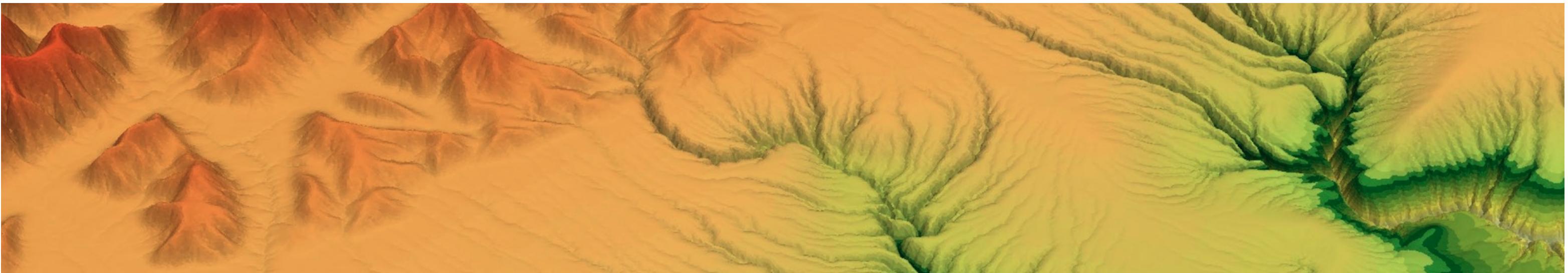


EOS 423 // EOS 518: Advanced Sedimentology and Stratigraphy



Lecture 1: Course Introduction | Jan 6, 2025

Welcome to Advanced Topics: Sedimentology and Stratigraphy! Here is the plan for today:

1. introductions
2. overview of course outline
3. overview of course content
4. first assignment:
 - make sure Python is installed on your computer (due **Jan. 13, 2025**)
5. surface transport

*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
- Second time teaching EOS 423
 - Also teach Geochemistry, Marine Geology, and The Dynamic Earth



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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.



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Course Materials: There is no required textbook. Readings will be made available through the course website. Students are required to have a computer work on assignments.



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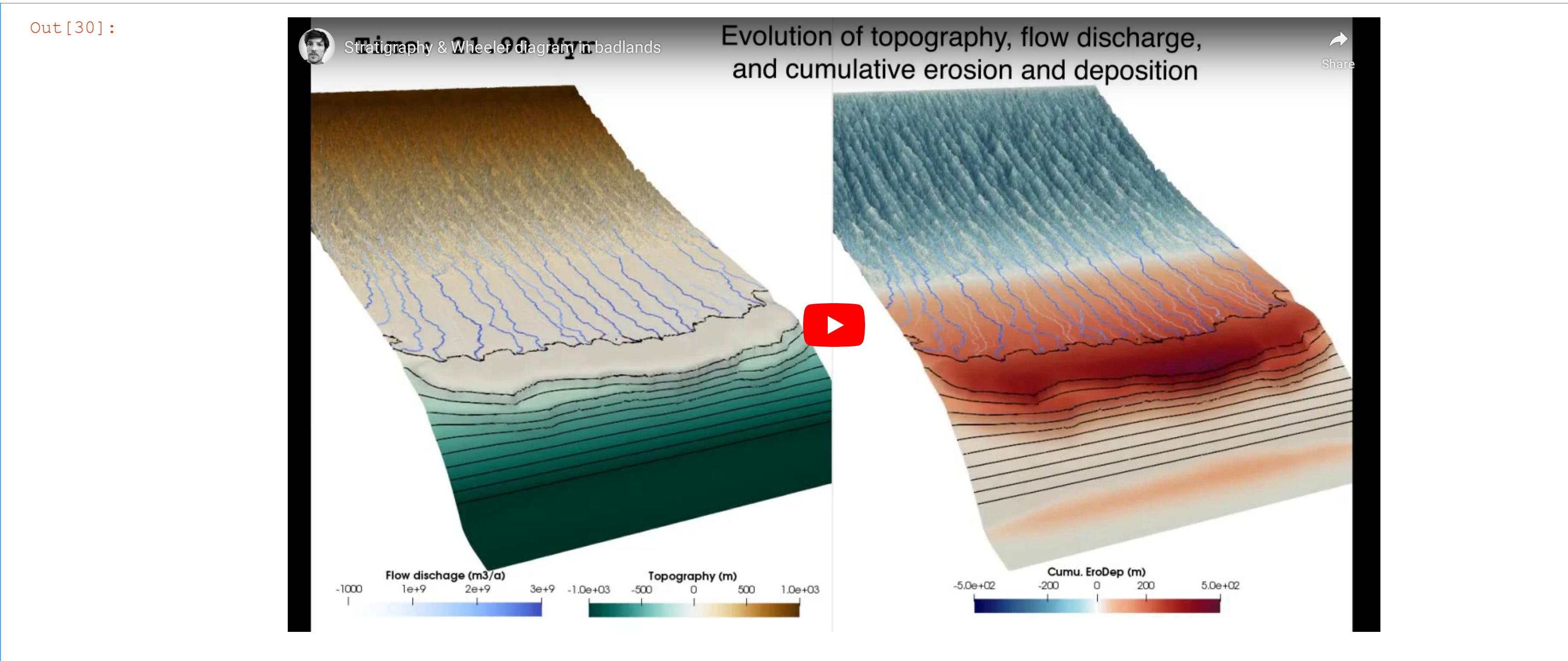
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- Students enrolled in the graduate version of the course (EOS 518) will be expected to complete an alternative final assignment that includes a greater amount of self-direction.
- Below is a breakdown of the course assessment:

EOS 423 (Undergraduate Students)		EOS 518 (Graduate Students)	
6 Lab write-ups	40%	5 Lab write-ups	30%
1 Lab exam	20%	1 Lab exam	20%
Mid-term 1	15%	Mid-term 1	15%
Mid-term 2	15%	Final report	15%
Assignment presentations	10%	Assignment presentations	20%



