

EarthScope Cascadia Interpretive Workshop

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**Mt. Rainier National Park
Education Center**

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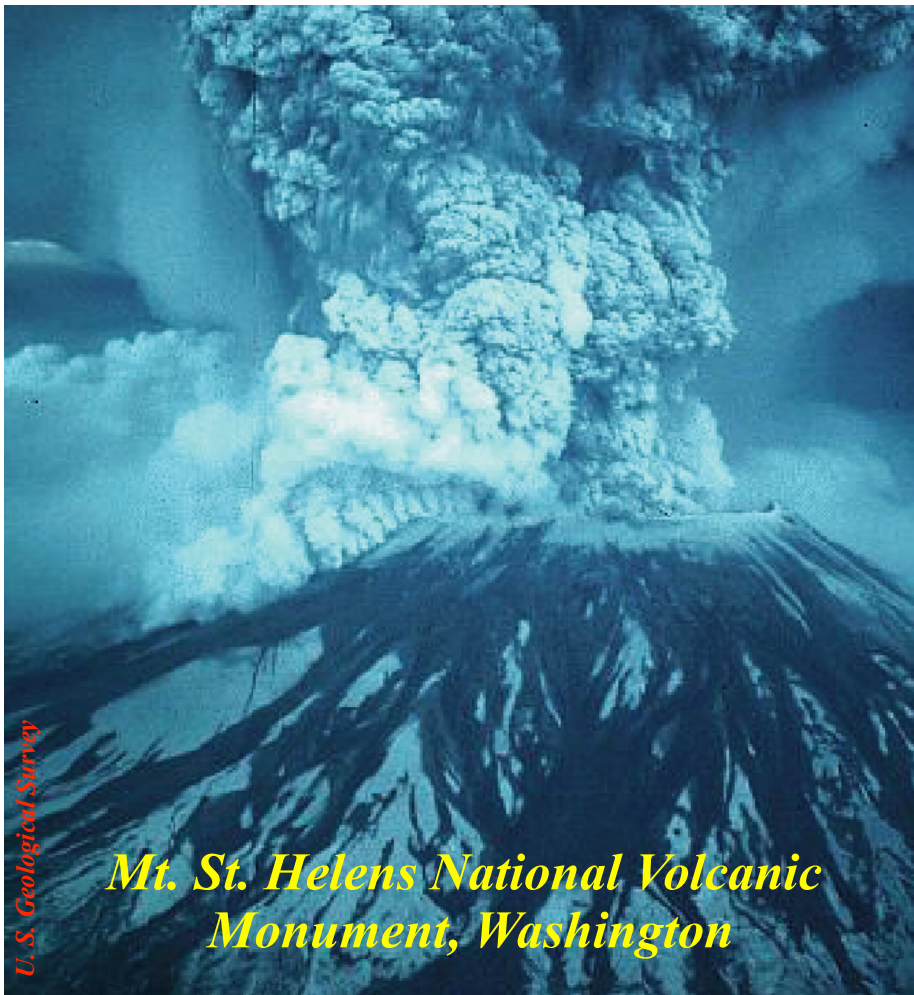


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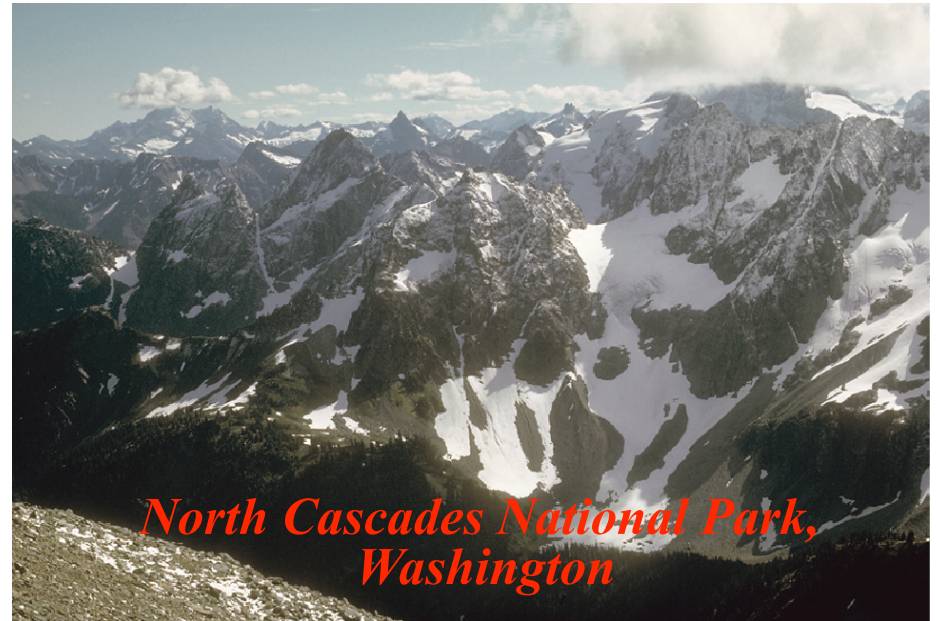


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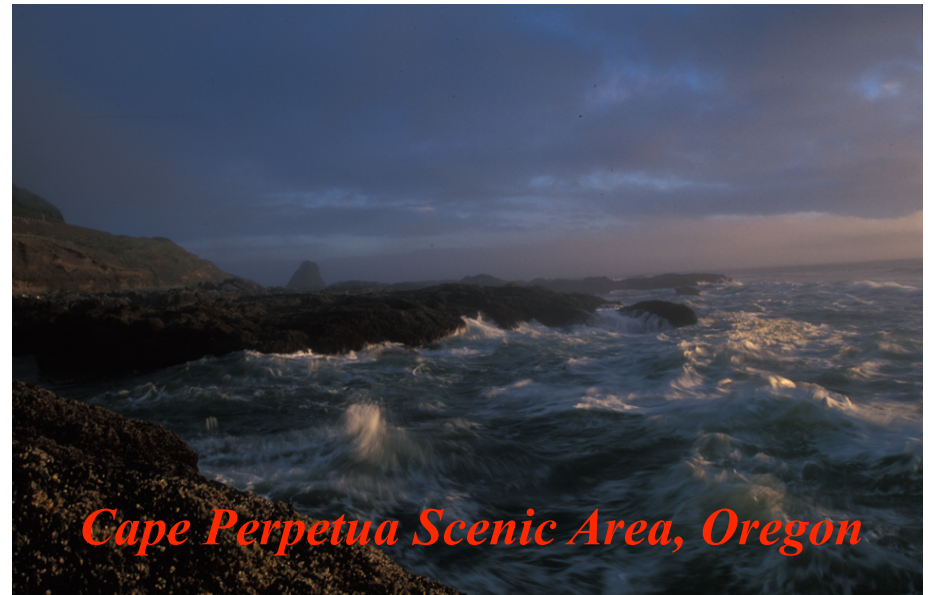
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Ghost Forest from 1700 Earthquake

Matt Lovemark

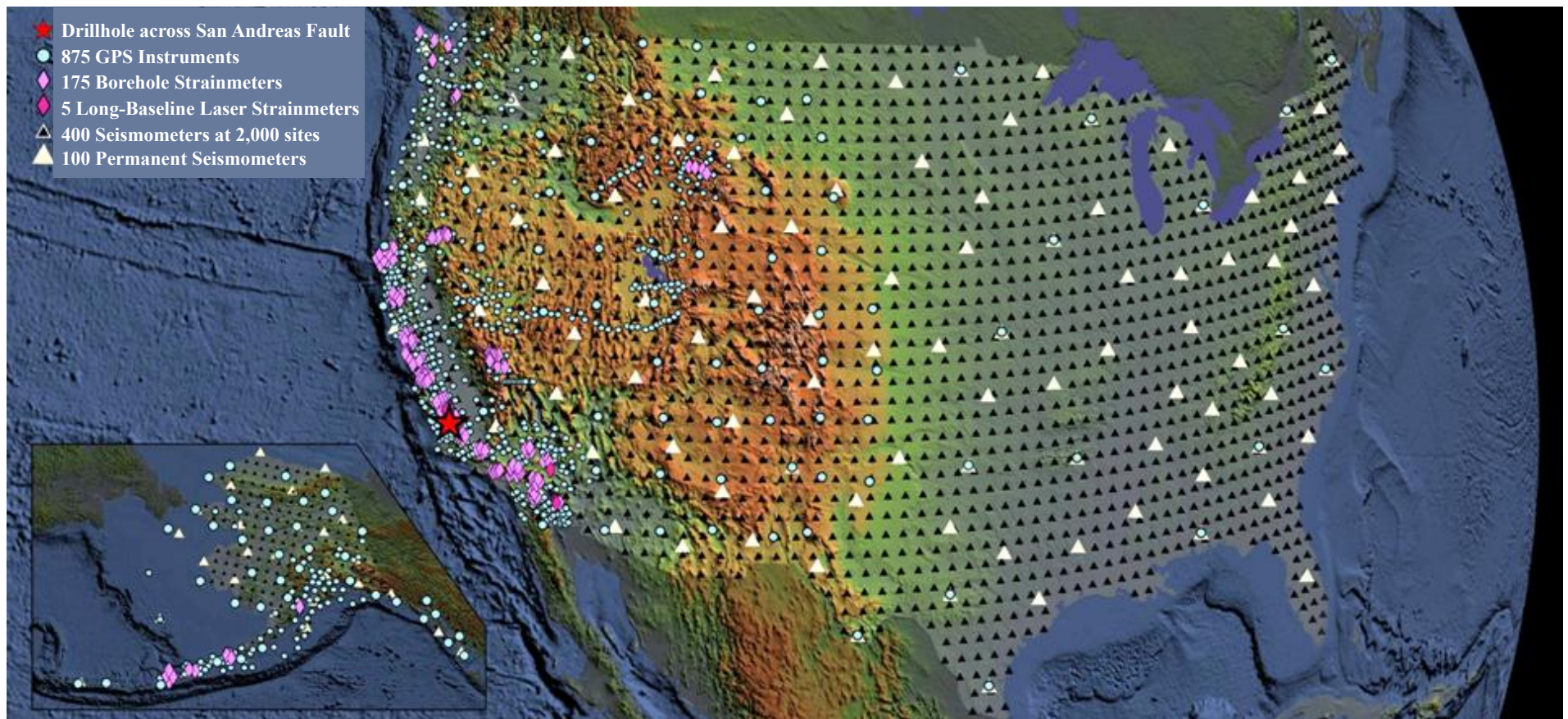


Cape Perpetua Scenic Area, Oregon

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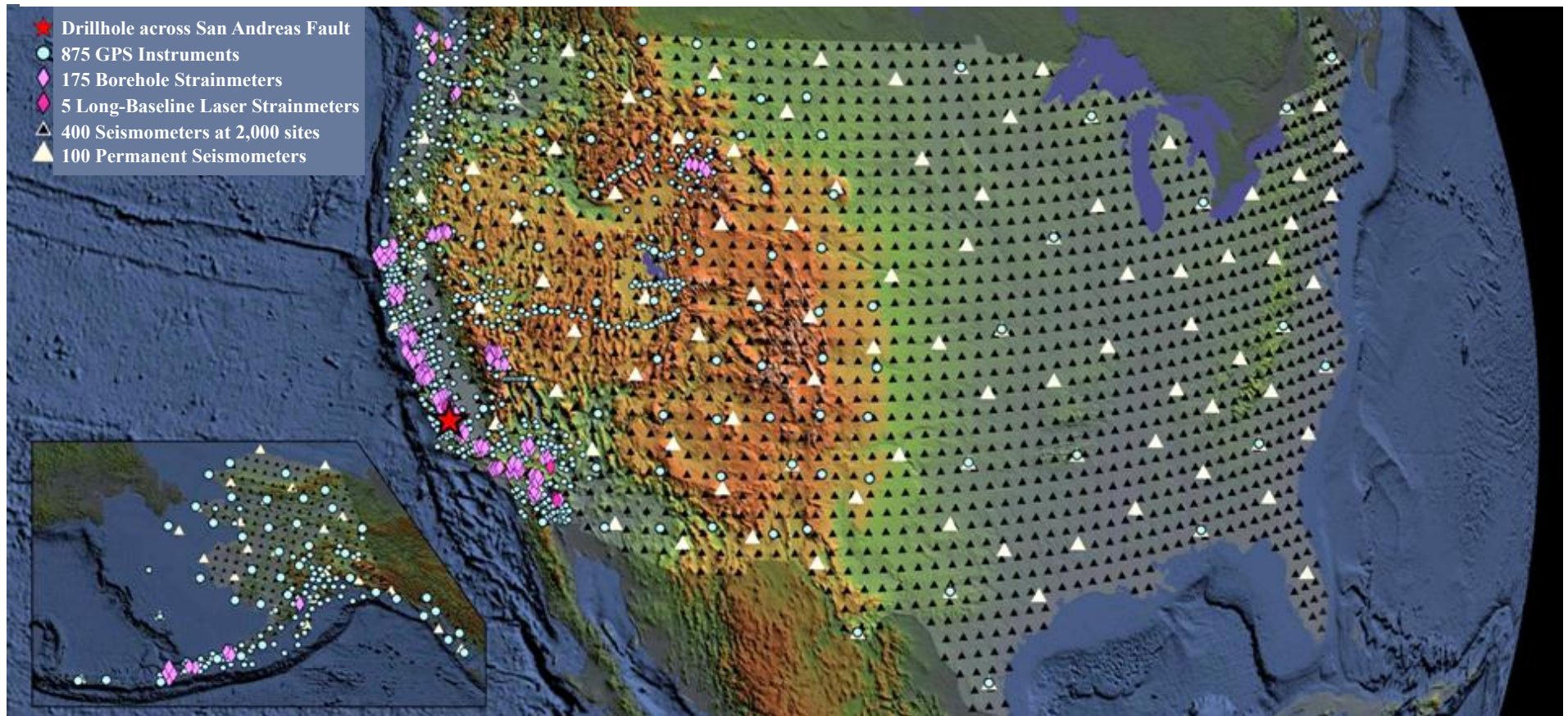
A nationwide program to

- **Explore the structure and evolution of the North American continent**
- **Understand processes that cause earthquakes and volcanic eruptions**



EarthScope

Like a “Hubble Telescope” aimed into the Earth



EarthScope Cascadia Interpretive Workshop

- Science Content

- Basic geology: plate tectonics and the dynamic landscape
- EarthScope: USArray, Plate Boundary Observatory (PBO), and other monitoring of the landscape

- Interpretive Methods

- **“Beauty and the Beast”**

- Inspiring landscapes formed by geological processes
- Same processes result in earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanic eruptions

- **Participants participate:**

- Work in groups to prepare and present interpretive programs that incorporate EarthScope
- Field trip for landscape/instrumentation
- IRIS Active Earth Kiosk

- Questions for Each Speaker

- Form in folder
- Write one question for each speaker
- Turn in immediately after presentation
- Speaker asked to answer questions
- Answers sent to participants

Mount Rainier National Park, Washington



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EarthScope Cascadia Interpretive Workshop

Co-Instructors and Facilitators:

- Bob Butler (University of Portland)
- Anne Doherty (Mt. Rainier Nat Park)
- Carolyn Driedger (USGS-CVO)
- Susan Eriksson (UNAVCO)
- Charlotte Goddard (Oregon State Univ)
- Bob Lillie (Oregon State University)
- Steve Malone (Univ Washington)
- Tim Melbourne (Central Wash Univ)
- Seth Moran (USGS-CVO)
- Lynne Murdock (National Park Service)
- Kelly Reeves (IRIS)



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Participant Organizations 20

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1. Redwood N&SP
2. Hatfield Marine Science Center
3. Oregon State Parks, Depoe Bay
4. Wash State Parks & Rec, Ilwaco
5. Olympic NP (Forks)
6. Olympic Park Institute
7. Pacific Geoscience Centre
8. Oregon State University
9. Oregon Dept Geology & Mineral Industries
10. Washington Nat Res/Geological Survey
11. Wash State Parks & Rec, Oak Harbor
12. Mount St. Helens NVM
Mount St. Helens Institute
Wash State Parks - Mount St. Helens VC
13. Mt. Rainier NP
Mt. Rainier NP Education Center
14. Orting High School
15. North Cascades NP
16. Oregon Paleo Lands Institute
17. Lake Wenatchee State Park
18. Nez Perce NHP
19. Lake Clark NP&Pres
20. Denali NP

Some Park Lands in the
Cascadia Subduction Zone

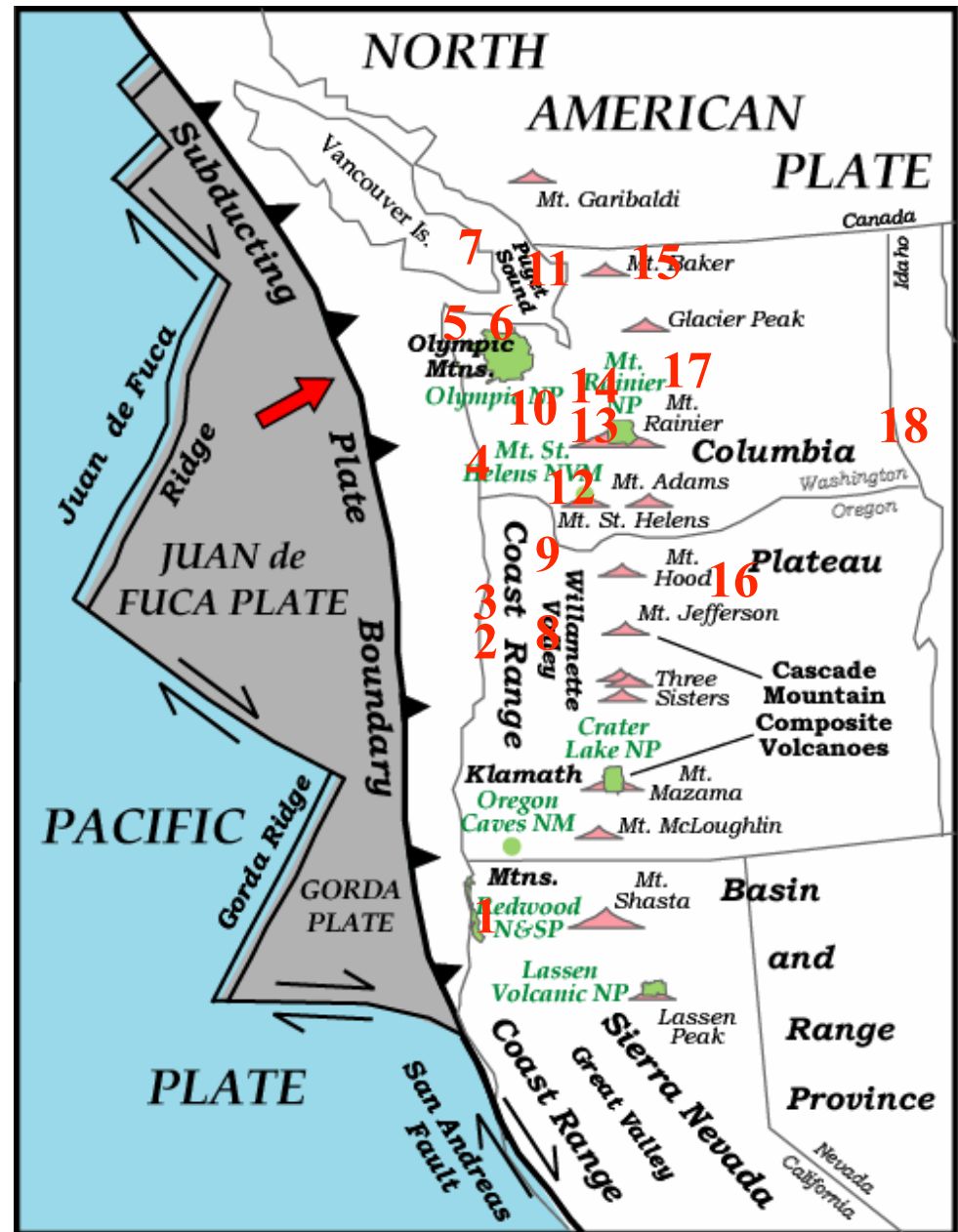


Plate Boundaries: Divergent



Convergent



Transform

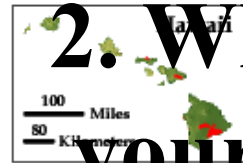


NATIONAL PARKLANDS

Introductions (About 5 at a time ☺)

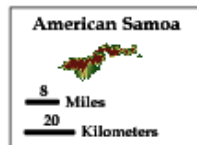
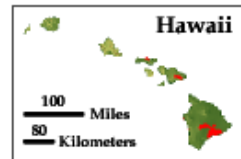
1. Who? Where from? Why this workshop?

2. What's your favorite park - other than your own ☺ - and why?



NATIONAL PARKLANDS

Why are there so many more parks
in the West compared to the East?



