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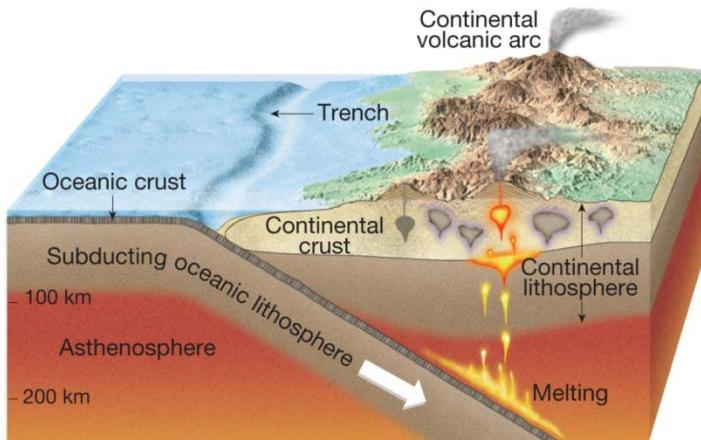
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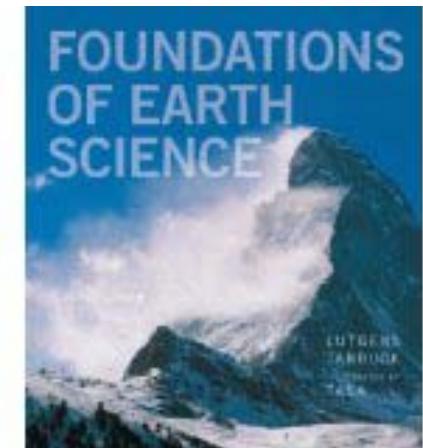
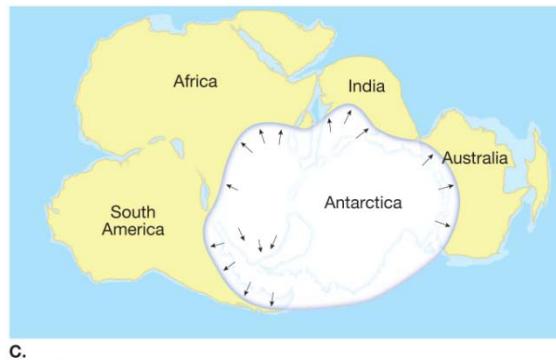
Week 3, Chapter 5 (pages 150-187, text)

Week	Chapter	Assigned Pages	Major Concepts	Important Terms
3	5 – Plate Tectonics	150 – 187	Evidence for plate tectonics, plate boundaries, paleomagnetism, what drives plate motions?	Continental drift, lithosphere, asthenosphere, seafloor spreading, hotspots, magnetic stripes, deep sea trenches, subduction



Convergent plate boundary (like most of west coast of S. America)

Ancient ice age when continents were together



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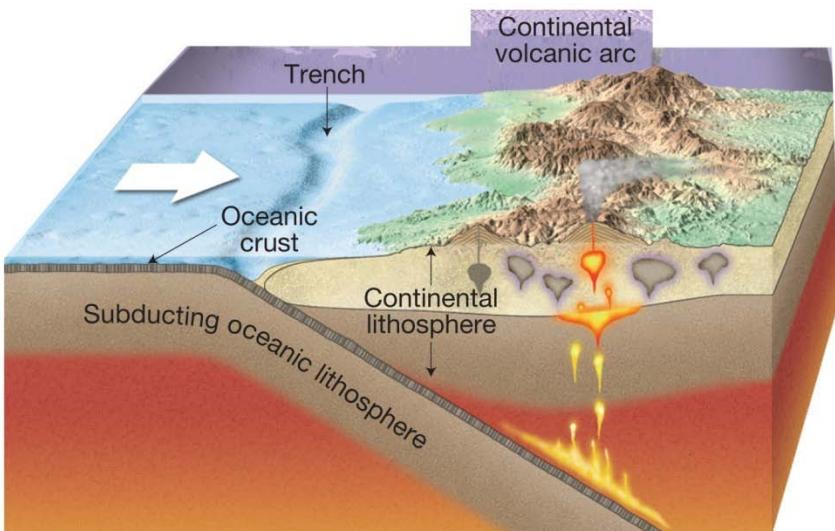
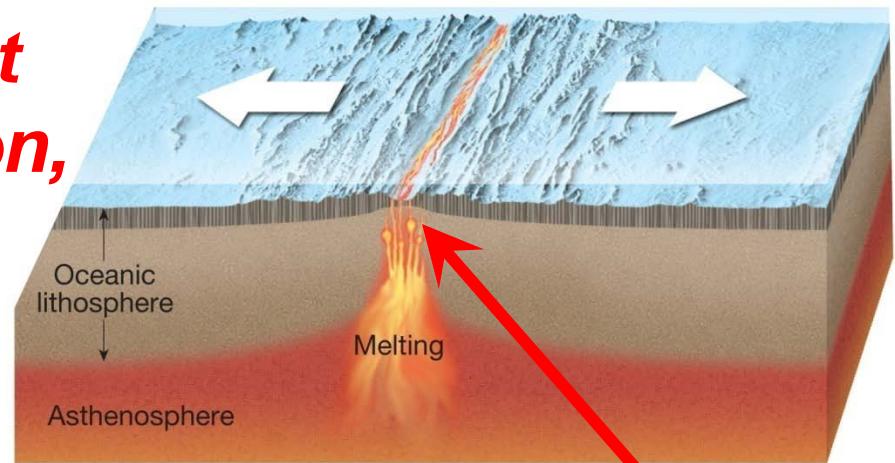
When you have finished reading Chapter 5 and viewing the PowerPoint file for Chapter 5, take the quiz (Qz 4; be sure to read the Syllabus for more information on quizzes). You can use your book, notes, etc. during the quiz.

The PPT files (converted to PDF files) are best viewed with the Full Screen view in browsers.

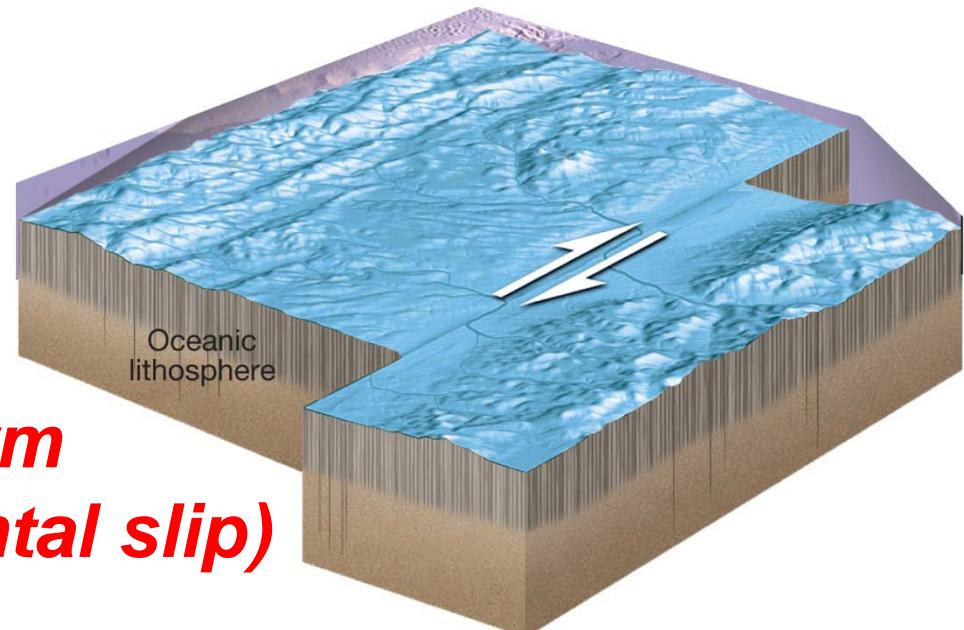
The following slides illustrate some of the important concepts and topics of Chapter 5.

The three types
of plate
boundaries...
(Figure 5.12, text)

*Divergent
(extension,
moving
apart)*



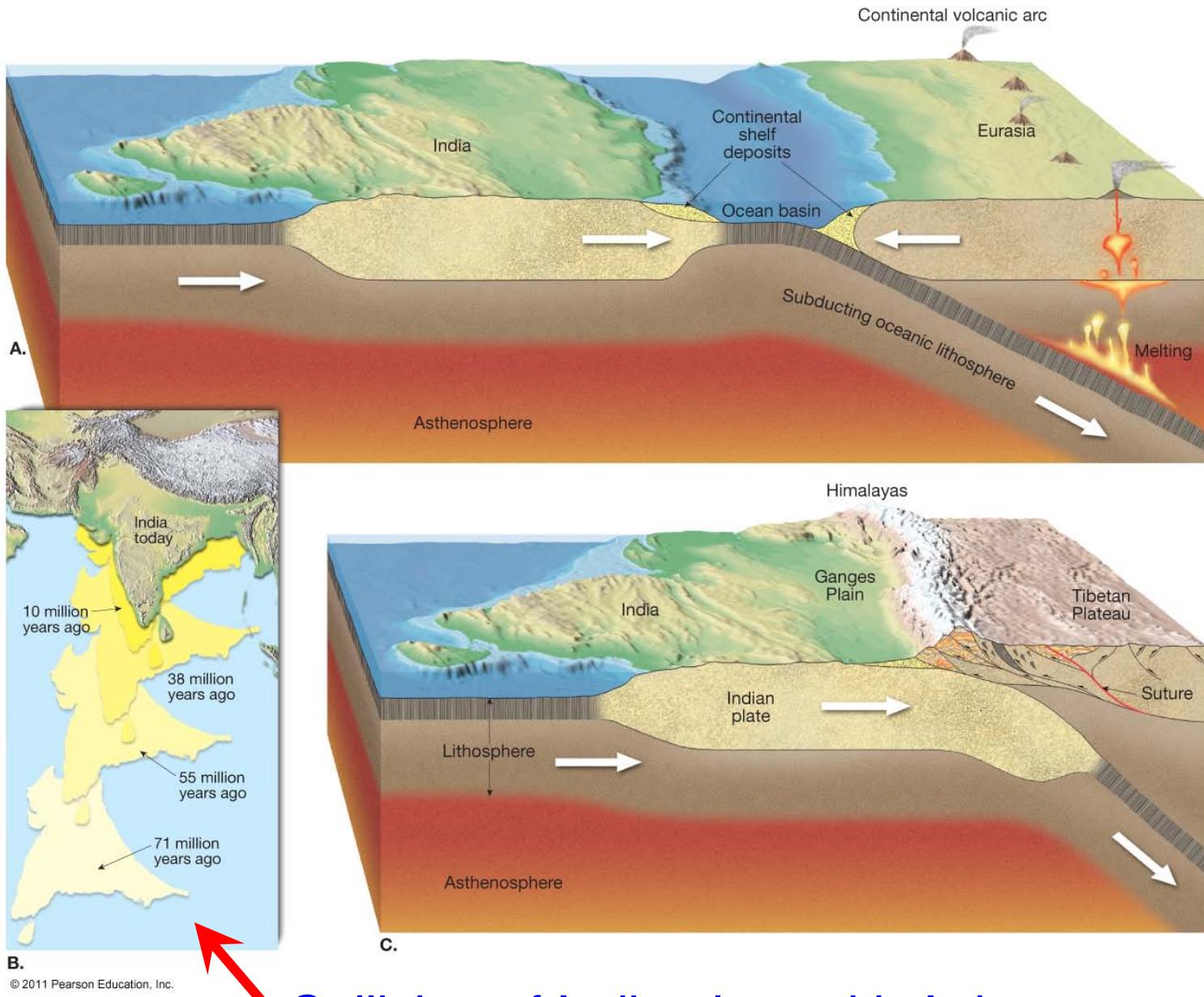
*Convergent (collision,
moving together)*



