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The thesis area is divided into three regions by tectonic boundaries (the Shuksan thrust and the Straight Creek fault). The rock units in these regions are the gneiss and pre-Eocene intrusives east of the Straight Creek fault, the Shuksan Schist west of the Straight Creek fault and north of the Shuksan thrust, and the mélange unit west of the Straight Creek fault and south of the Shuksan thrust. Along the Straight Creek fault are found tectonic slivers of the Swauk Formation.

A mélange is a mappable body of deformed rock made up of intact blocks of exotic or native materials in a pervasively sheared, commonly pelitic matrix. The blocks may range up to several miles in length. In the mélange unit of the thesis area the sandstones, conglomerates, and limestones of the sedimentary strata (Chilliwack Group?) are the native blocks, the siltstones are the pervasively sheared pelitic matrix, and the meta-igneous rocks are the exotic blocks. The sedimentary strata were deposited as a deepsea fan
building eastward off of an island arc into an intra -arc basin. The meta-igneous rocks (including meta-andesites, meta-basalts, meta-diorites, and meta-quartz diorites) are fragments of the oceanic crust of this intra -arc basin and are a partial source for the sedimentary strata. The mélange may have been produced, in a manner similar to the formation of the Franciscan Formation, along a westfacing subduction zone.

The Shuksan Schist (composed of greenschists, blueschists, and phyllites often interbanded) is part of a paired metamorphic belt that was formed deep within a subduction zone. When subduction ceased this unit was rapidly carried to the surface (less than $1 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{y}$.) and thrust into its present position. The pre-Eocene intrusives (including a hornblende diorite, mixed granites, and migmatite) are probably the result of diapiric upwellings on the continent side of the subduction zone. The gneiss (Skagit Gneiss?) is a quartz, actinolite gneiss that is probably metamorphosed continental crust. The rocks of the three regions were widely separated during their deposition and metamorphism and owe their present juxtaposition to plate convergence.

The magnetic study of the Sauk Prairie indicates that the average thickness of the glacial debris over the bedrock is $150 \mathrm{~m} \pm$ 25 m . The magnetic modeling shows that the observed anomalies can be the result of: 1. relief of a basement of uniform magnetic susceptability; 2. blocks of varying magnetic susceptabilities at a uniform depth, or 3. a combination of these. The magnetic modeling also indicates where the maxima and minima of basement relief must occur and where the blocks of greater magnetic susceptability are located within the blocks of lesser magnetic susceptability, along with the relative sizes of the blocks.

The magnetic study of the eastern section shows that the location of the Straight Creek fault cannot be determined by one magnetic signature, but can be determined by a variety of magnetic signatures. These magnetic signatures might possibly be used to determine rock types juxtaposed across the Straight Creek fault in covered areas.

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# PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN LAKES AREA, SE SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON: STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY, SEDIMENTARY PETROGRAPHY, AND MAGNETICS 

## INTR ODUCTION

Purposes of This Study

The purposes of this study were to: 1. construct a detailed geologic map of the area at a scale of $1: 20,000 ; 2$. study in detail the sedimentary petrography of the Sedimentary unit with emphasis on petrographic analysis to discover their depositional environment and the type of their source rocks; 3. interpret the structural geology and sequence of faulting; 4. determine the subsurface geology of the Sauk Prairie from total field magnetic data using Peters' (1947) half-slope method and computer modeling; 5. locate more accurately the trace of the Straight Creek fault from total field magnetic data and outcrop information; and 6. compare sandstone from the Swauk Formation, Nooksack Group, and Chilliwack Group using Dickinson's method (1976) to determine their depositional environment with respect to a converging plate boundary.

## Equipment and Materials

The base maps used were the Darrington 7.5 minute Quadrangle, Washington, and the Prairie Mountain 7.5 minute Quadrangle, Washington. Aerial photographs on a $1: 20,000$ scale and NASA high altitude aerial photographs on a $1: 60,000$ scale were used in the field and in the laboratory to complement the base maps.

A Brunton compass was used to obtain attitudes on planar features in the field. A Geometrics proton precession magnetometer, borrowed from Portland State University, was used in the magnetic survey. A CDC 3300 computer and a programmable calculator were used to reduce the magnetic data obtained in the survey.

## Thesis Area

The thesis area lies on the western flank of the Northern Cascades in Skagit County, Washington (Figure 1). It comprises most of the northern half of the Prairie Mountain quadrangle ( $1: 24,000$ ) and lies across the Suiattle River, east of the Sauk River. This area is approximately 52 square kilometers, and is situated entirely in T33N, R10E, and RllE. Since the section numbers in the thesis area do not overlap, all locations referred to by the township and range system hereafter will use only the section numbers.

The Suiattle River flows down a large glacial U-shaped valley that runs diagonally through the thesis area from the south east to the northwest (see Figure 1). Its elevation is from 219 m in the southeast to 165 m in the northwest. The highest point in the thesis area ( 1670 m ) is in the northeast corner, only 2.9 km from the Suiattle River, making a maximum relief of 1505 m . The highest point in the southwestern section is 1267 m . The majority of the thesis area is composed of steep slopes, all of which are heavily wooded. Many of these slopes contain old clear cuts, which are extremely difficult to navigate. Over all but the highest peak in the area is a covering of till and/or colluvium, which totally obscures bedrock in most places. Fortunately, logging roads cross much of the area, producing reasonable access and the majority of outcrops. Thus, there are enough outcrops in much of the area to


Figure 1. Location map of thesis area and magnetic survey sections.
construct a reasonably accurate geologic map (see Plate l).

## Previous Work in the Area

Since 1949 Misch (1966) and students working under him have reconnaissance mapped much of the North Cascades. Misch has mapped the region north of the Cascade River. Bryant (1955) made a reconnaissance study of the Snowking area, north of the Suiattle River. Vance (1957) did the geology of the Sauk River area south of the Suiattle River. The thesis area incorporates the northernmost section of Vance's area and the southernmost section of Bryant's. Lawrence (unpublished manuscript, 1972) has mapped much of the area surrounding the thesis area. Franklin (1975) mapped the area directly to the south of the thesis area and Milnes (1977) mapped the area directly to the north. Others who have worked in the area are: Tabor (1961); Tabor and Crowder (1969); Crowder, Tabor, and Ford (1966); Danner (1966); Grant (1969); Johnson and Couch (1970); and Mattinson (1970, 1972).

## Regional Geology

The Straight Creek fault of Eocene age (Vance, 1957) runs north-south through the eastern half of the thesis area and is traceable from the Ellensburg, Washington area north to the Chilliwack batholith, which cuts the Straight Creek fault and was intruded into it from Late Eocene to Miocene. McTaggart (1970) believes the Straight Creek fault is an extension of the Frazer River fault zone of Canada. The Straight Creek fault is a major structural boundary in the western North Cascades. It separates Misch's (1966) Skagit Metamorphic Suite ( $\mathrm{Pb} / \mathrm{U}$ metamorphic ages ranging from 60 to

1, $650 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{y}$. (Mattinson, 1972)) and the Pre-Eocene intrusives on the east, from the Shuksan Schist (K/Ar metamorphic ages ranging from 218 to $259 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{y}$. (Misch, 1966)) and the mélange unit (containing rocks of Ordovician to Late Permian age (Misch, 1966; Danner, 1966; and Vance, 1957, 1974)) on the west.

The member of the Skagit Metamor phic Suite present in and around the thesis area is correlated with the Skagit gneiss of Misch (1966), which is of the barrovian facies. This unit was intruded by the pre-Eocene intrusive unit during the Late Mesozioc to Early Tertiary (Huntting, et al., 1961).

The Shuksan Schist which includes greenschists, blueschists, and graphitic phyllite in the thesis area is of the lower blueschist facies (Brown, 1974) and is traceable from the Clu Elum region in the south-central Cascades northward to Mt. Shuksan (Franklin, 1975). Rocks of the Shuksan Schist have been thrust southwestward to westward over the mélange unit in an imbricate manner. The basal thrust of the Shuksan thrust system (partially in the thesis area) separates the Shuksan Schist to the northeast from the mélange unit to the southwest. The mélange unit is composed of blocks of sedimentary rocks (possibly of the Chilliwack Group (Vance, 1957)) and blocks of meta-igneous rocks in a pervasively sheared pelitic matrix of the sedimentary rocks. The sedimentary rocks are lithic wackes, siltstones, conglomerates, and limestones. The metaigneous rocks include meta -diorites, meta -andesites, and metabasalts (among others) and are believed to be fragments of intra -arc oceanic crust (Lawrence, personal communication, 1977).

The youngest rocks of the region, other than Quaternary deposits, are of the Swauk Formation, which is a fluvial sequence of arkosic wackes, siltstones, and conglomerates. The Swauk Formation occurs mainly to the south and southeast of the central core of the Northern Cascades. In and around the thesis area, the

Swauk strata are found as tectonic slivers caught up in the Straight Creek fault zone.

Quaternary deposits include abundant glacial debris, alluvium, and alluvial fans. The glacial debris is the result of extensive Pleistocene glaciation (Mackin and Cary, 1965) that covered all but the highest peaks in the area and carved all the major valleys. Glacial phenomena, such as moraines, kettles, kame terraces, and striated pavement are abundant in the region and attest to the severe degree of glaciation.

## UNIT DESCRIPTIONS AND PETROGRAPHY

## Introduction

For convenience in description, the rock units exposed in the thesis area are divided into three tectonically bounded regions. These are 1. those east of the Straight Creek fault, 2. those in the Straight Creek fault, and 3. those west of the Straight Creek fault. The rock units east of the Straight Creek fault are gneisses (Skagit gneiss?) and pre-Eocene intrusives (hornblende diorite, mixed granites, and migmatite). The rock unit incorporated in the Straight Creek fault is the Swauk Formation. The rock units west of the Straight Creek fault are 1. the mélange unit containing sedimentary rocks (Chilliwack Group?) which include conglomerates, sandstones, siltstones, and limestones and meta -igneous rocks which include meta-diorites, meta-andesites, and meta-basalts, 2. the Shuksan Schist which is subdivided into a greenschist unit and a phyllite unit.

## Procedural Methods

During the 1976 field season, the investigator mapped the study area and collected 222 rock samples. These rock samples were slabbed and polished, then grouped into the major units the investigator found in the study area. A selective sample was taken of each group for thin section analysis. A total of 88 thin sections were studied by the investigator. Fifty-nine of these thin sections were from rocks collected by the investigator, while the remainder were from the collection of Dr. Robert D. Lawrence. The distribution
by rock unit of the 78 thin sections from the thesis area studied by the investigator is presented in Table 1.

A standard Leitz binocular petrographic microscope was used with a white light source. Rock classifications used were the IUGS classification for plutonic rocks (Geotimes, 1973); Gilbert's classification of sandstones (Williams, et al., 1954); Folk's classification of carbonate rocks (Folk, 1962); and metamor phic rocks as classified by Spry (1969). Volume percentages of minerals for all sandstones with authigenic matrix no greater than $50 \%$ were determined by point counts. The number of points counted depended upon the volume percent of matrix. Where the volume percent of matrix was less than $20 \%$, a 500 to 600 point count was considered sufficient. Where the volume percent of matrix exceeded $20 \%$, a 650 to 750 point count was made. In the remainder of the thin sections, the volume percents were determined by visual estimation.

