

Accommodation space



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Seedling and its relationship to seedling

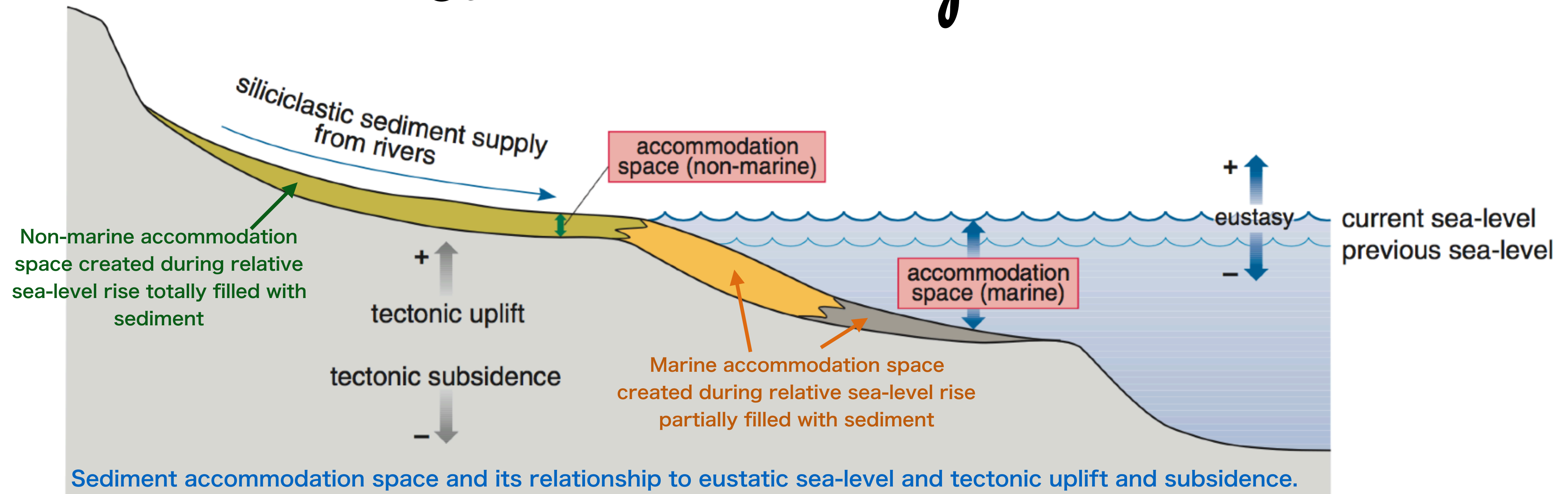


**Marine accommodation space
created during relative sea-level rise
partially filled with sediment**

**Non-marine accommodation
space created during relative
sea-level rise totally filled with
sediment**



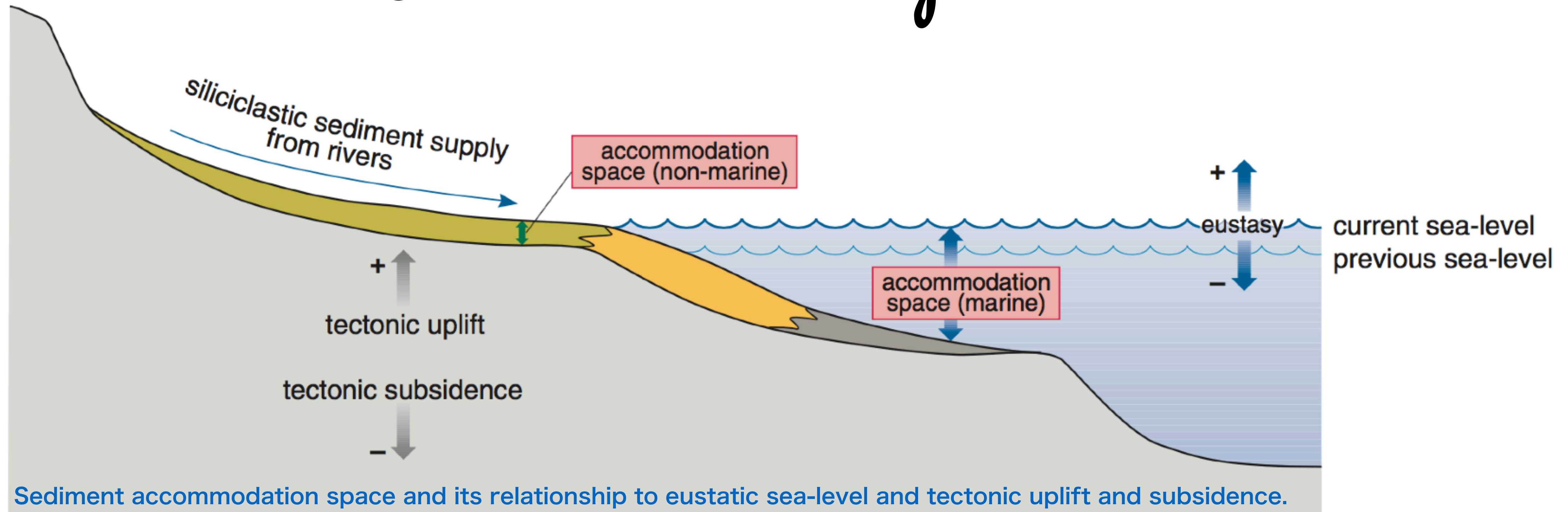
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Changes in relative sea-level controlled by both **eustatic sea-level fluctuations** & **tectonic subsidence/uplift**.

Eustasy & tectonic subsidence act independently of each other:

eustatic sea-level fall + higher rate of subsidence = relative sea-level rise -> increase in accommodation space

Relative sea-level is used as an all encompassing term for eustatic and tectonic changes and can be directly equated to changes in marine accommodation space.