

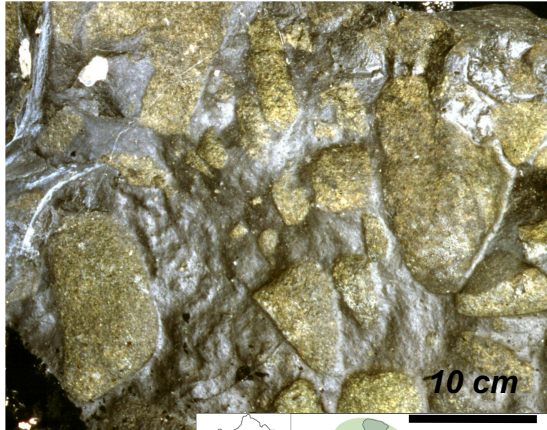


***How to probe the mantle deformation:***

***naturally deformed mantle rocks,  
experiments, and seismic anisotropy***

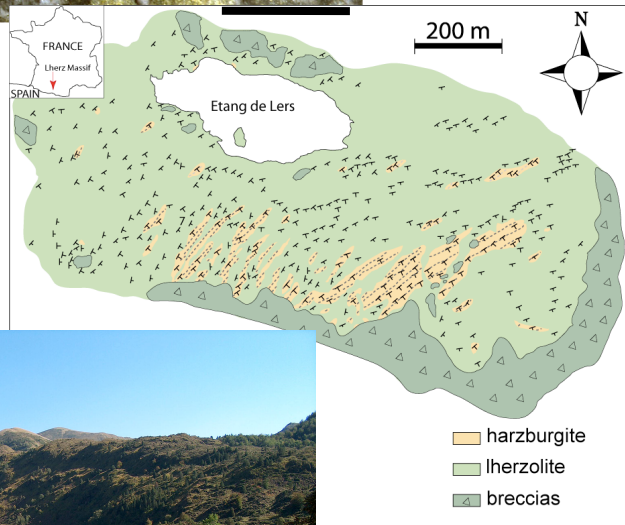
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# How can we "see" the mantle deformation?



**xenoliths : mm to cm scale**

- deformation mechanisms



**peridotite massifs : m to 10s of km scale**

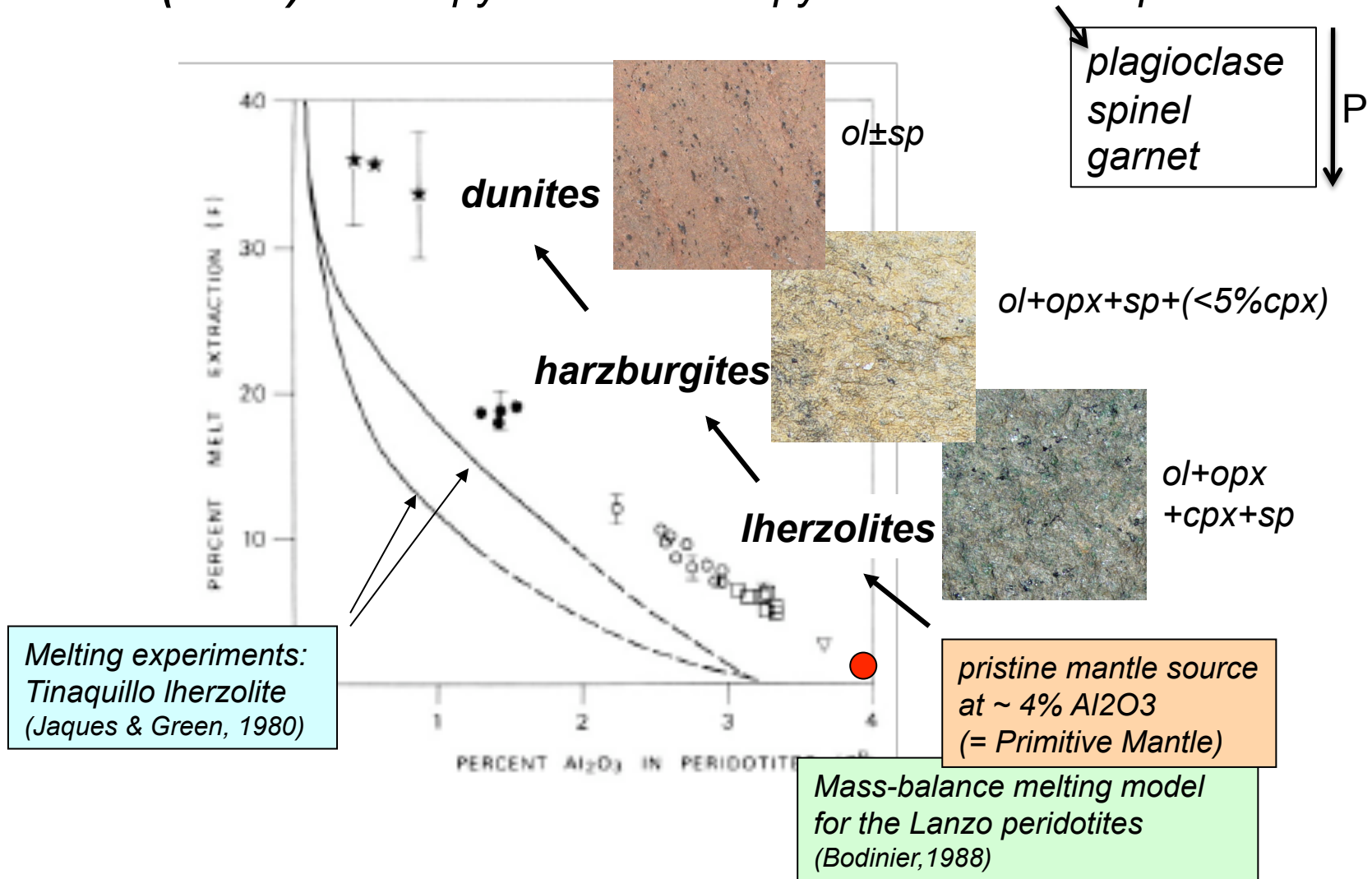
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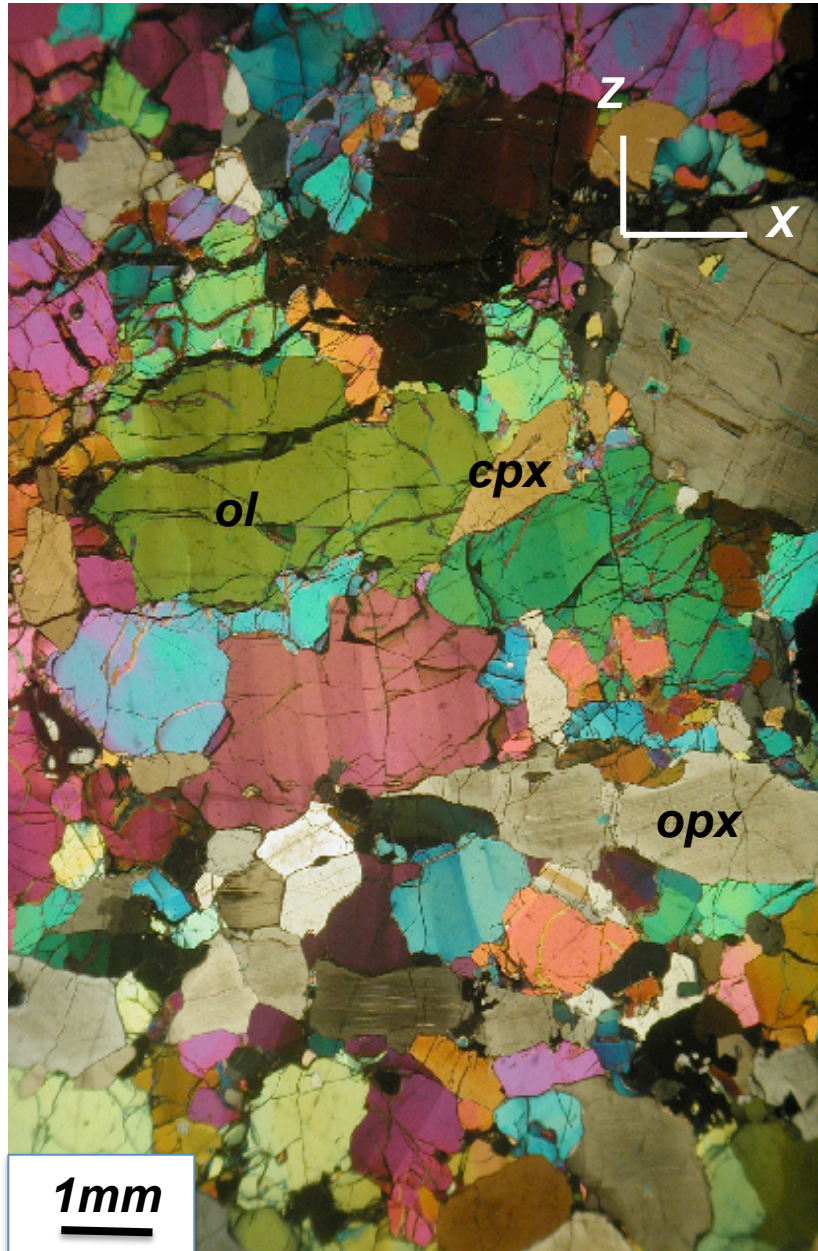
**Upper mantle rocks = peridotites**

**olivine (>50%) + orthopyroxene + clinopyroxene + Al-rich phase**



*Chemical and mineralogical variations in mantle rocks:  
traditionally ascribed to partial melting, but refertilization also occurs*





**Mantle xenoliths : mm to cm scale**  
 ➤ **deformation mechanisms**

**Dominantly coarse porphyroclastic microstructures**

**Olivine:**

- elongated crystals
- undulose extinction
- subgrains
- interpenetrating grain boundaries

} **dislocation creep**

assisted by  
 → **diffusion**

**Opx:**

- elongated crystals
- undulose extinction
- kink bands

} **dislocation creep**

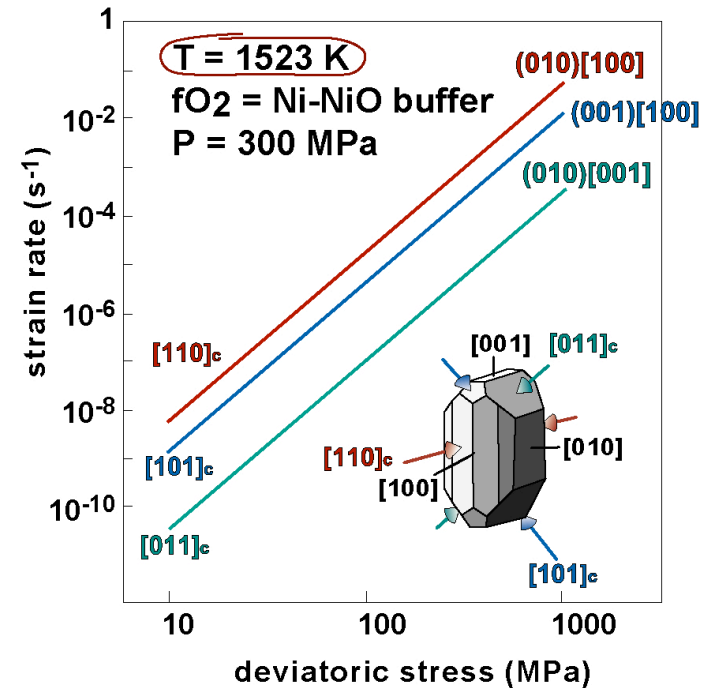
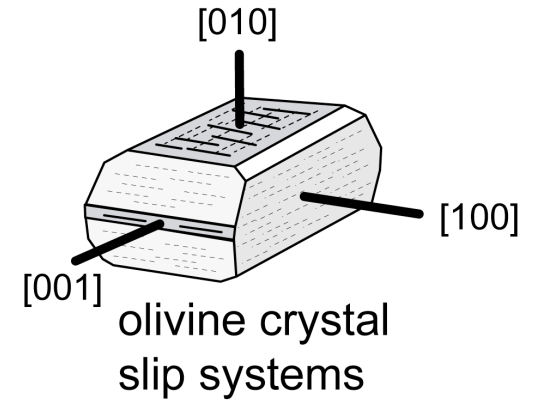
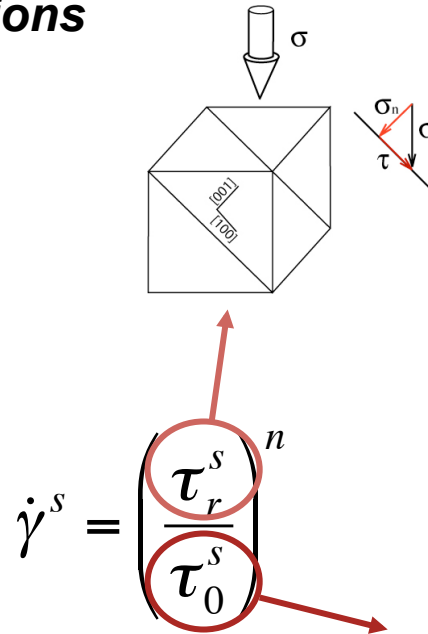
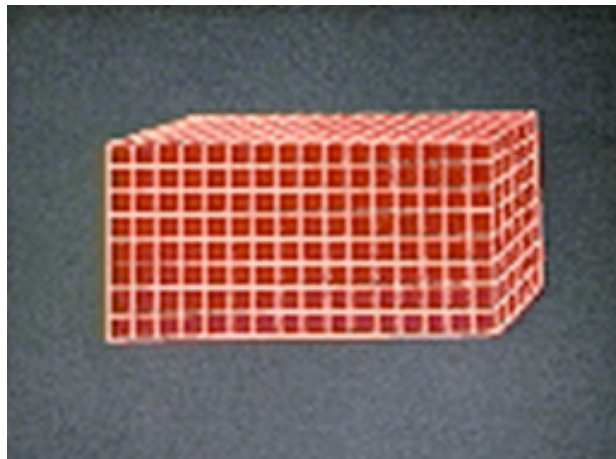
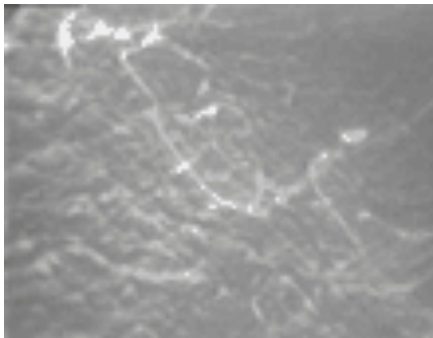
**coarse grains : low deviatoric stresses**



