



Lecture 1: Course introduction

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We acknowledge and respect the *lək'ʷəŋən* peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and *WSÁNEĆ* peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.



Who am I?

- Blake Dyer (he/him/his)
 - I prefer Blake over Dr. Dyer or Professor Dyer
- Undergraduate at Rice University 2006-2010
- PhD at Princeton University 2010-2015
- Postdoc at LDEO (Columbia University) 2016-2019
- Started in SEOS at UVic in Nov 2019
- Seventh time teaching EOS 240
 - Also teach Advanced Sed/Strat (EOS 423), Marine Geology (EOS 408), and The Dynamic Earth (EOS 120)



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Who are you?

- Name

and some optional prompts:

- What is something you find interested about Earth Science?
- What program are you in and/or why?
- What do you hope to learn in EOS 240?
- What challenges do you anticipate?



Course Outline, Brightspace, and Course Webpage

Brightspace: All important announcements, assignments, and grades will be managed through Brightspace.

Course Webpage: Lecture slides and other course materials can be found on the course webpage, updated shortly after each class. There is a link to this page under Course Materials on Brightspace.

Go through course outline



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Earth doesn't limit us to just Earth, as understanding the *origins and history* of Earth means we also study meteorites, stars, other planets, etc.



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- quantify the geologic timescale
- depth and temperature of magma chambers
- that sediments are subducted into the mantle
- the temperature and pressure that metamorphic rocks form at, and as one example this knowledge can help determine the displacement along faults
- how fast mountain belts have risen
- how fast mountain belts are eroding
- how and when the crust formed
- how the mantle convects
- how cold the ice ages were and what caused them
- when life began on Earth
- the impact and causes of acid rain, the ozone hole, greenhouse effect, and global warming
- sources and solutions to environmental contamination



Geochemistry: what are the *tools* of the trade?



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- physical tools such as instruments that make chemical measurements
- chemical experiments
- interpretive tools (models) that explain observations
 - primarily based in thermodynamics, but can include kinetics, aquatic chemistry, trace element geochemistry, isotope geochemistry



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- thermodynamics allows us to predict the outcome of chemical reactions under a given set of conditions
 - predict the sequence of minerals that will crystallize from a magma
 - may seem purely academic except that we can use this predictive power to work backwards: can determine the temperature, pressure, and composition of the magma or water from which minerals crystallized
 - allows us to understand how Earth has come to its present condition

