

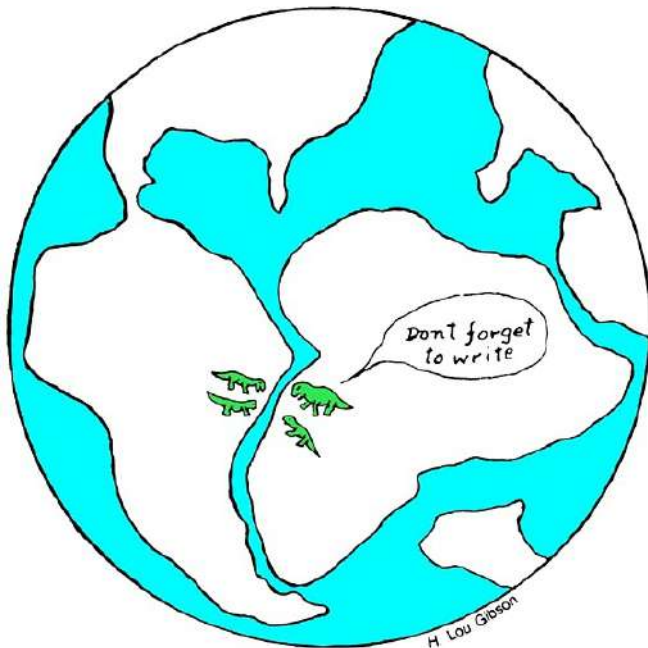
## Geological time • Plate tectonics

Biogeography and Evolution of Marine Organisms

## History of Biogeography

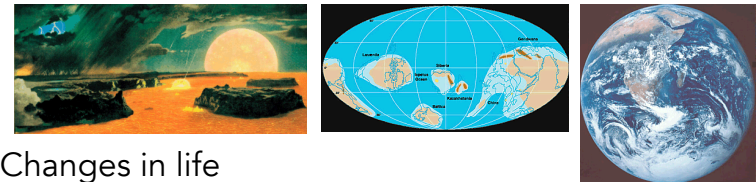
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- HISTORY OF THE EARTH
- THE OPENING of THE ATLANTIC OCEAN
- THE CHANGES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN
- TETHYS SEA and the MEDITERRANEAN
- THE MESSINIAN SALINITY CRISIS
- THE SOUTHERN OCEAN
- THE CLOSURE of THE ISTHMUS OF PANAMA: GLOBAL CONSEQUENCES
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## Earth is a Dynamic and Evolving Planet

- Changes in its surface



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Geological time

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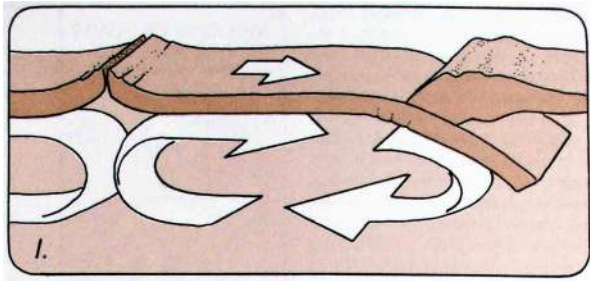


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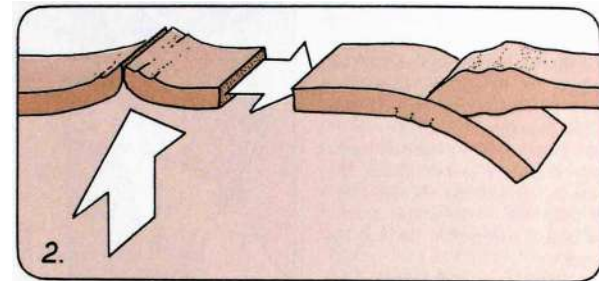


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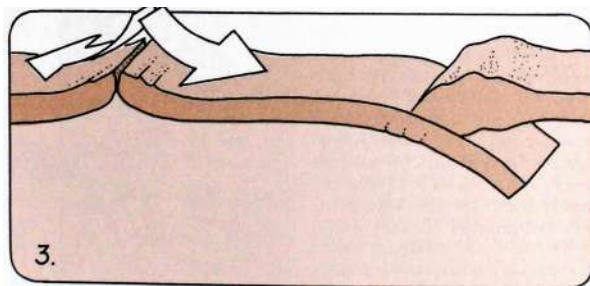


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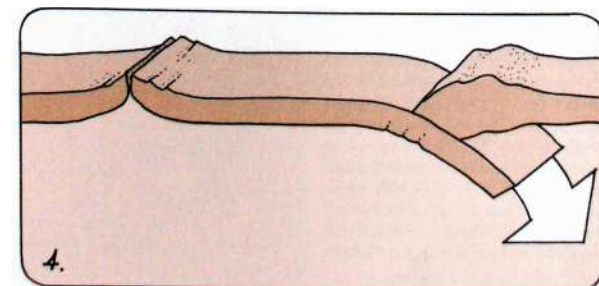


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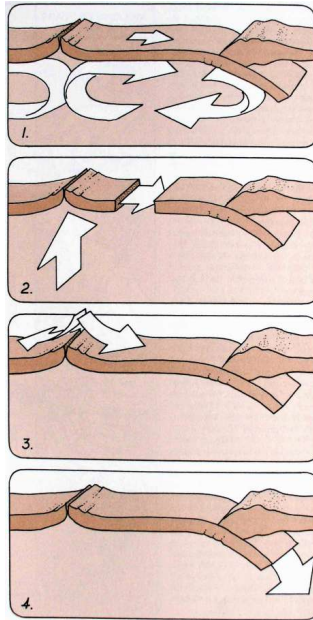


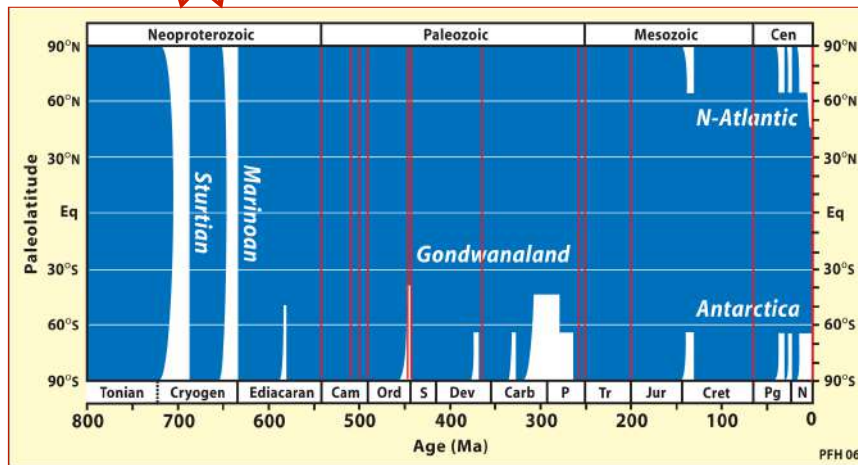
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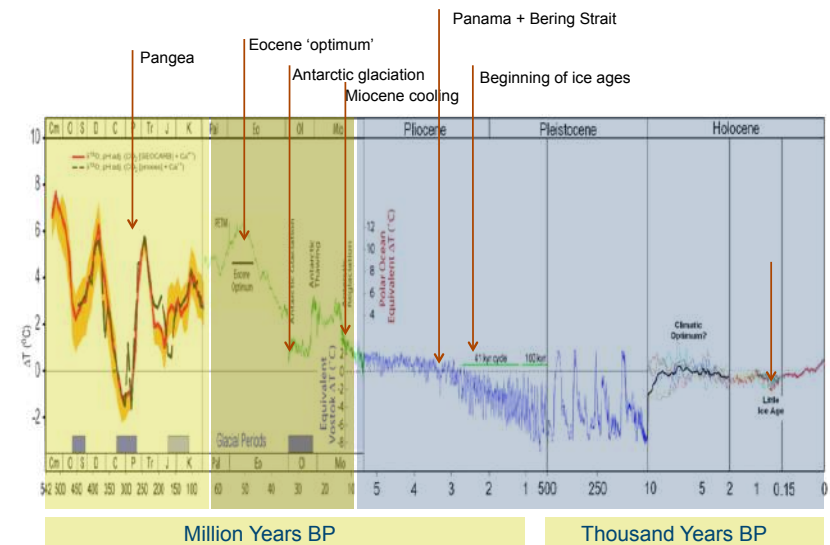
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## Snowball Earth

## Major ice ages



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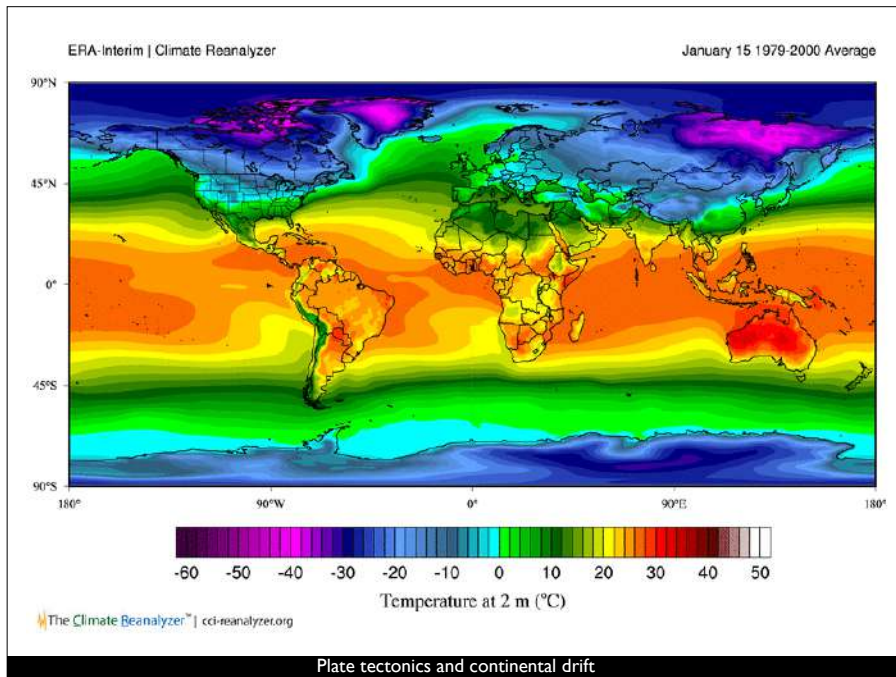


