

What Happens When You Dig Straight Down?



How deep have we gone?

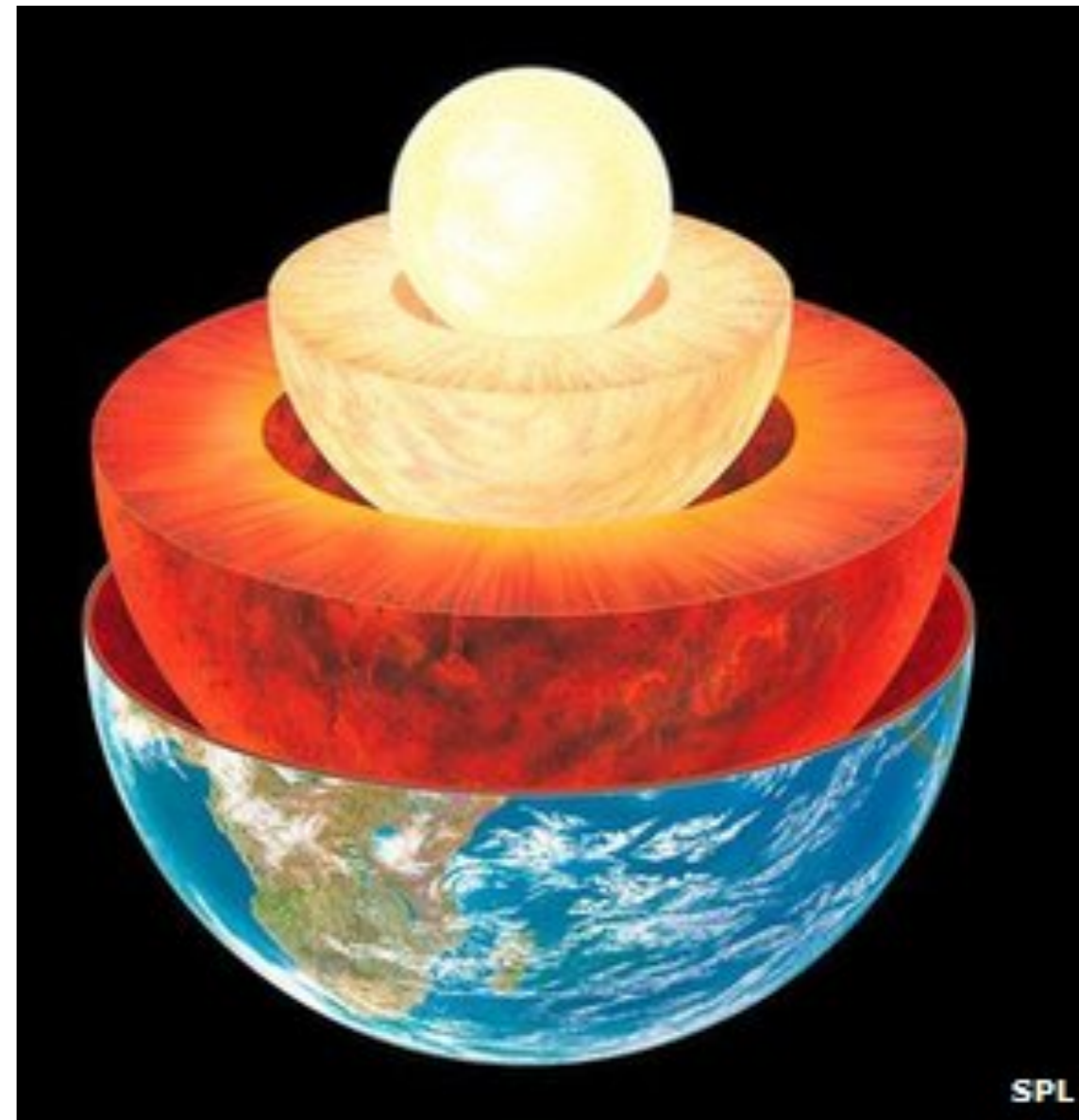
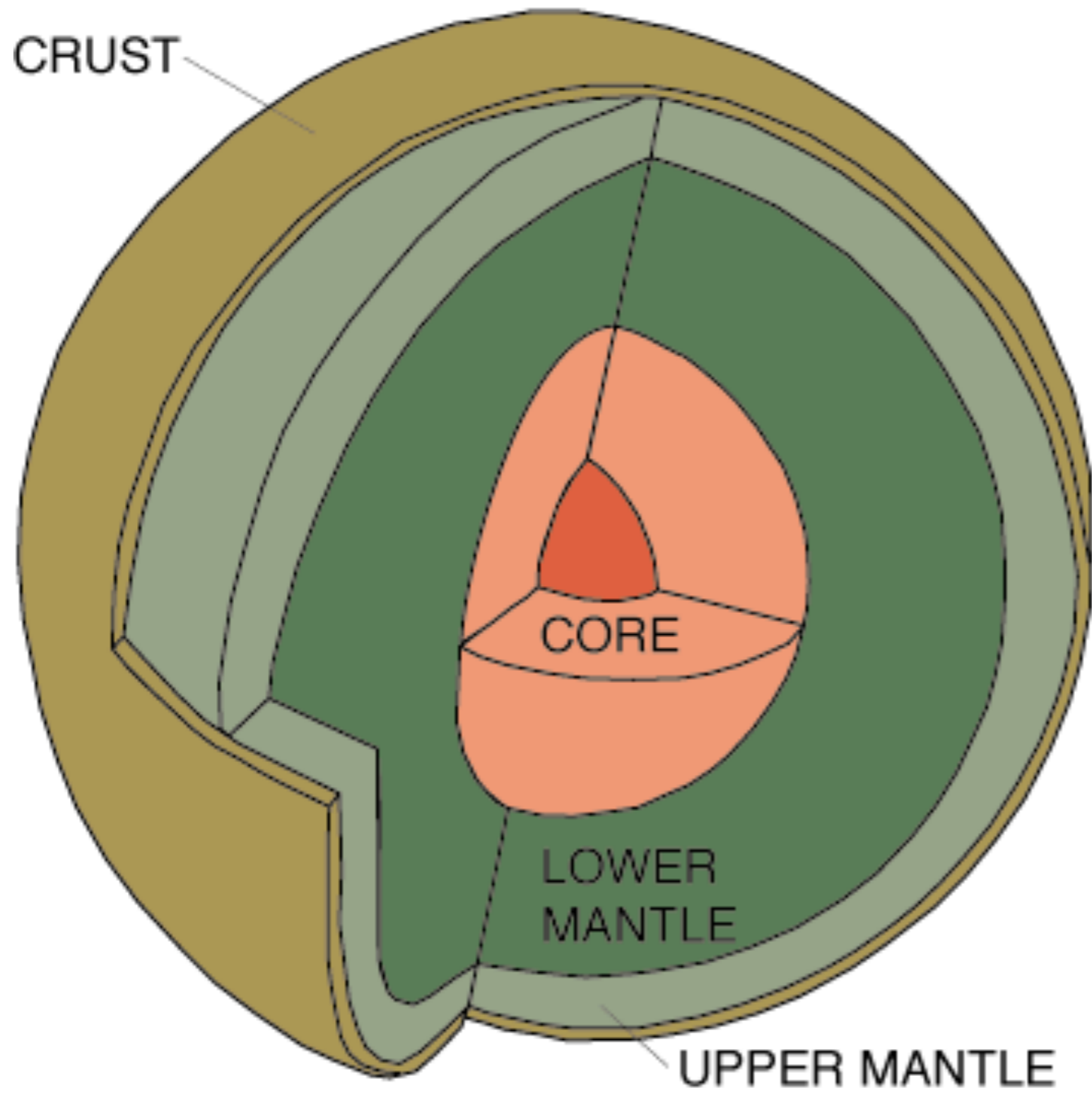
The deepest humans have dug:

- **12,262 meters deep! (~12 km)**
- **The Kola Superdeep Borehole** built in Russia by the Soviet Union, beginning in 1970.
- The project was to dig through the Earth's crust.
- Drilling stopped in 1989, at **12,262 meters deep**.

- @ 12,262 m, the temp was **180°C**.

HOT





Wait! How do we know the Earth really
is a sphere?

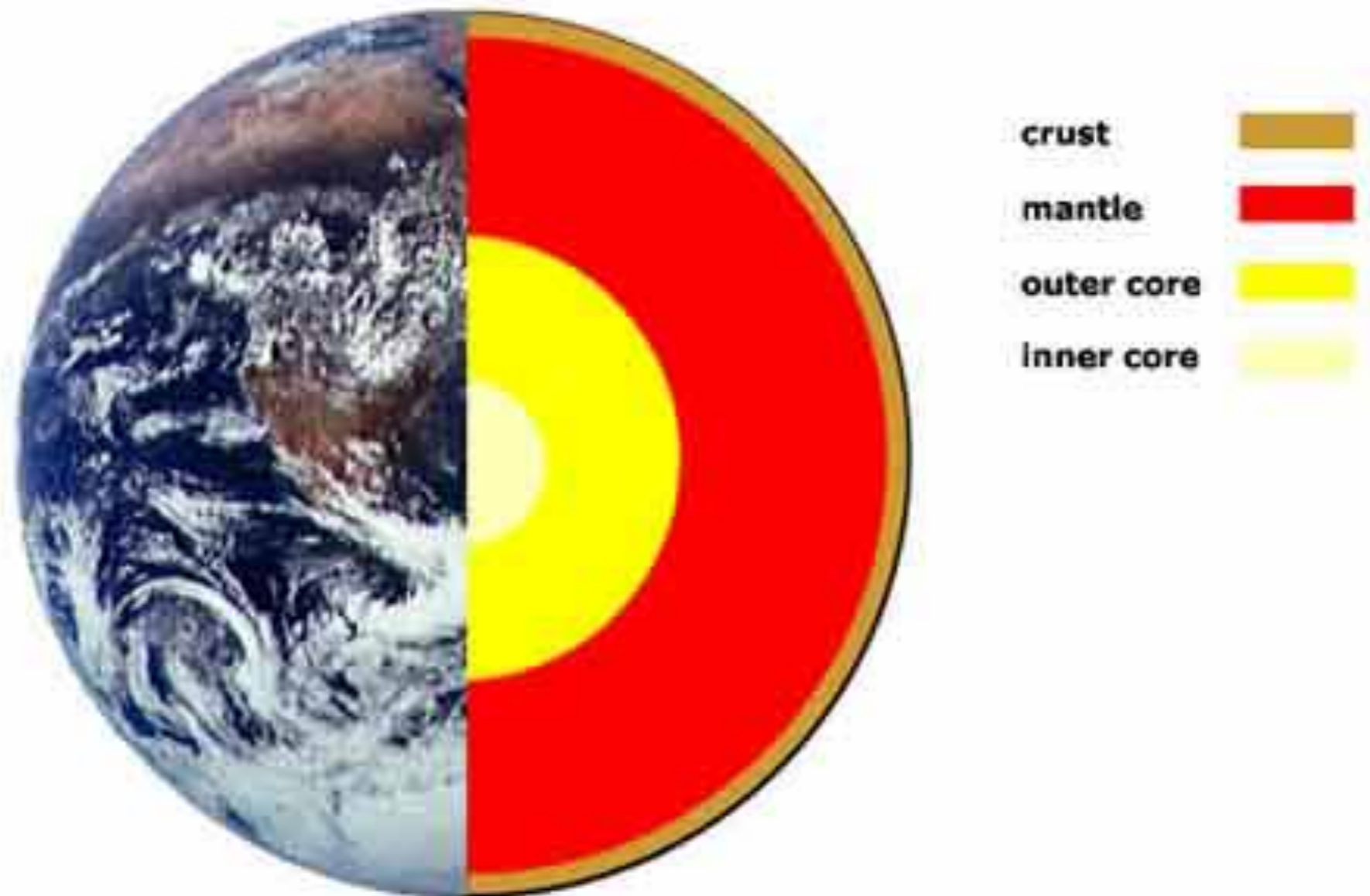


Wait! How do we know the Earth really is a sphere?

- **Proofs that the Earth is Round:**
 - Ships appearing to sink as they go over the horizon.
 - The Earth's shadow on the moon during an eclipse is always curved. This could only be possible if the Earth was a sphere.
 - Different time zones.
 - Different angles to Polaris as you travel N. or S.
 - Photos from space- the best proof.

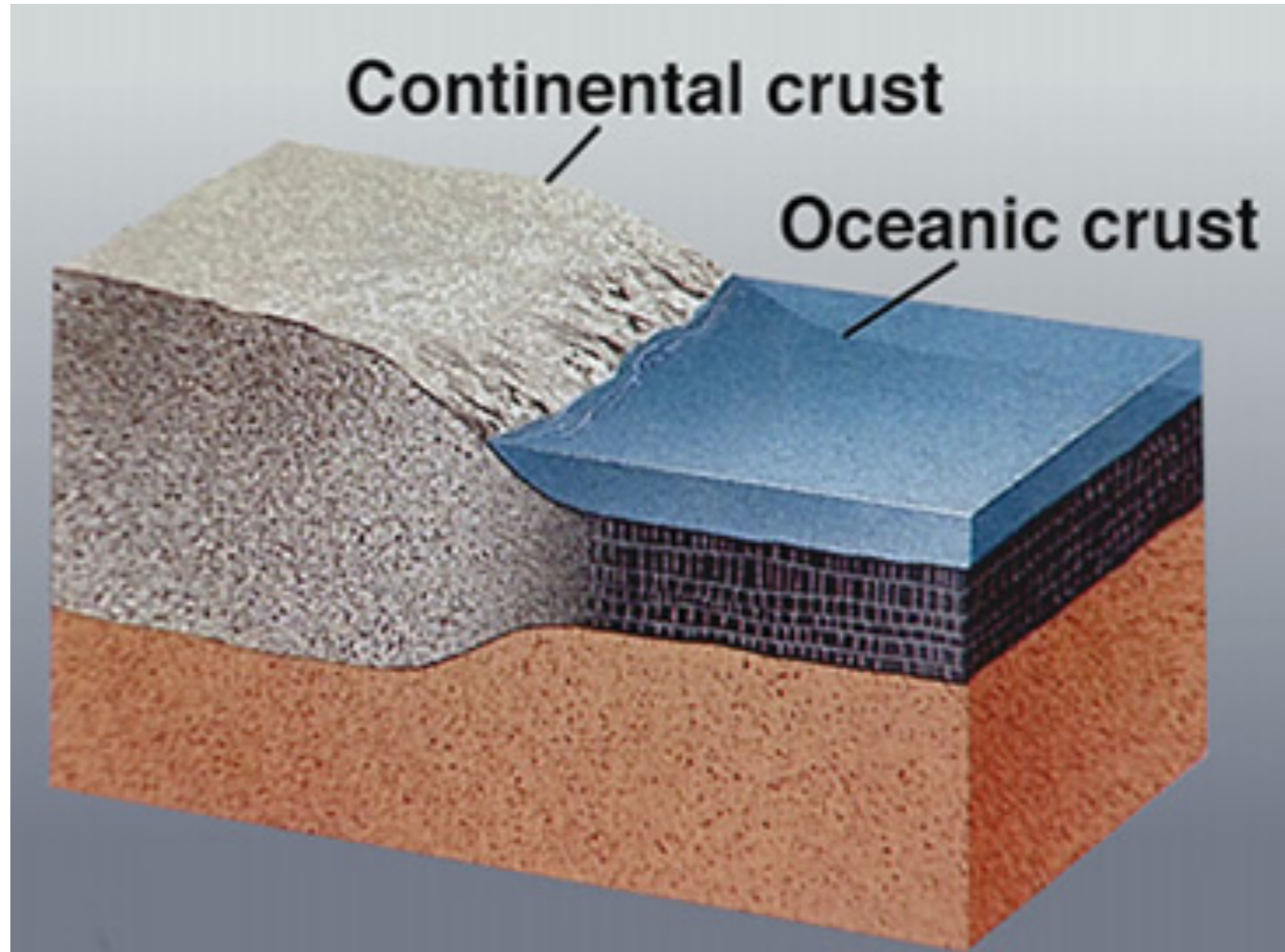
The Earth is divided into four layers

1. The CRUST
2. The MANTLE
3. The OUTER CORE
4. The INNER CORE



- There are two types of Crust:
 - a) **Continental Crust** (30 – 50 km thick)
 - Less dense rocks (eg. granite, sandstone)
 - b) **Oceanic Crust** (5 – 10 km thick)
 - More dense rocks (eg. basalt, gabbro)

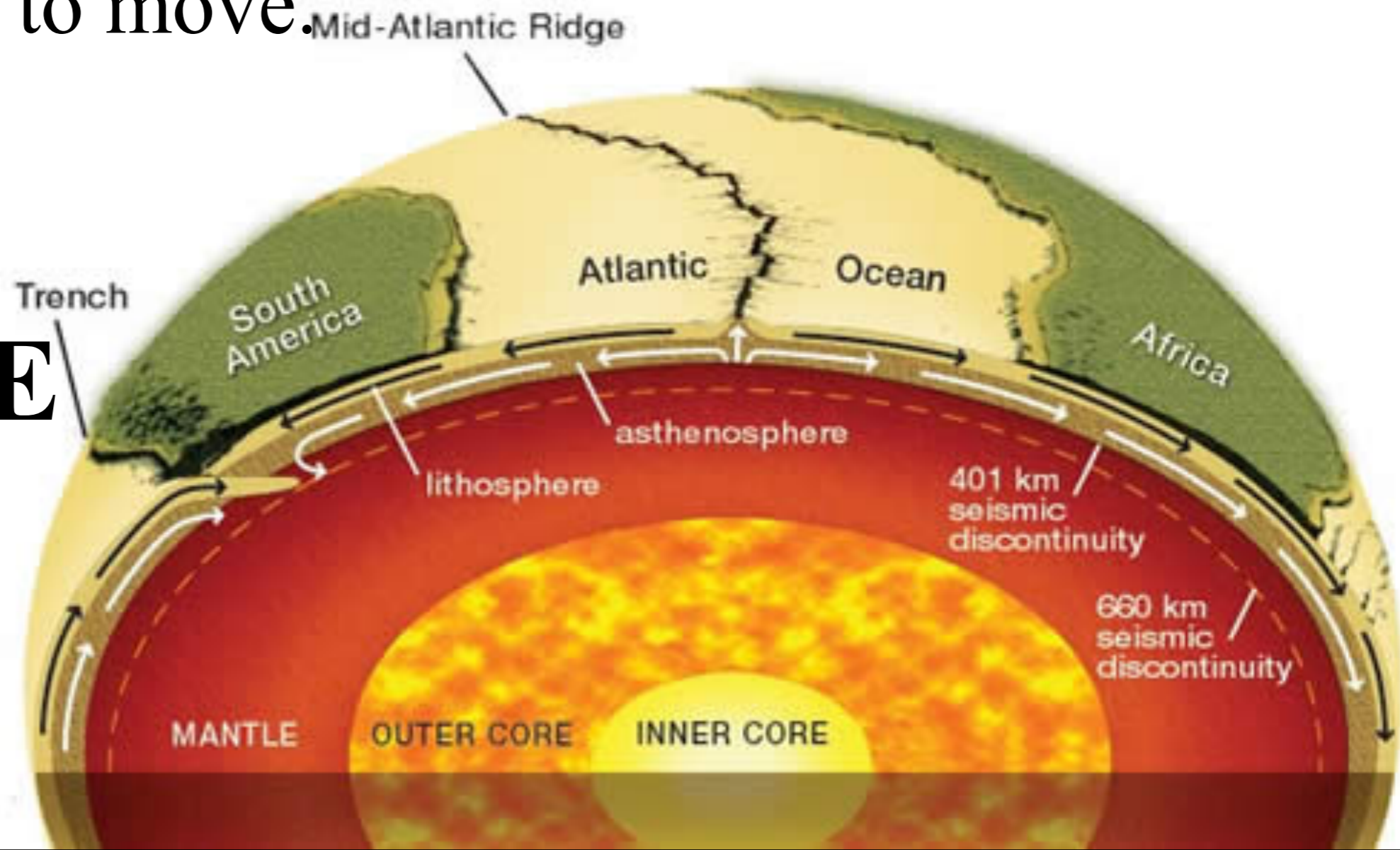
The CRUST



- The Mantle is a plastic layer of rocks and magma about 2900 km thick.
- Over 1000°C.
- The Crust ‘floats’ on the Mantle.
- Convection within the Mantle cause the plates to move.

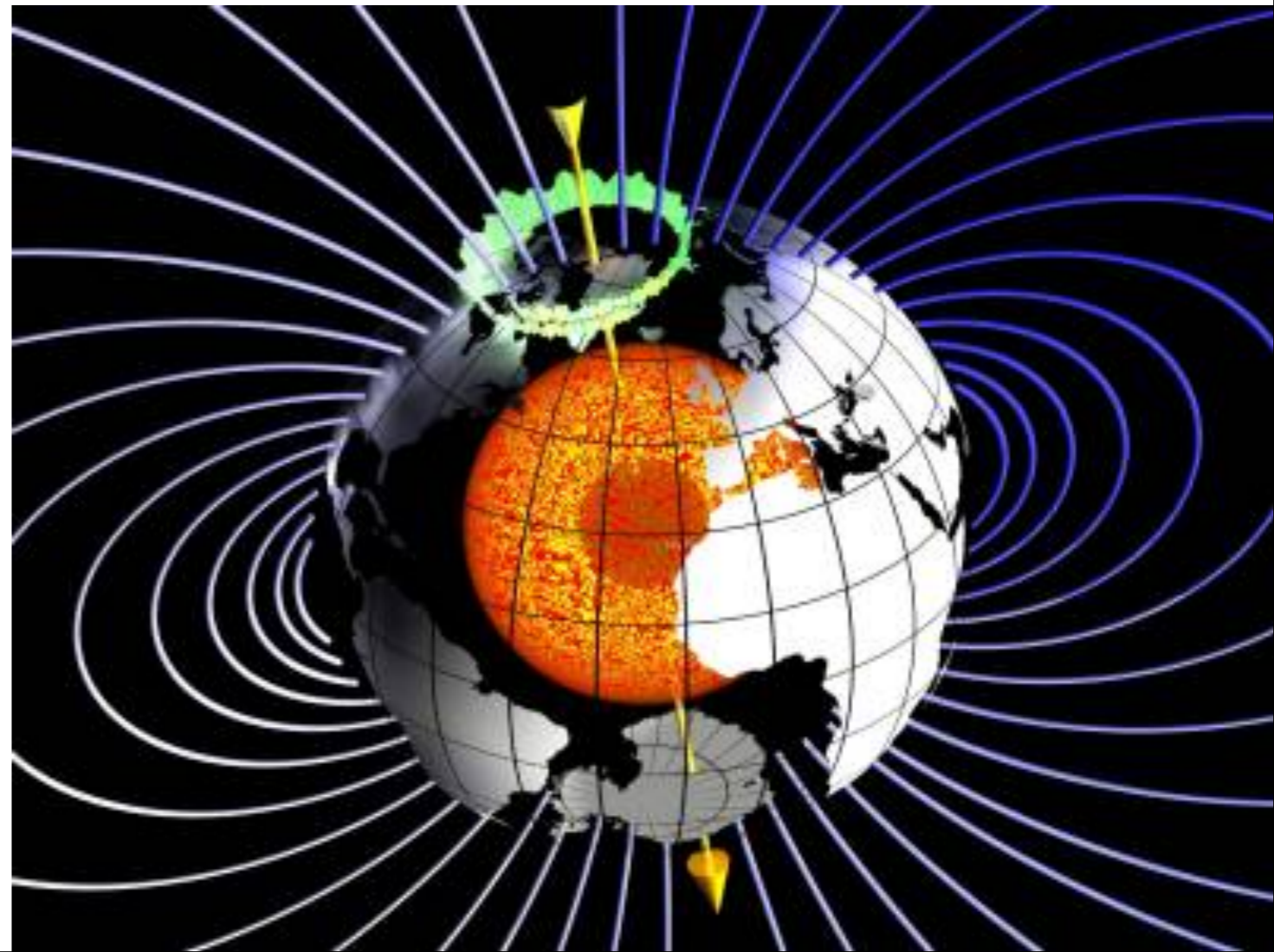
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MANTLE



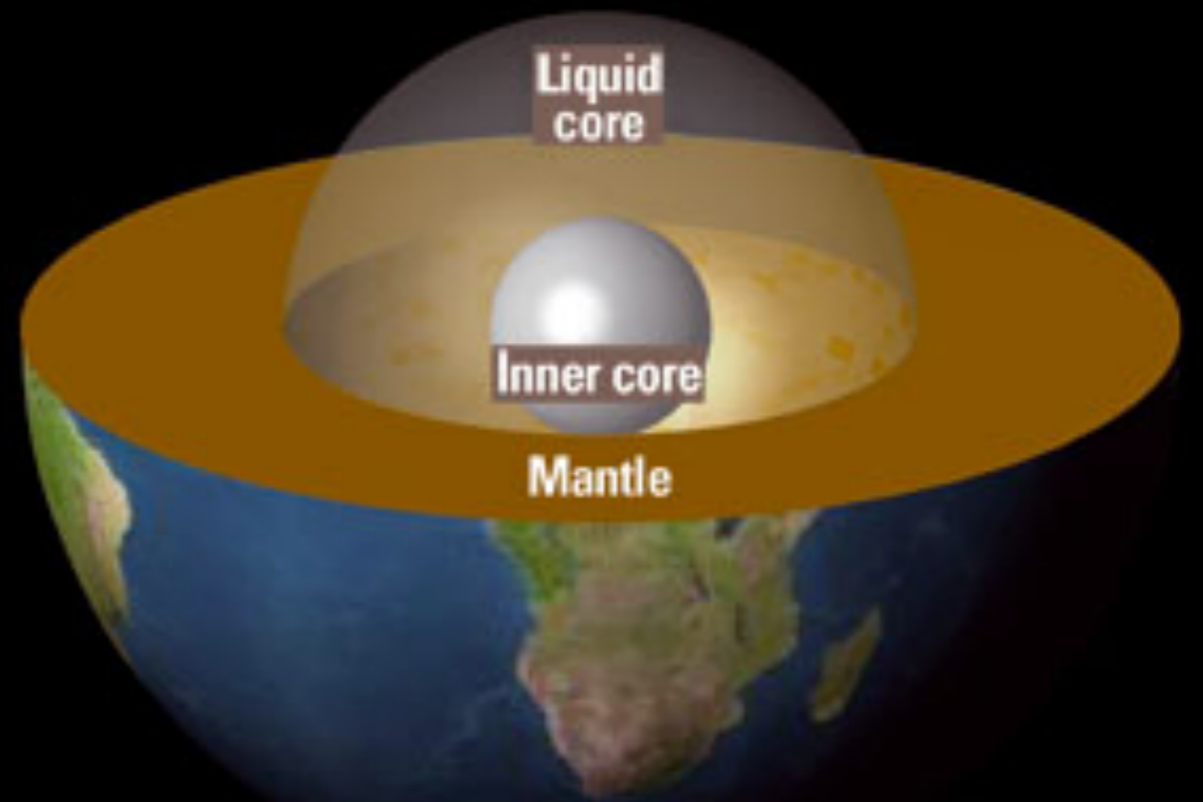
- The Outer Core is molten liquid iron.
- 2900 to 5000 km deep
- Over 4000°C
- Convection in the Outer Core (along with the rotation of the Earth) creates Earth's Magnetic Field.

