

STRUCTURAL / TECTONIC MAP OF OKLAHOMA

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EXPLANATION

General statement: The several orogenic events that have occurred in North America have left an imprint on the region we now know as Oklahoma and vicinity. There are eleven main structural elements in Oklahoma (Figure 3). The Anadarko, Ardmore, Arkoma and Hollis-Hardeman basins, all of which owe their present form primarily to the Late Paleozoic collision of the Gondwana and North American plates...

Structural style uncertain or disputed: Relatively downthrown side is shown with a lazy D (c), if known (structural style is not known to be complex). Anticlines: Meteorite impact structures of Ordovician age are located in Major and Payne Counties. Many Arnes wells encountered granite breccia; only one is shown to avoid clutter. Faults Not Basement-Rooted: Decollement thrusts: Reverse only. Typically low-angle faults (mostly <45 deg. average dip). Short dashed lines where not exposed at or near surface. 'Lazy T' (t) is on the hanging wall block; open bars are on truncated mass. Dashed where location or continuity is uncertain, also where decollement is buried (Byan and Marshall counties). Dextral transpression has been specifically identified locally (Ball, 2014), and is probably more common. Mean dip of fault plane shown locally where structure sections have been developed.

The Cherokee platform is underlain by crystalline rocks of Precambrian age, and was relatively stable throughout Paleozoic time. The thickest accumulation of strata is of Pennsylvanian age, and consists primarily of fluvial/deltaic and shallow marine deposits. Mesozoic strata occur in the westernmost part of the panhandle; Cretaceous rocks occur mainly in south-central and southeastern Oklahoma.

Note: Most faults that break basement are mapped at the stratigraphic position of Arbuckle (COA), or Viola (OV), although some are mapped at basement (B). In any case, where they are a continuation of a surface fault, there is likely a map offset, resulting from the dip of the fault plane. Two exceptions follow: in the Wichita uplift, The Mountain View fault system is shown near the mapped upper edge of crystalline rock, where it has been defined by drilling and exploration seismology. Also the Arbuckle uplift, where few published geologic sections reach basement.

Faults: Basements are shown in five colors: Black lines indicate subsurface faults that break, or probably break, basement rocks. Geologic age of strata where mapped is abbreviated (see next paragraph). The exception to solid black-line faults are subsurface blind thrusts (see faults not basement-rooted, below). Blue lines indicate faults that have been mapped at or very near the surface. They may or may not break basement rocks at depth (generalized local, as in the Arbuckle Mountains). The Beckham County fault exposure (dashed) has been buried by wind-blown sand since it was mapped in 1936 (Goss, 1927). Green lines indicate faults of apparent Late Paleozoic age that break the Wapanuckia Ls. (Lower Pennsylvanian) in the Arkoma basin and Morrow Fm. (Lower Pennsylvanian) in the Anadarko basin. These faults do not necessarily correspond to those that break basement rocks, but many of the faults do correspond to basement faults are not mappable because of superposition. Red lines indicate faults that are seismically active. The Meers fault has a surface scarp (Crome and Lucas, 1990). Great terraces are offset in the Arbuckle Mountains (Coe and Van Arsdale, 1988). No other recently active faults are known to have a surface expression. Source: OGS Seismology Team press releases. Blue lines indicate probable faults, apparently mapped from photolines in compilation of the Geologic Map of Oklahoma (Miser and others, 1954).

Basement and other igneous rocks: All known wells drilled (as of 2005) are plotted: Red dots (•) are wells that pierce basement; Yellow dots (•) are wells that have drilled through basement and re-entered basement at depth, defining a reverse fault. Many wells drilled into the Arnes astrolome encountered granite breccia; however the entire reservoir is listed as the Oklahoma Carbonaceous argillaceous 'Arbuckle'. Only one well is plotted here: the Wheeler #181-1, Sec. 18, T. 21 N., R. 9 W. (OGS has core).

Basement-rooted faults: Only locally it is possible to map faults where they break basement. Therefore faults are identified at the stratigraphic level where mapped (see above). Reverse: Typically vertical or near-vertical. Shallow, low-angle faults typically become more vertical with depth. Solid bars on hanging wall (relatively upthrown) block. Dashed where the location or continuity are uncertain. Fault planes may be overturned locally. In the Wichita and Criner uplifts: Approximate average dip of fault plane shown where structure and/or seismic sections are available with well control. Approximate depth at which dip is shown (in thousands of feet). S indicates fault dip obtained from geologic sections with reflection seismology. Primary sources of data: Cooper (1995), and McColl (1987). M indicates MS thesis study.

