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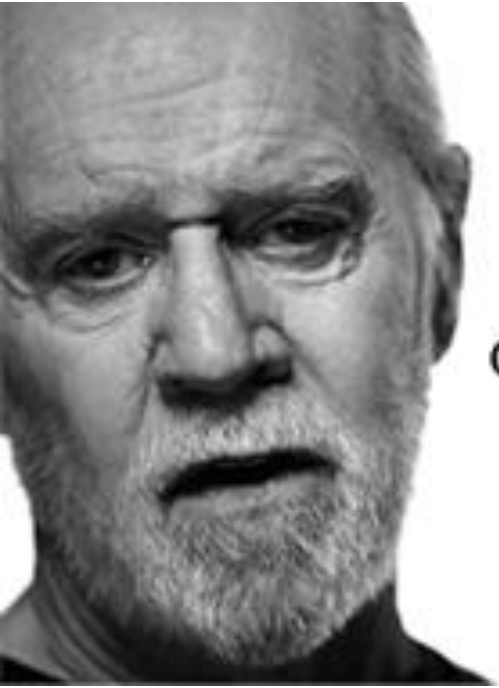
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A Mycocene Discussion



*Santa of the Forest:
A Castonguay Family Tradition*

- SciFi-Parody
 - set ~50,000 yrs future, next interglacial
 - Mycocene – fungi dominate earth
 - Anthropocene (?) – human dominated geology
- Reality: Are we terraforming earth for fungi?
 - Asking a group of Radical Mycologists!
- Presentation
 - From perspective of fungi economic geologist
 - Overview of Anthropocene deposits, Mycocene, and thoughts on humans



GEORGE CARLIN
1937-2008

In-spore-ation

geologist + mycophile + mythmatician

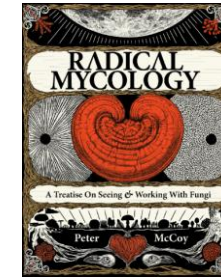


Terrance McKenna
1946-2000

'Humans: Earth + Plastics'

-(1992) Jammin' in New York

[\(2010\) Stamets](#)



'Human evolution and Fungi are inextricably linked'

-(1992) *Food of the Gods*

[\(2016\) McCoy](#)

[\(2018\) Olson, RMC](#)

Mushroom Bioaccumulation:
Current Perspectives and Future Research Needs

LEIF OLSON

Mycocene

Anthropocene



[Langdon Winner](#)

+ IDEAS =



Biodegradation of Polyester Polyurethane by Endophytic Fungi[▽]

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(2011) Applied and Environmental Microbiology

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I. Introduction

Why do we study the Anthropocene Deposits?

What is known?

II. Review of Deposits

i. PPD – Polymer Pile Deposits

ii. AAPG – Anthropocene-Apocalytocene Petroleum on Ground

iii. MMP – Metallic Arthropod Migration Pathways

iv. MAC (Metallic-Aggregate-Carbonate) Regions

III. Connections with *Homo sapiens*

I. WHY?

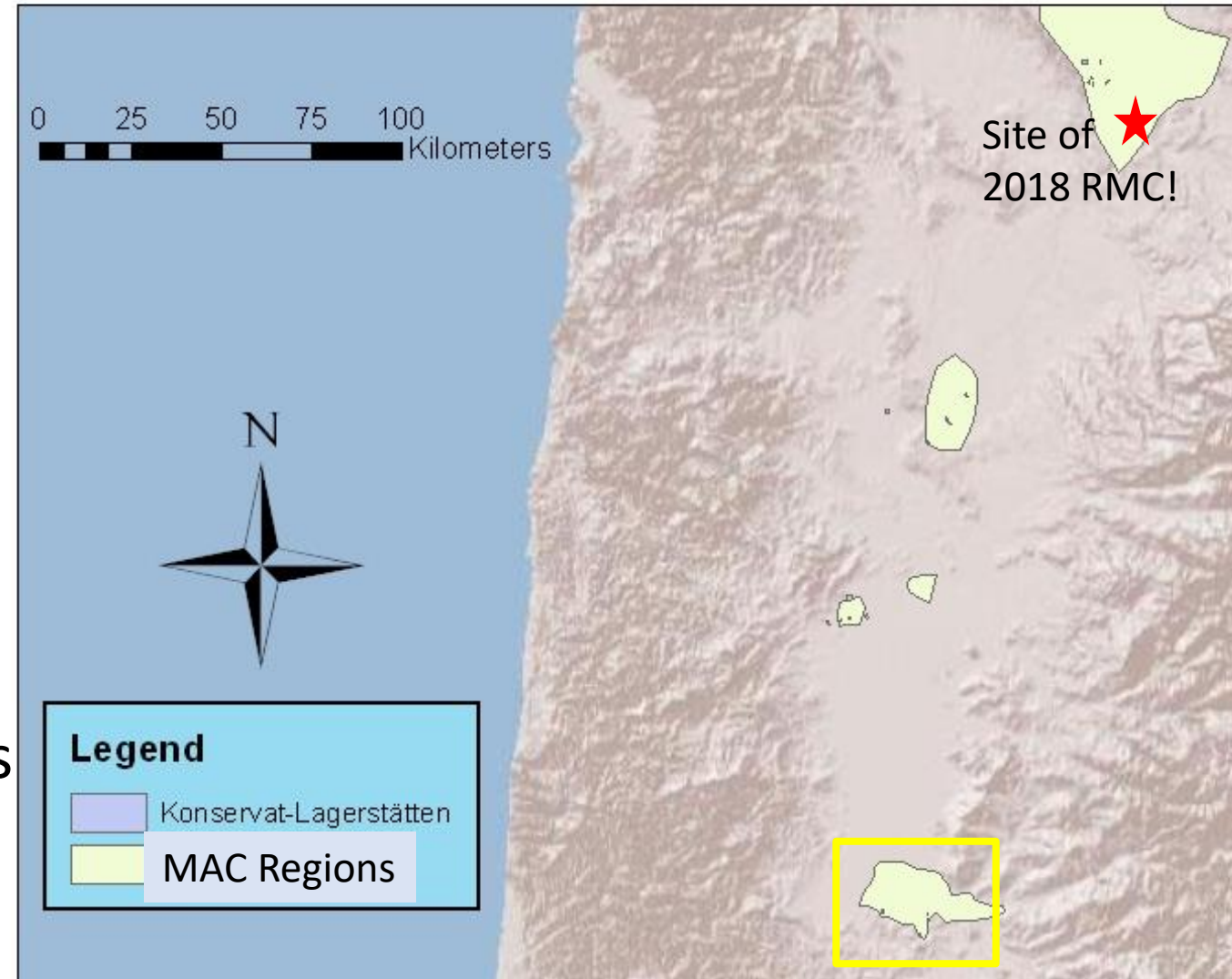
AAPG Deposits!

(Anthropocene-Apocalyptocene Petroleum Ground)

- Primary Mycocene Resources (food, fiber, medicine, transportation)
- Found within or near MAC (Metallic-Aggregate-Carbonate) Regions
- During e. Mycocene easily accessible deposits extracted led to more exploration and research
- Now, more spatial and geologic data have revealed deeper connections within the Anthropocene ecology

Geologic Map of MAC Regions and AAPG Occurrences in Willamette Formation, SW Cascadia

