

# Bell Ringer

1. What are the three main kinds of faults?
2. At what kind of plate boundary would you most likely find a Normal Fault?
  3. What is the Focus of an Earthquake?

# Fault Blocks

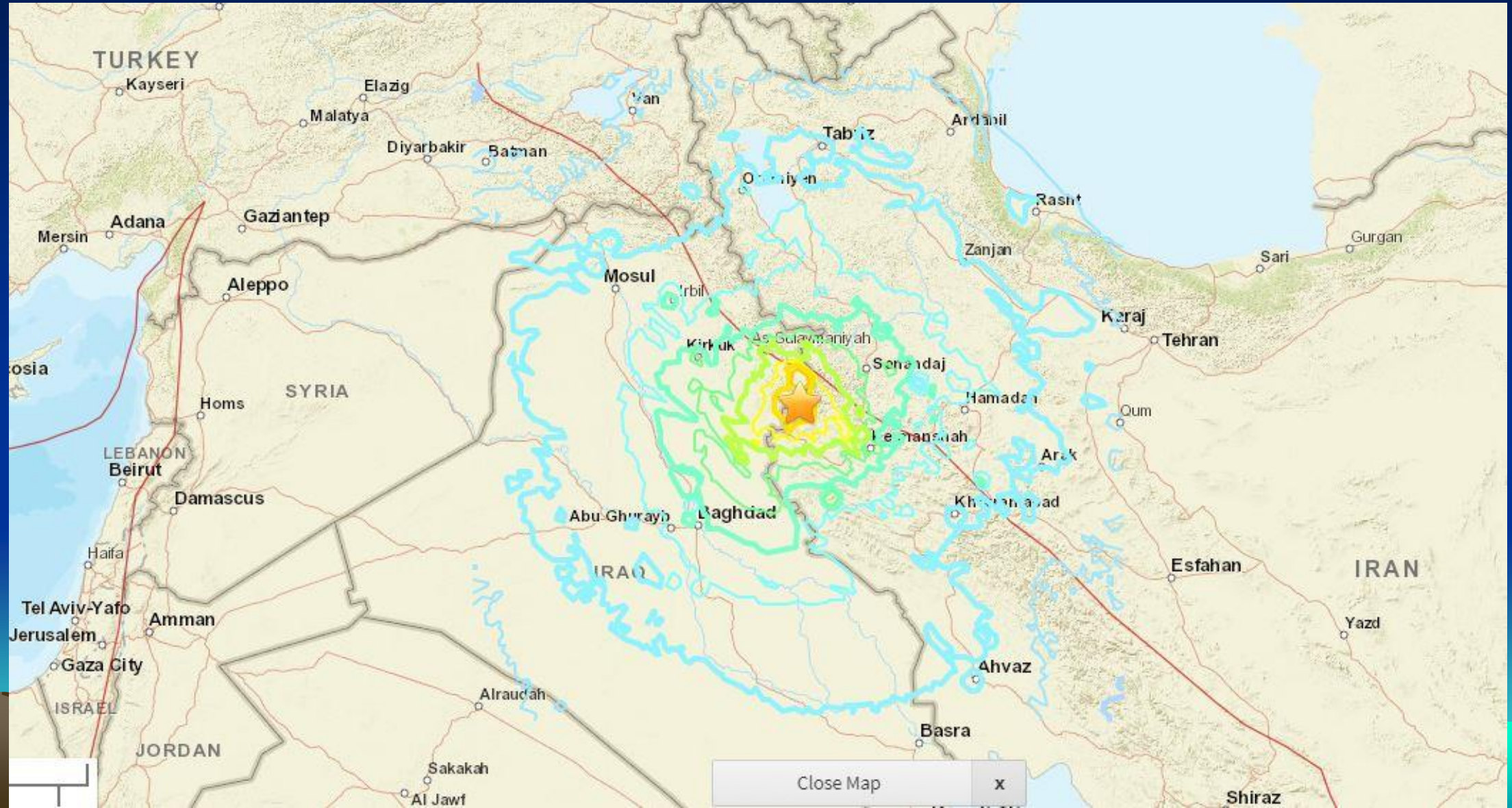
- Compression
- Extension
- Strike-Slip?

