



# Bharathidasan University

## Tiruchirappalli – 620 023, Tamil Nadu

6 Yr. Int. **M.Tech. Geological Technology and Geoinformatics**

Course Code : **MTISC0206G**  
**INTRODUCTION TO GEOTECHNOLOGY**

**Unit-2 Lithology, Structure & Geomorphology**

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# Course Objectives

- To know the content and familiarize the courses of this entire programme
- To study the basics and concepts of major disciplines in Geological Technology
- To understand the importance of Geoinformatics and its applications
- To learn the application of Geological Technology and Geoinformatics in natural resources mapping
- To learn the application of Geoinformatics in natural disaster mitigation.

# MTISC-0206G - INTRODUCTION TO GEOTECHNOLOGY ---- 3 credits

## 1. Earth System Processes:

6hrs

Earth Sciences: Definition, Branches of Earth Sciences, Scope and importance of Earth Sciences

Earth System Processes: Origin, interior & age of the Earth – Plate tectonics – Formation of Continents & Oceans – Mountain building activities – origin of rivers – Physiography of the Earth.

## 2. Lithology, Structure, Geomorphology:

12hrs

Lithology: Rock forming minerals – Igneous, Sedimentary & Metamorphic Rocks – Stratigraphy.

Structure: Folds, faults, geotectonics and their significance.

Geomorphology: Various Geomorphic Processes – Regional Geomorphology of India – Geological Ecosystems.

## 3. Natural Resources and Disasters:

12hrs

Natural Resources: Mineral Provinces of India and exploration strategies – Hydrocarbon provinces of India and exploration strategies–Water Resources and exploration strategies. Soil, Forest & Biomass and Marine resources.

Natural Disasters: Geodynamic Processes and Natural Disasters (Seismicities – Landslides – Floods – Tsunami – Other Natural Disasters).

## 4. Remote Sensing Based Mapping:

12hrs

Aerial Remote Sensing – Satellite Remote Sensing Principles – Digital Image Processing concepts – GPS based mobile mapping principles – Image interpretation principles for Geotechnology.

## 5. Geoinformatics:

6hrs

Definition & Concepts – Input Sources (Satellite, Aerial & Ground based) - Computer based Geospatial data base generation – data modeling on Natural Resources, Eco Systems & Natural Disasters – Information Systems.

# Course Outcomes

After the successful completion of this course, the students are able to:

- Create subject interest amongst the students joined in this programme and gain knowledge on variety of sub disciplines that they can choose for their future.
- Understand the scope and importance of the Geological Technology and Geoinformatics subjects.
- Provide a brief exposure to the course works of entire 6 year programme.
- Brief exposure to the advanced and computerized tools in Geoinformatics and their applications to Geology, Natural Resources and Natural Disasters.
- Understand the concepts of mapping using Remote Sensing Satellites, Aerial Photography and Digital Image Processing.
- Know the concepts of Geospatial / Geoinformatics Technology based database generation, modeling and information systems.



# INTRODUCTION TO GEOTECHNOLOGY

## UNIT – II LITHOLOGY, STRUCTURE, GEOMORPHOLOGY

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# LITHOLOGY

- ▣ Study of rock types exposed as outcrops on the surface of the Earth, their physical and chemical characters and represent their spatial distribution horizontally in a map or vertically in a graph is known as lithology.
- ▣ Rocks are composed of one or several rock forming minerals / crystals – mostly of Silicates of Aluminium, Sodium, Calcium, Potassium, etc.
- ▣ Other rock forming minerals are: Oxides, Sulphides, Carbonates, etc.

# Minerals:

- Mineral is a naturally occurring inorganic solid substance that is characterized with a definite chemical composition and very often with a definite atomic structure.
- In nature more than two thousand minerals are known to occur.
- These minerals generally occur in group and form a rock.

# How does the crystals/minerals formed?

Igneous

Evaporites

- **Crystals** are formed either from **magma**, **solution** or **vapour** saturated with a chemical compound at slow decreasing of temperature and pressure conditions.

Sublimates  
/ Fumeroles

**Crystalline rock** masses have consolidated from aqueous solution or from molten magma.

- The vast majority of igneous rocks belong to this group and the **degree of crystallization** depends primarily on the conditions under which they solidified.



## **Rock forming minerals :**

- The common minerals that constitute the main composition of the rock are called rock forming minerals.
- Though there are thousands of minerals only few minerals form the great bulk of the rocks of the crust of the earth.
- Even among this only 25% or so make up almost 99.5% of common rocks.
- There are three groups which covers most of the common rock forming minerals.
  - **Silicates**
  - **Oxides**
  - **Carbonates**

## Common Elements in Earth's Crust

ELEMENT	SYMBOL	PERCENTAGE OF CRUST (by weight)	PERCENTAGE OF CRUST (by atoms)
Oxygen	O	46.6%	62.6%
Silicon	Si	27.7	21.2
Aluminum	Al	8.1	6.5
Iron	Fe	5.0	1.9
Calcium	Ca	3.6	1.9
Sodium	Na	2.8	2.6
Potassium	K	2.6	1.4
Magnesium	Mg	2.1	1.8
All others		1.5	0.1

# SILICATE MINERALS

- ❖ FELDSPAR GROUP
- ❖ PYROXENE GROUP
- ❖ AMPHIBOLE GROUP
- ❖ MICA GROUP ...

## OXIDE MINERALS – Magnetite, Haematite...

## CARBONATE MINERALS – Magnesite, Calcite...

## MINERALS of SULFATES, SULPHIDES, PHOSPHATES, HALIDES, etc.,



## Rock-Forming Minerals

MINERAL	COMPOSITION	PRIMARY OCCURRENCE
<b>Ferromagnesian silicates</b>		
Olivine	$(\text{Mg,Fe})_2\text{SiO}_4$	Igneous, metamorphic rocks
Pyroxene group		
Augite most common	Ca, Mg, Fe, Al silicate	Igneous, metamorphic rocks
Amphibole group		
Hornblende most common	Hydrous* Na, Ca, Mg, Fe, Al silicate	Igneous, metamorphic rocks
Biotite	Hydrous K, Mg, Fe silicate	All rock types
<b>Nonferromagnesian silicates</b>		
Quartz	$\text{SiO}_2$	All rock types
Potassium feldspar group		
Orthoclase, microcline	$\text{KAlSi}_3\text{O}_8$	All rock types
Plagioclase feldspar group	Varies from $\text{CaAl}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8$ to $\text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_3$	All rock types
Muscovite	Hydrous K, Al silicate	All rock types
Clay mineral group	Varies	Soils and sedimentary rocks
<b>Carbonates</b>		
Calcite	$\text{CaCO}_3$	Sedimentary rocks
Dolomite	$\text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$	Sedimentary rocks
<b>Sulfates</b>		
Anhydrite	$\text{CaSO}_4$	Sedimentary rocks
Gypsum	$\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	Sedimentary rocks
<b>Halides</b>		
Halite	$\text{NaCl}$	Sedimentary rocks

\*Contains elements of water in some kind of union.



# SILICATE GROUP:

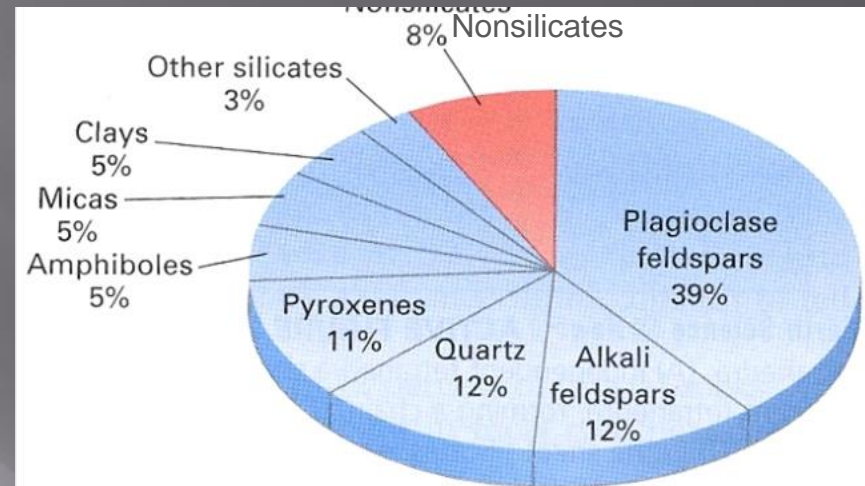
- About 92% of the earth crust is made up of silicates

- Most common silicate minerals are made up of chiefly a few of the following nine elements

( Na, K, AL, Ca, Mg, Fe, Li, Si and O ) -----  $\text{SiO}_4$

**Tetrahedron**

- It can be an independent tetrahedron or doubly linked tetrahedron and complex-linked tetrahedron. ----- Chain structures, sheet structures and network structures



**Figure 2.16** The silicate minerals compose 92 percent of the Earth's crust. Feldspar alone makes up about 50 percent of the crust, and pyroxene and quartz constitute another 23 percent. Source: Modified from Klein, *Manual of Mineral Science*, 22nd ed., John Wiley & Sons, Inc, 2002



**Table 2–5 Common rock-forming silicate minerals**

Silicate mineral	Composition	Physical properties
Quartz	Silicon dioxide (silica, SiO <sub>2</sub> )	Hardness of 7. (on scale of 1 to 10); will not cleave (fractures unevenly); specific gravity: 2.65
Potassium feldspar group	Aluminosilicates of potassium	Hardness of 6.0–6.5; cleaves well in two directions; pink or white; specific gravity: 2.5–2.6
Plagioclase feldspar group	Aluminosilicates of sodium and calcium	Hardness of 6.0–6.5; cleaves well in two directions; white or gray; may show striations on cleavage planes; specific gravity: 2.6–2.7
Muscovite mica	Aluminosilicates of potassium with water	Hardness of 2–3; cleaves perfectly in one direction, yielding flexible thin plates; colorless; transparent in thin sheets; specific gravity: 2.8–3.0
Biotite mica	Aluminosilicates of magnesium, iron, potassium, with water	Hardness of 2.5–3.0; cleaves perfectly in one direction, yielding flexible thin plates; black to dark brown; specific gravity: 2.7–3.2
Pyroxene group	Silicates of aluminum, calcium, magnesium, and iron	Hardness of 5–6; cleaves in two directions at 90°; black to dark green; specific gravity: 3.1–3.5
Amphibole group	Silicates of aluminum, calcium, magnesium, and iron	Hardness of 5–6; cleaves in two directions at 56° and 124°; black to dark green; specific gravity: 3.0–3.3
Olivine	Silicate of magnesium and iron	Hardness of 6.5–7.0; light green; transparent to translucent; specific gravity: 3.2–3.6
Garnet group	Aluminosilicates of iron, calcium, magnesium, and manganese	Hardness of 6.5–7.5; uneven fracture, red, brown, or yellow; specific gravity: 3.5–4.3

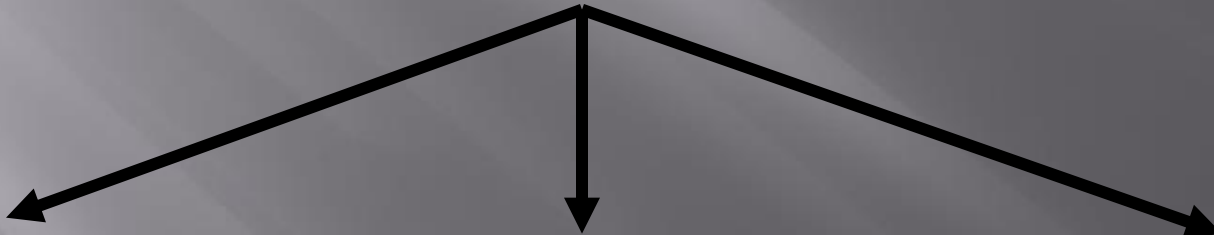
# CLASSIFICATION OF ROCK TYPES

*Rocks*

*Igneous*

*Sedimentary*

*Metamorphic*



# *IGNEOUS ROCKS*

## *Definition:*

“These are the rocks formed by the solidification of Magma either underneath the surface or above it”

“All the rocks that have formed from an originally hot molten material (Magma) through the process of cooling and crystallization”.

**Magma** - Hot molten material occurring naturally below the earth surface.

**Lava** - Erupted hot molten material (Magma)

- Magma can exist as a melt as long as physical and chemical environment surrounding it remains unchanged.
- If there is a change in temperature and pressure due to its upward movement – cooling and crystallization takes place.
- Both Magma and Lava become igneous rock on cooling.



## Magma Characteristics:

- Rocks are in hot molten stage
- Formed at greater depth
- Formed due to high temperature
  - ❖ Due to rise in temperature with depth
  - ❖ Radioactive material and related temperature
- Dominantly of melt with little crystalline or solid fraction and gaseous fraction
- Magma is a mobile melt so it is able to move upward and get consolidated.

# **IGNEOUS ROCKS**

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graph TD; A[IGNEOUS ROCKS] --> B[Intrusive  
(Rocks formed underneath the  
surface of earth)]; A --> C[Extrusive - Volcanic  
(Rocks formed due to consolidation  
of magma above the surface of our  
Earth)  
(eg: Basalt)]; B --> D[Plutonic  
Formed at greater depth  
(eg: Gabbro)]; B --> E[Hypabyssal  
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## **Plutonic**

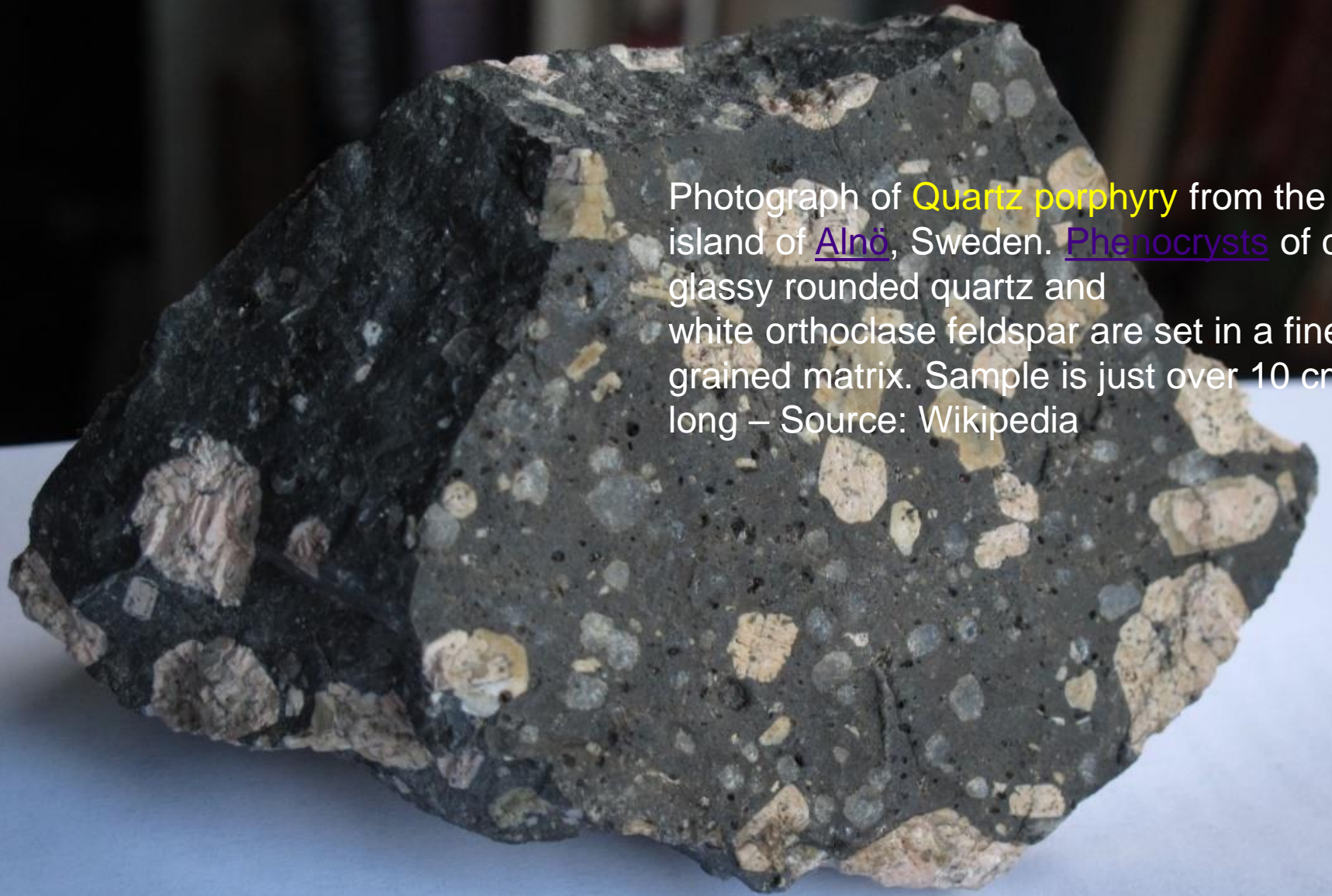
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(eg: Gabbro)**

## **Hypabyssal**

**Formed at shallow depth  
(eg: Dolerite)**

# Plutonic rocks:

- **Formed at considerable depths – generally 7 – 10 kms below the surface**
- **Very slow rate of cooling**
- **So coarse grained**
- **Exposed at the surface due to erosion of the overlying strata and Plate Tectonic upliftments.**



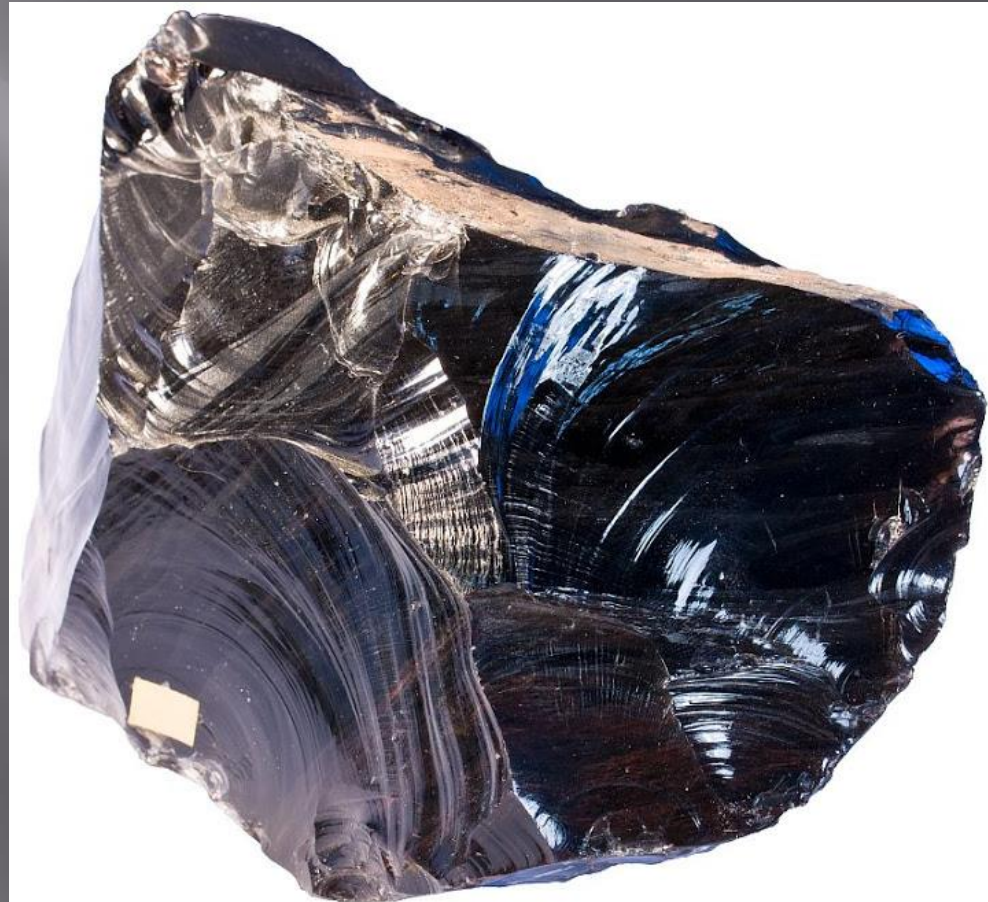
Photograph of **Quartz porphyry** from the island of [Alnö](#), Sweden. [Phenocrysts](#) of clear glassy rounded quartz and white orthoclase feldspar are set in a fine-grained matrix. Sample is just over 10 cm long – Source: Wikipedia



# Volcanic rocks:

- Formed at surface of the earth
- Very fast cooling rate because of atmosphere and water contact. (sudden chilling)
- So very fine grained or even glassy

Obsidian



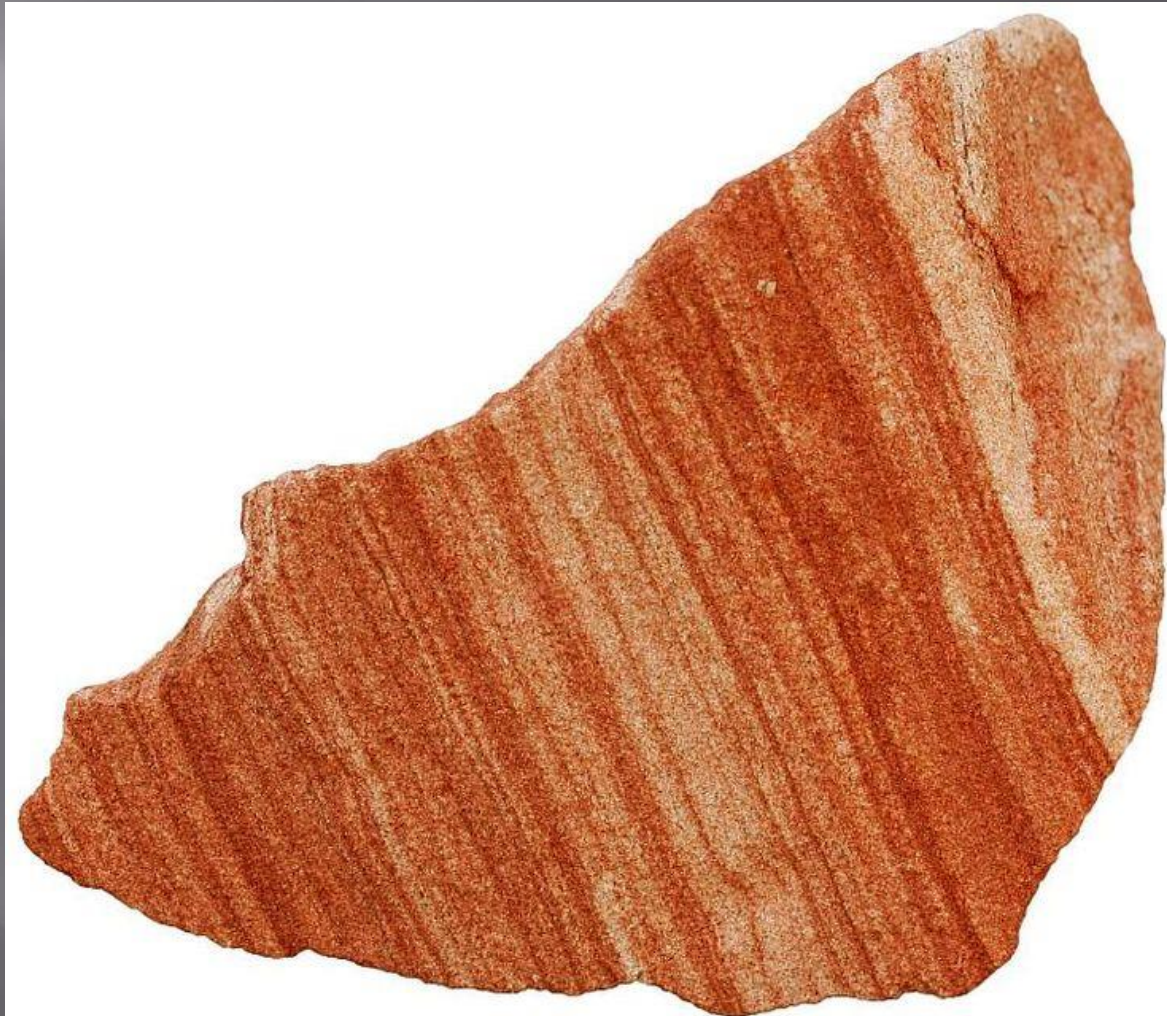
# SEDIMENTARY ROCKS

Rocks formed from the consolidation of sediments due to pressure.

