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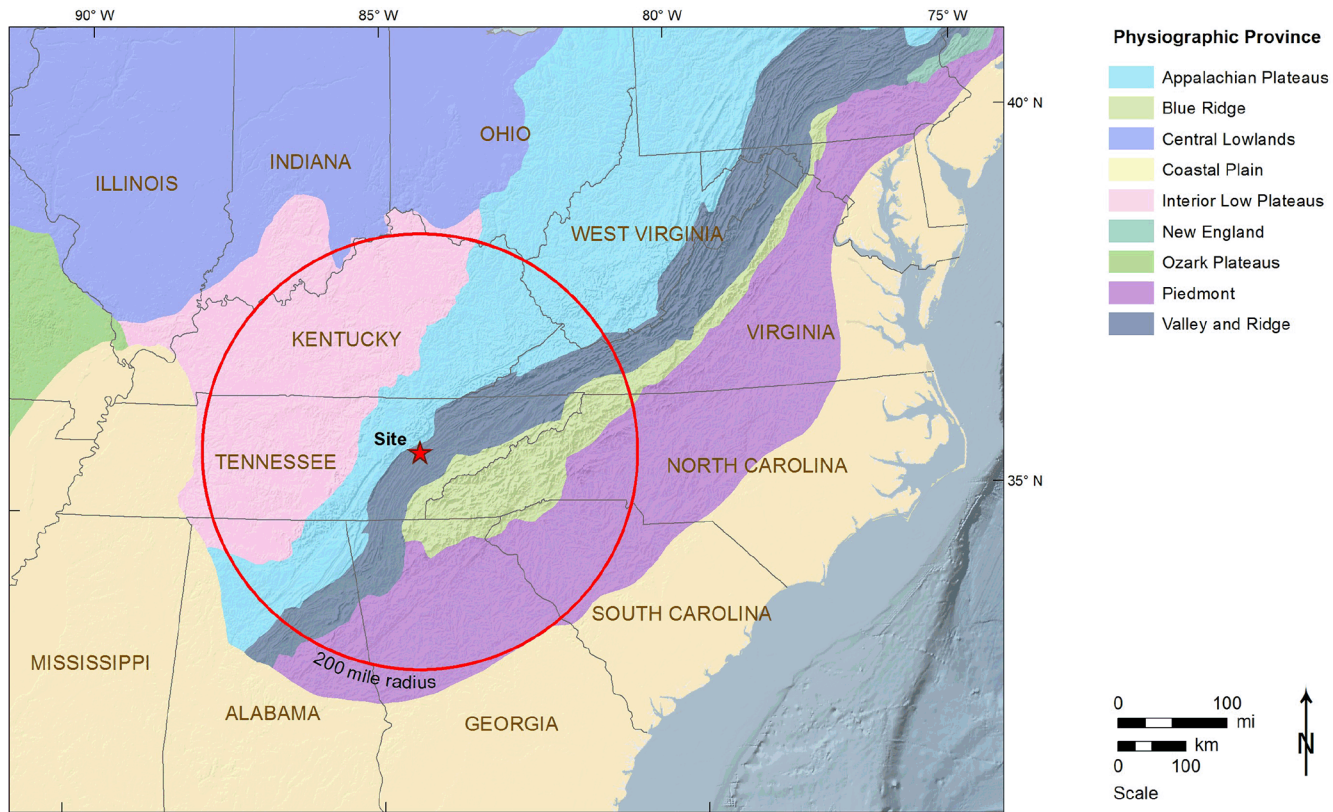
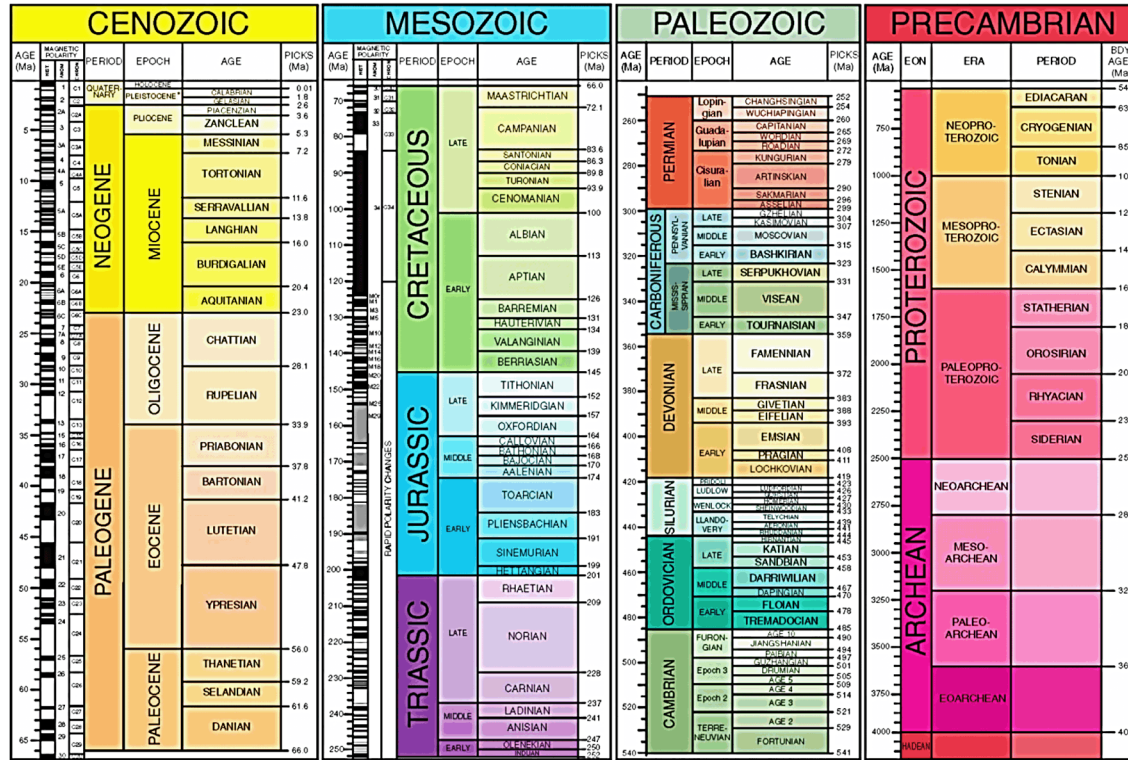


Figure 2.5.1-1. Map of Physiographic Provinces

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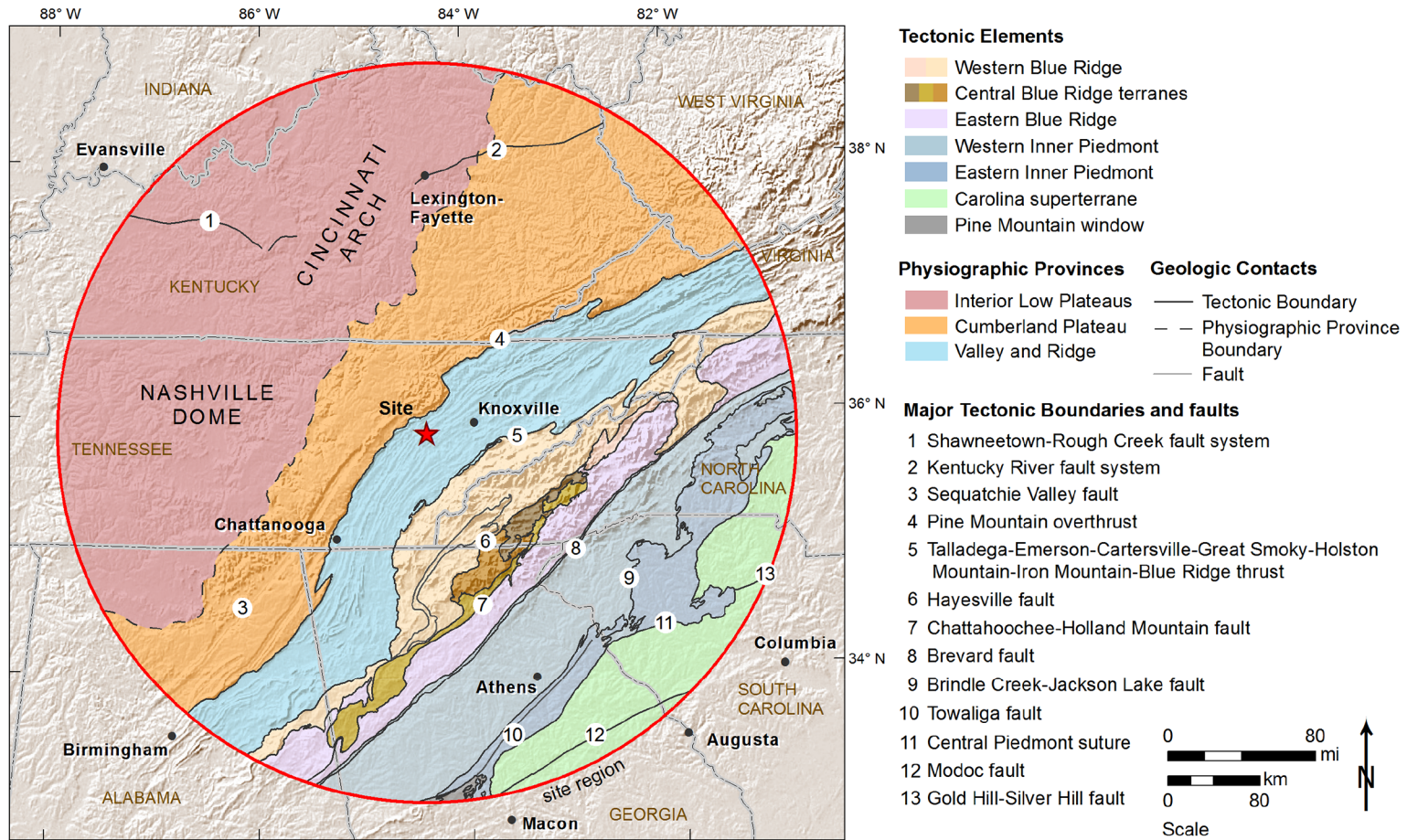
\*The Pleistocene is divided into four ages, but only two are shown here. What is shown as Calabrian is actually three ages—Calabrian from 1.8 to 0.78 Ma, Middle from 0.78 to 0.13 Ma, and Late from 0.13 to 0.01 Ma. Walker, J. D., Gessman, J. W., Bowring, S. A., and Babcock, L. E., compilers, 2012, Geologic Time Scale v. 4.0. Geological Society of America, doi: 10.1130/2012.CT5004R3C. ©2012 The Geological Society of America. The Cenozoic, Mesozoic, and Paleozoic are the Eras of the Phanerozoic Eon. Names of units and age boundaries follow the Gradstein et al. (2012) and Cohen et al. (2012) compilations. Age estimates and picks of boundaries are rounded to the nearest whole number (1 Ma) for the pre-Cenomanian, and rounded to one decimal place (100 ka) for the Cenomanian to Pleistocene intervals. The numbered epochs and ages of the Cambrian are provisional. REFERENCES CITED: Cohen, K. M., Finney, S., and Gibbard, P. L., 2012, International Chronostratigraphic Chart. International Commission on Stratigraphy, www.stratigraphy.org (last accessed May 2012). (Chart reproduced for the 34th International Geological Congress, Brisbane, Australia, 5-10 August 2012.) Gradstein, F. M., Ogg, J. G., Schmitz, M. D., et al., 2012, The Geologic Time Scale 2012. Boston, USA: Elsevier, DOI 10.1016/B978-0-444-59425-9.00004-4

Source: Reference 2.5.1-33

Figure 2.5.1-2. Geologic Time Scale

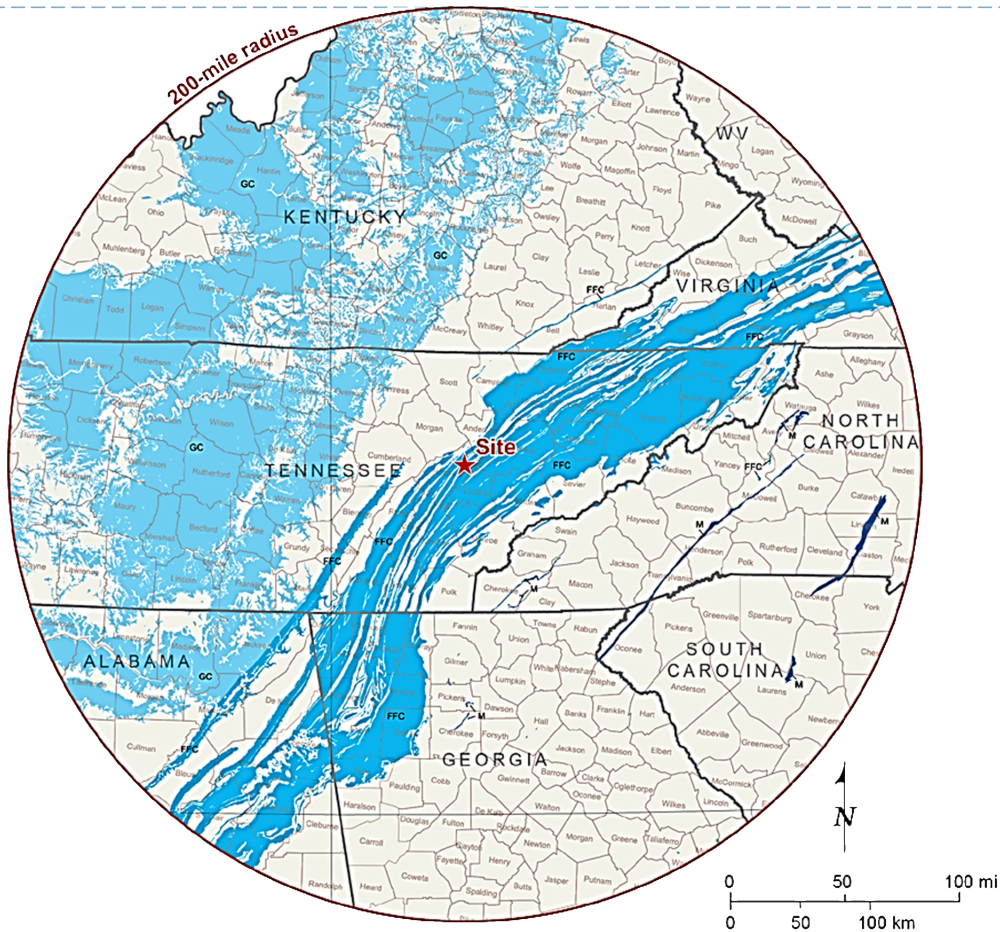


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Note: Modified from [References 2.5.1-5, 2.5.1-24, and 2.5.1-34](#)

**Figure 2.5.1-3. Map of Lithotectonic Tectonic Terranes, Provinces and Major Tectonic Boundaries**



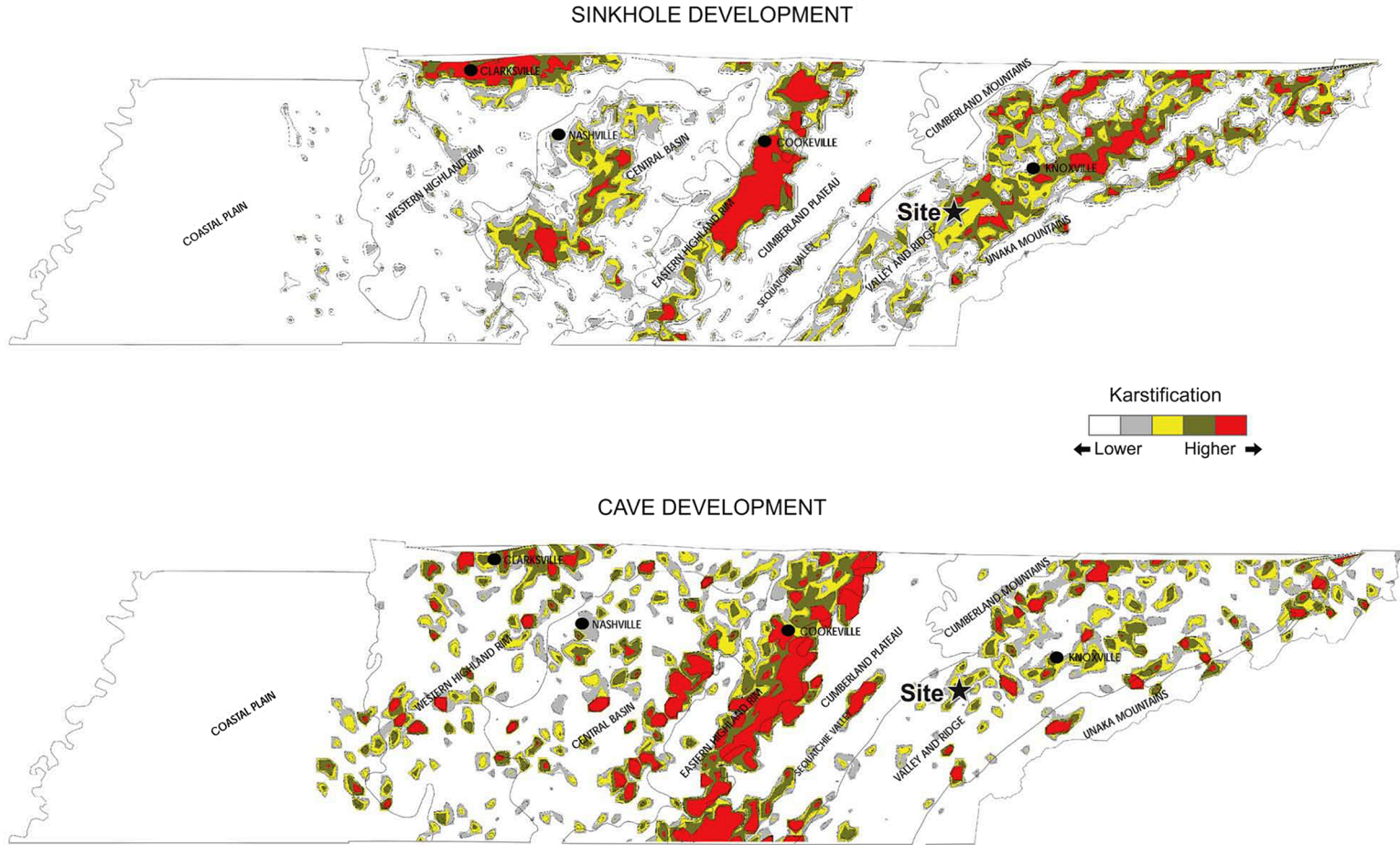
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#### Description of Map Units

- GC
 Gently folded and flat-lying carbonates rocks: indurated limestone and dolomite that has not been strongly deformed. Predominantly found in interior plateaus and lowlands. Dissolution may produce solution, collapse, and cover-collapse sinkholes. Where carbonates are thick and extensive, cave systems may be long and complex. Where thin and interbedded with non-carbonates, caves are small and short. Geometry of cave passage patterns often shows stratigraphic and bedding-plane control often resulting in branchwork caves. (Reference 2.5.1-35)
- FFC
 Folded, faulted carbonate rocks: limestone and dolomite in areas flanking and in orogenic zones. May be intensely folded and faulted, commonly well jointed, commonly with cleavage. These rocks are located in the Valley and Ridge Province on this map and most are Paleozoic in age. Dissolution may produce solution, collapse, and cover-collapse sinkholes. Caves range from small and simple to long and complex systems. Geometry of cave passage patterns tend to show at least some structural control producing network caves. (Reference 2.5.1-35)
- M
 Marbles and metalimestones: highly deformed carbonate rocks, usually found in long, thin, linear belts or pods. Mapped areas are often exaggerated as these rocks are usually mapped with associated, non-soluble metamorphic rocks. Dissolution may result in solution, collapse, and cover-collapse sinkholes and small, short caves.