# Subduction – Earthquakes and Volcanoes





# 11/12/17 – Iraq/Iran – 7.3

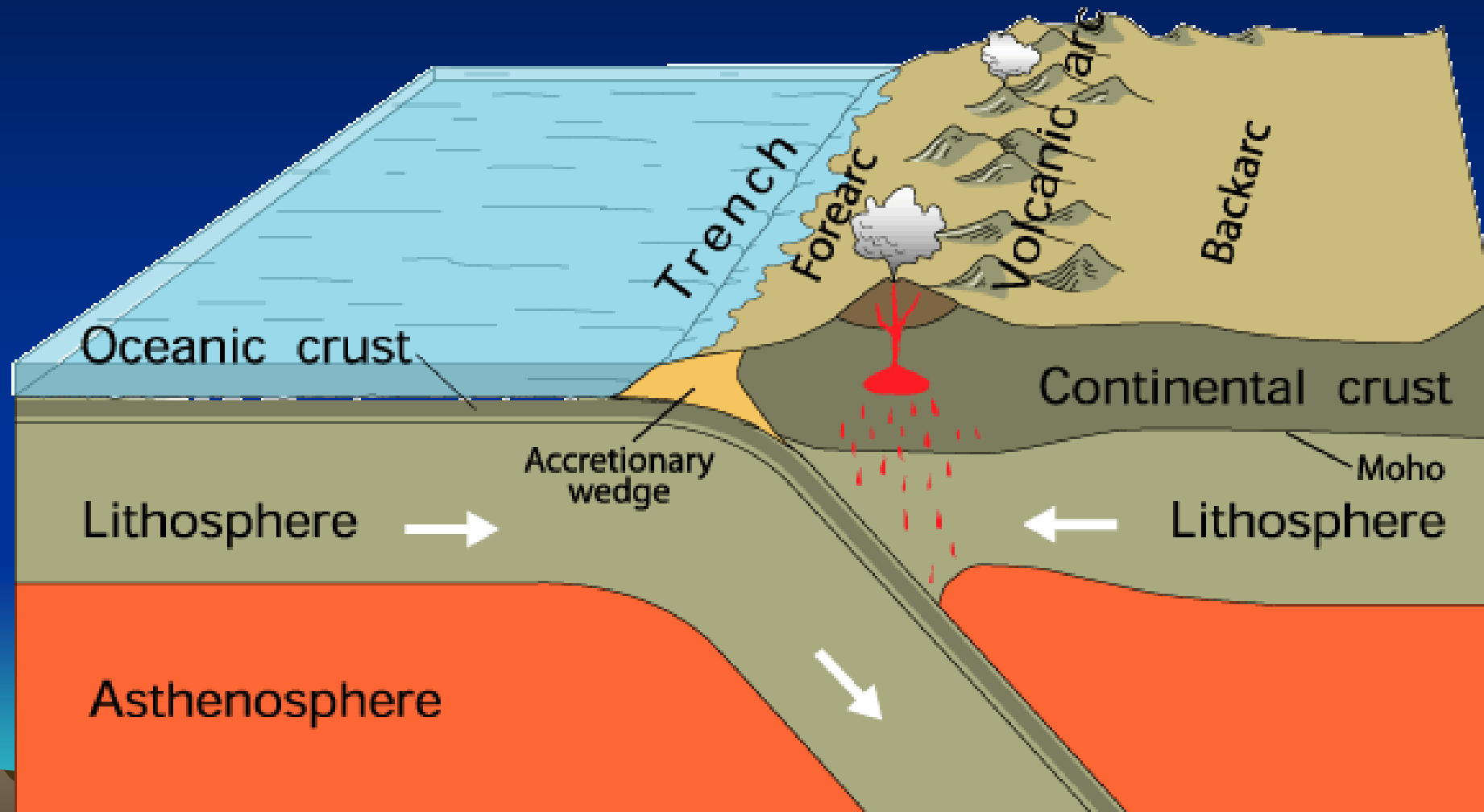




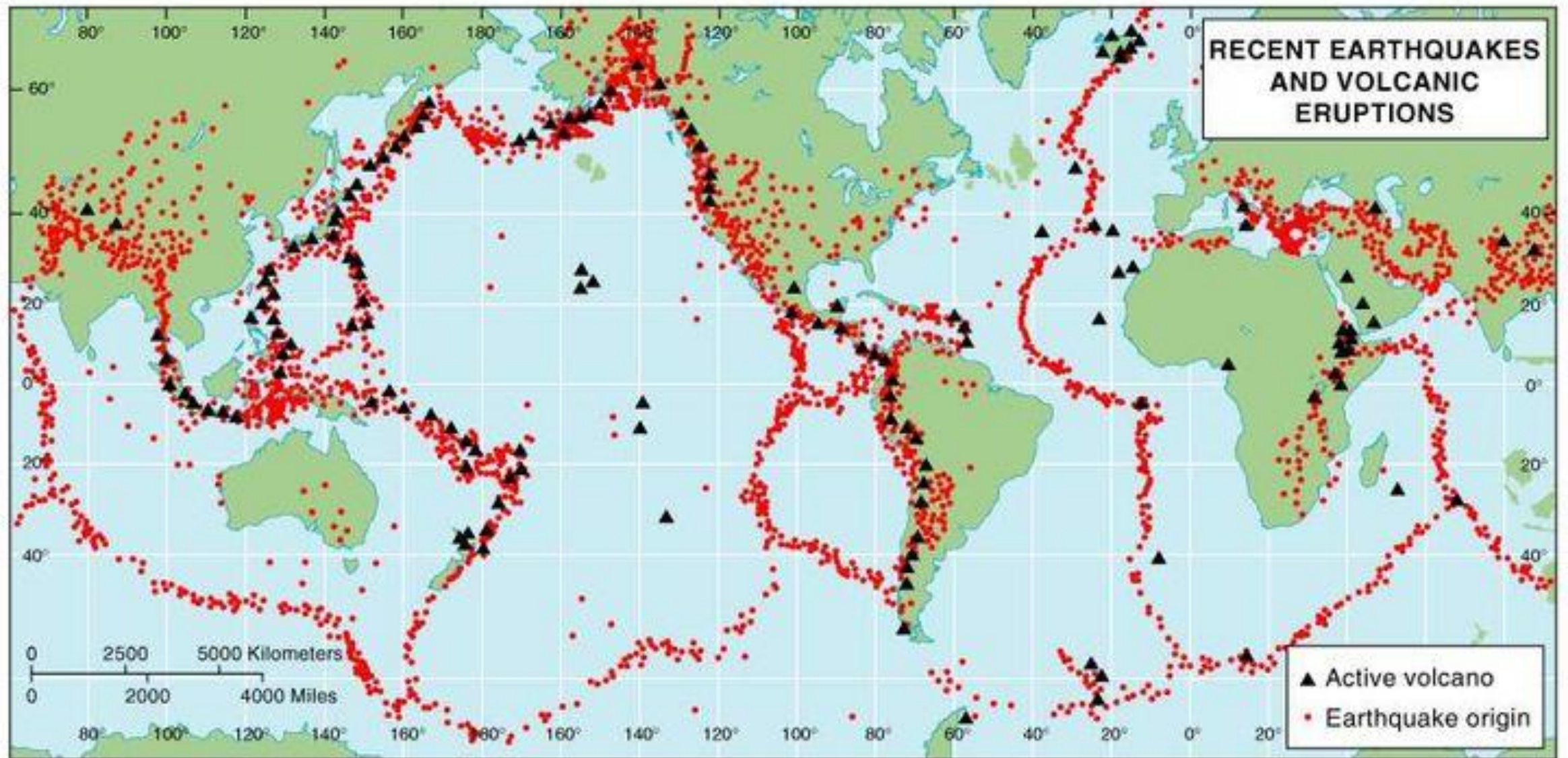
# Subduction Activity



# Subduction















# Earthquakes

- How do we measure the strength of an earthquake?
- How do we prepare for earthquakes?
- How do we deal with earthquakes once they happen?

