



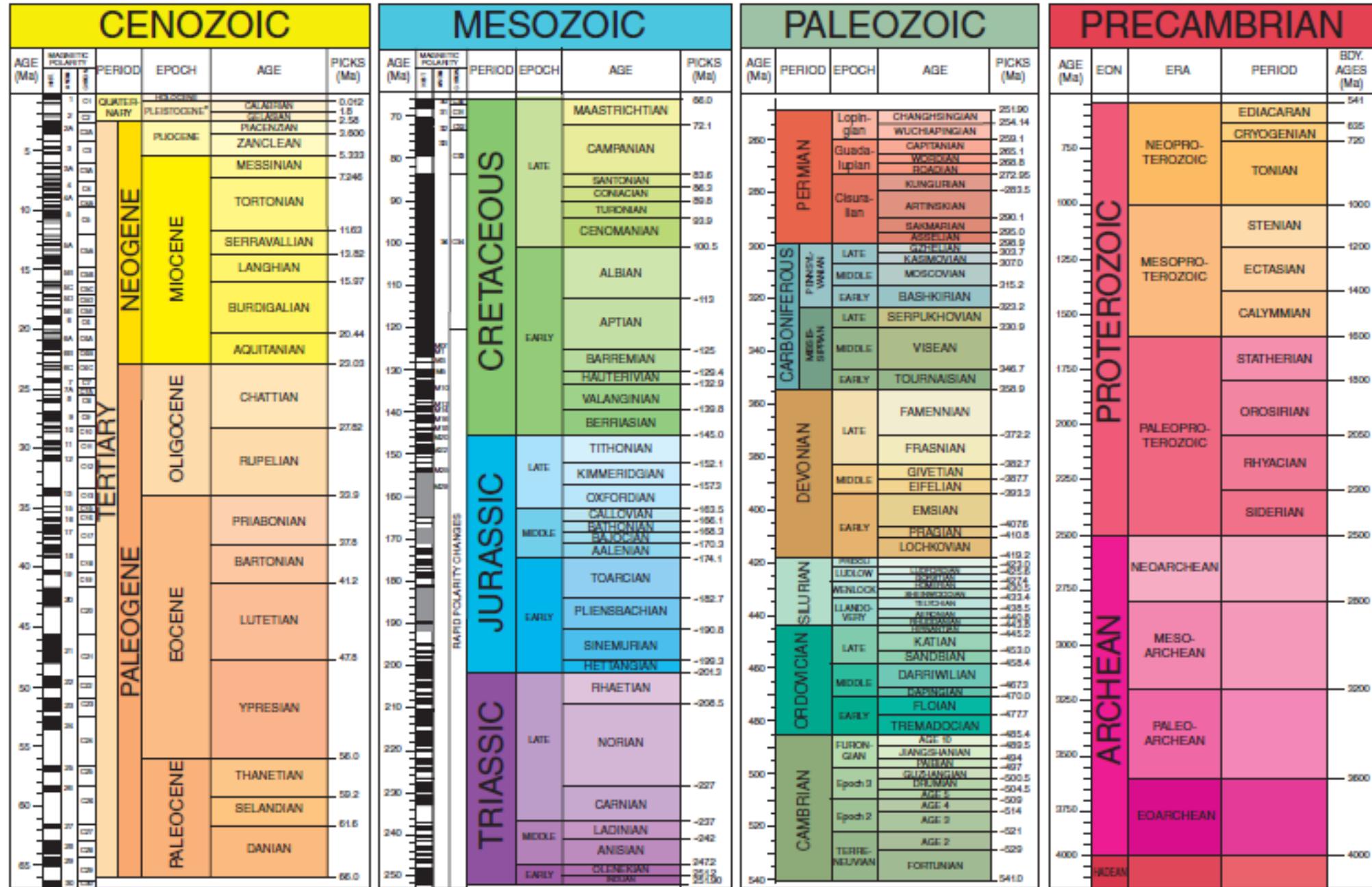
# GEOLOGY OF IRAQ

# CENOZOIC PERIOD IN IRAQ

**TIME, TECTONICS, STRATIGRAPHY**

**TIME**

GSA GEOLOGIC TIME SCALE v. 5.0



CENOZOIC

The diagram illustrates the geological time scale, focusing on the Paleogene and Neogene periods. The vertical axis represents time in millions of years (Ma), ranging from 66 at the bottom to 0 at the top. The horizontal axis represents geological epochs and stages.

