

X. Faults

A. Introduction:

1. Significance and importance of faults
2. Faults, fault zones, shear zones

B. Outcrop features of faults

1. Slickenlines

Striations
Mineral fibres

2. Fault rocks

Breccia, Cataclasite and Gouge
Pseudotachylite

3. Deformation of the wall rocks: Damage zone

Riedel fractures
Folds associated with faults

C. Map-scale features

1. Geometry

Strike, dip, footwall, hangingwall
Curved faults - listric, ramp, flat
Separation of layers

2. Slip

Separation vs. slip
Net slip
Dip slip
Strike slip
Oblique slip

D. Fault regimes

1. Rift zones and Normal faults

- a) Occurrence of rift zones
- b) Features of single normal faults
- c) Arrays of normal faults: Horsts and graben

2. Reverse faults, thrust and fold belts

- a) Foreland fold-thrust belts: occurrence
- b) Features of single thrust faults
Ramps and flats
Frontal, lateral and oblique ramps
Folds associated with thrusts
- c) Arrays of thrust faults
Imbricate fans and duplexes
Triangle zones and tectonic wedges
Rules for thrust propagation, and exceptions
Cross-section balancing

3. Strike-slip faults

- a) Strike-slip, transpression and transtension
- b) Features of strike-slip faults
- c) Transtensional zones
- d) Transpressional zones