

Paleomagnetism and Rock Magnetism of the 1999 Chi-Chi Earthquake Slip Zone and their Implications



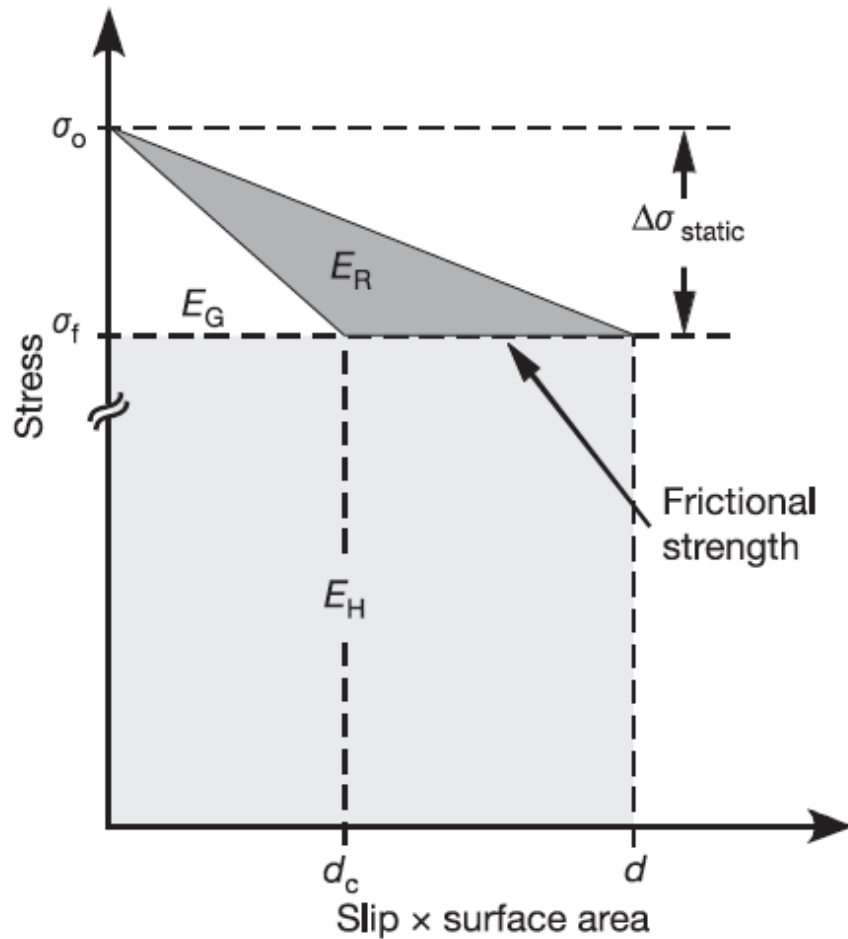
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Energy Budget of Earthquake



E_R = Radiated Energy

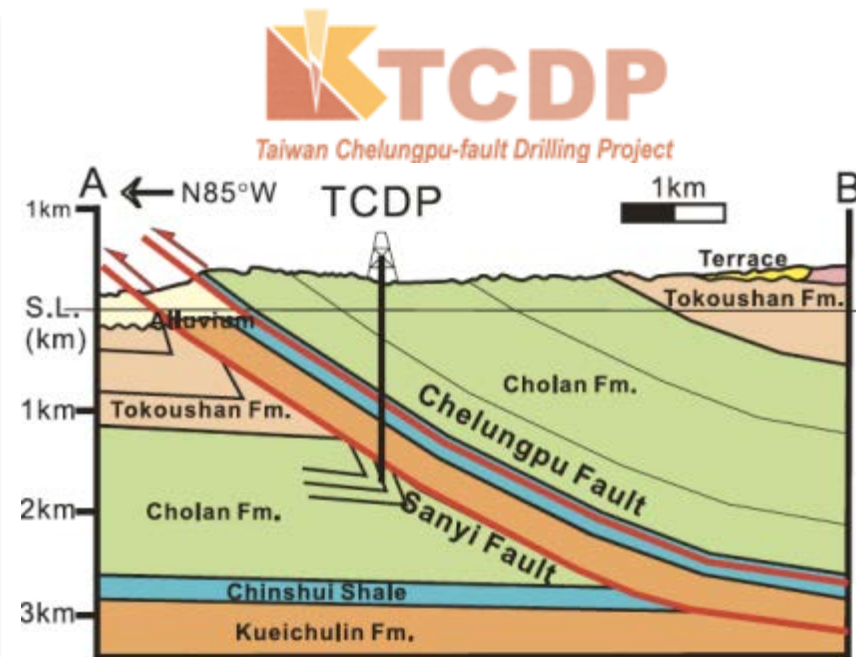
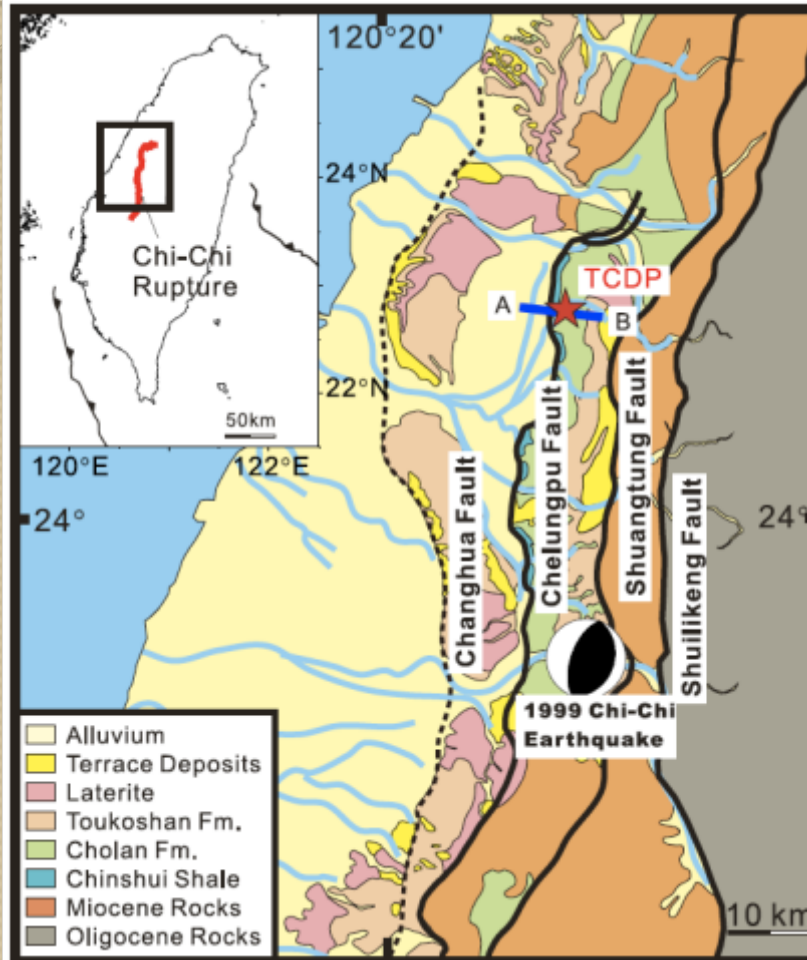
E_G = Fracture Energy

E_H = Frictional Heat

not easy observed

(Chester et al., 2005)

1999 Chi-Chi Earthquake & Taiwan Chenlungpu-fault Drilling Project (TCDP)



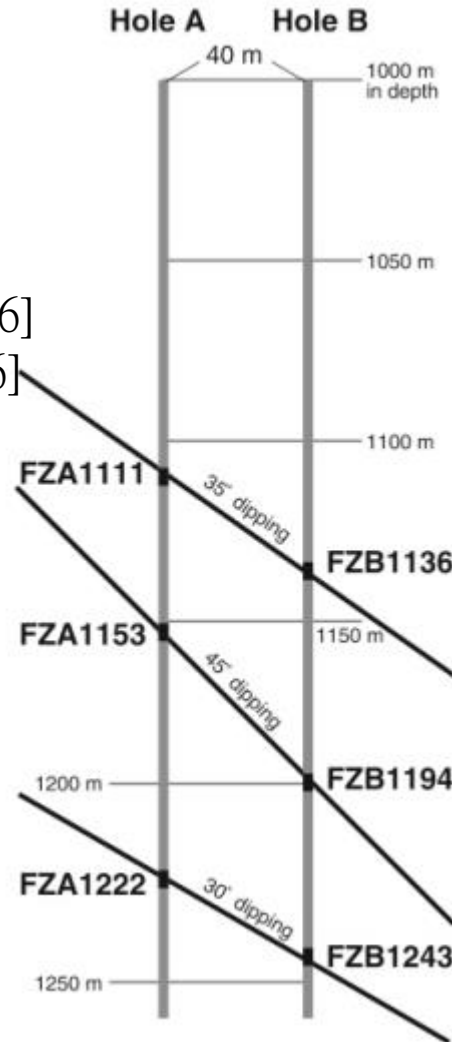
Hole A - 2,003 m

Hole B - 1,350 m

[Yeh et al., 2007]

Major Fault Zones

Most likely
Chi-Chi MSZ
[Kano et al., 2006]
[Ma et al., 2006]



[Hirono et al., 2006, 2007]

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Questions:

1. Location of 1999 PSZ?
2. Thermal Pressurization (Fluid)?
3. Chemical/Physical processes?

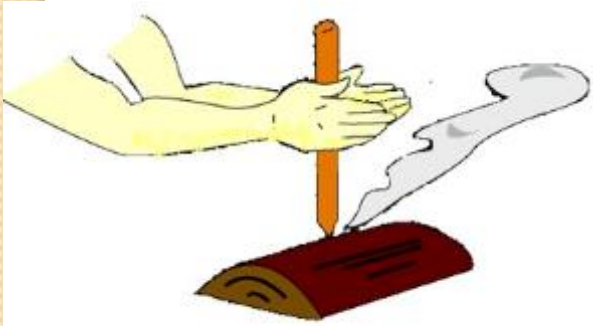
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FZB1243

Photo	Sketch	Depth (m)	Magnetic susceptibility (10^{-5} SI)
		1135.8	30 50 70
		1136.0	BrZ
		1136.2	GGZ
		1136.4	BGZ
		1136.6	BrZ
			FDZ
			50 70
			FDZ
		1194.8	BGZ
		1195.0	GGZ
		1195.2	BrZ
		1243.2	FDZ
		1243.4	GGZ
		1243.6	BGZ
			GGZ

2014/10/31 Modified From [Ishikawa et al., 2008]

During an Earthquake....



Frictional Heating
(Kano et al., 2007; Kuo et al., 2009)



Co-seismic Hot Fluid
(Ishikawa et al., 2008)

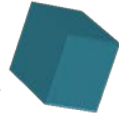


Grain Size Reducing
(Ma et al., 2006)



Thermal Pressurization
(Boullier et al., 2009; Lockner et al., 2009)

How magnetic minerals can help ?



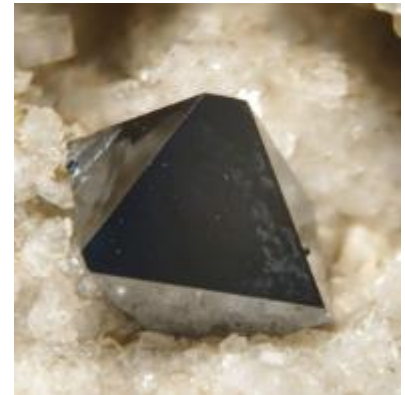
*It records the Earth
magnetic field
Paleomagnetism*



*It has a preferred
orientation.*

*Few cc provides the
preferred orientation of
billions grains
(not in this study)*

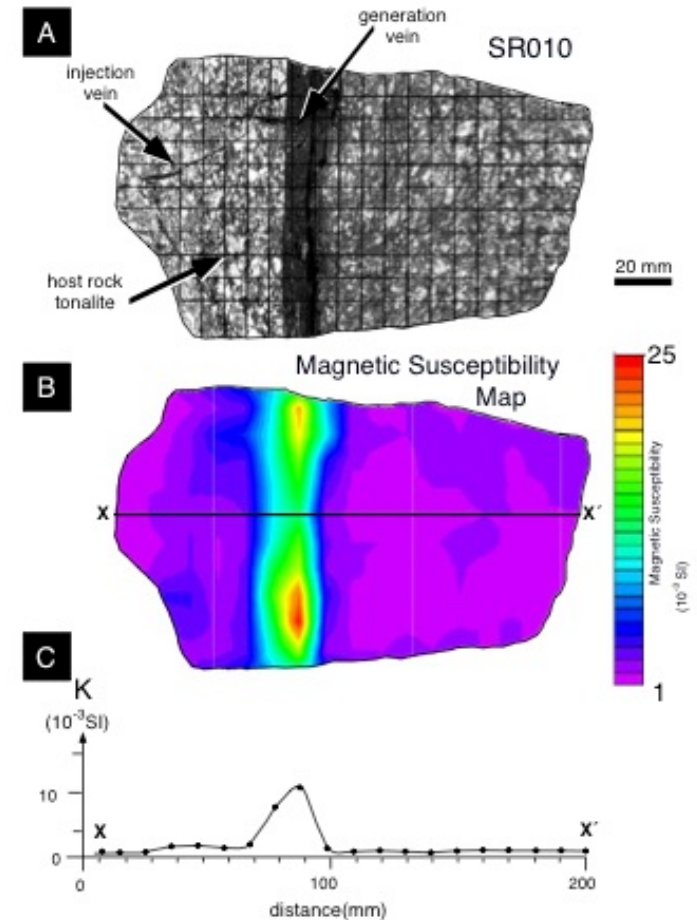
*Its formation or alteration
depends on physical /
chemical constraints.*



Magnetite

Motivation

- Modern fault gouges usually display a peak of magnetic susceptibility.
- This increase of magnetic susceptibility testifies for chemical and/or physical alterations.
- We aim to better understand the alteration process in the gouge.

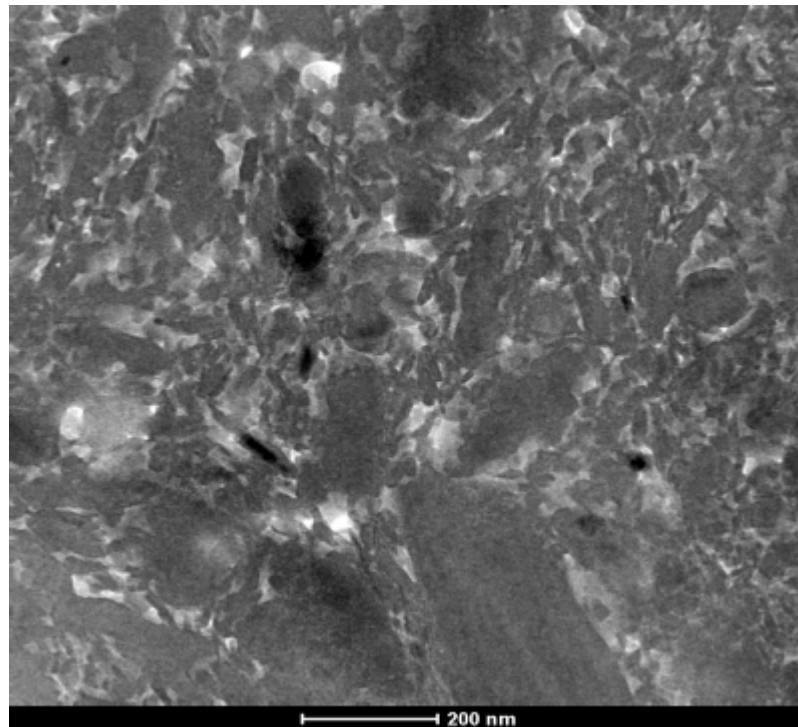


[Ferre et al., 2005]

Motivations

- Do we have magnetic record within gouge?
- To understand the mechanisms which are responsible of the magnetic overprint.