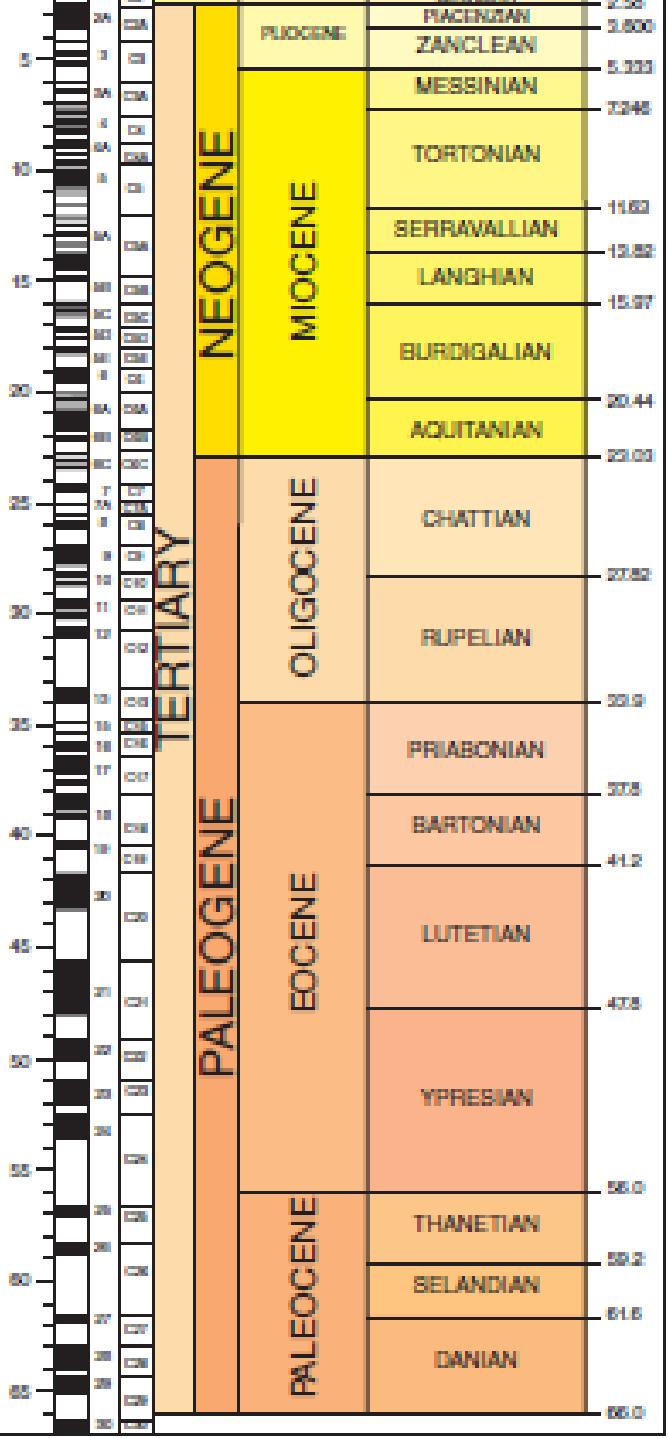
**Paleogene (Orange Section):**

- PALEOCENE:** From ~66 Ma to ~56 Ma. Subdivided into DANIAN (~66-56 Ma), SELANDIAN (~56-52 Ma), THANETIAN (~52-49 Ma), YPRESIAN (~49-45 Ma), LUTETIAN (~45-41 Ma), BARTONIAN (~41-35 Ma), PRIABONIAN (~35-33 Ma), RUPELIAN (~33-26 Ma), and CHATTIAN (~26-23 Ma).
- OLIGOCENE:** From ~33 Ma to ~23 Ma. Subdivided into AQUITANIAN (~23-22 Ma), BURDIGALIAN (~22-20.4 Ma), LANGHIAN (~20.4-15.9 Ma), SERRAVALLIAN (~15.9-13.8 Ma), TORTONIAN (~13.8-11.6 Ma), MESSINIAN (~11.6-5.3 Ma), ZANCLEAN (~5.3-3.6 Ma), PIACENZIAN (~3.6-2.58 Ma), GELASIAN (~2.58-1.8 Ma), and CALABRIAN (~1.8-0.4 Ma).
- NEOGENE:** From ~23 Ma to present. Subdivided into HOLOCENE (~0-1.8 Ma) and PLEISTOCENE (~1.8-2.58 Ma).

**Key:**

- MAGNETIC POLARITY:** A vertical column on the left shows alternating black and white bands, representing magnetic polarity reversals. The legend indicates:
  - Normal:** Black band with 'N' and 'N'
  - Reversed:** White band with 'R' and 'R'
  - Uncertain:** Black band with 'U' and 'U'
- PERIOD:** The main time divisions: PALEOCENE, Oligocene, Miocene, Pliocene, Pleistocene, and Holocene.
- EPOCH:** Subdivisions of the periods.
- AGE:** The total duration of each epoch in millions of years.
- PICKS (Ma):** Specific geological events or markers in millions of years.

# TERTIARY PERIOD



# QUATERNARY PERIOD

# CENOZOIC

AGE (Ma)	MAGNETIC POLARITY			PERIOD	EPOCH	AGE	PICKS (Ma)
	H	S	N				
				1	C1 QUATER- NARY	HOLOCENE	
				2	C2	PLEISTOCENE*	CALABRIAN
				2A	C2A	GELASTIAN	1.8
						PIACENZIAN	2.58
						ZANCLEAN	3.600

Cenozoic Period Age = ~ 65.988 Ma

Early (Lower) Cenozoic (Tertiary) Age=  $\sim 63.42\text{Ma}$

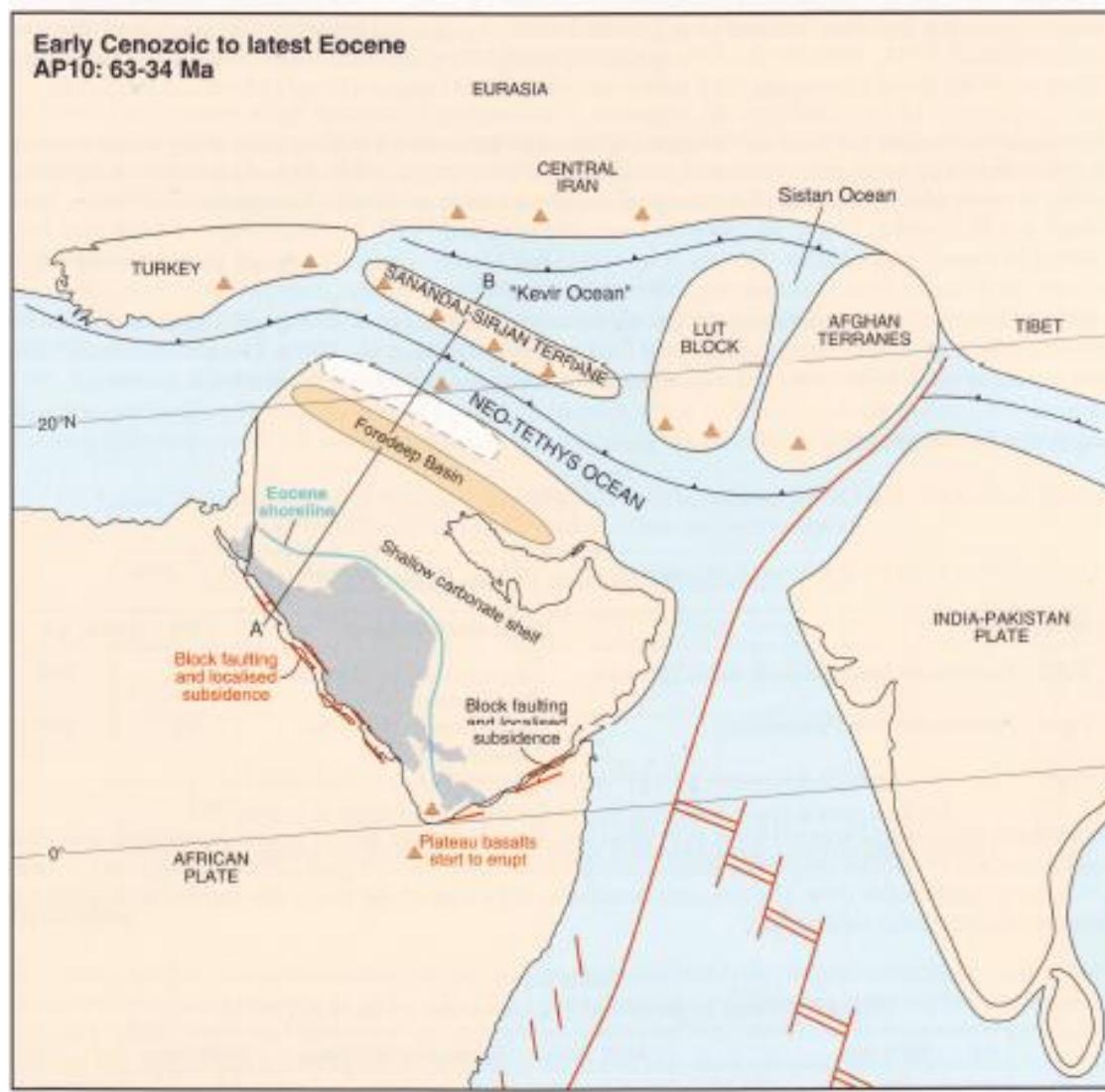
Late (Upper) Cenozoic (Quaternary) Age=  $\sim 2.568\text{Ma}$