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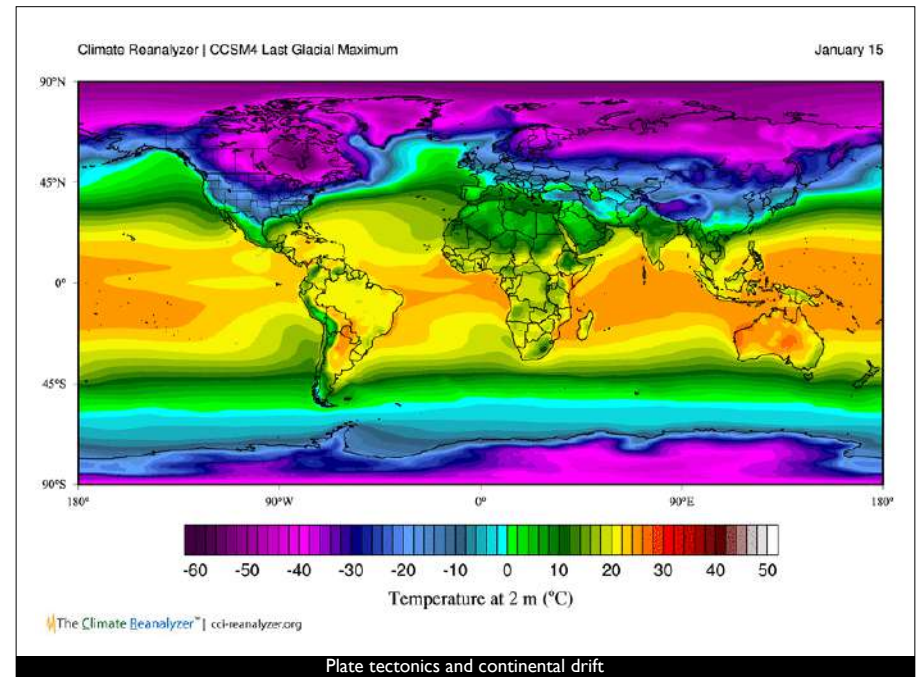
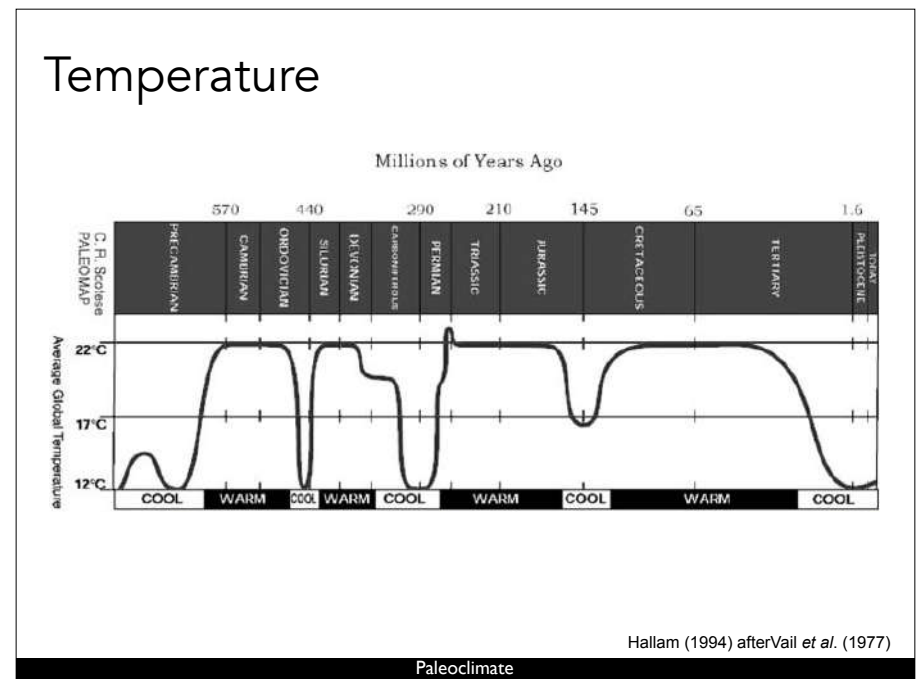
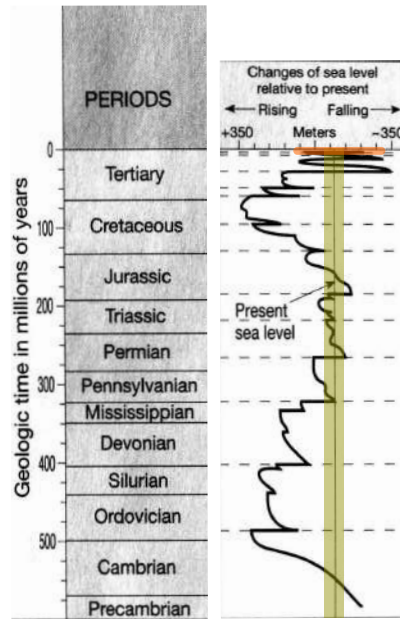


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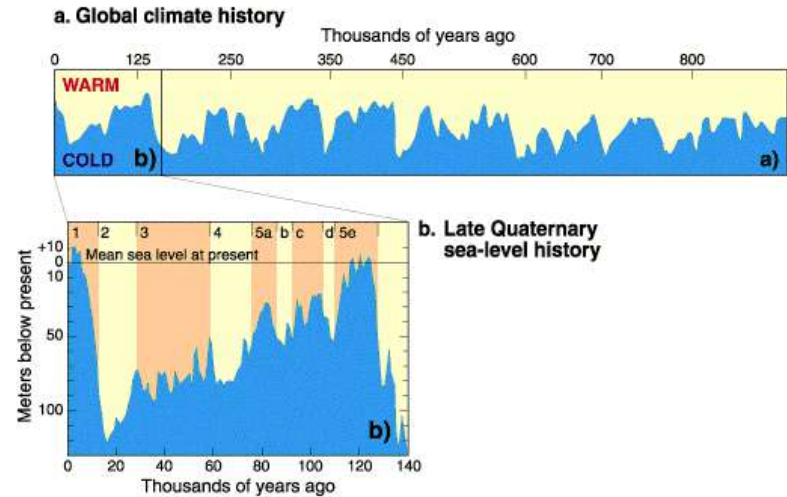
Hallam (1994) after Vail *et al.* (1977)

# Sea level



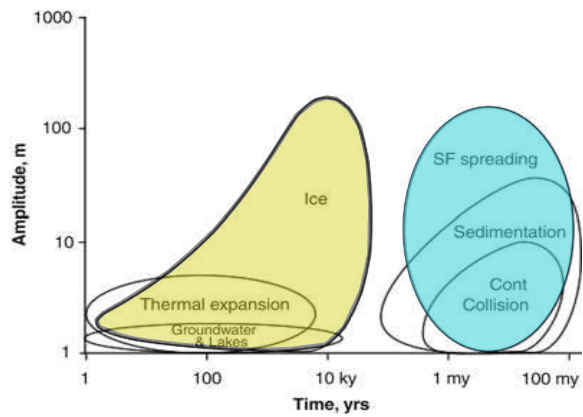
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# Factors controlling sea level

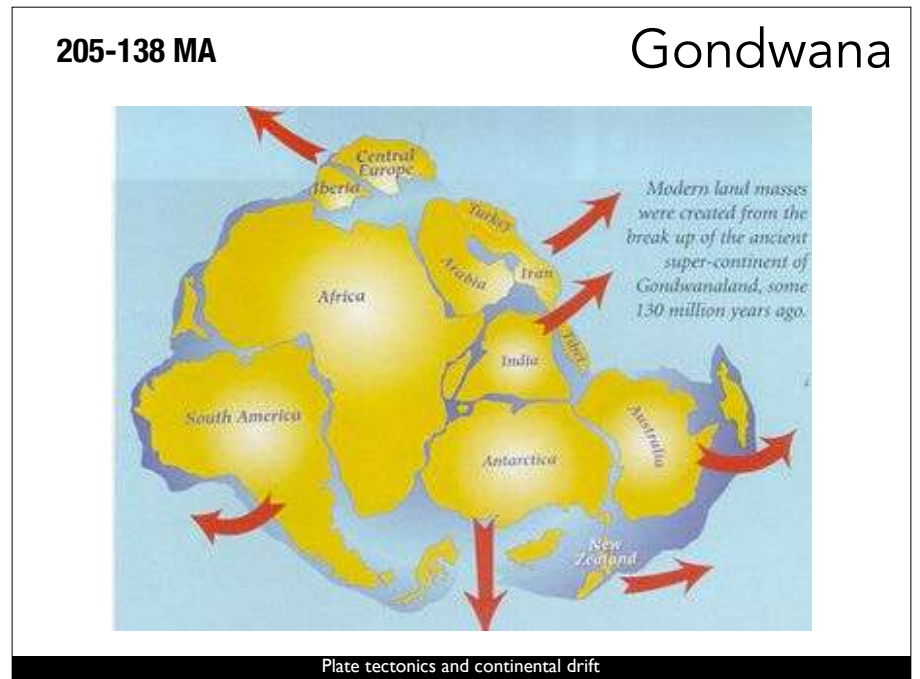
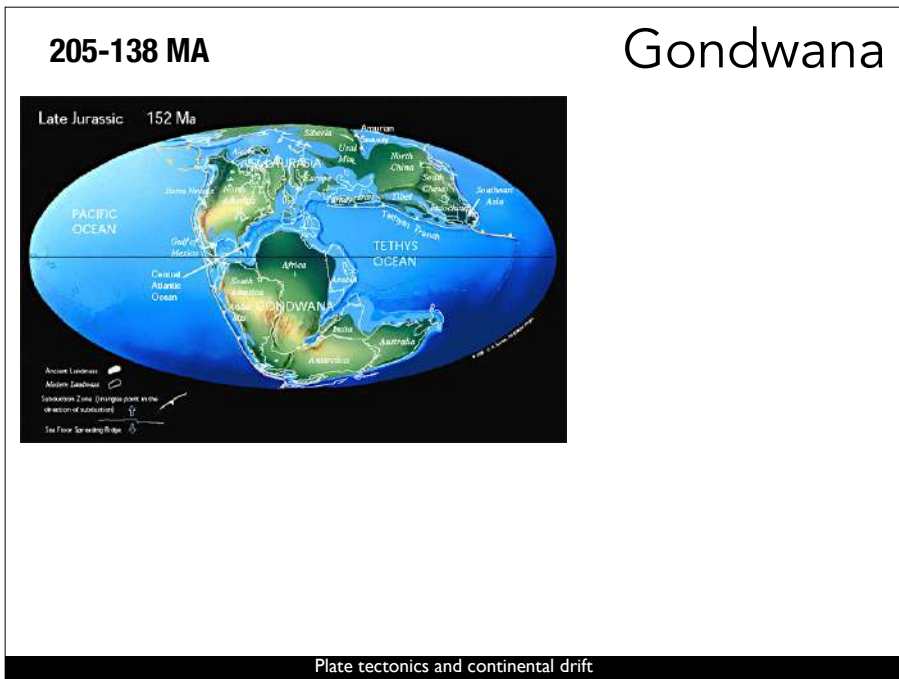
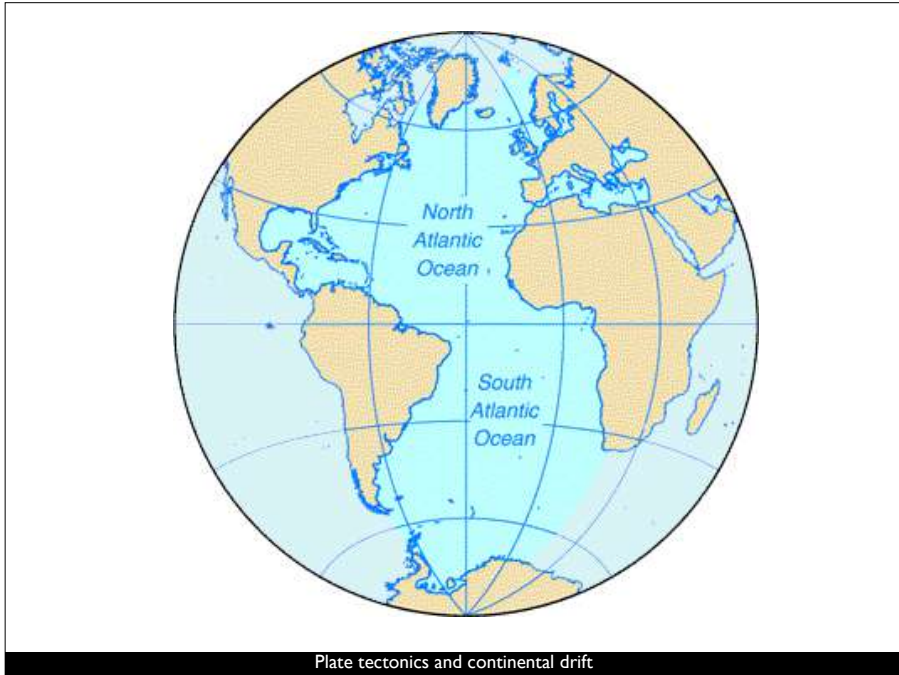