3a. Sedimentary transport & building stratigraphy

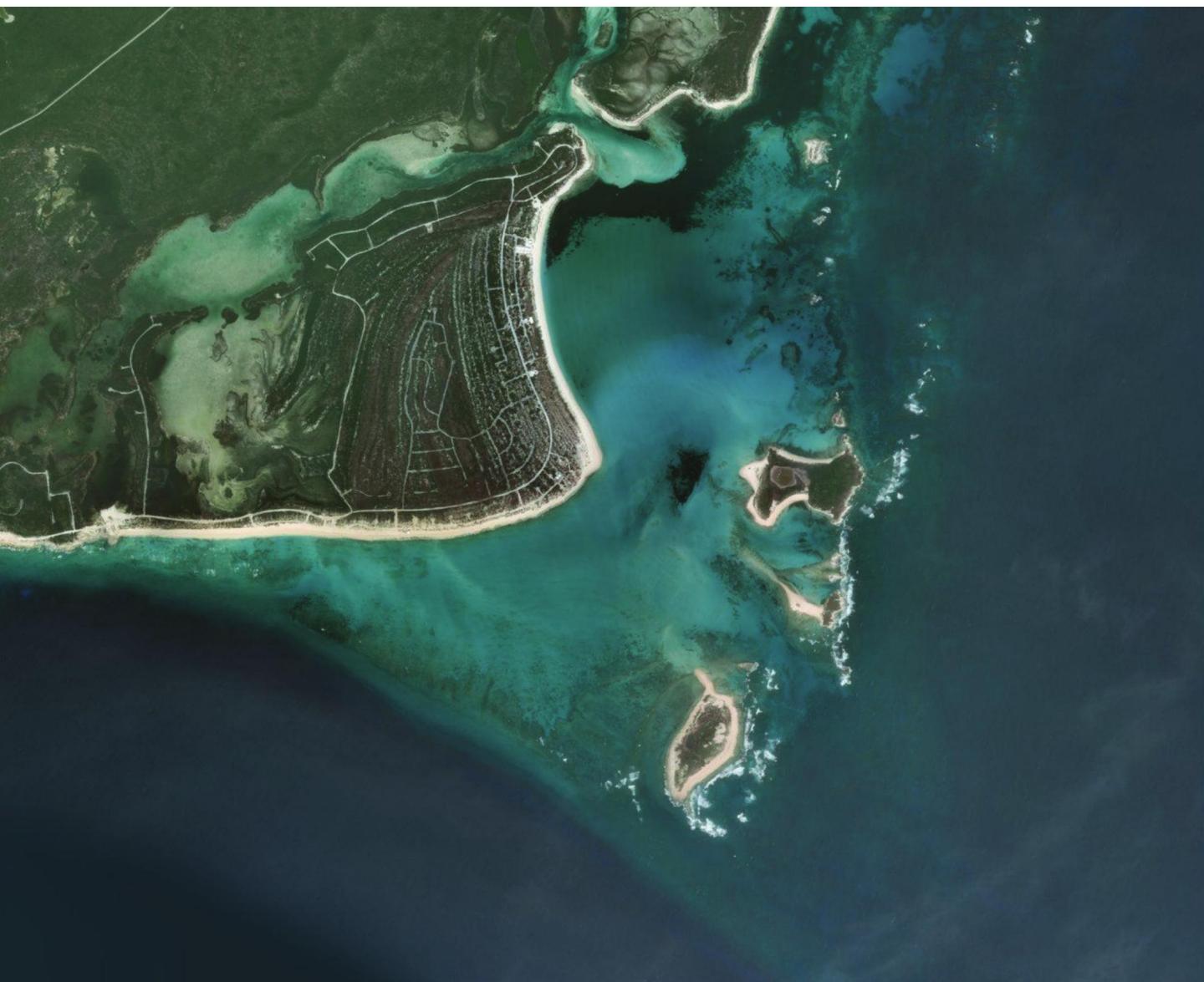




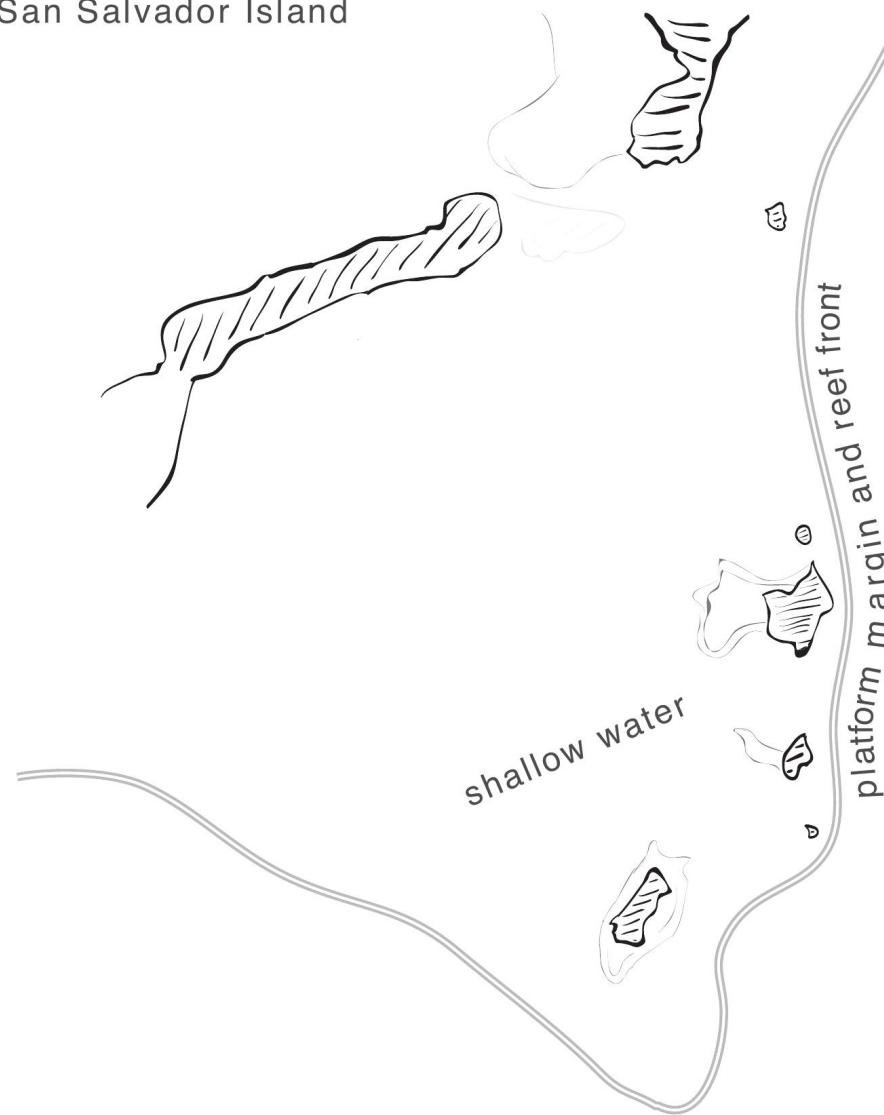
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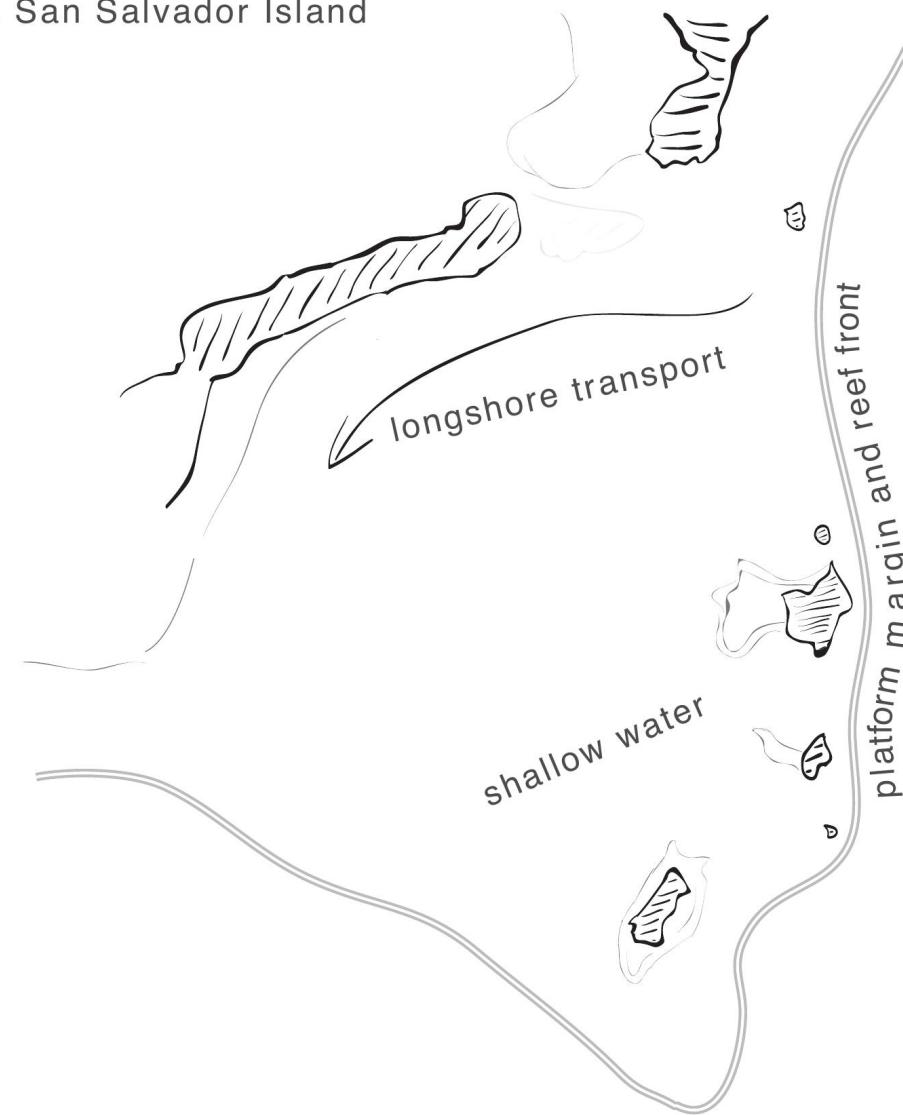
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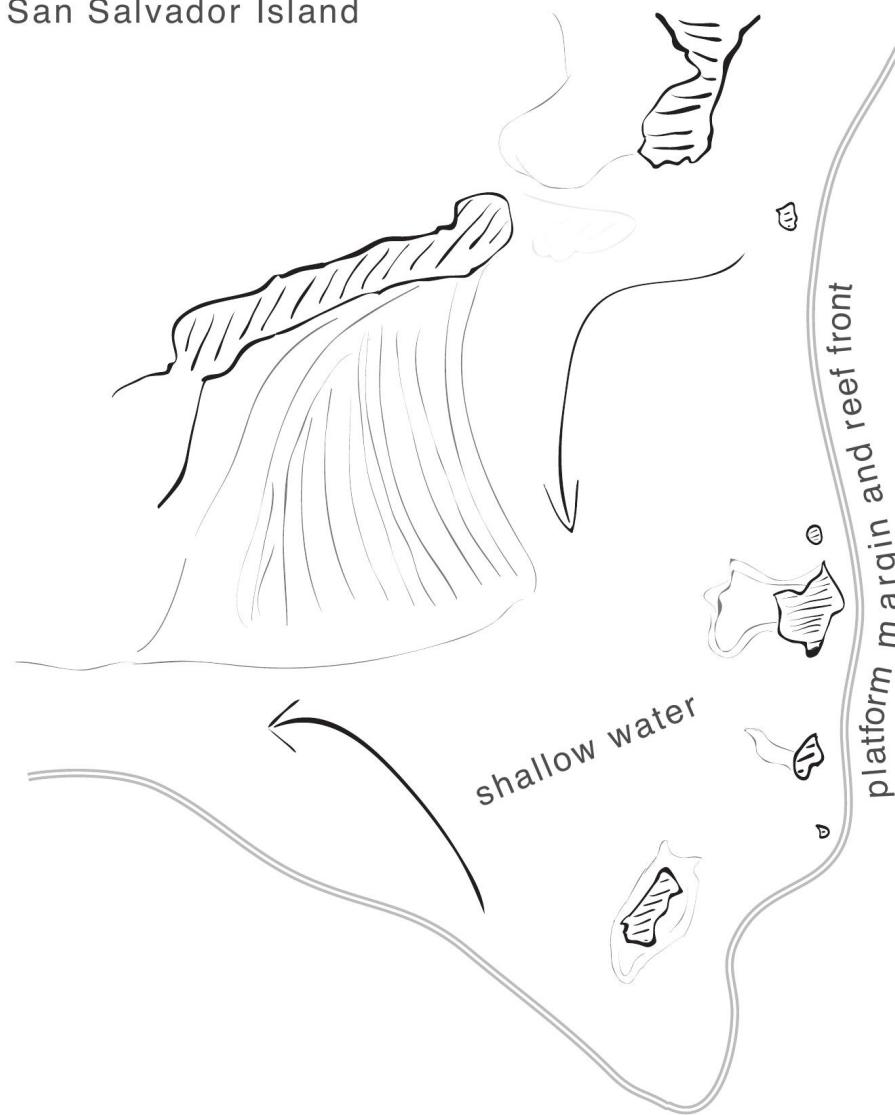
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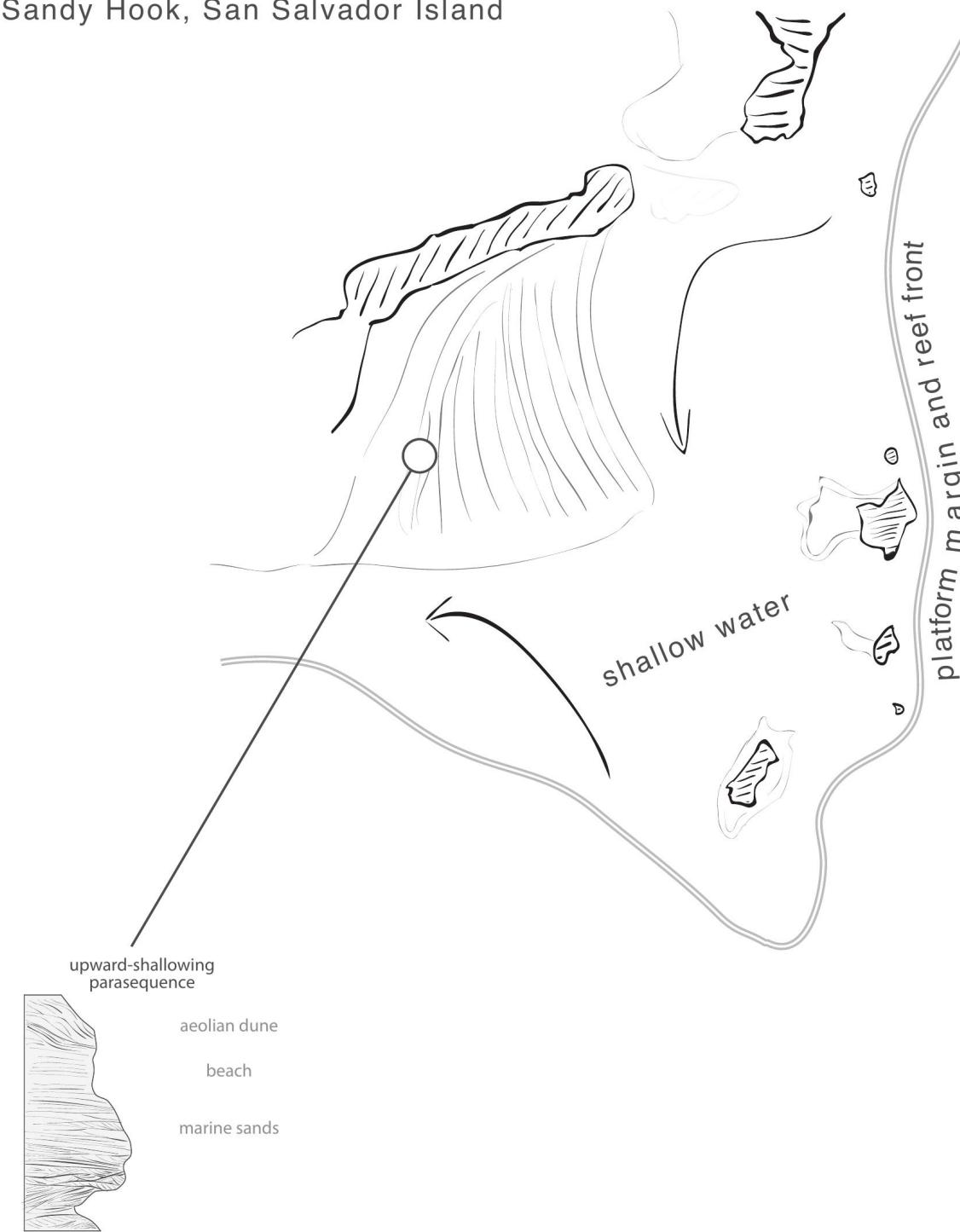
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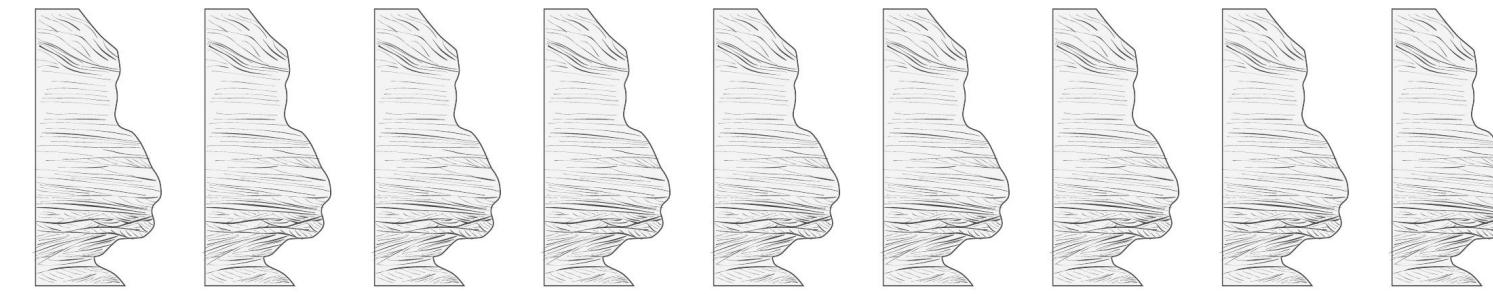
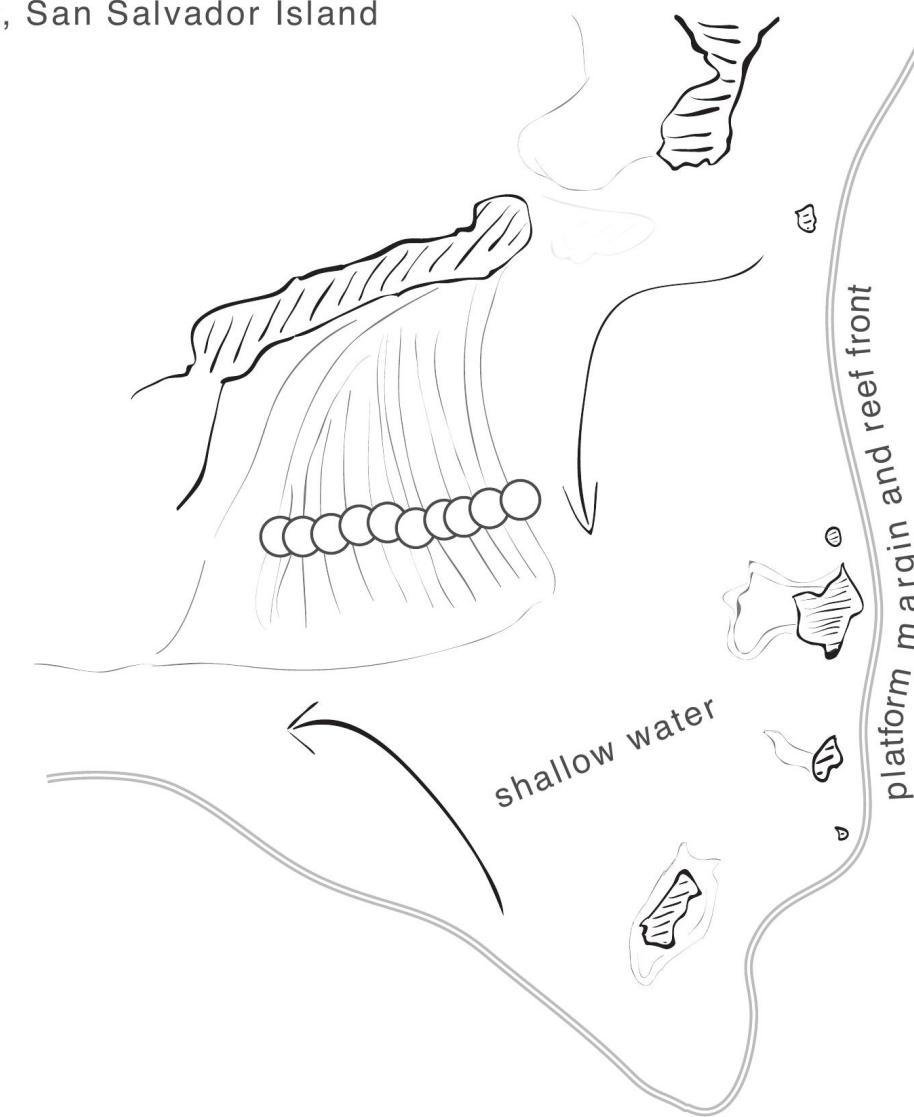
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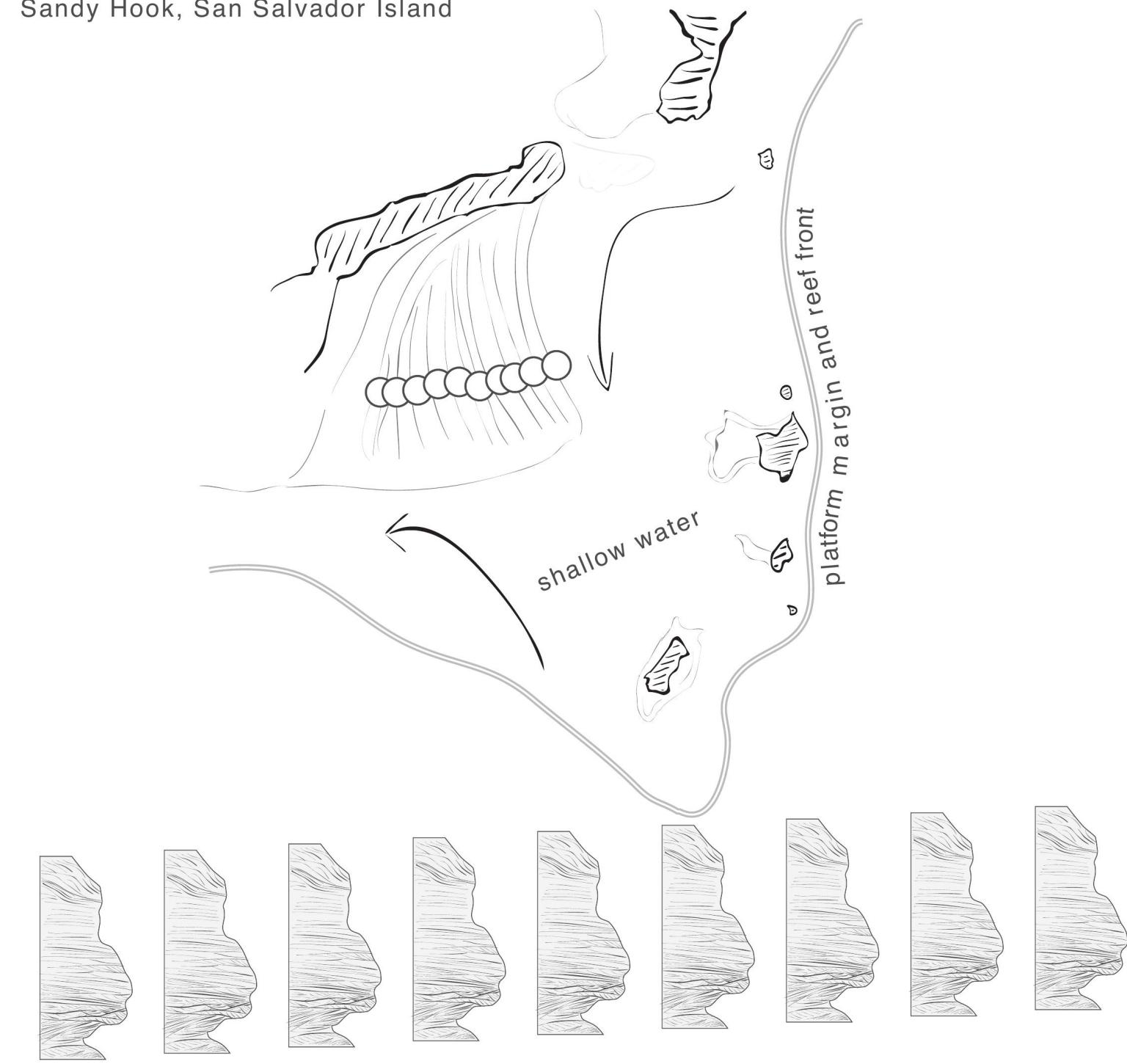
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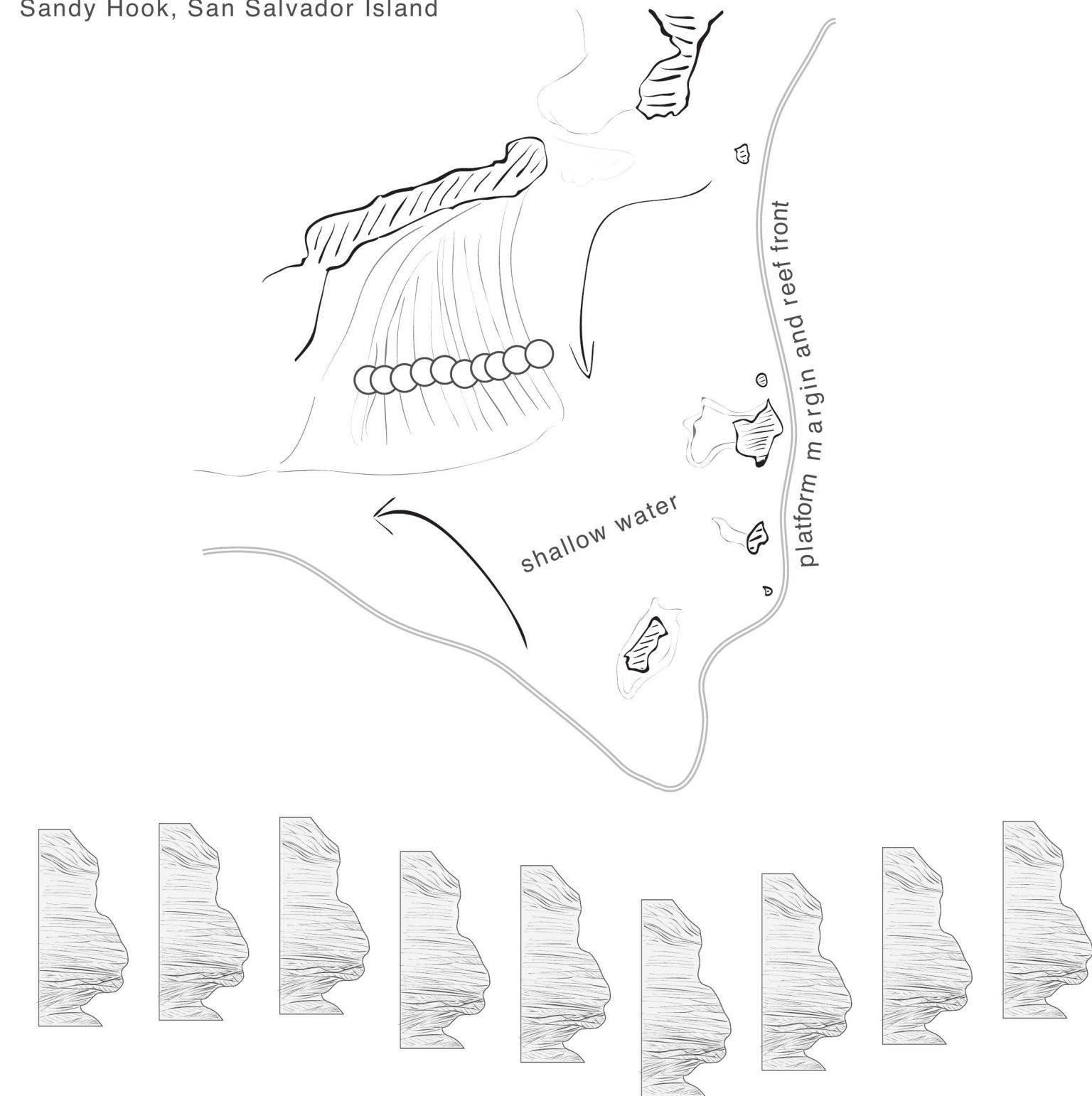
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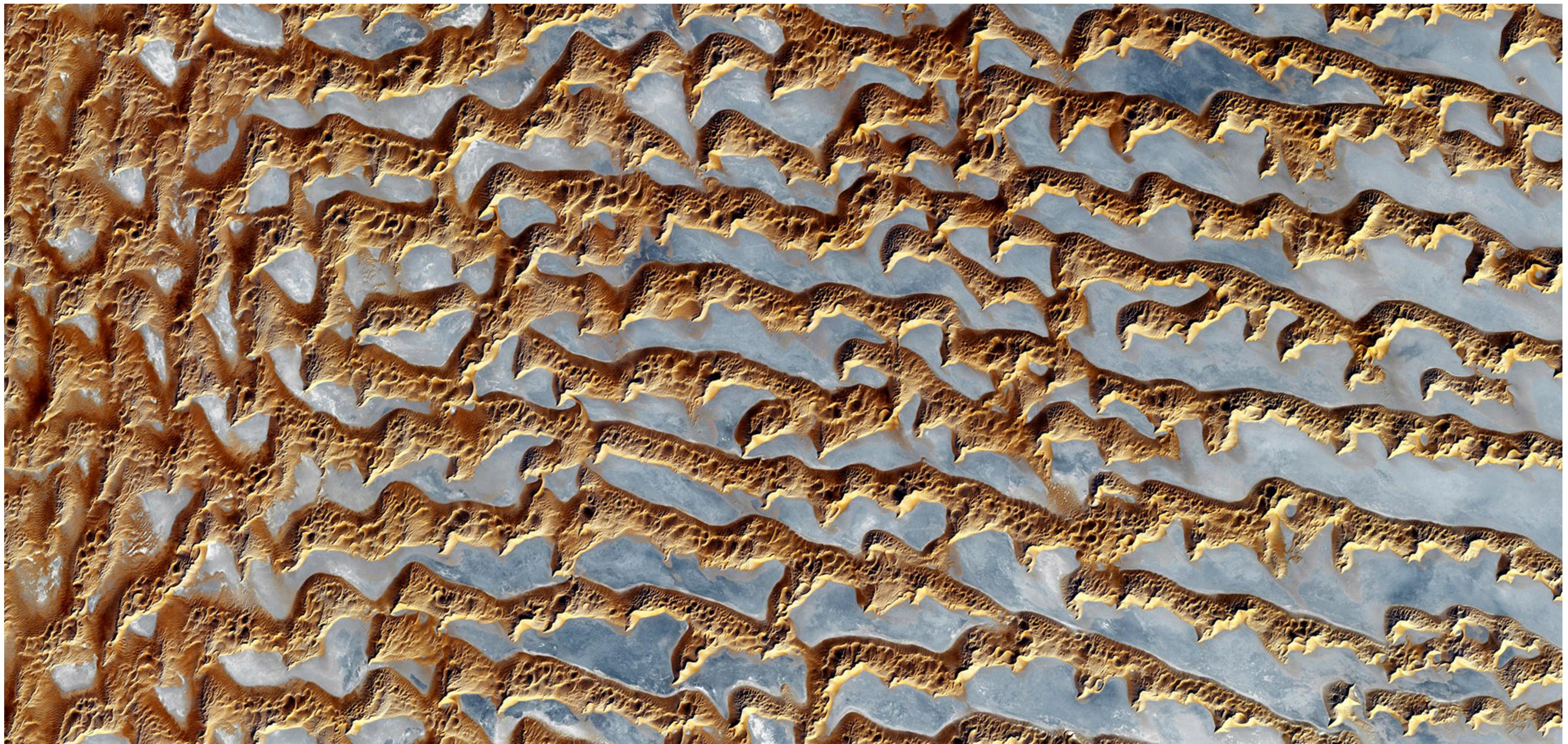
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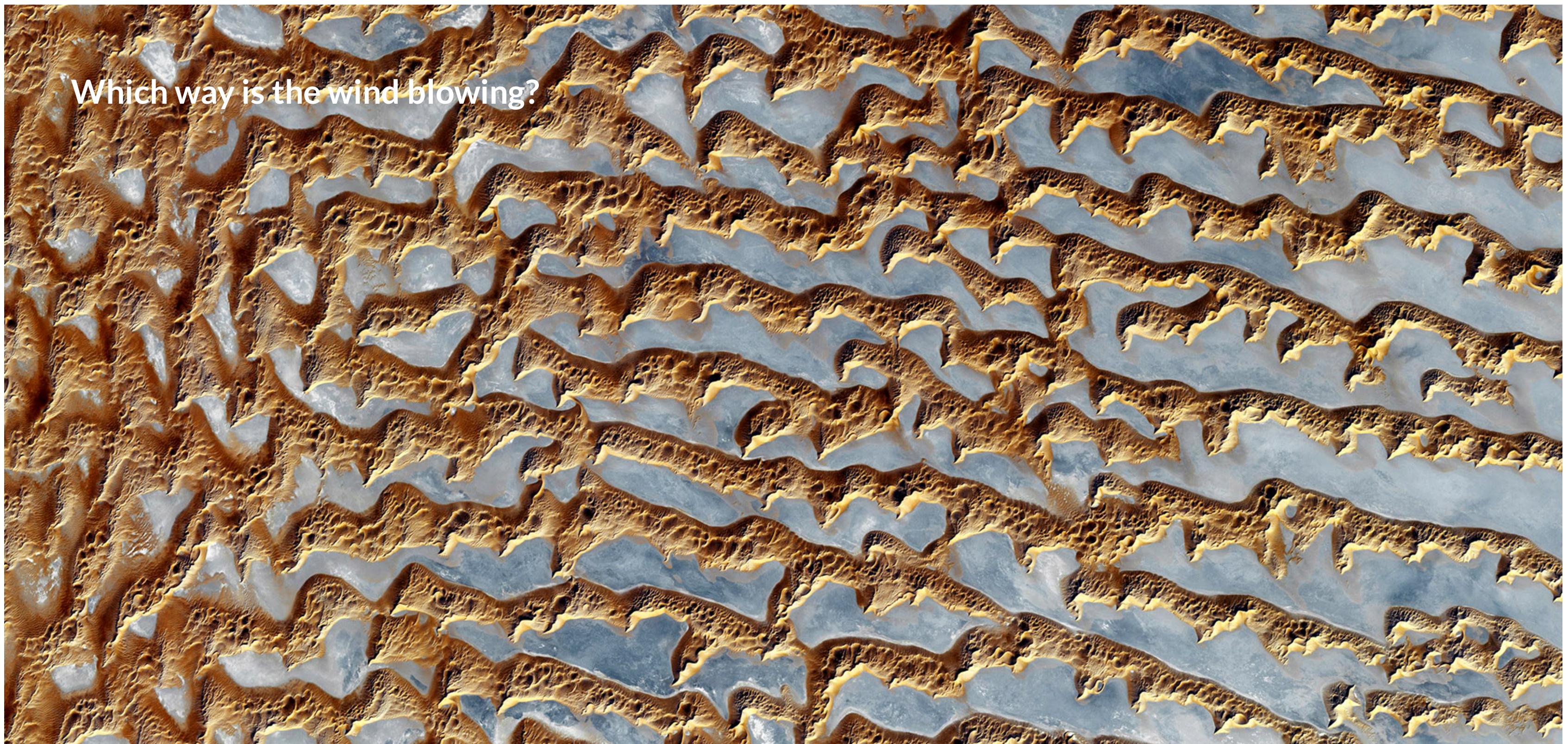
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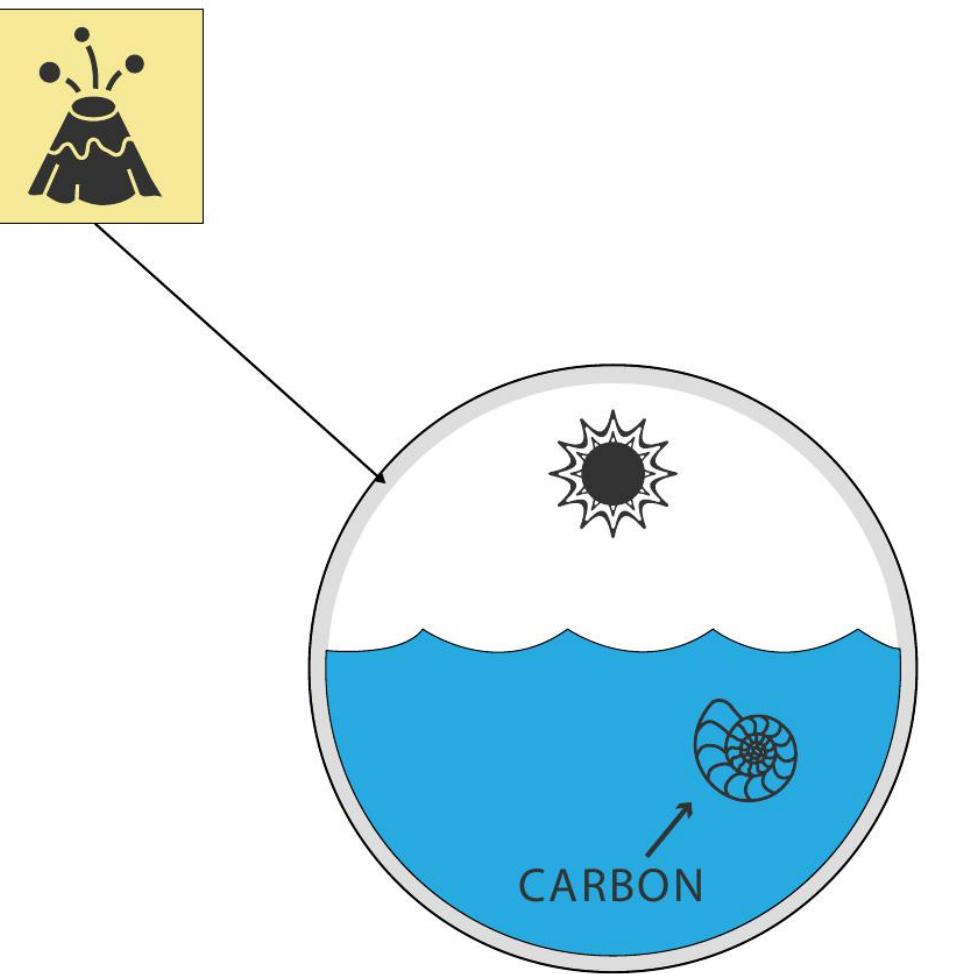




