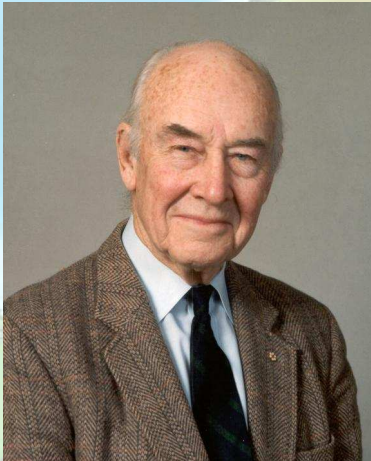


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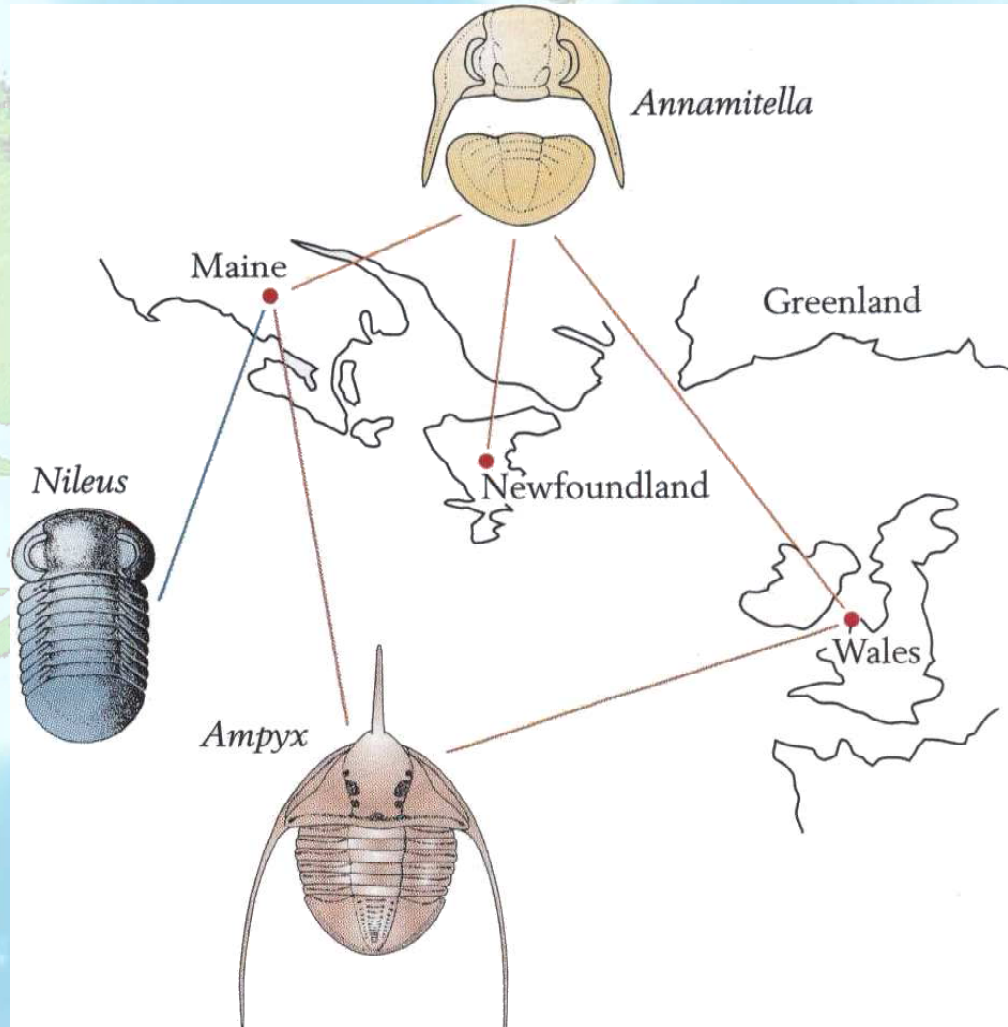


- John Tuzo Wilson  
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kanadischer  
Geophysiker/Geologe





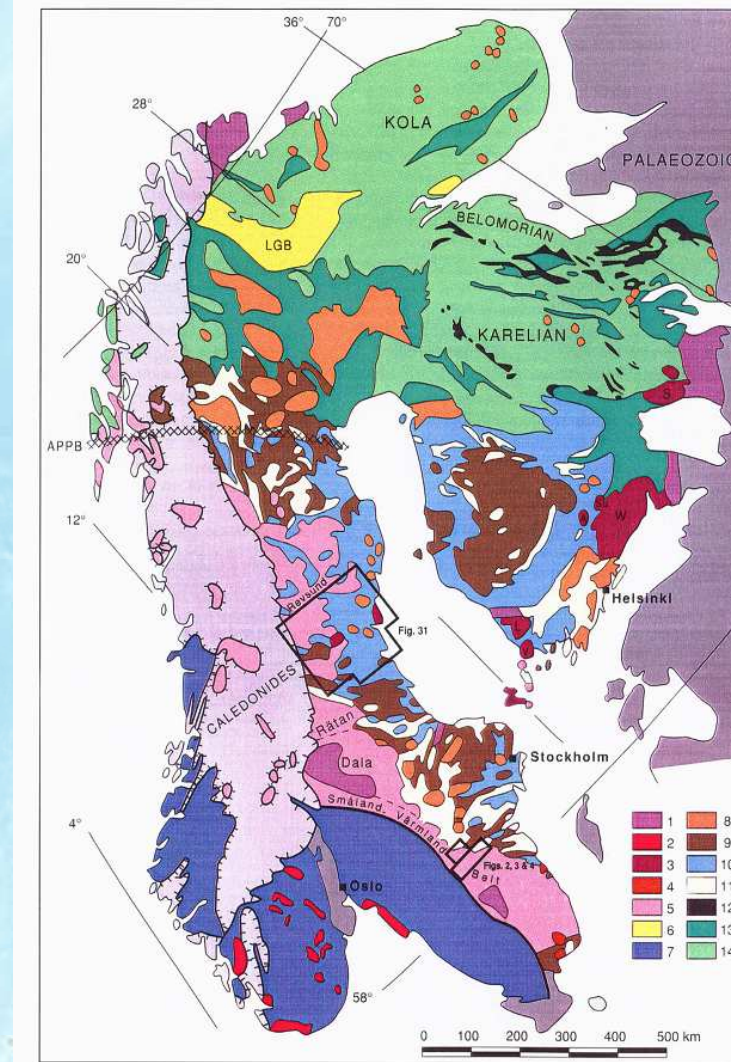
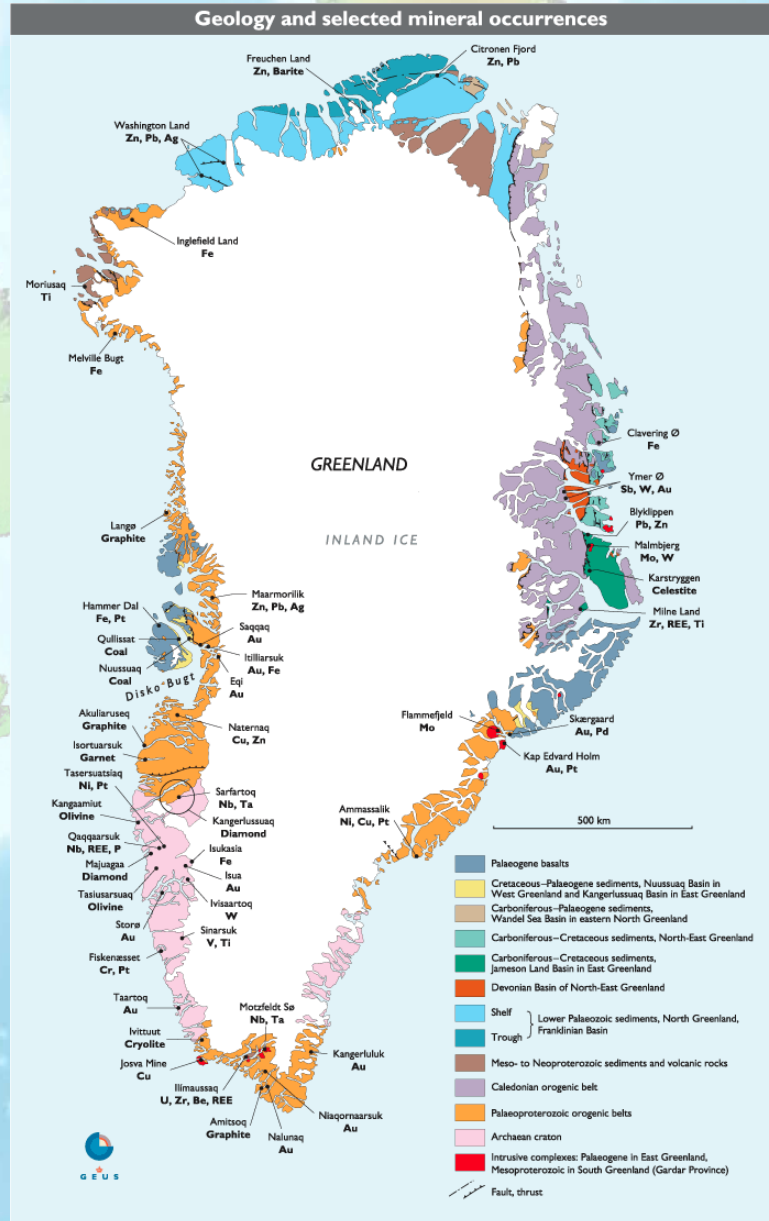
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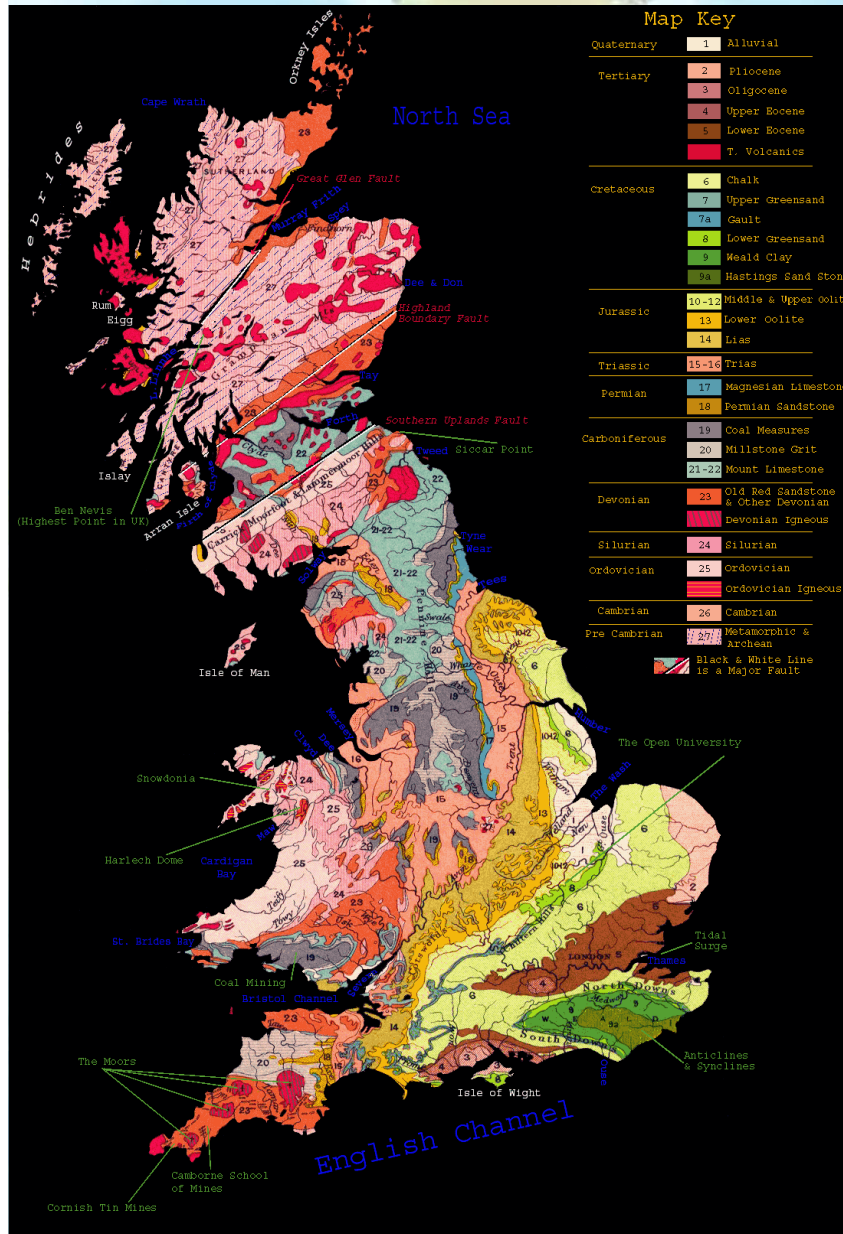


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Lithological subdivision of the Fennoscandian shield. 1. Jotnian sedimentary rocks, <1.50, >1.26 Ga. 2. Late Sveconorwegian intrusions, c. 1.00–0.85 Ga. 3. The Fennoscandian rapakivi complexes, c. 1.65–1.50 Ga. 4. Younger anorogenic intrusives in SE Sweden, c. 1.40–1.35 Ga. 5. The Transscandinavian Igneous Belt, c. 1.85–1.65 Ga. 6. The Lapland Granulite Belt, c. 2.0–1.9 Ga. 7. The Southwest Scandinavian Domain, c. 1.76–0.90 Ga. 8. "Late orogenic" Svecofennian intrusives, c. 1.84–1.77 Ga. 9. Early orogenic Svecofennian intrusives, c. 1.95–1.86 Ga. 10. Early Svecofennian sedimentary supracrustals, pre-1.86 Ga. 11. Early Svecofennian volcanics, c. 1.90–1.87 Ga. 12. Archaean greenstone belts and basins, c. 2.9–2.7 Ga. 13. Earliest Proterozoic cover of the Archaean craton, c. 2.5–2.0 Ga. 14. Archaean crust, c. 3.1–2.6 Ga. Frames outline areas of subsequent maps. Modified from Gaál & Gorbatschev (1987). APPB is the Archean-Proterozoic palaeoboundary of Öhlander et al. (1987, 1993).