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Motivations

1. To identify 1999 Chi-Chi slip zone
2. To understand the physical/chemical altered properties of magnetic minerals in gouge zone during earthquake
3. To quantify concentration of magnetic minerals within fault gouge

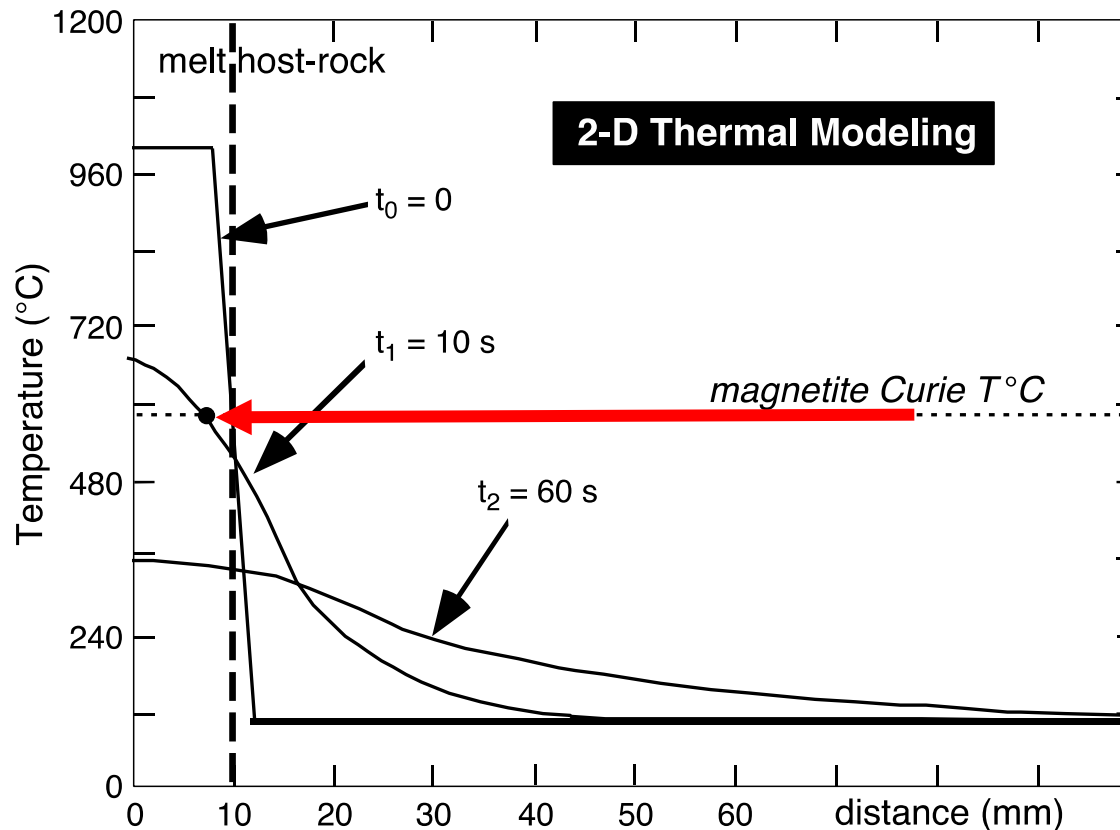


Part I

Which fault zone is Chi-Chi Slip Zone?

Possible Magnetization of Gouge

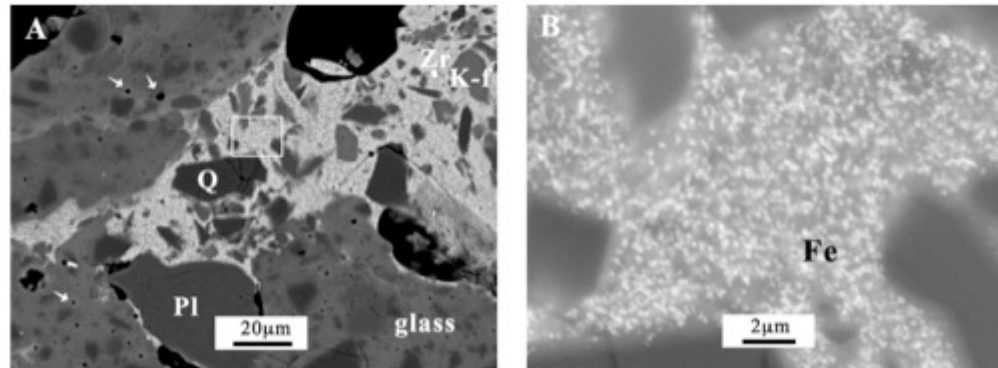
Thermo-Remanent Magnetization (TRM)



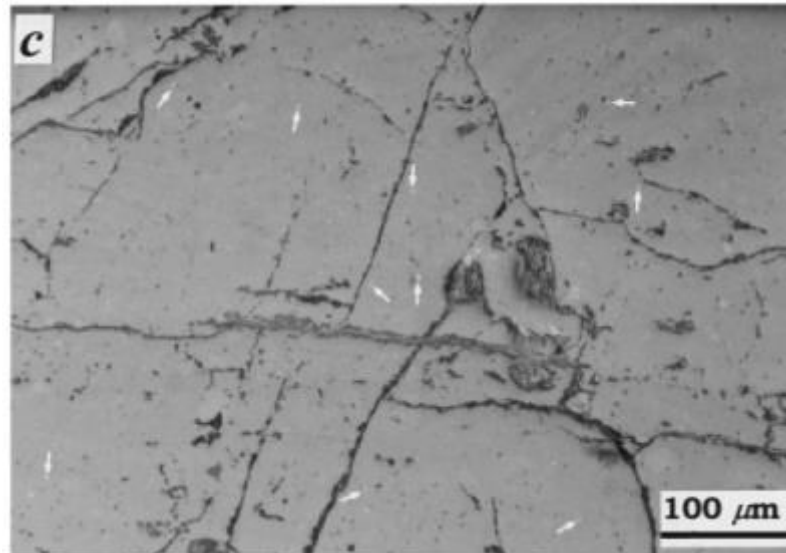
[Figure from Ferré et al., 2005]

Possible Magnetization of Gouge

Chemical Remanent Magnetization (CRM)



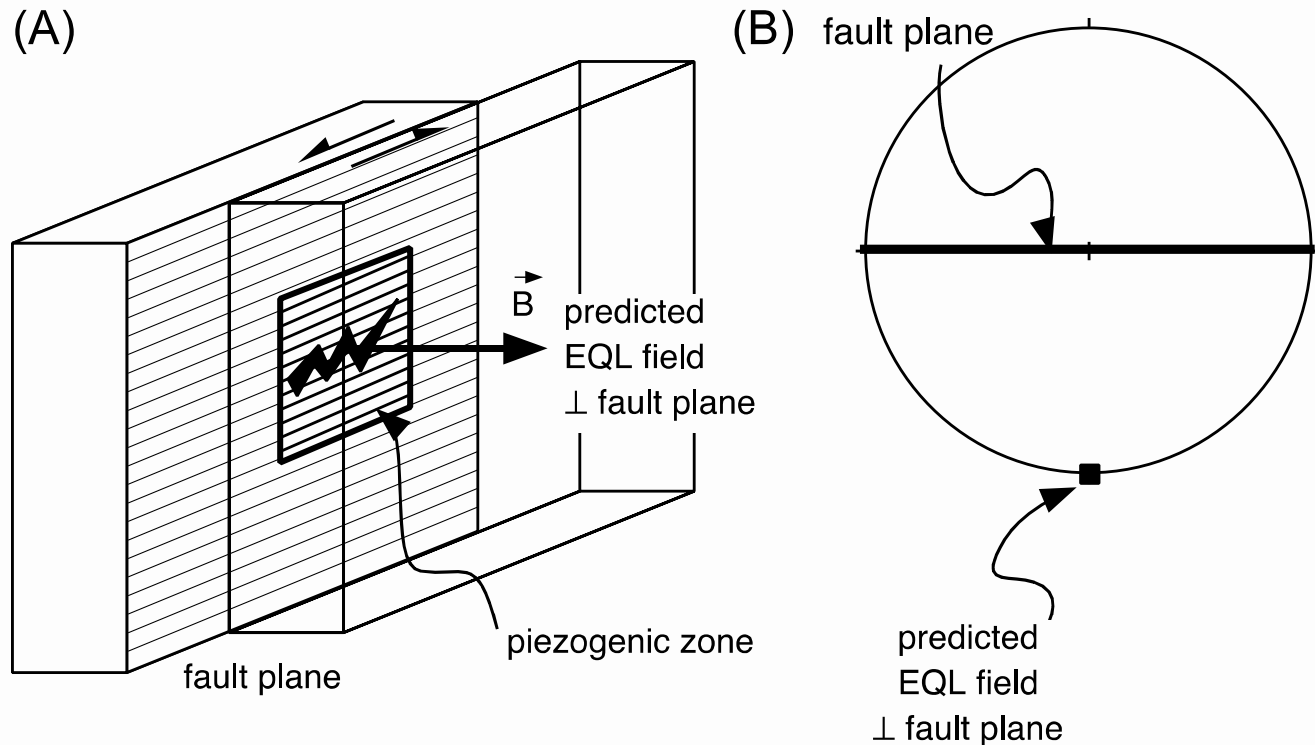
New magnetic minerals [Figure from Nakamura et al., 2002]



Goethite [Figure from Nakamura & Nagahama, 2001]

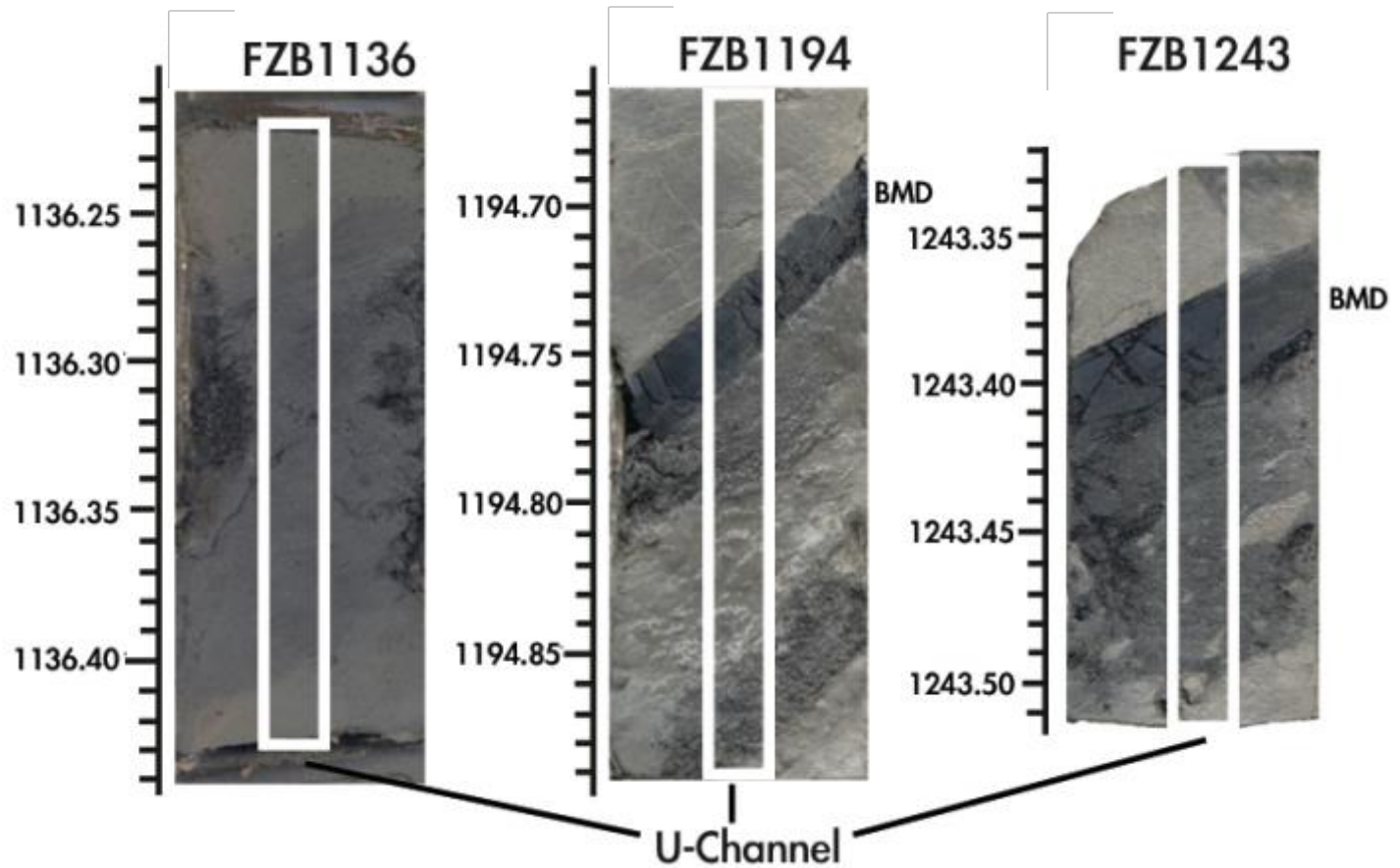
Possible Magnetization of Gouge

Earthquake Lightning (EQL)

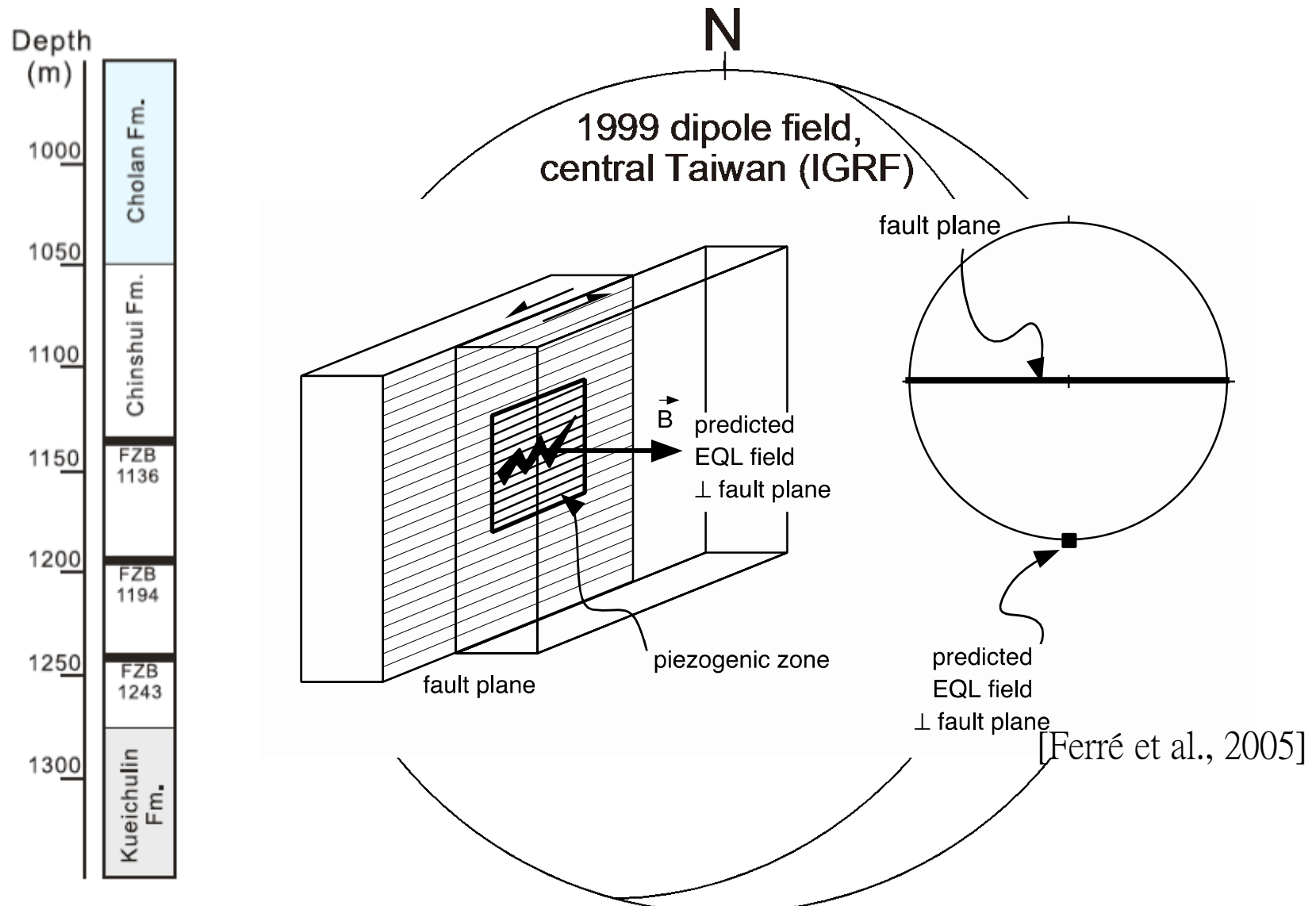


[Figure from Ferré et al., 2005]

