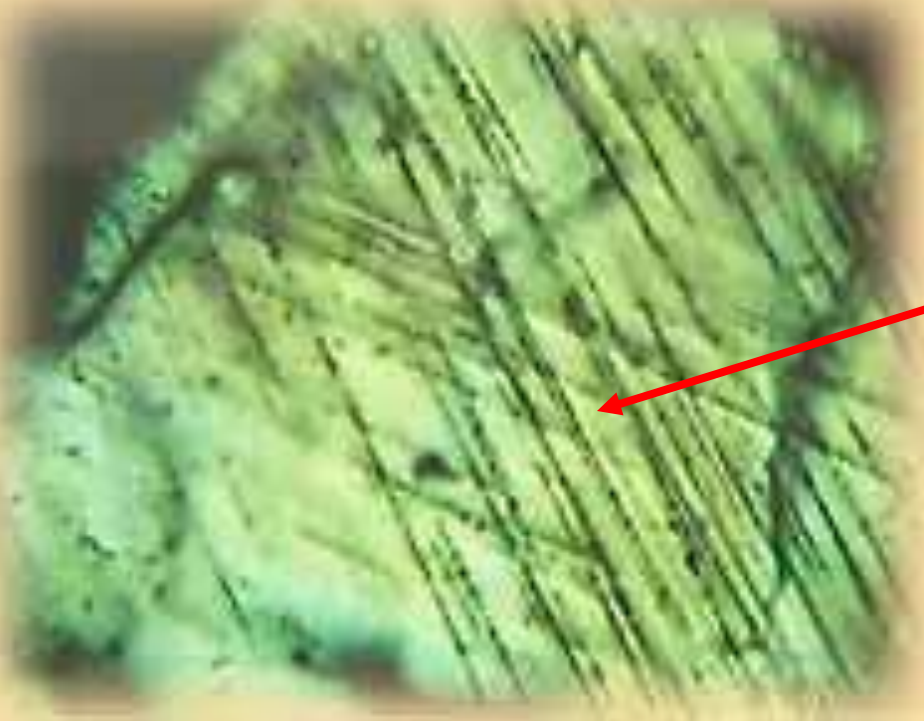


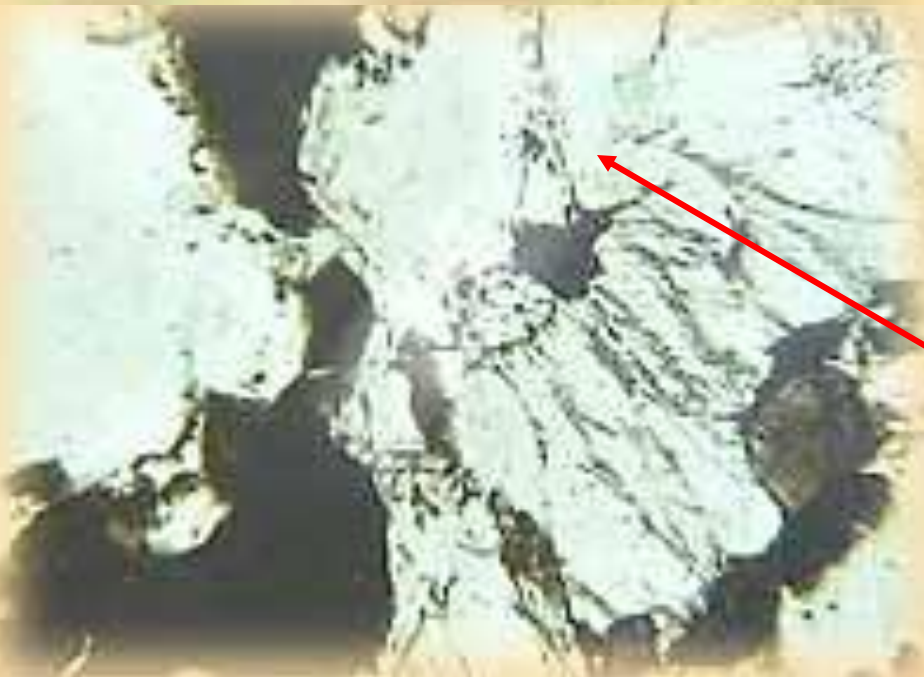


**Suevite** is a breccia which forms by fragments of rocks which have been erupted by the impact and were later solidified. Besides material of the bedrock it contains glass (from melting process) and high pressure and high temperature minerals, like the high pressure quartz modifications (polymorphs) Stishovite and Coesite. Rests of the meteorite could be also included. Suevite is distinct from the pseudotachylite in an impact structure as the latter is thought to have formed by frictional effects within the crater floor and below the crater during the initial compression phase of the impact and the subsequent formation of the central uplift.



planar elements

Planar deformation laminae (PDF)  
in quartz



diaplectic glass



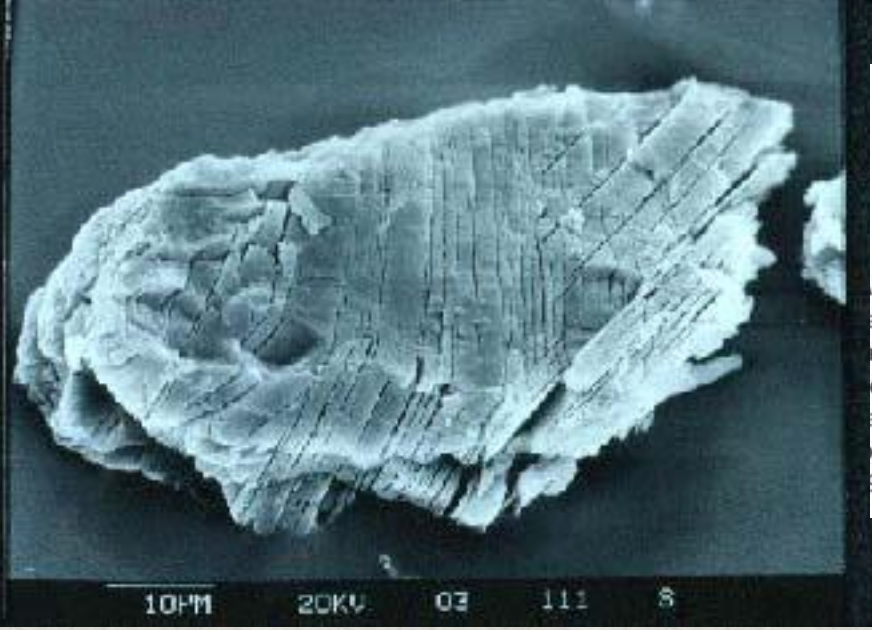
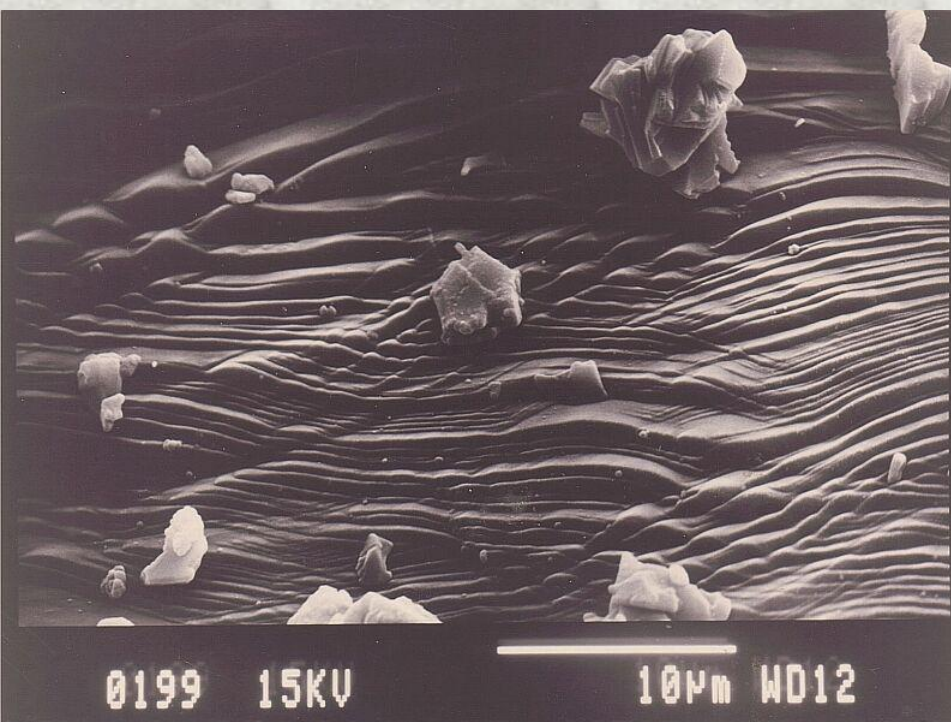
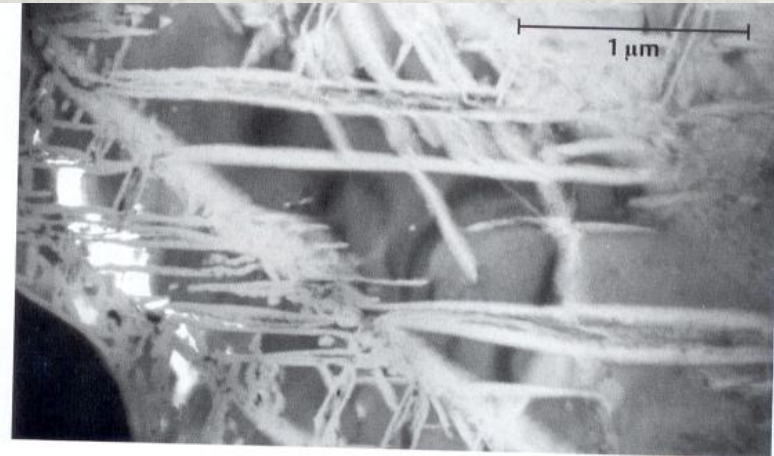


Abb. 11: Quarz-Kristall mit »Schocklamellen« (helle Bereiche). (Aus: Langenhorst, Geology 24, 487–490, 1996)



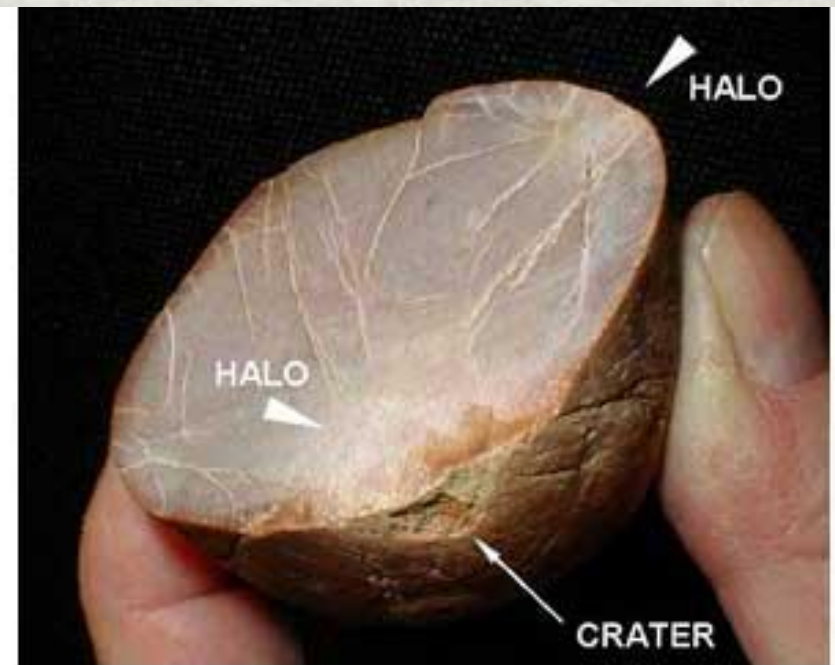
Secondary electron image (SEM), showing crossing PDFs. There is a short distance of less than 1 µm in between the single PDFs.

## Surface structures of gravel



Quartzite gravel with pock marks which have been formed at the contact to other gravels during the impact event which caused micro-brecciation at the contact zone

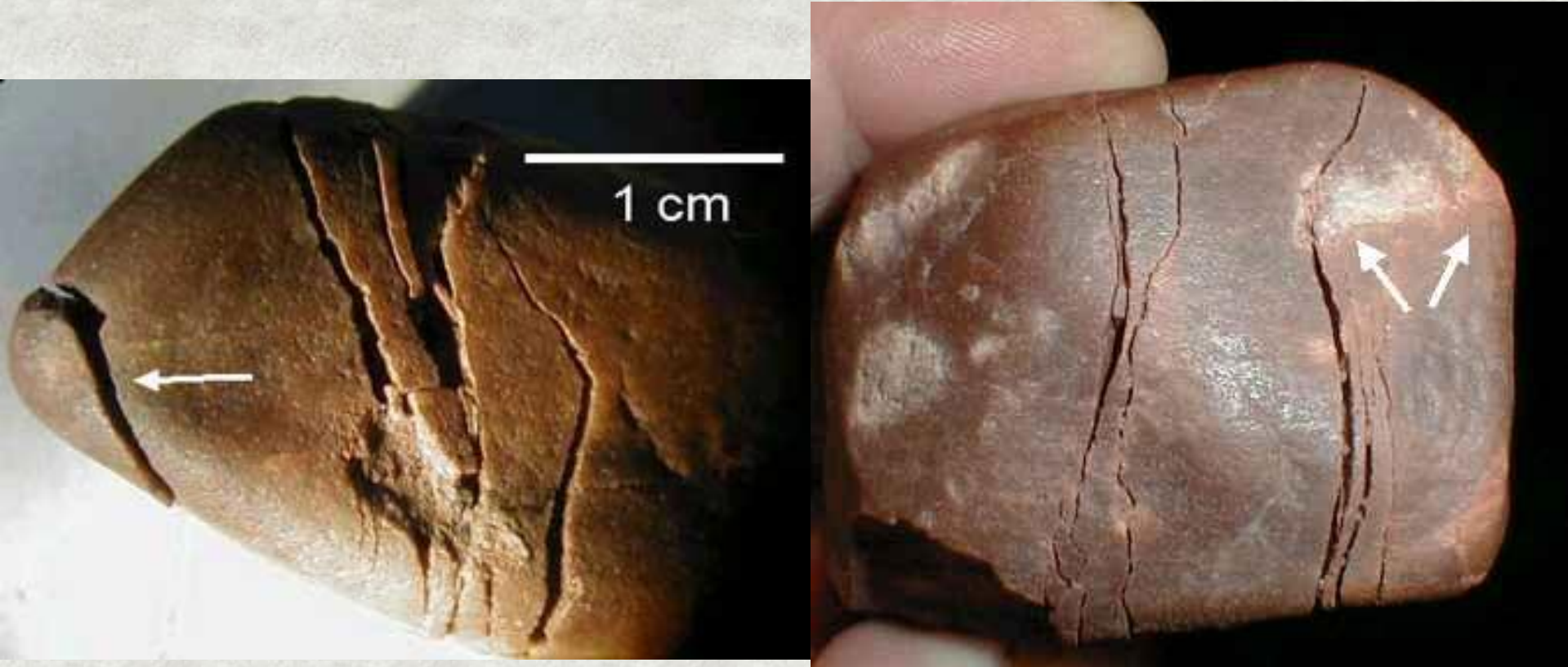




Quartzite gravels cutted across the middle of the superficial mini craters show that the micro fractures spread halo-like from there. The white halos directly below the superficial craters indicate micro fracturing and a plastical deformation.