*Transform
(horizontal slip)*

Plate Tectonics

Convergent boundary,
Continent-continent
collision
Figure 5.21,
text

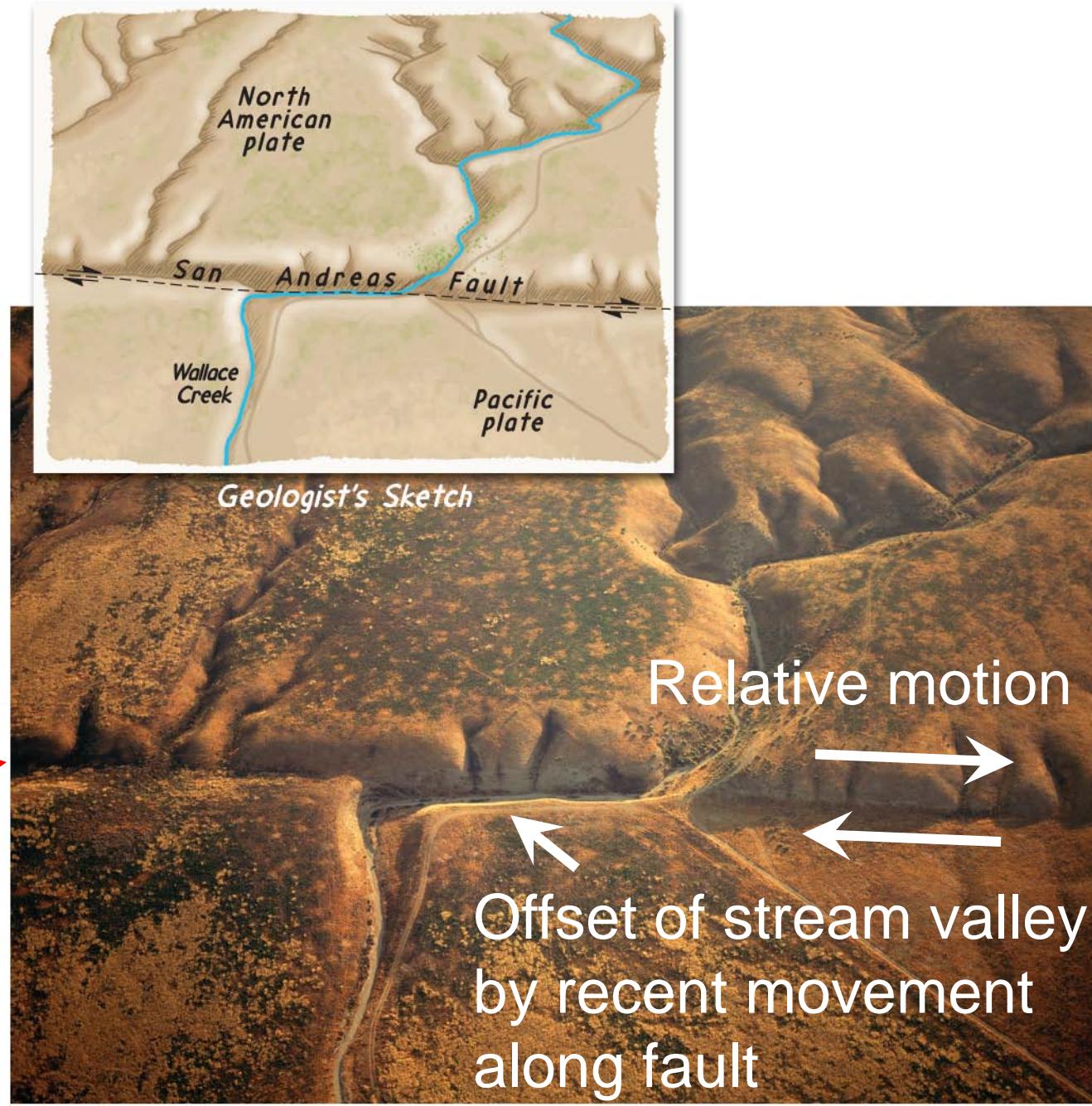


Collision of India plate with Asia over past 70 million years

Plate Tectonics

Transform boundary (horizontal slip);
(also called a strike-slip fault)
San Andreas fault,
Figure 5.24, text

Fault →



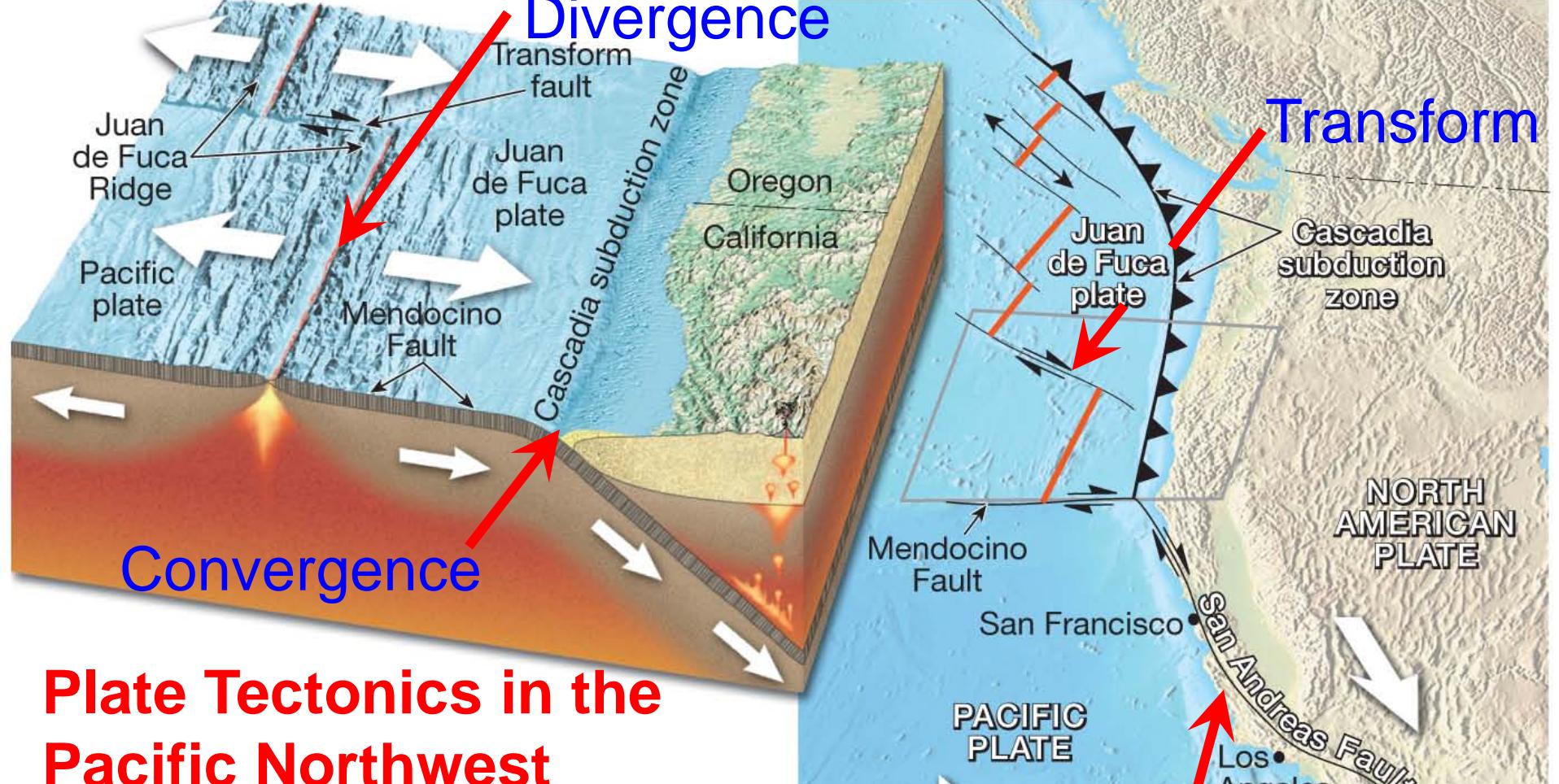


Plate Tectonics in the Pacific Northwest

Three types of plate boundaries;

Figure 5.23, text

San Andreas fault – a transform (horizontal slip) plate boundary

To better understand plate tectonics and plate motions, see the **animations** (provided by the textbook company) in the Week 3 folder on BB Learn (after you open the animation, push play; there is narration and you can click on “show text” to read explanations):

SeaFloorSpread_Plate_Boundaries_GL.swf

MotionPlateBoundaries_GL.swf

SeaFloorSpread_RockMagnetism_GL.swf

ConvectionTectonics_GL.swf

PangeaBreakup_GL.swf

ConvergMargins_IndiaAsia_GL.swf

Also view the PLATES Atlas pdf file (step through the frames) to see the reconstructed maps of the plates from 200 m.y. ago to the present.

Evidence for Plate Tectonics:

(brief list; see also p. 153-158; p. 171 – 177, text)

1. Fit of the continents
2. Rock and fossil correlation across plate boundaries
3. Ocean age and depth increase away from mid-ocean ridges
4. Deep sea trenches at convergent boundaries

Evidence for Plate Tectonics (continued):

(brief list; see also p. 153-158; p. 171 – 177, text)

5. Earthquakes and volcanoes along plate boundaries
6. Deep earthquakes in subducted lithospheric slab at convergent boundaries
7. Magnetic stripes parallel to mid-ocean ridges (divergent boundaries)
8. Hotspot tracks

1. Fit of the continents

Figure 5.3, text

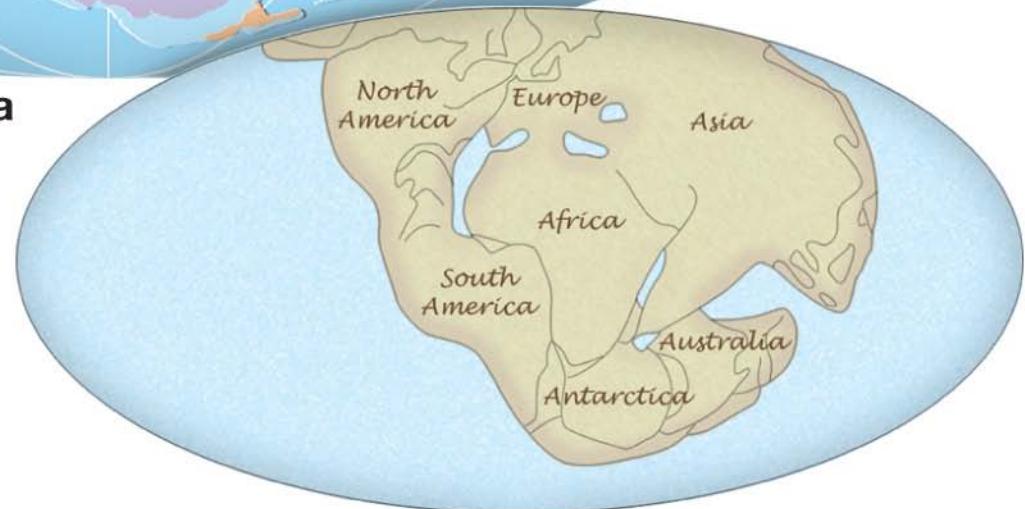




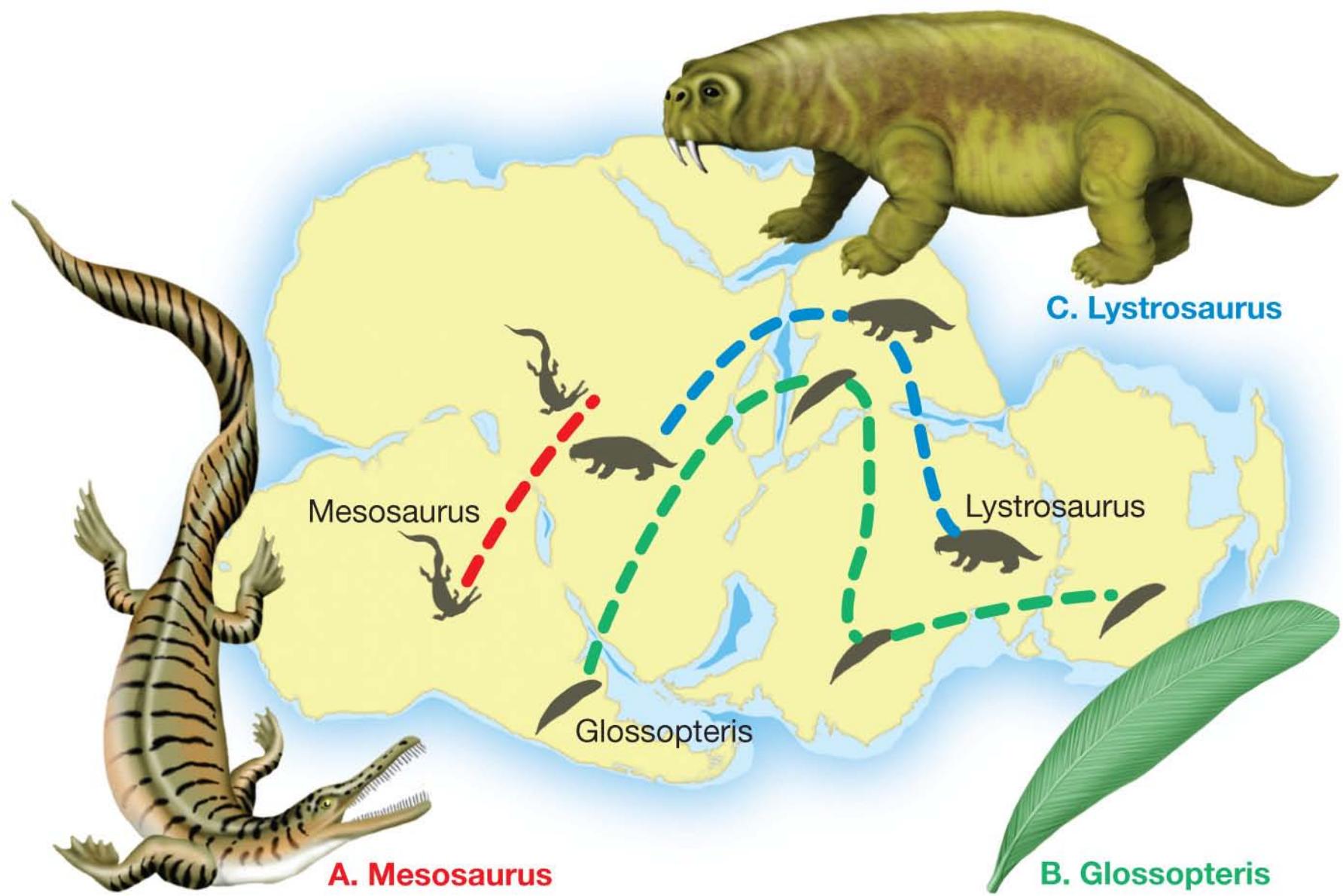
A. Modern reconstruction of Pangaea

1. Fit of the continents;
continental drift

Figure 5.2, text



B. Wegener's Pangaea



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2. Rock and fossil correlation across plate boundaries, Figure 5.4, text