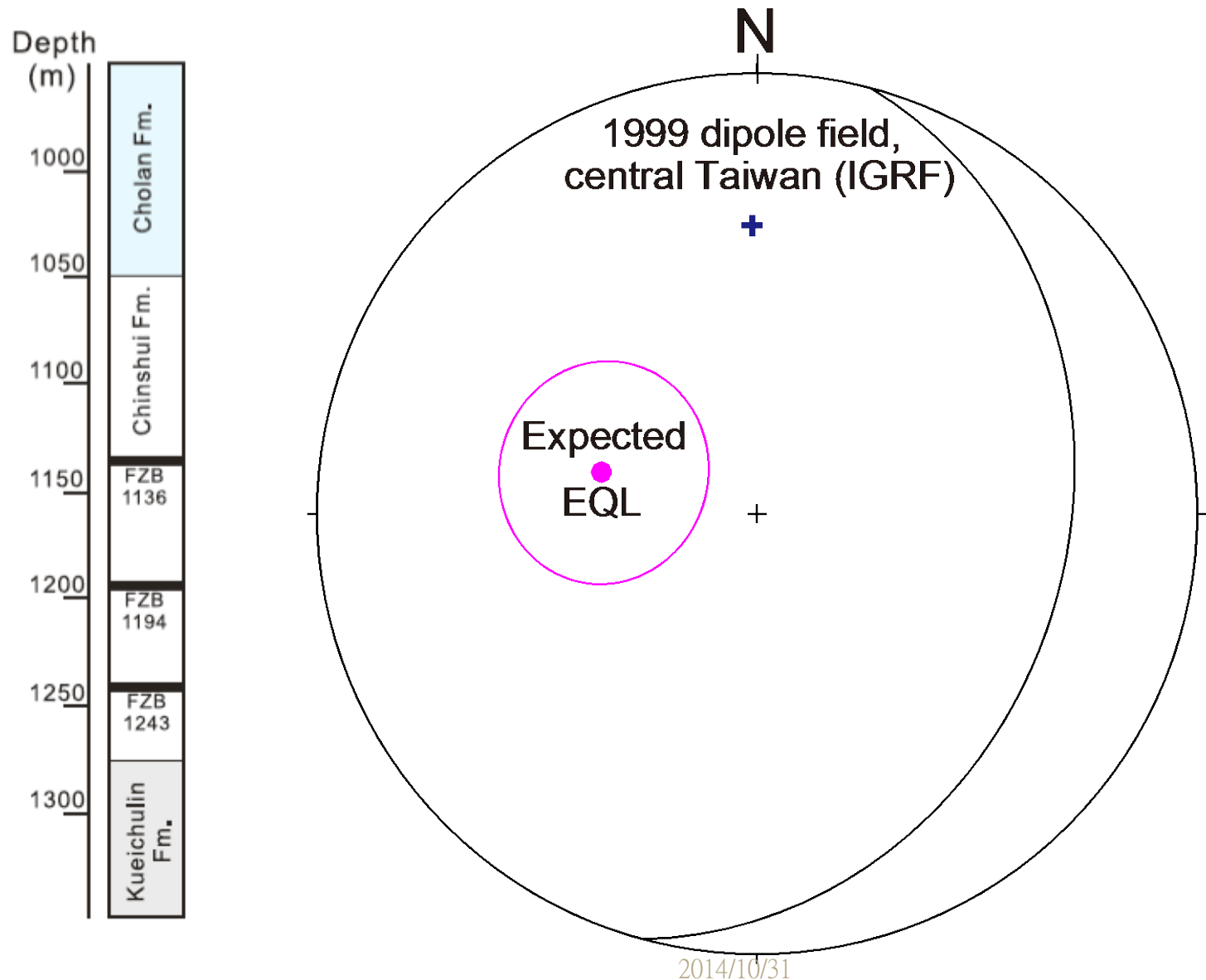
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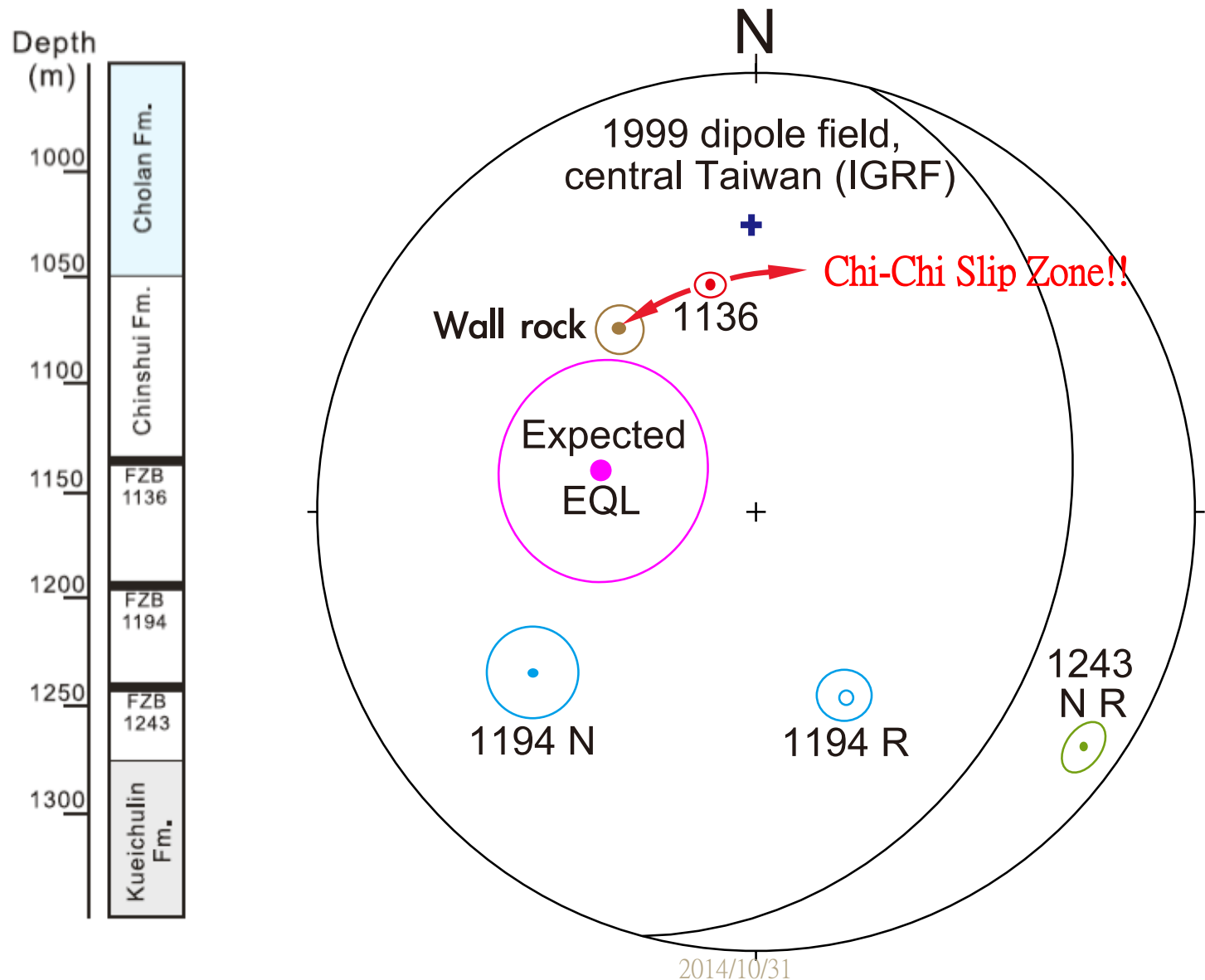
Paleomagnetic Field Direction



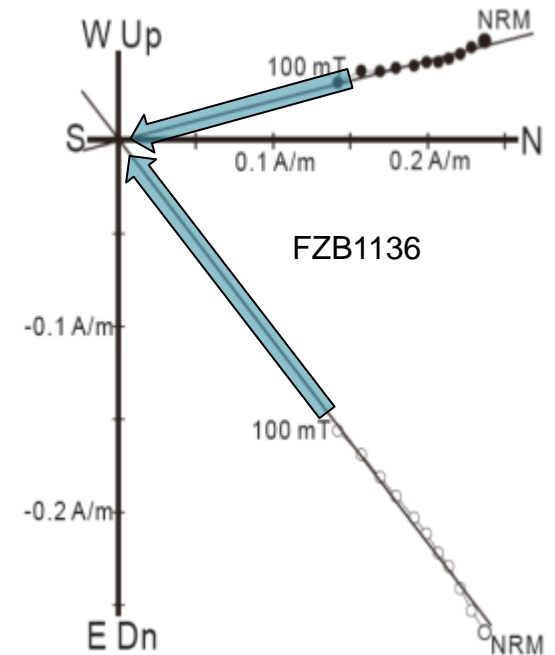
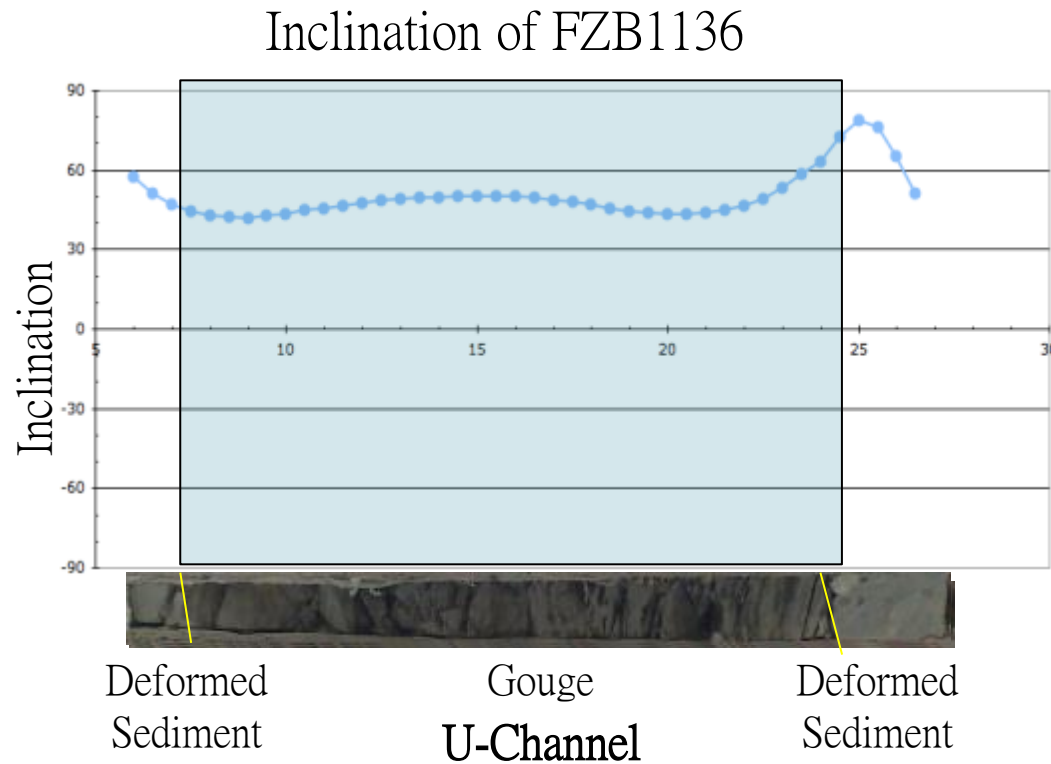
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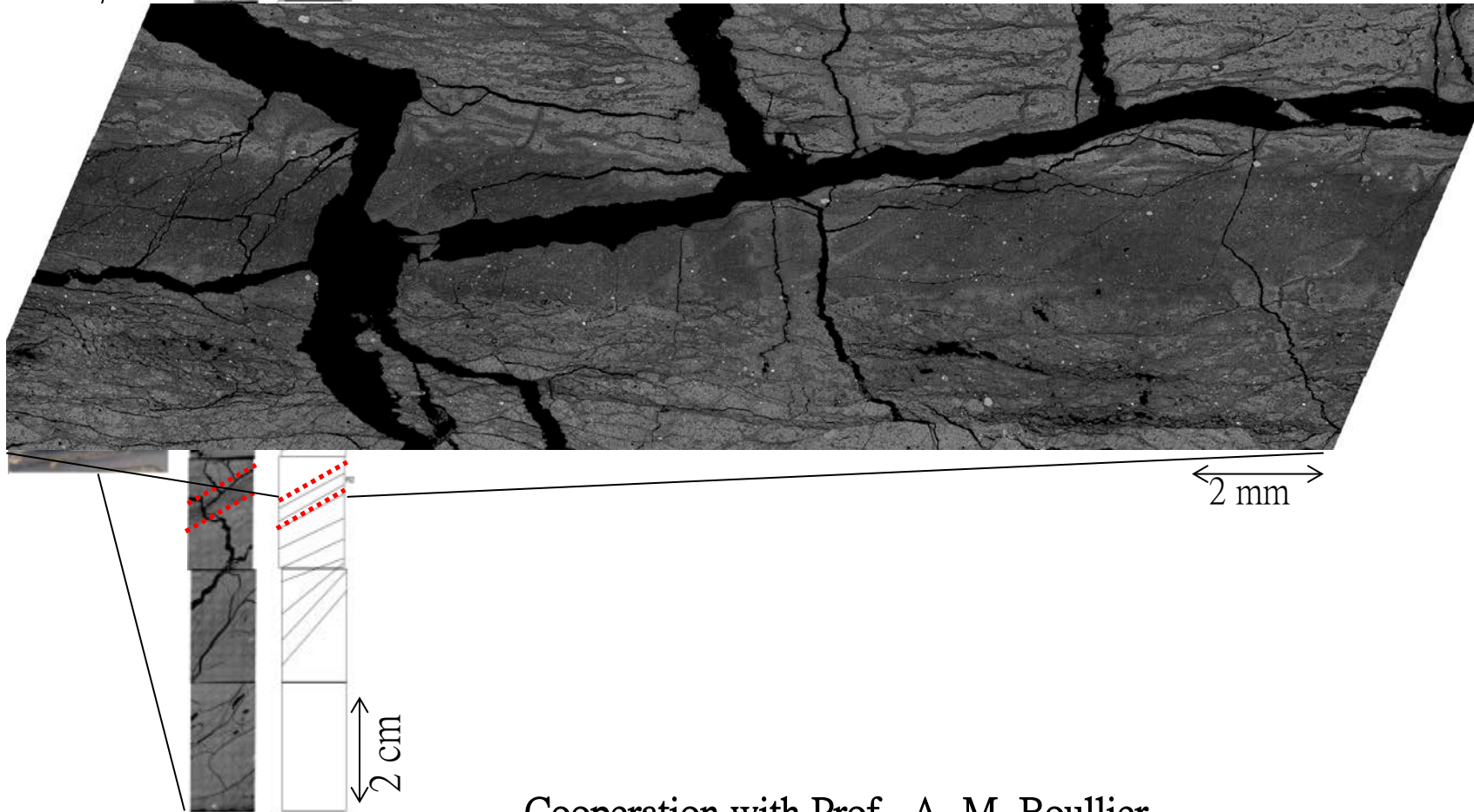
Paleomagnetic Result of FZB1136



One stable magnetic record.

