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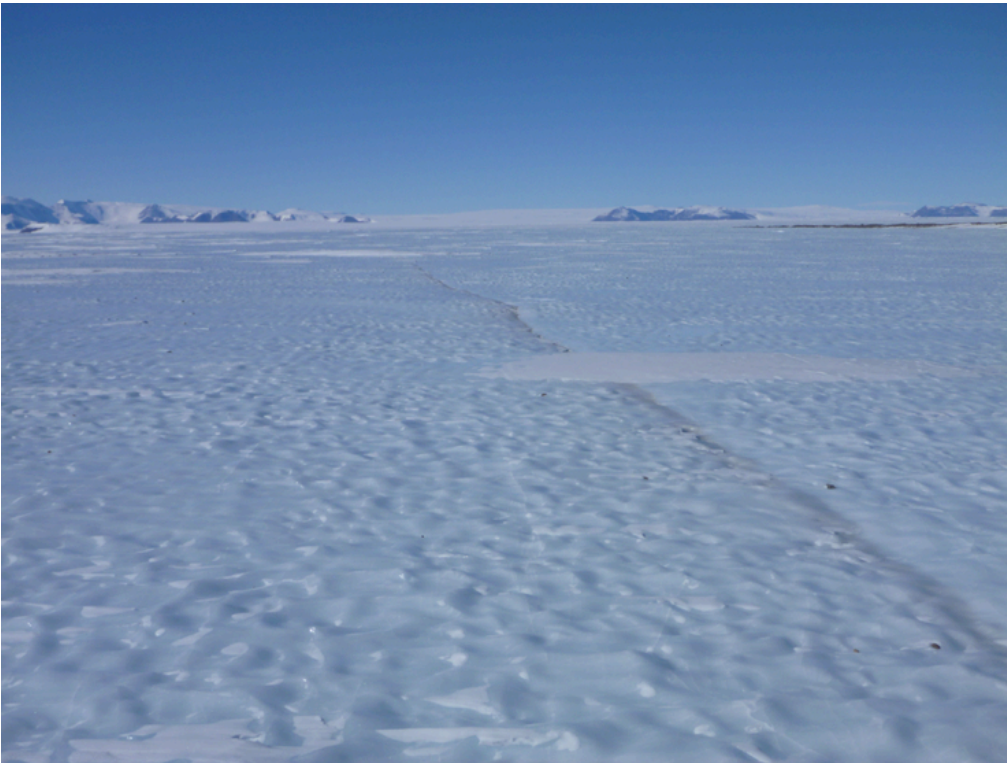
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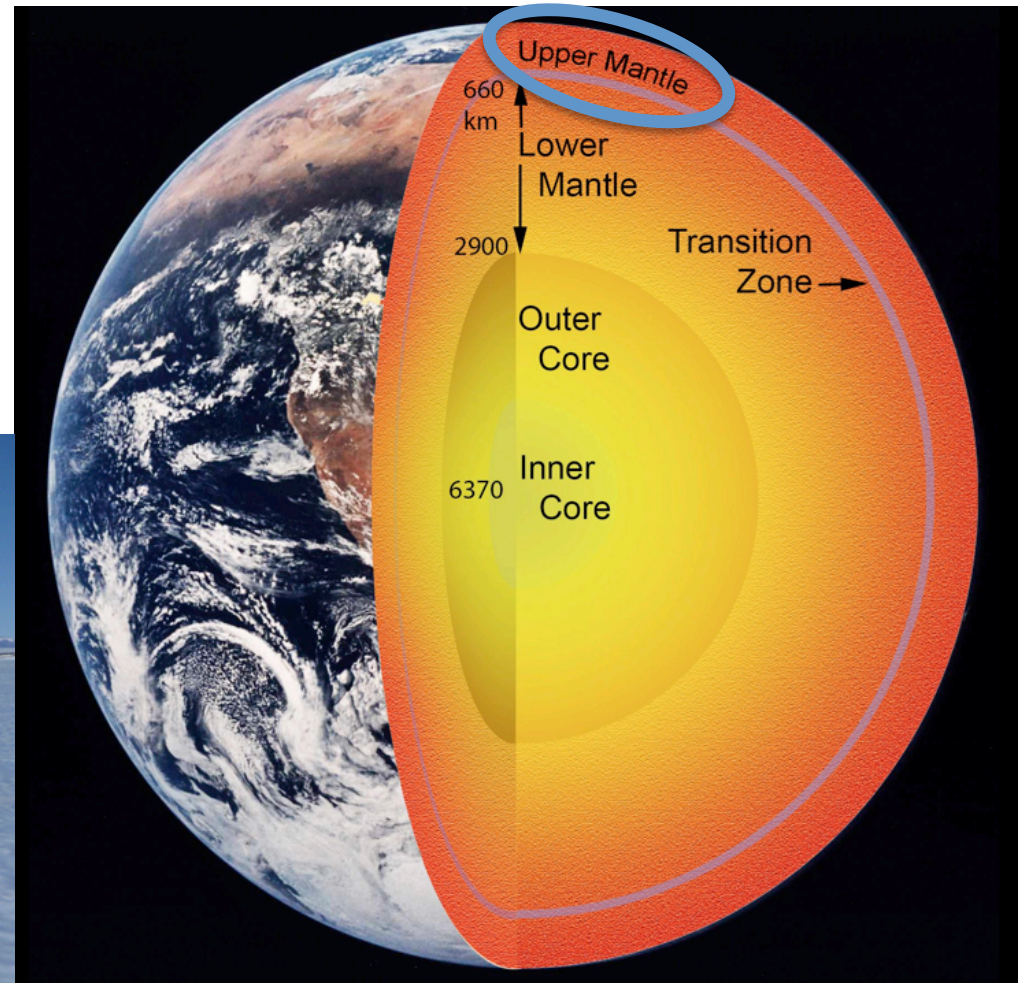
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- ✧ (Water in the exosphere)
- ✧ Water in the crust
- ✧ **Water in the mantle**
- ✧ Water in the core



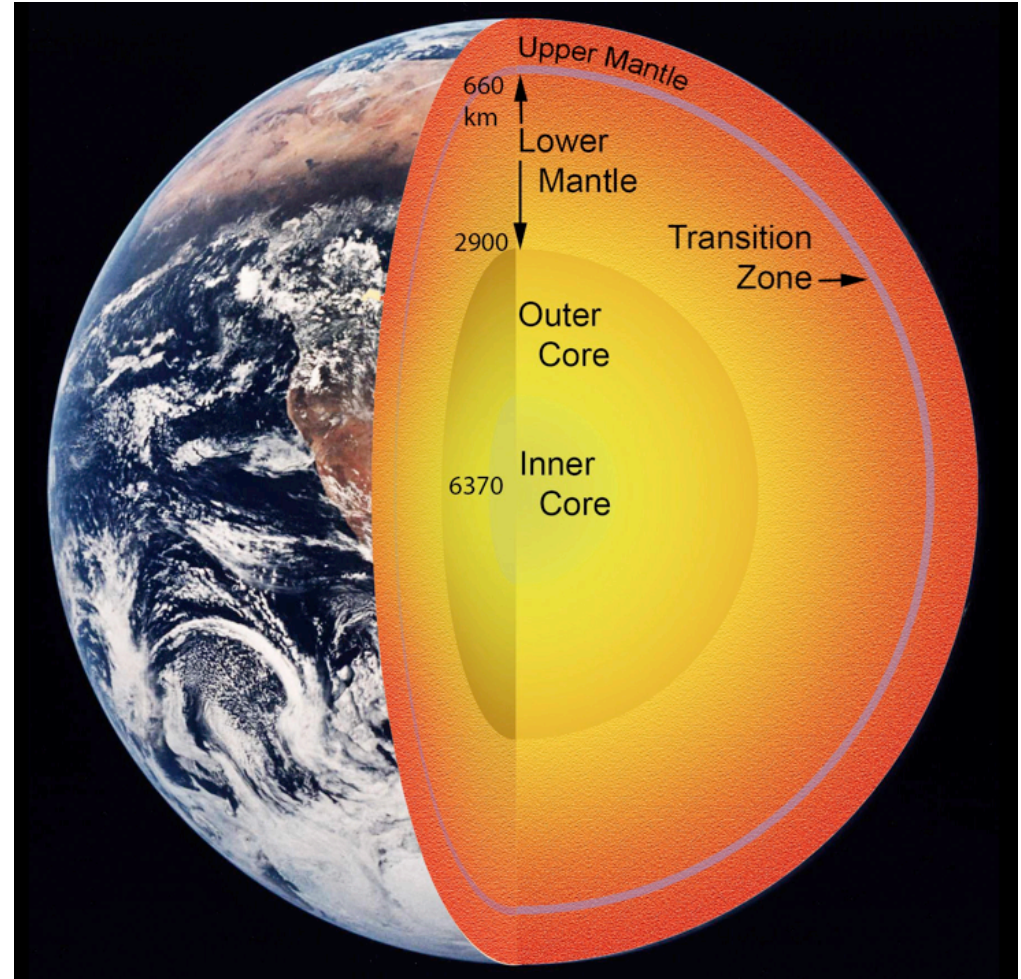
Glacier in the Miller range, Antarctica



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# Type of data for water in the deep Earth

## ✧ Crust

- ✧ Direct samples: crustal rocks

## ✧ Mantle lithosphere

- ✧ Direct samples: Peridotites, pyroxenites samples

## ✧ Asthenosphere

- ✧ Direct samples: Rare deep diamond inclusions

- ✧ Indirect samples: Oceanic basalts (undegassed glasses, melt inclusions)

- ✧ HP Experiments

- ✧ First principle calculations

## ✧ Core

- ✧ H solubility in Fe-Ni metal

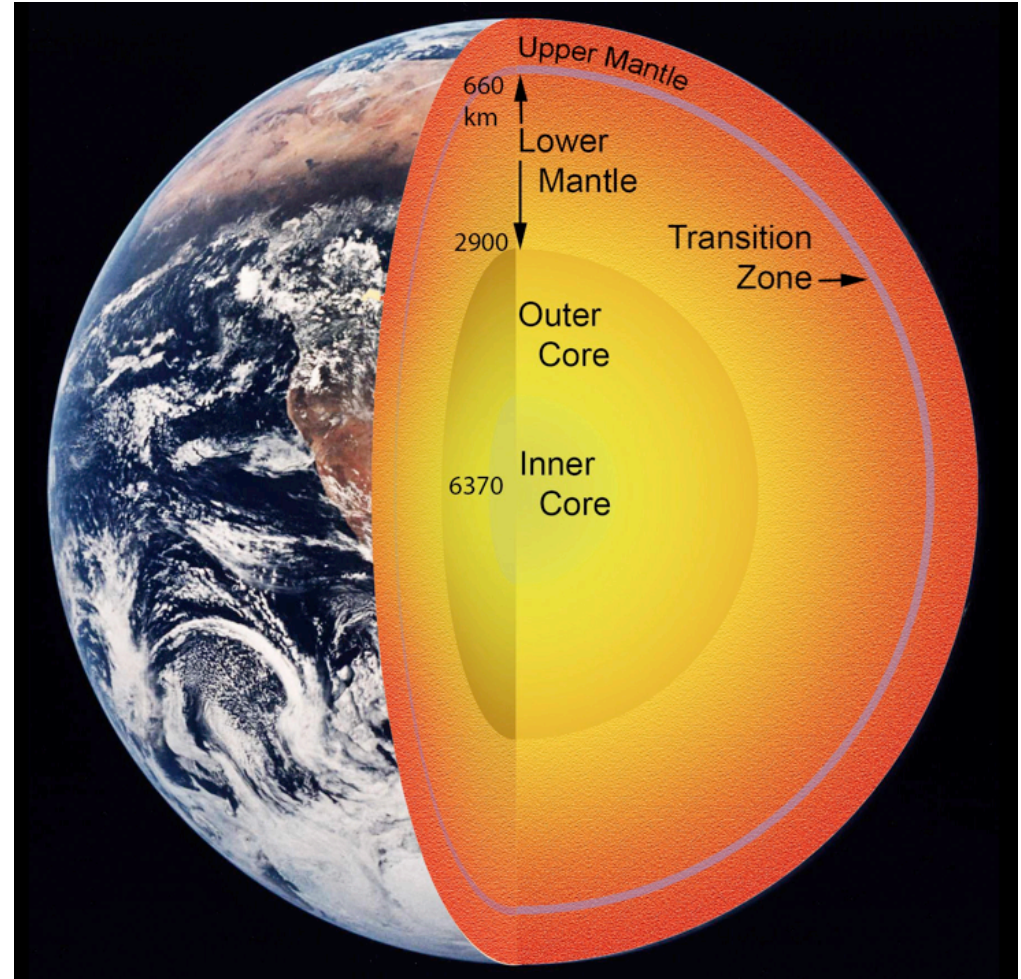
- ✧ Accretion models



Mantle xenoliths in basaltic flow, Jieshaba, China

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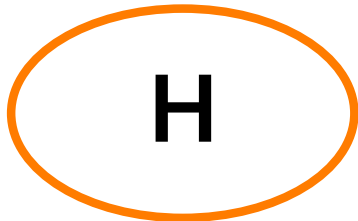
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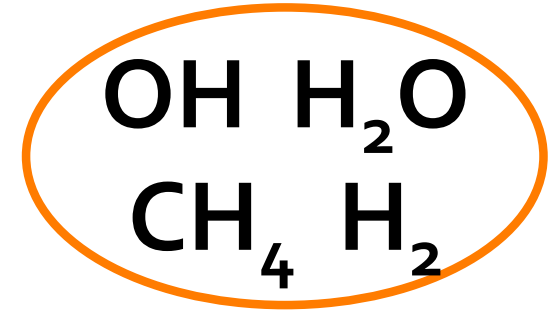
Melt, Glass,  
Fluid, Gas, (Fd)



O structural



Minor phases



✧ Calculated in ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O (<1-1000')

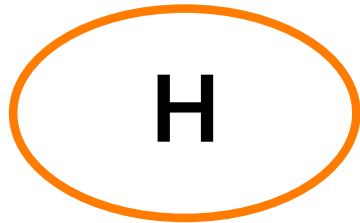
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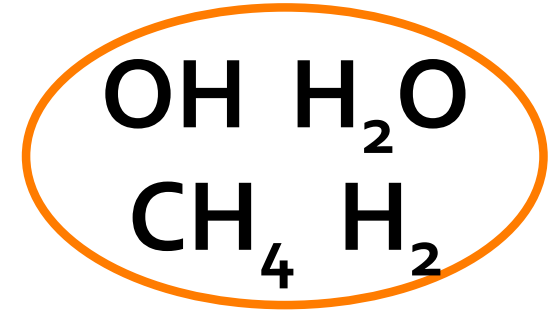
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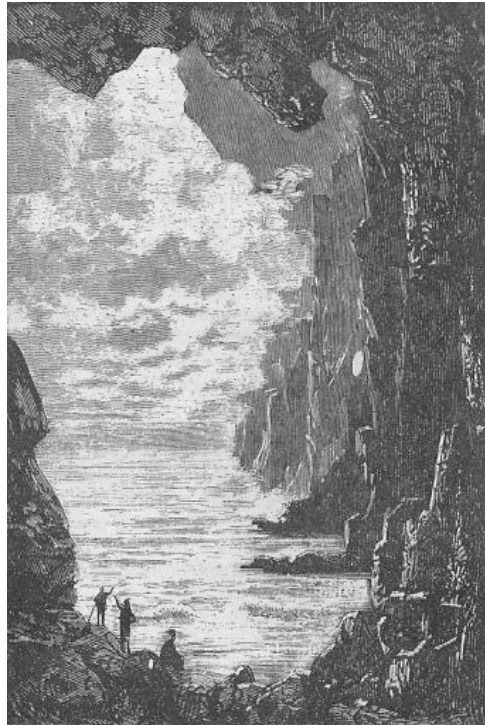
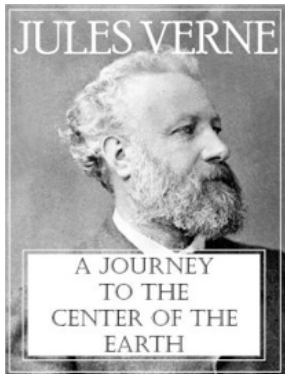
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Equivalent of several Earth's oceans in the mantle



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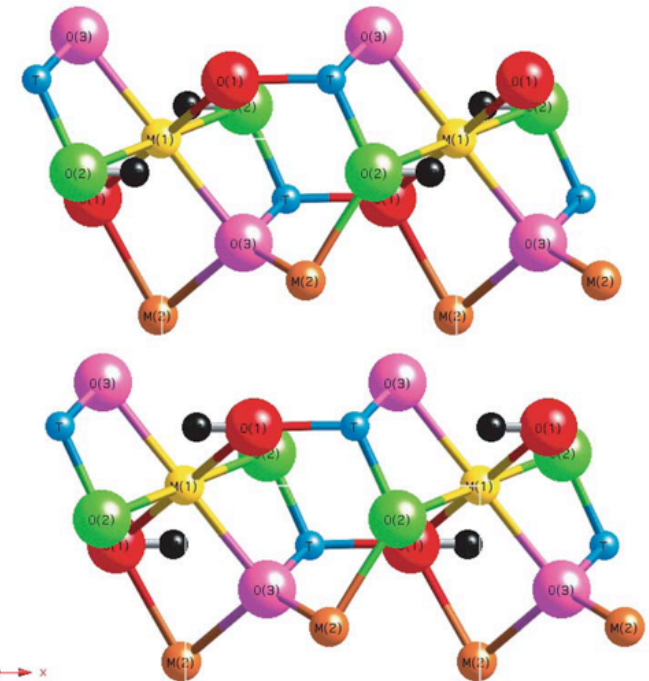
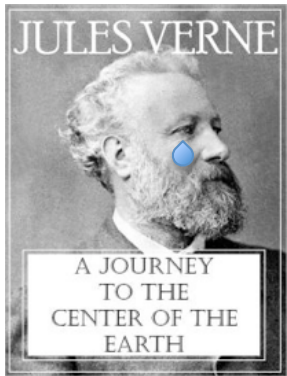
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OH

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CH<sub>4</sub> H<sub>2</sub>

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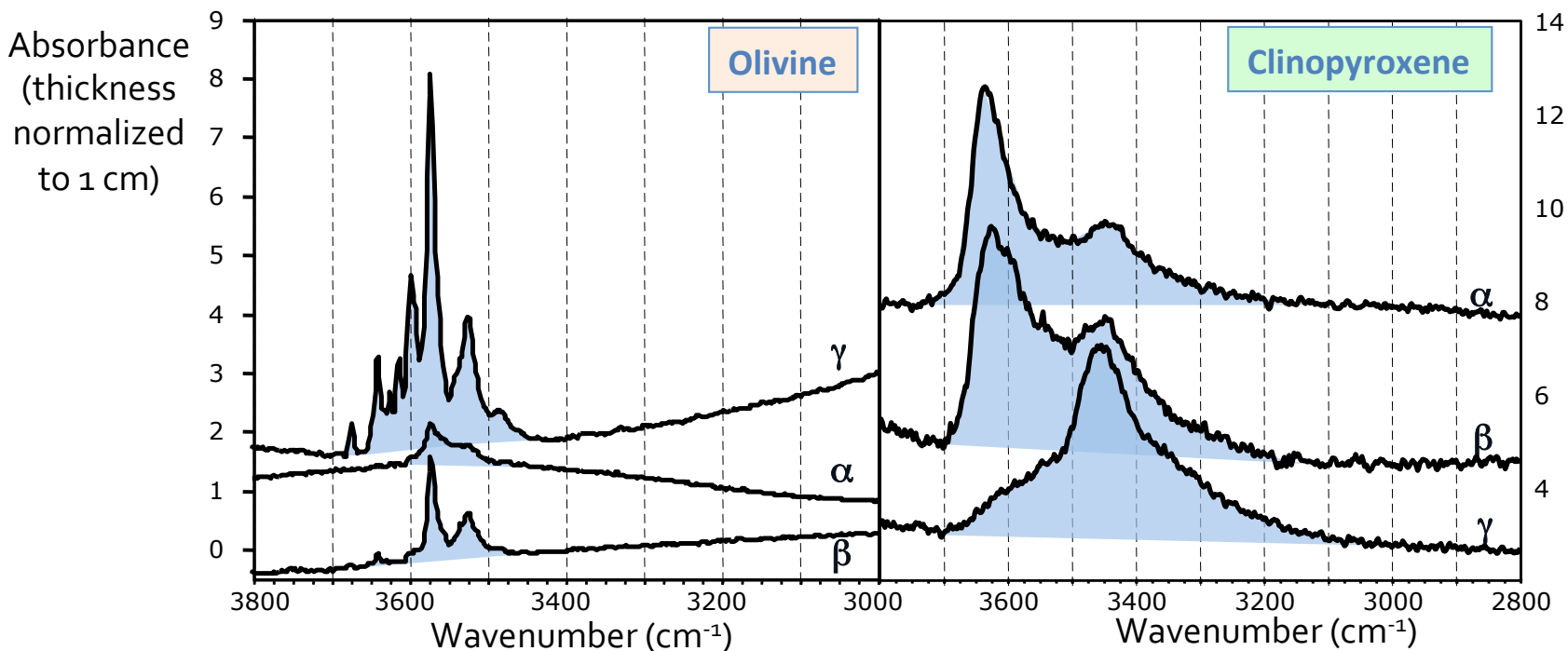
H in Olivine (Koch-Müller et al. 2006)

# Techniques

- ✧ FTIR → H<sub>2</sub>O content
- speciation
- location H mineral defects
- ✧ SIMS → H<sub>2</sub>O content
- H isotopes
- Cl, F

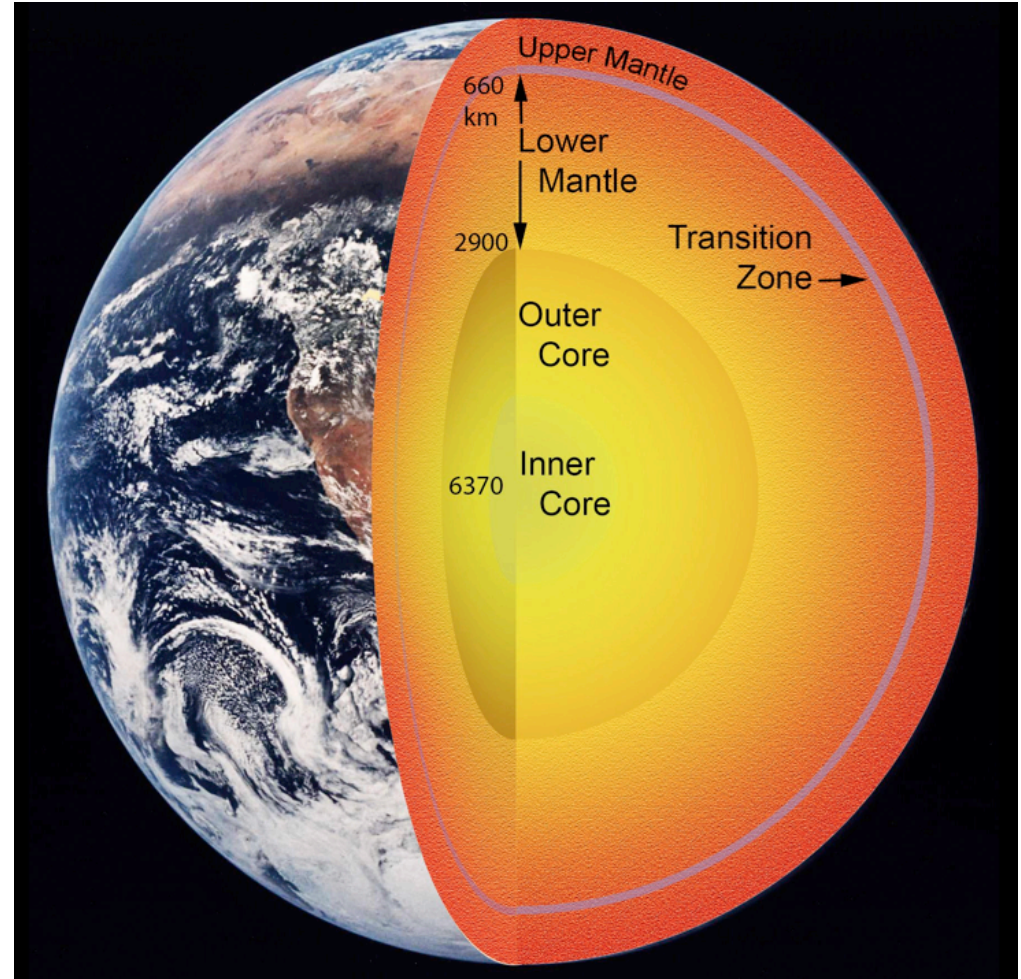
Detection limits  
FTIR < 0.5 ppm H<sub>2</sub>O  
SIMS ≤ 2 ppm H<sub>2</sub>O

FTIR spectra in the O-H region



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# Why is water important?

