GLG494/598 (ASU) and GEOL 701J (UNR): Mapping tectonic faults from geomorphology

# Refining fault zone mapping approaches and examples – 20220322 additions

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Heuristics by demonstration: examples of fault maps Let's see how other groups have solved these problems This is not exhaustive

Let's look for

- Morphologic features
- GIR
- Surficial Geologic mapping
- Primary vs. secondary
- How well are the mapped features supported by the data?

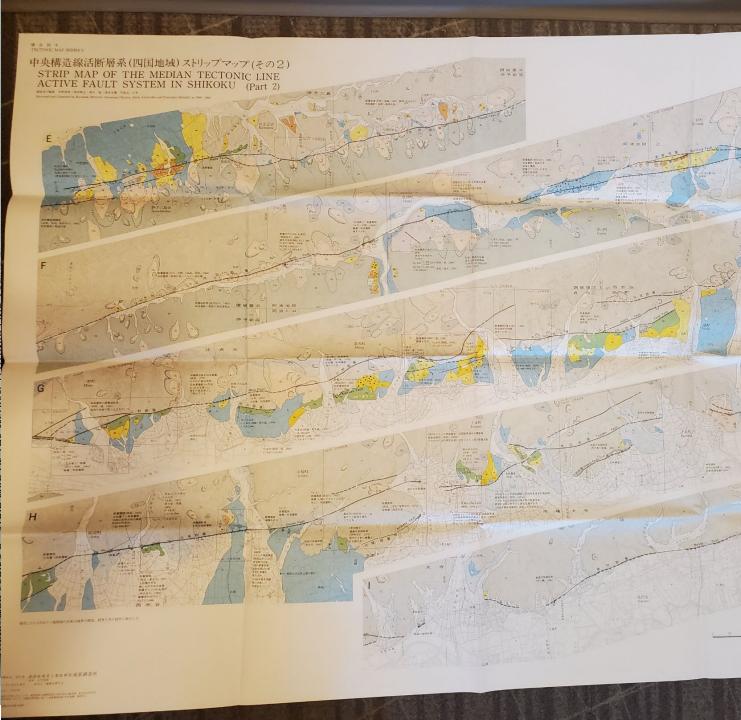