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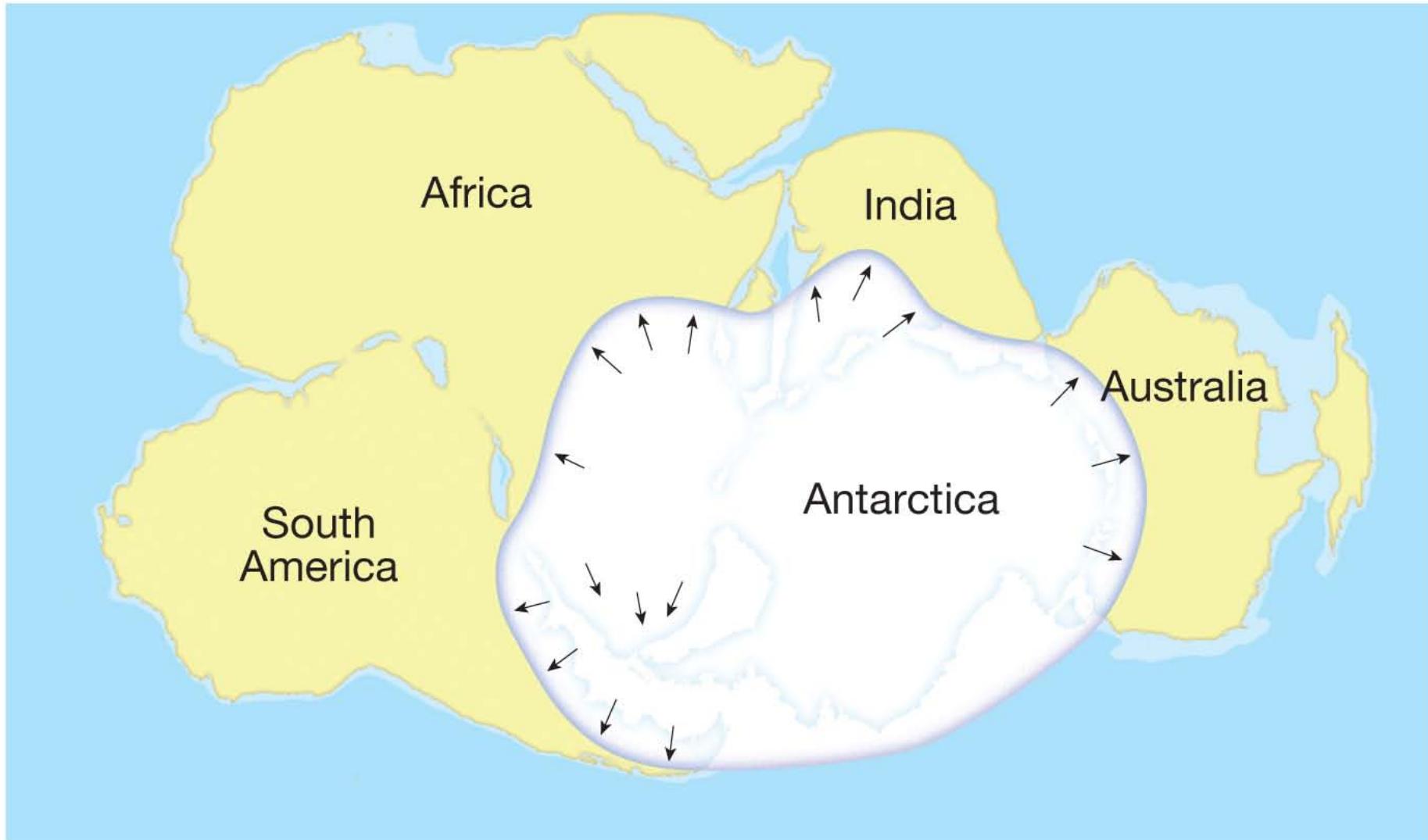


B.

2. Rock and fossil correlation across plate boundaries

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Figure 5.6, text

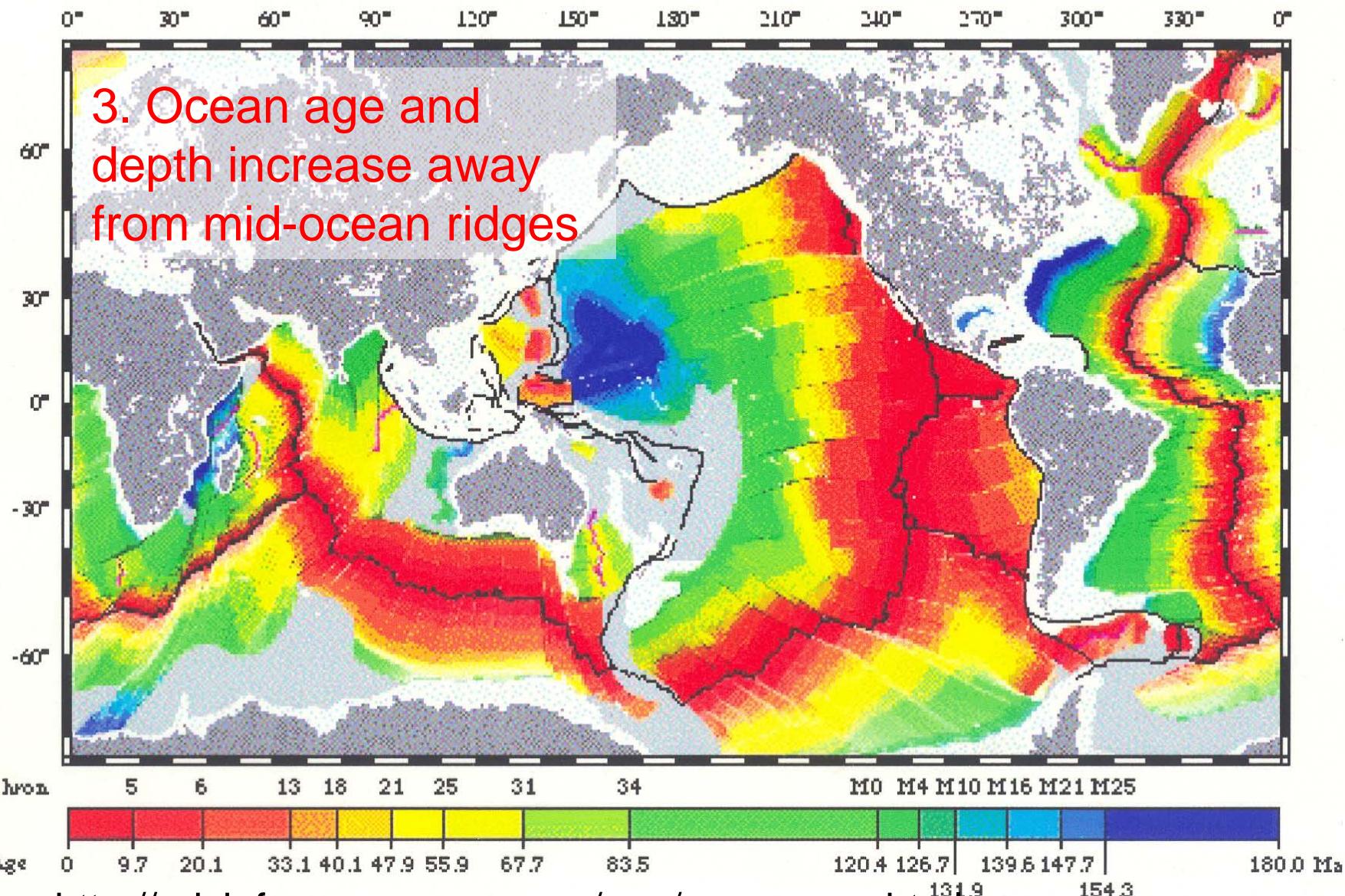


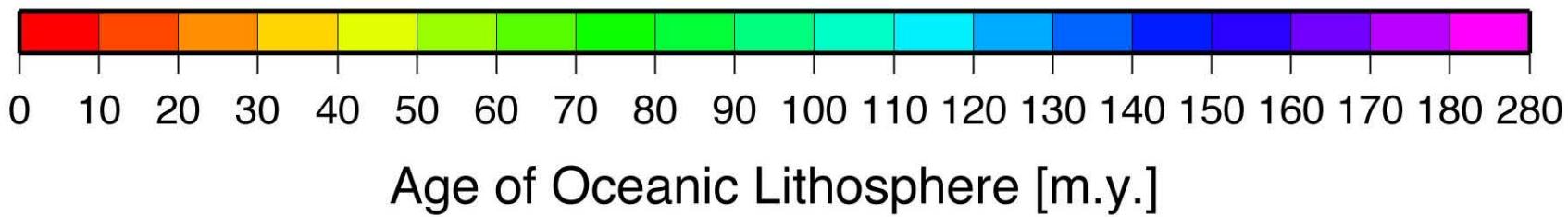
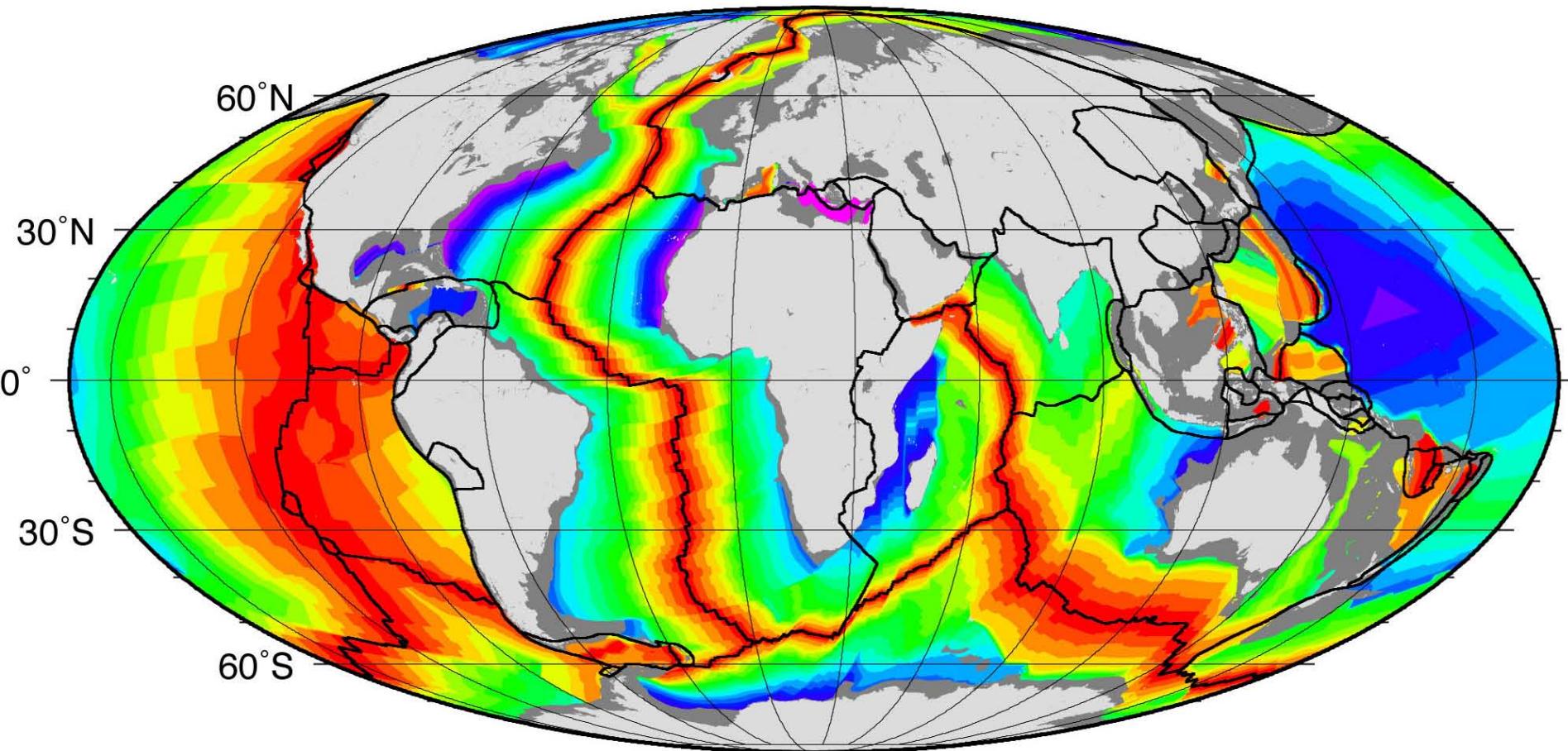
C.

