

Some shapes of plate tectonics to come



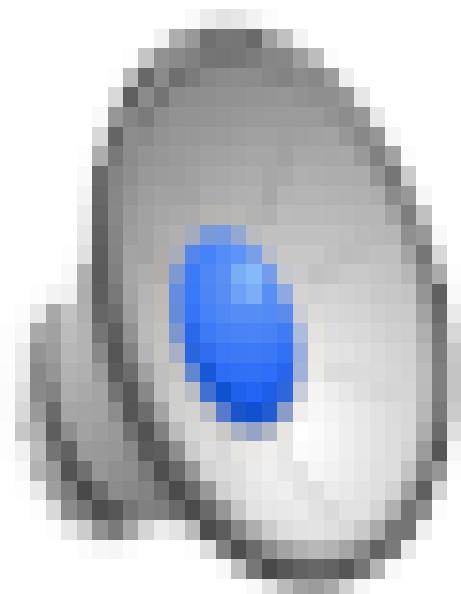


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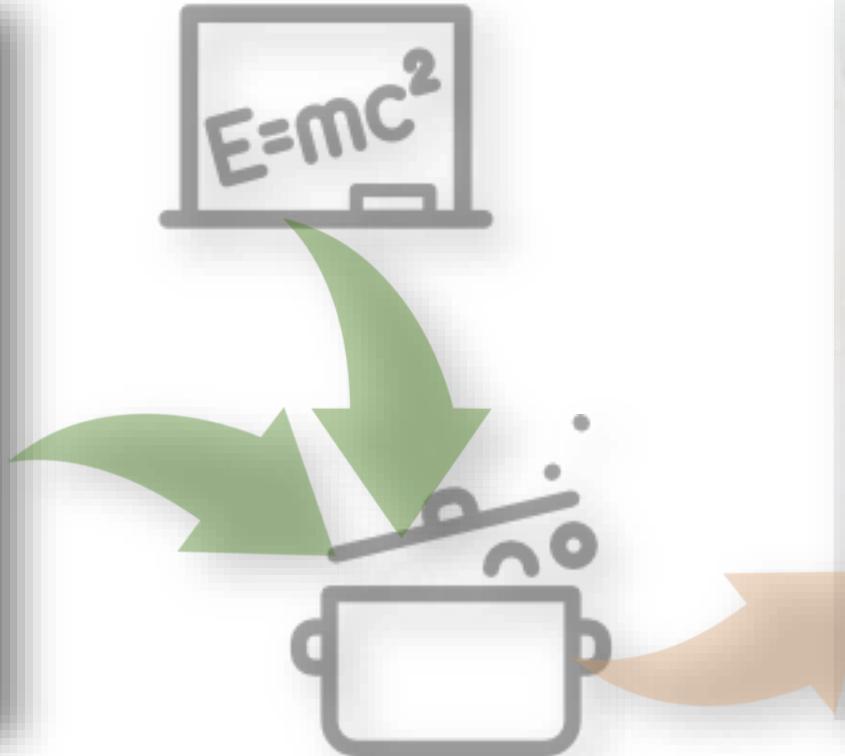


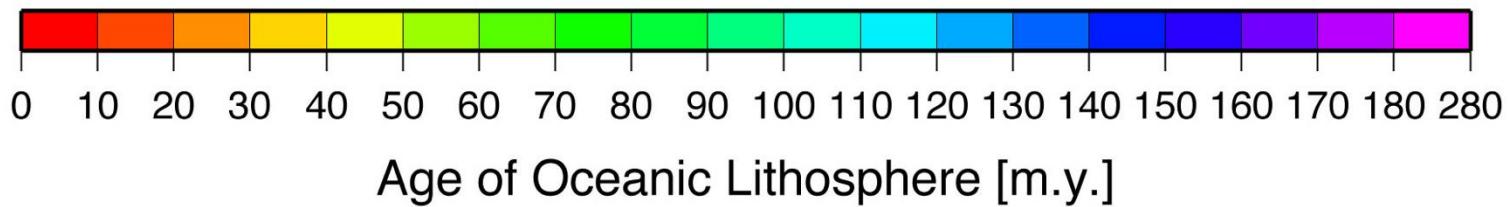
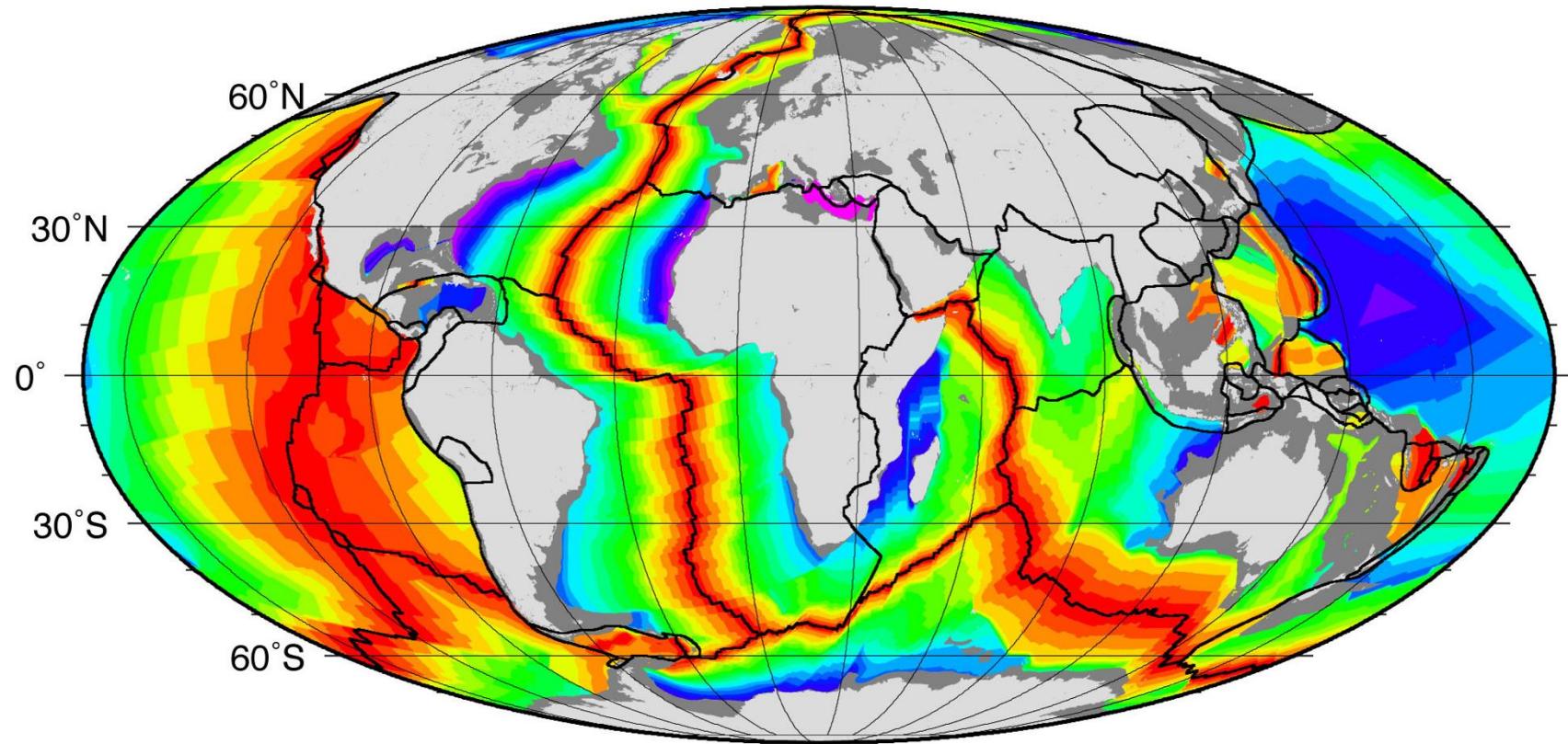
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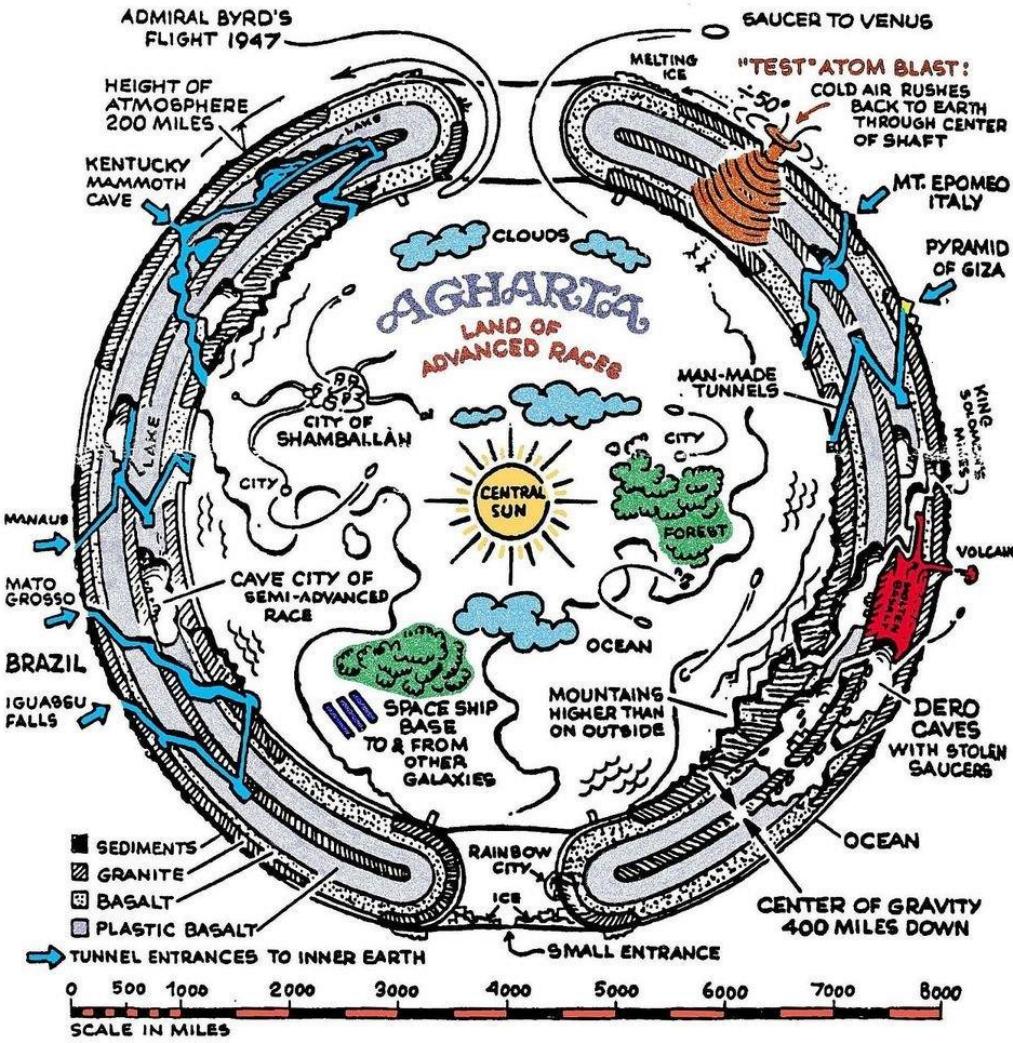
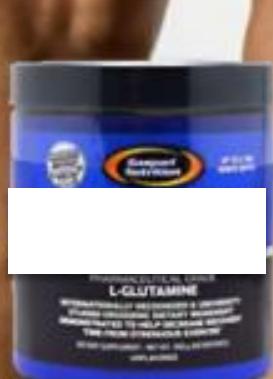




