



Ministry of Industry, Mine & Trade

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF IRAN

Iran Unique Geology and Mineral Potentials Opportunities



Indicators

- **Area: 1,648,195 square kilometers (the second-largest nation in the Middle East and the 18th largest in the world)**
- **Population: 80 million (Second largest population, after Egypt, in the Middle East and North Africa, 19th in the world)**
- **GDP (ppp): 1.334 trillion US\$ (2014) (19th in the world)**
- **GDP – per capita (ppp): 17100 \$ (2014)**
- **GDP growth rate 2014: 3%**
- **Age below 54 years old: 88%**
- **Literacy: 87%**
- **Labor force: 28.4 million**
- **Official language is Farsi (Persian), Turkish , Kurdish and Arabic are spoken as well**
- **Official exchange rate: 26000 rls vs. 1USD\$**

History of Mining

Geology of Iran

Metallogenic and Mining Provinces, Belts and Zones of Iran

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Metallogeny and Distribution of Minerals

The Position of Iranian Mining Industry in the World

Investment Opportunities

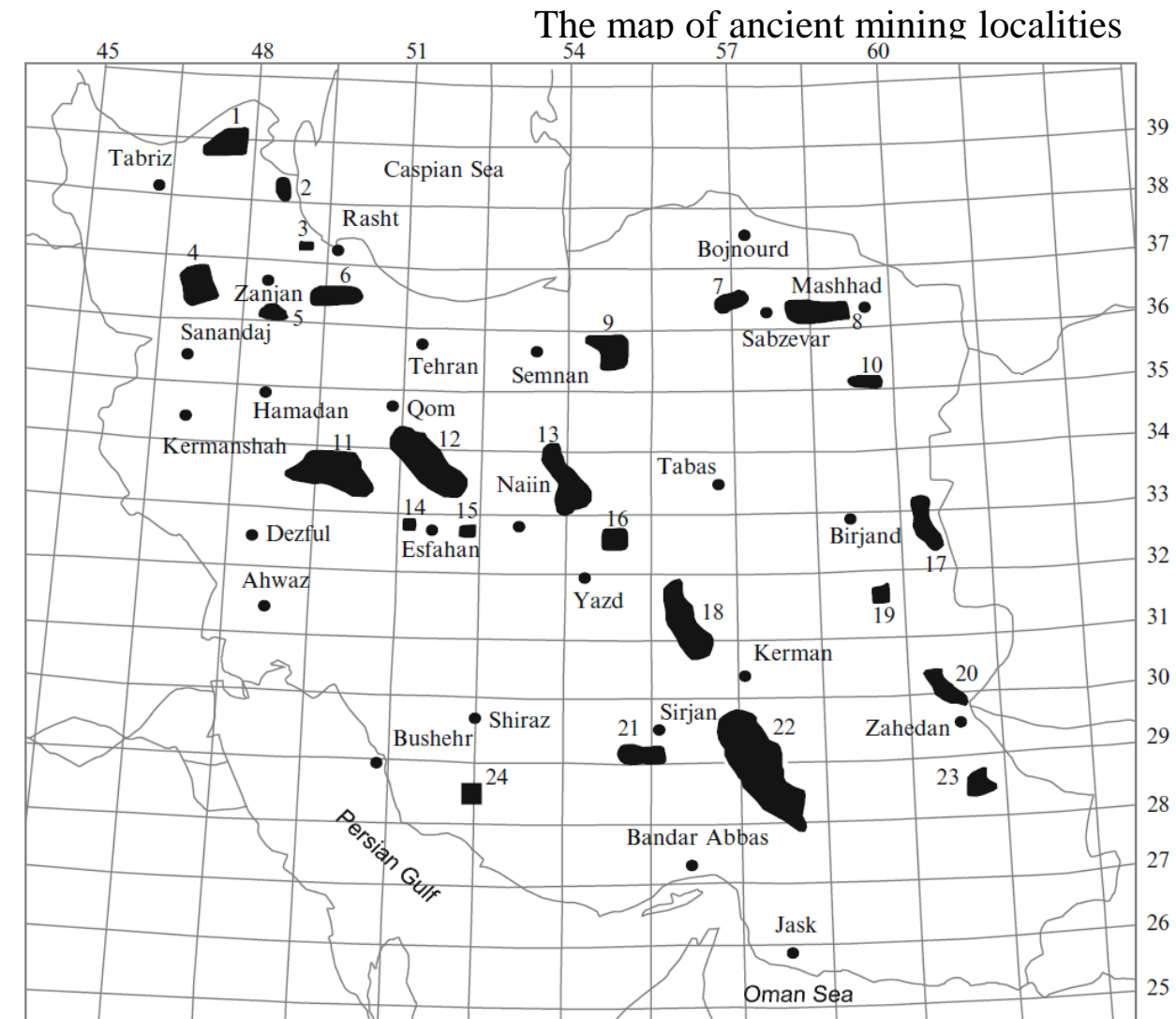
History of Mining

Iran has been the pioneer in mining exploration and techniques for several millennia.

- High potential of mineral deposits and their diversity
- absence of dense vegetation cover
- There are a few known metallic deposits in Iran that do not have the footprint of the ancient activities
- Numerous mining localities, tools, smelters, and miners' residence have existed since the fourth millennium B.C.
- The evidence of copper utilization in Iran (at Tal-e-Eblis) dates back to around 9,000 B.C.

1 Ahar area (Cu, Au, Fe), 2 Ardabil area (Cu), 3 Masooleh area (Fe), 4 Takab area (Shiz) (Au, As, Ag), 5 Zanzan area (Fe, Au), 6 Tarom area (Cu, Au, Pb), 7 Abbas Abad area (Cu), 8 Neyshabour area (Tr, Au), 9 West of Damghan (Au, Cu, Tr), 10 Torbat areas (Au, As), 11 Ahangaran-Shamsabad (north area of Lorestan) (Pb, Au, Ag, Fe, Sn), 12 Qom-Kashan area (Cu, Au, Fe), 13 Anarak area (Cu, Pb, Ag, Au), 14 Daran-Najaf Abad (Pb, Zn), 15 Esfahan area (Zn, Pb), 16 Zarin area (Ardakan) (Au), 17 Ahangaran area (Cu, Fe, Pb, Ag), 18 Bafq-Kuh Banan (Zn, Pb), 19 Ghaleh Zari area (Cu), 20 Lar-Asagi area (Cu, Au), 21 Neyriz area (Fe), 22 Kerman area (Cu, Au, Tr), 23 Kharestan area (Pb, Ag, Au), 24 Kuh Sormeh area (Pb, Zn)

- The knowledge and talent of primeval Iranians



Mining provinces in ancient Iran

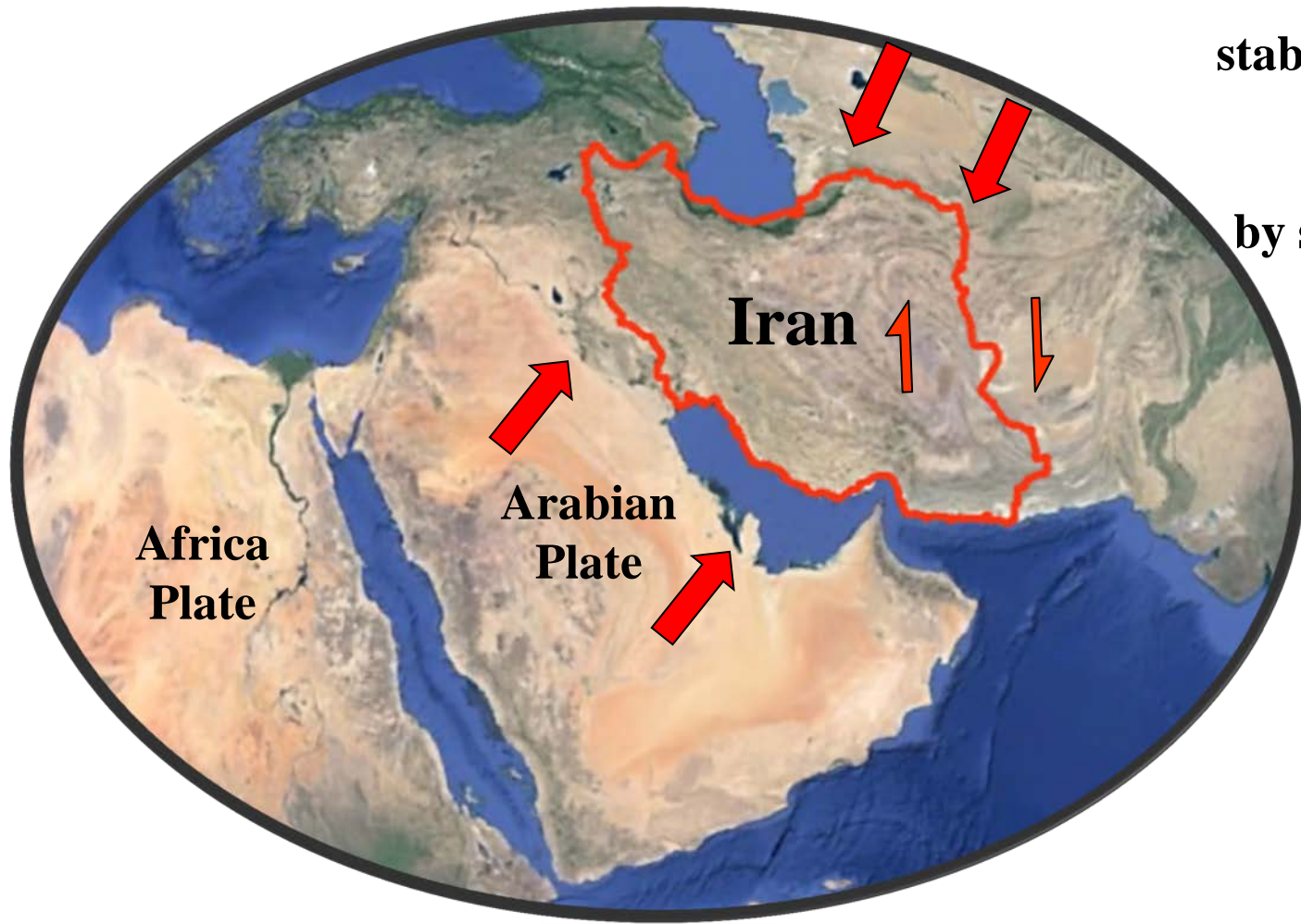
Locality	Type of mine	Locality	Type of mine
Ahangaran	Copper, iron, lead, and mercury	Abbas Abad	Copper
Ahar	Gold, copper, and iron	Anarak	Copper, lead, mercury, and gold
Ardebil	Copper	Bafq-Kuh Banan	Copper, gold, and iron
Damghan	Gold, copper, and turquoise	Daran-Najaf Abad	Lead-zinc
Esfahan	Lead-zinc	Kharestan	Lead, mercury, and gold
Kerman	Copper, gold, and turquoise	Kuh Sorme	Lead-zinc
Lar-Asaji	Copper and gold	Masoule	Iron
Neiriez	Iron	Neishabour	Turquoise and gold
Qal'e Zari	Copper	Qom-Kashan	Copper, gold, and iron
Shams Abad (Lorestan)	Lead, gold, silver, iron, and tin	Tarom	Copper, gold, and lead
Takab	Gold, arsenic, and mercury	Torbat	Gold and arsenic
Zanjan	Iron and gold	Zarrin	Gold



The relationship between the names of mining products and that of geographical locations

Part of the name	Localities of mines
Zar (gold)	Zarin, Zarshouran, Kuh-e Zar, Zargaran, Zarvand
Mes (copper)	Talmesi, Meskani, Mejdar (Mesdar) Kuh-e Mes, Chahmesi, Dare Mes, Sang-e Mes, Meskan
Zangar (copper)	Zangarlou, Zangalou
Sorme (lead-zinc)	Kuh Sorme, Khane Sorme
Noqre (silver)	Dare Noqre (near Golpayegan), Noqre Kamar, Kuh-e Zardan Noqrei (Baluchestan),
Ahan or Asen (iron)	Ahangaran (Malayer), Kuh-e Ahangaran (Shams Abad), Ahangaran (Qa'en) Asen Abad (Marivan)
Zaj or Zaglik (alunite)	Zajkan (Tarom), Dare Zaglik (Ahar)
Boraq (borax)	Boraq (Taft)
Gel (clay)	Gelkan, Gelou
Naft or Tashi (oil or gas)	Naftoon (Masjed Soleyman), Tape Tashi (Ramhormoz)

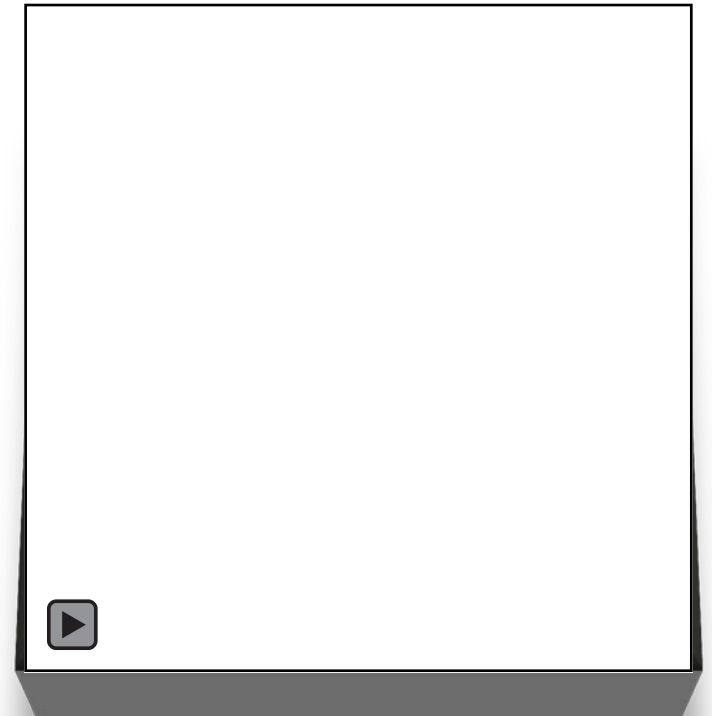




stabilization of the basement in Iran occurred in the **Late Proterozoic to Early Cambrian**

This is supported by similar Gondwanic features in both the Iranian and the Arabian basements.

The oldest rocks in Iran, based on the radiometric ages, are as old as 900 million years. This was the time when Doran-type granites and Gharehdash series formed.

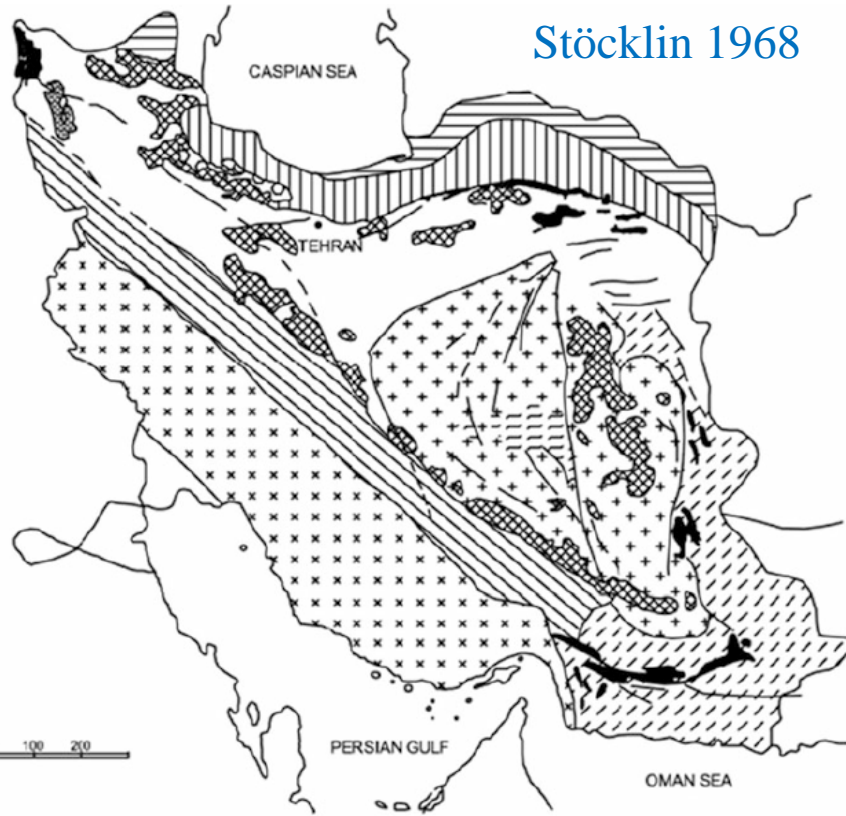


The cratonization happened transitionally from Africa toward Iran as evident from the age of the basements; Central Africa has a basement of Late Archean–Early Proterozoic while in Northern Africa, there is no Archean basement; besides, the extent of Precambrian domains reduces from Central Africa toward north. Some authors believe that cratonization of Iran has been due to Baikalian, Asynitic, or Pan-African orogenies.










The systematic geological studies in Iran started in the late 1960s with the establishment of the Geological Survey of Iran

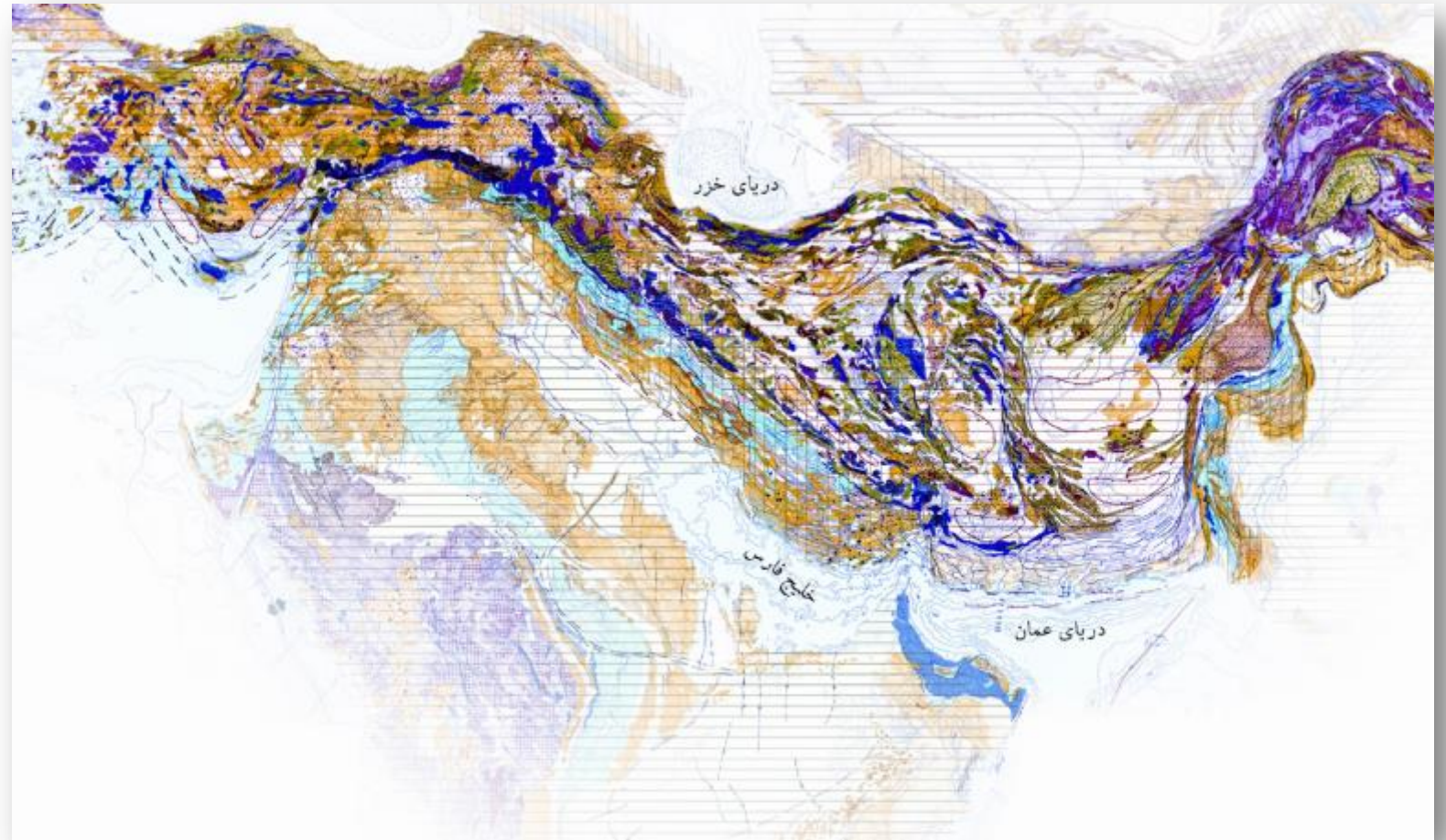
Unique record of stratigraphy, magmatic activities, metamorphism, orogenic events, tectonics and overall geological style.

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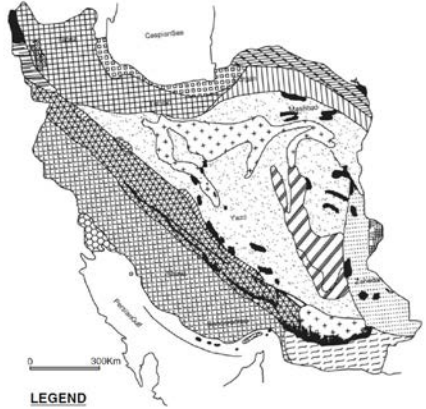


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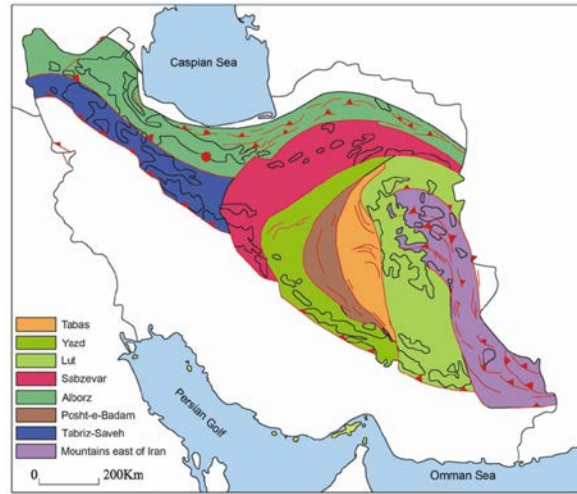
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|  Zagros Mountains |  Central Iran |
|  Kopeh dagh Mountains |  Paleogene Volcanism |
|  Sanandaj - Sirjan Zone |  Makran and East Iran Zone |
|  Lut Block |  Alborz Mountains |
|  Ophiolitic Complex | |



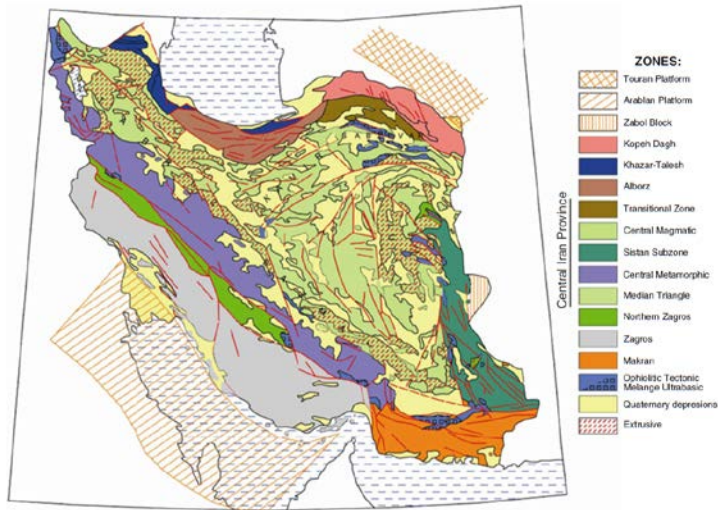
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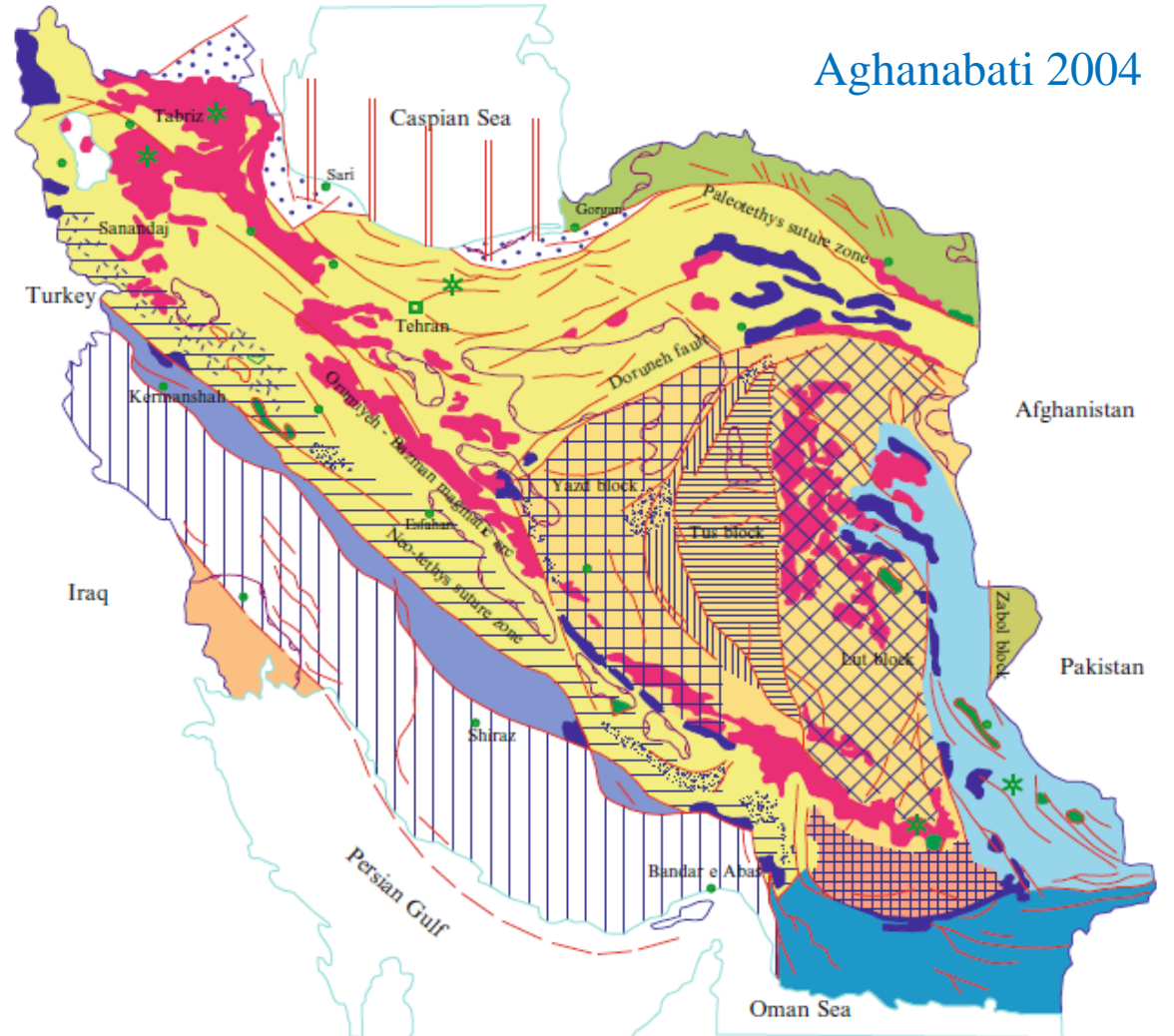
Alavi 1991



Nogole-Sadat 1993



Aghanabati 2004



EURASIAN CONTINENT (Northern part of so-called Paleo-Tethys)

PARATETHYS BASIN	SOUTH CASPIAN	KOPEH DAGH
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GONDWANEAN CONTINENT (Northern Block-Areas between Paleo& Neo-Tethys)

