



Introducing ....



**A community portal for sharing  
quality science graphics**



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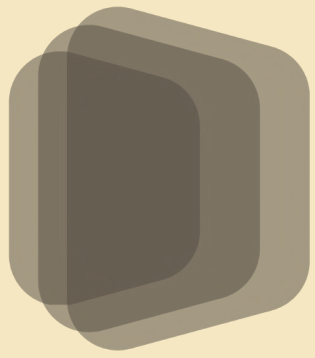
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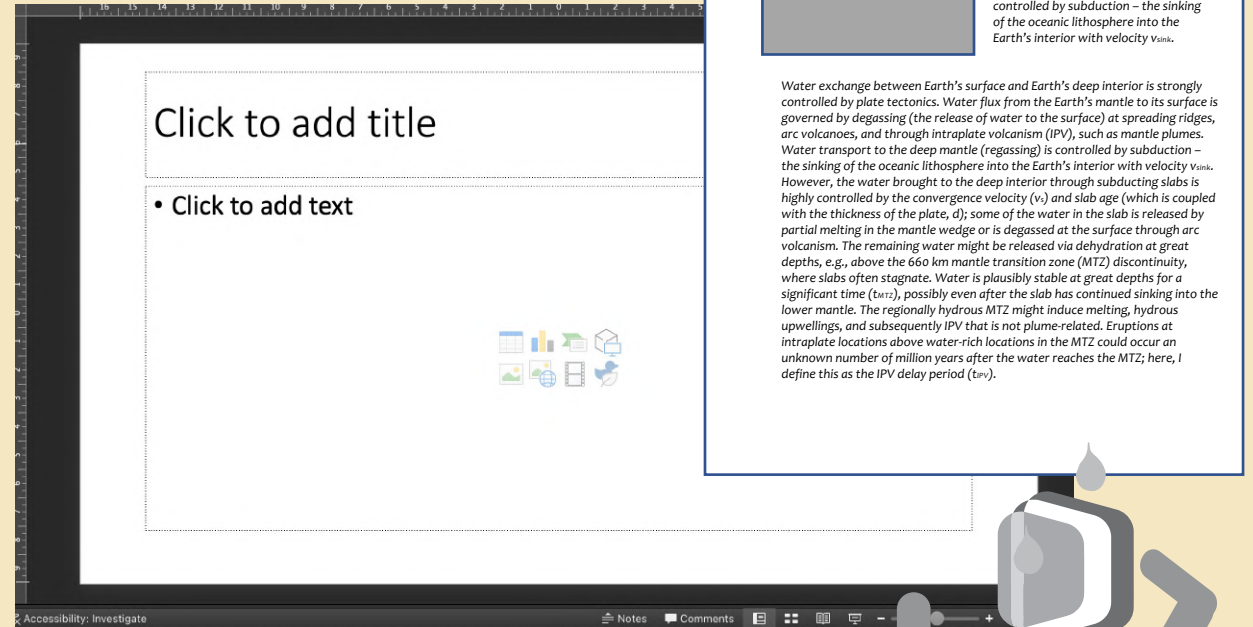


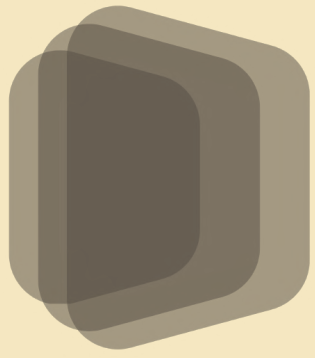
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# Have you ever found yourself...

## Making last minute presentations?

- Google search for an image
- Don't want to reinvent the wheel
- Not ideal... artistic or scientific quality
- Promised yourself to find better on next time?





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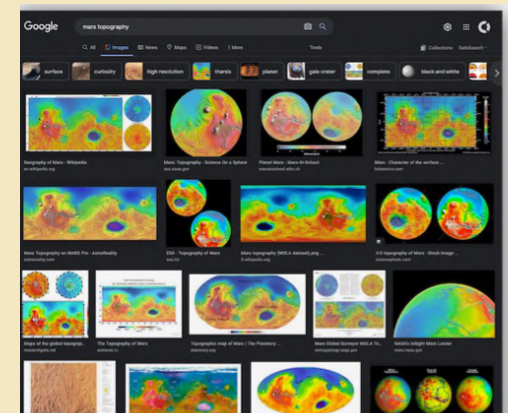
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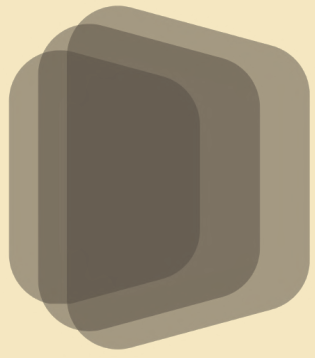
- Process, label etc that you don't agree with
- Rainbows everywhere?

