

中新世の深海成堆積岩に記録された 複数の津波イベント

**Tsunami events recorded in deep-sea
depositional sequences in the Miocene
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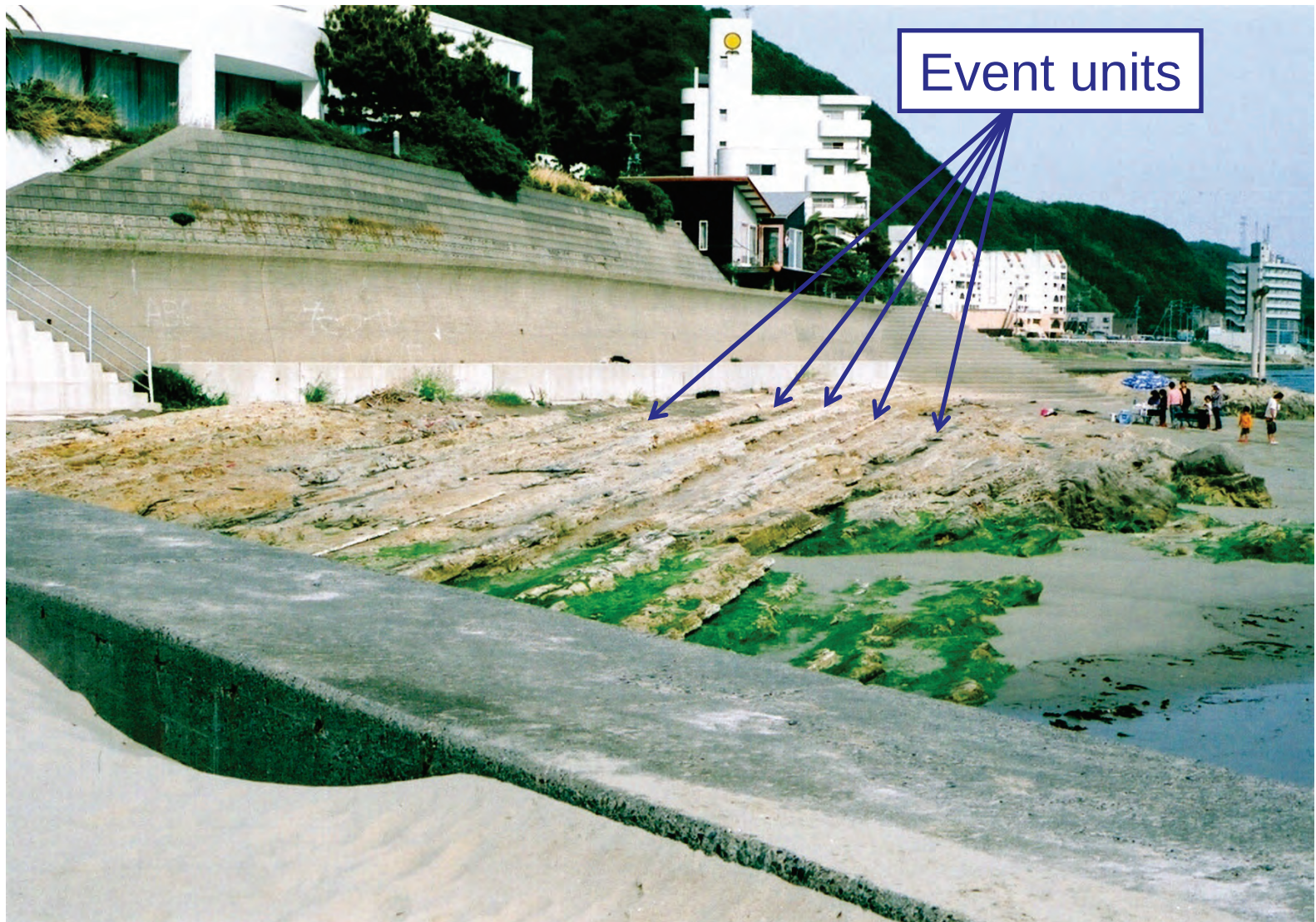
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Tsunami-origin event units in deep-sea deposits



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1 Introduction

Background

Inland tsunami deposits record long-term recurrences of tsunamis.

Offshore tsunami deposits also record repeated tsunami events?

1 Introduction

Purpose of this study

Identification of tsunami-origin event units
in offshore (deep-sea) deposits

Examination of occurrence of the event
units in the depositional sequence

2 Regional geology and tectonics

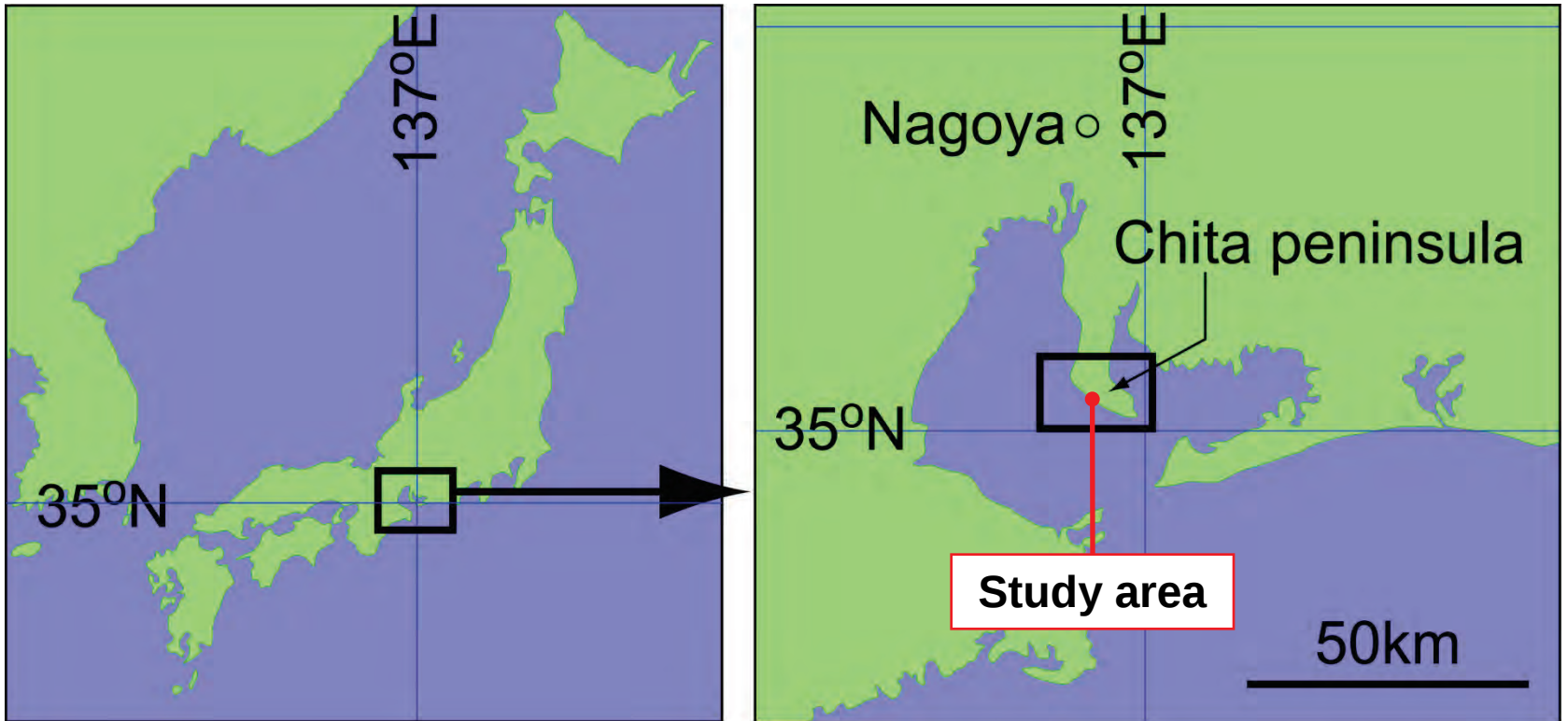
Locality: Aichi Pref., central Japan

Age: Early Miocene (ca. 17Ma)