CENTRAL DOMAIN	CENTRAL IRAN MICRO-CONTINENT
ZABOL BLOCK	EAST IRAN MICRO-CONTINENT

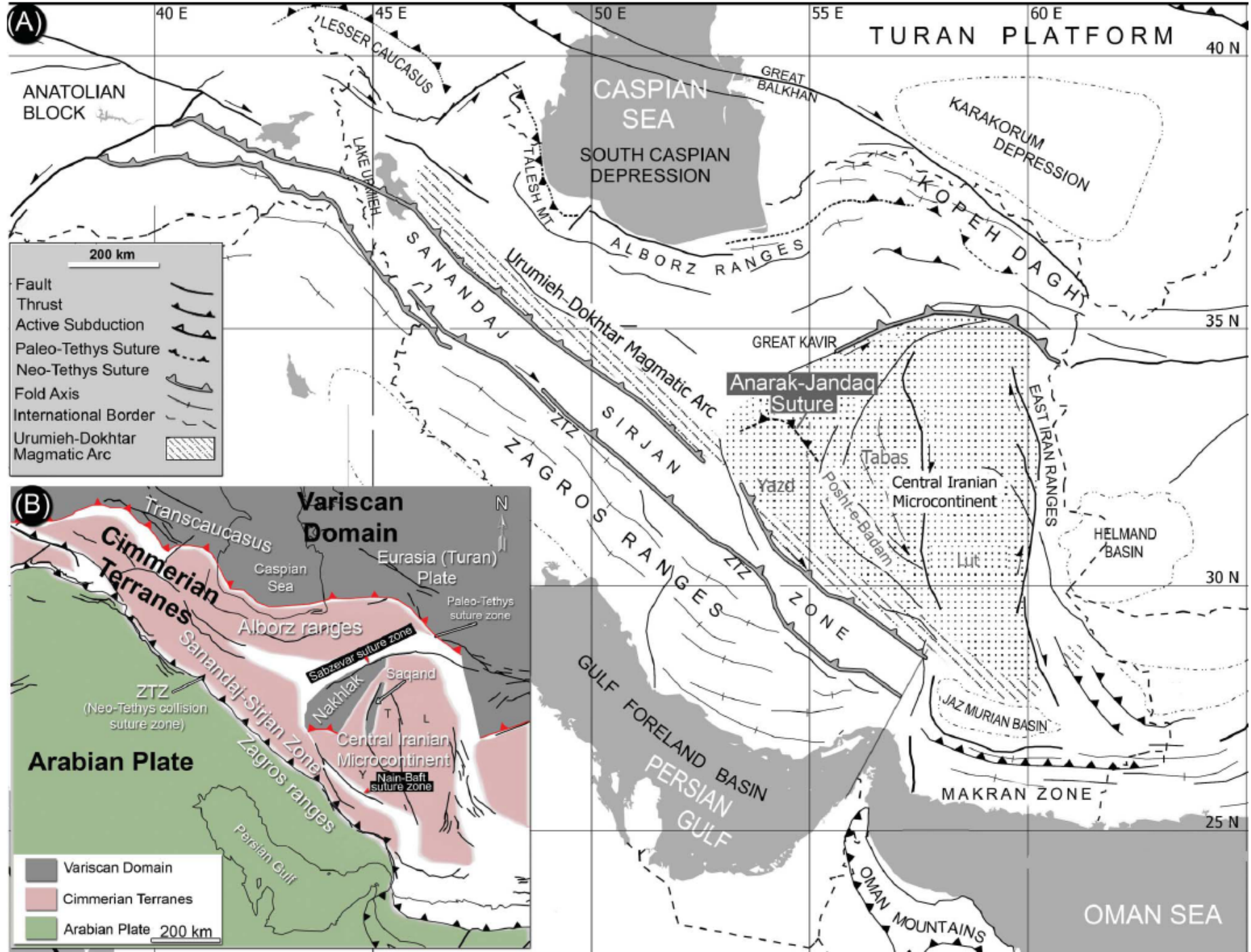
GONDWANEAN CONTINENT (Southern Block-South of so-called Neo-Tethys)

UNFOLDED ZONE	FOLDED ZONE	THRUST ZONE
MAKHRAN	FORE ARC BASIN	ACCRETIONARY PRISM

SYMBOLS

METAMORPHIC DOMAINS	VOLCANIC ROCKS	NEO-TETHYS OCEANIC CRUST
INTRUSIVE BODIES	VOLCANIC CONE	PALEO-TETHYS OCEANIC CRUST

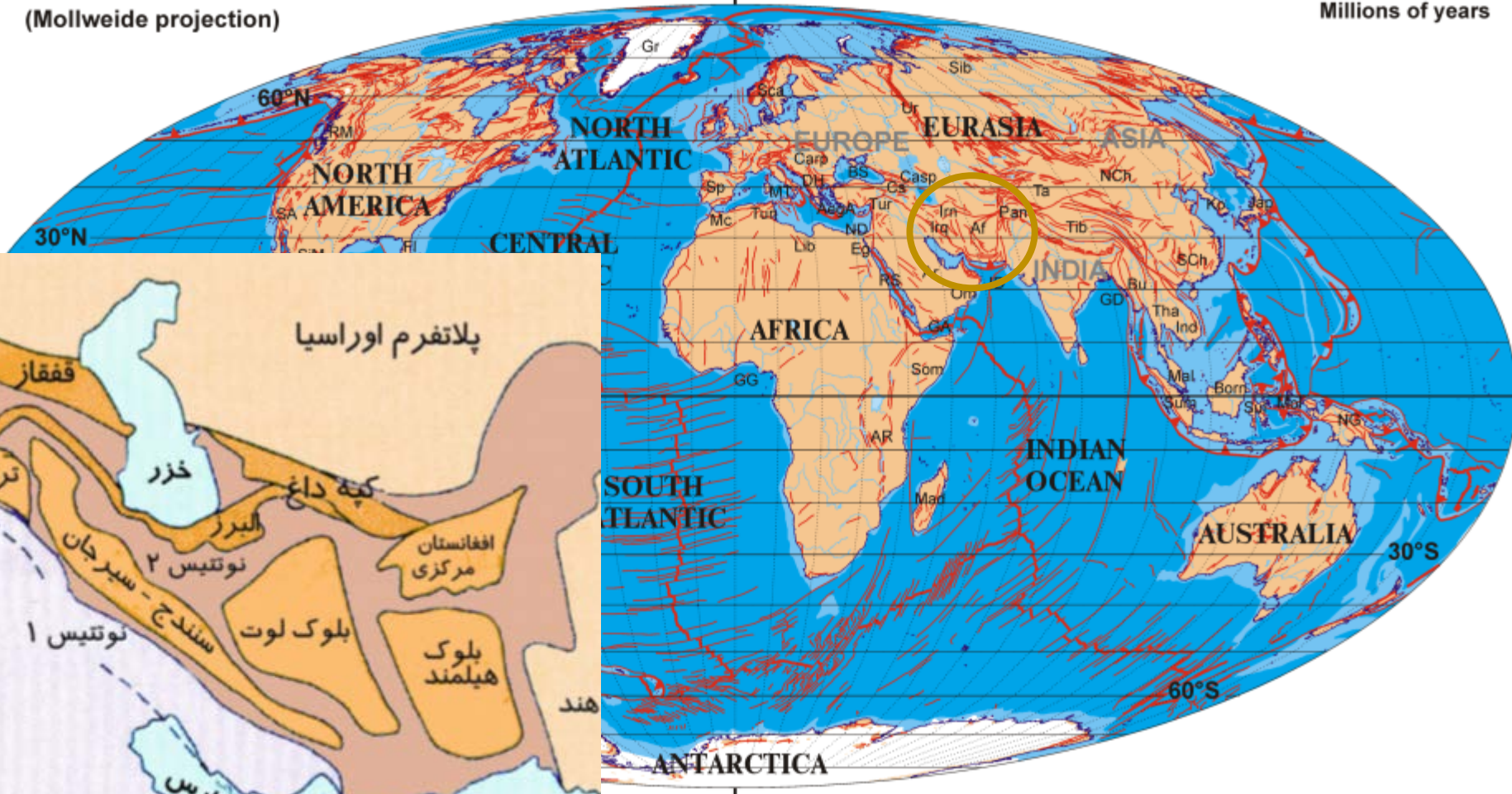
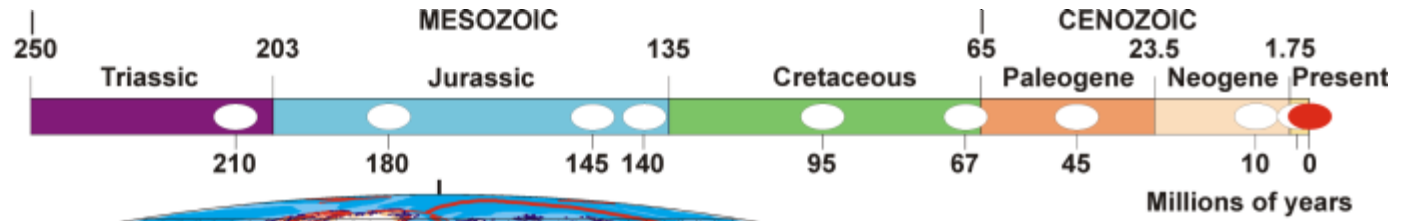
Role	Geographic situation	Closure	Opening	Tethys Ocean		
Separated Eurasia from Gondwana	North of Kopet Dagh (Out of IRAN)	Late Paleozoic	Precambrian -Lower Paleozoic	First Paleo-Tethys	Paleo-Tethys	Tethys
Separated Northern Gondwana (Kopet Dagh from Iran plateau)	South of Kopet Dagh	Late Triassic	Late Paleozoic	Second Paleo-Tethys		
Separated Iran plateau from Zagros	Zagros Suture Zone	Late Cretaceous	Late Triassic	First Neo-Tethys	Neo-Tethys	
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Position at 0 Ma

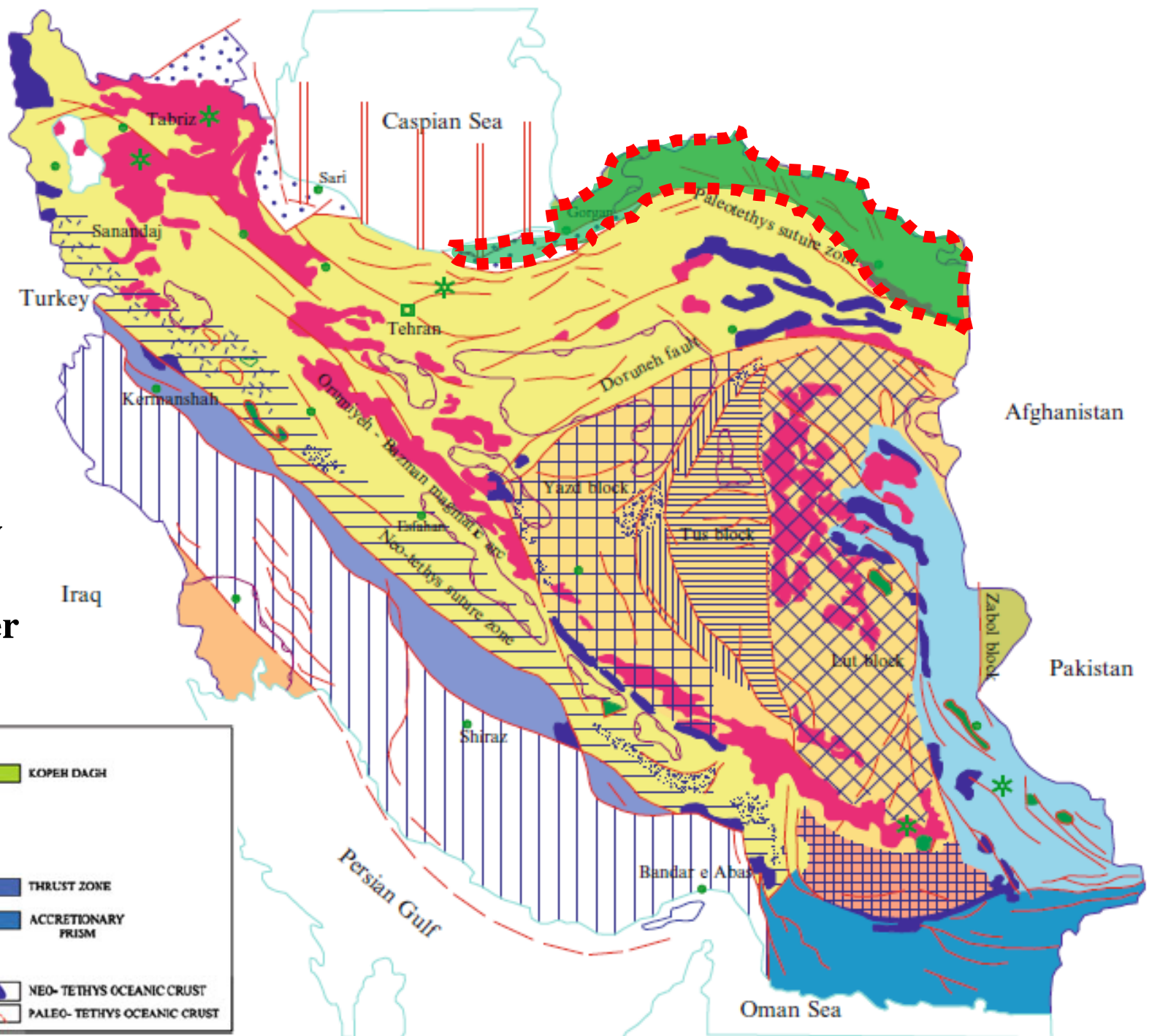
(Mollweide projection)



Philippe Bouysse et al. (2000)
Modified by Bruno Vrielynck (2003)
Map 10a

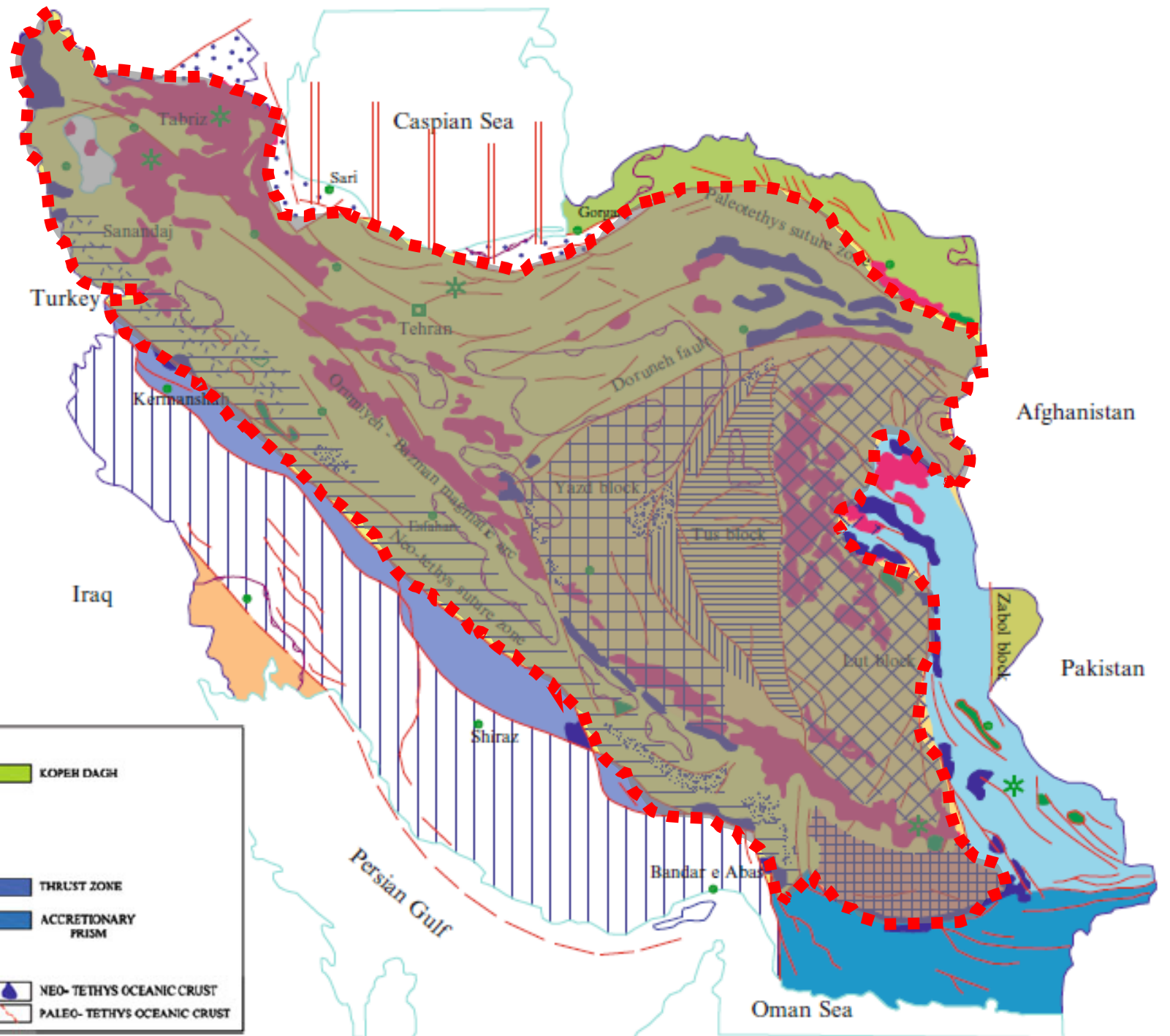
Kopet Dagh

From Middle Jurassic, it was covered with a vast continental shelf sea. In this period of time and due to transgression as well as rapid subsidence basin, the western part became deeper. In this basin, a thick sequence of continuous marine and continental sediments was deposited (about 10 km). No major sedimentary gap or volcanic activities during Jurassic to Oligocene have ever been reported.



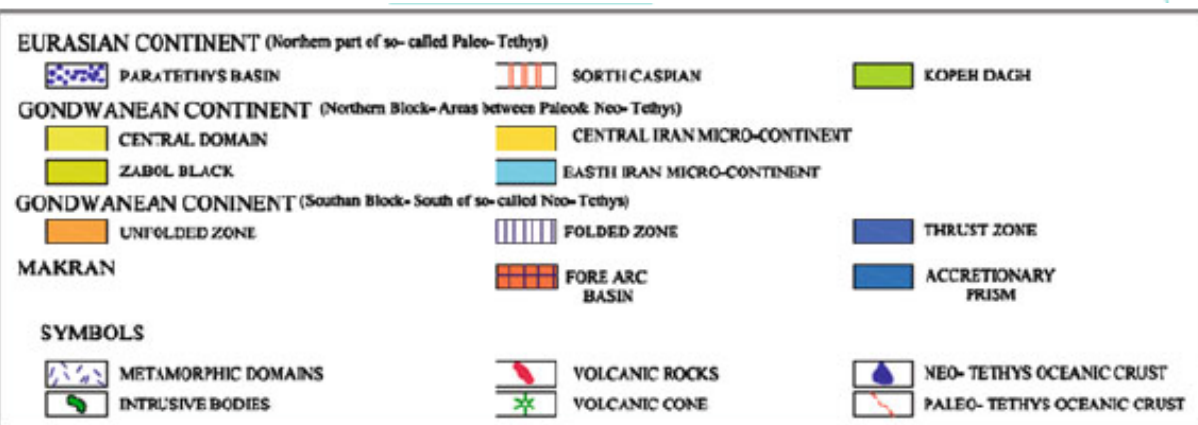
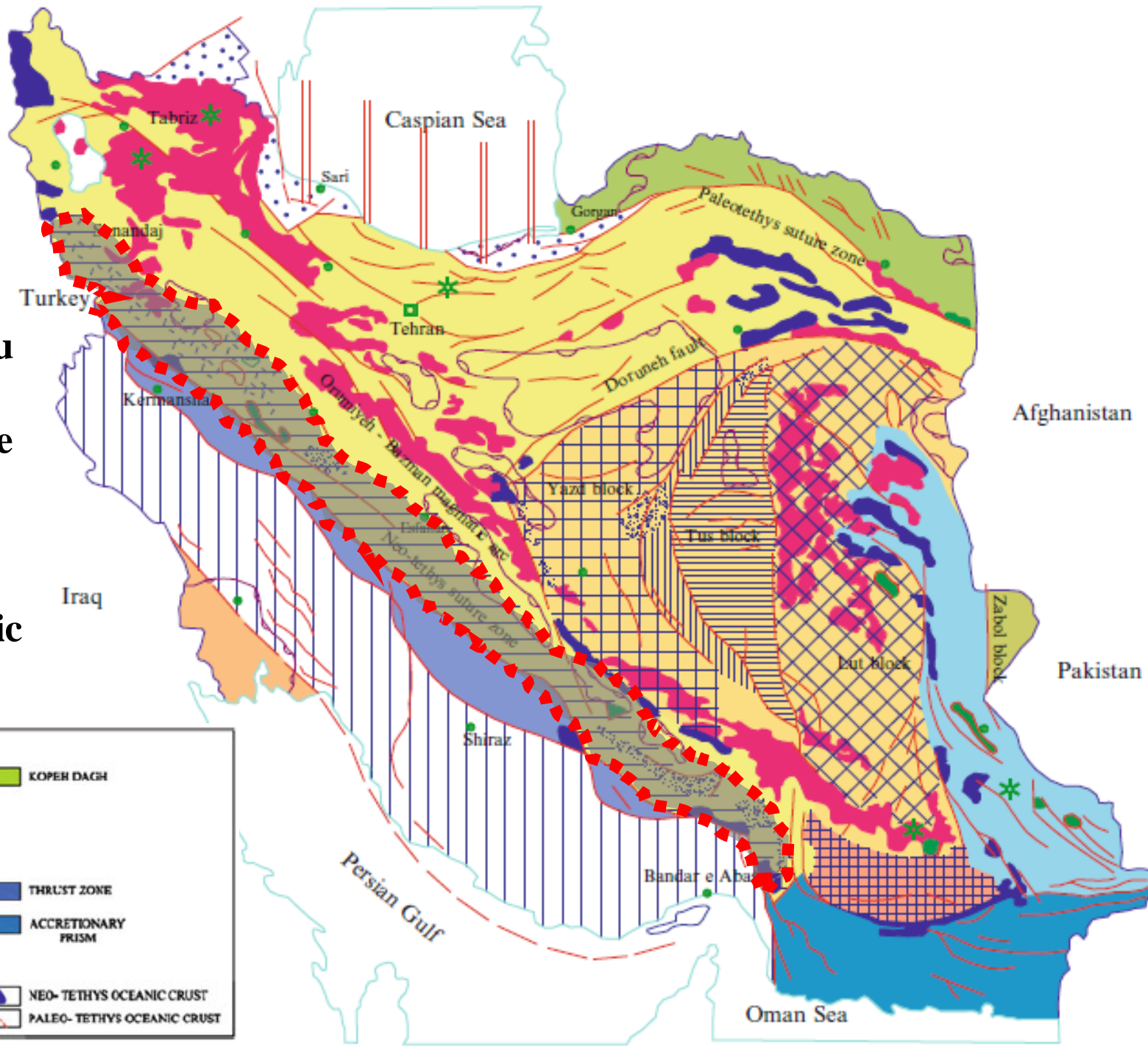
Central Iran

Located as a triangle in the middle of Iran, Central Iran is one of the most important and complicated structural zones in Iran. Here, rocks of all ages, from the Precambrian to the Quaternary, and several episodes of orogeny, metamorphism, and magmatism can be recognized. There is not a consensus regarding the boundaries of Central Iran.



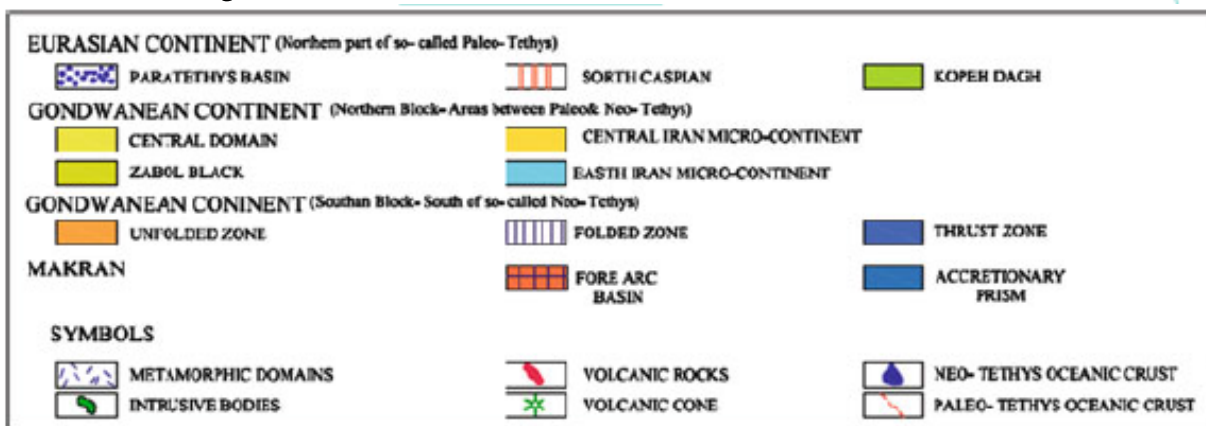
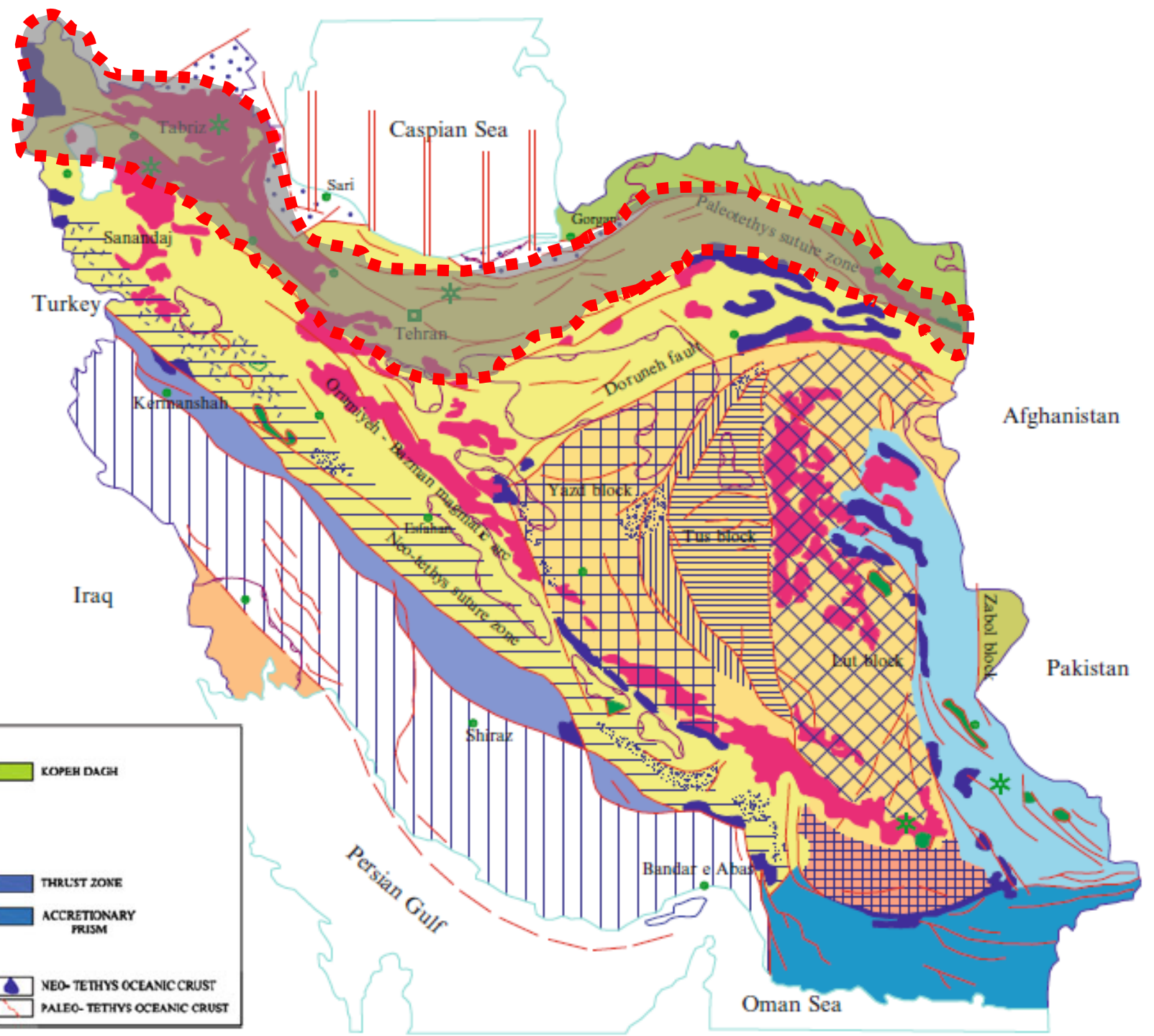
Sanandaj-Sirjan

This zone is located to the south-southwest of Central Iran and the northeastern edge of Zagros range. In north and northeast, this zone is separated from Central Iran by depressions like Lake Orumiyeh, Tuzlu Gol, and Gavkhouni and faults like Shahr-e-Babak and Abadeh, and to the south-southwest by the main thrust fault of Zagros. A striking feature of this zone is the presence of immense volumes of magmatic and metamorphic rocks of Paleozoic and Mesozoic eras.