## ✧ **Water lowers the solidus of mantle lithologies:**

- Facilitates partial melting, lower T

## ✧ **Influence on magmatism**

- Magma composition
- Magma transfer and eruption style
  - ➔ origin of oceans & atmosphere

## ✧ **Water and rheology:**

- Presence of water in olivine makes it weaker
  - ➔ crucial for plate tectonics
- Melt circulation and eruption style

## ✧ **Water and remote sensing of the deep Earth:**

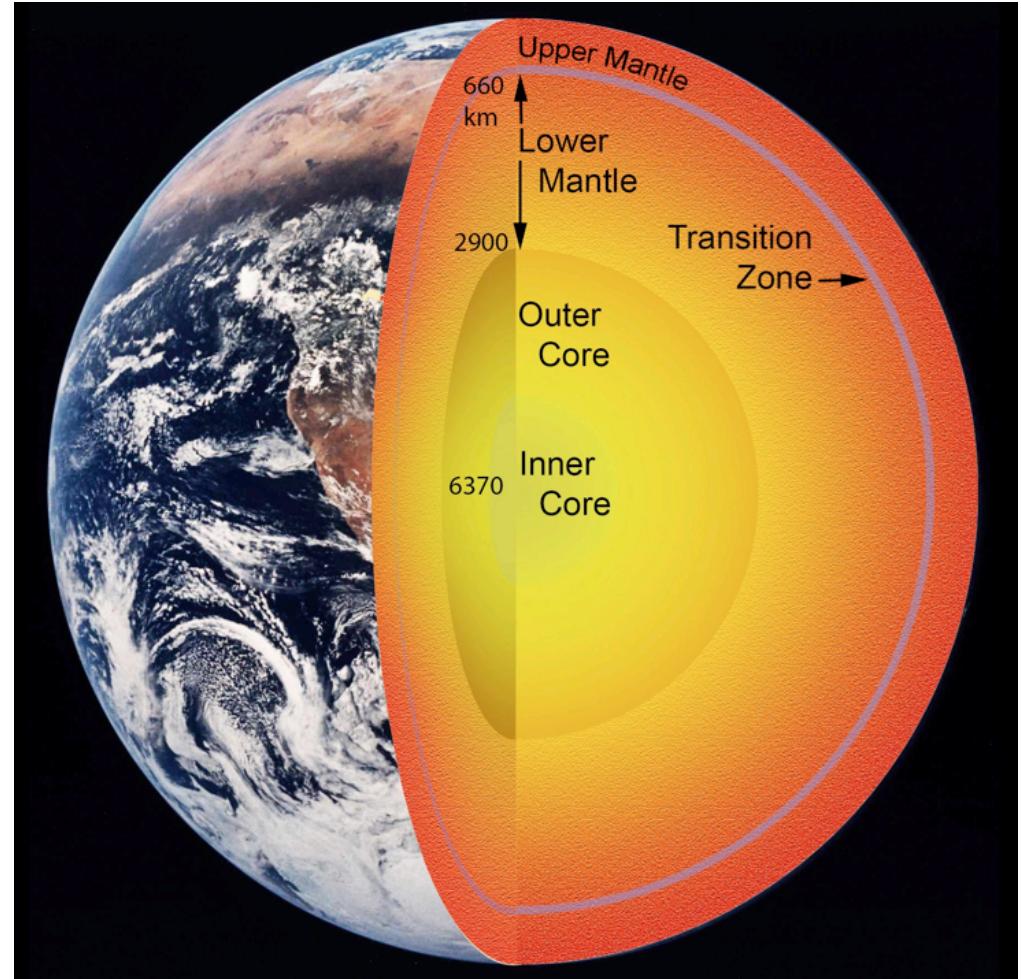
- Seismic properties: seismic wave attenuation & anisotropy
- Electrical conductivity
- Thermal conductivity



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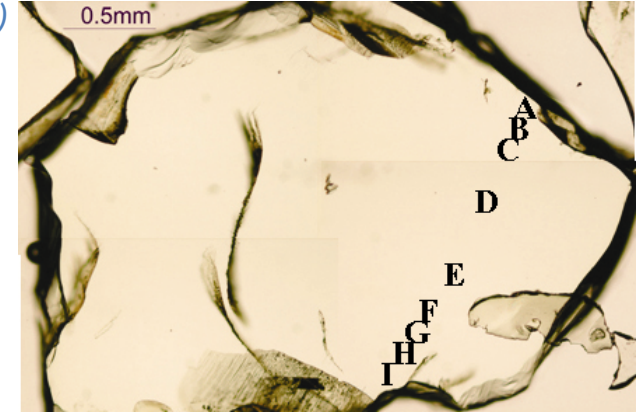
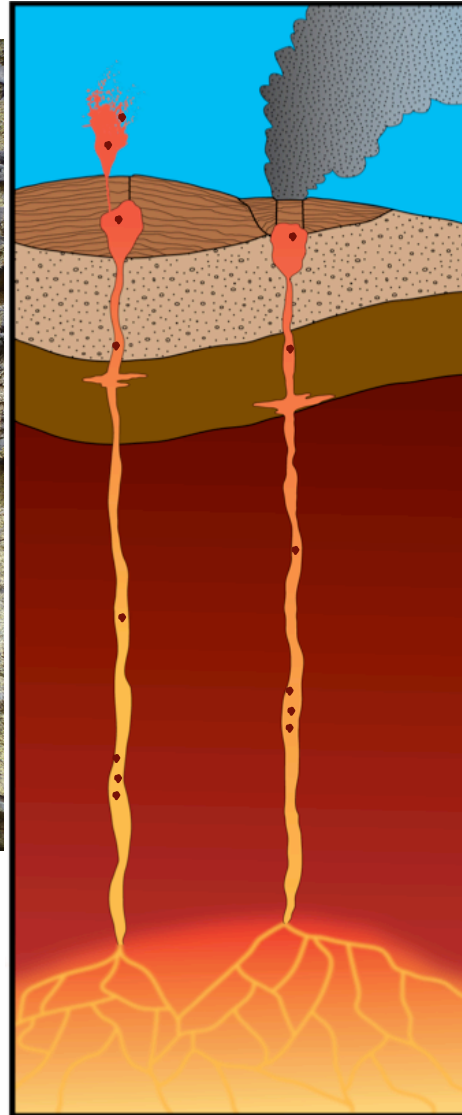
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# H loss during xenolith ascent in host magma?

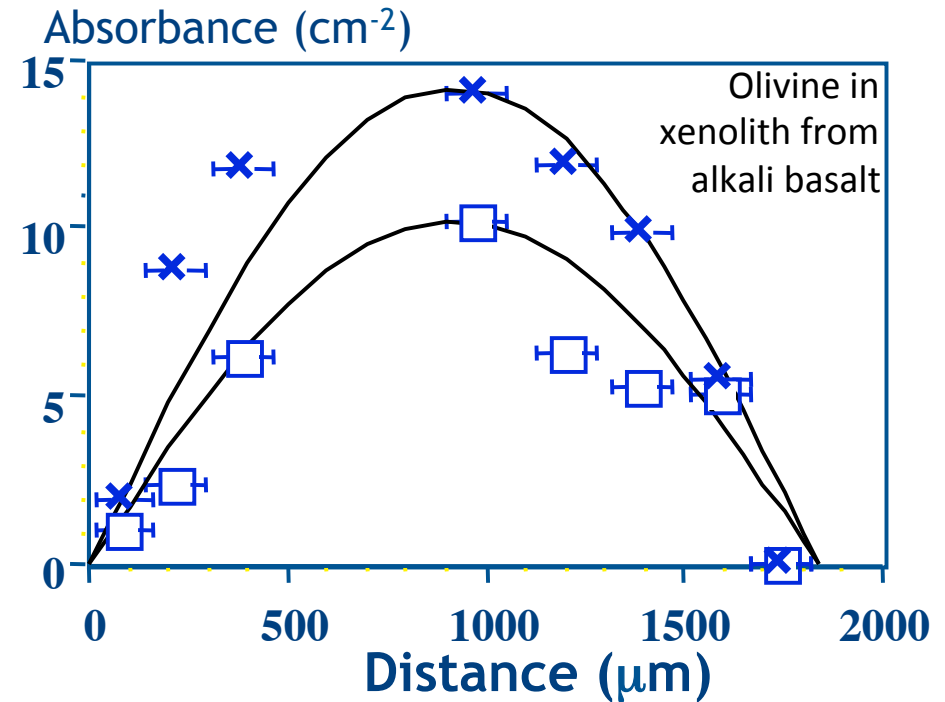
- ✧ H diffuses quickly through Ol & Px  
*(e.g. Mackwell & Kohlstedt 1990; Ingrin et al 1995-2006, Stalder & Skogby 2003)*
- ✧ Px have homogeneous water contents
- ✧ Ol can record H loss



Figure stolen from AGU Chapman conference website (xenoliths added)



Olivine from Mexican mantle xenolith



# H loss during xenolith ascent in host magma?

- ✧ H diffuses quickly through Ol & Px at magmatic temperatures

(e.g. Mackwell & Kohlstedt 1990; Ingrin et al 1995, 1999, Stalder & Skogby 2003)

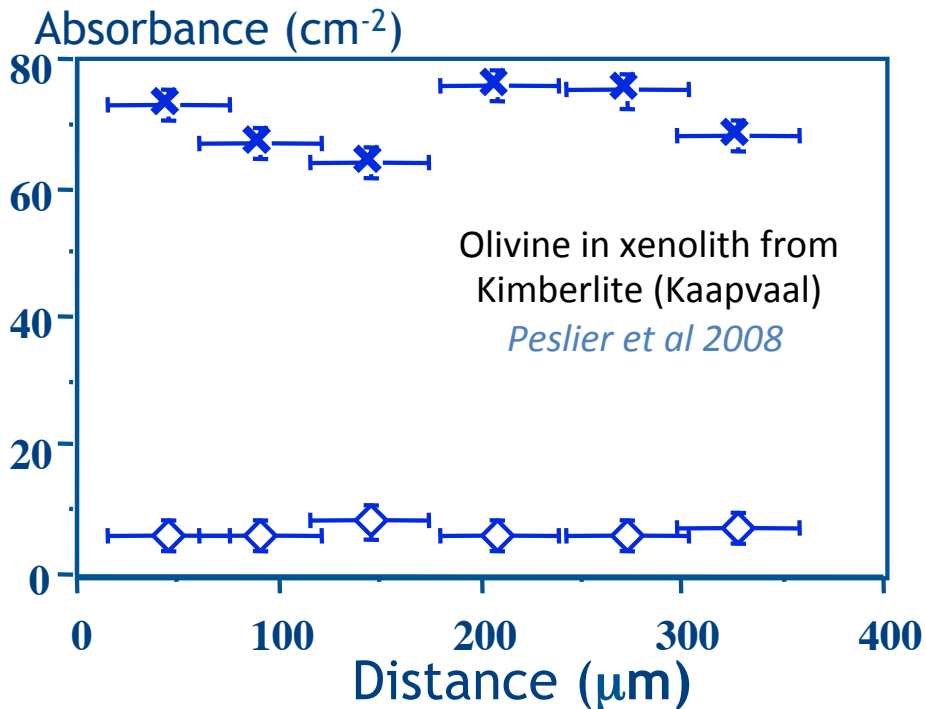
- ✧ But H not always lost because H diffusion is coupled with that of slower elements

(e.g. Berry et al 2007, Novella et al 2015, Skogby, Stalder, Sundval 1989-2009)

- ✧ Check:

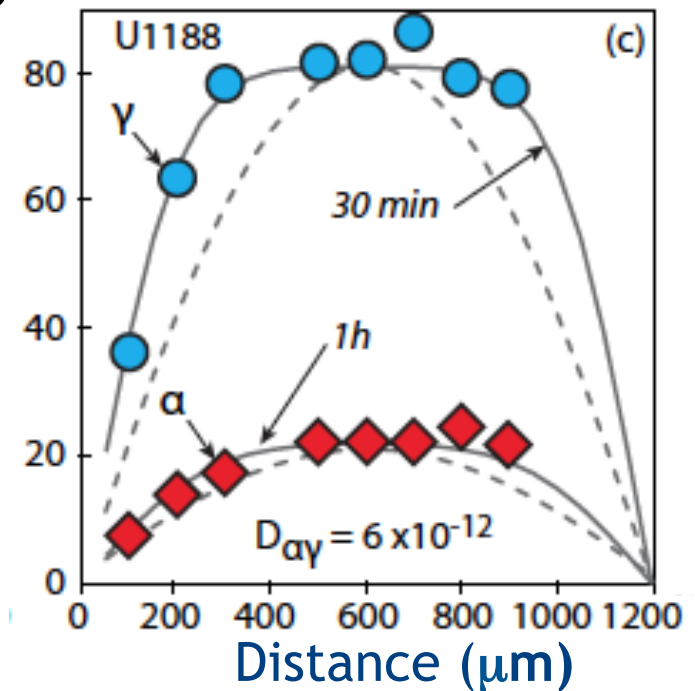
With diffusion modeling

If co-var with other elements (Al, Ti, REE...)



Olivine from Udachnaya mantle xenolith from kimberlite

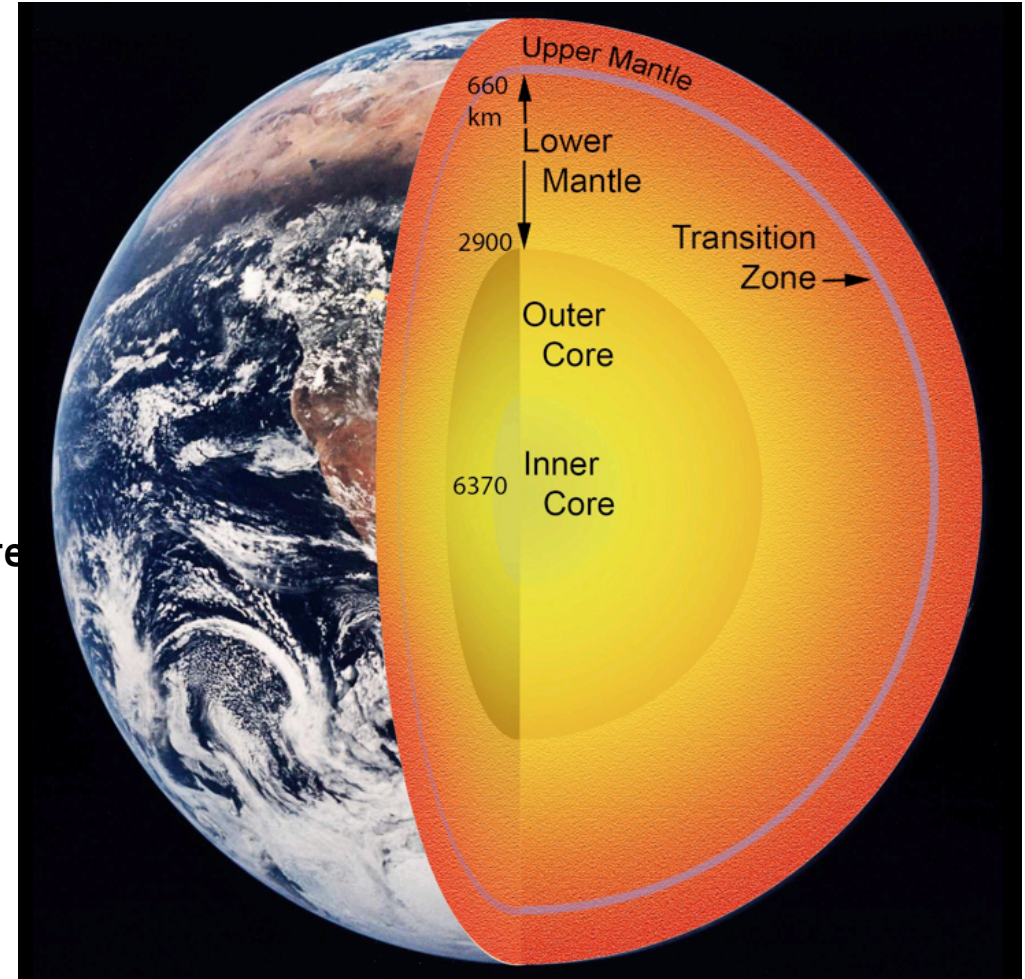
(Doucet et al 2014)



→ Data shown here are mantle [H<sub>2</sub>O] values

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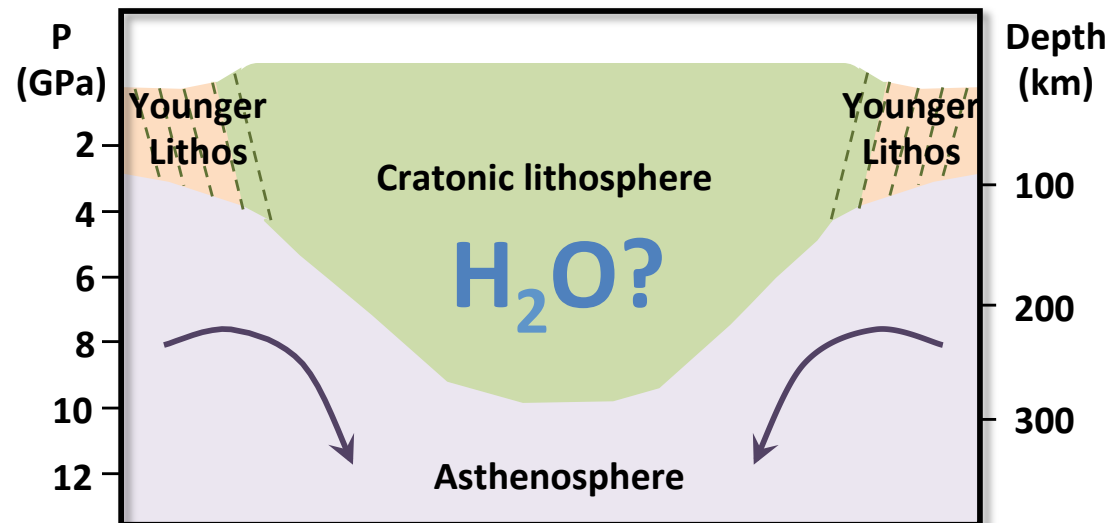
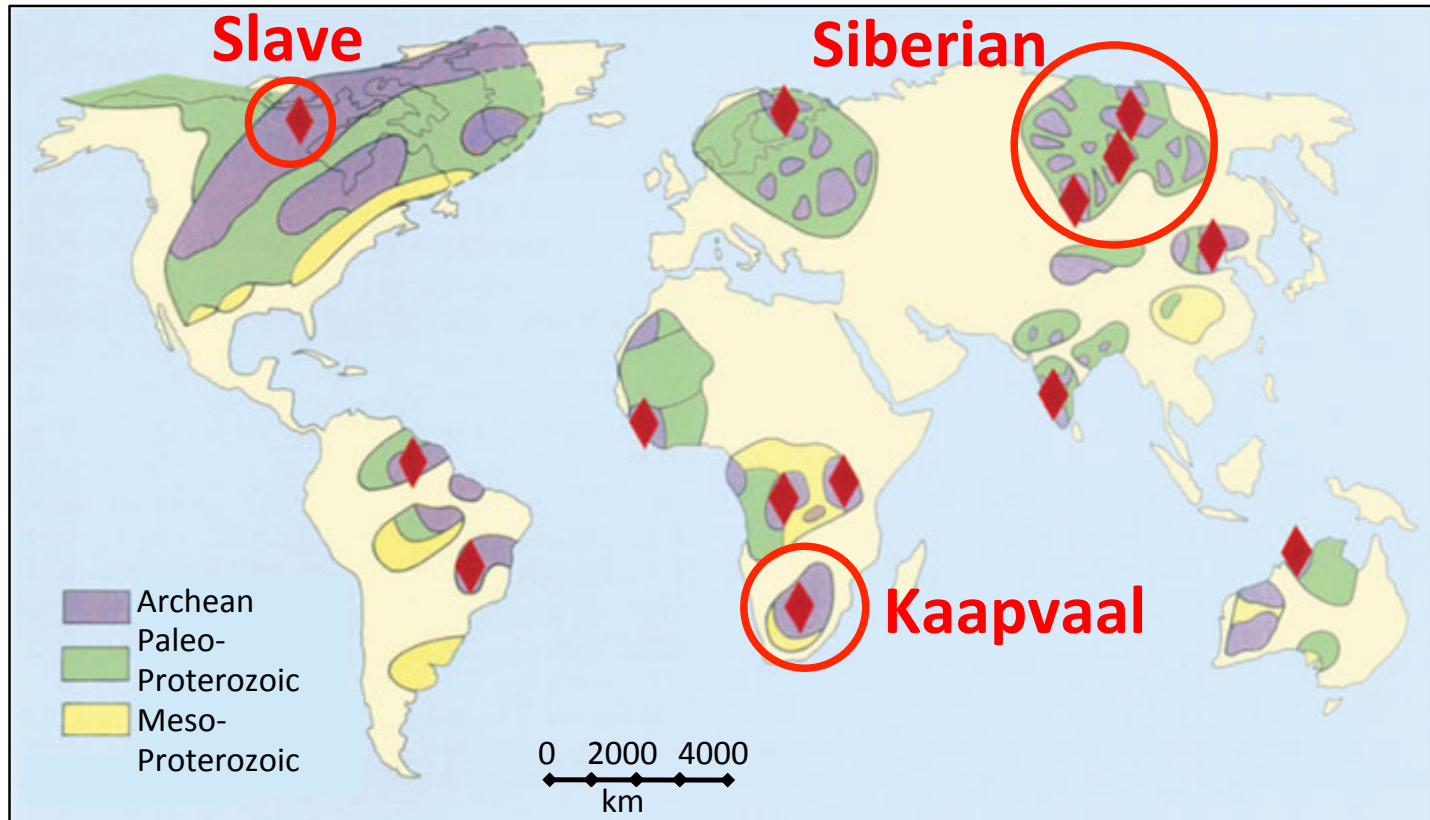