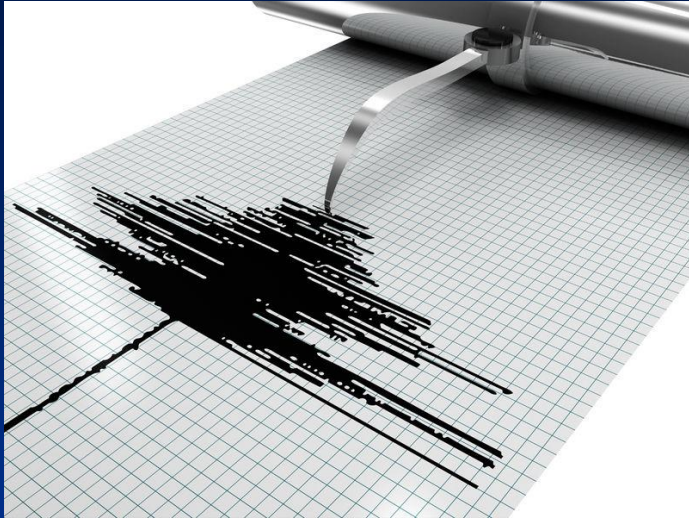


# Magnitudes / Intensities

- An Earthquake is measured in two different ways, magnitude and intensity.
- Magnitude measures how much energy is released.
- Intensity measures how much shaking actually occurs.

| EMS-98 Intensity | Felt        | Impact   | Magnitude (Approximate Value) | Building Damage (Masonry)   |
|------------------|-------------|--|-------------------------------|---|
| I                | Not felt    | Not felt   |                               |   |
| II-III           | Weak        | Felt indoors by a few people. People at rest feel a swaying or light trembling.  | 2<br>-----<br>3               |   |
| IV               | Light       | Felt indoors by many people, outdoors by very few. A few people are awakened. Windows, doors and dishes rattle.  |                               |   |
| V                | Moderate    | Felt indoors by most, outdoors by few. Many sleeping people wake up. A few are frightened. Buildings tremble throughout. Hanging objects swing considerably. Small objects are shifted. Doors and windows swing open or shut.  | 4<br>-----                    |    |
| VI               | Strong      | Many people are frightened and run outdoors. Some objects fall. Many houses suffer slight non-structural damage like hair-line cracks and falling of small pieces of plaster.  |                               |    |
| VII              | Very strong | Most people are frightened and run outdoors. Furniture is shifted and objects fall from shelves in large numbers. Many well-built ordinary buildings suffer moderate damage: small cracks in walls, fall of plaster, parts of chimneys fall down; older buildings may show large cracks in walls and failure of in-fill walls. | 5<br>-----                    |   |
| VIII             | Severe      | Many people find it difficult to stand. Many houses have large cracks in walls. A few well built ordinary buildings show serious failure of walls, while weak older structures may collapse.   |                               |  |
| IX               | Violent     | General panic. Many weak constructions collapse. Even well built ordinary buildings show very heavy damage: serious failure of walls and partial structural failure.   | 6<br>-----                    |  |
| X+               | Extreme     | Most ordinary well built buildings collapse, even some with good earthquake resistant design are destroyed.  | 7                             |  |

# Magnitude



- 1 – Not felt
- 2 – Not felt
- 3 – Felt, barely perceptible
- 4 – Ceiling lights might swing
- 5 – Minor damage, walls might crack in weak structures.
- 6 – Moderate damage. Walls crack in strong structures.  
(Energy equivalent to Hiroshima bomb)
- 7 – Widespread damage in populated areas. Weak structures begin to collapse.
- 8 – Devastating impacts. Strong structures begin to crumble.
- 9 – Destruction of hundreds/thousands of buildings, cities start to collapse.
- 10 – Never recorded. Unimaginable destruction