# Crystal deformation by dislocation glide

within a grain (crystal):

strain = motion of dislocations  
on well-defined crystal  
planes & directions

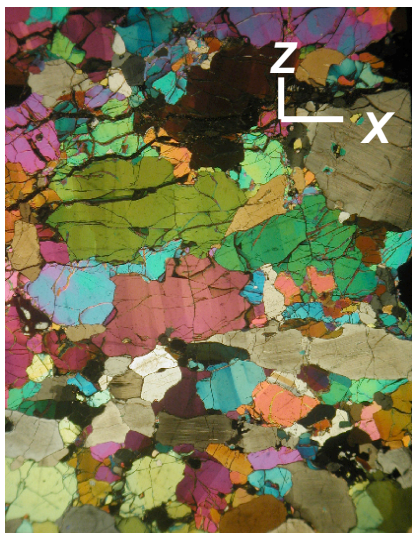
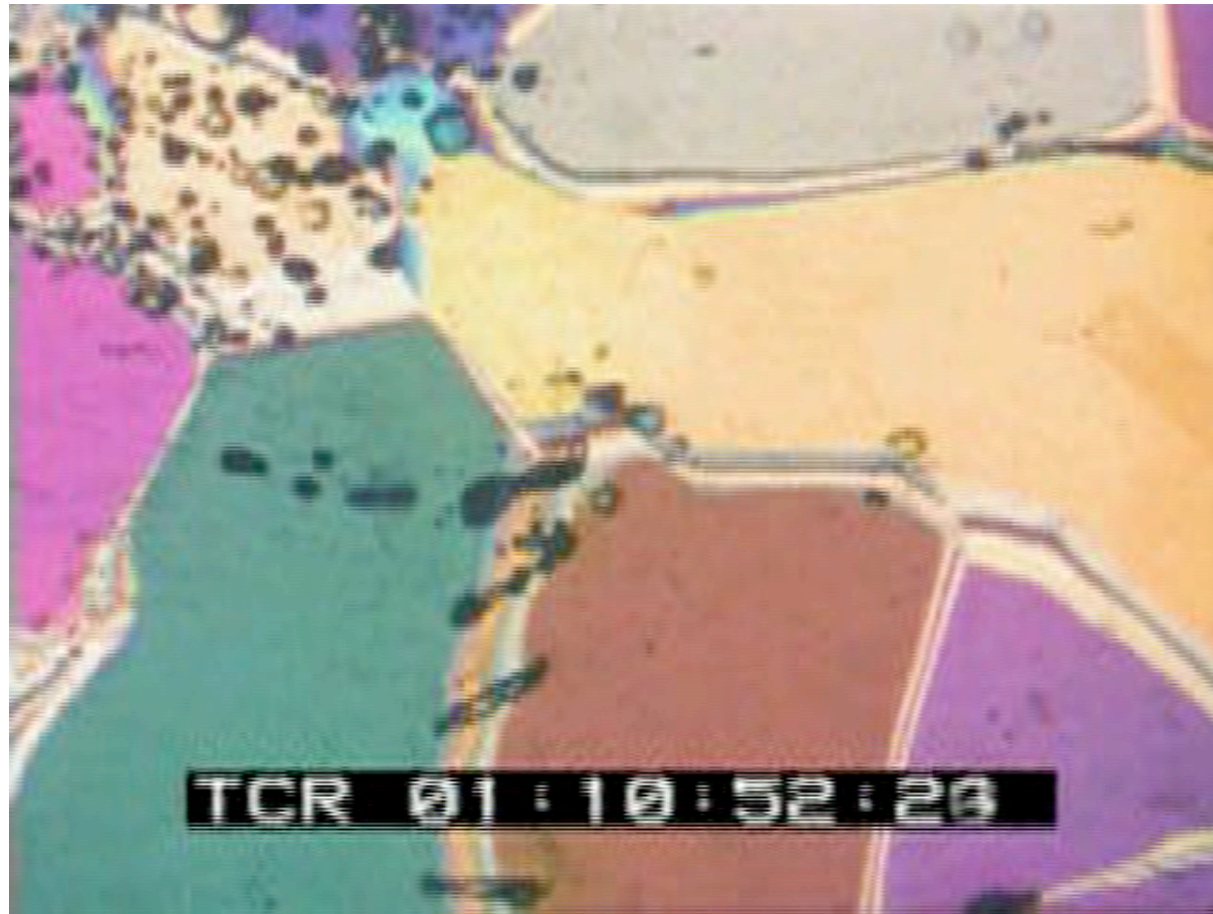


Bai et al. 1990-JGR

**total crystal strain = sum of shear strains in  
all available slip systems**

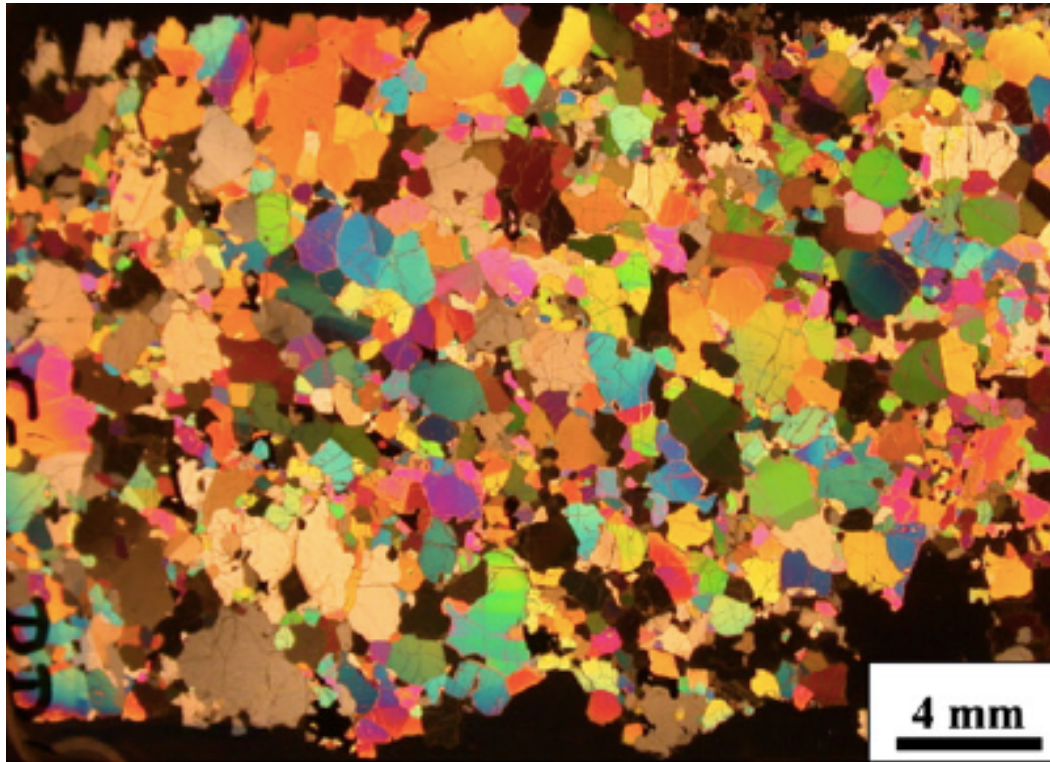
## *Viscoplastic deformation & crystal preferred orientations*

*dislocation creep = dislocation glide  
+ dynamic recrystallization*



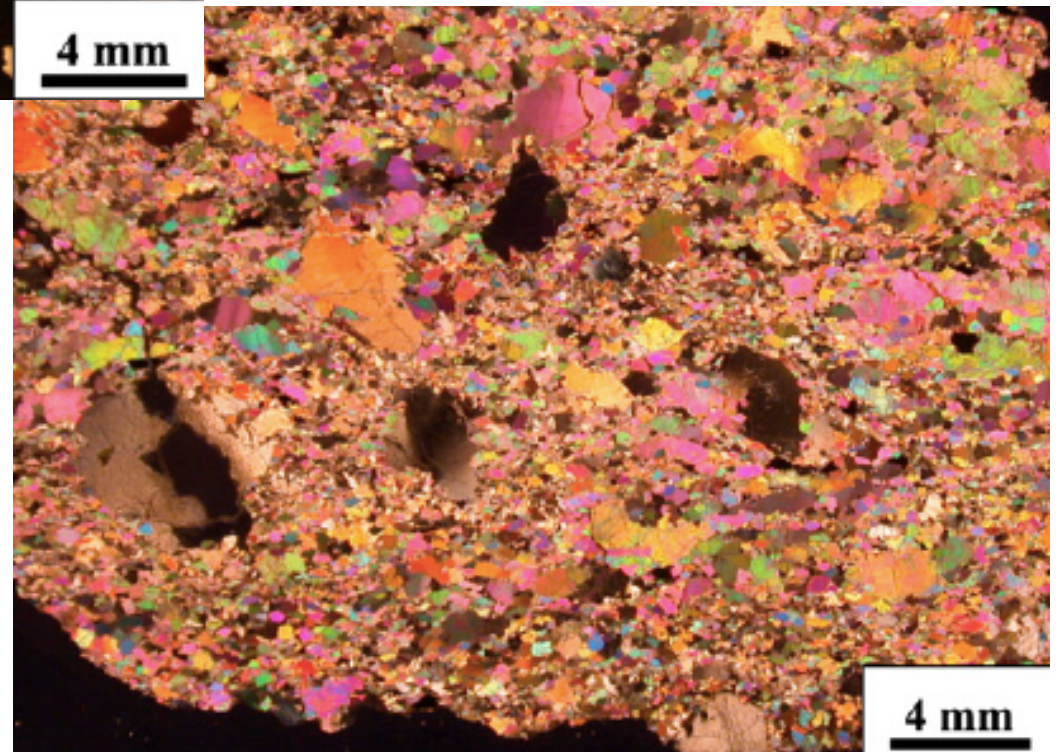
*polycrystalline ice  
in-situ deformation: pure shear  
C. Wilson - Univ. Melbourne, Australia*





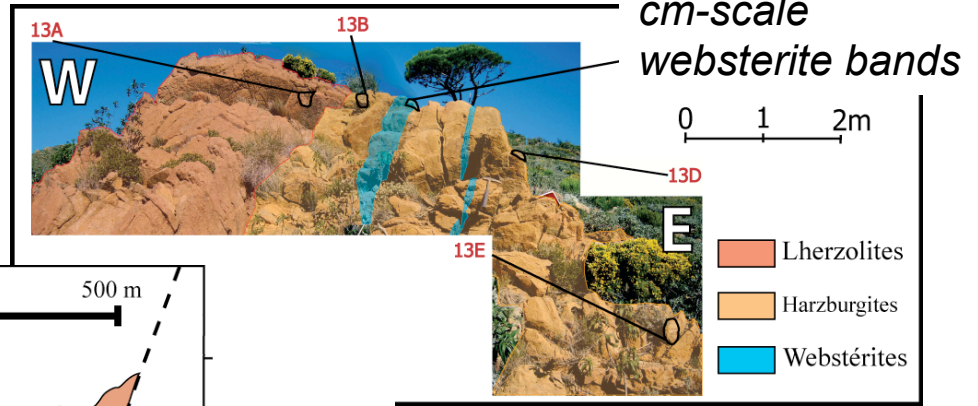
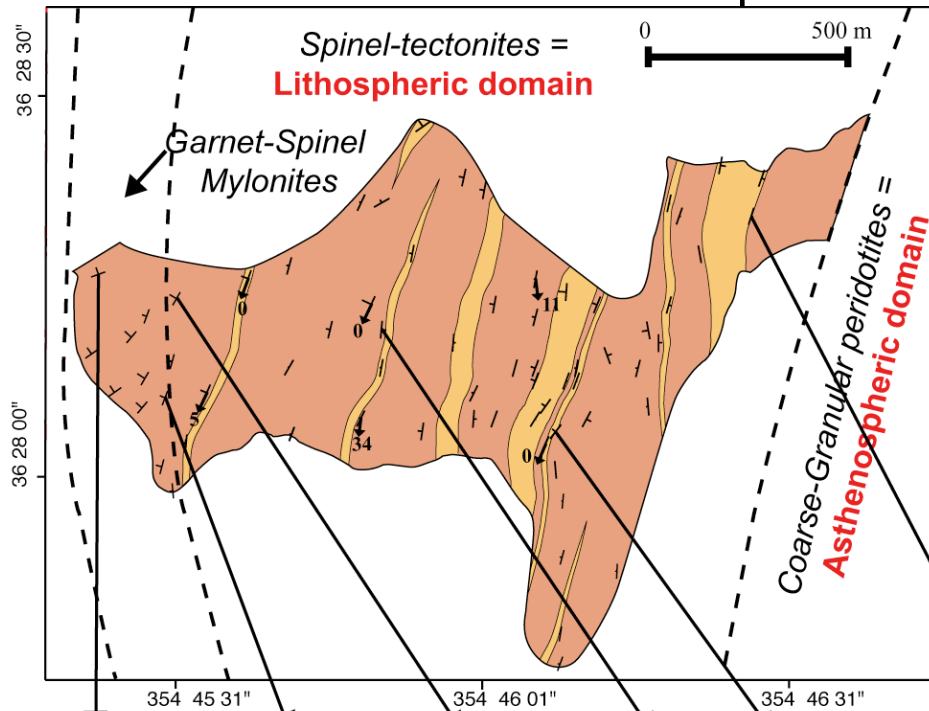
*Recrystallization*  
➤ *grain refinement*

