

Figure 2. Suggested tectonic setting of southwestern Brooks Range, Alaska, in Devonian time, showing rifting of continental margin, bimodal volcanism, and associated exhalative mineralization along rift faults, with accumulation of thick sedimentary sequences in grabens and development of carbonate banks on horsts.

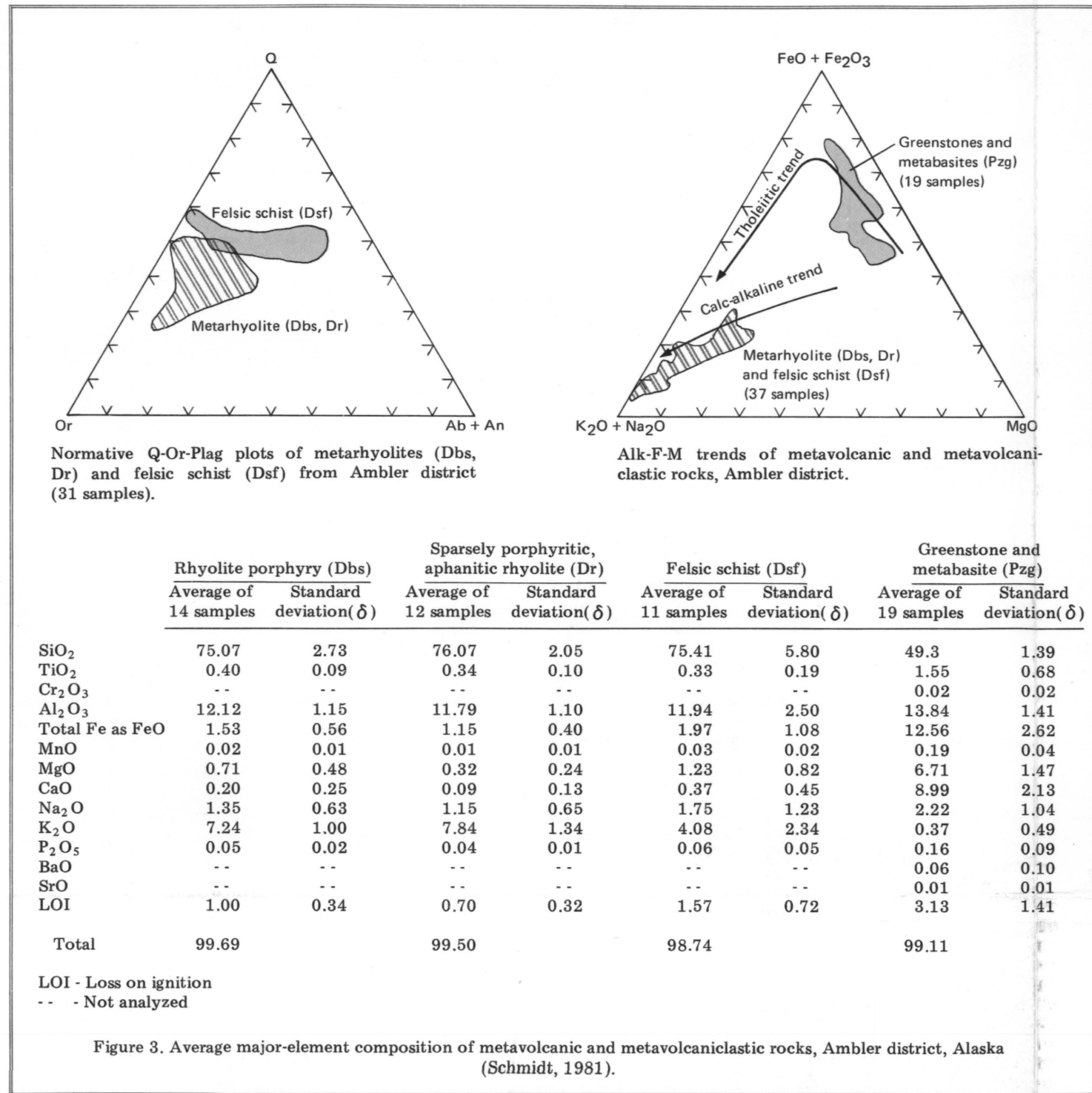


Figure 3. Average major-element composition of metavolcanic and metavolcaniclastic rocks, Ambler district, Alaska (Schmidt, 1981).