FZB1136 SEM BSE

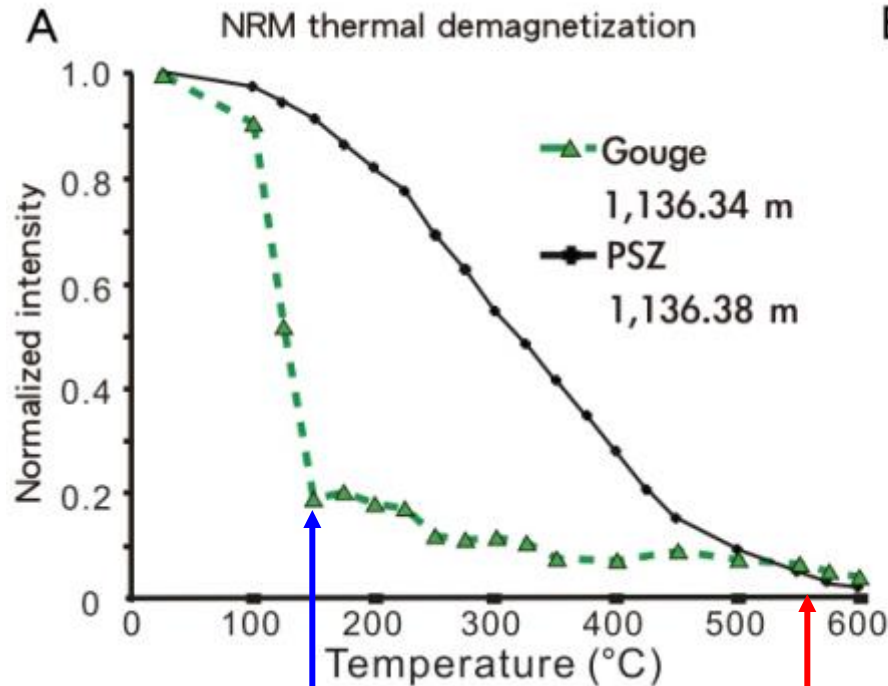
Chi-Chi Principal Slip Zone (PSZ)



Cooperation with Prof. A.-M. Boullier

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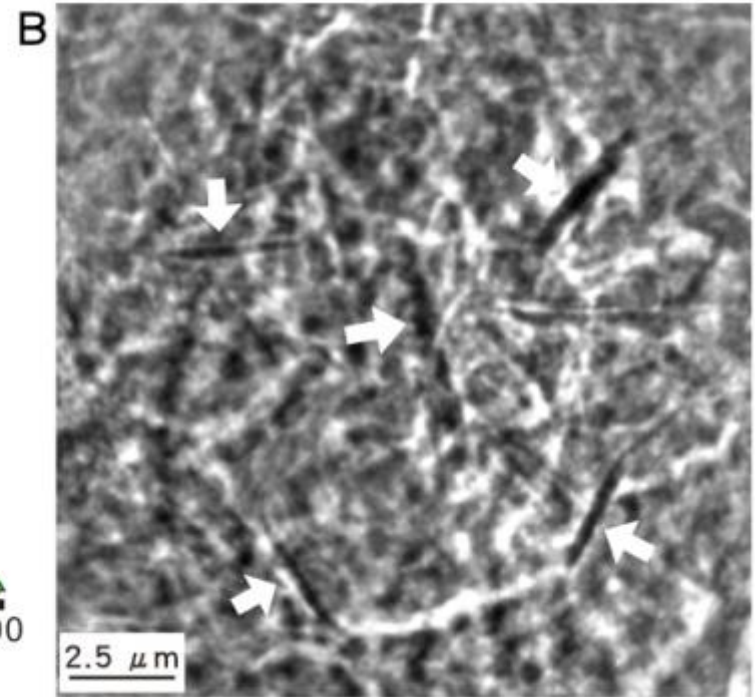
Neoformed minerals Acquire New Magnetization



T_N of **Goethite** 125°C
 α -FeOOH

T_C of **Magnetite** 575°C
 Fe_3O_4

TXM image within gouge



Goethite

Possible Magnetization of Gouge

1) a thermo-remanent magnetization (**TRM**) acquired post-seismically during cooling

O [$T > 400^{\circ}\text{C}$, Boullier et al., 2009]

2) a chemical remanent magnetization (**CRM**) acquired post-seismically and carried by neoformed magnetic minerals

O [Hot fluid $T > 350^{\circ}\text{C}$, Ishikawa et al., 2008; Goethite]

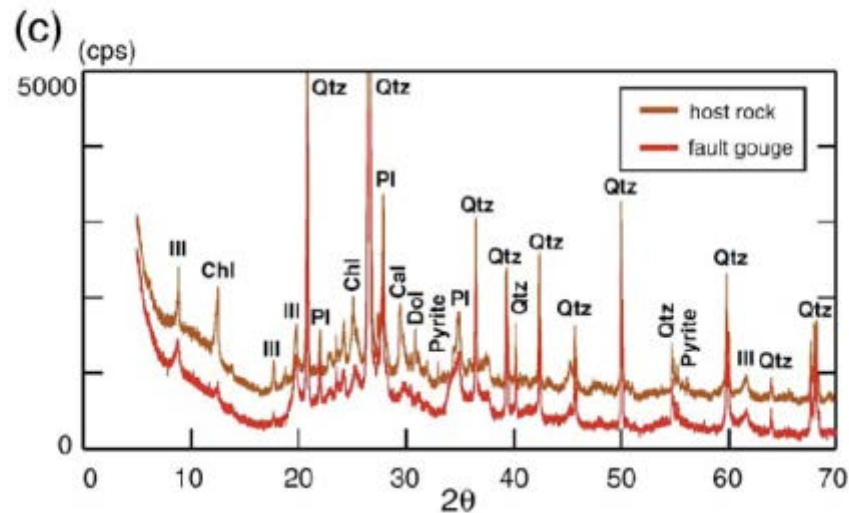
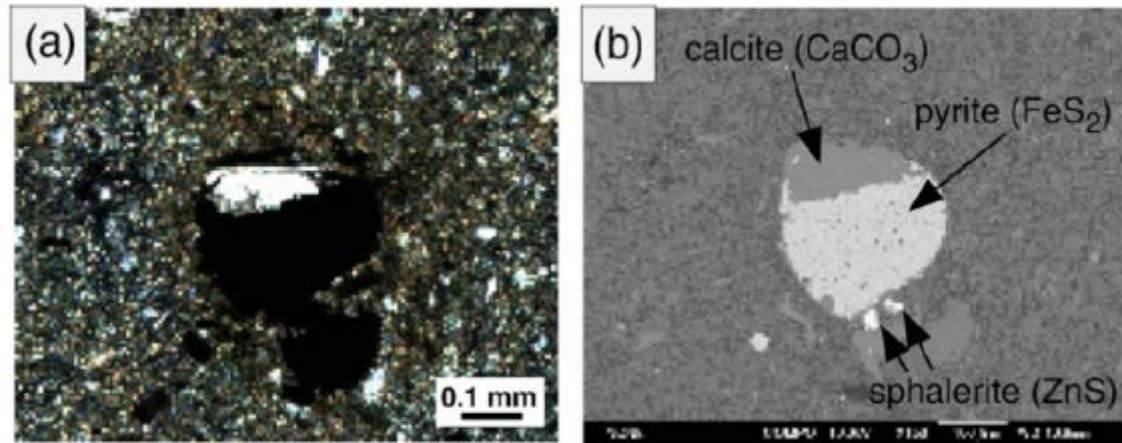
3) an isothermal remanent magnetization (IRM) acquired co-seismically during earthquake lightning (**EQL**)

X [Evidence of paleomagnetic record direction]

Part 1I

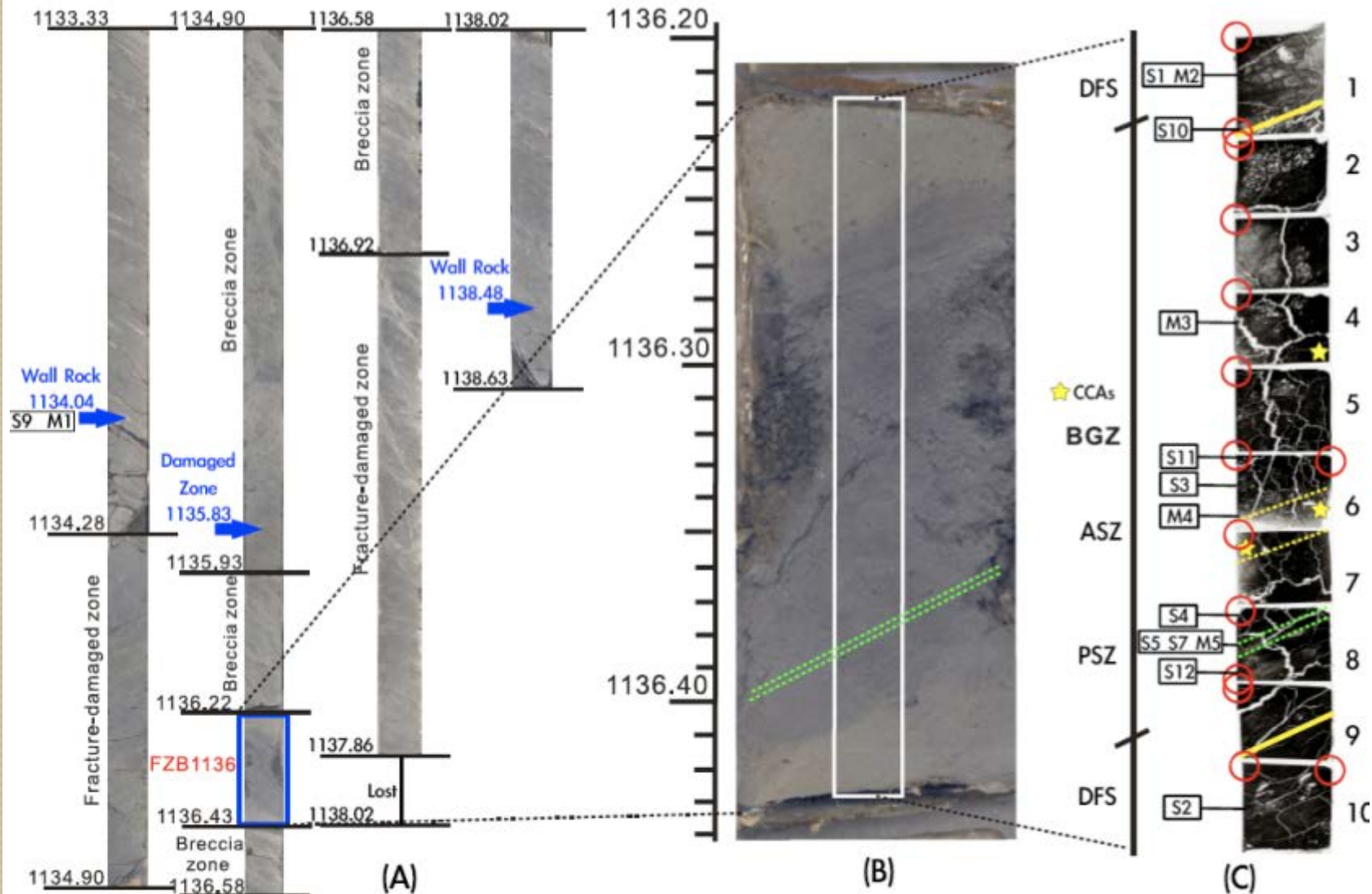
What are the magnetic carriers?
Neoformed processes?

Pyrite (FeS_2) Dissolution in Gouge



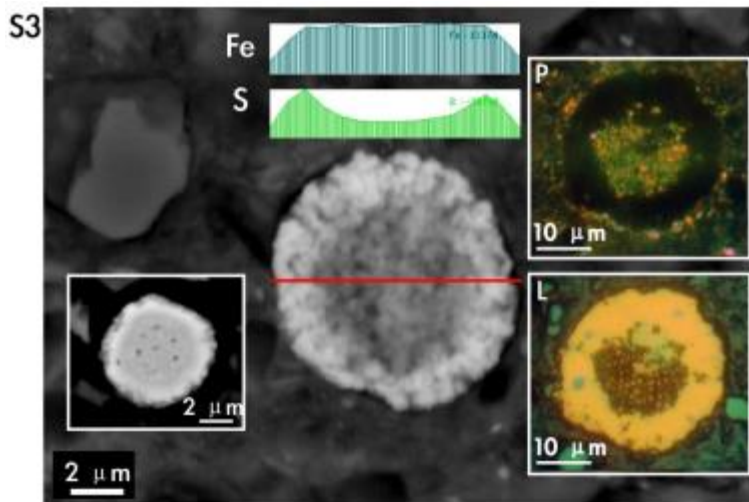
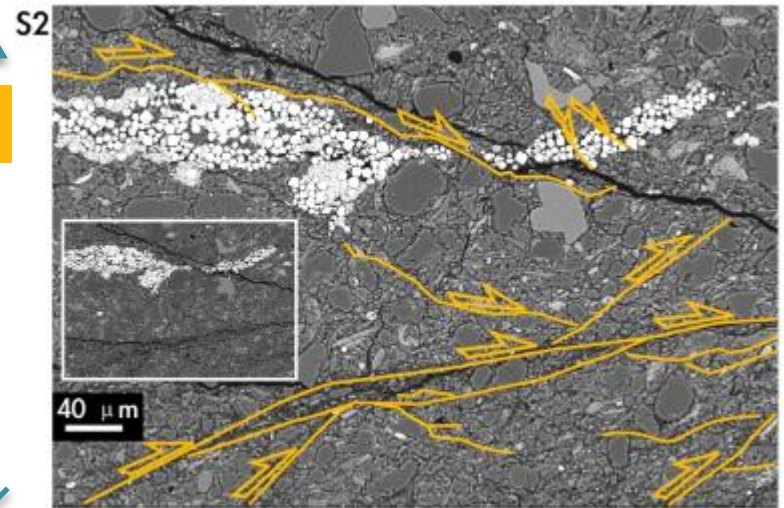
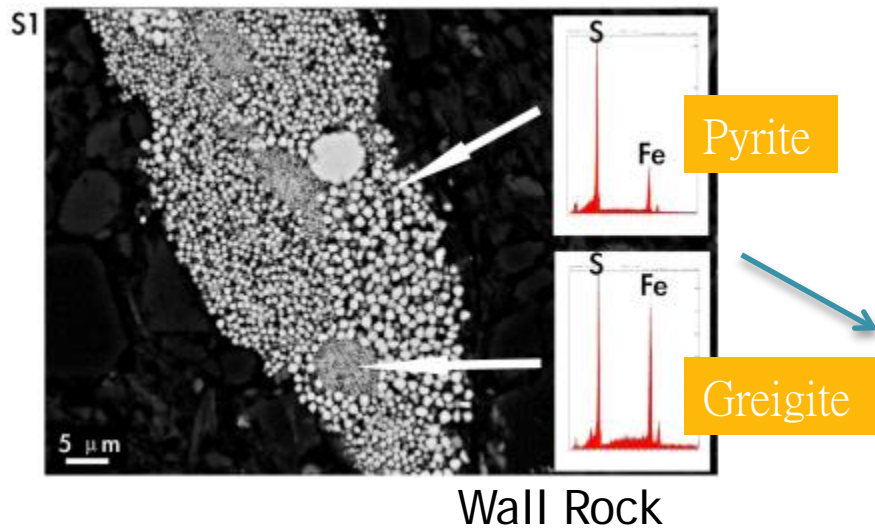
[Hirono et al., 2008]