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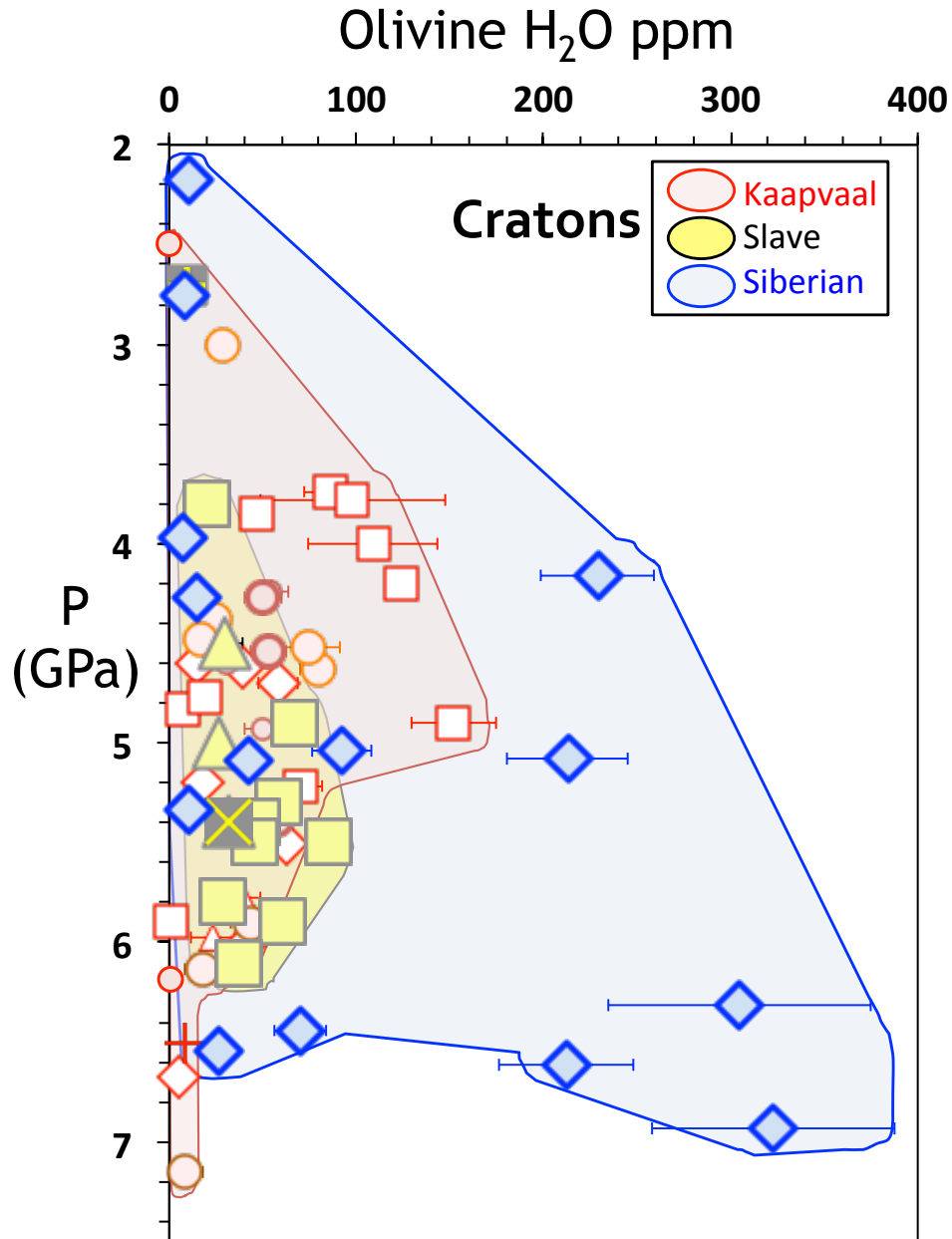


# Water in the continental lithosphere

✧ Cratons

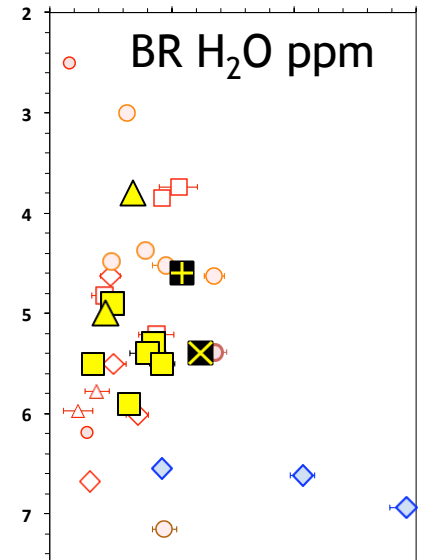
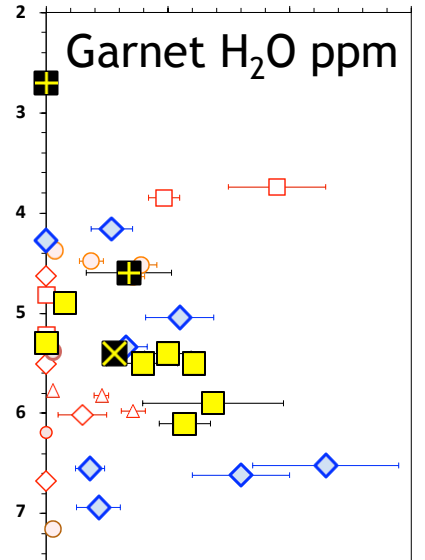
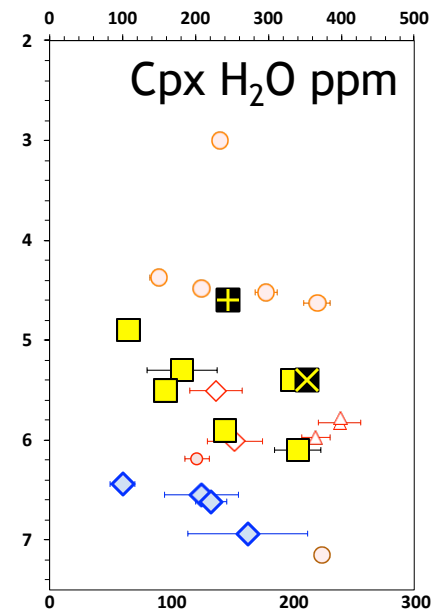
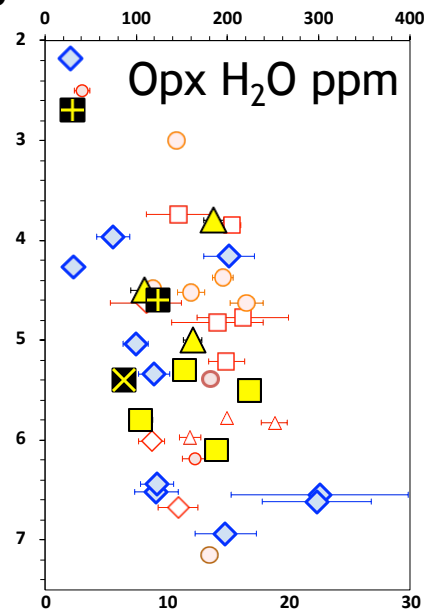
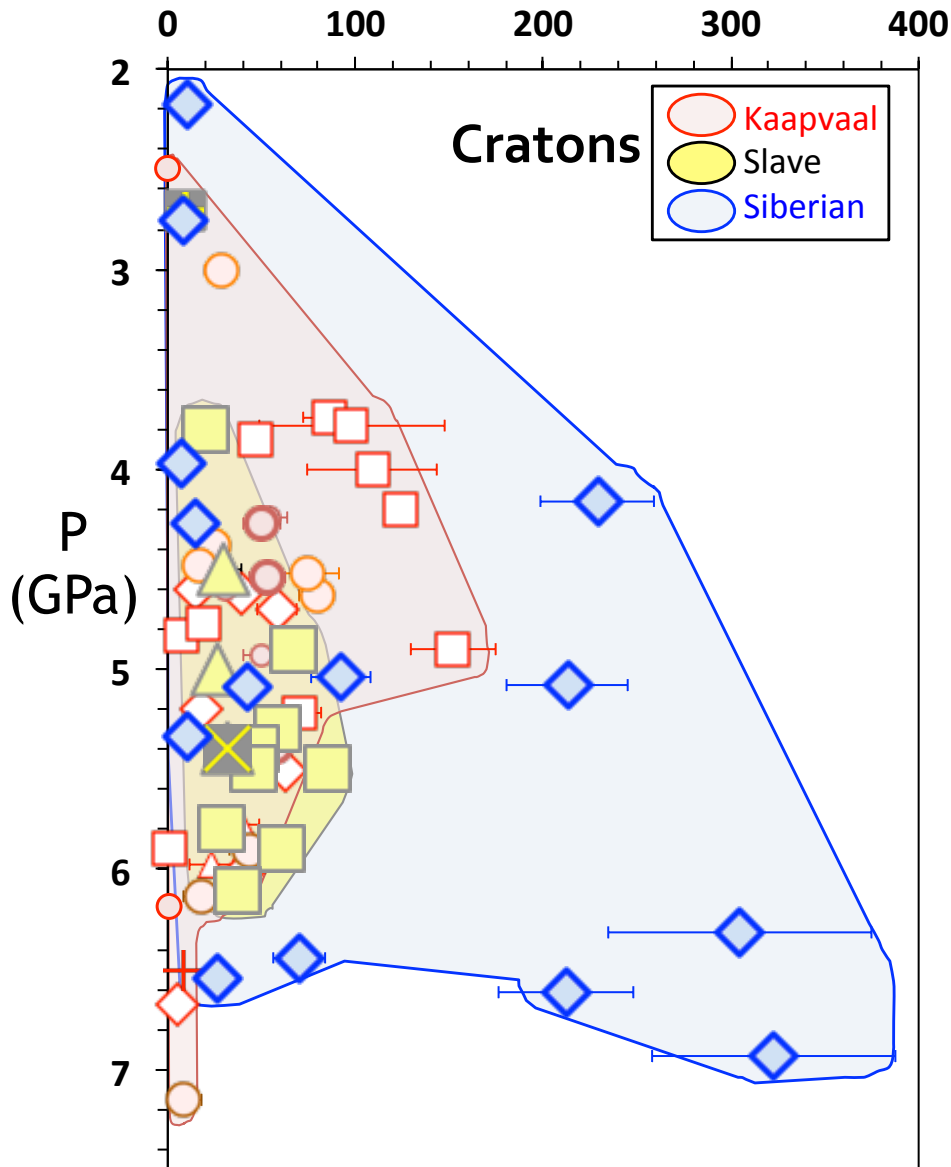


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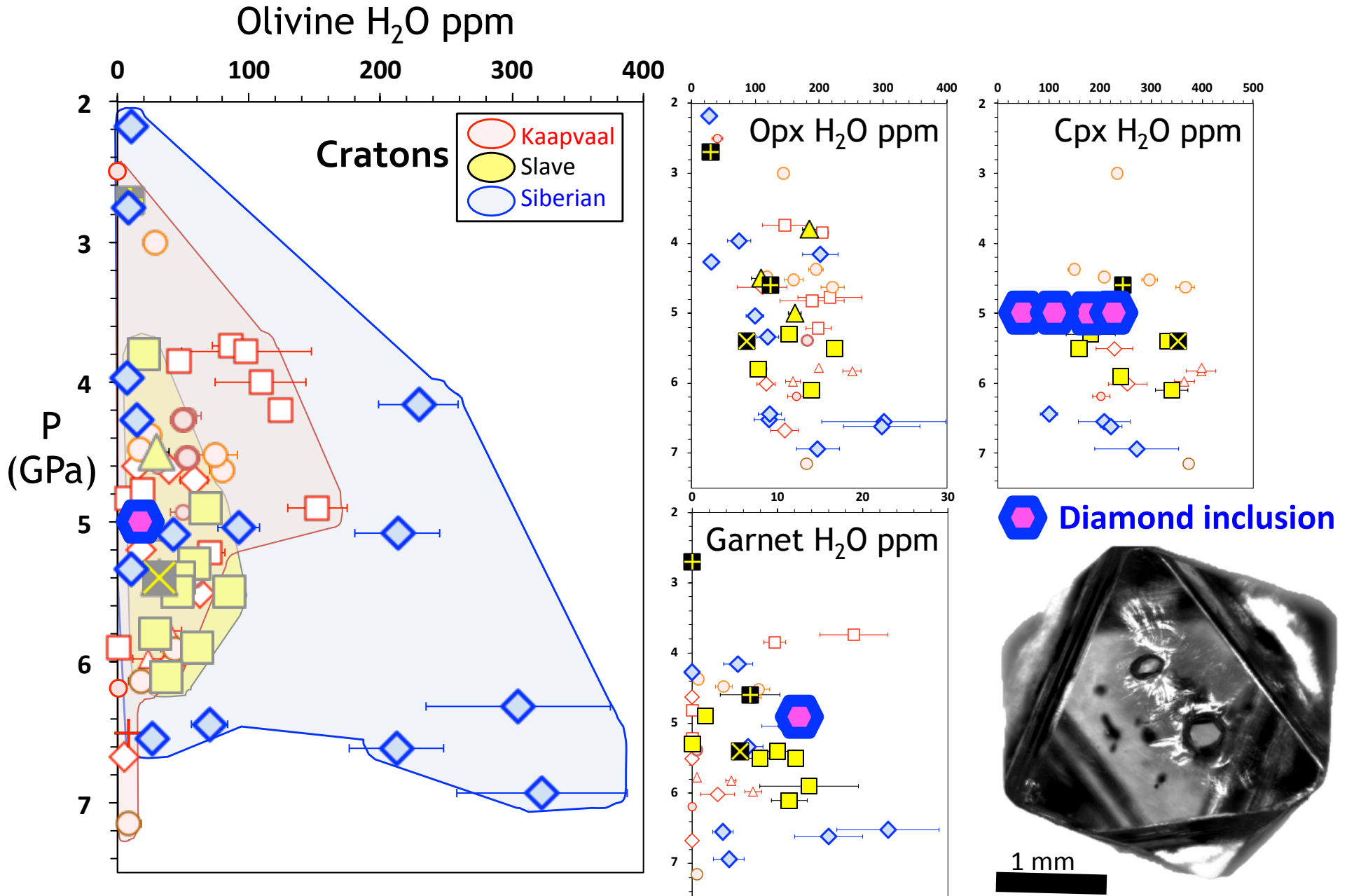


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Olivine H<sub>2</sub>O ppm

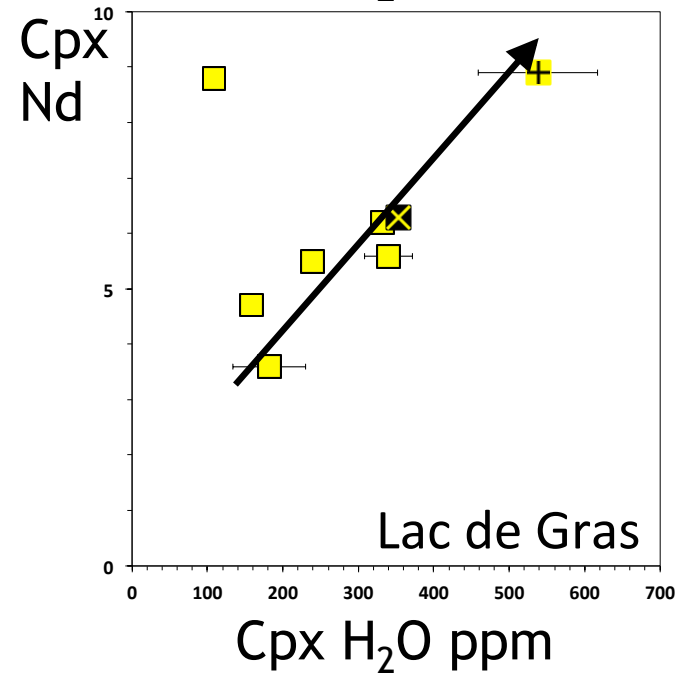
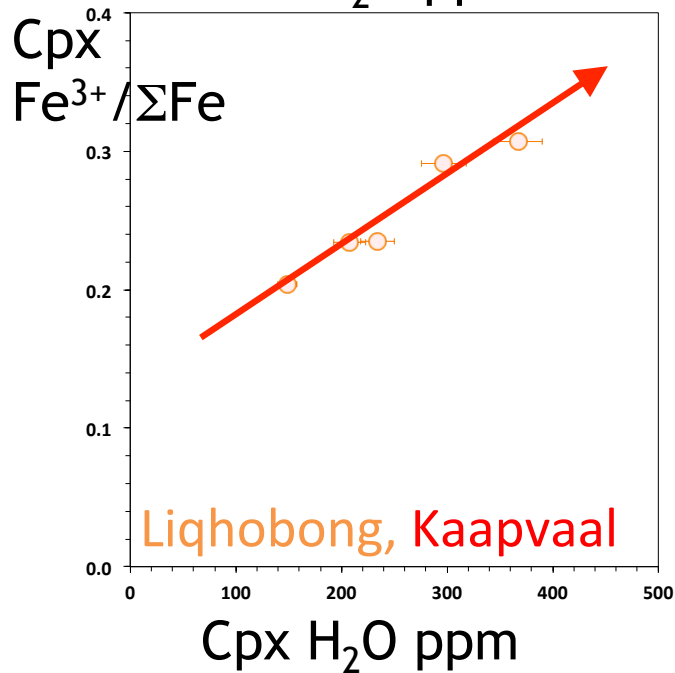
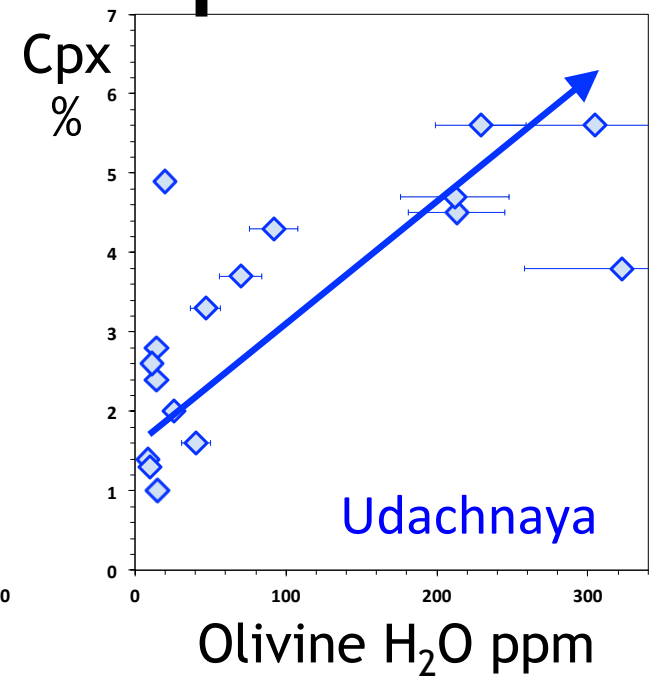
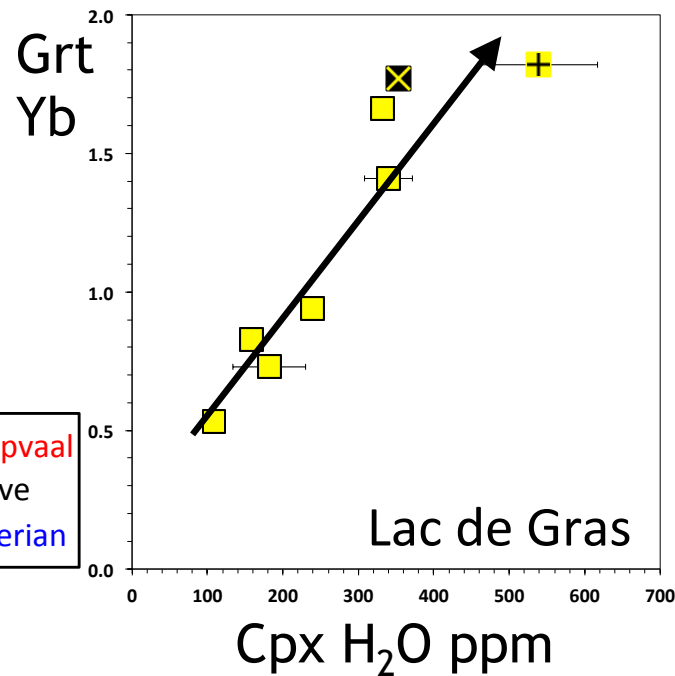
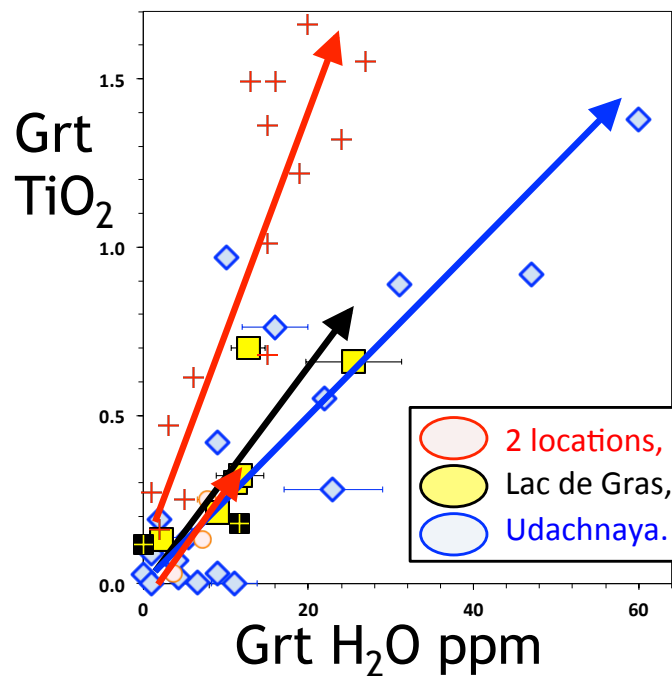


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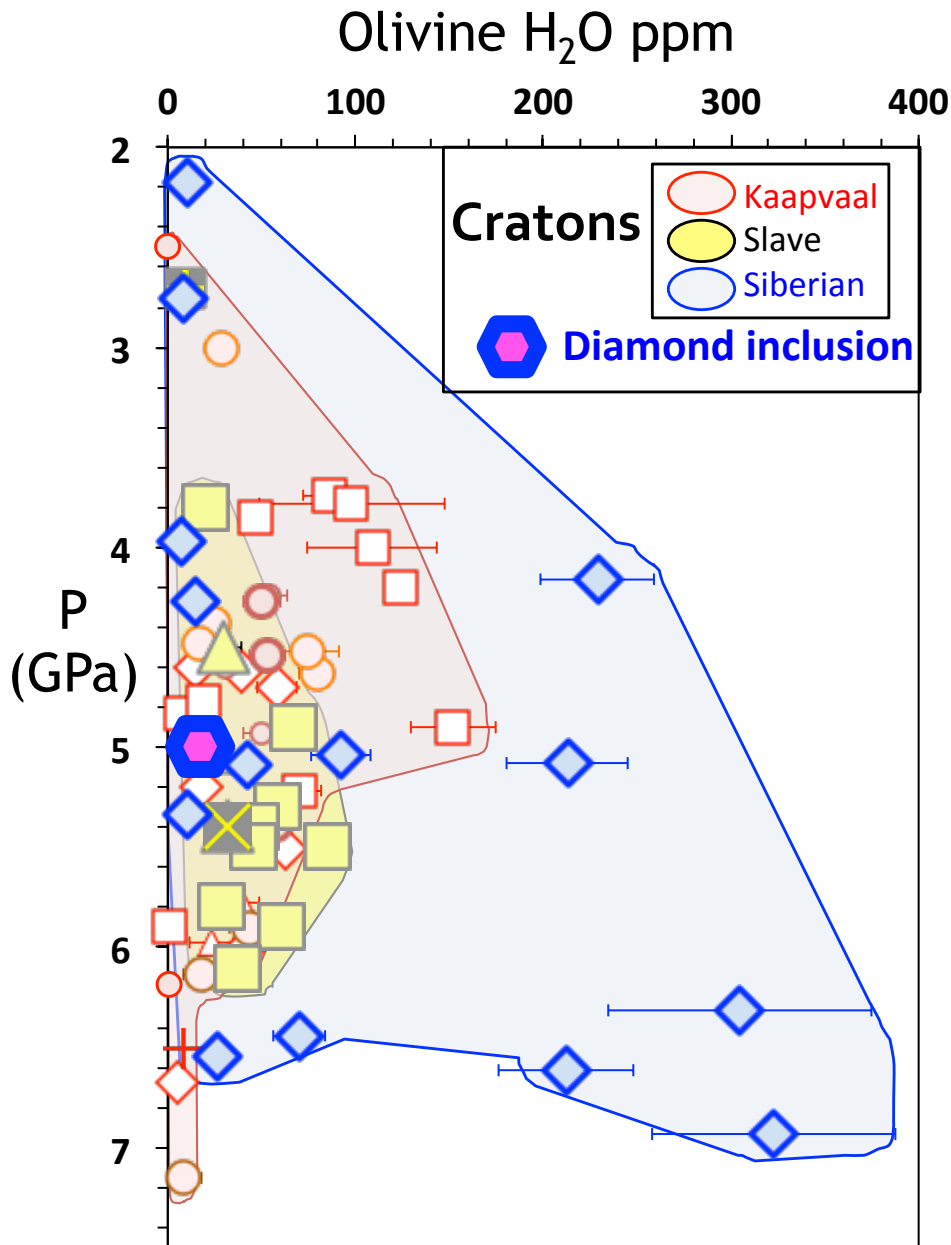
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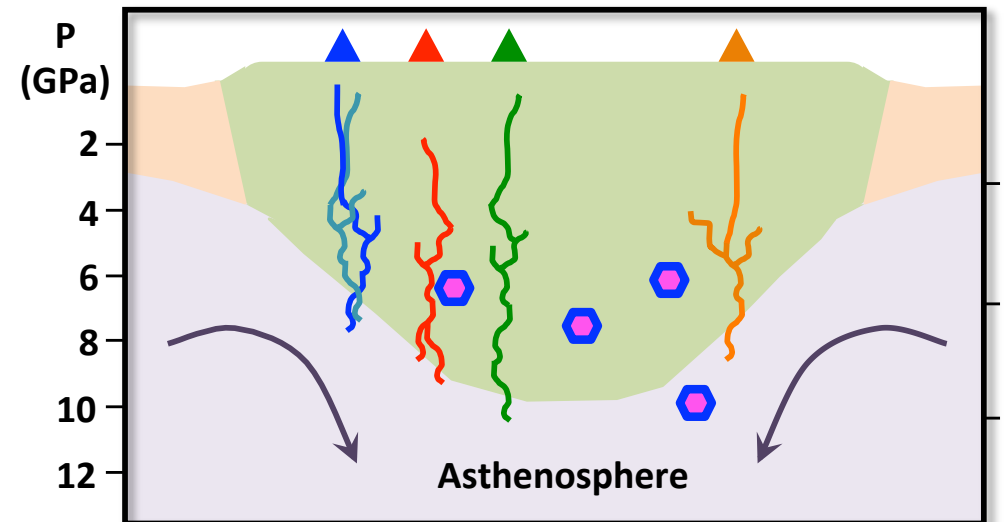