*stress ↗*  
*T ↘ or strain rate ↗*





# Deformation and reactive melt transport in the Ronda "lithospheric" domain



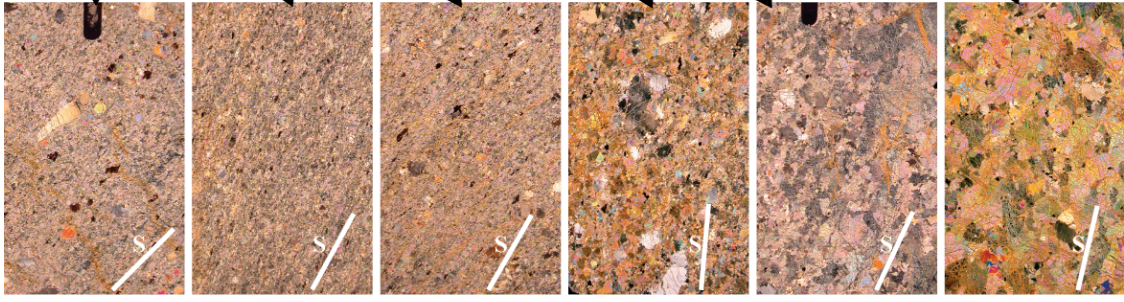
Scale:  
Thin section  
10 mm

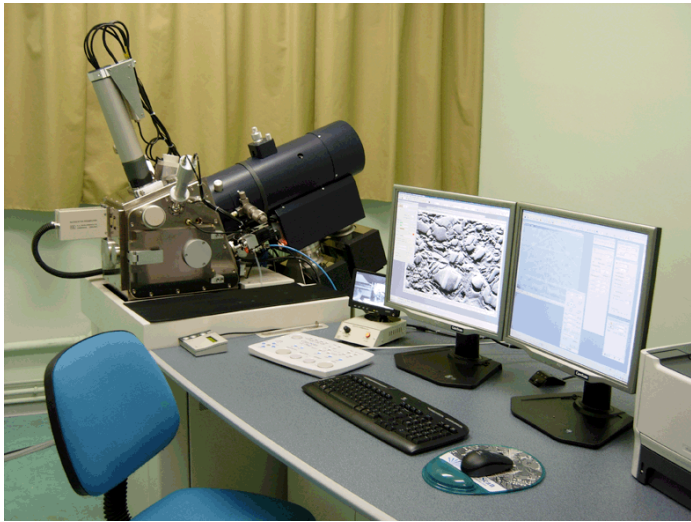
S = Foliation  
Orientation  
N  
E

- Continuity of deformation structures from the front to the mylonites

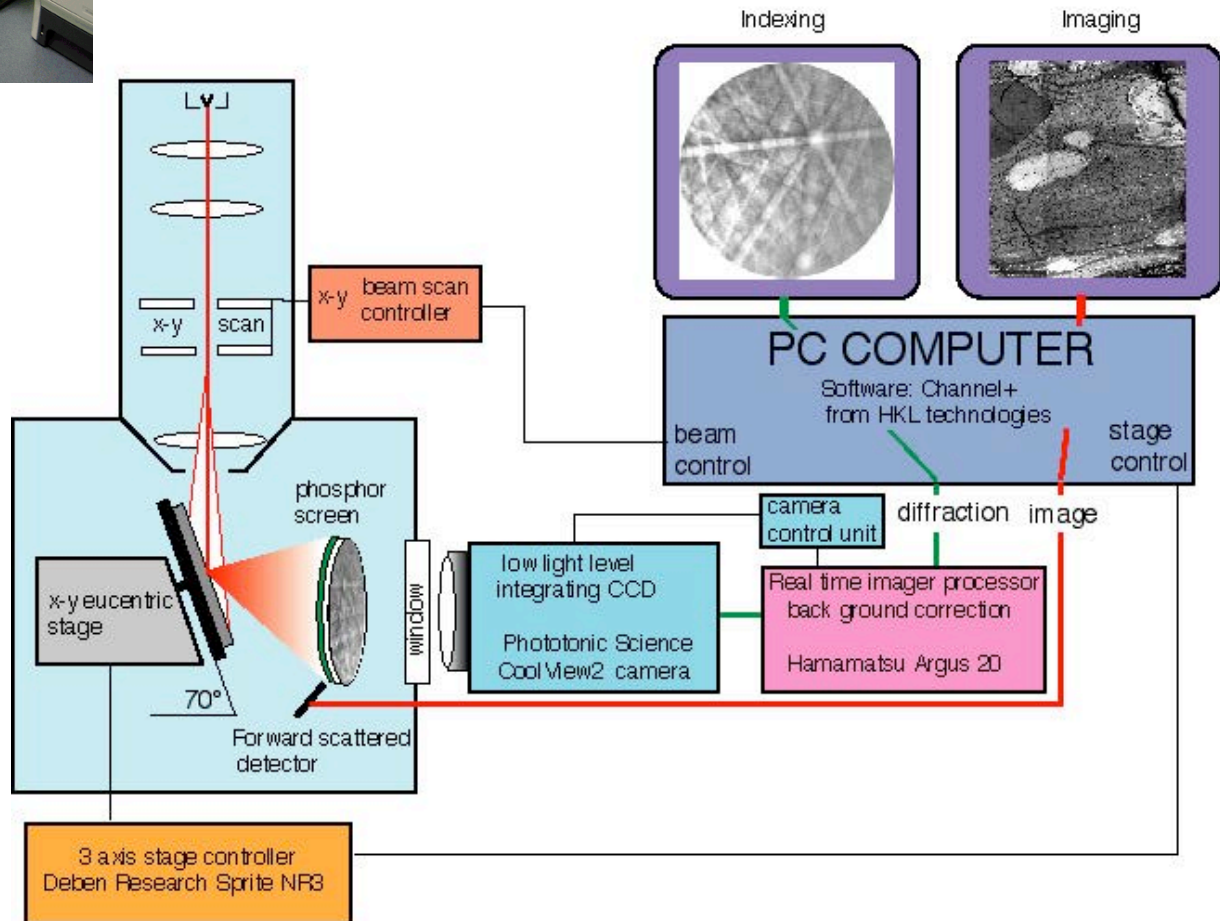
- Lithological contacts // deformation structures // melting front

- Progressive grain-size decrease from the front to the mylonites: T gradient



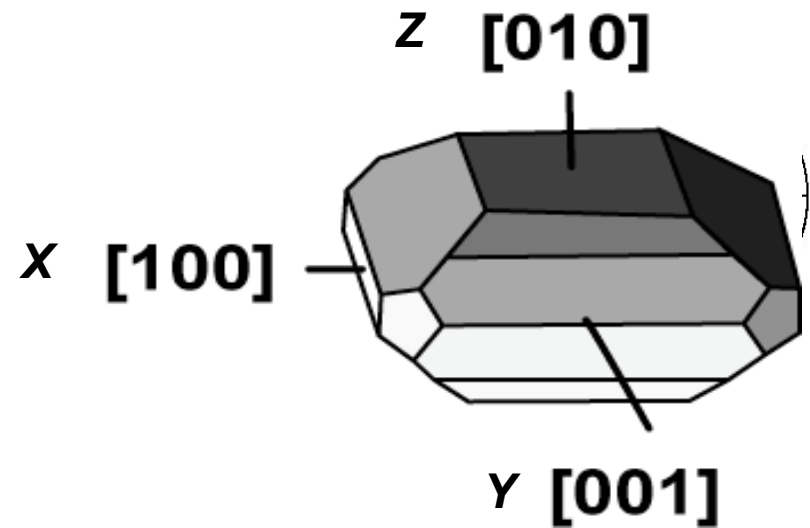
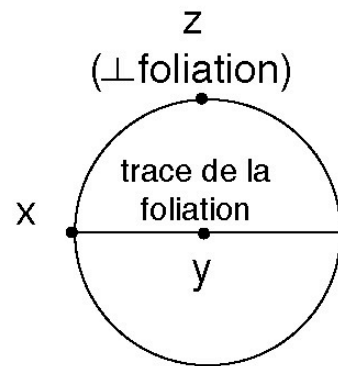
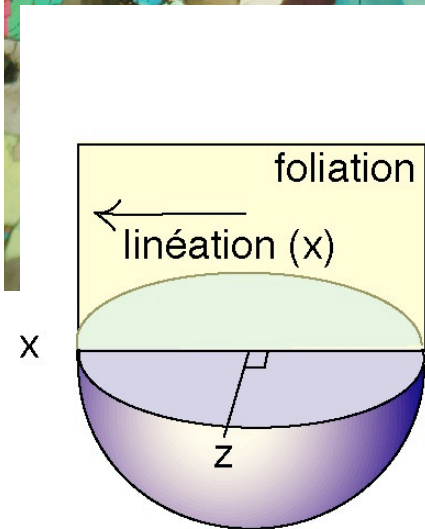
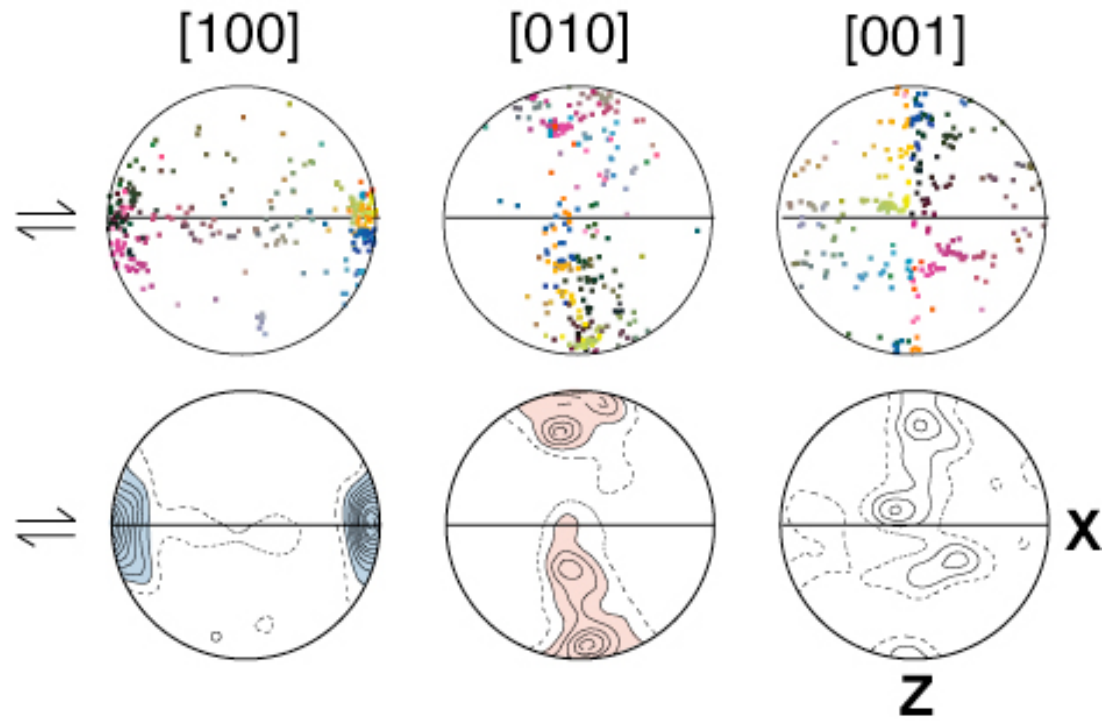
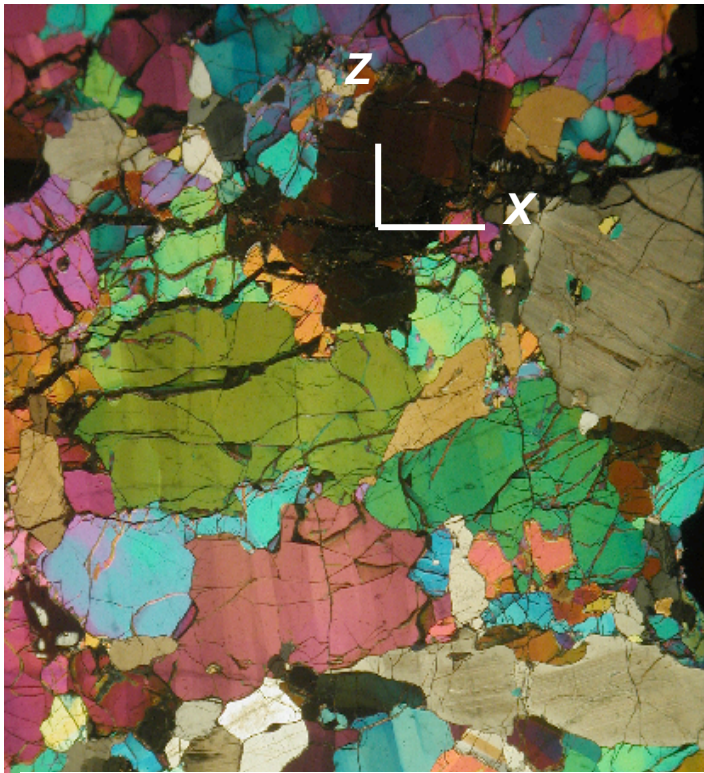


