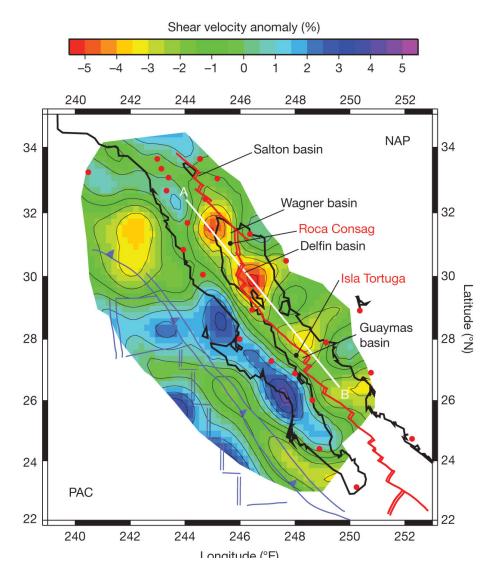
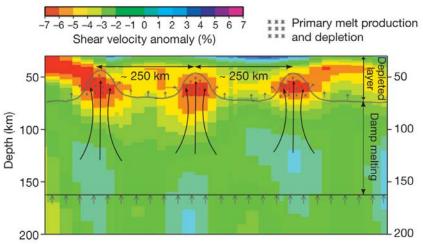
RIE Theme #2:

How do fundamental rifting processes (such as tectonics, magmatism, and erosion, transport, and sedimentation), and the feedbacks between them, evolve in time and space?



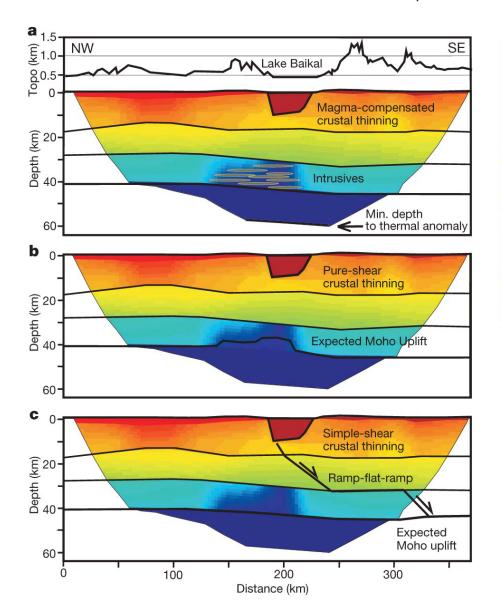
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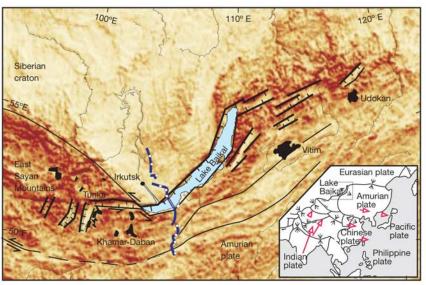