### Mantle convection



### Mars topography





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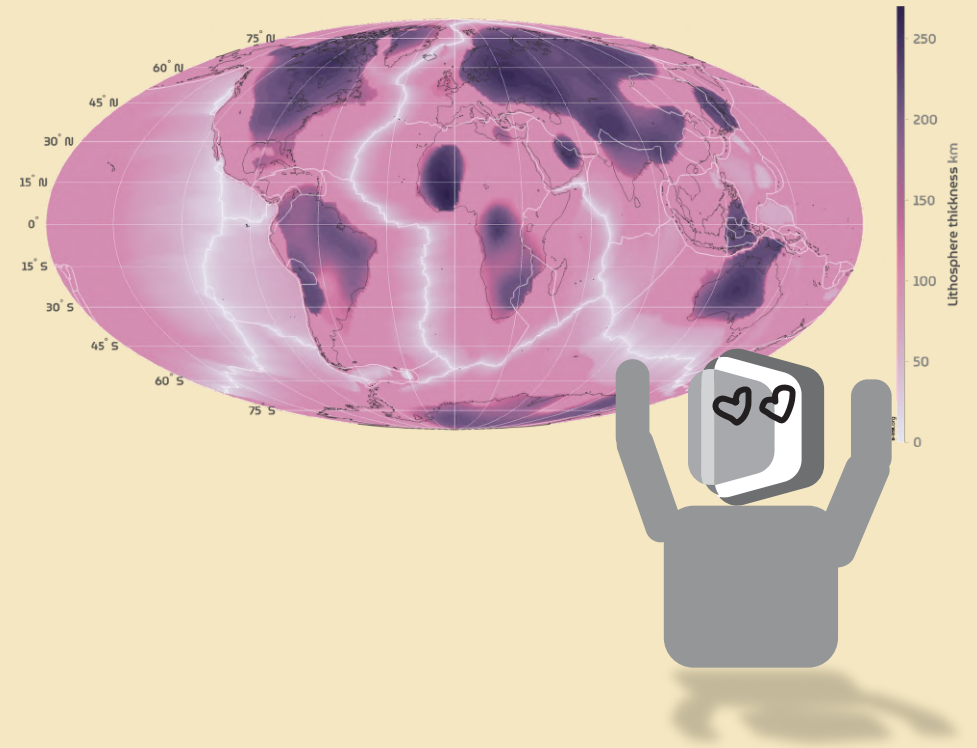


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# Have you ever found yourself...

## Spent time making a nice graphic?

- Want to share it and for it to be used
- Appreciate some attribution
- But where will it be found?




Earth's heat flow (Conrad and Lithgow-Bertelloni, 2006)  
Adapted by Fabio Crameri via s-Ink

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# s-Ink · Science Graphics Collection

Making up-to-date and high-quality science graphics accessible.  
[Read about it in Crameri et al. \(2022\)](#)




### Science-proof

Quality checked by the s-Ink scientist team. Reviewed by the entire scientific community.




### Eye-catching

Created and refined by the s-Ink graphic designer team. Supported by digital artists around the world.



### Accessible

One collection. Fully colour-blind friendly. Easily reachable via an effective FM search engine.



### Open and free

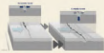





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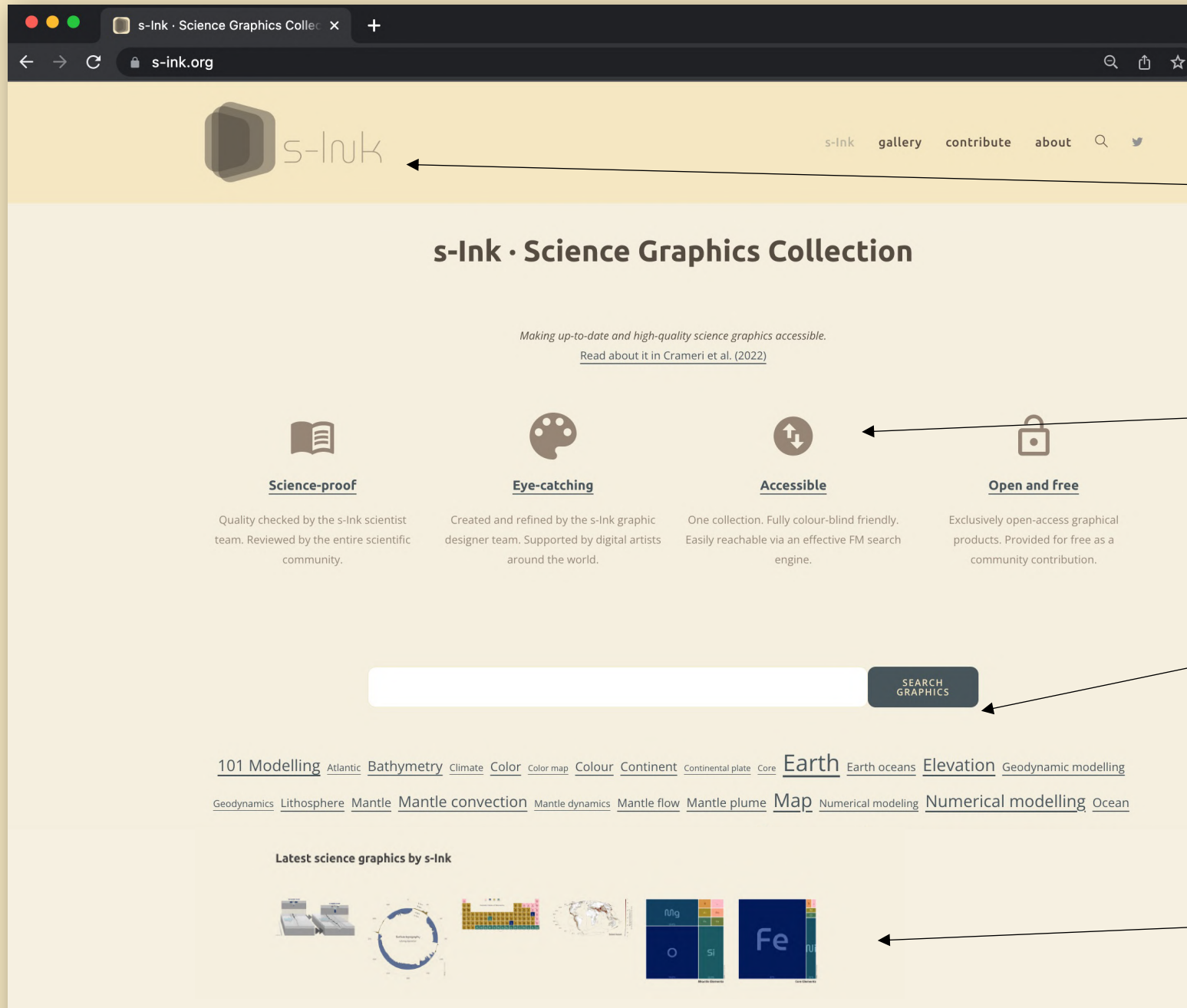
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#### Latest science graphics by s-Ink