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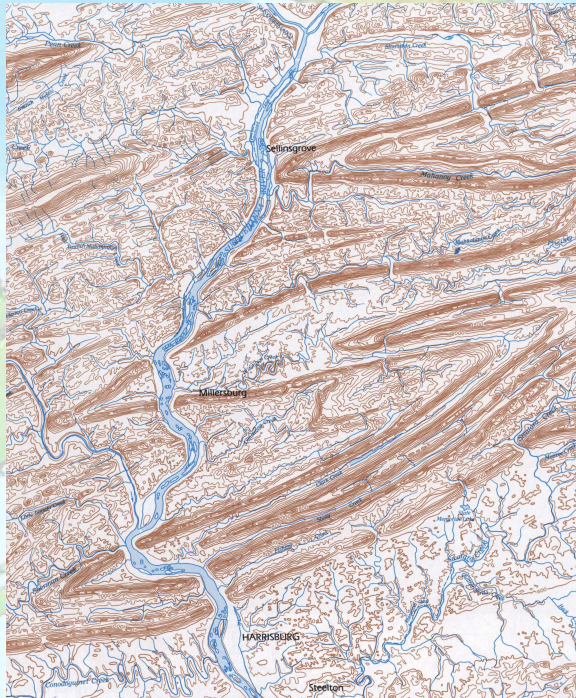


- während der Ozeanschließung im mittleren Paläozoikum zunehmend arides Klima
- marine Sedimente durch typische aride Ablagerungen (alluviale Fächer) ersetzt
- Entstehung des für Devon typischen „Old Red Sandstone“

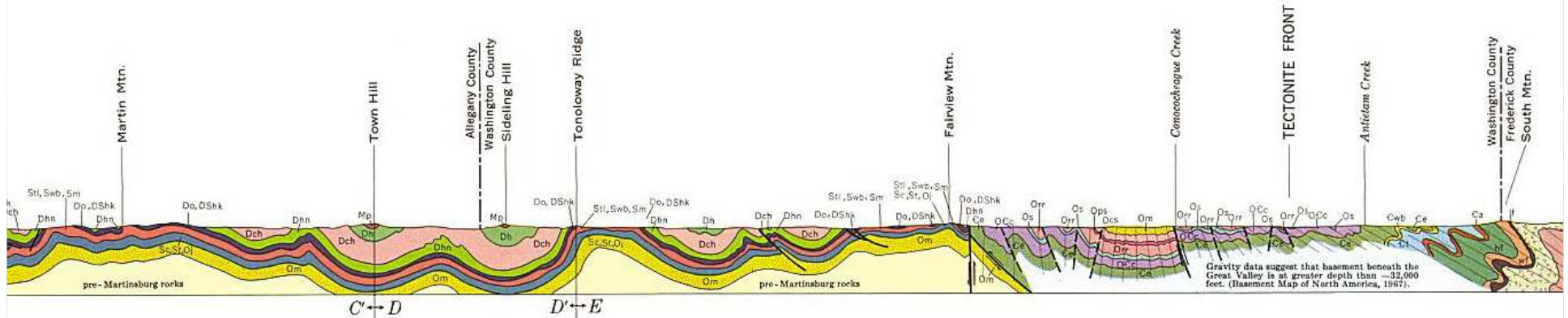


# Wilson's Indizien und Zeugnisse

## -Verformungen an der Suturezone-



- durch kontinentale Kollision entstanden Faltungen, sowie Auf- und Abschiebungen



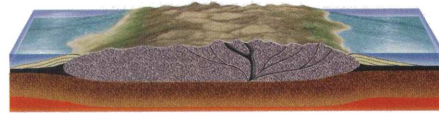


A topographic map of the North Atlantic Ocean, showing the continental shelves of North America, Europe, and Africa. The map uses a color scale from light blue (shallow) to dark blue (deep) to represent ocean depth. The title is overlaid in the center of the map.

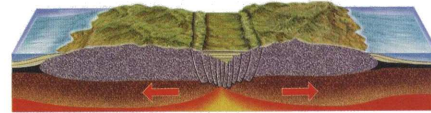
# Geschichte des Nord-Atlantiks

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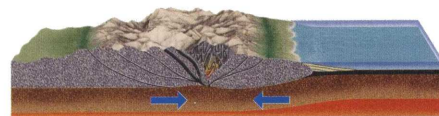
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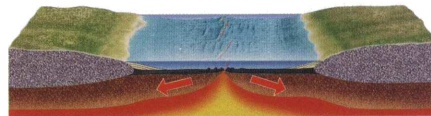
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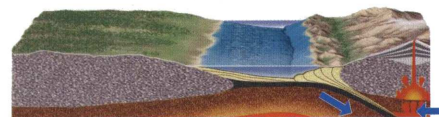
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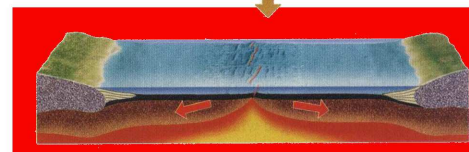
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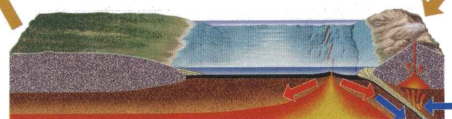
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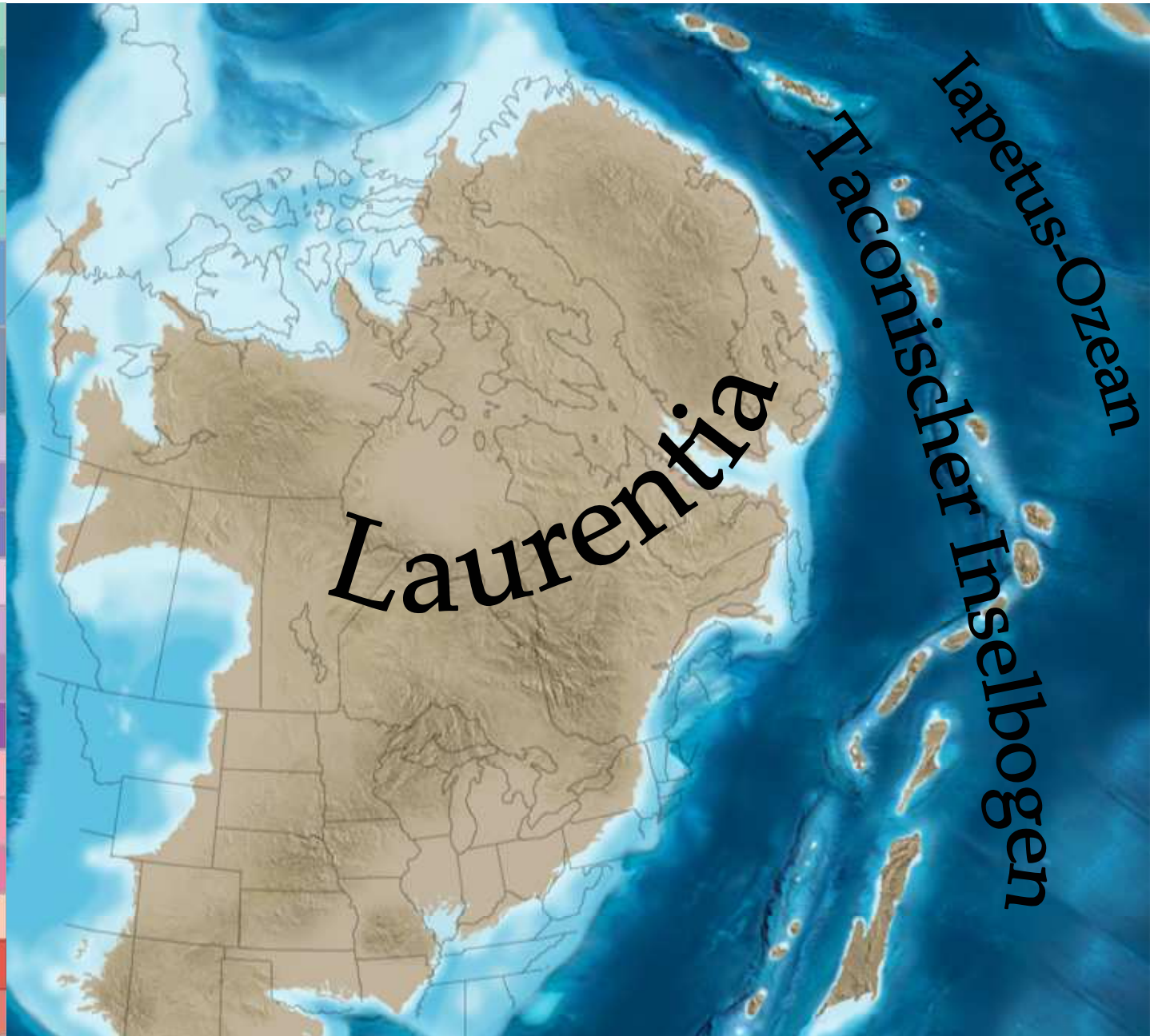
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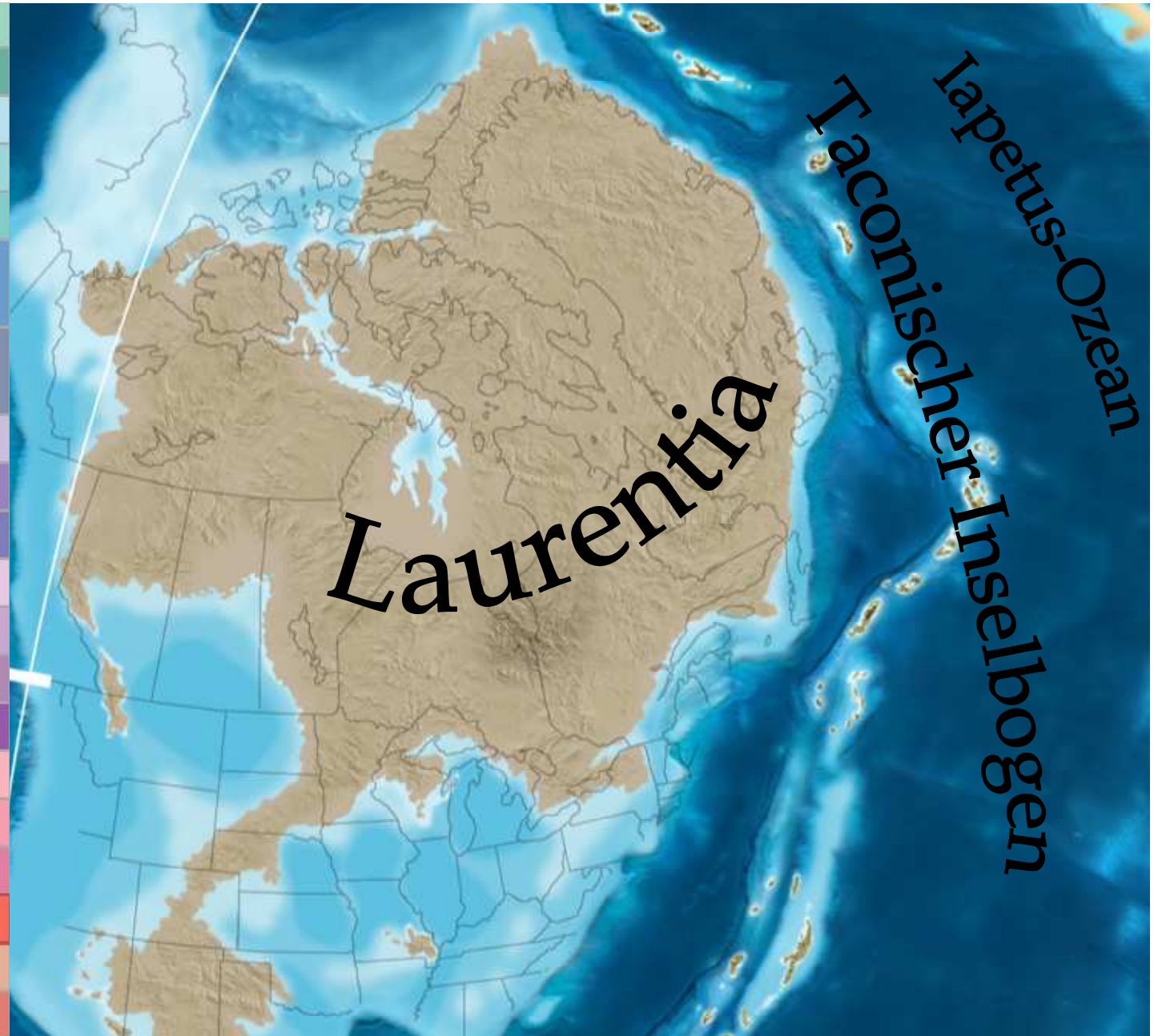
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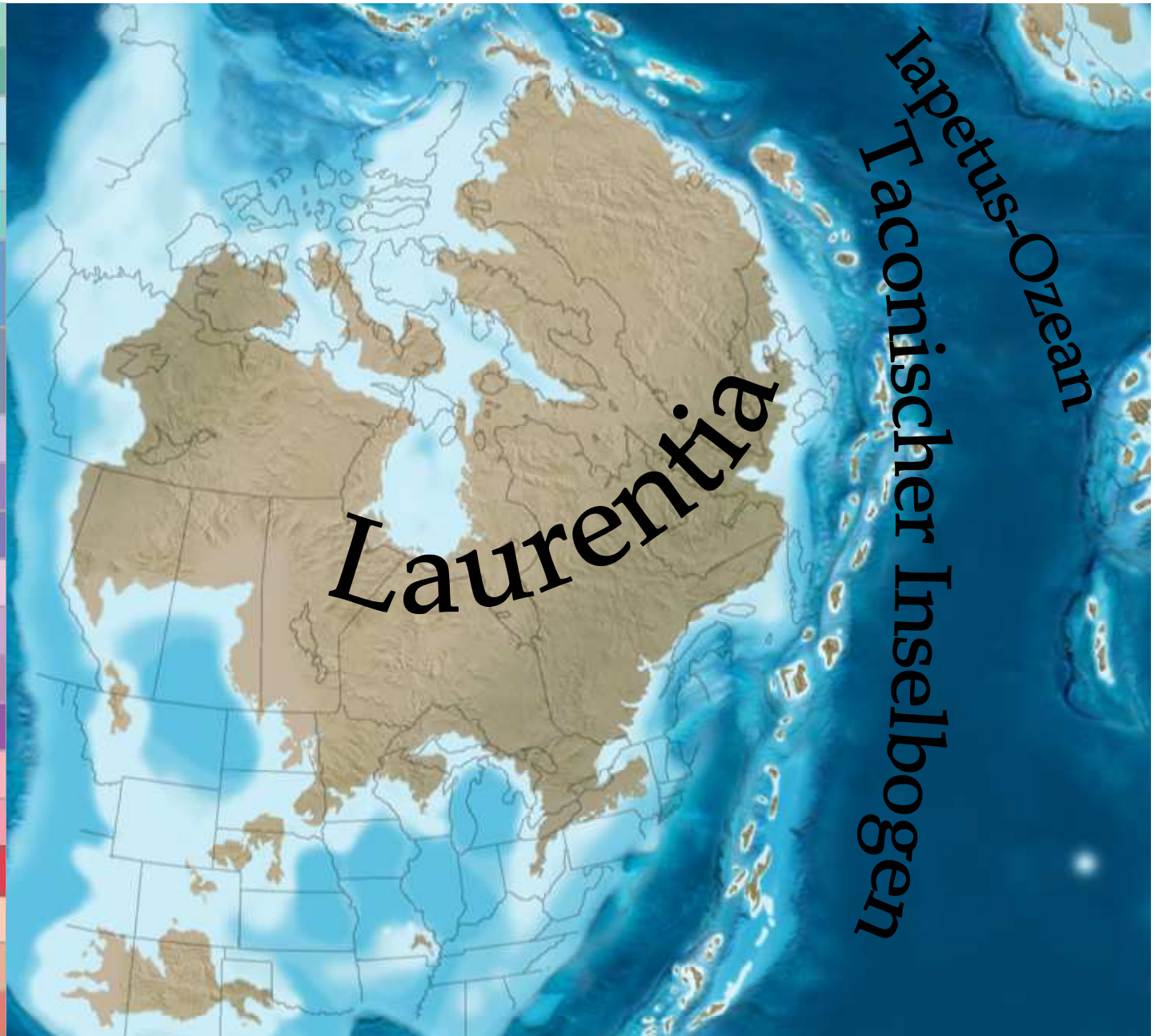
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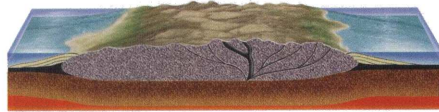
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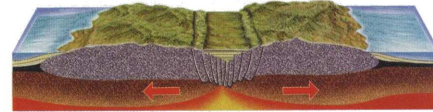