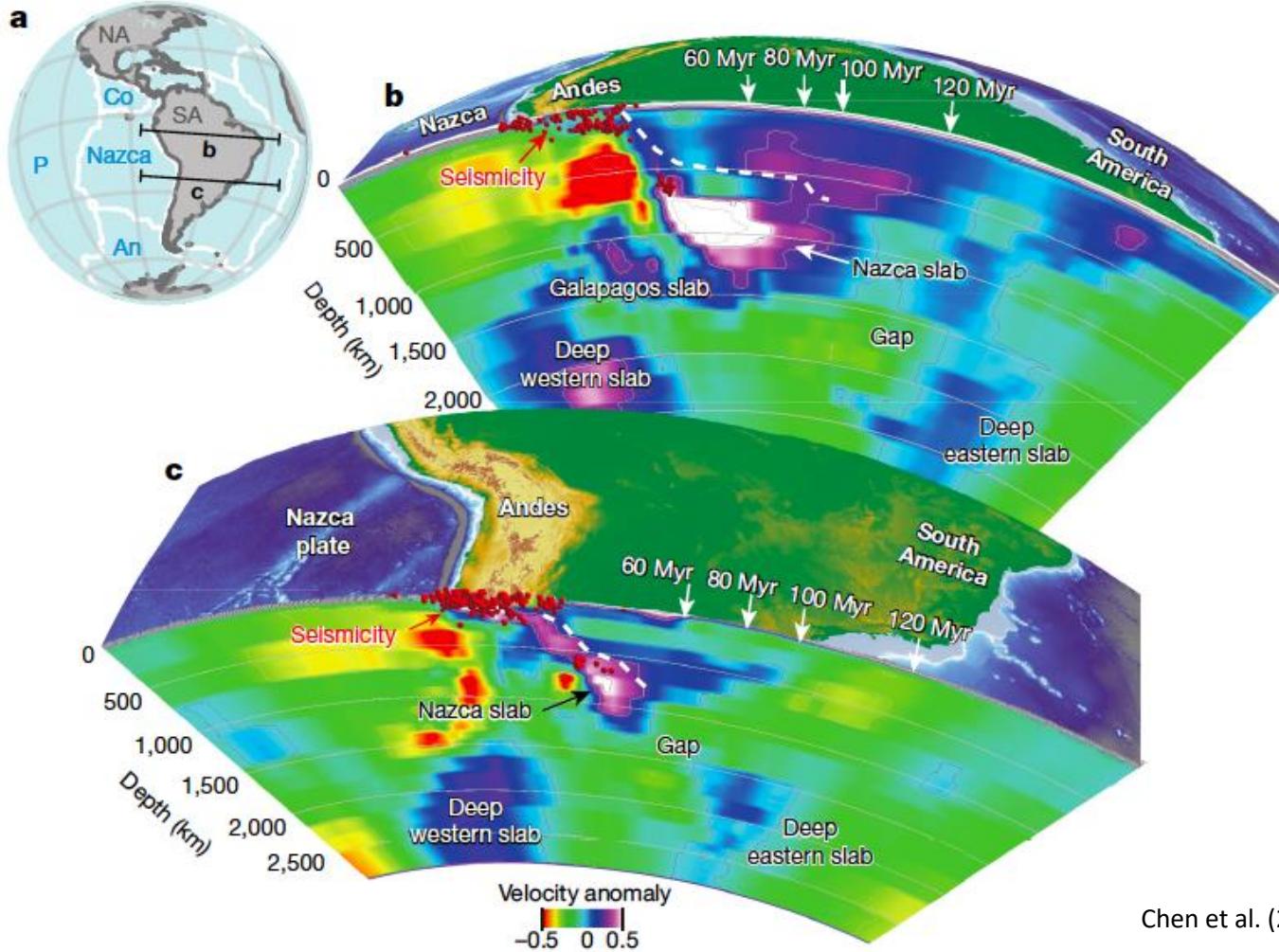
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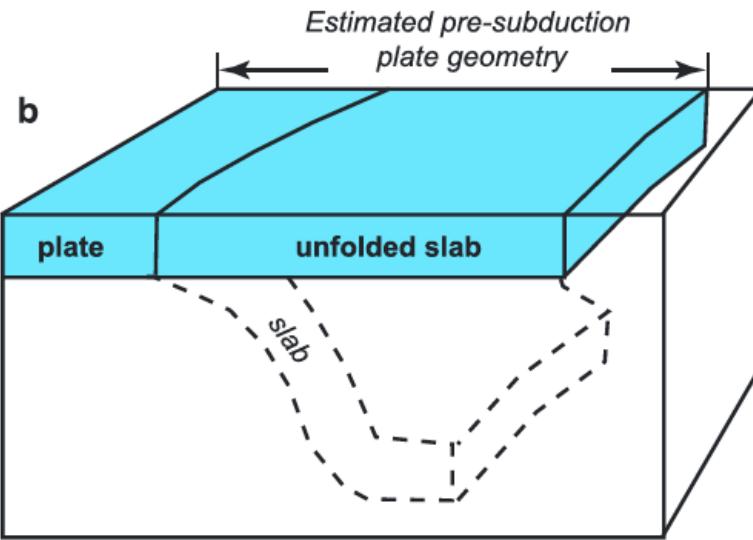
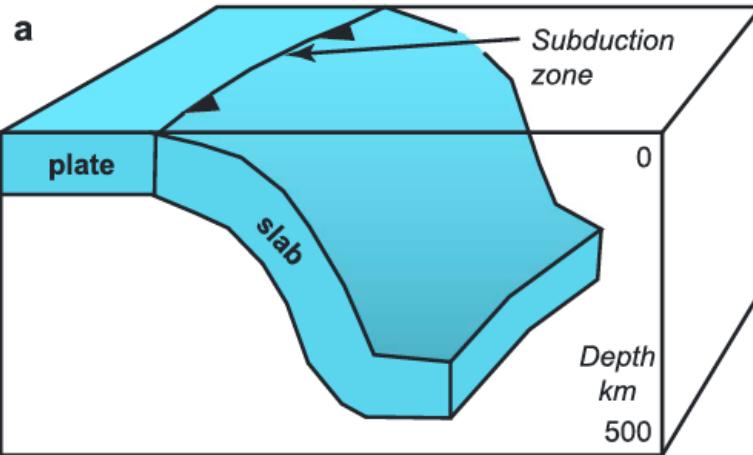


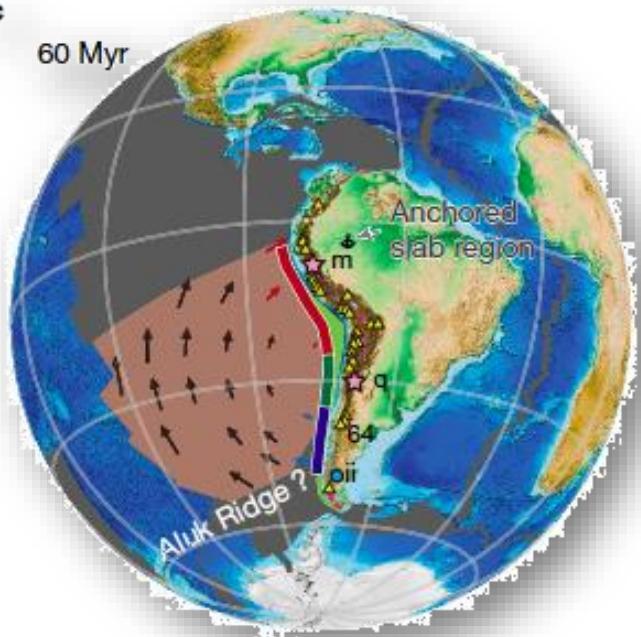
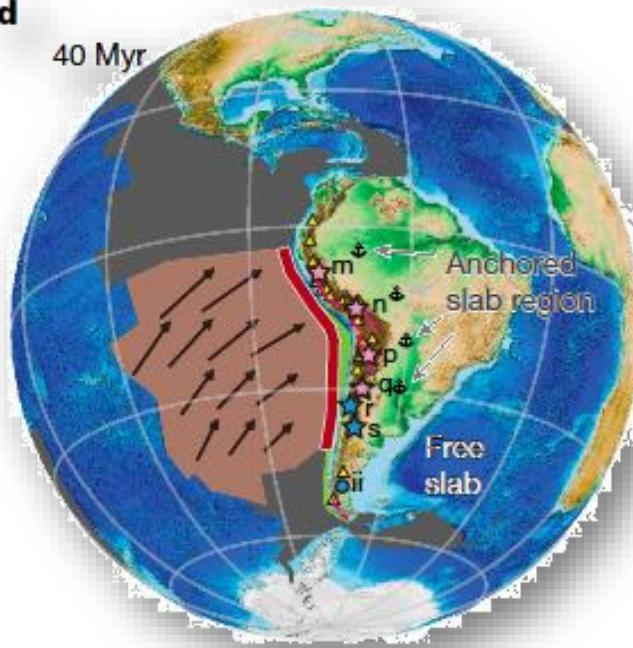