# TECTONICS

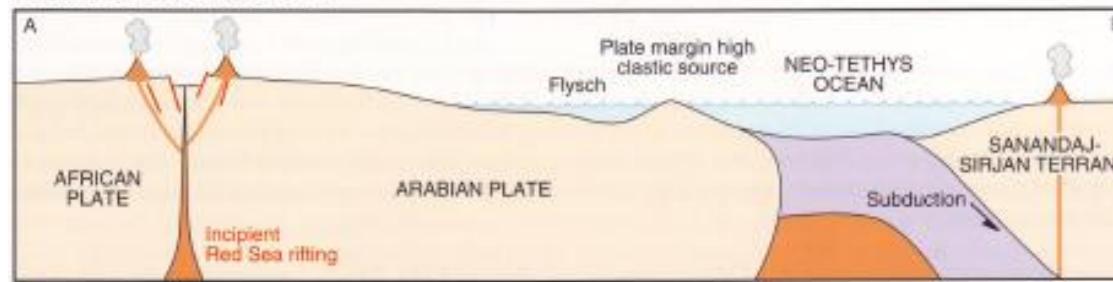
**AP10: ~29 Ma**

**TMS AP10: Early Palaeogene to Latest Eocene (63-34 Ma)**  
**Mild Compression and Closure of Neo-Tethys**

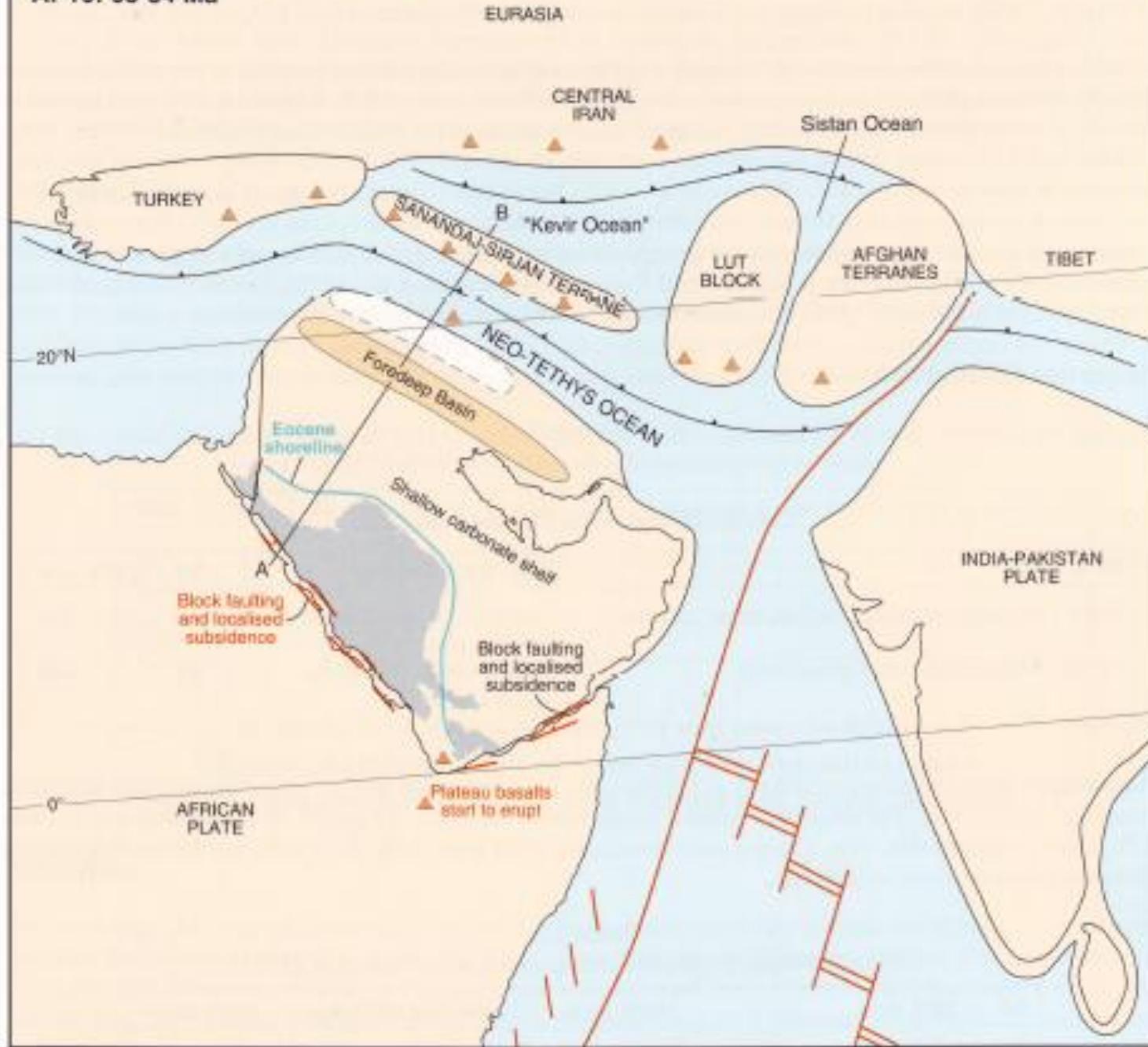
Early Cenozoic to latest Eocene  
AP10: 63-34 Ma



