

Seismic Anisotropy

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OUTLINE

- Seismic Anisotropy: many processes
- Seismic Data: Body waves, Surface waves
- Scientific Issues:
 - 3D- anisotropic structure of the Earth
 - Upper mantle – LAB
 - Oceans- continents
 - Intrinsic versus extrinsic anisotropy and attenuation
(-Transition zones: 410-900km)

Seismic Anisotropy is present at all scales

Not a second order effect

- From microscopic scale up to macroscopic scale
- Efficient mechanisms of alignment of minerals in the crust and upper mantle:

C.P.O./ L.P.O.: Crystal/Lattice Preferred Orientation;
S.P.O.: Shape preferred orientation;
FINE LAYERING

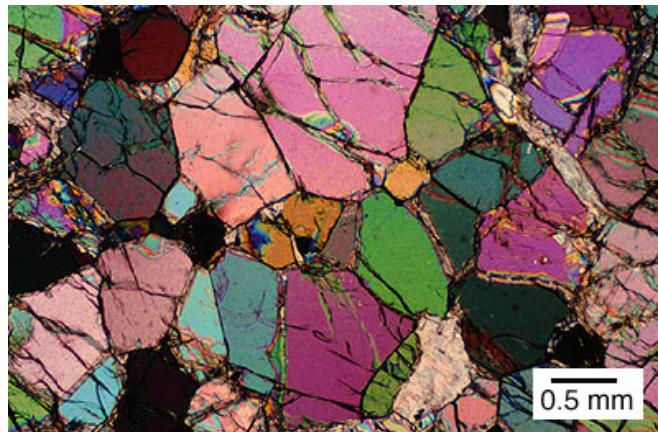
ANISOTROPY is the Rule not the Exception

*Apparent (observed) anisotropy:
NON UNIQUE INTERPRETATION
in different depth ranges of the Earth*

To explain seismic data: heterogeneities isotropic / anisotropic, anelasticity

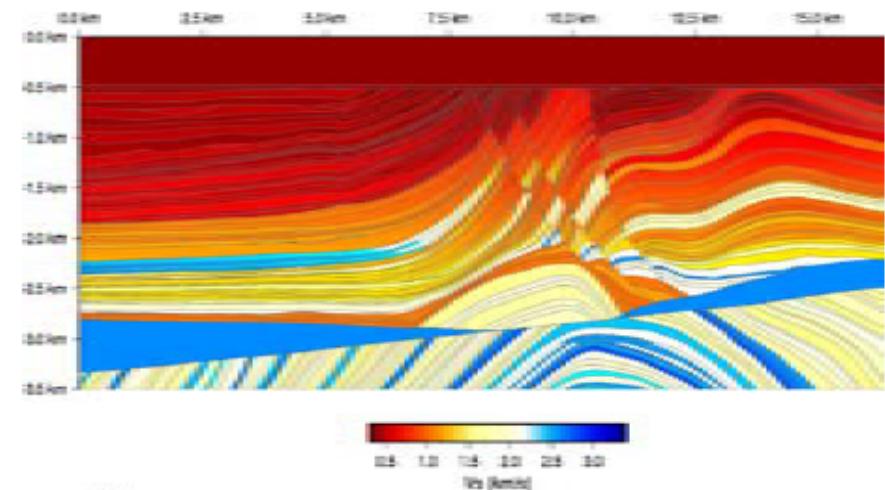
Confusion: Heterogeneity \neq Anisotropy

-Homogeneous, anisotropic
(Olivine aggregates)



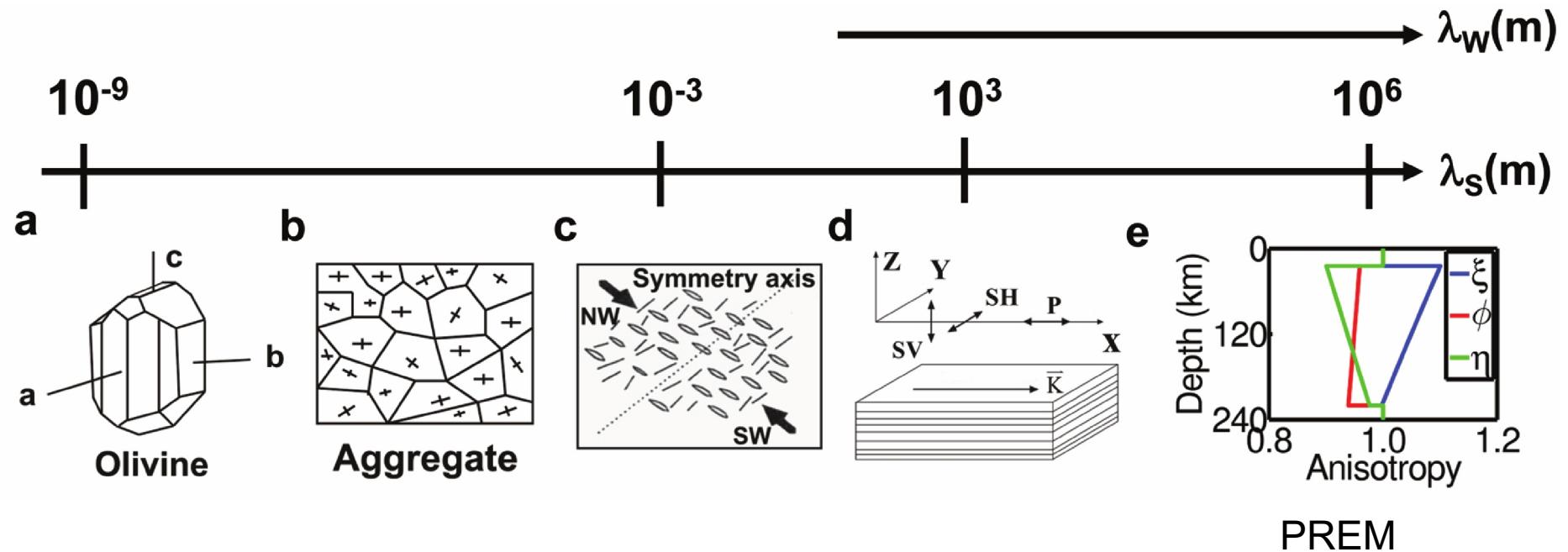
-Heterogeneous, isotropic

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Solid Earth: heterogeneous + anisotropic + anelastic

Seismic Anisotropy at all scales



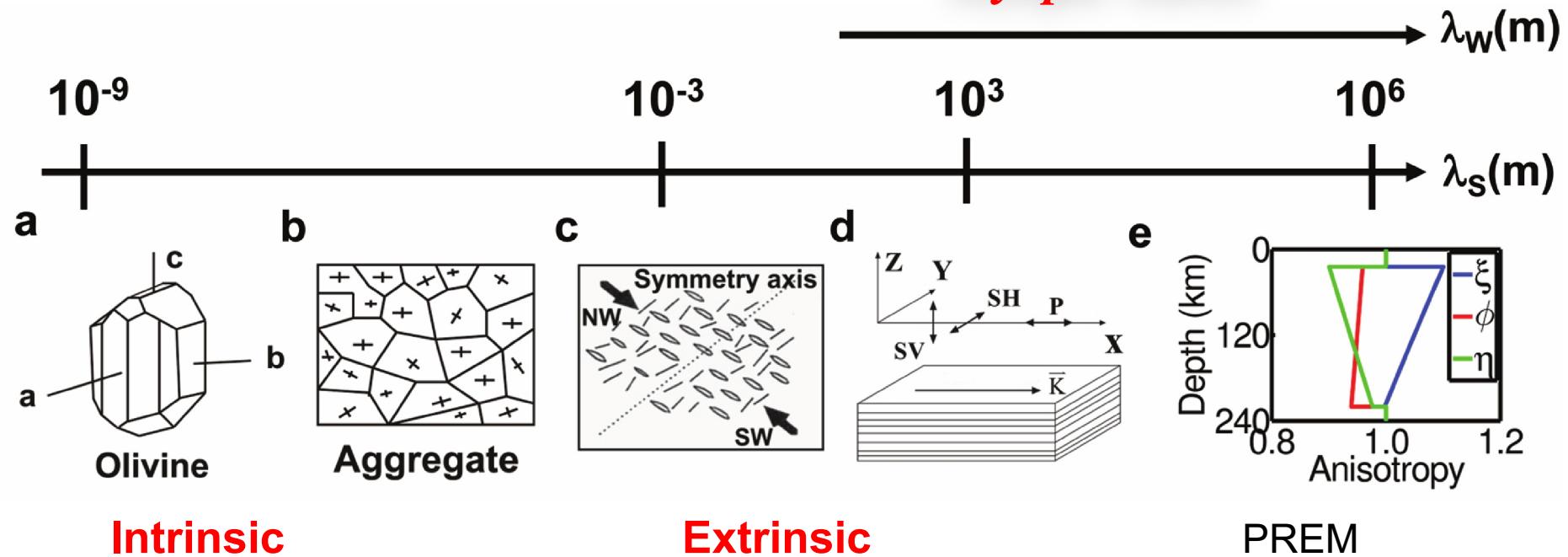
PREM: radial anisotropy: up to 10%

λ_w seismic wavelength
 λ_s spatial scale

(Wang et al., 2013)

Seismic Anisotropy at all scales

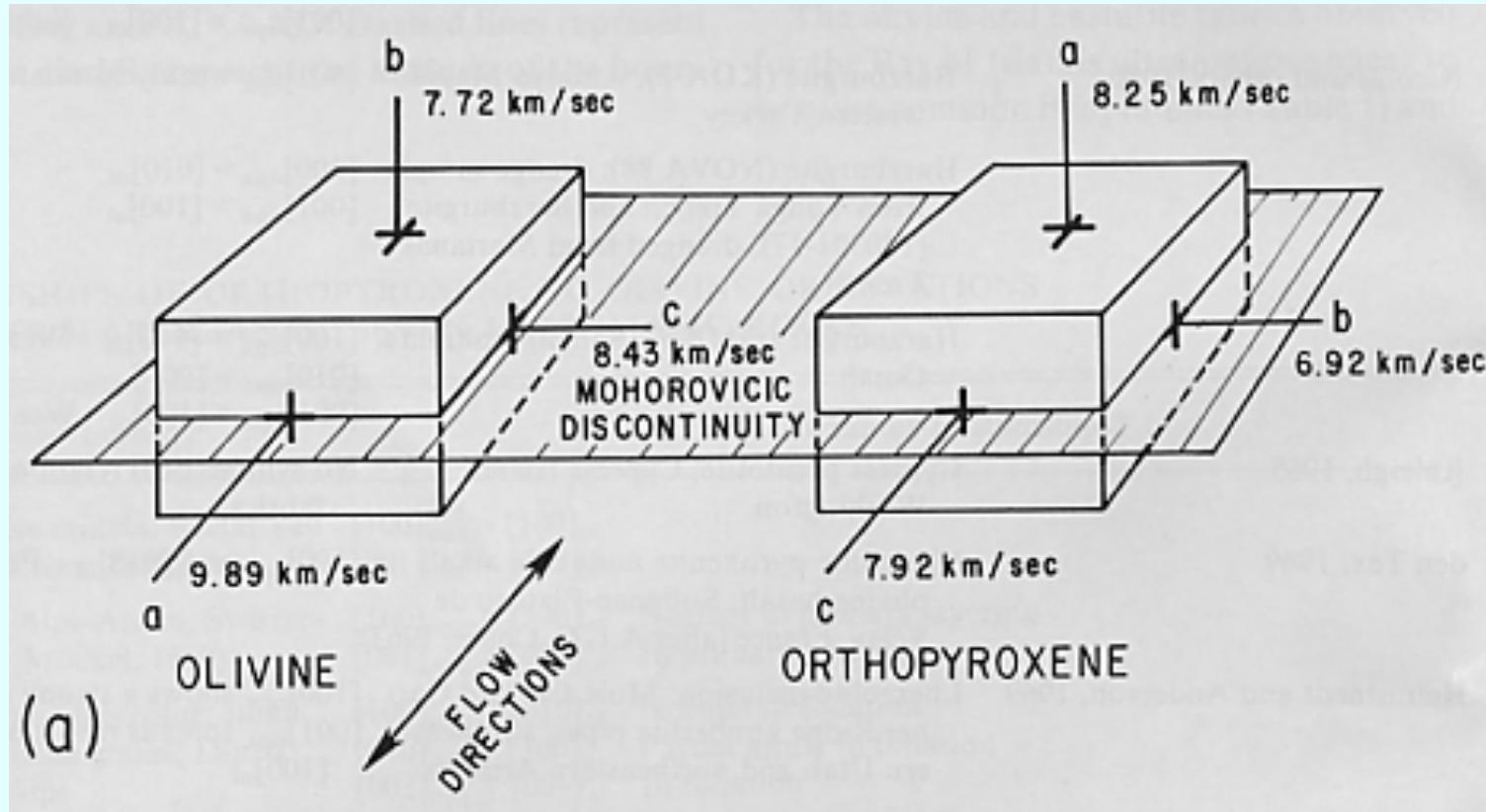
Myopic waves



Observed (apparent) anisotropy
Intrinsic versus Extrinsic anisotropy

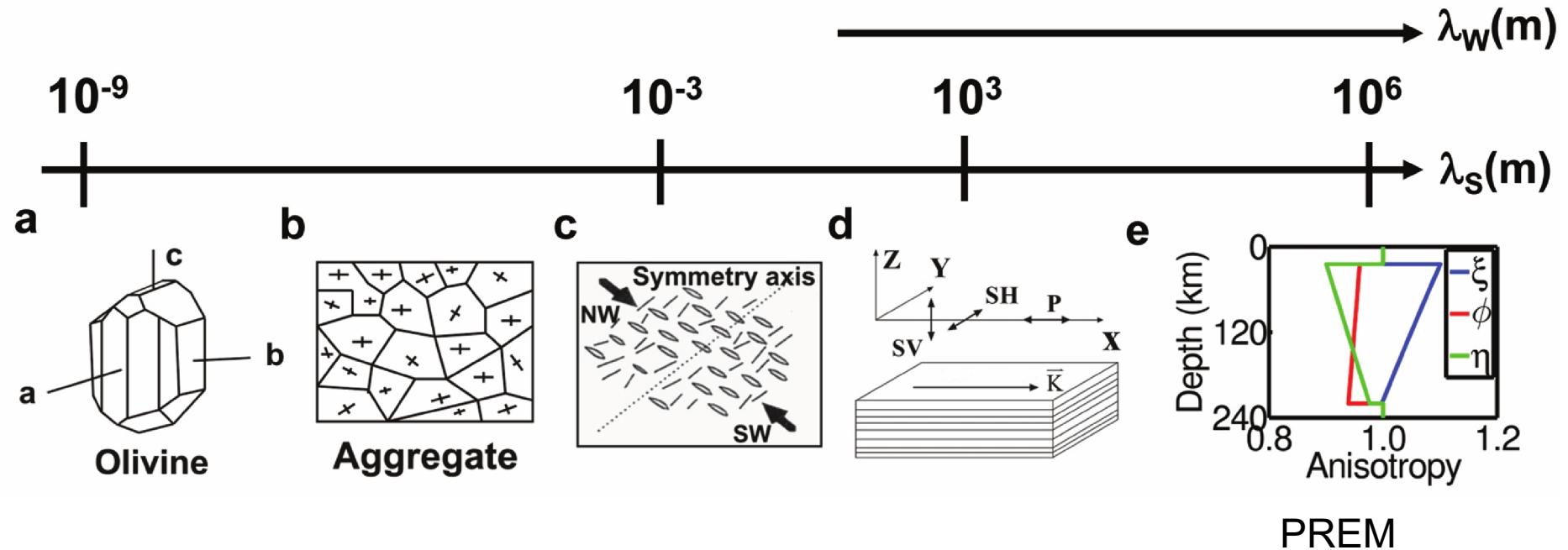
$$\alpha = p\alpha^{\text{int}} + (1-p)\alpha^{\text{ext}}$$

C.P.O. : Crystal Preferred Orientation (strain field)



→ ***Mapping of convection***

Seismic Anisotropy at all scales

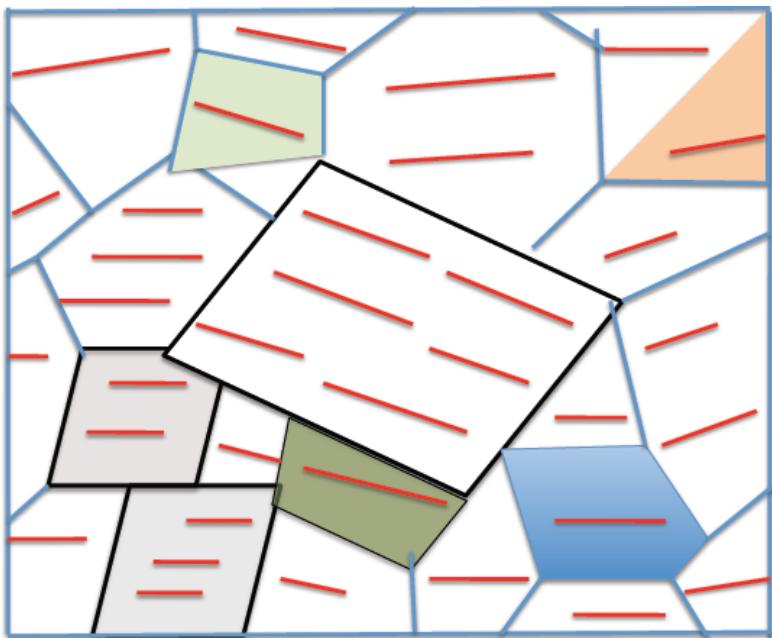


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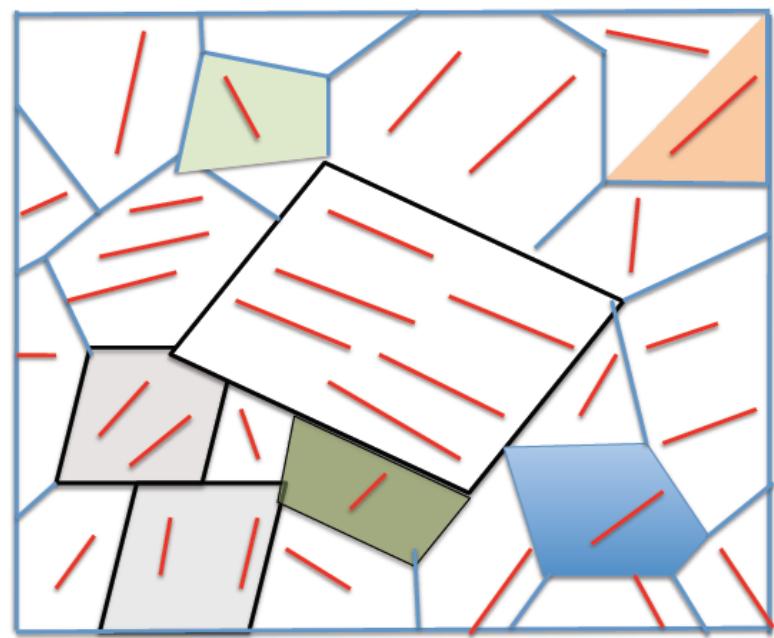
λ_s spatial scale

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Coherent Strain field
(preferred orientation)
Large-scale Seismic anisotropy $\neq 0$

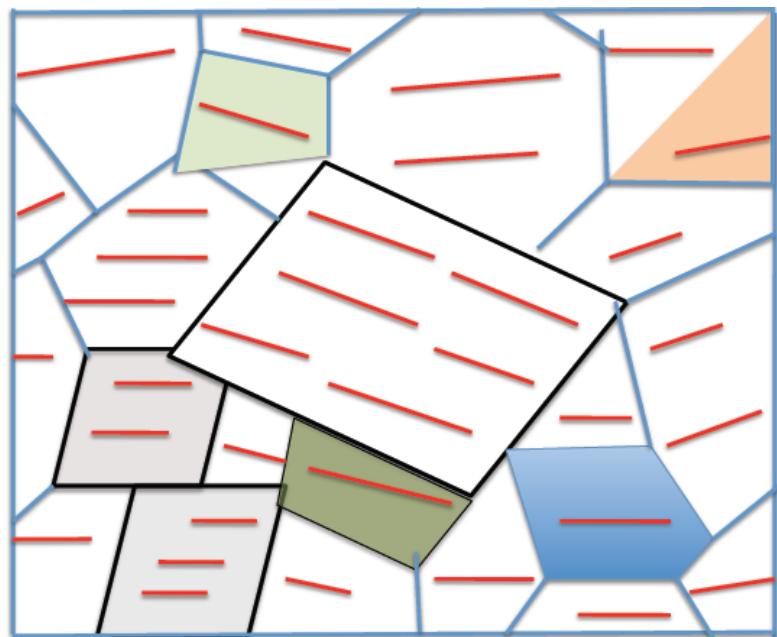


Incoherent Strain field
(random orientation)
Large-scale Seismic anisotropy ≈ 0



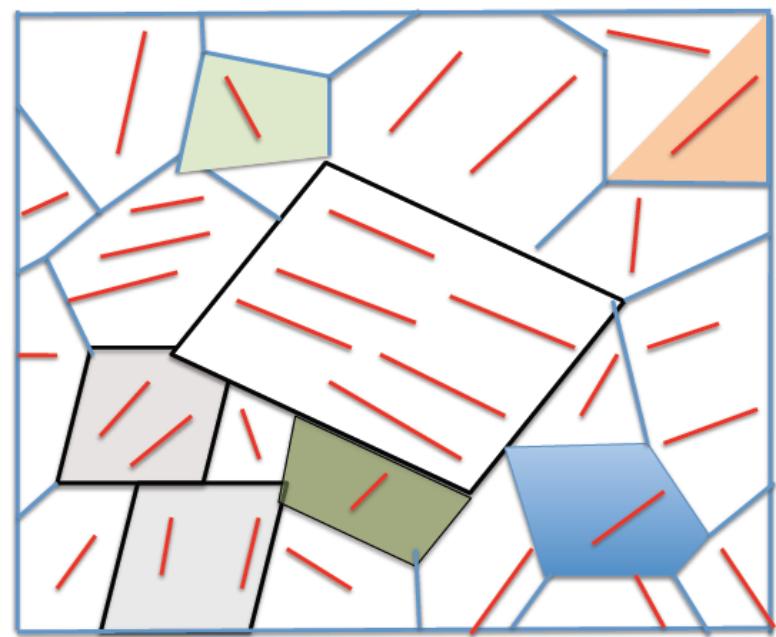
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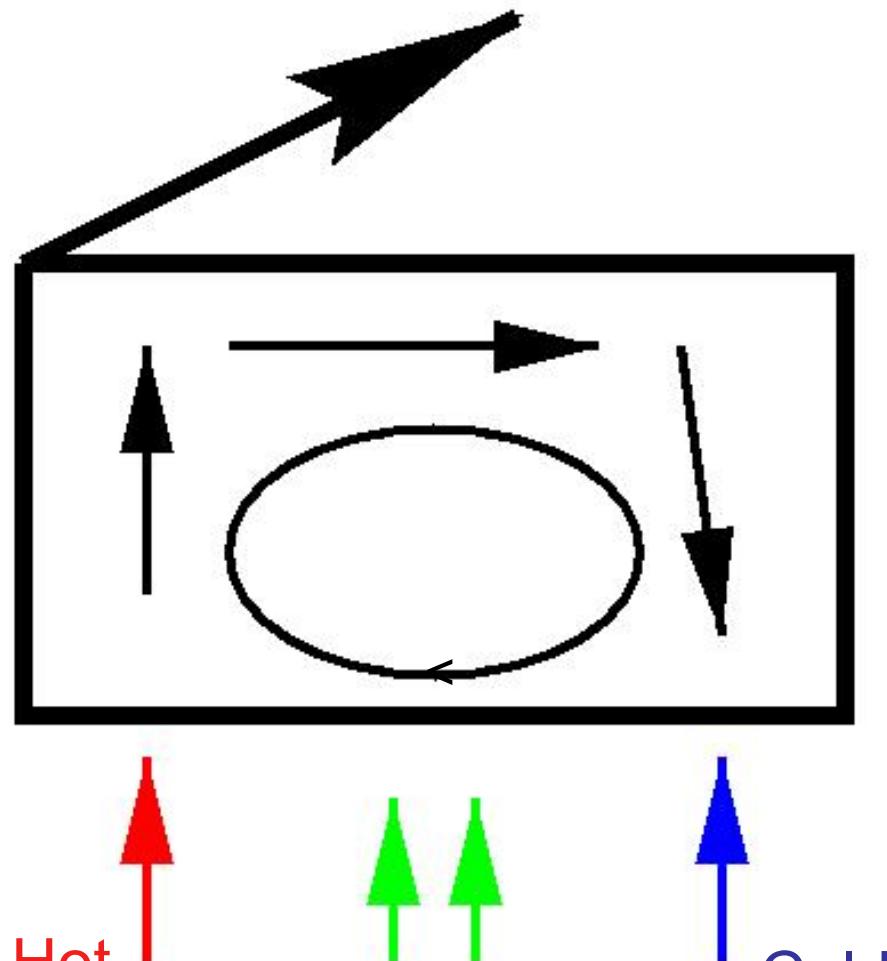
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Inner Organization

Anisotropy: Not a second order effect



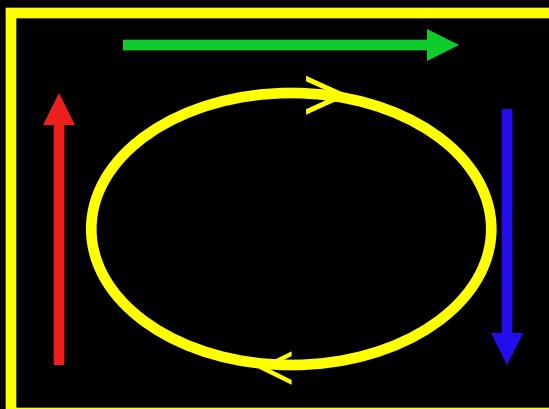
$\Delta\alpha$ Effect of Mineral Orientation

ΔT Effect of Temperature Heterogeneities

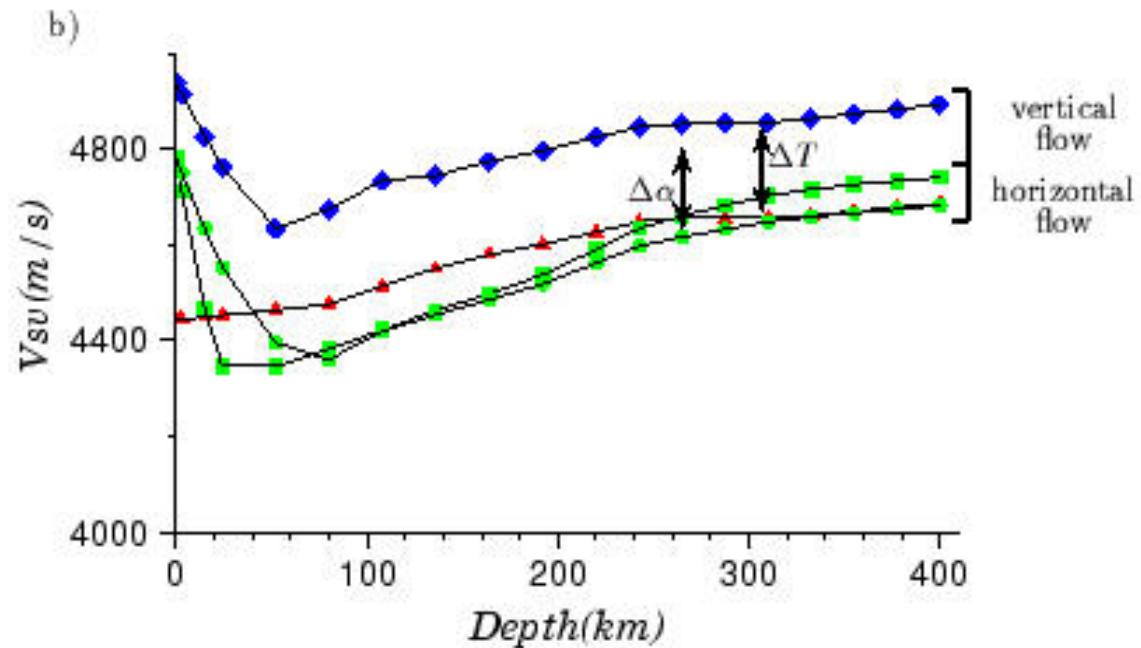
$\Delta\alpha$: Anisotropy Effect (CPO)

ΔT : Temperature Effect

$$\Delta\alpha \approx \Delta T$$

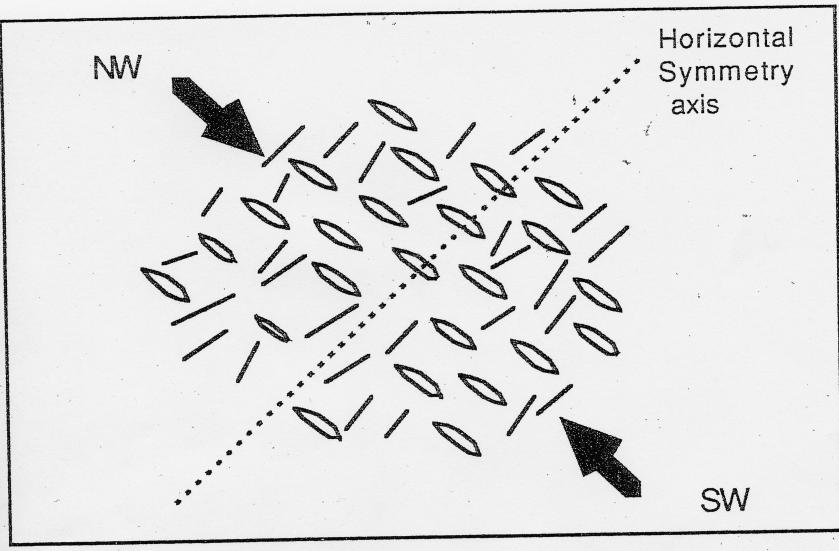


Olivine (60%) + Opx (40%)



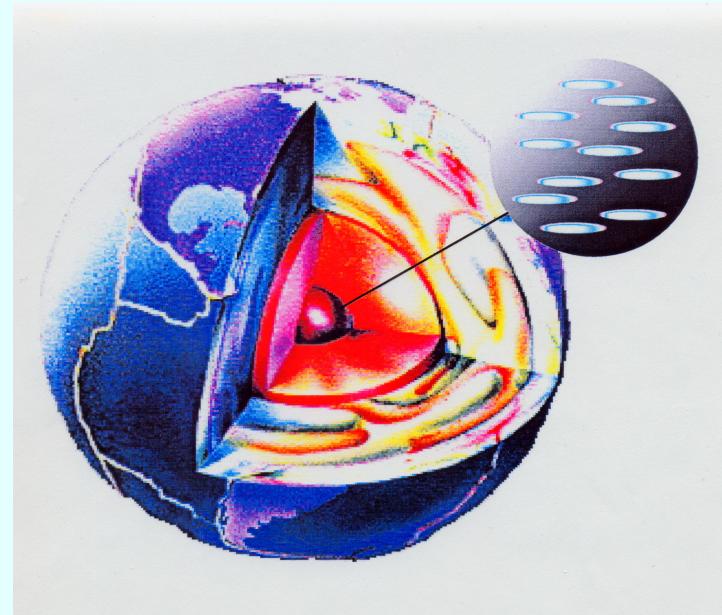
Other effects: Cracks, fluid inclusions-S.P.O.: (shape preferred orientation-stress field)

Crust (+lithosphere,
asthenosphere)



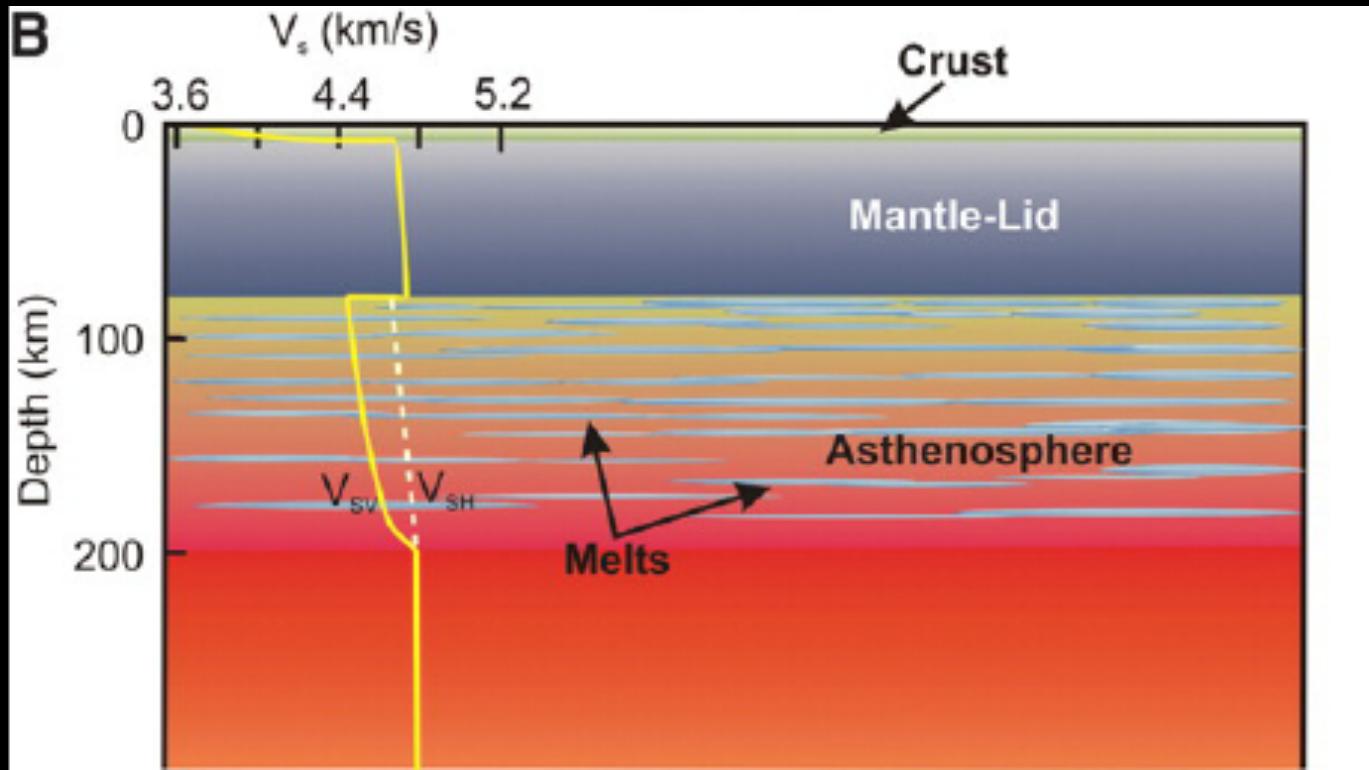
(Babuska and Cara, 1991)

Inner core



(Singh et al., 2001)

FINE LAYERING: Stratification Anisotropy Mille-feuilles model (partial melting)



→ Radial anisotropy (Kawakatsu et al. 2009)
V.T.I. Vertical Transversely Isotropic medium: 5 parameters
($A = \rho V_{PH}^2$, $C = \rho V_{PV}^2$, F , $L = V_{SV}^2$, $N = V_{SH}^2$)

Effective medium theory: Stratified medium (Fine Layering)

Backus (1962) => Homogenization technique (Capdeville et al., 2008...)