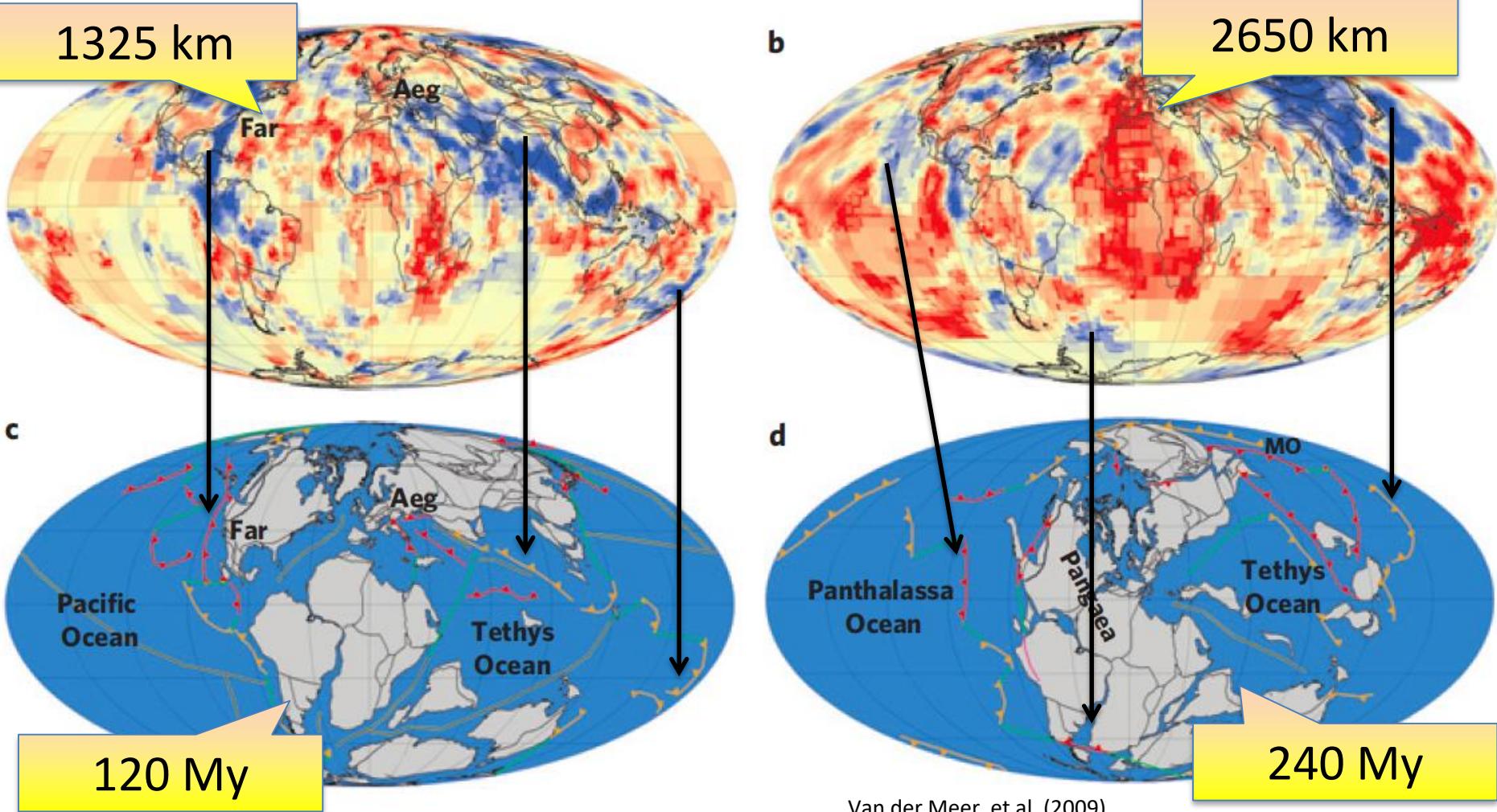
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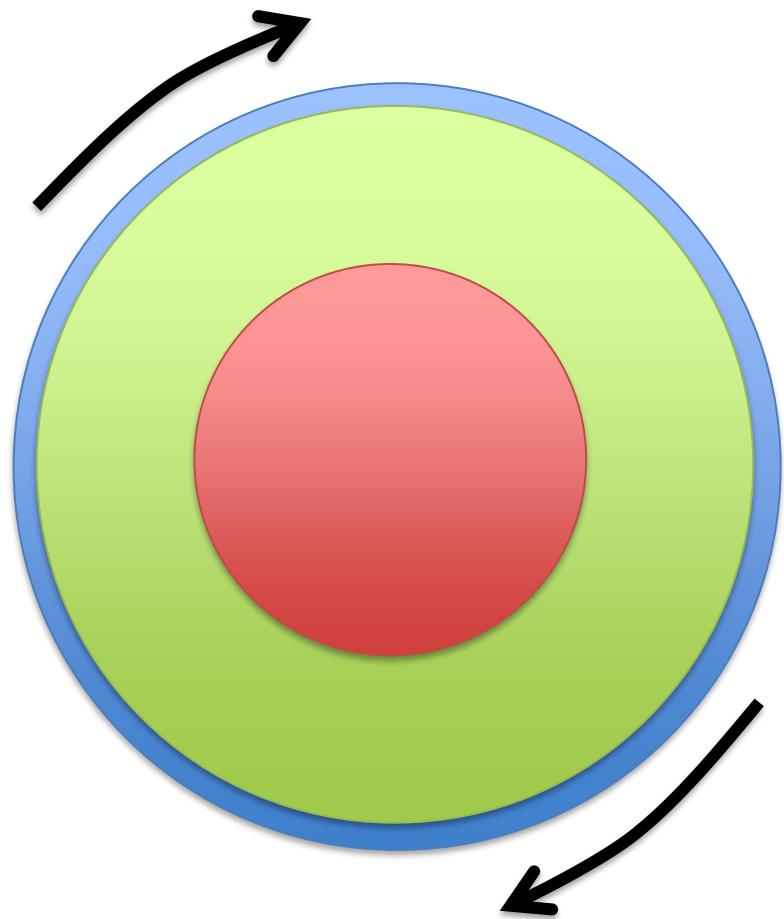






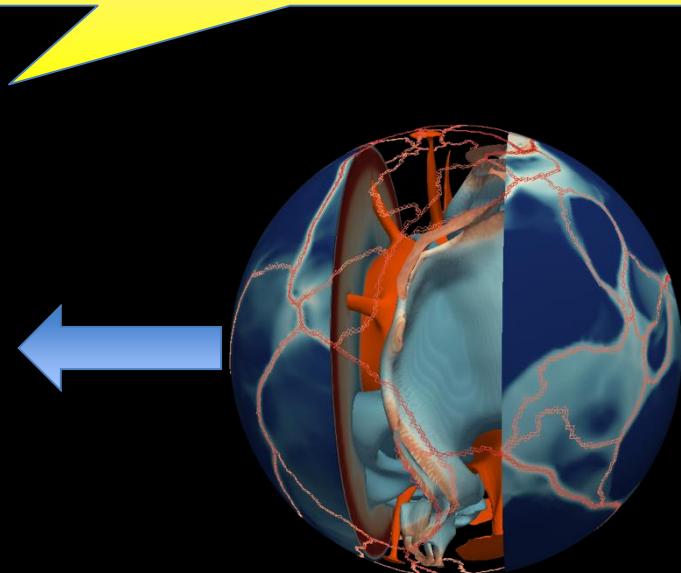
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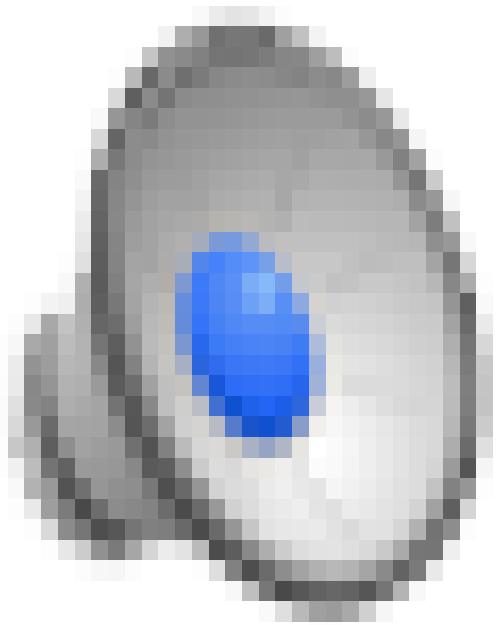


