

# Deciphering mantle dynamics using global seismic imaging

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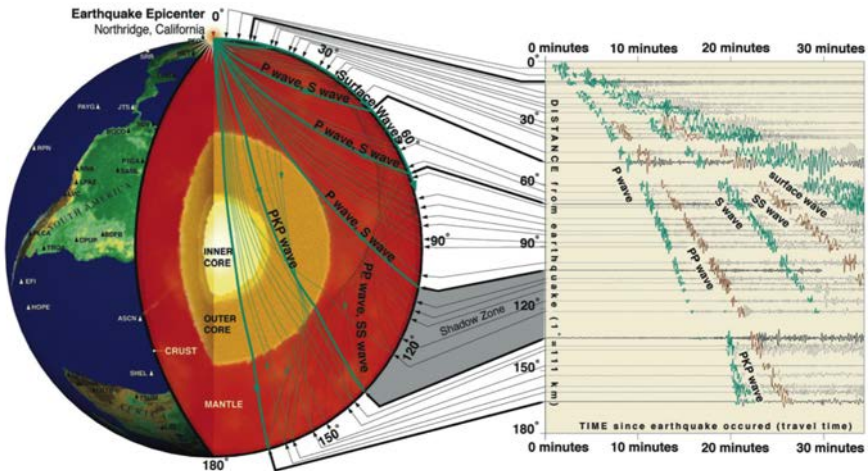
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## How to study the deep Earth ?

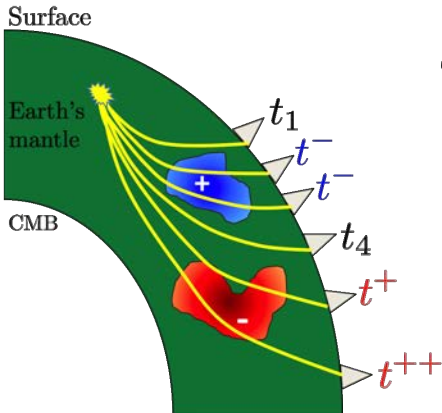


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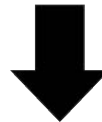
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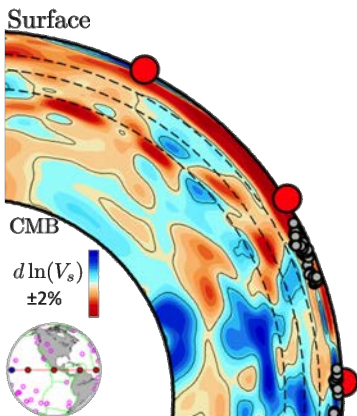
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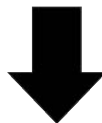
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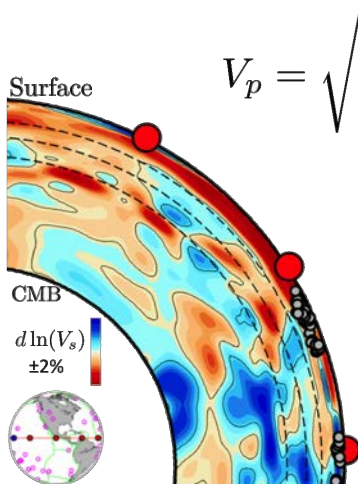
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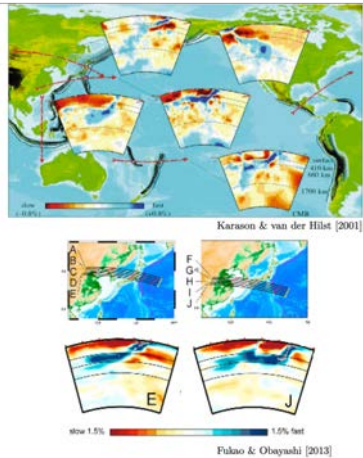
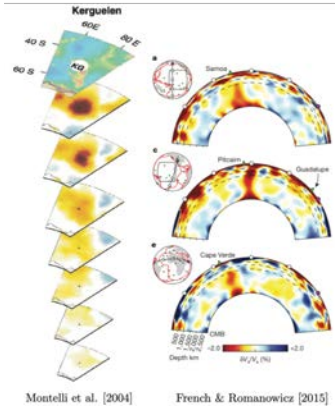
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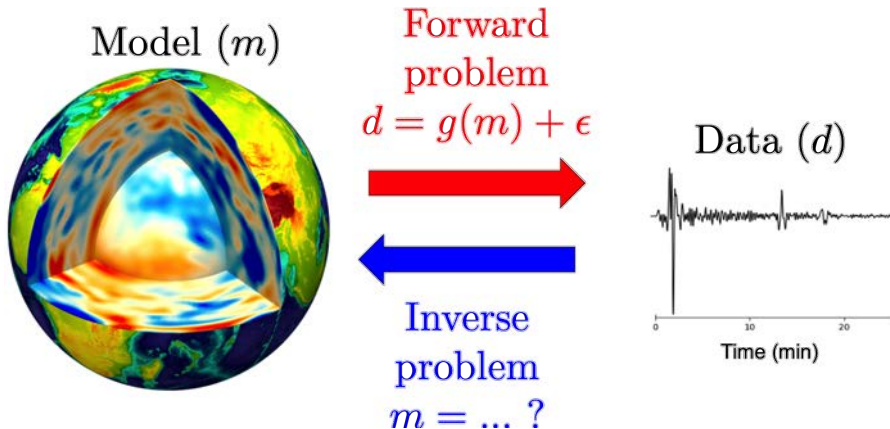
$$\mu = f(T, P, \chi, \dots)$$

