

# Chinese-Korean-Japanese Cooperative Program

**Seismic Hazard Assessment for the Next Generation Map**

**Seismic hazard assessment in low seismicity province**

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# 1. The state-of the art of Seismic hazard assessment in low seismicity province in China

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## ➤ General methods

- ❑ Historical earthquake method—Paleoearthquake or historical earthquake
- ❑ Tectonic analogism method---high seismic hazard data

(Deterministic Seismic Hazard Analysis (DSHA), Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis (PSHA))

## ➤ Ongoing methods

- Containing strong earthquake observation info- including earthquake source mechanism, history sequence or serial
- Continental dynamic—deformation and mechanism

## **2. A new seismic hazard assessment method in low seismicity province-based on deformation and energy accumulation and releasing**

### **◆ Continental Dynamic mechanism**

- ◆ GPS deformation and velocity field, geotectonic environment and paleoearthquake

### **◆ 3Dimension geological info**

- ◆ Site effecton

### **◆ Fault types, dynamic and segment**

- ◆ Normal, reserve and strike fault, Tectonic dynamic and earthquake

### **◆ Based on geophysics and geochemical**

- ◆ comprehensive info-gravity, geo-resistance and geomagnetism, abnormal geochemical field- inert element and hydrargyrum(Hg)

### **◆ Rock deformation**

- ◆ Rock elastic-plastics deformation, energy cumulation

# Formulation of Model

Regional total energy---  
lithosphere or  
continental dynamic

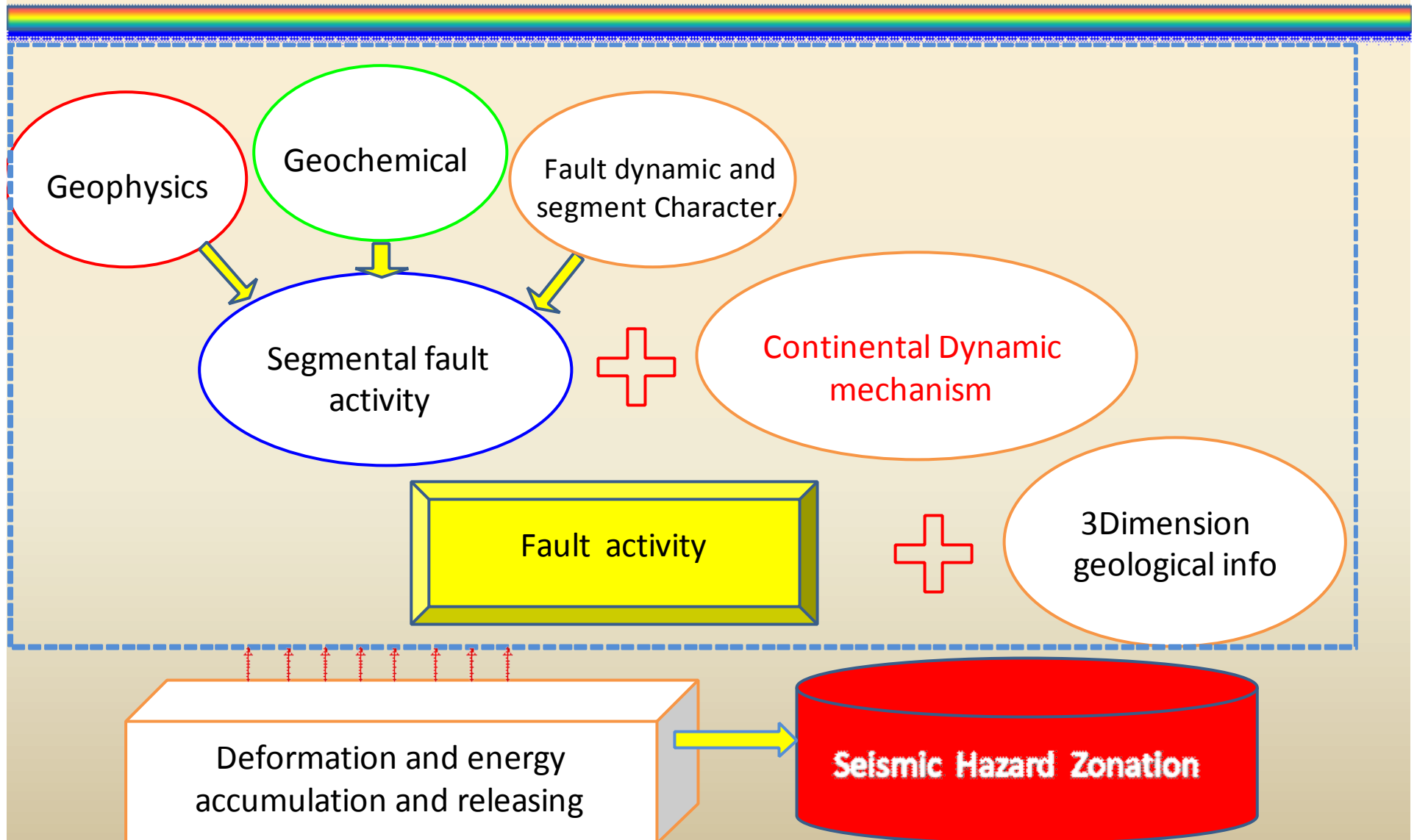
Heat energy---  
regional tectonic and  
volcanism

$$E_{total} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n D_i(t, s) S_i(t, s) \right) + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n Q_i(t, s) \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n c M_i(t, s) v_i(t, s)$$

Deformation energy  
-regional tectonic , considering the  
segmental characteristics , rock types