PITL:

Periodic,
Isotropic
Two-Layered
Medium

$$L^{-1} = \langle \mu^{-1} \rangle (V_{SV})$$

$$N = \langle \mu \rangle (V_{SH})$$

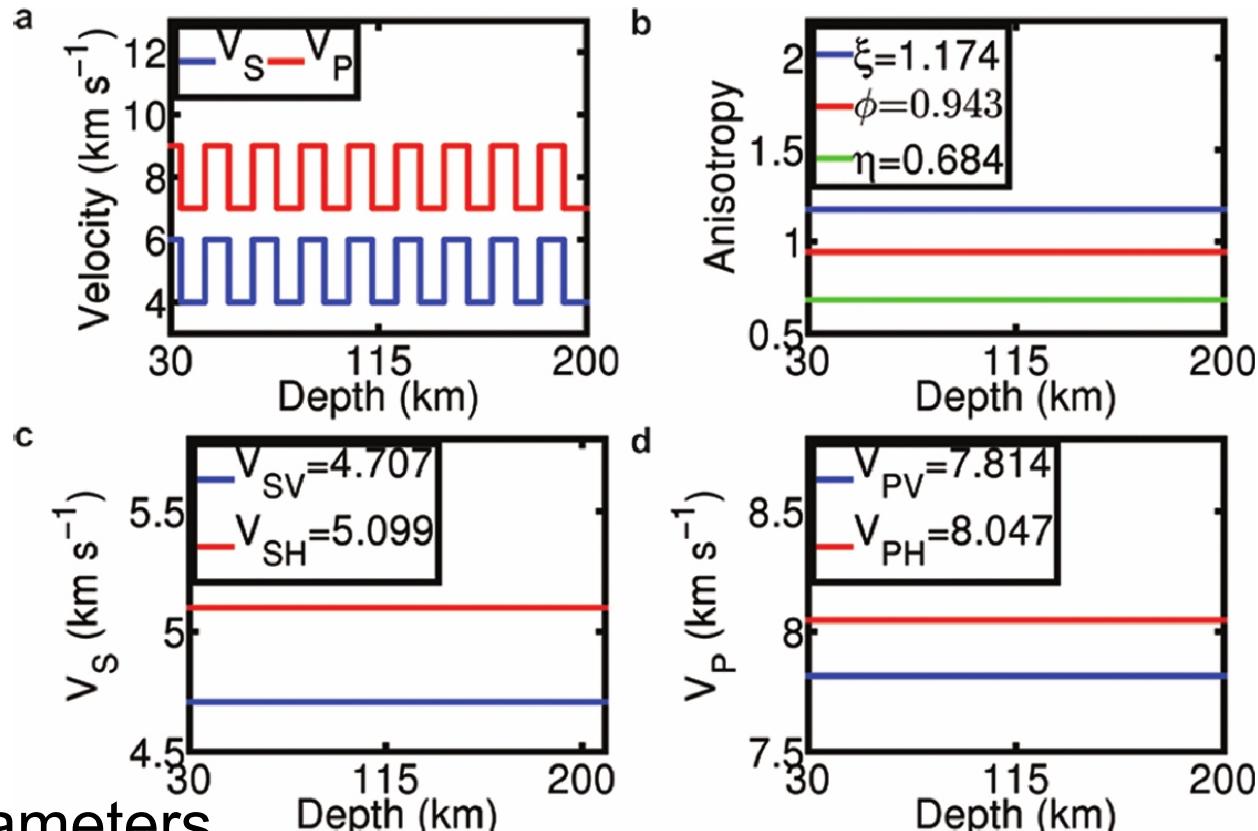
$$\xi = N/L, \phi = C/A,$$

$$\eta = F/(A-2L)$$

5 independent parameters

$V_{s1}, V_{p1}, V_{s2}, V_{p2}, p_1$ (respective

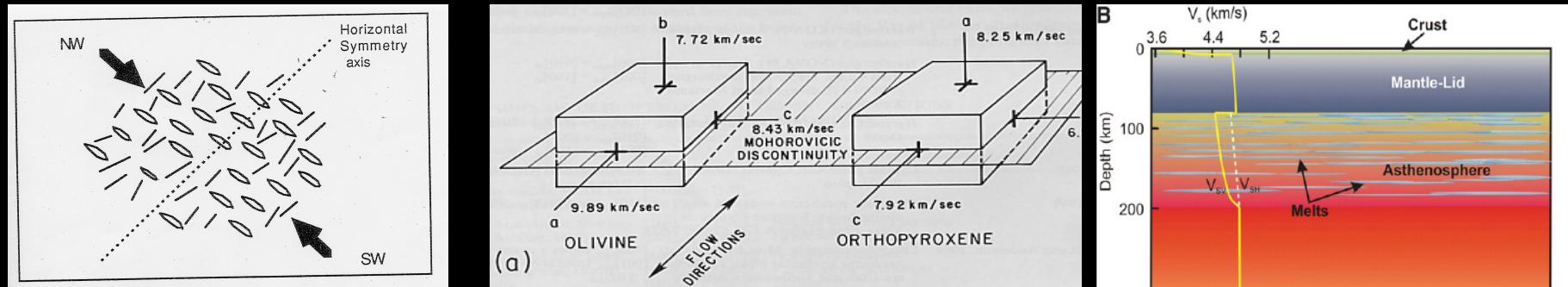
Thickness of layers): V.T.I.



Wang et al. (2013)

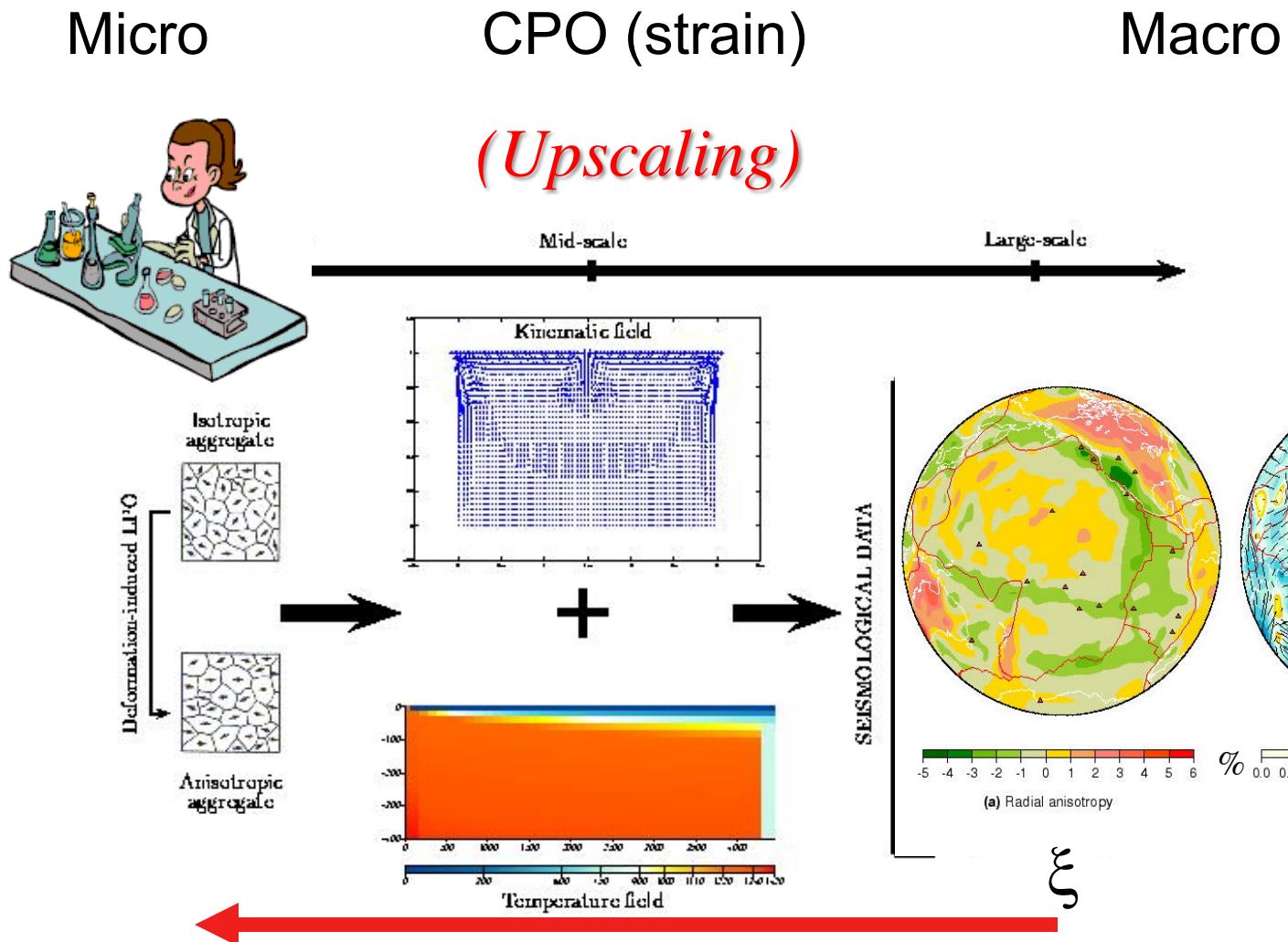
Different processes in different layers

-S.P.O. (stress) -C.P.O.(strain) Fine Layering



- ***Mineralogy, Water and fluid content***
- ***Present day tectonic, geodynamic processes***
- ***Past processes (frozen anisotropy)***
- ***Monitoring of stress and strain fields***

***Separation of the different kinds of anisotropy in different layers => Different interpretations
(Stratification of anisotropy in the crust & mantle)***



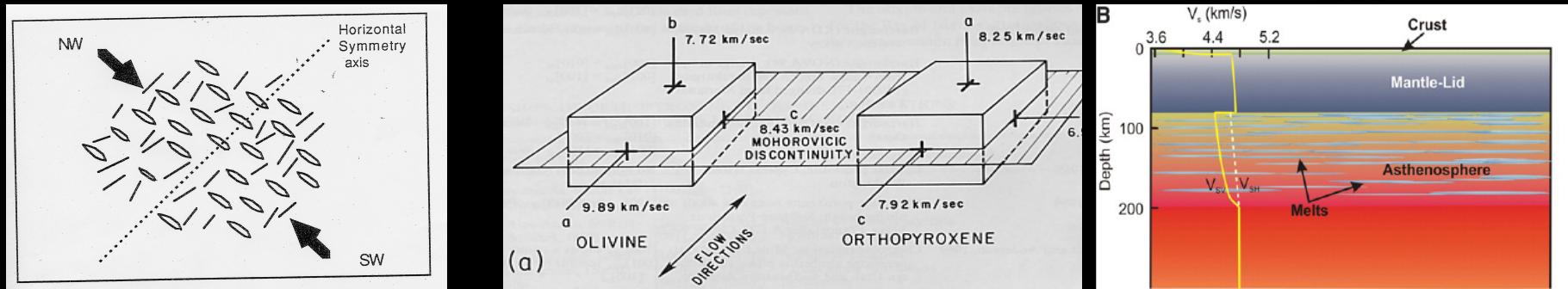
Mineralogical
composition

Mapping
convection

(Downscaling)

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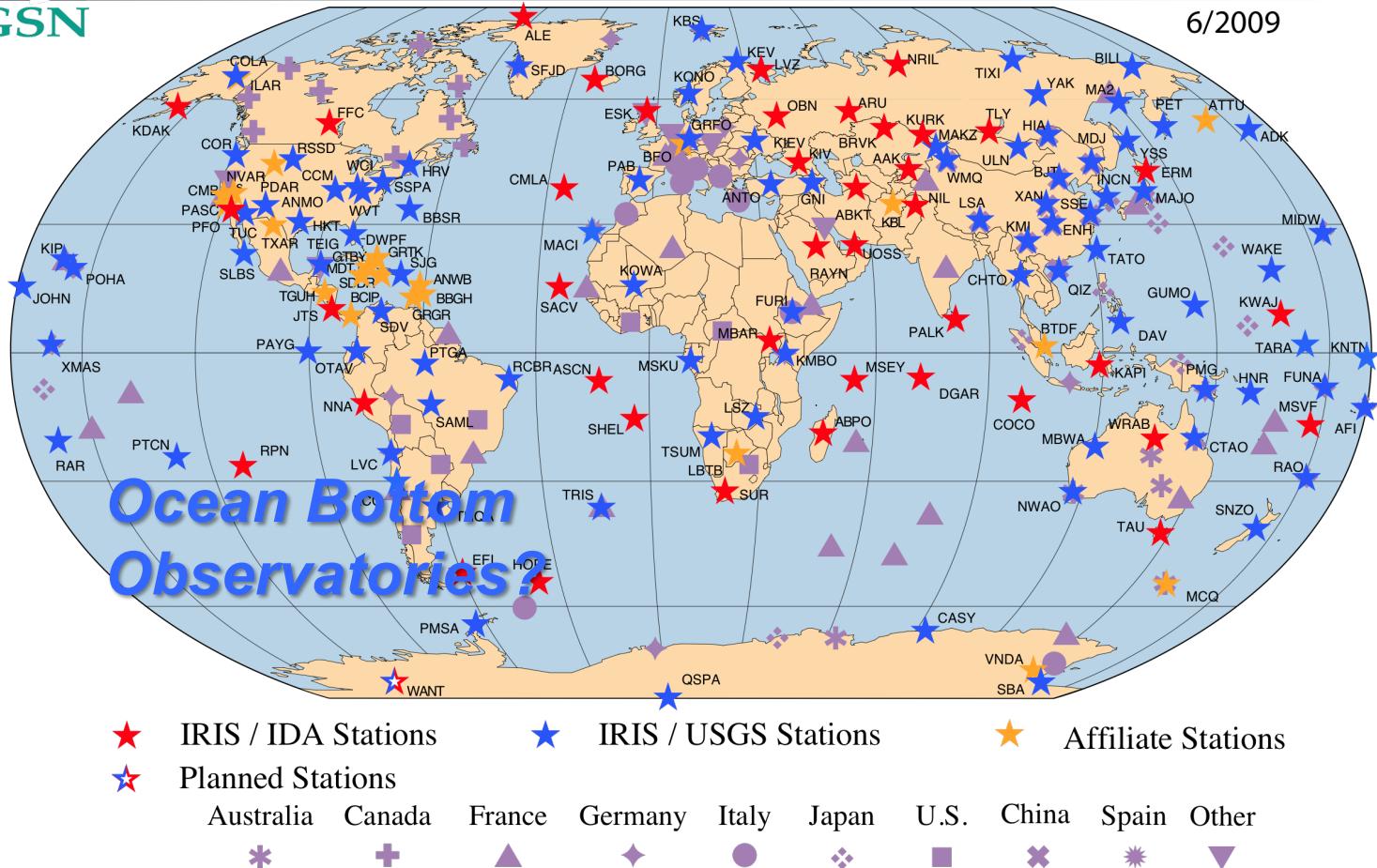
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DATA?

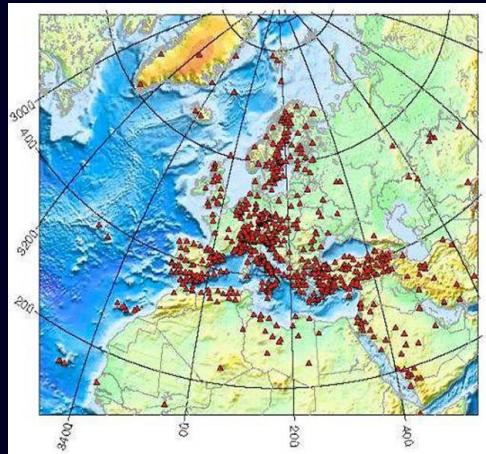
Broadband Seismic Data



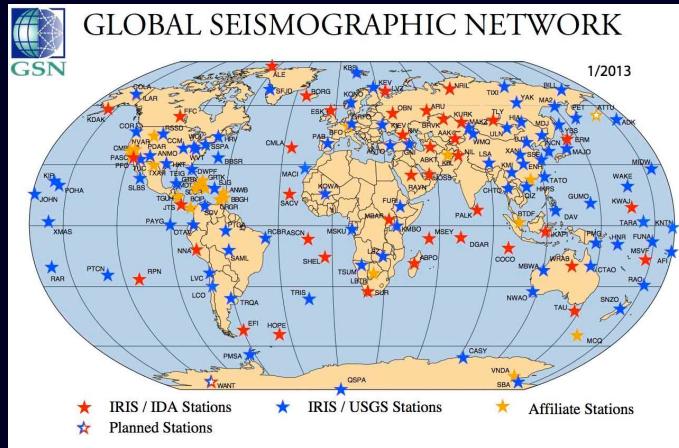
GLOBAL SEISMOGRAPHIC NETWORK FEDERATION OF BROADBAND DIGITAL SEISMIC NETWORKS (FDSN)



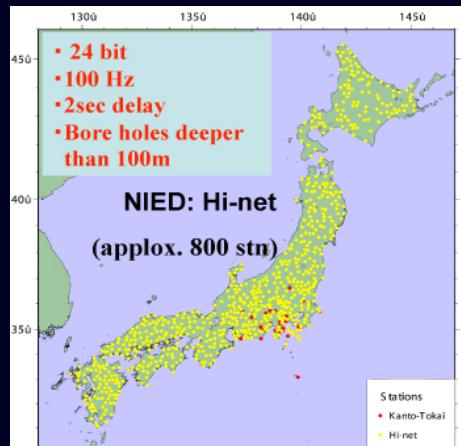
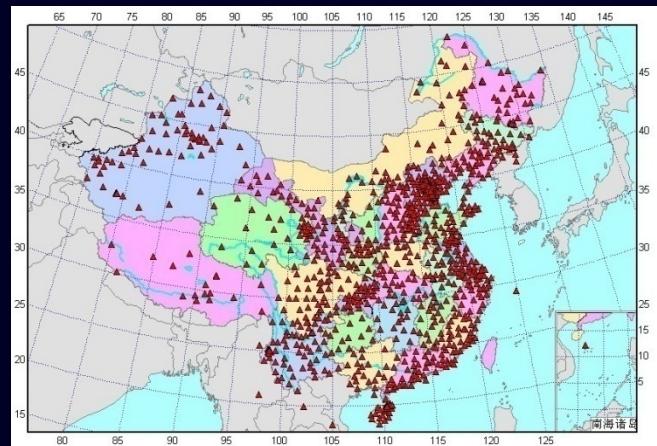
Data in Global & Regional Seismology



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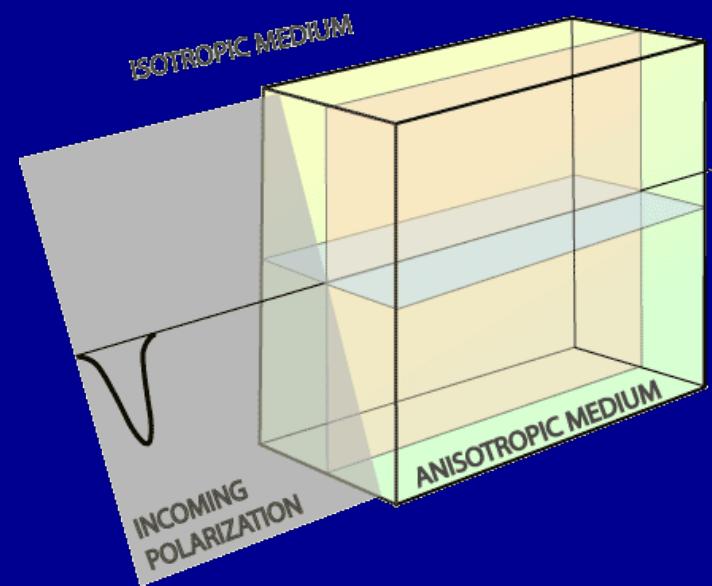


Barruol et al., 2013

Different kinds of seismic data

Body waves:

- P-wave azimuthal variations
- S-wave splitting, SKS

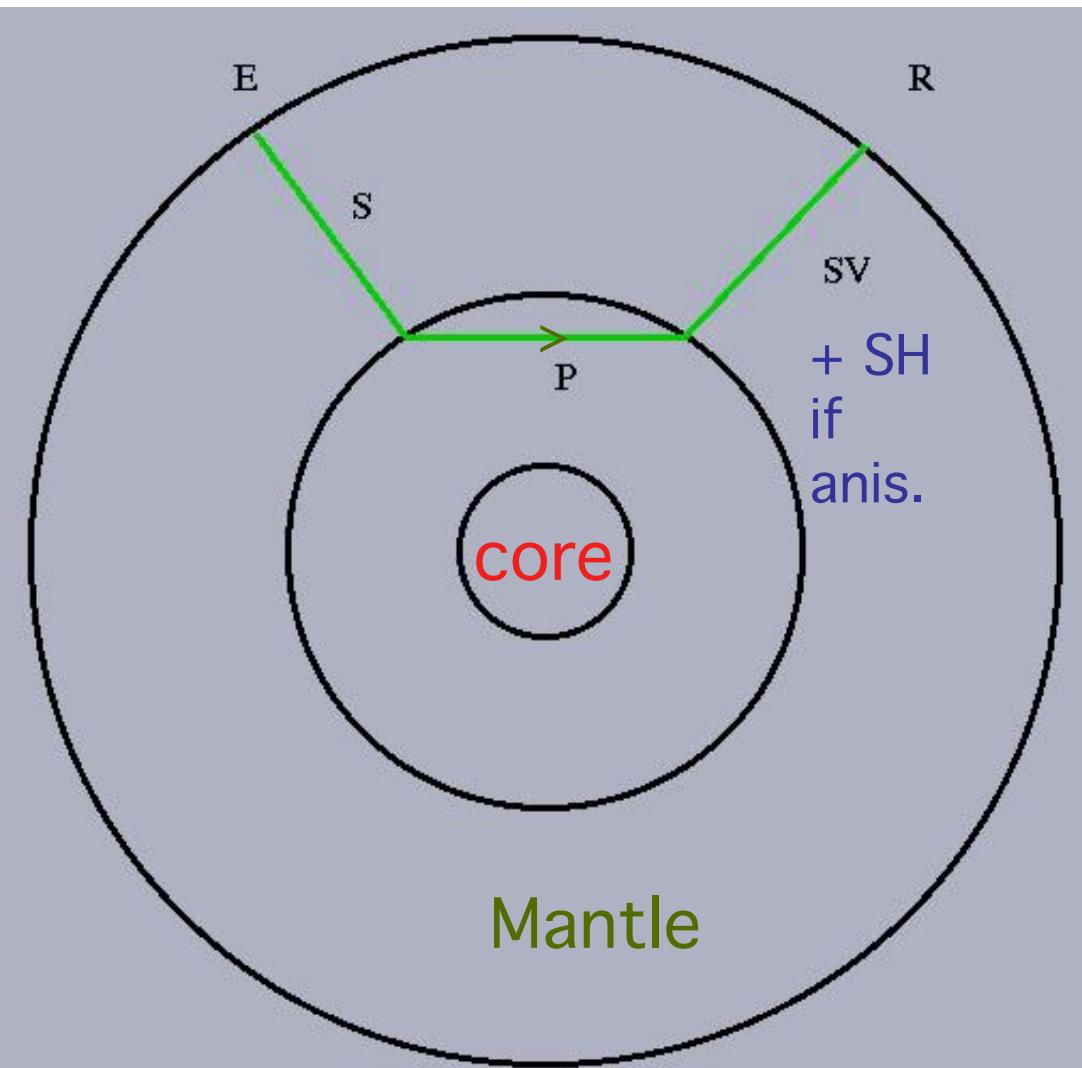


Animation courtesy of Ed Garnero

Surface waves:

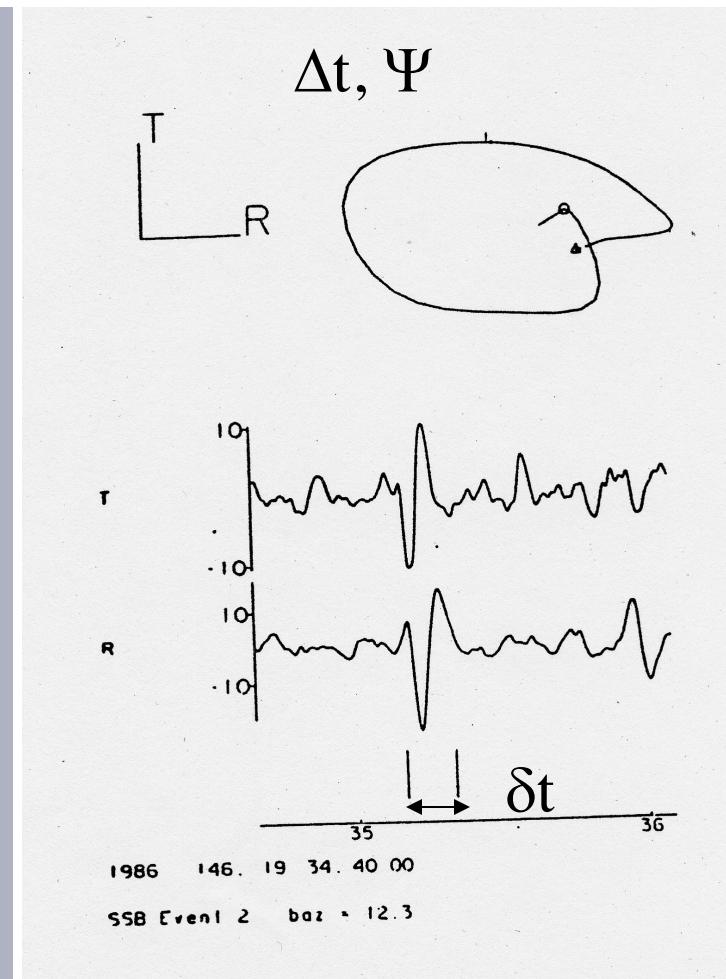
- discrepancy Rayleigh-Love (polarization anisotropy)
- Azimuthal variations of phase (or group) velocities
- Effect on amplitudes

SKS- Splitting



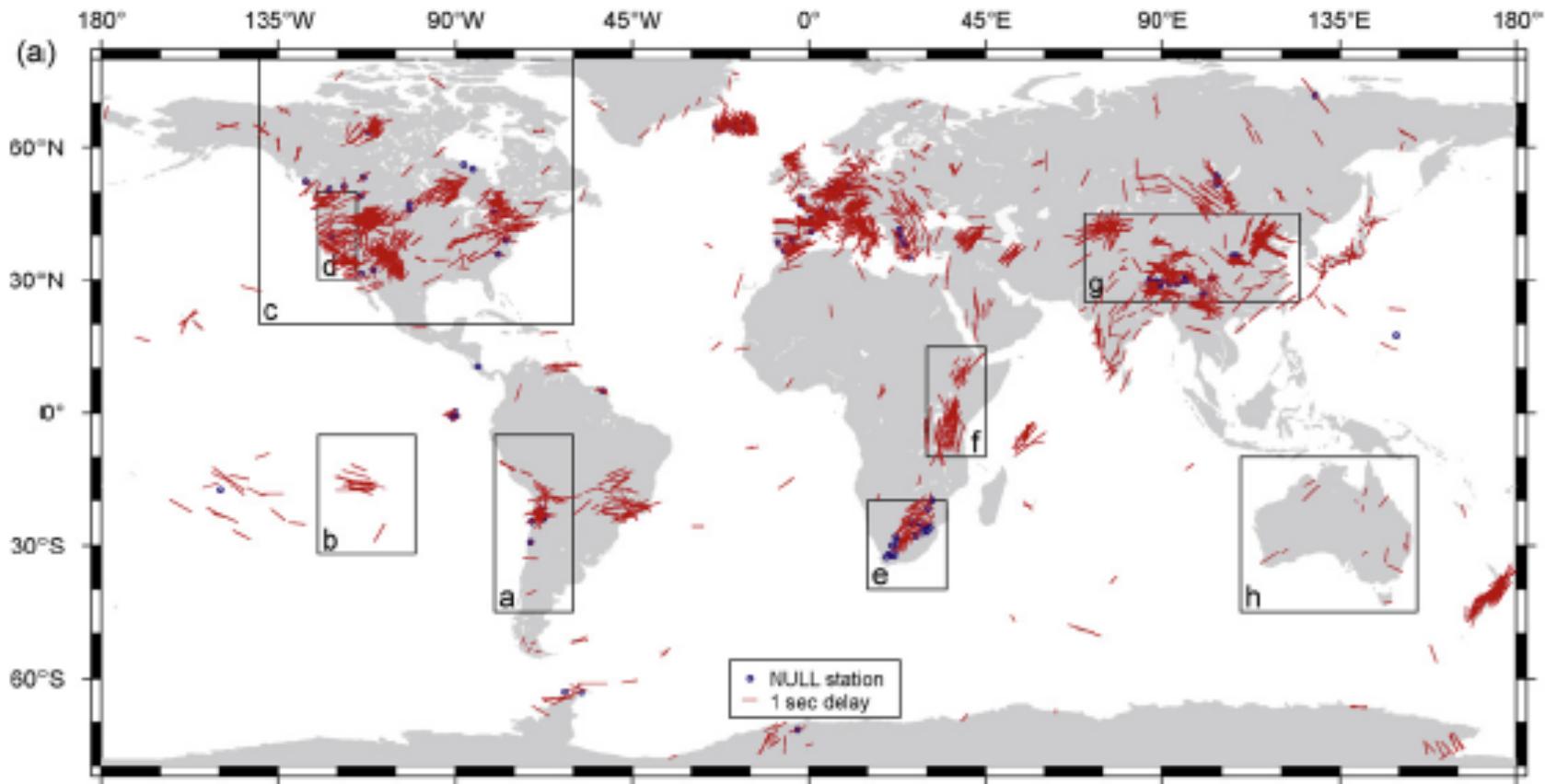
SKS Wave Path

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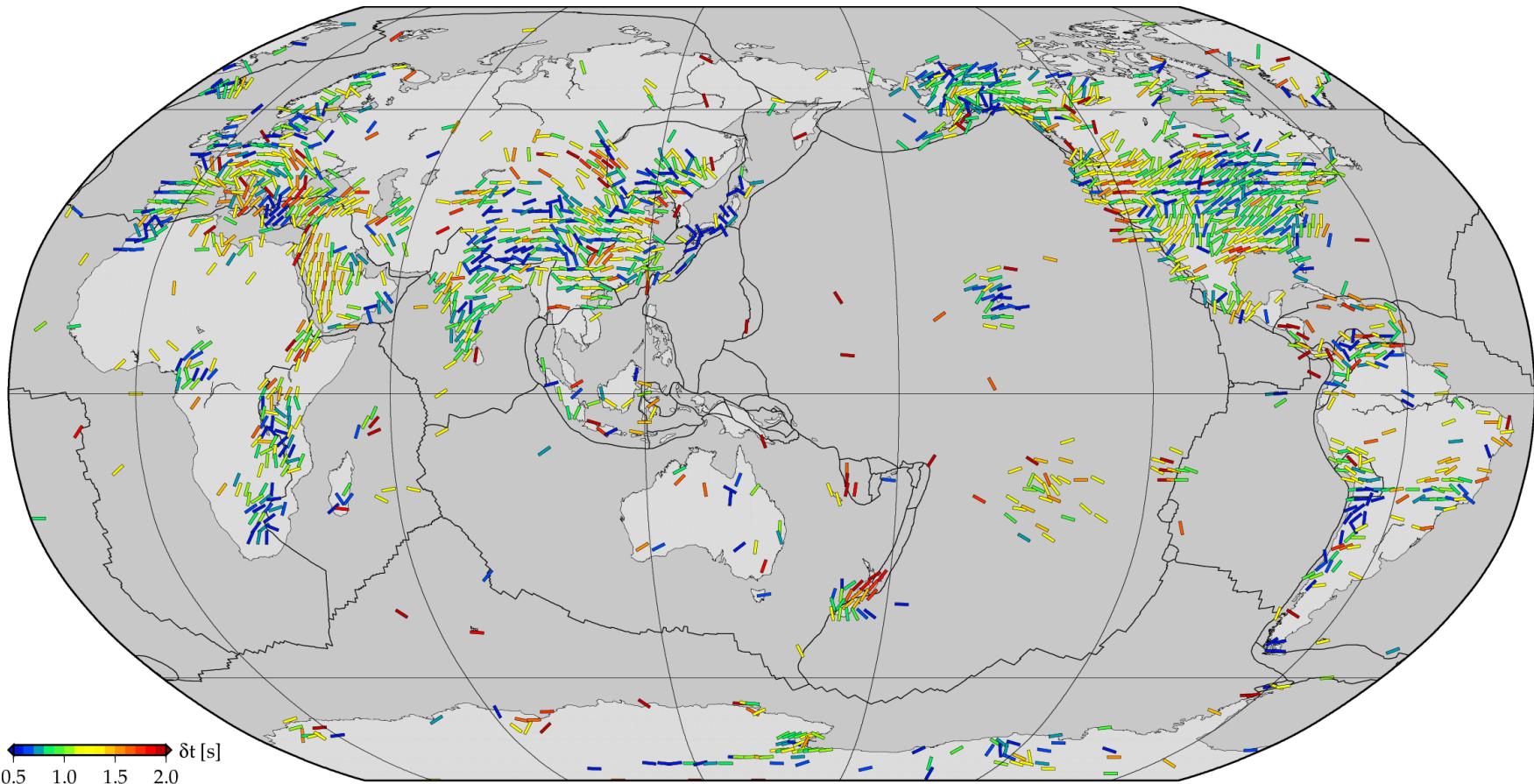
Vinnik et al., 1989
Silver et al.,

S-wave splitting

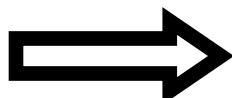


Savage, 1999; Fouch, 2006;
Wüstefeld et al., 2009;

S-wave splitting: Updated SKS database (Becker, 2020)

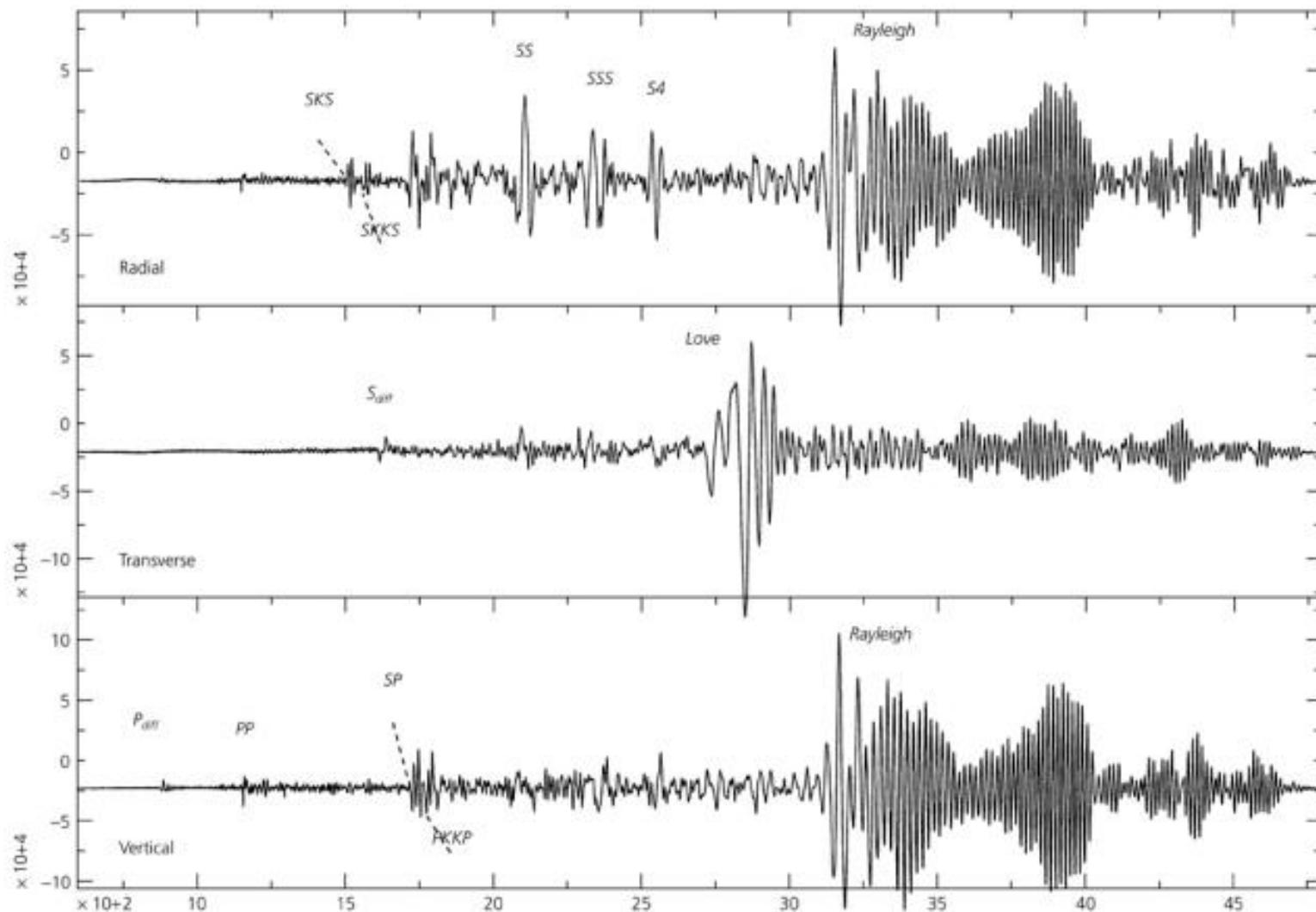


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Becker et al., 2012; ...