Interpretation in terms of **density**,  
**thermal or compositional**  
**heterogeneities**

Ricard et al. [2005], Matas & Bukowinski [2007]

## Imaging slabs, plumes...











## Rayleigh phase velocities (40-360 s)

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534,359 sets of dispersion curves

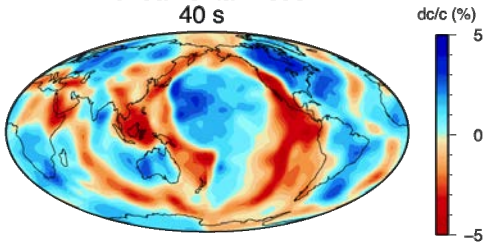
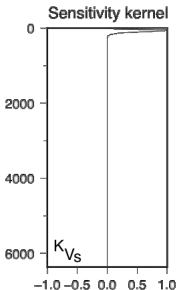
From fundamental mode up to the 5<sup>th</sup> overtone

### Phase velocity and errors at 60 periods

**TOTAL: 21 233 353**

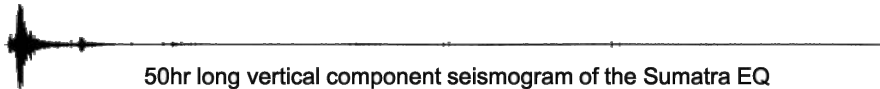
### Fundamental mode

40 s

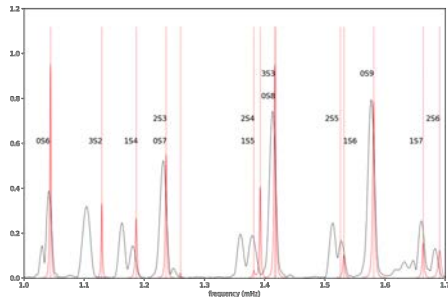
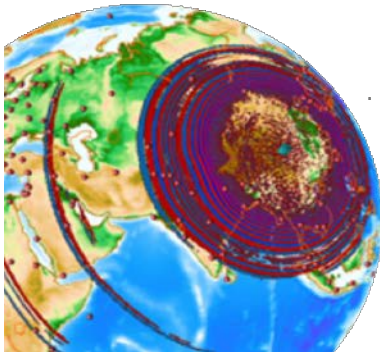


Largest dataset of Rayleigh wave phase velocity measurements with their errors (Durand et al. [2015])

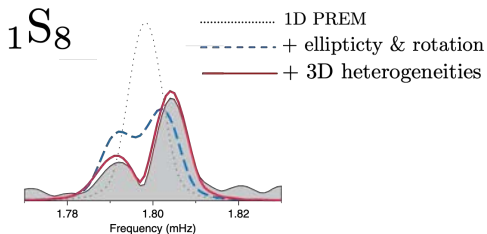
## Normal modes



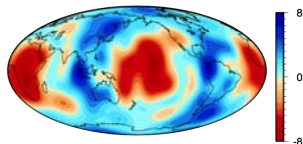
50hr long vertical component seismogram of the Sumatra EQ  
recorded at the GEOSCOPE station CAN (Canberra, Australia)



