

# Lecture 13: Age models part 2

1. Building an age model
  - dealing with uncertainty
2. Introduction to carbonates

We acknowledge and respect the *lək'ʷənən* 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.



In [58]:

```
from matplotlib.patches import Polygon
import scipy.stats as stats
from scipy.interpolate import interp1d
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
```



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In [59]: def rando_strat(ax,num_box,height,boxes,liths):
    box_colors= [('#FFB142',0.6), ('#33D9B2',0.5), ('#34ACE0',0.4), ('#706FD3',0.3), ('#2C2C54',0.2), ('#84817A',0.1)]
    if len(boxes)==0:
        boxes=np.cumsum(np.random.gamma(1,1, num_box))
        boxes=boxes/boxes[-1]*height
        boxes=np.hstack((boxes[0],np.diff(boxes)))
        liths=np.random.randint(0,len(box_colors),num_box)
    stack=0
    trace=[]
    for i,s in enumerate(boxes):
        tmp_w=box_colors[liths[i]][1]
        tmp_color=box_colors[liths[i]][0]
        #add a lithostratigraphy box
        xy=np.array([(0,stack),
                     (0+tmp_w,stack),
                     (0+tmp_w,stack+s),
                     (0,stack+s)])
        rect = Polygon(xy,closed=True,
                       facecolor=tmp_color,edgecolor="k",lw=0.5)
        ax.add_patch(rect)
        #grow the net record
        trace.append((stack,stack+s,tmp_w))
        stack=stack+s
    #set y-limits (from height of this column)
    ax.set_ylim([-0.1,height+0.01*height])
    #set x-limits (section-specific max width of strat box)
    ax.set_xlim([0,1])
    #turn off axes and frame
    ax.axis('off')
    return ax,np.array(trace),boxes,liths
```



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In [60]: ▼ def calc_age(ash_table,h):
    up=ash_table[(ash_table[:,1])>h][0]
    down=ash_table[(ash_table[:,1])<h][-1]
    sed_rate=(up[1]-down[1])/(down[0]-up[0]) # [1] is height, [0] is age

    h_diff=h-down[1]
    h_age=down[0]-h_diff/sed_rate

    return(h_age)

▼ ashes={'ash1':{'height':0.1,
                 'age': 66.153,
                 '2sd':0.029},
         'ash2':{'height':0.83,
                 'age': 66.043,
                 '2sd':0.031},
         'ash3':{'height':1.6,
                 'age': 65.985,
                 '2sd':0.011}}
ash_table=np.array([(ashes[a]['age'],ashes[a]['height']) for a in ashes])
KT=0.6 #height in meters
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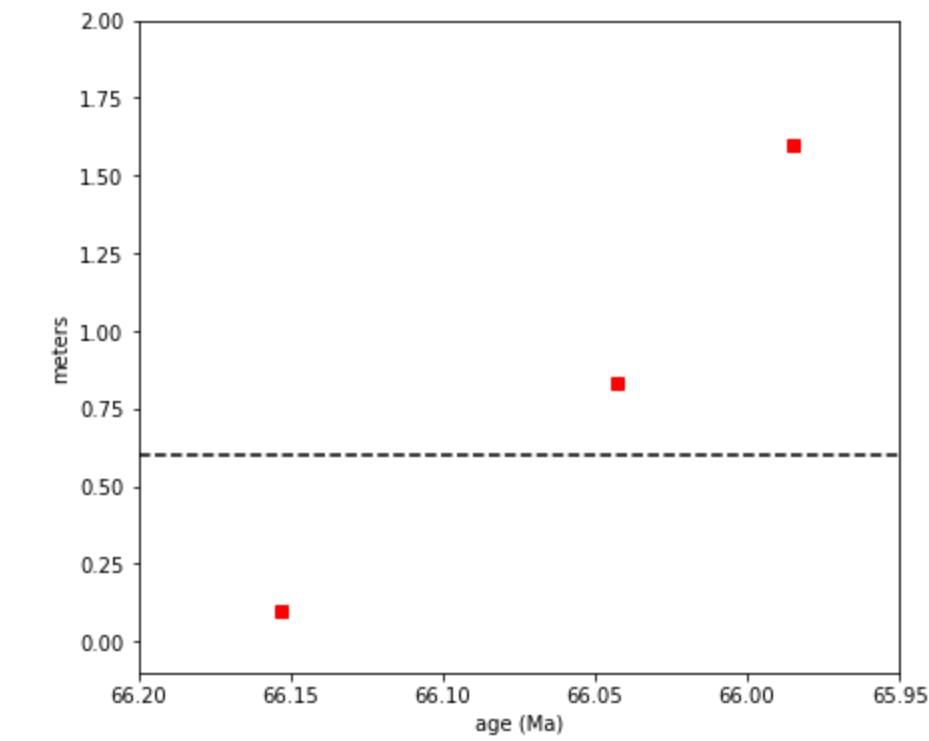
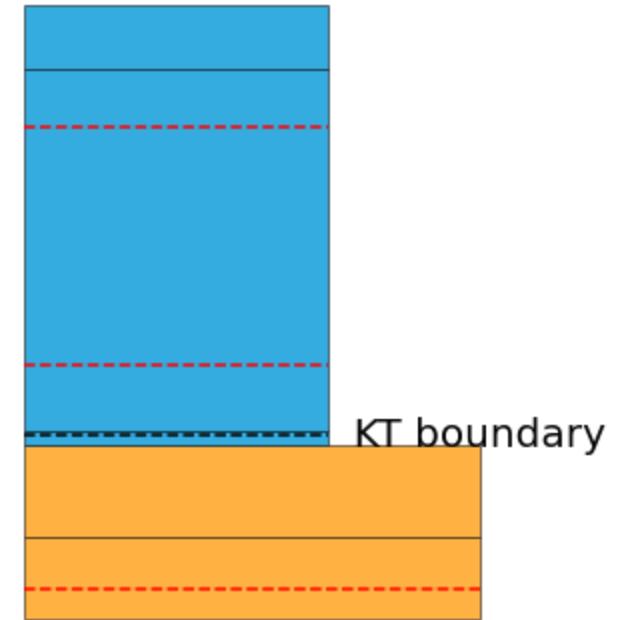


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In [61]: ▼ def plot_ash(boxes = [], liths = []):
    fig=plt.figure(1,figsize=(15,6))
    ax=fig.add_subplot(121)
    ax,trace,boxes,liths=rando_strat(ax,num_box=5,height=2,boxes=boxes,liths=liths) #stratigraphy for fun
    #ashes in the strat column
    for a in ashes:
        tmp_w=trace[(trace[:,0]<=ashes[a]['height']) & (trace[:,1]>ashes[a]['height']),2]
        ax.plot([0,tmp_w],[ashes[a]['height'],ashes[a]['height']], 'r--')
    #KT boundary
    tmp_w=trace[(trace[:,0]<=KT) & (trace[:,1]>KT),2]
    ax.plot([0,tmp_w],[KT,KT], 'k--')
    ax.text(tmp_w,KT, ' KT boundary',verticalalignment='center',fontsize=20)
    #ash ages
    ax=fig.add_subplot(122)
    for a in ashes:
        ax.plot(ashes[a]['age'],ashes[a]['height'], 'rs')
    ax.plot([66.2,65.95],[KT,KT], 'k--')
    ax.set_xlim([66.2,65.95]); ax.set_ylim([-0.1,2])
    ax.set_ylabel('meters'); _=ax.set_xlabel('age (Ma)')
    return boxes, liths, fig
```



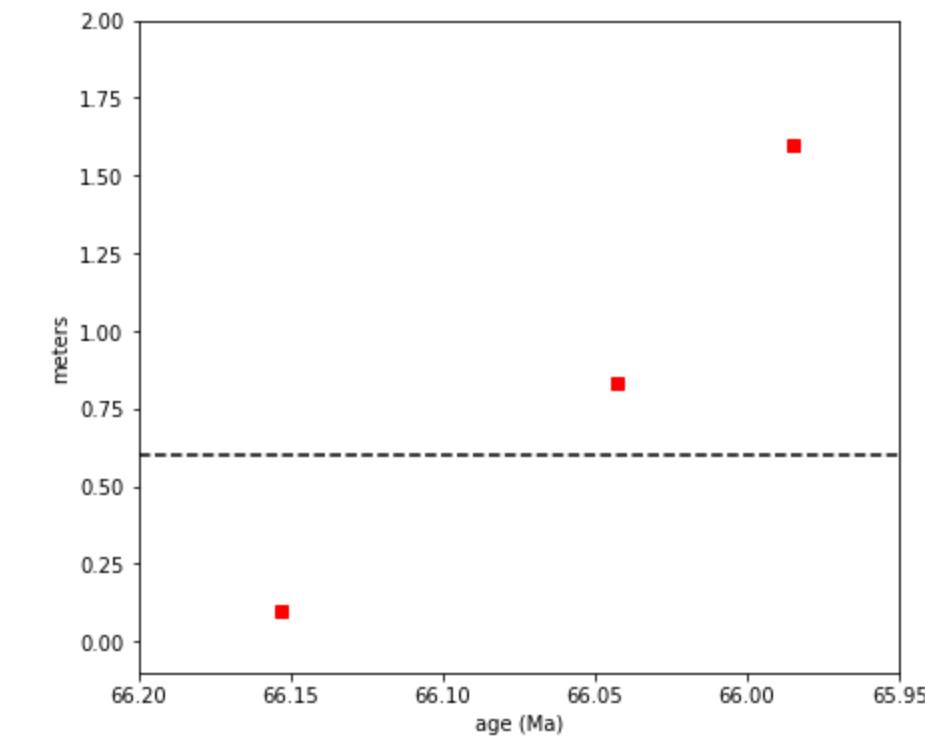
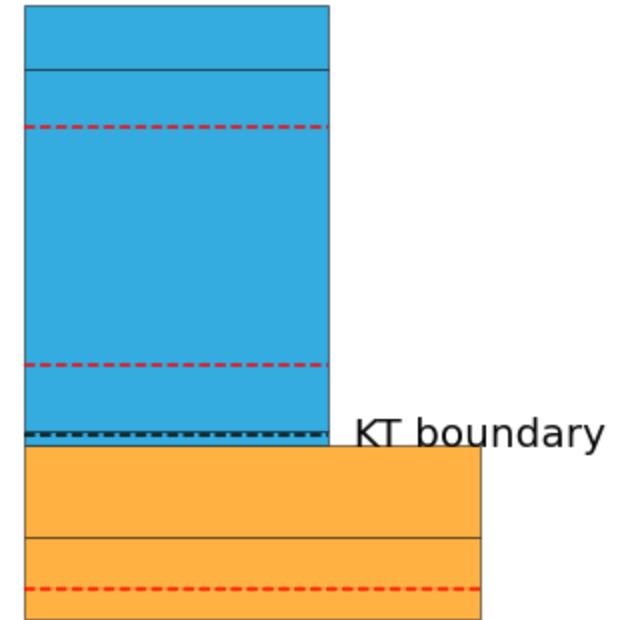
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What is the age of the *KT Boundary*? What ages are possible? What ages are most likely?