Surface waves

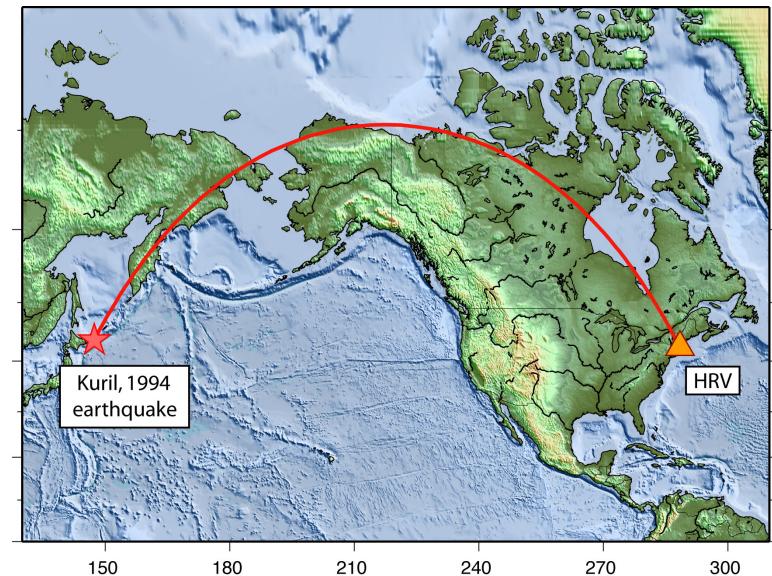
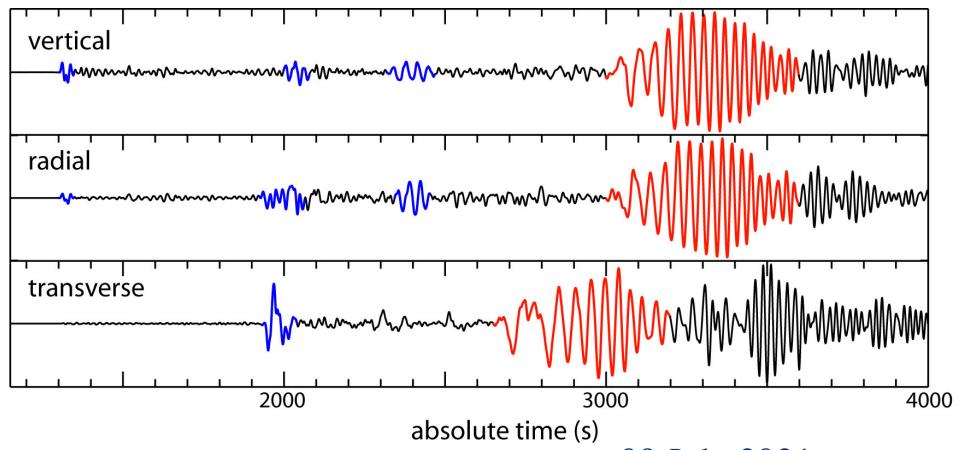
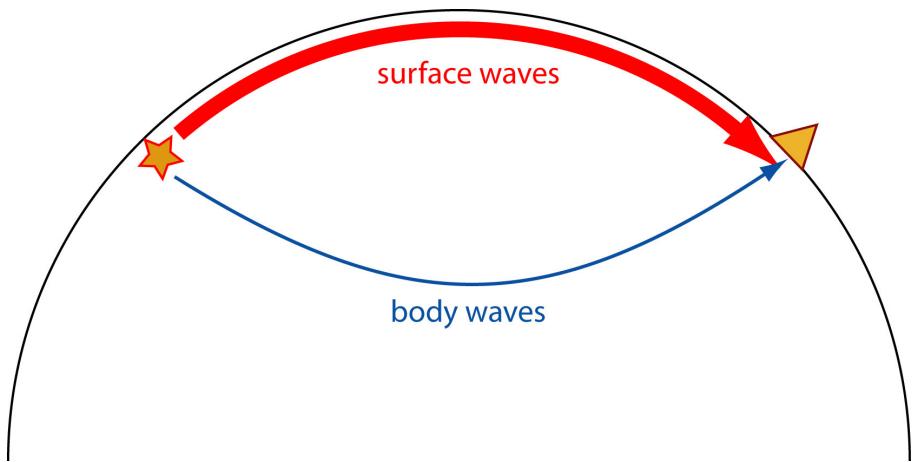
Figure 2.7-1: Seismograms recorded at a distance of 110°, showing surface waves.



Stein & Wysession, 2009
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surface-wave tomography

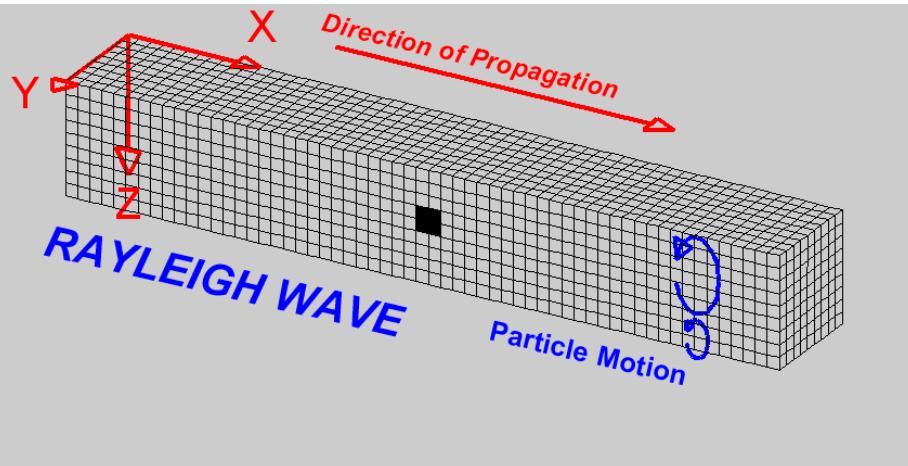
Seismic data



Body waves sample deep parts of the Earth

Surface waves sample the crust and upper mantle

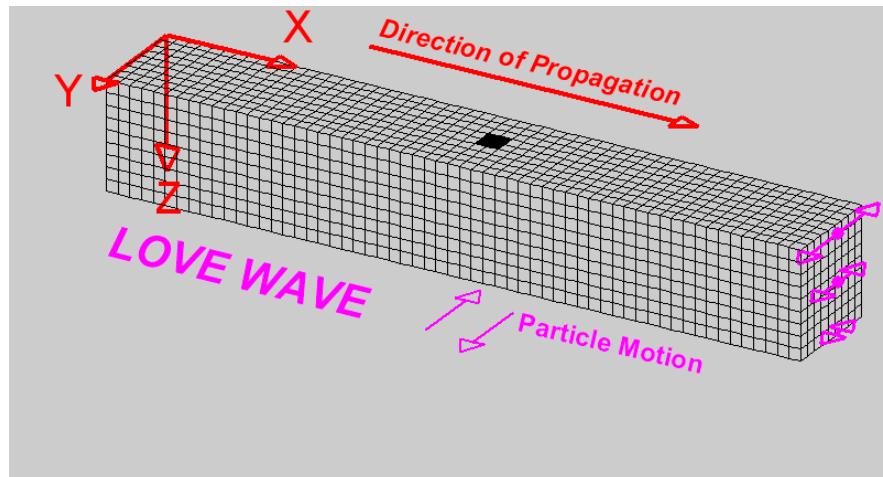
Rayleigh waves



P-SV

Spheroidal modes

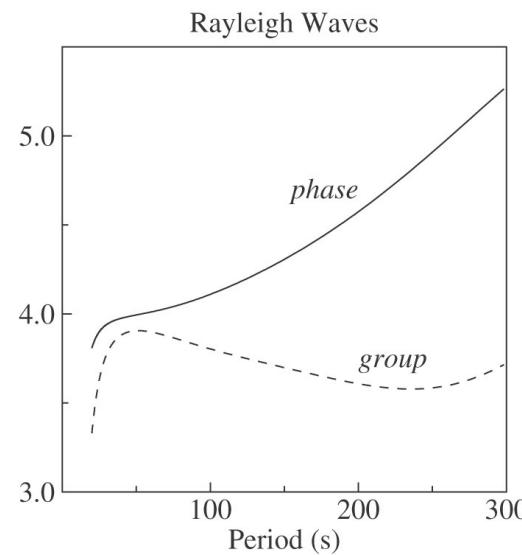
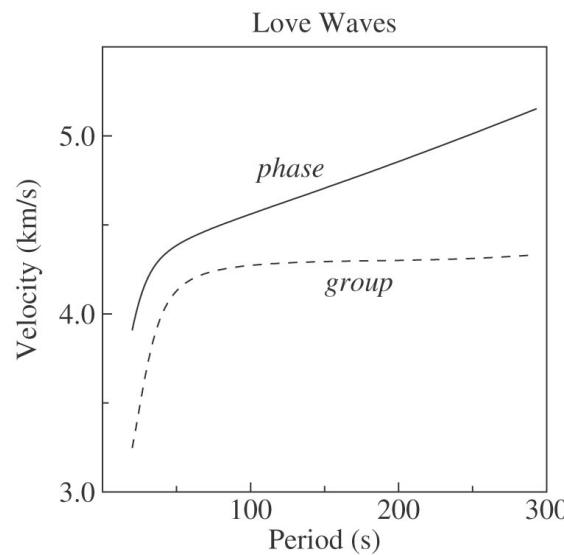
Love waves



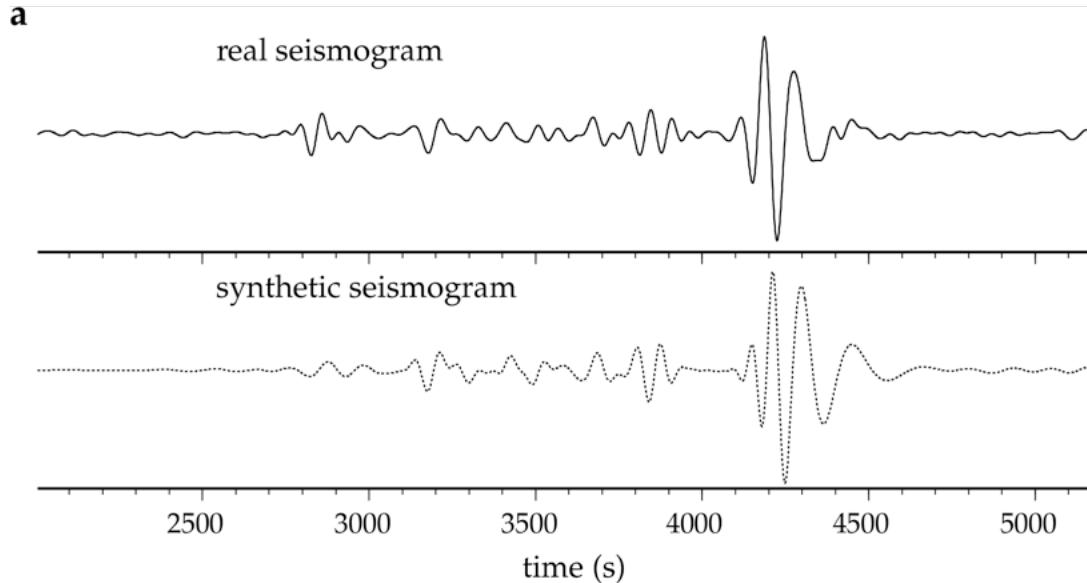
SH

Toroidal modes

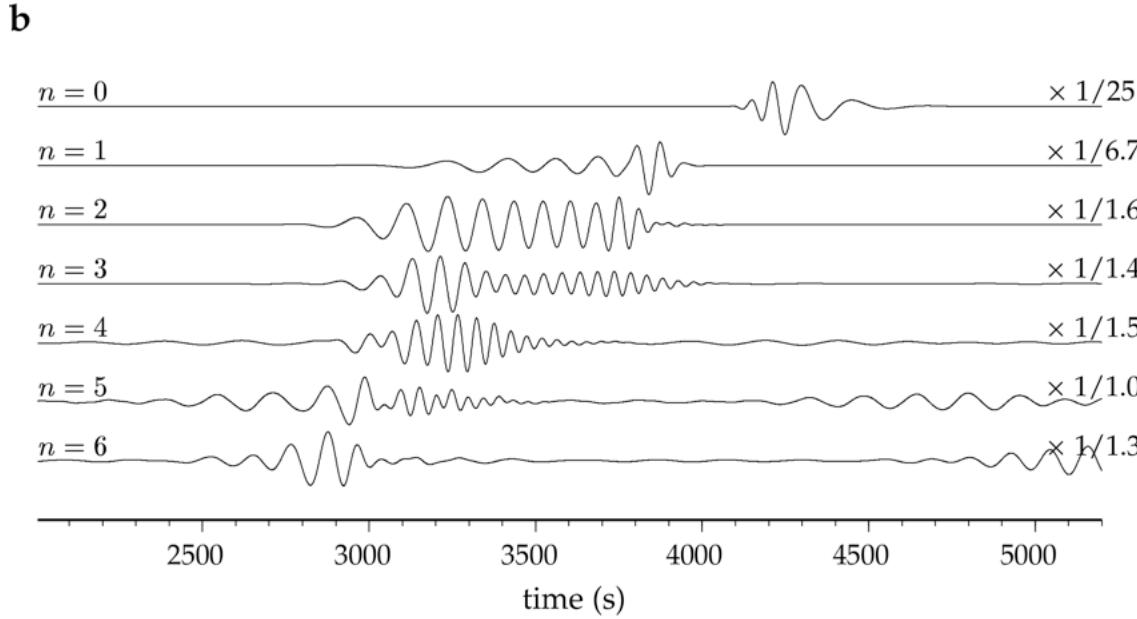
Surface waves are dispersive.



Example of seismogram (Rayleigh wave)



*Synthetic seismogram
by **normal mode
summation***

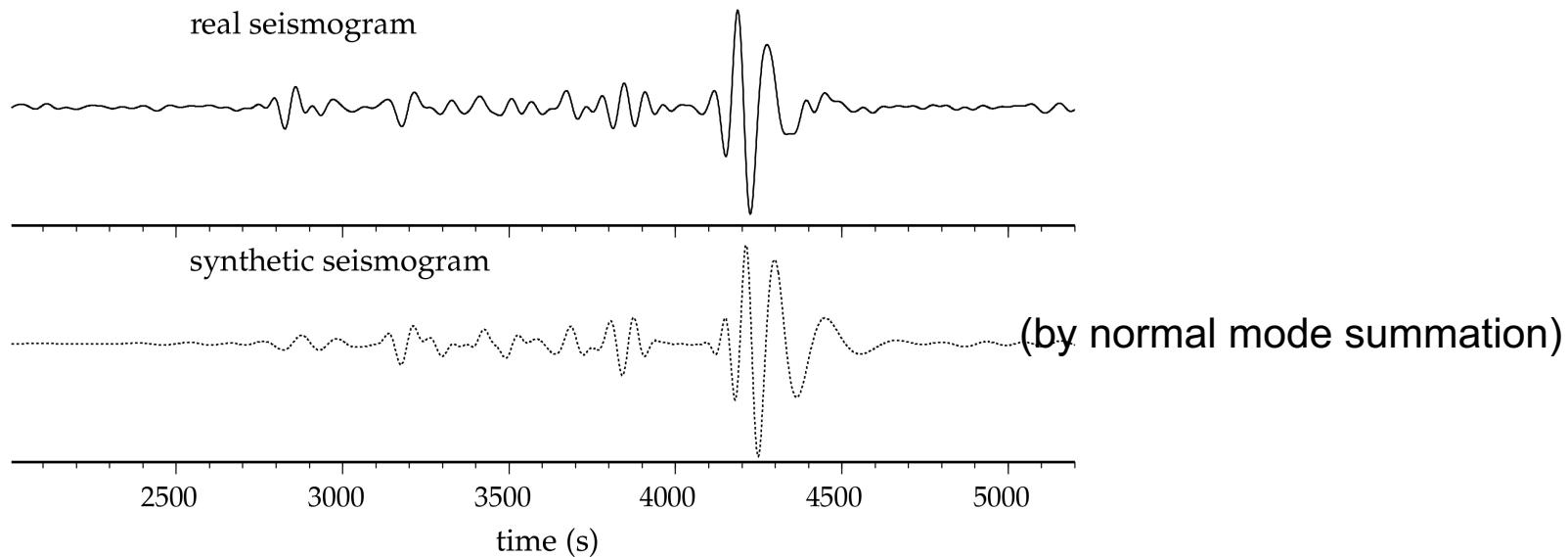


Fundamental mode

Higher modes

Beucler, 2003

3-component Seismogram Inversion



Different approaches:

- Phase information**: measurement of **phase and group velocity dispersion curves of fundamental and higher modes** along paths; regionalization + inversion at depth (classical technique)
- Waveform inversion** => Adjoint Tomography, ...

Seismic Anisotropy?

Anisotropic Tomographic Technique

- **Forward Problem:** Theory $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{m})$
 \mathbf{d} data space: observables + C_d

SEISMIC DATA: SEISMOGRAMS

- **Inverse Problem:** $\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_0 = \tilde{\mathbf{g}}^{-1} (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{d}_0)$
Barbara (next week)
- \mathbf{m} model parameter space + C_m 
- Reference Earth model \mathbf{m}_0 :
 - $\mathbf{d}_0 = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{m}_0)$
 - Kernels $\partial \mathbf{g} / \partial \mathbf{m}$

Effect of anisotropy on the phase of surface waves

Effect on eigenfrequency ω_k for multiplet $k=\{n,l,m\}$ (Rayleigh's principle)

$$\frac{\delta\omega_k}{\omega_k} = \frac{\int_{\Omega} \varepsilon_{ij}^* \delta C_{ijkl} \varepsilon_{kl} d\Omega}{\int_{\Omega} \rho_0 u_r^* u_r d\Omega} = \frac{\delta V}{V} \Big|_k$$

ε strain tensor, u displacement, δC_{ijkl} elastic tensor perturbation,
 V phase velocity (V_R Rayleigh; V_L Love)

Phase velocity perturbation $\delta V(T, \theta, \phi, \Psi)$ at point $r(\theta, \phi)$
(Smith & Dahlen, 1973; Montagner & Nataf, 1986)

Ψ Azimuth (angle between North and wave vector)

$$\begin{aligned} \delta V(T, \theta, \phi, \Psi) / V = & \alpha_0(T, \theta, \phi) + \alpha_1(T, \theta, \phi) \cos 2\Psi + \alpha_2(T, \theta, \phi) \sin 2\Psi \\ & + \alpha_3(T, \theta, \phi) \cos 4\Psi + \alpha_4(T, \theta, \phi) \sin 4\Psi \end{aligned}$$

Sensitivity Kernels of 0- Ψ , 2- Ψ , 4- Ψ azimuthal terms

13 parameters, functions of C_{ijkl} ($3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$) $\Leftrightarrow c_{pq}$ (6×6)

Constant term (0 Ψ -azimuthal term: α_0)

$$A = \rho V_{PH}^2 = \frac{3}{8}(C_{11} + C_{22}) + \frac{1}{4}C_{12} + \frac{1}{2}C_{66}$$

$$C = \rho V_{PV}^2 = C_{33}$$

$$F = \frac{1}{2}(C_{13} + C_{23})$$

$$L = \rho V_{SV}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(C_{44} + C_{55})$$

$$N = \rho V_{SH}^2 = \frac{1}{8}(C_{11} + C_{22}) - \frac{1}{4}C_{12} + \frac{1}{2}C_{66}$$

Equivalent V.T.I
(Transversely
Isotropic medium
with vertical symmetry
axis): 5 parameters

2 Ψ -azimuthal term:

$$\alpha_1 \cos 2\Psi$$

$$\alpha_2 \sin 2\Psi$$

$$B_c = \frac{1}{2}(C_{11} - C_{22})$$

$$B_s = C_{16} + C_{26}$$

$$G_c = \frac{1}{2}(C_{55} - C_{44})$$

$$G_s = C_{54}$$

$$H_c = \frac{1}{2}(C_{13} - C_{23})$$

$$H_s = C_{36}$$

Azimuthal terms:
8 parameters

4 Ψ -azimuthal term:

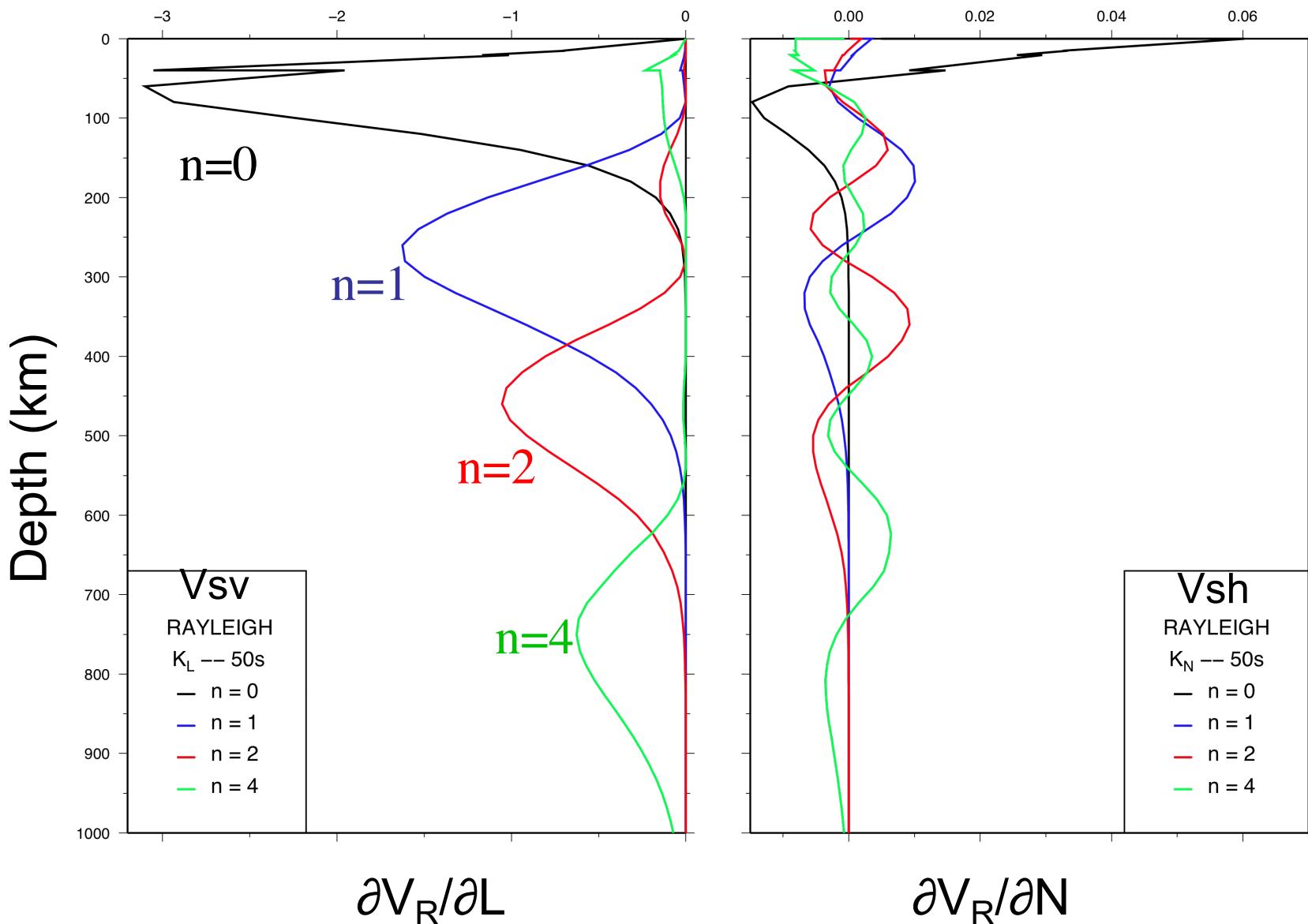
$$\alpha_3 \cos 4\Psi$$

$$\alpha_4 \sin 4\Psi$$

$$E_c = \frac{1}{8}(C_{11} + C_{22}) - \frac{1}{4}C_{12} - \frac{1}{2}C_{66}$$

$$E_s = \frac{1}{2}(C_{16} - C_{26})$$

Fundamental - Higher modes: Depth Sensitivity Kernels Rayleigh waves



- Cijkl 21 elastic moduli

- $\alpha_0 = 0$ - ψ term: 5 parameters A, C, F, L, N (PREM)

VTI Model (*transverse isotropy with vertical symmetry axis*)

- Best resolved parameters from surface waves (among 13 parameters when including azimuthal anisotropy 2 ψ -, 4 ψ -terms)

$$L = \rho V_{SV}^2 \quad \text{Isotropic part of } V_{SV}$$

$$\xi = N/L = (V_{SH}/V_{SV})^2 \quad \text{Radial Anisotropy}$$

G, Ψ_G Azimuthal Anisotropy of V_{SV} , also related to SKS splitting (when horizontal symmetry axis, vertical propagation, Montagner et al., 2000)

- Body waves (Crampin, 1984)

$$\rho V_{SV}^2 = L + G_c \cos 2\Psi + G_s \sin 2\Psi$$

$$\rho V_{SH}^2 = N - E_c \cos 4\Psi - E_s \sin 4\Psi$$

Geodynamic Interpretation: LPO

Convective cell: anisotropic parameters

Tomographies of:

-S- Velocity

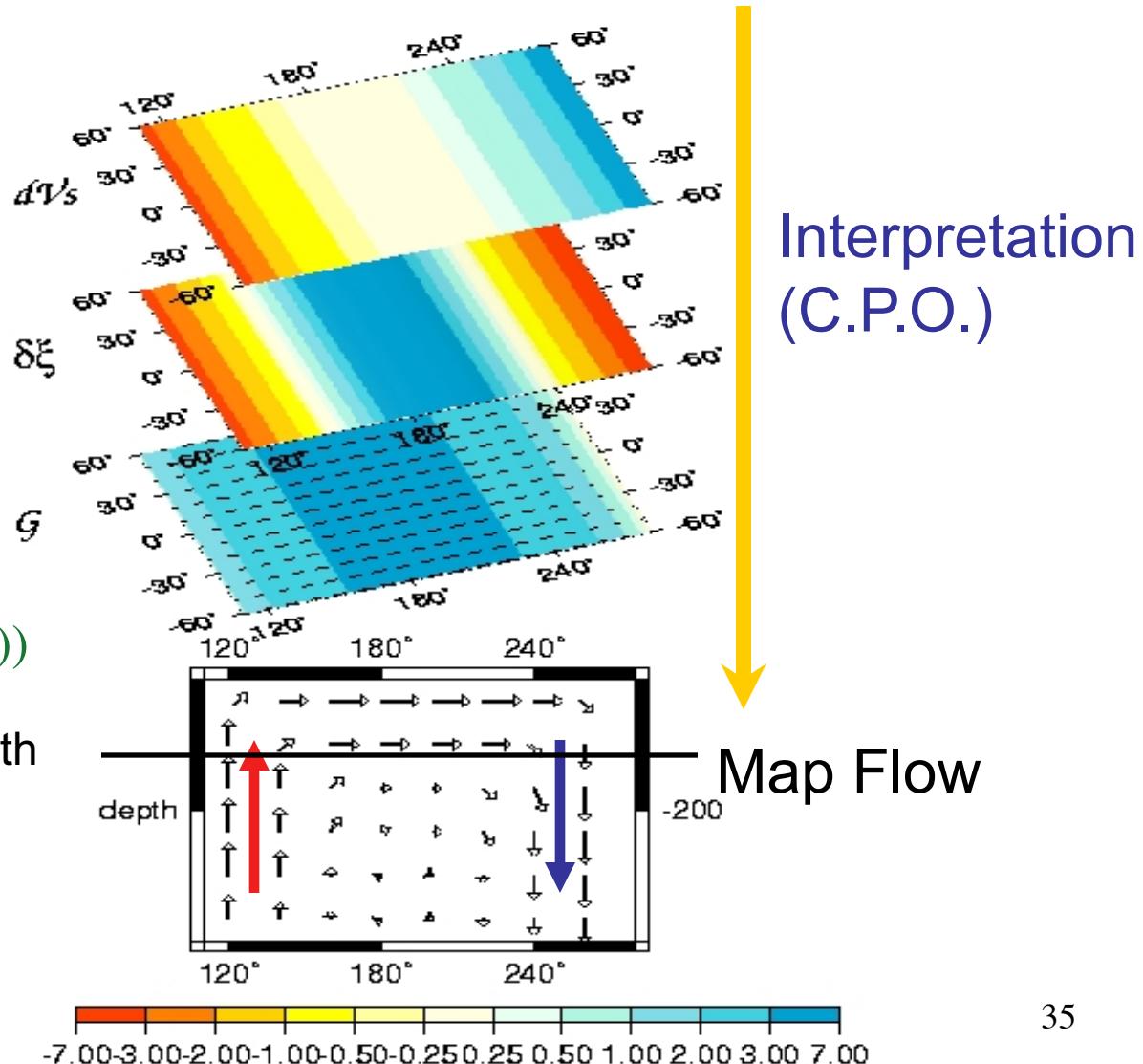
-Radial Anisotropy

$$\delta\xi = (V_{SH}^2 - V_{SV}^2) / V_{SV}^2$$

-Azimuthal Anisotropy

$$V_{SV} \approx V_{SV0} + \frac{1}{2} G \cos(2(\Psi - \Psi_G))$$

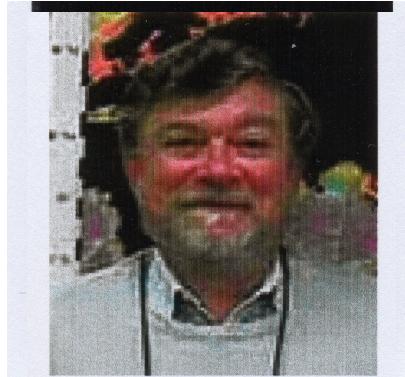
At a given depth



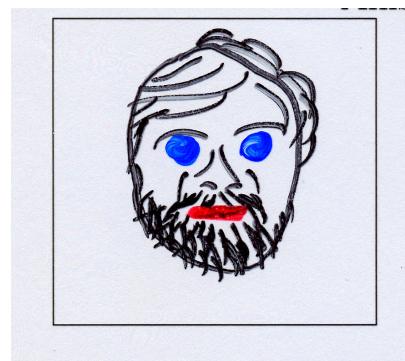
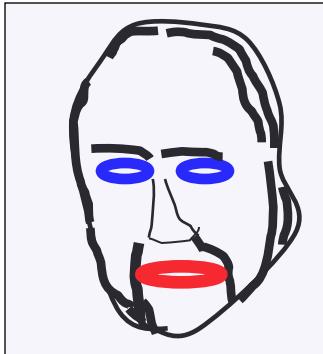
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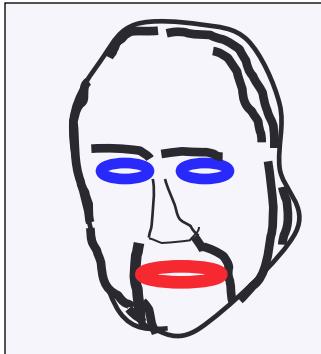
Anisotropic Imaging