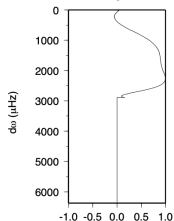
## Normal modes



Splitting function



Sensitivity kernel

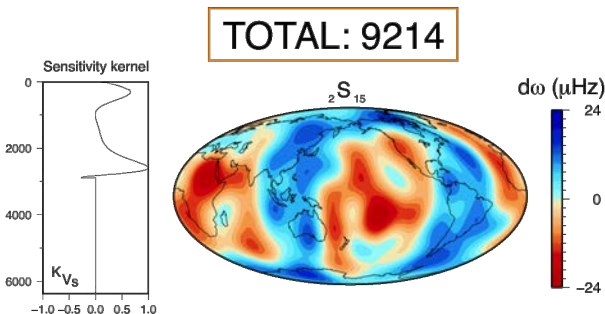


## Splitting coefficients of spheroidal modes

Up to the degree 8, for 158 spheroidal modes

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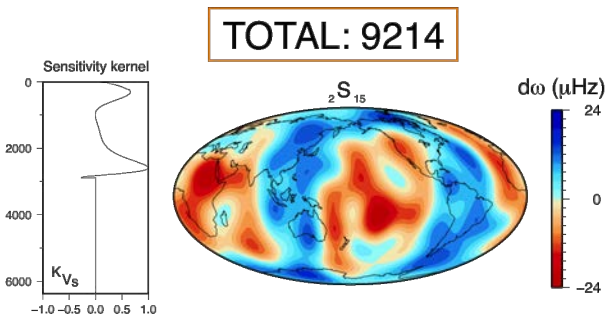


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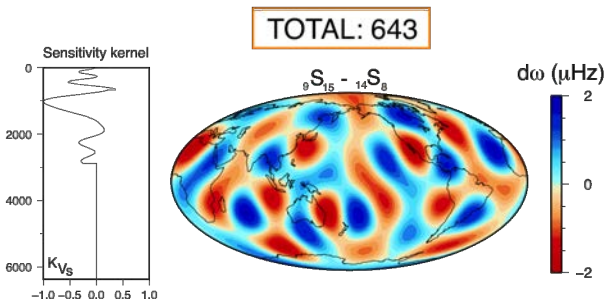


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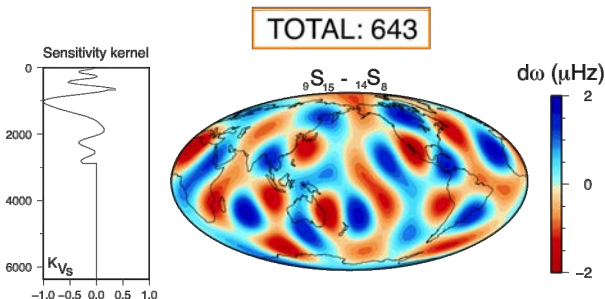




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They can constrain BOTH the EVEN and ODD degrees of the spherical harmonic decomposition of the mantle structure

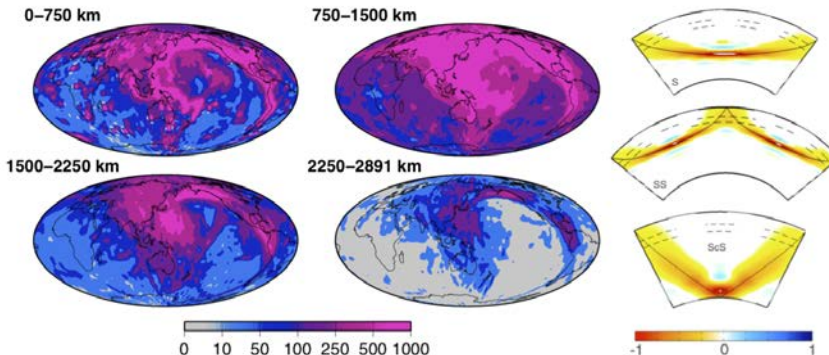
The FIRST tomographic model to include data on the coupling of normal modes

# S, SS and ScS travel times

47,007 S, 42,174 SS and 11,480 ScS measured at 34 s

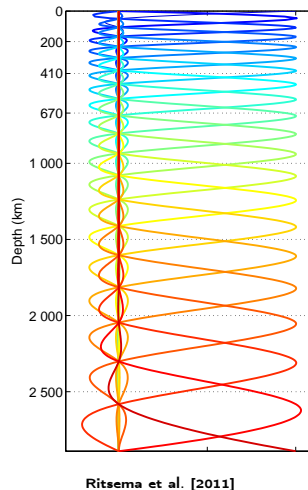
Zaroli et al. [2013]