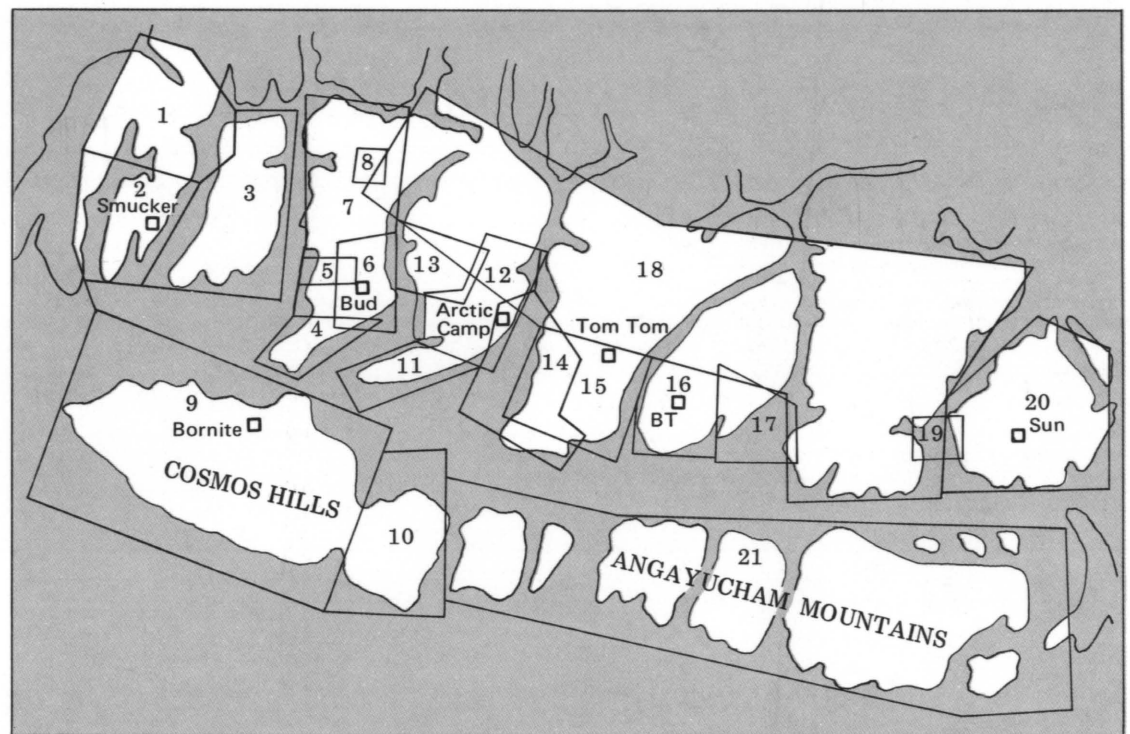


Figure 4. Sources of data

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| 1. Proffett and Hitzman, 1979 | 12. Proffett, 1979 |
| 2. Proffett and McClave, 1976; Smith, 1978b | 13. Jackson, 1978b; Heatwole, 1976 |
| 3. Smith, 1976a, 1978c | 14. Schmidt, 1978 |
| 4. Smith, 1978d | 15. Proffett, 1978e |
| 5. Crawford, 1976 | 16. Hitzman, 1977, 1978 |
| 6. Sumner, 1978; Smith, 1978a; Marrs, 1979 | 17. Dobson, 1977 |
| 7. Smith, 1978e | 18. Sekelman, 1978 |
| 8. Smith, 1978f; Ellis, 1977 | 19. Marrs, 1978 |
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Table 1. Isotopic age data for zircons from porphyritic rhyolite (Dbs), Arctic Camp, Ambler district, northwest Alaska (from Dillon and others, 1980).

Map number*	Lat (N)	Long (W)	Petrology Devonian volcanic rocks	Zircon description	Concentration (ppm)		Isotopic ratio †				Age (m.y.)**			Weight (mg)	
					238U 206Pb	206Pb/ 206Pb	207Pb/ 206Pb	206Pb/ 204Pb	207Pb/ 238U	207Pb/ 235U	206Pb/ 238U	207Pb/ 235U			
I-3(D)	67°11'00"	156°02'23"0"	Button schist; blastoporphyrritic K-feldspar, quartz, and biotite in coarse-grained, garnet-epidote-chlorite-plagioclase matrix.	Honey brown to reddish brown; five percent have dark inclusions; many are zoned. All are euhedral with small euhedral zircon inclusions; only crystals with a complete prism, one termination, and no large inclusions were dated.	886	40.1	0.1657	0.07649	650	0.05233	0.3901	328	334	373	6.5
I-3(M)	67°11'00"	156°02'23"0"			928	41.8	0.1586	0.07160	820	0.05205	0.3860	327	332	364	5.7

*Separates (M, magnetic; D, diamagnetic).

