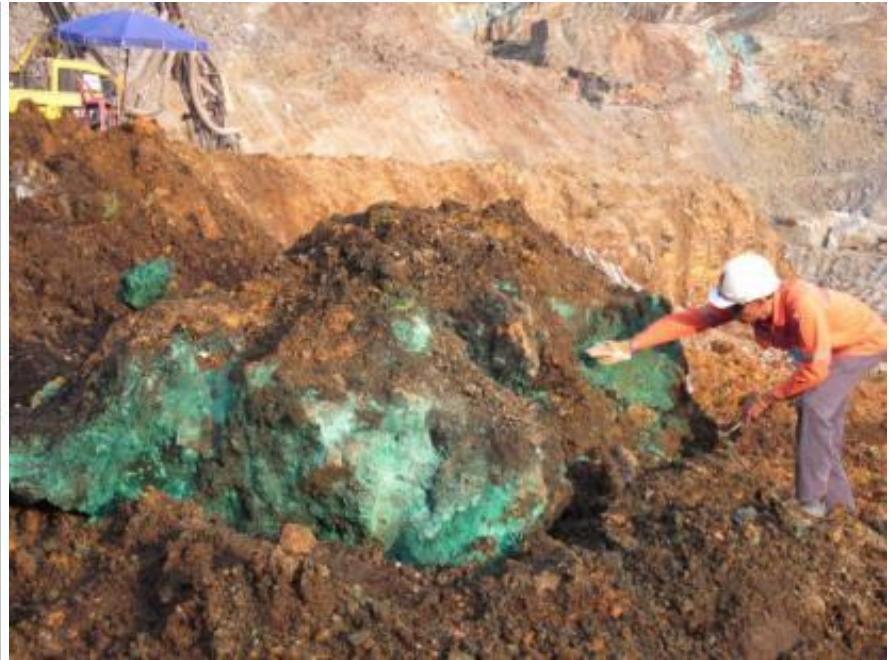
X. Qian et al (2015)



X. Qian et al (2015)

Fig. 10. Distribution of the Silurian to Middle Triassic ages along the Loei Fold Belt and NW Laos (modified from DGM, Lao P.D.R. Geological and Mineral Occurrence map, 1:1000000, 1990; Jungyusuk and Khositanont, 1992; Panjasawarwong et al., 2006; Barr and Charusiri, 2011).

Cu-Au mine opened 27th February 2003. Owned and operated by MMG (subsidiary of China MinMetals)



- [www.mindat.org/1024x768](http://www.mindat.org/1024x768) Khanong open pit, Sepon Mine, Vilabouly District, Savannakhét Province, Laos