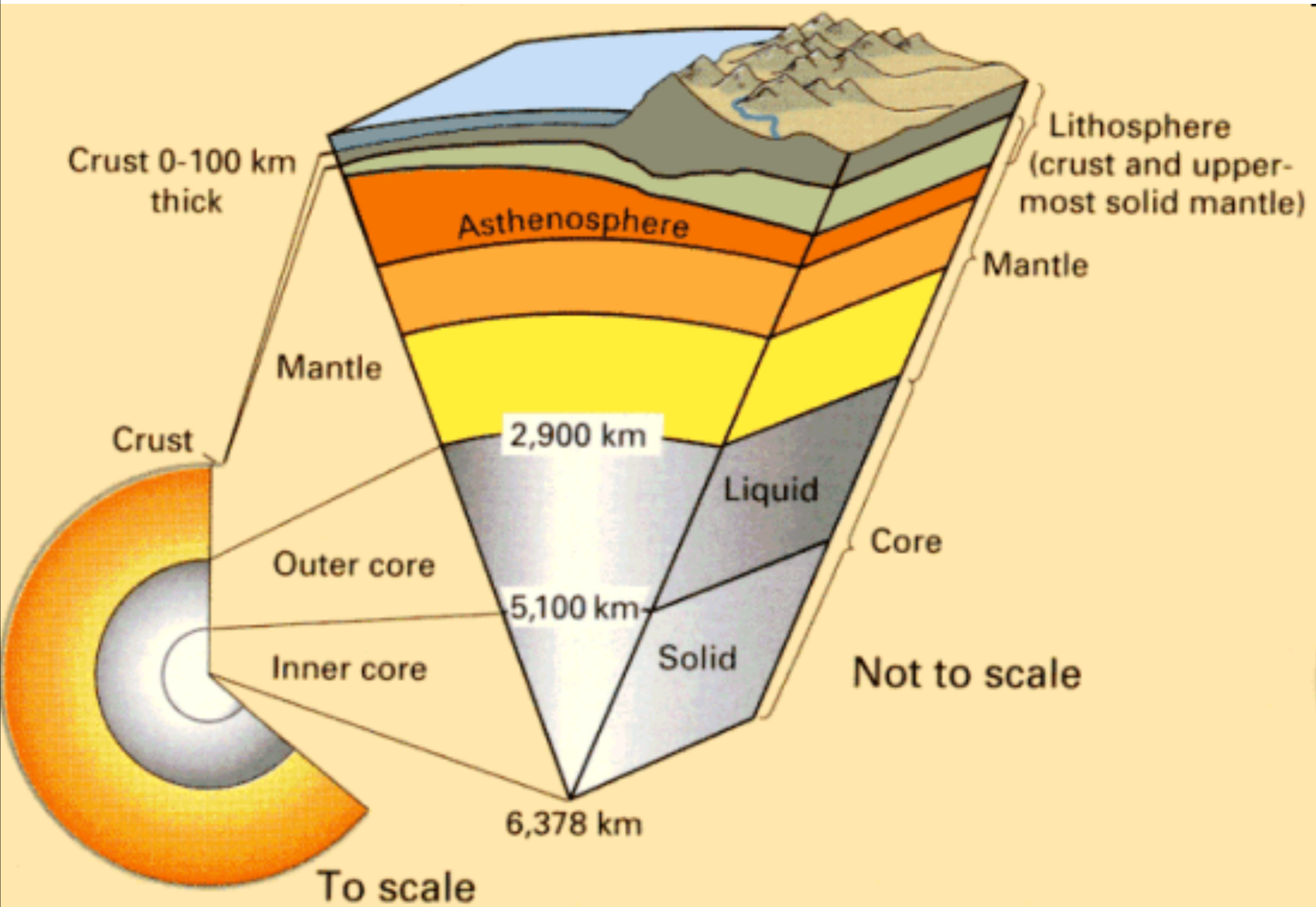
The OUTER CORE



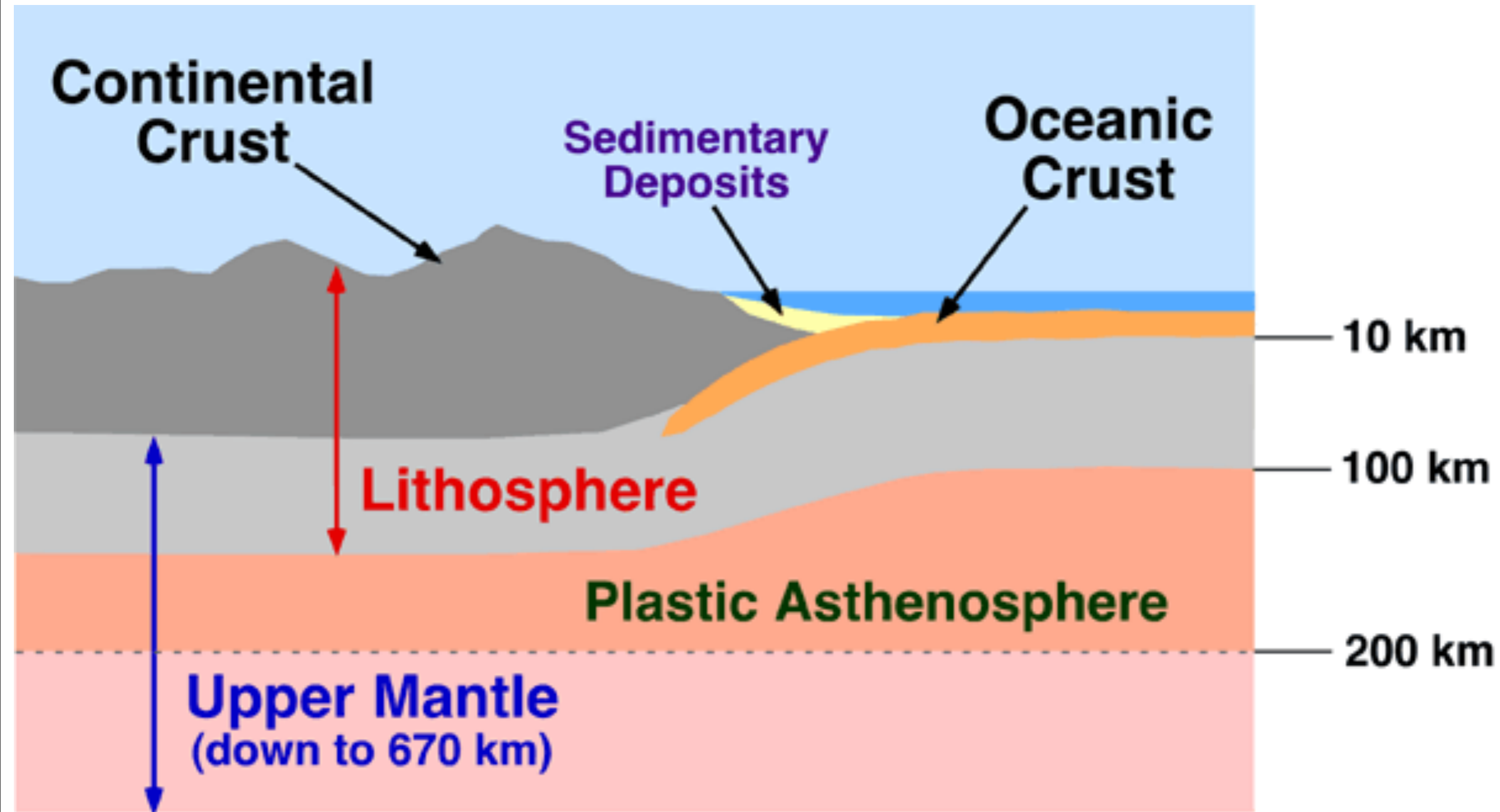
- A solid sphere of iron (and nickel), suspended in the liquid Outer Core.
- 5000 km to 6400 km deep.
- Over 5000°C. Very Hot!

The INNER CORE





Review



WE NEED A UNIFYING THEORY

- We know the **structure** of the Earth...
- We know **earthquakes** happen...
- We know **volcanoes** happen...
- We know **mountains** and **oceans** exist...

but **WHY?**

Alfred Wegener
had an idea
-1912-



Hmm, the continents look like they can fit together like a jigsaw puzzle!

They must have originally been there, then moved! They drifted away!

I know! **CONTINENTAL DRIFT!**





Continental Drift

The **idea** that the continents were originally together and drifted away from each other.



Can you see any continent coastlines that fit together?

PANGEA

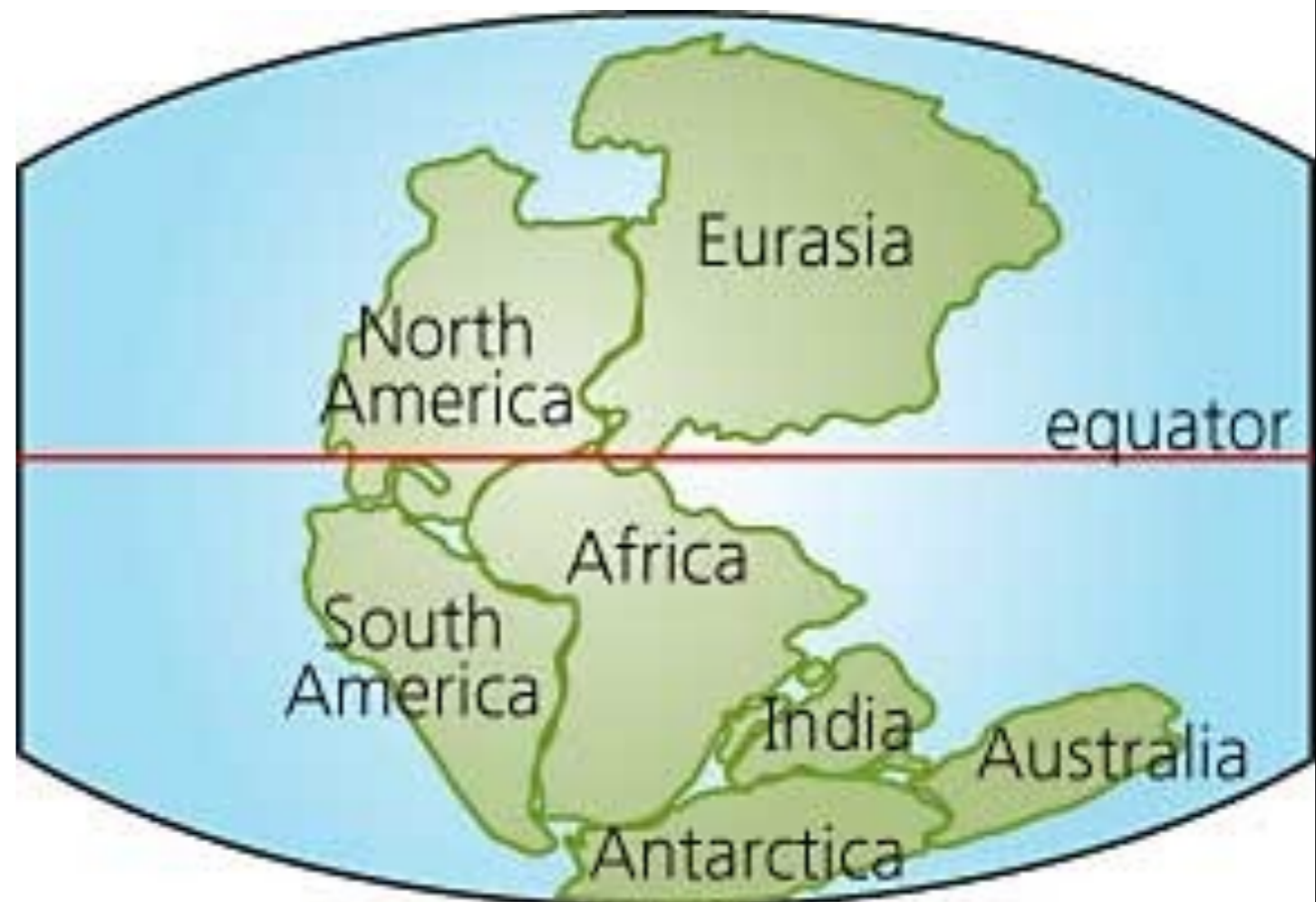
A Supercontinent

- Wergener invented the idea that all the continents were once joined together, in a supercontinent! **Pangea!**



• Supporting Evidence:

1. JIGSAW COASTLINES





Pangaea



Pangea
(with modern countries)

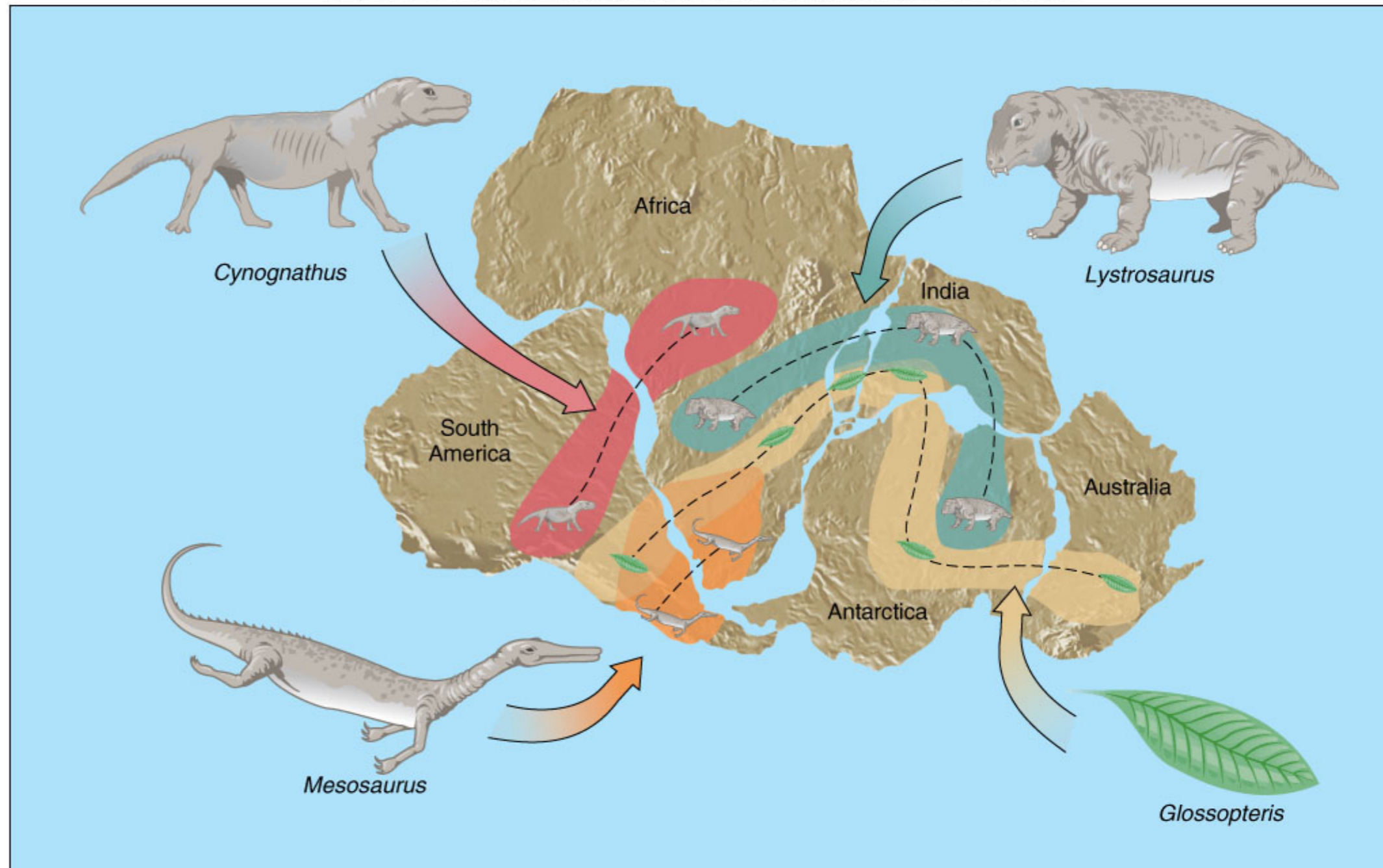


Evidence for Continental Drift

2. FOSSIL EVIDENCE

- Fossils of animals are found in many different continents (which were connected in the past!)

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Eg: **Mesosaurus** Fossils of this Permian marine reptile are found in South America and Africa.

-Did he swim across an ocean?

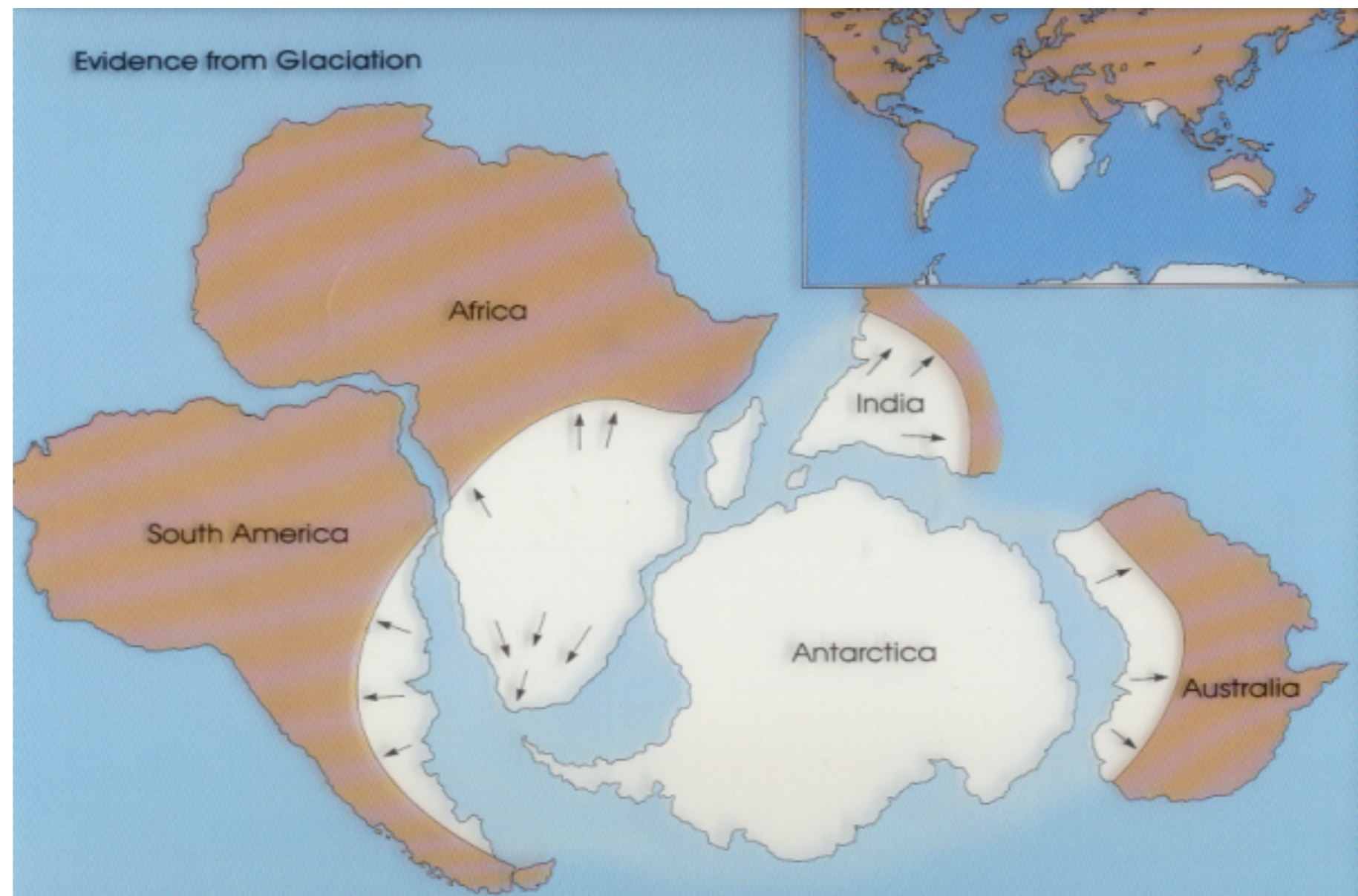
-Did one species of critter randomly evolve 3000 km apart?



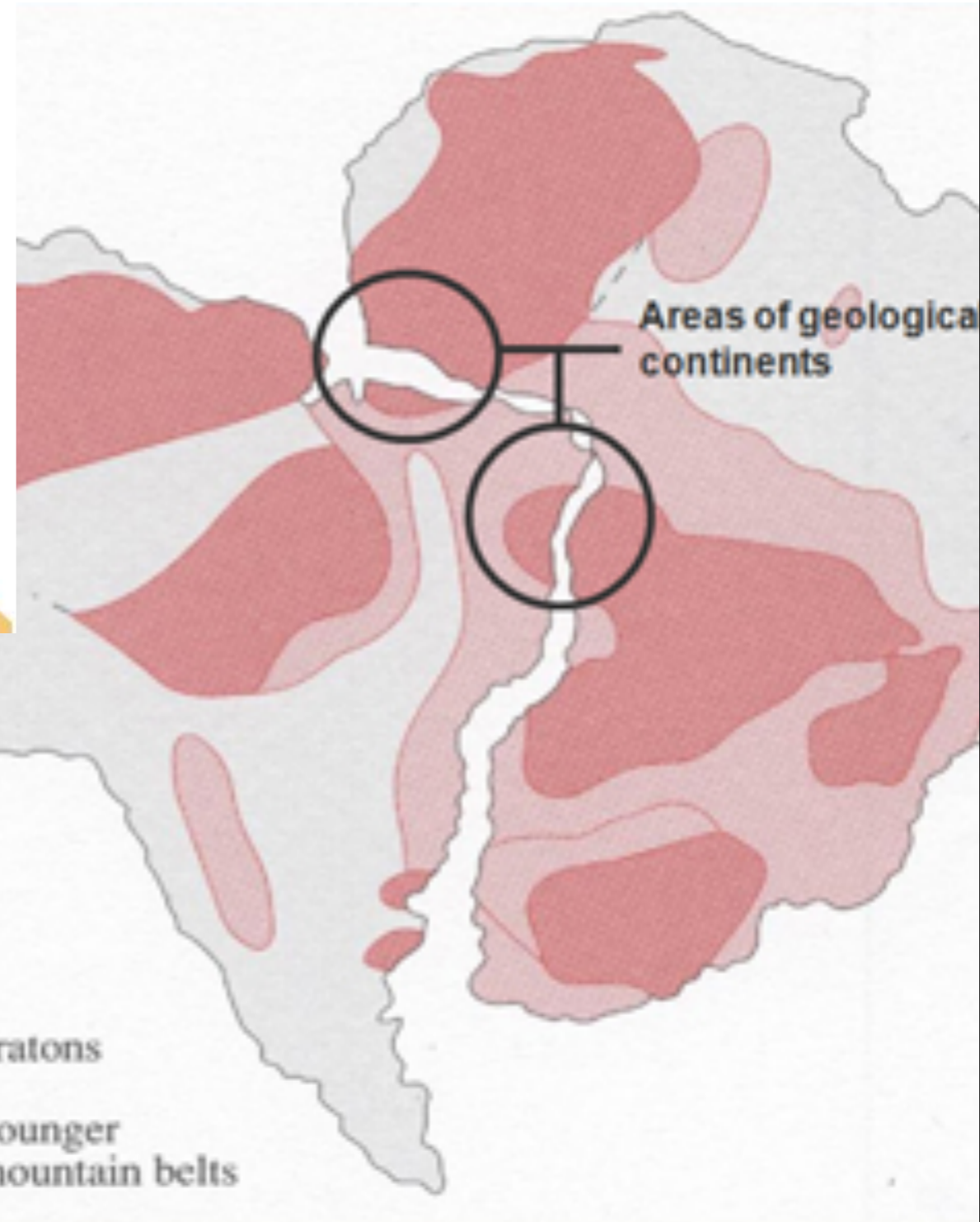
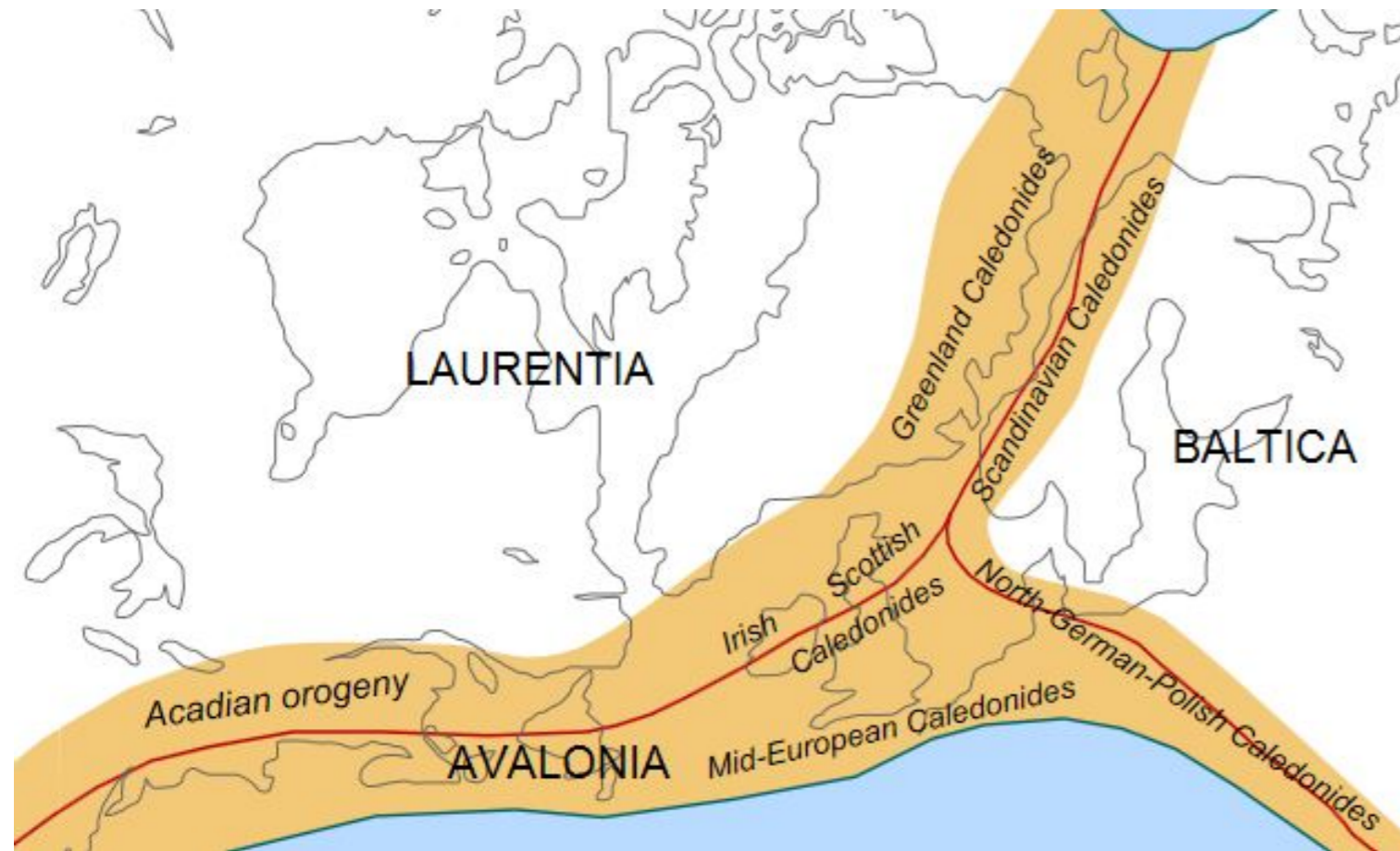
Evidence for Continental Drift

3. PALEO-GLACIATION

- Deposits from past glaciers in South America, Africa, Madagascar, Arabia, India, Australia, and Antarctica is evidence that they were once connected!



4. MOUNTAIN CHAINS



5. ROCKS (same Geology)

Reaction to Continental Drift...

In 1912, everyone rejected Wegener's theory.

"Not enough evidence! Go back to meteorology!"

"but HOW did the continents move?"

"Land bridges ftw!"



