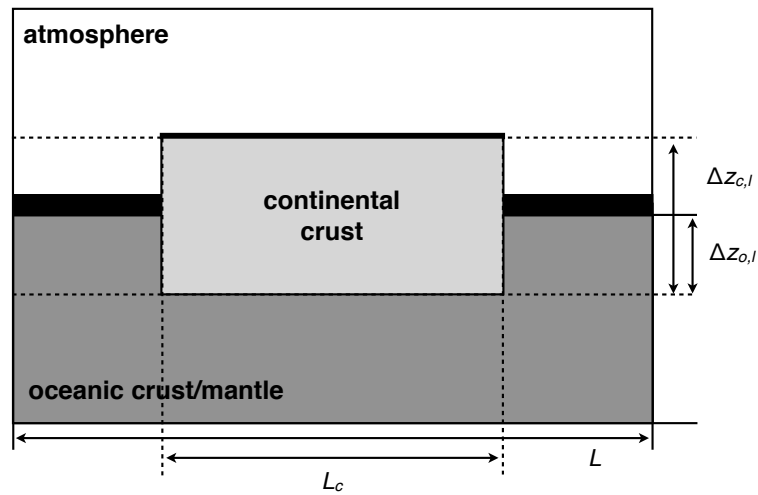
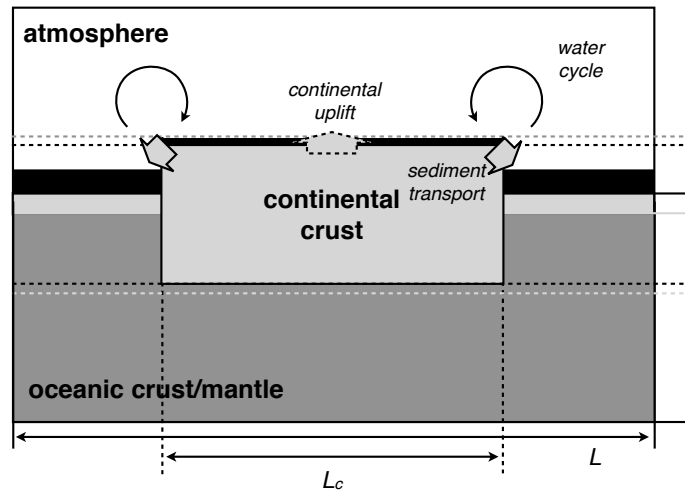


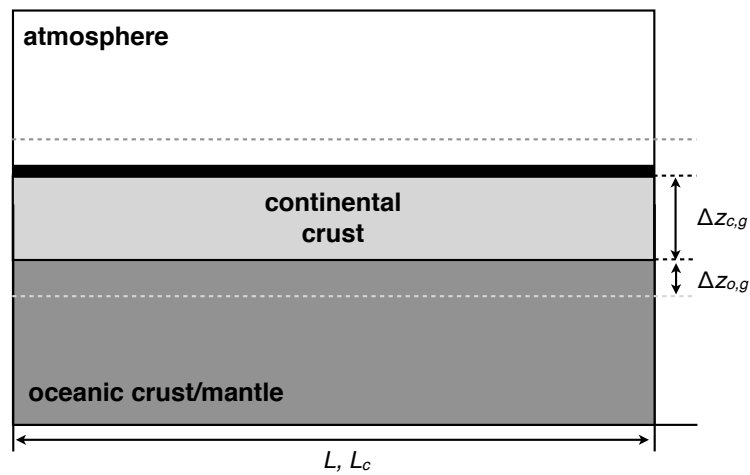
a. local, isostatic equilibrium



b. local disequilibrium by sediment transport



c. global, stratigraphic equilibrium



**Fig. 1.** A schematic diagram of the three stages from (a) local isostatic equilibrium to (c) a global equilibrium in potential energy associated with the spatial distribution of continental crust.