# Pillow basalt near Udomsai



# Karstic Limestone with ore skarns near Kaiso – Vang Vien

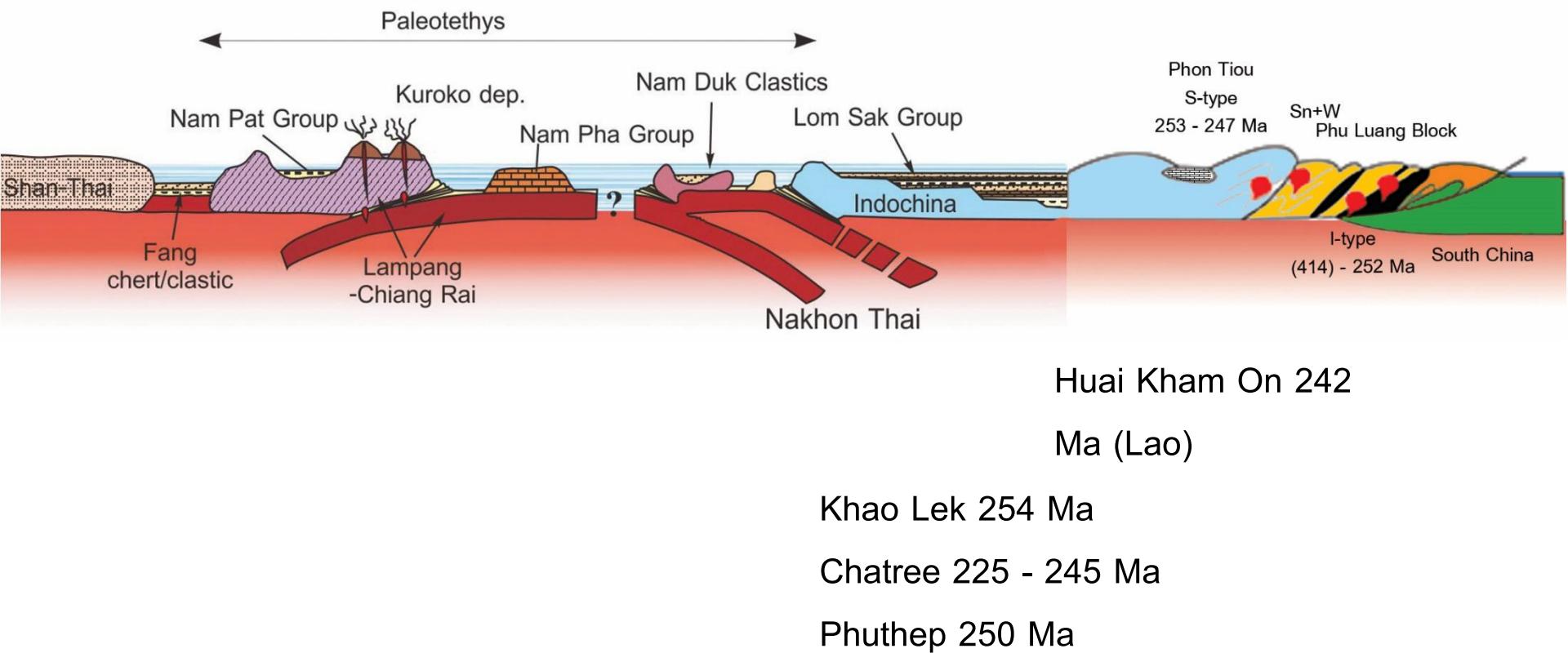


# Ban Houayxai Au-Ag Epithermal Deposit, Lao PDR

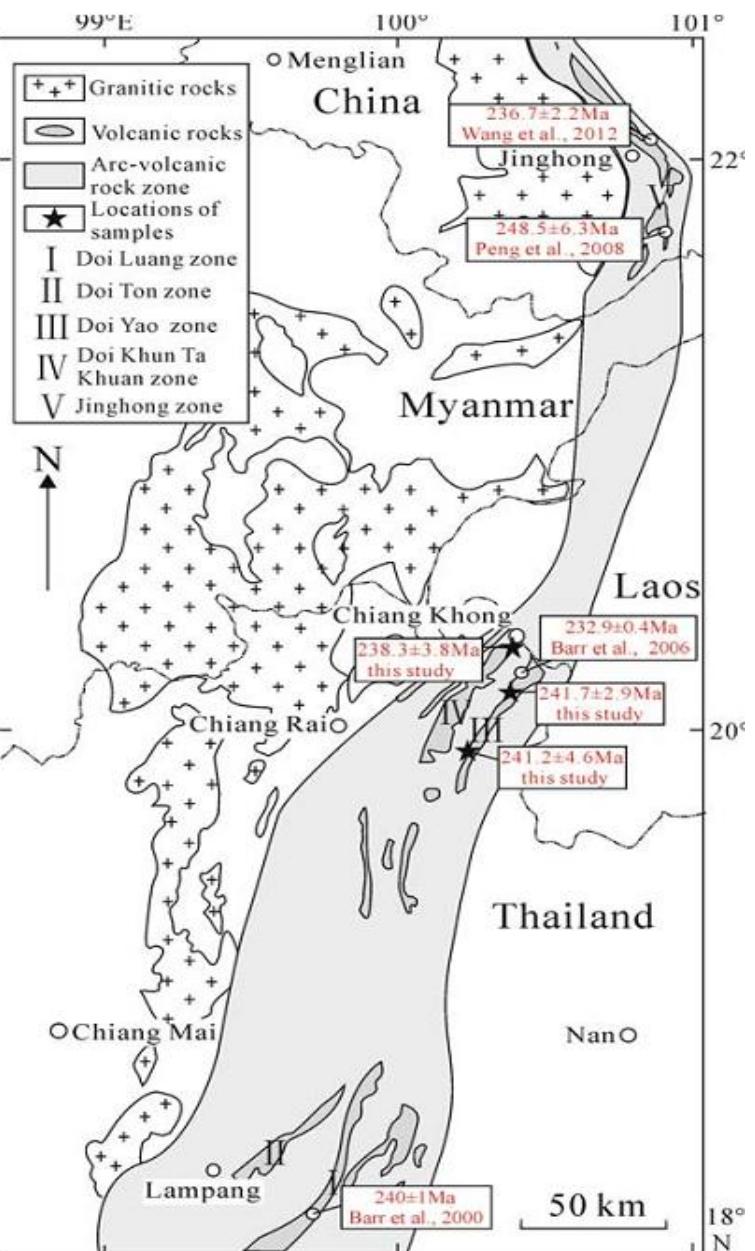