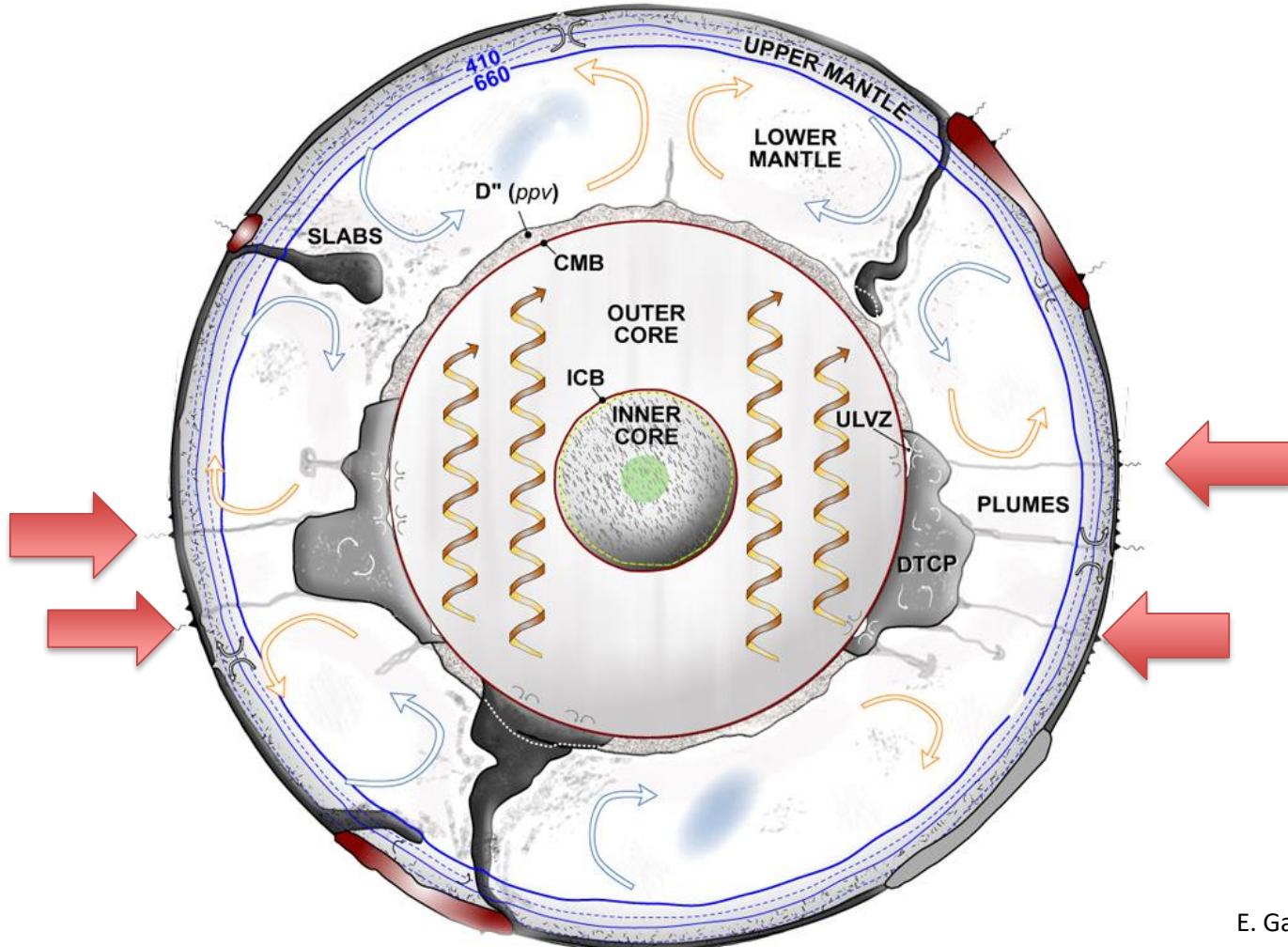




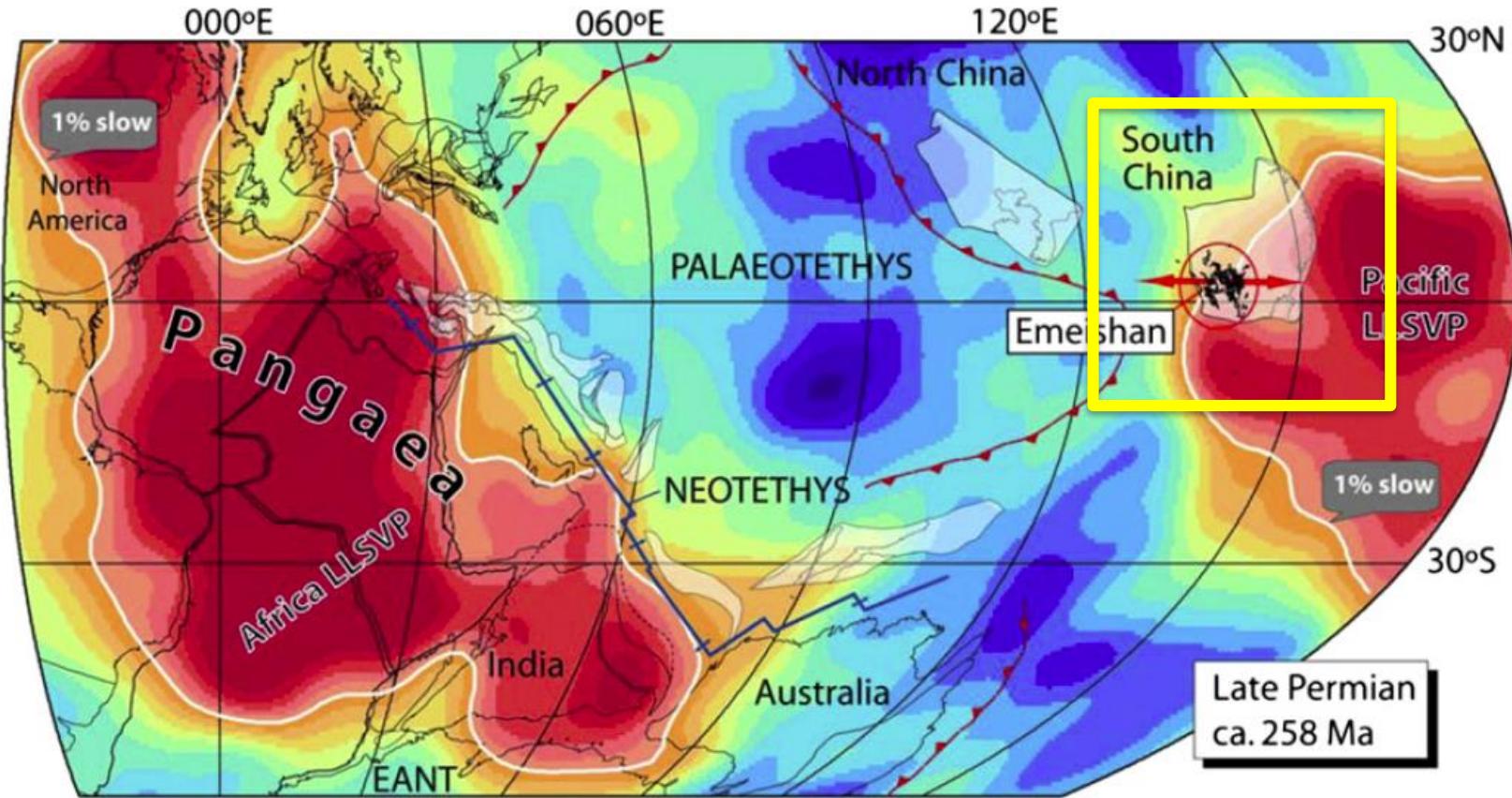
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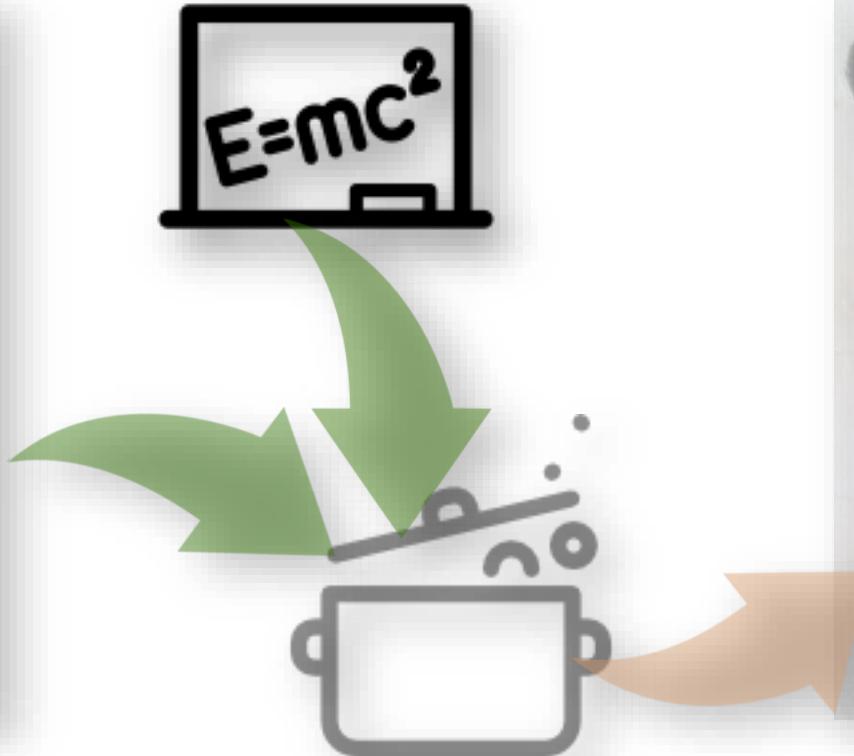


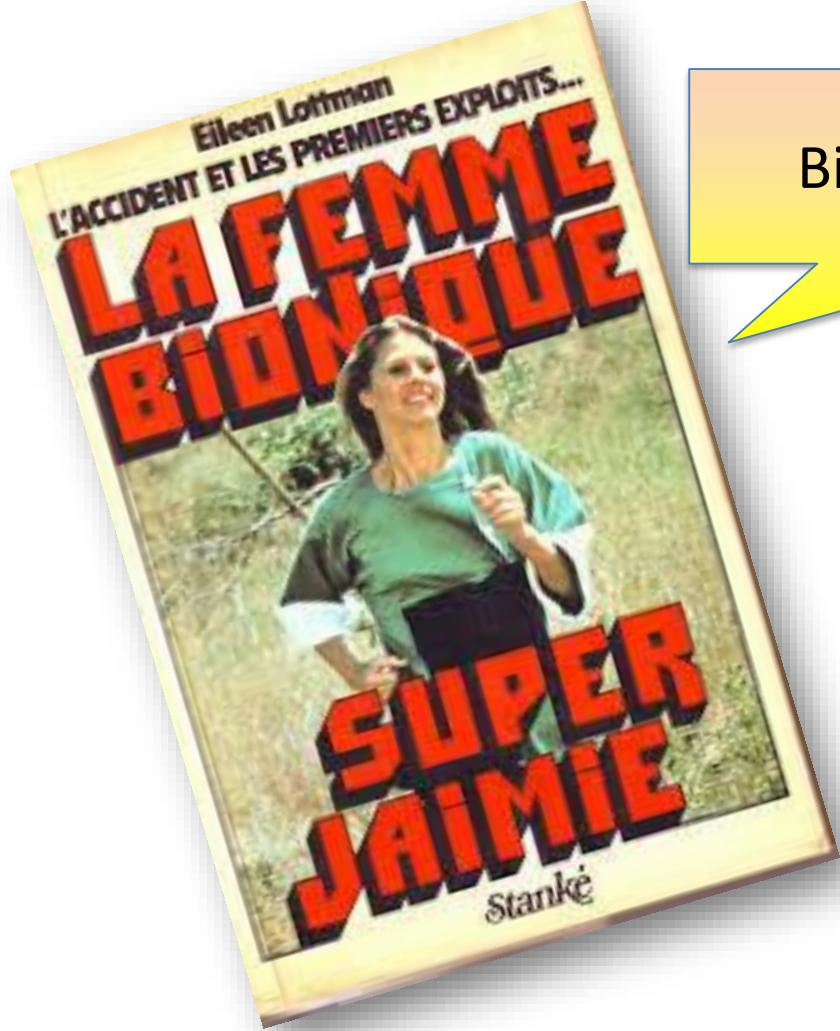


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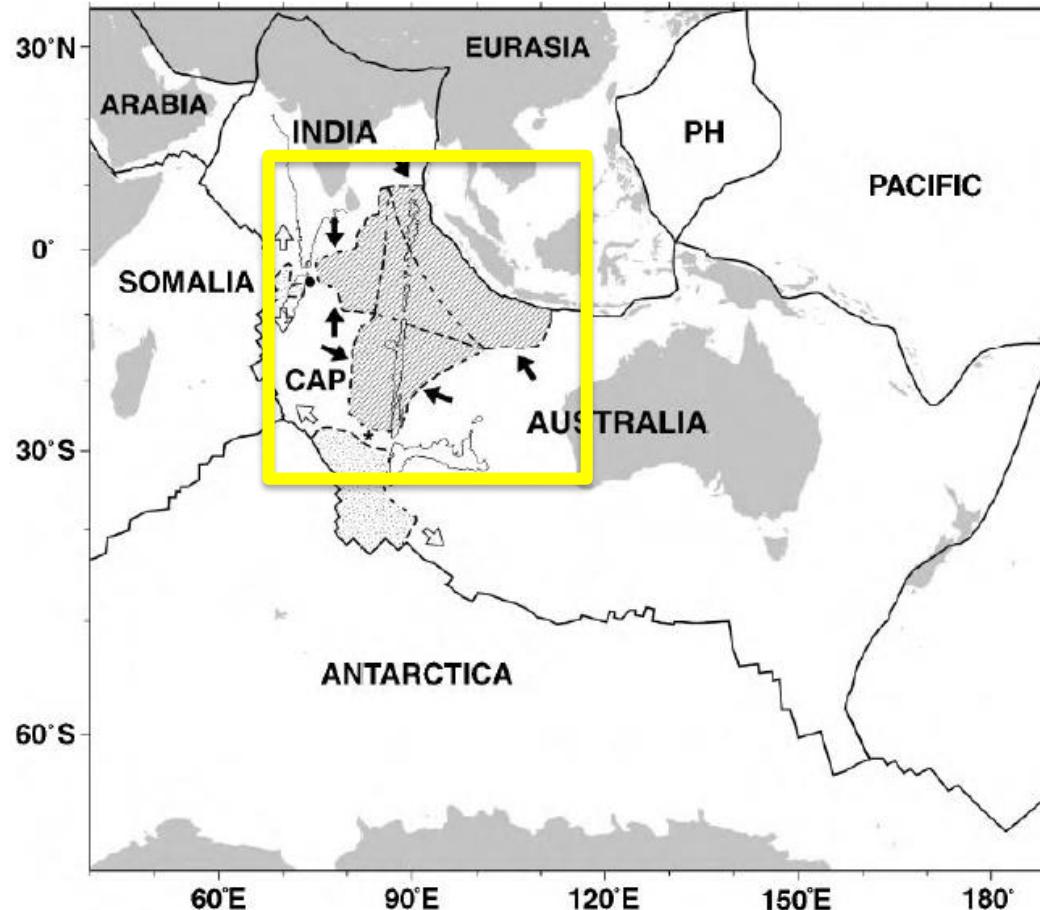