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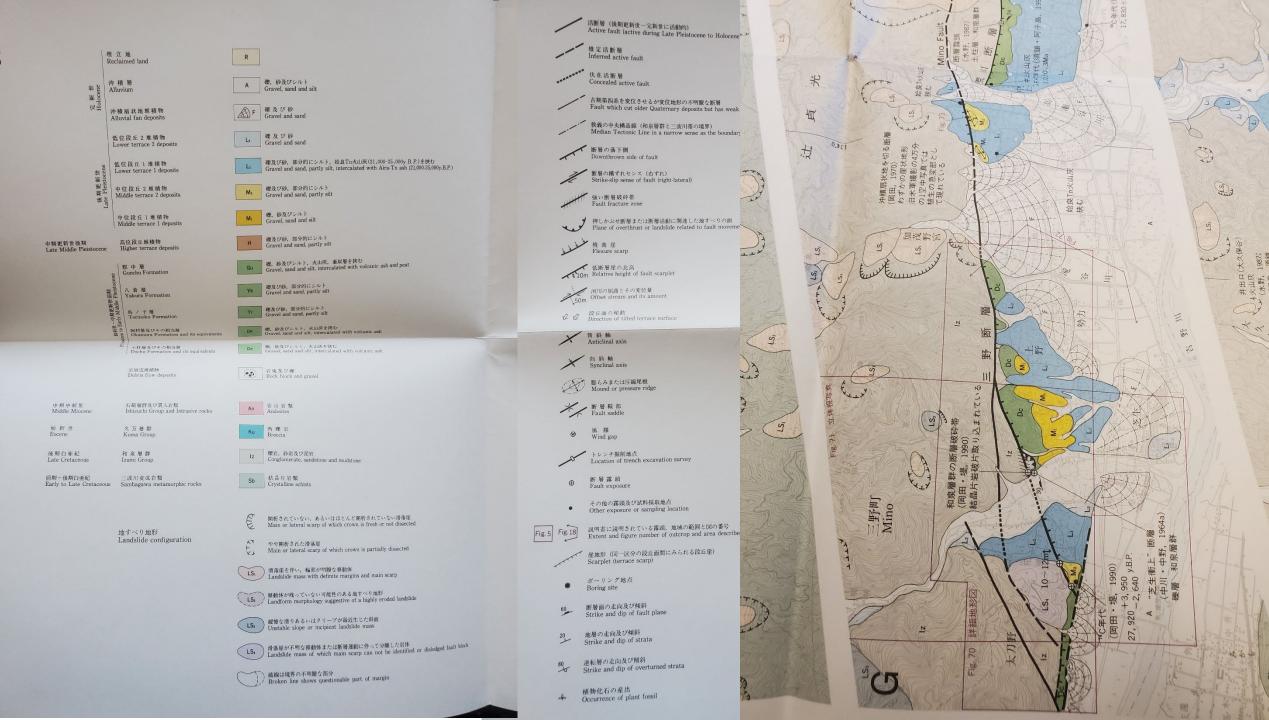
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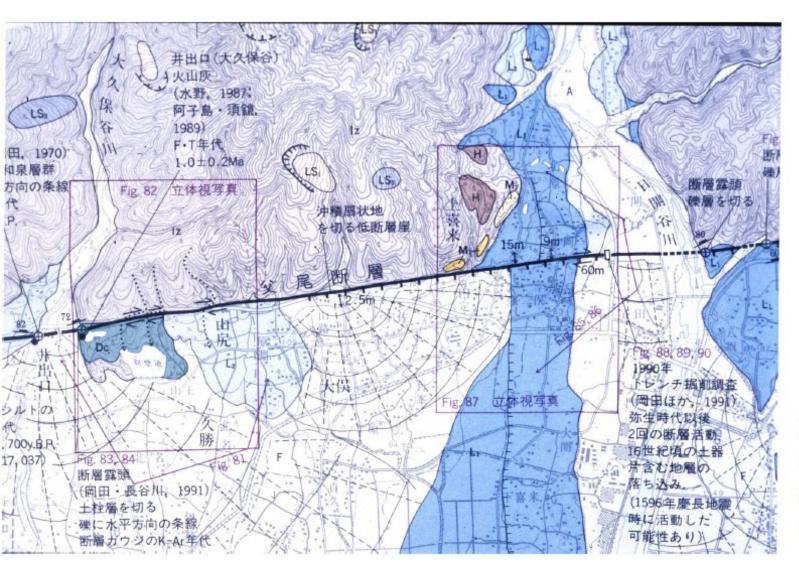
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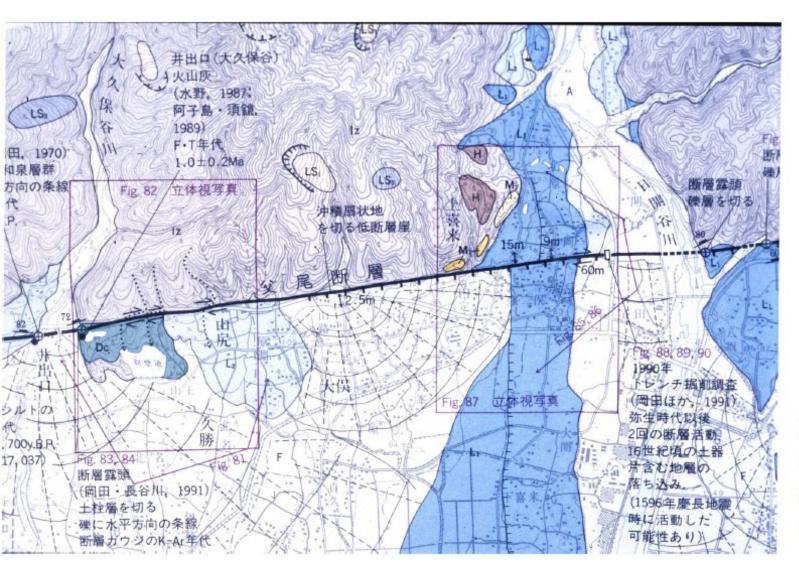


Japanese active fault map (from Okada and Ooi field trip guide, 2006)

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Fig.5-3 Oblique aerial photograph of fault scarp and fault outcrop along the Chichio fault, Awa City. View is to the northeast. Photo taken by A.Okada.