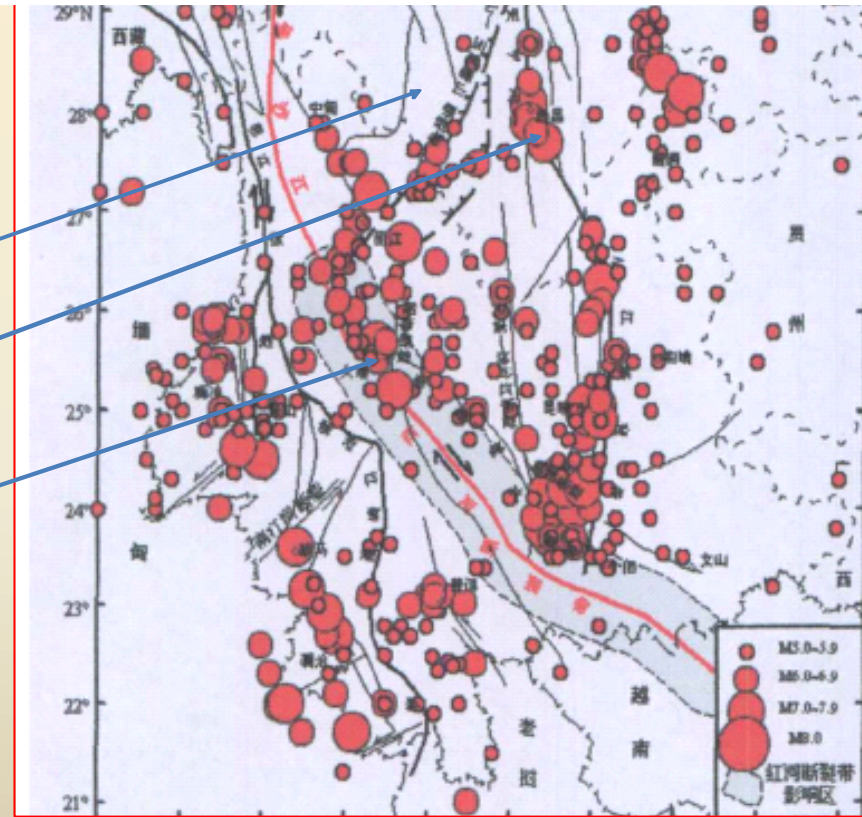
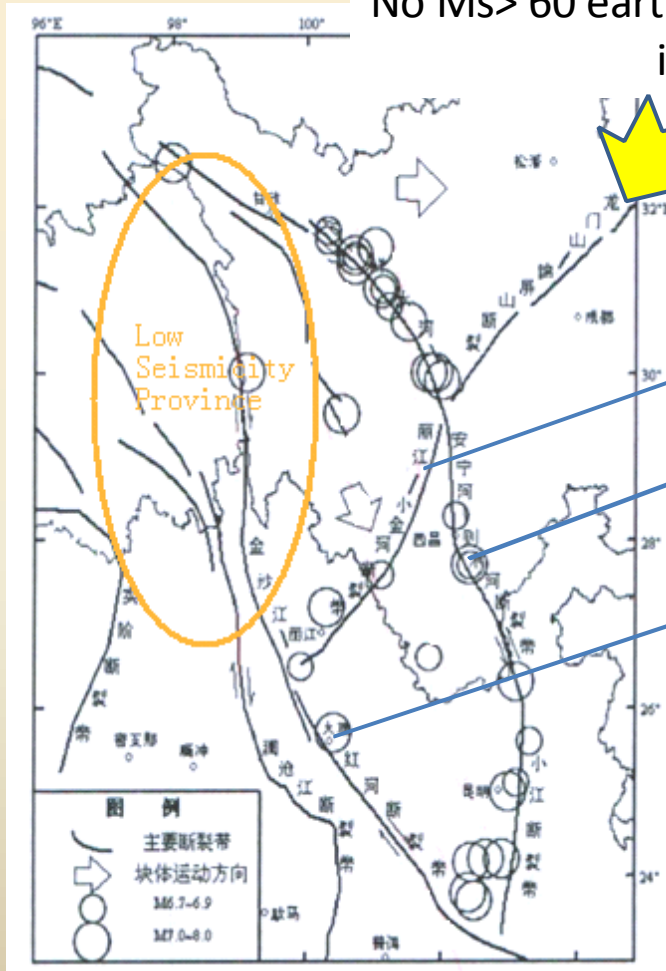
Kinetic energy-  
tectonic activity,  
including evolvment