Alborz-Azerbaijan

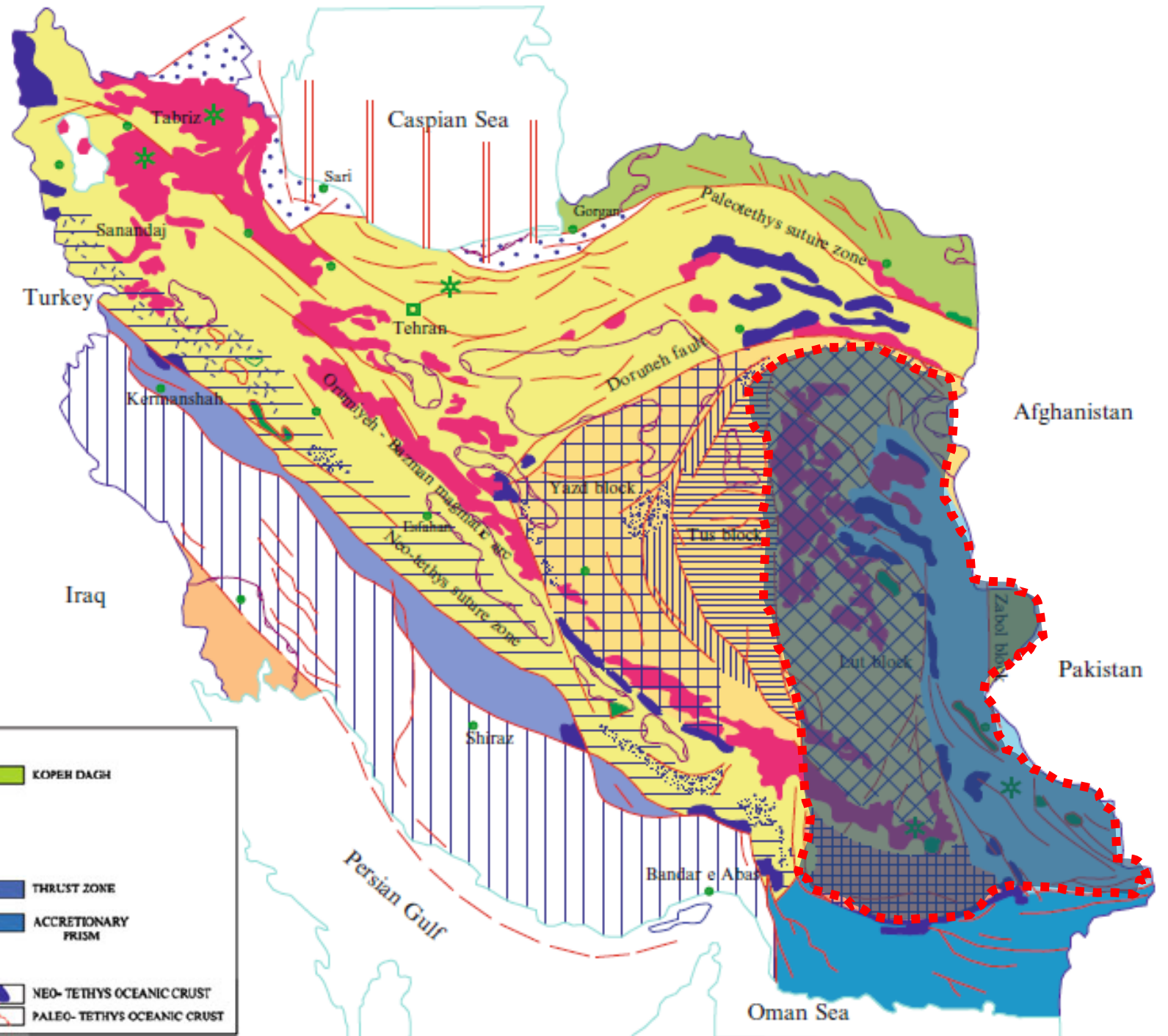
It is characterized by the dominance of platform-type sediments, including limestone, dolostone, and clastic rocks. Rock units from the Precambrian to the Quaternary have been identified, with some hiatuses and unconformities in Paleozoic and Mesozoic. The significant structural event occurring in Early Devonian was accompanied by faulting and fragmentation that led to different sedimentary facies in Azerbaijan



Eastern Iran

It can be divided into two parts:

- Lut Block
- Flysch or colored mélange of the Zabol-Baluch Zone

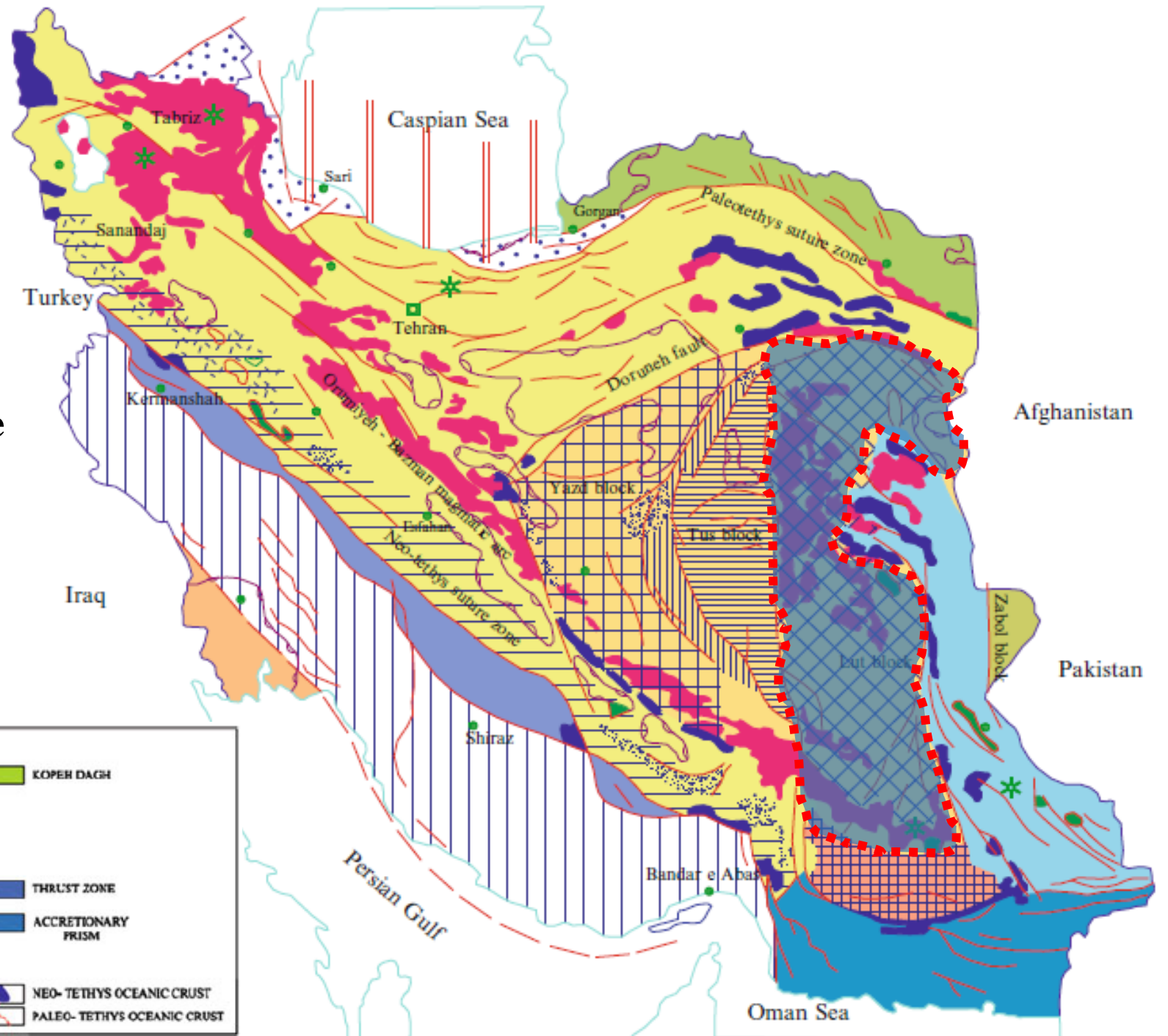


Eastern Iran

Lut Block

It extends for about 900 km in the north–south direction.

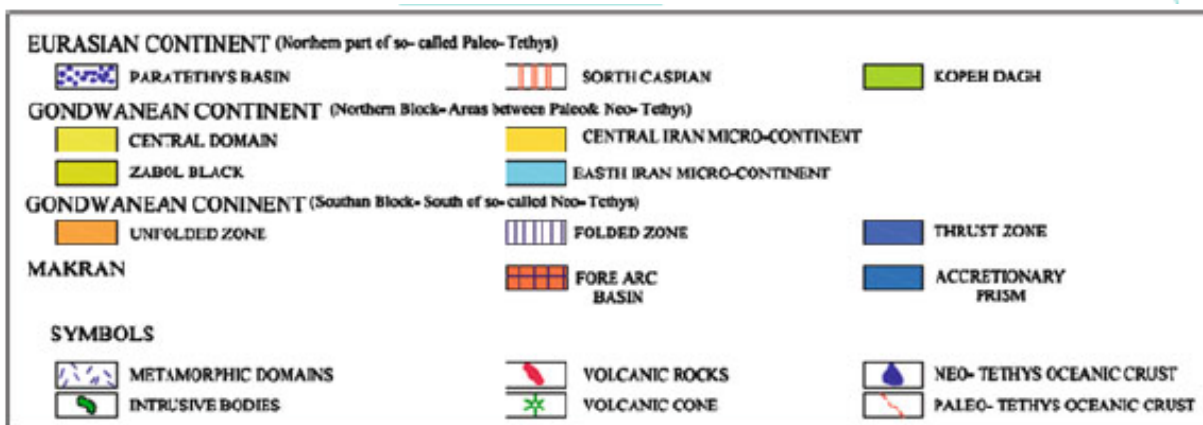
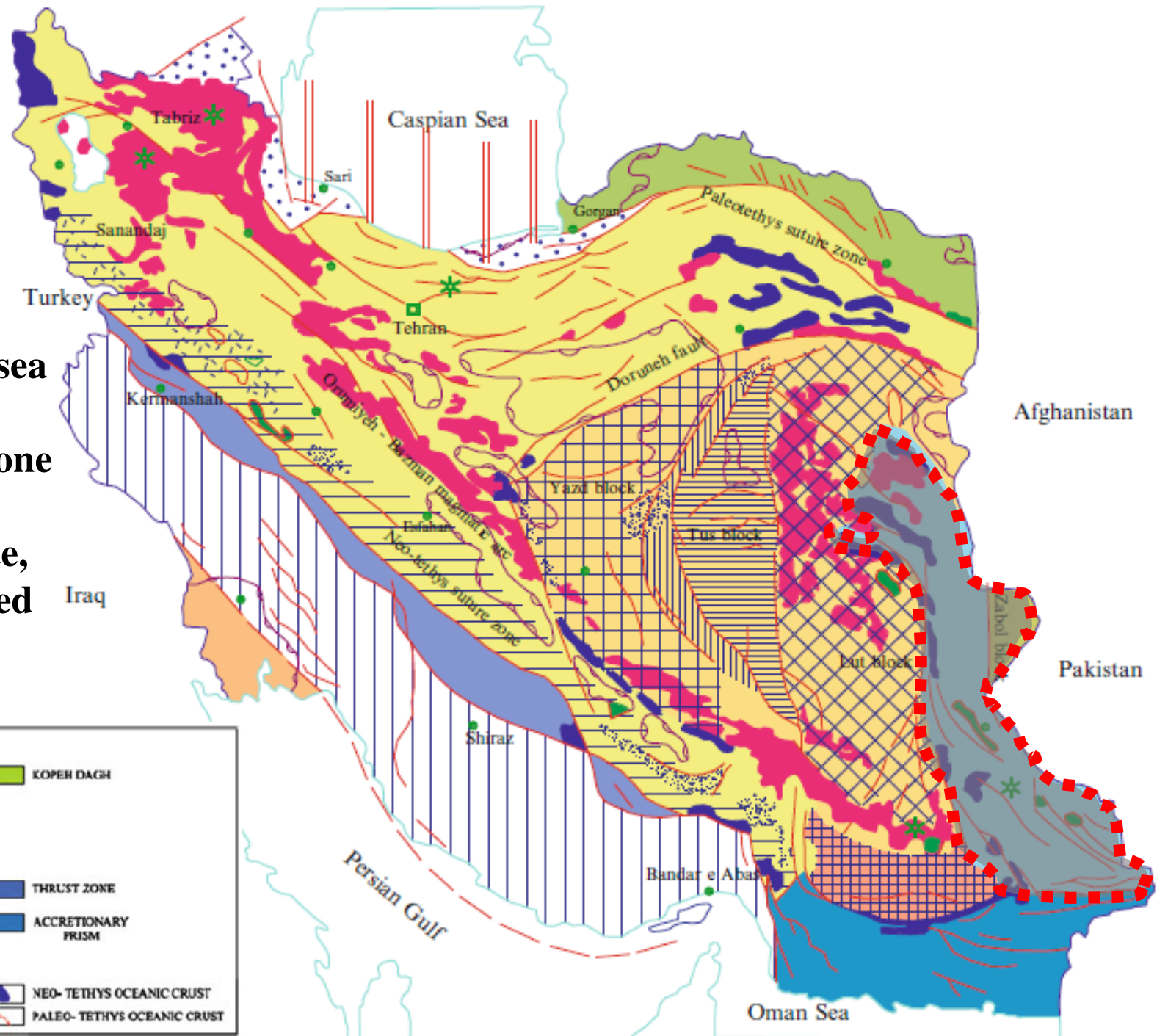
The oldest units include upper Precambrian–Lower Cambrian schists overlain by Permian limestone and other Paleozoic sedimentary rocks.



Eastern Iran

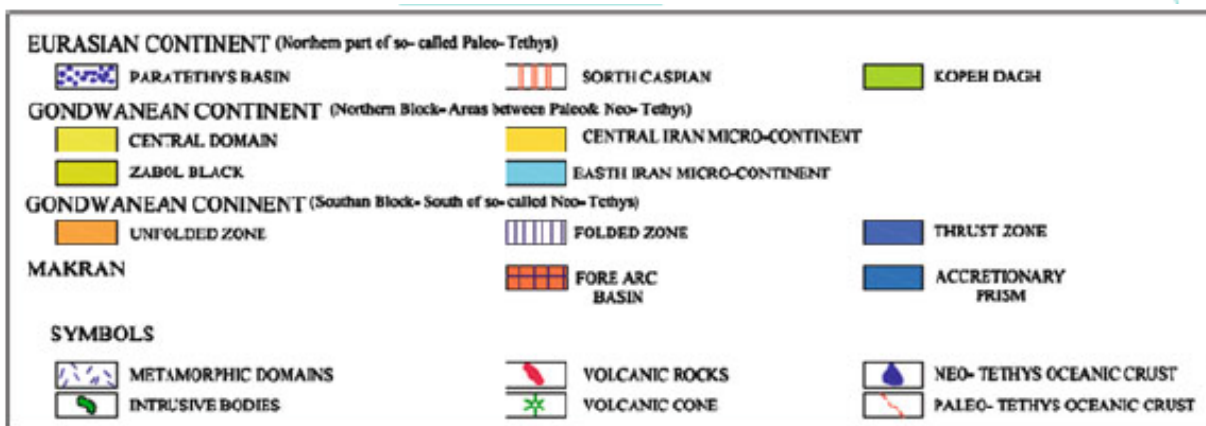
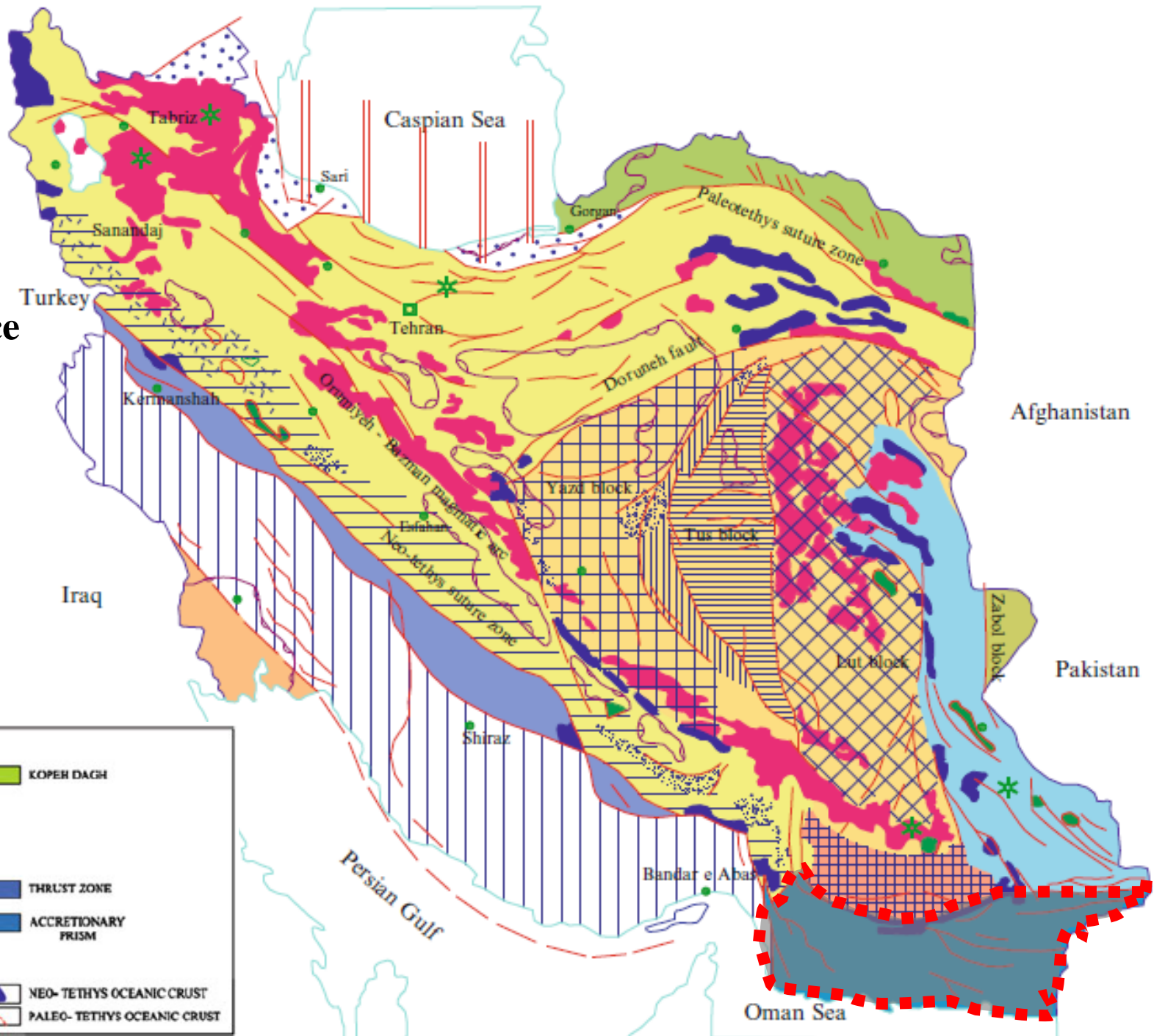
Flysch or colored mélange of the Zabol-Baluch Zone

In contrast to the Lut Block, the Flysch Zone is highly deformed and tectonized and consists of thick deep-sea sediments like argillaceous and silicic shales, radiolarite, and pelagic limestone and volcanic rocks such as basalt, spilitic basalt, diabase, andesite, dacite, rhyolite, and subordinate serpentized ultramafic rocks.



Makran

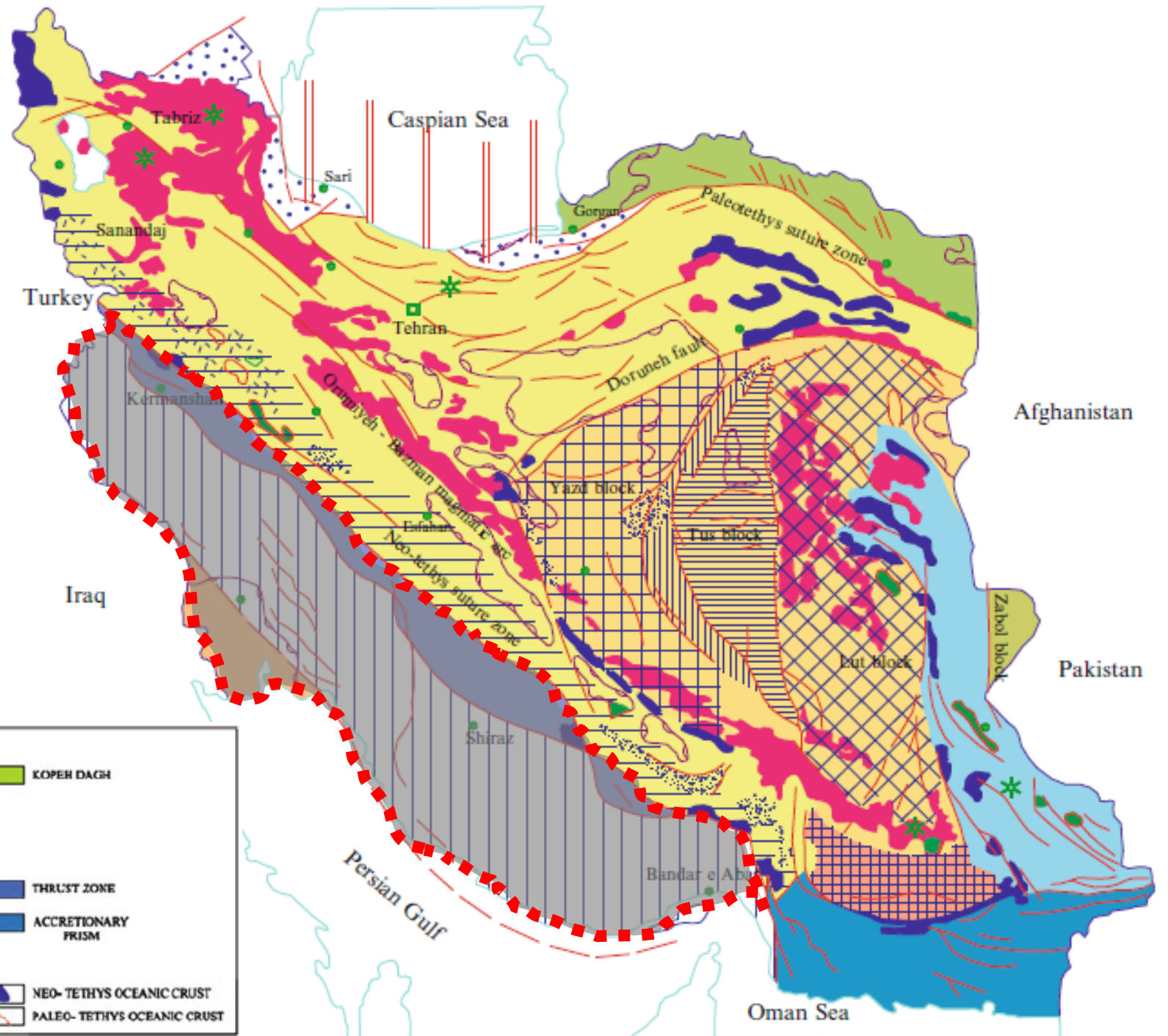
The oldest rocks in this zone are the ophiolites of late Cretaceous–Paleocene overlain by a thick sequence (about 5,000 m) of sandstone, shale, and marl. The whole sequence is deformed prior to Early Miocene.



Zagros

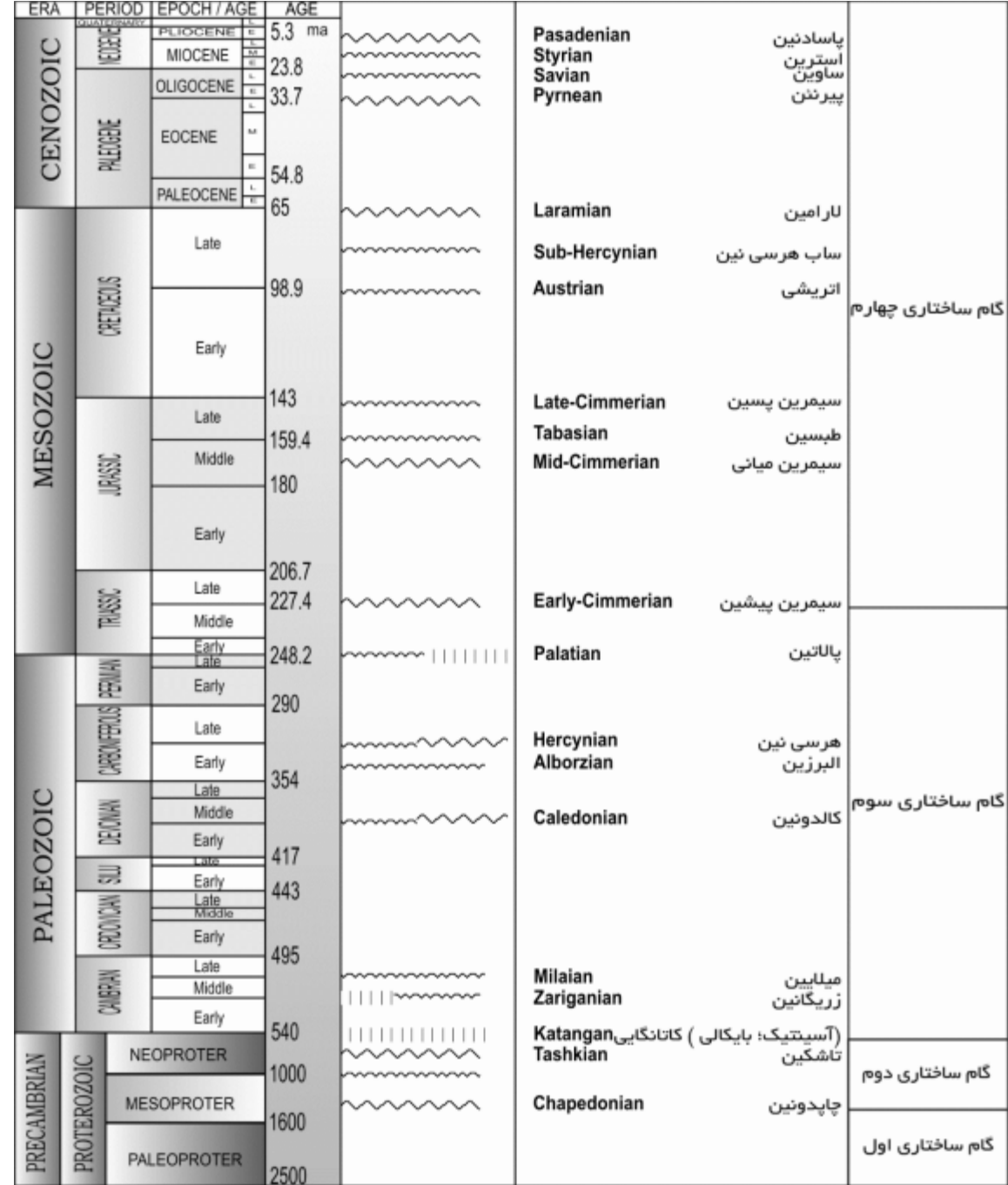
It is in fact the northeastern edge of the Arabian plate. Some important features of Zagros include

- Absence of magmatic and metamorphic events after Triassic
- Low abundance of the outcrops of Paleozoic rocks
- Structurally consisting of large anticlines and small synclines
- Continuous sedimentation from Triassic to Miocene with negligible hiatuses



EURASIAN CONTINENT (Northern part of so-called Paleo-Tethys)		
	PARATETHYS BASIN	
GONDWANEAN CONTINENT (Northern Block - Areas between Paleotethys/Neotethys)		
	CENTRAL DOMAIN	
	ZABOL BLOCK	
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Structural and Orogenic Events in Iran

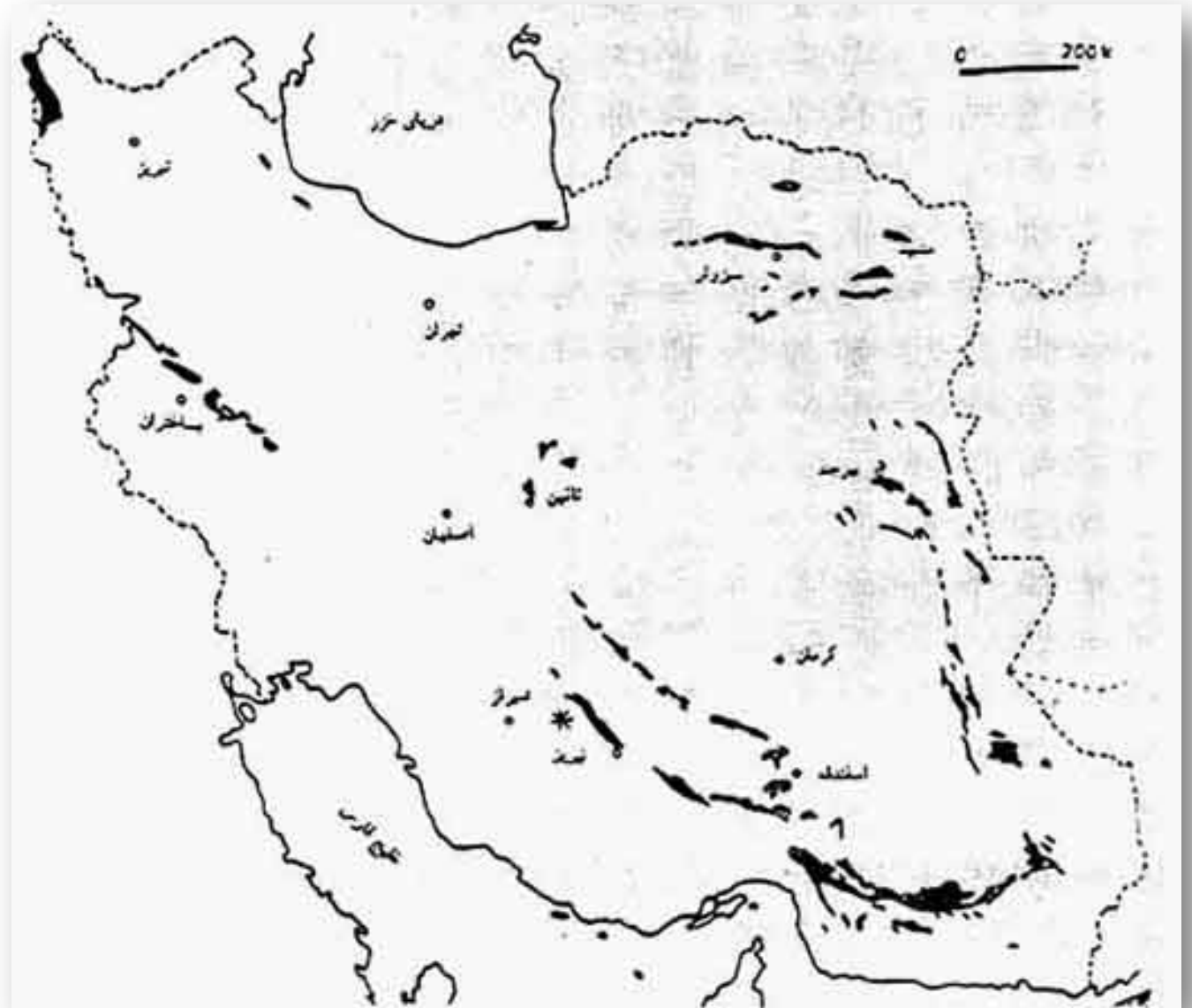


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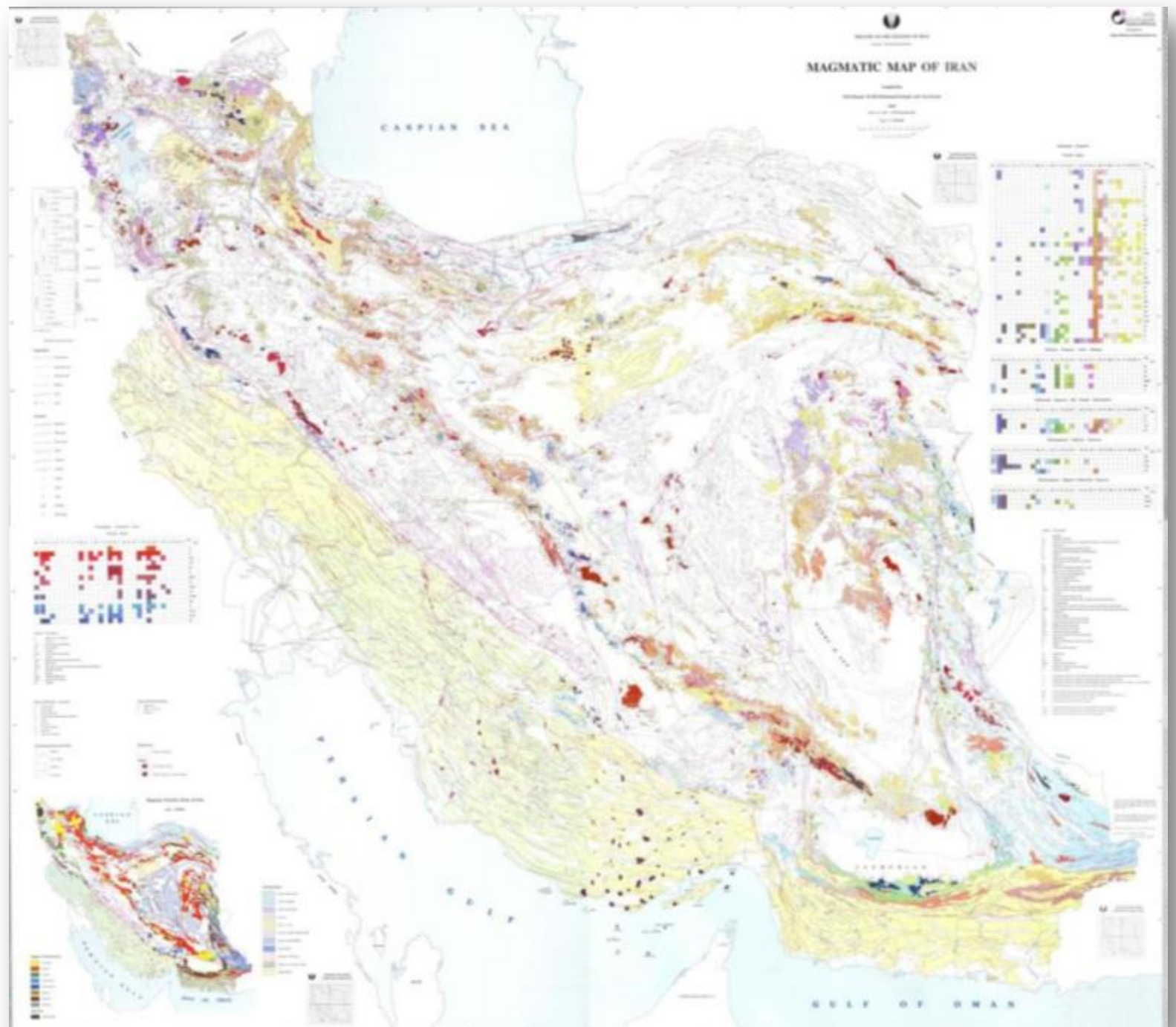
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## Ophiolite Series and Ultramafic Rocks of Iran

- Ultramafic and mafic units of **Late Precambrian–Early Cambrian**: Although comparable to modern ophiolites, these rocks do not display all typical features of an oceanic crust. These rocks are widespread in Takab and Anarak Regions. They might be representing a protorift.
- Ultramafic and mafic rocks of **Upper Paleozoic**: These rocks occur as metamorphosed as well as non-metamorphosed bodies in some areas like Fariman, Shanderman, and Asalam. These rocks display many typical features of modern ophiolites.
- Ophiolite series of **Early Cretaceous–Paleogene** age: These rocks show typical features of ophiolitic sequences and are thought to be associated with the closure of Neotethys.