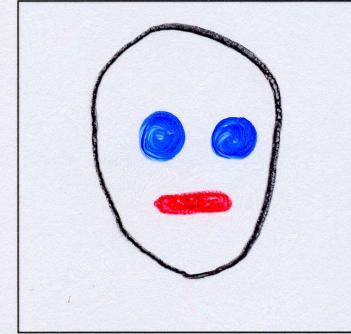
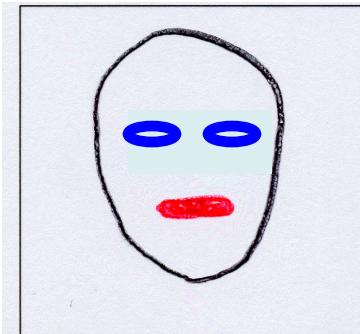
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Anisotropic Imaging



Isotropic Imaging

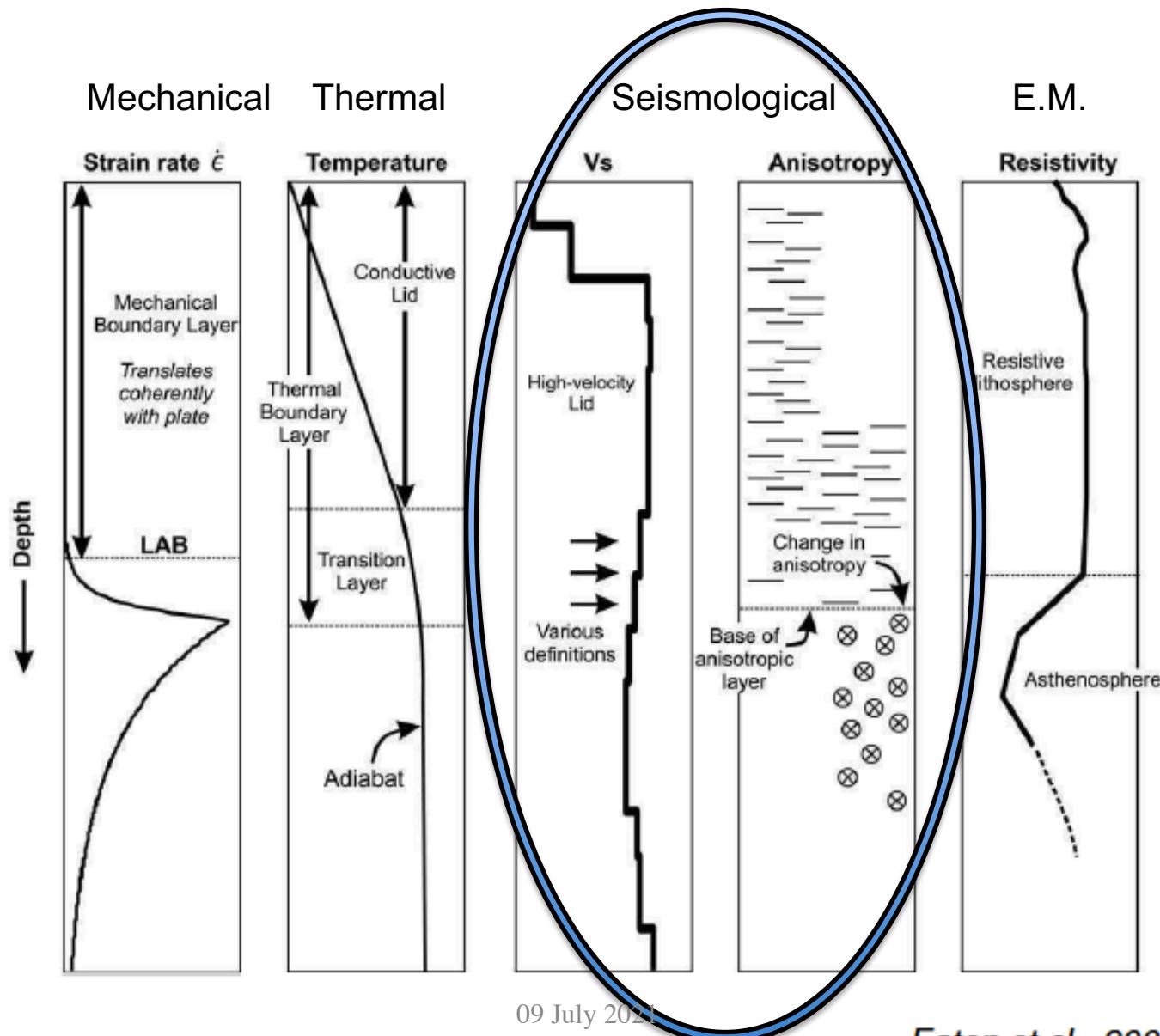


Examples of applications of seismic anisotropy to geodynamic processes

- Mapping of mantle convection (global scale)
- **Mapping of the LAB** (Lithosphere- Asthenosphere Boundary)
Lithosphere roots (oceans- continents)
- Intrinsic versus Extrinsic anisotropy and attenuation
- Mantle Transition Zones (410-1000km depth range)

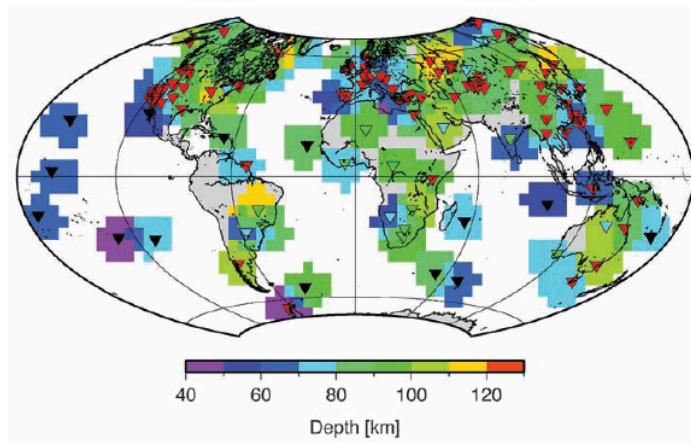
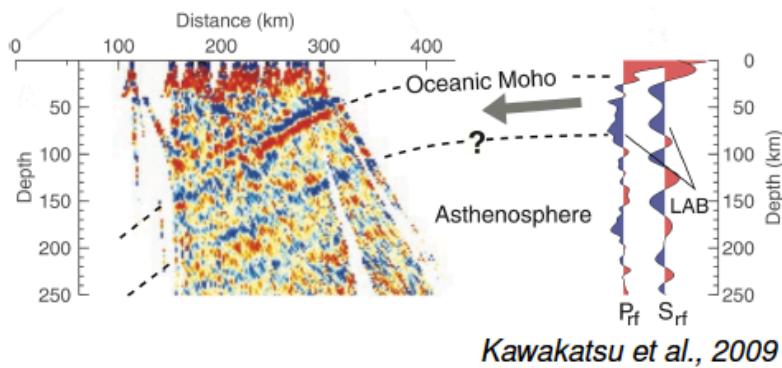
L.A.B.: Lithosphere-Asthenosphere Boundary

(many different approaches and definitions)



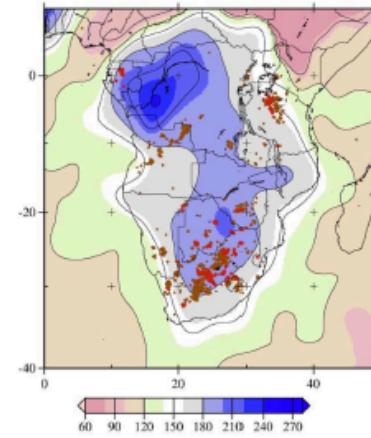
LAB : from seismic data

Receiver functions

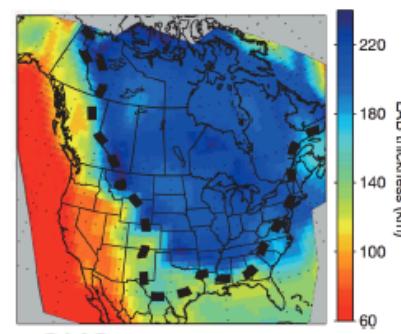


Rychert & Shearer, 2009

Surface waves



Fishwick, 2010



+SKS Yuan & Romanowicz, 2010

Much discrepancy between different estimates:

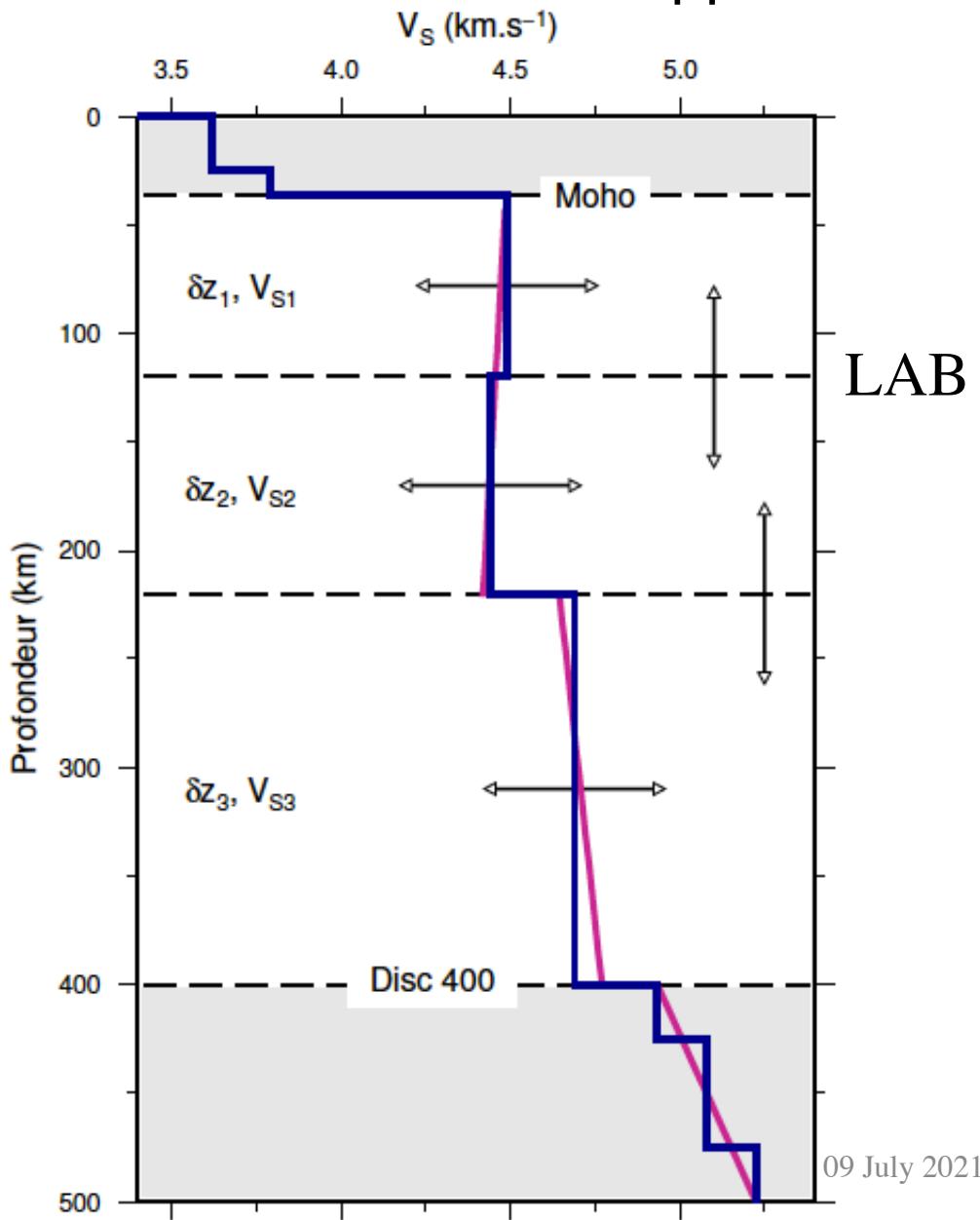
Global surface wave tomographies give 200-250km depth for continental roots

Mid-lithospheric Discontinuity (Yuan & Romanowicz, 2010)

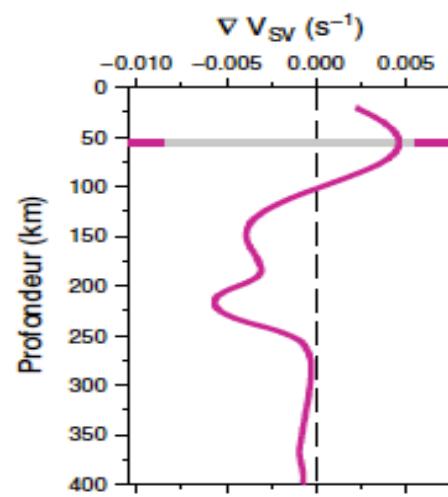
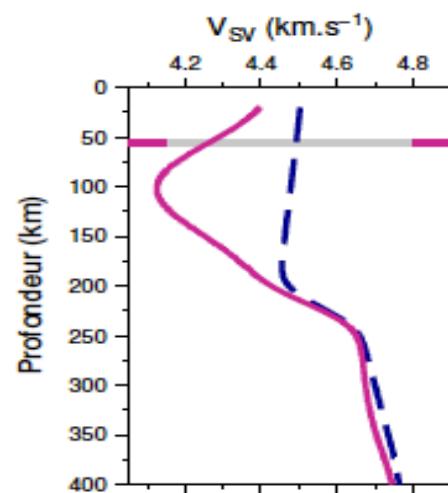
From Surface wave dispersion

Statistical Monte-Carlo Approach

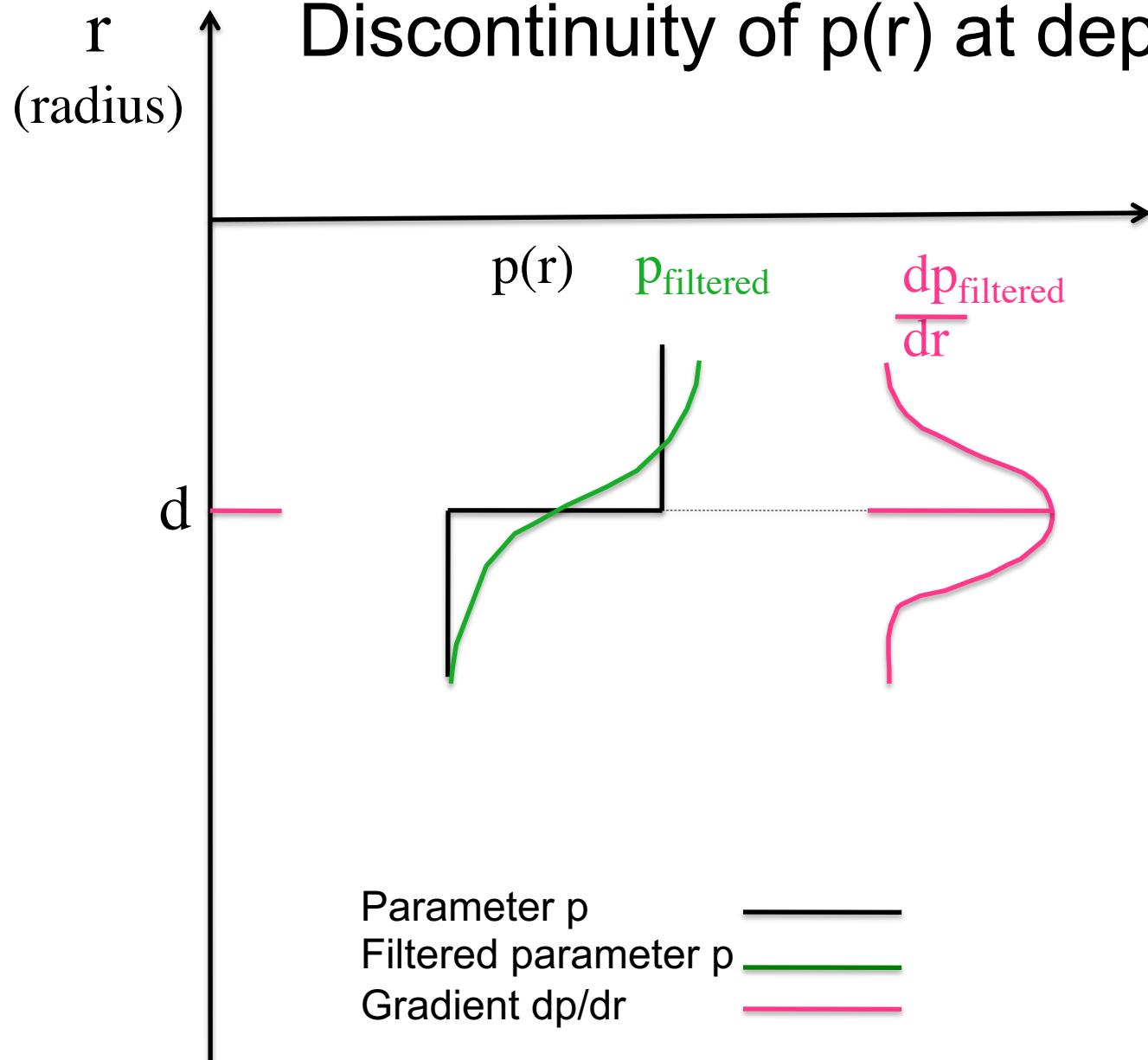
First order Perturbation theory



Proxy from parameter V_{sv}



Discontinuity of $p(r)$ at depth d



Other proxies from parameters obtained from anisotropy tomographic models

Well resolved parameters:

V_{SV} S-wave velocity

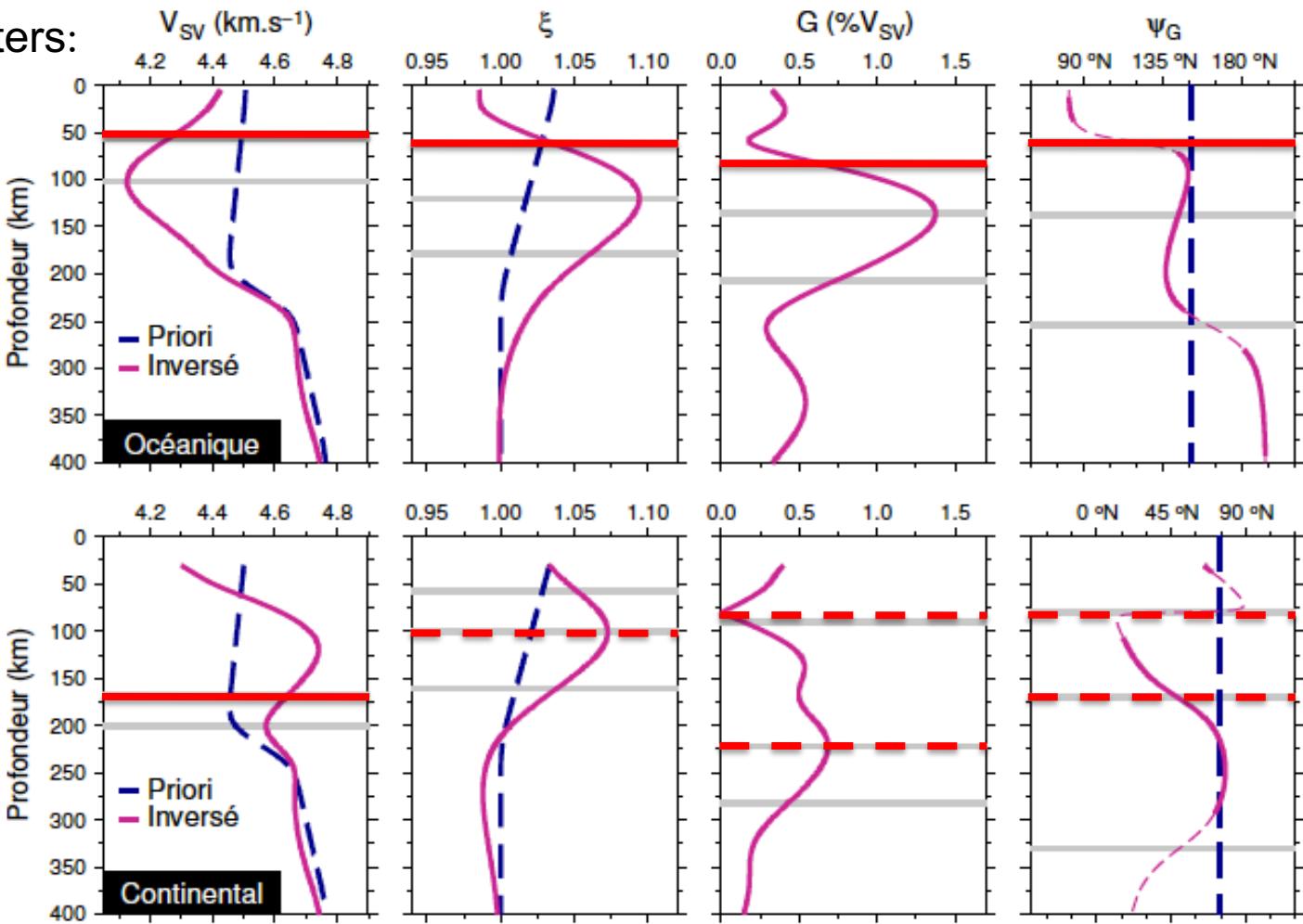
ξ , radial anisotropy

G, Ψ_G S-wave

azimuthal anisotropy

Oceanic profile

$\lambda=35^\circ, \phi=-35^\circ$



Continental profile

$\lambda=63^\circ, \phi=-96^\circ$

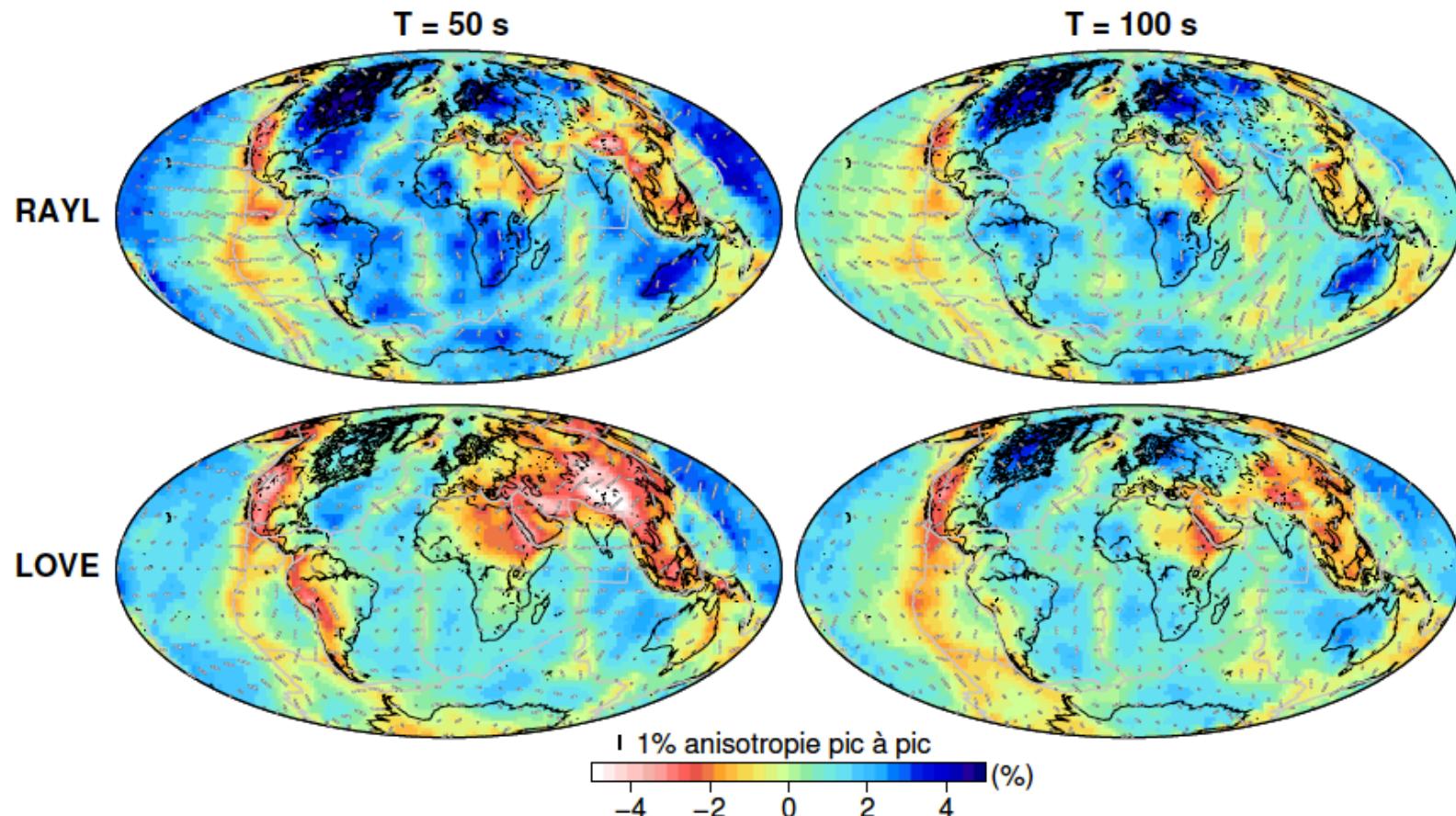
Data collection

Phase and group velocity dispersion curves
Rayleigh and Love waves,
Fundamental and higher modes ($n=\{0,6\}$)

| | | | | |
|------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| IPGP(1) | 44 - 315 | 9292† | - | - |
| UTRECHT(2) | 35 - 175 | 63628 | 35 - 176 | 45179 |
| HARVARD(3) | 35 - 150 | 37738 | 35 - 150 | 23227 |
| BOULDER(4) | 16 - 200 | 76580 | 16 - 150 | 47021 |
| TOTAL | - | 187238 | - | 115427 |

First step: Regionalization => local dispersion velocity $V(T, \theta, \phi, \psi)$

Rayleigh phase velocity and azimuthal anisotropy



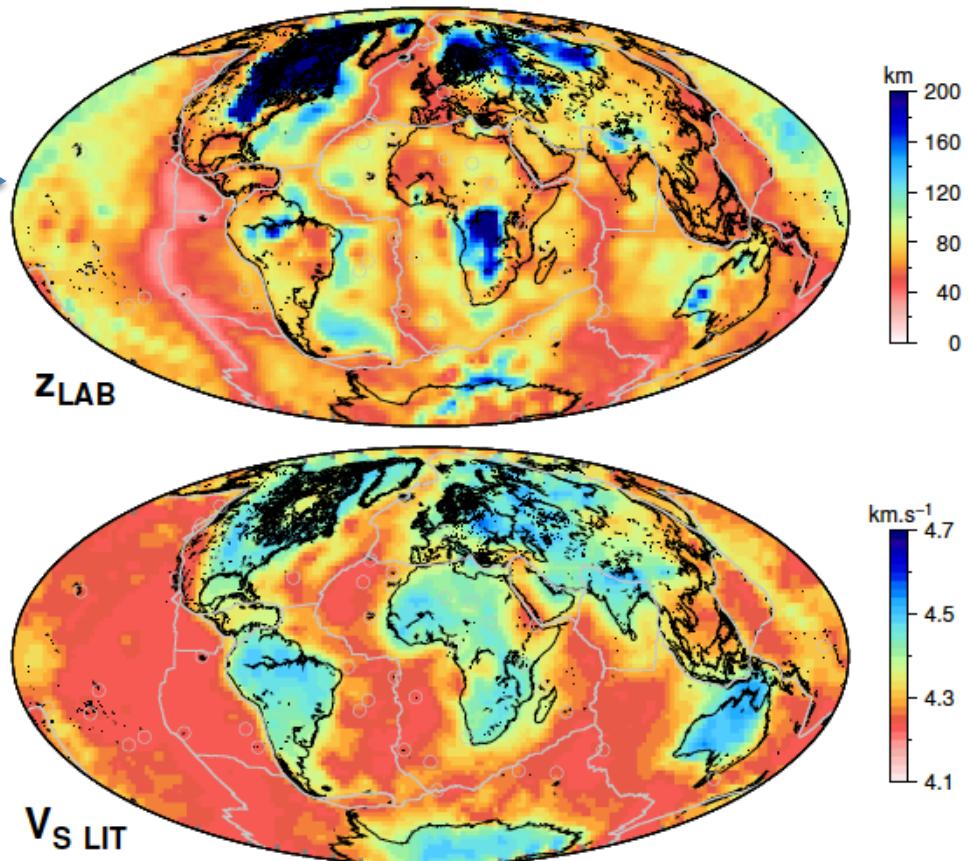
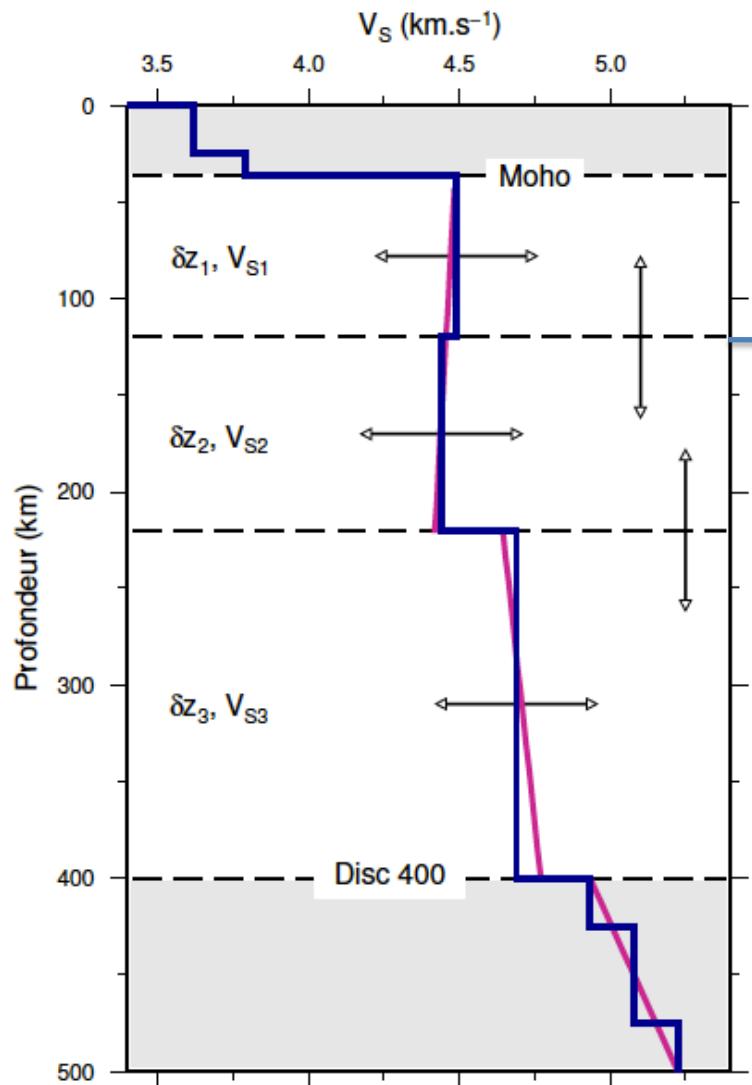
Second step: Inversion at depth