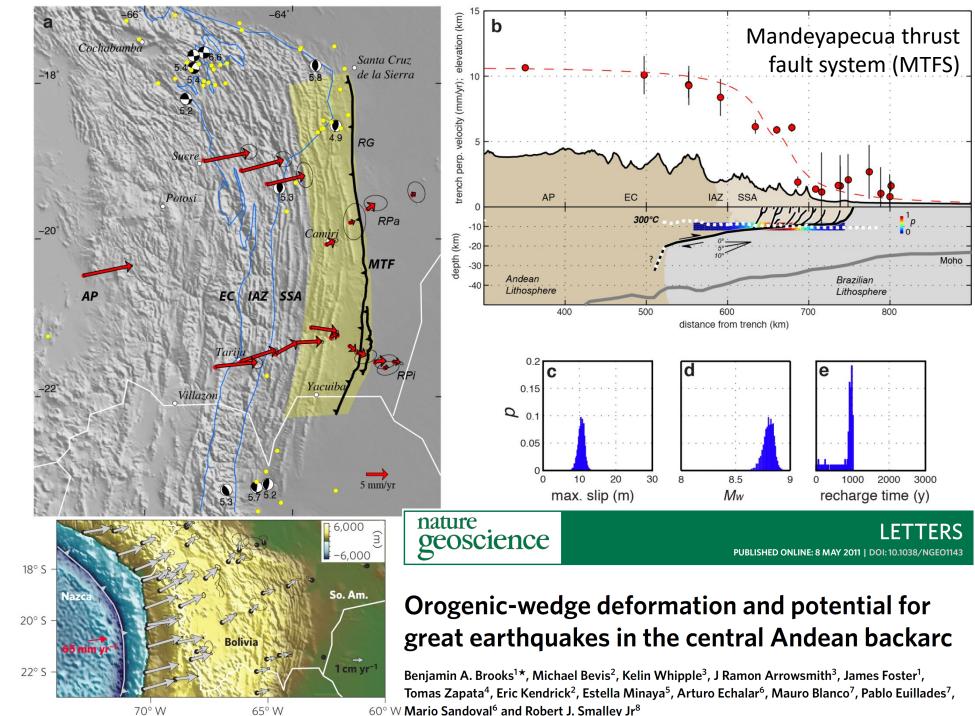
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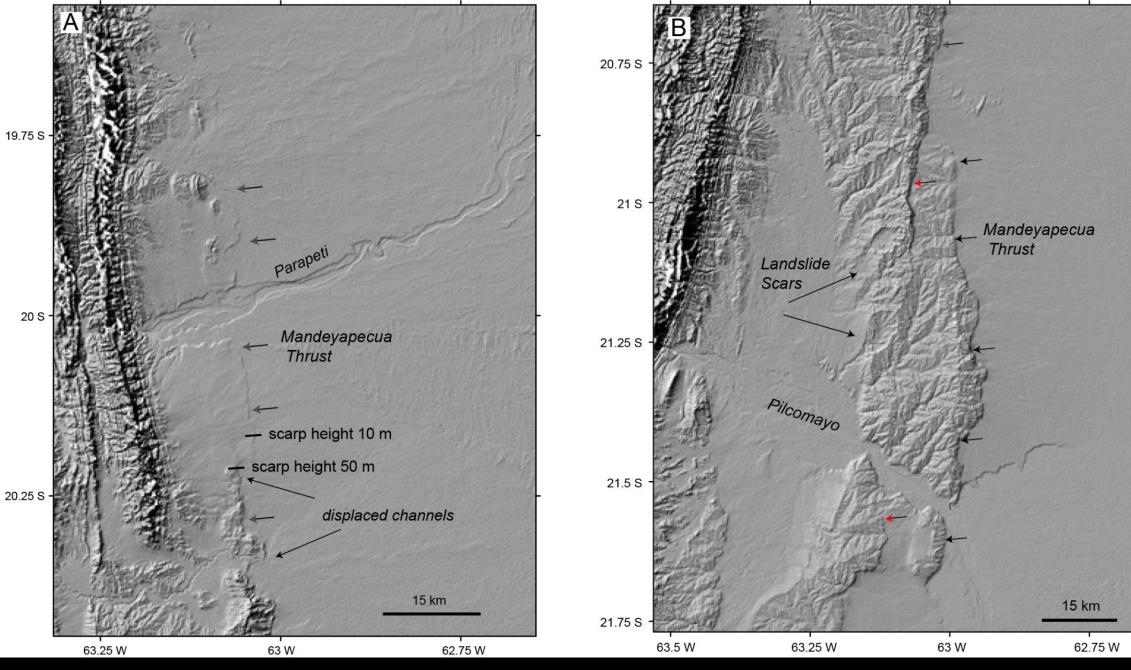