Divergent \

Convergent < "Teeth" on
Overriding Plate

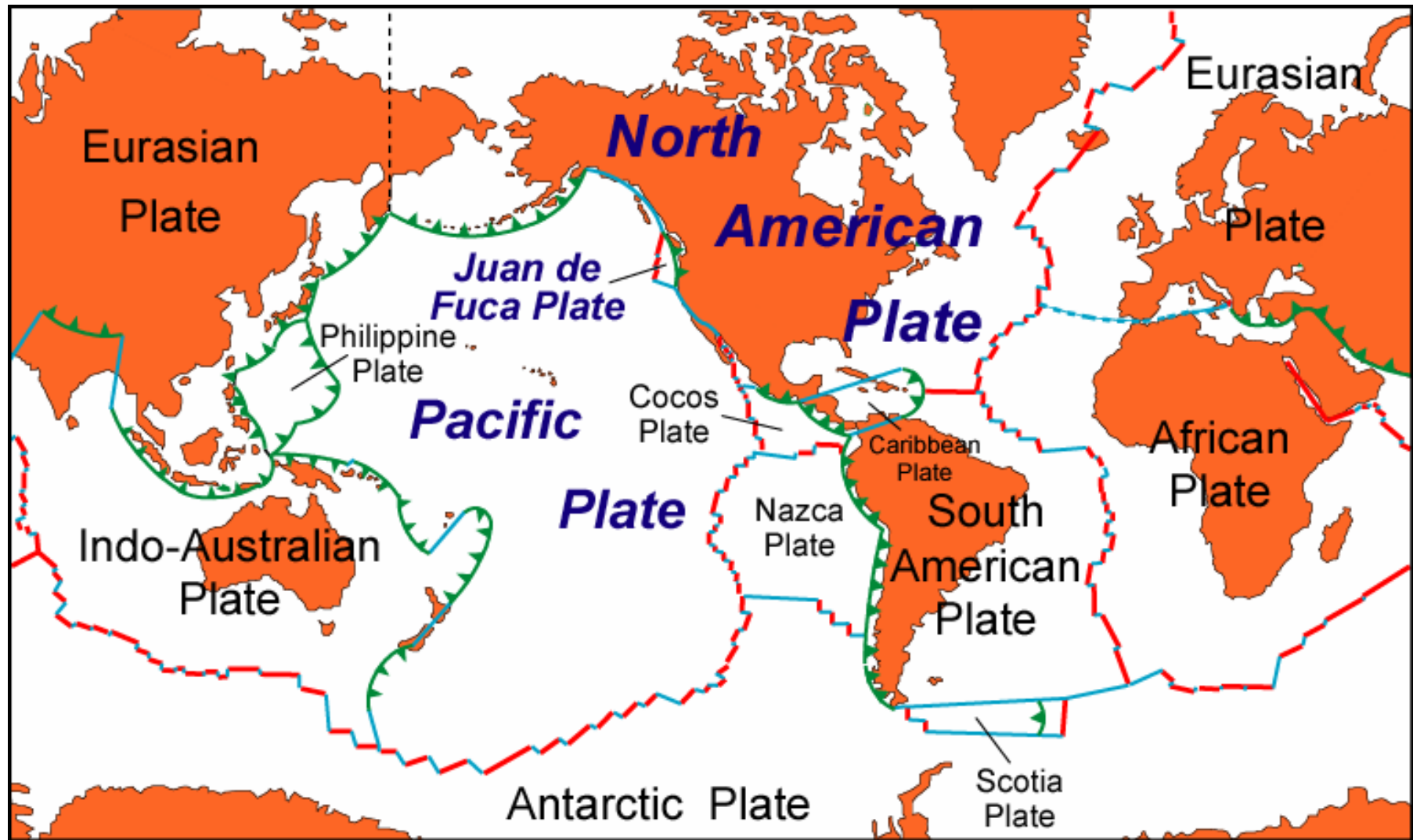
Transform \

PLATE TECTONICS

- **Tectonics**:
- **From the Greek “tecton”**
 - builder
 - “architect”
- **The study of large features on Earth’s surface and the processes that formed them.**

“PLATE TECTONICS”

- **Large features:**
 - continents
 - ocean basins
 - mountain ranges
- **and processes:**
 - earthquakes
 - volcanic eruptions
- **due to movement of plates of Earth's outer shell.**



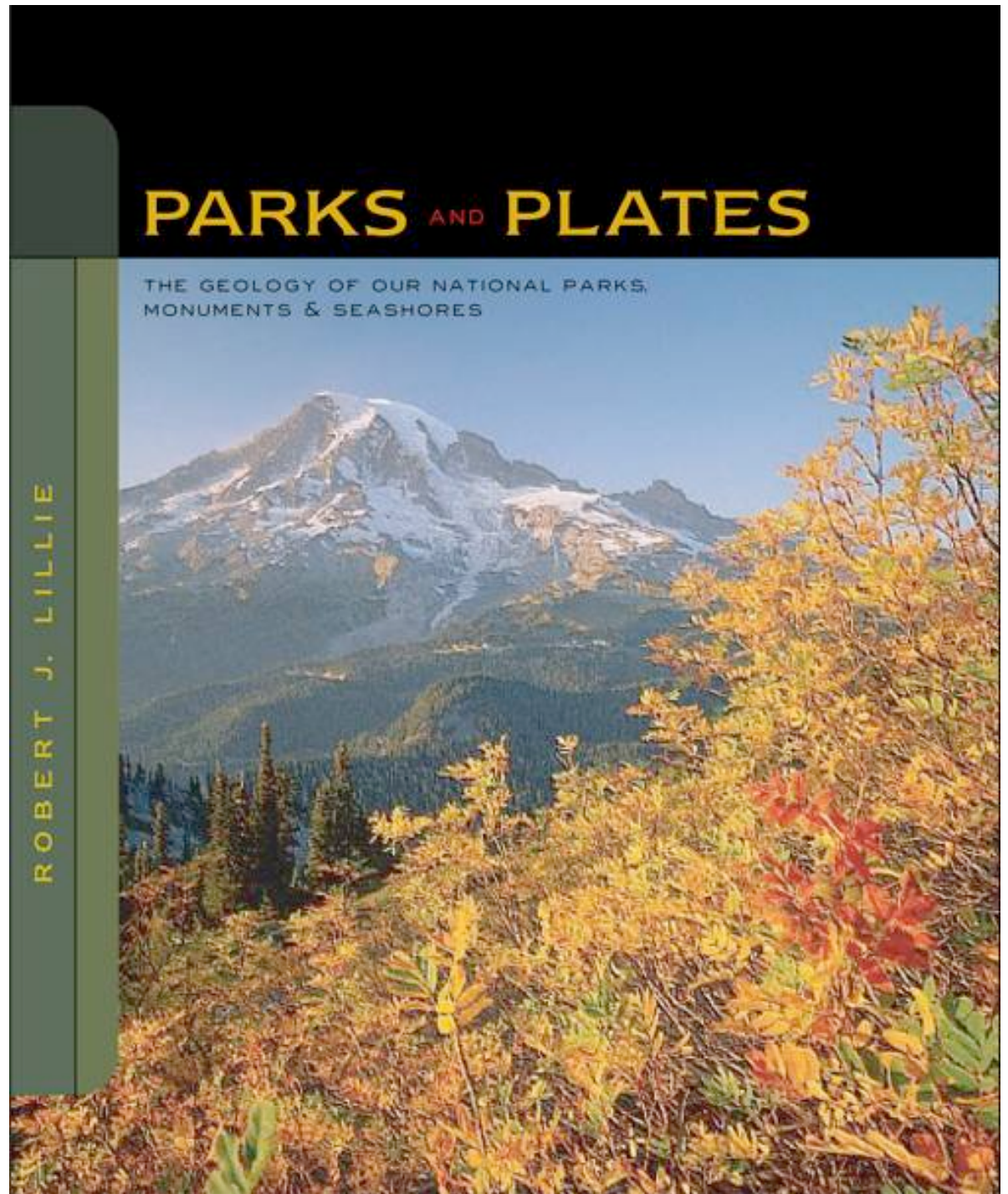
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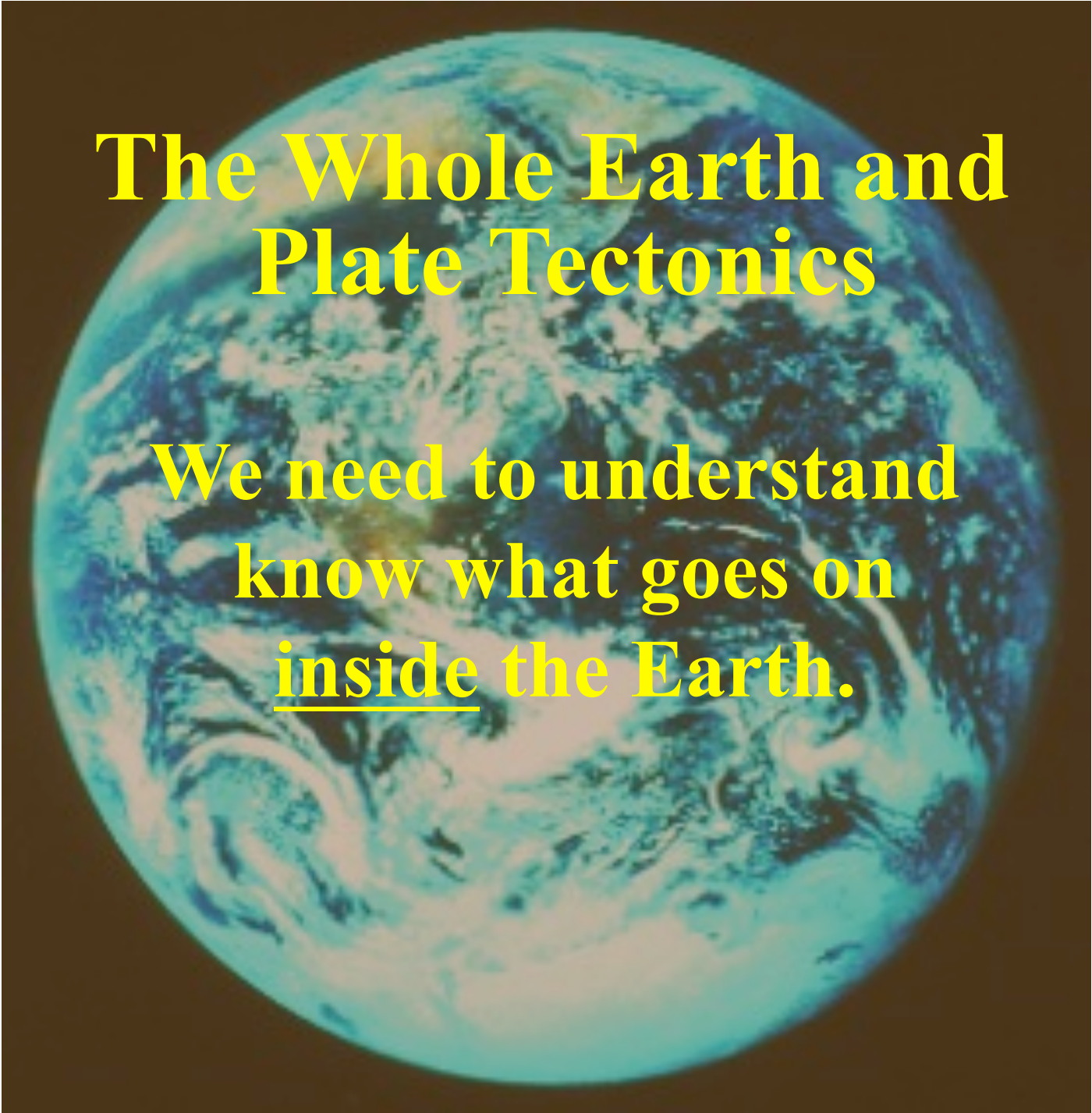
*Parks and Plates
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Landscapes of national parks due to processes:

- At plate boundaries

1. Where they pull apart (divergent)
2. Where they crash together (convergent)
3. Where they slide past one another (transform)

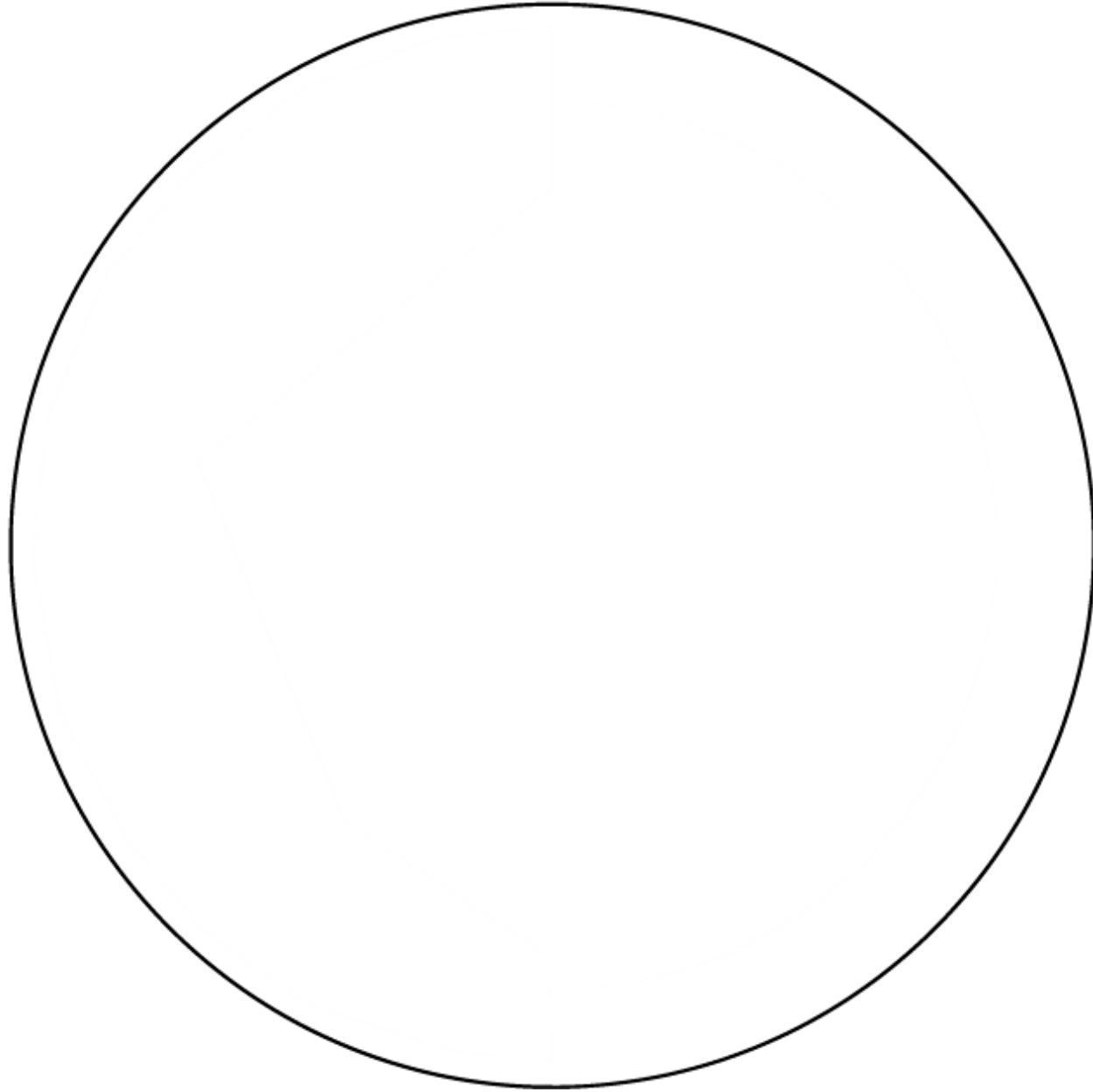




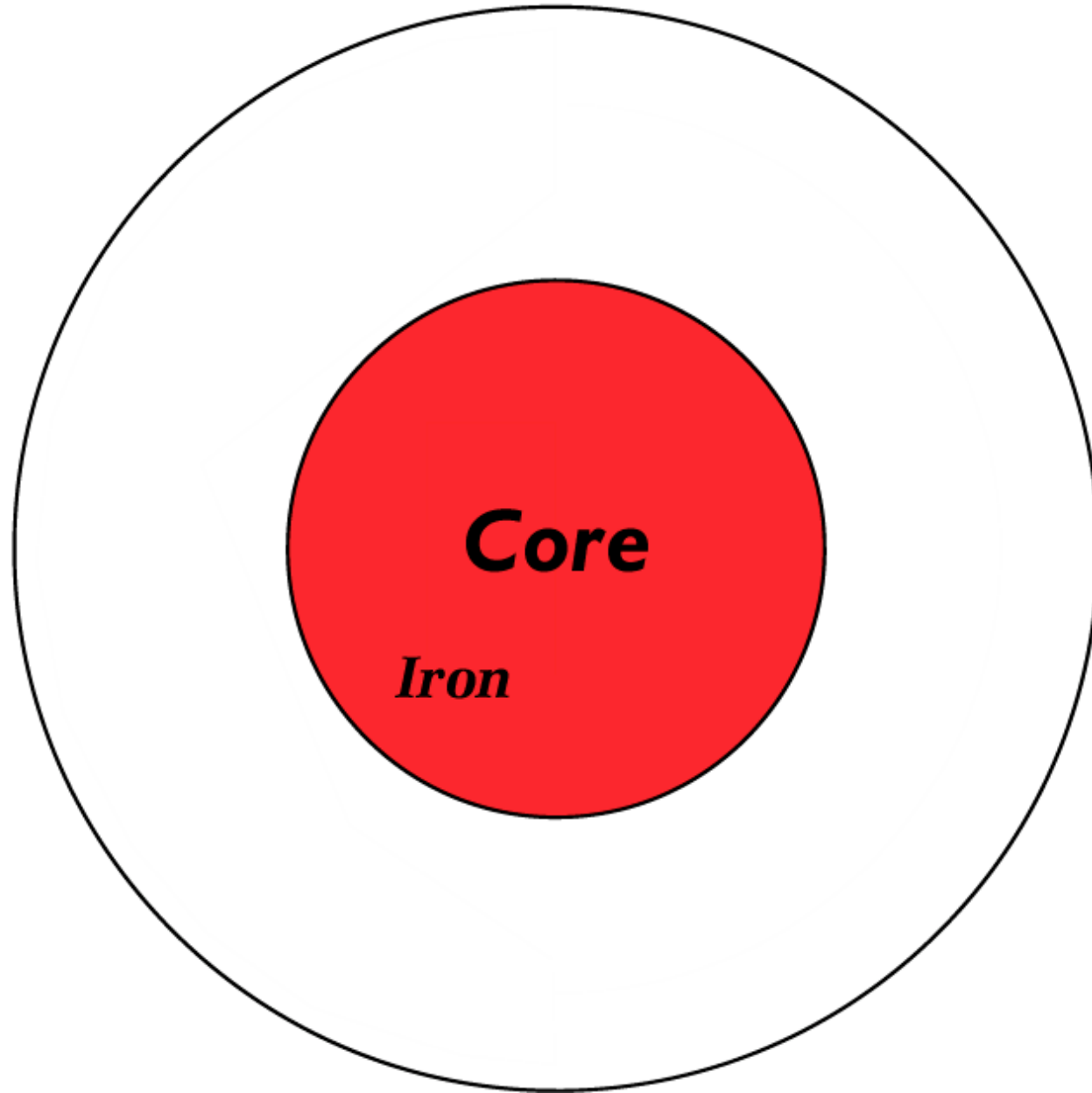
The Whole Earth and Plate Tectonics

We need to understand
know what goes on
inside the Earth.

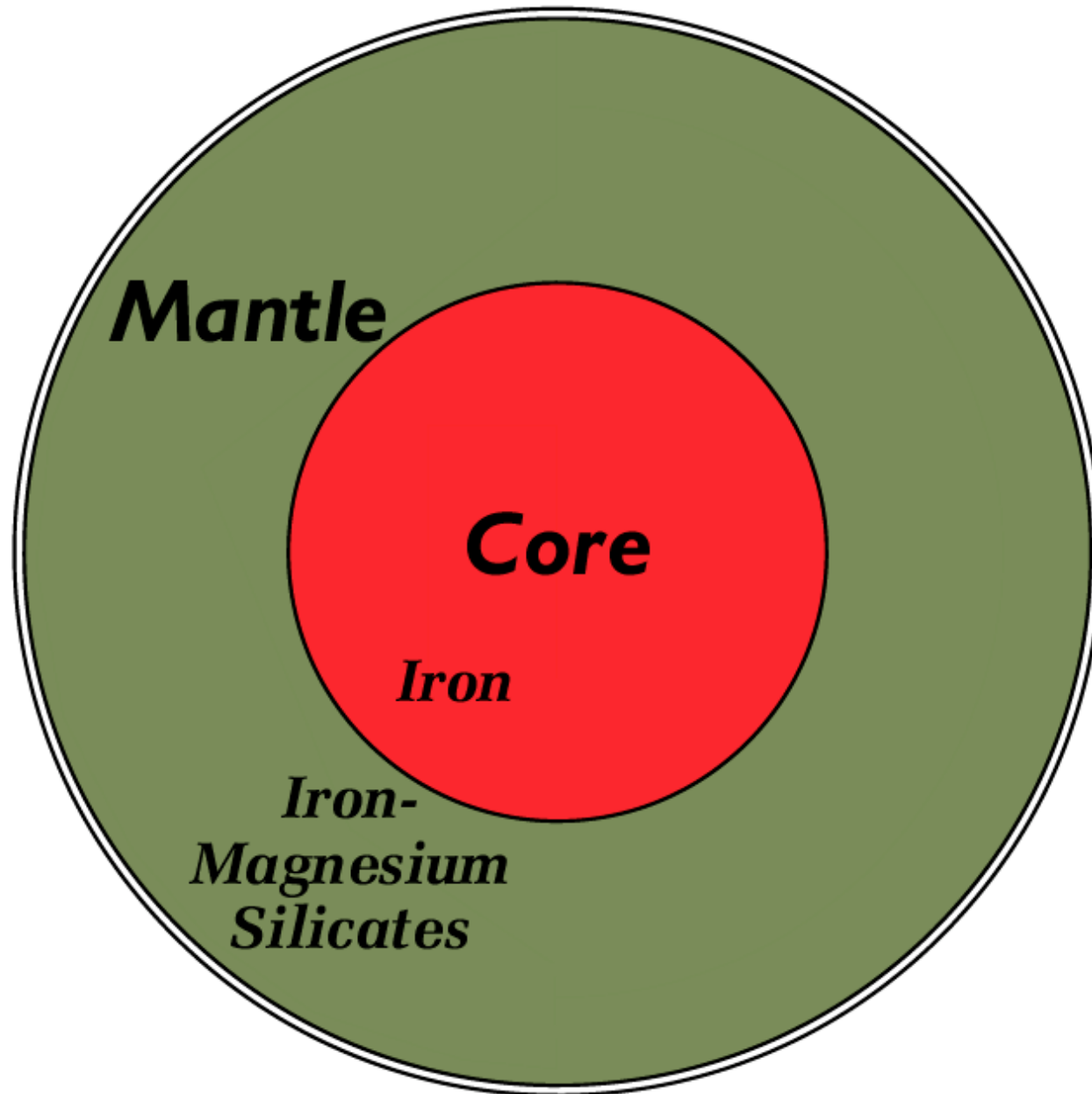
Classical Divisions of the Earth (Chemical Composition)



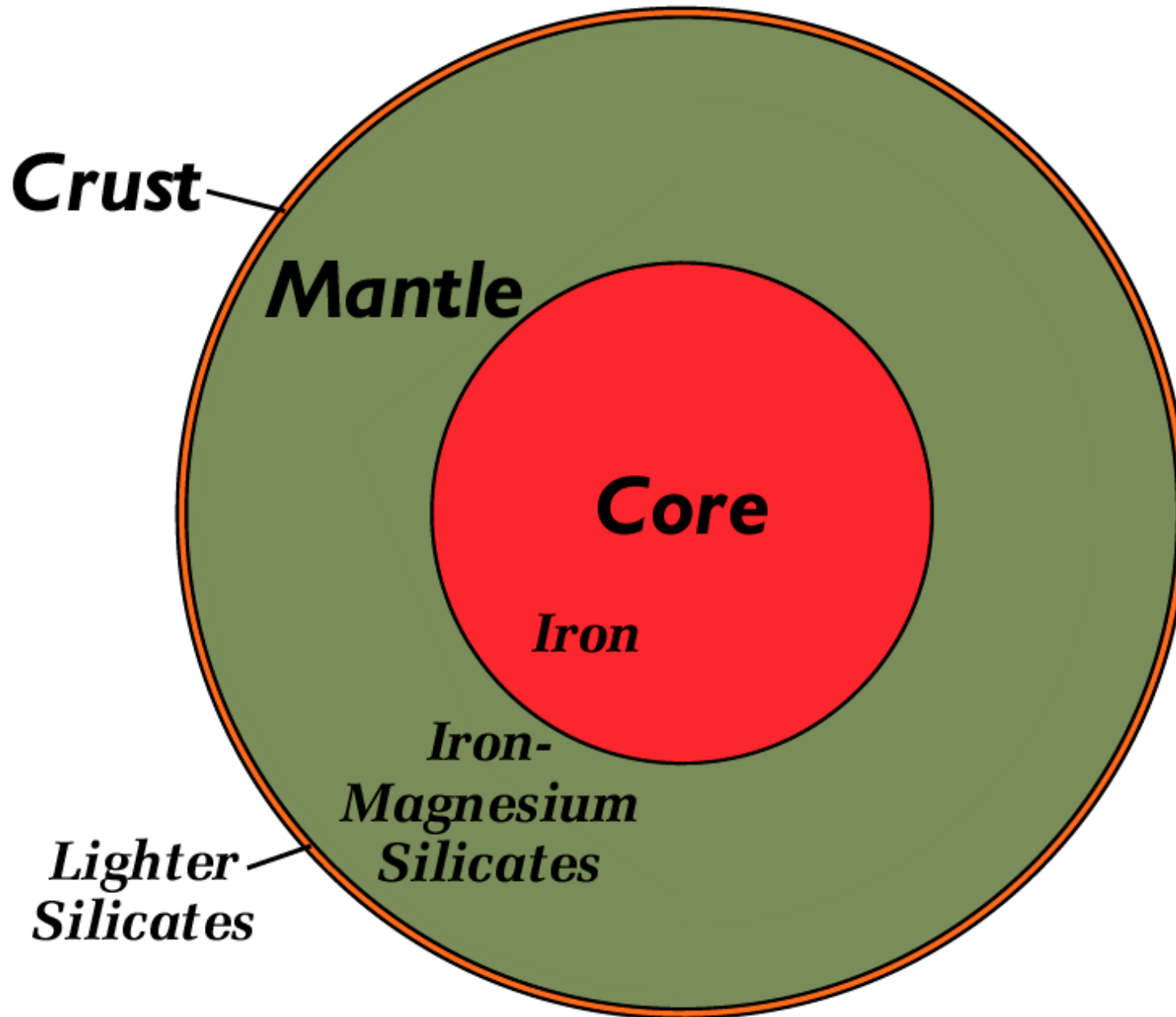
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Classical
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Crust