# Frequency of Earthquakes

| Magnitude     | Description | Earthquake effects   | Frequency of occurrence                      |
|---------------|-------------|--|--|
| Less than 2.0 | Micro       | Micro earthquakes, not felt. <sup>[15]</sup>   | Continual                                    |
| 2.0–2.9       | Minor       | Generally not felt, but recorded.  | 1,300,000 per year (est.)                    |
| 3.0–3.9       |             | Often felt, but rarely causes damage.  | 130,000 per year (est.)                      |
| 4.0–4.9       | Light       | Noticeable shaking of indoor items, rattling noises. Significant damage unlikely.  | 13,000 per year (est.)                       |
| 5.0–5.9       | Moderate    | Can cause major damage to poorly constructed buildings over small regions. At most slight damage to well-designed buildings. | 1,319 per year                               |
| 6.0–6.9       | Strong      | Can be destructive in areas up to about 160 kilometres (99 mi) across in populated areas.                                    | 134 per year                                 |
| 7.0–7.9       | Major       | Can cause serious damage over larger areas.  | 15 per year                                  |
| 8.0–8.9       | Great       | Can cause serious damage in areas several hundred kilometres across.   | 1 per year                                   |
| 9.0–9.9       |             | Devastating in areas several thousand kilometres across.   | 1 per 10 years (est.)                        |
| 10.0+         | Massive     | Never recorded, widespread devastation across very large areas; see below for equivalent seismic energy yield.               | Extremely rare (Unknown/May not be possible) |



# Examples – Mexico City, 2017

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OrC0k44X0c>
- 7.1 Earthquake
- 370 dead
- Thousands injured



# Examples – Los Angeles/Northridge, 6.7



57 dead.  
>8000 injured





# Examples – Japan 2011

- Most powerful earthquake to hit Japan
- 4<sup>th</sup> most powerful earthquake ever recorded.
- 16,000 deaths
- 130,000 buildings completely destroyed
- 280,000 buildings half collapsed
- Massive Tsunami created
- Nuclear Power plant destroyed. Widespread contamination.
- We'll see more of this later.



# Volcanoes

- What kind of volcanoes are there?
- How bad are they really?



# Types

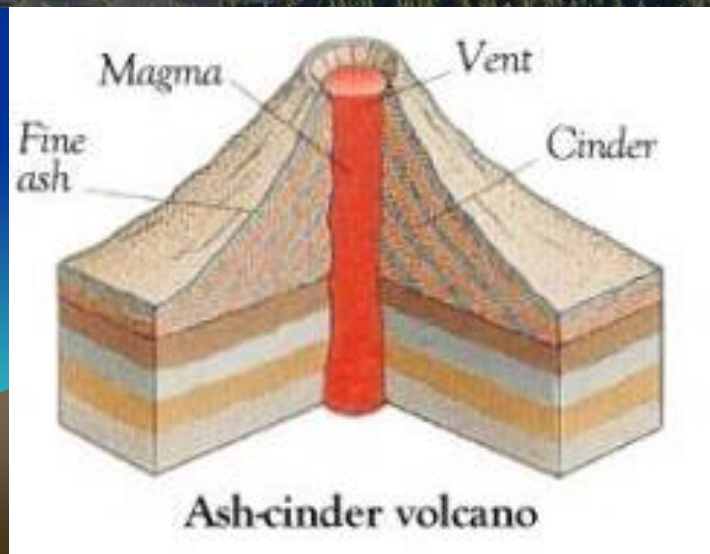
- Cinder cone volcano
- Shield volcano
- Composite volcano
  
- Hot spots.