Comprehensive Magnetic Investigation

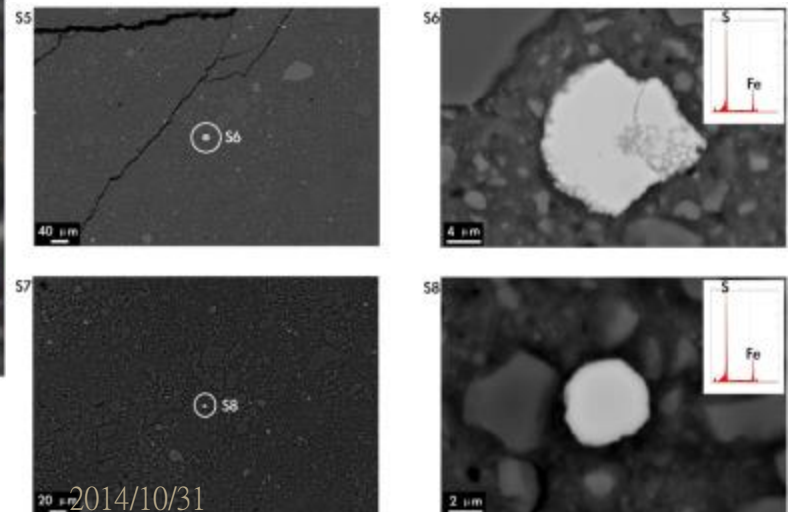


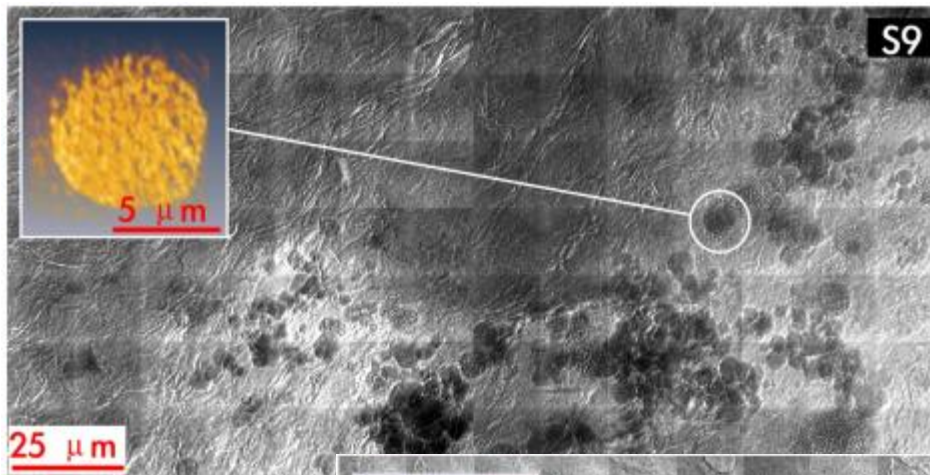
SEM Observation

Deformed Sediment (DFS)



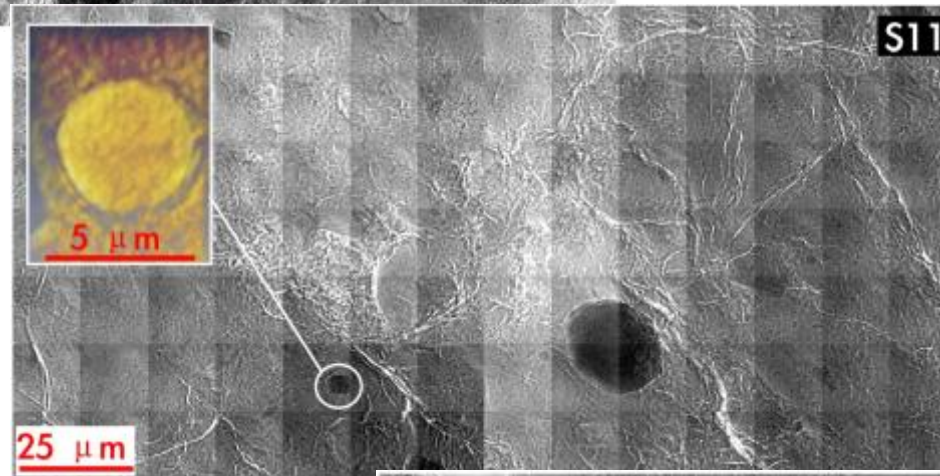
Gouge



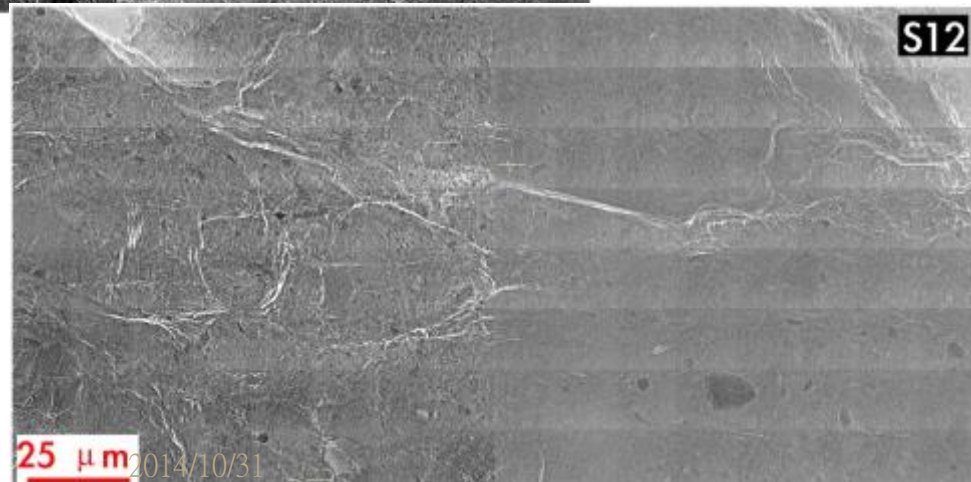


Wall Rock
Deformed Sediment (DFS)

Gouge

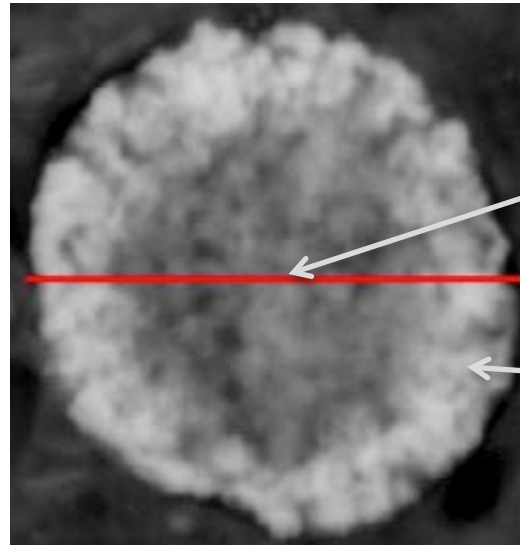


PSZ



TXM Observation

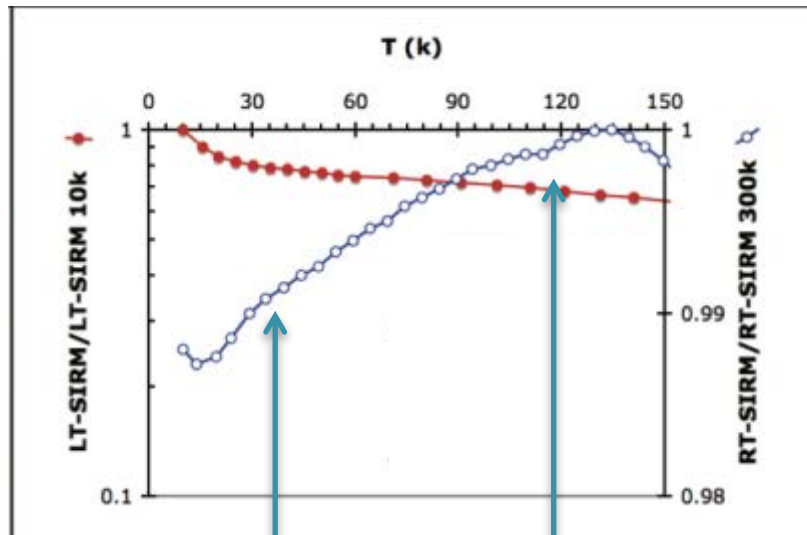
Identification of Pyrrhotite



Pyrrhotite (Fe_{1-x}S)

Pyrite (FeS_2)

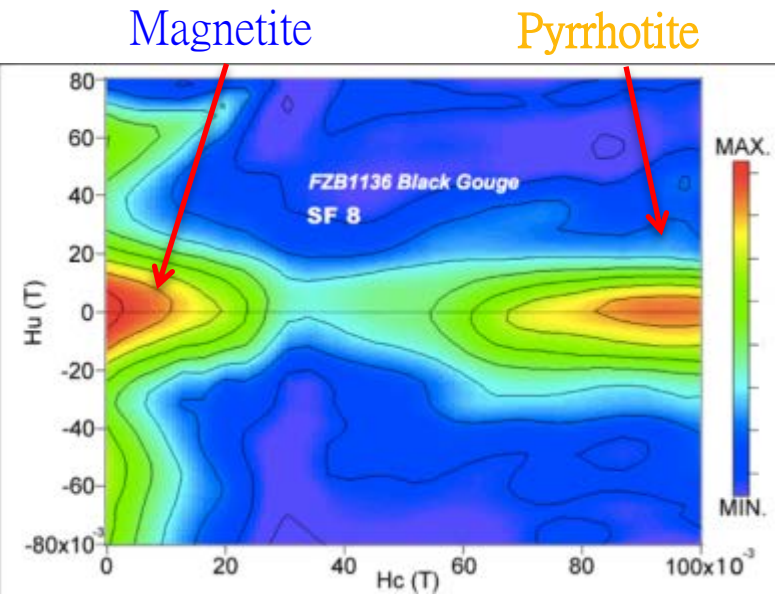
Black Gouge (M3)



Pyrrhotite

Magnetite

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Magnetite

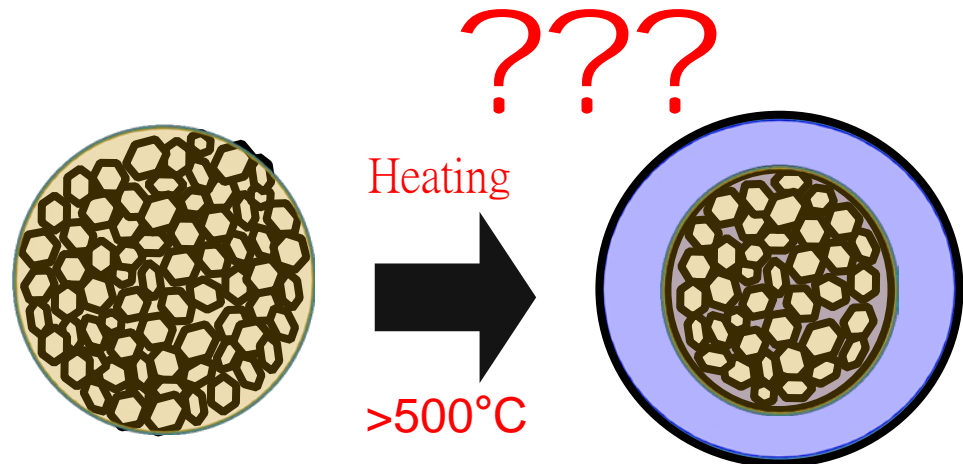
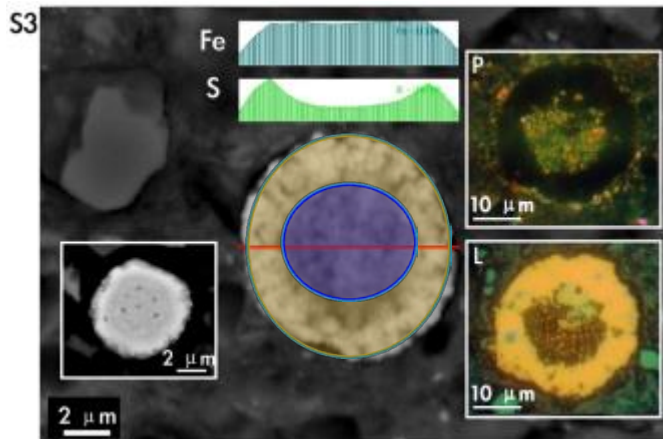
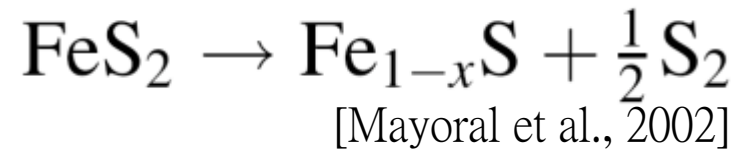
Pyrrhotite

Iron Sulphides Evolution

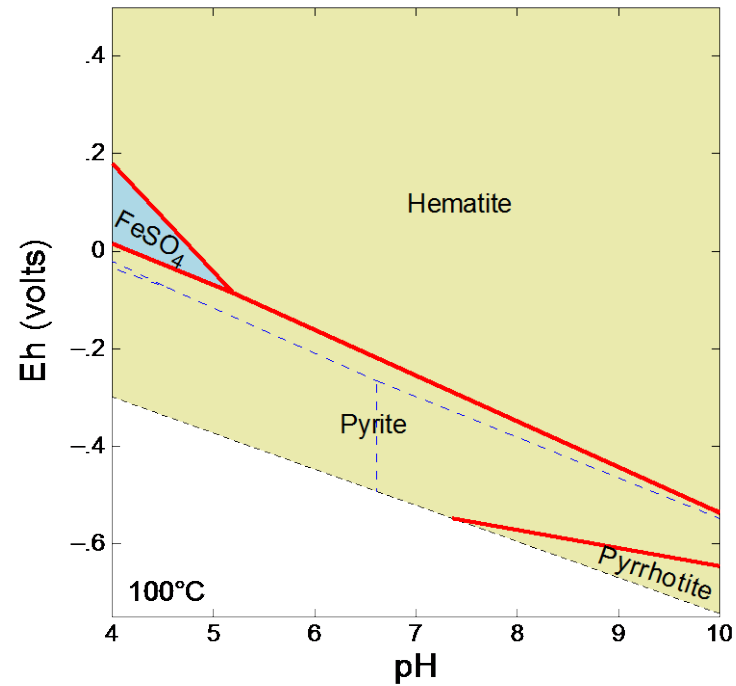
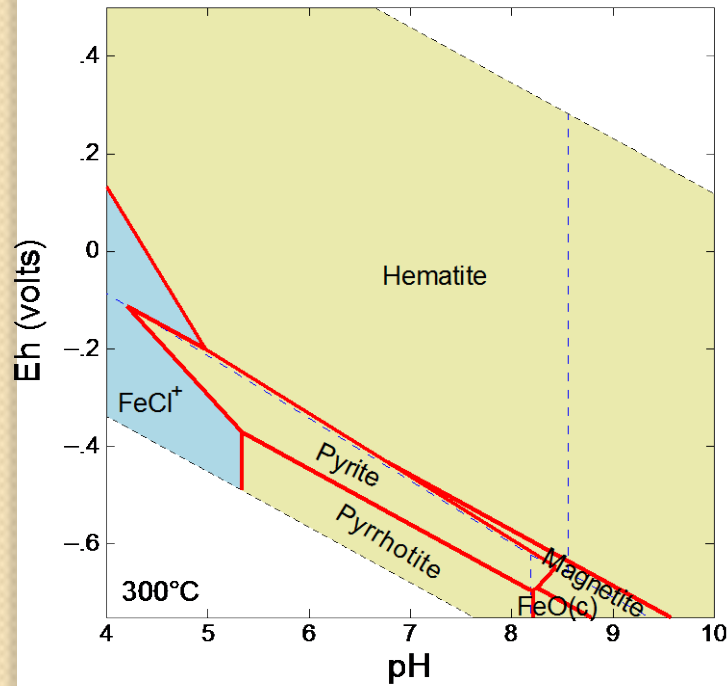
	Mineral
Wall Rock & DFS	Pyrite (framboids) Gregite Magnetite
Gouge & PSZ	Pyrite Pyrrhotite Partially Oxidized Magnetite Goethite