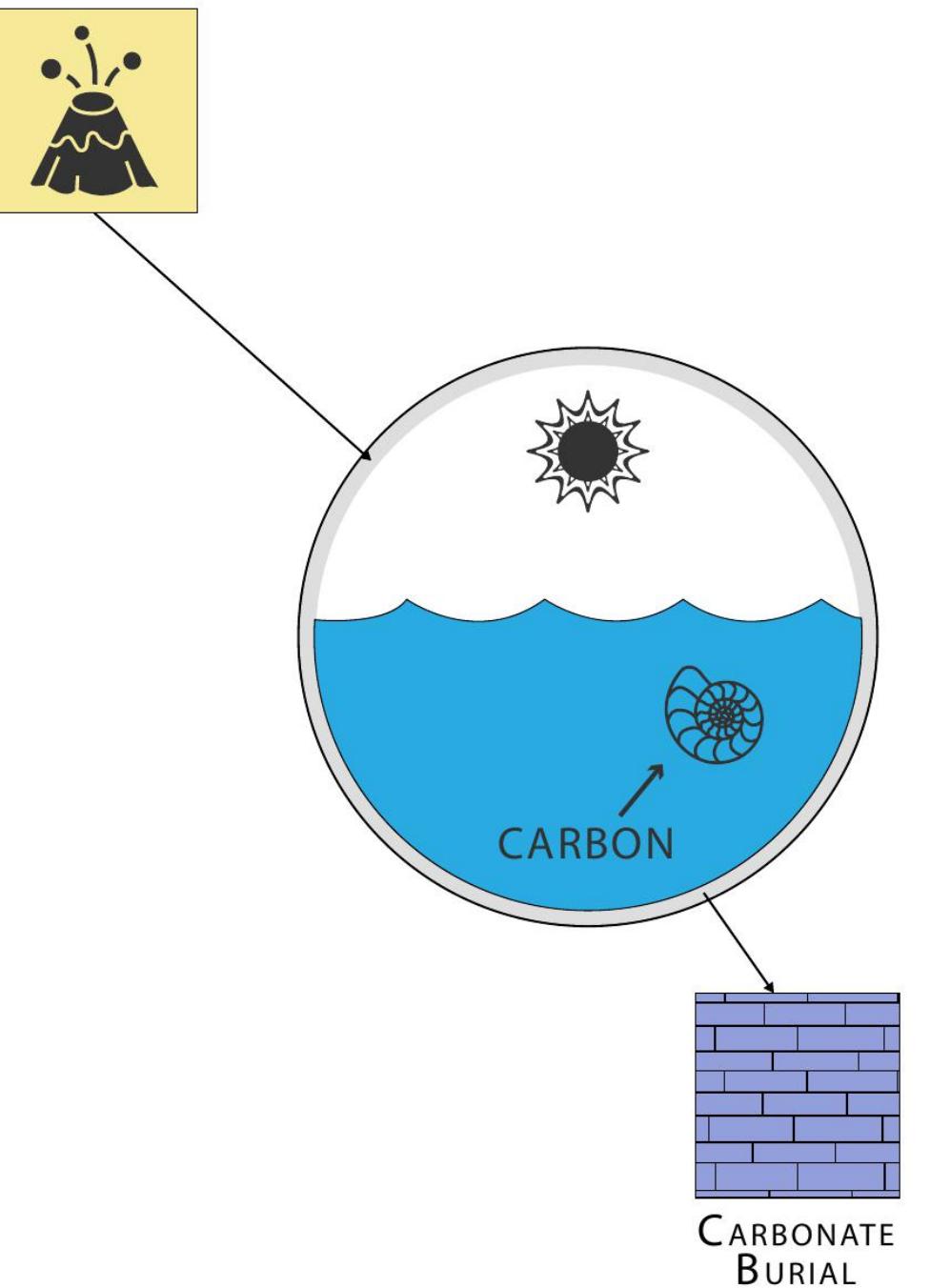
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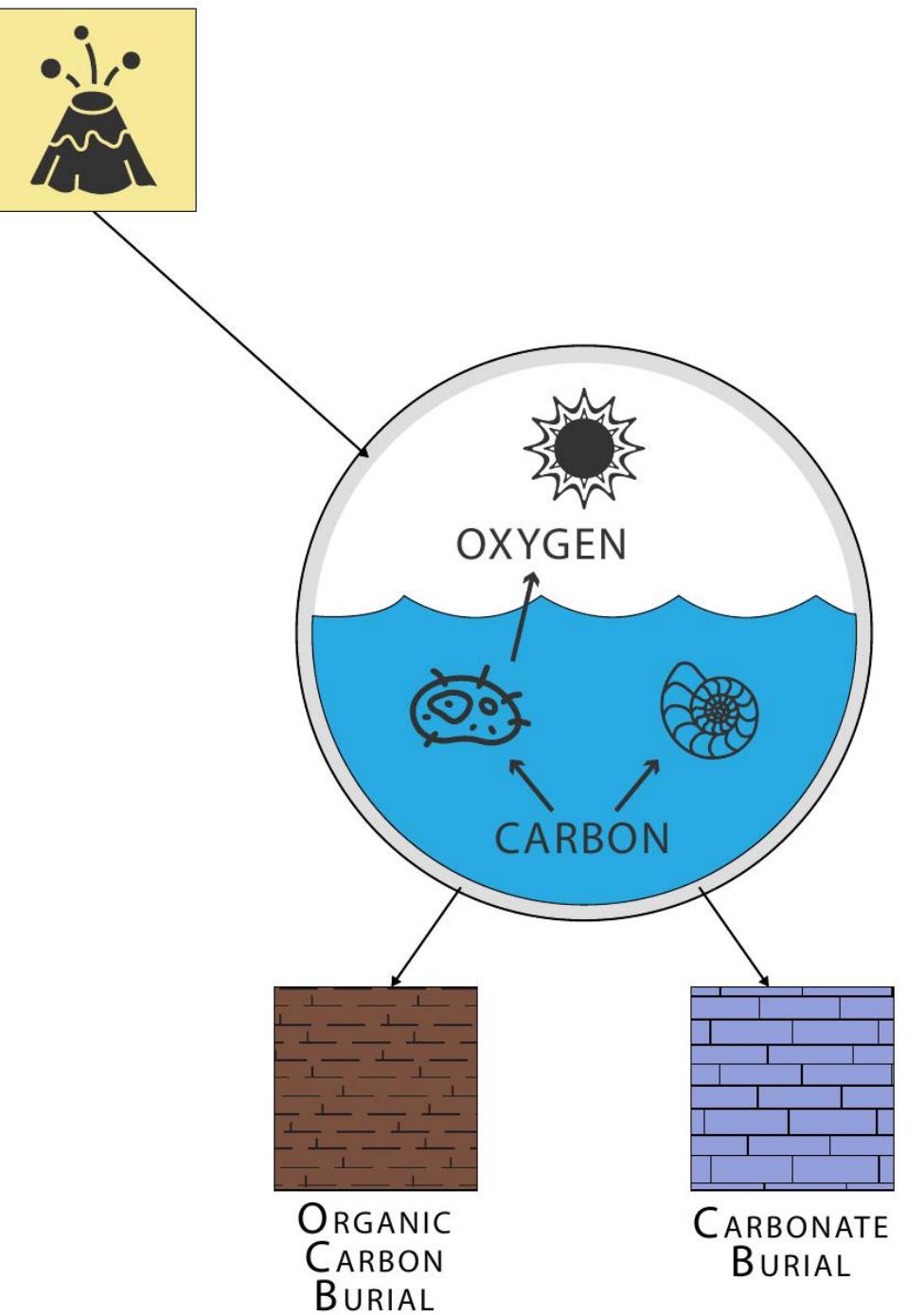
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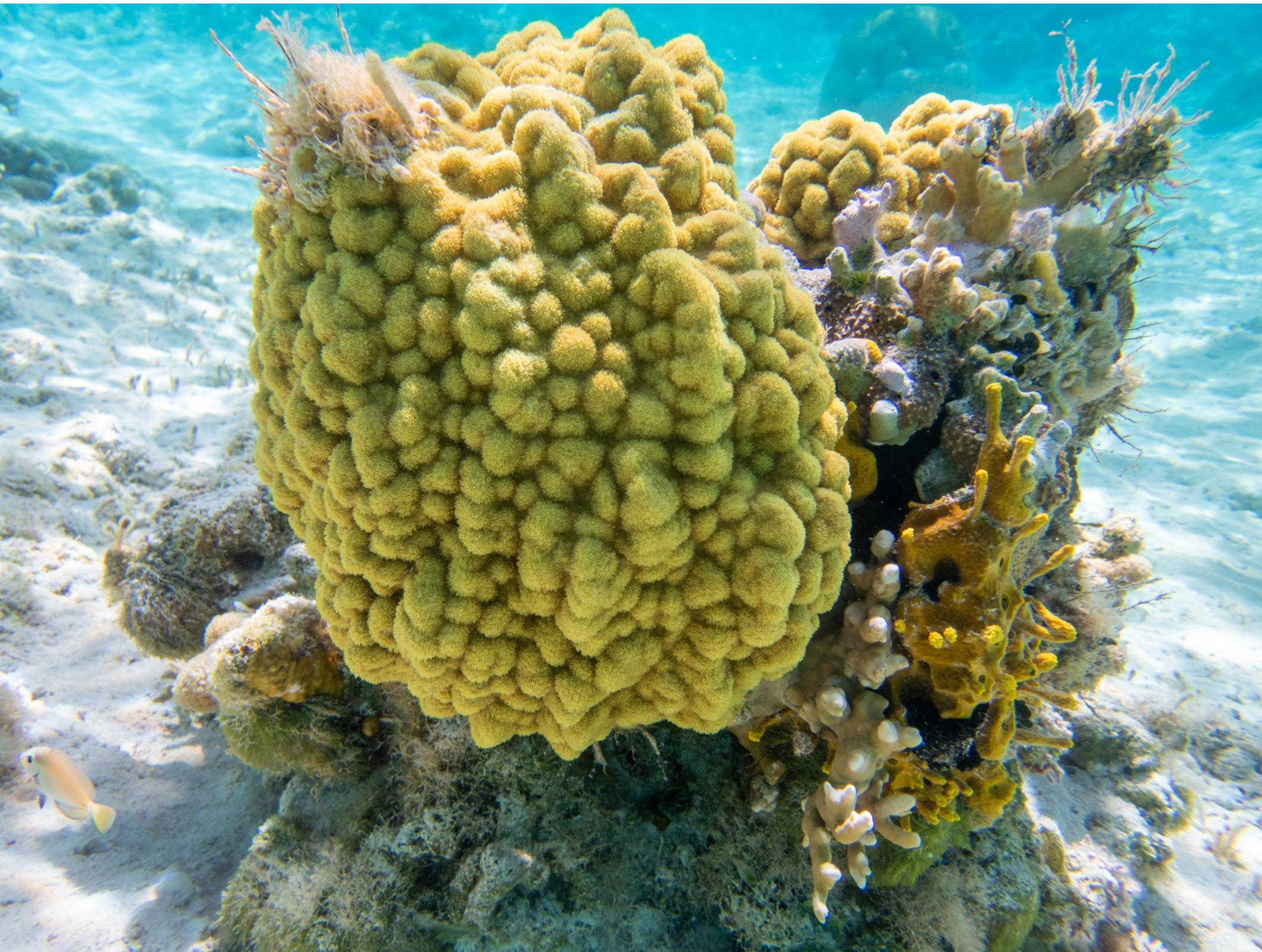


