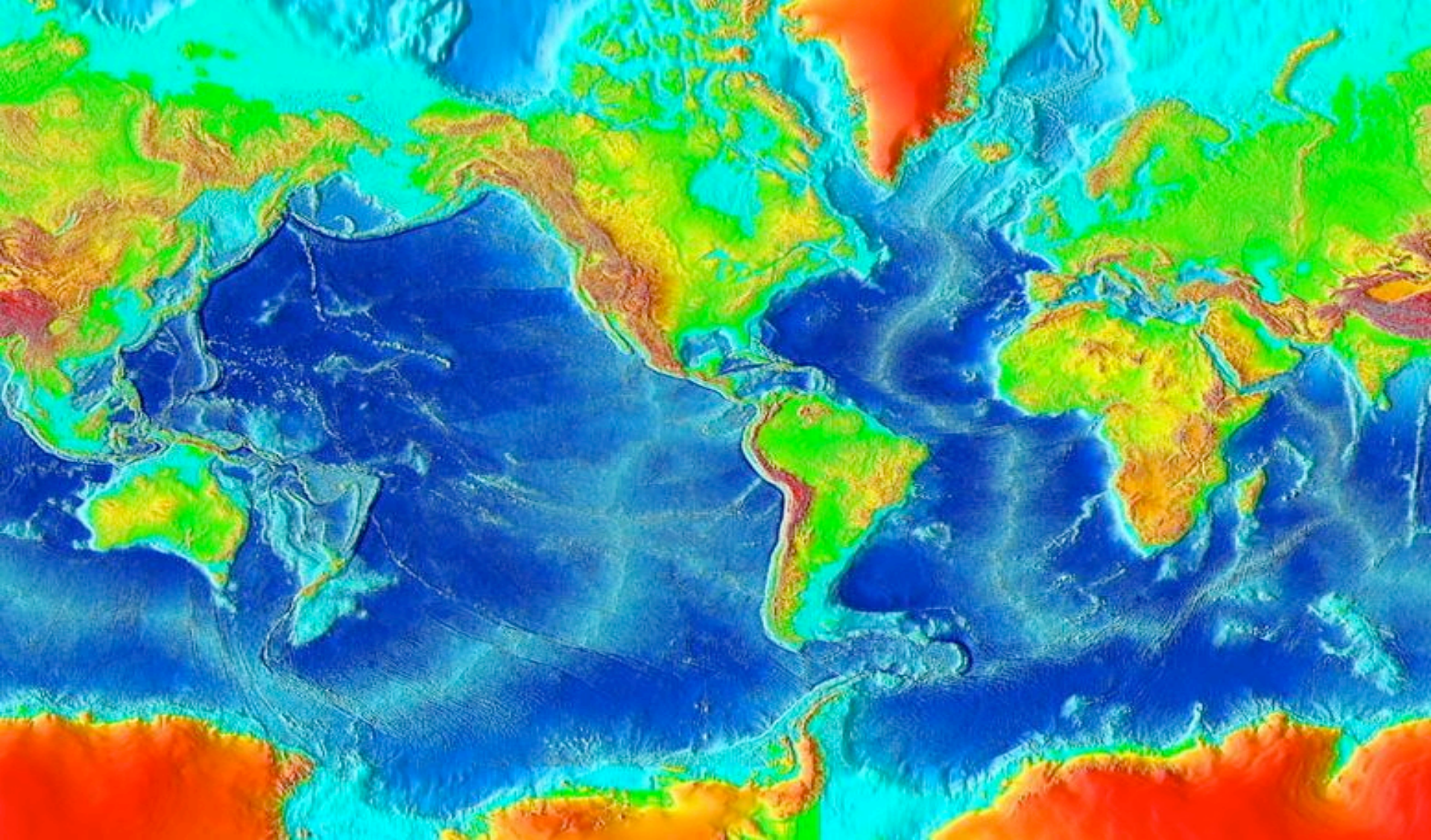


Why is this planet to be the Earth?

- The water vs. shore planet Earth
- How to make the continent
- The reason for operation of plate tectonics
- Water: its contribution to the Earth evolution



The Water Planet Earth





The Water Planet Earth

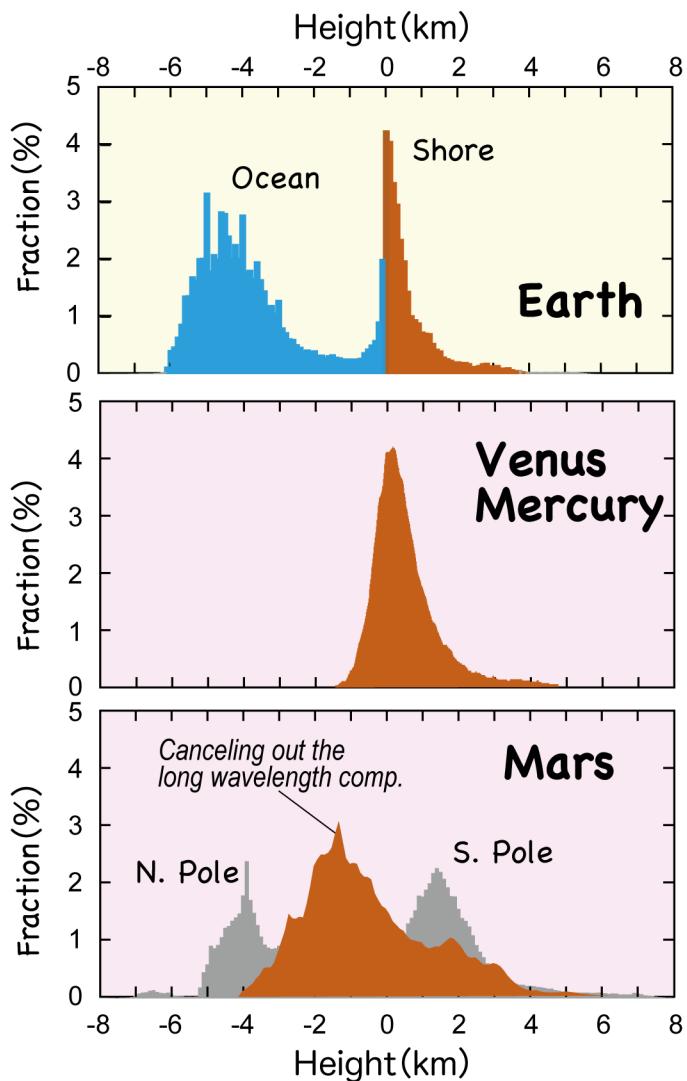


Water:

- covers ~70% of the Earth's surface
- weighs 1.4×10^{18} ton
- has been playing key roles in the evolution of the Earth system



The Shore Planet Earth

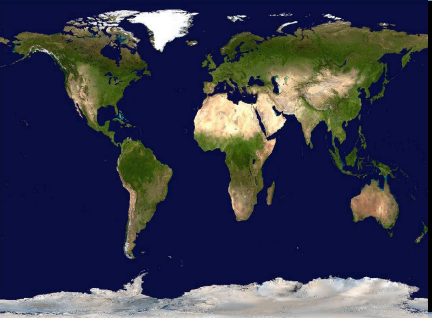


Bi-modal height distribution:
 lowland → ocean
 highland → shore

Uni-modal height distribution:

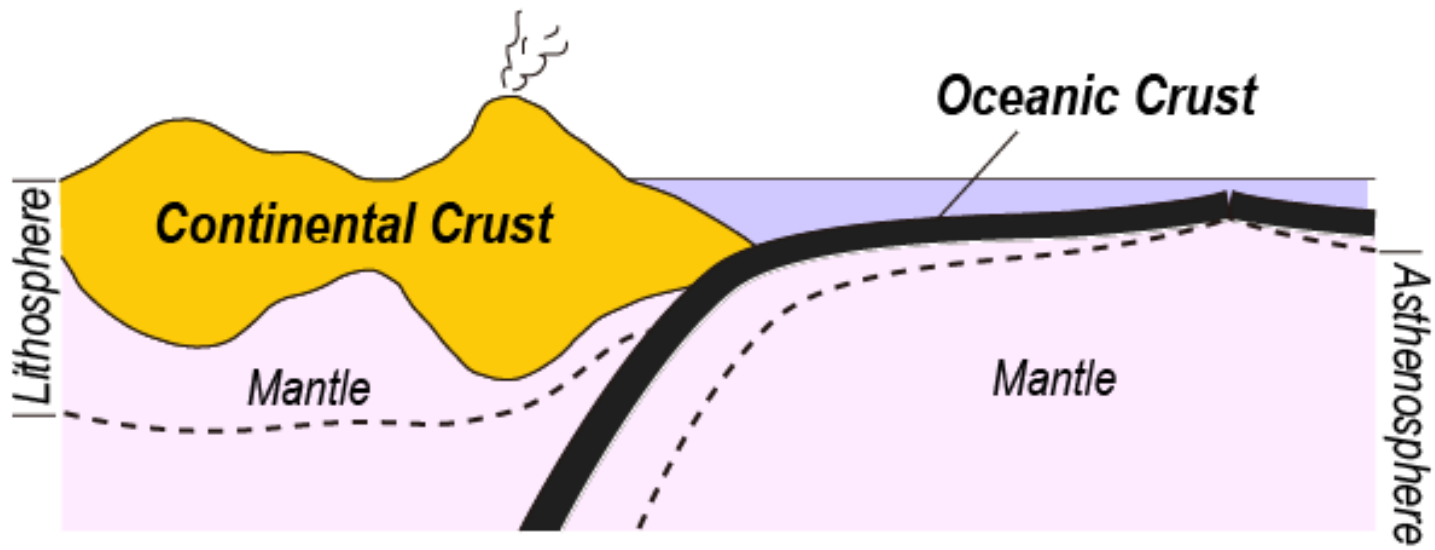
Appears to be bi-modal but is actually uni-modal height distribution
 ← Mars ≠ Mercury

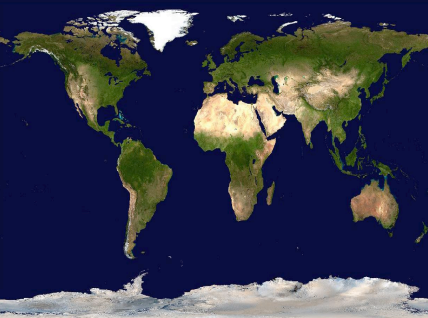




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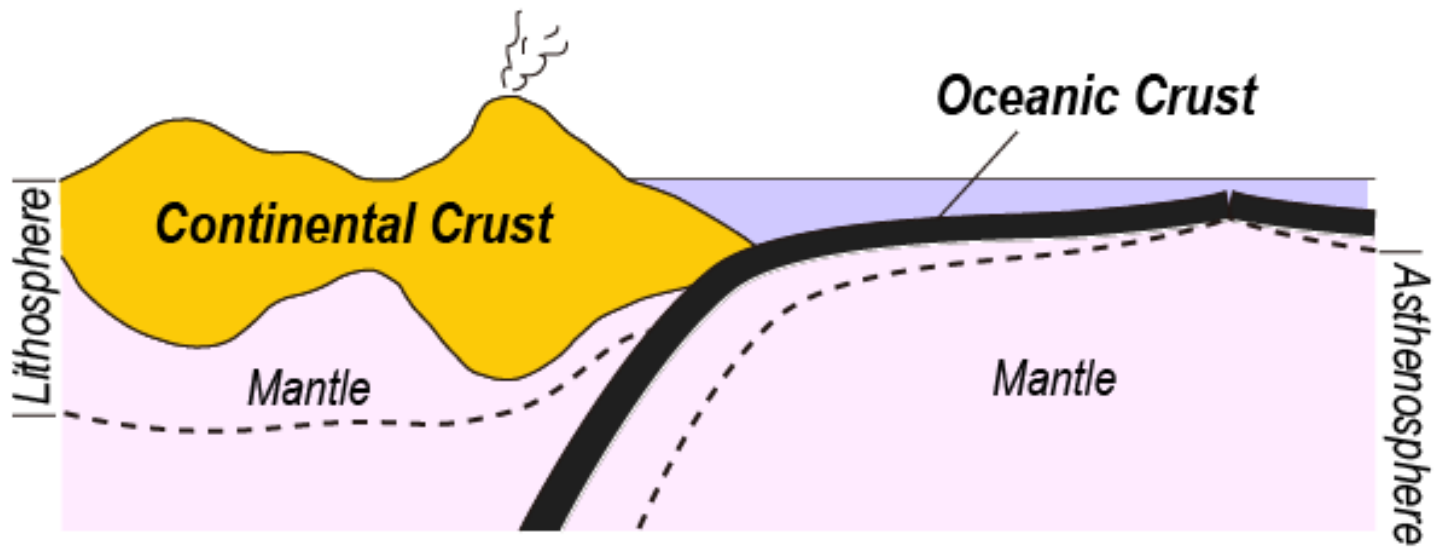
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Thickness	40 km	6 km