Pyrite Thermal Decomposition

Pyrite $\xrightarrow[\text{Heating}]{>500^{\circ}\text{C}}$ Pyrrhotite



Eh-pH diagram Model 33MPa High Fe^{2+}

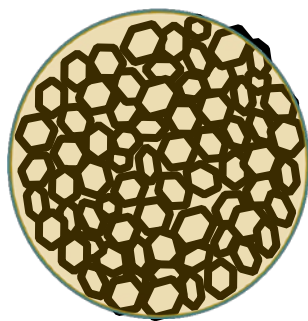


Pyrrhotite

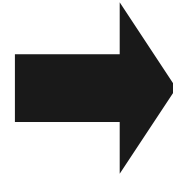
Hot Fluid
Cooling



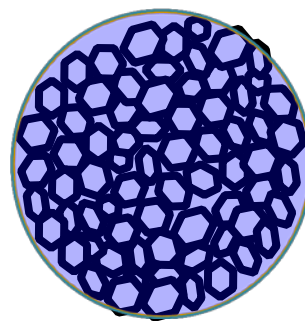
Pyrite



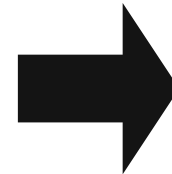
Heating



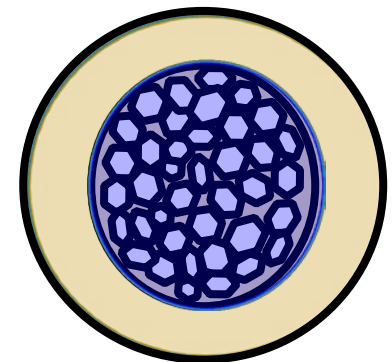
>500°C

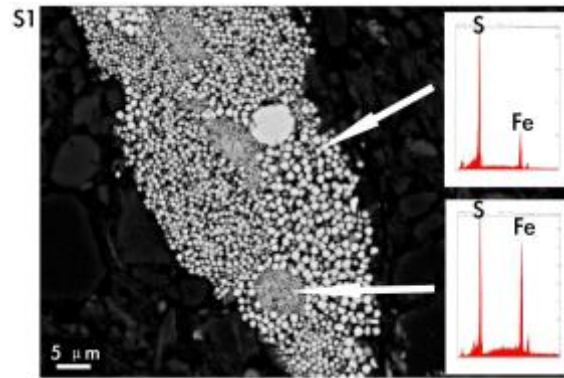


Hot Fluid



Cooling





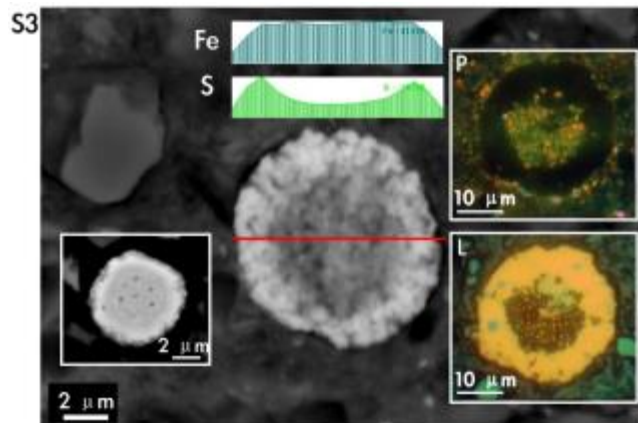
Pyrite

>500°C frictional heating

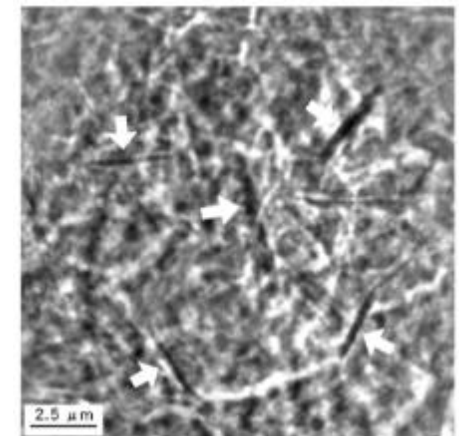


Pyrrhotite

>350°C Hot fluid cooling



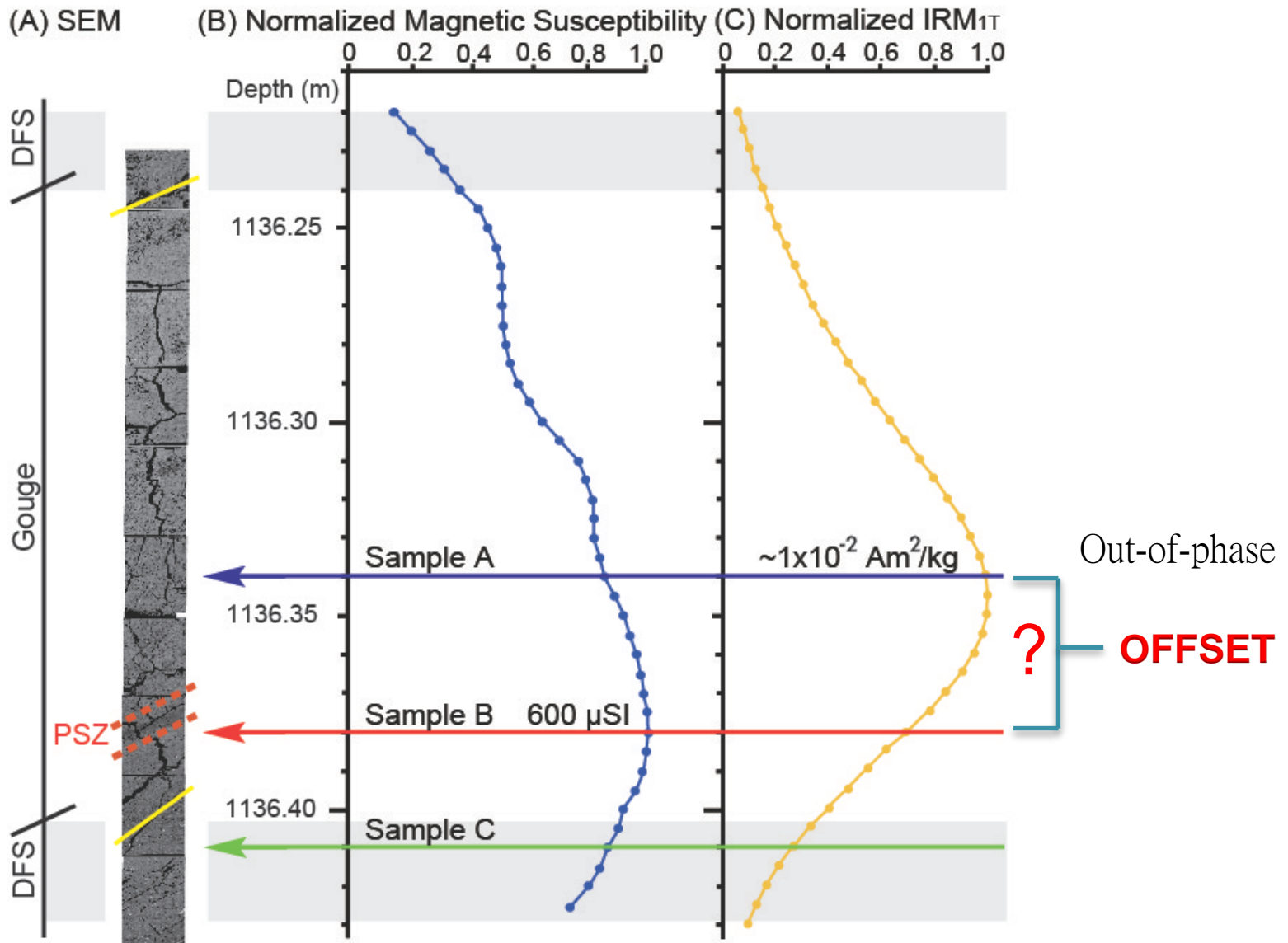
Pyrite/Pyrrhotite
+
Goethite



Part III

Quantify concentration of magnetic minerals
within fault gouge

Magnetic Parameters

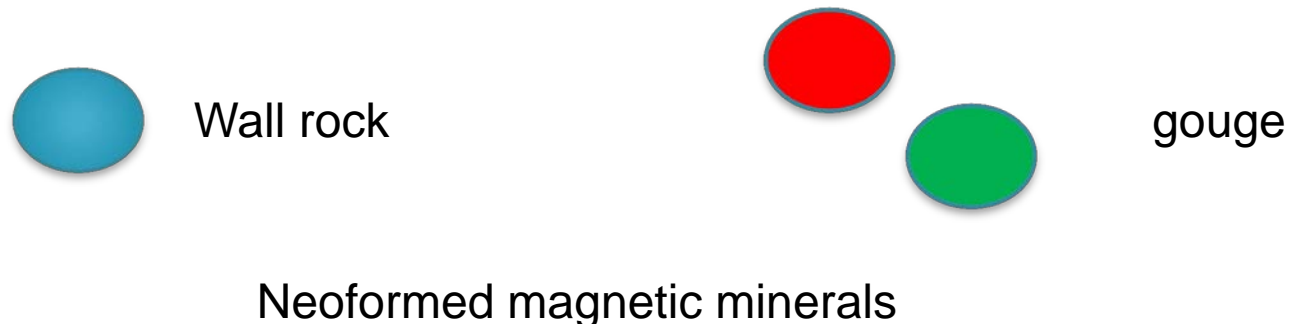


Offset: Two Hypothesis

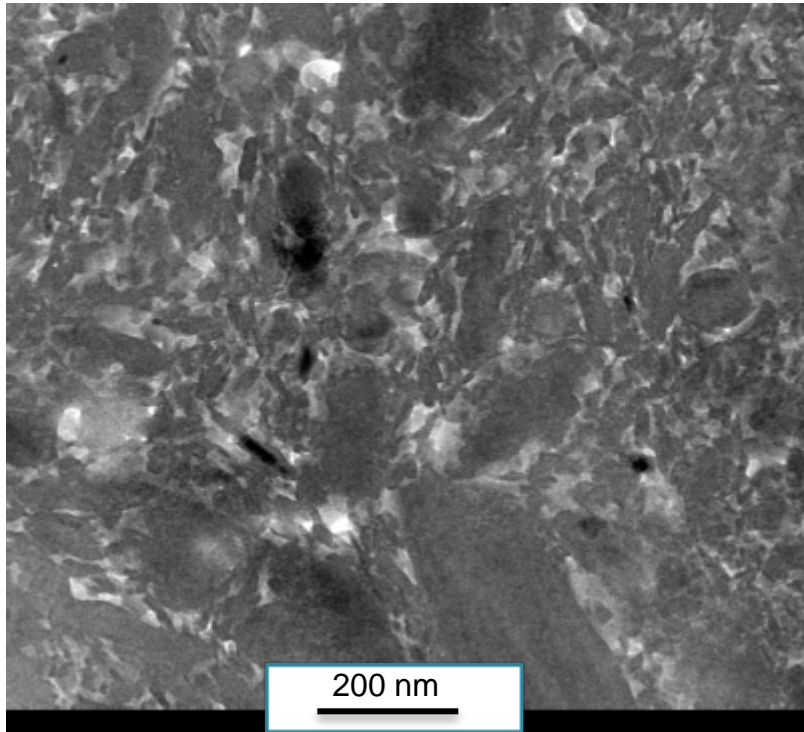
1) Due to Grain Size of Magnetic Mineral?



2) Due to different Magnetic Mineral Assemblages?



1) Due to Grain Size of Magnetic Mineral?



TEM Image of PSZ

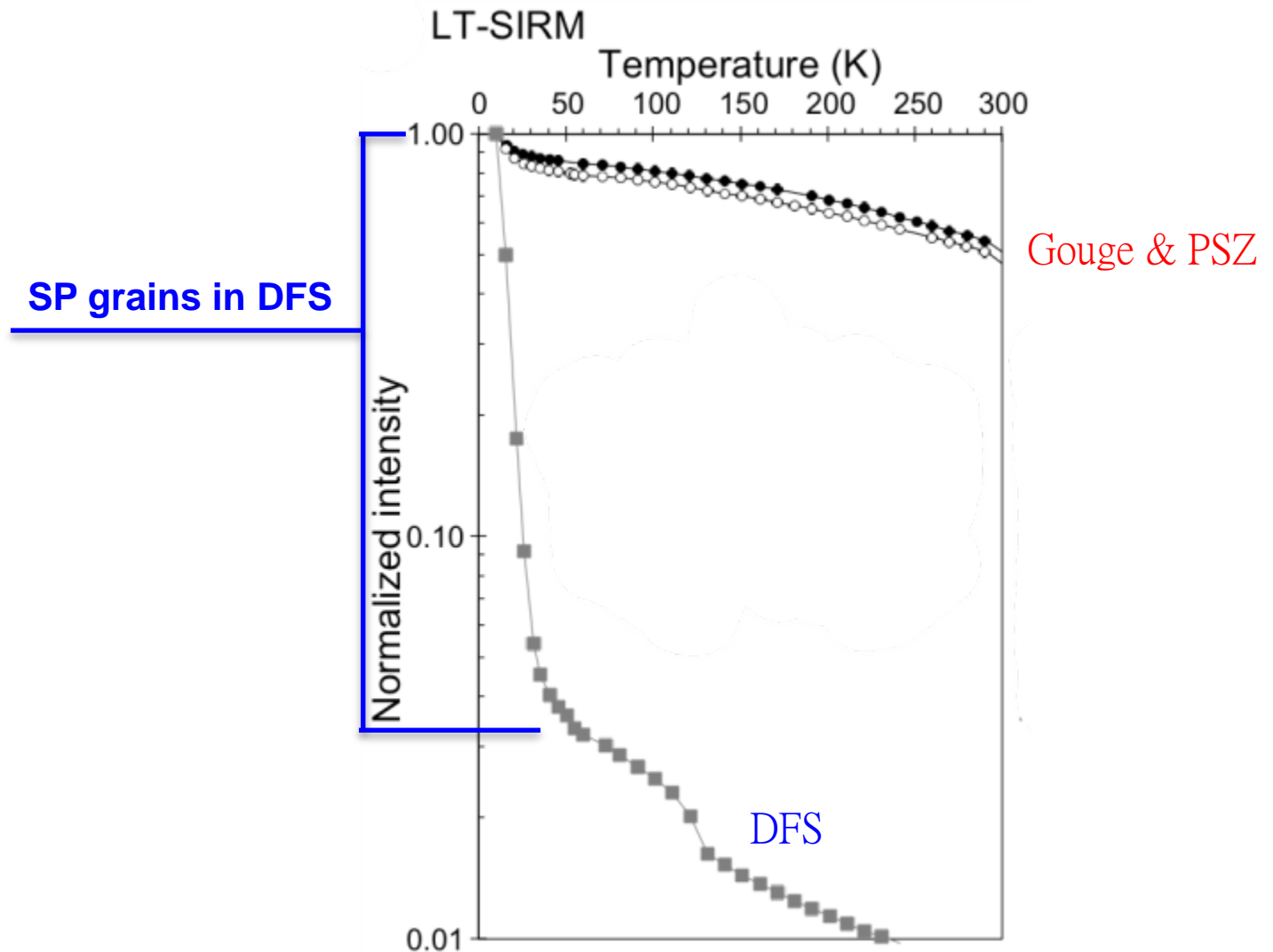
Superparamagnetic Grain (SP)

