

# Today's Quiz

- 1) Vocabulary Chapters 13
- 2) Review of Chapter 1b and 12







# Hobo-Dyer Map Projection





# Worldwide Seismicity Map



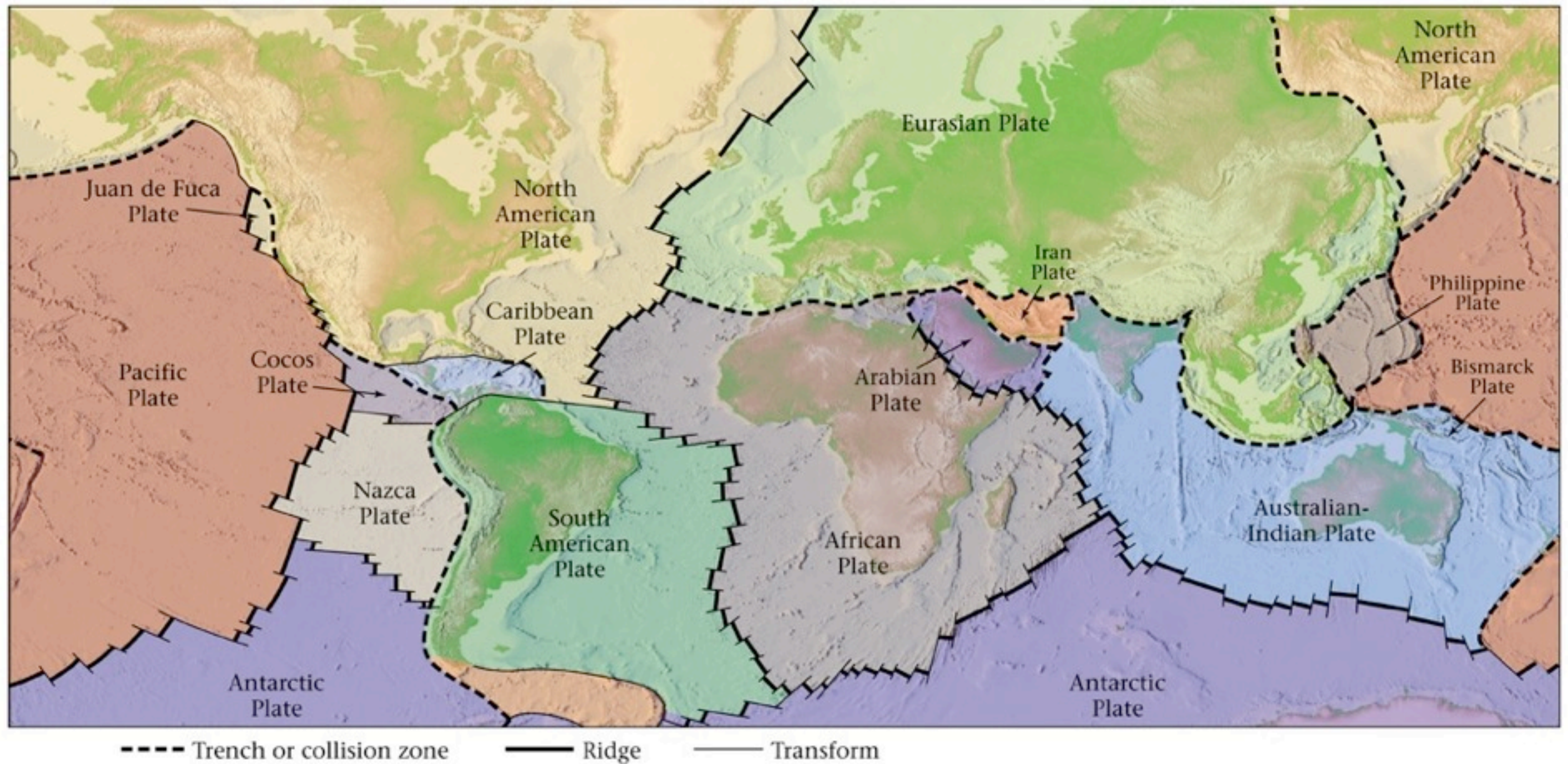


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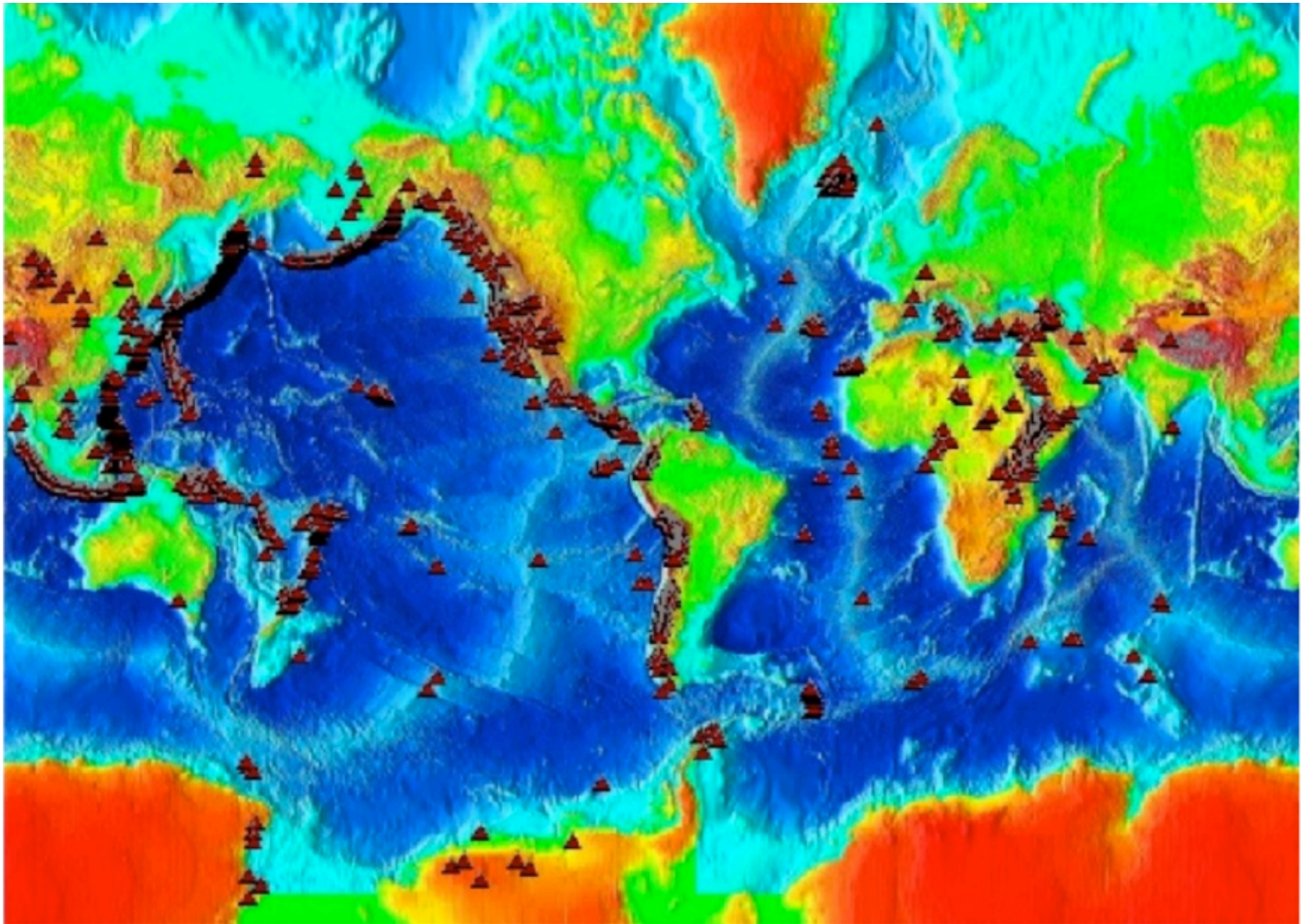


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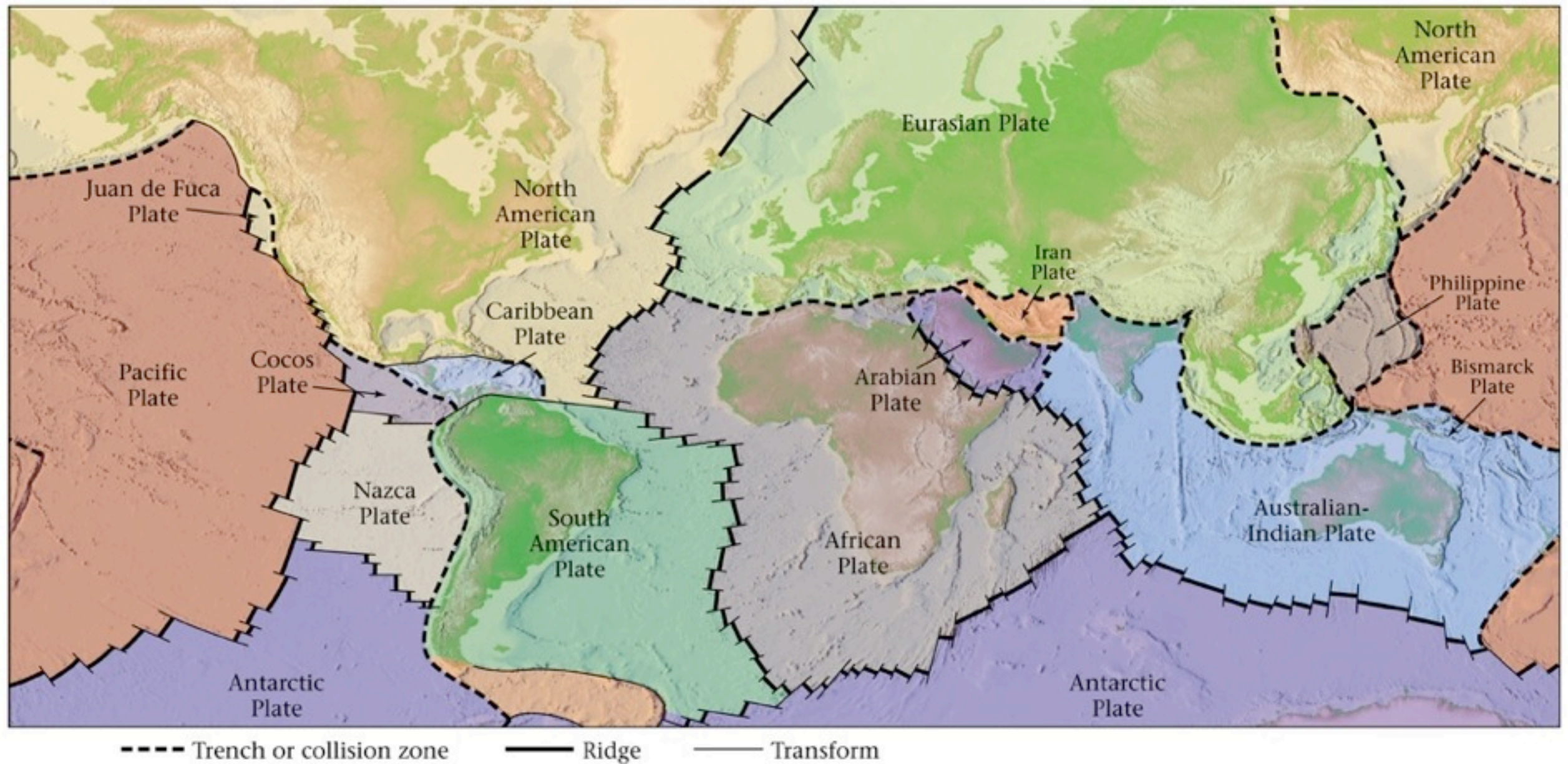


# Worldwide Volcano Map





# Major Tectonic Plates of the World





# Plate-Tectonic Basics

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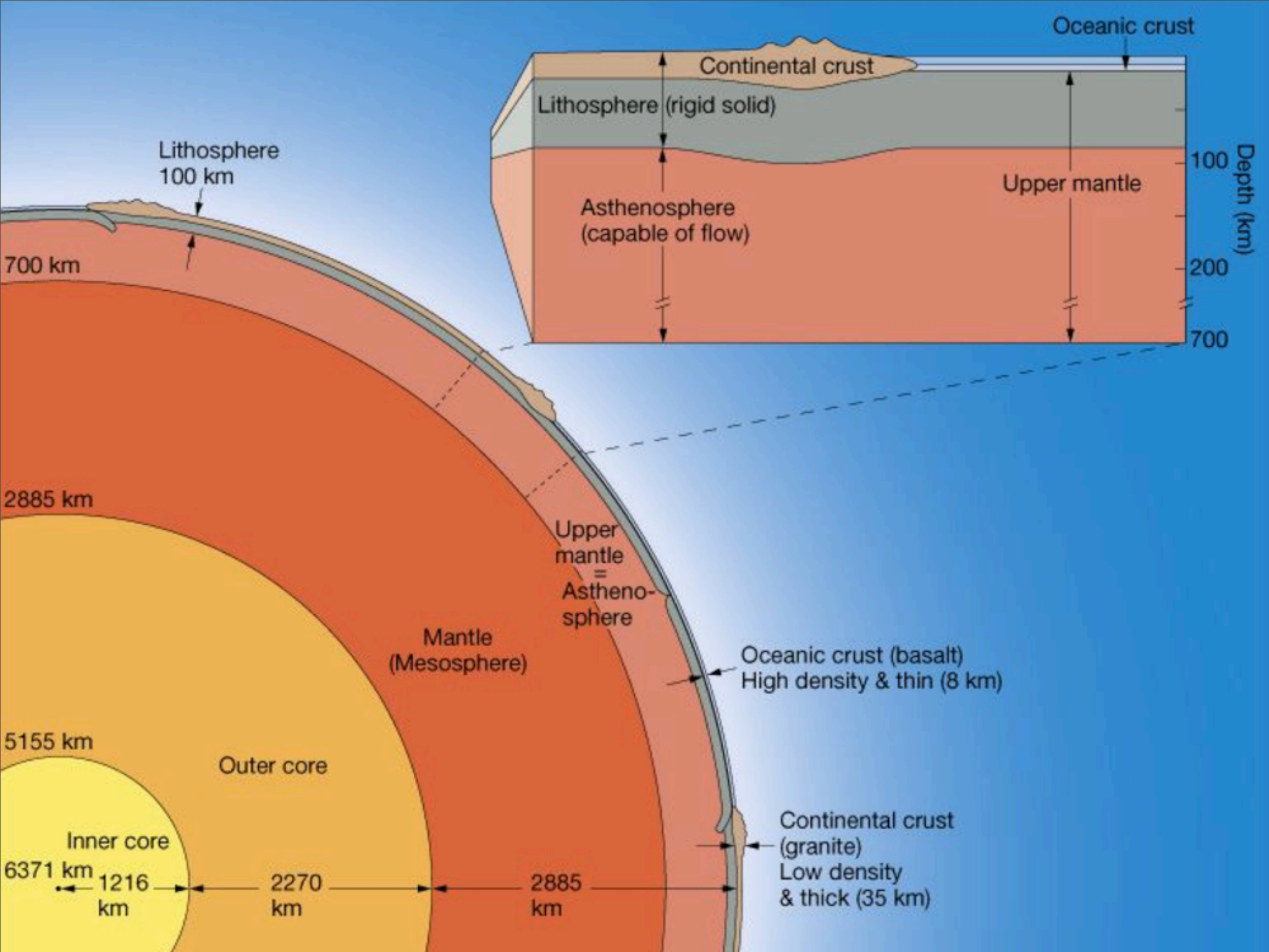
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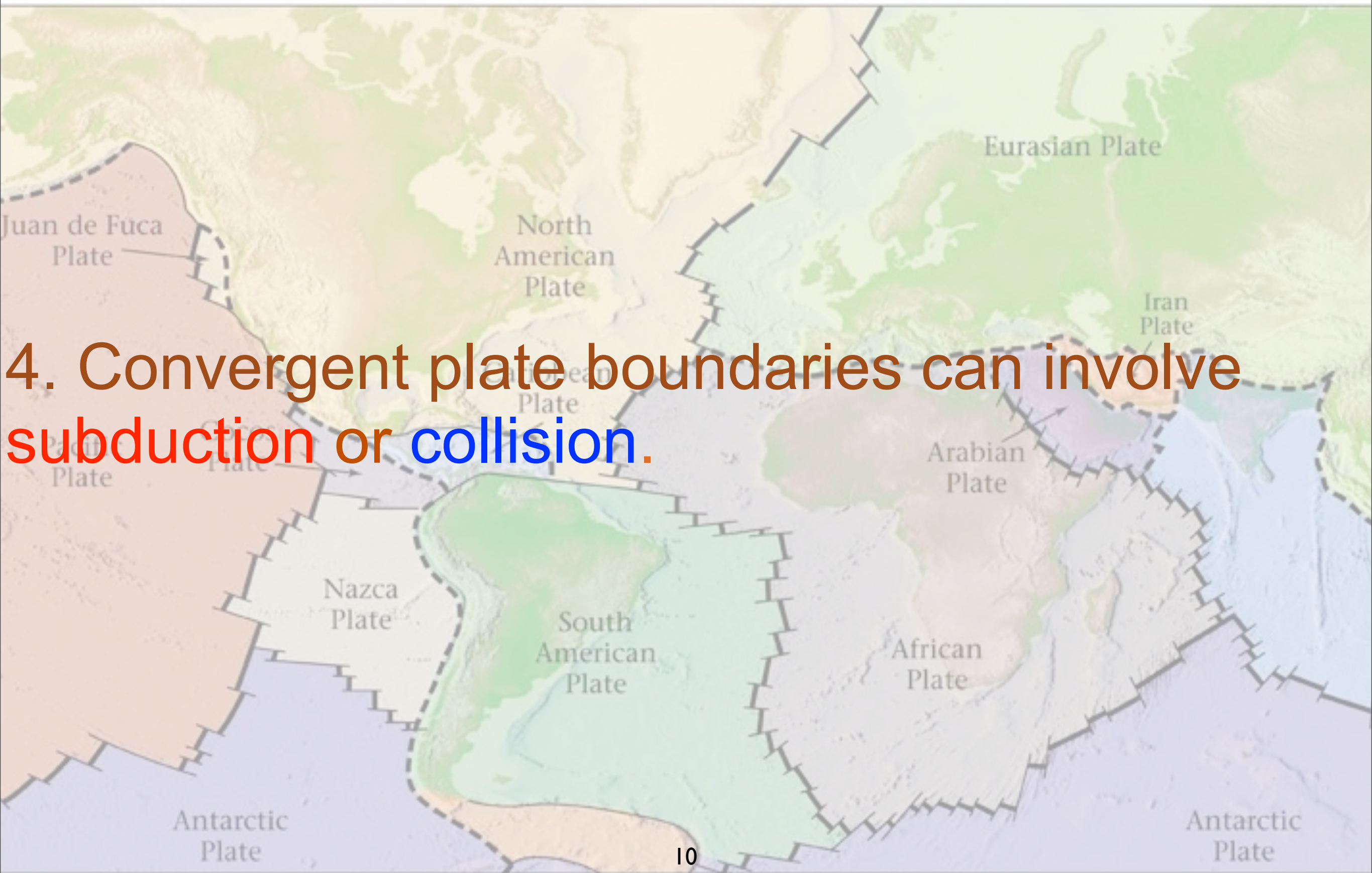








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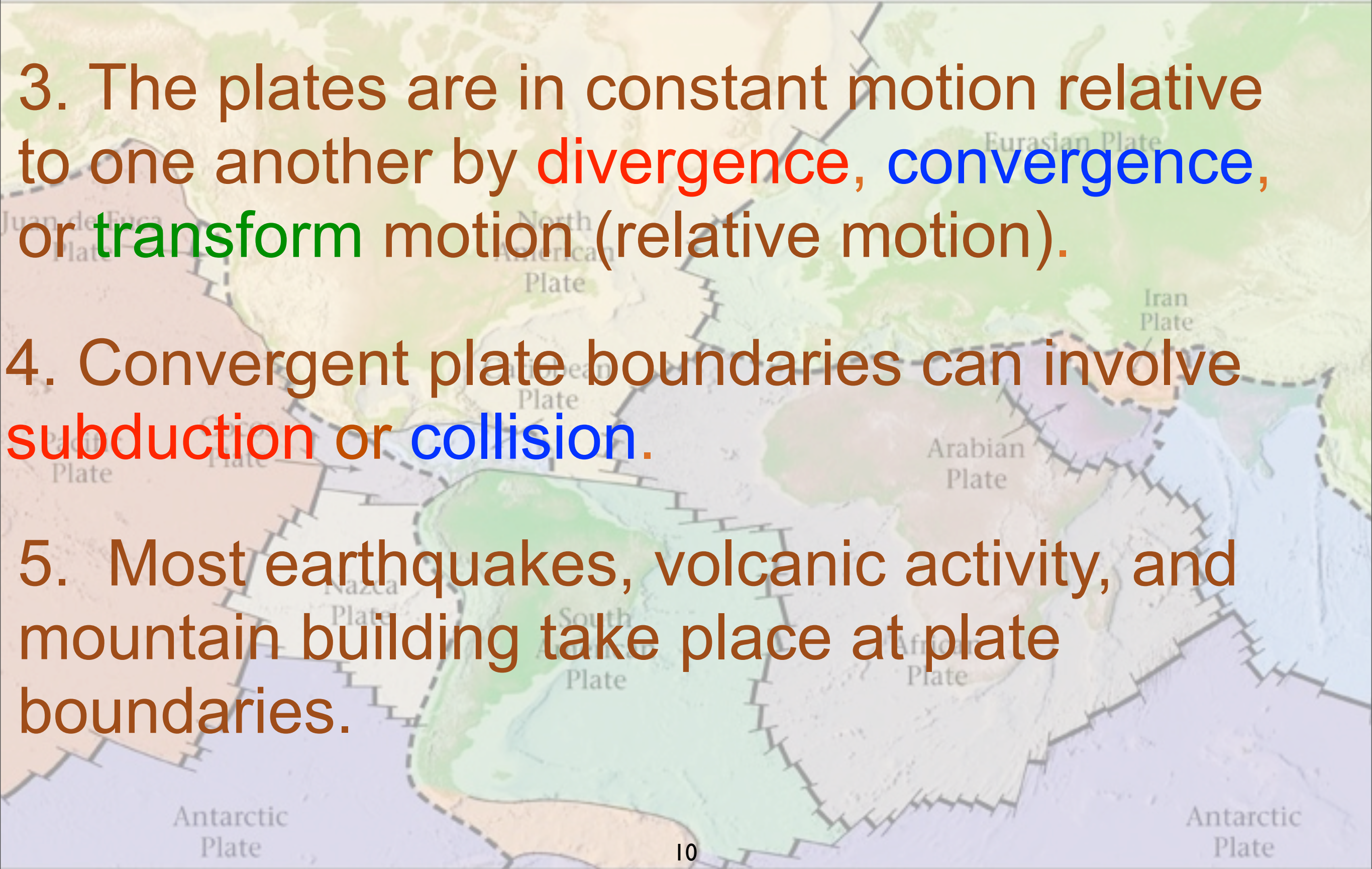
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# More Plate-tectonic Basics

