# Plate Model CR25BAKB (Hotspot Reference Frame)

#### Africa versus hotspot reference frame

	1.950	139.310	-40.880	10.000	400
	3.900	139.310	-40.880	20.000	400
	5.850	139.310	-40.880	30.000	400
	7.800	139.310	-40.880	40.000	400
	9.000	139.310	-40.880	46.540	400
	14.524	144.888	-35.597	72.500	400
	21.691	145.638	-28.461	100.500	400
	30.294	145.152	-23.340	130.000	400
	41.021	146.585	-14.554	200.000	400
	54.561	142.409	-12.754	270.000	400
	61.424	135.487	-16.161	300.000	400
CR25BAKB	76.978	121.112	-17.010	340.000	400

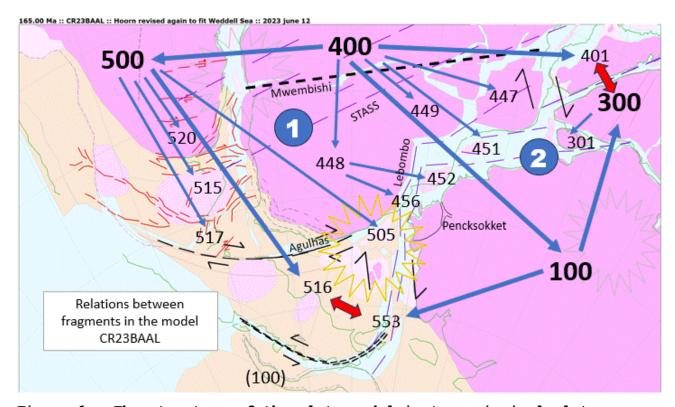


Figure 1. The structure of the plate model in two principal plate circuits, West Gondwana (1) and East Gondwana (2), that share the relation of Antarctica to Africa. The closure of each circuit is indicated in red. The motion of Africa with respect to a global reference frame is defined in the table at the head of this page. In all the subsequent tables, the motion of the fragments is presented with respect to a fixed Africa.

# Plate model CR25AAKB (Africa fixed)

# Plate Circuit 1: 553-100-448-400-500-516 (West Gondwana)

# 100 Antarctica versus Africa

100	22.000	5.520	-31.400	4.500	
100	38.000	7.020	-34.972	7.334	
100	53.000	1.729	-36.751	9.914	
100	50.000	5.520	-31.400	8.000	
100	67.000	-3.718	-37.707	12.103	
100	70.000	-3.439	-39.669	13.124	
100	83.640	-2.945	-37.592	18.443	C34
100	100.500	-0.925	-34.311	27.126	Base Cenomanian
100	113.200	-2.882	-31.935	34.448	Base Albian
100	121.400	-7.690	-28.376	40.537	MO, base Aptian
100	124.700	-10.998	-25.492	43.938	M3/M2
100	127.500	-12.208	-24.324	46.169	M5/M4
100	130.680	-11.803	-24.796	47.587	<b>M1</b> 0
100	134.700	-11.286	-25.515	48.686	M11
100	137.700	-10.819	-26.162	49.727	M14
100	142.300	-10.287	-26.894	50.972	M18
100	154.940	-8.923	-28.749	54.480	base Kimmeridgian
100	184.200	-9.723	-31.413	57.791	base Toarcian
100	230.000	-9.723	-31.413	57.791	
100	300.000	-10.812	-31.707	57.938	CR25AAKB

# 448 Sub-Palala-Zoetfontein Africa versus Africa

	0.000	0.000	90.000	121.400	455
	0.500	-15.340	57.340	154.940	455
CR25AAKB	0.500	-15.340	57.340	555.000	455

# 120 Mid-ocean ridge in Weddell Sea versus Africa

120	22.000	45.722	-33.509	5.805
120	38.000	8.117	-31.469	9.940
120	50.000	-5.852	-30.837	14.268
120	53.000	-2.663	-30.810	14.524
120	67.000	8.857	-30.954	15.860
120	70.000	11.587	-32.740	16.743
120	83.640	19.538	-32.817	22.002
120	100.500	27.018	-33.697	29.175
120	113.200	23.445	-31.767	35.074
120	121.400	17.243	-28.553	39.335
120	124.700	12.433	-25.705	41.830
120	127.500	10.363	-24.571	43.687
120	127.520	10.363	-24.574	43.695
120	130.680	10.824	-24.499	45.091