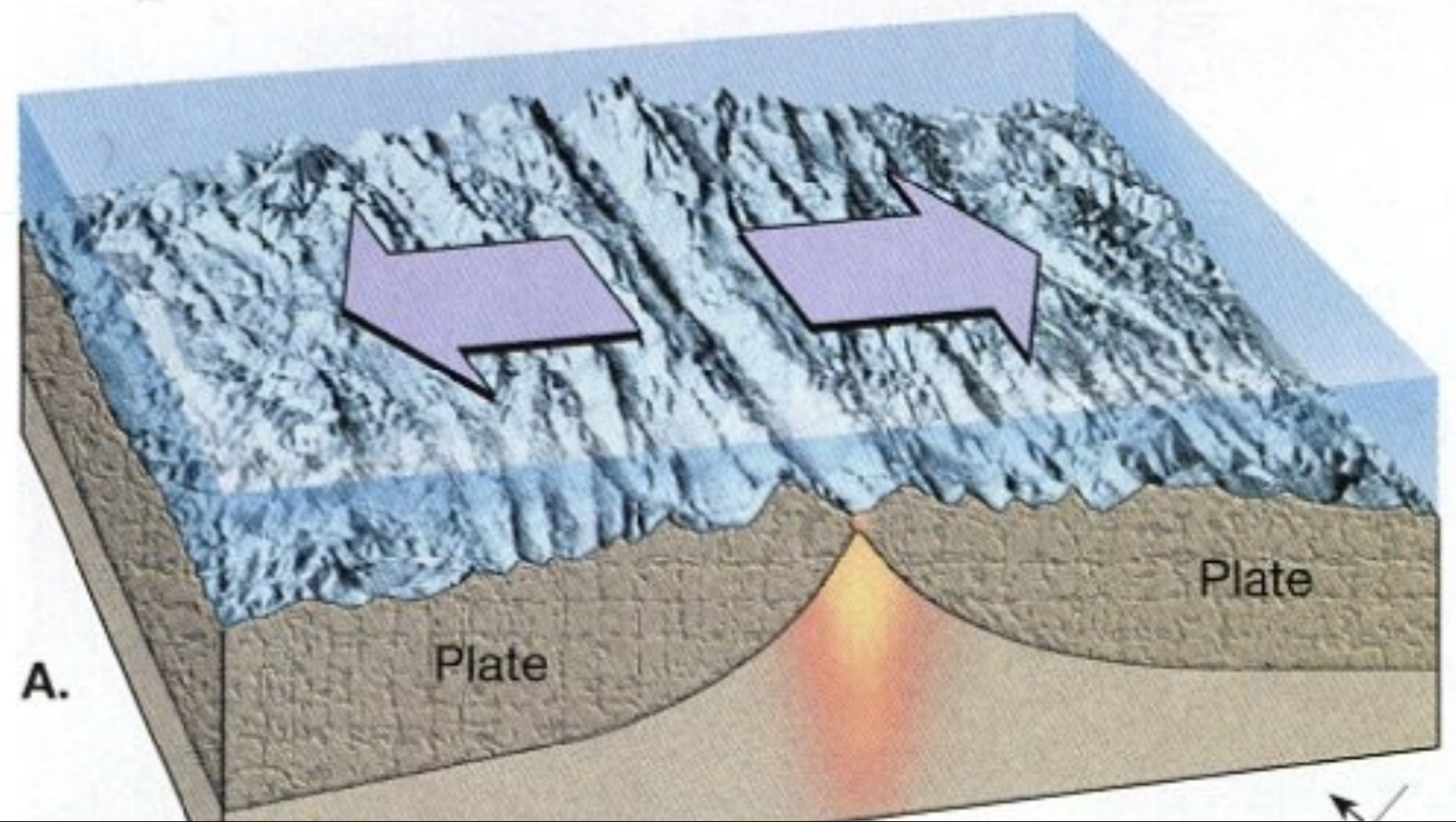
Debate over Continental Drift raged for decades, until more **evidence** led the way to the most ground-breaking theory in Earth Science...

Evidence from **Sea-Floor Spreading**

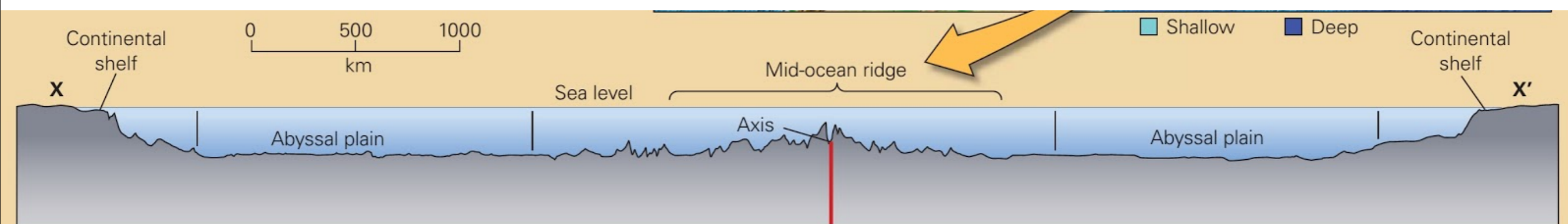
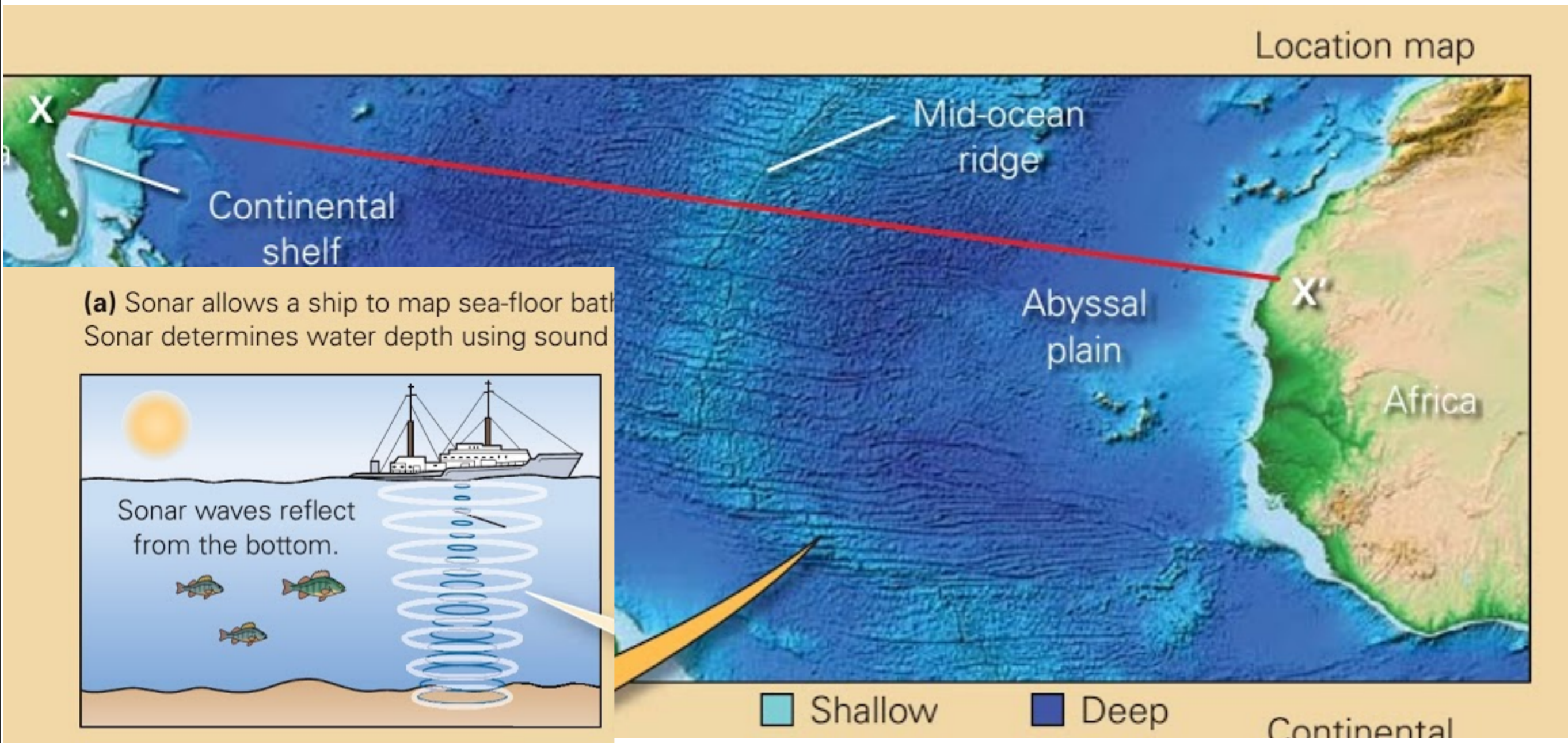
SEAFLOOR SPREADING



- The study of the ocean floor intensified after WWII with sonar.
- Geologist and naval officer **Harry Hess** proposed the idea that not only do the continents drift, but the ocean floor does too!

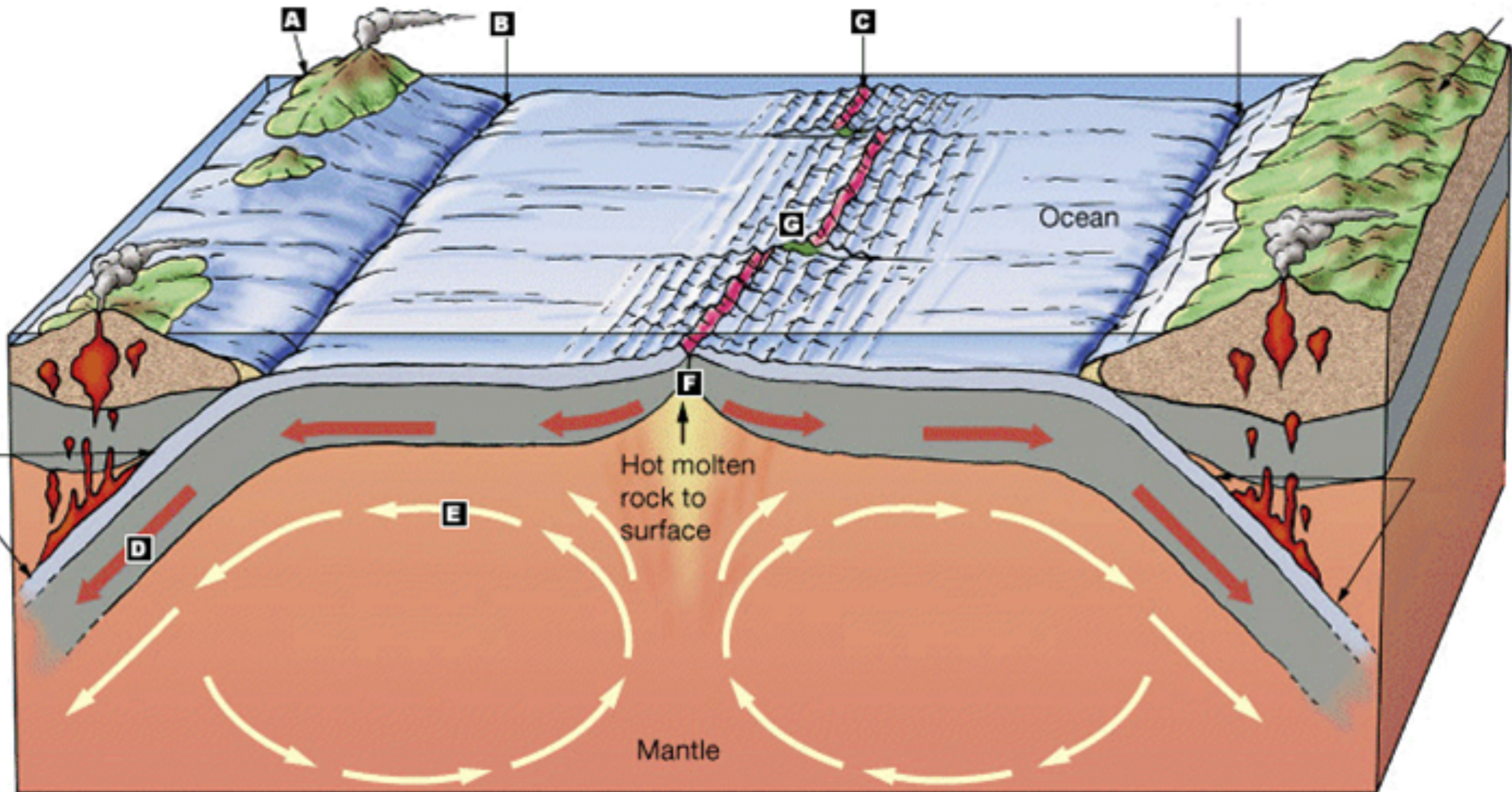


Mapping the Seafloor...



(b) A bathymetric profile along line X-X' illustrates how mid-ocean ridges rise above abyssal plains. Both are deeper than continental shelves.

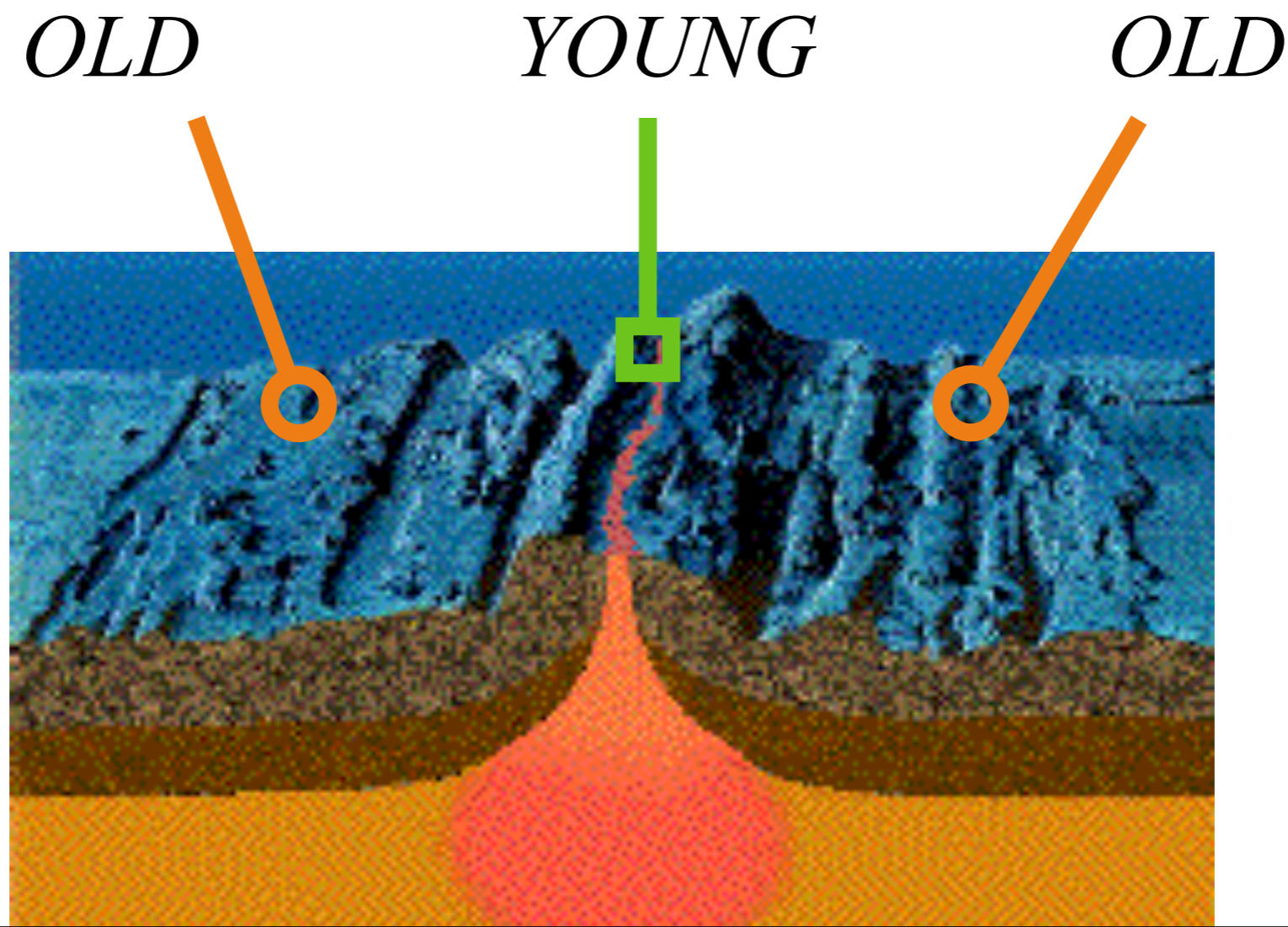
Seafloor Spreading (F)

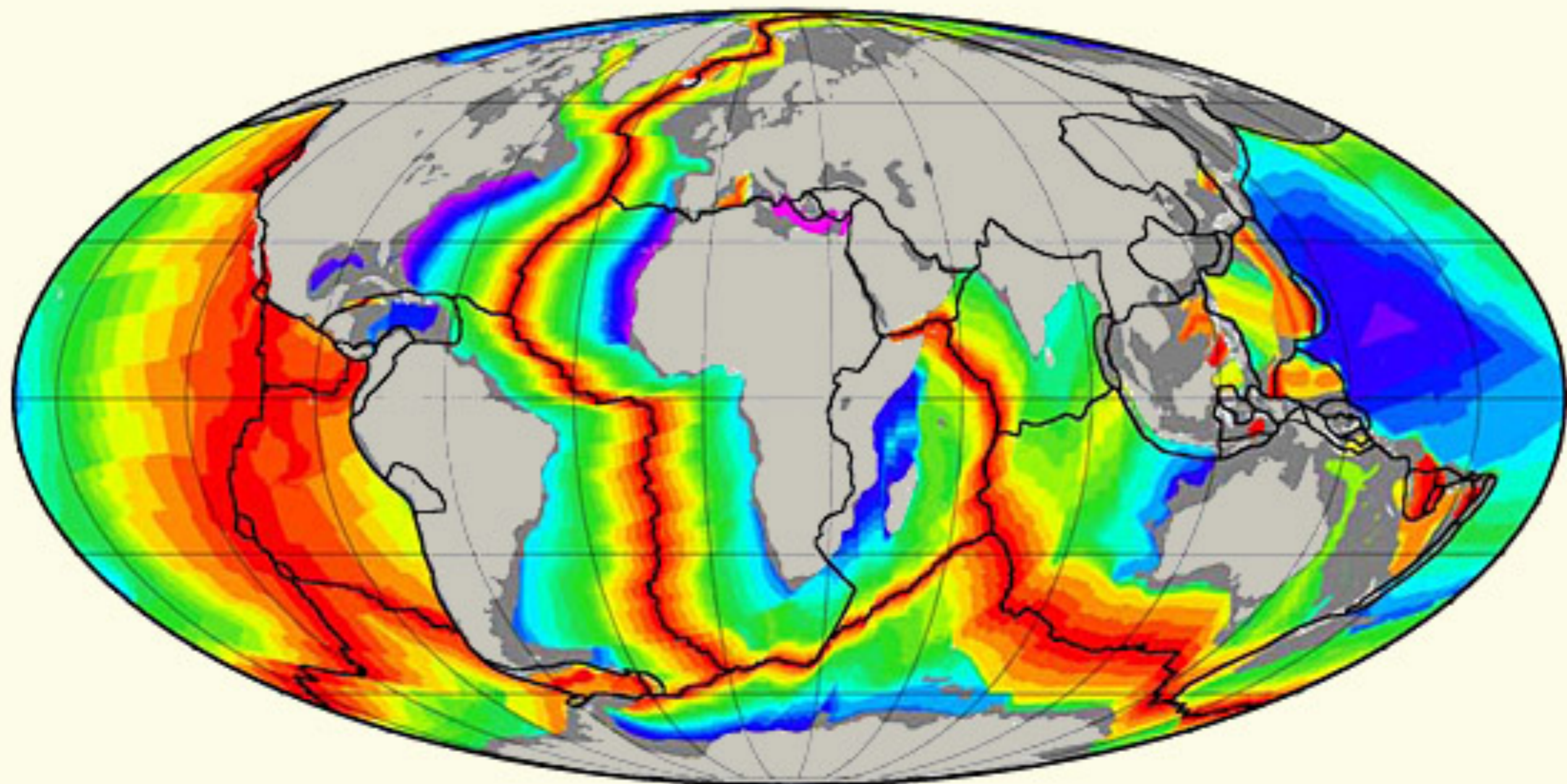


Evidence for Seafloor Spreading:

1. AGE OF ROCKS

The igneous rocks of the seafloor -*basalt*- get **older** as you move away from the spreading center (*ridge*).





Cenozoic

Cretaceous

Jurassic

Modern ocean floors colour-coded by geological age

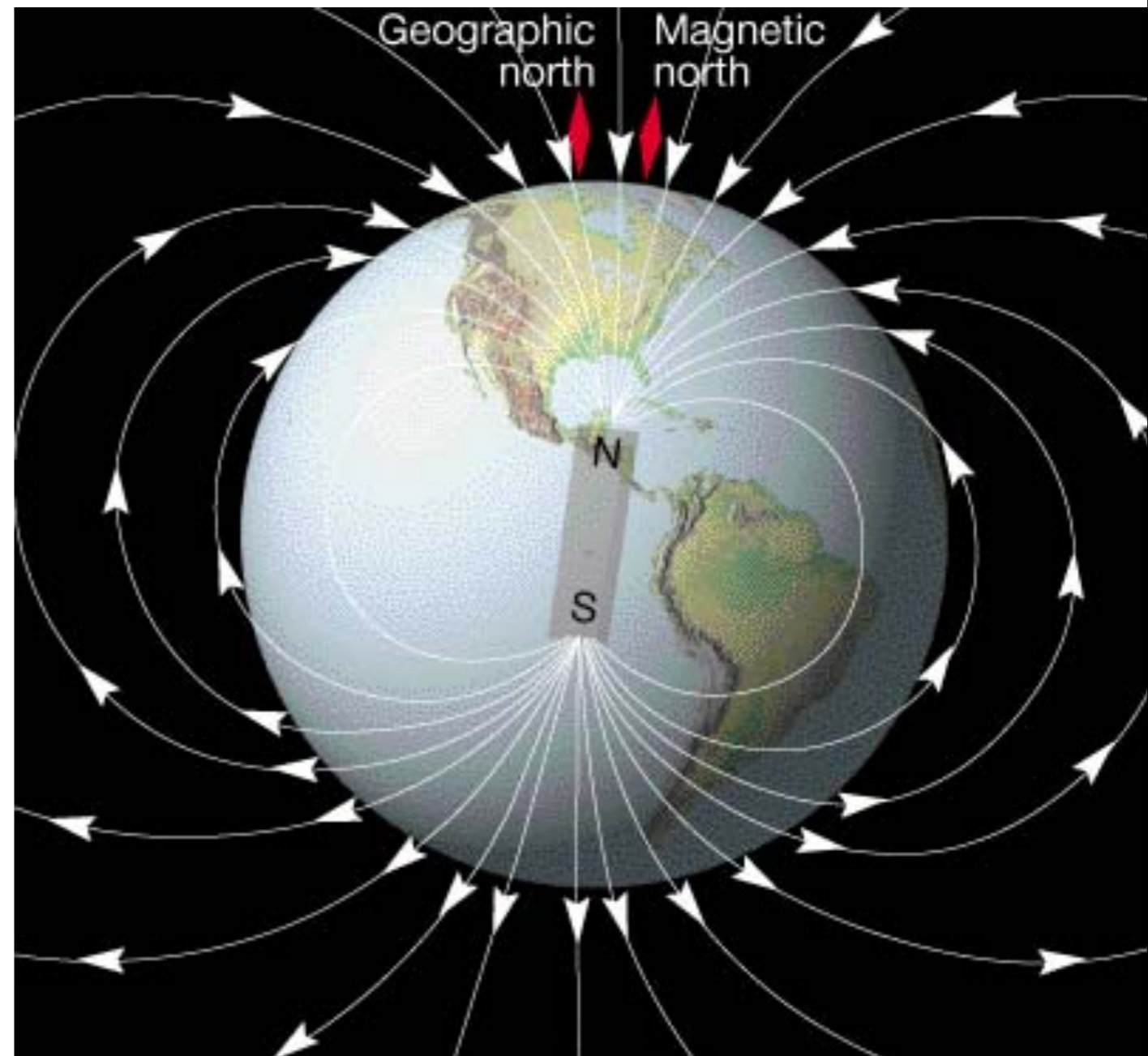
The crust either side of the spreading centres becomes progressively older. Note how the floor of the Pacific Ocean has been subducting eastwards under North and South America.

Evidence for Seafloor Spreading

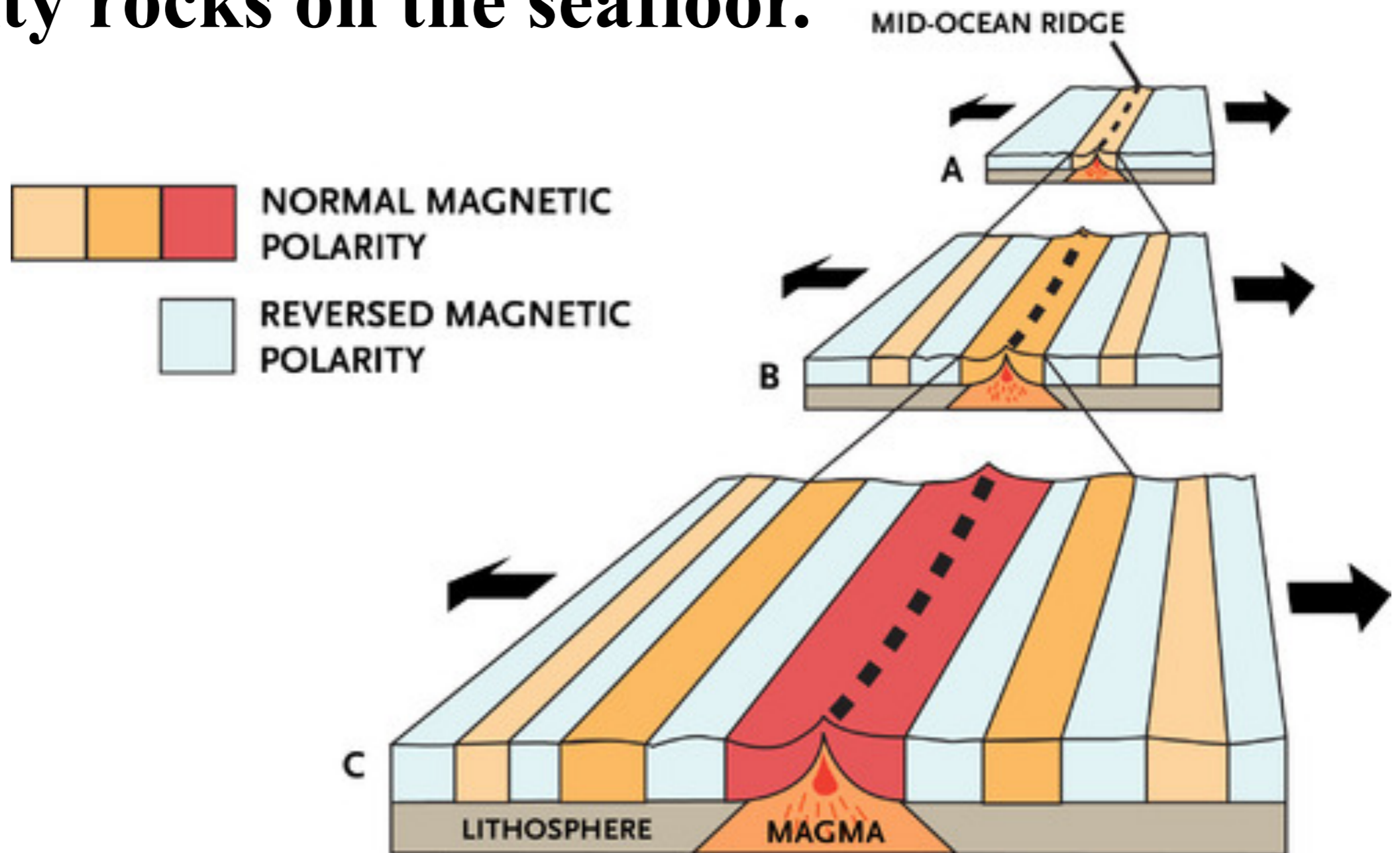
2. PALEOMAGNETISM

Vine-Matthews-Morley hypothesis (1963)

- Earth has a magnetic field generated by the flow of liquid metal in the Outer Core.
- Every so often (1-5 million years), magnetic field polarity reversal happens...