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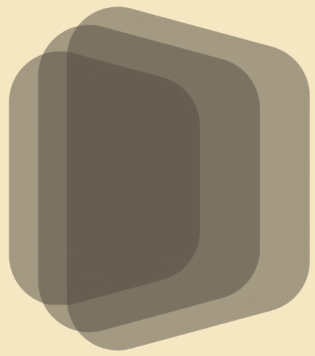
The screenshot shows the s-Ink website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the s-Ink logo, a search icon, and links for gallery, contribute, and about. Below the navigation bar, the main heading is "s-Ink · Science Graphics Collection". A subheading reads "Making up-to-date and high-quality science graphics accessible. Read about it in Crameri et al. (2022)". Four key features are highlighted with icons and text: "Science-proof" (book icon), "Eye-catching" (palette icon), "Accessible" (up/down arrows icon), and "Open and free" (lock icon). Below these features is a search bar with a "SEARCH GRAPHICS" button. A horizontal list of category links follows, including "101 Modelling", "Atlantic", "Bathymetry", "Climate", "Color", "Color map", "Colour", "Continent", "Continental plate", "Core", "Earth", "Earth oceans", "Elevation", "Geodynamic modelling", "Geodynamics", "Lithosphere", "Mantle", "Mantle convection", "Mantle dynamics", "Mantle flow", "Mantle plume", "Map", "Numerical modeling", "Numerical modelling", and "Ocean". At the bottom, a section titled "Latest science graphics by s-Ink" displays a row of five science graphics: a 3D model of a geological structure, a circular diagram, a periodic table, a map of the world, and a diagram of the periodic table with elements highlighted.

Play on “Source to (S)ink”

Highlight good data viz. practices

Structured and searchable via text, keyword, or category

Latest contributions



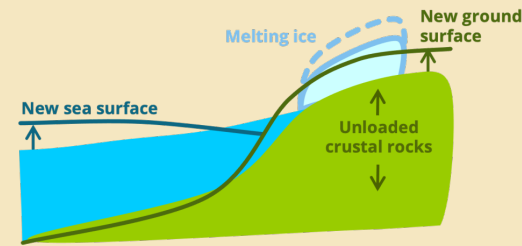
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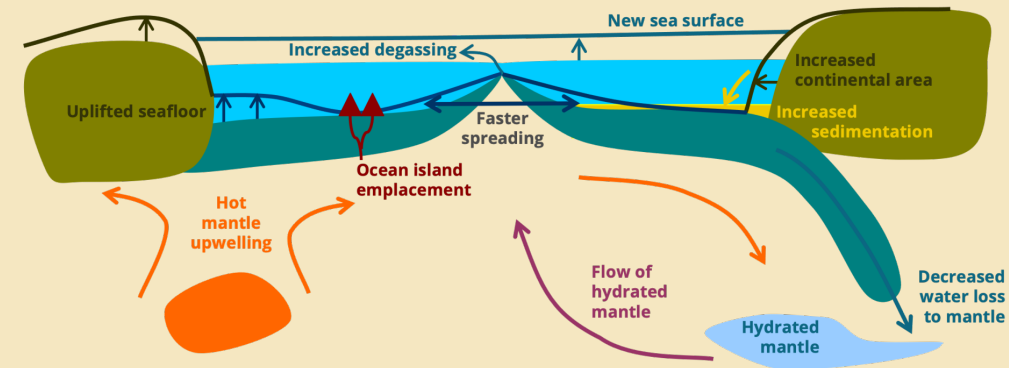
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**Elastic time scales**  
instantaneous



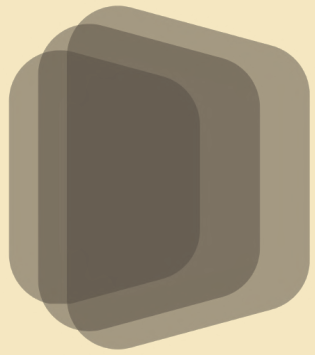
**Post-glacial rebound time scales**  
1 ka - 100 ka