## Measuring Crystal Preferred Orientations (CPO) by indexing of Electron BackScattered Diffraction (EBSD) patterns



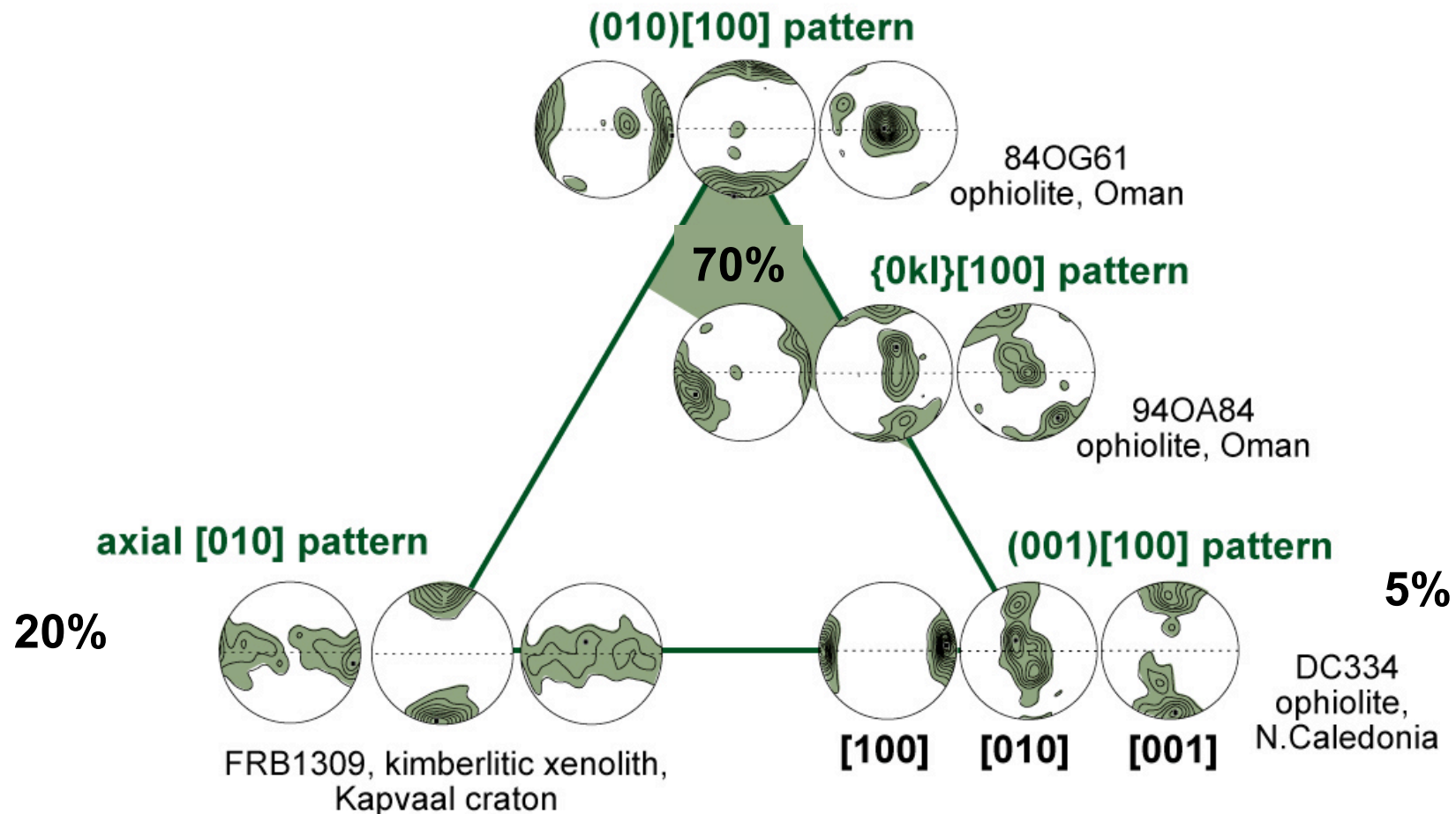


**HT, low stress deformation: Iherzolite, Tahiti**





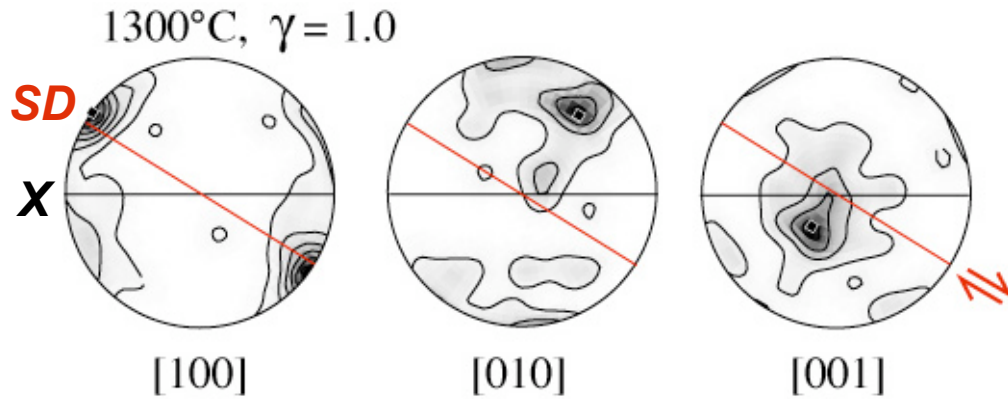
# olivine database: 3 textural >200 samples end-members



✓ *dominant [100] slip in the shallow (lithospheric) mantle*

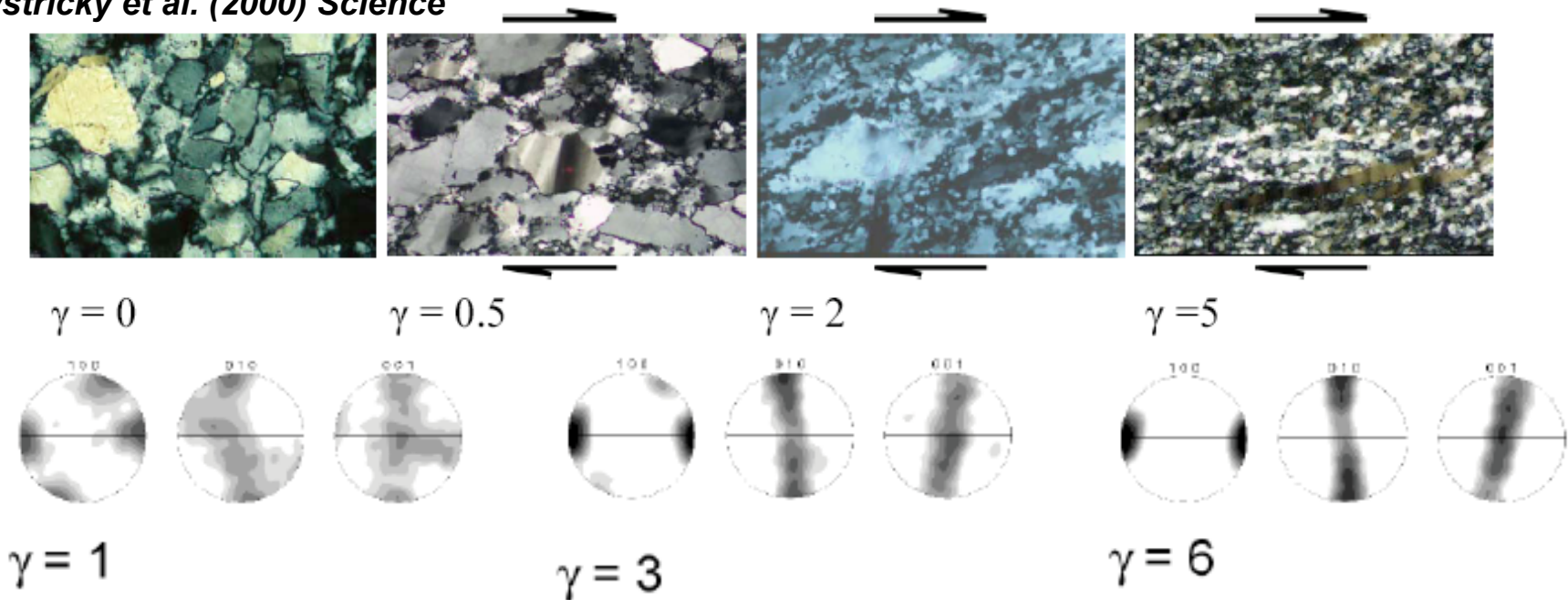
**HT-LP experimental deformation: simple shear**

Zhang & Karato (1995) Nature

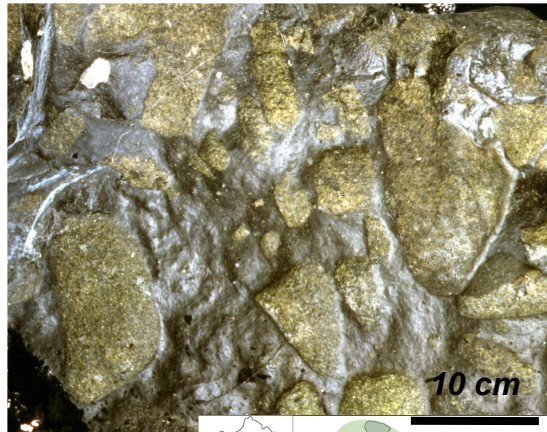


**dominant slip direction : [100]**  
**// shear direction**  
**&**  
**dominant slip plane : (010)**  
**// shear plane**

Bystricky et al. (2000) Science

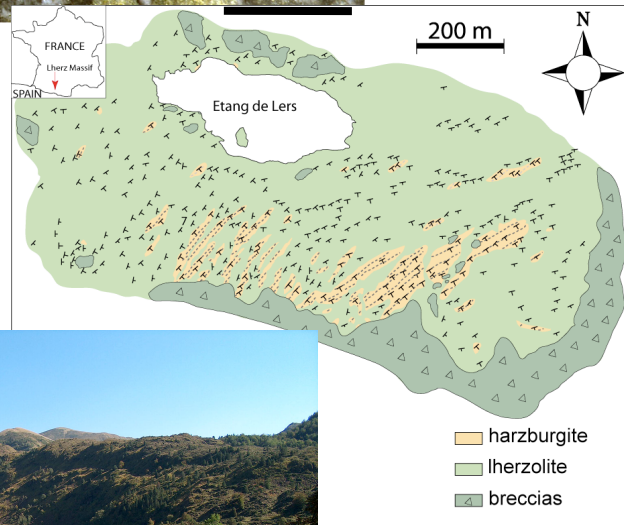


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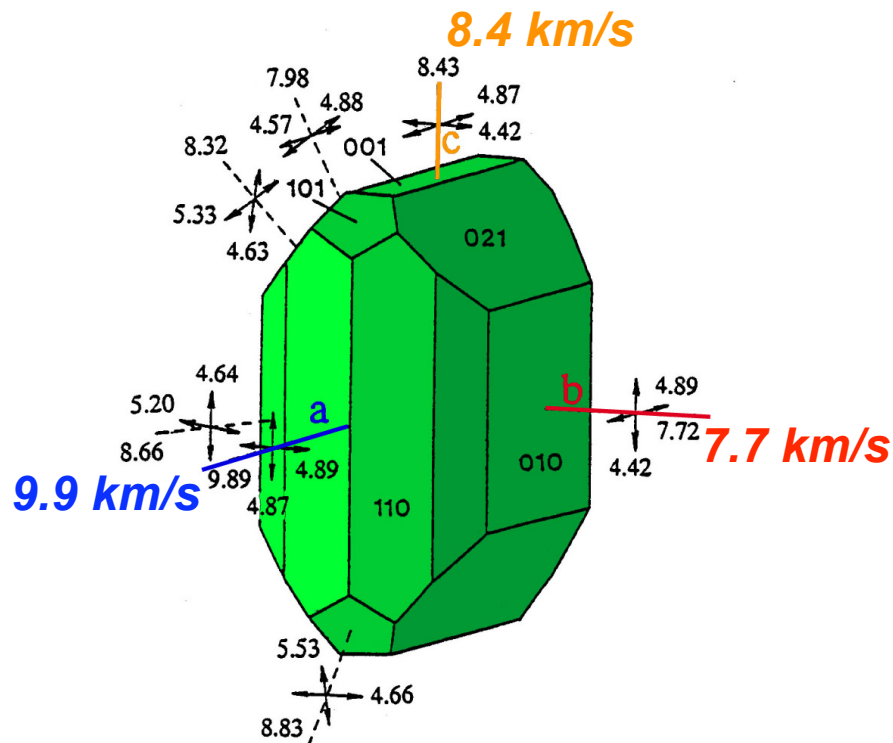
# Seismic anisotropy = a tool to probe the mantle deformation