Schematic Plate Cross-section



Early Cenozoic to latest Eocene  
AP10: 63-34 Ma

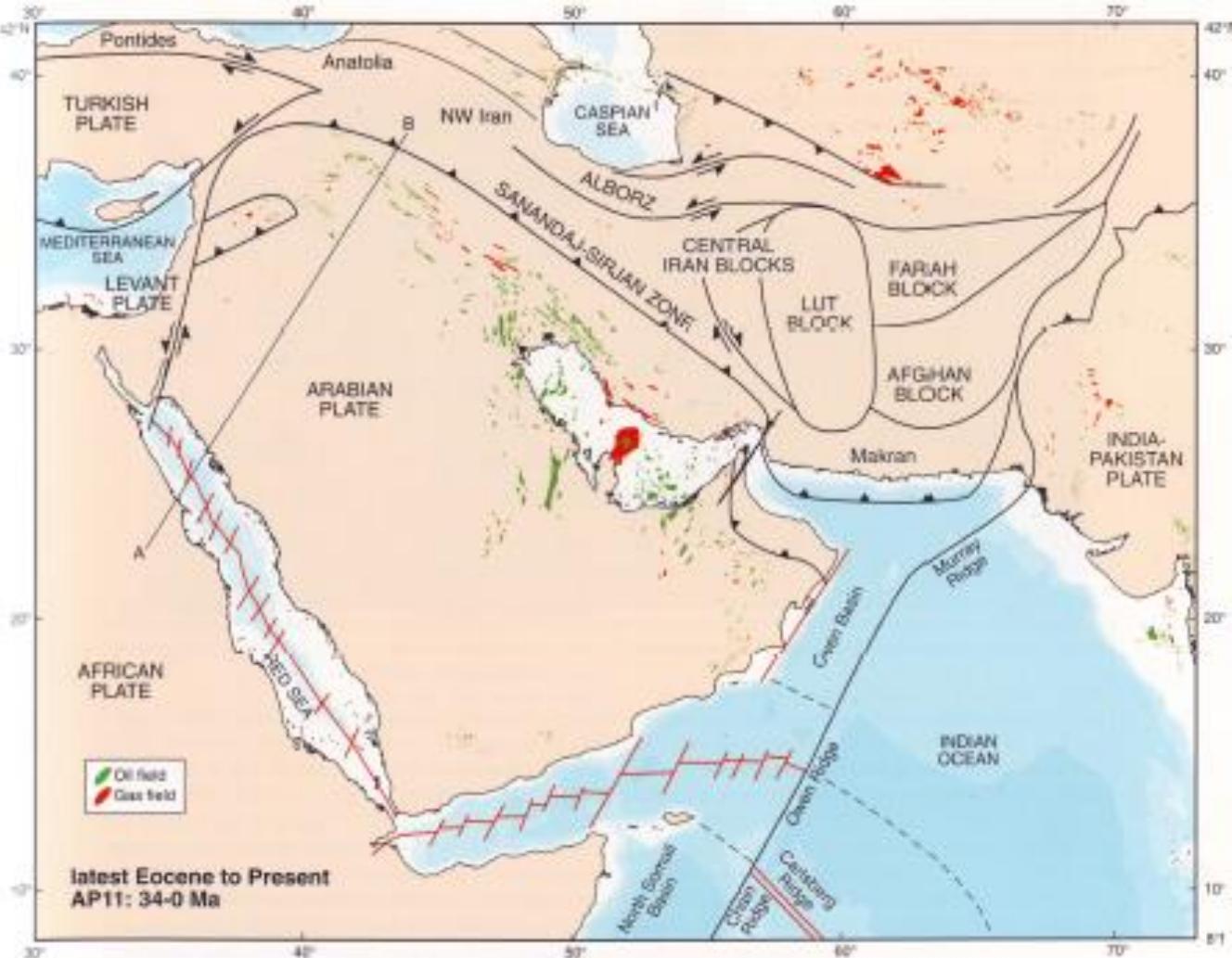


**AP11: ~34 Ma**

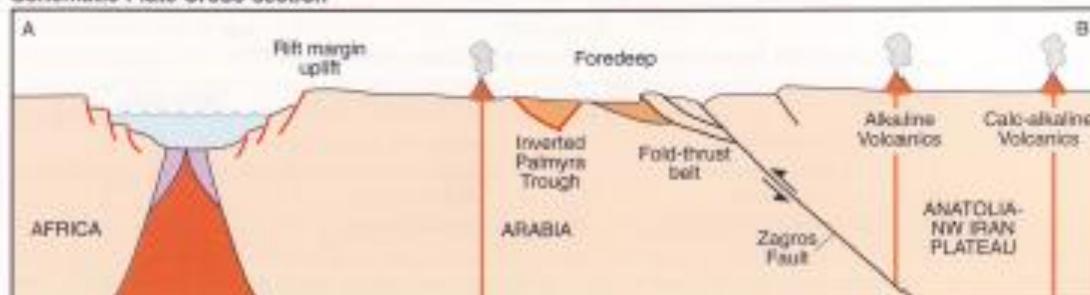
**TMS AP11: Latest Eocene to Present Day (34-0 Ma)**

