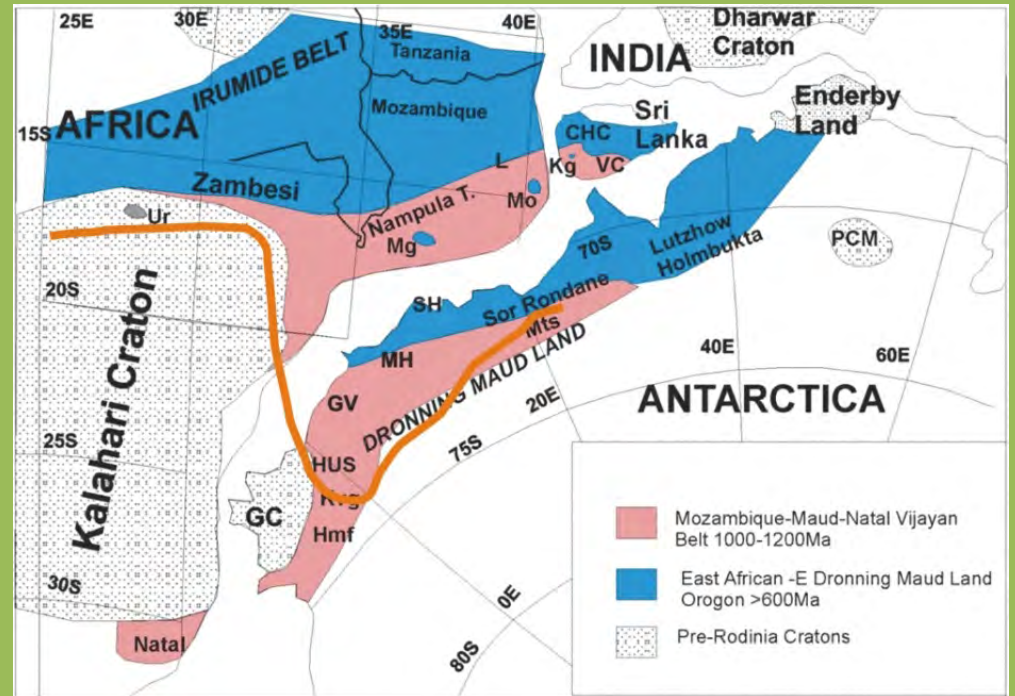
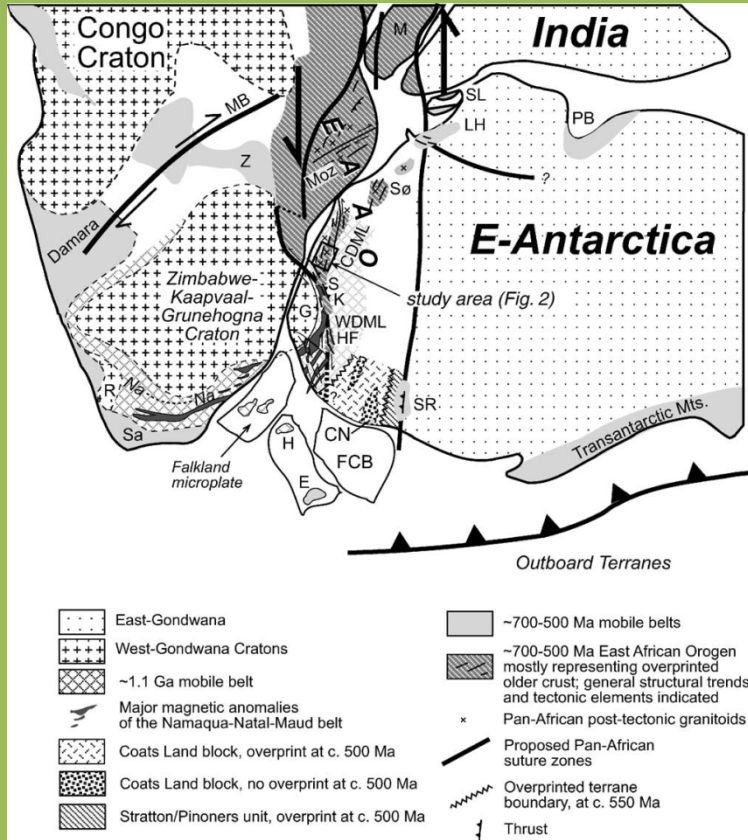


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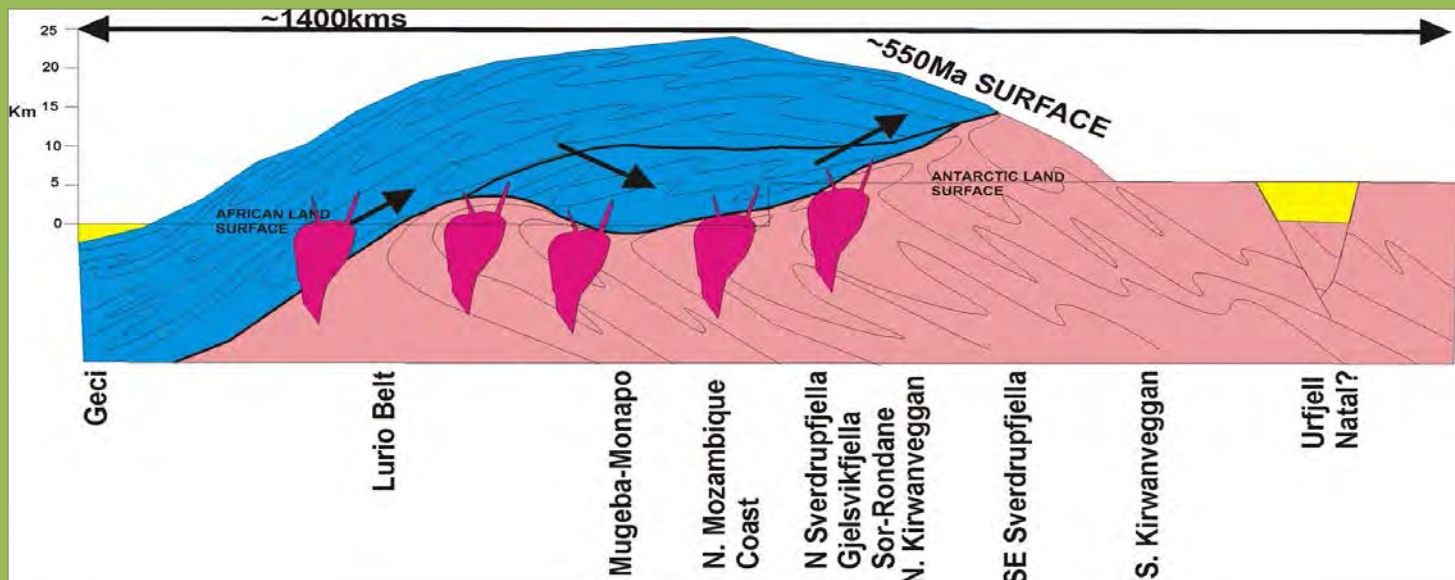
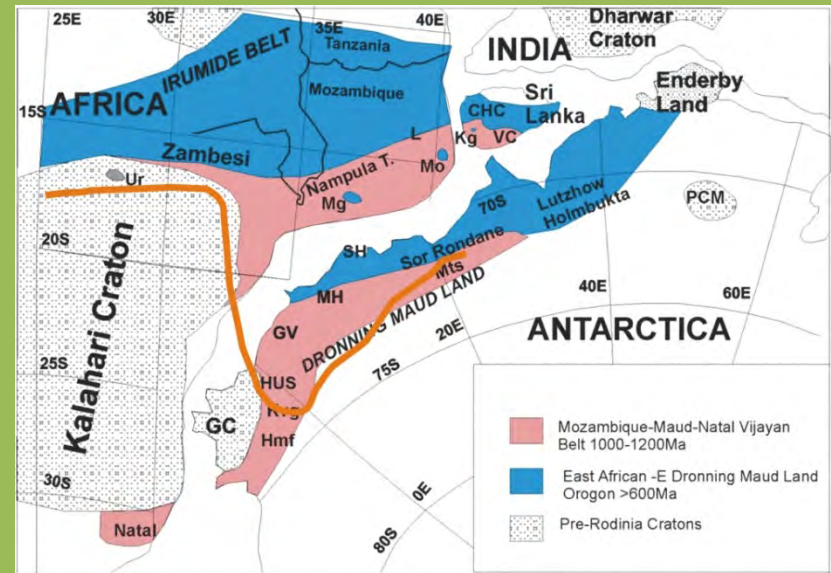
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# Current Research Focus