**Mantle convection time scales**  
1 Ma - 1 Ga

Sea-level change mechanisms based on Conrad (2013)  
By Clint Conrad via s-Ink





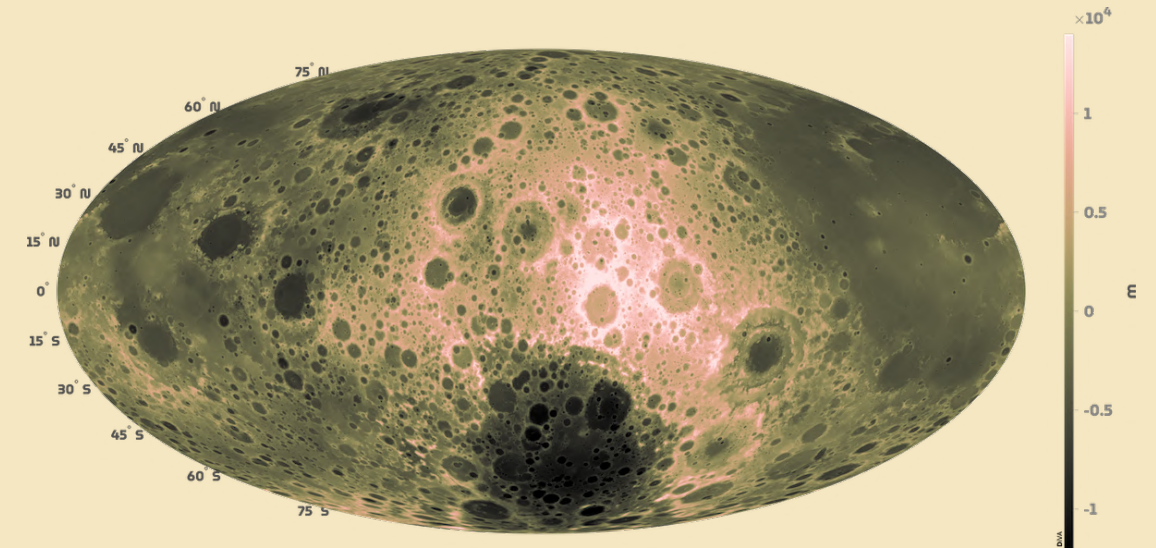
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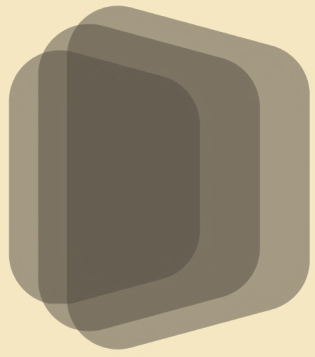
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Moon topography (LOLA; Tooley et al., 2010)  
Adapted by Fabio Crameri via s-Ink



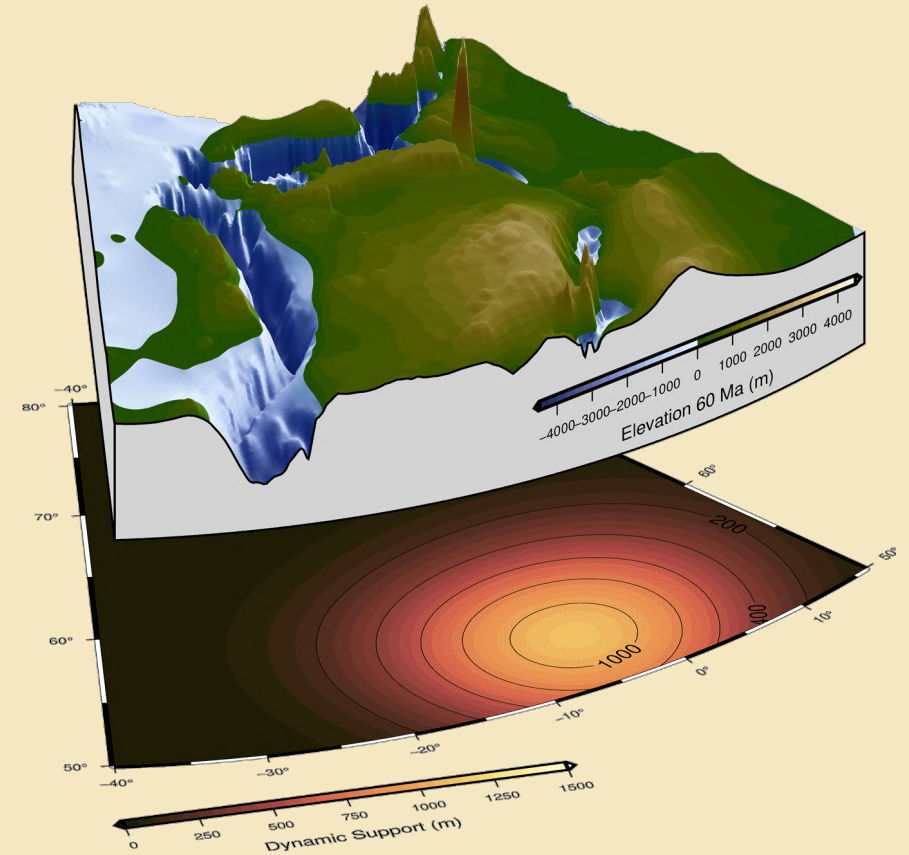
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North East Atlantic ocean circulation (Straume et al 2022)