# Technique Diagram



# 3. One example

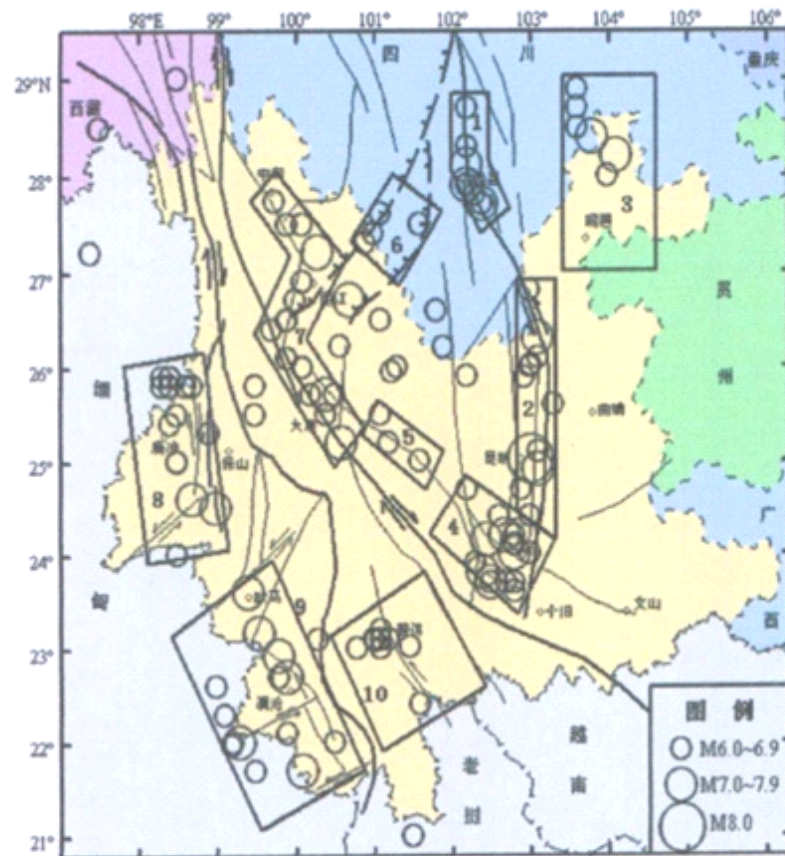
No  $M_s > 6.0$  earthquake invaded in Longmenshan fault for 2264 years, so, it was considered a low seismicity province



MS  $\geq$  6.7 in Sichuan-Yunnan rhombic plate since 1700



# Seismic provinces



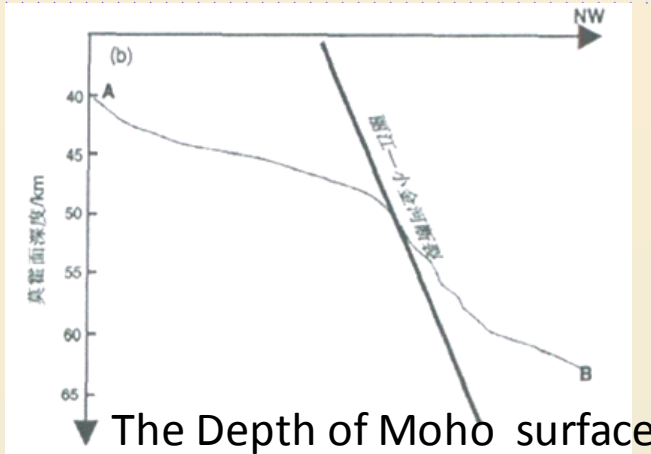
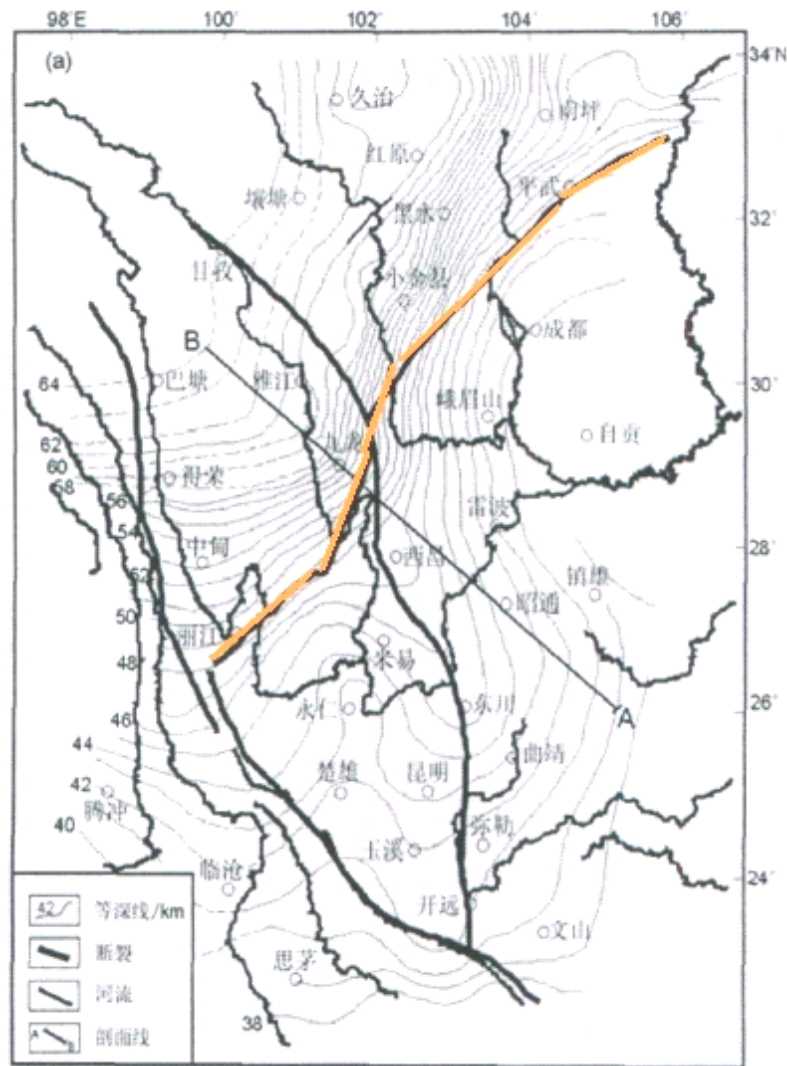
云南地震带(区)与6级以上地震分布图

1. 安宁河-则木河带; 2. 小江带; 3. 马边-大关带;  
 4. 通海-石屏带; 5. 南华-楚雄带; 6. 木里-盐源区;  
 7. 中甸-大理带; 8. 腾冲-龙陵; 9. 澜沧-耿马带; 10. 思茅-普洱区

