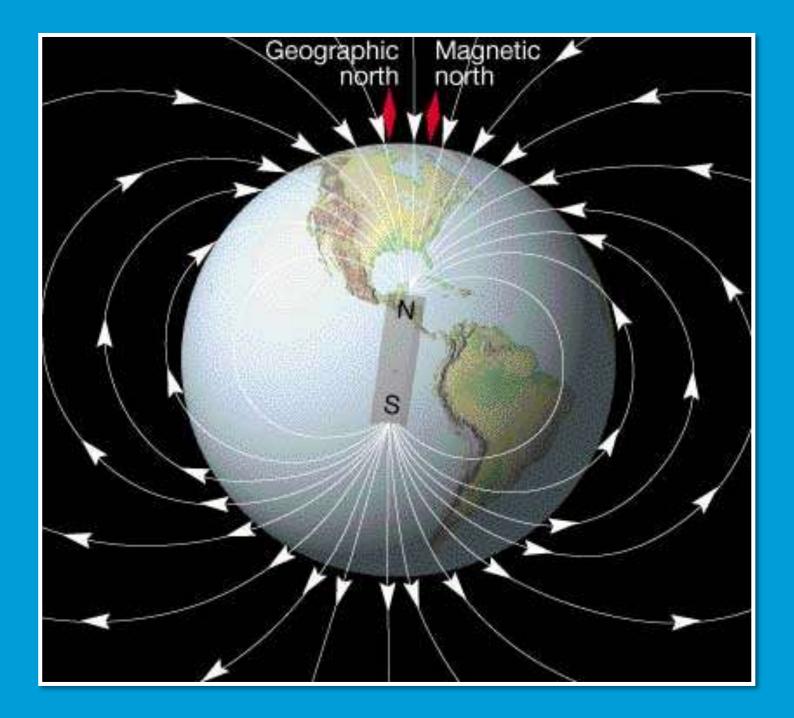
Rock Magnetism, Paleomgnetism & Environmental Magnetism

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## **Rock Magnetism**

- \* Is the study of the magnetic properties of rocks, sediments and soils to understand how rocks record the Earth's magnetic field
- \* The magnetic remanence is carried by certain minerals
- \* Strongly magnetic minerals have properties that depend on the size, shape, defect structure and concentration of the minerals in a rock
- \* provides non-destructive methods for analyzing

## **Types of magnetic order**

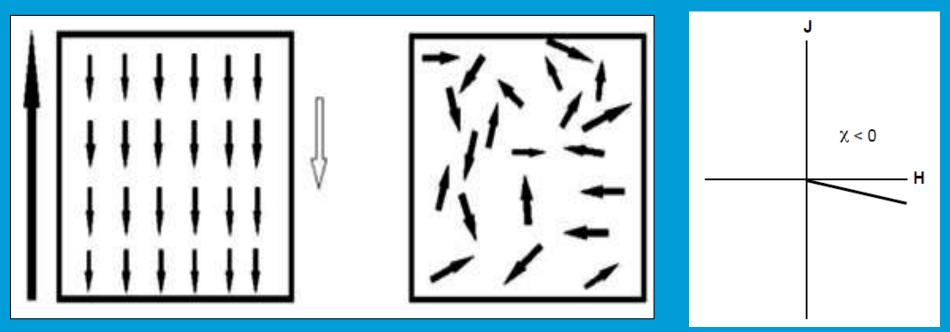
- \* The contribution of a mineral to the total magnetism of a rock depends strongly on the type of magnetic order or disorder
- \* Magnetically disordered minerals (diamagnets and paramagnets) contribute a weak magnetism and have no remanence
- \* The more important magnetically ordered minerals are the ferromagnets, ferrimagnets and certain kinds of antiferromagnets. These minerals have a much stronger response to the field and can have a remanence

### Diamagnetism

\* is a magnetic response shared by all substances

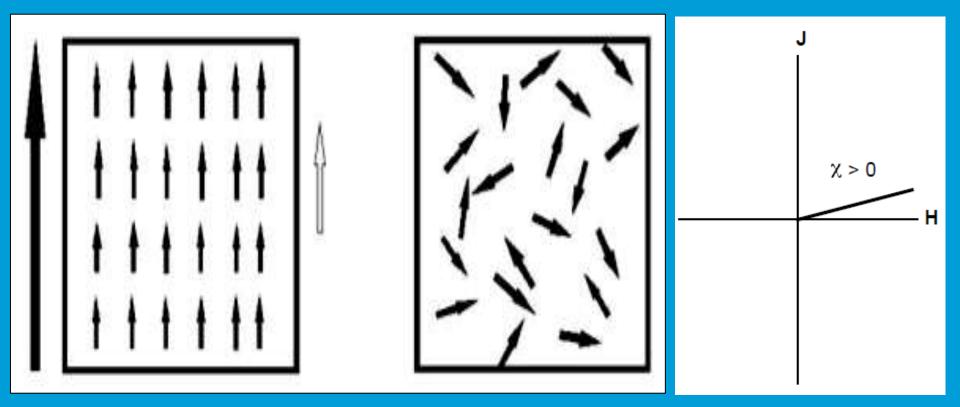
\* the moment produced is in the opposite direction to the field and the susceptibility is negative

#### \* This effect is weak but independent of temperature



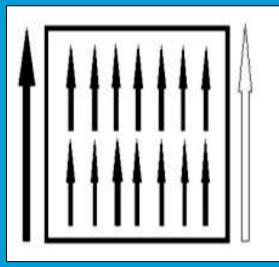
## **Paramagnetism**

\* is a weak positive in a magnetic field due to rotation of unpaired electron spins in one of iron shells
\* Susceptibility is inversely proportional to the T<sup>°</sup>

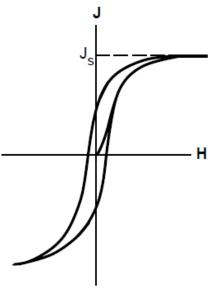


### Ferromagnetism

- \* A magnetic ordering where neighboring electron spins are aligned by the exchange interaction
- \* Below the Curie temperature, ferromagnets(Iron, Nickel, Cobalt) have a spontaneous magnetization and show hysteresis in an applied magnetic field
- They have remanence, and record the Earth's field
   Iron is usually found in iron oxides, oxyhydroxides and sulfides forms



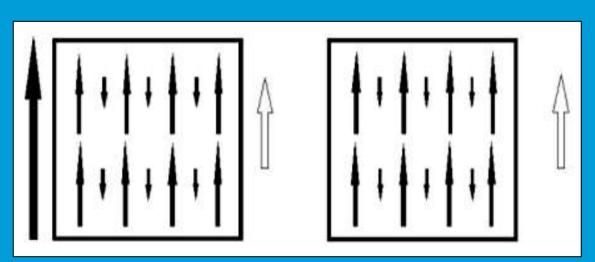


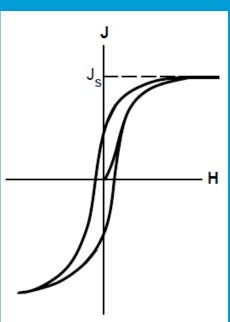


### Ferrimagnets

\* Have two sublattices with opposing moments, one with largerer moment, so there is a net unbalance
\* Ferrimagnets often behave like ferromagnets, but the temperature dependence of their spontaneous magnetization can be quite different
\* Magnetite, is the most important ferrimagnetic

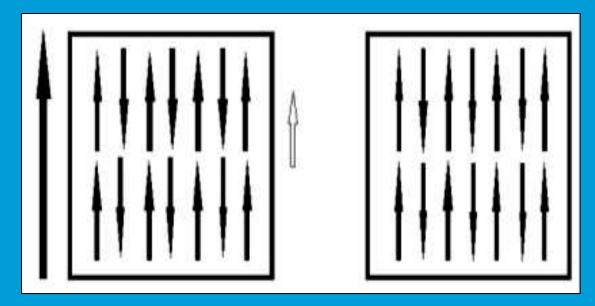
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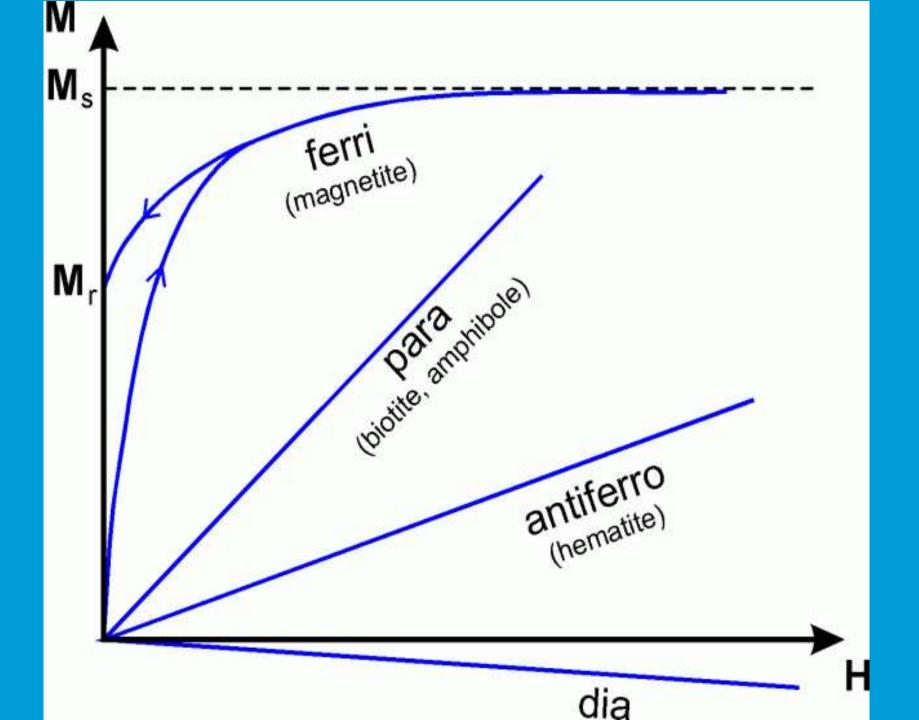




#### Antiferromagnets

- \* Like ferrimagnets, have two sublattices with opposing moments, but with equal moments in magnitude.
- \* Moments are not exactly opposed, and the moments can be tilted (<u>spin-canting</u>), resulting in a moment nearly at right angles to the moments of the sublattices(Hematite, Goethite)





# **Magnetic remanence**

- A central part of rock magnetism is the study of
- magnetic remanence, both as Natural Remanent
- Magnetization (NRM) in rocks obtained from the
- field and remanence induced in the laboratory

# NRM = primary NRM + secondary NRM

## **Types of NRM**

- \* Thermoremanent magnetization (TRM)
- \* Chemical (or crystallization) remanent magnetization (CRM)
- \* Detrital remanent magnetization (DRM)
- \* Viscous remanent magnetization (VRM)
- \* Isothermal remanent Magnetization (IRM)

# **Application of rock magnetism**

- **1- Magnetic anomalies** 
  - Is a local variation in the Earth's magnetic field resulting from variations in the chemistry or magnetism of the rocks
- \* The magnetic variation in successive bands of ocean floor parallel with mid-ocean ridges is important evidence supporting the theory of seafloor spreading, central to plate tectonics