Partial melting and dynamic upwelling beneath the Gulf of California

Wang et al., Nature, 2009

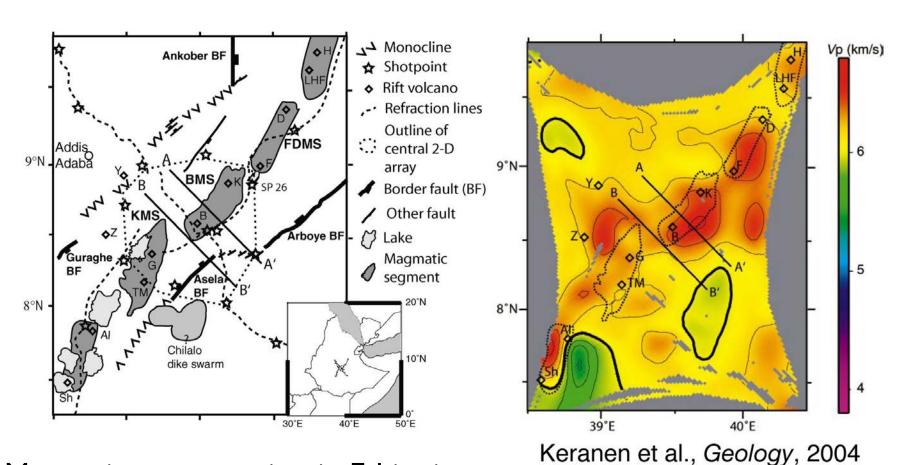




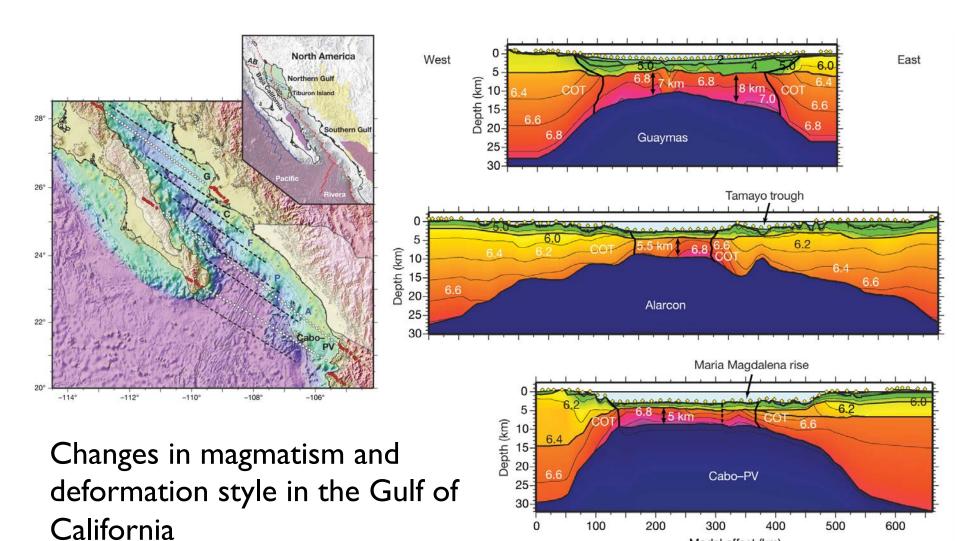
Magma-compensated rifting beneath Lake Baikal

Thybo & Nielsen, Nature, 2009

What controls the evolution of segmentation and along-strike variations in extensional style and magmatism in rifts?



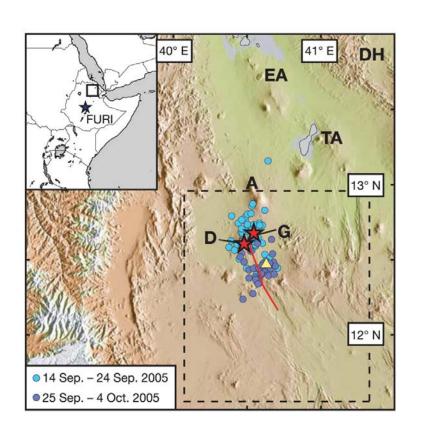
Magmatic segmentation in Ethiopia

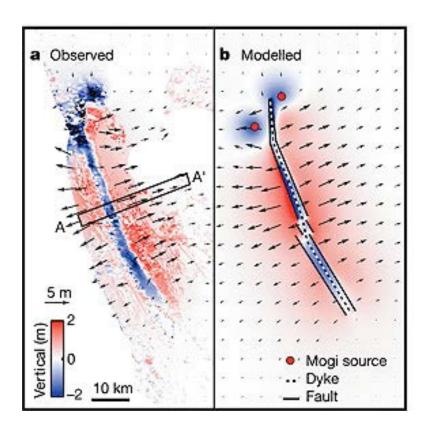


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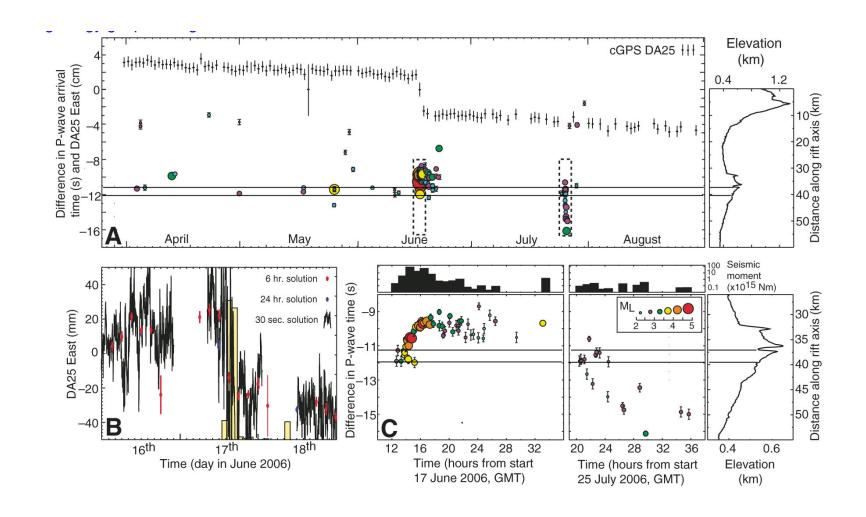
Lizarralde et al., Nature 2007

What is the relative importance of discrete rifting events versus continuous deformation in accounting for plate divergence?





Diking event in Afar in September 2005



Lateral dike injection events along segment in Afar in June and July 2006

Keir et al., Geology, 2009

How do erosion, sediment transport, and deposition vary with climatic and tectonic forcing in rifts?