Table 1. Thin sections per unit.

| Rock Unit | Number of Thin Sections |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Major Units | Subunits |
| Rocks east of the Straight Creek fault |  |  |
| Pre-Eocene intrusives | 10 |  |
| Hornblende diorite |  | 6 |
| Mixed granite and migmatite |  | 4 |
| Gneiss | 3 | 3 |
| Rocks in the Straight Creek fault |  |  |
| Rocks west of the Straight Creek fault Shuksan Schist | 15 |  |
| Greenschist unit |  | 14 |
| Phyllite unit |  | 1 |
| Mélange unit | 52 |  |
| Meta-igneous unit |  | 23 |
| Sedimentary rocks |  |  |
| sandstone |  | 16 |
| marbles |  | 2 |
| Mylonites |  | 11 |
| TOTALS | 87 | 87 |

## Introduction

For this study the rocks east of the Straight Creek fault were divided into three units: gneiss, hornblende diorite, and other pre-Eocene intrusives. The gneiss is found in the northeast corner of the map and along the crest of Huckleberry Mountain. The hornblende diorite occurs in the northeast corner of the map and intrudes the gneiss. The other pre-Eocene intrusives are found in Huckleberry Mountain and the ridge north of it. Another small crop of these pre-Eocene intrusives is found in the SEl/4 of the SWl/4 of section 8 .

## Gneiss

In the study area, the gneiss crops out in roadcuts and stream channels. Of the rock types found in this area, the gneiss appears to be the least resistant to weathering. Generally it is highly sheared, which may partially account for this erodibility. This shearing is probably related to movement of the Straight Creek fault and/or post-metamorphic intrusive activity.

In handspecimen, the gneiss is a medium to coarsely crystalline rock which has a strong gneissic foliation. These rocks have undergone intense folding. Small scale macroscopic folds are abundant. Both similar and parallel folds are present and their attitudes range from upright to overturned.

Petrographic study of the gneiss shows a banded, granoblastic, polygonal texture with veins of coarsely crystalline quartz and
prophyroblasts of garnet and actinolite. The major minerals and their volume percents (based on a 350 point count of a typical sample) are: quartz, $41 \%$; actinolite, $37 \%$; albite, $10 \%$; and biotite, $9 \%$. The accessory minerals present are garnet and magnetite (see Appendix $C$, Table $\mathrm{C}-5$ ). The percentage of garnet appears to be quite variable (ranging from trace proportions to approximately $80 \%$ ), while the relative abundances of the other minerals appear to be fairly constant. The gneiss appears to have a moderate metamorphic rank and is probably of the upper greenschist facies.

## Hornblende Diorite

In the thesis area, a unit of hornblende diorite crops out as cliffs, in roadcuts, and in stream channels. It is a very resistant unit and forms the highest point in the study area. It continues beyond the study area to the north and east.

This unit displays much variability. Macroscopic inspection reveals a phaneritic, holocrystalline rock, which is finely to coarsely crystalline (hornblende crystals up to 4 cm long) and exhibits a granular to porphyritic texture. Hornblende is present in all outcrops, but its volume percent decreases gradually from $100 \%$ at its first exposure at the 850 m level on the slope east of Grade Creek to $15 \%$ at the 1350 m level (see Plate I). In the roadcut at the switchback in the SW1/4 of the NW1/4 of section 5, this unit is rhythmically layered (see Figure 2). The layers have sharp upper and lower contacts and are composed of hornblende-rich bases grading upward to plagioclase-rich tops. The layers range in thickness from 1 cm to 20 cm and appear to be of cumulate origin. A cumulate origin would explain the hornblendite base, the increase in plagioclase upward with concomitant decrease of hornblende, and


Figure 2. Rhythmic layering in the hornblende diorite unit.
the layering. The hornblende diorite unit appears to be a layered igneous intrusion, similar to the Skaergaard or the Palisade Sill (Wager and Brown, 1962).

Petrographic study of two samples from this unit indicates that the essential minerals are hornblende and plagioclase (andesine and labradorite). Other minerals that occasionally reach essential proportions are interleaved biotite and muscovite, orthoclase, quartz, and garnet. Pyrite and zircon occur as minor minerals.

## Other Pre-Eocene Intrusive Rocks

These intrusive units are not differentiated on the geologic map of the thesis area (Plate I). Their contacts are sharp, but too little exposure is available to define their interrelationships beyond the observation that they are very complex. The various rock types included in this unit were classified after visual inspection of handspecimens. In general, they are phaneritic, holocrystalline rocks that are medium to coarsely crystalline. The rock types identified are a migmatite (Figure 3), a granite porphyry, an equigranular biotite granite, and an equigranular muscovite granite.

Petrographic analysis was run on a typical sample of the biotite granite. The volume percent of each of its minerals is based on a 300 point count. The essential minerals.are: albite, $37 \%$; quartz, $31 \%$; orthoclase, $18 \%$; and biotite, $14 \%$. The accessory minerals, which make up less than $5 \%$ of the rock, are magnetite, apatite, zircon, sphene, and garnet (see Appendix C, Table 5).

Unit Relationships East of the Straight Creek Fault Zone

The contact relationships between the rock units east of the Straight Creek fault are intrusive, but the relationships between


Figure 3. Boulder of migmatite.
units can be divided into three kinds: 1. a narrow zone ( 50 m wide) of complex intrusive interrelationships that occurs from 475 m to 525 m elevation, 2. Skagit gneiss occurs predominately as roof pendents, and 3. occurrance of migmatites that appear to have an intrusive origin.

East of the Straight Creek fault there are only three outcrops that occur in the thesis area between 475 m and 525 m . Each of these shows a very complex, intrusive interrelationship between the three types of granites present and the Skagit gneiss. The interrelationship is in the form of small veins ( $3-60 \mathrm{~m}$ wide) of the granites injected into the Skagit gneiss, with the remaining Skagit gneiss in the form of narrow lenses ( $10-30 \mathrm{~m}$ ). These veins are oriented approximately perpendicular to the north-south trend of this zone. This zone of complex, intrusive interrelationships appears to form the western fringe of the pre-Eocene intrusive activity.

In the higher elevations of the thesis area, the outcrops of gneiss are surrounded by igneous rock and appear to be remnants of roof pendents. In the north section at lower elevations, the Skagit Gneiss appears to surround the hornblende diorite intrusion and delineate the boundary of the intrusion.

Not many outcrops of migmatite are found in the thesis area. However, to the east on Huckleberry Mountain and the ridge north of Tenas Creek migmatites are the predominant rock type exposed. From the relationships observed between the various intrusive rocks in the thesis area, this investigator believes that the migmatite unit may be the result of multiple intrusions into the hornblende diorite. These multiple intrusions may have broken the hornblende diorite into blocks and surrounded the blocks with granitic veins. Thus this would be the varity of migmatite called an agmatite.

## Correlation and Age

The gneisses east of the Straight Creek fault have been correlated by Misch (1966) with the Skagit Gneiss, and Mattinson (1972) obtained $\mathrm{Pb} / \mathrm{U}$ metamorphic ages for the Skagit Gneiss of 415 m . y . and 60 to $90 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{y}$. The pre-Eocene intrusives were first mapped by Bryant (1955) in this area. He assigned a Mesozoic age to this unit, and since this unit is cut by the Eocene Straight Creek fault it must be pre-Eocene.

# ROCK UNITS WEST OF THE STRATGHT CREEK FAULT ZONE 

## Introduction

The Shuksan Schist unit includes a greenschist unit and a phyllite unit. The Shuksan Schist occurs west of the Straight Creek fault and north of the basal Shuksan thrust fault. The basal thrust of the Shuksan thrust system trends northwest-southeast and is found just west of the Suiattle River in the thesis area, from the southern end of the map (see Plate I) northward to the NWl/4 of section 14. At this location the basal thrust is offset by a rightlateral tear fault and presumably runs northward under the alluvium to the NWl/4 of section ll, where it is again offset by a right-lateral tear fault. The basal thrust is then found to trend almost east-west in the SEl/4 of section 3 on out of the thesis area. There is a large band of the phyllite unit in section 2 which, in this locality, occurs approximately 0.75 km behind the basal Shuksan thrust. This band of phyllite is offset by the tear fault (in section 11, 12, and 13) and presumably exists under the alluvium of the Suiattle River.

## Shuksan Schist

## Greenschist Unit

The Greenschist is very resistant to erosion and crops out in the thesis area as prominant cliffs, as ledges, in roadcuts, and in stream channels, often as waterfalls.

The Greenschist is a fine to medium crystalline rock which displays a variable development of schistosity. The range is from a very poor schistosity which is discernable only in thin section to a very strong schistosity that is easily evident in hand specimens. This reflects a varying chlorite and amphibole content in the rocks. This unit is finely banded (less than 1 cm thick). The banding is recognized in the field as alternate bands of light green and of dark green to blue. The bands are generally linear, except within a few meters of a thrust fault where they become highly folded on a small scale ( 2 to 20 cm wavelengths and 1 to 5 cm amplitudes). The amount of blue amphibole present varies from none to approximately $8 \%$. This variation appears to represent a trend in the thesis area of greenschist grading upward stratigraphically to a banded bluegreenschist and gradually into a blueschist. This trend, which is from a low metamorphic grade to a higher metamorphic grade, is in general perpendicular to the local trend of the Shuksan thrust fault.

Thin sections of 14 Shuksan Greenschist samples were studied. The major minerals present in the true greenschists were actinolite, epidote, quartz, and chlorite. The major minerals present in the blueschists were glaucophane, crossite, epidote, actinolite, and quartz. The difference between the two schists is the amount of blue amphibole present. A complete gradation between the blueschists and the greenschists was found in the field. This gradation was also evident in thin section analysis. The gradational rocks usually had bands rich in glaucophane and crossite, alternating with bands rich in actinolite, epidote, and chlorite. Pyrite and sericite are often present as accessory minerals, while calcite is occasionally present.

## Phyllite Unit

Outcrops of the phyllite unit in the thesis area are found in roadcuts and in streams. It is not resistant to erosion and erodes rapidly. It is easily recognized in the field due to its black color and its many white layers of quartz and albite. These layers are generally highly folded with wavelengths ranging from .5 cm to a few centimeters and amplitudes from. 2 cm to 2 cm . Many folds are overturned and isolated fold noses are often found. The minerals observed in handspecimens are graphite, quartz, and albite. No thin sections were analyzed. This is a low grade metamorphic rock. A detailed analysis of the Darrington Phyllite which is believed to be a correlative of this unit is underway by David A. Jenne (OSU thesis in progress).

## Correlation and Age

The Shuksan Schist can be followed from its type locality at Mt. Shuksan through the thesis area and on to the south. Kulp dated the greenschists, as reported by Misch (1966), using K/Ar. He obtained metamorphic ages of $218 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{y}$. and $259 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{y}$. for the greenschists and Misch (1966) reports whole rock ages of Middle Cretaceous for the Darrington Phyllite. The phyllite unit of the Shuksan Schist was correlated with the Darrington Phyllite by Misch (1966) and Vance (1957).

The investigator and others (Lawrence, personal communication, 1977; Milnes, 1977) believe that the phyllite unit and the greenschist unit are codepositional and that the Middle Cretaceous age for the Darrington Phyllite represents the most recent degassing event, this being the movement of the Shuksan thrust. The Shuksan Schist
appears to be a low to medium grade metamorphic rock that grades from the lower greenschist facies to the lower blueschist facies (Brown, 1974) and was derived from mafic volcanic rocks (Misch, 1966). The greenschist unit with its greenschists and blueschists is similar to the paired metamorphic belts found along subduction zones (Ernst, 1972; Miyashiro, 1972; and Oxburgh and Turcotte, 1971).