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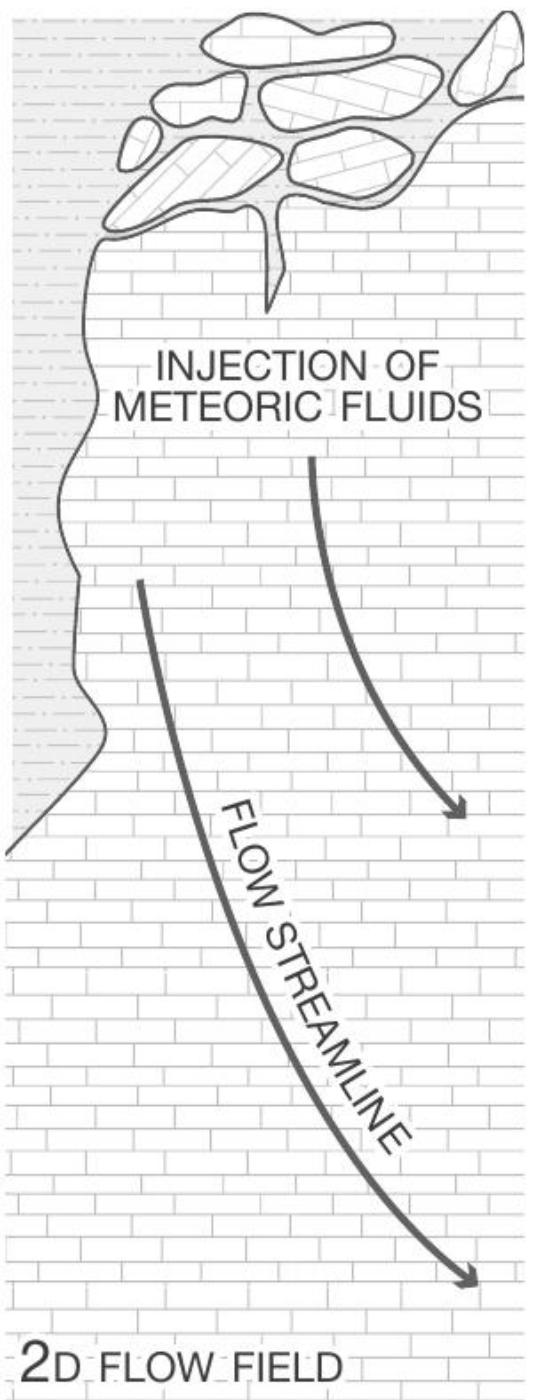
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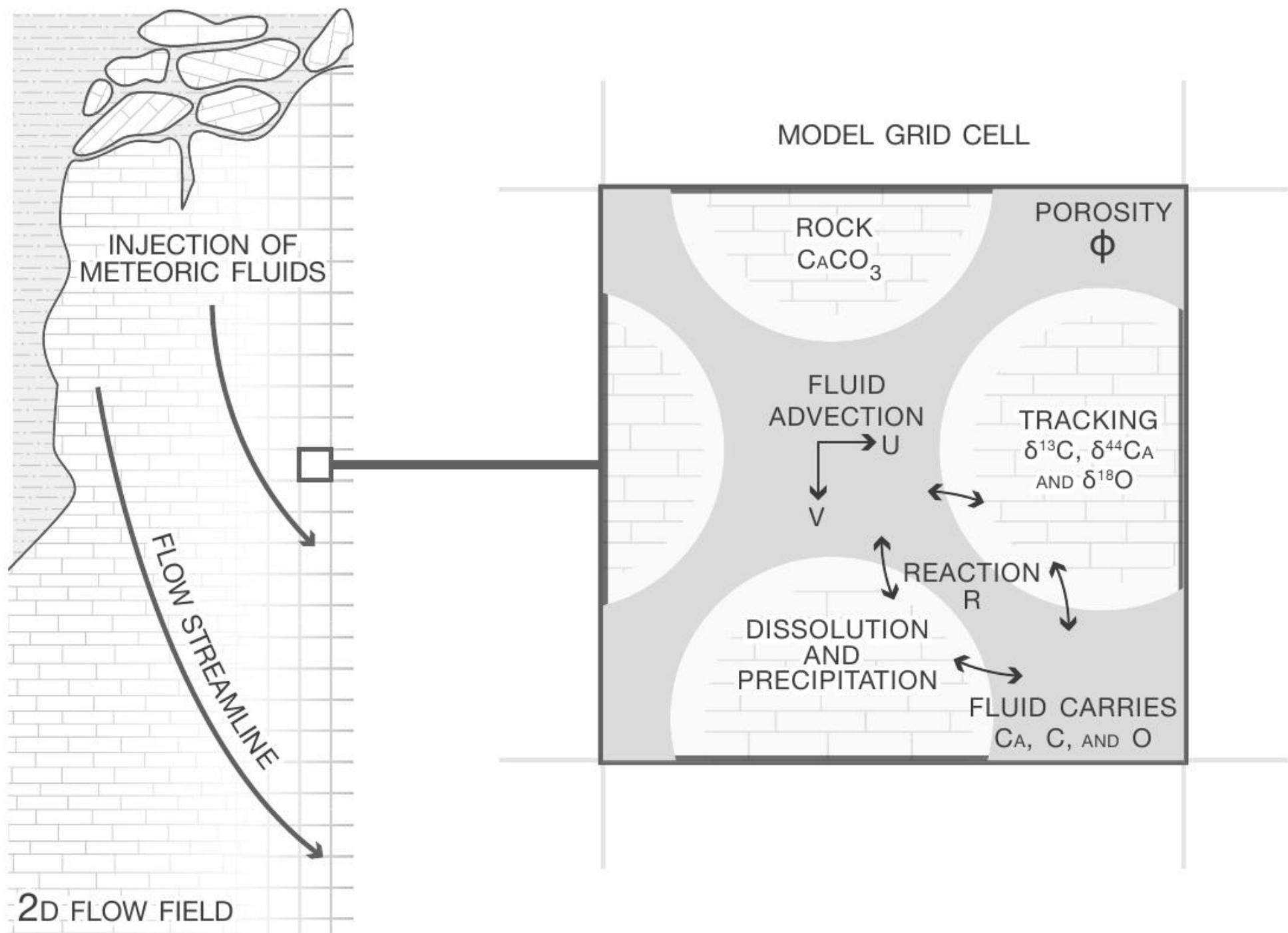