†Radiogenic Pb corrected for common Pb. Isotopic composition of common Pb used for calculation is $^{204}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb} = 18.8$ and $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 15.65$.

^aIsotopic ratios corrected for mass fractionation of 0.1 ± 0.03 percent per mass unit on basis of replicate analyses of U.S. National Bureau of Standards Pb standards SRM 981-983. Ratios are not corrected for contamination from ²⁰⁵Pb/²³⁵U mixed spike. Isotopic composition of Pb and U in mixed spike is ²⁰⁸Pb/²⁰⁶Pb = 3.765; ²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁶Pb = 0.8665; ²⁰⁵Pb/²⁰⁶Pb = 649; ²⁰⁴Pb/²⁰⁸Pb = 0.089; ²³⁵U/²³⁸U = 4200.

*Constants used in age calculation: $\lambda^{238}\text{U} = 1.5513 \times 10^{-10}$; $\lambda^{235}\text{U} = 9.848 \times 10^{-10}$; $^{238}\text{U}/^{235}\text{U} = 137.88$. Analytical uncertainty on U/Pb ages estimated less than 1 percent of age; in Pb-Pb ages, less than 2 percent of age.

Table 2. Lead-isotope ratios and analyses for galena samples from massive-sulfide deposits in Ambler district, northwest Alaska. Ratios are plotted on figure 5.

Access pattern	Access percentage	Access latency (ns)					
		1-5 SUN10C (data exp)	1-5 SUN10C CMBK	1-5 AKV10C CMBK	1-4 "BP"	1-5 SUN10 (data exp)	1-5 SUN12 (data exp)
204Pb		1.165	1.367	1.369	1.364	1.374	1.377
206Pb		25.082	25.080	25.107	25.098	25.067	25.062
207Pb		21.371	21.309	21.302	21.348	21.361	21.367
208Pb		52.146	52.244	52.222	52.200	52.178	52.194
206Pb/204Pb		18.397	18.347	18.340	18.393	18.244	18.200
207Pb/204Pb		15.661	15.595	15.560	15.651	15.611	15.617
208Pb/204Pb		38.202	38.218	38.146	38.270	37.975	37.904