Photo by Takayuki Manaka

# Permo-Triassic (260 – 220 Ma)



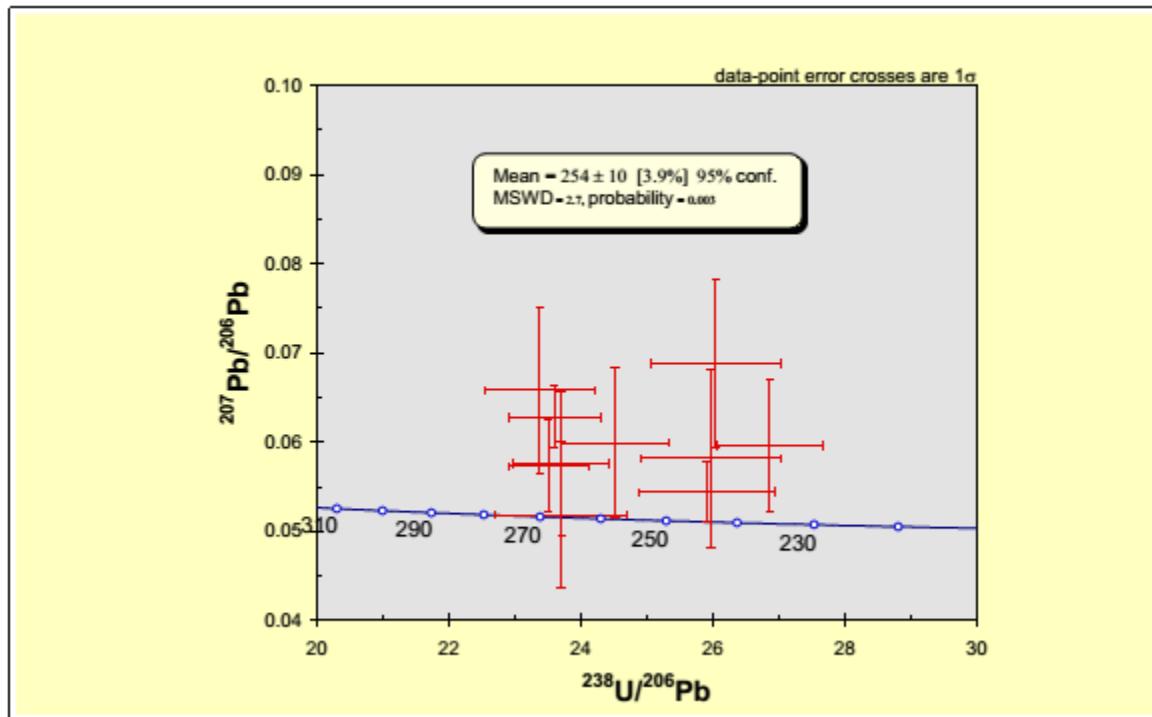
# Early triassic arc volcanic zones of Northern Thailand and Southwestern China passing Northern Lao PDR