Classified as clastic and non-clastic rocks.

These rocks will depict layering, sedimentary structures and textures

Sandstone





# METAMORPHIC ROCKS

Hornfels

Rocks that are formed due to deformation of preexisting rocks or sediments under high pressure and temperature conditions.

Melting / partial melting with recrystallization of minerals and ultimately deformed rocks will be formed.

Generally these rocks will depict gneissose or schistose structures with alteration rims.



# LITHOLOGICAL STUDIES

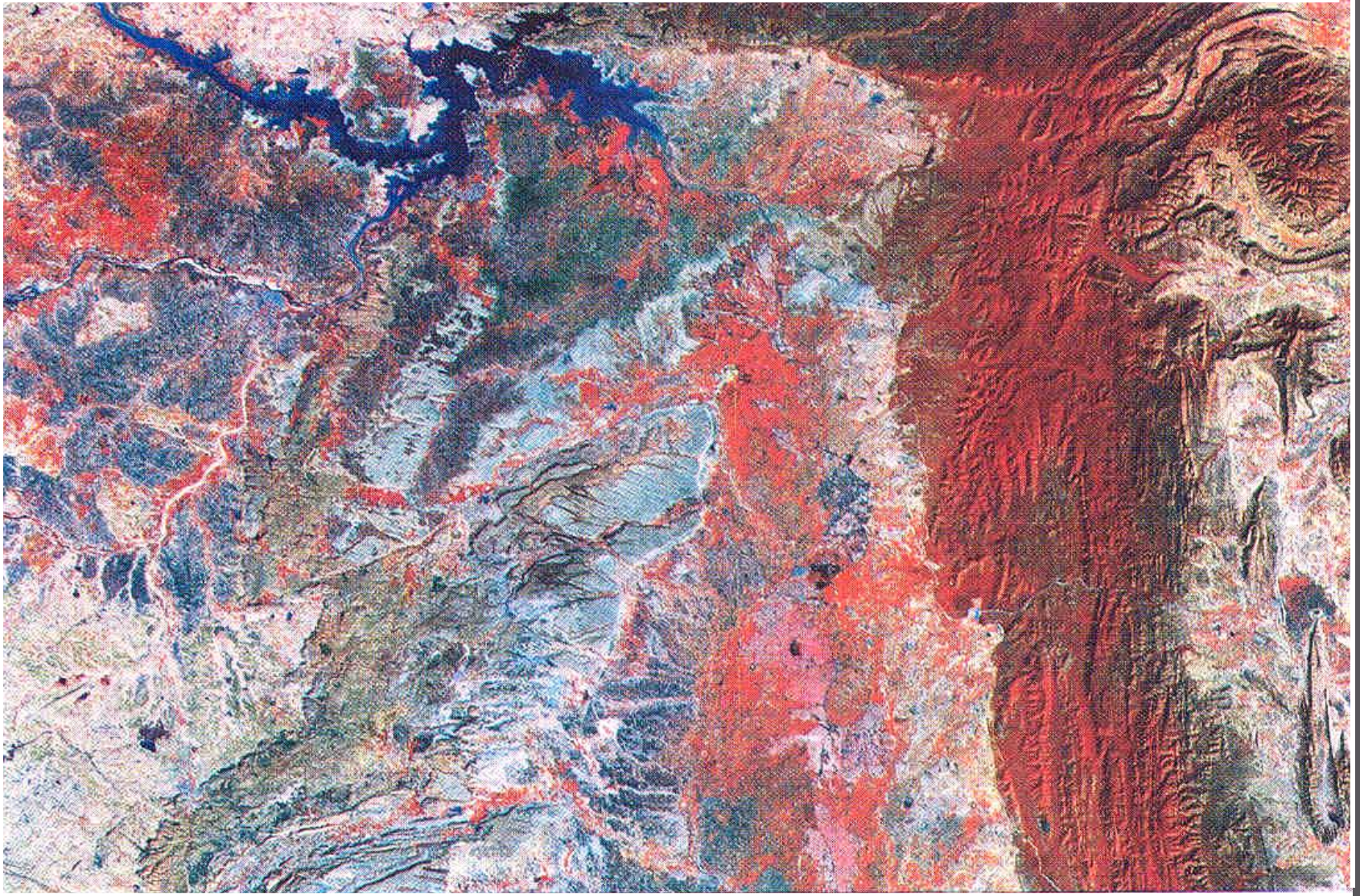


# GINGEE GRANITE





# LISS III – CUDDAPAH BASIN





# METAMORPHIC TERRAIN



# LITHOLOGICAL INTERPRETATION

## •*Land form*

- ❖ Strength of morphological out look
- ❖ Relation to climatological Conditions
- ❖ Stages of geomorphological development
- ❖ Mode of occurrences

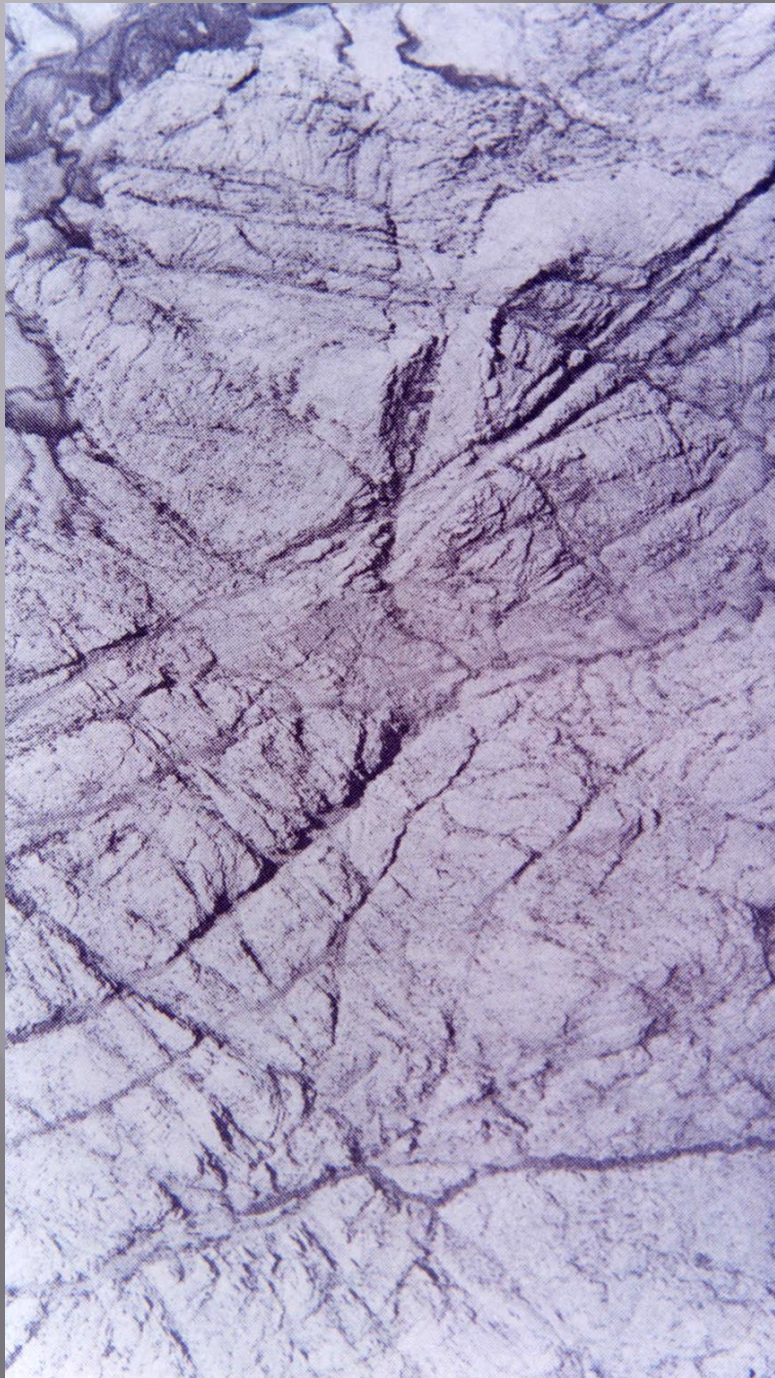
## •*Drainage*

- ❖ Pattern
- ❖ Texture

## •*Tone*

- ❖ In Non Vegetated area





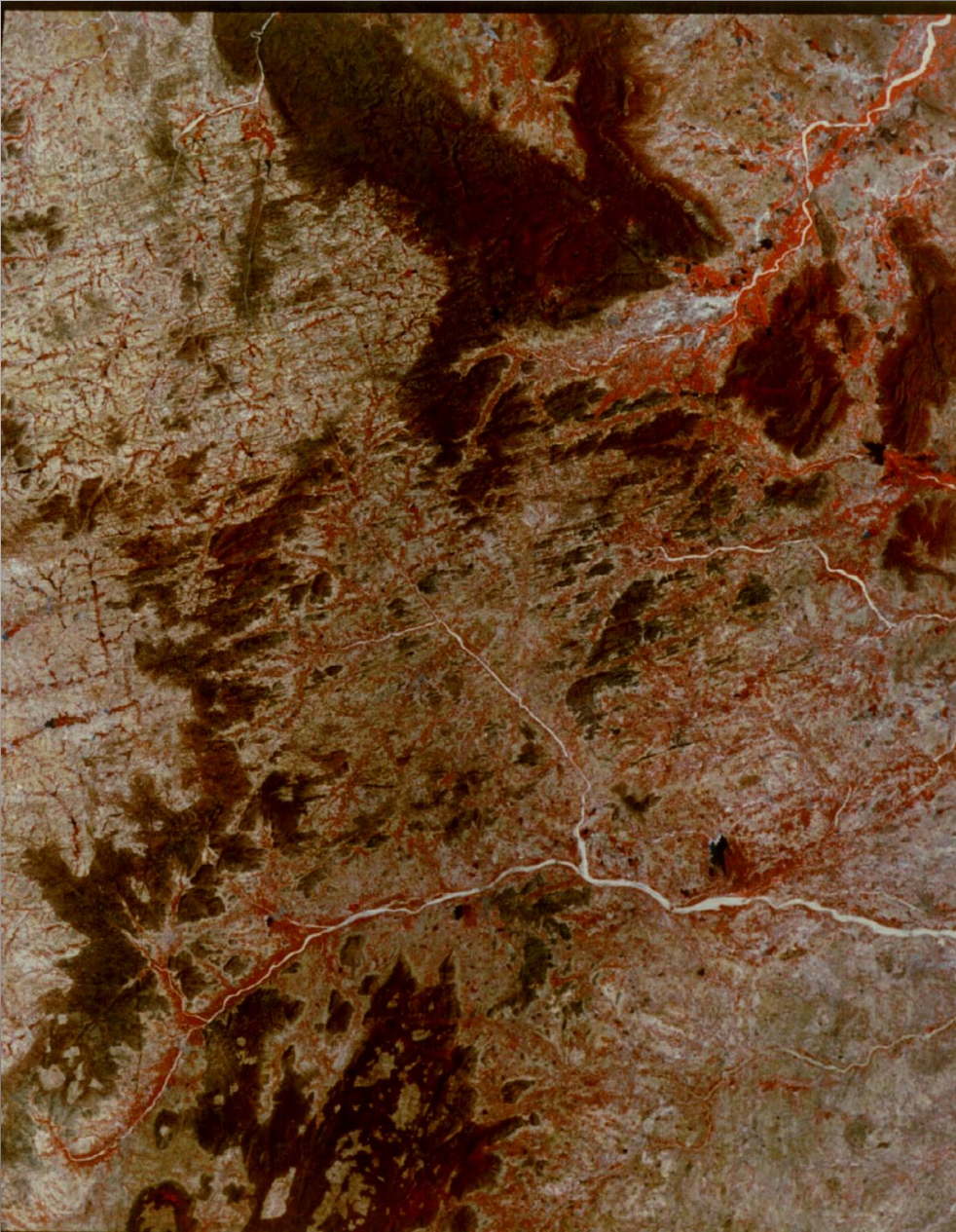
**Granite in arid terrain**





**Basaltic flow**





**Dyke swarms**



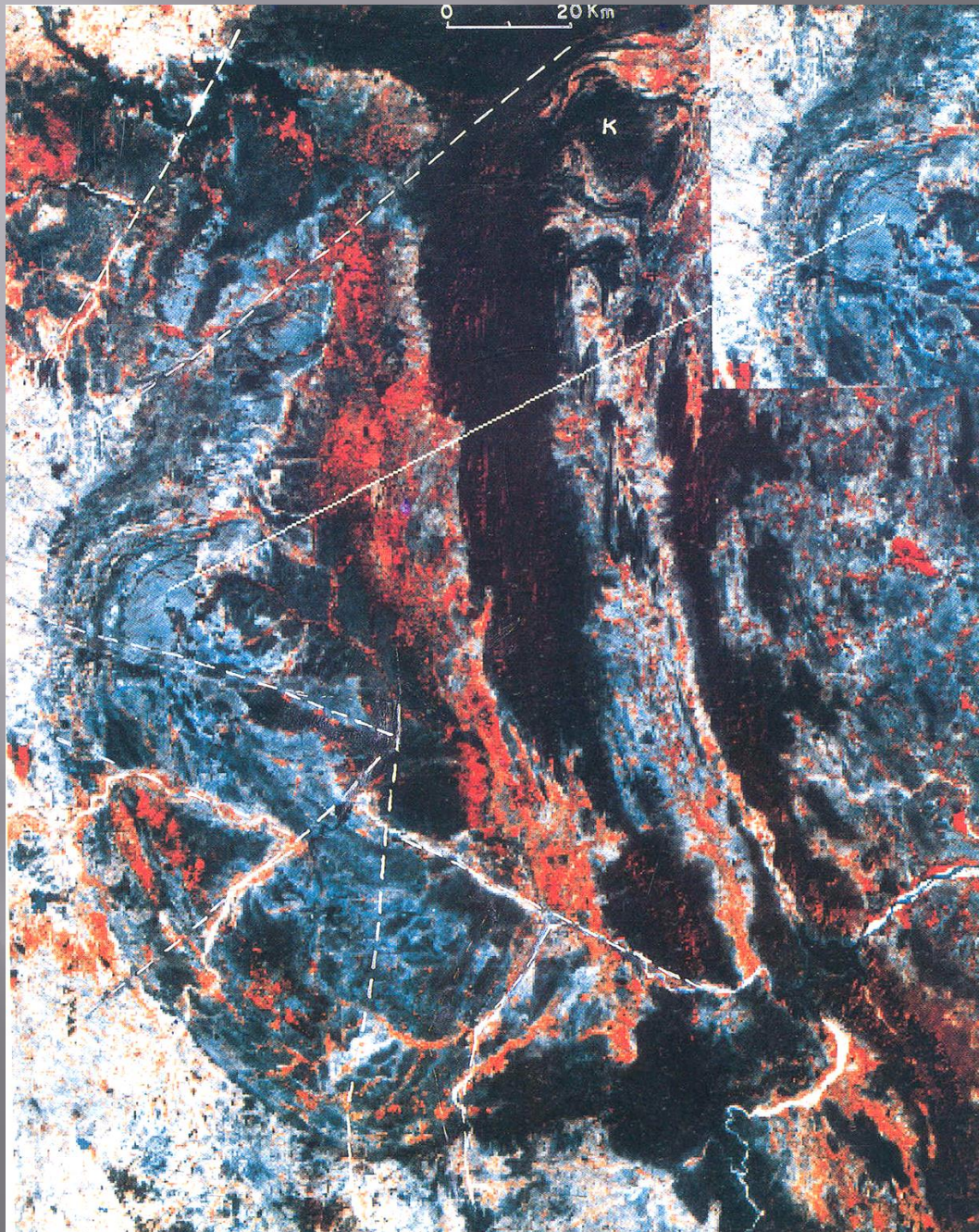
# SEDIMENTARY ROCKS

## CONSOLIDATED SEDIMENTS

- ❖ Differential resistance to erosion
- ❖ Tonal contrast
- ❖ Difference in permeability-related drainage
- ❖ Geomorphic features(Cuesta hills, plateau tops)

## UNCONSOLIDATED SEDIMENTS

- ❖ Land Forms: Dune, Alluvial plains  
Alluvial fans, terraces.
- ❖ Drainages:



# CUDDAPAH BASIN

WiFs FCC -



# CUDDAPAH BASIN

## IRS-1C LISS III

A-Paniam qtz

B-Owk shale

C-Nargi L.st

D-Banganpalli  
SST

E-Tadpatri  
shale

F-Basic sills

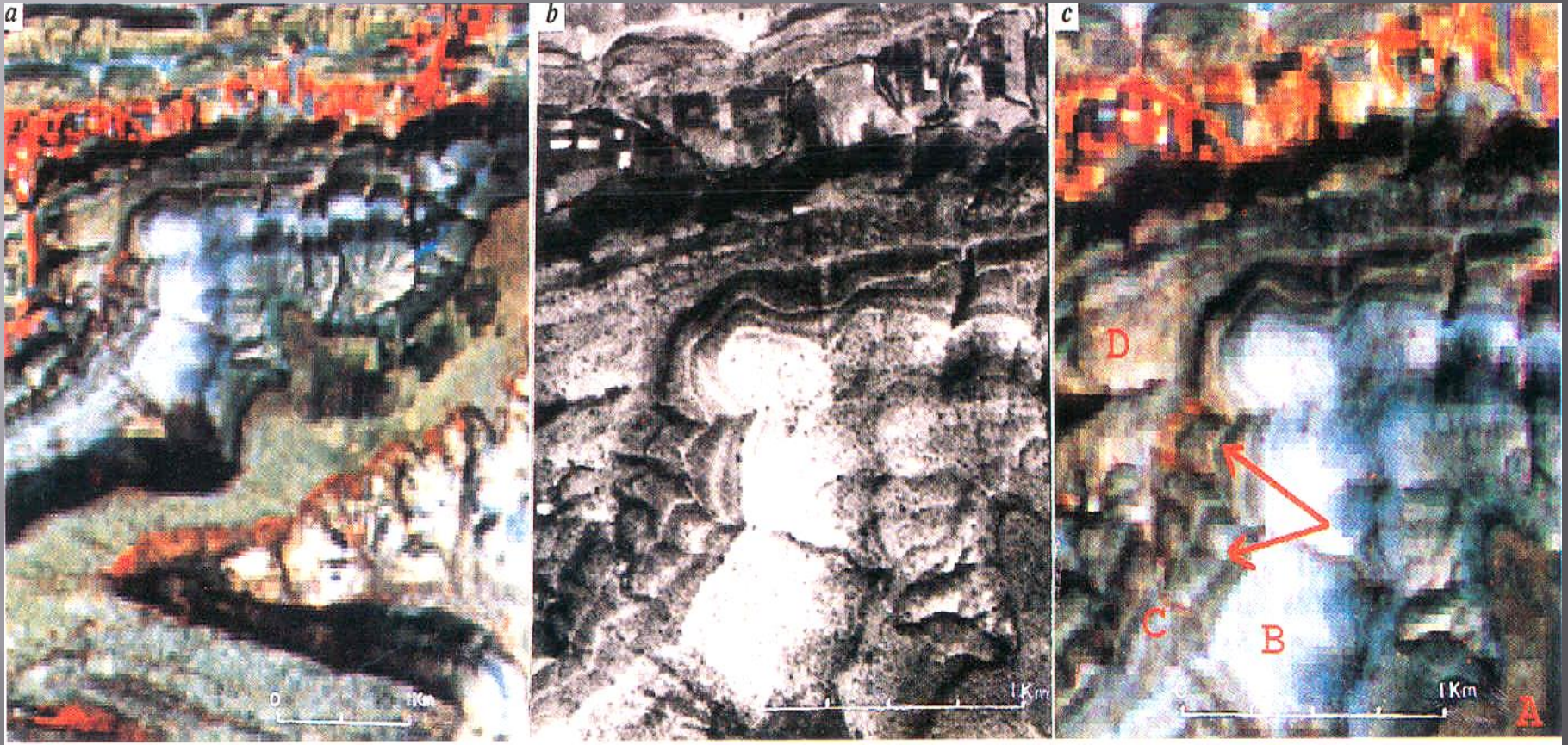
T-Dip facet

SF- Scarp face





# CUDDAPAH BASIN



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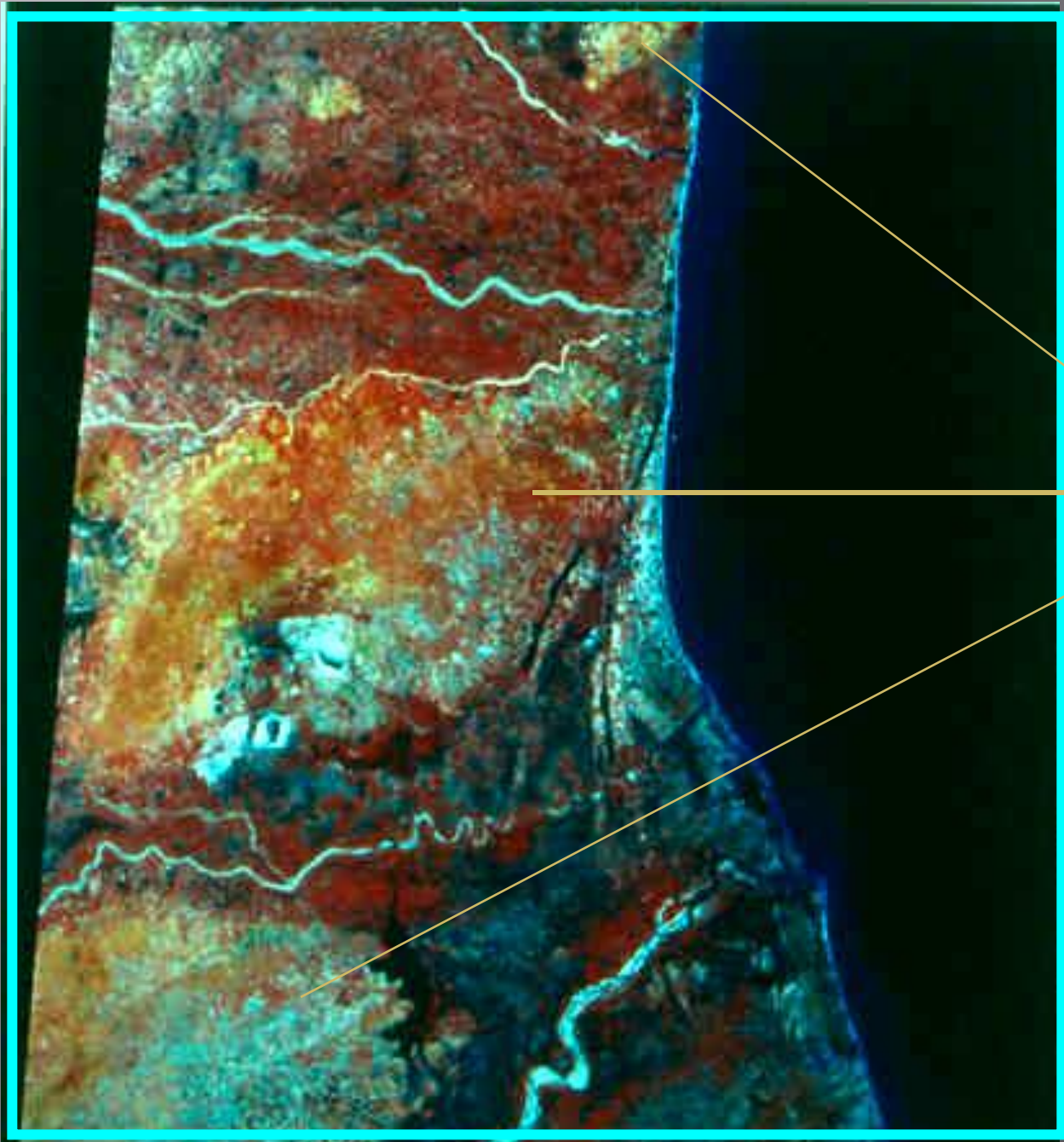
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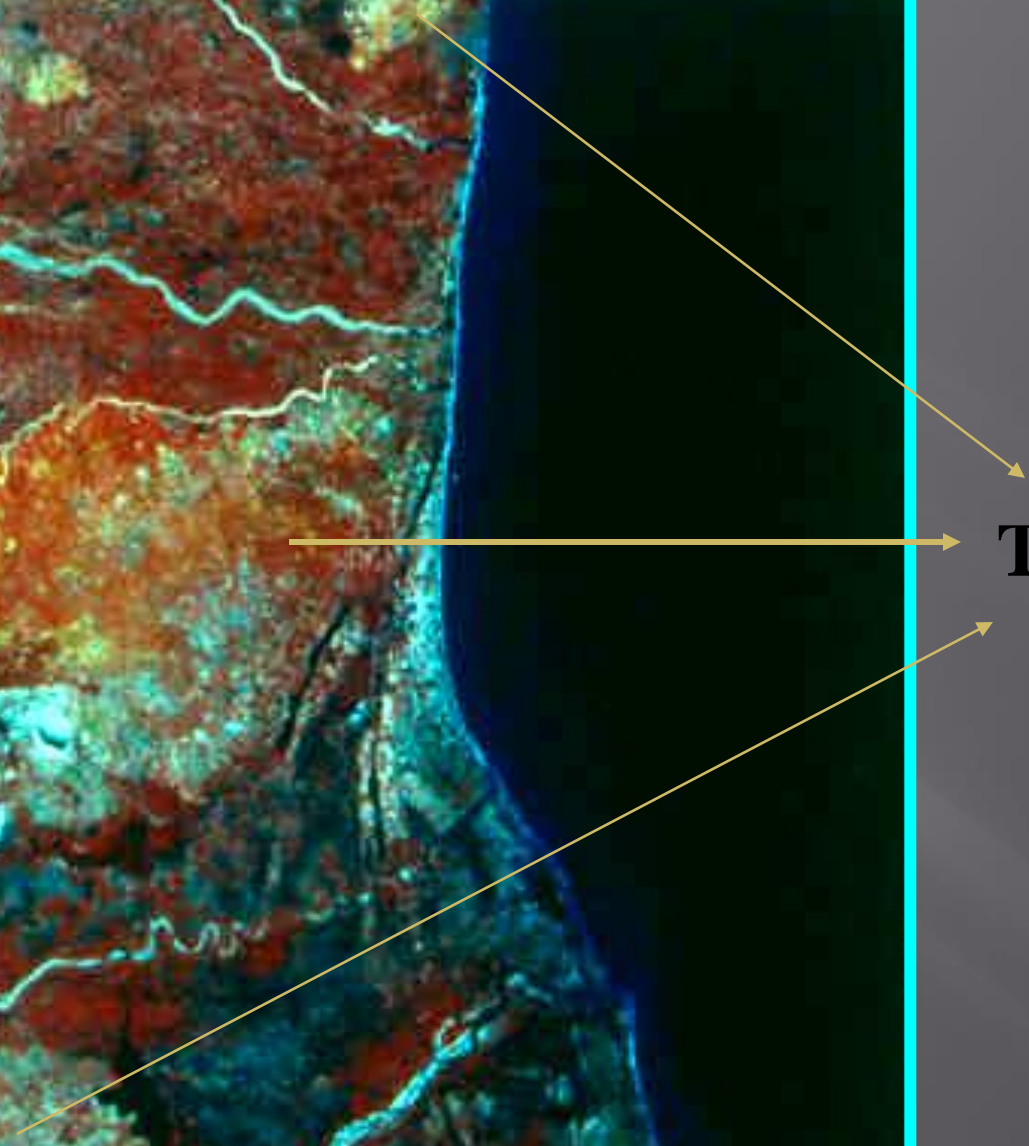
b) Pan

c)FCC - LISS III (43=RG) & Pan (Blue)





**Tertiary S.St**



# METAMORPHIC ROCKS

More difficult

*Significant:* Structural features

- a. Bedding- Flat, moderate, steep
- b. Folds, faults, joints

*Land forms:* Generally alternating  
ridges & valleys

*Drainage* : Generally parallel with  
dendritic and trellis



# IRS 1C - ARAVALLI





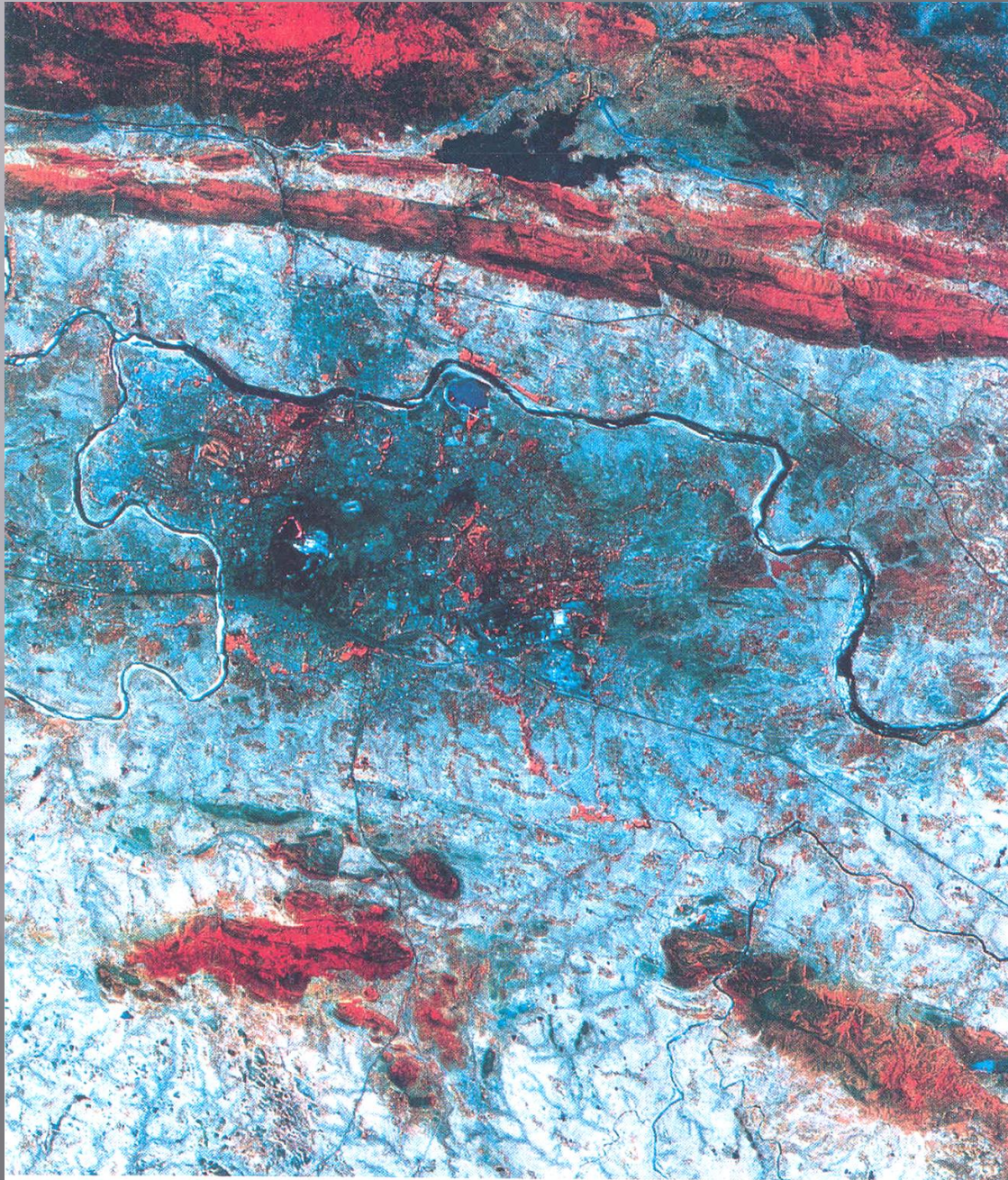


**Eastern ghats**



**ALWAR  
Quartzites**





# LISS III - JAMSHEDPUR



A photograph of a natural rock archway in a desert landscape. The arch is formed by two vertical rock pillars supporting a horizontal rock span. The rock shows clear horizontal layering and weathering. The sky is blue with light clouds. The text 'STRUCTURAL' is overlaid on the left side of the arch, and 'GEOLOGY' is overlaid on the right side of the arch.

*STRUCTURAL*

*GEOLOGY*



# STRUCTURE

- ▣ SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF GEOLOGICAL STRUCTURES, THEIR FORMATION, IMPORTANCE IS KNOWN AS STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY
- ▣ Folds, faults, geotectonics and their significance
- ▣ Folds and Faults are very important for the occurrence of variety of natural resources
- ▣ At the same time they help us in identifying and delineating disaster hazard zones
- ▣ Tectonic history of terrain can be easily understood by studying these structures and the formation

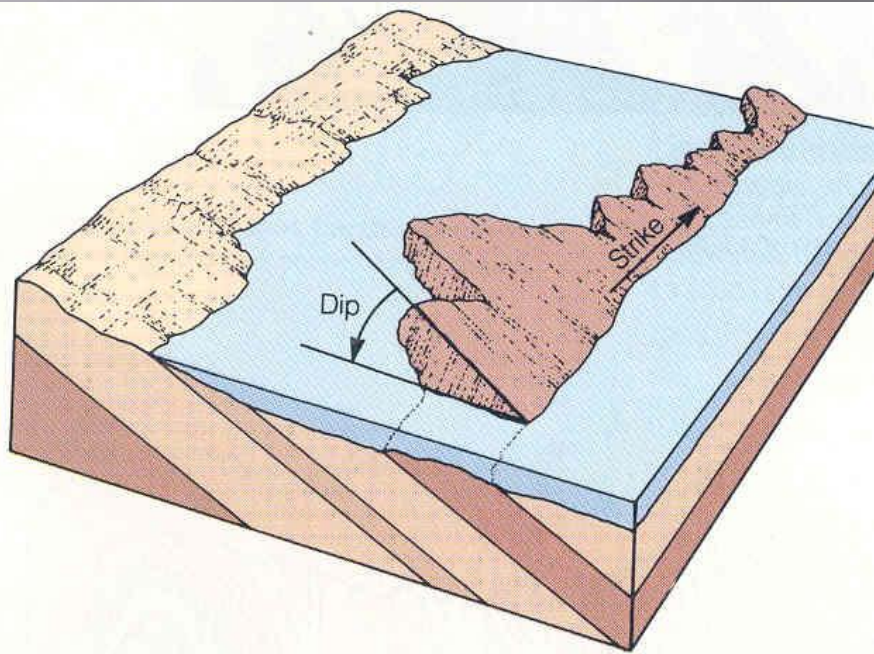


Horizontal  
bedding





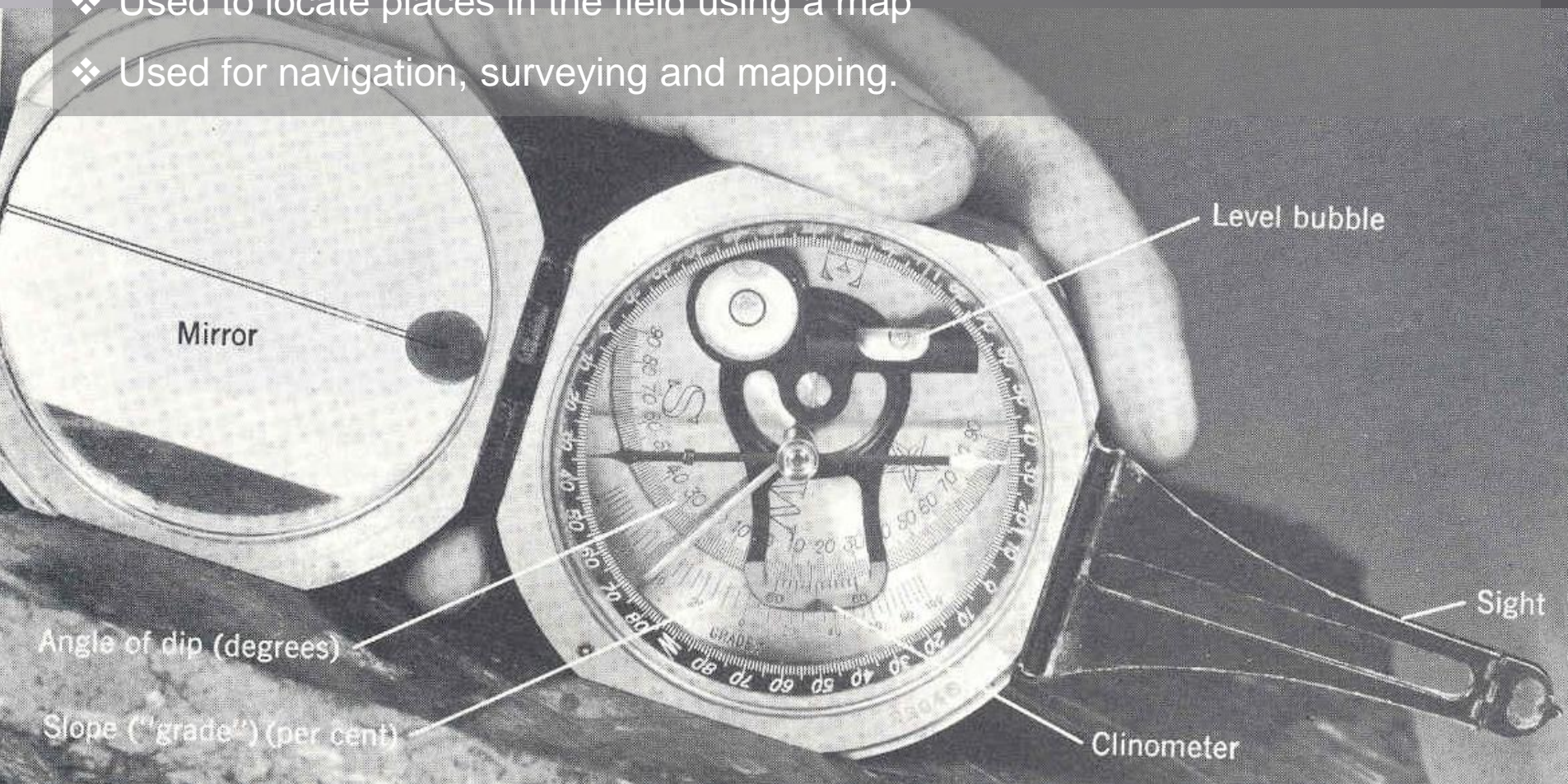






# Brunton Compass

- ❖ Used in field to measure attitudes of formations such as, Strike of the formation, Dip direction and amount of dip the formation, so as to understand the structural features of formations such as **anticline, syncline, basin, dome, doubly plunging syncline....Anticlinorium, Synclinorium & Faults - Normal fault, Reverse Fault, ....**
- ❖ Used to locate places in the field using a map
- ❖ Used for navigation, surveying and mapping.







## Inclined beds

(Tilted turbidite beds, Zumaya, Spain)











# Monocline

Bighorn Mountains, Wyoming







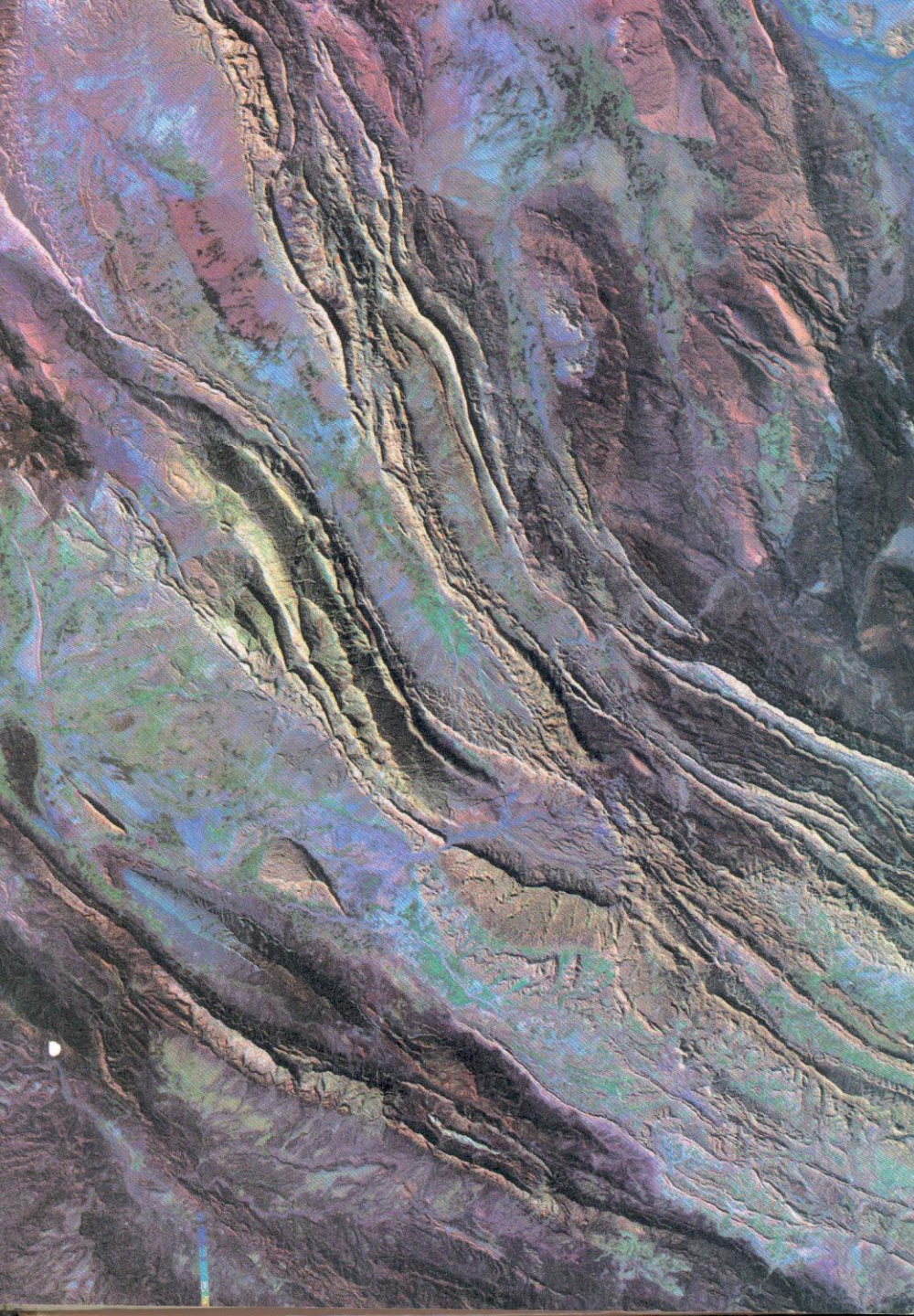














## Folded rocks, Kootenay National Park, British Columbia, Canada

It shows that anticlines and synclines do not necessarily correspond to mountains and valleys, respectively. Notice that the fold at the mountain peak is a syncline





## Plunging fold, Sheep mountain anticline, Wyoming

Surface view of the eroded, plunging anticline. This anticline plunges toward the observer