Normal faults are shown with hachures on foot wall (relatively downthrown) block. V indicates an essentially vertical fault. Approximate dip of fault plane is shown locally, as measured in strata above basement. Dashed where the continuity or location are uncertain. Approximate strike and dip of several faults in western Major and adjacent Woods counties from a study by Bizzell (2017). Strike-slip (may be normal or reverse also): Right-lateral or left-lateral, as shown by arrows (left-lateral shown). Actual faults are mostly oblique slip, as opposed to purely dip slip or strike-slip deformation (demonstrating transpression). Minimum lateral displacement shown in miles locally. Broken arrows for indications as opposed to demonstrated displacement. Dashed where location or continuity is uncertain. Strike-slip probable (some evidence, but detail undocumented).

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Figure 2

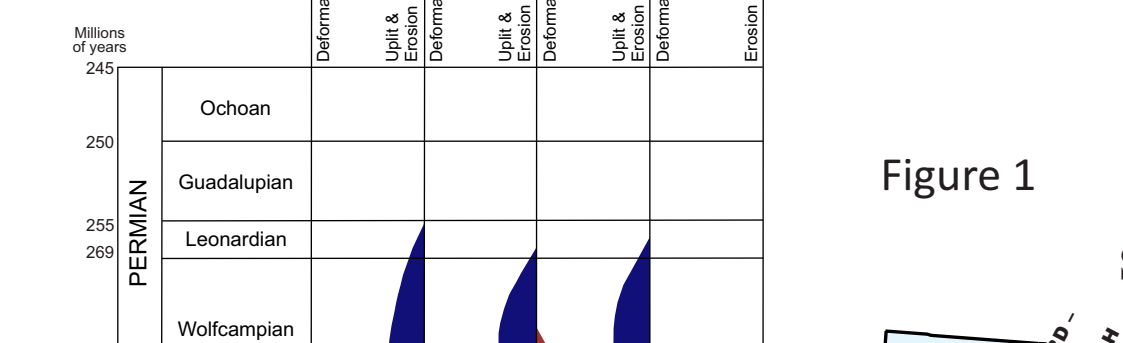
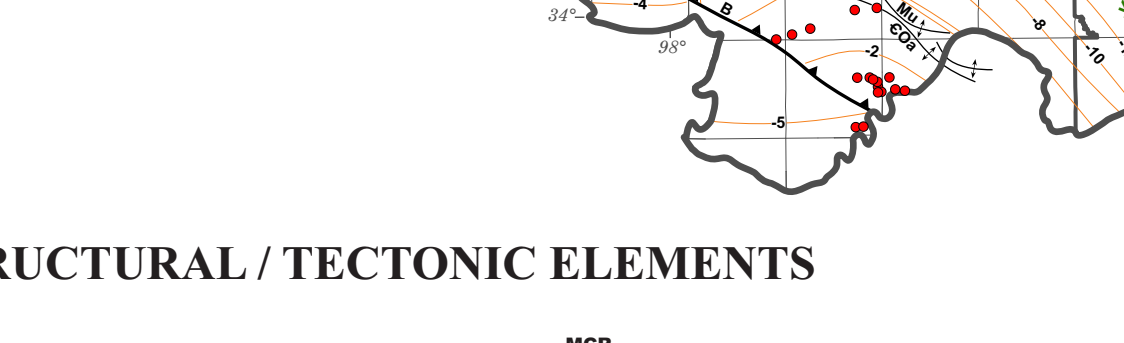