Statistical Monte-Carlo Inversion

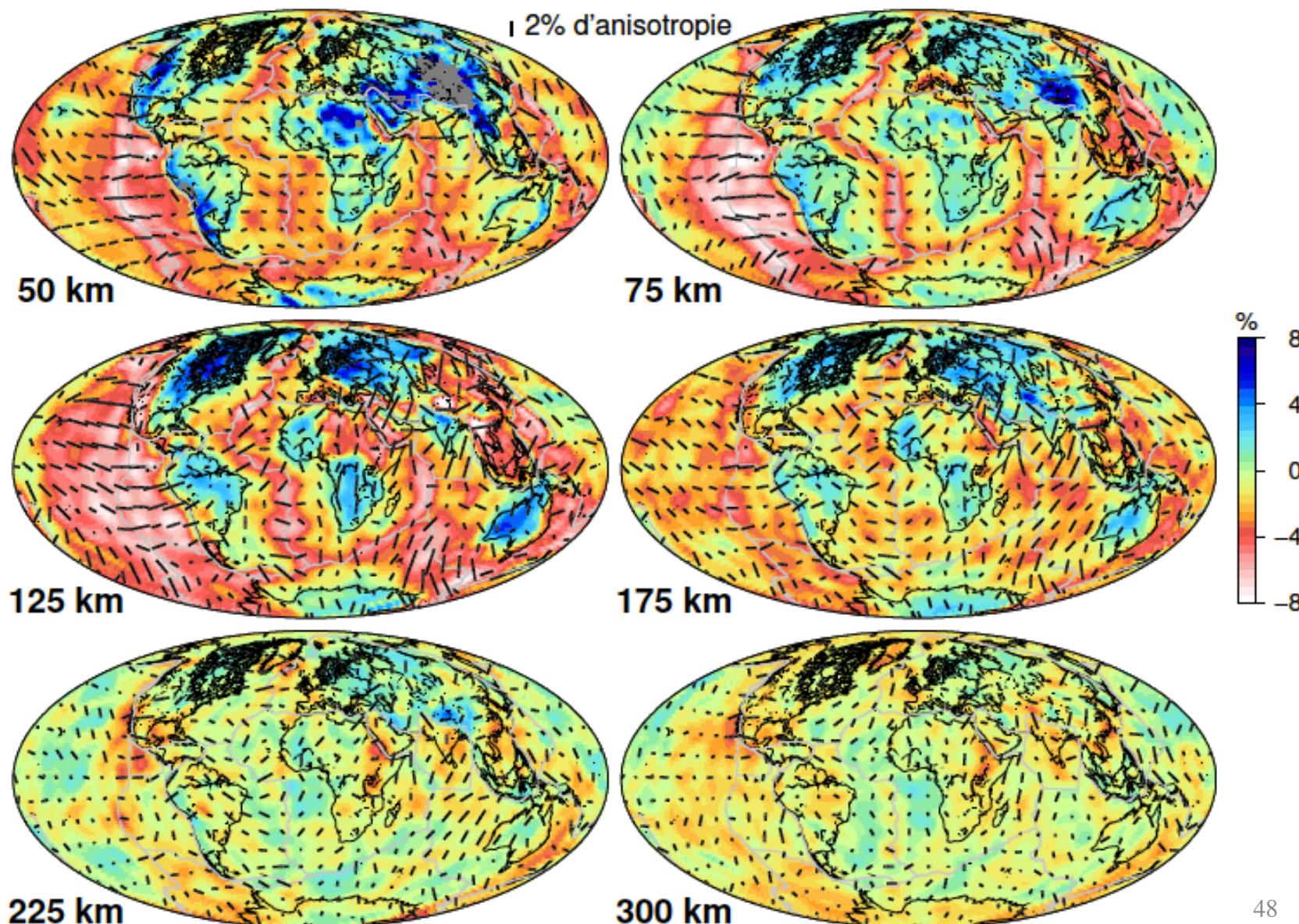
First order Perturbation
Theory

LAB: Statistical M.C. Isotropic Inversion

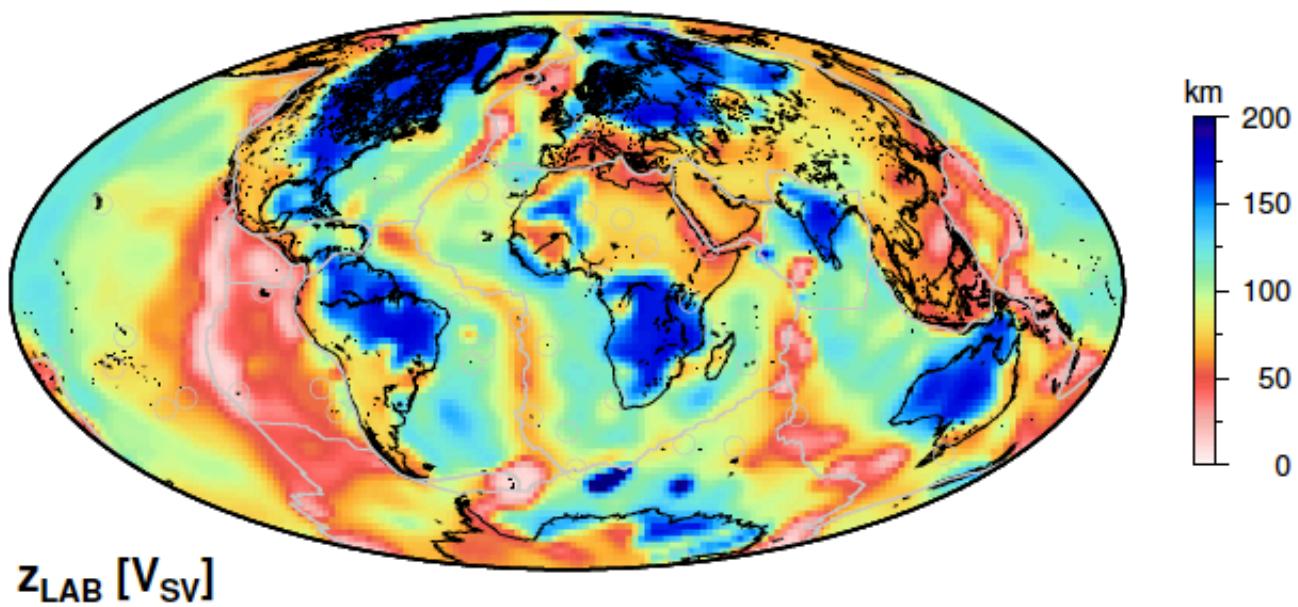
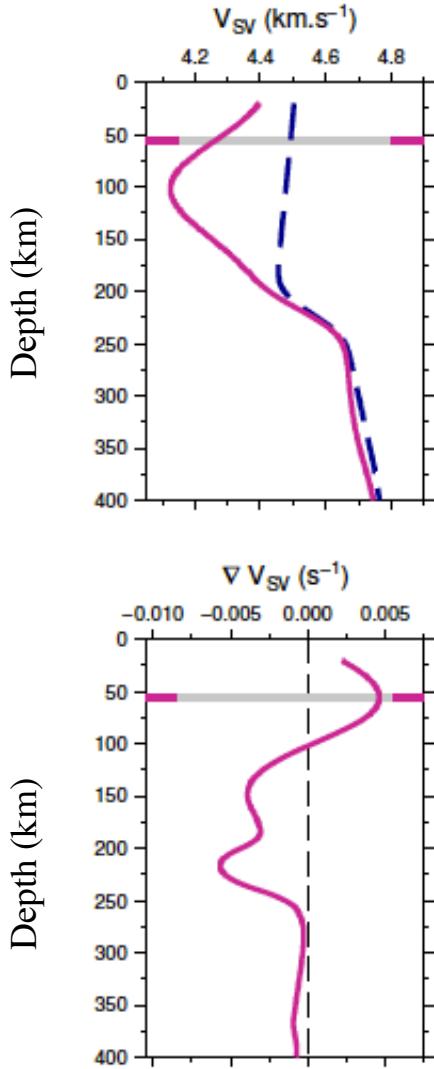
Data: C_R, C_L, U_R, U_L [30-300s], Parameters: 3 V_s , 2 δz



First order perturbation Theory => depth distribution of V_{sv} , G (and ξ)



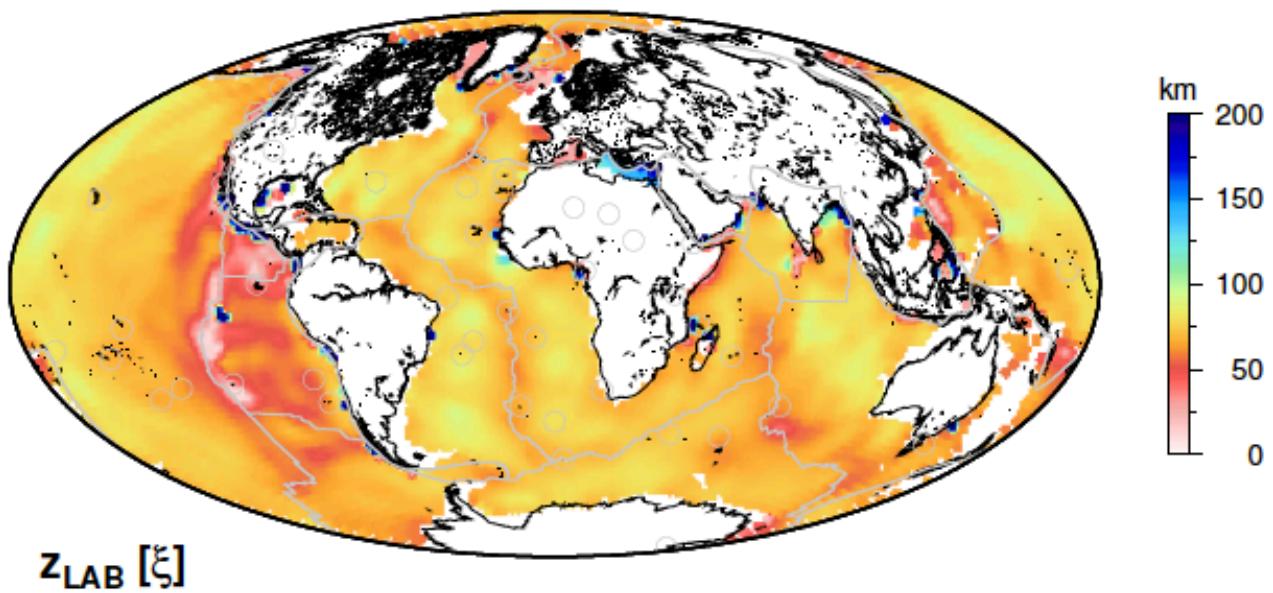
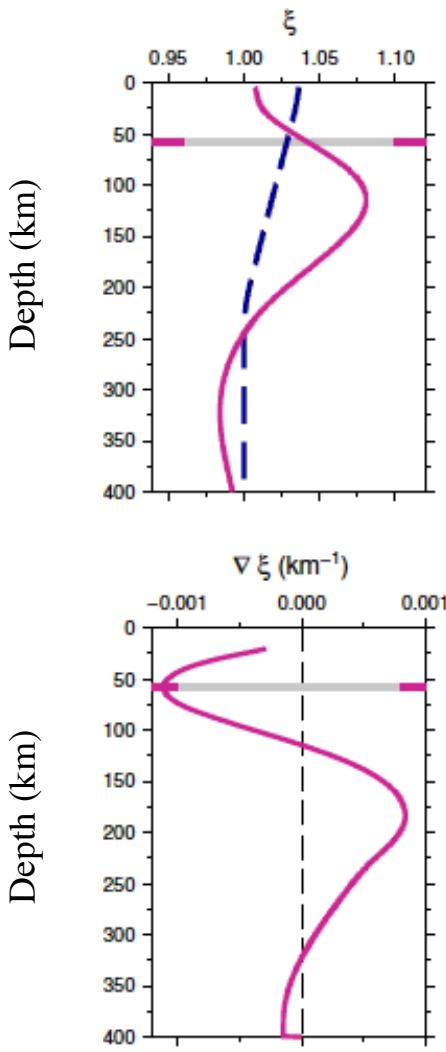
LAB from the gradient of VSV parameter



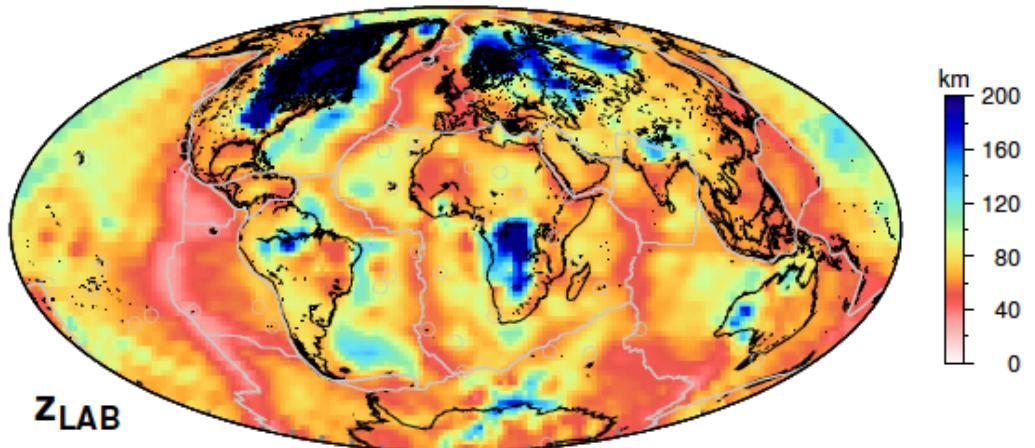
$z_{\text{LAB}} [V_{SV}]$

LAB from the gradient of ξ parameter (only oceans)

Radial anisotropy $\xi = (V_{SH}/V_{SV})^2$

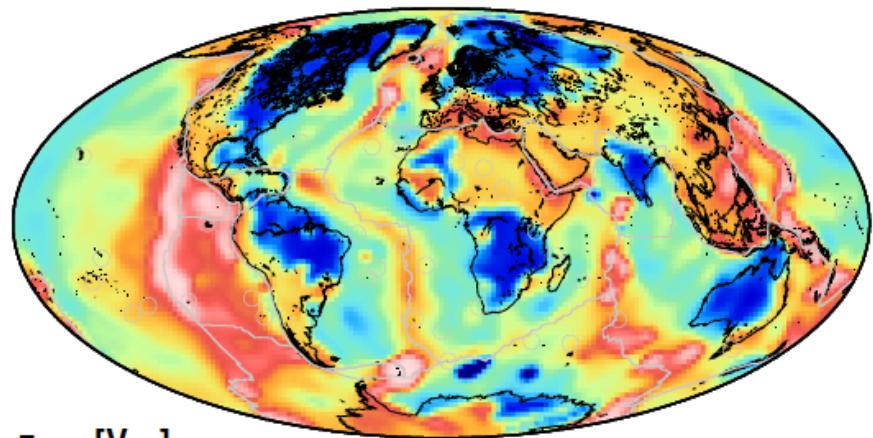


Statistical MC Isotropic Inversion



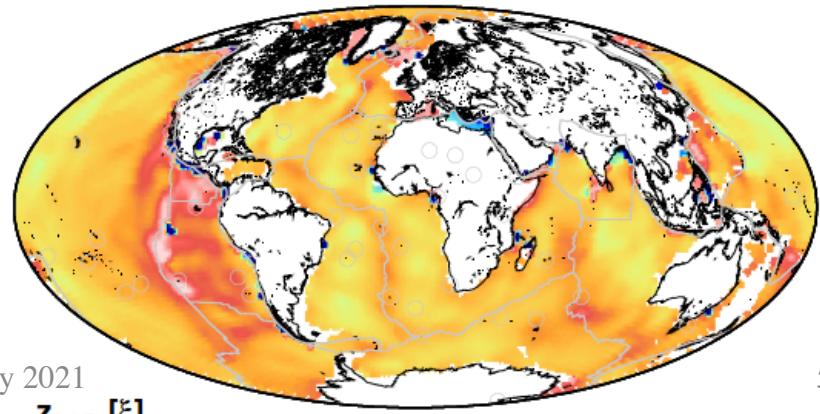
z_{LAB}

V_{sv} proxy (1st order
Perturbation Theory)



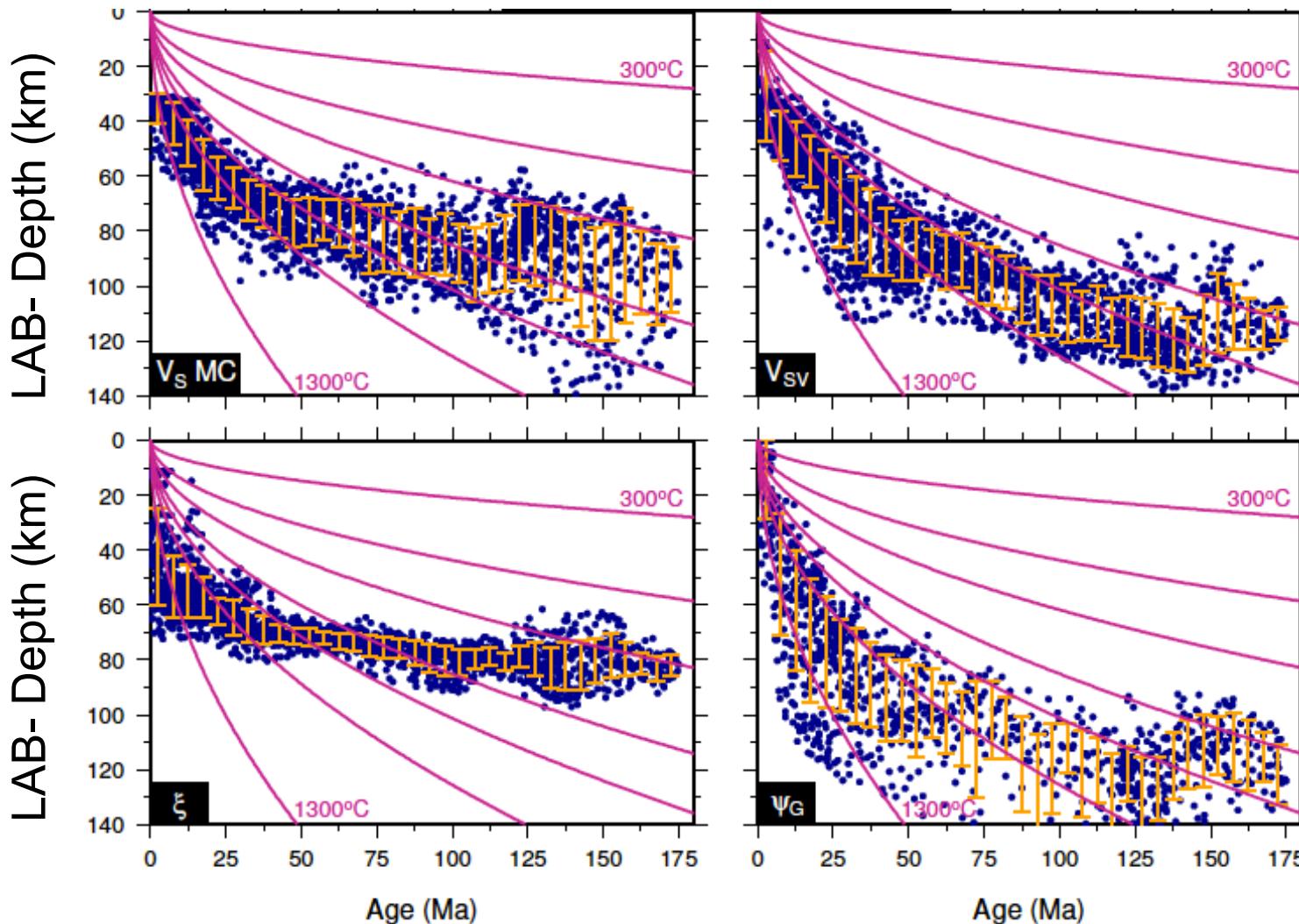
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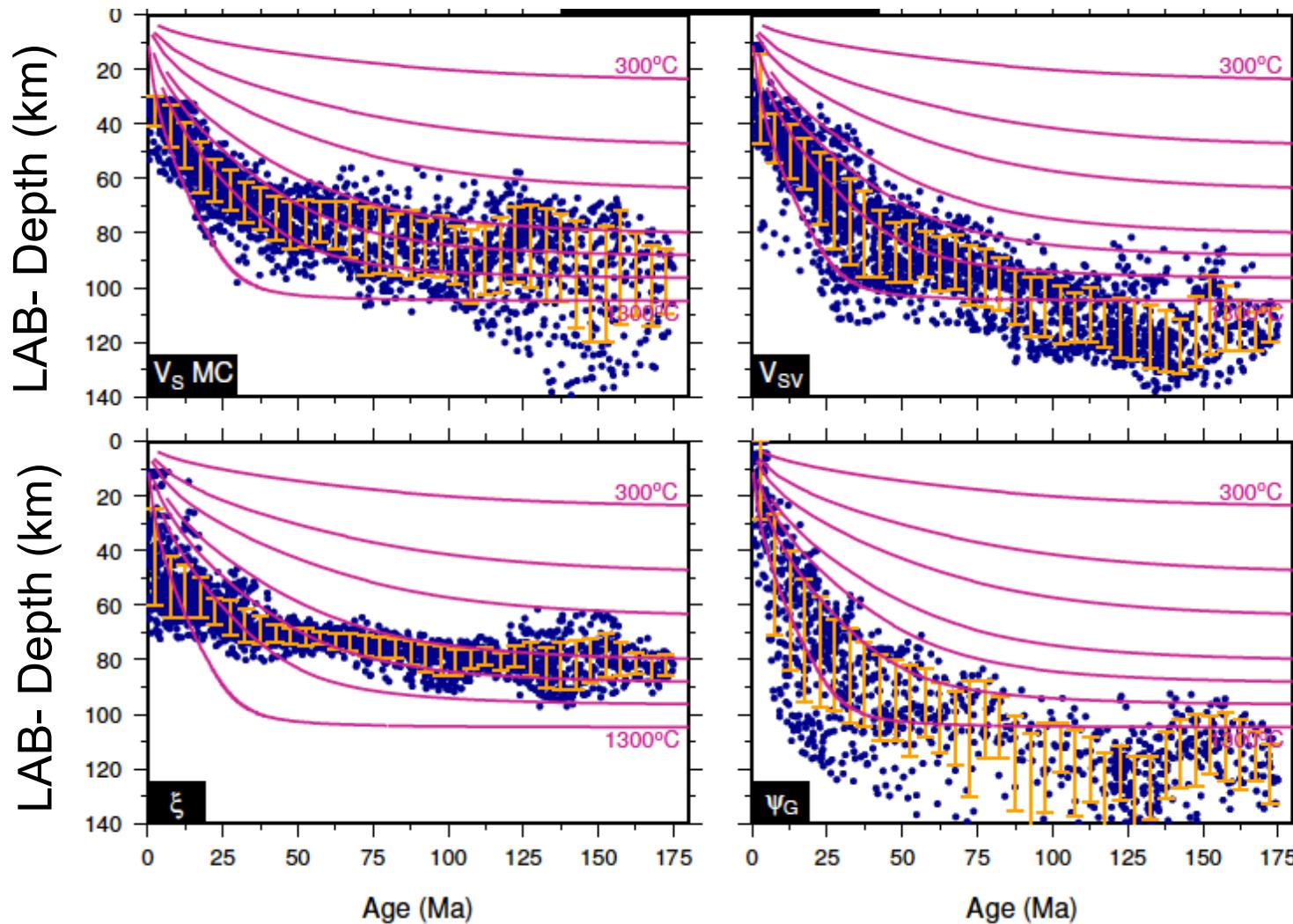
Age Variation of LAB depth in oceanic regions

Compared with Half Space Cooling model

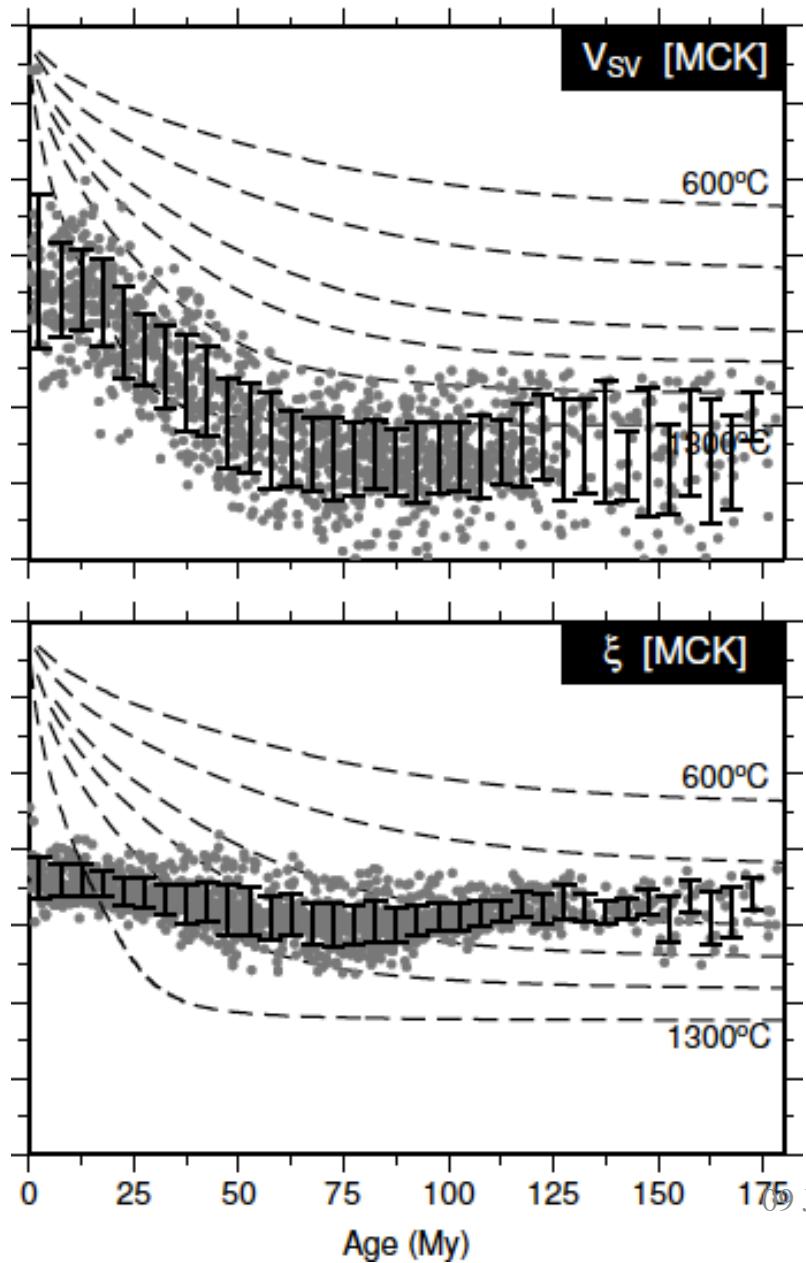


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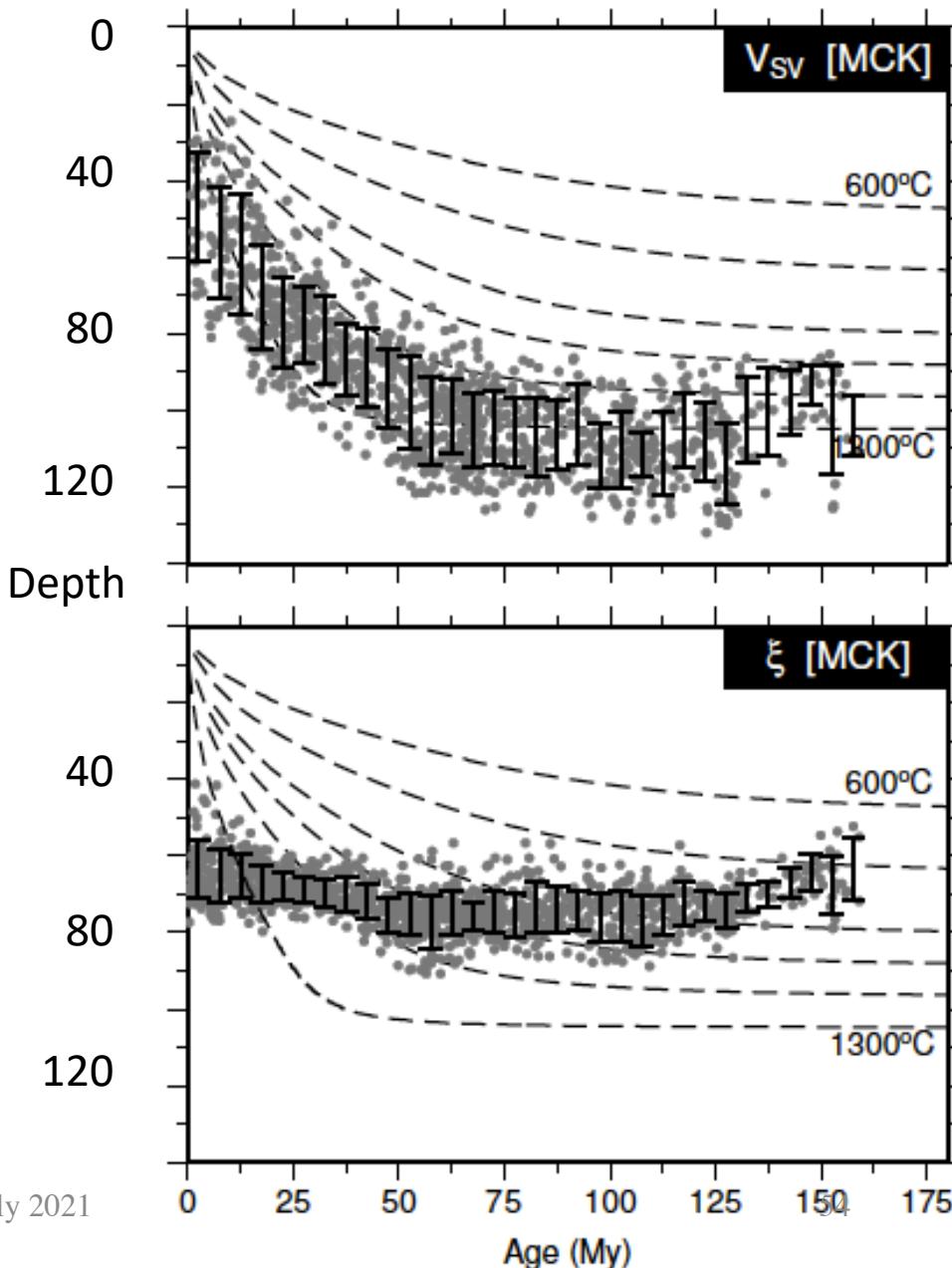
Compared with Plate model



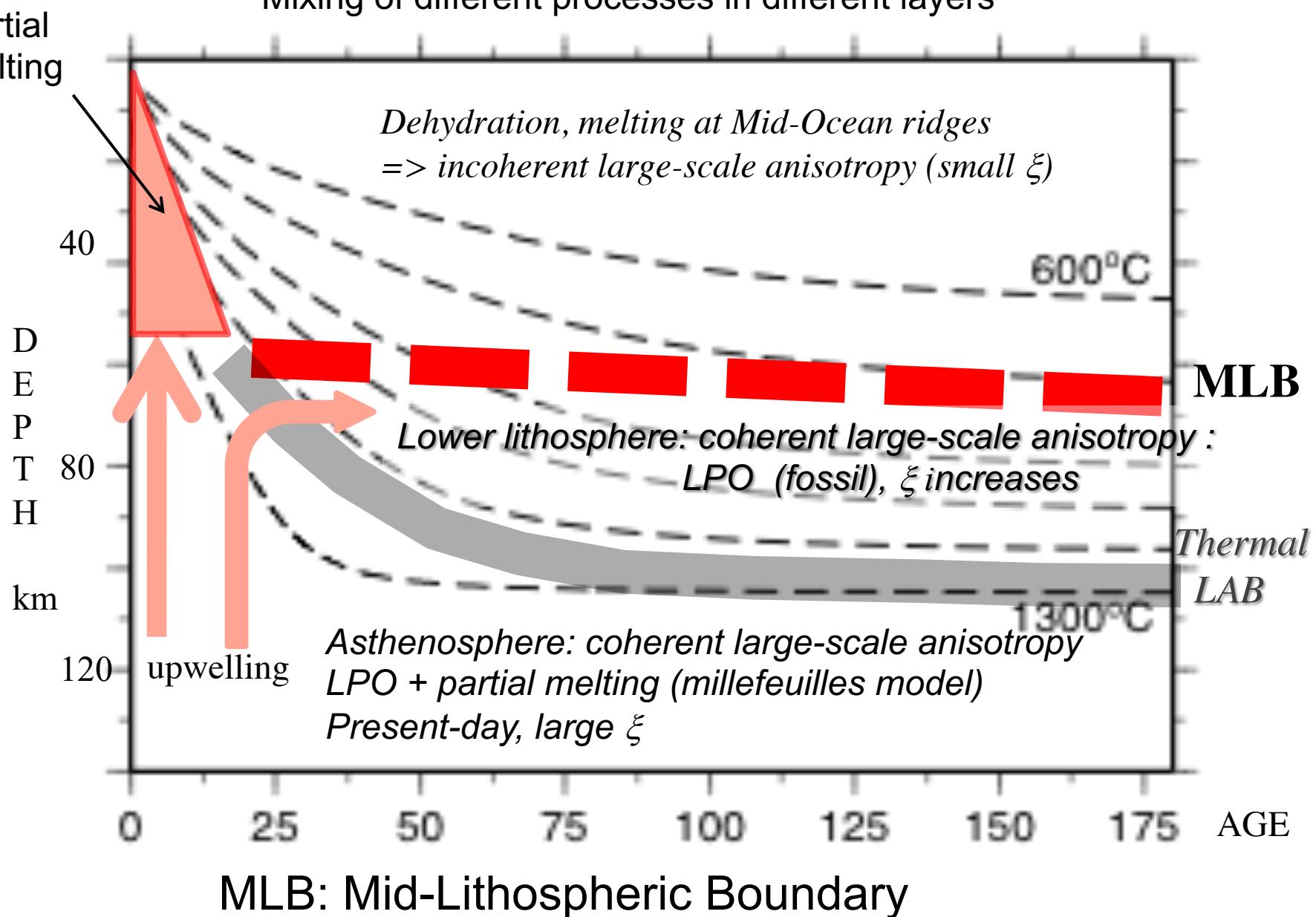
Atlantic Ocean



Indian Ocean



Mixing of different processes in different layers



New Discontinuity within the lithosphere

-LAB topography derived from surface wave data on a global scale

-The ocean lithosphere not so simple!

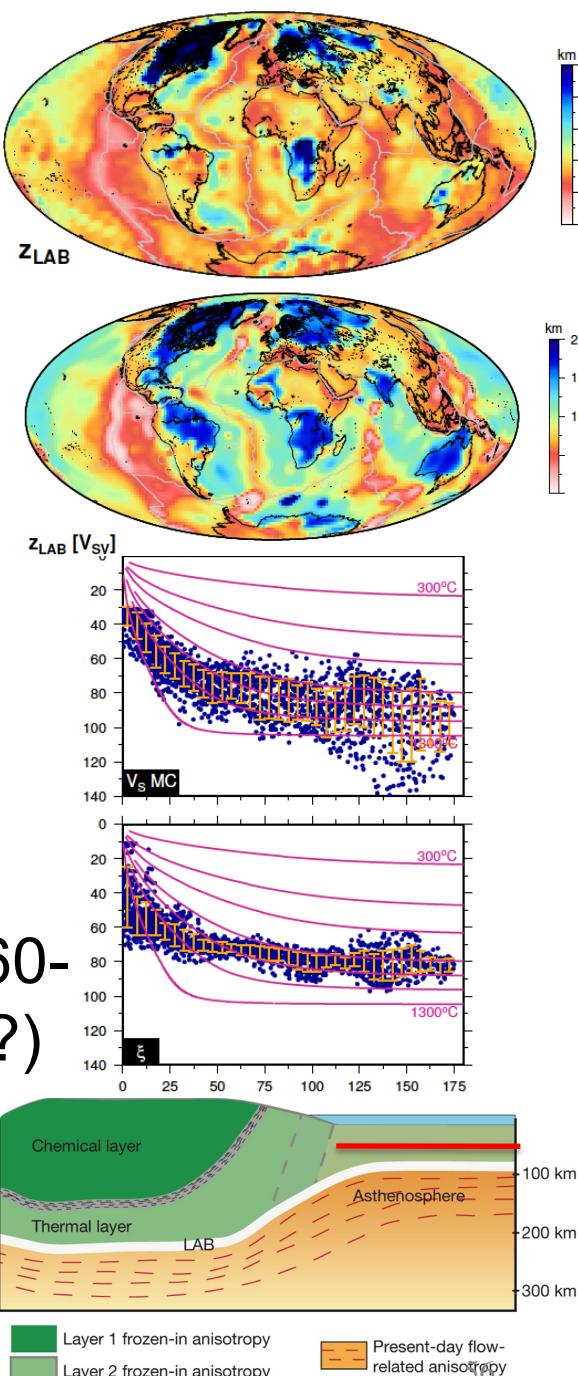
- For oceans, the model of formation of lithosphere must be revisited in view of results from radial and azimuthal anisotropies.

-Existence of a strong gradient of ξ between 60-80km (related to dehydration boundary layer?)

Mid-Lithospheric Boundary

CONTINENTS?