## Unit Relationships in the Shuksan Schist

Field mapping and photo interpretation indicate that the Shuksan Greenschist in the thesis area consists of a sequence of imbricate thrust sheets separated by layers of contorted phyllite. The phyllite unit appears to have acted as a lubricant between thrust sheets. The investigator noticed in the field that the degree of contortion in the phyllite unit was greatest at the contacts with the schist and decreased rapidly as the distance from the contact increased. The thrust relationship will be further discussed in a later section of this thesis. There are several locations in the thesis area where the Shuksan Schist and the phyllite unit are found as thin, alternating bands (see Figure 4). Large sections of this rock type are exposed in Pet Rock Creek from the 300 m elevation to the 550 m elevation, and in the SWl/4 of the SWl/4 of section 30 (Plate I). Another occurrence is along the streams in the SWl/4 of section 2. The latter two outcrops are probably part of the same thrust sheet, while the occurrence in section 30 appears to be from a separate sheet. A thin banding, similar to this in scale but involving alternate layers of greenschist and blueschist, was observed in the rocks in the upper part of the ridge west of Grade Creek. Between these two units of intermixed rocks was found the


Figure 4. Alternating thin bands of greenschist and phyllite.
banded greenschist. The scale of banding in the banded greenschist is similar to the scale of banding observed in the intermixed rocks. These bands apparently are due to compositional layering inherent in the parent rock with the average metamorphic grade increasing to the northeast.

## Mélange Unit

## Introduction

A mélange has been defined as a mappable body of deformed rock made up of intact blocks of exotic or native materials in a pervasively sheared, commonly pelitic matrix. The blocks may range up to several miles long (Hsï, 1968). In the mélange unit of the thesis area, sandstones, conglomerates, and meta-igneous rocks acted competently, while siltstones acted incompetently under the shear stress that produced the mélange. The sandstone and conglomerate are the native blocks, the meta-igneous rocks are the exotic blocks, and the siltstones are the pervasively sheared pelitic matrix (Figure 5). To the southwest in Franklin's area (Franklin, 1975) exotic blocks of blueschist occur in addition to the metaigneous blocks. Many of the sedimentary and meta -igneous blocks are separately mappable, as can be seen in Plate I.

The mélange unit is found southwest of the basal thrust of the Shuksan thrust system. Two large meta -igneous blocks occur in the southern section separated by small pods of the sedimentary rocks and a narrow zone of undifferentiated mélange. Another large zone of undifferentiated mélange occurs further to the west. A large block of sedimentary rock is found to the north of the two large meta-igneous blocks and in the northern most area of the mélange is a small meta-igneous block. Several small blocks of sedimentary


Figure 5. Chilliwack sandstone bed in sheared siltstone.
strata, meta-igneous, and undifferentiated mélange are scattered throughout the mélange unit. The areas of undifferentiated mélange are where the blocks of sedimentary strata and meta-igneous rocks are too small to map separately and occur haphazardly in the sheared pelitic matrix. The sedimentary strata of the melange have been tentatively correlated with the Chilliwack group (Vance, 1957).

Meta-igneous Rocks of the Mélange

The meta -igneous rocks are the most resistant to erosion of those in the mélange unit. The majority of the high points, cliffs, and ridges in this section of the thesis area are underlain by these rocks.

The meta-igneous rocks include both intrusive and extrusive rocks, as well as tectonic breccias and mylonites formed from these rocks. In outcrop and handspecimen these rocks are very difficult to identify. Rocks belonging to the meta-igneous group are easily recognized in thin section, but it was often difficult to classify the igneous rock type. This difficulty was caused by the severe degree of alteration in the plagioclases. Since the majority of the feldspars displayed abundant exsolution features and extreme seritization, determination of the plagioclase type was very difficult and often dubious. Only where reliable plagioclase determinations could be achieved was a meta-igneous rock further classified. The igneous rock types thus determined from the thin section analysis are a porphyritic basalt, a porphyritic diorite, a quartz diorite, and a porphyritic andesite.

Of the andesites studied, three were vesicular, hemicrystalline with phenocrysts of oligoclase and a ground mass of devitrifying glass and plagioclase microlites. One of these samples also had
phenocrysts of augite. Another sample was holocrystalline and had phenocrysts of andesine, hornblende, orthoclase and an opaque mineral in an aphanitic groundmass of plagioclase. All samples showed extensive seritization and chloritization. One sample contained celadonite, while another contained palagonite.

Of the diorites studied, the samples had phenocrysts of andesine and augite in a phaneritic groundmass of the same minerals that displayed a diabasic texture. Abundant chlorite and kaolinite were present as alteration products.

The quartz diorite studied was a holocrystalline, medium grained, phaneritic, equigranular rock. The major minerals were quartz, andesine, and orthoclase. The accessory minerals included epidote and opaques. The alteration products present were calcite, chlorite, and sericite.

The basalt studied was a porphyritic rock with an aphanitic groundmass. The phenocrysts present were augite, an orthopyroxene, an amphibole (possibly cummingtonite), and altered plagioclases.

Many samples of the meta-igneous mylonite were studied. These all showed a fluxion structure and usually displayed aligned fine-grained micas. Prophyroclasts ranged in size from . 5 mm to 6 mm . The porphyroclasts observed were quartz, plagioclase, orthoclase, augite, opaques, and fragments of meta-igneous rocks. A more detailed discussion of the meta-igneous rocks in the adjacent area is given by Franklin (1975).

Discussion

Franklin (1975) described a unit he informally designated the "All Creek Volcanics" and considered to be of Tertiary age. He believed that the All Creek Volcanic unit was composed of a series of interrelated andesites, tuffs, and tuff breccias which filled the
lower Suiattle valley and lay unconformably upon the Chilliwack Formation (sedimentary portion of the mélange unit herein). I followed a continuous outcrop of this unit northward from Franklin's thesis area into the present area of study. From my work, I believe that this "All Creek Volcanic" unit is actually a large meta-igneous block of the mélange. The limits of this block can be determined very easily by airphoto interpretation and compares very favorably with field evidence. My conclusion that the "All Creek Volcanics" unit is part of the mélange is based on petrographic evidence. I observed andesites and tuff breccias, as Franklin did (1975), in addition $I$ found basalts and porphyritic diorites in this block. The porphyritic diorite from this block is very similar to a sample of the porphyritic diorite obtained 1.5 km northwest from the furthest outcrop in this block. Both of these samples are porphyritic with a phaneritic groundmass that displays a diabasic texture. Furthermore, they have the same mineralogies and are altered to the same degree. These are the only samples like this I found in the thesis area. Also there is a vesicular andesite with a large percentage of celadonite. Pebbles of a vesicular andesite with a large percentage of celadonite occur in the conglomerate at the top of the "All Creek Volcanic" block and in one of the very coarse grained sandstones. A rock similar to this andesite is also found in the meta-igneous block to the west. Because the "All Creek Volcanic" block contains at least two different rocks that are also found in the meta-igneous block to the west it is concluded that they are the same unit. Furthermore, because the sedimentary rocks of the mélange unit contain grains of the "All Creek Volcanics" meta-igneous block, this block must be at least partially the source for the sedimentary rocks and therefore older than the sedimentary rock. Additionally, the conglomerate found at the top of the "All Creek Volcanics" meta-igneous block is in depositional contact with the underlying
meta-igneous rocks and is believed to be the basal conglomerate of the sedimentary unit of the mélange.

## Correlation and Age

The meta-igneous rocks have been correlated by Misch (1966) with the Turtleback Formation of the San Juan Islands and the Yellow Astor Complex of northwest Washington. Rocks of the Yellow Astor Complex have been radiometricly dated by Mattinson (1972) at $1,650 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{y}$. and $450 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{y}$. Misch (1966) views these rocks as fragments of continental crust emplaced by westward thrusting from the crystalline core of the Cascades to the east. Vance (1974) argued that these are fragments of a thinned continental crust that was marginal to an ocean basin formed by continental rifting. Franklin (1975), based on the intimate association of the meta-igneous rocks with the paired metamorphic belt (Shuksan Schist) and the lack of radiometric correlation between the meta-igneous rocks and the existing crystalline core, argued that the meta-igneous rocks are fragments of either oceanic crust or island arc crust that were moved from their original position in the west eastward to their present position due to subduction processes. I believe that the metaigneous rocks are crustal fragments of an intra -arc basin and owe their present position to subduction processes. These rocks are of an assemblage (diorites, quartz diorites, andesites, and basalts) that would be expected to form the oceanic crust of an intra-arc basin (Dickinson, 1972). The meta-igneous rocks are older than the sedimentary rocks of the mélange and were a partial source for them. This conclusion is based on the contact in section 25 where the basal conglomerate of the sedimentary unit is in depositional contact with the underlying meta-igneous block and from petrographic evidence that shows grains of the meta-igneous rocks in the
coarser sedimentary strata (to be discussed in detail later). As will be shown in a later section, the probable depositional site of the sedimentary unit was a deepsea fan building off of an island arc. The depositional association of the sedimentary strata and the under lying meta-igneous rocks implies an intra-arc depositional site for these units that was immediately behind the arc (Karig, 1971, 1972).

## Clastic Sedimentary Rocks of the Mélange

Sedimentary rocks of the mélange unit display a very low resistance to erosion. As such, they generally form the lower areas of the thesis area. The sedimentary rocks crop out in roadcuts, in stream channels, and less often along ridges. The few good outcrops that are found are sandstones. The siltstones have acted incompetently and in most outcrops they are highly sheared and conform to the boundaries of the sandstone blocks.

There are only a few good sandstone outcrops in the thesis area. The best of these is situated in a roadcut in the NEl/4 of the NEl/4 of the SWl/4 of section 14. In this outcrop, there are several sandstone beds which range in thickness from. 5 m to 2 m . The bedding contacts are sharp, generally regular, and continuous over the 15 m length of the crop. These sandstones range in average grain size from very fine grained to very coarse grained, although there is only one very coarse grained sandstone exposed here. It is a channel deposit with a concave, upward, cut-and-fill type lower contact with the underlying fine grained sandstone. In several other outcrops where very fine grained sandstones and sandy siltstones occurred, thin, parallel laminations were observed. No other sedimentary structures were observed in mélange sedimentary rocks in the thesis area. Rhythmically graded bedding was observed by the investigator in an outcrop of related strata situated approximately

10 km south of the thesis area.
Sedimentary structures seen in thin sections of the sedimentary strata are confined to the fine to very fine grained sandstones and the sandy siltstones. The medium and coarser grained sandstones appear to be structureless. All the thin sections of the fine g rained sandstones and siltstones show thin parallel laminations. Several of the thin sections displayed fine cross-laminations and two thin sections show soft sediment deformation in the form of slump folds and contorted bedding.

The textures seen in thin section appear to vary with grain size. The very coarse to medium grained sandstones tend to be poorly sorted, have rounded to subangular grains, and usually contain less than $20 \%$ matrix. The fine and very fine grained sand stones tend to be poorly to moderately sorted, have angular to subangular grains, and contain greater than $30 \%$ matrix.

Of the 16 thin sections of the sedimentary strata of the mélange studied, only four were suitable for point counts. The rest were greatly sheared or authignic matrix was greater than $50 \%$, making them inappropriate for statistical study. Two of the point counts were carried out on the same thin section. This thin section was cut across the contact between a very coarse grained sandstone and a fine grained sandstone, each side being point counted separately. The other thin sections studied appear to be very similar to those point counted in modal composition. Therefore, those point counted are considered to be a representative sample. The results of the point counts are presented in Appendix C, Table l. As can be seen, the major minerals are generally the same for each sample, but the volume percent shows a large variation. The volume percent of polycrystalline quartz ranges from $0 \%$ to $23 \%$, while the volume percent of quartz varies from $14 \%$ to $29 \%$. In these four samples,
an inverse relationship of the volume percent is found between quartz and polycrystalline quartz. This is why the total adjusted volume percent of quartz plus polycrystalline quartz is fairly constant (the adjusted volume percent is recalculated with all matrix excluded). The volcanic lithics, including chert-like material which in these samples is believed to be devitrified volcanic glass, show a marked size dependence. With increasing grain size, the volcanic lithic content increases. Such a size dependence has been well documented in the literature (Pettijohn et al., 1972). This size dependence is also quite evident in the ternary plot of these samples (Figure 6), in which the four samples form a straight line. The remaining major minerals, the feldspars, occur in relatively constant proportions with the exception of the very coarse sandstone. Here, there is only a trace of plagioclase and $1 \%$ of orthoclase. This sample also shows a decrease in quartz and polycrystalline quartz and contains over $64 \%$ lithic fragments. The deficiency of feldspars may be explained by multiple source areas for these rocks.