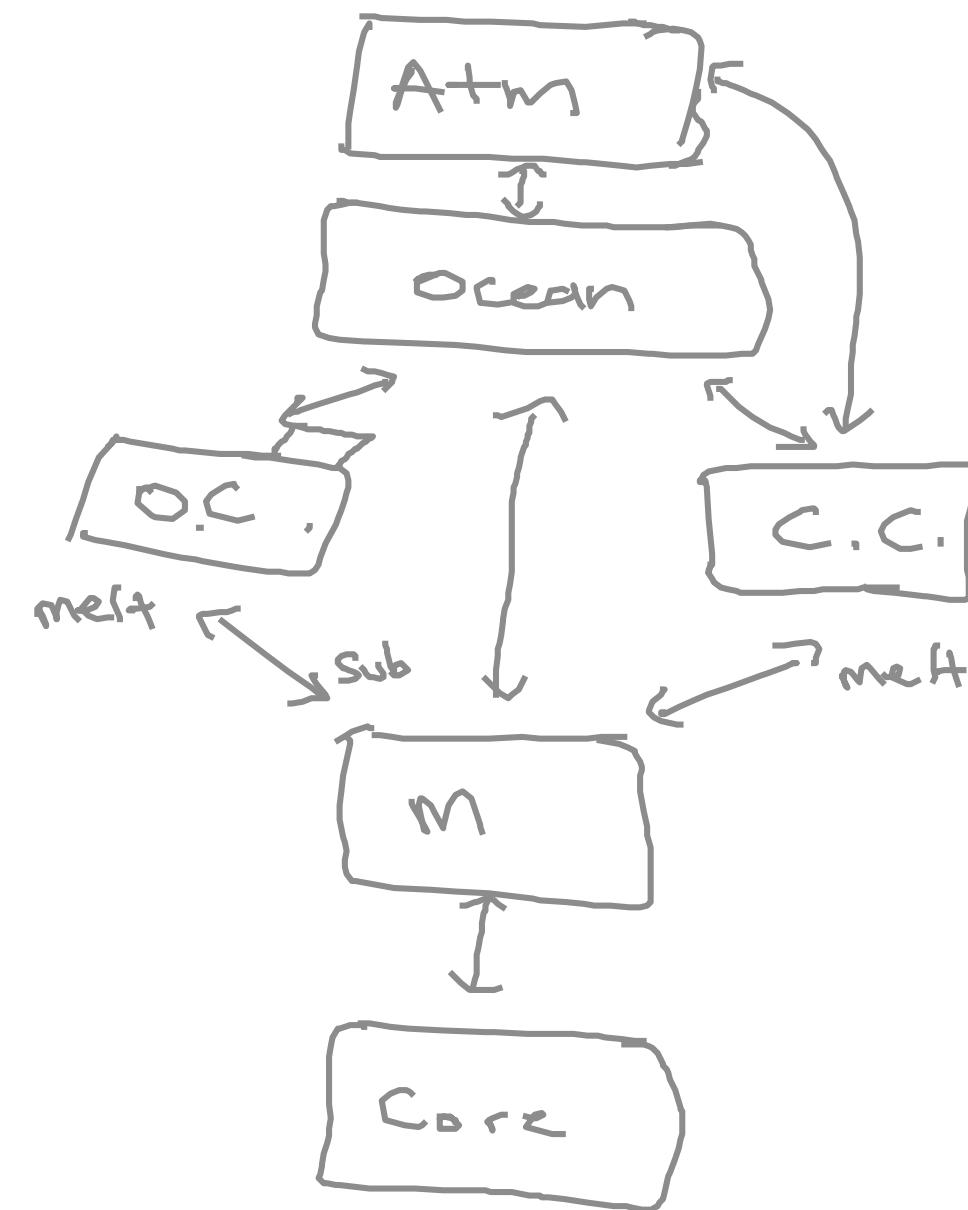


Schematic of Earth.



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Core <sup>inner
outer
Mantle
Crust <sup>oceanic
continental
Oceans
Atmosphere



Bulk Earth
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What is the chemical composition of Earth?