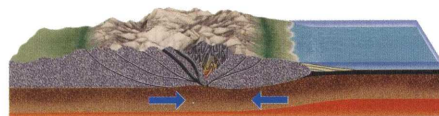
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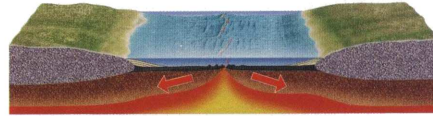
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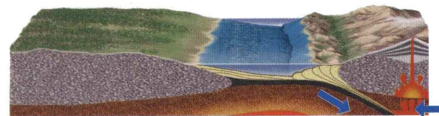
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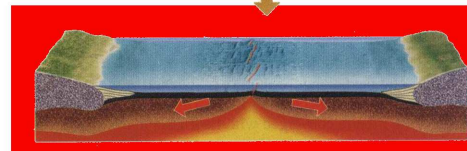
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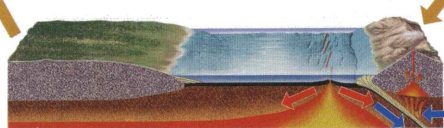
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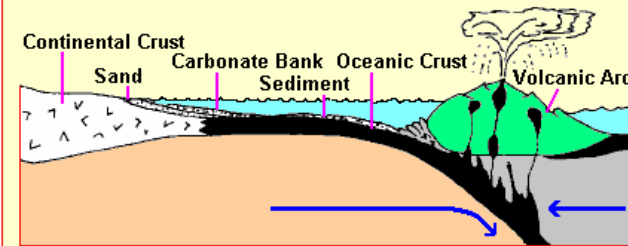
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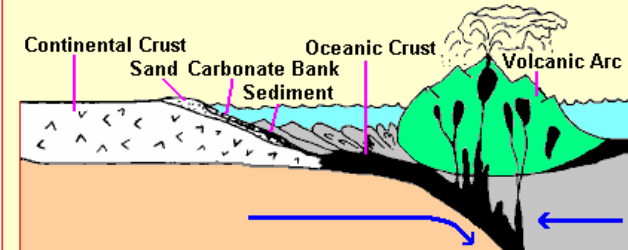
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## Taconische Orogenese

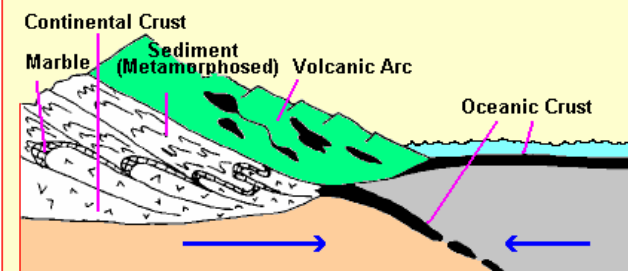
### Cross Sections of Eastern North America (as it may have looked)



543 million years ago, active volcano is offshore



500 million years ago, volcano and pile of sediments scraped off the subducting slab are larger

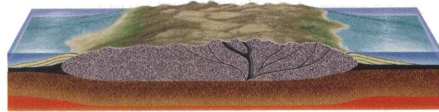


440 million years ago, collision between the volcanic islands and the ancient continent (Taconic Orogeny) formed a tall mountain range. This range has since eroded leaving its roots exposed in the rolling hills of the Eastern Piedmont

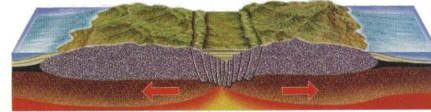


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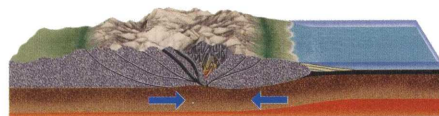
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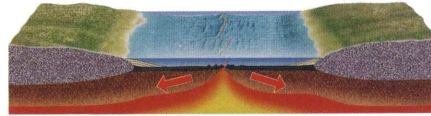
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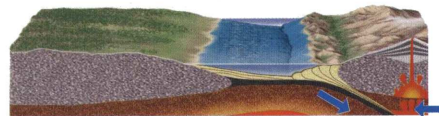
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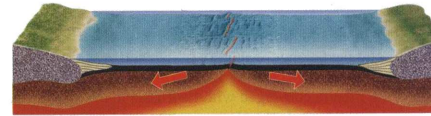
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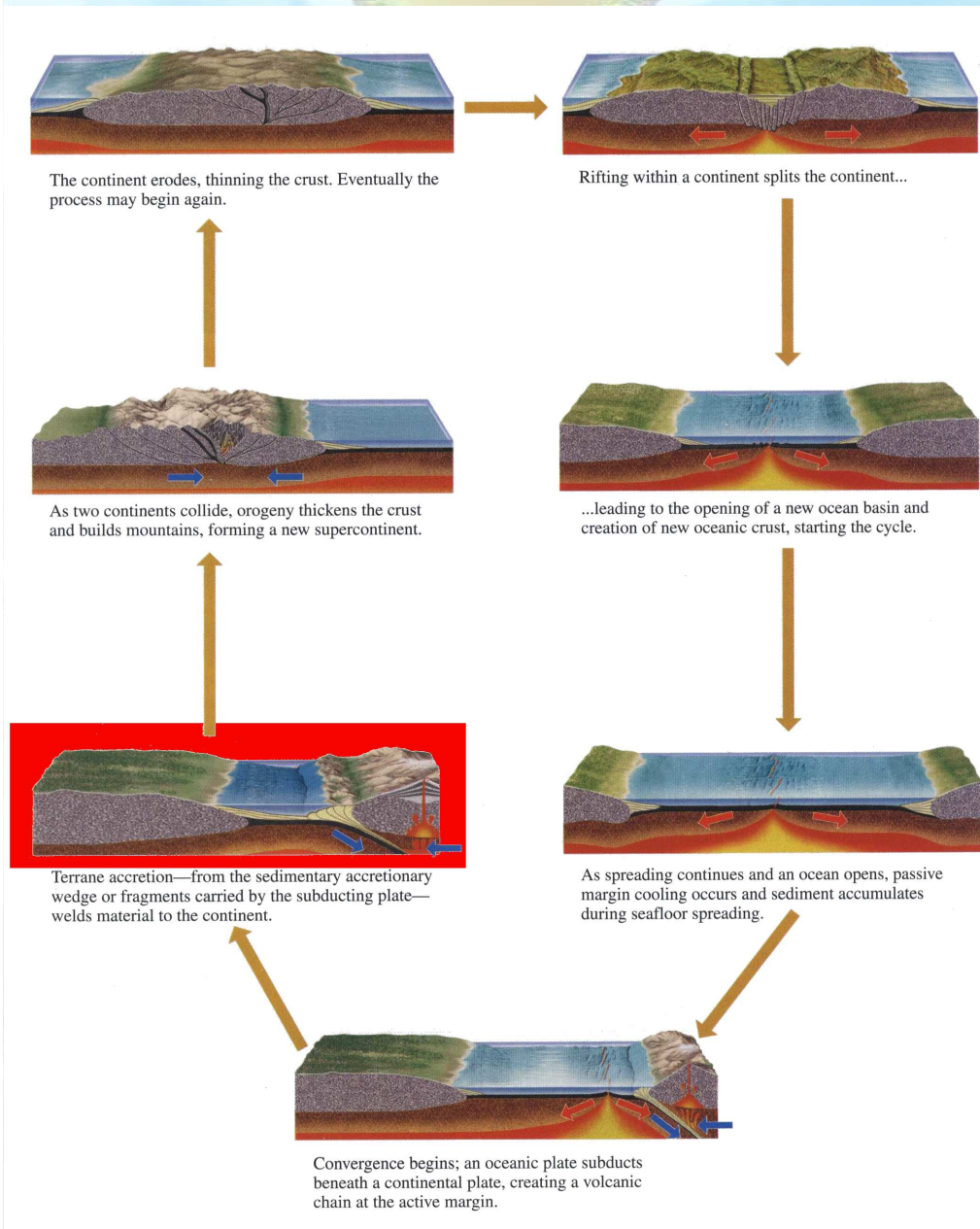


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- offener Ozean
- Spreizungsrate geringer als Subduktionsrate
- langsame Schließung des Ozeans



# Wilson-Zyklus (3)



- offener Ozean
- mittelozeanischer Rücken wird subduziert
- keine weitere Spreizung
- → Ozean wird schnell geschlossen