# Spallation

The pressure impulse of the impact causes multiple spallation, especially in quartzite gravels and blocks (see below)

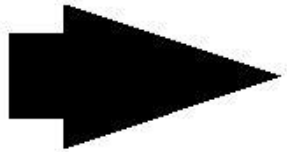




# EXPERIMENTAL SHOCK-PRODUCED SPALLATION

QUARTZ SPHERES  $\varnothing$  14 mm IN EPOXY MATRIX

PROJECTILE  
IMPACT



$\sim 25$  m/s



SPALLATION FRACTURE

Shock experiments have been done at Ernst-Mach-Institute of Friburgo. Iron bowls have been accelerated to velocities of 25 to 115 m/s, corresponding impact pressures of 0.55 to 2.5 GPa (5.5 to 25 kbar). The iron projectiles collided with quartz bowls which were embedded in an epoxy resin. The quartz bowls were cutted through the impact craters (see above).

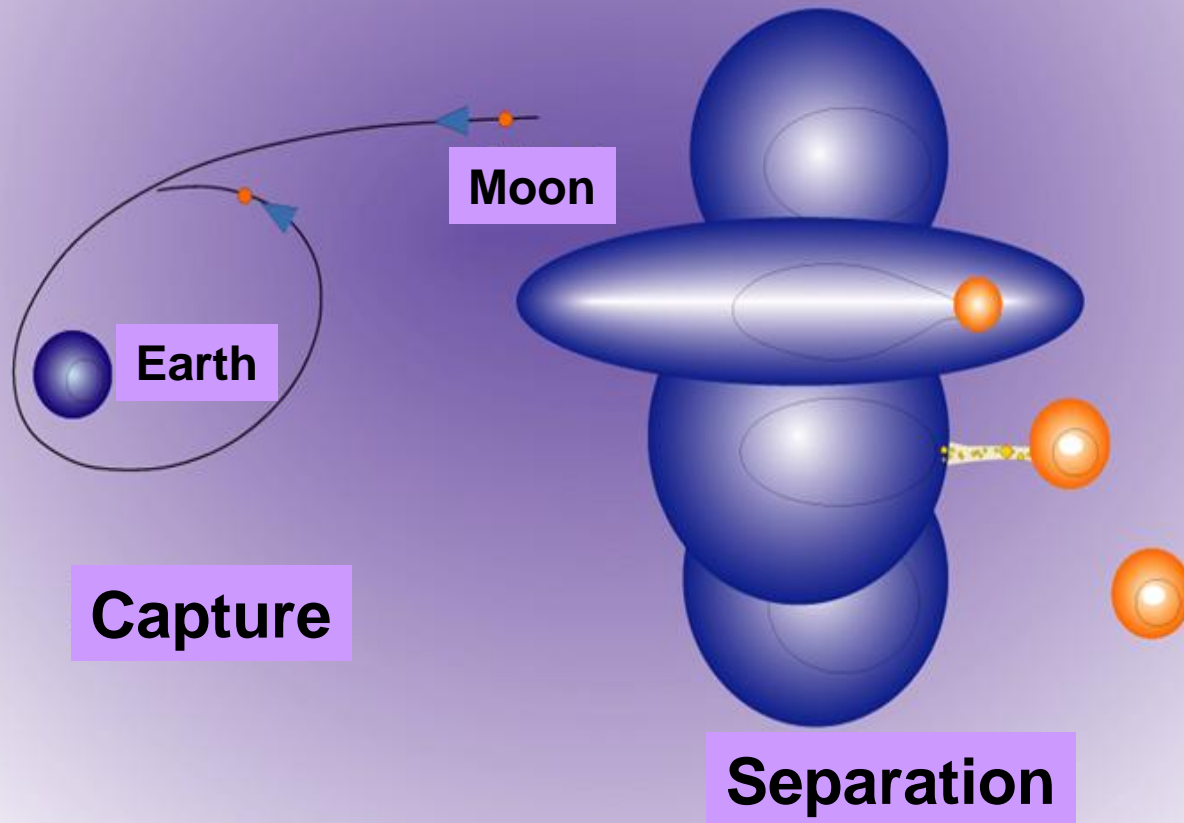


## 7. Origin of the earth-moon-system?

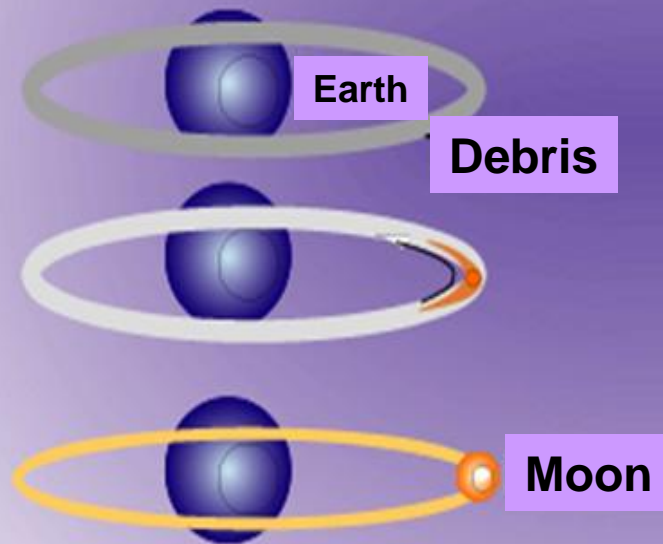




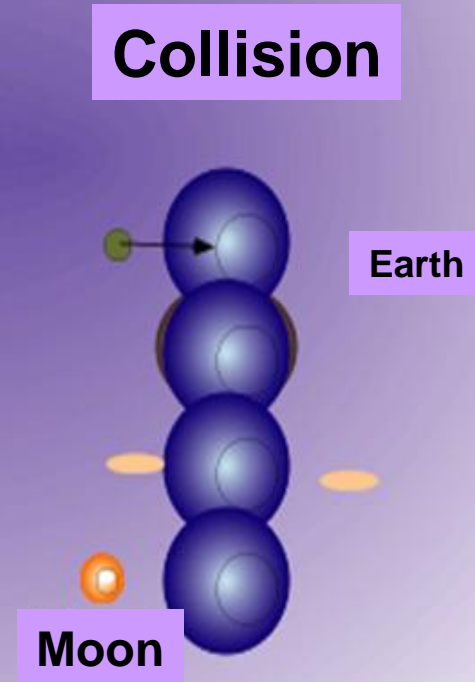
# Hypothesis about the formation of the Moon



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**Independently formation**

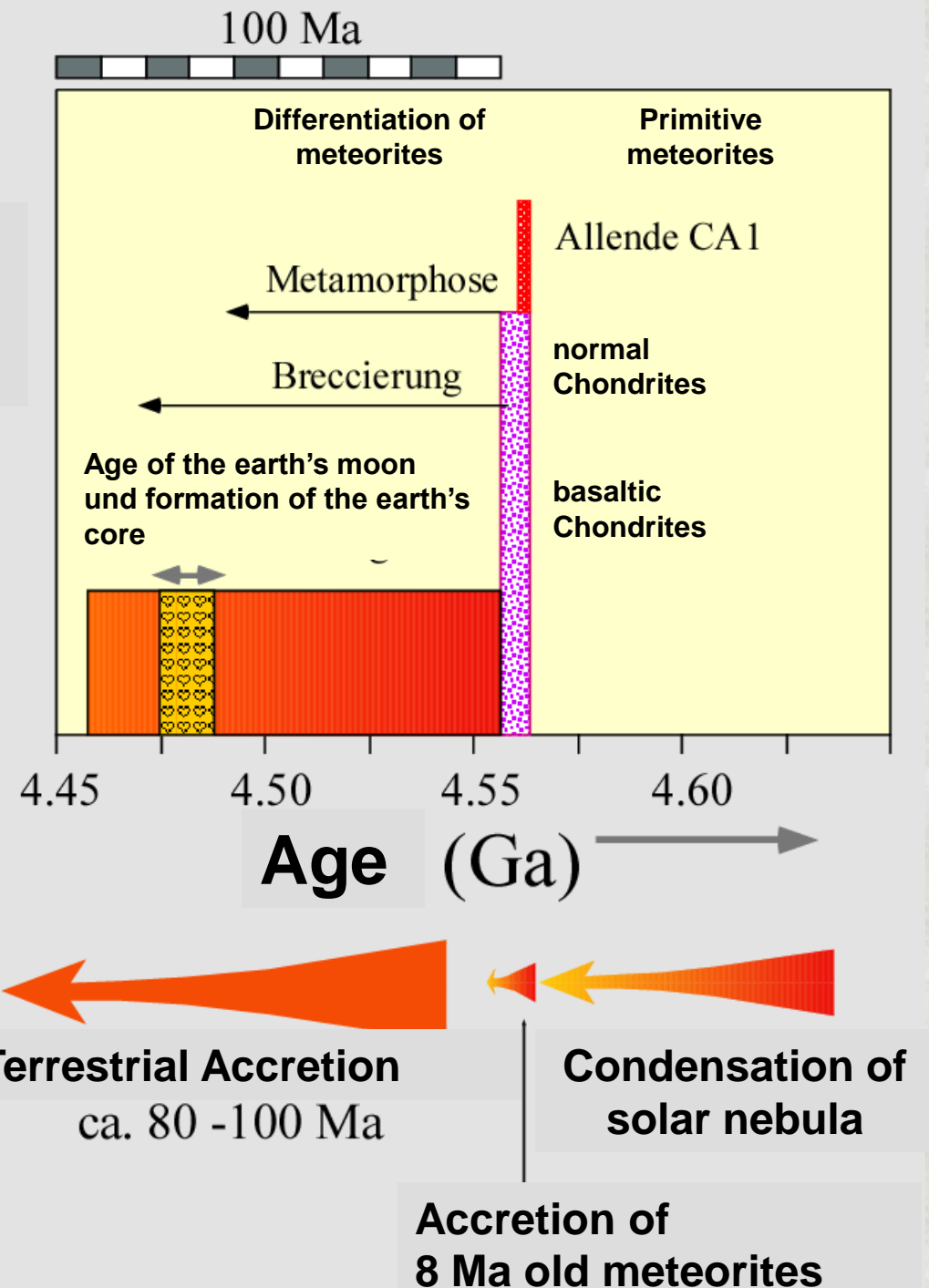


**Moon**



Changes Age turn and  
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# Early development of the Earth

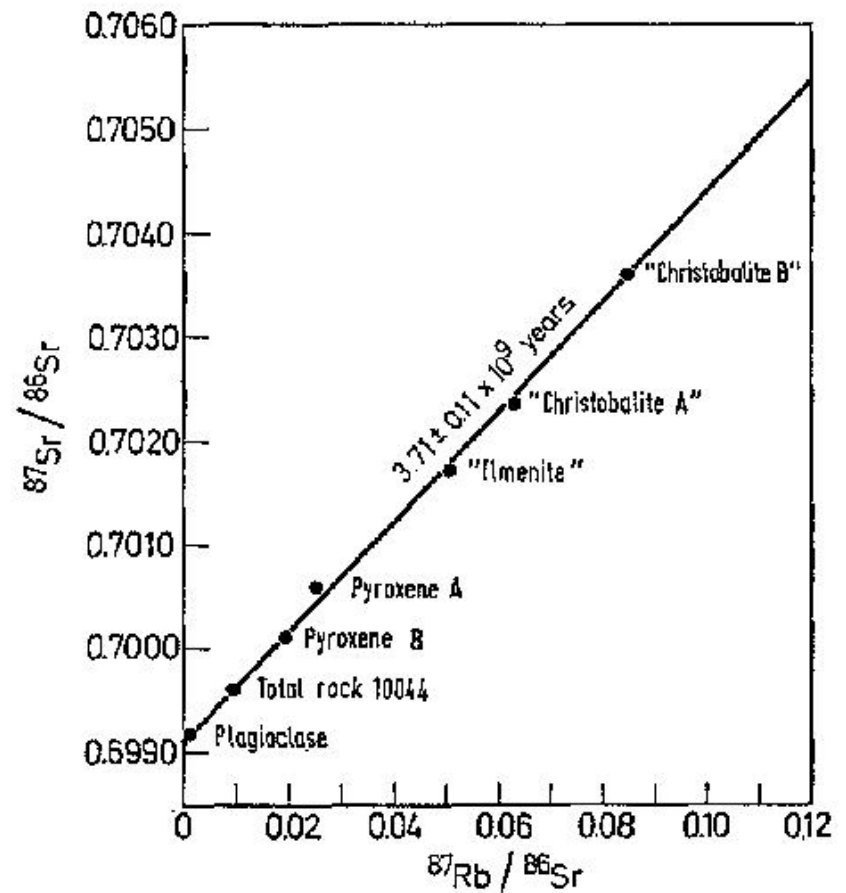


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Allegre JC, Manhès G, Goepel C (1995) *The age of the Earth*.  
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## Moon age (Rb/Sr isochrone of a rock from the moon)