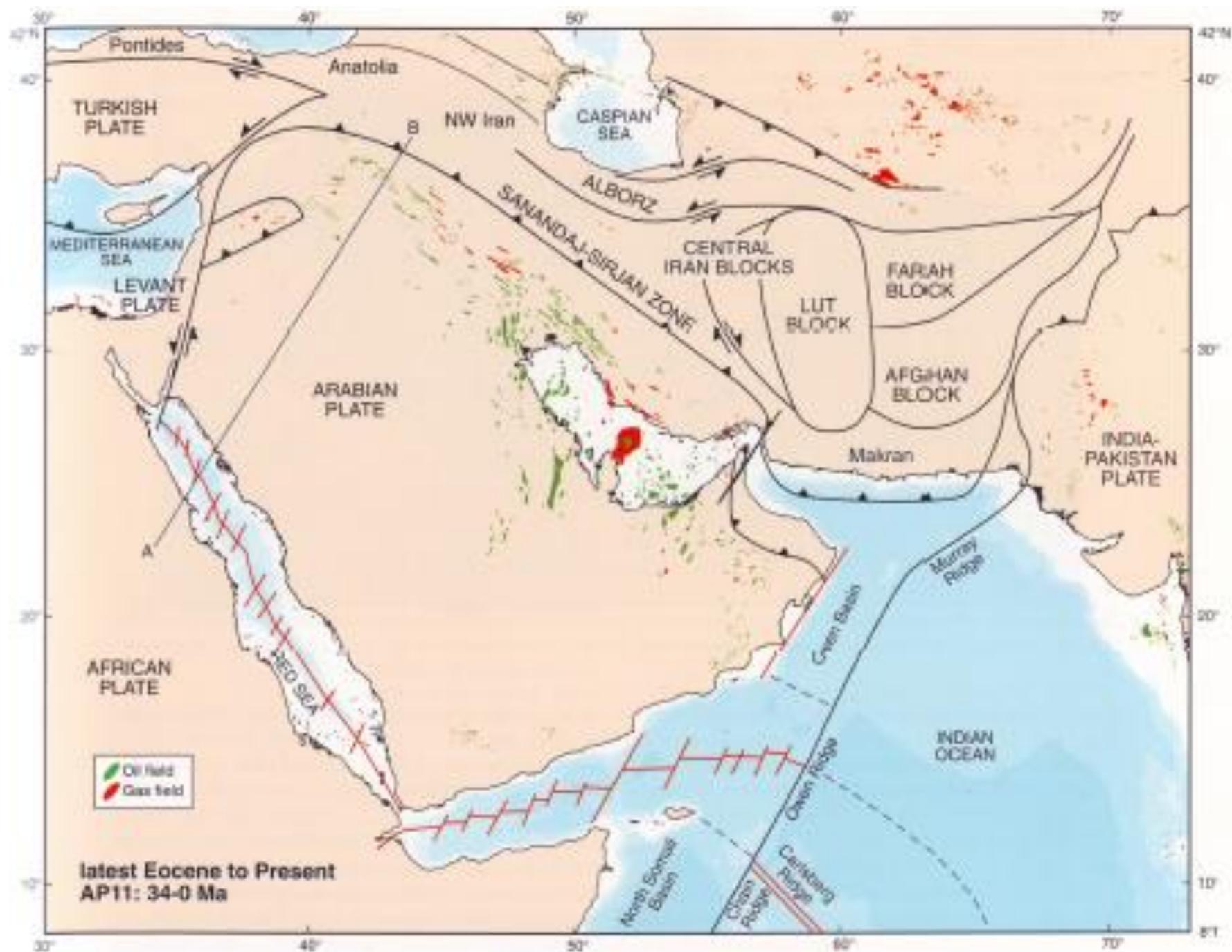
**Western Extension (Gulf of Aden/Red Sea Spreading) and**

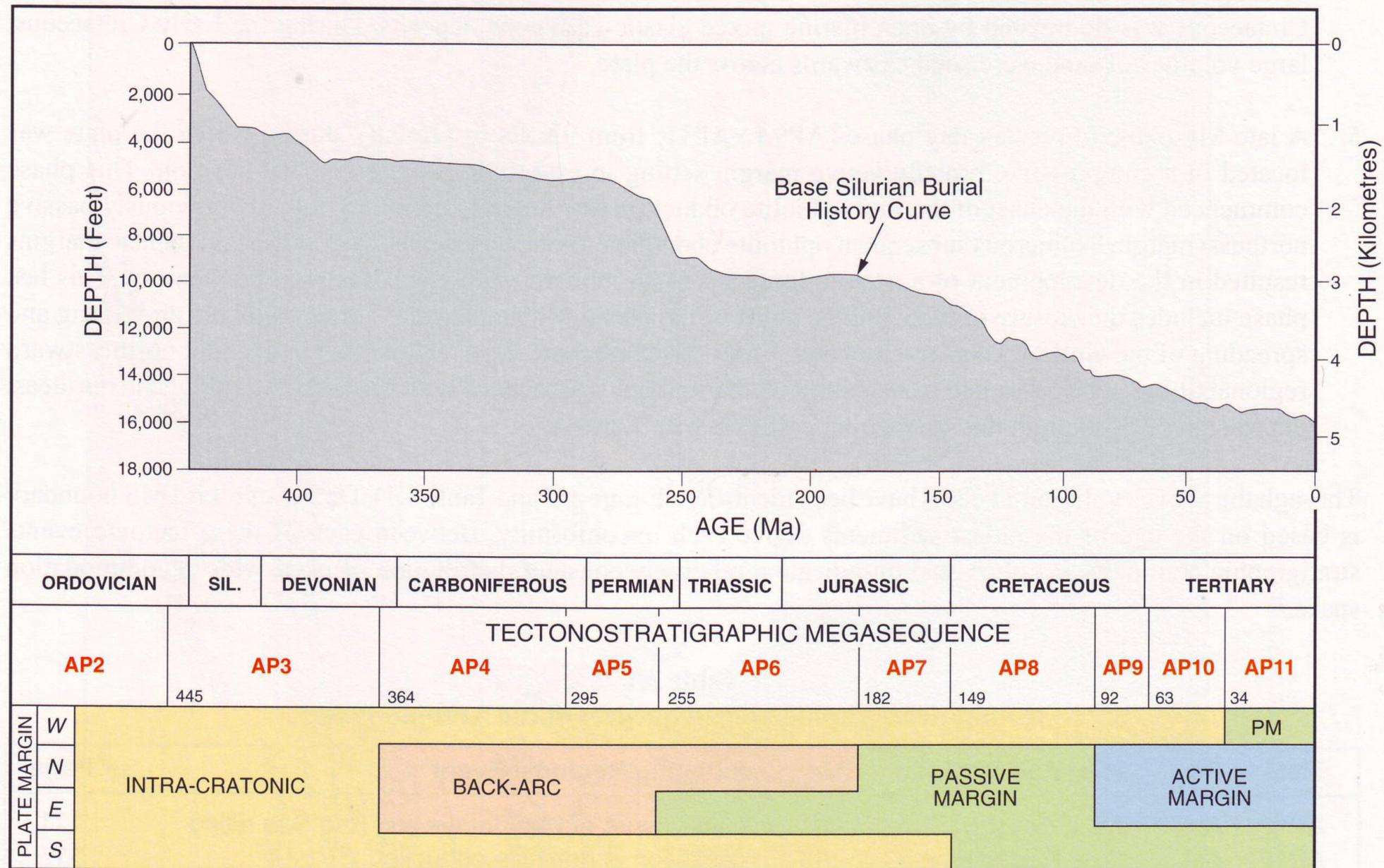
**Eastern Compression (Collision with Eurasia and Zagros Inversion)**