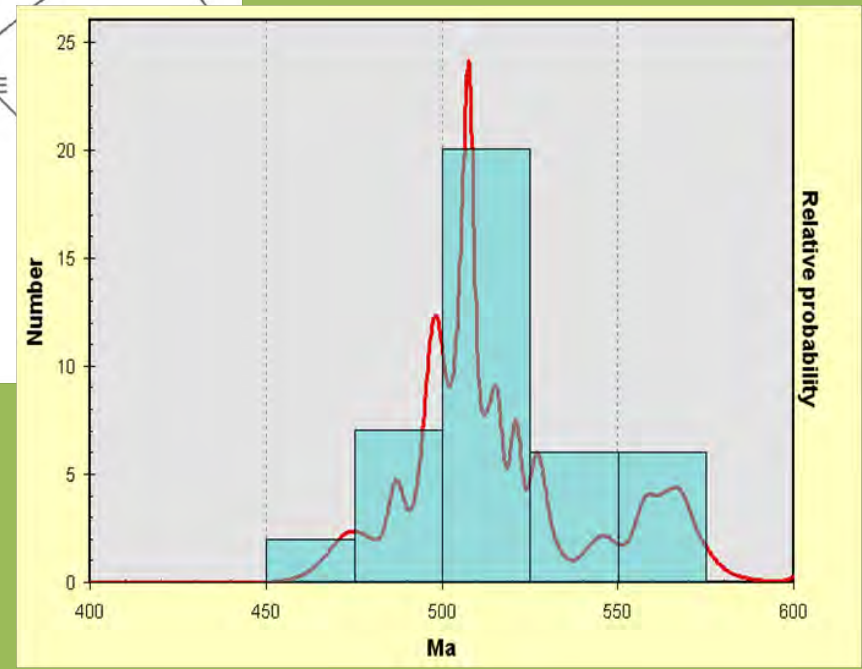
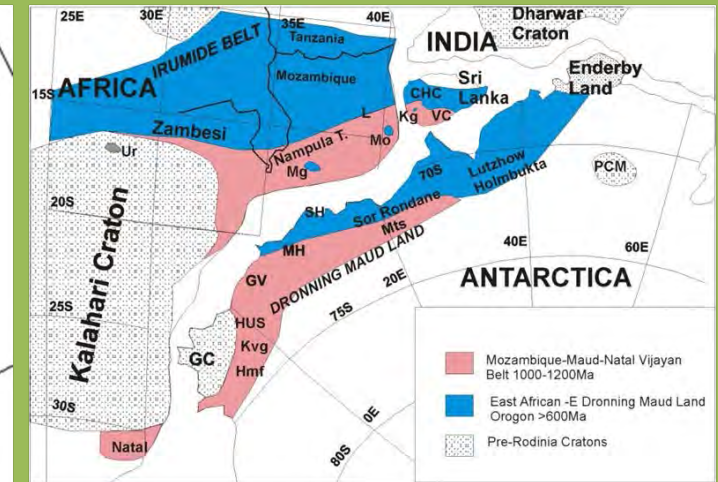
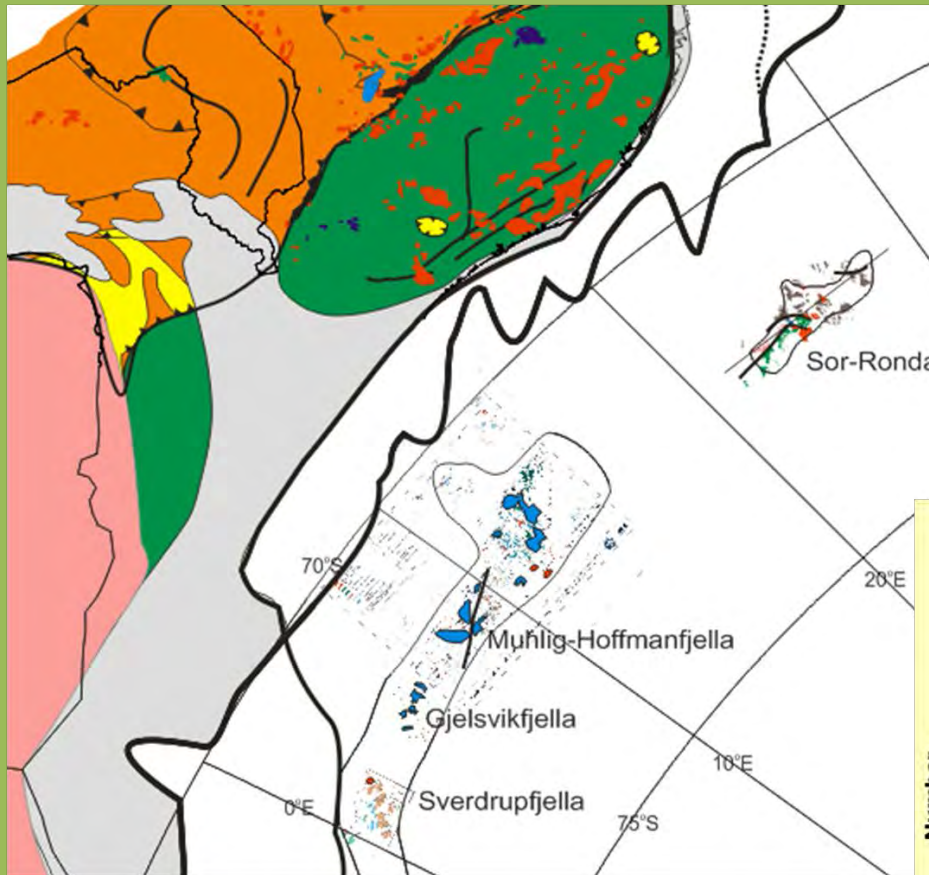
## Mega-thrust model Kuunga Orogeny