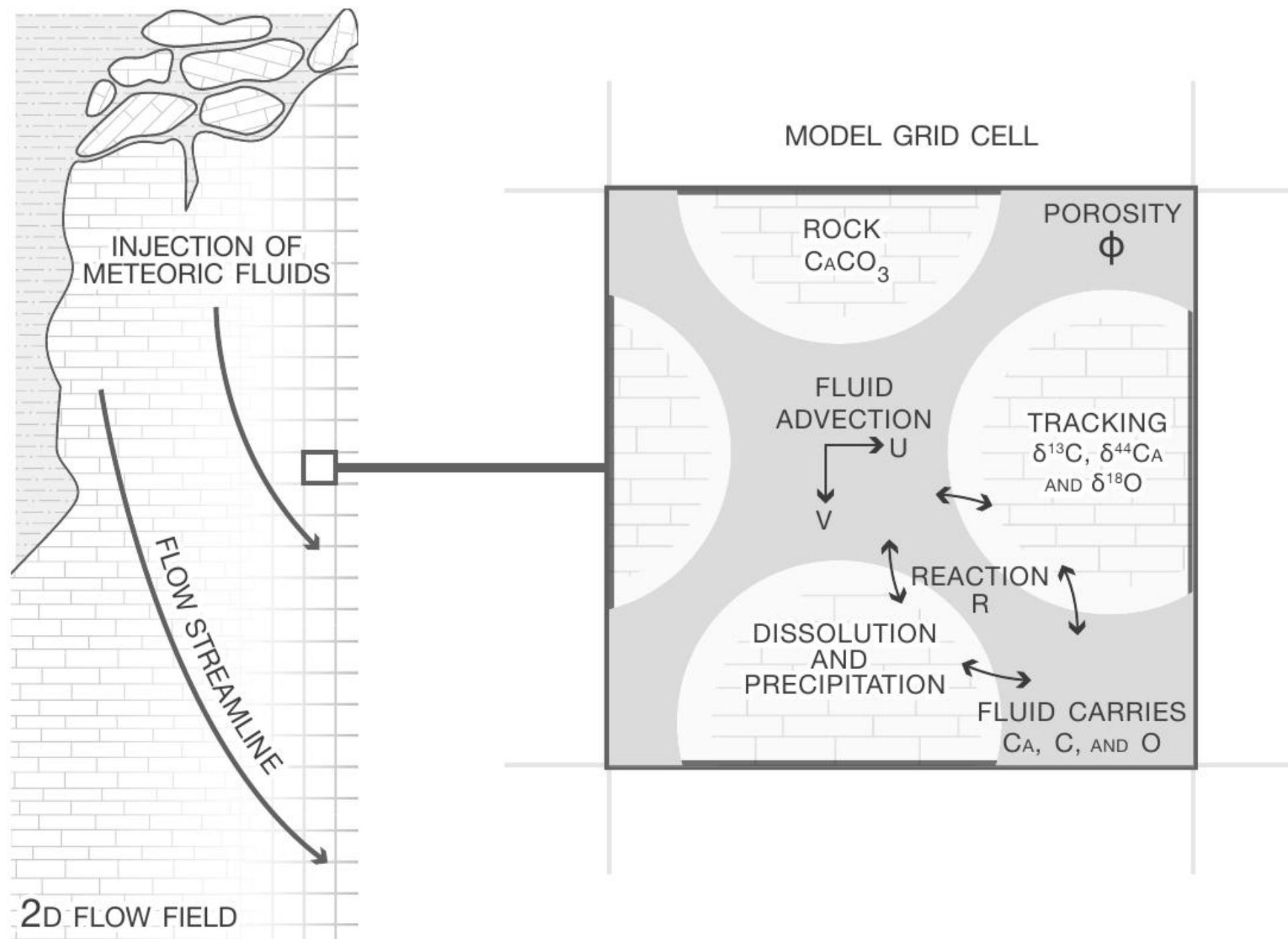
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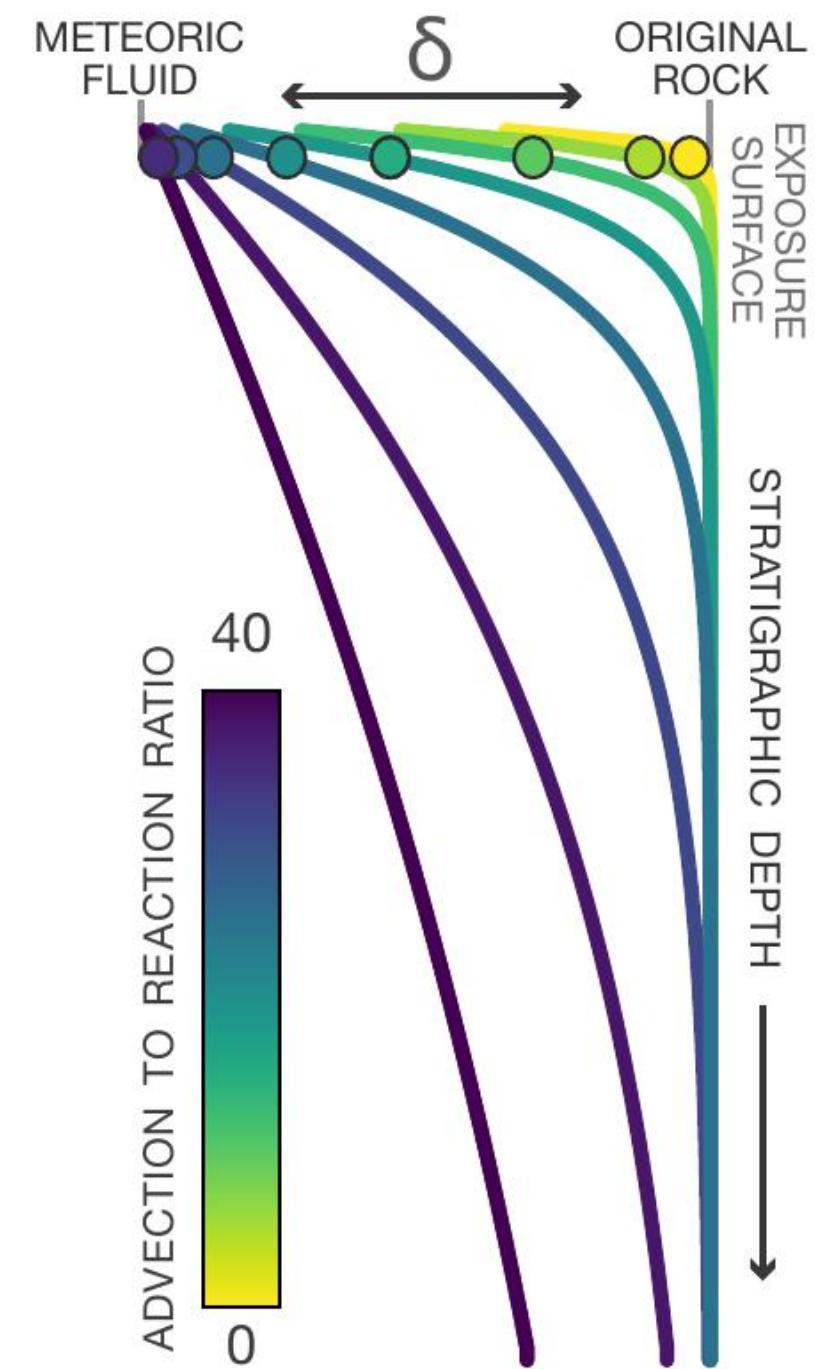
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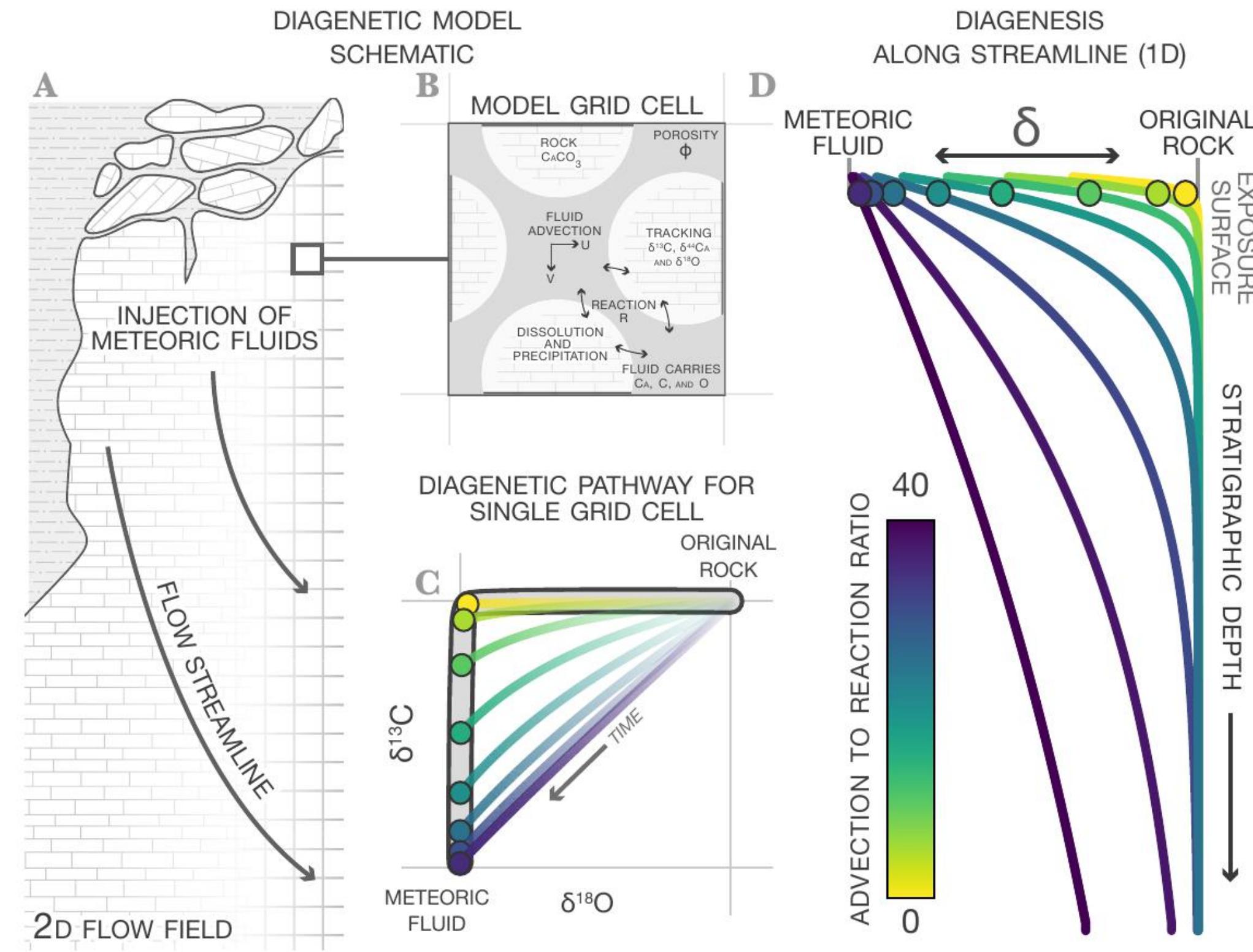