These samples, when plotted on Gilbert's ternary classification diagrams (Williams et al., 1954), are lithic wackes (Figure 6). The wacke diagram was used since all the samples of the sedimentary strata of the mélange from the thesis area contain more than $10 \%$ matrix. The majority of the matrix is believed to be of an authogenic origin. This conclusion is based on the destruction of grain boundaries by the growth of matrix minerals and on the large volume percentages of matrix.

## Limestones

Four outcrops of marble and one outcrop of limestone were found in the thesis area. The marbles were medium to coarse

## STABLE GRAINS

quartz, chert, quartzite


Chilliwack sandstones from thesis area

Swauk sandstones

Figure 6. Classification of Chilliwack and Swauk sandstones.
grained with an elongate, equigranular, polygonal texture. The four outcrops are very small and appear to be tectonic lenses.

The limestone outcrop is situated on a small knob just north of the road in the SWl/4 of the SEl/4 of the NWI/4 of section 14. This rock is dark gray, appears massive in handspecimen, and is easily mistaken for a meta-igneous rock. The sample is divided in half by a folded vein of calcite with quartz along the center of the vein. The lower -half (stratigraphically) of this rock is a mottled micrite. The mottling is believed due to burrowing. The burrows are pinched out as they approach the nose of the fold. The folding is believed to be a form of soft sediment deformation, probably caused by the drag produced by the flow depositing the overlying intramicrite. The overlying intramicrite is composed predominantly of intraclasts of mottled micrite, presumably rip ups of the underlying mottled micrite. The intraclasts range in size from 1 to 15 mm . They are elongate and well rounded. There appear to be fossils in this sample, several possible foraminifera (Bostwick, personal communication, 1977), and another type of fossil that is circular. The circular fossils are approximately. 25 mm in diameter. They have been generally replaced by pyrite, but several are of calcite and some are of both calcite and quartz. The calcite appears to be replacing the quartz. This rock appears to have been deposited in a deep marine environment.

Correlation and Age

The sedimentary strata of the mélange unit has been tentatively correlated by Vance (1957) with the Chilliwack Group described by Daly (1912). The Chilliwack strata have been dated from fossils found in the small limestone units as Devonian to Permian (Danner,

1966; Misch, 1966). Data from Danner (1966), dating the limestones of the Chilliwack, shows that they occur in age belts with the oldest limestones of the unit in the northeast and the youngest limestones to the southwest. This suggests that the Chilliwack strata associated with the limestones have this same trend, and that the ages of the Chilliwack strata can be related directly to the closest limestone units. On this assumption, the Chilliwack strata of the thesis area are of Pennsylvanian age, based on the dating by Danner (1966) of large crinoid stems found in a limestone body in the Conn Creek area, south of the thesis area in the Whitechuck quadrangle.

Depositional Environment

It is doubtful that a unique determination can be made of the depositional environment for the Chilliwack strata from information obtained in the thesis area. This is because the Chilliwack strata is contained in the mélange unit. The age of the Chilliwack Group ranges from Devonian to Permian (Danner, 1966; Misch, 1966). The blocks of Chilliwack strata may represent only one time period or all the time periods of deposition. During the possible 170 million years of deposition, the depositional environment may have changed drastically and repeatedly. This could easily cause juxtaposition of Chilliwack blocks from varied depositional environments.

If all the Chilliwack blocks in the thesis area are assumed to have been deposited in the same depositional environment, then a possible depositional environment may be determined. This inter pretation is supported by distinct age bands of the Chilliwack strata based on fossil dates of the limestones of the unit (Danner, 1966).

The sedimentary structures found in the Chilliwack strata of the thesis area and their method of formation are: l. very thinly
laminated fine sandstones and siltstones, which require either weak constant currents or periodical overbank flooding on a small scale; 2. very thinly cross -laminated beds, that require slightly higher current velocities than those that form sandstones and siltstones such as those described above; and 3. soft sediment deformation features, which are caused by slumping on a slight slope.

An examination of the textures found in the Chilliwack strata of the thesis area suggests some depositional mechanisms. The poor sorting of the sandstones requires fairly rapid deposition with little or no reworking. The high degree of angularity requires short transport distances. The variable average grain size of the sandstones requires currents of varying competency. The channel containing the very coarse sandstone requires a competent, erosive current. The abundance of volcanic lithics requires a volcanic source and a short transport distance. The limestone, discussed previously, requires a deep marine depositional environment. A depositional environment in which these features could be found is a deepsea fan building off of an island arc into an intra-arc basin or onto the arc trench gap. The very finely laminated and crosslaminated fine sandstones and siltstones would represent the intrachannel areas of the fan. The laminations are the result of minor overbank flooding from the channels. The channels would allow a current competent enough to carry larger grains outacross the fan. These coarser grains would tend to be deposited in the channels. Poor sorting would be expected of the sands deposited in or near the channels. The slope required for the soft sediment deformation observed in thin section would be provided for by the fan. The lime stone could also be an intrachannel deposit. This would explain the presence of silt for the formation of micrite. The deepsea fan model envisioned is that of Normark (1973), and the sedimentary structures,
textures, and associations expected in a deepsea fan are from Nelson and Kulm (1973).

Dickinson (1972) states that volcanic wackes are predominantly derived from island arcs. He further states that the oceanic crust derived in an intra-arc basin would be of an amphibolitic character when metamorphosed and would be made up largely of basalts and andesites with small associated plutons of gabbro or diorite. The meta-igneous rocks are largely meta-andesites and meta-diorites. The rocks found in the thesis area conform well to the rock types Dickinson believes would be found in an intra-arc basin. The available data supports the proposed model, but more data from a much larger area is needed before a model such as this could be proved.

## Discussion

In a sample of one of the very coarse grained sandstones from the thesis area, a somewhat unique volcanic lithic fragment was found. It was a highly vesicular volcanic glass that had been altered to celadonite. Rocks similar to this grain are found in the metaigneous rocks and in rocks of what was once thought to be the All Creek Volcanics. It is thus possible that at least some of the source rocks were of the meta-igneous unit, and that these rocks must predate the Chilliwack sandstone that contains them.

# ROCK UNIT FOUND IN THE STRAIGHT CREEK FAULT ZONE 

## Swauk Formation

Outcrops of the Swauk strata are found on the lower valley sides along Grade Creek and the lower nose of the ridge north of Huckleberry Mountain. These outcrops are found in roadcuts into the valley sides.

In outcrop the Swauk Formation was found to be composed of interbedded mudstones, siltstones, and sandstones. The coarsest grained sample of Swauk strata found in the thesis area was a pebbly sandstone. Sedimentary structures observed in outcrop include thin laminations and cross-laminations, bedding and crossbedding, cut-and -fill contacts, channels, flame structures, load casts, parting lineations (with aligned carbonaceous plant fragments), and some normally graded beds. The mudstones and siltstones are highly fractured near the tectonic contacts. Mud rip ups and carbonaceous plant fragments were found near the bases of several beds.

Modal analyses of Swauk sandstone were determined from four samples by point counting (see Appendix C, Table 2). The major minerals are: quartz, 22-26\%; plagioclase, 11-22\%; orthoclase, 11-15\%; and lithic fragments, $9-17 \%$. The minor minerals generally present are biotite and muscovite. Many other minerals occur in trace amounts in one or two of the thin sections. The matrix content varies from $12-23 \%$. These four samples plot as arkosic wackes (see Figure 6).

The Swauk Formation is generally believed to be a fluviatile sequence of Paleocene age (Foster, 1960). The data obtained in the
thesis area tends to support this depositional environment. It was apparently deposited on a low erosional surface cut across most of the Cascade Range at the end of Cretaceous time (Foster, 1960; Mackin and Cary, 1965).

## Correlation and Age

The tectonic slivers of sedimentary rocks found in the Straight Creek fault zone were correlated by Vance (1957) with the Swauk Formation. These rocks are of Late Cretaceous to Paleocene in age based on fossil leaves contained within them (Vance, 1957; Foster, 1960).

COMPARISON OF CHILLIWACK, SWAUK, AND NOOKSACK SANDSTONES

Introduction

The purpose of this comparison was to see if the distribution of petrographic types in the clastic Chilliwack strata is similar to the geographic distribution of ages found in the limestones of the Chilliwack Group. An additional purpose was to determine if the clastics of the Chilliwack Group are significantly different from other major clastic sedimentary units of the area (Swauk Formation and Nooksack Group). Chilliwack sandstones used to check this hypothesis were collected near dated limestones. Because of their metamorphic overprint some of the samples collected as sandstones turned out to be dike rocks so the sampling of Chilliwack sandstones was incomplete.

Modal analyses were completed on four thin sections of Chilliwack sandstones from the thesis area; on three thin sections of Chilliwack sandstones from Jackman Creek, Washington; on four thin sections of Swauk sandstones from the thesis area; and on three thin sections of Nooksack sandstones from north of Mt. Baker. The results of the modal analysis are presented in Appendix $C$, as are brief rock descriptions of the Nooksack and Chilliwack sand stones from outside the thesis area. Rock descriptions of the Swauk and Chilliwack sandstones from the thesis area are presented above.

## Method of Comparison

The samples of Chilliwack, Swauk, and Nooksack sandstones were compared using a method developed by Dickinson (1976). This
method is used to determine the depositional environment of a sand stone with respect to a converging plate boundary. Dickinson's method involves the use of refined ternary diagrams for the classification of sandstones. Instead of using one ternary diagram with quartz, feldspar, and lithic end members, three ternary diagrams are used. Their end members are: l. monocrystalline quartz (Qm), feldspar (F), and lithics plus polycrystalline quartz (L + Qp); 2. monocrystalline quartz, plagioclase (P), and potassic feldspar (K); 3. polycrystalline quartz ( Qp ), volcanic lithics ( Lv ), and sedimentary lithics (Ls). For interpretation of depositional environments using this method, it is assumed that: 1. the polycrystalline quartz present was derived from chert deposited in a deep marine environment; 2. the volume of volcanic and sedimentary lithics will increase as an arc is approached; 3. as erosion of a volcanic arc continues, the erosional products will be, first, volcanic lithics, then feldspars and monocrystalline quartz from the plutonic root of the arc.

## Comparison

When plotted on Gilbert's classification system (Williams, et al., 1954), the sandstones a nalyzed in this study show distinct groupings (see Figure 7). The Chilliwack samples from Jackman Creek are lithic wackes with very little quartz (less than $12 \%$ ) and a moderate amount of feldspar (14-22\%). The Chilliwack samples from the thesis area are also lithic wackes, but they contain much more quartz (14-29\%) and less feldspar ( $1-13 \%$ ) than the Chilliwack from Jackman Creek. The Swauk sandstones are arkosic wackes, and the Nooksack sandstones range from lithic wackes to arkosic wackes.

When the se samples are plotted on the $Q m-F-L+Q p$ ternary diagram of Dickinson, the three samples of Chilliwack from Jackman

## STABLE GRAINS

quartz, chert, quartzite


Chilliwack sandstones from thesis area

Swauk sandstones

Nooksack sandstones

Chilliwack sandstone from Jackman Creek

Figure 7. Classification of chilliwack, Swauk, and Nooksack sandstones.