- Granitoid emplacement style and history (Sverdrupfjella)
- Craton - mobile belt relationship (Straumsnutane – Sverdrupfjella)
- Uplift history (Sverdrupfjella-Kirwanveggan)
- Extent of overthrust block (Klippen Outliers –Sverdrupfjella)
- Correlation between Straumsntane Fm (DML) and Espungaberra Fm (Mozambique)





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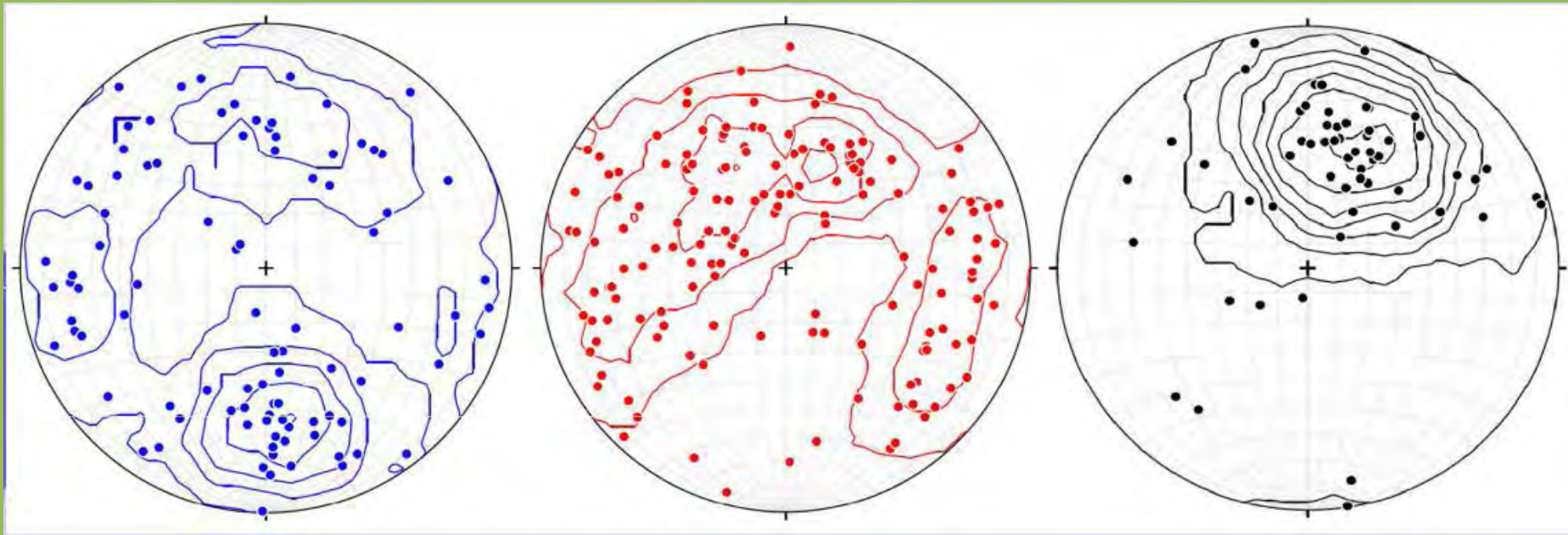


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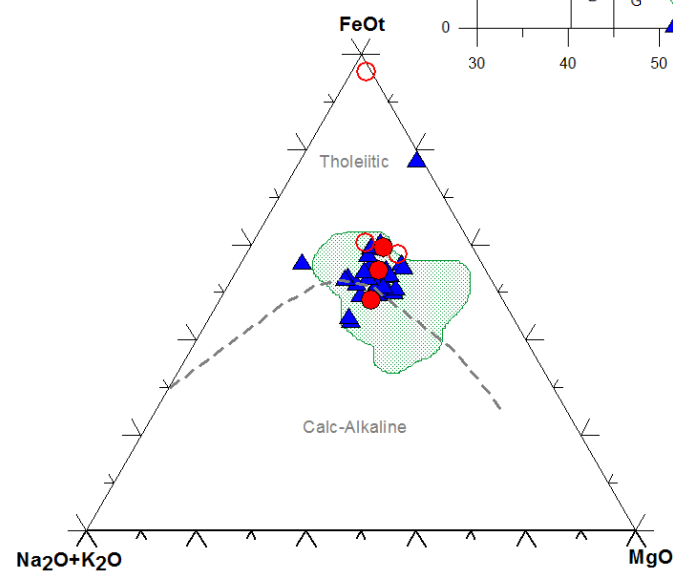
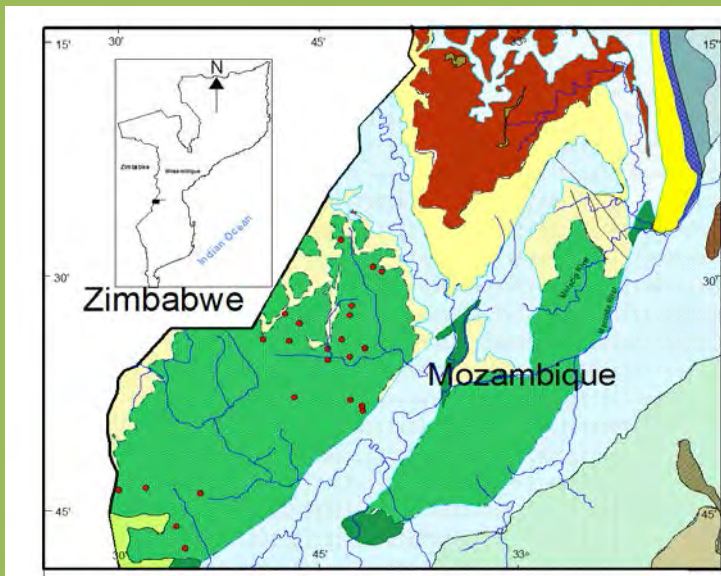
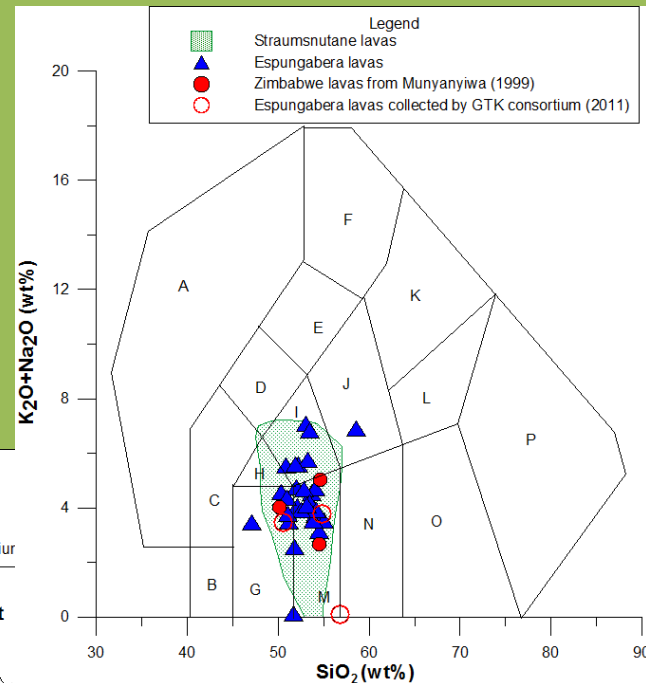
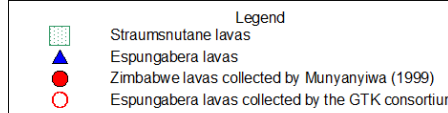
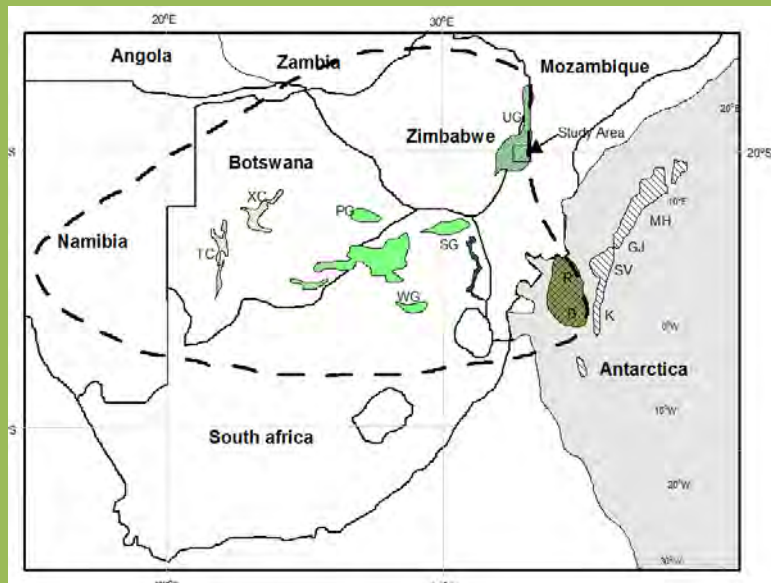