Mondalter



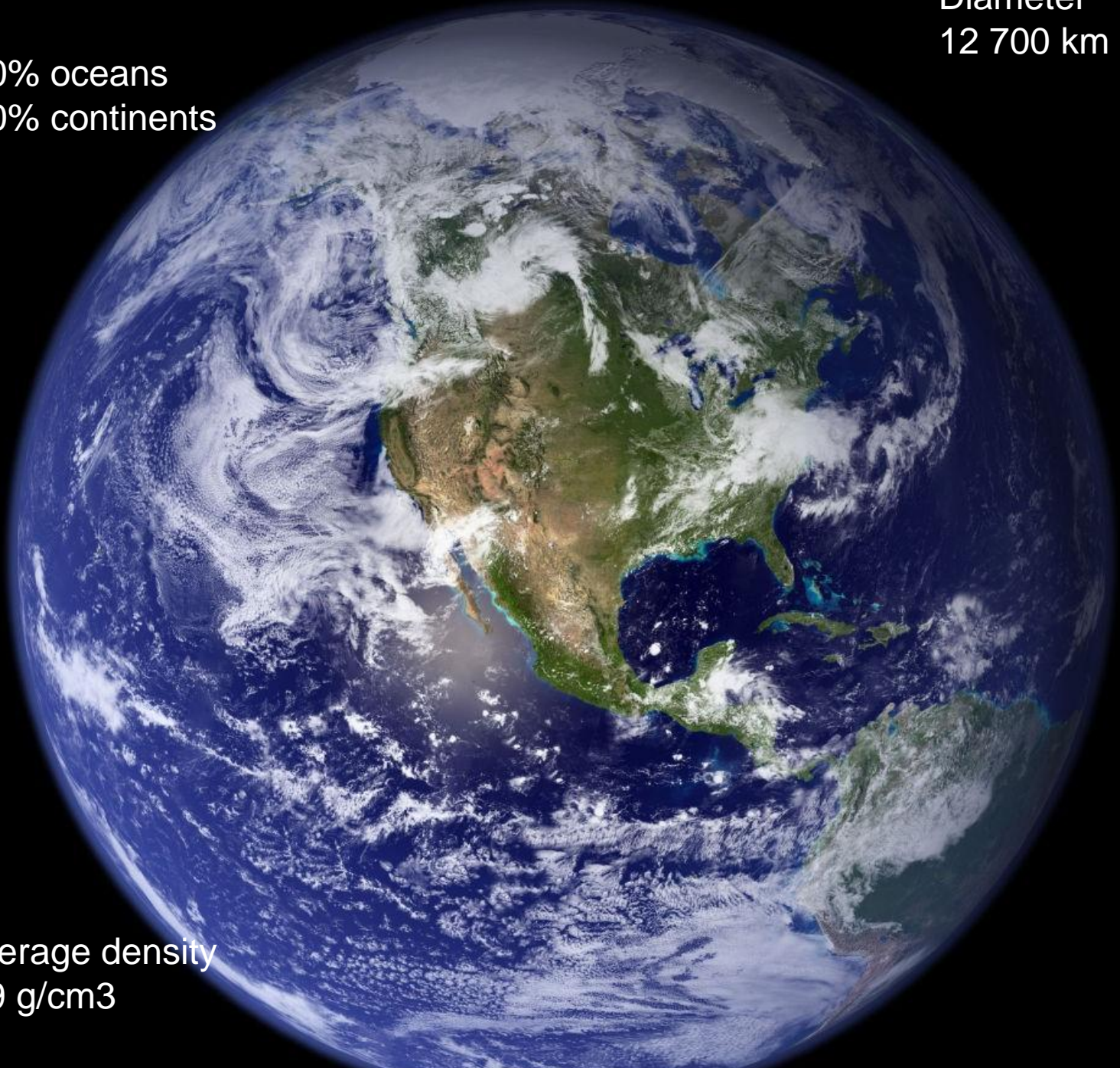


Diameter  
12 700 km

## 8. Structure of the Earth

70% oceans  
30% continents

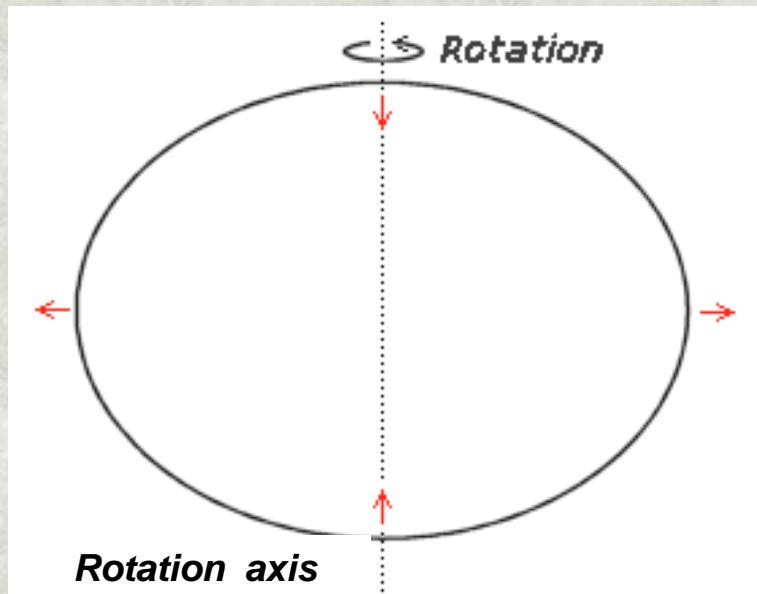
Average density  
5.9 g/cm<sup>3</sup>





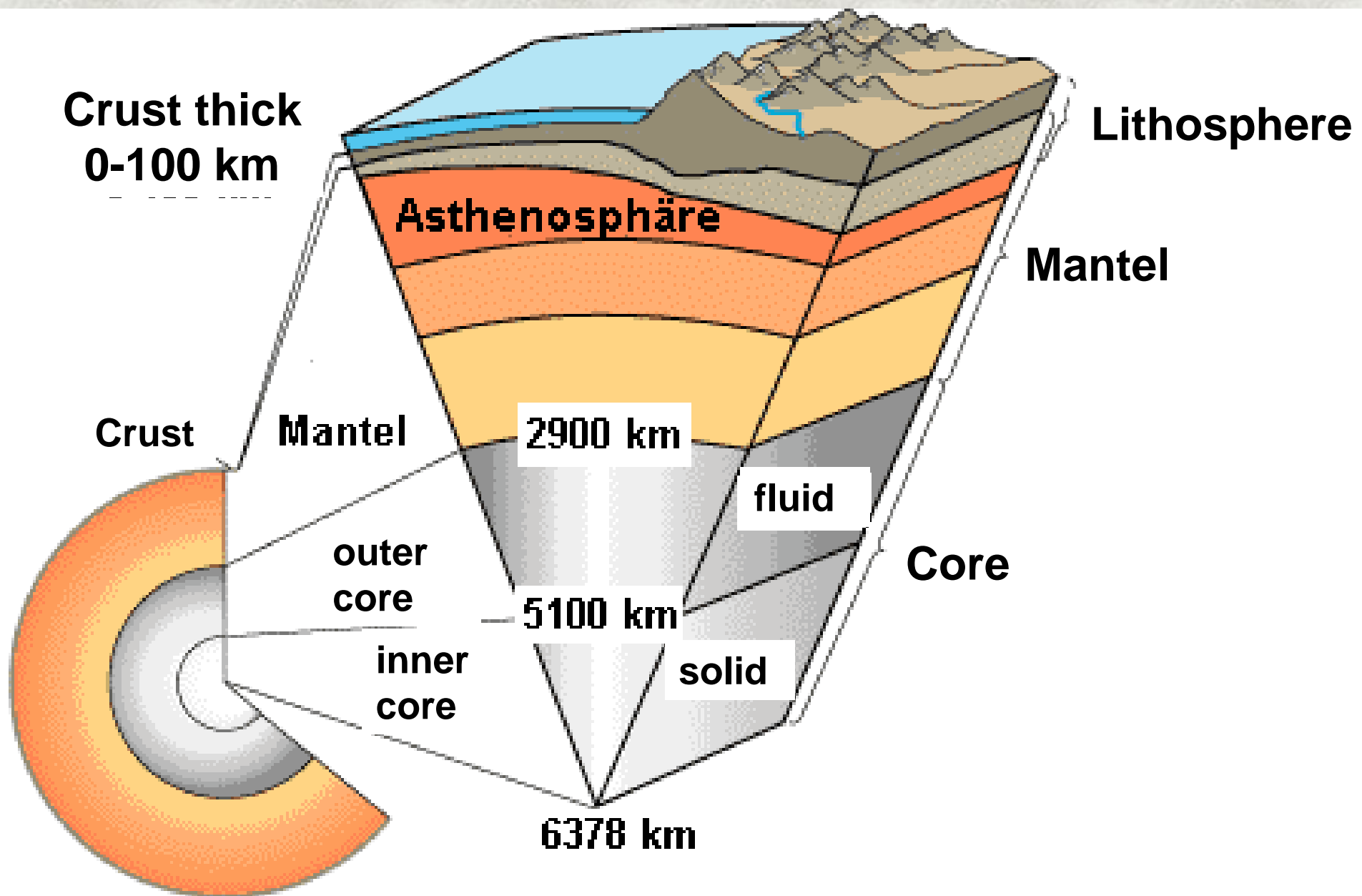
# Earth's oblateness

The Earth's oblateness result from the centrifugal force of the earth rotation, which is big at Equator and is null at the Poles. Since the interior of the Earth is plastic, accommodates the Earth partially to this force. Thereby the sea level adopts too the form of a rotation ellipsoid. The radius of the Earth vary in 21,38 km ( $a = 6378,137$  km,  $b = 6356,752$  km).