**Figure 2.5.1-4. Regional Distribution of Carbonate Rocks**

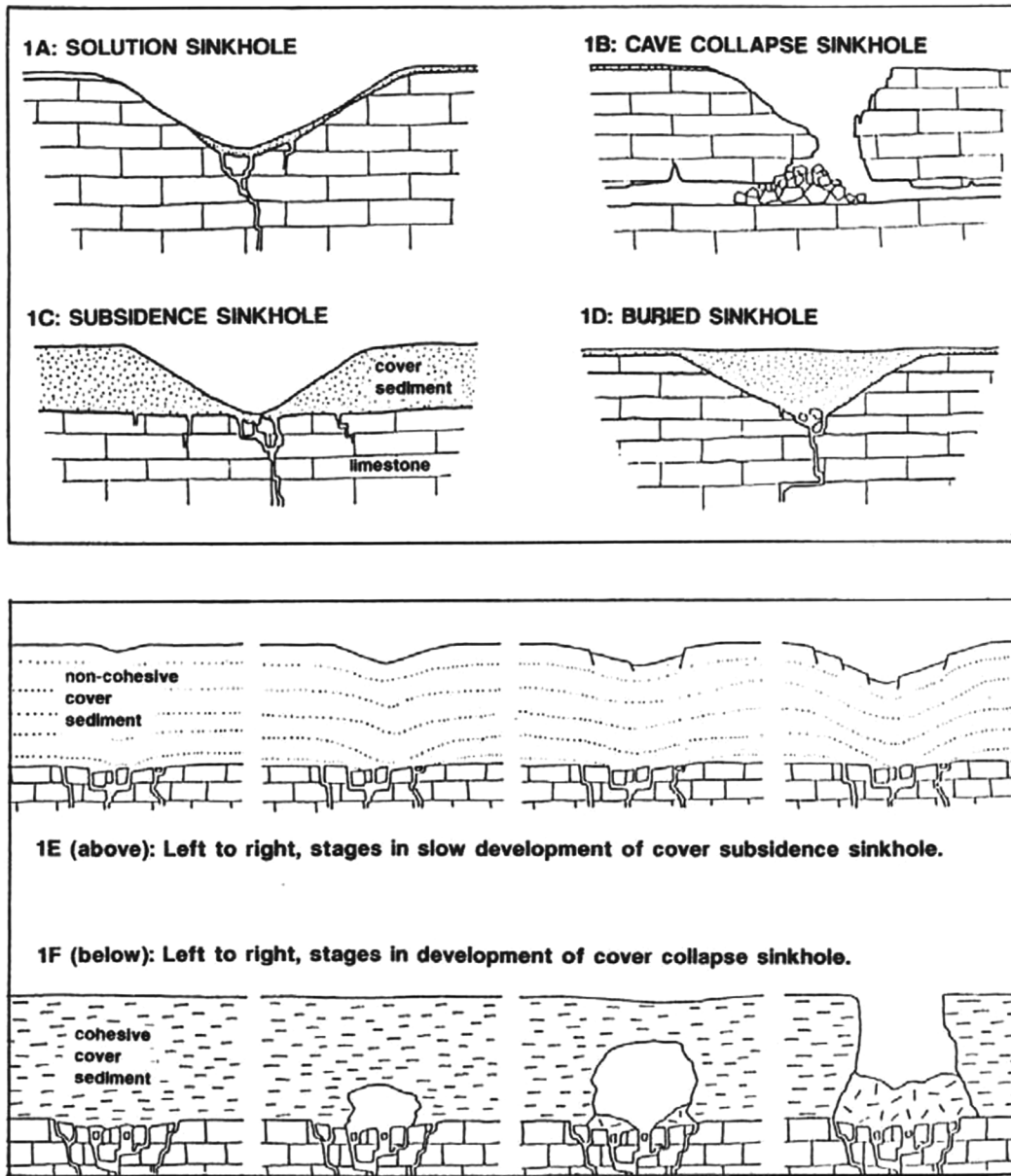




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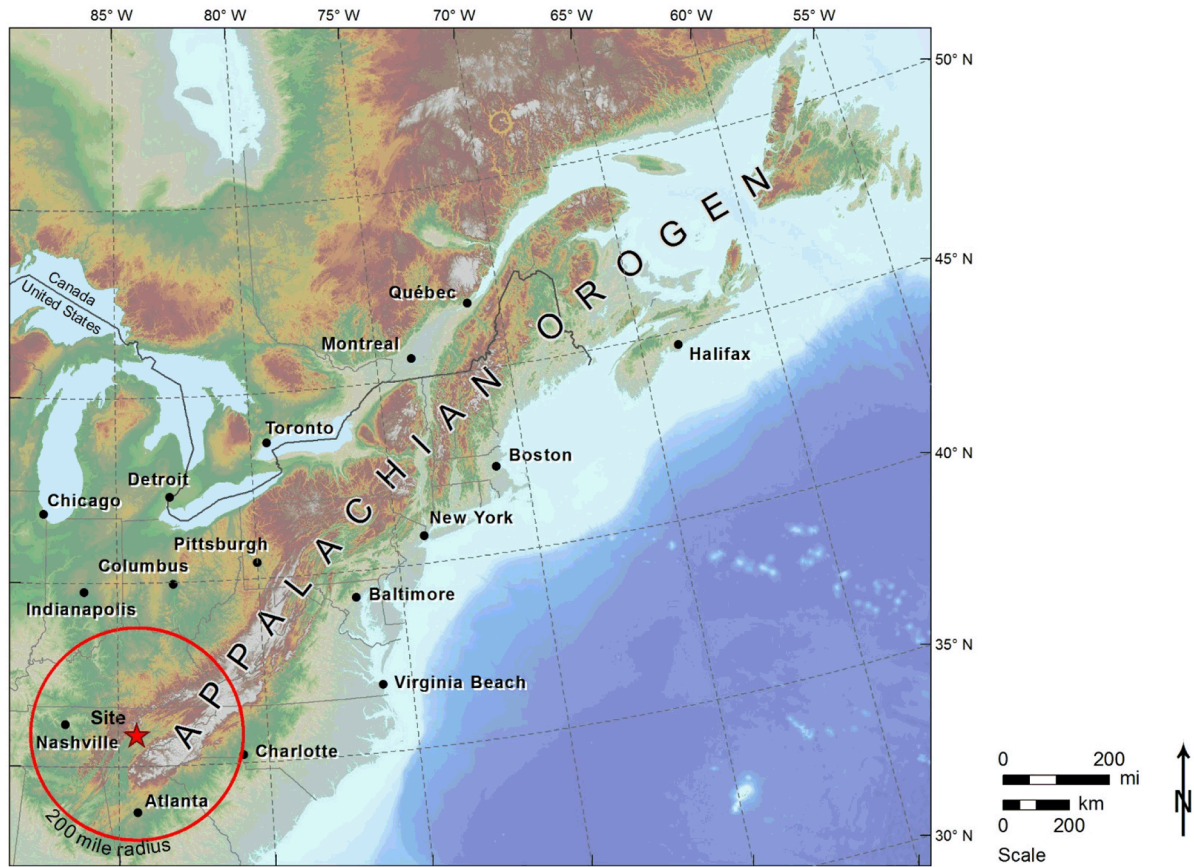
Figure 2.5.1-5. Map of Sinkhole and Cave Development for the State of Tennessee





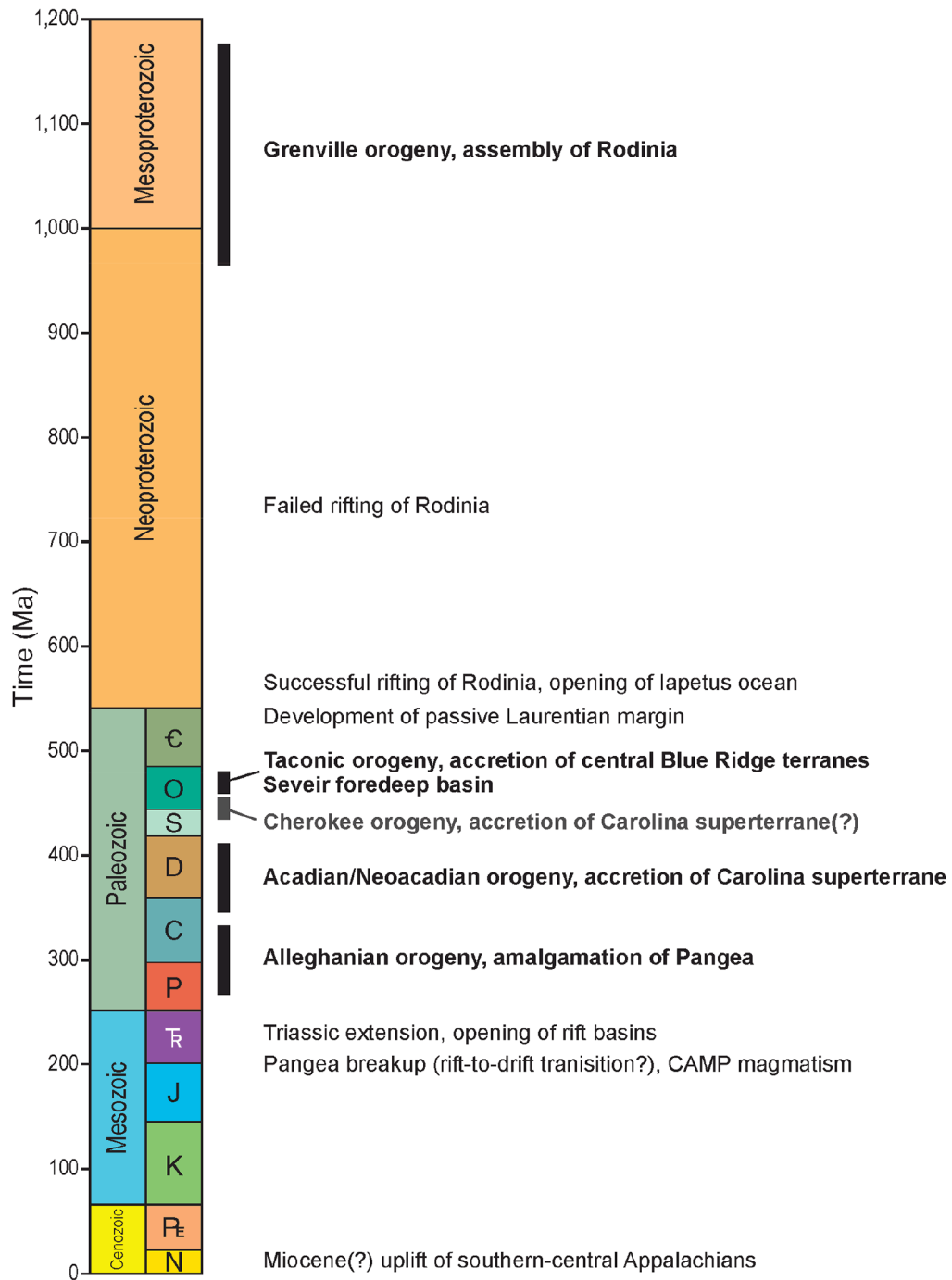
Note: [Reference 2.5.1-27](#)

**Figure 2.5.1-6. Sinkhole Types**



Note: Elevation and bathymetric data from Reference 2.5.1-190, Sheet A-1.

**Figure 2.5.1-7. Shaded Relief Map of Eastern North America Demonstrating the Extent of the Appalachian Orogenic Belt**

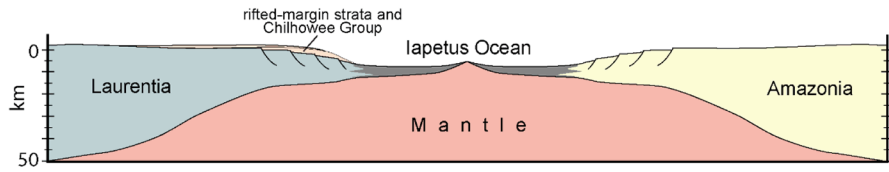


Note: Geologic time scale (Reference 2.5.1-33) with tectonic events that have affected the Appalachian orogenic belt (References 2.5.1-34 and 2.5.1-65).

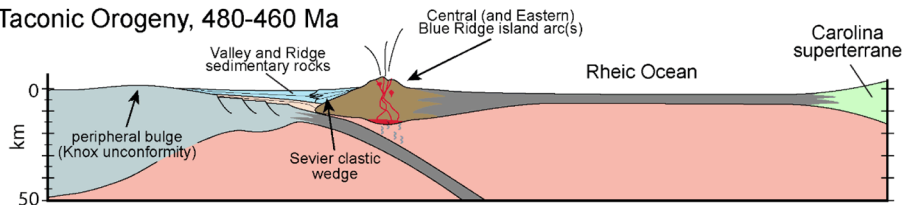
**Figure 2.5.1-8. Geologic Time Scale with Orogenic Events**



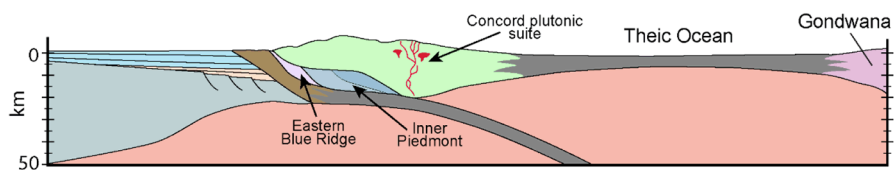
Rodinia Breakup to Iapetus Passive Margin late Neoproterozoic-early Cambrian



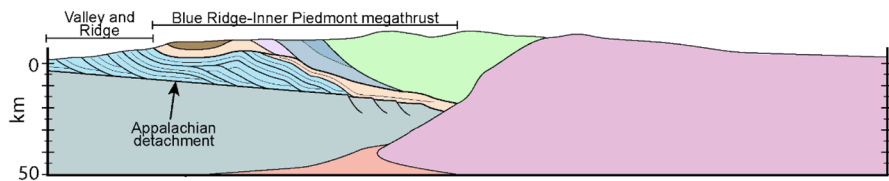
Taconic Orogeny, 480-460 Ma



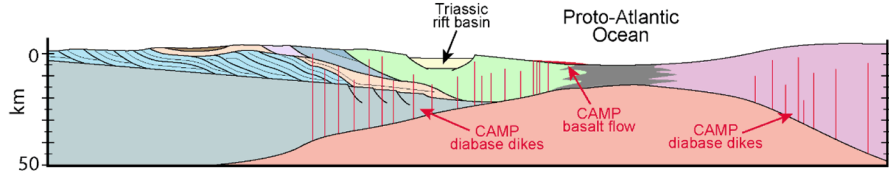
Acadian-Neoacadian Orogeny, 415-355 Ma



Alleghanian Orogeny (Formation of Pangea), 340-280(?) Ma

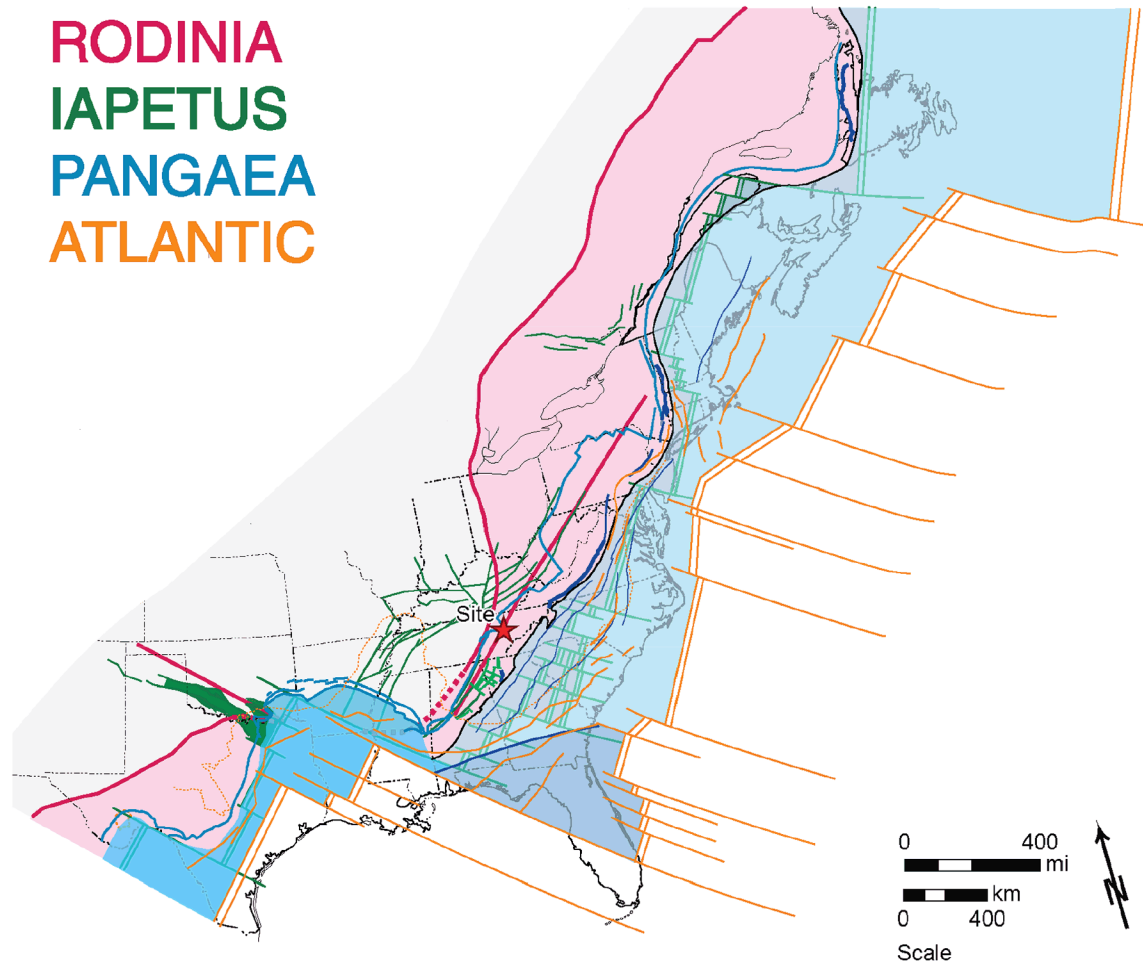


Breakup of Pangea, ~200 Ma



Notes:  
 Sequential development of the Appalachian orogen from the breakup of Rodinia to the breakup of Pangea, from Reference 2.5.1-73.  
 Deep crustal structure from Reference 2.5.1-277.  
 See Figure 2.5.1-3 for map of lithotectonic terranes.