Early deformed pegmatite  
– poles to veins  
Age unknown (Top to  
NW- Mesoproterozoic) –  
Dip dominantly steeply  
(~60°) N – extensional.

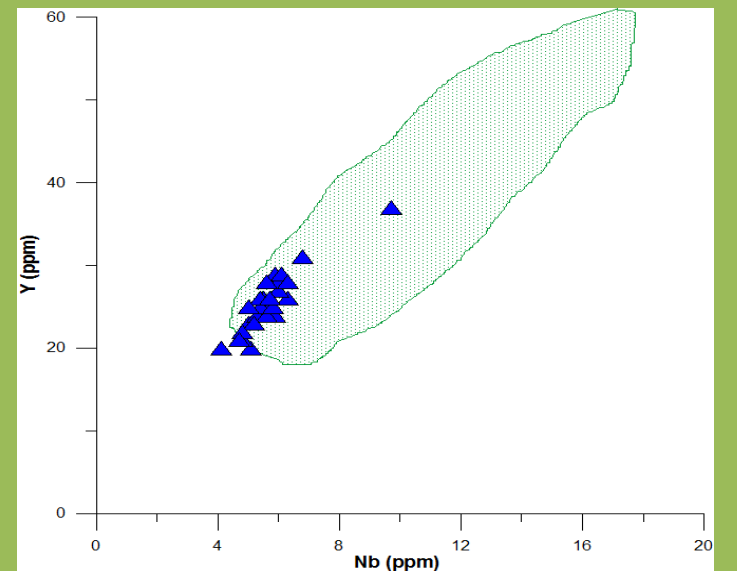
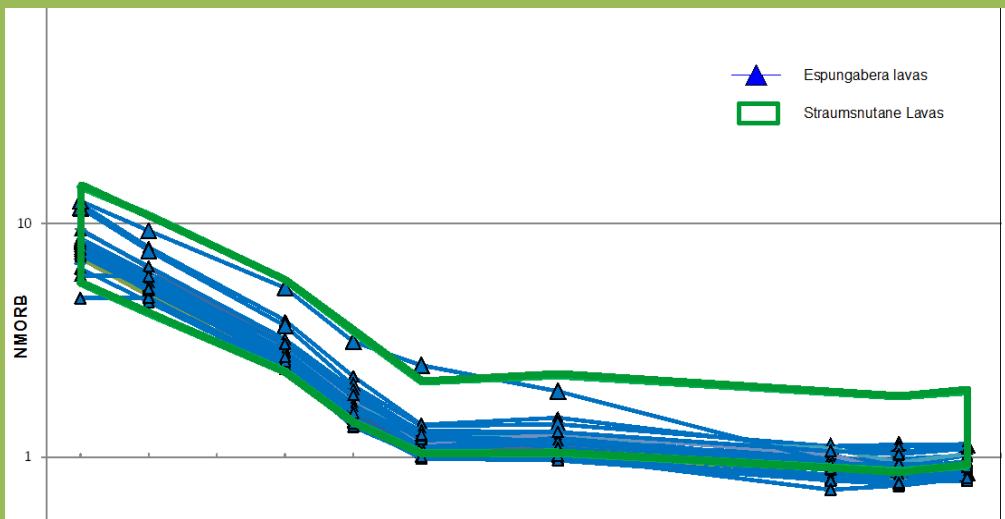
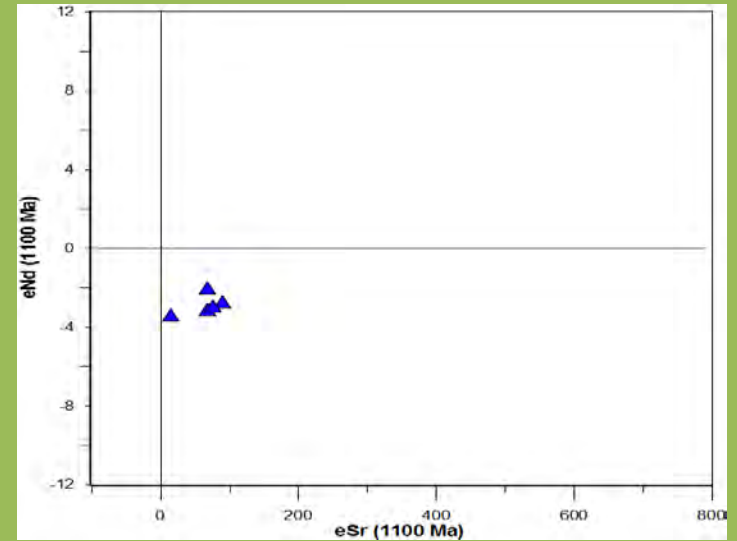
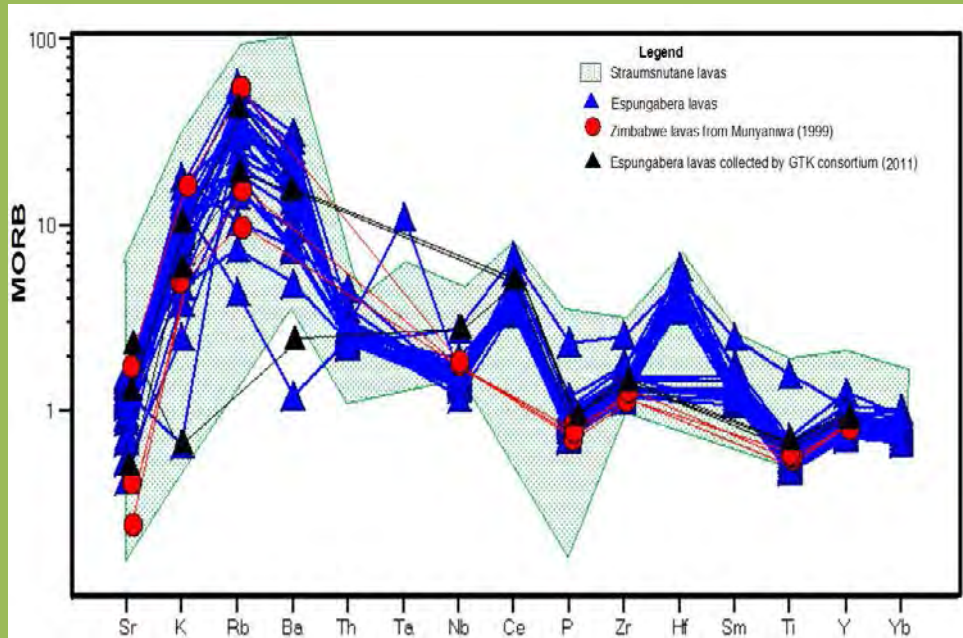
Dalmatian Granite – ~480-500Ma  
Dip dominantly SE at  
intermediate angles (~45°)  
suggest compressional