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**Typical  
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crust  
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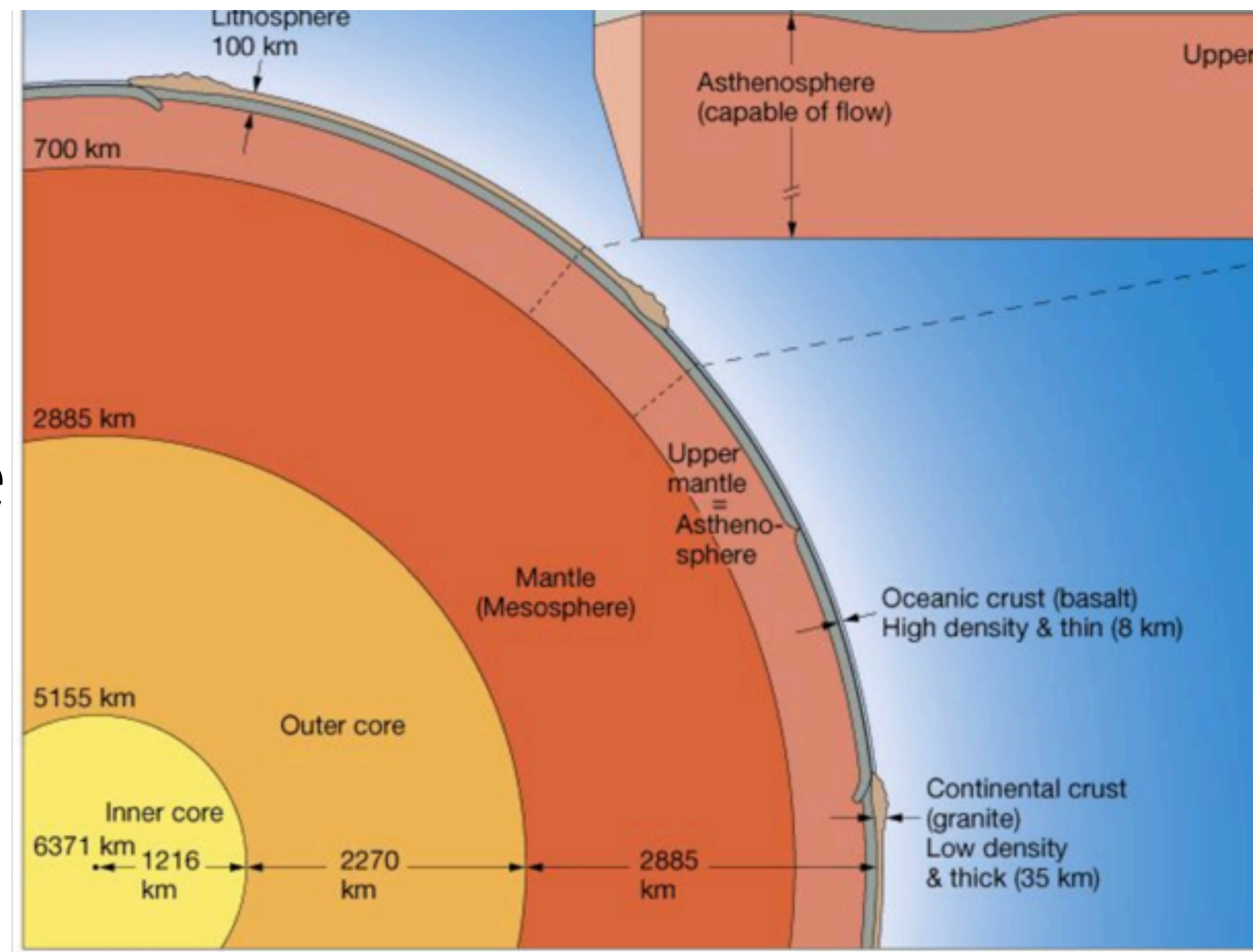
**Minimum  
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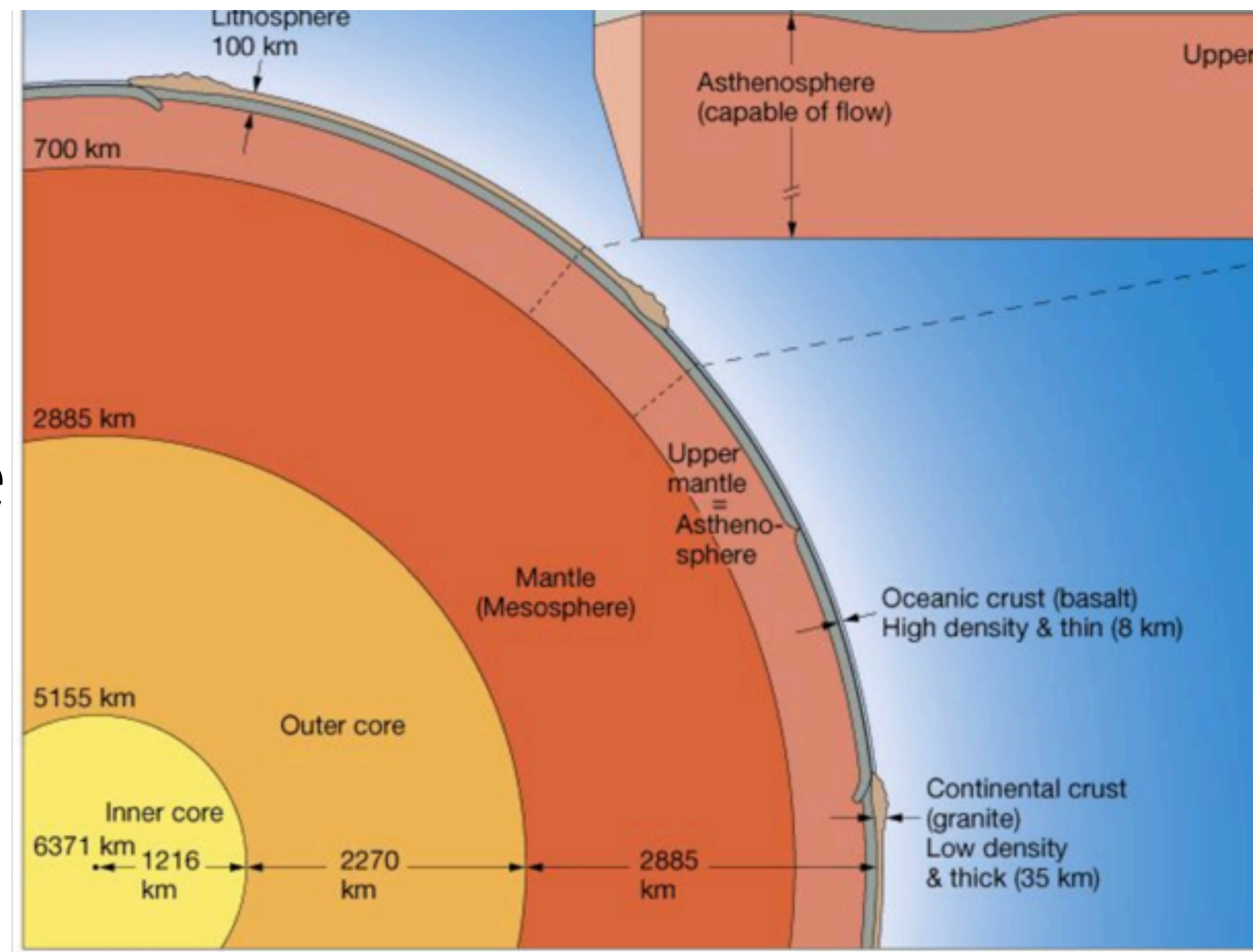
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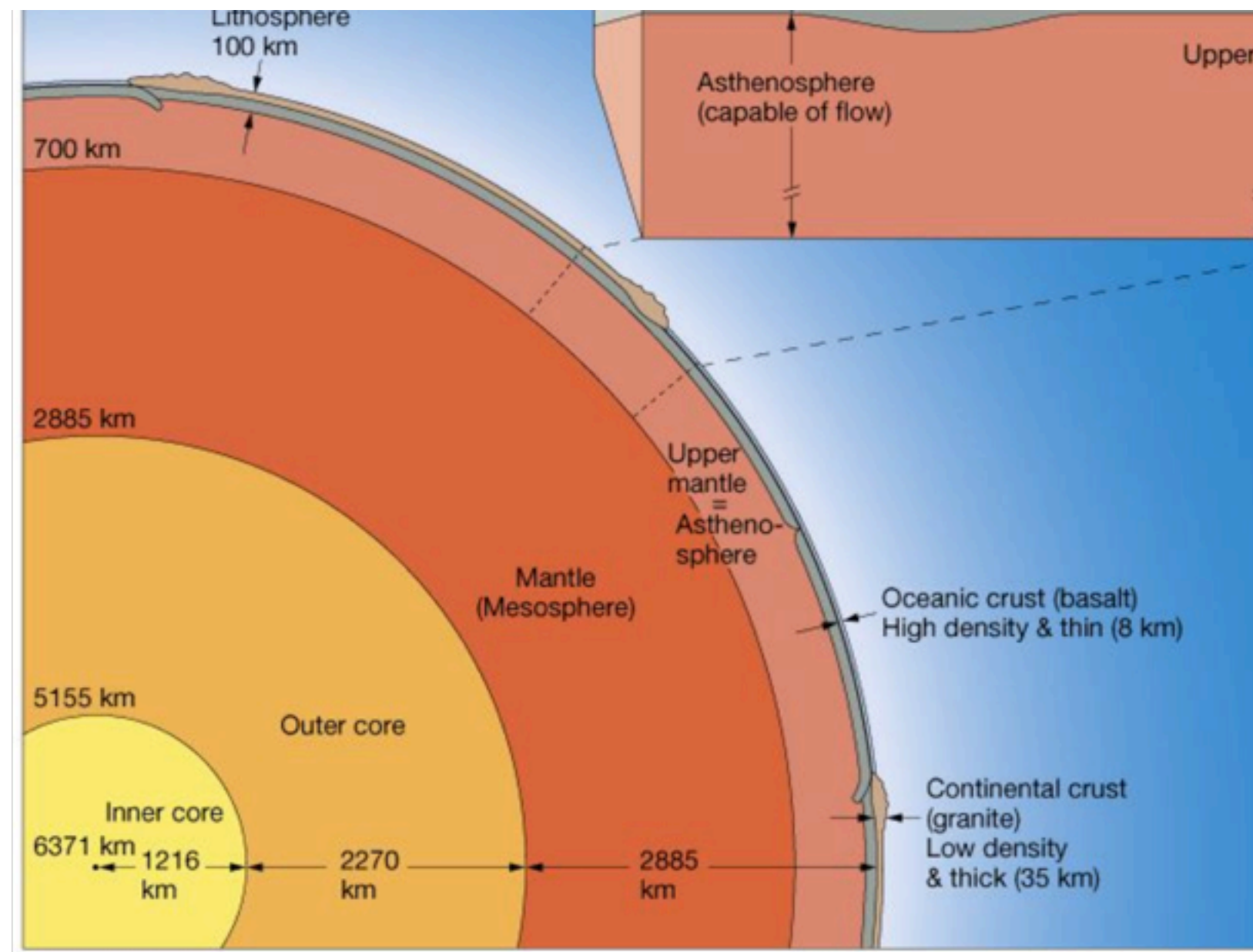
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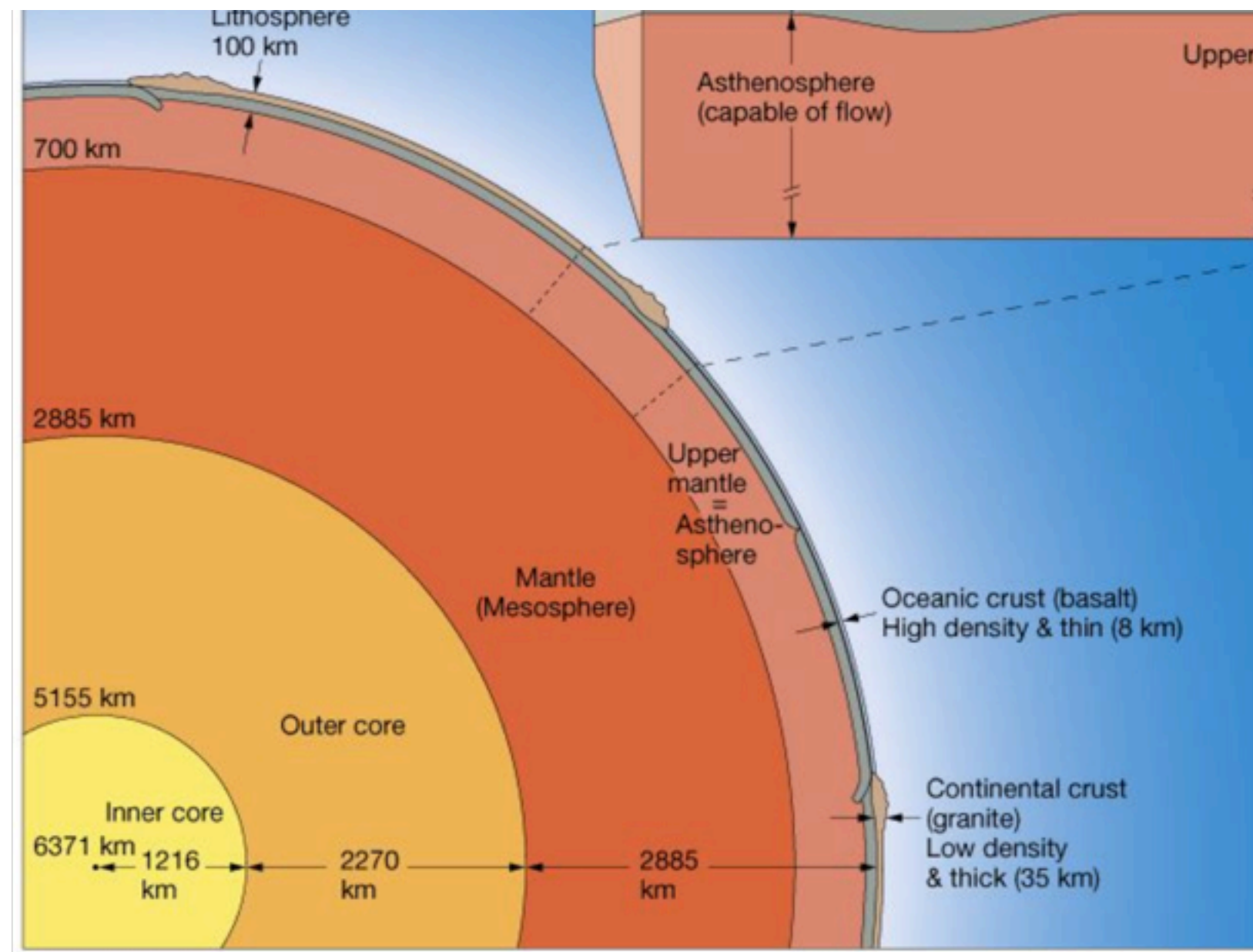
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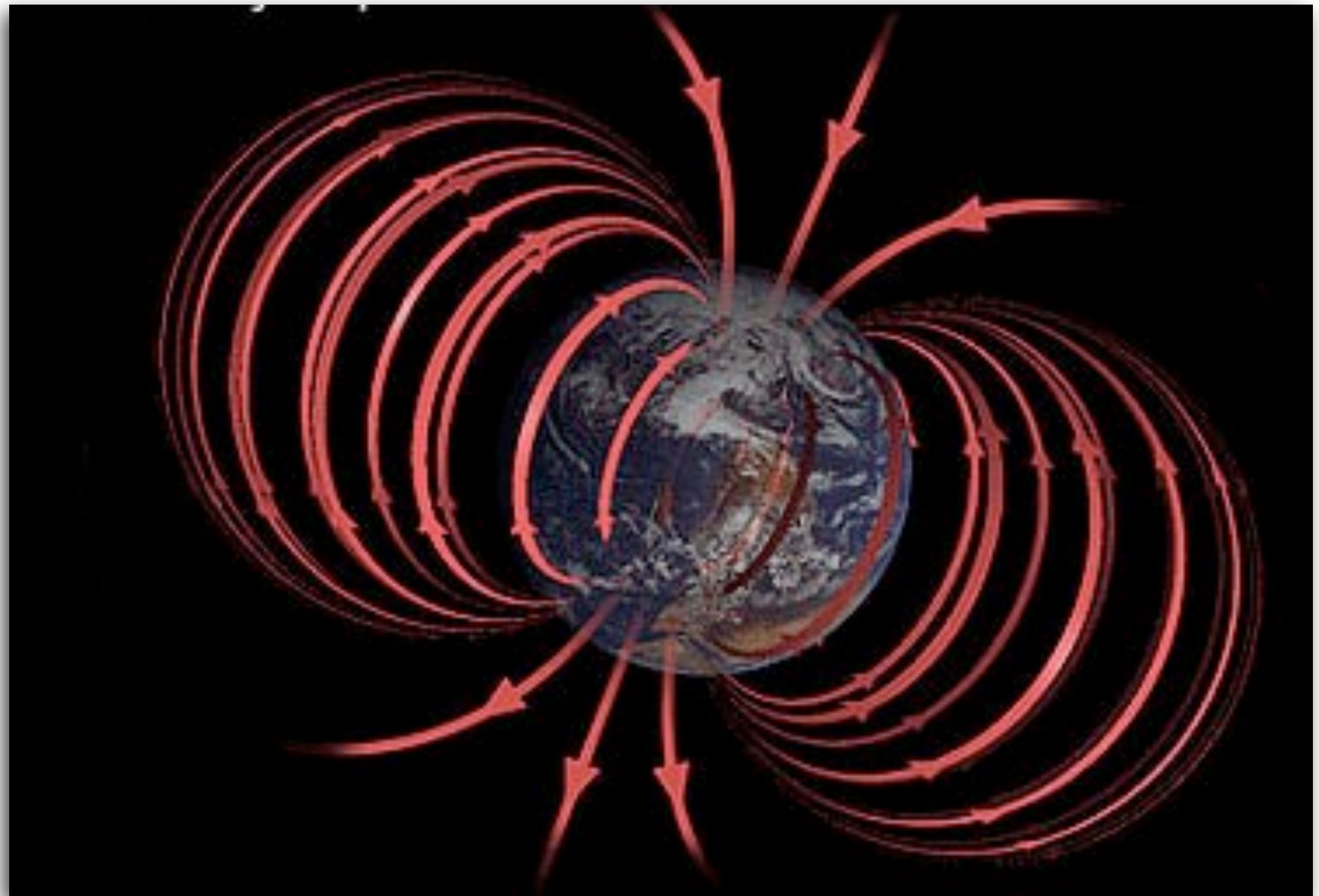
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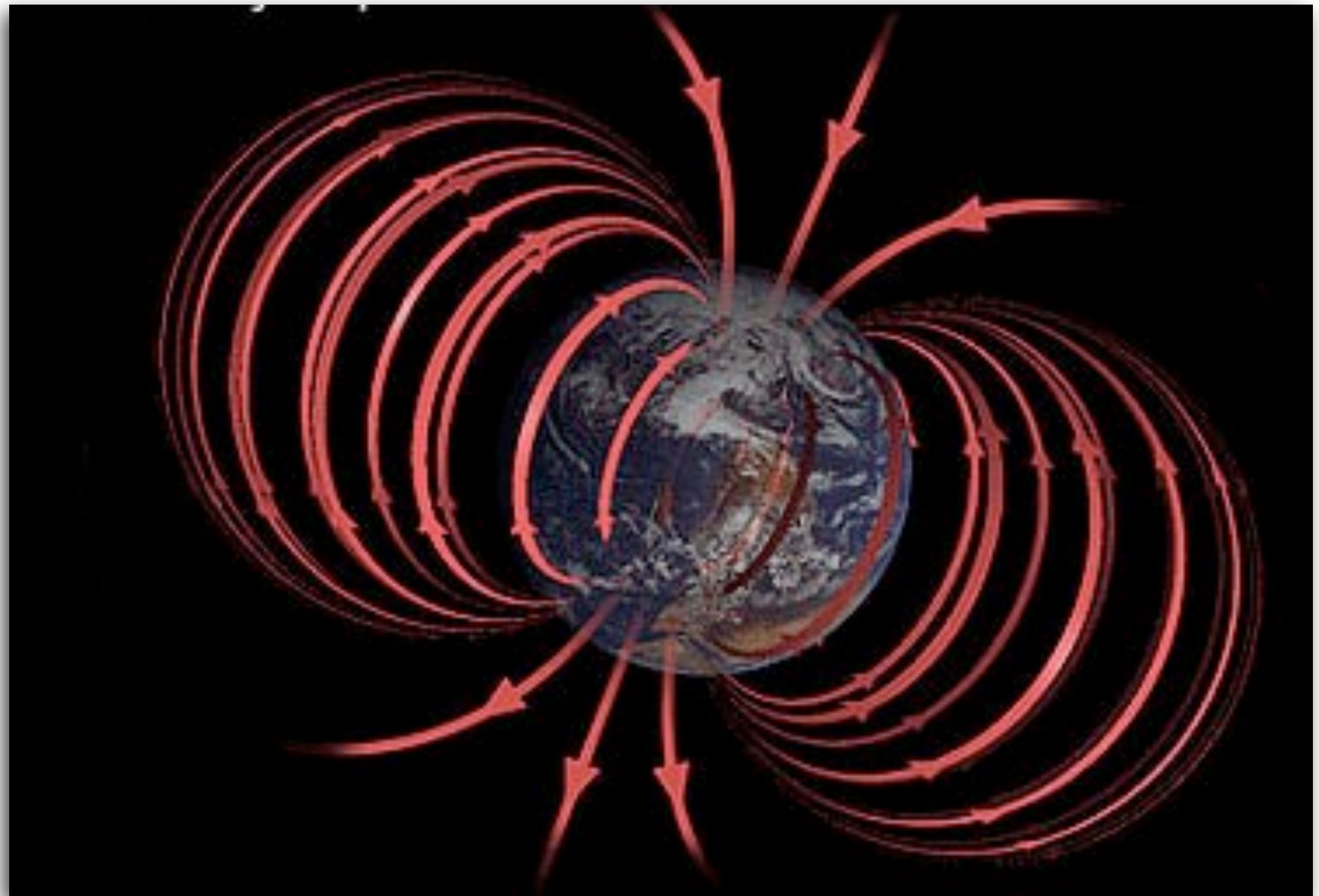
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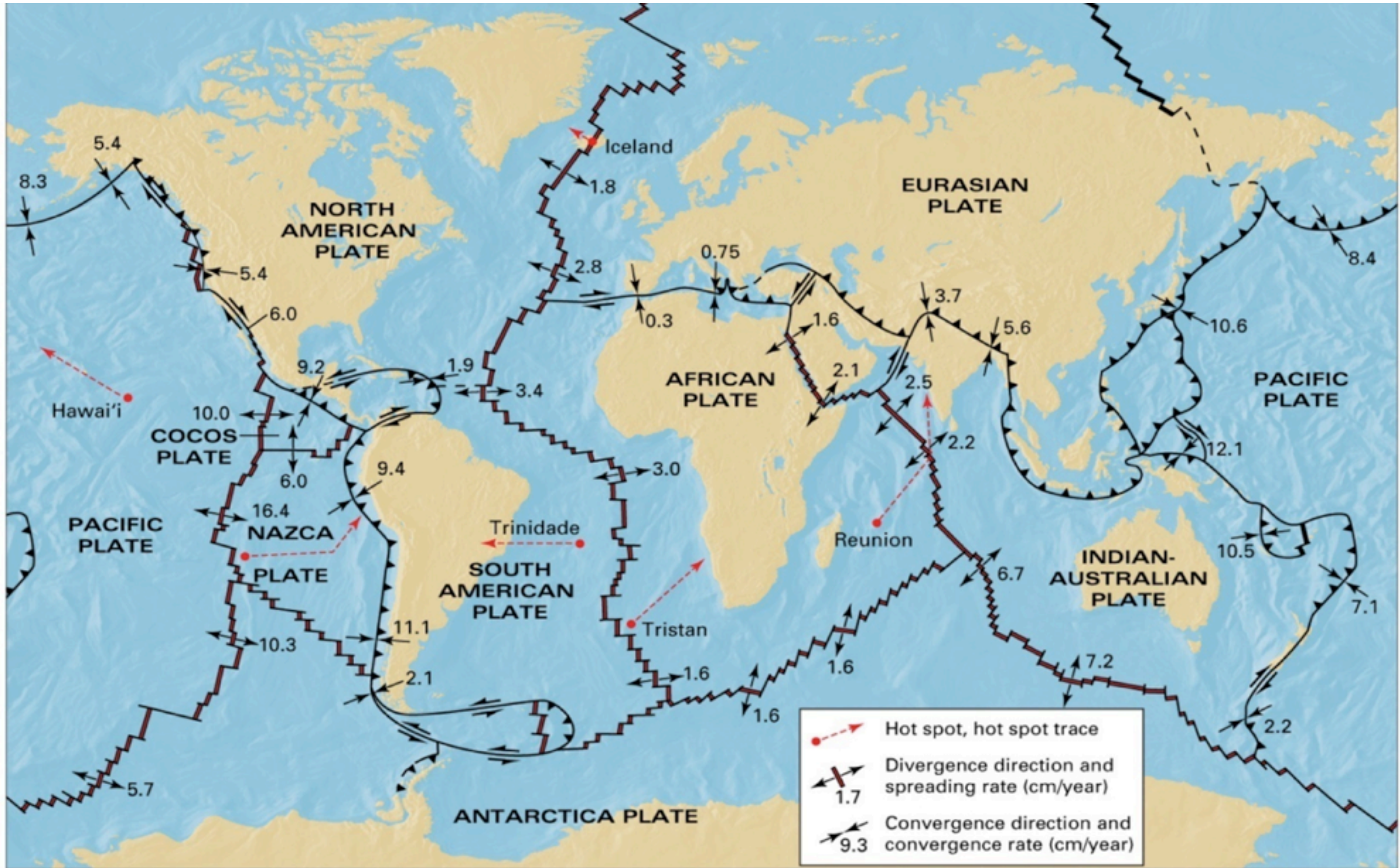
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# Relative Plate Motions

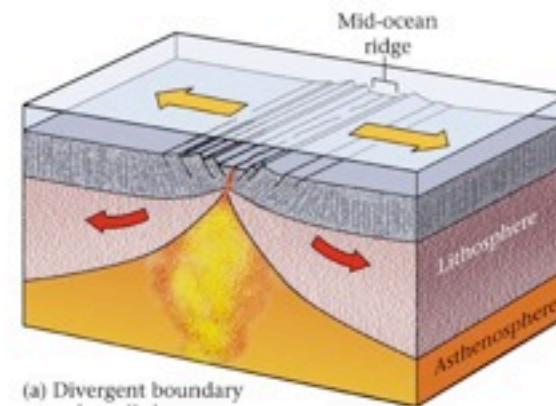




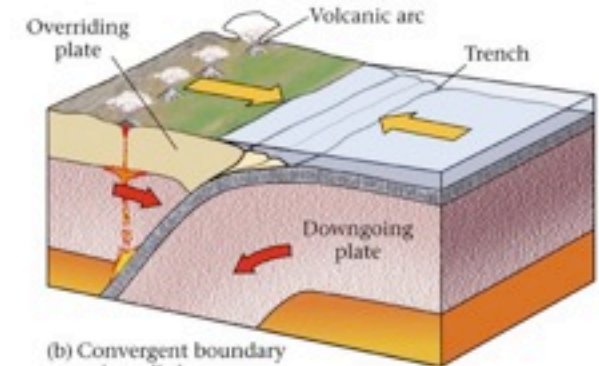
# Types of Plate Boundaries

## Divergent

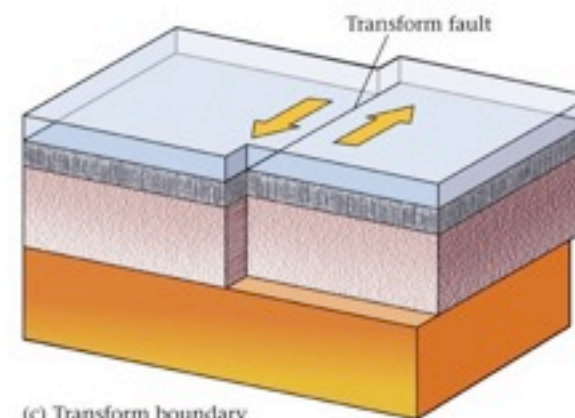
- Mid-ocean ridges
- Continental rifts



(a) Divergent boundary  
also called  
Spreading boundary  
Mid-ocean ridge  
Ridge

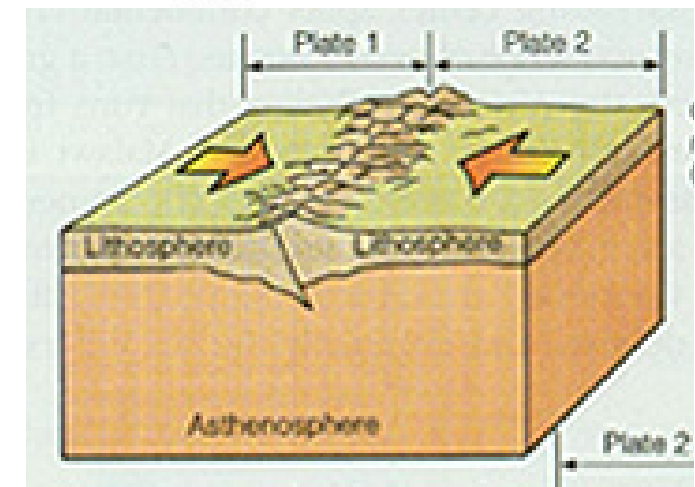


(b) Convergent boundary  
also called  
Convergent margin  
Subduction zone  
Consuming boundary  
Trench



