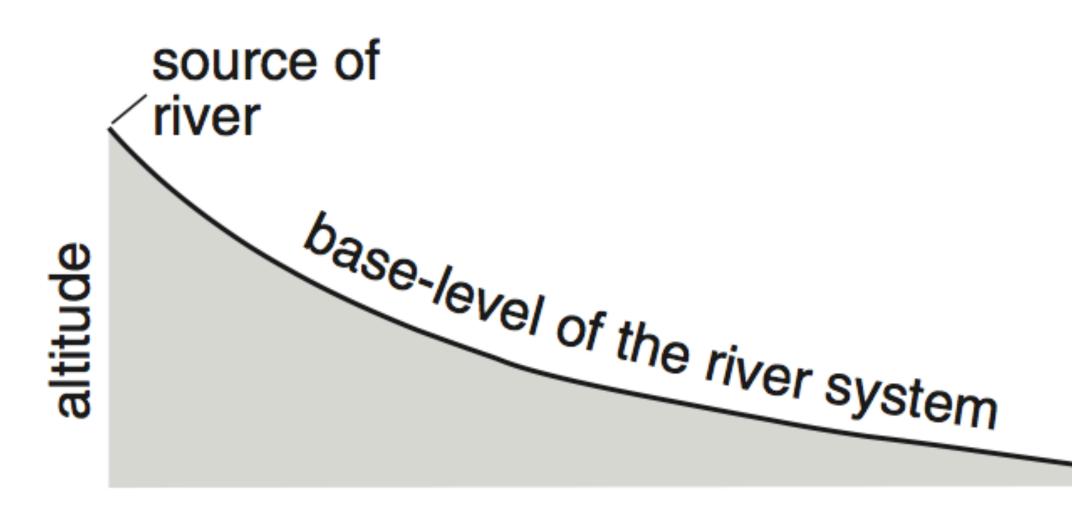
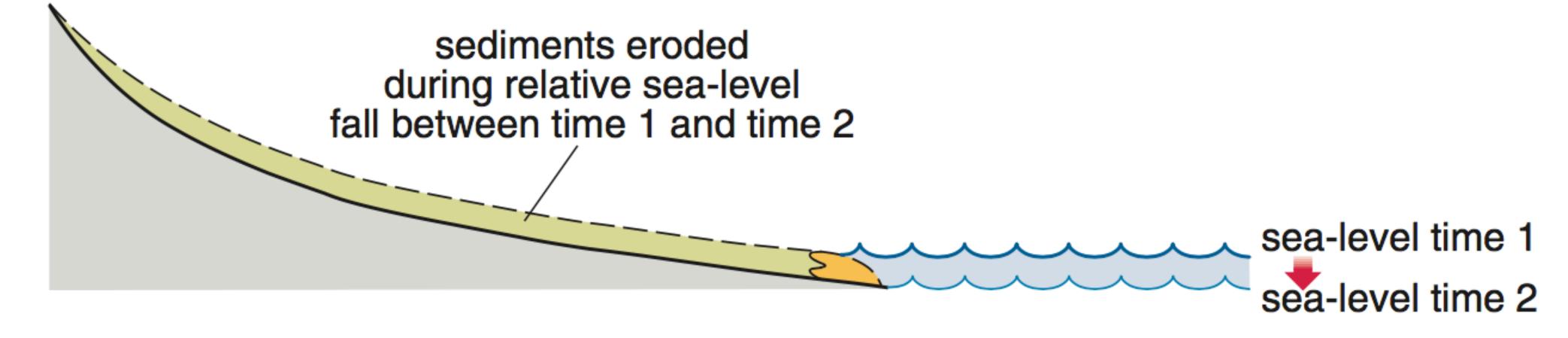
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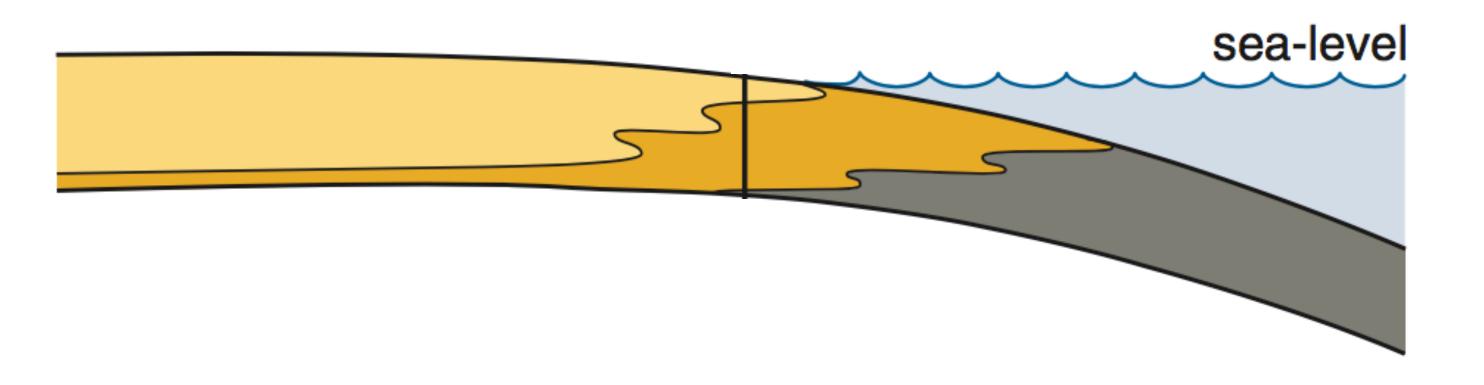


As relative sea-level falls, alluvial systems will cut a new lower river profile by incision until the alluvial system profile and sea-level are back in equilibrium

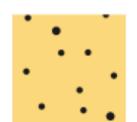
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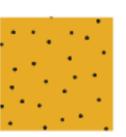
Development of parasequences



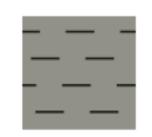
KEY



alluvial and coastal plain sediments



shallow-marine sediments



offshore-marine sediments

Relative sea-level and therefore accommodation space, together with sediment supply vary over a number of different time-scales.

Small-scale **sequence stratigraphical depositional units** (parasequences) stack together due to changes in accommodation space and/or sediment supply over longer time periods to form sequences.

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