# Deformed accretionary wedge rocks (Franciscan Group, Marin county, California)



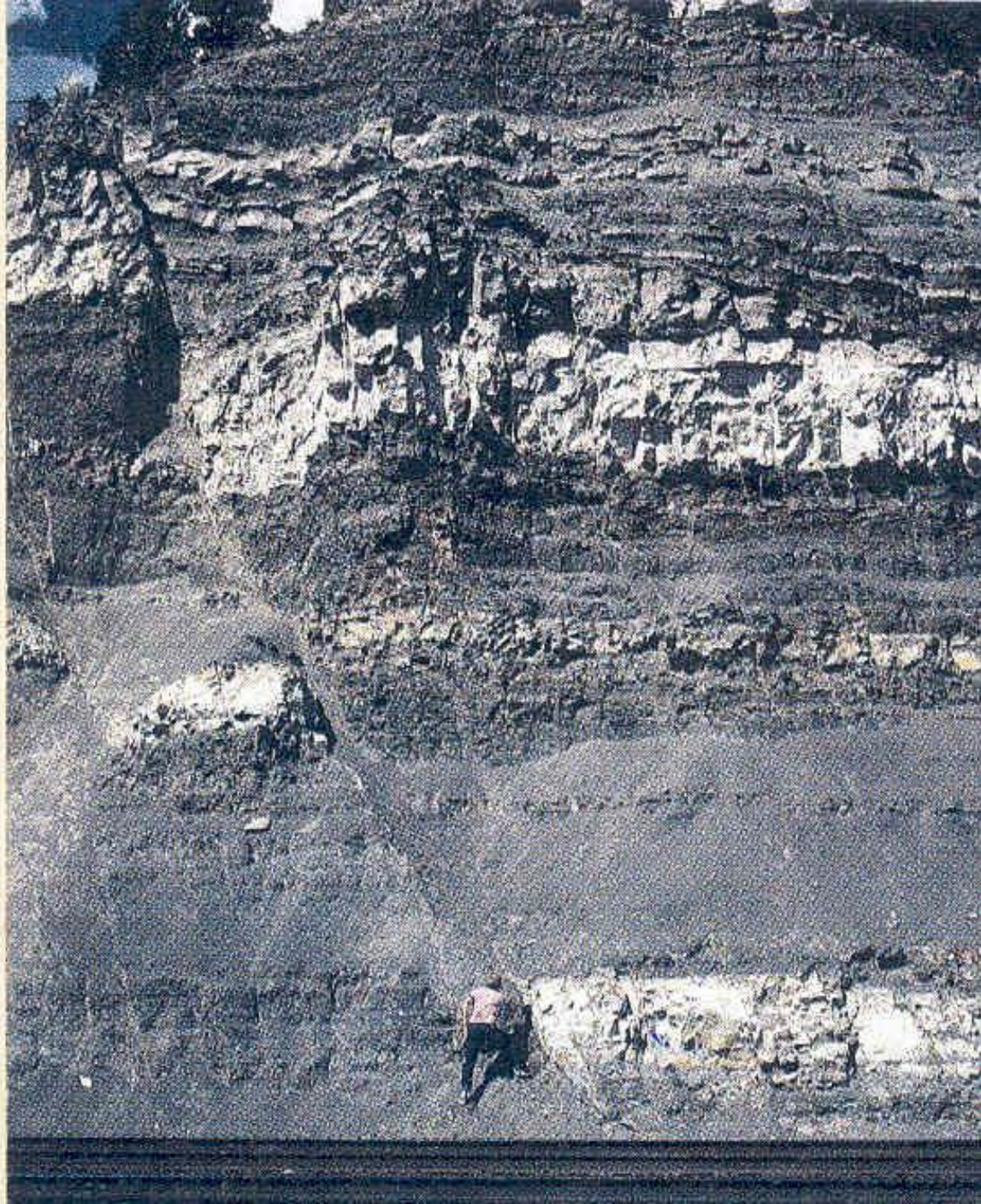


# Fault Breccia

Bighorn Mountains, Wyoming









# Reverse fault - (in welded tuff)







## Fault plane

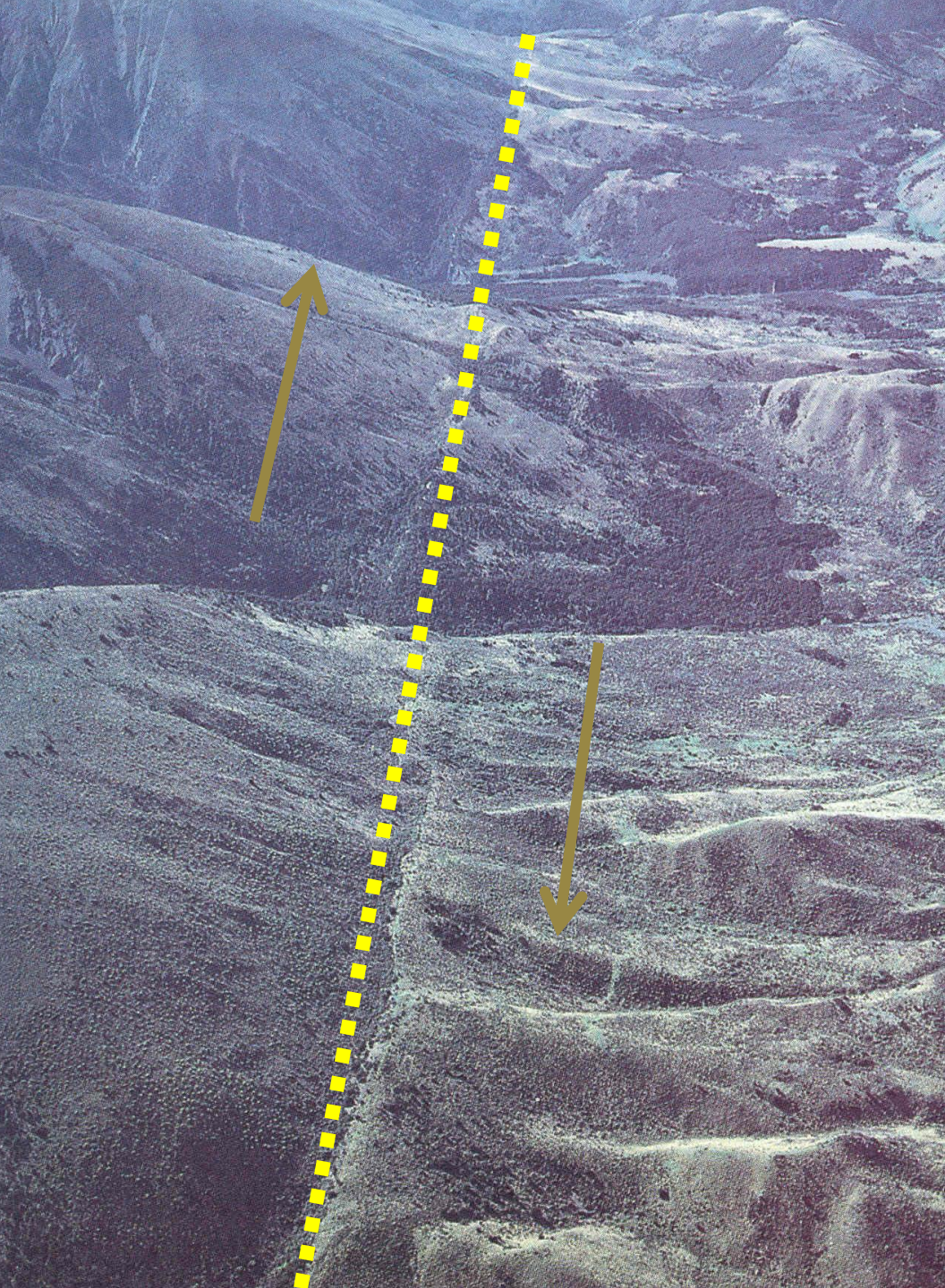
(polished, scratched  
fault plane and fault  
scarp)

Klamath falls,  
Oregon







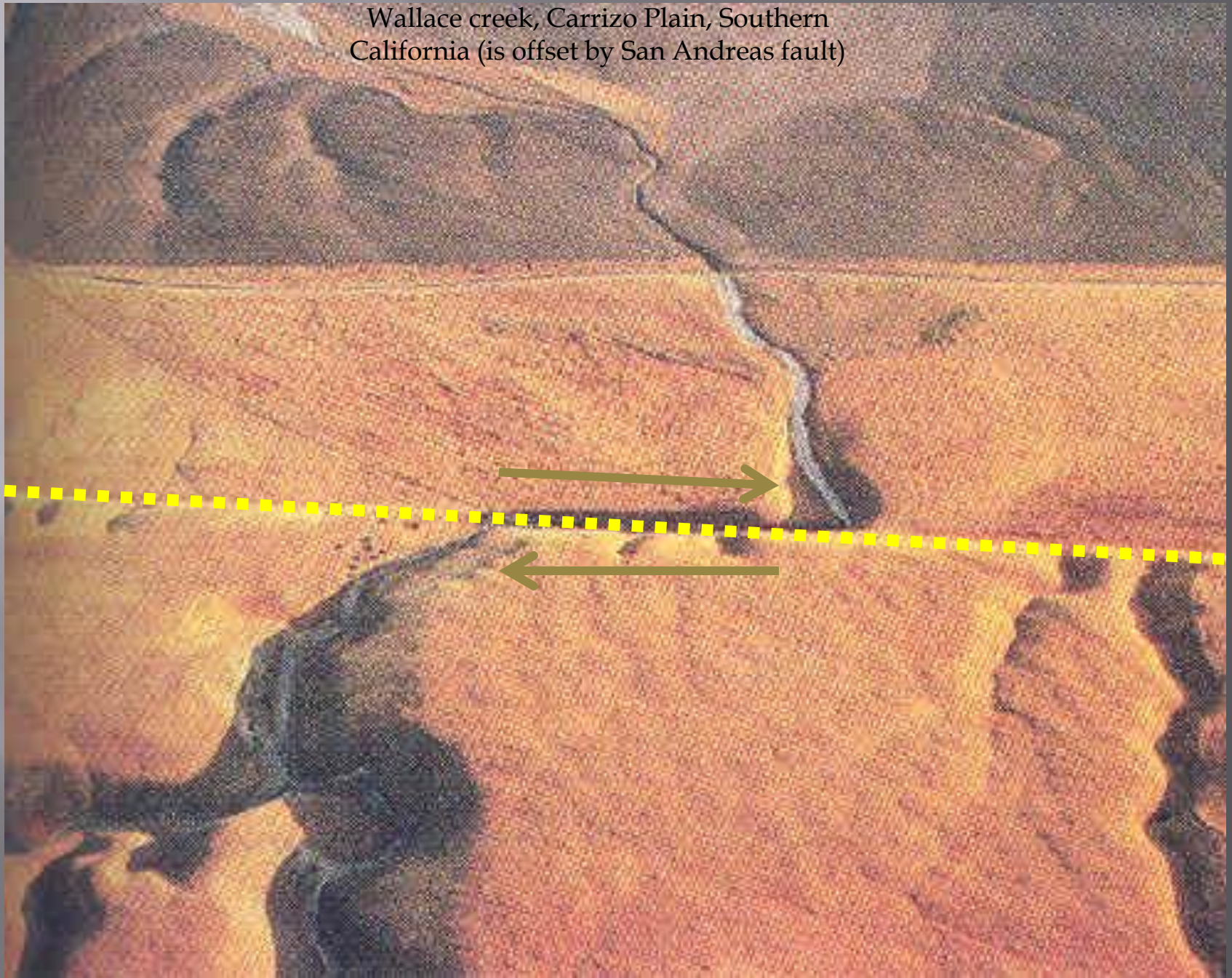


San Andrea's Fault, California



## Drainage offset

Wallace creek, Carrizo Plain, Southern California (is offset by San Andreas fault)

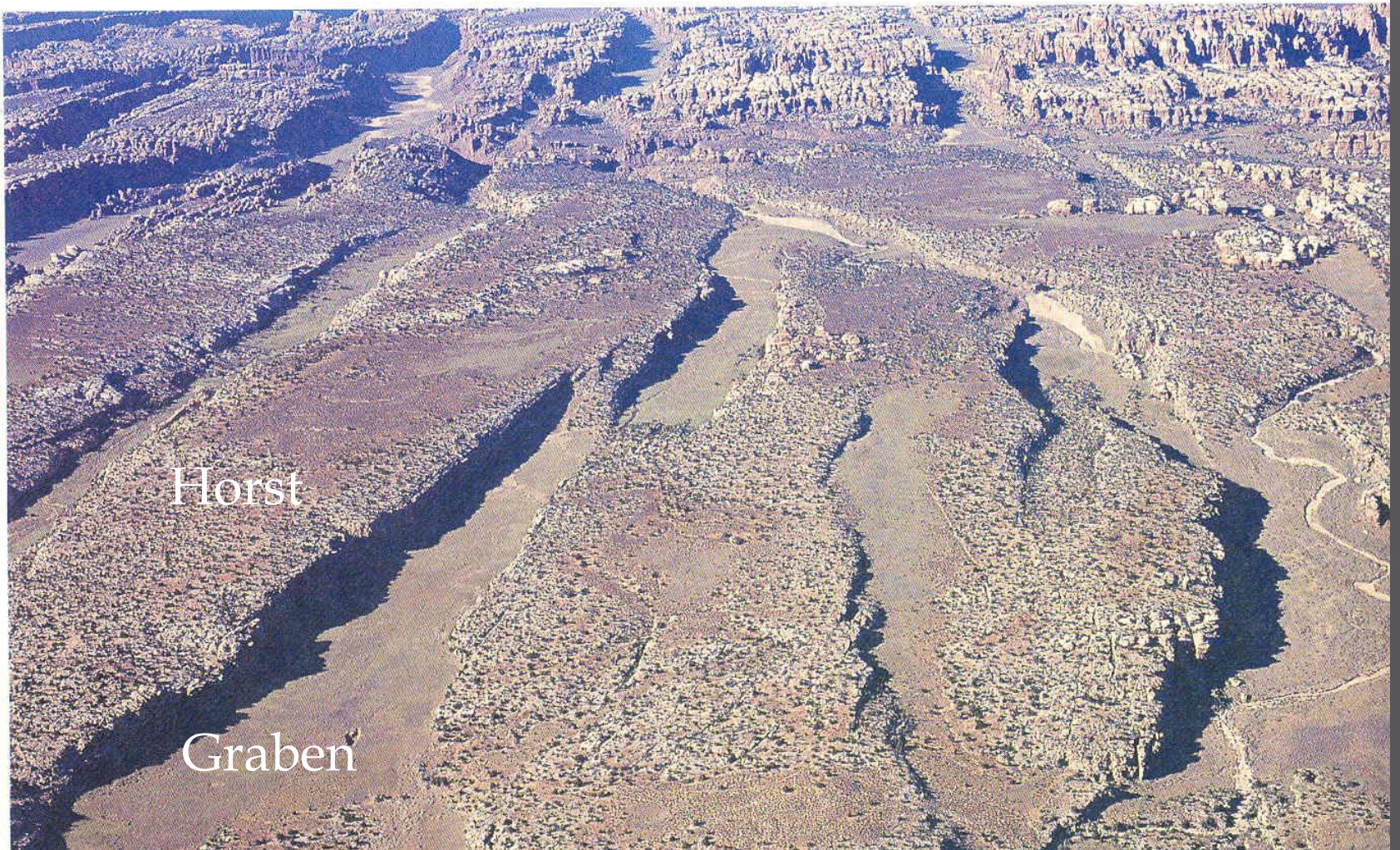




Right lateral offset of a gully by the San Andreas fault in southern California. The gully is offset about 21 m







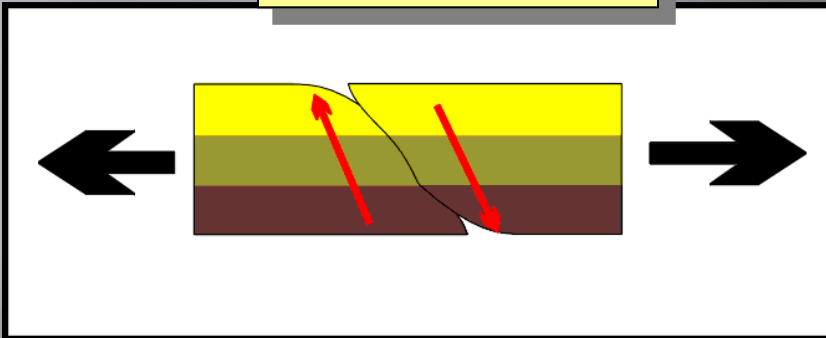
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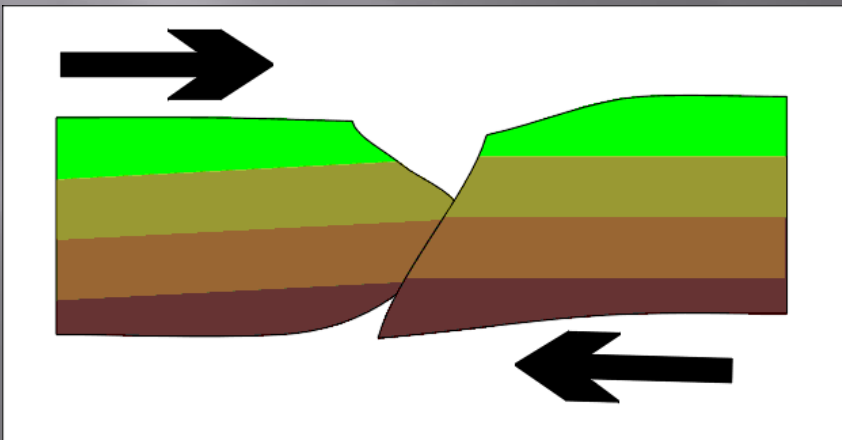
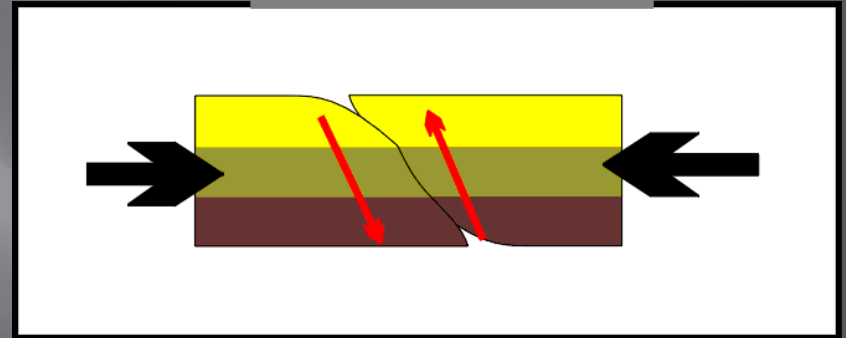


# Types of Faults

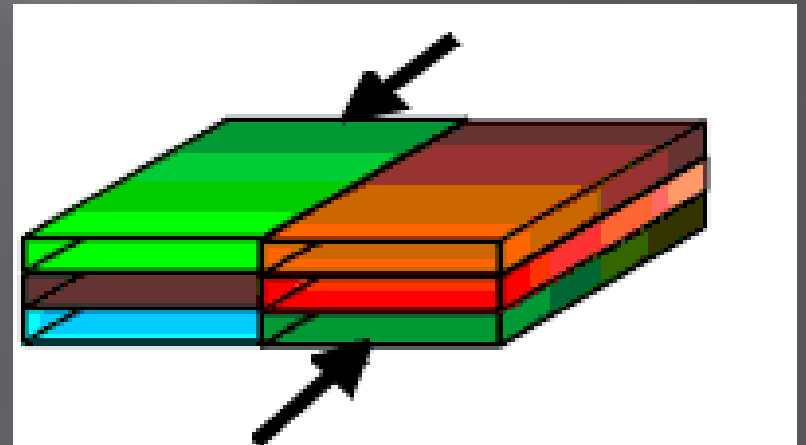
**NORMAL FAULT**



**REVERSE FAULT**

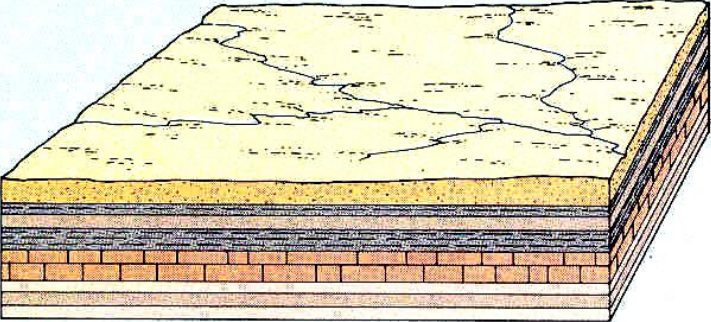
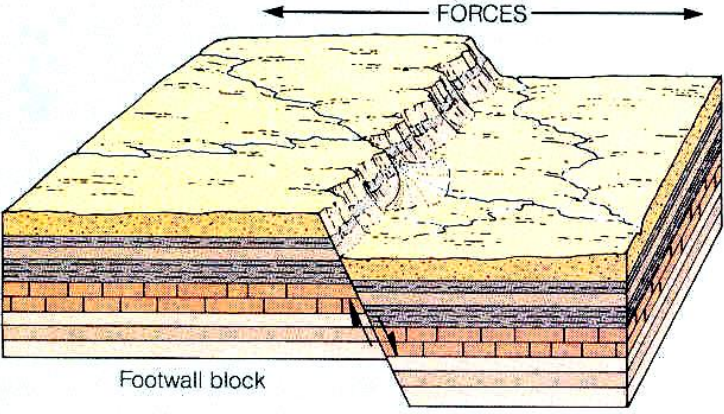
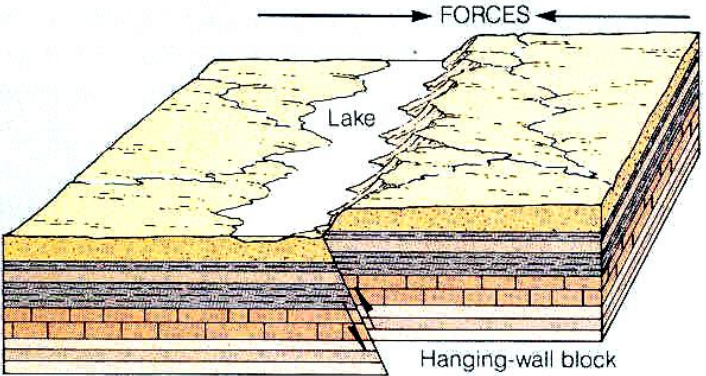


**THRUST FAULT**

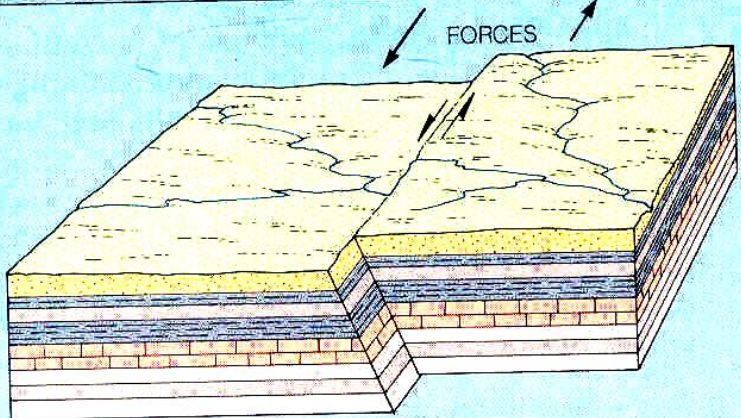
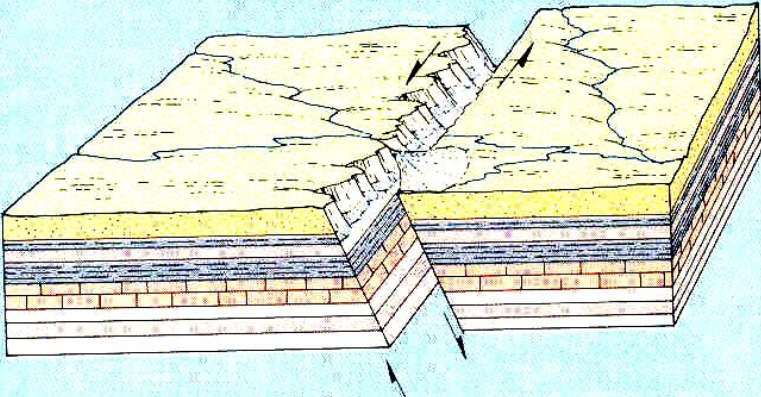
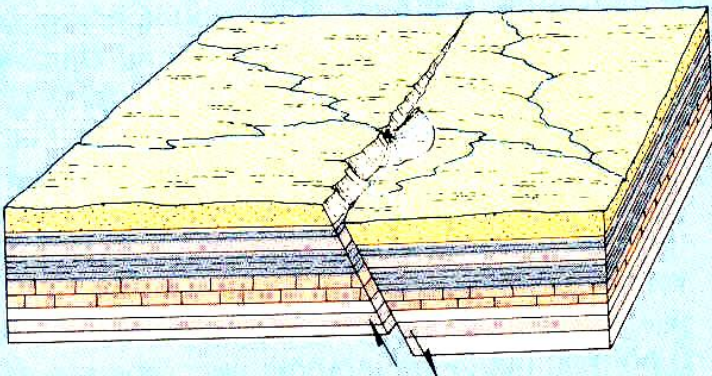


**LATERAL FAULT**



Block diagram	Name of fault	Definition
		<p>Reference block before faulting Drainage is from left to right.</p>
	<p>Normal fault</p>	<p><i>A fault, generally steeply inclined, along which the hanging-wall block has moved relatively downward.</i></p>
	<p>Reverse fault</p>	<p><i>A fault, generally steeply inclined, along which the hanging-wall block has moved relatively upward.</i></p> <p>A normal or reverse fault on which the only component of movement lies in a vertical plane normal to the strike of the fault surface is a <i>dip-slip fault</i>.</p>



Block diagram	Name of fault	Definition
	Strike-slip fault	<p>A fault on which displacement has been horizontal. Movement of a strike-slip fault is described by looking directly across the fault and by noting which way the block on the opposite side has moved. The example shown is a <i>left-lateral fault</i> because the opposite block has moved to the left. If the opposite block has moved to the right it is a <i>right-lateral fault</i>. Notice that horizontal strata show no vertical displacement.</p>
	Oblique-slip fault	<p>A fault on which movement includes both horizontal and vertical components. See also Fig 15.8. Forces are a combination of forces causing strike-slip and normal faulting.</p>
	Hinge fault	<p>A fault on which displacement dies out (perceptibly) along strike and ends at a definite point. Figure 15.8 shows a small example located in the foreground of the photograph, between the viewer and the man walking away from the camera. Forces are the same as those causing normal faulting.</p>