**Figure 2.5.1-9. Sequential Development of Appalachians Profiles**



Notes:

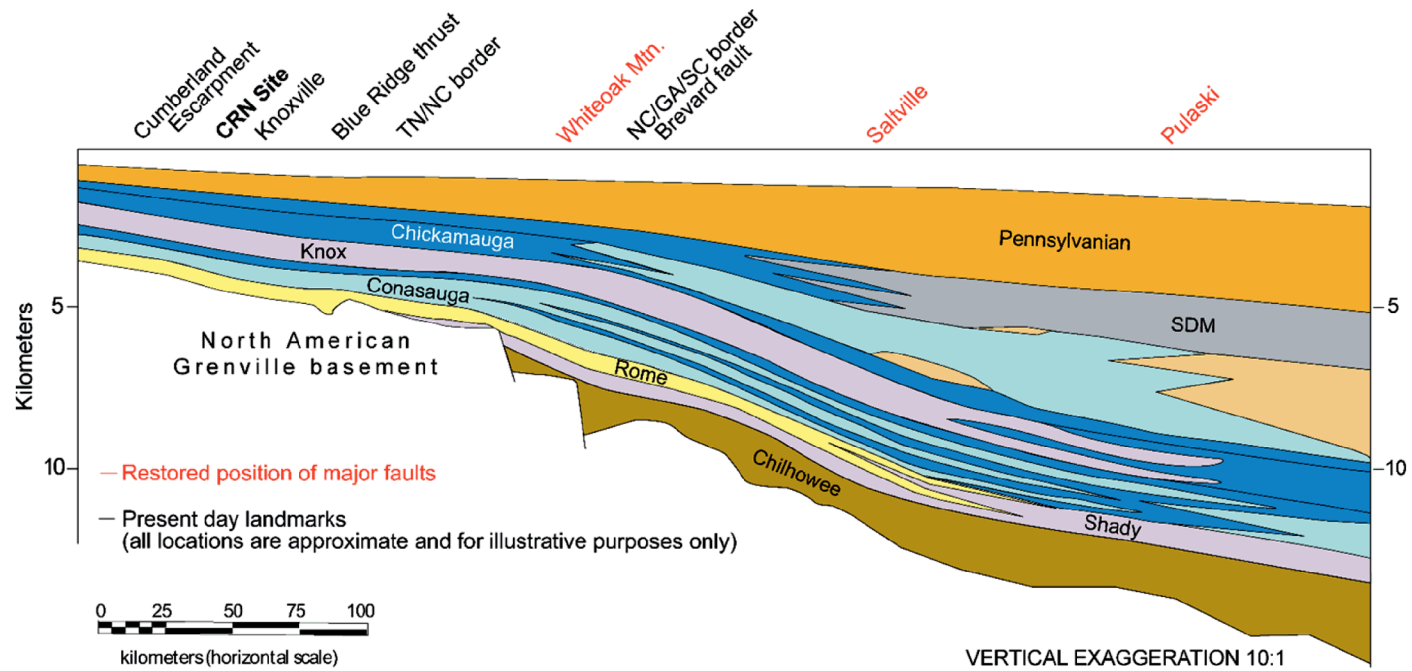
Map of eastern North America, illustrating tectonic inheritance through the amalgamation and breakup of two supercontinents.

Features formed during the Grenville orogeny (formation of Rodinia) shown in red; those formed during the Appalachian orogenies (formation of Pangea) shown in blue.

Rifted margins that formed from supercontinent breakup are shown in green (Iapetus ocean) and orange (Atlantic Ocean).

Modified from Thomas, 2006 [Reference 2.5.1-38](#).

**Figure 2.5.1-10. North American Rifted Margin**



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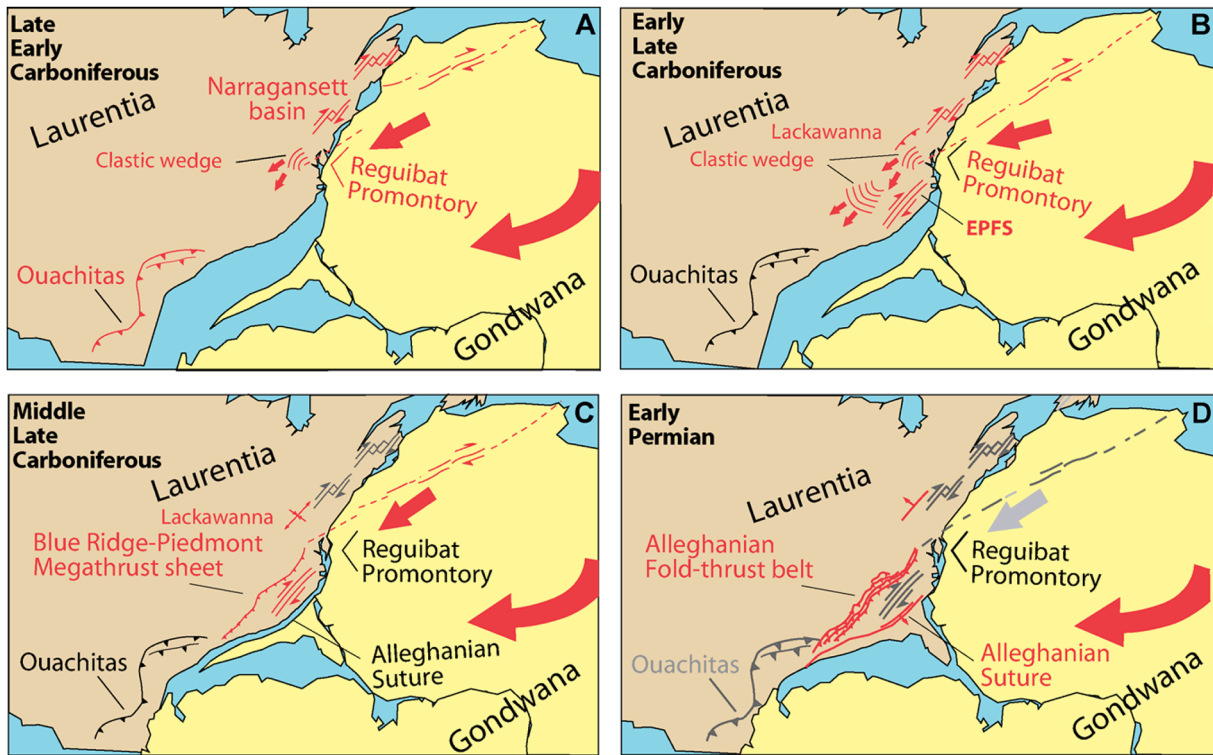
Facies diagram of passive margin to stable shelf strata of the western Blue Ridge and Valley and Ridge (from Reference 2.5.1-13).

Units have been palinspastically restored along major Valley and Ridge thrust faults.

Blue — limestone facies; Lavender — dolomite facies; Light blue — shale facies; Beige and medium brown — coarse clastics and turbidites; Gray — siltstone facies; Light yellow — sandstone, shale, and dolomite intertidal facies.

**Figure 2.5.1-11. Facies Diagram of Stable Shelf Strata**





Notes:

Collision model for the Alleghanian orogeny (From Reference 2.5.1-74).

Red lines and symbols indicate the feature is active in the time interval shown.

A) Initial contact between Gondwana and Laurentia produced step-over basins in New England and deposition in the Appalachian basin.

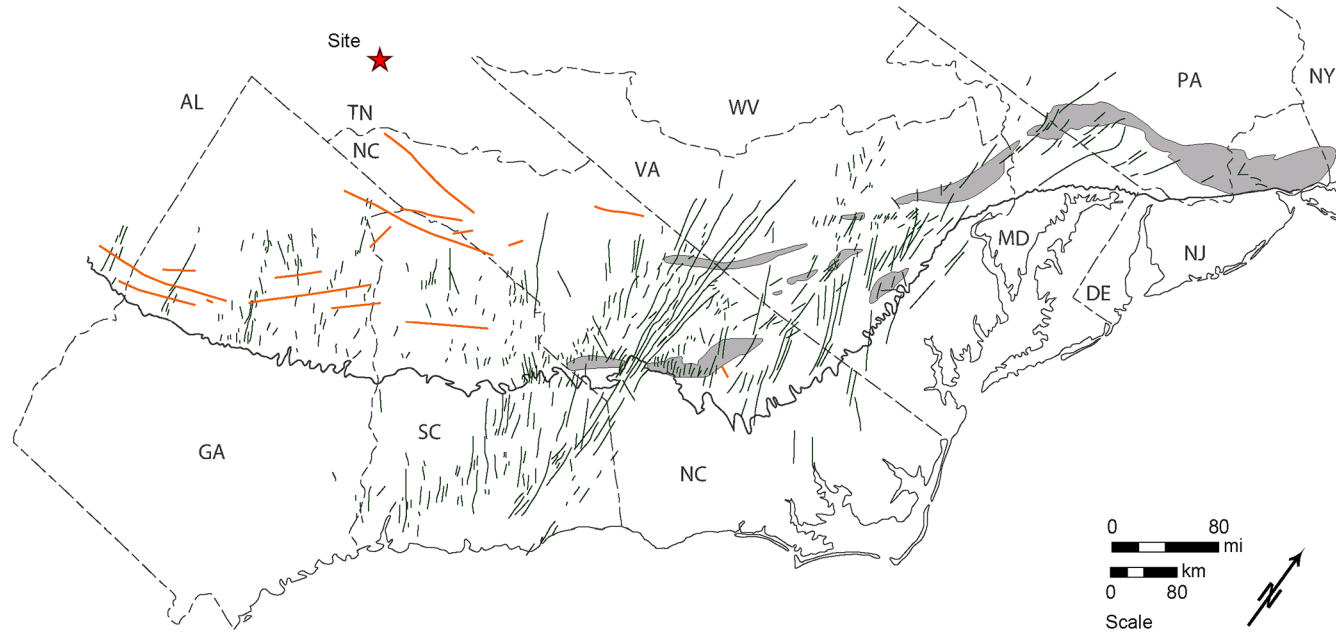
B) Continued collision resulted in greater clastic input in the foreland, with the development of dextral strike-slip faults in the interior of the orogen.

C) Clockwise rotation of Gondwana begins to dominate the collision, resulting in a more head-on collision in the southern Appalachians.

D) Head-on collision in the southern Appalachians results in thrusting of the Blue Ridge-Piedmont megathrust sheet and foreland fold-thrust belt development.

EPFS — Eastern Piedmont Fault System.

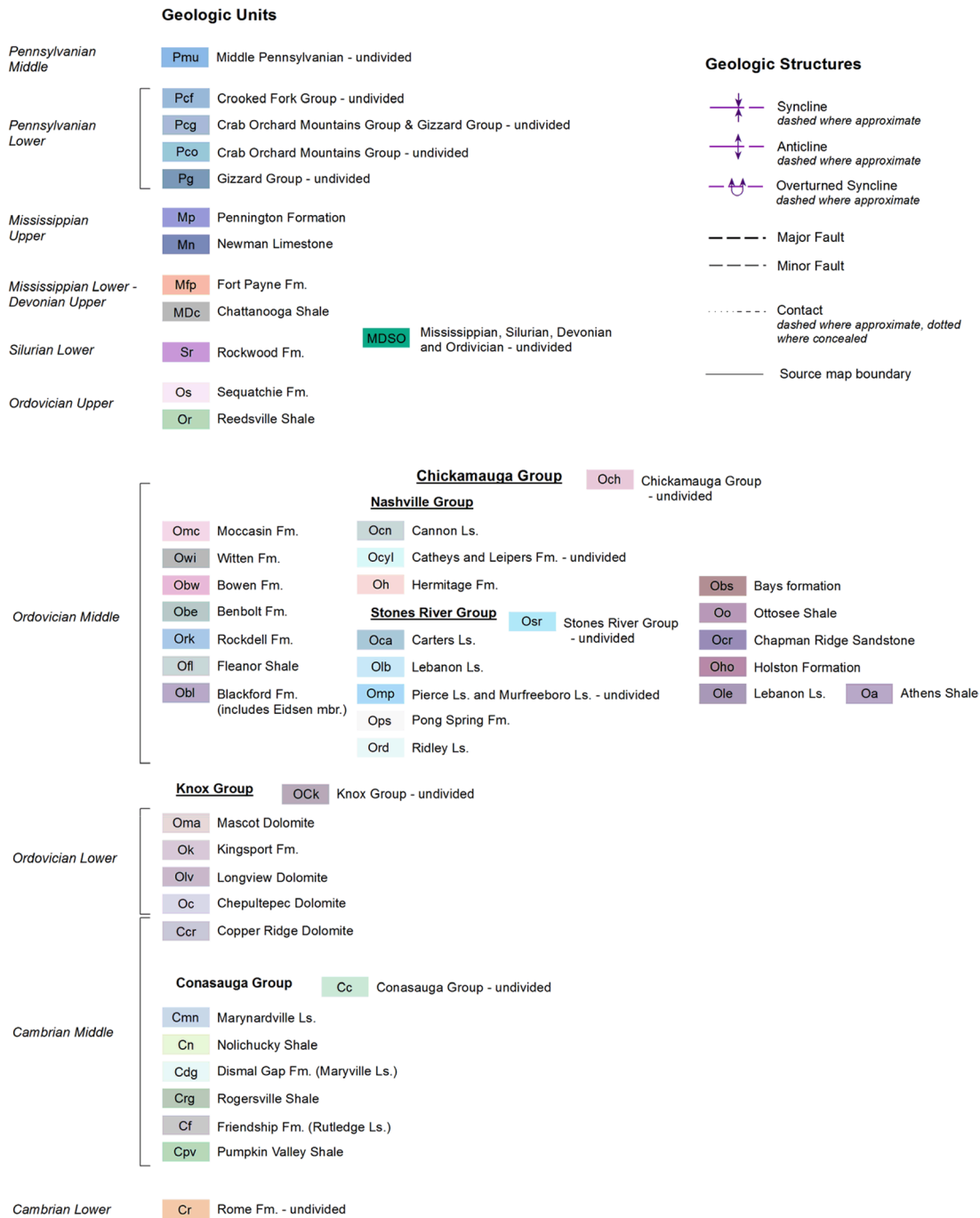
**Figure 2.5.1-12. Alleghanian Zipper Tectonics**



Notes:  
Distribution of Mesozoic features in the southern and central Appalachians.  
Central Atlantic Magmatic Province (CAMP) diabase dikes shown as thin green lines, with silicified faults shown as heavy orange lines.  
Dark shaded areas represent exposed Triassic rift basins.  
From [Reference 2.5.1-87](#).