2. Rock and fossil correlation across plate boundaries
(early Paleozoic glaciation) Figure 5.7, text

Digital Isochrons of the Ocean Floor

R.D. Müller, W.R. Roest, J.-Y. Royer, L.M. Gahagan, J.G. Sclater



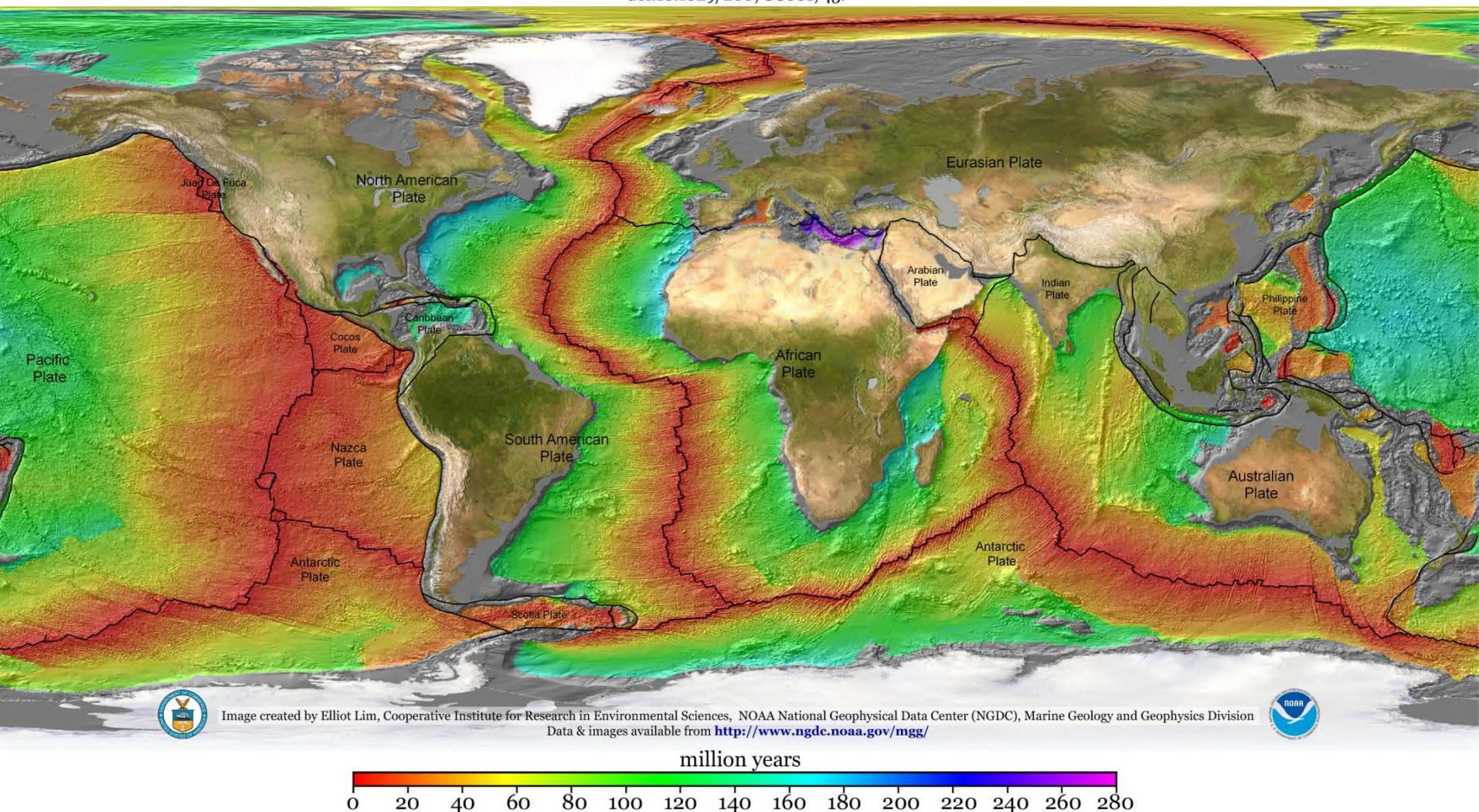


3. Ocean age and depth increase away from mid-ocean ridges
http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/ocean_age/ocean_age_2008.html

Age of Oceanic Lithosphere (m.y.)

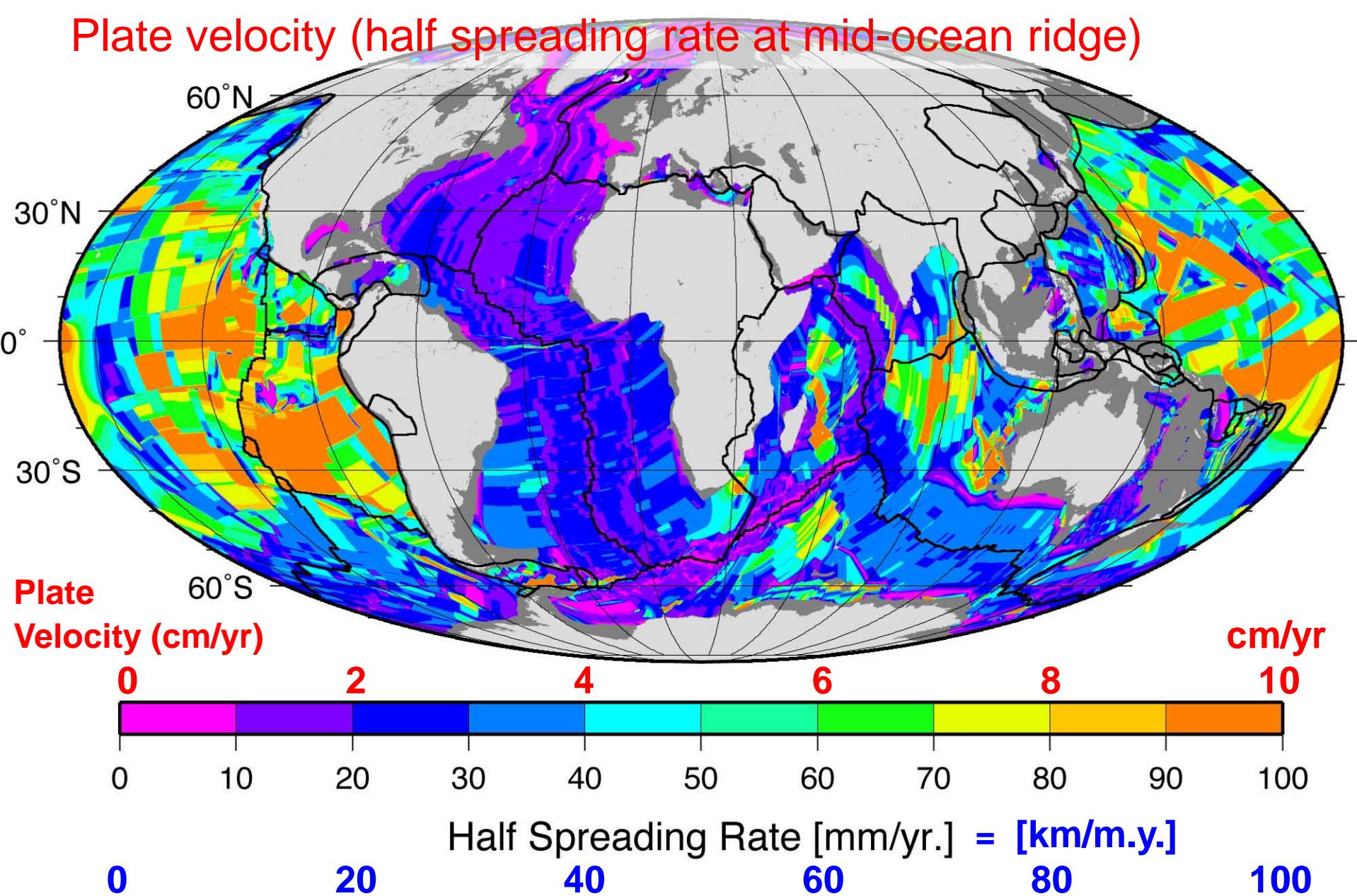
Data source:

Muller, R.D., M. Sdrolias, C. Gaina, and W.R. Roest 2008. Age, spreading rates and spreading symmetry of the world's ocean crust, *Geochem. Geophys. Geosyst.*, 9, Q04006, doi:10.1029/2007GC001743.

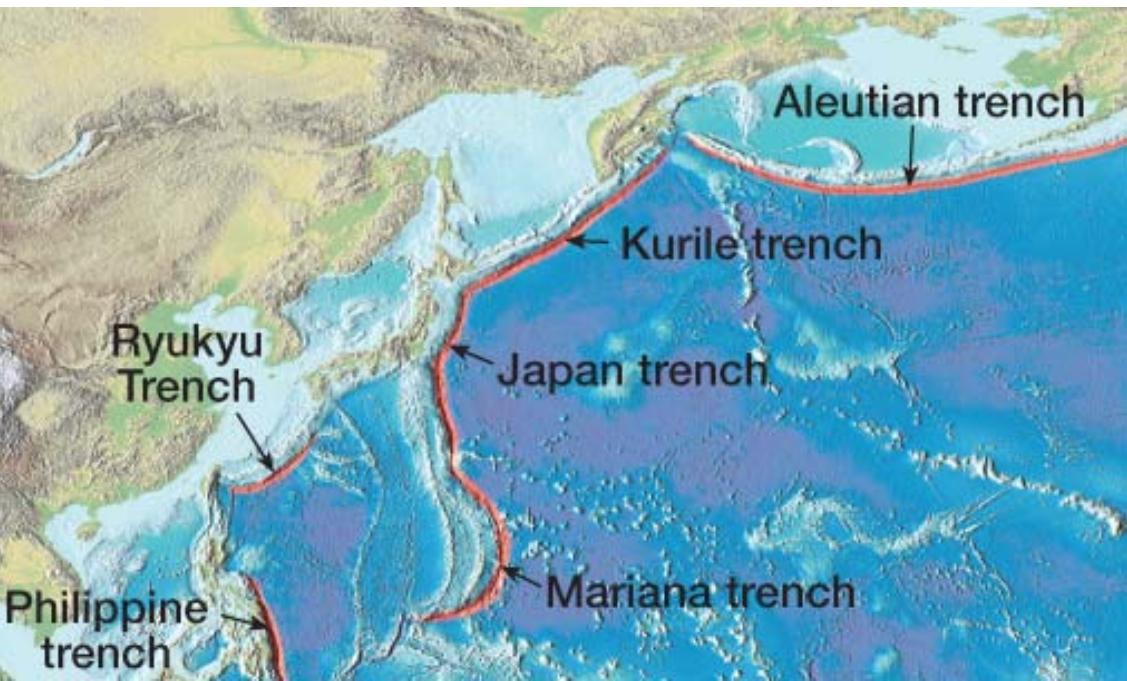


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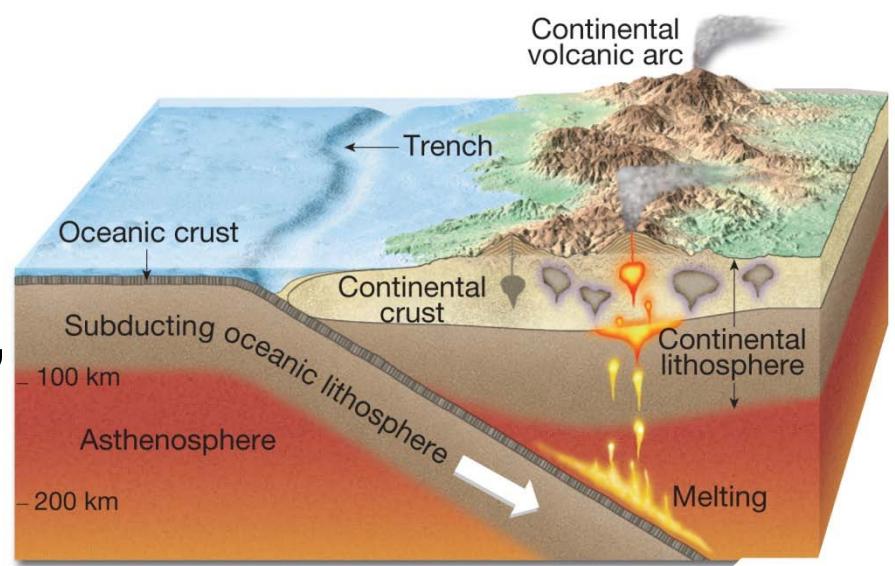
Plate velocity (half spreading rate at mid-ocean ridge)