Younger undeformed  
pegmatites – Dip  
dominantly intermediate S  
(~45°)  
Similar to Dalmatian Granite  
– compressional?

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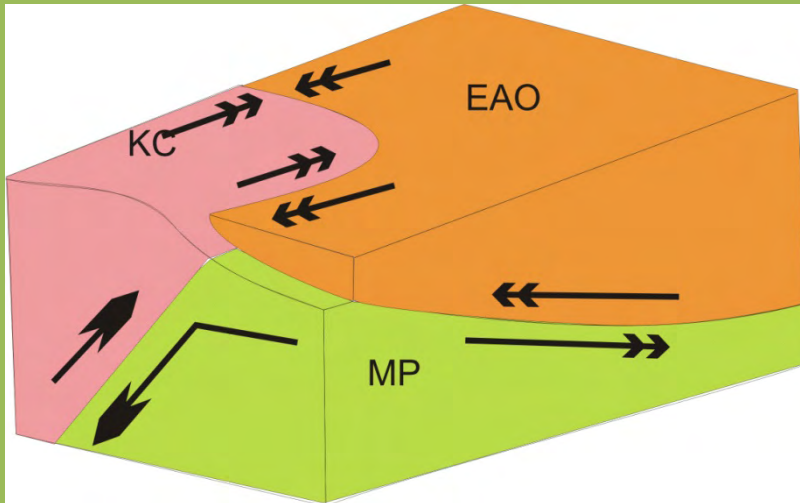
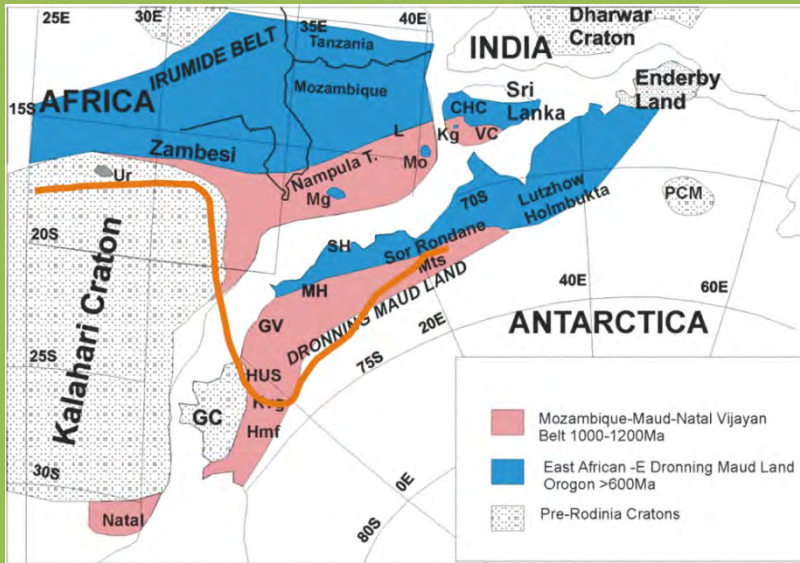


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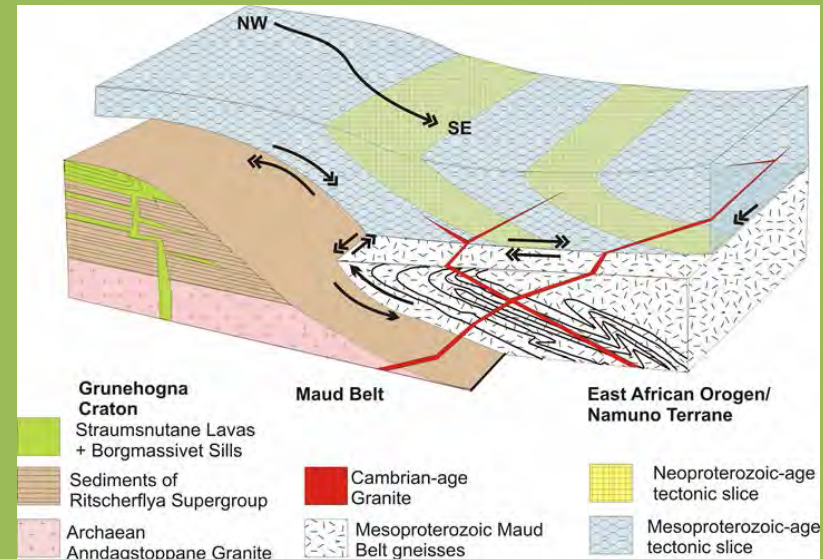
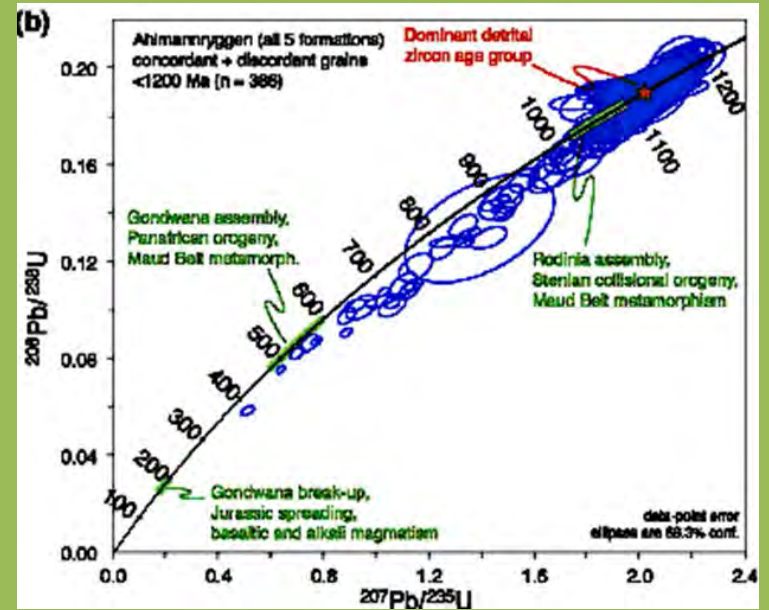
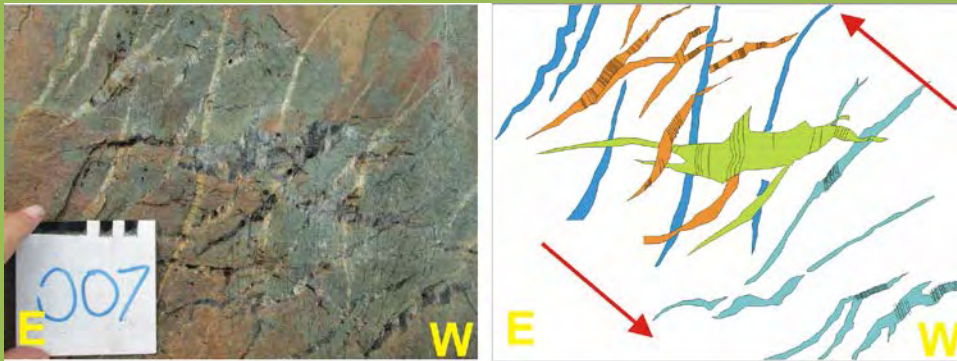