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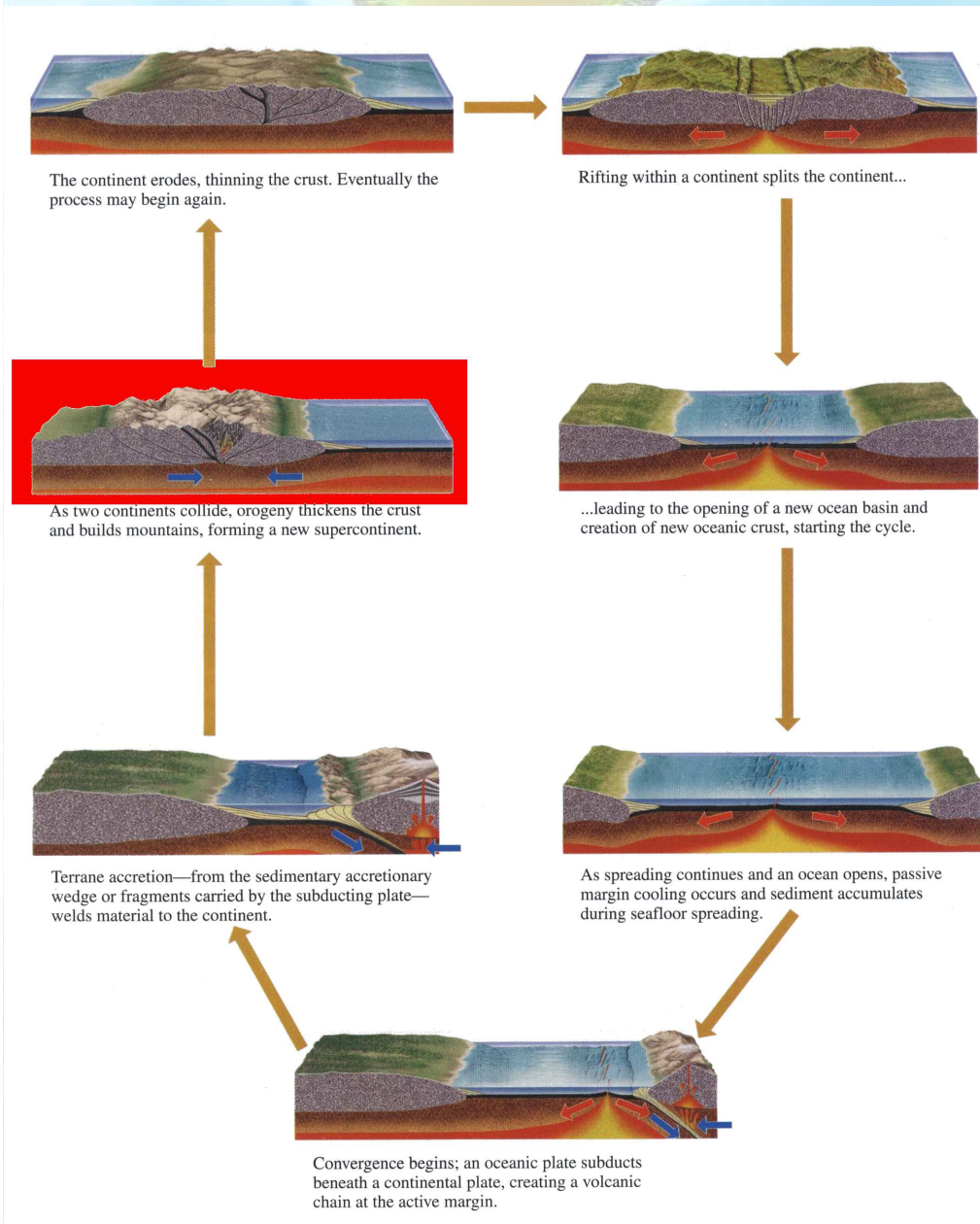
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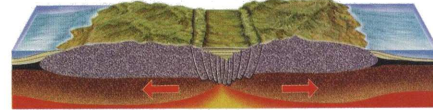


- Ozean geschlossen
- Kollision zweier Kratone
- keine Subduktion!
- statt dessen: Faltung, Auftürmung des Krustengesteins
- → Bildung von Gebirgen

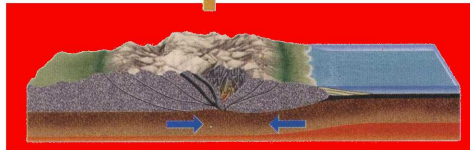
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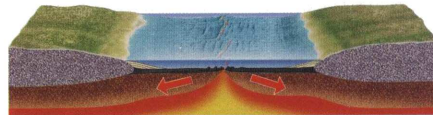
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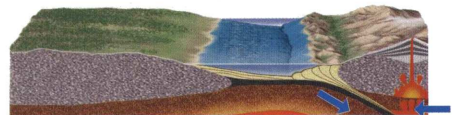
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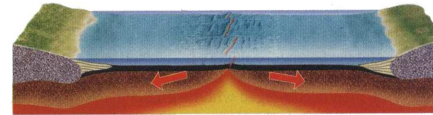
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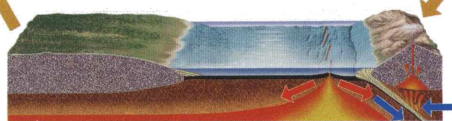
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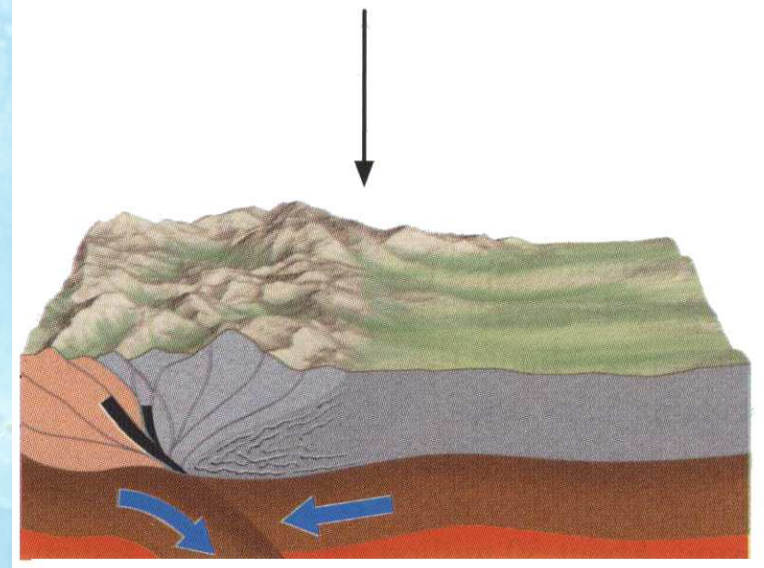
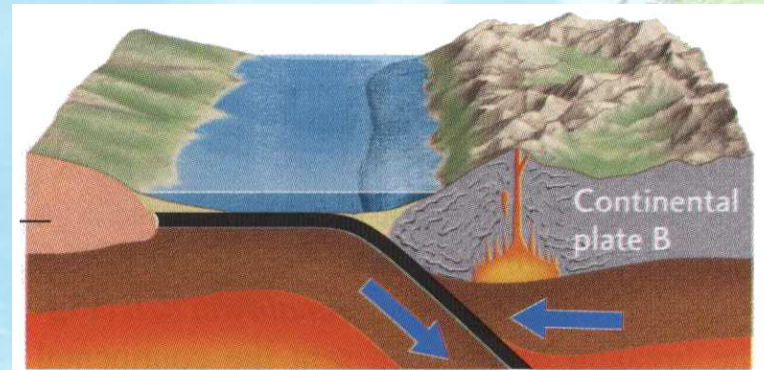


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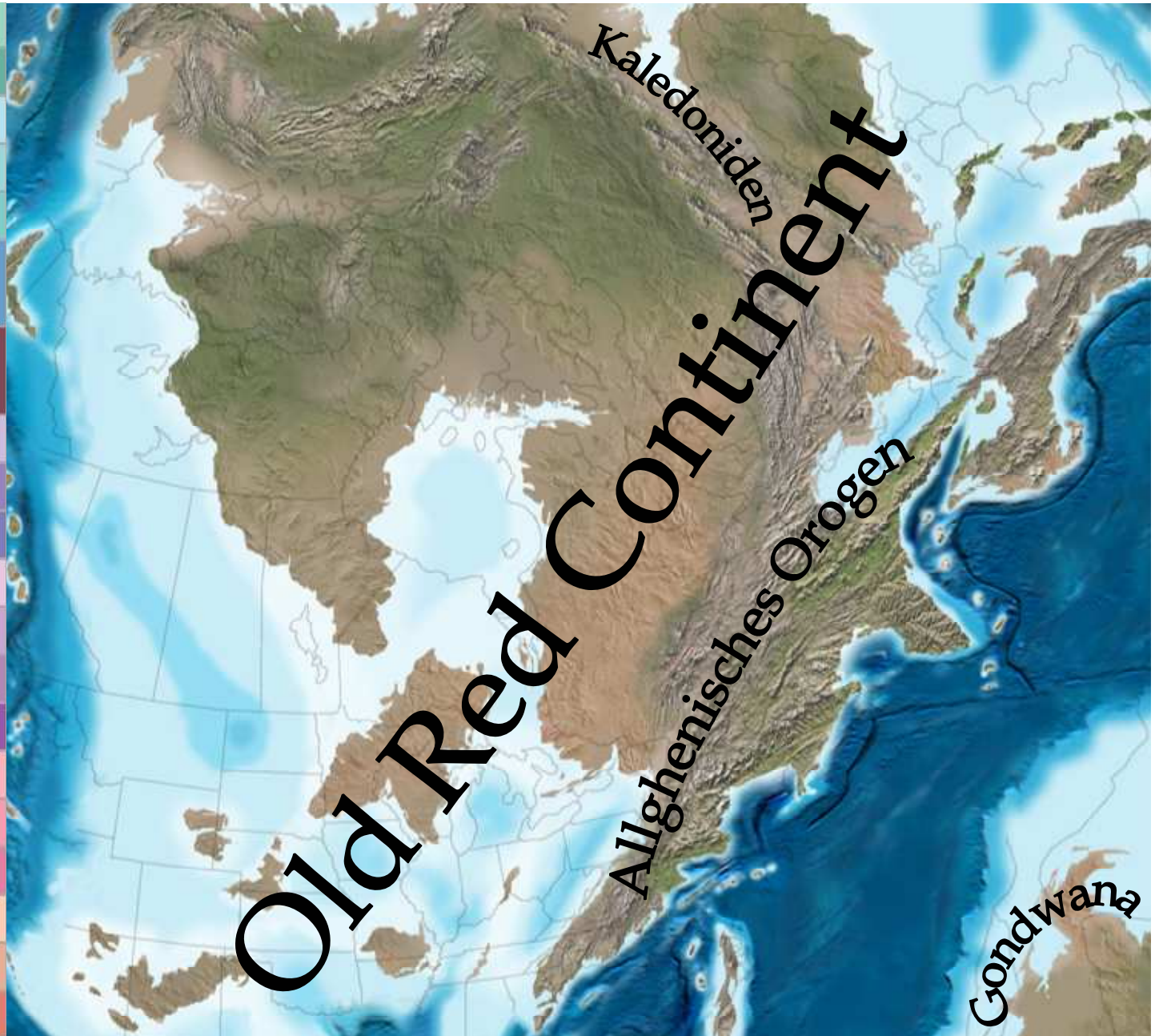
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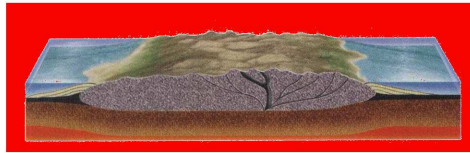
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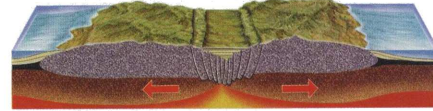




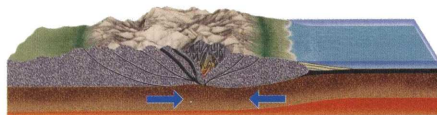
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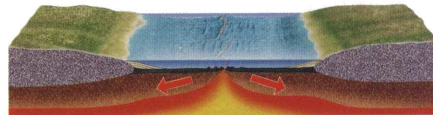
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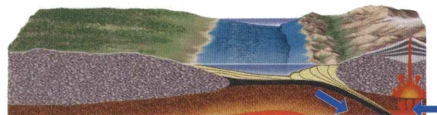
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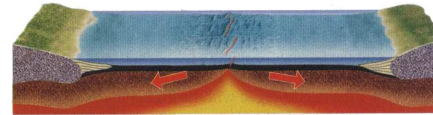
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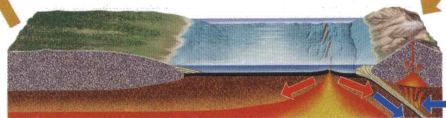
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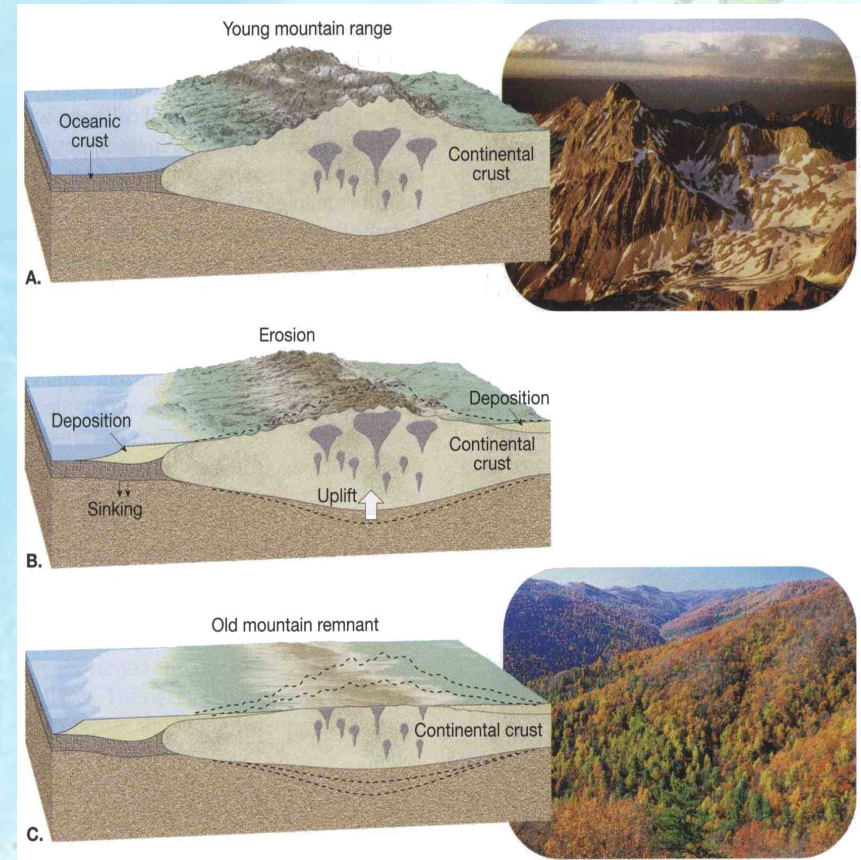


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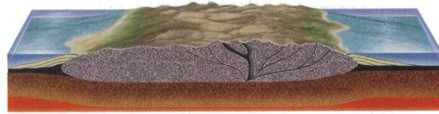
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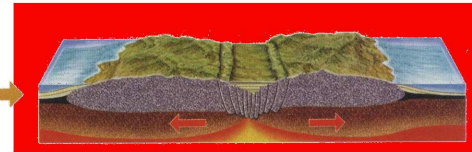




