

MAP 2010-02 OPEN FILE 013J/0290 GEOLOGY OF PART OF THE BIG RIVER AREA (NTS SHEETS 13/J1, 12, 13 & 14) EASTERN LABRADOR

LEGEND

Legend table listing geological units, their symbols, and descriptions. It is organized into several sections: Devonian, Early Cambrian, Neoproterozoic-Early Cambrian, Late Mesoproterozoic, Middle Mesoproterozoic, Early Mesoproterozoic, Late Paleoproterozoic and Early Mesoproterozoic, and Recrystallized igneous rocks. It also includes a section for Mafic and associated intrusive rocks and a section for Sedimentary protolith.

BIG RIVER

An uncoloured map and accompanying report that includes the present area was delivered by Gower et al. (1982). Most of that map was based on investigations carried out in 1978 (Bailey et al., 1979). Gower et al.'s (1982) map and report included follow-up examination of stained slides and petrographic thin sections, including those archived by D.G. Bailey. The present map incorporates additional field data collected by C.F. Gower during visits in 1982 and 1983, and field data collected by Stevenson (1970) and Burns (1976), making use of original field notes recorded by I.M. Stevenson and assistants. UPb geochronological results (Kerr et al., 1992; No-Sm isotopic data (Emmie et al., 1997; Kerr and Fryer, 1998); Rb-Sr isotope data (Emmie et al., 1997); K-Ar isotope data (Stockwell, 1982; Wares et al., 1973); Ar-Ar isotope data (Archibald and Farrar, 1979); and palaeomagnetic sites (Fahrig and Laroche, 1972; Park and Gower, 1996) are shown. No mineral occurrence data are recorded within the interpreted area.

The main objective underlying the map is to provide interpretational continuity between areas to the east and south, particularly from a structural perspective. The remainder of the map area is currently the target of detailed geological investigations by both the Geological Survey of Newfoundland and Labrador and industry (cf. Henney and Laffamme, 2009). I.M. Stevenson and assistants' field data for the area is, however, included in the present digital database.

For the area of the map for which geological data is provided, the main differences from the map of Gower et al. (1982) are in the depiction of several faults (most of which are yet to be confirmed), and revised interpretation of gabbro distribution in the southern part of the area. Unit modification is partly related to a compilation approach applied to the whole of eastern Labrador, but border regions of the map have been revised as a result of data integration with adjacent map areas. Geological boundaries are poorly controlled and are based on structural observations, regional aeromagnetic data and topographic trends. Data station sites have been digitized from where original locations on aerial photographs or topographic maps, so reliability of location is likely mostly dependent on initial plotting accuracy.

As is characteristic of metamorphic and plutonic terranes, individual outcrops may be very complex, and embody several different rock types. Generally, the unit polygon depicted is based on what was judged to be the dominant rock type present, but this approach was not universally followed, due to the existence of specific situations, such as the need to emphasize minor rock types deemed to have high significance. All rock types recorded from any individual outcrop may be determined by consulting the unit designator string for that locality given in the digital database. The user is alerted to the fact that, in the digital database, no attempt has been made to reconcile rock names applied to field outcrops versus those applied to stained slides, or petrographic thin sections. Differences may be due to subsequent, more refined identifications, but other reasons may apply, such as the sample (or thin section) not being representative of its source material. Unit designator and polygon labels applied are based on an assessment of such factors.

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Digital NTS base maps (NTS 13/J1, 12 and 14) used for this map are available from Surveys and Mapping Branch, Natural Resources Canada. Magnetic declination is 54° 30' N, 59° 00' W at the start of 2010 was 23° W. Elevations are in feet above sea level. Contour interval is 50 feet. UTM Universal Transverse Mercator (Grid Zone 21, NAD (North American Datum) 83).