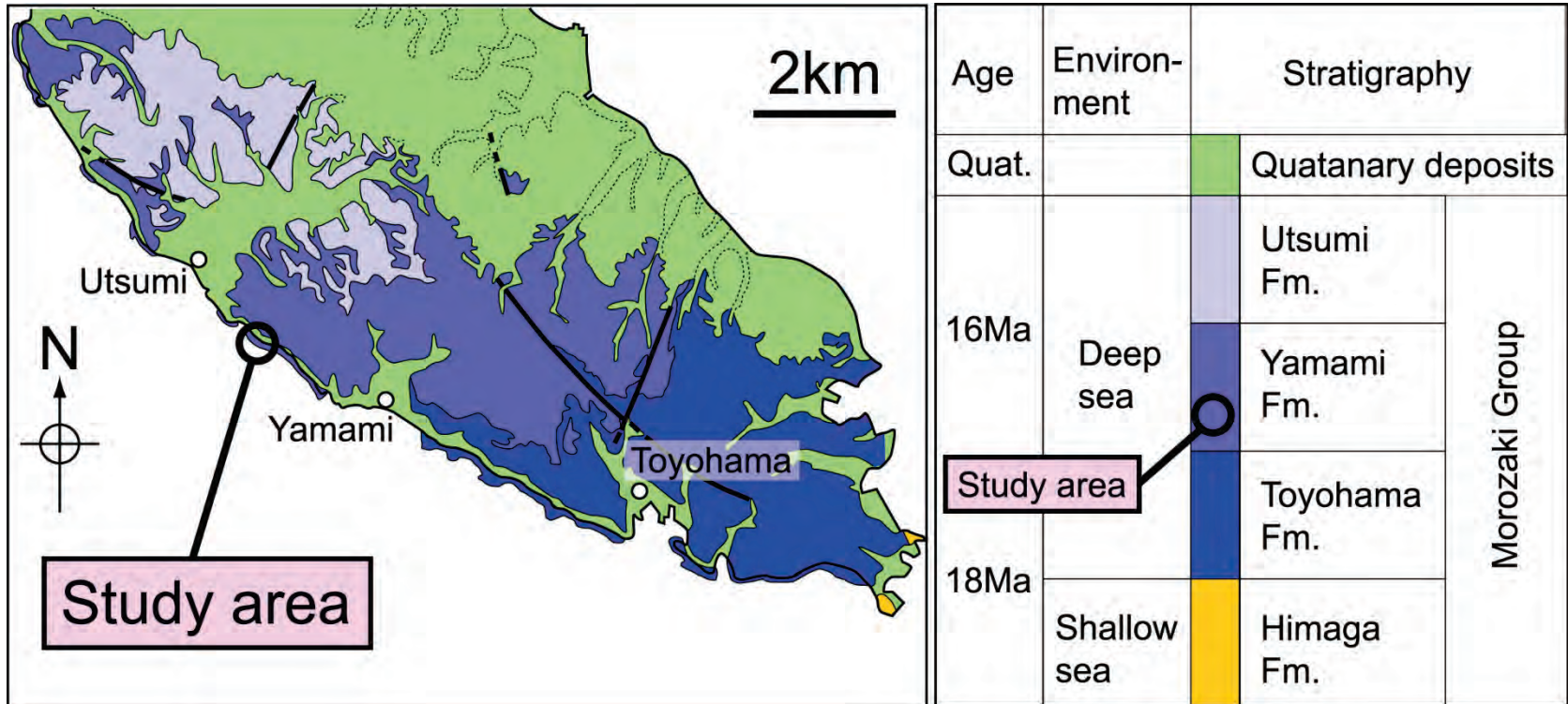
Environments: Upper bathyal (ca. 200-400m)