Creek and the two coarser samples of Chilliwack from the thesis area plot near the $L+Q p$ corner of the diagram (see Figure 8). This suggests that the depositional environment of the Chilliwack was near a young volcanic arc being actively eroded. These five samples are coarse to very coarse grained sandstone. The other two Chilliwack samples (122f and 188) are fine grained sandstones, which precludes the possibility of a large volume of lithics. The Nooksack samples display a large variability, which is suggestive of continued erosion of a volcanic arc, thereby making available a larger volume of plutonic minerals. The Swauk samples plot near the $Q m$ - $F$ (plutonic) side of the diagram. This is reasonable since the Swauk is a fluviatile sequence developed late in the history of the area after erosion had exposed considerable plutonic material.

On the Qp - Lv - Ls diagram, the Chilliwack from Jackman Creek plots in the Lv corner. There is very little polycrystalline quartz present in these samples. The samples of Chilliwack from the thesis area all plot on the $Q p$ - Lv side of the diagram, yet there is a large range in the volume of polycrystalline quartz. This variability could be caused by varied depositional environments with sample 111 representing the most oceanic sediment. This seems doubtful based on the thin section analyses, as the polycrystalline quartz observed in these samples was either meta-quartzite or devitrified volcanic glass. The presence of volcanic glass indicates a less mafic source for samples 188 and 111 than for sample 122. On the $Q m-F-L+Q p$ diagram, samples $122 v c$ and $122 f$ are at opposite ends of the variability, while on the Qp - Lv - Ls diagram they plot within $8 \%$ of one another. This is caused by the difference in grain size and suggests that 122 f and 122 vc share a common source. The Nooksack samples, when plotted on a Qp - Lv - Ls diagram, show a large variability. These samples plot along the


Figure 8. Qm - $\mathrm{F}-\mathrm{L}+\mathrm{Qp}$ and $\mathrm{Qp}-\mathrm{Lv}-\mathrm{Ls}$ diagrams.

Lv - Ls side of the diagram and suggest an arc environment. The Swauk samples were not plotted on the Qp - Lv - Ls diagram because they have an extremely low volume of volcanic lithics, sedimentary lithics and polycrystalline quartz.

These samples were collected from units of widely separated ages and from locations that are far apart. The Chilliwack samples from the thesis area are of probable Pennsylvannian age. The Chilliwack samples from Jackman Creek are of Devonian age and occur approximately 32 km to the northwest of the thesis area. The Nooksack samples are of Early Cretaceous age and occur approximately 65 km to the northwest of the thesis area. The Swauk samples are from the thesis area and are of Paleocene age.

In general, too small a sample was used to obtain more than mere suggestive trends. The samples do not plot neatly as arcs or oceanic depositional sites. This ambiguity may be the result of an intra-arc basin depositional site where true oceanic depths were not attained.

# STRUCTURE 

## Introduction

Structure in this area is dominated by faulting. There are two sets of thrust faults, tear faults associated with the thrusts, a right lateral strike slip fault (Straight Creek Fault), and a northeastsouthwest trending vertical fault with the northwest side relatively up.

## Thrusts in the Mélange

There are two thrust faults that can clearly be distinguished in the mélange unit. Others may be present but could not be separated from the general mélange shearing. Those seen generally have a north-south trend and an eastward dip. They are recognized on the ground and on aerial photographs of the area. The eastern thrust fault separates an essentially volcanic member of the meta-igneous unit and its overlying basal Chilliwack conglomerate from a zone of undifferentiated mélange. Because the surface trace of the fault tends to move eastward with decreasing elevation, its dip must be to the east. The western fault has meta-igneous rocks on both sides of the fault plane, except at the northern end, where it has Chilliwack strata on both sides. The evidence for this fault dipping to the east is that it runs along the bases of a series of cliffs with a maximum height of 120 m . In order for these cliffs to face westward as they do, the thrust fault at their bases must dip into them, or eastward. Furthermore, in sections 23 and 24, the fault runs along a series of small north-south trending valleys that occur on the west side of Prairie Mountain. The west sides of these valleys (downhill
side) are low ridges that are similar to cuestas. The uphill or eastern side of these ridges dip at approximately $30^{\circ}$ to the east, while the downhill side dips at approximately $50^{\circ}$ to the west. The eastern side of these ridges is the dip slope of the fault. Thrusting occurred on these faults near the end of the mélange cycle or after the mélange was formed, as evidenced by the thrusts cutting both Chilliwack strata and meta -igneous rocks. These thrust faults ceased activity prior to thrusting of the Shuksan thrust system (Middle Cretaceous, Misch, 1966).

## Shuksan Thrust System

The Shuksan thrust system is a series of imbricate thrust faults that generally have a northwest-southeast trend and dip to the northeast. There are at least six thrust faults and two tear faults associated with this system in the thesis area, including the basal thrust (see Plate I). They are truncated on the east by the Straight Creek Fault and offset on the west by tear faults. These thrust faults are recognized in the field by the presence of narrow zones (3-15 m) of the phyllite unit and a rapid increase in small scale (2-10 cm amplitude) folding near the thrust faults. Furthermore, the outcrops of the greenschist unit in the thesis area west of the Suiattle River form what appear to be two cuesta-like structures, one behind the other. The two cuesta-like structures have near vertical cliffs on the southwest side and gently dipping slopes ( $20-30^{\circ}$ ) parallel to foliations and probably parallel to the thrust faults on their northeastern side. In aerial photographs the thrust faults generally appear as prominent lineations. Heavy forest and alluvial cover forces these faults to be based on incomplete data, but the map pattern shown must be similar to the actual pattern.

Evidence for a northeastward dip is: 1. the cuesta-like structures with their shallow dip-slope to the northeast, 2. foliations in the greenschist generally dip to the northeast, and 3. the thrust contacts are found to swing eastward with decreasing elevations.

The thrust fault model envisioned here is a series of concave upward thrusts with steep dips $\left(45-65^{\circ}\right)$ at their forward end. These dips decrease rapidly with depth so that a near horizontal attitude is attained at a shallow depth. The thrust faults behind the basal thrust of the Shuksan system converge rapidly (within a few kilometers) with the basal thrust zone at an approximate depth of 200 m $\pm 150 \mathrm{~m}$ below sea level. Strong support for this model is found in the presence of a small pod of Chilliwack strata just west of the center of section 18 (see Plate I). This pod of Chilliwack strata is situated along a thrust fault of the Shuksan thrust system and lies 3 km from the next closest outcrop of Chilliwack strata. This exposure of Chilliwack strata strongly suggests that the mélange unit extends back at least this far under the Shuksan Schist, and that the mélange unit at this location cannot be very far (approximately $550 \mathrm{~m} \pm 150 \mathrm{~m}$ ) below the surface (see Plate $I$, cross section $C-B$ ).

The tear faults were located by outcrop data, aerial photograph interpretation, and geometric considerations. In the thesis area they have offset the basal thrust of the Shuksan system a total of 1.8 km . These tear faults show that the thrust faults of the mélange unit occurred prior to the thrust faults of the Shuksan system because the tear faults are limited to the Shuksan Schist and do not continue into the mélange unit. Further evidence of prior thrusting of the thrust faults in the melange unit is found in sections 14 and 15 , where a northeast-southwest trending fault cuts the thrust in the mélange but does not appear to cut the overlying Shuksan Schist. Mapping of these faults is subject to minor variations in
interpretation due to the lack of exposure under the Suiattle River alluvium, but must basically have a pattern similar to that shown.

## Straight Creek Fault

The Straight Creek fault is a right-lateral, transverse fault (Misch, 1966) that can be followed on high altitude aerial photographs from Ellensburg, Washington, north to the Chilliwack Batholith in northern Washington. McTaggart (1970) believes that the Straight Creek fault is an extension of the Frazer River fault zone.

In the thesis area the Straight Creek fault zone has a maximum width of 1 km . This zone is a series of anastomising, near vertical faults which enclose tectonic slivers of Swauk strata that have been rafted into place by the Straight Creek fault (see Plate I). This fault juxtaposes rocks of the Shuksan Schist on the west with rocks of the Skagit Gneiss and the pre-Eocene intrusive units on the east. Misch (1966) and Vance (1957) have dated movement on the fault as Eocene. Misch (1977) suggests some 120 miles of right-lateral displacement on the basis of matching metamorphic units.

Table 2. Sequence of formation of structures.

| Major Structure | Approximate Time of Formation |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1. Mélange | Post-Pennsylvannian to pre- <br> Middle Cretaceous |
| 2. Thrusts in the mélange | Post-mélange to pre-Middle <br> Cretaceous |
| 3. Northeast-southwest trending |  |
| fault in the mélange | Post-thrusting in the mélange to <br> pre-Middle Cretaceous |
| 4. Shuksan Thrust system and |  |
| associated tear faults |  |$\quad$| Middle Cretaceous |
| :--- |

## Degree and Sequence of Metamorphism

The rocks of the thesis area have undergone a long and varied metamorphic history. Again the structural barriers (Shuksan thrust and Straight Creek fault) separate areas with quite different metamorphic histories. The rocks in each of the three tectonic areas show different degrees of metamorphism. The Skagit Gneiss east of the Straight Creek fault attains the highest metamorphic grade of these rocks. In the thesis area the Skagit Gneiss just reaches the upper greenschist facies, but elsewhere it achieves the amphibolite facies (Misch, 1966). Mattinson (1972) reports metamorphic ages of $415 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{y} ., 90 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{y} .$, and $60 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{y}$.

The Shuksan Schist, west of the Straight Creek fault and north of the basal Shuksan thrust, ranges from the lower greenschist facies to lower blueschist facies (Vance, 1974). Misch (1966) reports metamorphic ages for this unit of $259 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{y}$. and $218 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{y}$.

The mélange unit, west of the Straight Creek fault and south of the basal Shuksan thrust, is composed (in the thesis area) of blocks of two units. These units are the Chilliwack strata and the meta-igneous rocks. The Chilliwack strata in the thesis area is of Pennsylvannian age, and displays a light metamorphic overprint. It is debatable whether they can truthfully be considered to be metamorphosed. Their alteration has produced a large component of authigenic matrix. The meta-igneous rocks, as dated by Vance (1974), are Late Ordovician to Middle Devonian. Their metamorphic grade is slightly higher than that of the Chilliwack strata. In the meta -igneous rocks, the plagioclases display abundant exsolution features where a more sodic plagioclase is replacing a more calcic plagioclase. In many instances the exsolution has gone to completion,
and crystals of albite are found in what was originally an andesite or basalt.

Because the meta-igneous rocks show a higher degree of metamorphism than the Chilliwack strata, with which they are intimately associated, they must have undergone one metamorphism prior to the formation of the mélange. Furthermore, since the Chilliwack was deposited on the meta-igneous rocks and the Chilliwack displays a much lower metamorphic grade, the initial metamorphism of the meta-igneous rocks in the thesis area must predate the deposition of the Chilliwack. Therefore, the initial metamorphism occurred before the Pennsylvannian and probably after the Middle Devonian. This time period predates the oldest known metamorphic age for the Shuksan Schist. Since the metamor phic grade of the Shuksan Schist is higher than that of the meta-igneous rocks, and the metamorphic age of the meta -igneous rocks is older than that for the Shuksan Schist, these two units must have been widely separated originally. Because the Shuksan Schist is presently to the east of the mélange unit and the two units were initially widely separated, either the Shuksan Schist originated far to the east of its present position (there is no evidence of this unit east of the Straight Creek fault) or the mélange unit was originally much further to the west. The latter possibility is the more likely one.