Fig.5-4 Right-laterally offset streams and fault notches at Ideguchi, Awa City, Tokushima Prefecture. Stereo-pair of aerial photographs by Geographical Survey Institute.

Heuristics by demonstration: examples of fault maps: Bolivia eastern Andean foreland thrust fault

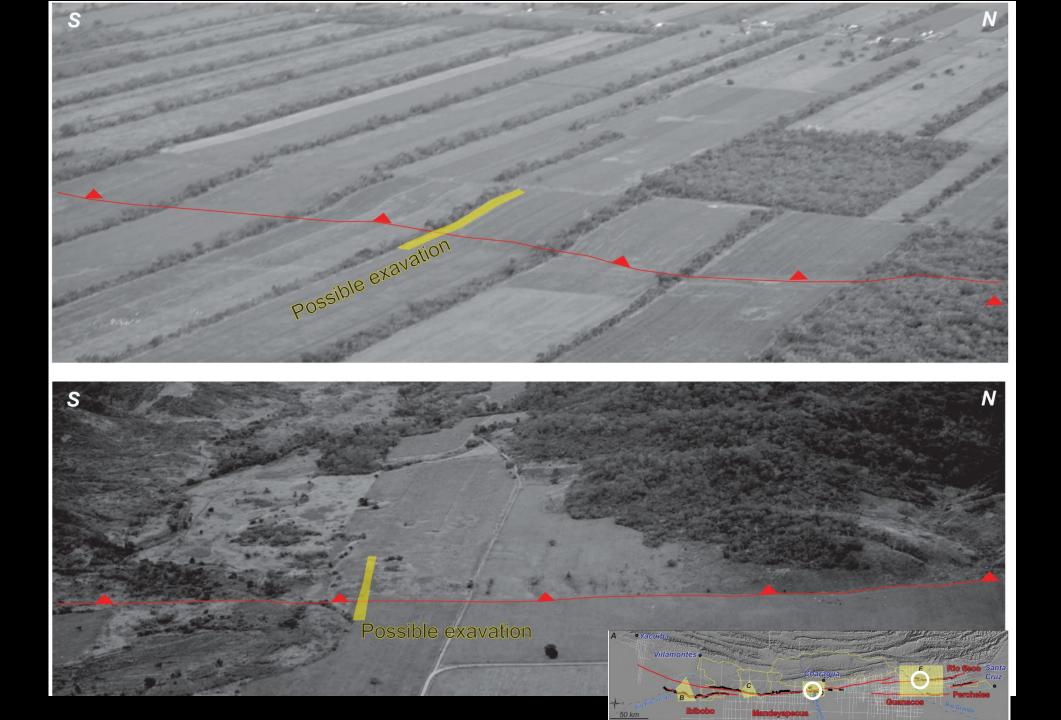


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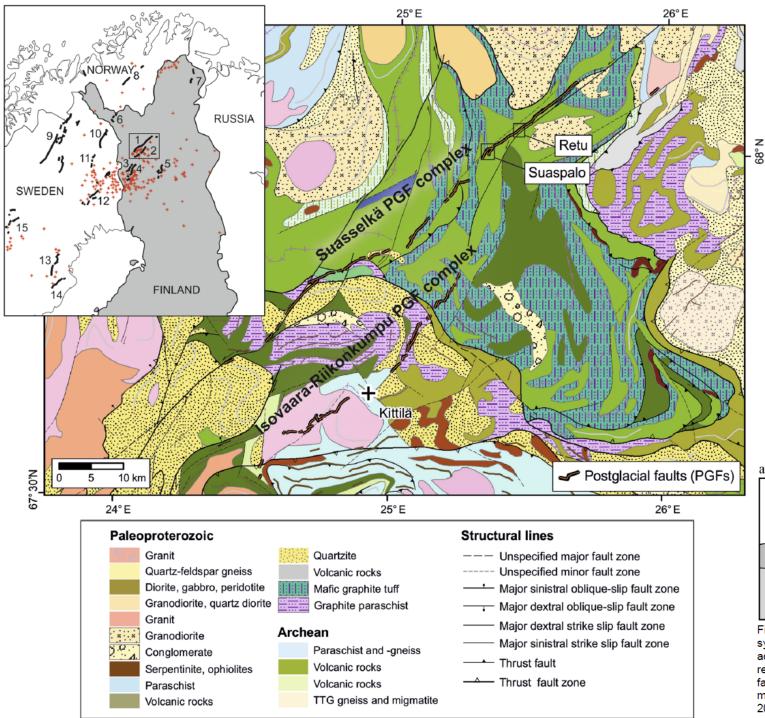