序号	地震带(区)名称	所处省份	主要断裂带	M≥6级地震次数	最大地震震级	地震记载起始时间
1	安宁河-则木河带	四川	安宁河带、则木河带	8	7½	624年
2	小江带	云南	小江带	13	8	1500年
3	马边-大关带	四川 云南	马边-盐津断裂带	8	7.1	1216年
4	通海-石屏带	云南	曲江带、石屏建水带	16	7.8	1420年
5	南华-楚雄带	云南	南华-楚雄带	3	6¼	1511年
6	木里-盐源区	四川 云南	木里弧形带、盐源弧形带	5	6.7	1467年
7	中甸-大理带	云南	乔后-龙蟠带、红河带	18	7.0	886年
8	腾冲-龙陵	云南	腾冲带、龙陵-瑞丽带、大盈江带等	21	7.4	1478年
9	澜沧-耿马带	云南	早母坝-邦多带、澜沧-勐遮带	16	7.6	1935年
10	思茅-普洱区	云南	无量山带	11	6.8	1884年



# Continental dynamic

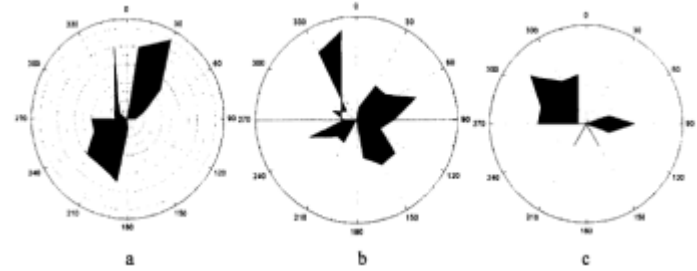
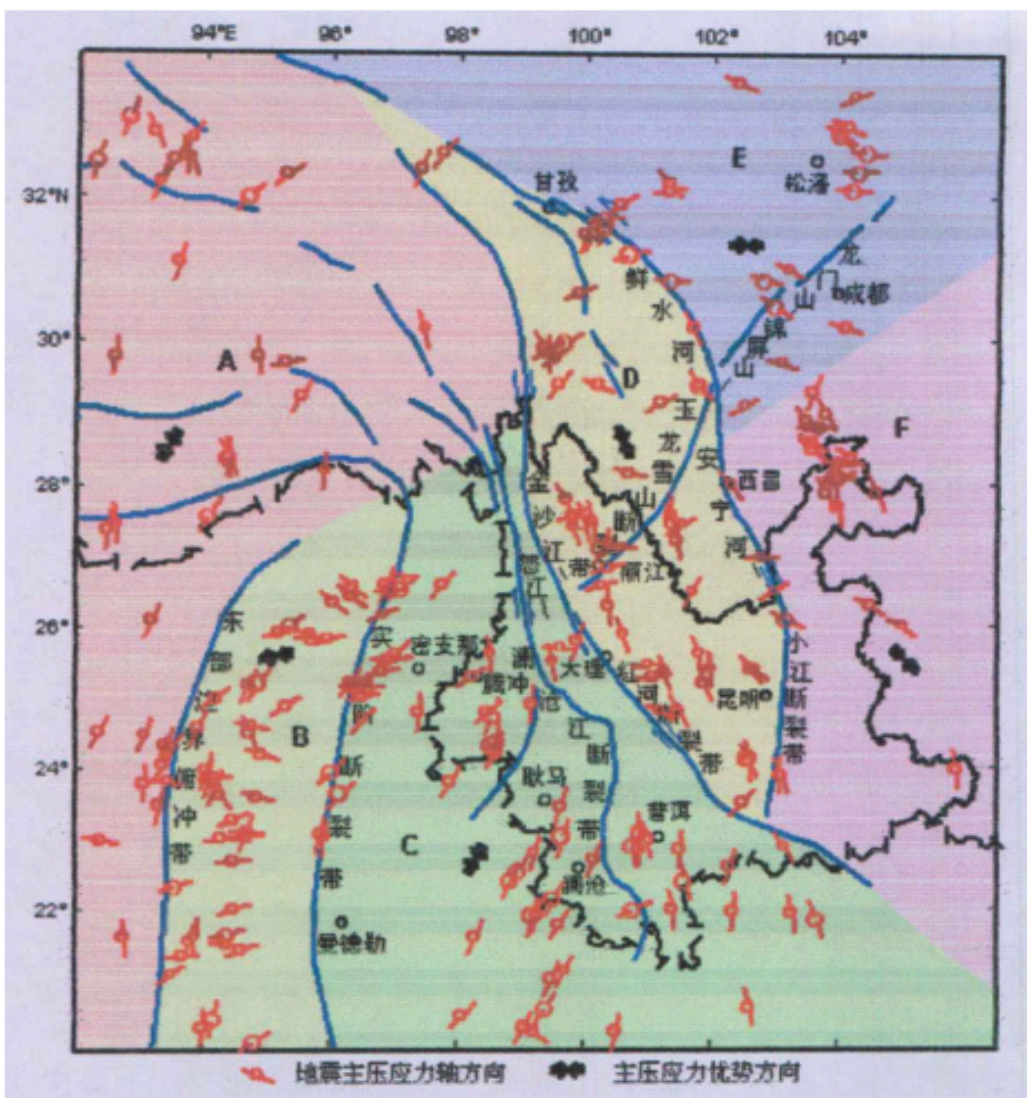


