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Tectonic Evolution of The Western Edge of The Palmyride Chain (Annabk Anticline, Syria) From Paleostress Data: Geodynamical Implications

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ABSTRACT

Annabk anticline lies in the westernmost side of the Palmyride chain, which is located in the northern Arabian Plate. It is a 70 km long, NE-SW oriented asymmetrical anticline, belonging to the southern part of the Palmyrides. The stratigraphical column cropping out in the domain of this anticline consists of Cretaceous and Paleogene strata of marine facies, together with Neogene and Quaternary continental deposits. The aim of this study is to investigate the tectonic evolution of this area, by reconstructing its paleostress history, through analysing the brittle deformations, which were recorded in the outcropping rocks. Field observation covered 58 sites where brittle structures were described and measured. 60 stress tensors were calculated and 31 joint system diagrams were plotted through data processing using Angelier Program. This led to the analysis of the stresses affecting the study area from late Cretaceous up to Quaternary, and thus enabled us to deduce the following successive stress regimes:

(1) a late Cretaceous (?) NNW-SSE extensional event, which linked to the opening of the intracontinental Mesozoic Palmyride aulacogene developing on the margin of the Neotethys ocean;

(2) an Eocene extensional event in NNE-SSW orientation, which could be correlated with the extension along the southern boundary of the Arabian plate (Gulf of Aden and Red Sea);