**Fig. 9** Geological map of the arc-volcanic zones in NW Thailand and SW China.

# Phetchabun calc-alkaline basaltic andesite

## $254 \pm 10$ Ma (Permo-Triassic)



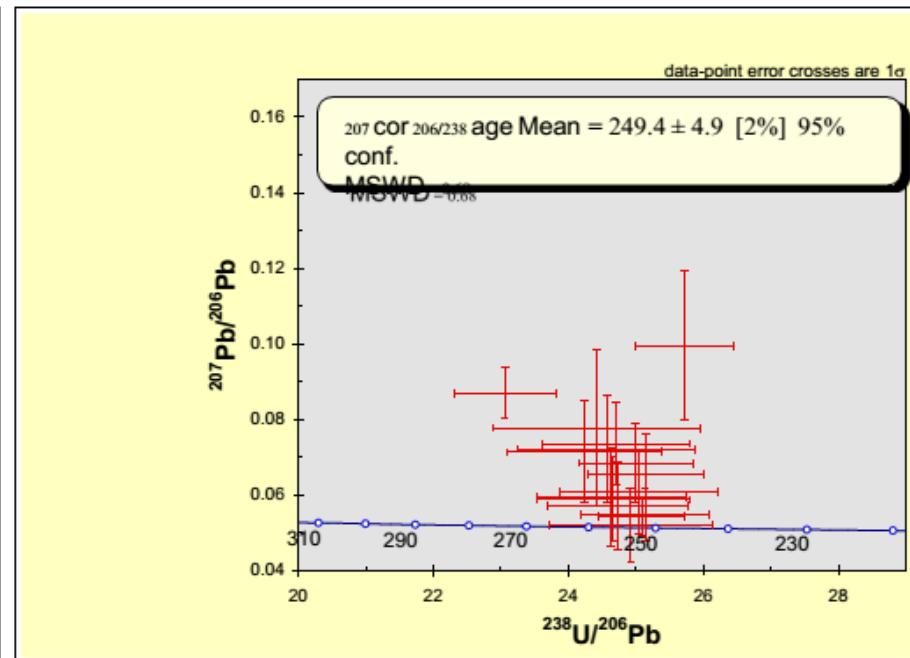