(c) Transform boundary  
also called  
Transform fault

FIGURE 2.32



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## Convergent

- Subduction zones
  - ocean-ocean
  - ocean-continent
- Collisional (continent-continent)

## Transform

- Continental
- Oceanic



# Anatomy of Divergent Boundaries



**On land or beneath the ocean  
(Divergent = Extension)**



# Continental Rift

## Birth of a plate Boundary

**1** Crust stretches and fractures.

Warm, rising mantle current

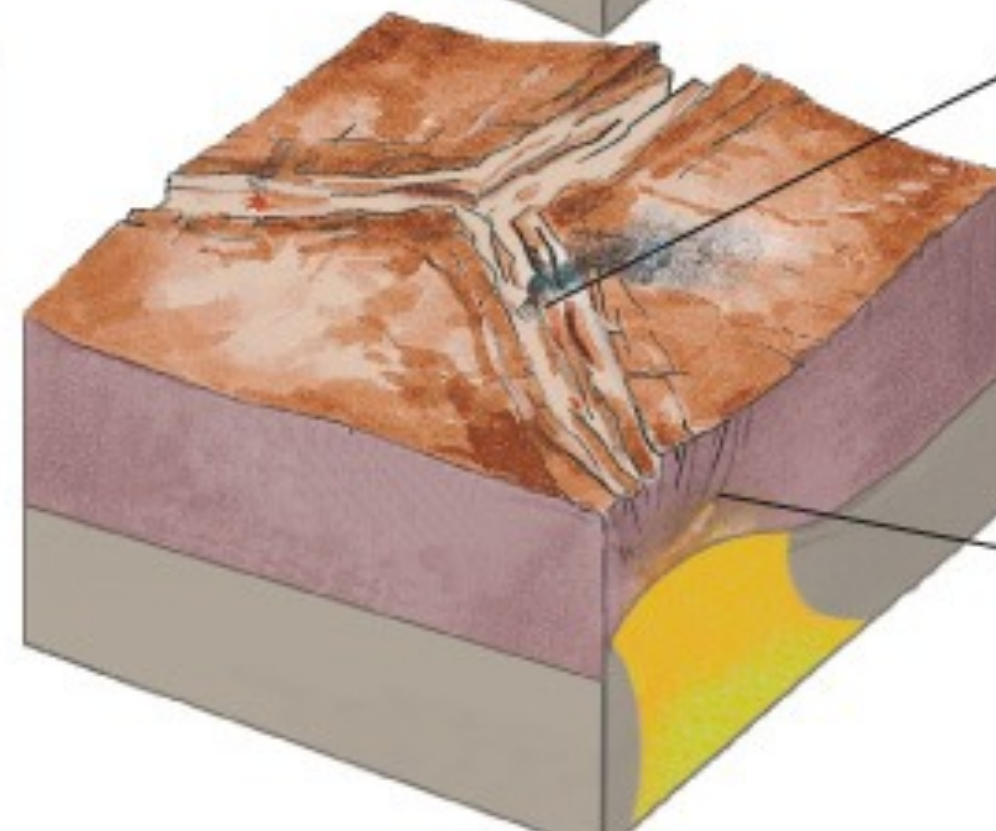
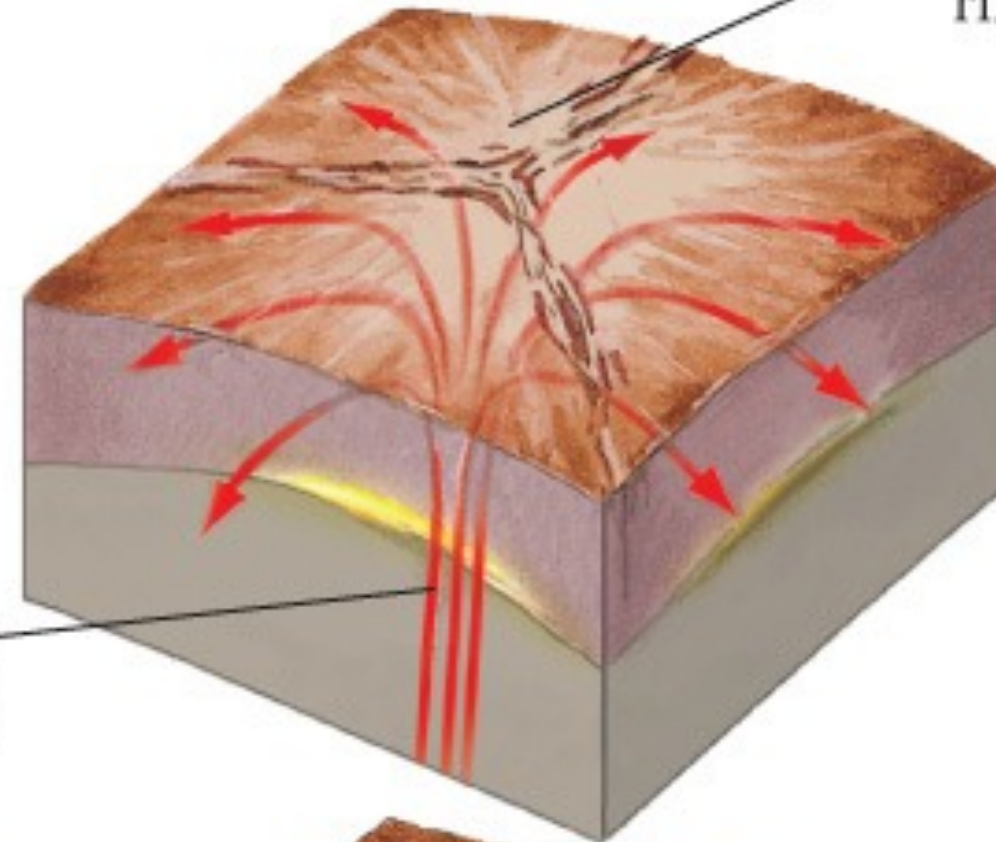
Three-branched rift

**2** Normal faulting forms grabens and volcanism follows.

Volcanism in rift

Normal faulting

Inactive





# Divergent Cake Tectonics





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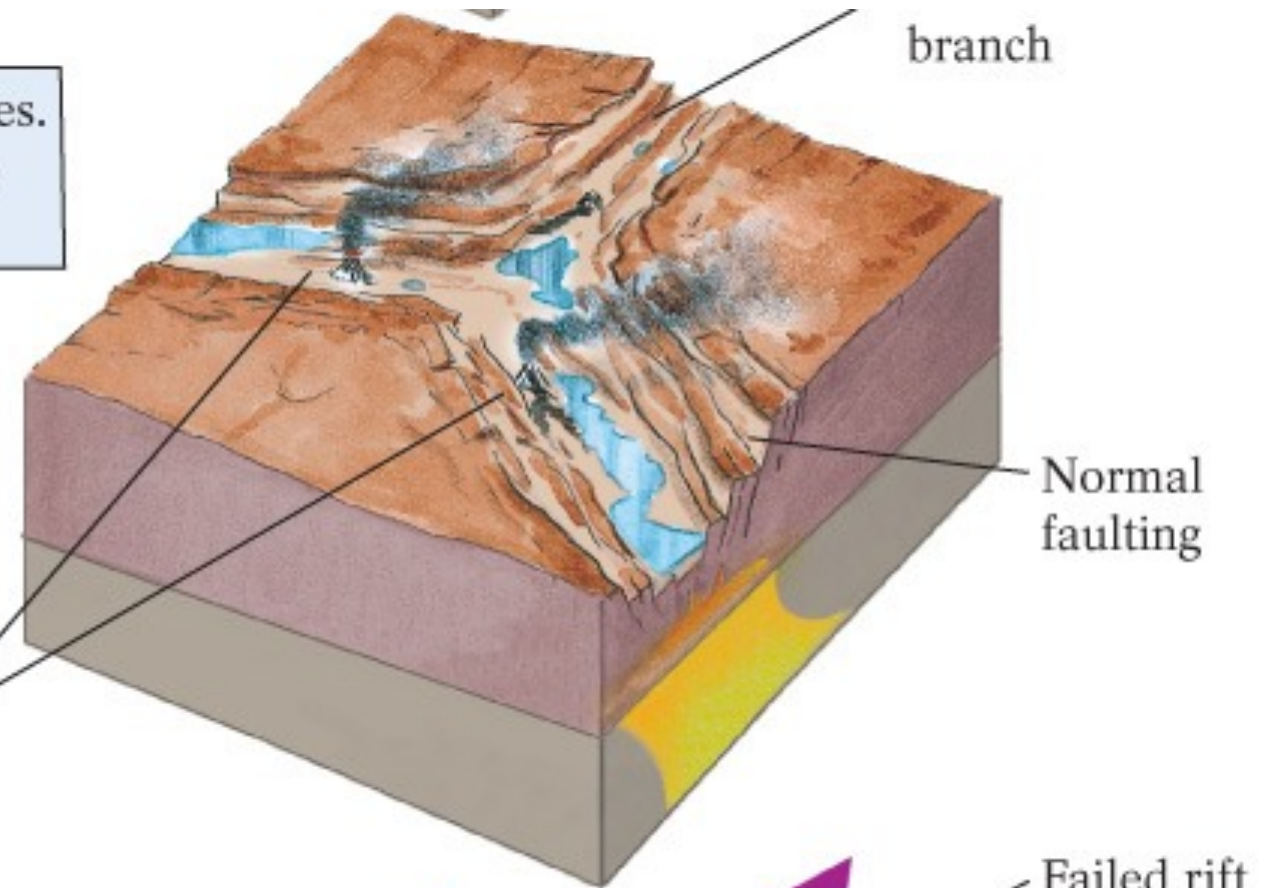


# Continental Rift to Mid-ocean Ridge



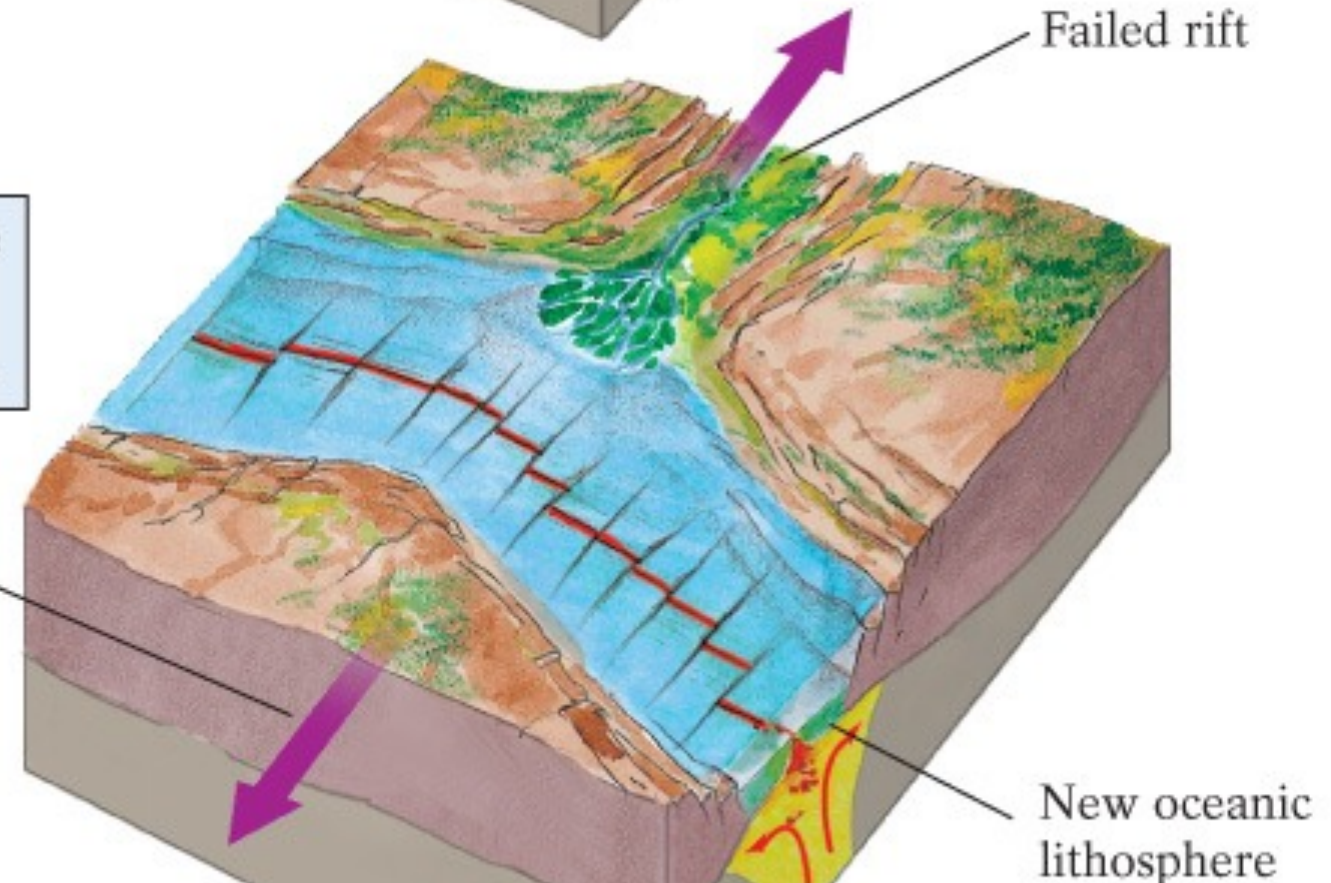
3 Divergence continues. Water migrates into grabens.

Active rift branches



4 Oceanic lithosphere begins to form as ocean grows wider.

Spreading direction





# Three Rifting Arms





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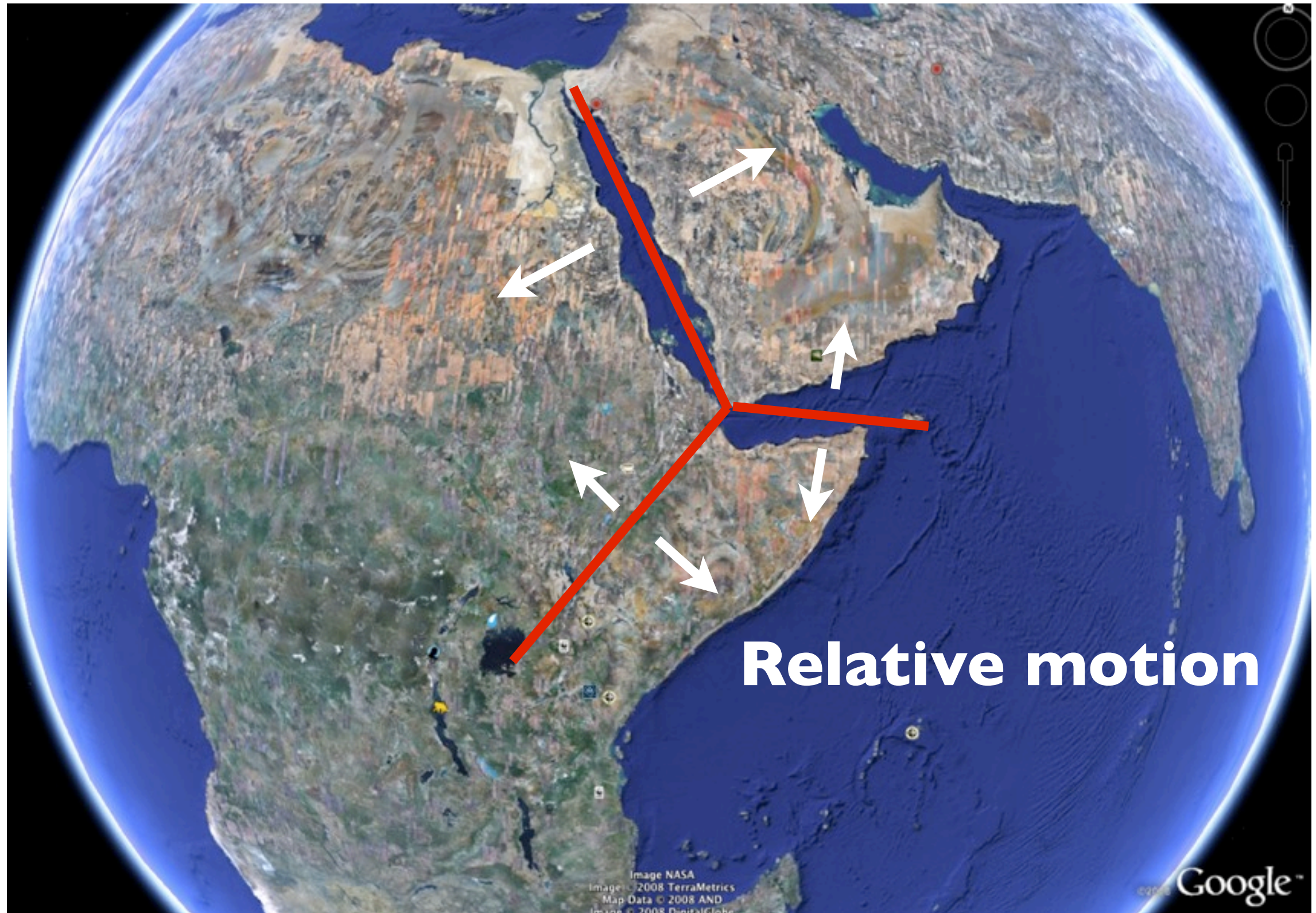


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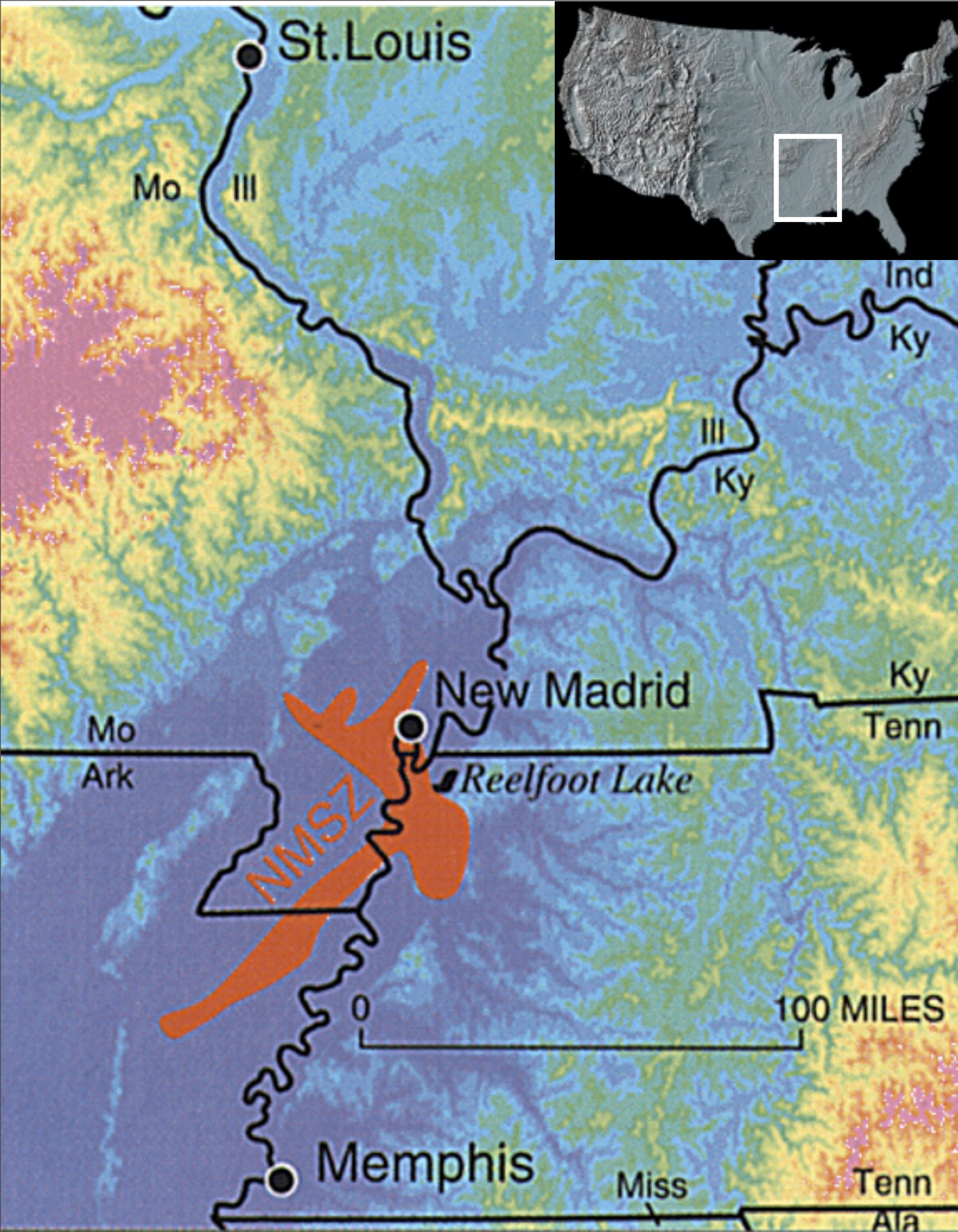




# Failed Continental Rift

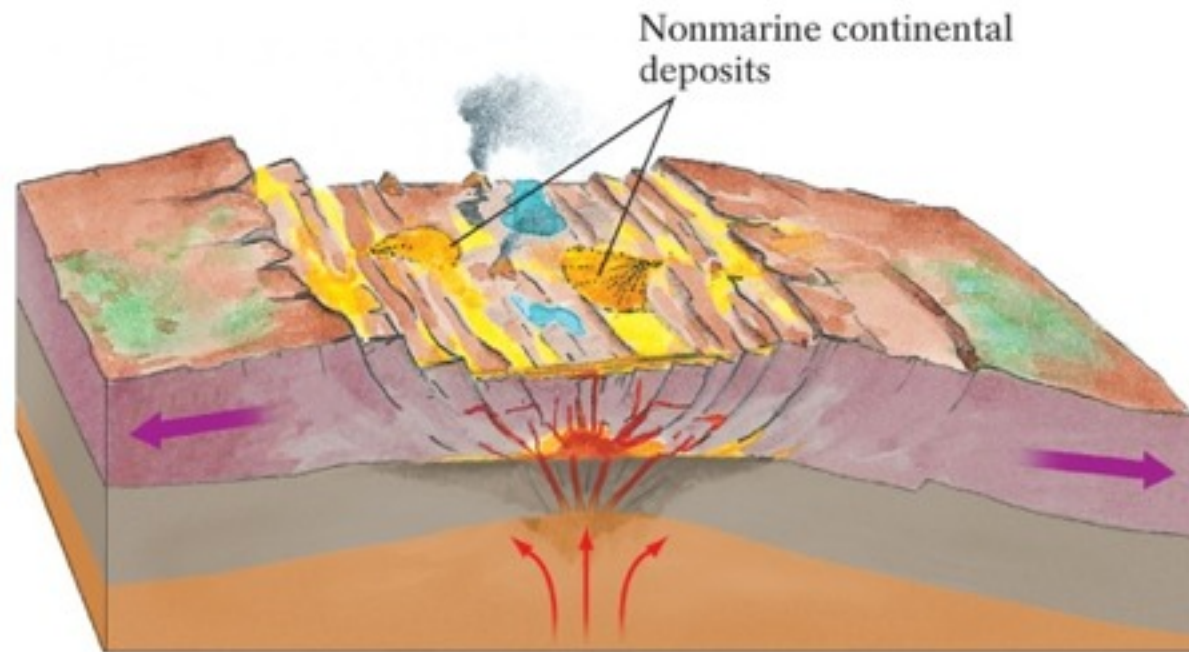
## New Madrid Seismic Zone

This intra-plate seismic area is a zone of crustal weakness called an ***aulacogen*** that formed about 750 million years ago during the break-up of the supercontinent ***Rodinia***