(3) two compressional events of late Eocene age (?) in NNE-SSW and ENE-WSW orientation, probably due to the compressional stress, which occurred along the NE-boundary of the Arabian plate (Zagros Zone);

(4) a compressional event rotating from WNW-ESE to NW-SE orientation during Neogene;

(5) the rotation continued during the Quaternary and brought about a new compressional event in NNW-SSE orientation, which, in turn, caused a N-S oriented component of compression which may have resulted from the existence of the Anti-Lebanon block to the Northwest of the Annabk anticline.

The Neogene and Quaternary compressional events (the Palmyride compressional stress) accompanied the shortening and uplifting of the Palmyrides and related to the closing of the Neotethys along the Northern boundary of the northward moving Arabian Plate.

Words: Palmyride chain, Annabk anticline, Brittle deformation, Paleostress reconstruction, Tectonic evolution, Geodynamical events.

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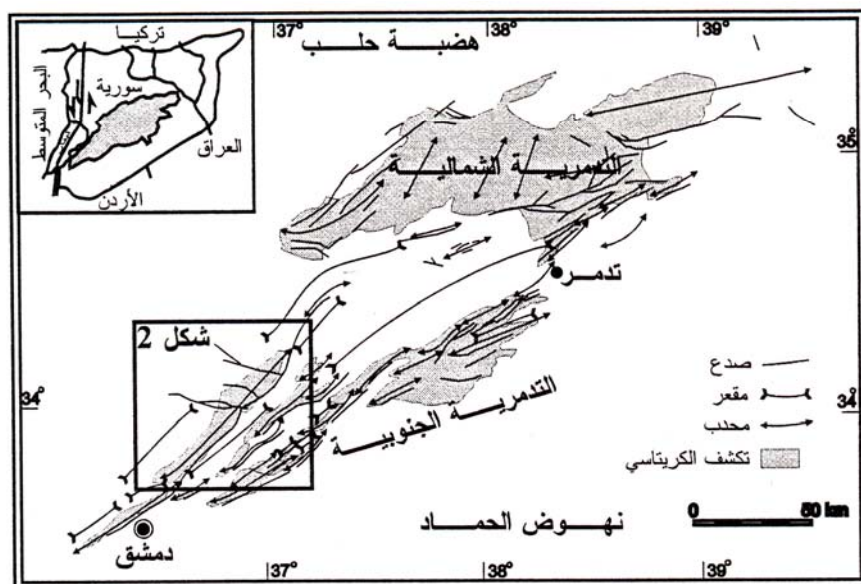
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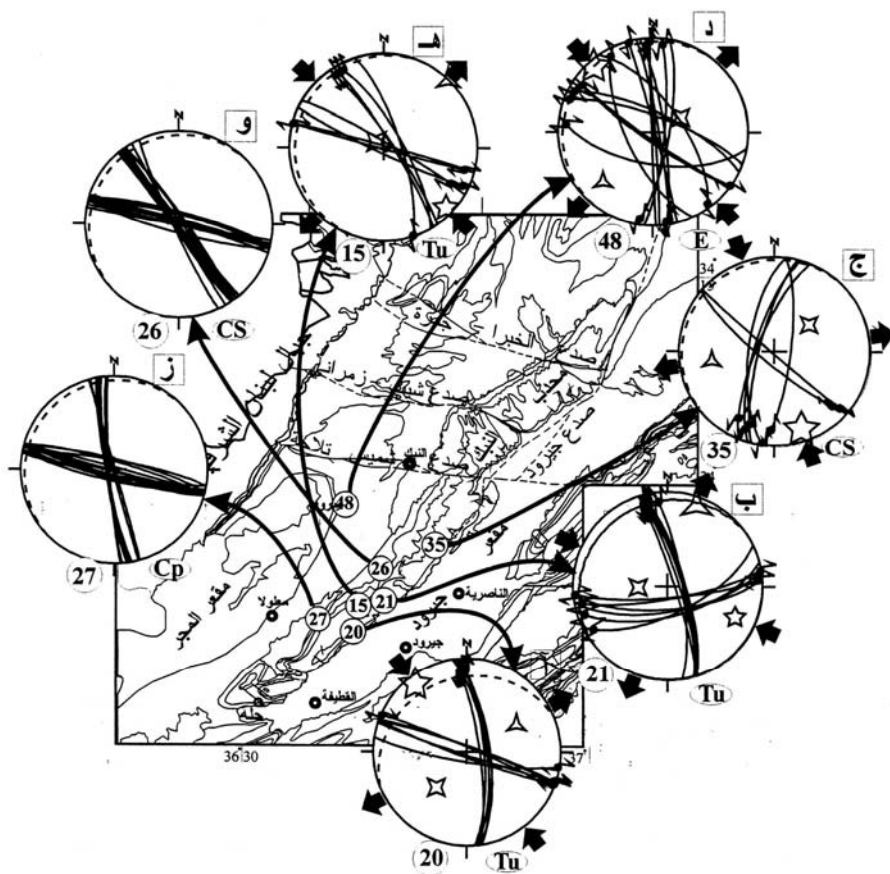