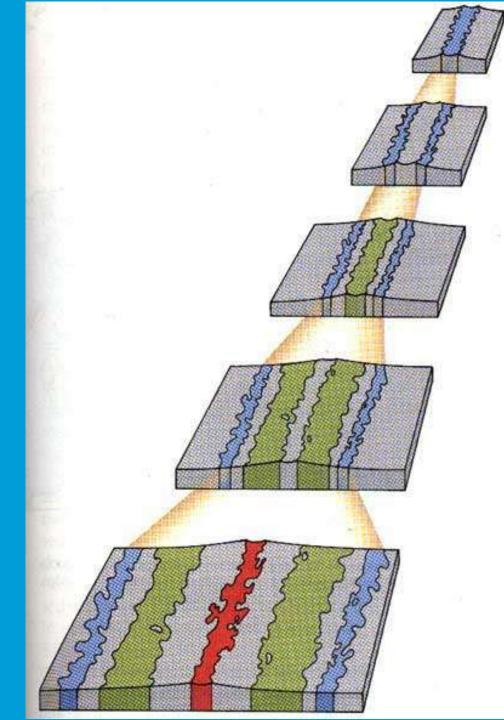
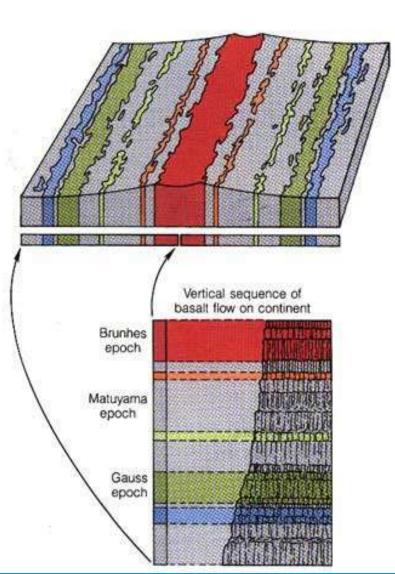
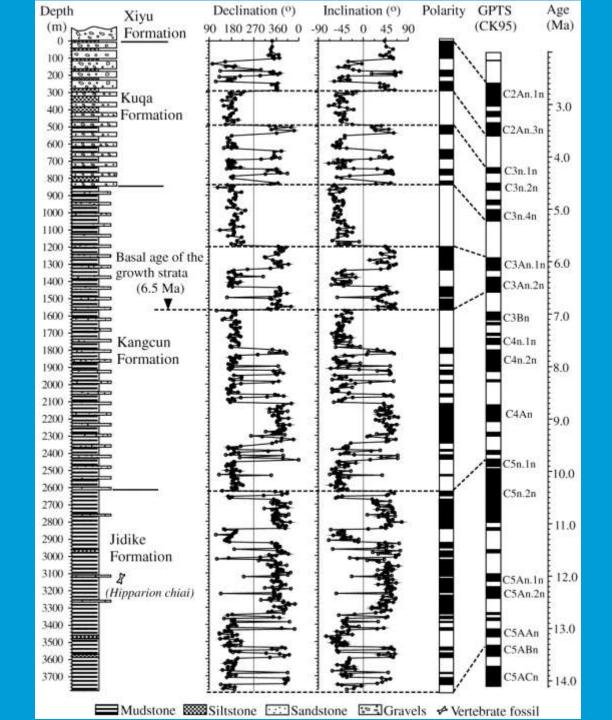


Figure The pattern of positive and negative gravity anomalies parallel to the oceanic ridges was developed as new ocean floor was added to the oceanic crust at the ridge spreading center.



# 2- Magnetostratigraphy

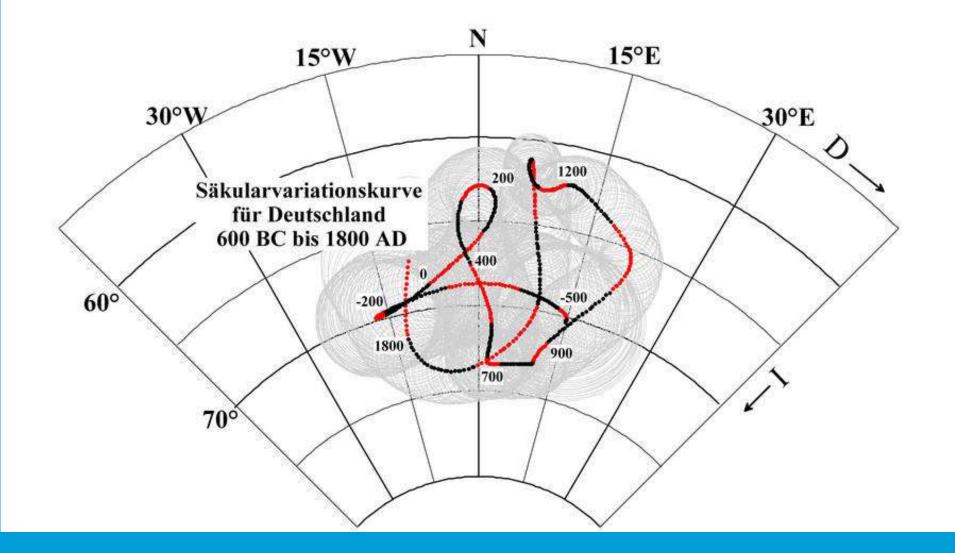
- \* Is a <u>geophysical</u> correlation technique used to date <u>sedimentary</u> and <u>volcanic</u> sequences
- \* The method works by collecting oriented samples at measured intervals throughout the section
- \* The samples are analyzed to determine their *characteristic remanent magnetization* (ChRM), that is, the polarity of Earth's magnetic field at the time a stratum was deposited



## **3- Geomagnetic secular variation**

- \* Refers to changes in the Earth's magnetic field on
  - time scales of about a year or more

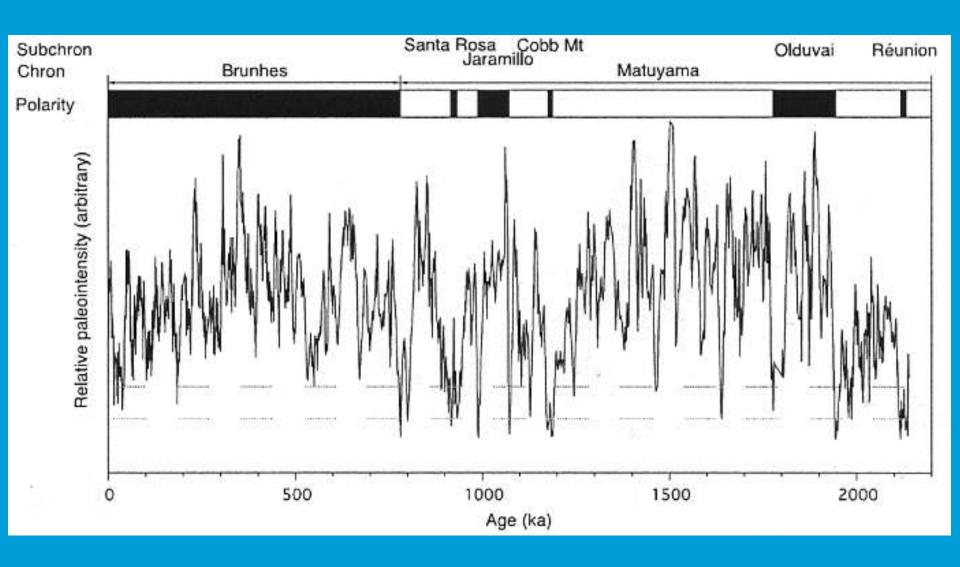
- \* These changes mostly reflect changes in the
  - Earth's interior, while more rapid changes mostly
  - originate in the ionosphere or magnetosphere



# **4-** Paleointensity

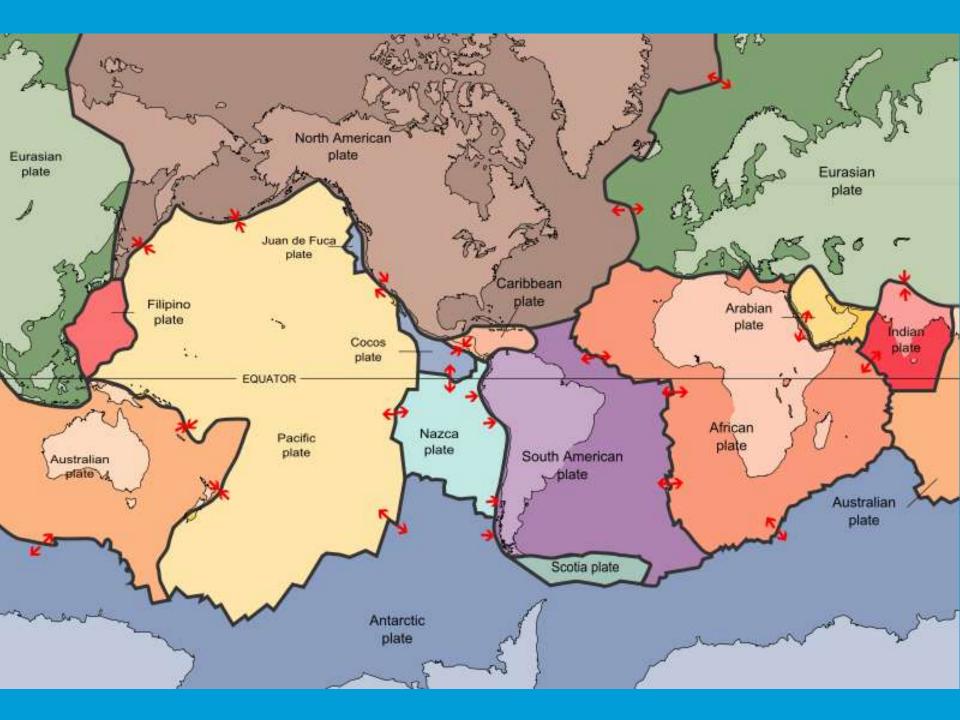
#### The intensity of geomagnetism at a given location

#### at a particular time in the geologic past



## **5- Plate tectonics**

\* Is a scientific theory that describes the large-scale motions of Earth's lithosphere. The model builds on the concepts of continental drift \* The lithosphere is broken up into tectonic plates, where plates meet, their relative motion determines the type of boundary: convergent (subduction carries plates into the mantle), divergent (seafloor spreading), or transform. \* Earthquakes, volcanic activity, mountainbuilding, and oceanic trench formation occur along these plate boundaries.

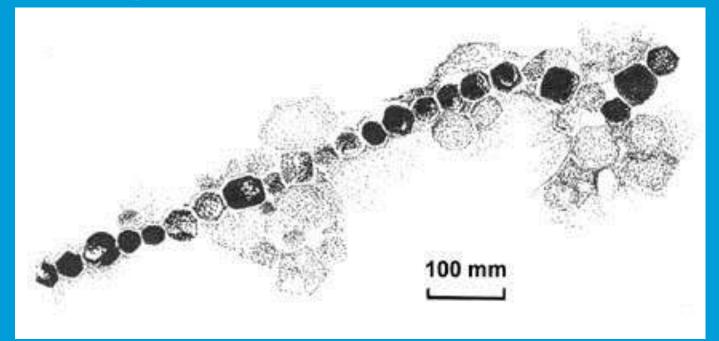


# 6- Biomagnetism

#### Is the phenomenon of magnetic fields produced by

#### living organisms; it is a subset of

#### bioelectromagnetism.



# 7- Environmental magnetism

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- \* It makes use of techniques from rock magnetism and magnetic mineralogy
- \* The magnetic properties of minerals are used as proxies for environmental change in applications such as paleoclimate, paleoceanography, studies of the provenance of sediments, pollution and archeology
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## 7- Magnetic fabrics