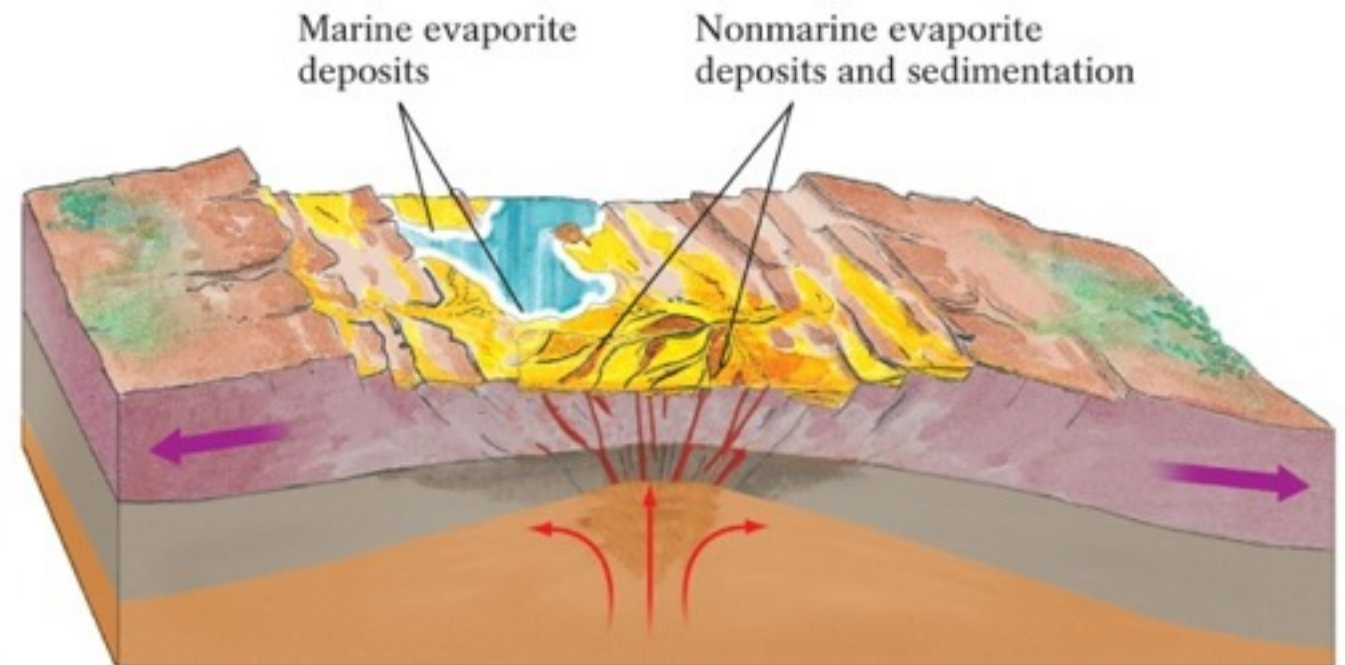




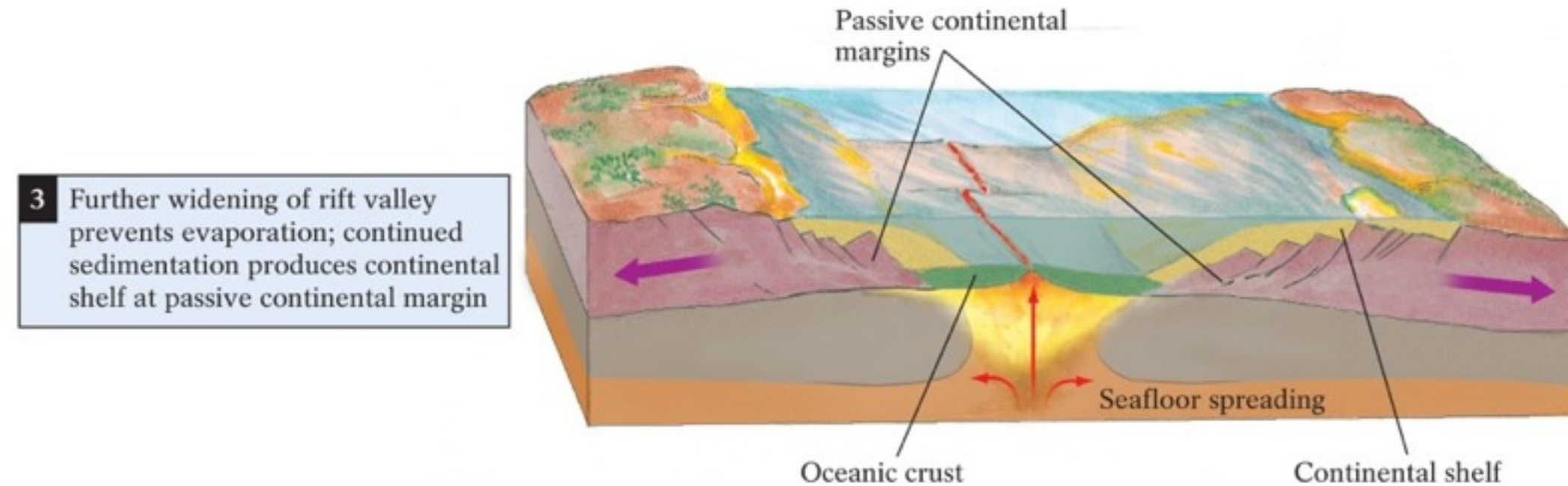
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**1** Erosion of steep rift-valley walls causes rapid sedimentation



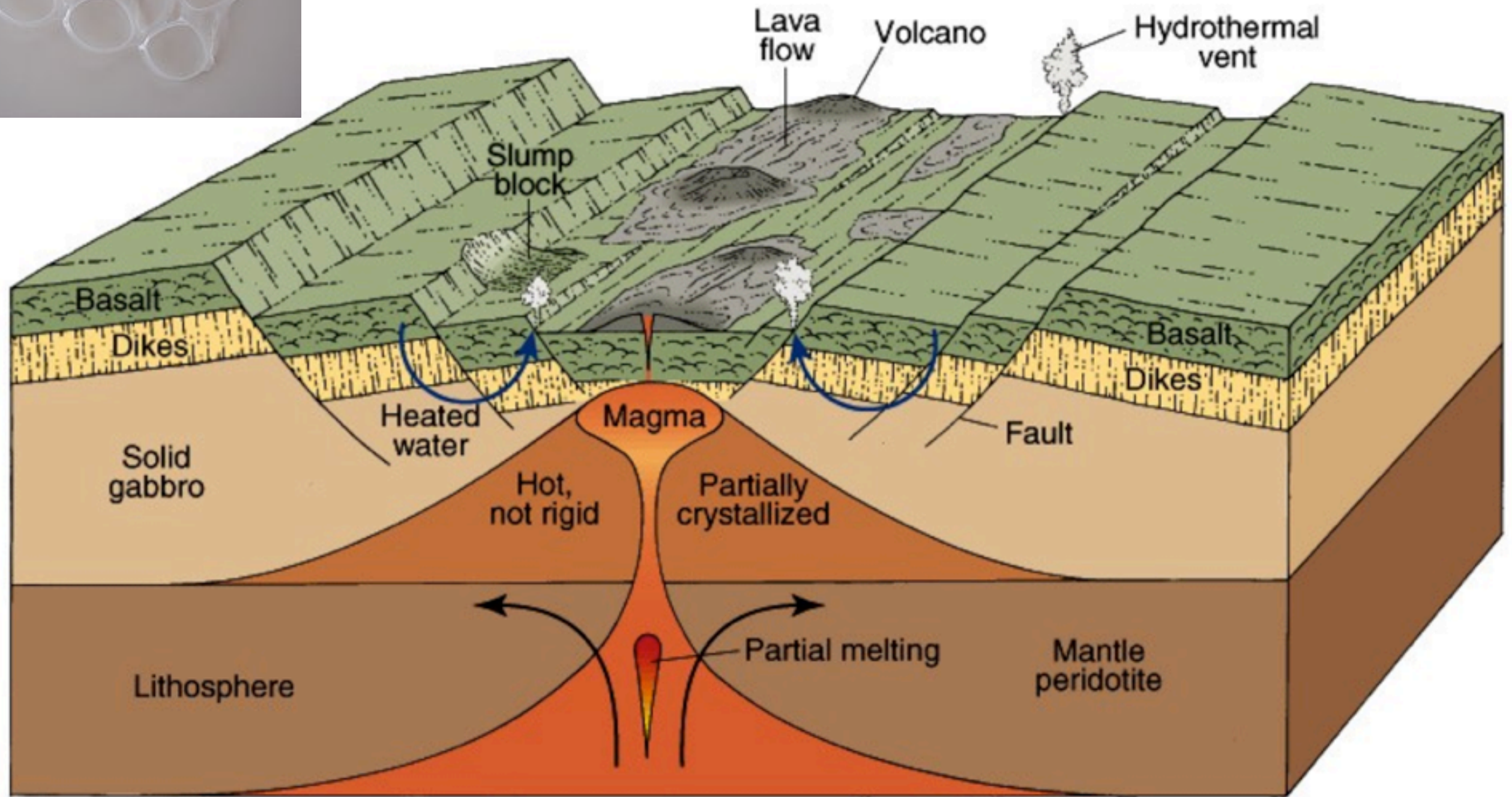
**2** Rift valley widens; water alternately fills basin and evaporates with changing sea levels



**3** Further widening of rift valley prevents evaporation; continued sedimentation produces continental shelf at passive continental margin

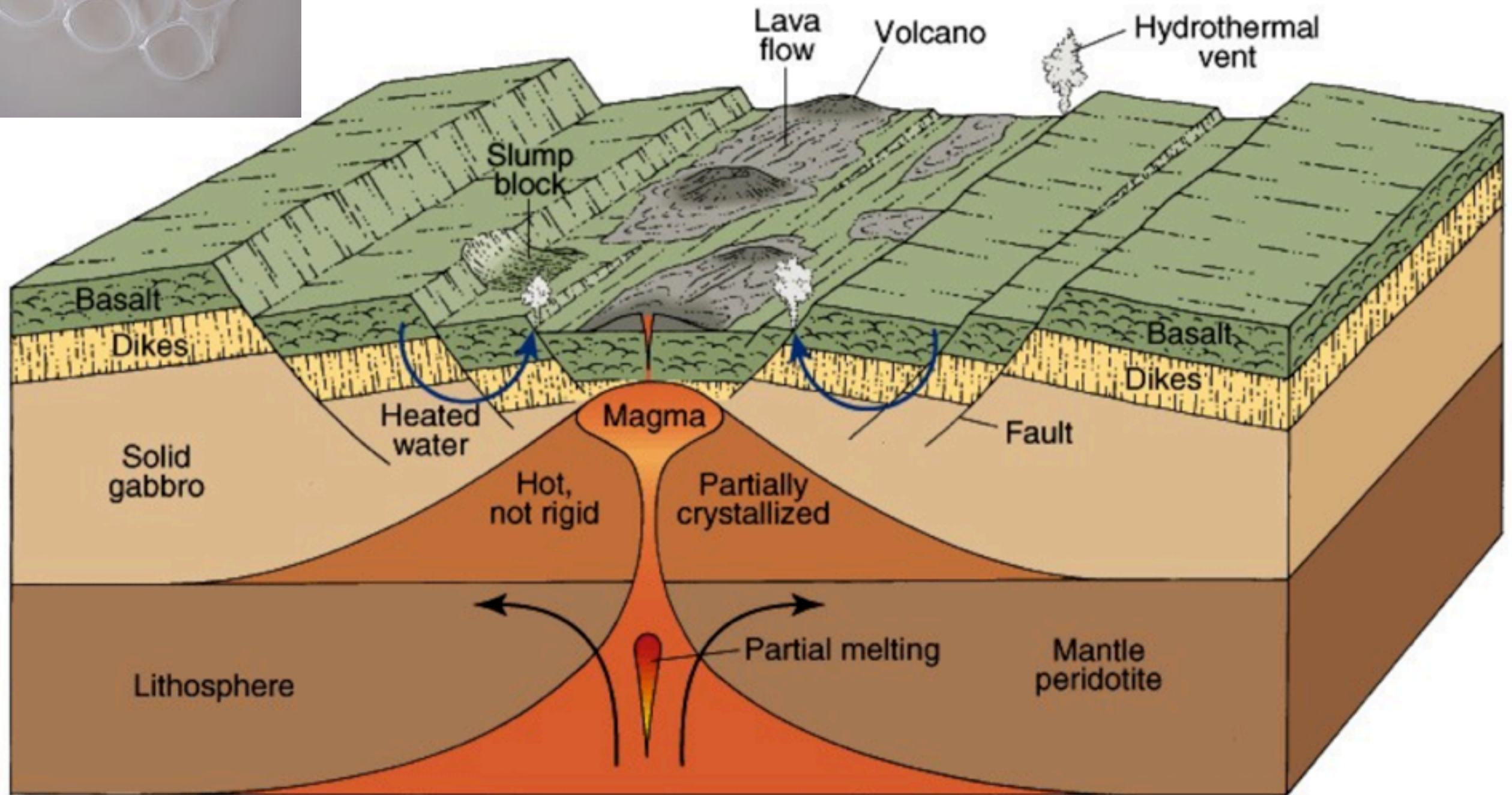
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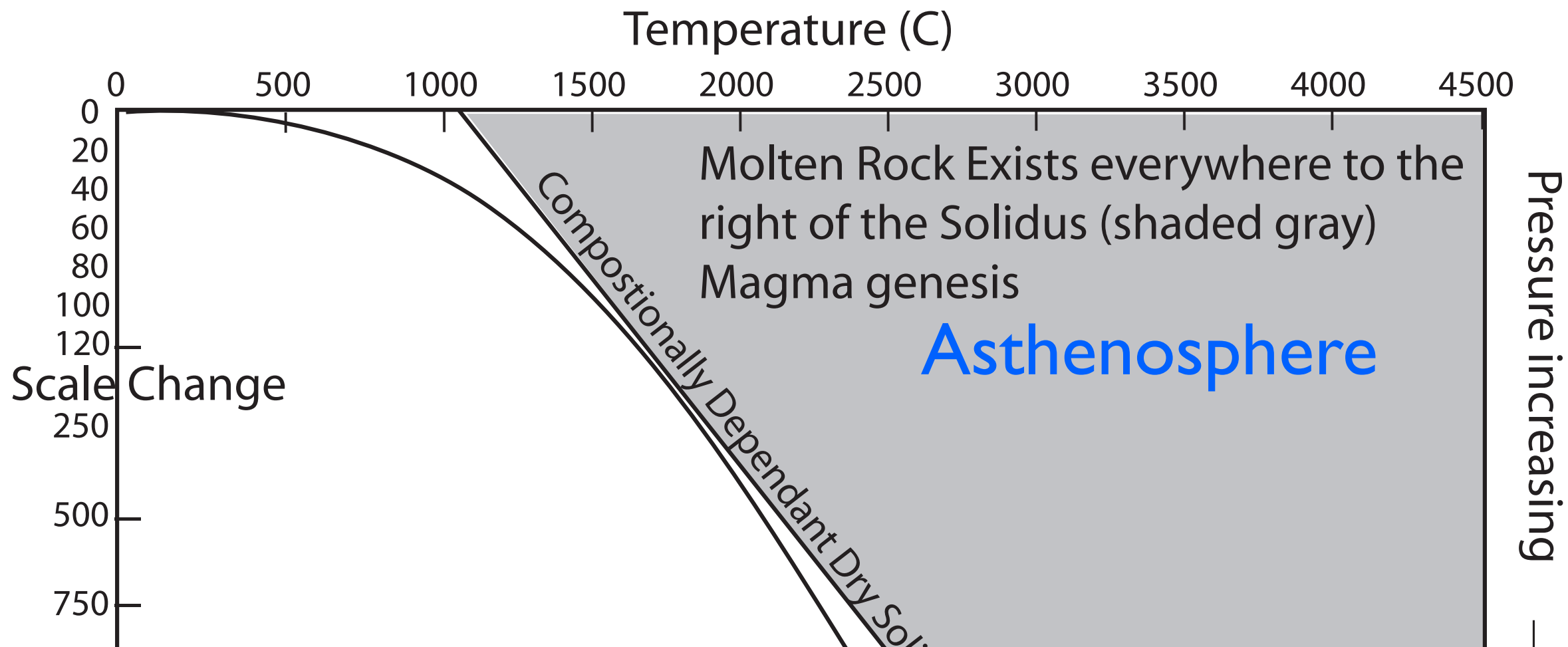
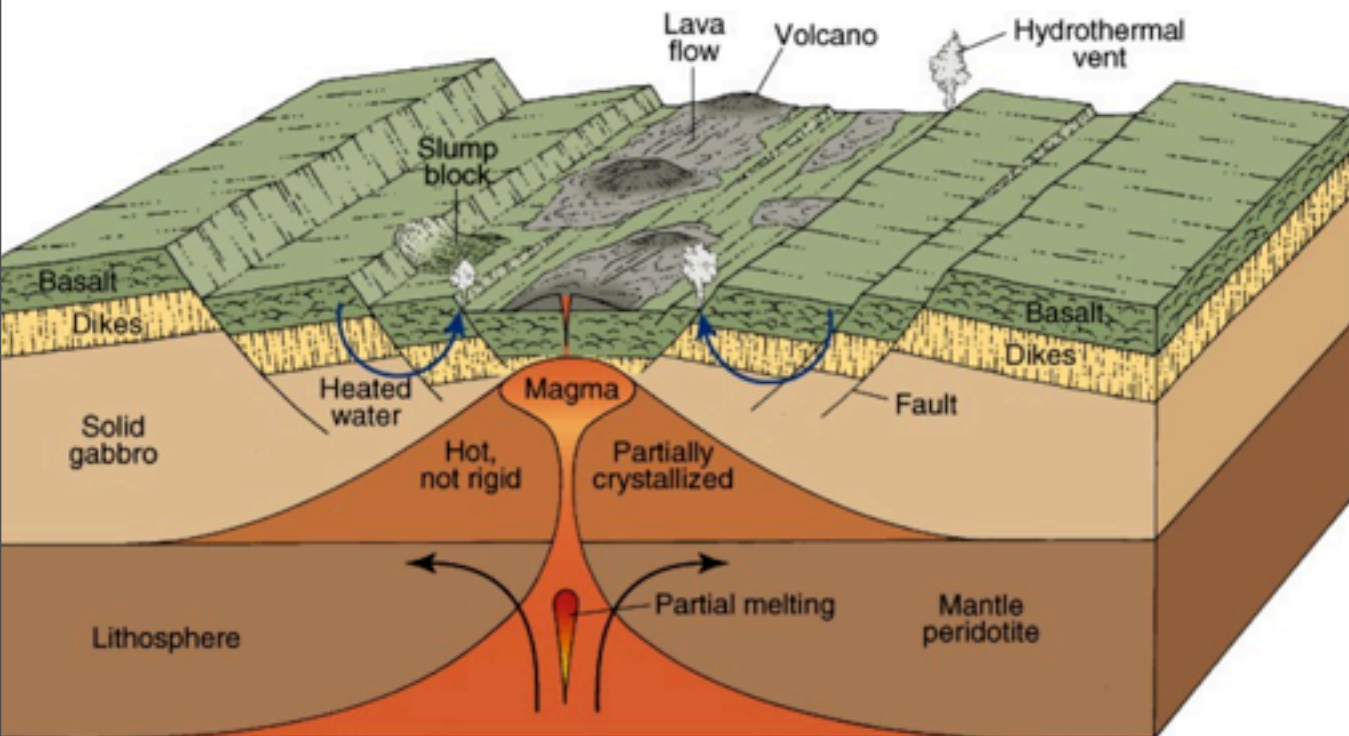


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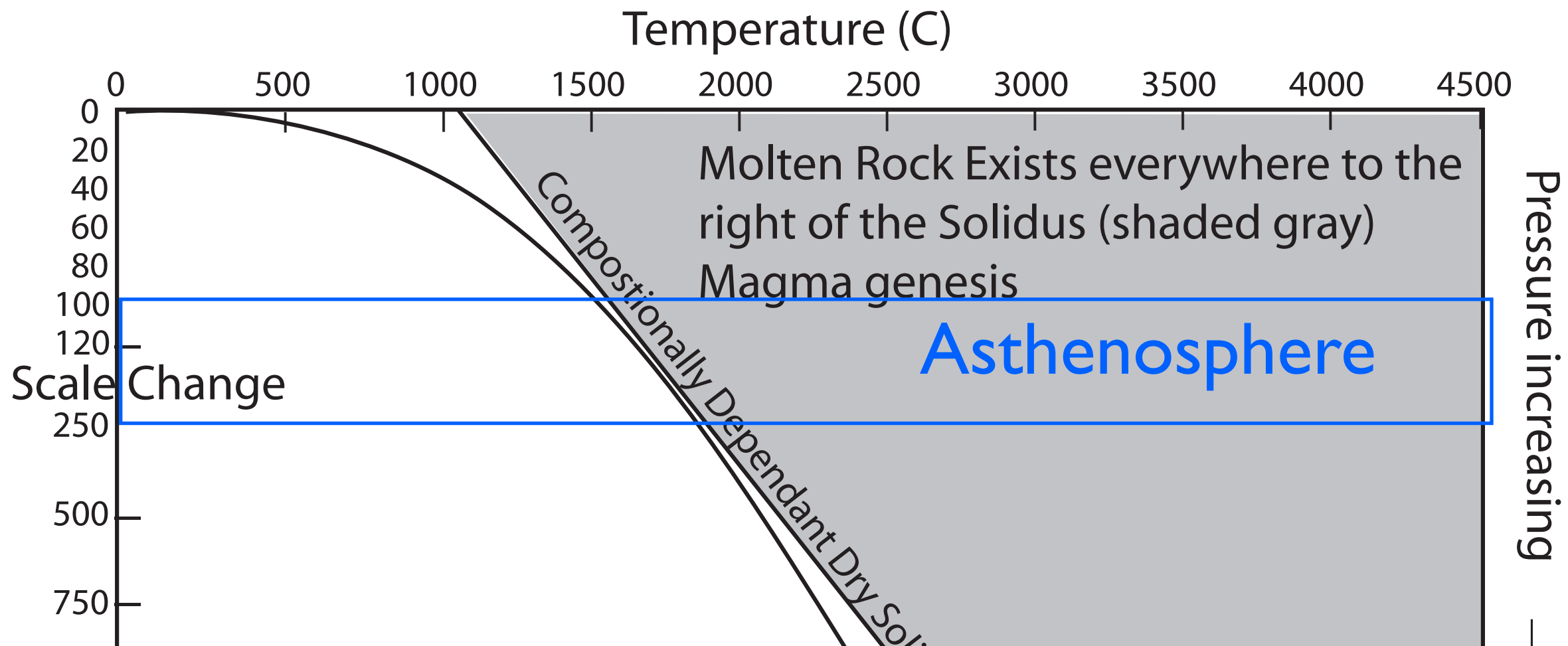
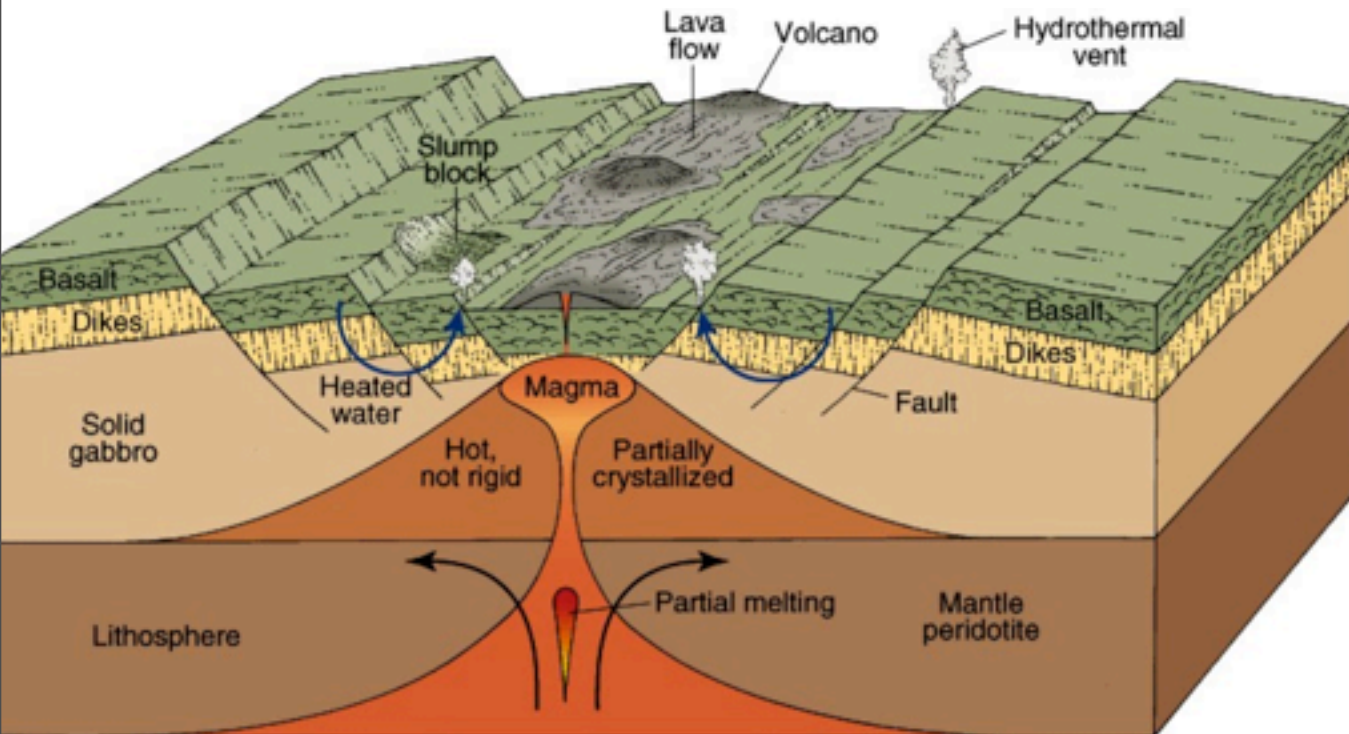


