Bathymetry of the area exhibits a complex fabric of arcuate and linear shoals having relief of 4-8 m and lengths of 2-8 km. A collection of 120 vibracores (1-3.7 m length), 35 grab samples, and 1400 line-km of high resolution seismic reflection profiles has been analyzed to date. The cores and seismics show that four primary units are present to subbottom depths of 25 m: (1) sand and gravel of fluvial/deltaic origin (Cape May Fm. of Sangamon age); (2) muddy estuarine sands, possibly representing a mid-Wisconsin high sea level; (3) Holocene estuarine/lagoonal/barrier units; and (4) modern marine shelf sands representing a mix of winnowed and reworked substrate and littoral sediments transported south along the New Jersey coast. Sandy muds exposed in swales between shoals are eroded by tide and wave generated currents. These may be a major source of fine sediment for resuspension and transport. Asymmetric infilling from the north has offset the present Delaware Shelf valley to the south from a buried paleochannel.

Estimates for mineral resources in the upper 10 m of the seabed are encouraging. Volumes of sand and granule-size gravel (3 ϕ to -2 ϕ) are conservatively estimated to be > 1 x10 9 m³, and heavy-mineral concentrations are $\leq 4\%$ at the seabed but show large variance due to complex Quaternary sea-level history and associated nearshore processes.

LI THOTECTONIC CHARACTER OF THE WESTERN GNEISS TERRANE, SENJA, TROMS, NORWAY

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Crystalline Precambrian rocks of the Western Gneiss Terrane (WGT) form a structural foundation for tectonically overlying Caledonian allochthonous sequences in northwestern Norway. The WGT exposed on Senja is heterogeneous and appears to consist of three distinct chrono-tectonic units. The oldest is represented by a series of polydeformed, biotite-quartz-two feldspar gneisses together with intercalated amphibolite. This terrane is host to an older intrusive sequence (OIS) which is largely represented by magnetite-bearing metagranite, metagranodiorite, and metadiorite. Representatives of the OIS may be traced into extensive zones of blastomylonitic rocks which have previously mapped as 'migmatitic gneisses'. Xenoliths of these blastomylonitic gneisses occur within undeformed portions of members of a younger intrusive sequence (YPS) which includes metaquartz syenite, metasyenite, variably textured metagranite and megacrystic alkali-feldspar metagranite. Consideration of preliminary Rb-Sr whole-rock analyses and geochronological data previously reported for the WGT exposed on islands immediately southwest (Lofoten-Vester@len; Griffin et al., 1978) and north (Kvaløy; Andresen, 1980) of Senja suggest that the older, polydeformed gneisses are likely of Archean (Karelian) age, and that at least some members of the YPS are of Svecokarelian age (c. 1700-1800 Ma).

A NNE-NNW trending, conjugate set of steep, west-dipping, variably mylonitic ductile strain zones are developed throughout the WGT exposed on Senja. These affect all chrono-tectonic units, including the YPS, and appear to record ductile basement shortening associated with emplacement of the structurally overlying Caledonian allochthons.

WERE OPHIOLITIC ROCKS A SIGNIFICANT SOURCE FOR THE NEW YORK TACONIC FLYSCH?

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PLUTONIC EVIDENCE FOR A MAJOR CARBONIFEROUS THRUST IN WESTERN MAINE AND EASTERN NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Recent age determinations (Gaudette and others, 1984) demonstrate that peraluminous $\rm H_2O\textsc{-}saturated$ magmas intruded older rocks, now found in SW Maine and eastern New Hampshire, during Mississippian time. These late stage aluminous and hydrous magmas are inconsistent with the observation that, during Devonian time, crustal source rocks in New England were progressively dehydrated.

The association of the Mississippian plutons with sillimanite grade metamorphic rocks, 270 m.y. K-Ar mica ages, and a lack of gravity anomalies suggest major thrust emplacement of the terrane containing these plutons during Pennsylvanian time. This thrust is consonant with the recognized fault-bounded blocks of eastern New England, the younger $\rm H_2O$ -saturated granites of southern Rhode Island, and the anomalous ages of lower Paleozoic plutons within the Merrimack group. The Mississippian age of the plutons and the Pennsylvanian age of the thrusting are similar to geologic events of the southern Appalachians.

EVIDENCE FOR ICE MARGINAL FLUCTUATION IN AND NEAR A
RELICT MELTWATER CHANNEL IN CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK

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The escarpment southeast of Lake Erie in western New York, with relief of about 300 meters, is drained by stream networks generally trending northward. Anomalous flow directions (along with other supporting evidence) may indicate a glacio-fluvial origin for the stream valley; e.g., Little Canadaway Creek which flows to the west and is recognized as a relict sub-marginal meltwater channel and outlet of a pro-glacial lake. Little Canadaway Creek is roughly V-shaped, with about 30 m of relief and is parallel with and about 3 km north of the Lake Escarpment terminal moraine complex of late Winsconsin age. The channel, holding an under-fitting stream, was apparently incised in the flat-lying Devonian shales and siltstones during one or more glacial stands. Although much of the valley floor is exposed bedrock with a westerly inclined gradient, subsurface borings where Chautauqua Road crosses the channel through a topographic gap in the north valley wall reveal anomalously deep bedrock covered by about eight m of sediment. Fluviolacustrine clay and silt deposits are among the sediments recovered here. Peat and twigs collected from 5 m below present creek level yield a radio-carbon date of 8,520+ 200 years BP. Palynological analysis of this horizon indicates a predominanceof hemlock (Tsuga). The anomalously low bedrock elevations, the fluvio-lacustrine sediments, and refraction seismic data suggest that the natural topographic gap used by Chautauqua Road may be the junction point for a deeper, drift-filled branch or former outlet of the upper channel. This gap separates two different geometries in the channel: sinuous westward meanders upstream and southwestward linear downstream. It appears to be a nodal point and Southwestward inhear downstream. It appears to be a section of the meltwater channel and cutting or reopening another. The radio-carbon meltwater channel and cutting or reopening another. The radio-carbon and pollen data indicate post-glacial filling of the exposed junction to the buried channel.

Timing of Cleavage vs Folding Shortening in the Martinsburg and Reedsville Formations of the Central Appalachians

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Regional cross-strike shortening in the Great Valley and Valley
and Ridge of the central Appalachians was accomodated by folds,
faults and cleavage related flattening. The timing of cleavage
development relative to folding is controversial as are the
mechanisms involved. In some examples layer-parallel shortening
and cleavage development preceed folding, whereas the opposite
timing is also possible in other examples. Several lines of
evidence indicate that cleavage in the Martinsburg Formation, in
Pennsylvania west of Carlisle, and the Reedsville Formation to
the northwest, formed after the folds had nearly reached full
amplitude and that pressure solution loss from cleavage selvages
was the dominant process. This conclusion is based on the
following observations: 1)graptolites show shortening strain
depending on the cleavage/bedding angle, which would not be the
case if cleavage preceeded folding, 2) there is no cleavage
strain discontinuity across the Alleghany front, where there is a
marked fold strain discontinuity and 3) there is little evidence
of down-dip stretching on cleavage planes, which would be
expected if cleavages preceeded folding but not required if
cleavage followed folding. Along strike, these same units may
have responded by first cleaving and then folding. These are not
mutually exclusive responses, and recognition of these variations
will help lead to discovery of the controls on the operative
mechanisms.

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