▼ The Depth of Moho surface



Lithosphere thickness

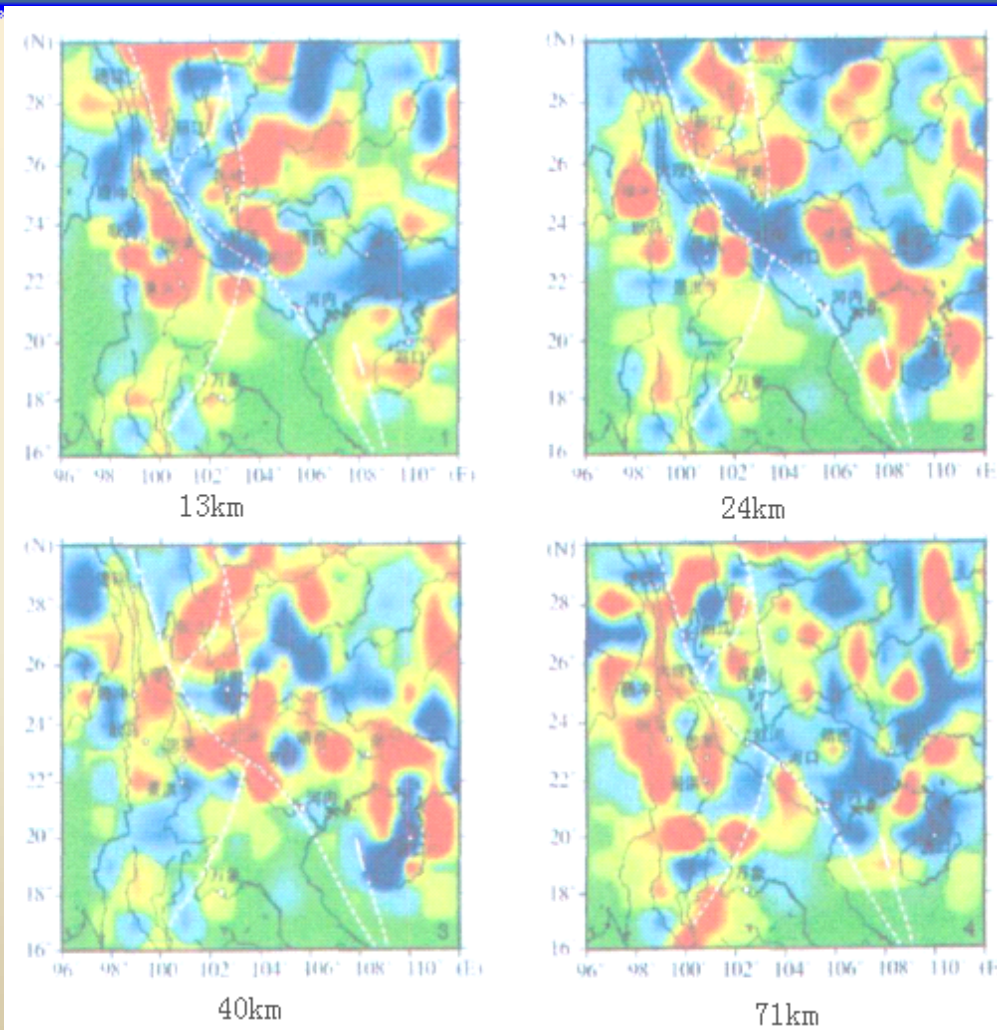
# seismic source mechanism –P axial



Two preponderant directions—NNE-NE and NW-NNW—means two tectonic stress field