Regional tectonics: Forearc basin faced on
subduction zone

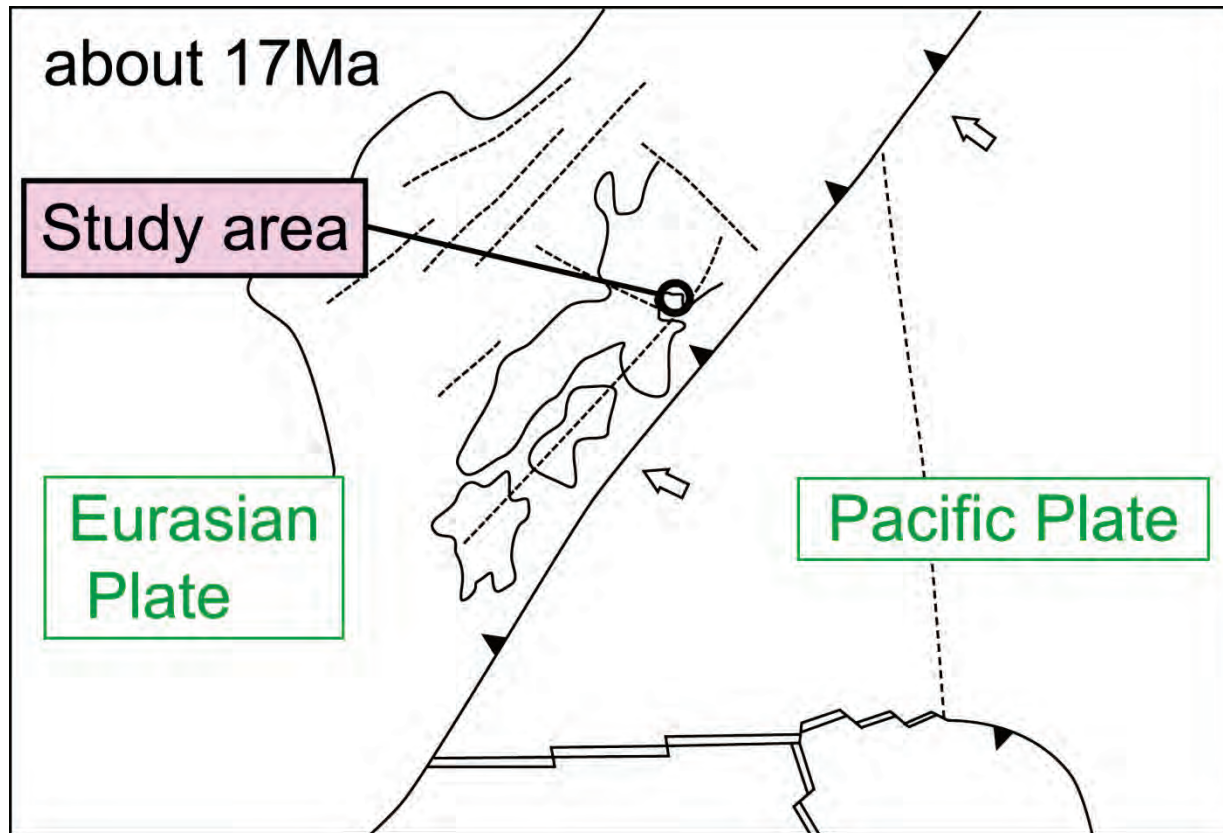
Locality of the study area



Regional geology



Regional tectonics



3 Tsunami-origin event units

Geological overview of the study area

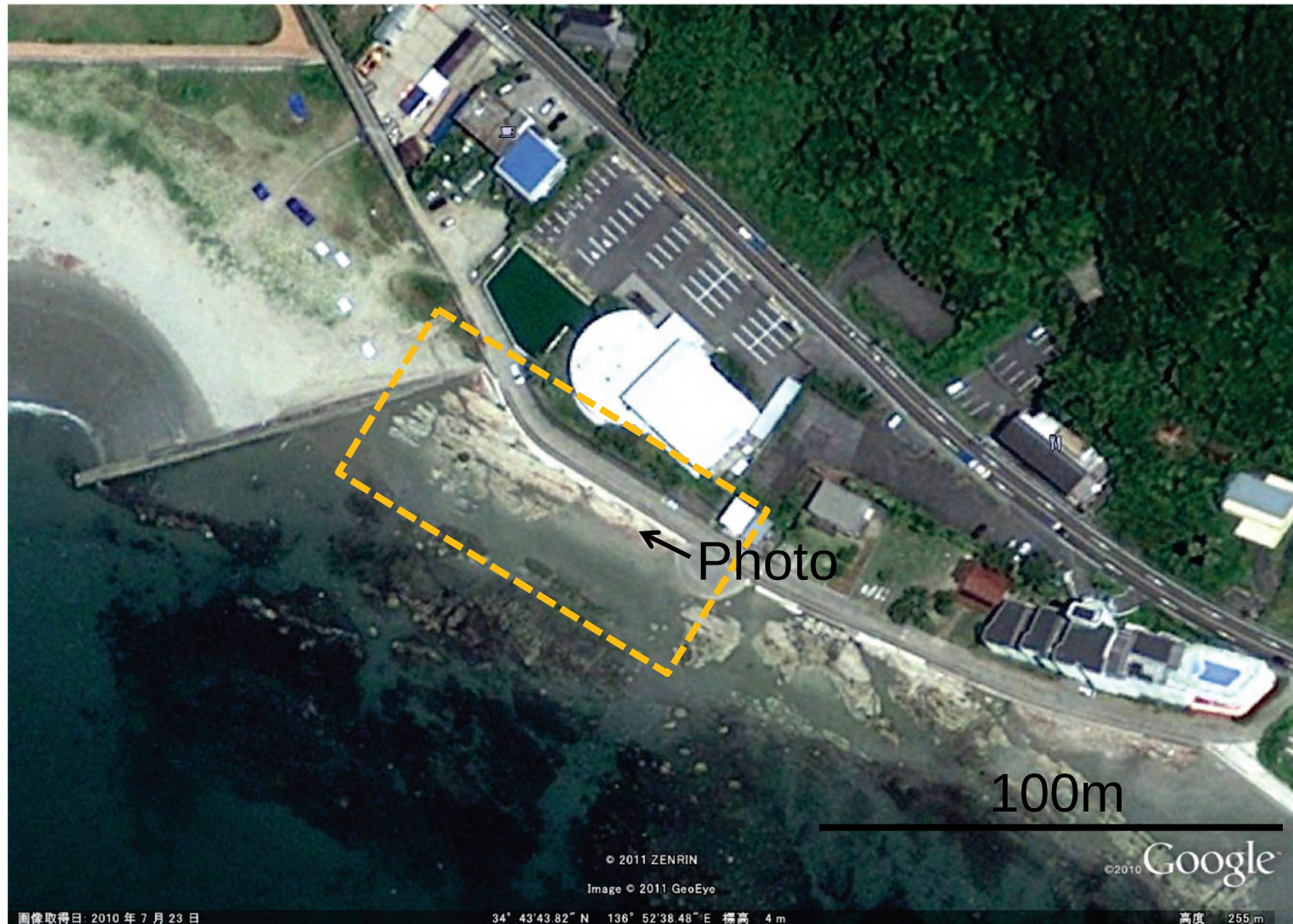
Example 1 (Unit 15)

Example 2 (Unit 11)

Example 3 (Unit 20)