Water brought in via metasomatism/ refertilization by melts/fluids

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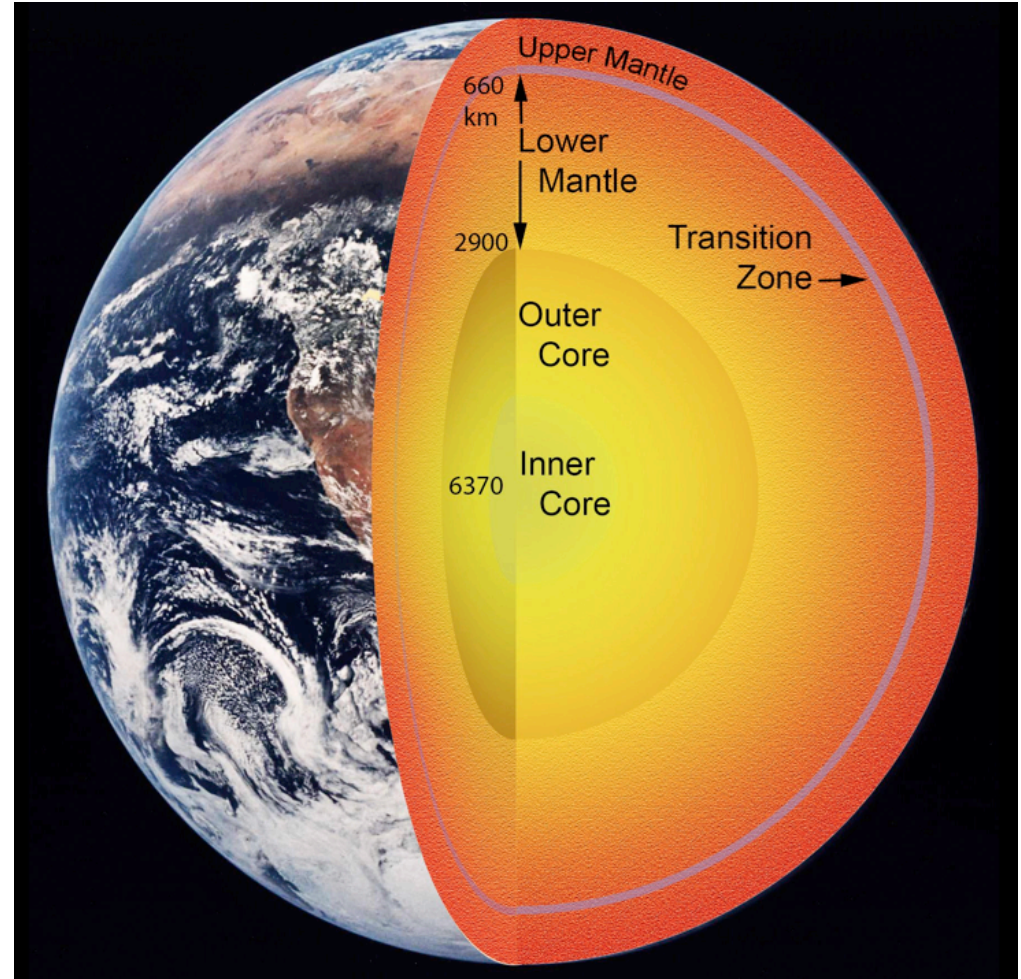
Xenoliths NOT representative of whole mantle lithosphere



- Over-representation of metasomatized water-rich peridotite near melt/fluid channels
- Overall mantle lithos dry (preserved in diamond mineral inclusions)
- Water has a role in cratonic root long term longevity

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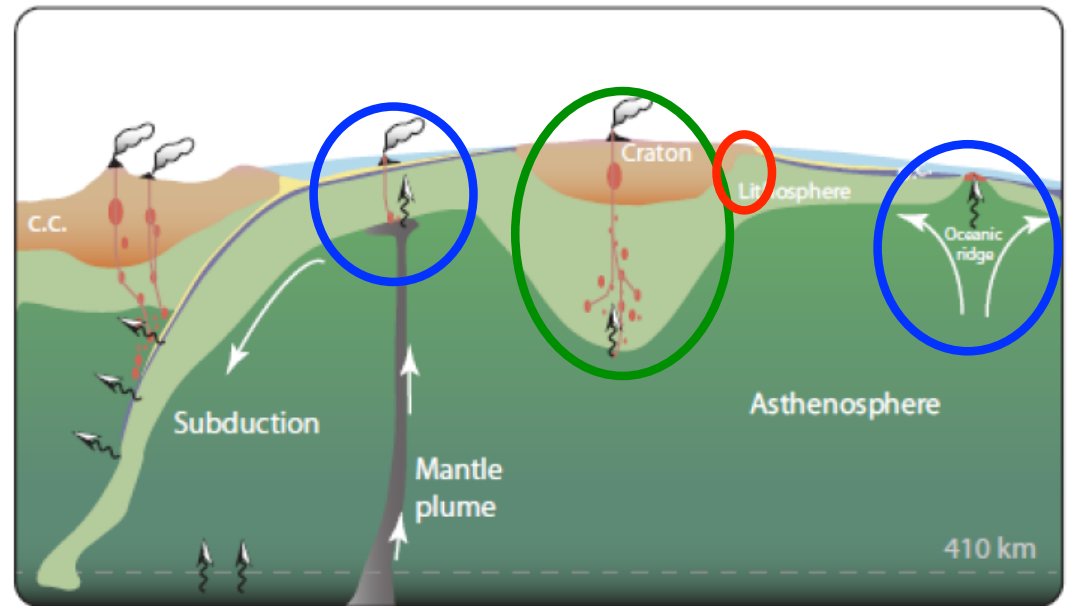
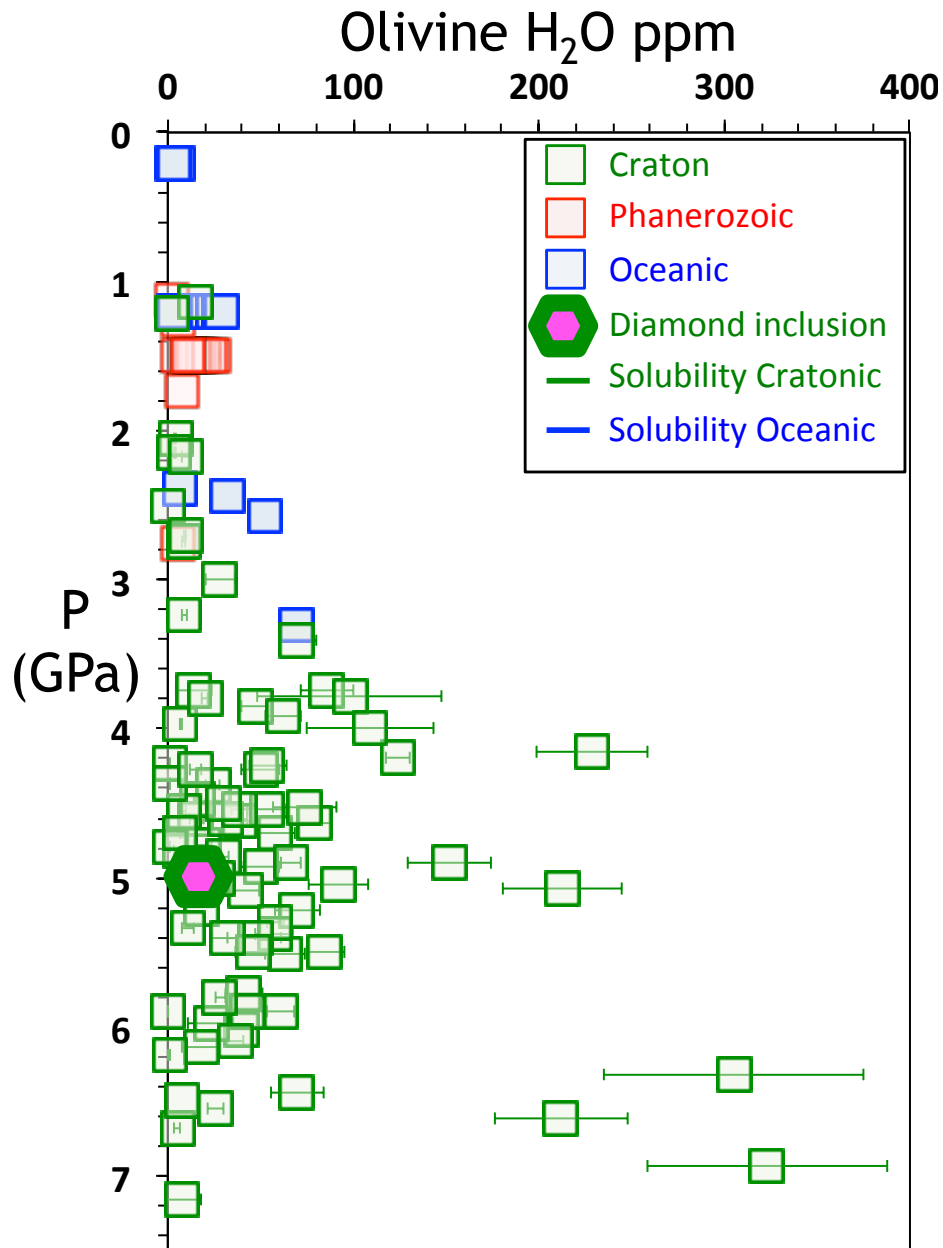


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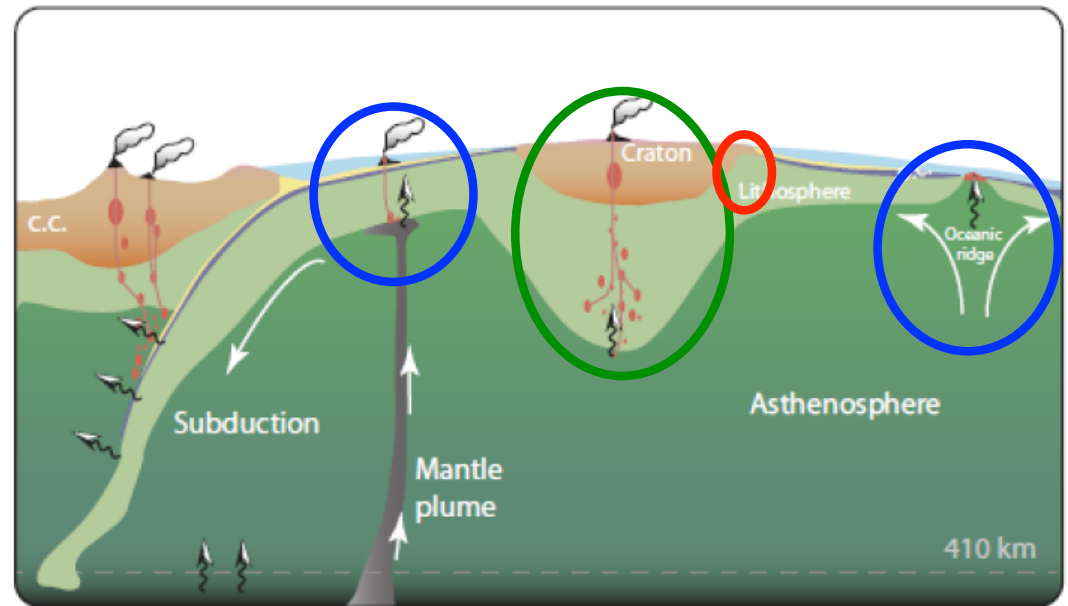
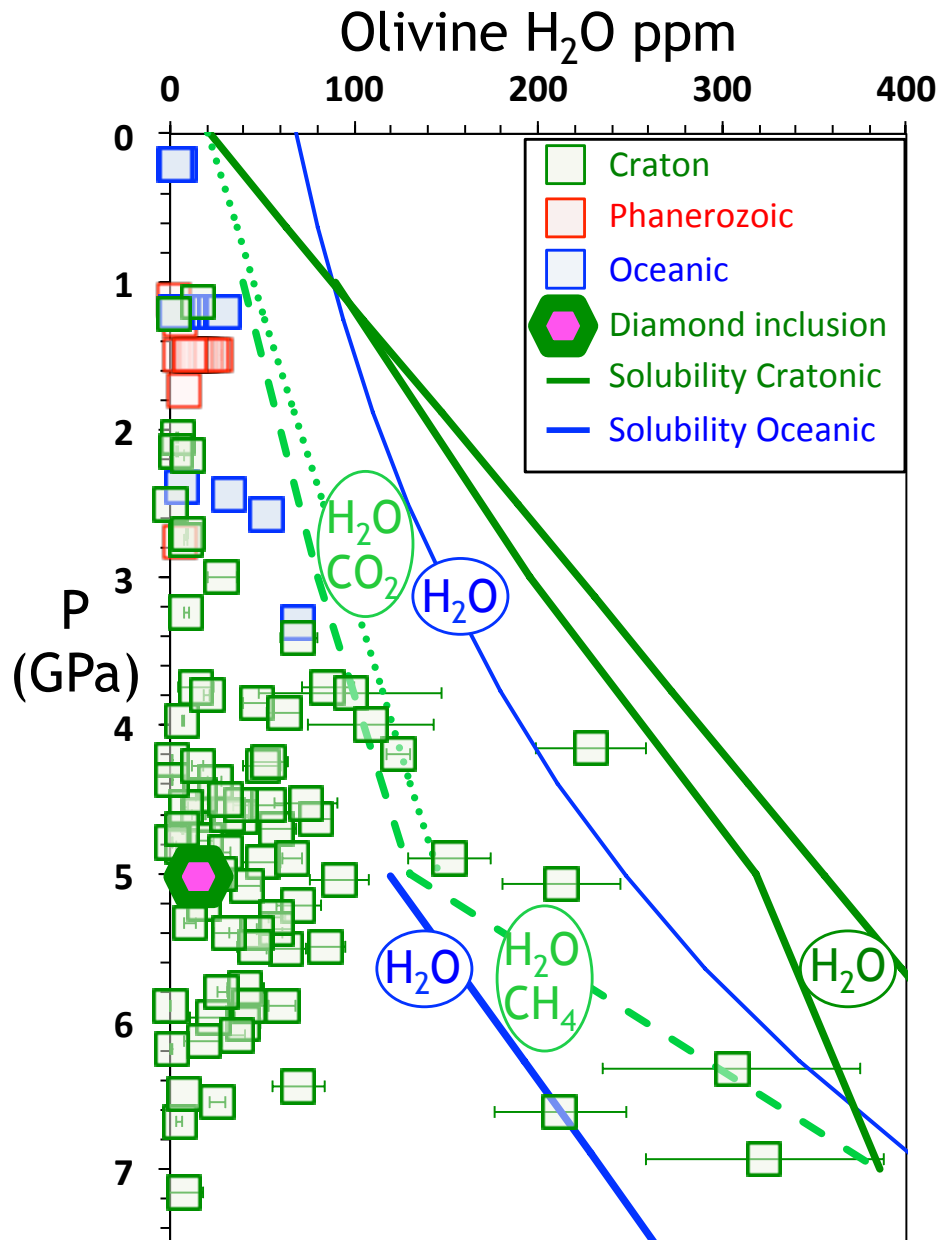
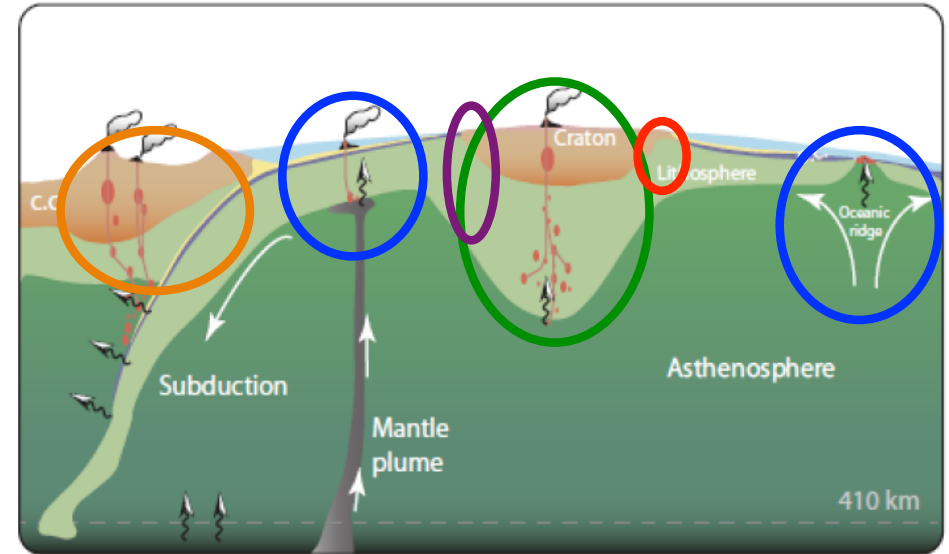
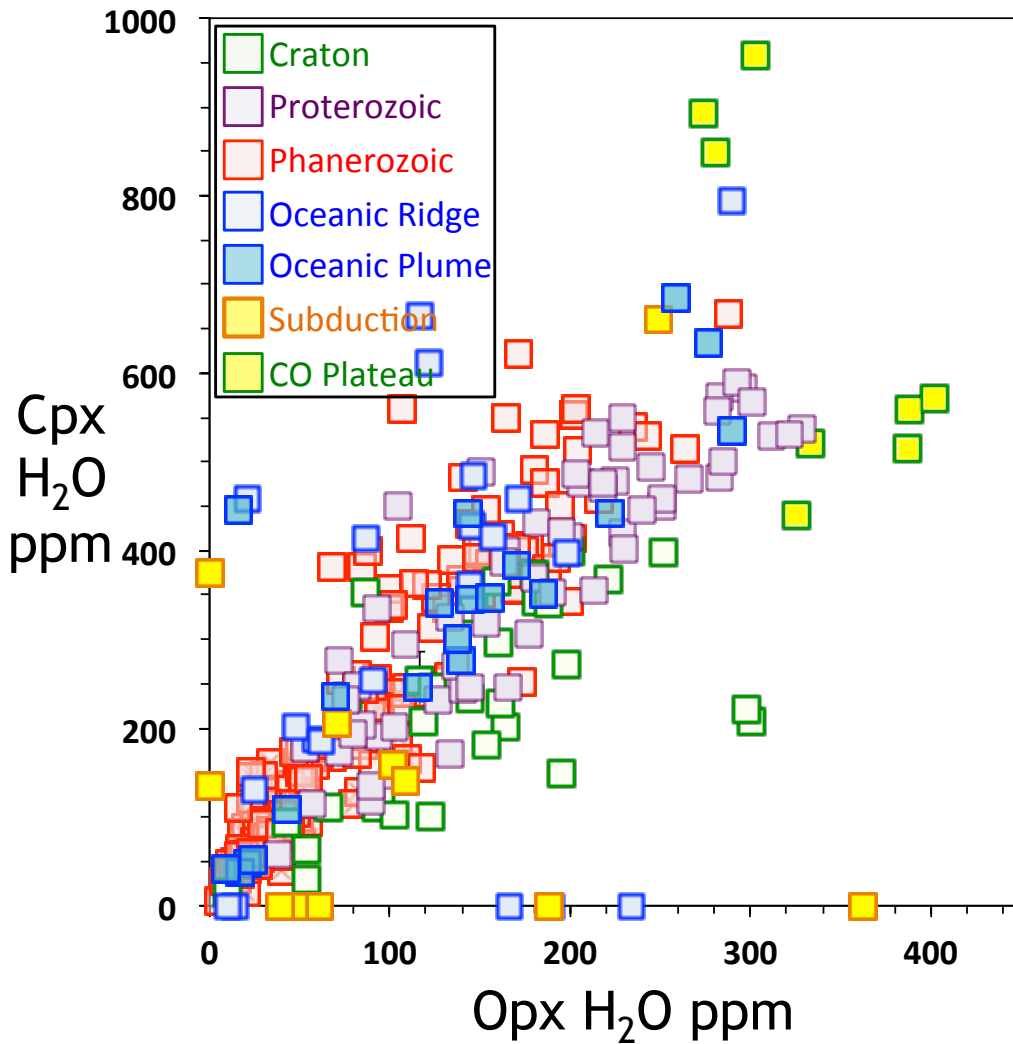


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- Off-craton olivine: most have lost H during xeno ascent
- Max [H<sub>2</sub>O] in olivine limited by solubility?
- Max [H<sub>2</sub>O] in olivine depends on local melt/fluid water activity
- Mantle lithosphere is unsaturated in water

*Peslier et al 2010- 2015-Unpub; Kurozawa et al 1997; Grant et al 2007; Baptiste et al 2012; Doucet et al 2014, Novella et al 2015, Taylor et al 2016; Warren & Hauri 2014; Férot & Bolfan-Casanova 2012, Tenner, Ardia et al 2012; Yang et al 2014-15; Demouchy & Bolfan-Casanova 2016*