(2018) Muscaria *et al.*, JCBA



I. What do we know of the Anthropocene?

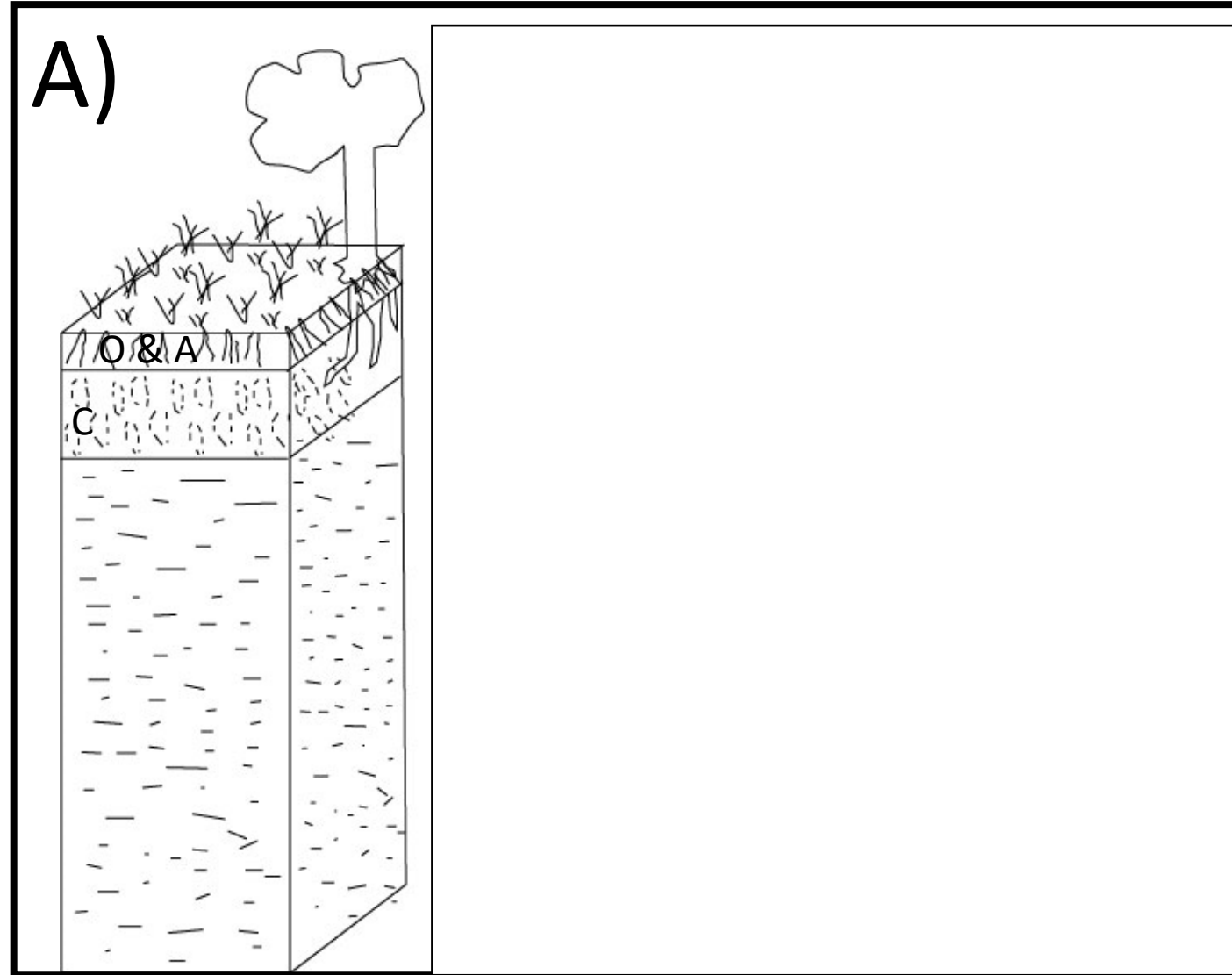
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Fig. 2, Castonguay 2018

[\(2015\) FAO Soil Taxonomy](#)

“long and intensive agricultural use”

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Grasslands, sparsely forested



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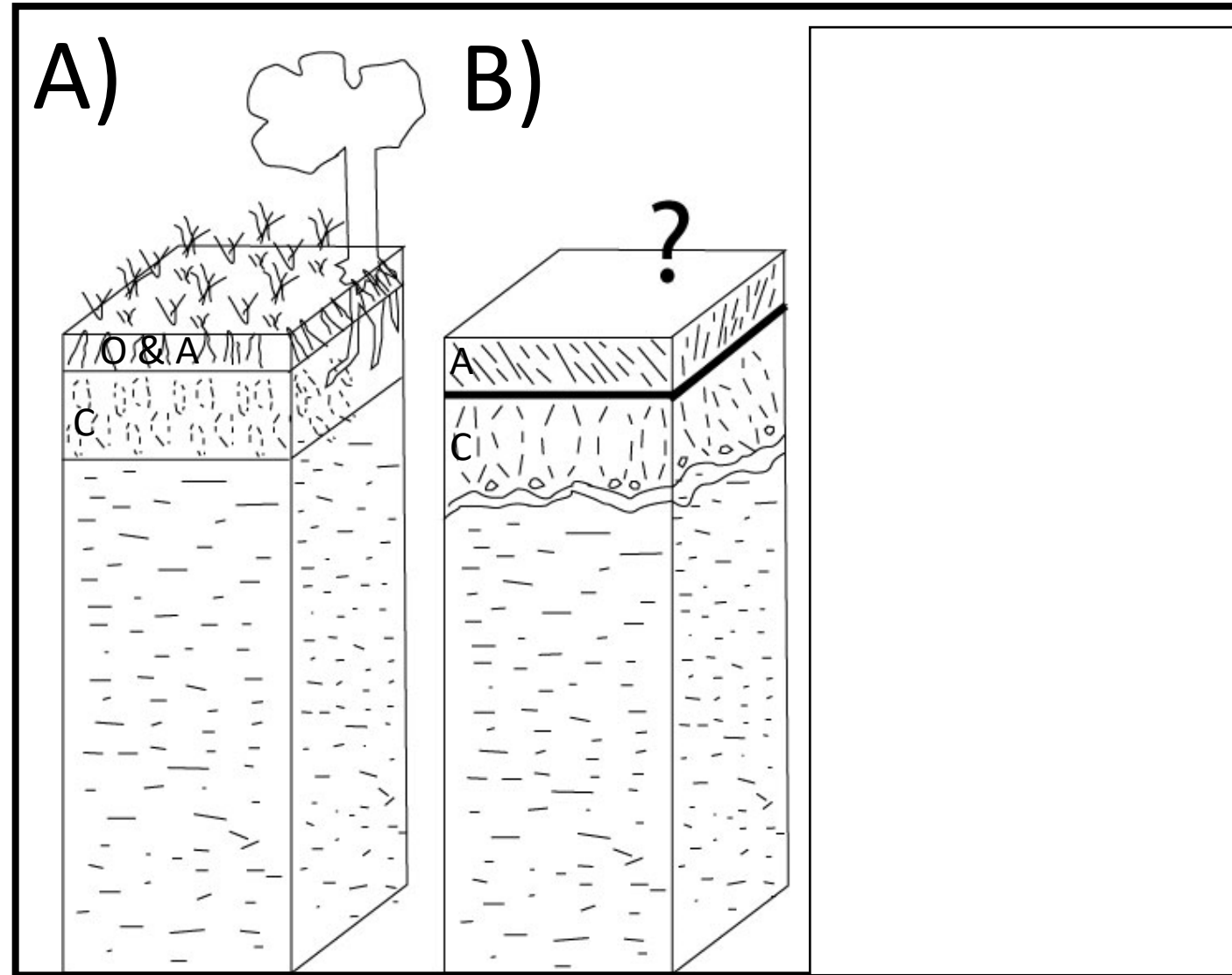
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But how? What mechanism?