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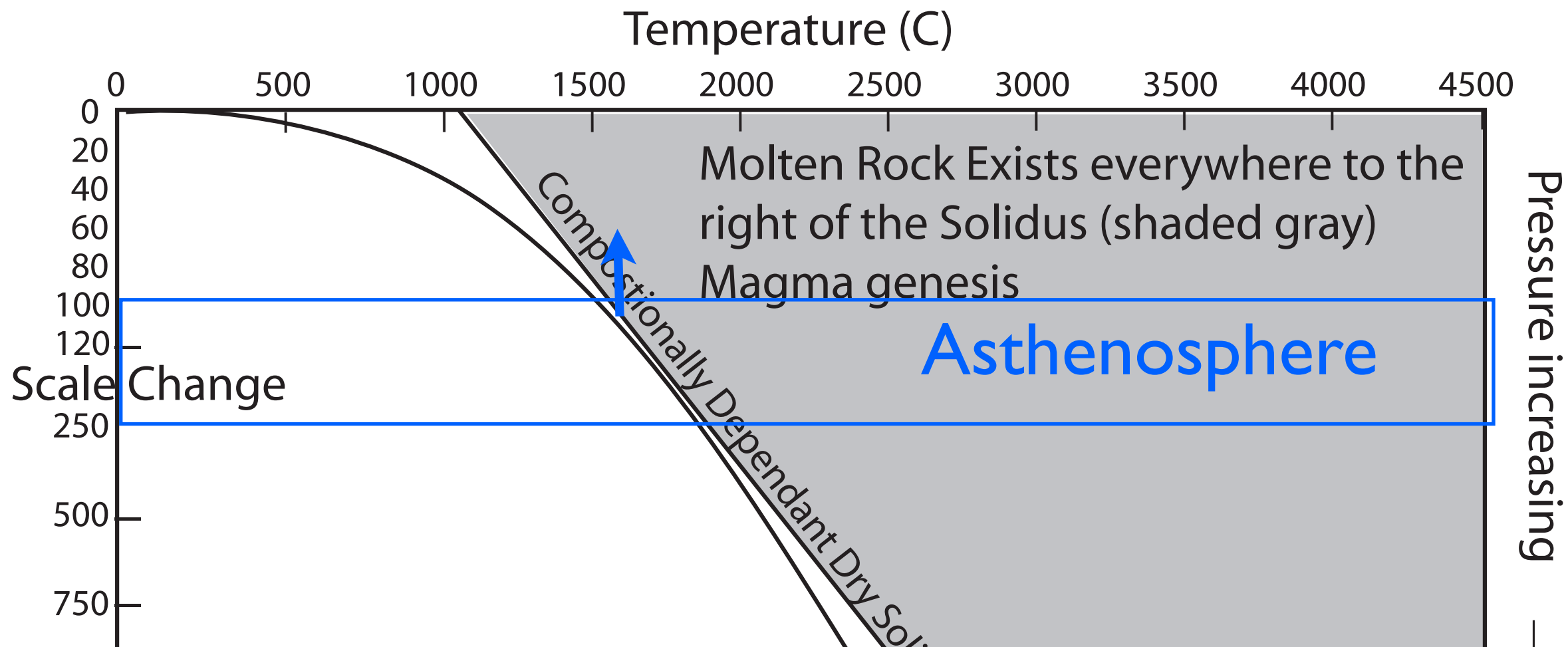
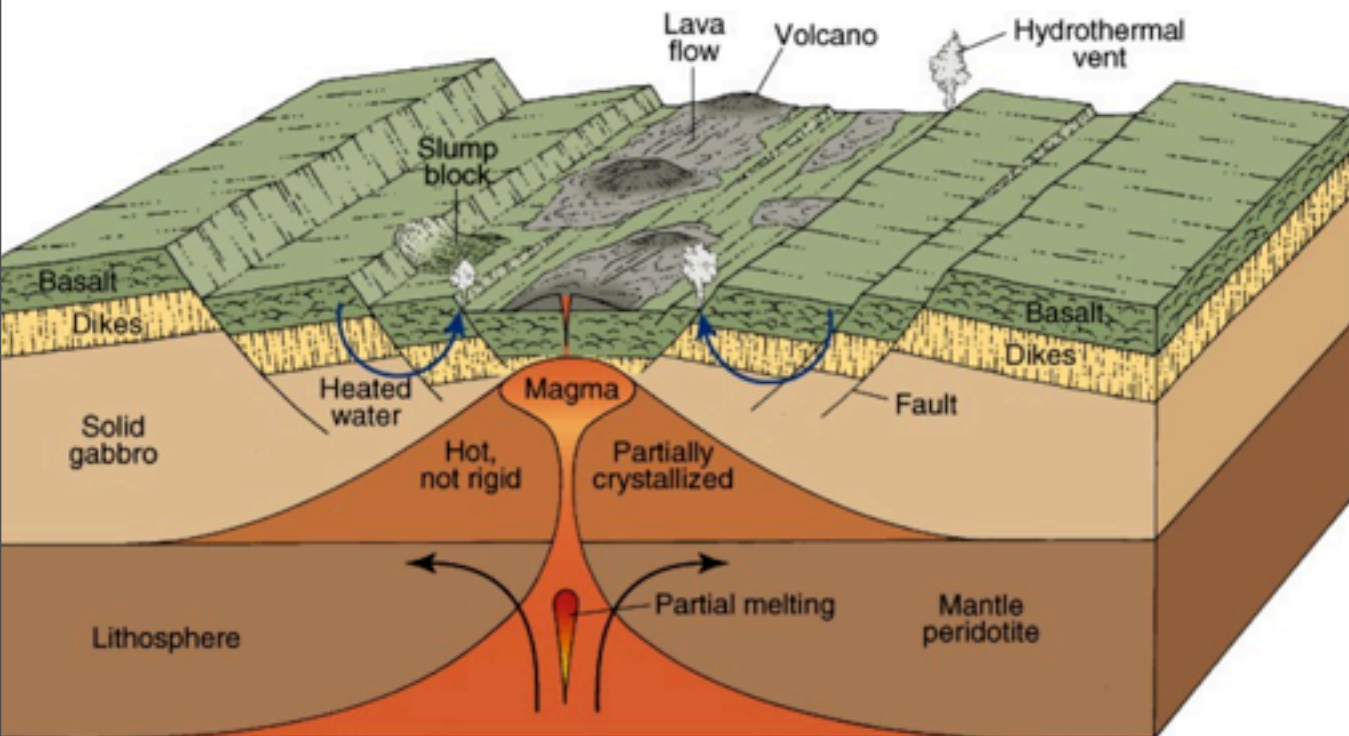


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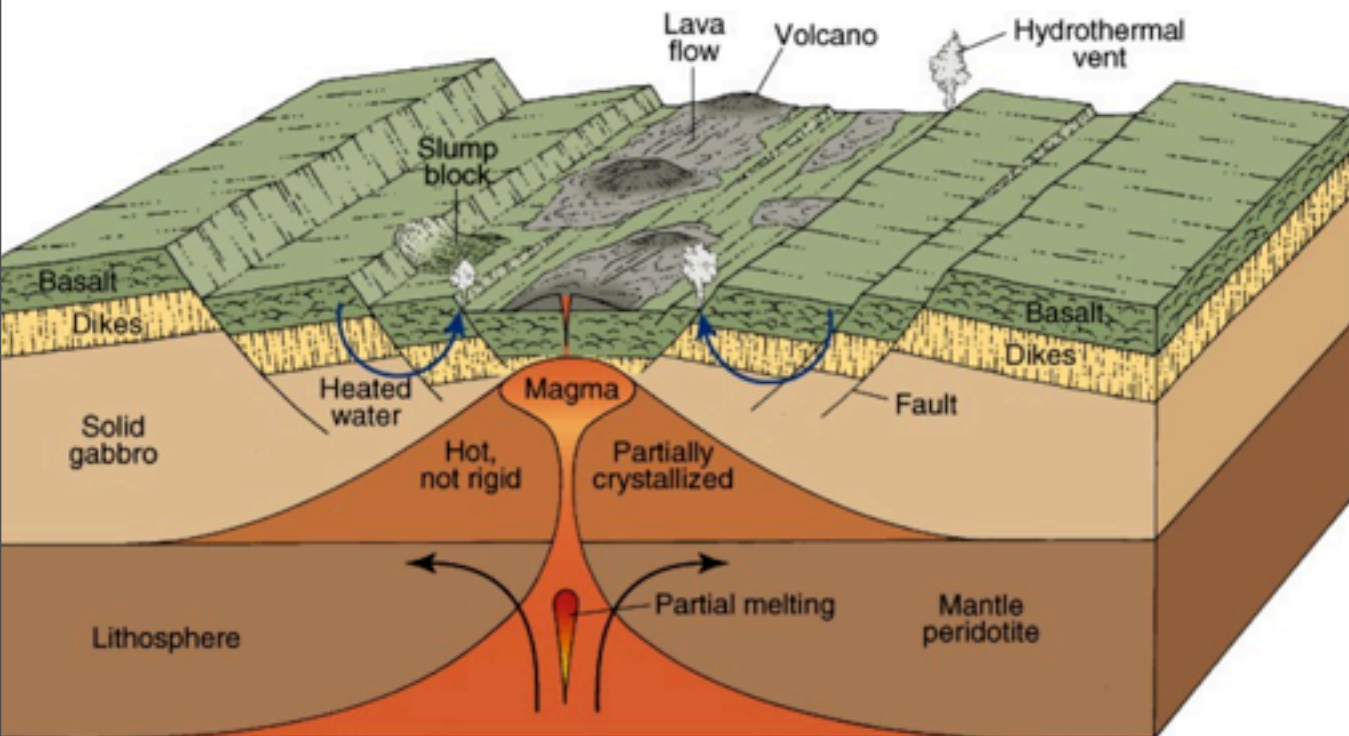


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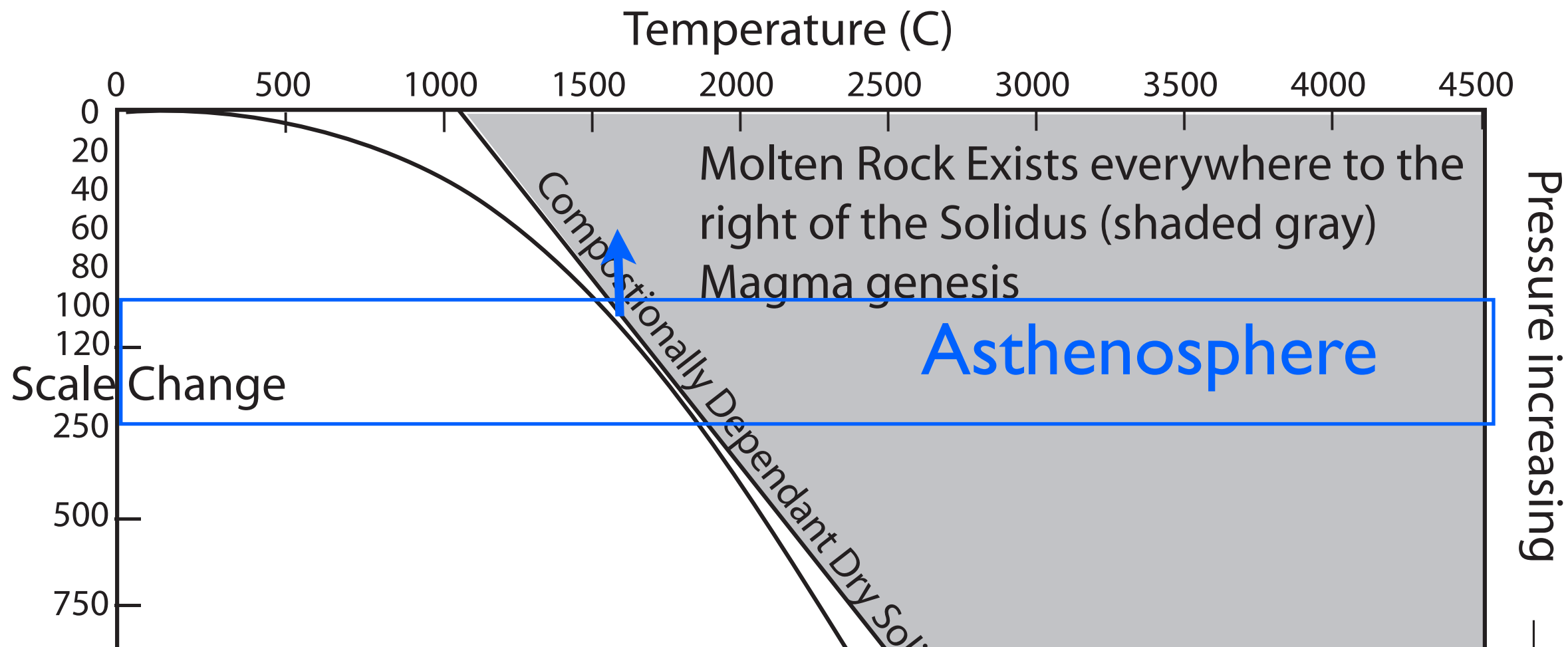




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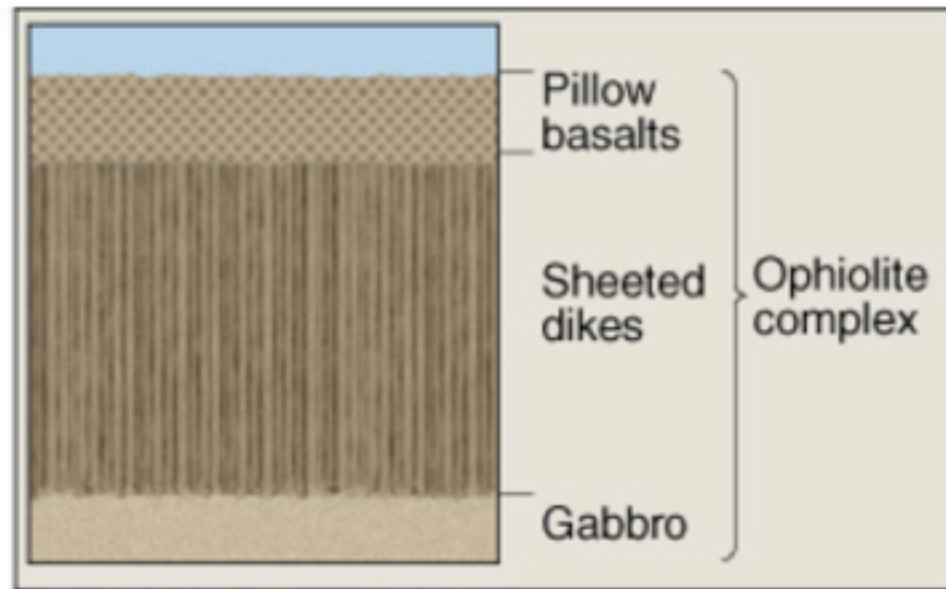


## Decompression Melting

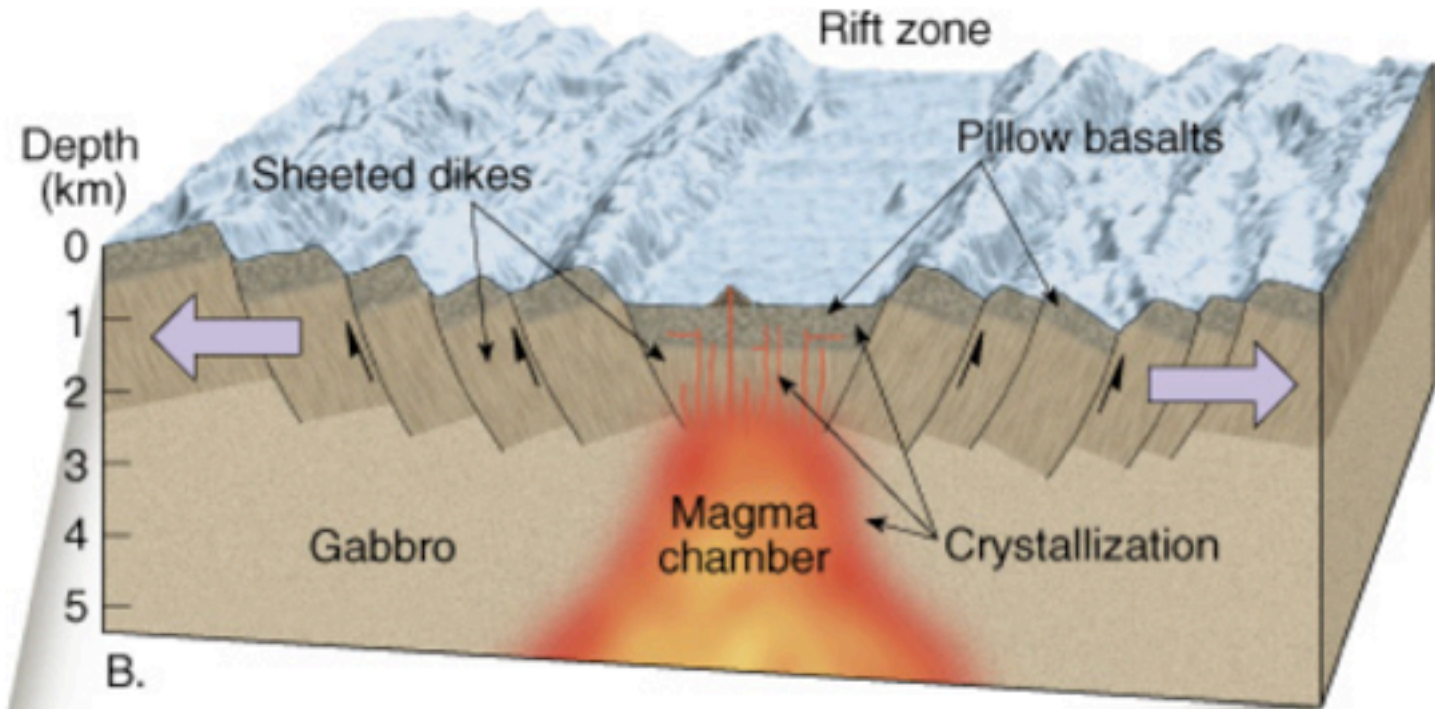




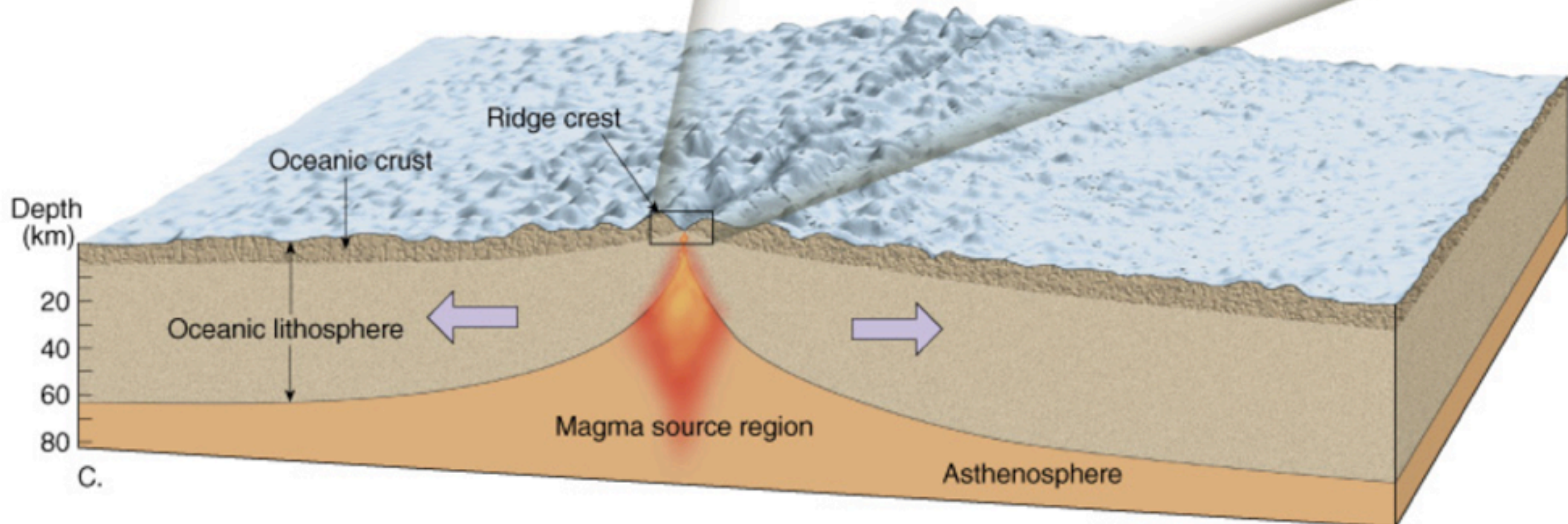
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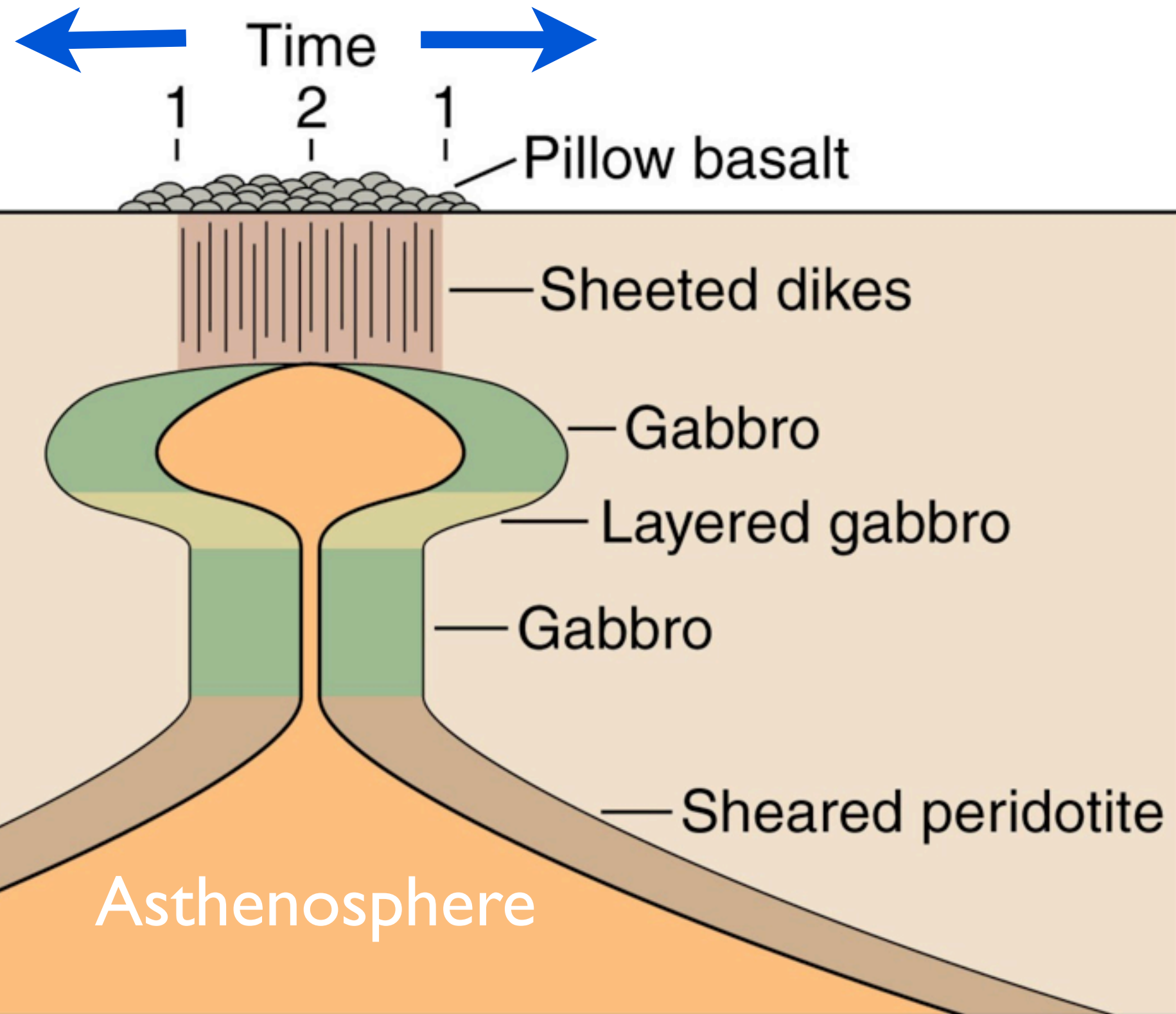
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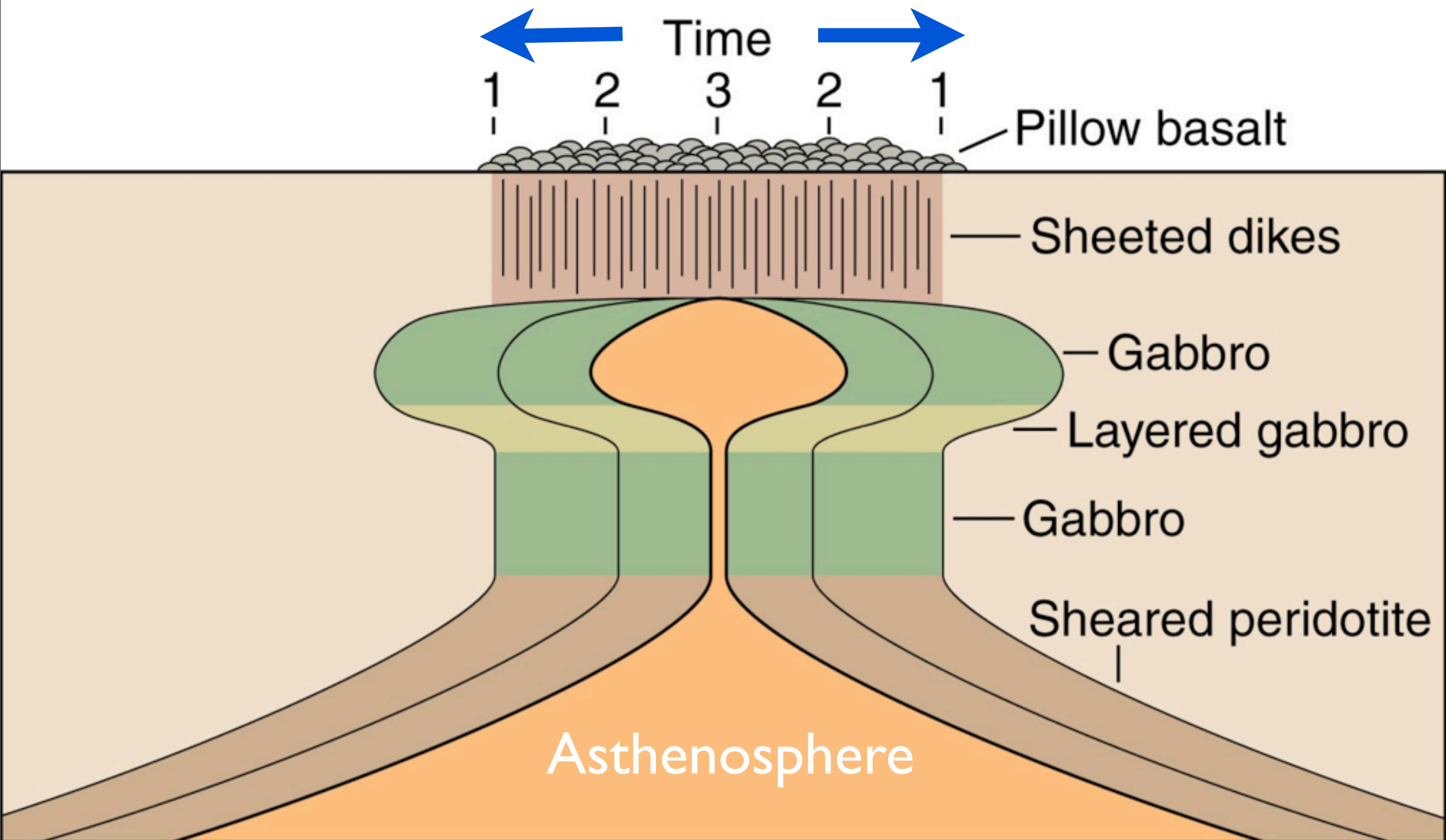