(e.g. Magnetite <30 nm)

Magnetic Susceptibility – **YES**

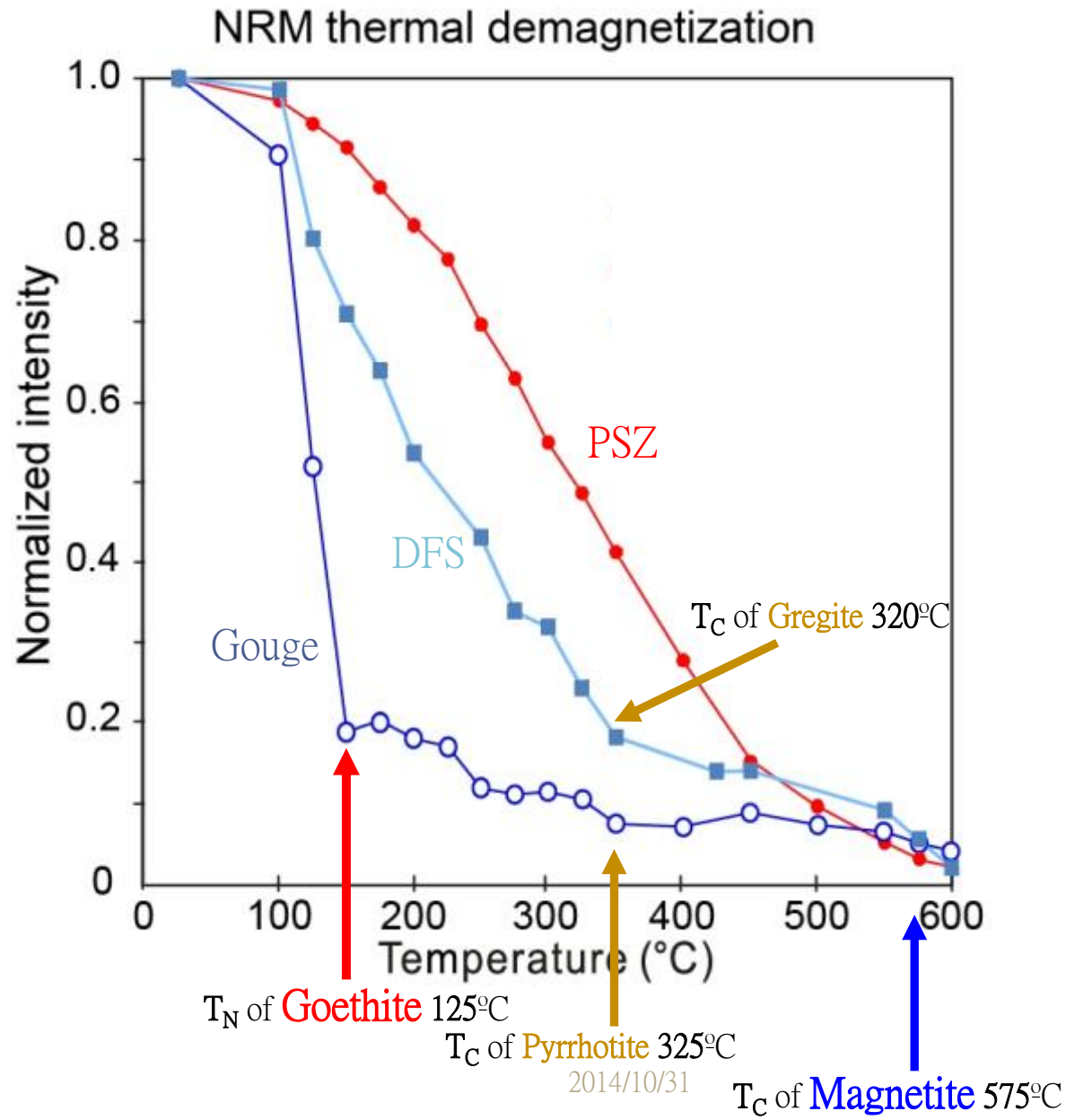
Remanent Magnetization – **NO**

1) Due to Grain Size of Magnetic Mineral?



There is no nano-sized magnetite in gouge

2) Due to different Magnetic Mineral Assemblages?



2) Due to different Magnetic Mineral Assemblages?

	Magnetic Minerals
Wall Rock & DFS	Paramagnetic clays (Greigite) Nano-sized Magnetite
Gouge & PSZ	Paramagnetic clays Pyrrhotite Partially Oxidized Magnetite Goethite

Greigite & Pyrrhotite contribute <10% of remanent magnetization

Magnetite v.s Goethite

Two magnetic minerals of contrasted properties

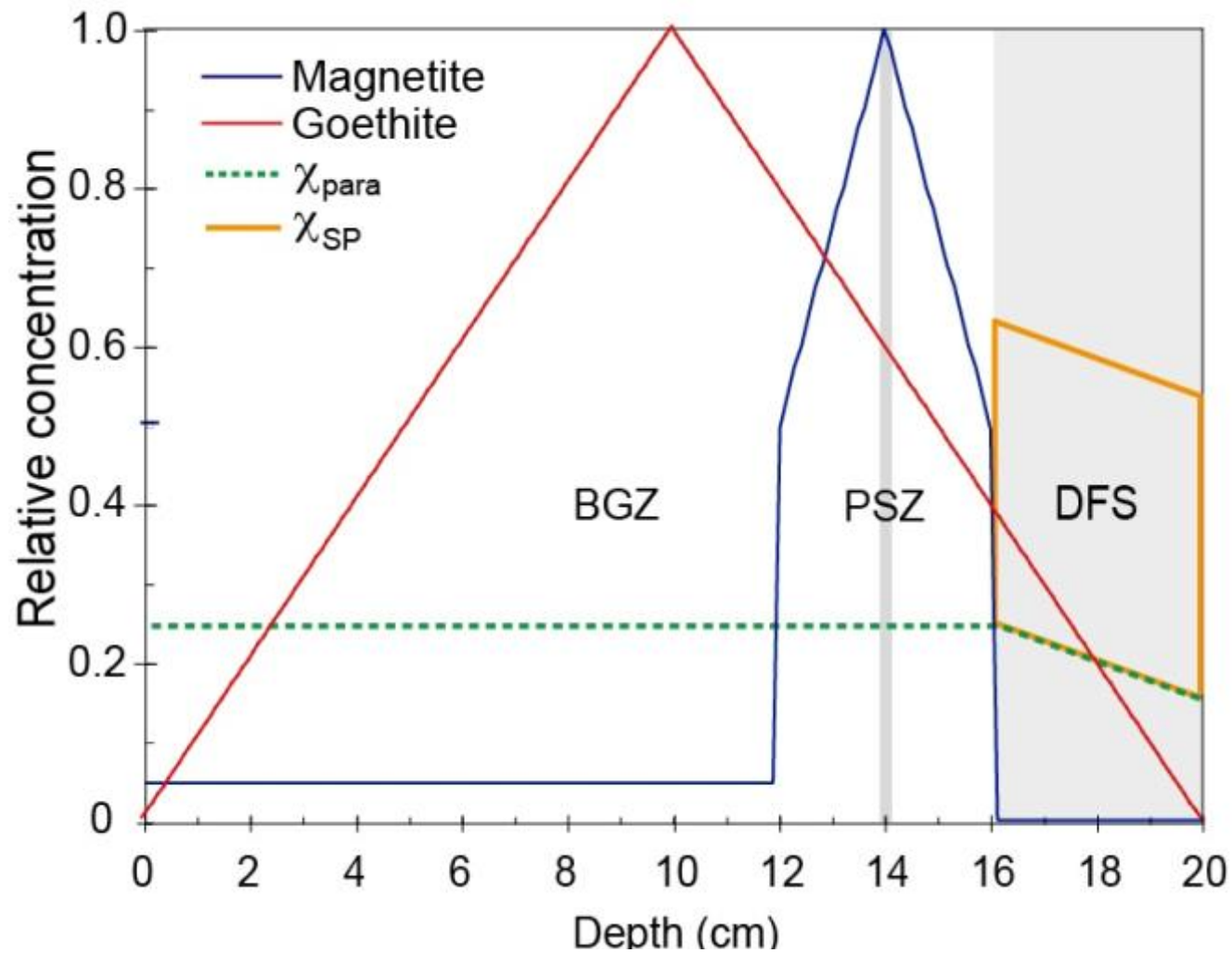
Ferrimagnetic

Anti-Ferromagnetic

	Magnetite	Goethite
Saturated Remanence (SIRM, Am ² /kg)	9	0.05
Specific Susceptibility (χ , 10 ⁻⁶ m ³ /kg)	560	0.7
χ /SIRM	~62	~14

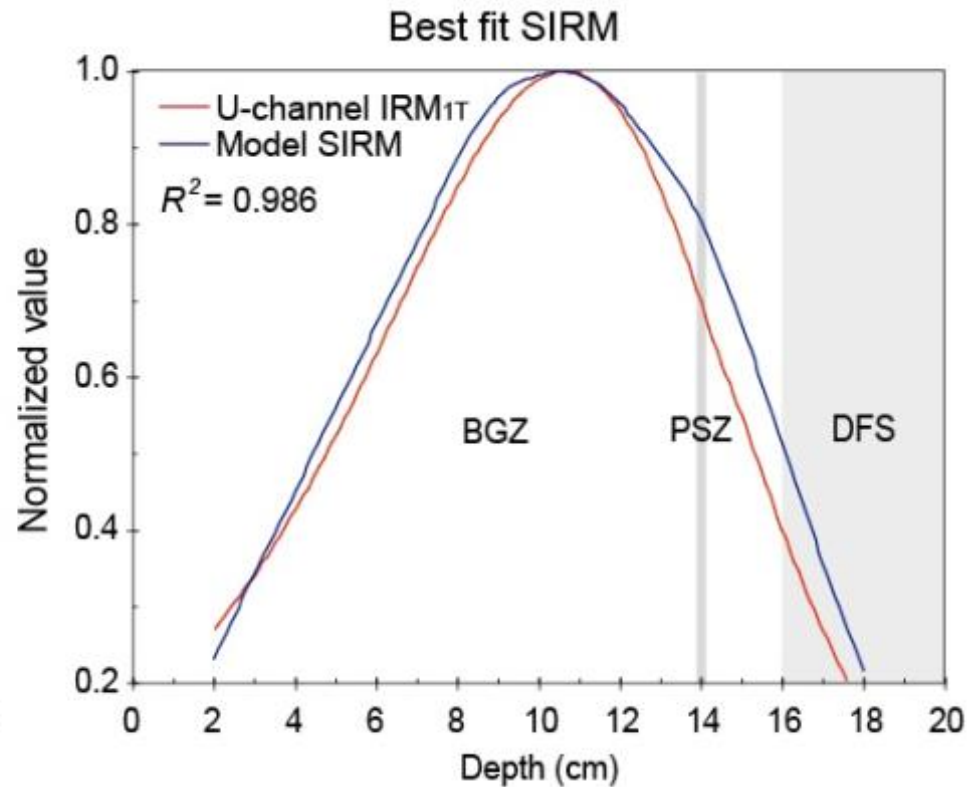
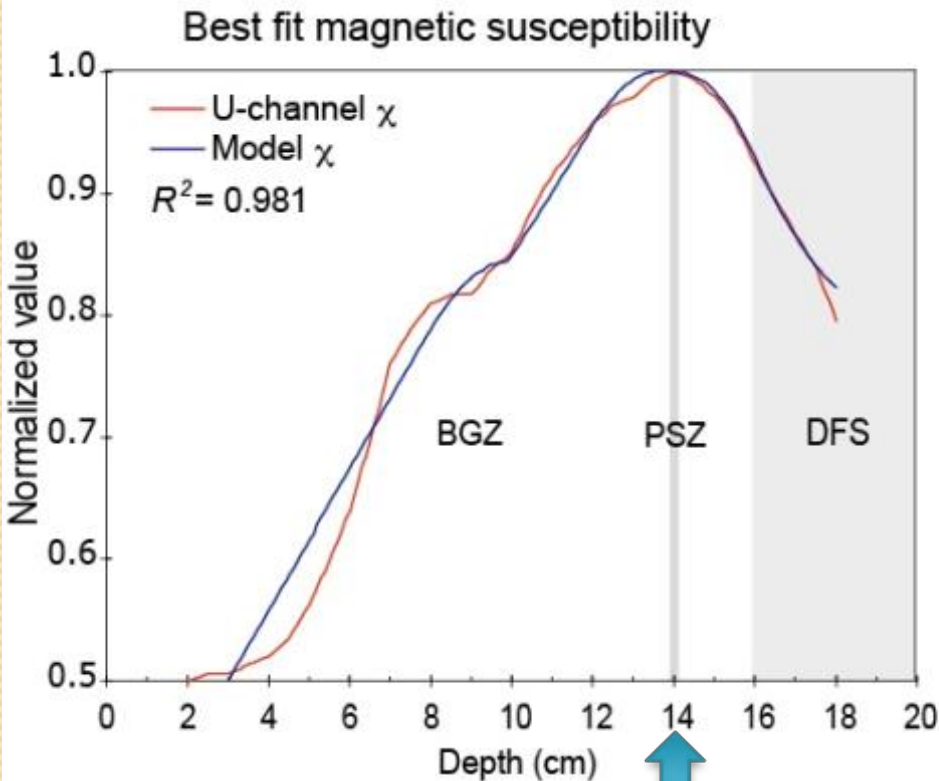
[Maher et al., 1999]

Magnetic Mineral Assemblage Model



Magnetic Mineral Assemblage Model

Why do we only see the Chi-Chi event?



High magnetic susceptibility An index of last PSZ within gouge

The peak **Magnetite** concentration is **150~300 ppmv**

The peak **Goethite** concentration is **1.5~2.5%**

Oxidized during earthquake



There is **no SP grains** within gouge. **Magnetite** & **Goethite** are neoformed.