**Chimborazo in Ecuador (6310 m):  
mayor distance from earth's centre**

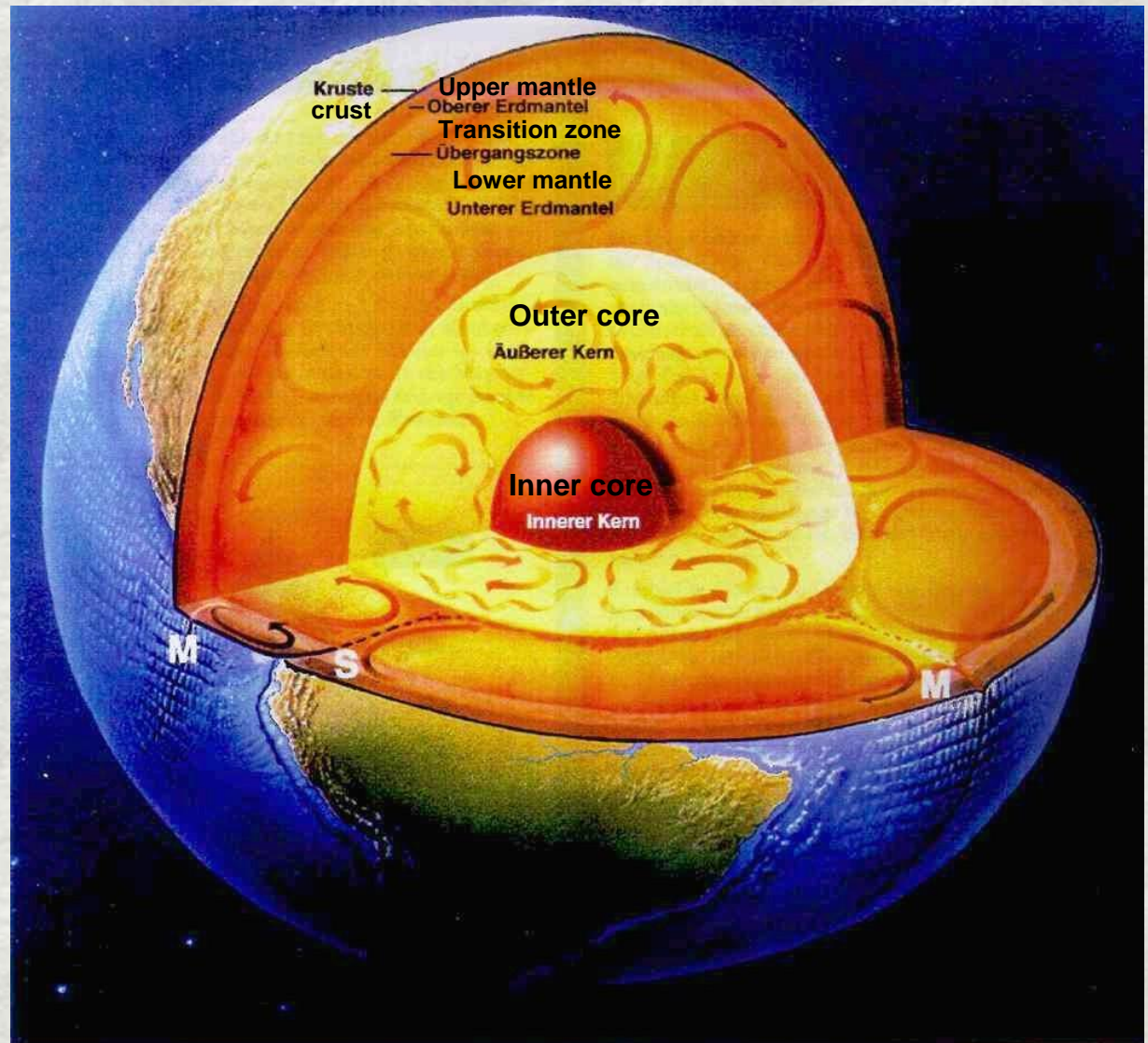




# Structure of the earth

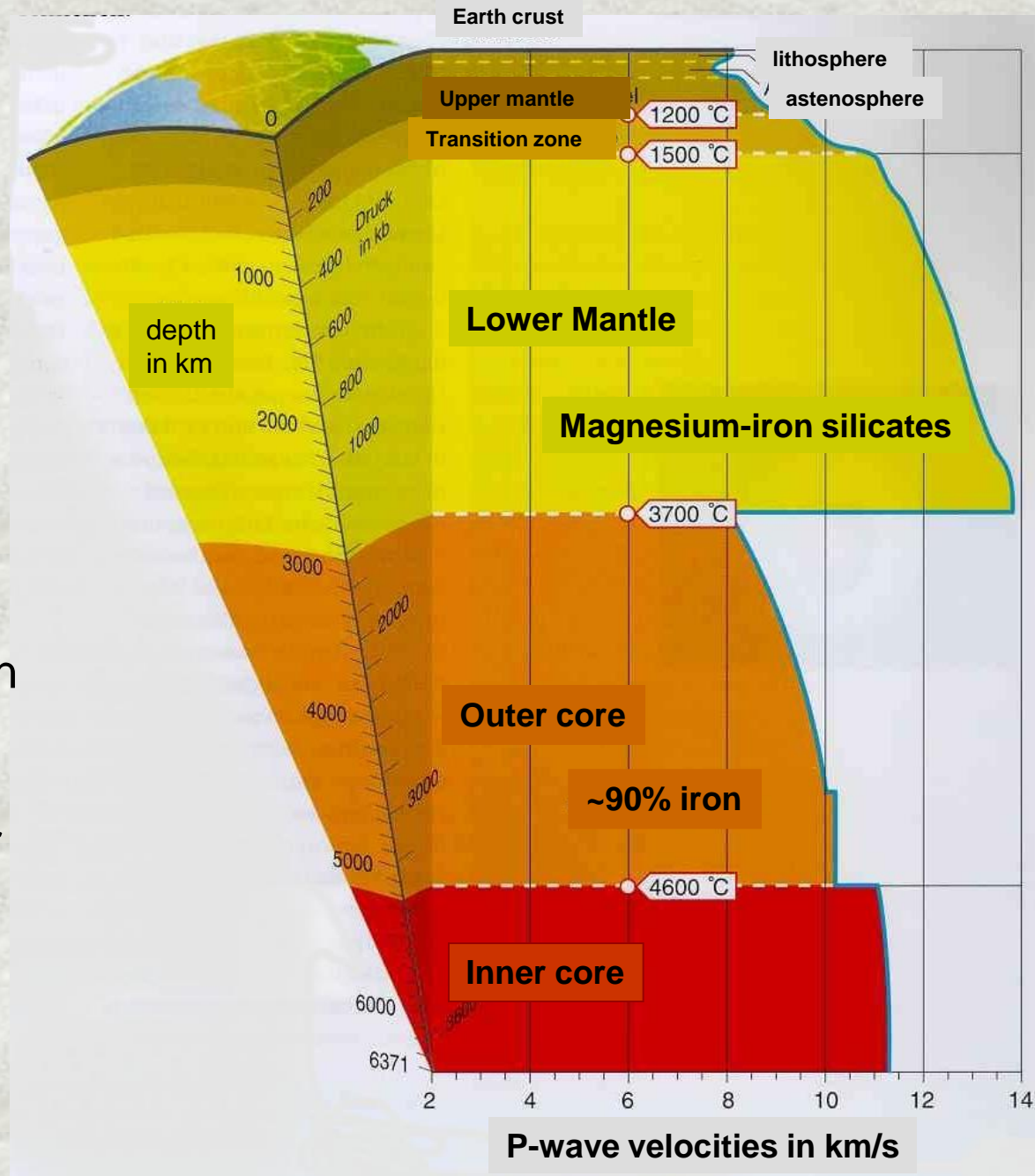
Cross-cut through the earth with its major lithological components and plate tectonic aspects

From: Geo



Structure of the earth based on different wave propagation velocities in the earth.

From: Max-Planck-Institut für Chemie (Otto-Hahn-Institut), Mainz. Faszination Forschung

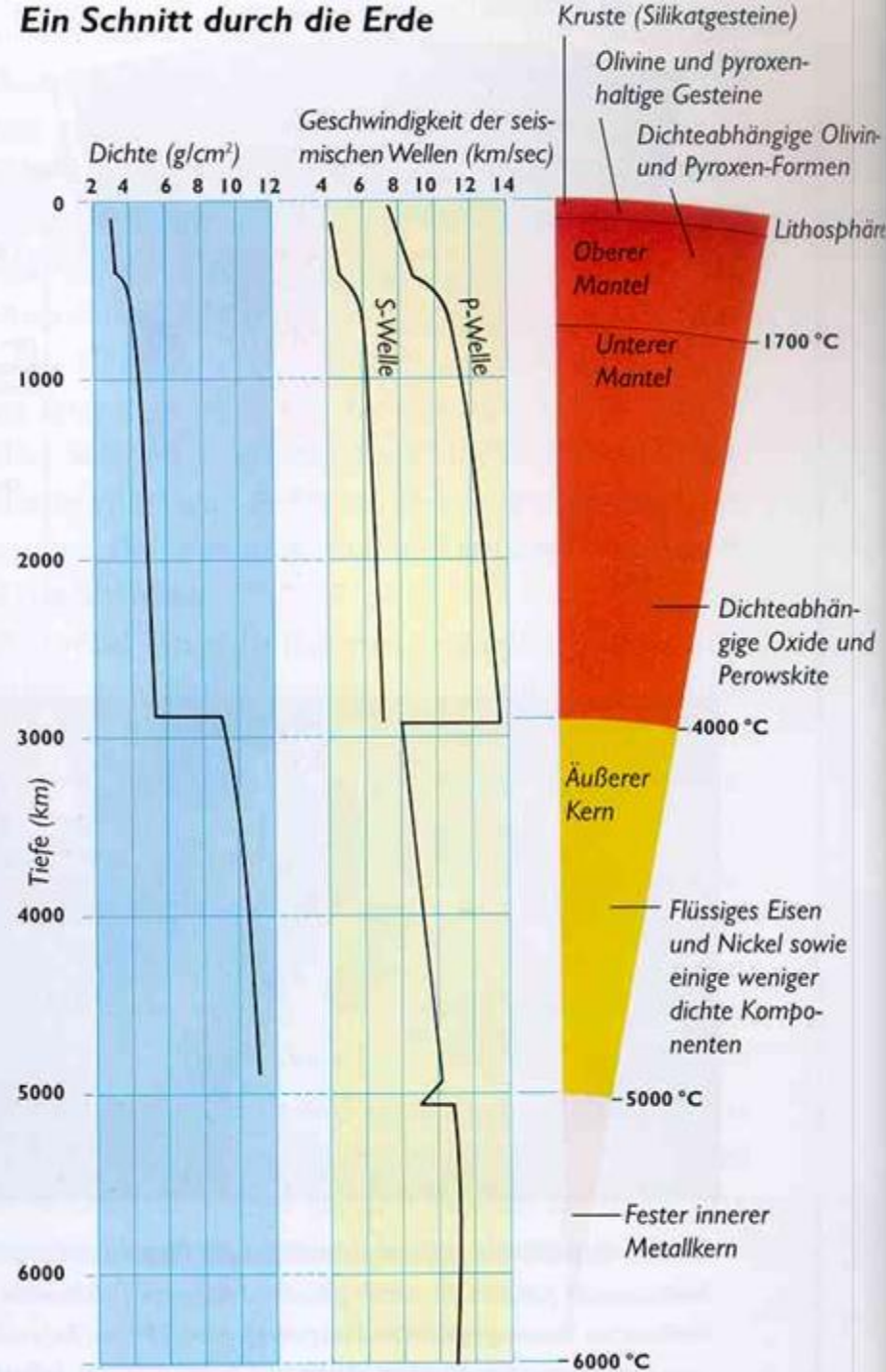




Changes in the propagation velocities of P- and S- waves and the rock densities with increasing depth.

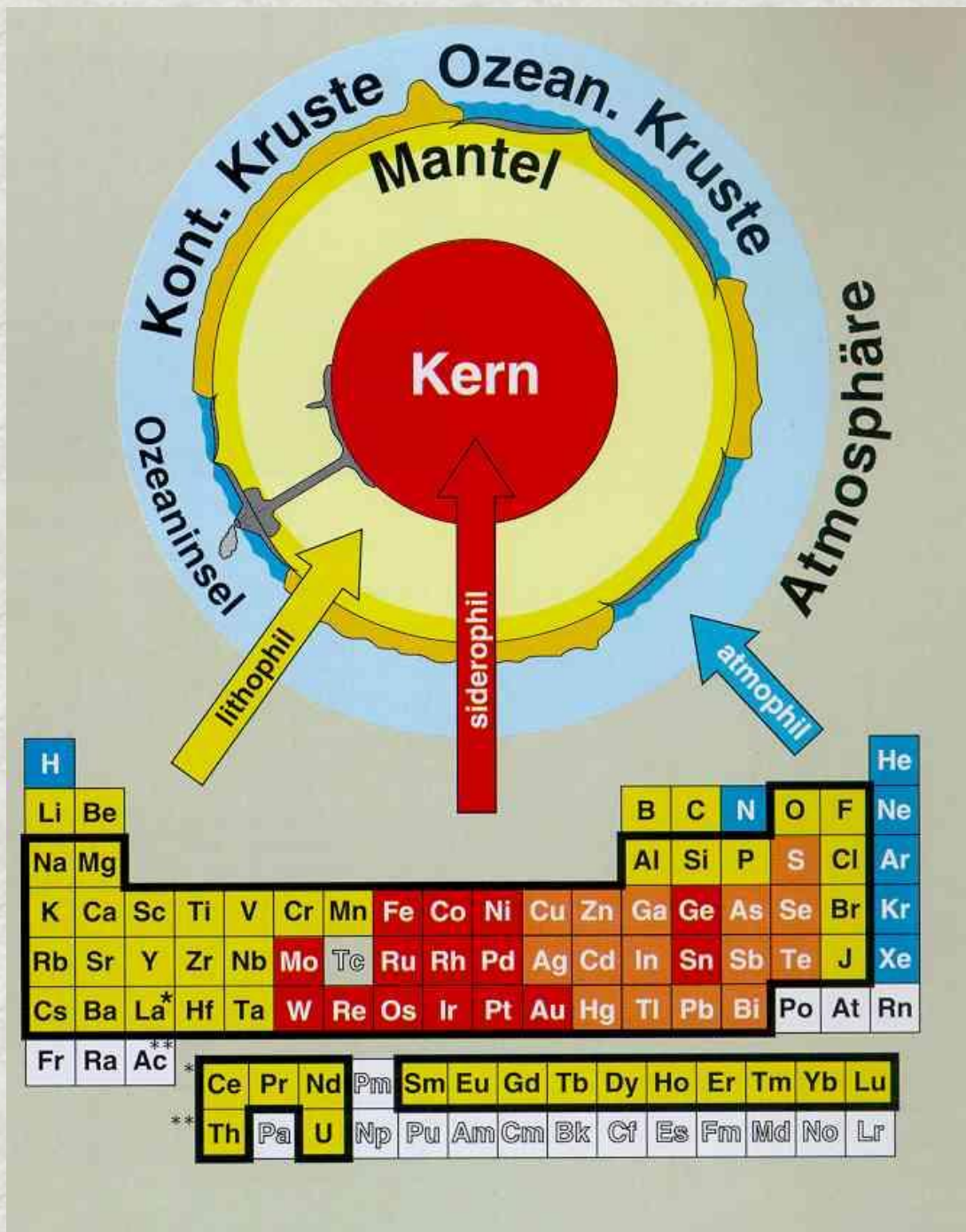
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## Ein Schnitt durch die Erde



Crosscut of the earth with the chemical elements and the periodic table. Colors distinguish elements which are concentrated especially in the atmosphere (amophil), in the crust and mantle (lithophil) and in the iron core (siderophil).

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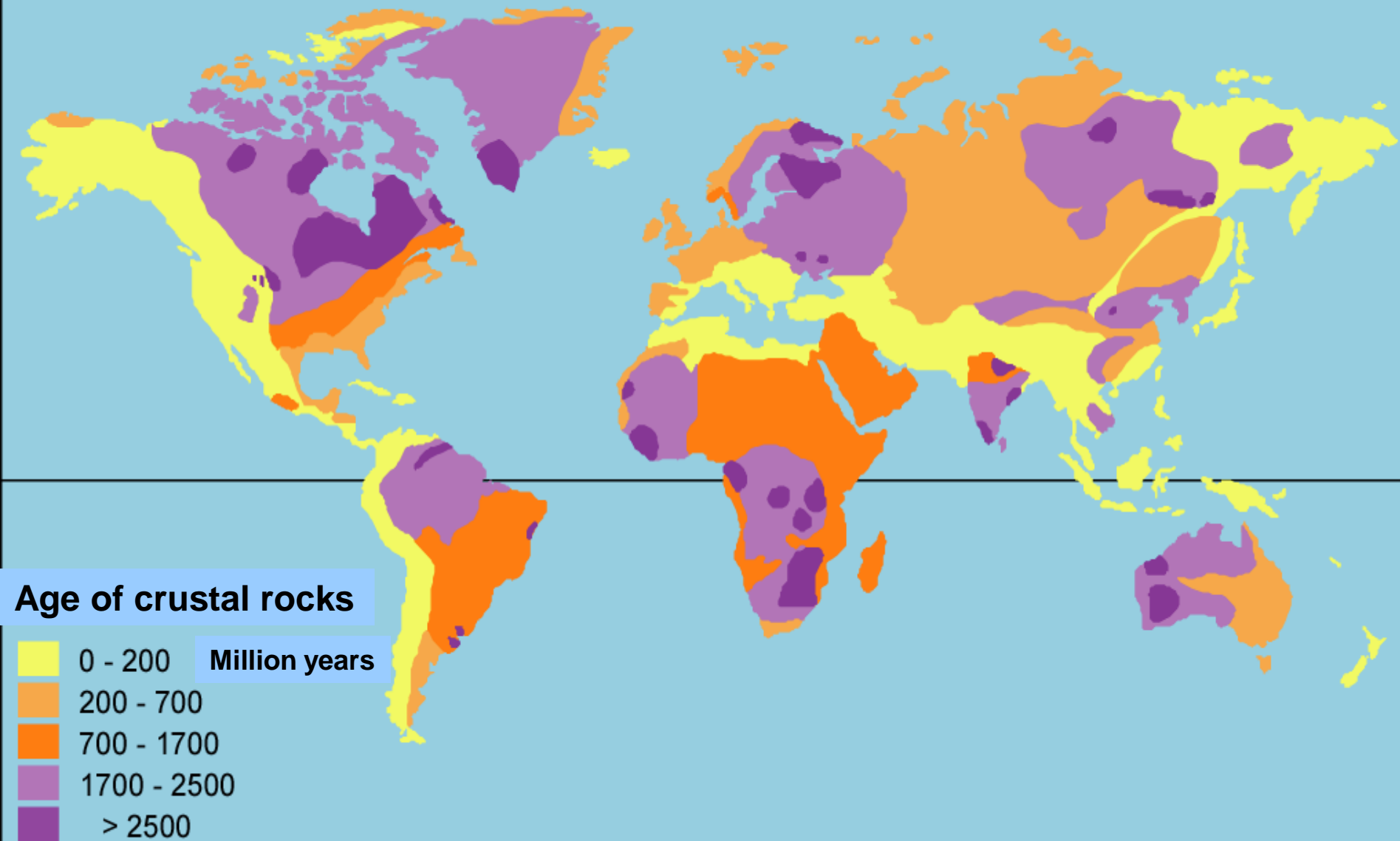


# The 8 most common elements in Earth's crust (by mass):

| Element   | Symbol | Valency | wt.%  | vol.% |
|-----------|--------|---------|-------|-------|
| Oxygen    | O      | 2-      | 46.6% | 93.8% |
| Silicon   | Si     | 4+      | 27.7% | 0.86% |
| Aluminum  | AL     | 3+      | 8.1%  | 0.47% |
| Iron      | Fe     | 2+, 3+  | 5.0%  | 0.4%  |
| Calcium   | Ca     | 2+      | 3.6%  | 1.0%  |
| Sodium    | Na     | 1+      | 2.8%  | 1.3%  |
| Potassium | K      | 1+      | 2.6%  | 1.8%  |
| Magnesium | Mg     | 2+      | 2.1%  | 0.3%  |
|           | Sum    |         | 98.5  | 98.93 |



## Formation of continental crust in geological times



# **1. How do we know about the age and interior of the earth?**

- Rock out crops
- Seismic wave propagation into the earth indicating mineral and rock compositions
- Rock fragments (Xenoliths) which were brought with magma from deeper regions to the earth surface
- High temperature and high pressure experiments in piston cylinder apertures
- Meteorites as examples of broken planets (e.g. iron core)
- Radiogen elements

# 1. Document: Rock out crops (example: Torres del Paine)





## 2. Document: Xenoliths from different depths

### Example: Peridotite xenoliths

Peridotites are the dominant rock type of the upper mantle. Ascending magma are able to bring up mantle fragments of up to 30 cm diameter, which enable a direct window to rocks of the earths mantle.