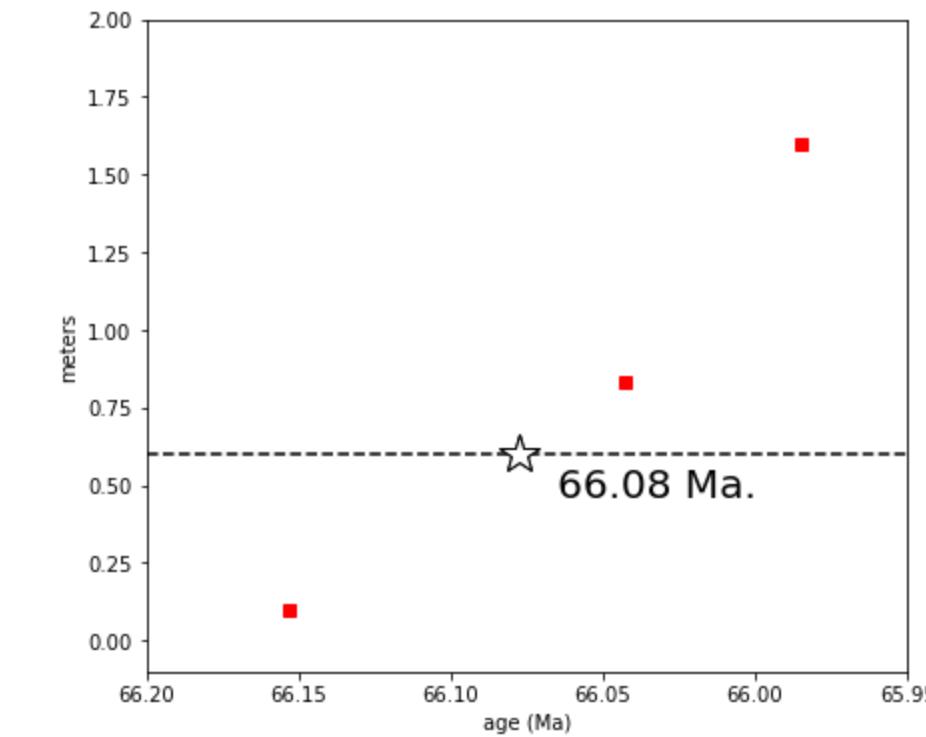
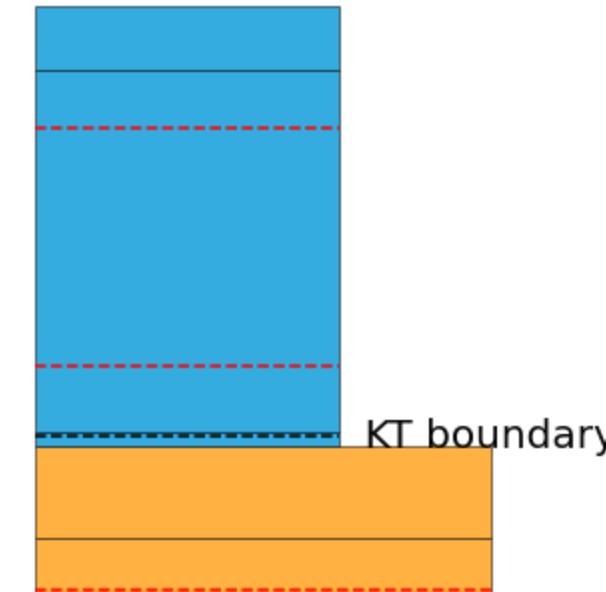


