

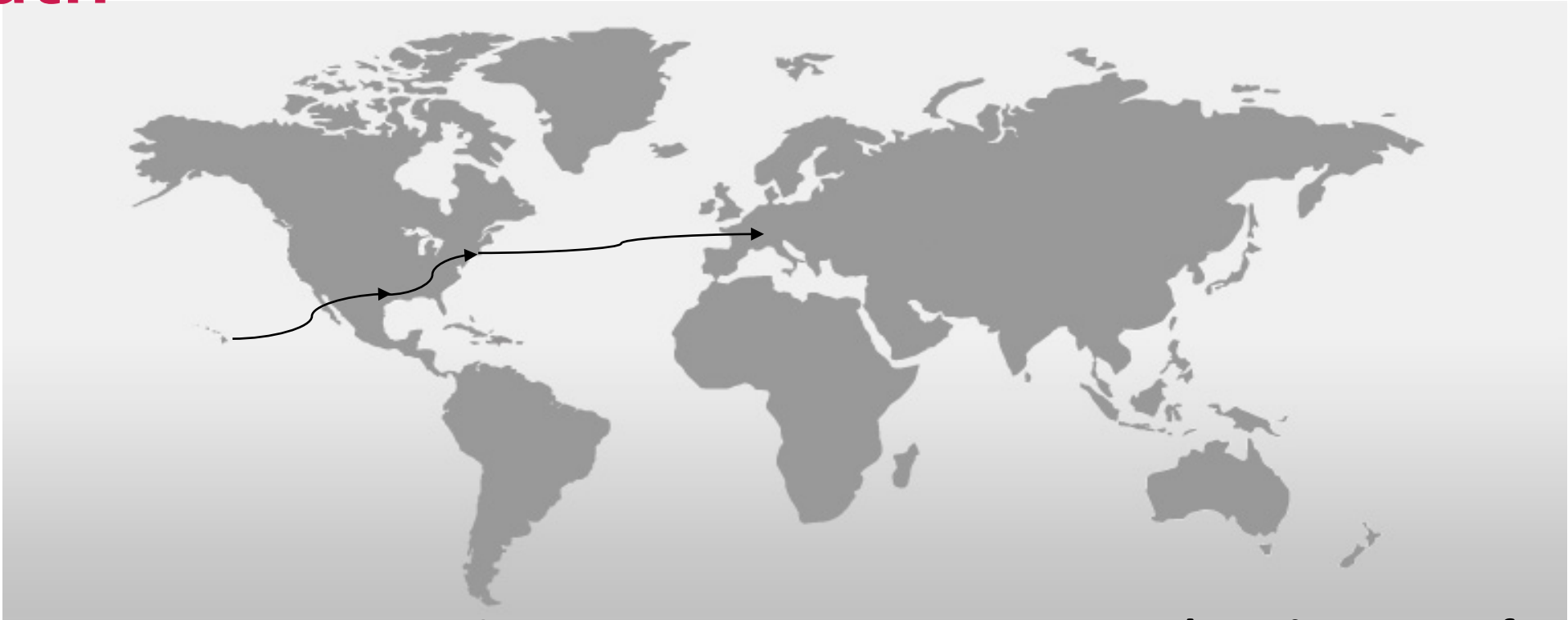
A scenic view of a black sand beach. The foreground is dominated by dark, jagged volcanic rocks. The beach itself is a wide expanse of fine black sand, meeting the turquoise ocean water. White waves are breaking gently against the shore. In the background, there are lush green trees and distant hills under a sky filled with soft, white clouds.

Why did you leave paradise?

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My path



BA

Rice University
physics & math

PhD

Harvard University
physics

Postdoc1: MIT
chemical engineering

Postdoc2: NIH
cell biology

Tenure-track assistant professor

EPFL
Physics

Associate professor

Did you ever question your path?



What would you change?

- Learn from mentors at each stage
- Adopt processes experts use
- Understand self, likes/dislikes, strengths/weaknesses
- Ask for feedback, incorporate it

Biggest challenges

- Gender, culture
- Two-career issue
- Balance family and career