When comparing the Skagit Gneiss with the meta -igneous rocks, the same relationships are found as with the Shuksan Schist and the meta-igneous rocks. It is reasonable to assume that the same line of reasoning holds true, and the units of the mélange were initially deposited much farther away from the Skagit Gneiss than they now occur. Presumably, the mélange unit was initially deposited much further to the west.

A second episode of metamorphism effected the metaigneous rocks. This was a light metamorphic overprint that is recognized in the Chilliwack strata. This episode occurred after or during the mélange formation and probably prior to movement of the Shuksan thrust. The most probable relative time for this episode of metamorphism was during the formation of the mélange.

Another feature that should be mentioned is the small scale folding of the bands in the Shuksan Schist (discussed above). Generally the banding of the Shuksan Schist is planar, except near the thrust faults, where they are highly folded. The intensity of folding increases rapidly near the thrusts. Presumably this folding of the banding is the result of stresses set up by movement of the Shuksan Schist along these thrust faults and indicates that thrusting occurred after the metamorphism of the Shuksan Schist. Also, it is doubtful that any metamorphism occurred after thrusting, other wise this small scale folding of the banding would have been destroyed.

Table 4. Sequence of metamorphism.
Approximate Time of
Metamorphic Episode and/or Unit Metamorphism

1. Initial metamorphism of the metaigneous rocks and the oldest known metamorphism of the Skagit Gneiss (probably concurrent but widely separated)
2. Metamorphism of the Shuksan Schist
3. Metamorphism of the mélange unit (light metamorphic overpring)
4. Second episode of Skagit Gneiss metamorphism.
5. Third episode of Skagit Gneiss

Late Ordovician to Middle Devonian for the meta-igneous rocks and $450 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{y}$. for the Skagit Gneiss.

259 and $218 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{y}$.

Post-Pennsylvannian to preMiddle Cretaceous
$90 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{y}$.
$60 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{y}$. metamorphism

## GEOLOGIC HISTOR Y

The meta-igneous rocks are the oldest rocks in the area; they are of Late Ordovician to Middle Devonian age (Vance, 1974). Vance believes the deposition of these rocks occurred on a thinned continental crust marginal to an ocean basin formed by continental rifting. The investigator and others (Lawrence, 1977; Franklin, 1975) view the meta-igneous rocks as fragments of oceanic crust formed in an intra-arc basin. The meta-igneous rocks were broken into blocks, some of the blocks were lifted above sea level, and then the basal conglomerate of the Chilliwack Group, which lies in depositional contact on the meta-igneous rocks, was deposited. Deposition of the Chilliwack Group began in Middle to Late Devonian and continued into Permian time (Danner, 1966; and Misch, 1966). It was deposited into an intra-arc basin as a deepsea fan building off an island arc. After deposition, the Chilliwack was broken up and mixed with blocks of the meta-igneous rocks to form the mélange unit. The break up of these rocks to form the mélange unit was probably an on-going process related to basin closure, similar to the formation of the Francisian Melange (Hsï, 1971).

During the Late Permian to the Early Triassic (Misch, 1966), the mélange unit was being further deformed by the thrusts found in the mélange unit. These thrusts are a series of north-south trending imbricate thrusts dipping to the east. At the same time, the Shuksan Schist was forming along a northeast-facing subduction zone on the eastern margin of the intra-arc basin. At the end of this period of subduction (Early Triassic), the Shuksan Schis.t was uplifted. Possibly the initial Shuksan thrust formed at this time and was the agent that uplifted the Shuksan Schist. For the period from Early Triassic to Middle Cretaceous, there is no evidence recognized
presently in the rock record from which to interpret what happened geologically. Possibly there was another period of rifting, producing another intra-arc basin which then closed. Subduction occurred on the eastern margin west of the previous site. Near the Middle Cretaceous, subduction ceased and movement was renewed along the Shuksan thrust zone (Misch, 1966). The final movement along the Shuksan thrust zone was probably a result of the final stages of basin closure.

While the meta-igneous rocks were forming in the intra-arc basin, the Skagit Gneiss was forming to the east as part of the continental crust. This area appears to have been relatively inactive tectonically until the Mesozic to Paleocene intrusions of the preEocene intrusives. After the intrusions were emplaced, the Northern Cascades were tectonicly quiet and underwent erosion, which formed a low erosional surface by the end of the Cretaceous that covered much of the Cascade Range (Mackin and Cary, 1965). The Paleocene Swauk Formation was deposited by streams and in lakes on this low erosional surface. During the Eocene rightlateral movement occurred along the Straight Creek fault, and tectonic slivers of Swauk strata were inducted into the fault zone and rafted to their present positions.

During the middle Tertiary and the Late Tertiary, volcanism was common in the central crystalline core of the Cascades and uplift occurred. In the Pliestocene, severe glaciation occurred which covered most of the Cascades with glacial debris and carved the major valleys.

## MAGNETICS

## Magnetic Survey

## Survey Area

A magnetic survey was undertaken to attempt to determine a more precise location for the Straight Creek fault and also the subsurface geology and/or structure of the Sauk Prairie area. For the purposes of this discussion, the two areas surveyed are designated the eastern section and the western section (Figures 9 and l0). The western section is directly west of the study area and covers part of the Sauk Prairie. The Sauk Prairie is a glacial outwash plain with bedrock covered by stratified outwash and till. Because glacial debris covers the Sauk Prairie, only magnetic data was obtained on the bedrock geology in this study.

## Survey Procedure

The magnetic survey was conducted from 29 July 1977 to 3 August 1977, with a Geometrics total field proton precession magnetometer. The magnetometer has two units: the counter, which is carried on one's chest, and the sensor, which is carried on an eight foot aluminum staff.

The base maps used were the Darrington 7.5 minute Quadrangle, Washington, for the western section, and the Prairie Mountain 7.5 minute Quadrangle, Washington, for the eastern section.

The procedure followed was to choose easily recognizable points on the map, such as road intersections, and use these as base stations (Figures 9 and 10). Readings of the magnetic field at


Figure 9. Eastern section, showing survey routes and base station locations.


Figure 10. Western section, showing survey routes and base station locations.
one or more of these base stations were taken periodically throughout the day in order to be used for construction of graphs of the diurnal variation. Readings were taken every 100 paces along the road from one base station to the next base station. After returning to the first base station, another reading was taken. This method was followed throughout. Where possible, the first base station used on a given day was common to several survey lines run that day in order to better determine the diurnal variation. Furthermore, the investigator returned to certain base stations on other days of the survey, so that all readings, after correction for diurnal variation, were tied to the same base value.

## Magnetic Data Reduction

## Station Locations

Herein, each site at which a total field magnetic reading was taken is called a station, and each series of stations from one base station to the next base station is termed a section.

In the field, only the locations of the base stations and the routes surveyed were located on the base maps. Readings were taken every 100 paces along the survey route. The location of each station was obtained by using a map measure to measure the map distance along the survey route between consecutive base stations. This distance was then divided by the total number of paces between the base stations. Multiplying this distance by 100 yields the map distance between each station of the section. A programmable calculator was used to calculate the distance between each station of given section and also the cumulative distance from the first base station to each successive station along the section.

These distances were then used to locate each station of the section on the base map.

Because several aspects of the data reduction and interpretation were accomplished using the CDC 3300 computer, the location of each station and base station had to be found to the nearest $1 \times 10^{-4}$ degree latitude and longitude. This was accomplished by constructing latitude and longitude grid overlays at $50 \times 10^{-4}$ and $3.3 \times 10^{-4}$ degree intervals. Interpolation was used to obtain the nearest $10^{-4} \pm 5 \times 10^{-5}$ degree latitude and longitude of the station.

## Diurnal Variation Corrections

Corrections for diurnal variation were made in the field at the end of each day of surveying. A diurnal variation curve was constructed by plotting the readings at specific base stations verses time (Figures ll-13). Then a daily reference level was picked, usually the first reading at the main base station that day. In areas where the survey was continued for several days, the reference level was tied to one main base station. After the reference level was picked, each reading was adjusted to compensate for the diurnal variaion.

All of the daily variation curves as graphed were usable without further work, except the diurnal variation graph of 31 July 1976 (Figure 13a). On this date, no one base station was visited often enough during the day to give a good curve for the diurnal variation. A composite curve was therefore constructed (Figure l3b). This graph was constructed by plotting the average of each base station curve at 20 minute intervals. The first reading of the day at base station BA (Figure 10) was taken as the 0 gamma reference level. As each successive base station was first reached, the
(a)

(b)


Figure 11. Diurnal variation curves. a. base station AA on 29 July 1976, b. base station AA on 30 July 1976.


Figure 12. Diurnal variation curves. a. base station BA on 1 August 1976, b. base station BP on 2 August 1976, c. base station AO on 3 August 1976.

(b)


Figure 13. a. Diurnal variation curves at base stations $B I, B F, B A, B G, B E$, and $B B$ on 31 July 1976. b. Composite diurnal variation curve for 31 July 1976.
initial reading was set equal to the composite curve constructed to that time. This first reading for each base station curve was set as the zero reference for that base station curve, for use in the determination of the amount of change at a specific time. These values were averaged to construct the composite diurnal variation curve.

## Anomaly Computation

Anomalies are the variations between the magnetic field and the reference field given by equation 3-1.

$$
\text { Anomaly }=\text { measured field }- \text { reference field }
$$

The reference field used in this study is the International Geomagnetic Reference Field (IGRF), Epoch 1975. The IGRF for latitude $48^{\circ} 20^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$ and longitude $121^{\circ} 28^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$ was 56,751 gammas on July 30, 1976. The total field magnetic readings (corrected for diurnal variation), station designations, station locations, date of readings, and times of readings were entered into the CDC 3300. The anomaly was then computed and filed with the previous data.

Interpretive Methods and Interpretation: Western Section

## Contour Map and Profiles

The CDC 3300 computer was used to plot the anomaly for each station on a mercator projection at a scale of $1 \mathrm{~cm}=120 \mathrm{~m}$. The plot of the western section was then hand contoured at ten gamma intervals by the investigator (Figure 14). The plot of data from the

Figure 14 Contour map of western section. Hand contoured at ten gamma intervals.

Figure 14
eastern section was not suitable for contouring because of insufficient data coverage.

## Profile Construction

Three profiles were constructed from the contour map of the western section (Figure 10). These profiles were constructed where magnetic data density was greatest and showed marked anomalies (Figures 10 and 14).

## Depth Determination

Depth to basement beneath the till was determined using the half-slope method of Peters (1947). This method involves the determination of the tangent of maximum slope to the anomaly. A line with one-half this maximum slope is tangent to the anomaly at two points. Both of these tangents were constructed, and the horizontal distance, $h$, between these two lines was measured. Then, the depth to basement $s$ is given by formula 3-2

$$
\mathrm{s}=1.6 \mathrm{~h}
$$

This method is based on two assumptions: 1. that the anomalous mass is in the shape of an infinitely long slab of constant thickness with vertical sides and a horizontal top at depth $h$; and 2. this mass is uniformly magnetized in the vertical direction. This method was found generally to be accurate within $\pm 20 \%$ of the actual depth (Peters, 1947).

