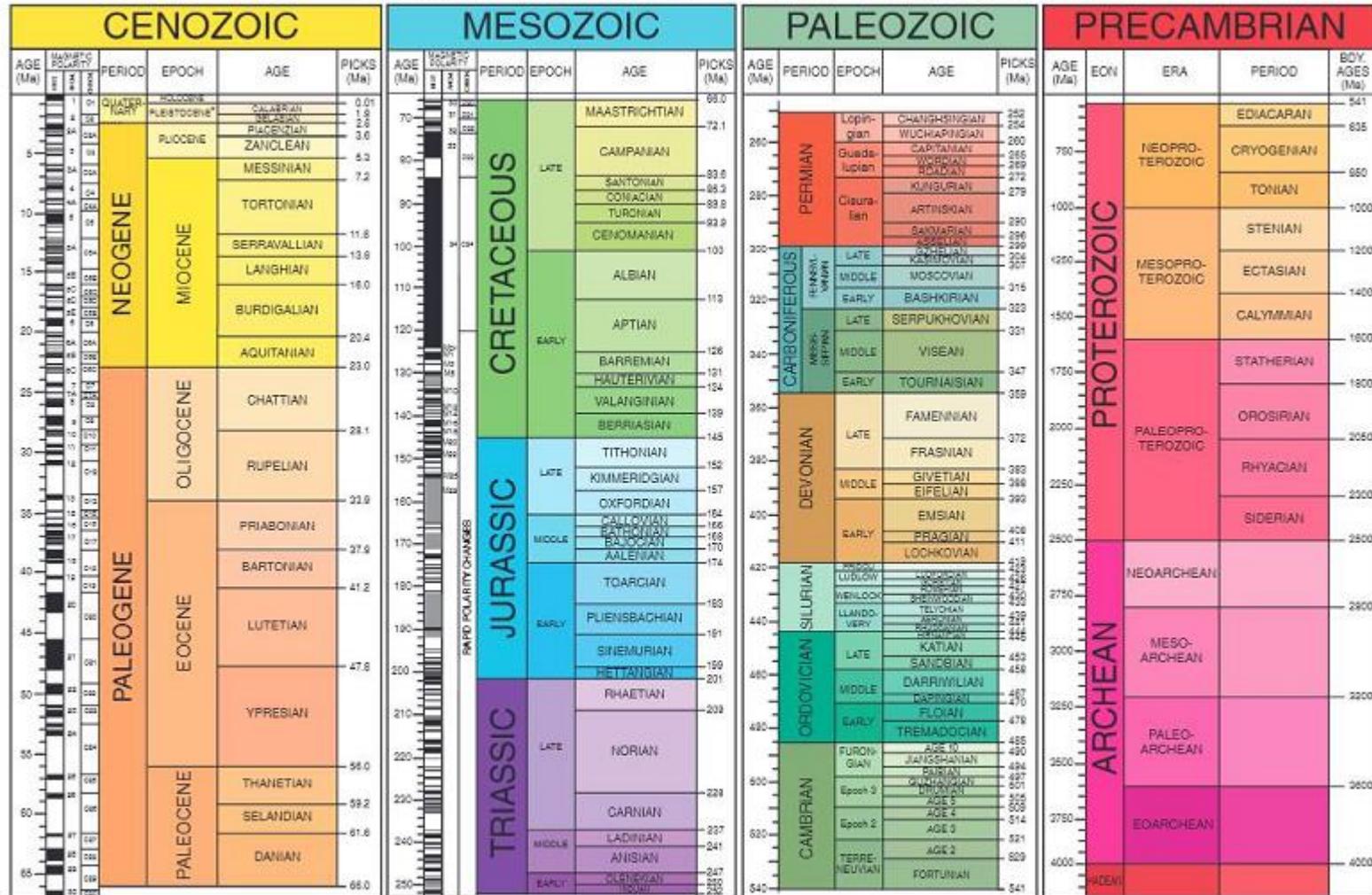


Figure 1.4 Scaling concept employed by Arthur Holmes in the first half of the previous century to construct the geologic time scale. The cumulative sum of maximum thicknesses of strata in thousands of feet per stratigraphic unit is plotted along the vertical axis and

selected radiometric dates from volcanic tuffs, glauconites, and magmatic intrusives along the horizontal linear axis. This version (Holmes, 1960) incorporated an uncertainty envelope from the errors on the radiometric age constraints.

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*The Pleistocene is divided into four ages, but only two are shown here. What is shown as Calabrian is actually three ages—Calabrian from 1.8 to 0.78 Ma, Middle from 0.78 to 0.13 Ma, and Late from 0.13 to 0.01 Ma. Walker, J.D., Goleman, J.W., Bowring, S.A., and Babcock, L.E., compilers, 2012, Geologic Time Scale v. 4.0. Geological Society of America, doi: 10.1130/2012.GTS004R3D. ©2012 The Geological Society of America. The Cenozoic, Mesozoic, and Paleozoic are the Eras of the Phanerozoic Eon. Names of units and age boundaries follow the Gradstein et al. (2012) and Cohen et al. (2012) compilations. Age estimates and picks of boundaries are rounded to the nearest whole number (1 Ma) for the pre-Cenomanian, and rounded to one decimal place (100 ka) for the Cenomanian to Pleistocene interval. The numbered spots and ages of the Cambrian are provisional. REFERENCES CITED: Cohen, K.M., Finney, S., and Gibberd, P.L., 2012, International Chronostratigraphic Chart. International Commission on Stratigraphy, www.stratigraphy.org (last accessed May 2012). (Chart reproduced for the 34th International Geological Congress, Brisbane, Australia, 5–10 August 2012.) Gradstein, F.M., Ogg, J.G., Schmitt, M.D., et al., 2012, The Geologic Time Scale 2012. Boston, USA, Elsevier, DOI: 10.1016/B978-0-444-59425-8.00004-4.



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