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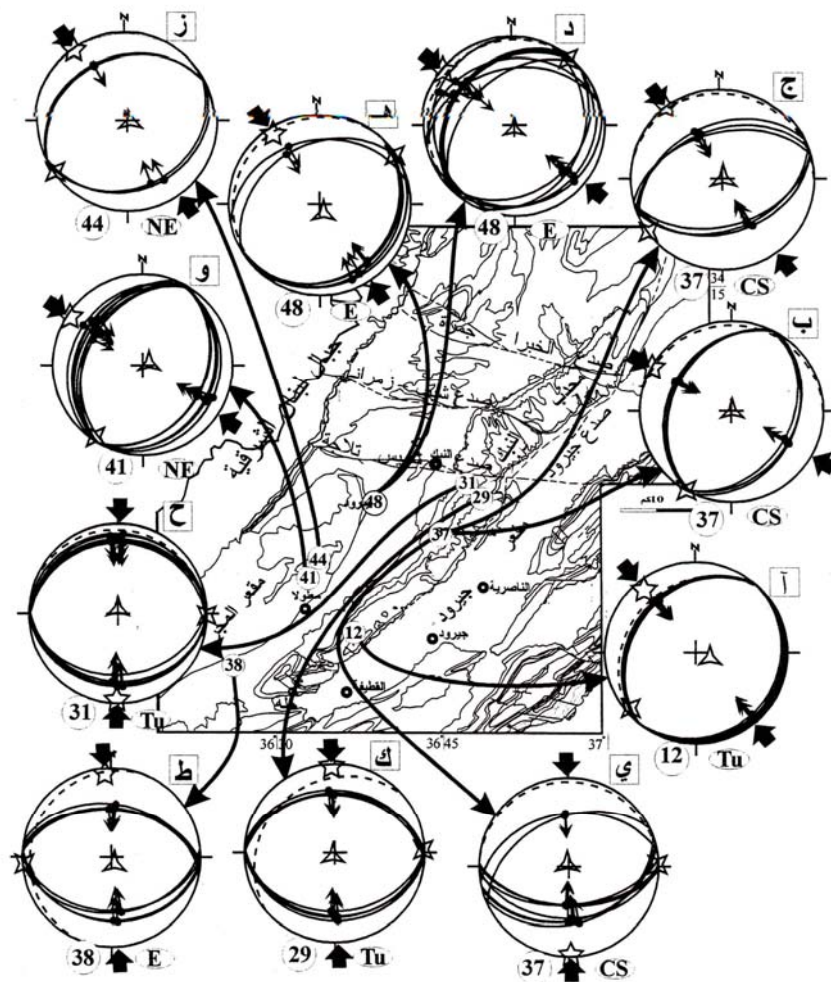
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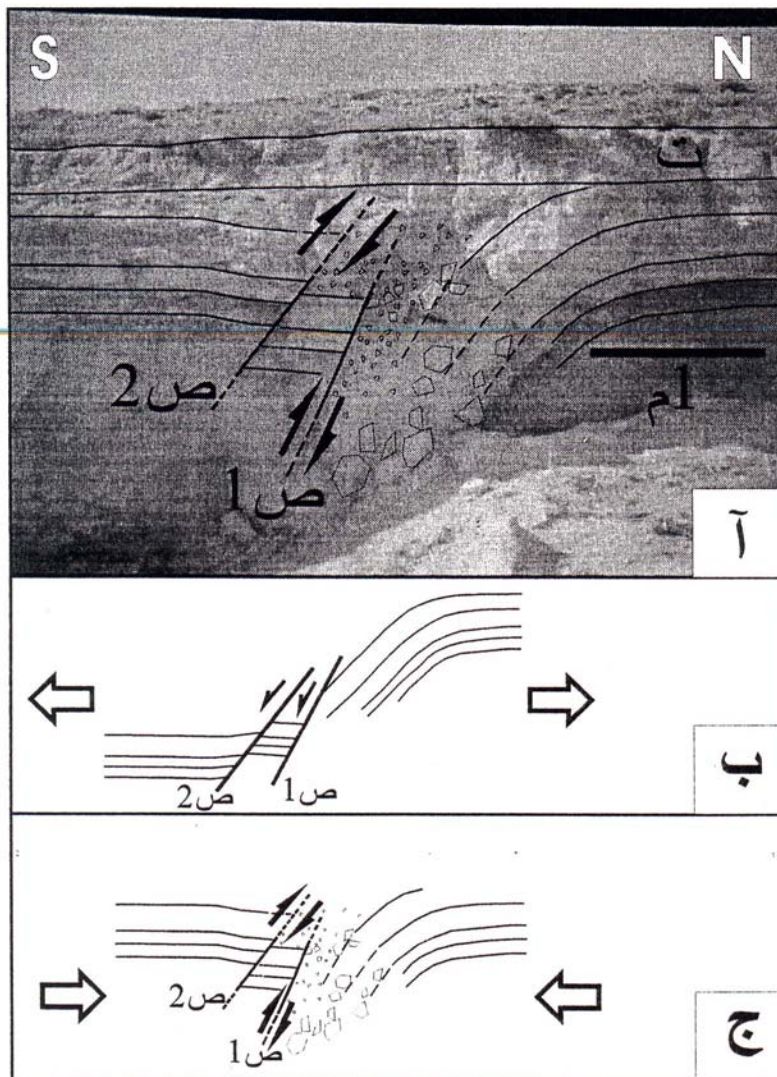
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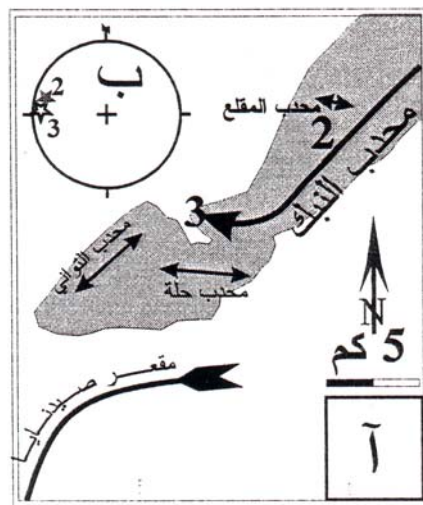
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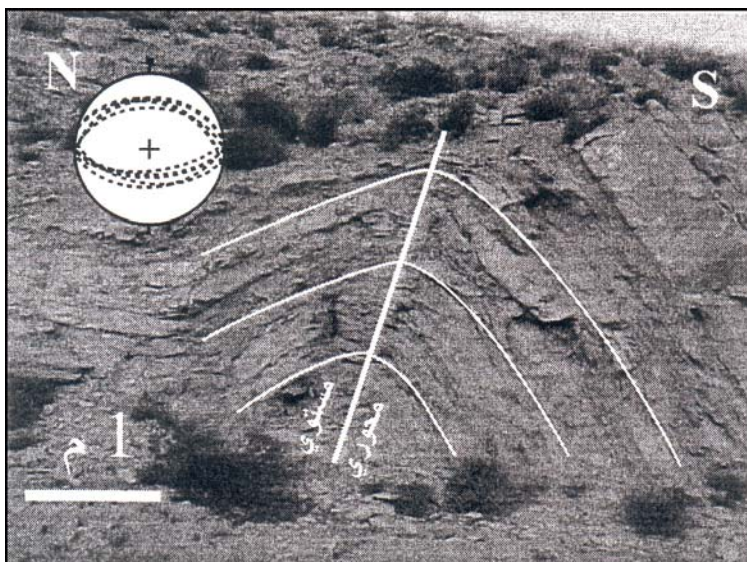
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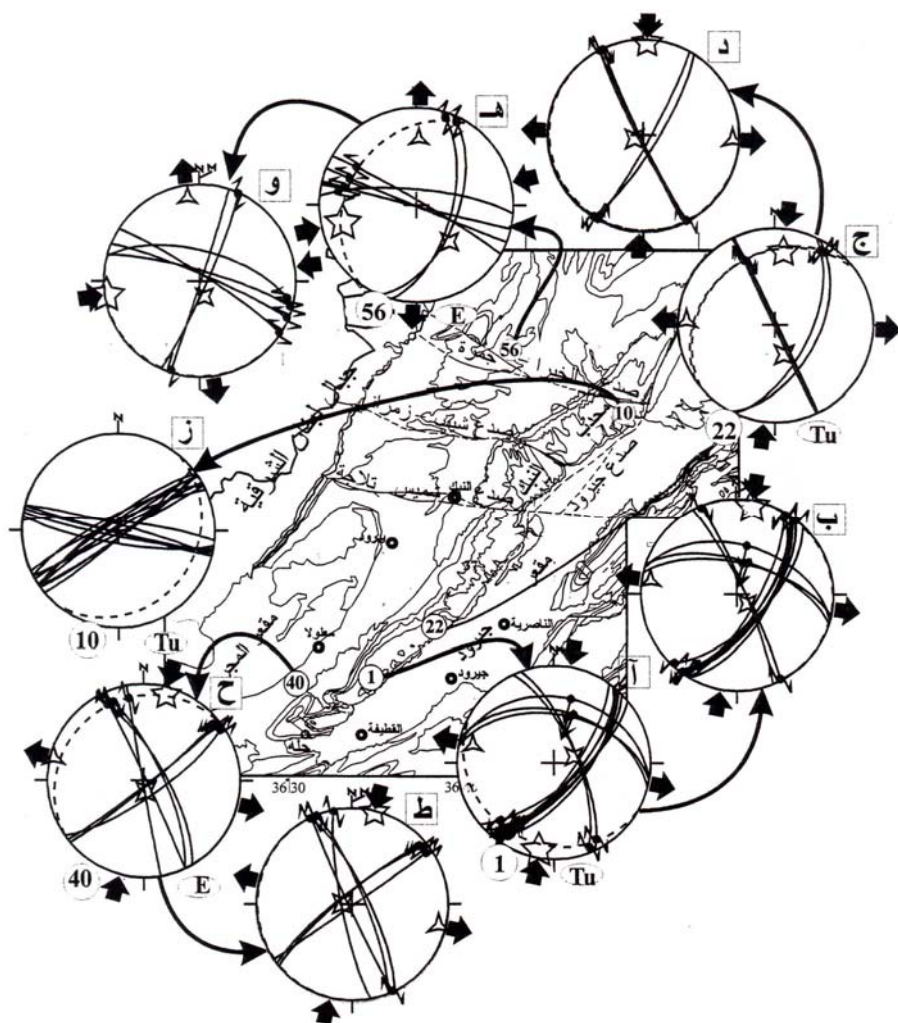
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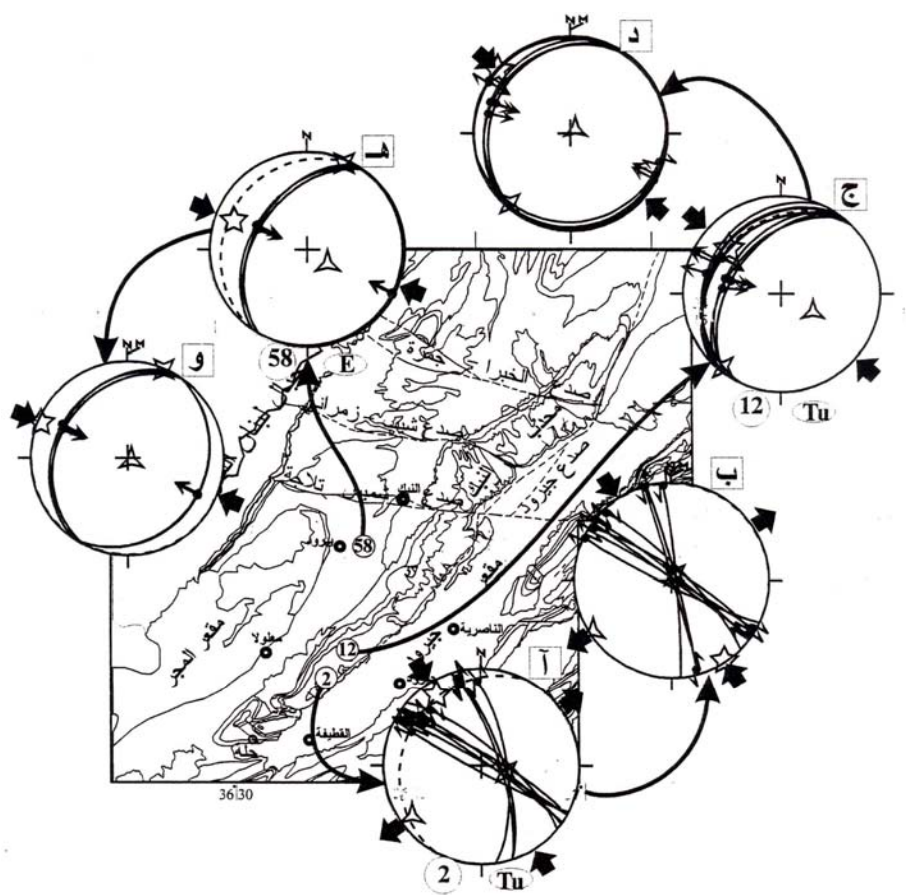