**TOTAL: 100,661**

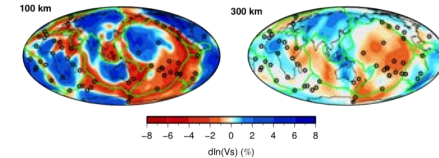


# Parametrization

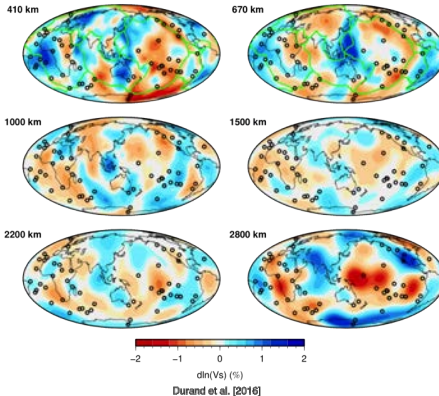
- Model parameters :  $V_S$  assuming an *a priori* correlation with  $V_P$  and  $\rho$   
 $d \ln(\rho) = 0.2 d \ln(V_S)$   
 $d \ln(V_P) = 0.55 d \ln(V_S)$
- Lateral parameterization : spherical harmonics up to degree 40/20/8
- Radial parametrization : spline functions



SEISGLOB1 : a pure Sv model based on normal modes and surface waves



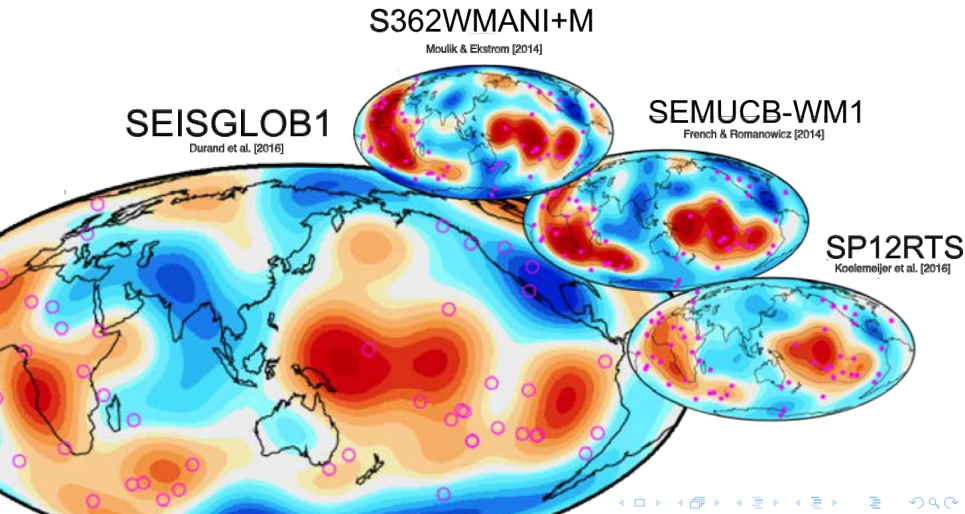
## Imprint of tectonics



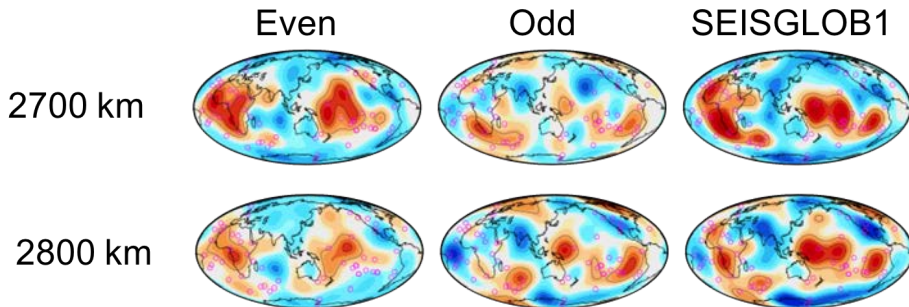
## Subducted slabs

## LLSVPs

# A new large scale pattern at 2800 km depth



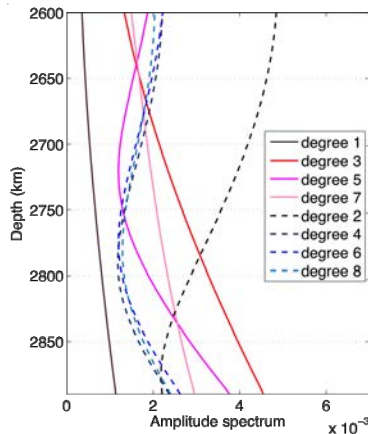
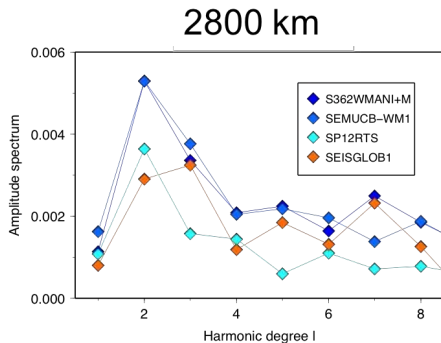
## Stronger odd degrees