- **Magmatic rocks of all ages, from the Precambrian to the Quaternary, are widespread in Iran (e.g., Doran granite, Zarigan–Narigan granite, Torghabeh granite, Ghaen granite, Chaghand gabbro, Alvand granite, Natanz granite).**
- **A correlation exists between the distribution of magmatic rocks and certain types of ore deposits (e.g., iron deposits in Bafgh related to Zarigan–Narigan-type granites, Mazraeh copper deposit related to Sheyvar–Daghi granite, Sarcheshmeh porphyry deposit related to Sarcheshmeh porphyry body) .**
- **Several episodes of magmatic activities have been identified in Iran.**



# *Major episode of Magmatism in IRAN*

*Upper Precambrian–Lower Cambrian*

*Lower Paleozoic*

*Upper Paleozoic*

*Mesozoic*

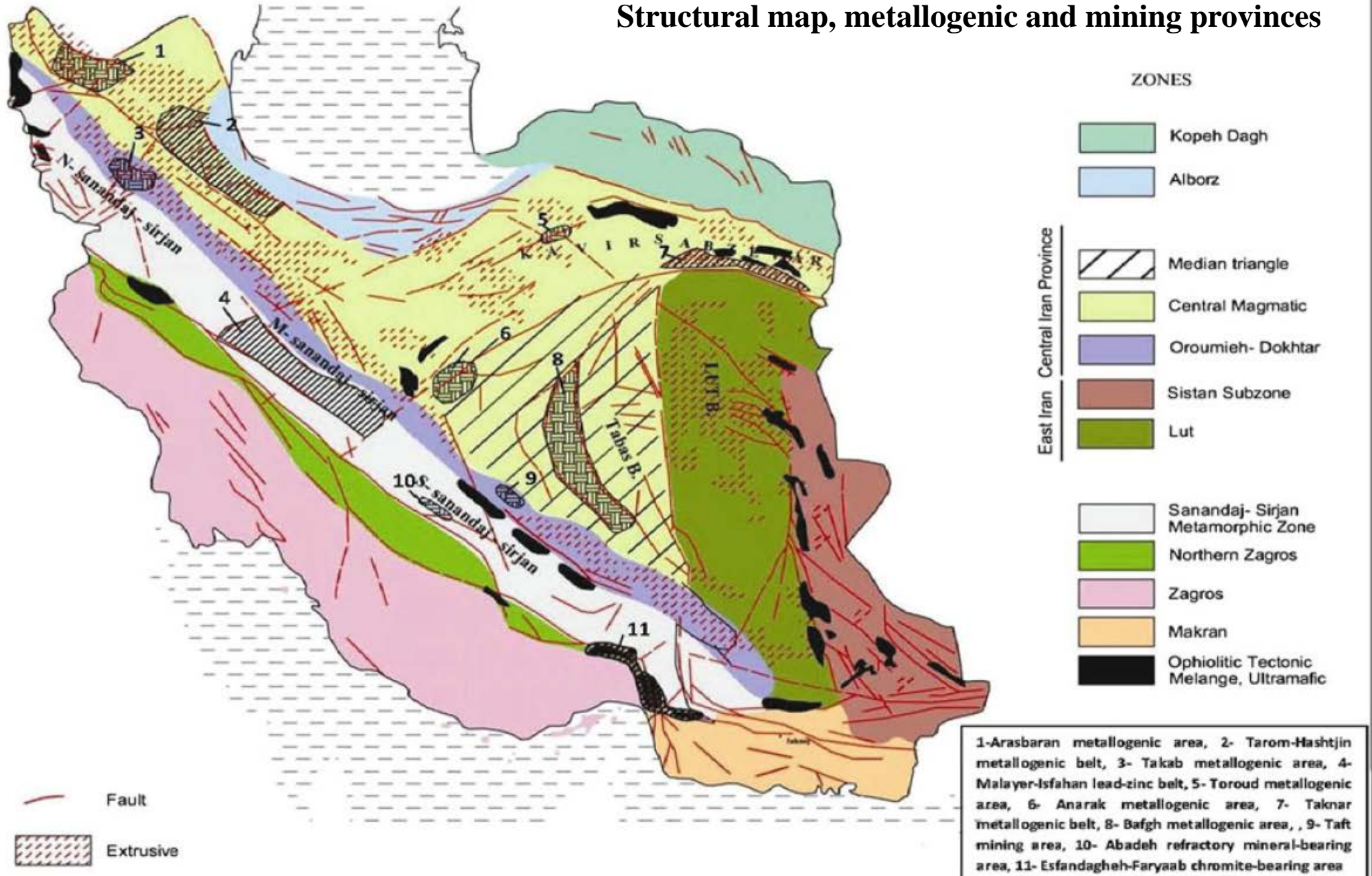
*Tertiary*



## *Metallogenic and Mineralization Phases of Iran*

1. Late Proterozoic–Early Cambrian (coinciding with the **Pan-African** tectono-magmatic event)
2. Lower Paleozoic (corresponding to the **Caledonian** tectono-magmatic event)
3. Upper Paleozoic–Triassic (corresponding to **Hercynian** and Early Cimmerian)
4. Jurassic–Early Cretaceous (**Middle Cimmerian** tectono-magmatic event)
5. Late Cretaceous–Lower Paleozoic (**Laramide** tectono-magmatic event)
6. Tertiary–Quaternary (**Late Alpine** tectono-magmatic event)

# Structural map, metallogenic and mining provinces



## **Metallogenic provinces of Iran are as follows**

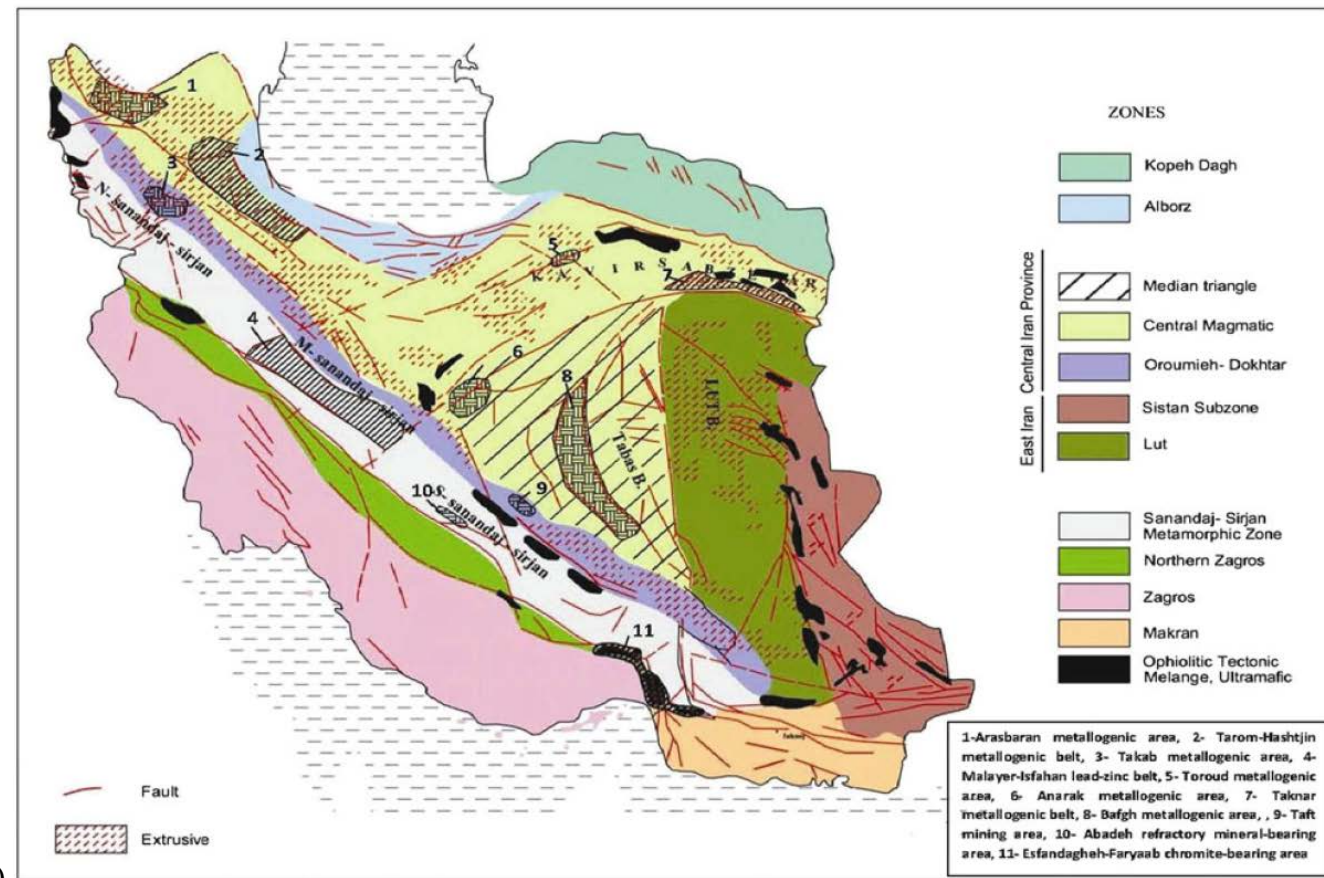
- Central Iran
- Urumiyeh–Dokhtar metallogenic province
- Sanandaj–Sirjan metallogenic province
- Northeast metallogenic province (Taknar, Kavir, Sabzevar Belts)
- Alborz metallogenic province
- Southeast and east of Iran metallogenic province
- Zagros oil and gas province
- Kopet–Dagh oil and gas province

## **Metallogenic (mining) belts of Iran are as follows:**

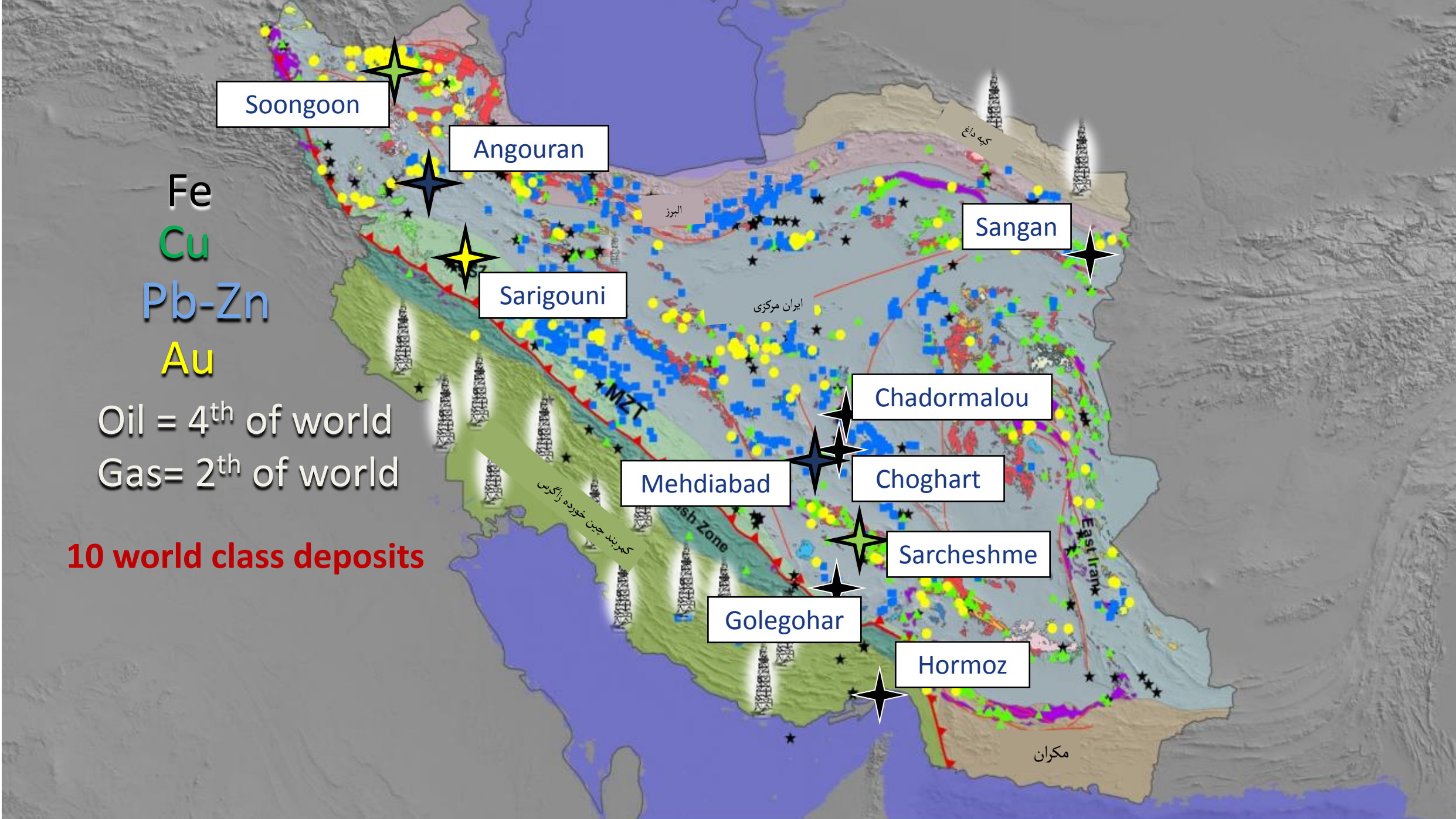
- Malayer–Isfahan lead and zinc belt
- Kerman copper belt
- Esfandagheh–Faryab chromite ophiolitic belt
- Khash–Nehbandan Belt (with chromium, copper, and magnesium deposits)
- Qom–Naein Belt (manganese, barite, copper deposits)
- Kavir–Sabzevar Belt (copper, chromium, gold, iron deposits)
- Taknar Belt (copper, gold, arsenic deposits)
- Tarom–Hashtjin Belt (copper, iron, lead, zinc, gold deposits)
- Maku–Khoy–Urumiyeh Belt (gold, mercury, copper, chromium, iron deposits)

## **Metallogenic areas are as follows:**

- Takab area (gold, arsenic, antimony, mercury, lead, zinc, poly-metal deposits)
- Bafgh area (iron, lead, zinc, apatite, REE deposits)
- Anarak area (copper, lead, zinc, gold, iron, antimony, arsenic deposits)
- Arasbaran area
- Tabas area (refractory, fluorite, manganese, lead, zinc deposits)
- Abadeh refractory material-bearing area
- Kuhbanan–Ravar–Behabad triangle (lead and zinc deposits)
- Qorveh–Asadabad area (antimony, gold, iron deposits)
- Taft area (lead, zinc, copper deposits)



**1- Arasbaran metallogenic area, 2- Tarom-Hashtjin metallogenic belt, 3- Takab metallogenic area, 4- Malayer-Isfahan lead-zinc belt, 5- Toroud metallogenic area, 6- Anarak metallogenic area, 7- Taknar metallogenic belt, 8- Bafgh metallogenic area, 9- Taft mining area, 10- Abadeh refractory mineral-bearing area, 11- Esfandagheh-Faryaab chromite-bearing area**



Soongoon

Angouran

Sangan

Sarigouni

Chadormalou

Mehdiabad

Choghart

Sarcheshme

Golegohar

Hormoz

Fe  
Cu  
Pb-Zn  
Au

Oil = 4<sup>th</sup> of world  
Gas = 2<sup>th</sup> of world

10 world class deposits

کمرند چین خورده زاگرس

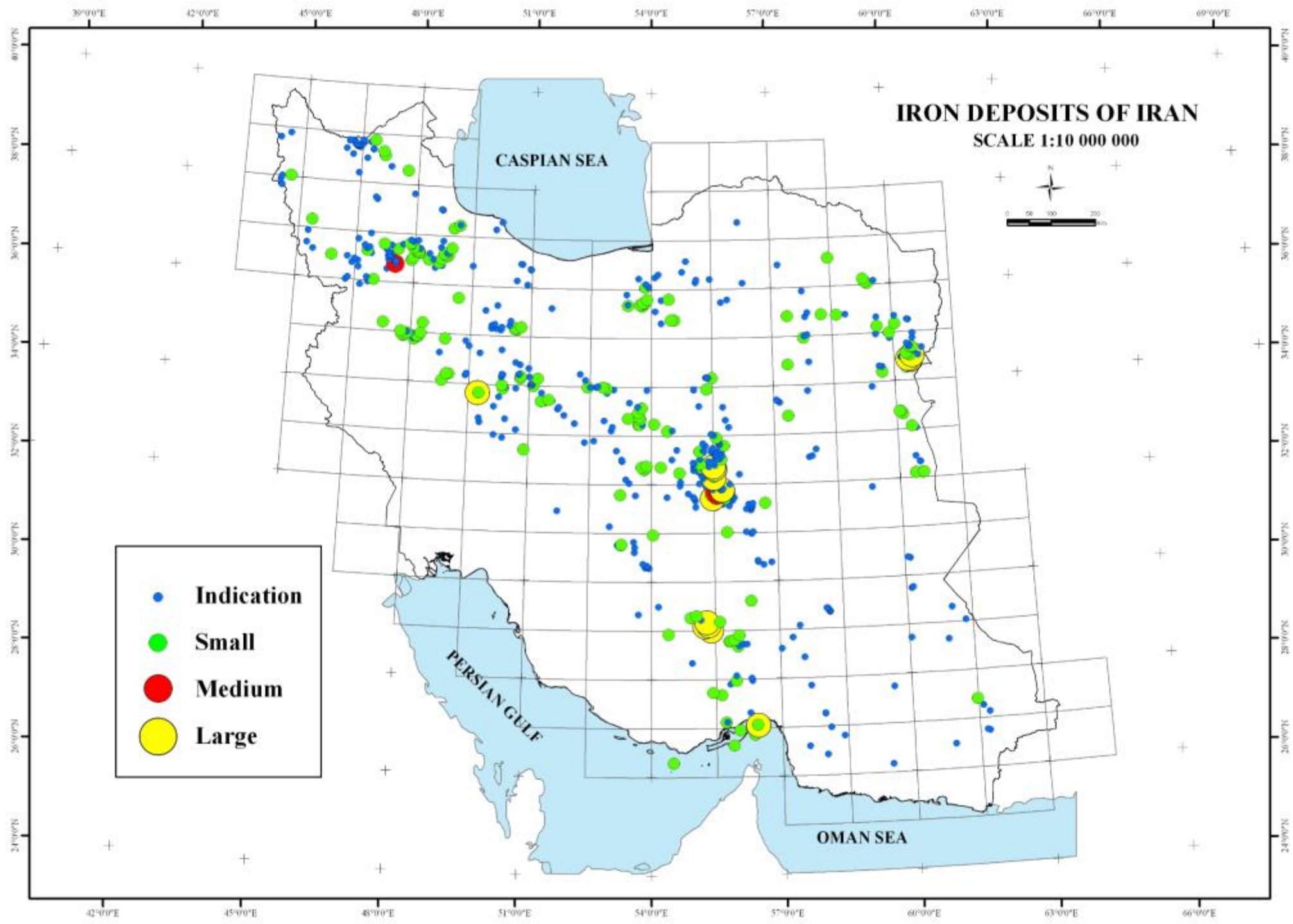
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# Iron (Fe-Content)

| Rank<br>2012                                                                           | Rank<br>2011 | C o u n t r y  | Production<br>2012<br>metr. t | Share<br>in % |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1                                                                                      | ( 1)         | China          | 419 200 000                   | 29,77         |
| 2                                                                                      | ( 2)         | Australia      | 327 600 000                   | 23,27         |
| 3                                                                                      | ( 3)         | Brazil         | 232 477 000                   | 16,51         |
| 4                                                                                      | ( 4)         | India          | 91 132 730                    | 6,47          |
| 5                                                                                      | ( 6)         | Russia, Europe | 47 476 000                    | 3,37          |
| 6                                                                                      | ( 7)         | South Africa   | 43 615 310                    | 3,10          |
| 7                                                                                      | ( 5)         | Ukraine        | 42 975 400                    | 3,05          |
| 8                                                                                      | ( 8)         | United States  | 33 516 000                    | 2,38          |
| 9                                                                                      | (10)         | Canada         | 24 050 470                    | 1,71          |
| 10                                                                                     | (11)         | Venezuela      | 18 000 000                    | 1,28          |
| 11                                                                                     | (12)         | Sweden         | 16 985 600                    | 1,21          |
| 12                                                                                     | (13)         | Kazakhstan     | 16 827 530                    | 1,20          |
|  13 | ( 9)         | Iran           | 15 635 000                    | 1,11          |
| 14                                                                                     | (14)         | Russia, Asia   | 9 724 000                     | 0,69          |
| 15                                                                                     | (15)         | Chile          | 9 429 000                     | 0,67          |

# Metallogenic Phases of Iron

It must be noted that the deposits of Late Proterozoic–Early Cambrian are more abundant than those of other time periods.

~4 billion tons of iron ore of:

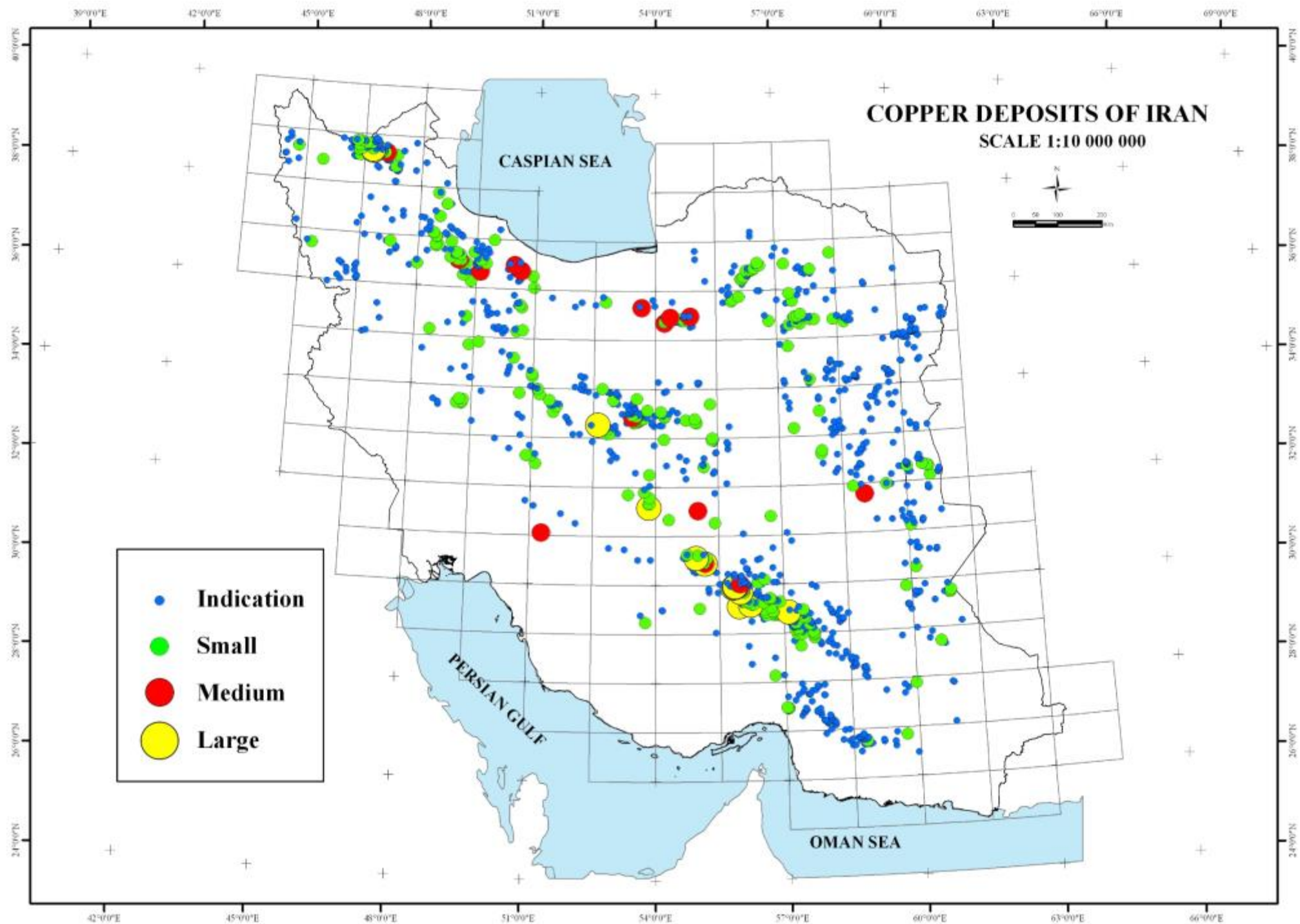
**Igneous** (Sangan, Bafgh, Zanjan, Morvariyeh, Sorkhe-Dizaj)