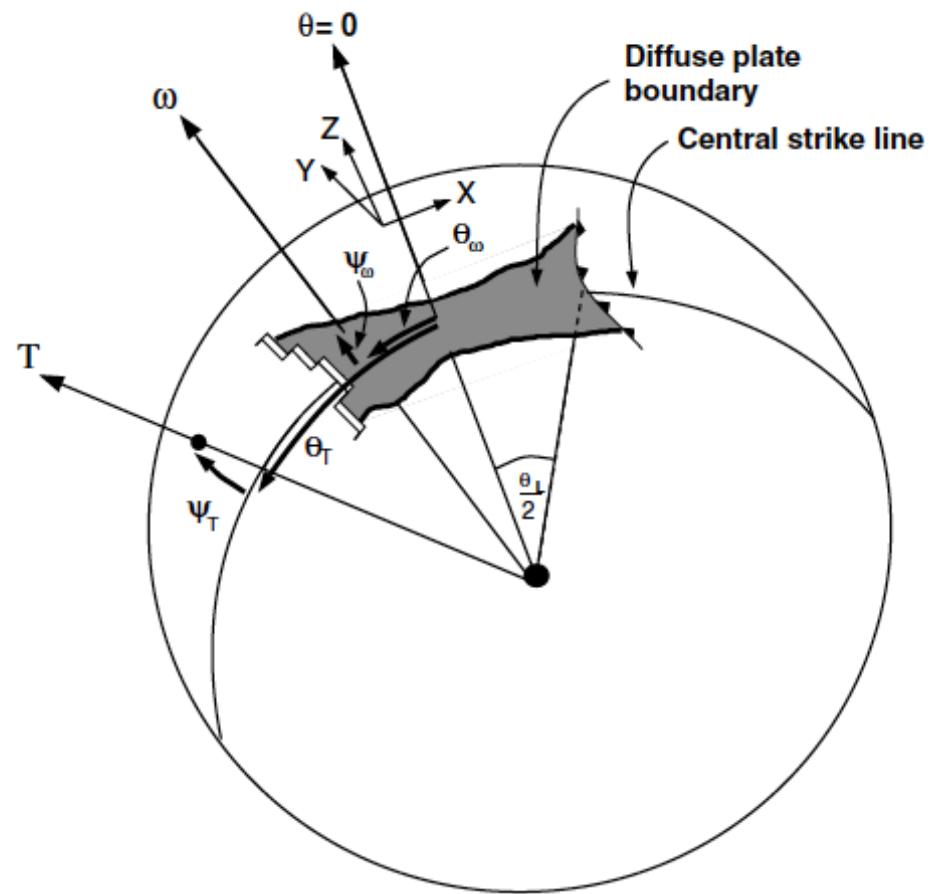
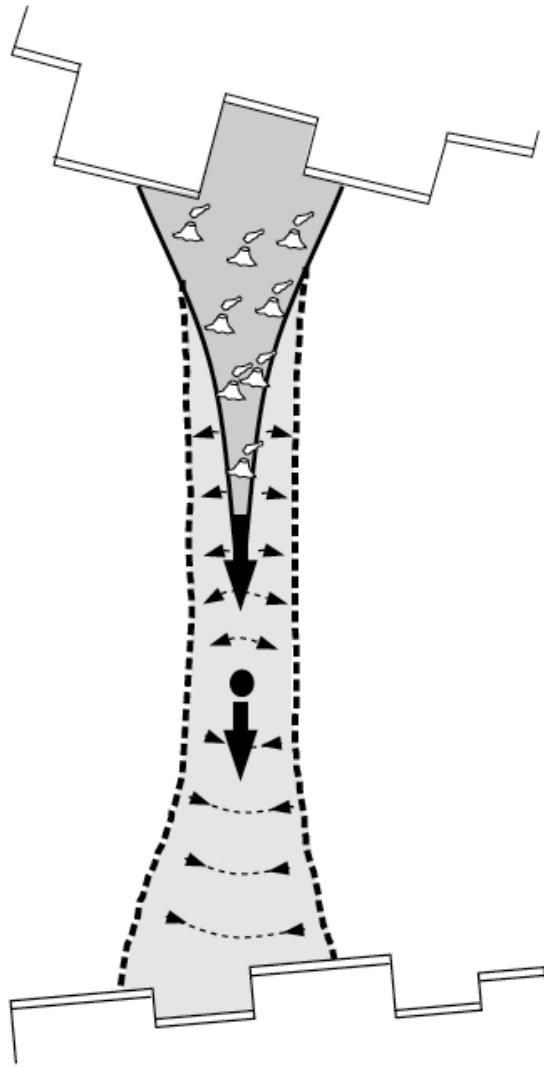


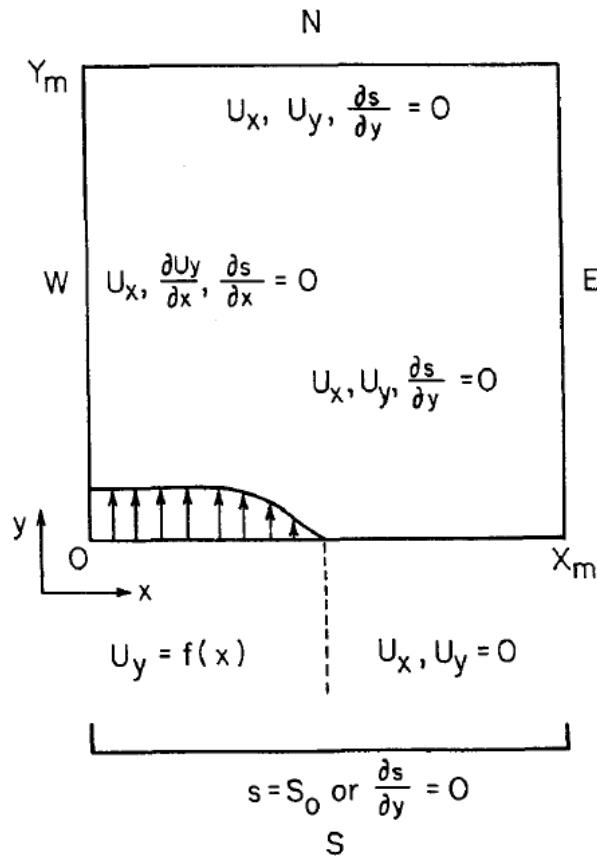
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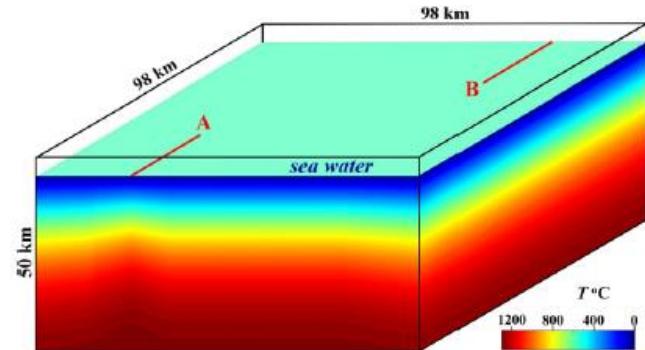
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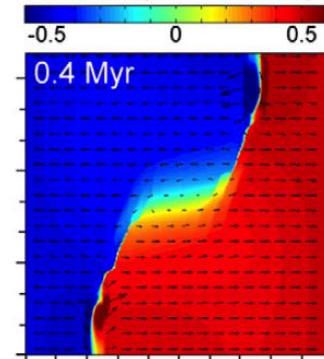




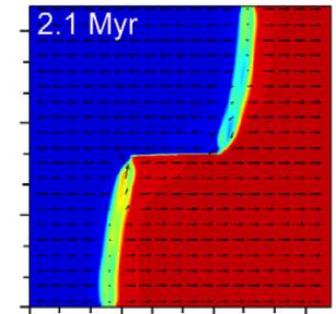
England & McKenzie (1982)



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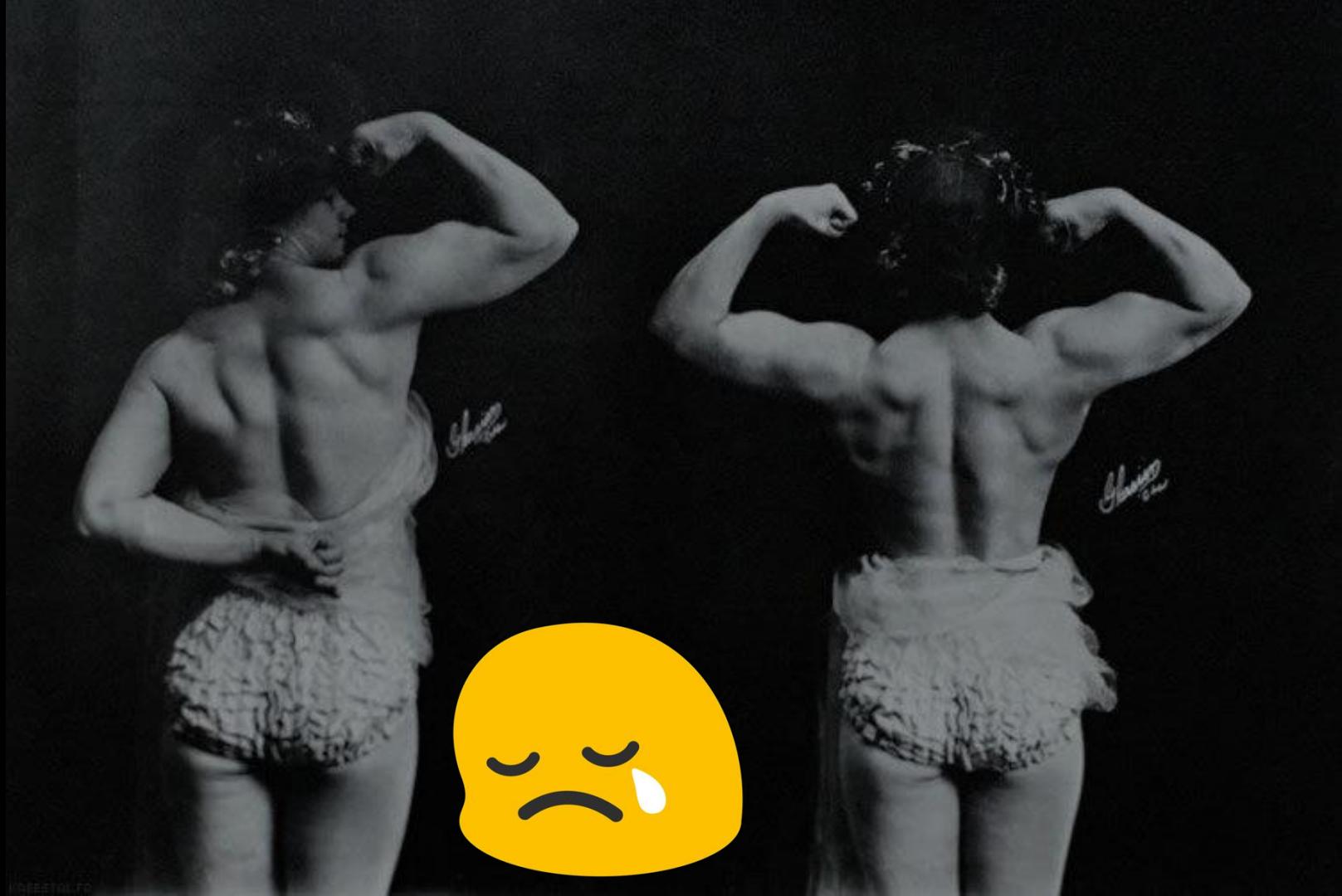


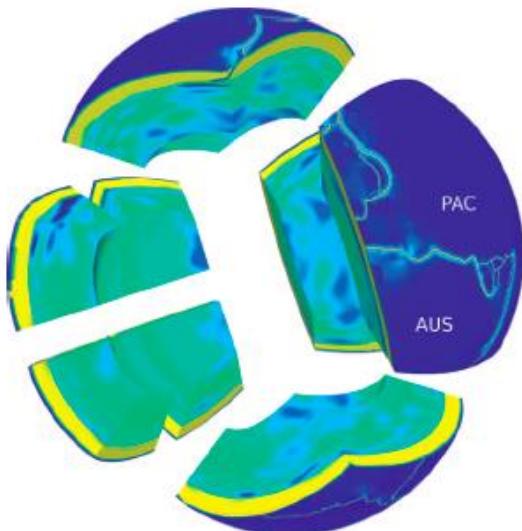
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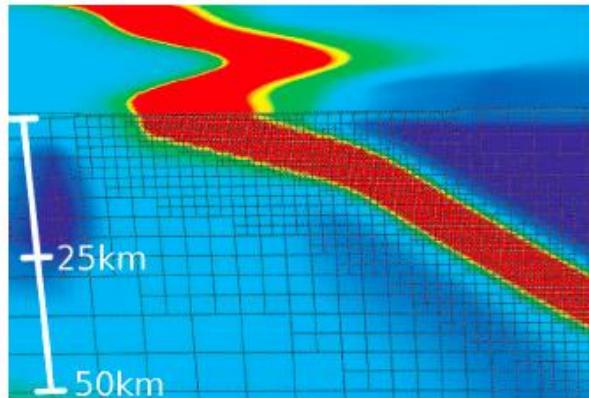
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Gerya (2013)