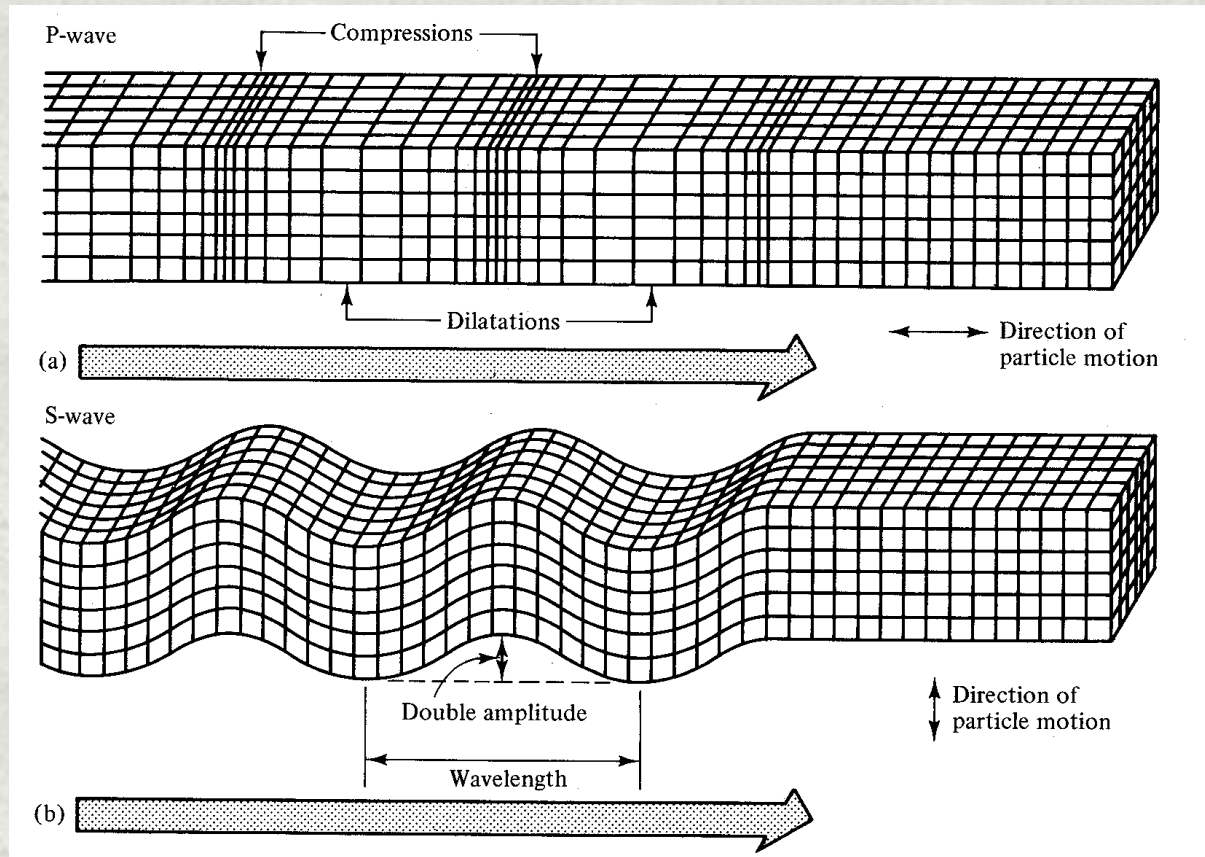




Eclogite xenolith from the Roberst Victor Mine, Südafrika. Eklogites consist especially of garnet (orange-red, Almandin-Pyrop) and a sodium-rich Clinopyroxene (green). Eklogites can be formed during high pressure metamorphism from basalts (Metamorphism is a recrystallisation of minerals in a solid rocks, which adapt to the changed P-T conditions). Besides peridotites, eclogites represent also an important source of diamonds in the upper mantle.

From Nixon, P.H. (Hrsg.) (1987): Mantle Xenoliths. John Wiley & Sons, Chichester, 844 S.

### 3. Document: Propagation velocities of the waves in the basement rocks depend on mineral and rock composition



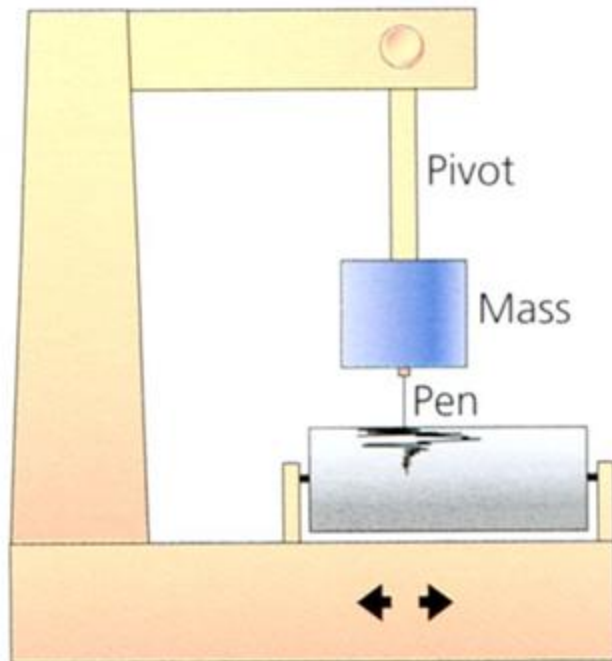
Propagation of compression (P-) and Shear waves (S-Waves)

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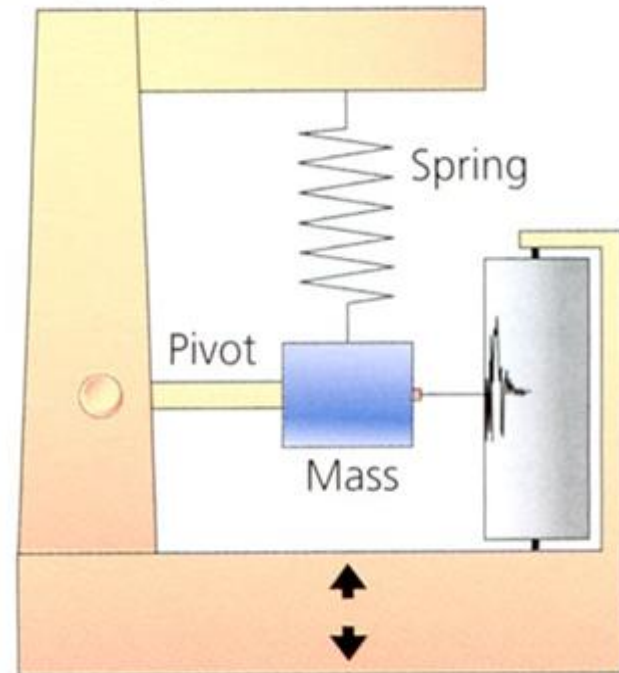


Two different types of seismometers. Depending on the type of hanging of the weight, horizontal or vertical movements can be registered.

(a) Pendulum-mounted Seismometer

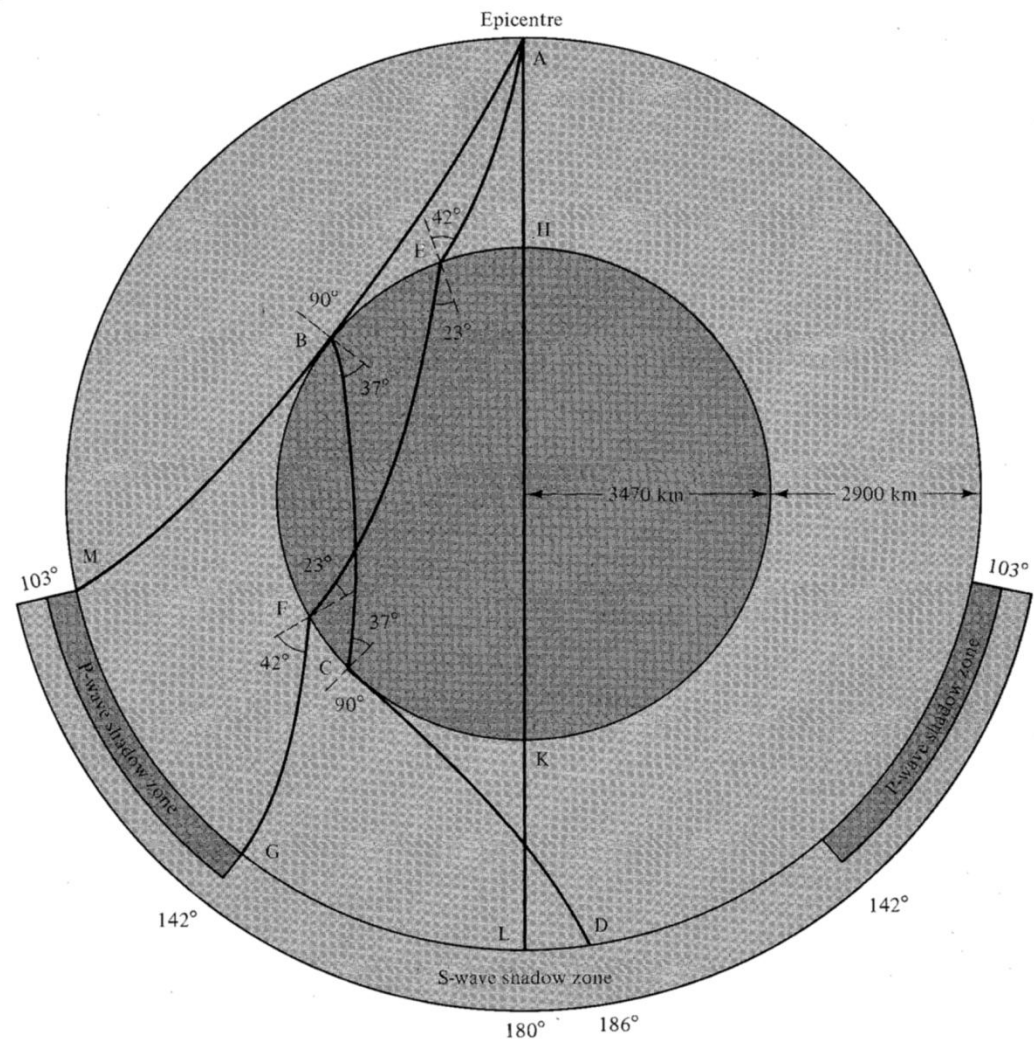


(b) Spring-mounted Seismometer



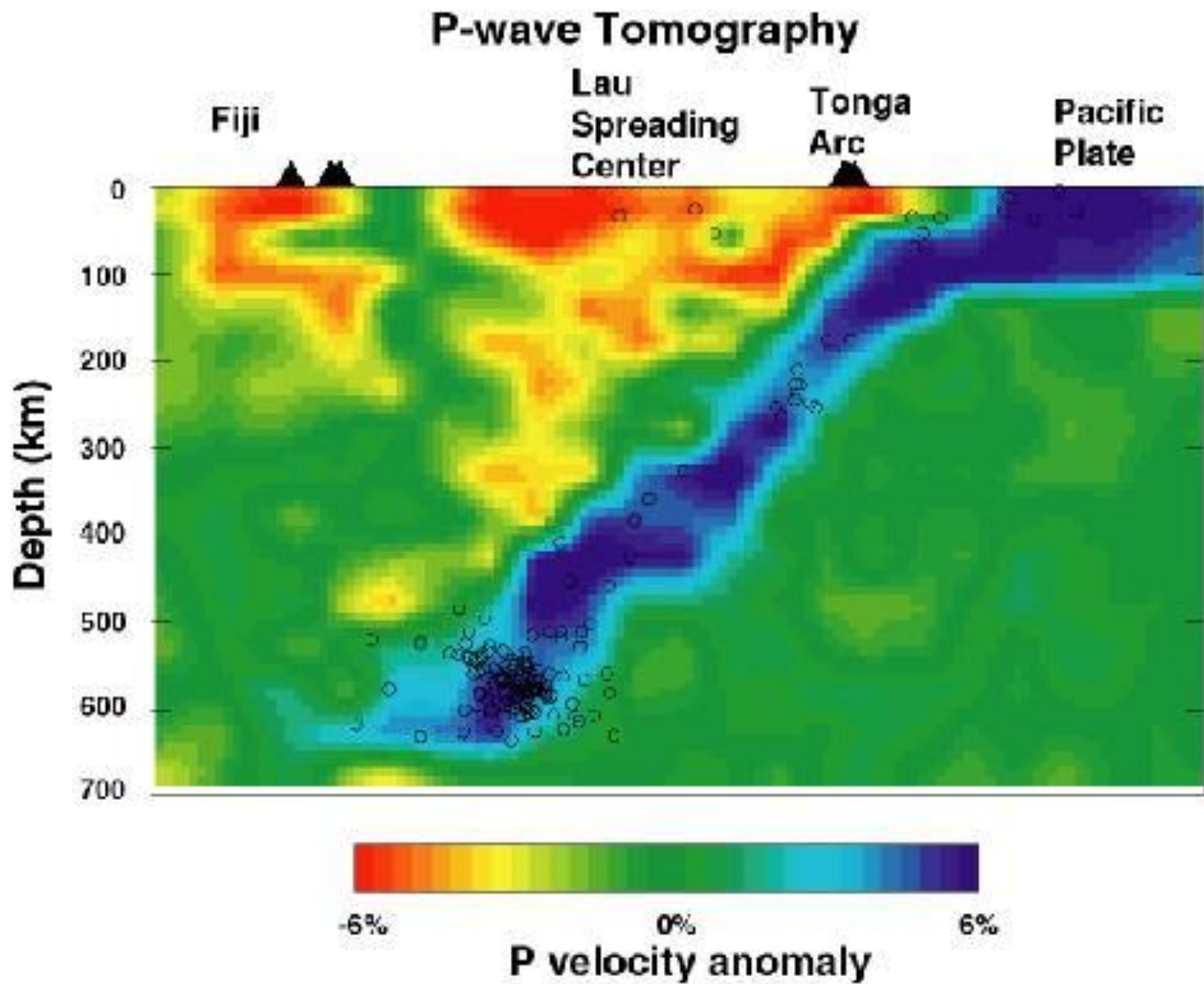
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The liquid outer core of the earth include a shadow zone for shear waves (S-wave shadow zone). This waves could not propagate due to the missing shear stress resistivity of liquids Earth's side. P-waves are partly refracted at the mantle- core transition, what cause a ring-link shadow compressional waves (P-wave shadow zone).