The depths determined for the major anomalies of profiles A-A', B-B', and C-C' are listed in Table 4. As shown in Table 4, the basement relief estimated from the major anomalies is

Table 4. Computed depth to bedrock.

| Profile | Anomaly <br> Position | Computed Depth | Model Depth | Model Depth Displaced 100 m East |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A-A' | 427 m | 112 m | 90 m | 105m |
|  | 610 m | 215 m | 150 m | 210 m |
|  | 1310 m | 78 m | 120 m | 120 m |
| $B-B^{\prime}$ | 975m | 170 m | N/A | N/A |
|  | 1067 m | 61 m |  |  |
|  | 1280 m | 127 m |  |  |
| $C-{ }^{\prime}$ | 152m | 107 m | N/A | N/A |
|  | 335 m | 156 m |  |  |
|  | 488 m | 132 m |  |  |
|  | 580 m | 93 m |  |  |
|  | 670 m | 115 m |  |  |
|  | 823m | 141 m |  |  |



Figure 15. Magnetic and topographic profiles $B-B^{\prime}$ and $C-C^{\prime}$.
approximately 140 m . The depths computed for profile $C-C^{\prime}$ might appear to be anomalously deep, because profile C-C' approaches within 180 m of bedrock exposure. But by continuing the slope of the hill to determine depth below $C-C^{\prime}$ at the closest approach to bedrock of profile $C-C^{\prime}$, a value of 170 m is obtained. This value is greater than any depth determined by Peters (1947) half-slope method for profile $C-C^{\prime}$. The investigator also compared the computed depths for profile A-A' with model one, which is described later in this thesis (see Figure 16). This comparison is presented in Table 4. As Table 4 shows, the computed depth compares fairly well with the model depth. When the position of the anomaly center is offset 100 m to the east, the comparison between computed depth and model depth is much closer. Because magnetic anomalies are associated predominantly with edge effects, this offset is acceptable. It would appear that the depths are a reasonable approximation of basement depth, if the basement is composed of rocks with a uniform magnetic susceptability.

## Magnetic Modeling

Profile A-A' was chosen for modeling, and two approaches to modeling were attempted. The first approach was to assume that the basement was of uniform magnetic susceptibility and that the observed anomalies were due to variations in basement relief. This approach was to determine the maximum basement relief. It was also to show if a fault was positively needed to produce the observed anomaly. The second approach was to as sume that the basement was composed of blocks of differing magnetic susceptibilities, as might be found in a mélange, with a constant depth to basement. In actuality, the observed anomaly (A-A') is probably


Figure 16. Model One: observed anomaly, computed anomaly, model one, and topographic profile, for profile A-A'.
the result of both a combination of basement relief and blocks of varying magnetic susceptibility.

Magnetic modeling was accomplished on the CDC 3300 computer using a program (*TWOMAG) developed by Richard J. Blakely (OSU). A listing of this program may be found in Appendix A. Program *TWOMAG calculated the total magnetic field anomaly over a series of two dimensional bodies. These bodies are assumed to have uniform magnetization and to be polygonal in cross section. The input data required to run *TWOMAG is listed in the program printout in Appendix A. The procedure followed was to construct a profile model of consecutive polygons (Figure 16). This data was entered into the computer by punch cards and stored as a file. The file was listed and then run through *TWOMAG. The computer output from *TWOMAG was plotted on graph paper by the investigator and compared to the observed profile. Modifications were then made to the model to reduce the discrepancies between the observed profile and the computed profile. Usually, the file of the previous model could be changed in the edit mode of OS -3 to reflect the new model. When the discrepancies between the observed and computed profiles were too marked, a new model was entered on punch cards. This iterative method was followed until close agreement ( $\pm 25$ gammas) was obtained.

Model one (Figure 16) is based on the assumptions of approach one, i.e., the basement has a uniform magnetic susceptibility and the observed anomaly is the result of basement relief. Unfortunately, the data available in this area is restricted to the magnetic data the investigator obtained in the field, so a unique determination cannot be achieved. One point of reference used for the greatest depth of this model was the depth computed using Peters (1949) half slope method. The magnetic susceptibility used originally was the computed magnetic susceptibility based on the volume percent of
magnetite found in a thin section study of Chilliwack and meta igneous samples. Formula 3-3 was used to compute the magnetic susceptibility, where

$$
k=2.89 \times 10^{-3} V^{1.01}
$$

k is the computed magnetic susceptibility and V is the volume percent of magnetite (Dobrin, 1961). The volume percent of magnetite found in the Chilliwack and meta-igneous samples varied from zero to one percent, generally being less than one half percent. For the first model attempted, a computed magnetic susceptibility of $.00289 \mathrm{emu} / \mathrm{cc}$ was used based on one percent of magnetite. The anomaly computed was of the general form desired, but much too large. Because the volume percent of magnetite was quire variable and the magnetic susceptibility for one percent magnetite was too large, the depth estimate from the slope method was used. A magnetic susceptibility was found that resulted in a computed anomaly from the model of the correct amplitude. This magnetic susceptibility was. $00145 \mathrm{emu} / \mathrm{cc}$. This susceptibility is within the range of magnetic susceptibilities listed in Dobrin (1961) for sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. It is also compatible with the results of less than one percent magnetite obtained by the thin section study.

As can be seen in Figure 16, the anomaly computed from the model is very similar to the observed anomaly with a maximum difference of $\pm 25$ gammas. In general, the difference is within $\pm 10$ gammas of the maxima and minima of the observed anomaly. Furthermore, the computed anomaly and observed anomalies have similar slopes. Model one, which produced this computed anomaly, has a maximum depth of 220 m at 725 m from A . It has a minimum depth of 75 m at 475 m from A. Model one shows that the observed
anomaly can be solely the result of basement relief for a basement of uniform magnetic susceptibility. The relief called for in the model is reasonable in this area and could represent pre-glacial stream channels and the topography between them. The model could also represent differential glacial erosion resulting from the movement of glaciers that deepened the Sauk Valley.

As stated previously, this is not a unique determination. The variables of the model used with limited constraints available are the depth to bedrock and the magnetic susceptibility. Also, the basic premise of uniform bedrock magnetic susceptibility is unlikely in the bedrock of the Sauk Prairie, as the rocks found directly to the east within 1.5 km of $\mathrm{A}^{\prime}$ are of the mélange unit. For this reason, a second model was postulated.

This model assumes that the observed anomaly is caused by a basement of uniform depth composed of blocks of differing magnetic susceptibilities (see model two, Figure l7). This model is compatible with a mélange unit as bedrock and a glacially scoured up surface. Mélange has been defined as mappable bodies of deformed rocks characterized by the inclusion of native and exotic blocks, which may range up to several miles long, in a pervasively sheared, commonly pelitic matrix (Hsí, 1968). This describes the mélange unit of the Chilliwack and meta -igneous rocks of this area.

Model two is constructed of two rock types displaying different magnetic susceptibilities. Rock type one with a magnetic susceptibility of $.00083 \mathrm{emu} / \mathrm{cc}$ represents the Chilliwack strata. Rock type two with a magnetic susceptibility of $00309 \mathrm{emu} / \mathrm{cc}$ represents the meta-igneous rocks. These values of magnetic susceptibility are averages obtained from Dobrin (1961). The type one susceptibility was obtained as an average for sedimentary rocks; the type two susceptibility was obtained as a combined average for





Figure 17. Model Two: observed anomaly, computed anomaly, model two, and topographic profile, for profile A-A'.
metamorphic and acid igneous rocks, since rock type two represents the meta-igneous rocks.

Model two produces a computed anomaly quite similar to the observed anomaly from 300 m to $\mathrm{A}^{\prime}$ with a maximum variation of $\pm 20$ gammas and an average variation of $\pm 10$ gammas. The maxima and minima of the computed anomaly correspond to those of the observed anomaly. The slopes of the two anomalies also are very similar. From 300 m to A the computed anomaly has a greater variation. However, this discrepancy could have been reduced by assuming that this section of the model is a mixture of small Chilliwack and meta-igneous blocks. Model two includes a large meta igneous block from 350 m to 565 m ( 215 m wide) and smaller blocks at 820 m to $865 \mathrm{~m}, 1,030 \mathrm{~m}$ to $1,095 \mathrm{~m}, 1,340 \mathrm{~m}$ to $1,415 \mathrm{~m}, 1,570$ m to $1,605 \mathrm{~m}$, and 1,700 to $1,720 \mathrm{~m}$. Field work in the mélange unit of the thesis area suggests that this model is realistic. These size blocks have been observed and mapped in associations similar to those represented in model two.

Model two also is not a unique solution. The depth to basement was placed at 150 m , representing the average depth in model one. If the depth to basement were increased, the differences between magnetic susceptibilities necessary would have to be increased to produce the observed anomaly. Furthermore, much of the high frequency fluctuation would be lost. The magnetic susceptibilities represent averages for general rock types. While not inconsistent with the data from thin section studies, the magnetic susceptibilities could vary widely. Also, more susceptibilities are likely to be involved than those used in model two. Still an additional factor introducing uncertainty is that small blocks are involved. Each block has its own magnetic field, and the observed anomaly is the result of the superposition of the fields of the individual blocks.

Models one and two, although not unique, give an idea of what could cause the observed anomaly. The observed anomaly is most likely to be the result of blocks of both differing magnetic susceptibilities and basement relief. Model one sets a probable upper limit of 145 m on the amount of basement relief and an average depth to bedrock of $150 \mathrm{~m} \pm 25 \mathrm{~m}$. This model also shows where the maxima and minima of relief must occur to produce the observed anomaly. Model two sets the lower limit on basement relief at zero meters and shows that the observed anomaly can be the result solely of blocks of varying magnetic susceptibilities. The depth to bedrock used for this model was 150 m . This depth could not be much greater or the high frequency anomalies would be lost, at the same time the average depth could not be much less or the computed anomaly would be too large. This model shows where the blocks of higher magnetic susceptibility must be situated in relation to the blocks of lower magnetic susceptibility and the relative sizes of the blocks. Model one shows that a fault is not required to produce the observed anomaly. It does not, however, rule out the possibility that a fault caused the observed anomaly, because a fault is a probable locus of deep differential erosion.

Methods and Interpretation: Eastern Section

## Profiles

Three composite profiles were constructed; $D-D^{\prime}, E-E^{\prime}$ and F-F' (Figures 18 and 19). All three profiles are perpendicular to the trend of the Straight Creek fault. The survey routes in this area followed the roads, which, of course, are not straight lines perpendicular to the Straight Creek fault, but are restricted to


Figure 18. Profiles $D-D^{\prime}$ (top) and $E-E^{\prime}$ (bottom), with their topographic profiles below the anomaly profile.


Figure 19. Model three: observed anomaly, computed anomaly model three, and topographic profile for profile F-F'.
acceptable grades (see Figure 9). In order to make straight profiles perpendicular to the trend of the Straight Creek fault, data was p rojected a short distance parallel to this trend. This method assumes that any major anomaly in this area is the result of juxta position of differing rock types across the fault. Also, that each rock unit is of a uniform magnetic susceptibility and is fairly continuous along the fault. Based on these assumptions, it follows that for any given distance from the fault, readings on a line parallel to the fault would have the same value. Following this reasoning, profiles were then constructed directly from these three lines using the migrated data.

When profiles $D-D^{\prime}, E-E^{\prime}$, and $F-F^{\prime}$ are compared (see Figures 18 and 19), they are obviously dissimilar. Profile D-D' has a large negative anomaly at $1,125 \mathrm{~m}$ east of $D$. This point is over the Straight Creek fault trace as determined from outcrops. During the field survey, the investigator noticed that the readings decreased rapidly (within a few feet) in all directions from this same point. Because of this, the anomaly is believed due to a buried pile of scrap metal. West of this position on the profile are high frequency variations with average amplitudes of 14 gammas. This is an area known to be of Shuksan Schist, while east of the Straight Creek fault at this position are the pre-Eocene intrusives. After the profile crosses the Straight Creek fault, very little variation occurs. This pattern is not repeated in profiles $E-E^{\prime}$ and $F-F^{\prime}$. Profile $F-F^{\prime}$ crosses the Straight Creek fault where a tectonic sliver of Swauk strata separates the Shuksan Schist to the west and the Skagit Gneiss and the pre-Eocene intrusives to the east. Looking at this profile alone, the two large negative anomalies could represent the Straight Creek Fault. The negative anomaly at 150 m agrees well with the location of the western edge of the tectonic sliver of

Swauk strata determined from geological mapping. The eastern negative anomaly at $1,000 \mathrm{~m}$ coincides with the eastern edge of the glacially covered bench. This appears to be a reasonable location for the eastern edge of the sliver of Swauk strata. A model (Figure 19) was made following this premise and using the land surface as the upperbound. The purpose of this model was to determine if the observed anomaly was the result of topography. Average magnetic susceptibilities for sedimentary rocks, metamorphic rocks, and igneous rocks were taken from Dobrin (1961). As can be seen in the computed anomaly for model three, the observed anomaly is not the result of relief alone. Another unit of higher magnetic susceptibility must be present under the glacial bench to account for the positive anomaly or the positive anomaly is caused by the glacial debris.