**Sedimentary volcanic** (Bandar Abbas, Shams Abad)

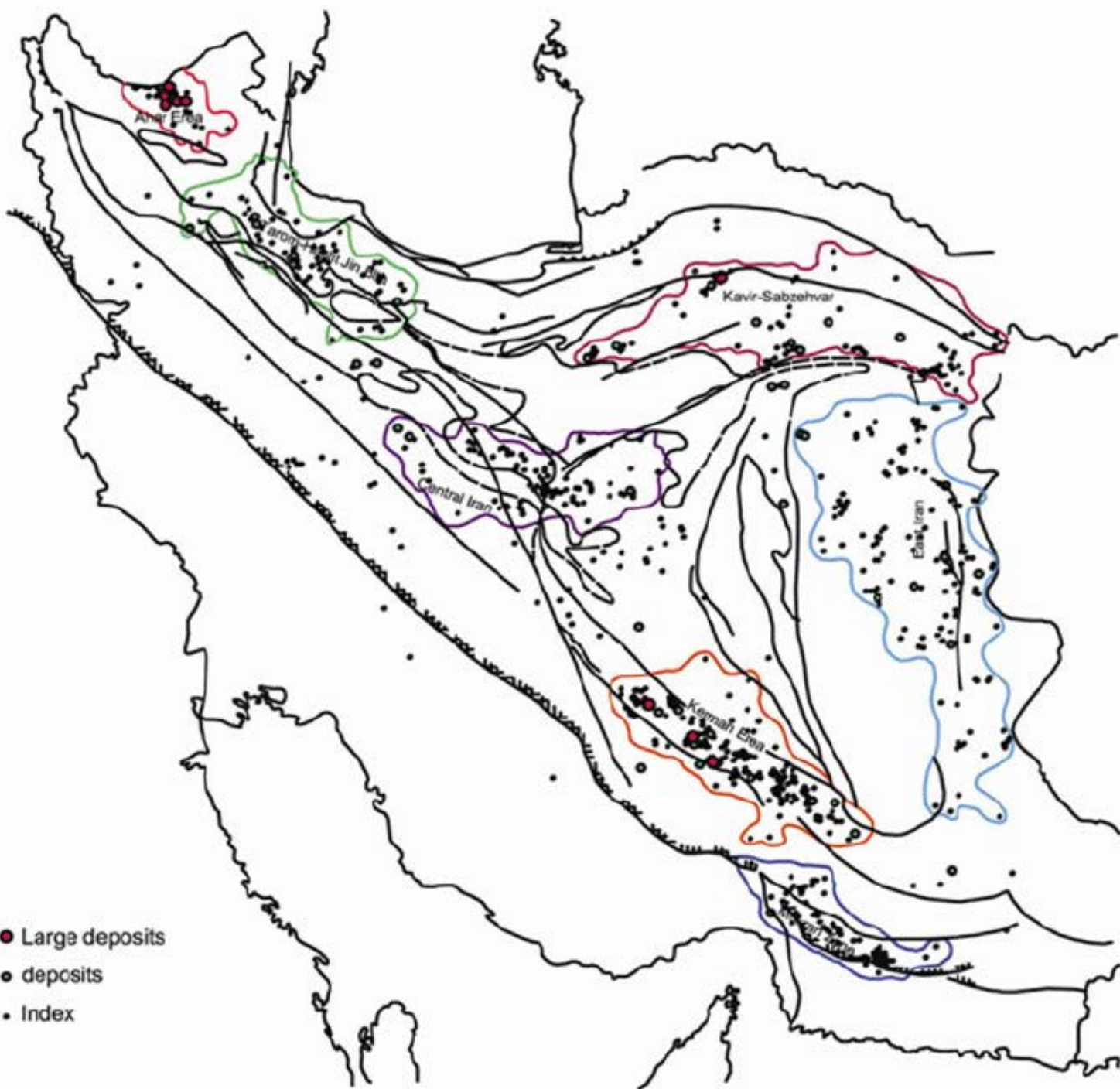
**Volcanosedimentary** (Soltanieh-Mahabad Belt, Hamekasi Complex origins)

have been discovered till date

| Age                                | Paragenesis                                                                    | Location                                                                     | Deposits and indication                                                                         |                                                                                                   |                                                              |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tertiary Late<br>Eocene–Quaternary | Magmatic                                                                       | Concurrent with Oligocene volcanic and plutonic activity                     | Urumiyeh–Dokhtar zone                                                                           | Niasar (Kashan), Daran, Shahrak, and Kuh Baba                                                     |                                                              |
|                                    |                                                                                | Associated with Oligo-Miocene igneous activity                               | Alborz zone                                                                                     | Semnan, Sorkhe Dizaj, Morvariyeh (north of Khoram Dareh), Damirchi                                |                                                              |
| Mesozoic                           | Cretaceous                                                                     | Metasomatic and volcanic; orthomagmatic                                      | East of Iran                                                                                    | Sangan                                                                                            |                                                              |
|                                    |                                                                                | Magmatic skarn, volcanogenic                                                 | Hamedan region<br>Northeast of Khoy                                                             | Baba Ali, Chenar Bala, Golali Eskandian (Late Cretaceous–Early Paleocene)                         |                                                              |
|                                    |                                                                                | Volcano sedimentary                                                          | Southwest of Arak                                                                               | Shams Abad (lower Cretaceous)                                                                     |                                                              |
| Triassic–<br>Early<br>Jurassic     | Associated with plutonic bodies                                                |                                                                              | Northern regions of Sanandaj–Sirjan zone                                                        | Hezar Khani, Khosro Abad, Charmale (Songhor), Zafarabad, Hamekasi Complex                         |                                                              |
|                                    |                                                                                | Sedimentary                                                                  | Central Iran                                                                                    | Kharanagh Oligist, Rebat, Posht Badam                                                             |                                                              |
| Late Paleozoic–Early<br>Triassic   | Volcanosedimentary                                                             |                                                                              | East of Iran                                                                                    | Kalat Naser (east of Ghaen), Ahangaran region                                                     |                                                              |
|                                    |                                                                                |                                                                              | Southern Sanandaj–Sirjan Hamedan–Kordestan Region<br>Alborz zone                                | Honeshk Iron and Manganese (Dehbid, Fars)<br>Zafarabad (Kordestan)<br>Masooleh (Gilan)            |                                                              |
| Late Proterozoic–Early<br>Cambrian | Magmatic                                                                       | Zarigan–Narigan type granitic magmas                                         | Central Iran                                                                                    | Choghart, Chadormalu, Sechahoon, Mishdavan, Esfordi, and most of the deposits at Bafgh area       |                                                              |
|                                    |                                                                                | Mafic and Ultramafic Magmas                                                  | South of Sanandaj–Sirjan zone                                                                   | Gol Gohar                                                                                         |                                                              |
|                                    |                                                                                | Directly or indirectly associated with plutonic or volcano sedimentary rocks | Volcanosedimentary, intermingled with Rizoo and Dezoo Formations                                | Central Iran                                                                                      | Manganiferous iron deposit at Mishdavan and Ghar Dareh Dahoo |
|                                    |                                                                                |                                                                              | Volcanosedimentary, associated with Qareh Dash Volcanics and lower parts of Soltanieh Formation | Intermingled with Qareh Dash Volcanics<br>Stratiform with Upper Kahar and Lower Soltanieh as host | Azerbaijan<br>Azerbaijan                                     |
|                                    | Volcanosedimentary, along with Hormoz Series and its associated volcanic rocks | Bandar Abbas and islands towards the south                                   | Tange Zagh, Hormoz, Larak and Qeshm                                                             |                                                                                                   |                                                              |





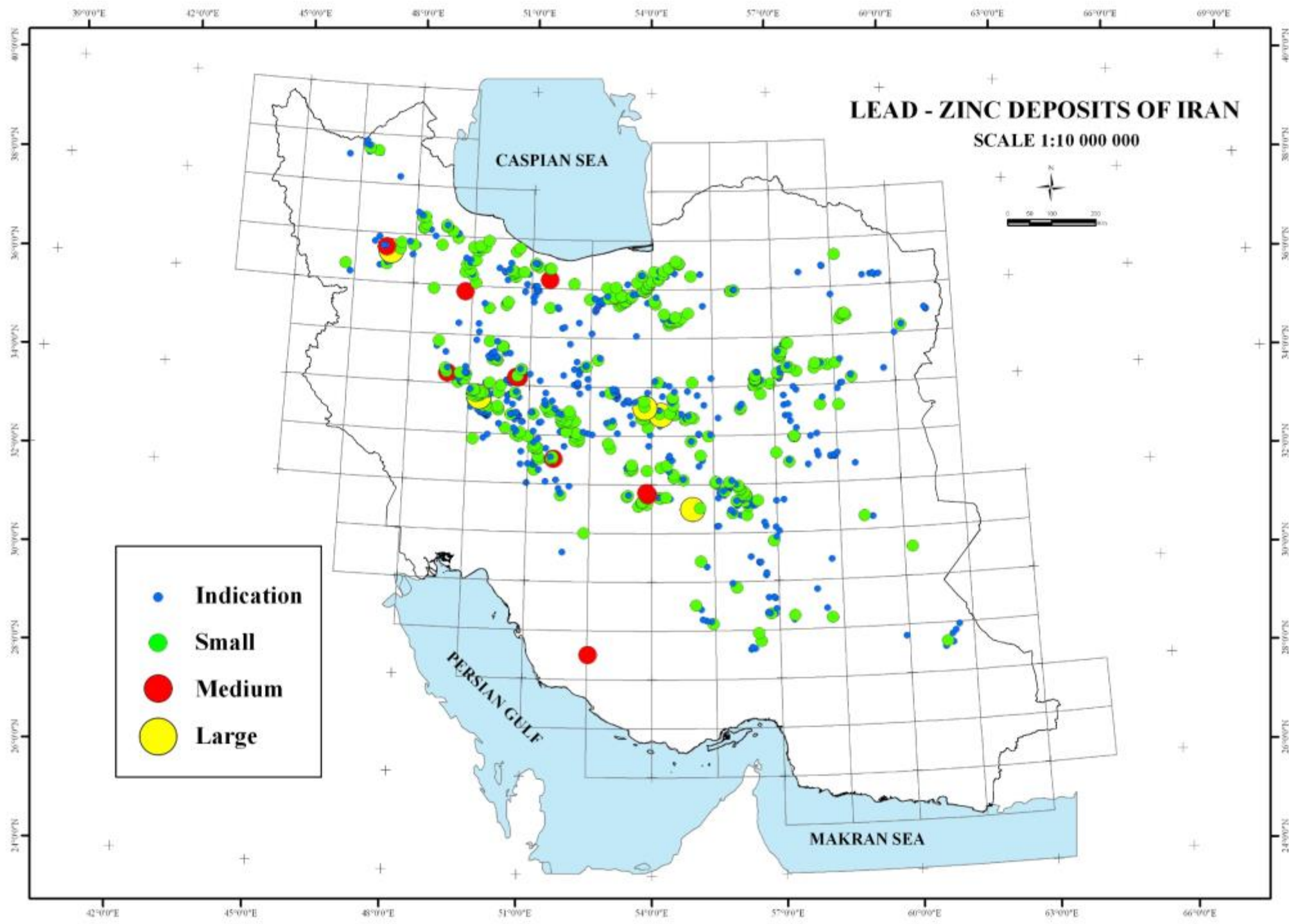


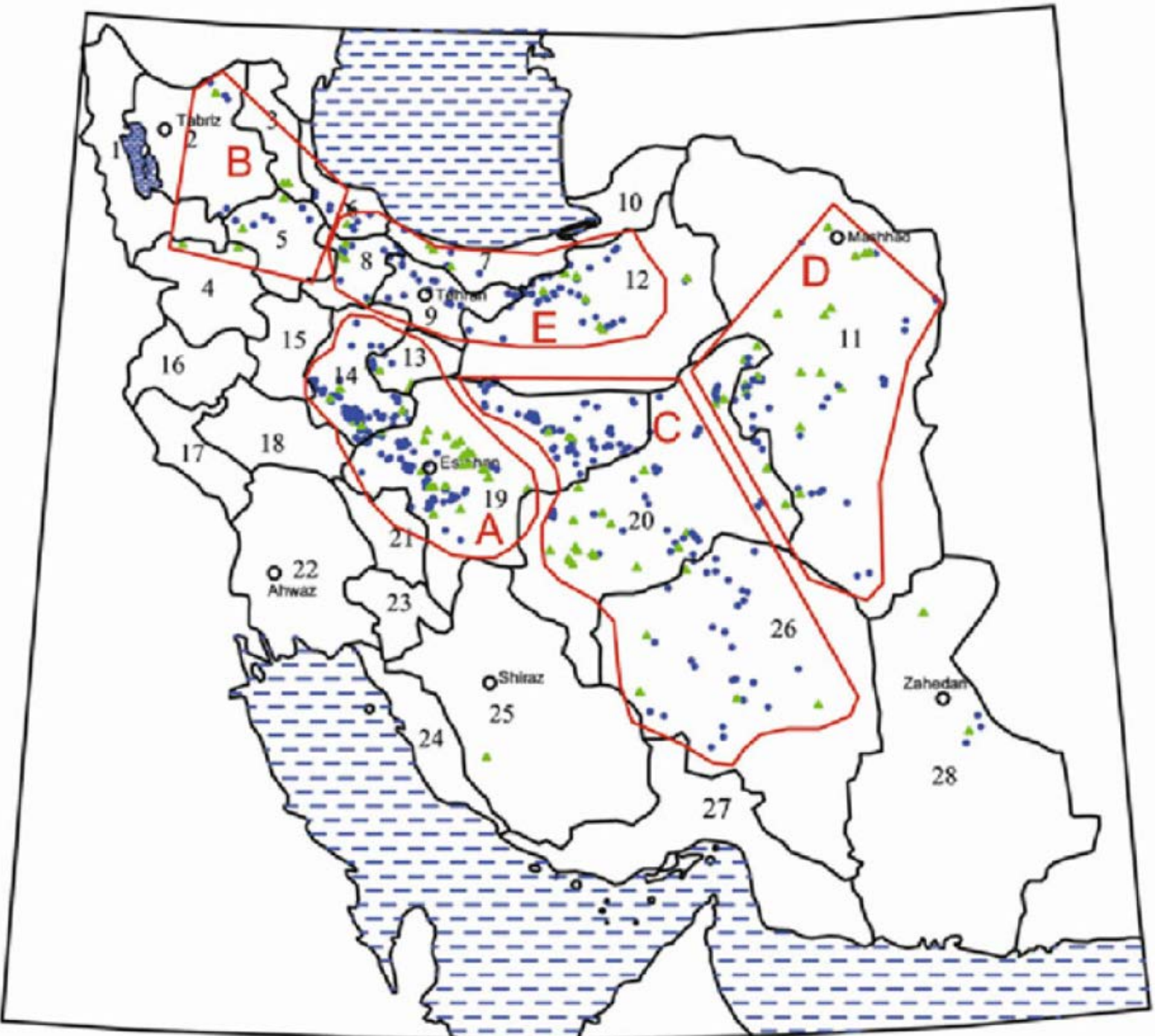
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| Name of deposit | Location     | Reserves and grade                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Details                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sarcheshmeh     | Kerman       | 1.2 billion tons with an average grade of 0.68% of copper                                                                                                                                                                   | Molybdenum (300 ppm), gold (270 ppm), and silver (309 ppm) are associated with this deposit                                                          |
| Meydoug         | Kerman       | Exploitable deposit is estimated at around 140 million tons with an average grade of 0.85%; comprising of 70 million tons of hypogene reserves having 0.70% grade and 70 million tons of supergene reserves having 1% grade | The results of drilling in the area reveal that the probable reserve of Meydoug is around 500 million tons and the copper grade increases with depth |
| Darre Zar       | Kerman       | 1.1 million tons oxide reserve with 0.95% grade. 41 million tons of 0.70% proved reserves and 100 million tons of probable reserves                                                                                         | In spite of the absence of supergene deposit, the stripping volume is not great. Molybdenum grade reaches around 500 ppm                             |
| Songoon         | Ahar         | Proved and probable reserves estimated at about one and two billion tons, respectively, with an approximate grade of 0.70%                                                                                                  | The supergene reserve is limited, and most copper is situated in hypogene level. Molybdenum grade is around 200 ppm                                  |
| Mazra'e         | Ahar         | Total reserved measures at 431,062 tons with 1.7% copper grade. Exploitable reserve is around 387,900 while probable reserves is 860,000 tons                                                                               | —                                                                                                                                                    |
| Anjard          | Ahar         | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | —                                                                                                                                                    |
| Darre Zereschk  | Taft         | Proved reserve is 29 million tons with 0.68% copper                                                                                                                                                                         | The reserves are estimated for 3,079 m level using 21 boreholes                                                                                      |
| Kale Kafi       | Anarak       | Proved reserve is 13.5 million tons with 0.90% copper                                                                                                                                                                       | Mineralization is in supergene region with very poor hypogene. Total drilling in the area 15 boreholes measuring 2,200 m                             |
| Aliabad         | Taft         | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | —                                                                                                                                                    |
| Taknar          | Kashmar      | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | —                                                                                                                                                    |
| Abbasabad       | Shahrood     | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | —                                                                                                                                                    |
| Ghal'e Zari     | Eastern Iran | Proved reserve is 360 thousand tons with 0.30–0.50% copper                                                                                                                                                                  | The deposit is of vein-type with high gold content of about 10 ppm                                                                                   |
| Lar             | Zahedan      | 40 million tons of probable reserves with a grade of around 0.40–0.45%                                                                                                                                                      | —                                                                                                                                                    |

# Details of important copper mines in Iran

| Name of the mine | Geographic coordinates | Production                              |                                         |                                         | Details        |               |                |                               |                                 |                   |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
|                  |                        | 2000                                    | 2001                                    | 2002                                    | Status         | Main product  | Type of mining | Proved reserve (million tons) | Probable reserve (million tons) | Annual production | Average grade          |
| Sarcheshmeh      | 55°50'<br>29°58'       | 0.1–0.12                                | 0.1–0.12                                | 0.1–0.12                                | Active         | Cu            | Open pit       | 826.5                         | 1,200                           | 0.14              | Cu=0.68                |
| Meydouk          | 55°10'<br>30°10'       |                                         |                                         |                                         | Being equipped | Cu            | Open pit       | 180                           | 500                             | 0.05              | Cu=0.85                |
| Ghal'e Zari      | 58°55'<br>31°49'       | 0.06                                    | 0.06                                    | 0.06                                    | Active         | Cu            | Underground    | 0.36                          | 1.315                           | 0.1               | Cu=0.5–3.0<br>Au=6 ppb |
| Mazra'e          | 47°04'<br>38°39'       | 0.03<br>27–30%<br>con-<br>cen-<br>trate | 0.03<br>27–30%<br>con-<br>cen-<br>trate | 0.03<br>27–30%<br>con-<br>cen-<br>trate | Active         | Cu            | Underground    | 0.2                           | 0.431                           | 0.04 concentrate  | Cu= 1.70               |
| Songoon          | 46°43<br>38°42         |                                         |                                         |                                         | Being equipped | Cu            | Open pit       | 1,000                         | 2,000                           | 0.6<br>copper     | Cu=0.70                |
| Taknar           | 57°46'<br>35°22'       |                                         |                                         |                                         | Being equipped | Cu, Pb,<br>Zn | Underground    | –                             | 79                              | 0.125 ore         | Cu= 1.50               |





A : Malayer - Esfahan Belt

B : Azarbaijan

C : Central Iran

D : Eastern Iran

E : Alborz

▲ Ore Deposit

● Indication

Provinces:

- |                     |                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 - West Azerbaijan | 15 - Hamedan                  |
| 2 - East Azerbaijan | 16 - Kermanshah               |
| 3 - Ardebil         | 17 - Ilam                     |
| 4 - Kordestan       | 18 - Lorestan                 |
| 5 - Zanjan          | 19 - Esfahan                  |
| 6 - Gilan           | 20 - Yazd                     |
| 7 - Mazandaran      | 21 - Chaharmahal & Bakhtiari  |
| 8 - Ghazvin         | 22 - Khuzestan                |
| 9 - Tehran          | 23 - Kohkiluyeh & Boyerahamad |
| 10 - Golestan       | 24 - Bushehr                  |
| 11 - Khorasan       | 25 - Fars                     |
| 12 - Semnan         | 26 - Kerman                   |
| 13 - Ghorn          | 27 - Hormozgan                |
| 14 - Markazi        | 28 - Sistan & Baluchestan     |

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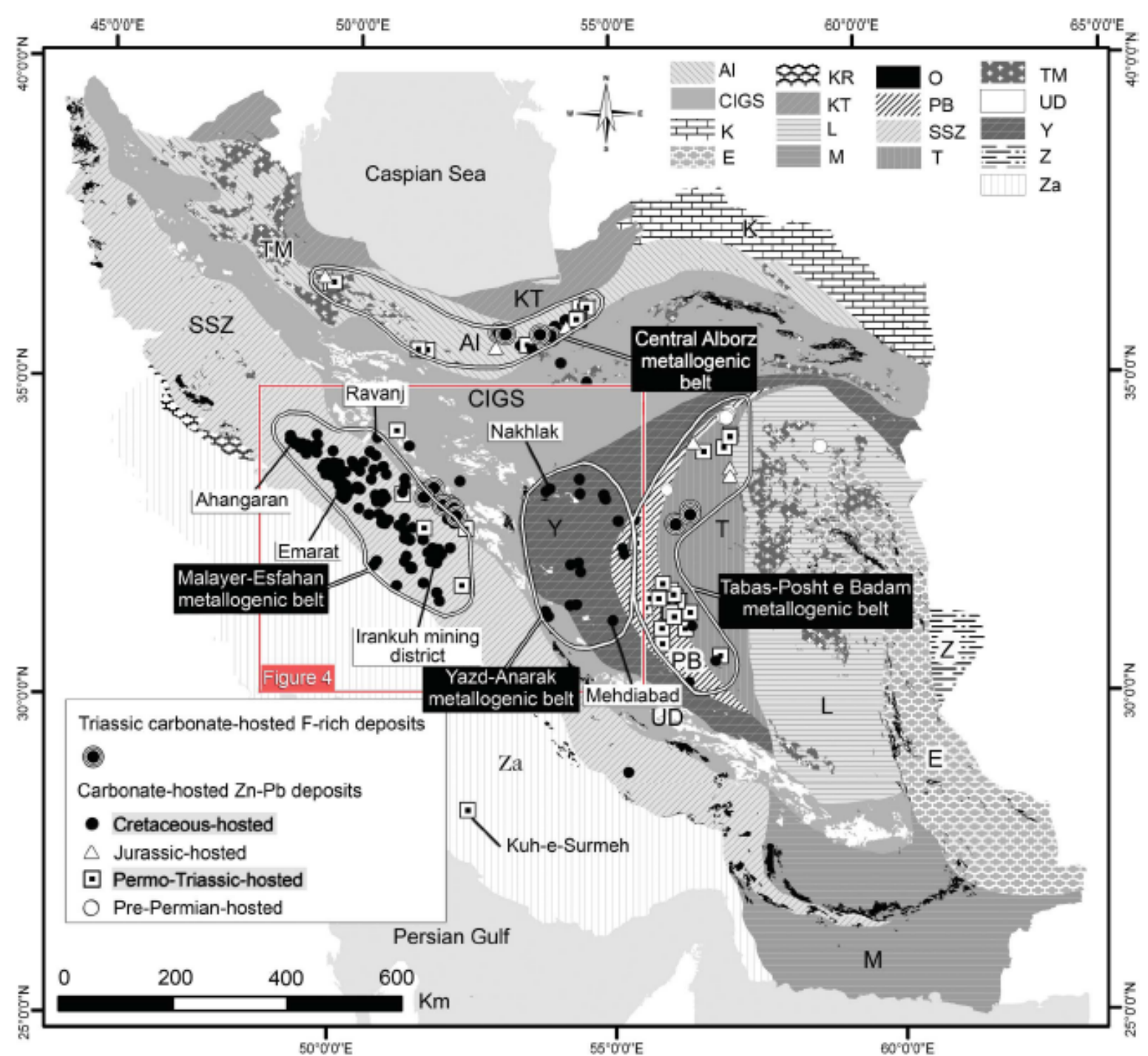
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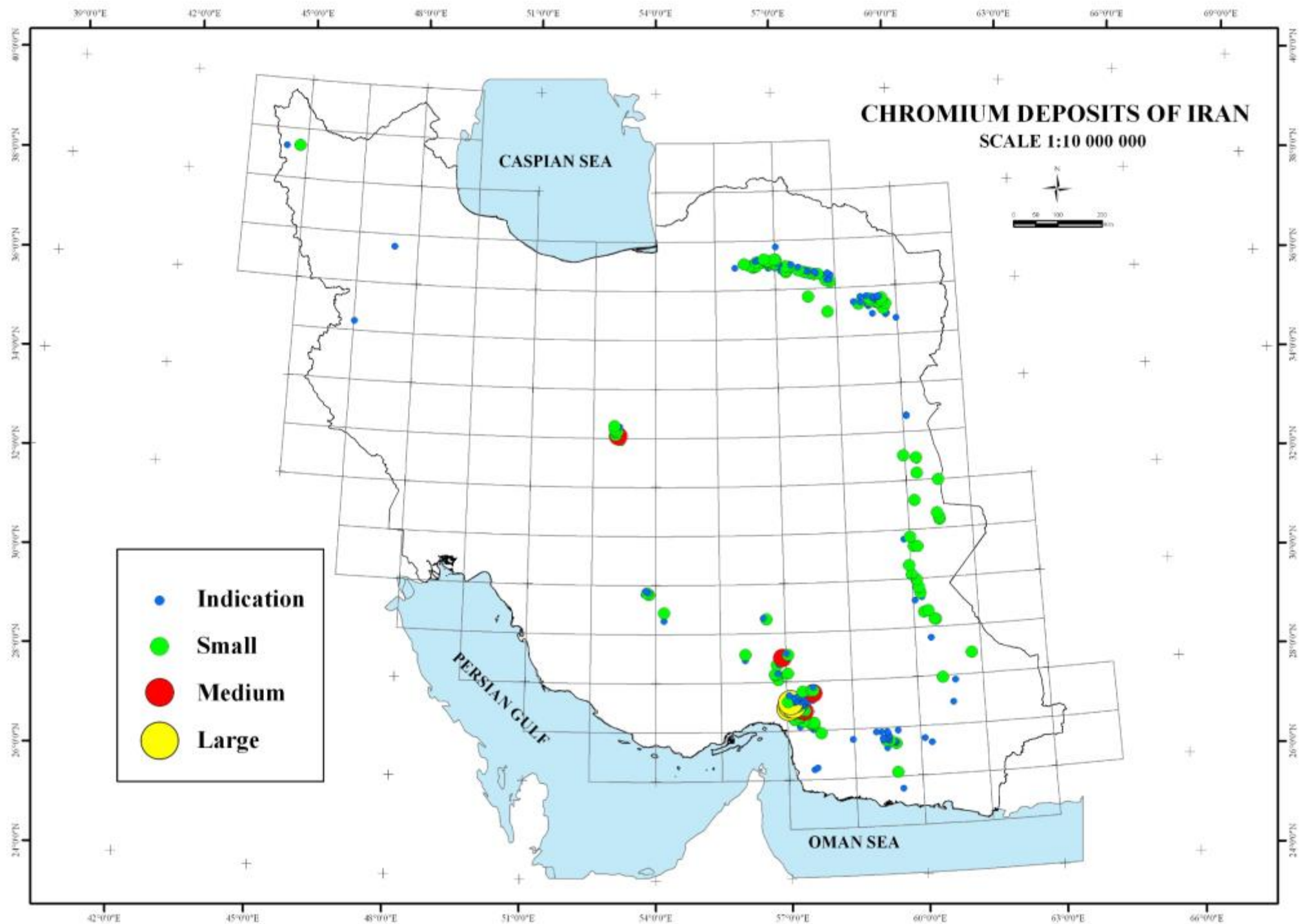
*Late Paleozoic*

*Triassic*

*Cretaceous*

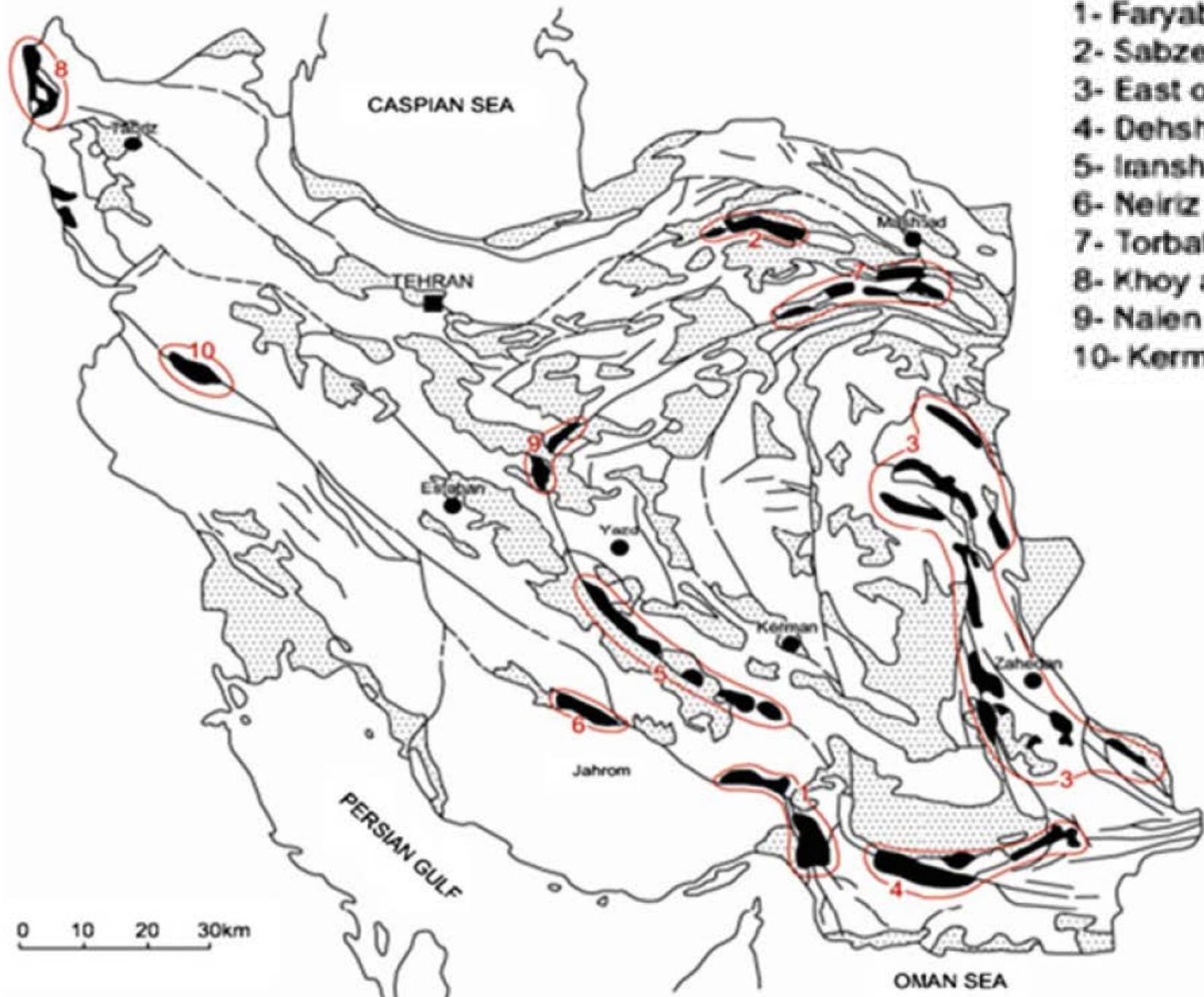
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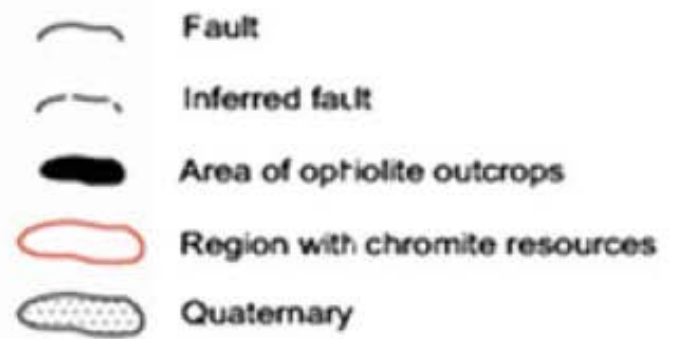