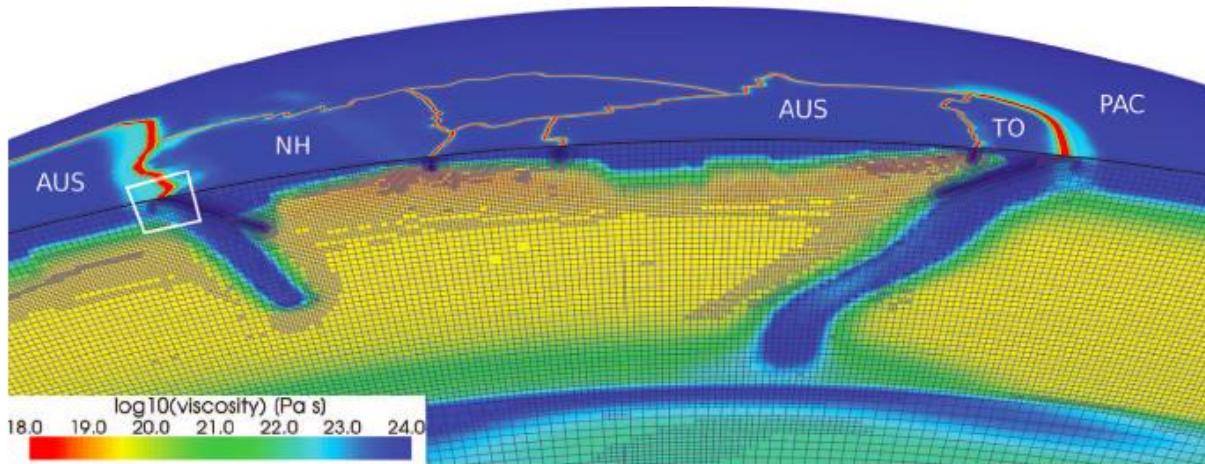




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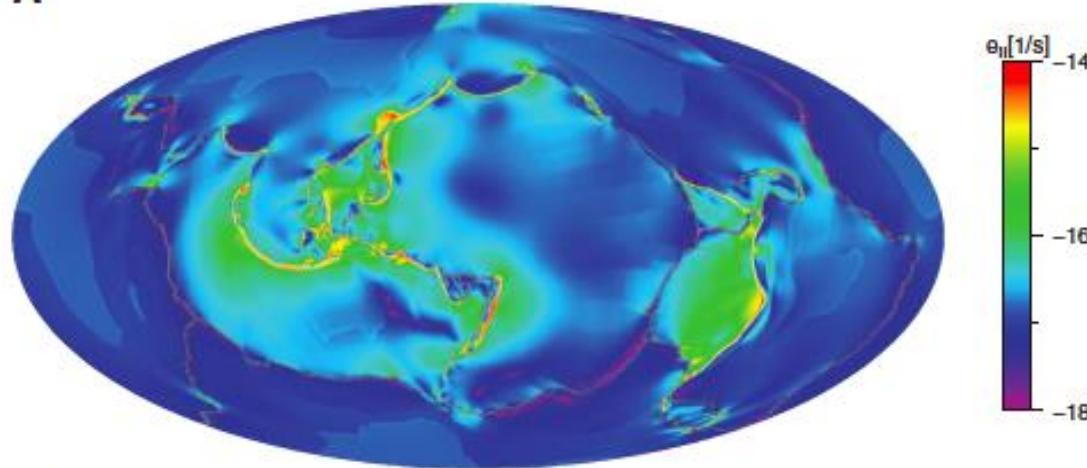
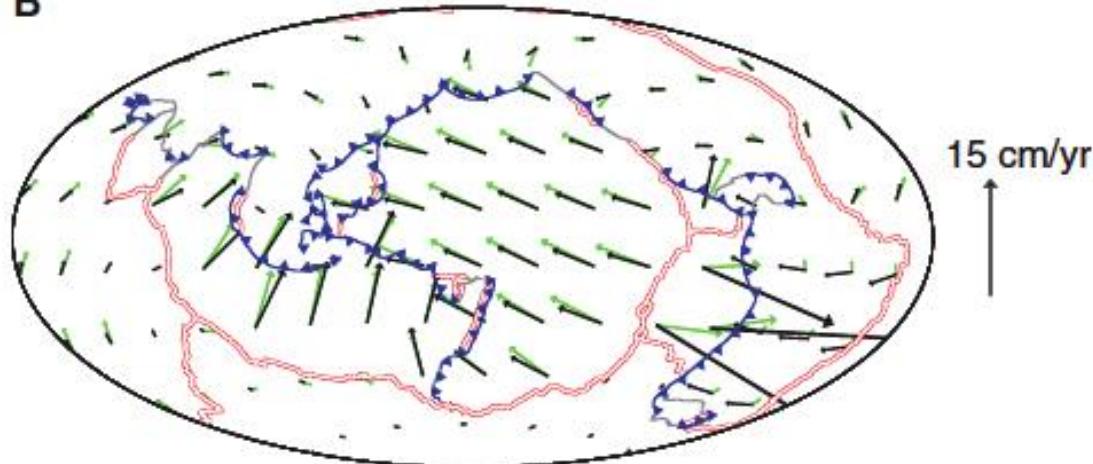


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Stadler et al. (2010)

A**B**



Lateral motion



Lateral+vertical motion



Dynamic feedback between
lithosphere and mantle





Inconsistent generation of tectonic plates in independent, three-dimensional mantle convection simulations pseudoplastic yielding

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Abstract: Presented here are self-consistent, three-dimensional simulations of mantle convection. The model uses a simple approximation of plate tectonic behavior that is continuous in space and time. The model includes a material description of silicate deformation, with a simple yield criterion and a power-law plasticity model. The model also includes a simple rheology for the upper mantle. The model reproduces the rectangular plates that are found in many tectonic regimes. The model also reproduces the form of

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Mantle convection simulations with rheologies that generate plate-like behaviour

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Simple Model of Plate Generation from Mantle Flow

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SUMMARY

A simple model of non-Newtonian creeping flow is used to evaluate classically viscous mantle flow to become plate-like. The model describes shear motion driven by sources and sinks. The sources represent spreading/reverse subduction zones; the sources and sinks thus also prescribe the surface flow field. The toroidal (strike-slip) component of the solution of the Stokes equation with non-Newtonian rheology. As in the model, the horizontal divergence from the two-dimensional Olson & Bercovici (1991) is used for the source/sink field. The fluid flow reproduces the rectangular plate that is used to measure the incompressible-like rheology. Results indicate that non-Newtonian

numerical models of mantle convection are starting to reproduce many of the essential features of continental drift and plate tectonics. The authors show how such methods can integrate a wide variety of geophysical and geological observations.

PLATE TECTONICS AND CONVECTION IN THE EARTH'S MANTLE: TOWARD NUMERICAL SIMULATION

Article

Plate-like regime of a numerically modeled convection in a fluid with temperature-, pressure-, and viscosity-dependent viscosity

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ABSTRACT

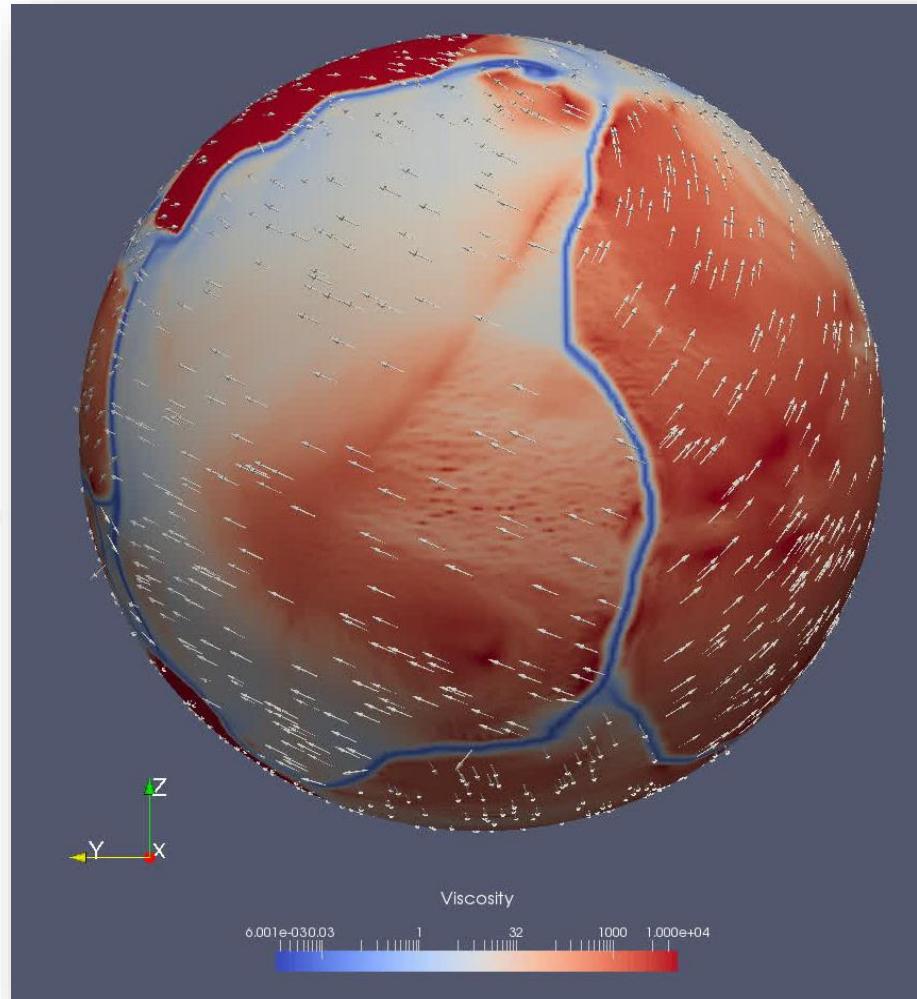
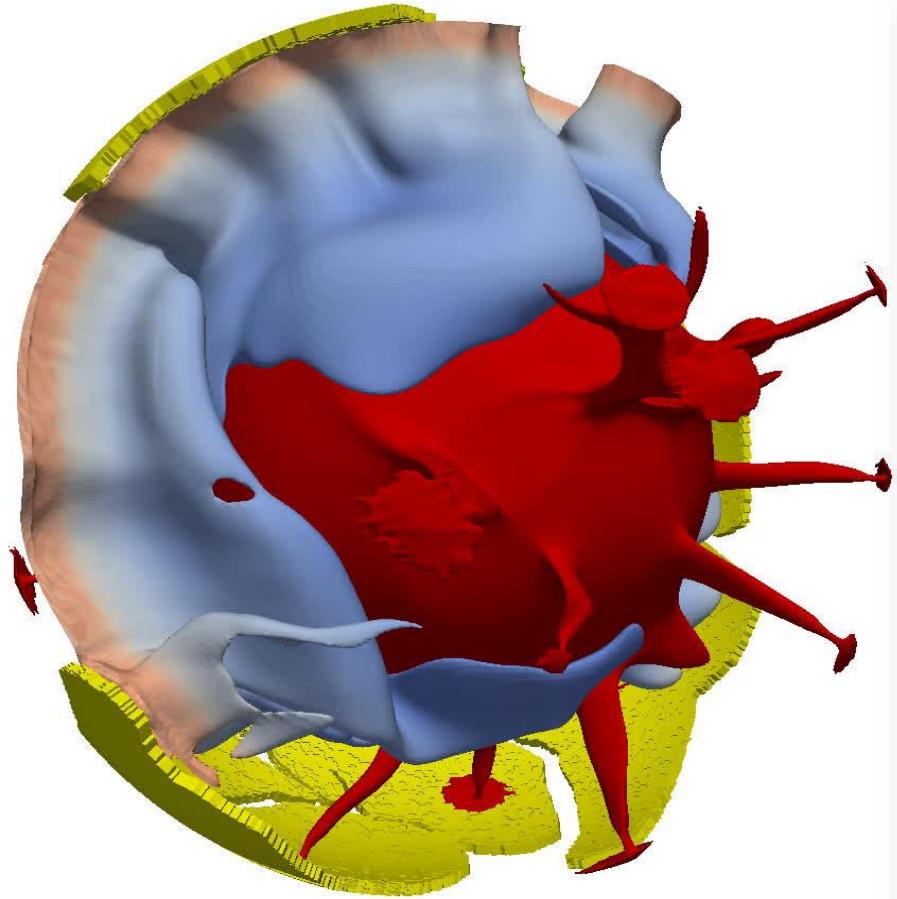
A series of numerical models are presented for two-dimensional thermal convection with viscosity that nonlinearly depends on "degree of damage" ω , as well as time that depends on stress history. The convecting fluid recovers from the damage and pressure; ω increases and viscosity decreases with time when the damage is removed. The omega dependence of viscosity is the "intrinsic viscosity" relationship that consists of two branches, the "intact" and "damaged branch", at high stress, with a hysteresis loop. The intact branch depends on stress history. The dependent viscosity induces a regime where the numerical simulations are conducted. Each piece of the simulation is composed of a small number of