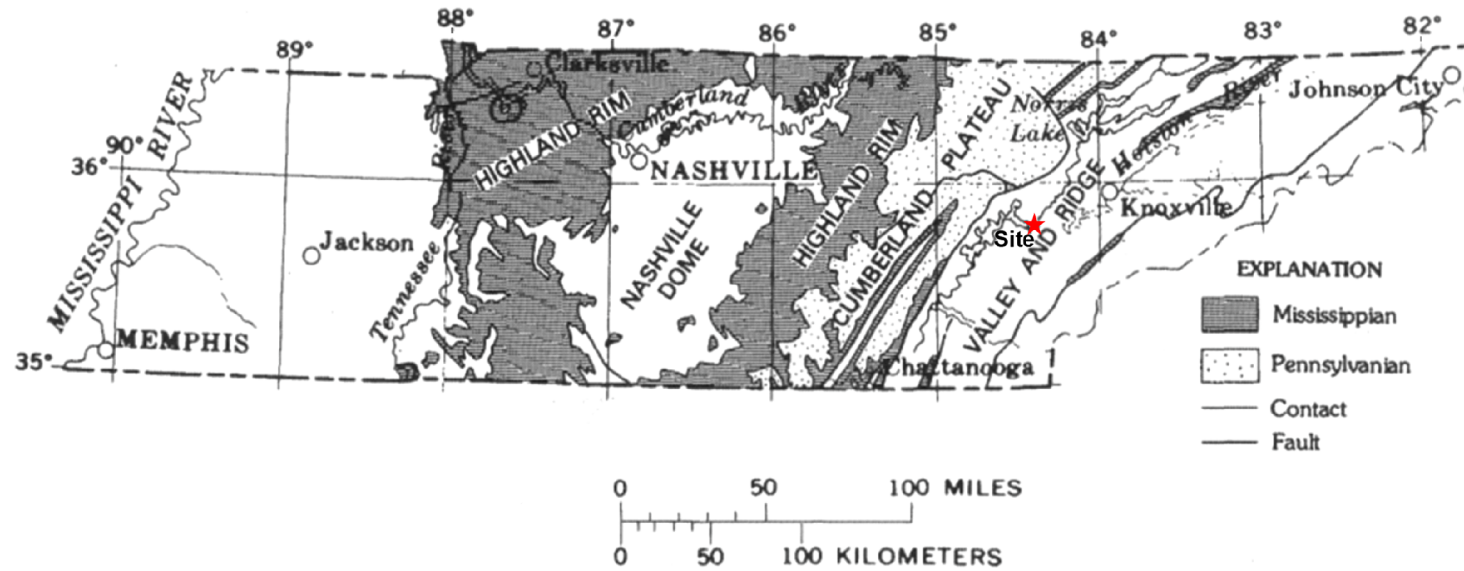
**Figure 2.5.1-13. Mesozoic Features Map**

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**Figure 2.5.1-14. Site Vicinity Stratigraphic Columns**





Note: After [Reference 2.5.1-112](#)

**Figure 2.5.1-15. The Cumberland Plateau and Interior Low Plateaus in Tennessee**

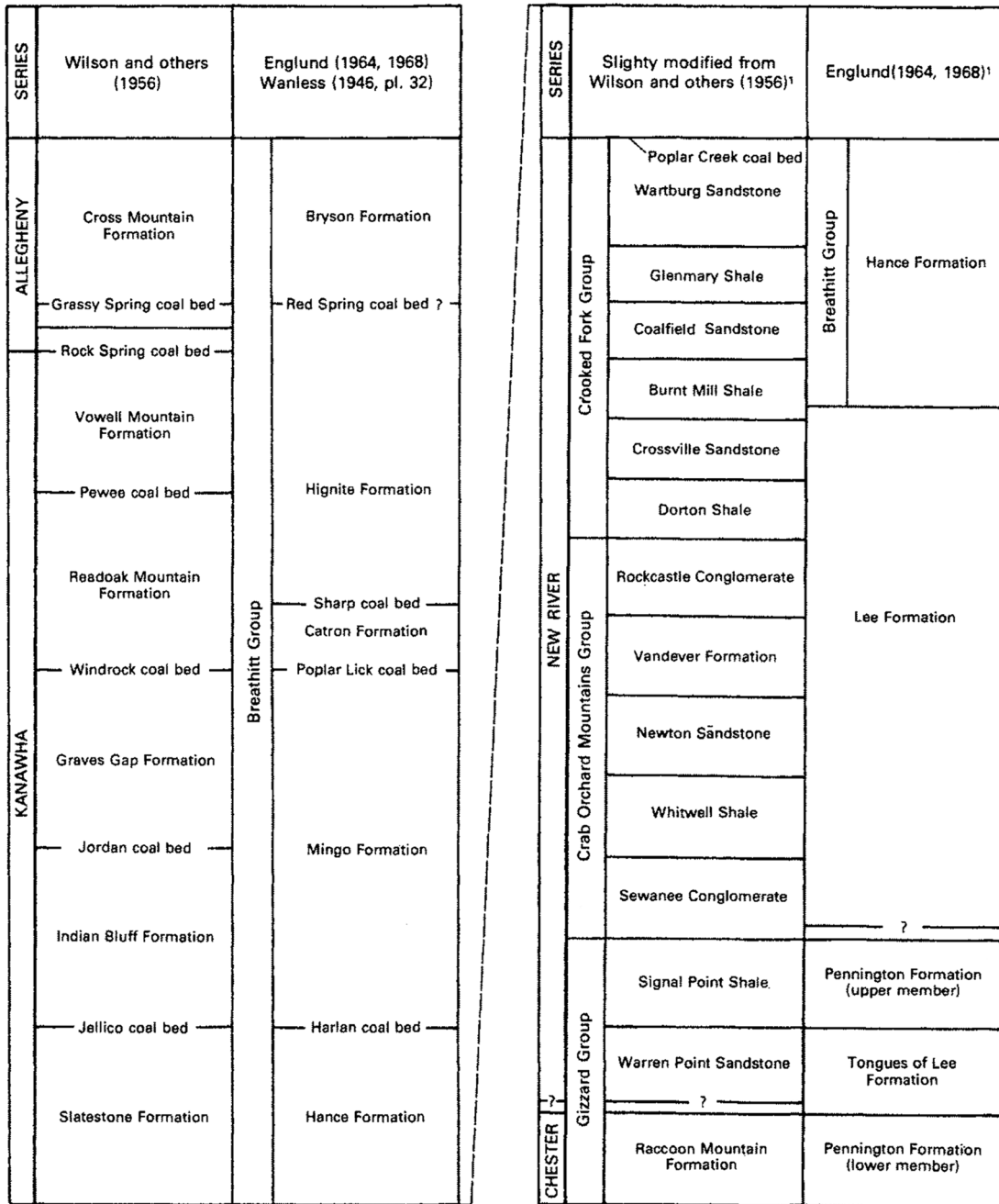
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SERIES	WESTERN HIGHLAND RIM	CUMBERLAND PLATEAU AND EASTERN HIGHLAND RIM	PINE MOUNTAIN BLOCK (Englund, 1964, 1968)	NEWMAN RIDGE (Mixon and Harris, 1971)	BELT EAST OF CLINCH MOUNTAIN (Sanders, 1952, unpub. data; Hasson, 1973)	CHILHOWEE MOUNTAIN (Newman and Nelson, 1965)
CHESTERIAN		Gizzard Group (lower part)	Pennington Foramtion	Pennington Formation	Pennington Formation	
		Pennington Formation	Newman Limestone	Newman Limestone	Cove Creek Formation	
		Bangor Limestone			Fido Sandstone	
		Hartselle Sandstone			Fisher Creek Limestone	
		Gilliam Creek Limestone				
MERAMECIAN	St. Genevieve Limestone	Monteagle Limestone			Clifton Creek Limestone	
	St. Louis Limestone	St. Louis Limestone			Snowflake Formation	
	Warsaw Limestone	Warsaw Limestone			Laurel Branch Limestone	
				Pressmens Home Formation	Greasy Cove Formation	
				Maccrady Formation		
OSAGEAN	Fort Payne Formation	Fort Payne Formation	Fort Payne Chert	Grainger Formation	Grainger Formation	Grainger Formation
KINDERHOOKIAN	Maury Shale	Maury Shale	Maury Shale			
				Chattanooga Shale (upper part)	Chattanooga Shale (upper part)	Chattanooga Shale (upper part)

Notes:  
 From Reference 2.5.1-112

**Figure 2.5.1-16. Mississippian Stratigraphic Units in Tennessee**

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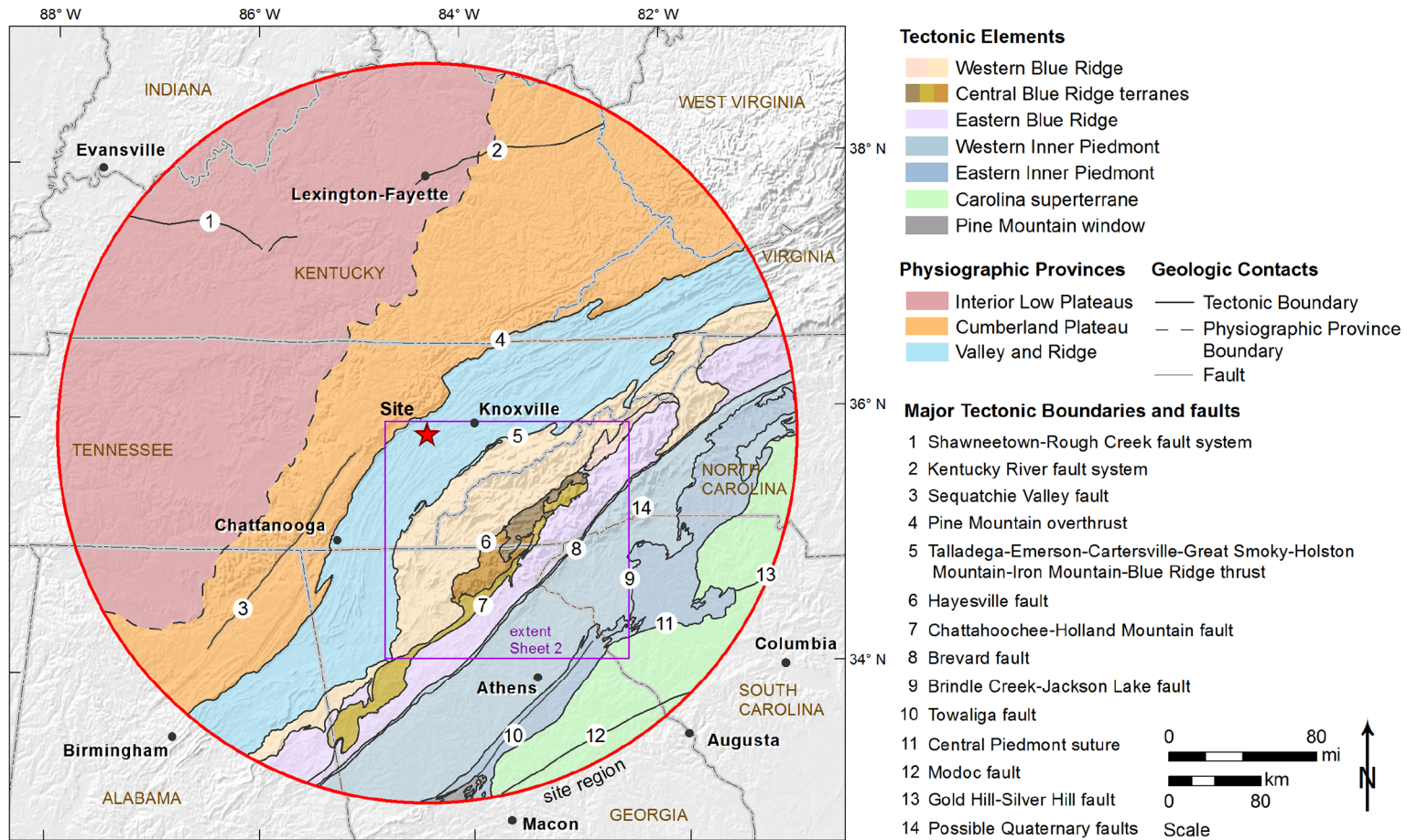


<sup>1</sup>Queried double lines show opinions concerning the Mississippian-Pennsylvanian boundary.

Note: Reference 2.5.1-112

**Figure 2.5.1-17. Pennsylvanian System in Tennessee**

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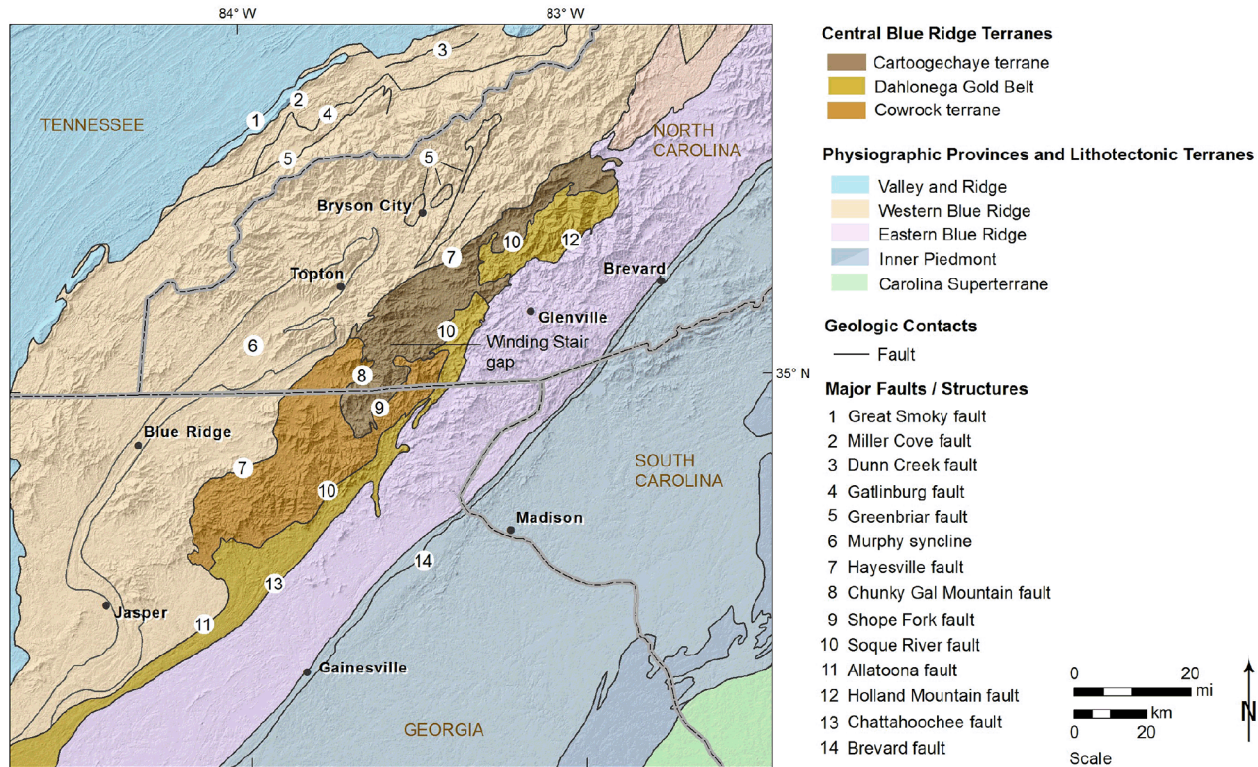


Notes:  
Lithotectonic terranes, provinces, and major tectonic boundaries (after [References 2.5.1-24](#), [2.5.1-34](#), and [2.5.1-137](#))

**Figure 2.5.1-18. (Sheet 1 of 2) Lithotectonic Terrane Map**



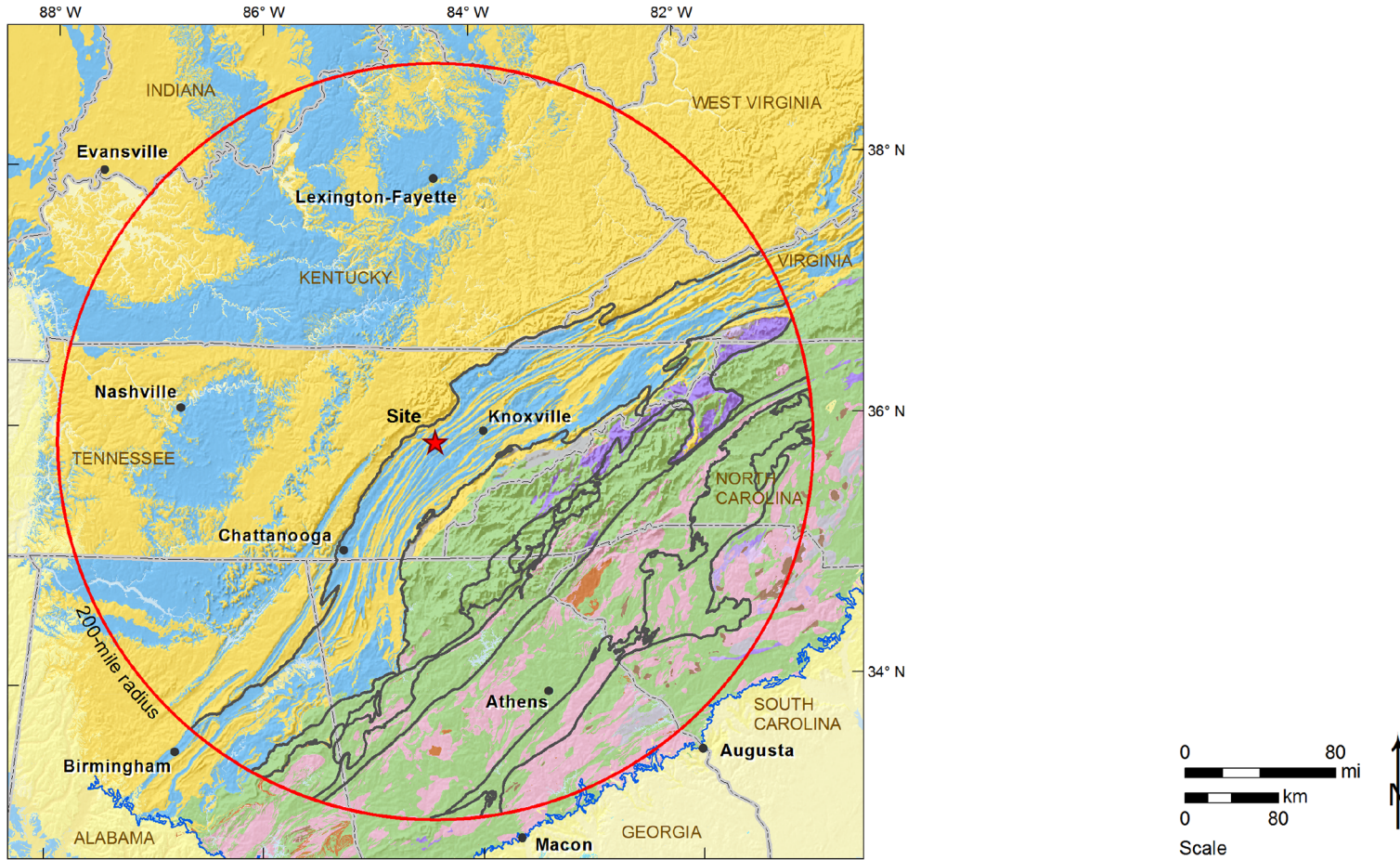
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Note:  
 Simplified tectonic map of the Central Blue Ridge terranes.