Schematic Plate Cross-section







**Figure 3.2:** Generalised geohistory curve in the Gulf basin showing the subsidence history of the northeast part of the Arabian Plate (modified from Bishop, 1995). Note: no Hercynian (mid-Carboniferous) nor mid-Cretaceous uplift shown.

# Case Study

# **STRATIGRAPHY**

	Age	Fm.
	Surface	
1.	Holocene	Hammar
2.	Plio-Pleistocene	Mahmudiya
3.	Tortonian	Dibdiba
4.	Oligocene / Mio pliocene	Zahra
5.	Tortonian - Placenzian	Upper Bakhtiari (Bai Hassan)
6.	Tortonian - Messinian	Lower Bakhtiari (Mukdadiya)
7.	Serravalian - Tortonian	Upper Fars (Injana)
8.	Serravalian	Lower Fars (Fatha)
9.	Langhian	Jeribe
10.	Late Oligocene	Anah
11.	Oligocene	Bajawan
12.	Upper Oligocene	Azkand
13.	Late Oligocene	Baba
14.	Late Oligocene	Ibrahim
15.	Early Oligocene	Shurau
16.	Oligocene	Sheikh Alas
17.	Oligocene	Tarjil
18.	Early Oligocene	Palani
19.	Danian - Thanetian	Kolosh
20.	Ypresian	Khurmala
21.	Ypresian	Singar
22.	Lutetian - Priabonian	Jadala
23.	Langhian	Dhiban
24.	Burdigalian	Ghar
25.	Upper Eocene	Mugur Member
26.	Middle Eocene	Damlouk Member
27.	Ypresian - Lutetian	Ratga
28.	Aquitanian - Burdigalian	Serkagni
29.	Aquitanian - Burdigalian	Euphrates
30.	Oligocene	Kikuk Group
31.	Ypresian - Priabonian	Dammam
32.	Ypresian	Avanah
33.	Barritonian	Pila Spi
34.	Ypresian	Gercus
35.	Ypresian	Rus ( Jill )

36.	Danian - Thanetian	Umm Er Duma
37.	Danian - Ypresian	AALUJI
38.	Danian - Thanetian	Akashat
39.	Late Mastrichtian	Digma

	Lithology	Fm.
<b>Surface</b>		
1.	Clay & Sand	Hammar
2.	Gravel, Sand & Claystone	Mahmudiya
3.	Sand & Gravel	Dibdiba
4.	Limestone	Zahra
5.	Sand, Clay and Gravel	Upper Bakhtiari (Bai Hassan)
6.	Sand & Gravel	Lower Bakhtiari (Mukdadiya)
7.	Sand & Gravel	Upper Fars (Injana)
8.	Marel, and or limestone & Anhydrite	Lower Fars (Fatha)
9.	Limestone	Jeribe
10.	Limestone	Anah
11.	Limestone	Bajawan
12.	Dolomite & Limestone	Azkand
13.	Dolomite & Limestone	Baba
14.	Marly Limestone	Ibrahim
15.	Limestone	Shurau
16.	Dolomite & Limestone	Sheikh Alas
17.	Dolomite & Limestone	Tarjil
18.	Dolomite & Limestone	Palani
19.	Silisiclastic	Kolosh
20.	Dolomite & Limestone	Khurmala
21.	Limestone	Singar
22.	Limestone	Jadala
23.	Evaporite	Dhiban
24.	Sand, Gravel, & Sandstone	Ghar
25.	Carbonate / Phosphatic Rocks	Mugur Member