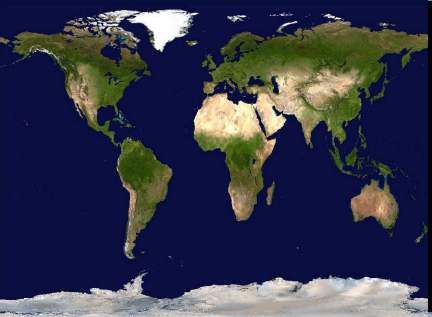




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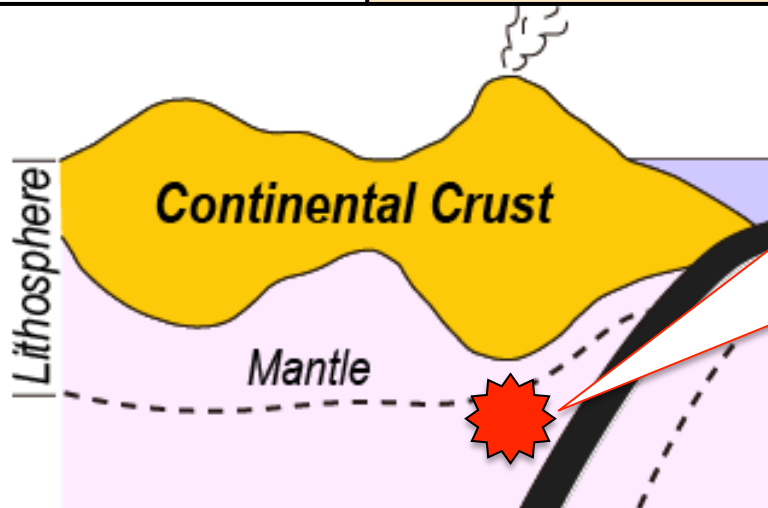
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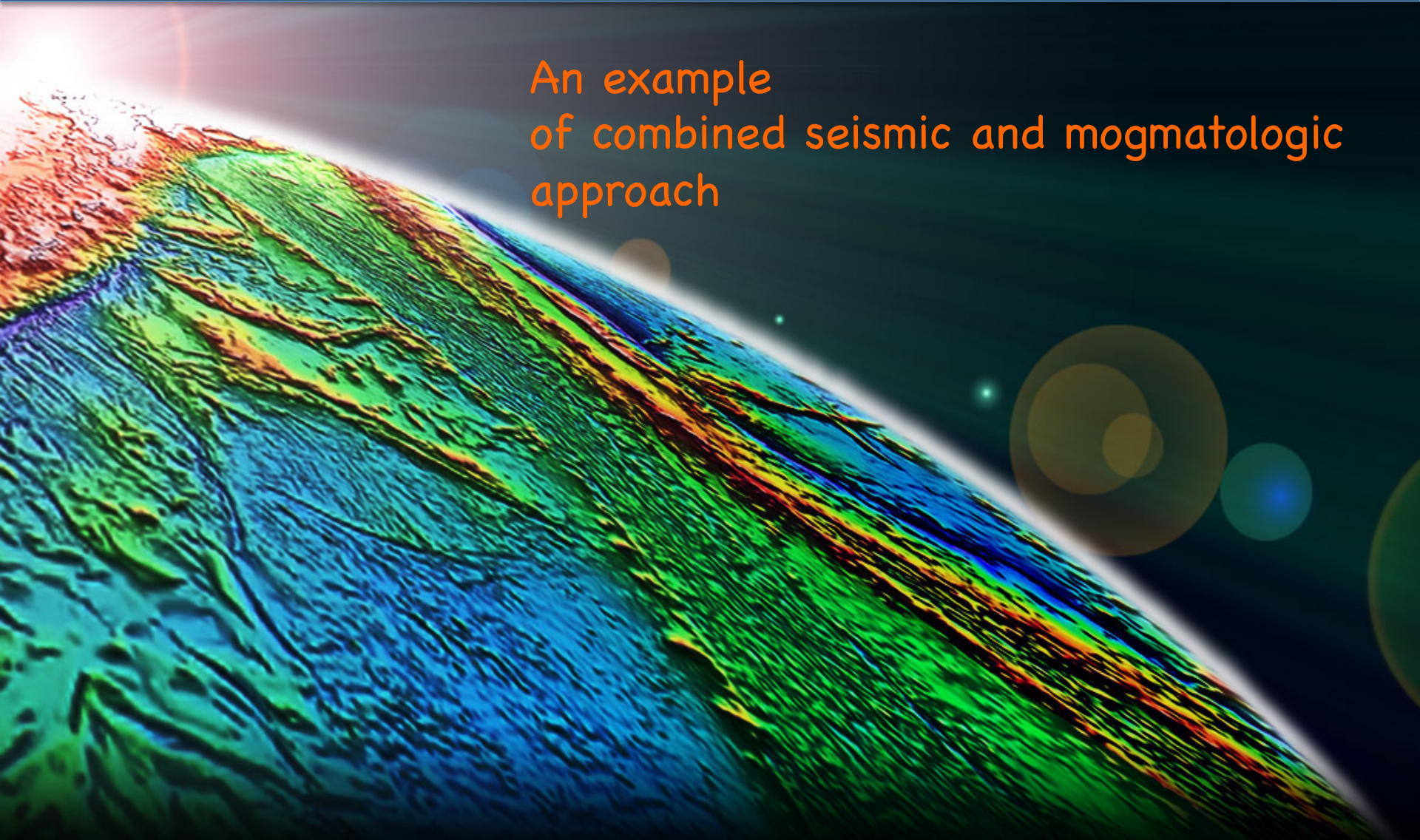
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Arc primary magmas are mafic in composition.