Big fault scarps in SRTM 90 m DEM!





Heuristics by demonstration: examples of fault maps: Fennoscandian post glacial faulting



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#### **ORIGINAL PAPER**

#### Postglacial reactivation of the Suasselkä PGF complex in SW Finnish Lapland

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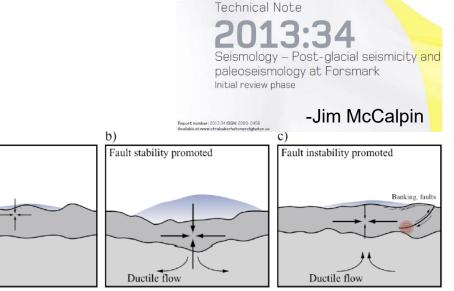
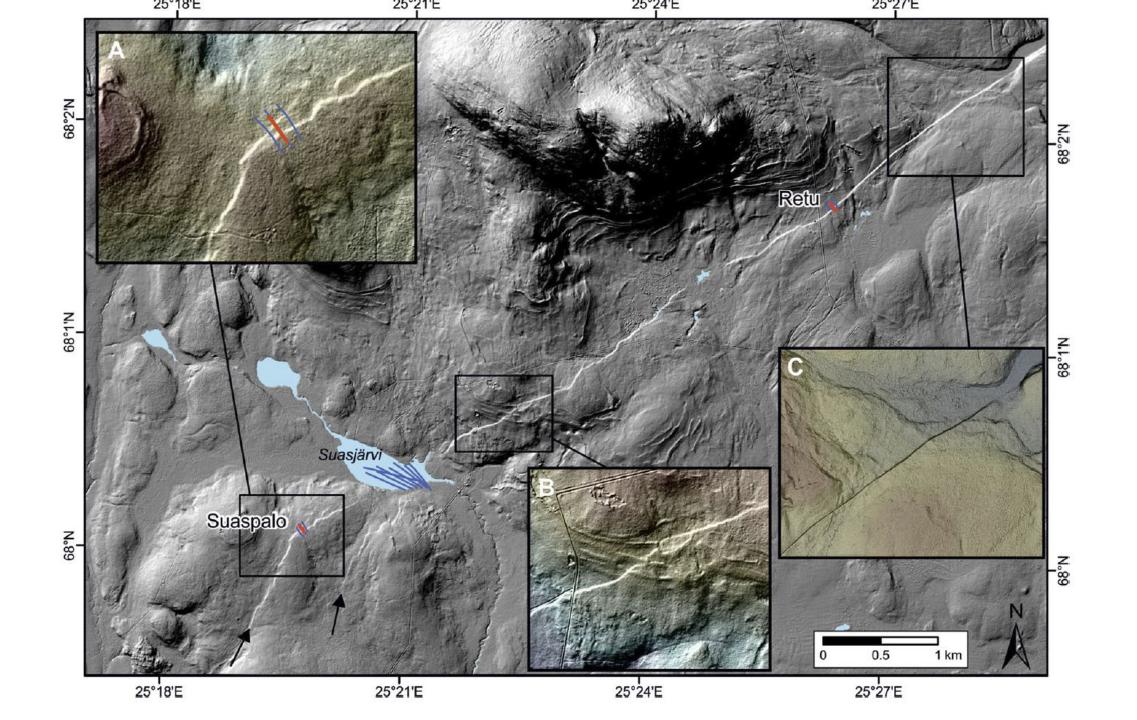
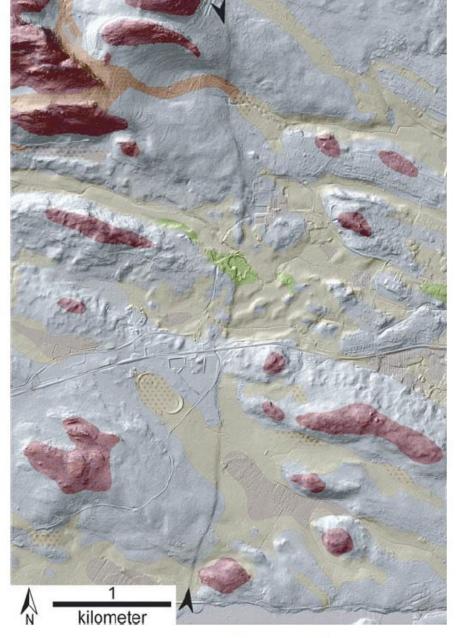
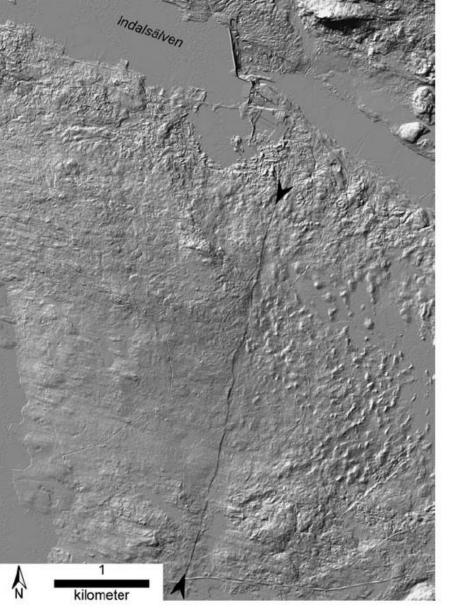