	46.176	-25.110	11.172	134.700	120
	46.857	-25.630	13.421	137.700	120
	47.904	-25.454	12.501	140.490	120
	48.447	-25.511	12.559	142.300	120
	49.682	-26.573	12.554	147.000	120
	49.770	-28.526	18.116	154.940	120
	52.088	-27.204	12.989	165.000	120
	53.628	-29.477	11.698	184.200	120
	53.628	-29.477	11.698	230.000	120
CR25AAKB	53.388	-29.738	10.534	300.000	120

#### 500 South America versus Africa

	8.100	-40.740	61.850	22.000	500
	18.086	-35.982	63.127	43.960	500
	19.084	-35.786	63.252	48.000	500
	21.082	-35.445	63.465	53.000	500
	24.569	-34.973	63.754	67.000	500
	27.218	-34.690	63.924	71.900	500
	33.842	-36.637	64.157	83.640	500
	44.663	-37.459	58.780	100.500	500
	50.500	-35.286	54.590	113.200	500
	53.444	-32.593	50.566	124.700	500
	56.247	-30.658	46.802	142.300	500
CR25AAK	56.247	-30.658	46.802	555.000	500

# 516 Malvinas Plateau (Hoorn) versus Africa

516	22.000	61.850	-40.740	8.100	
516	43.960	63.127	-35.982	18.086	
516	48.000	63.252	-35.786	19.084	
516	53.000	63.465	-35.445	21.082	
516	67.000	63.754	-34.973	24.569	
516	71.900	63.924	-34.690	27.218	
516	83.640	64.157	-36.637	33.842	
516	100.500	58.780	-37.459	44.663	
516	113.200	54.590	-35.286	50.500	
516	121.400	45.330	-32.956	52.952	
516	124.700	42.763	-31.755	54.327	
516	130.680	36.214	-29.480	57.329	
516	134.700	33.960	-28.588	58.935	
516	137.700	31.802	-27.798	60.513	
516	142.300	29.827	-27.043	62.287	
516	154.940	24.878	-25.938	65.061	
516	165.000	22.545	-25.449	66.591	CR25AAKB

This plate circuit closes between the (conjectural) southern-and-eastern margin of the Malvinas Plateau (Hoorn, 516) and the Weddell Sea mid-ocean ridge (120). The objective has been to create a Weddell Sea mid-ocean ridge system that develops symmetrically about the ridge (120) initiated

at 142.3 Ma. The elements of the plate circuit have been adjusted so as to minimise concertina-like growth of the ocean between Antarctica and 120. The relative movement of SAM and ANT now (CR25BAKA) also trace the smooth arcs recorded in the Weddell Sea, post 100 Ma.

Other fragments that make up the model in the area of the Bouvet triple junction are:

#### 505 Maurice Ewing Bank versus Africa

505 505 505 505 505 505 505 505 505 505	22.000 43.960 48.000 53.000 67.000 71.900 83.640 100.500 113.200 121.400 124.700 130.680 142.300	61.850 63.127 63.252 63.465 63.754 63.924 64.157 58.780 54.590 53.443 50.224 48.465 42.939	-40.740 -35.982 -35.786 -35.445 -34.973 -34.690 -36.637 -37.459 -35.286 -35.848 -34.294 -33.741 -31.330	8.100 18.086 19.084 21.082 24.569 27.218 33.842 44.663 50.500 53.394 54.076 56.400 57.826	
505	555.000	42.939	-31.330	57.826	CR25AAKB

#### 522 South Georgia versus Africa

522	22.000	61.850	-40.740	8.100	
522	43.960	63.127	-35.982	18.086	
522	48.000	63.252	-35.786	19.084	
522	53.000	63.465	-35.445	21.082	
522	67.000	63.754	-34.973	24.569	
522	71.900	63.924	-34.690	27.218	
522	83.640	64.157	-36.637	33.842	
522	100.500	58.780	-37.459	44.663	
522	113.200	59.568	-42.408	49.618	
522	121.400	58.853	-44.087	52.266	
522	124.700	54.784	-41.420	51.817	
522	130.680	51.172	-40.065	52.644	
522	134.700	49.167	-38.664	52.921	
522	142.300	45.399	-36.339	53.626	