Figure 1



STRUCTURAL / TECTONIC ELEMENTS

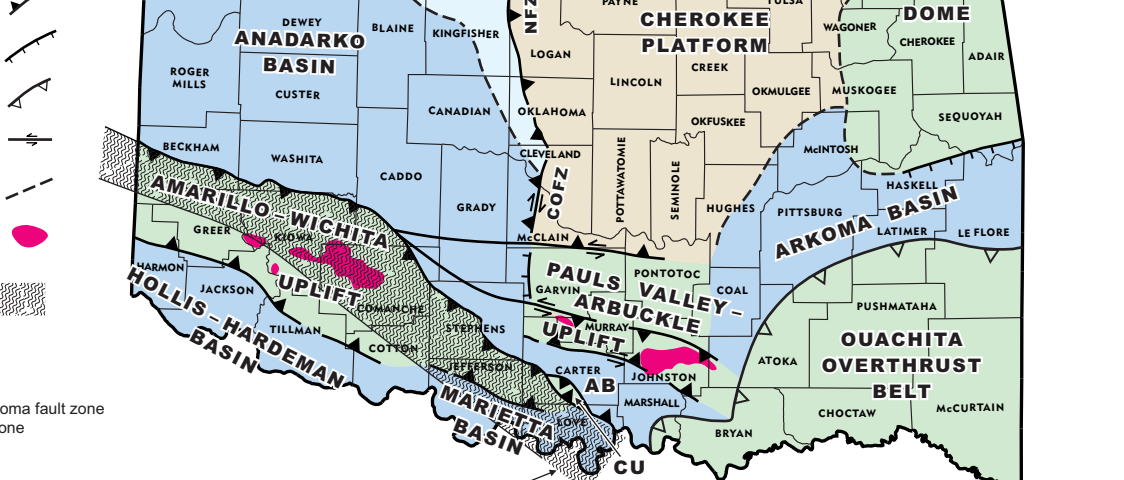


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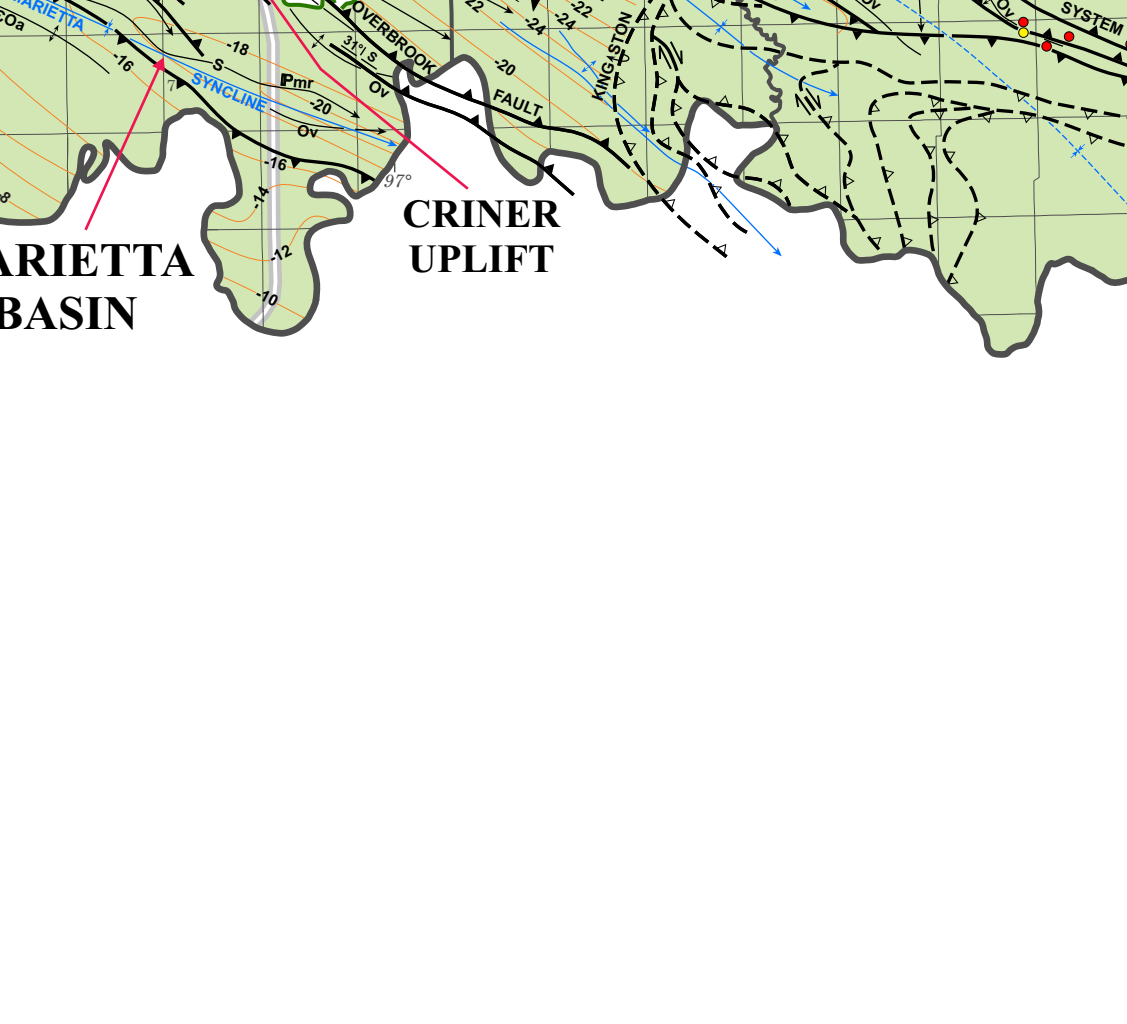


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