Features and interpretation of the units

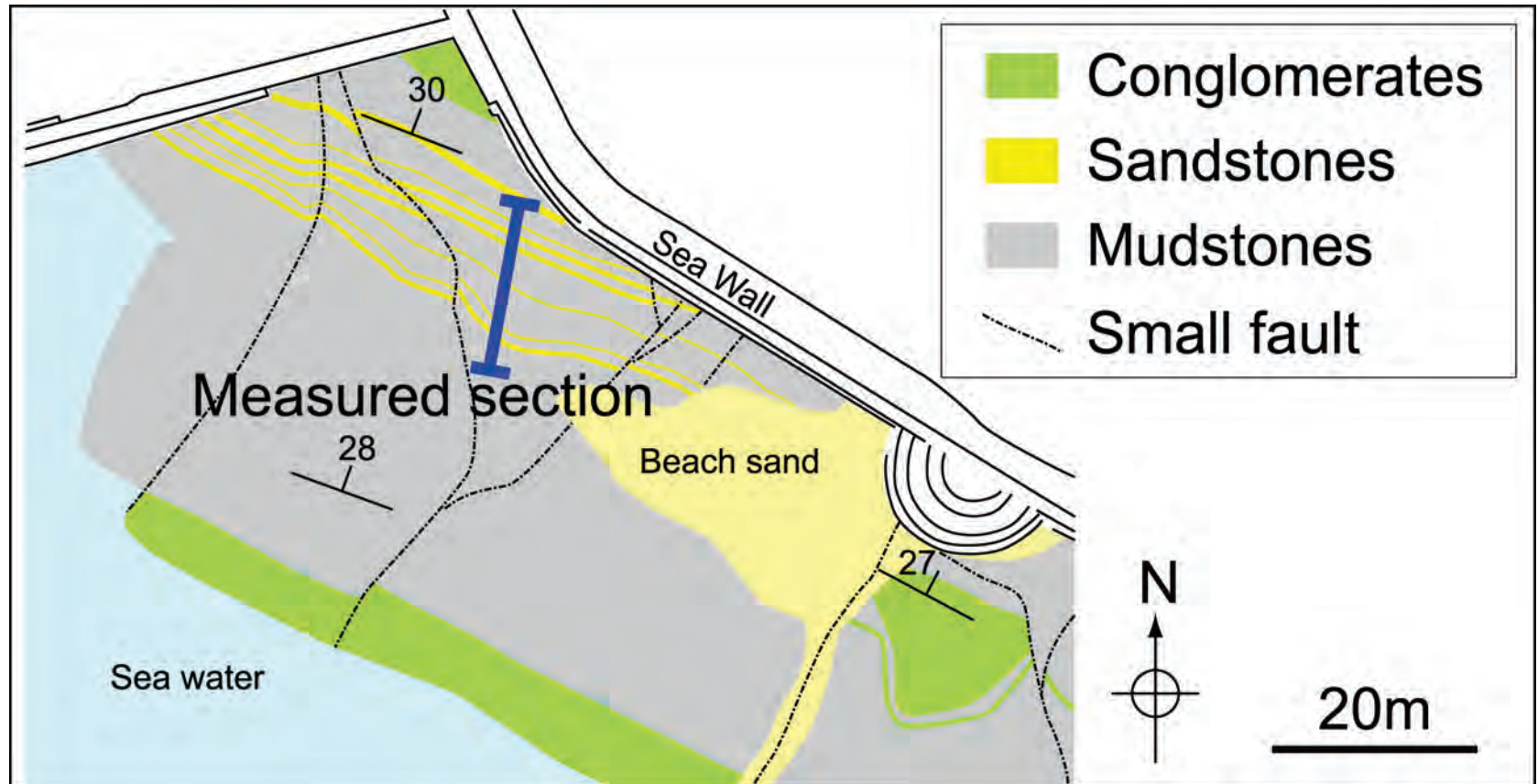
Aerial photo of the study area



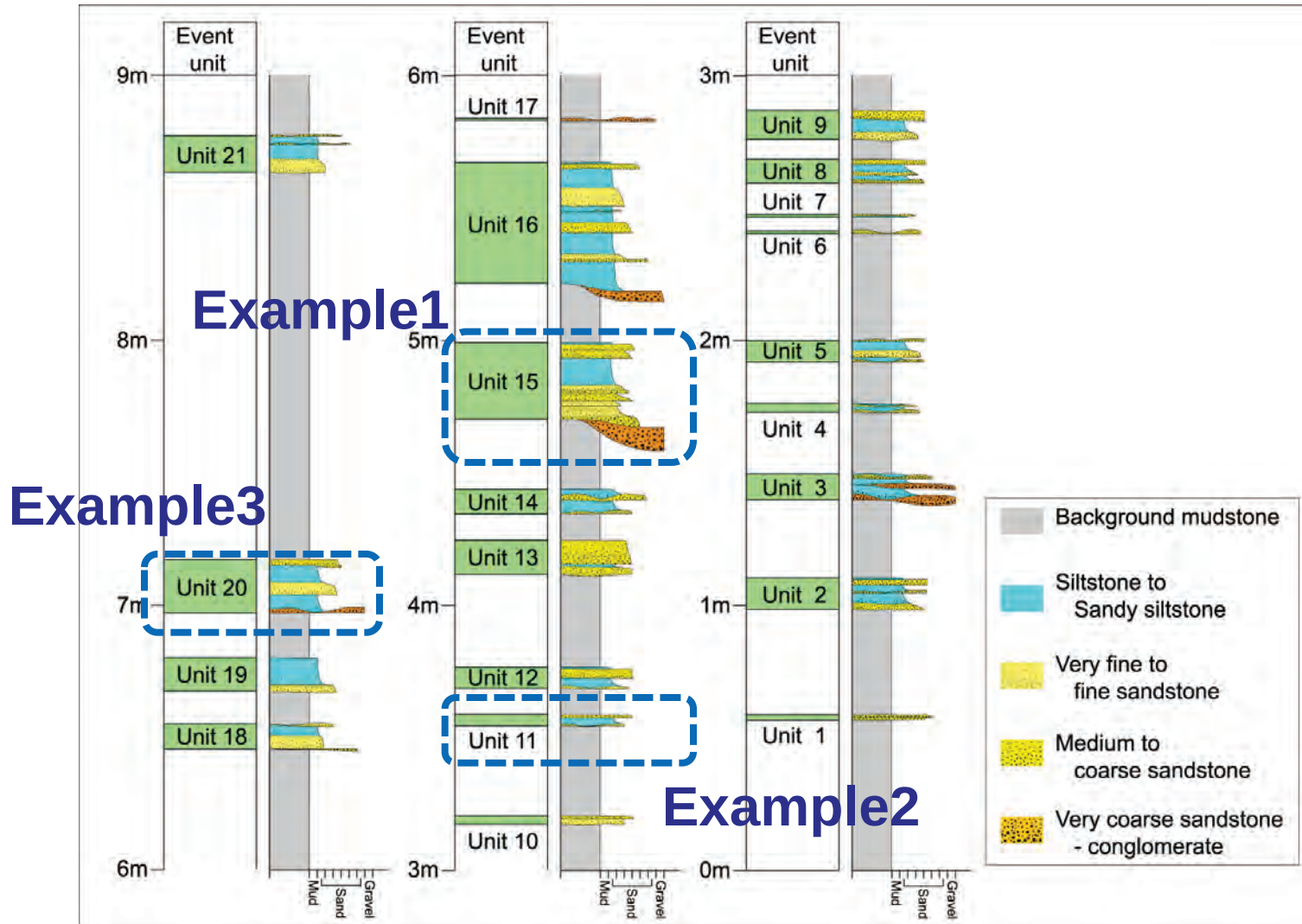
Overview of the measured section



Geological map of the study area



Measured section



Example 1 (Unit 15)