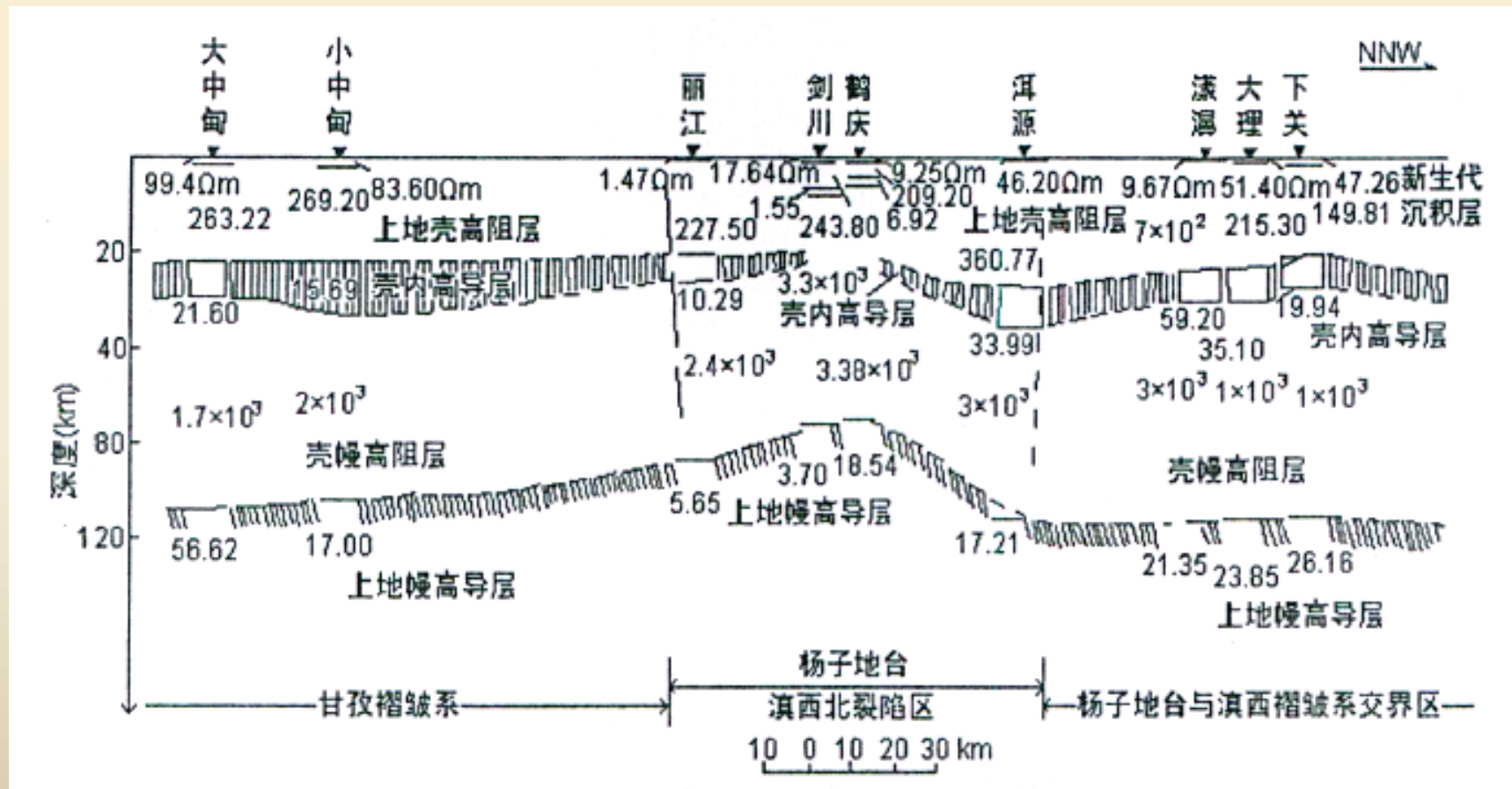
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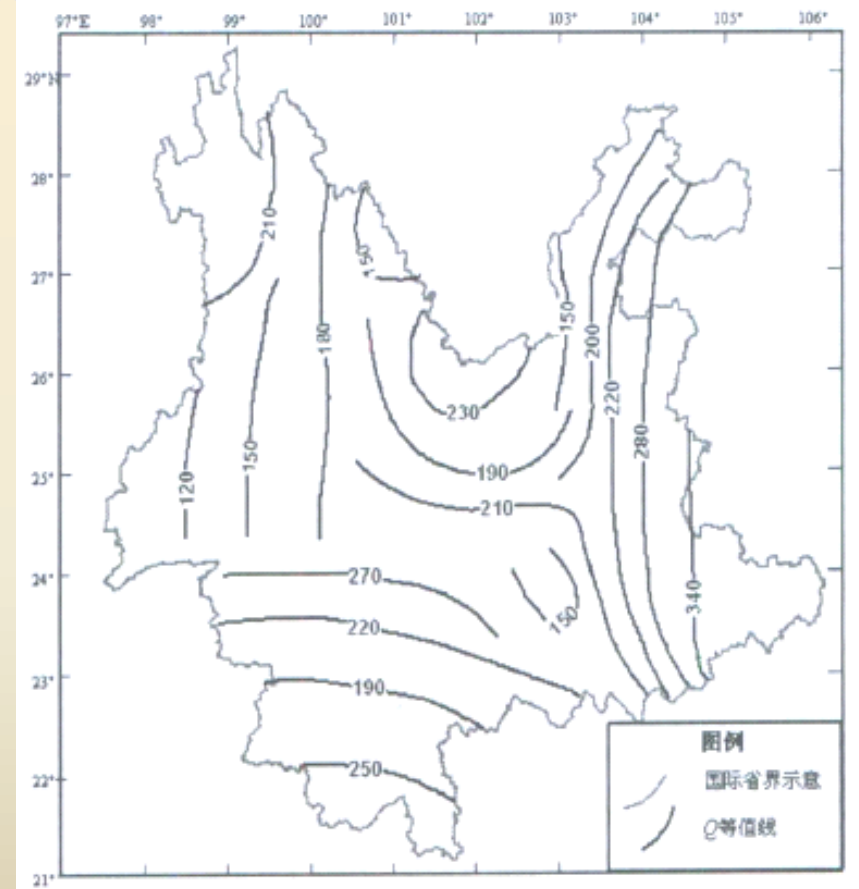
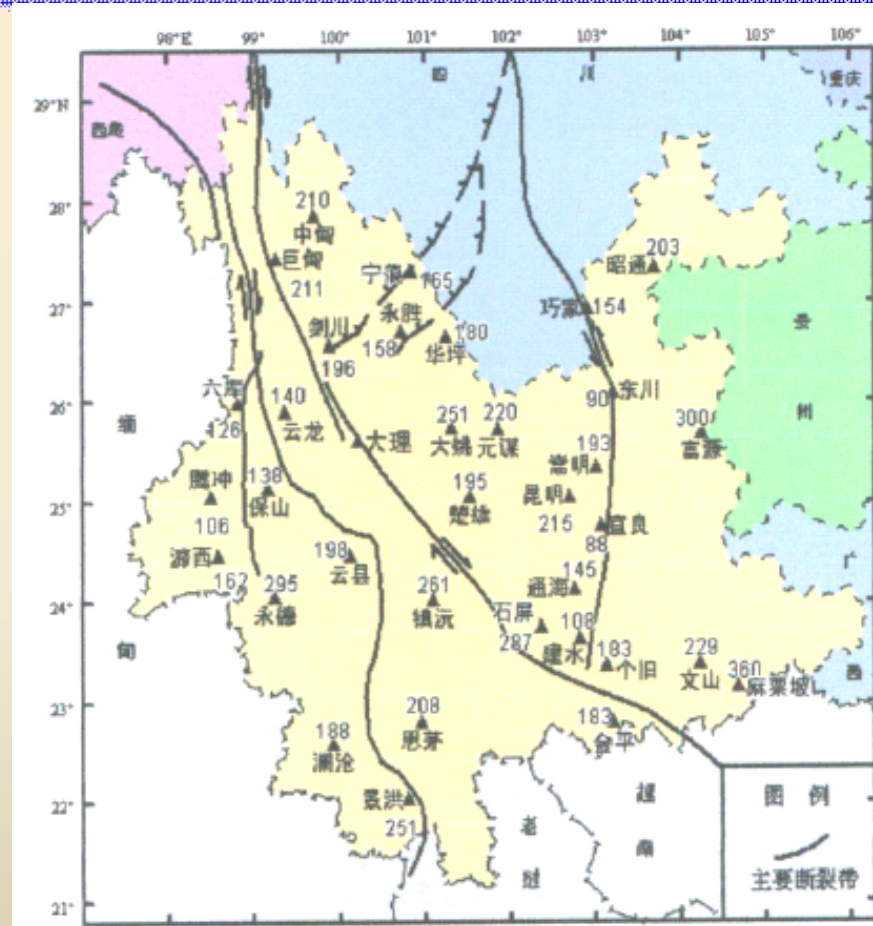
大范围为相对低速区 (RED), NNW 展布的长条状地壳底部明显的低速区。地震多发生于高速与低速过渡带.