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#### 451 Beira High versus Africa

451	30.000	-23.330	13.870	0.150
451	121.400	-23.330	13.870	0.150
451	130.680	33.684	-1.865	0.348
451	160.000	33.684	-1.865	0.348

451 451 451	230.000	-24.410	32.413 32.413 33.092	18.135	CR25AAKB
452	Limpopia ve	rsus Afric	a.		
452	30.000	-23.330	13.870	0.150	
452	121.400	-23.330	13.870	0.150	
452	127.500	41.534	-129.636	1.747	
452	130.680	48.463	-119.215	2.228	
452	134.700	51.534		2.813	
452	137.500	44.884	-91.766	3.263	
452	142.300		-70.219		
452			-72.371		
452			-70.566		
452			-69.525		
452			-69.299		
452			-69.299		~~ ^=
452	300.000	-1.316	-73.790	11.253	CR25AAKB
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456		-23.330			
456			13.870		
456 456			5.410 9.609		
456	134.700				
456			9.906		
456			9.836		
456				6.697	
456	300.000	-14.708	11.085	6.508	CR25AAKB
100	300.000	11.700	11.000	0.000	OIL STEEL
449	(Zimbabwe)	versus Afr	ica		
449	30.000	-23.330	13.870	0.150	
449	121.400	-23.330			
449	130.680	33.684	-1.865	0.348	
449	230.000	33.684	-1.865	0.348	
449	300.000	32.099	67.640	0.124	CR25AAKB
447	(North Moza	<i>mbique)</i> ve	rsus Africa		
447	5.000	-23.330	13.870	0.300	
447	121.400	-23.330		0.300	
447	130.680	16.564		0.575	
447	230.000	16.564	4.832	0.575	
447	300.000	-22.655	41.397	3.006	CR25AAKB

There are also three fragments between South America (500) and the Hoorn fragment (516):

520	Uruguay	versus	Africa
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520	22.000	61.850	-40.740	8.100	
520	43.960	63.127	-35.982	18.086	
520	48.000	63.252	-35.786	19.084	
520	53.000	63.465	-35.445	21.082	
520	67.000	63.754	-34.973	24.569	
520	71.900	63.924	-34.690	27.218	
520	83.640	64.157	-36.637	33.842	
520	100.500	58.780	-37.459	44.663	
520	113.200	54.590	-35.286	50.500	
520	124.700	50.566	-32.593	53.444	
520	130.680	49.251	-31.882	54.371	
520	142.300	46.151	-30.272	56.852	CR25AAKB

# 515 South of BA No1 versus Africa

515	48.000	63.252	-35.786	19.084	
515	53.000	63.465	-35.445	21.082	
515	67.000	63.754	-34.973	24.569	
515	71.900	63.924	-34.690	27.218	
515	83.640	64.157	-36.637	33.842	
515	100.500	58.780	-37.459	44.663	
515	113.200	54.590	-35.286	50.500	
515	121.400	51.684	-33.289	52.573	
515	124.700	48.599	-32.291	53.473	
515	130.680	43.826	-31.132	54.680	
515	142.300	37.327	-28.460	58.269	CR2AAKB

# 517 South of BA No2 versus Africa

22.000	61.850	-40.740	8.100	
43.960	63.127	-35.982	18.086	
48.000	63.252	-35.786	19.084	
53.000	63.465	-35.445	21.082	
67.000	63.754	-34.973	24.569	
71.900	63.924	-34.690	27.218	
83.640	64.157	-36.637	33.842	
100.500	58.780	-37.459	44.663	
113.200	54.590	-35.286	50.500	
124.700	44.382	-32.053	53.773	
128.000	41.974	-31.545	54.541	
142.300	33.873	-28.549	59.709	
145.000	33.873	-28.549	59.709	
	43.960 48.000 53.000 67.000 71.900 83.640 100.500 113.200 124.700 128.000 142.300	43.960       63.127         48.000       63.252         53.000       63.465         67.000       63.754         71.900       63.924         83.640       64.157         100.500       58.780         113.200       54.590         124.700       44.382         128.000       41.974         142.300       33.873	43.960       63.127       -35.982         48.000       63.252       -35.786         53.000       63.465       -35.445         67.000       63.754       -34.973         71.900       63.924       -34.690         83.640       64.157       -36.637         100.500       58.780       -37.459         113.200       54.590       -35.286         124.700       44.382       -32.053         128.000       41.974       -31.545         142.300       33.873       -28.549	43.960       63.127       -35.982       18.086         48.000       63.252       -35.786       19.084         53.000       63.465       -35.445       21.082         67.000       63.754       -34.973       24.569         71.900       63.924       -34.690       27.218         83.640       64.157       -36.637       33.842         100.500       58.780       -37.459       44.663         113.200       54.590       -35.286       50.500         124.700       44.382       -32.053       53.773         128.000       41.974       -31.545       54.541         142.300       33.873       -28.549       59.709