**Figure 2.5.1-18. (Sheet 2 of 2) Lithotectonic Terrane Map—Blue Ridge Zoom**

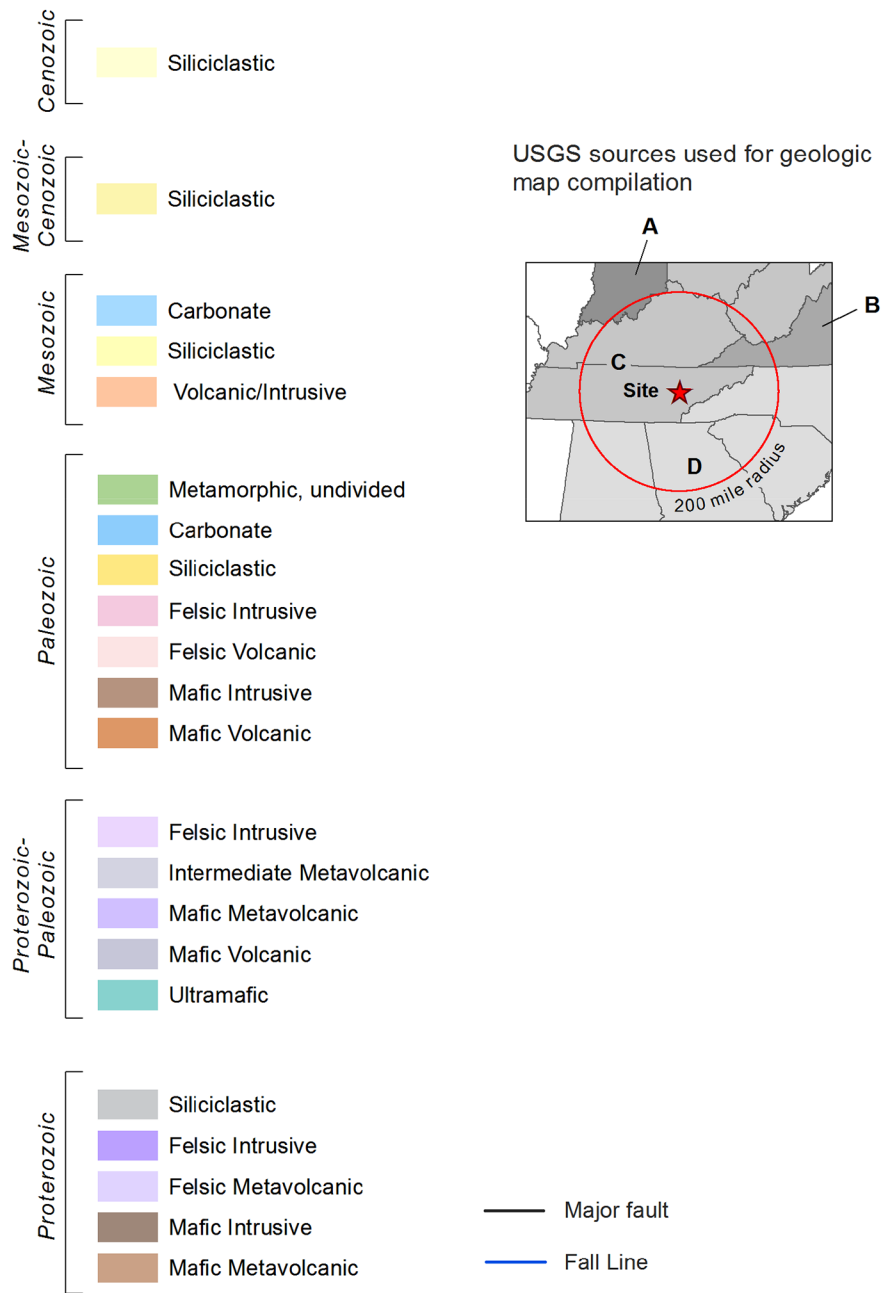
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Note:  
USGS sources for geologic map: A - OFR-04-1355, Reference 2.5.1-116; B - OFR-05-1325, Reference 2.5.1-115; C - OFR-05-1323, Reference 2.5.1-114; D - OFR-05-1324, Reference 2.5.1-117. Major faults from References 2.5.1-24 and 2.5.1-34. Fall Line from Reference 2.5.1-20.

Figure 2.5.1-19. (Sheet 1 of 2) Site Region Geologic Map

### Aggregated Geologic Units

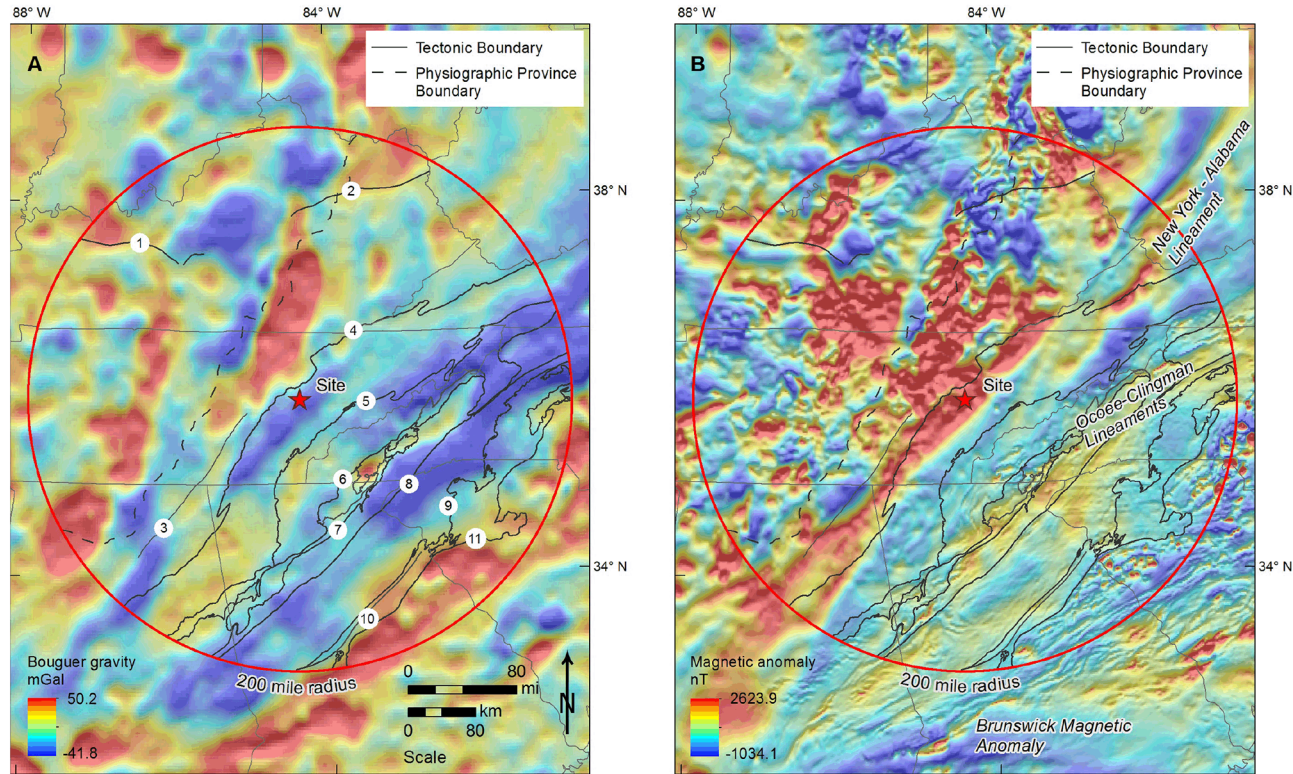


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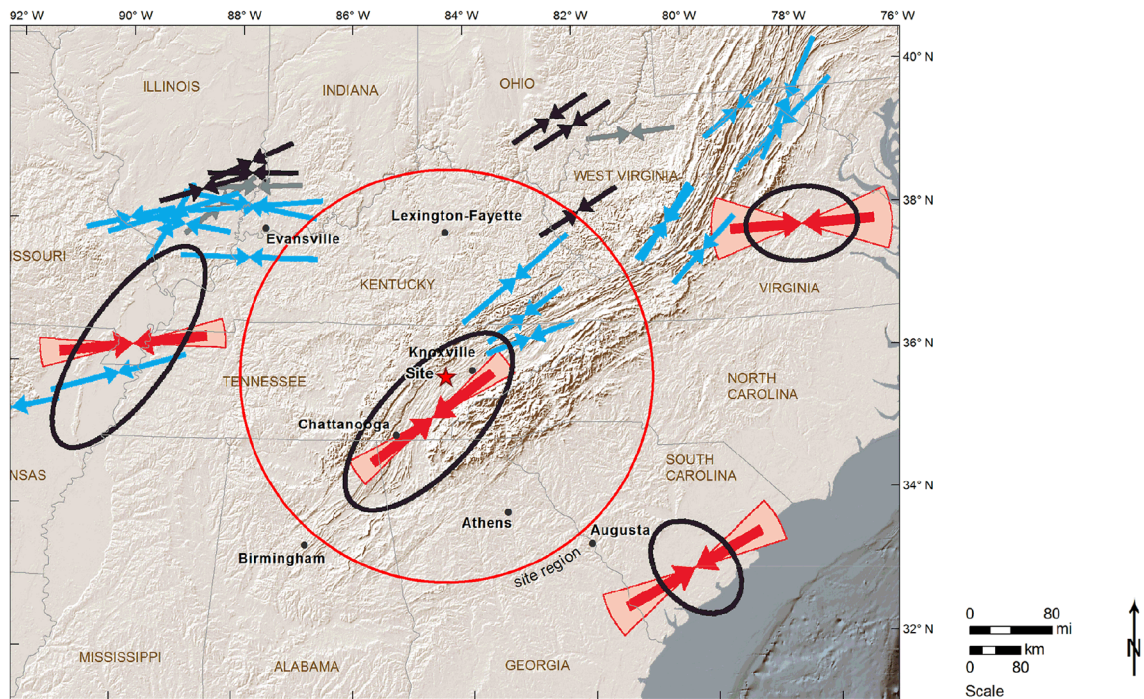


Notes:  
Gravity anomaly (A) and aeromagnetic residual data (B) from CEUS SSC (Reference 2.5.1-190).  
See Figure 2.5.1-18, Sheet 1 for numbered fault references.

Figure 2.5.1-20. Aeromagnetic and Gravity Maps



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Notes:

Map of current stresses in the central and eastern U.S. (after Reference 2.5.1-185).

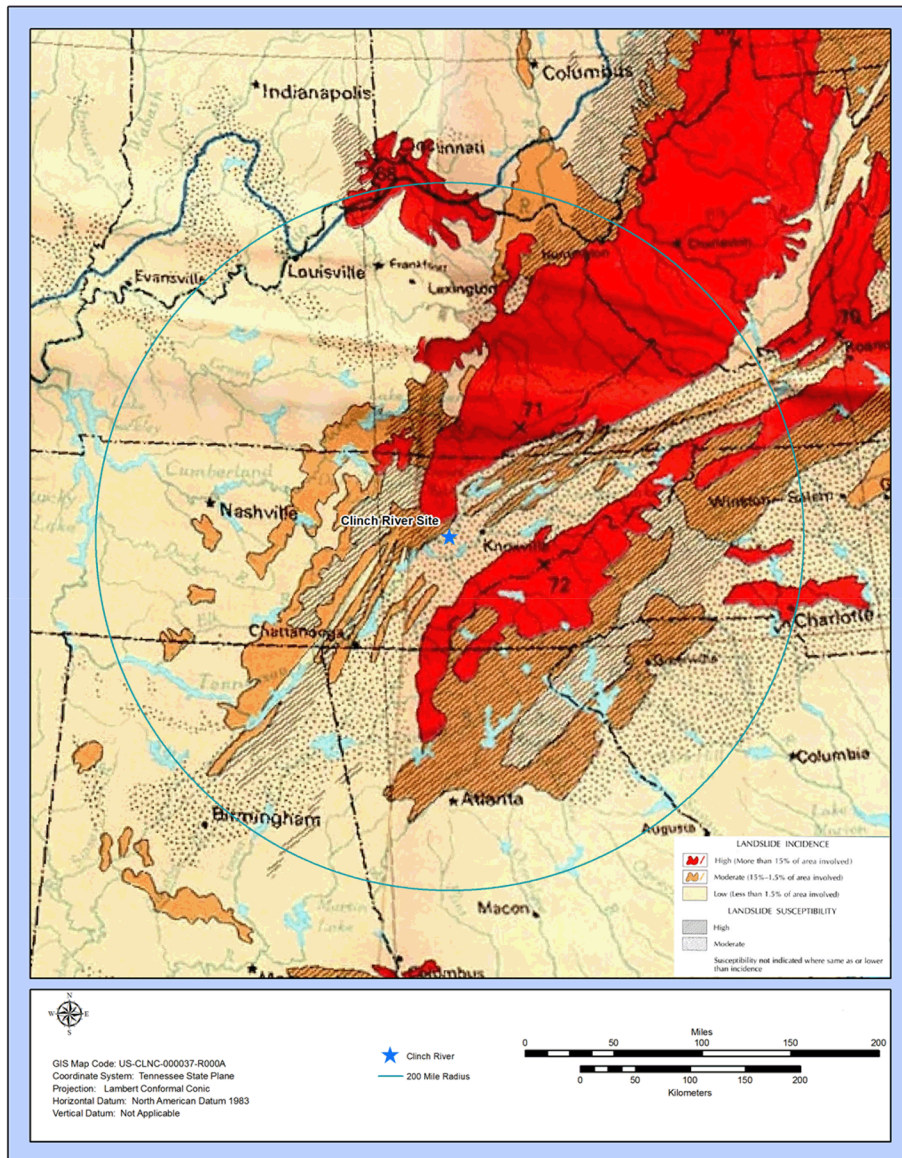
Black and gray arrows – orientation from borehole observations;

Blue arrows – borehole observations used in calculating the regional average within 250 km (155 mi) of the seismic zones (solid ellipses);

Red arrows and angular sectors – orientation from focal mechanism inversion.

**Figure 2.5.1-21. Current Compressive Stress—Eastern United States**

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Note: Modified from Reference 2.5.1-202

**Figure 2.5.1-22. Landslide Hazard Map for the Clinch River Nuclear Site Region**

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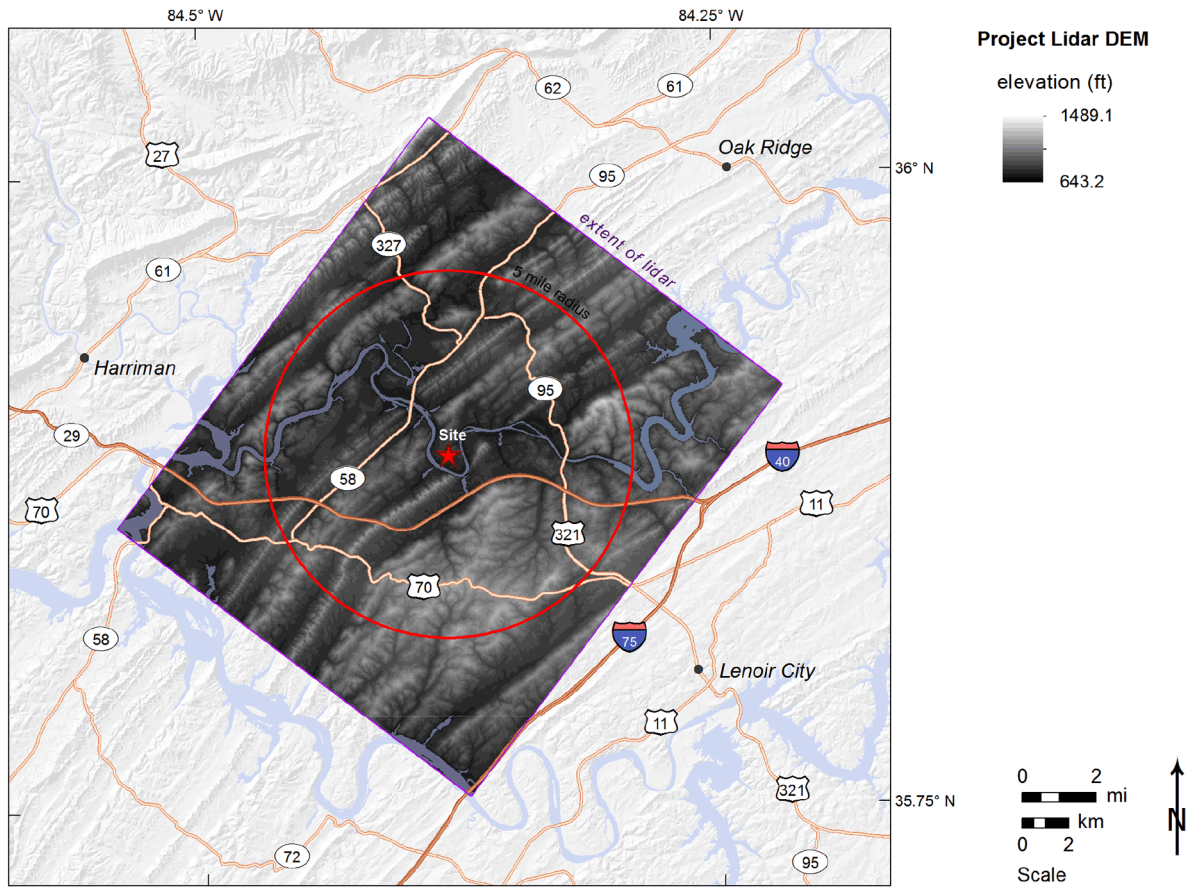
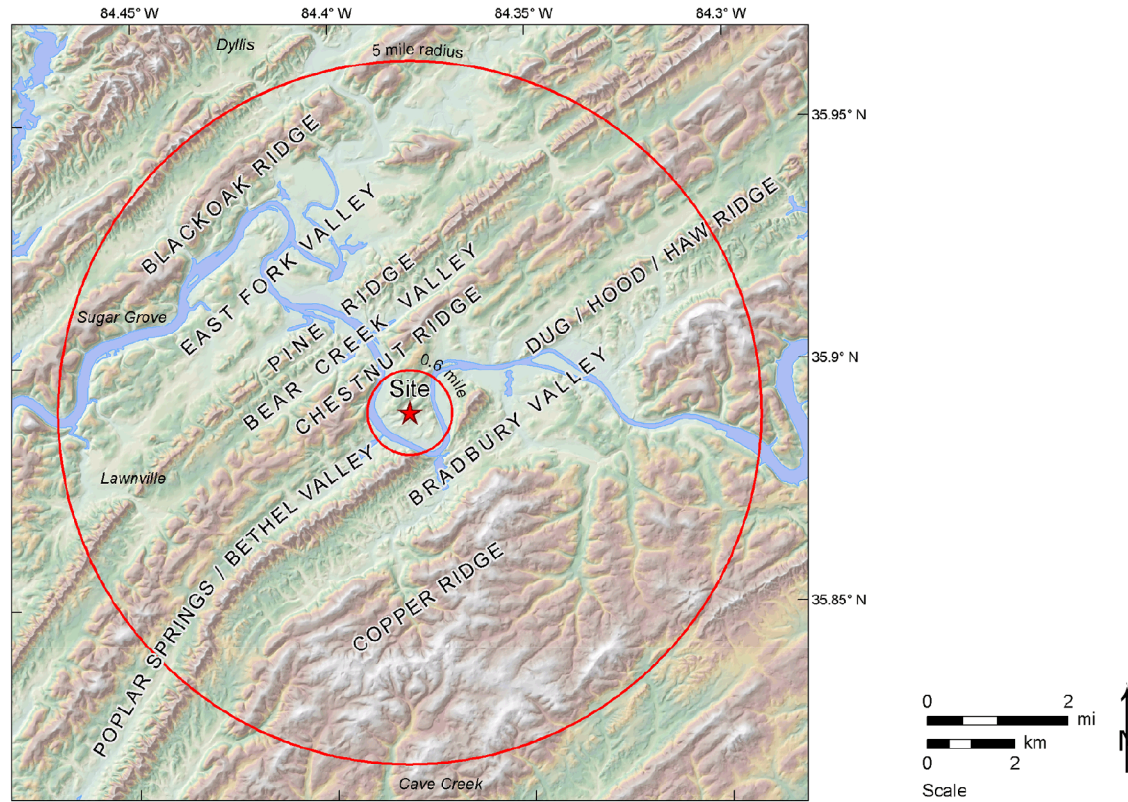