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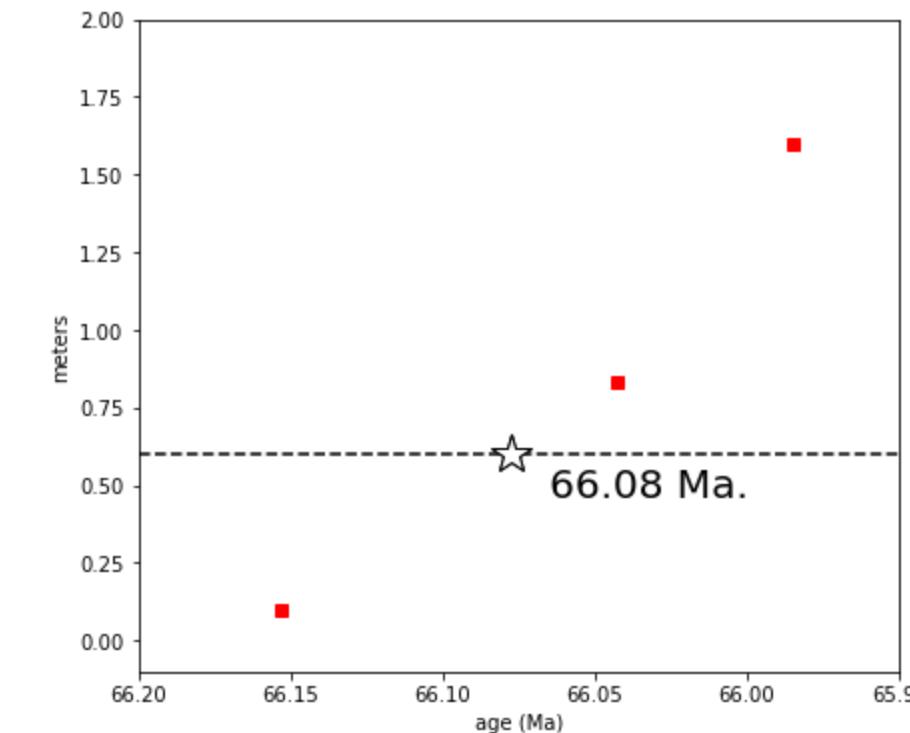
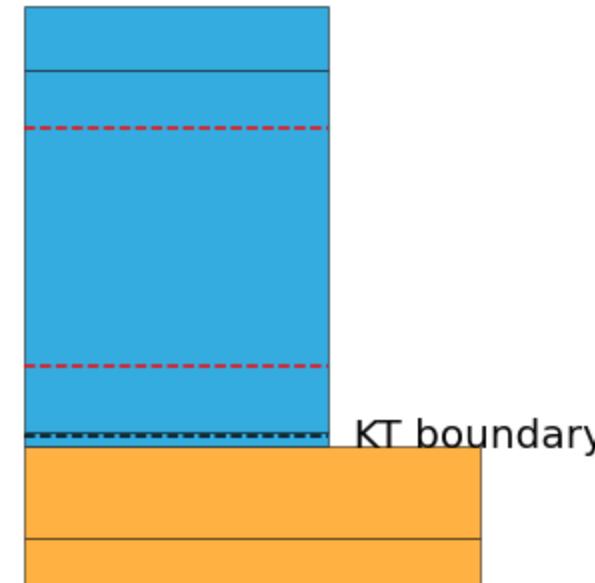
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#calculate KT age
ax = fig.axes[-1]
KT_age=calc_age(ash_table,KT)
ax.plot([KT_age,KT_age],[KT,KT], 'w*', mec='k', markersize=20)
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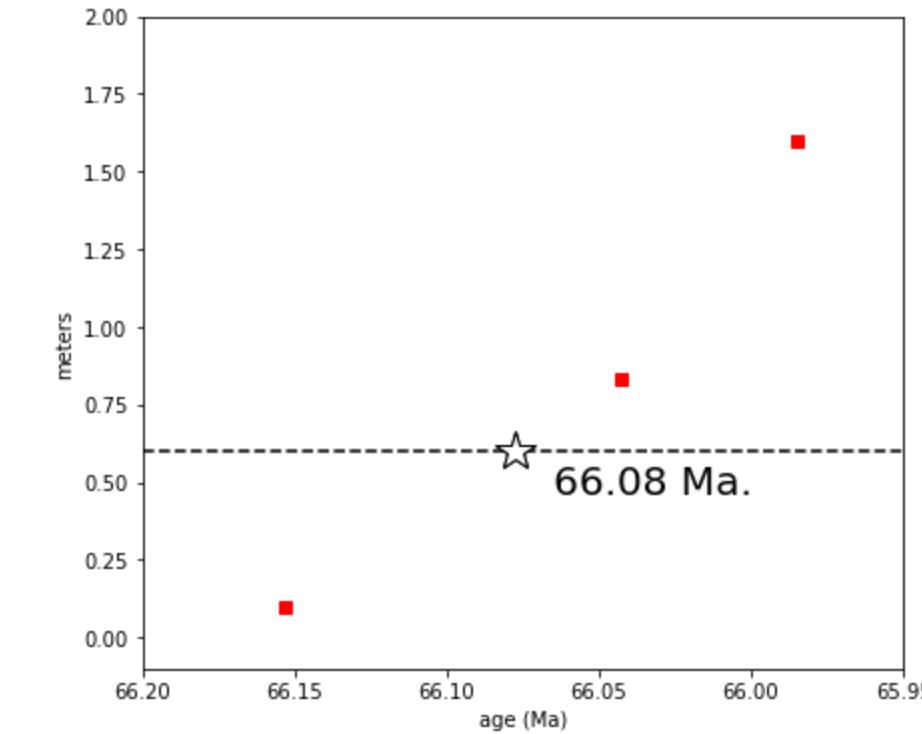
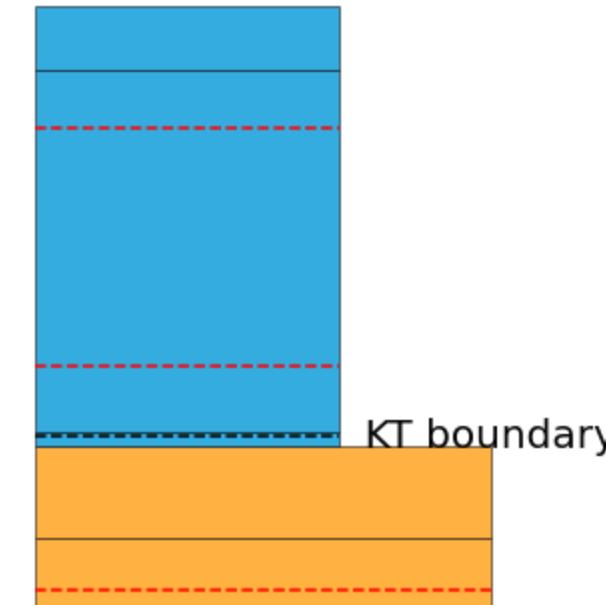
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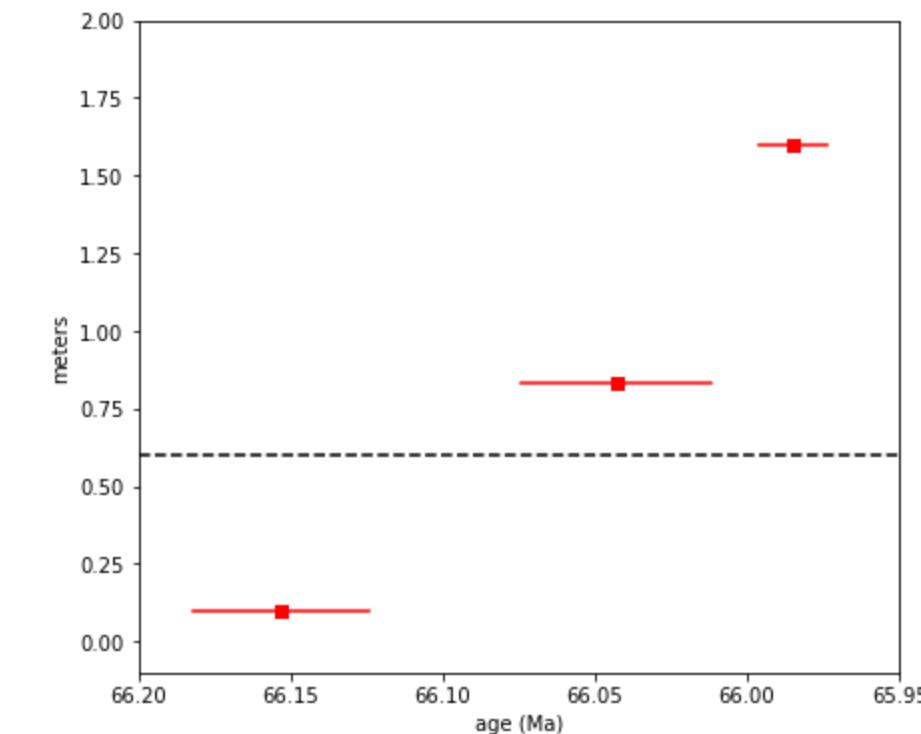
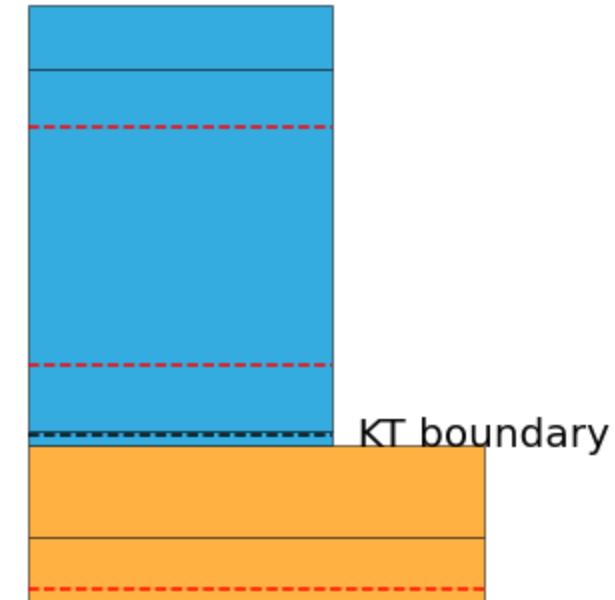
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ax = fig.axes[-1]
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    ax.plot(ashes[a]['age'],ashes[a]['height'],'rs')
▼ ax.plot([ashes[a]['age']+ashes[a]['2sd'],ashes[a]['age']-ashes[a]['2sd']],
          [ashes[a]['height'],ashes[a]['height']], 'r-')
```



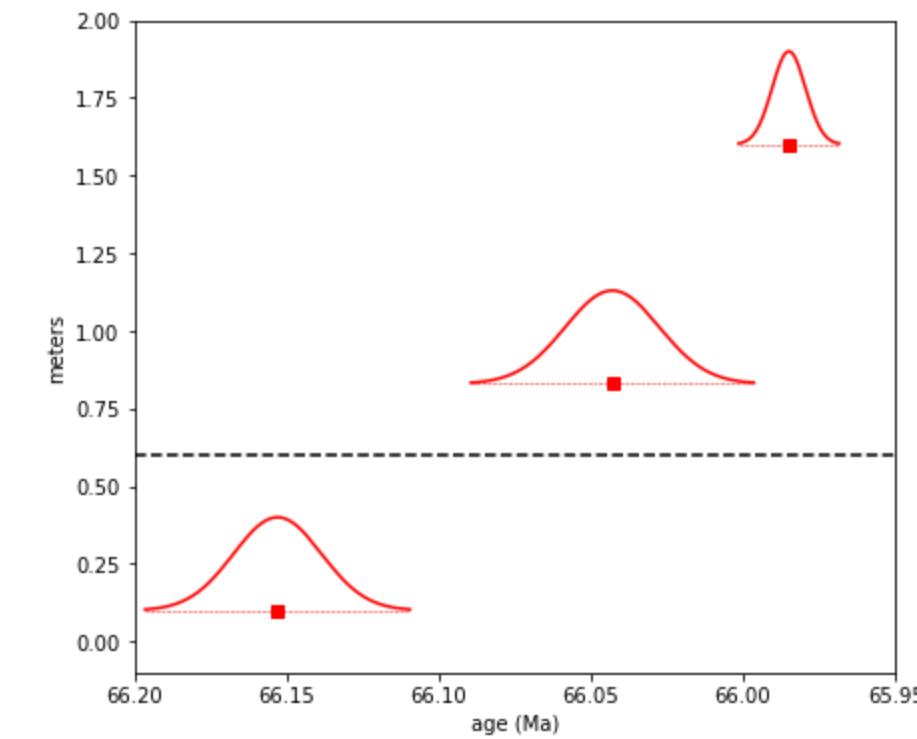
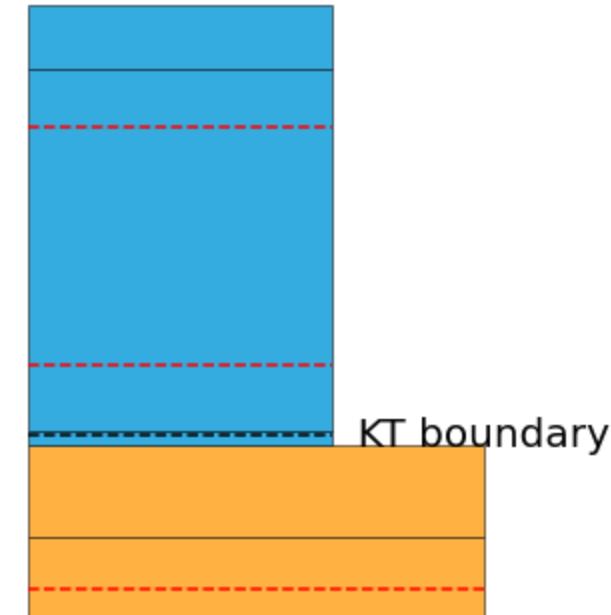
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How can we describe the uncertainty of the ash ages?



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In [66]:  
_, _, fig = plot_ash(boxes=boxes, liths=liths)  
ax = fig.axes[-1]  
for a in ashes:  
    mu=ashes[a]['age'] #normal distribution  
    sigma=ashes[a]['2sd']/2  
    x = np.linspace(mu - 3*sigma, mu + 3*sigma, 300)  
    distro=stats.norm.pdf(x, mu, sigma) #scaled for display  
    distro=distro/max(distro)*0.3  
    ax.plot(x, distro+ashes[a]['height'], 'r')  
    #ash strat height  
    ax.plot([ashes[a]['age']+ashes[a]['2sd']*3/2,ashes[a]['age']-ashes[a]['2sd']*3/2],  
            [ashes[a]['height'],ashes[a]['height']], 'r--', lw=0.5)
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In [67]:

```
import numpy as np
Y = np.random.normal(2,.3,1000000)
X = np.random.normal(20,.2,1000000)
Z = Y + X
print(f"""Mean of Z: {np.mean(Z):.1f} and standard deviation of Z: {np.std(Z):.2f}
Analytical stdev: {(.3**2+.2**2)**(1/2):.2f}""")
```

Mean of Z: 22.0 and standard deviation of Z: 0.36  
Analytical stdev: 0.36



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What is Z? (product of the means) What is  $\sigma_Z$ ? (square root of the sum of the relative errors squared times mean of Z)

$$\frac{\sigma_Z}{Z} \approx \left( \left( \frac{\sigma_Y}{Y} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\sigma_X}{X} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$



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print(f"""Mean of Z: {np.mean(Z):.1f} and standard deviation of Z: {np.std(Z):.1f}
Analytical stdev: {np.mean(Z)*((0.3/2)**2+(0.2/20)**2)**(1/2):.2f}""")
```

Mean of Z: 40.0 and standard deviation of Z: 6.0  
Analytical stdev: 6.01



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$$\sigma A_{kt}^2 = \left( (\sigma A_0^2 + \sigma A_1^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \frac{H_{KT} - H_0}{H_1 - H_0} \right)^2 + \sigma A_0^2$$



```
In [69]: ▼ age = (
    lambda ashes, kth: (ashes["ash2"]["age"] - ashes["ash1"]["age"])
    / (ashes["ash2"]["height"] - ashes["ash1"]["height"])
    * (kth - ashes["ash1"]["height"])
    + ashes["ash1"]["age"]
)
```



```
In [70]: draws = []
for i in range(10000):
    simulated_ash = {
        "ash1": {
            "height": 0.1,
            "age": np.random.normal(66.153, 0.029 / 2),
            "2sd": 0.029,
        },
        "ash2": {
            "height": 0.83,
            "age": np.random.normal(66.043, 0.031 / 2),
            "2sd": 0.031,
        },
        "ash3": {
            "height": np.random.normal(66.153, 0.011 / 2),
            "age": 65.985,
            "2sd": 0.011,
        },
    }
    draws.append(age(simulated_ash, KT))
print(np.std(draws))
```

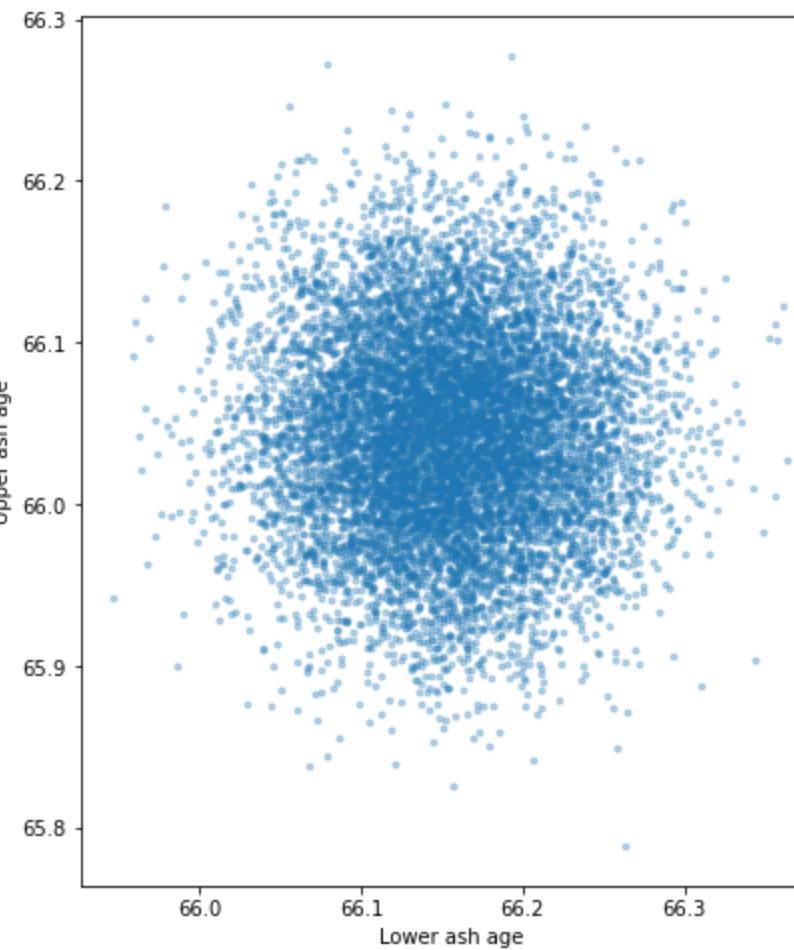
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In [71]:

```
plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
a1 = np.random.normal(66.153, 0.029 * 2, 10000)
a2 = np.random.normal(66.043, 0.031 * 2, 10000)
plt.plot(a1,a2,'.',alpha=.3)
plt.gca().set_aspect('equal')
plt.gca().set_xlabel('Lower ash age')
plt.gca().set_ylabel('Upper ash age')
```

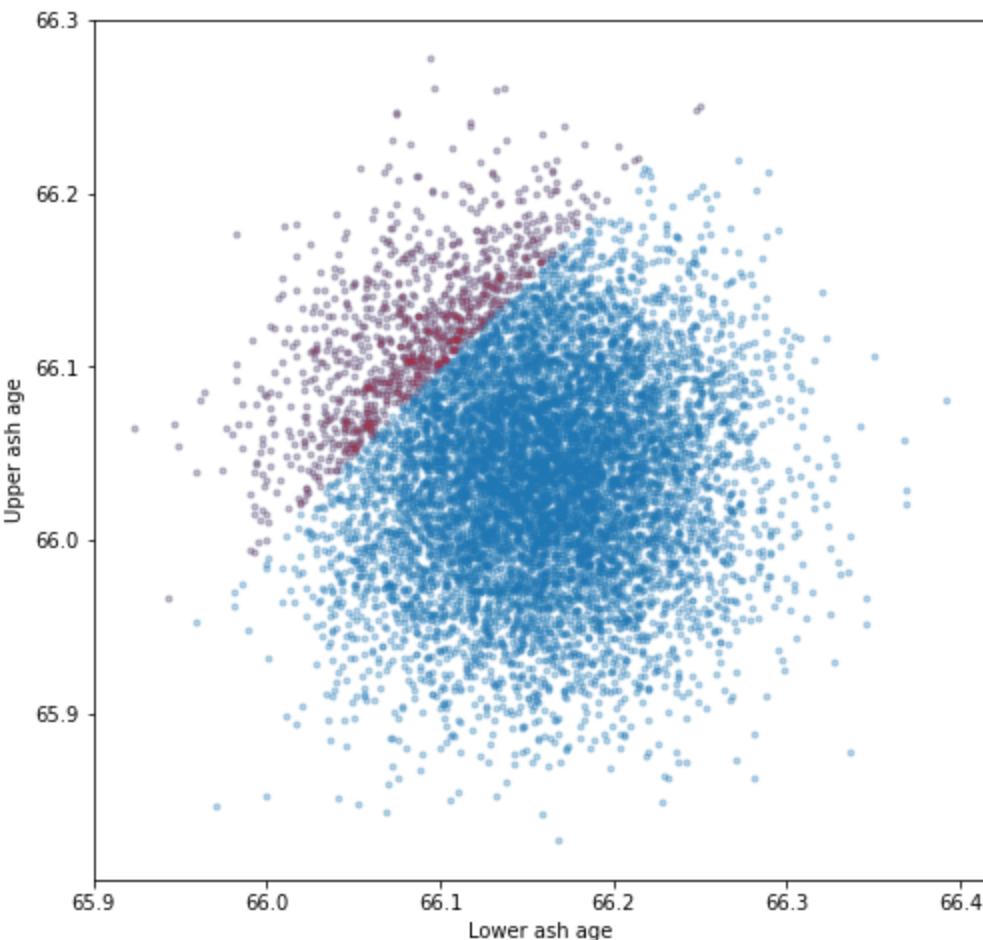
Out[71]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Upper ash age')