- ...and the direction of polarity is locked into the igneous rocks (lava) when they form!
- As the polarity reversals happen, **bands of normal polarity rocks alternate with bands of reversed polarity rocks on the seafloor.**



positive magnetic anomaly negative magnetic anomaly

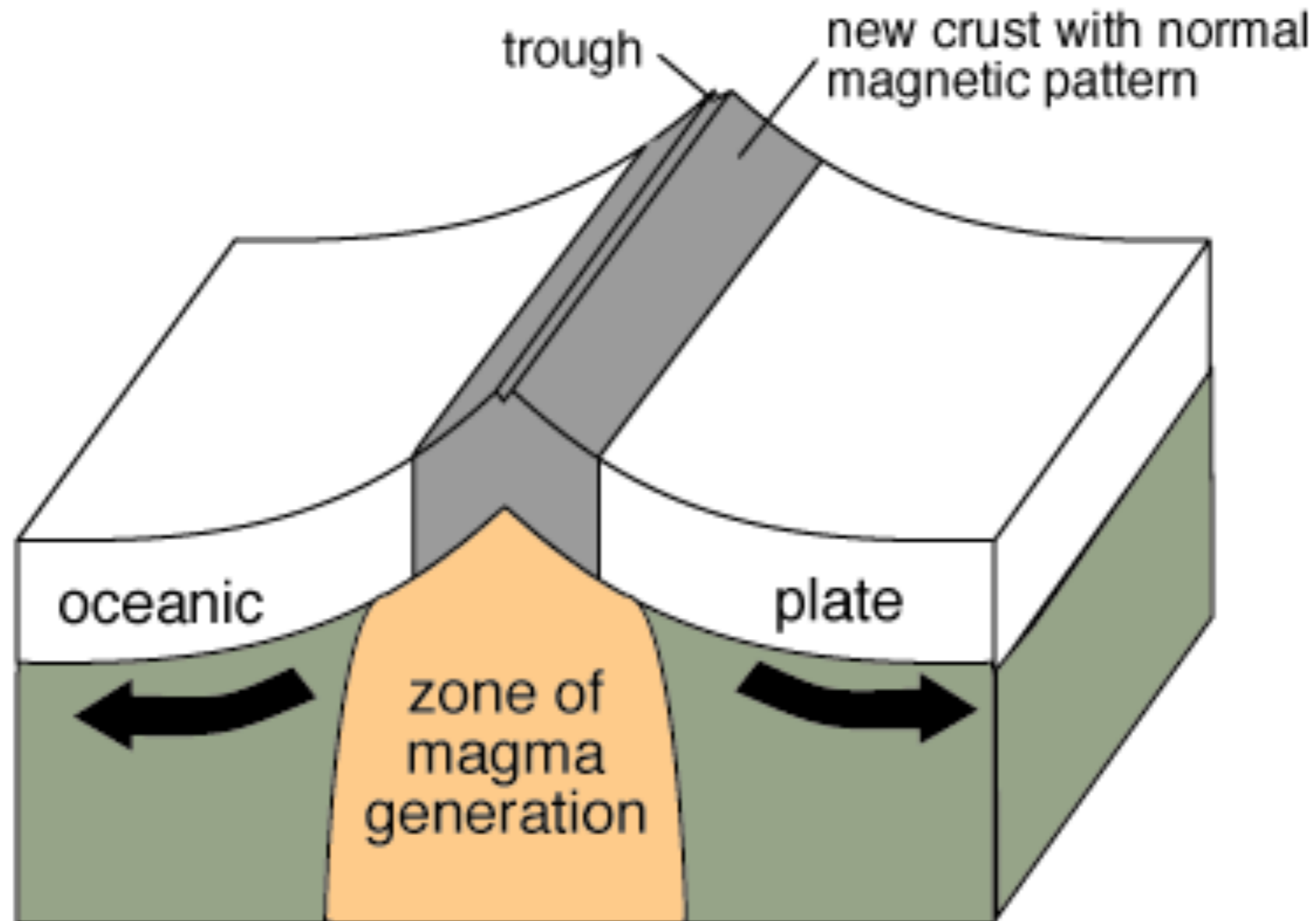
Earth's magnetic field



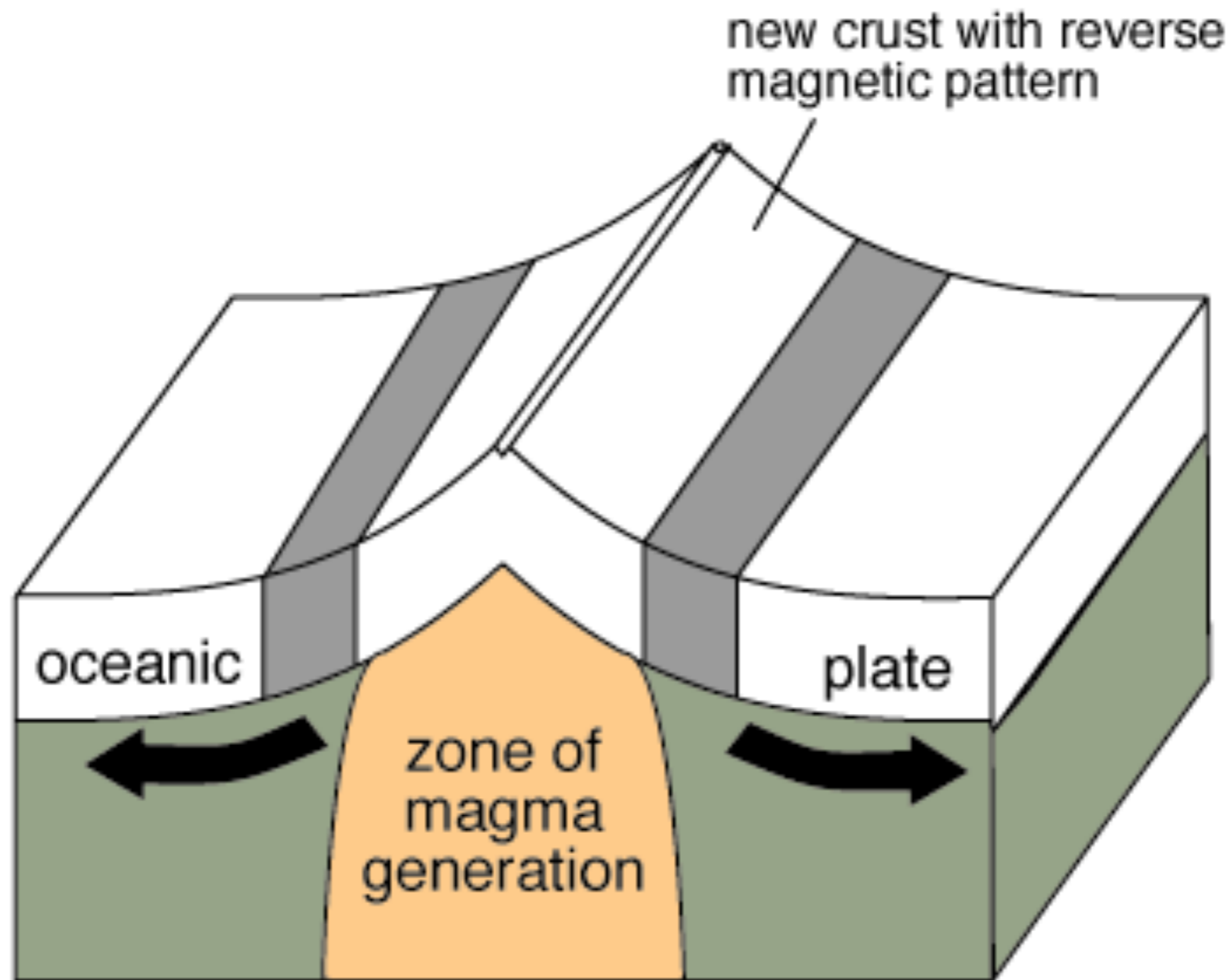
positive

negative

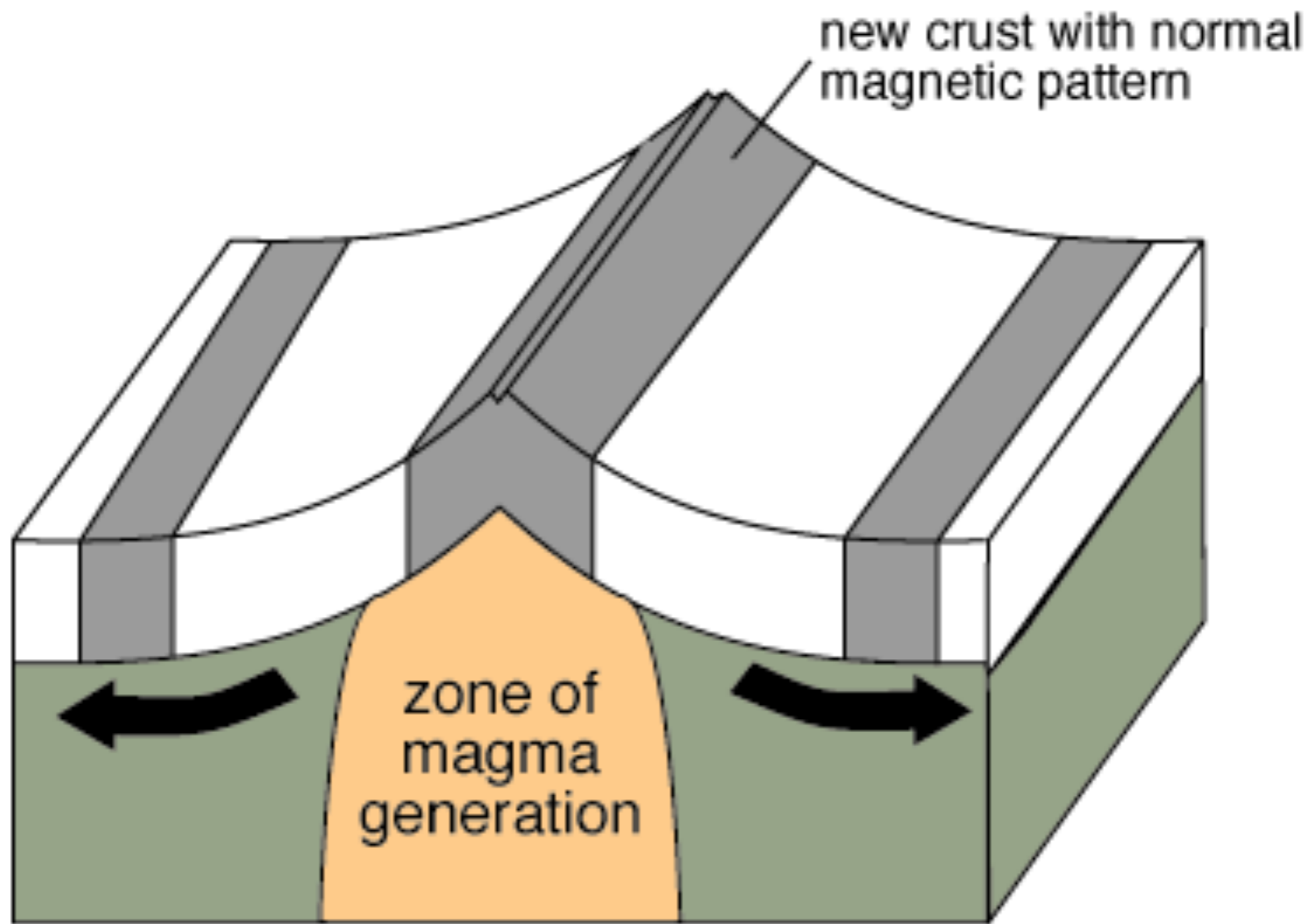




As magma solidifies along the edge of the oceanic plate it preserves a magnetic record of the Earth's magnetic field at that time. In this case, the north magnetic pole is in the northern hemisphere.



If the magnetic pole is in the southern hemisphere, the rocks record a reverse magnetic pattern.



At the present time, rocks record a normal pattern because the north magnetic pole is in the northern hemisphere.

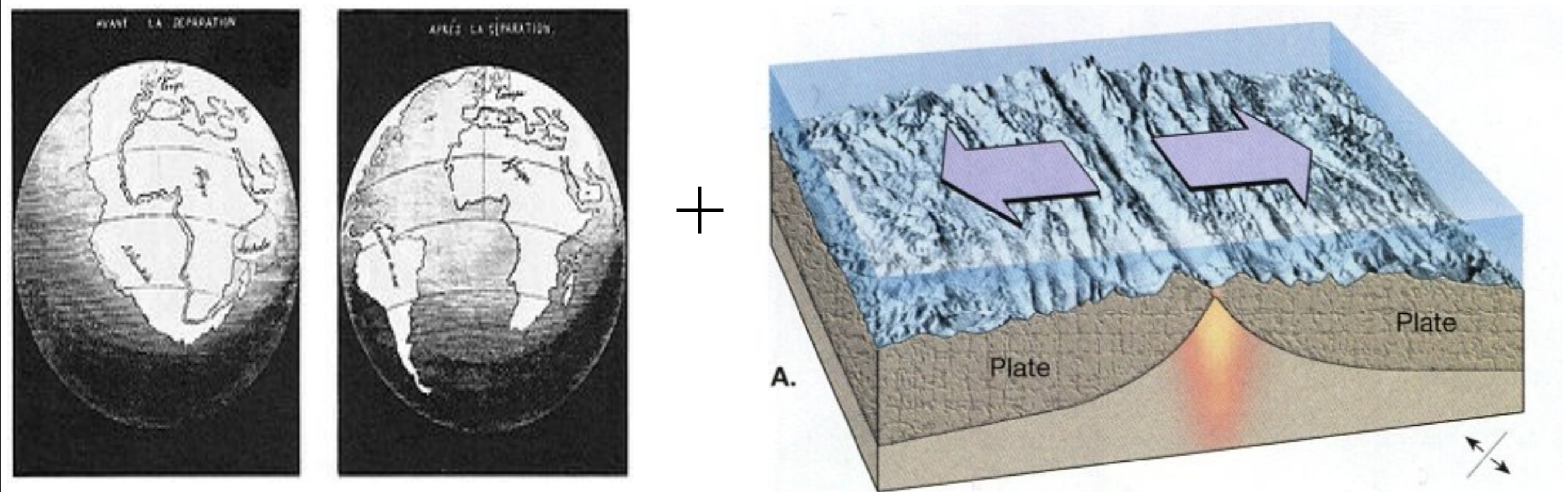
Evidence from **Continental Drift**
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in Earth Science...

PLATE TECTONICS!

(published in 1965)

History of Plate Tectonics

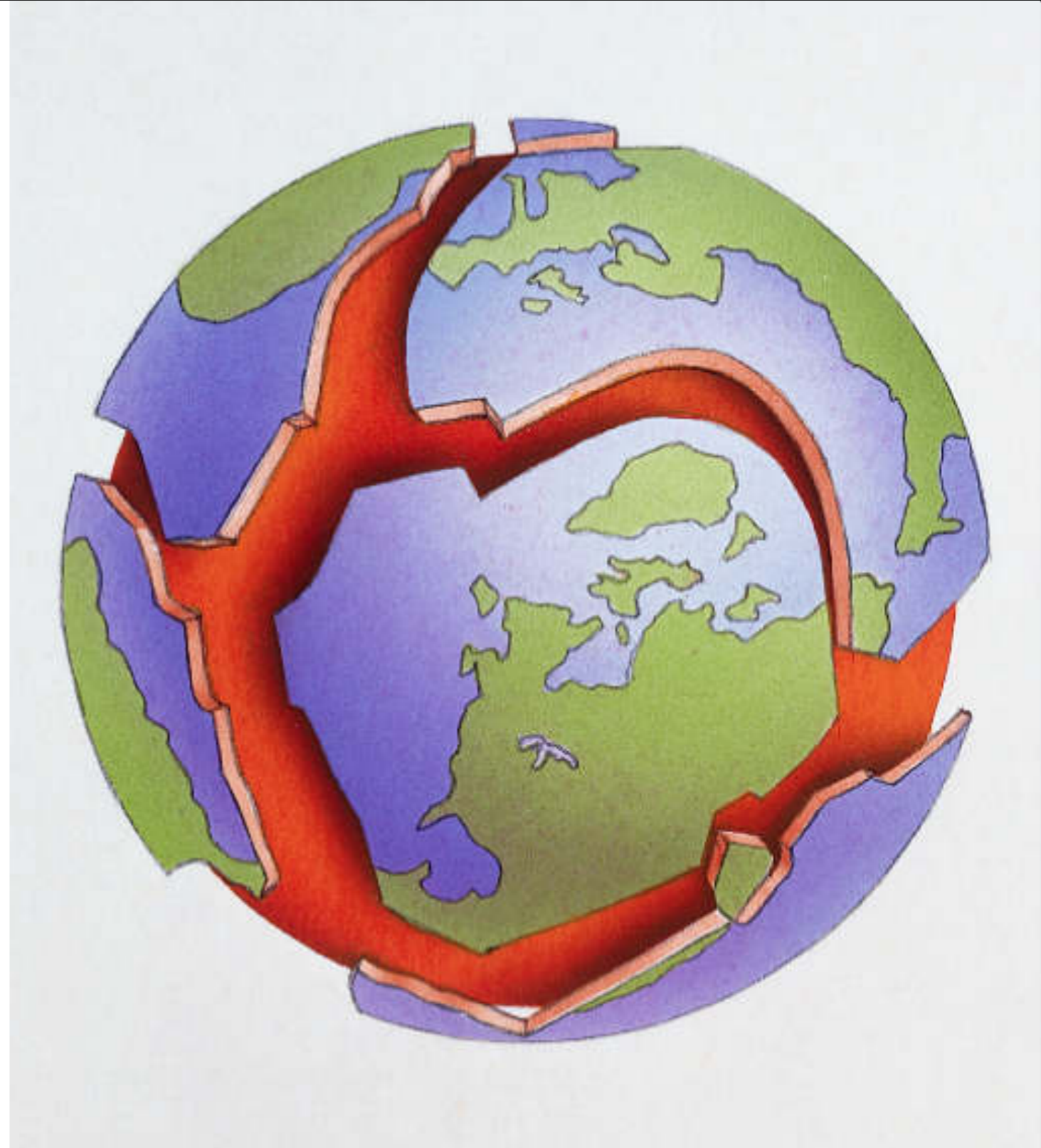
- In the 1960's, the old idea of **Continental Drift** was merged with the new idea of **Seafloor Spreading** to create a new, unifying theory – Plate Tectonics!



Continental Drift + Seafloor Spreading = Plate Tectonics

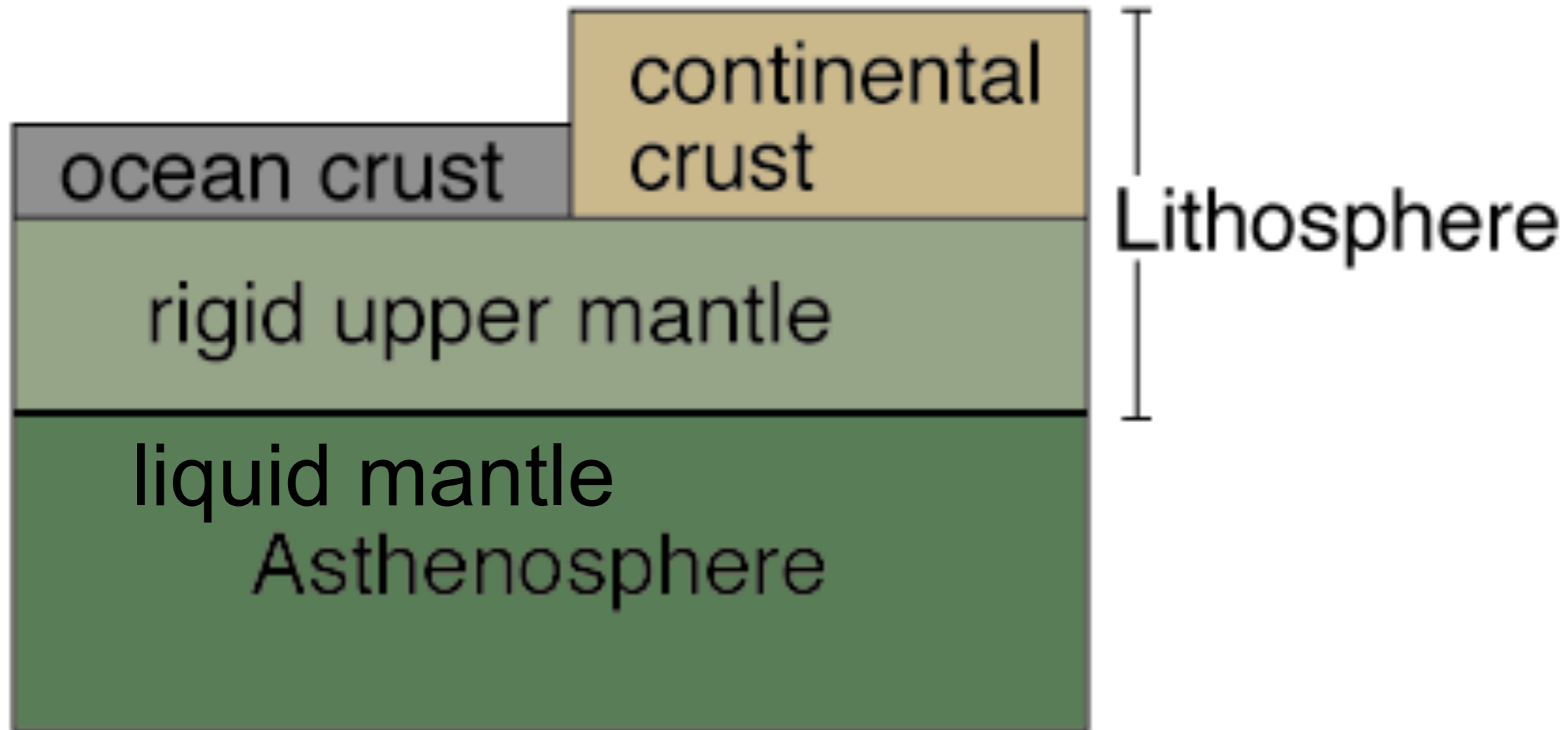
The Theory of Plate Tectonics

- A. The surface of the Earth is divided into large **tectonic plates**.
- B. These tectonic plates are **always moving**.
- C. Movement at the **plate boundaries** create features, such as mountains, ocean trenches, volcanoes and earthquakes.



What is a 'Plate'?

- A plate is a large piece of the **lithosphere**, which 'floats' on the **asthenosphere**.



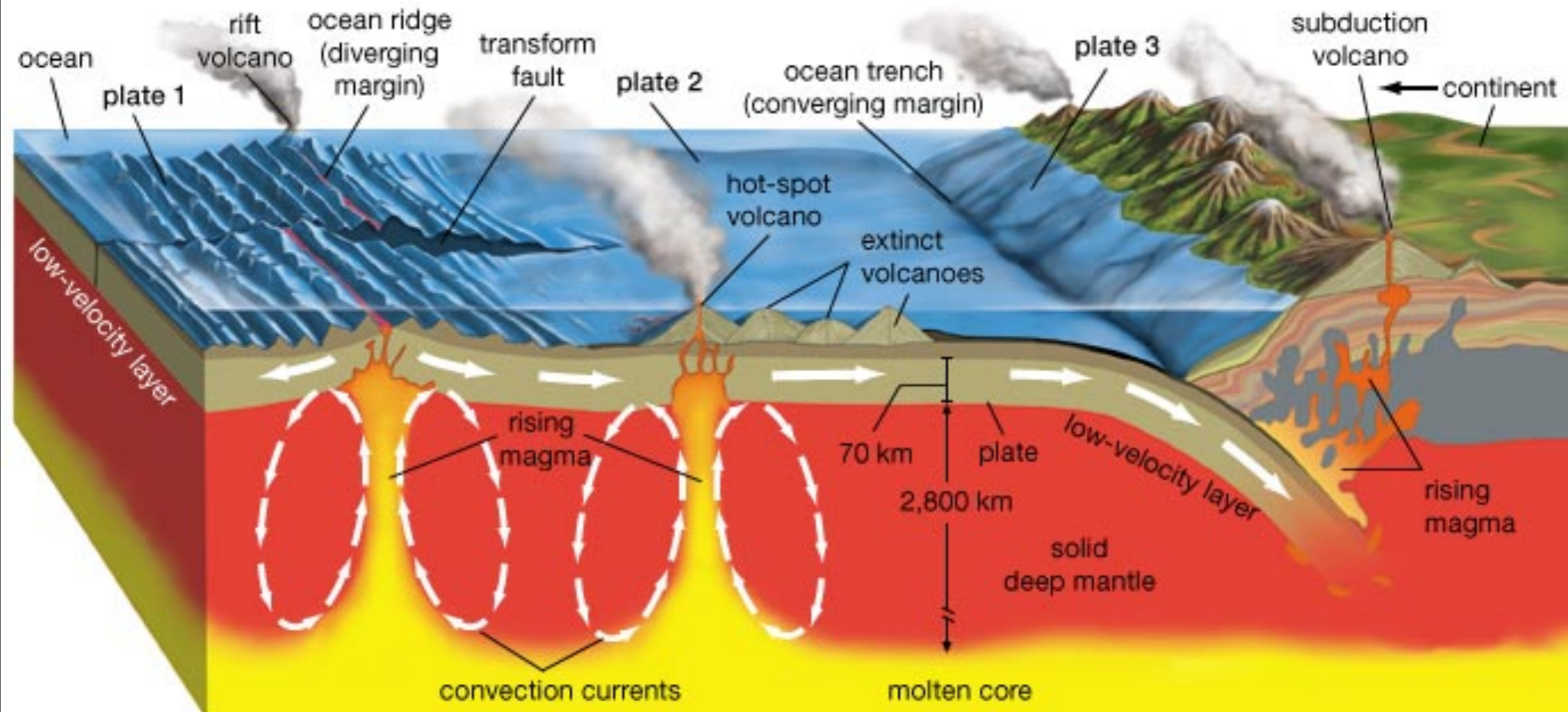
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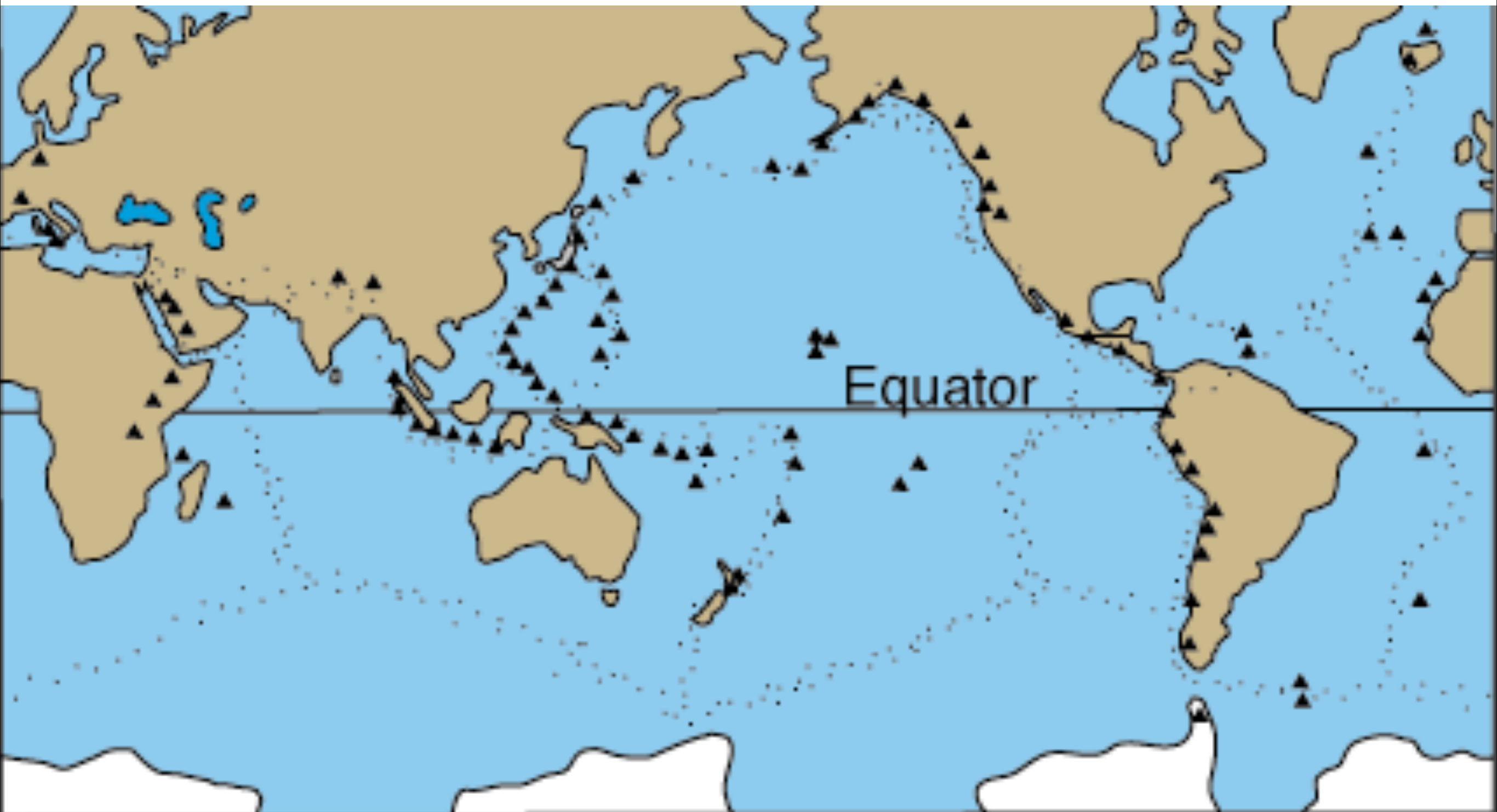
How do we know where
the edges of the Plates are?