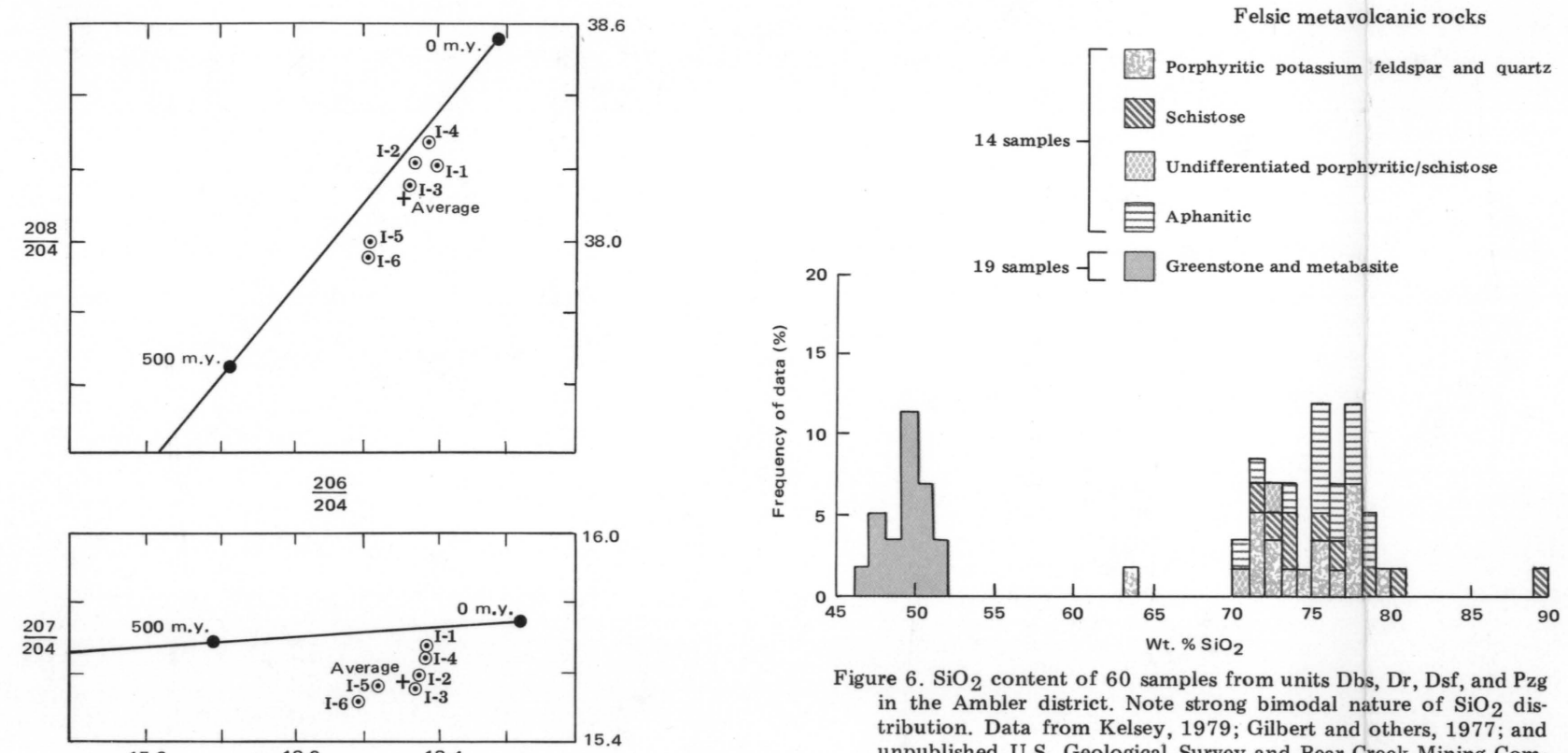


Figure 5. Lead-isotope ratios from galena in massive-sulfide occurrences, Ambler district. Numbers correspond to locations on plate 1. Range of apparent model ages is 200-350 million years. Single-stage curves assume $U^{238}/Pb^{204} = 8.9$ and $Th^{232}/U^{238} = 4.0$.

Table 3. *Invertebrate fossils, Ambler district, Alaska*

Map location number	General location	STROMATOPOROIDS	TABULATE CORALS										RUGOSE CORALS		BRACHIOPODS	BRYOZOANS	CRINOIDS	GASTROPODS	STROMATOLITES	ICHTHO-FOSSIL	References					
		<i>Amplexaura</i> sp.	<i>Massive stromatopora</i>	<i>Amblyporella</i>	<i>Renssela</i>	<i>Atrypella</i> sp.	<i>Atrypella</i> sp.	<i>Caldesia</i> sp.	<i>Frondaria</i> sp.	<i>Syringopora</i> sp.	<i>Tubularia</i> sp.	<i>Thamnopora</i> sp.	<i>Thamnopora</i> sp.	<i>Travertina</i>	<i>Conularia</i> sp.	<i>Bellerophon</i> sp. 1	<i>Bellerophon</i> sp. 2	<i>Spirifer</i> sp.	<i>Platystrophia</i> sp.	<i>Indolite</i>		<i>Spirifer</i> sp.	<i>Indolite</i>	<i>Indolite</i>	<i>Indolite</i>	<i>Indolite</i>
F1	Cosmos Hills	●						●			●															Patton and others, 1968; Armstrong, 1980; Blodgett, 1980
F2	Cosmos Hills															●										Blodgett, 1980
F3	Cosmos Hills	●									●															Patton and others, 1968; Armstrong, 1980
F4	Cosmos Hills						●				●					●										Patton and others, 1968; Hitzman, 1980b
F5	Cosmos Hills																									Patton and others, 1968
F6	Cosmos Hills	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●				●	●										Patton and others, 1968; Blodgett, 1980
F7	Cosmos Hills																									Patton and others, 1968
F8	Cosmos Hills	●						●	●		●															Blodgett, 1980
F9	Ambler schist belt											●	?					?	?		●	●			●	Webster, 1977; Smith and others, 1978
F10	Angayucham Mts.		●	●			●				●															Fritts, 1972
F11	Angayucham Mts.	●														●								●		Patton and others, 1968; Fritts, 1972
F12	Angayucham Mts.																									Fritts, 1972
F13	Angayucham Mts.																									Fritts, 1972
F14	Arctic Camp														●											Blodgett, 1981
F15	Arctic Camp																							●		Blodgett, 1981
F16	Cross Creek																								●	Proffett and Hitzman, 1979; Proffett, 1982
F17	Cross Creek																								●	Proffett and Hitzman, 1979; Proffett, 1982