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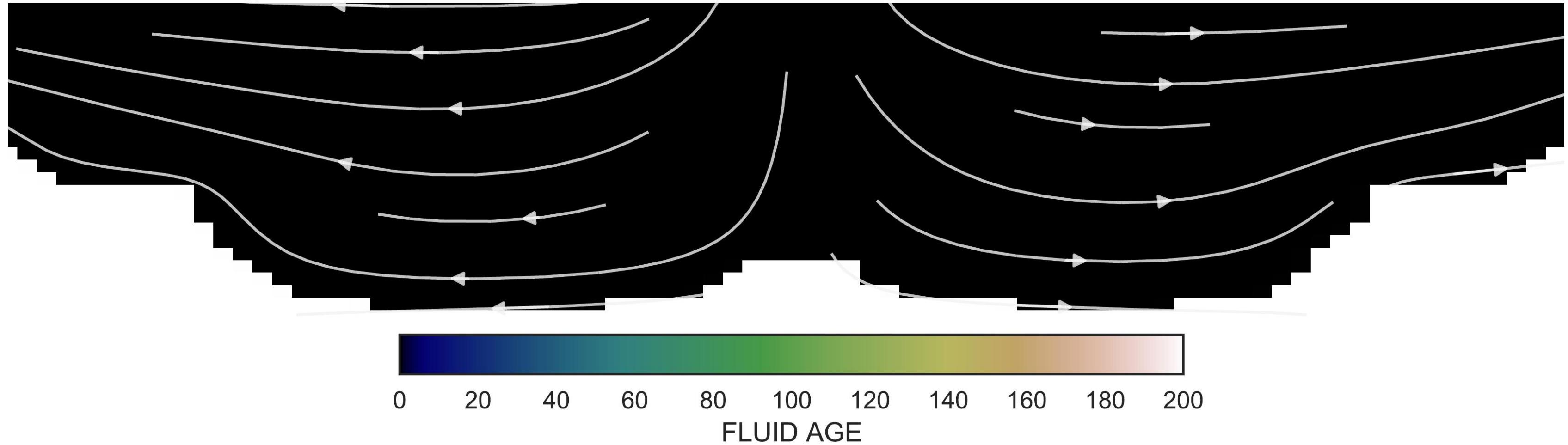


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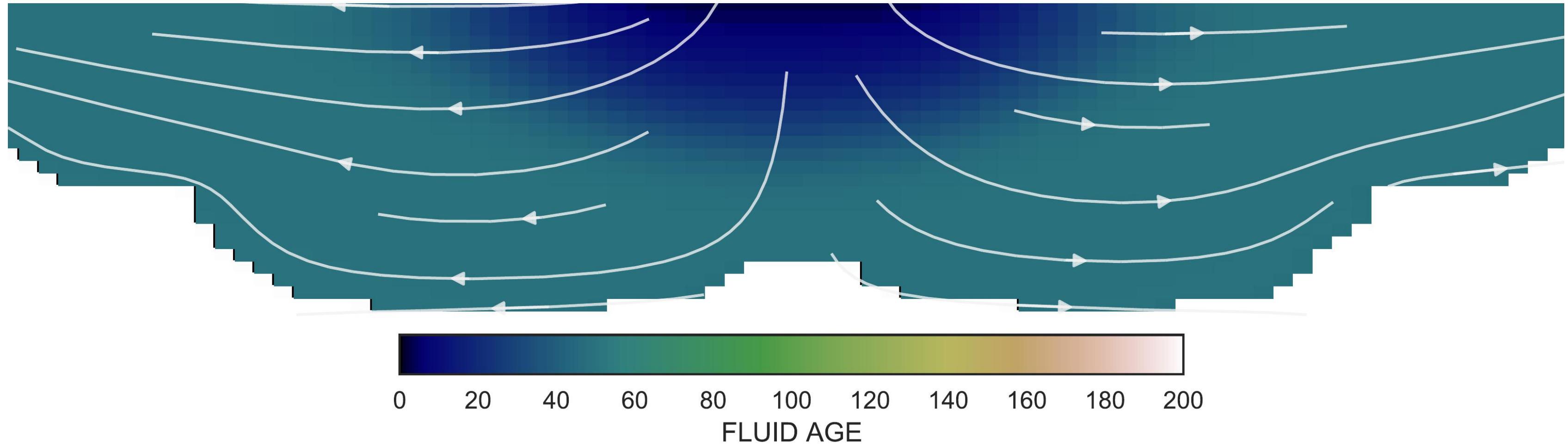




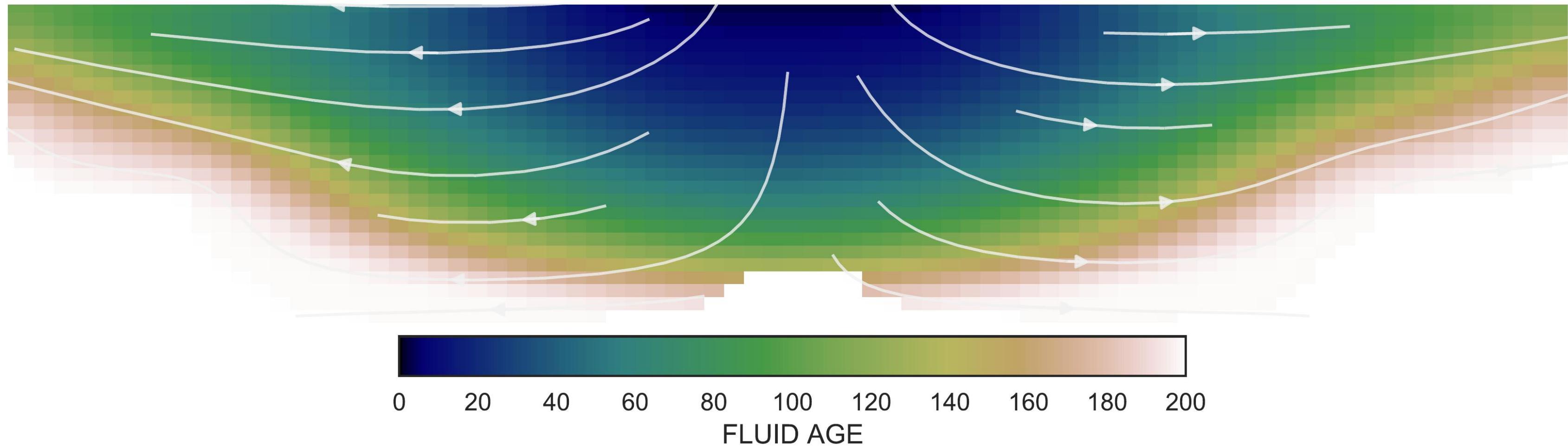
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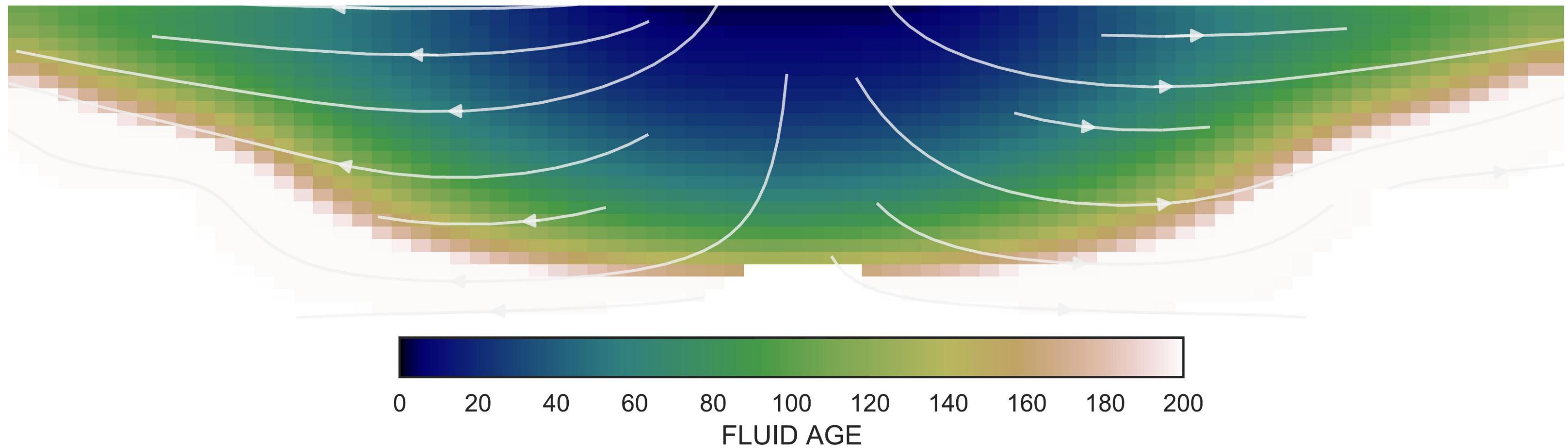
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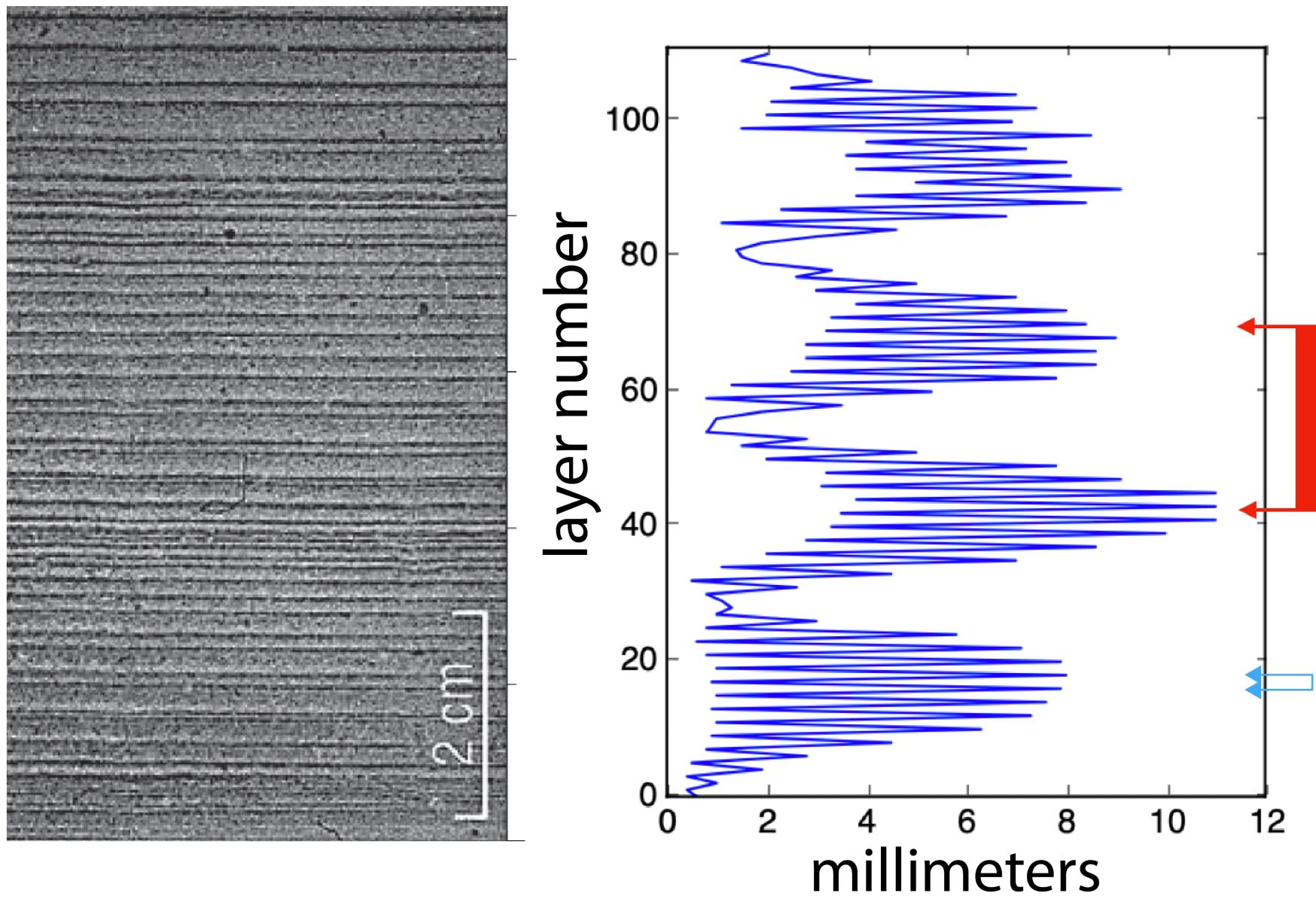