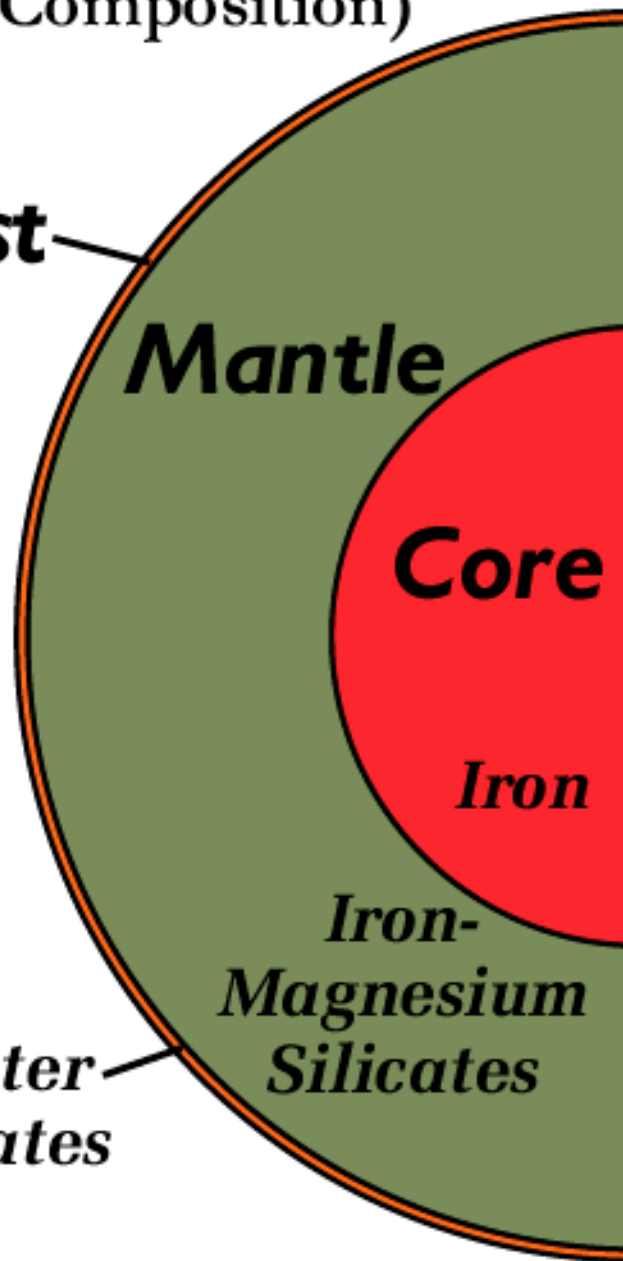
Mantle

Core

Iron

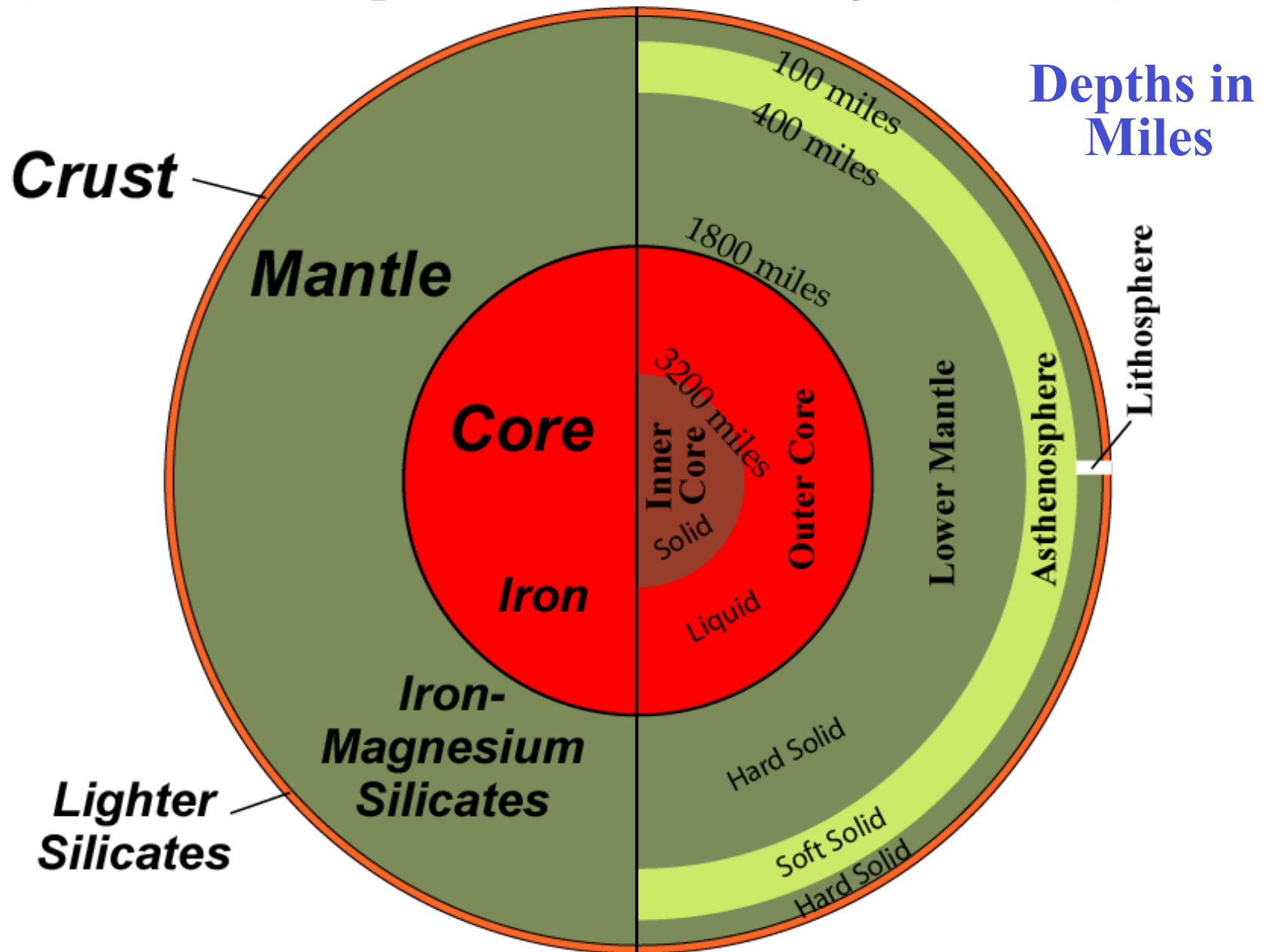
*Iron-
Magnesium
Silicates*

*Lighter
Silicates*

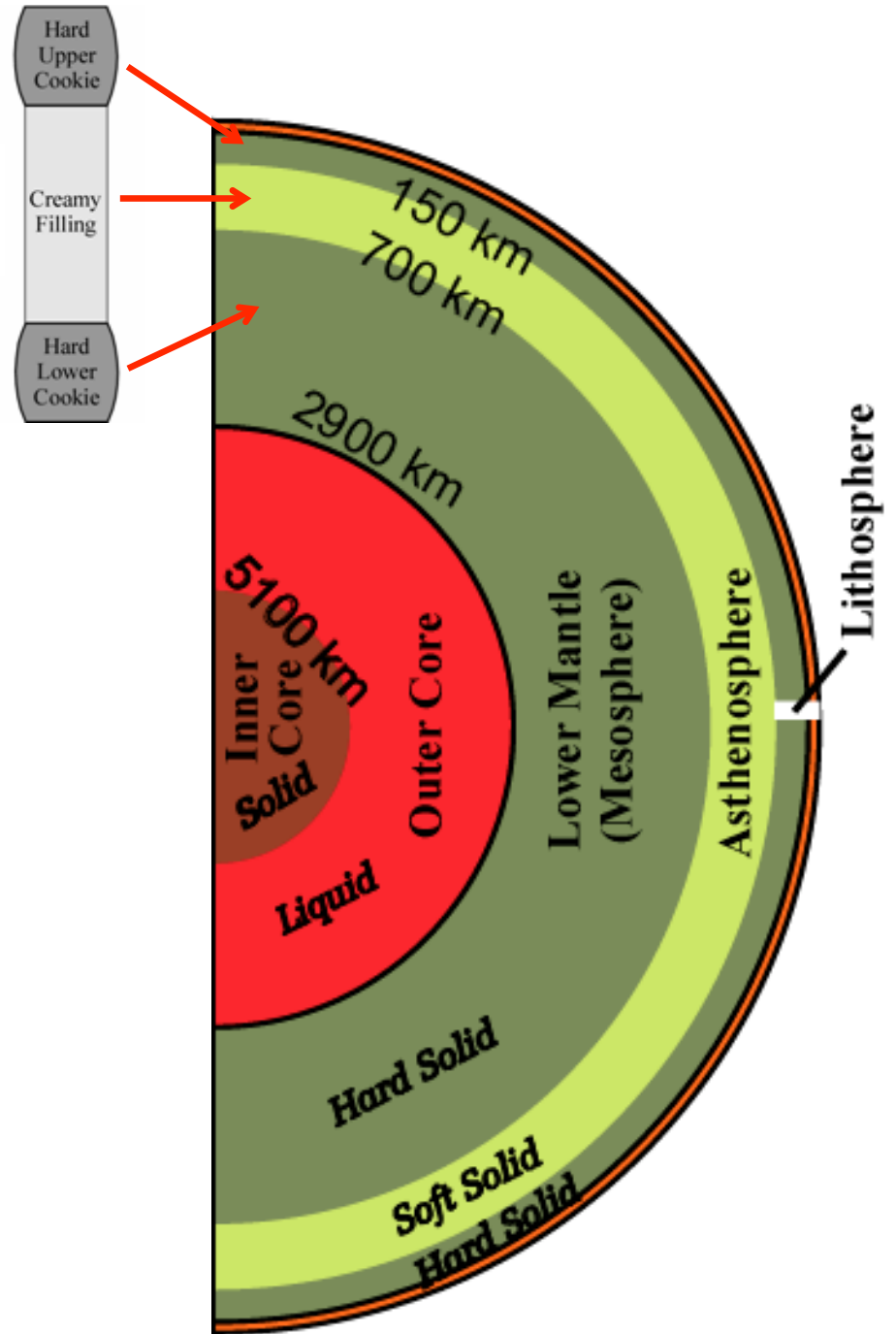


**Classical
(Chemical Composition)**

**Modern
(Physical State)**



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Cookie



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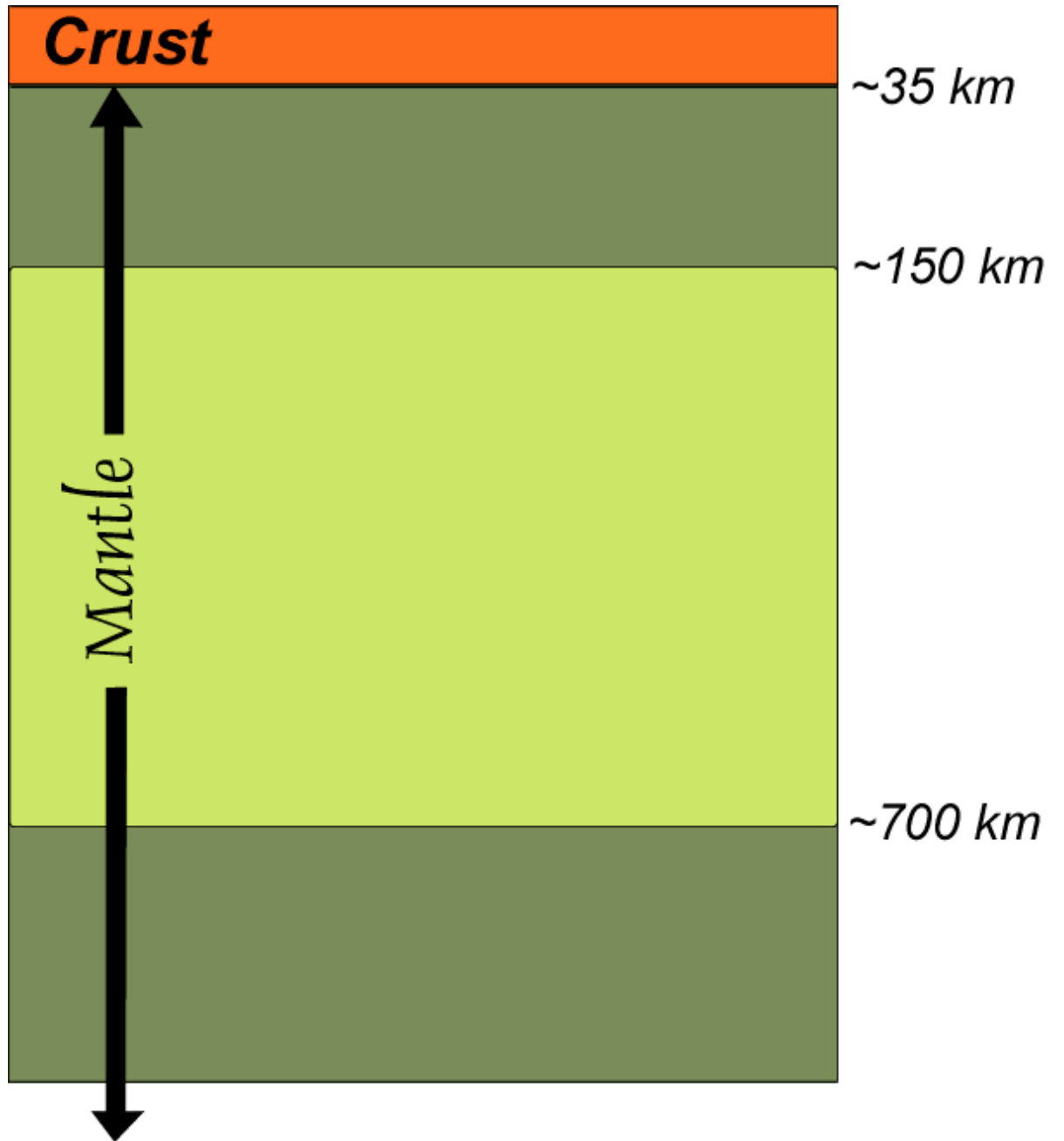
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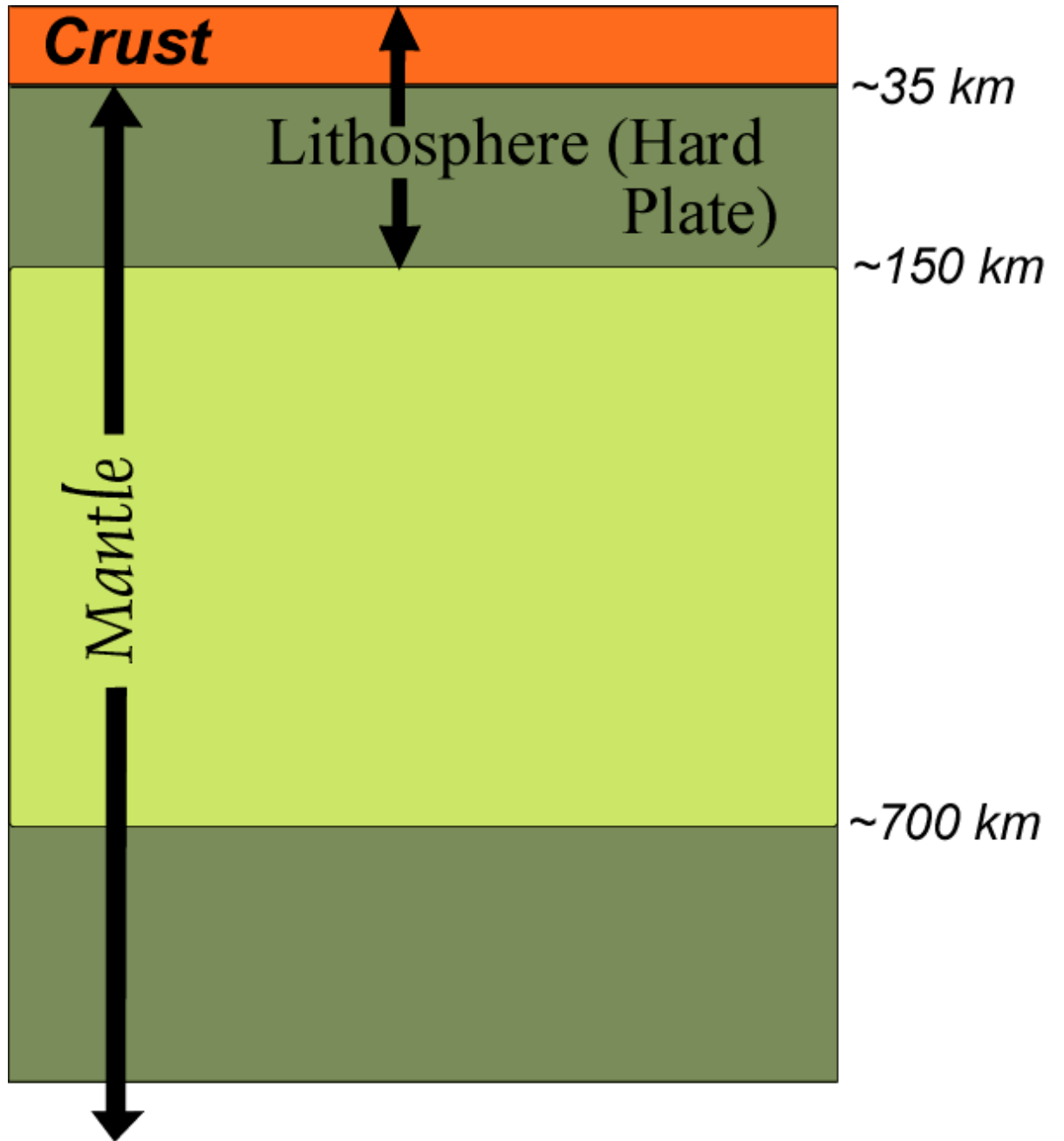
Crust

~35 km

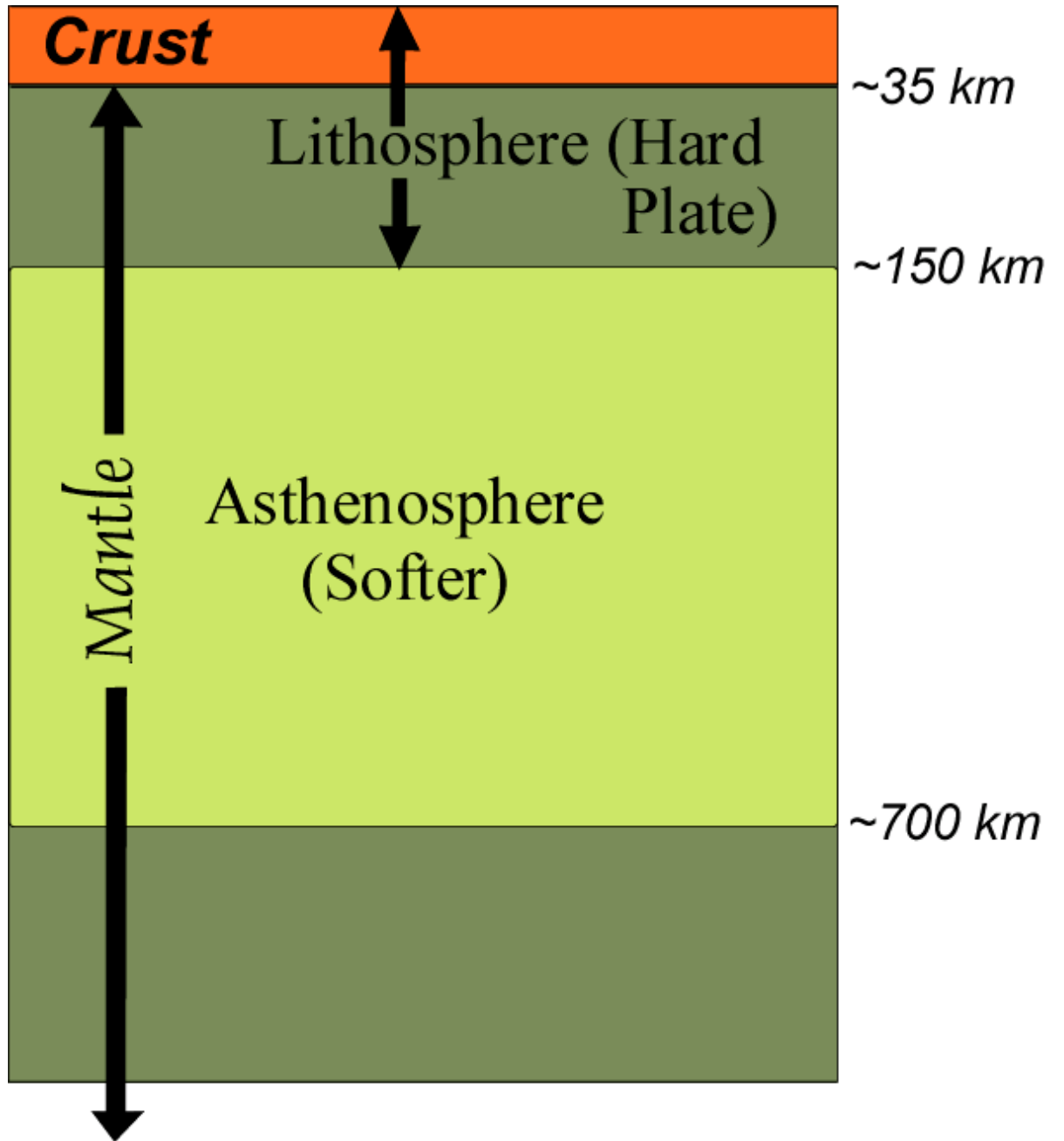
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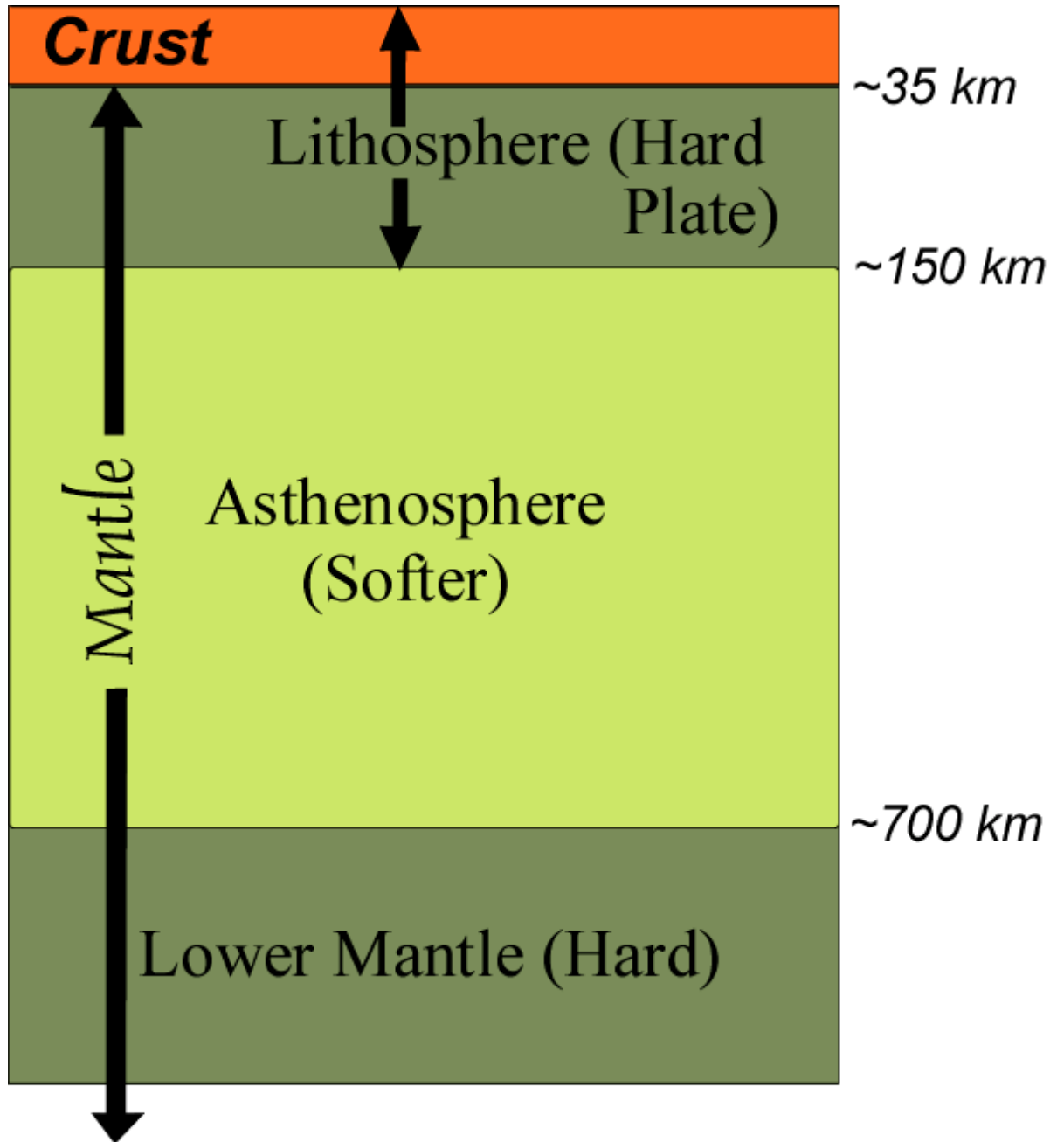
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Oreo® Psycho-Personality Test