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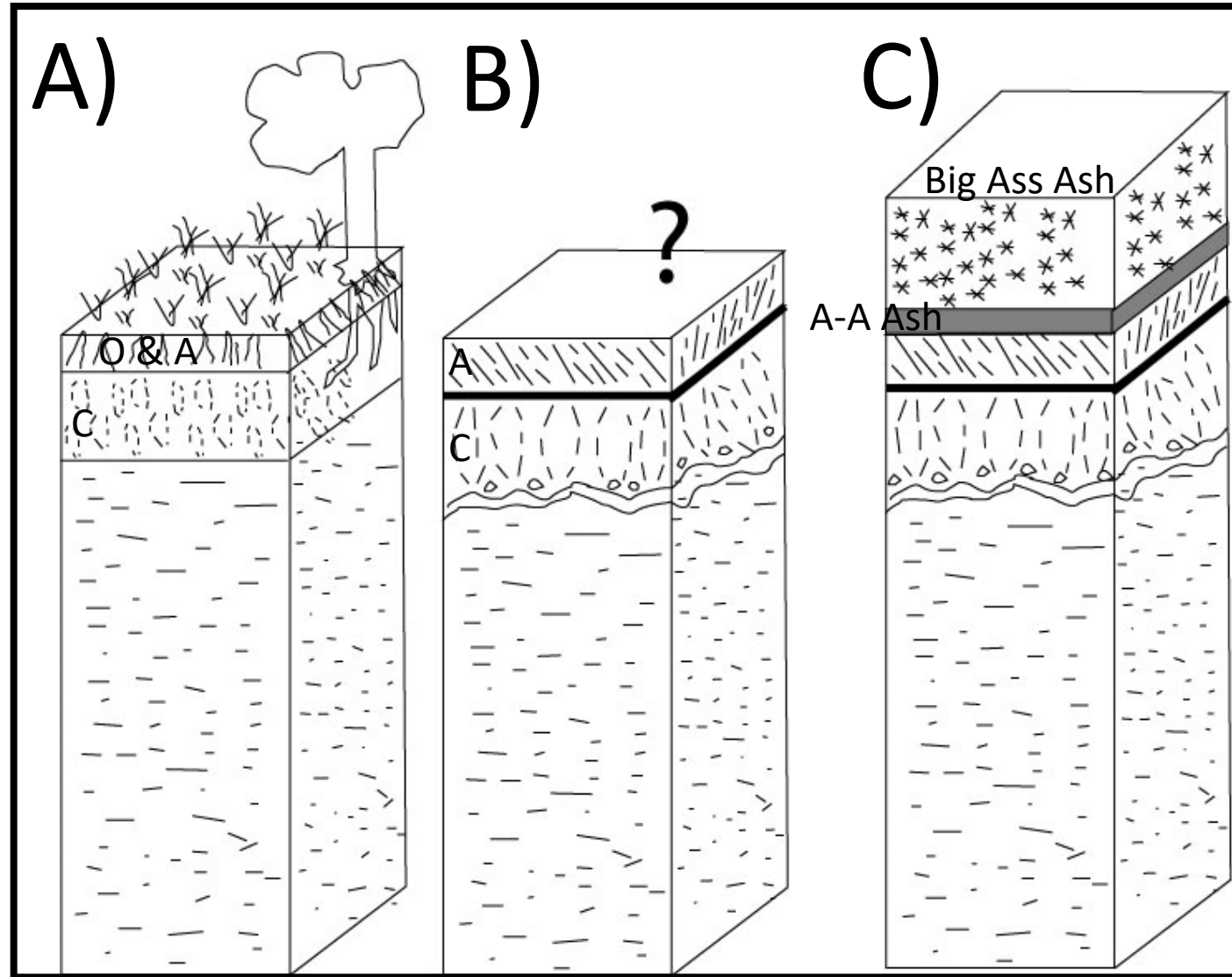
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C) Locally, capped with
A-A ash and large
Volcanic ash

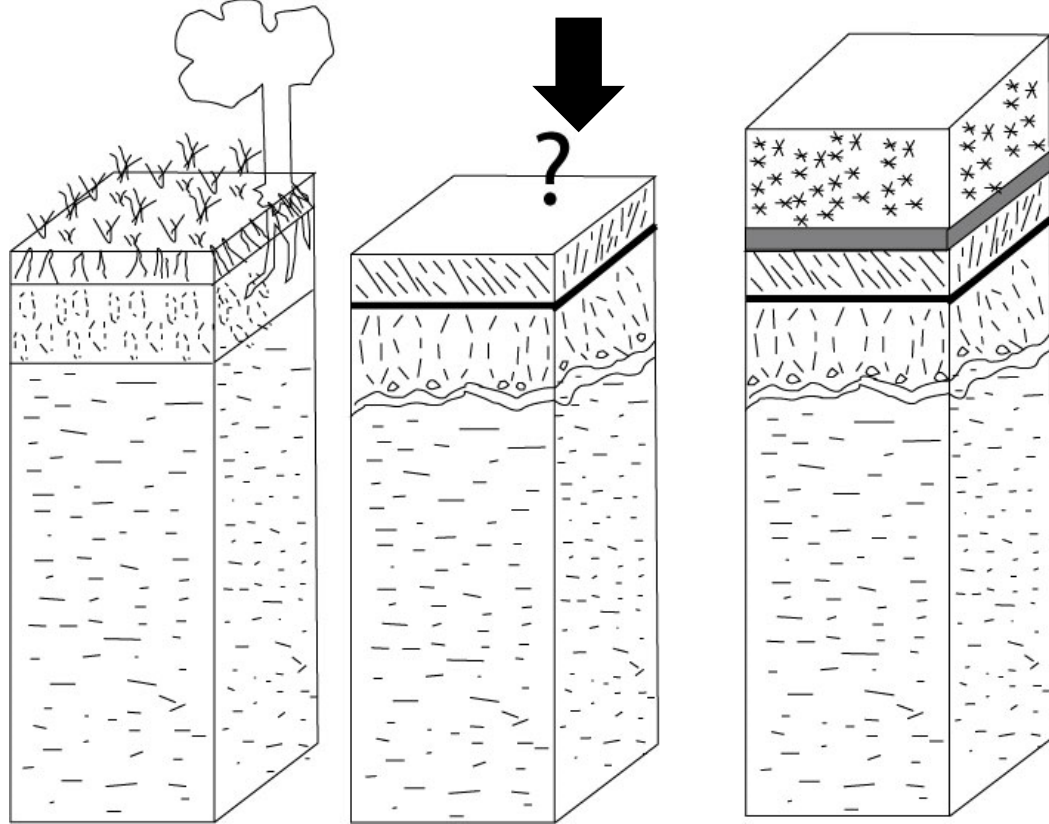


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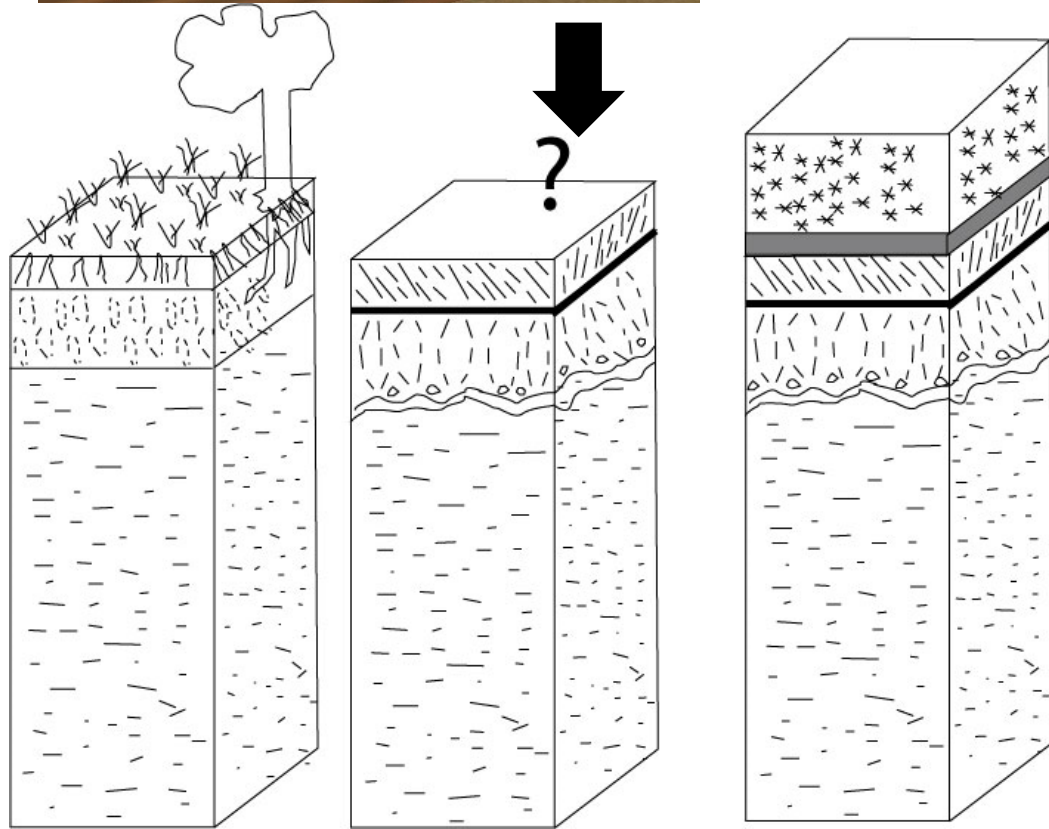
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Fig. 5, Castonguay 2018