Miller et al. (2005)

Sea-level

# Atlantic Ocean

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205-138 MA

# Gondwana



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# Pangea Pulls Apart



- 200 MYA
- Stretches continental crust
- Atlantic Ocean Banks

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138-65 MA

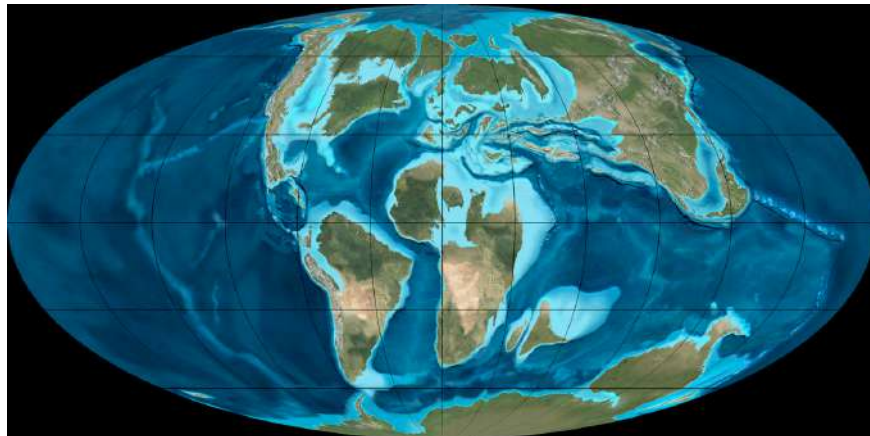


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Late Cretaceous (65 Ma)

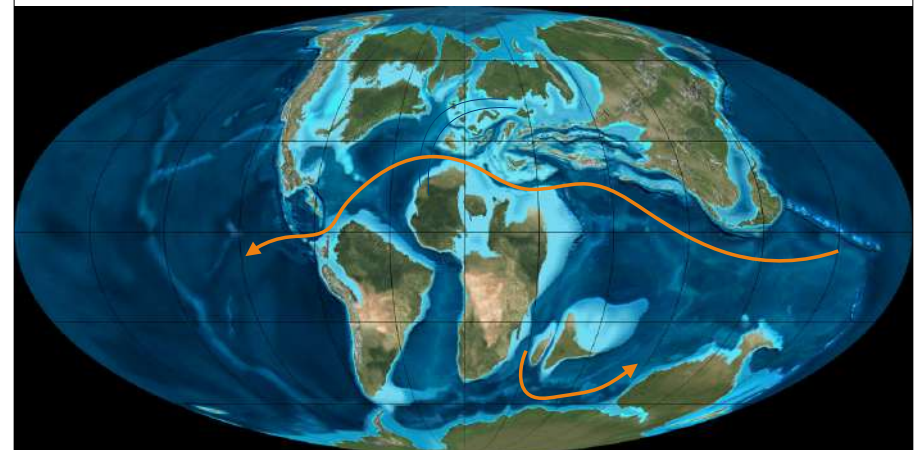


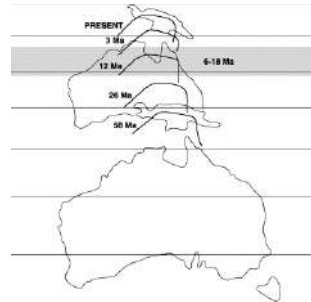
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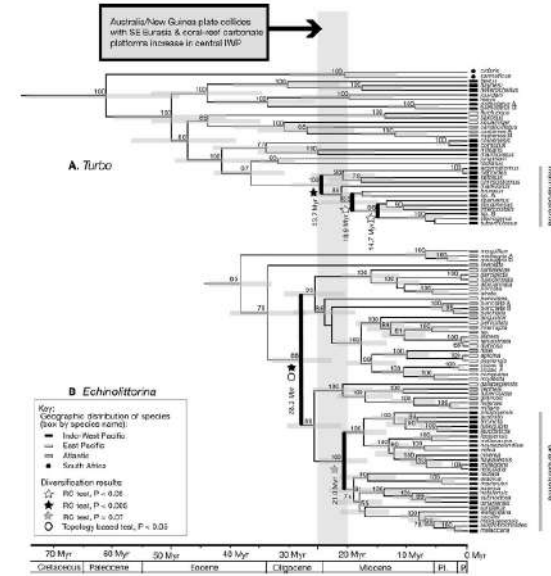
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Australia-New Guinea plate colliding with SouthEast Eurasia and coral reef platforms



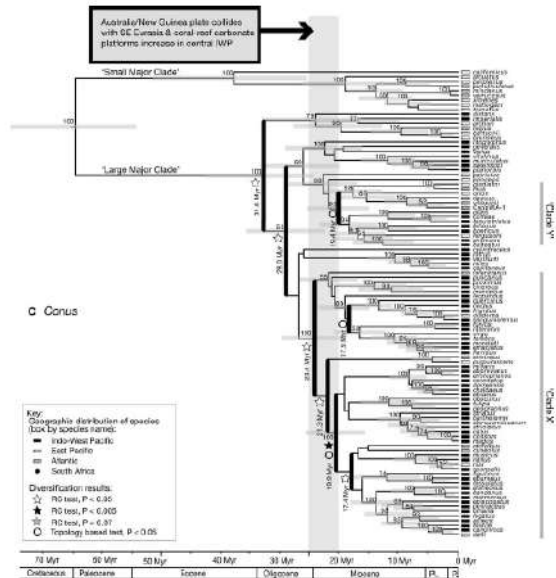
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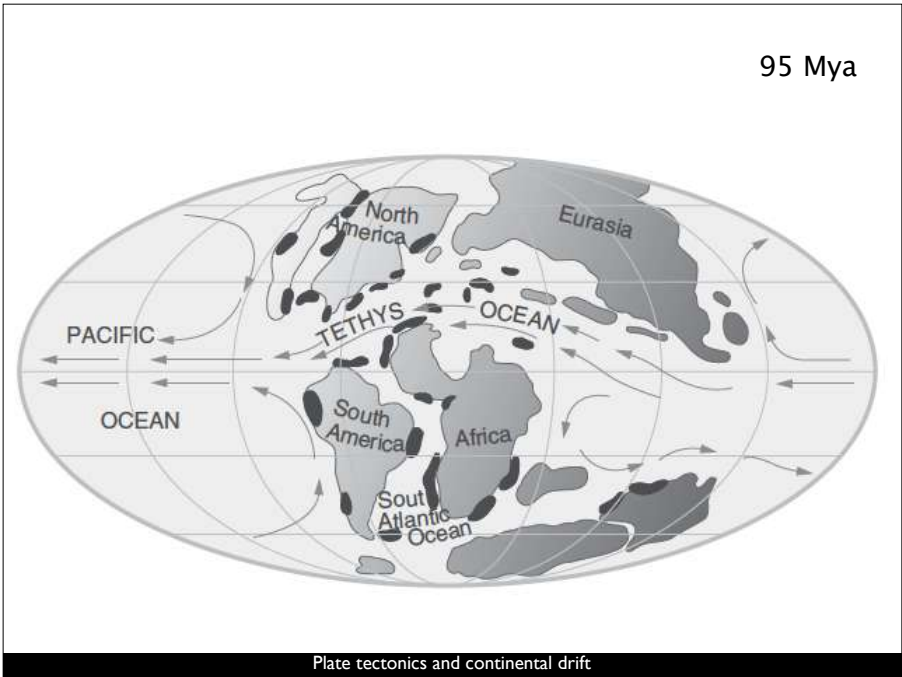
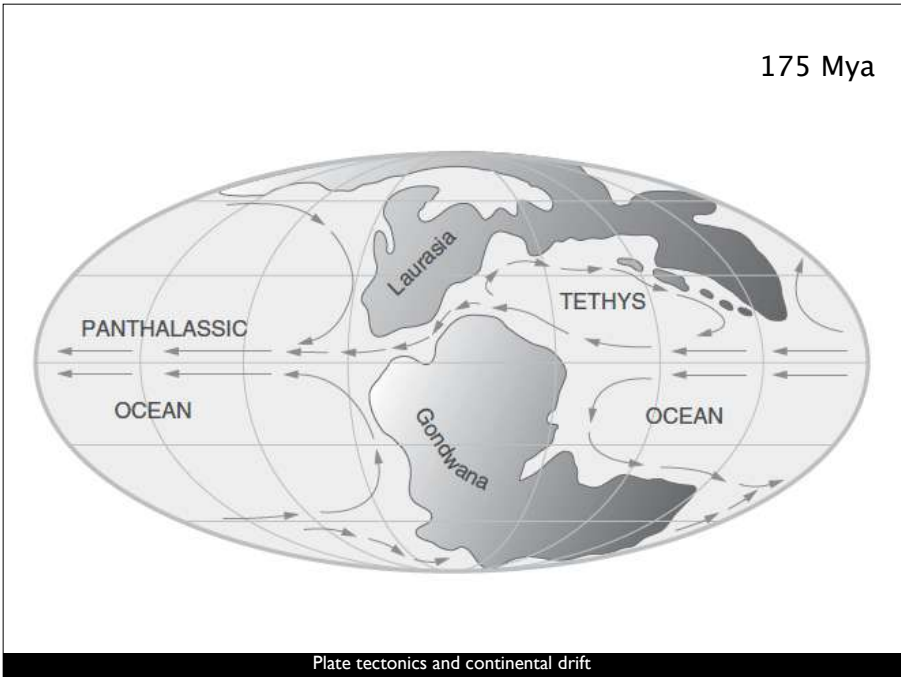
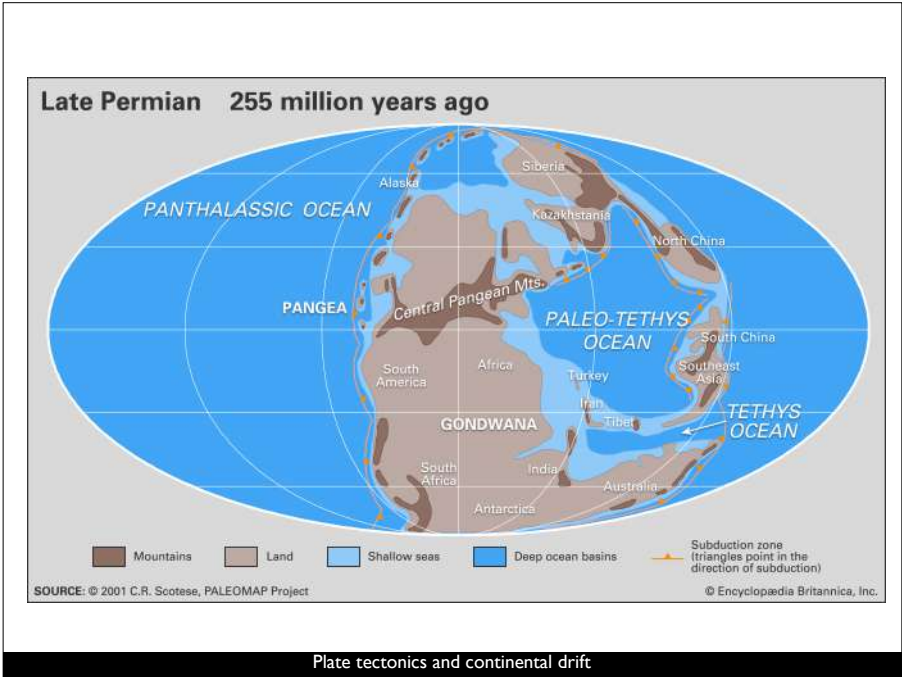
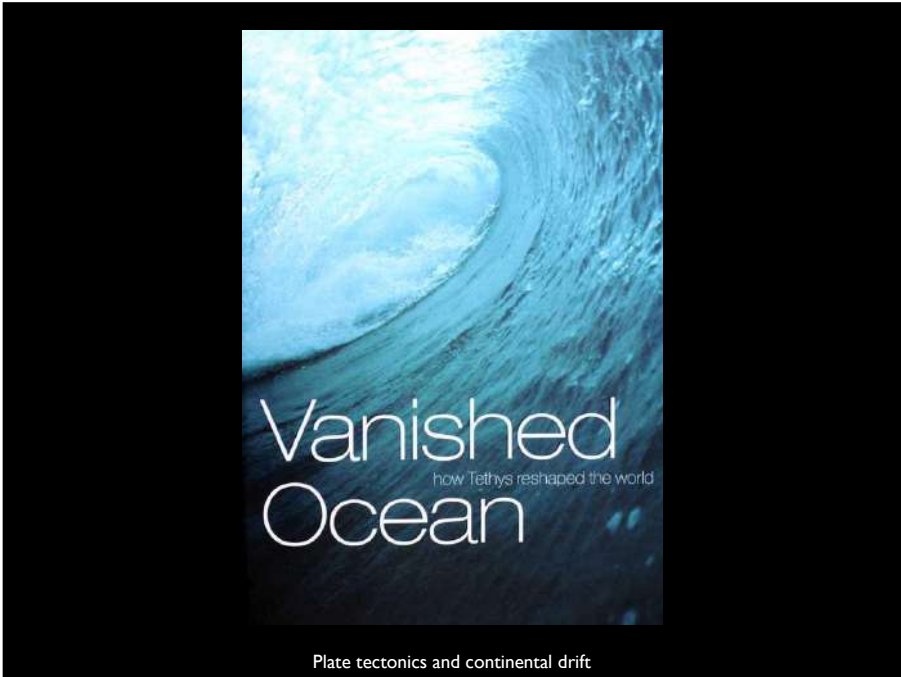