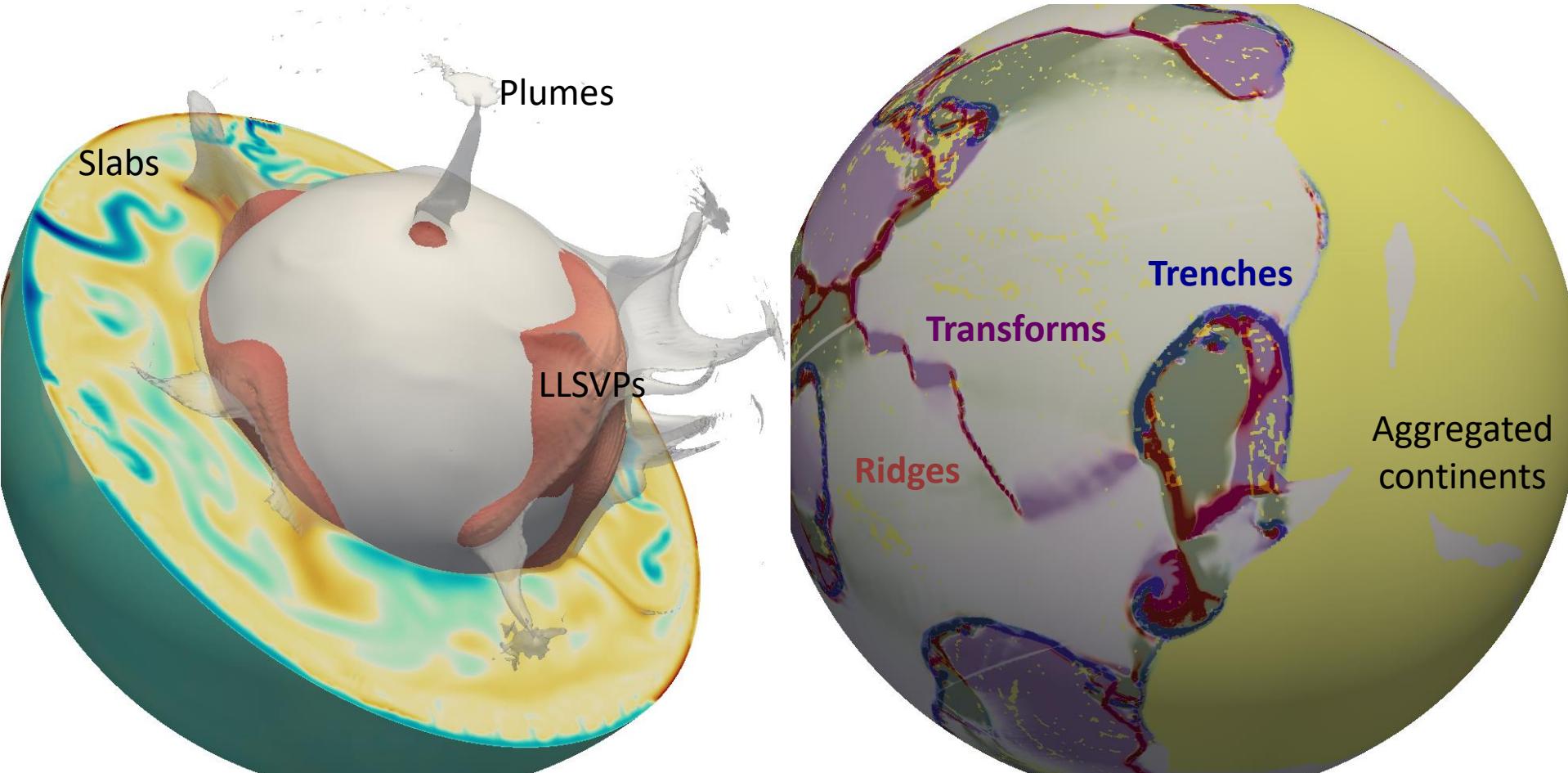
plate tectonics is a kinematic description of Earth that treats the outer shell of its mantle as a number of plates or rigid spherical caps that move with respect to each other (see the "Plate tectonics" sidebar). The mantle is the outer, solid, 3,000-km-thick shell that overlies Earth's fluid outer core. An enormous amount of geological and geophysical data has gone into determining the motion of the plates, and within the last few years direct GPS measurements have corroborated the geological constraints on the motions of plates.

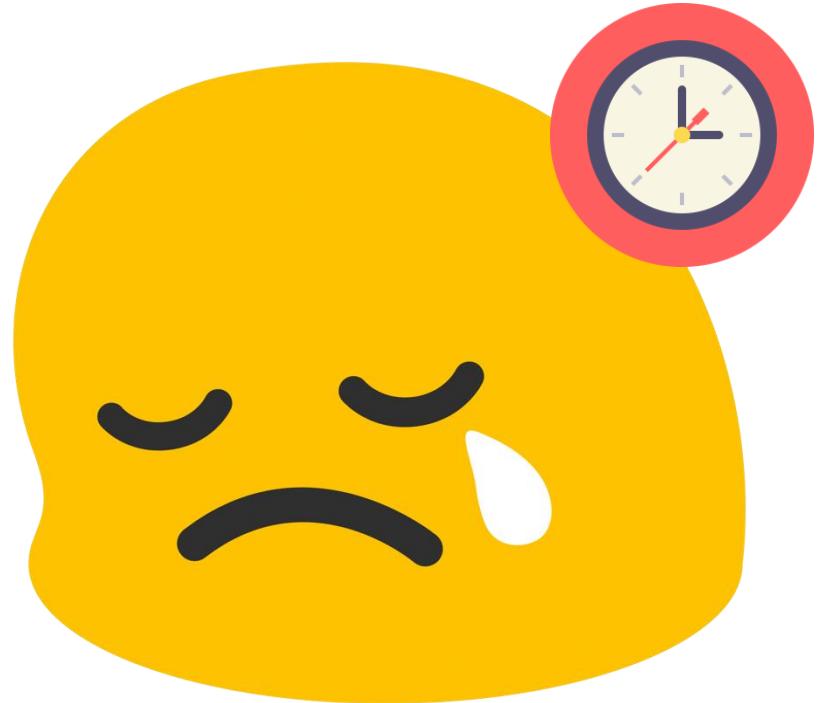
A fundamental question in geology has been, what drives the plates? This question has largely been solved—the plates are part of a system of large-scale thermal convection—and geodynamicists have moved on to more difficult questions, such as what are the details of the coupling between surface motions and deeper mantle plate motions. Ideally one would like to device go hand in hand to these questions.

Model formulation

The equations for the







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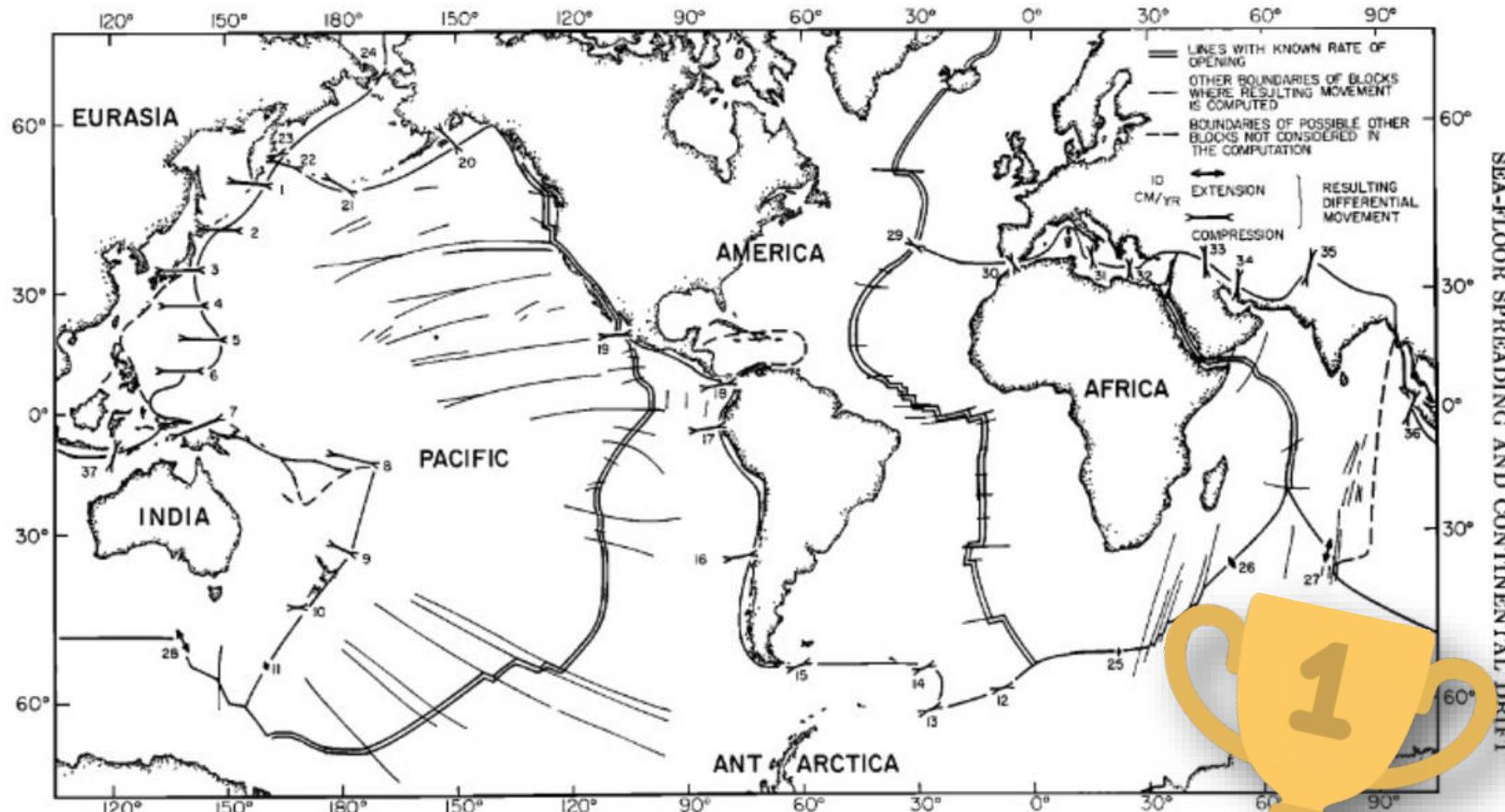


Fig. 6. The locations of the boundaries of the six blocks used in the computations. The numbers next to the vectors of potential movement refer to Table 5. Note that the boundaries where the rate of shortening or slippage exceeds about 2 cm/yr account for most of the world earthquake activity.