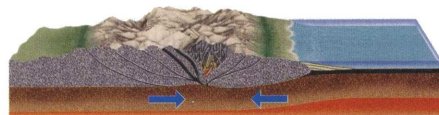
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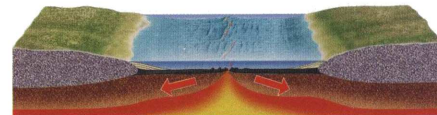
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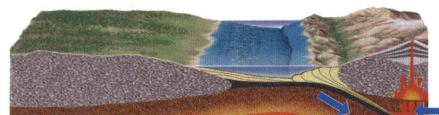
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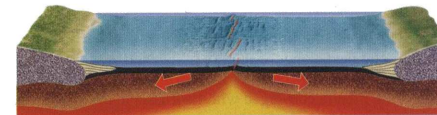
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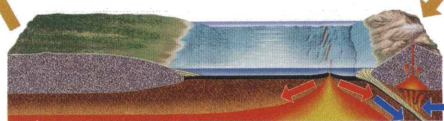
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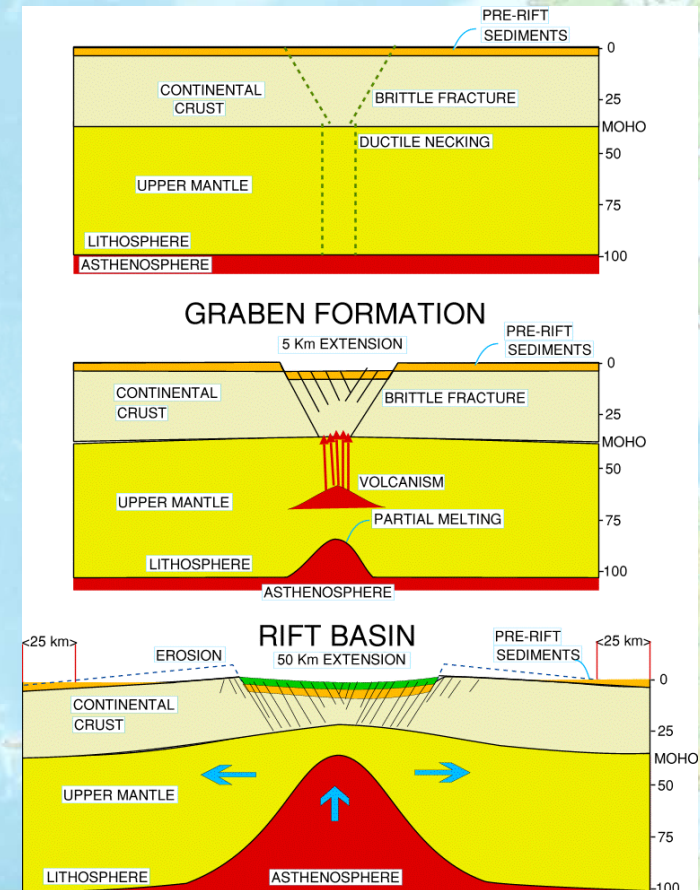


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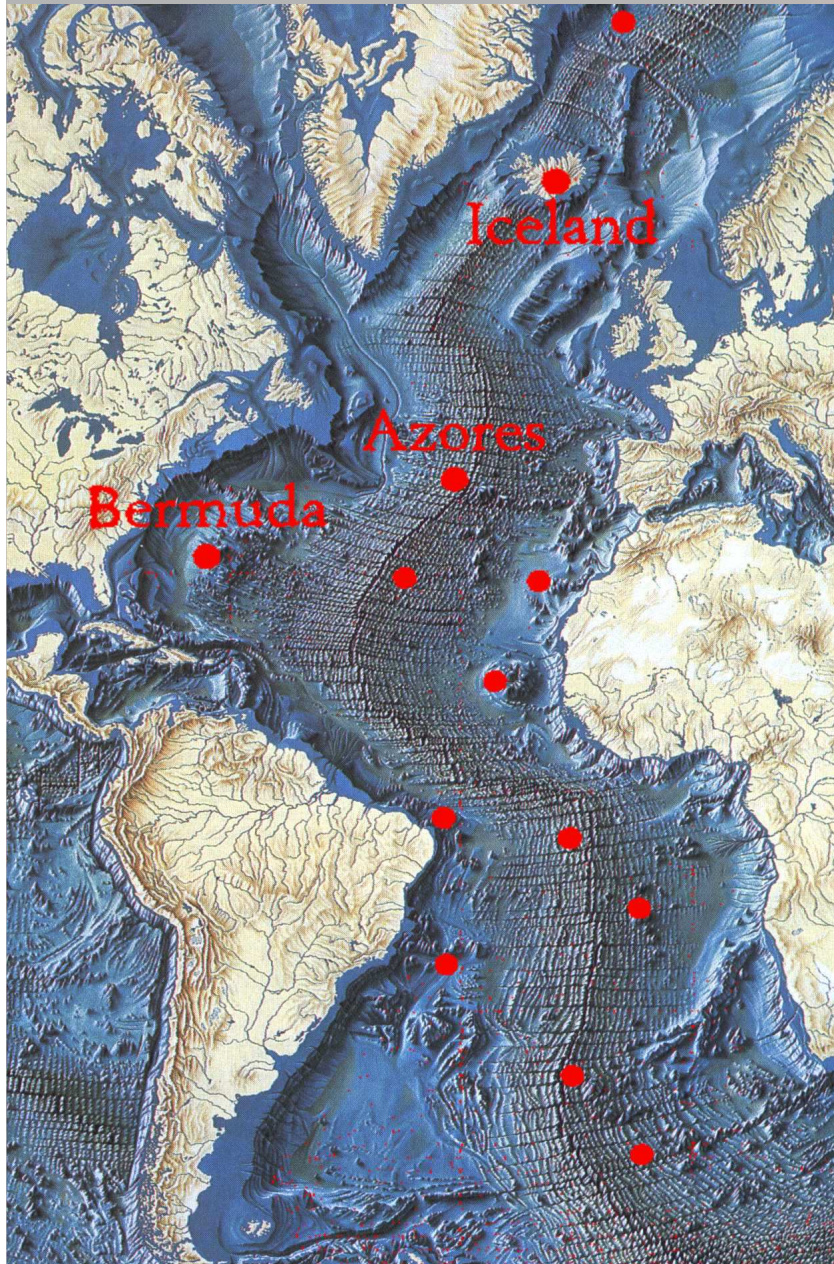


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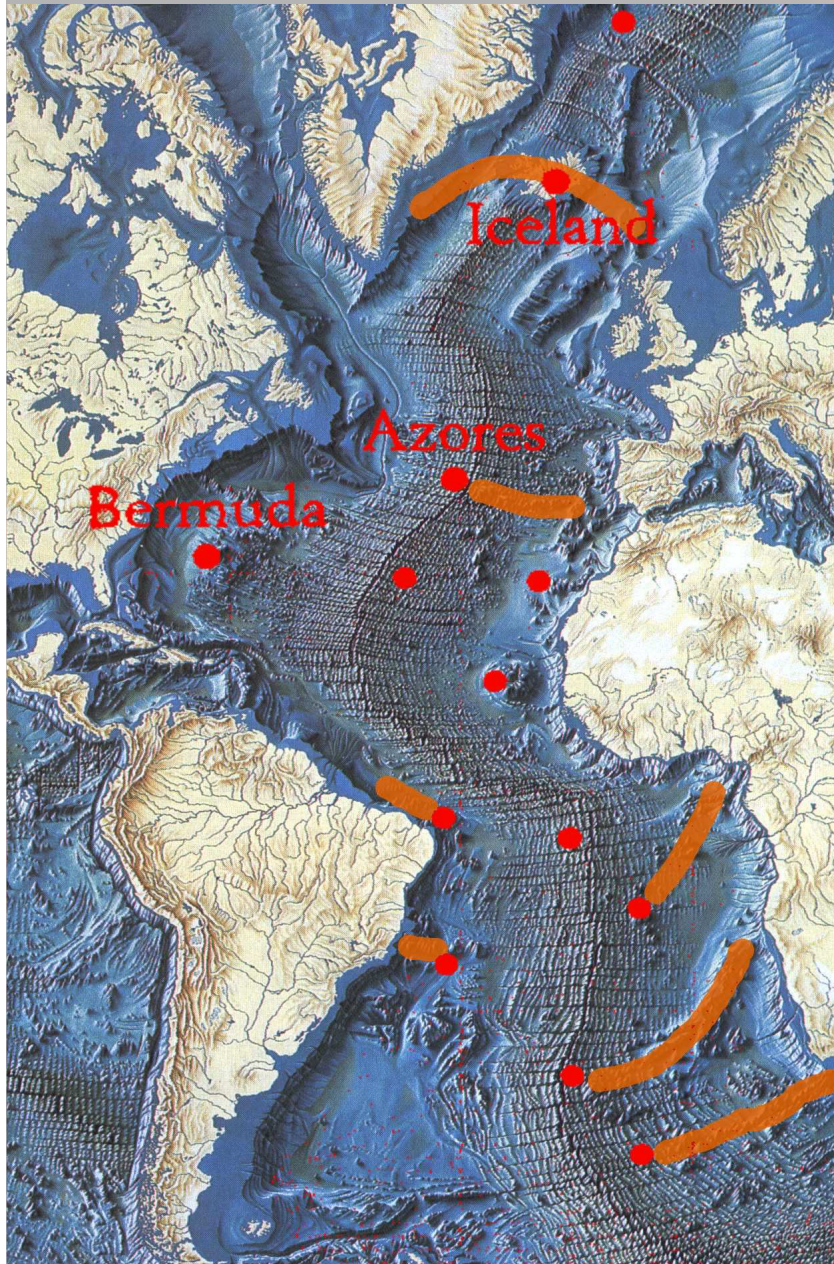