Late Holocene,
circa 1890



Early to Late Anthropocene
circa 1940 - 2018



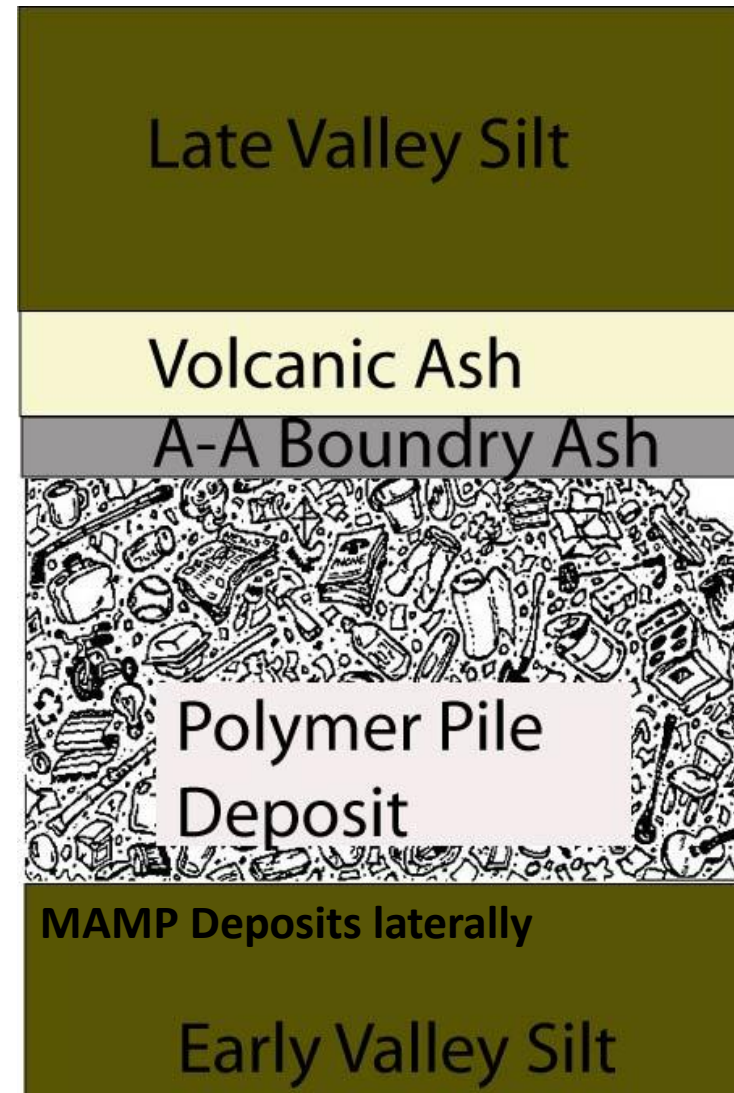
Examples of
Tractero genus of
metallic arthropods

I. 2011 – Willamette Formation reveals proximity of anthrosols, metallic arthropod migration pathways, and Polymer Pile Deposits (PPD)

(2011) Ostreatus et al., JCBA

“This proximity-based correlation does not yet show a causation of PPD by Arthropods, but we strongly suggest investigation will lead to greater understanding of PPD genesis”

Fig. 2, Willamette Formation Stratigraphy



I. 2011 – *Willamette Formation reveals proximity of*
an Fig. 3, Paleoreconstruction of Willamette Fm. ecology *highways, and*

(2011

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Eocene Boring Volcanics

Late Valley Silt

Volcanic Ash

A-A Boundry A

Polymer Pile Deposit

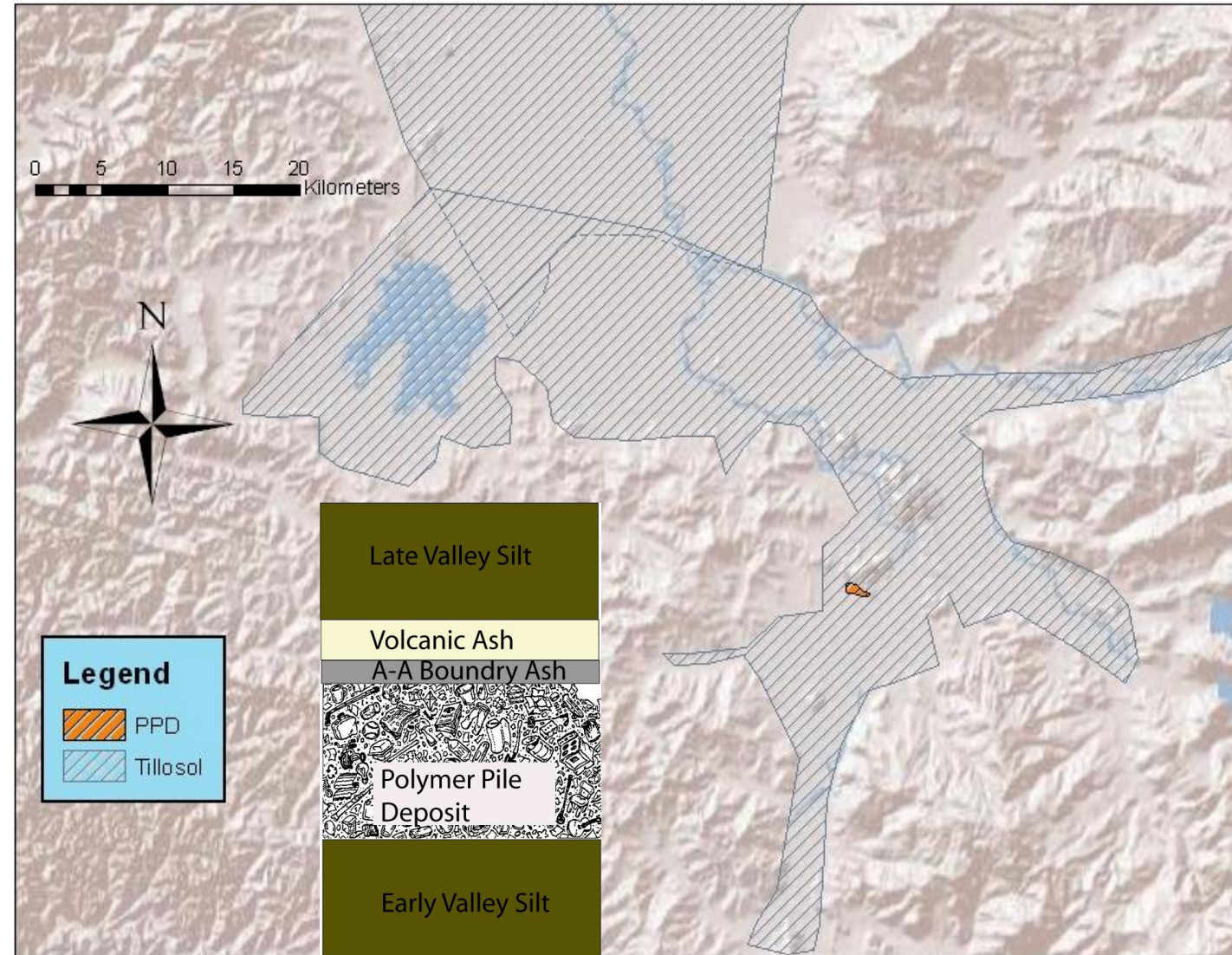
MAMP Deposits laterally

Early Valley Sil

Short Mountain Landfill, Lane County

I. What are the current hypotheses?

- Anthrosols are probably caused by Metallic Arthropods
- PPD deposits correlate with Both (worldwide)
- Arthropods are also thought to be associated with smaller AAPG deposits
- What are arthropods doing?
- Look at other AAPGs