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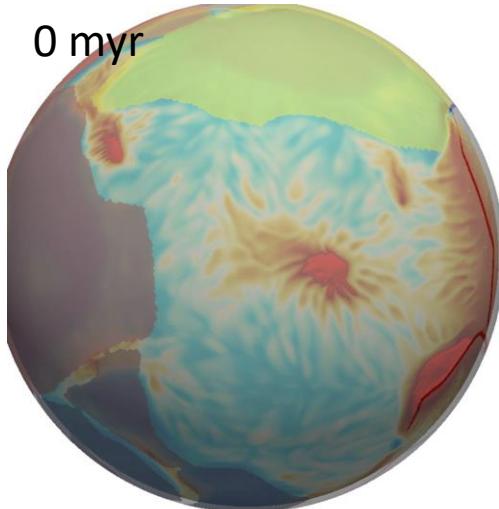
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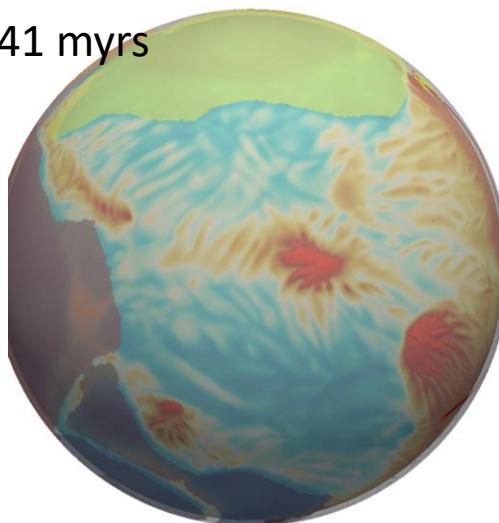


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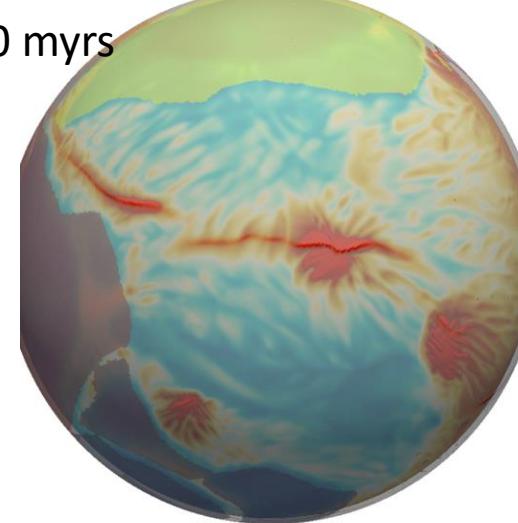
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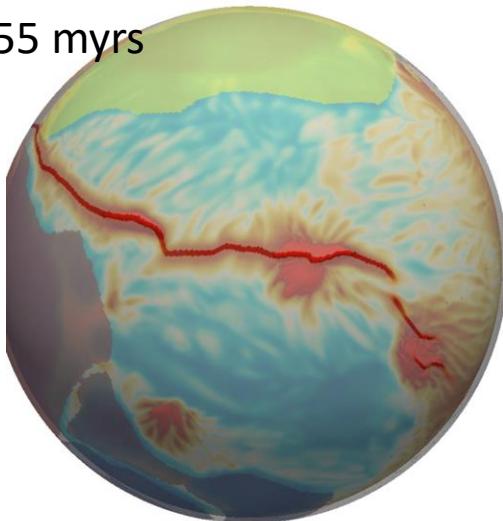
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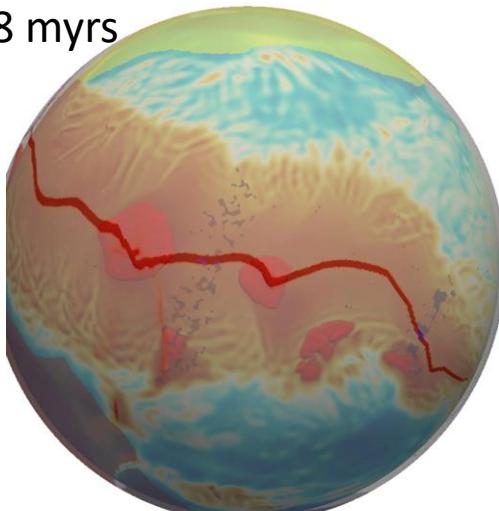
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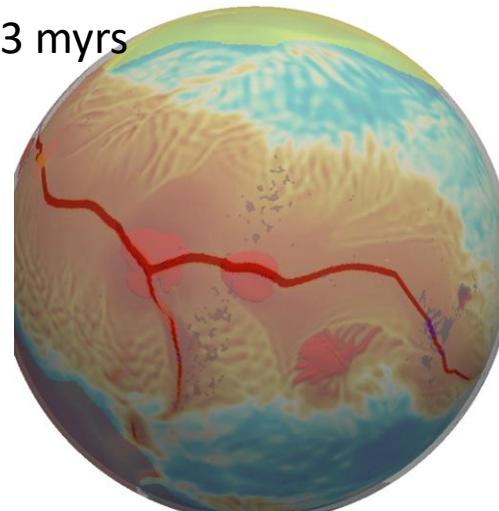
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83 myrs



Seafloor age distribution

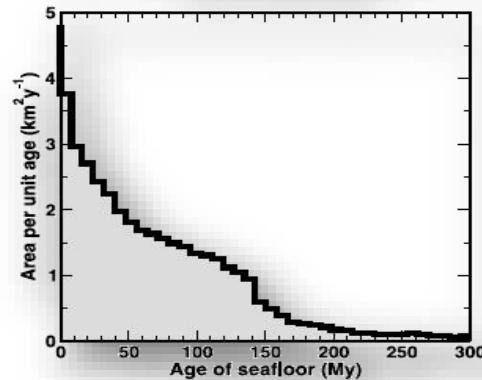
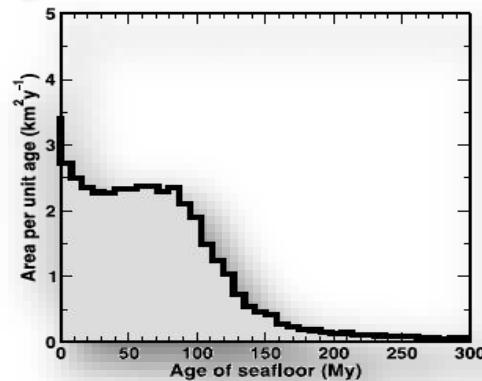
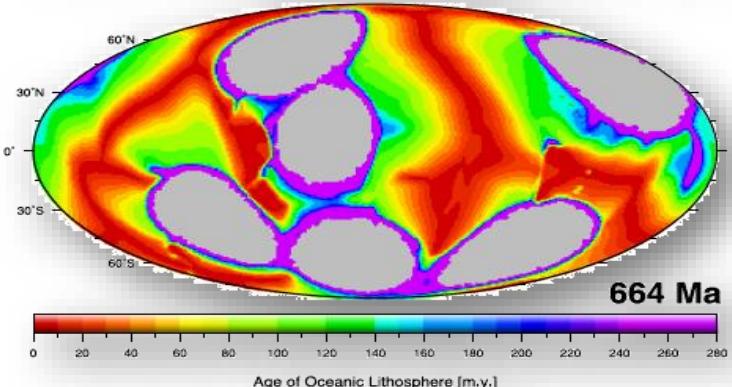
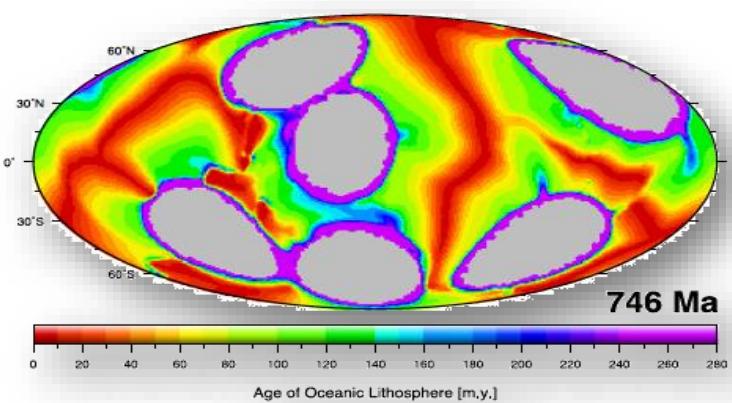
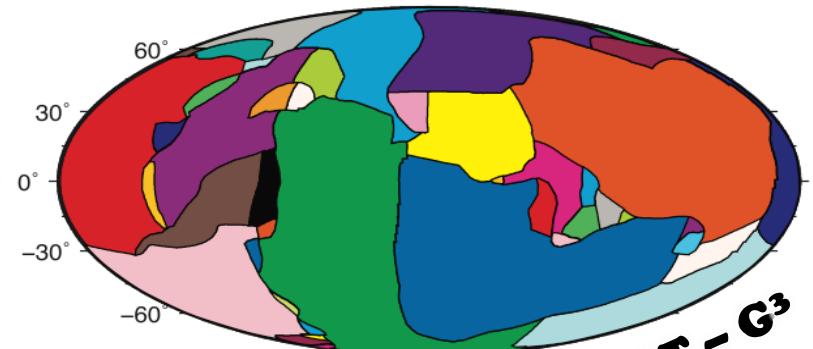
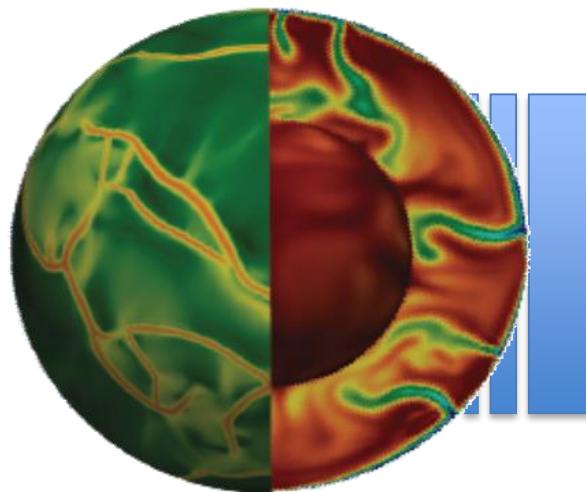
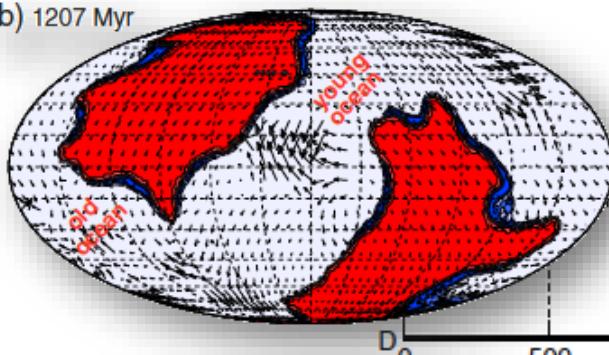


Plate size distribution



(b) 1207 Myr



Continental drift