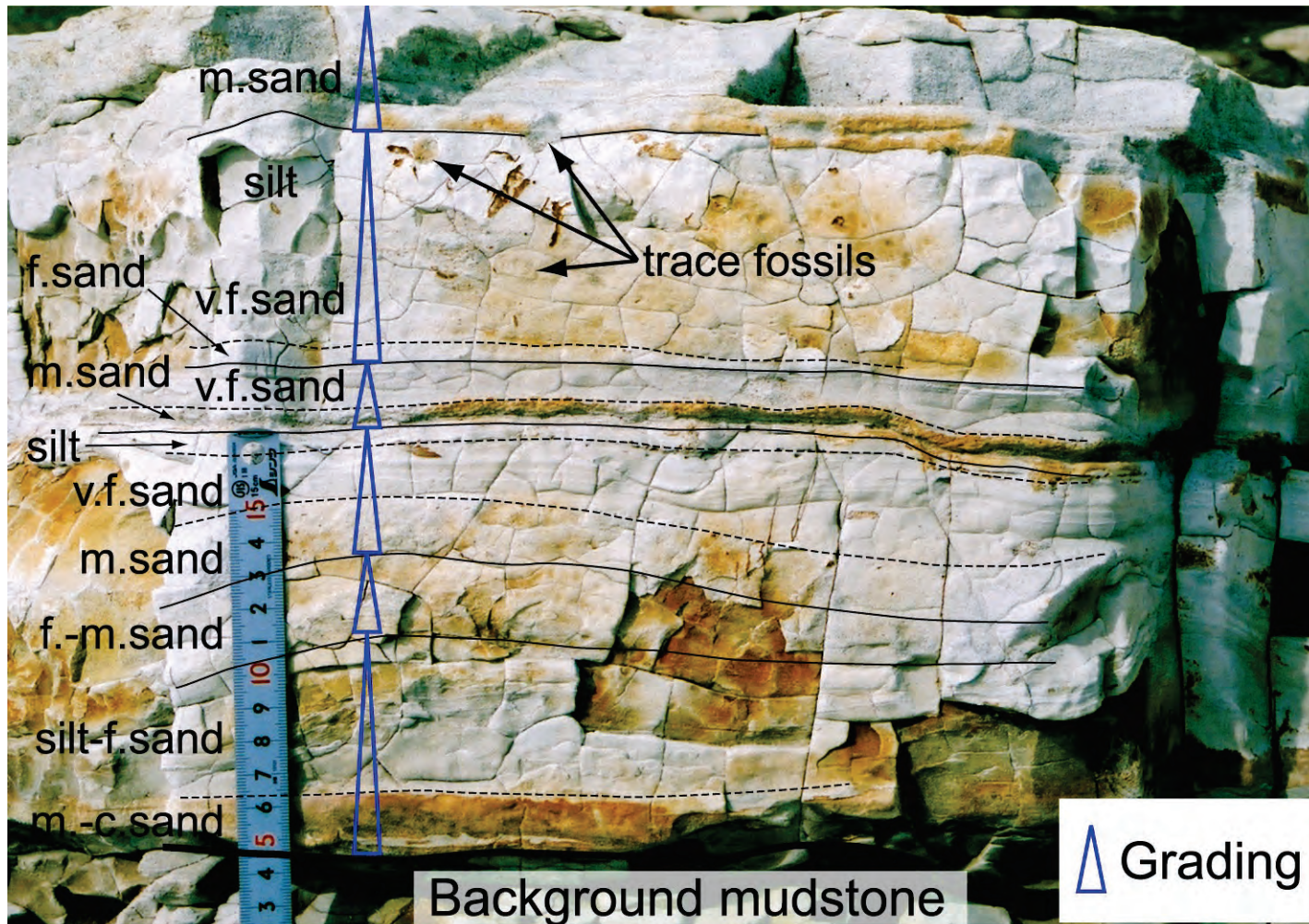
Panoramic view of the unit

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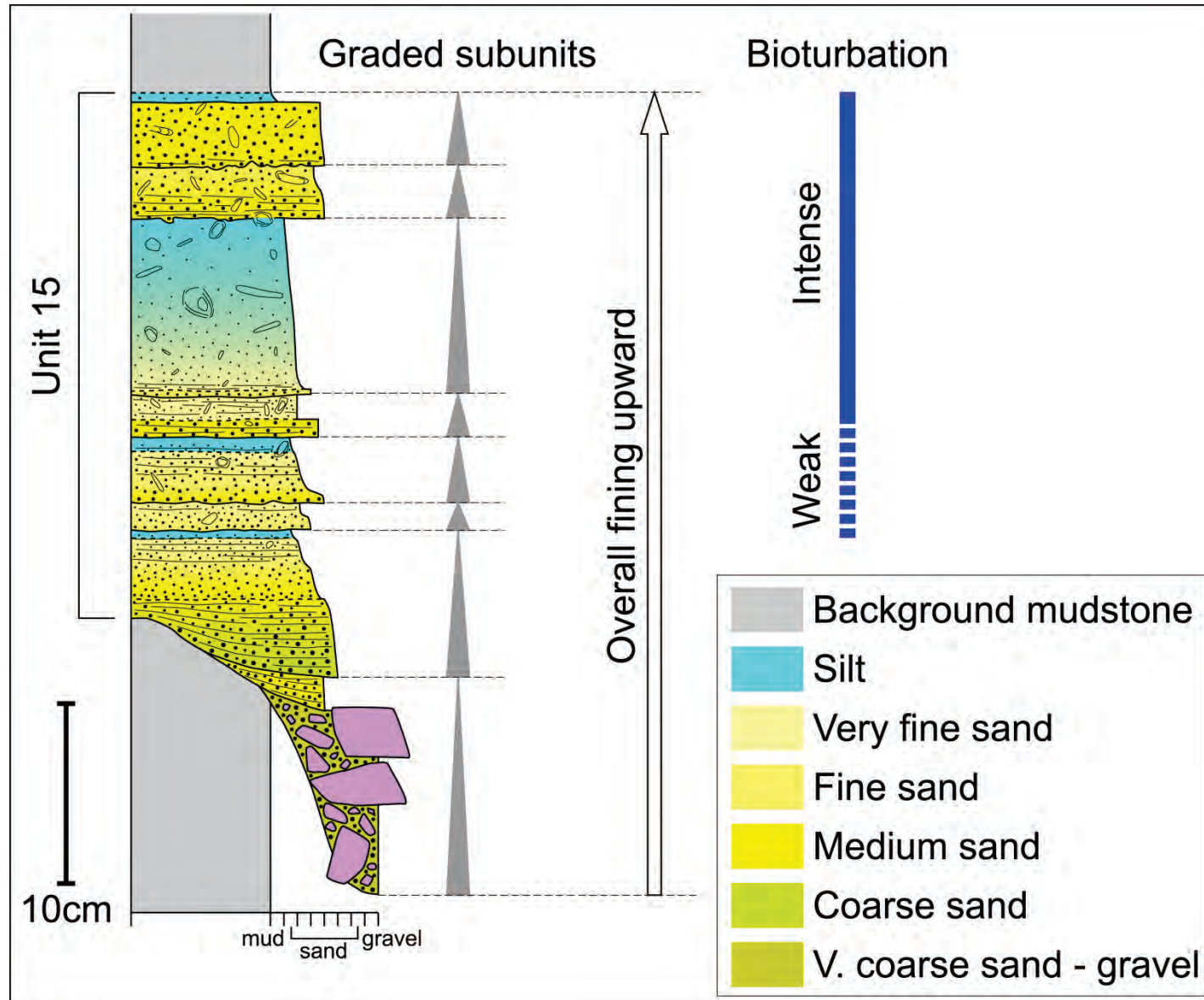
Boulders on basal scour surface

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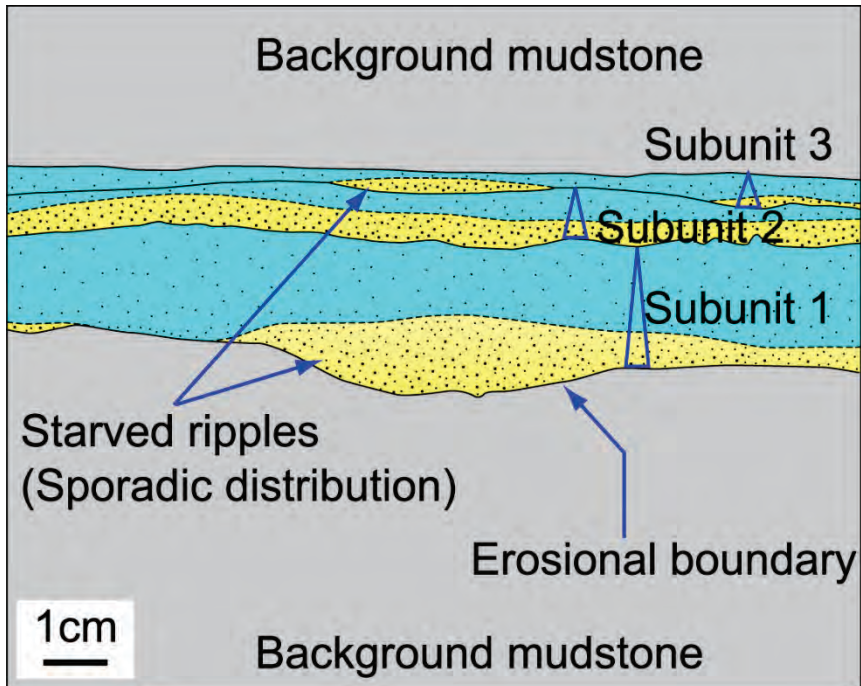