Anisotropy = dependence of a physical property on the direction of sampling

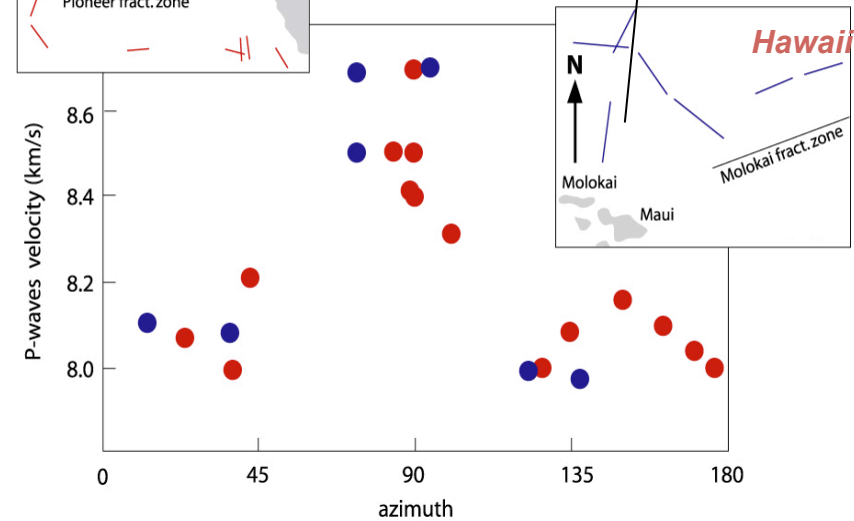
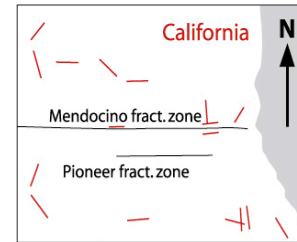
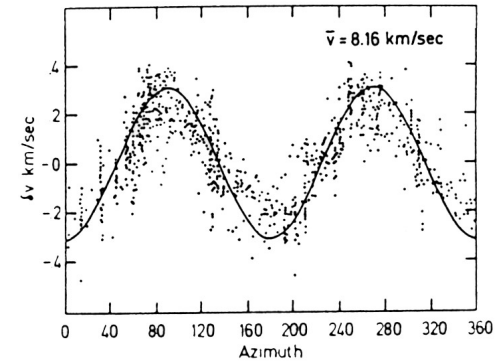
Seismic waves velocities vary as a function of:

- the propagation direction (P & S waves)
- the polarization direction

## Olivine cristal ( $\mu\text{m-cm}$ )



Refraction profiles  
 $V_p = F(\text{profile direction})$   
 faster // spreading



Hess (1964), Nature

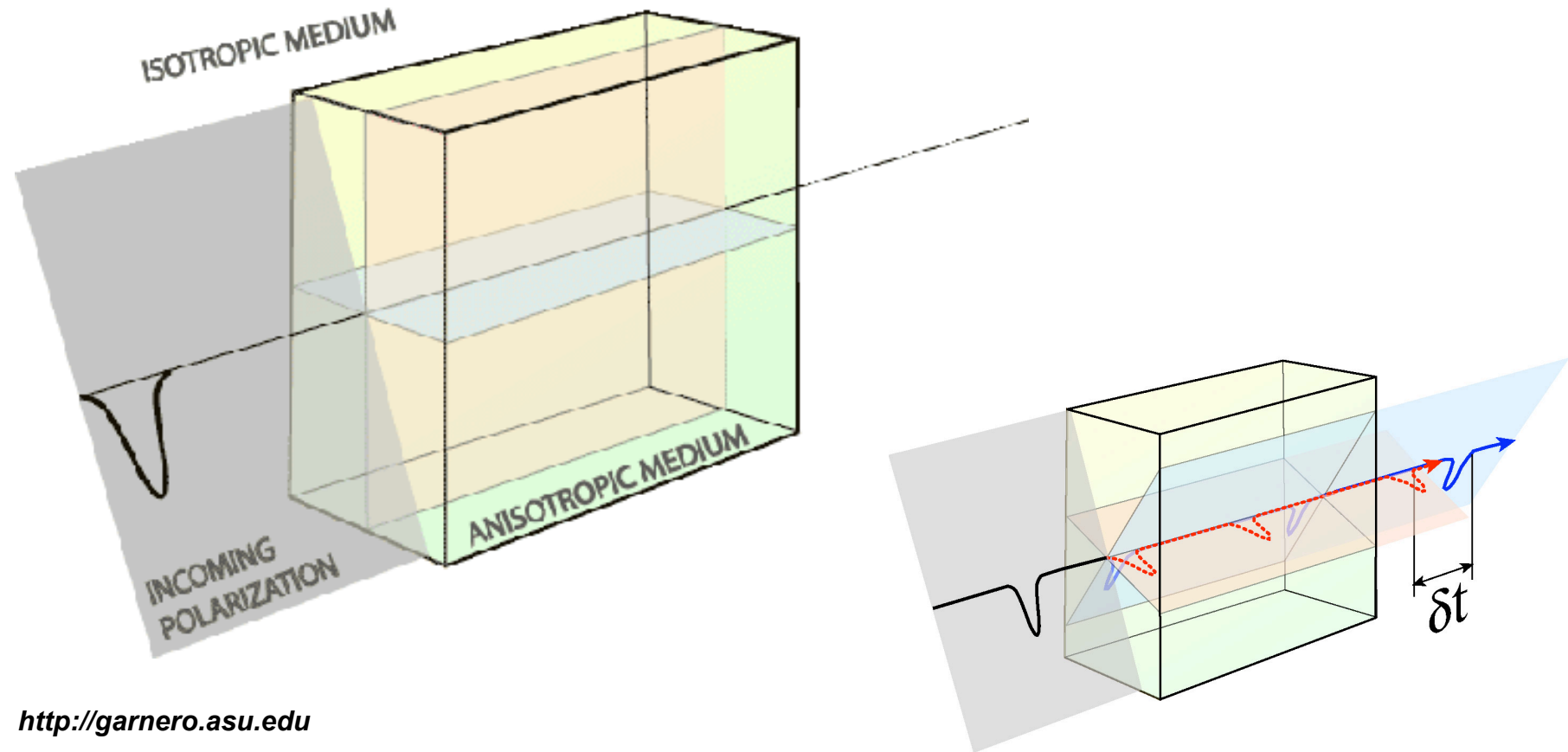
**P-waves azimuthal anisotropy (10s of km)**

## Seismic anisotropy

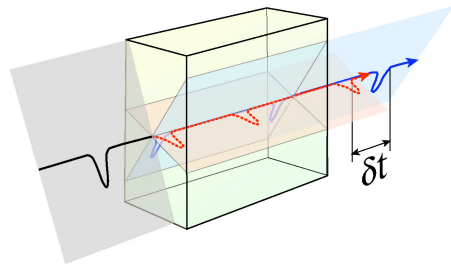
Seismic waves velocities vary as a function of:

- the propagation direction
- the polarization direction (S waves)

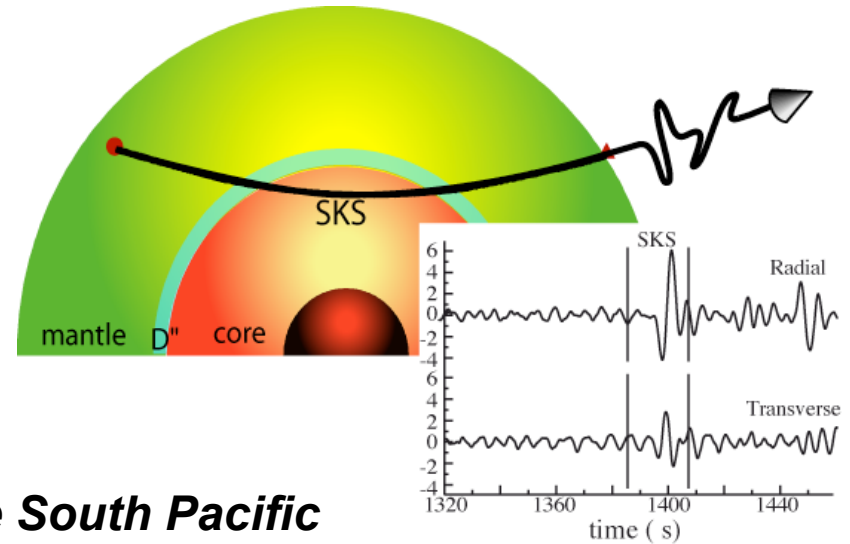
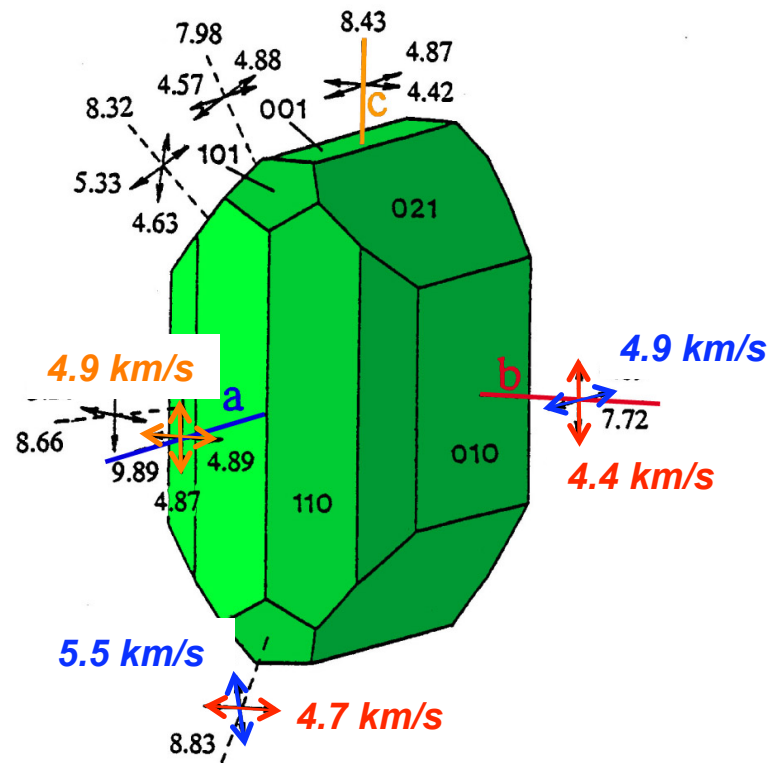
### shear wave splitting



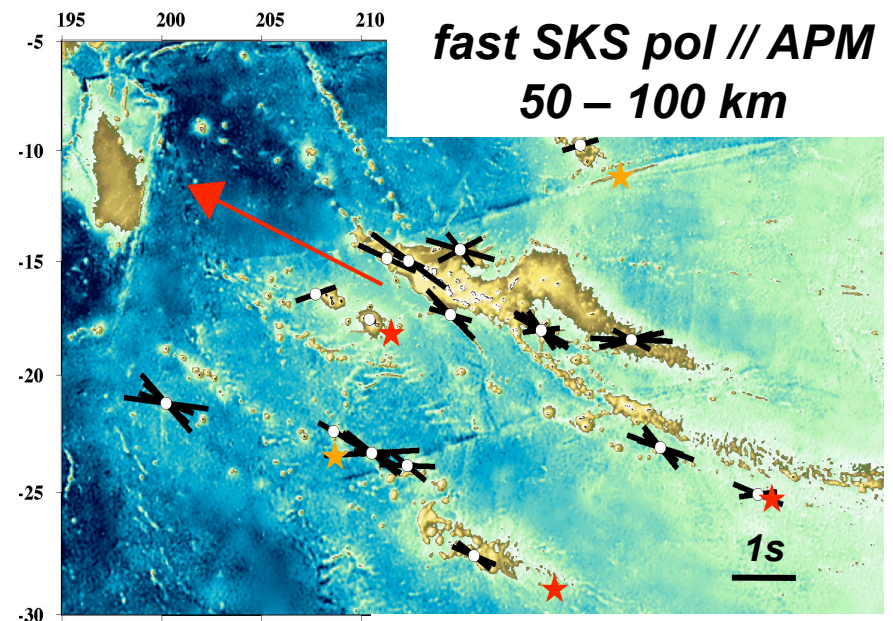
# S waves polarization anisotropy - shear wave splitting



