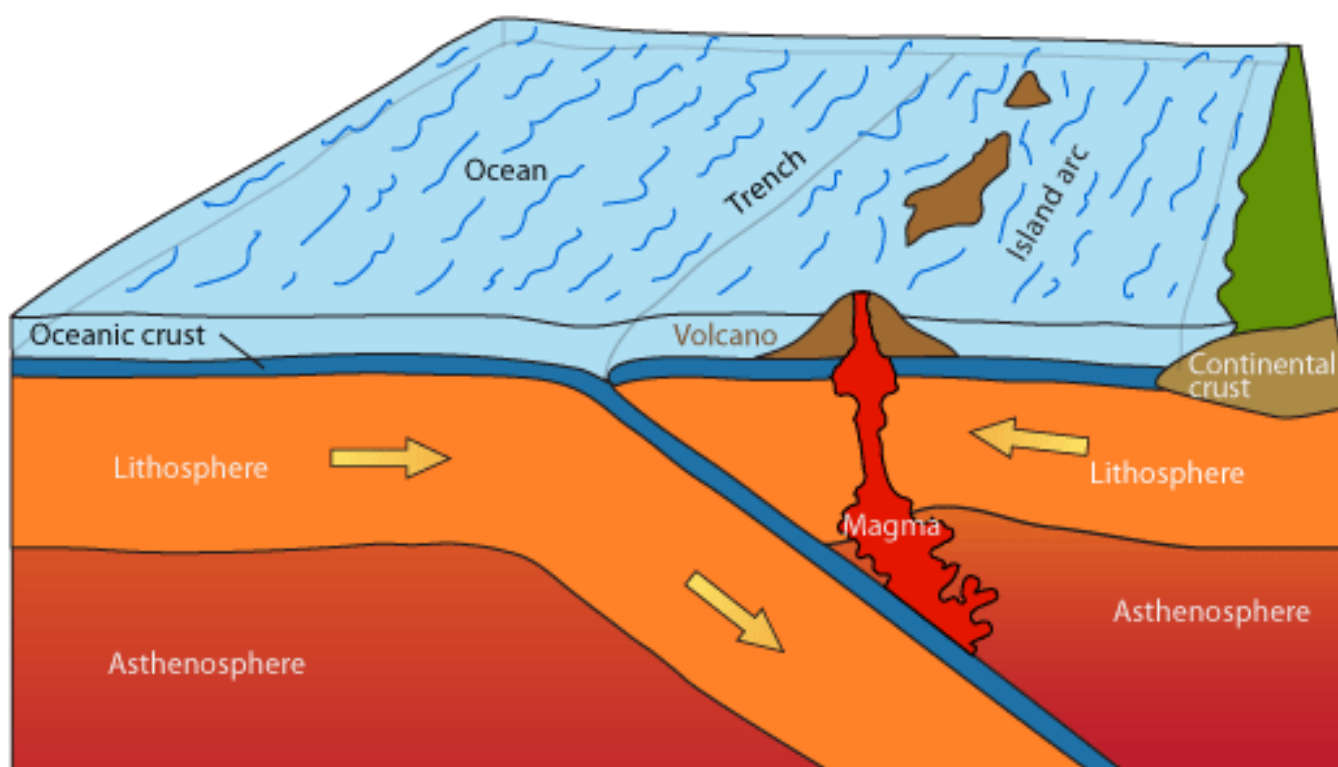


### Summary of a Divergent margin (Mid-ocean ridge)

- **Origin of magma:** Partial melting of ultramafic peridotite in the Asthenosphere.
- **Magma composition:** Mafic (Basaltic lavas)
- **Magma properties:** Low viscosity, effusive, high melting temperature (1000°C to 1200°C) (45% - 52% Silica)
- **Processes that occur to magma:**
  - As the material is uplifted by rising currents the pressure reduces.
  - as the crust above is stretched and thinned the pressure is also reduced (rock melts at a lower temperature).
  - The temperature increases due to the hot rising convection currents.
- **Extrusive volcanic activity:**
  - Frequent eruptions submarine, fissure or shield.
  - Mainly non-viscous basaltic lava, few pyro clasts.
  - Effusive non-violent eruptions
- **Intrusive activity:**
  - Dolerite dykes and sills below volcanoes

