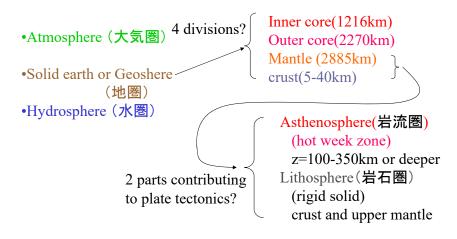
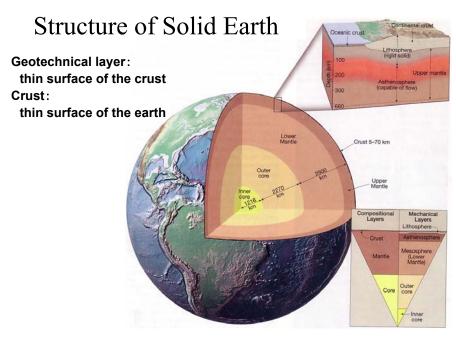
Fundamental Knowledge on Earth Science

Earth mainly consists of three major parts (spheres)??

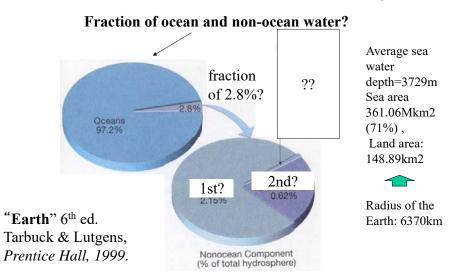




"Earth" 6th ed. Tarbuck & Lutgens, Prentice Hall, 1999.

Hydrosphere??

How much is total volume? 1.36 Bkm³ (13.6億km³)



Fresh water of Hydrosphere

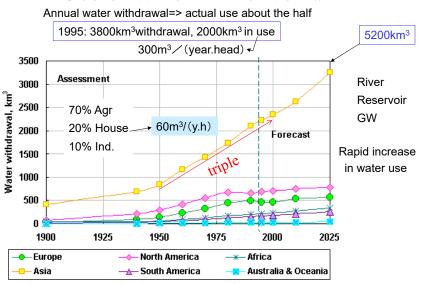
Parts of hydrosphere	Volume of fresh water (km³)	Share of total volume of freshwater (%)	Average rate of water exchange
Ice sheets and glaciers	24,000,000	84.945	8000 years
Ground water	4,000,000	14.158	∠ 280 years
Lakes and reservoirs	155,000	0.549	7 years
Soil moisture	83,000	0.294	1 year
Water vapor in the atmosphere	14,000	0.049	9.9 days
River water	1,200	0.004	11.3 days
total	28,253,200	100.000	

GW flow rate is very small.

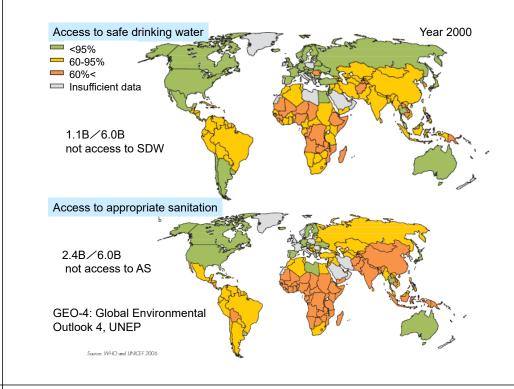


Not easy to find the GW contamination Not easy to remove the contaminant

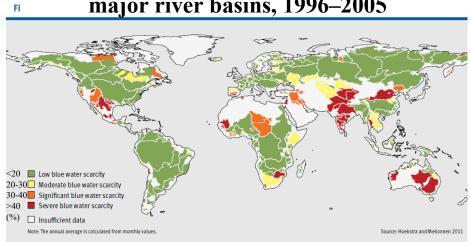
Use of water in the world



http://webworld.unesco.org/water/ihp/db/shiklomanov/summary/html/figure_8.html



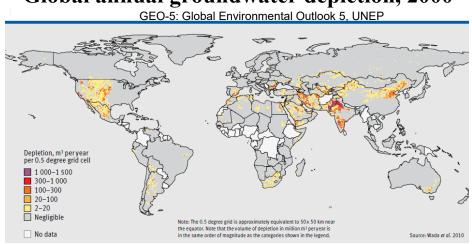
Annual average blue water scarcity in major river basins, 1996–2005



GEO-5: Global Environmental Outlook 5, UNEP **blue water scarcity** =

ue water scarcity = blue water footprint blue water availability

Global annual groundwater depletion, 2000



1960 2000 wal: 312km³ => 734km³

Global GW withdrawal: 312km³ => 734km³ global GW depletion: 126km³ => 283km³