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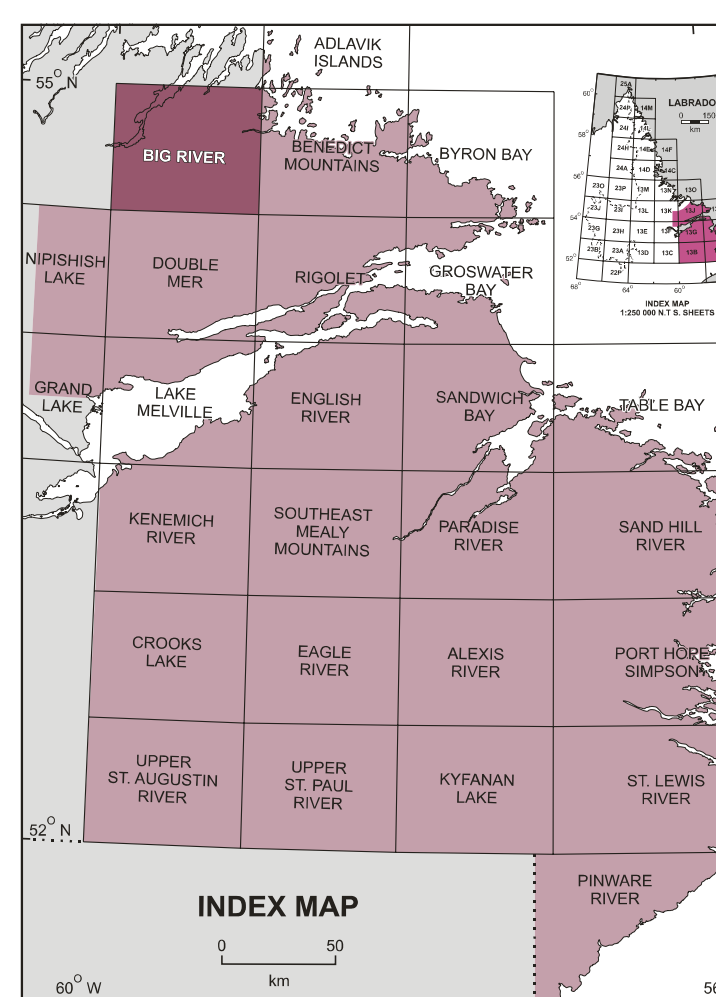
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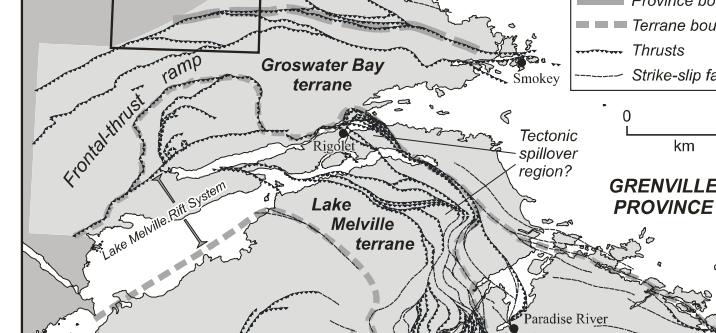
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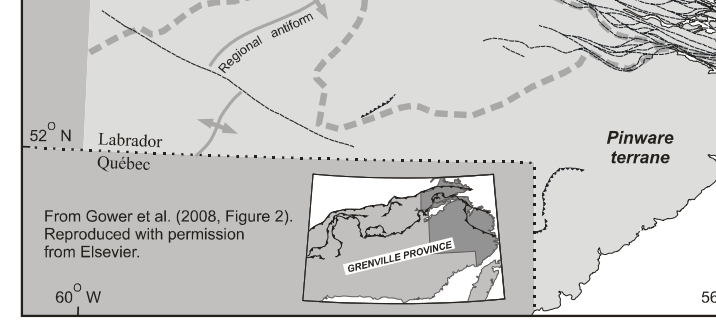
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Black and green spectrum - magnetic lows