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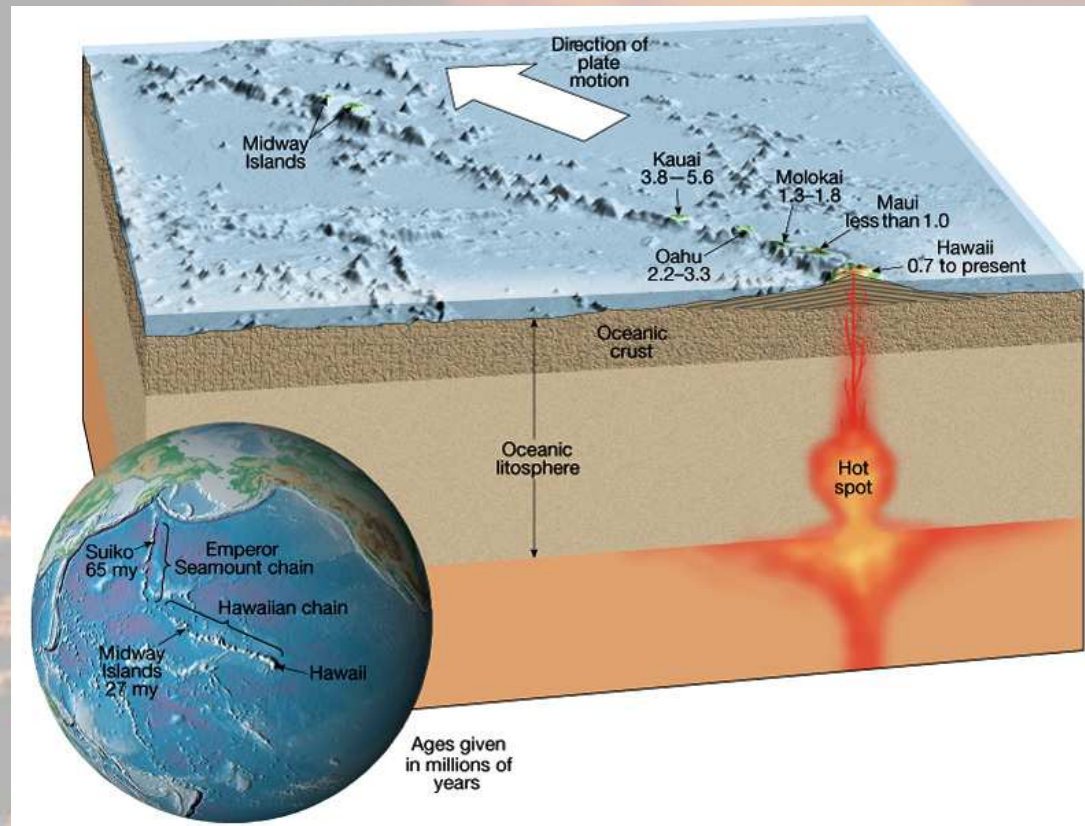
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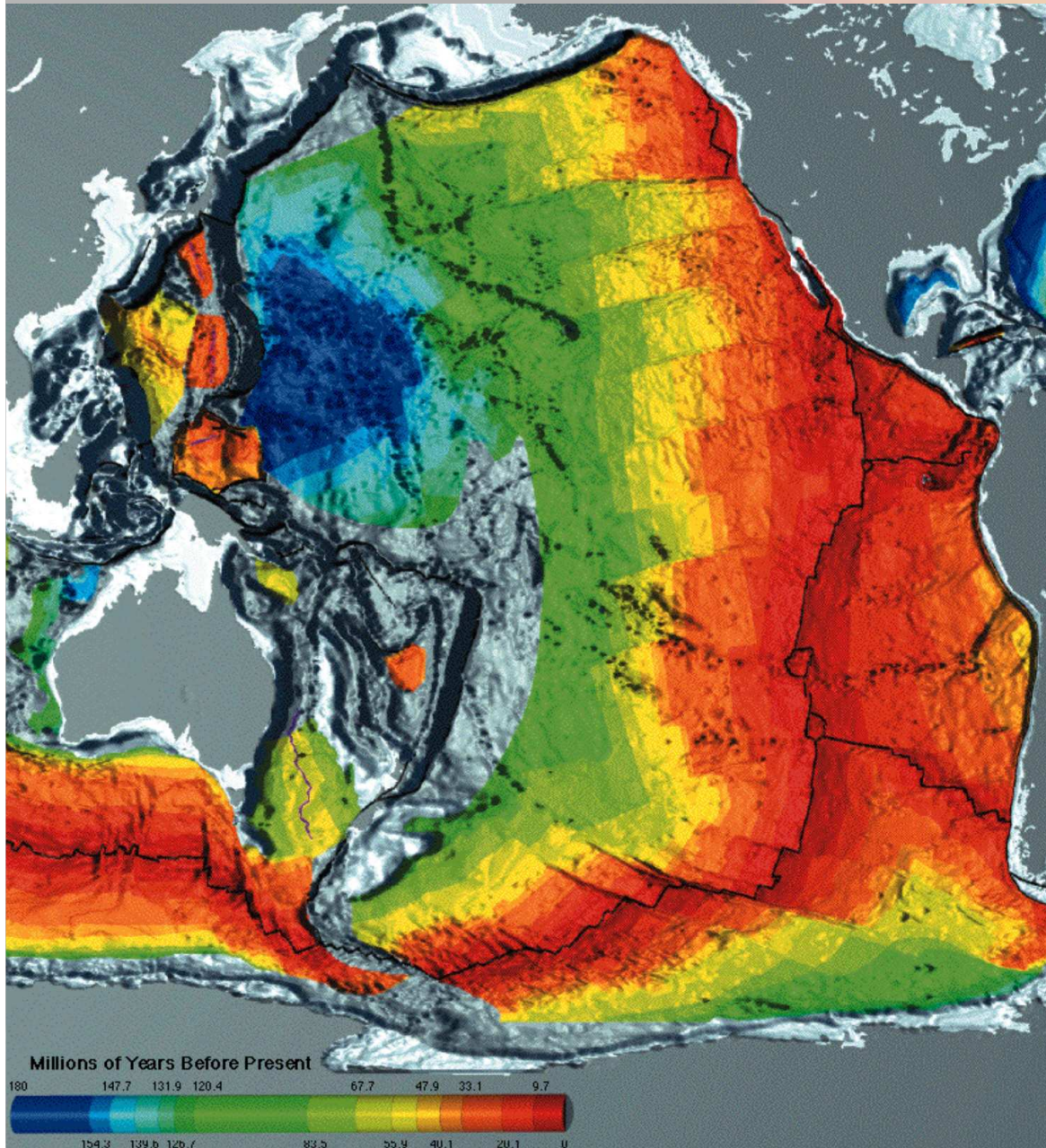
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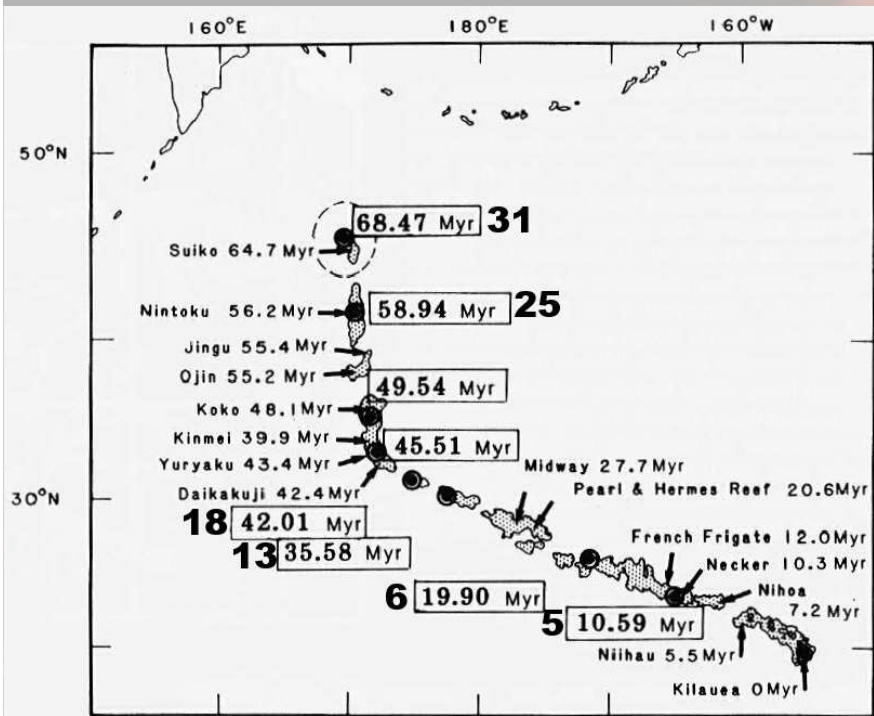
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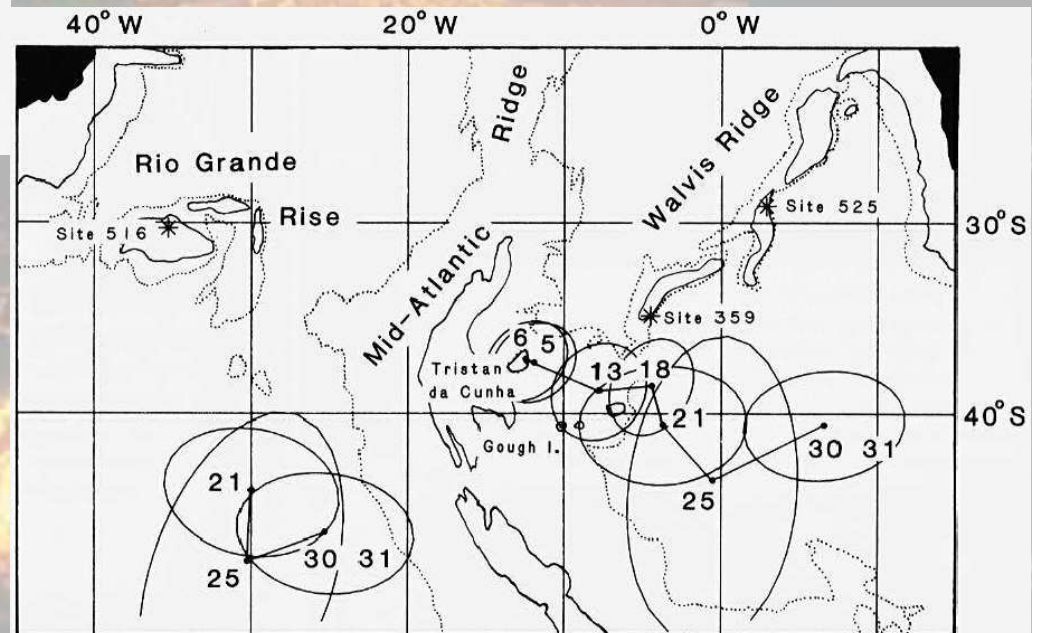
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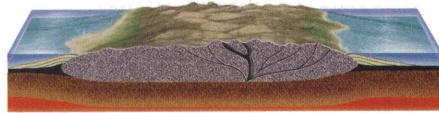
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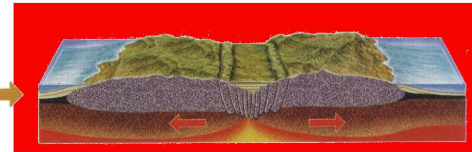
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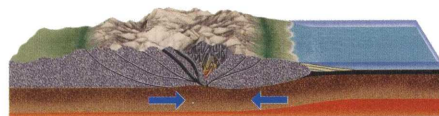
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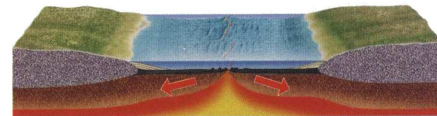
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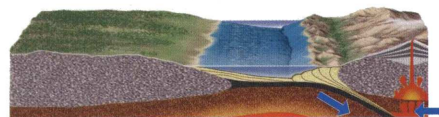
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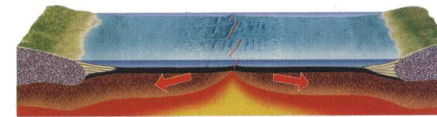
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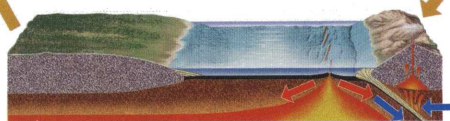
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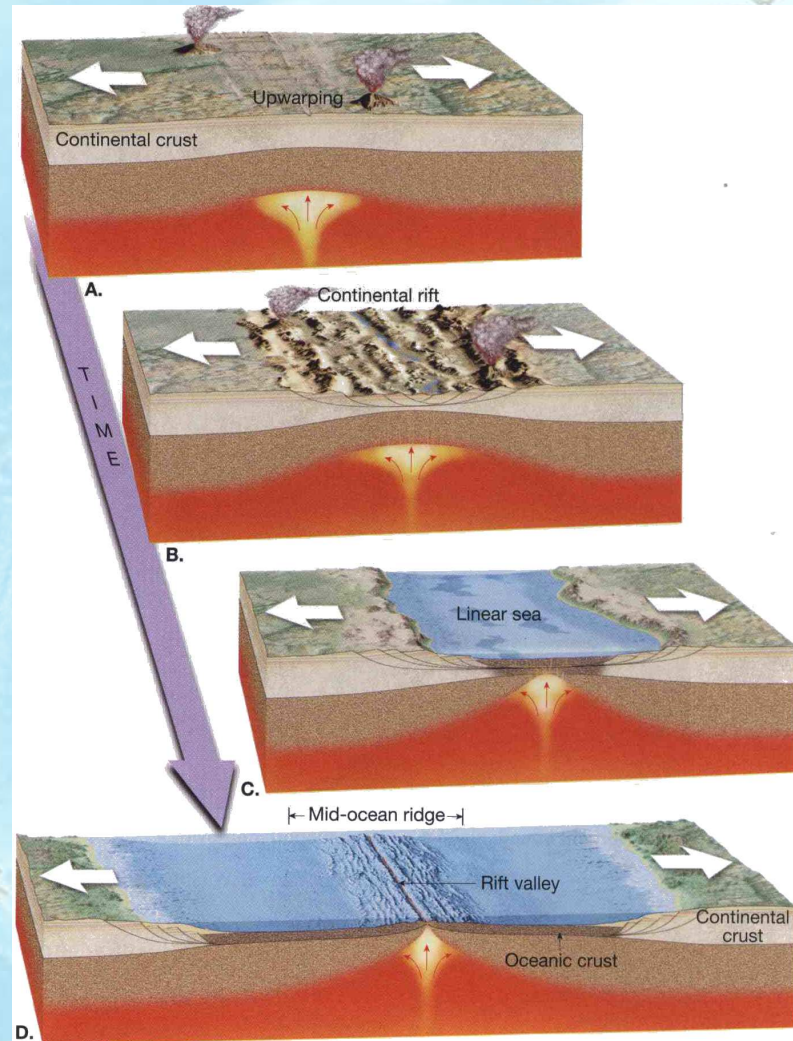


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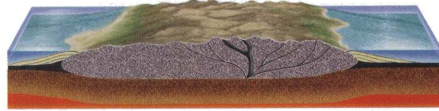
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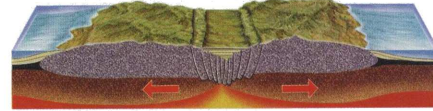




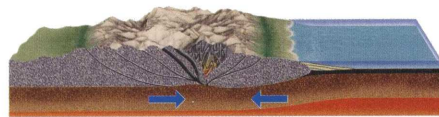
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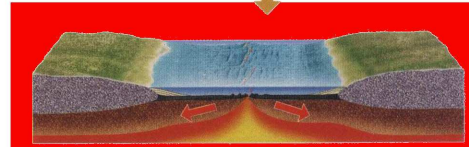
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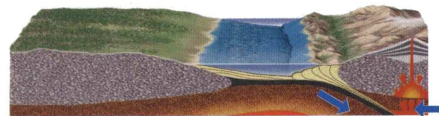
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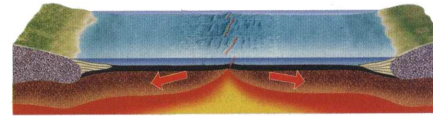
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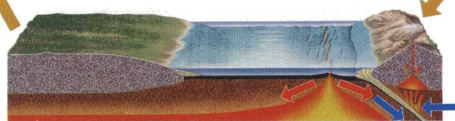
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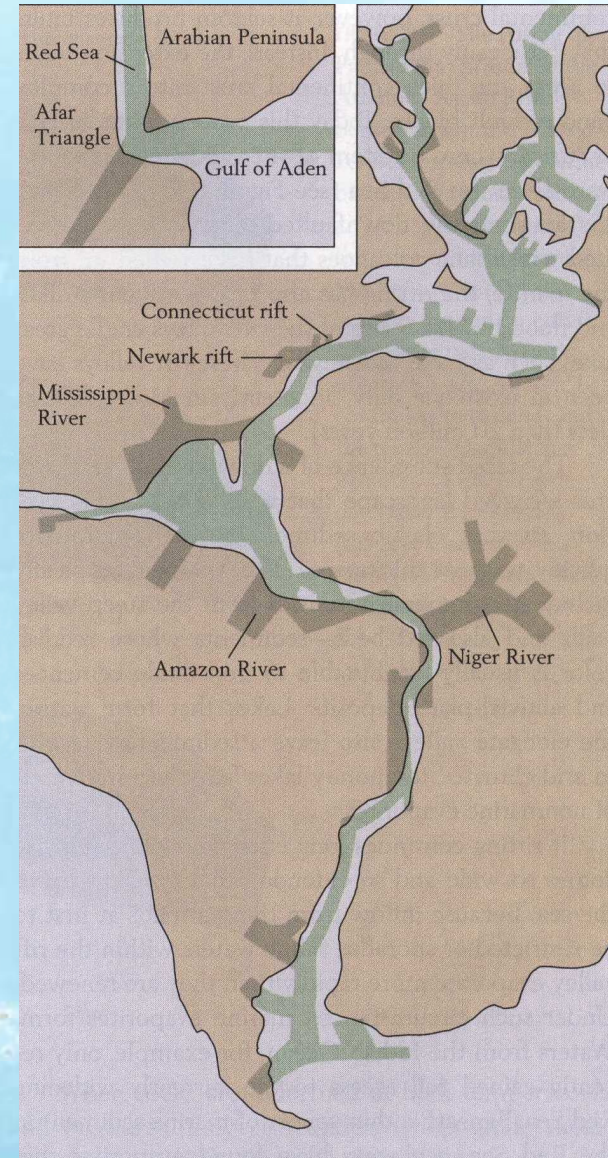