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- Psychologists have discovered that the manner in which people eat Oreo® cookies provides great insight into their personalities. Choose which method best describes your favorite method of eating Oreos:
- 1. The whole thing at once.
 2. One bite at a time.
 3. Slow and methodical nibbles examining the results of each bite afterwards.
 4. In little feverous nibbles.
 5. Dunked in some liquid (milk, coffee)
 6. Twisted apart, the inside, then the cookie.
 7. Twisted apart, the inside, and toss the cookie.
 8. Just the cookie, not the inside.
 9. I just like to lick them, not eat them.
 10. I don't have a favorite way because I don't like Oreos.

6. Twisted apart, the inside, then the cookie.

- **You have a highly curious nature.**
- **You take pleasure in breaking things apart to find out how they work, though you're not always able to put them back together, so you destroy all the evidence of your activities.**
- **You deny your involvement when things go wrong.**
- **You are a compulsive liar and exhibit deviant, if not criminal, behavior.**

Sliding Plate over Asthenosphere





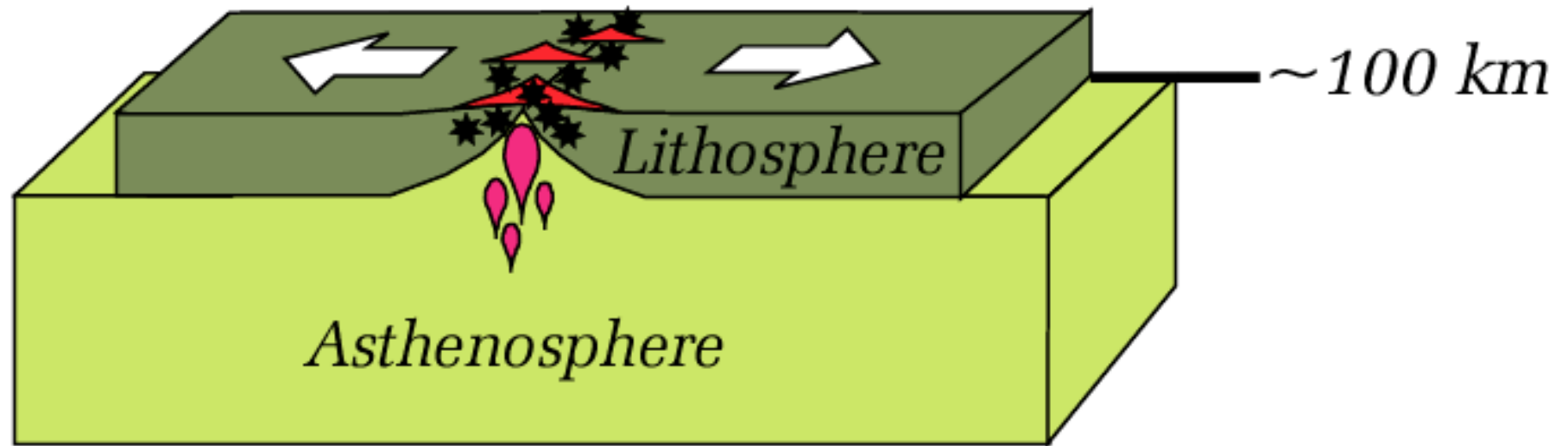
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Divergent Plate Boundary

Mid-Atlantic Ridge



Divergent Plate Boundary



Volcanoes 

Earthquakes

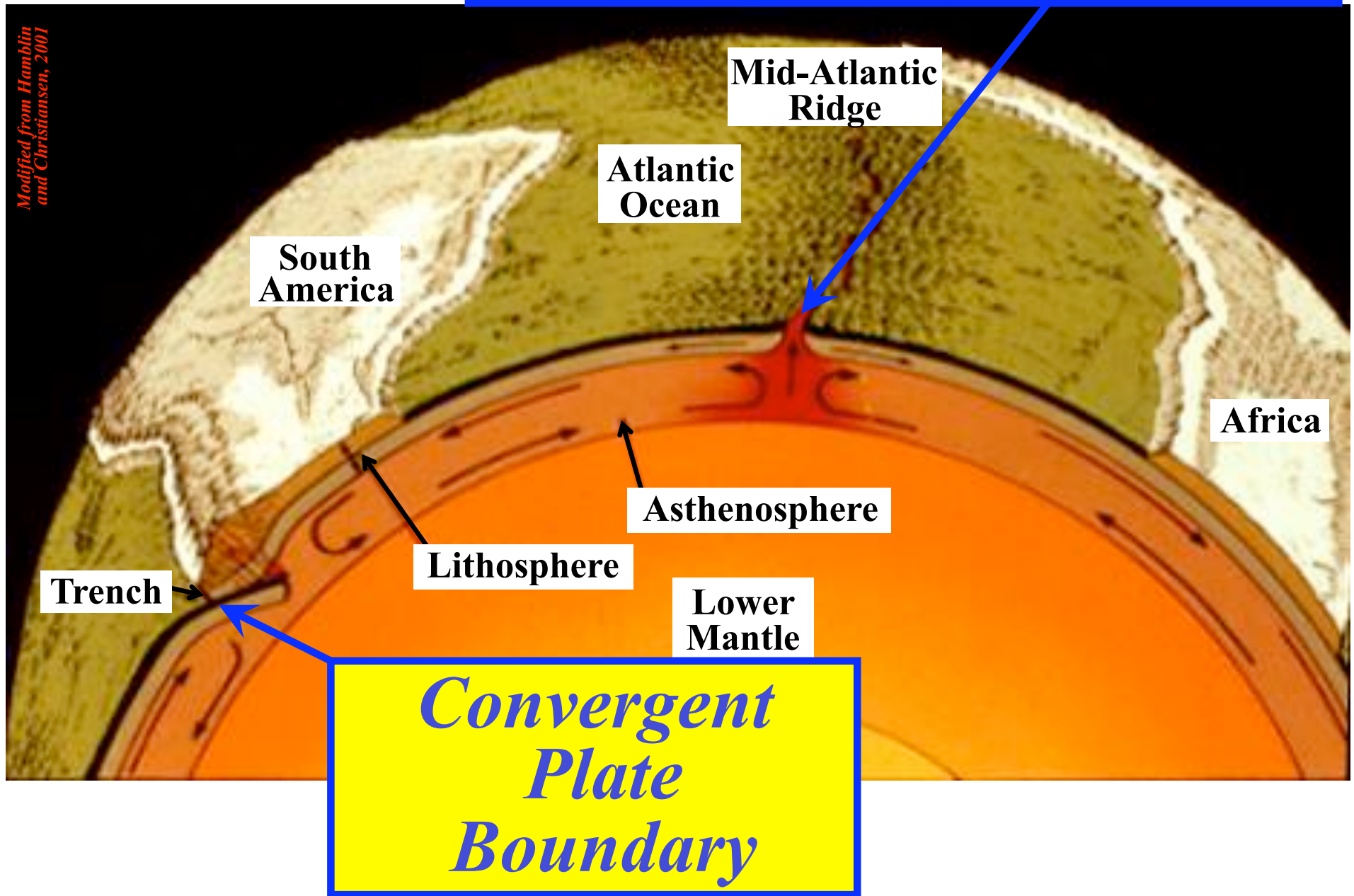
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Convergent Plate Boundary

Divergent Plate Boundary



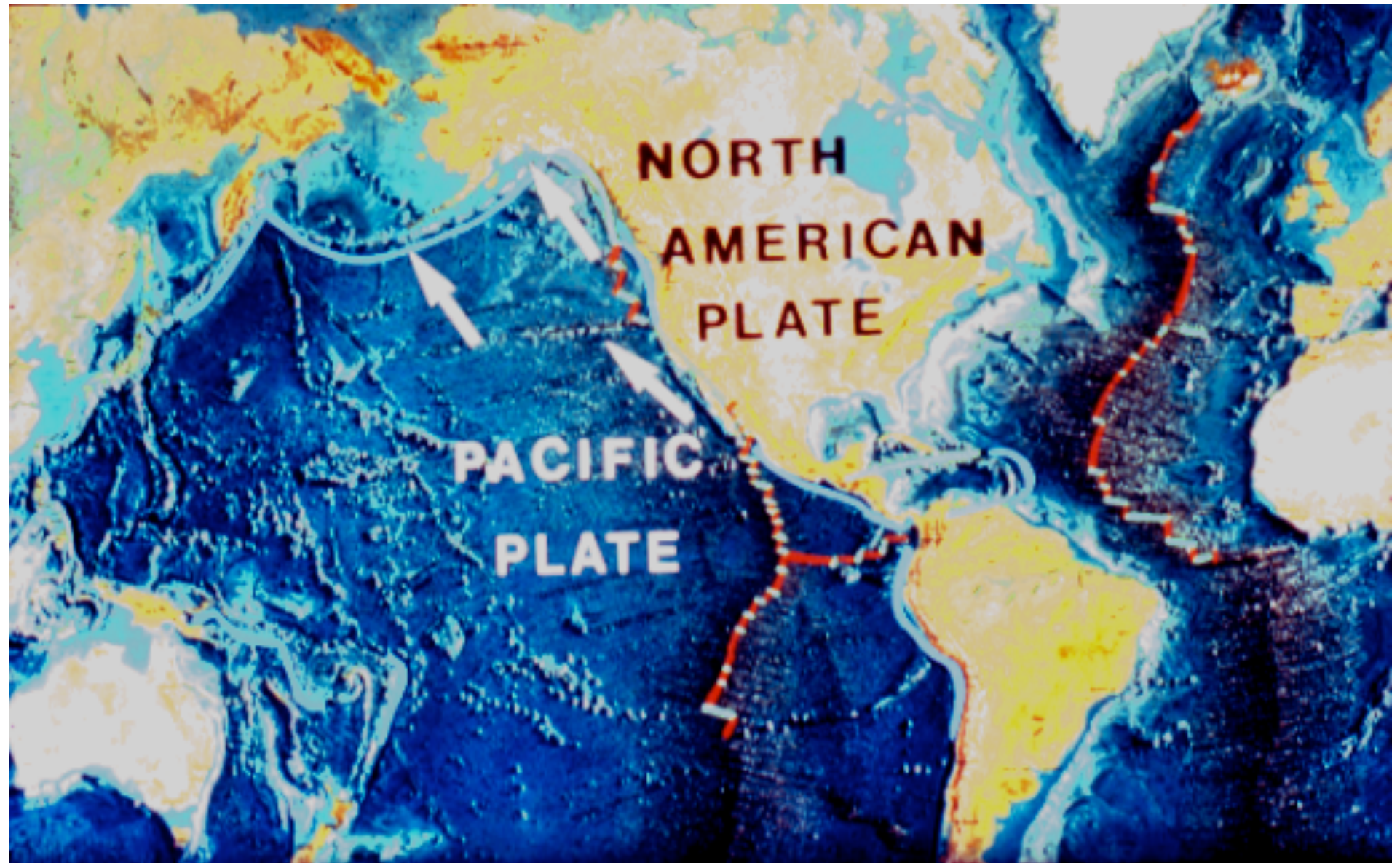
An aerial photograph of the Andes Mountains. The foreground is dominated by a large, rugged mountain peak covered in a thick layer of snow and ice, with a prominent glacier flowing down its side. The surrounding landscape is a vast, dark, and textured expanse of mountainous terrain, with numerous smaller peaks and ridges visible in the distance. The sky is a pale, hazy blue, and the overall lighting suggests a bright, sunny day.

Andes Mountains



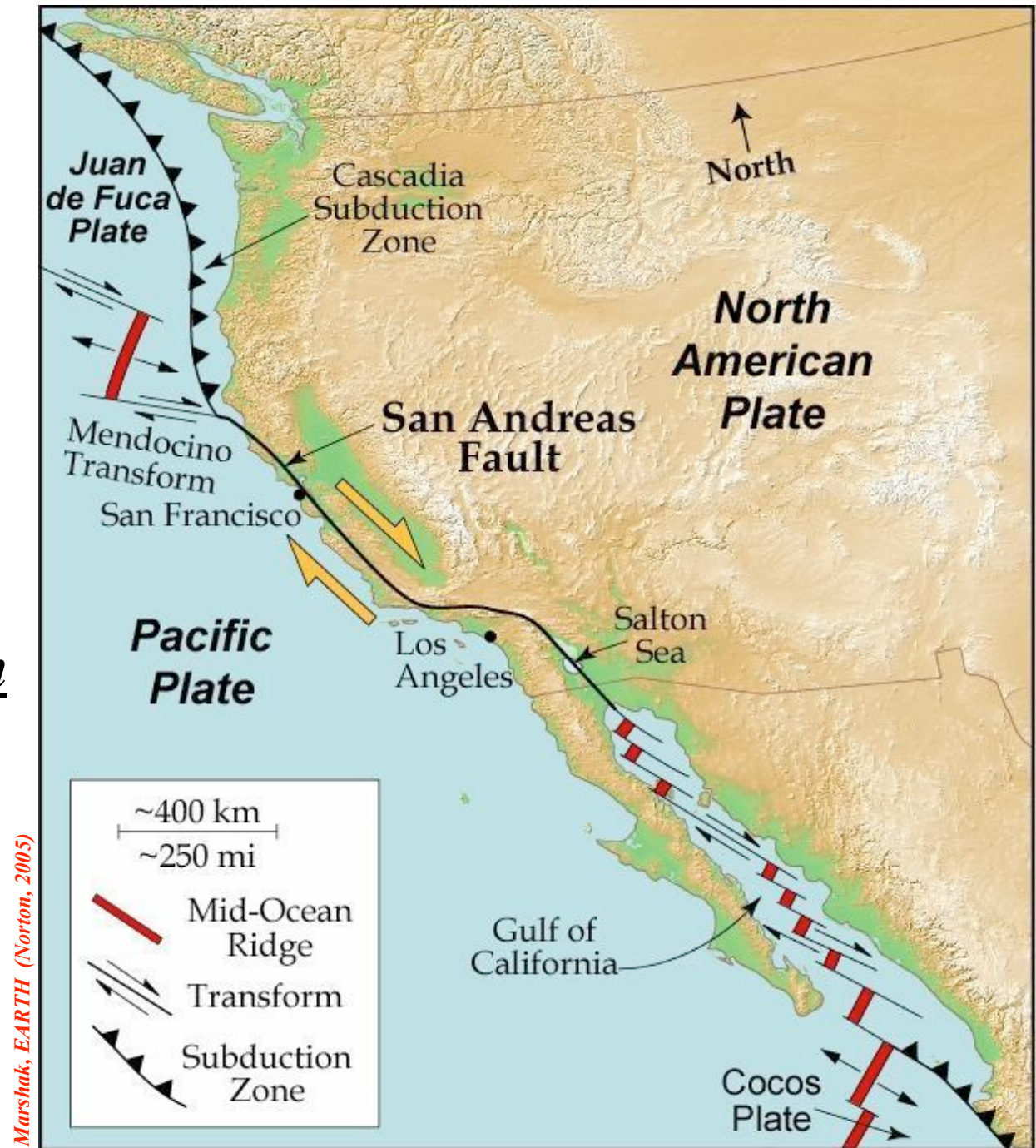
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Transform Plate Boundary

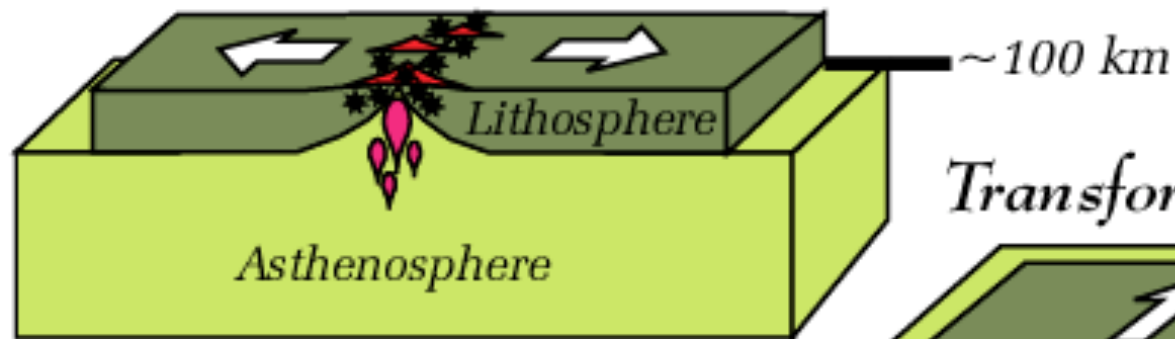


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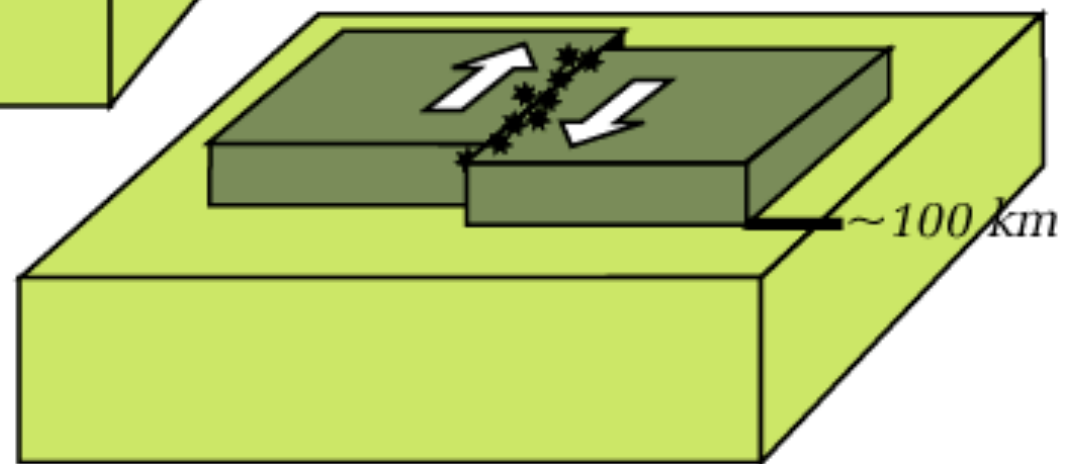
*The Pacific Plate
slides past the
North American
Plate along the San
Andreas Fault in
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Divergent Plate Boundary



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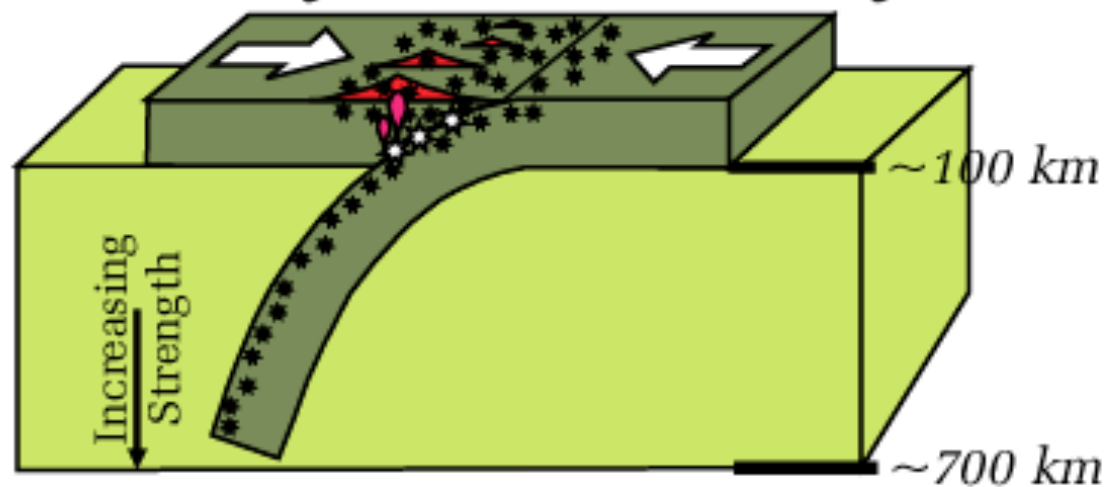