## Chromium (Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> - Content)

| Rank<br>2012 | Rank<br>2011 | C o u n t r y  | Production<br>2012<br>metr. t | Share<br>in % |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1            | ( 1)         | South Africa   | 4 976 500                     | 39,81         |
| 2            | ( 2)         | Kazakhstan     | 2 250 230                     | 18,00         |
| 3            | ( 4)         | Turkey         | 2 083 900                     | 16,67         |
| 4            | ( 3)         | India          | 1 357 100                     | 10,86         |
| 5            | ( 9)         | Russia, Europe | 270 000                       | 2,16          |
| 6            | ( 7)         | Oman           | 241 280                       | 1,93          |
| 7            | ( 5)         | Finland        | 212 610                       | 1,70          |
| 8            | (11)         | Iran           | 192 210                       | 1,54          |
| 9            | ( 8)         | Brazil         | 184 275                       | 1,47          |
| 10           | ( 6)         | Zimbabwe       | 183 814                       | 1,47          |
| 11           | (10)         | Albania        | 158 400                       | 1,27          |
| 12           | (12)         | Australia      | 127 700                       | 1,02          |
| 13           | (13)         | China          | 85 800                        | 0,69          |
| 14           | (14)         | Pakistan       | 71 680                        | 0,57          |
| 15           | (15)         | Madagascar     | 65 905                        | 0,53          |

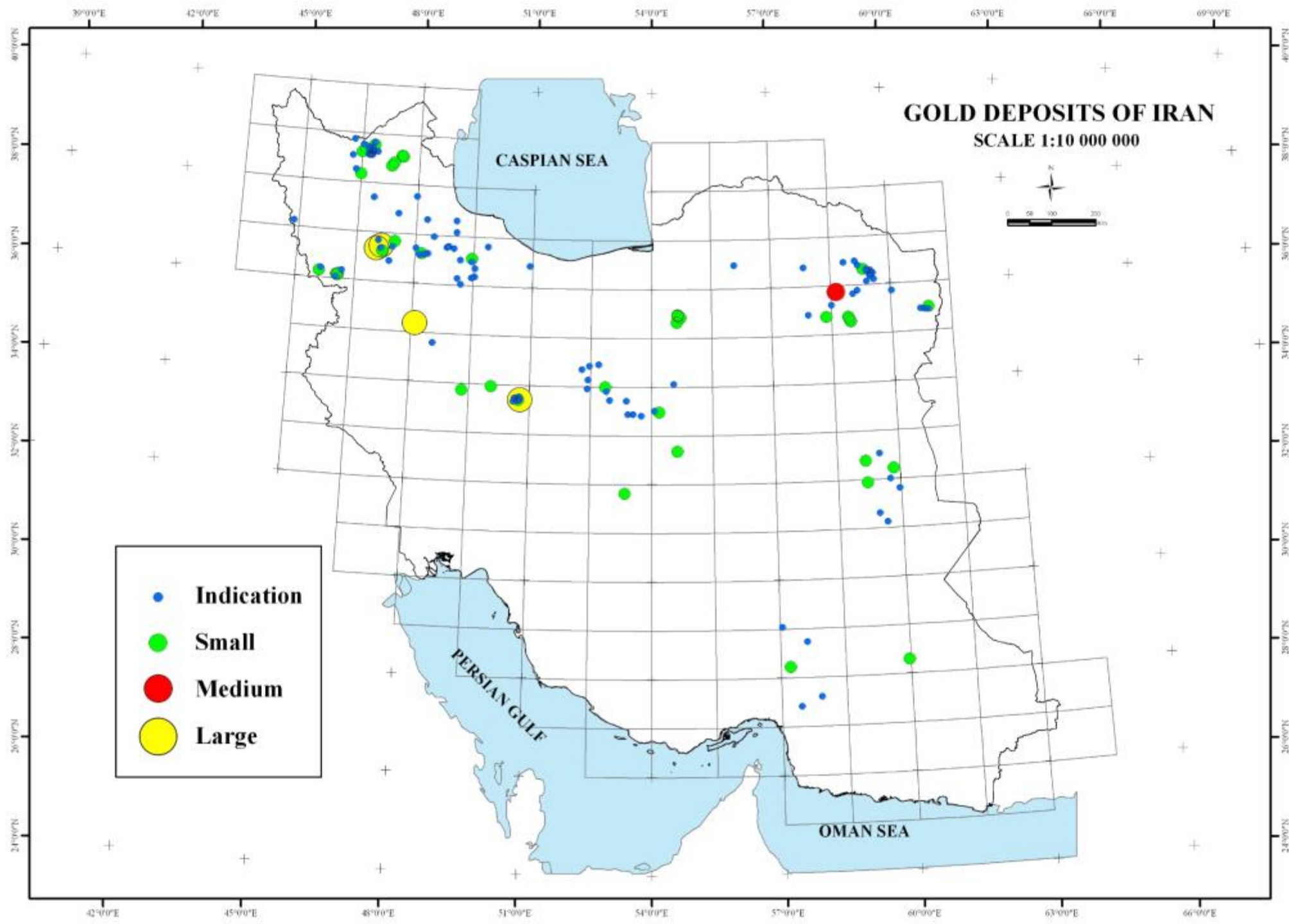


- 1- Faryab - Esfandaqeh area
- 2- Sabzevar area
- 3- East of Iran
- 4- Dehshir - Baft axis
- 5- Iranshahr - Fahnuj axis (south of Jazmurian)
- 6- Neiriz area
- 7- Torbat e heidarieh - Fariman area
- 8- Khoy area
- 9- Naien - Anarak area
- 10- Kermanshah area

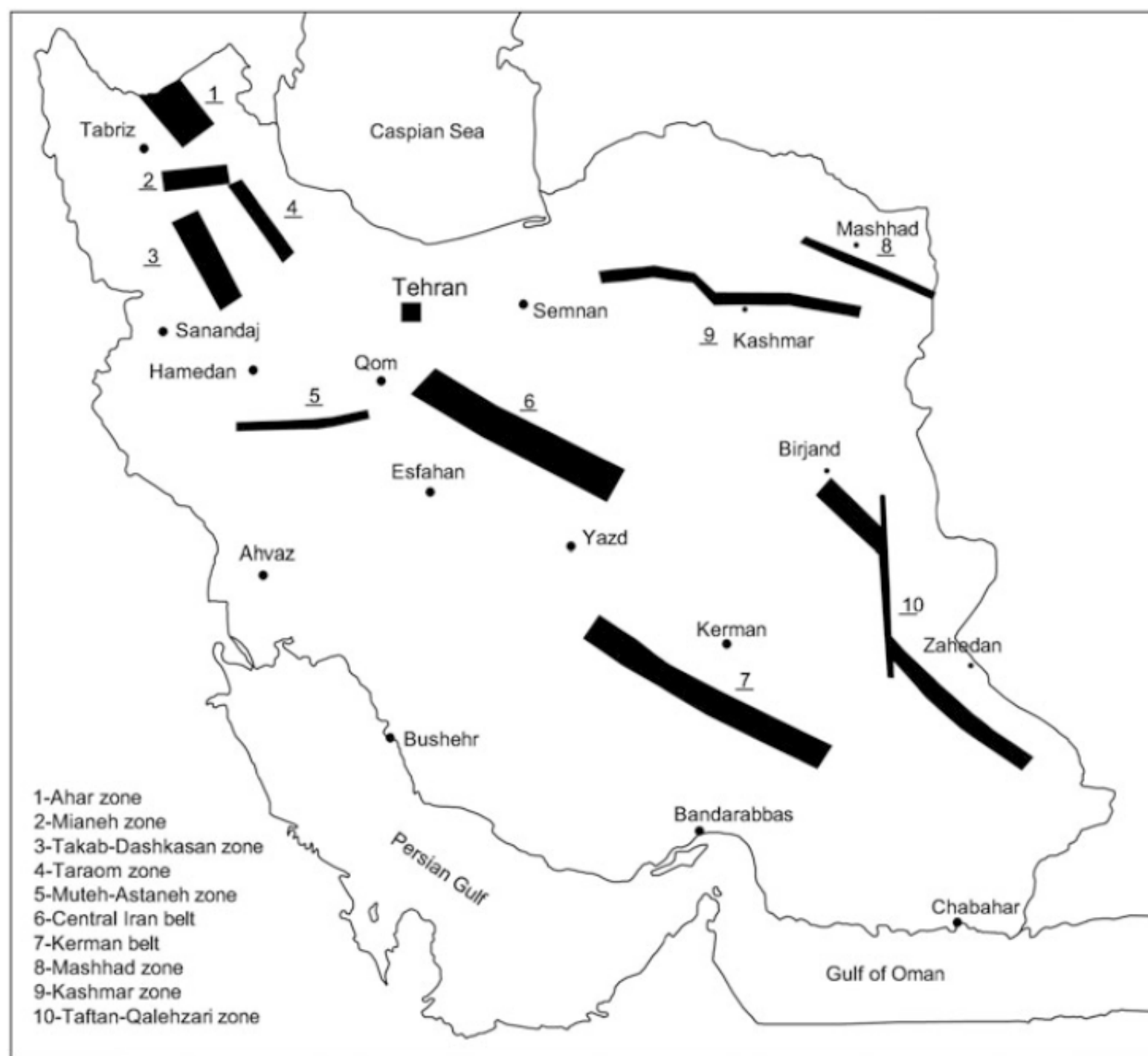


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The gold-bearing provinces and areas of Iran (Maghsoudi et al. 2005)

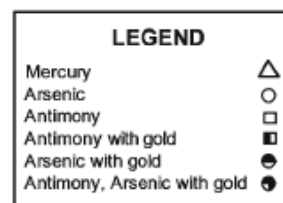
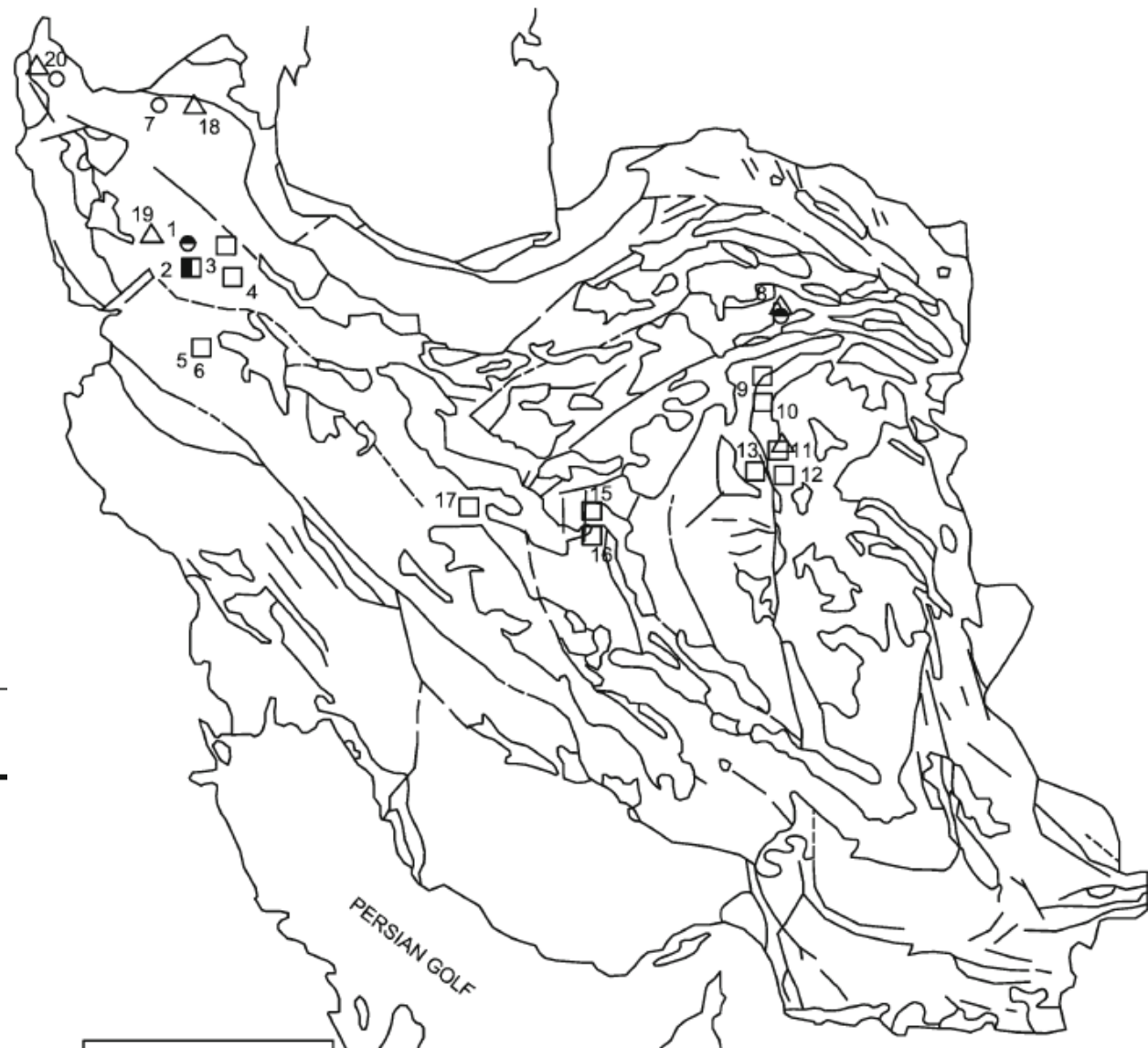


# Distribution of antimony, arsenic, and mercury deposits of Iran (Ghorbani 1995)

| General characteristics and type of deposit                    | Associated elements        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Hydrothermal deposits having old mafic and ultramafic basement | Sb+ As± Hg along with gold |
| Hydrothermal deposits having old volcanosedimentary basement   | Sb+ Hg± As along with gold |
| Hydrothermal deposits having Mesozoic continental basement     | Sb+ Hg± As± (Pb± Zn)       |
| Hydrothermal deposits having Cretaceous ophiolitic basement    | Sb+ Hg+ As± Au             |
| Hydrothermal deposits having volcanic basement                 | As                         |

| Host rock                                                        | Explored areas and name of deposits                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Old carbonates and metamorphic rocks                             | Takab area (Zarshooran, Arabshah, Agh Dareh), Anarak area (Patyar, Torkamani) |
| Young carbonates and old metamorphic rocks                       | Takab area (Moghanloo-Agh Dareh, Qizghapan, Qareh Dagh)                       |
| Mesozoic clastic rocks and/or younger igneous rocks              | Ferdows area (Shoorab, Hesamieh, Se Qal'e, etc.), Qorveh area (Dashkesan)     |
| Rocks of ophiolitic suites and/or their associated igneous rocks | Khoy area (Khan Geli), East of Qa'en (Haji Abad)                              |
| Sedimentary rocks                                                | Ahar area (Valiloo)                                                           |



- |               |                 |                |                  |              |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1- Zarshuran  | 2- Agh Darreh   | 3- Moghanlu    | 4- Arabshah      | 5- Dashkasan |
| 6- Ghorveh    | 7- Valilu       | 8- Chalplu     | 9- Dagh e Seraji | 10- Shervieh |
| 11- Shurab    | 12- Shand Mahmu | 13- Seh Ghalee | 14- Haji Abad    | 15- Patyar   |
| 16- Torkamani | 17- Vartun      | 18- Khunirud   | 19- Ghareh Zagh  | 20- Maku     |

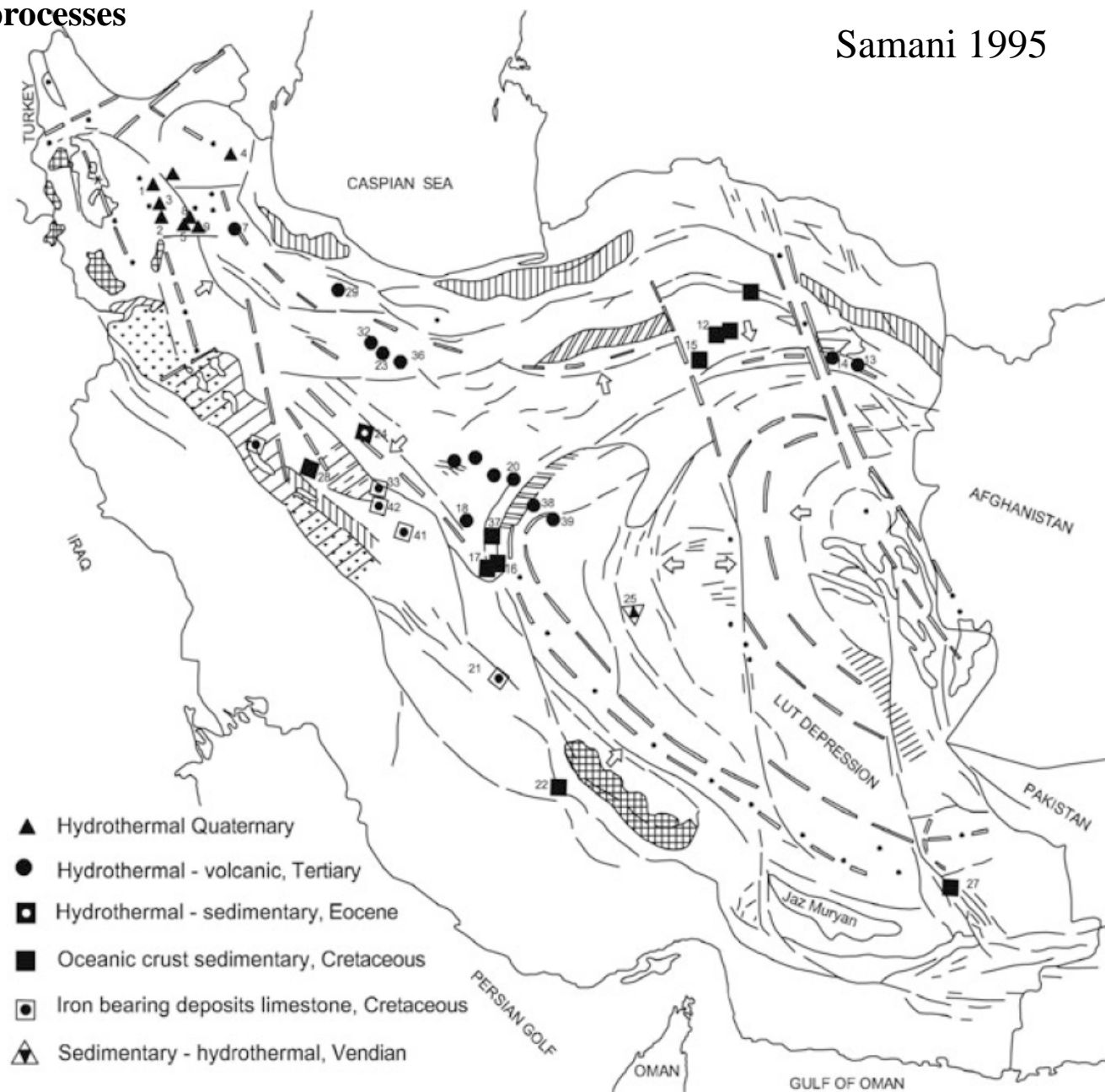
**The manganese deposits of Iran are classified into three types (NISCO 1977):**

**(a) Hydrothermal vein deposits associated with volcano-plutonic processes**

**(b) Volcanosedimentary deposits**

**(c) Polygenetic deposits associated with limestone formations**

Samani 1995



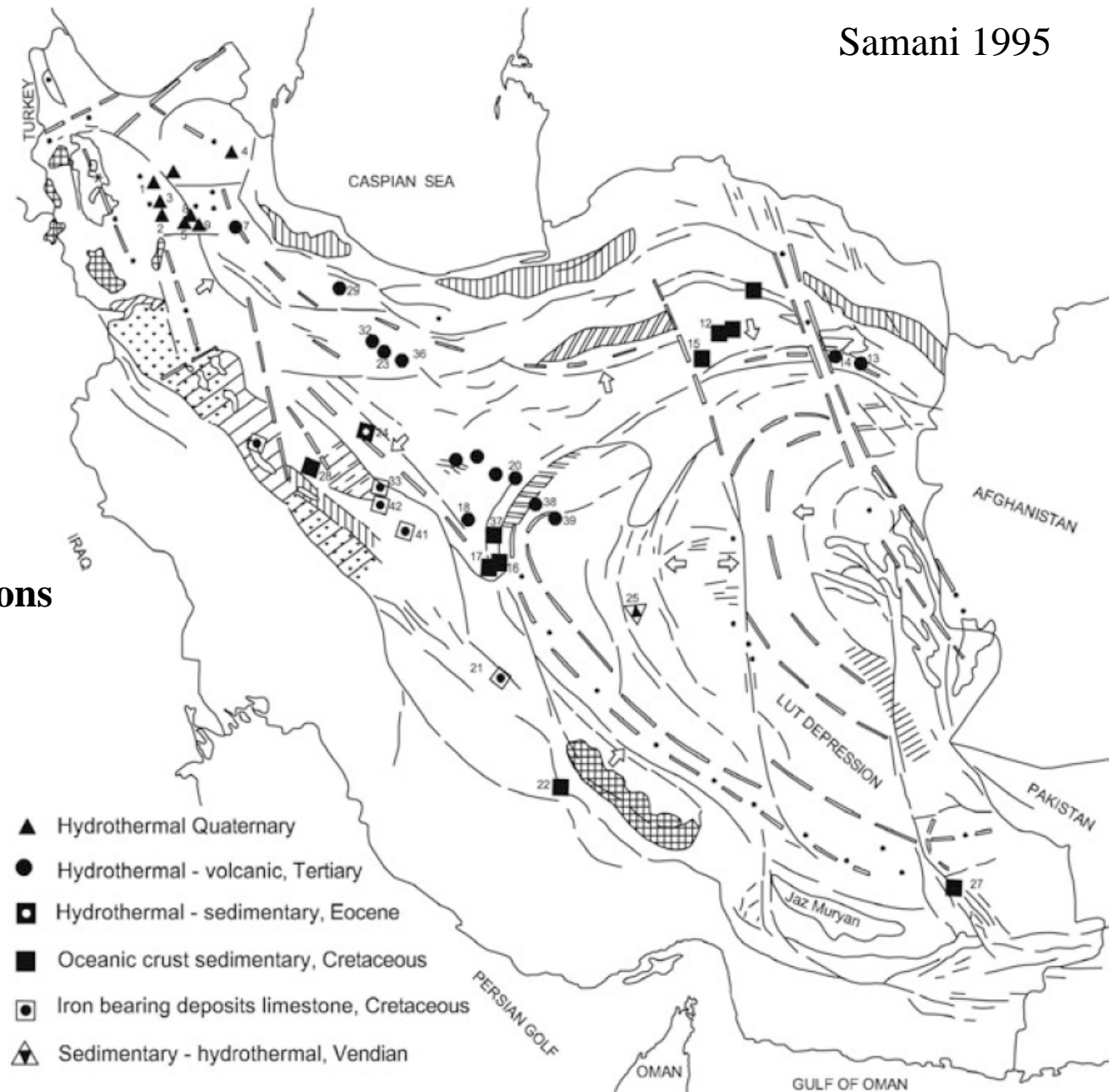
# General characteristics of some manganese deposits of Iran

| Age                          | Name of deposit or mineral indication                                                                         | General characteristic                                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Neogene and Quaternary       | Debakloo, Eideh Koochoo Ghani, Ghoopooz, Vila Dareh, Manamin, Zarshloo, Khalifeh Kamal, Galoojeh, Chai Talvar | Hot spring deposits (terrestrial)                                |
| Tertiary (volcanic-plutonic) | Chah Sefid, Sargaz, Robat Karim, Bozni, Sorkhshad, Abdol Abad, Noogh                                          | Hydrothermal-vein (terrestrial)                                  |
| Late Cretaceous-Paleogene    | Venarch, Asad, Bensport, Bagh Qareh, Ab Band, Gonij, Benvid, Salam Rud, Zaboli                                | Sedimentary-hydrothermal (marine)<br>Volcanosedimentary (marine) |
| Early Cretaceous             | Shams Abad, Chah Basheh                                                                                       | Sedimentary associated with iron (marine)                        |
| Paleozoic                    | Kalat Naser, Heneshk                                                                                          | Associated with iron                                             |
| Late Precambrian             | Narigan, Amir Abad (east of Angooran)                                                                         | Volcanosedimentary (marine)                                      |

## Provincial distribution of manganese deposits and indications

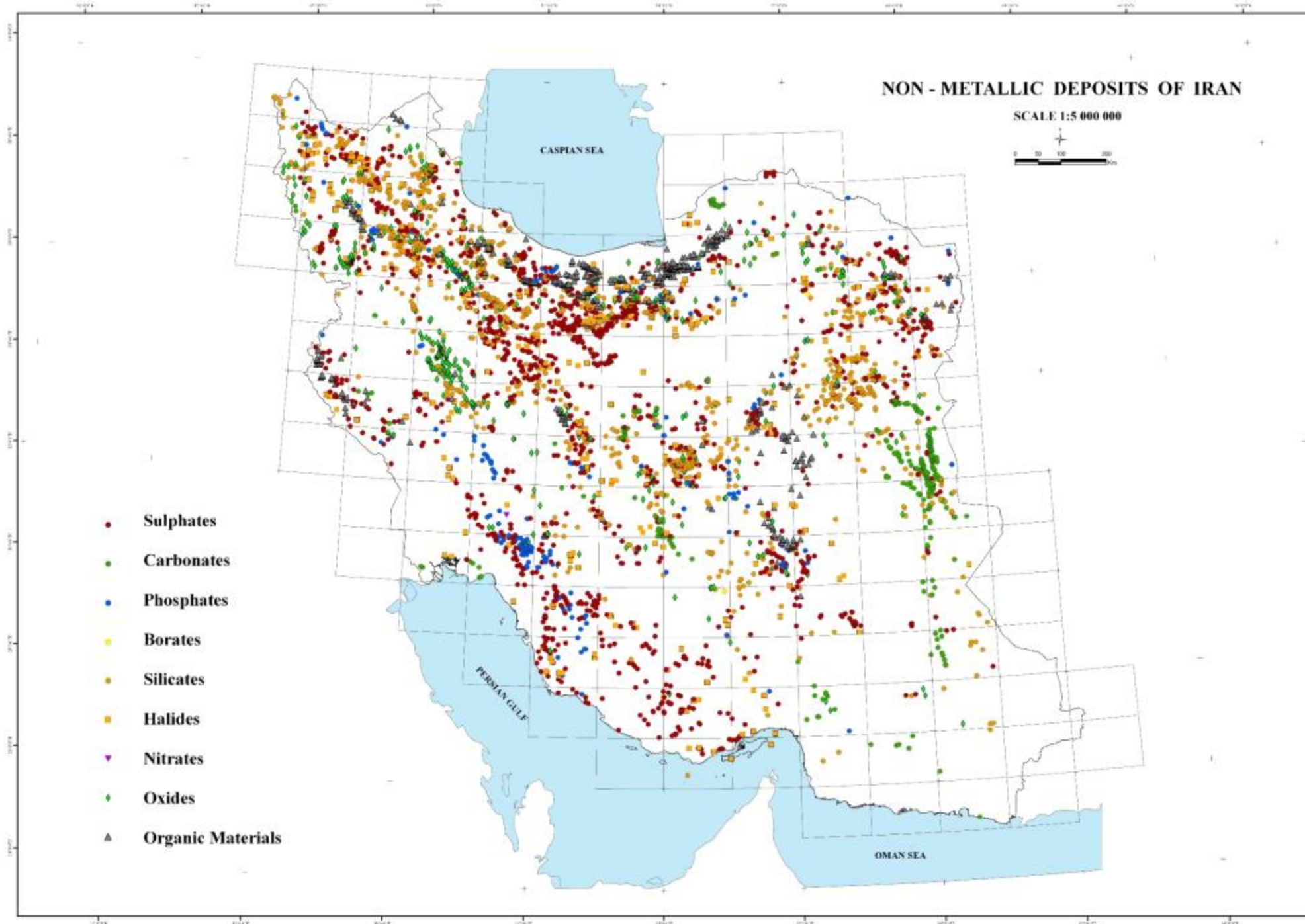
| Sr. no. | Name of deposit or indication | Province        | Sr. no. | Name of deposit or indication | Province |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1       | Debalkoo                      | East Azerbaijan | 13      | Bozni                         | Esfahan  |
| 2       | Eideh Koochoo Ghani           | East Azerbaijan | 14      | Sorkh Shad                    | Esfahan  |
| 3       | Ghoopooz                      | East Azerbaijan | 15      | Chah Sefid                    | Esfahan  |
| 4       | Vila Dareh                    | East Azerbaijan | 16      | Robat Karim                   | Tehran   |
| 5       | Zarshloo                      | East Azerbaijan | 17      | Venarch                       | Tehran   |
| 6       | Khalifeh Kamal                | East Azerbaijan | 18      | Bensport                      | Khorasan |
| 7       | Manamin Khalkhal              | East Azerbaijan | 19      | Asad                          | Khorasan |
| 8       | Koloocheh                     | East Azerbaijan | 20      | Nogh                          | Khorasan |
| 9       | Chai Talvar                   | East Azerbaijan | 21      | Bagh Qareh                    | Khorasan |
| 10      | Janbehan                      | East Azerbaijan | 22      | Salam Rud                     | Khorasan |
| 11      | Chahbashi                     | Esfahan         | 23      | Honeshk                       | Fars     |
| 12      | Benvid                        | Esfahan         | 24      | Ab Band                       | Fars     |