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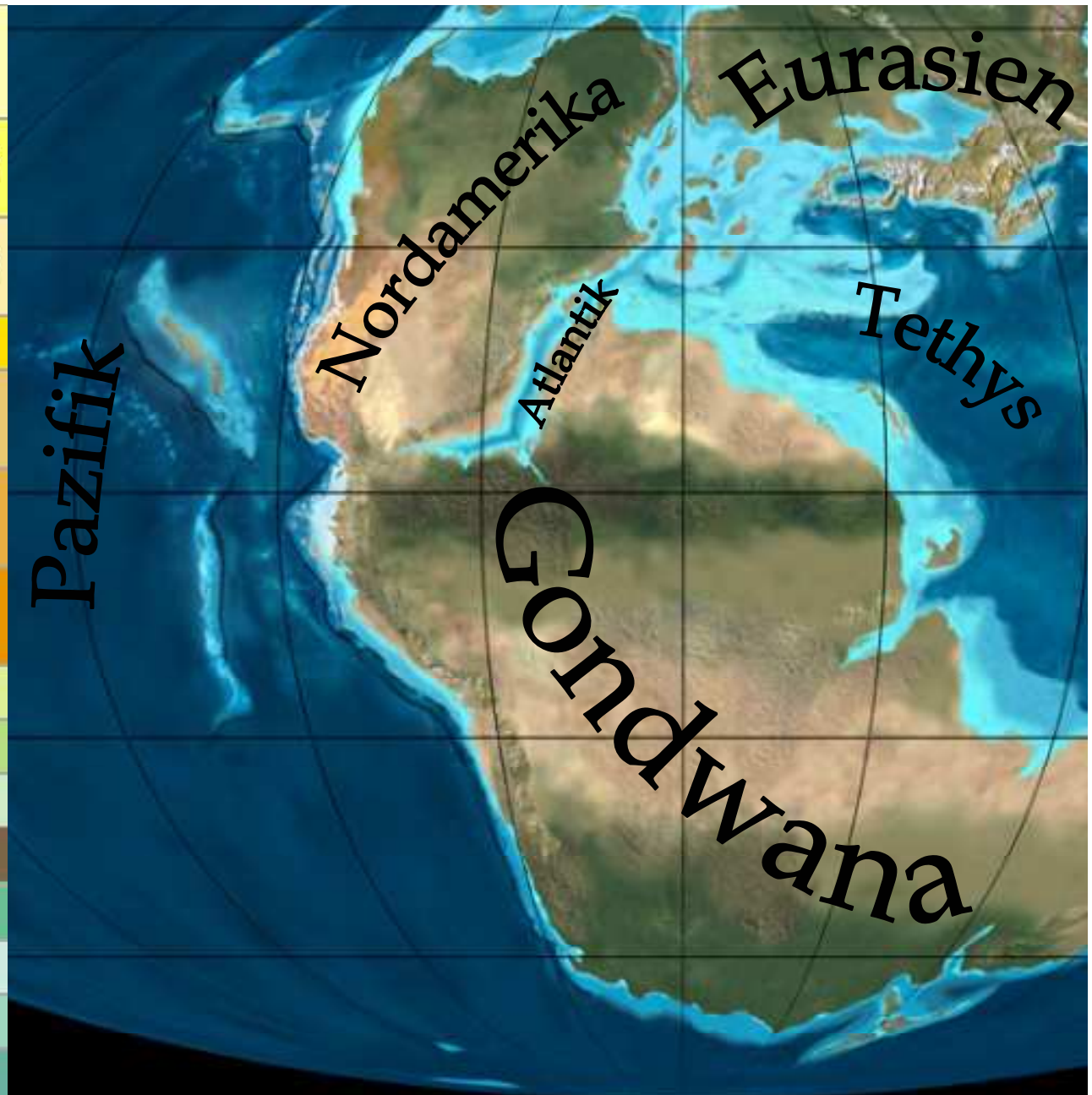
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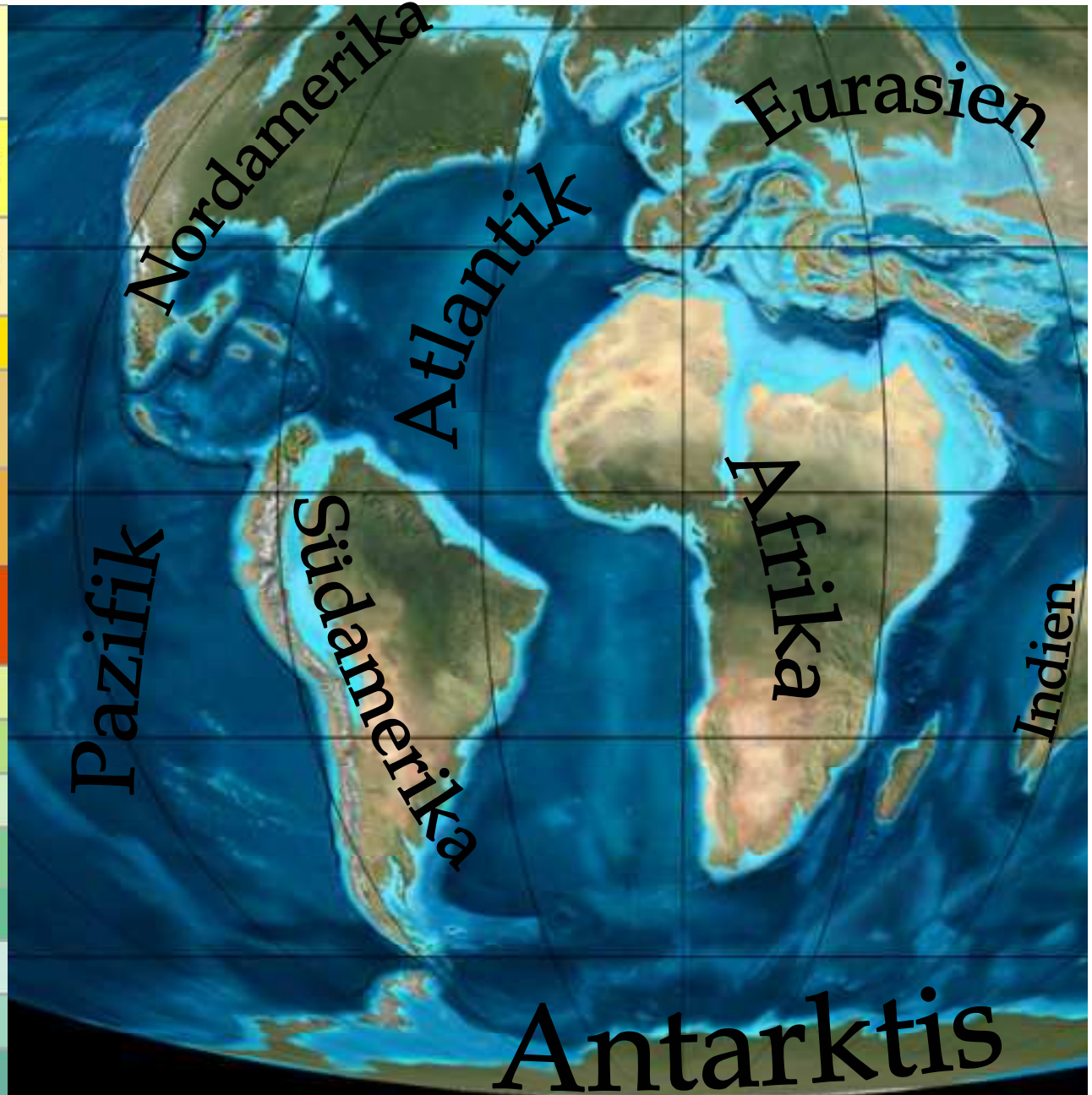
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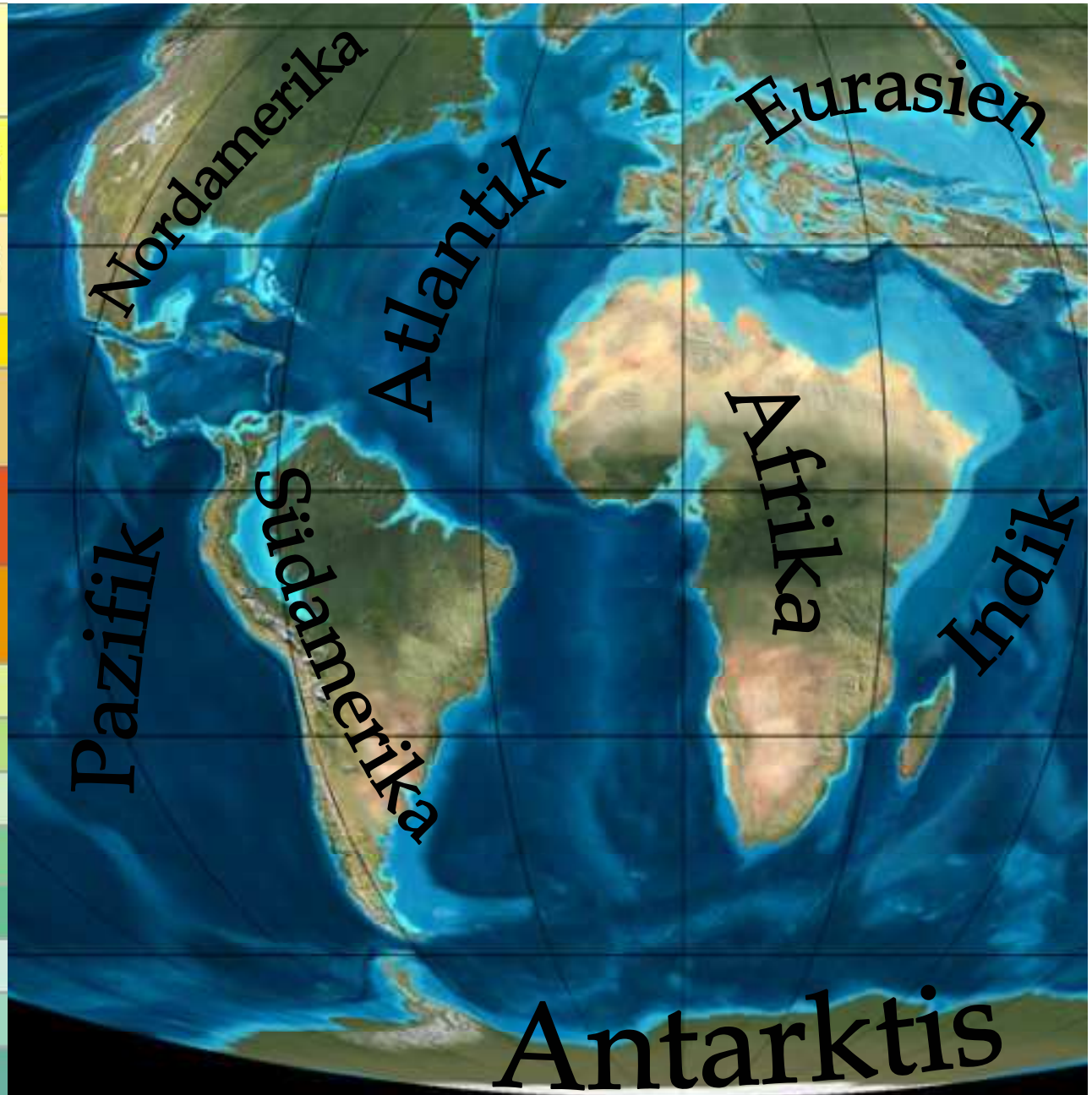
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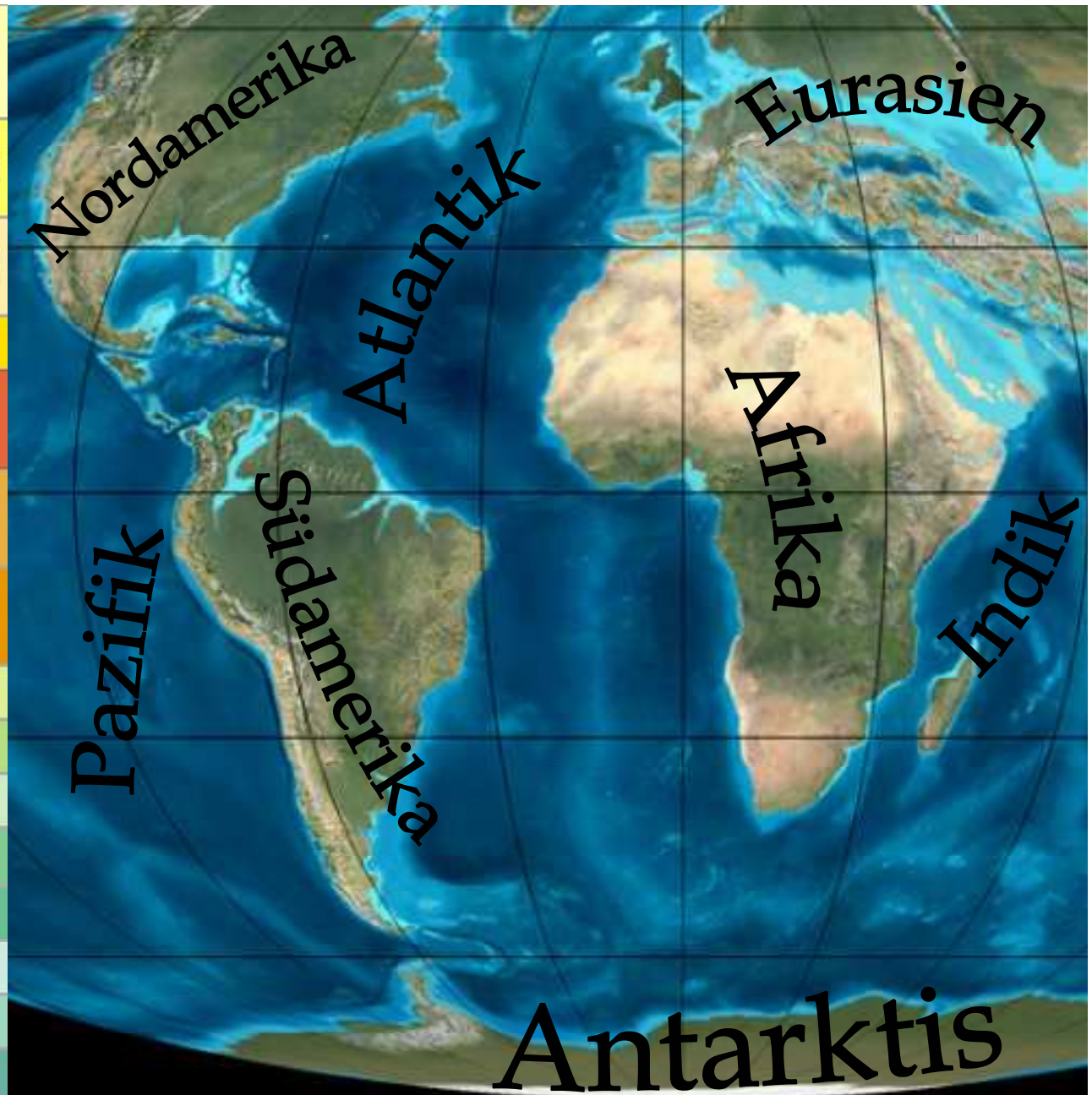