CR25AAKB

# Plate Circuit 2: 401-400-448-100-300 (East Gondwana)

# 100 Antarctica versus Africa

		4.500	-31.400	5.520	22.000	100
		7.334	-34.972	7.020	38.000	100
		9.914	-36.751	1.729	53.000	100
		8.000	-31.400	5.520	50.000	100
		12.103	-37.707	-3.718	67.000	100
		13.124	-39.669	-3.439	70.000	100
	C34	18.443	-37.592	-2.945	83.640	100
e Cenomanian	Base	27.126	-34.311	-0.925	100.500	100
e Albian	Base	34.448	-31.935	-2.882	113.200	100
base Aptian	<b>MO</b> , b	40.537	-28.376	-7.690	121.400	100
12	M3/M2	43.938	-25.492	-10.998	124.700	100
14	M5/M4	46.169	-24.324	-12.208	127.500	100
	<b>M1</b> 0	47.587	-24.796	-11.803	130.680	100
	M11	48.686	-25.515	-11.286	134.700	100
	M14	49.727	-26.162	-10.819	137.700	100
	M18	50.972	-26.894	-10.287	142.300	100
e Kimmeridgian	base	54.480	-28.749	-8.923	154.940	100
e Toarcian	base	57.791	-31.413	-9.723	184.200	100
		57.791	-31.413	-9.723	230.000	100
5AAKB	CR25A	57.938	-31.707	-10.812	300.000	100

# 401 Madagascar versus Africa

	0.300	13.870	-23.330	20.000	401
	0.300	13.870	-23.330	117.300	401
	2.131	-94.991	5.897	121.400	401
	5.122	-98.917	7.510	124.700	401
	8.169	-99.963	7.933	127.500	401
	10.368	-100.337	8.083	130.680	401
	14.154	-94.382	4.436	142.300	401
	17.531	-86.618	1.866	154.940	401
	20.811	-83.612	-5.453	184.200	401
	20.811	-83.612	-5.453	230.000	401
CR25AAKB	20.702	-83.831	-8.483	300.000	401

# India versus Africa

300	22.000	-13.511	-124.295	12.237
300	33.430	-14.007	-125.204	18.906
300	38.000	-14.812	-129.342	22.133
300	42.860	-16.215	-132.800	25.733
300	53.000	-17.086	-143.195	32.037
300	67.000	-18.234	-153.188	41.813
300	70.000	-18.475	-153.824	44.070
300	72.500	-18.798	-154.505	45.493

300	83.640	-20.707	-156.154	53.084	
300	89.000	-21.315	-157.218	57.248	
300	100.500	-21.424	-157.462	57.056	
300	113.200	-21.238	-157.163	57.452	
300	117.300	-21.346	-157.231	57.203	
300	121.400	-21.499	-154.905	58.477	
300	124.700	-21.723	-152.236	59.879	
300	127.500	-22.046	-149.908	61.127	
300	130.680	-22.188	-147.786	62.587	
300	134.700	-22.614	-146.567	63.159	
300	137.700	-23.061	-145.456	63.618	
300	142.300	-23.512	-144.138	64.334	
300	154.940	-25.574	-140.663	64.745	
300	184.200	-28.638	-138.670	66.458	CR25AAKB

#### 448 Southern Kalahari versus Africa

448	30.000	-23.330	13.870	0.150	
448	121.400	-23.330	13.870	0.150	
448	130.680	33.684	-1.865	0.348	
448	178.000	33.684	-1.865	0.348	
448	179.000	16.685	1.882	0.504	
448	230.000	16.685	1.882	0.504	
448	300.000	3.704	27.730	0.263	CR25AAKB

Fragments 448 (Southern Kalahari), 449 (Zimbabwe) and 447 (North Mozambique) are listed under Plate Circuit 1.