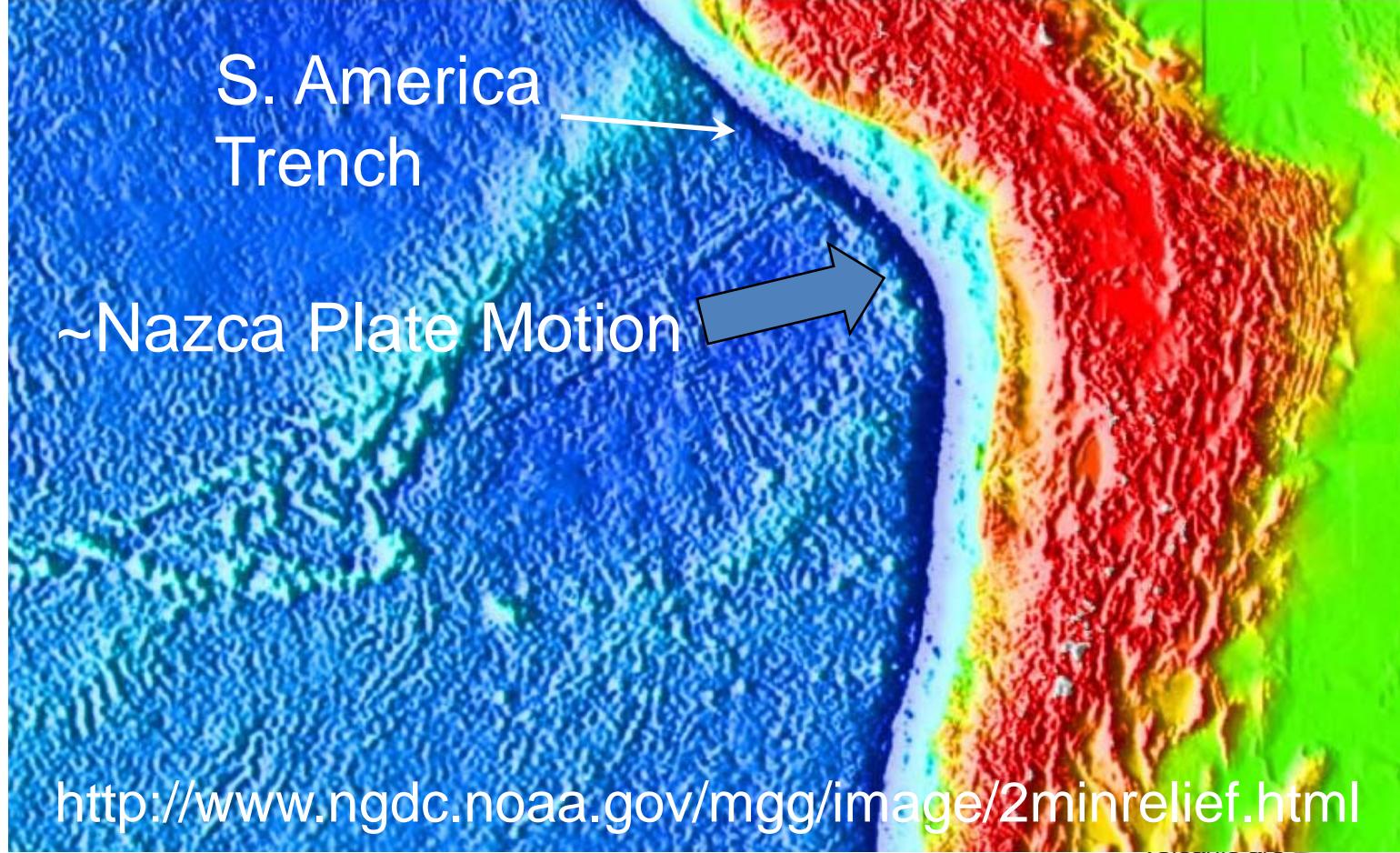


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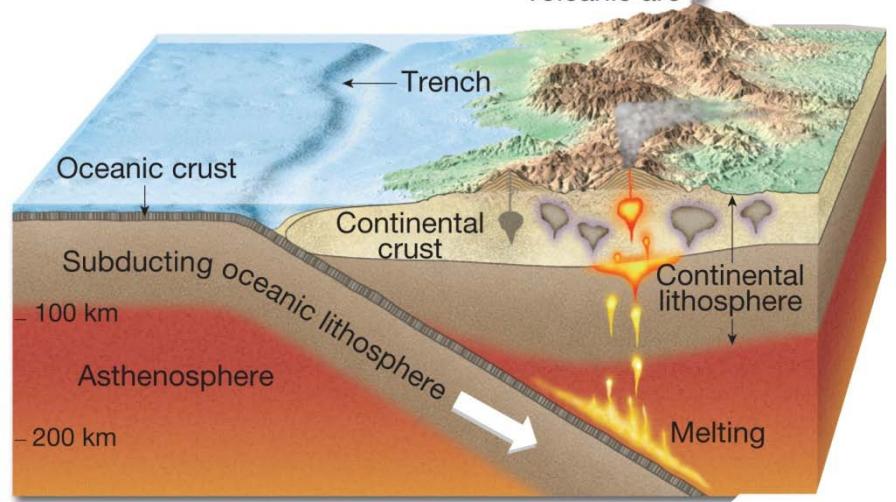


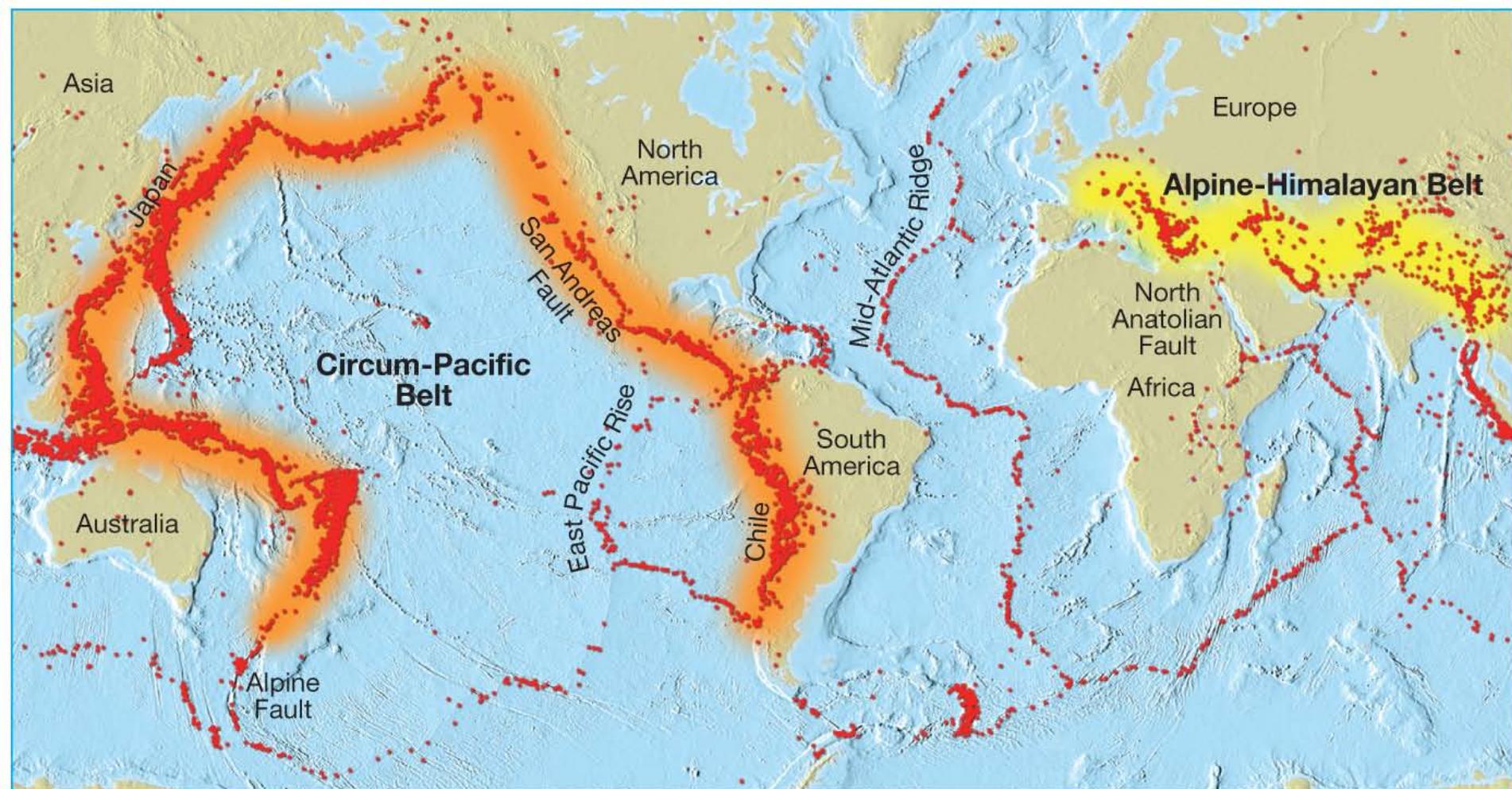
4. Deep sea trenches at convergent boundaries, (close-ups) and subduction model, Figures 5.17A, 5.18, text





4. Deep sea trenches at convergent boundaries, (close-ups) and subduction model, Figure 5.17A, text





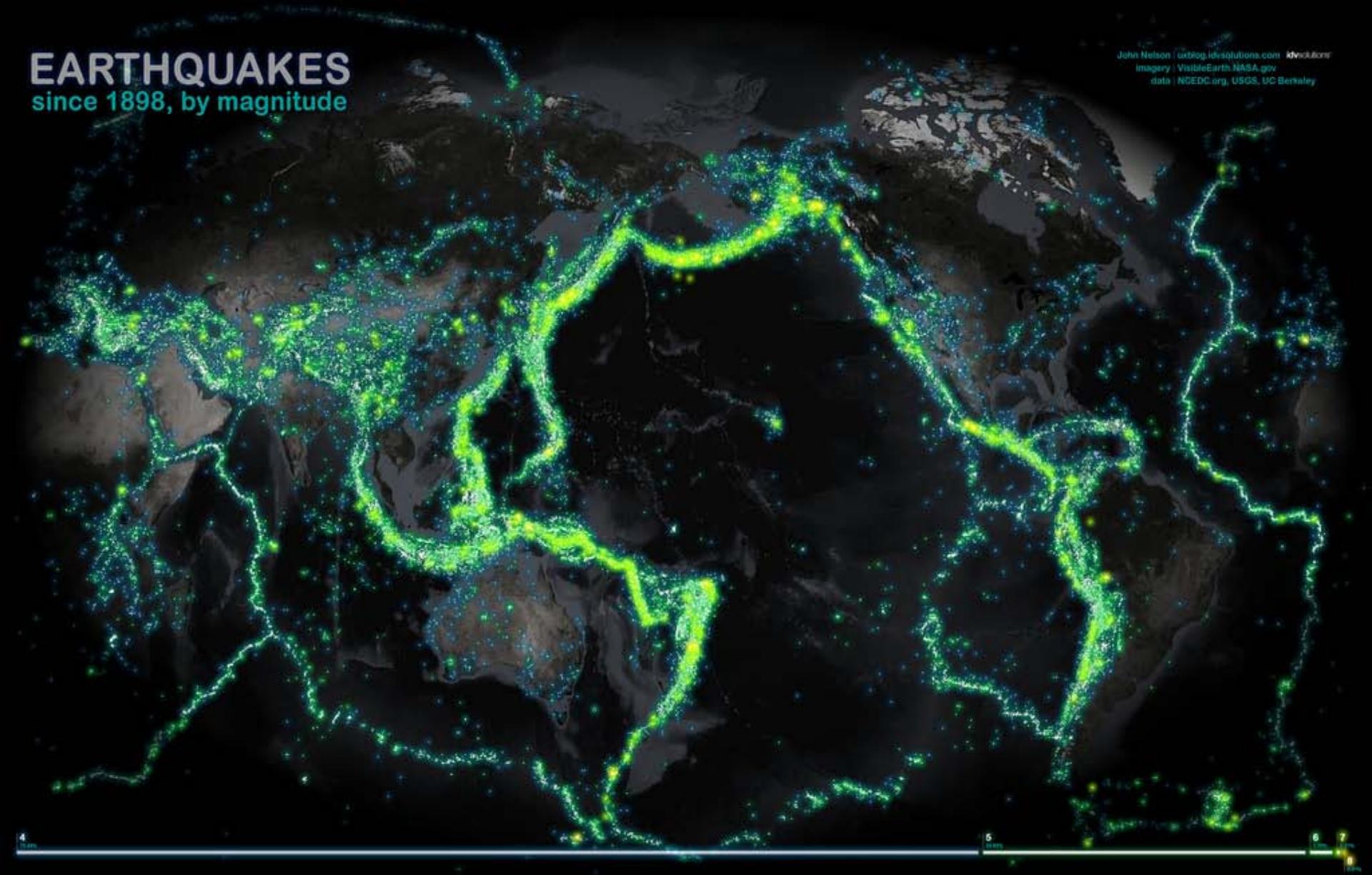
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5. Earthquakes and volcanoes along plate boundaries, Figure 6.30, text