By Eivind Straume via s-Ink



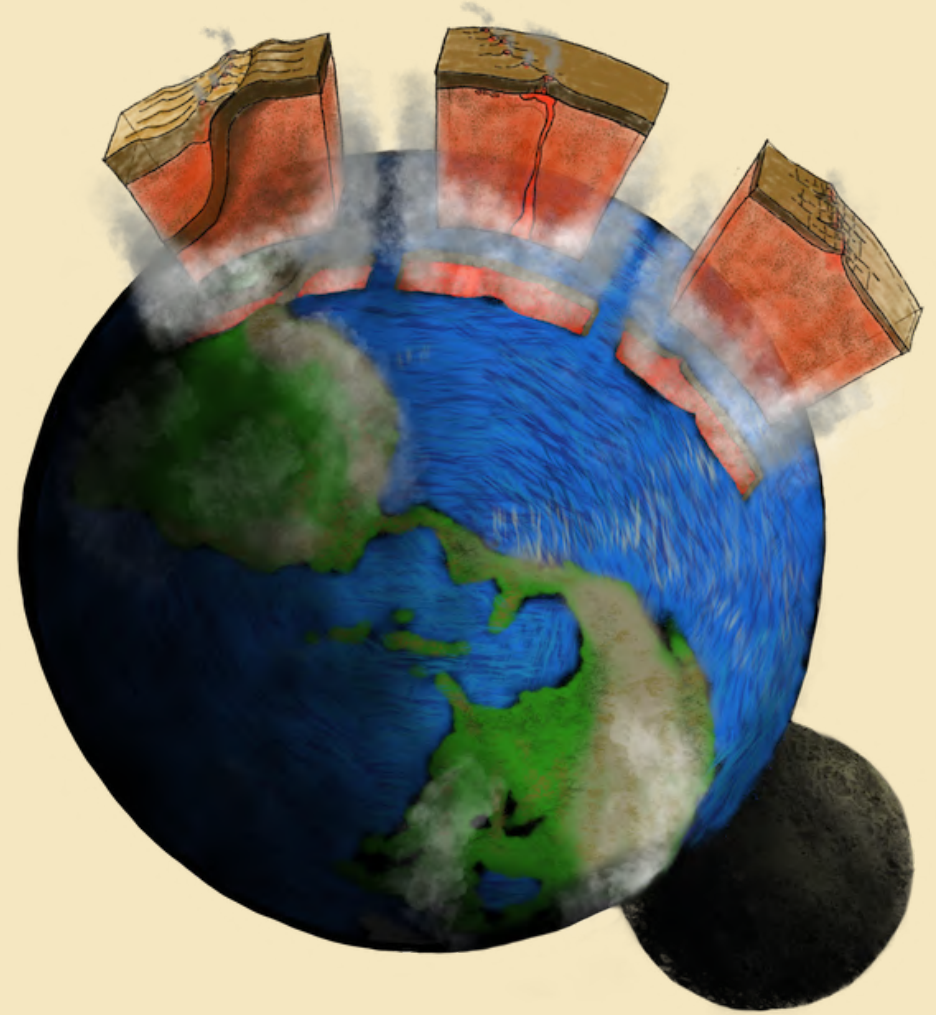
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Dynamic Planet Earth

By Fabio Crameri via s-Ink



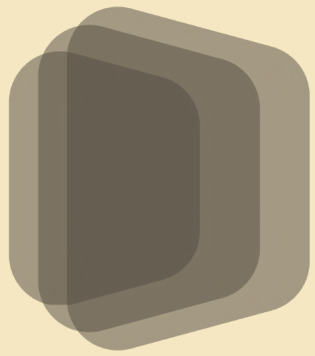
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s-Ink and scientific colours logo

By Fabio Crameri via s-Ink



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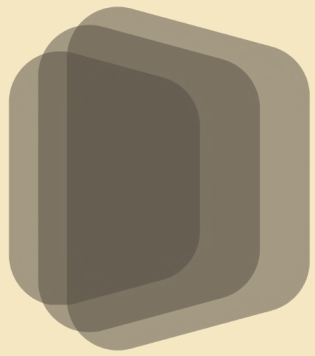
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Better Poster Design by Mike Morrision  
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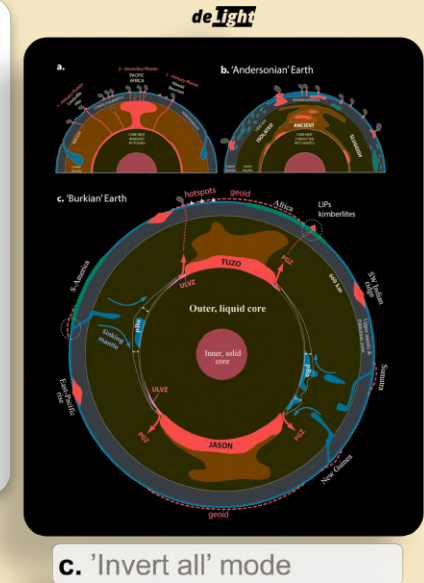
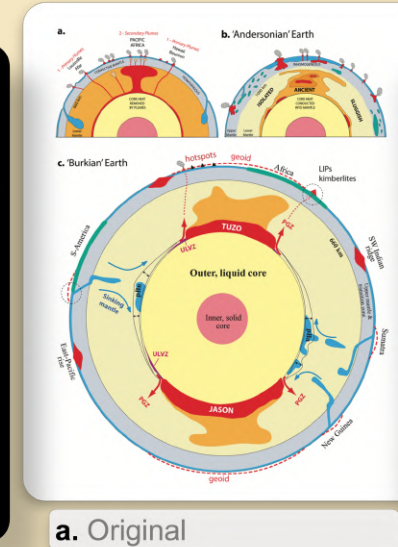
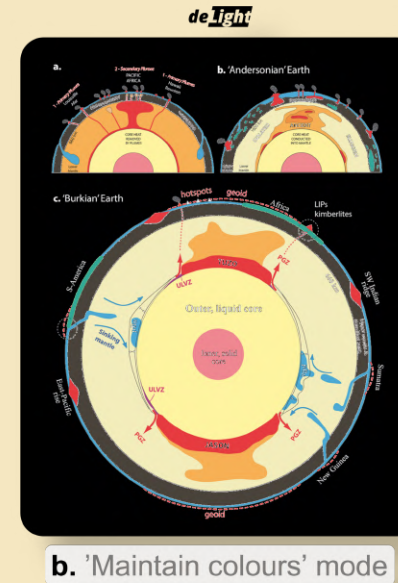
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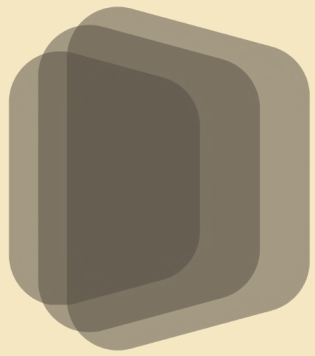
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DeLight code by Fabio Crameri via s-Ink