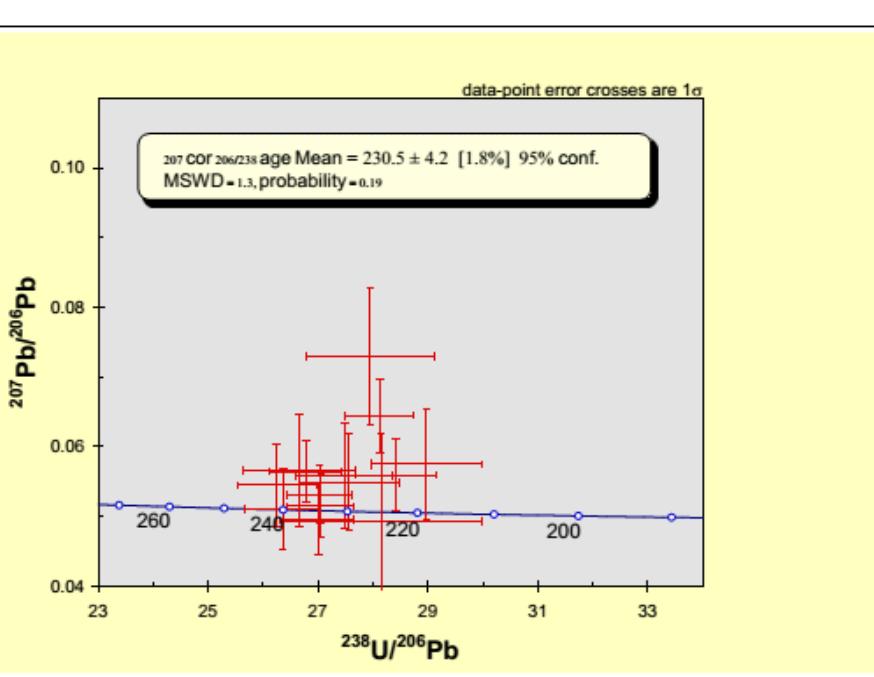
# Loei volcanic-arc Granite-Granodiorite

## $230 \pm 4$ Ma

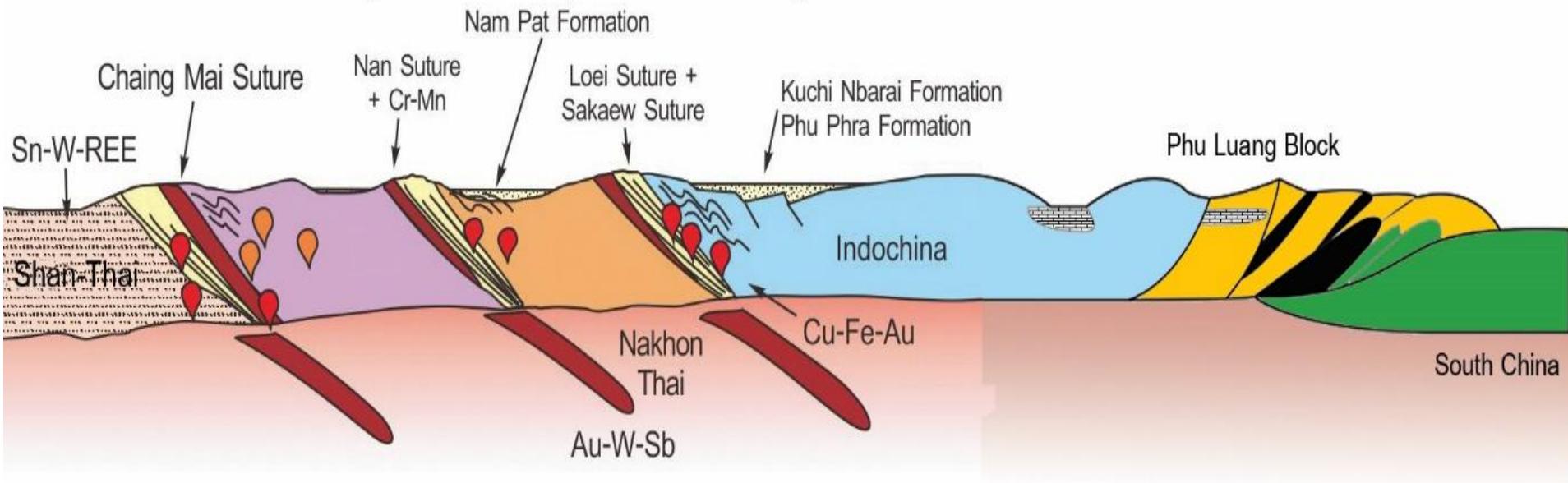
(Early Triassic)