Stacking of graded subunits

Detailed section of Unit 15

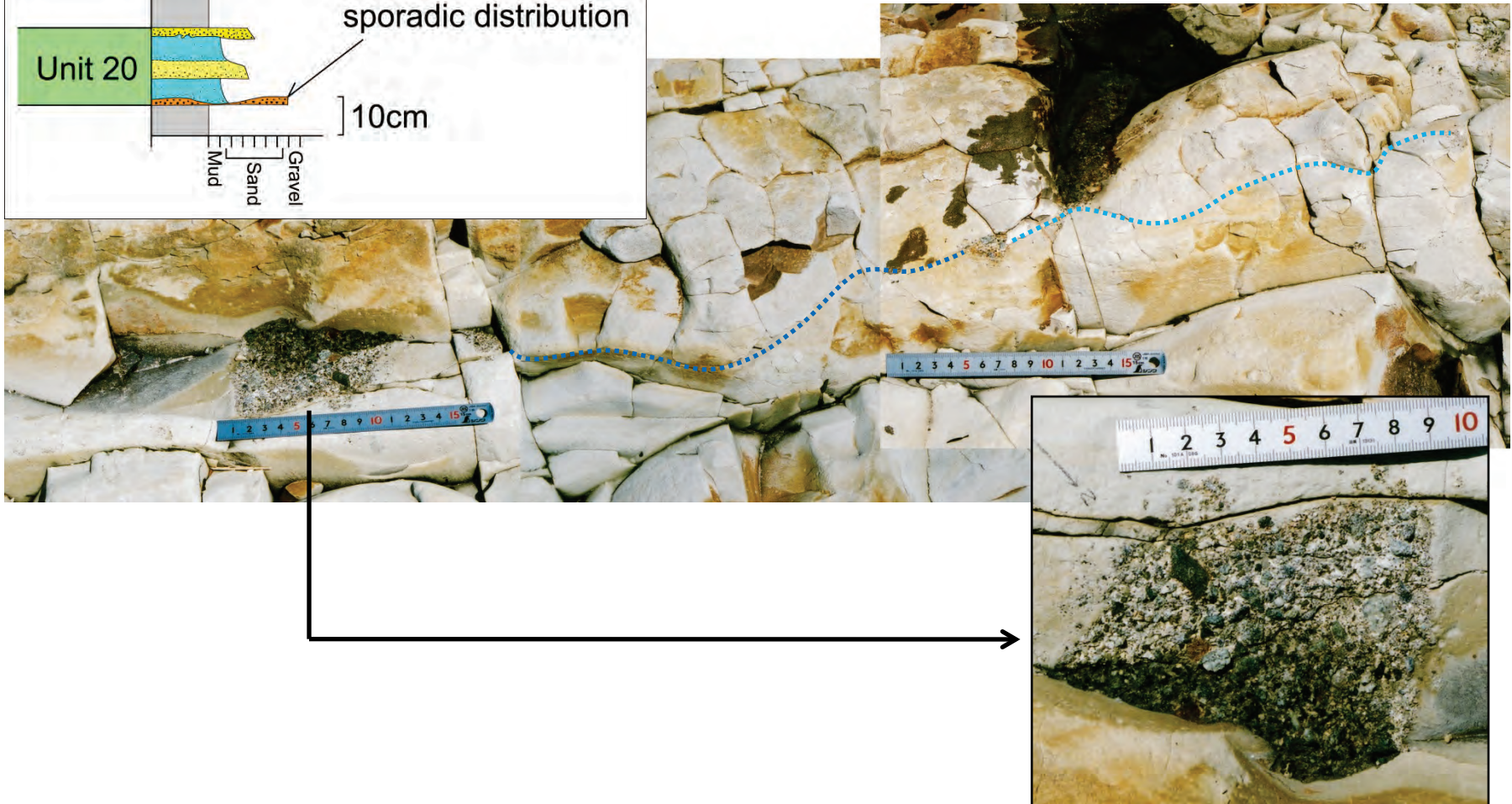
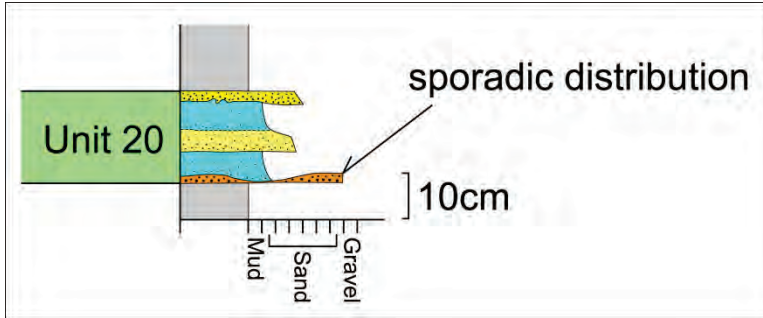


Example 2 (Unit 11)



	Silt		Grading
	Very fine sand		
	Fine sand		

Example 3 (Unit 20)



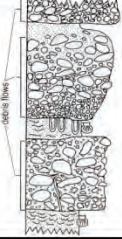
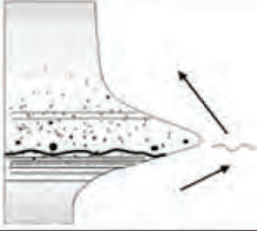
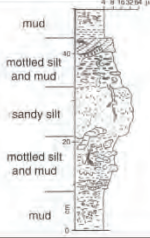
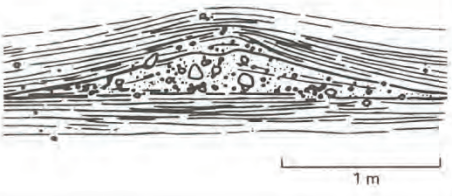
Features and interpretation of the units

Features	Interpretation
Downward decreasing of bioturbation	A single event deposits
Overall fining upward trend with erosional base (but not always)	Deposition during waning stage
Stacking of graded subunits containing siltstone	Repetition of flow and stagnant condition
Laterally sporadic distribution of sand and gravel layer (starved ripples)	Traction currents (water stream)



Tsunami origin

Deep-sea coarse deposits by other agents

Turbidites		A normal graded, single bed or multi-grading without mud layer
Debrites		Disorganized or inversely graded conglomerates
Hyperpycnites		Inversely-to-normal graded Inner erosional surface
Contourites		Inversely-to-normal graded Deposits by steady flow (not event deposits)
Ice-rafted debris		Settling fall-out deposits Common gravel-grade clasts