# DOME















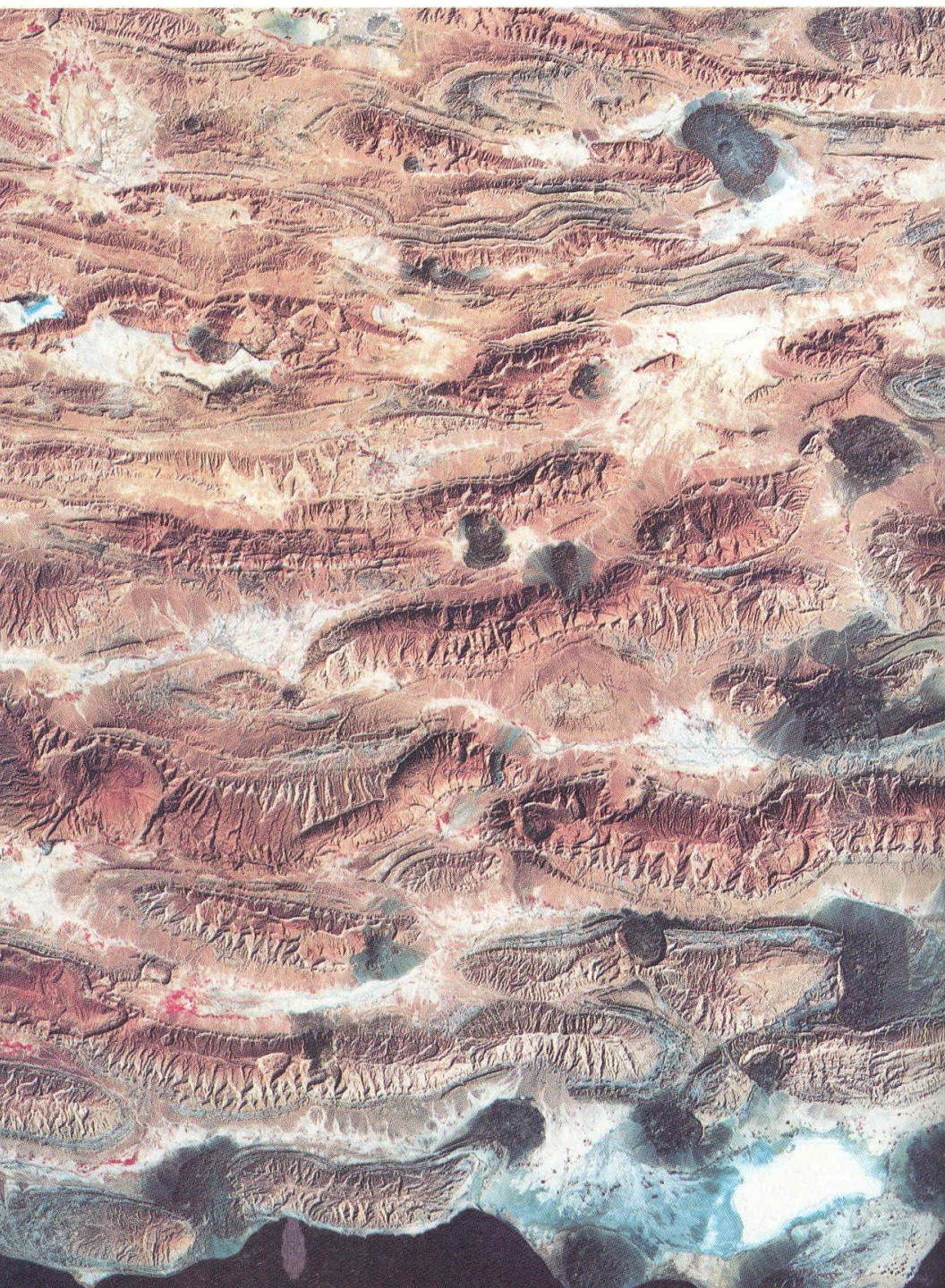








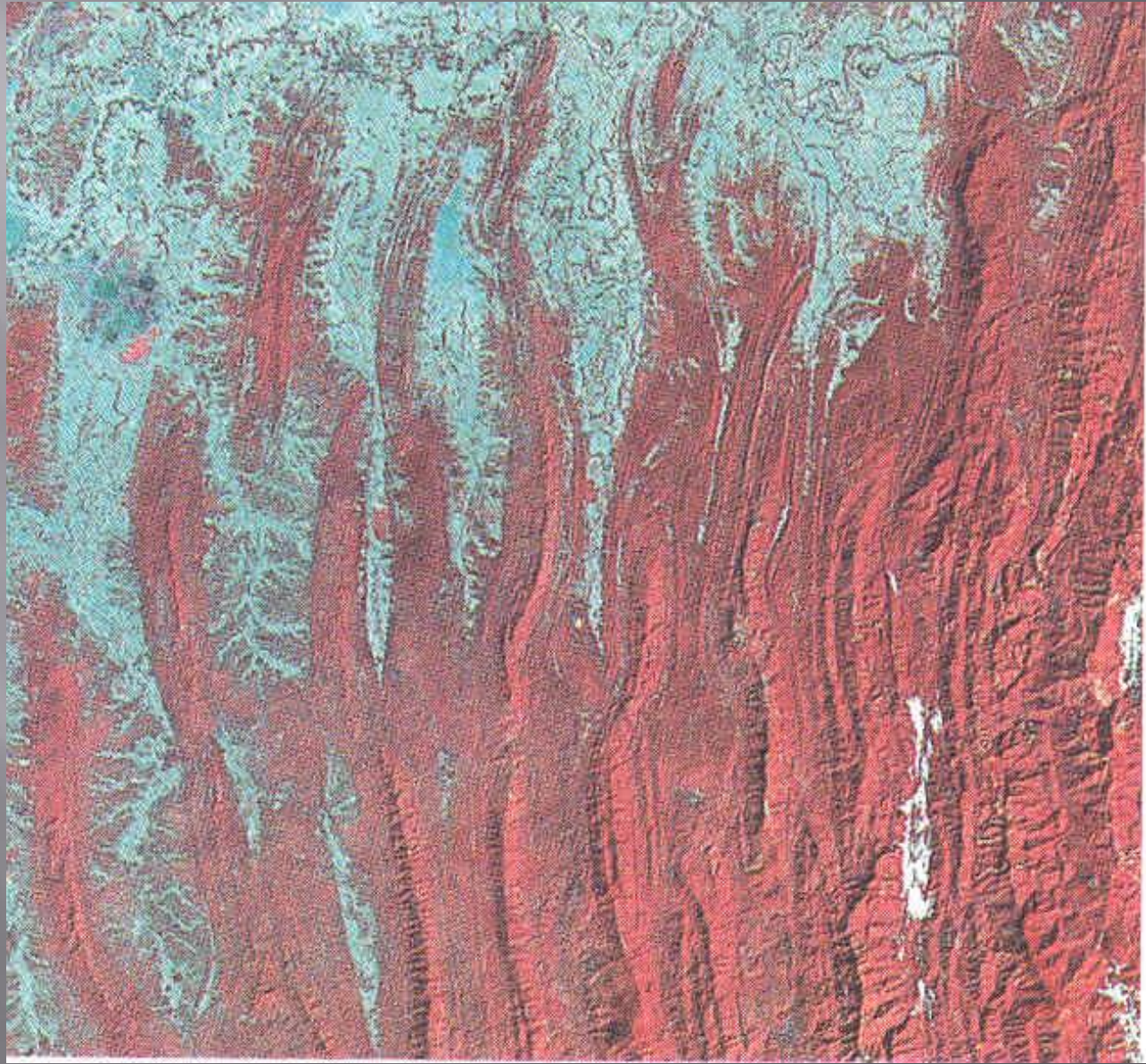






















## Brittle Failure in Surface rocks



These rocks from Acadia National Park in Maine have been fractured by the application of a variety of stresses, including the weight of the glaciers that once sat upon them, the cracking that occurs during mechanical exfoliation, the contraction that accompanies the cooling of plutonic igneous rock and the stress from past plate-edge interactions



## Brittle Failure in Surface rocks



The patterned appearance of these joints in Arches National Park, Utah indicates that these rocks experienced some type of regional stress, perhaps related to plate interactions

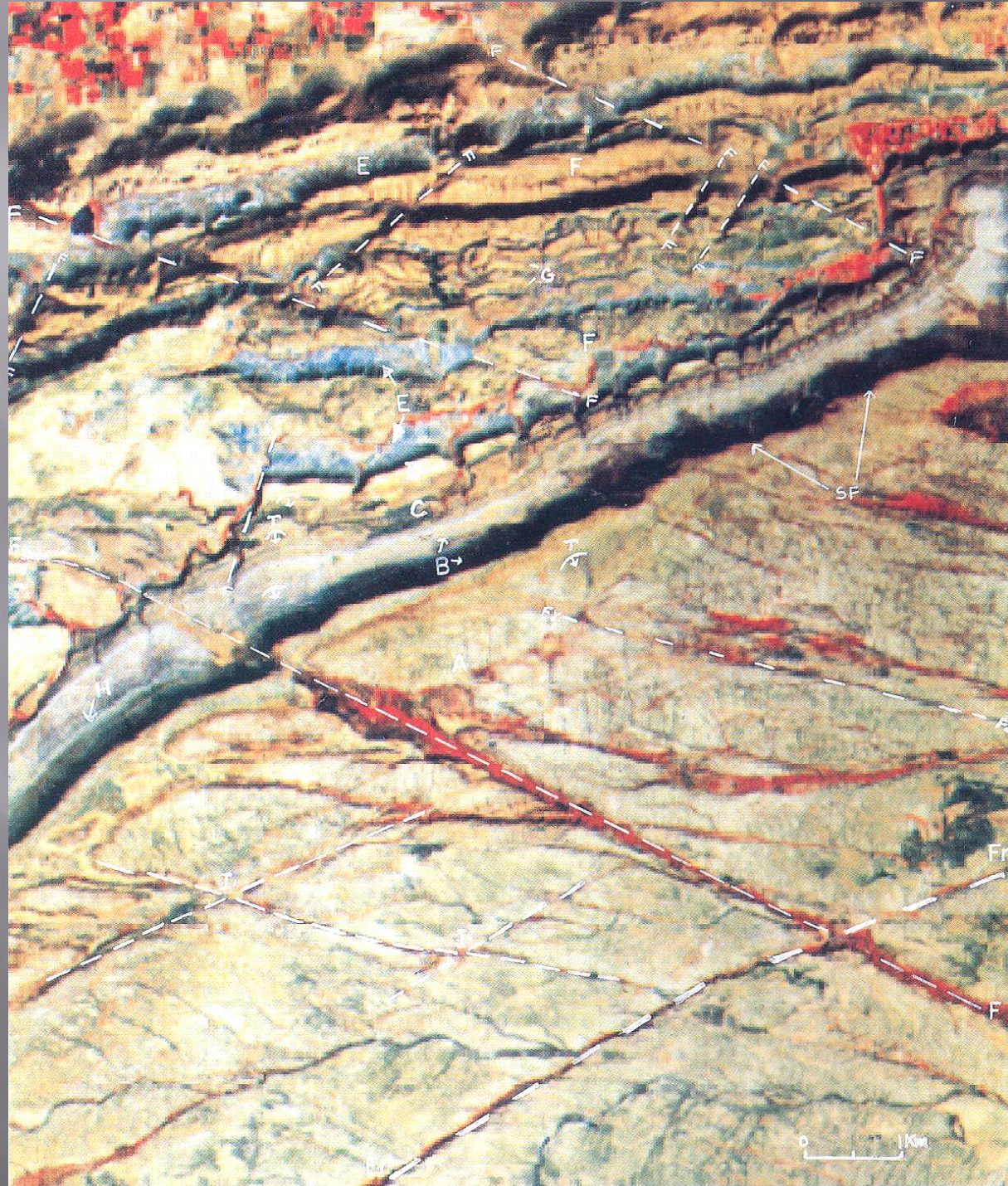


## Brittle Failure in Surface rocks

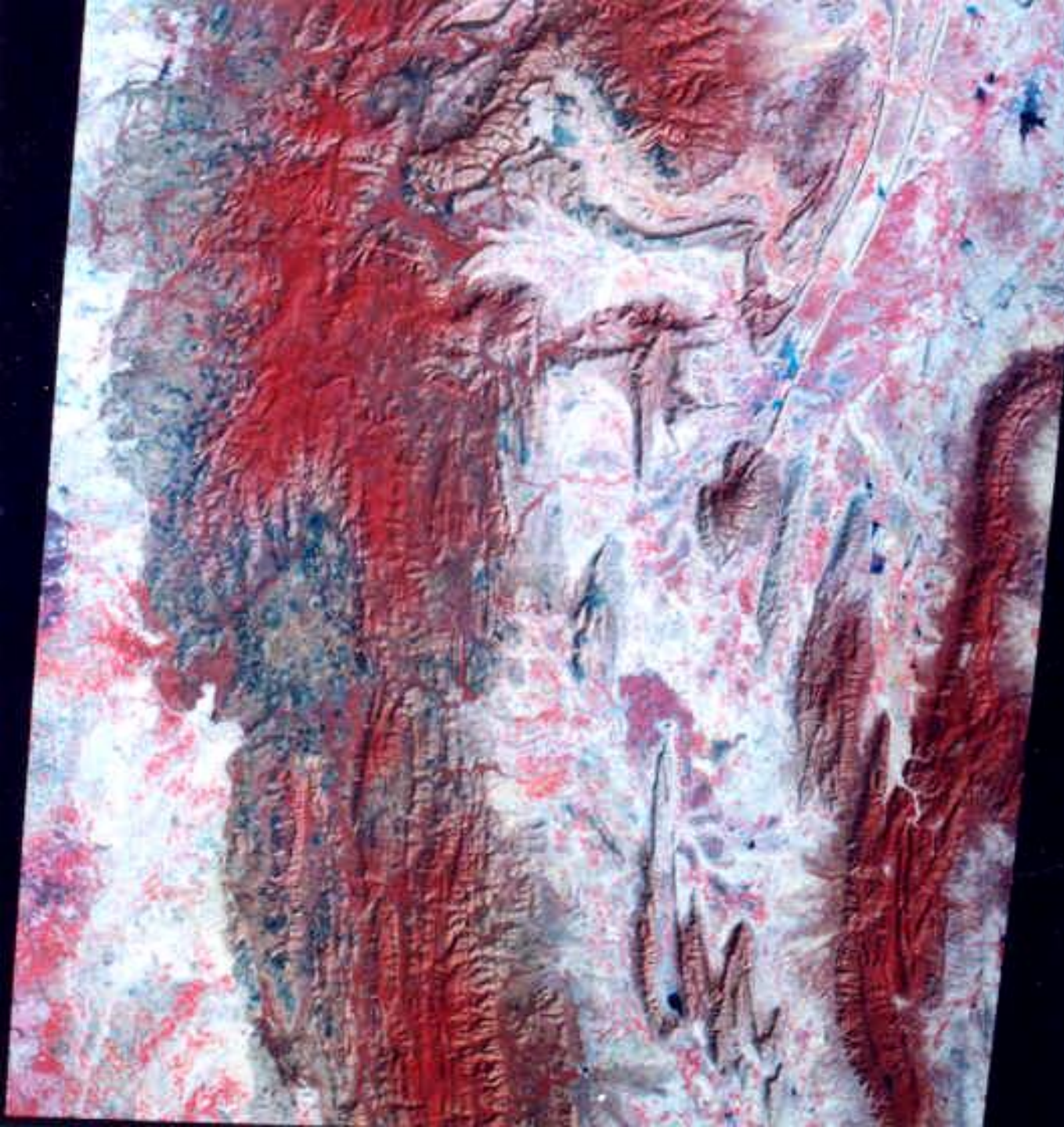


These faulted rocks have clearly moved relative to each other, as can be seen by the displacement of the various colored rock types







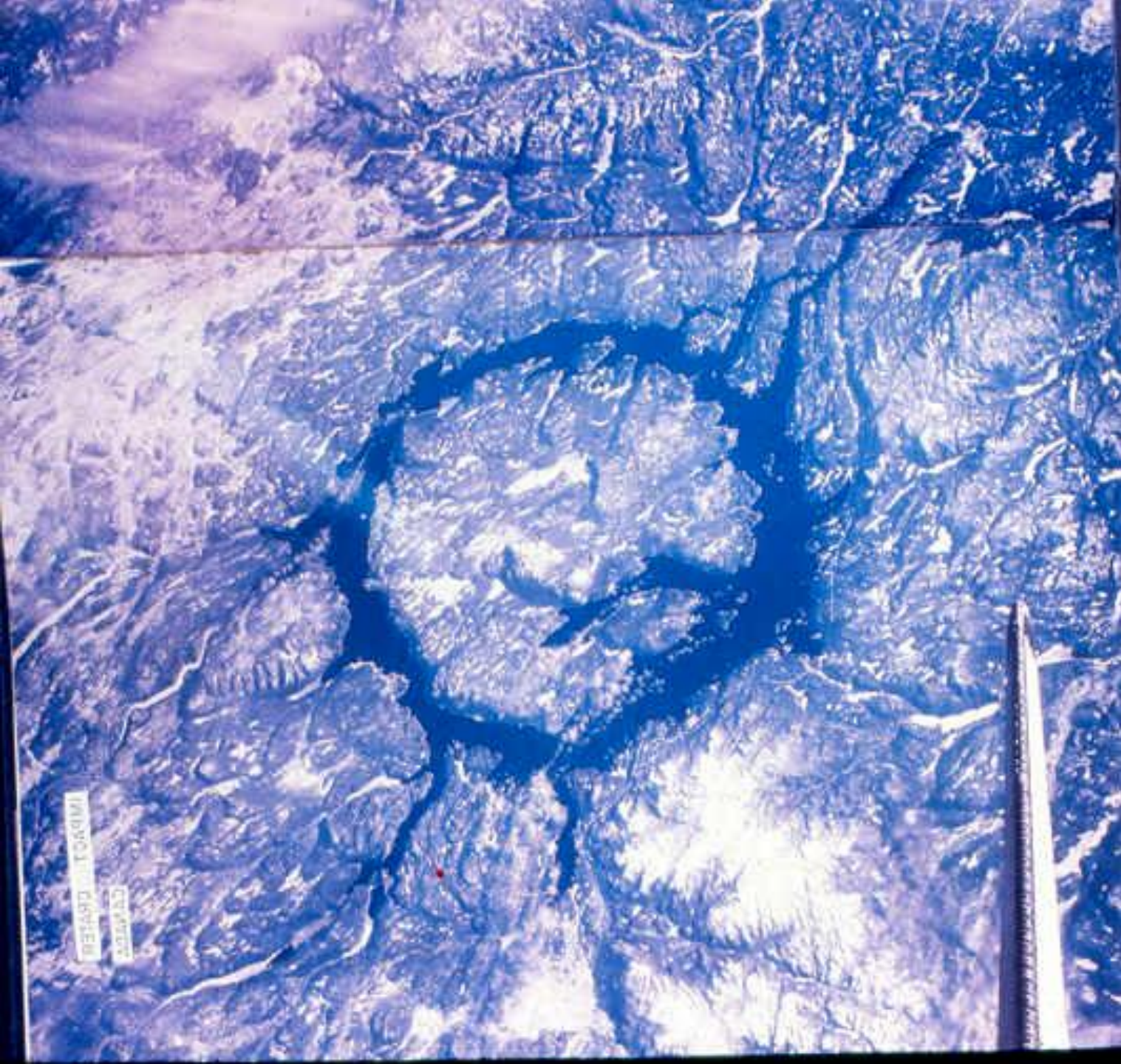




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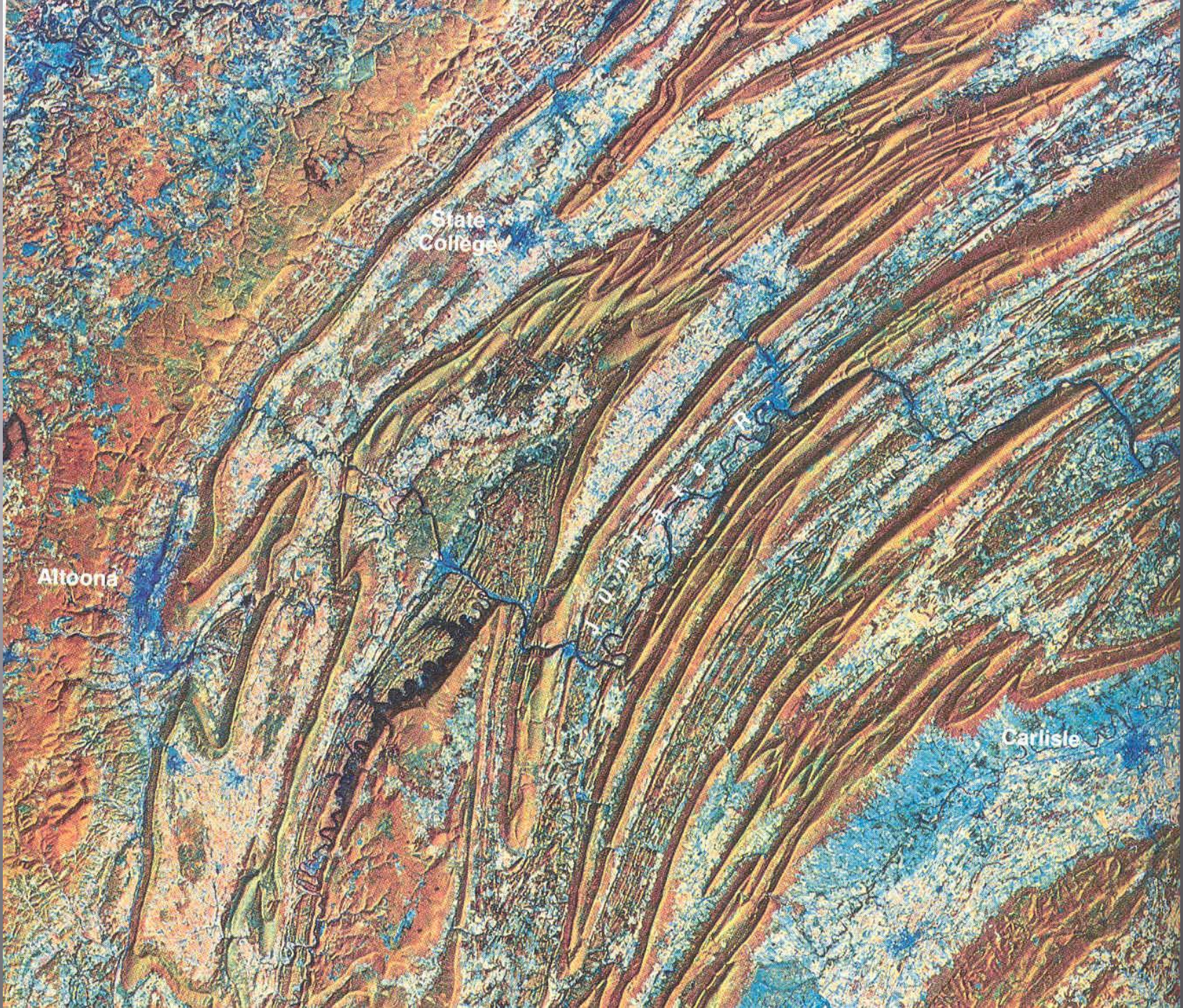




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# GEOMORPHOLOGY

Scientific study of landforms developed on the Earth surface due to different systematic process of Earth is known as Geomorphology.



# SUBDISCIPLINES OF GEOMORPHOLOGY

Based on the dominating geological processes for their formation

- ▣ STRUCTURAL GEOMORPHOLOGY
- ▣ DENUDATIONAL GEOMORPHOLOGY
- ▣ GLACIAL GEOMORPHOLOGY
- ▣ FLUVIAL GEOMORPHOLOGY
- ▣ AEOLIAN GEOMORPHOLOGY
- ▣ COASTAL GEOMORPHOLOGY
- ▣ FLUVIO-MARINE GEOMORPHOLOGY,  
etc.