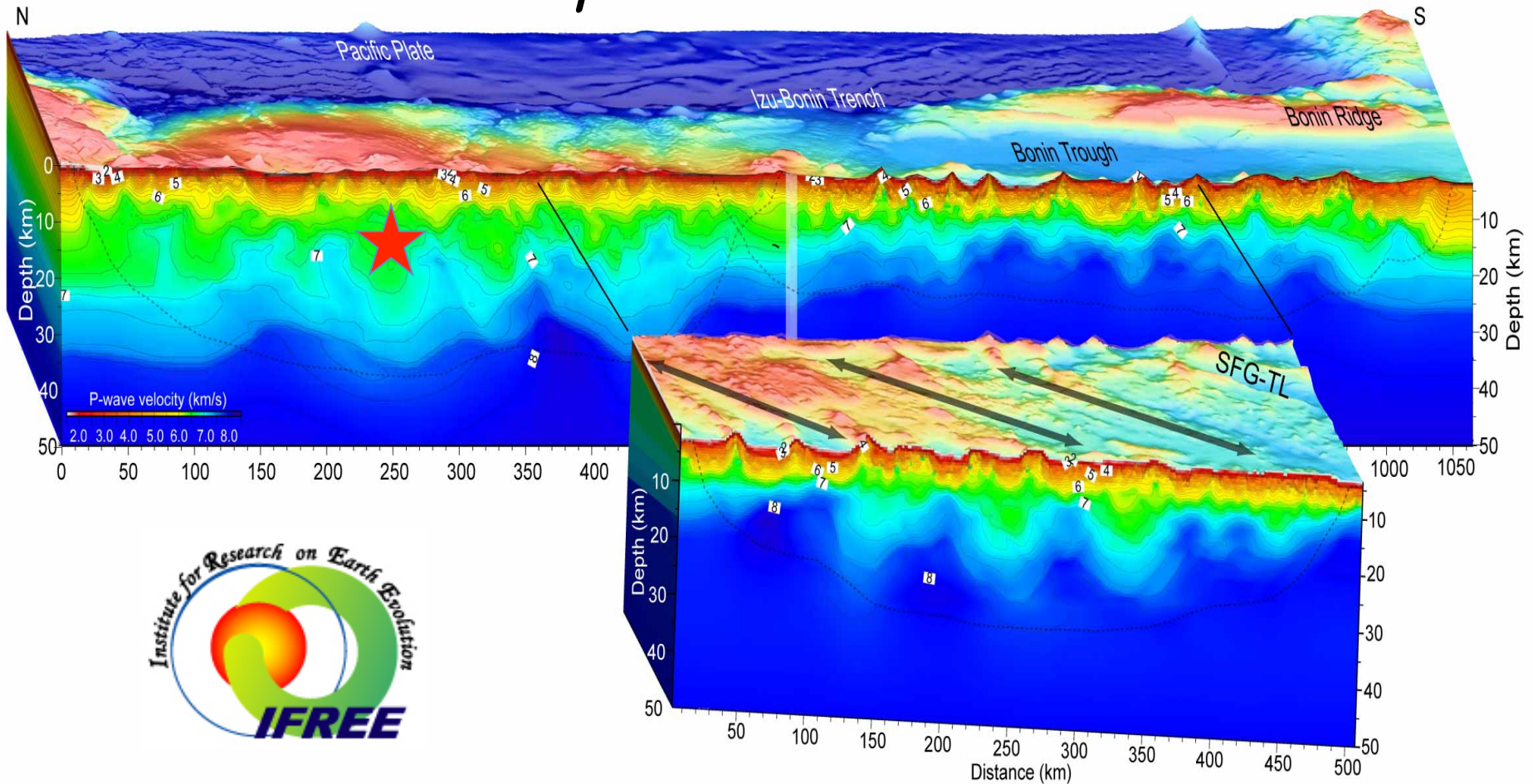
Ocean creates continent: Project IBM

An example
of combined seismic and magmatologic
approach

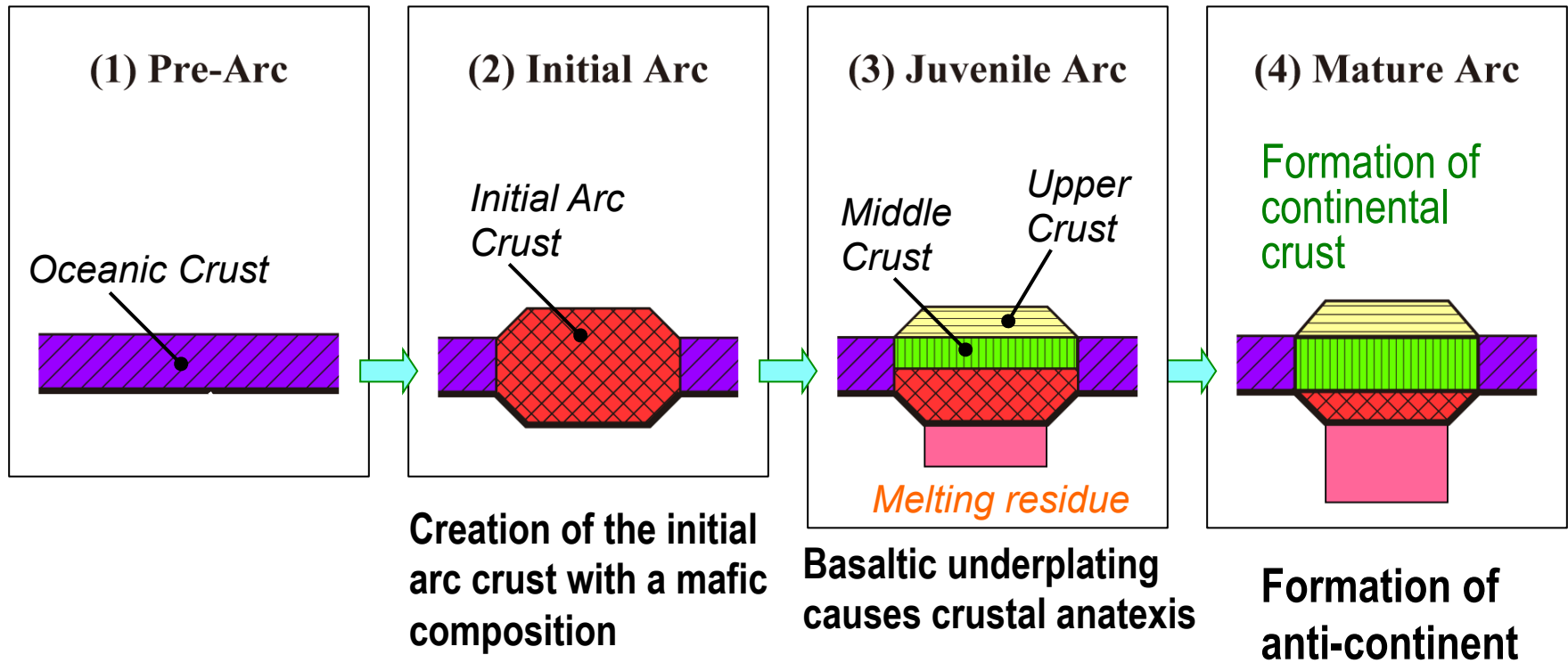


Seismic imaging of IBM crust/mantle

Ubiquitous creation of **continental crust** with $6.5\text{ km/s } V_p$

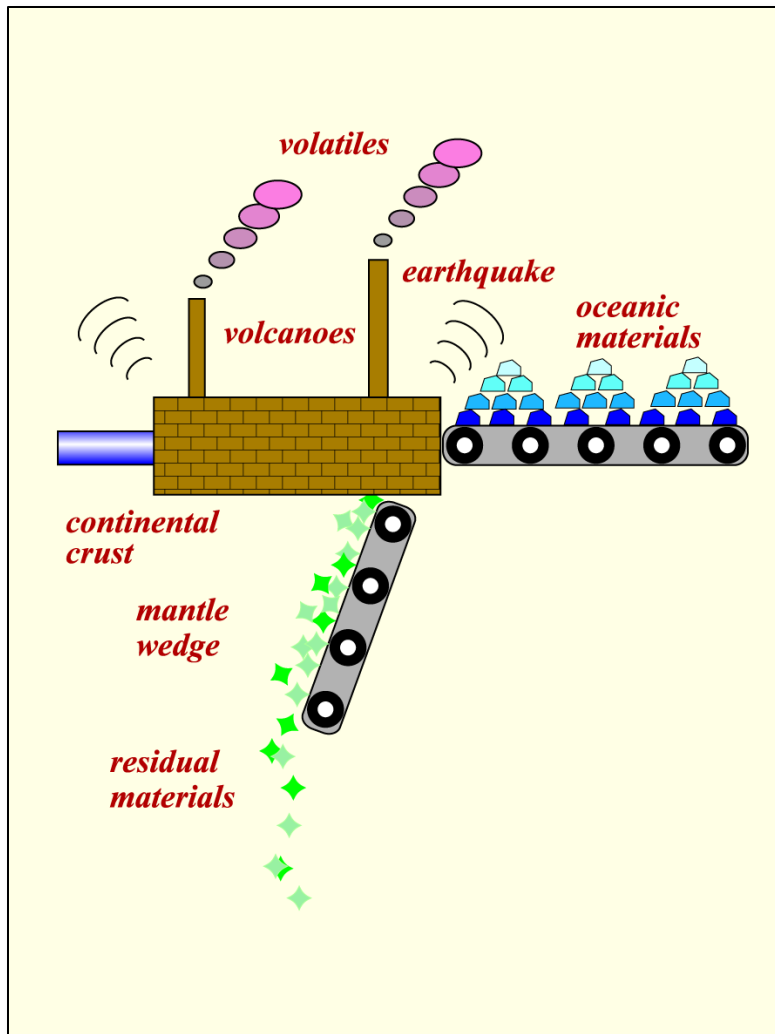


Arc evolution: creating continental crust and anti-continent



- Crust-mantle transformation across the transparent Moho**
- **discharging the ultramafic anti-continent to the mantle**
- **evolving arc crust from mafic to intermediate compositions**

Subduction zones working as a factory



Raw materials

- Oceanic material:
sediments + MORB
- Mantle wedge material

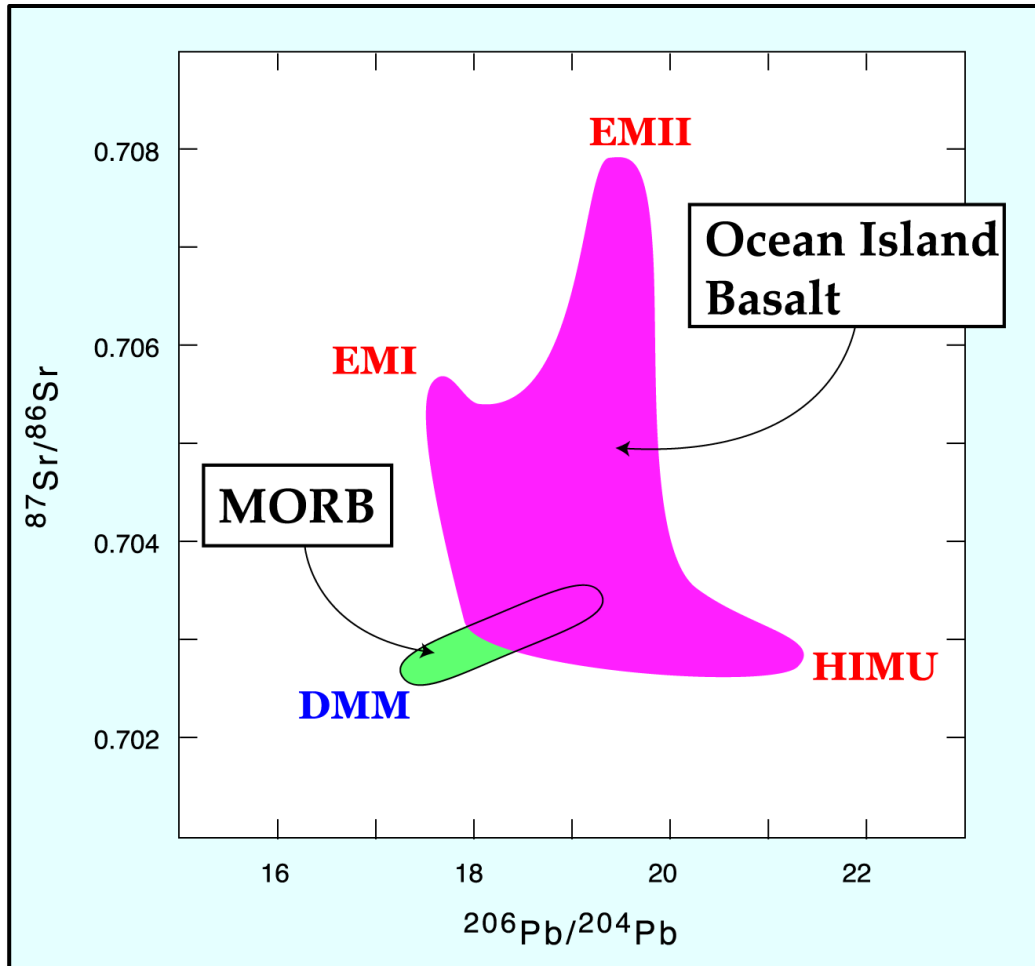
Products

- Magma/Volcanoes
- Volatiles
- Continental crust

Wastes

- Chemically modified sediment
- Chemically modified/fresh MORB
- Anti-continent

SubFac vs. HotspotFac

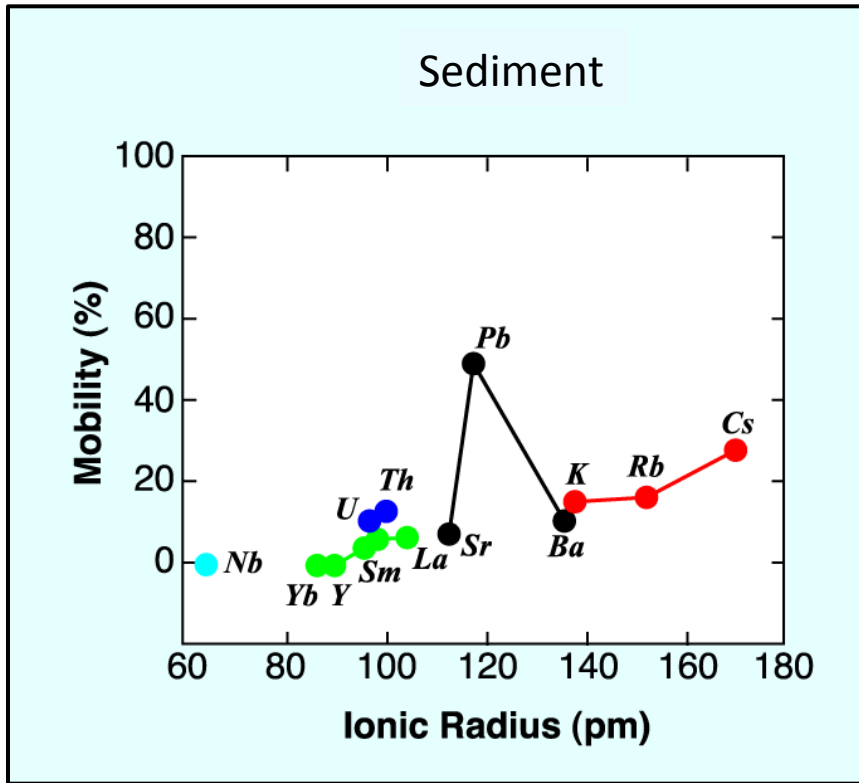


**3 enriched reservoirs
in the deep mantle**

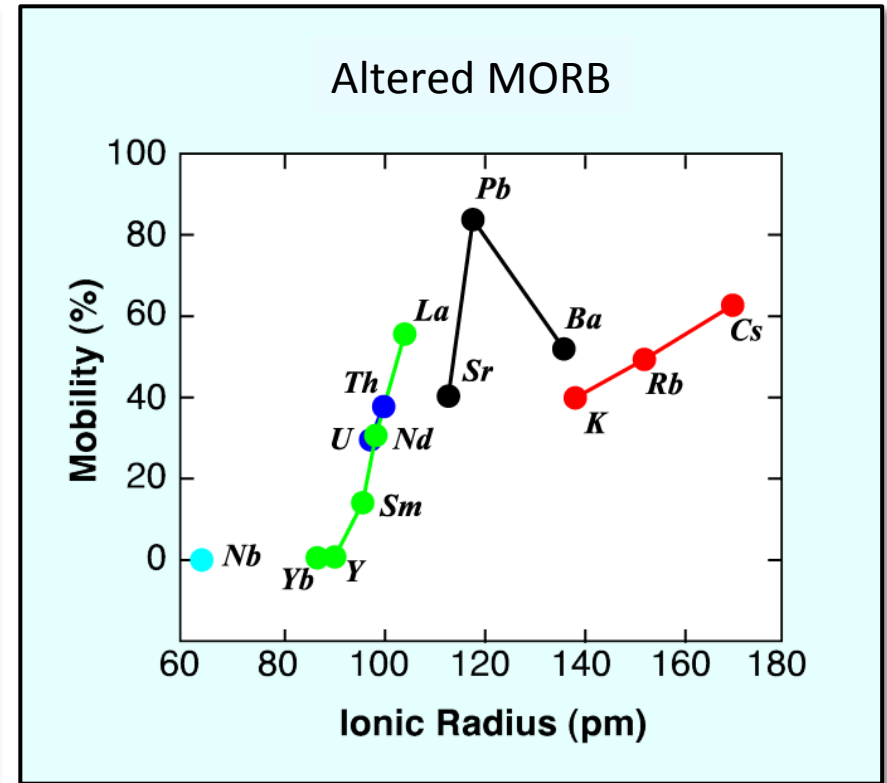
VS.