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Tethys Sea

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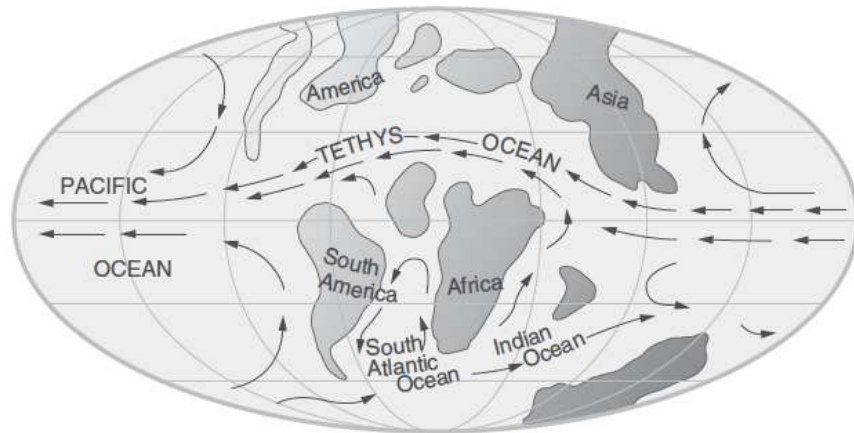


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65MY

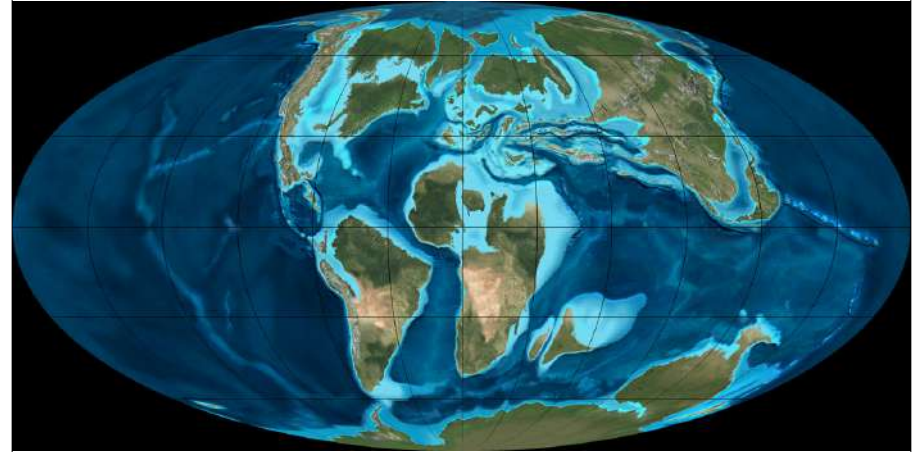


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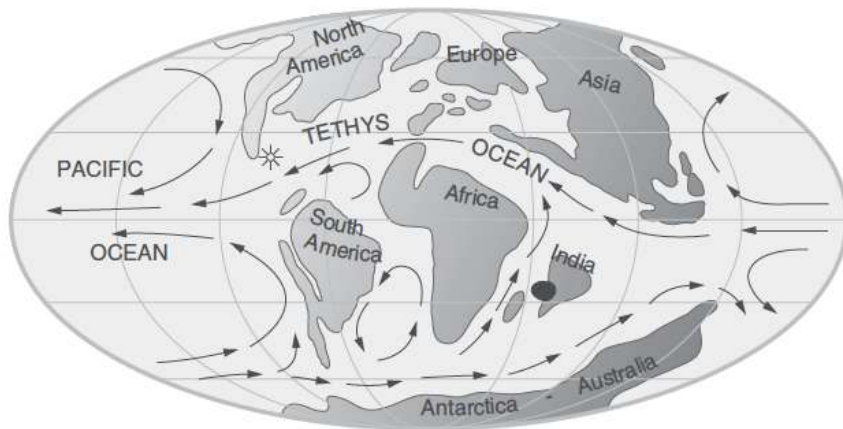


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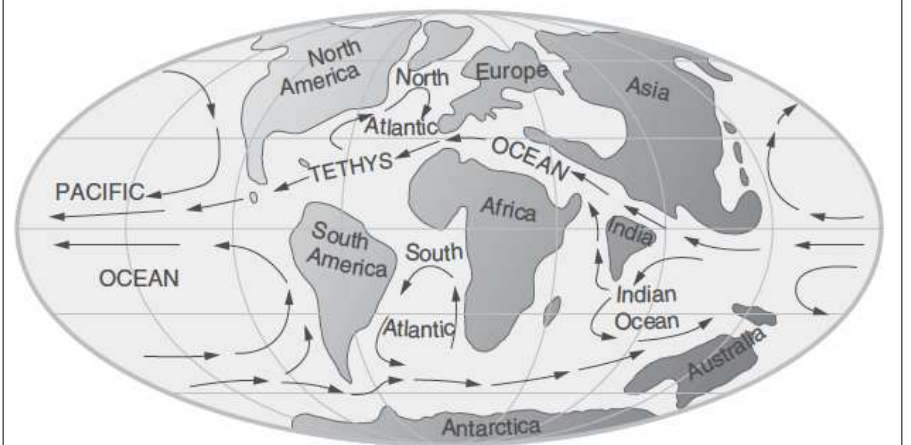


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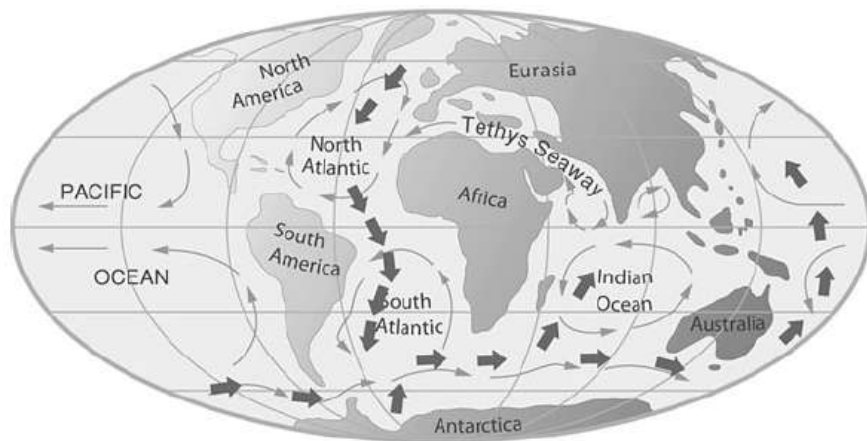


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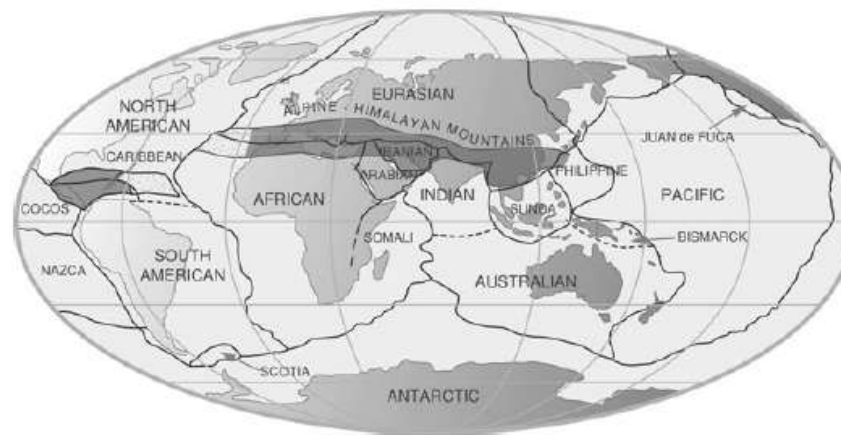


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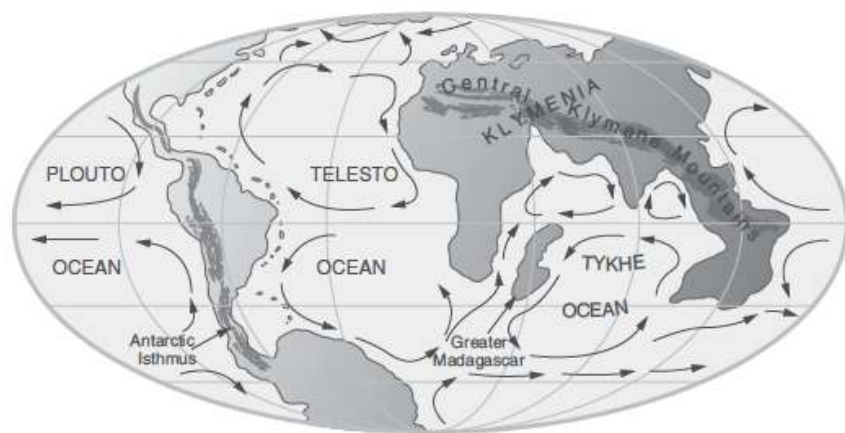


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Tethys and the Mediterranean

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# From the Tethys Sea to the Mediterranean