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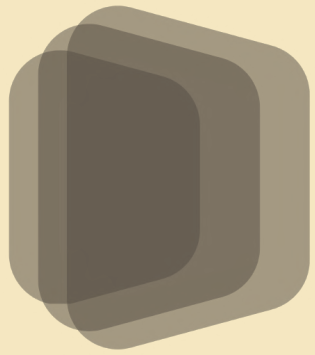
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The colour-vision deficiency friendly, time-uniform geologic time scale.

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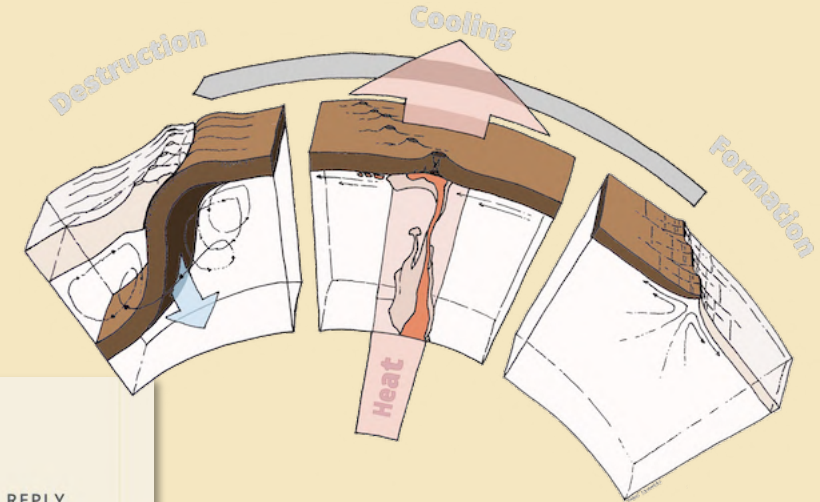
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# Feedback:

- Comments from community welcome



> THIS POST HAS 2 COMMENTS



Stéphane Labrosse

10 MAR 2022 REPLY

Nice figure and great site, with a lot of useful ressources!

I do have a criticism about this particular figure, regarding the heat arrow. It's great to link mantle dynamics to heat transfer, from the core to the surface, with an increasing amount through the mantle owing to its radiogenic contribution but it is unfortunate that its position coincides with the

Fabio Cramer

15 MAR 2022 REPLY

Thank you, Stéphane. We think your suggestion makes sense and would clarify the global heat transfer mechanism in relation to the mantle and mantle convection. Updating this figure is now added to our to-do list, but if someone else out there is quicker and wants to help out, let us know (-> <https://s-ink.org/contribute/>)! 🙌