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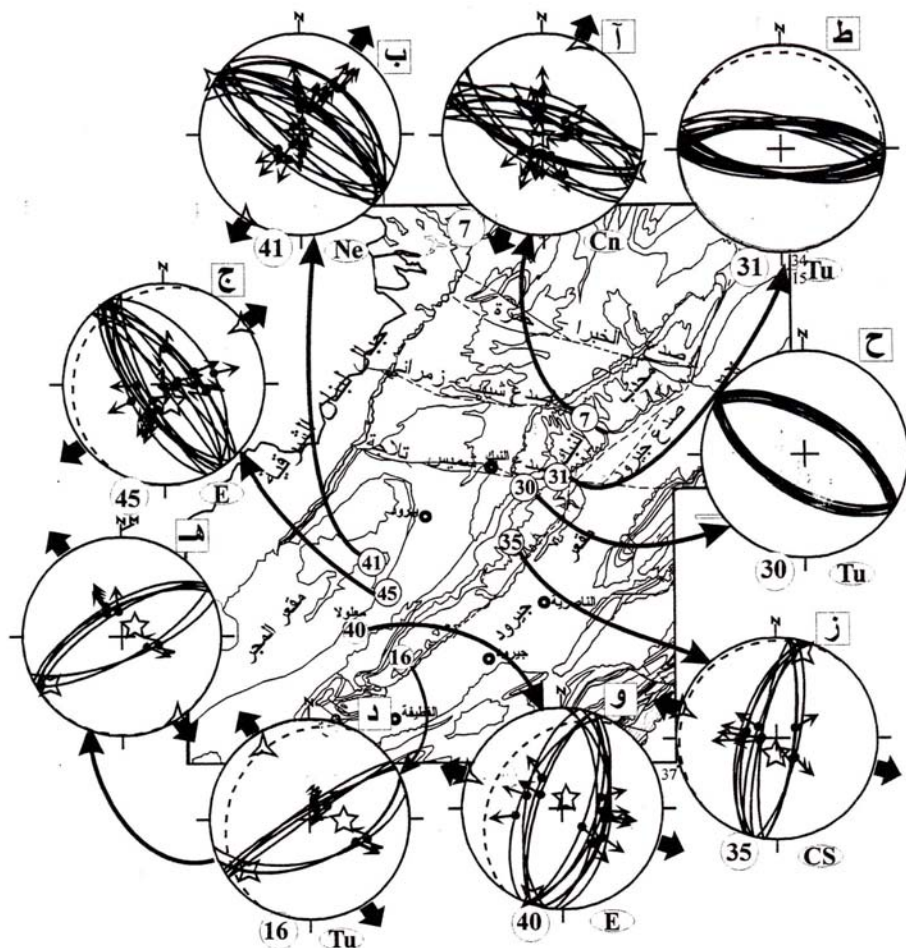
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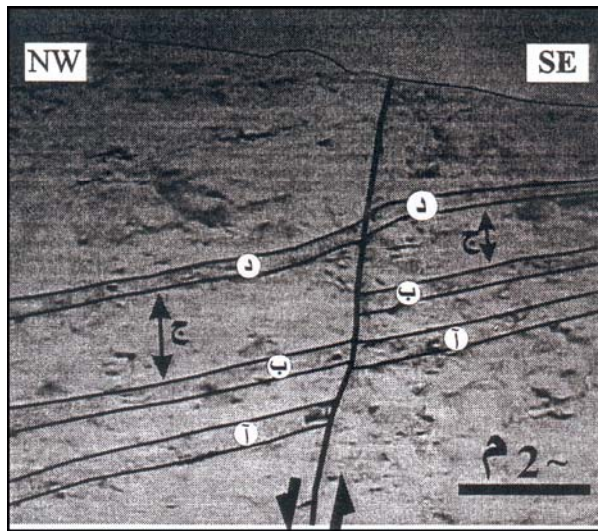
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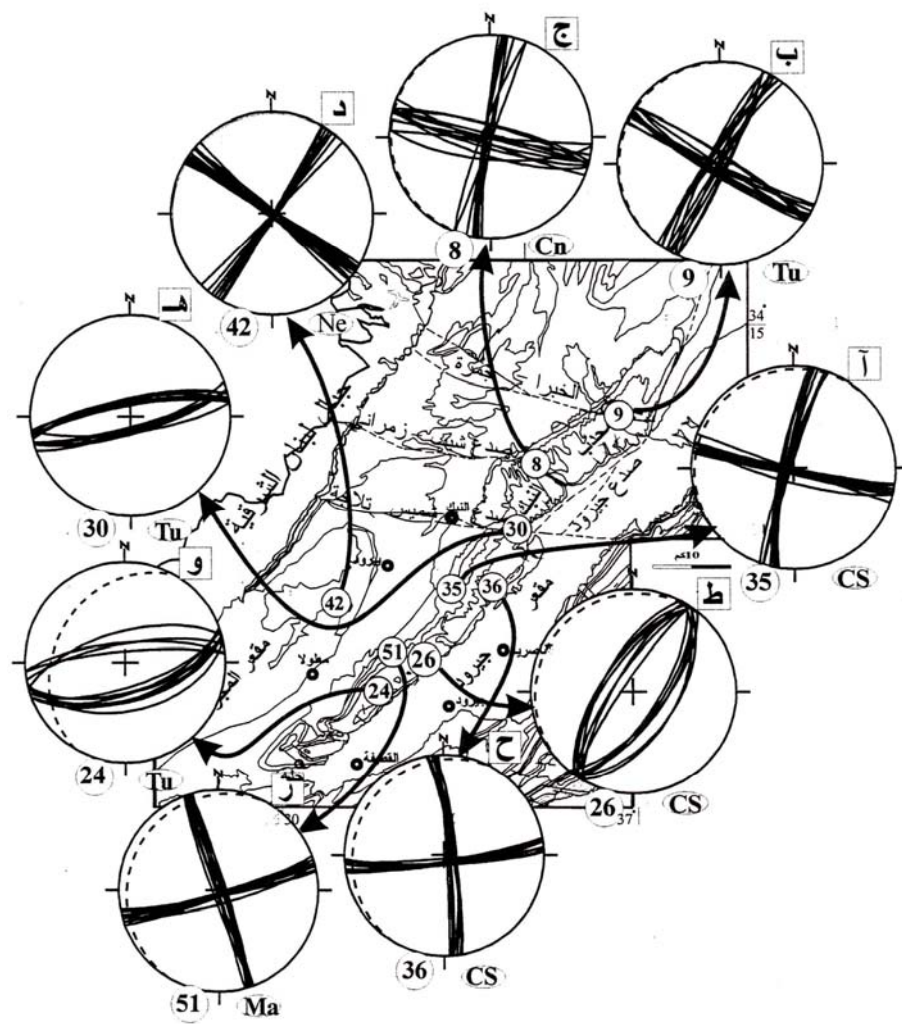
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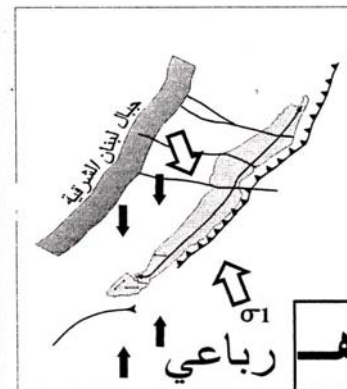
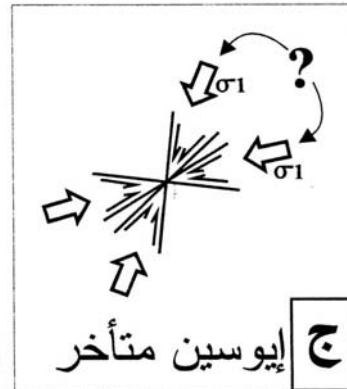
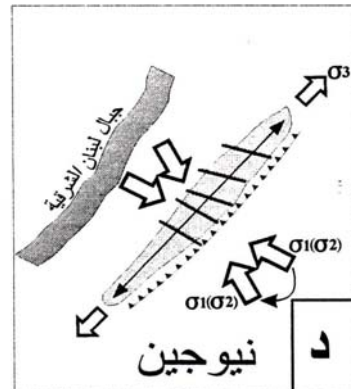
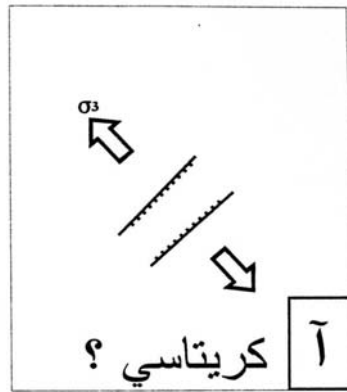
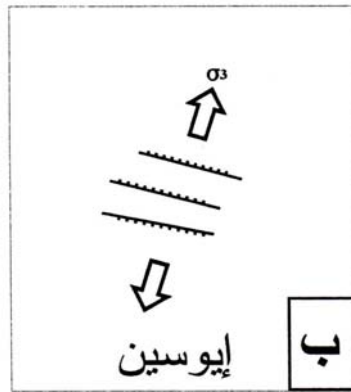
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