EARTHQUAKES

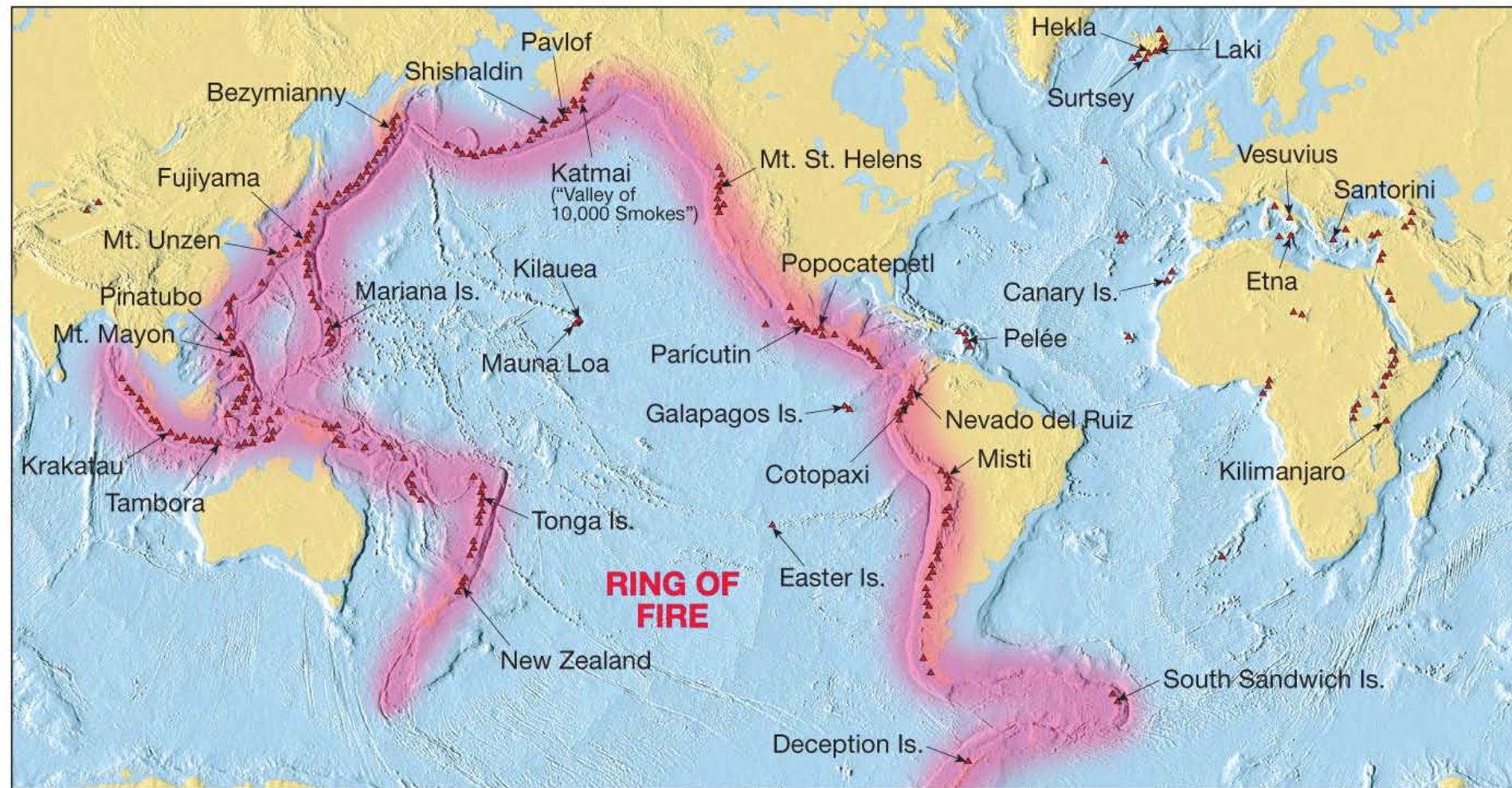
since 1898, by magnitude

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data | [NGDC.org](#), USGS, UC Berkeley



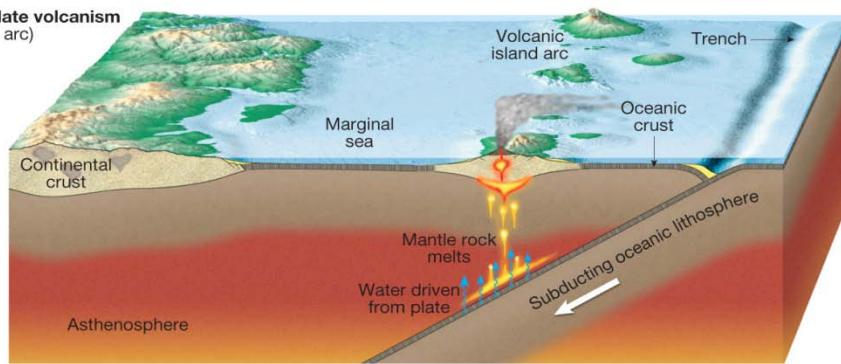
Brighter areas indicate higher total energy release (large magnitude eqs and large number of eqs)

<http://www.ouramazingplanet.com/3114-world-earthquakes-map.html>



5. Earthquakes and volcanoes along plate boundaries, Figure 7.33, text

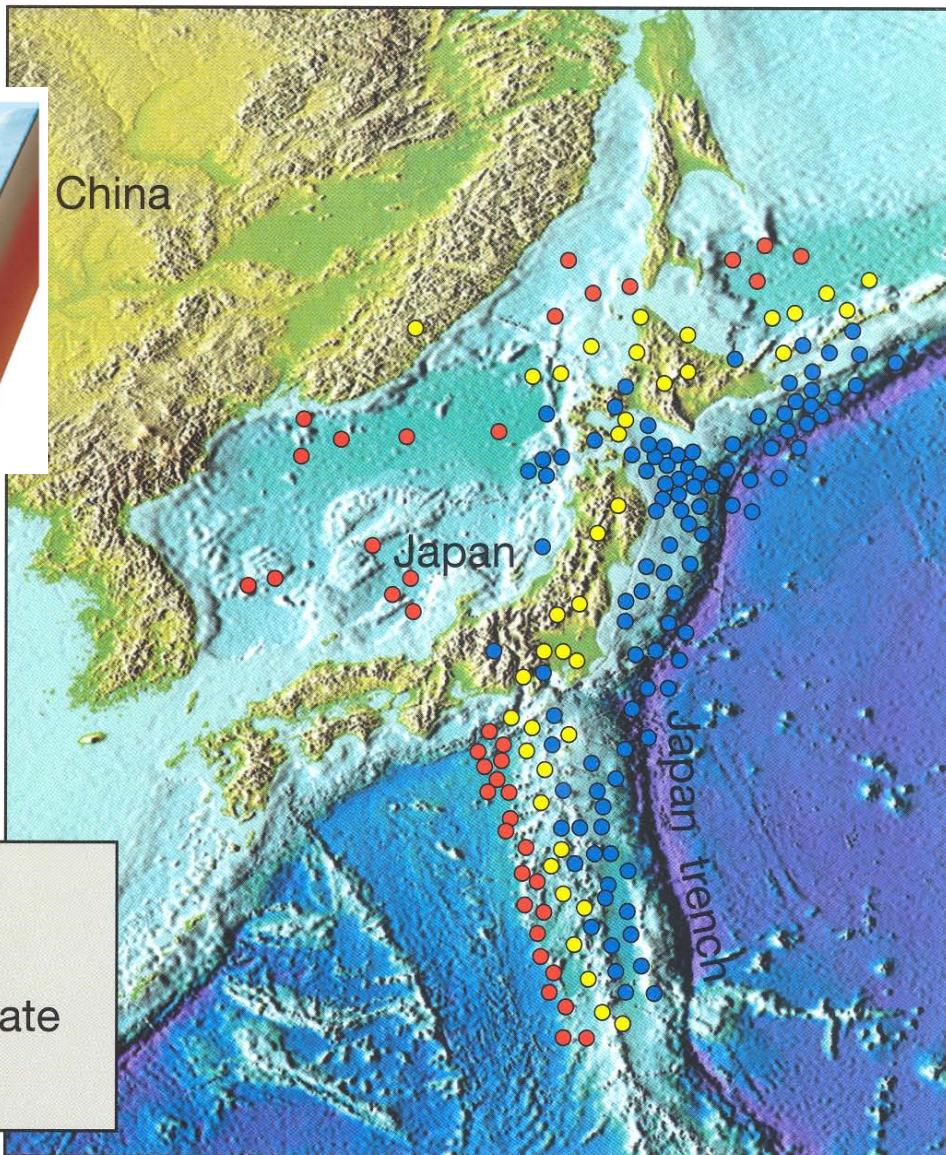
A. Convergent plate volcanism
(Island arc)



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Figure 7.32 text

6. Deep earthquakes in subducted lithospheric slab at convergent boundaries (also see Fig. 6.30, text)

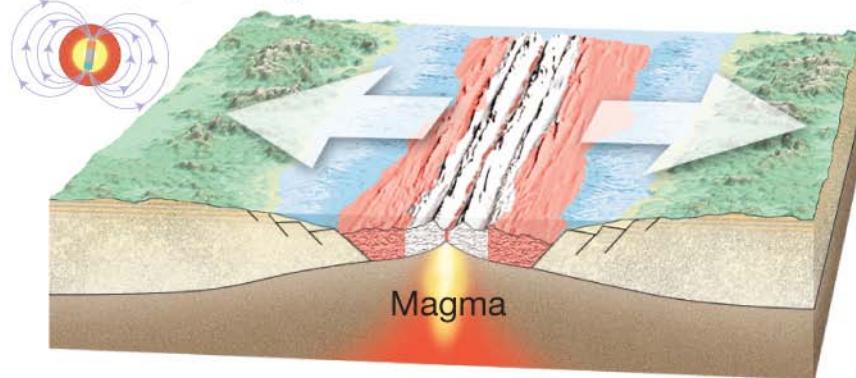


7. Magnetic stripes parallel to mid-ocean ridges (divergent boundaries).

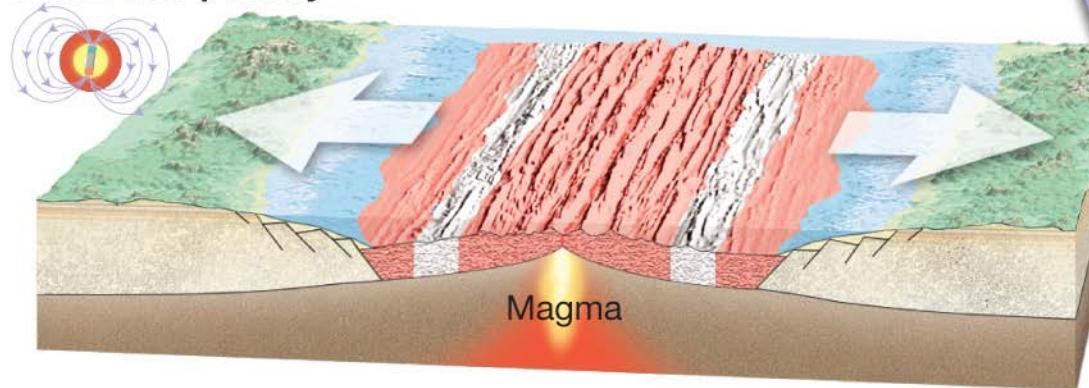
Due to reversals of the Earth's magnetic field.