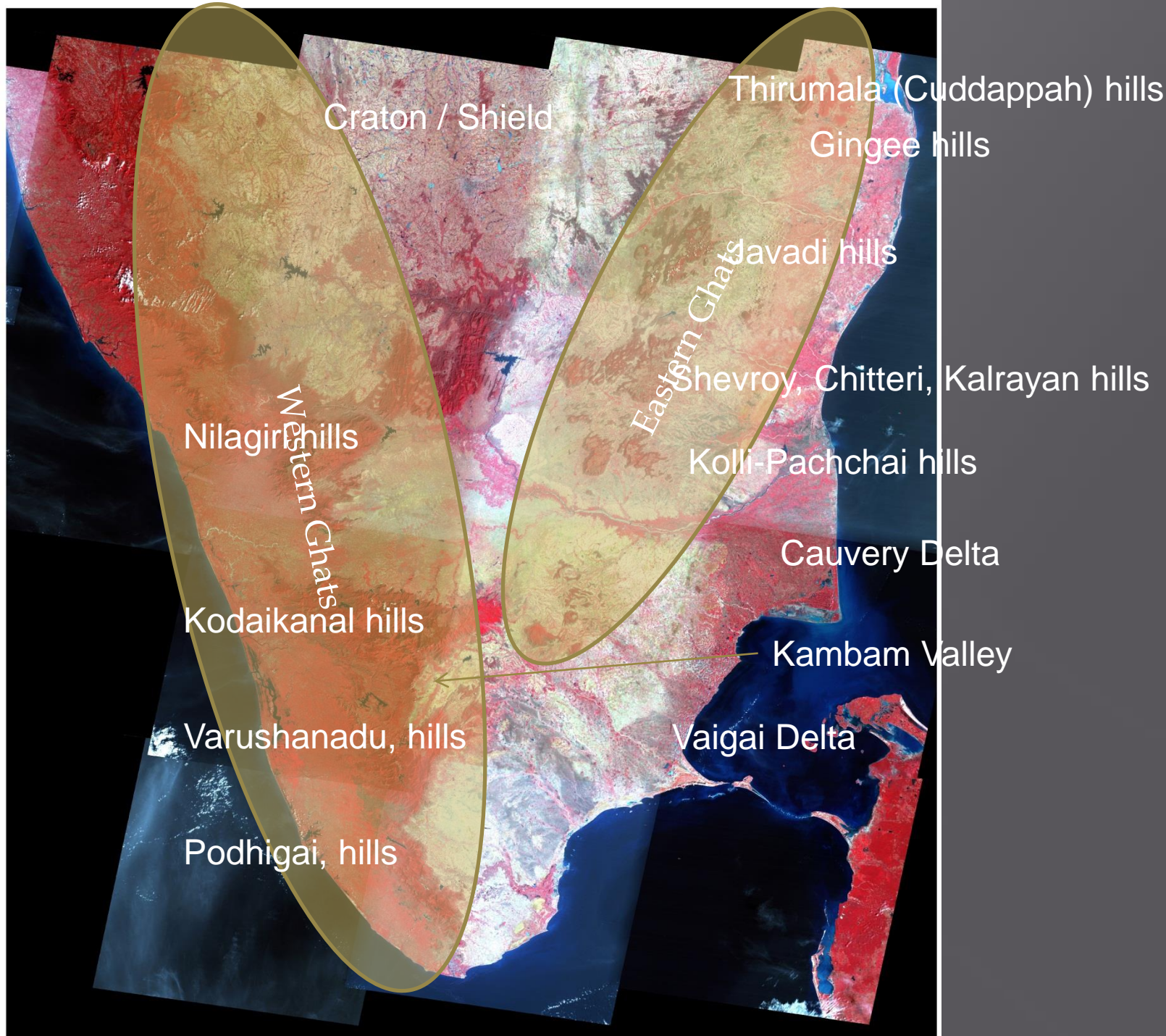
# Regional geomorphic landforms in India

- ▣ Structural hills and denudational hills of Himalayas, Aravalli, Satpura mountains in the north-east, North and North-west accordingly,
- ▣ **Eastern Ghats** (Kolli-Pachchai hills, Shevroy, Chitteri, Kalrayan, Gingee & Javadi hills in Tamil Nadu, Cuddappah in Andhra Pradesh) and **Western Ghats** (Podhigai, Varushanadu, Kodaikanal, Nilagiri hills) in the South India
- ▣ Plateau (plateaux) of Deccan trap rocks in Maharashtra
- ▣ Central plains covering the Madhya Pradesh, and parts of Karnataka, A.P, Odissa, and other central states of India.



SOUTH  
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# GEOMORPHOLOGY UNITS (based on NRSC guidelines)

## (for satellite image interpretation)

### HILLS & PLATEAUS

#### Hills

Structural hills

Denudational hills

Residual hills

#### Other landforms

Plateau

Valley

Linear-curvilinear ridge

Valley fill shallow/moderate/deep

Cuesta

Dyke ridge

Mesa

Escarpment slope

Butte

Valley flat

Inselberg

Residual mound

Fracture / fault line valley

Sheet rock

Intermontane valley

### PIEDMONT ZONE

Piedmont slope

Pediment

Pediment-inselberg complex

Piedmont alluvium

Bazada

*Other landforms*

Gullied land

Ravenous land

Talus cone

### PLAINS

Pediplain

Weathered Pediplain

Buried Pediplain

Lateritic plain

Stripped plain

Alluvial plain

older/upper

younger/lower

Flood plain

older/upper

younger/lower



## Coastal Geomorphic features

Beach	Older mud flat
Beach ridge	Tidal flat
Palaeo beach ridge	Salt flat
Beach ridge & swale complex	Lagoon
Palaeo beach ridge & swale complex	Channel island
Swale	Offshore island
Offshore bar	Reef island
Spit	Palaeochannel
Mud flat	Buried channel

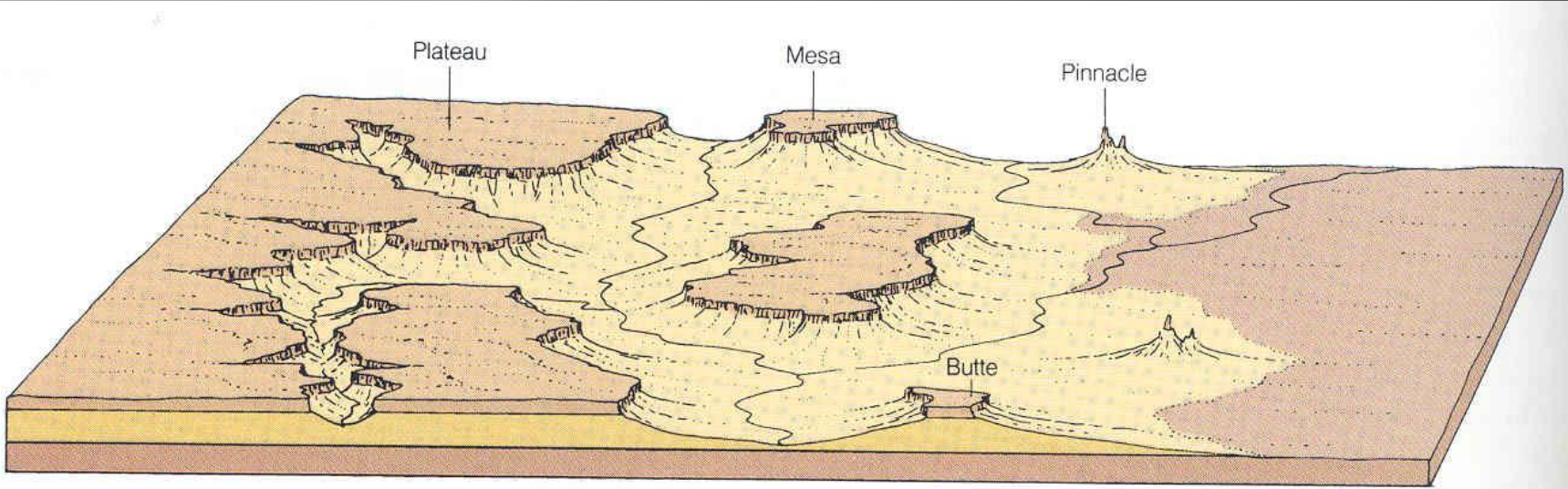
## Fluvial Geomorphic features

Channel bar	Meander scar
Point bar	Palaeo channel
Natural levee	Buried channel
Back swamp	Migrated river course
Cut-off meander	River terrace
Ox-bow / serpentine lake	

## Aeolian Geomorphic features

Sand dune	Playa
Stabilized dune	Desert pavement
Dune complex	Loess plain
Interdunal depression	Palaeo channel
Interdunal flat	Buried channel



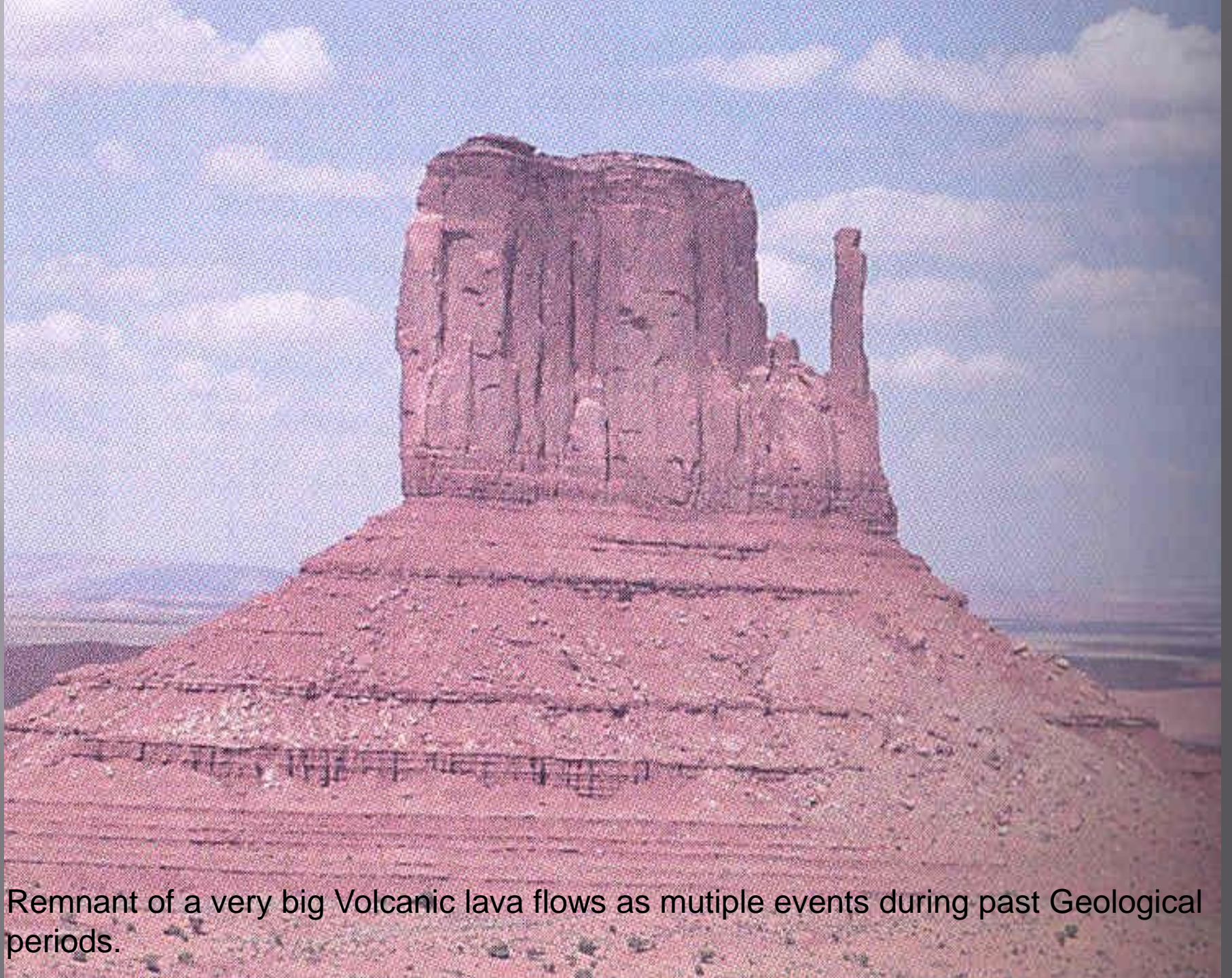






Deccan Plateau / Trap





Remnant of a very big Volcanic lava flows as mutiple events during past Geological periods.