VOLCANOES AND EARTHQUAKES

- The location of **volcanoes** and **earthquakes** often indicate the edges of the plates:





triangles = volcanoes

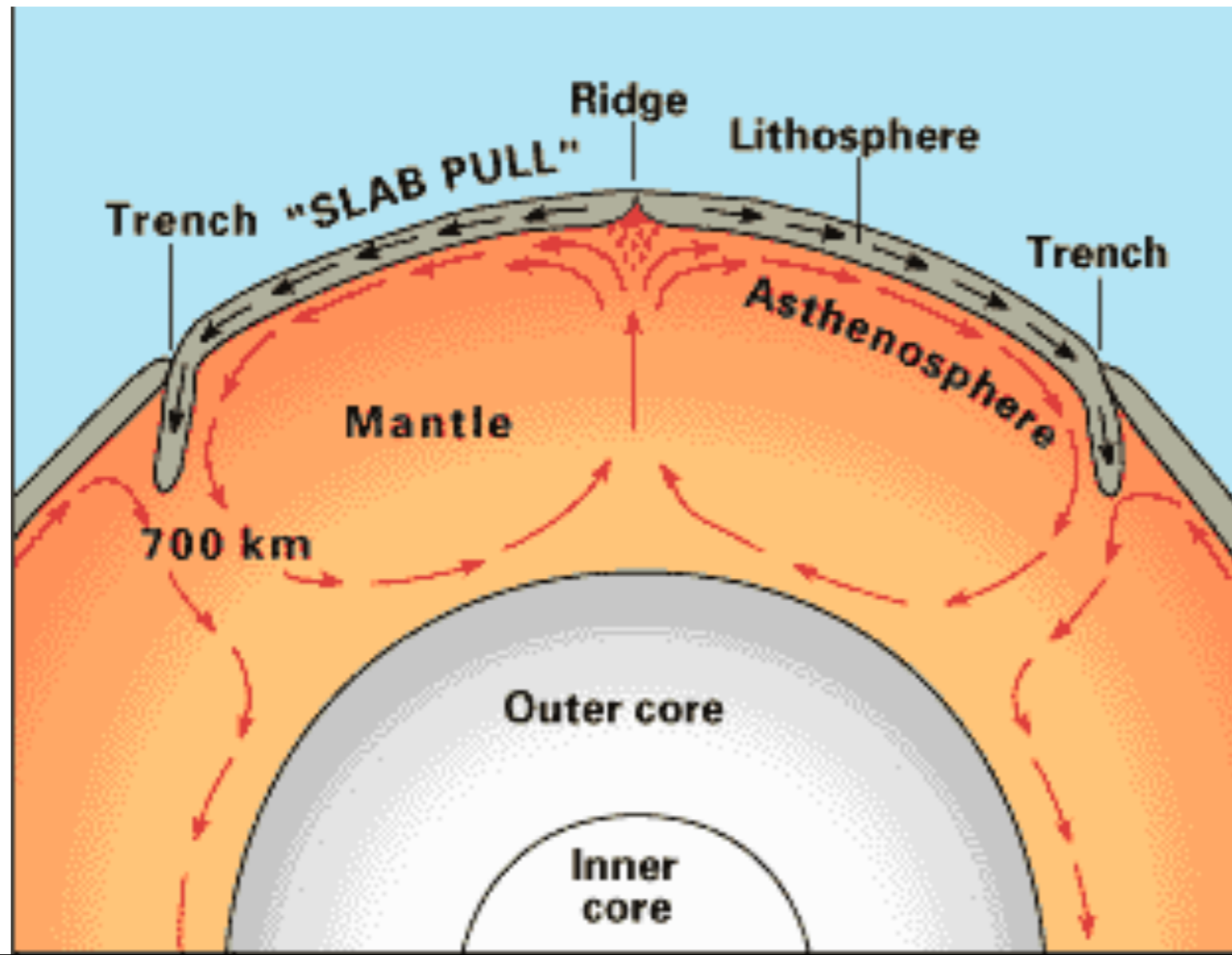
dots = earthquakes



Major tectonic plates of the world.

How do the Plates MOVE?

- Mantle convection within the asthenosphere.
- The theory of Plate Tectonics states that the plates move due to **CONVECTION** of heated rock in the **liquid mantle!**



But what is
‘Convection?’

How Liquid Motion Lamps Work

Hot fluid rises
(it is less dense!)

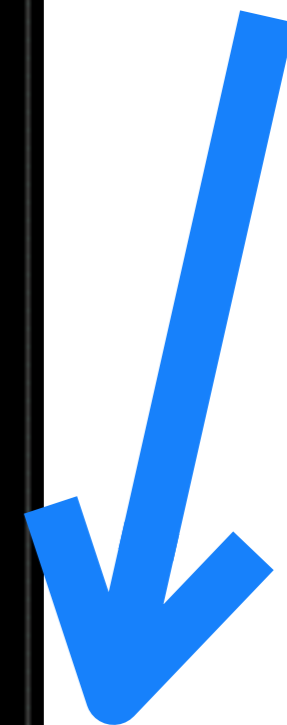


As the waxy compound is heated the molecules spread apart making it a lighter density



The rising blob cools causing its molecules to move closer making it a greater density

Cold fluid sinks
(it is more dense!)



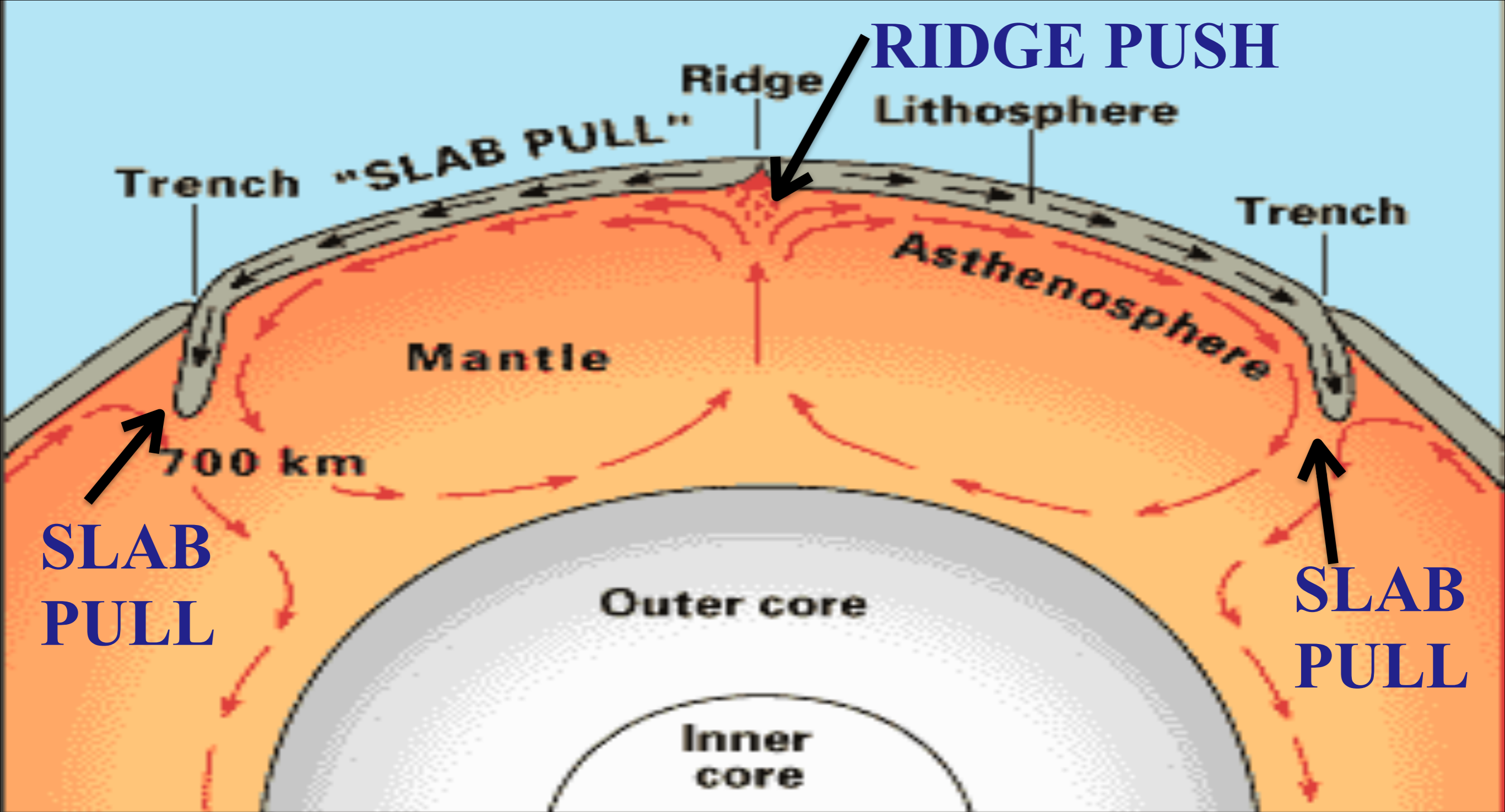
Solid Waxy Compound

Globe

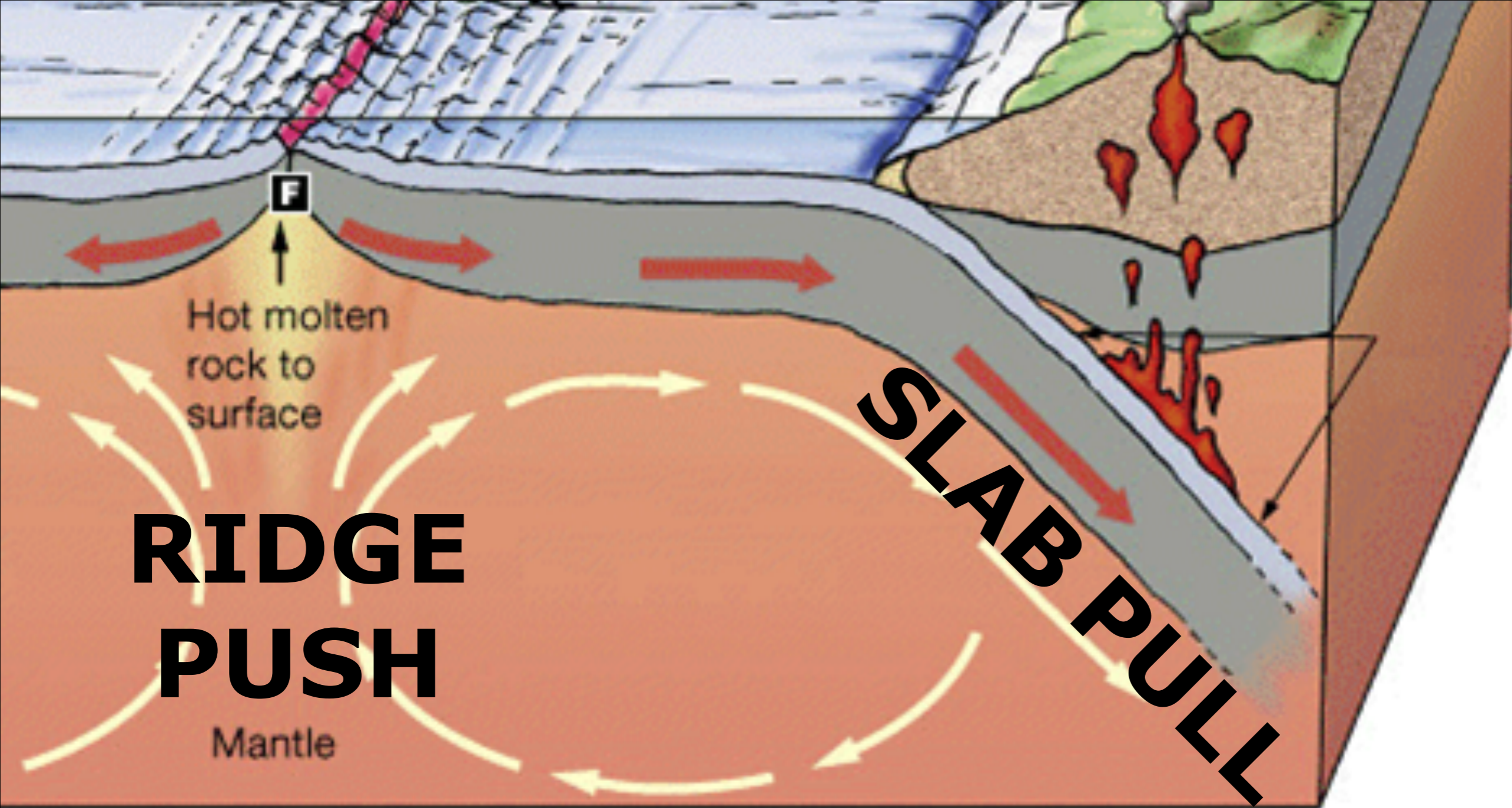
Surrounding Liquid

Bulb

CONVECTION



- Convection currents in the mantle “**ridge push**” and “**slab pull**” the crustal plates.
- New crust is created where plates move apart!

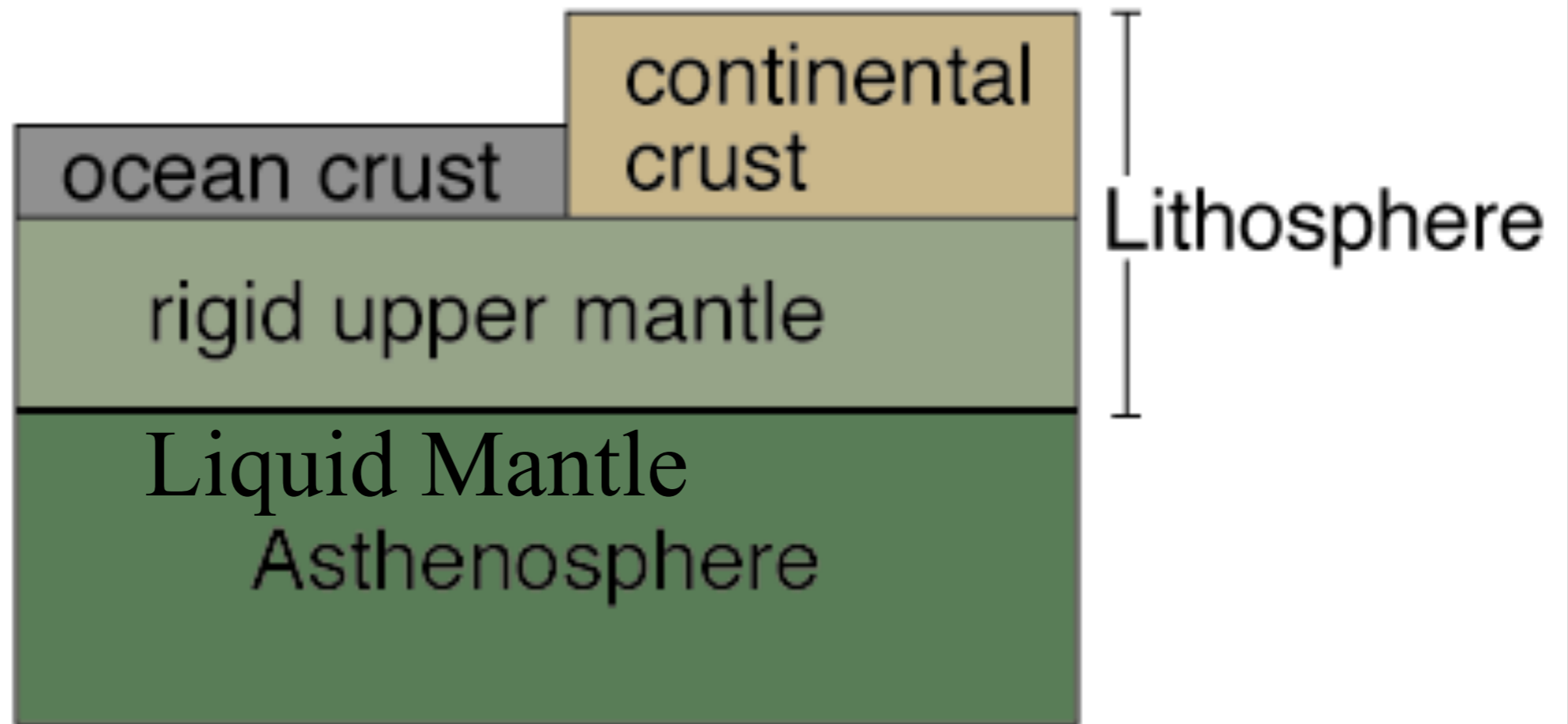


Magma upwelling and pushing plates apart at mid-ocean ridges.

Plate pulled down by gravity at trenches in subduction zones.

PLATE TECTONICS #3

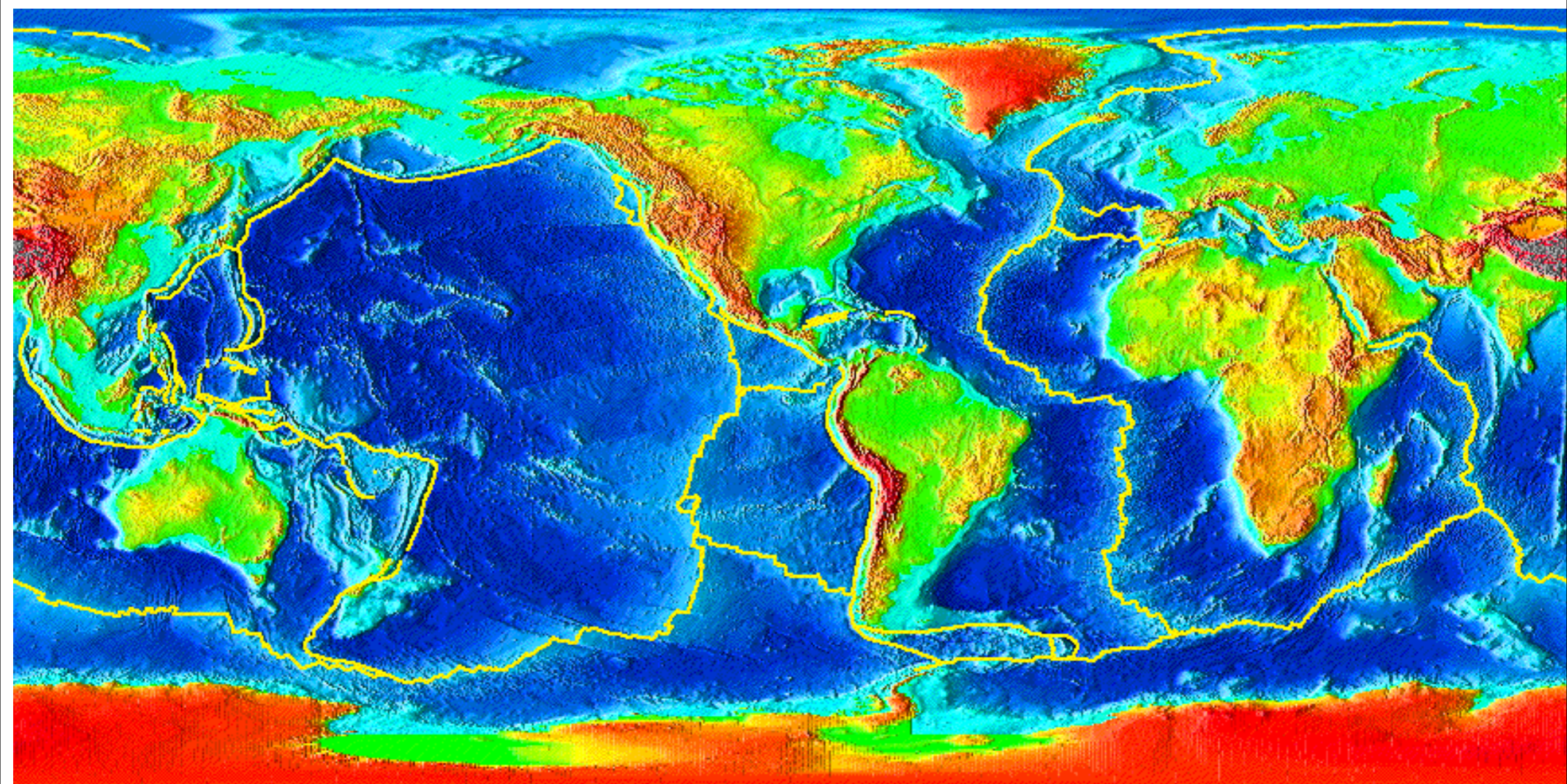
Plate Boundaries



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What happens at **Plate Boundaries**?



Crustal Plate Boundaries

Which way are each plate **moving**?
What **features** does this movement cause?

PLATE BOUNDARIES

- There are three types of boundaries between tectonic plates:
 1. **DIVERGENT** plate boundary
 2. **CONVERGENT** plate boundary
 3. **TRANSFORM** plate boundary

Type of Margin	Divergent	Convergent	Transform
Motion	Spreading	Subduction	Lateral sliding
Effect	Constructive (oceanic lithosphere created)	Destructive (oceanic lithosphere destroyed)	Conservative (lithosphere neither created or destroyed)
Topography	Ridge/Rift	Trench	No major effect
Volcanic activity?	Yes	Yes	No

(a) Divergent boundary: A cross-section showing two tectonic plates moving apart. A central ridge is labeled 'Ridge'. Below the ridge, the 'Asthenosphere' is shown with magma rising through the 'Lithosphere' to form new oceanic lithosphere.

(b) Convergent boundary: A cross-section showing one tectonic plate moving under another. The upper plate is labeled 'Volcanoes (volcanic arc)'. The lower plate is labeled 'Trench'. 'Earthquakes' are indicated by stars along the subduction zone.

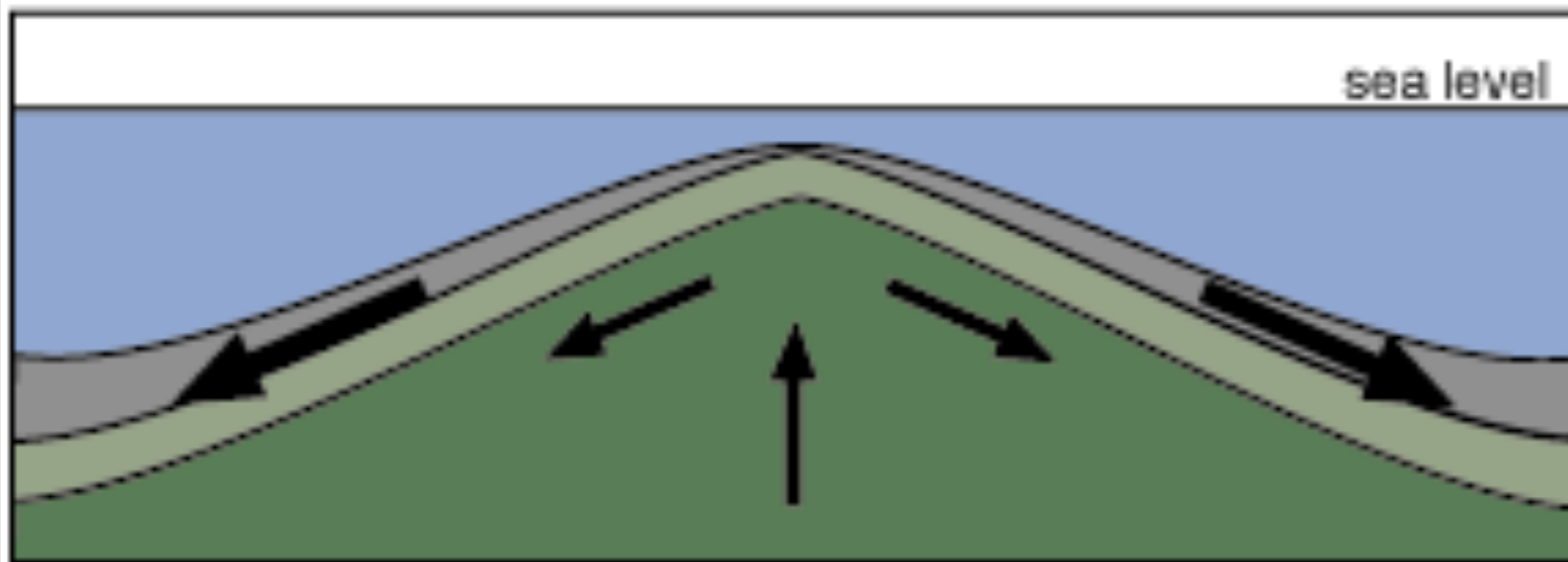
(c) Transform boundary: A cross-section showing two tectonic plates sliding past each other horizontally. 'Earthquakes within crust' are indicated by stars along the fault line.

DIVERGENT Plate Boundary

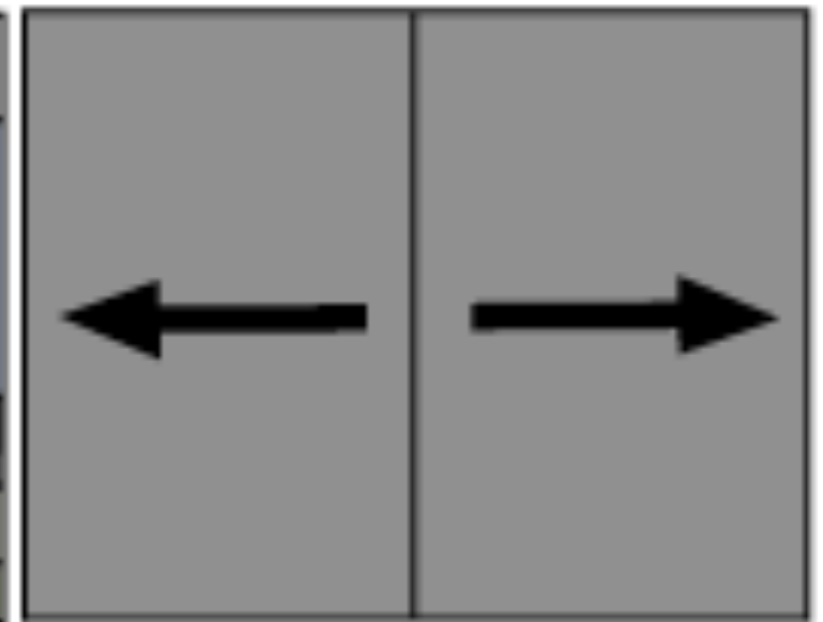
1. DIVERGENT plate boundary

- The plates move **APART** from each other.
- As the plates separate, fresh new magma rises and cools, creating **NEW** oceanic crust!