\* Is a technique that is used to measure the

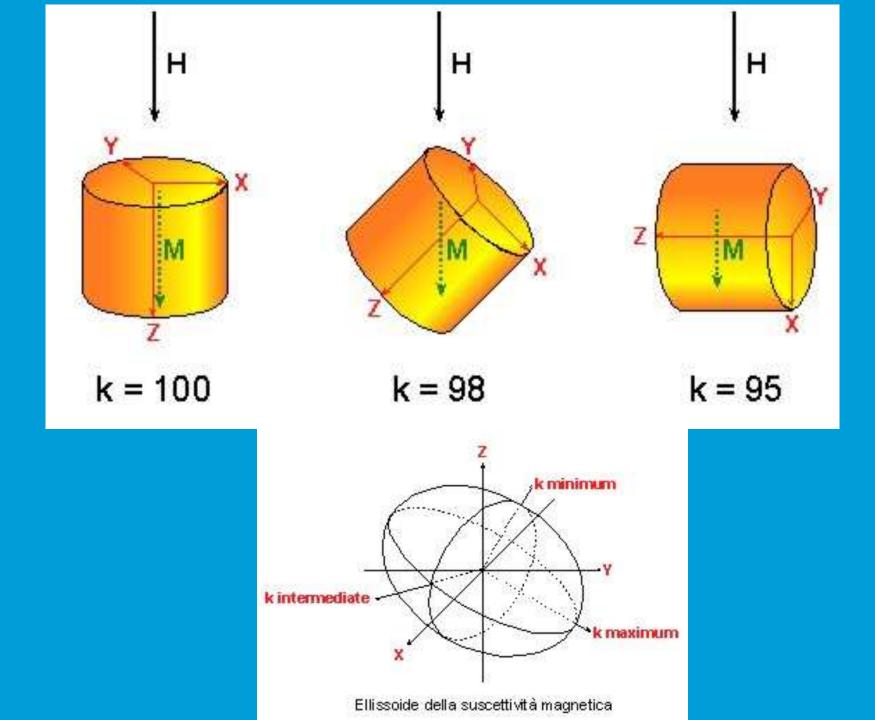
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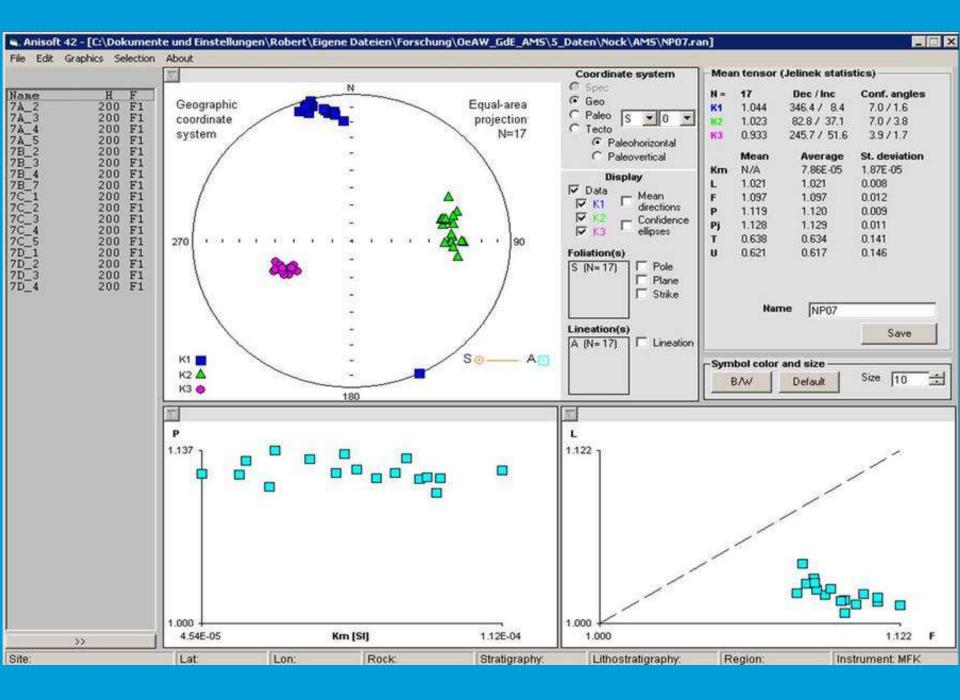
emplacement, structural evolution, flow direction

can be determined

\* Is used to determine the angle of collusion

**between two plates (geodynamic application)** 







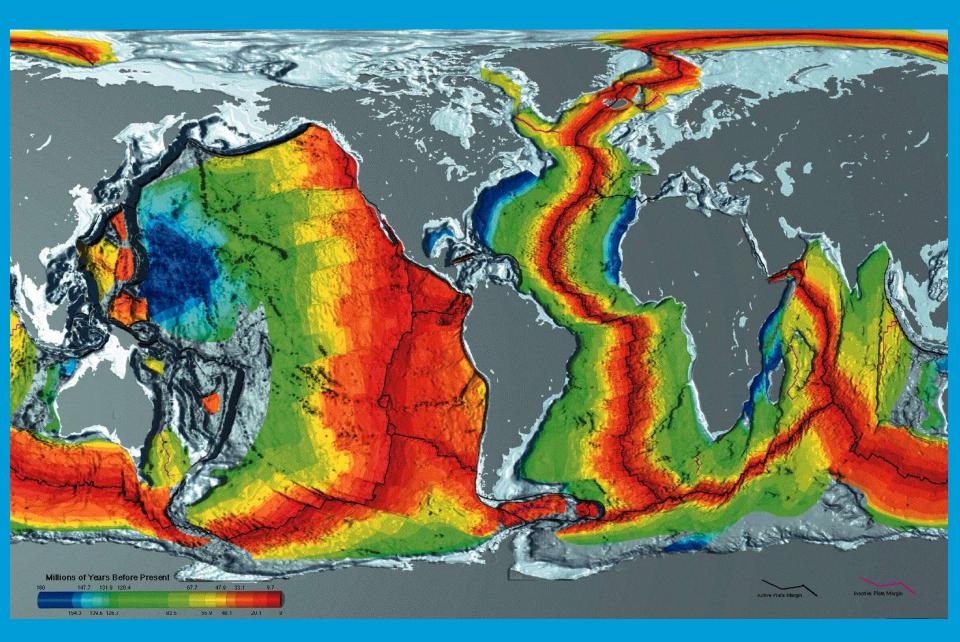
- \* **Paleomagnetism** is the study of the record of the past *Earth's magnetic field* in rocks
- \* Certain *minerals in rocks* lock-in a record of the direction and intensity of the magnetic field when they form
- \* This record provides information on the past behavior of Earth's magnetic field and the past location of *tectonic plates*
- The record of *geomagnetic reversals* preserved in *volcanic* and *sedimentary rock* sequences provides a time-scale that is used as a *geochronologic* tool

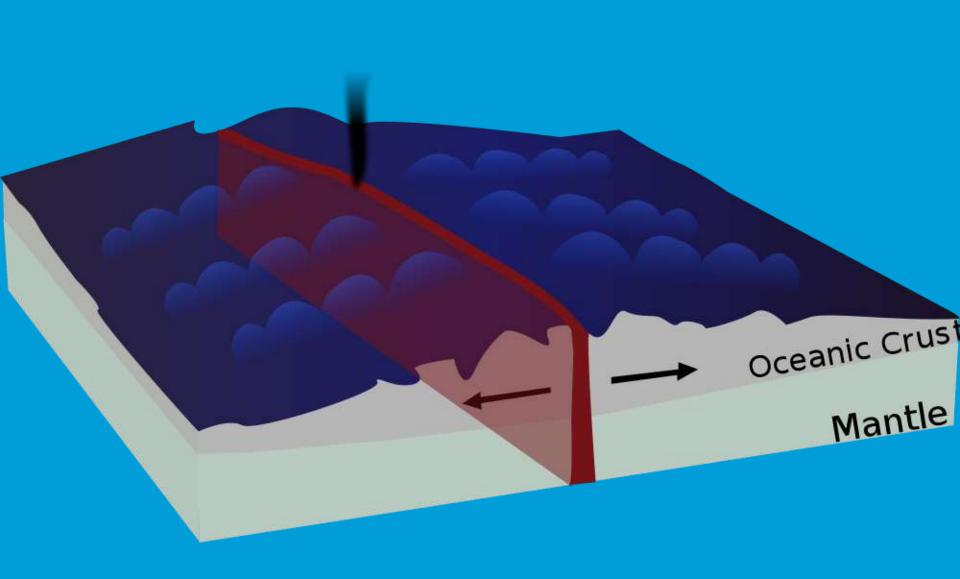
\* Paleomagnetists led the revival of the theory of:

\* *Continental drift* and its transformation into *plate tectonics* 

\* Apparent polar wander paths provided the first clear geophysical evidence for continental drift, and

\* Magnetic anomalies did the same for seafloor spreading

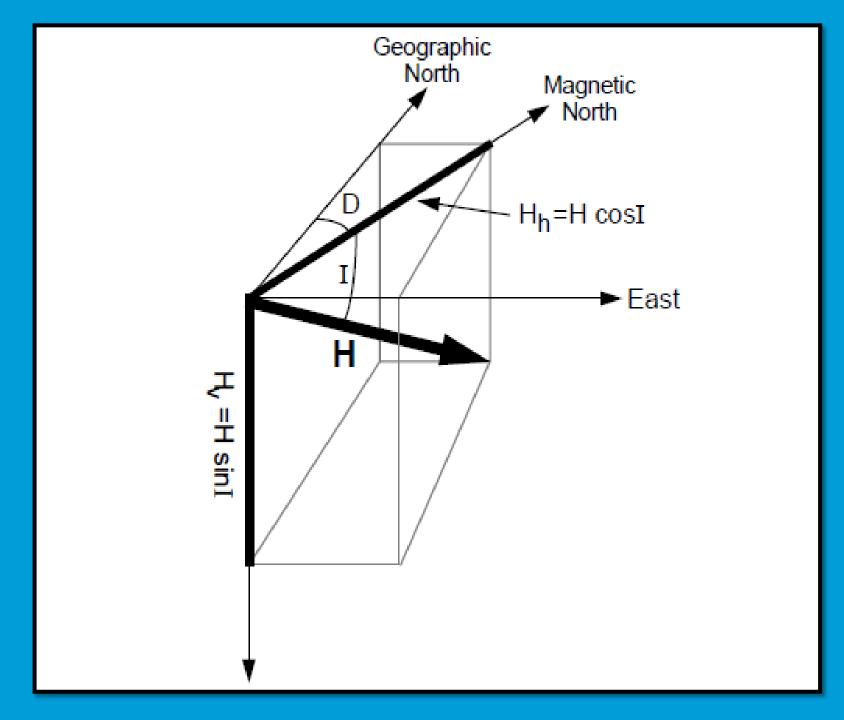




# Paleomagnetism is studied on a number of scales:

- \* Secular variation studies look at small-scale changes in the direction and intensity of the Earth's magnetic field (palaeodirectional measurements of *magnetic declination* and *magnetic inclination* and palaeointensity measurements)
- *Magnetostratigraphy* uses the *polarity* reversal history of the Earth's magnetic field recorded in rocks to determine the age of those rocks.
   *Reversals* have occurred at irregular intervals throughout

- \* Mode of emplacement of intrusive bodies using Anisotropy of Magnetic Susceptibility (AMS)
- \* Determination of paleolatitude in relation to plate tectonics and paleogeography
- \* Reconstruction of paleoclimatical conditions using magnetic susceptibility and other parameters
- \* As a new tool in air pollution mapping



Principles of remanent magnetization

- \* Thermoremanent magnetization
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  - magnetization
- \* Detrital remanent magnetization
- \* Chemical remanent magnetization
- \* Isothermal remanent magnetization
- \* Viscous remanent magnetization