## **Pinnacles**

*- Oblique aerial view*



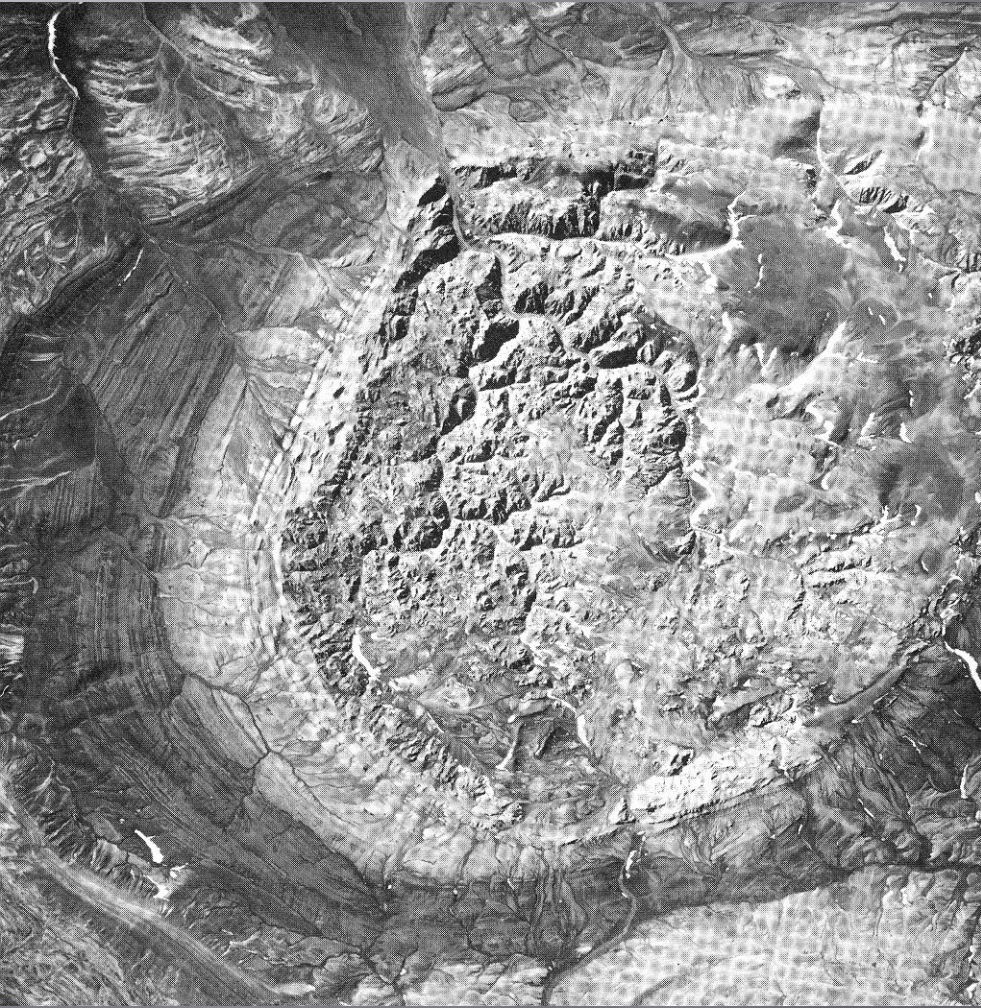


## **COASTAL GEOMORPHOLOGY**

*- a satellite view*

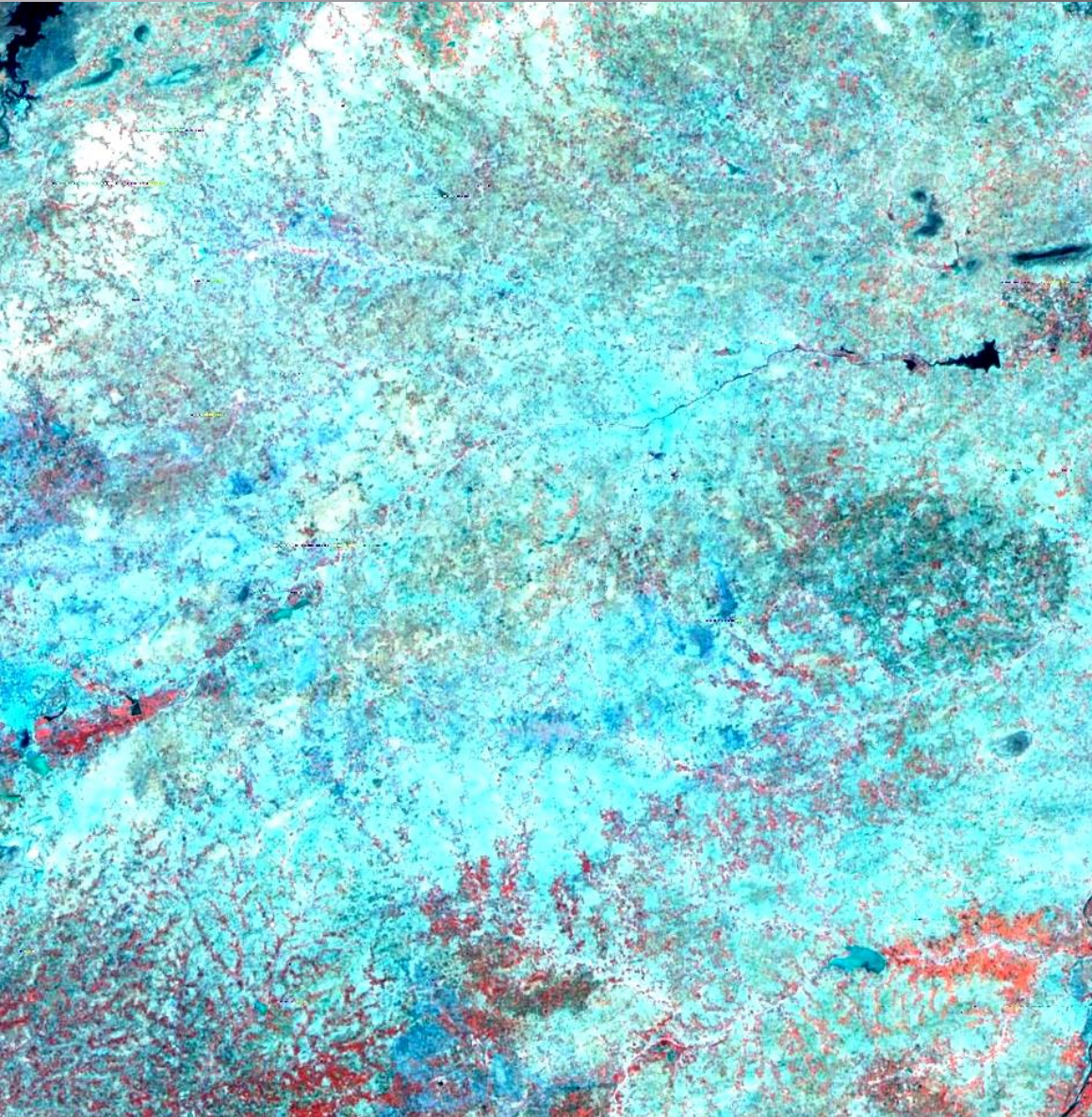


# Dome





# Pediplain



Coimbatore Area

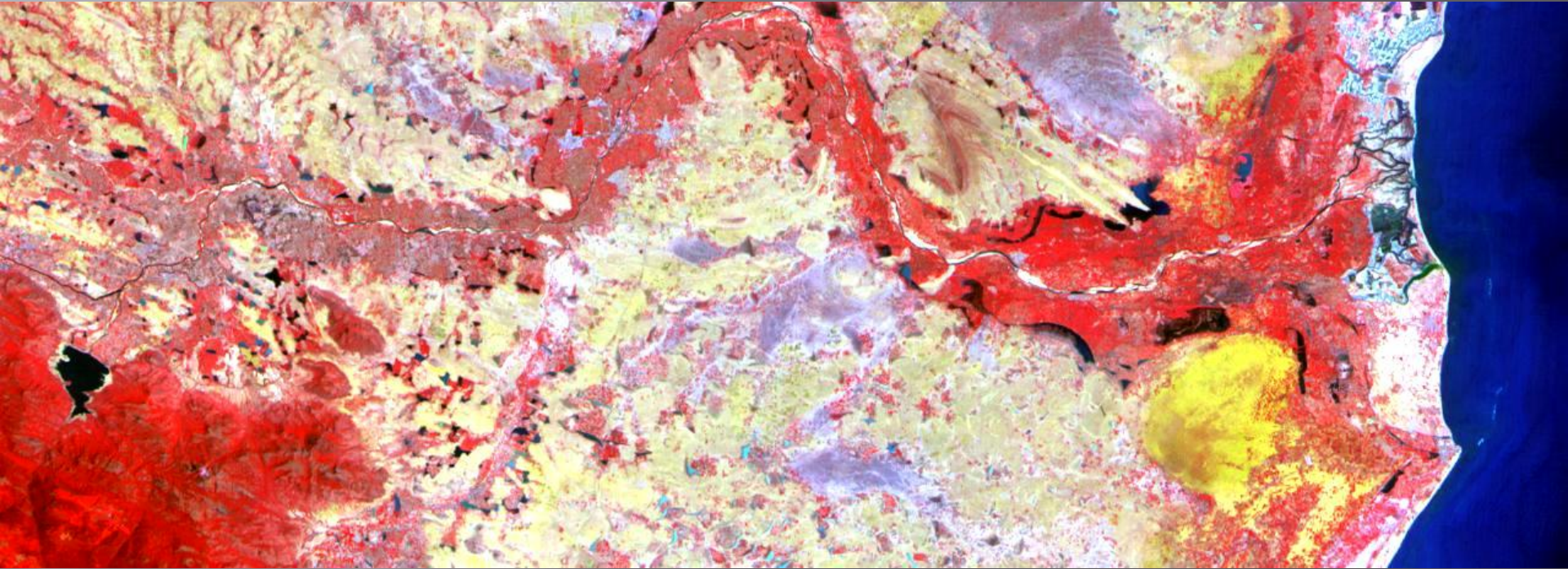


## Alluvial plain





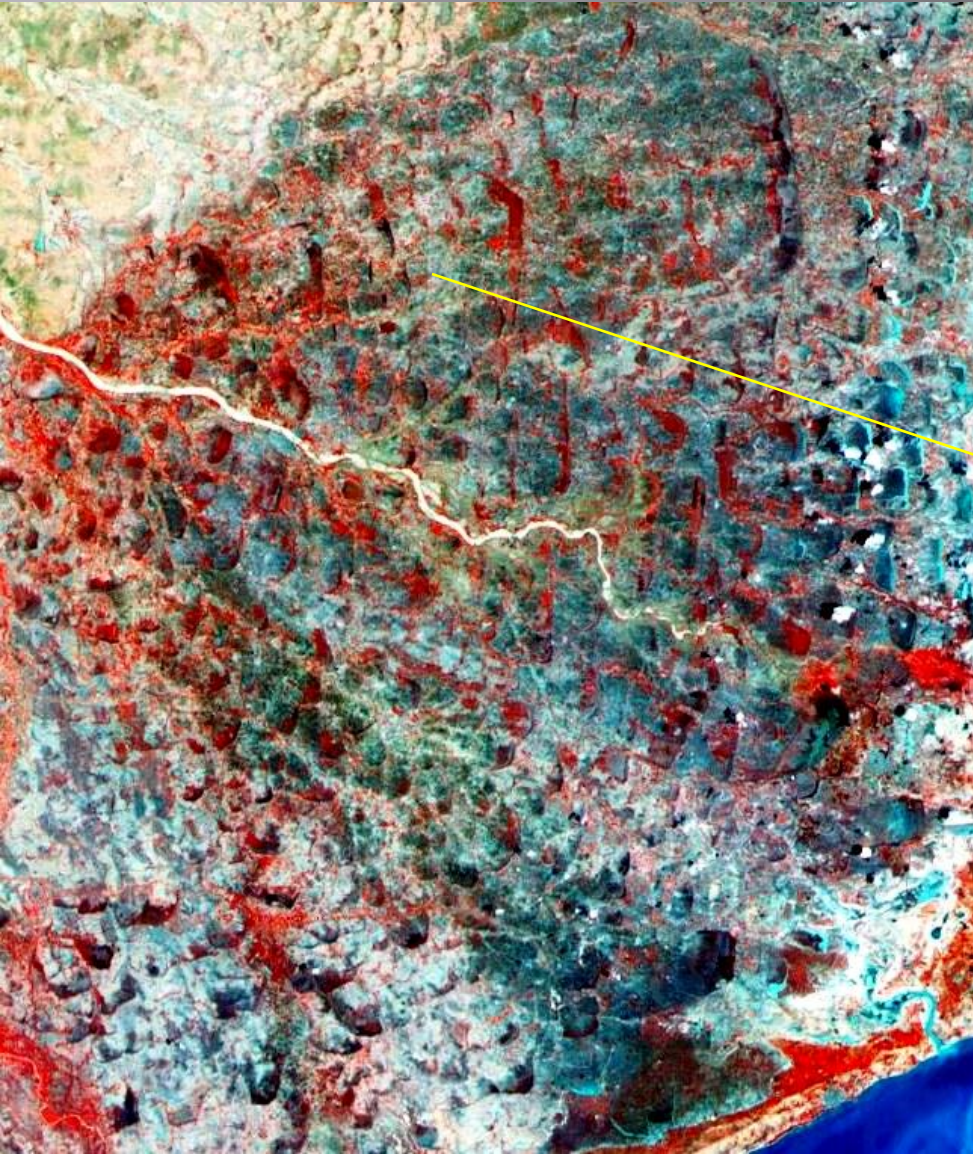
# FLOOD PLAIN



Tamrabarani river



## Deltaic plain

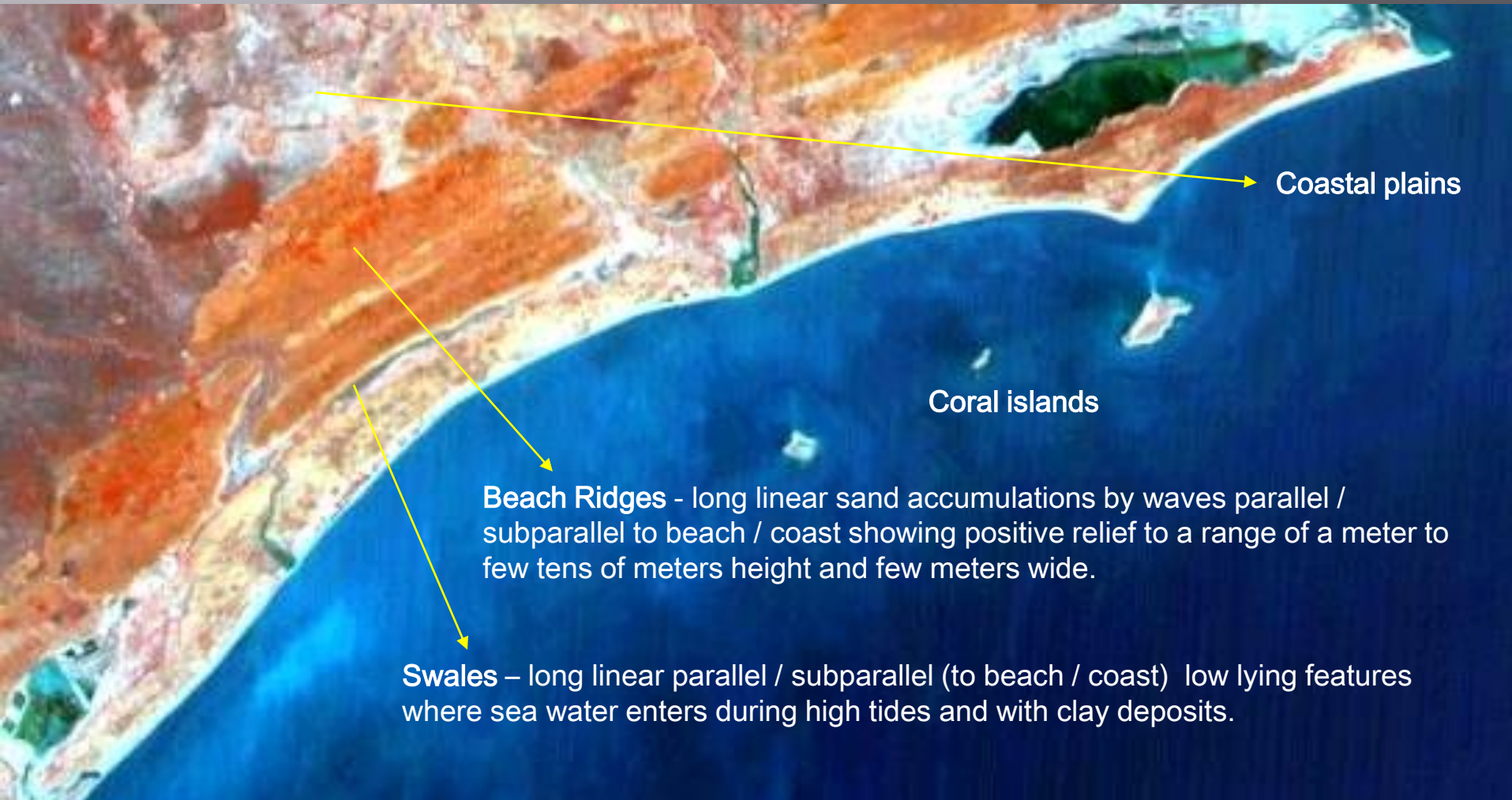


Deltaic plain

Vaigai delta, Ramanathapuram area



## IRS FCC Satellite image of Coastal plain



**Coastal area between Tutucorin and Kilakkarai, Tamil Nadu**



Satellite True colour image showing Flood plain features



Point bars

Natural levees

Back swamps

Meander bars / Point bar sequences may contain economic placer mineral deposit

Oxbow lake



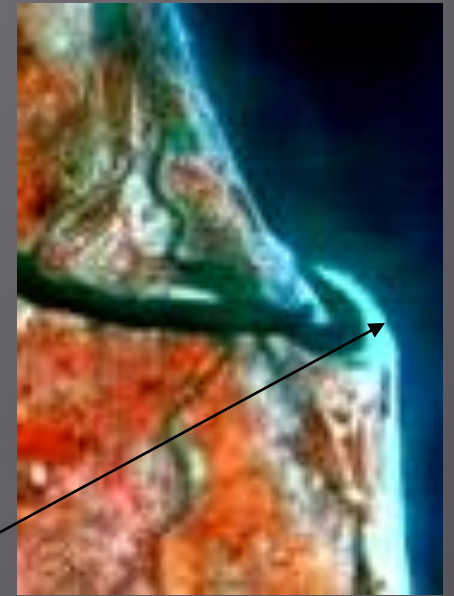


River derived sediments are deposited over various Geological periods under variety of climates. This photograph shows a part of river dumped sediments showing layering, flow pattern, direction of flow, environment of deposition, etc., and now emerged as a hill after deep burial, compaction, cementation and induration.





Valinokkam area, Ramanathapuram



Coleroon river mouth

# Spit



Manemelkudi



Devipattinam area





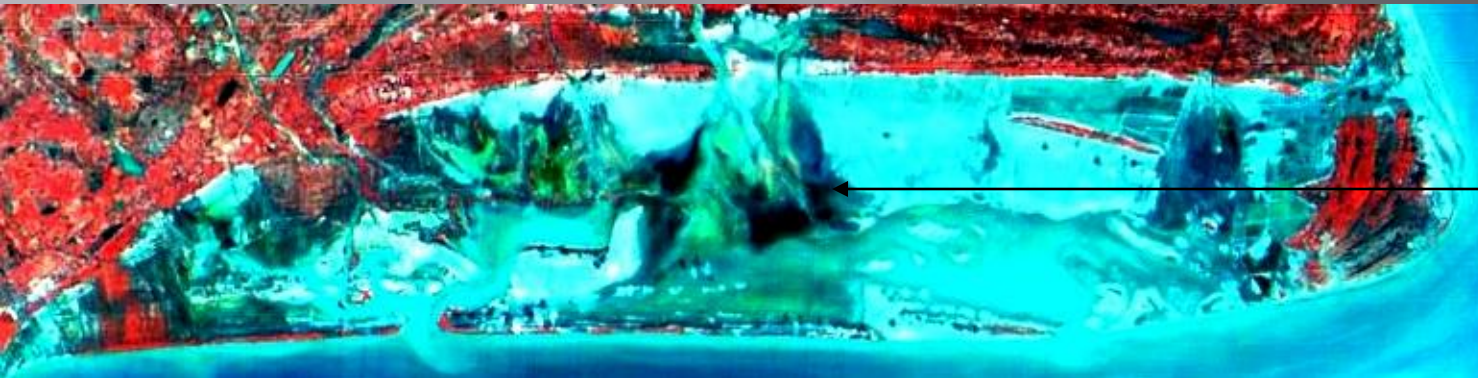
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Pitchavaram area, Cuddalore





Thanushkodi-Rameshwaram



Muthupettai backwater, vedaranniyam

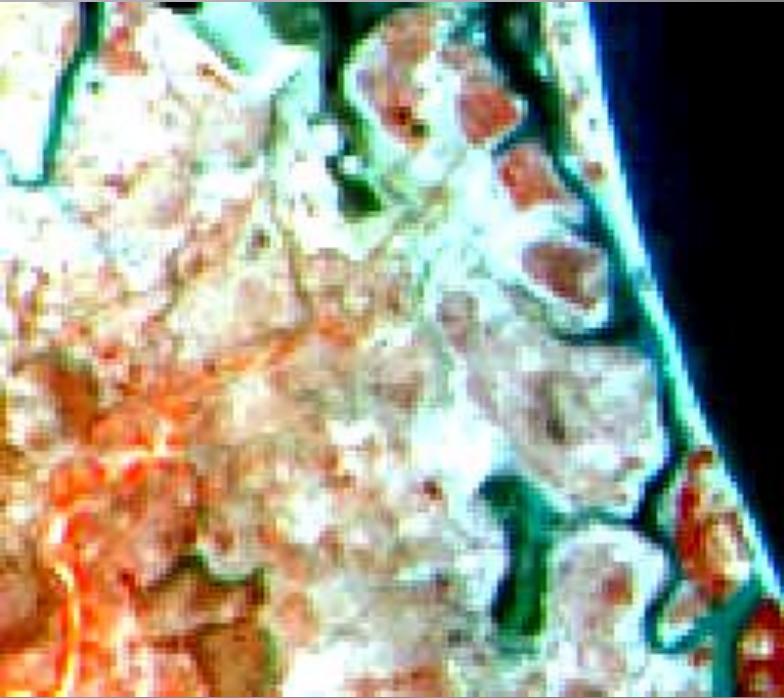
Backwater



valinokkam



## Mud flat



North Chennai region





Palaeochannels

Manimuttar river



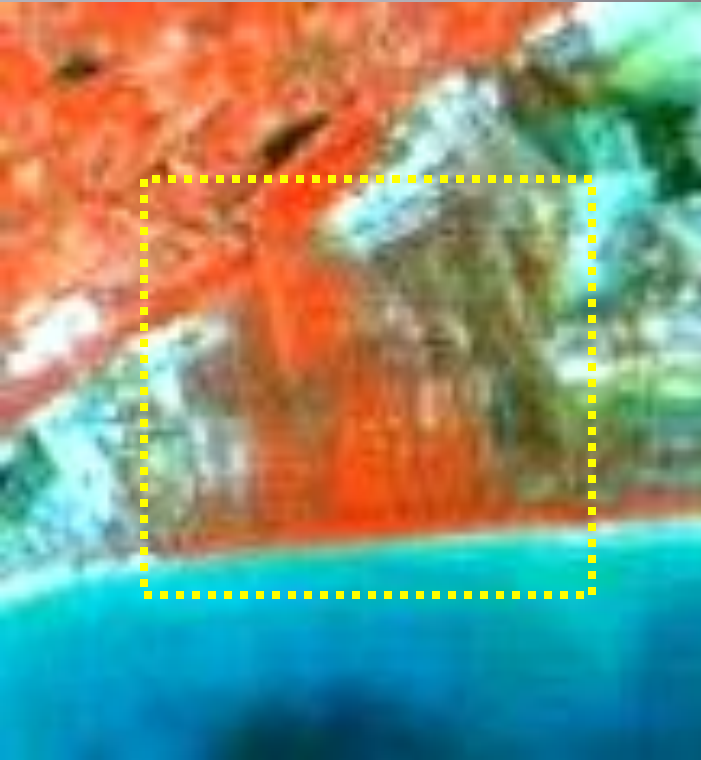
## Inter Deltaic Lakes (Deltaic lobes)



Manemelkudi region of Pudukkottai district



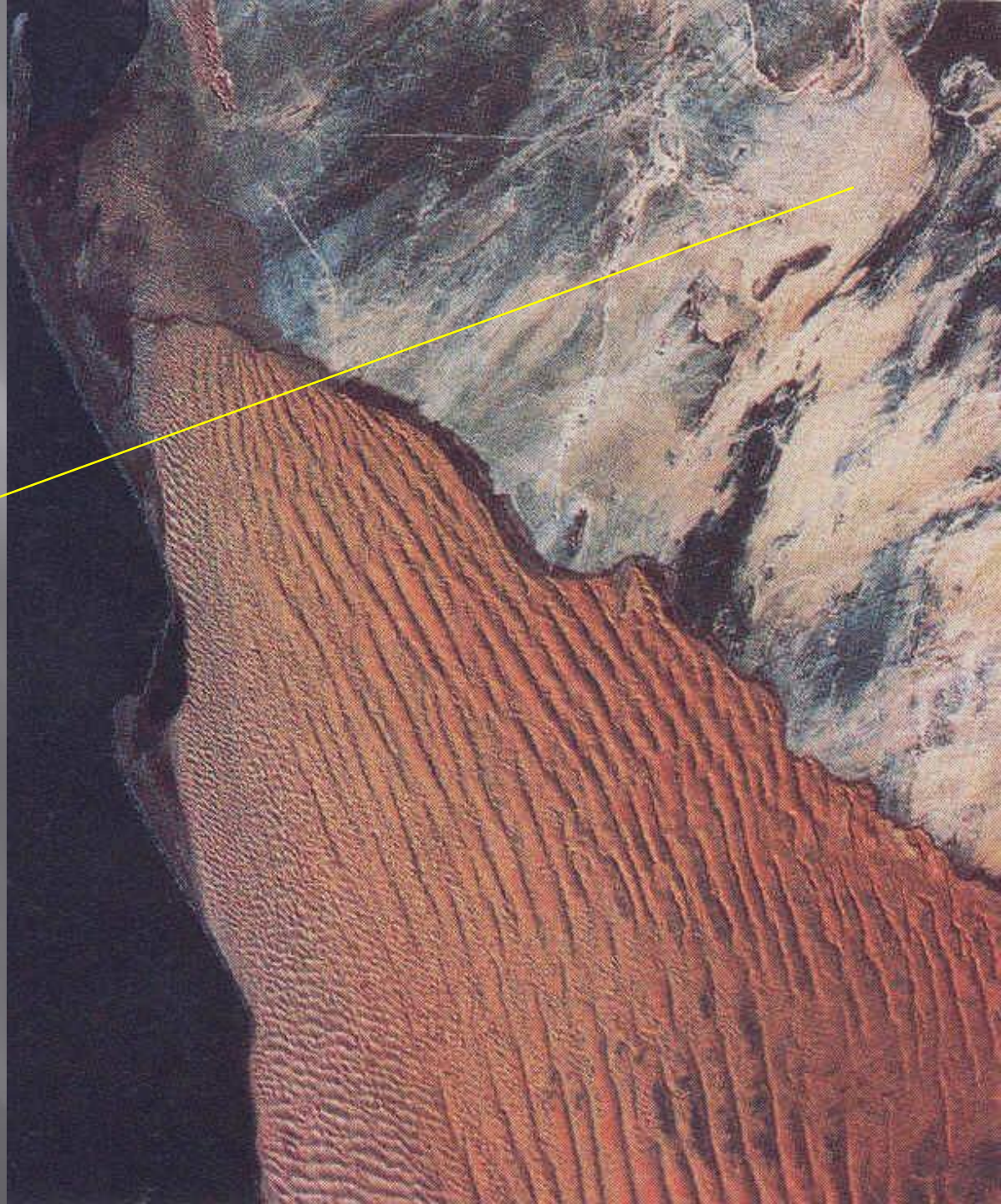
## Mangrove Forest



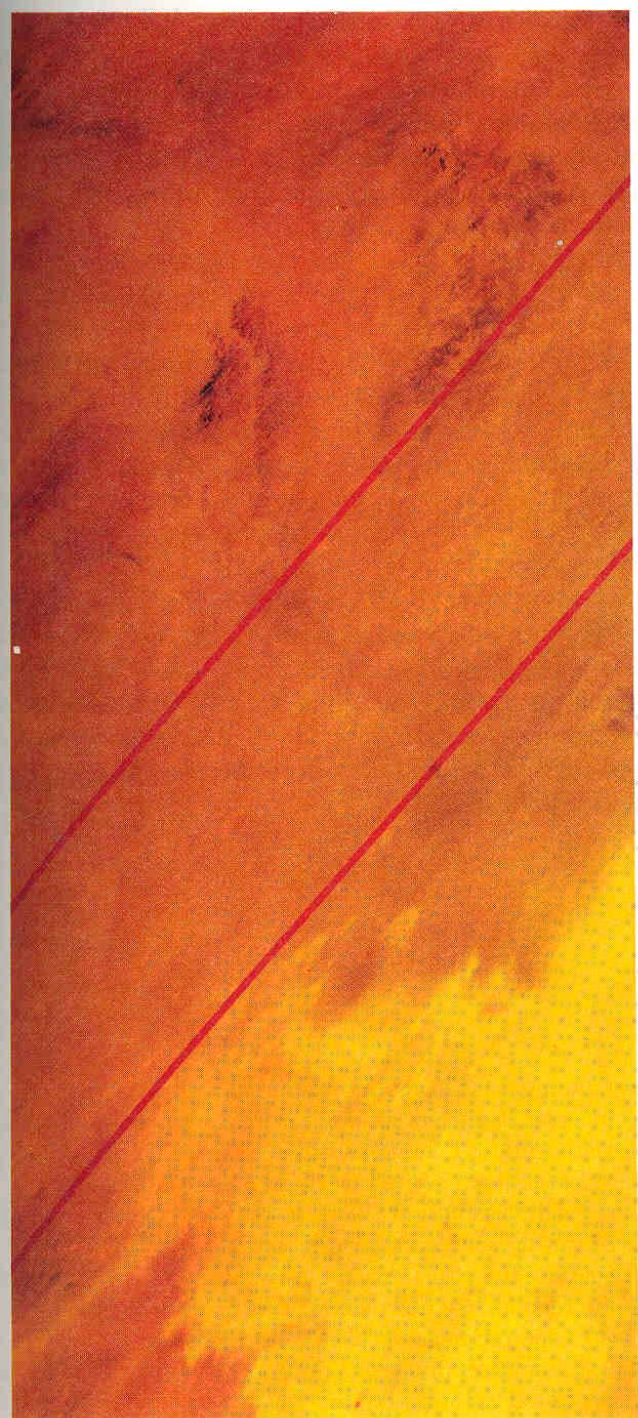
Muthupet Backwater, Maravakkadu



Loess plain







Buried channel

Eolian plain





## Glacial environment







Volcanic terrain,  
Kenya





Oxbow Lakes,  
Meanders,  
Meander Scars,  
Floodplains



## Natural Arch



LaSalle Natural Arch , formed due to fluvial and denudational geomorphic processes.