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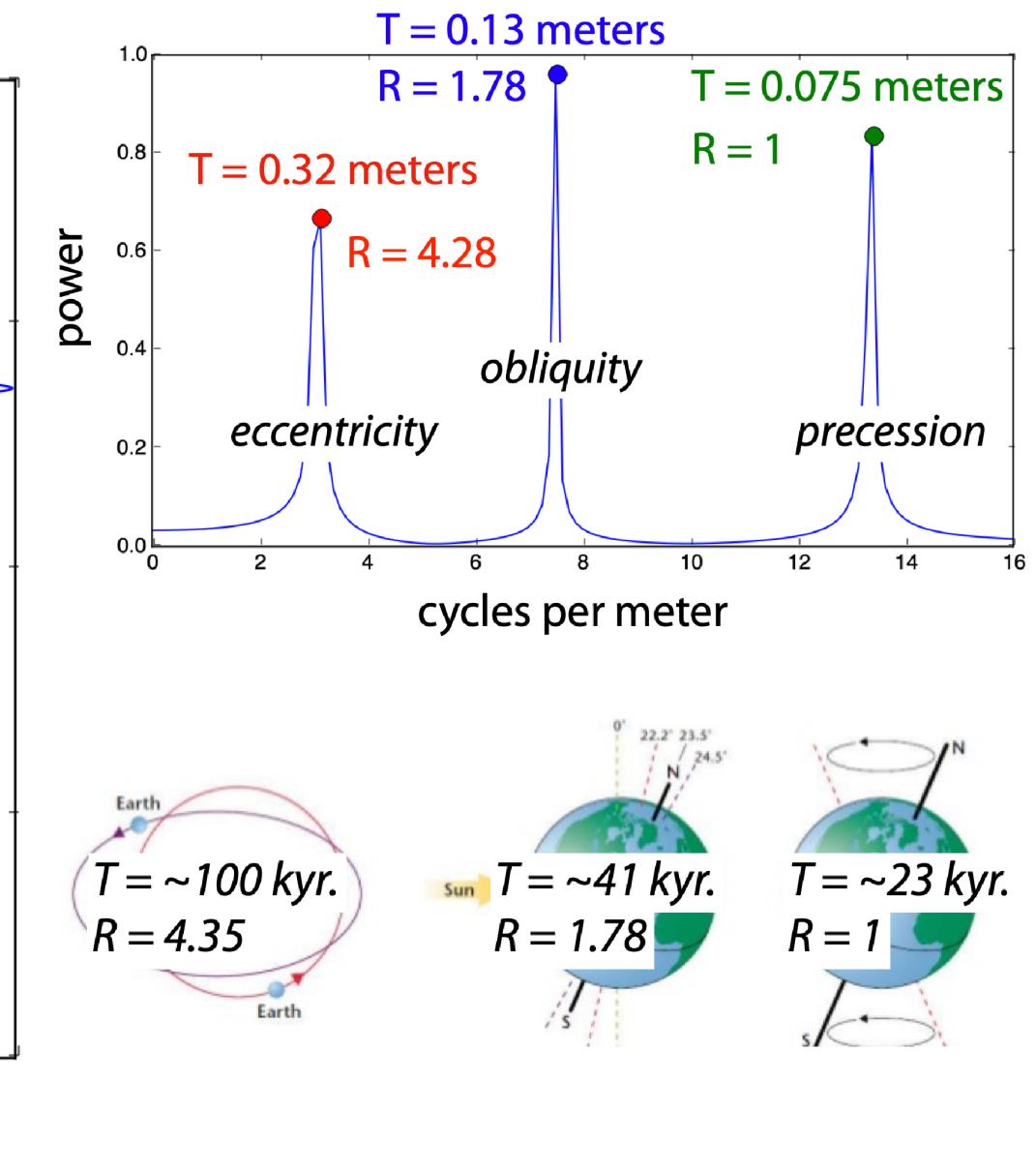
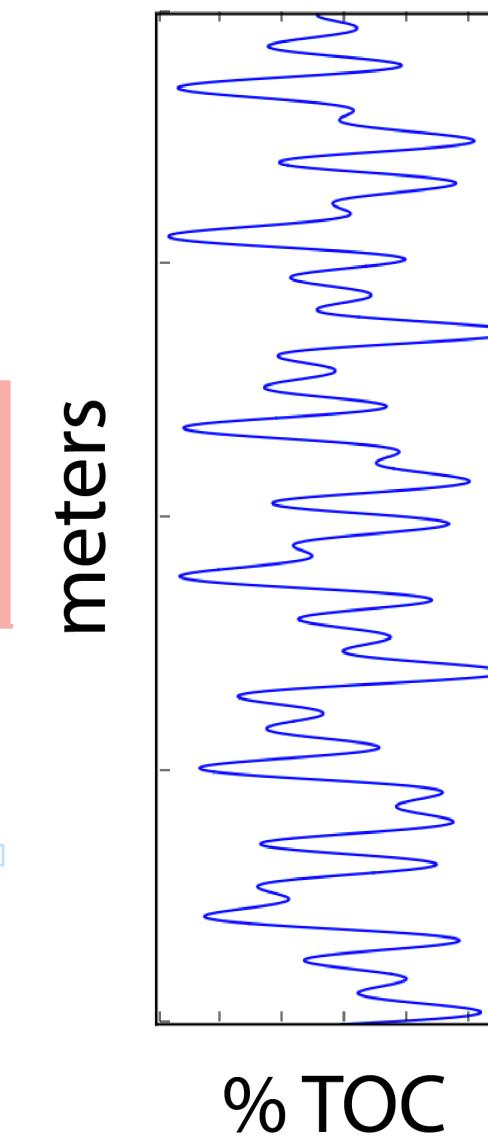
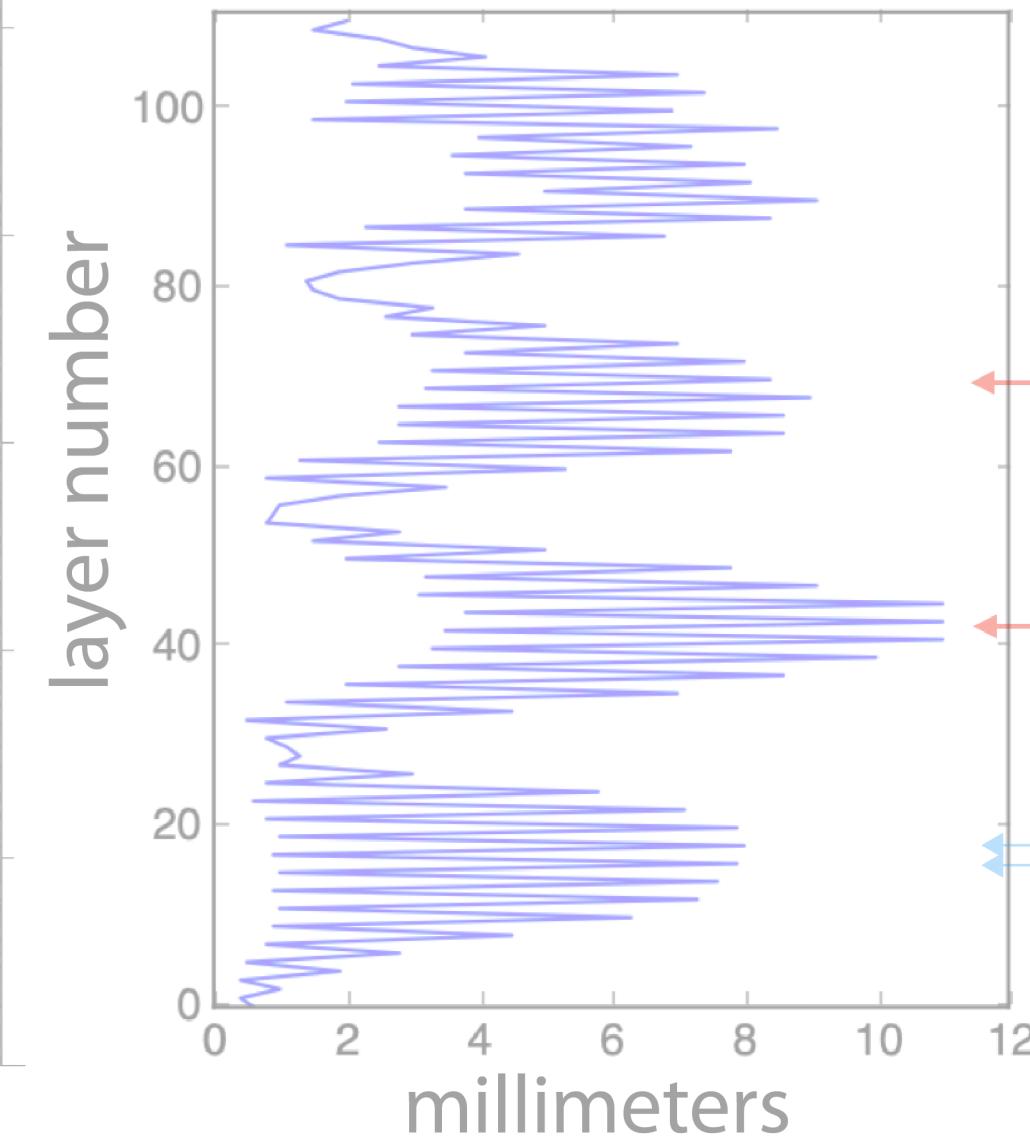
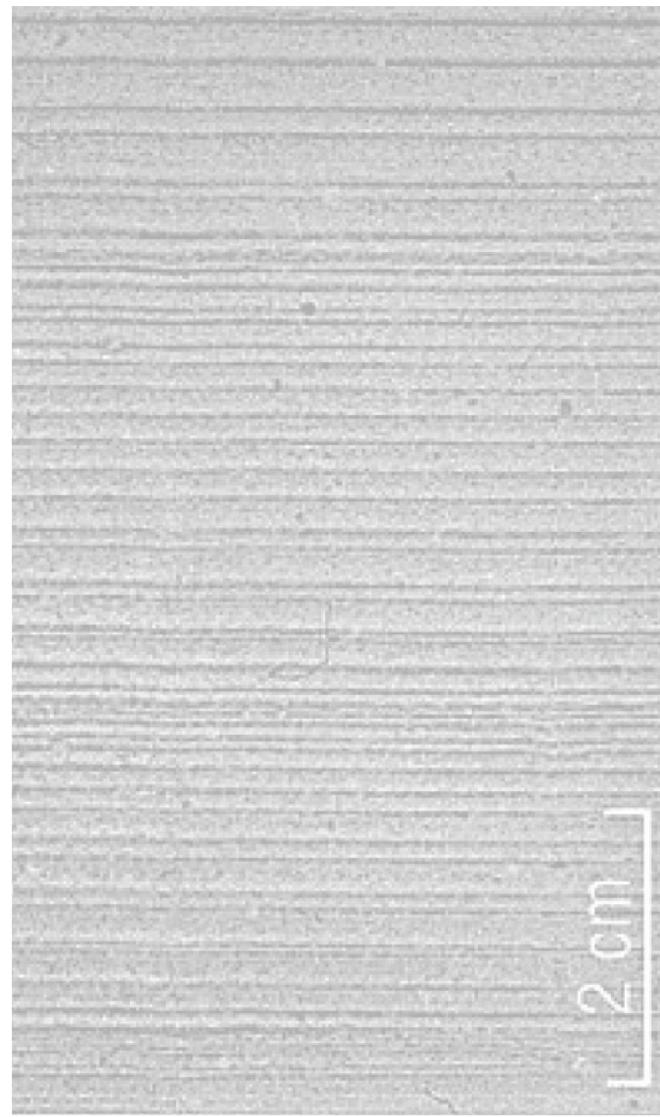
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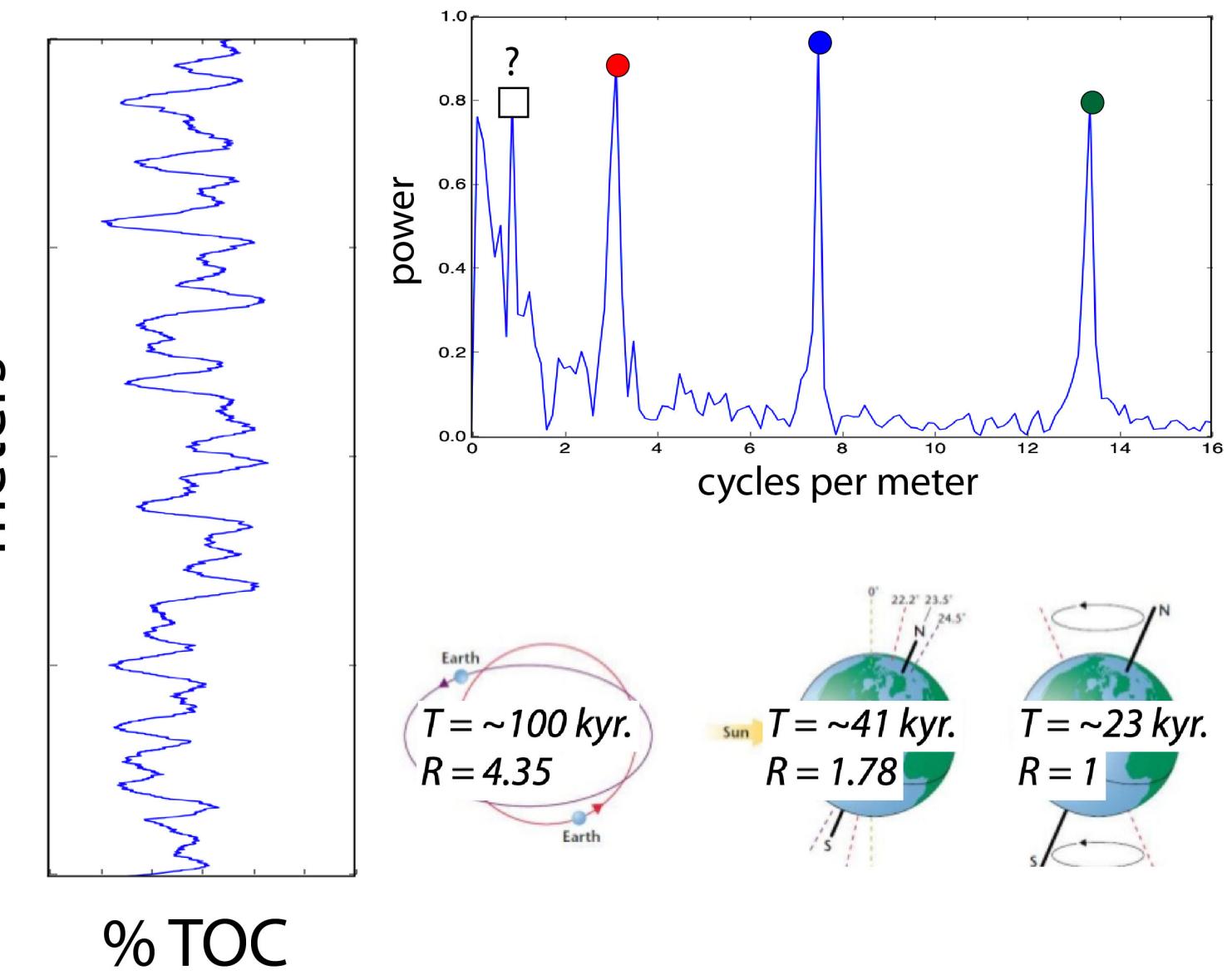
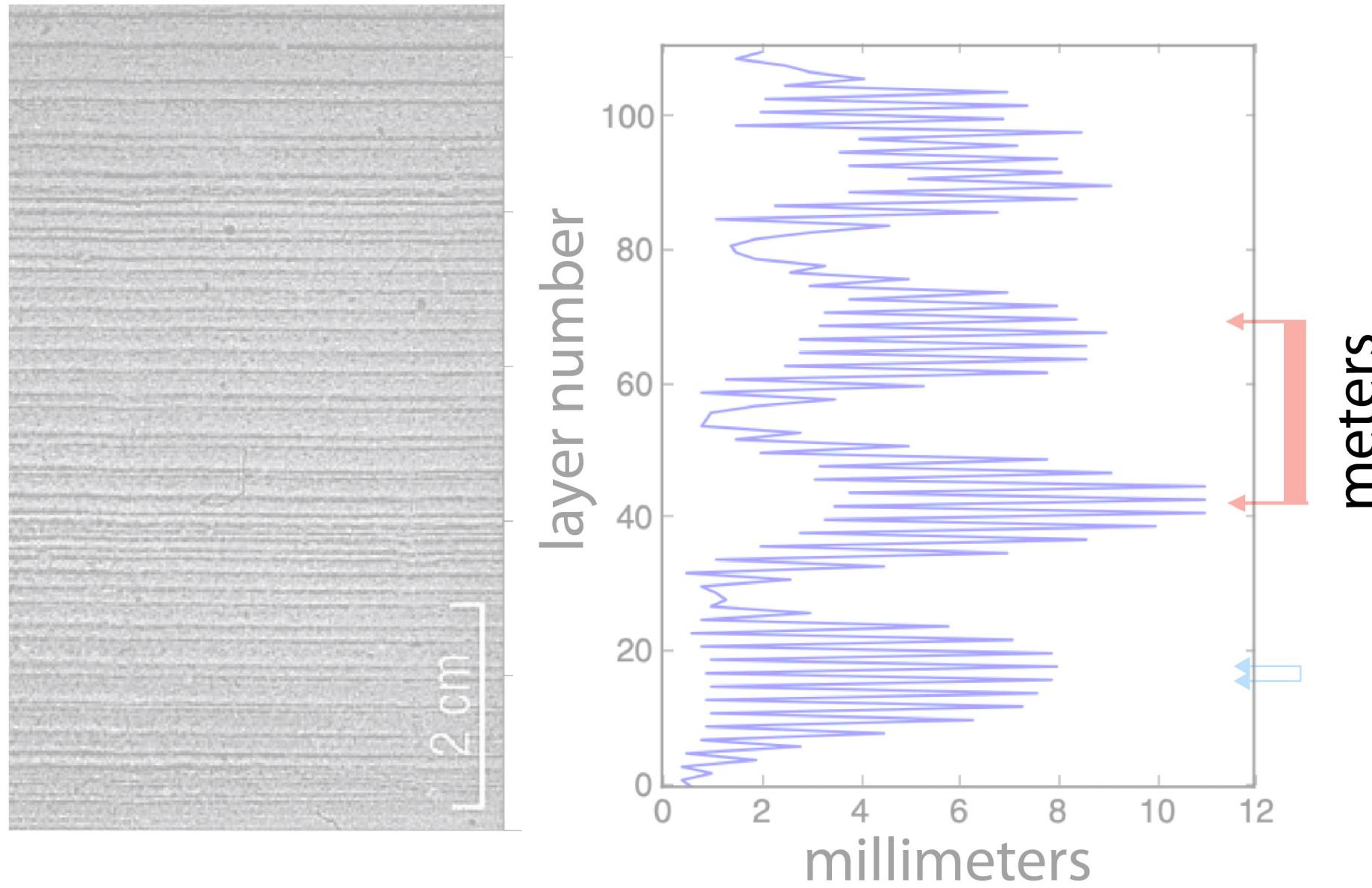
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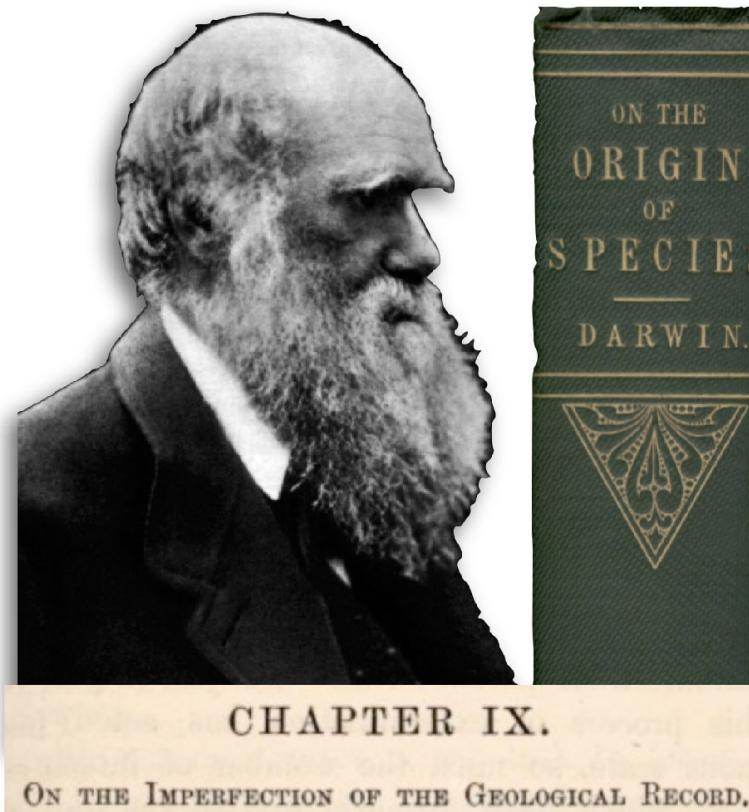