Durand et al. [2016]

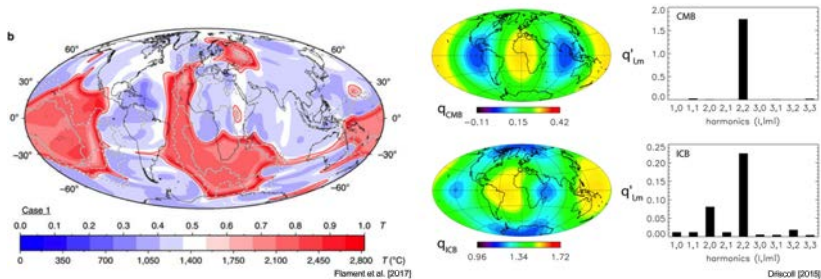
Decrease of the degree 2 through the D".  
The complexity comes from odd degrees and thus from the normal mode coupling data.

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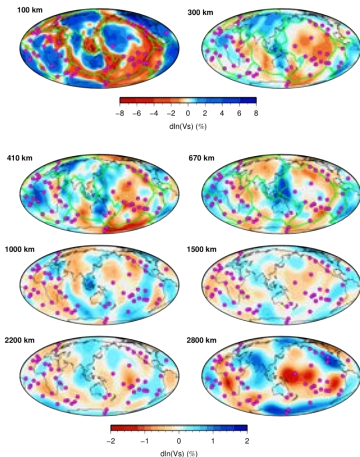
# It can tell us something about mantle and core dynamics



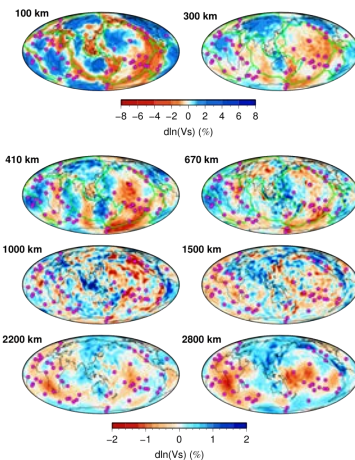


# SEISGLOB2 : a S model based on normal modes, surface wave and body waves

SEISGLOB1



SEISGLOB2



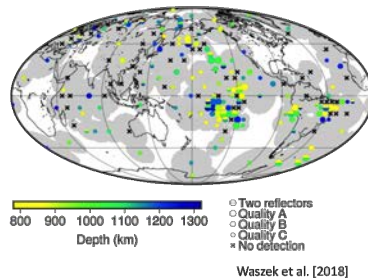
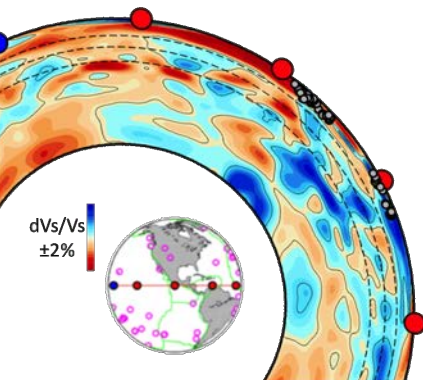
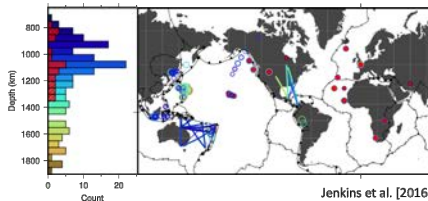
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Subducted  
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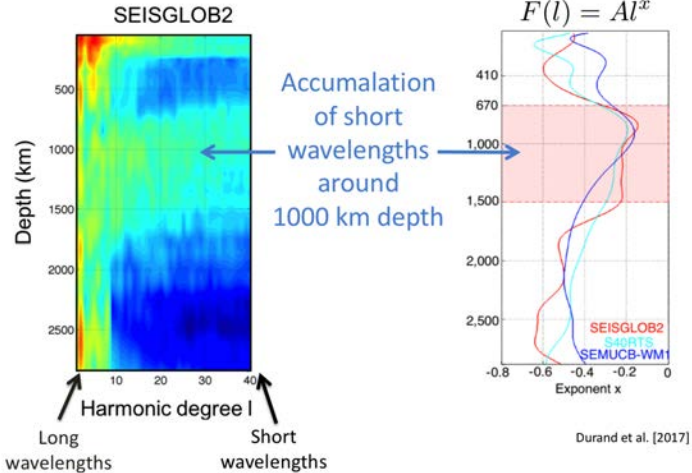
LLSVPs