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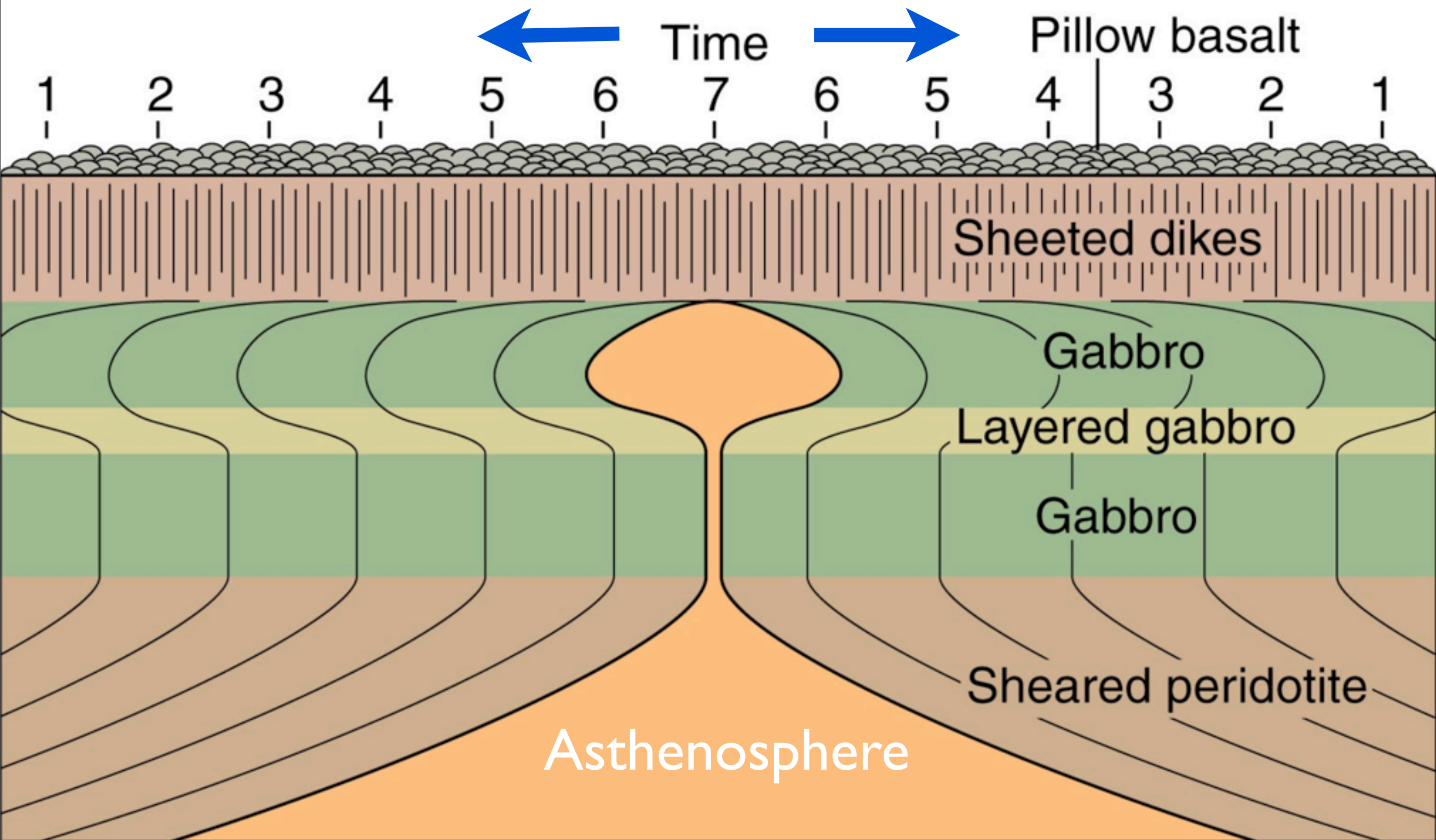


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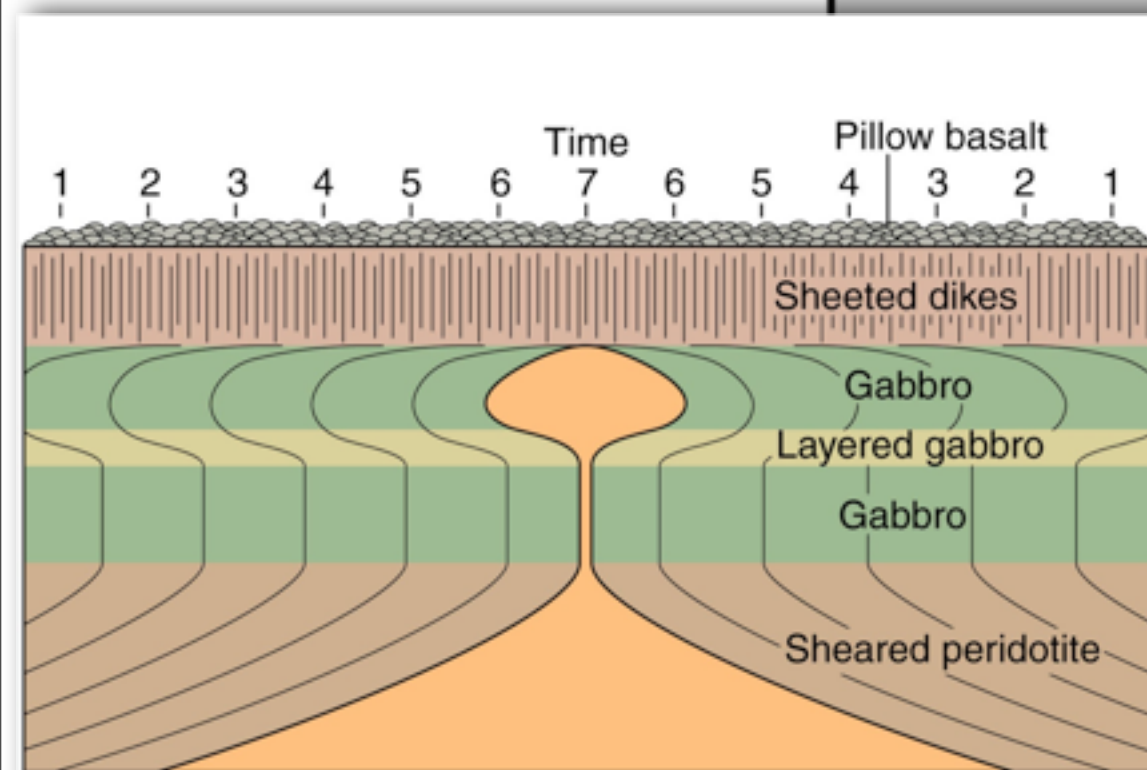
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# OPHIOLITE STRATIGRAPHY

	<u>Sea bottom</u>
Oceanic sediment	
Pillow basalts	
Sheeted basaltic dikes	
Massive Gabbro	Moho
Depleted mantle rock (Sheared peridotite)	Base of lithosphere
	Beginning of asthenosphere

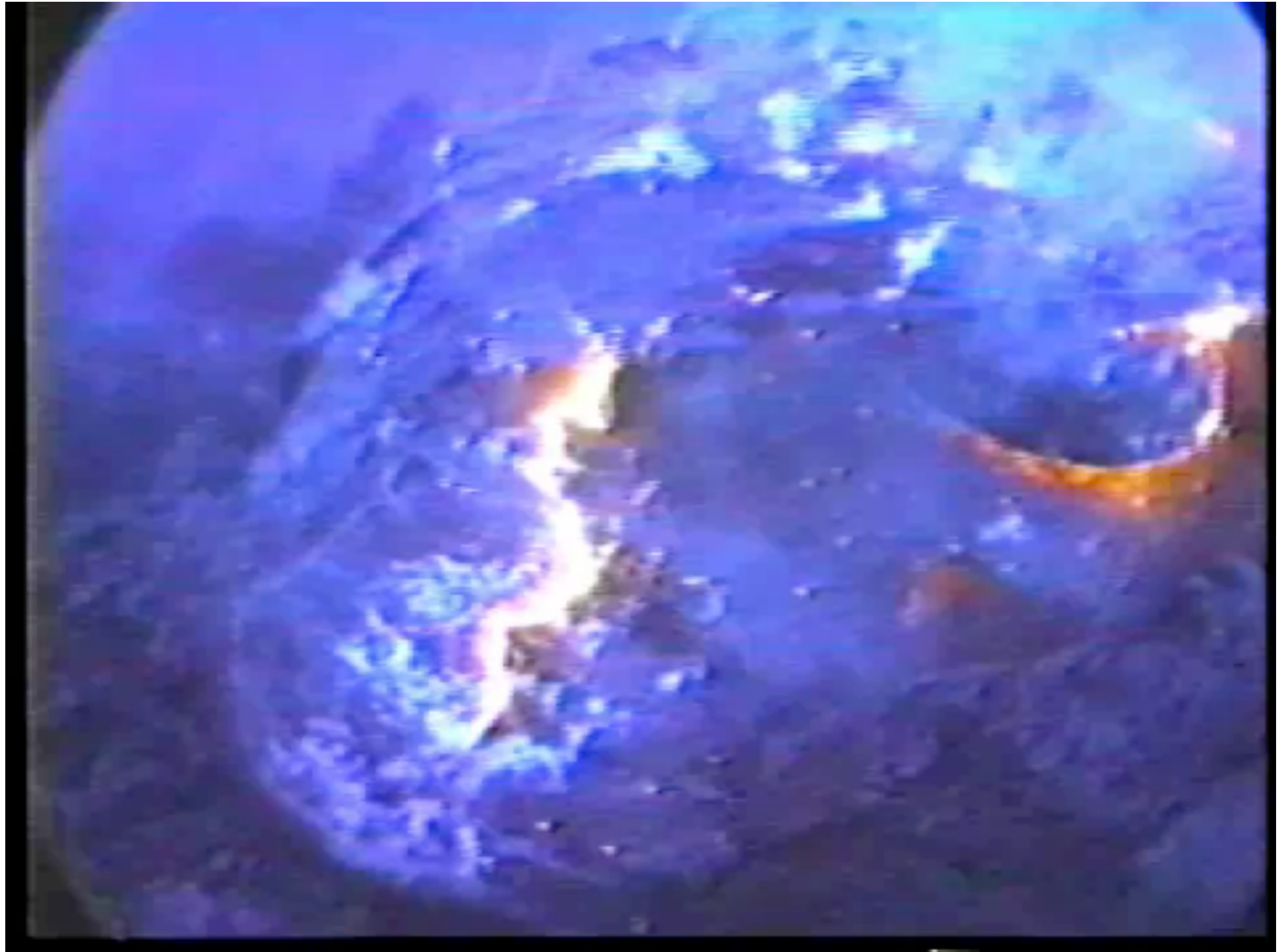




# Pillow Basalt Video

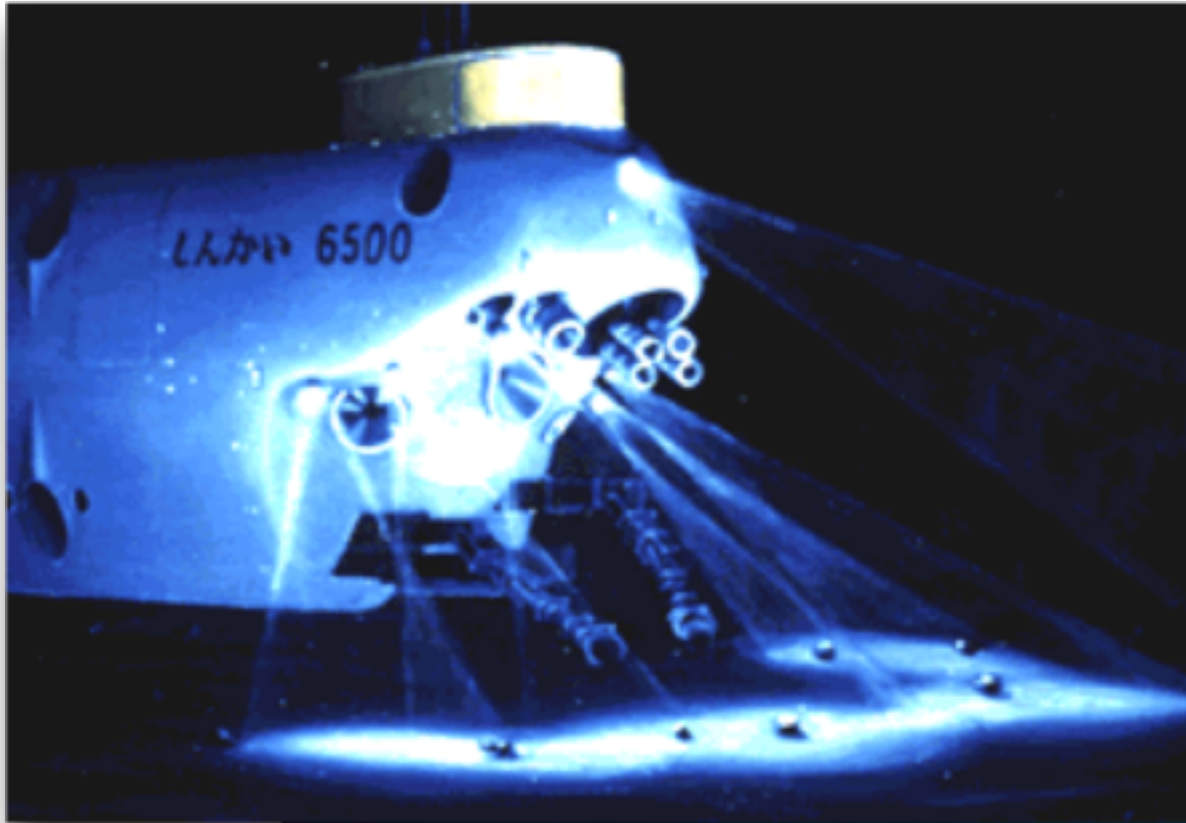


# Pillow Basalt Video





# Pillow Basalt on the Sea Floor





# Pillow Basalt accreted to the crust of the North Bay 150 Ma



Pillow Basalt at Point Bonita, Marin Headlands

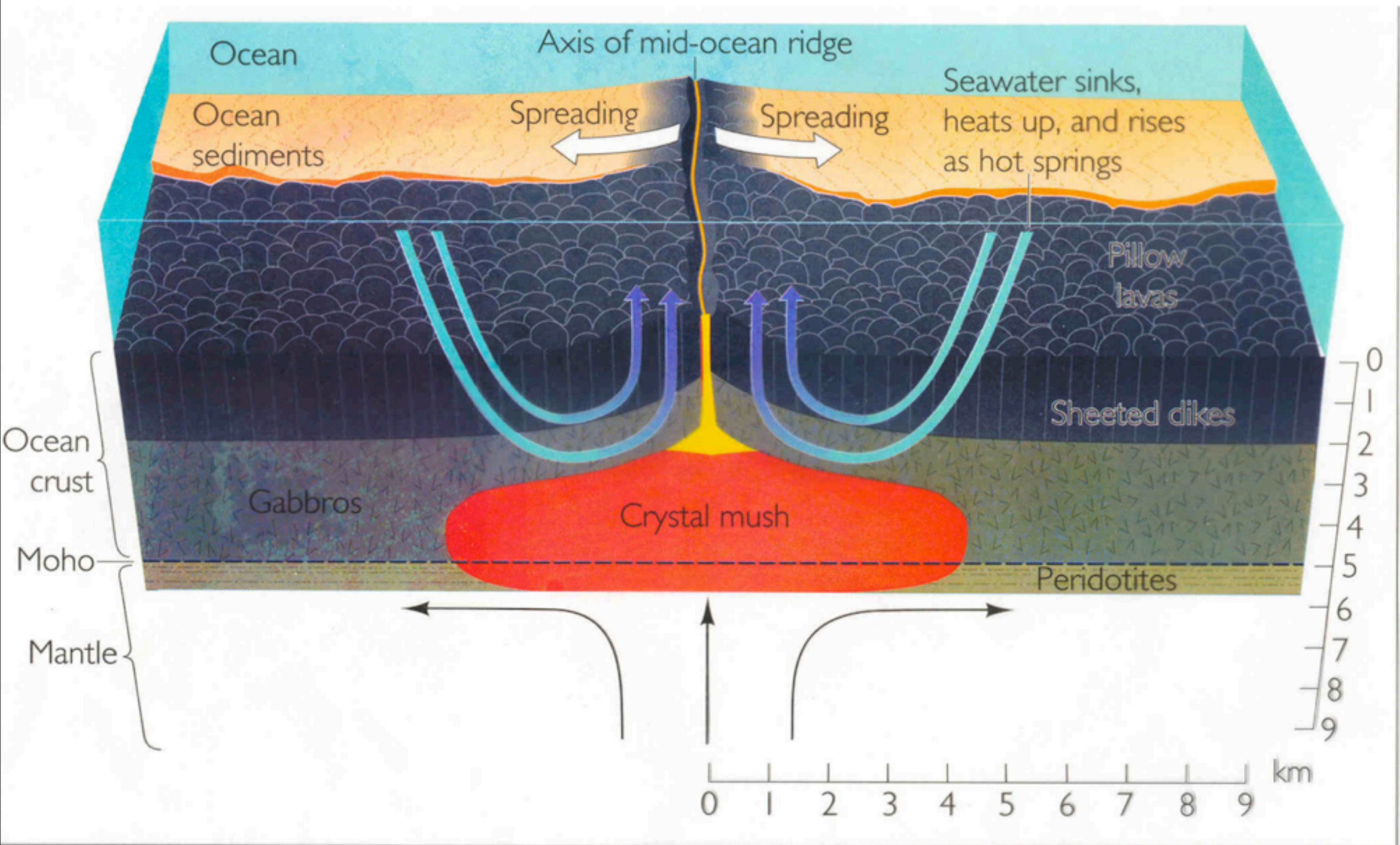


# Pillow Basalt formerly on the Sea Floor



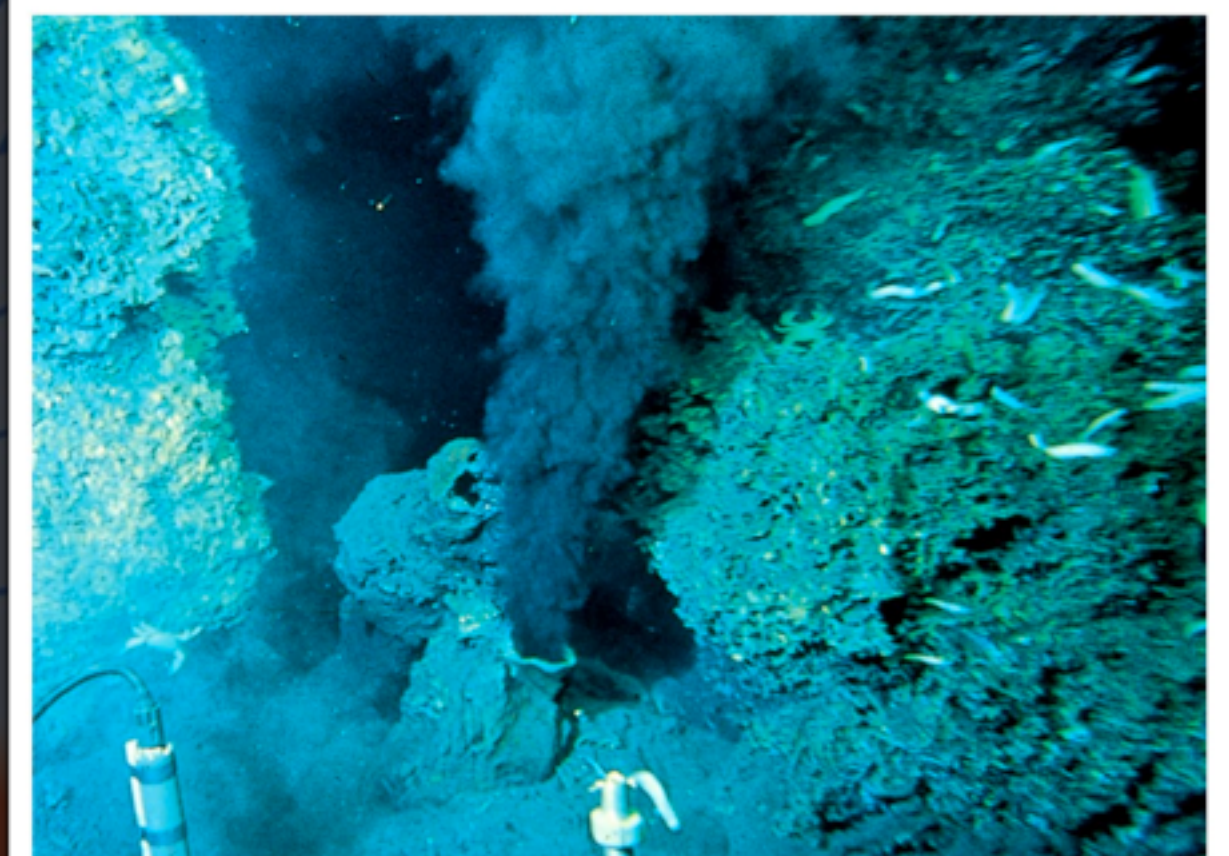
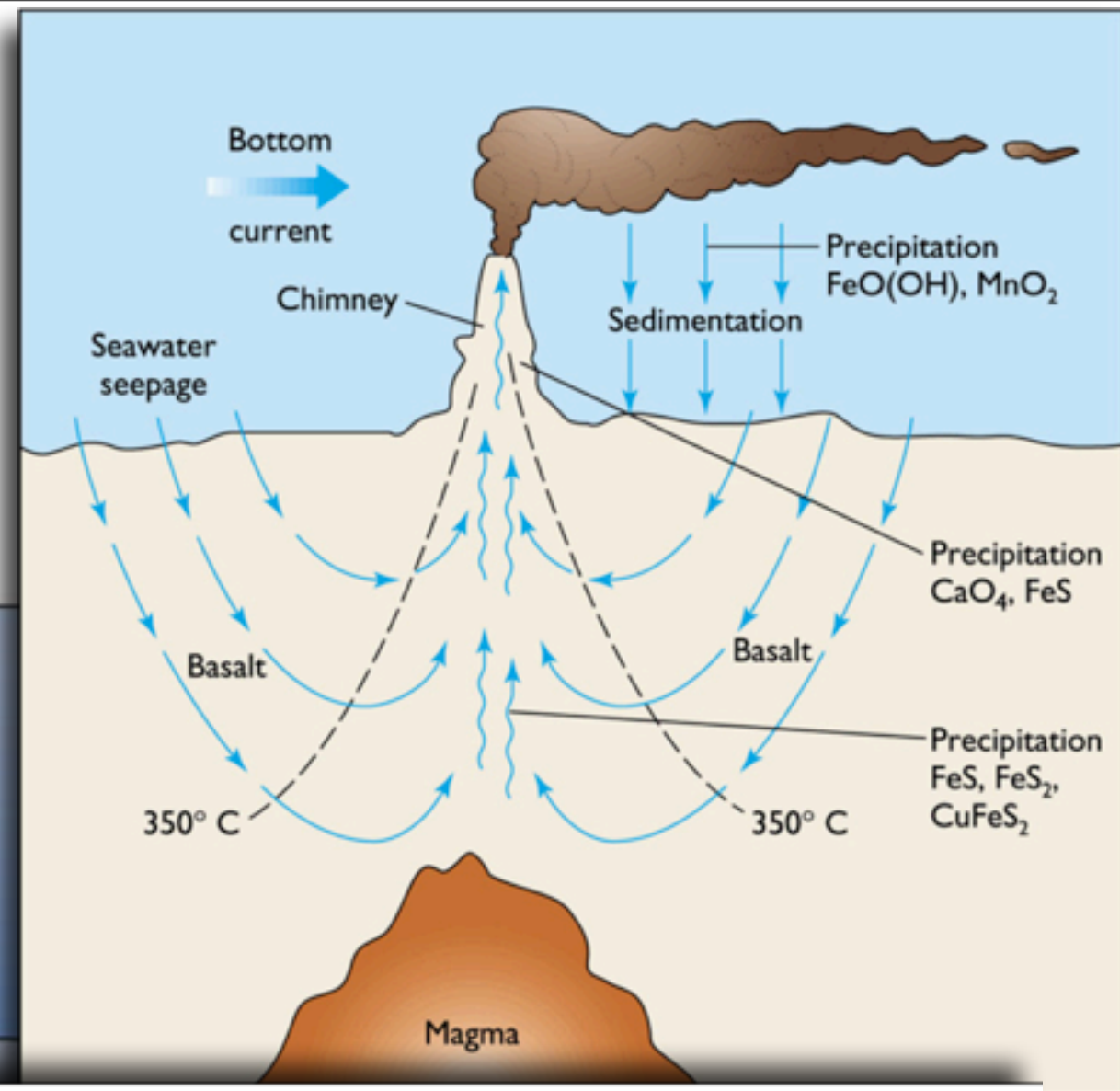
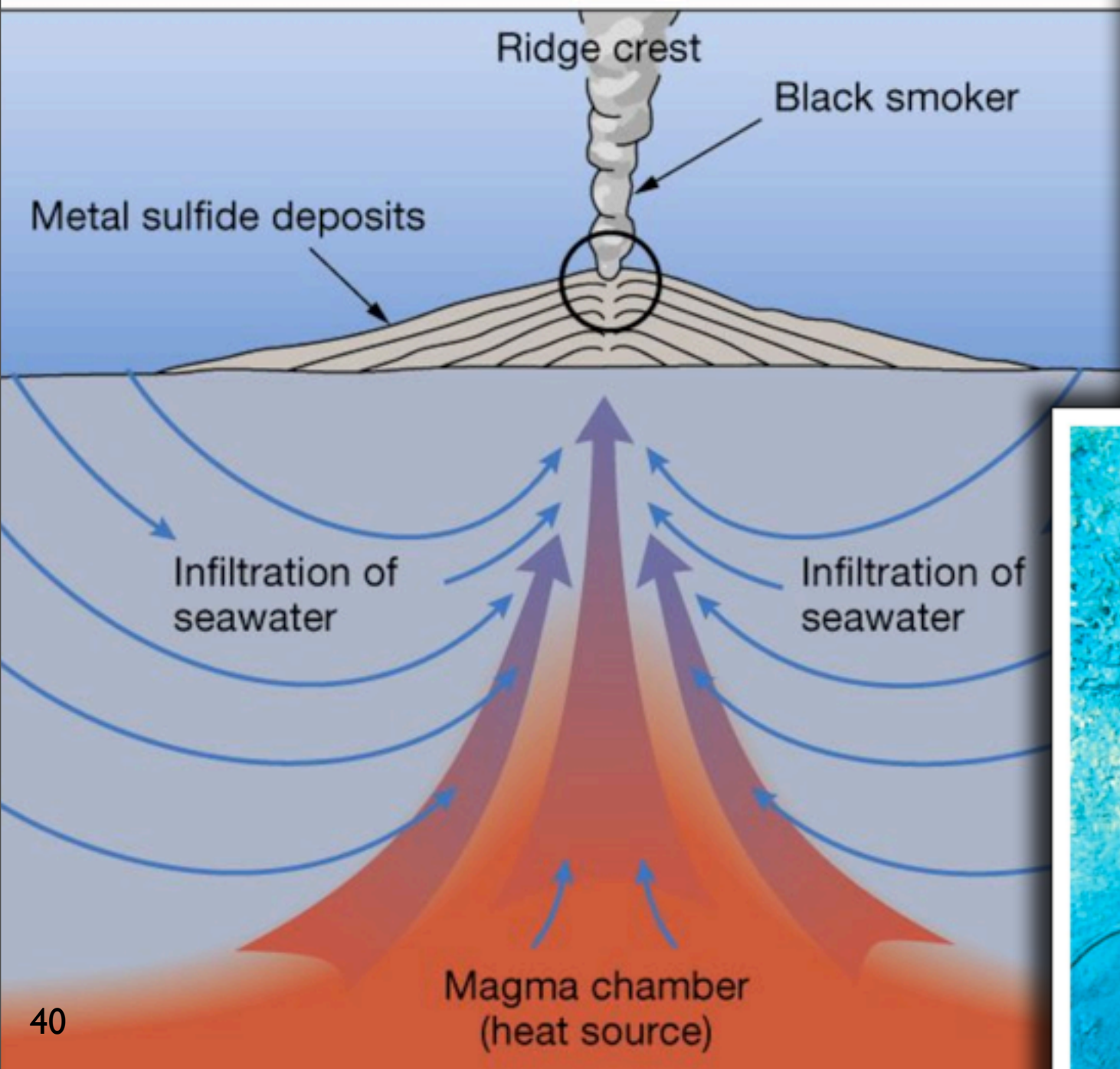