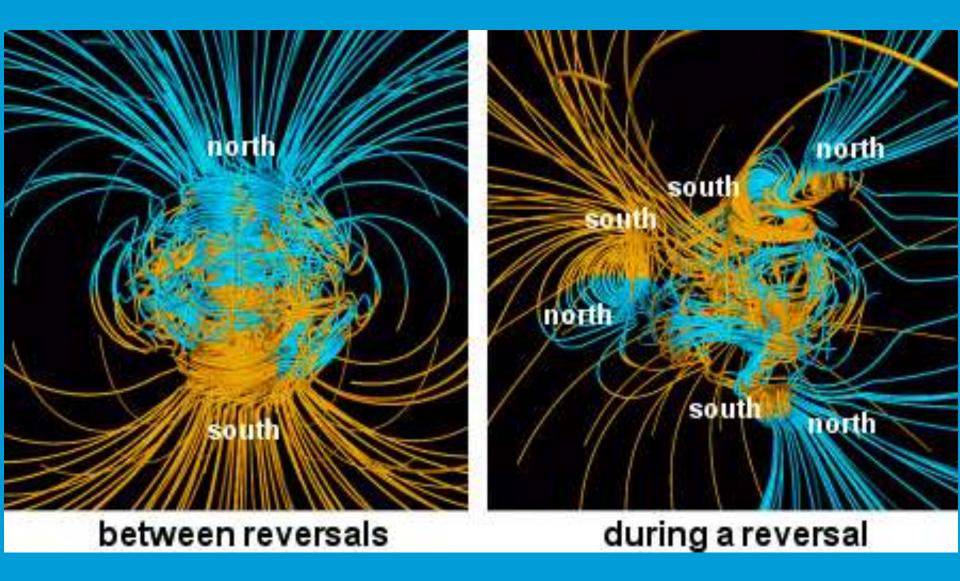
#### Magnetostratigraphy

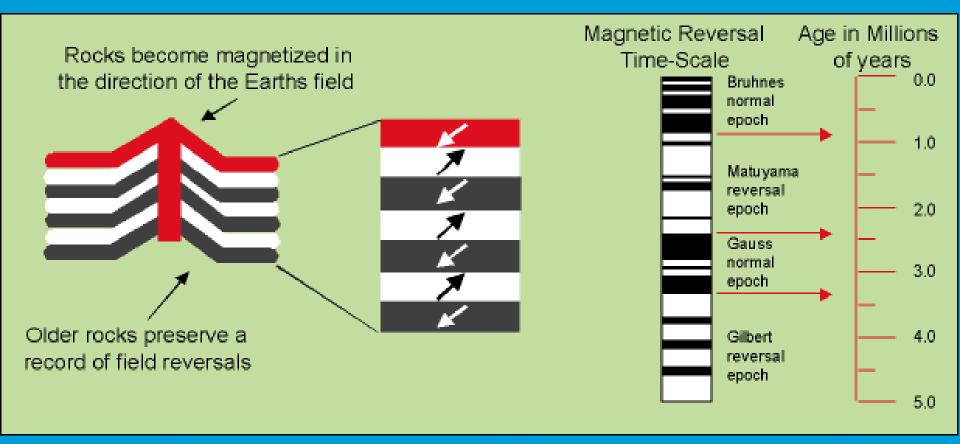
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- \* Volcanic flows acquire a *thermoremanent magnetization* and sediments acquire a *depositional remanent magnetization*, both of which reflect the direction of the Earth's field at the time of formation

\* magnetic properties of rocks may vary stratigraphically, then they may be the basis for related but different kinds of stratigraphic units known collectively as *magnetostratigraphic units* (magnetozones)

\* change in the direction of the remanent magnetization of the rocks, caused by *reversals in the polarity of the Earth's magnetic field* 

 basis for the subdivision of the sequence into units characterized by their magnetic polarity. Such units are called "magnetostratigraphic polarity units" or chrons





# Sampling procedures

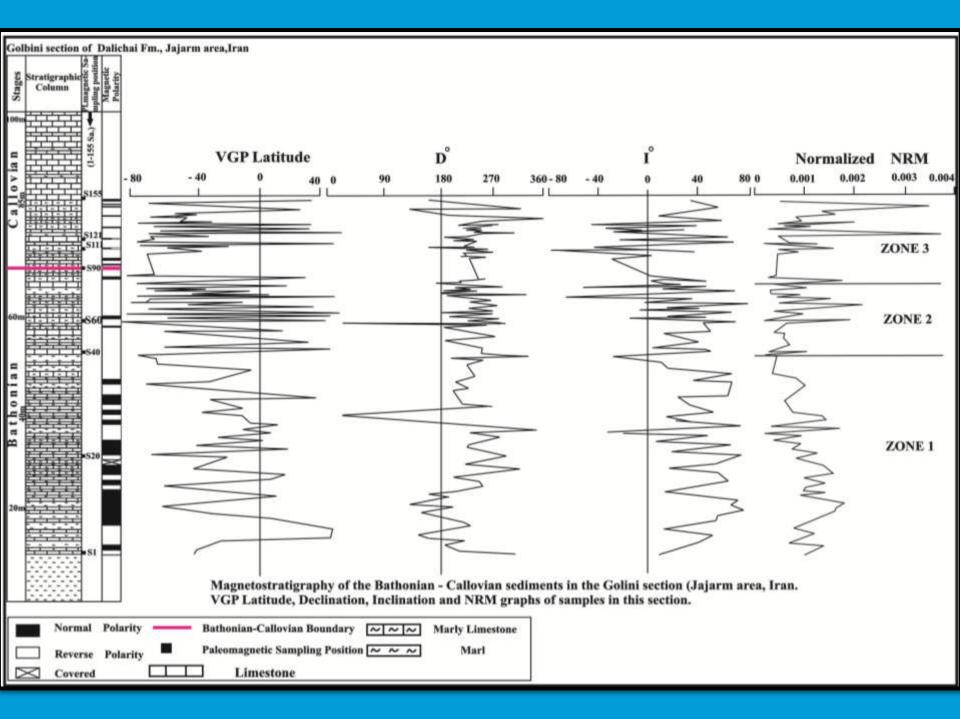
\* Oriented paleomagnetic samples are collected using a rock core drill

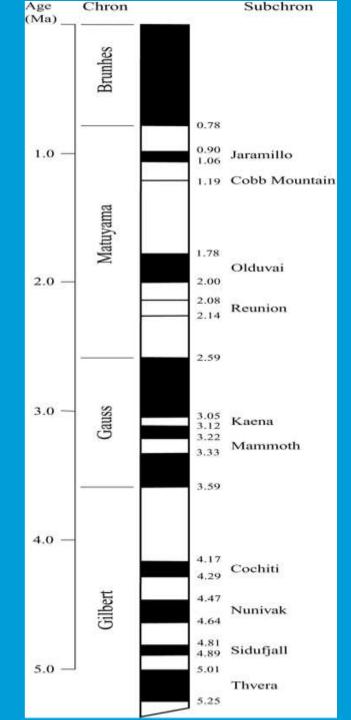
- \* Minimum of three samples is taken from each sample site level
- Spacing of the sample sites within a stratigraphic section depends on the rate of deposition and the age of the section
- \* In sedimentary layers, the preferred *lithologies* are *mudstones*, *claystones*, and very fine-grained *siltstones*



# Analytical procedures

- \* Samples are first analyzed in their natural state to obtain their *natural remanent magnetization* (NRM)
- \* The NRM is then stripped away in a stepwise manner using thermal or alternating field demagnetization techniques to reveal the stable magnetic component
- \* Average magnetic polarity is determined with *directional statistics*
- \* Latitudes of the *Virtual Geomagnetic Poles* (VGP) from those sites determined
- \* VGP's are plotted against stratigraphic levels
- \* Data are showed as *black* (*normal polarity*) and *white* (*reversed polarity*)

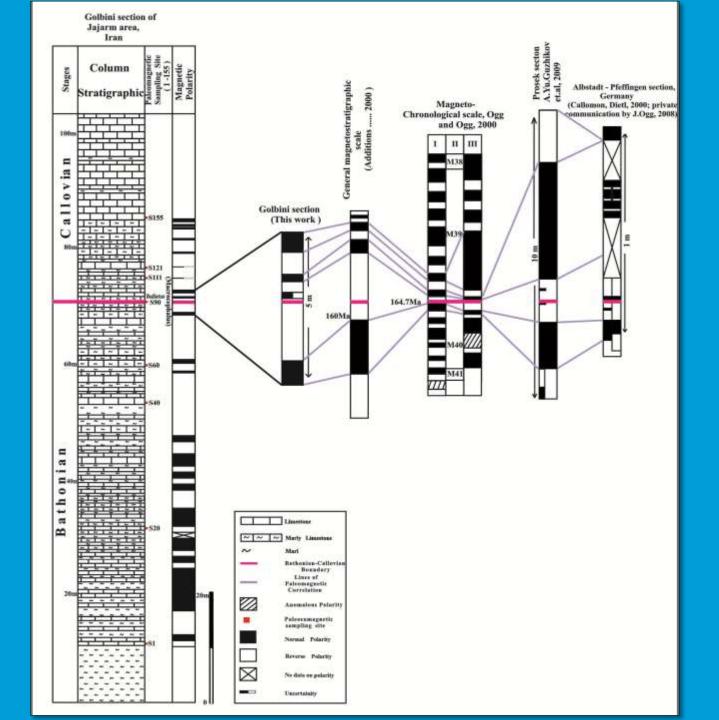




# Correlation and ages

#### \* The polarity of a stratum can only be normal or reversed

- \* Variations in the rate at which the sediment accumulated can cause the thickness of a given polarity zone to vary from one area to another
- \* To avoid confusion at least one *isotopic age* needs to be collected from each section
- \* In sediments, this is often obtained from layers of *volcanic ash*. Failing that, one can tie a polarity to a *biostratigraphic* event that has been correlated elsewhere with isotopic ages
- With these ages, the local magnetostratigraphic column is correlated with the Global Magnetic Polarity Time Scale (GMPTS)
- \* These ages provide relatively precise dates for features in the rocks such as *fossils*, changes in sedimentary rock composition, changes in depositional environment, etc
- \* They also constrain the ages of cross-cutting features such as *faults, dikes, and unconformities*



# Sediment accumulation

rates

- \* The most powerful application magnetostratigraphic data is to determine the rate at which the sediment accumulated
- \* This is accomplished by plotting the age of each reversal (in millions of years ago) vs. the stratigraphic level at which the reversal is found (in meters).
- \* This provides the rate in meters per million years which is usually rewritten in terms of millimeters per year
- \* Changes in sedimentation rate revealed by magnetostratigraphy are often related to either climatic factors or to tectonic developments in nearby or distant mountain ranges

# Environmental Magnetism



**Environmental magnetism was first identified as** a distinct field in 1978 and was introduced to a wider audience by the book *Environmental* Magnetism in 1986. Since then it has grown rapidly, finding application in and making major contributions to a range of diverse fields, especially paleoclimate, sedimentology, paleoceanography, and studies of particulate pollution

- \* Is the study of magnetism as it relates to the effects of climate, sediment transport, pollution and other environmental influences on magnetic minerals
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#### Fundamentals

- \* Environmental magnetism is built on two parts of rock magnetism: magnetic mineralogy, which looks at how basic magnetic properties depend on composition; and magnetic hysteresis, which can provide details on particle size and other physical properties that also affect the hysteresis
- \* Parameters such as magnetic susceptibility and various kinds of remanence have been developed to represent certain features of the hysteresis
- \* These parameters are then used to estimate mineral size and composition

- \* The main contributors to the magnetic properties of rocks are the iron oxides, including magnetite, maghemite, hematite; and iron sulfides (particularly greigite and pyrrhotite)
- \* These minerals are strongly magnetic because, at room temperature, they are magnetically ordered (magnetite, maghemite and greigite are ferrimagnets while hematite is a canted antiferromagnet)
- \* To relate magnetic measurements to the environment, environmental magnetists have identified a variety of processes that give rise to each magnetic mineral

### \* These include erosion, transport, fossil fuel combustion, and bacterial formation.

\* The latter includes extracellular precipitation and formation of magnetosomes by magnetotactic bacteria.

# Applications

#### **Paleoclimate**

- \* Magnetic measurements have been used to investigate past climate. A classic example is the study of loess, which is windblown dust from the edges of glaciers and semiarid desert margins
- \* In north-central Iran, blankets of loess that were deposited during glacial periods alternate with paleosols (fossil soils) that formed during warmer and wetter interglacials

\* The magnetic susceptibility profiles of these sediments have been dated using OSL method and correlated with climate indicators such as oxygen isotope stages

\* Ultimately, this work allowed environmental magnetists to map out the variations in the climate cycle during the Quaternary

\* Loess is an aeolian sediment formed by the accumulation of wind-blown silt, typically in the 20–50 micrometre size range, twenty percent or less Clay and the balance equal parts sand and silt that are loosely cemented by calcium carbonate \* A glacial period is an interval of time (thousands

of years) within an ice age that is marked by

colder temperatures and glacier advances.