Cross-section



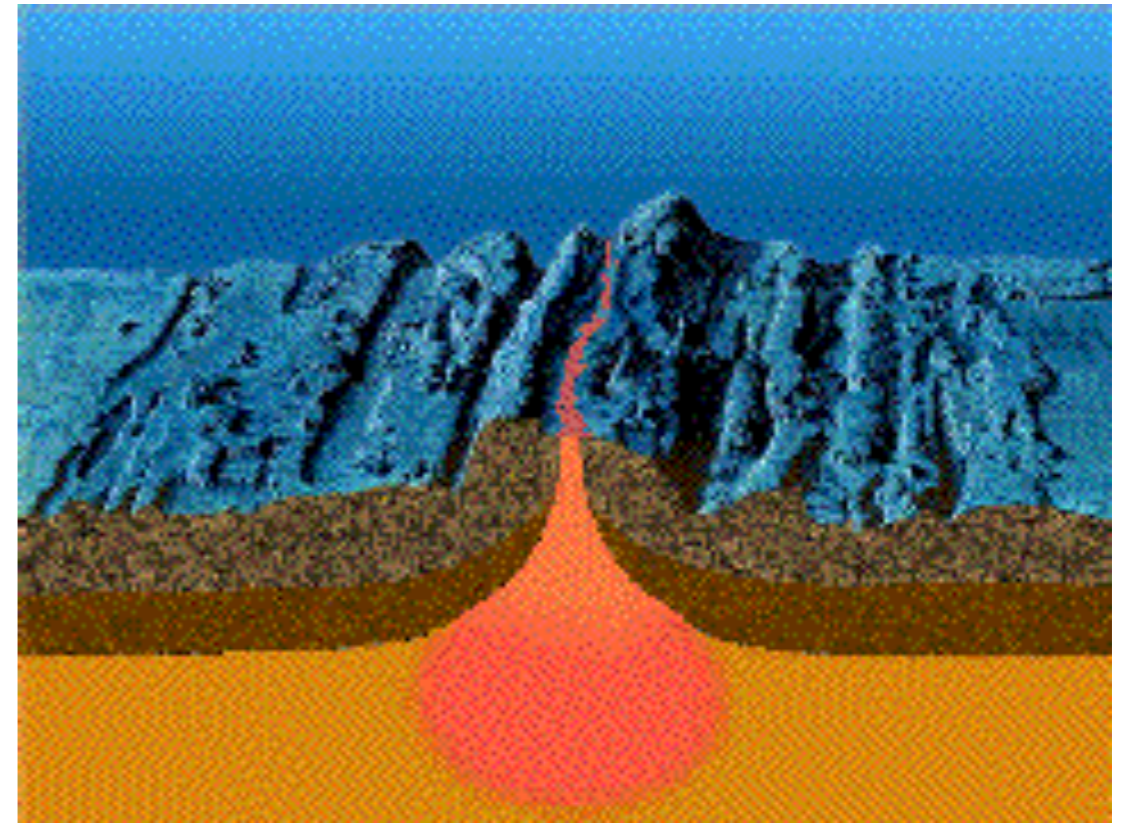
Map view



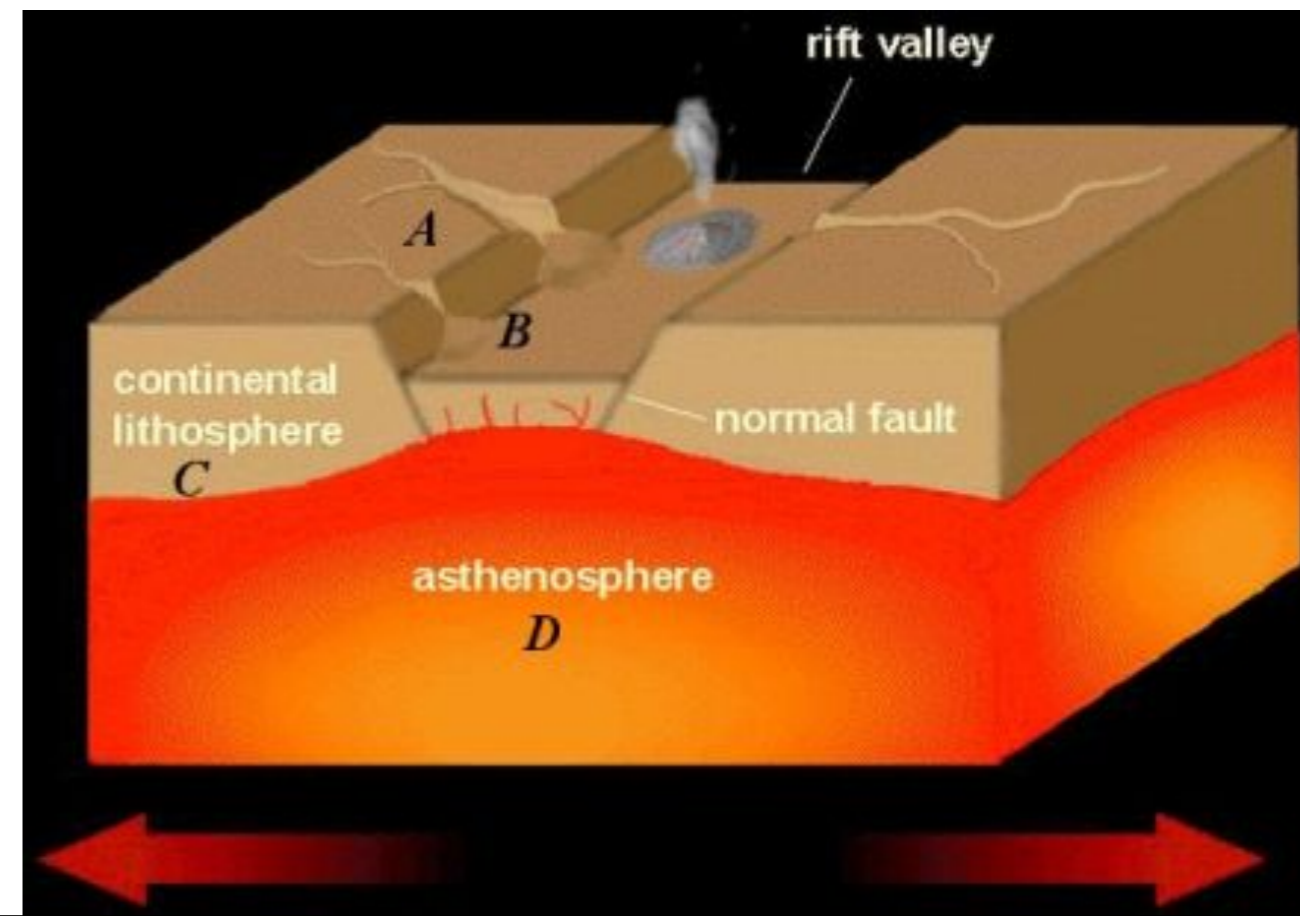
Divergent plate boundary

DIVERGENT plate boundary

- If under oceanic crust
= **Sea-Floor Spreading**
and Ocean Ridges.
 - » Eg. Mid-Atlantic Ridge
and Iceland!
 - » Hydrothermal vents occur.



- If under continental crust
= **Rift Valley.**
 - » Eg. Africa's Great Rift
Valley!







RIFT VALLEY



MID-OCEAN RIDGE

CONVERGENT Plate Boundary

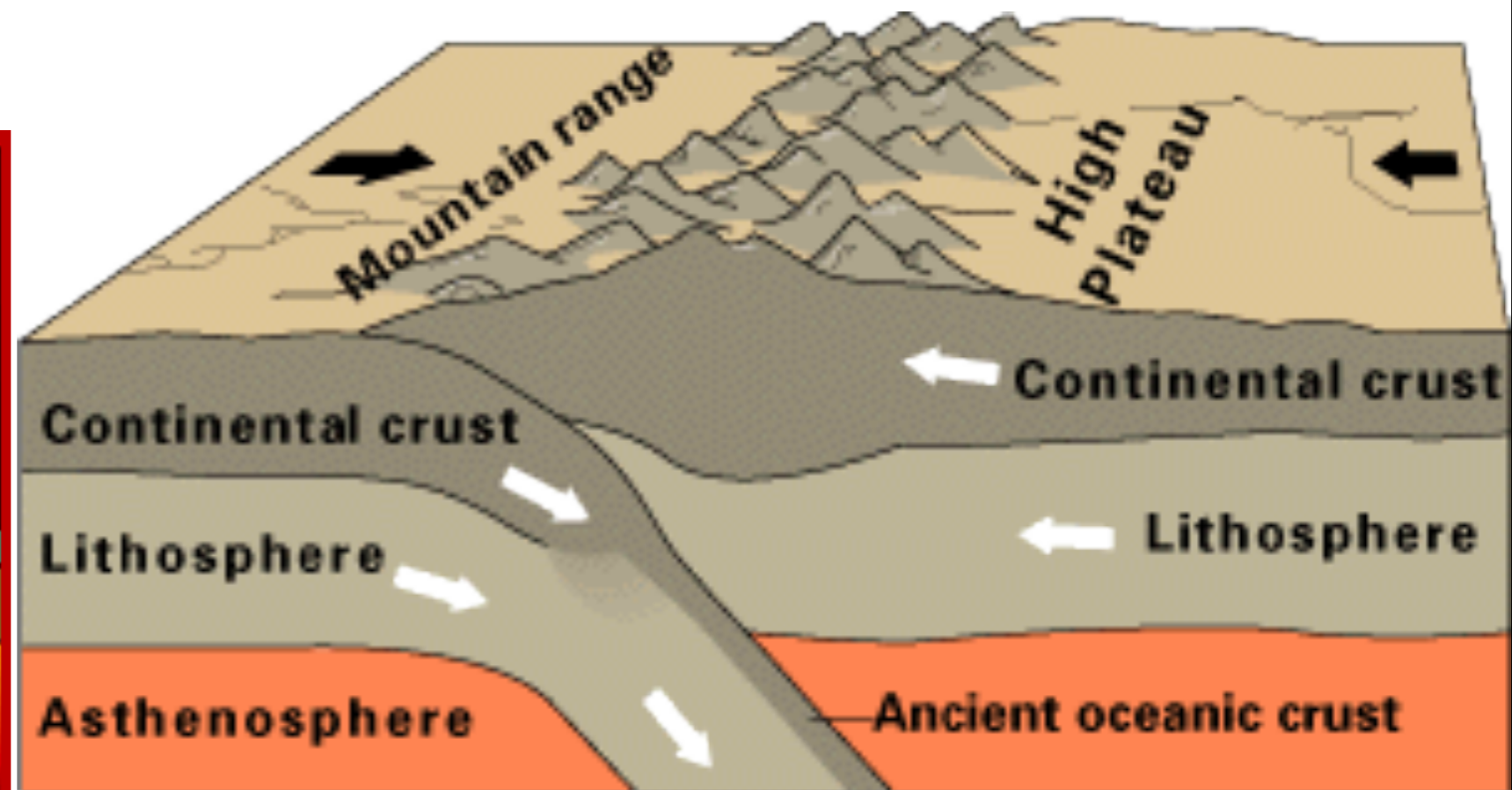
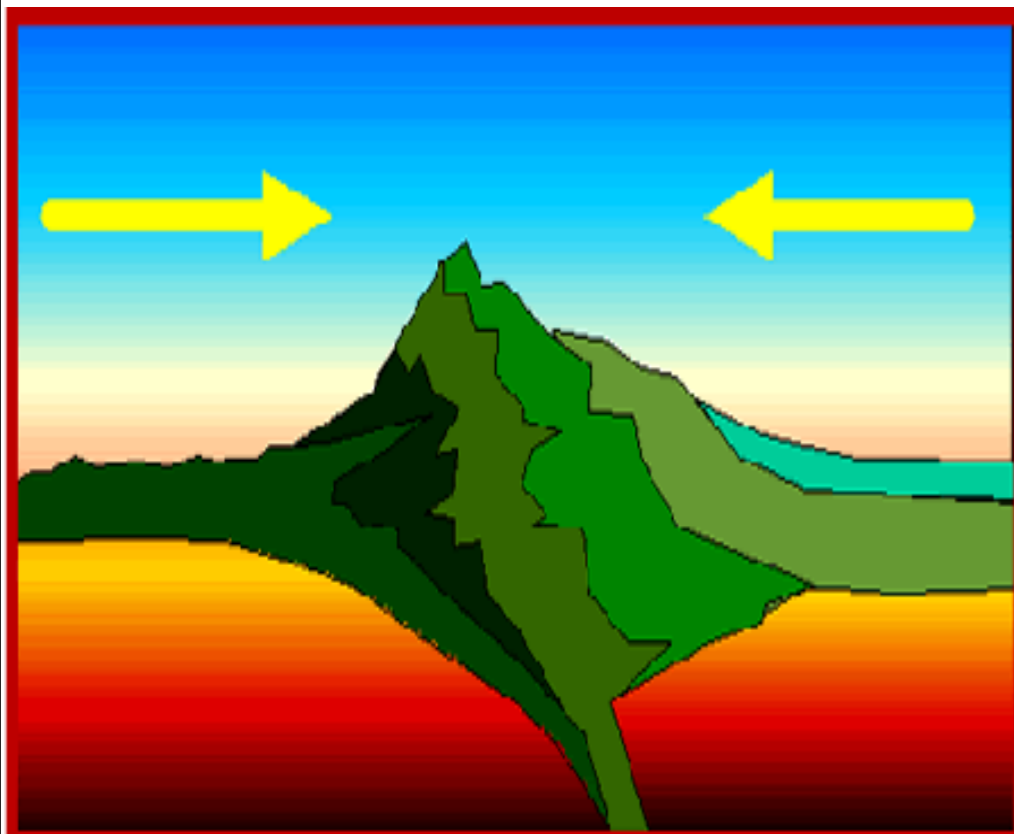
2. CONVERGENT plate boundary

- The plates move **TOGETHER**.
- There are three types of converging plate boundary:
 - a. **Continental crust – Continental crust. (C - C)**
 - b. **Continental crust – Oceanic crust (C - O)**
 - c. **Oceanic crust – Oceanic crust (O - O)**

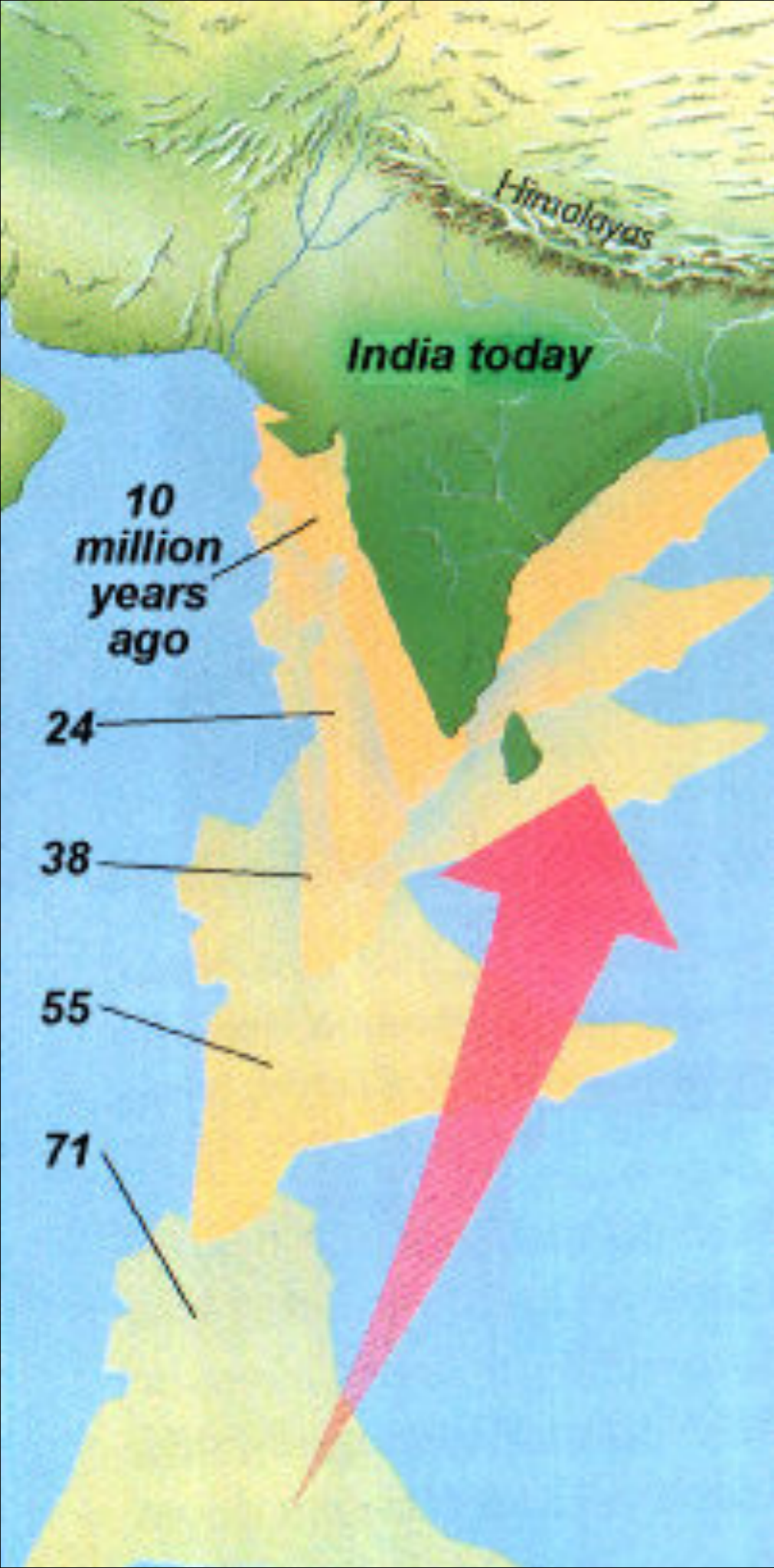
CONVERGENT plate boundary

a. Continental - Continental

- Creates MOUNTAINS!
- Causes lots of Earthquakes.
 - Eg. The India Plate is pushing northward into China at about 5cm/year. The Himalayan Mountains (and Mount Everest) are the result!



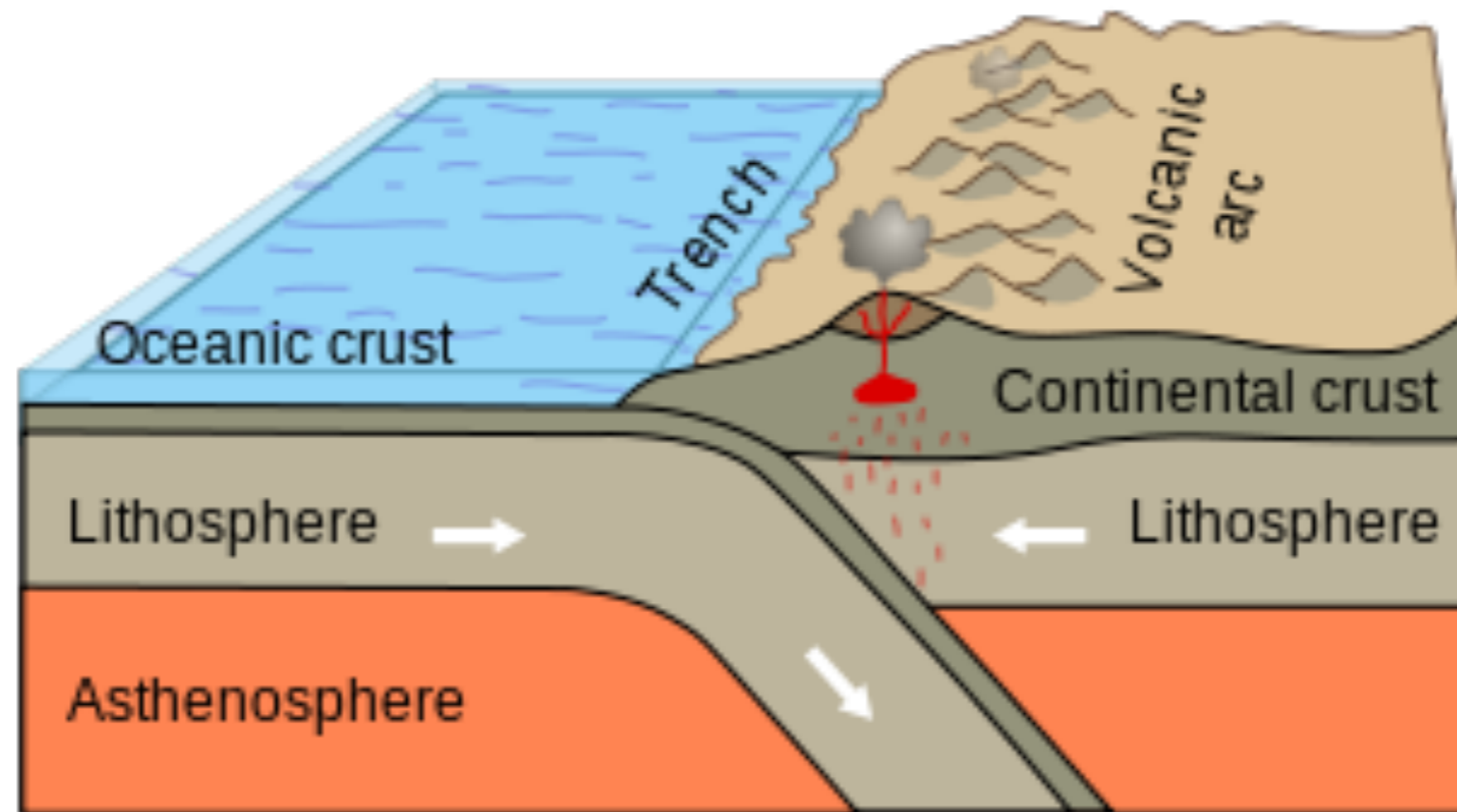
Continental-continental convergence



CONVERGENT plate boundary

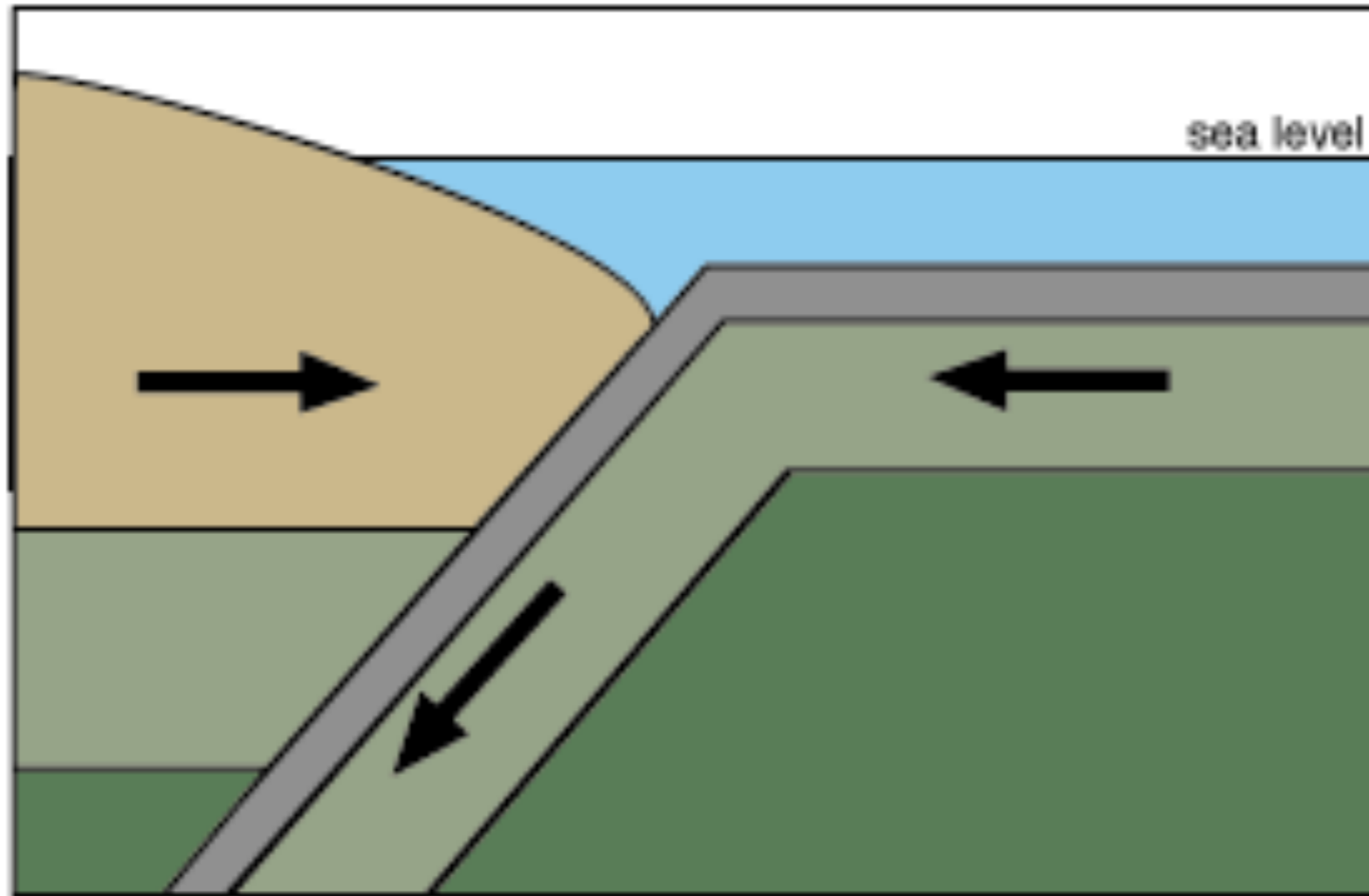
b. Continental - Oceanic

- Creates a **Subduction Zone** = the denser Oceanic Plate slides under the less-dense Continental Plate, creating a deep-sea **trench**.
- Causes lots of **Earthquakes**, some very deep.
- Causes lots of **Volcanoes!**