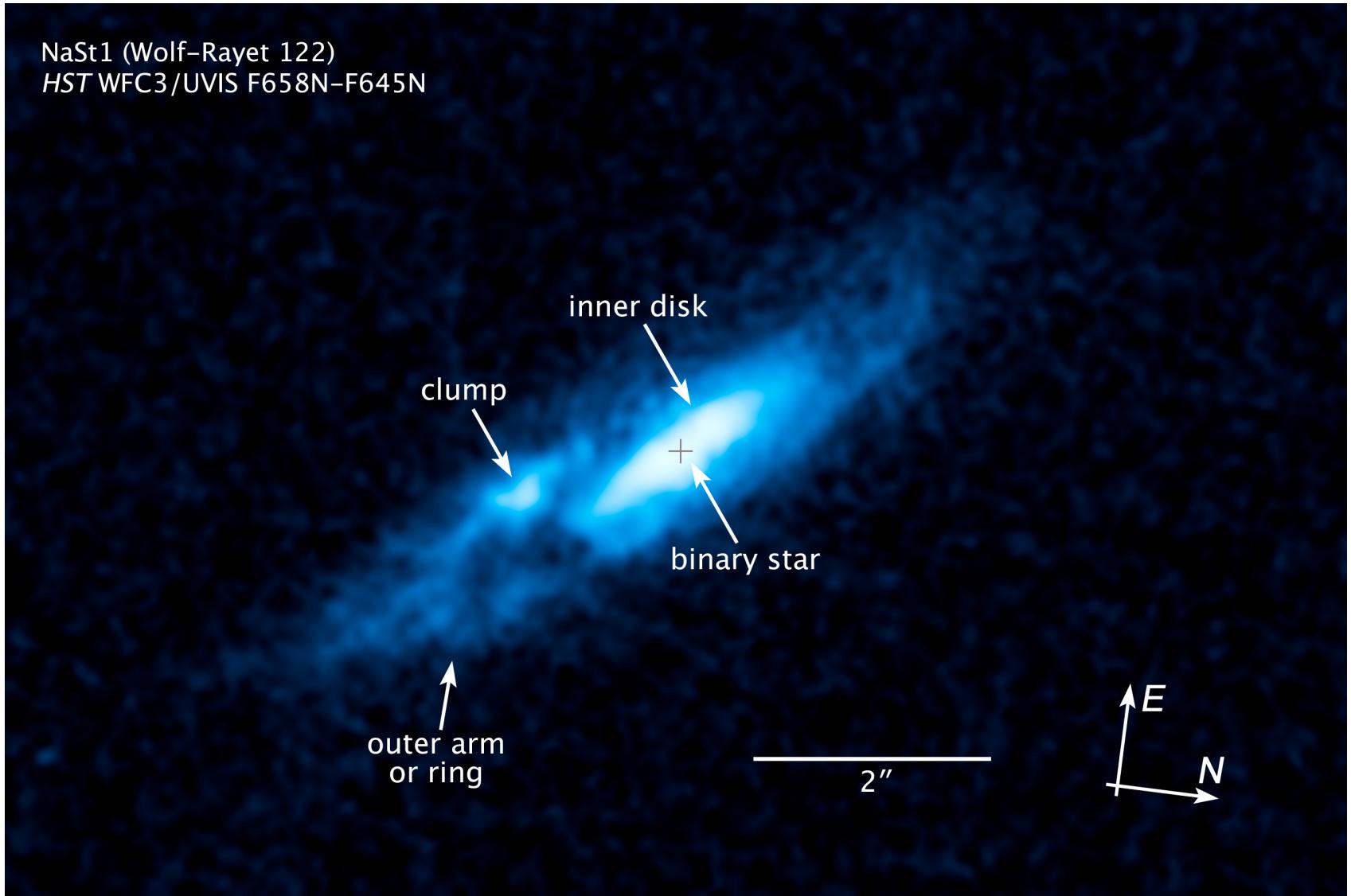


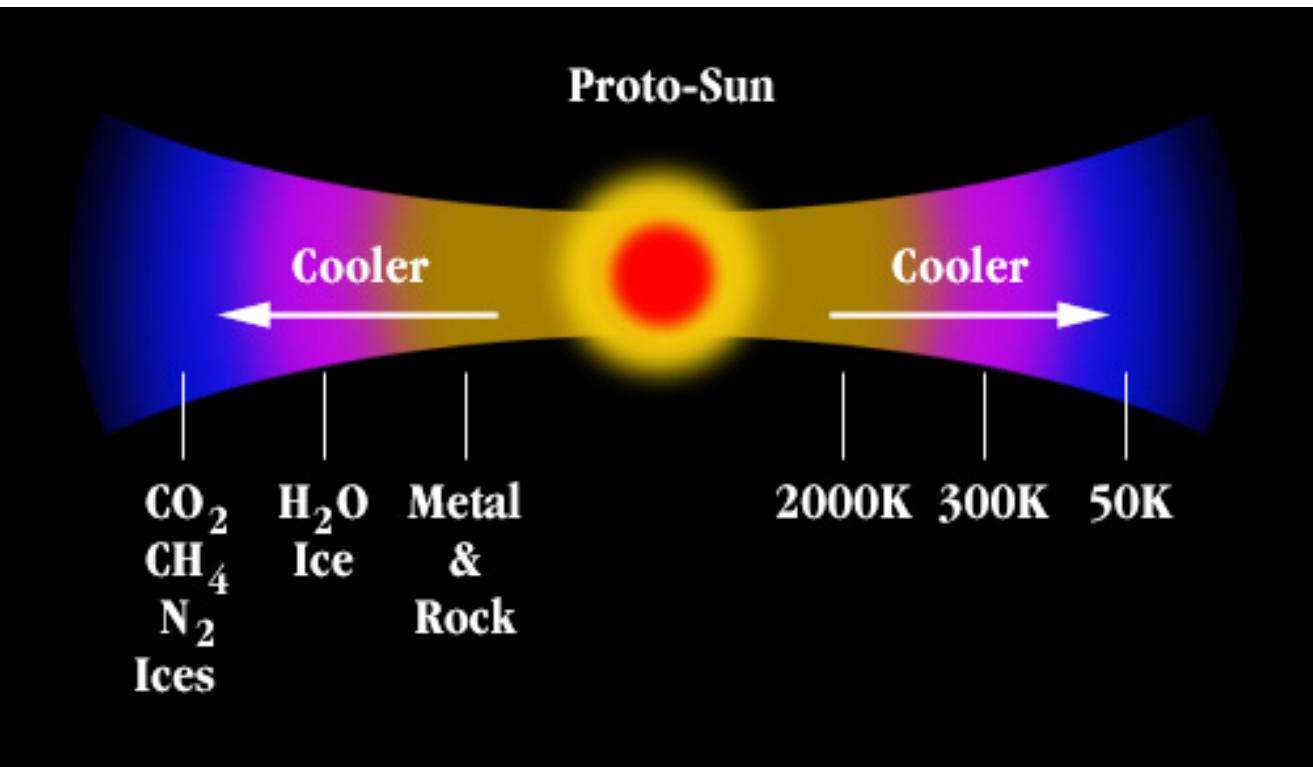


What is the black rock? What are the green bits?









The hot disk begins to emit radiation to space, rapidly cools, and a temperature gradient develops.