\* Interglacials, are periods of warmer climate

within an ice age. The last glacial period ended

about 15,000 years ago; The Holocene epoch is

the current interglacial.

#### **Magnetic susceptibility**

\* The magnetic susceptibility is a dimensionless proportionality constant that indicates the degree of magnetization of a material in response to an applied magnetic field

#### Paleoceanography

is the study of the history of the oceans in the geologic past with regard to circulation, chemistry, biology, geology and patterns of sedimentation and biological productivity. Paleoceanographic studies using environment models and different proxies enable the scientific community to assess the role of the oceanic processes in the global climate by the re-construction of past climate at various intervals.

#### Pollution

\* Monitoring present-day environmental pollution, and identification of airborne particulate matter (PM) sources and dispersal patterns

\* High concentration of fine PM are associated with adverse impacts on human health

\* Fine-grained ferrimagnetic phases are released in the atmosphere as a by-product of human activities and are generally associated with heavy metals.

\* Magnetic data may therefore represent reliable proxies

#### **Province of sediments**

- \* Magnetic Fe-oxide inclusions within framework clastic grains in sediments provide an indication of the provenance of the enclosing host silicate particles
- \* Magnetic mineral inclusion characterisation is performed using a variety of magnetic properties that are related to magnetic mineral abundance, magnetic grain size (domain state), oxidation state and magnetic grain interaction(NRM, IRM, SIRM)
- \* The magnetic methodology extends that based on a conventional set of environmental magnetic measurements



- Magnetic susceptibility is often used for:
- \* Site prospection, to identify areas of archaeological potential prior to excavation
- \* Identifying hearth areas and the presence of burning residues in deposits
- \* Explaining whether areas of reddening are due to burning or other natural processes such as gleying (waterlogging).
- The relationship between soil formation and magnetic susceptibility means that it can also be used to:
- \* Identify buried soils in depositional sequences.
- \* Identify redeposited soil materials in peat, lake sediments etc.

Case studies

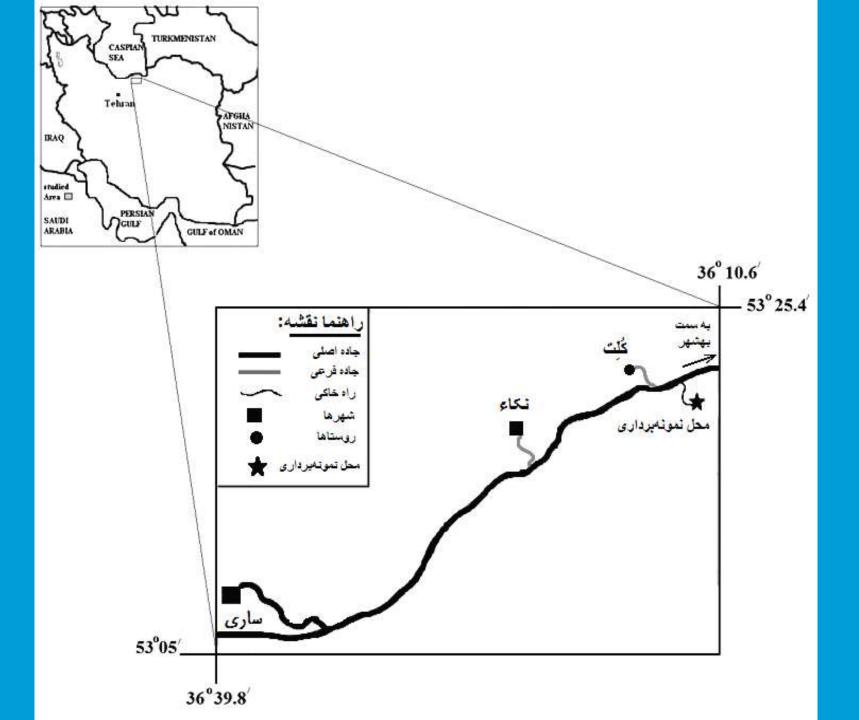
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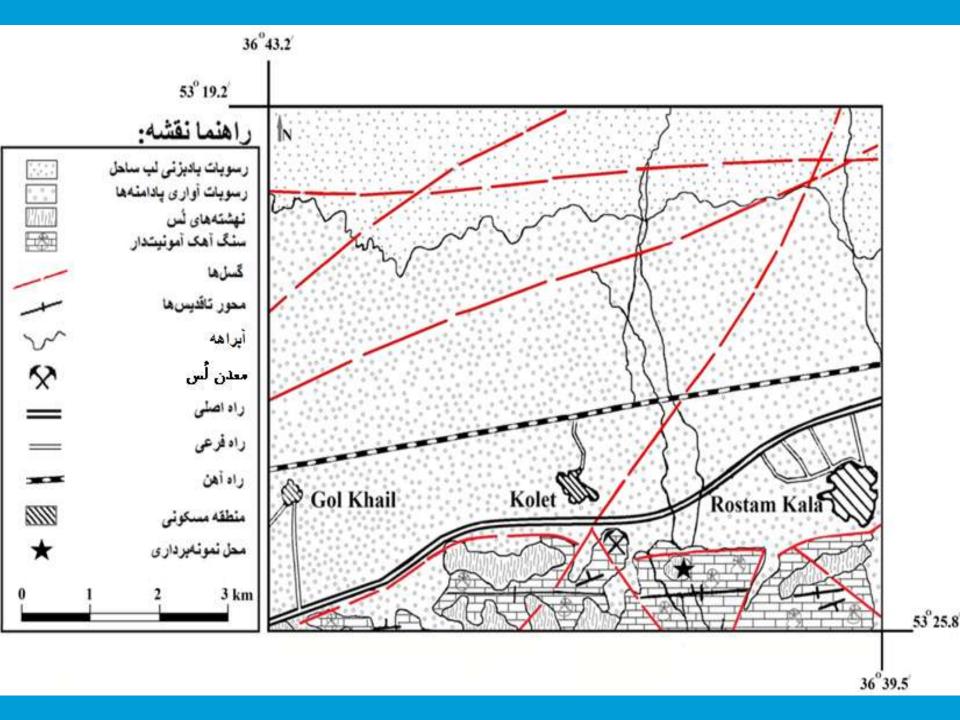
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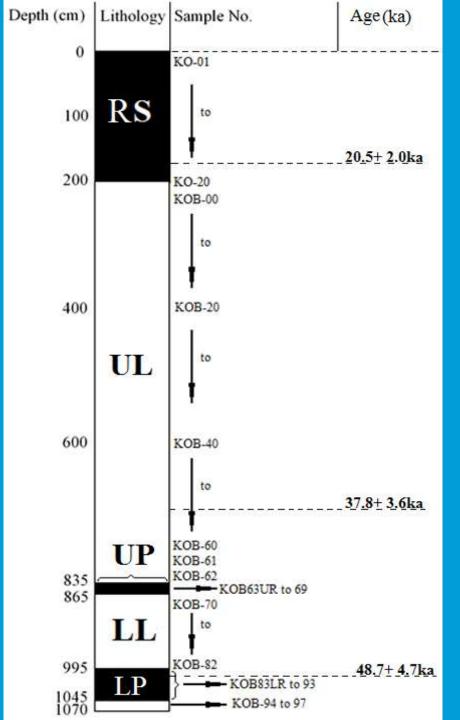
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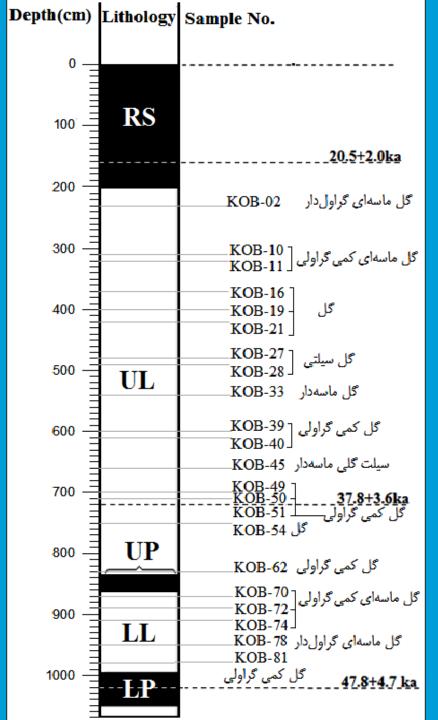
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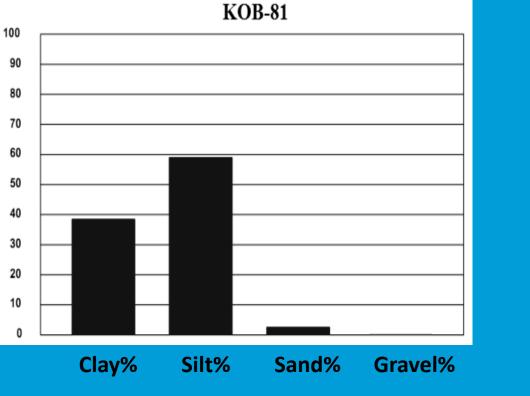


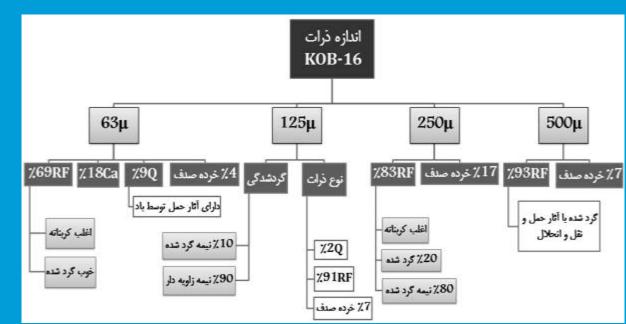


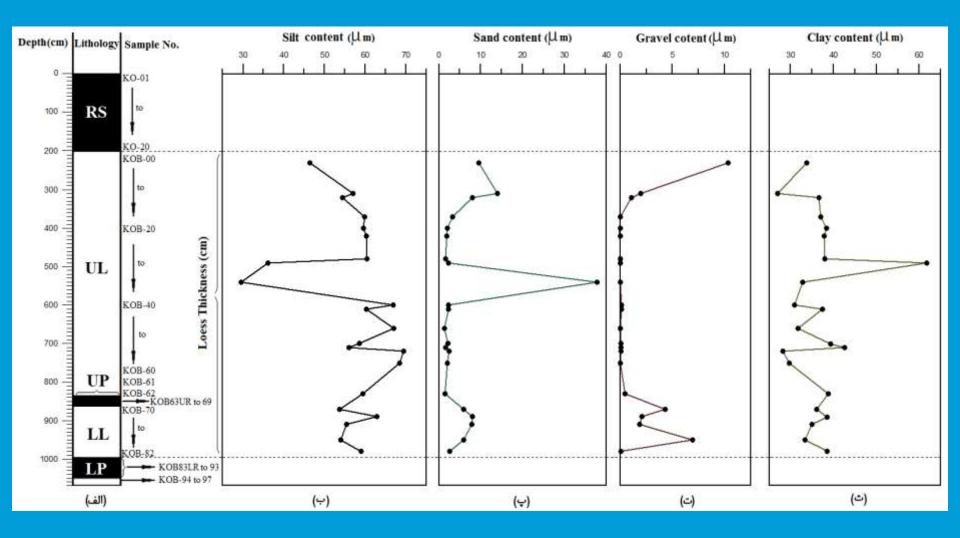












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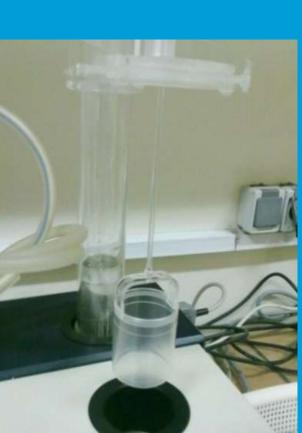