Fig. 5. Schematic cartoon illustrating how the stress field changes during the pre (a) syn (b) and c) post glacial times. During the growth of the glacier, horizontal tectonic stresses accumulate while differential compressibility promotes fault stability. Mantle material flows, relatively slowly, from beneath the glacier. When the glacier retreats, differential stresses promotes fault instability, in particular on gently dipping faults oriented perpendicular to σ1. Mantle material flows back, and the crust is slowly regaining its state of equilibrium. (From Munier and Fenton, 2004, p. 197)









Henrik Mikko, Colby A. Smith, Björn Lund, Maria V.S. Ask & Raymond Munier (2015) LiDAR-derived inventory of post-glacial fault scarps in Sweden, GFF, 137:4, 334-338, DOI: 10.1080/11035897.2015.1036360

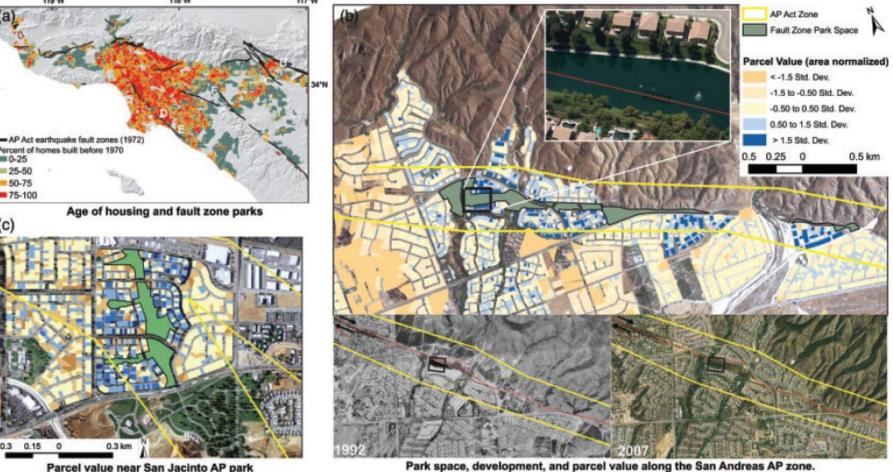
*Fig. 3.* A surficial geologic map (Mikko et al. 2011) laid over the LiDAR-derived DEM of the Bollnäs area. The scarp, marked by the arrows, cuts multiple units of glacial sediment. Bedrock is red, till is blue, glaciofluvial sediment is green, clay/silt is light tan and organic sediment is dark tan.