4 Occurrence of the event units in the depositional sequence

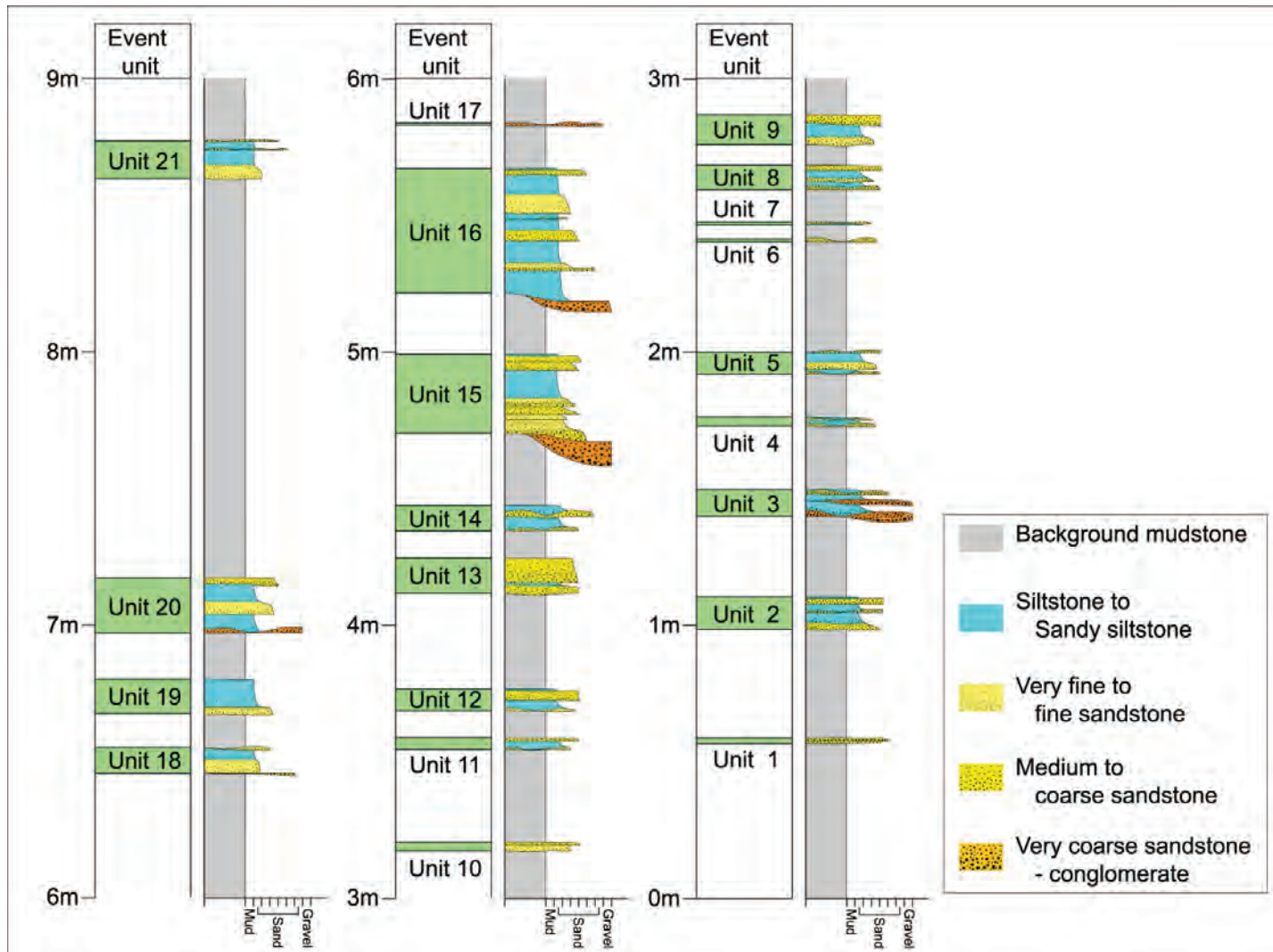
Columnar section

Definition of interval thickness

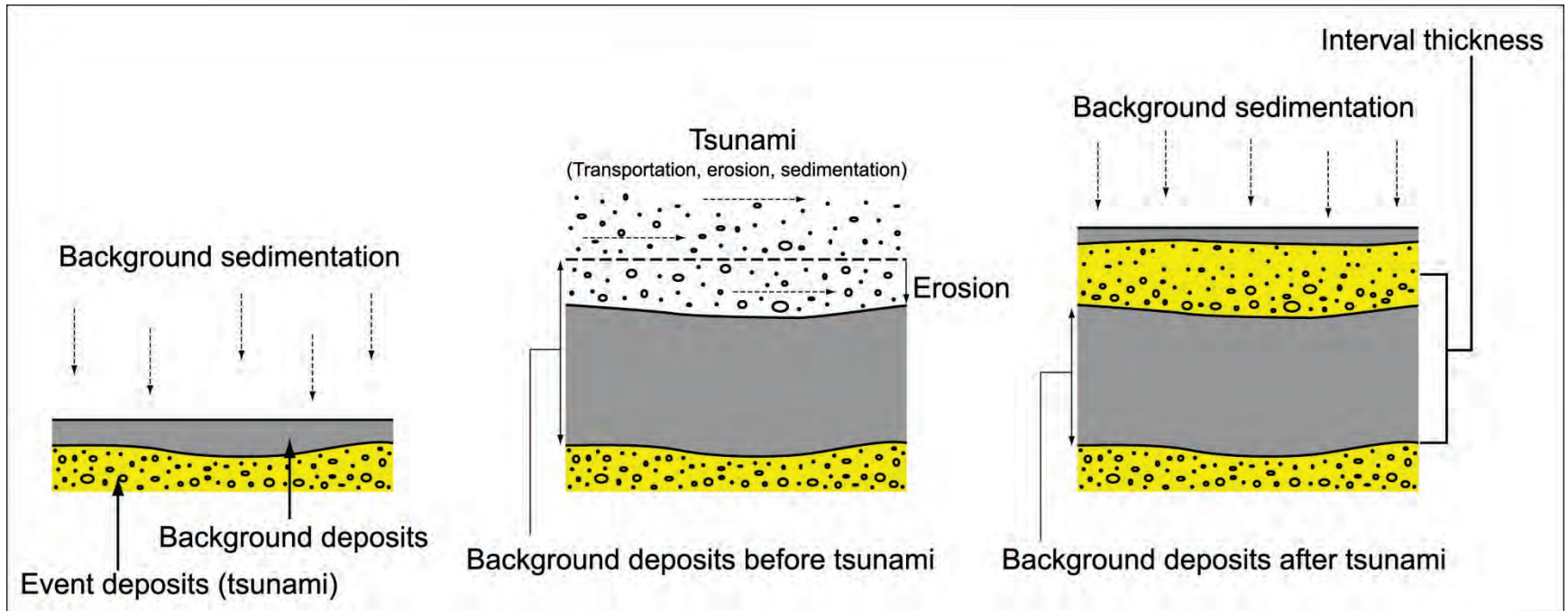
Distribution of the interval thickness

Assumed depositional rate of background deposits

Columnar section



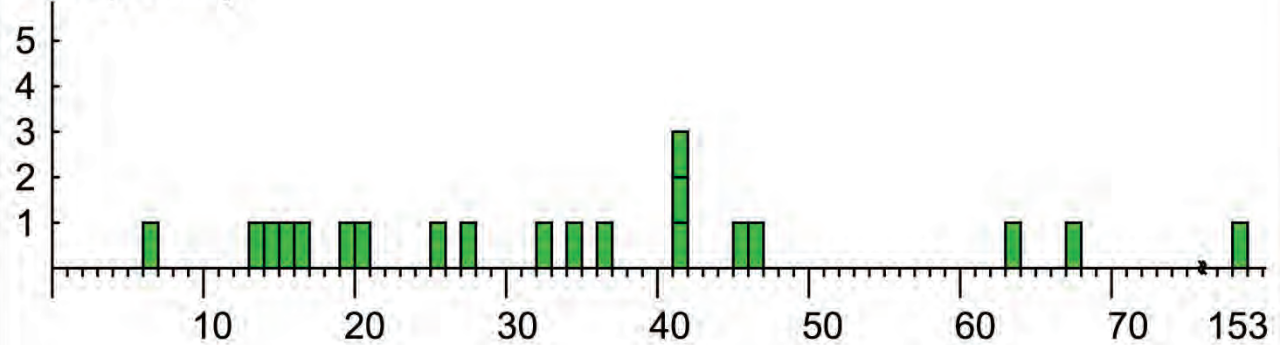
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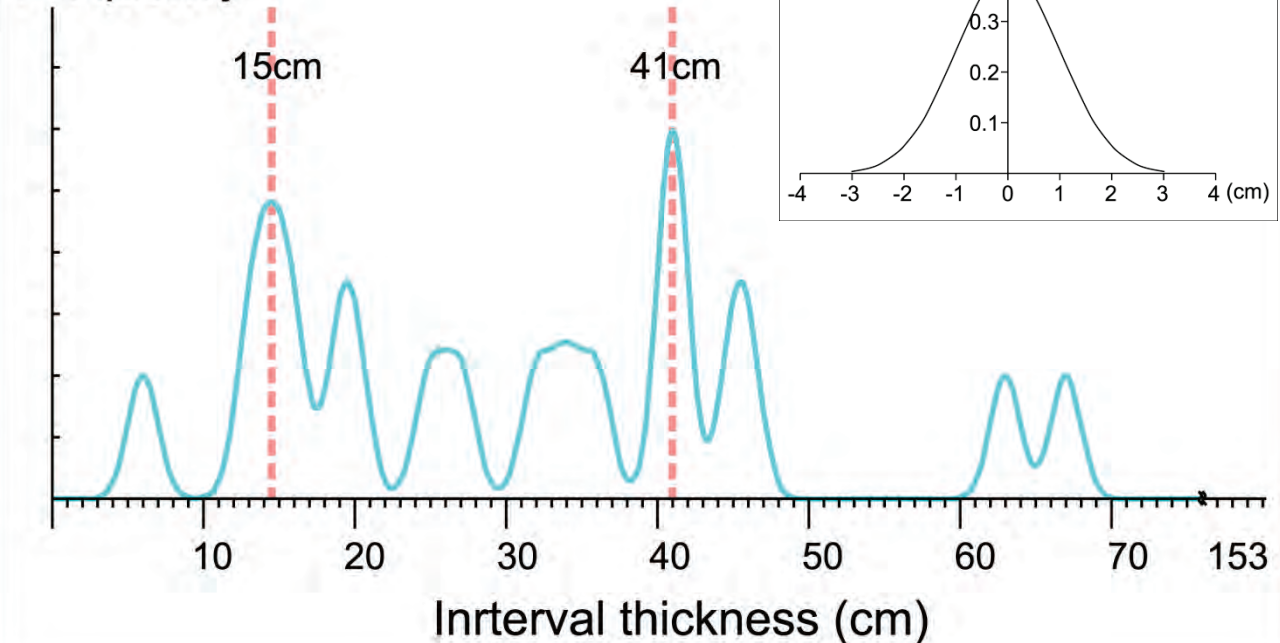
Distribution of interval thickness

Event unit	Interval (cm)
21	153
20	27
19	19
18	67
17	63
16	45
15	41
14	15
13	41
12	14
11	36
10	32
9	13
8	16
7	6
6	41
5	20
4	25
3	34
2	46
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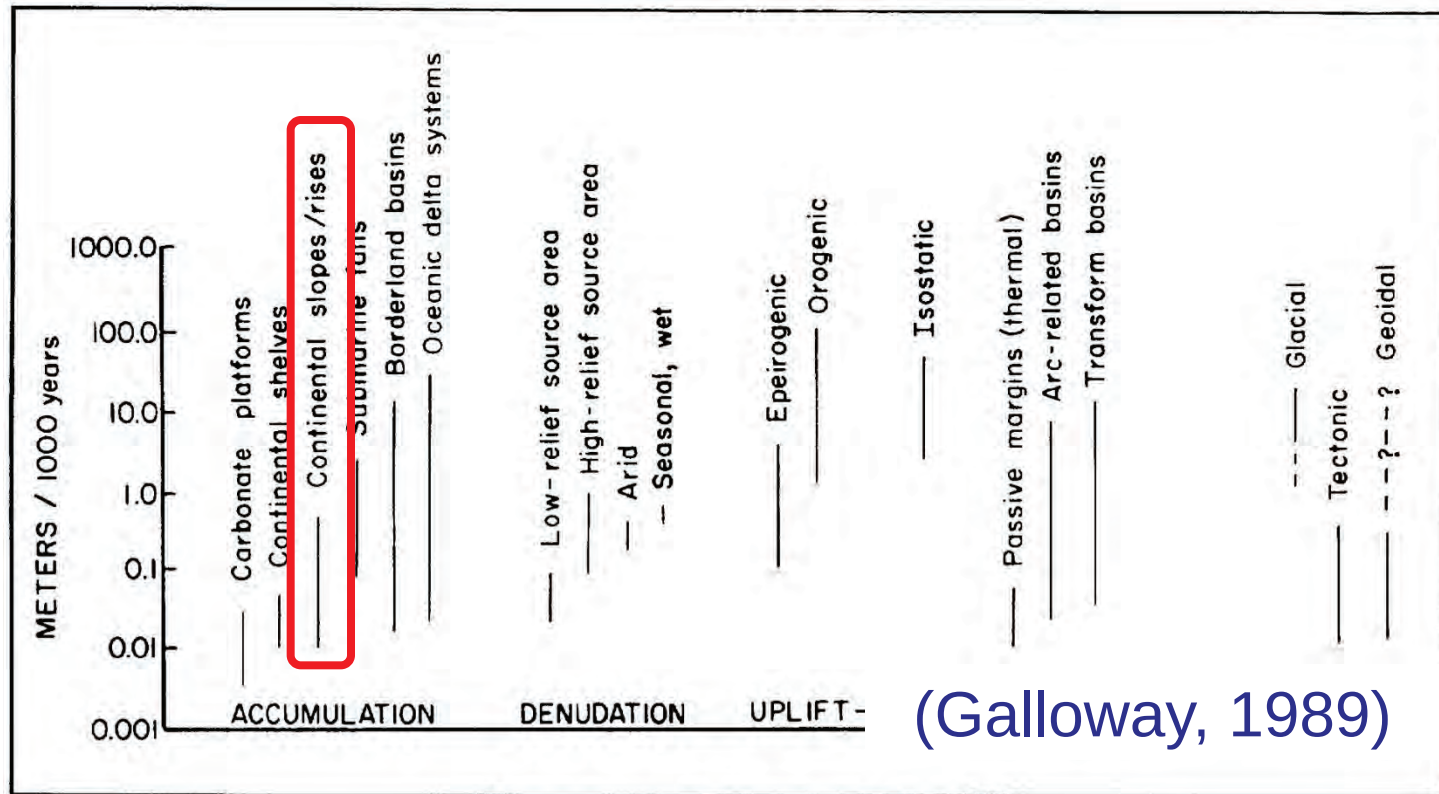
Frequency



Frequency



Depositional rate of backgrounds



Yamami and Toyohama Fm.

ca. 1000 m / 2-3 m.y. => 30-50 cm/ky

Estimated interval of recorded tsunami events

Assumed depositional rate



30 ~ 50 cm/1000year

900 cm $\Rightarrow$ 18000 ~ 30000 years

15 cm $\Rightarrow$ 300 ~ 500 years

41 cm $\Rightarrow$ 800 ~ 1400 years

5 Summary

Based on sedimentological features, tsunami depositional units are identified in the deep-sea depositional sequence.

Tsunami depositional units can be left periodically in the deep-sea depositional sequence.

A wide-angle photograph of a coastal scene. In the foreground, a sandy beach transitions into a rocky shore covered with green algae. A long, dark concrete pier or breakwater extends from the shore into the water. The water is calm, reflecting the sky. In the distance, a large ship is visible on the horizon. The text "Thank you for your kind attention" is overlaid in a blue, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

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