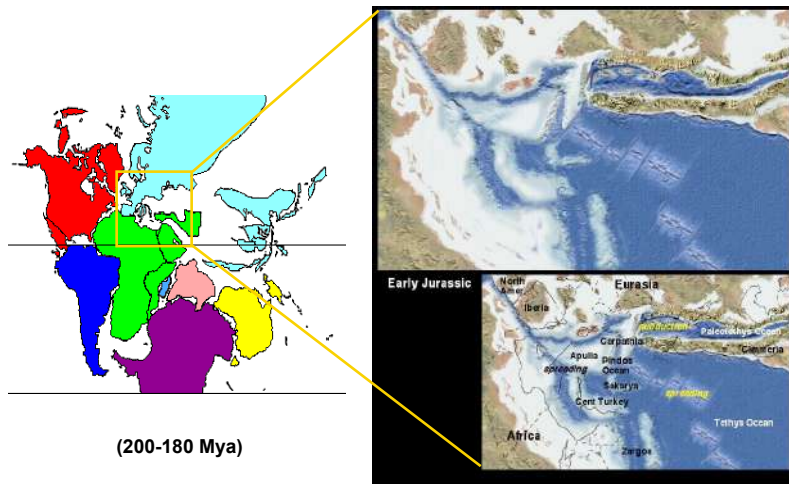
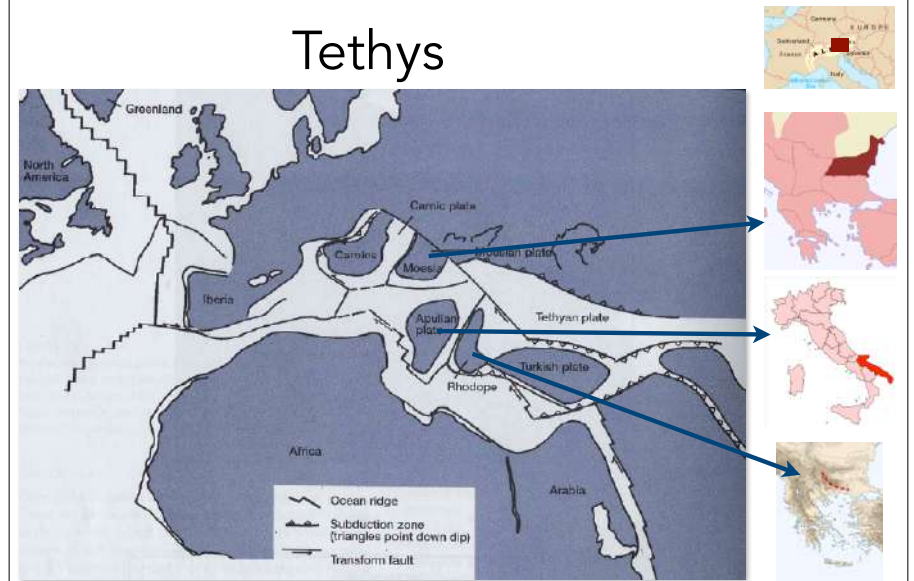


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# Tethys



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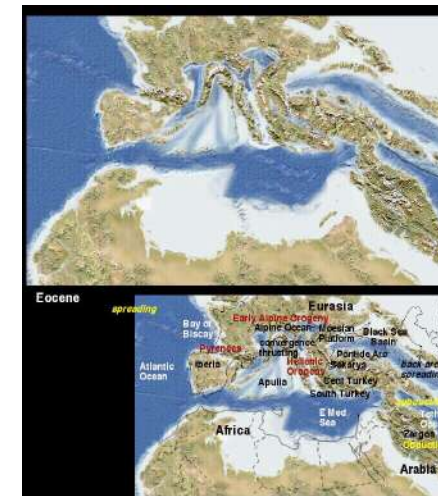
# Eastwards motion of Africa relative to Europe



(130-85 Mya)

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# Eastwards and Northwards motion of Africa relative to Europe



(57- 35 Mya)

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Eastwards motion of Africa closes the Connection between the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean



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Africa moves northwards and westwards



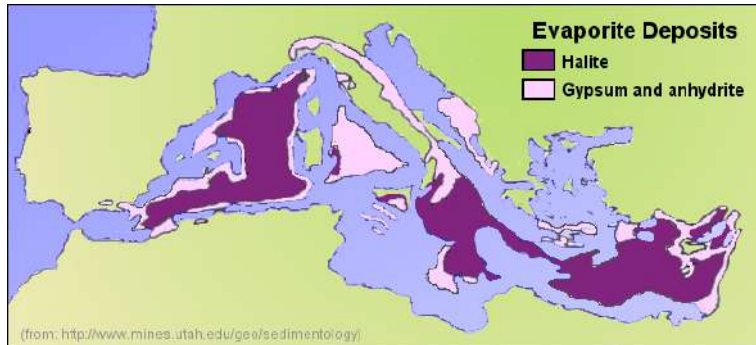
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Messinian salinity crisis



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## Evaporites

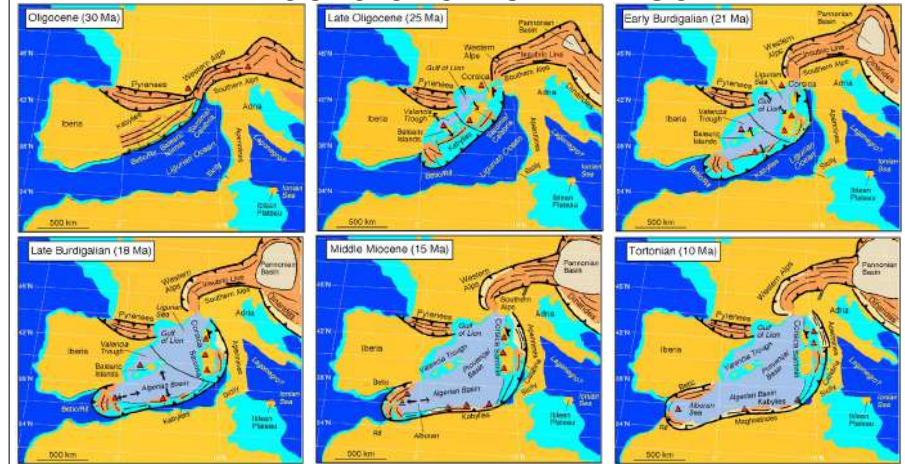


In August of 1970 the DSDP ship Challenger was positioned in the western Mediterranean, south of the Balearic Islands, in almost 3000 m of water. The geologists on board were looking for the source of a prominent sub-sea-floor seismic feature called the M-reflector, and, to their great surprise, they drilled into a thick layer of anhydrite - the first evidence of a vast deposit of evaporite rocks extending across the Mediterranean.

<http://records.viu.ca/~earles/messinian-crisis-apr03.htm>

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## Iberia and North Africa



Three mechanisms have been proposed to explain the isolation of the Mediterranean during the Messinian, including:

- 1) a 60 m global drop in sea level due to glaciation,
- 2) horizontal squeezing, and
- 3) tectonic uplift.

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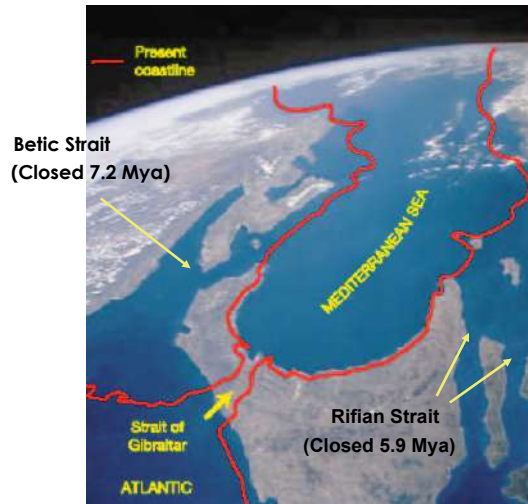
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## Western Mediterranean (8 Myr ago)

Mediterranean annual water loss by evaporation 1600 Km<sup>3</sup>/year.  
Only 10% replaced by rainfall and the influx of rivers.

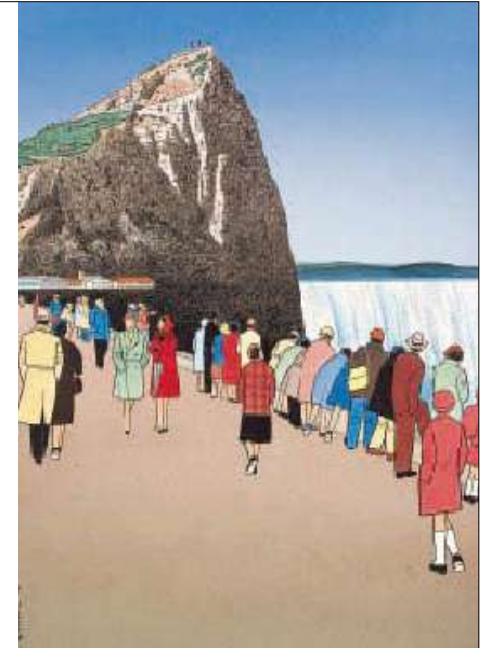
The remaining 90% had to come from the Atlantic Ocean.

With the Atlantic connection closed and climatic conditions in the lower Pliocene much warmer than at present, water level dropped approximately 1.4 m/year taking less than 1000 years to dry up.



Duggen et al. (2003) *Nature*, 422: 602-606

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[http://www.geo.uu.nl/Research/Paleomagnetism/people/Wout/res\\_wout.htm](http://www.geo.uu.nl/Research/Paleomagnetism/people/Wout/res_wout.htm)

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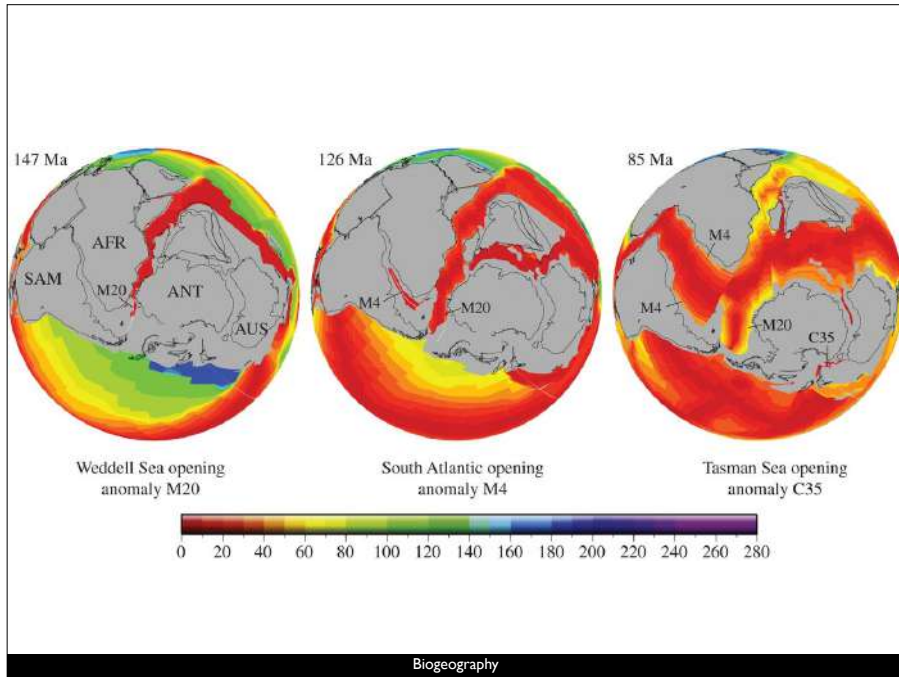
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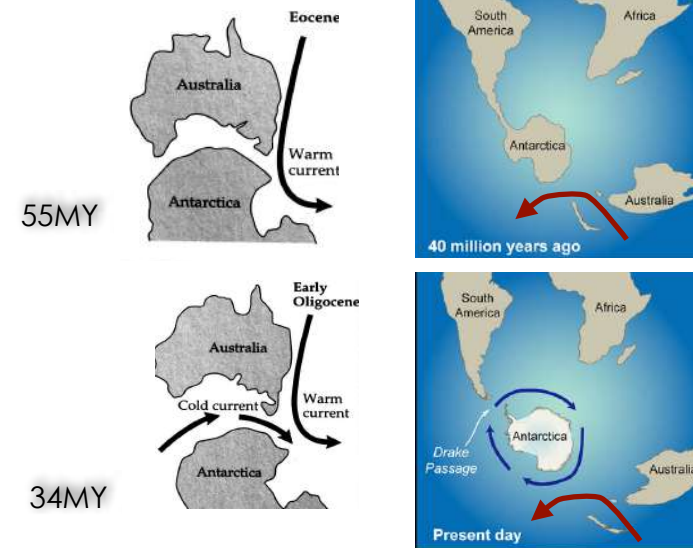