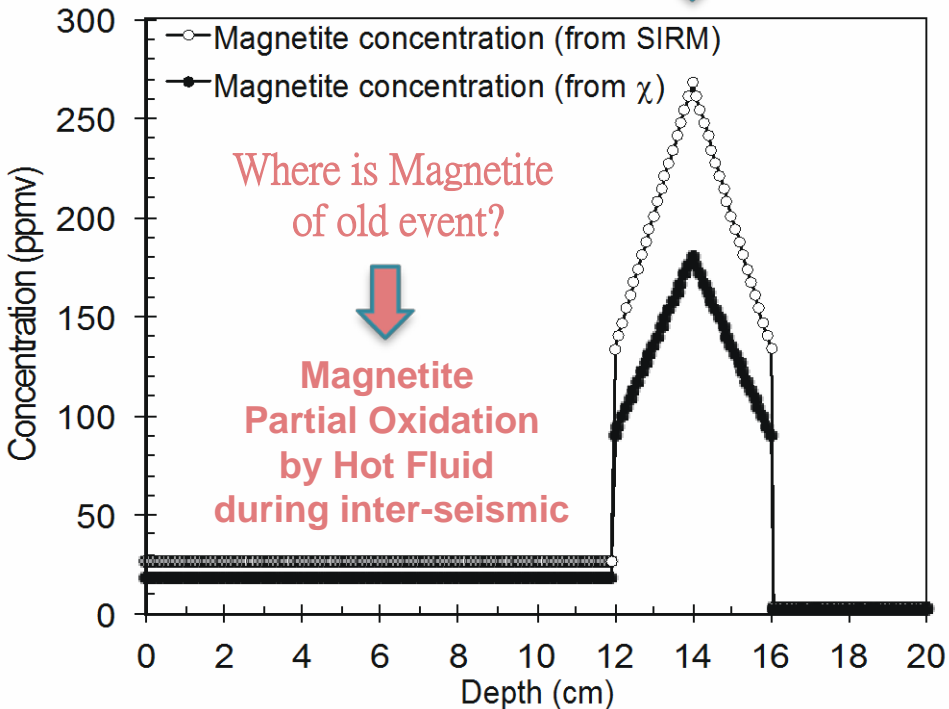
**Neoformed by Chi-Chi
around PSZ**



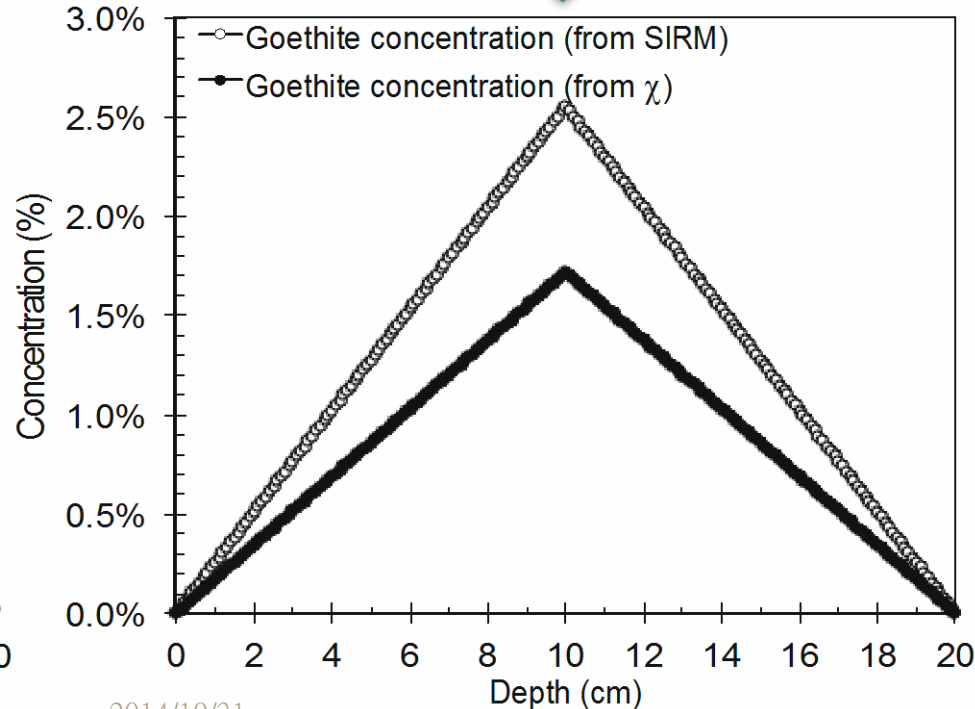
Hot fluid in gouge center



(A) Magnetite concentration



(B) Goethite concentration



Part IV

An Earthquake Slip Zone is a Magnetic Recorder



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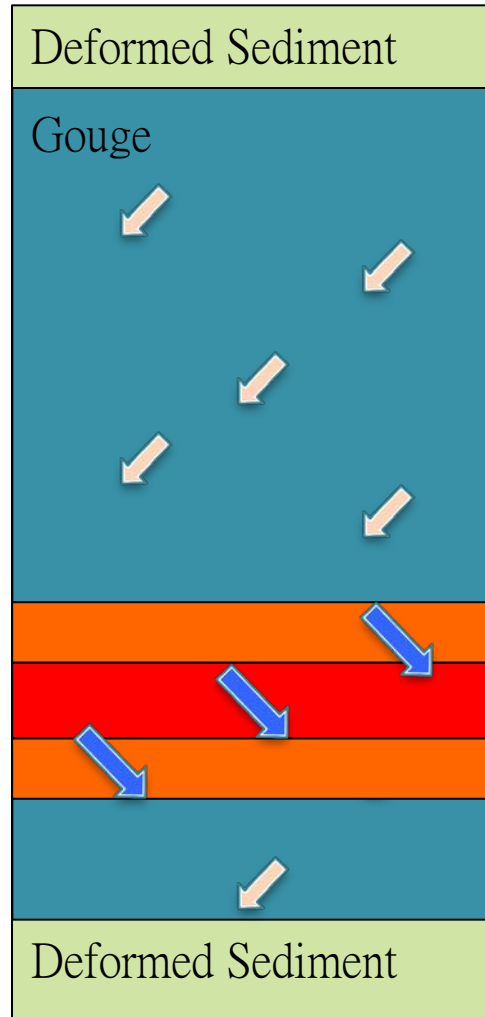


Process within PSZ and baked contact

Post-seismic

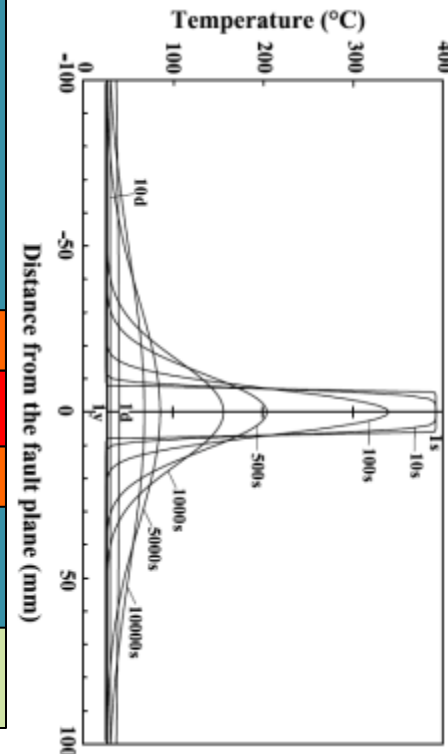
$T > 400^\circ \text{C}$
[Boullier et al., 2009]

Baked contact
Slip zone
Baked contact



Earth magnetic field

Old Record



TRM + CRM
Neoformed
Magnetite

[Figure from Fukuchi et al., 2005]

Process within the whole gouge

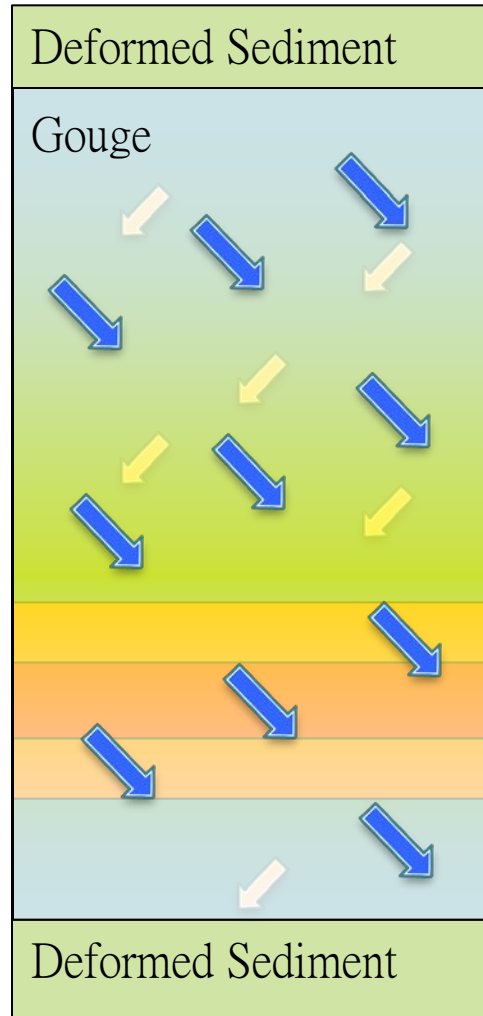
Post-seismic

Hot fluid $T > 350^{\circ}\text{C}$
[Ishikawa et al., 2008]

Baked contact

Slip zone

Baked contact



Earth magnetic field



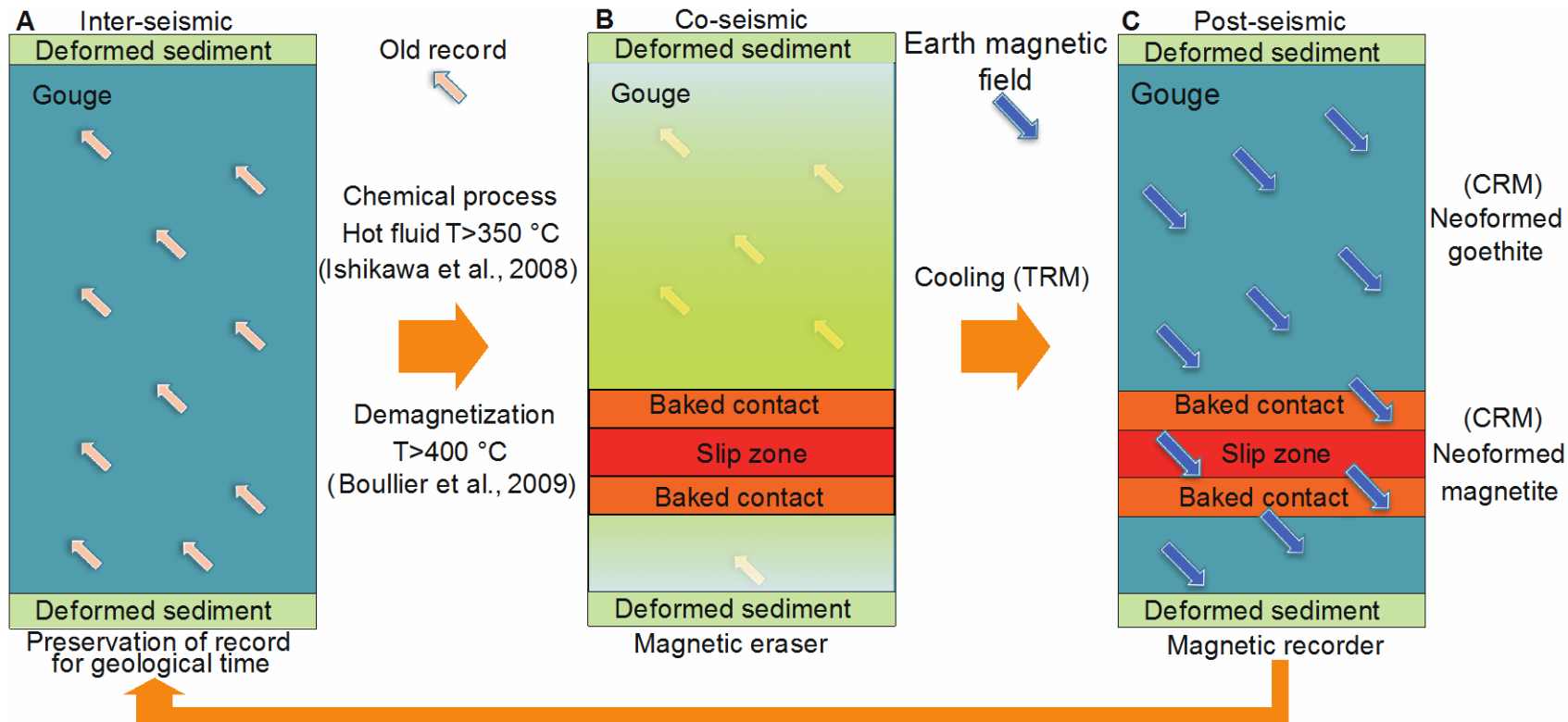
Old Record



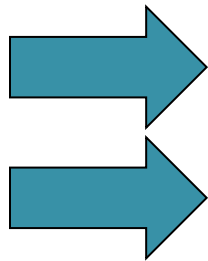
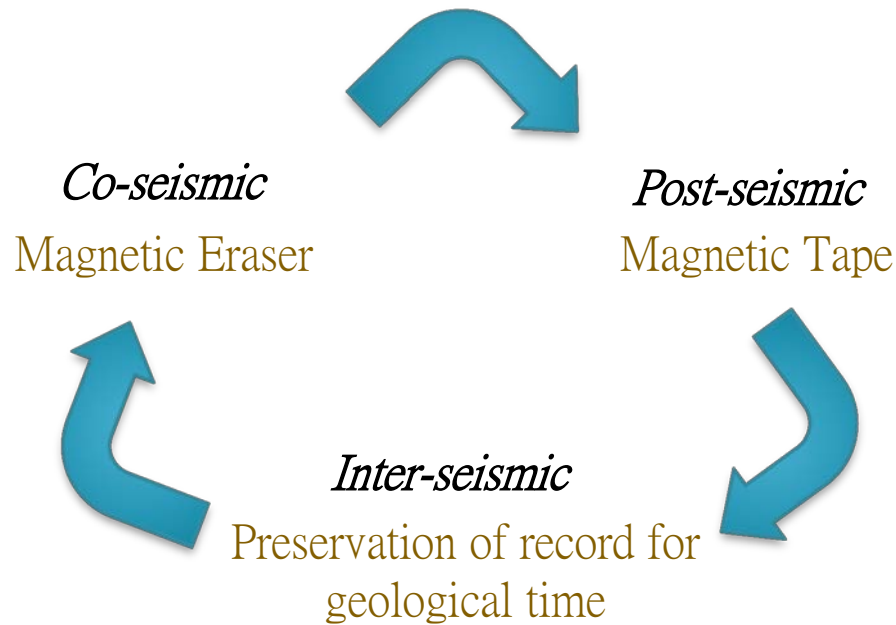
CRM
Neoformed
Goethite



Process within the whole gouge



Paleomagnetic record during large earthquake event



Identification of the last quake event

Potential to date earthquake event

謝謝!!

Merci!!

Thanks!!

Summaries

1. Making U-channel within fault gouge is of great values because nondestructive magnetic measurement can help to focus on specific horizons, and to estimate broadly the concentration of neoformed sediments.
2. For the first time, we identified a magnetic record of the Chi-Chi gouge. This is due to the combination of fluid circulation and temperature elevation.
3. The magnetic record in the gouge is carried by magnetite within the principal slip zone and goethite in the rest of the gouge. We propose a model where magnetic record: 1) is preserved during inter-seismic time, 2) is erased during co-seismic time and 3) is imprinted during post-seismic time when fluids cooled down.
4. In addition, we have identified pyrrhotite, which is an iron sulfide and forms at the expense of pyrite during high temperature (>500°C). The micron-size goethite forms on cooling of fluids that percolated within the gouge. The magnetite is oxidized in the gouge, and probably neoformed along the principal slip zone.

Summaries

5. We correlate the maximum magnetic susceptibility to the mm-thick Chi-Chi principal slip zone within the 16 cm-thick gouge. This constitutes a potential, fast, and nondestructive way to find the most recent principal slip zone in thick gouge.
6. The model of the magnetic mineral concentrations indicates that ~300 ppmv of magnetite formed in the PSZ and its main contact area. Similarly, ~1% of goethite is formed in the center of the gouge. This model provides us a new way to quantify magnetic mineral concentration.

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