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plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
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a2 = np.random.normal(66.043, 0.031 * 2, 10000)
plt.plot(a1, a2, ".", alpha=0.3)
plt.plot(a1[a1 < a2], a2[a1 < a2], "r.", alpha=0.1)
plt.gca().set_aspect("equal")
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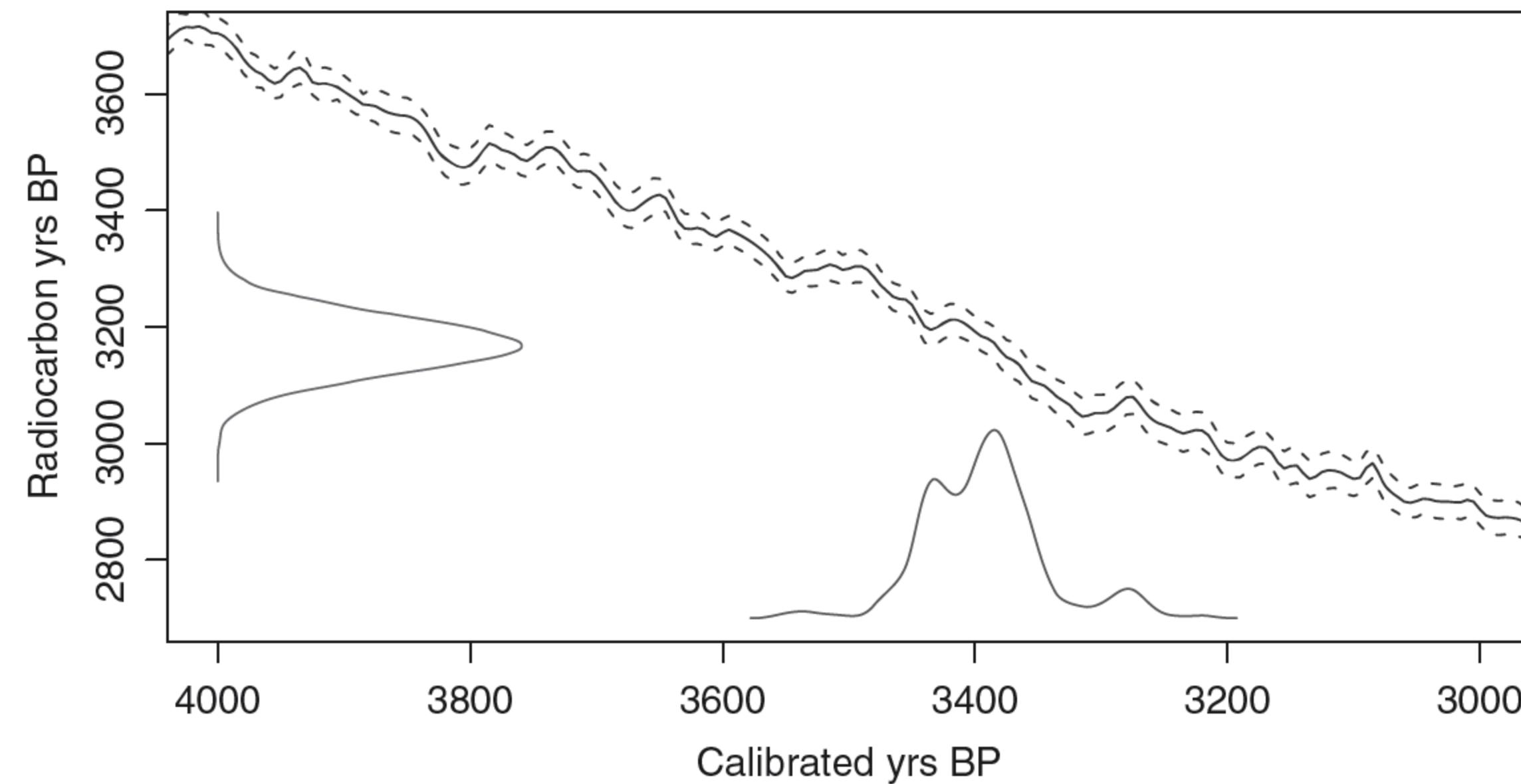
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How do we include these *normally distributed* uncertainties into our constant sedimentation rate age model?

- Even in our simple model the uncertainty is not exactly normal (there is covariation)
- Random number generators allow us account to account for these more complicated forms of uncertainty (Monte Carlo methods)



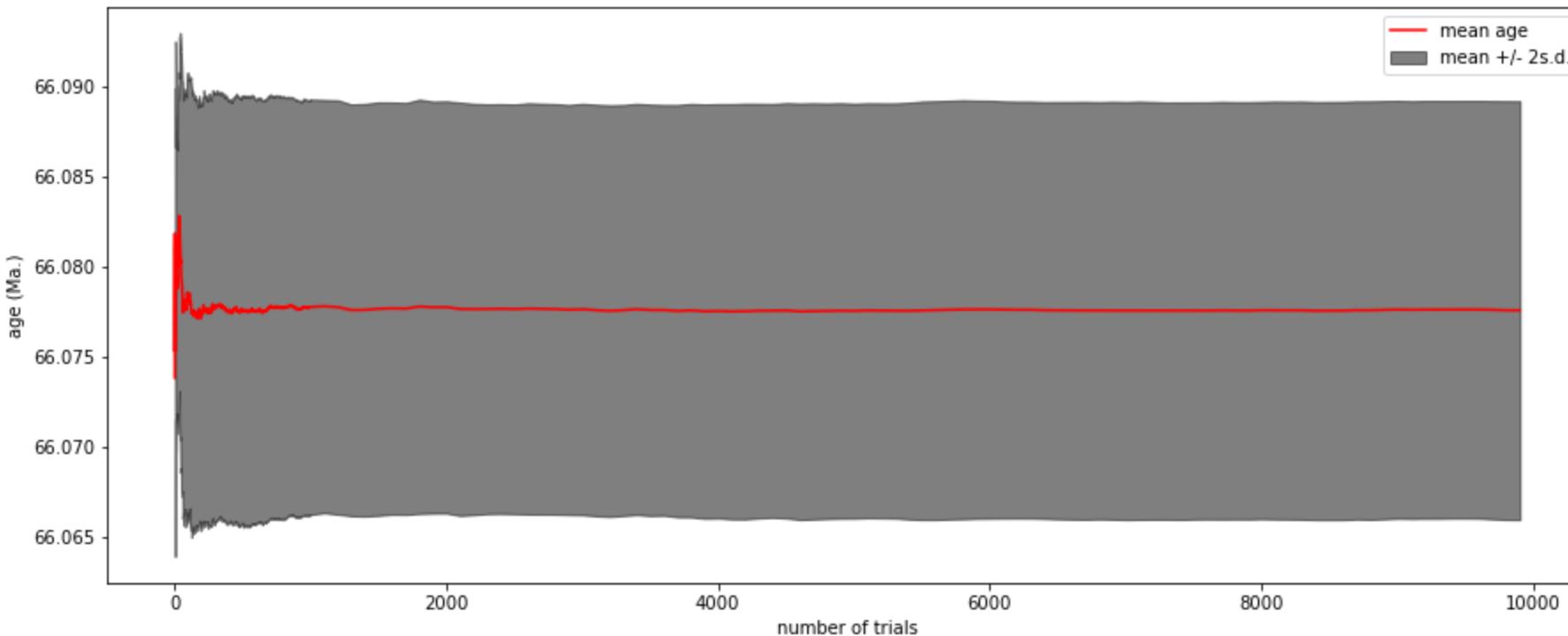
# Power of Monte Carlo approaches



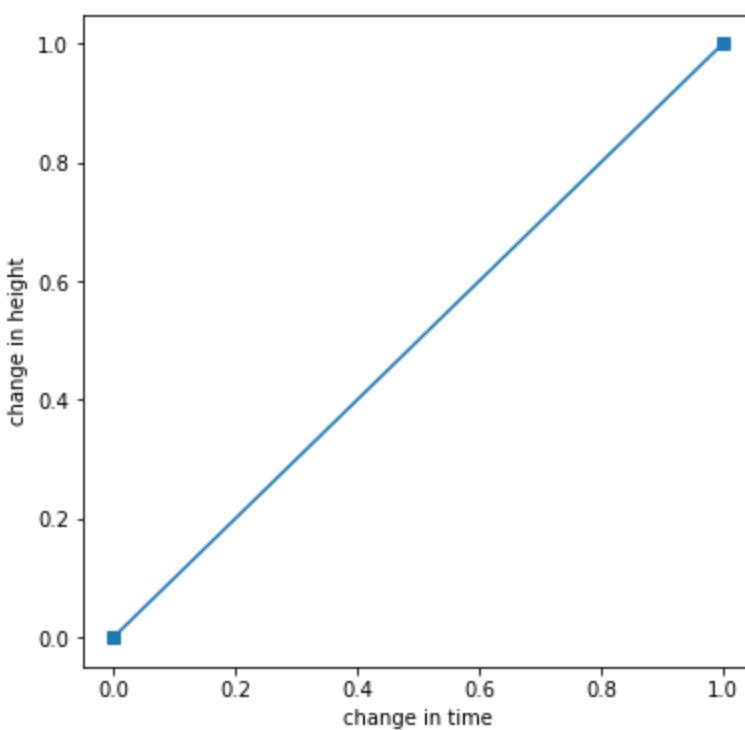
# How many samples is enough?