# Cinder cone

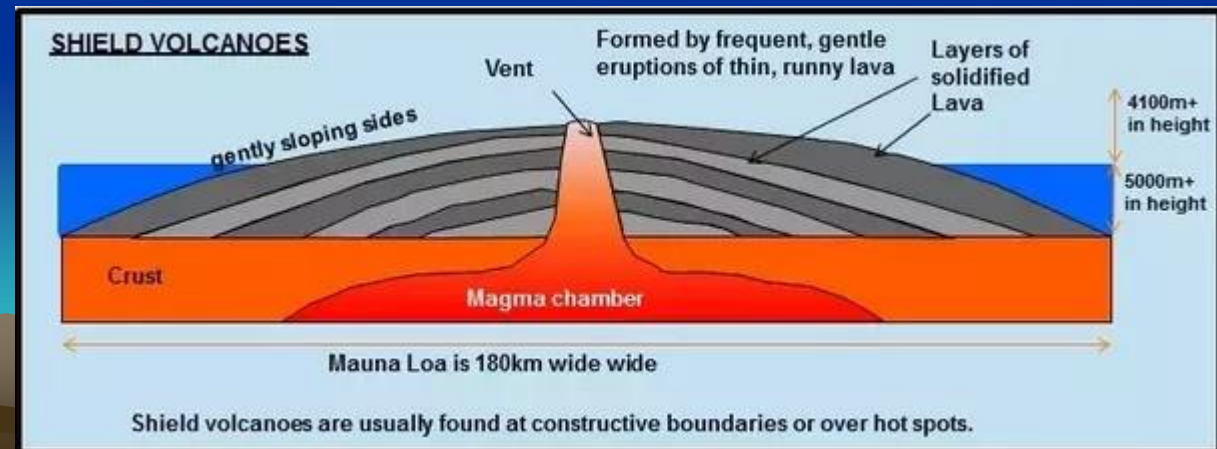


- Made up of loose grains and cinders, almost no lava.
- Steep sides
- Typically pretty short.
- Crater on the top.



# Shield

- Made up almost entirely of solidified lava.
- Shallow slopes
- Typically very large
- Hawaii

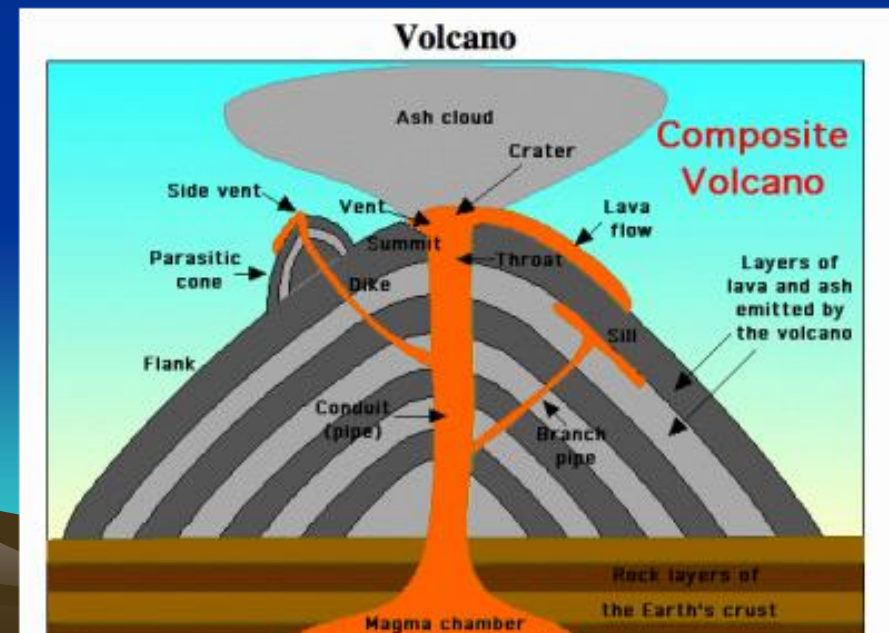




# Composite



- Somewhere in between Shield and Cinder cone.
- Layers of solidified lava and ash.
- Moderately sloping sides