Figure 2.5.1-23. LiDAR Digital Elevation Model Coverage



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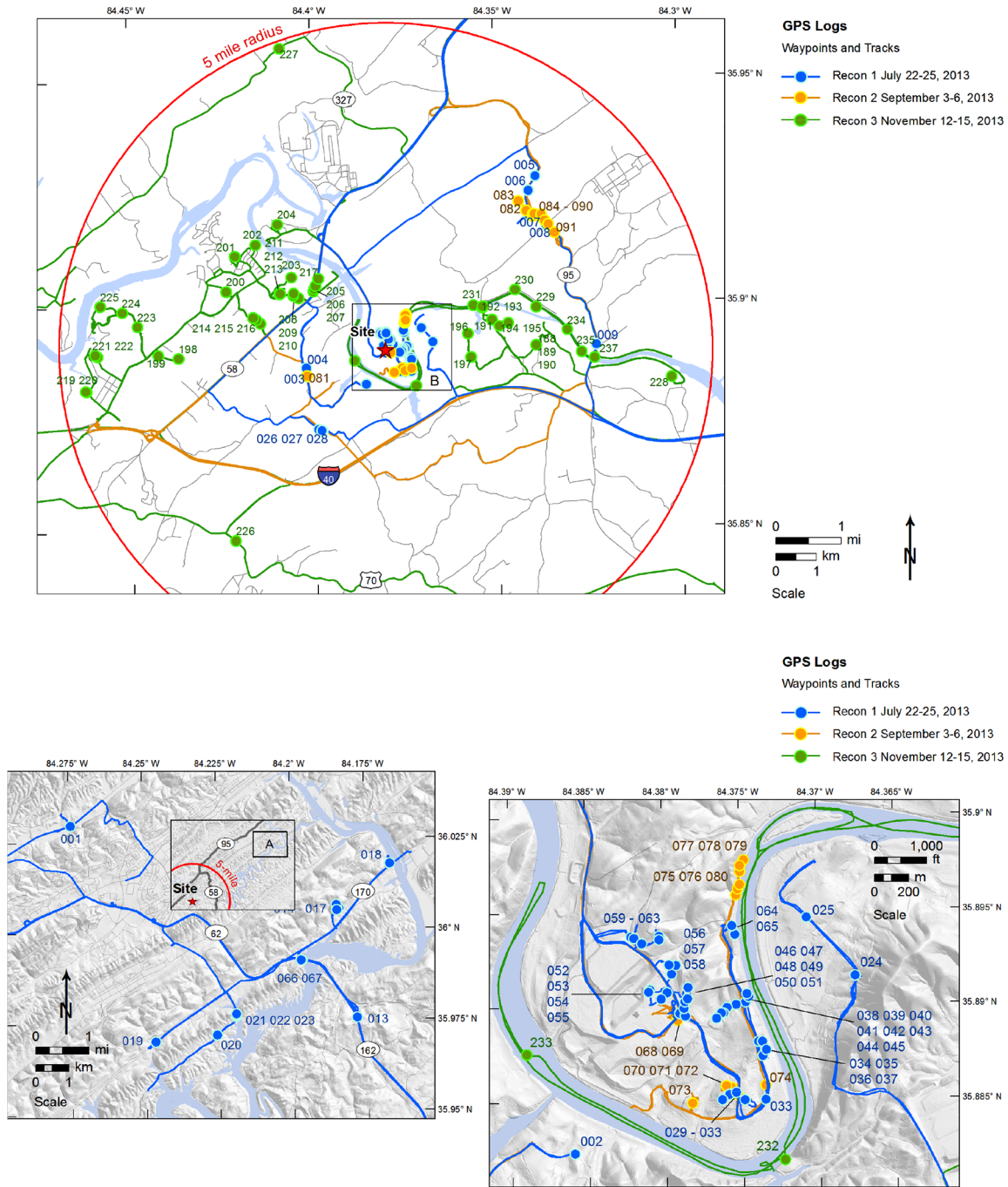


Note: Local geographic nomenclature from Lemiszki (Reference 2.5.1-215)

**Figure 2.5.1-24. Local Physiography with Local Nomenclature for Valleys and Ridges**



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**Figure 2.5.1-25. Field Reconnaissance Way Points**

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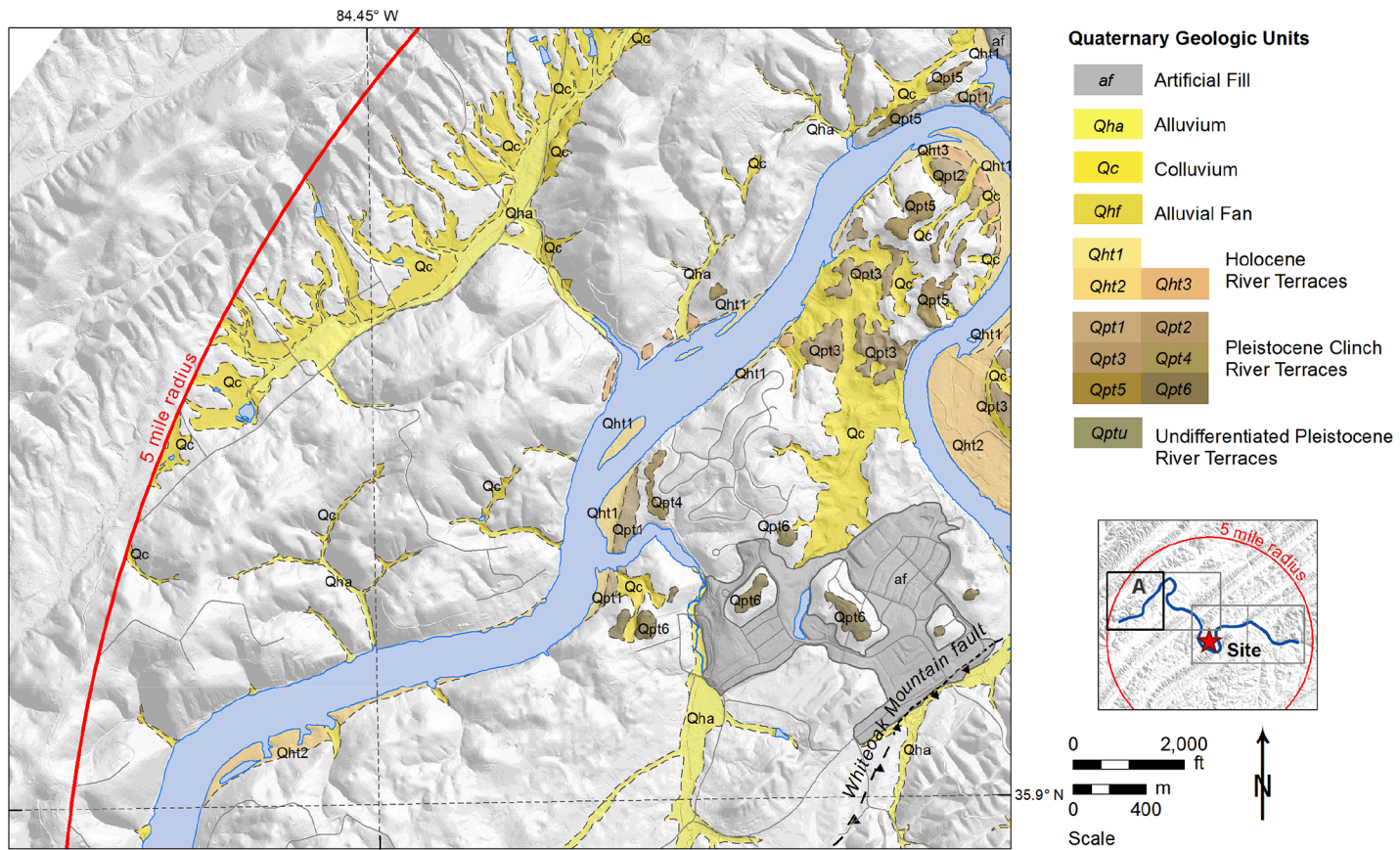


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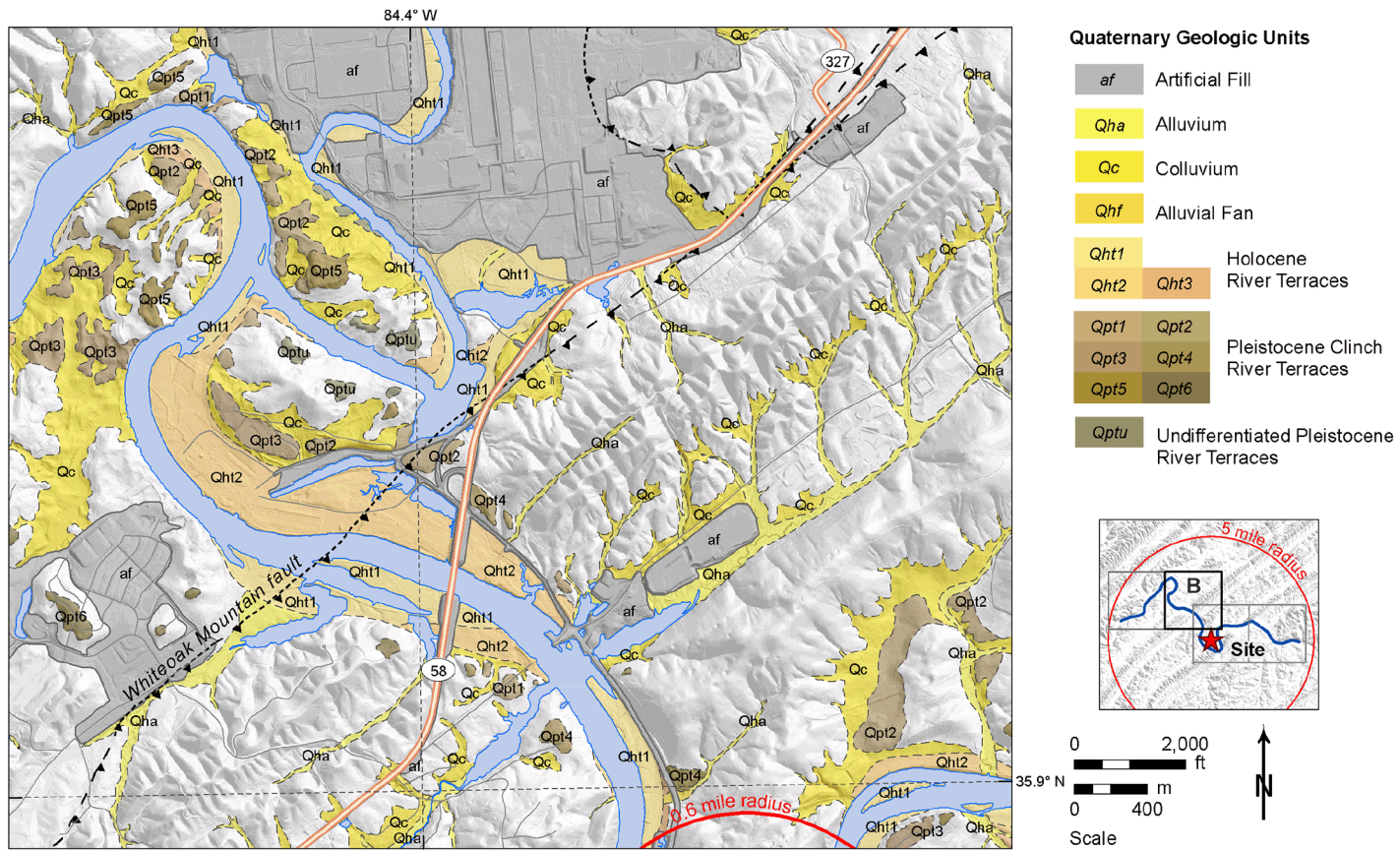


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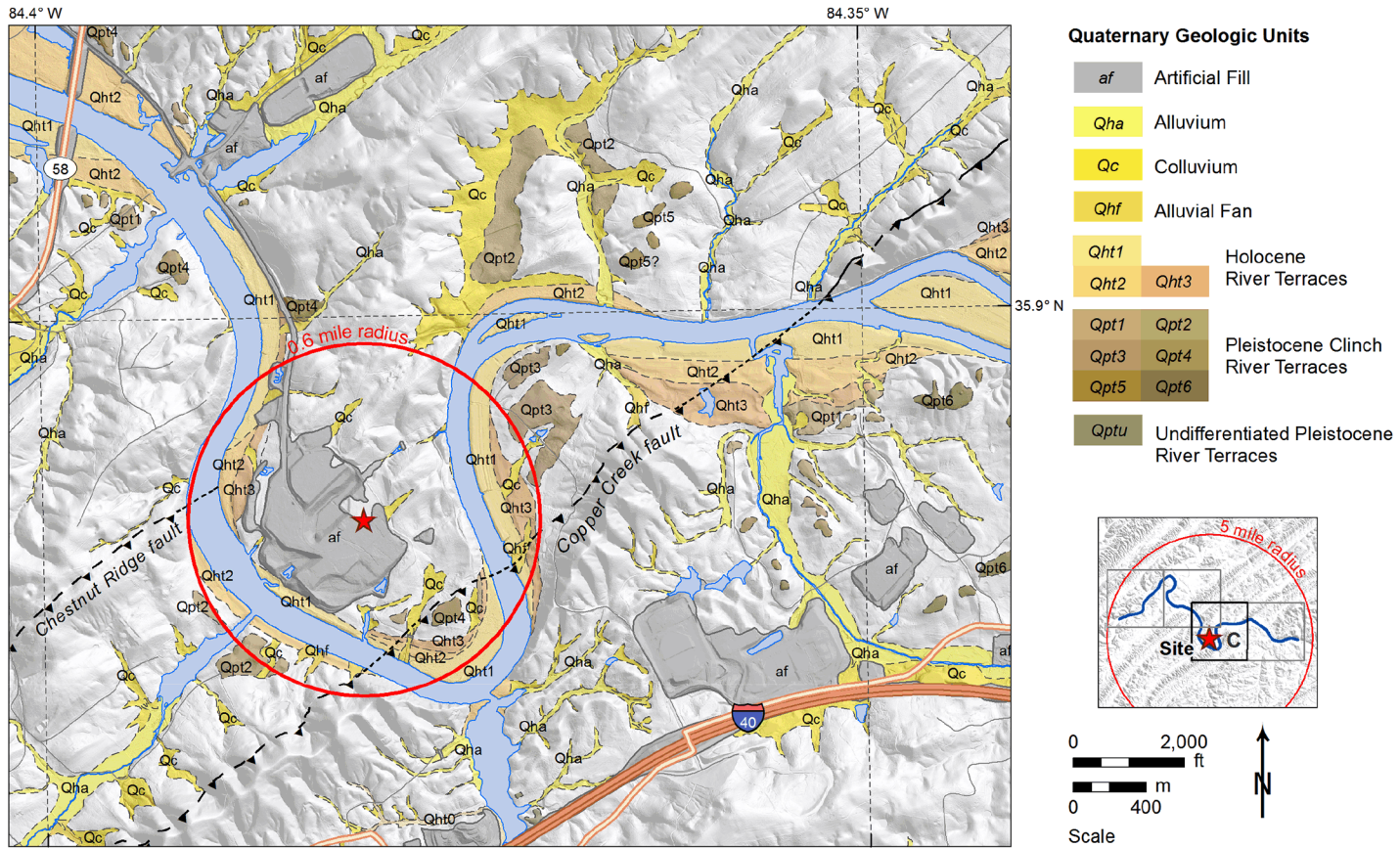