**3 wastes
from SubFac**

Chemical modification via dehydration

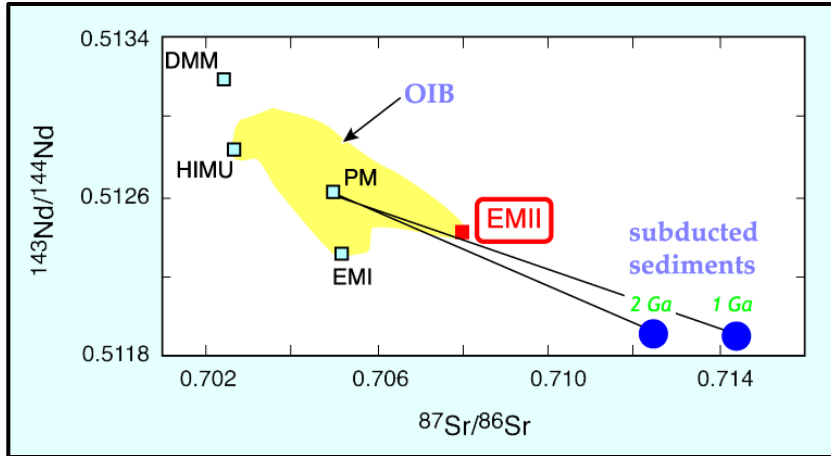


Aizawa et al. (1998)



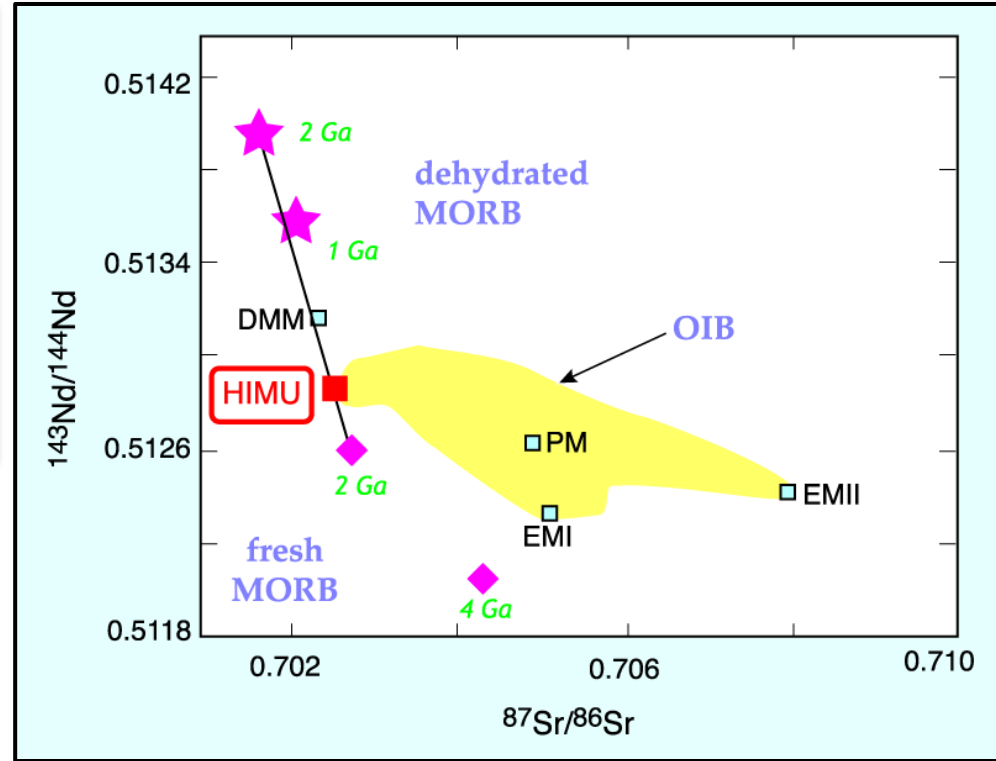
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Isotopic evolution of sediment & MORB



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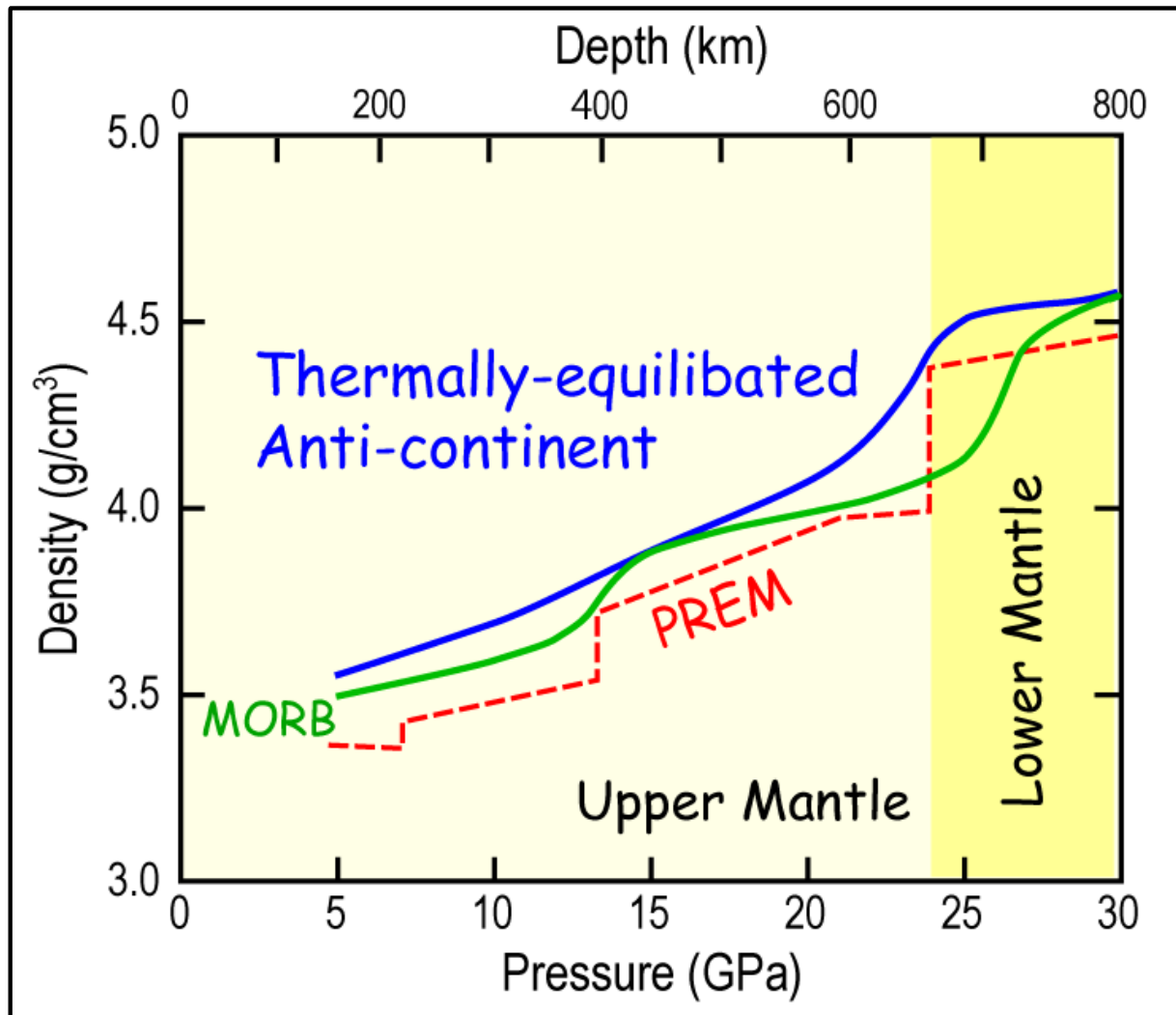
**Dehydrated sediments
→ EMII**



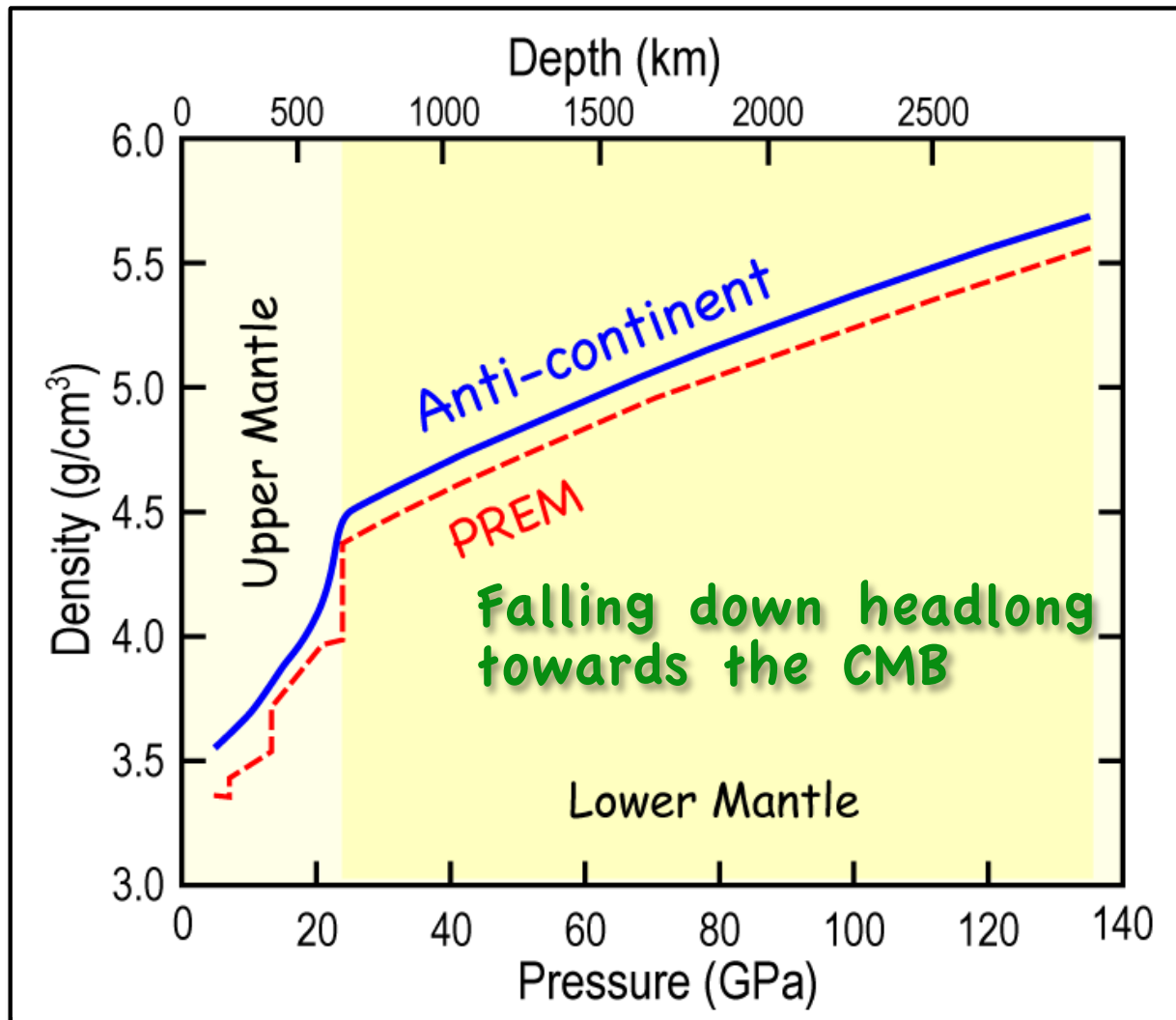
Tatsumi & Kogiso (2005)

**Dehydrated+fresh MORB
→ HIMU**

Fate of the anti-continent: density change

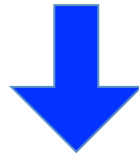


Fate of the anti-continent: density change



Volume of accumulated anti-continent

- ❖ Existing continent: $7.4 \times 10^9 \text{ km}^3$
- ❖ CC Comp: 20% melting of IBC