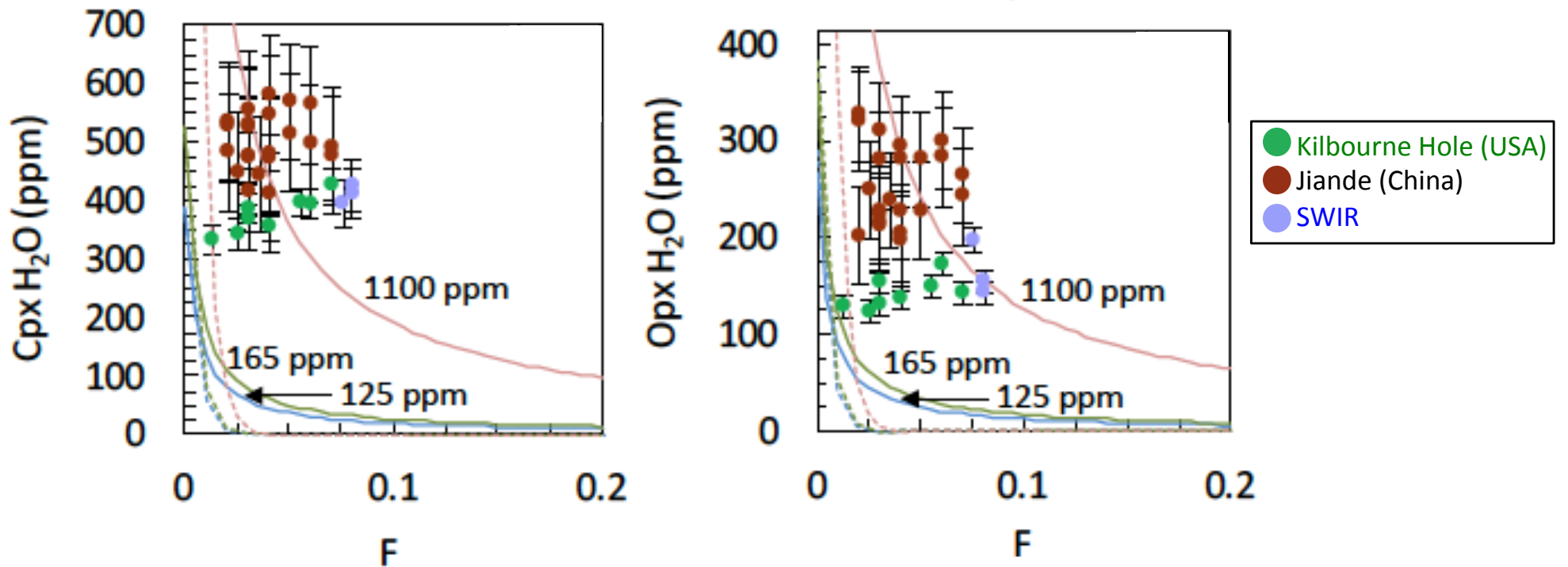
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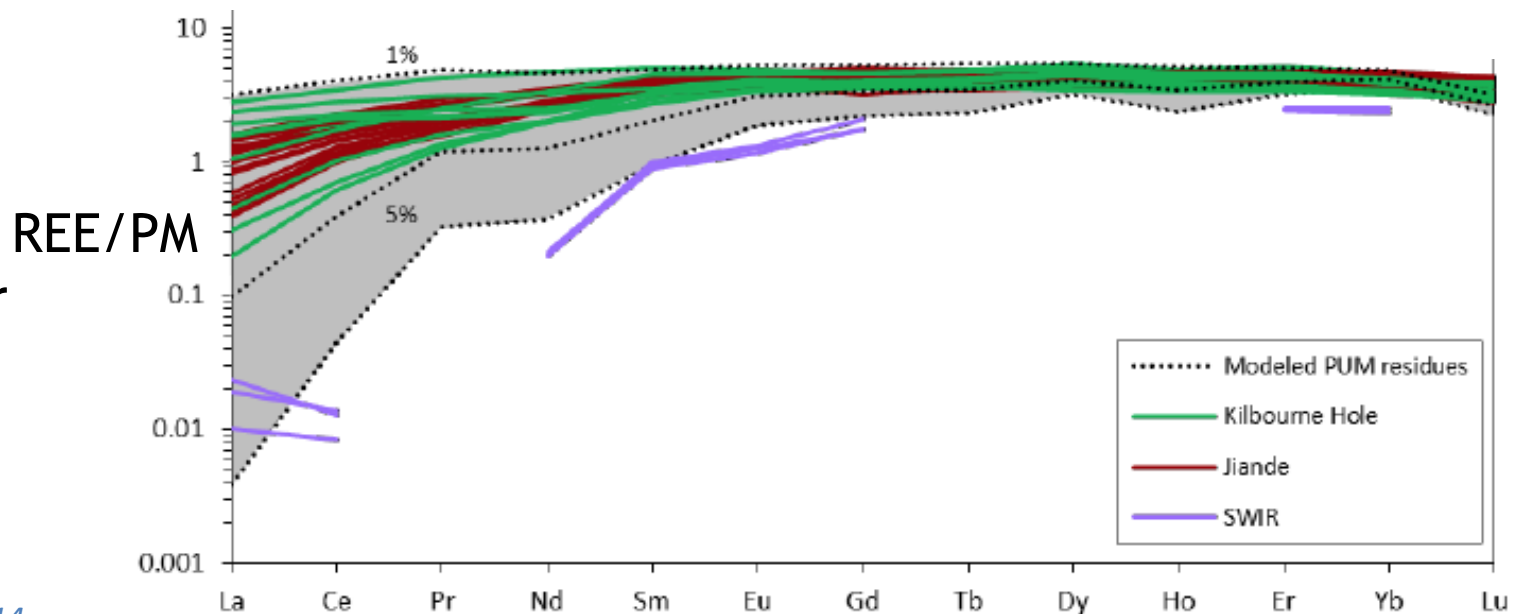
- **Similar [H<sub>2</sub>O] for all tectonic settings**
- **Subduction peridotite not more wet (except CO Plateau)**

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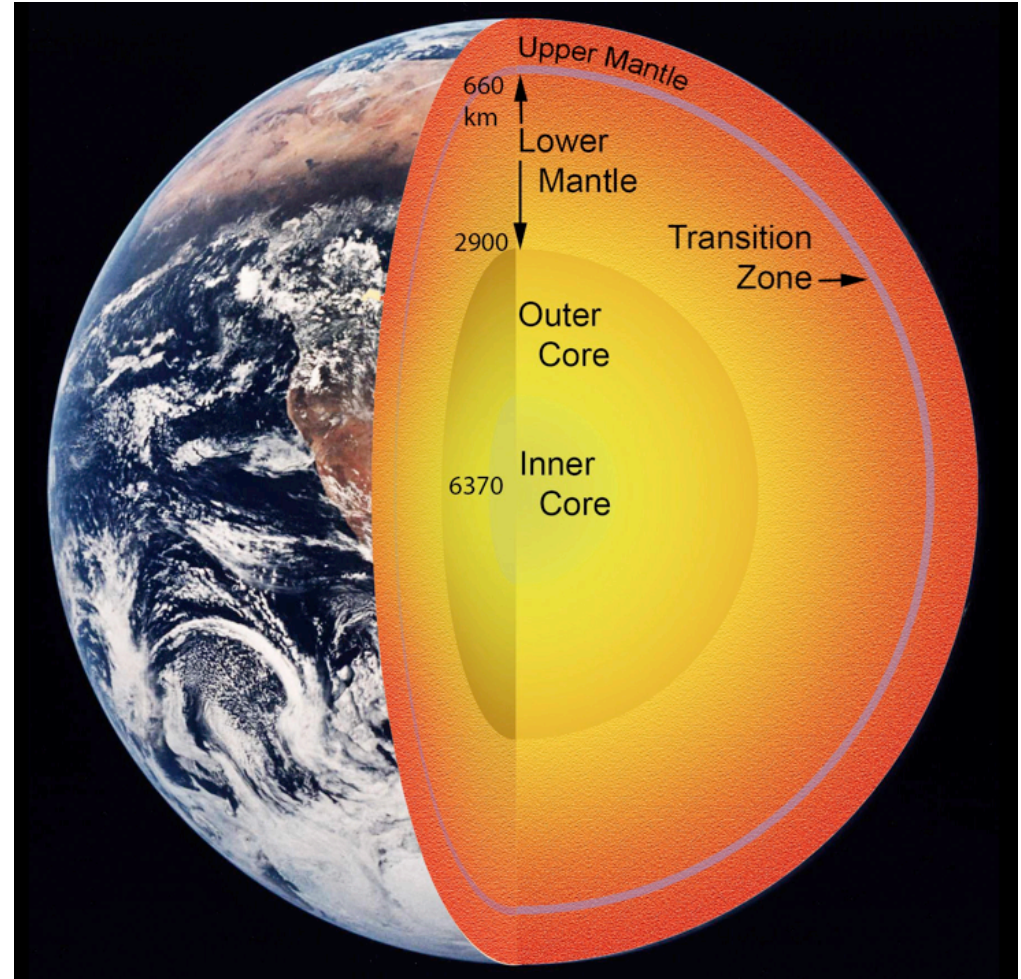
✧ Least metasomatized peridotites

✧ Too high [H<sub>2</sub>O] for a degree of melting F



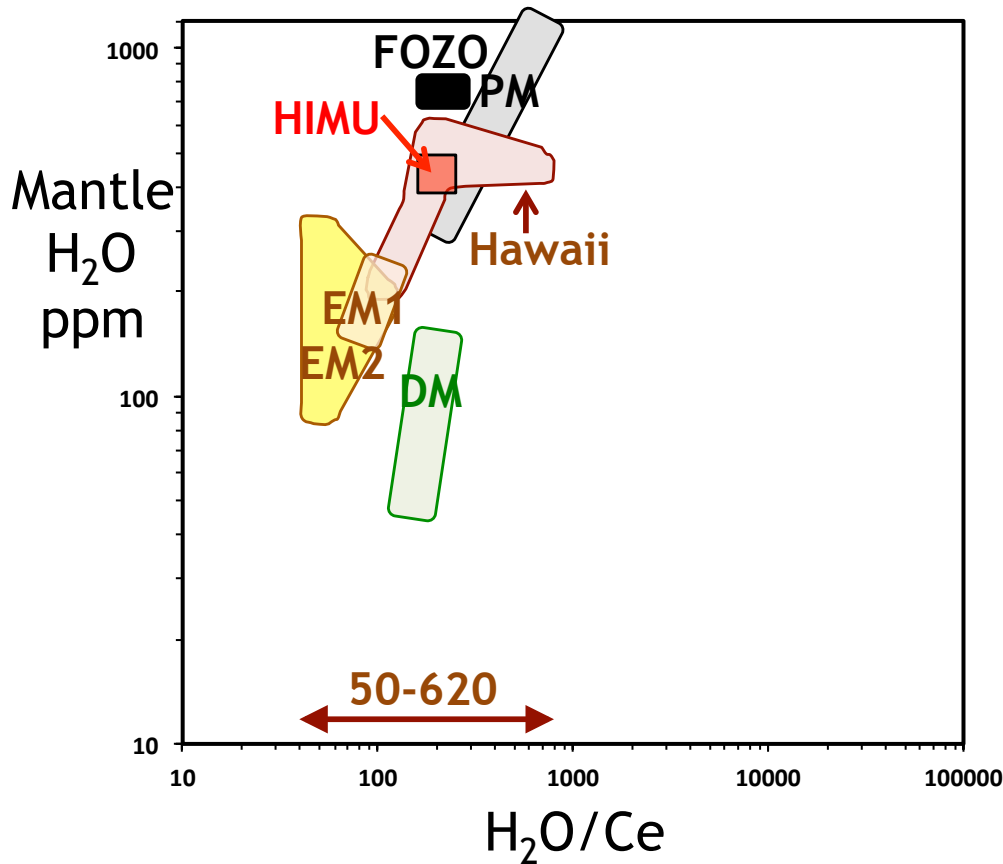
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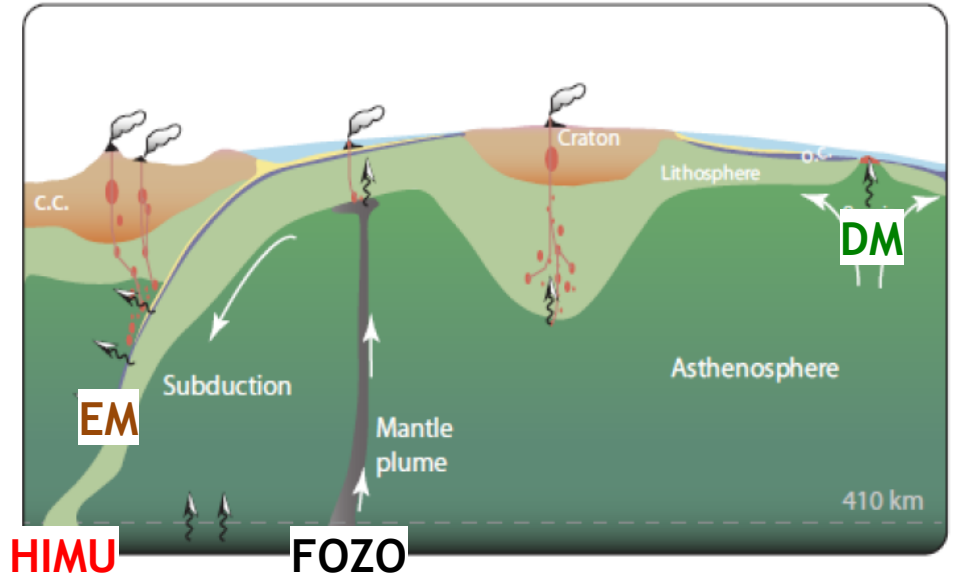
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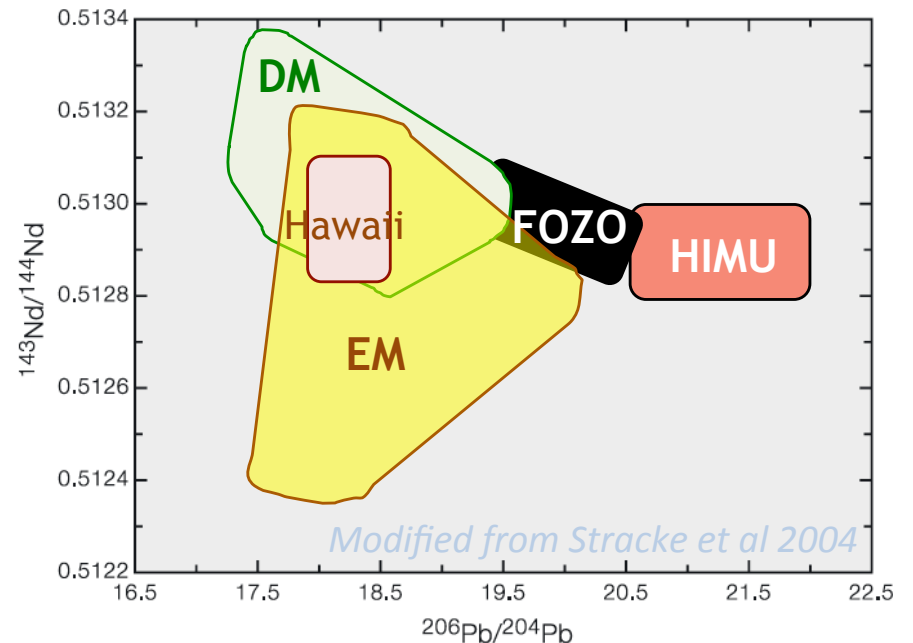


- Water in melt inclusions & undegassed glasses
- Oceanic island basalts (OIB) have more water than MORB
- Oceanic basalts: water & Ce similarly incompatible

*McDonough & Sun 1995; Palme & O'Neill 2007; Dixon et al 2001-08; Salters & Stracke 2004; Cabral et al. 2014; Workman et al. 2004-06; Kendrick et al. 2014-15; Jackson et al. 2007, 2015; Métrich et al. 2014; Seaman et al. 2004*

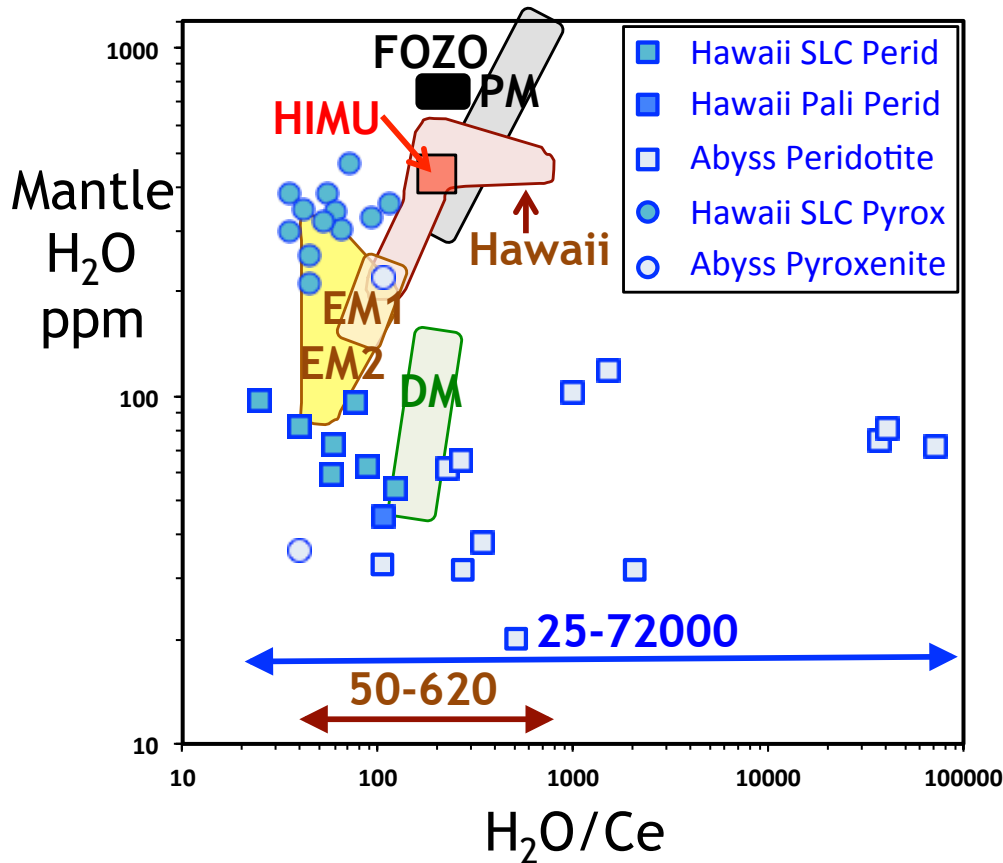


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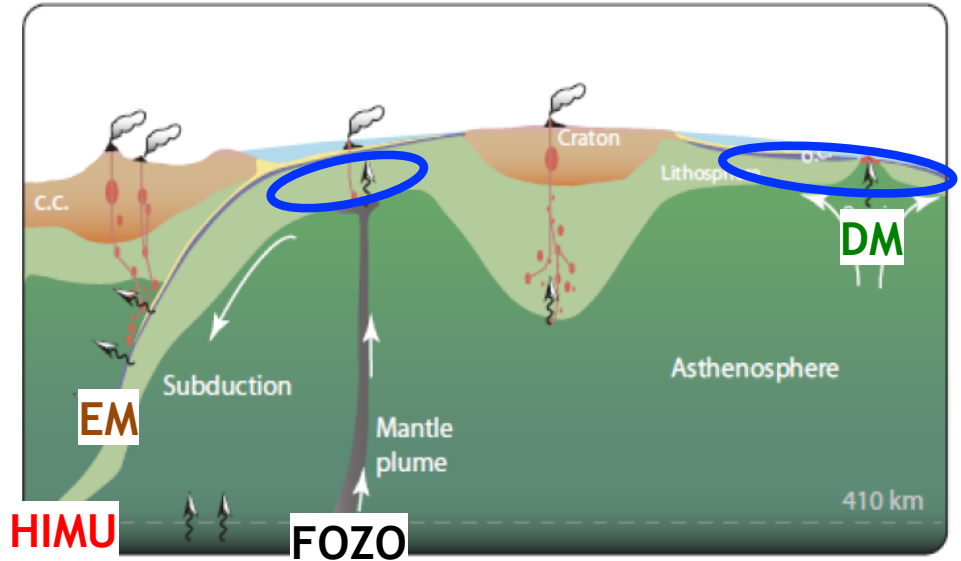
➤ Oceanic basalts: water & Ce similarly incompatible

➤ Oceanic peridotites: water & Ce decoupled

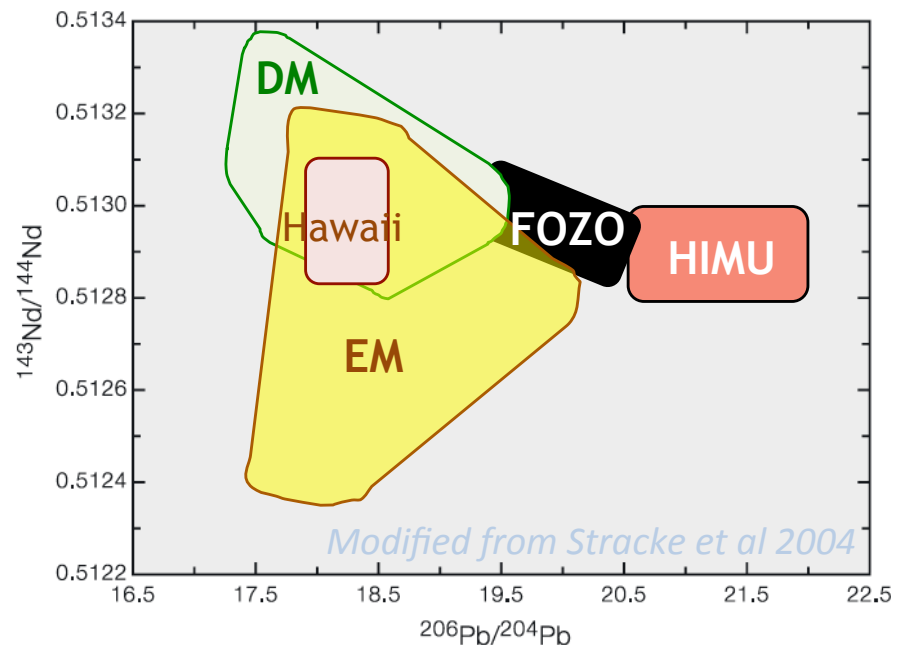
➔ Large scale re-equilibration of water?

➔ Partition coefficient problem?

