# 07- Tomographie des Mantels Kontinentale Rift-Zonen

## PREM model



## Seismic tomography



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## Imaging upper mantle discontinuities



#### Seismic tomography



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Ridges = hot, continents = cool



175 km to 250 km +3.0% -3.0% 0



#### Subduction zones = cool



Subduction zones = cool & East Africa = hot



East Africa = hot

## PREM model







- PREM includes layers with an uncertain geophysical origin
- $\cdot$  PREM is already a product of the modeling of seismic data
- $\cdot$  In tomography, PREM is modified

## Upper mantle discontinuity topography



Schmerr and Garnero [2007, Science]

## PREM model



#### Global shear velocity heterogeneity in D"



#### Upper mantle discontinuities: mineral phase boundaries

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## **Olivine phase transitions and temperature**



#### lower mantle beneath Caribbean







## **Types of Plate boundaries**



## Wilson cycle: the concept





**Subduction** 

Collision





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#### Kontinentale Rift-Zonen



Kontinentale Riftzonen repräsentieren das Frühstadium des Aufbrechens der Kontinente durch Extension Bildung neuer ozeanischer Becken

Kommt es zum Auseinanderbrechen der Lithosphäre, so wird das Rifting inaktiv und ein passiver Kontinentalrand entsteht (,rifted continental margin').

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**Step of rifting** 

Drift : seafloor spreading



Rift: nonmarine basins











Assuming an initial linear lithospheric geotherm, which amounts to ignoring the effects of any internal heat production, gives the temperature Tz at depth z

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Comparative subsidence of a portion of thinned lithosphere (degree of crustal shortening of 2) for subaerial conditions, subaquatic conditions and sediment burial conditions. Note increased subsidence from s1 to s3.





Distribution of alluvial fans in the Baringo-Bogoria rift area





## Example





4 s TWT

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#### Complex fault systems and related folds found in rifts



Antithetic fault

(b)



(a) Cross section showing a rollover anticline above a listric normal fault, and a rollover syncline forming at the intersection of a ramp and flat.

(b) Here, antithetic faults (dipping toward the main fault) and synthetic faults (dipping in the same direction as the main fault) break up the hanging-wall block.

(c) Complex fault system underlain by an extensional duplex. Note the sub-basins and the high block between them.









Pure-shear model

Simple-shear model

Hybrid model



(simple shear plus broad zone of distributed shear at depth)



### Large Igneous Provinces (LIPs)



..... Rifted volcanic margins

Beispiele: Ostafrikanischer Graben, Rheingraben, Rio Grande Rift, Baikal Rift

#### Main LIPs associated with rifted zones



Fig. 1. Location of voluminous extrusive volcanic rocks on rifted continental margins (hatched), and extent of associated continental flood basalts (solid) with circled numbers showing section of this paper where each region is discussed. Projection is Aitoff equal area.

White & McKenzie, 1989

#### Example of LIPs associated with rifted zones



Fig. 8. Reconstruction of the northern North Atlantic region at magnetic anomaly 23 time, just after the on of oceanic spreading. Position of extrusive volcanic rocks is shown by solid shading, with hatching to show a extent of early Tertiary igneous activity in the region. The inferred position of the mantle plume beneath e Greenland at the time of rifting and the extent of the mushroom-shaped head of abnormally hot asthenosph are superimposed. Projection is equal area centered on the mantle plume.



Fig. 15. Reconstruction of South Atlantic at anomaly M4 time (approximately 120 Ma) shortly after the onset of seafloor spreading. Solid shading shows areas of extrusive basalts. Extent of Paraná basalts from *Hawkesworth et al.* [1986], Etendeka basalts from *Eales et al.* [1984], offshore areas from seaward dipping reflectors reported by *Hinz* [1981], *Gerrard and Smith*, [1982] and *Austin and Uchupi* [1982]. Shaded area around Walvis hot spot shows extent of mushroom head of abnormally hot mantle. Equal area projection is centered on the hot-spot location.

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## Example of LIPs associated with rifted zones



#### Extensional mechanisms & magmatism



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Magmatic rifting requires significantly less tectonic force than does amagmatic rifting.

Thus, early magmatism associated with active rifting provides a plausible solution to the "tectonic force" paradox. But how is this magma distributed with depth and how much magma is required for rupture?

## Two types of rifted zones

Associated with volcanism: plume related?



Without volcanism: tectonic?



#### Intracontinental extension: Basin & Ranges



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**Core-complex development** 



(a)

An initially subhorizontal, midcrustal ductile detachment zone is formed beneath an array of steeply dipping normal faults in the upper plate



(b) additional normal faults have formed, increasing the geometric complexity;

## Intracontinental extension: Basin & Ranges





(C)

(c) as a result of unloading and isostatic compensation, the lower plate bows upward;



(d)

(d) extreme thinning of the hanging wall exposes the "metamorphic core" (an exposure of the mylonitic shear zone of the detachment). Some of the hanging-wall blocks have rotated by 90°.