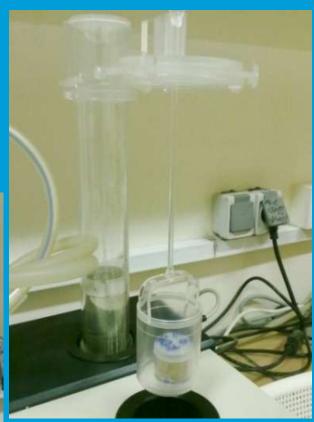
























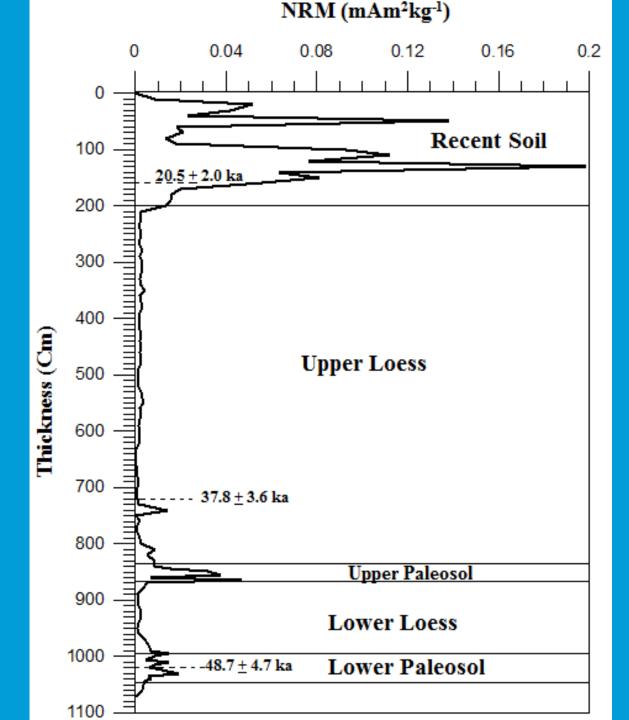


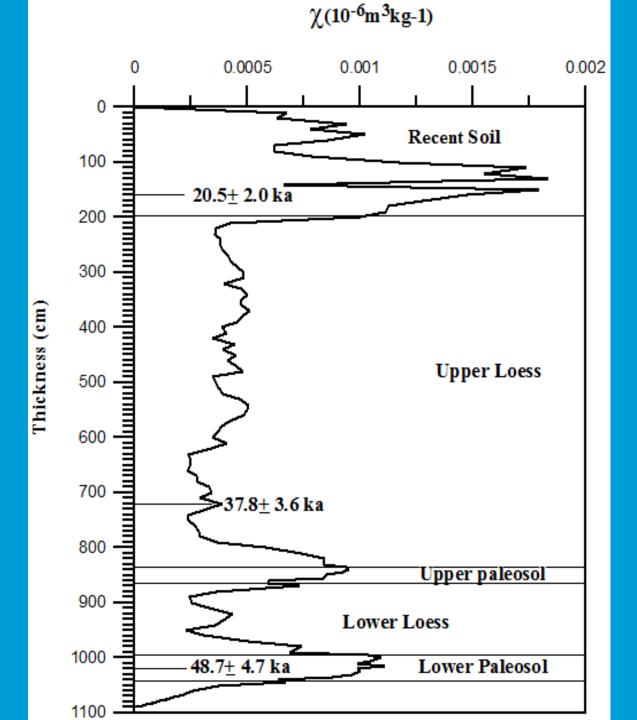


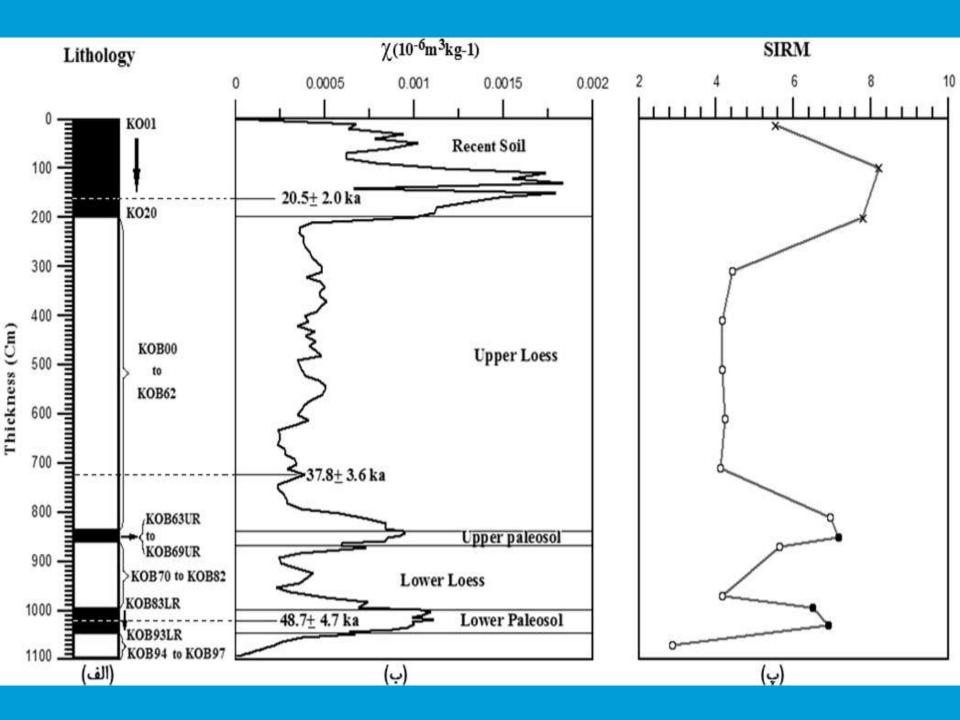


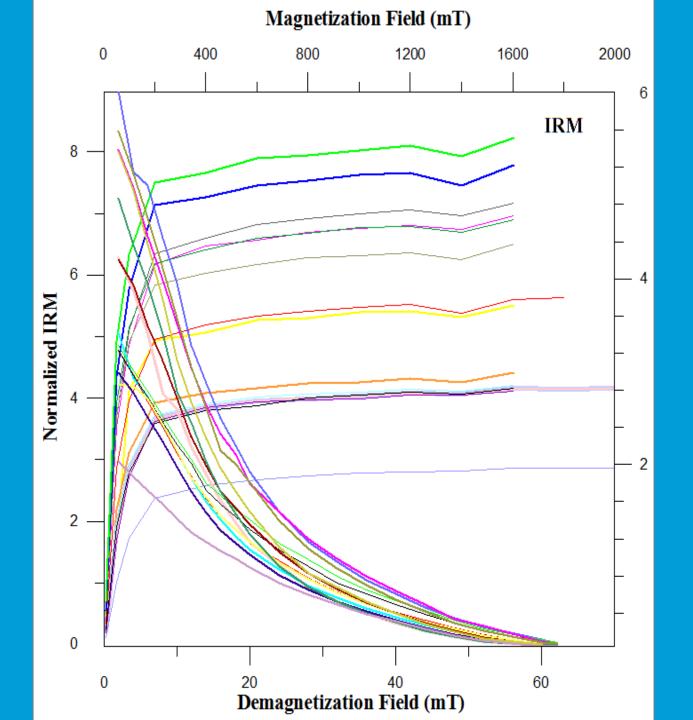


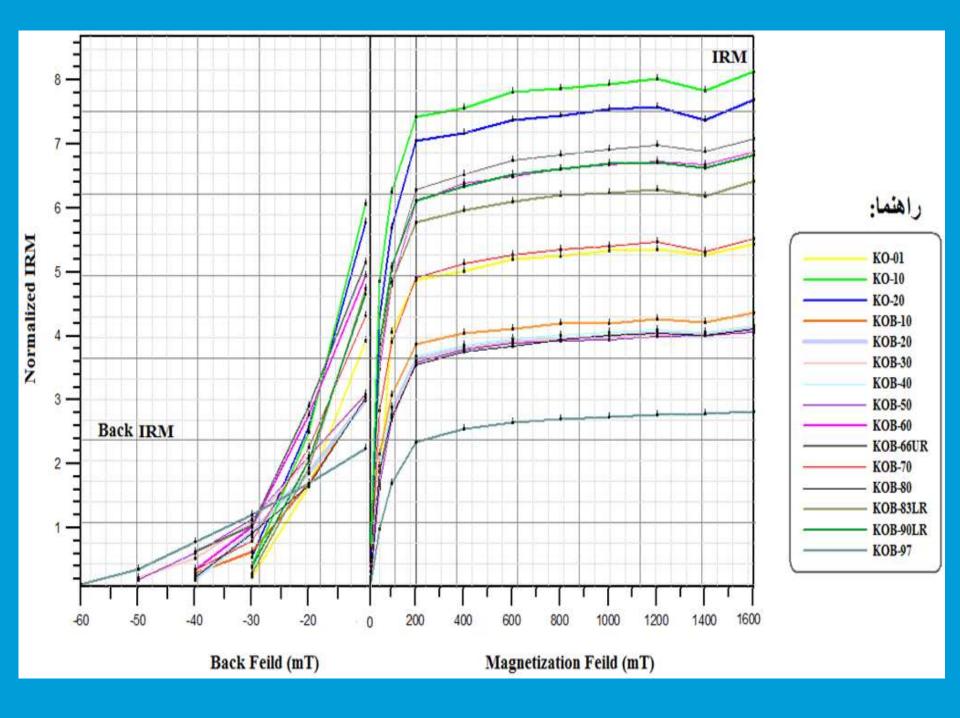


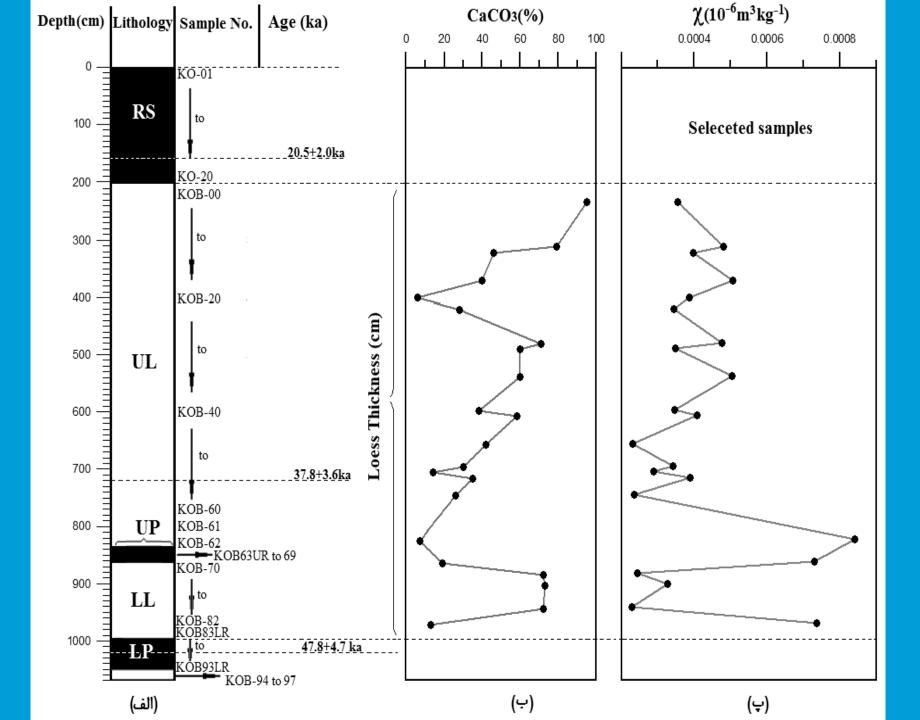


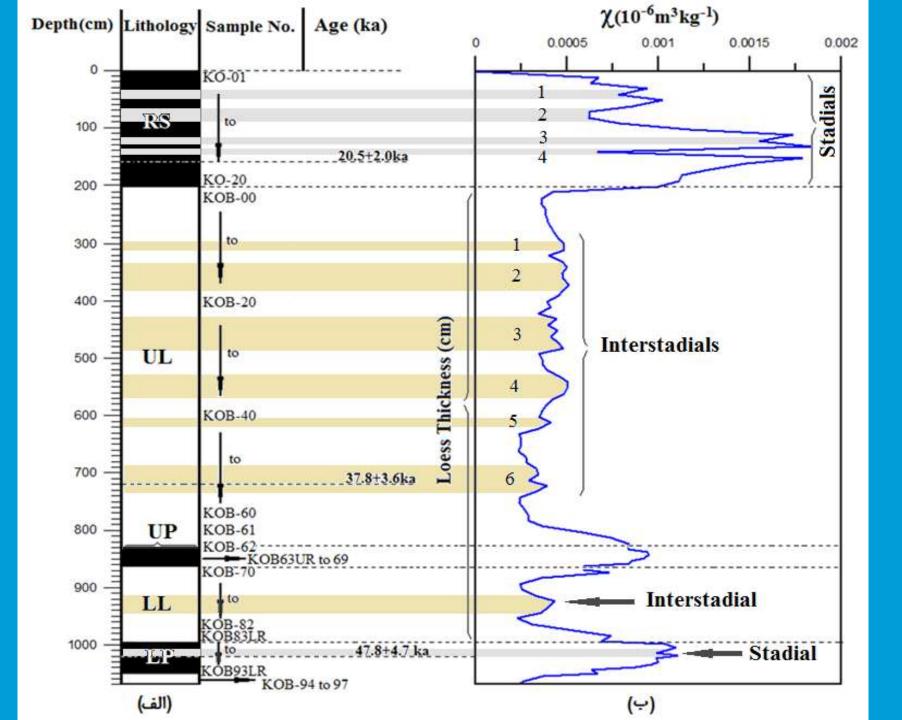


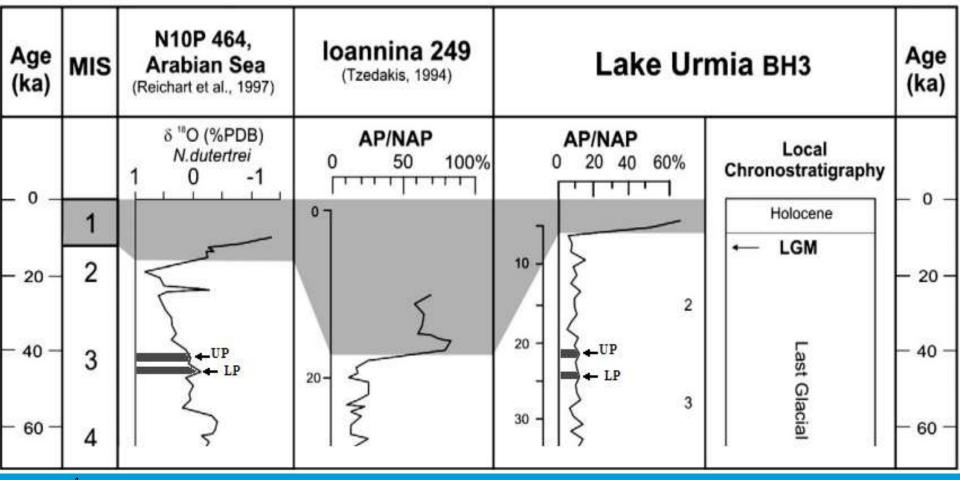




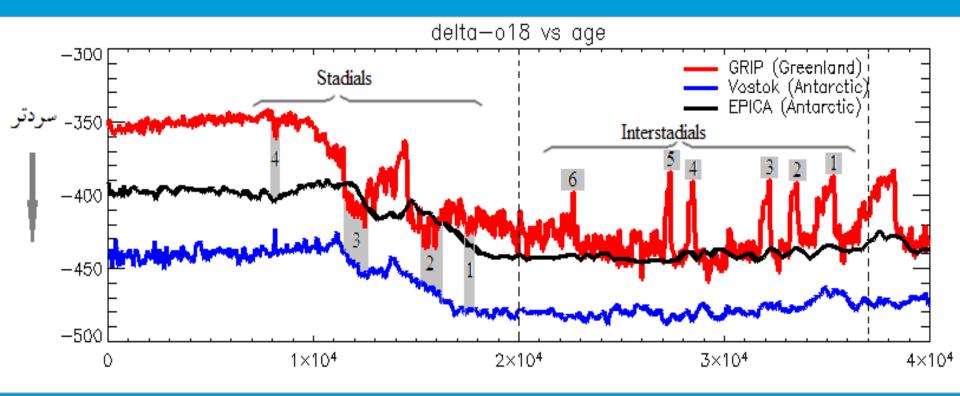


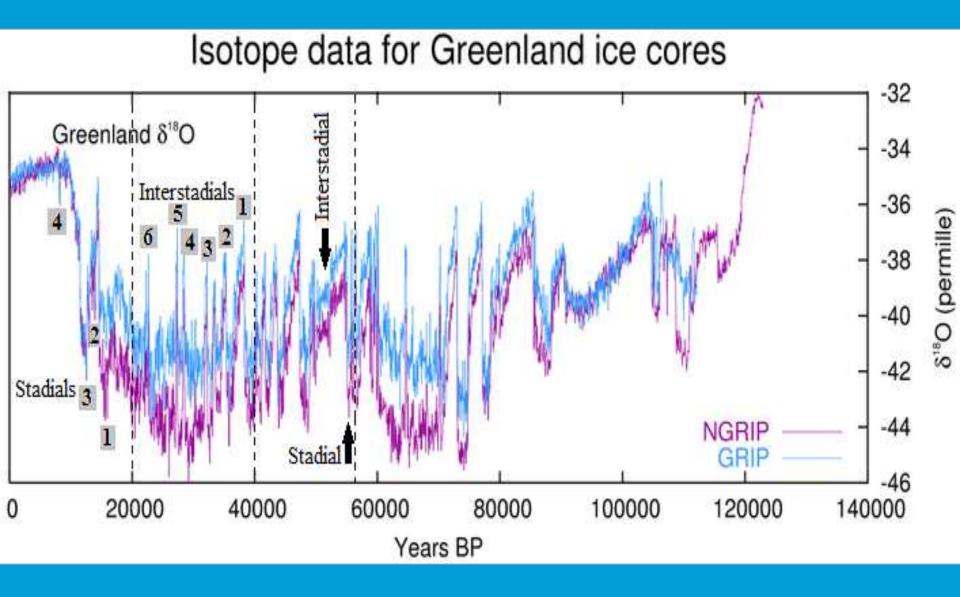




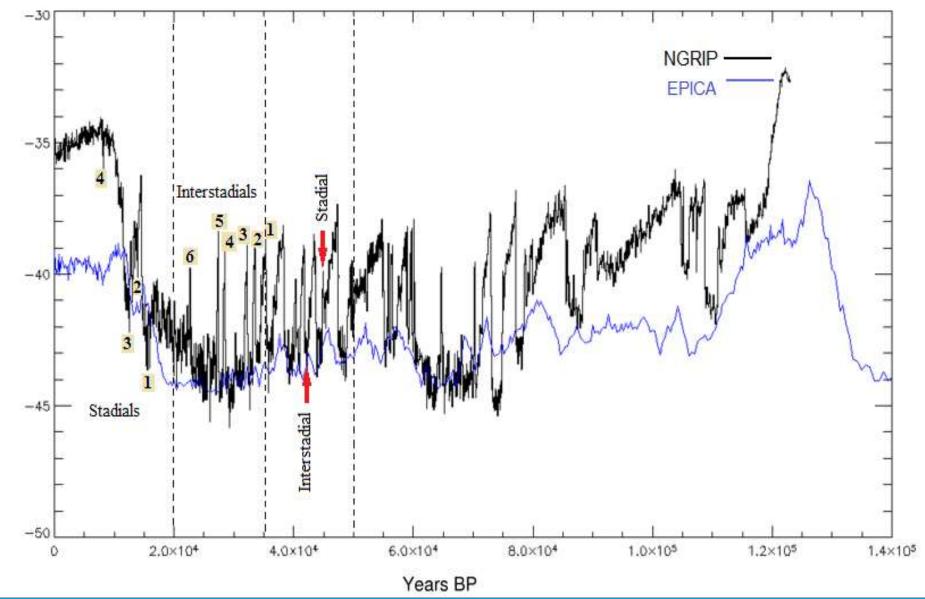


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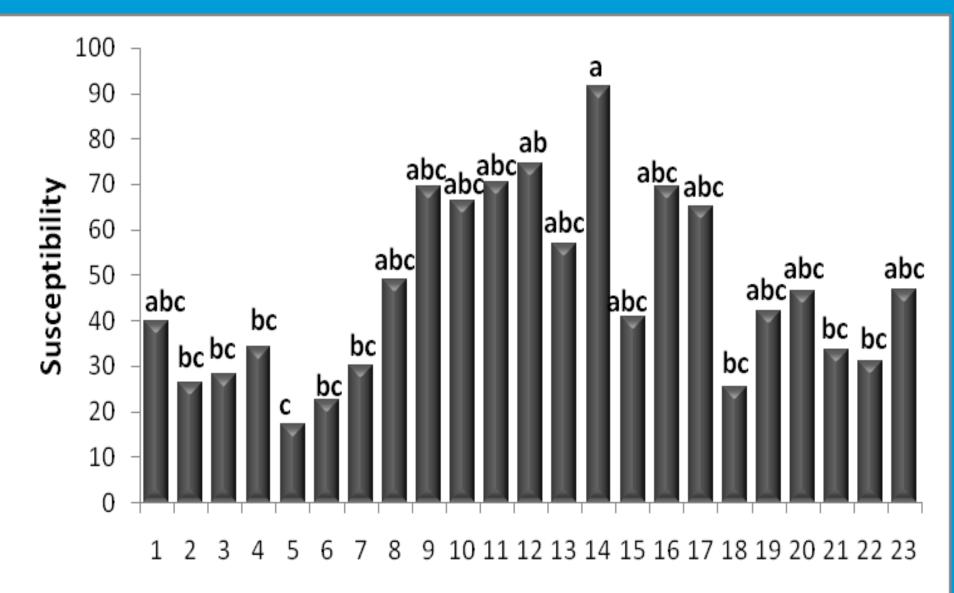
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در بازسازی تغییرات آب و هوایی 50 هزار سال گذشته در برش رسوبی کلت، می توان چنین بیان کرد، که در بیش از 48 هزار سال پیش، شرایط گرم و مرطوب یک دوره بین یخچانی بر آب و هوای شمال ایران حاکم بوده است، که سبب تشکیل لایه خاک دیرینه یائینی شده است. در ادامه تا 10 هزار سال بعد دو دوره يخچالي و يک دوره بينيخچالي ديگر مکررا به وقوع پیوسته است که به ترتیب دو واحد لُس بالایی و پائینی و نیز لایه خاک دیرینه پائینی تشکیل شدهاند. در انتهای واحد لس بالایی در حدود بيش از 20 هزار سال پيش، آخرين دوره يخچالي به پايان رسيده و دوره بین یخچالی امروزی آغاز شده است، که خیلی بیشتر از سن در نظر گرفته شده برای هولوسن (7/11 هزار سال پیش) میباشد. این ممکن است دال بر این باشد که شمال ایران در منطقه حاشیه یخچانی قرار داشته است