# Glacio-Fluvial



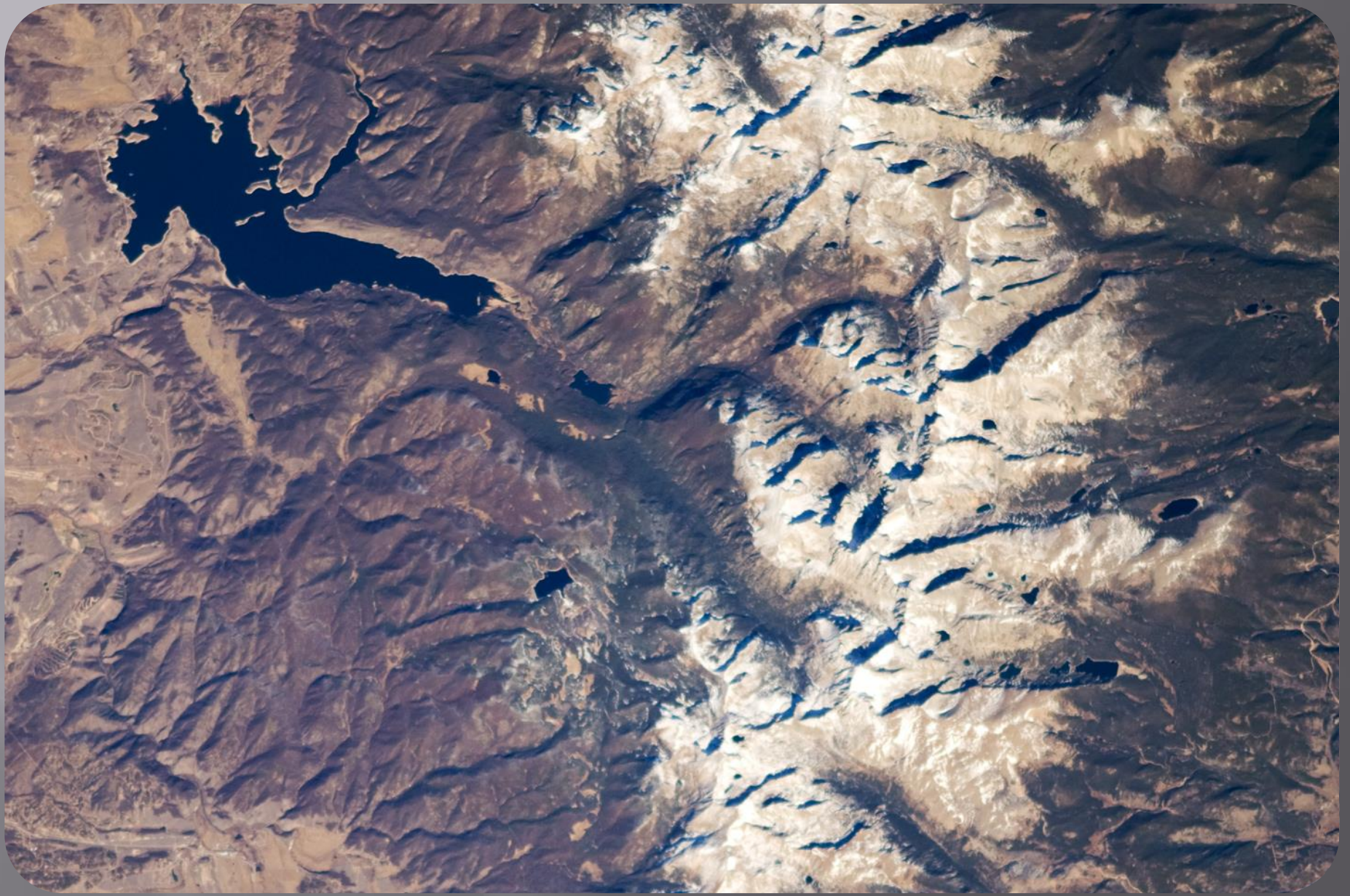
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Coastal Geomorphology – Coastal Plain –  
Salt encrusted



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# Denudational Geomorphology



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# Aeolian Geomorphology



Mesquite\_Sand\_Dunes





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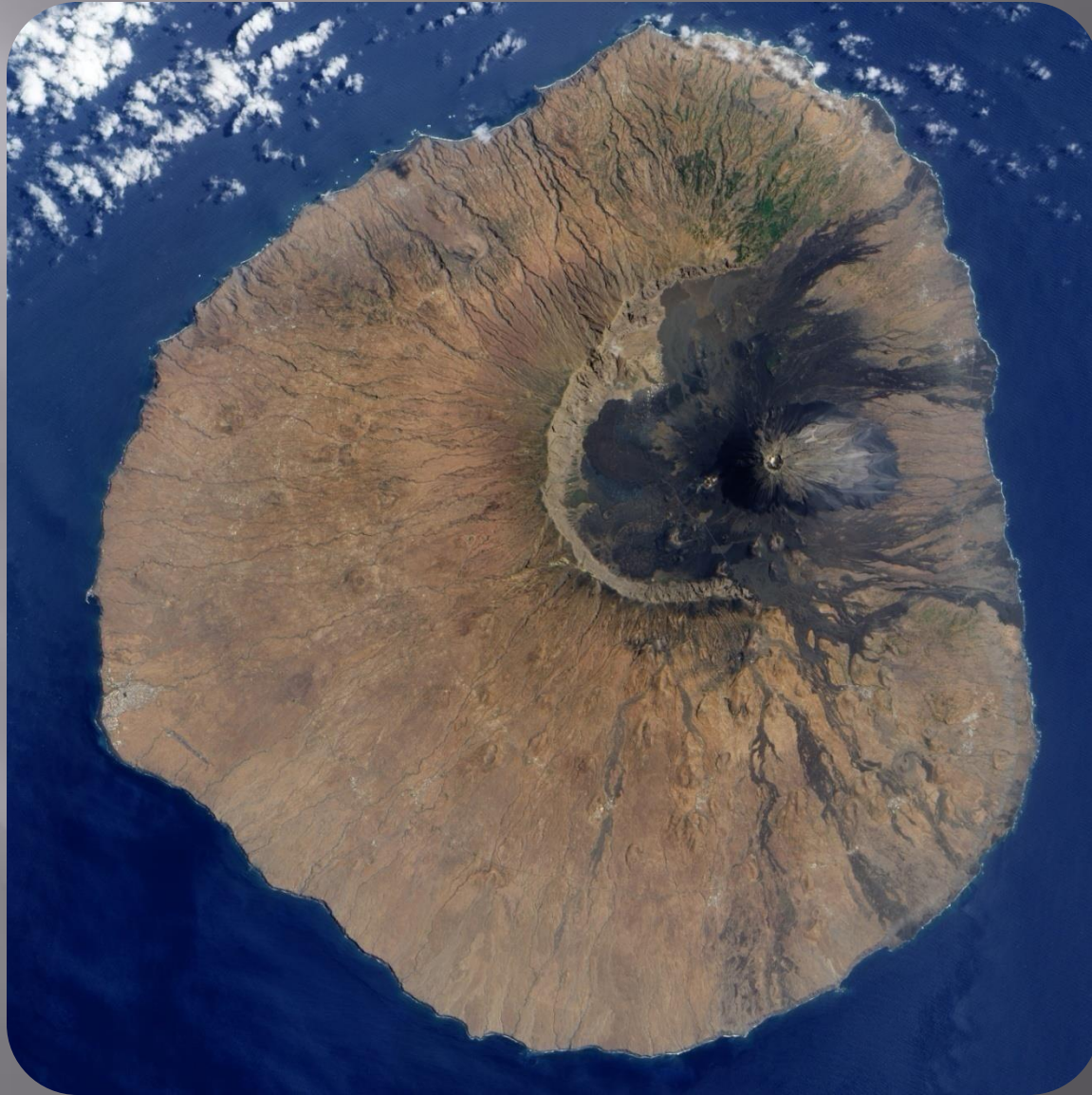
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# Volcanic Geomorphology



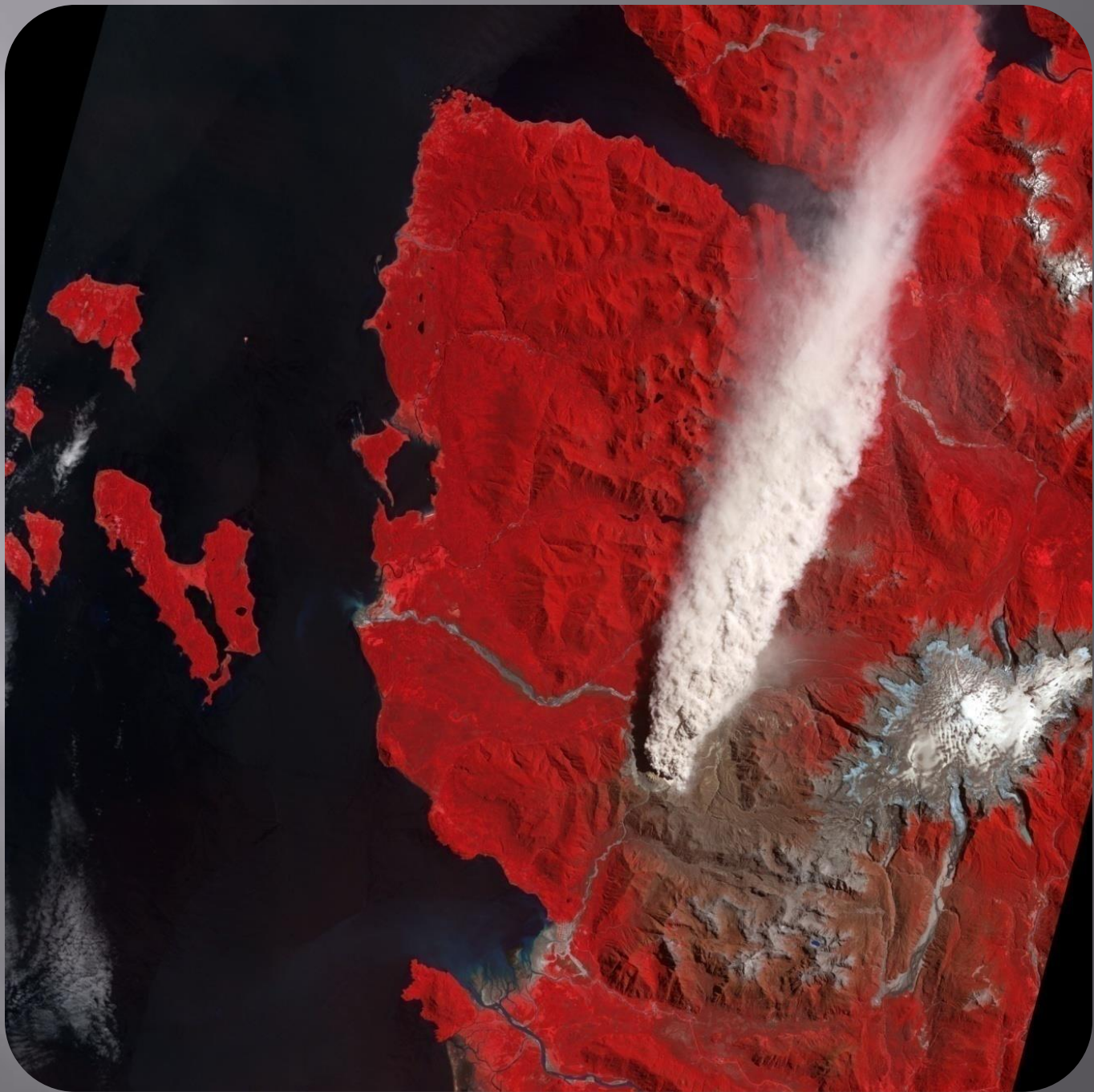
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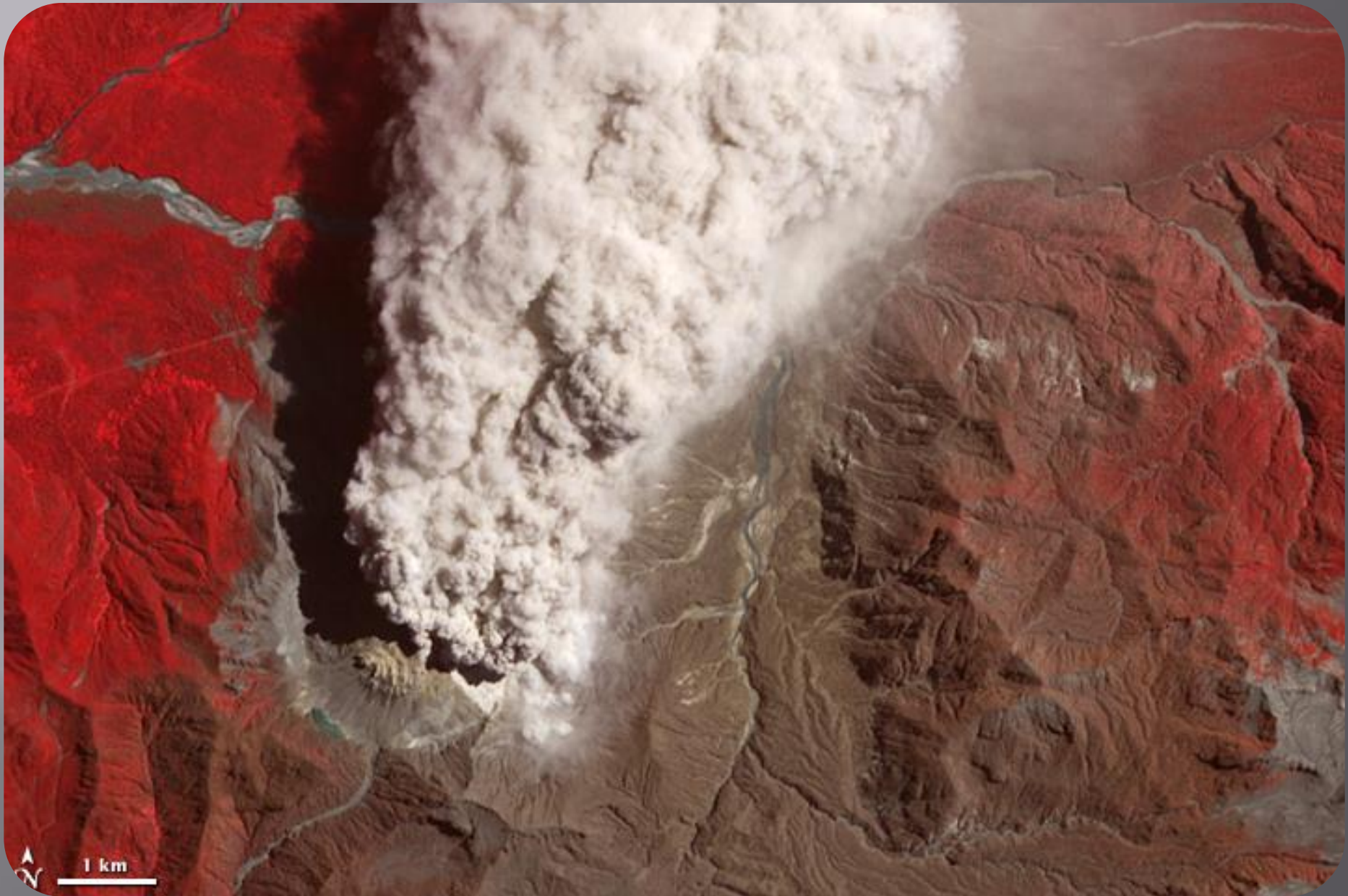
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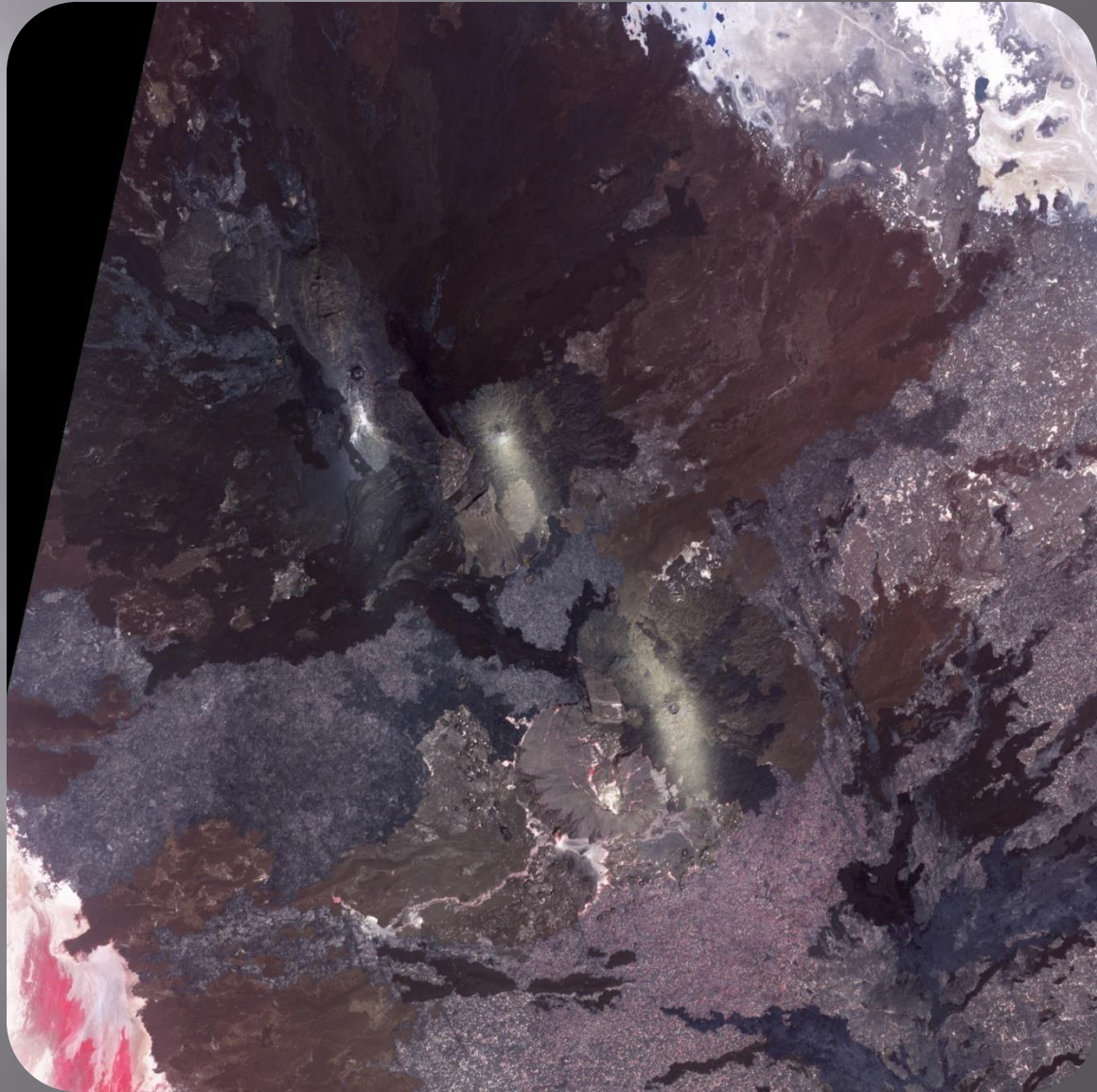
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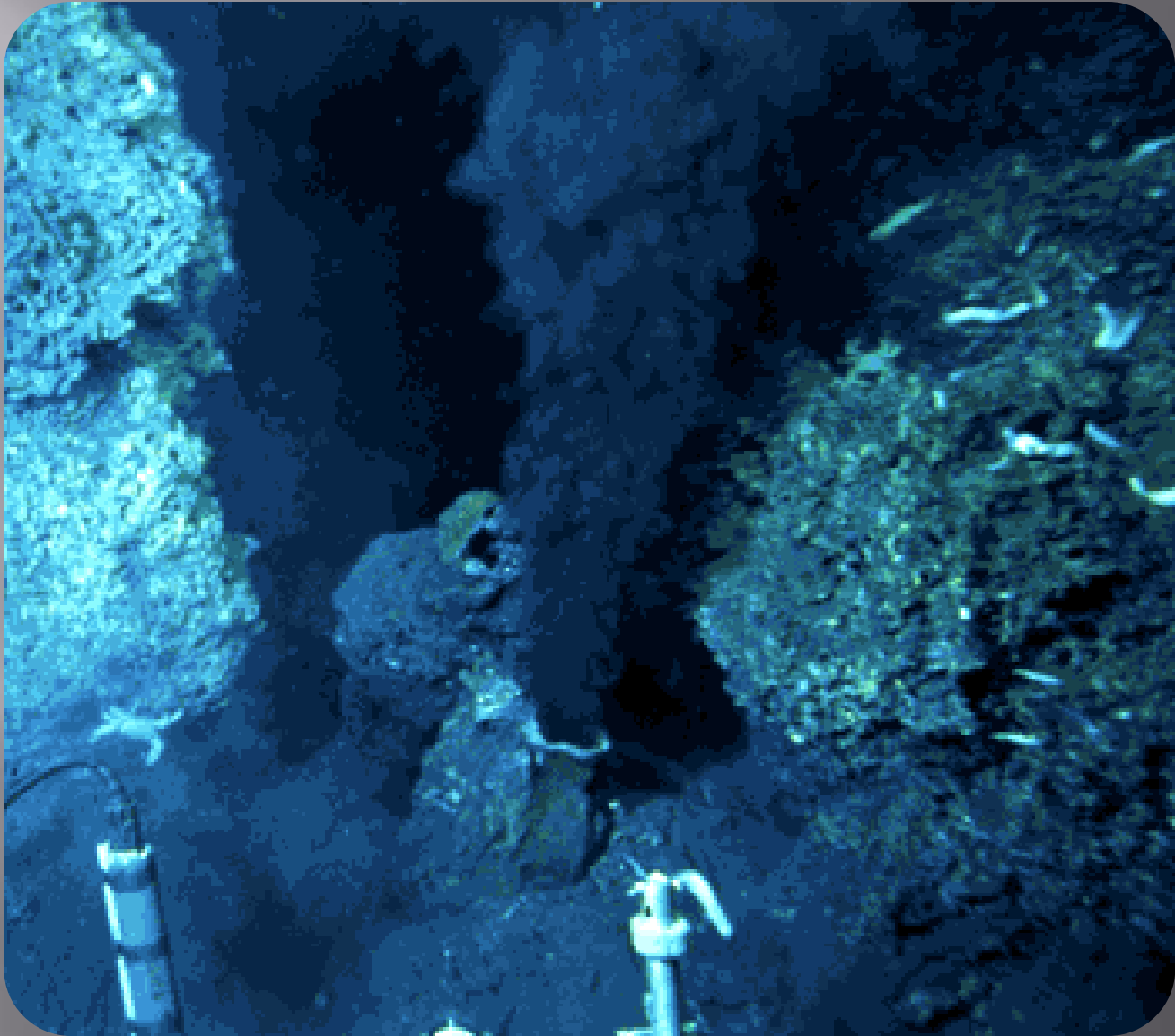
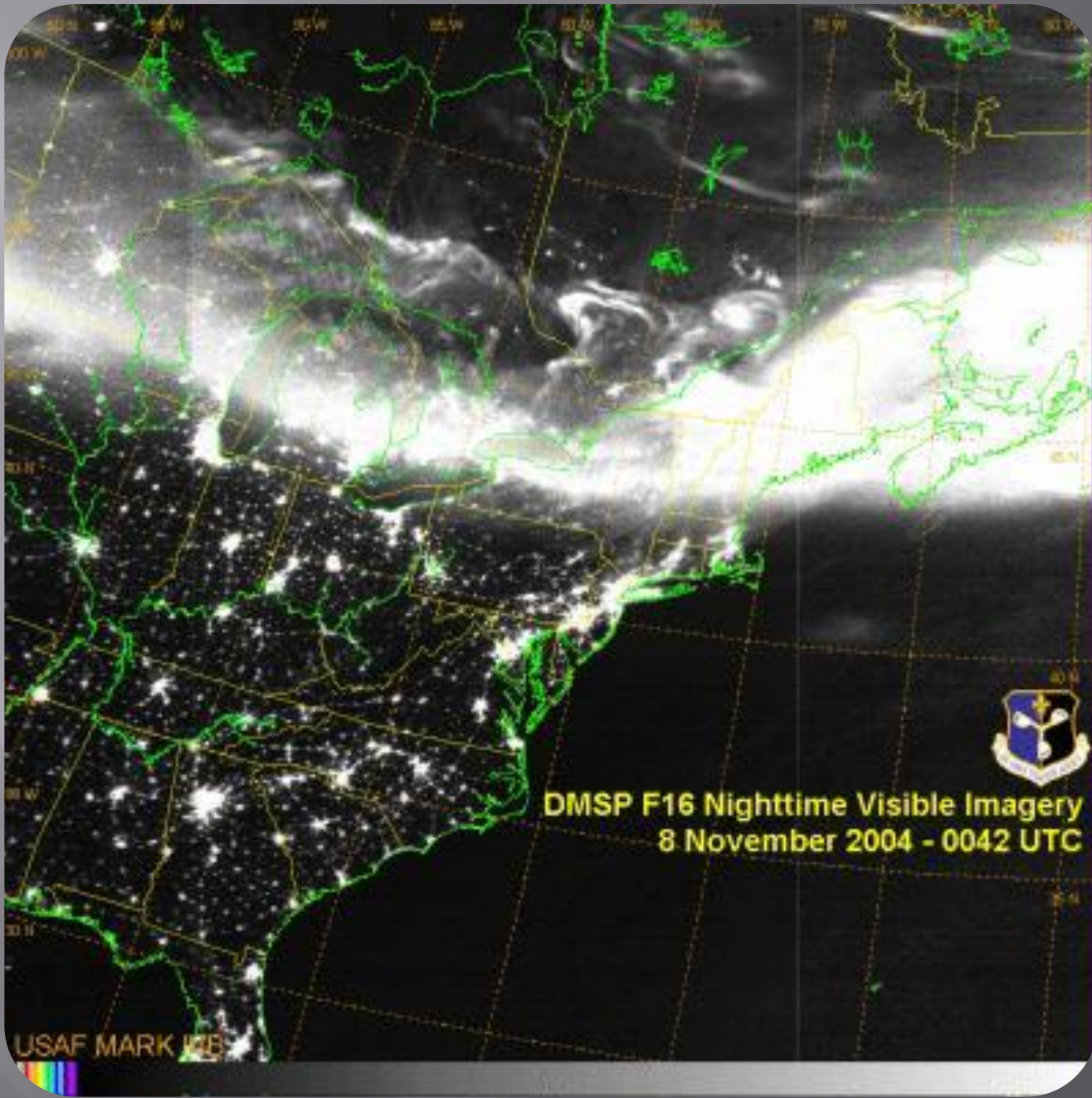


Fig Deep sea smoker-hot springs





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