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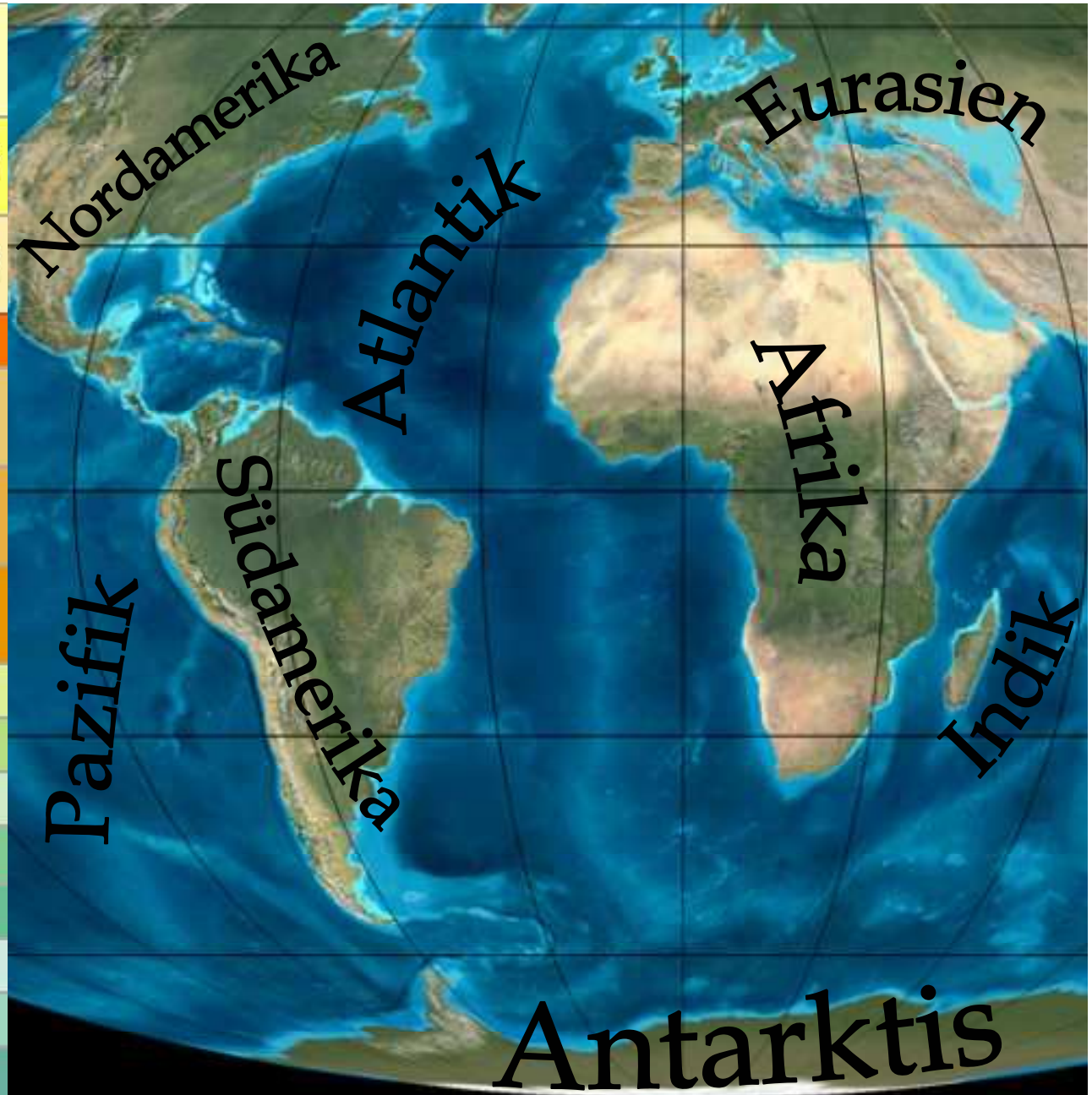
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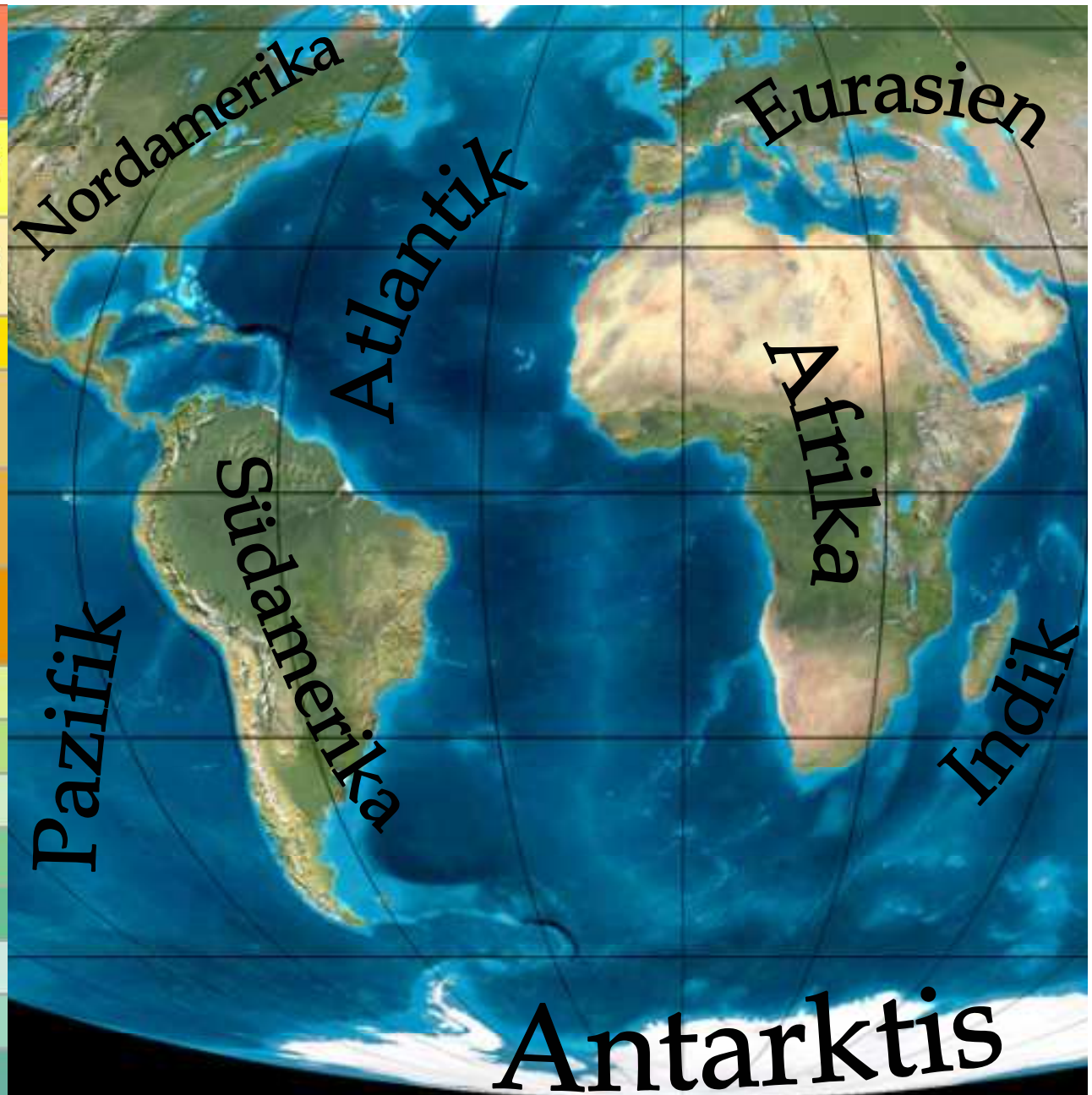
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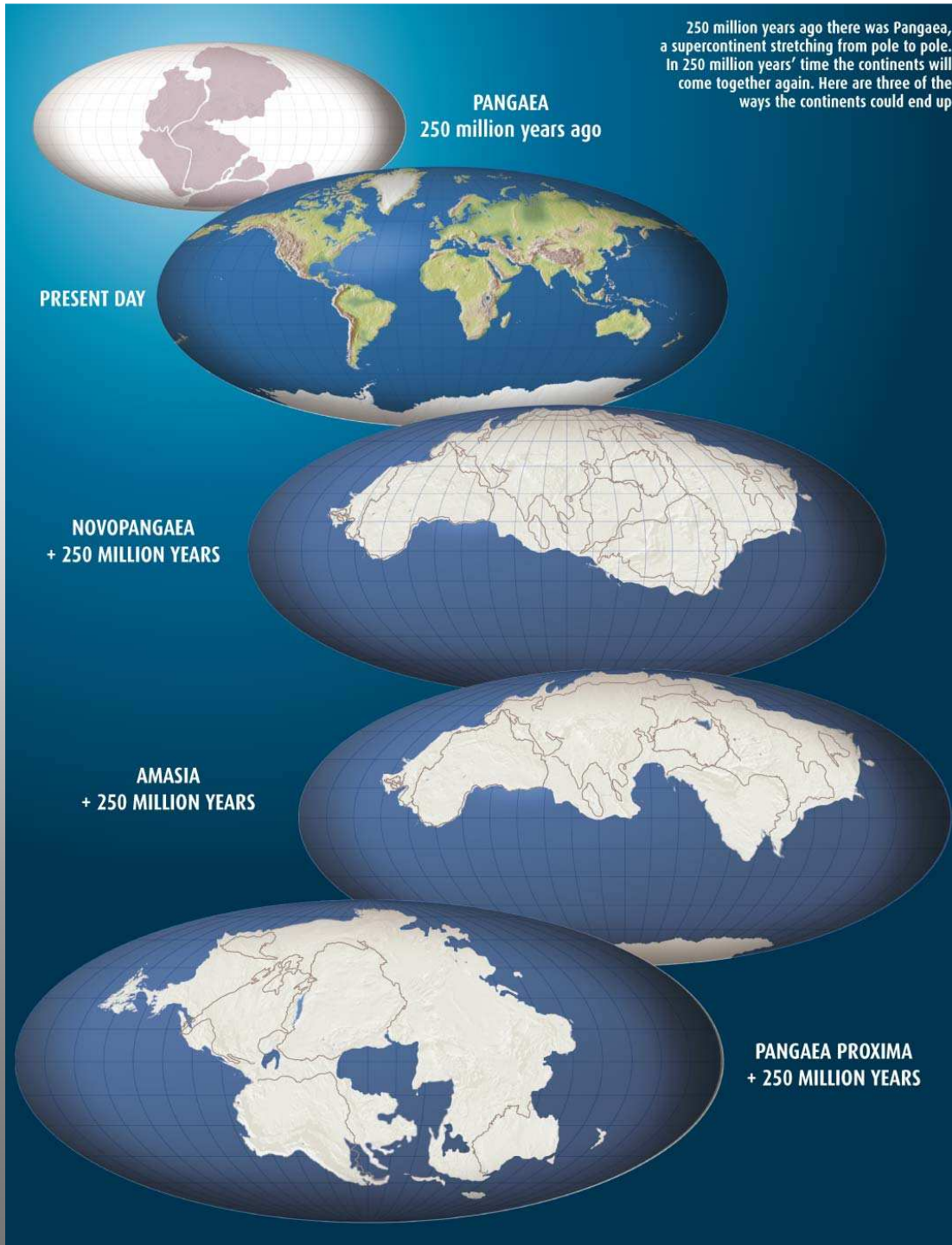
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