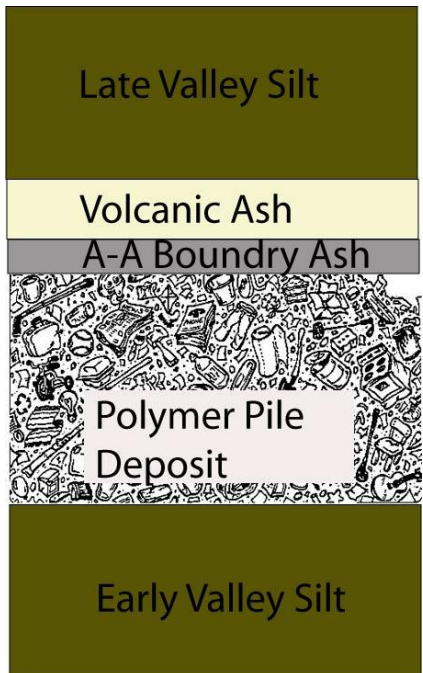


II. Review of Anthropocene-Apocalyptocene

Petroleum Ground (AAPG) Deposits

*special attention ecology and hypotheses regarding ecological origins

A. PPD – found near or within *alfisols*



Best conclusion:



B. AAPG – A-A boundary exclusive, Petro./derivs deposited *on ground surface*



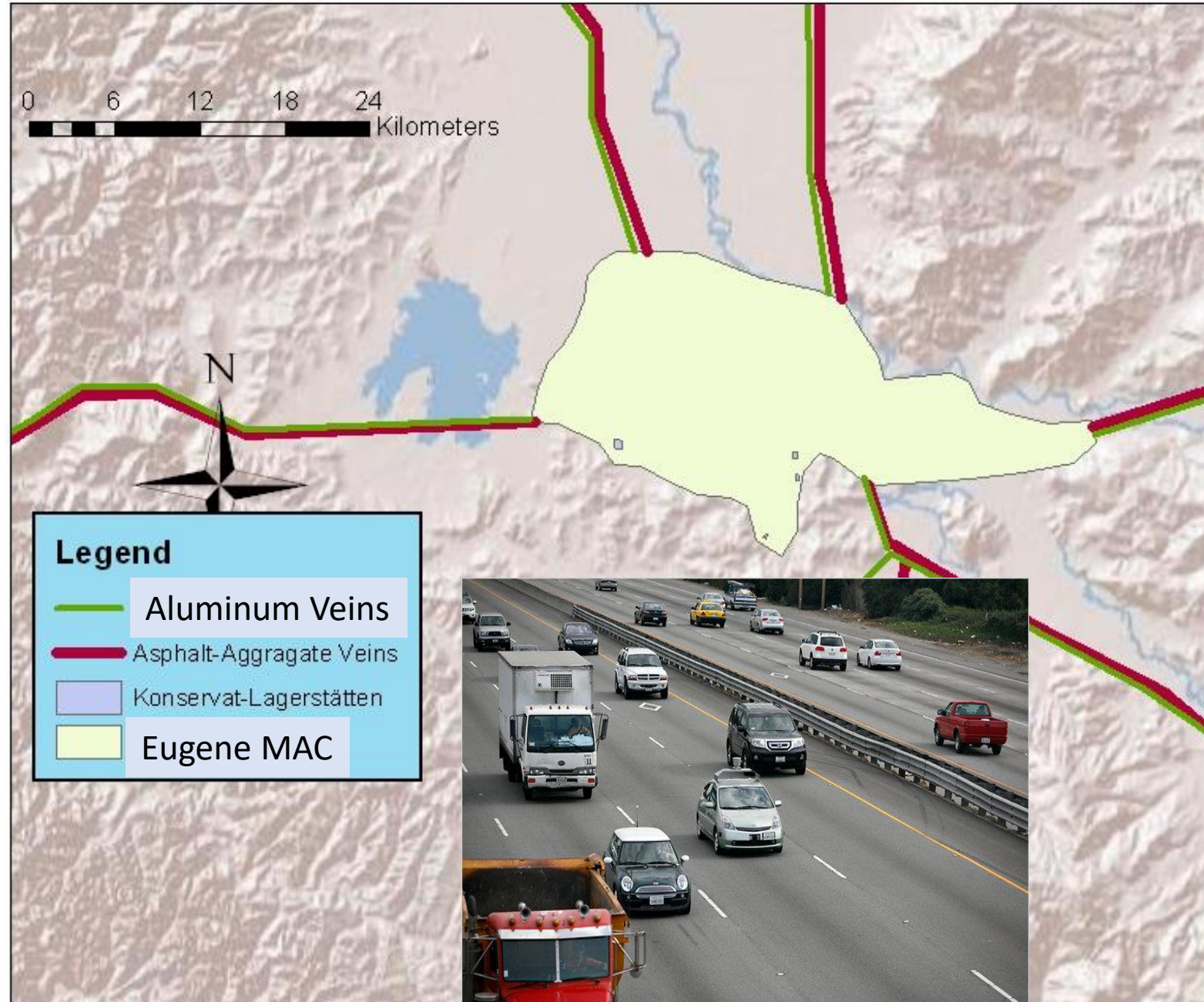
C. MAMP – Metallic Arthropod Migration Pathway
assist in finding MAC Regions



D. MAC Regions – massive regions with varying sizes of metallic-aggregate-carbonate mounds (colonies)

C. Metallic Arthropod Migration Pathways (MAMP)

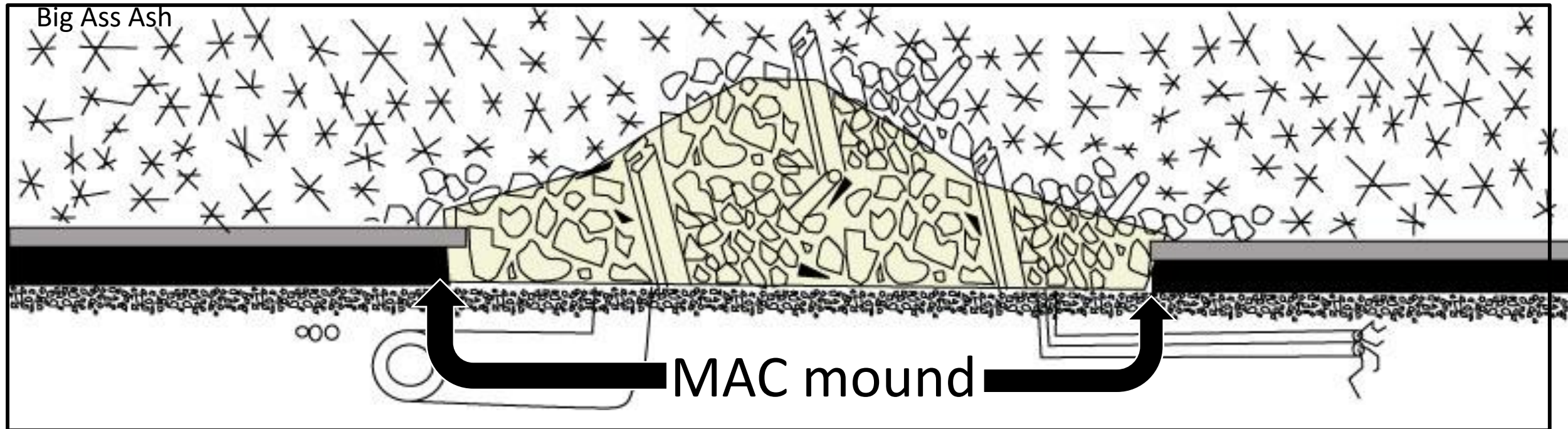
- Far reaching networks connecting major and minor MAC Regions
- Asphalt-aggregate veins **useful, but low-grade**
- Arthropods useful, But are dissiminated Along pathway