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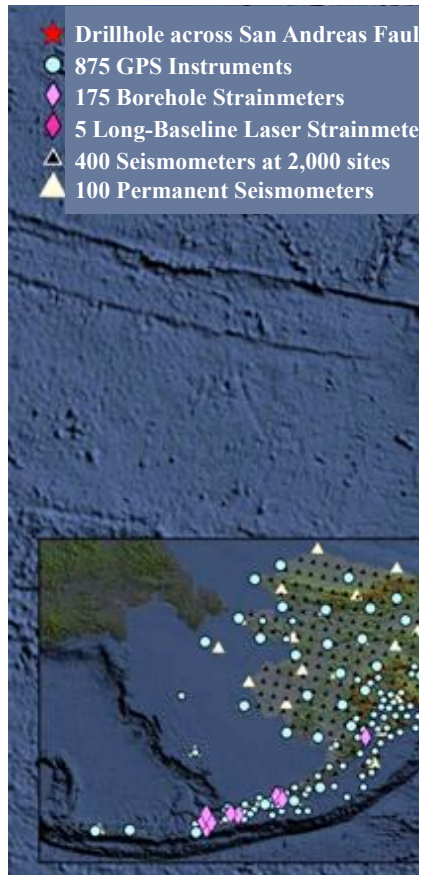




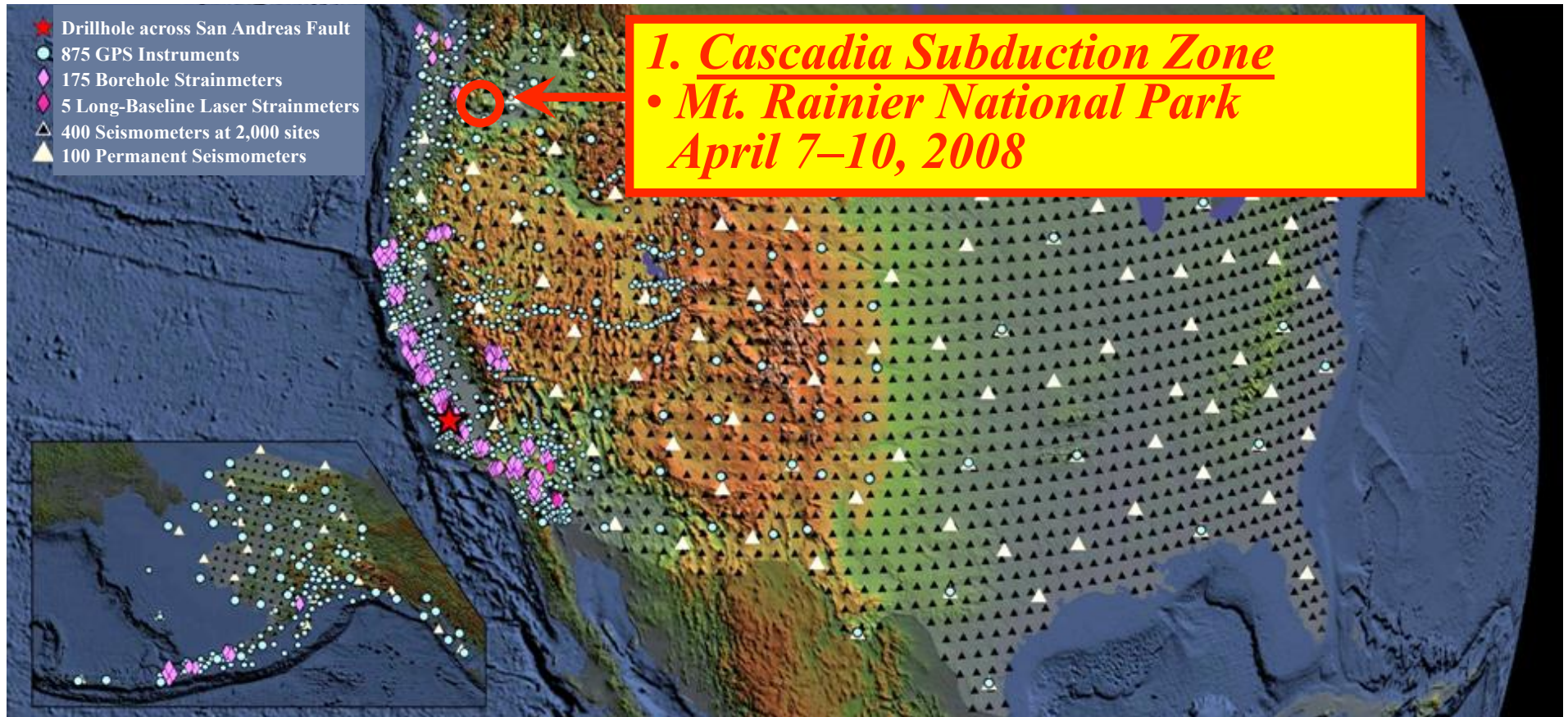
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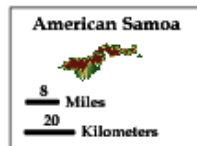
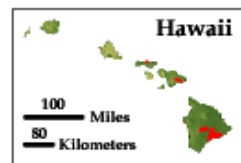
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*Olympic
NP*

*Redwood
N&SP*



Coast Range

Olympic National Park, Washington



Redwood National and State Parks, California

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Cascades

Mount Rainier National Park, Washington



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*Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument,
Washington*



Crater Lake National Park, Oregon



Lassen Volcanic National Park, California



Coastal Ranges

Cascade Volcanoes

*Why are there Two
Parallel Mountain
Ranges in the Pacific
Northwest?*

**National Park Lands in
the Pacific Northwest**

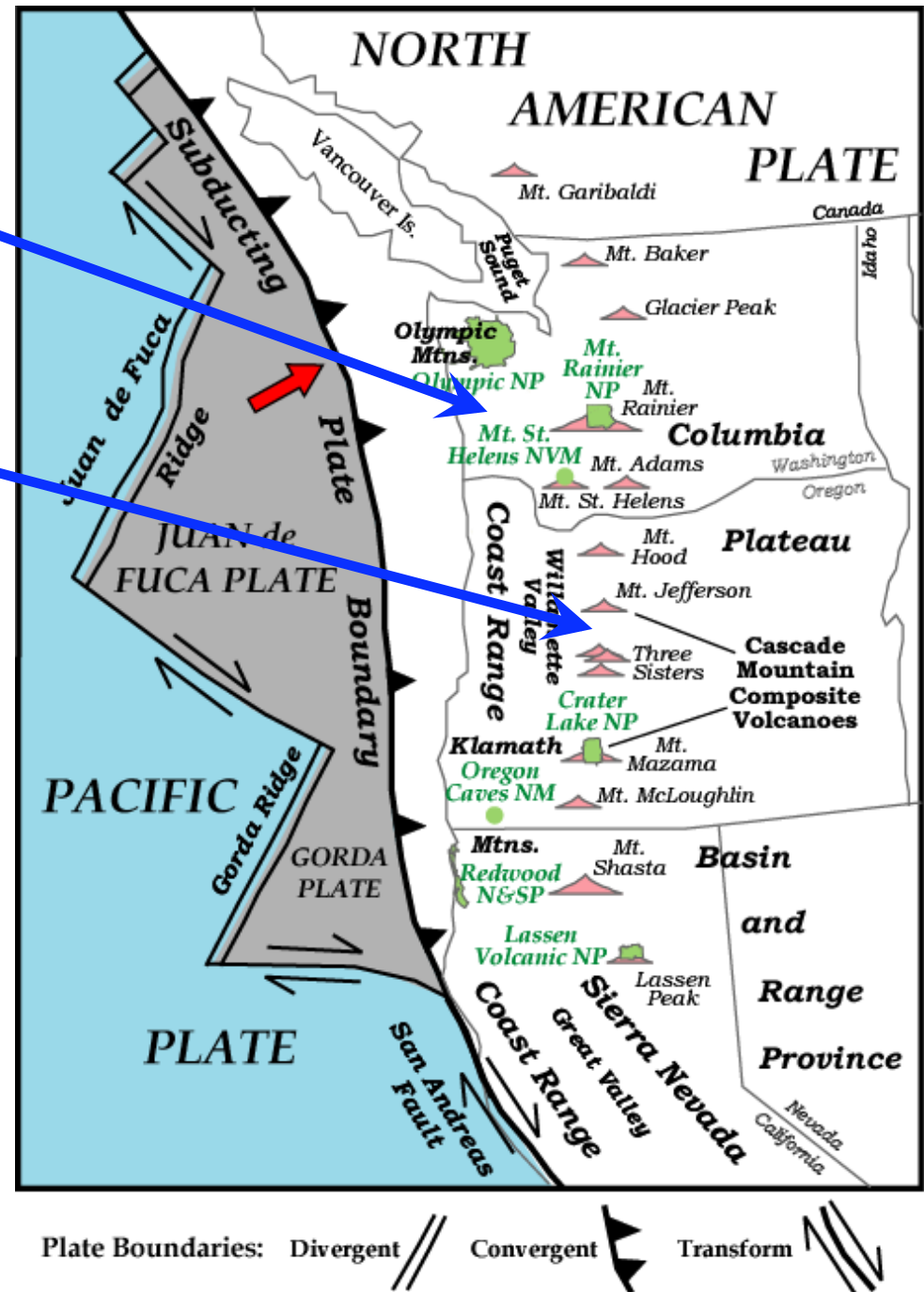


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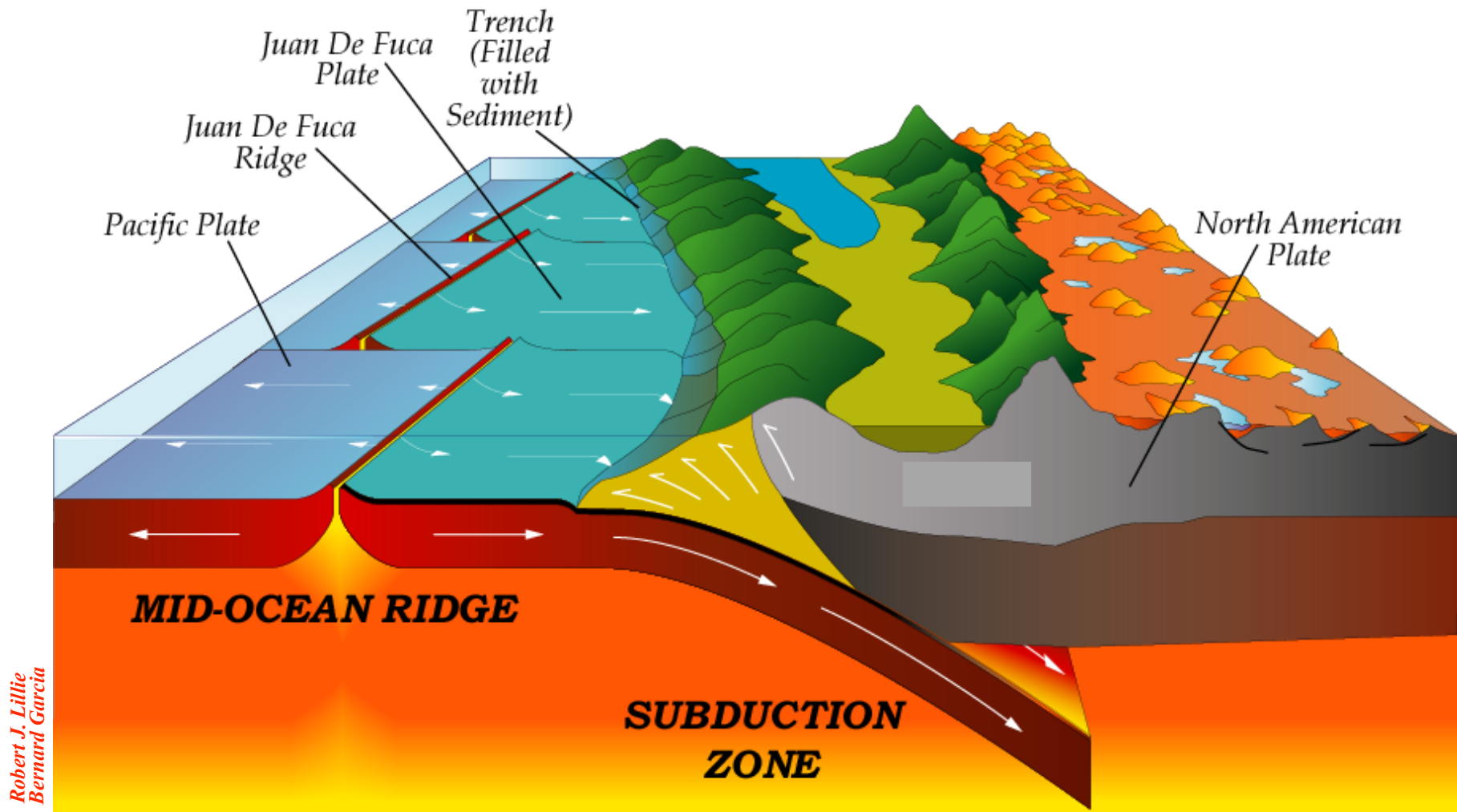
Cascade Volcanoes

Subduction of the Juan de Fuca Plate forms the Coastal Ranges and Cascade Volcanoes

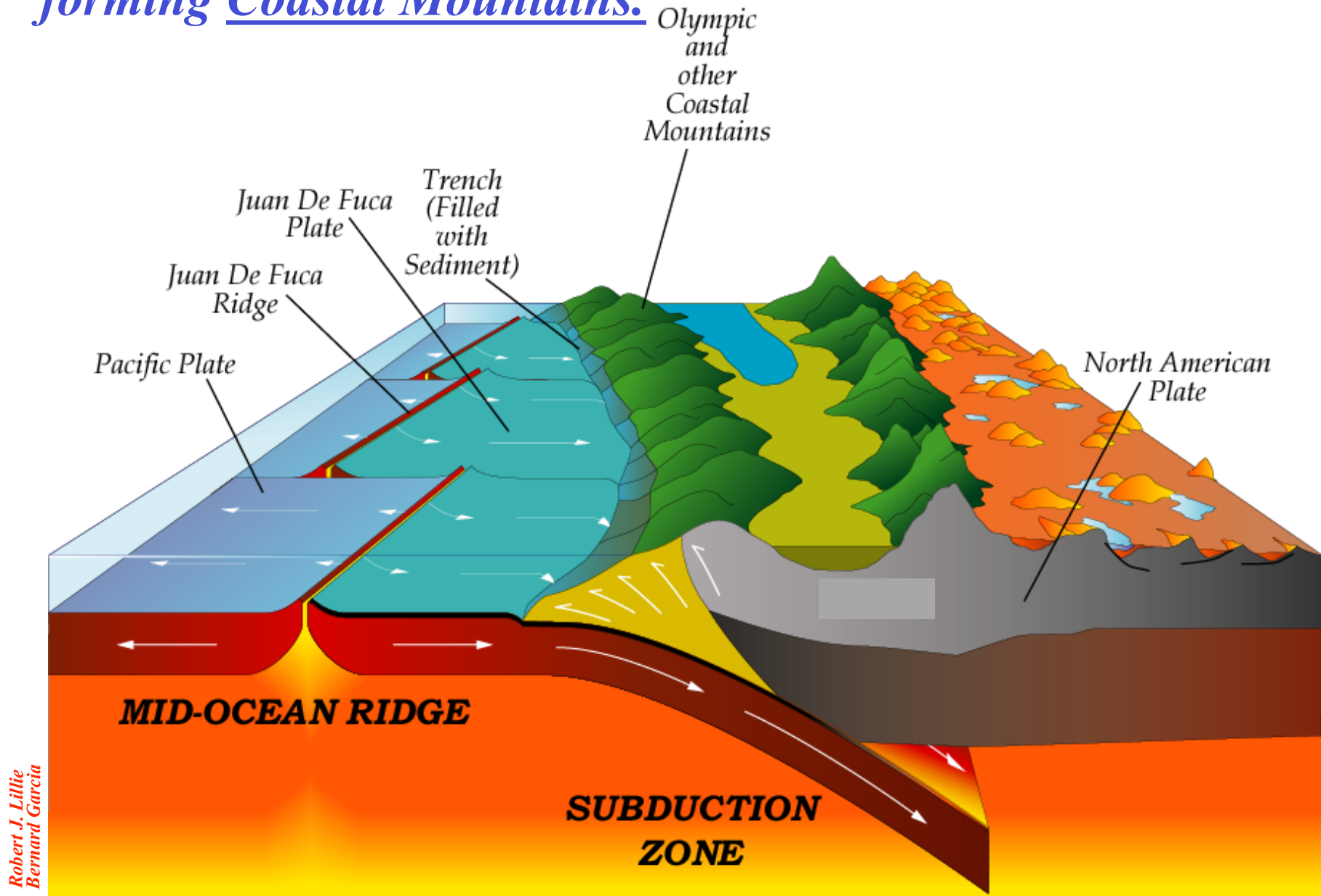
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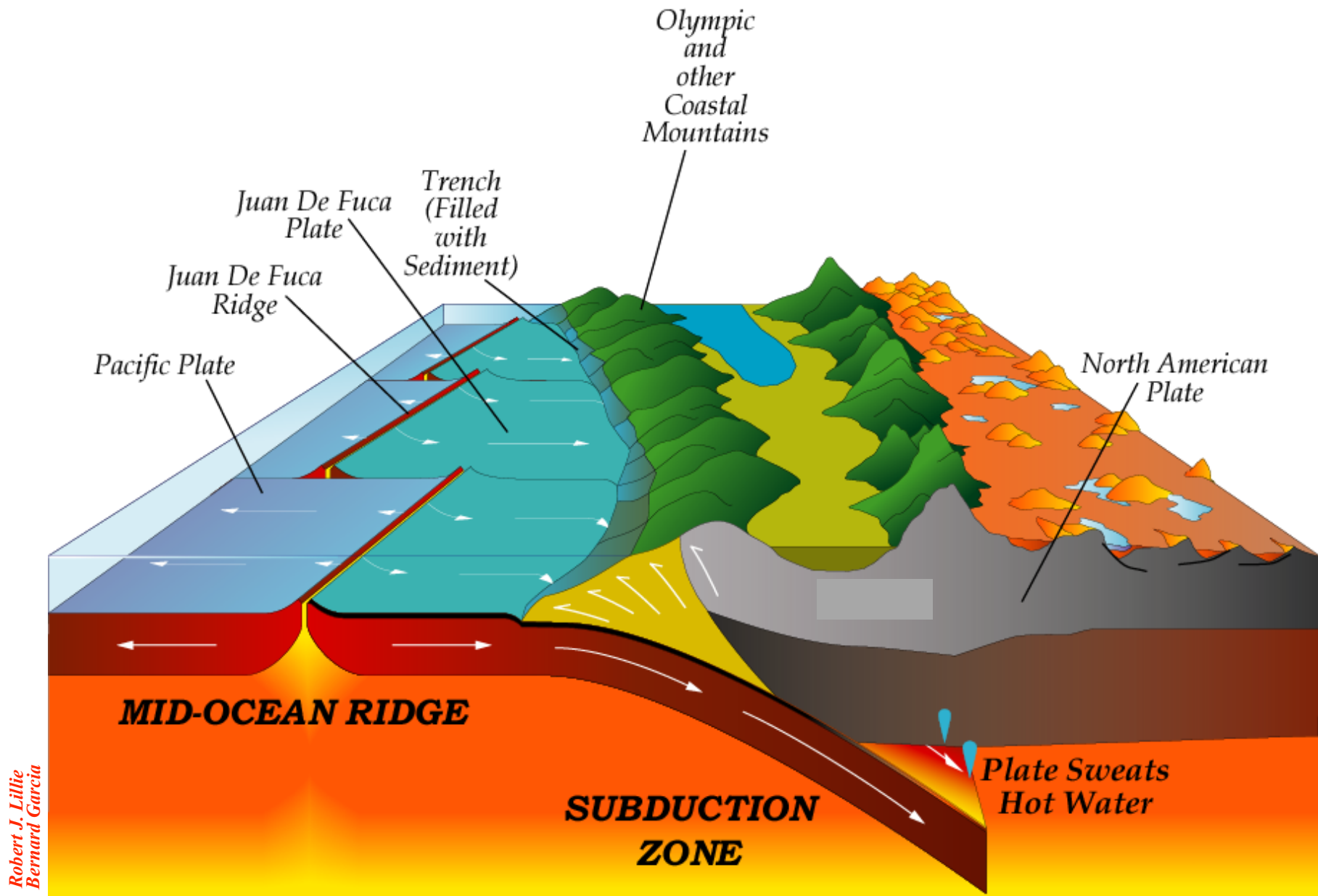
Subducting Juan de Fuca Plate forms two parallel mountain ranges in the Pacific Northwest.



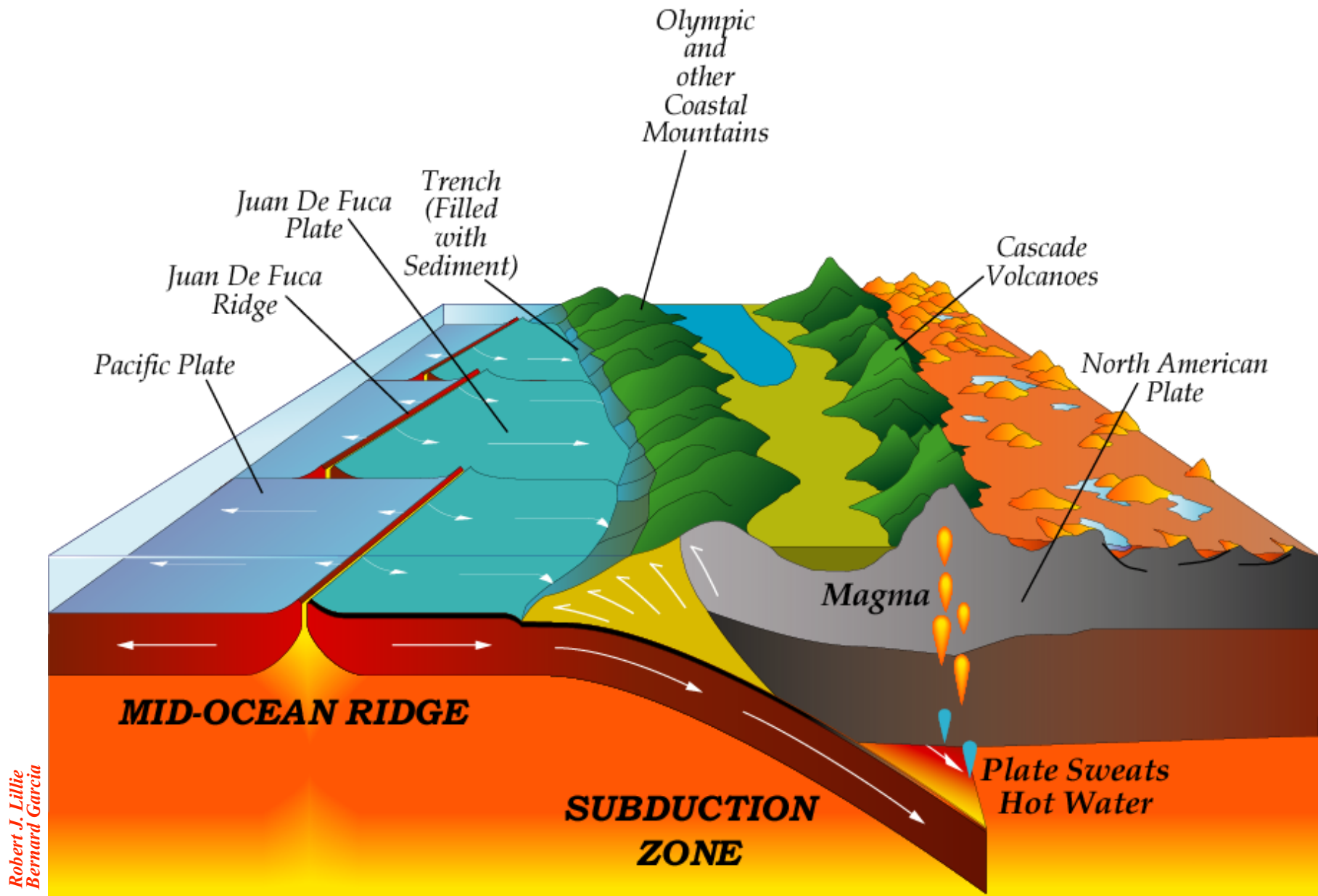
Oceanic sediment and basalt scraped off subducting plate, forming Coastal Mountains.