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There is a “change” at  $\approx 1000$  km depth

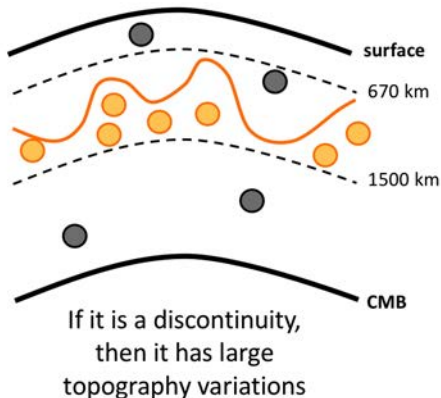
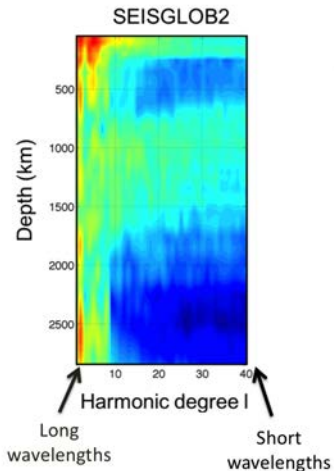


Is it a global feature?



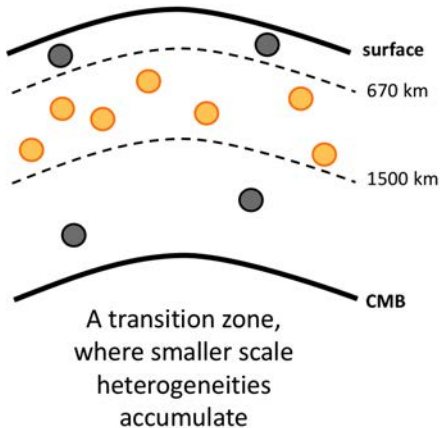
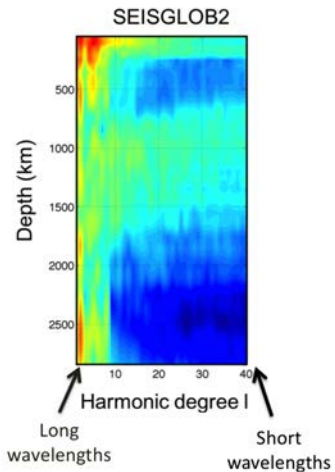
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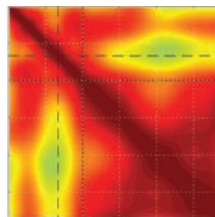
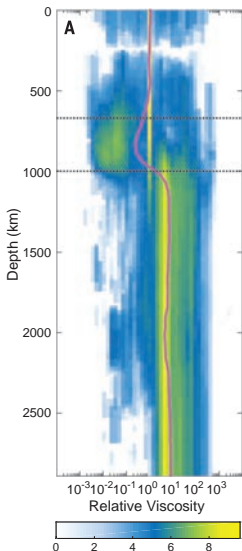
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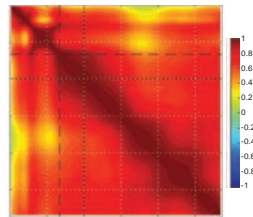
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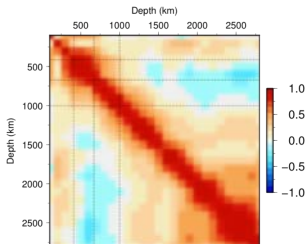


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Rudolph et al. [2015]

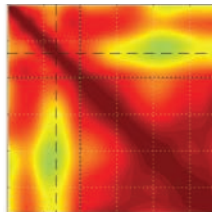
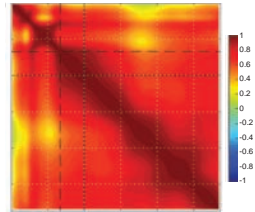


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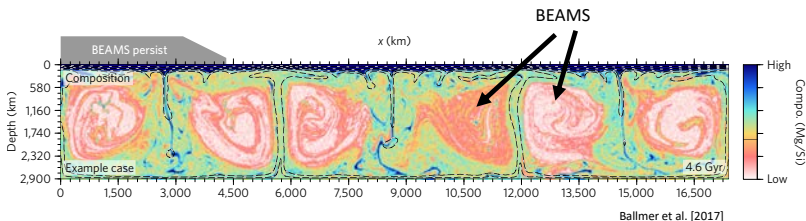
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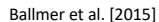