3e. Data synthesis & sediment cycling

a decaying rock record?

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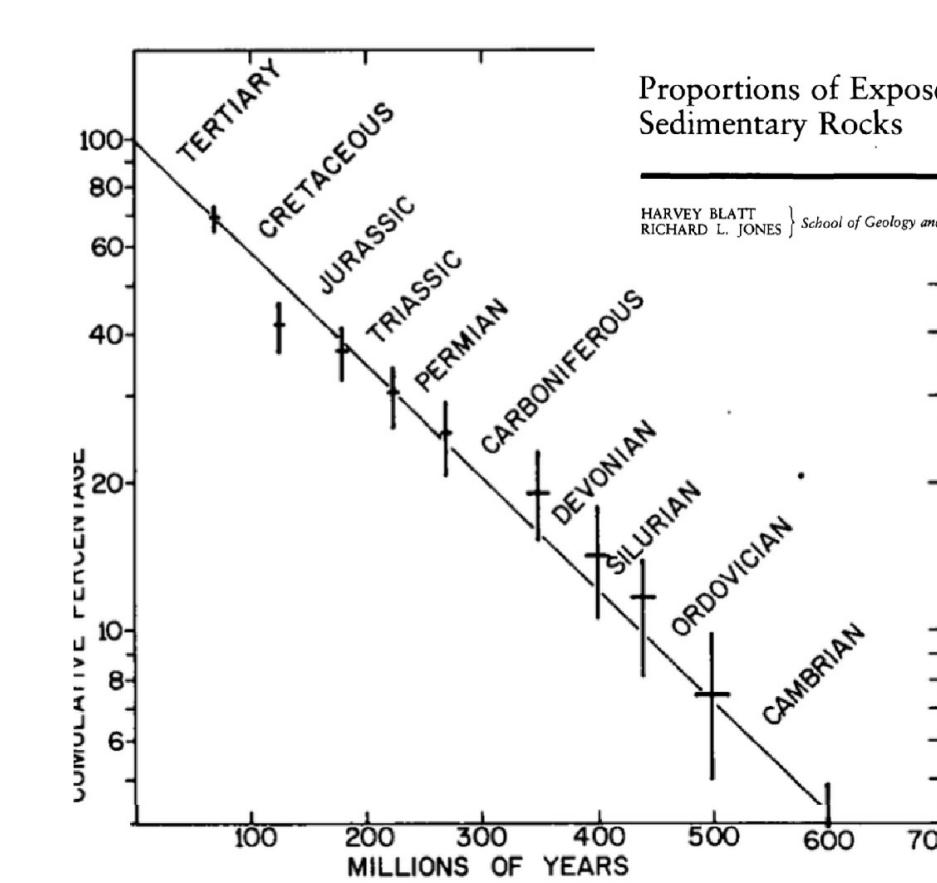
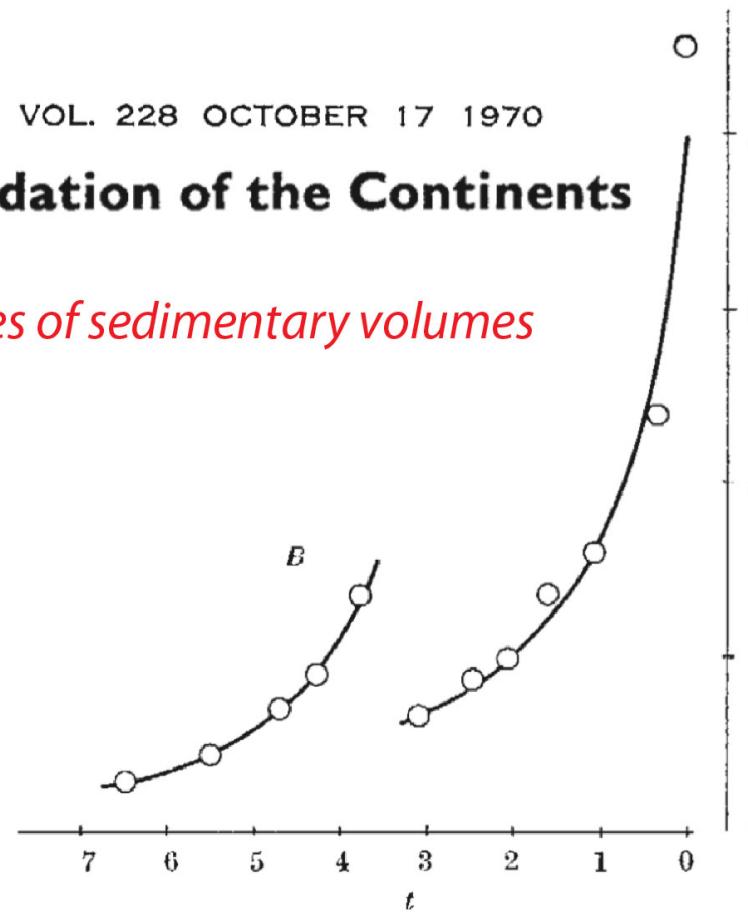
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4. First assignment (due before next class):

Install Python on your computer (or other scripting language)

- One of the easiest ways to install and manage python on your local machine is through Anaconda:
<https://www.anaconda.com/products/individual>
- There are two versions of python, **version 2** and **version 3**. ***You should install Python 3.***
- Also: <https://uvic.syzygy.ca/>