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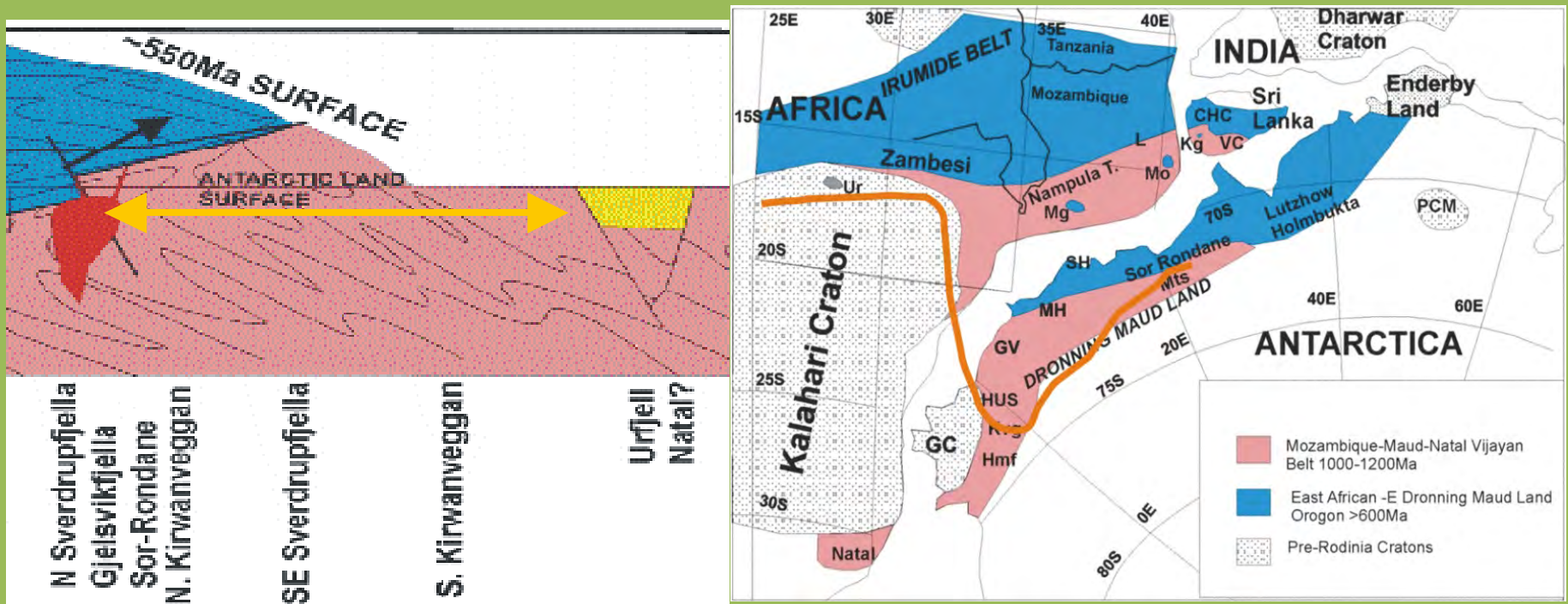
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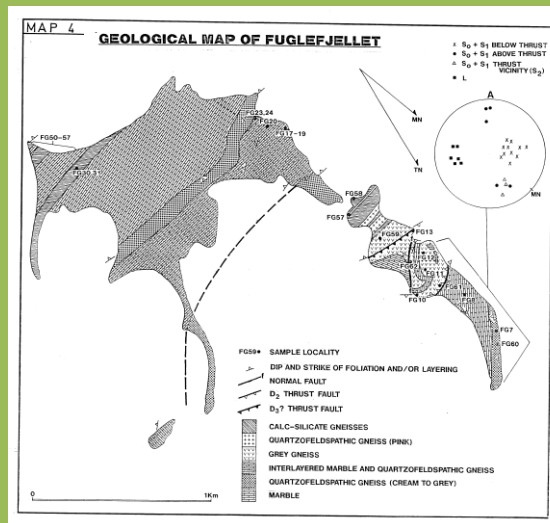
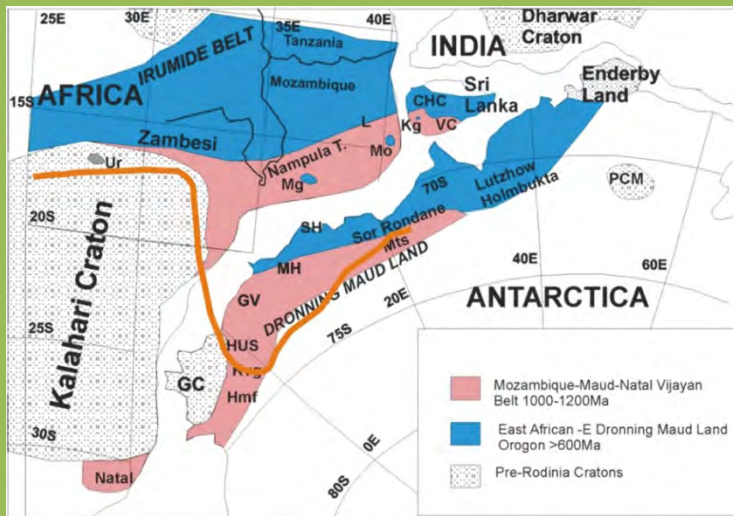
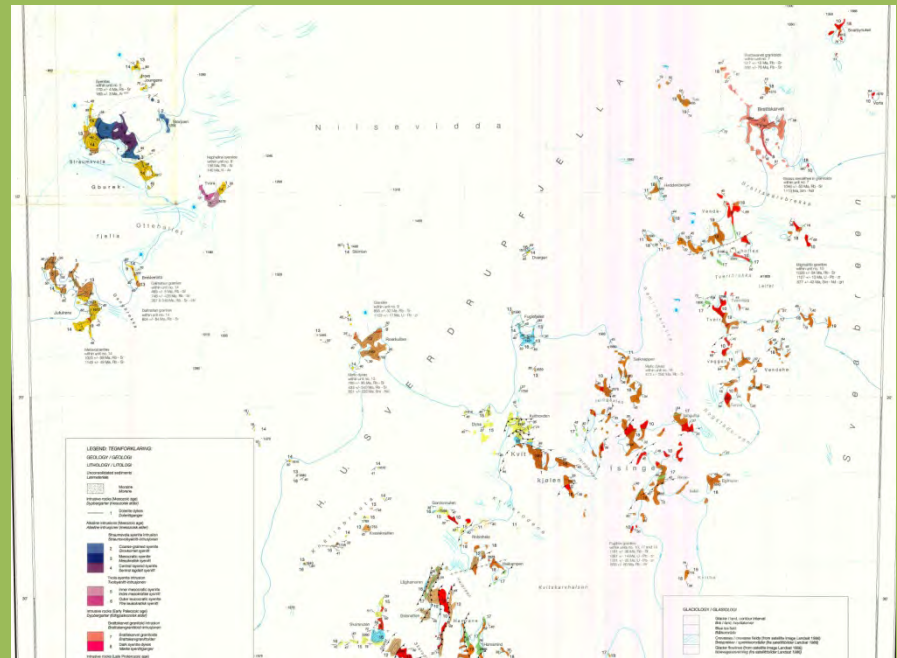
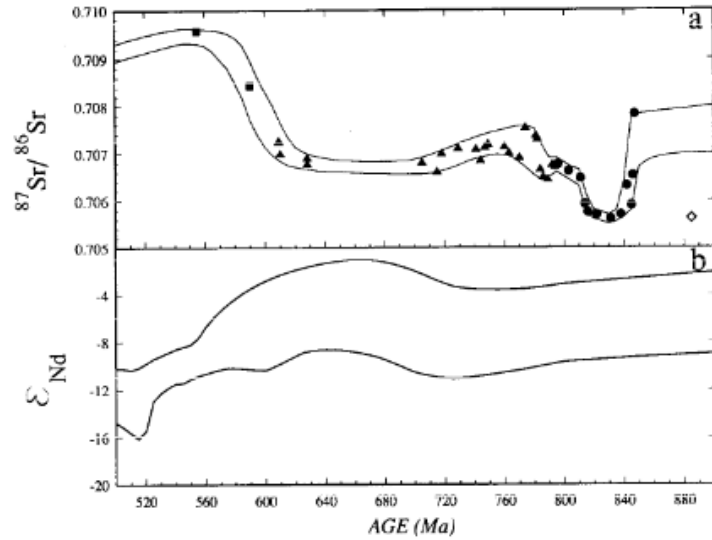