BEAMS = Bridgmanite Enriched Ancient Mantle Structures

SiO<sub>2</sub> – enriched regions, highly viscous

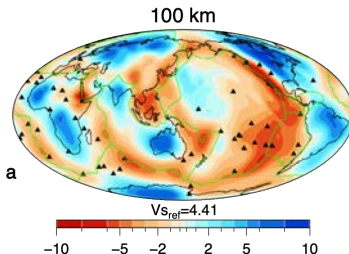
# What could be the origin ? Chemical layering...

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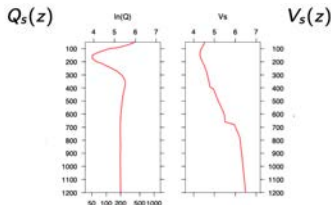
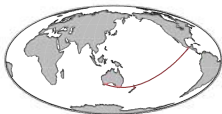
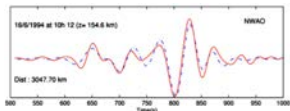


Velocity alone cannot discriminate thermal or compositional effects...

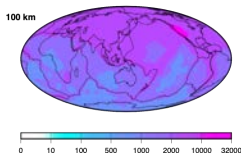


# Waveform inversion

- 1) Automated waveform inversion (Cara and Lévêque, 1987 ; Debayle and Ricard 2012).  
Rayleigh waveforms, period range : 50 -250 s



- 2) Application to a massive dataset (Debayle and Ricard, 2012)







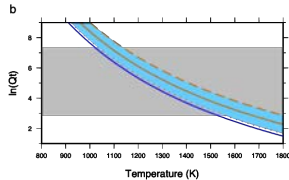
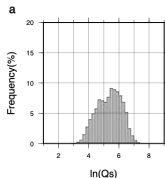
# Joint interpretation of DR2012 & QsADR2017

Experimental results from Jackson et al. [2002]

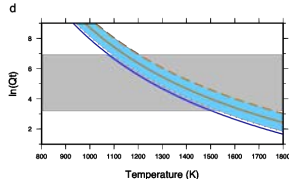
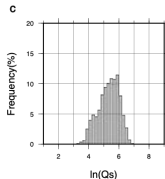
$$Q_t^{-1} = A \left[ \frac{1}{df_0} \left( \frac{C}{C_r} \right)^r \exp \left( -\frac{E + PV}{RT} \right) \right]^\alpha$$

- $A = 750 \text{ s}^{-\alpha} \mu\text{m}^\alpha$
- $E = 424 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$
- $V = 6.10^{-6} \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$
- $\alpha = 0.26$
- $\frac{1}{f_0} = 100 \text{ s}$  (oscillation period)
- $d = 1 - 100 \text{ mm}$  (grain size)
- Water effect (after Behn et al. [2009])

0100 km

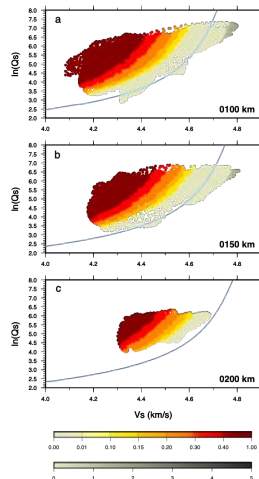


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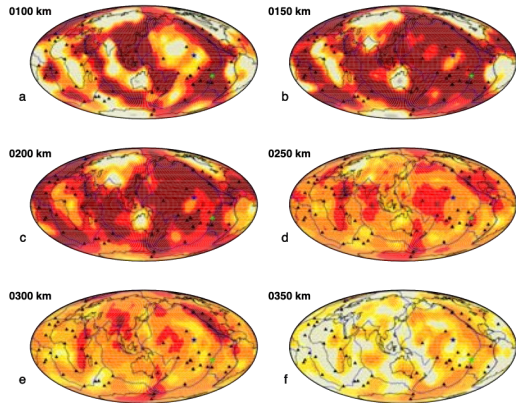


## Joint interpretation of DR2012 & QsADR2017

- Knowing  $Q_s$  and temperature  $T$  we can predict  $V_s$  for each  $T$  (or  $Q_s$ ) (blue curve).
- We assume a pyrolitic mantle, we use PerpleX to predict  $V_s$  (Connolly, 2005), and we correct for the effect of  $Q_s$  on  $V_s$  (Karato, 1993).
- Then we can add our data ( $V_s$  and  $Q_s$  at each geographical point on each map) (dots from red to grey)
- The blue curve does not explain all the data, we can shift it to the left by adding melt, which reduces velocities (Chantel et al., 2016)



There is melt !