In [77]:

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fig=plt.figure(1,figsize=(15,6))
ax=fig.add_subplot(111)
idx=list(range(1000)) +list(range(1000,len(KT_ages)+1,100))
#statistics of KT age as function of number of trials
KT_evolve=[]
▼ for i in idx[:10000]: #more trials here
    KT_evolve.append((np.mean(KT_ages[0:i+1]),np.std(KT_ages[0:i+1]),len(KT_ages[0:i+1])))
KT_evolve=np.array(KT_evolve)
#plot the results
ax.plot(KT_evolve[:,2],KT_evolve[:,0],'r-',label='mean age')
▼ ax.fill_between(KT_evolve[:,2],KT_evolve[:,0]+KT_evolve[:,1],KT_evolve[:,0]-KT_evolve[:,1],
                  color='k',alpha=0.5,zorder=0,label='mean +/- 2s.d.')
ax.set_ylabel('age (Ma.)'); ax.set_xlabel('number of trials'); _=ax.legend(loc='best')
```



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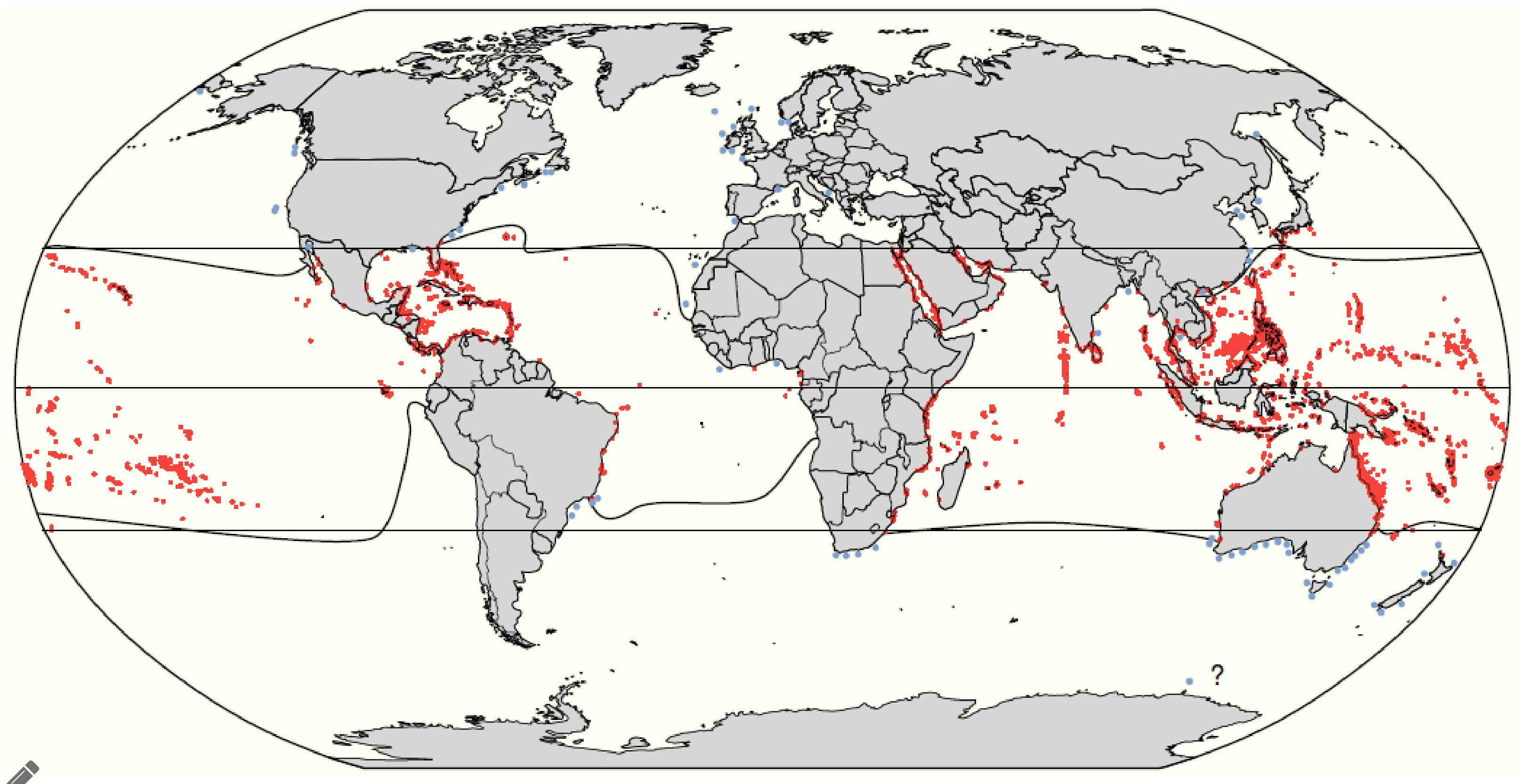


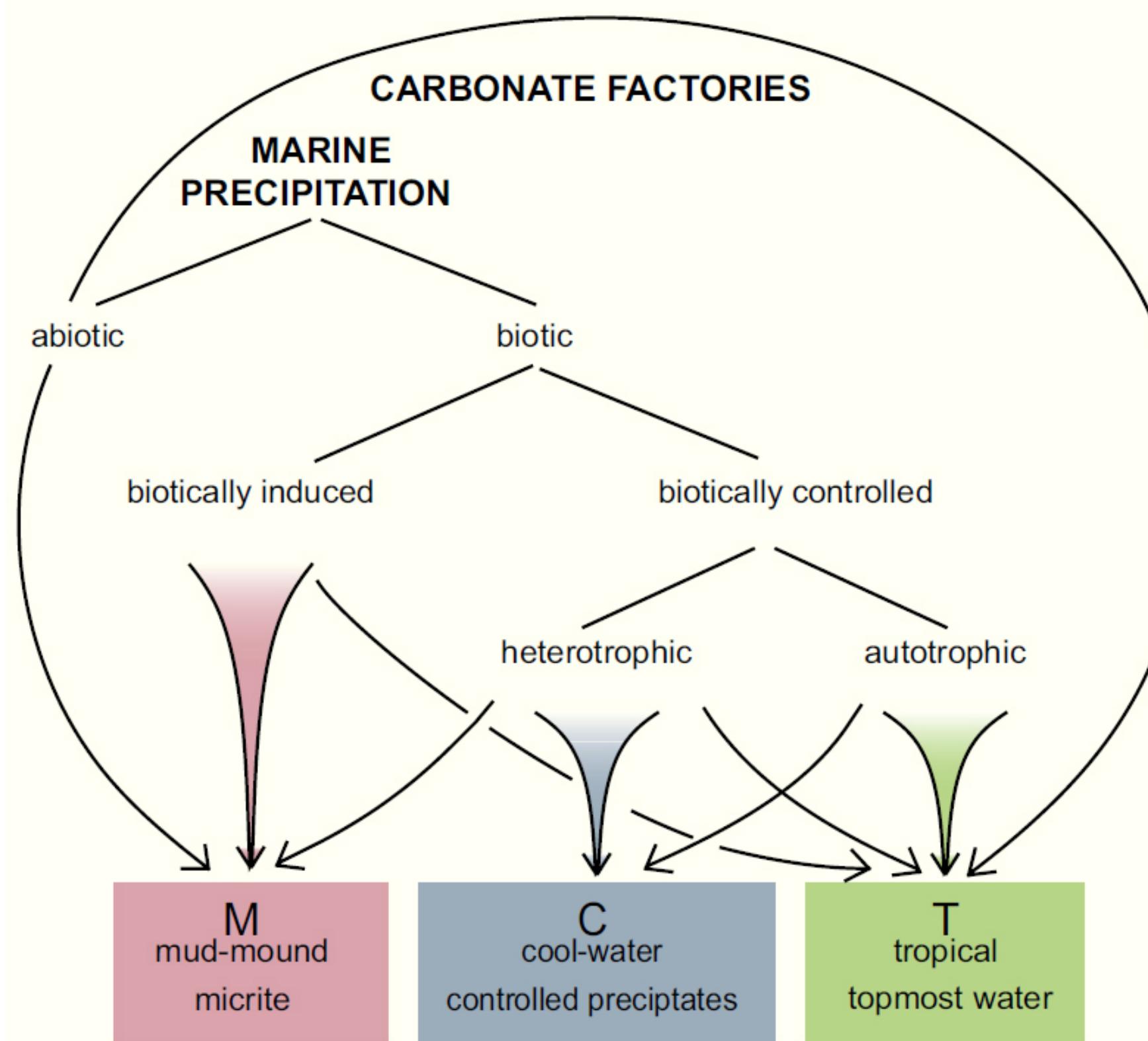
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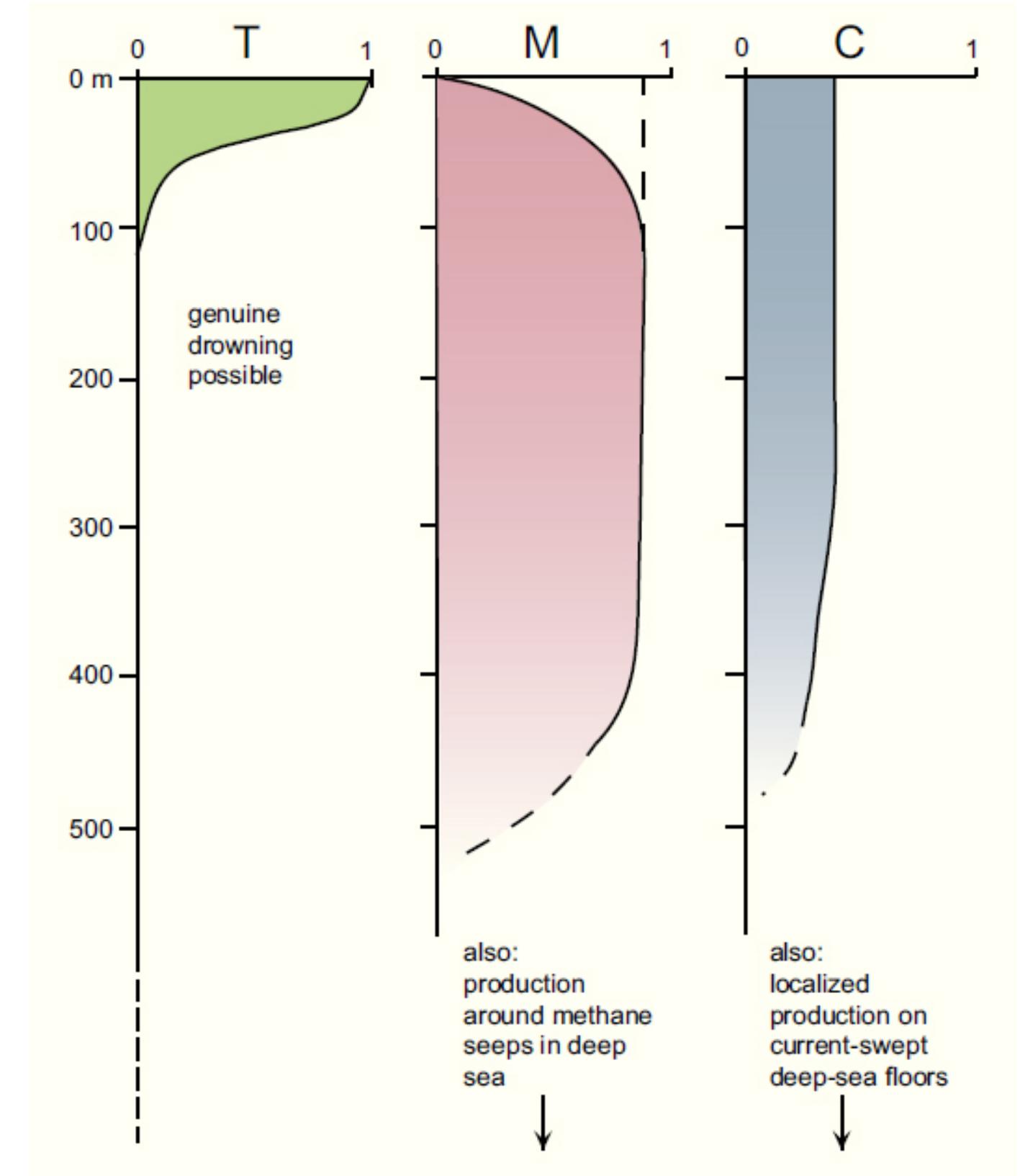
- goal in lab tomorrow: how can we get away from the assumption of constant sedimentation rate?  
*what should it look like?*

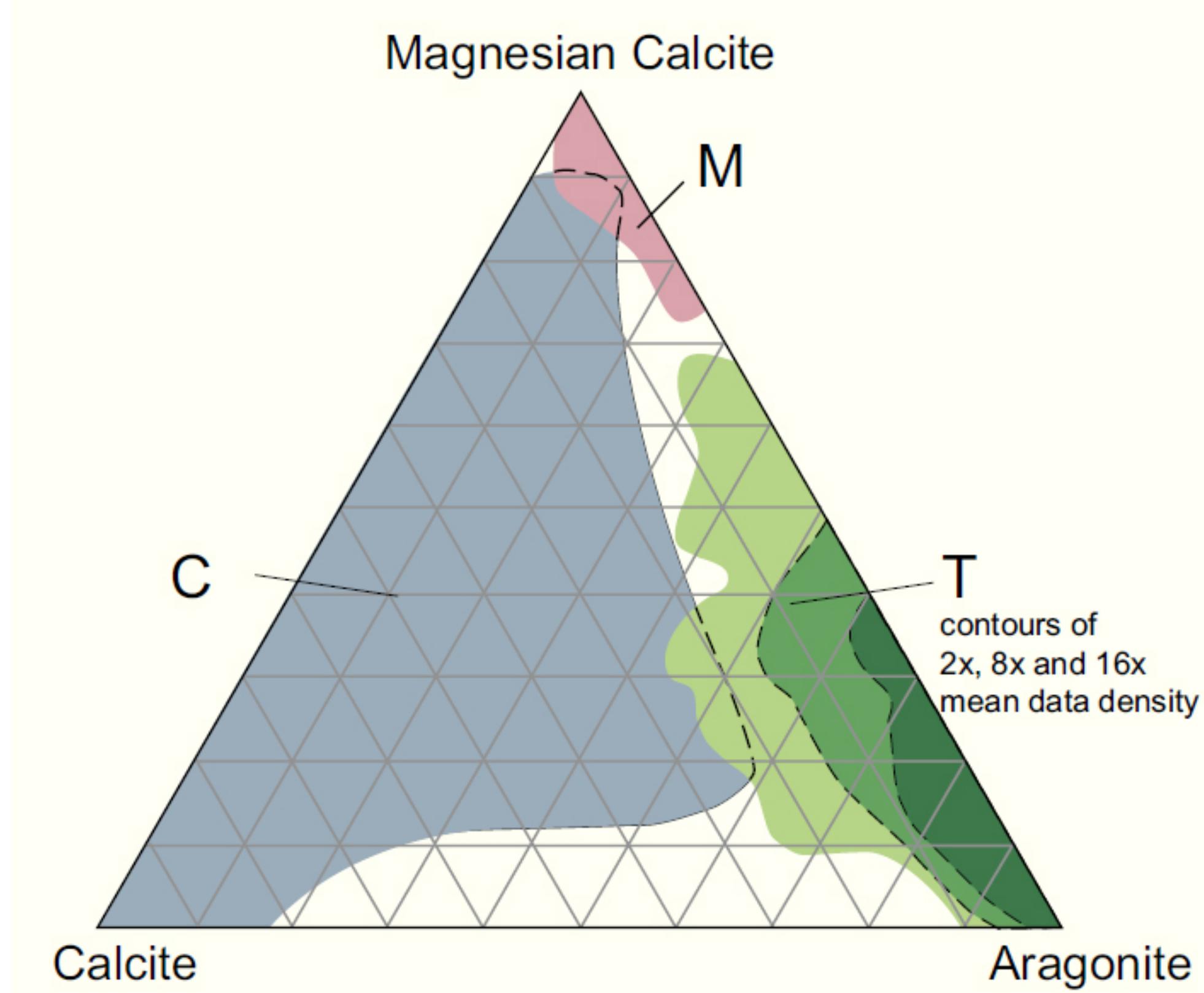


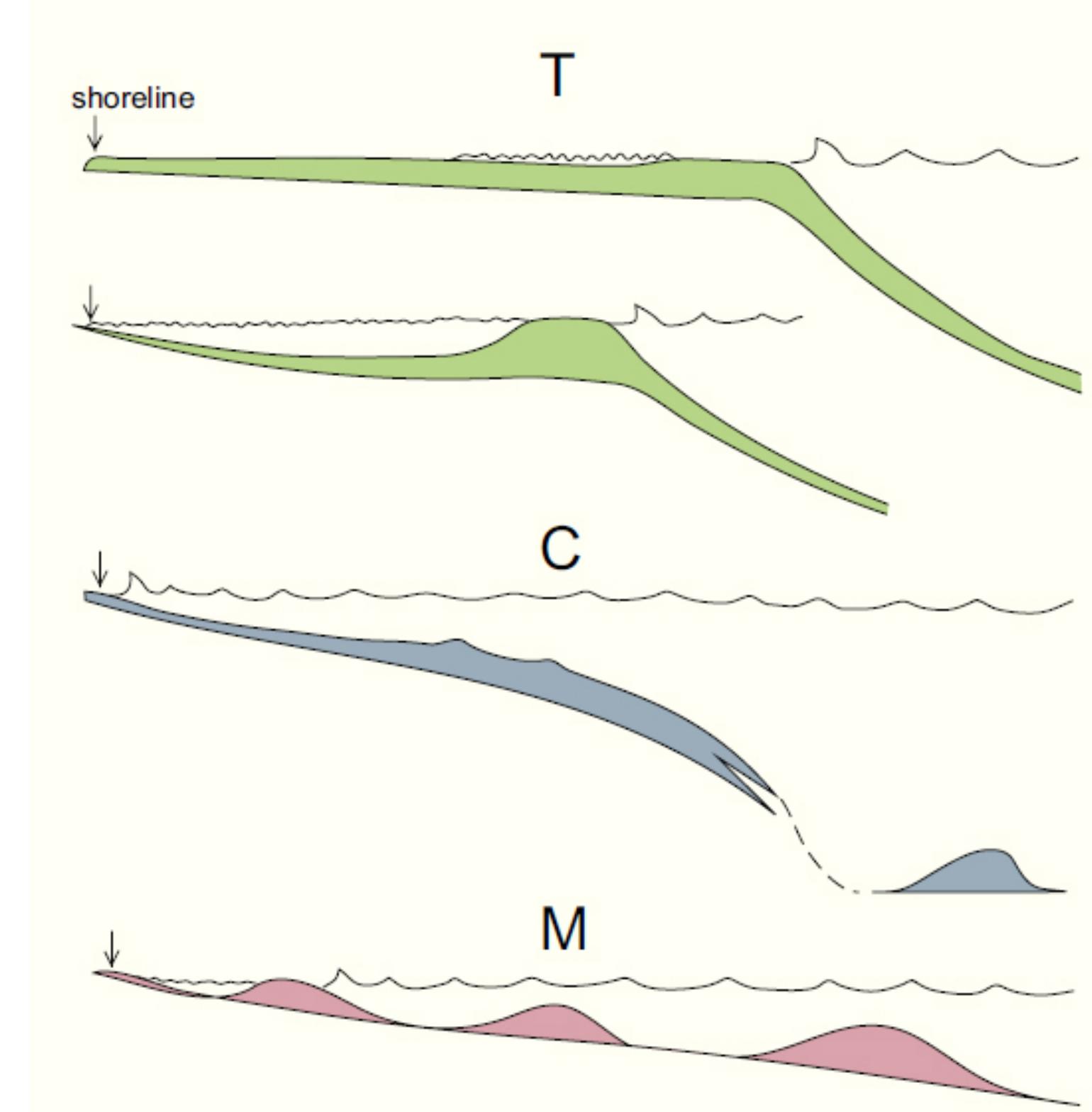
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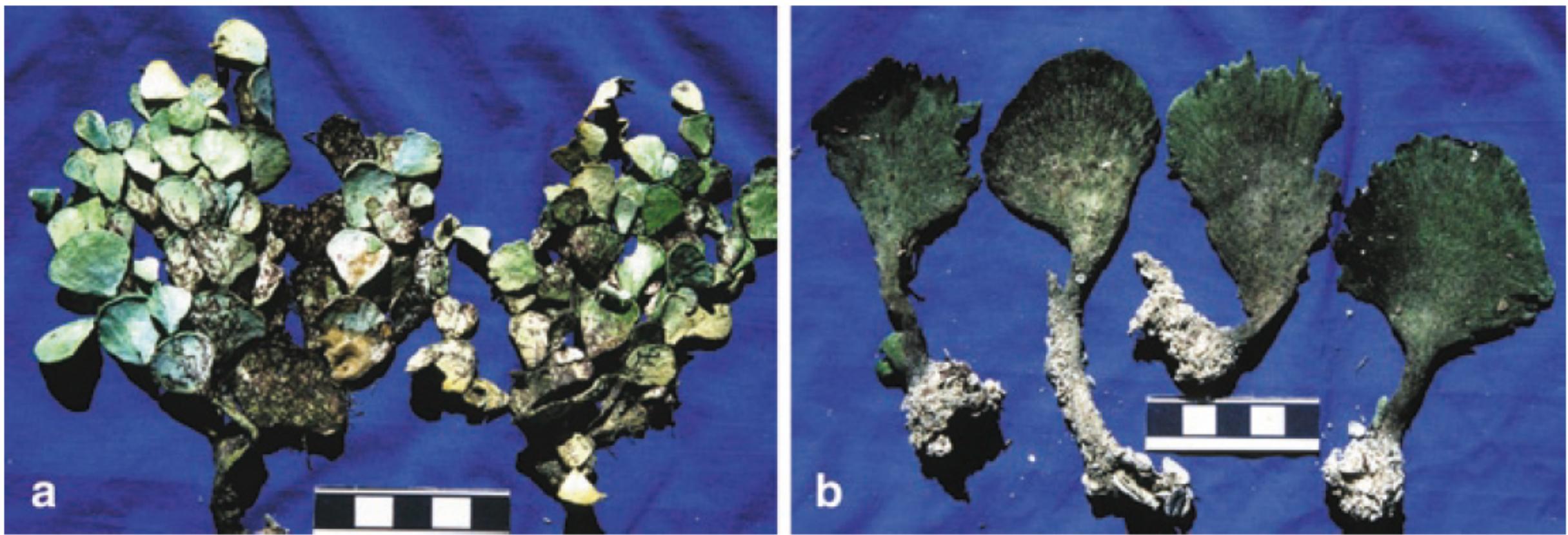