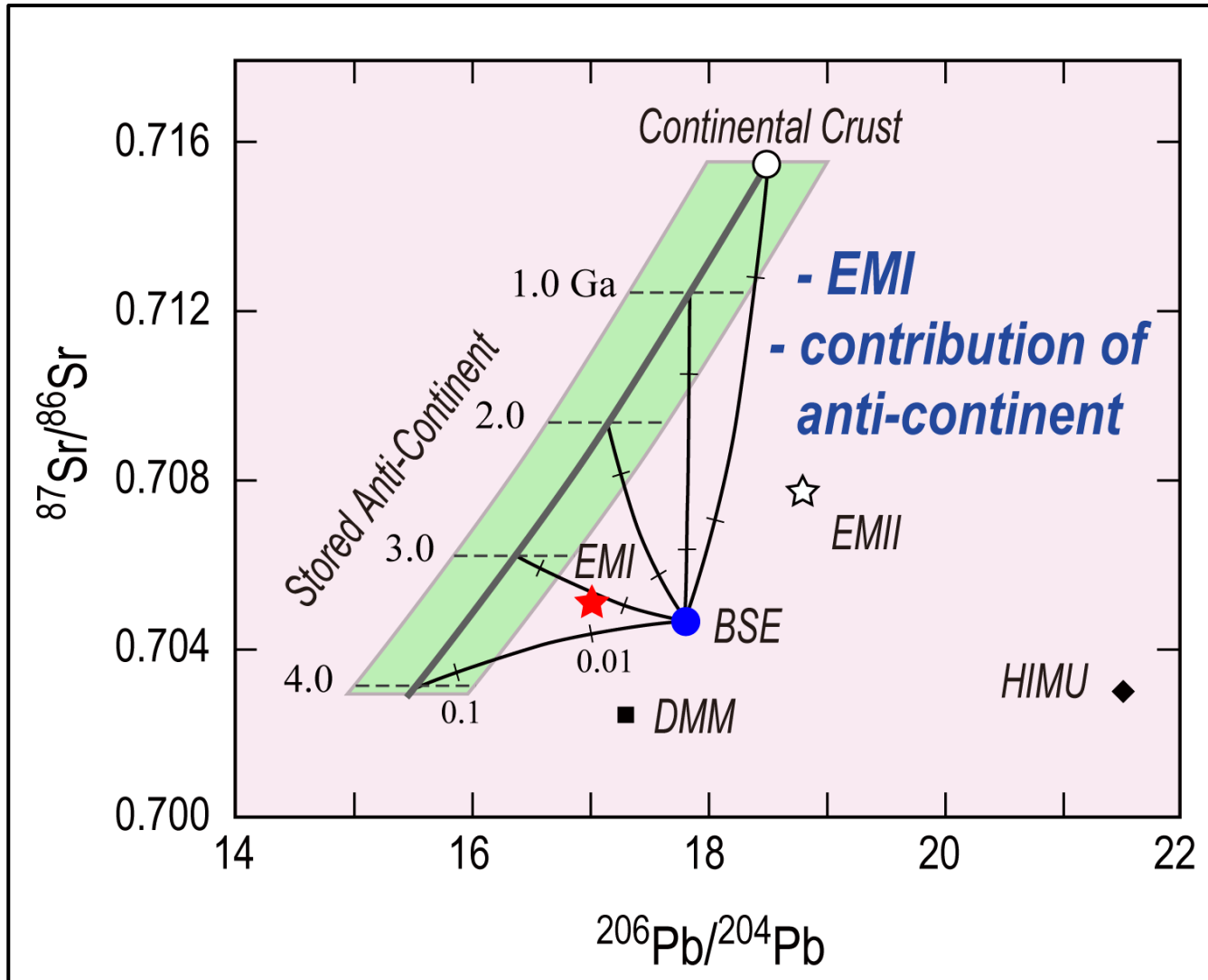


Accumulated A-C: $2.9 \times 10^{10} \text{ km}^3$
~200km layer above CMB

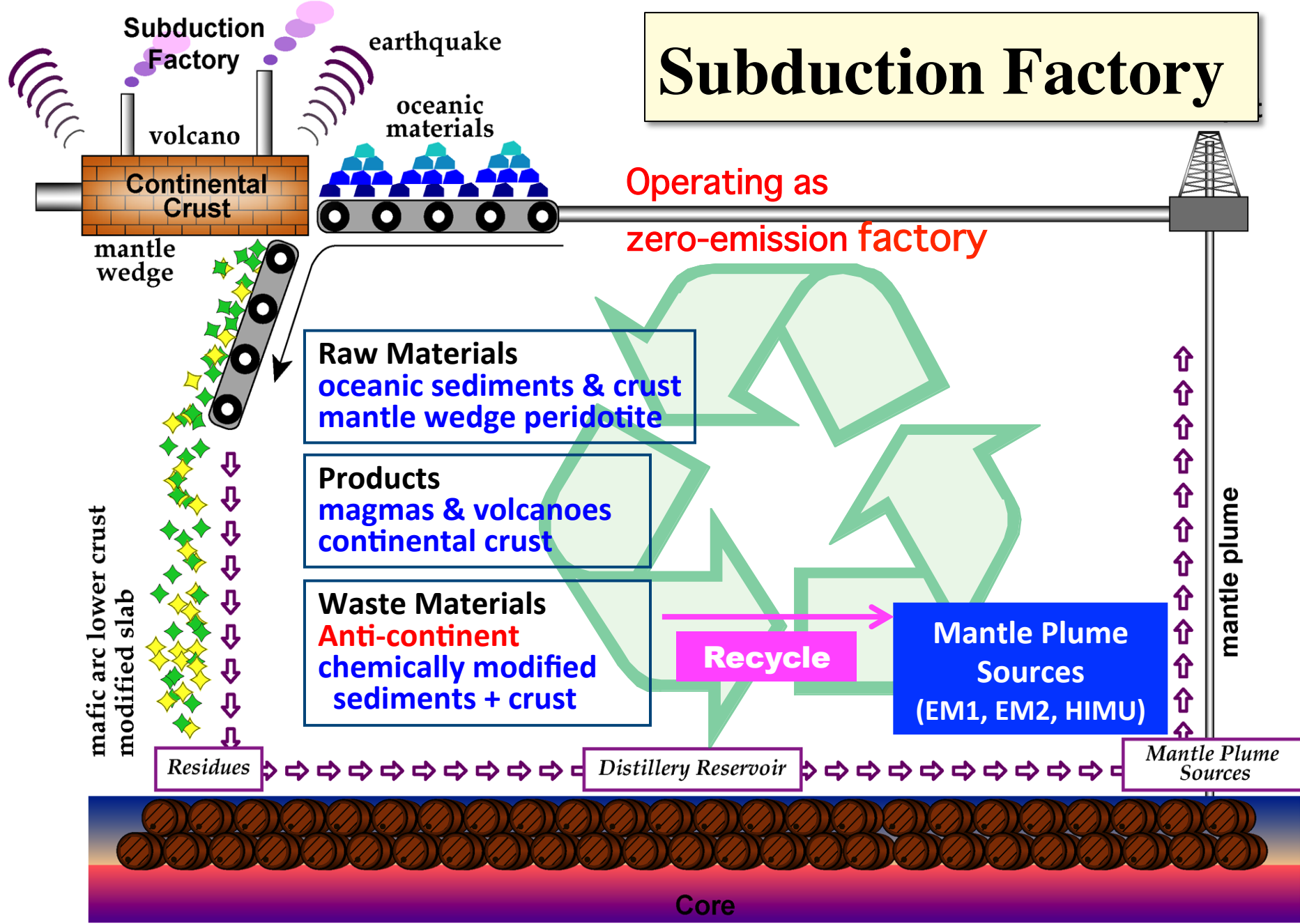


D'' layer: Accretion of A-C?

Fate of the anti-continent: isotopic evolution



Subduction Factory



Operation of SubFac: Consequence of plate tectonics

Why has plate tectonics been working solely on the Earth?

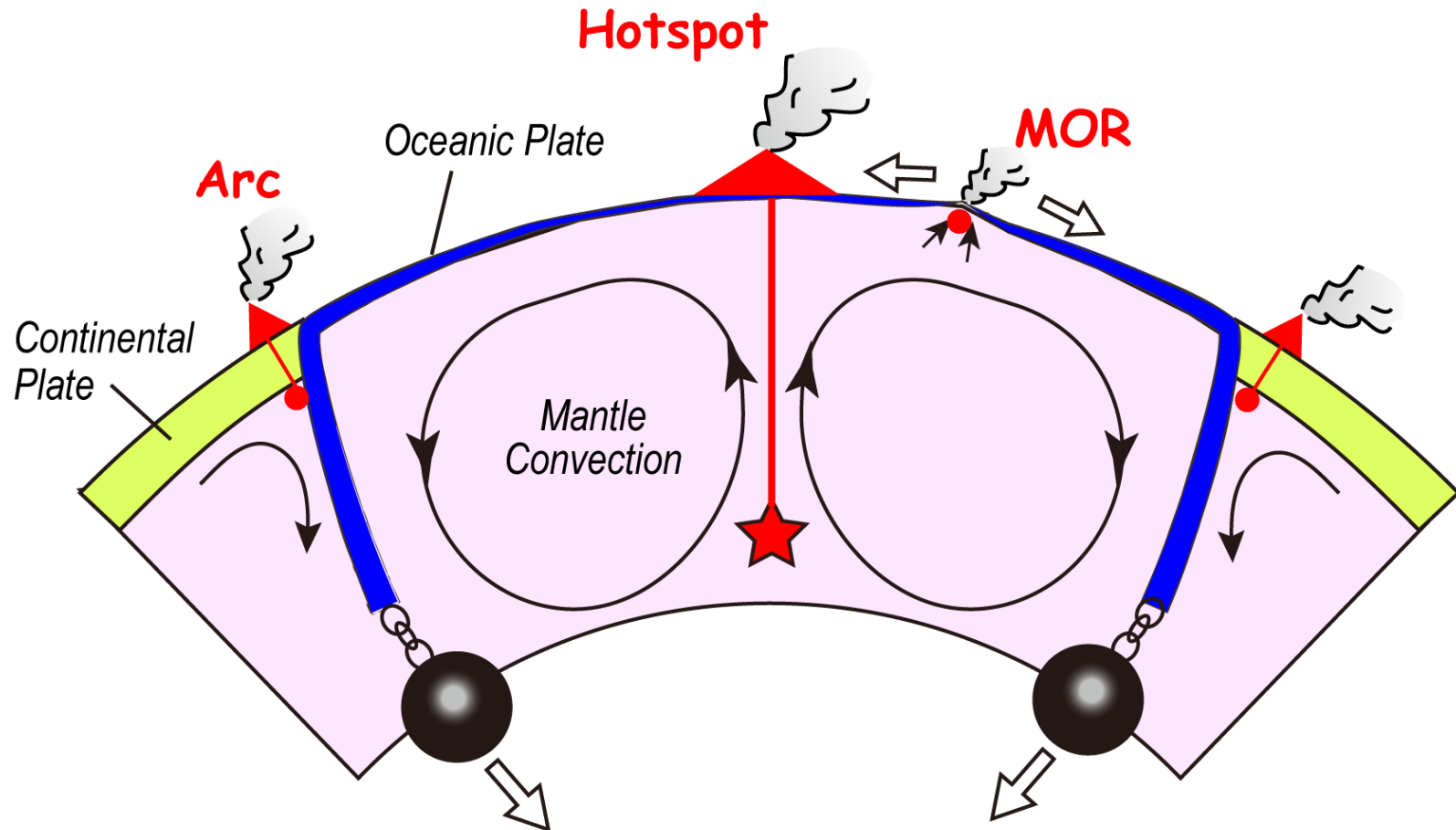
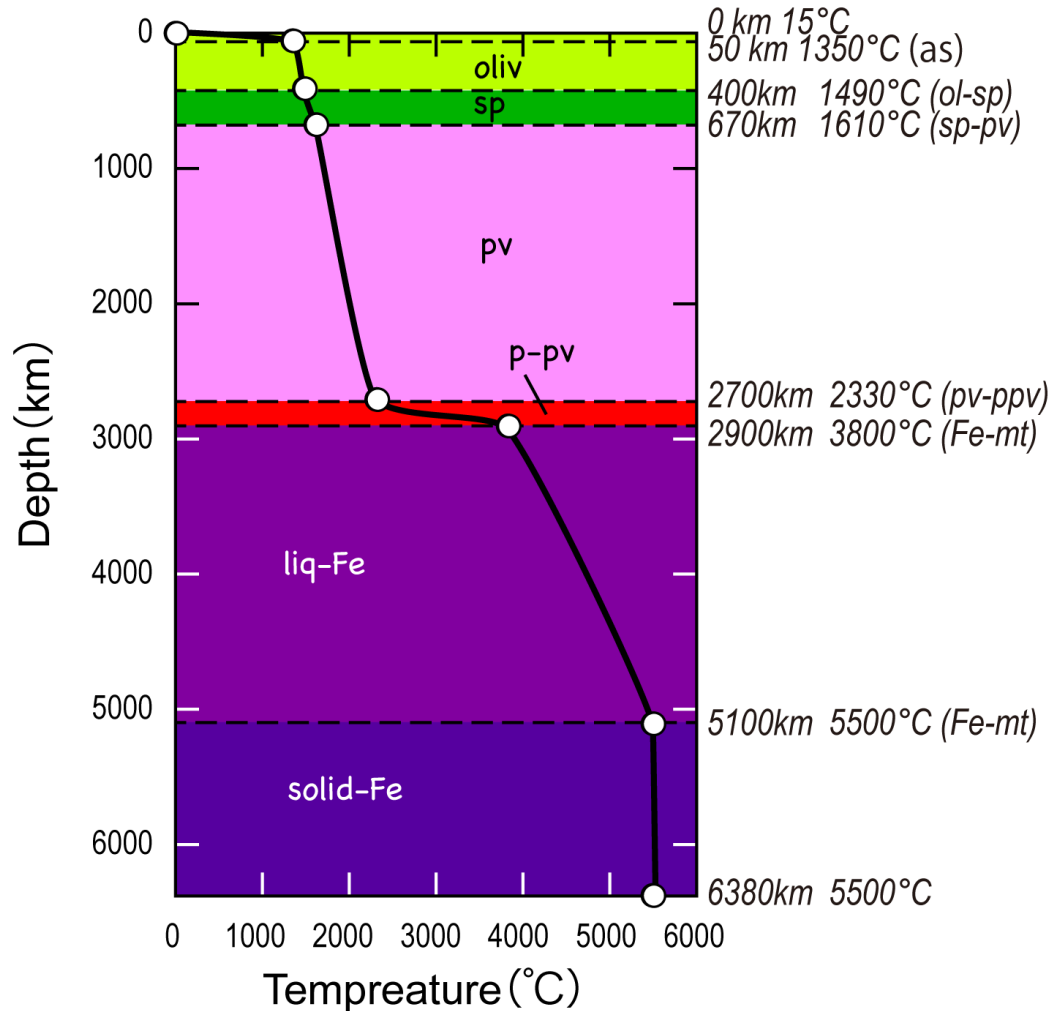