## Olivine cristal (μm-cm)



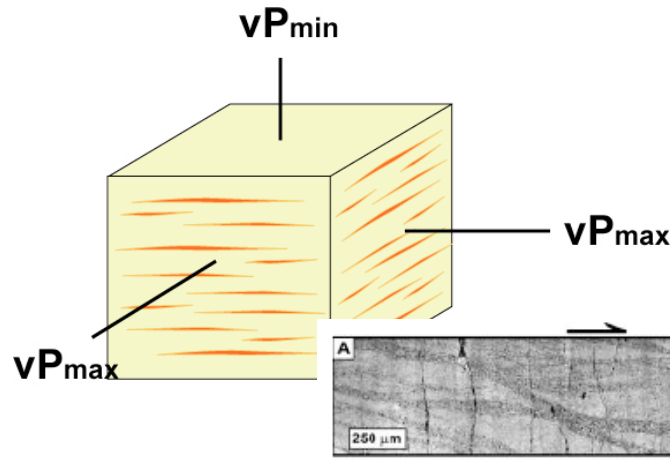
## in the South Pacific



fast SKS pol // APM  
50 – 100 km



# anisotropy results from

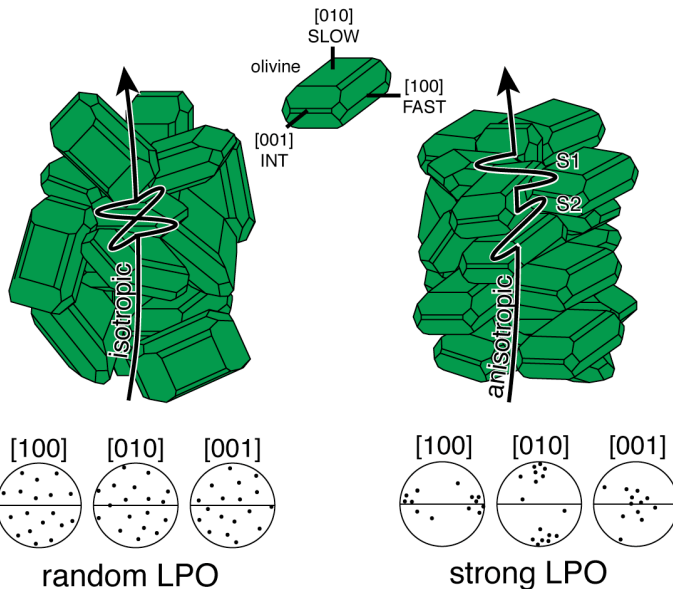


layering of materials with very  $\neq$  properties :

- **sediments**
- **strain-induced layering in metamorphic or magmatic rocks**
  - ✓ **crust, deep mantle (?)**

• **aligned cracks, dykes or melt lenses**

- ✓ **upper crust**
- ✓ **middle & lower crust**
- ✓ **upper mantle (subduction, rift...)**
- ✓ **transition zone, D'' (?)**

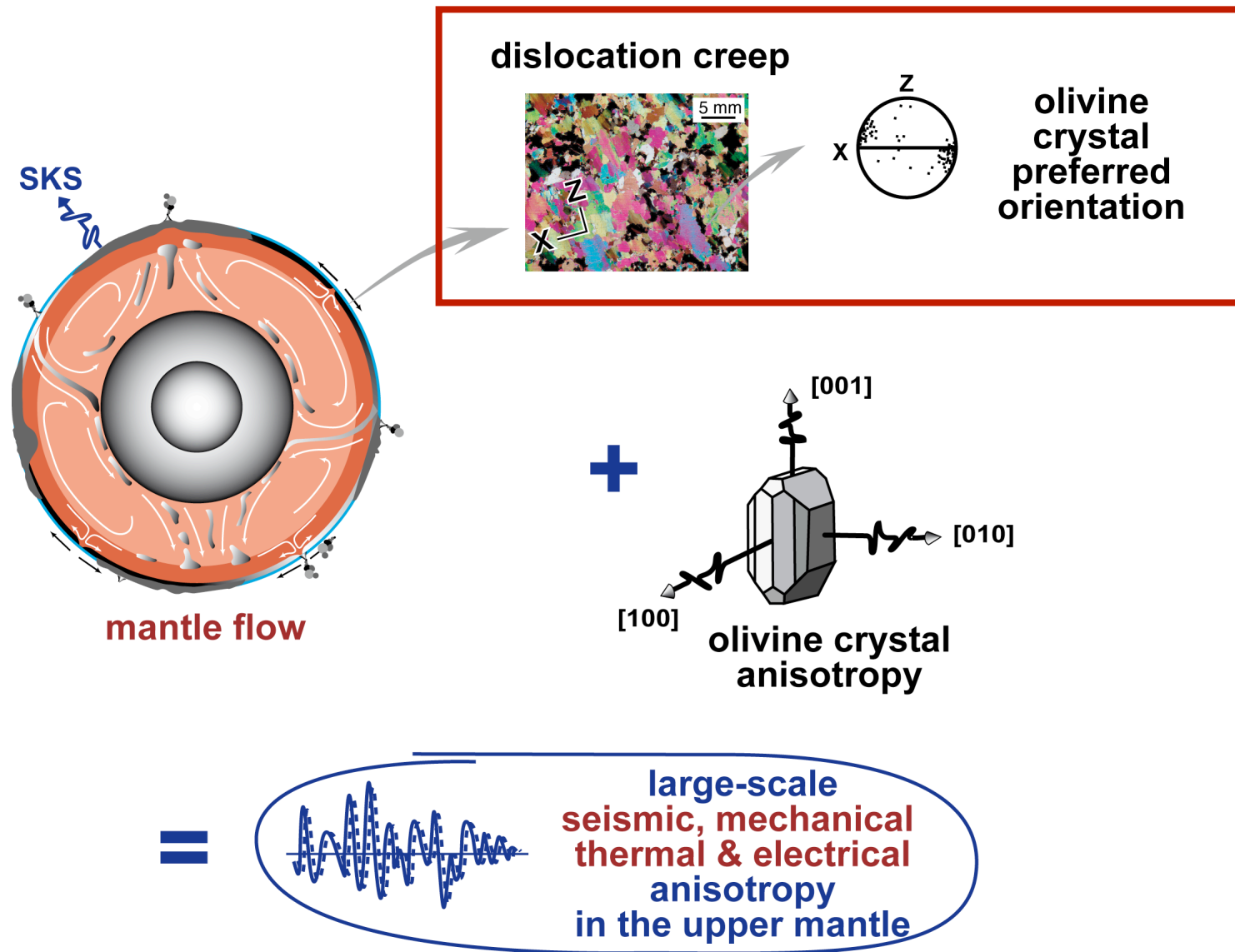


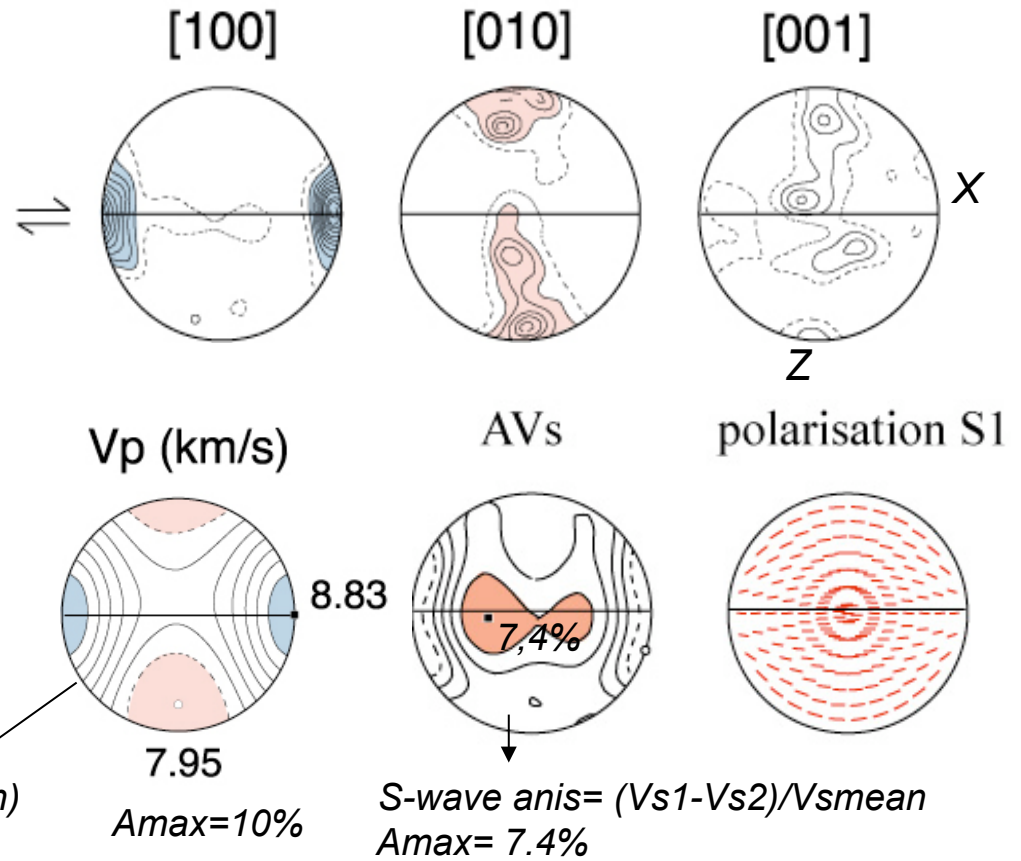
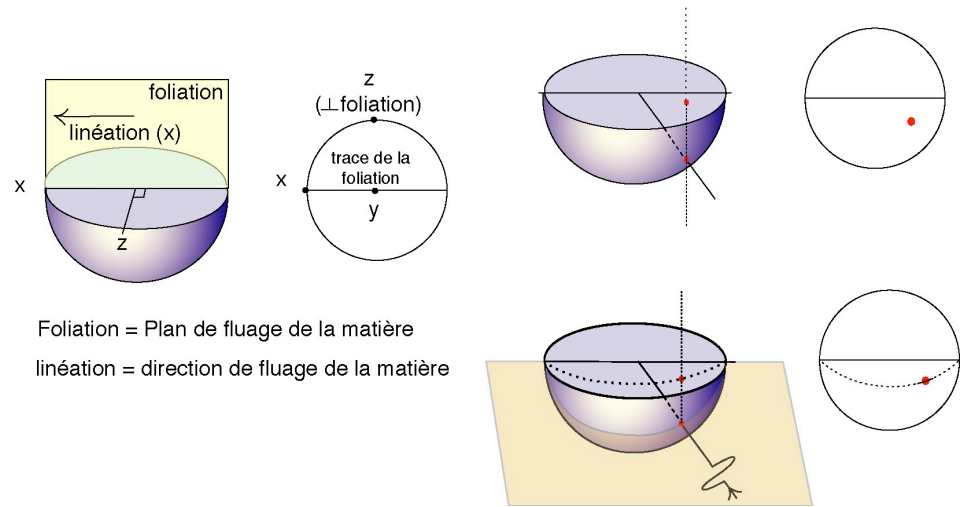
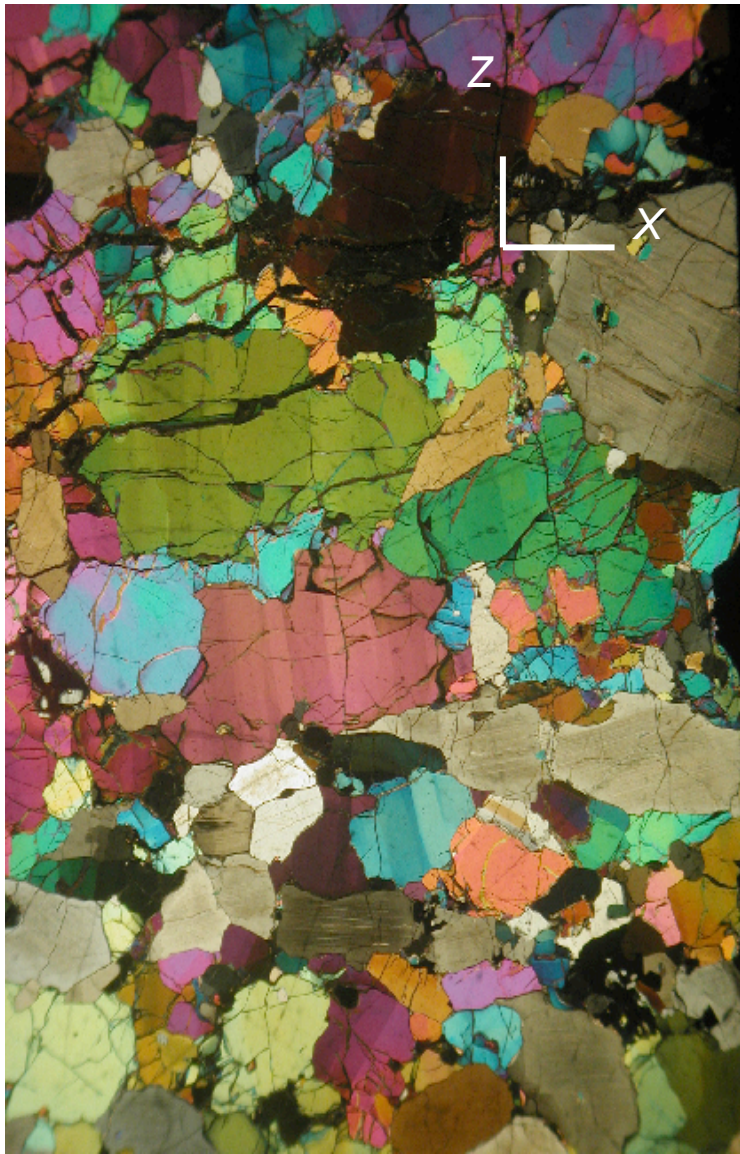
**Crystal or Lattice Preferred Orientation (CPO or LPO) of anisotropic minerals :**