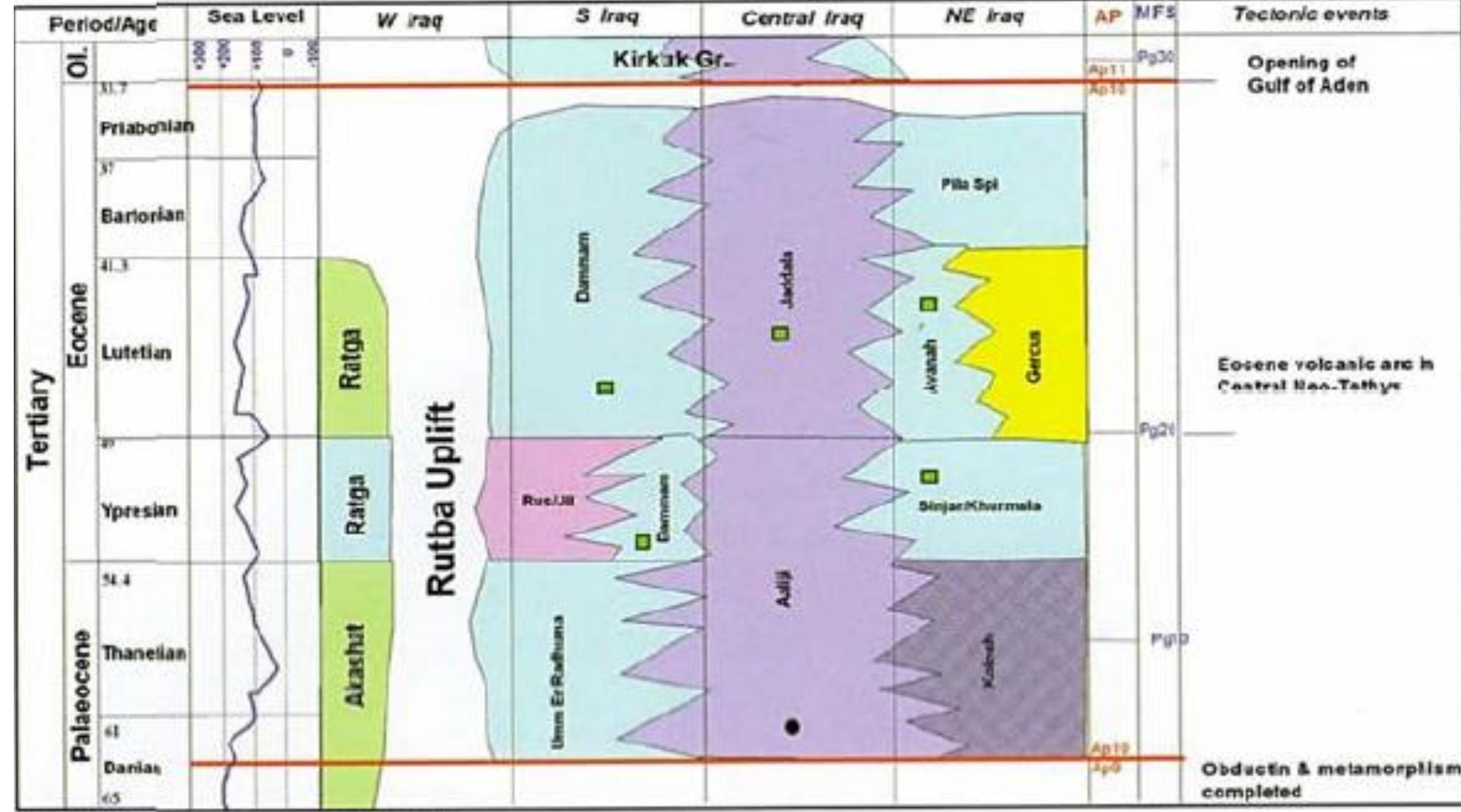
26.	<b>Carbonate / Phosphatic Rocks</b>	Damlouk Member
27.	<b>Phosphatic Rocks</b>	Ratga
28.	<b>Limestone</b>	Serkagni
29.	<b>Limestone</b>	Euphrates
30.	<b>Limestone /Evaporite</b>	Kikuk Group
31.	<b>Dolomite &amp; Limestone</b>	Dammam
32.	<b>Limestone</b>	Avanah
33.	<b>Limestone</b>	Pila Spi
34.	<b>Limestone</b>	Gercus
35.	<b>Red Claystone &amp; Sandstone</b>	Rus ( Jill )
36.	<b>Dolomite &amp; Limestone</b>	Umm Er Duma
37.	<b>Limestone</b>	AALIJI
38.	<b>Phosphatic Rocks</b>	Akashat
39.	<b>Phosphatic Rocks</b>	Digma

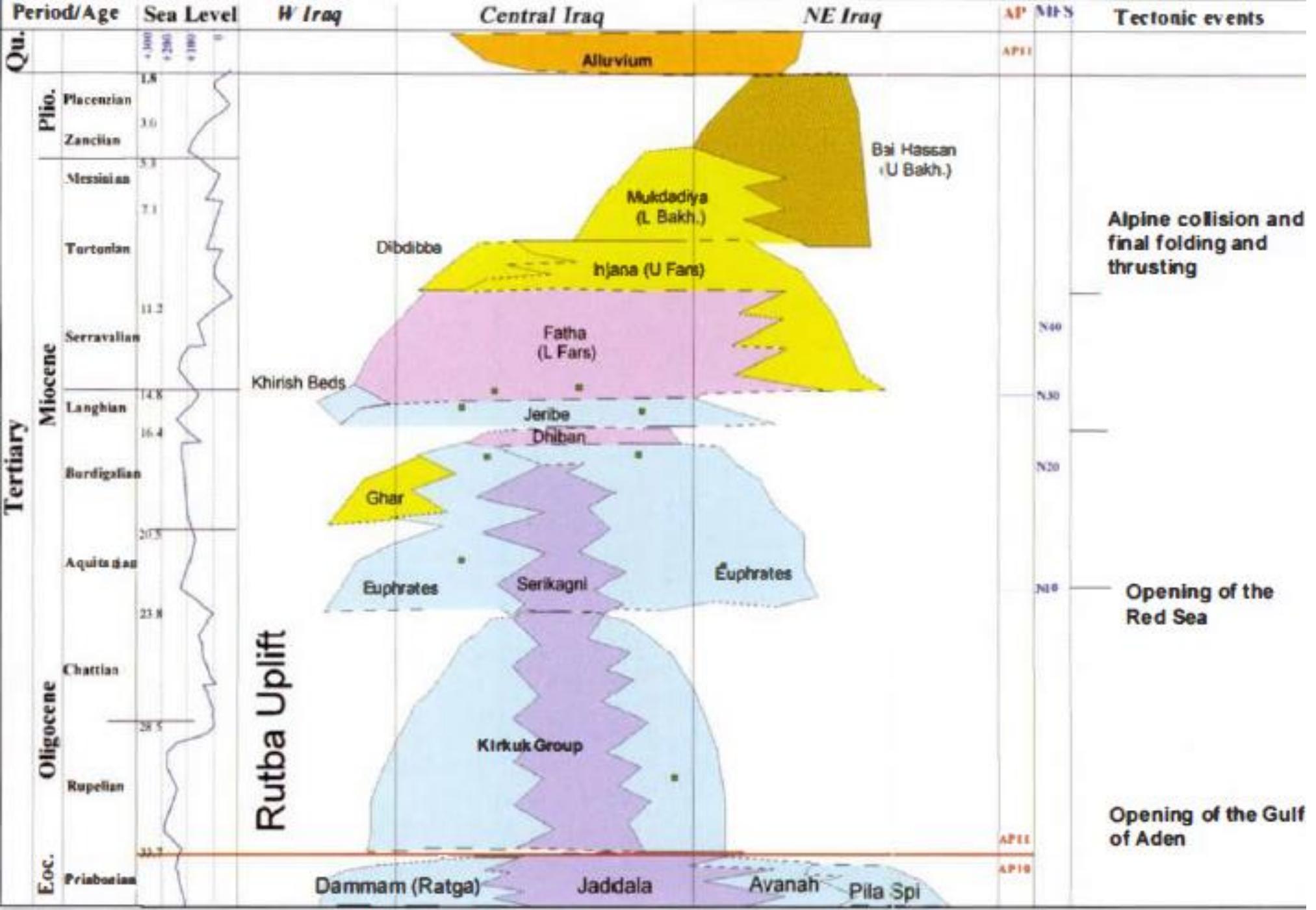
	Env.	Fm.
<b>Surface</b>		
1.	Fluvio - deltaic	Hammar
2.		Mahmudiya
3.	Alluvial Fans of the Stable Shelf	Dibdiba
4.	Fluvio-lacustrine/karst fill	Zahra
5.	Fluvial	Upper Bakhtiari (Bai Hassan)
6.	Fluvial	Lower Bakhtiari (Mukdadiya)
7.	Fluvial	Upper Fars (Injana)
8.	Lagoon	Lower Fars (Fatha)
9.	Inner shelf & Shoals	Jeribe
10.	Reef	Anah
11.	Reef - Backreef	Bajawan
12.	Reef	Azkand
13.	Reef	Baba
14.	Basinal	Ibrahim
15.	Reef	Shurau
16.	Reef / Forereef	Sheikh Alas
17.	Basinal	Tarjil
18.	Basinal	Palani
19.	Outer shelf - basinal	Kolosh
20.	Restricted Shallow basin (Lagoonal)	Khurmala
21.	Shallow water reef /forereef /Lagoonal	Singar
22.	Outer shelf - Basinal	Jadala
23.	Lagoonal	Dhiban
24.	Marginal Marine /Deltaic	Ghar
25.	Deep Inner shelf - Inner shelf	Mugur Member