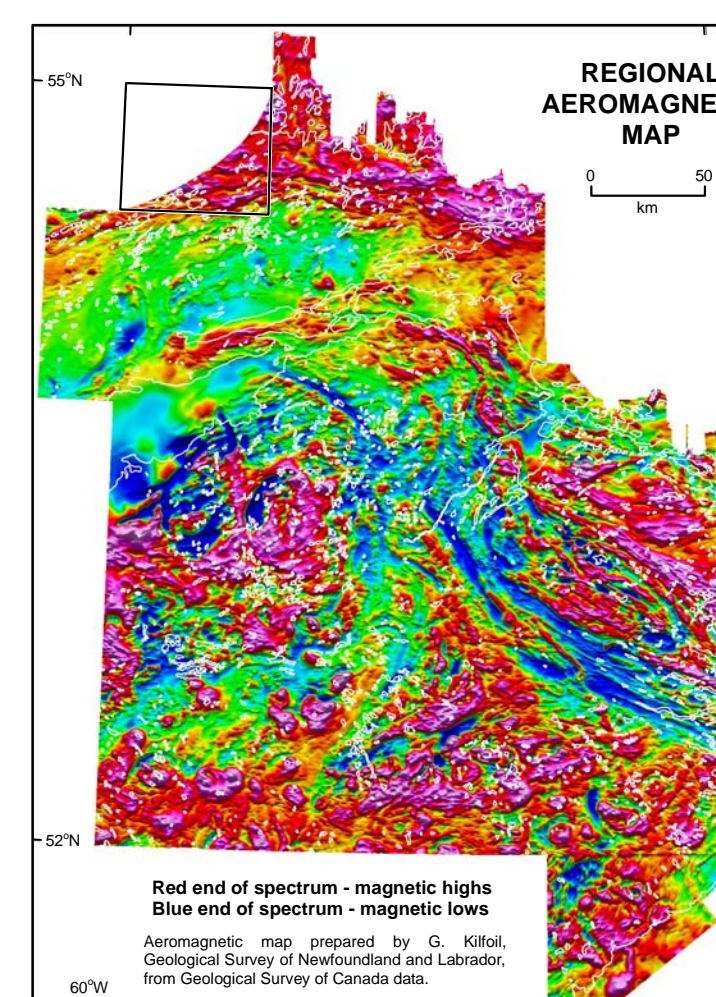


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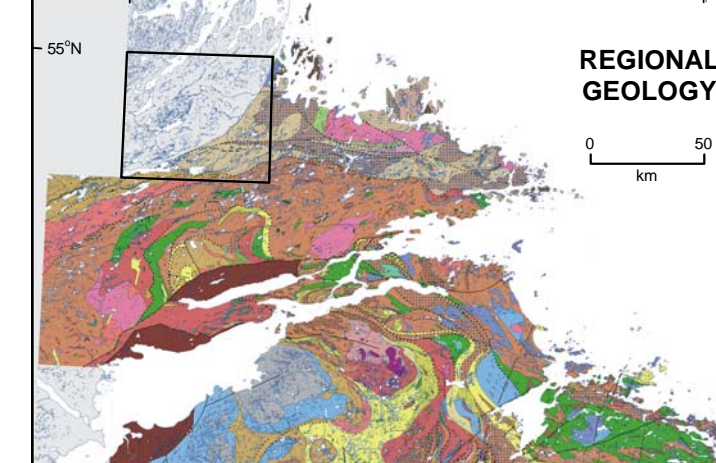
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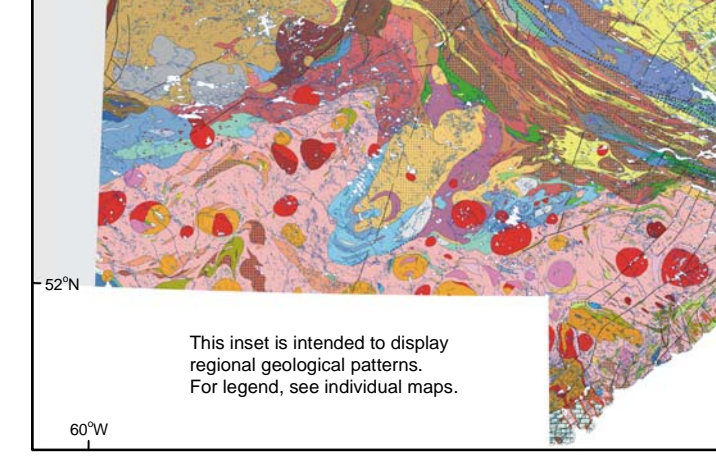
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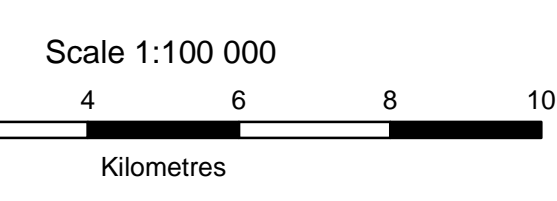