Plate tectonics: consequence of mantle convection

The Earth as an heat engine: Temperature of the Earth's interior



The layered Earth
← Phase changes

Phase boundary
Depth of discontinuity
→ Temp. at the depth

Too small IC
→ little temp. grad.

The Earth as an heat engine: Heat transfer in the solid mantle

Heat transfer:

thermal radiation, heat conduction and convection

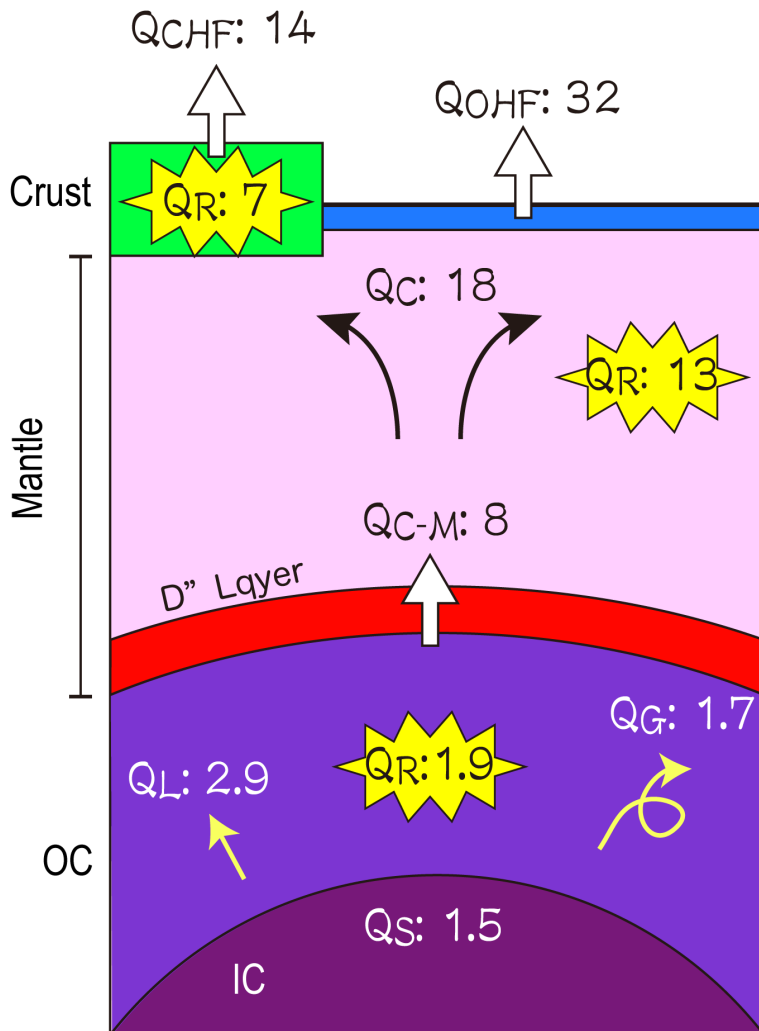
Conduction or convection?



$$Ra \equiv \frac{\rho_0 g \alpha (T_1 - T_0) b^3}{\mu K}$$

$Ra > 10^6$ for the mantle \gg critical Ra

The Earth as an heat engine: Heat transfer by mantle convection



Heat loss from the surface
 $Q_{CHF} + Q_{OHF} = 46$ TW

Heat from the core
 $Q_{C-M} = 8$ TW
 $\leftarrow \Delta T, \kappa, d$ of D'' TBL

Latent heat : 2.9

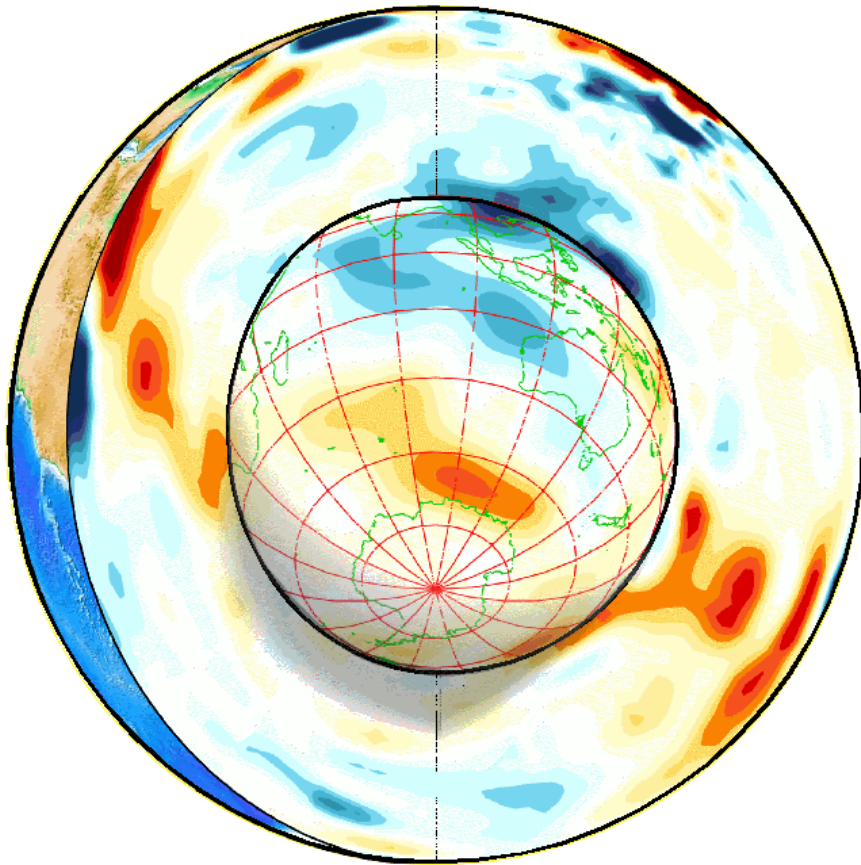
Gravitational work: 1.7

Radioactive heating: 1.9 (K=300ppm)

Core cooling: 1.5

Heat budget in the mantle
 $Q_C = 46 - 8 - Q_R = 18$ TW
 \rightarrow mantle convection