Velocity structure of lithosphere and upper mantle

# Geo-resistance



# Q value of end-body



Q值偏低且横向不均匀(transverse asymmetry)。构造活动、高热以及低速区域的Q值低,1900年以来,云南6级以上地震多发生在低Q值区。但龙陵—澜沧—耿马带例外,Q值高,大震频繁与新生破裂带发育有关

# Fault characteristics

## □ Activity characteristics

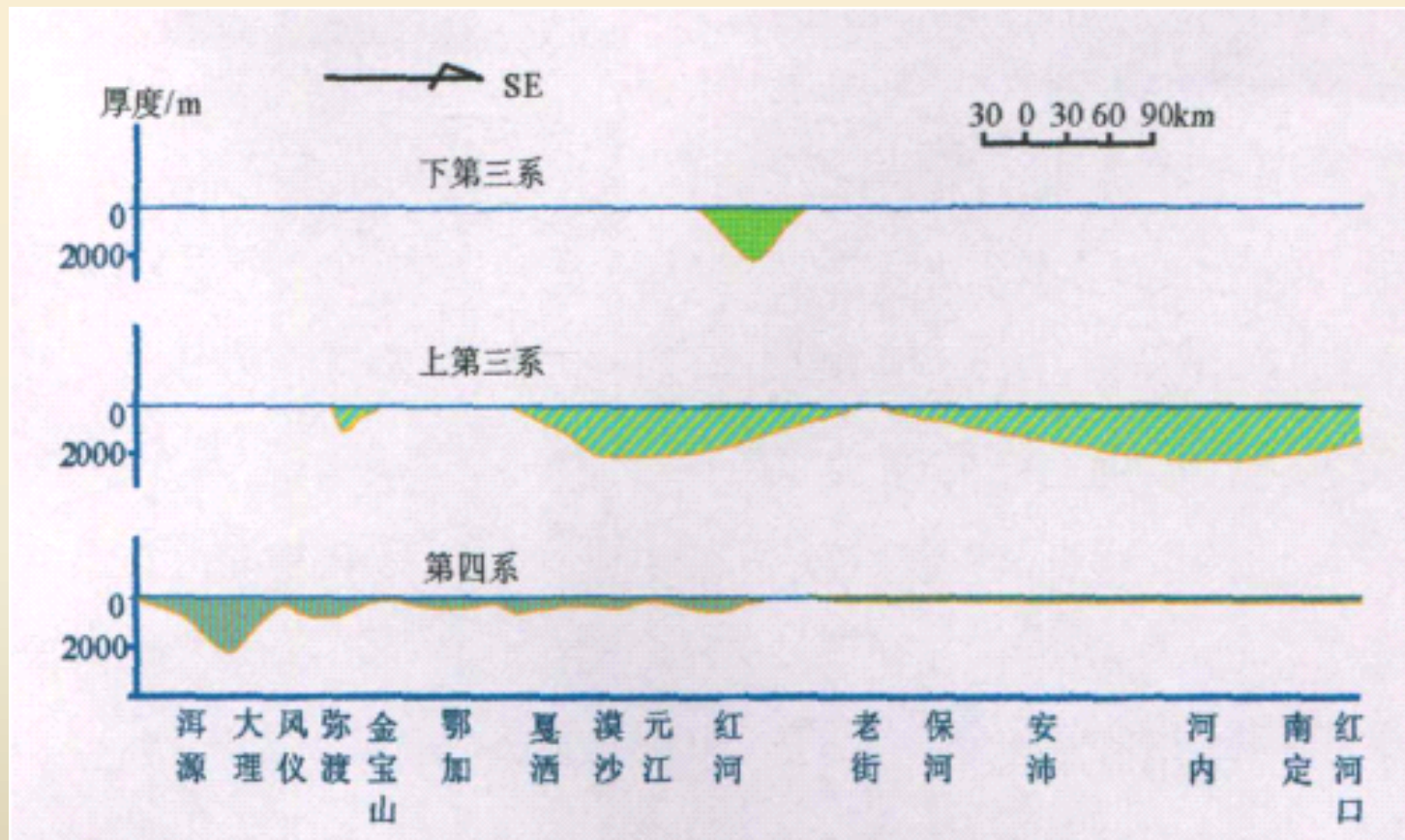
- 1) 50—38MaB.P. relative inactive ;
- 2) 38 —25MaB left-lateral strike moving ; the maximum displacement is about 0.8~1.6km
- 3) 25 —5MaB.P. quietude;
- 4) 5MaB. Right-lateral strike, active