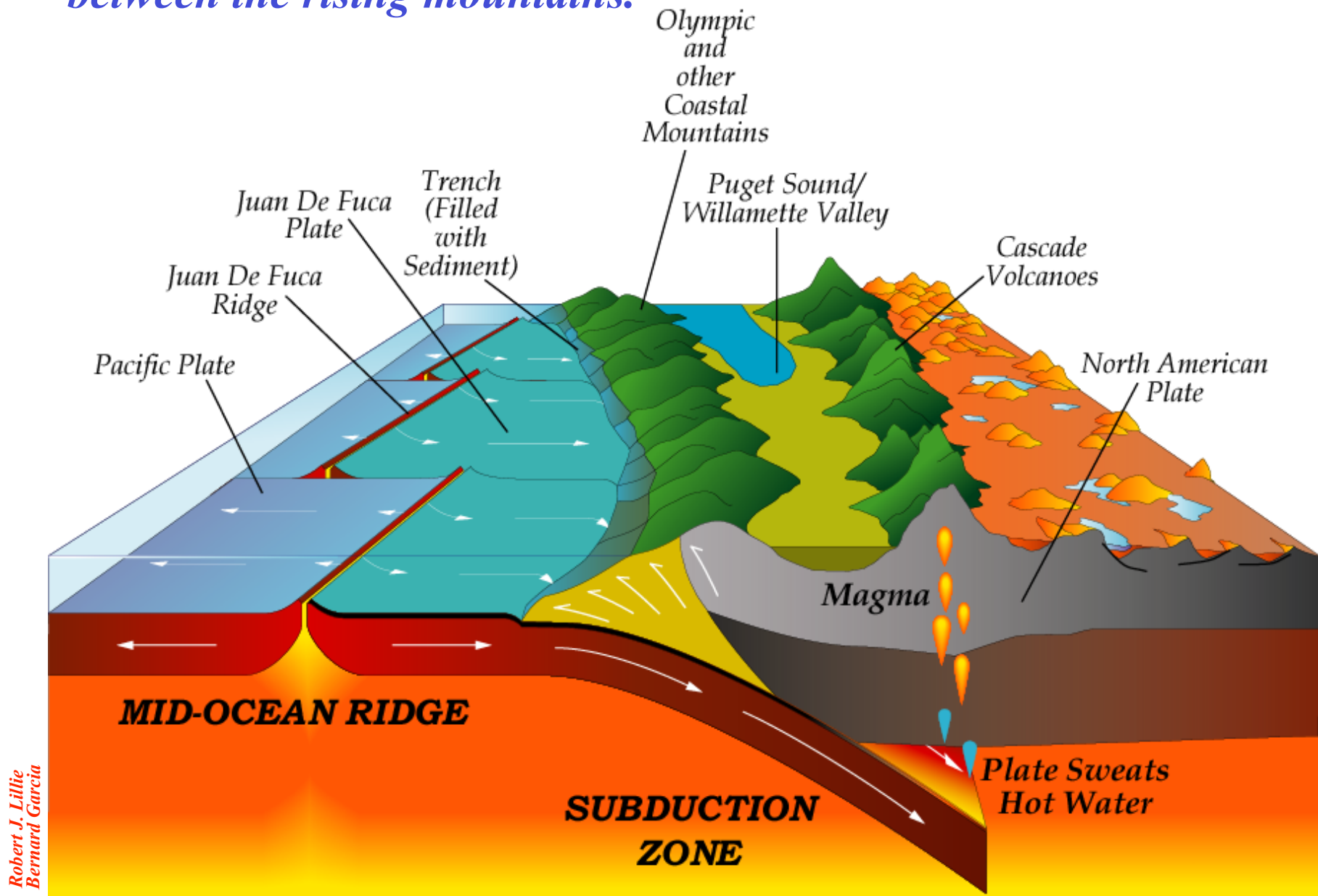
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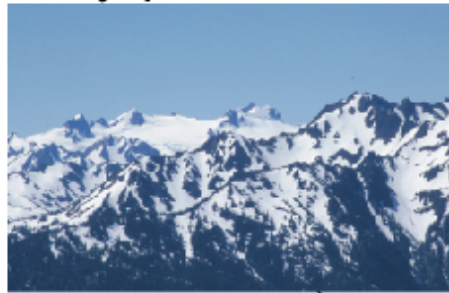


Puget Sound and the Willamette Valley are low-lying regions between the rising mountains.



*National
Parks
represent the
two different
mountain
ranges.*

Olympic National Park



Mount Rainier National Park



Olympic
and
other
Coastal
Mountains

Puget Sound/
Willamette Valley

Cascade
Volcanoes

North American
Plate

Magma

Plate Sweats
Hot Water

**SUBDUCTION
ZONE**

MID-OCEAN RIDGE

Pacific Plate

Juan De Fuca
Ridge

Juan De Fuca
Plate

Trench
(Filled
with
Sediment)

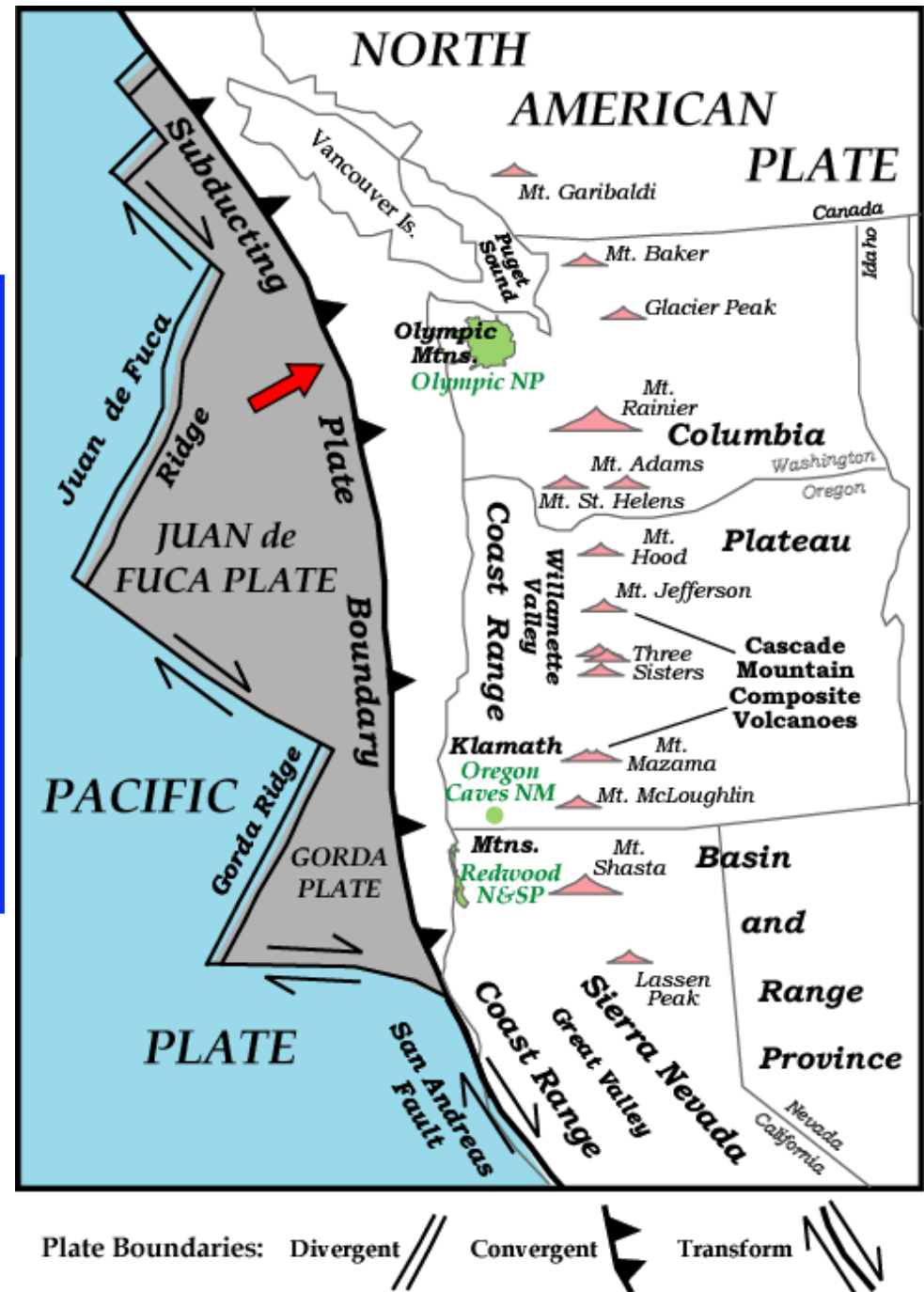


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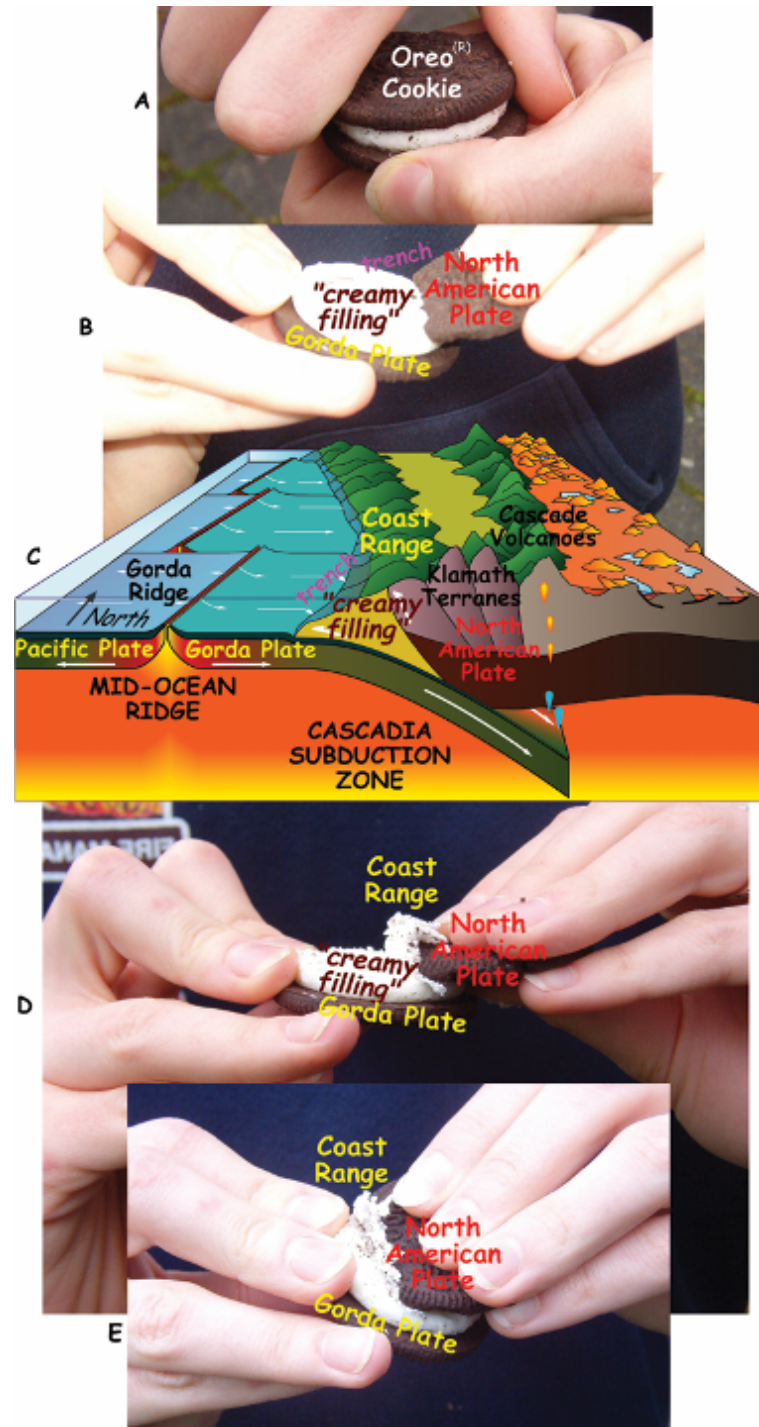
Convergent Plate Boundary

Parks in the Coastal Ranges contain materials that were manufactured in the sea, then scrapped off the subducting Juan de Fuca Plate.

National Park Lands in the Coastal Ranges

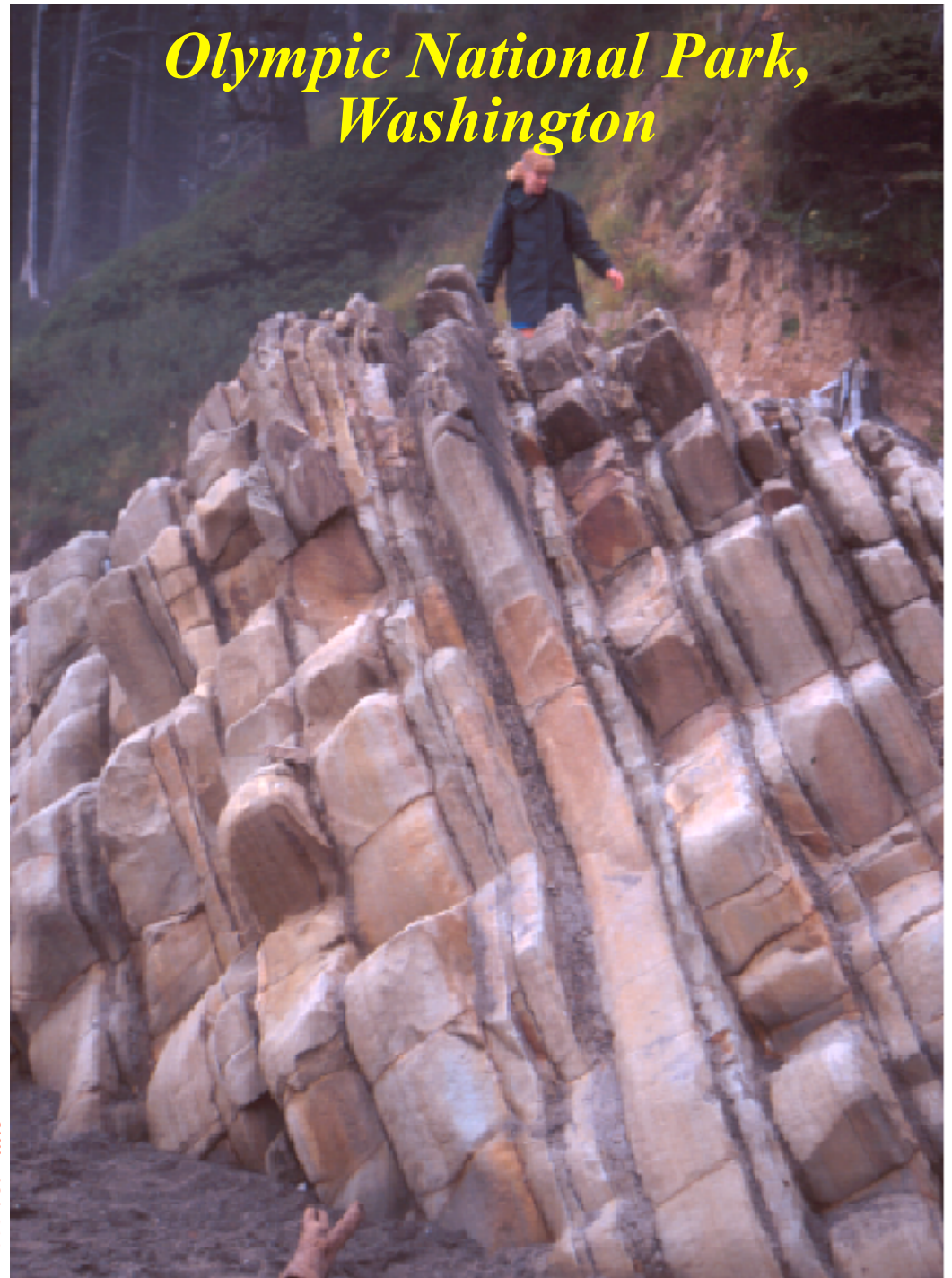


Jen Natoli's version of Oreo[®] demo ☺



Coastal Ranges

Layers Lifted
out of the
Sea



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Cascades (Volcanic Arc)

*Why are the Cascade
volcanoes in such a
straight line?*

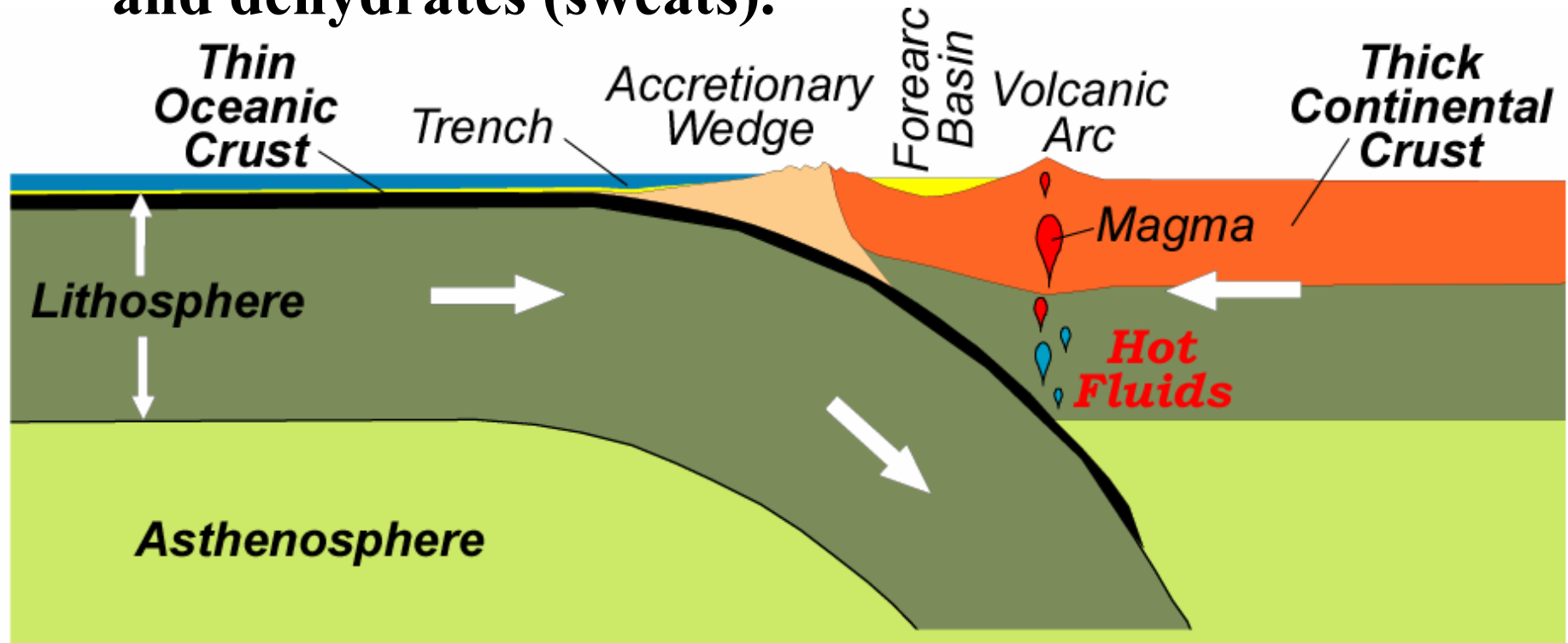
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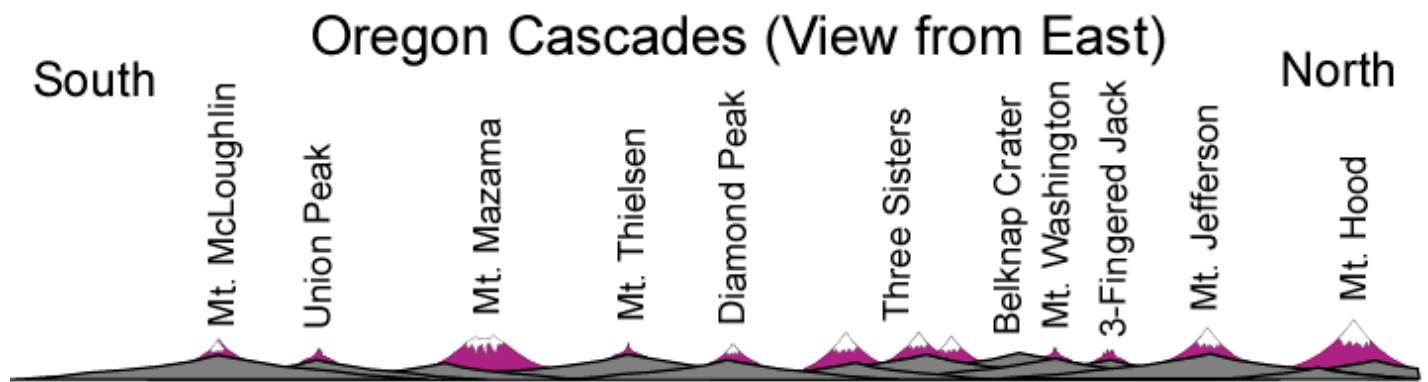


Cascadia Subduction Zone

Parks in the Cascades showcase volcanoes formed where the top of the Juan de Fuca plate reaches about 50 miles depth and dehydrates (sweats).