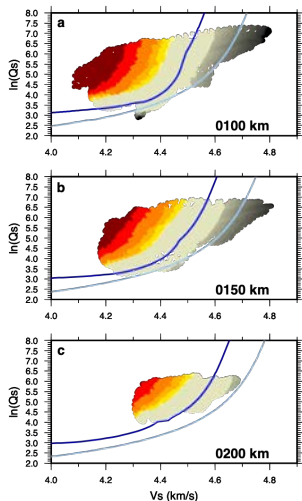
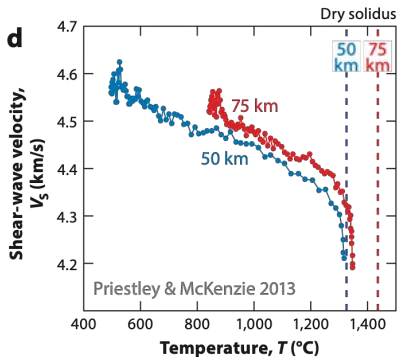
Melt content at each depth in %



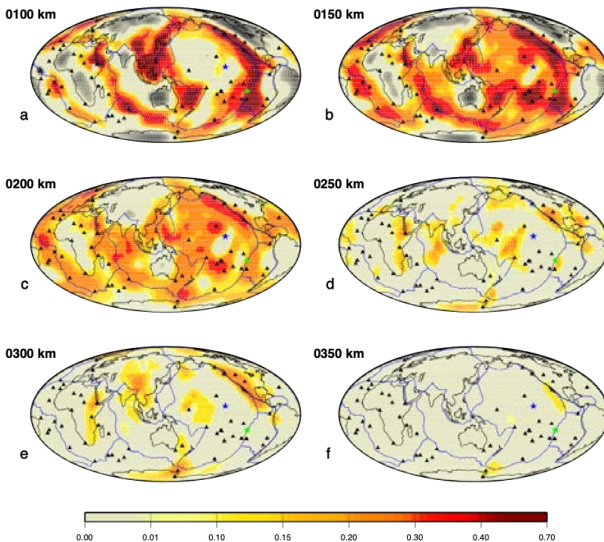
Misfit in %



## Temperature dependent anelastic model (Yamauchi & Takei, 2016; Takei, 2017)



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# Consequences on plate motions

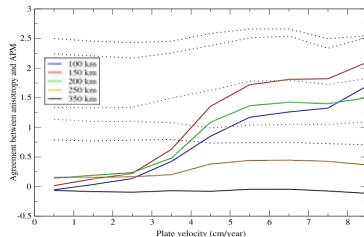
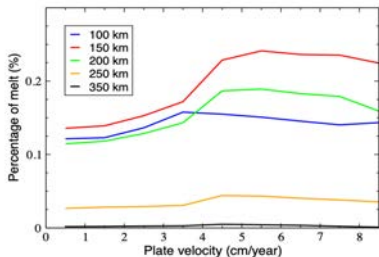


Plate-scale crystal alignment beneath plates moving faster than 4 cm/year is associated with a greater amount of melt.

This requires either that melt facilitates deformation or that deformation favours melt retention in the LVZ, or both



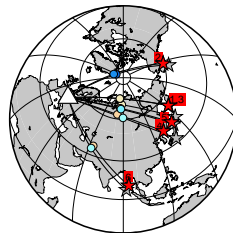
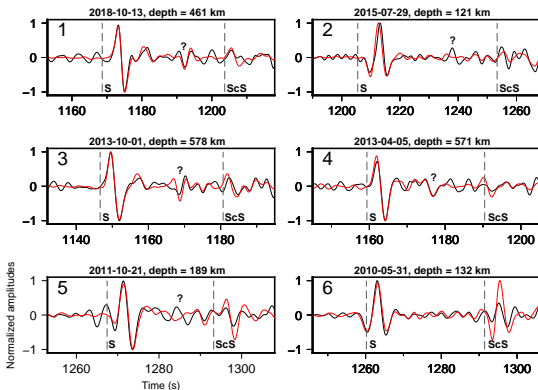






# New data to study the deep Earth

It is based on the fact that  $\frac{\partial T}{\Omega_Z} = 2c$  (Fichtner & Igel, 2009). Can we get velocity measurement directly without any inversion ? (See R. Abreu's poster)



Abreu et al. *in prep.*