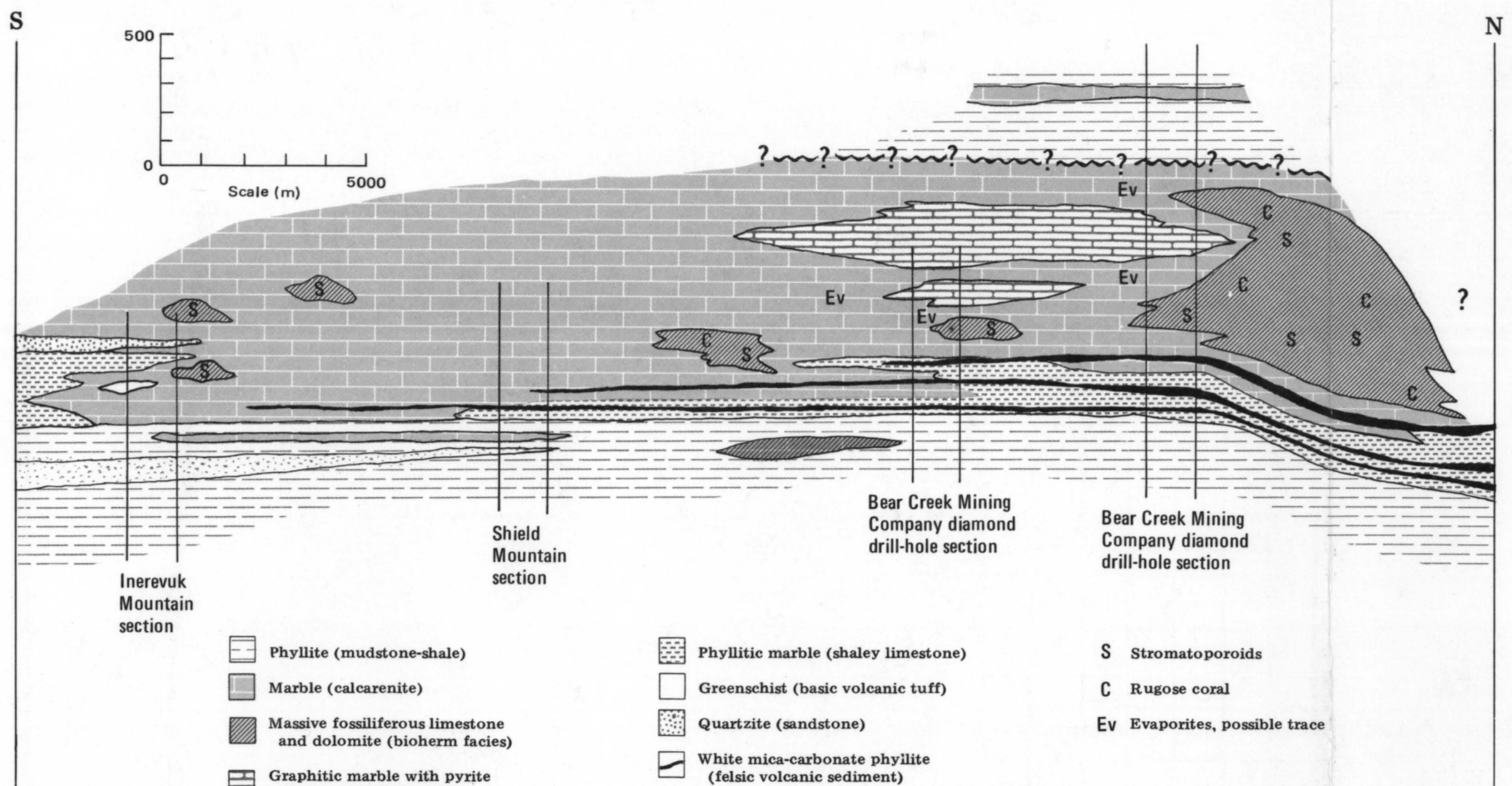


Figure 7. Details of facies relationships in carbonate rocks (primary units Dbm and Dbd), Cosmos Hills, Ambler district, Alaska.