Samani 1995



# Manganese

| Rank<br>2012 | Rank<br>2011 | C o u n t r y | Production<br>2012<br>metr. t | Share<br>in % |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1            | ( 2)         | South Africa  | 3 935 100                     | 20,81         |
| 2            | ( 1)         | China         | 3 700 000                     | 19,57         |
| 3            | ( 3)         | Australia     | 3 459 840                     | 18,30         |
| 4            | ( 4)         | Gabon         | 2 262 000                     | 11,96         |
| 5            | ( 5)         | Kazakhstan    | 1 428 000                     | 7,55          |
| 6            | ( 6)         | Brazil        | 1 118 000                     | 5,91          |
| 7            | ( 7)         | India         | 882 400                       | 4,67          |
| 8            | (10)         | Malaysia      | 527 800                       | 2,79          |
| 9            | ( 8)         | Ghana         | 521 720                       | 2,76          |
| 10           | ( 9)         | Ukraine       | 456 600                       | 2,41          |
| 11           | (11)         | Mexico        | 188 294                       | 1,00          |
| 12           | (20)         | Cote d'Ivoire | 112 500                       | 0,59          |
| 13           | (13)         | Georgia       | 90 000                        | 0,48          |
| 14           | (15)         | Iran          | 46 000                        | 0,24          |
| 15           | (17)         | Morocco       | 45 100                        | 0,24          |



**NON - METALLIC DEPOSITS OF IRAN**

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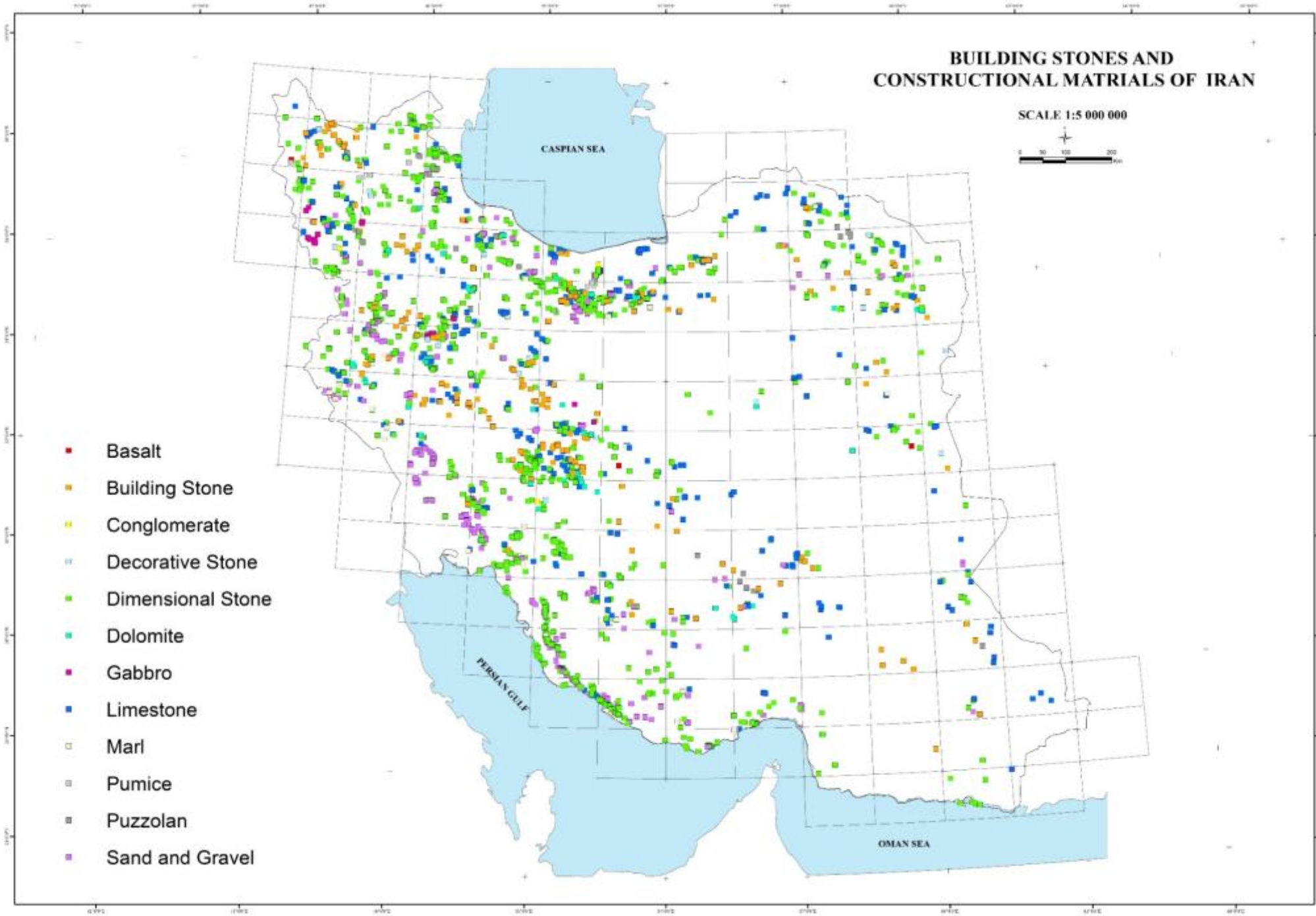
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- Borates
- Silicates
- Halides
- ▼ Nitrates
- ◆ Oxides
- ▲ Organic Materials

# BUILDING STONES AND CONSTRUCTIONAL MATRIALS OF IRAN

SCALE 1:5 000 000



- Basalt
- Building Stone
- Conglomerate
- Decorative Stone
- Dimensional Stone
- Dolomite
- Gabbro
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- Marl
- Pumice
- Puzzolan
- Sand and Gravel



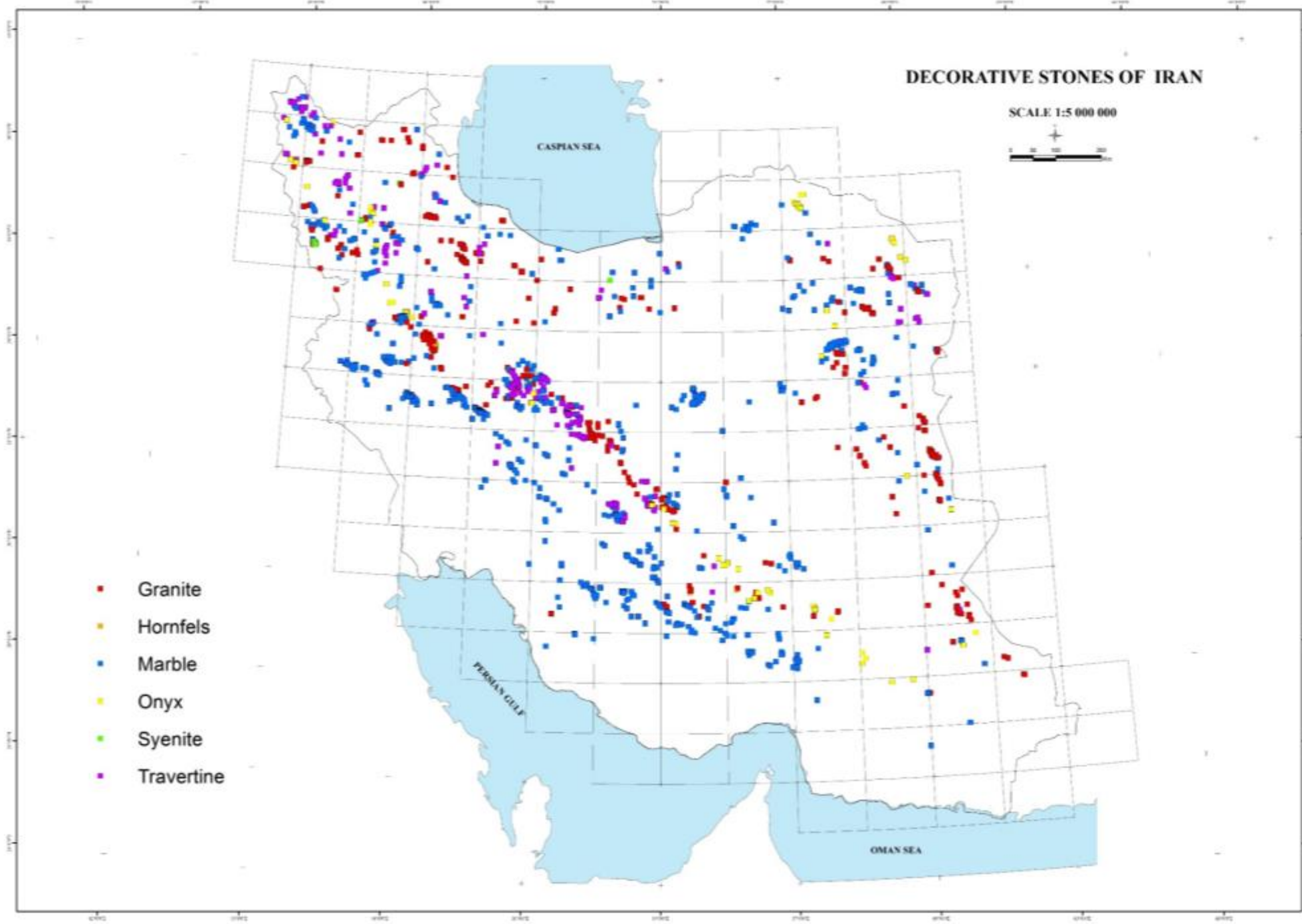


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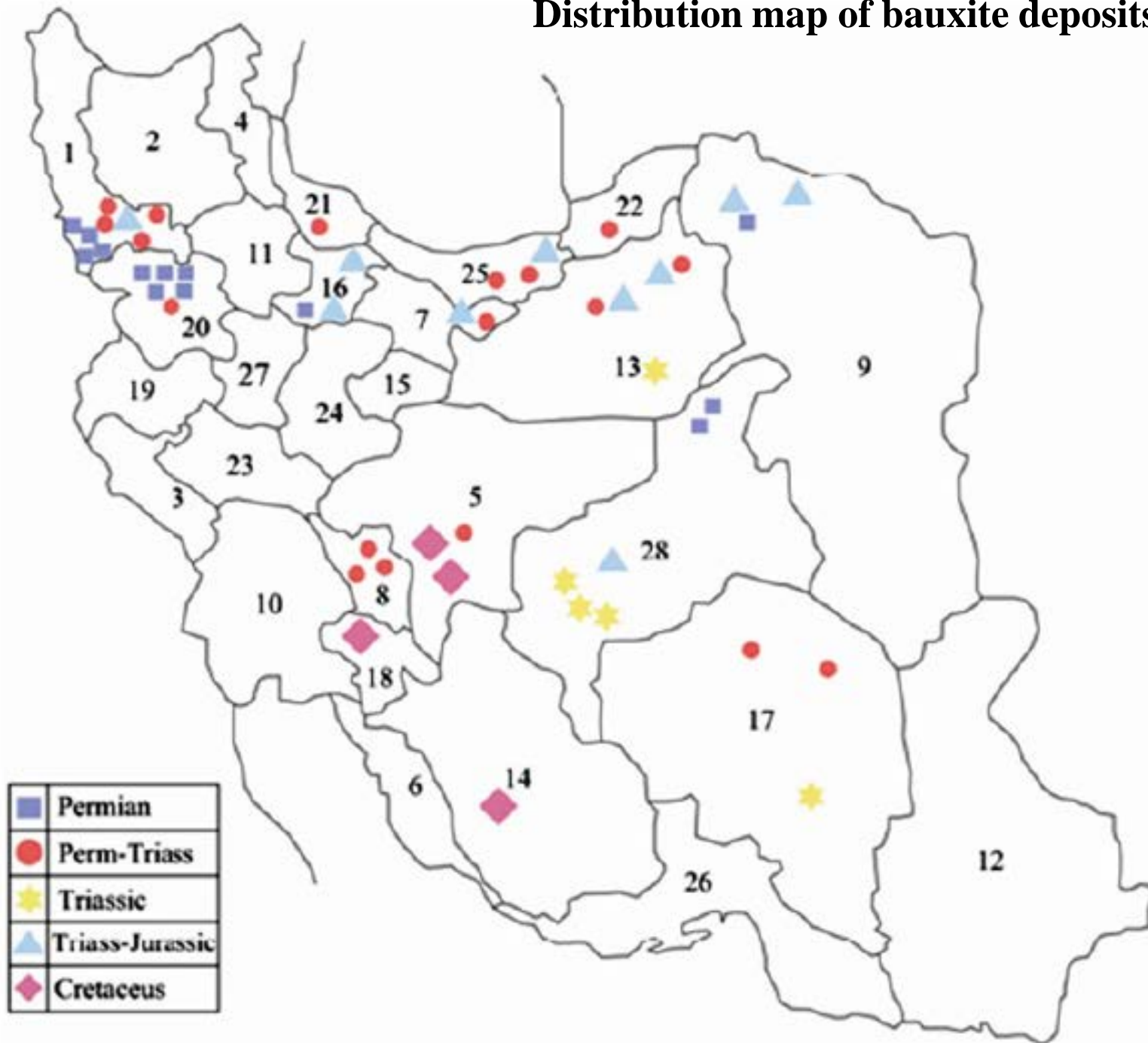
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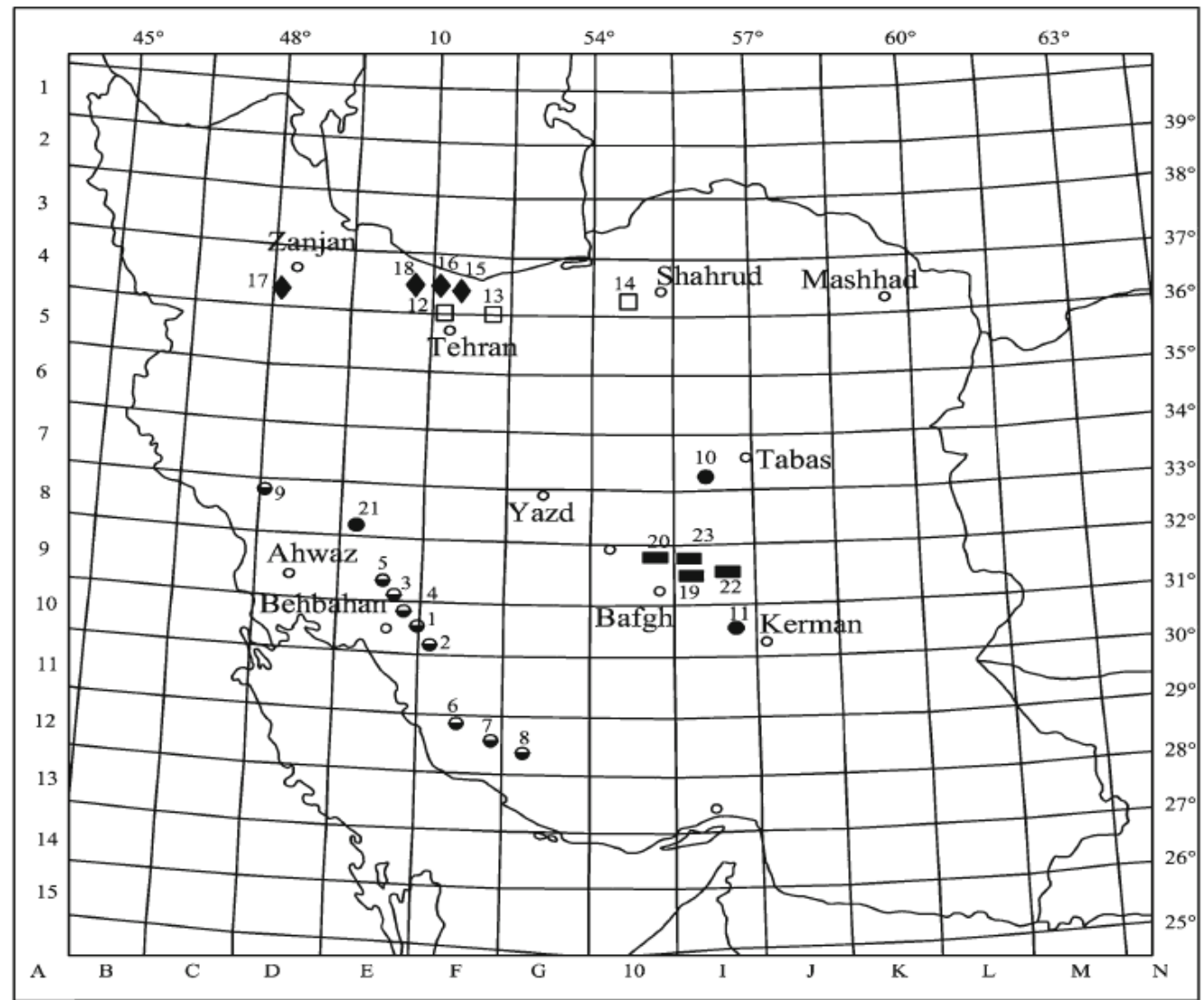
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- Onyx
- Syenite
- Travertine



Distribution map of bauxite deposits and indications of Iran (Soheili 2004 )

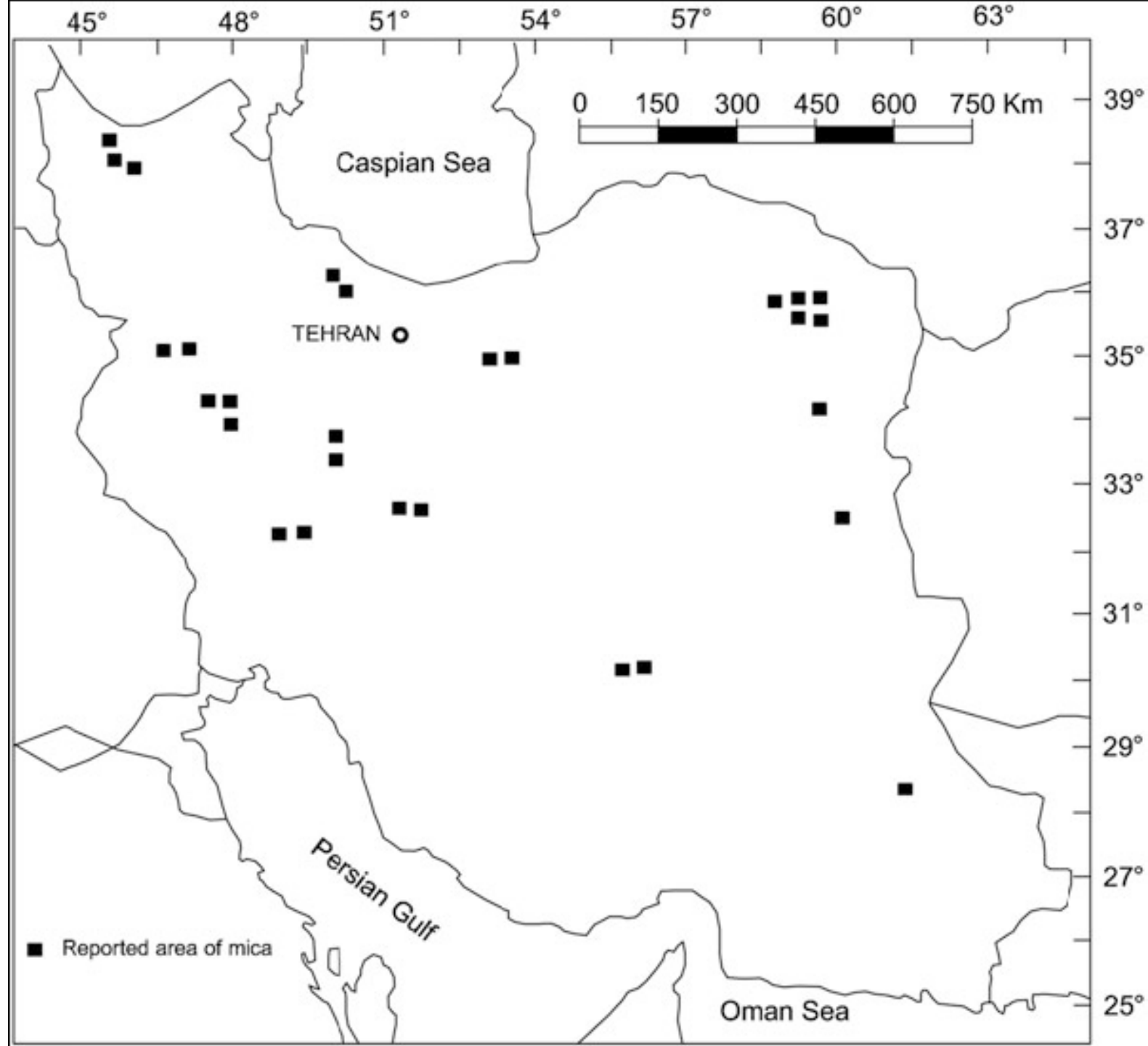


# Distribution of Iran phosphate deposits through different geologic periods



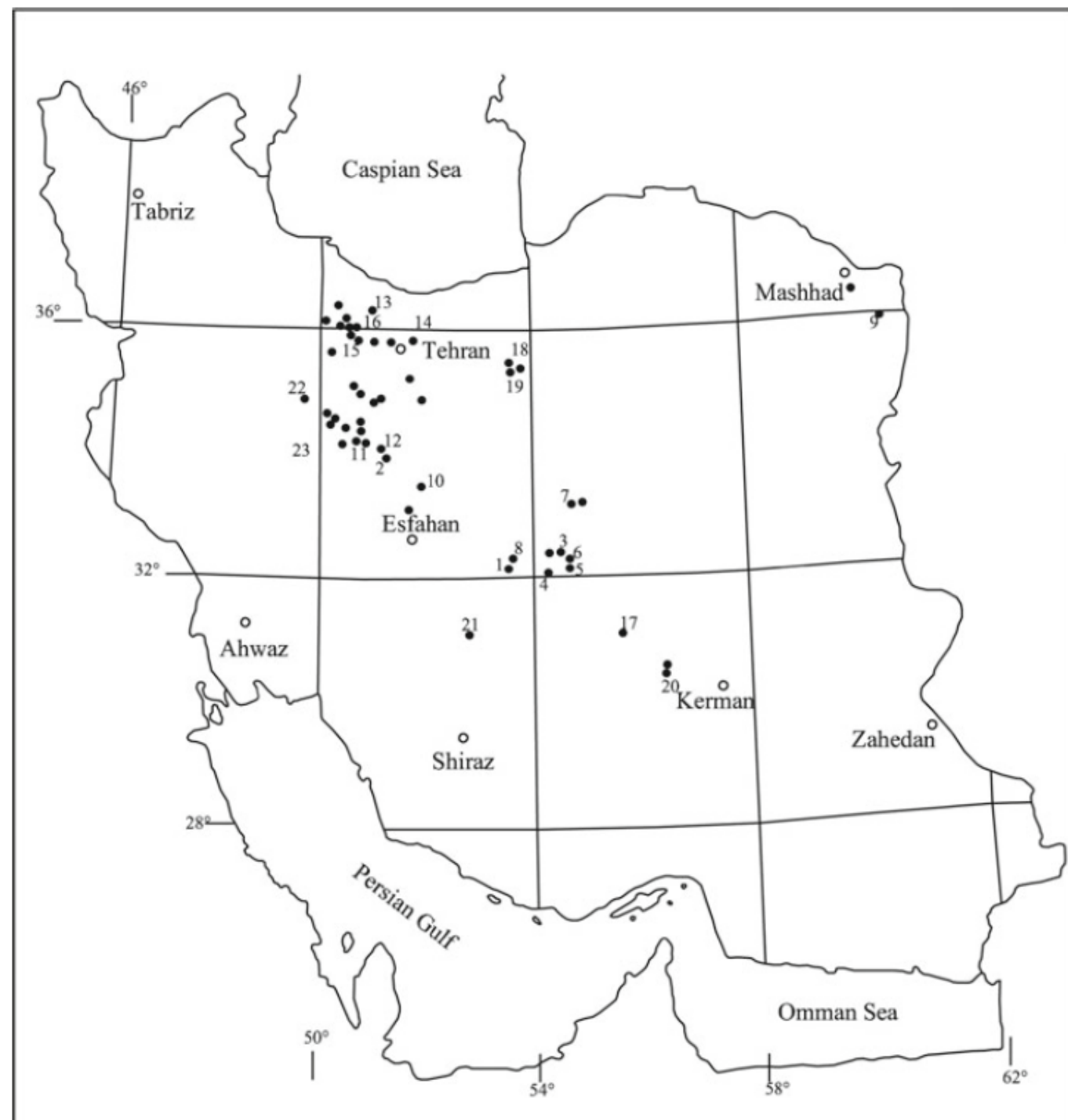
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|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Igneous      | Proterozoic- Cambrian | Upper Devonian | Ordovisian   | Cretaceous- Tertiary |
| 1- KuhLar    | 2- Sheikh Habil       | 3- KuhRish     | 4- KuhKoumeh | 5- KuhSefid          |
| 6- RizRud    | 7- KuhNamak           | 8- Khormoj     | 9- Chenareh  | 10- Kalmard          |
| 11- Dahouieh | 12- Shemshak          | 13- Firuzkuh   | 14- Dehmola  | 15- FirouzAbad       |
| 16- ValiAbad | 17- Zanjan            | 18- Dalir      | 19- Esfordi  | 20- Zarigan          |
| 21- Zardkuh  | 22- Gazestan          | 23- Lakkesiah  |              |                      |

**Distribution map of mica deposits of Iran  
(Ghorbani 2011 )**

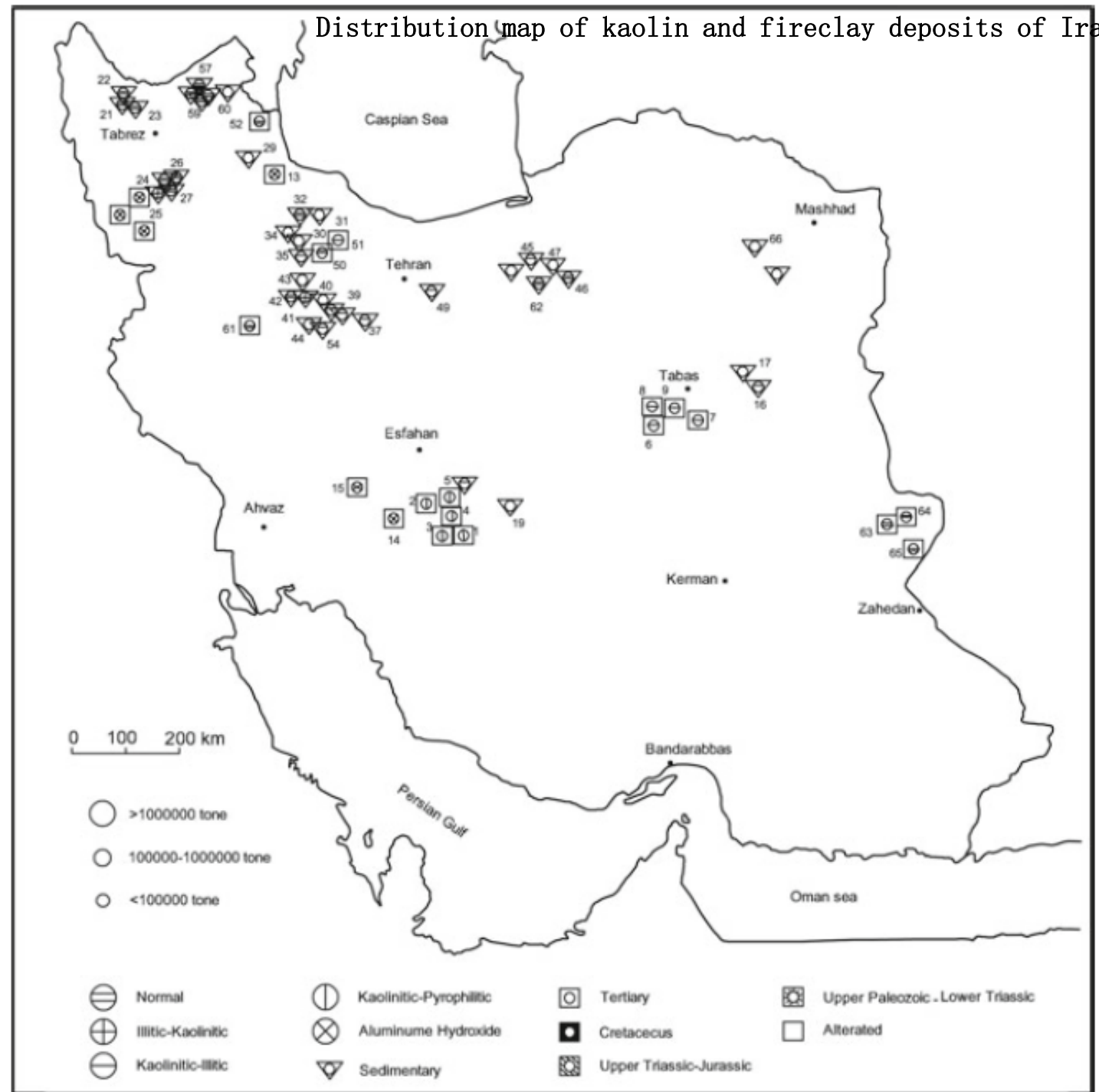


Distribution map of **barite** deposits of Iran  
(Khoshjou 1999 )