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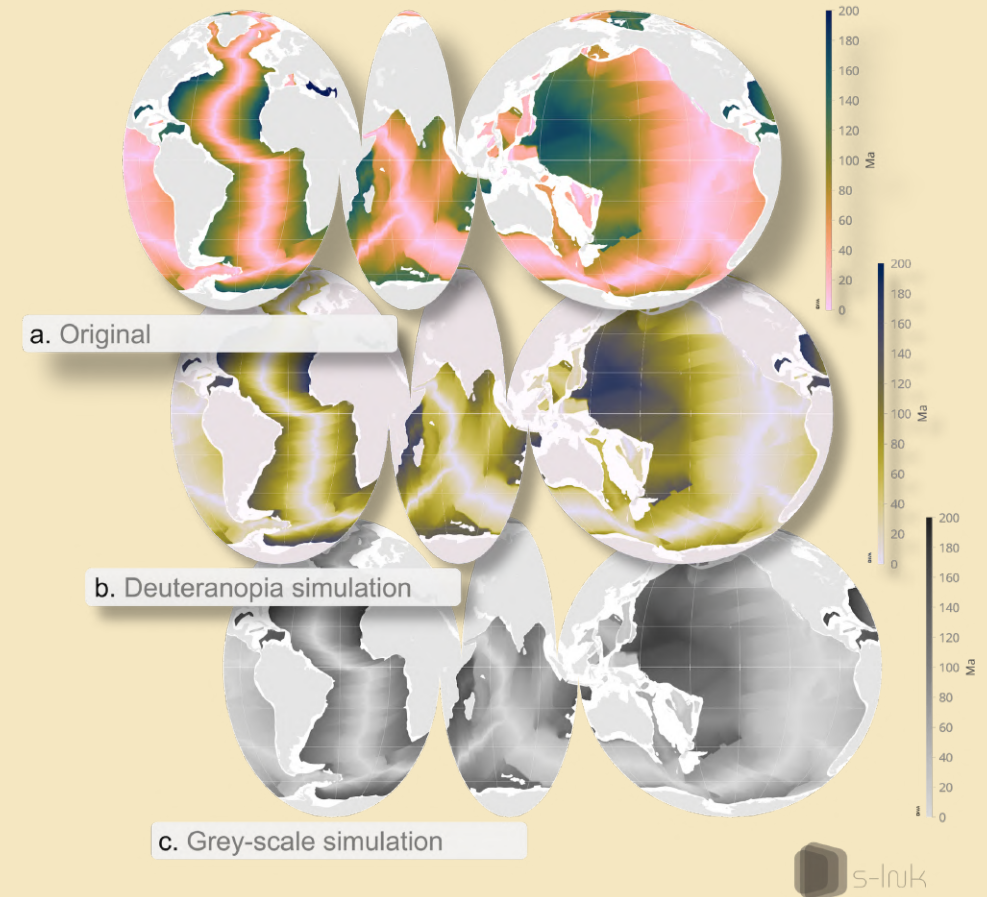
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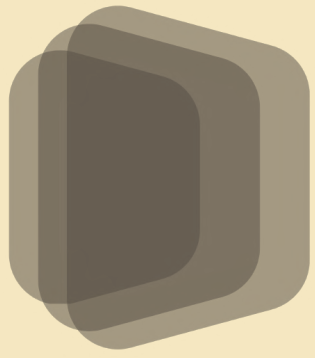
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- Black and white printable
- Legible, clear design
- Aesthetically appealing
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Oceanic age grid by Müller et al. 1997  
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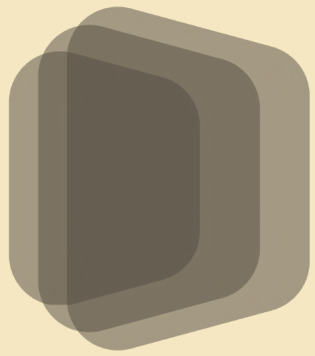
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See also:

**The misuse of colour in science communication**



Crameri, Shephard, Heron (2020)  
Nature Comms.



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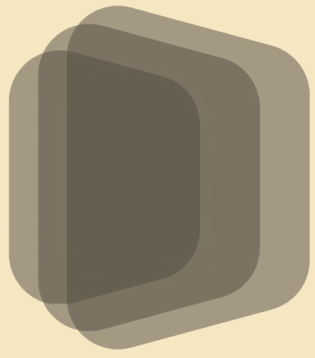
See also:  
[Fabiocrameri.ch/colourmaps](https://Fabiocrameri.ch/colourmaps)

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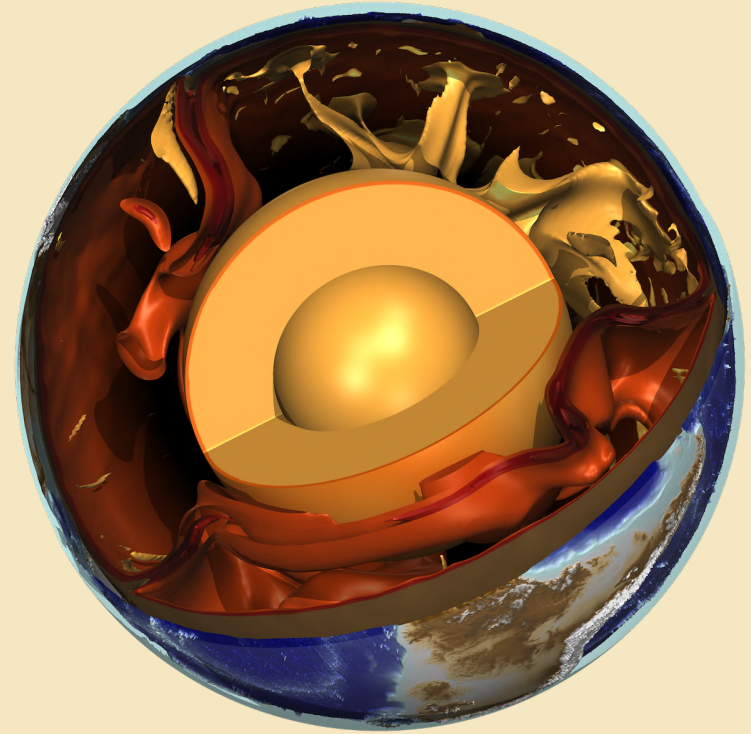
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Earth Interior model  
Crameri and Tackley (2017)  
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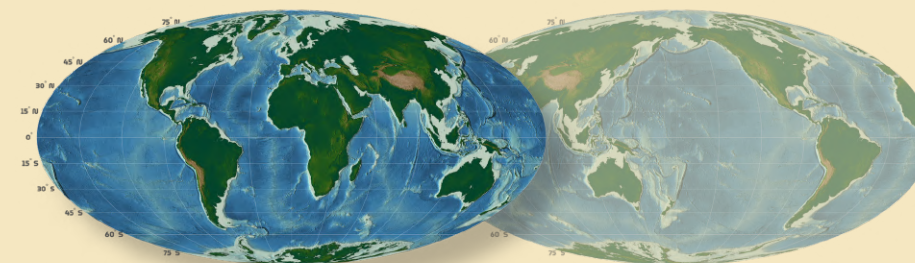
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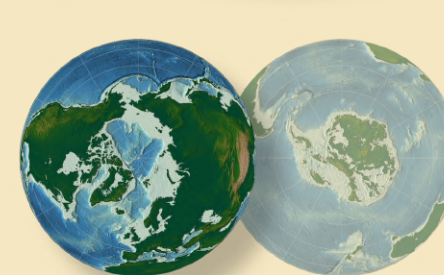
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e.g. content (map projections)