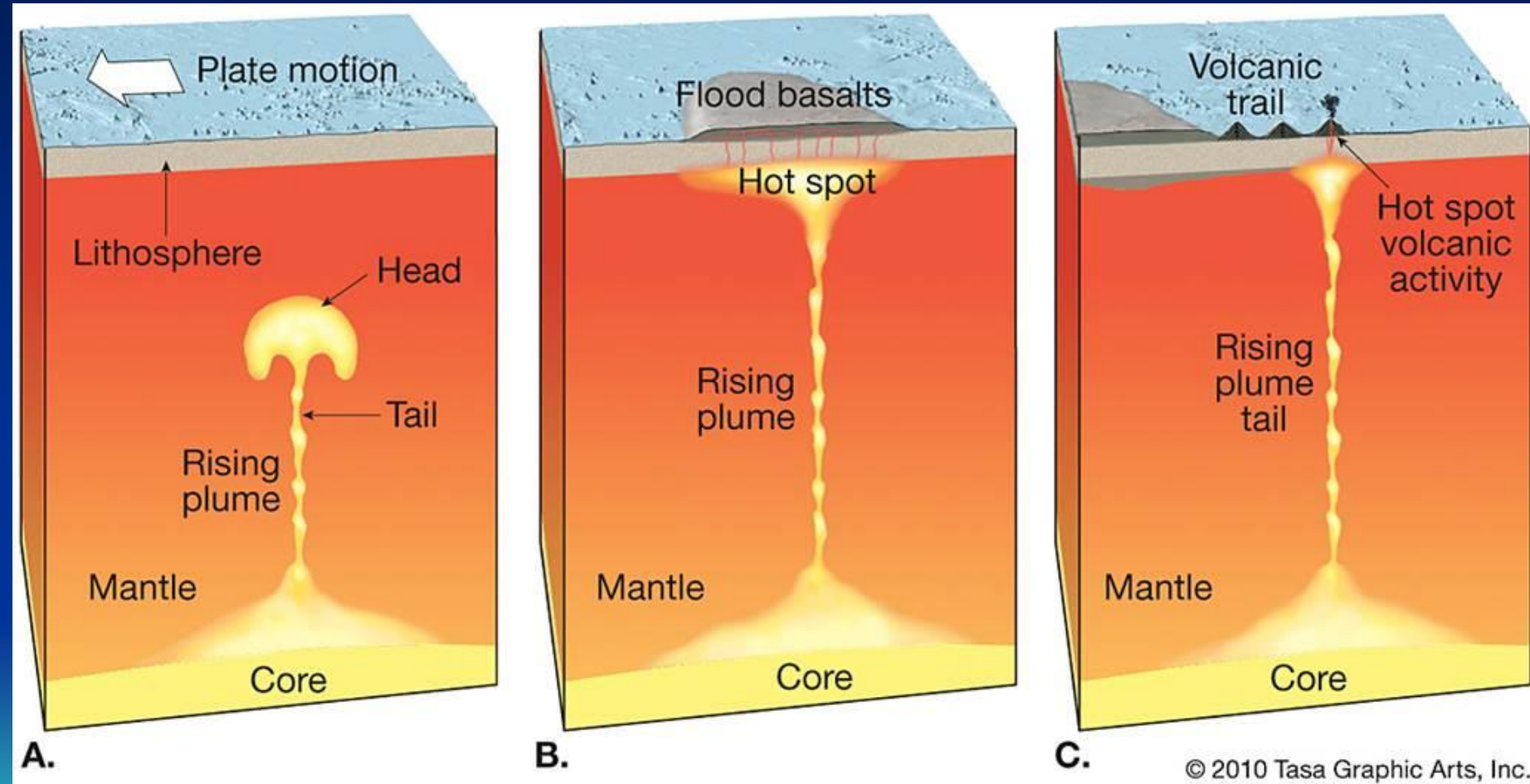
# Hot Spots





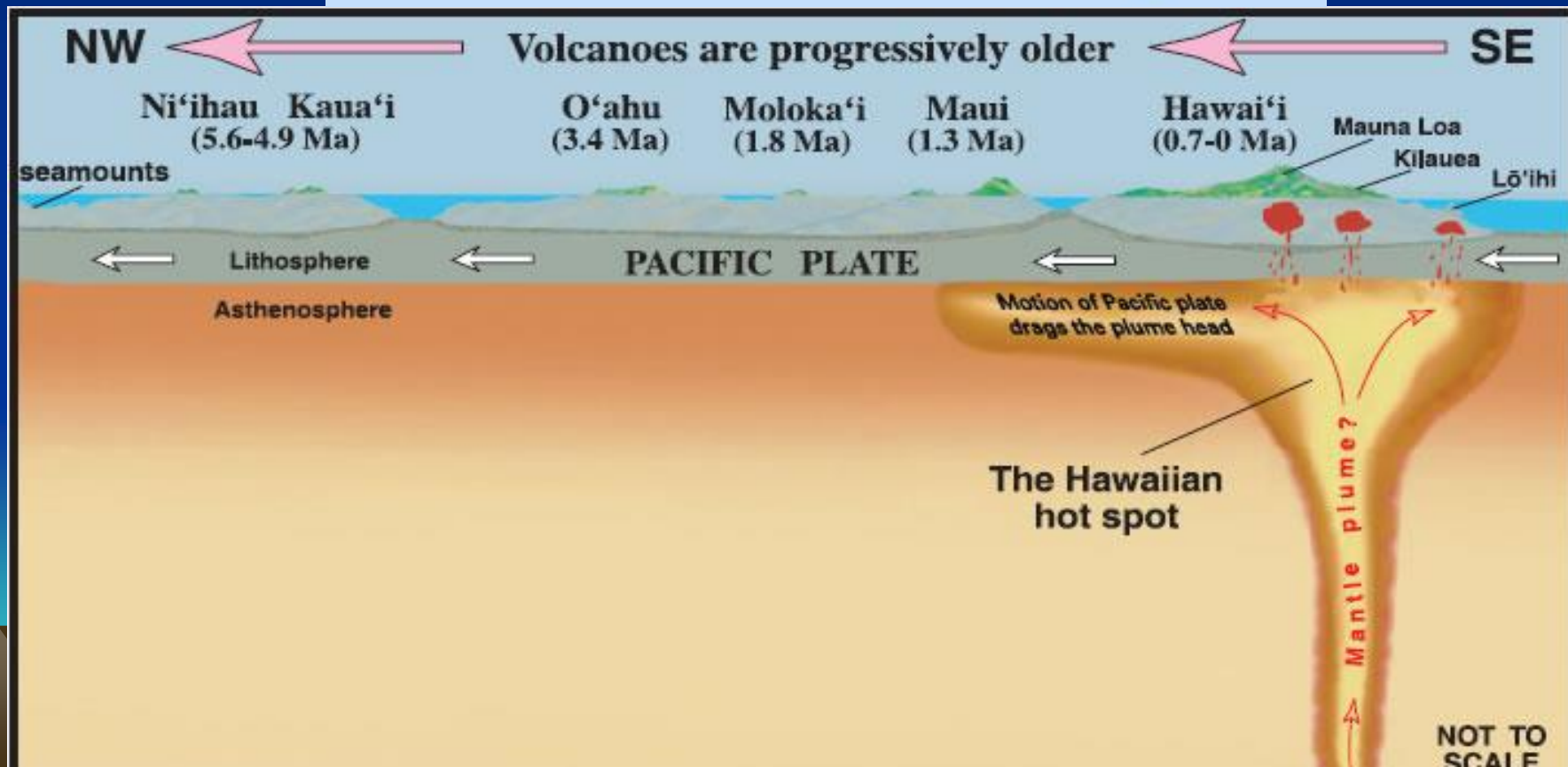
# Hot Spots

- Not on plate boundaries.
- Material directly from the core boundary.
- Typically create Shield volcanoes.
- Creates chains of islands.
- Plume doesn't move, but as the plate moves, new islands are formed.



Which island is the oldest?

Which island is the youngest? (Being born right now)





# Examples

- Papua New Guinea
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUREX8aFbMs>



# Examples

- Mt. St. Helens
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYla6q3is6w>



# Hazards

- Lava isn't greatest hazard.
- Pyroclastic flow – Ash and poisonous gasses, thousands of degrees hot, moves at hundreds of miles per hour.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cvjw9nnwXY>
- Mudslides – Lahars:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WEAfXO7q8Xs>