The Earth as an heat engine: Heat transfer by mantle convection



$$Q_C = V \times \rho \times C_p \times \Delta T / \Delta t$$

$$\rho = 4 \times 10^3$$

$$C_p = 10^3$$

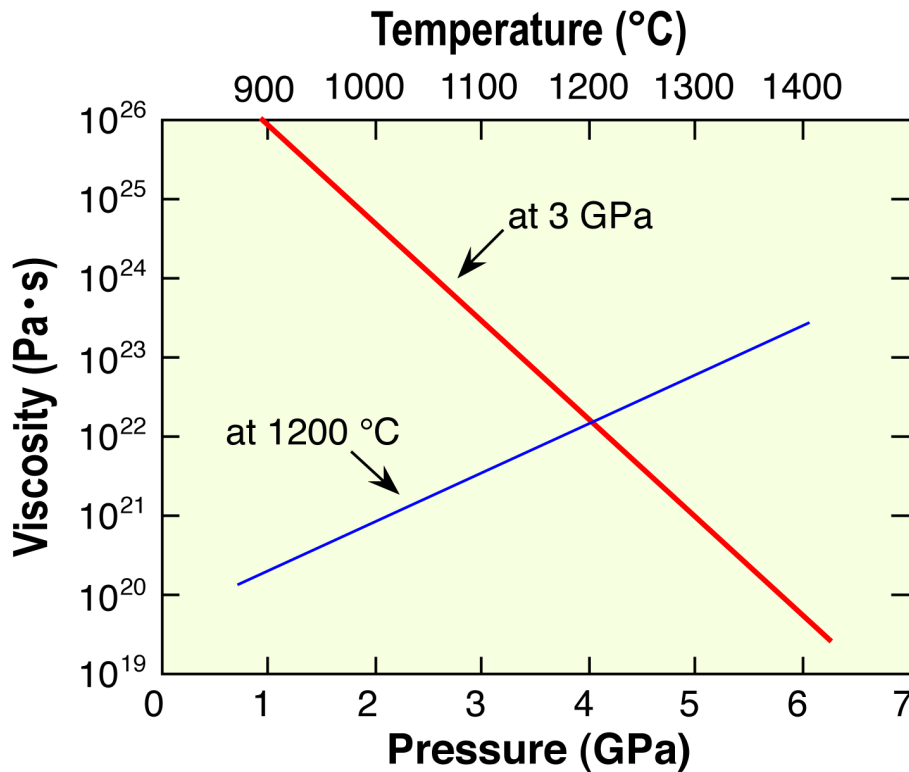
$$\Delta T = 10^3$$

$$\Delta t = 5 \text{ cm/y for } 2900 \text{ km}$$

$$V = \Phi \text{ SP Plume, } 500 \text{ km}$$

$$Q_C = 10 \text{ TW} \sim 18 \text{ TW}$$

Mantle Convection vs. Plate Tectonics: P/T dependence of viscosity



$$\eta = \eta_0 \exp\left(\frac{E + PV}{RT}\right)$$

T-dependent mantle viscosity
→ litho- & astheno-sphere
→ plate tectonics

Mantle Convection vs. Plate Tectonics: Stagnant Lid Convection

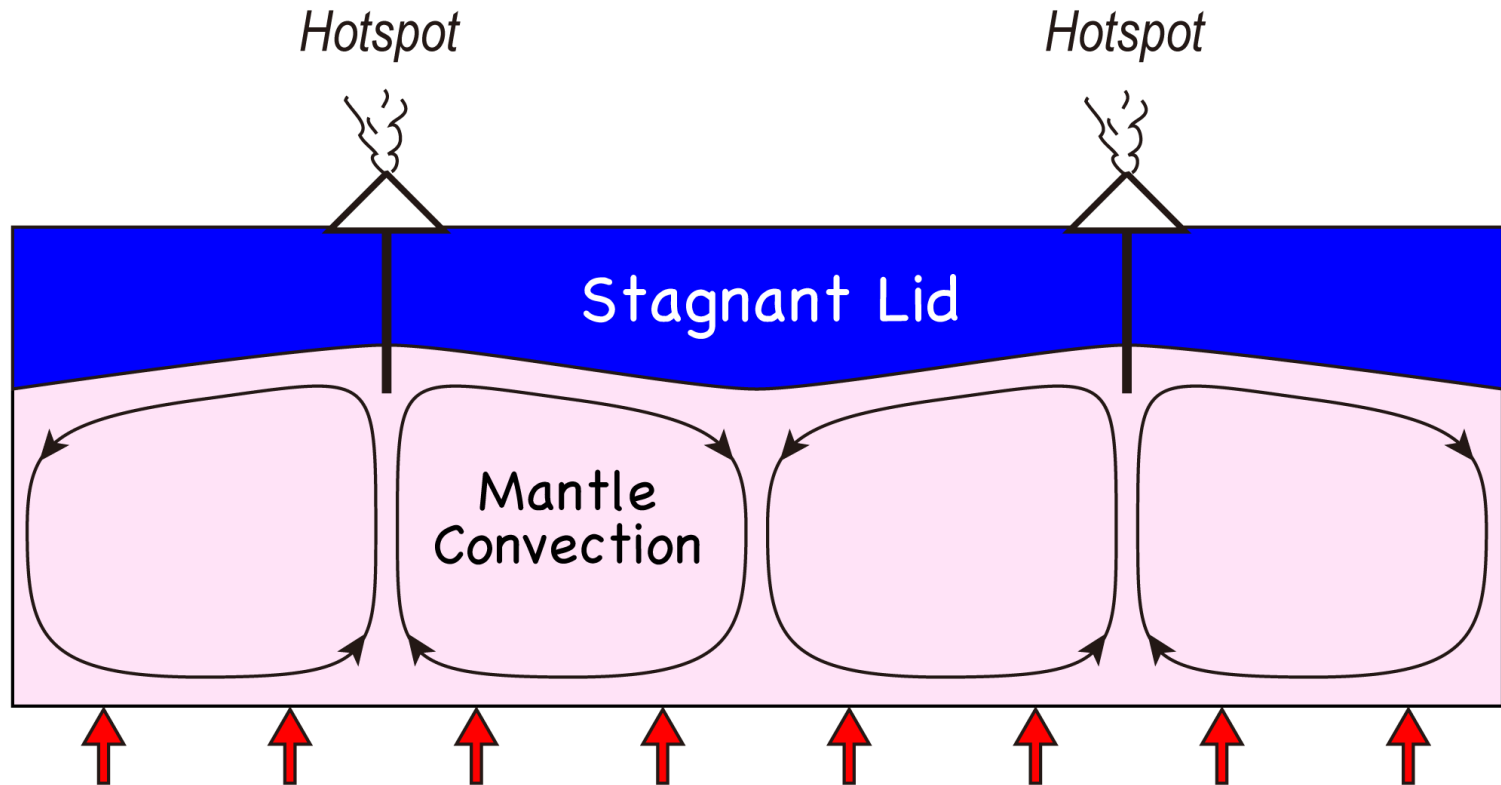
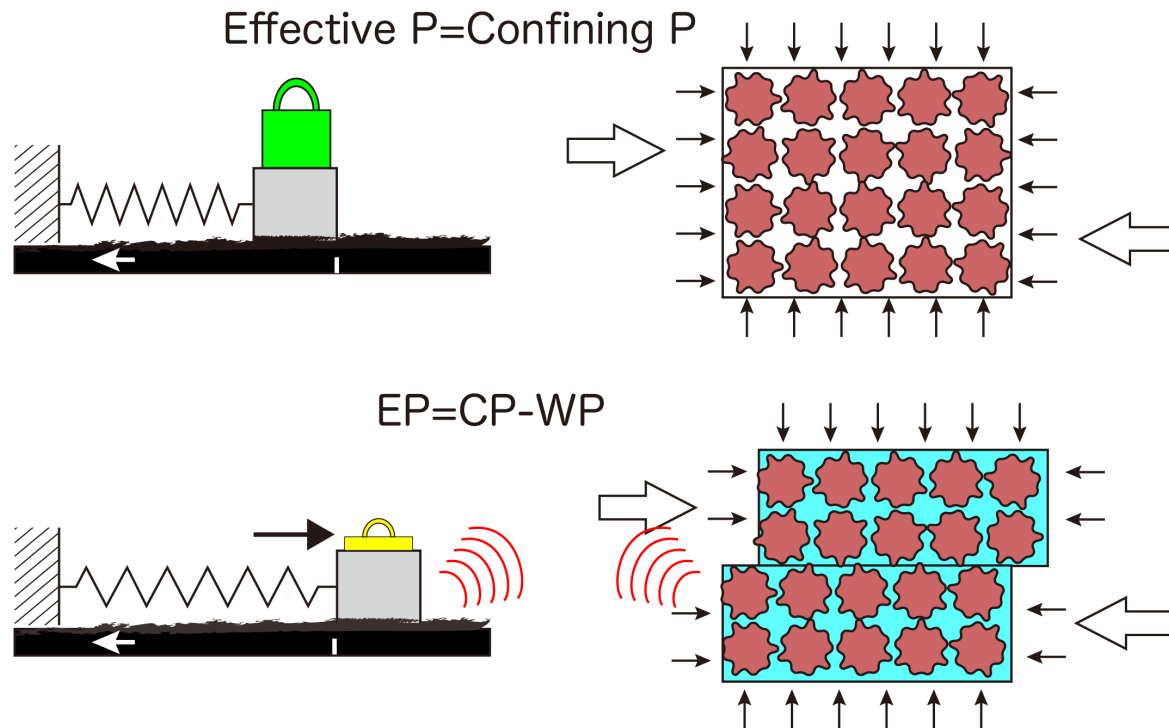


Plate is highly stagnant → Plate tectonics does not work
Mantle convection in the Venus and Mercury

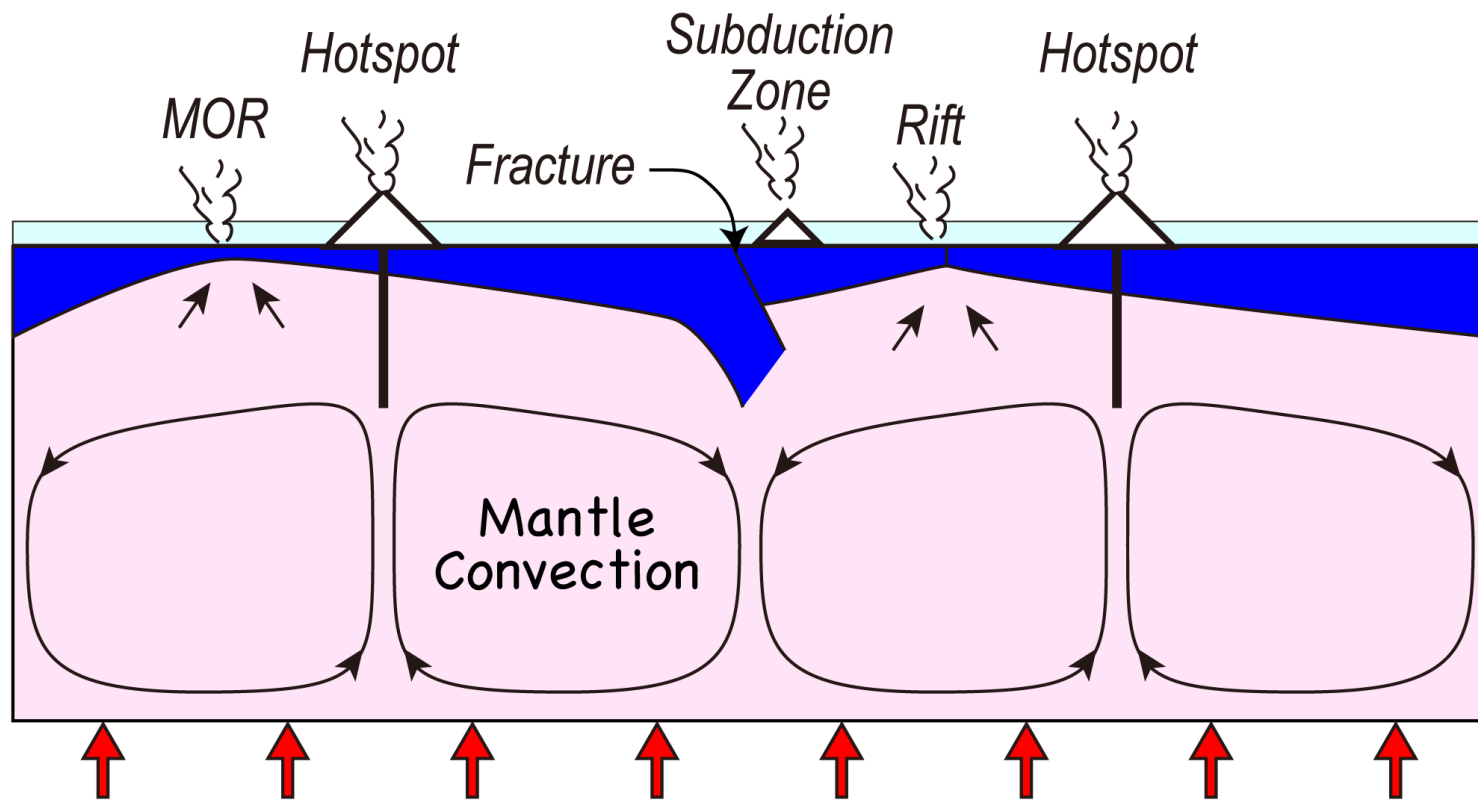
Mantle Convection vs. Plate Tectonics: Strength of 'rock'



Water reduces the strength of rock

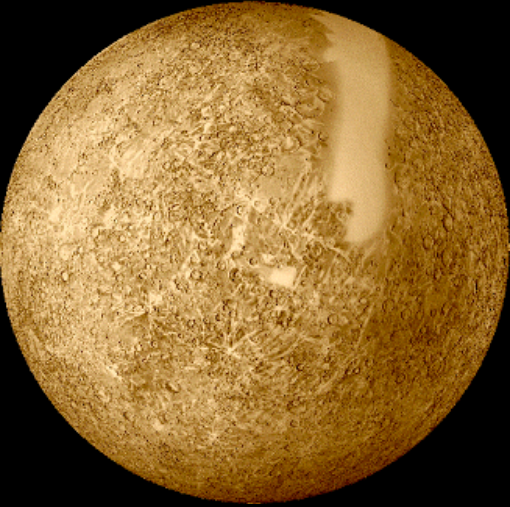
→ The surface liquid water is critical in plate motion

Mantle Convection vs. Plate Tectonics: The role of fracture within the plate



Liquid water → Fracture → Plate Tectonics

The presence of water at the surface: the ultimate cause of being the Earth



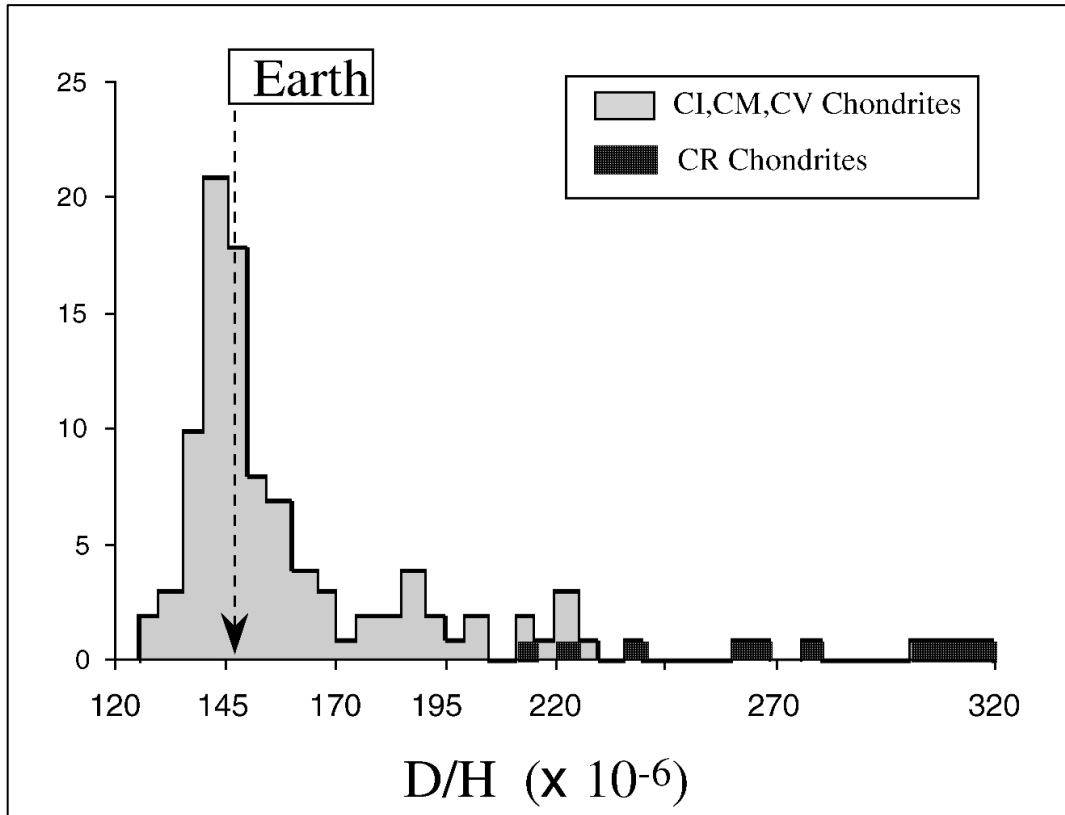
❖ The origin
of water

❖ The conditions suitable for the
presence of liquid water

Why liquid water at the surface?