(1 Haft-har, 2 Darreh Kashan, 3 Ardekan, 4 Dorbid, 5 Niyook, 6 Dasht-e Deh, 7 Haji Abad, 8 Hoodeh, 9 Ghara Gheytan, 10 Kamshacheh, 11 Tappeh-sorkh Bichegan, 12 Vavan, 13 Elite, 14 Lar, 15 Ahoorak Taleghen, 16 Seplark, 17 Chari-Abtorsh, 18 Garmab, 19 Chah Shirin, 20 Baghin, 21 Khaneh Hozeh-abad, 22 Tang-abad, 23 Jasb)



- |                               |                                 |                                    |                            |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1- Esteghlal                  | 12- Norooz-abad                 | 23- Zonooz green clay              | 34- Nikooiyeh              |
| 2- Kavir 5                    | 13- Sang-rud                    | 24- Isti-soo                       | 35- Ghazan-daghi           |
| 3- Kavir 16                   | 14- Poshteh-Samirom             | 25- Maneshakeh                     | 36- Shabolagh              |
| 4- Kavir 17                   | 15- Dooplan refractory          | 26- Azar-goyooni kaolin            | 37- Kooshk-e Nosrat        |
| 5- Vijeh                      | 16- Baghe-siyah Gonabad         | 27- Abak                           | 38- Parandak               |
| 6- Cheshmeh Shotoran          | 17- Kabootar-kuh kaolin         | 28- Gavazn                         | 39- Tavakol-abad kaolin    |
| 7- Robat-khan                 | 18- Makki Kashmar               | 29- Zajekan Qazvin                 | 40- Hajib kaolin           |
| 8- Tabas ball clay            | 19- Abdullah Shahbaz            | 30- Qazvin                         | 41- Kooshk clay            |
| 9- Chah-bid clay-like deposit | 20- Robat Shah-abbasi           | 31- Abdol-abad                     | 42- Shirin-goo             |
| 10- Chelpo Shahin-dezh        | 21- Zonooz                      | 32- Ab-torsh kaolin                | 43- Shoorjehbolagh-bidloo  |
| 11- Shahin-dezh               | 22- Blootlook Zonooz            | 33- Kaolin deposit near Alan Ghaya | 44- Deposit near ghezeljeh |
| 45- Ghooshe kaolin-alunite    | 56- Isti-soo yellow clay        |                                    |                            |
| 46- Gandi                     | 57- Ghalandari ziling clay      |                                    |                            |
| 47- Komboloo refractory       | 58- Ahar mixed clay             |                                    |                            |
| 48- Darreh-jazin              | 59- Ahar white clay             |                                    |                            |
| 49- Kritoneh clay             | 60- Ghalandari-Ahar ziling clay |                                    |                            |
| 50- Soorjin clay              | 61- Lalehjin clay               |                                    |                            |
| 51- Niyagh clay               | 62- Dasht-e Kalat               |                                    |                            |
| 52- Bibi-janloo clay          | 63- Brick clay Shileh           |                                    |                            |
| 53- Ab-garm Mahalt clay       | 64- Shahr-e Sookhteh clay       |                                    |                            |
| 54- Kondaj kaolin-clay        | 65- Varmal clay                 |                                    |                            |
| 55- Gray clay                 | 66- Ghasem-abad                 |                                    |                            |



# Kaolin

| Rank<br>2012                                                                           | Rank<br>2011 | C o u n t r y  | Production<br>2012<br>metr. t | Share<br>in % |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1                                                                                      | ( 1)         | United States  | 5 900 000                     | 17,18         |
| 2                                                                                      | ( 2)         | Germany        | 4 347 591                     | 12,66         |
| 3                                                                                      | ( 5)         | India          | 3 678 930                     | 10,71         |
| 4                                                                                      | ( 3)         | Czech Republic | 3 318 000                     | 9,66          |
| 5                                                                                      | ( 4)         | China          | 3 300 000                     | 9,61          |
| 6                                                                                      | ( 6)         | Brazil         | 2 189 000                     | 6,37          |
| 7                                                                                      | ( 8)         | Korea, South   | 1 910 947                     | 5,56          |
| 8                                                                                      | ( 7)         | Ukraine        | 1 736 000                     | 5,05          |
| 9                                                                                      | (10)         | United Kingdom | 1 150 000                     | 3,35          |
| 10                                                                                     | ( 9)         | Turkey         | 980 924                       | 2,86          |
|  11 | (11)         | Iran           | 800 000                       | 2,33          |
| 12                                                                                     | (12)         | Vietnam        | 650 000                       | 1,89          |
| 13                                                                                     | (24)         | Mexico         | 514 730                       | 1,50          |
| 14                                                                                     | (13)         | Malaysia       | 438 923                       | 1,28          |
| 15                                                                                     | (16)         | Spain          | 332 000                       | 0,97          |

## Distribution map of bentonite deposits of Iran

The primary mineral of all bentonites in Iran is montmorillonite. In most of these, bentonite minerals like cristobalite, quartz, and calcite are found as secondary minerals. It is interesting to note that in the bentonite deposits of Iran, montmorillonite and kaolinite minerals are not paragenetic. Evidences from mineralogical studies and field observations indicate that wherever these two minerals are seen together, the minerals and the host rocks show stratiform structure, and the minerals are the result of erosion and sedimentation (they are not in situ) and do not form high-quality deposits.





## Chemical composition of bentonite deposits of Iran

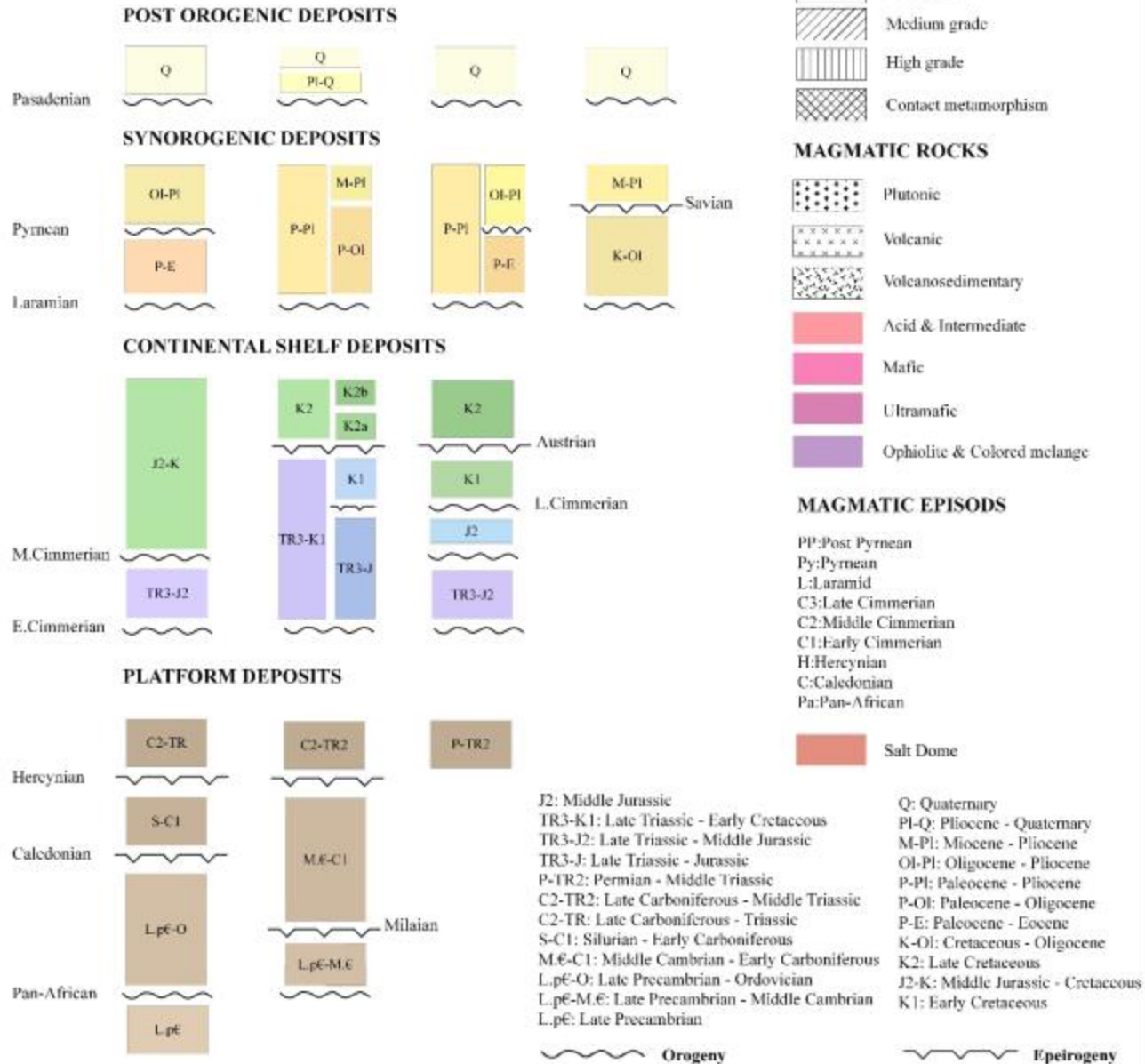
| Deposit name         | Total  | H <sub>2</sub> O– | H <sub>2</sub> O+ | MgO  | CaO   | Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | SiO <sub>2</sub> | FeO+ Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | K <sub>2</sub> O | Na <sub>2</sub> O |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|------|-------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Goosh-mir            | 100.51 | 6.06              | 6.52              | 2.02 | 6.8   | 12.43                          | 63               | 0.59                                | 0.44             | 2.65              |
| Hessami-ye Ferdows   | 101.54 | 4.3               | 14.37             | 2.52 | 9.81  | 12.66                          | 50               | 1.88                                | 3.67             | 2.33              |
| Jahrom               | 100.77 | 9.38              | 8.02              | 5.24 | 1.61  | 21.04                          | 53.06            | 1.13                                | 1.29             | 0                 |
| Kheyra-abad-e Kerman | 98.43  | 8.03              | 11.3              | 2.9  | 1.94  | 14.4                           | 56.49            | 1.24                                | 0.62             | 1.51              |
| Khoshab-e Kashmar    | 100.6  | 12.81             | 11.6              | 2.67 | 10.57 | 14.34                          | 41.6             | 4.95                                | 0.28             | 1.78              |
| Kilan                | 99.67  | 7.68              | 5.56              | 4.36 | 2.66  | 17.11                          | 54.38            | 4.3                                 | 1.3              | 2.32              |
| Mehrjan              | 99.97  | 5.19              | 4.41              | 2.67 | 1.54  | 15.09                          | 66.79            | 1.69                                | 0.26             | 2.33              |
| Rashm                | 99.46  | 5.49              | 4.99              | 1.92 | 0.77  | 16.65                          | 62.07            | 2.16                                | 1.14             | 4.27              |
| Siah Kuh             | 99.21  | 4.91              | 4.03              | 1.92 | 1.33  | 13.37                          | 68.6             | 1.37                                | 0.91             | 2.77              |
| Soosan-var           | 89.67  | 3.1               | 5                 | 1.11 | 2.03  | 10.04                          | 62.53            | 1.2                                 | 1.13             | 3.53              |
| Tafresh              | 98.87  | 9.46              | 6.31              | 3.75 | 1.47  | 18.85                          | 53.09            | 3.2                                 | 1.3              | 1.44              |
| Zarrin               | 99.45  | 3.76              | 8                 | 1.81 | 6.66  | 14.24                          | 55.9             | 3.74                                | 1.31             | 4.03              |







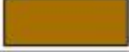
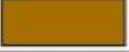








# TECTONOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNITS

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# SYMBOLS



|                                                                                   | ●         | ■                         | ◆                | ▲               | ▼                | ◐                  | ◑         |                                                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | Copper    | Agate                     | Fluorite         | Fire clay       | Lithium          | Tungsten-Tin       | Mica      |  |
|  | Lead-Zinc | Turquoise                 | Magnesite        | Industrial clay | Halite           | Nickel-Cobalt      | Huntite   |  |
|  | Chromium  | Garnet                    | Coal             | Kaolinite       | Borate           | Celestite          | Bitumen   |  |
|  | Gold      | Molybdenum                | Sulphur          | Bentonite       | Iodine           | Uranium            | Shell     |  |
|  | Barite    | Talc-Asbestos             | Perlite          | Zeolite         | Sulphate         | Andalusite         | Diatomite |  |
|  | Iron      | Manganese                 | Bauxite-Laterite | Alunite         | Gypsum-Anhydrite | Mercury            | Graphite  |  |
|  | Phosphate | Realgar-Orpiment-Antimony | Silica           | Feldspar        | Potash           | Titanium-Zirconium | Nitrate   |  |

|            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indication | ● | ■ | ◆ | ▲ | ▼ | ◐ | ◑ |
| Small      | ● | ■ | ◆ | ▲ | ▼ | ◐ | ◑ |
| Medium     | ● | ■ | ◆ | ▲ | ▼ | ◐ | ◑ |
| Large      | ● | ■ | ◆ | ▲ | ▼ | ◐ | ◑ |




### FAULTS

-  Major
-  Minor
-  Thrust

### FOLDS

-  Anticline
-  Syncline

### ROADS

-  First class
-  Second class
-  Railroad

-  City

# NON – METALLIC ORES

## Oxysalts

### Sulphates

Barite  
Sulphate (i.g.)

Celestite Alunite

Gypsum-Anhydrite Fireclay

### Carbonates

Magnesite

Huntite Shell

### Hydrous- Anhydrous Phosphates

Apatite

Turquoise Phosphate (i.g.)

### Hydrous- Anhydrous Borates

Borates

### Silicates

Mica  
Feldspar

Bentonite Zeolite  
Kaolinite Talc-Asbestos

Industrial clay (i.g.) Andalusite  
Perlite

## Halides

Halite

Potash Iod

Fluorite

## Nitrates

Potassium nitrate

## Oxides

Quartz-Silica

Agate Diatomite

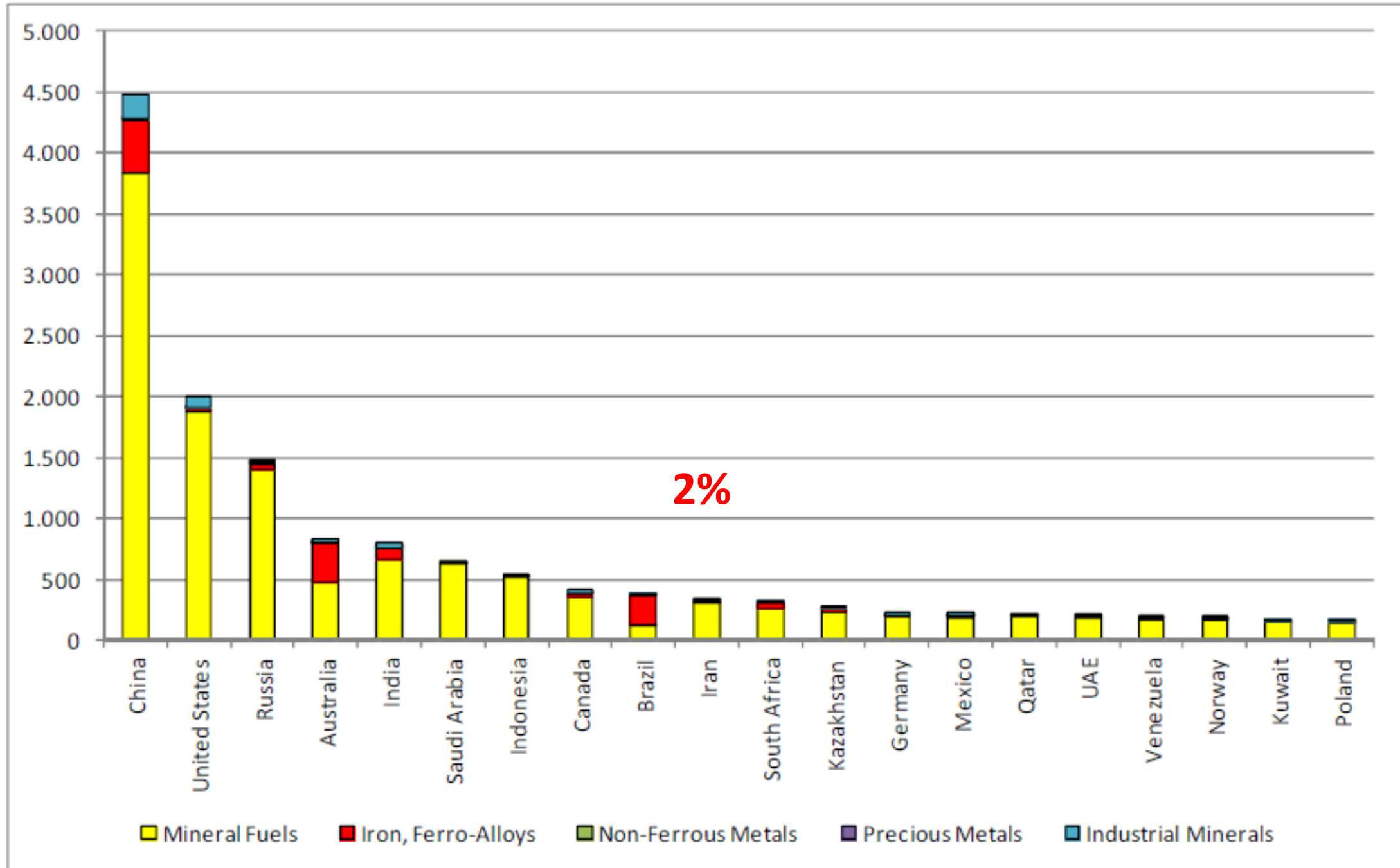
Bauxite-Laterite

## Organic materials

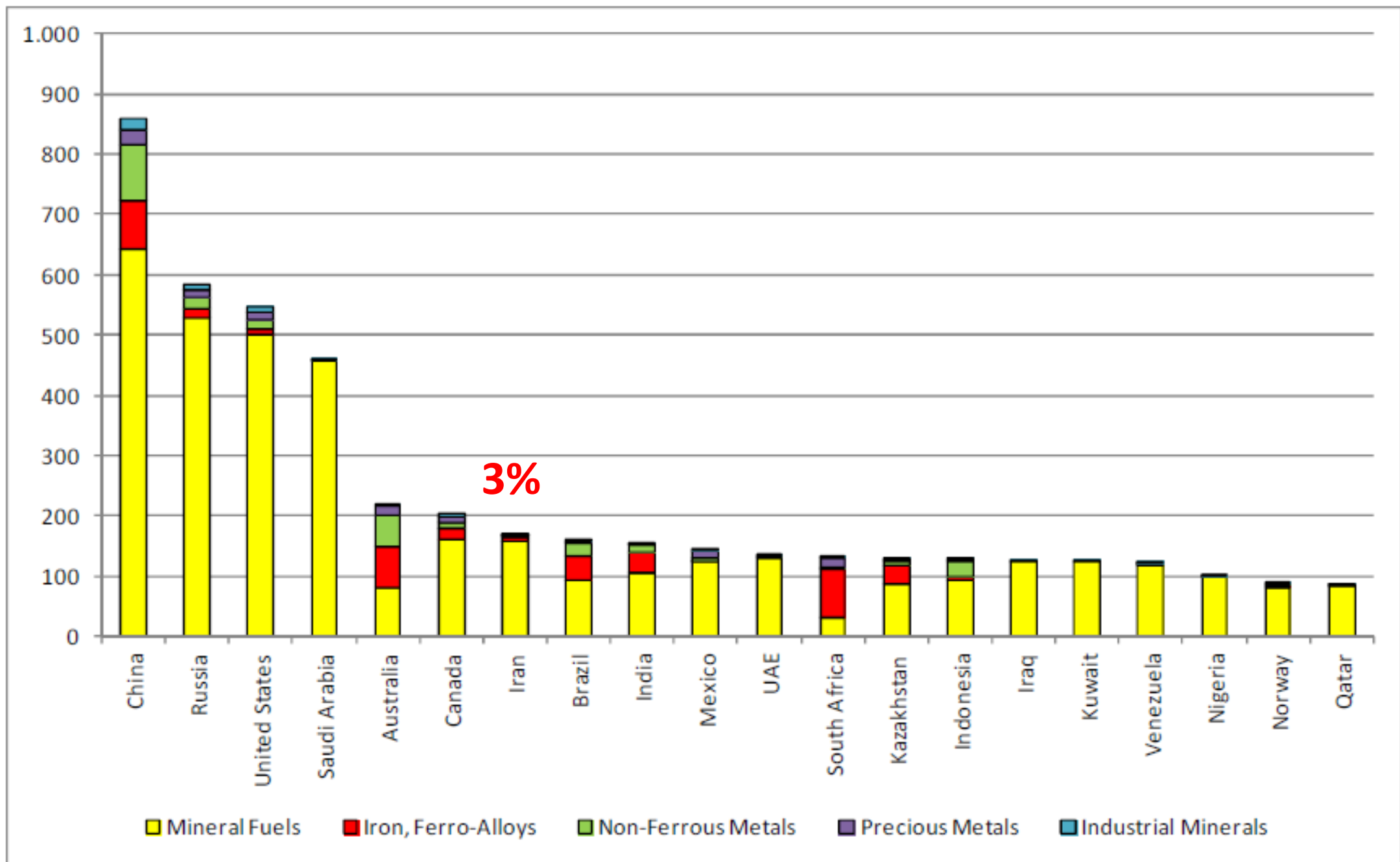
Coal

Bitumen

(i.g) : In general



20 largest producer countries 2012 (without construction minerals, in Million metr. t)



20 largest producer countries 2012 (without construction minerals, in Billion US\$)

## *Types of mineral deposits of Iran*

|            | Nonmetallic<br>minerals | Nonmetallic<br>minerals | Building materials               | Fossil fuel |
|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Copper     | Turquoise               | Sepiolite               | Building and<br>decorative stone | Oil         |
| Iron       | Phosphate               | Bitumen                 | Gypsum                           | Gas         |
| Manganese  | Salt                    | Orpiment                | Rubble stone                     | Condensate  |
| Chromite   | Sulfur                  | Asbestos                | Pumice                           | Coal        |
| Gold       | Sodium sulfate          | Sylvite                 | Perlite                          |             |
| Molybdenum | Kaolinite               | Chalk                   | Pozzolan and<br>pozzolanic tuff  |             |
| Lead       | Bentonite               | Vermiculite             | Scoria                           |             |
| Aluminum   | Talc                    | Borax                   |                                  |             |
| Antimony   | Mica                    | Barite                  |                                  |             |
| Arsenic    | Feldspar                | Magnesite               |                                  |             |
| Mercury    | Silica                  | Celestite               |                                  |             |
| Silver     | Fluorite                | Garnet                  |                                  |             |
| Polymetal  | Alunite                 | Dolomite                |                                  |             |
| Pyrite     | Nepheline syenite       | Zeolite                 |                                  |             |
| Uranium    | Limestone               | Diatomite               |                                  |             |
| Zinc       | Ochre                   | Agate                   |                                  |             |
| Tungsten   | Fireclay                | Bauxite                 |                                  |             |





## Iran

|             |     | 2007       | 2008       | 2009       | 2010       | 2011       | Change<br>07/11 | Change<br>10/11 |
|-------------|-----|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Baryte      | (t) | 280 300    | 343 750    | 200 000    | 269 134    | 270 000    | -3,67           | 0,32            |
| Bentonite   | (t) | 180 000    | 356 989    | 376 000    | 542 935    | 545 000    | 202,78          | 0,38            |
| Boron       | (t) | 1 603      | 1 150      | 1 000      | 1 060      | 1 000      | -37,62          | -5,66           |
| Diatomite   | (t) | 1 500      | 9 600      | 2 000      | 3 000      | 3 000      | 100,00          | 0,00            |
| Feldspar    | (t) | 512 261    | 501 821    | 502 000    | 533 117    | 540 000    | 5,42            | 1,29            |
| Fluorspar   | (t) | 68 192     | 61 592     | 62 000     | 59 831     | 60 000     | -12,01          | 0,28            |
| Graphite    | (t) | 0          | 0          | 0          | 360        | 360        | .               | 0,00            |
| Gypsum      | (t) | 16 000 000 | 17 691 242 | 17 700 000 | 18 313 023 | 18 300 000 | 14,38           | -0,07           |
| Kaolin      | (t) | 700 000    | 945 758    | 907 487    | 761 530    | 762 000    | 8,86            | 0,06            |
| Magnesite   | (t) | 112 229    | 115 087    | 130 575    | 173 530    | 170 000    | 51,48           | -2,03           |
| Perlite     | (t) | 30 000     | 40 307     | 47 000     | 19 168     | 20 000     | -33,33          | 4,34            |
| Phosphates  | (t) | 40 500     | 76 143     | 75 000     | 108 730    | 110 000    | 171,60          | 1,17            |
| Salt        | (t) | 2 534 871  | 2 447 428  | 2 200 000  | 2 997 441  | 3 200 000  | 26,24           | 6,76            |
| Sulfur      | (t) | 1 456 000  | 1 570 000  | 1 570 000  | 1 780 000  | 1 575 000  | 8,17            | -11,52          |
| Talc        | (t) | 91 000     | 90 000     | 66 383     | 62 672     | 63 000     | -30,77          | 0,52            |
| Vermiculite | (t) | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1 200      | 1 200      | .               | 0,00            |

## Iran

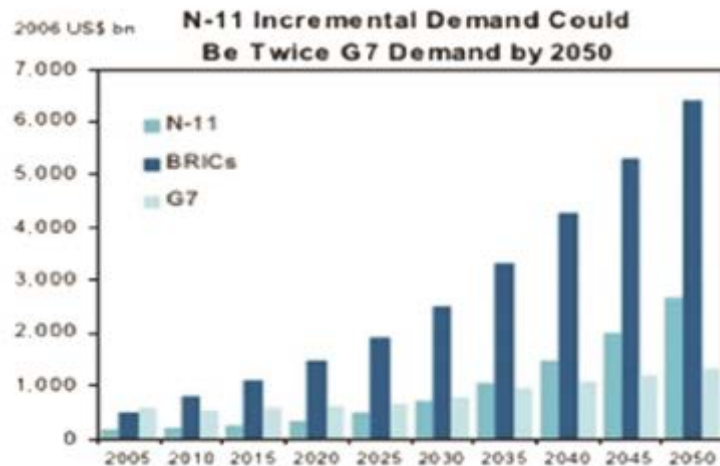
|                                |     | 2007        | 2008        | 2009        | 2010        | 2011        | Change<br>07/11 | Change<br>10/11 |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Steam Coal                     | (t) | 324 000     | 324 000     | 104 000     | 99 000      | 113 000     | -65,12          | 14,14           |
| Coking Coal                    | (t) | 1 039 000   | 1 266 000   | 1 048 000   | 926 000     | 1 061 000   | 2,12            | 14,58           |
| Nat. Gas (Mio m <sup>3</sup> ) |     | 111 900     | 116 300     | 131 200     | 146 200     | 151 800     | 35,66           | 3,83            |
| Petroleum                      | (t) | 209 600 000 | 213 000 000 | 204 000 000 | 207 100 000 | 205 800 000 | -1,81           | -0,63           |
| Total                          | (t) | 340 283 551 | 348 255 076 | 352 072 590 | 371 150 360 | 381 178 800 |                 |                 |

## *Some Highlights of Mineral reserve and production*

- 10th largest Iron reserves
- First largest Gypsum reserves
- One of 10 countries with large copper, lead and zinc reserves
- 4th largest producer of Cement
- 10th largest producer of Steel
- One of 10 producers of Molybdenum, feldspar, Fluorspar, Lime, Dimensional stone, Barite

- Iran ranks 2th in the world in natural gas reserve and 4th in oil reserve
- Iran has the largest and most diverse manufacturing base in the Middle East
- Young educated people
- Large domestic market
- Developed infrastructure, telecommunications and energy
- 10th rank in tourism industry and ecotourism potential

New studies by Economic research groups identified N11, 11 economies that can be surpass the G7 in share of global growth. Iran was listed one of the N11 economies.



## *GDP prediction for 2050 (billions US\$)*

| Position in 2050                                                                       | Country        | 2050   | 2040   | 2030   | 2020   | 2015   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1     | China          | 70.710 | 45.022 | 25.610 | 12.630 | 8.133  |
| 2     | USA            | 38.514 | 29.823 | 22.817 | 17.978 | 16.194 |
| 3     | India          | 37.668 | 16.510 | 6.683  | 2.848  | 1.900  |
| 4     | Brazil         | 11.366 | 6.631  | 3.720  | 2.194  | 1.720  |
| 5     | Mexico         | 9.340  | 5.471  | 3.068  | 1.742  | 1.327  |
| 6     | Russia         | 8.580  | 6.320  | 4.265  | 2.554  | 1.900  |
| 7     | Indonesia      | 7.010  | 3.286  | 1.479  | 752    | 562    |
| 8    | Japan          | 6.677  | 6.042  | 5.814  | 5.224  | 4.861  |
| 9   | Iran           | 5.945  | 3.085  | 1.673  | 994    | 716    |
| 10  | United Kingdom | 5.133  | 4.344  | 3.595  | 3.101  | 2.835  |

## *Some commodities production*

| Mineral                | Production (000ton) |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Iron Ore               | 50,000              |
| Steel                  | 17,000              |
| Copper (cathode)       | 200                 |
| Lead                   | 40                  |
| Zinc                   | 105                 |
| Sulfur                 | 1,900               |
| feldspar               | 600                 |
| Fluorspar              | 70                  |
| Gypsum                 | 13,000              |
| Barite                 | 270                 |
| Cement                 | 75,000              |
| Aluminum               | 350                 |
| Chromite               | 400                 |
| Gold                   | 3 (ton)             |
| Manganese (Mn content) | 70                  |

## *Some commodities reserve*

| Mineral           | Reserve (million ton) |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Iron Ore          | 2500                  |
| Copper            | 3000                  |
| Lead and Zinc ore | 90                    |
| Gypsum            | 900                   |

**Thanks for your attention**