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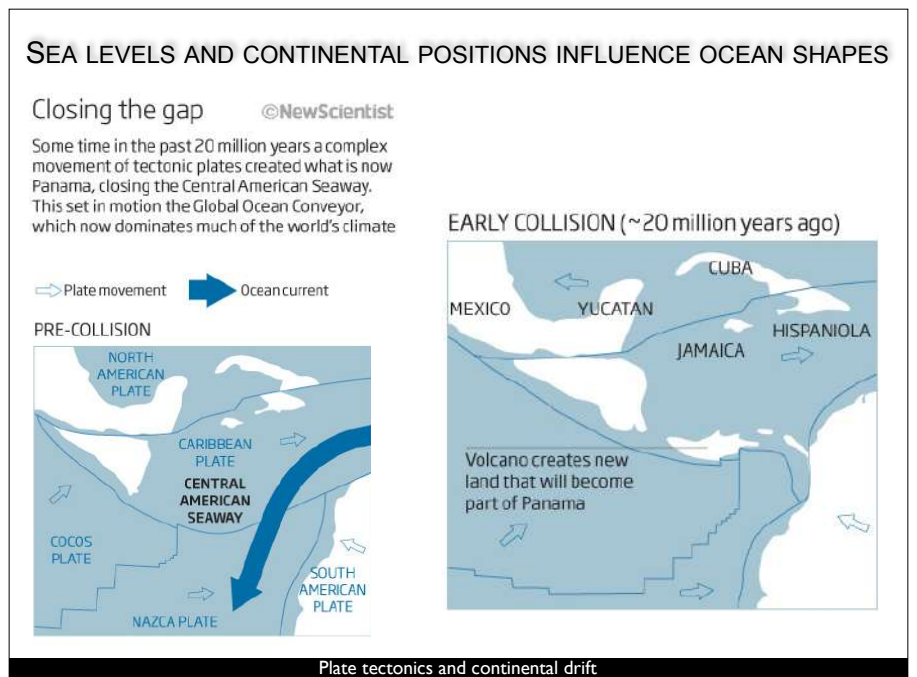
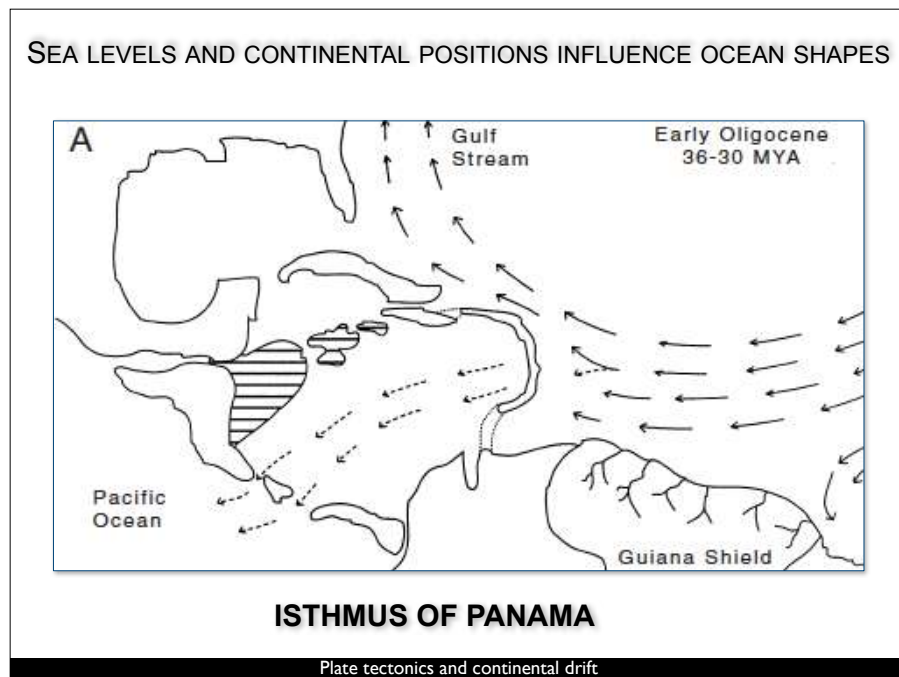
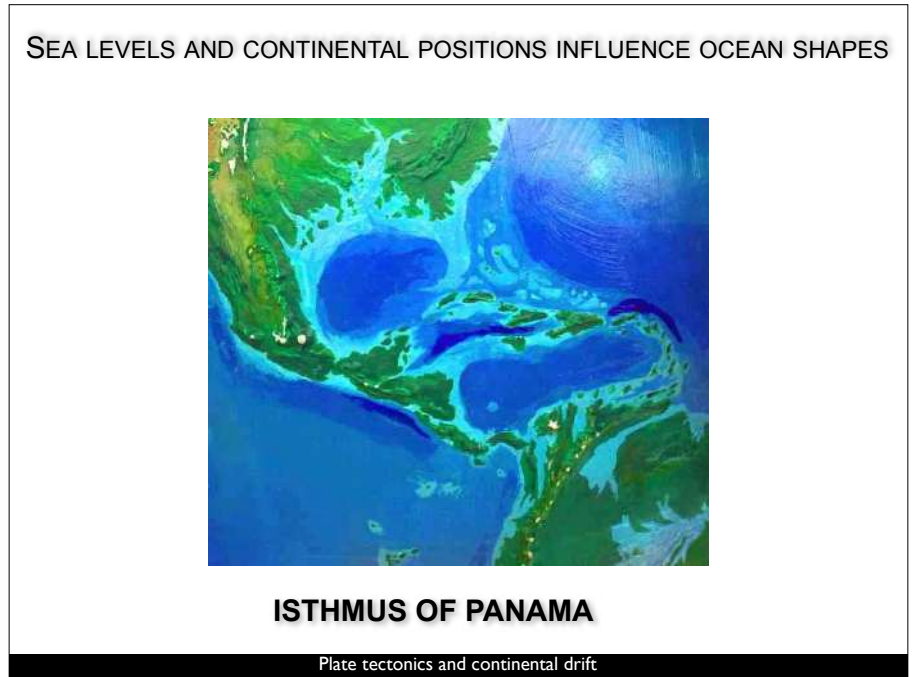
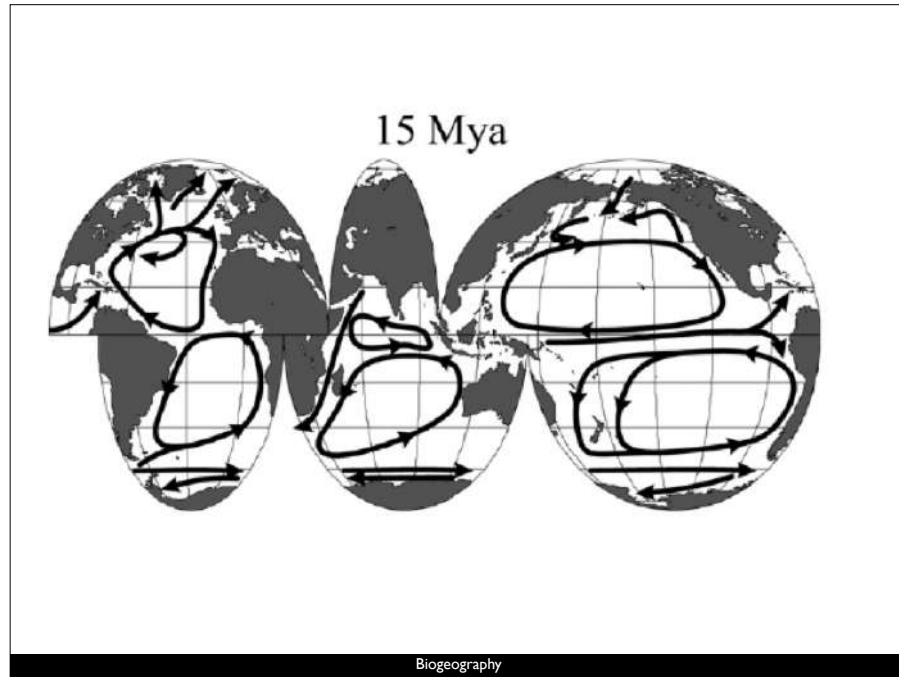
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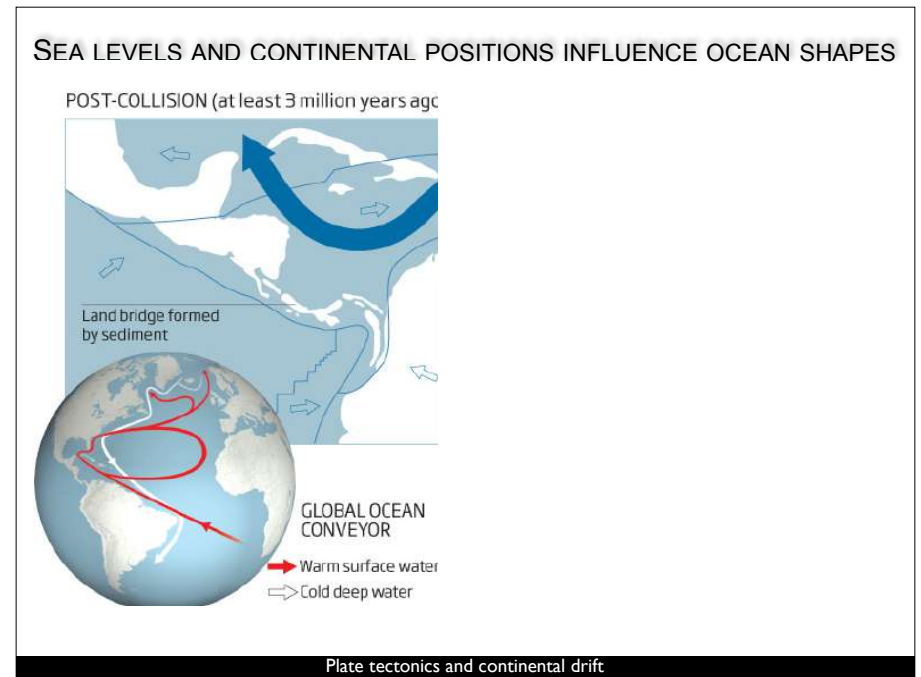