C. MAC Region: region containing dense population (?) of metallic-aggregate-carbonate mounds (colonies?)

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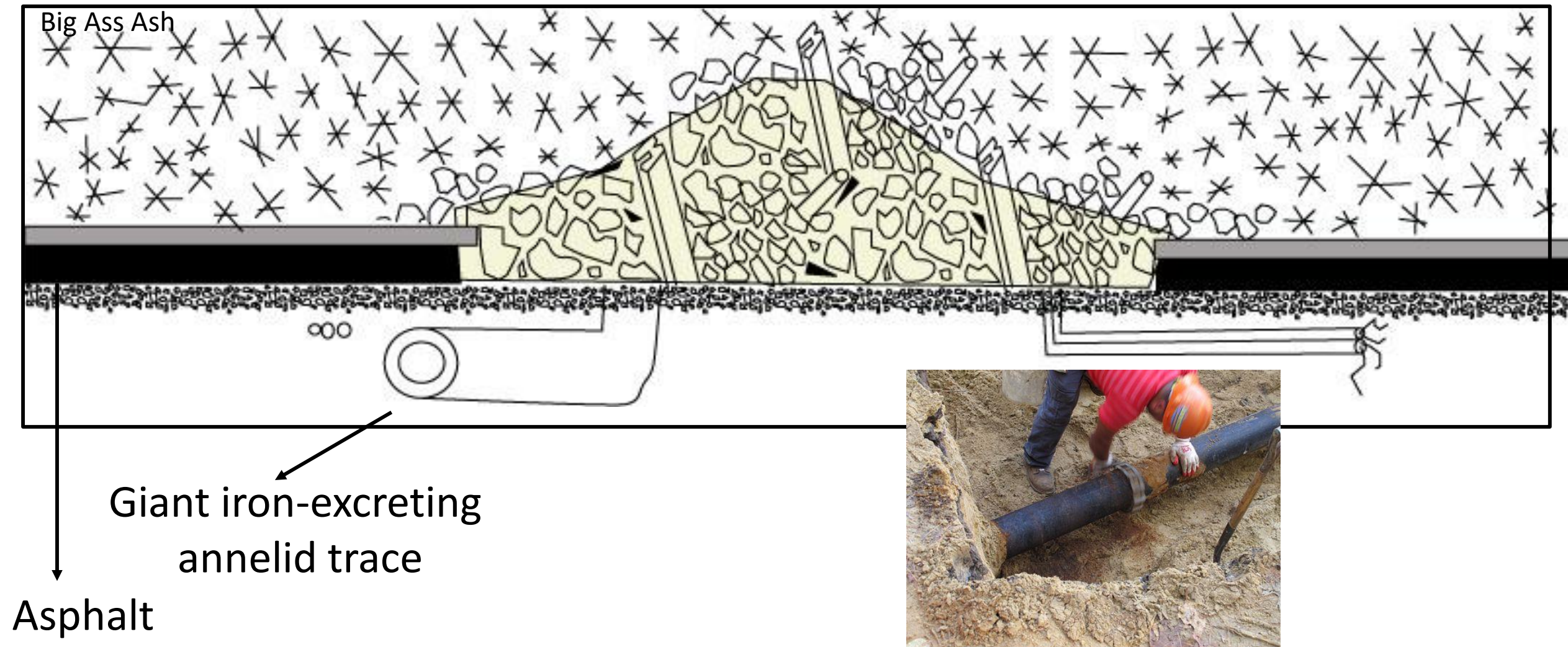


Economically: asphalt ore is abundant but is low-grade
Disseminated polyurethane throughout
-metallic arthropod genus *Caros* common