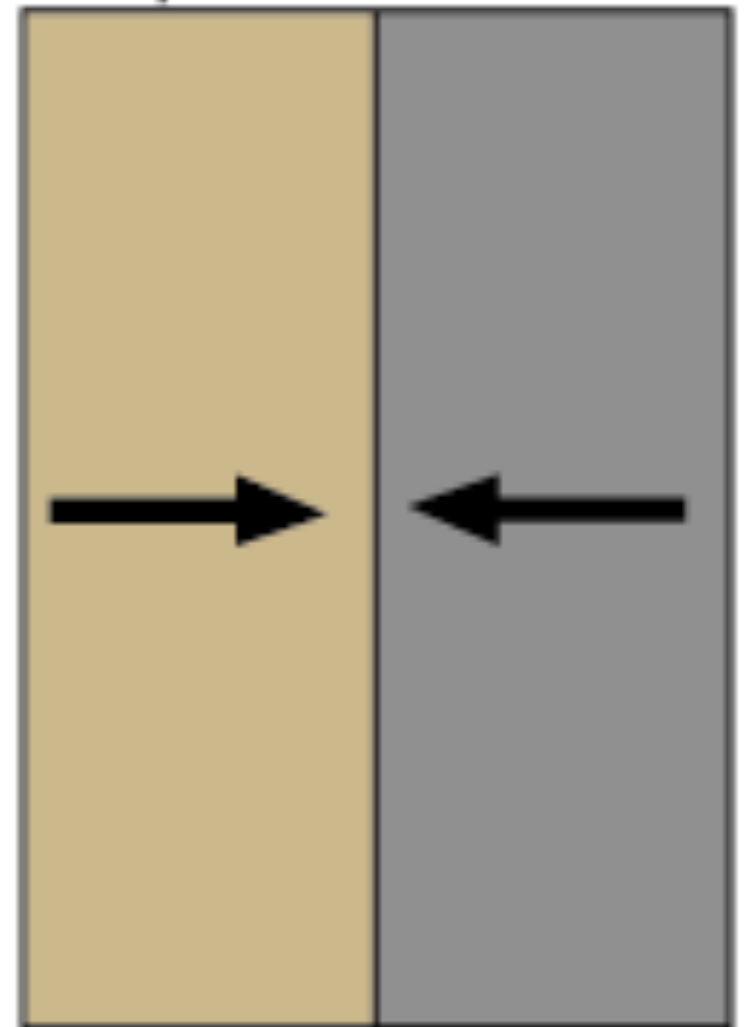


Subduction Zone

Cross-section

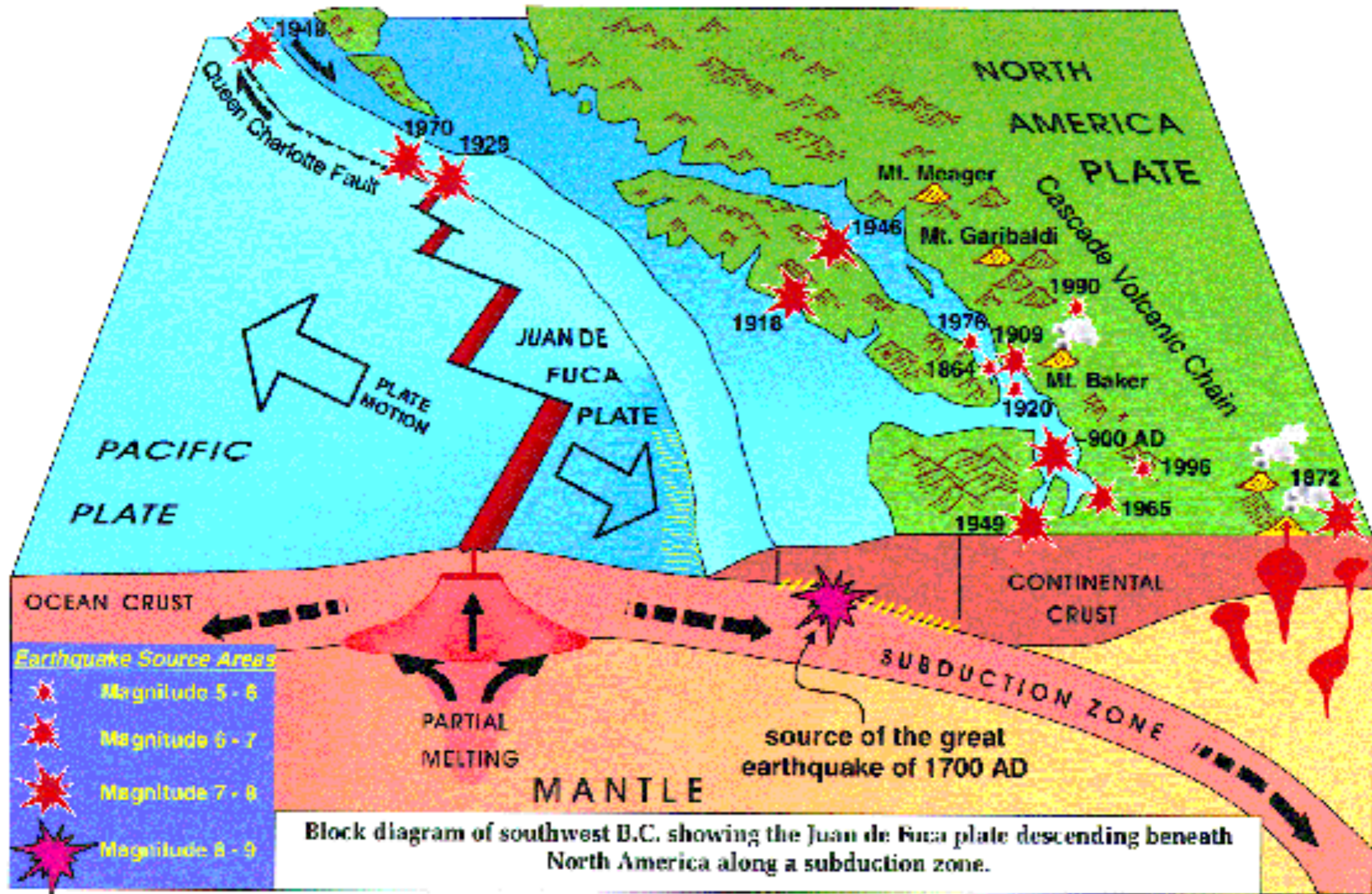


Map view



Convergent plate boundary

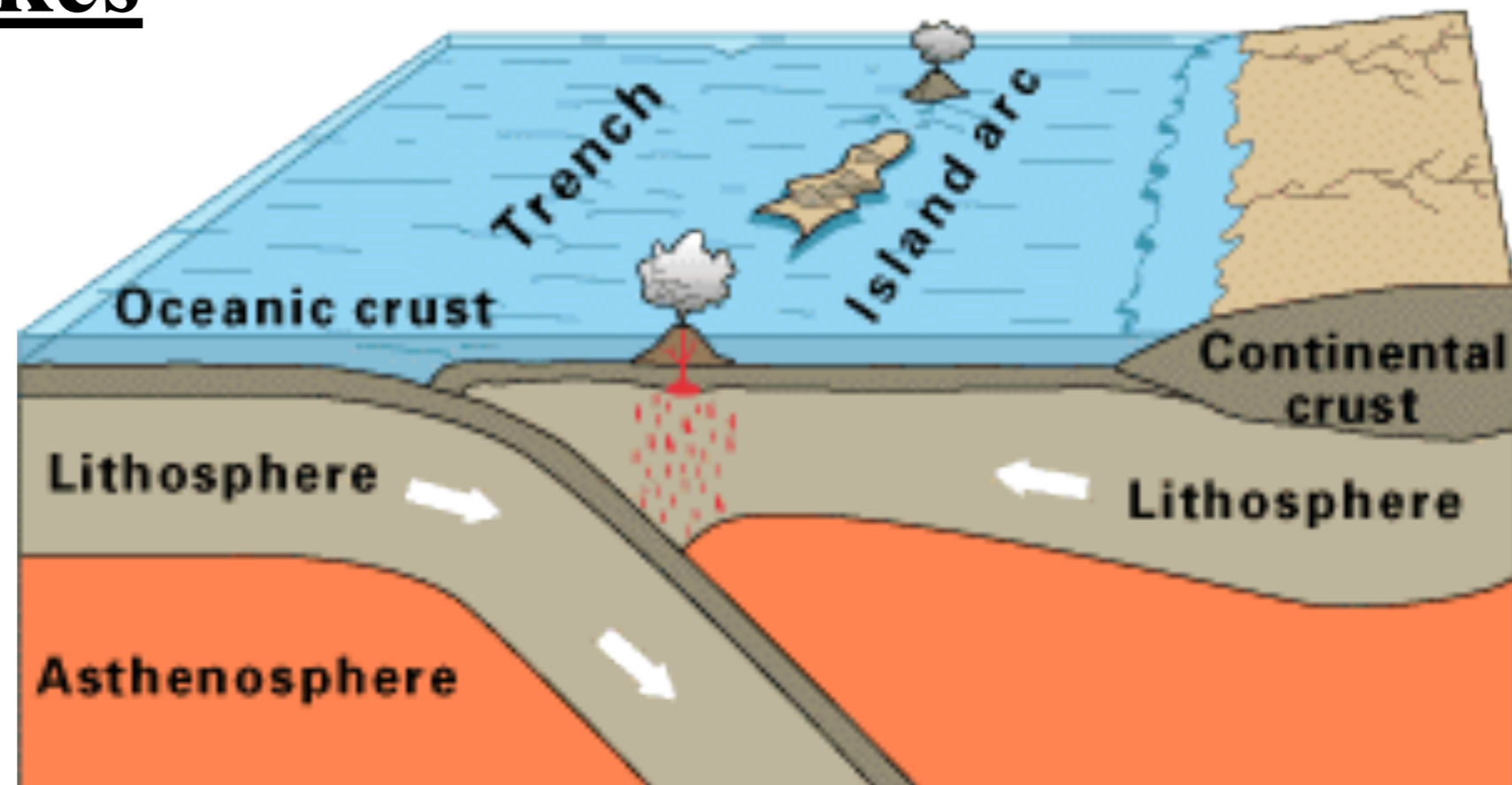
- Eg. The **Juan de Fuca Plate** is subducting below the North American Plate. The oceanic plate melts as it sinks; creating magma that moves up and erupts, making volcanoes such as Mount St. Helens.



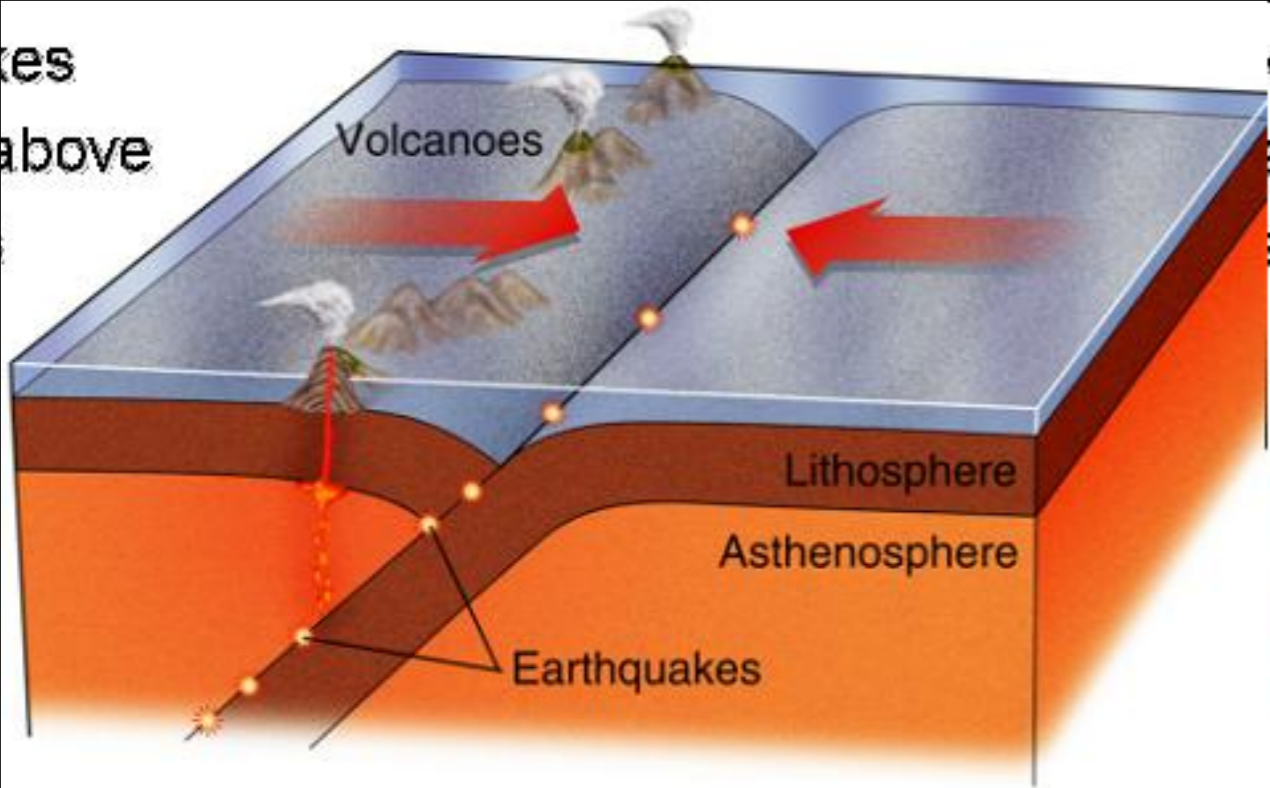
CONVERGENT plate boundary

c. **Oceanic - Oceanic**

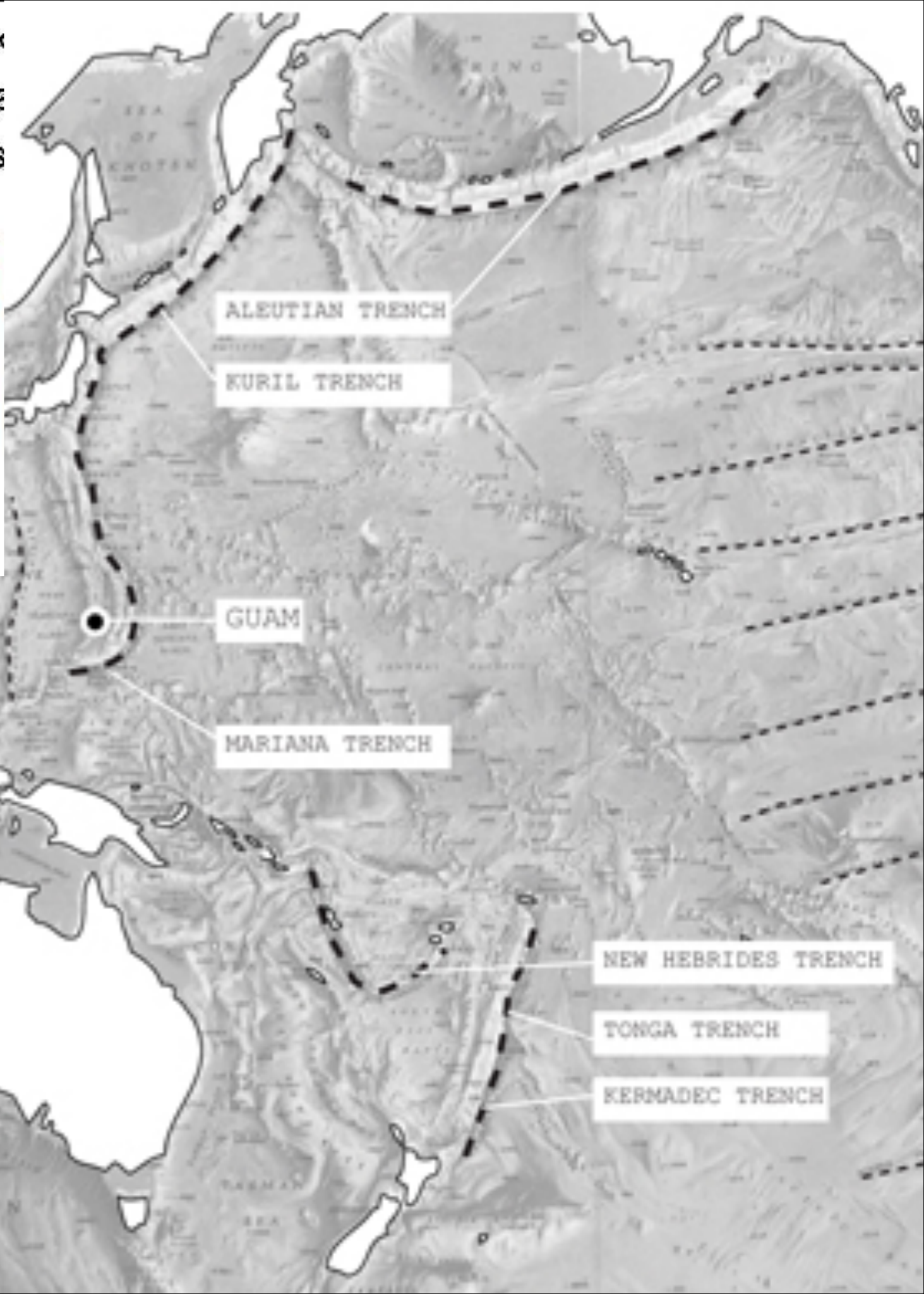
- Creates a **Volcanic Island Arc** = one of the oceanic plates subducts under the other, melts, and the magma rises to create a chain of volcanoes, and a parallel deep-sea **trench**.
- Causes **Earthquakes**
- Causes chains of **volcanic** islands.



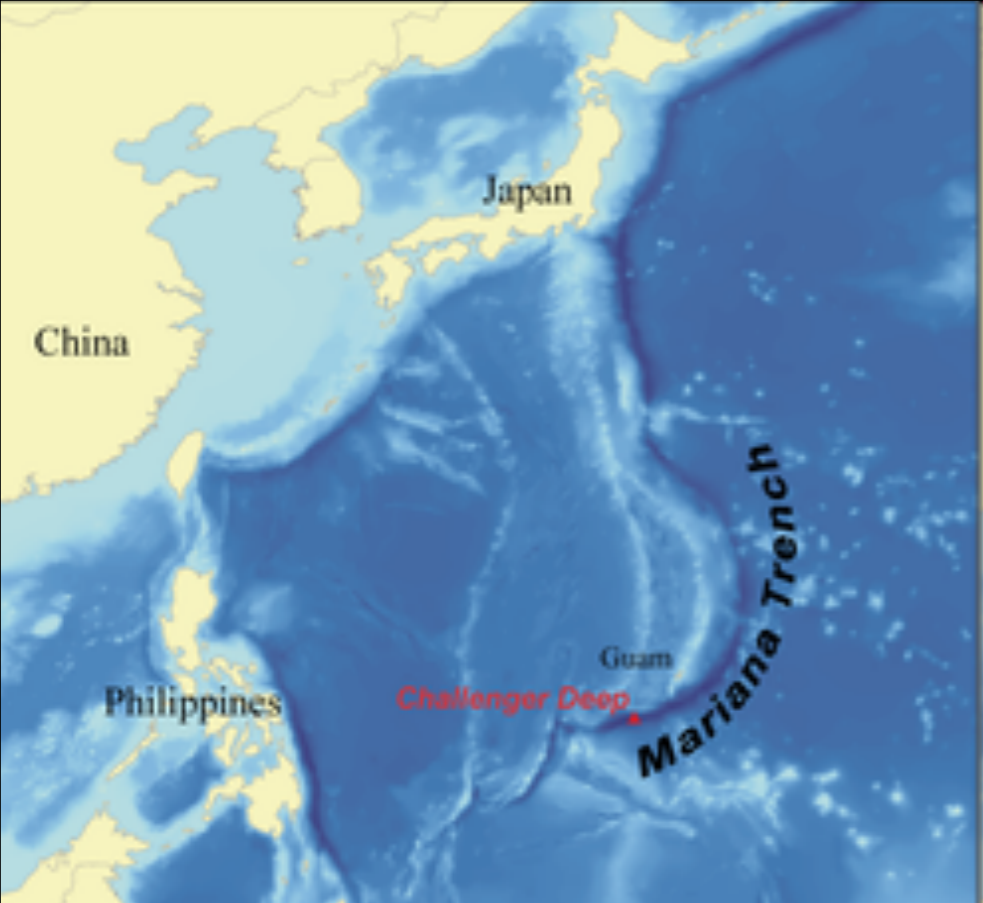
Oceanic-oceanic convergence



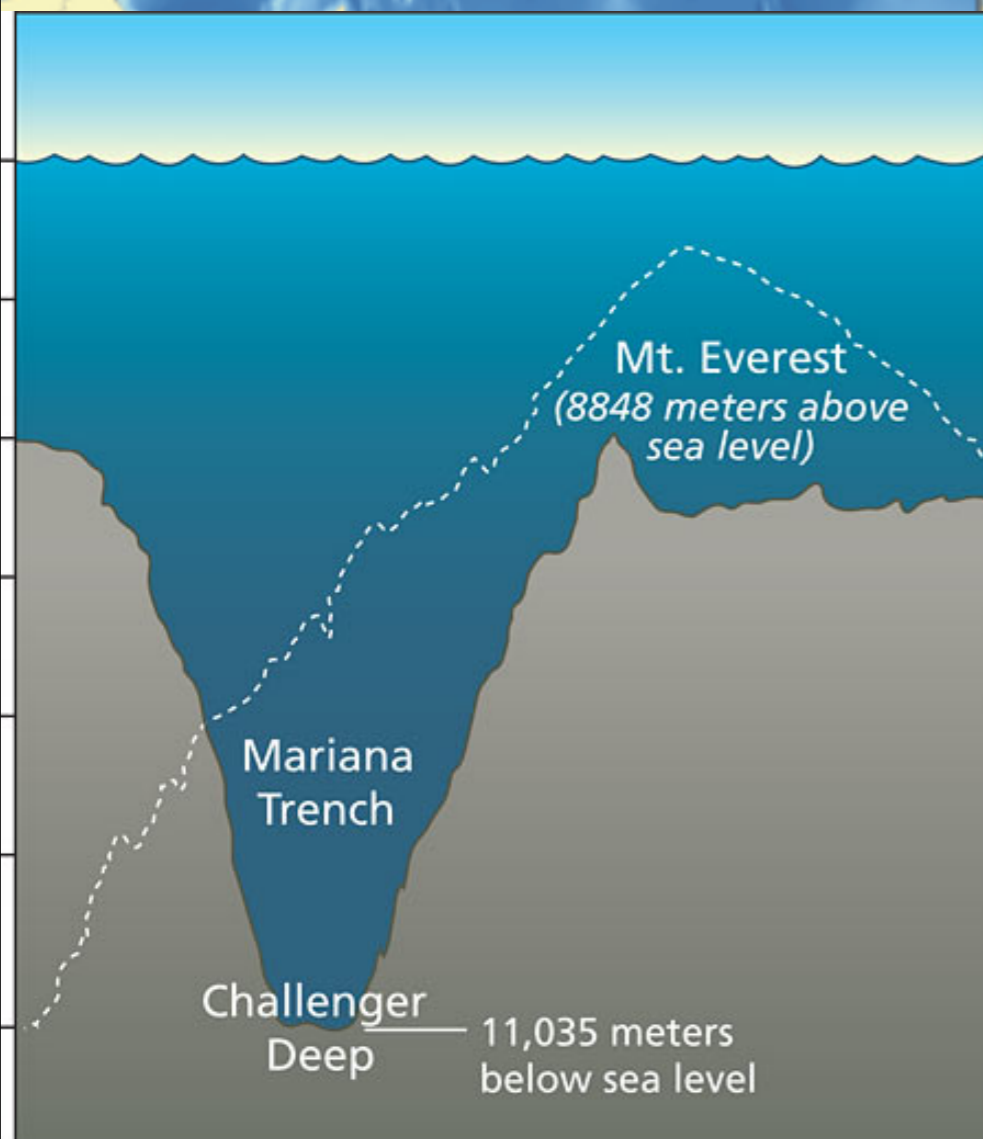
(b) Convergent boundary
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Creating a Volcanic Island Arc, and Trench.



- Eg. The *Philippine Plate* is subducting under the *Pacific Plate*, creating the **Mariana Trench** (the deepest trench in the oceans! $-11,035$ m)



- The Mariana Islands (and Guam) run parallel to the trench.
- In March 2012, James Cameron explored to the very bottom of the trench.



THE DEEPSEA CHALLENGER

8ft high wall of LED lights

FACTFILE

- Height: 24ft
- Weight: 12 tons
- Made from a specialised glass foam
- It took two hours and 36 minutes to reach a depth of 35,736 feet, a rate of 500 feet per minute. He rose to the surface in 70 minutes

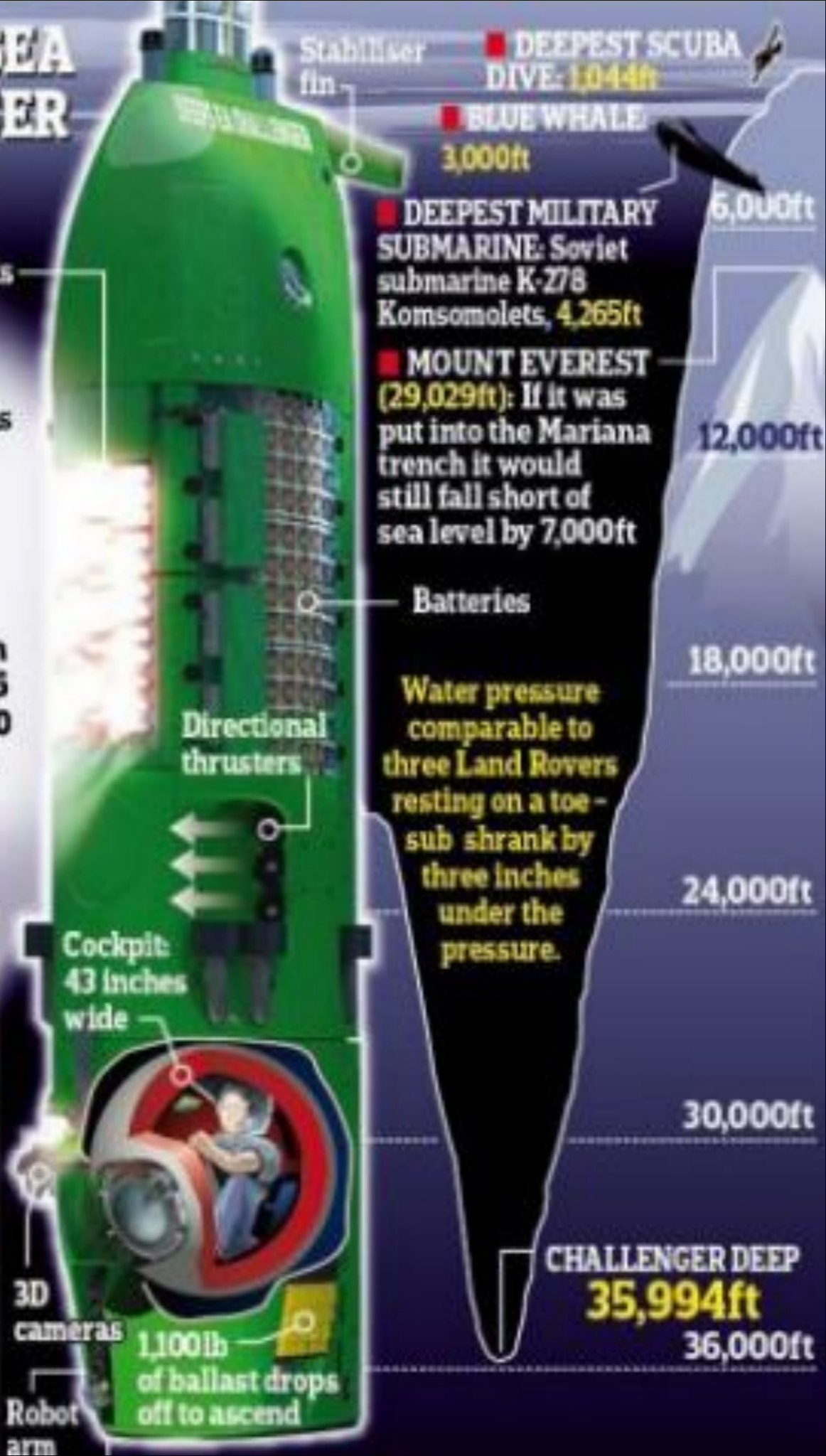
SUCCESS: James Cameron on his return to the surface