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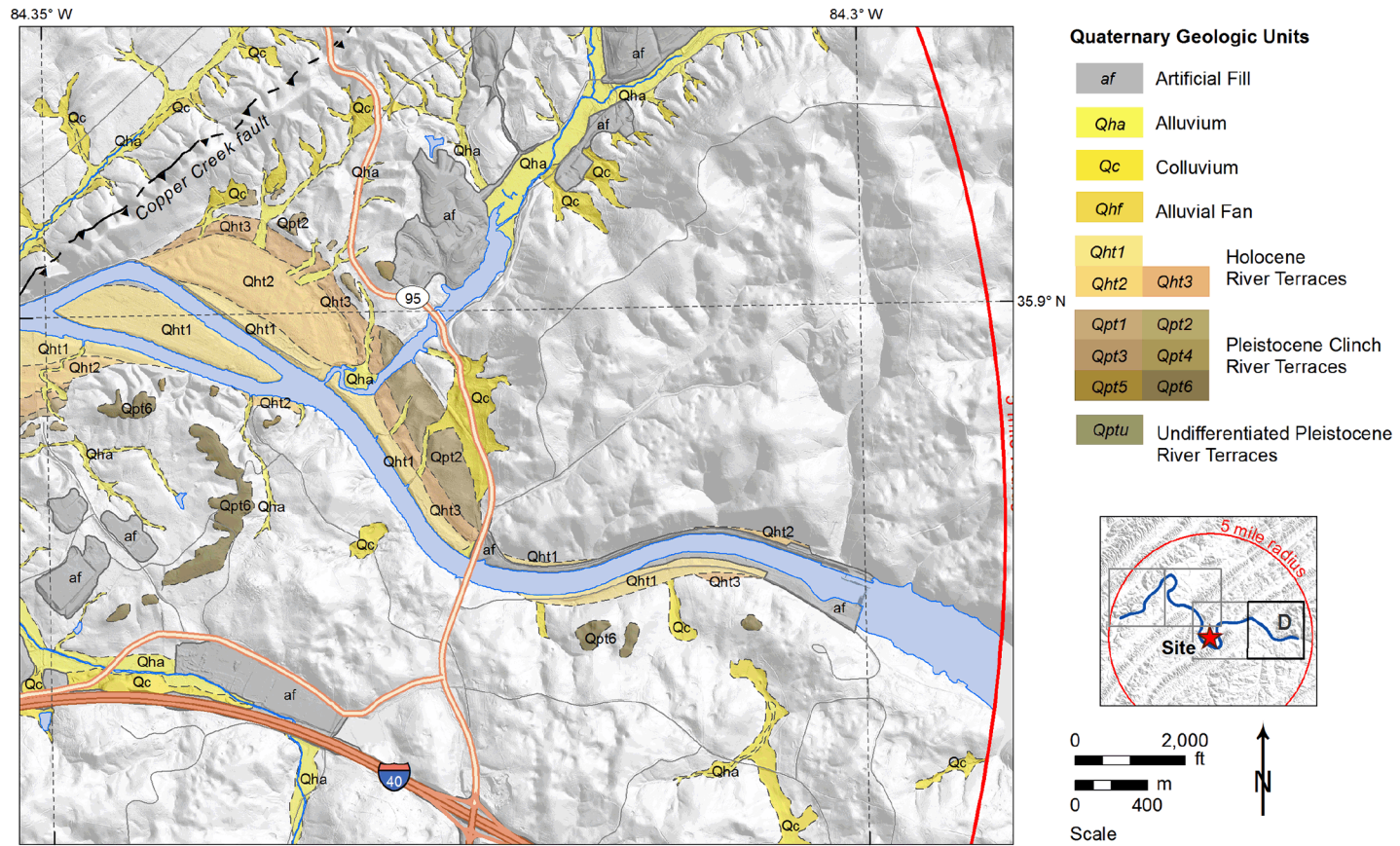
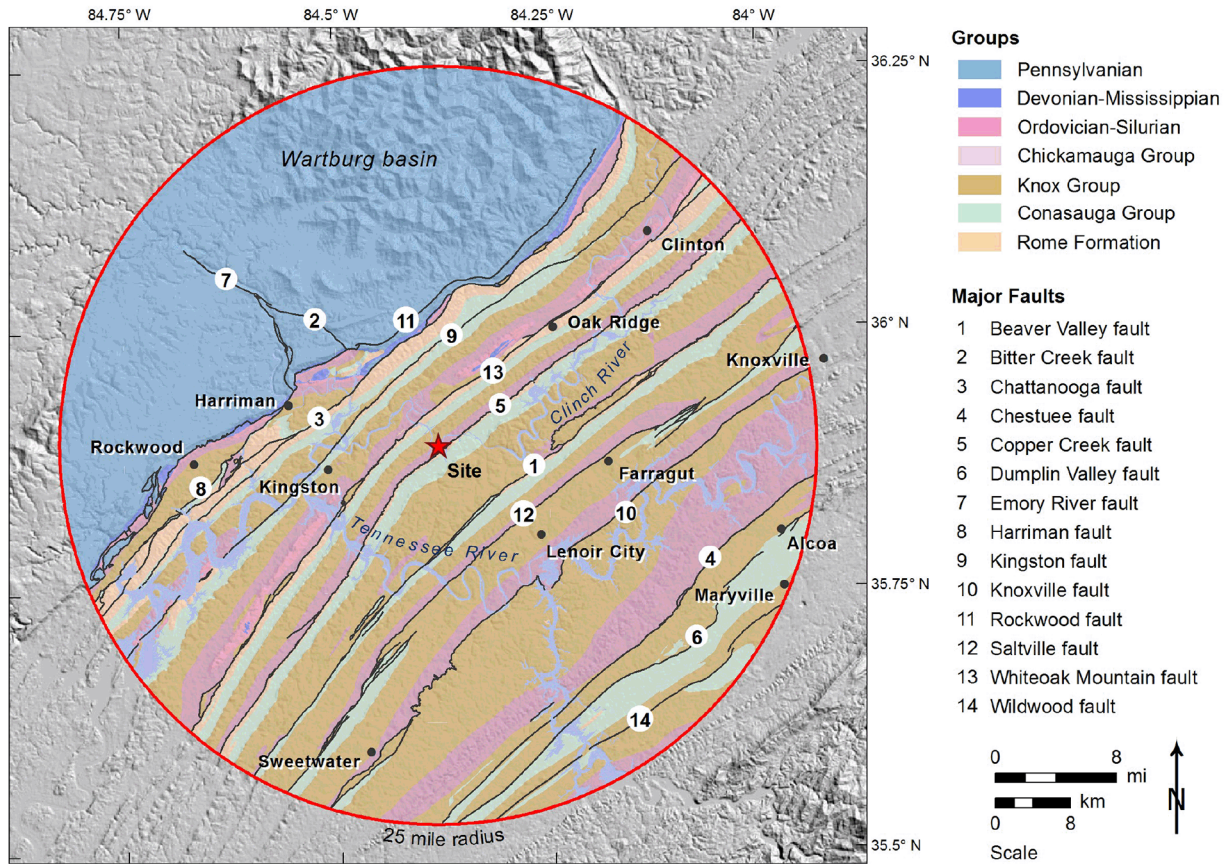


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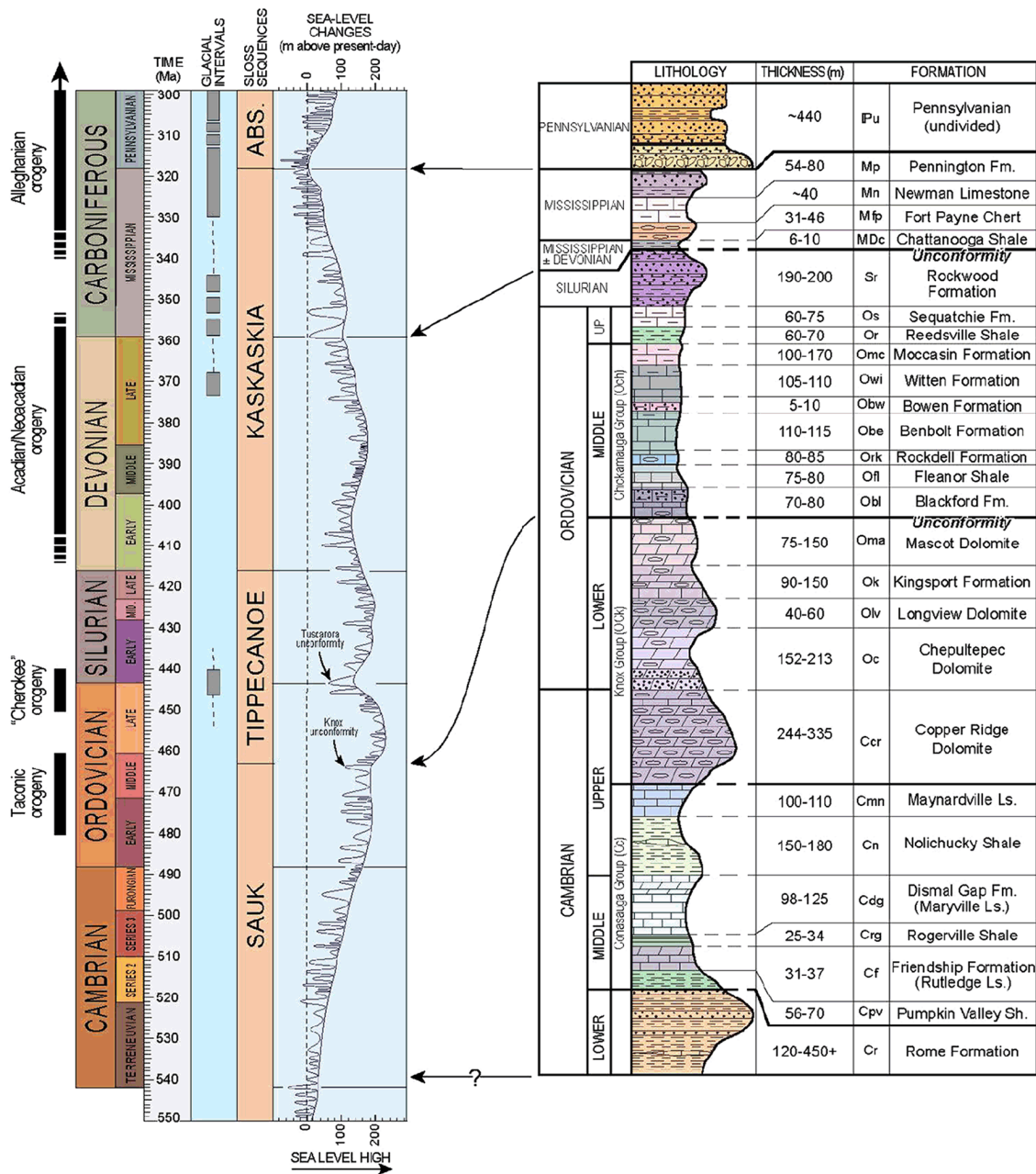


Note: Simplified geologic map of the Clinch River Nuclear site vicinity.

**Figure 2.5.1-27. Simplified Site Vicinity Geologic Map**



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Notes:  
Generalized stratigraphic column of the geology of the CRN site vicinity (right) with Paleozoic sea level curves, Reference 2.5.1-49 cratonic sequences, glacial intervals, and tectonic events (left; modified from Reference 2.5.1-206) that correspond to the time interval represented by the stratigraphic section (modified from Reference 2.5.1-9).  
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**Figure 2.5.1-28. Stratigraphic Column with Sea Level Curve**

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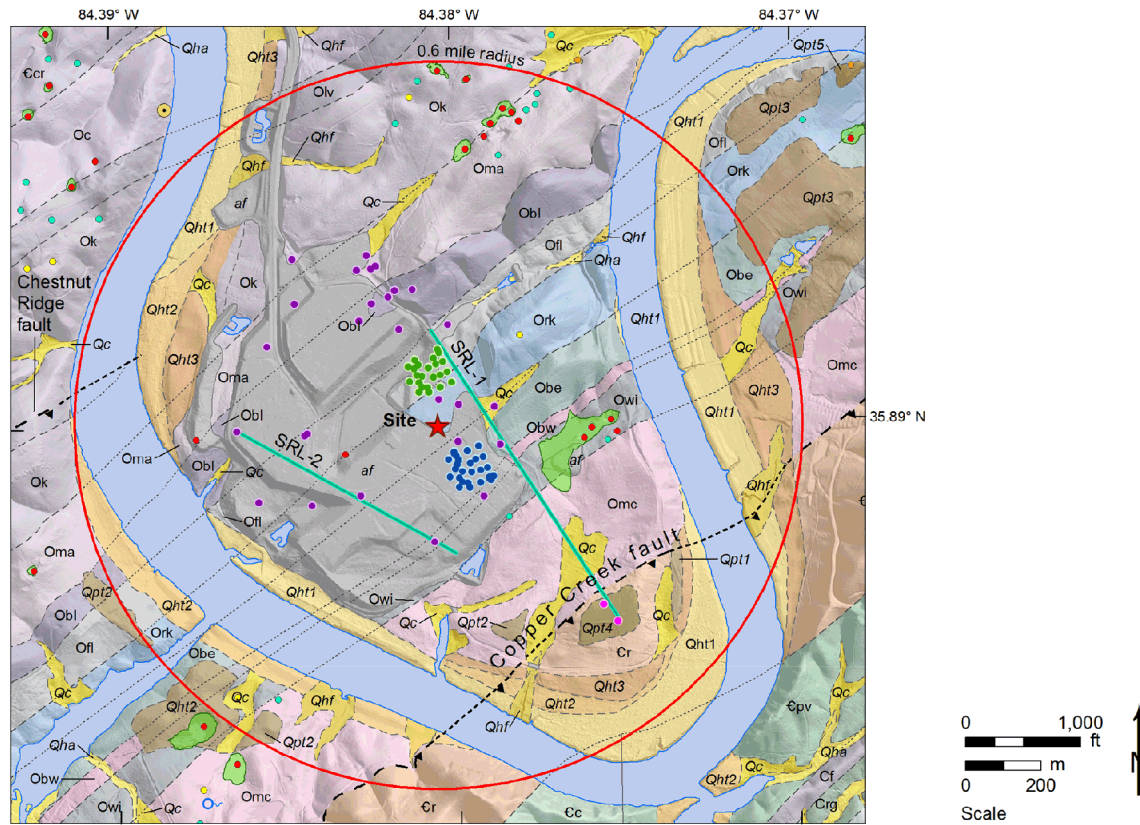
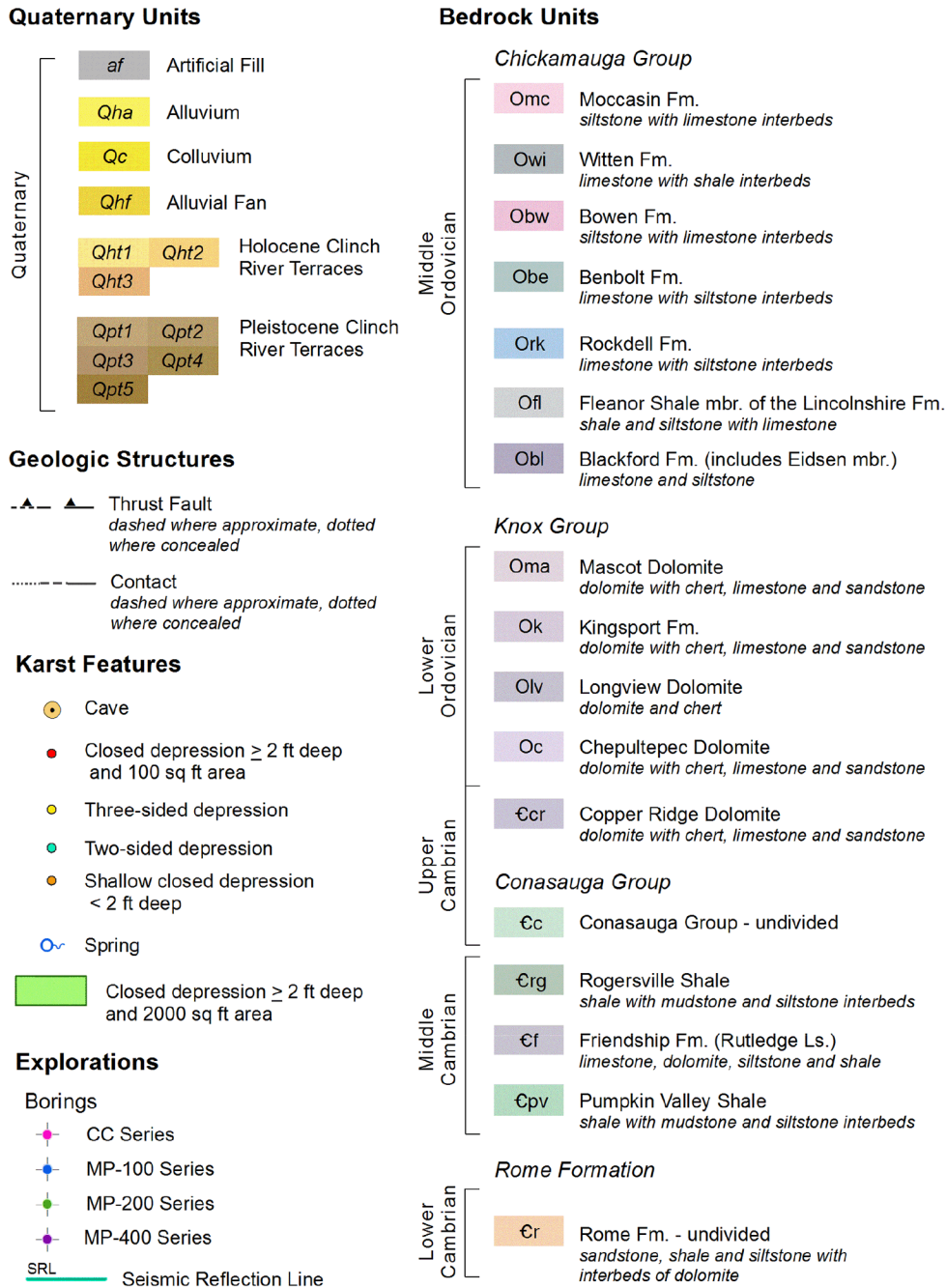


Figure 2.5.1-29. (Sheet 1 of 2) Site Location Geologic Map Showing Borings

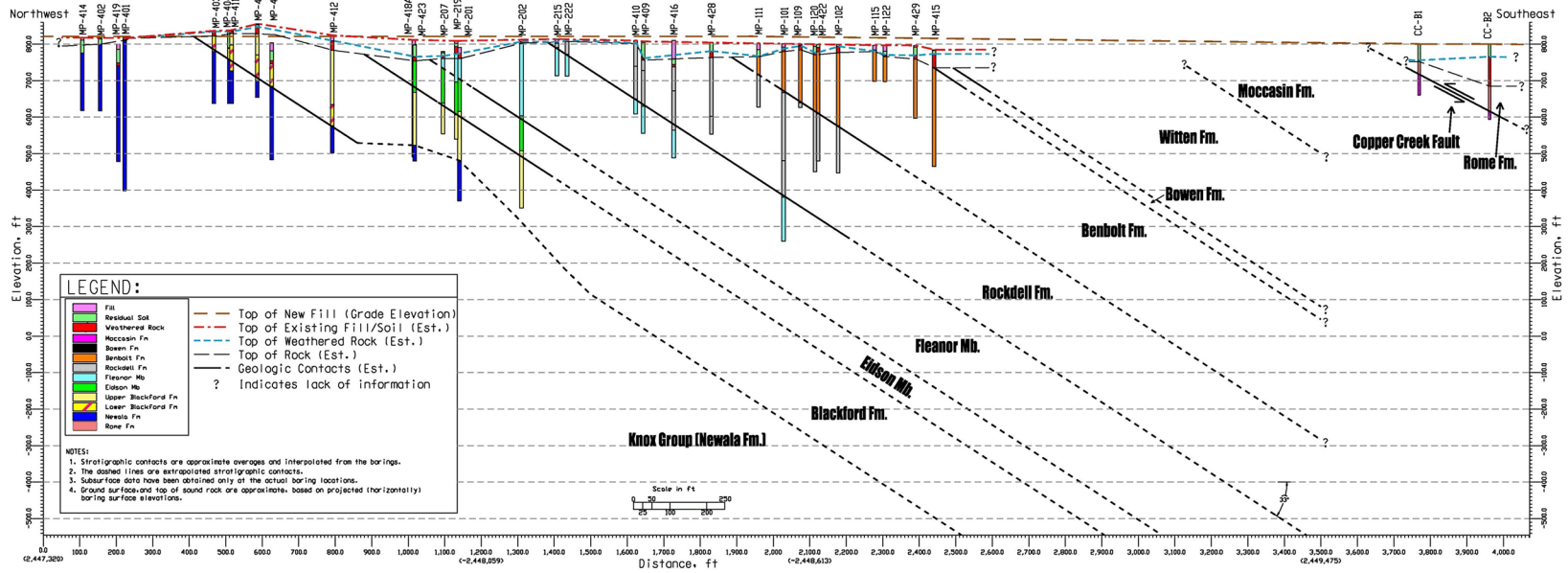


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**Figure 2.5.1-29. (Sheet 2 of 2) Site Location Geologic Map Showing Borings**