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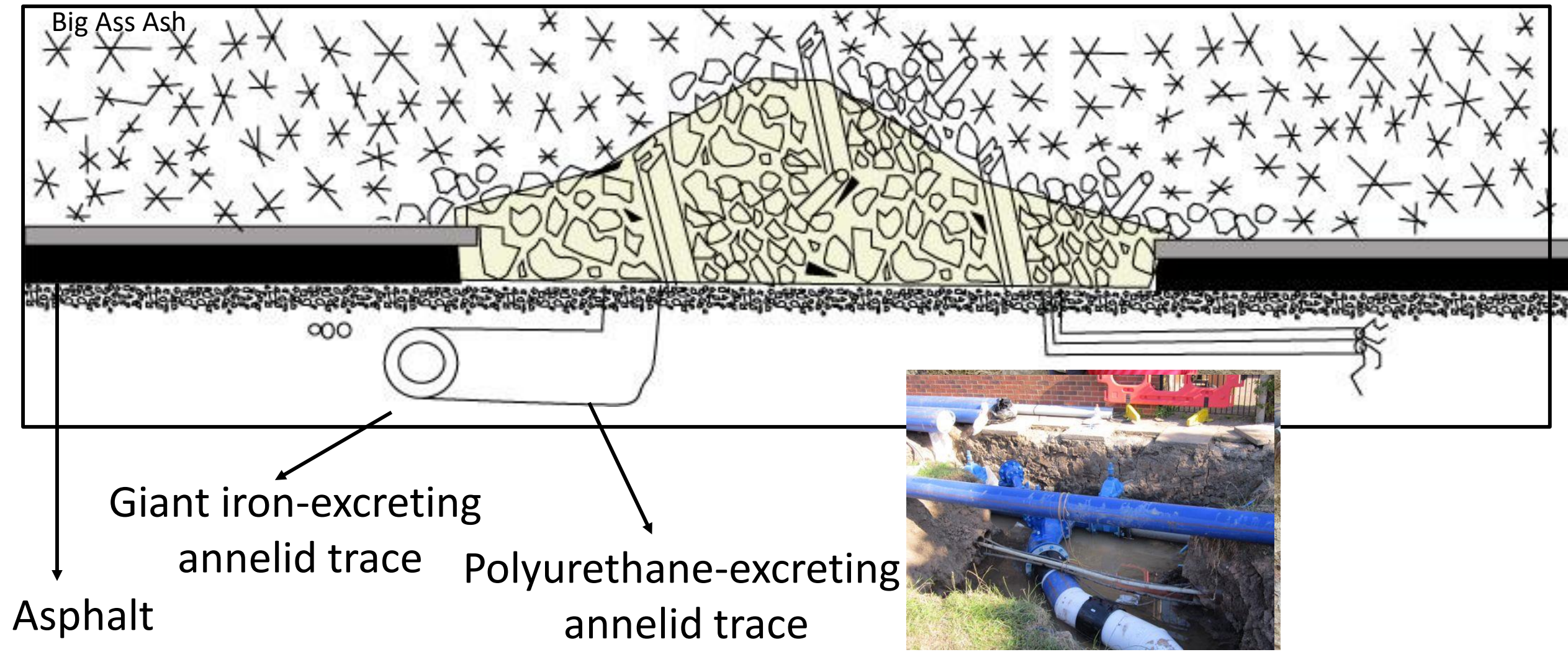
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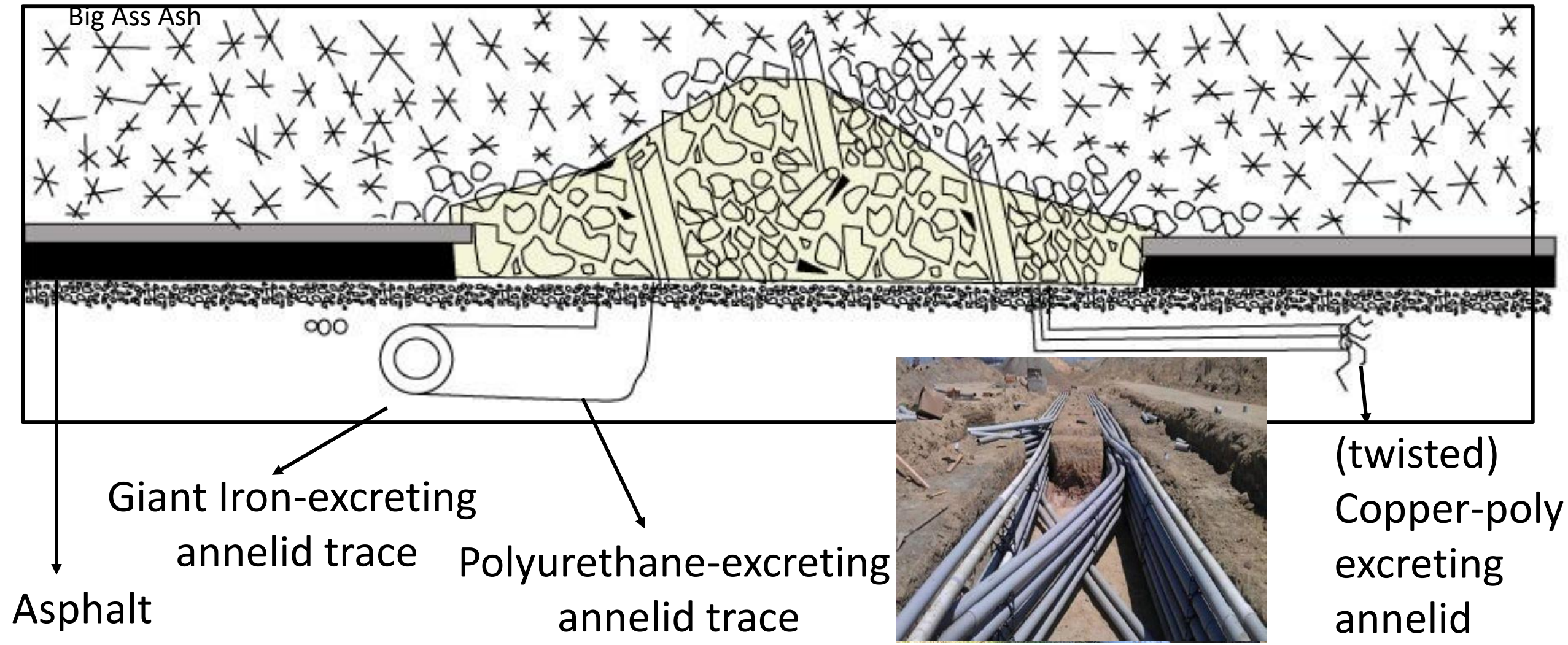
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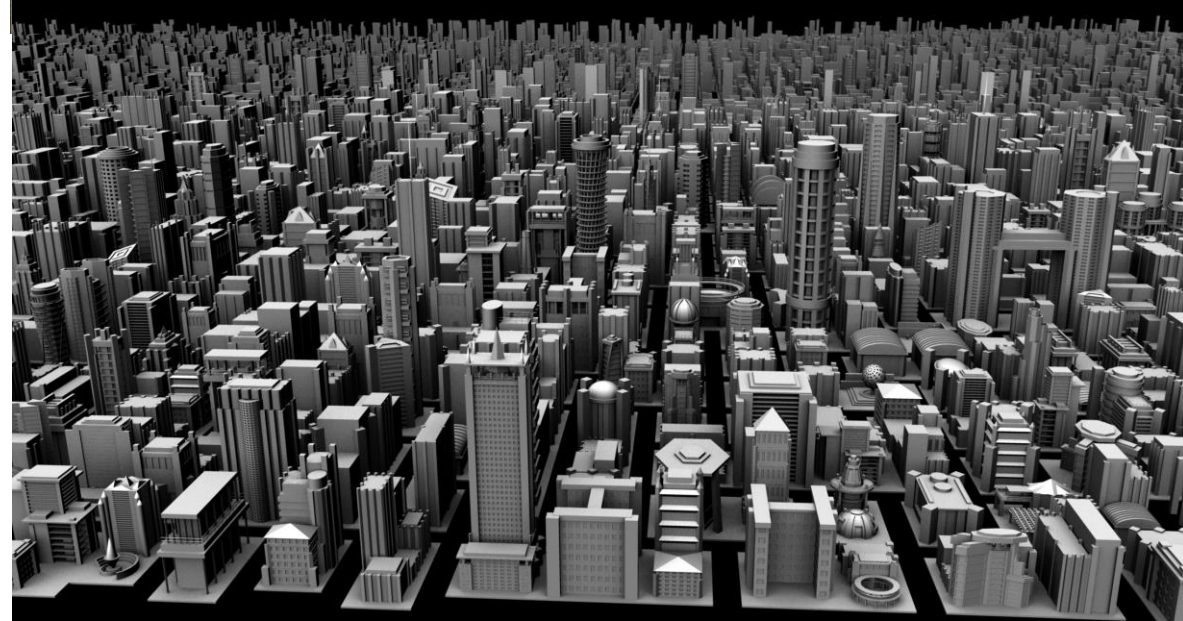
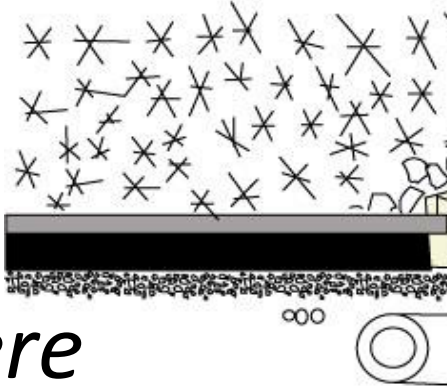
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Interpretation?

*“the MAC features were
likely tall, erect iron-
supported sessile organisms
That clustered in colonies,
Having little or no recoverable
AAPG value”*



“Homo sapiens common”

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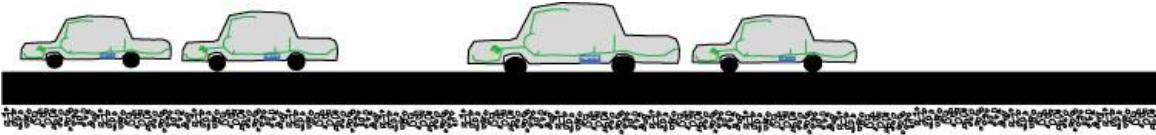
Central-Coast Cascadia Reconstruction (Portlandia)



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“adjacent mound features or interspersed throughout MAC are peculiar congregations of metallic arthropods”