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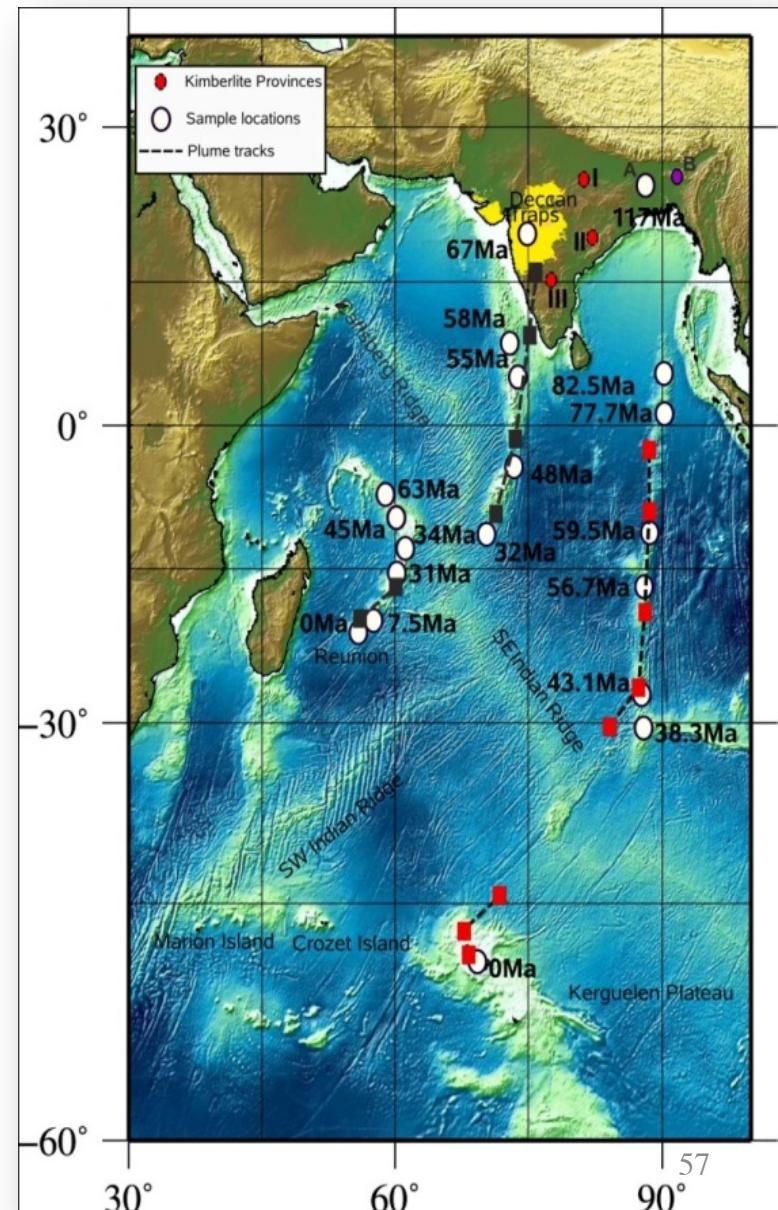


Yuan and Romanowicz, 2010

Indian Continent

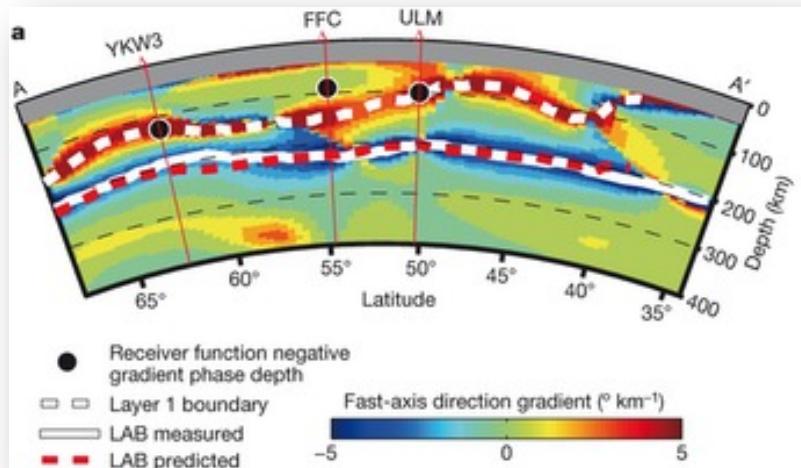
Motivation and Scientific Challenges

- Indian continent is **unique** in many respects.
- Indian plate moved at exceptionally high speeds of **18-20 cm/yr** after its breakup from Gondwanaland ~65 Myr. Ago
- Five cratons of various extension,
- Ravaged by hotspots and experienced large scale magmatism.
- Deccan, Rajmahal volcanic trapps
- Interaction with plumes (***La Réunion, Marion, Crozet and Kerguelen***) ?

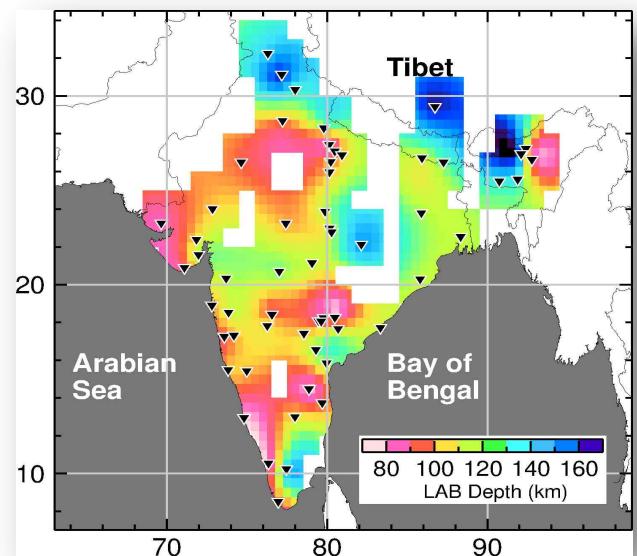


Scientific Challenges – Debate on Indian LAB

- **Super mobility** due to a thin seismic lithosphere (~80-100km) (Kumar et al., Nature, 2007)?
- In total disagreement with common consensus on cratons:
North America (~200-250km) [Yuan and Romanowicz, 2010, ...]: stratification.
- Is the seismic discontinuity at ~100 km depth unrelated to LAB?
- Evidence for postcollisional flexuring of the Indian plate with a wavelength of ~1000 km [Kumar et al., 2013]
- => **Large topography** on the LAB (Lithosphere-Asthenosphere Boundary)?
- Deep structure of the Indian continent.

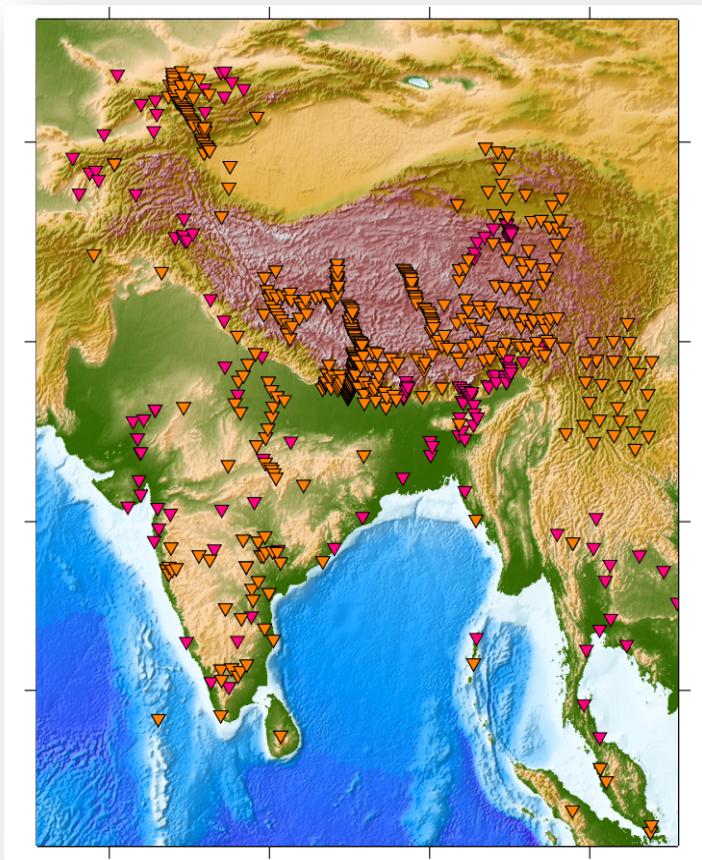


Layering in the lithosphere in NA
[Yuan and Romanowicz, 2010]

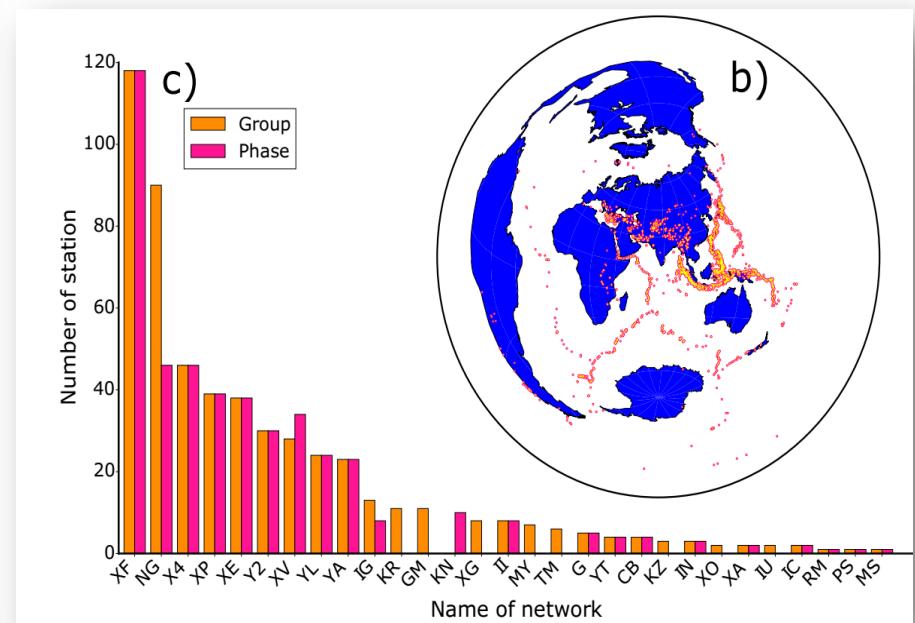


Unique Dataset

Stations



Earthquakes



- 29 Seismic broadband Networks (**global and regional**)
- Over 550 seismic stations
- Earthquakes of magnitude >5.5
- Surface wave data in the period range of 10-400s.

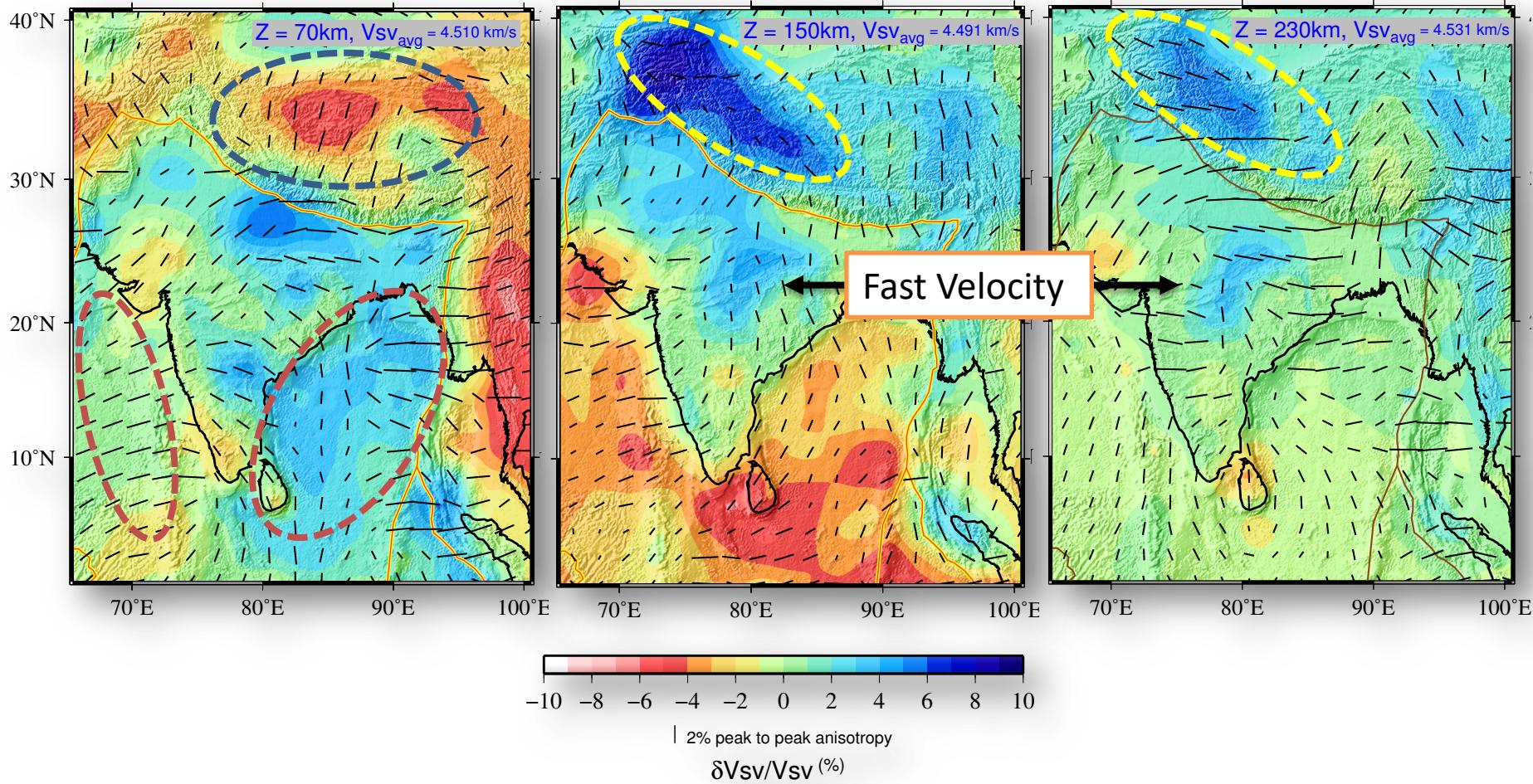
3-D tomography model of the Indian continent

Velocity and Azimuthal Anisotropy

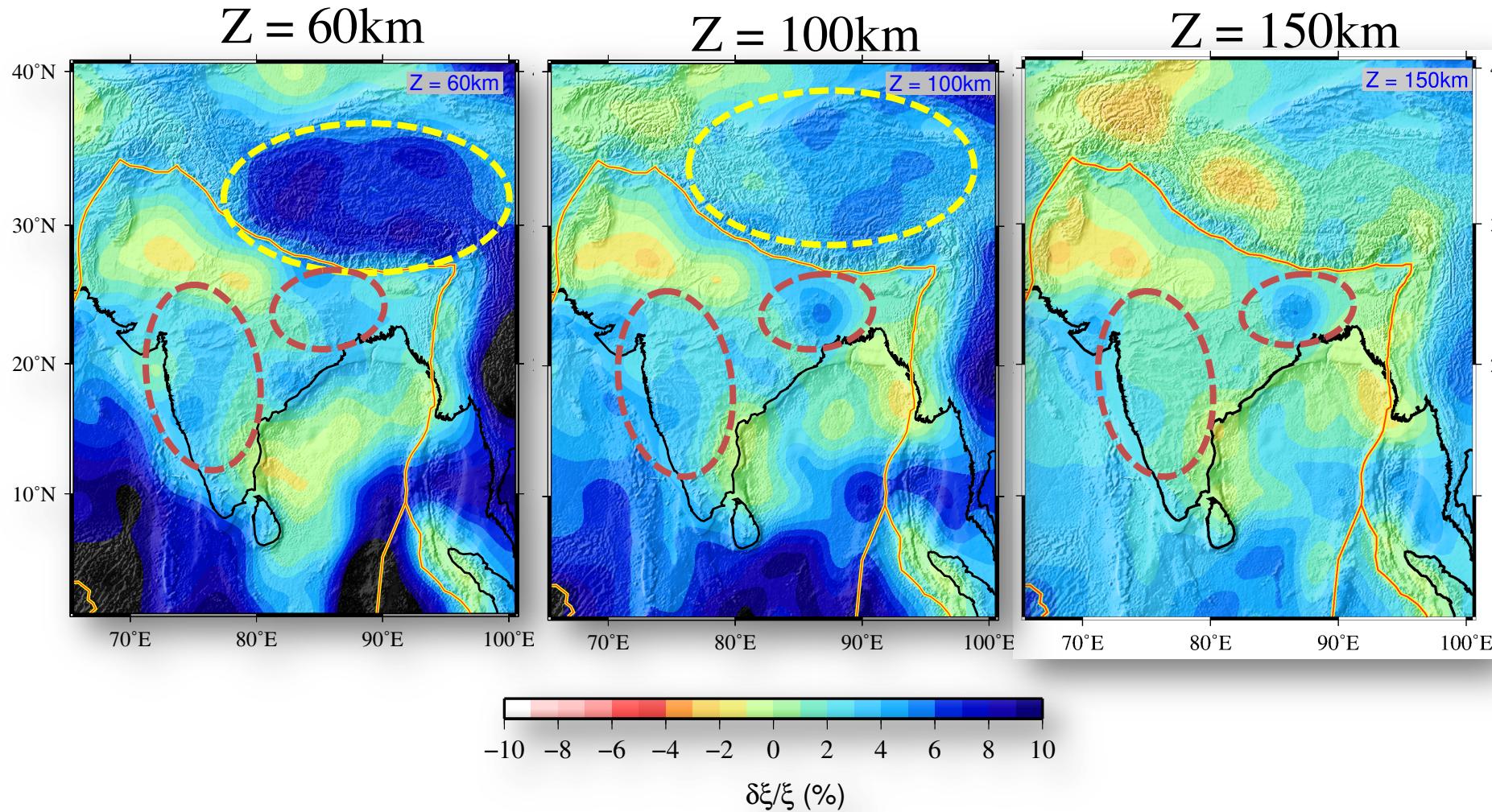
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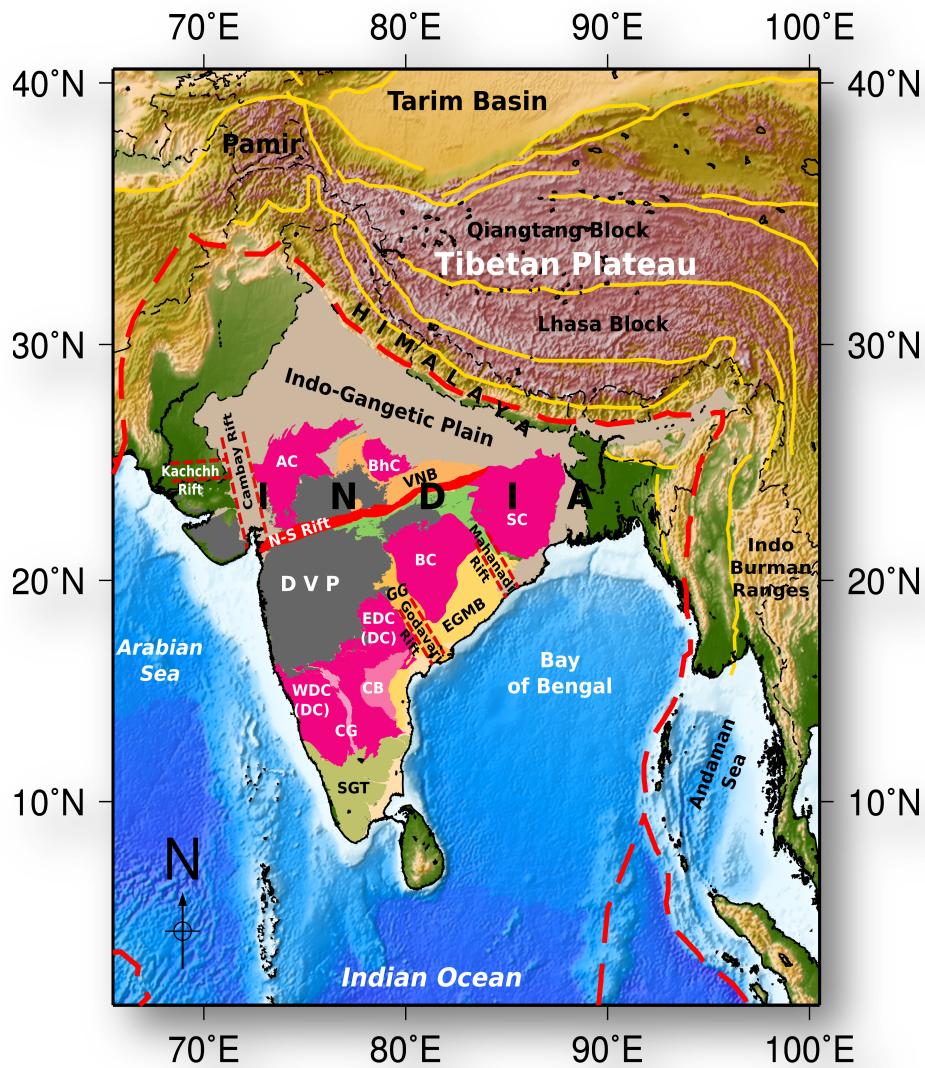
$Z = 230\text{km}$



3-D tomography model of the Indian continent Radial Anisotropy ξ (Rayleigh – Love inversion)



Study Area: geological signature



Precambrian

- South Granulite Terrian (SGT)
- Cratons (AC,BC,BhC,DC,SC)
- Closepet Granite(CG)
- Cuddaph Basin (CB)
- Eastern Ghat Mobile Belt (EGMB)
- Godavari Graben (GG)
- Vindhyan Basin (VNB)

Phanerozoic

- Deccan Volcanic Province (DVP)
- Gondwana Rocks (GR)
- Indo-Gangetic Plains (IGP)
- Alluvium

AC: Aravalli craton

BC: Bastar craton

BhC: Bundhelkhand craton

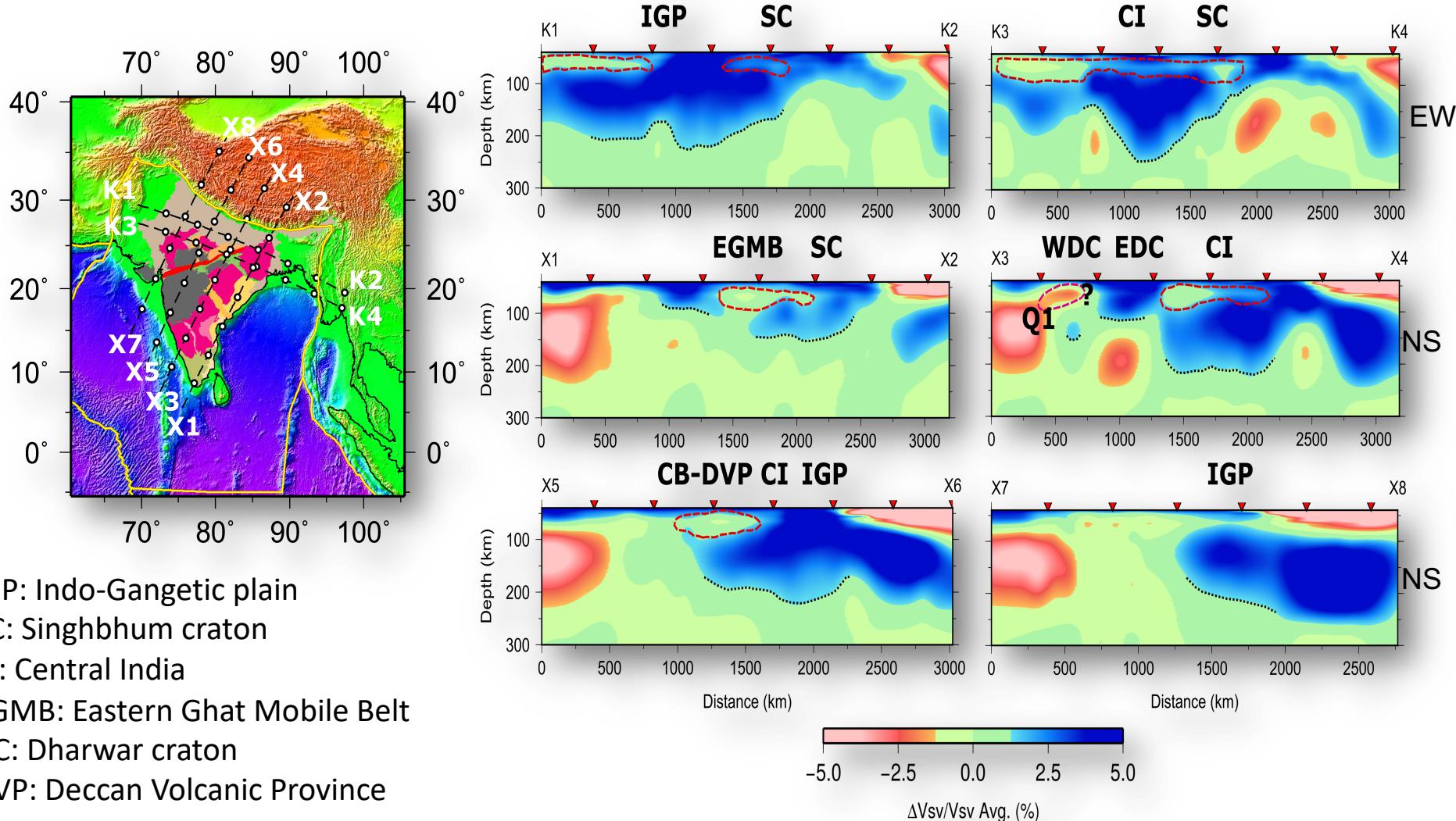
DC: Dharwar craton

SC: Singhbhum craton

DVP: Deccan Volcanic Province

IGP: Indo-Gangetic plains

3D-Perturbation model



IGP: Indo-Gangetic plain

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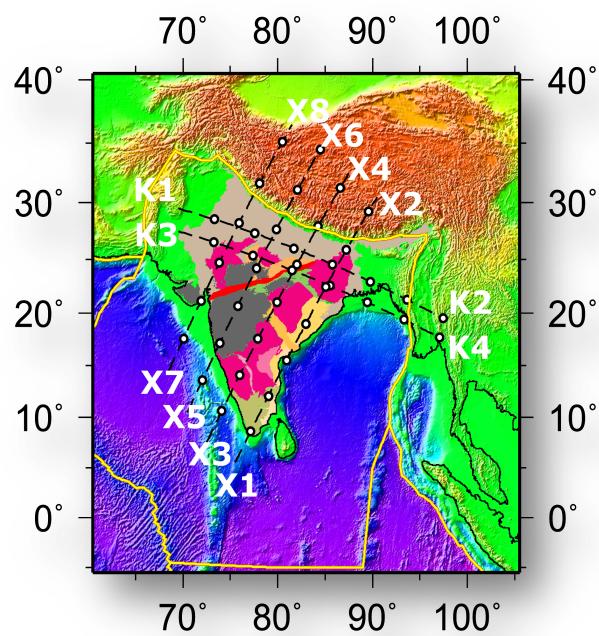
CI: Central India

EGMB: Eastern Ghat Mobile Belt

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3D-Perturbation model -NS



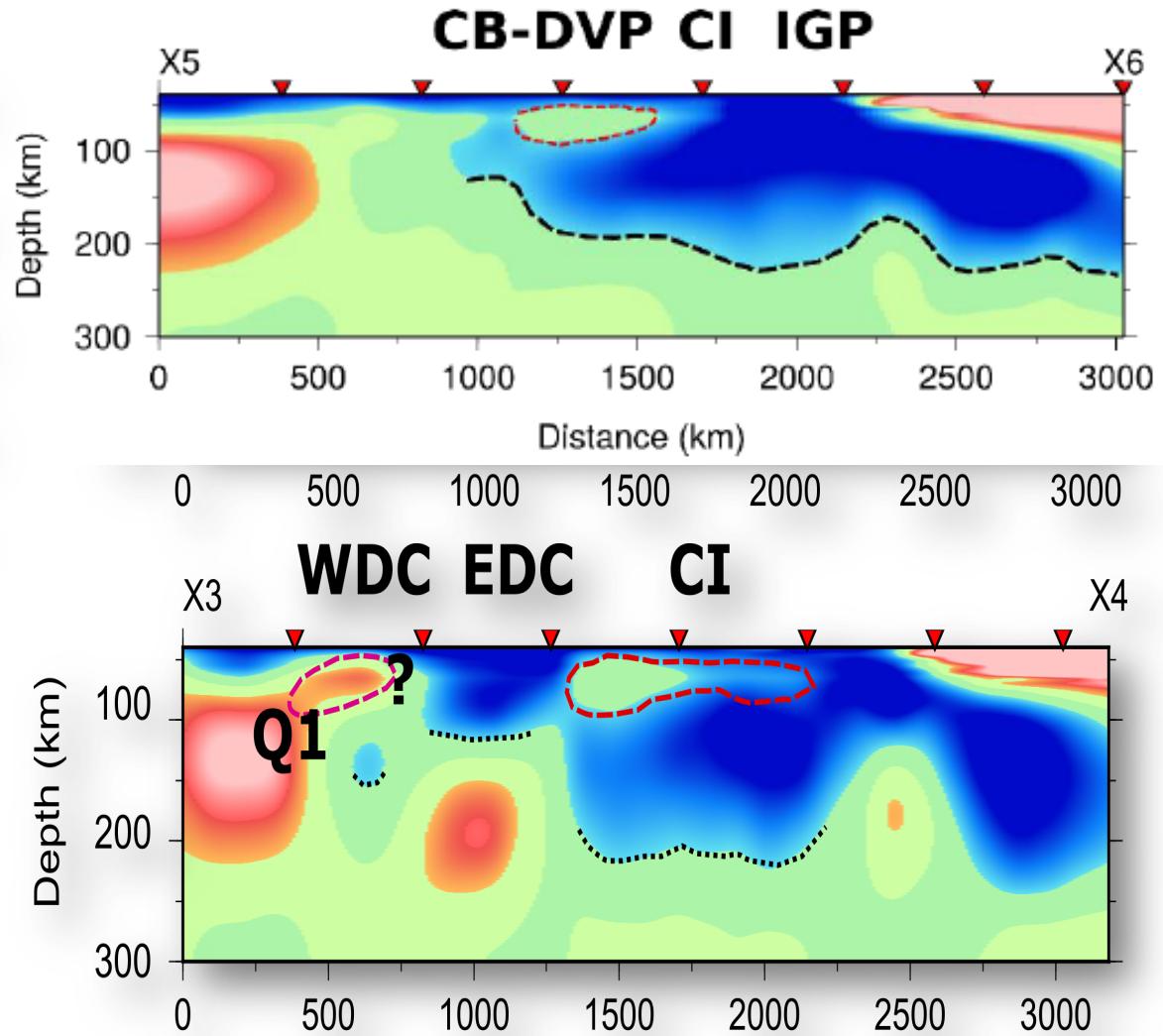
DVP: Low velocity zone
Remnant of hotspot birth

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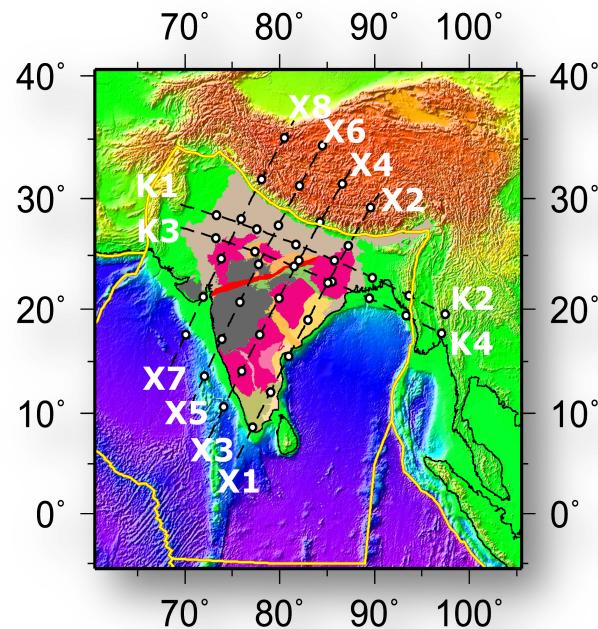
WDC, EDC: West, East Dharwar craton

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MLB-ML-LVZ: Mid-lithospheric low velocity zone