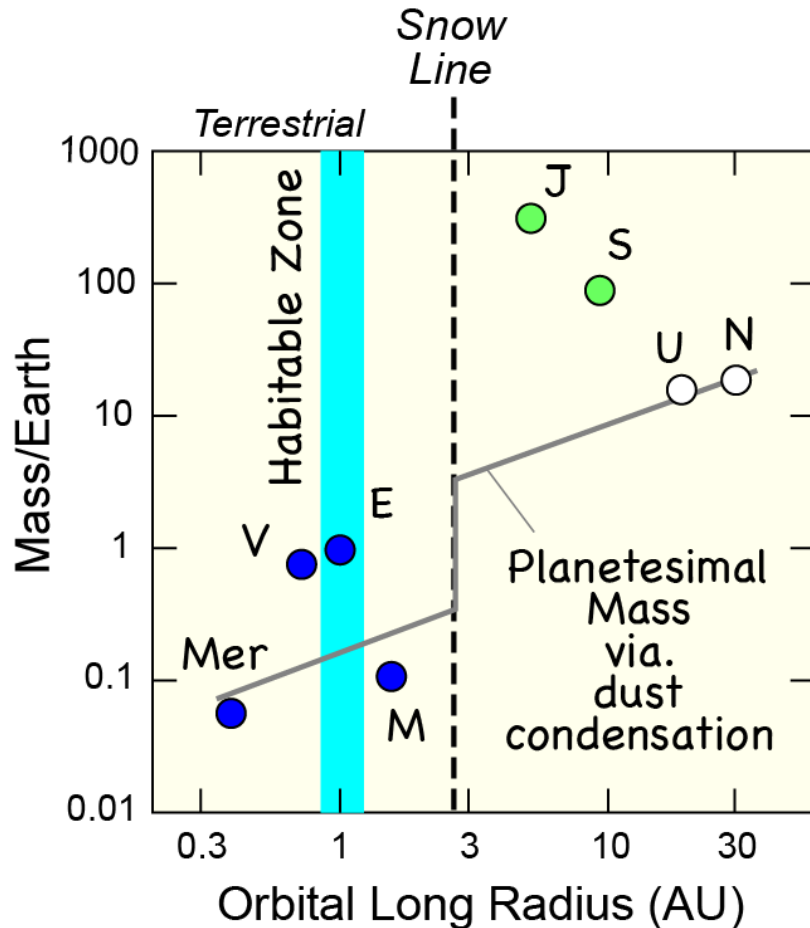
Origin of water

Carbonaceous chondrite:
A plausible source of the Earth and water



- ❖ Max. 17wt% H₂O
- ❖ Deuterium/Hydrogen ratio identical to the Earth (ocean)

Why no liquid water at the surface? Mars



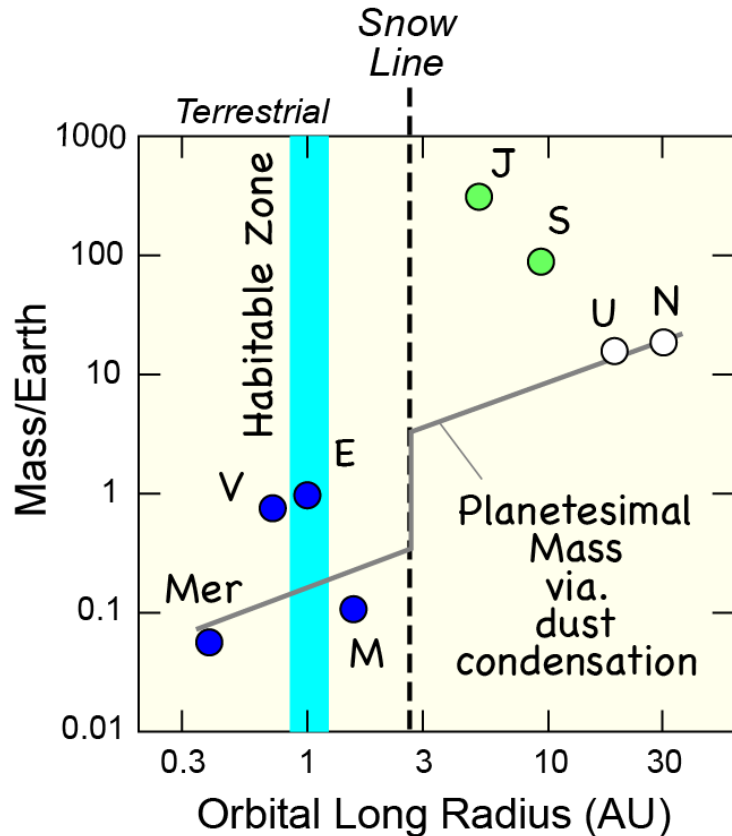
- ✧ Earth/Venus: giant impact
- ✧ Mars: Planetesimal mass

Mars used to be a water planet by green house effect

← Dissipation of atmosphere

← Too small mass

Why no liquid water at the surface? Venus



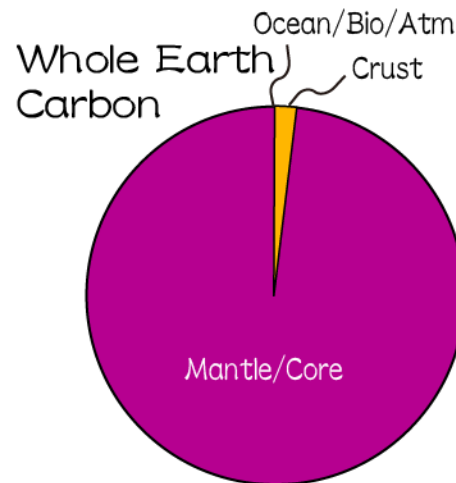
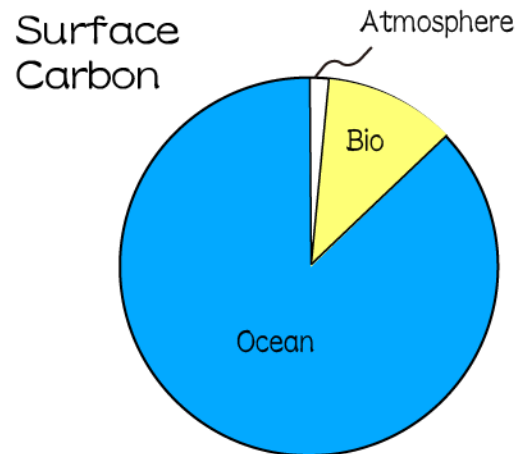
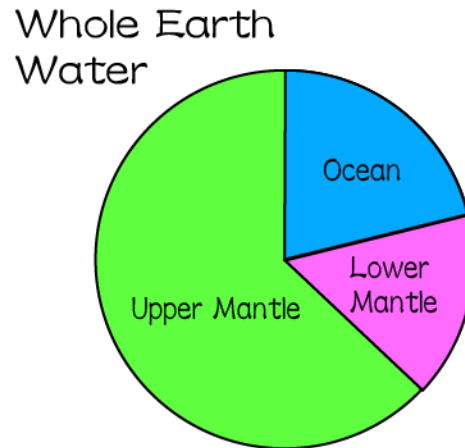
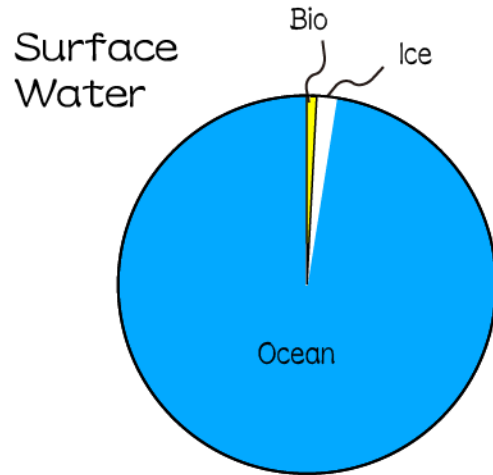
- ✧ Severe heating by sunshine
→ higher-T for liq. water
- ✧ Simple but not true
← highly reflective atmosphere

Strong green house effect by
CO₂-rich atmosphere

← Decomposition of H₂O into
H and O by severe UVR and
subsequent dissipation to the
space

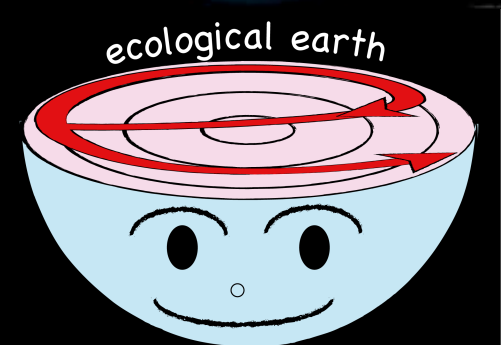
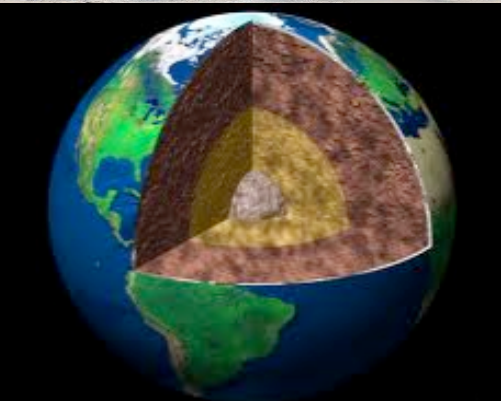
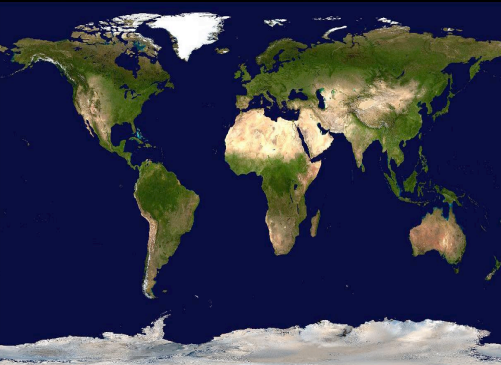
← No carbonate deposition in
liq. water

Water in the Earth



Earth's interior:
→ Huge reservoir
of CHO

Why is this planet to be the Earth?



- ❖ The Earth is the only planet having both continent/ocean, i.e., high/lowlands
- ❖ This is caused by operation of plate tectonics
- ❖ Plate tectonics is triggered by both mantle convection and the presence of liquid water at the surface
- ❖ The distance from the Sun and the mass of the Earth are essential parameters in the presence of liquid water
- ❖ Distribution of CHO in the Earth's interior is to be understood

Thanks...