This plate circuit closes between India and Madagascar. The movements of Madagascar against Africa and of India against Antarctica have been adjusted to minimise/eliminate relative movement between Madagascar and India before 130.68 Ma. The movement of India against Antarctica has been refined to ensure steady strike-slip movement of (Greater) India along (a) the long transform off Western Australia, 142.3 to 100.5 Ma and (b) the Davie Fracture Zone 142.3 to 130.68, i.e. while Madagascar is still fully attached to India.

#### 200 Australia versus Africa

200	22.000	-15.236	-125.573	12.321
200	33.430	-15.703	-126.463	19.036
200	38.000	-15.882	-125.695	20.710
200	42.860	-16.917	-125.176	22.580
200	53.000	-14.777	-120.275	23.598
200	67.000	-13.133	-115.332	25.343
200	70.000	-12.373	-113.286	26.253
200	83.640	-10.487	-102.707	28.808
200	100.500	-10.390	-94.024	34.973
200	113.200	-14.222	-83.484	37.998
200	121.400	-20.538	-75.038	40.213

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200
   124.700 -25.021 -69.911 41.182
200
    127.500 -26.885 -66.894
                               42.238
   130.680 -26.569 -65.771
200
                               43.526
   134.700 -26.034 -65.232
200
                               44.719
200
    137.700 -25.555 -64.755
                               45.845
   142.300 -25.012 -64.221
                               47.188
200
200
    154.940 -23.641 -62.900
                               50.944
                     -63.201
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     184.200
            -24.400
                               55.082
200
    230.000 -24.400 -63.201
                               55.082
   300.000 -25.497 -63.563
200
                              55.372 CR25AAKB
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Australia does not form part of either plate circuit. Rotations are included for completeness. The Australia-Antarctica poles are taken largely from published work supplemented with a closer fit to Antarctica in conformity with the principles adopted throughout our Gondwana reassembly.

# 301 Sri Lanka versus Africa

301	22.000	-13.511	-124.295	12.237	
301	33.430	-14.007	-125.204	18.906	
301	38.000	-14.812	-129.342	22.133	
301	42.860	-16.215	-132.800	25.733	
301	53.000	-17.086	-143.195	32.037	
301	67.000	-18.234	-153.188	41.813	
301	70.000	-18.475	-153.824	44.070	
301	72.500	-18.798	-154.505	45.493	
301	83.640	-20.707	-156.154	53.084	
301	89.000	-21.315	-157.218	57.248	
301	100.500	-21.424	-157.462	57.056	
301	109.000	-21.299	-157.261	57.321	
301	112.200	-16.887	-149.796	63.248	
301	113.200	-15.699	-148.064	65.277	
301	117.300	-11.482	-142.070	73.784	
301	121.400	-8.205	-136.300	85.245	
301	124.700	-10.348	-136.546	82.650	
301	127.500	-12.074	-136.652	80.134	
301	130.680	-12.761	-135.728	80.727	
301	134.700	-13.812	-135.341	79.947	
301	137.700	-14.725	-134.882	79.427	
301	142.300	-15.924	-134.407	78.546	
301	154.940	-17.840	-131.886	79.560	
301	184.200	-20.544	-130.798	81.476	CR25AAKB

Sri Lanka is confined between India and Antarctica, escaping first by growth of ocean between it and India, then between it and Antarctica.

# 404 Madagascar Rise versus Africa

404	20.000	-23.330	13.870	0.300
404	63.500	-23.330	13.870	0.300

	2.112	-43.820	7.604	72.500	404
	7.098	-48.603	10.350	89.000	404
	7.098	-48.603	10.350	117.300	404
	8.656	-60.671	11.438	121.400	404
	11.108	-71.000	11.976	124.700	404
	13.823	-77.581	12.122	127.500	404
	15.857	-80.908	12.136	130.680	404
	19.798	-80.763	8.965	142.300	404
	23.496	-77.190	6.332	154.940	404
	26.730	-76.404	0.202	184.200	404
	26.730	-76.404	0.202	230.000	404
CR25AAKB	26.525	-76.625	-2.134	300.000	404

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