# Uplift history WDML, Antarctica

Ar-Ar study from N Sverdrupfjella to S Kirwanveggan on Mica (~300°C or ~10km) and Hbl (~500°C or ~17km).  
 Samples from Kirwanveggan selected with mineral separates in progress.



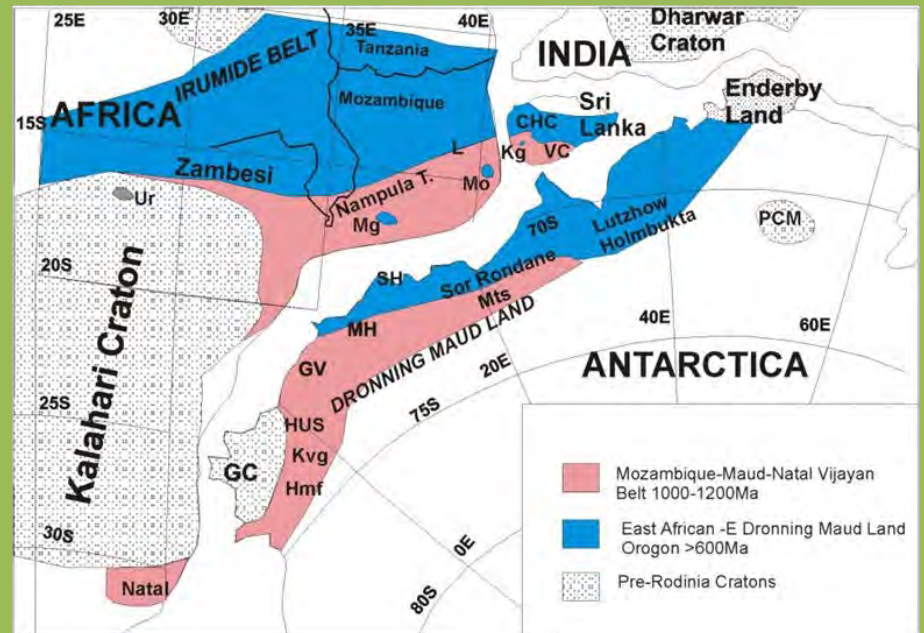
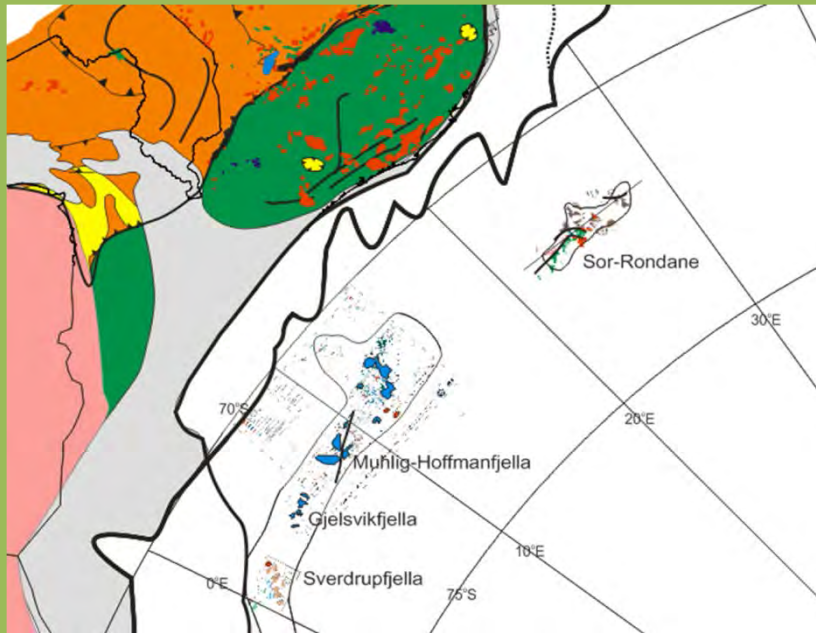
# Extent of overthrust block in Sverdrupfjella