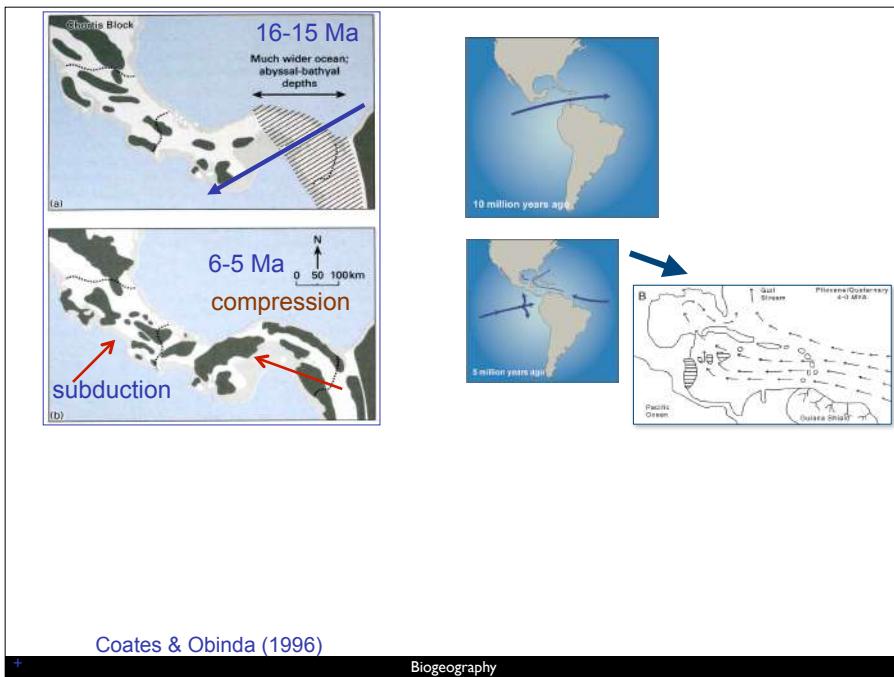
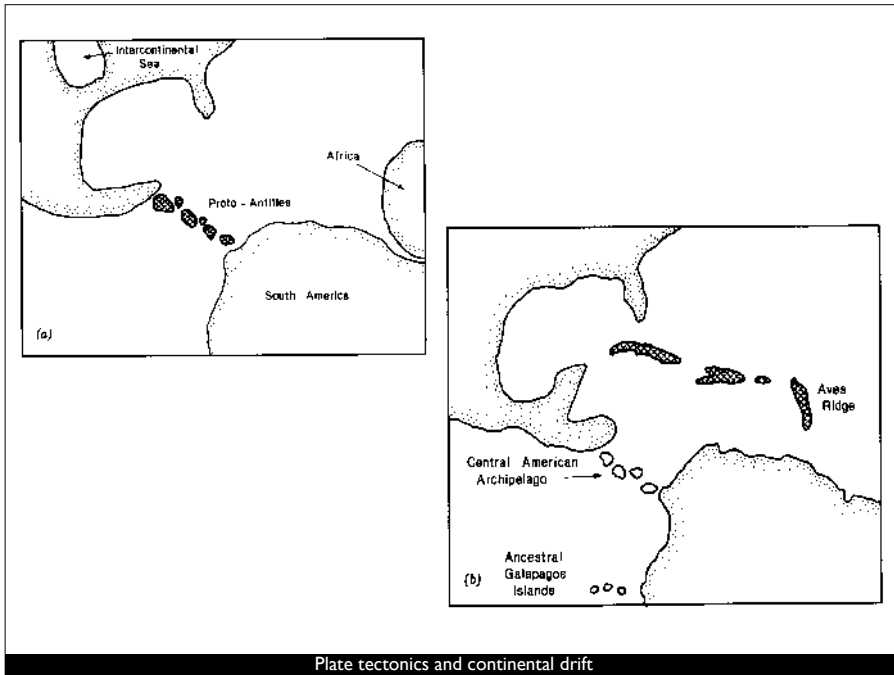
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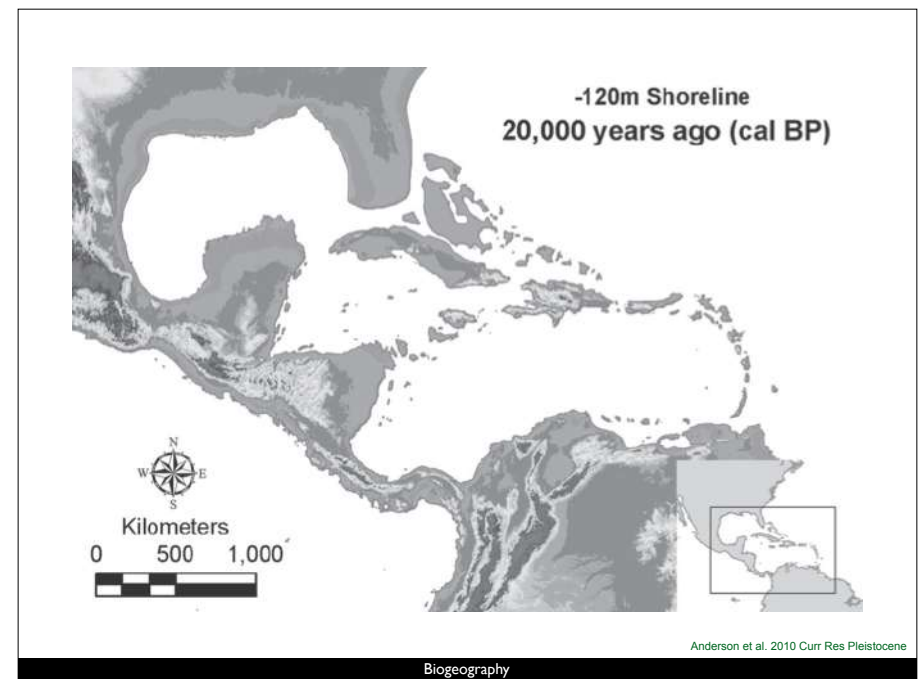
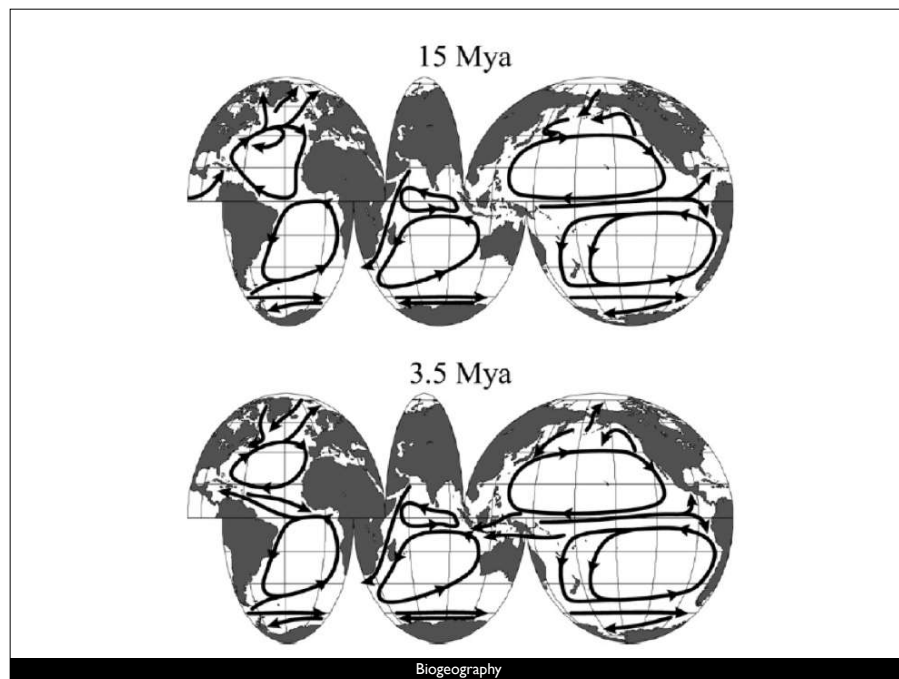
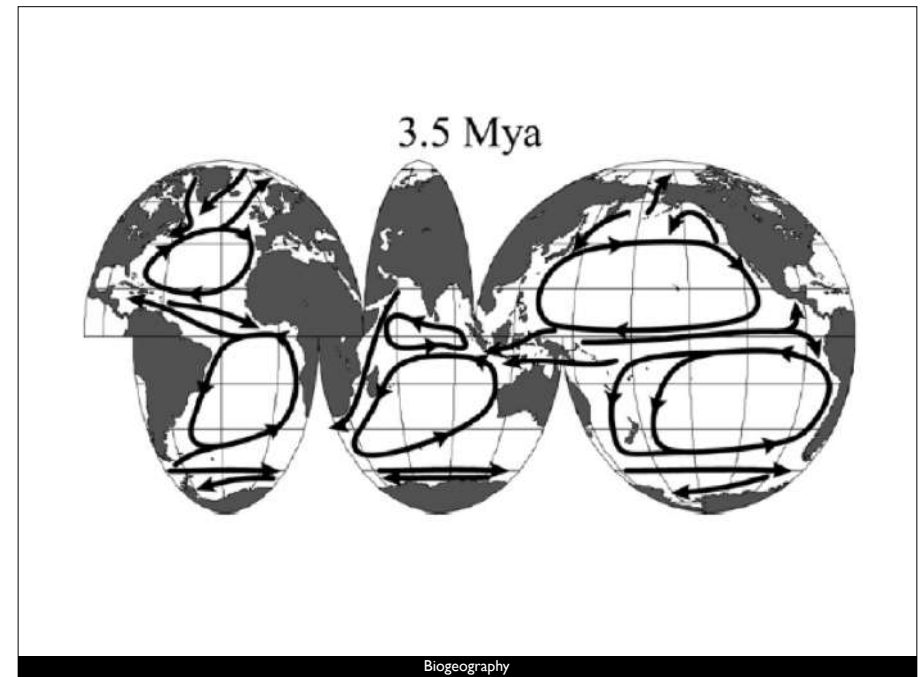
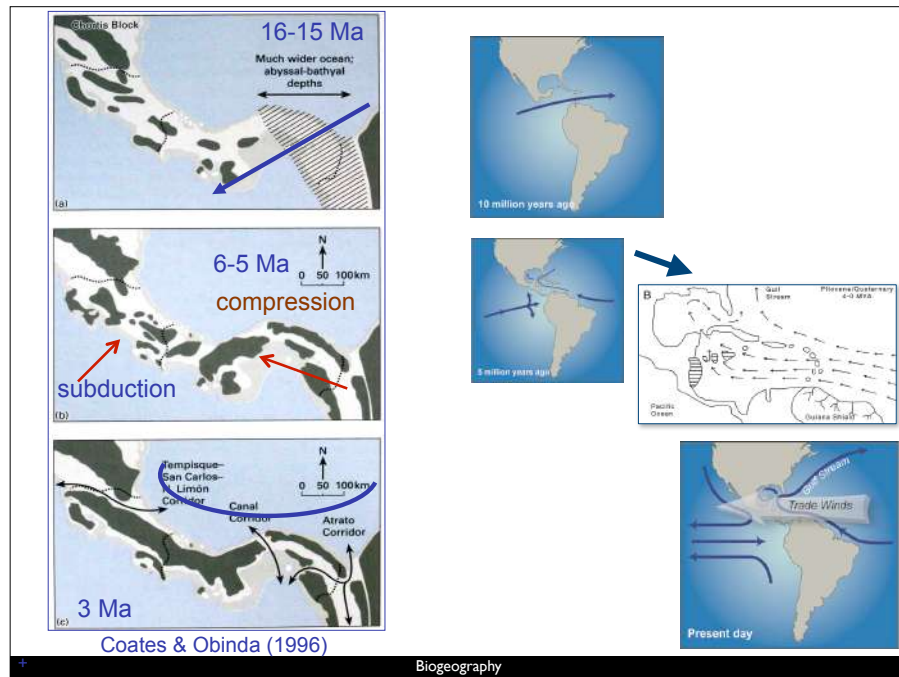