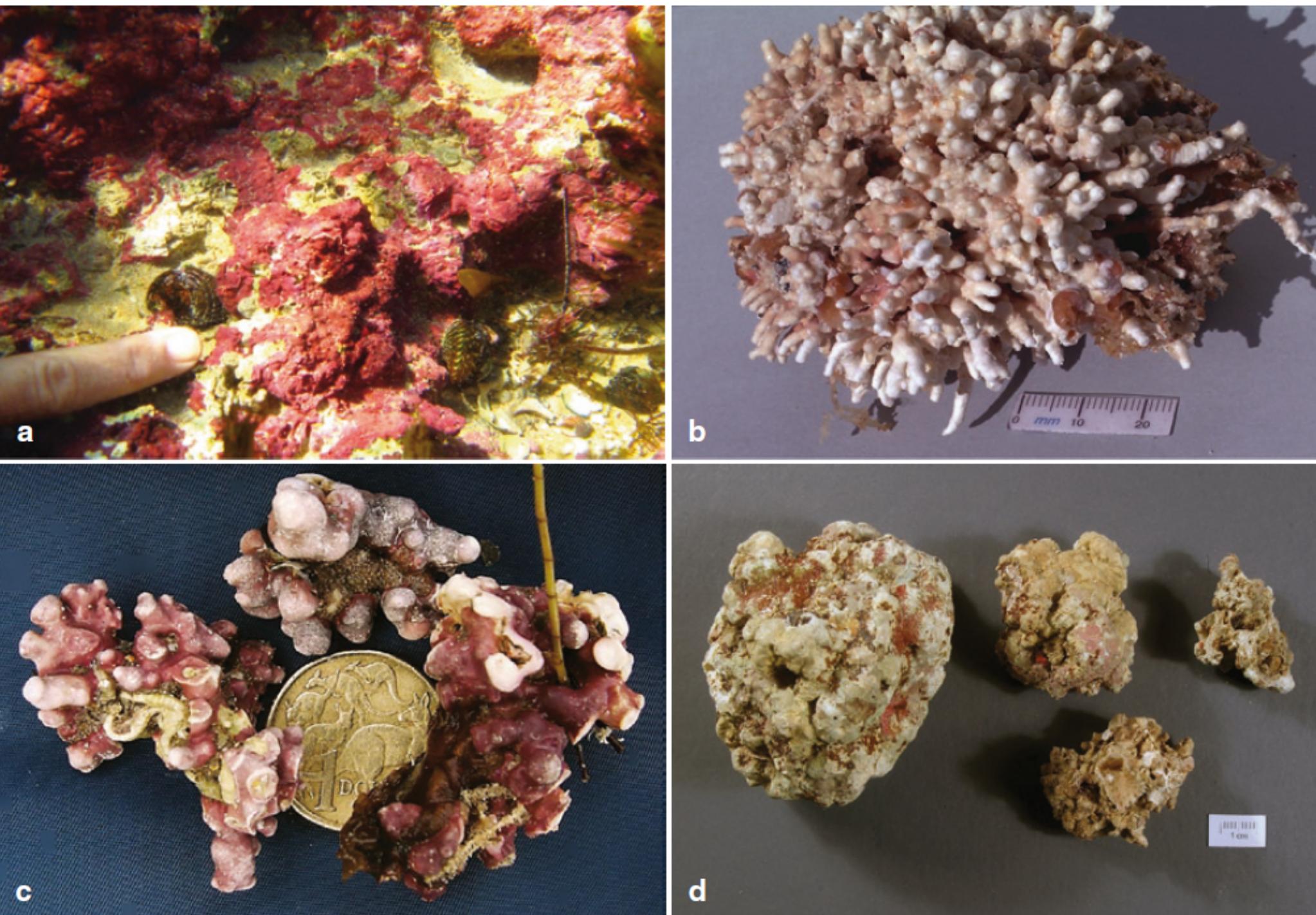




**Fig. 4.11** Calcareous green algae that are non-calciified. (a) *Halimeda cunctata*, ~2 mwd. Recherche Archipelago, Albany Shelf, (b) *Rhipiliopsis peltata* ~2 mwd. Recherche Archipelago, Albany shelf







**Fig. 4.9** Non-geniculate calcareous red algae. (a) Encrusting Pleistocene aeolianite, Robe, S.A. Depth 1m, finger for scale, (b) fruticose rhodolith, Spencer Gulf, 2mwd, (c) fruticose

rhodolith, attached to *Amphibolis* stem (coin scale 2cm in diameter, Spencer Gulf), (d) rhodoliths with a smooth nodular growth form; cm scale, Great Australian Bight, Baxter Sector, 46mwd