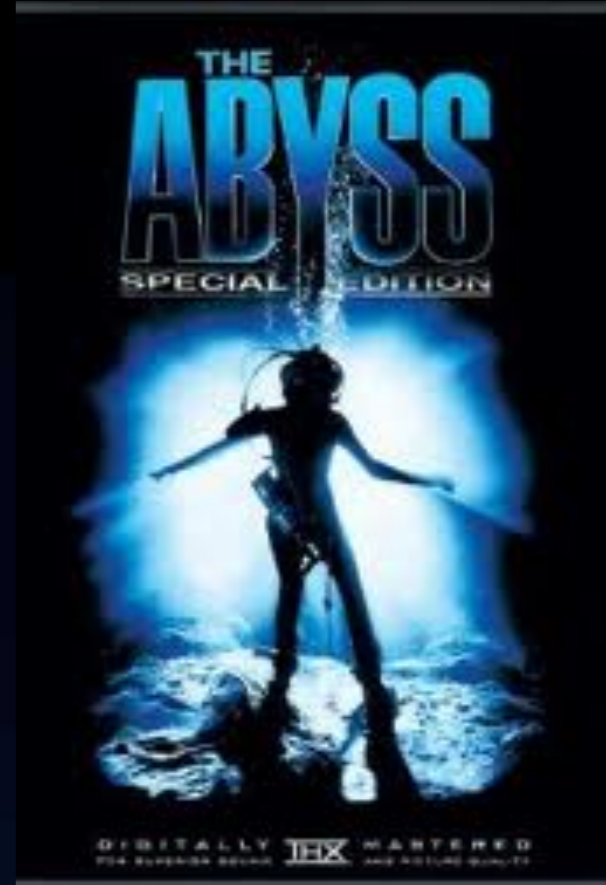
Mariana Trench

Challenger Deep

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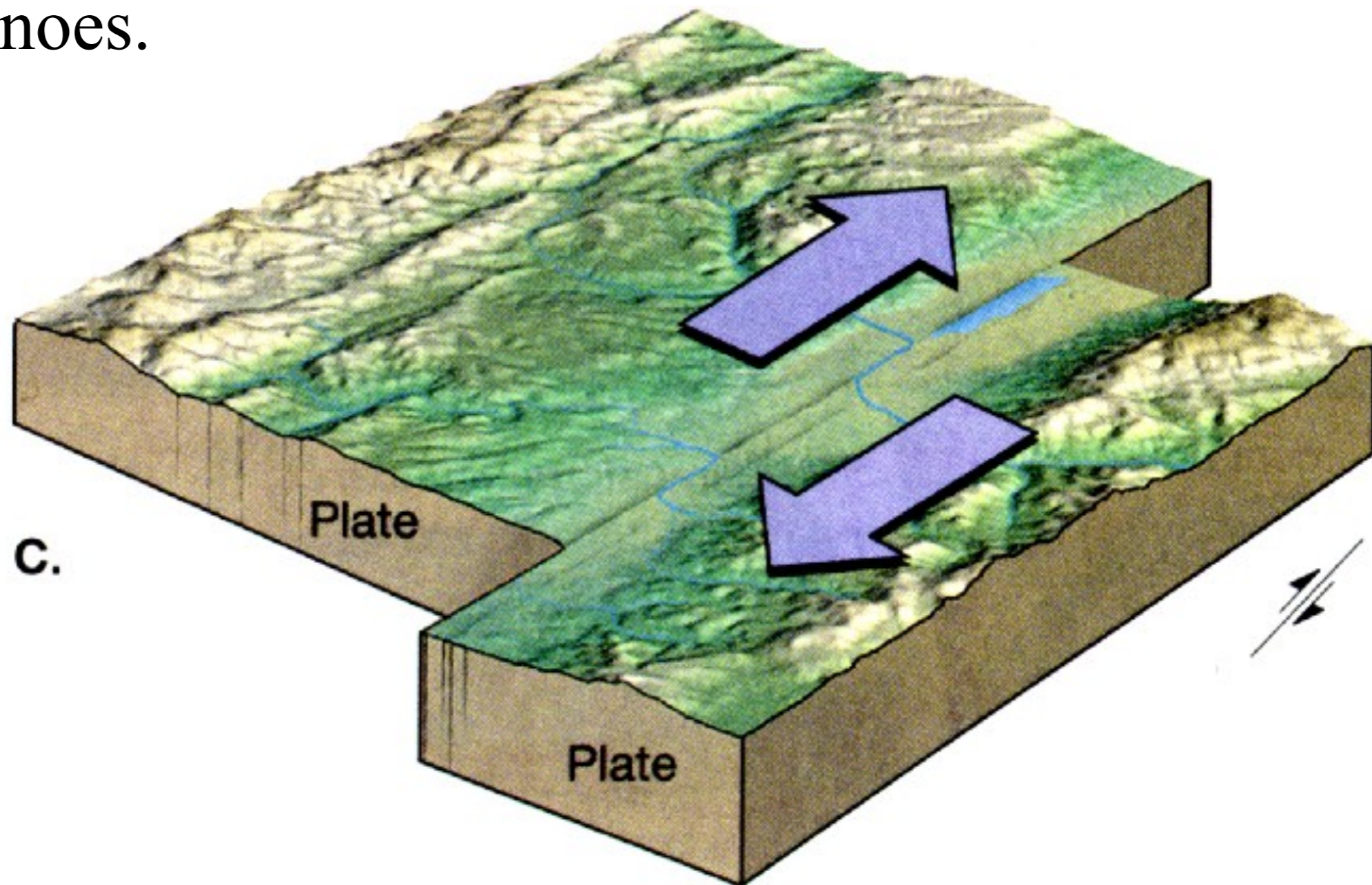


TRANSFORM

Plate Boundary

3. TRANSFORM plate boundary

- The plates **SLIDE** past each other.
 - Two plates slide laterally creating a FAULT.
 - Causes lots of Earthquakes!
 - **NO** volcanoes.

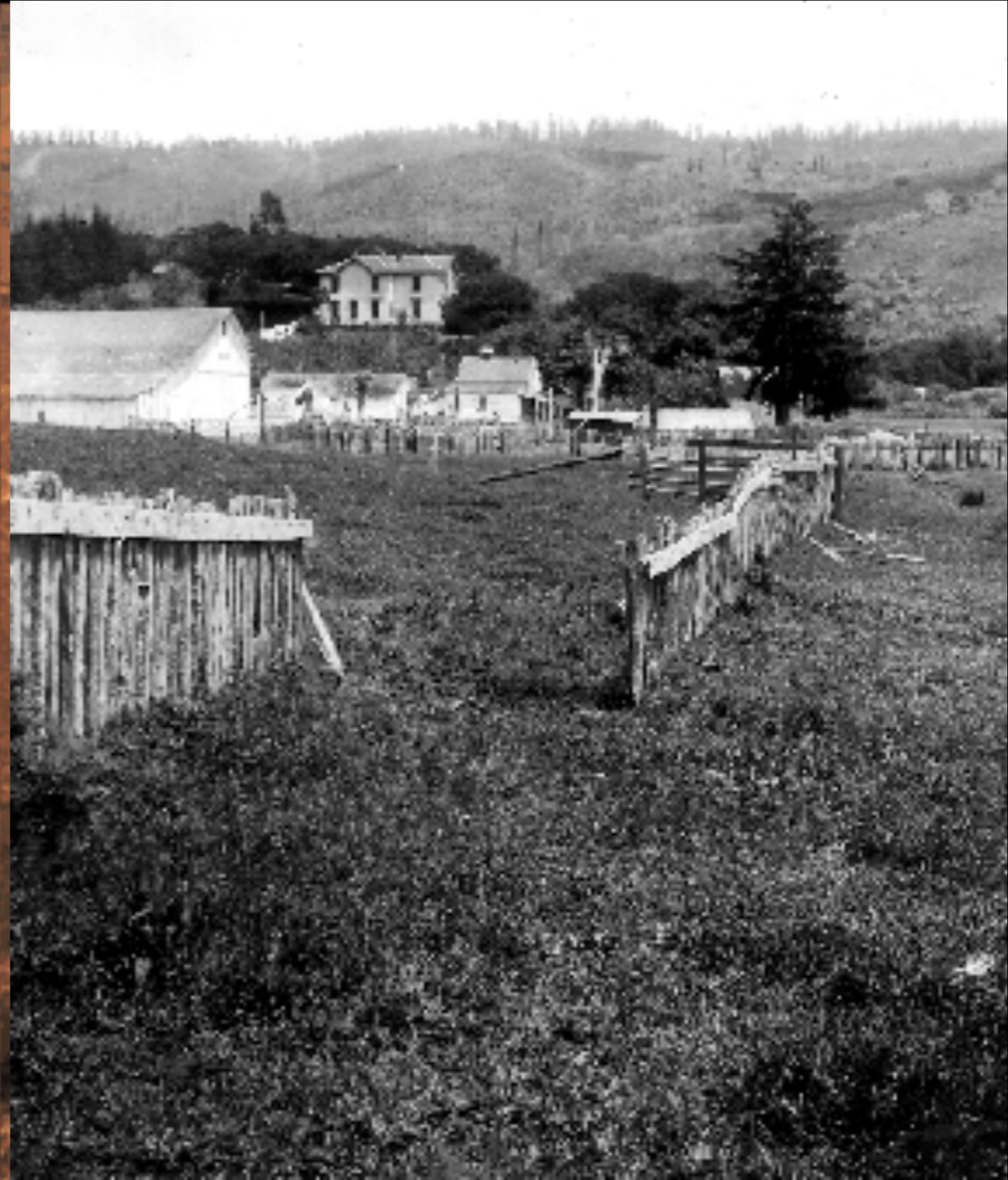


TRANSFORM plate boundary

The San Andreas Fault



Eg. *The North American Plate* is sliding past the *Pacific Plate*, creating **The San Andreas Fault**, which moves 5cm/year, and causes all the earthquakes in LA and San Francisco!



San Andreas Fault

1989 and 1994 California Earthquakes



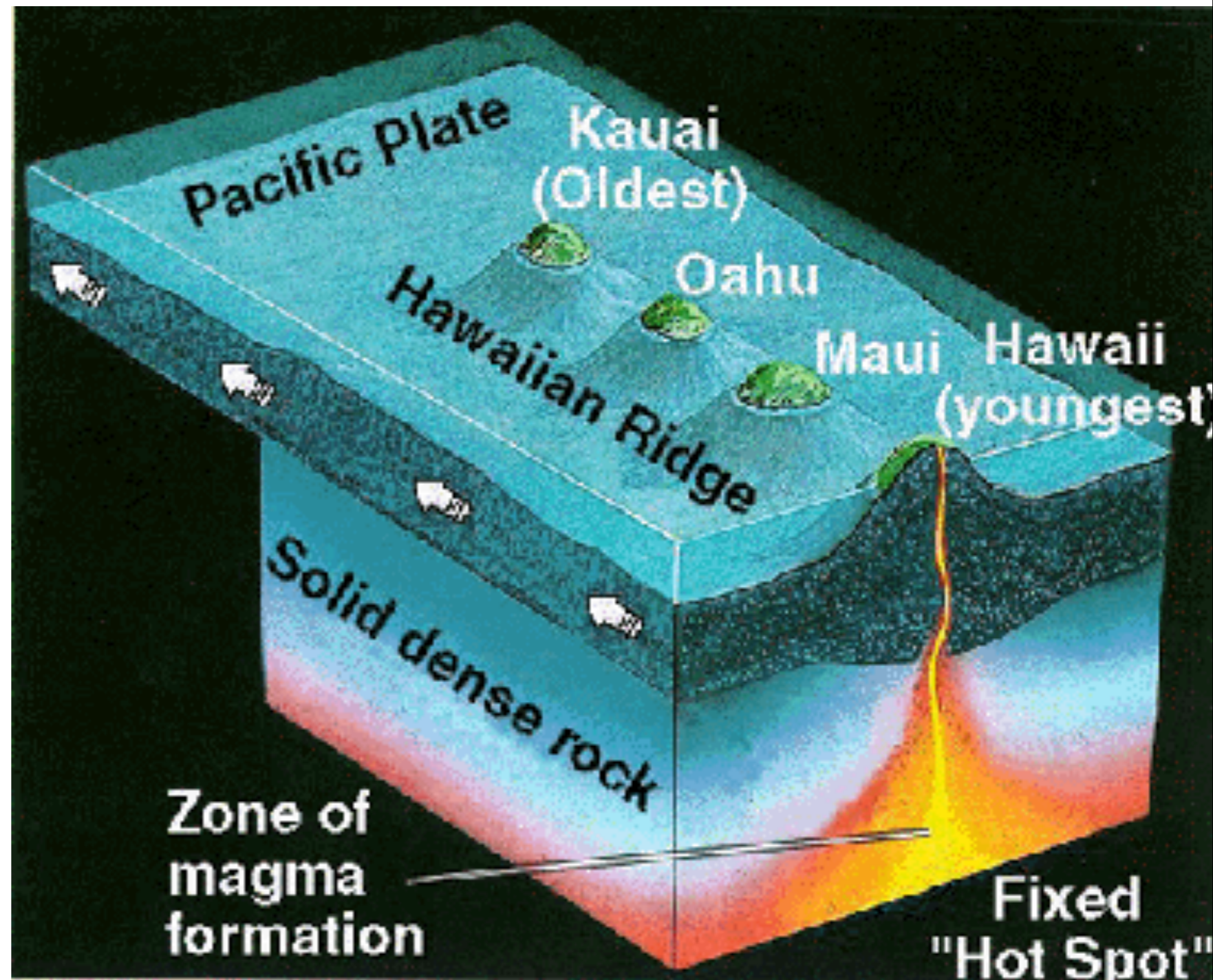
Caused by
movement on the
San Andreas Fault

To Remember...

- 3 Types of Plate Boundary:
 - **Divergent** (away from)
 - In **Ocean Crust** => *Ridge* or **Continental Crust** => *Rift*
 - **Convergent** (towards)
 - 3 Types of Converging Boundary
 - **Continental – Continental** => *Mountain Building*
 - **Continental – Oceanic** => *Subduction Zone*
 - **Oceanic – Oceanic** => *Island Arc, Ocean Trench*
 - **Transform** (slide past)
- **Volcanoes** and **Earthquakes** occur at plate boundaries.
Which ones?

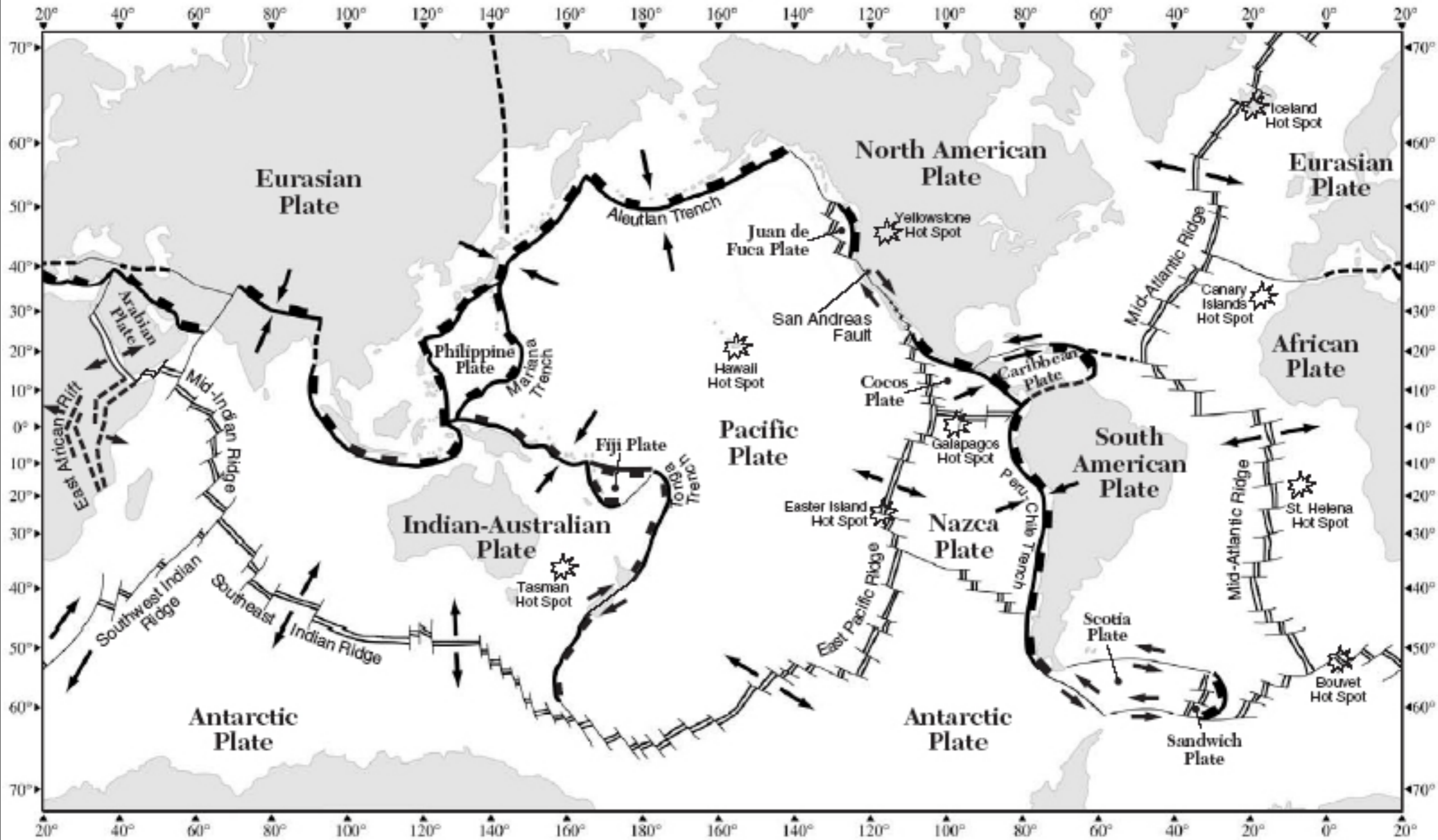
Hot Spots

- Mantle plumes, huge upward motions of magma in the middle of plates, push up and create volcanic islands.
- As the plate moves, the hotspot below doesn't, resulting in the formation of a chain of islands, each getting older as it moves away from the hotspot



- John Tuzo-Wilson

Tectonic Plates



Key

→
Relative motion at plate boundary

↔
Transform plate boundary (transform fault)

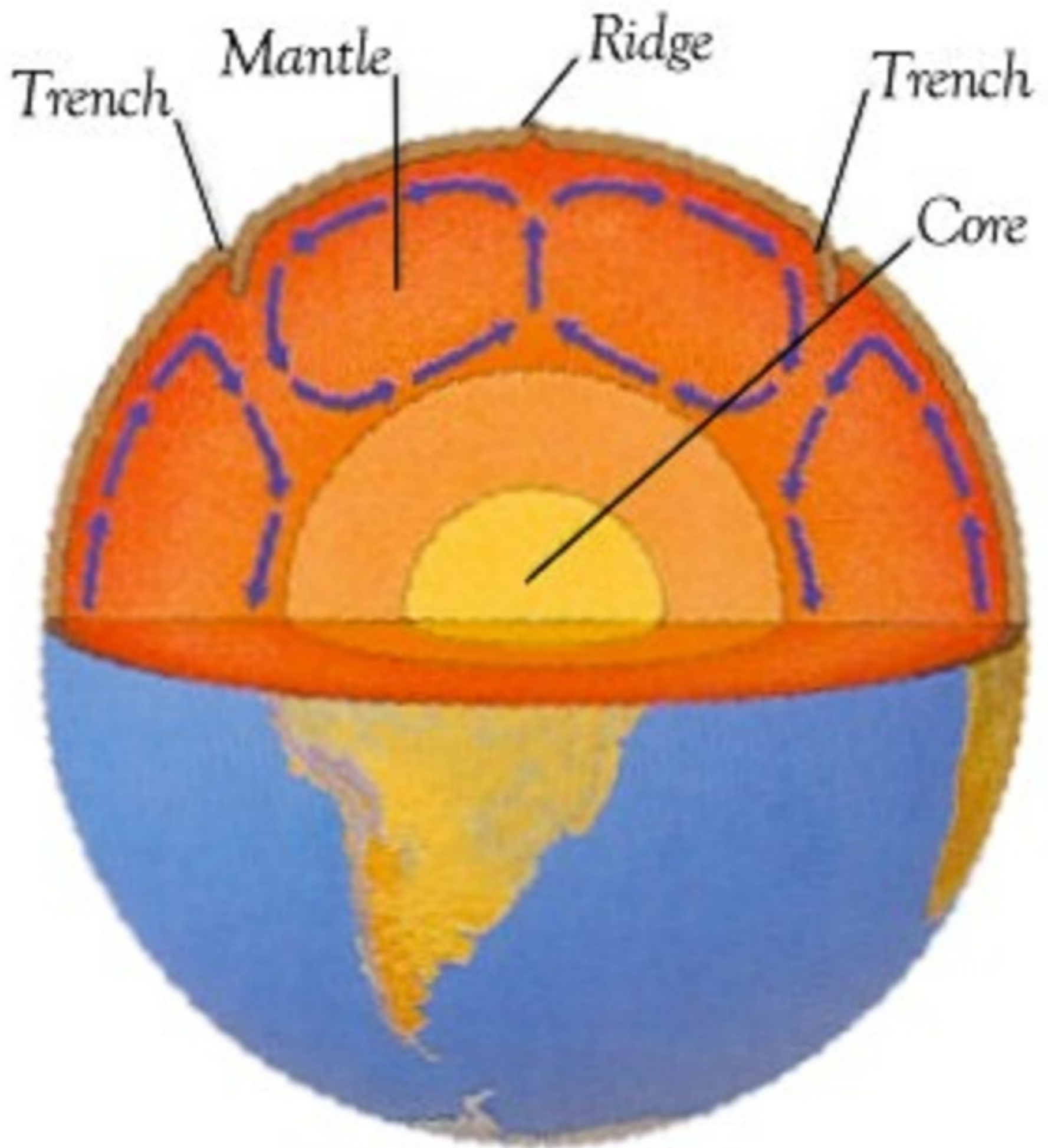
↔
Divergent plate boundary (usually broken by transform faults along mid-ocean ridges)

↔
Convergent plate boundary (subduction zone)
overriding plate
subducting plate

Complex or uncertain plate boundary

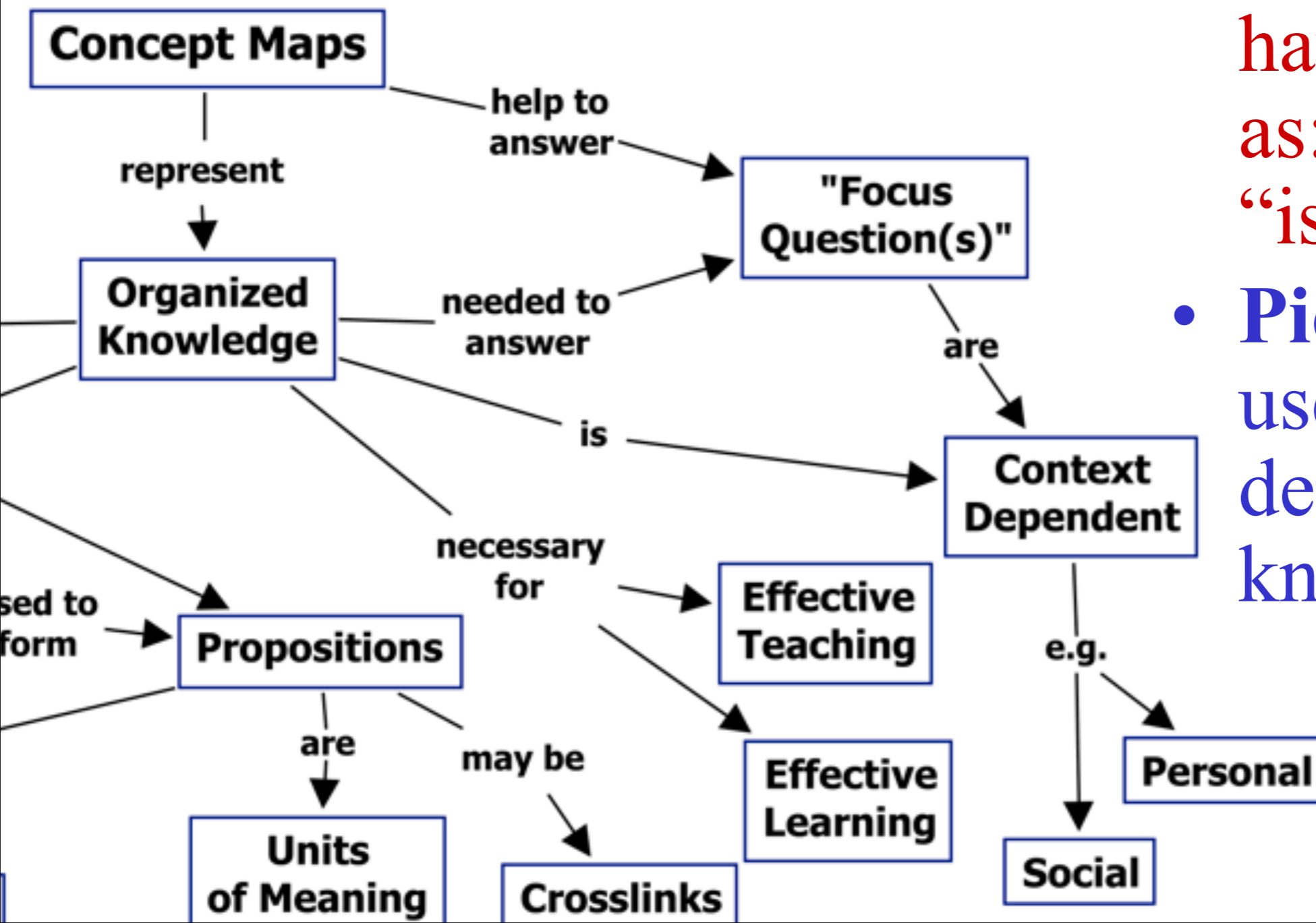
★
Mantle hot spot

NOTE: Most of the plates shown are named after the continents they cover.



Concept Maps

- Show the **relationship** between concepts.
- Connecting lines have **words** such as: “results in” or “is caused by”...
- **Pictures** are also used to demonstrate knowledge.



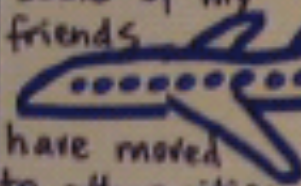


So what? This supports violent approaches to conflict resolution

So what? Violence begets more violence

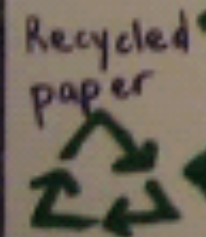
I want to live in a peaceful world!

Some of my friends have moved to other cities to look for work



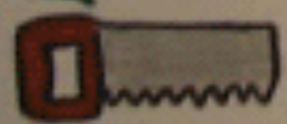
So what? People working at the mill might lose their jobs

So what? Paper mills might be shut down



Recycled paper could be used instead

So what? Paper products are used to package electronics



Fewer trees would need to be cut down

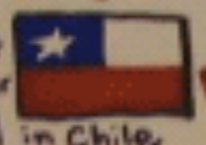
I like to see moose, bears, ruby-throated hummingbirds & other wildlife when I go on canoe trips with my family.



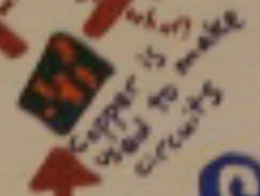
So what? This would save & protect the homes of the animals that live in the forest.



So what? **10%** of the \$ from copper mined in Chile goes to the military



So what? A lot of Copper is mined in Chile



So what? Copper is used to make circuits

So what? Copper is an efficient conductor of electricity

ELECTRONICS ARE MADE FROM RESOURCES

So what? Using copper helps us to Save energy **Cu = ★**

So what? Less energy means less fossil fuel emissions



So what? Burning fossil fuels contributes to climate change

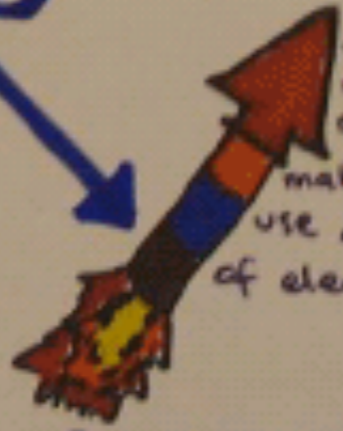


So what? In Canada, our winters are getting warmer

So what? **Fossil Fuels** like Coal, oil & natural gas are often used as sources of energy

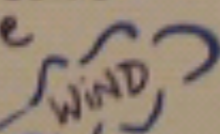


So what? A lot of energy is required to make, transport, use & dispose of electronics.



So what?

So what? We could use **SOLAR** or **WIND** energy instead



So what? These technologies are economically expensive.

So what? I may have to decrease my energy use



I'm worried my kids won't be able to have the same fun as I did — playing pond hockey.