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# Plume-lithosphere interaction

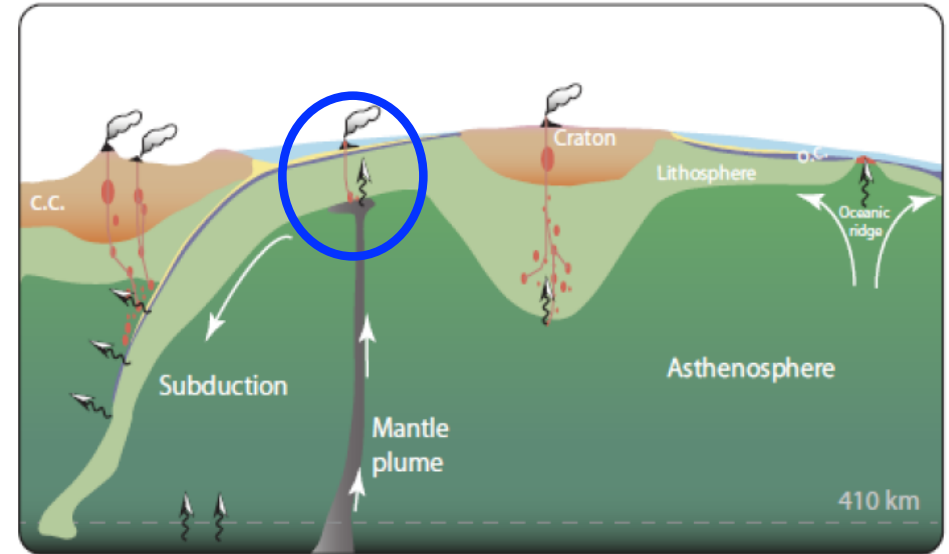
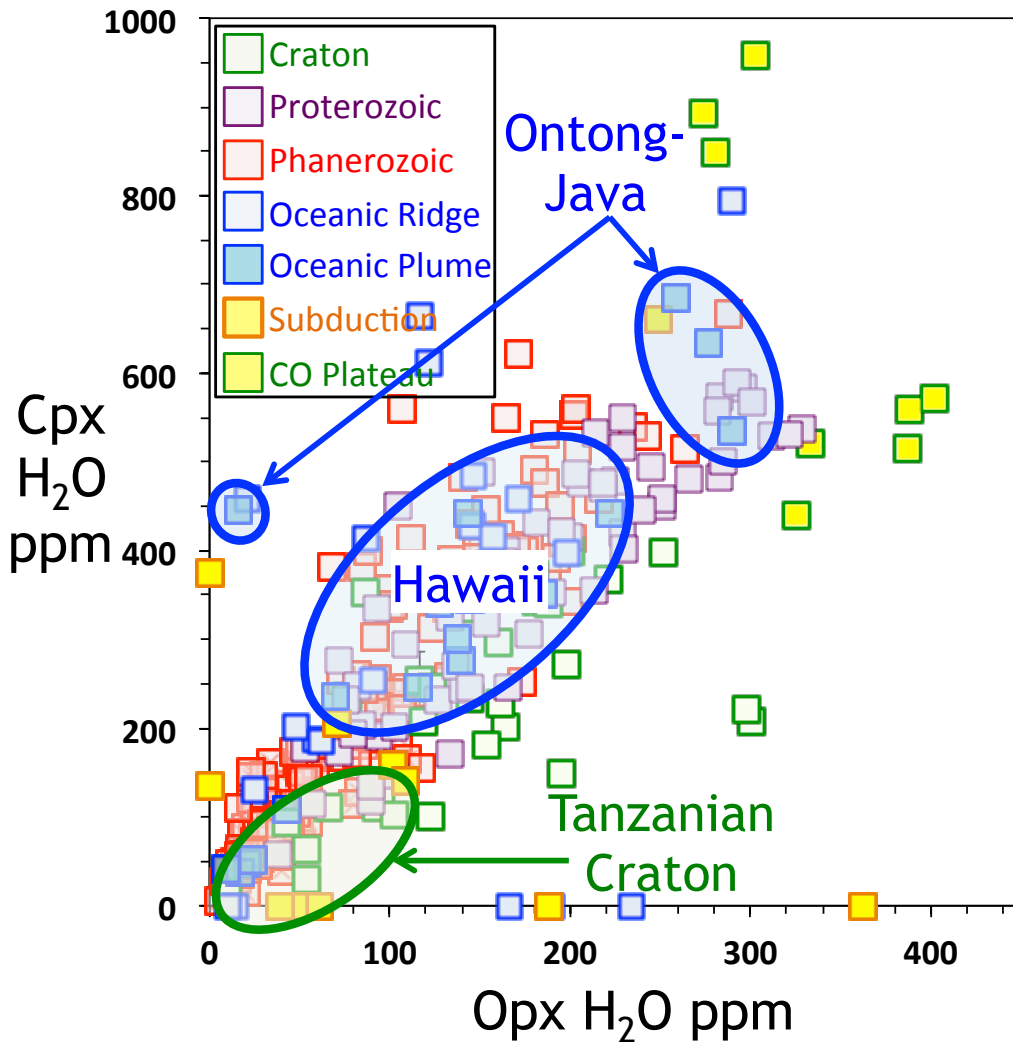
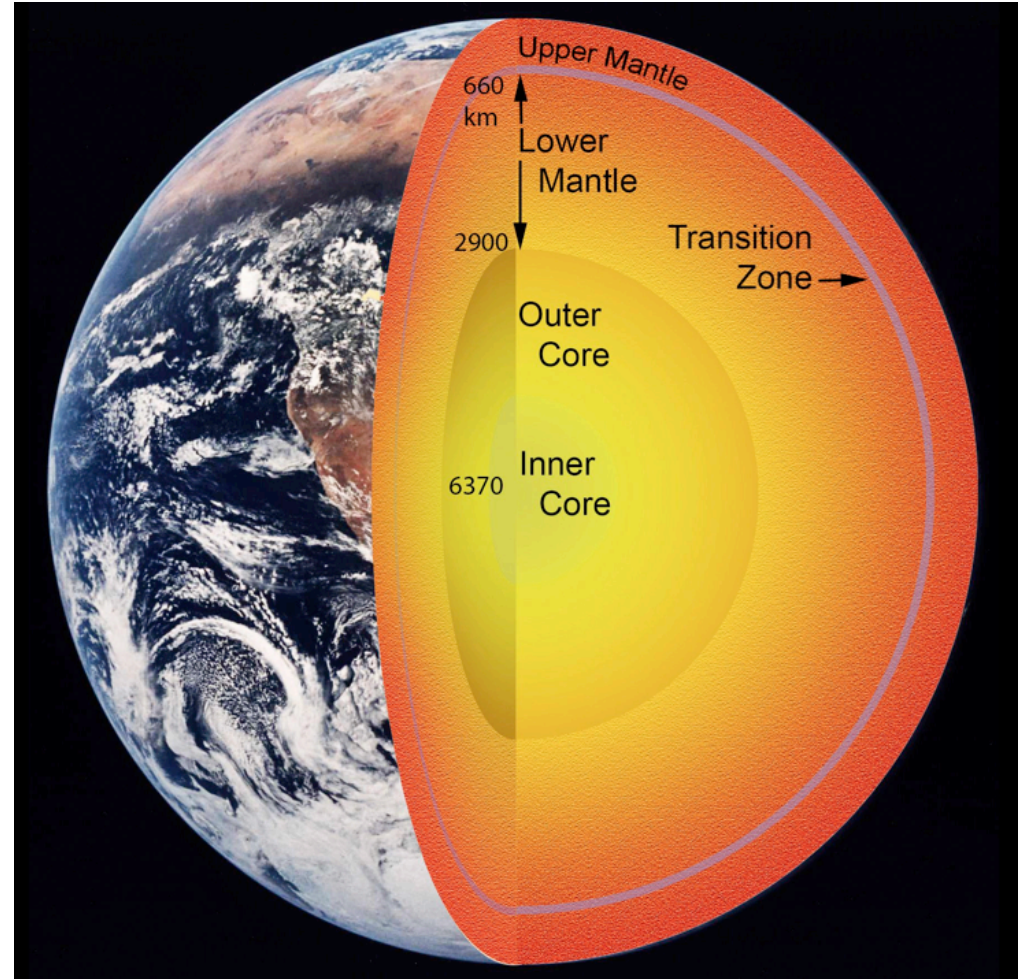


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- Similar [H<sub>2</sub>O] for all tectonic settings
- Subduction peridotite not more wet (except CO Plateau)
- Plume interaction (Hawaii, Ontong-Java, Tanz craton) lithosphere not more wet

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### Diamonds and water in the deep Earth: a new scenario

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#### ABSTRACT

Earth is a water planet, but how much water exists on and in the Earth? Is the water limited to the Earth's surface and limited depths of our planet (molecular water of the hydrosphere), or do deep reservoirs of hydrogen and oxygen really exist as proposed in recent works but not yet proven? Due to the importance of H<sub>2</sub>O for life and geological processes on the Earth, these questions are among the most significant in all of the Earth sciences. Water must be present in the deep Earth as plate tectonics could not work without water as a major driving force that lowers both viscosity and density of the solid mineral phases of the interior and controls the onset of melting. On subduction, water is returned to the hydrosphere first by dewatering of hydrous phases and second by melting and arc magmatism in and above the subducting slab. The mantle is composed of oxygen minerals, and the extent to which hydrogen is dissolved in them constitutes the true reservoir of the planet's water. Are 'deep water and diamonds' intimately related as indicated in the title of the present article? What is the connection between these two important terrestrial materials? The necessity to review this issue arises from the recent discovery of a strongly hydrous ringwoodite in a Brazilian diamond. As ringwoodite constitutes 60% or more of the lower part of the transition zone, between 525 and 660 km depth, this could correspond to a huge amount of water in this region, comparable or greater in mass to all of Earth's hydrosphere. If the water found in this ringwoodite is representative of the water concentrations of the transition zone, then estimates of Earth's total water reservoir are in need of major revision. This work is an attempt at such a revision.

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## Whole Earth geohydrologic cycle, from the clouds to the core: The distribution of water in the dynamic Earth system

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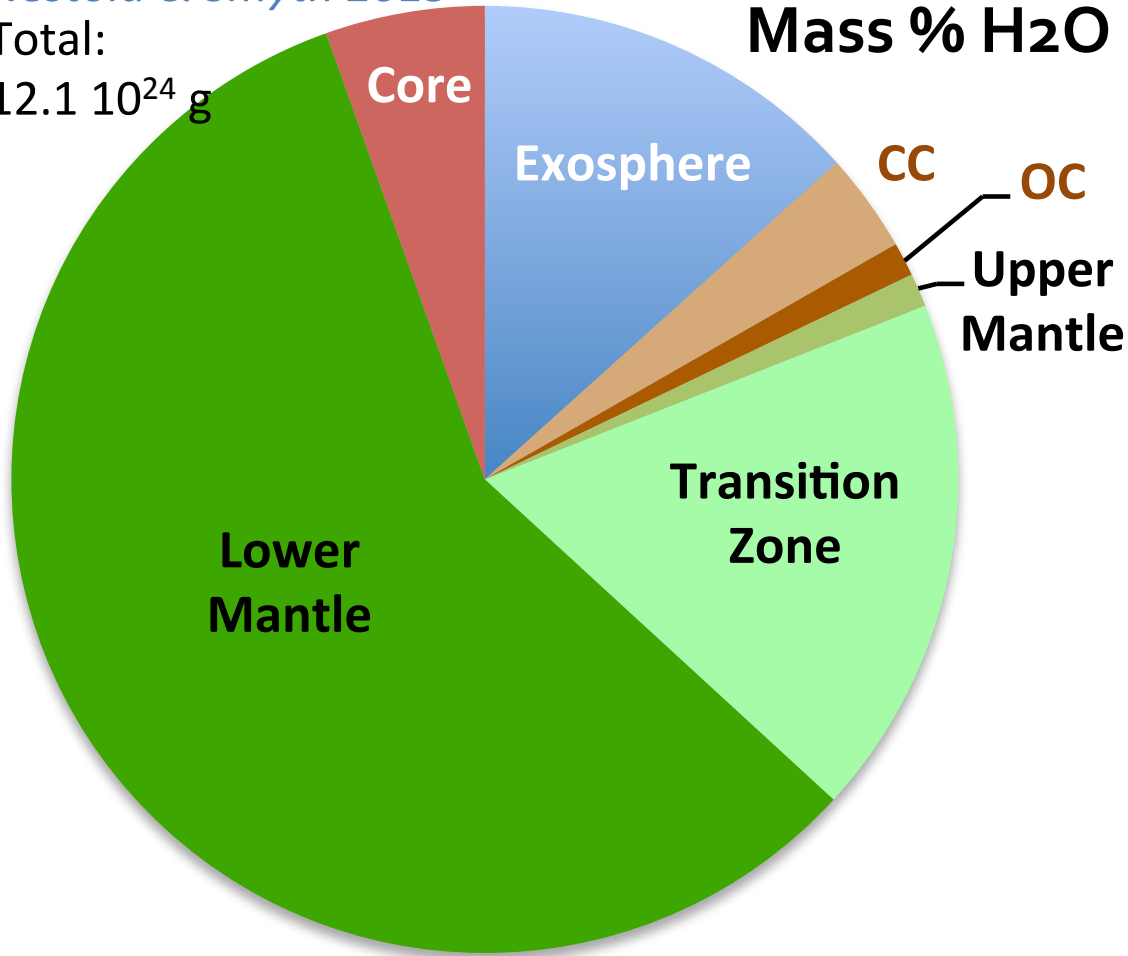


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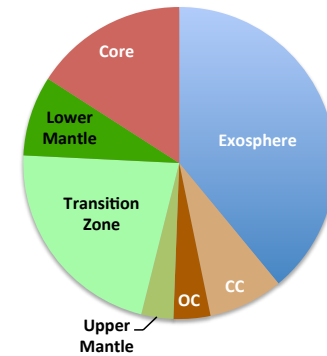
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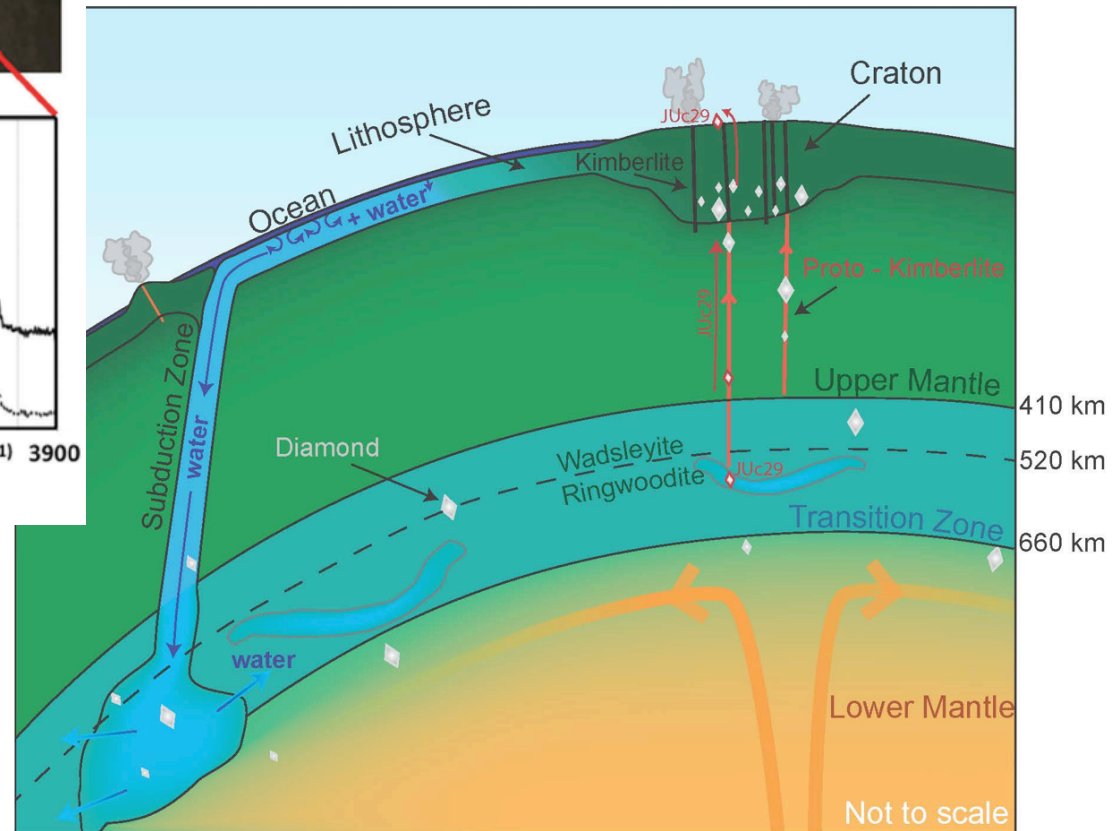
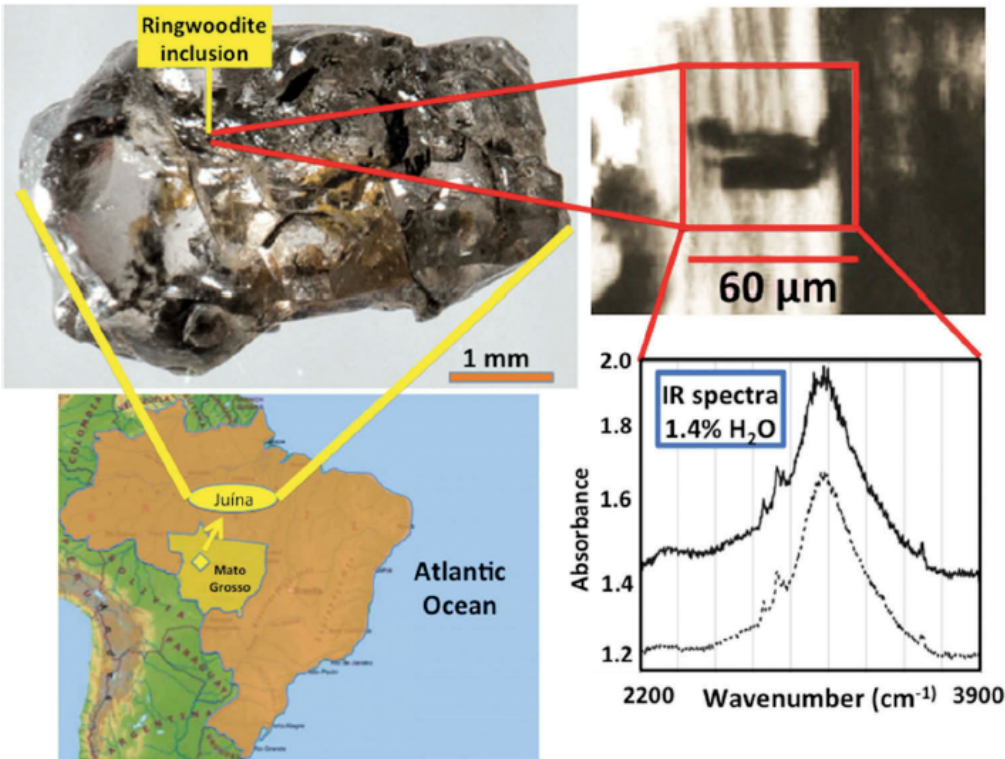
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✧ **Transition zone:** probably wet

- High [H<sub>2</sub>O] in ringwoodite, wadsleyite and majorite from exp (*Inoue, Smyth, Ohtani, Demouchy, Bolfan-Casanova*)
- Phase Egg (AlSiO<sub>3</sub>(OH)) & hydrous ringwoodite as diamond inclusions (*Wirth et al 2007; Pearson et al 2014*)
- Consistent with electrical conductivity & seismic tomography (*Karato 2001, Yoshino 2010, Koyama et al 2006*)



- ✧ **Slab stagnation** (*Okino et al 1989, van der Hilst et al 1991-93, Fukao et al 1992, 2009*)
- ✧ **TZ water filter** (*Bercovici & Karato 2003*)

Image Credit: Nestola & Smyth 2015, Kathy Maher

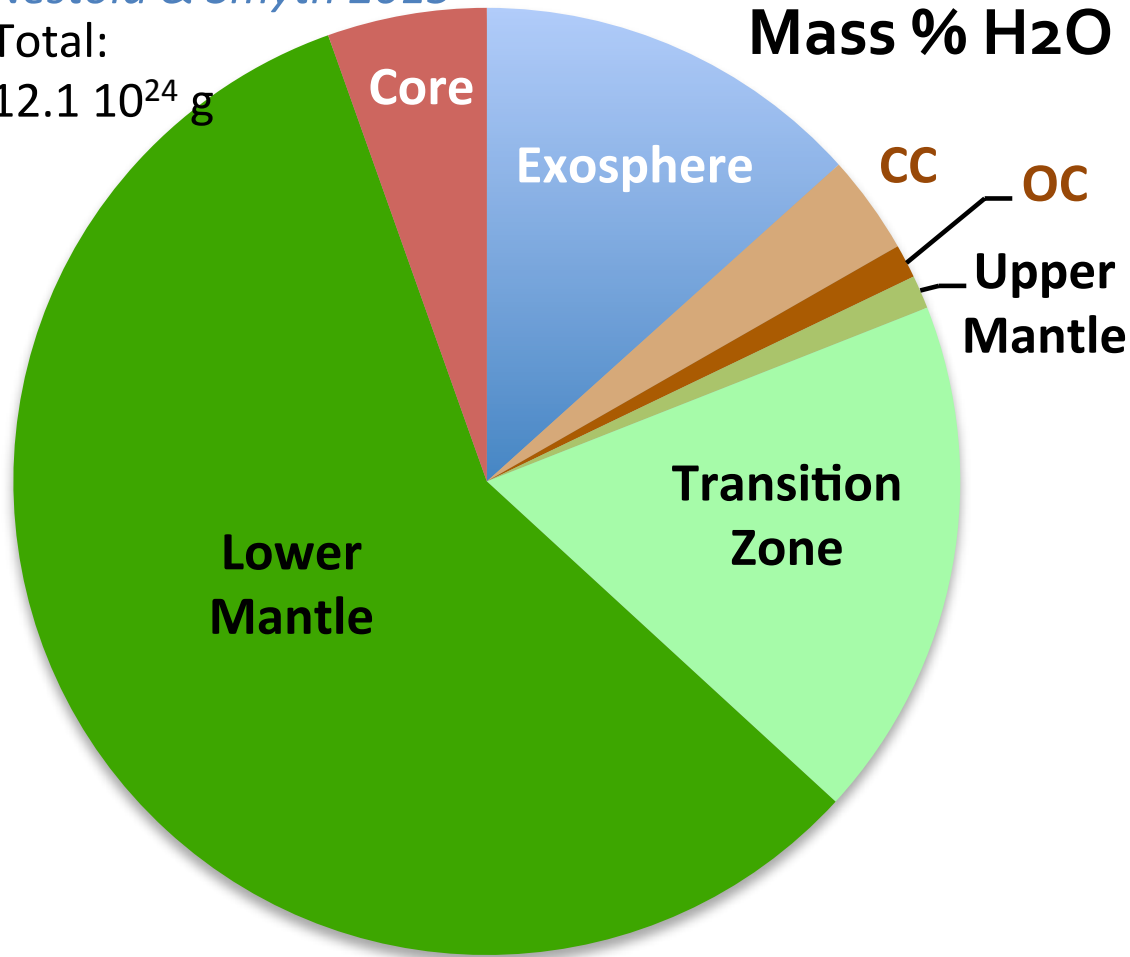
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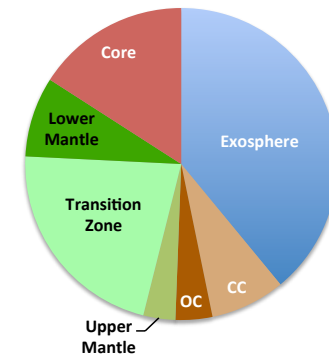
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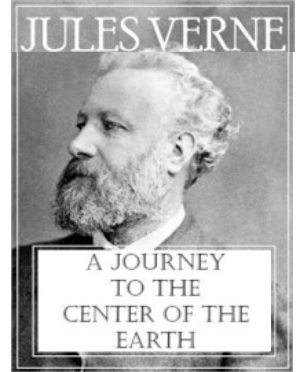
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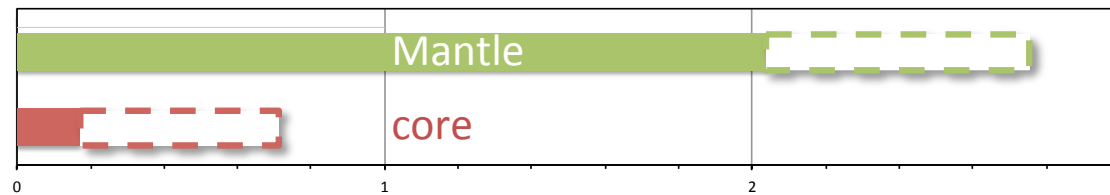
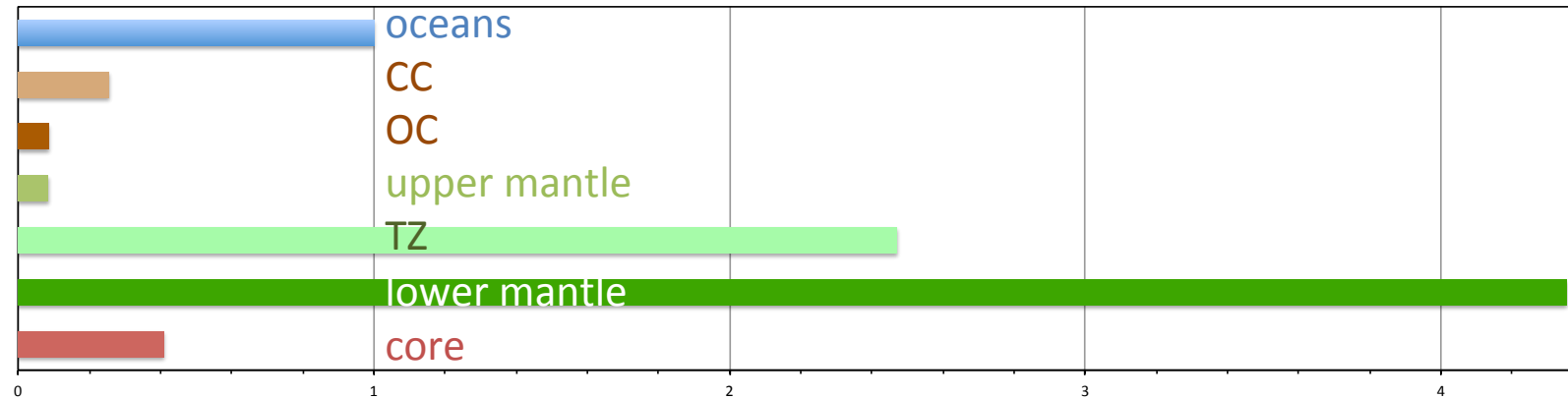
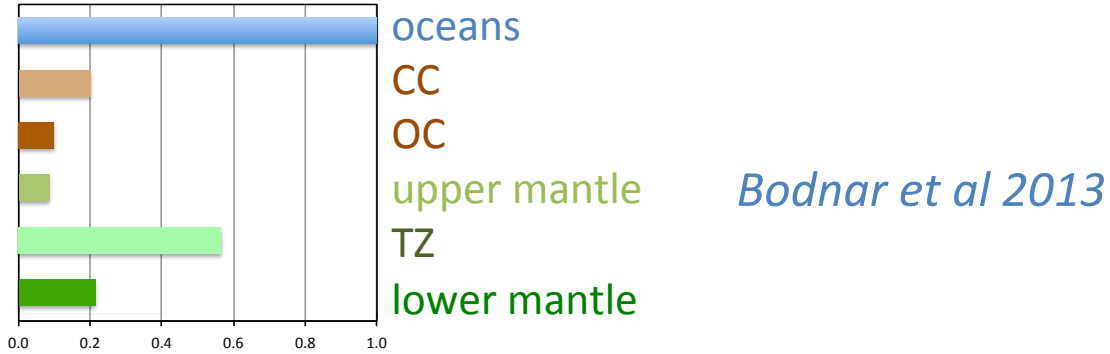