## $249 \pm 5$ Ma

(Permo-Triassic)



## Late Triassic - Early Jurassic (210-190 Ma)



French mine 203 Ma

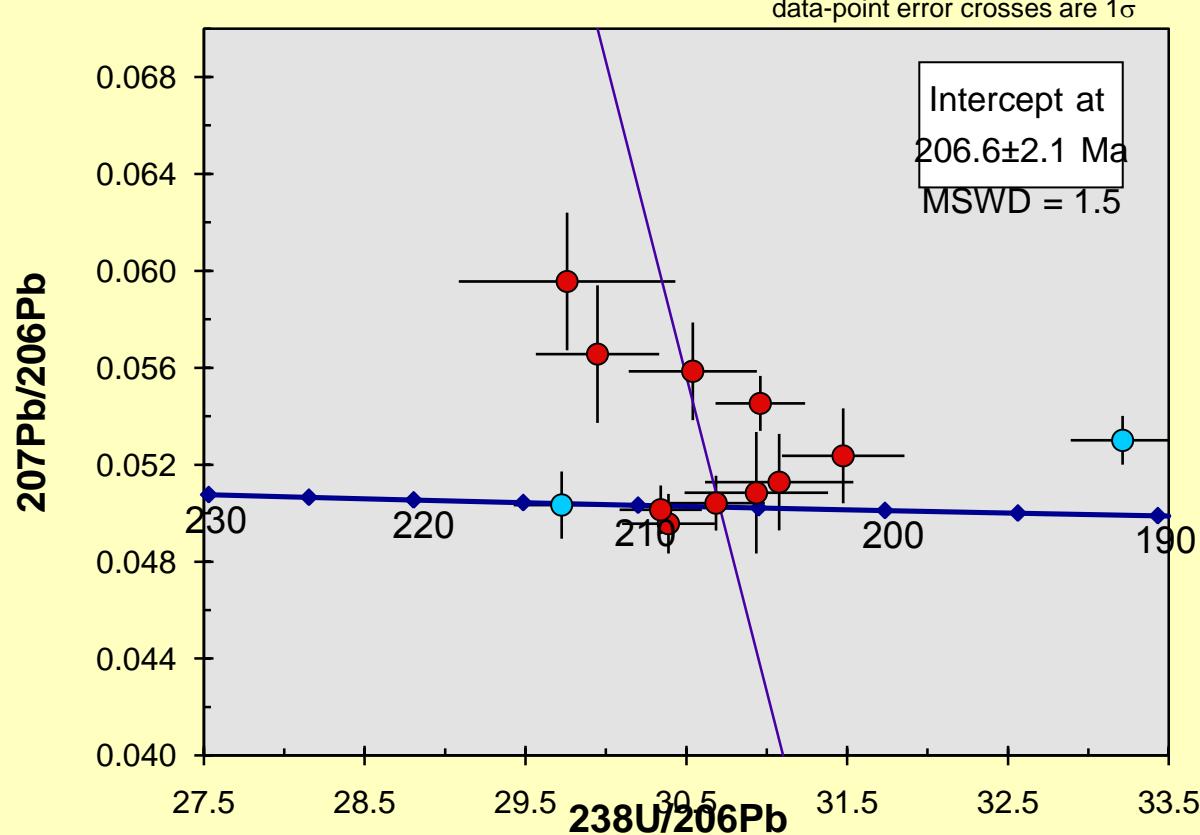
Pliew waterfall 206 Ma

Khao Prangam 208 Ma

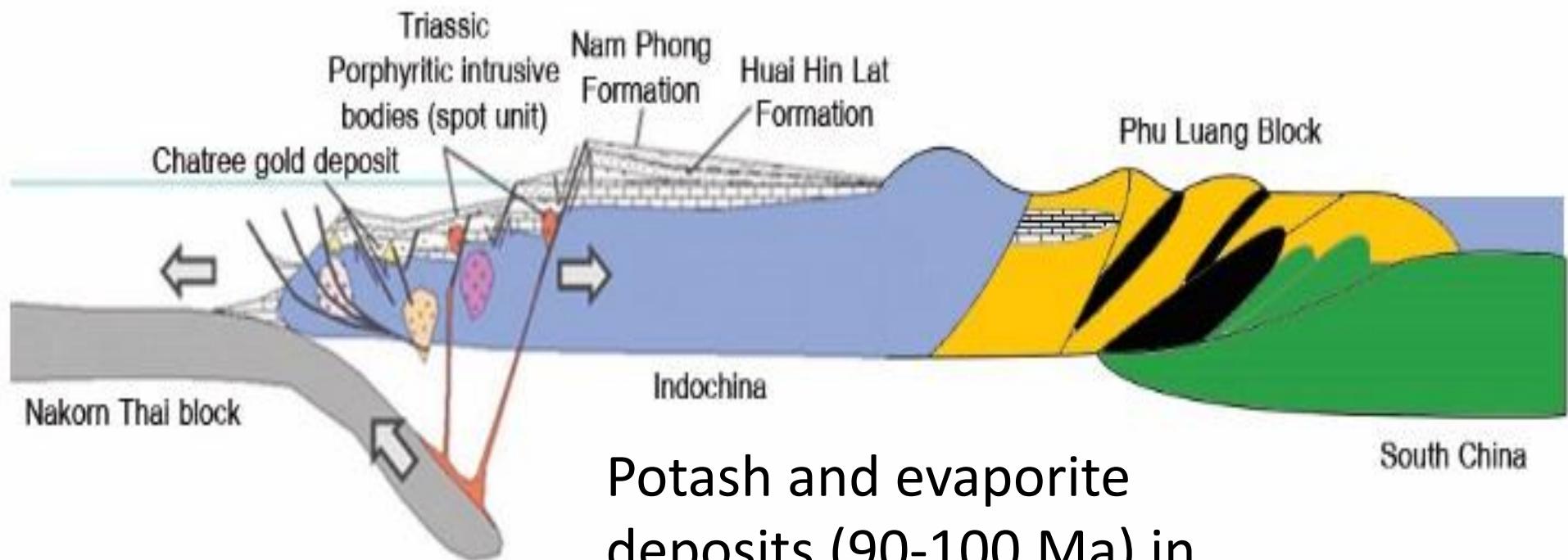
Ban Bo Thong 208 Ma

# Pliew waterfall I-type subduction- related granite

$206 \pm 2$  Ma (Late Triassic)