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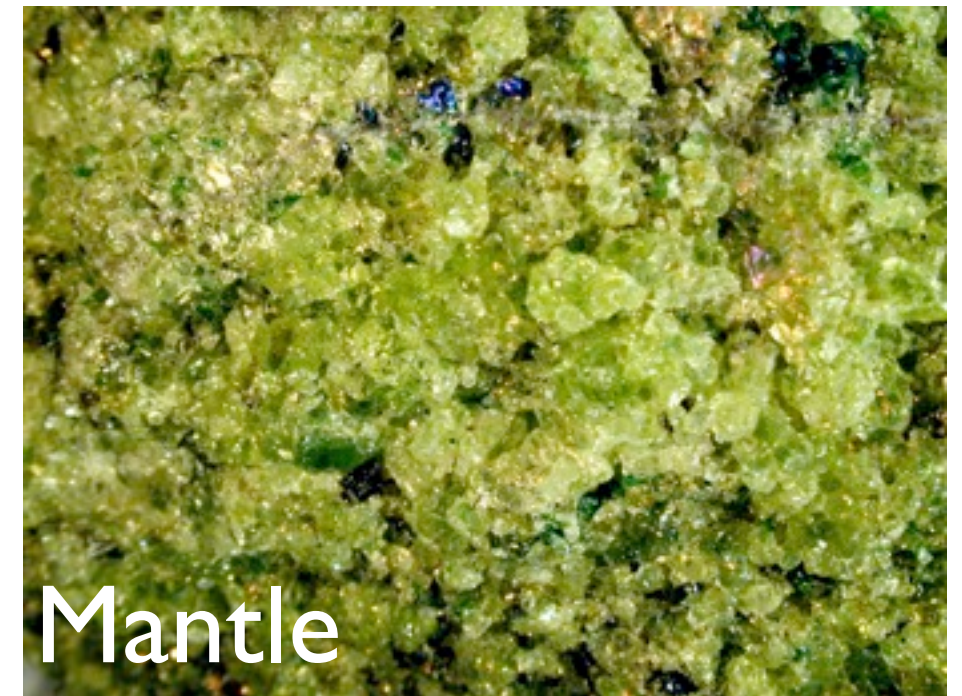


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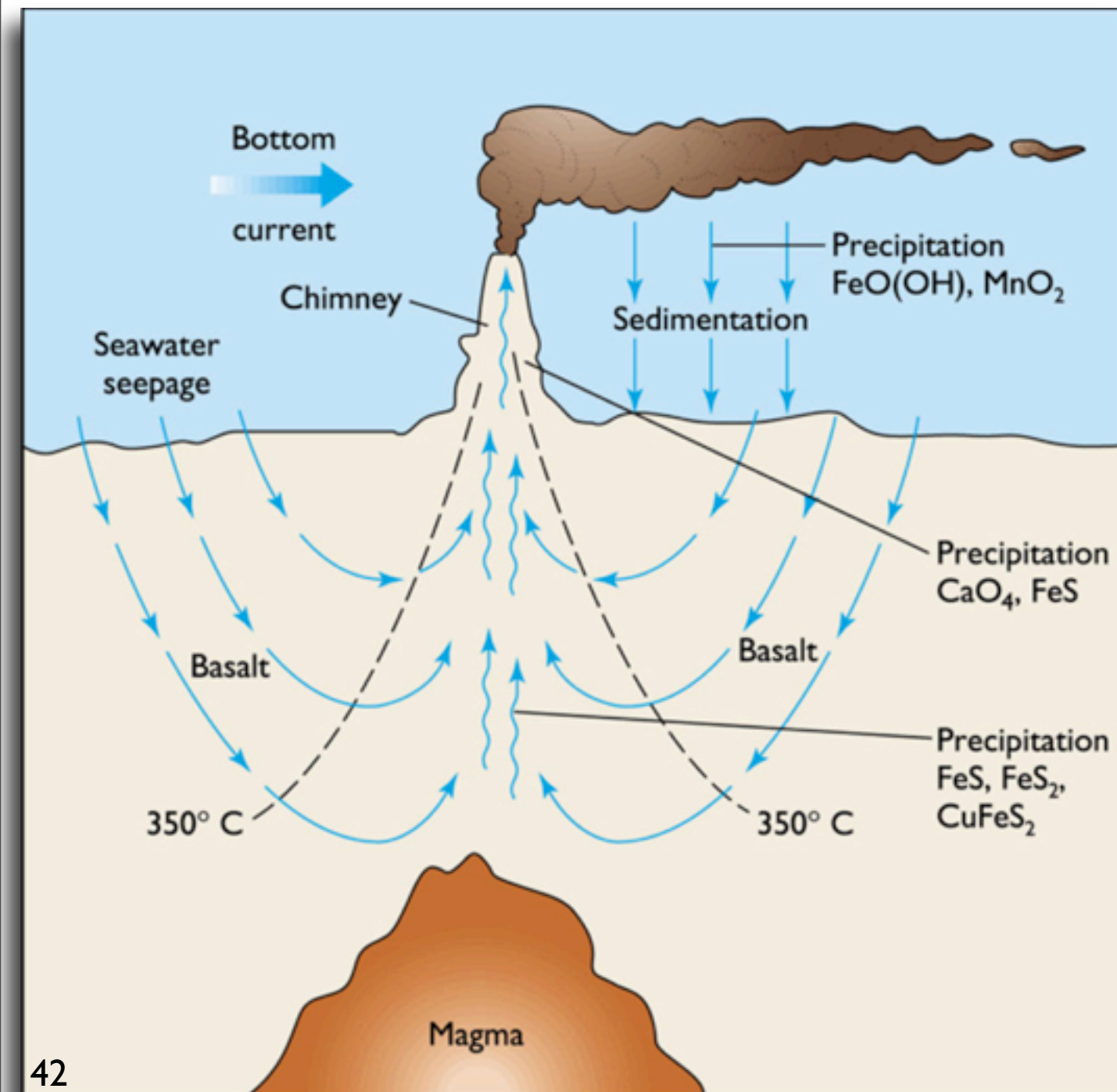


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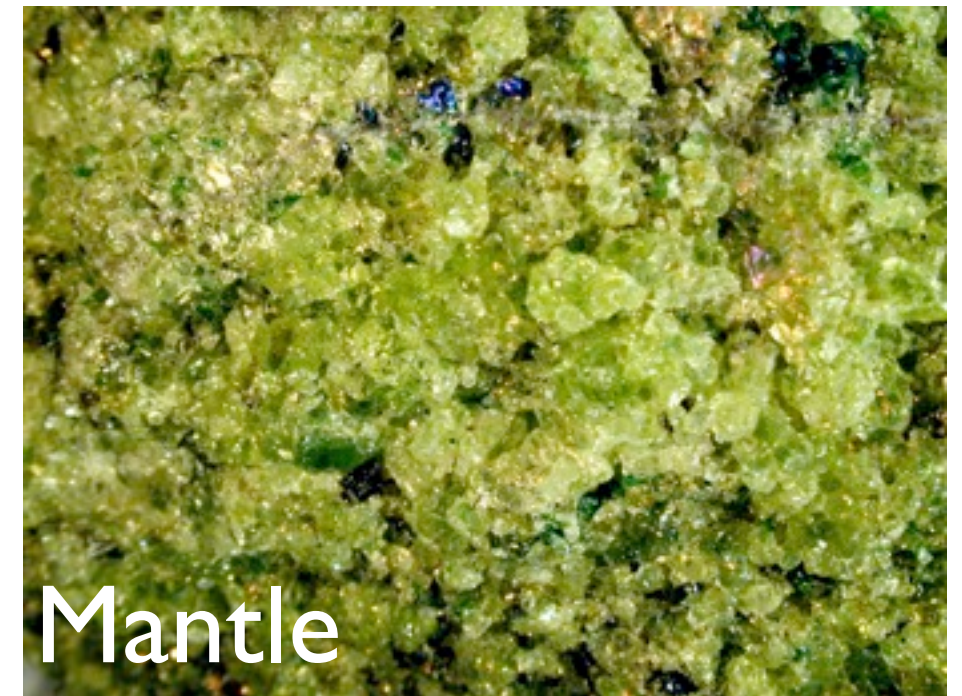


Serpentine





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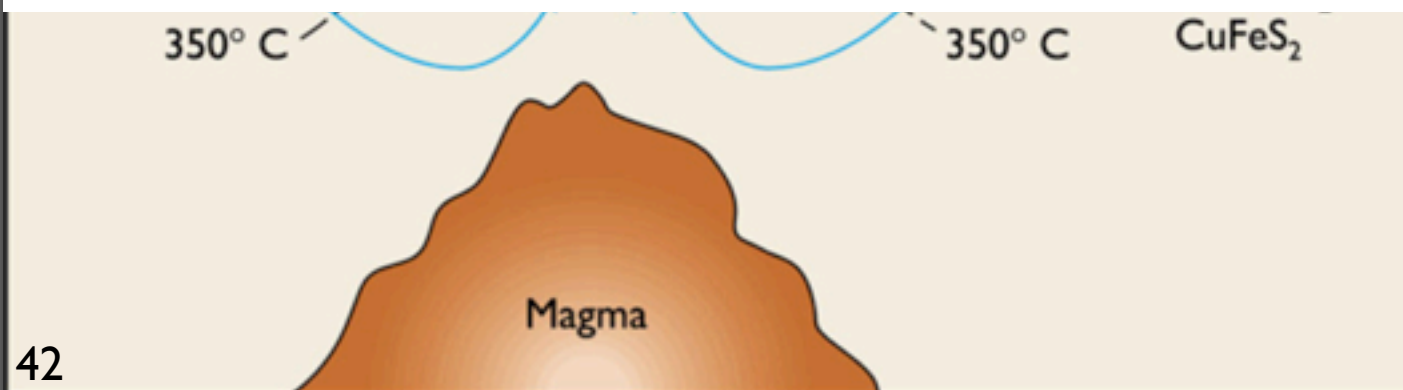
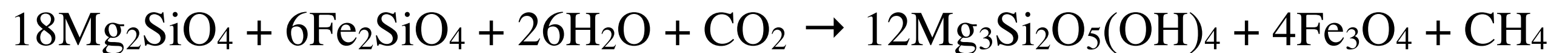
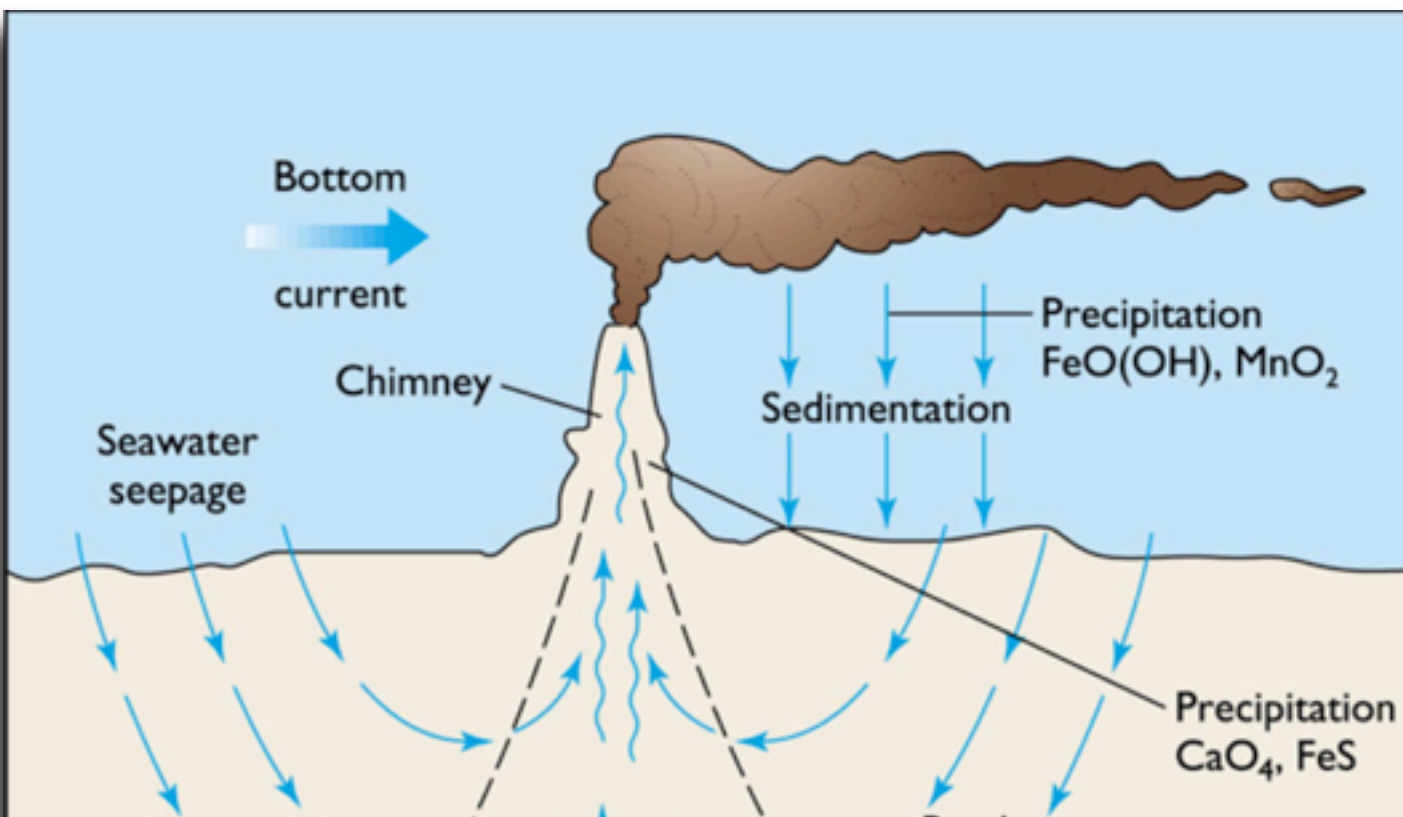


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# Minerals within rocks can hold a lot of water!

Serpentinite 12% water!



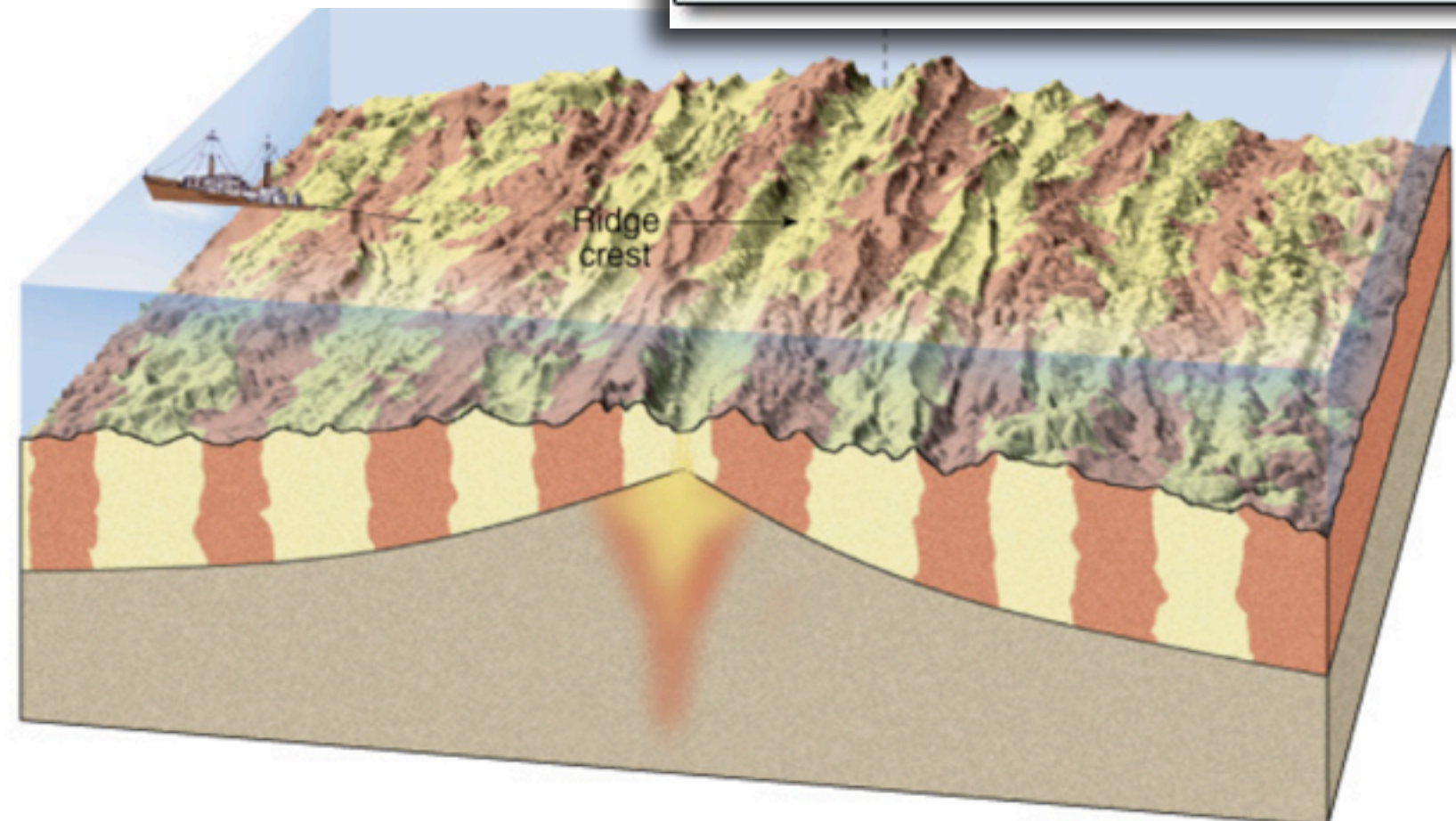
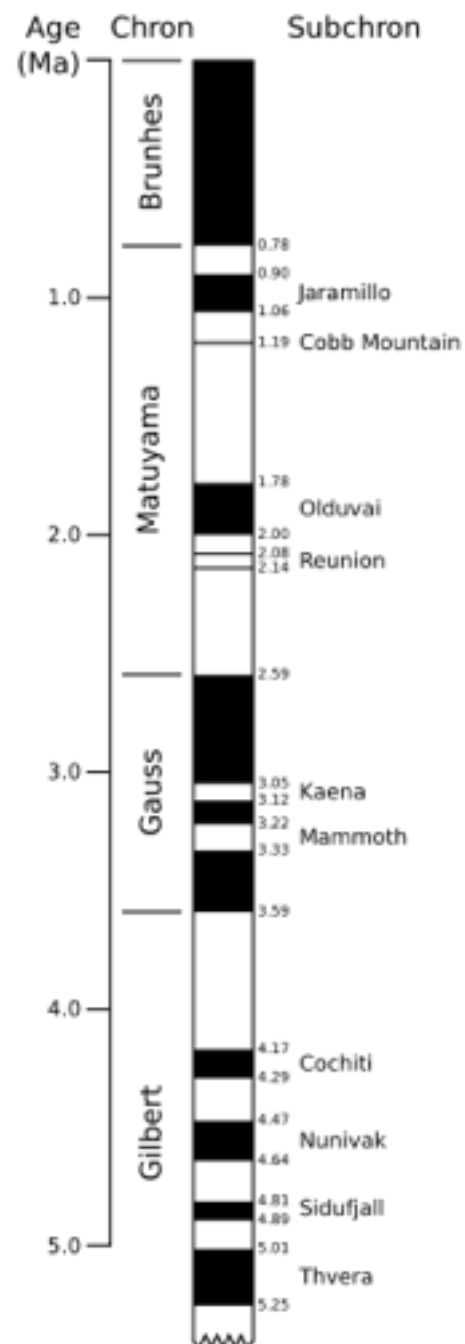
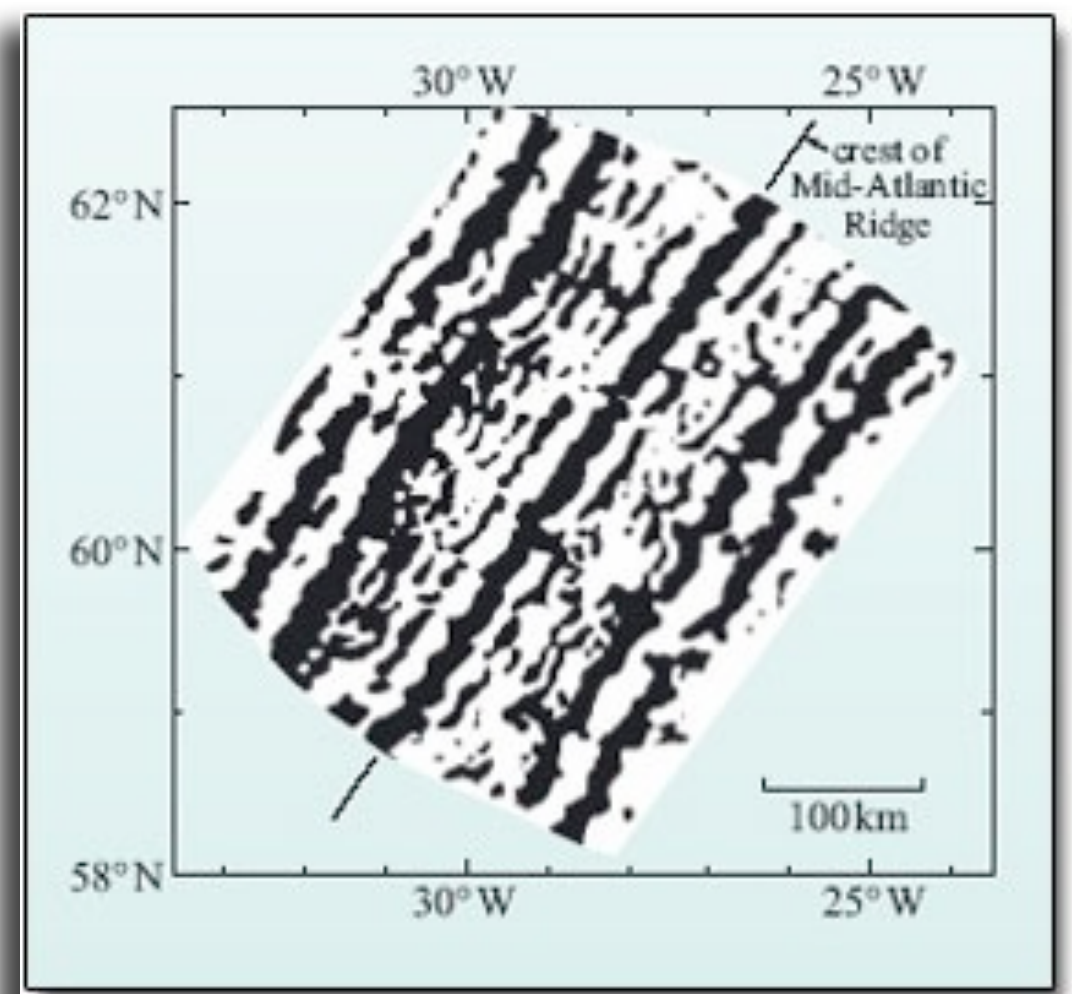