- ✧ TZ: - uncertainty on [H<sub>2</sub>O] of ringwoodite, wadsleyite and majorite
  - Phase Egg & hydrous ringwoodite as diamond inclusions (*Wirth et al 07, Pearson et al 14*)
- ✧ Lower mantle: - uncertainty on [H<sub>2</sub>O] of bridgmanite (*Meade, Bolfan-Casanova, Litasov, Murakami...*)
- ✧ Back to problem of storage capacity (exp) vs actual water content
- ✧ Uncertainty on amount of hydrous phases (B, Egg, D, H,  $\delta$ -AlOOH) (*Ohtani, Ghosh, Walter*)

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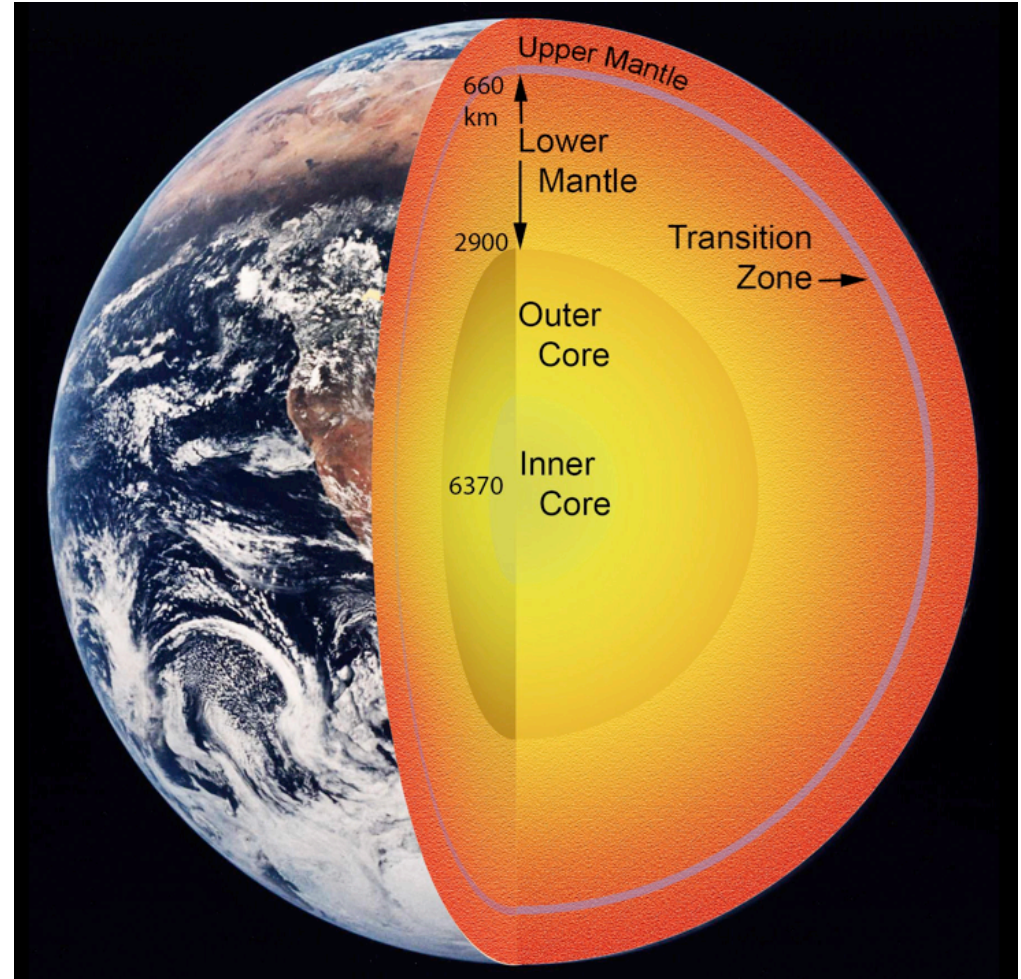


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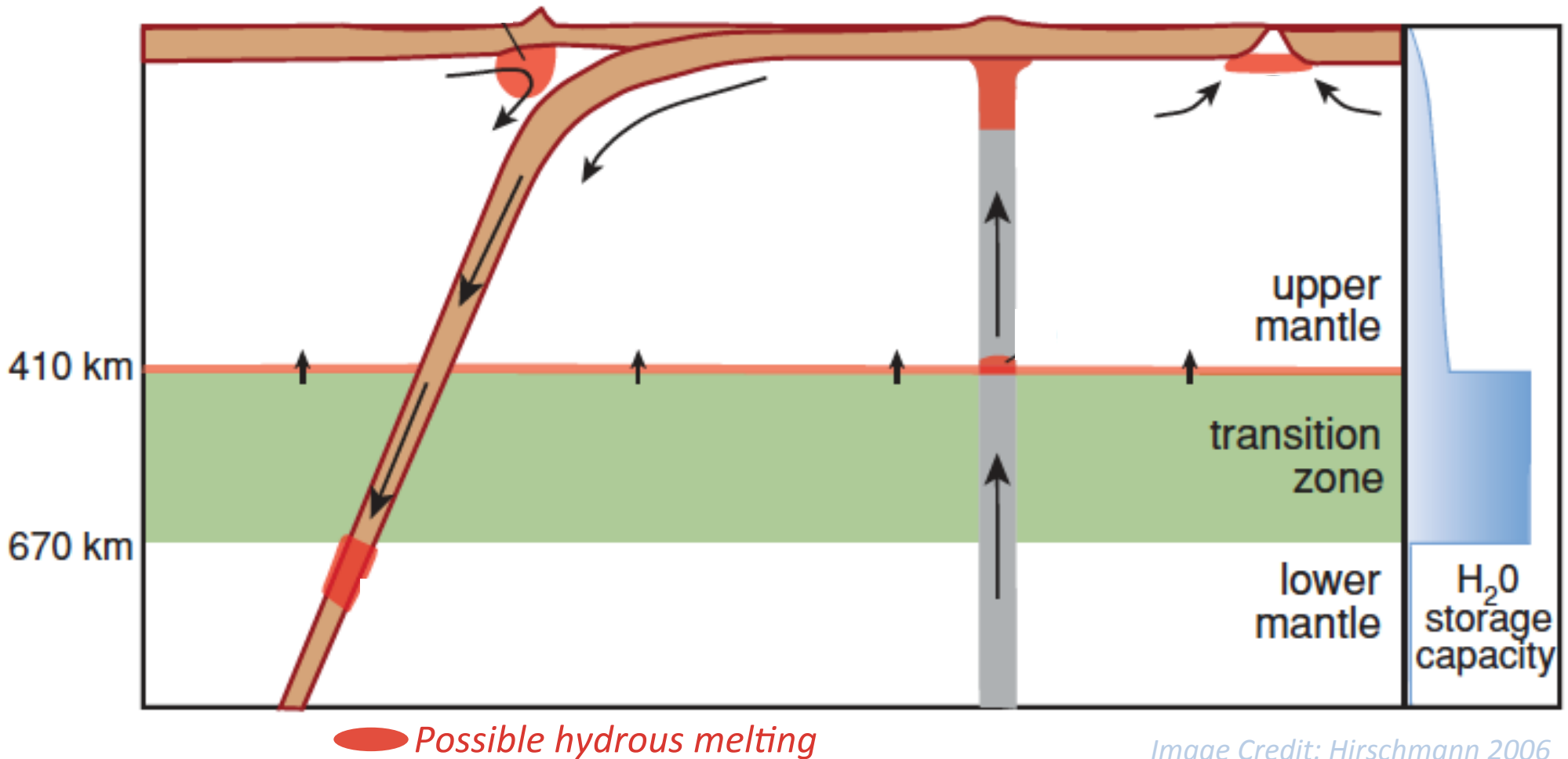


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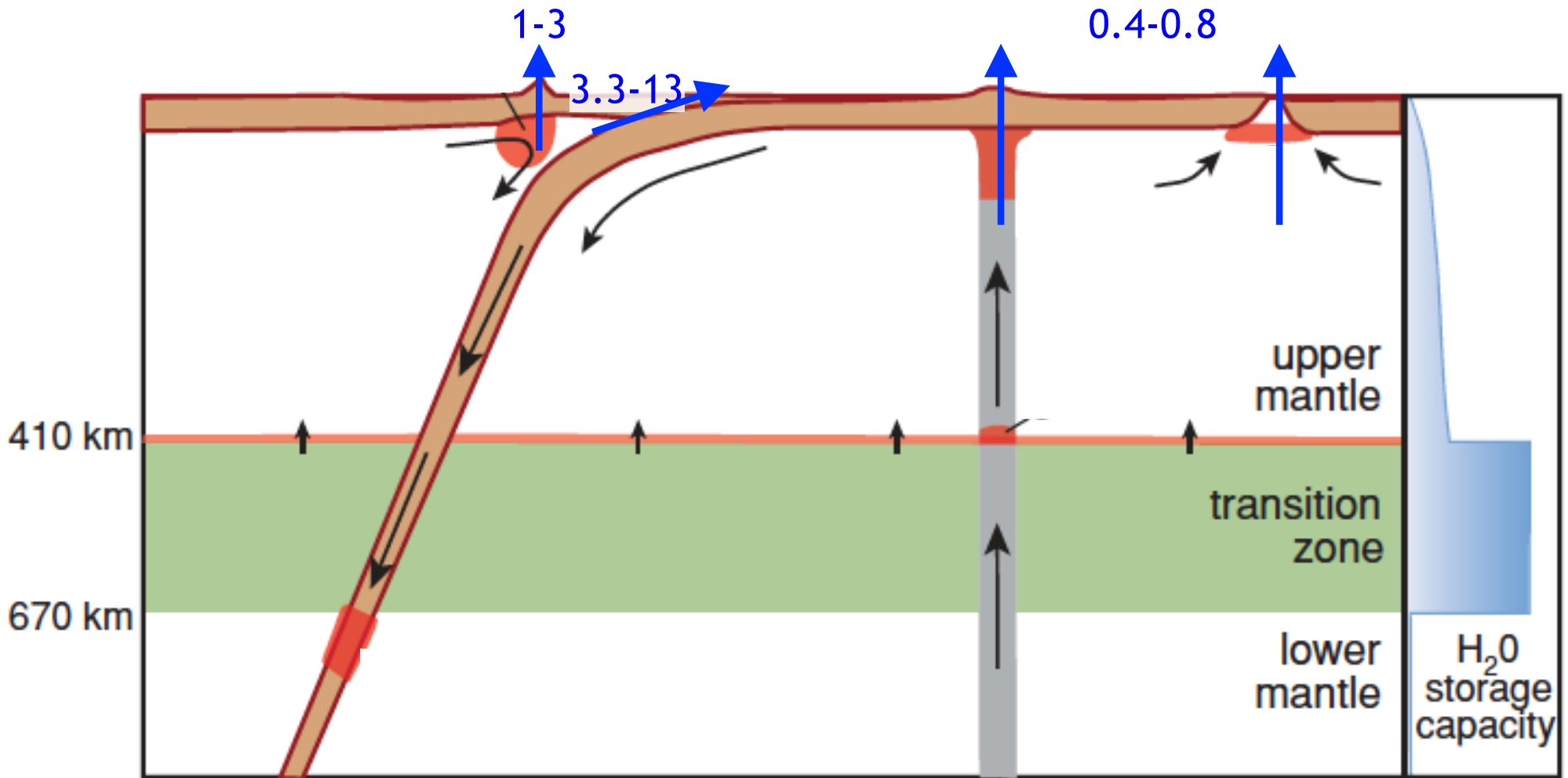


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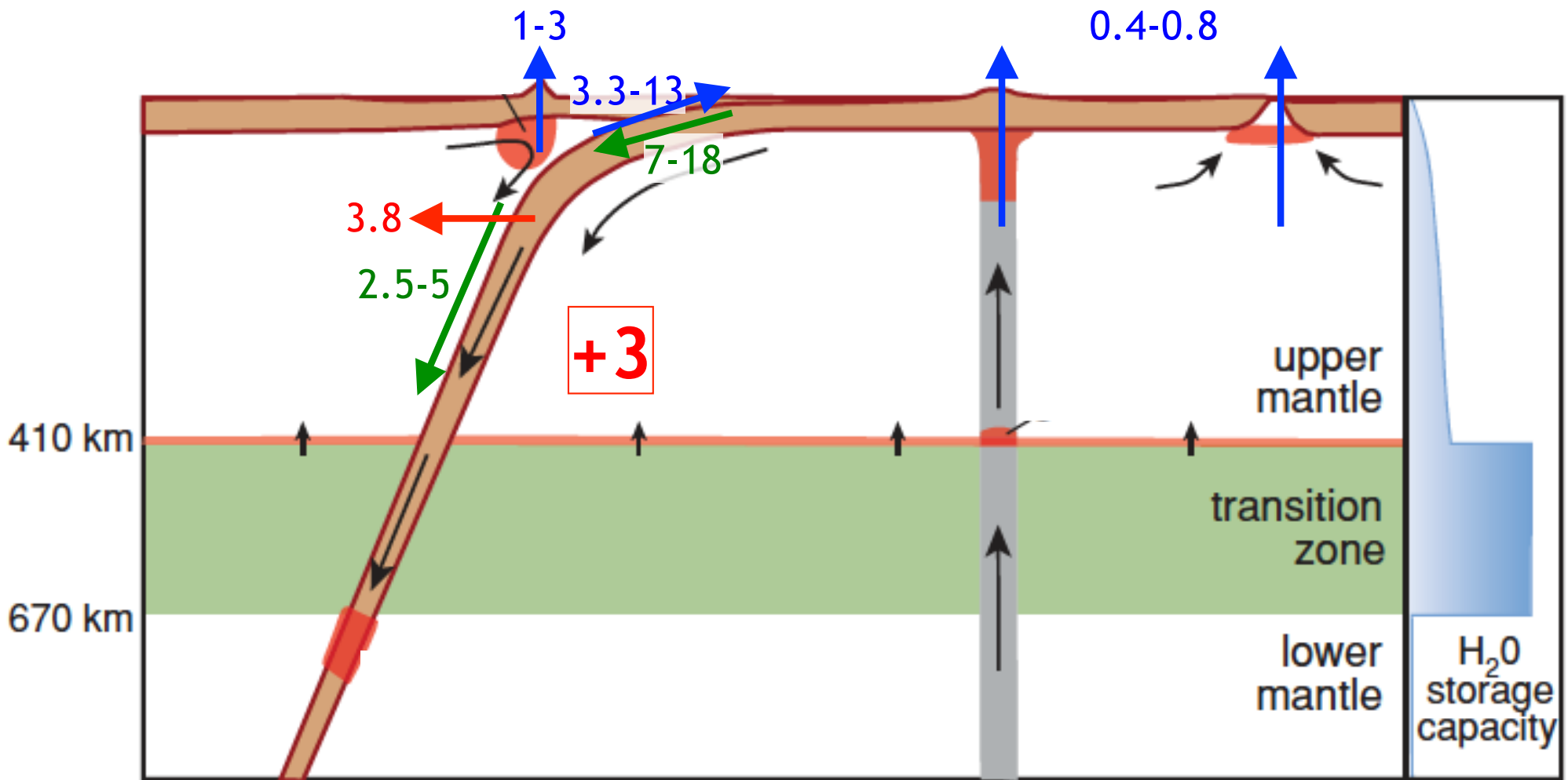
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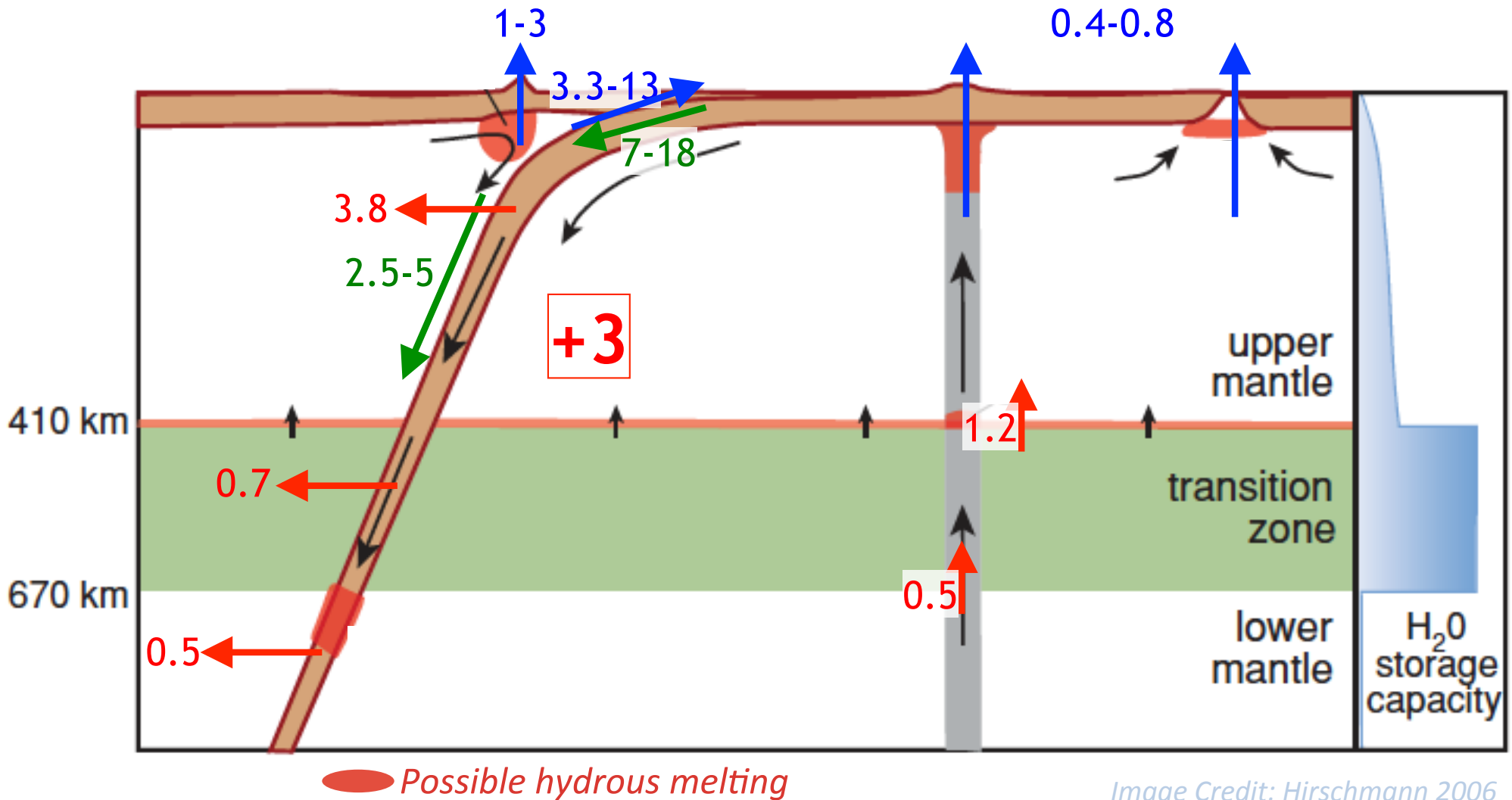
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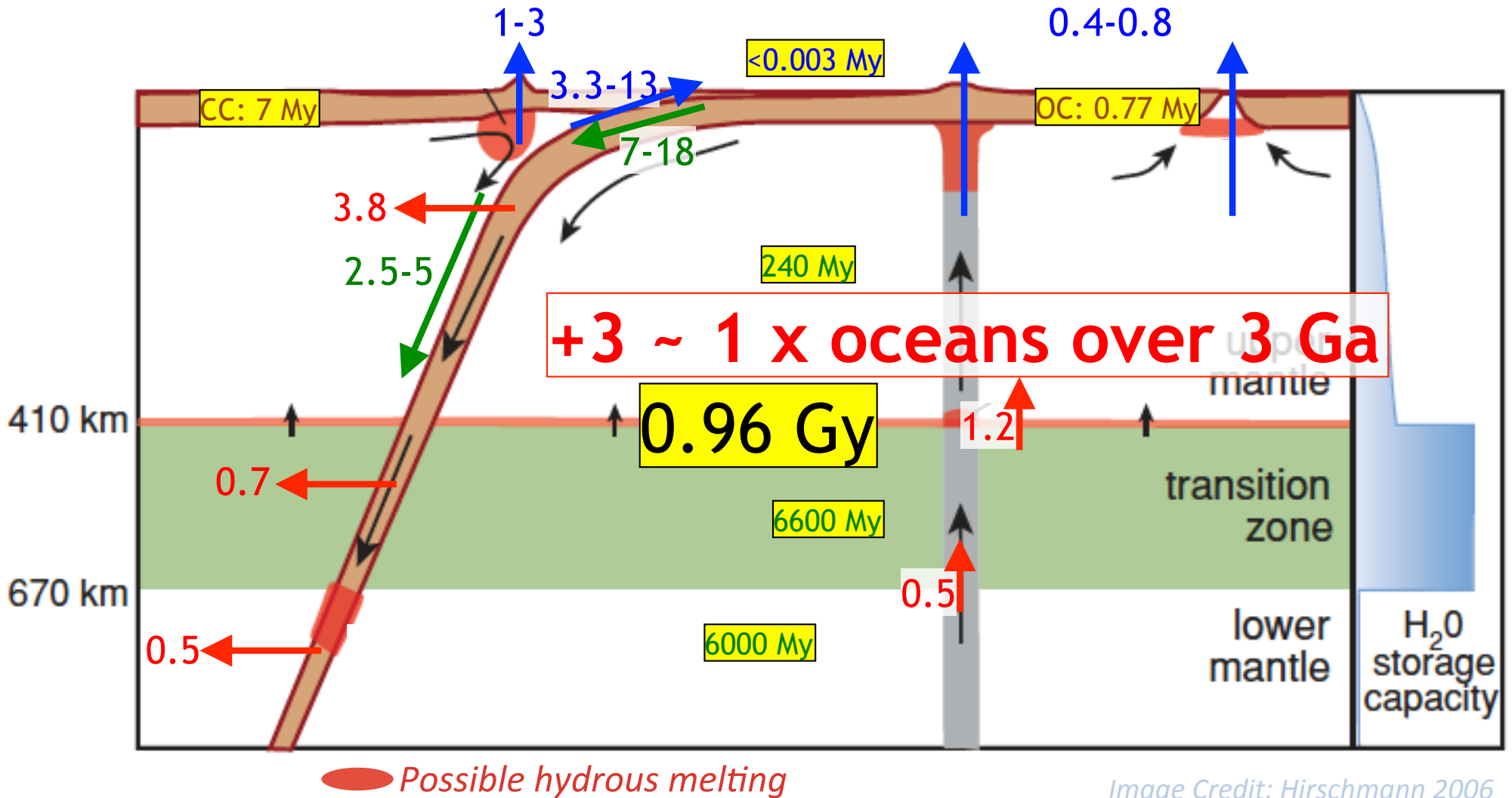
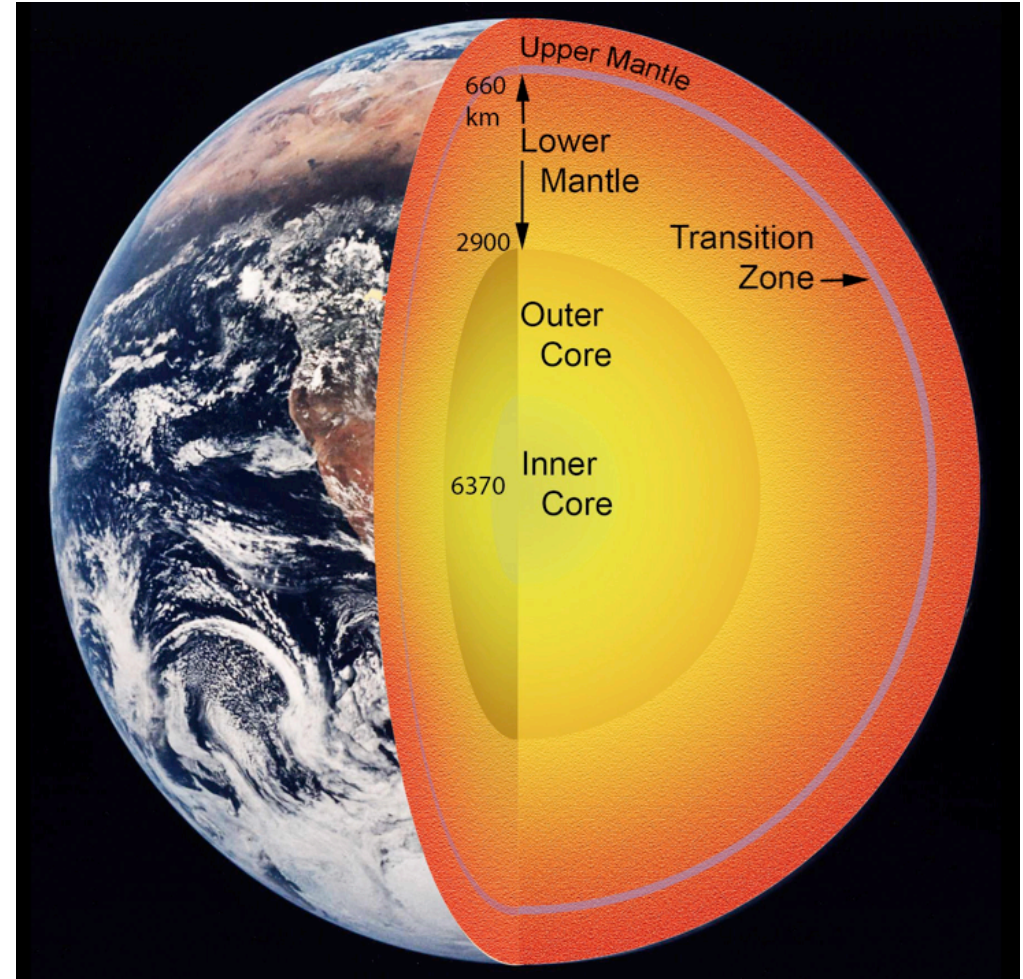