## □ Segmental characteristics

- 1) the south-eastern part is more active in recent 100 years
- 2) smaller earthquakes occurred in north-western part in recent decades only a MS=7.0 took place in 1925, but there were more 8 earthquakes (MS>7.0) in the south-eastern parts in recent 100 years
- 3) slipping rate  
North-western : 3.5mm/a( horizontal ) , 1.6mm/a(vertical) , Active in Q4  
middle(creep slip) : 3.1mm/a, Active in Q3  
south-eastern: :2.9mm/a, active in Q3
- 4) sedimentary thickness: sedimentary center moves towards the north-western part

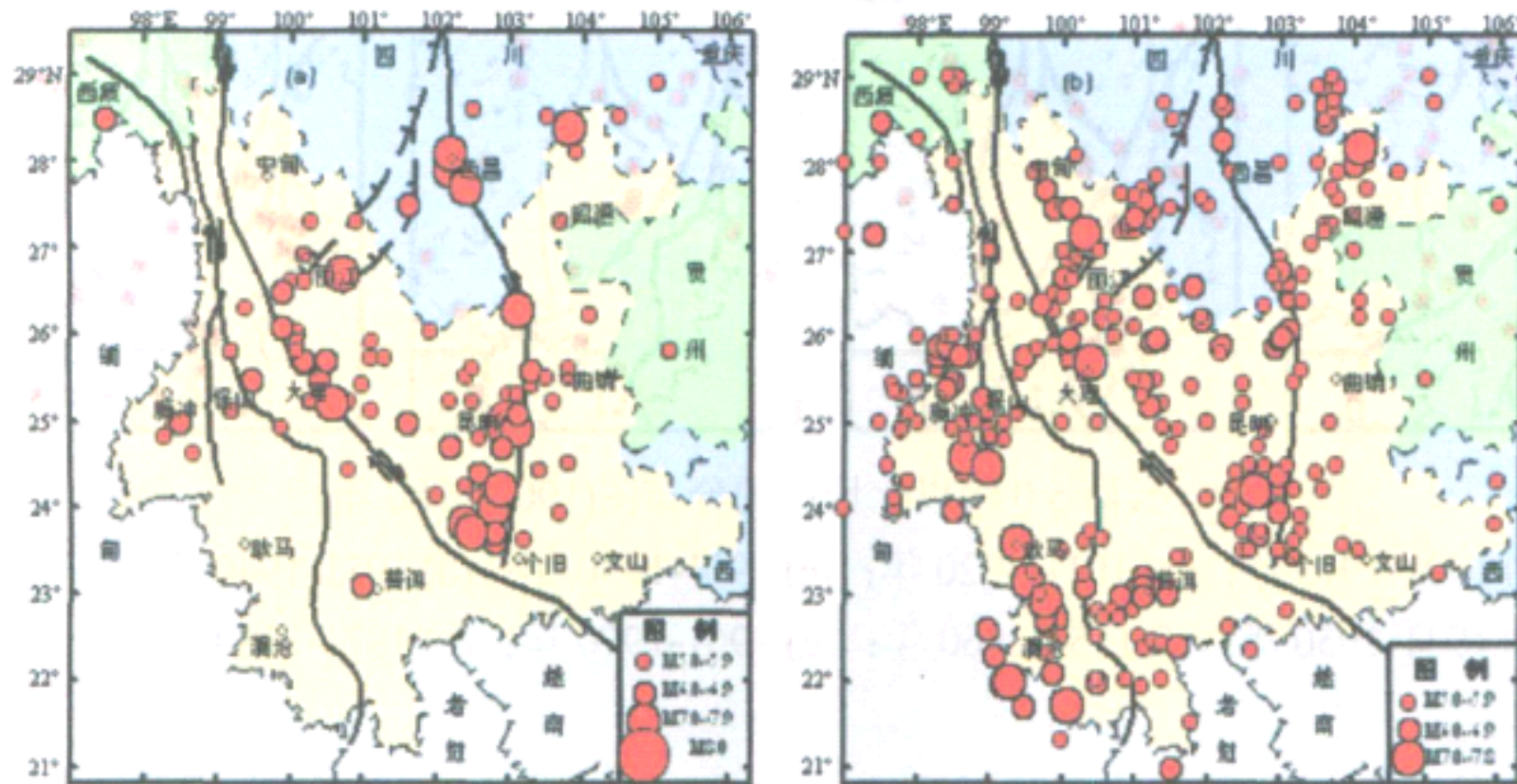


# Sedimentary in Tertiary and Quaternary period—move toward north-west



Sedimentary thickness of Tertiary(inactive and Quaternary (active)

# Paleo-seismology



$M_s > 5.0$  earthquake map  
From 624 to 1900 (left) From 1901 to 2008 (right)

# The forecasting result of Seismic hazard assessment

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- **This fault has a obvious segmental characteristics, although the entire fault has a similar tectonic background , but many differences including slipping rate, activity period and stress direction and levels, etc.**
- **There will be a PGA= 0.1g earthquake in next 50 years in this low seismicity province based on the above comprehensive info including regional deformation developing and energy accumulation and releasing, etc.**

## 4. Conclusions

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- **Comprehensive info is the most important foundation for seismic hazard assessment in low seismicity province**
- **Building fault system database --Including regional tectonic geology, continental dynamic, active and inactive faults and history earthquake database**

# The End

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