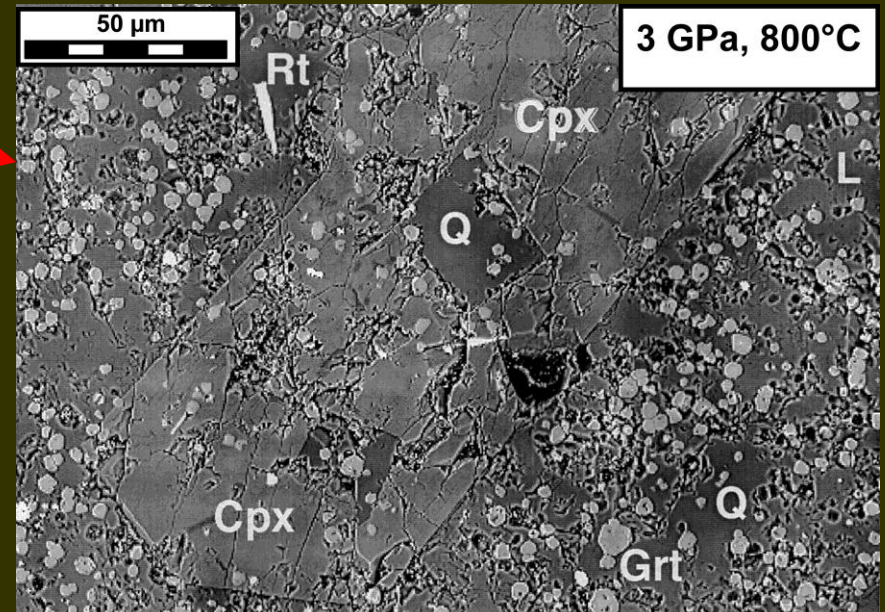
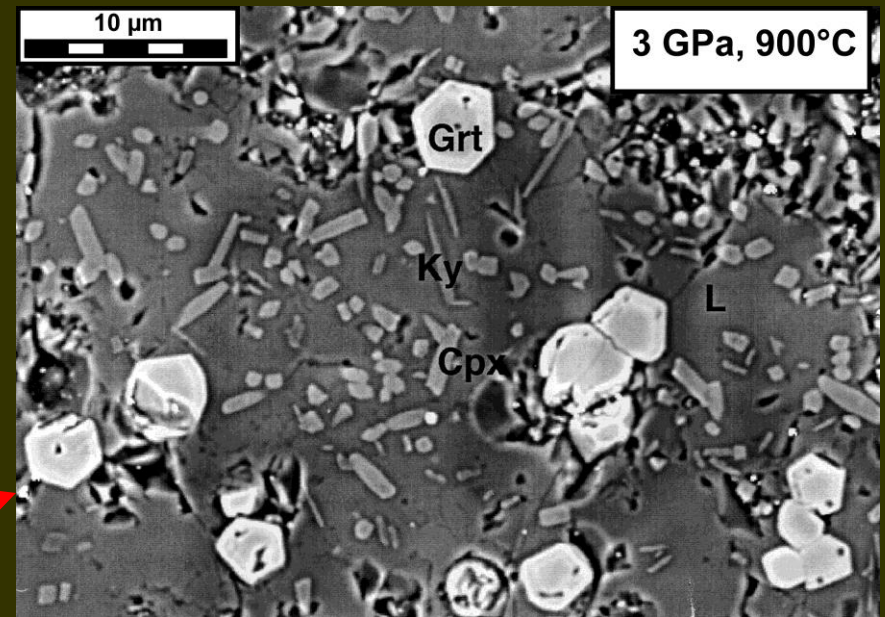
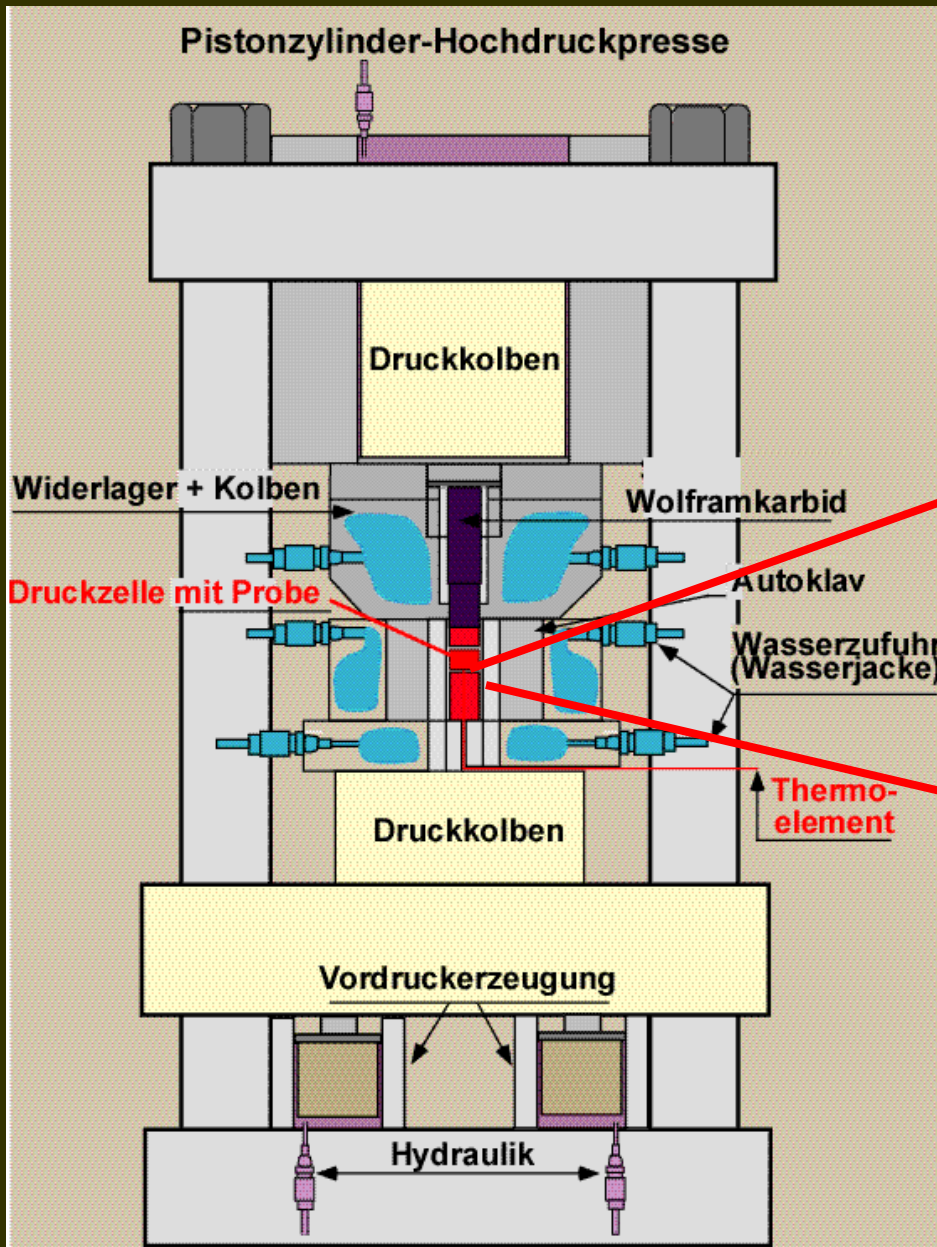
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## Tomography of a subduction zone





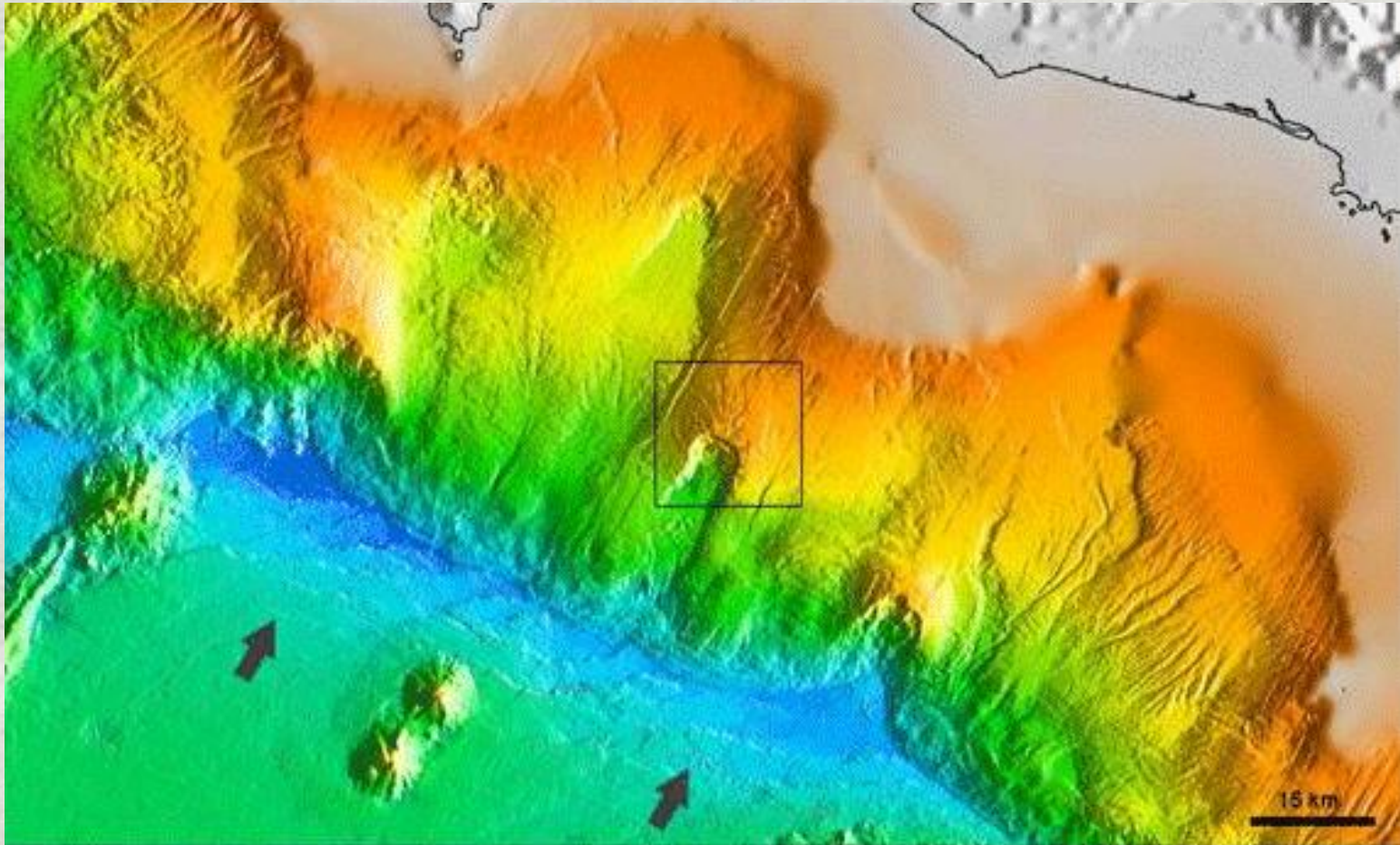
# Piston cylinder press





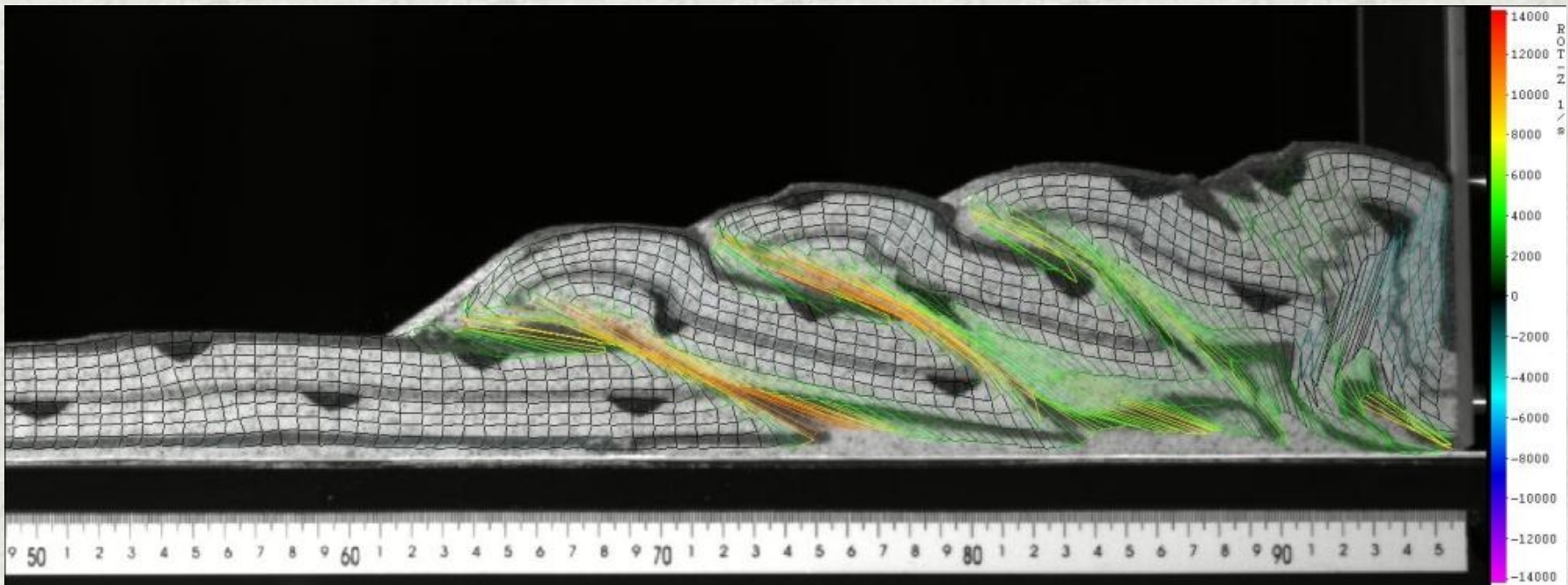
# Deformation experiments

Analogue sandbox experiments, simulation the deformation in an accretionary wedge (Ryan Laracy)