Based on the three profiles ( $D-D^{\prime}, E-E^{\prime}$, and $F-F^{\prime}$ ) the investigator concludes that the Straight Creek fault in this area cannot be detected by a single magnetic signature. This was expected due to the juxtaposition of various rock types across the Straight Creek fault. A marked negative anomaly is the more likely signature to be found for the fault. It does appear possible to use the known magnetic signatures for the Straight Creek fault, in the thesis area, to determine rock types juxtaposed by the Straight Creek fault in covered areas.

## CONCLUSIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

This thesis presents a geologic map of the area in greater detail than any previously presented. Results from this detailed mapping include a new location for the basal thrust of the Shuksan thrust system. The basal thrust is west of the Suiattle River, not under it in the thesis area as previously throught. A small block of Chilliwack strata, surrounded by greenschist is located in section $18,3 \mathrm{~km}$ behind the basal Shuksan thrust. This gives strong support for a concave, upward, relatively shallow basal shuksan thrust, with mélange unit rocks present at approximately $200 \mathrm{~m} \pm 150 \mathrm{~m}$ below sea level at this location.

Petrographic study showed that the "All Creek Volcanics" is a block of the meta-igneous rocks (Paleozoic age) that is predominantly composed of volcanics and is not a separate unit of Tertiary age. Also, grains of the meta-igneous rocks found in the Chilliwack strata indicate that the meta-igneous rocks were a partial source for the Chilliwack strata. Furthermore, the conglomerate at the top of the "All Creek Volcanics" meta-igneous block is in depositional contact, not tectonic contact, with the meta-igneous rocks below it and probably represents the basal Chilliwack conglomerate. In addition, a limestone pod found in section 14 contains probable fossils of foraminiferas.

The magnetic study gives an idea of the subsurface geology of the Sauk Prairie and a more precise location for the trace of the Straight Creek fault.

The sedimentary study of the Chilliwack strata show that the sandstones are lithic wackes and suggest a deepsea fan as the likely depositional environment, while the study of the meta-igneous rocks
indicates that they are fragments of oceanic crust from an intraarc basin. The comparative study of the Chilliwack, Swauk, and Nooksack sandstones suggests an island arc depositional site for the Chilliwack and Nooksack sandstone and a continental depositional site for the Swauk sandstones. It is probable that the Chilliwack strata, in the thesis area, was deposited as a deepsea fan building eastward off of an island arcinto an intra-arc basin.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A
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## APPENDIX B

Appendix B. Table l. Magnetic survey routes, section identifications and number of stations in each section excluding base stations.

| Survey Routes Base Stations |  | Section Identification | Number of Stations in Section Excluding Base Stations |
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| BG | BF | BG | 21 |
| BM | BN | BM | 22 |
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| BP | BR | BR | 16 |
| BB | BD | BB | 38 |
| BB | BC | BC | 11 |
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| BP | BS | BS | 7 |
| $B \mathrm{U}$ | BS | $B \mathrm{U}$ | 12 |
| BU | BV | BV | 14 |
| BI | BS | BI | 10 |
| BI | BH | BH | 15 |
| BX | BV | BX | 13 |
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| AA | AB | AB | 15 |
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| AC | AB | AC | 23 |
| AC | AE | AE | 6 |
| AP | AQ | AP | 14 |
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## APPENDIX C

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## Nooksack Sandstones

The samples used in this study were collected along the Glacier Creek road in T39N, R7E. Sample 76-RL-30 (a and b) was collected in a road cut in the SWl/4 of section 9. Sample $76-\mathrm{RL}-29$ was collected in a road cut in the SEl/4 of section 16 . The outcrops visited had rhythmic, graded beds. The beds were steeply dipping with a few sandstone beds interbedded with many siltstone beds. The textures noticed in thin section were poor to moderate sorting and angular to rounded grains. The sandstones studied were texturally and compositionally immature. The rocks are of Early Cretaceous age (Misch, 1966).

## Chilliwack Sandstone from Jackman Creek

Outcrops of Chilliwack sandstones are found in road cuts along Jackman Creek. The samples used in this study were collected in the SWl/4 of section 12 , T35N, R8E, and the NWl/4 of section 4, T35N, R9E. Textures seen in thin section were poor to moderate sorting and angular to subangular grains. The sandstones studied were texturally and compositionally immature. Limestones near the collecting localities contain Devonian fossils (Danner, 1966).

Appendix Table C-1. Modal analysis of four chilliwack sandstones from the thesis area.

| Mineralogy | Volume Percent |  |  |  | Adjusted Volume Percent |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | JAD-76-111 | JAD-76-122 | JAD-76-122 | JAD -76-188 | JAD-76-122 | JAD -76-188 |
| quartz | 13.8\% | 15.8\% | 29.2\% | 16.8\% | 46\% | 36\% |
| polycrystalline quartz | 23.0 | 5.4 | ---- | 4.9 | ---- | 11 |
| plagioclase | 4.4 | t | 6.9 | 3.5 | 12 | 8 |
| orthoclase | 8.0 | 1.0 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 10 | 12 |
| opaques | t | ---- | 1.2 | 2. 3 | 2 | 5 |
| muscovite | t | ---- | t | t | ---- | --- |
| hornblende | t | ---- | t | t | ---- | ---- |
| clinopyroxene | t | ---- | - | ---- | ---- | - |
| olivine | t | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| volcanic lithics | 25.7 | 62.8 | 19. 2 | 3.7 | 30 | 8 |
| chert | 1.8 | - | - | 8.5 | ---- | 18 |
| granitics | t | 1.0 | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| phylite | t | -- | ---- | --- | ---- | ---- |
| schist | 1.4 | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| matrix | 19.3 | 14.0 | 36.7 | 46.2 |  |  |
| vein quartz | -- | - | -- | 7.3 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 97.4 | 100.0 | 99.3 | 98.8 | 100 | 98 |
| Points counted | 725 | 530 | 600 | 700 |  |  |
| Grain Size | medium | very coarse | fine | fine | fine | fine |

[^0]Appendix Table C-2. Modal analysis of three chilliwack sandstones from Jackman Creek.

| Mineralogy | 76-RL-23a | 76-RL-25a | 76-RL-26b |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| quartz | 7. $2 \%$ | 6.5\% | 11.6\% |
| polycrystalline quartz | t | ---- | ---- |
| plagioclase | 15.8 | 10.9 | 9.8 |
| orthoclase | 6.3 | 3.5 | 8.0 |
| sphene | 1.0 | ---- | ---- |
| olivine | ---- | t | ---- |
| augite | ---- | t | ---- |
| garnet | ---- | t | ---- |
| opaque | ---- | t | ---- |
| volcanic lithics | 43.0 | 46.4 | 42.6 |
| sandstone | ---- | ---- | t |
| sandy siltstone | --- | t | t |
| matrix | 25.6 | 31.2 | 16.9 |
| calcite | t | t | 10.6 |
| Total | 98.9 | 98.5 | 99.5 |
| Points counted | 500 | 550 | 550 |
| Grain Size | medium | coarse | coarse |

$t=$ trace,$\quad---=0.0 \%$

Appendix Table C-3. Modal analysis of four swauk sandstones.

| Mineralogy | Volume Percent |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | JAD-76-48 | JAD-76-62 | JAD-76-67 | JAD -76-206 |
| quartz | 22.5\% | 26.5\% | 26.0\% | 21.8\% |
| polycrystalline quartz | 5.7 | 6.7 | 5.0 | 6.9 |
| plagioclase | 15.5 | 11.0 | 14.0 | 21.8 |
| orthoclase | 14.1 | 10.5 | 15.0 | 10.8 |
| perthite | ---- | ---- | 2.0 | ---- |
| opaques | ---- | 7.2 | t | --- |
| epidote | ---- | t | ---- | ---- |
| muscovite | t | t | t | t |
| biotite | 6.3 | 3.0 | ---- | 1.8 |
| phlogopite | ---- | ---- | 2.0 | ---- |
| hornblende | ---- | ---- |  | 4.7 |
| clinopyroxene | ---- | ---- | 1.0 | ---- |
| orthopyroxene | ---- | ---- | ---- | t |
| kyanite | t | ---- | - | --- |
| sphene | ---- | ---- | t | t |
| zircon | ---- | t | ---- | --- |
| garnet | - | ---- | t | ---- |
| carbonaceous matter | 2.7 | ---- | ---- | t |
| volcanic lithics | 3.5 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 2.9 |
| granitics | 4.9 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 7.9 |
| schist | 4.1 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| phylite | ---- | ---- | 4.0 | ---- |
| gneiss | ---- | ---- | 2.0 | 3.5 |
| silty mudstone | 2.9 | ---- | ---- | 1.4 |
| matrix | 17.8 | 23.3 | 12.0 | 14.3 |
| calcite | - | 1.5 | 4.0 | ---- |
| Total | 100.0 | 99.0 | 98.0 | 99.0 |
| Points Counted | 511 | 525 | 503 | 509 |
| Grain Size | very coarse | medium | coarse | medium |

[^1]Appendix Table C-4. Modal analysis of three nooksack sandstones from Mt. Baker Quad.

| Mineralogy | Volume Percent |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 76-RL-29 | 76-RL-30a | 76-RL-30b |
| quartz | 15.6\% | 14.8\% | 15.7\% |
| polycrystalline quartz | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| plagioclase | 19.4 | 8.5 | 11.9 |
| orthoclase | 13.6 | 8.0 | 15.1 |
| apatite | t | ---- | ---- |
| opaques | t | ---- | ---- |
| zircon | ---- | t | ---- |
| volcanic lithics | 12.4 | 21.2 | 22.3 |
| siltstone | - | 21.6 | 4.9 |
| matrix | 37.4 | 24.7 | 22.3 |
| calcite | ---- | ---- | 3.4 |
| radiolarian test | - | ---- | t |
| Total | 100 | 100.2 | 96.7 |
| Points Counted | 500 | 500 | 530 |
| Grain Size | fine | medium | medium |

$\mathrm{t}=$ trace,$\quad---=0.0 \%$

Appendix Table C-5. Modal analysis of the Skagit gneiss and the Hornblende diorite.

| Minerals | Skagit gneiss | Hornblende diorite |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Quartz | $41 \%$ | -- |
| Albite | 10 | -- |
| Andesine | -- | 14 |
| Actinolite | 37 | -- |
| Hornblende | -- | 84 |
| Biotite | 9 | -- |
| Muscovite | -- | t |
| Garnet | 1 | -- |
| Magnetite | 2 | 1 |
| Pyrite | -- | - |
|  | - | 99 |
| TOTAL | 100 | 300 |
| Points Counted |  |  |

t = trace,$\quad--=0.0 \%$


[^0]:    $t=$ trace,$\quad \cdots=0.0 \%$

[^1]:    $\mathrm{t}=$ trace, $\quad-\sim=0.0 \%$