26.	Deep Inner shelf - Inner shelf	Damlouk Member
27.	Phosphatic inner shelf	Ratga
28.	Basinal	Serkagni
29.	Carbonate inner shelf	Euphrates
30.	Backreef/reef/forereef/basinal	Kikuk Group
31.	Inner shelf /Lagoons / Shoal	Dammam
32.	Shoal / Lagoonal	Avanah
33.	Shallow Lagoon	Pila Spi
34.	Fluvial - Fluviomarine	Gercus
35.	Lagoonal/Sabkha	Rus ( Jill )
36.	Supratidal - Sabkha	Umm Er Duma
37.	off-shore / open marine	AALIJI
38.	Phosphatic inner shelf	Akashat
39.	Inner - Outer shelf	Digma

		Fm.
	<b>Surface</b>	
<b>1.</b>		Hammar
<b>2.</b>		Mahmudiya
<b>3.</b>		Dibdiba
<b>4.</b>	Aquifer	Zahra
<b>5.</b>		Upper Bakhtiari (Bai Hassan)
<b>6.</b>	Aquifer	Lower Bakhtiari (Mukdadiya)
<b>7.</b>	Aquifer	Upper Fars (Imjana)
<b>8.</b>	Oil Reservior / Aquifer	Lower Fars (Patha)
<b>9.</b>	Oil Reservior	Jeribe
<b>10.</b>		Anah
<b>11.</b>		Bajawan
<b>12.</b>		Azkand
<b>13.</b>		Baba
<b>14.</b>		Ibrahim
<b>15.</b>		Shurau
<b>16.</b>		Sheikh Alas
<b>17.</b>		Tarjil
<b>18.</b>		Palani
<b>19.</b>		Kolosh
<b>20.</b>		Khurmala
<b>21.</b>		Singar
<b>22.</b>		Jadala
<b>23.</b>		Dhiban
<b>24.</b>	Aquifer	Ghar
<b>25.</b>		Mugur Member

26.		Damlouk Member
27.	Aquifer	Ratga
28.		Serkagni
29.	Oil Reservoir / Aquifer	Euphrates
30.	Oil Reservoir / Aquifer	Kikuk Group
31.	Aquifer	Dammam
32.		Avanah
33.		Pila Spi
34.		Gercus
35.	Aquifer	Rus ( Jill )
36.	Water Aquifer	Umm Er Duma
37.		AALIJ
38.	Aquifer	Akashat
39.	Aquifer	Digma





GEOLOGIC AGE	STRATIGRAPHIC UNIT	LITHOLOGY	MEGA - SEQUENCES
TERTIARY	PLIOCENE	Bakhtiari	AP 11
	MIocene	Lower Fars	
	OLIGOCENE	Palani / Kirkuk Group	
	EOCENE	Jaddala	
	PALEOCENE	Aaliji	
	Shiranish	Hiatus	AP 10

- 1- Emm Er Duma Formation
- 2-Aaliji Formation
- 3- Rus Formation
- 4- Damam Formation
- 5- Gar Formation
- 6- Jadala Formation
- 7- Palani Formation
- 8- Kirkuk Group (mahir thesis)
- 9- Lower Fars Formation
- 10-Upper Fars Formation
- 11- Kolosh Formation
- 12- Gercus Formation
- 13- Dibdiba Formation
- 14- Hammar Formation
- 15- Jeribe Formation

Cenozoic Period Age = ~ 65.988 Ma  
(15) Formations = ~ 65.988 Ma

# Questions

# الواجب

رسم مقطع طبافي  
لتكونيات العصر  
الحديث في جنوب  
العراق.

**Draw a stratigraphic section of the Cenozoic formations of  
Iraq**