- ✓ **lower crust**
- ✓ **mantle**
- ✓ **inner core (?)**

**deformation plays an essential role in the development of anisotropy**

# How do we translate seismic anisotropy data into flow patterns?

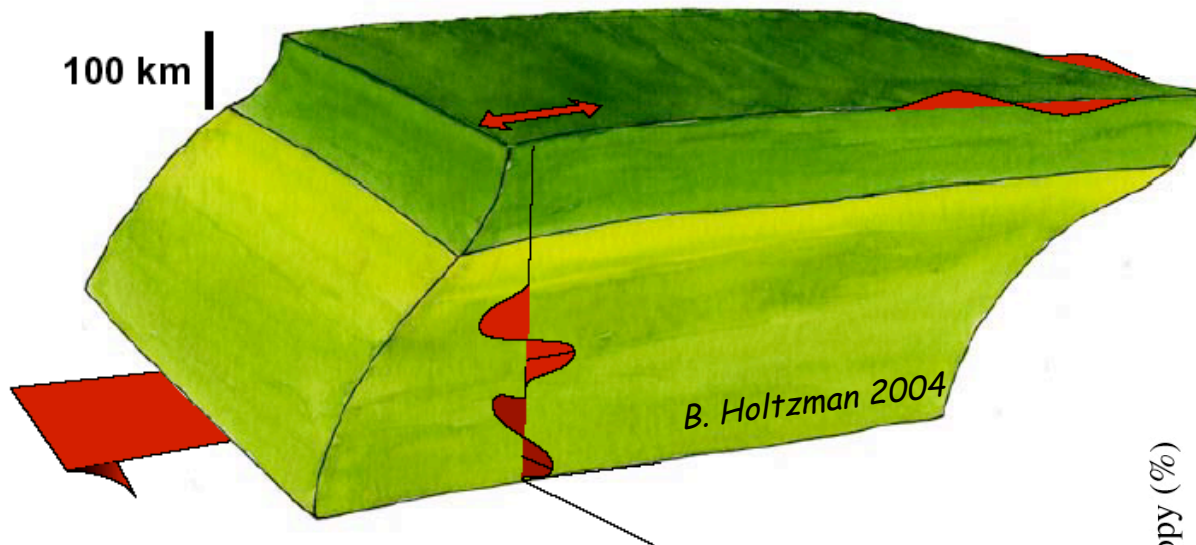




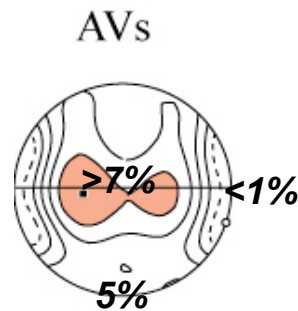
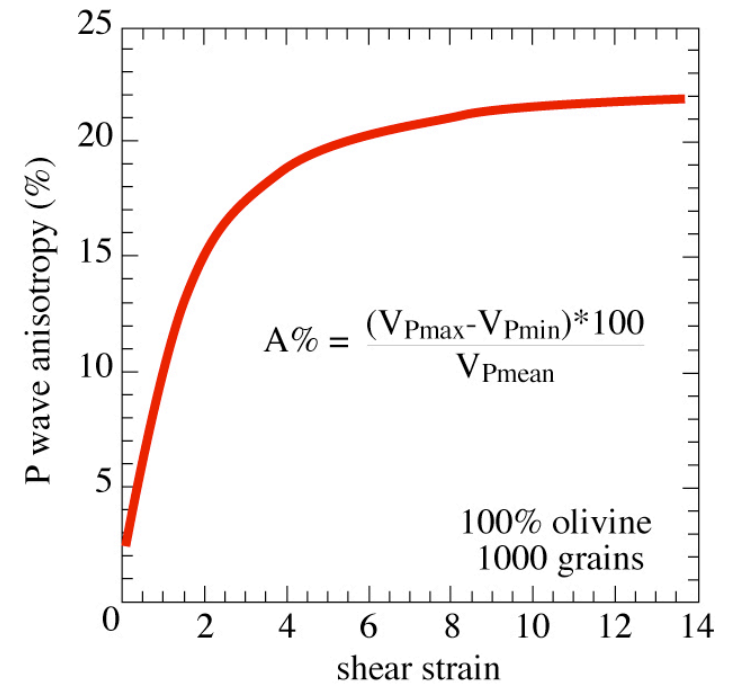
*P-wave velocity: F(propagation direction)*



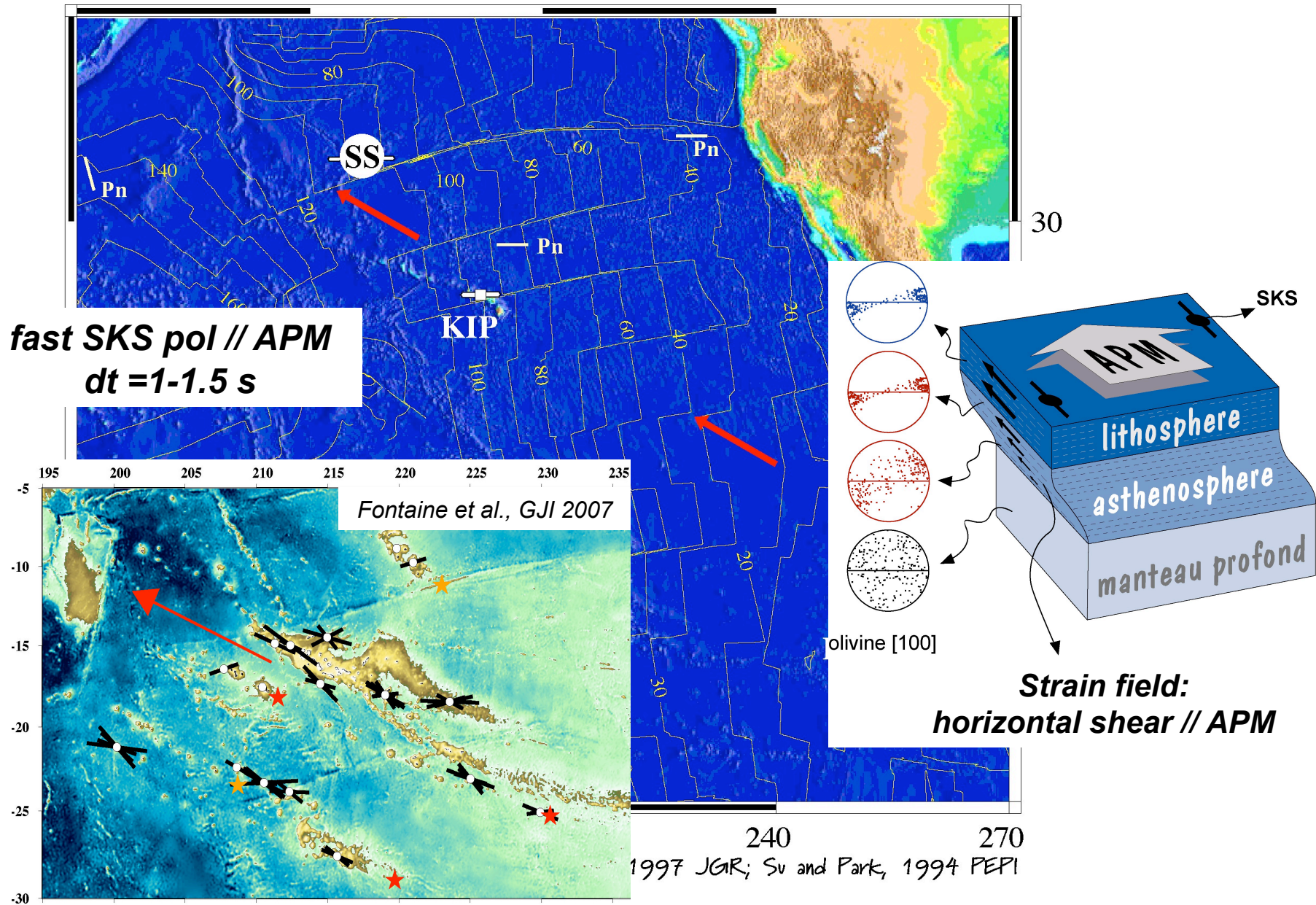
**Simple key to qualitatively "read" seismic anisotropy observations  
in the SHALLOW MANTLE  
(>250 km):**



**Fast direction of P & Rayleigh propagation,  
polarisation fast S-wave = flow direction**  
delay time ~ thickness of the anisotropic layer  
and orientation of the flow plane

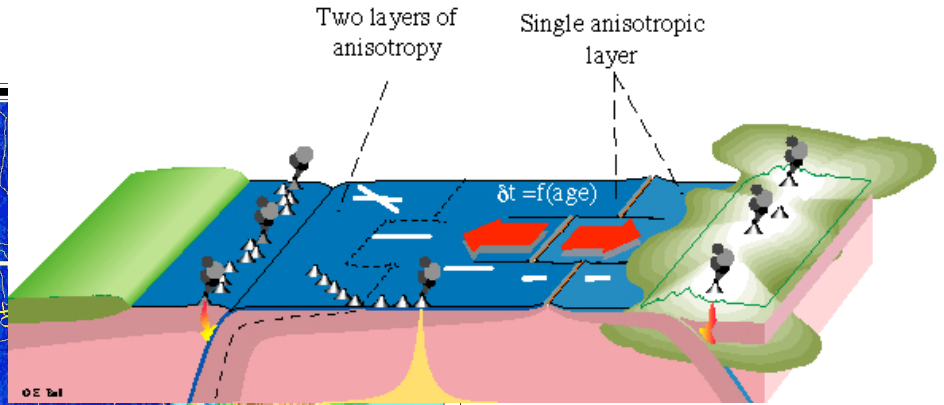
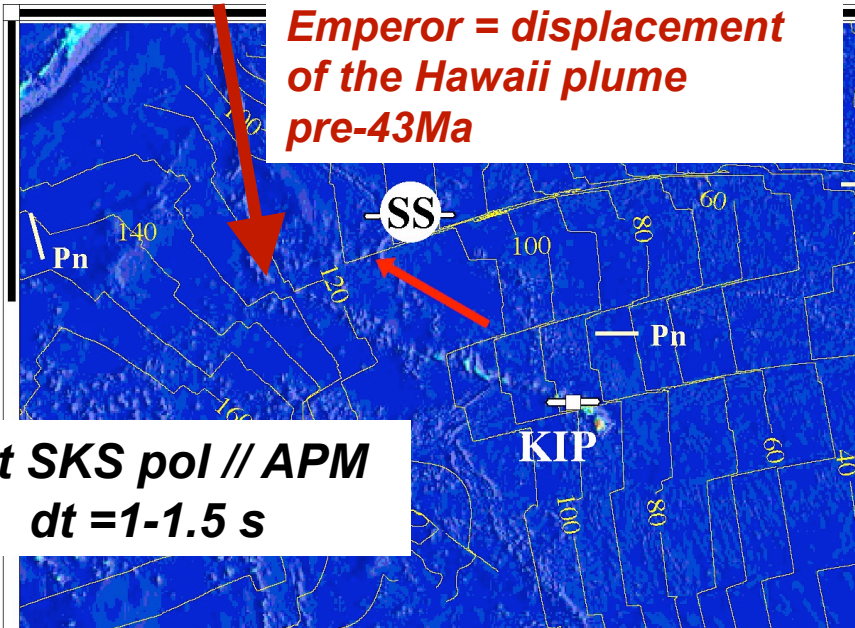