Mt. Rainier NP
Mt. St. Helens NVM
Crater Lake NP
Lassen Volcanic NP





Features in Parks at Subduction Zones

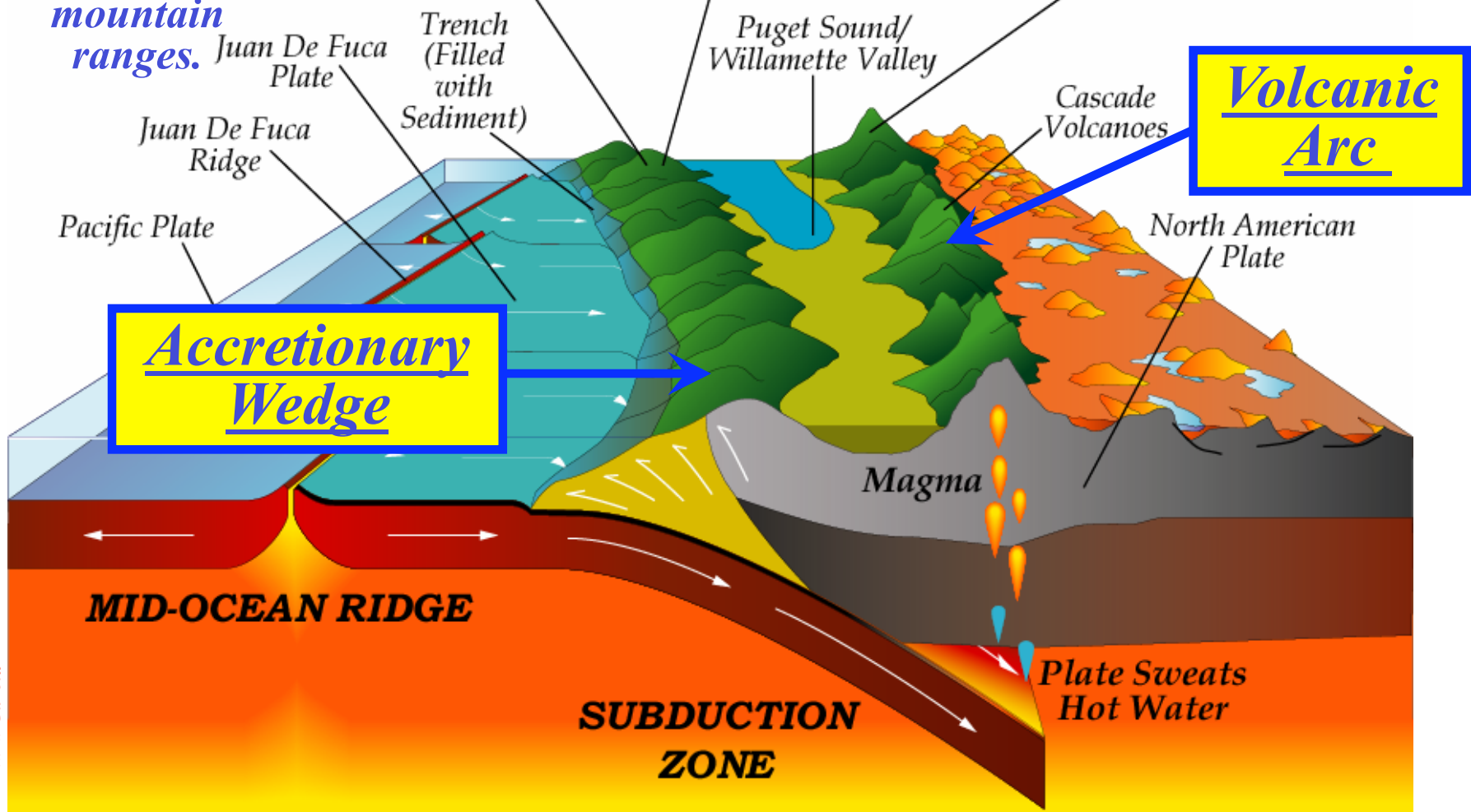
National Parks represent the two different mountain ranges.

Olympic National Park



Olympic and other Coastal Mountains

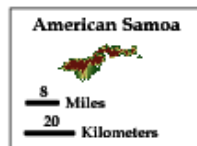
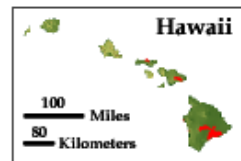
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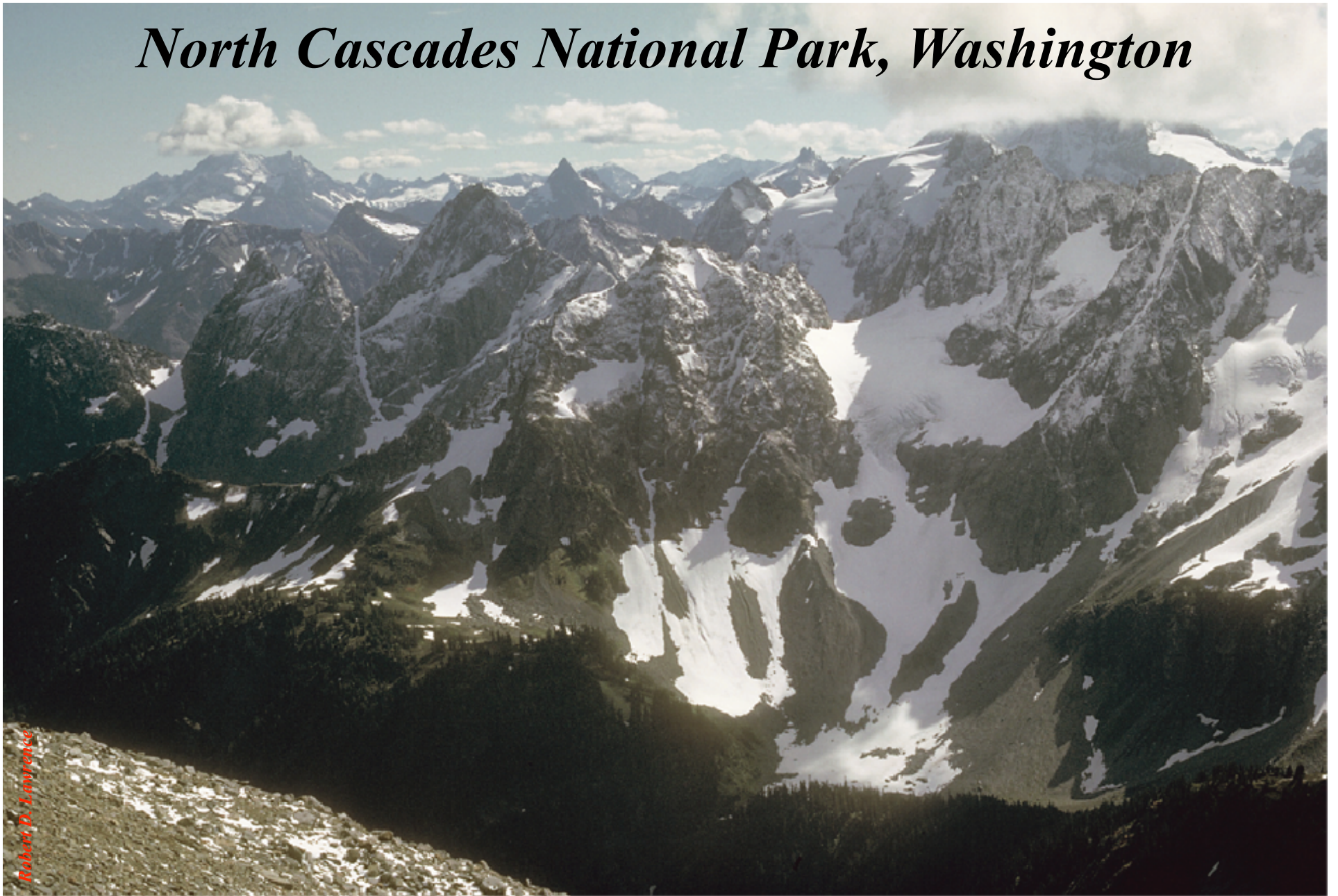
North Cascades NP

Oregon Caves NM



**North Cascades/
Klamath Mountains**

North Cascades National Park, Washington



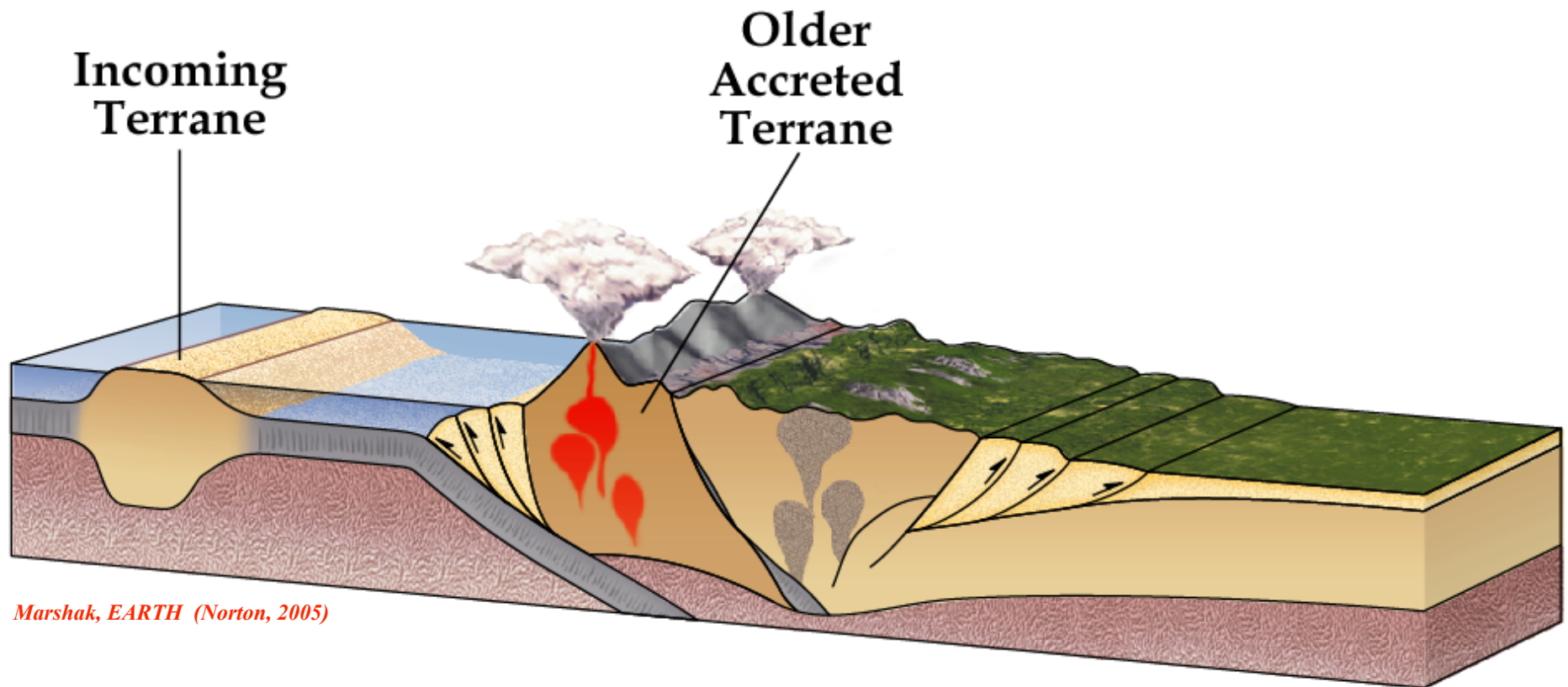
Oregon Caves National Monument, Oregon



Contains limestone that was deposited in a warmer climate farther south, was carried northward by plate motion, where it crashed into North America.

Terrane Accretion

A TERRANE consists of crust that is too thick and buoyant to subduct. The continent grows outward as terranes come crashing in.



Marshak, *EARTH* (Norton, 2005)

Safeway Terrane Accretion ☺

**Forth
Terrane**

Third Terrane

**Second
Terrane**

Ocean Plate

First Terrane

**North American
Plate**

**Second
Terrane**

First Terrane



Ocean Plate



Ocean Plate

Third Terrane



Ocean Plate



Fourth
Terrane



Ocean Plate



Ocean
Plate

Fourth
Terrane

Third
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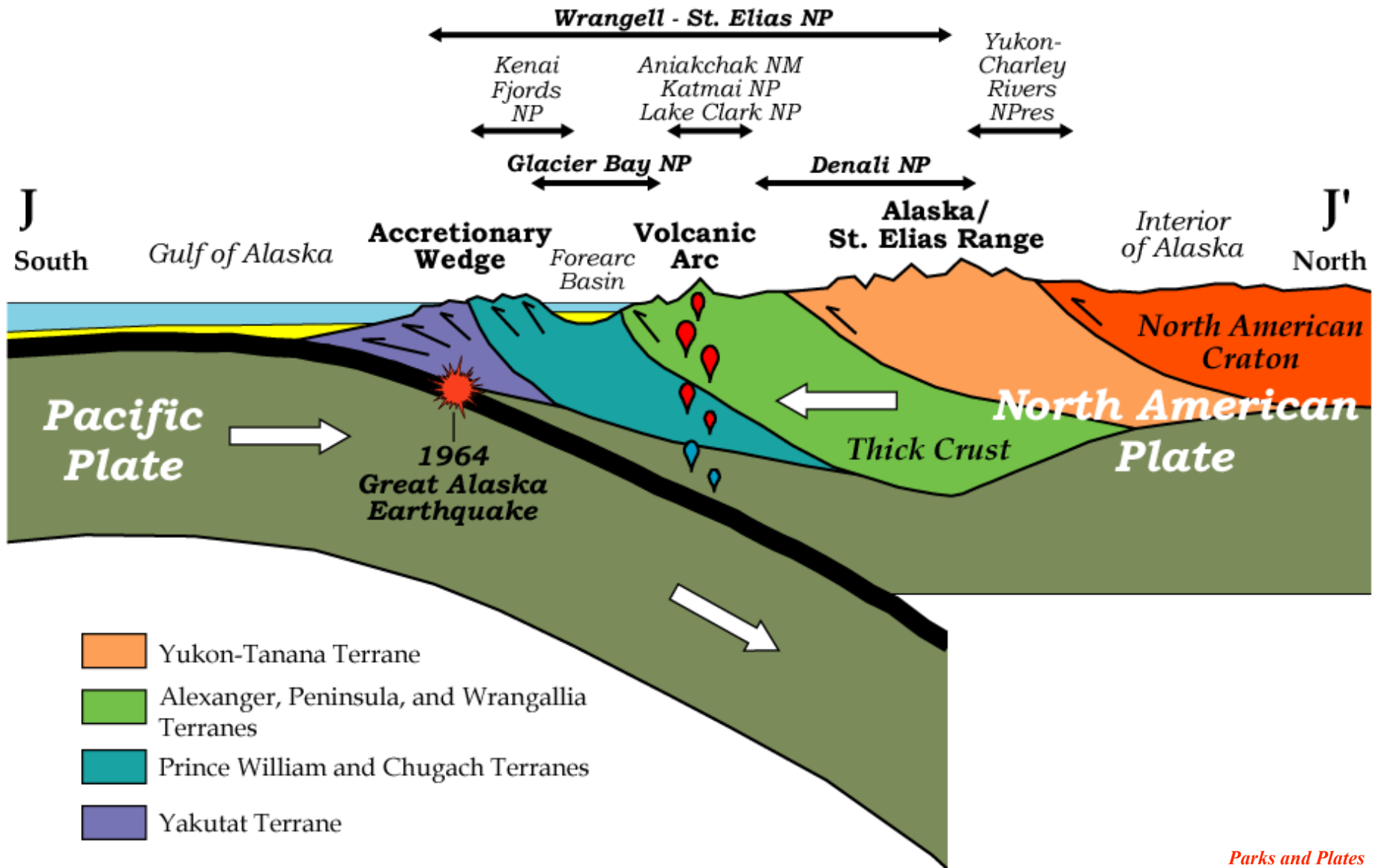
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Terrane Accretion – Southern Alaska



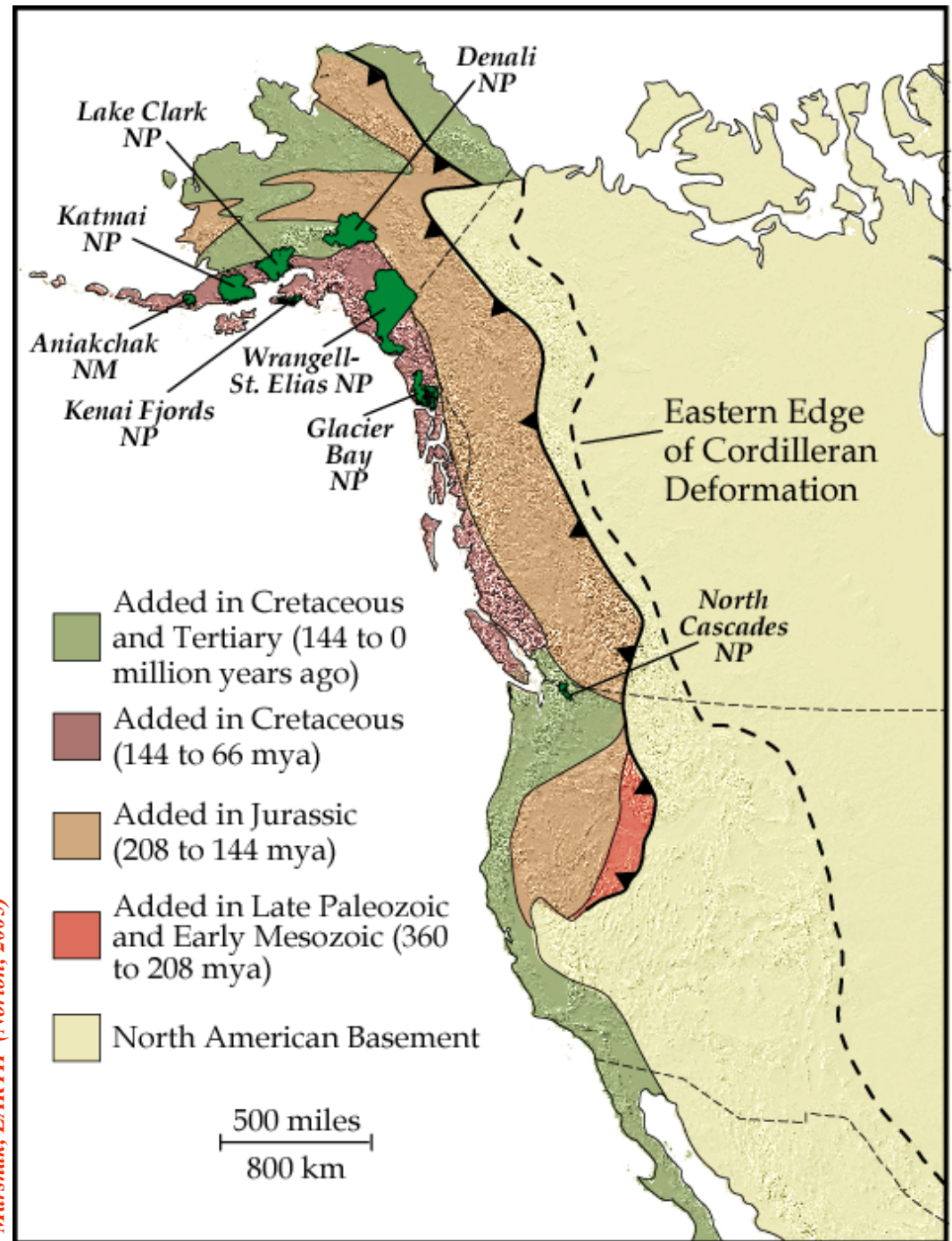
Accreted Terranes

North Cascades National Park in Washington state also displays the effects of terrane accretion.

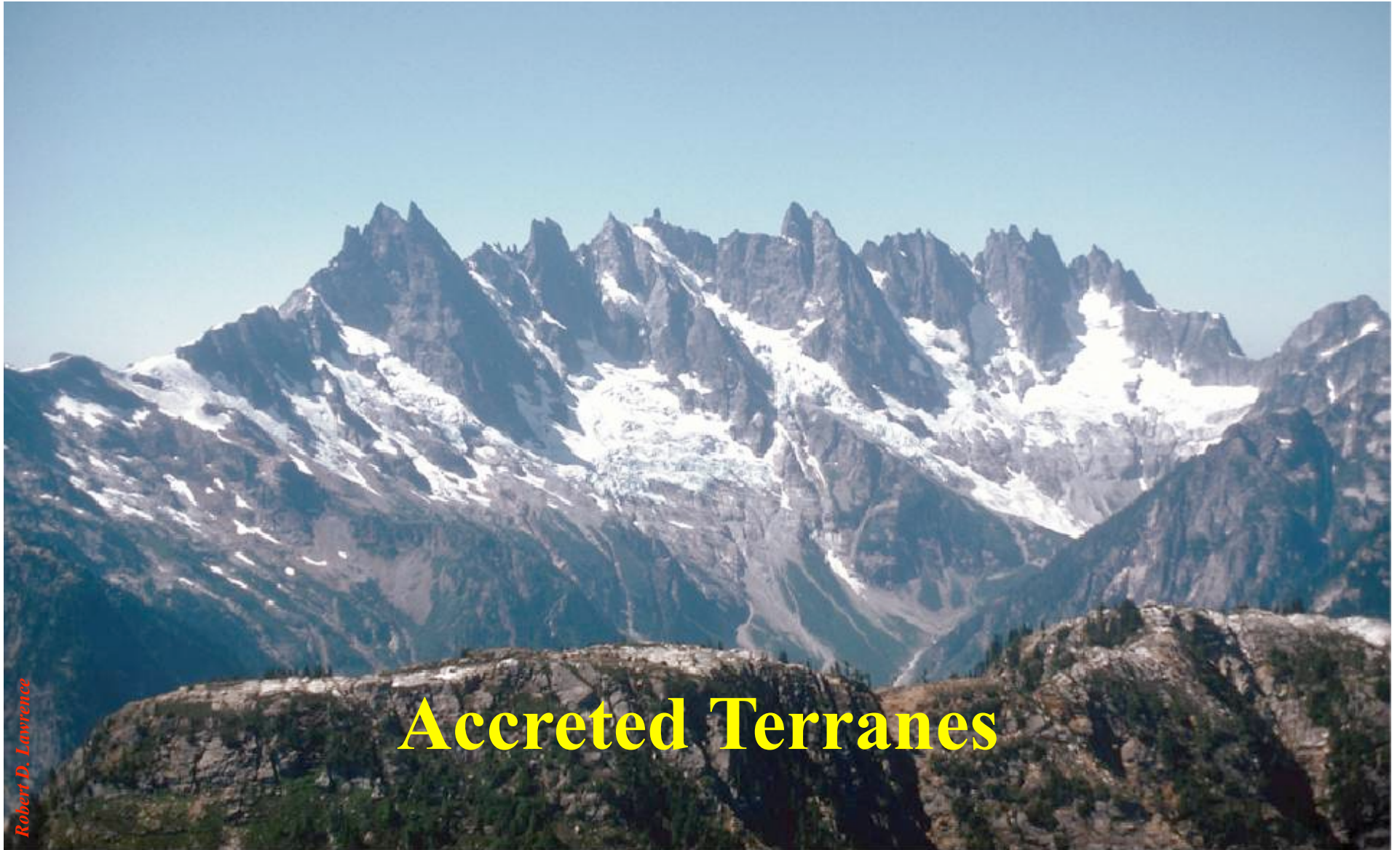
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Marshak, EARTH (Norton, 2005)



North Cascades National Park, Washington



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Accreted Terranes

The KLAMATH MOUNTAINS disrupt the natural depression (Puget Sound/ Willamette Valley/ Great Valley) between the Coastal Ranges and Cascades.