3D-Perturbation model: Indian Keel

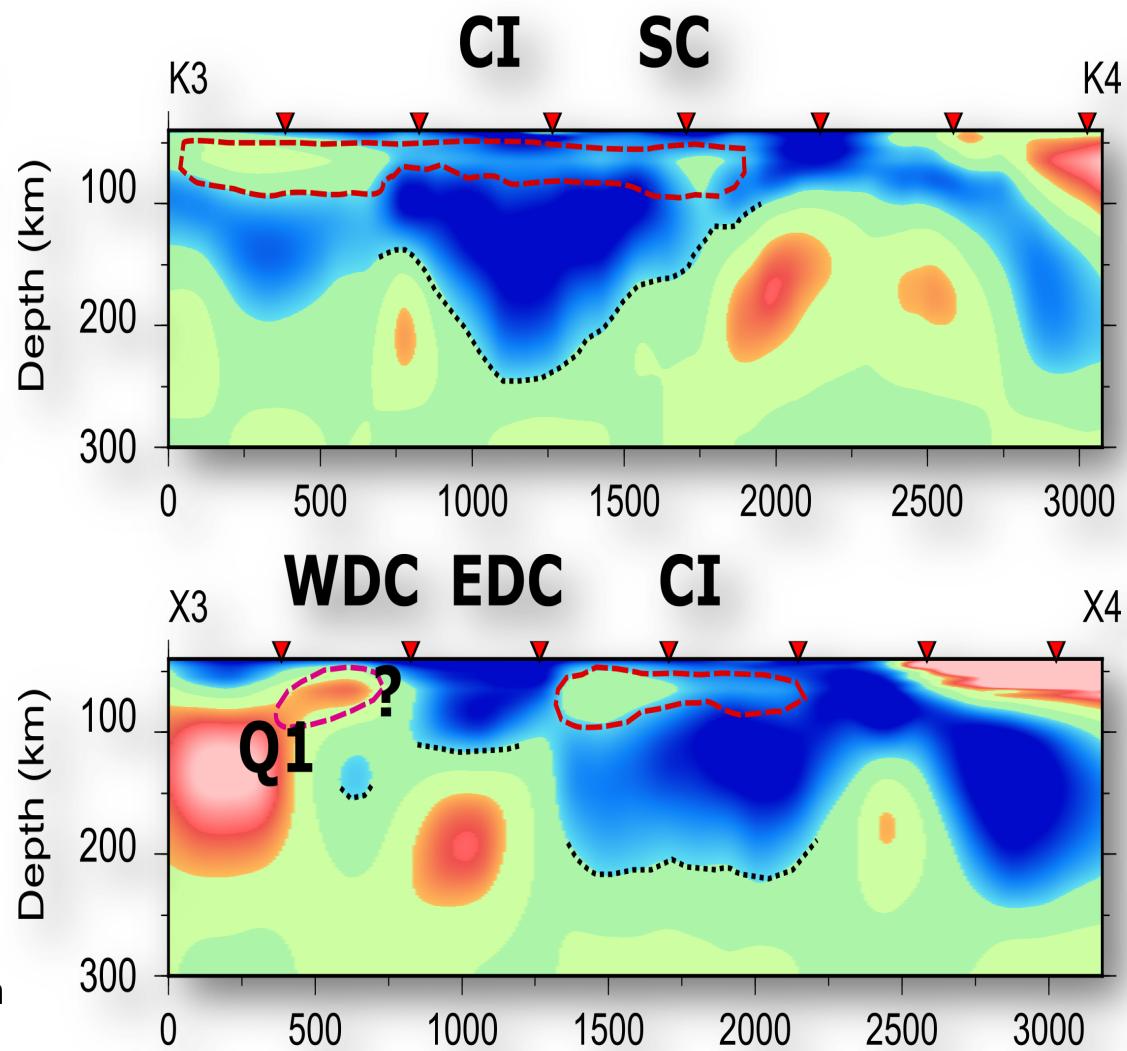


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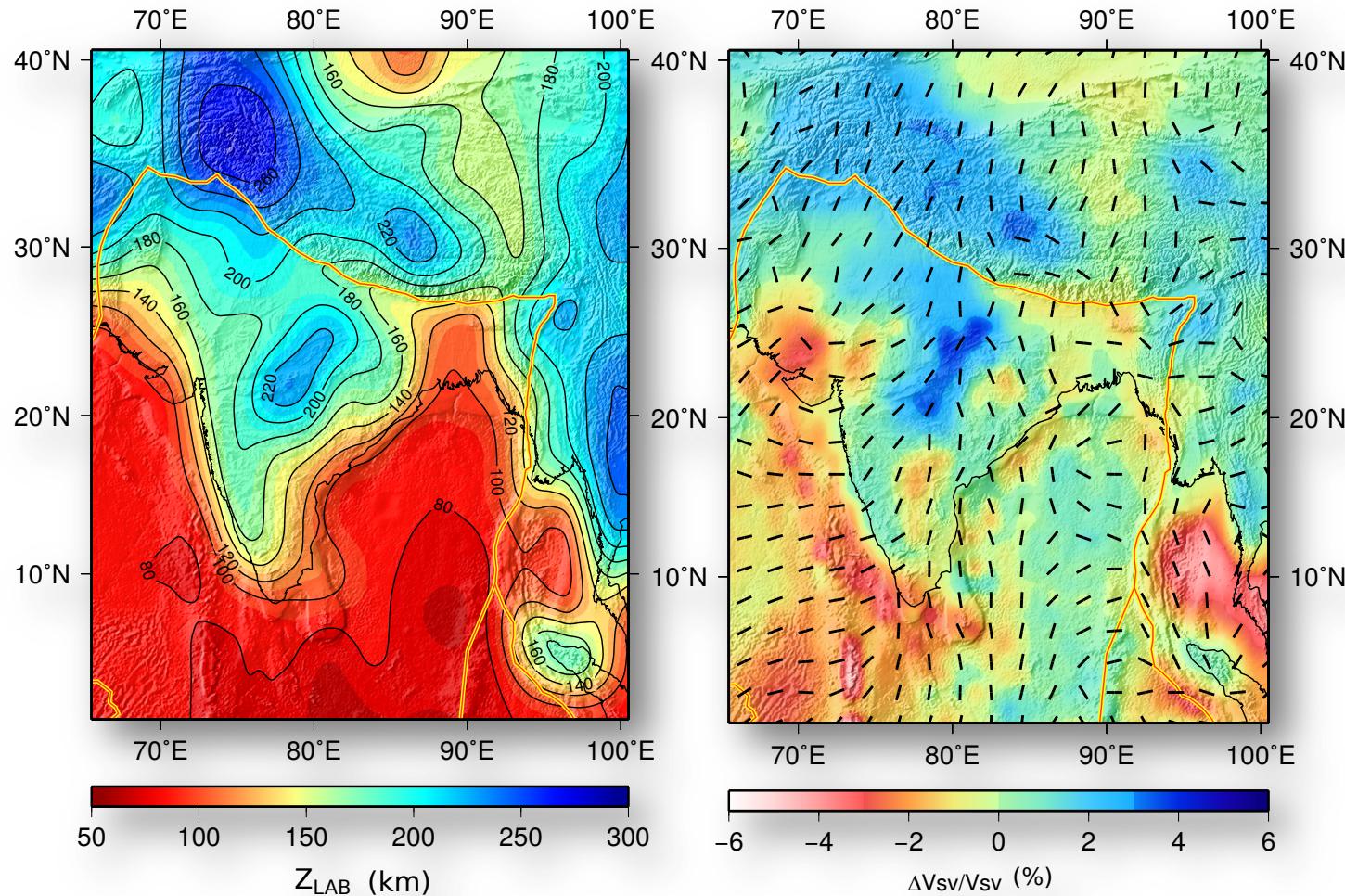
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WDC, EDC: West, East Dharwar craton

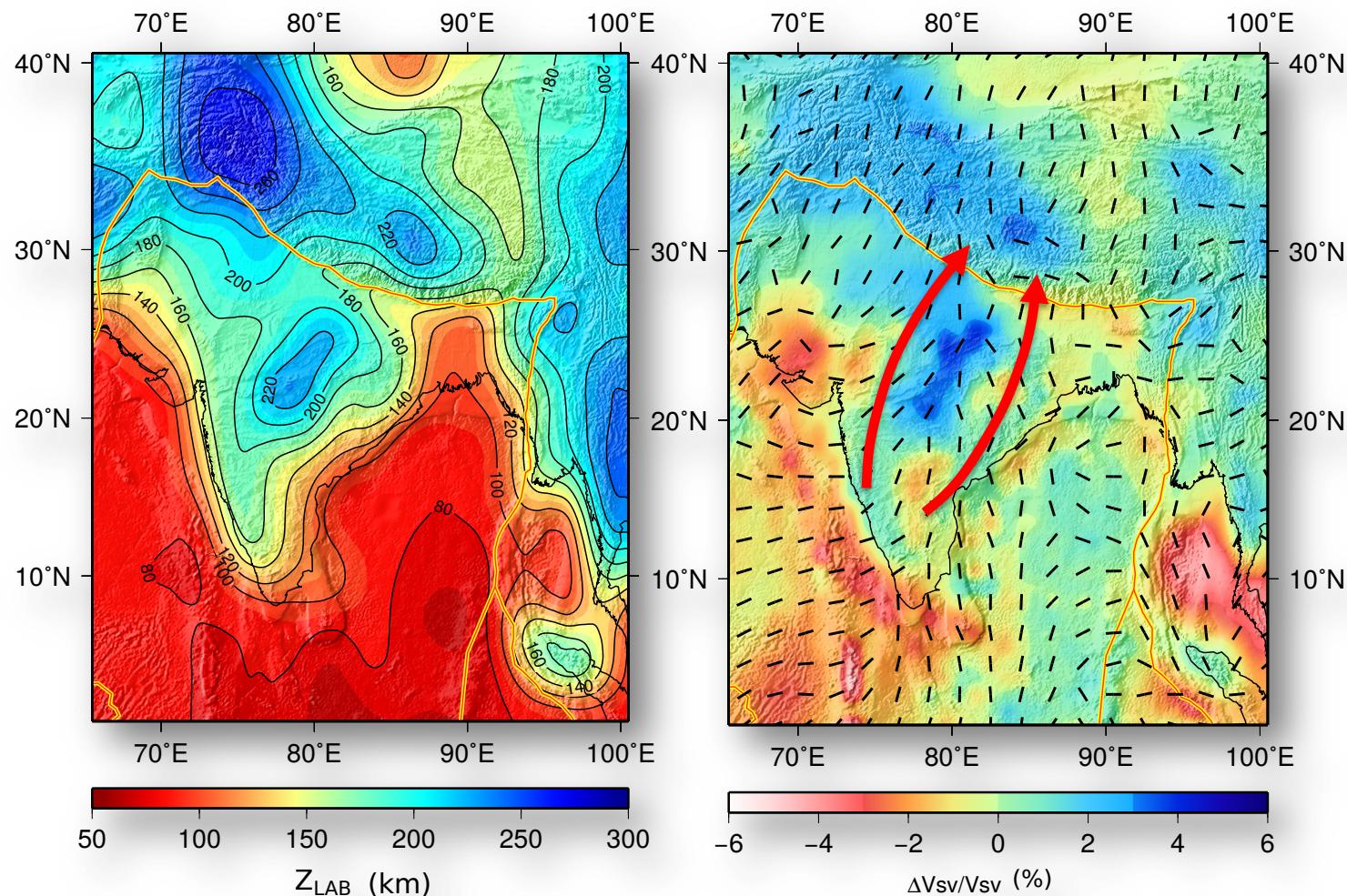


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Indian Plate LAB (Lithosphere-Asthenosphere Boundary)

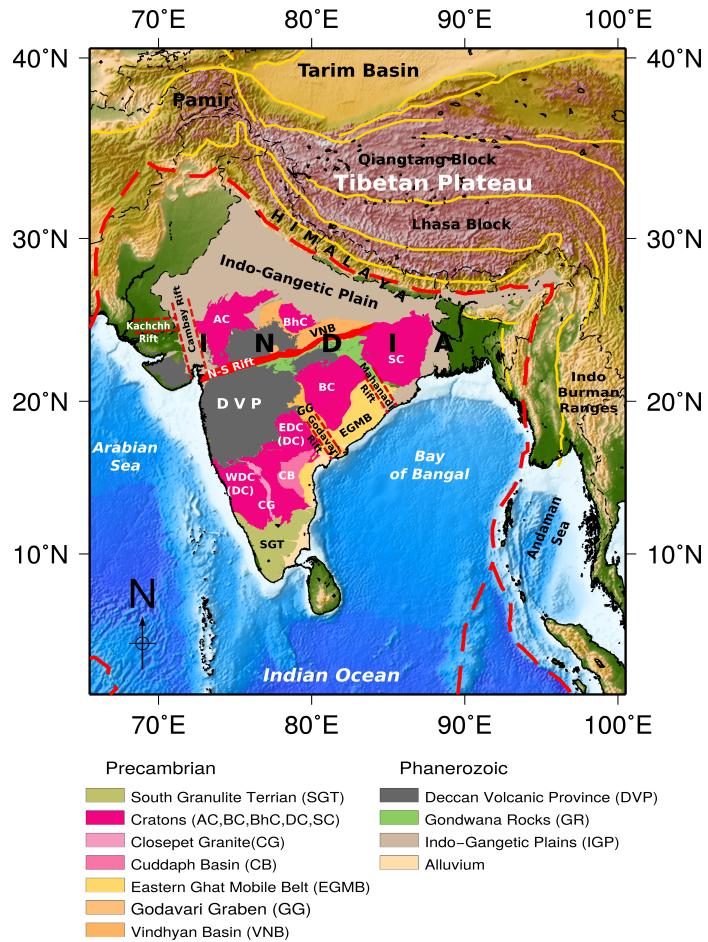


Indian Plate LAB: Keel



Geodynamic Role?
Plume influence?

Azimuthal anisotropy



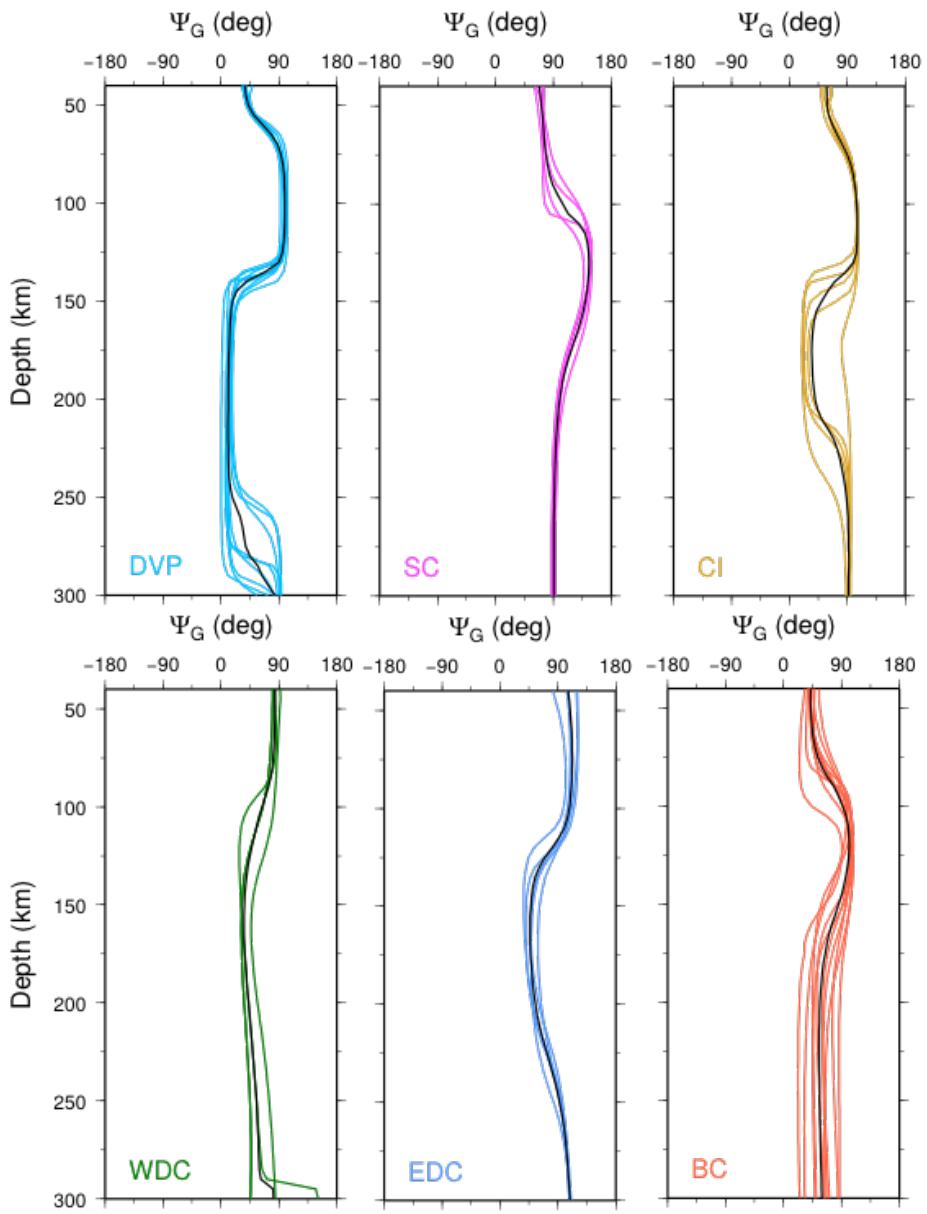
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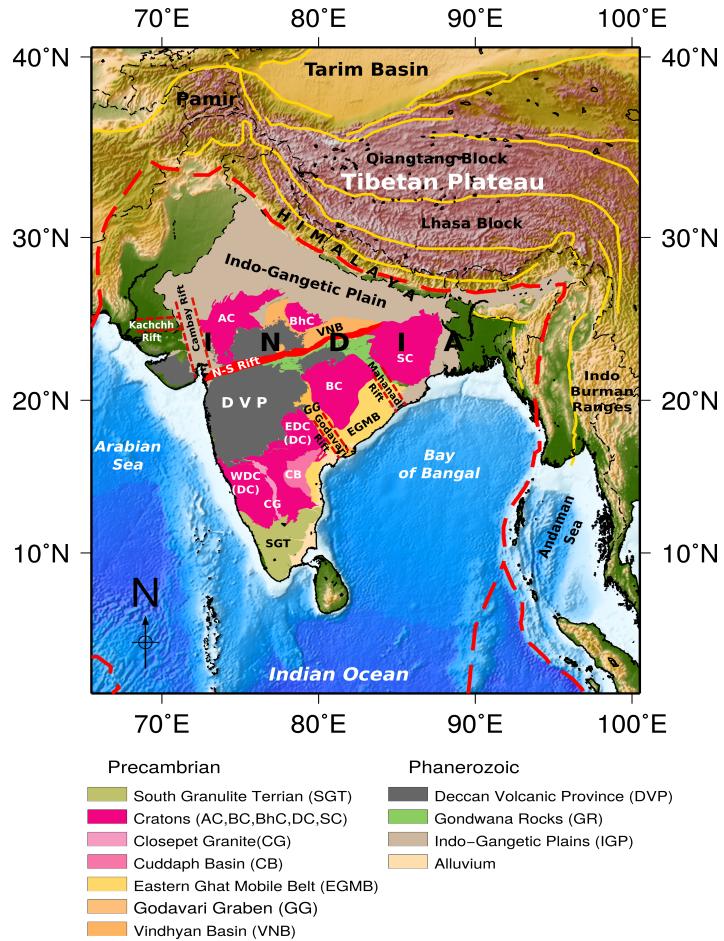
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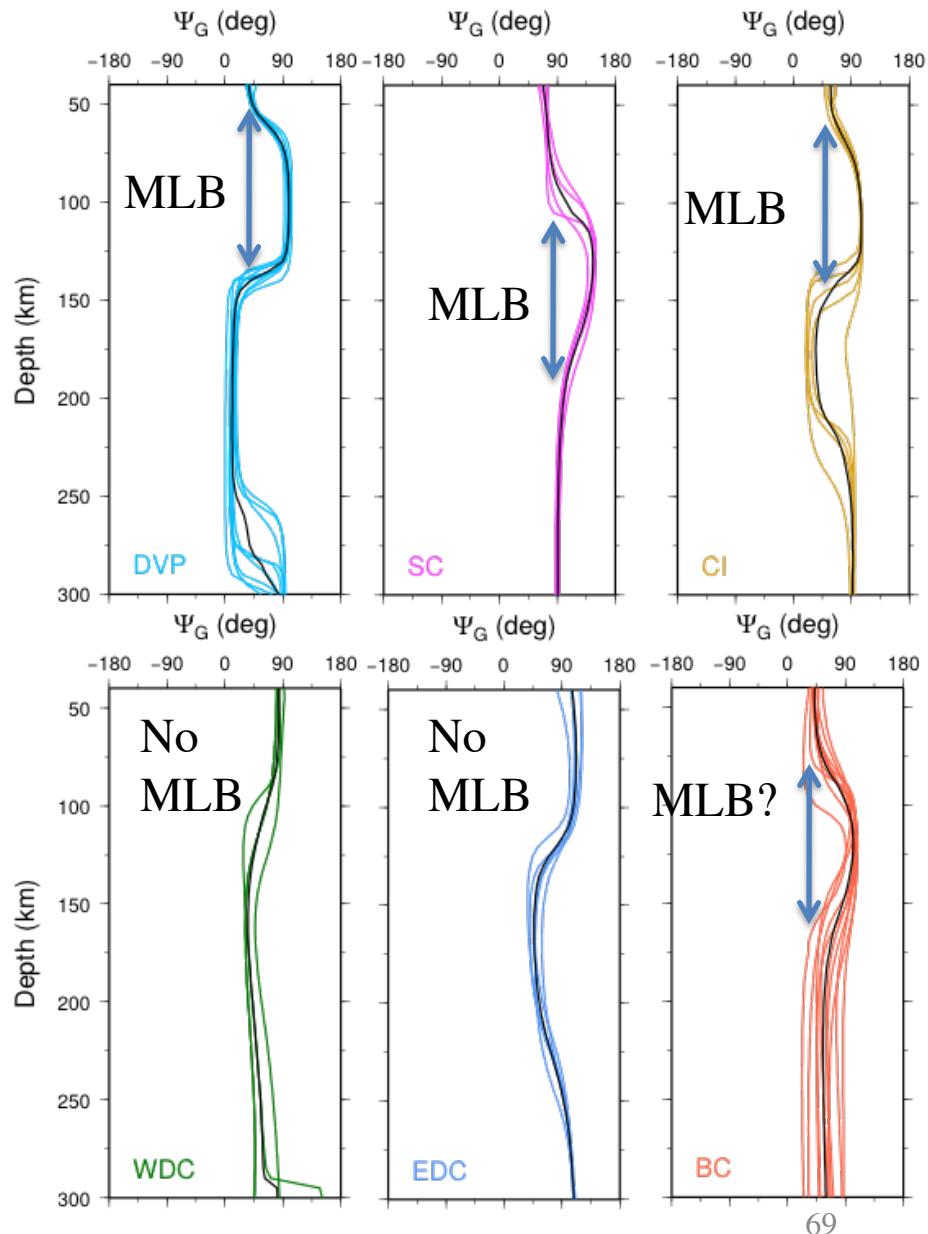
BC: Bastar craton



Azimuthal anisotropy

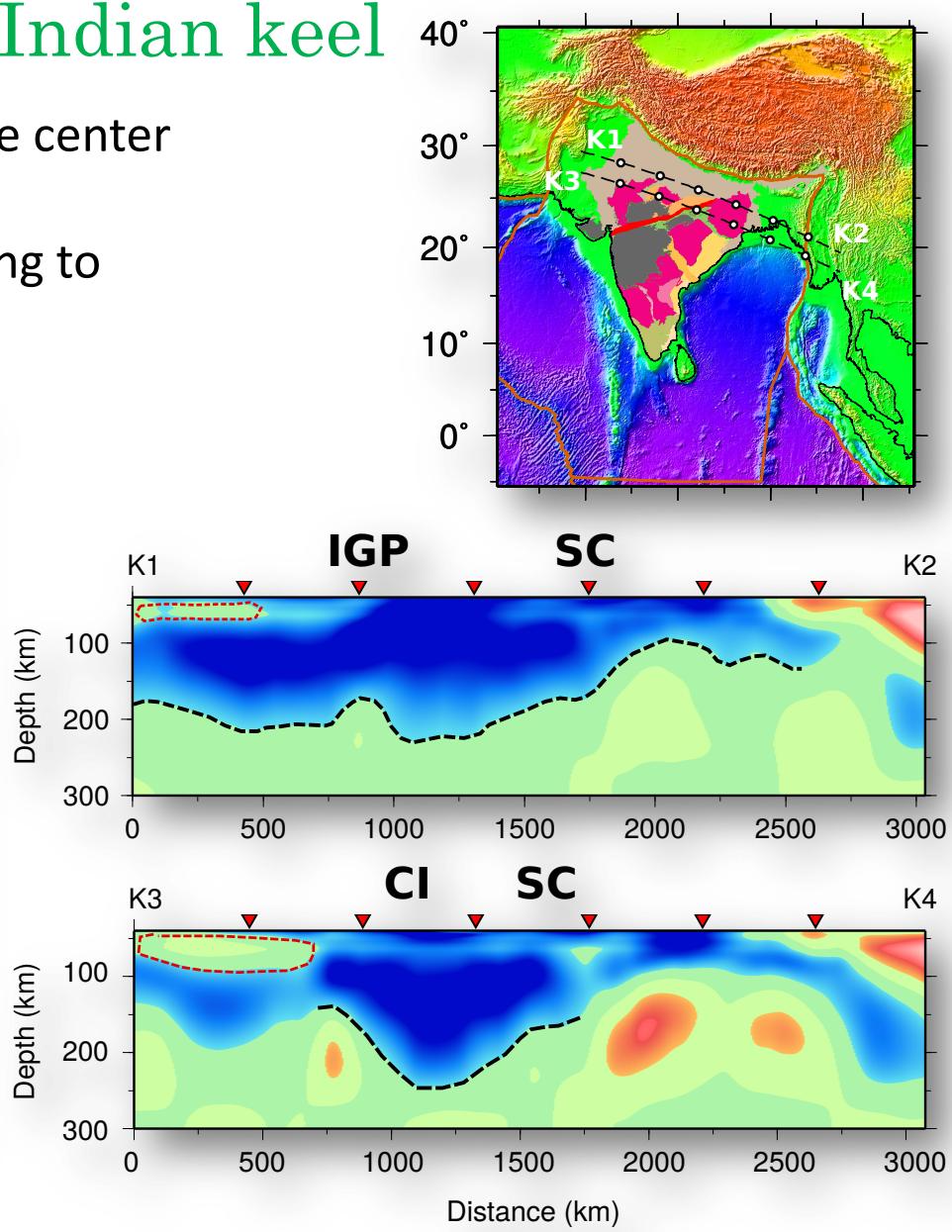
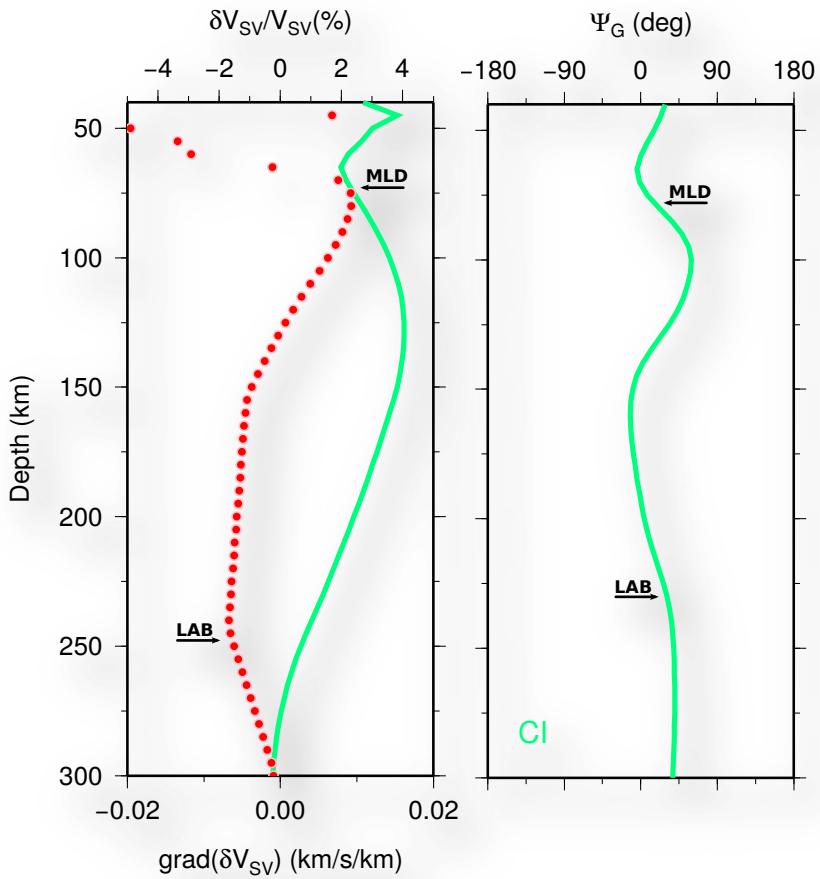


MLB = ML-LVZ
2 different orientations of Ψ_G
90-120°
10-40° : Indian plate motion



Discussion: Indian keel

- Prominent cratonic keel present in the center of the Indian continent.
- Shape and orientation of the keel along to the direction of the plate motion.



Indian Plate LAB: Keel

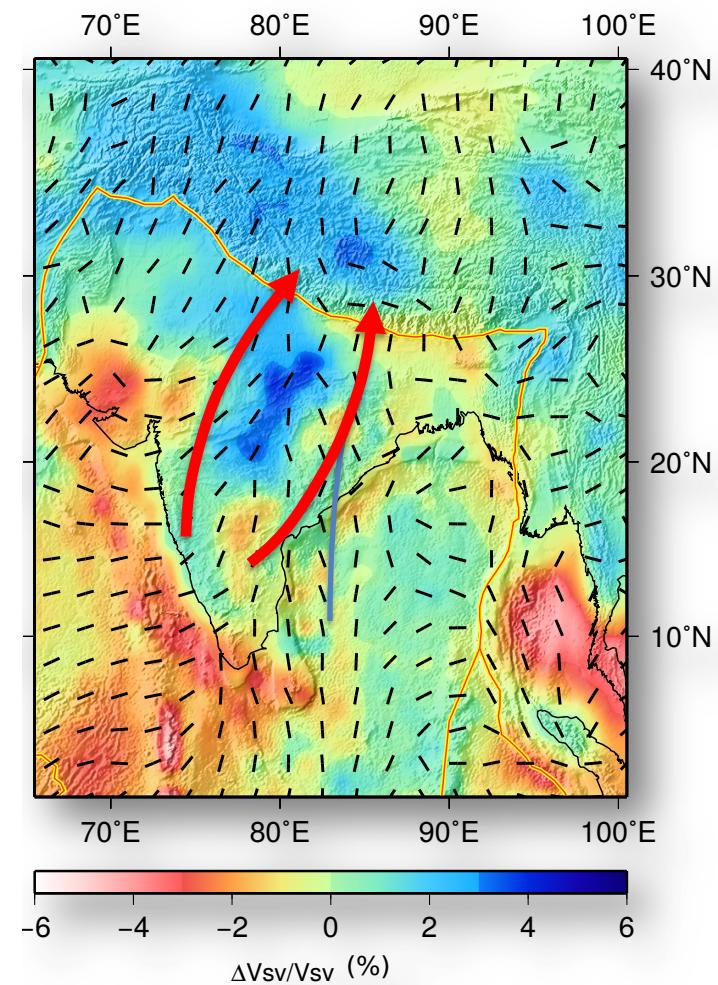
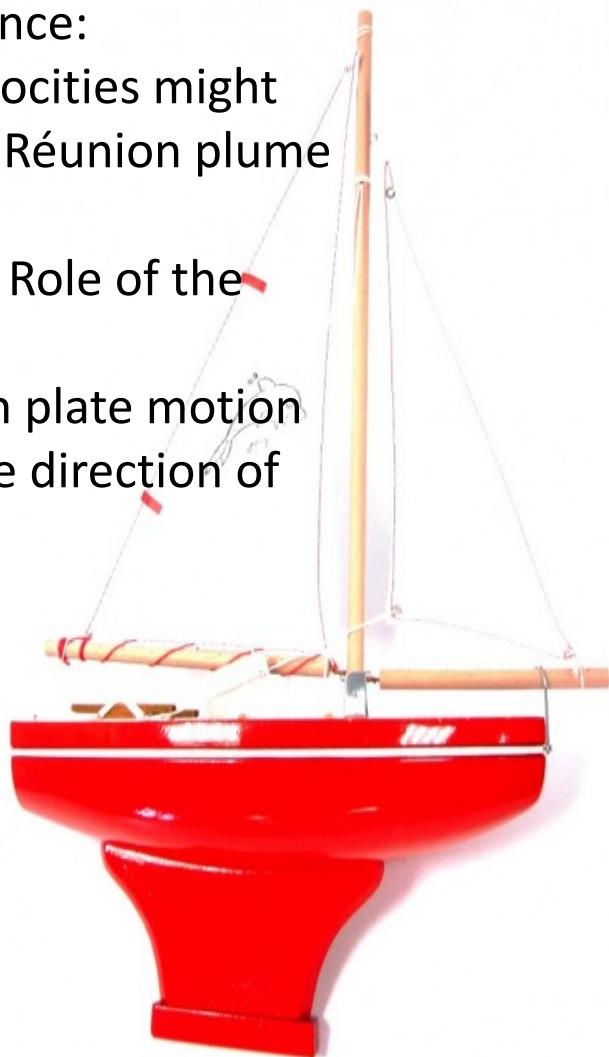
Plume influence:

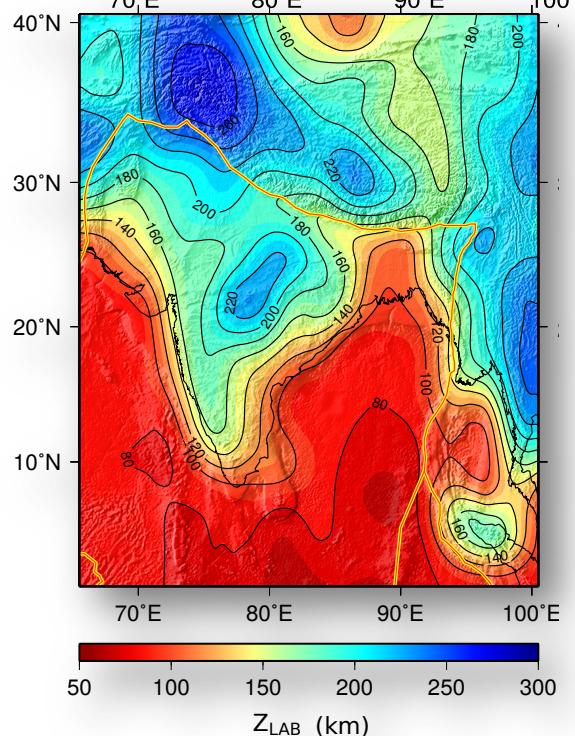
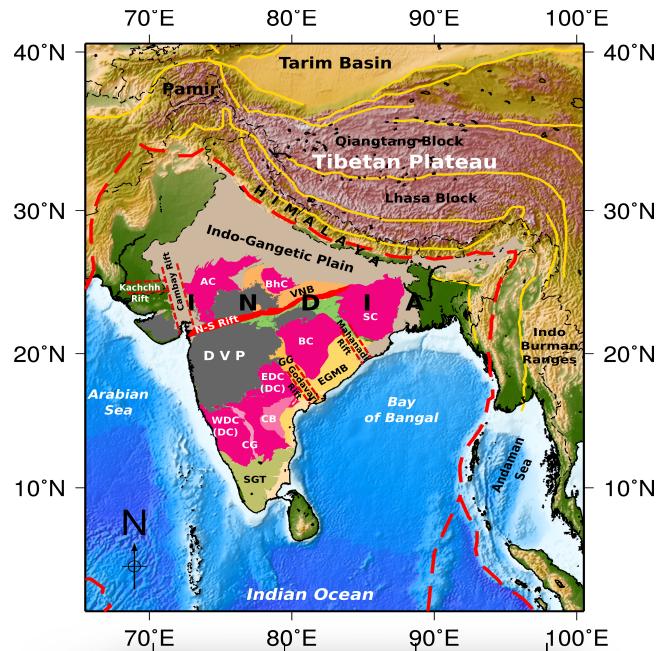
fast plate velocities might
be due to La Réunion plume