*Fig. 4.* LiDAR-derived DEM showing the Lillsjöhögen scarp in Jämtland. The feature crosscuts streamlined glacial landforms that were created by westward flowing ice.

Unexpected consequences of fault zone delineation and regulation

Toke, N. A., Boone, C. G., Arrowsmith, J R., Fault Zone Regulation, Seismic Hazard, and Social Vulnerability in Los Angeles, California: Hazard or Urban Amenity? Earth's Future, Volume 2, Issue 9, Pages: 440-457, DOI: 10.1002/2014EF000241, 2014.

"Despite hazard disclosures, social vulnerability is lowest within AP regulatory zones and vulnerability increases with distance from them. Because the AP Act requires building setbacks from active faults, newer developments in these zones are bisected by parks. Parcel-level analysis demonstrates that homes adjacent to these fault zo ne parks are the most valuable in their neighborhoods."



Park space, development, and parcel value along the San Andreas AP zone



Hilltop Development on Newport-Inglewood Fault



Park space along the Newport-Inglewood Fault



Golf course along CF

## Mapping and image interpretation

### **Basic considerations for interpretation**

- Shape: general form, configuration, outline of individual objects.
- Size: consider in context of image scale
- Pattern: spatial arrangement of objects (e.g., orchard)
- Tone: relative brightness or color of objects on an image
- Texture: frequency of tonal change (smoothness or coarseness)
- Shadows: gives profile view of object and implies relative heights
- Site: refers to geographic or topographic location; what do you expect to be there?
- Association: occurrence of certain features in relation to others
- Resolution: what is the finest thing you can see?
- Targets: identify main features you want to emphasize on your map

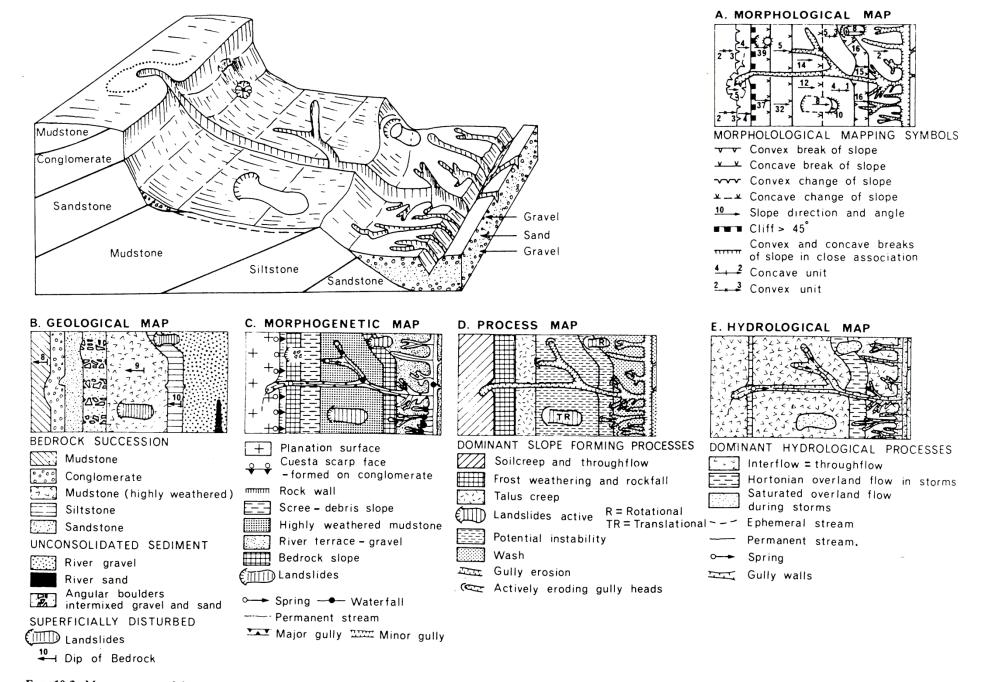


FIG. 10.3. Maps are some of the most common landscape models. These maps show various features and interpretations of one landscape represented in a block diagram. Such maps are very useful for recording field observations. (Modified and extended from Brunsden *et al.* 1975.)