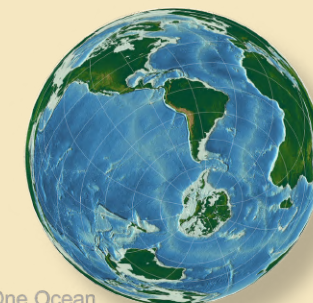
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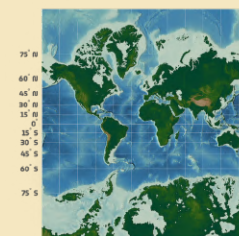
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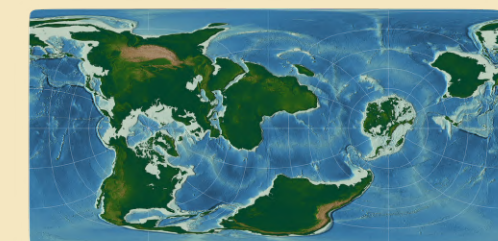
b. Vertical Perspective Azimuthal



d. One Ocean



c. Mercator



e. Cassini

ETOPO1 (NOAA and Amante and Eakins 2009)  
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Simplified model of the Earth interior and its global dynamics featuring a solid inner and a fluid outer core, a viscous partially molten but not fluid mantle, with hot material rising from the core-mantle boundary and cold material, including oceanic surface plates, sinking back into the mantle. The dynamics in the Earth interior crucially shapes the rocky surface of the planet, creating mountain ranges and deep-sea trenches.

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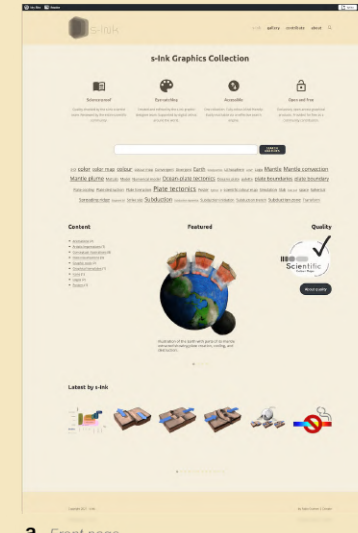
- Check what may already be there
- Look at guidelines
- **Create!**
- Write caption
- Fill in sInk form
- Attach or provide link
- Update as necessary

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- **Is my graphic readable?** *All small scale features and text should be conveniently readable by the viewer.* – Use larger, bolder, and high-contrast coloured fonts to improve readability.
- **Do I represent the bare data?** *It needs to be fairly presented to the viewer without distortion to allow them to judge any interpretation made on the data themselves.* – Avoid distorting axes (like x-axes and colour bars) and use perceptually uniform colour maps; ensure bar plots have a zero baseline; avoid pie charts.
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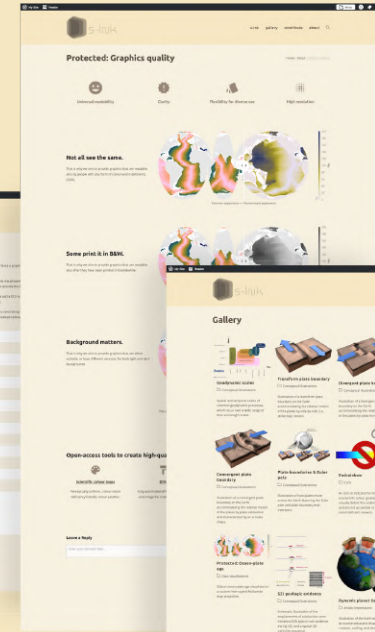
- Take a look at s-Ink.org
- Submit content
- Use content
- Spread the word
  - We're on Twitter
- Give feedback on our pre-print
  - Crameri et al. EarthArXiv



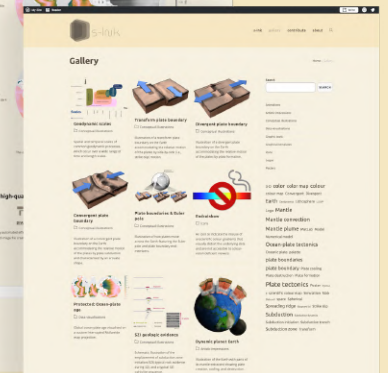
a. Front page



b. Contribution



c. Graphics quality



d. Gallery