Geodynamic Role of the

keel:

- Aligned with plate motion
- Might fix the direction of motion





- Large variability of craton thicknesses

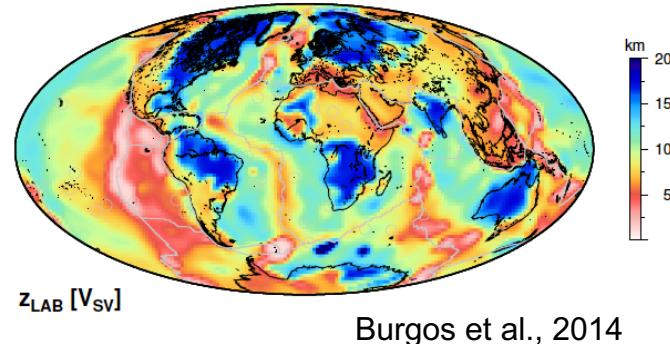
- MLB (ML-LVZ): low velocity zone
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- Indian Keel: geodynamic role?
(laboratory experiments)

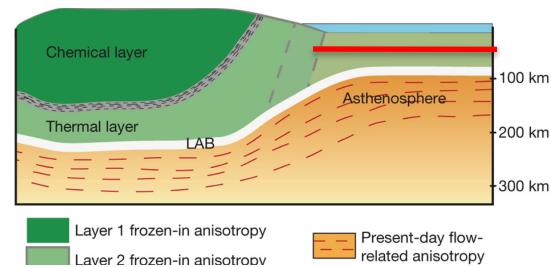
Continental plates

- LAB topography derived from surface wave data on a global scale and regional scale (India)
- For continents: Large variability of craton thickness
Stratification: MLB- ML-LVZ, low velocity zone (not present in all cratonic blocks). Relationship with MLB?
- The model of formation of lithosphere must be revisited in view of results from radial and azimuthal anisotropies in oceans and continents.
- Role of the Indian Keel
- Role of mantle upwellings in plate motion which might be as important as subducting slabs

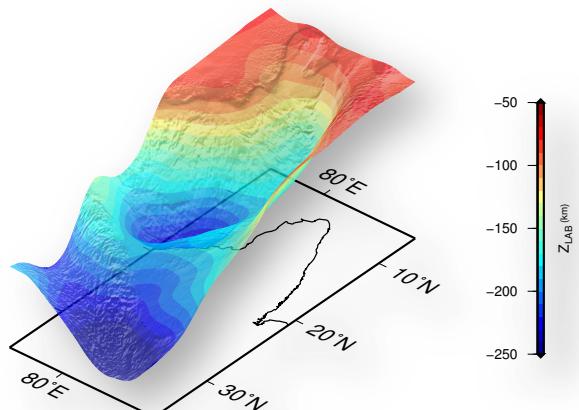


$z_{LAB} [V_{SV}]$

Burgos et al., 2014

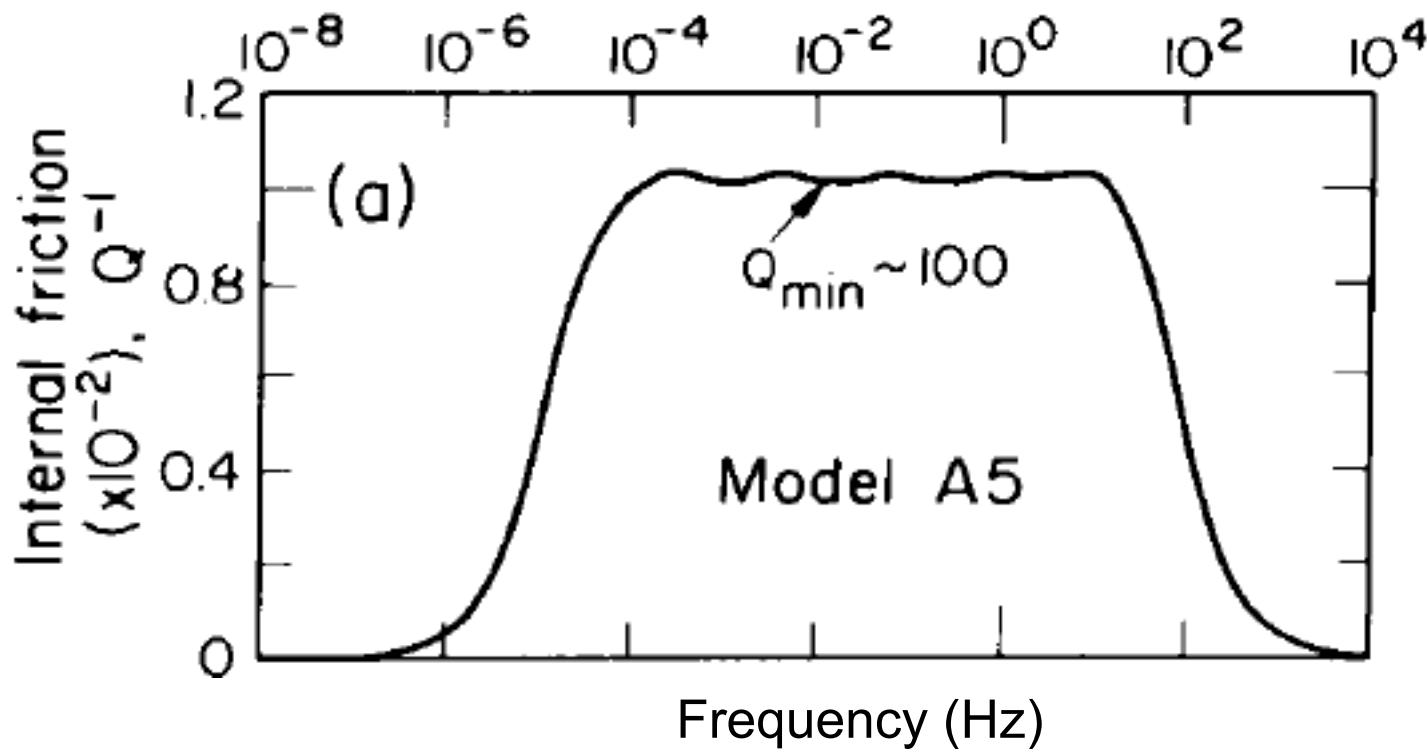


Yuan & Romanowicz, 2010



Anisotropy and extrinsic Anelasticity (Q factor or Q⁻¹ attenuation)

Knopoff, 1964: Q? no frequency dependence

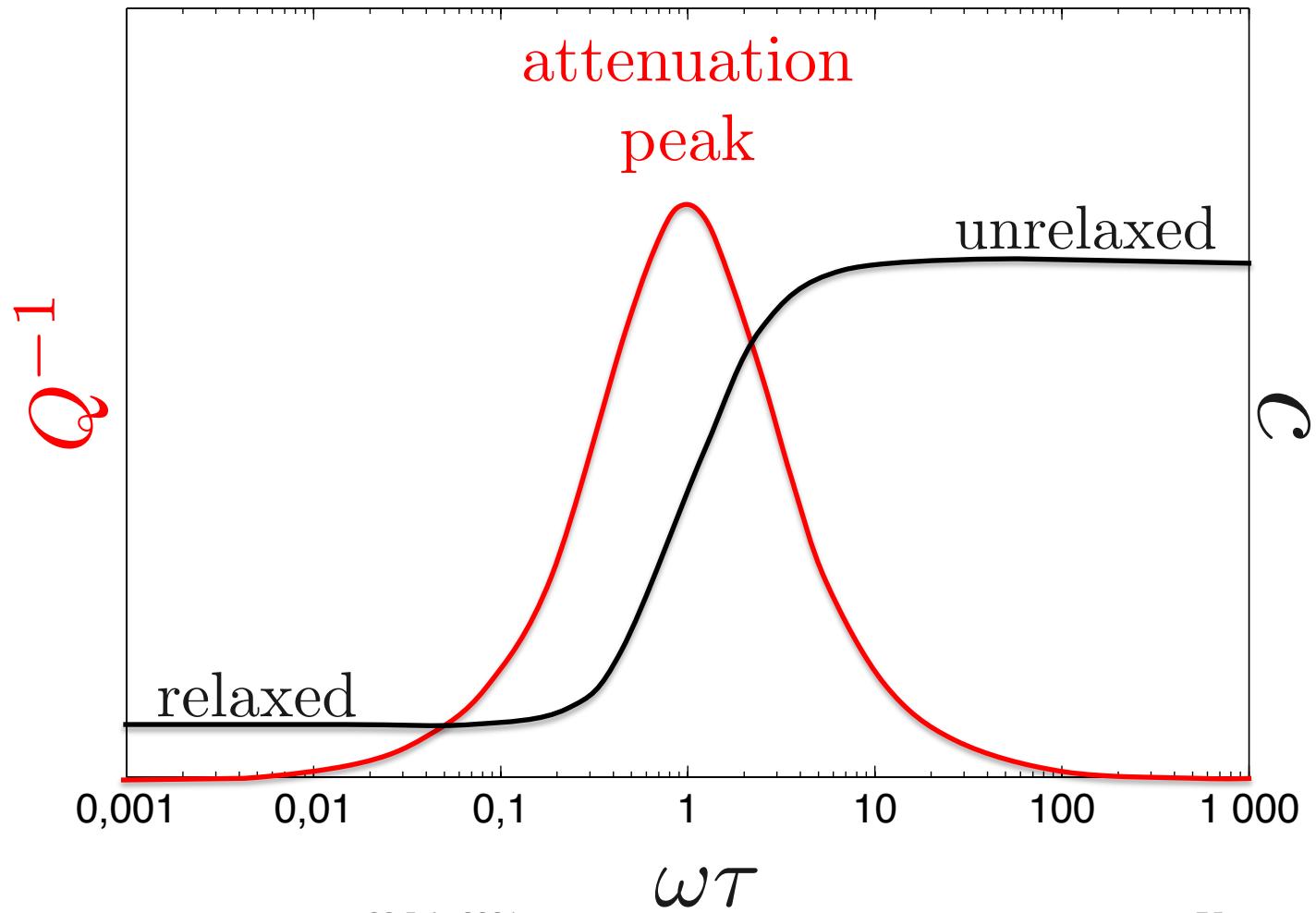
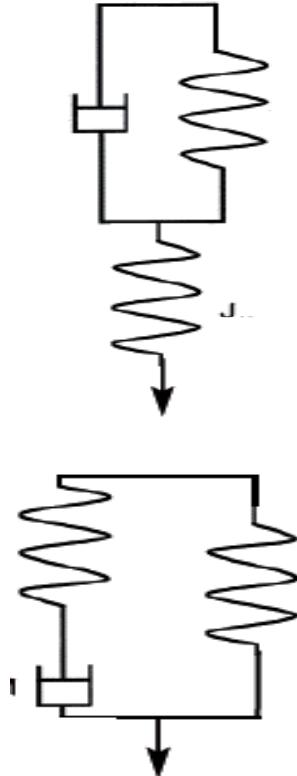


Liu et al., 1976

$$Q \sim \omega^\alpha$$

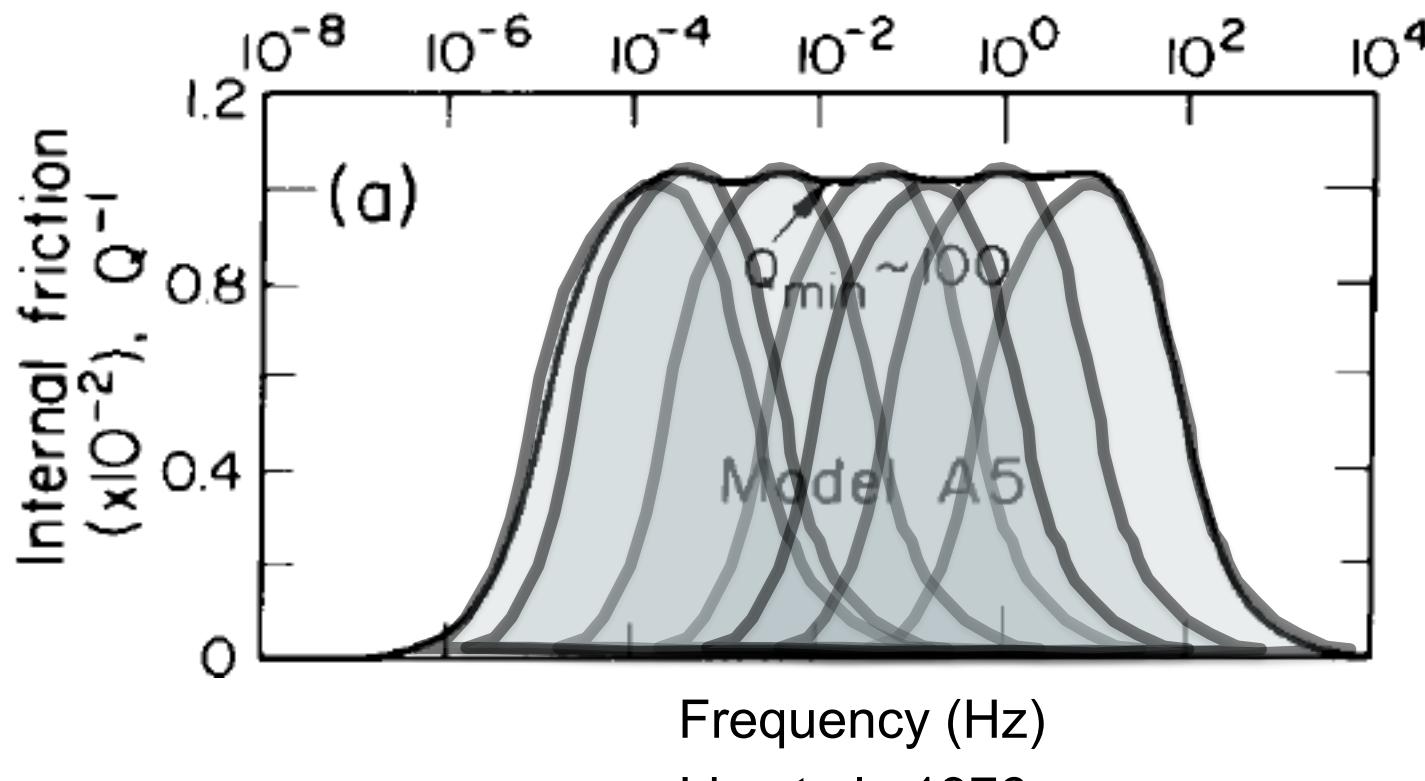
$-0.3 \leq \alpha \leq 0$ (Lekic et al., 2009)

Standard Linear Solid: τ relaxation time



Anisotropy and Anelasticity (Q factor or Q⁻¹ attenuation)

Knopoff, 1964: Q? no frequency dependence



Frequency (Hz)

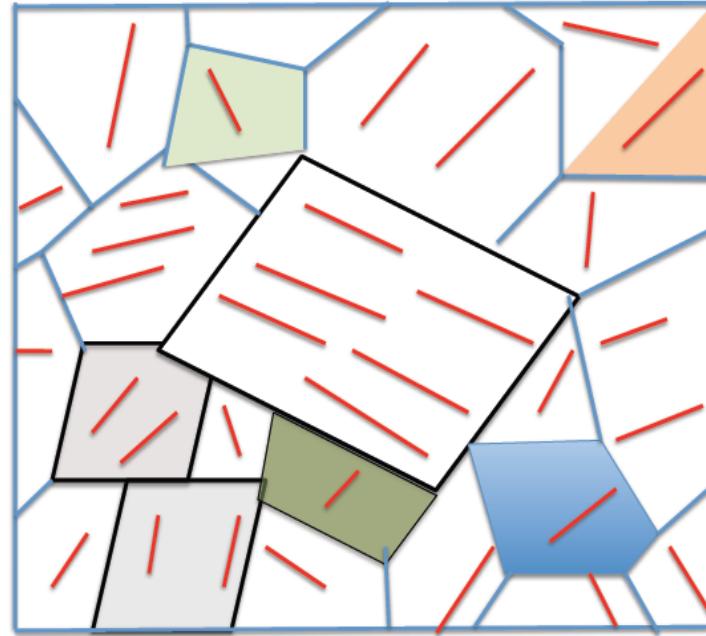
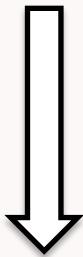
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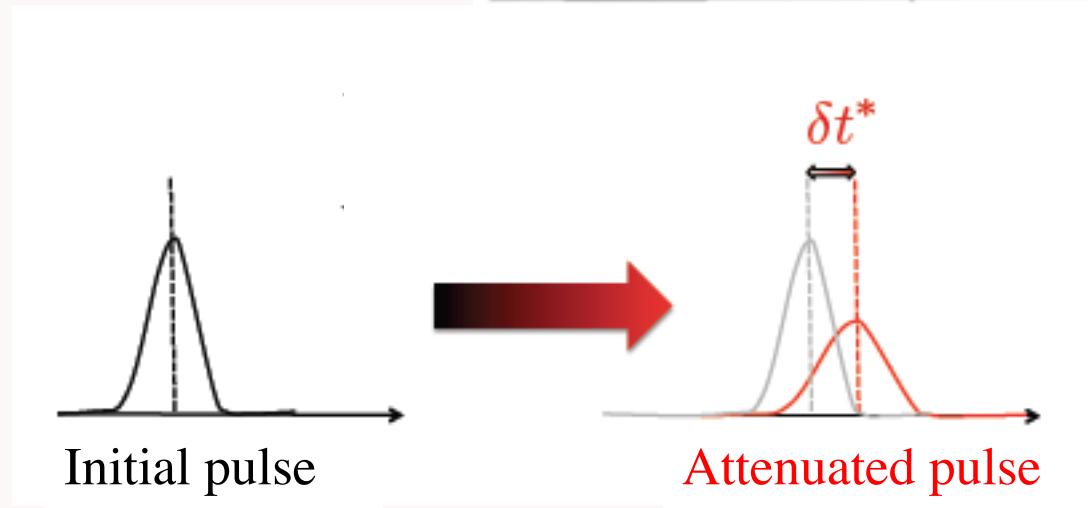
Anisotropy and Anelasticity

Incoherent Strain field

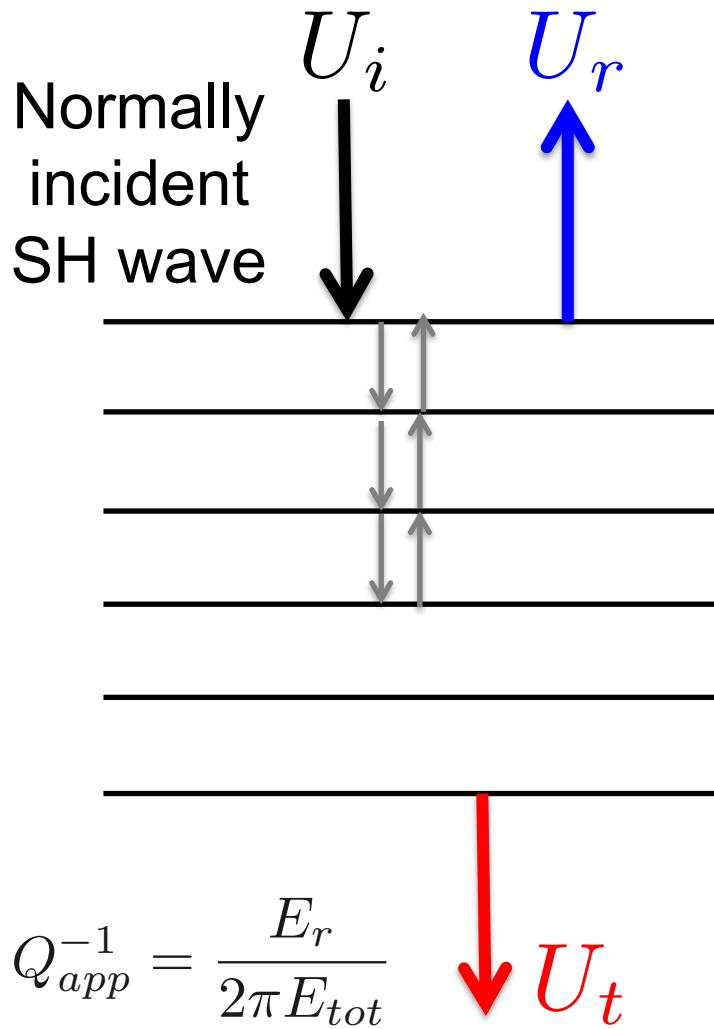


Large-scale Seismic anisotropy ≈ 0

But extrinsic (scattering) attenuation



1D-Layered medium



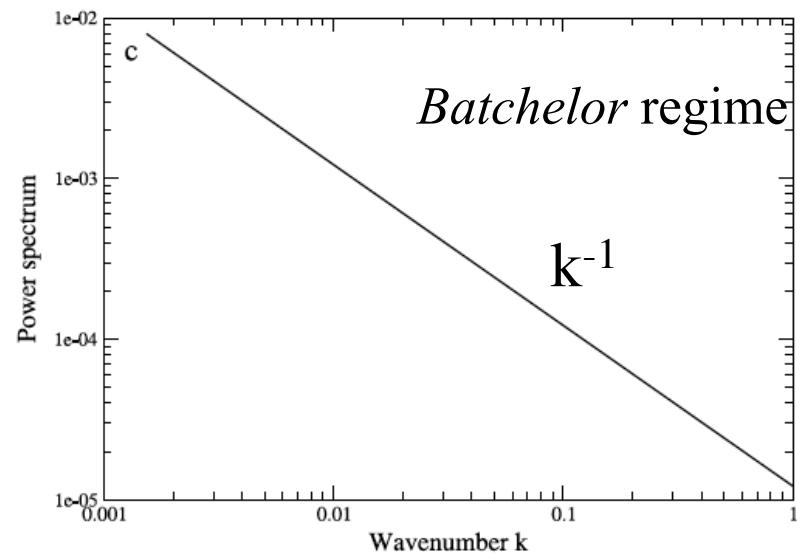
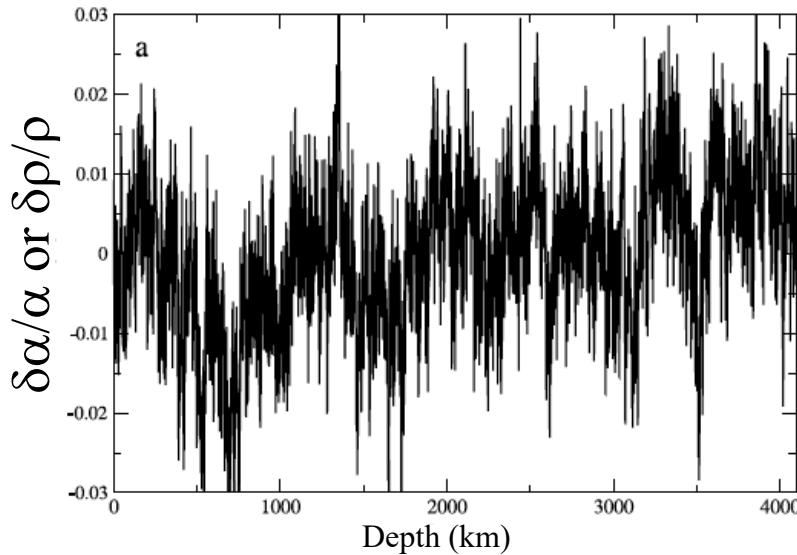
Normally
incident
SH wave

Random orientation of fast axis

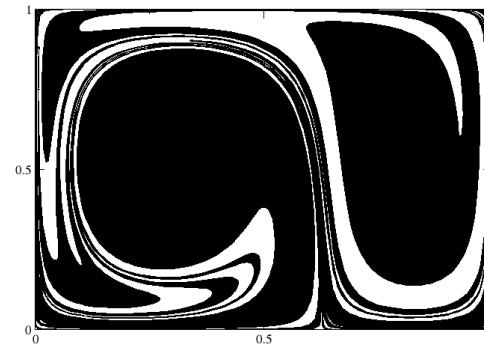
-Exact numerical solution:
Thomson- Haskell (*Aki & Richard, 1980*)

- Approximated analytical solution: equivalent medium
(*Backus, 1962, O'Doherty & Anstey, 1971, Capdeville & Marigo, 2007*)

Anisotropy and Attenuation



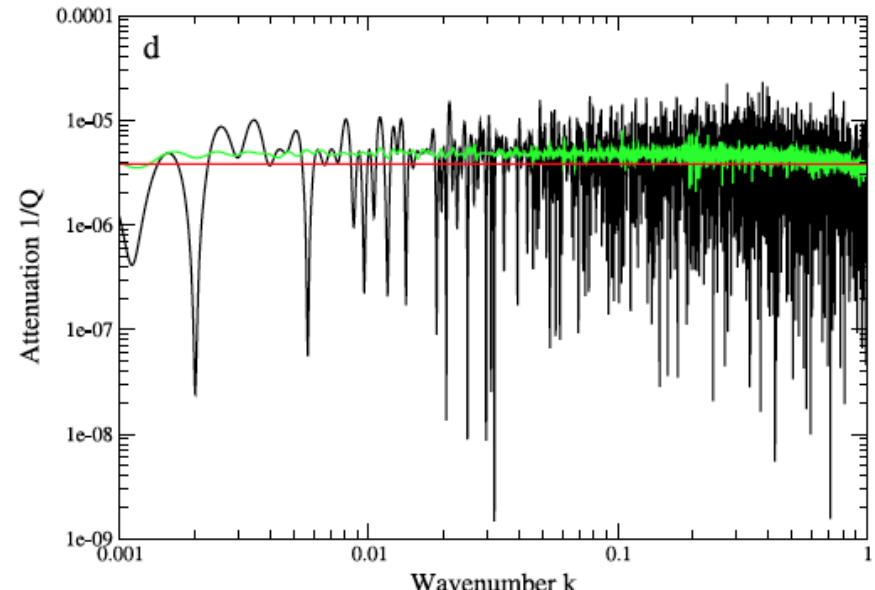
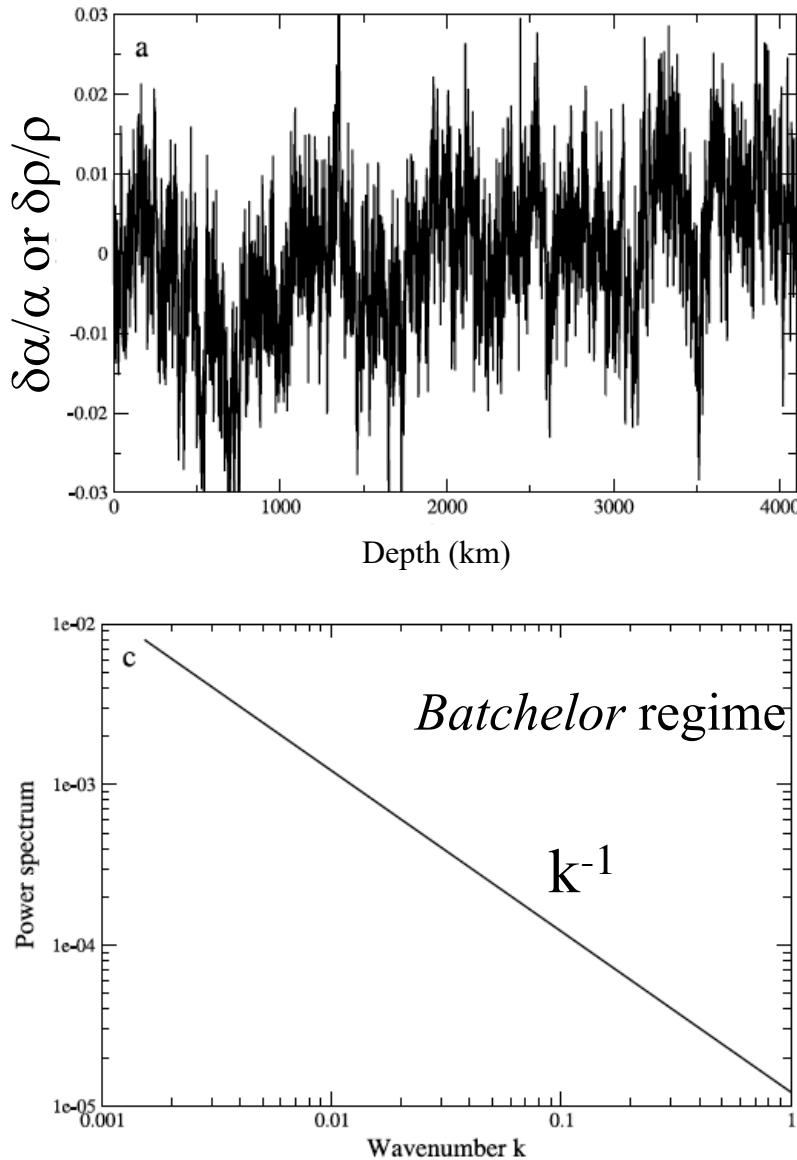
Different kinds
Of heterogeneities
 $\delta\alpha/\alpha$, or $\delta\mu/\mu$, or $\delta\rho/\rho$



Example of mixing

Ricard et al. (2014)
Alder et al., 2017

Anisotropy and Attenuation



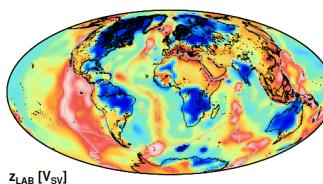
Q is frequency independent

~6-9% amplitude of
 $\delta\alpha/\alpha, \delta\mu/\mu, \delta\rho/\rho$

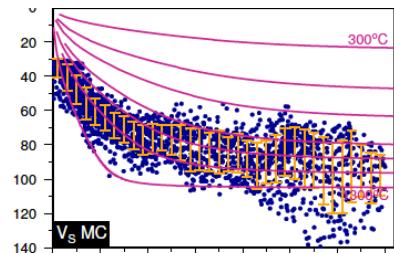
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Conclusions

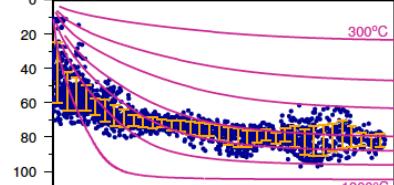
- Seismic Anisotropy can be mapped in different depth ranges
- Interpretation of seismic anisotropy is non-unique (**intrinsic** C.P.O. versus **extrinsic** anisotropy)
- Imaging of geological objects such as LAB (Lithosphere-Asthenosphere boundary)
- New findings from anisotropy : MLB
- Attenuation (extrinsic) correlated with anisotropy
- New tools, numerical techniques and approaches are necessary in order to separate different causes of anisotropy and to model strain and stress fields



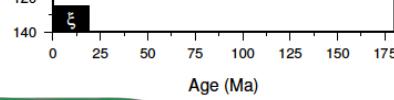
$z_{\text{LAB}} [V_{\text{SV}}]$



300°C
600°C



300°C
1300°C

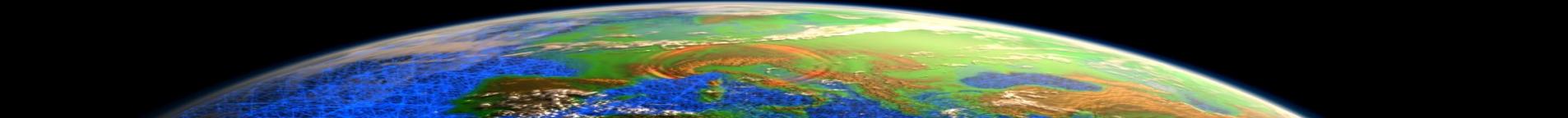
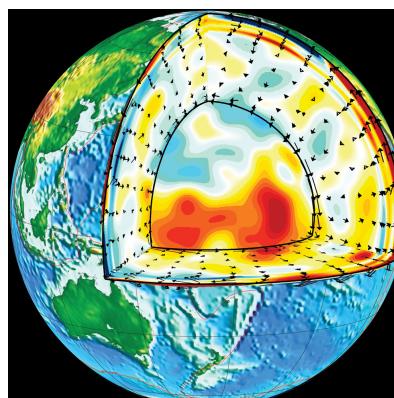


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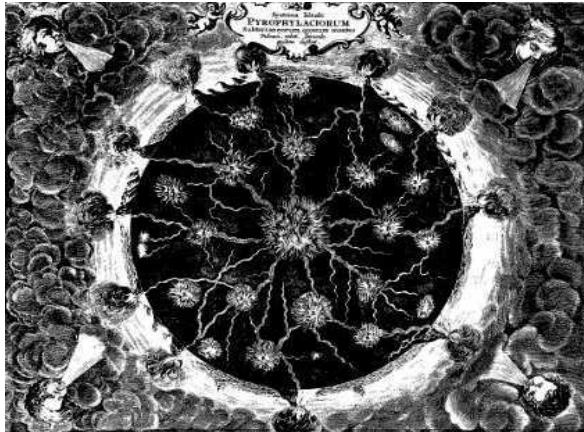


Chemical layer
Thermal layer
LAB
Asthenosphere
100 km
200 km
300 km
Layer 1 frozen-in anisotropy
Layer 2 frozen-in anisotropy
Present-day flow-related anisotropy

Yuan and Romanowicz, 2010

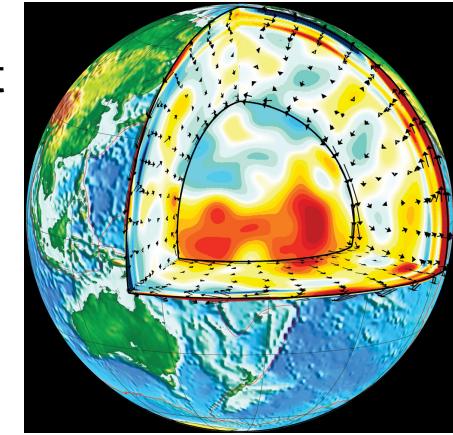


Messages of ancestors/grand-parents to kids



The Earth is a fascinating object

Our vision completely changed
during the last centuries



Athanasius Kircher, 1678

- Earth science is an object-oriented discipline
- 15 orders of magnitude: upscaling-downscaling
- The fundamental laws of physics cannot explain most geological objects
- Seismic Anisotropy is a good example:
- **Intrinsic** anisotropy (CPO microscopic) <=> **Extrinsic** anisotropy (geometry, larger scale)
- Interpretation of seismic anisotropy (and attenuation) is non-unique
- Anisotropy mapped in different depth ranges => Dream: $C_{ijkl}(r,\theta,\phi)$, $Q_{ijkl}(r,\theta,\phi)$, $\eta_{ijkl}(r,\theta,\phi)$
- Multidisciplinary approach: Imaging + evolution of geological objects