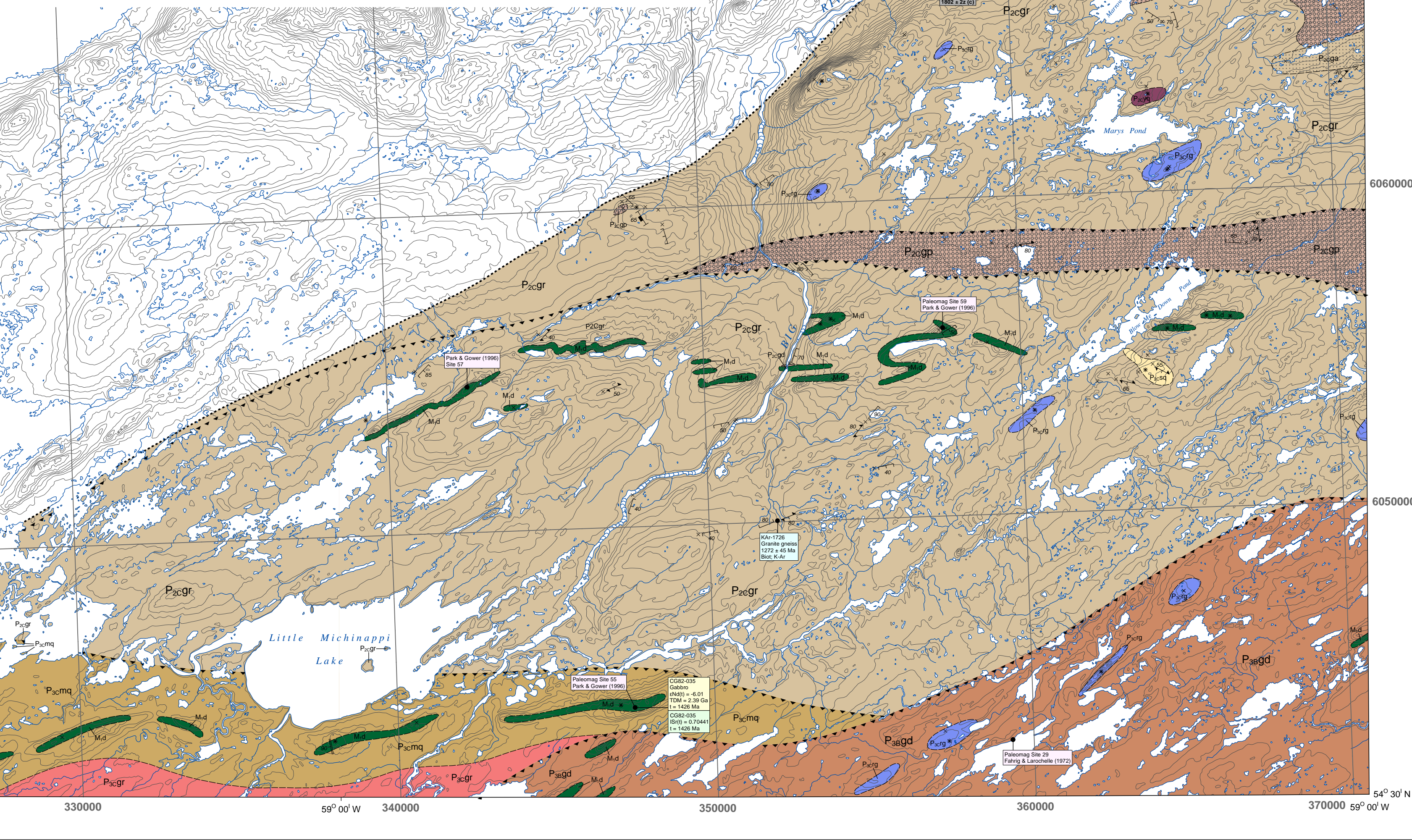
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NOTE: All mineral occurrences and structural symbols do not appear on each map. Vertical structures use 80° dip value. \* Generation of structure only applicable at observation site.

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