Figure 5.31, text

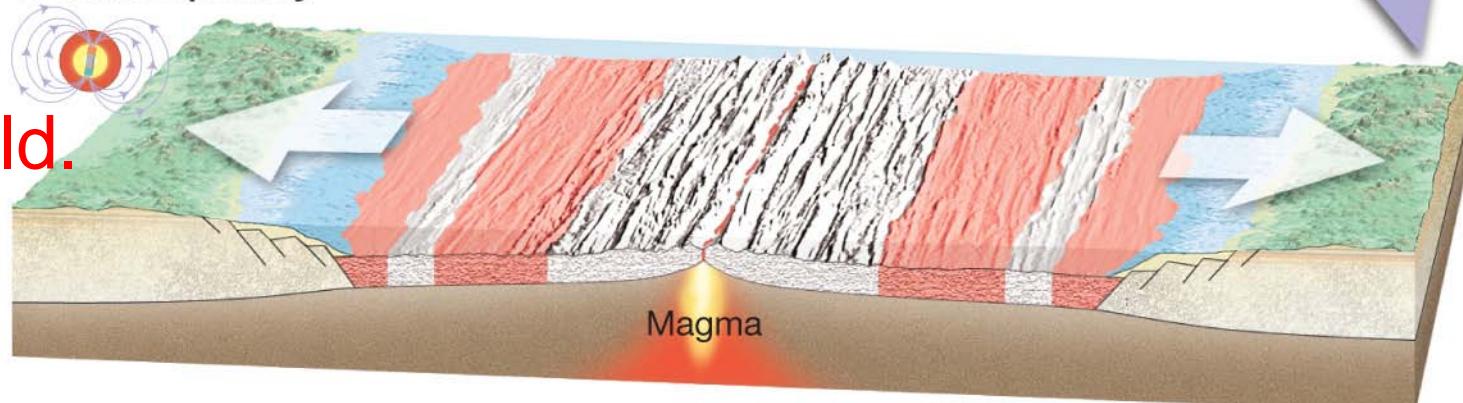
A. Normal polarity



B. Reverse polarity

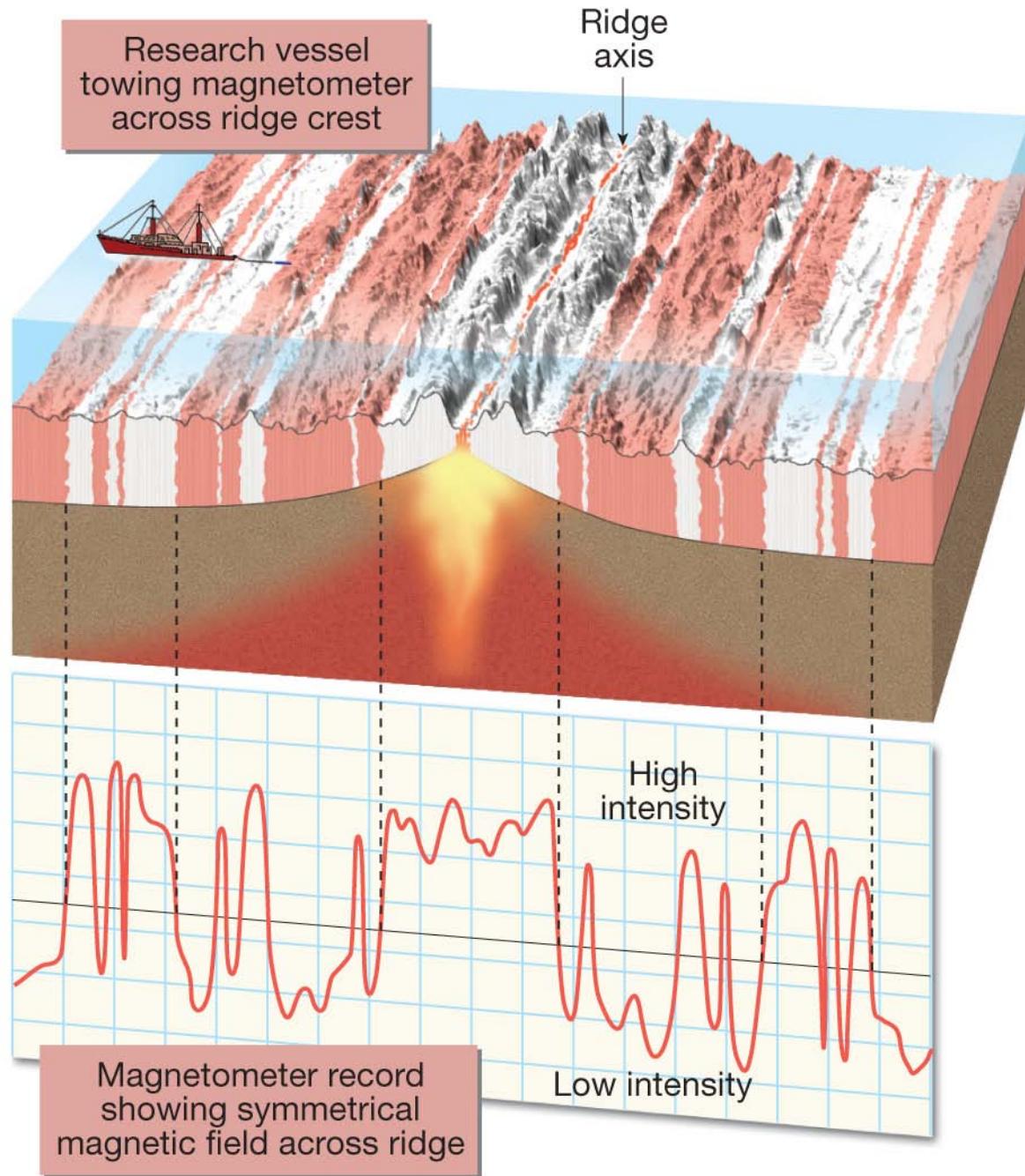


C. Normal polarity



7. Magnetic stripes parallel to mid-ocean ridges (divergent boundaries). Due to reversals of the Earth's magnetic field.

Figure 5.30, text



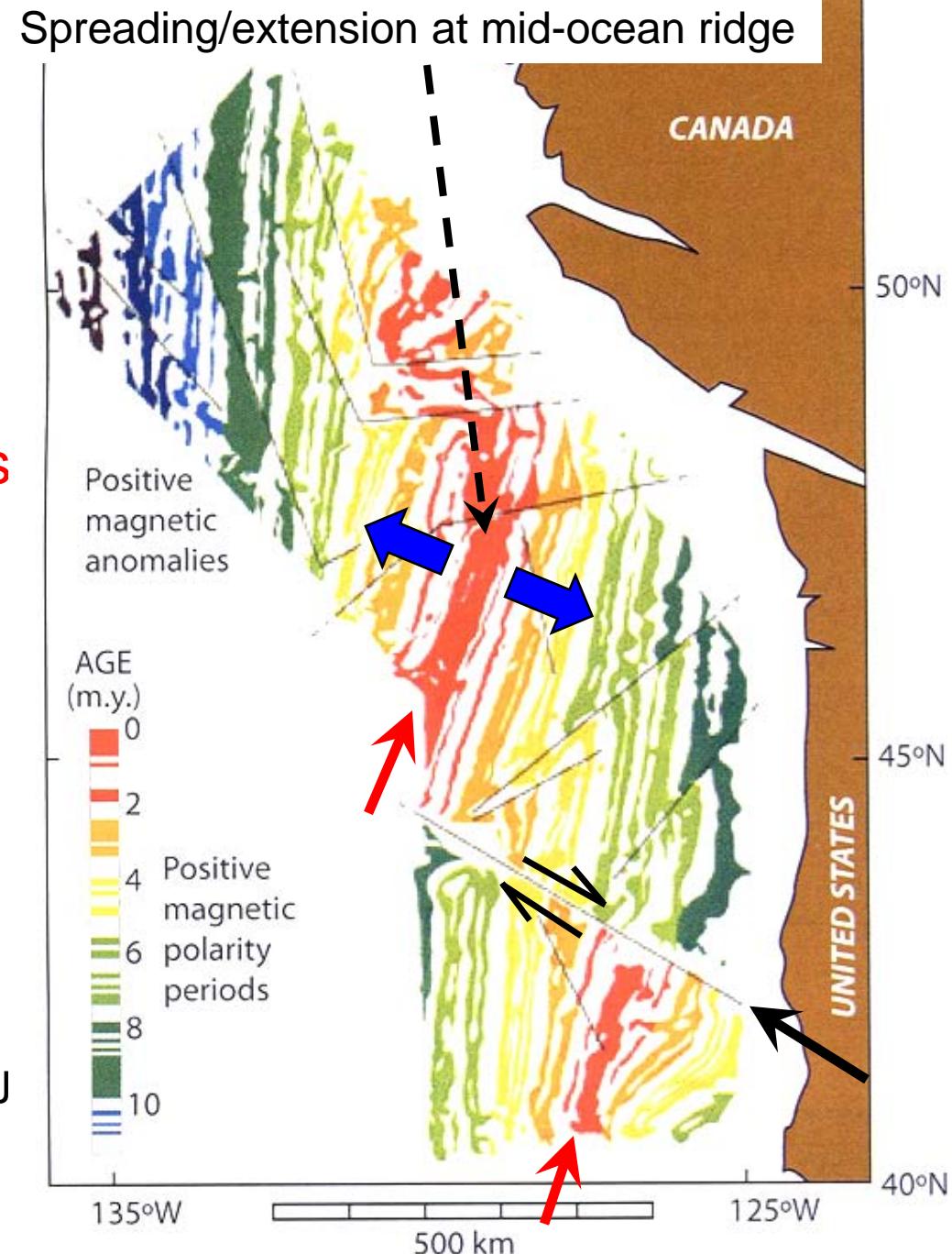
7. Magnetic stripes parallel to mid-ocean ridges (divergent boundaries). Due to reversals of the Earth's magnetic field.

Figure 5.30, text



7. Magnetic stripes parallel to mid-ocean ridges (divergent boundaries). Due to reversals of the Earth's magnetic field. Red arrows and red magnetic stripes show location of current ridges (spreading centers). Other colors indicate crust formed at earlier times (see age scale). Black arrow shows a significant transform fault.

(Modified from: Saltus, R W, and R J Blakely, *GSA Today*, v. 21, December, 2011, p. 4-11.)



7. Magnetic stripes parallel to mid-ocean ridges (divergent boundaries). Age (color code) is given in millions of years (m.y.)

Calculate the plate velocity (divide distance by age; note units) along the dotted line (drawn ~ perpendicular to the magnetic stripes). What is the spreading rate (plate velocity) in km/m.y.? And in cm/yr?

