Mapping normal faults along the east side of the Sierra Nevada



200 km

50

100

Walker Lane shear along east side of Sierra Nevada.

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Basin and Range structure some combination of tilted blocks and horst and graben formation.

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Genoa fault, Sierra Range front

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Fault plane exposed in quarry, Genoa fault





Carson Range-Kings Canyon-Mt. Rose fault system





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Using the profile tool in QGIS is a nice way to assess the location and offsets of faults.























Generalized cross section, showing distributed grabens in the hanging wall NOTE: cross section is not from the fault we are studying















Photo S. Wesnousky

Offset erosion gullies across large normal Fault scarp may indicate a component of right-lateral shear Knowing the slip rate, displacement can be estimated from profiles to infer the age of a faulted deposit.



0.4 mm/yr X yrs =16 m

age of surface ~40,000 yrs



0.4 mm/yr X yrs = 37 m

age of surface ~92,000 yrs