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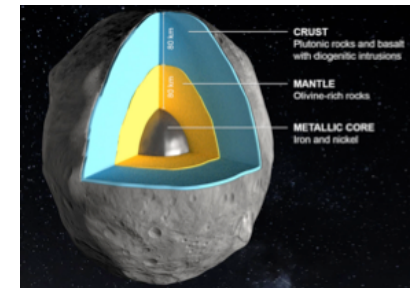
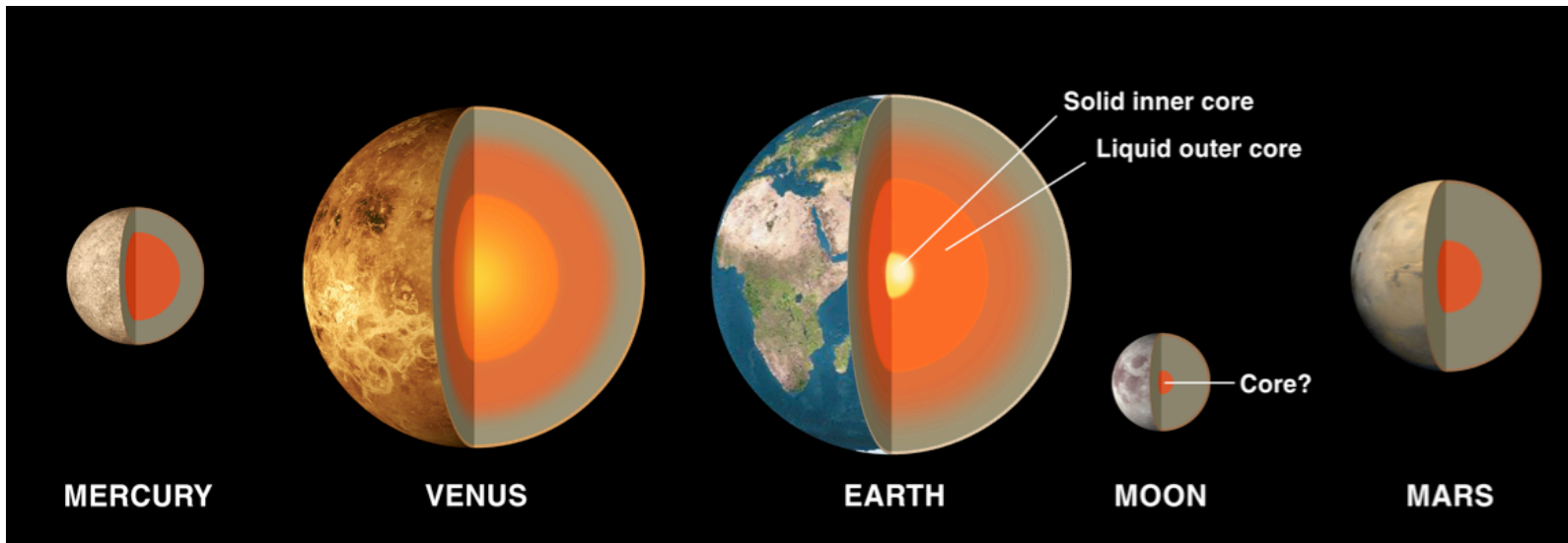
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# Water in the inner solar system



Upper mantle ppm H<sub>2</sub>O from samples

?	?	150-350	5-100	130-230(Ch)	>0?
			160(LMO)	15-47(Sh)	

Mantle water from accretion models (Mantle H<sub>2</sub>O-Core H)

?	961-35	948-33	?	0-4769-4	?
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Origin

?	?	CC	CC	CC	CC
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*Albarède 2013; Marty 2012; Hauri et al. 2011; McCubbin et al. 2010; Usui et al. 2012; Sarafian et al. 2013-2014; Hui et al 2013; Peslier et al. 2015; Rubie 2015*

# Conclusions



- ✧ **Mantle lithosphere is undersaturated in water**

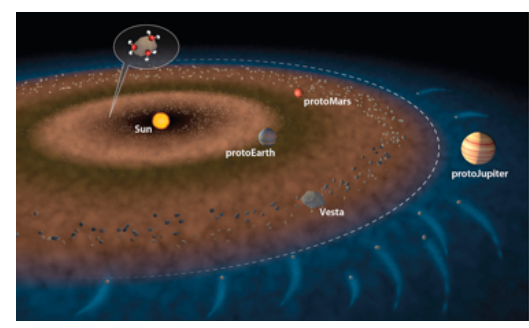
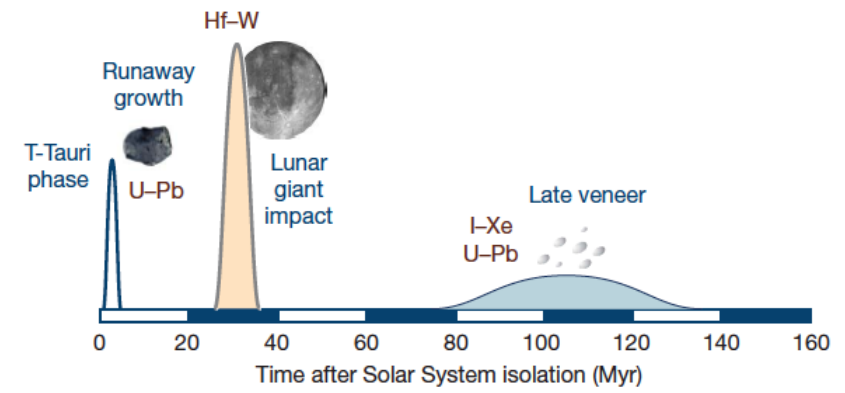
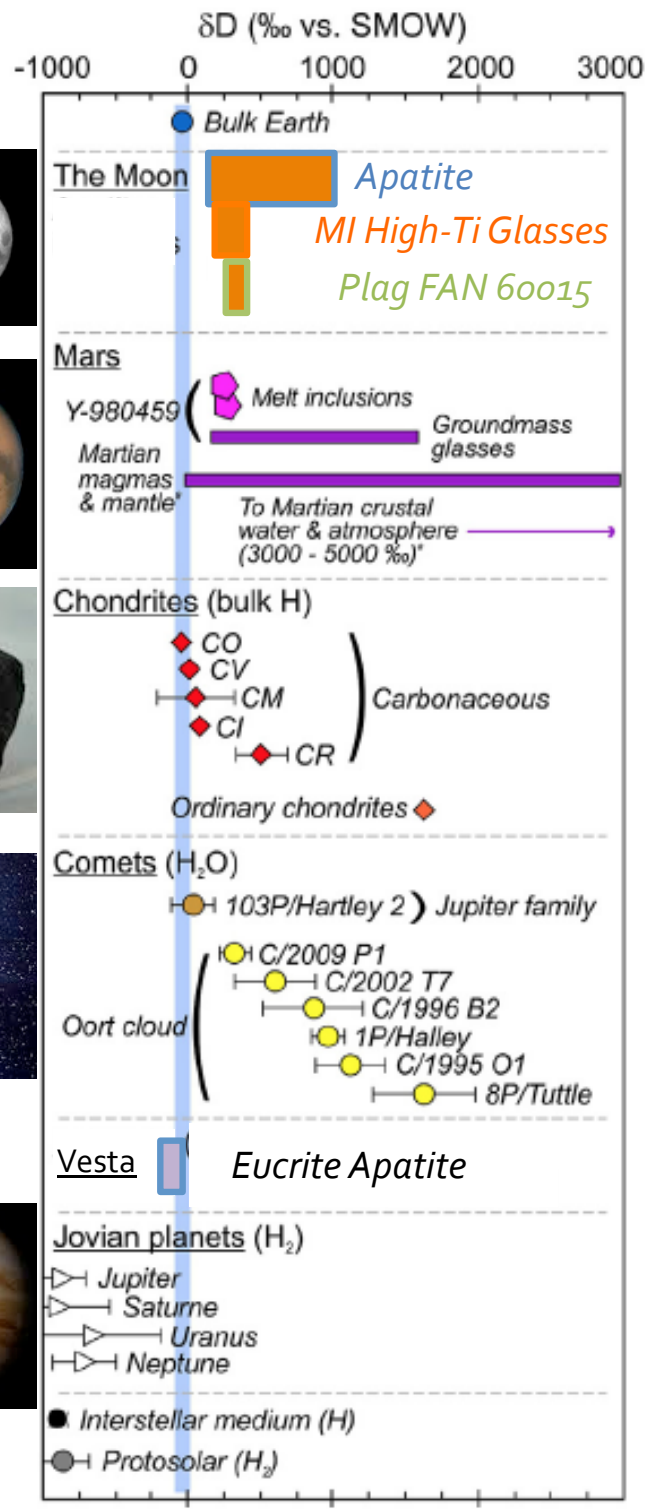
- ✧ Too high [H<sub>2</sub>O] for degree of melting
- ✧ Decoupled from other incompatible trace elements (Ce)
- ✧ Mostly controlled by metasomatism in continental lithosphere
- ✧ All tectonic settings have similar [H<sub>2</sub>O]

- ✧ **The transition zone is rich in water**

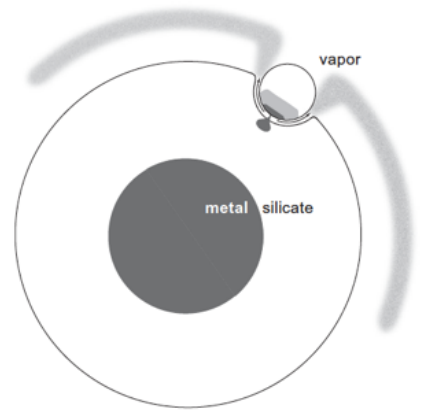
- ✧ **Water content of lower mantle and core?**

- ✧ **Water deep cycle**

- ✧ ~ 1 mass ocean re-added to mantle over 3 Ga
- ✧ Residence time of water in Earth: ~ 1 Ga



or/and



*Tartèse et al. 2013; Greenwood et al. 2011, Saal et al., 2013; Albarède et al., 2009, 2013; Sarafian et al., 2013-2014; Hui et al., 2015*

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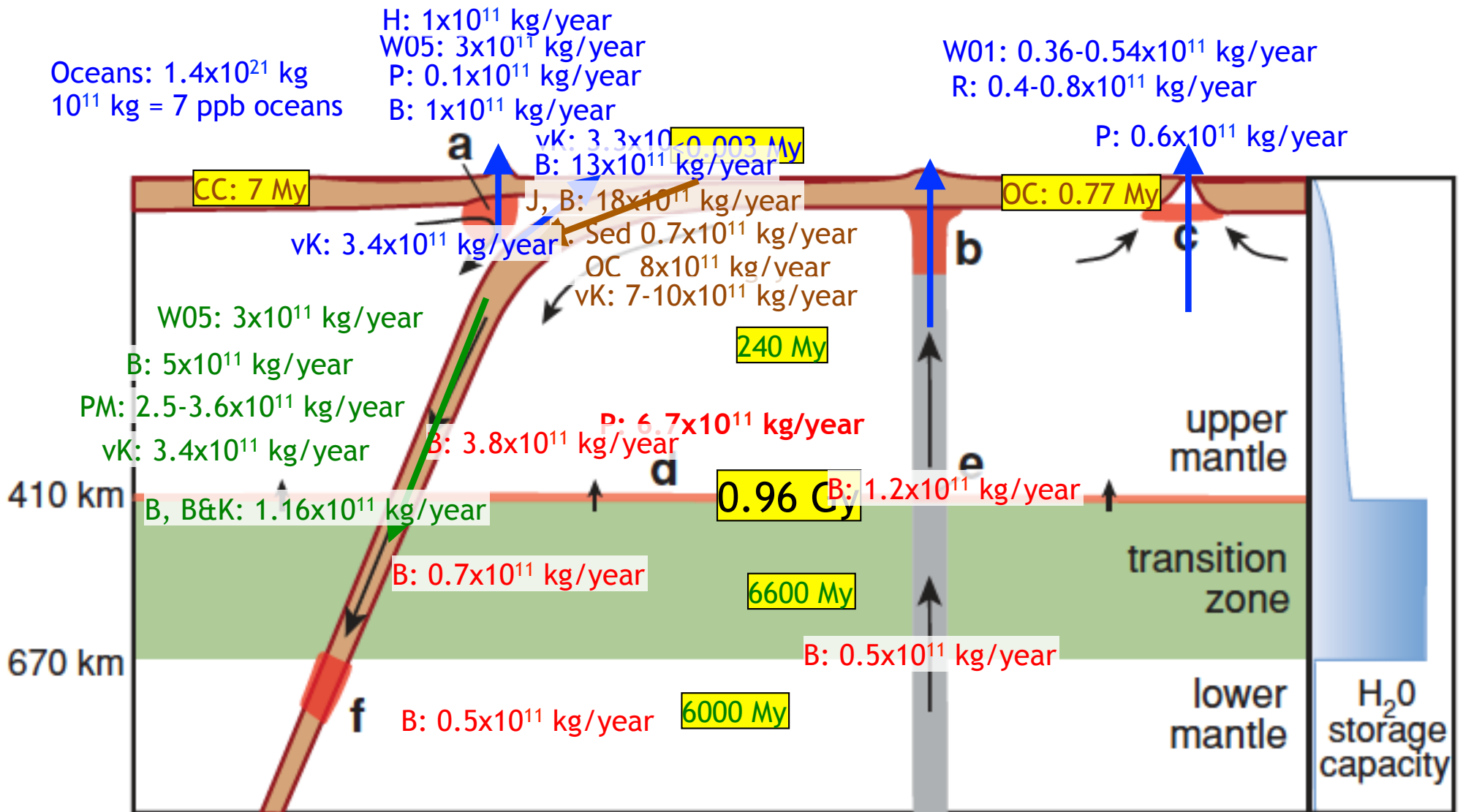
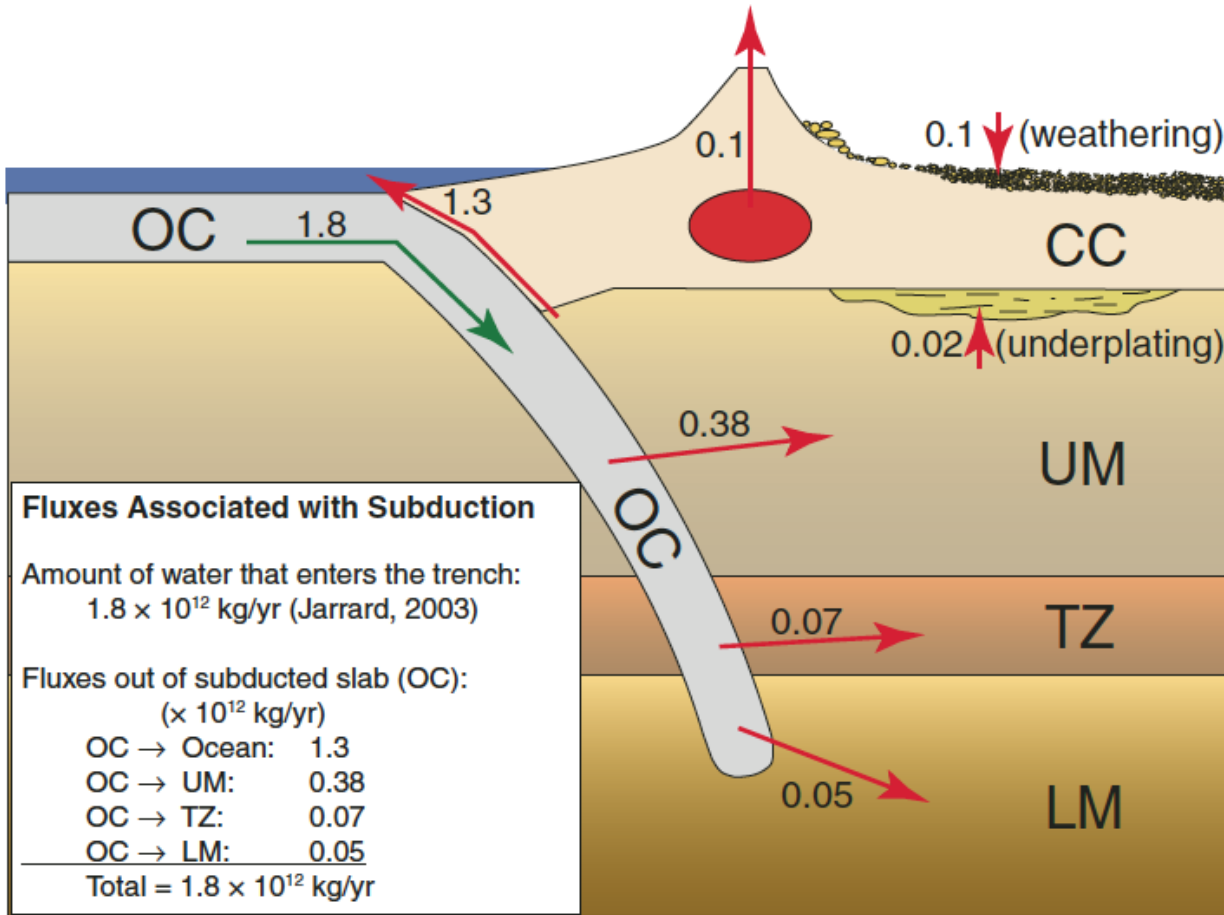


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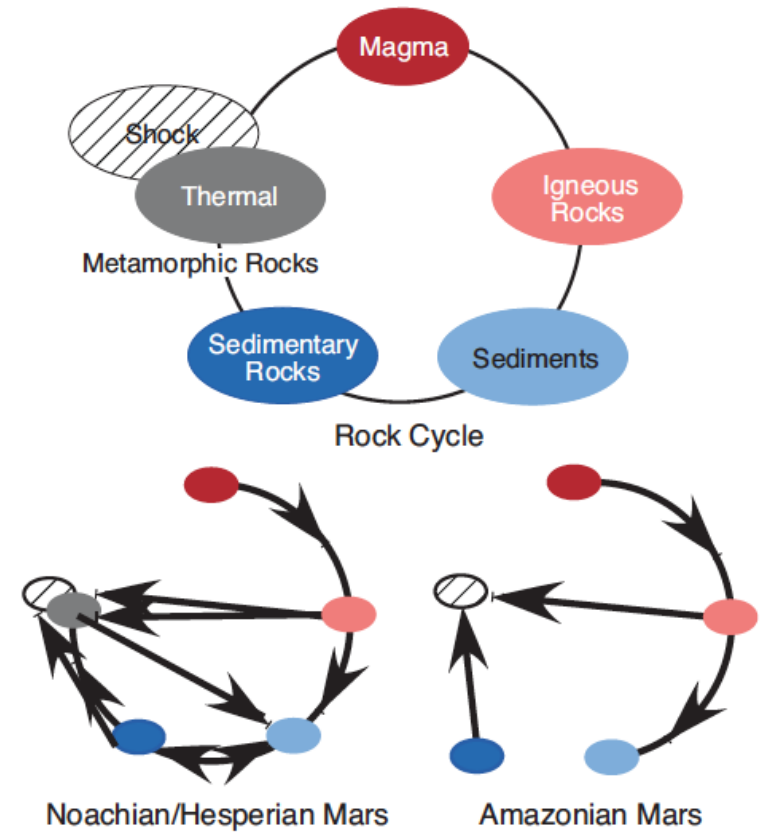
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# Fluxes in geosphere ( $10^{12}$ kg/yr)



*Bodnar et al 2013*



*McSween 2015*

*Parai &  
Mukhopadhyay  
2012*