stagnate slab? slabs sink and induceflow, result in slab suction. And induce "dynamic topography", estimating form a few hundred meters up to a few kilometres. beacause of different difinitions of "dynamic topography" ocean-plate -tectonics

seeds of deformation

deformation may localise near or at the boundary, so we need seed of deformation(just like a weak zone?),

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force: gravity? which is always ignored. underworld and Lithospheric Modelling Recipe,