Samples collected from Fuglefjellet 2013/2014 to constrain age of Fuglefjellet Formation supracrustals



# Future Possibilities



- Extending granite study to Gjelsvikfjella and
- Constraining age of deformation using geochronology of melts in shears (WDML and EDML) and constraining ages of decompression assemblages using mineral separates and P-T work.
- Samples available from Sor Rondane from 2010

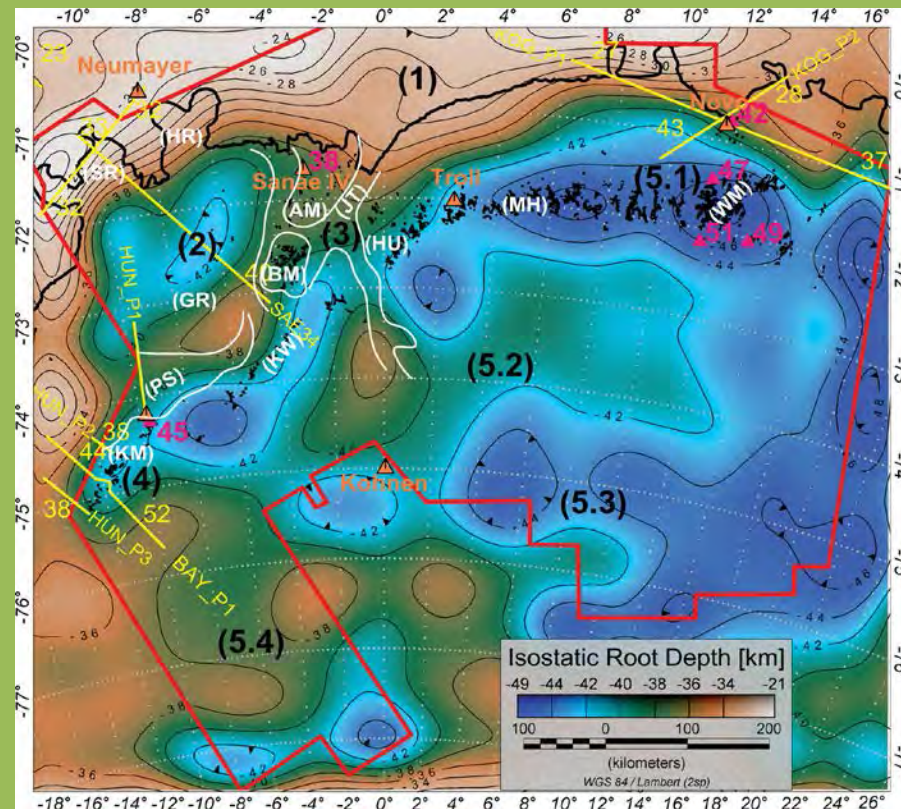
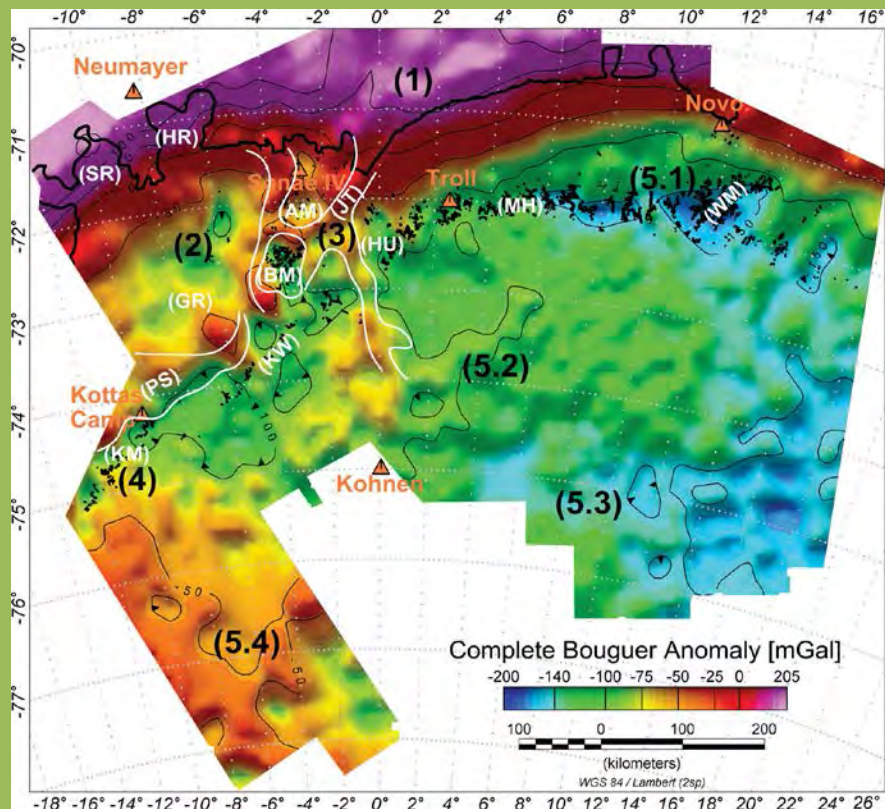
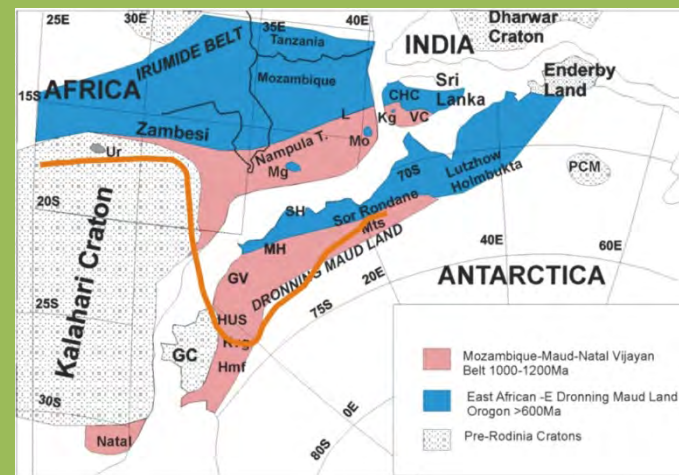
Collaboration with NPI, Germany, NIPR Japan and India.

- 4 year NPI mapping initiative to produce digital maps – CDML least understood area of Antarctica followed by Sor Rondane
- SCAR Action Group Geology initiated 2012. For geological mapping in support of recently completed geophysics.

# Mapping tectonic provinces with airborne gravity and radar data in Dronning Maud Land, East Antarctica

S. Riedel,\* W. Jokat and D. Steinhage  
*Geophys. J. Int.* (2012) **189**, 414–427.

- Shows thickened crust over CDML –
- consistent with mega-nappe model.





# Interpretation of new regional aeromagnetic data over Dronning Maud Land, (East Antarctica)

S. Riedel, J. Jacobs, W. Jokat  
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