ISTHMUS OF PANAMA

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# Battle for the Americas

The formation of the Isthmus of Panama allowed the fauna of two continents to mingle, transforming biogeography. A radical new hypothesis holds that the land bridge formed millions of years earlier than scientists thought

Stone R 2013. Battle for the Americas. Science.

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Journal of Biogeography (J. Biogeogr.) (2009) 36, 1861–1880

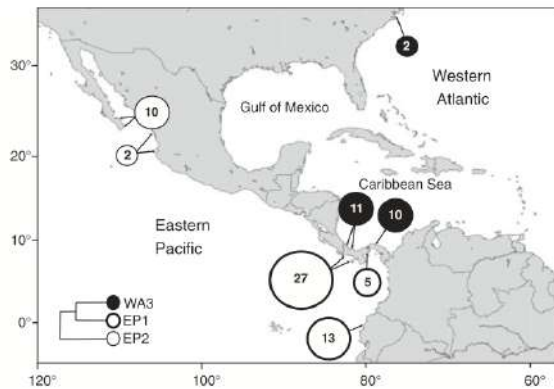


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P. B. Marko and A. L. Moran

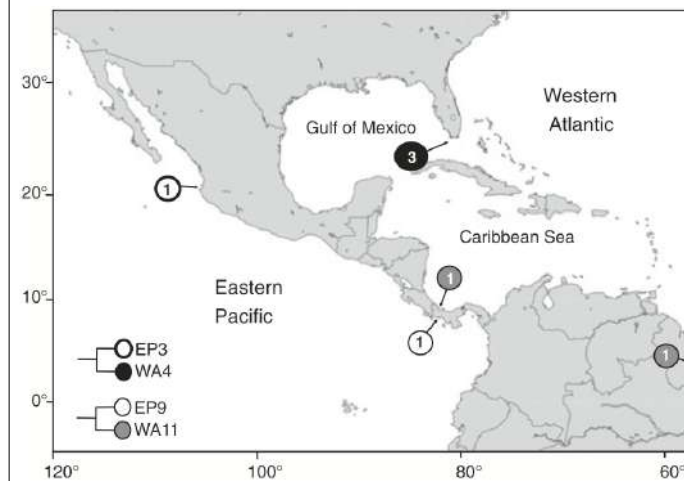


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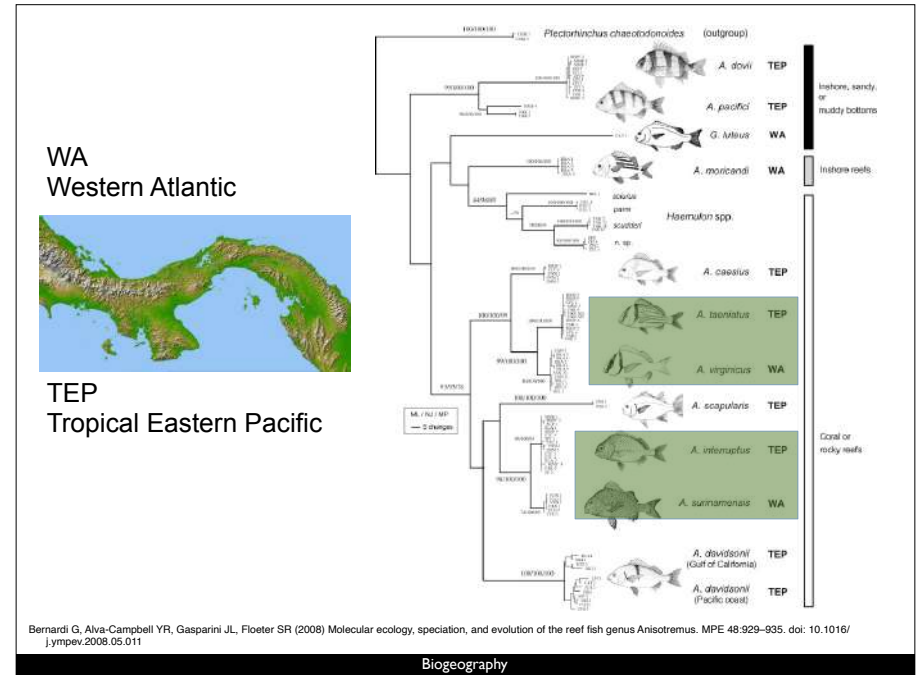
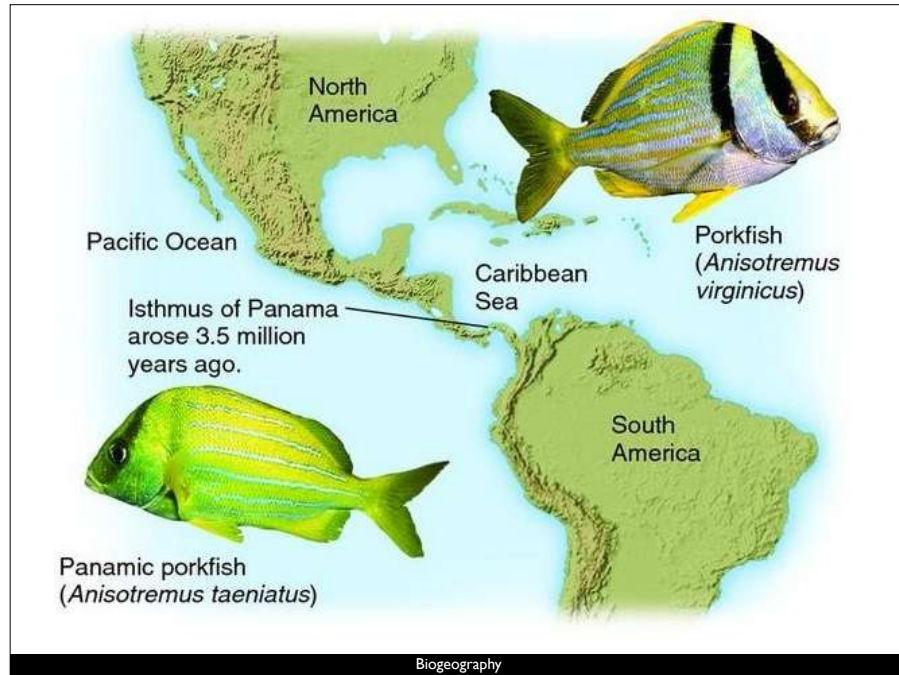
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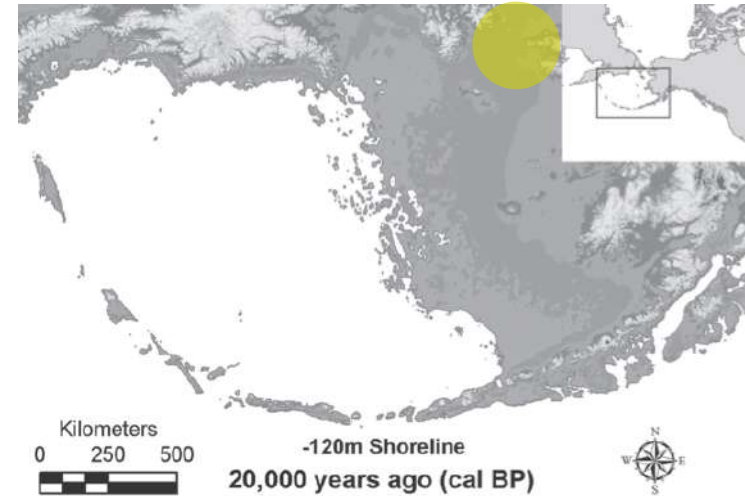
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- 4.8 to 7.3-7.4 Myr (Marinovich and Gladenkov, 1999)
- 5.32 Myr (Gladenkov et al. 2002).

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Marinovich, L., and A. Y. Gladenkov. 1999. Nature 397:149-151.

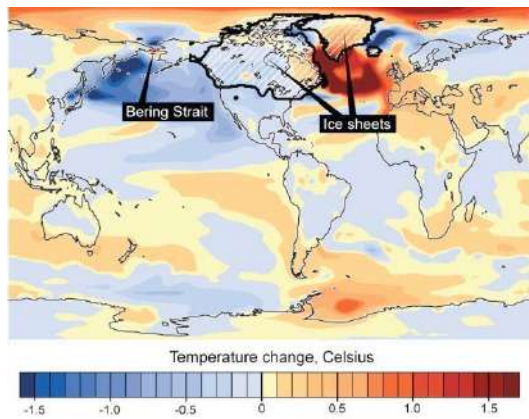
# Bering Strait



Anderson et al. 2010 Curr Res Pleistocene

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# Closed Bering Strait and global climate



<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/01/100110110151325.htm>

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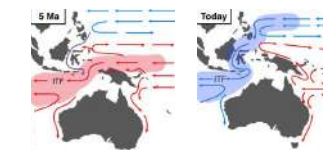
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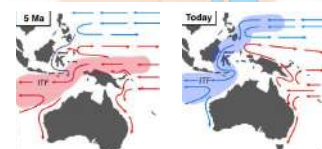
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### Signatures of seaway closures and founder dispersal in the phylogeny of a circumglobally distributed seahorse lineage

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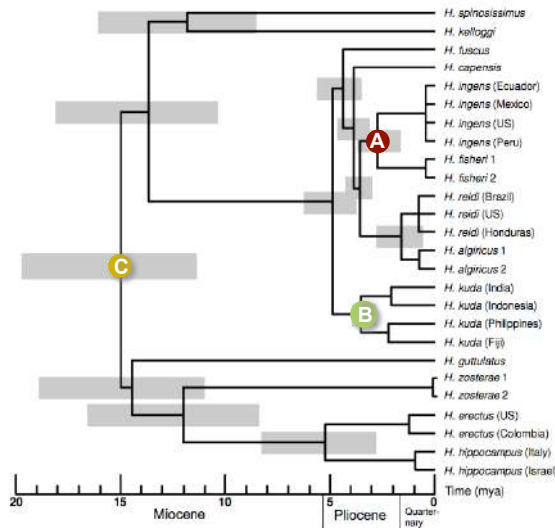
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**Suggested dates of vicariance events:**

Central American Seaway closure:

3.1 – 3.5 MY (assuming that the divergence of the trans-isthmian seahorse lineages took place when a land bridge formed in Central America [1]);

3.1 – 4.6 MY (taking into consideration that seahorse divergence may have been affected by the reorganisation of ocean currents associated with the closure of the seaway [2]);

3.1 – 8.5 MY (the upper bound being the time when the earliest recorded evolution associated with the closure of the seaway took place in marine corals and foraminiferans [3]);

Indonesian Seaway closure:

0.01 – 1.8 MY [12,13];

3 – 4 MY [11];

7 – 10 MY [9,10];

15 – 17 MY [8];

Tethyan Seaway closure:

11.2 – 14.8 MY [5,6];

18.4 – 20.5 MY [7];

23.8 – 28.5 MY [4];

Complete separation of the land masses on either side of the Atlantic Ocean: 84 mya [14].

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