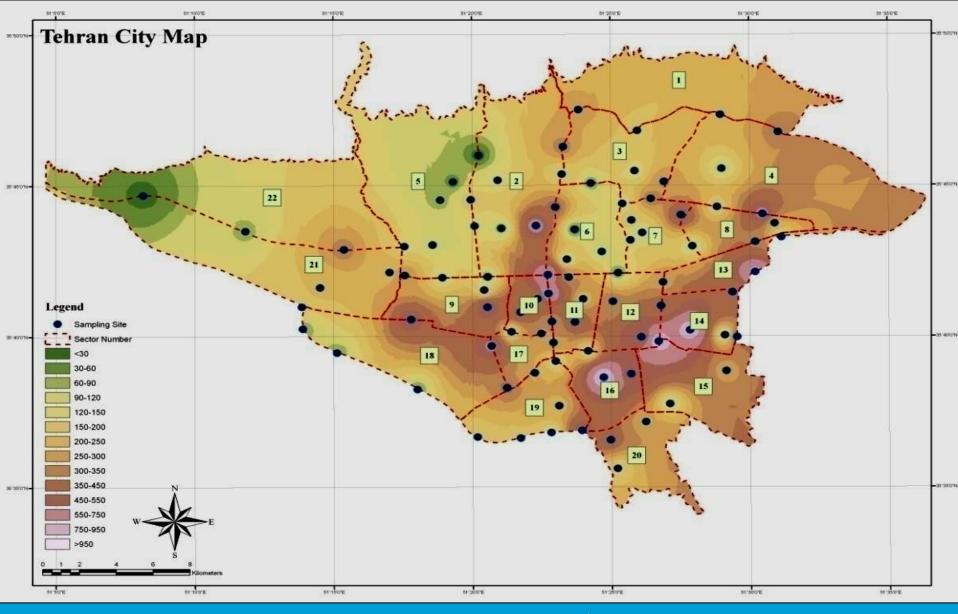
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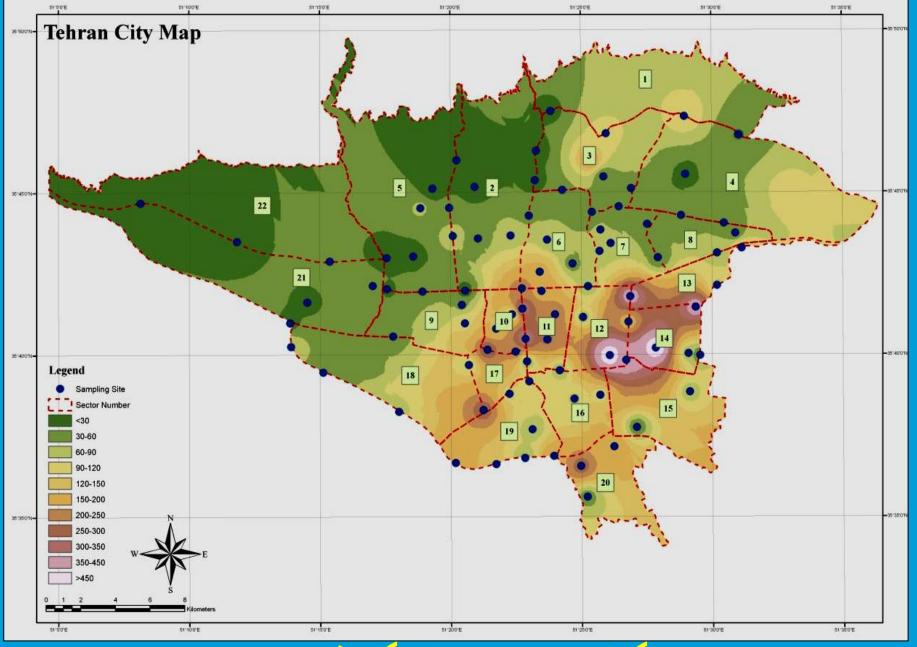




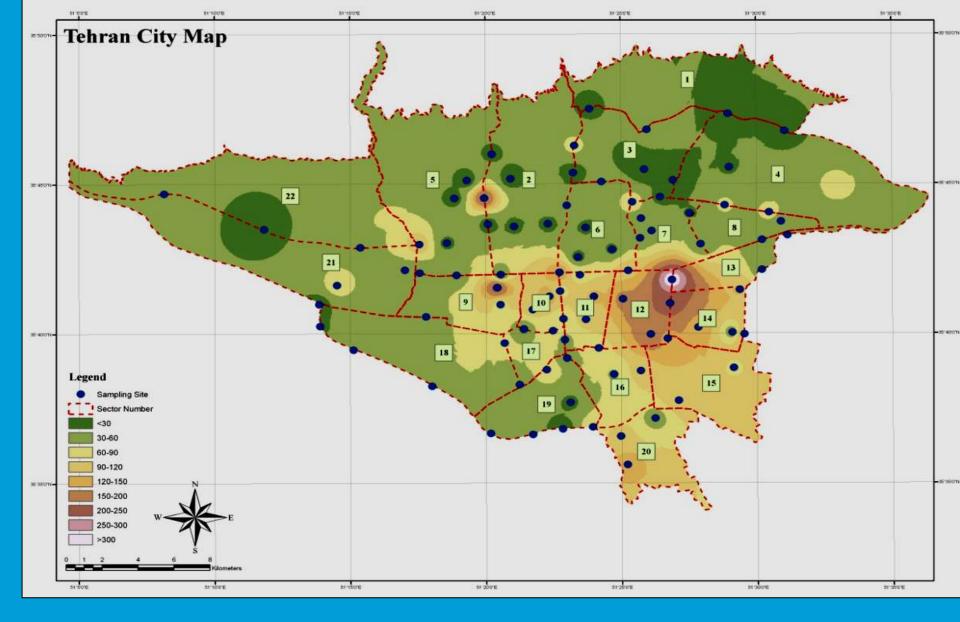
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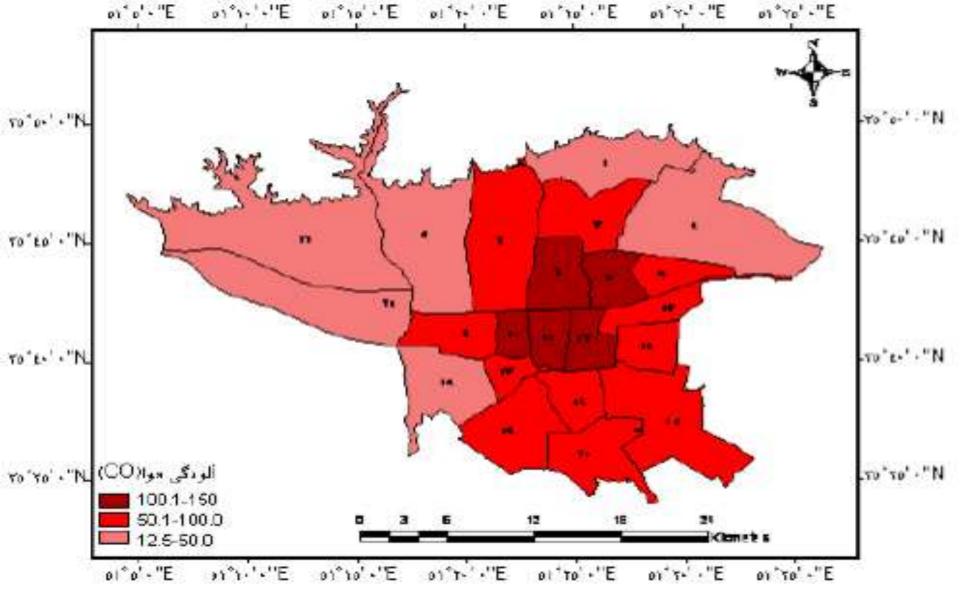
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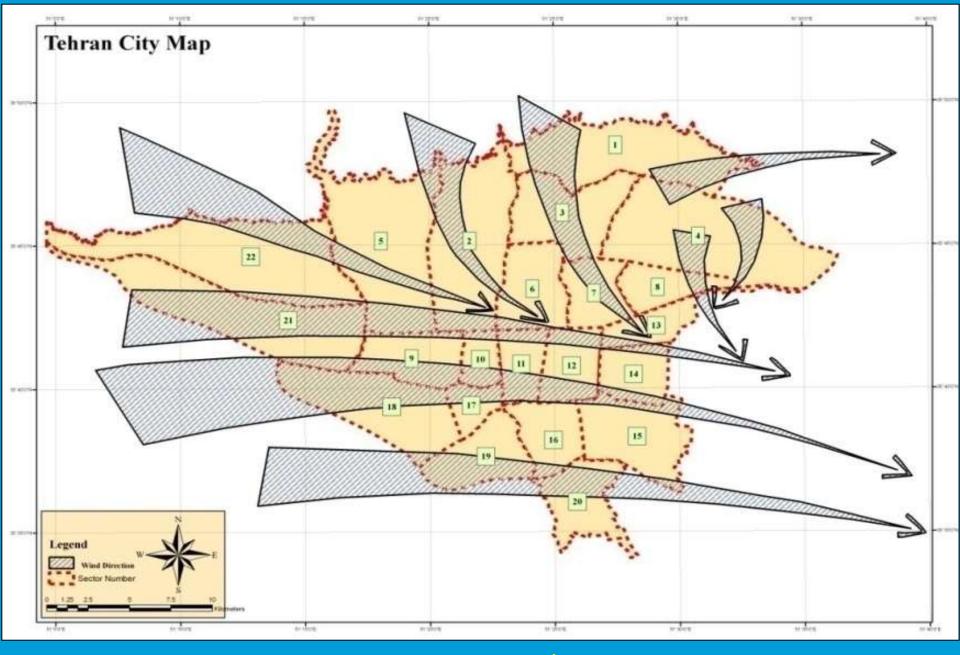
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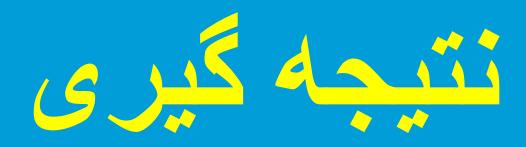
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پراکنش آلودگي هوا دي اکسيد کربن (دوره آماري 2005-2002)



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\* در این تحقیق براي اولین بار به بررسي تاثیر گونه هاي مختلف درختي در جذب آلودگي هاي ناشي از ترافيک وسائل نقليه با استفاده از پارامتر پذيرفتاري مغناطيسي پرداخته شده است

- \* استفاده از تكنيك پذيرفتاري مغناطيسي بسيار سريع، غير مخرب و با هزينه معقول انجام پذير مي باشد. لذا در اين تحقيق به پهنه بندي آلودگي هوا با استفاده از خاصيت مغناطيسي سه گونه درختي در سطح شهر تهران گرديد
  - \* از میان گونههای موجود در حاشیه خیابانها و بزرگراههای شهر تهران سه گونه که تقریبا در تمامی سطح شهر پراکنش داشتند انتخاب شدند. گونههای مورد نظر توت، زبان گنجشک و کاج تهران میباشند

\* تمامي نمونه ها در مهرماه و در طي 15 روز برداشت شدند

- \* نتايج به دست آمده از تحقيق نشان داد كه فضاهاي سبز قابليت جذب آلودگي را دارند
- \* پهنهبندي آلودگي هواي تهران نشان داد که بيشترين آلودگيها در شرق و جنوب شرق تهران تمرکز دارند و به سمت شمال و غرب تهران از ميزان آلودگيها کاسته و غرب و شمال غرب تهران کمترين ميزان آلودگي را نشان داده است
- \* دلیل این امر را میتوان در جهت حرکت بادها و همچنین میزان ترافیک موجود در سطح شهر تهران و نوع ماشین های در حال حرکت دانست

در بين گونه هاي مورد مطالعه ميزان جذب آلودگي توت بيشتر از بقيه گونه ها بود. به طوري كه ميزان مغناطيس اندازه گيري شده اين گونه در بخش هاي شرقي و جنوب شرقي تهران بيش از 950 بود در حالي كه اين ميزان براي دو گونه زبان گنجشك و كاج به ترتيب حدود 450 و 300 است

\* دليل اصلي بالا بودن ميزان جذب گونه توت نسبت به دو گونه ديگر را مي توان در اندازه سطح اين گونه دانست. توت يکي از گونه هاي پهن برگ بوده و داراي سطح زيادي است و اين عامل باعث شده تا ميزان جذب نيز بالا برود

\* بر اساس نتایج به دست آمده از این تحقیق، کاشت گونه های پهن برگ در محیطهای شهری به دلیل جذب بیشتر آلودگی هوا پیشنهاد می گردد