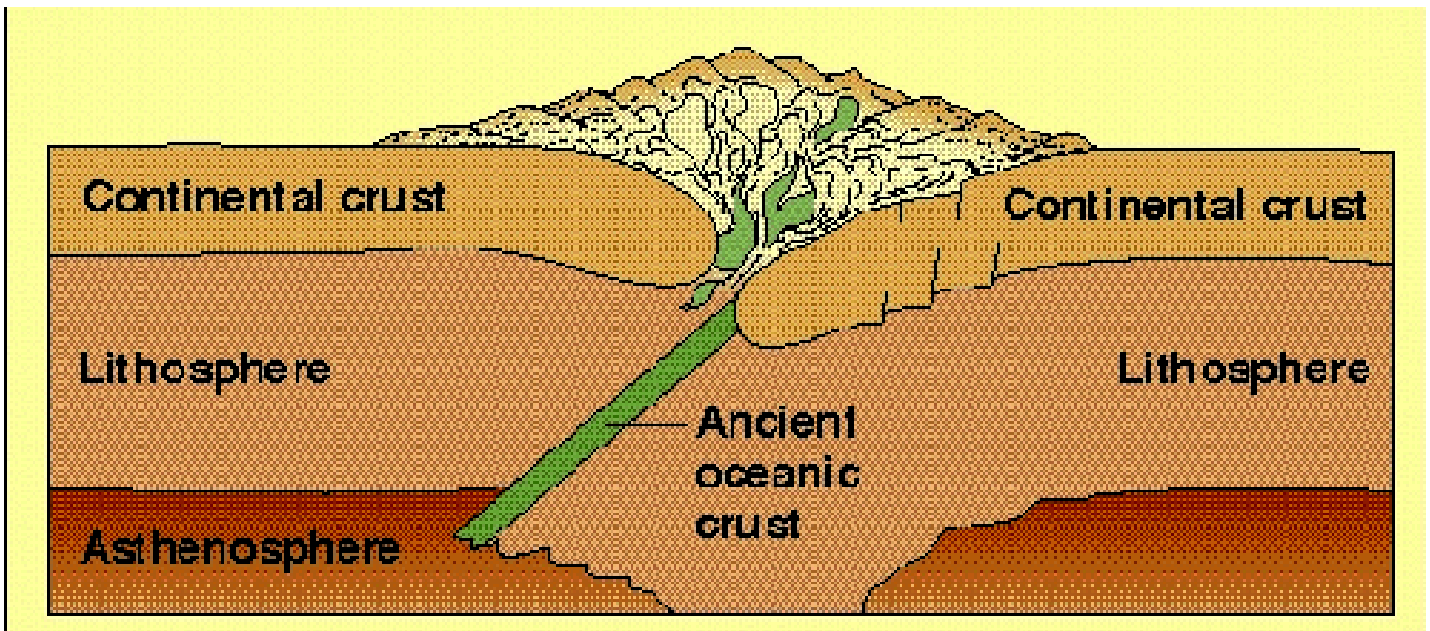
### Summary of a Convergent margin (Oceanic-Oceanic margin)

- **Origin of magma:** Partial melting of the oldest/densest and coldest mafic oceanic subducting plate.
  - **Magma composition:** Mafic to intermediate
  - **Magma properties:** Fairly viscous, melting temperature (800°C to 1000°C) (45% - 66% Silica)
  - **Processes that occur to magma:** - Temperature gradient increases with depth to melt densest oceanic plate.  
- As mafic magma rises through overlying mantle it becomes more saturated in silica and turns to mafic/intermediate magma.
  - **Extrusive volcanic activity:** - Regular but infrequent eruptions, lots of basalt lava with some pyroclastics and Andesite. Lavas mainly andesites.  
- Eruptions are fairly violent (basic to intermediate magma fairly viscous)  
- Less silicic intermediate magmas are not as viscous so reach the surface.  
The cool ocean rapidly solidifies them to form an island arc.
- Intrusive activity:** - Dolerite dykes and sills below volcanoes -  
- Deep plutonic intrusions of diorite.



### Summary of a Convergent margin (Continental-Continental margin)

- **Origin of magma:** Partial melting of the base of a continental crust forms silicic magma.
- **Magma composition:** Acidic/Silicic
- **Magma properties:** Very viscous, melting temperature (650°C to 800°C) (66% - 75% Silica)
- **Processes that occur to magma:** - High pressure/weights of sediments of ancient ocean crust force form fold mountains that force down base of continental crust.
  - Crust is so thick, it is below 750C geothermal gradient so it is only just hot enough to melt.
- **Extrusive volcanic activity:** - None
- **Intrusive activity:** - More silica magma is viscous and rises to form granite intrusions – batholiths
  - Hypabyssal of medium grained acidic and basic rocks (microgranite and granite)



## Summary of a Convergent margin (Oceanic-Continental margin)

- **Origin of magma:** Partial melting of mafic oceanic subducting plate. Partial mixing of mafic magma and acidic continental material to form intermediate magmas.
- **Magma composition:** Intermediate and silicic
- **Magma properties:** Fairly viscous, melting temperature (800°C to 1000°C) (<52% - 66% Silica)
- **Processes that occur to magma:**
  - Temperature gradient increases with depth to melt oceanic plate.
  - Hot mafic magma melts and combines with silica material to form intermediate or acidic magma.
  - More silica magma is viscous and rises to form plutonic zoned intrusions.
- **Extrusive volcanic activity:**
  - Irregular and infrequent eruptions, strata volcanoes and domes.
  - Little lava, mainly andesite and rhyolite, magma is viscous and very pyroclastic so violent.
- **Intrusive activity:**
  - Dolerite dykes and sills below volcanoes
  - More silica magma is viscous and rises to form plutonic zoned intrusions. Basic at the margin and acid and intermediate in the core. (Granite, diorite, gabbro)
  - Hypabyssal of medium grained acidic and basic rocks (microgranite and dolerite) batholiths

## Subduction off Western South America