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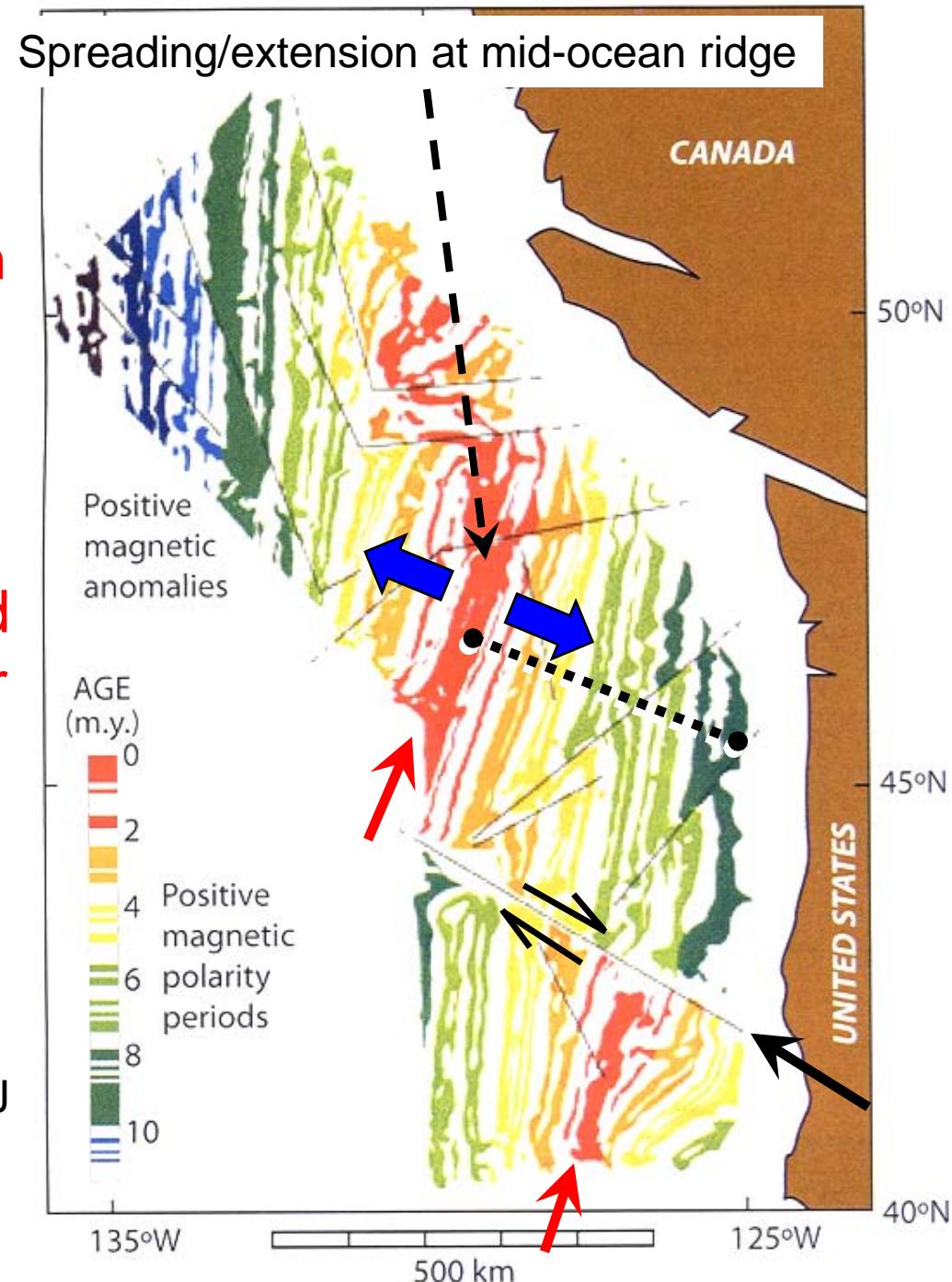
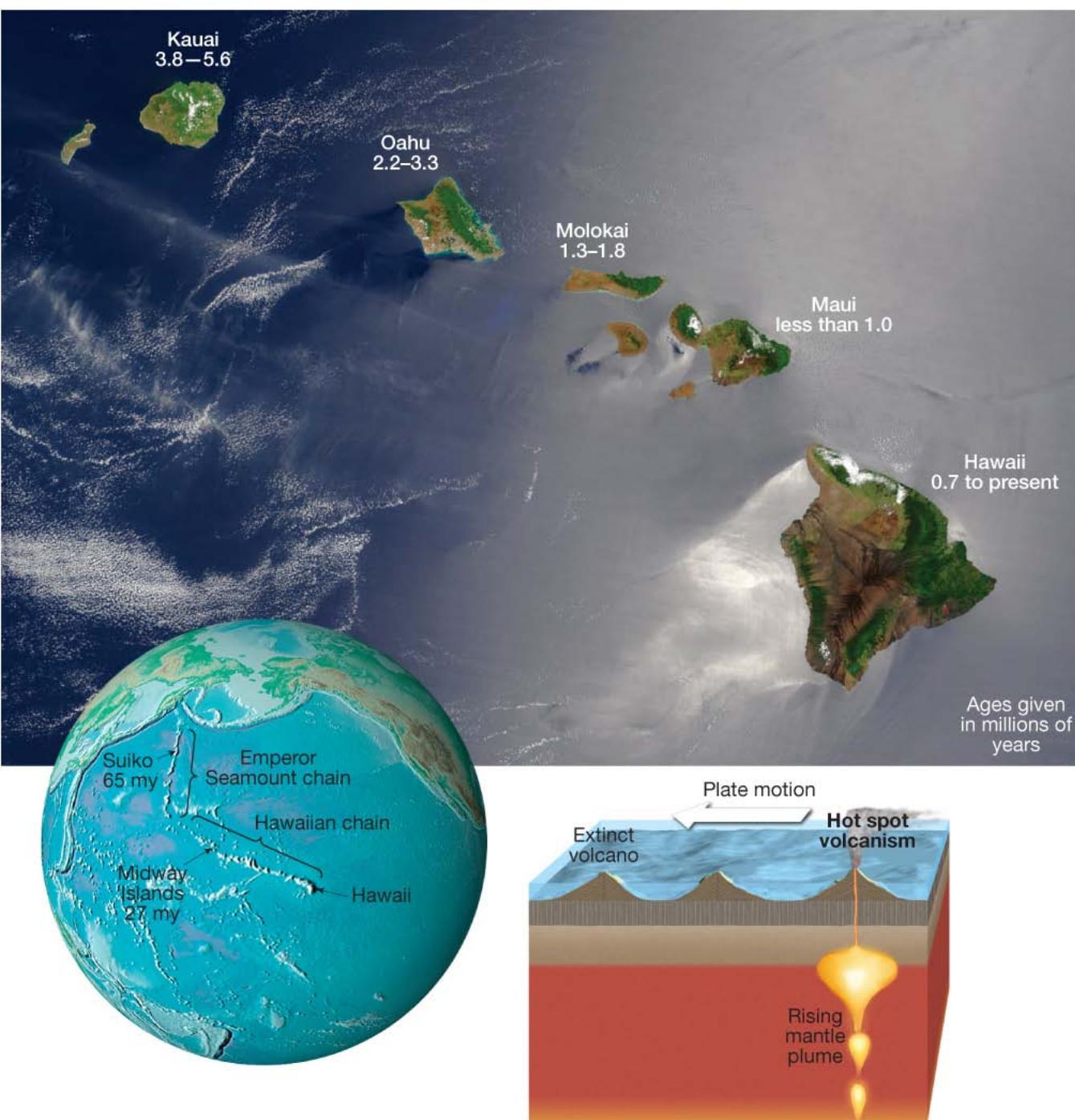


Figure 5.26, text
(age in millions of years)



8.
Hotspot tracks
(like Hawaii)
show direction
of motion of
the lithosphere
over a hotspot
(by age of
volcanic
activity)

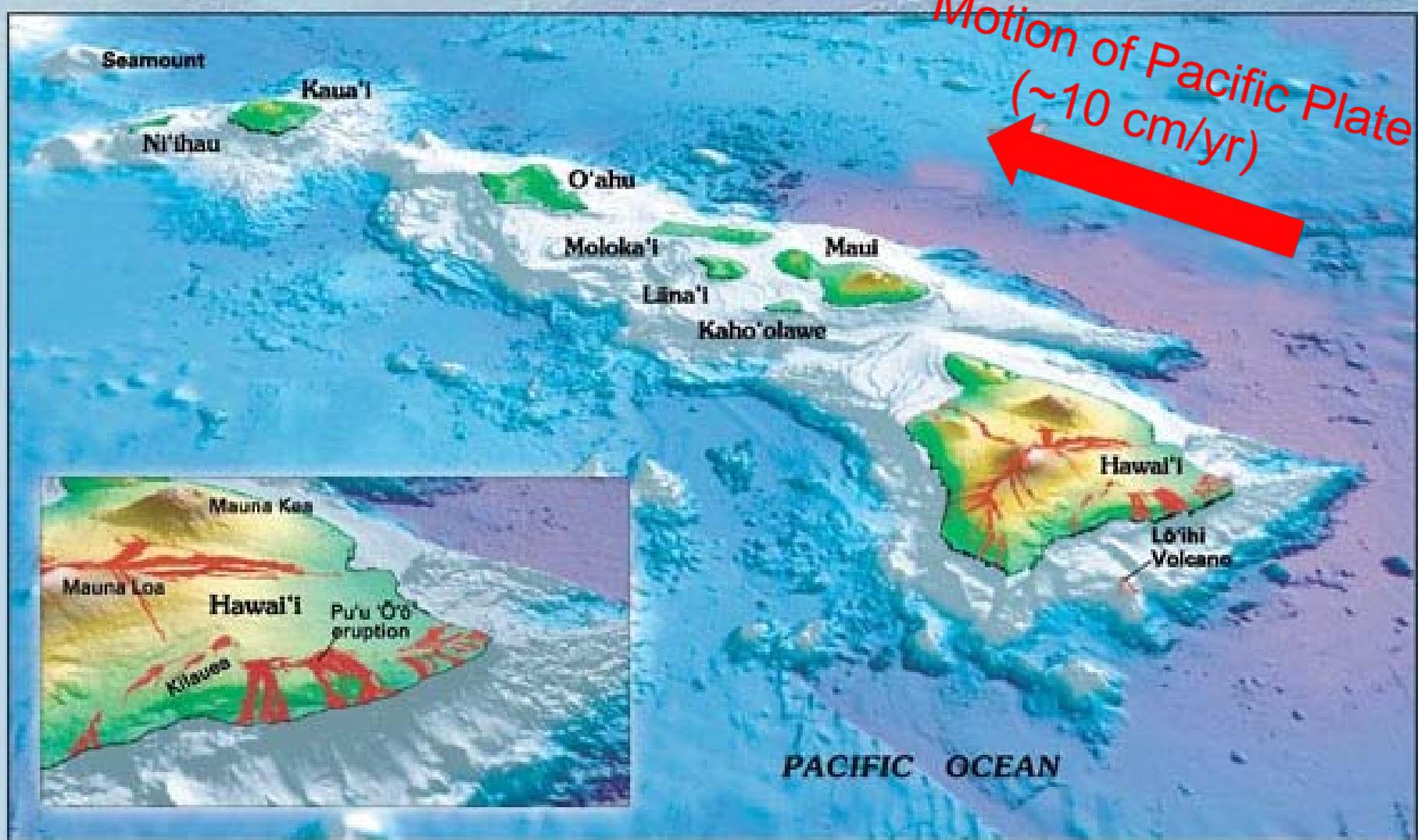


Figure 2.—Oblique view of the principal Hawaiian Islands and (the still submarine) Lō'ihi Volcano. Inset gives a closer view of three of the five volcanoes that form the Island of Hawai'i (historical lava flows are shown in red). The longest duration historical eruption on Kilauea's east-rift zone at Pu'u 'O'o (inset), which began in January 1983, continues unabated (as of spring 2006). View prepared by Joel E. Robinson (USGS).

<http://www.minerals.si.edu/tdpmap/> (Interactive Map)

Driving Mechanism for PLATE TECTONICS:

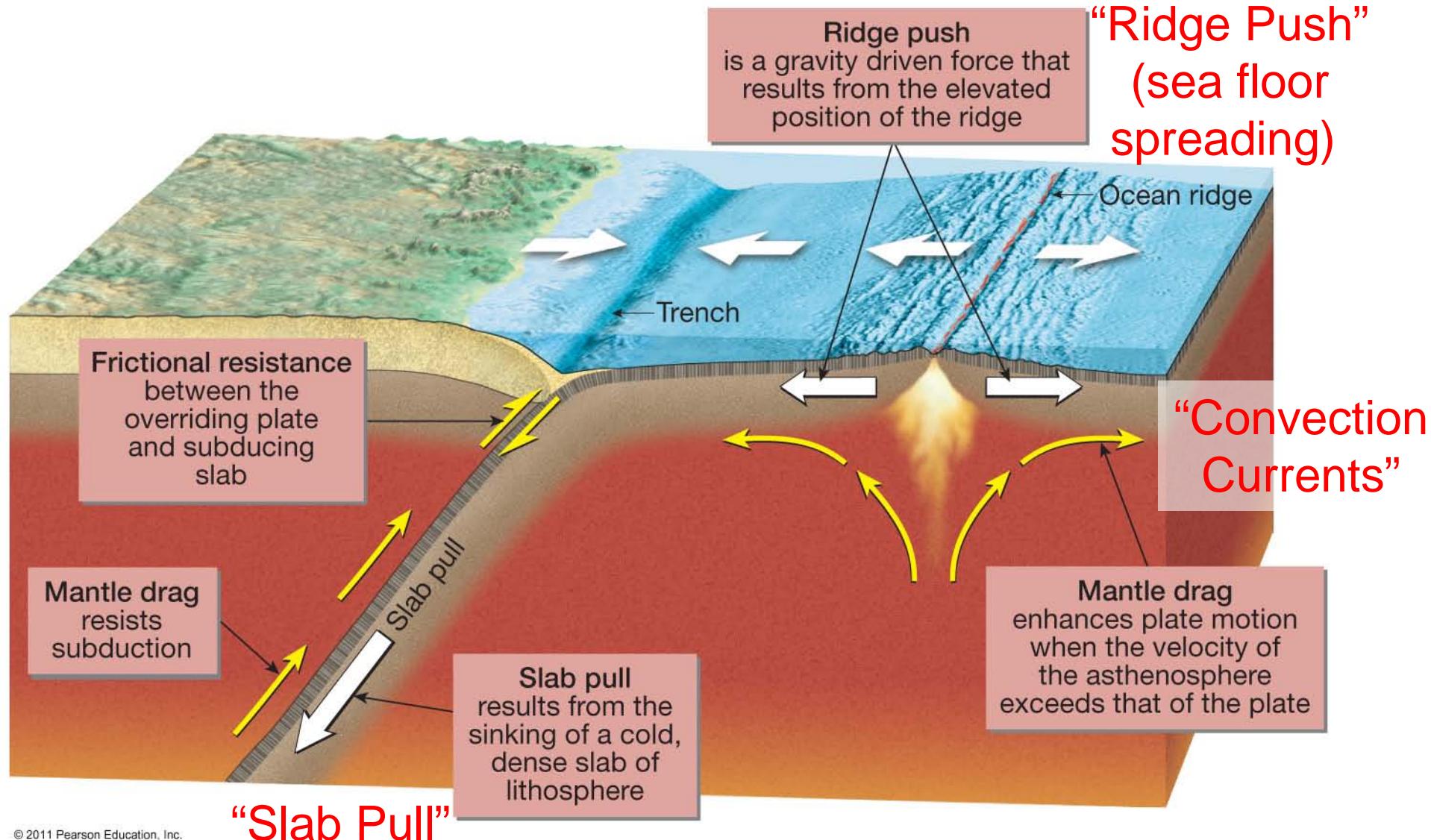
(What makes the plates move?)

(see also p. 177 – 180, text)

Heat from original heating of Earth and decay of radioactive elements (uranium, thorium, potassium, etc.) in Earth's interior is ultimate cause; viable theories for the driving mechanism are:

1. “Ridge Push” (seafloor spreading) – rising hot material at ridge crests (new lithosphere) pushes plates apart
2. “Slab Pull” – dense, older oceanic lithosphere in subducted slabs sinks
3. Convection currents in hot, solid but soft, partially molten mantle (asthenosphere) convects

“Ridge Push” (sea floor spreading)



“Ridge Push,” “Slab Pull” and “Convection” mechanisms
Figure 5.33, text

“Convection Current” mechanisms

Figure 5.34, text