# Deformation experiments

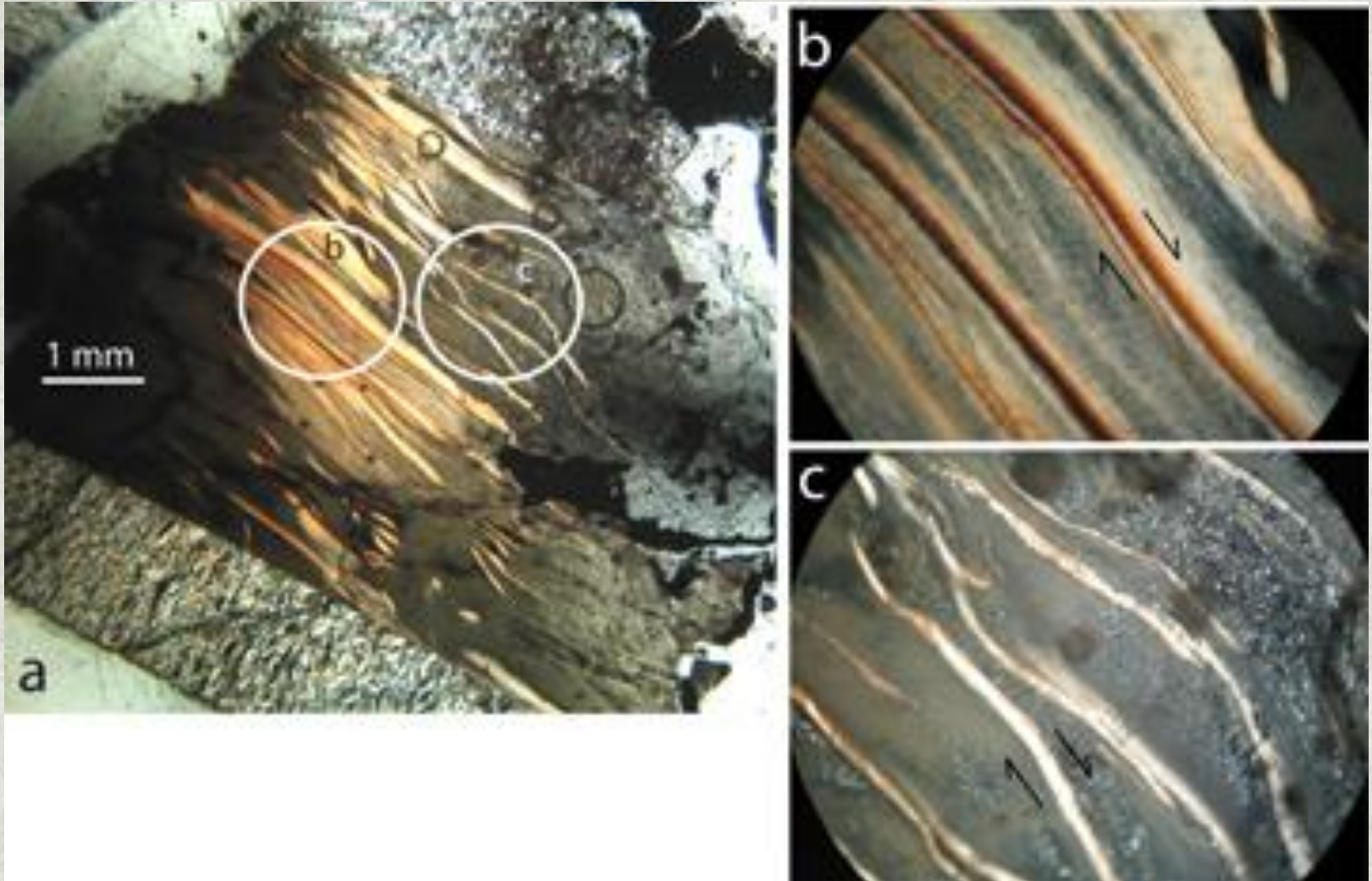
- **Simulation of Surface Deformations During Subduction Earthquakes (Onno Oncken, GFZ)**
- Quantitative process understanding between seismotectonic deformation at the plate boundaries and their impact to deformations at the earth's surface





# Deformation experiments

Andalusite Torsion experiments (Dr. Take Hiraga)

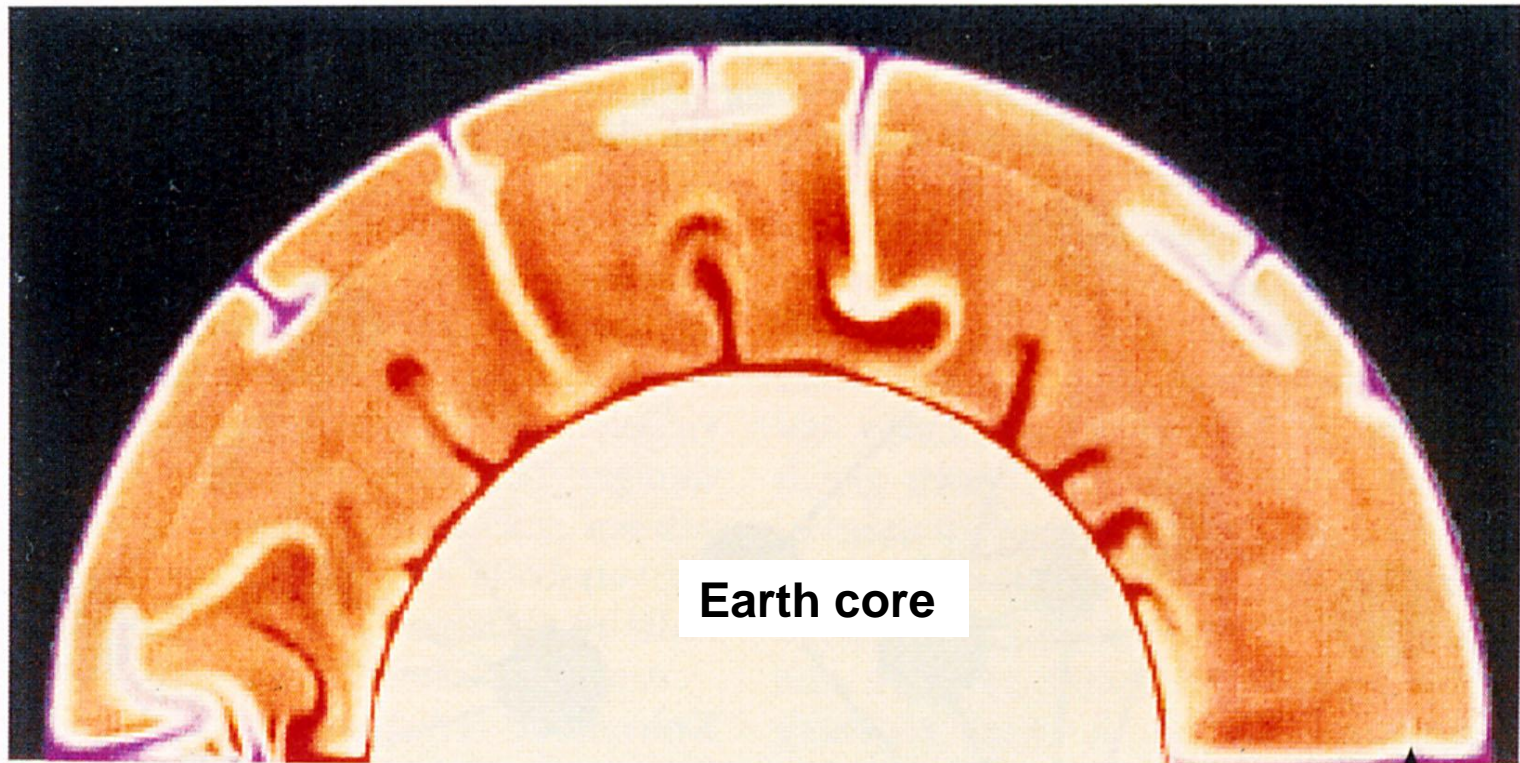




# Computer simulation:

**Gradual mixing of the Earth mantle by bipartite  
and in-depth convection**

(Computermode'll)

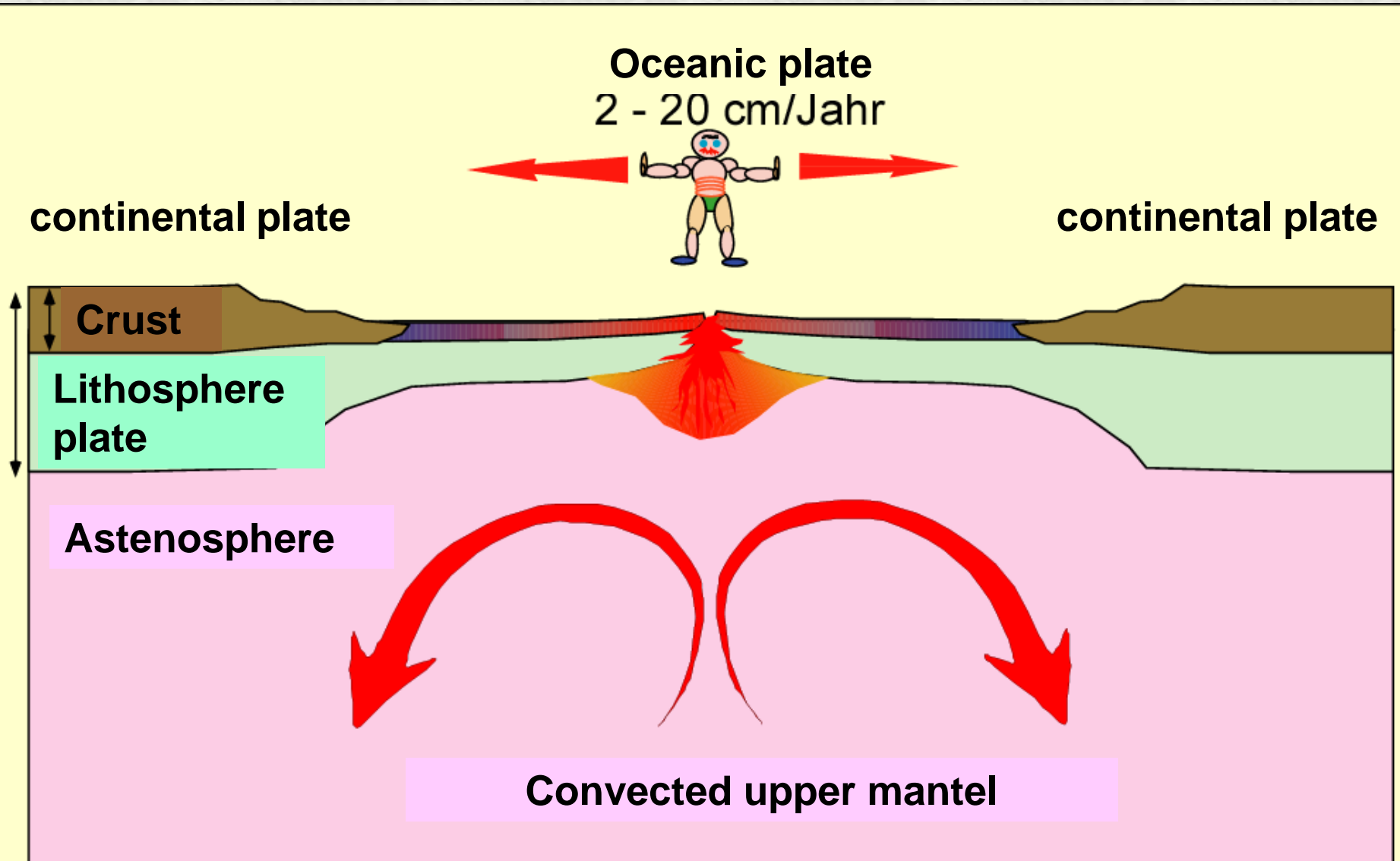


Earth core

**The Earth mantle is composed of compact stones,  
which to act plastic by the high pressures.**

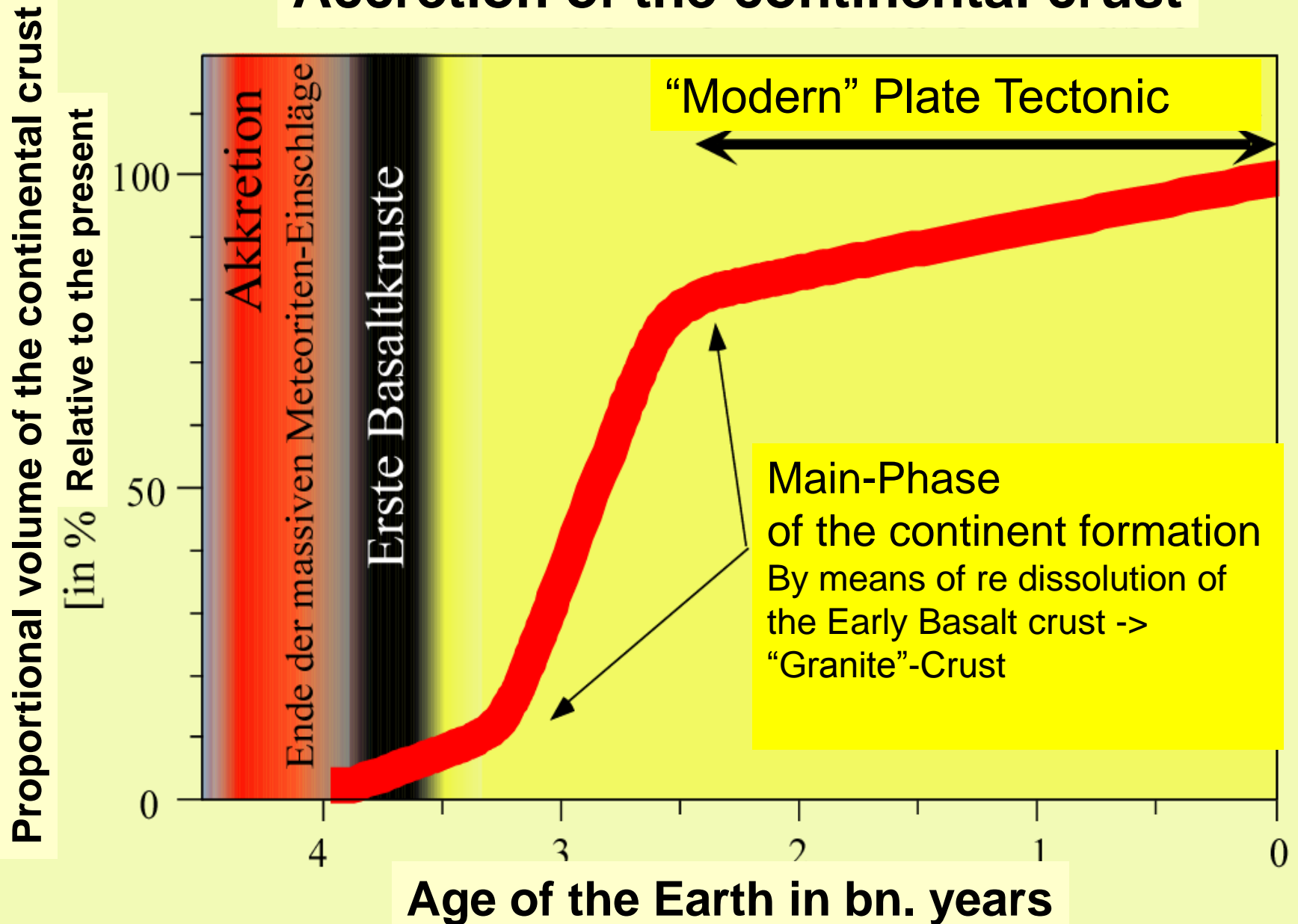
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660 km