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**Figure 2.5.1-30. Geologic Cross-Section K-K' of the Clinch River Nuclear Site**

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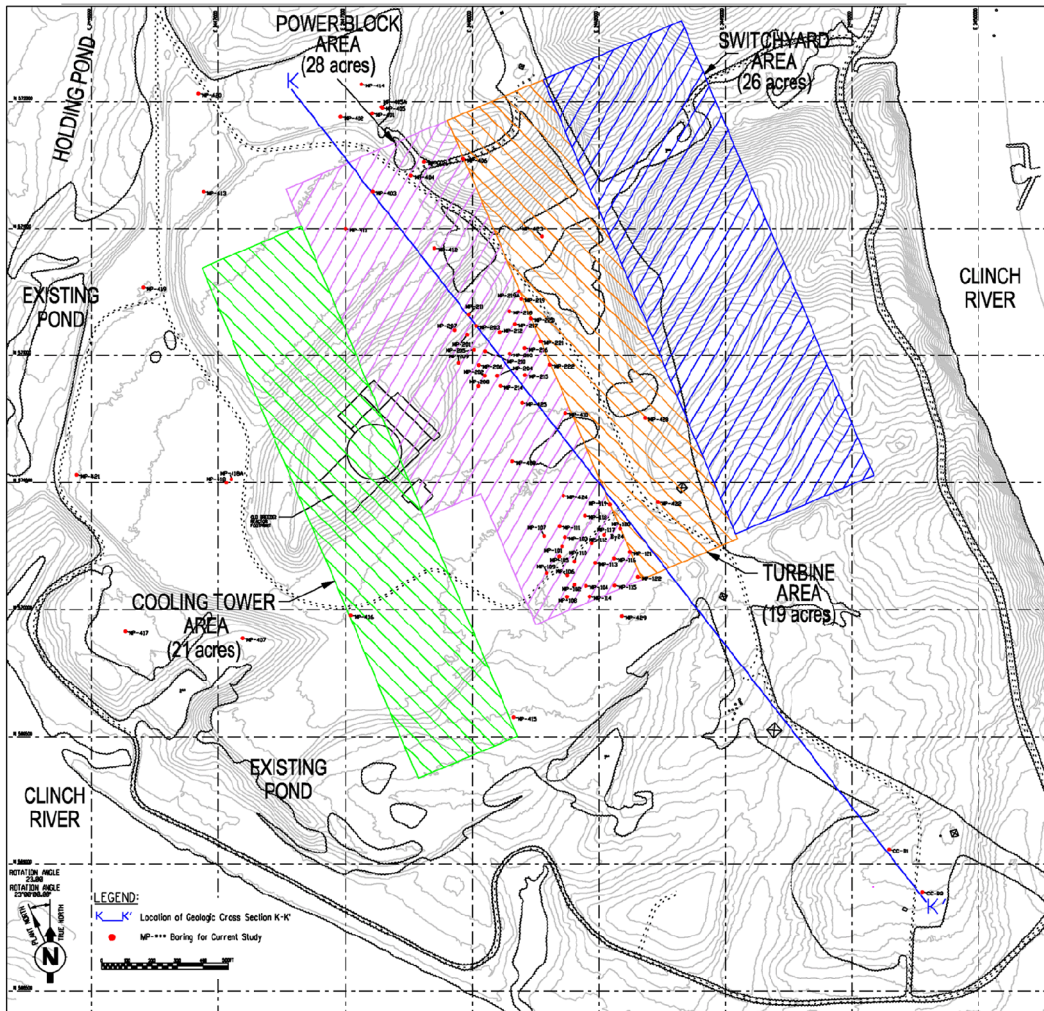
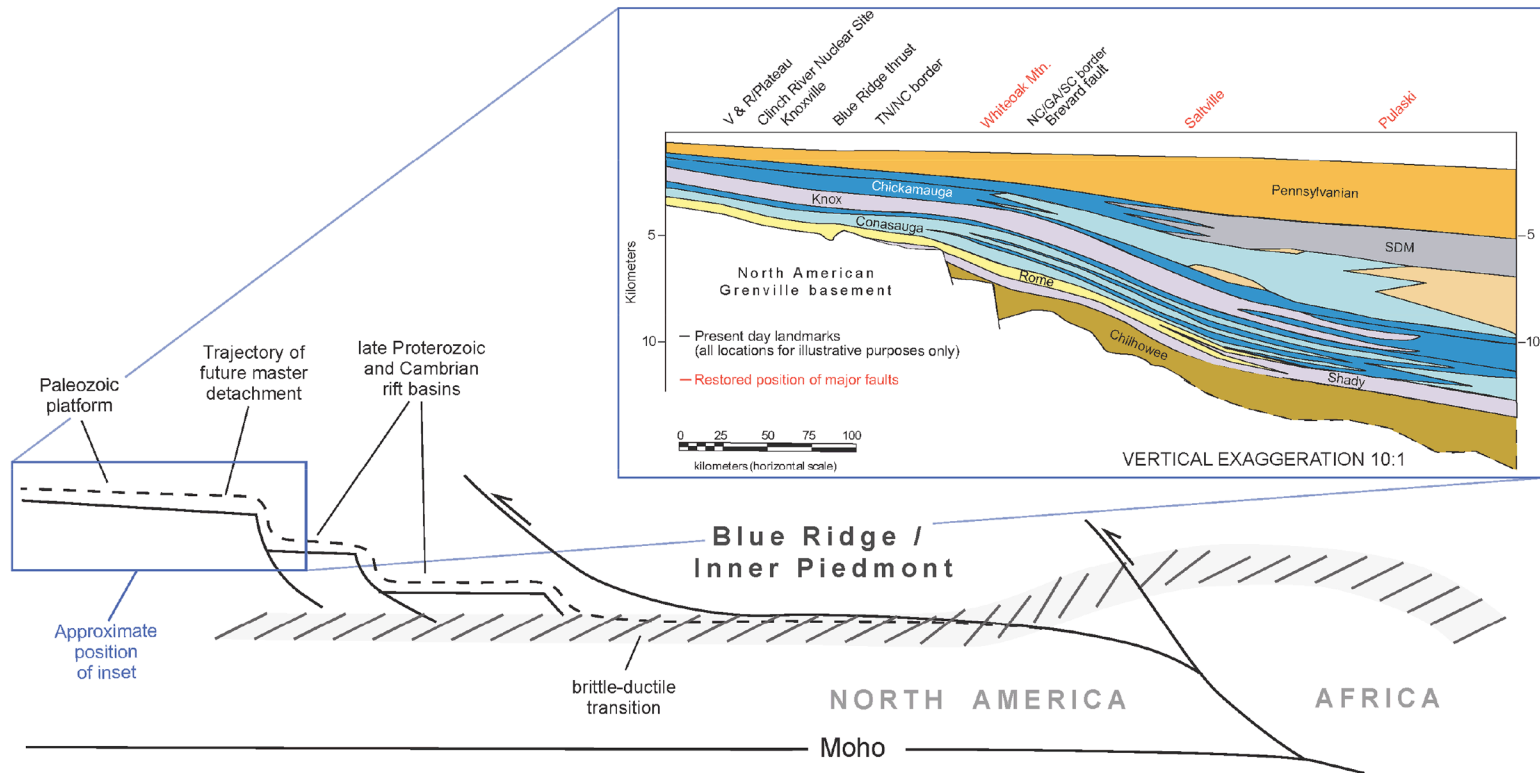


Figure 2.5.1-31. Subsurface Investigation Borehole and Geologic Cross-Section K-K' Locations



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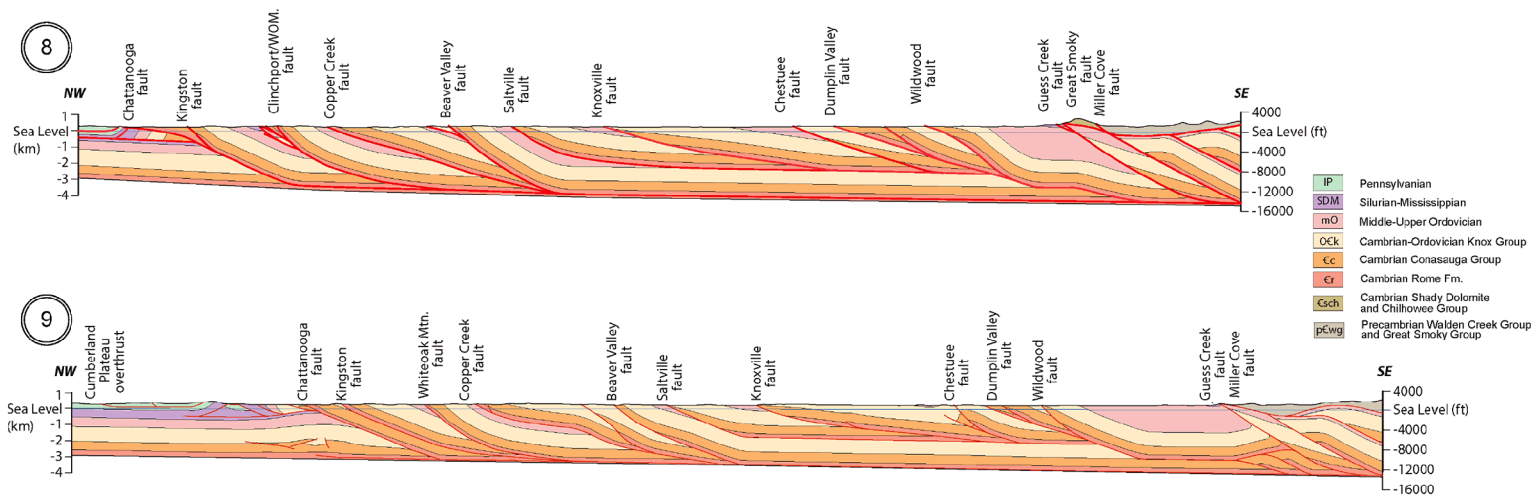
Diagrammatic illustration of the propagation of the master Appalachian detachment (modified from Reference 2.5.1-159).

Inset shows palinspastically restored facies diagram of Neoproterozoic to late Paleozoic passive margin strata that was deposited along the lapetan margin (modified from Reference 2.5.1-13).

Blue box indicates the approximate location of area depicted in inset.

**Figure 2.5.1-32. Schematic Appalachian Detachment**

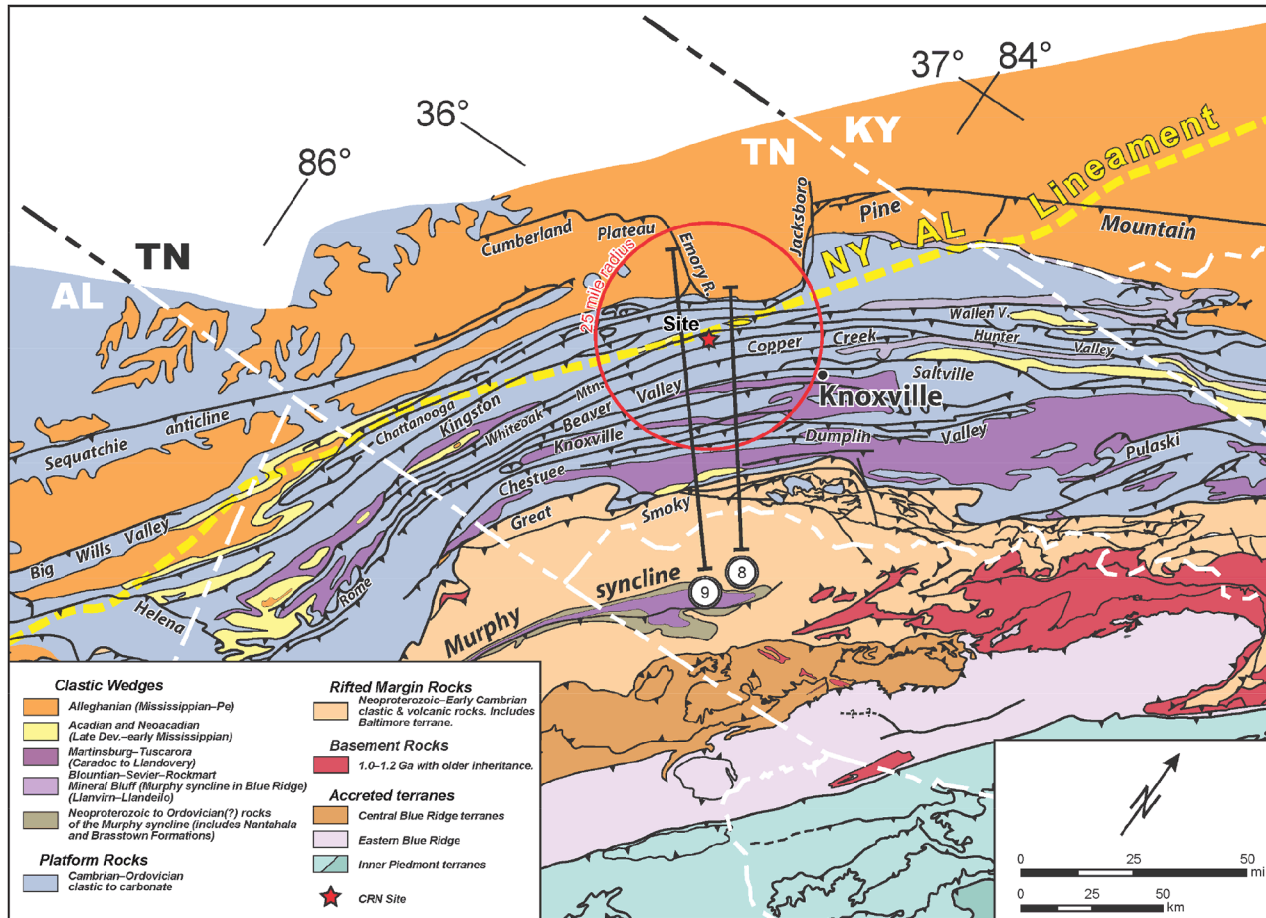
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Note: Balanced cross-sections through the Valley and Ridge province from Reference 2.5.1-230 that intersect the Clinch River Nuclear site vicinity.

**Figure 2.5.1-33. (Sheet 1 of 2) Tectonic Map Cross-Sections—Valley and Ridge**

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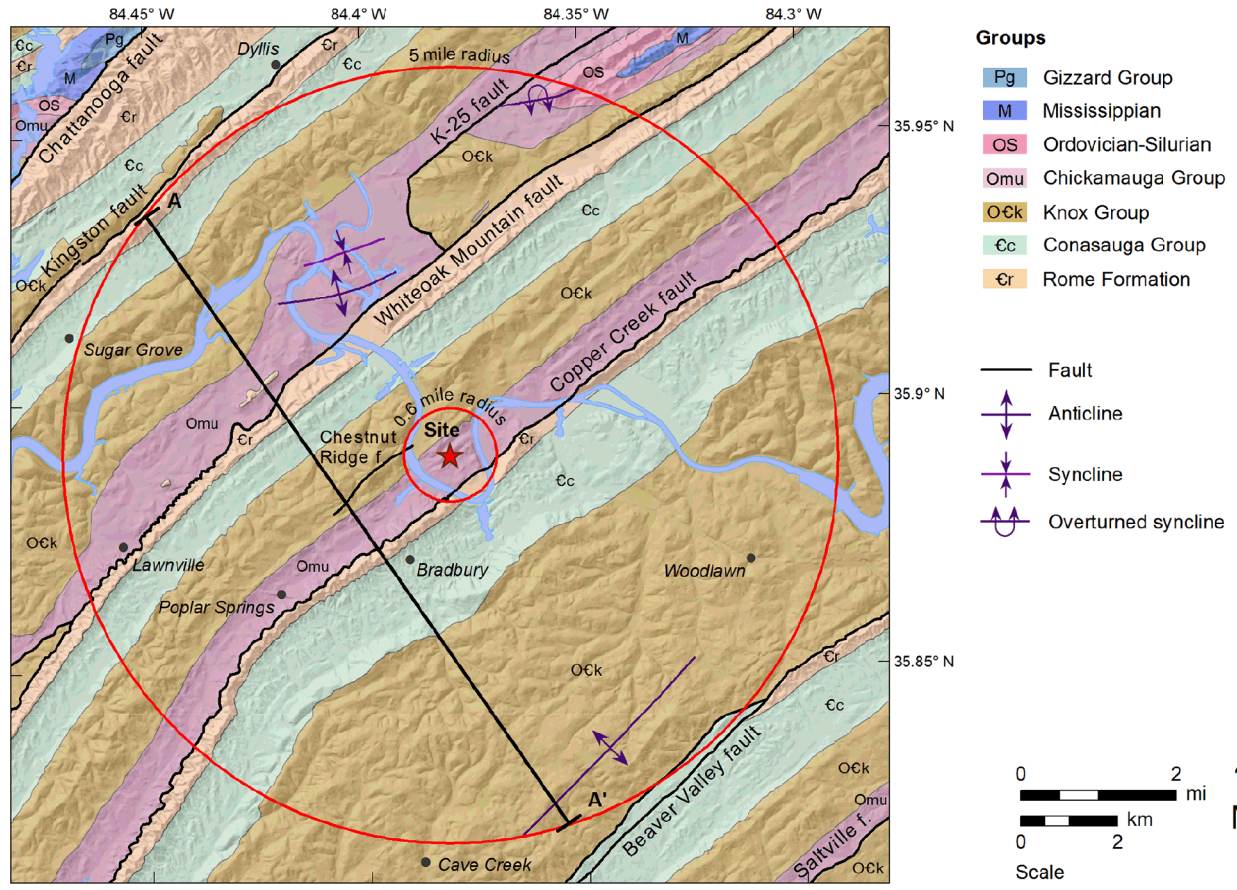


Notes:  
 Location of cross-sections shown in (A).  
 Tectonic map modified from Reference 2.5.1-102.

Figure 2.5.1-33. (Sheet 2 of 2) Tectonic Map Cross-Sections—Locations



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Note: Simplified geologic map of the Clinch River Nuclear site area.

**Figure 2.5.1-34. Site Area Geologic Map**