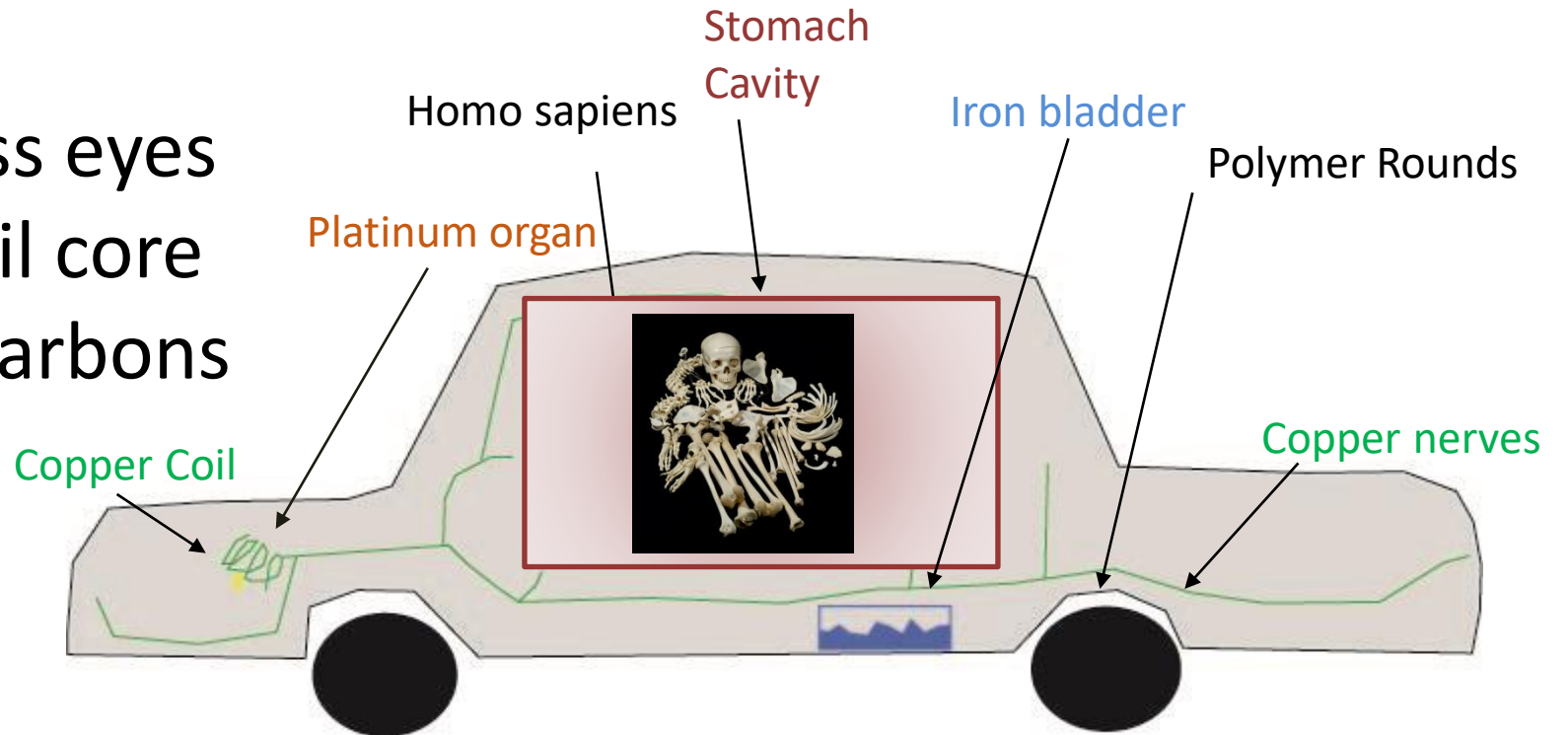
The Parking Lot



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Anatomy of metallic arthropods, genus *Caros*

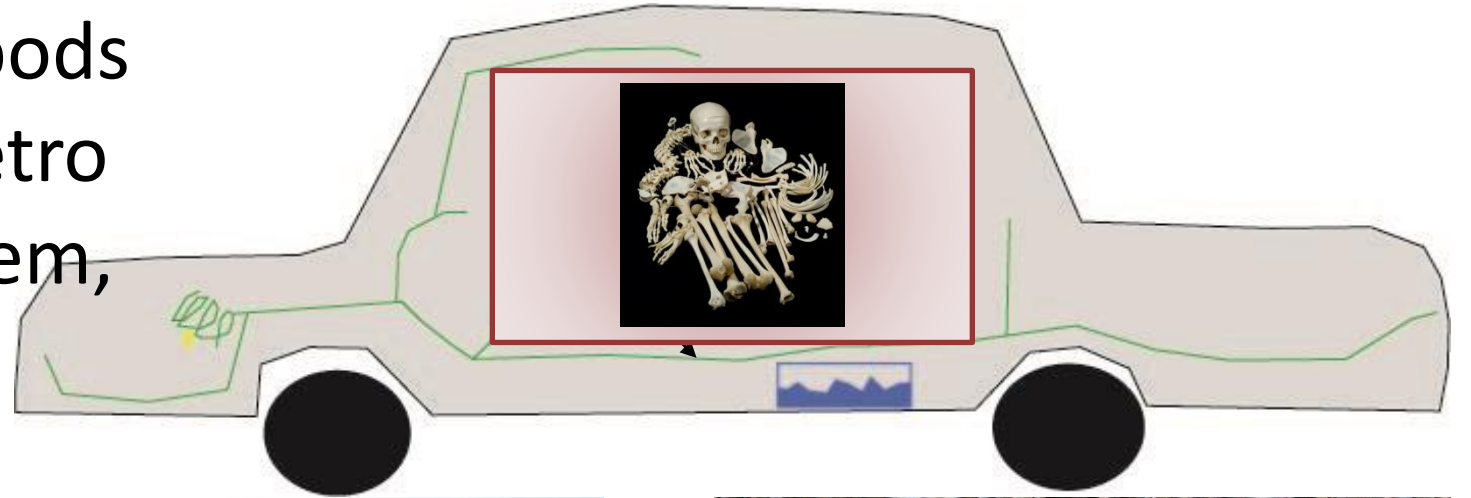
- Iron endoskeletal frame with Plexiglass/Iron exoskeleton
- stomach cavity
- spectrum emitting glass eyes
- Copper nerves with coil core
- iron-bladder of hydrocarbons
- Platinum chip organ
- Polymer Round**



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What is the metallic arthropods
obsession with collecting petro
Derivatives, transporting them,
Parking lots, and devouring
Homo sapiens?



III. Connections with *Homo sapiens*

- Metallic Arthropods prey on *Homo sapiens*, which are often found in the stomach contents
- MAC Regions contain high density of *H. sapiens both within mounds and surrounding*
- Metallic Arthropods of all genus are extremely well-adapted For the singular prey of *H. sapiens*
- Recall: MAC Regions are connected by Metallic Arthropod pathways, along which are found PPDs and anthrosols
- What were the arthropods doing?

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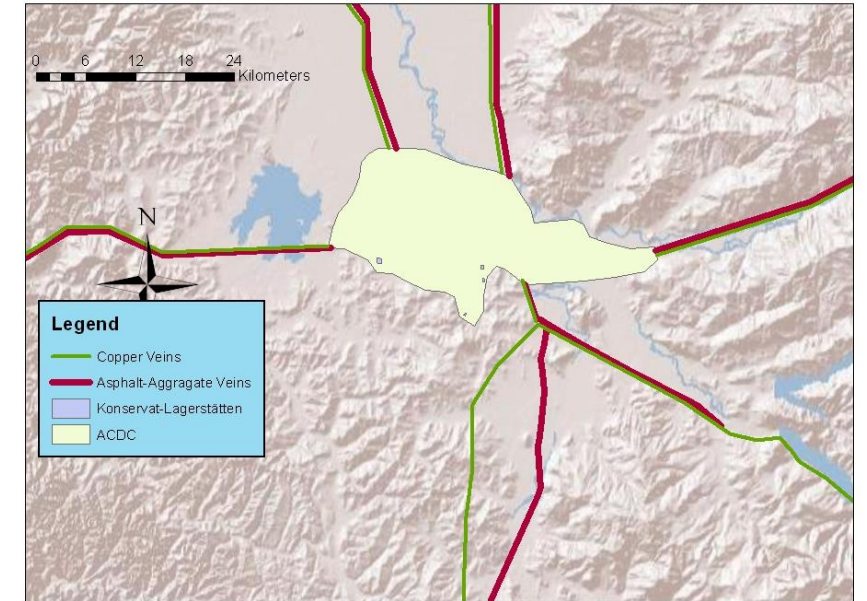
The *Homo sapiens* Konservat-Lagerstätten

Konservat-Lagerstätten:

“deposits known for the exceptional preservation of fossilized organisms or traces”

From (2012) Hopkins, S.W., and Edulis, B.A., *Homo sapiens paleogeography and biomechanics during the late Holocene-Anthropocene climactic transition (JCBA)*

- Marked by various lithologies of stone
- arranged and ordered for Optimal conditions
- near or within MAC Region
- large colonies common



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*“The *Homo sapiens* was a burrowing primate that foraged MAC regions and was well-adapted to tolerating living inside predators stomachs”*



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Really?

What do we know of the relationship
Between *H. sapiens* and metallic arthropods?



Concluding Questions

Was *Homo sapiens* actually a willing participant inside the metallic arthropod(s)?

Were *Homo sapiens* in control of the metallic arthropods, creating the anthrosols and PPDs?

Did *Homo sapiens* transport petroleum derivatives along Metallic Arthropod Migration Pathways to MAC Regions?

Was *Homo sapiens* responsible the Anthropocene-Apocolyptocene Petroleum Ground deposition?

Were they responsible for many of the odd things we see in the Anthropocene?

Were the *Homo sapiens*, *not the metallic arthropods*, then, responsible for the A-A mass extinction, not just a species that suffered the extinction?

Did *Homo sapiens* believe they were the culmination of species, only to ensure their own demise by gluttony?

How did *H. Sapiens* do this? Why did they do this?

With all of the arrangement of deposits, one must ask “Was *Homo sapiens* terraforming the earth for *US*?”