# Asthenosphere and Lithosphere





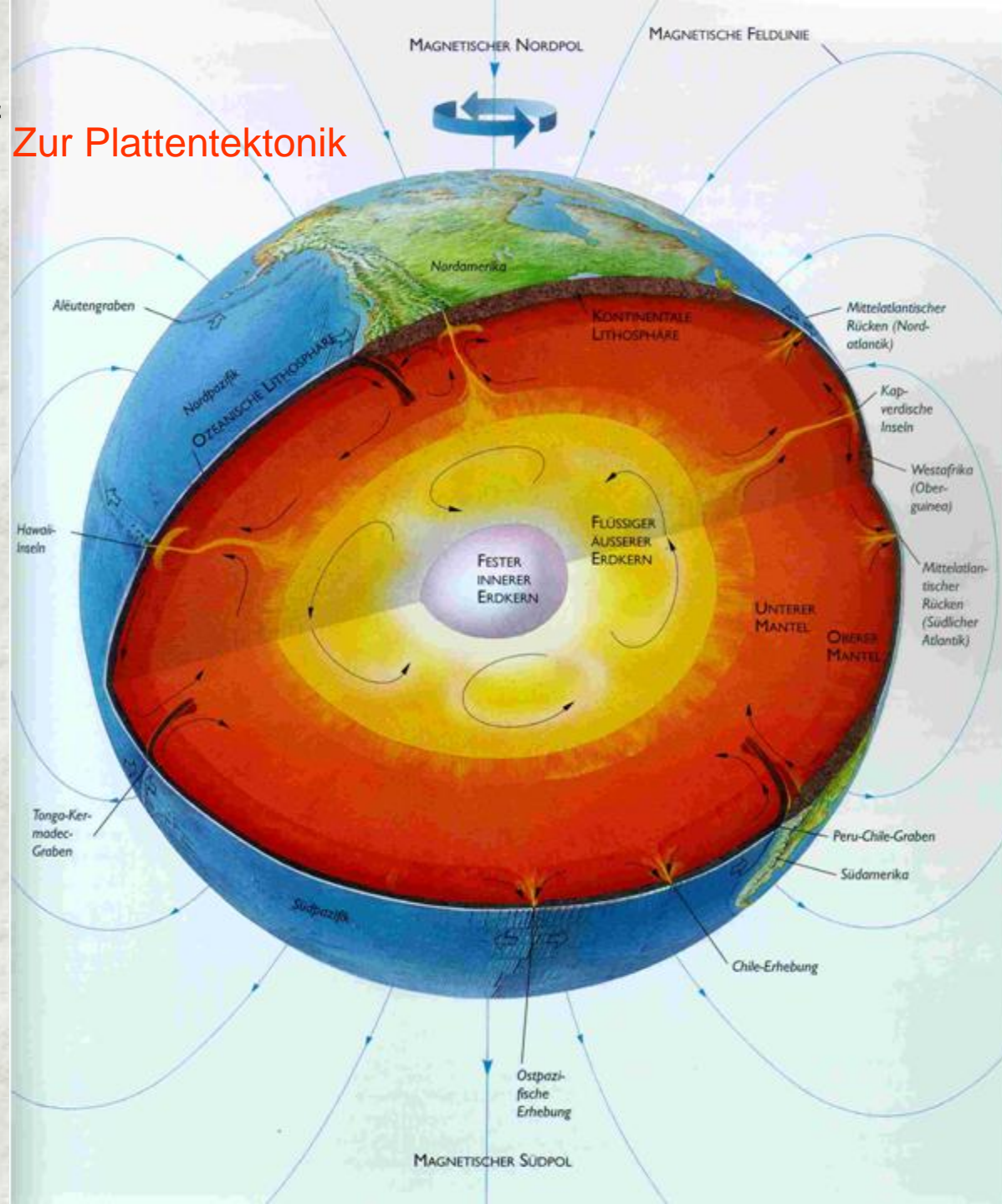
# Accretion of the continental crust



Section through the earth with the main elements of the plate tectonics (Mid-ocean ridge with subduction zones).

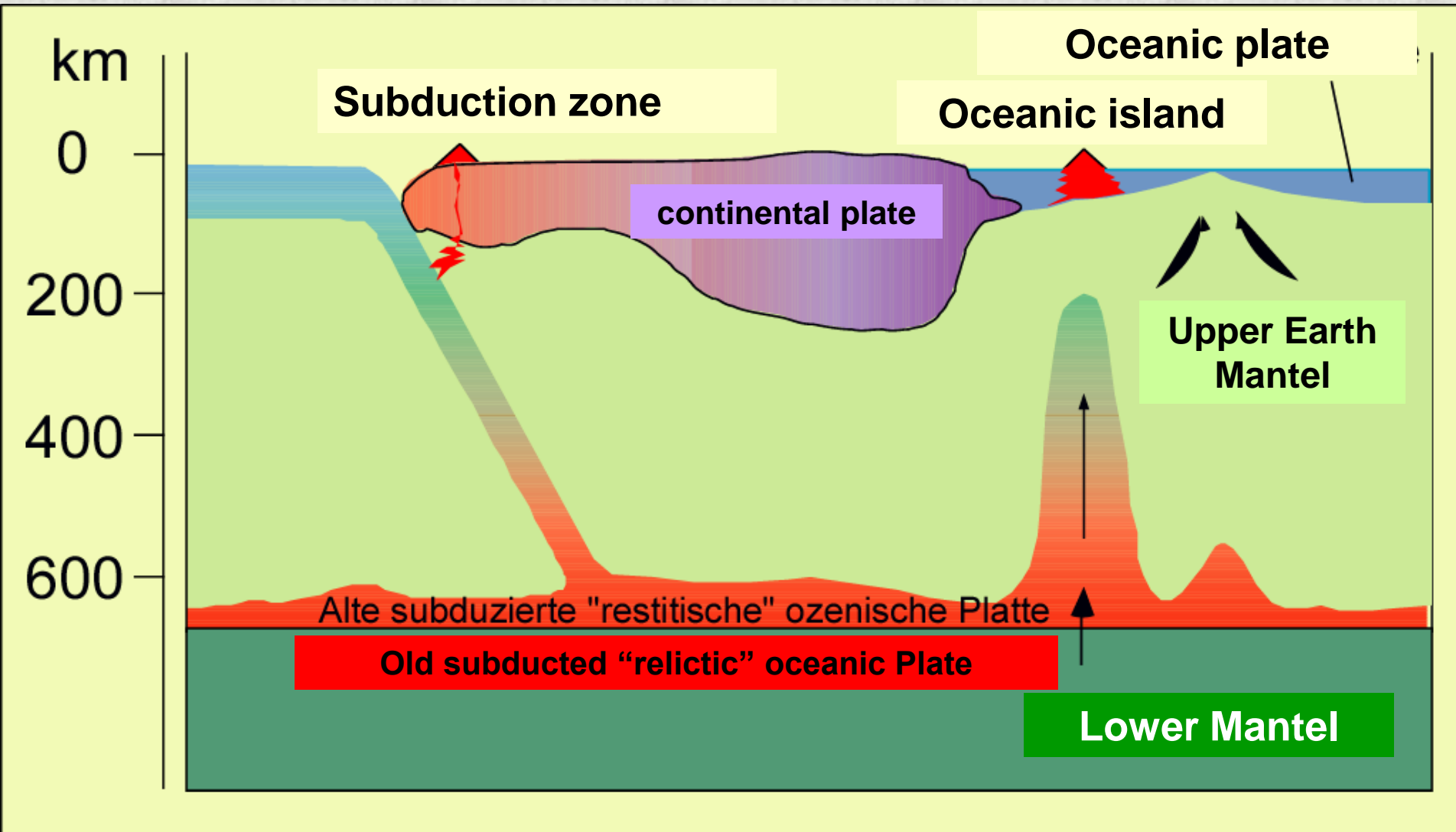
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## Zur Plattentektonik



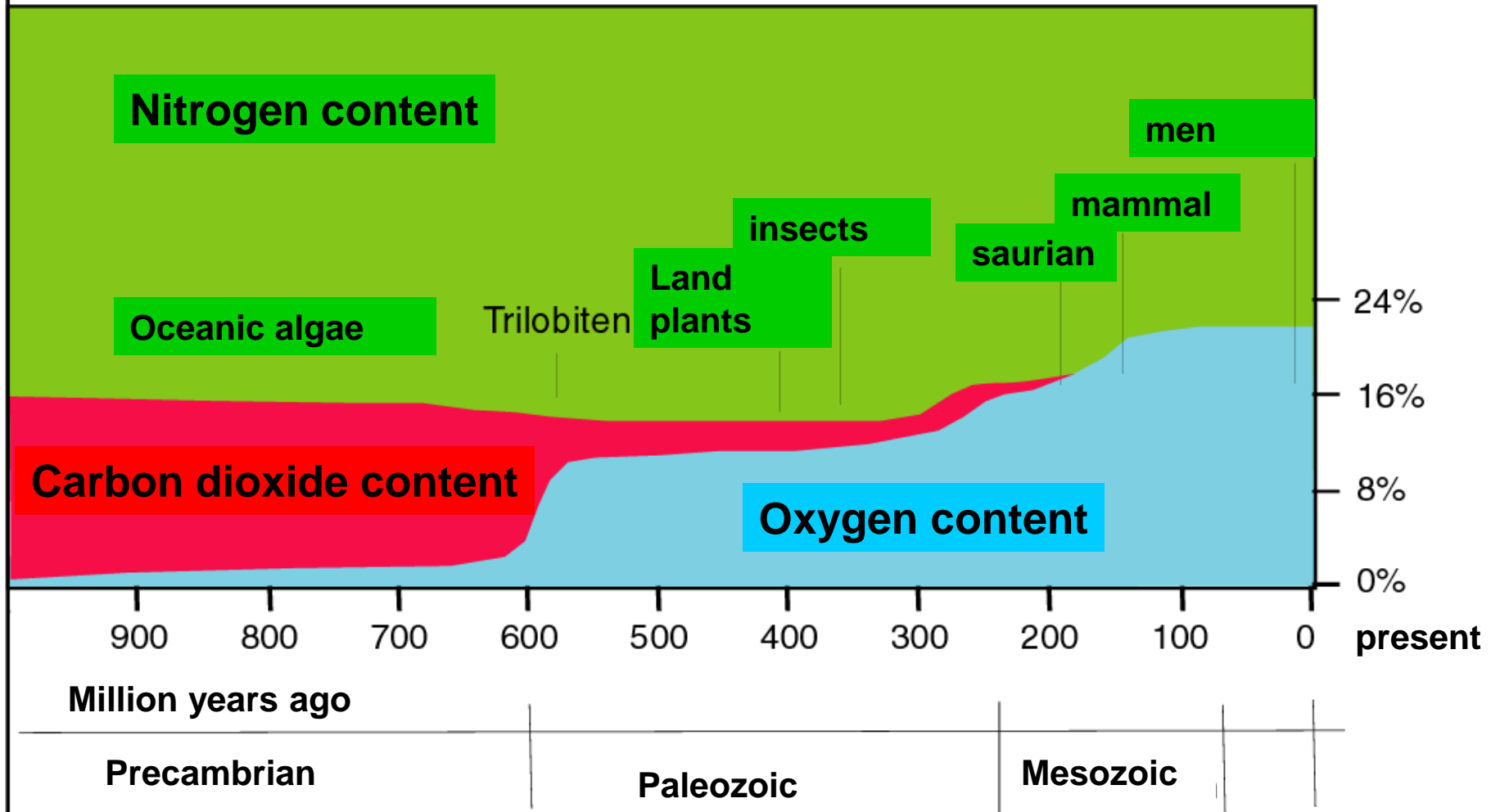


# Model for the geochemical development of the Earth Mantel



# Development of the Earth atmosphere

Volume % part





## Aufgabe 1: Elementfraktionierung bei Teilschmelzbildung

$$\frac{C_l}{C_o} = \frac{1}{D + F(1-D)}$$

F = Aufschmelzgrad eines Gesteines (0-1) wobei dies 0-100% entspricht

D = Verteilungskoeffizient für eine Element zwischen Schmelze und Festphasen

C<sub>l</sub> = Elementkonzentration in der Teilschmelze

C<sub>o</sub> = Elementkonzentration im Ausgangsmaterial

Berechnen Sie, wie hoch die Kaliumkonzentrationen in einer Teilschmelze sind, wenn der Teilschmelzanteil (a) 5% und (b) 30% beträgt (F= 0.05 bzw 0.30).

Der Gesamtverteilungskoeffizient zwischen einer Teilschmelze und Erdmantelmineralen (C<sub>l</sub>/C<sub>o</sub>) beträgt 0.1.

Die Ausgangskonzentration im Erdmantel beträgt 1500 ppm (Parts per Million)