# Serpentinite at Baker Beach





# Magnetic Anomaly Map of the Mid Atlantic Ridge



Symmetrical pattern centered on the ridge



# Measuring RELATIVE Speed and Direction of Plate Motion

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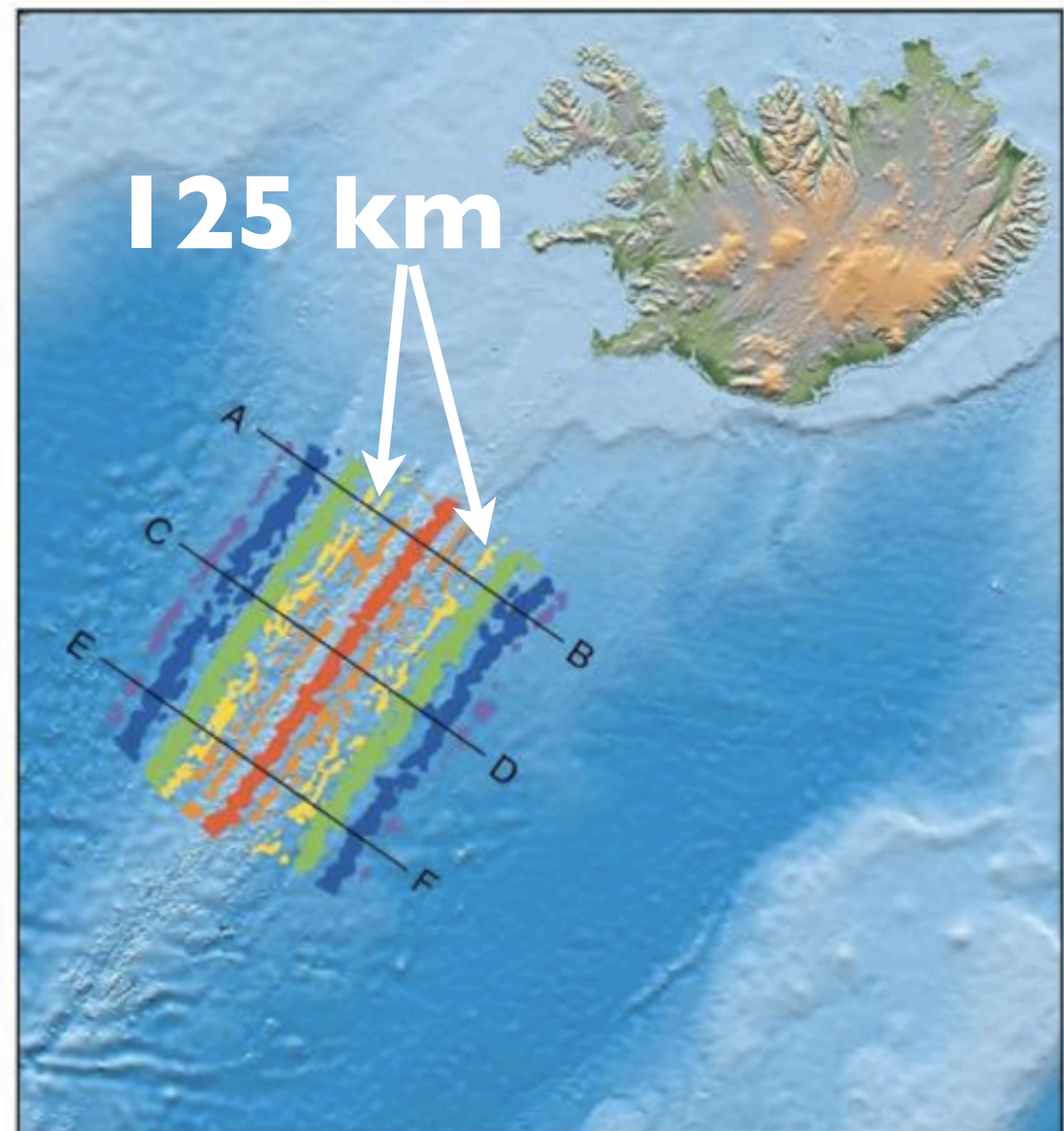
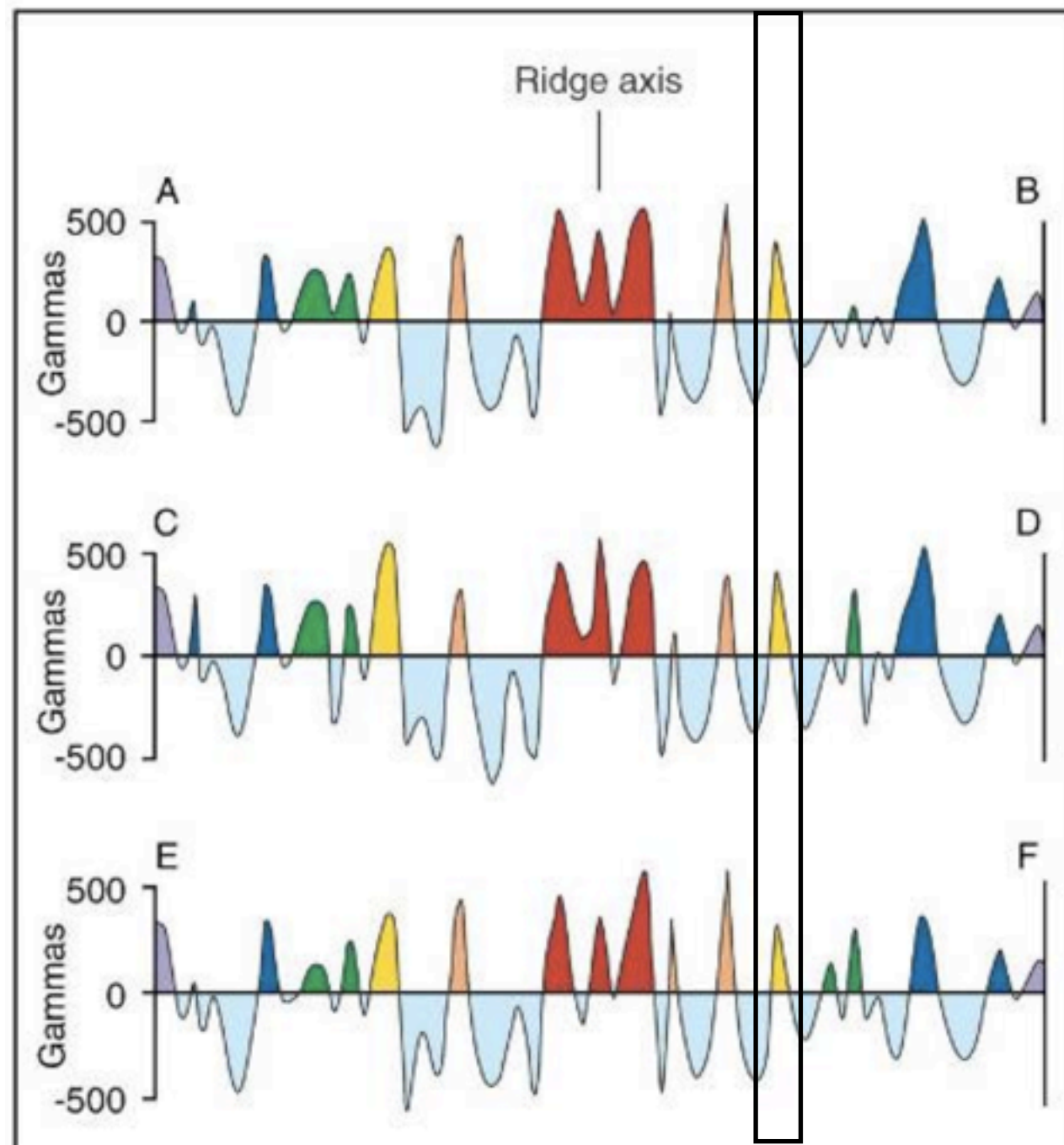
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$$50 \frac{km}{my} \div 10 = 5.0 \frac{cm}{yr}$$



# Measuring RELATIVE Speed (cm/yr) and Direction of the Mid Atlantic Ridge

**5 Ma**

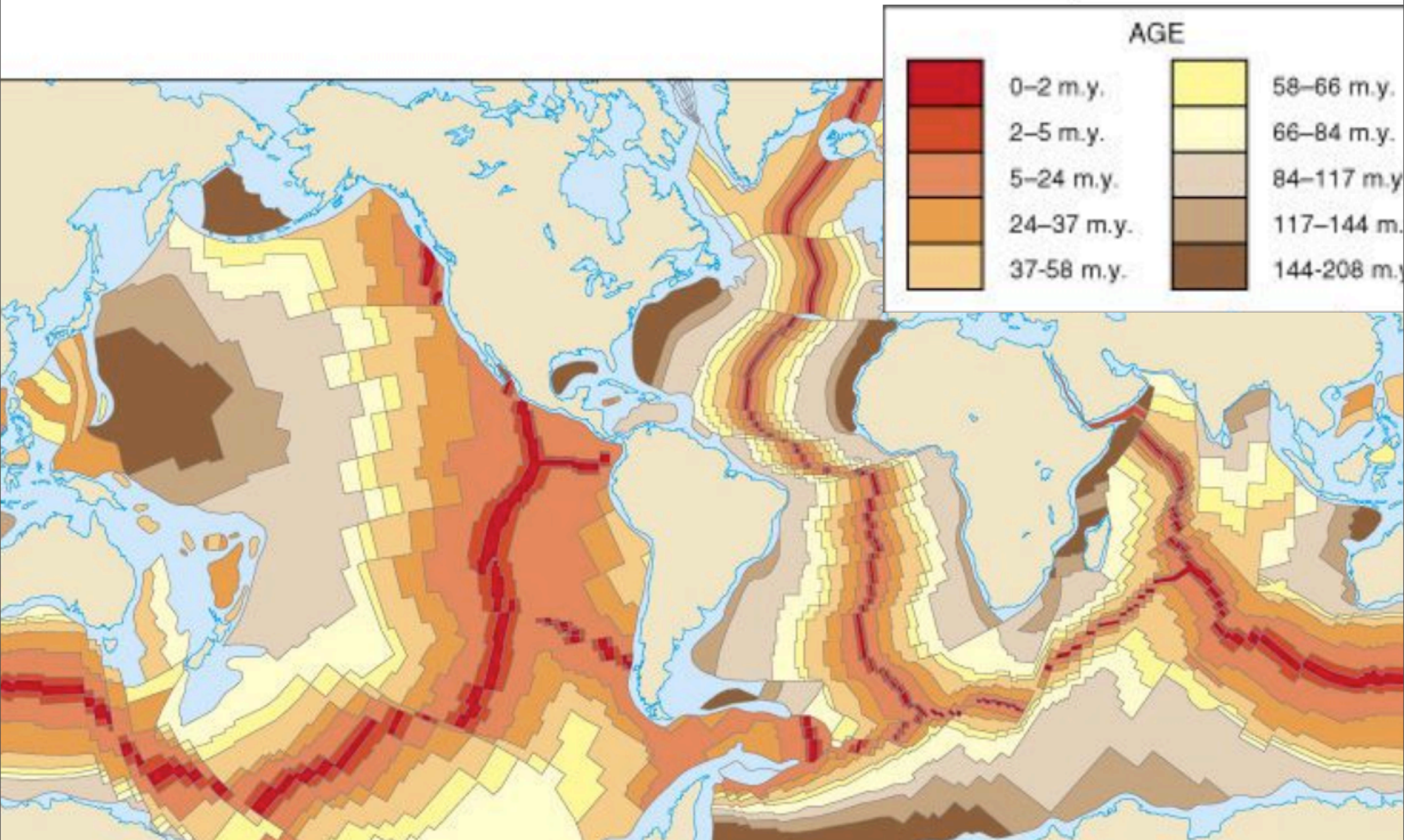




# Age of the Sea Floor.

**Where is it the youngest and how old is it?**

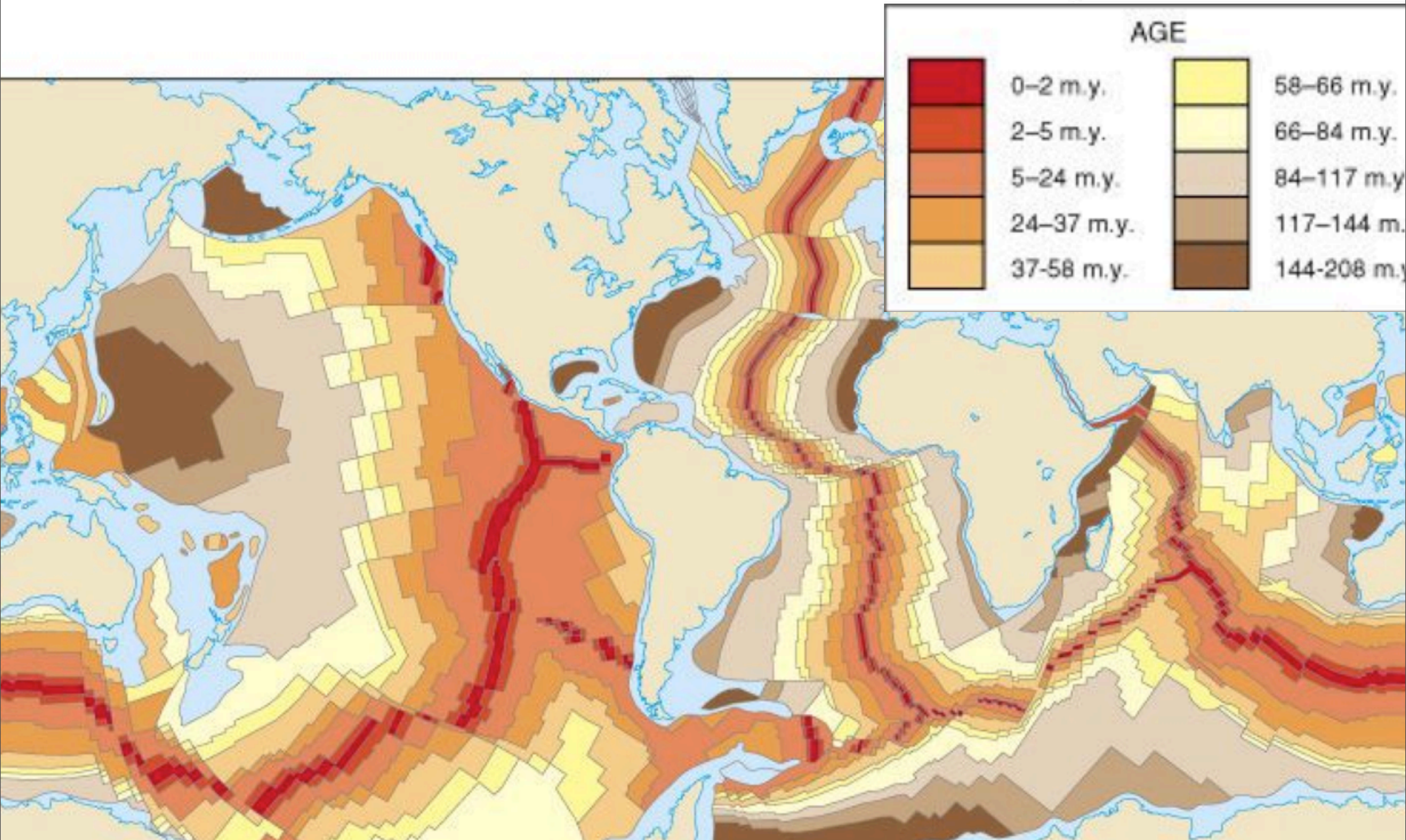
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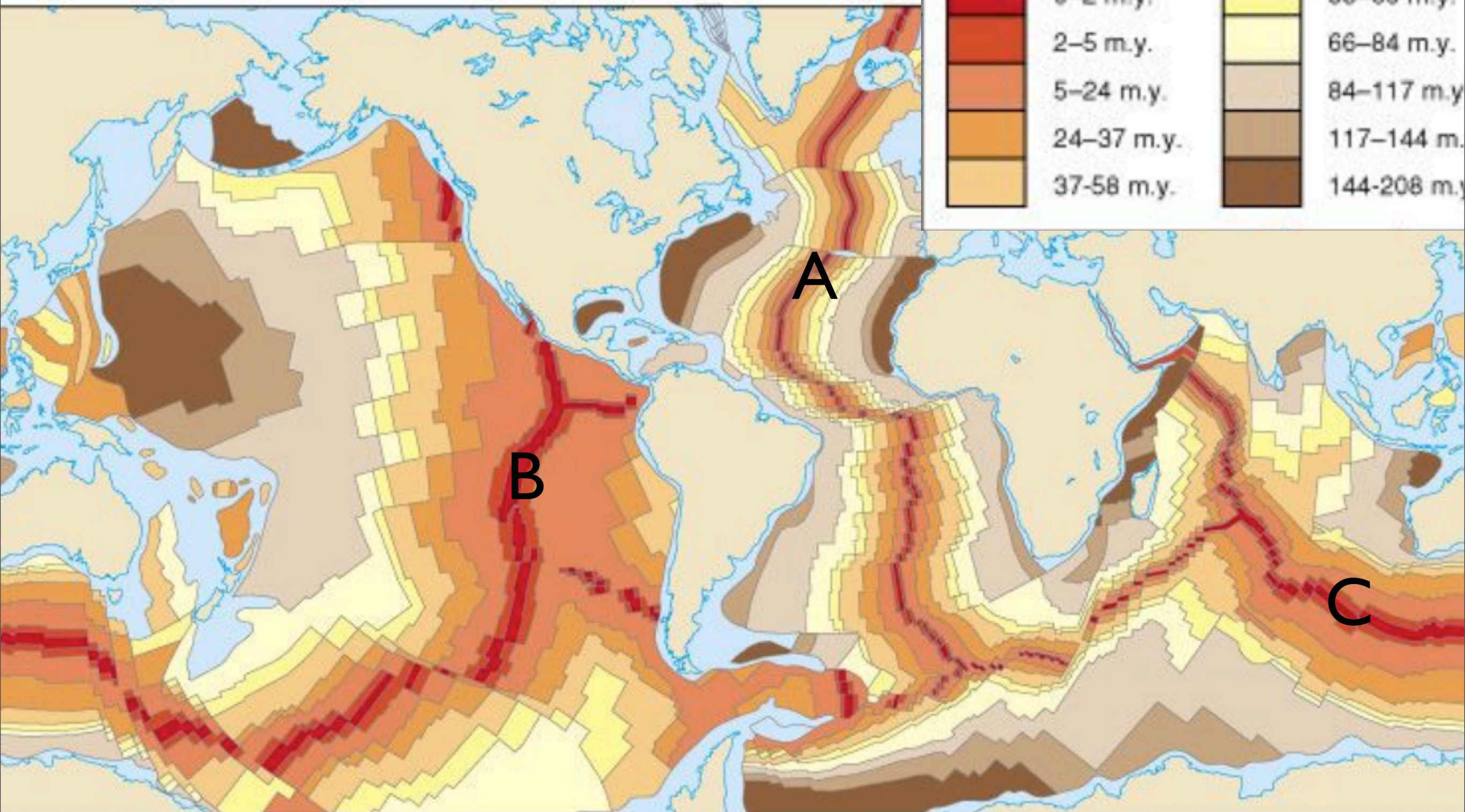
# Age of the Sea Floor.

**Do all the Ridges look the same? How are they different and what does that tell us?**





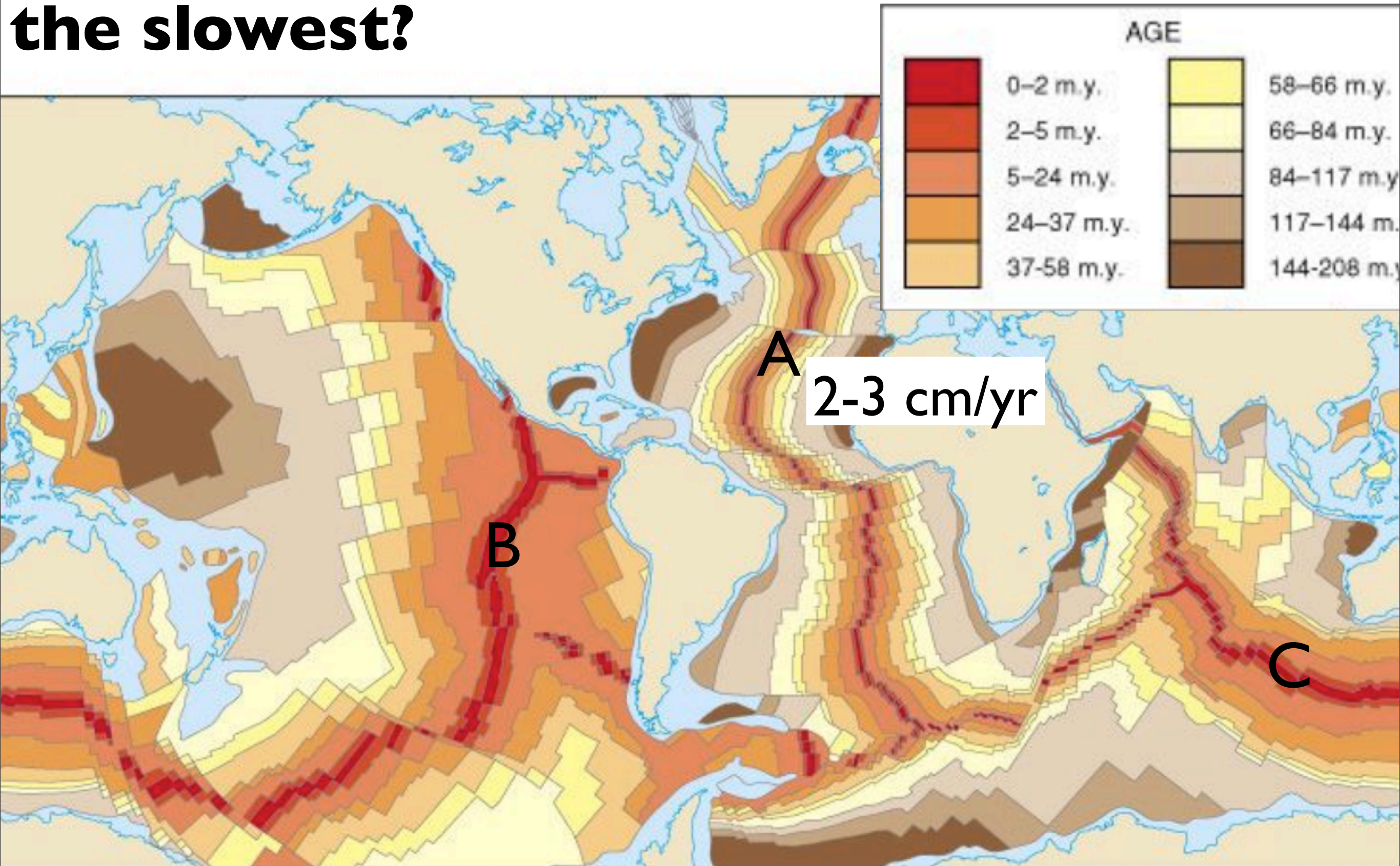
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D) All spreading at the same rate



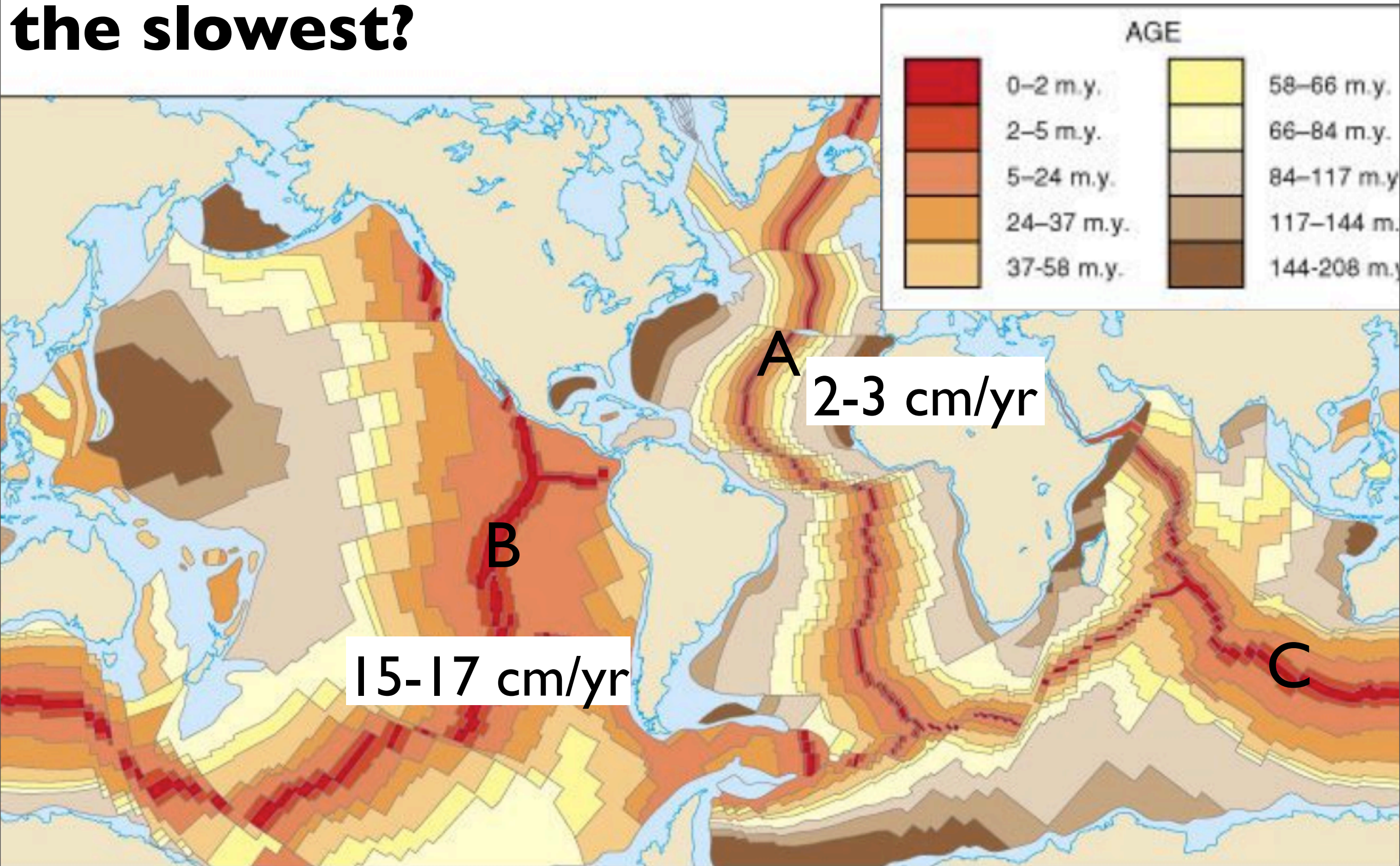
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