Klamath Mountains

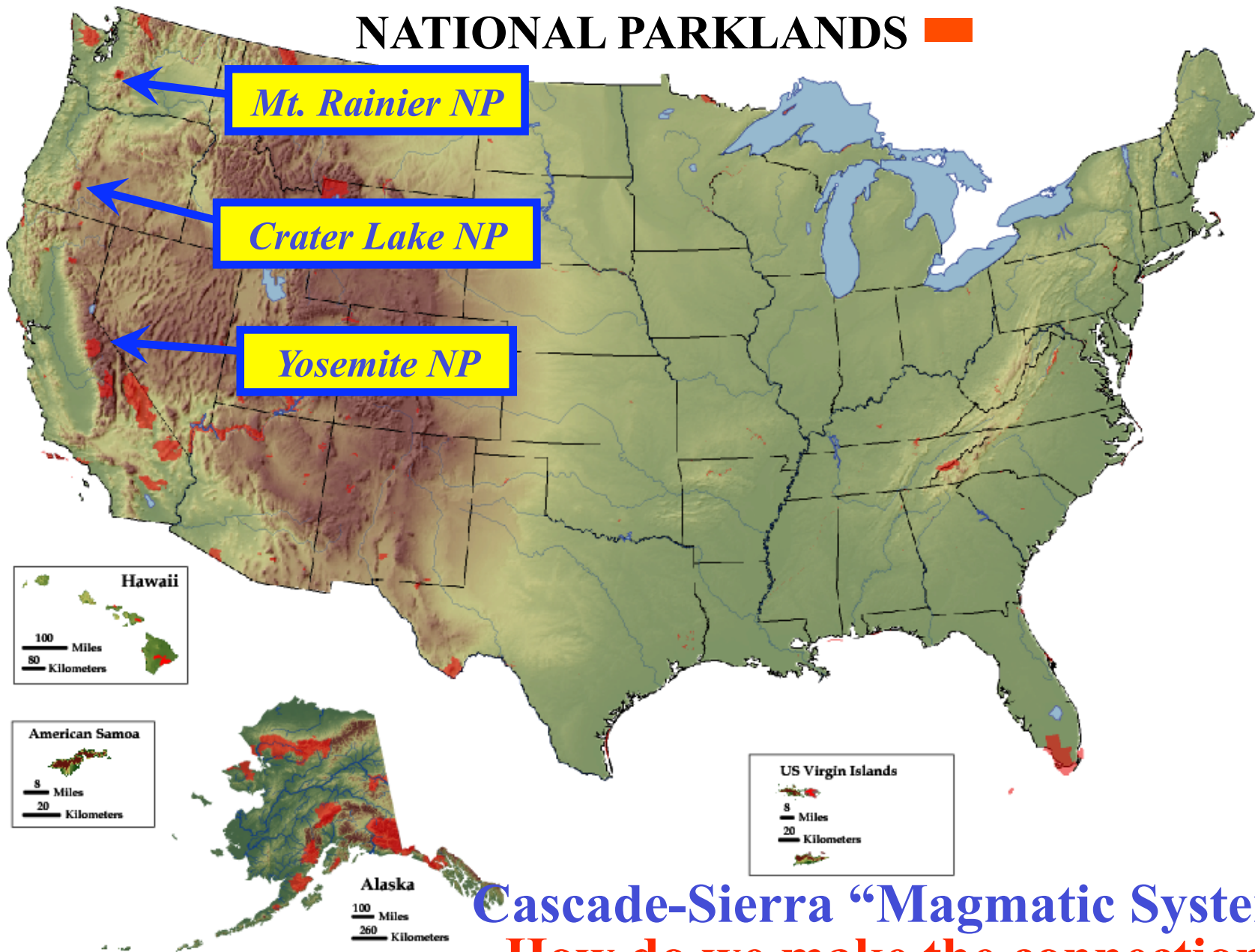
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National Park Lands in the Pacific Northwest



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Cascade-Sierra “Magmatic System”
How do we make the connection?

NATIONAL PARK LANDS

The Sierra Nevada
appear to be a
continuation of the
Cascade Volcanic
Mountain Range

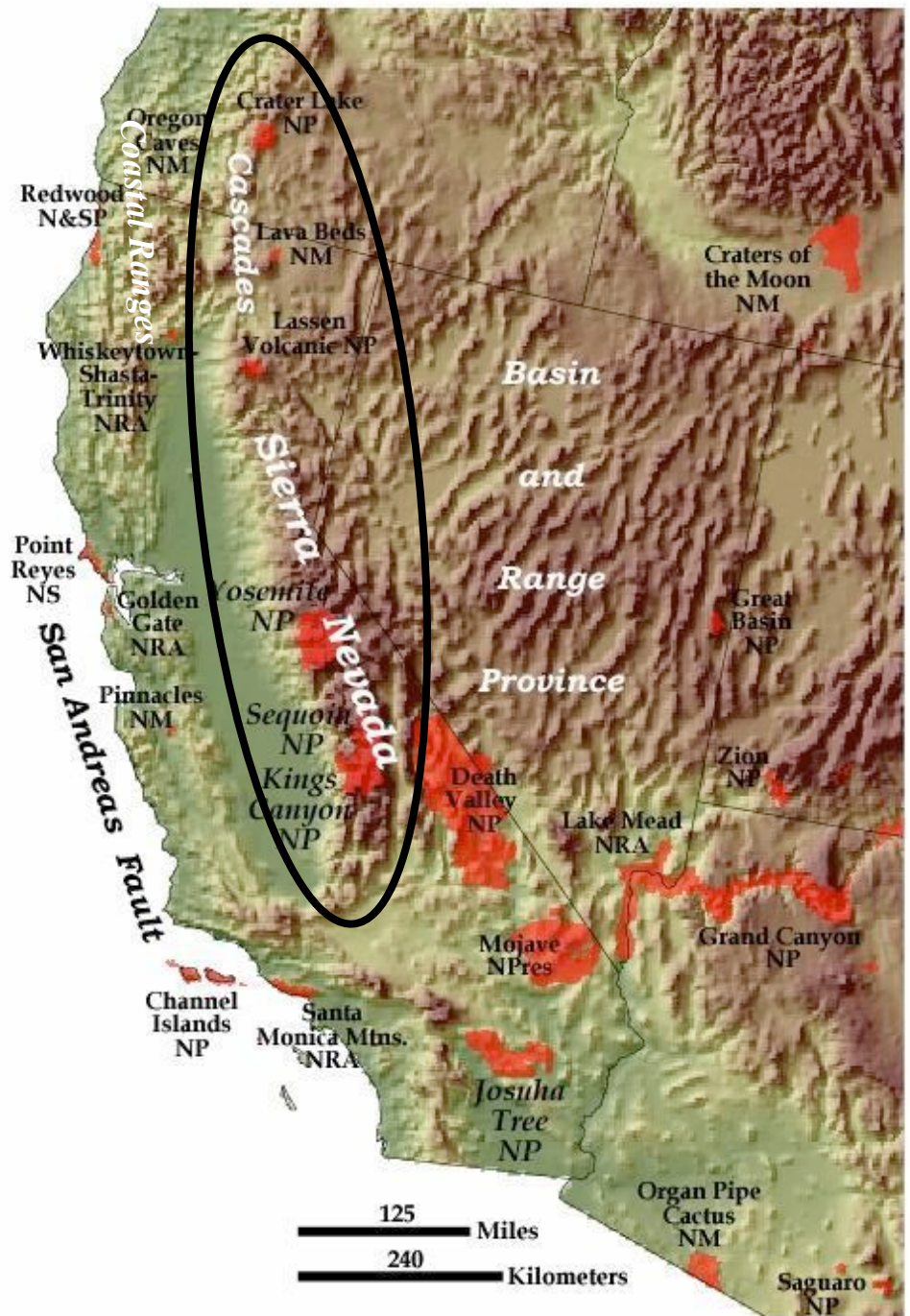


PLATE TECTONIC

DEVELOPMENT OF THE WESTERN UNITED STATES

In the past the entire West Coast was a subducting plate boundary. A volcanic arc extended all the way from Alaska to Mexico.

Marshak, EARTH (Norton, 2005)

40 Million Years Ago

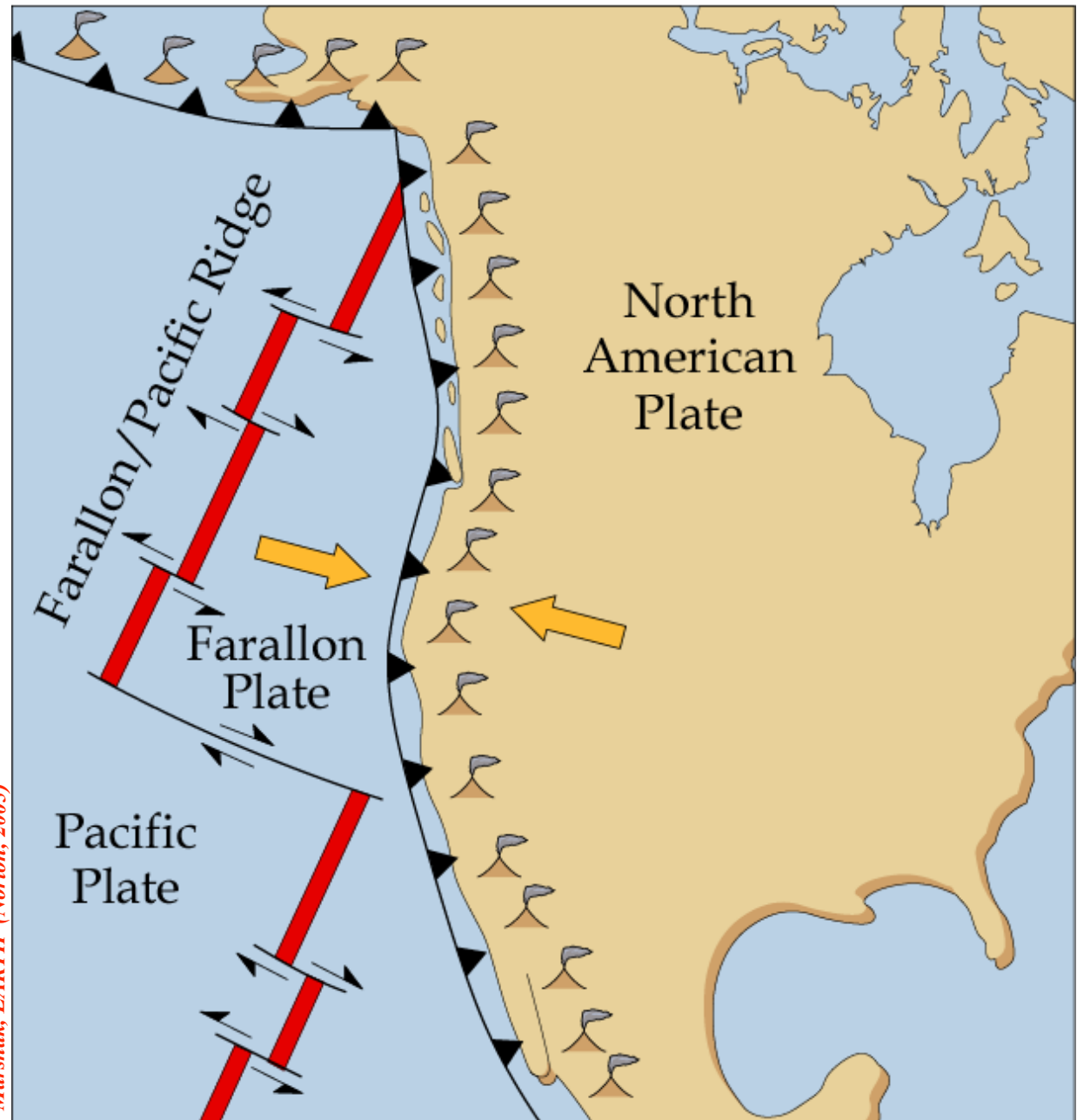


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The Farallon Plate was completely subducted in the California region, leaving only fragments known as the Juan de Fuca and Cocos plates. Where the Pacific and North American plates touched, subduction ceased and a transform boundary developed.

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18 Million Years Ago

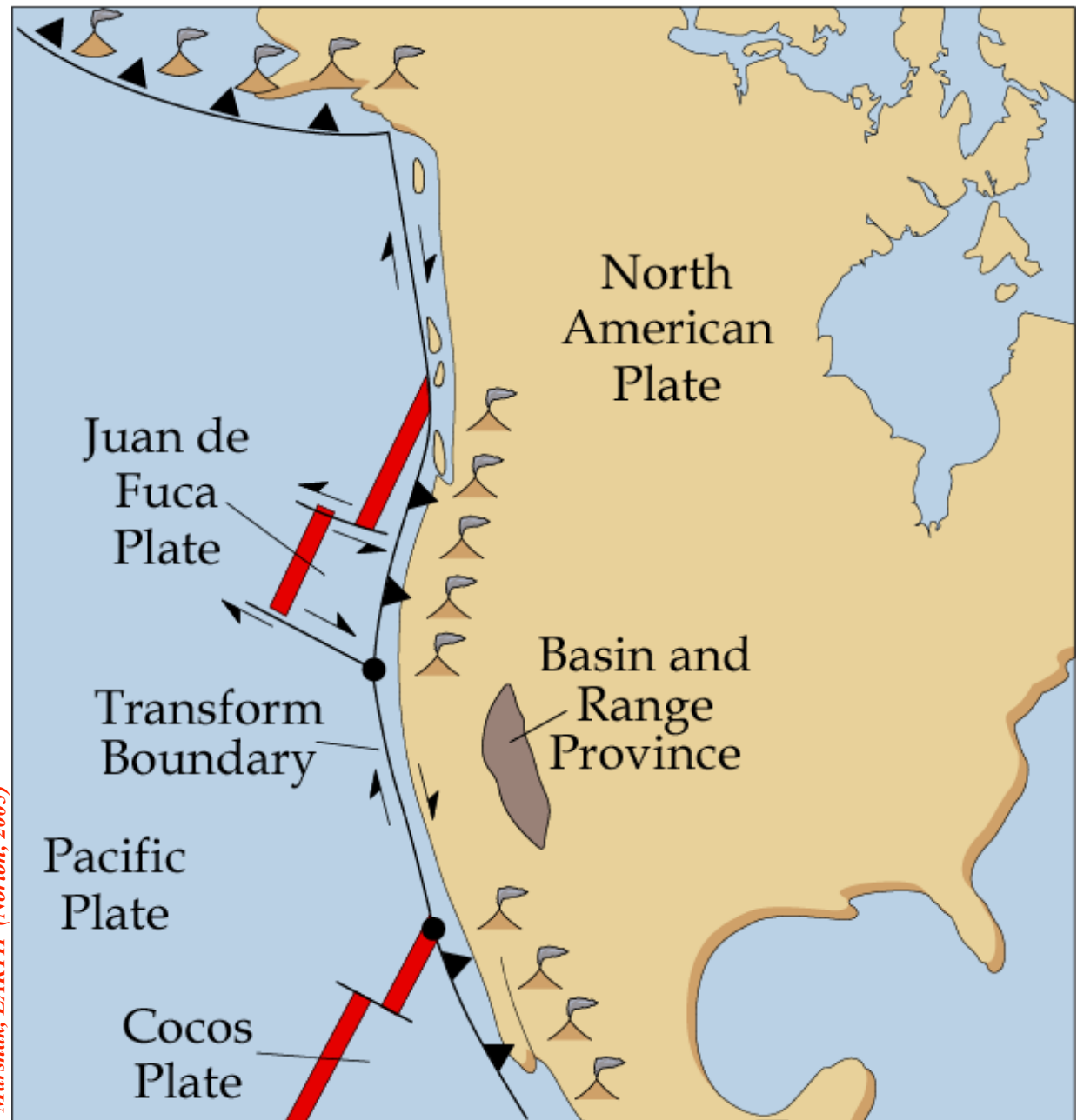
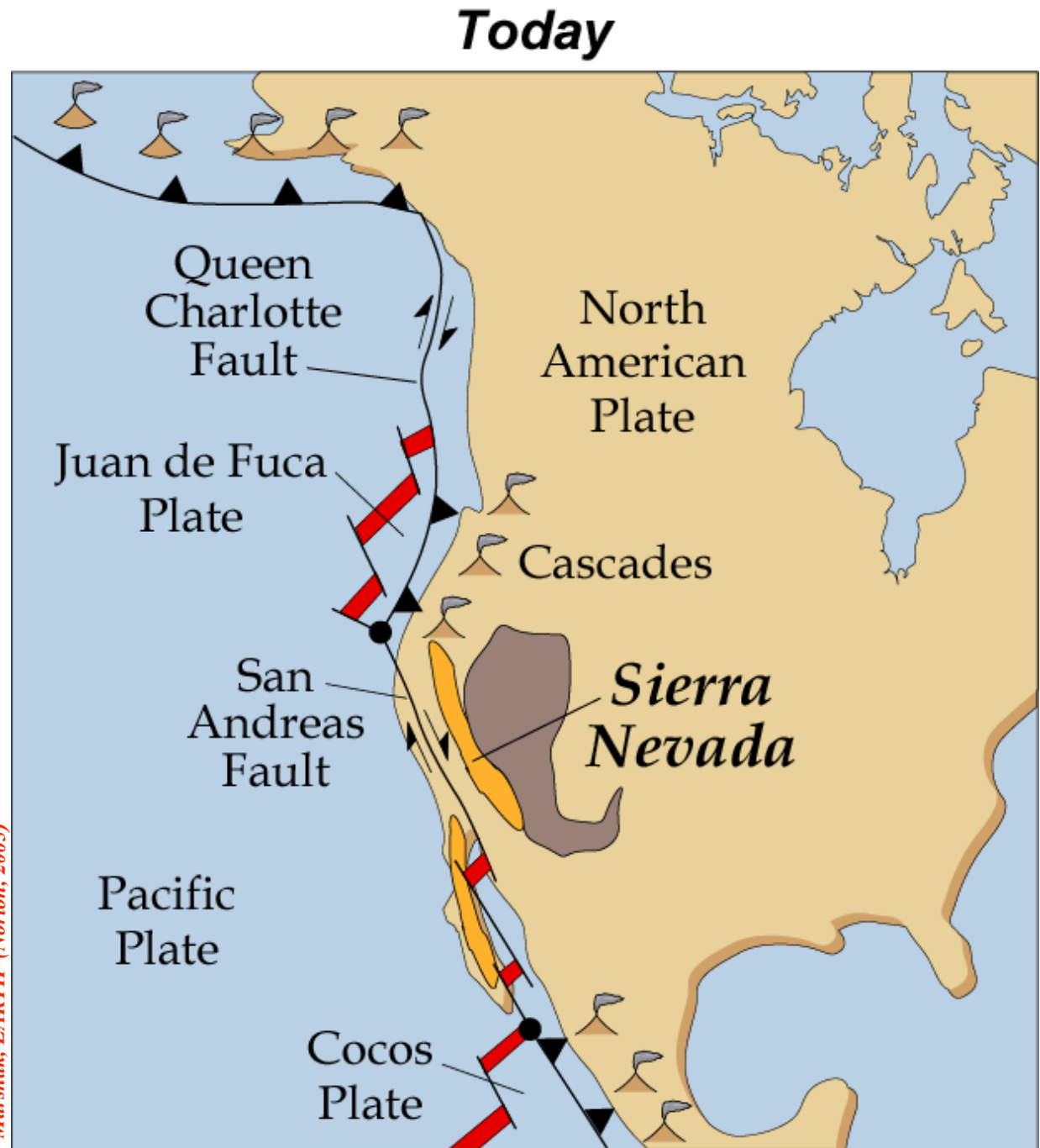


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*The Sierra Nevada are the
eroded remnants of the
once-extensive volcanic
arc.*

Marshak, EARTH (Norton, 2005)



Cascade – Sierra “Magmatic System”

Making the
connection ☺



Mount Rainier National Park

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Crater Lake National Park

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Yosemite National Park

National Parks represent the two different mountain ranges.

Olympic National Park



Mount Rainier National Park



Olympic and other Coastal Mountains

Puget Sound/Willamette Valley

Cascade Volcanoes

Volcanic Arc

North American Plate

Magma

Yosemite National Park

Plate Sweats Hot Water

SUBDUCTION ZONE

Ancient Volcanic Arc

Accretionary Wedge

MID-OCEAN RIDGE

Juan De Fuca Plate
Trench (Filled with Sediment)
Juan De Fuca Ridge
Pacific Plate

The Edge of the Sea

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- *“Now I hear the sea sounds about me;*
- *the night high tide is rising, swirling with a confused rush of waters against the rocks below*
- *Once this rocky coast beneath me was a plain of sand;*
- *then the sea rose and found a new shore line.*
- *And again in some shadowy future the surf will have ground these rocks to sand and will have returned the coast to its earlier state.*
- *And so in my mind's eye these coastal forms merge and blend in a shifting, kaleidoscopic pattern in which there is no finality, no ultimate and fixed reality - Earth becoming fluid as the sea itself.”*

Cascadia Subduction Zone – *Earth becoming fluid as the sea itself*

*We can see
what's on the
surface.*

Olympic National Park

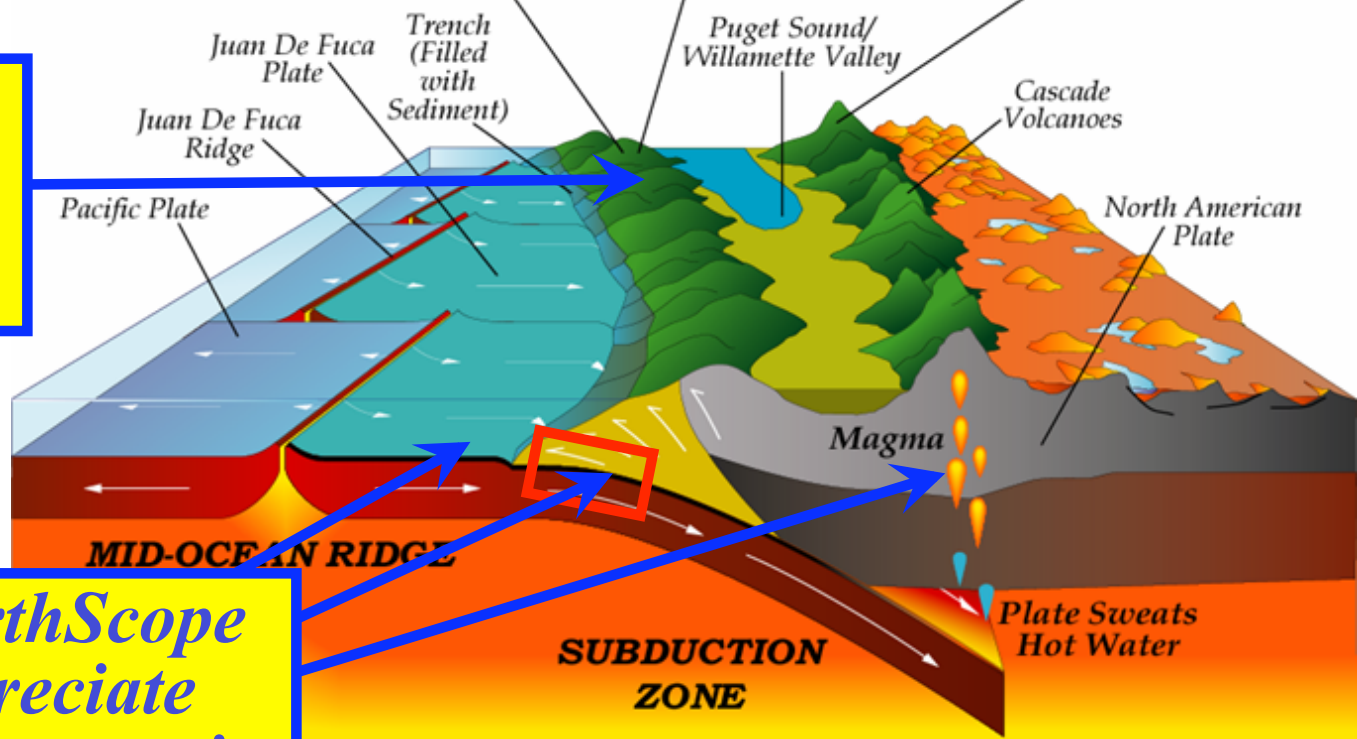


Olympic
and
other
Coastal
Mountains

Mount Rainier National Park



*How does the
surface change
as a response to
subduction?*



*How does EarthScope
help us appreciate
earthquakes, tsunamis,
and volcanic
eruptions?*

Workshops for Interpretive Professionals in Parks and Museums