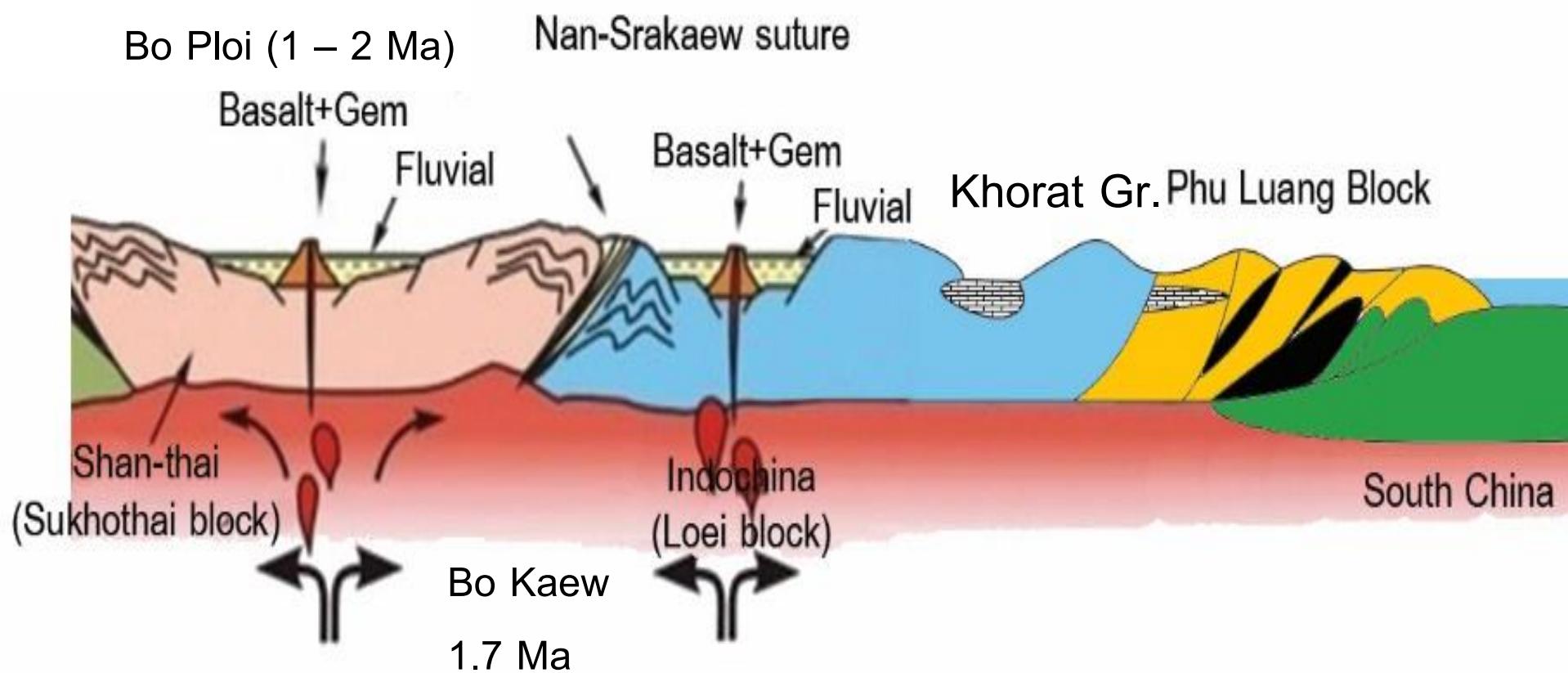


## Early - Late Cretaceous (140-120 Ma)

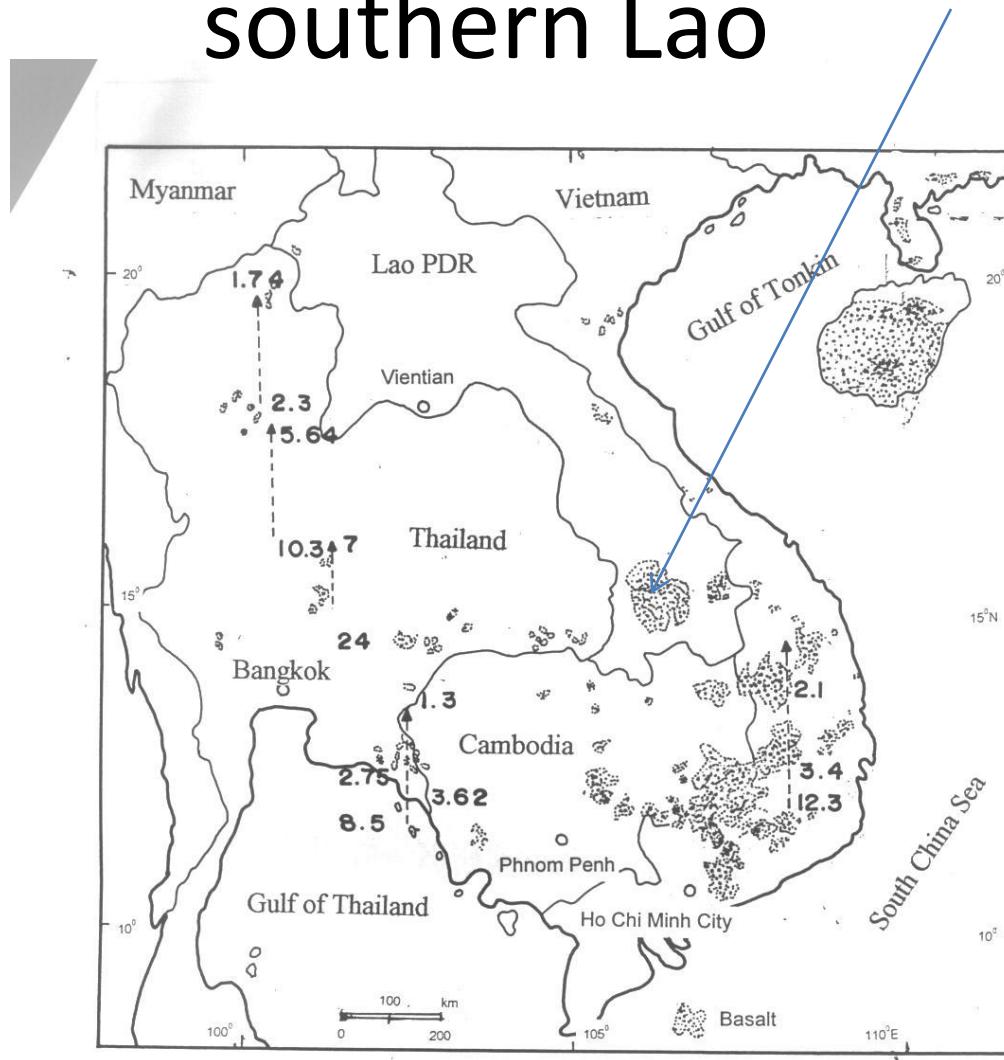


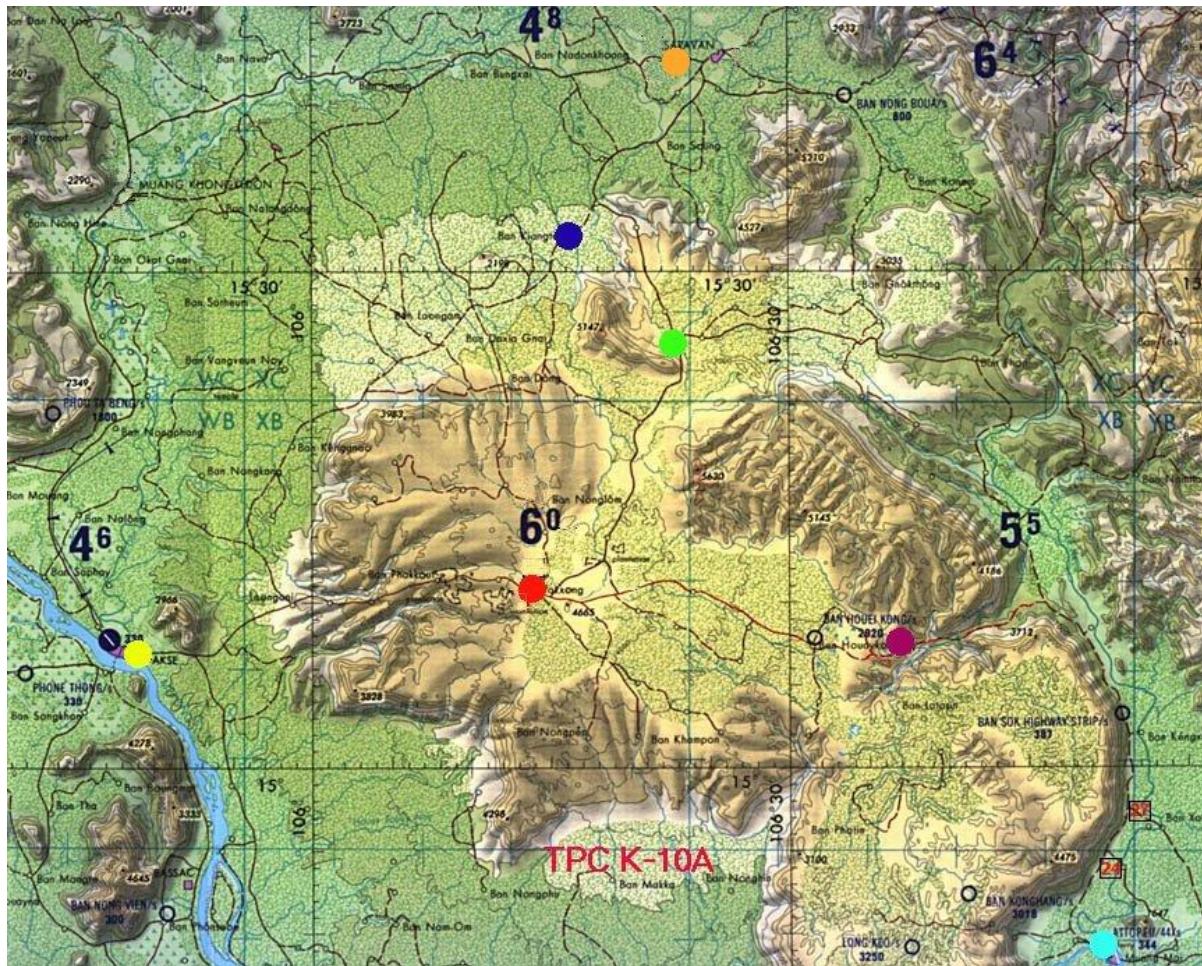
Potash and evaporite  
deposits (90-100 Ma) in  
Mahasarakham Fm.

# Plio - Pleistocene (1-2.5 Ma)



# Cenozoic continental rifting, gem-carrying basalt field in Bolevan, southern Lao





- [http://www.bolaven.com/map\\_bolaven\\_plateau.php](http://www.bolaven.com/map_bolaven_plateau.php)



The beautiful Tat Yuang waterfall  
<http://www.bolaven.com/>

# Thanks you

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- Karstic tower of the Phu Pha Man limestone in the northwesternmost district of Khon Kaen Province, northeastern Thailand.