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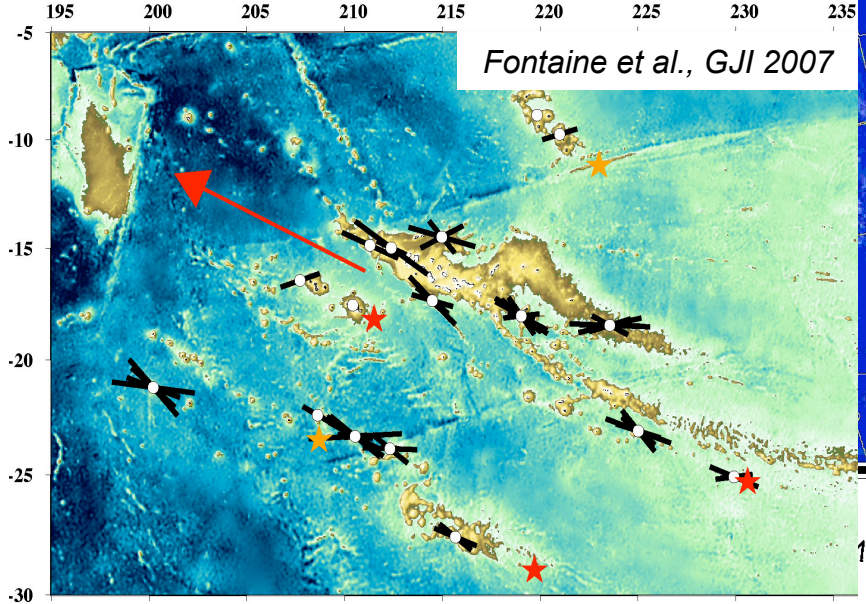


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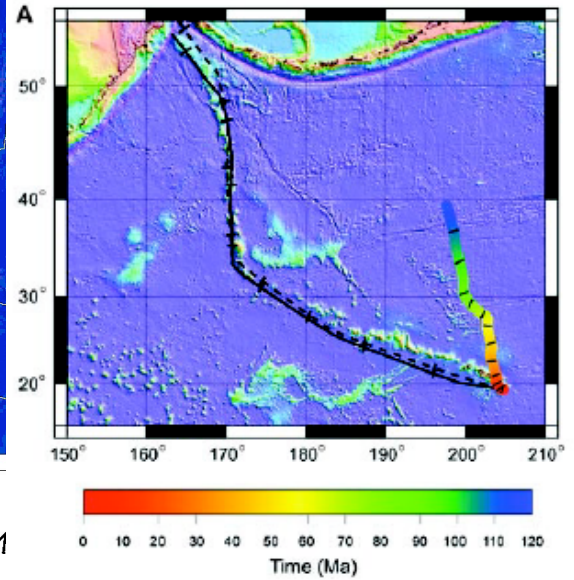


**fast SKS pol // APM**  
**dt = 1-1.5 s**

**The Emperor Seamounts: Southward Motion of the Hawaiian Hotspot Plume in Earth's Mantle**



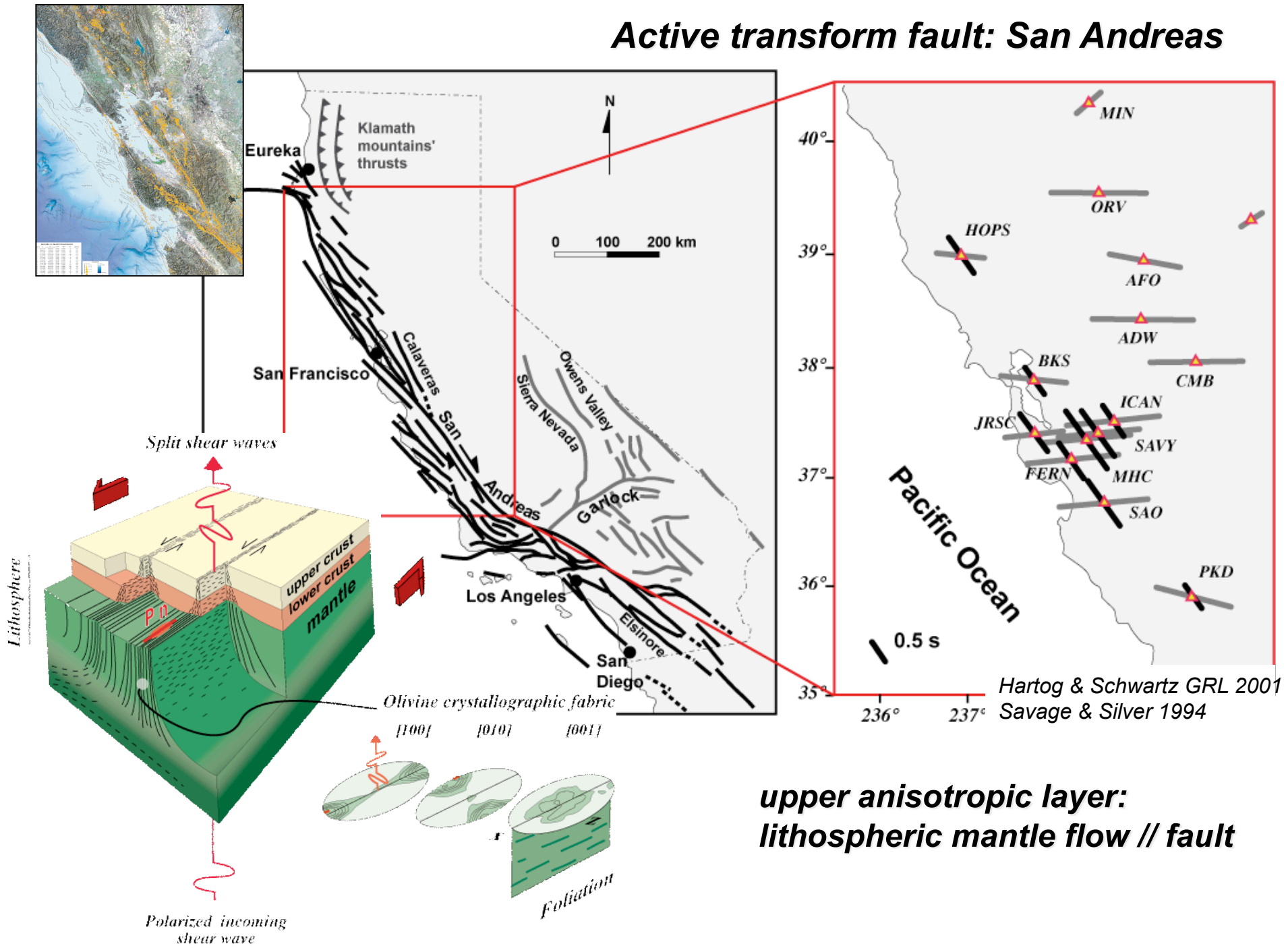
240  
1997 JGR; Su and Park, 1



*Tarduno et al. Science 2003*



# Active transform fault: San Andreas

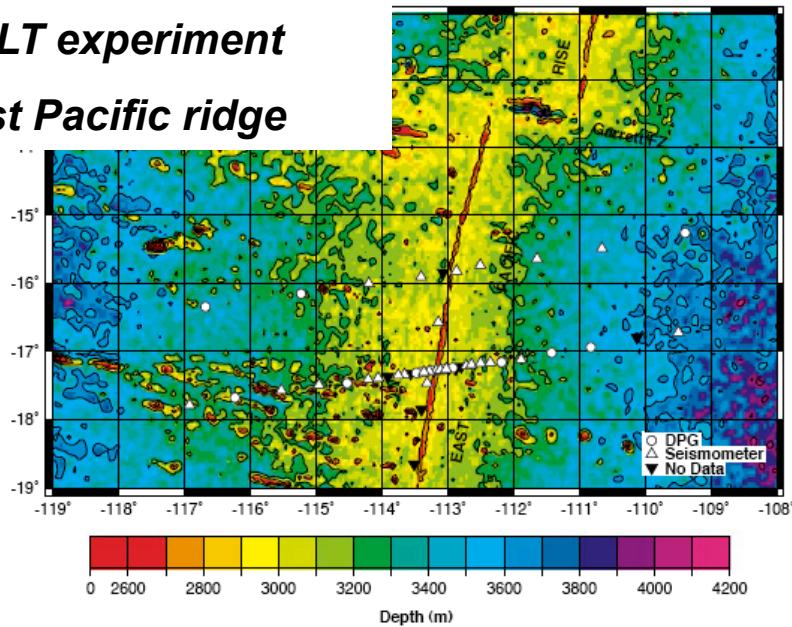


Hartog & Schwartz GRL 2001  
Savage & Silver 1994

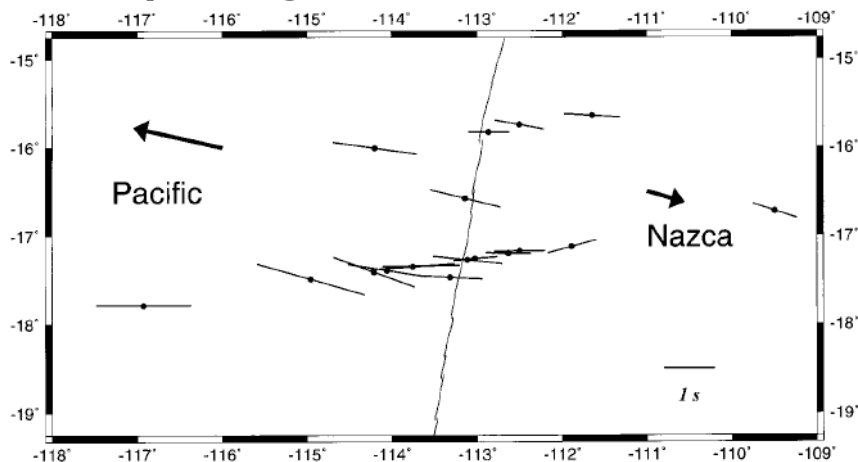
**upper anisotropic layer:  
lithospheric mantle flow // fault**

**Electrical conductivity anisotropy inferred from long-period MT data:  
Another tool to map upper mantle deformation?**

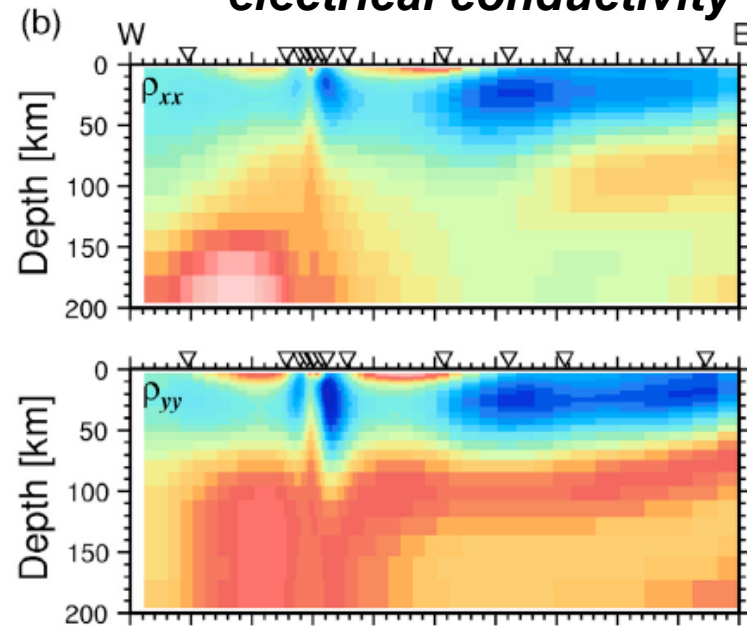
**MELT experiment  
East Pacific ridge**



**SKS splitting**



**electrical conductivity**



*resistivity // spreading direction  
= 1/5 \* resistivity // ridge*

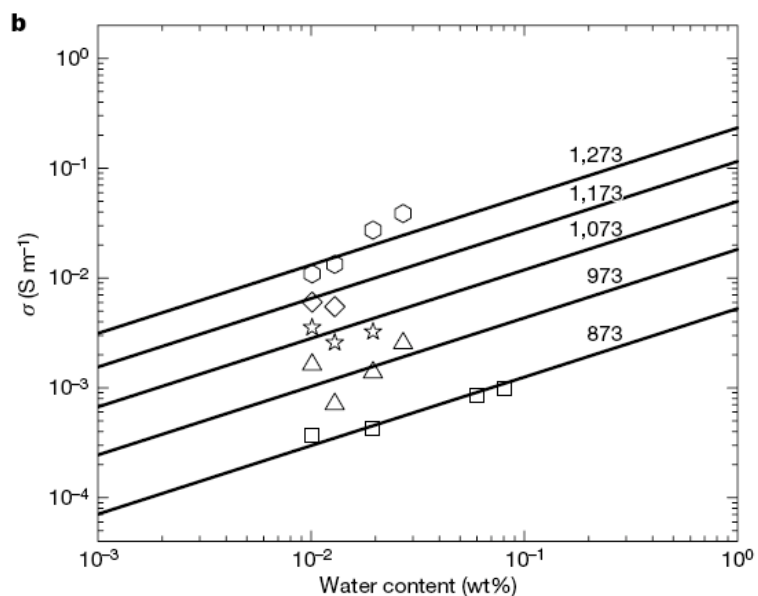
*Baba et al. JGR 2006*

*fast EC direction // fast SKS polarisation*

*high conductivity & anisotropy below 60km  
✓ EC anisotropy = faster H+ diffusion  
// olivine [100]*

## The effect of water on the electrical conductivity of olivine

Duojun Wang<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Mainak Mookherjee<sup>3</sup>, Yousheng Xu<sup>3,4</sup> & Shun-ichiro Karato<sup>3</sup>



**electrical conduction controlled by intracrystalline H<sup>+</sup> diffusion in olivine**

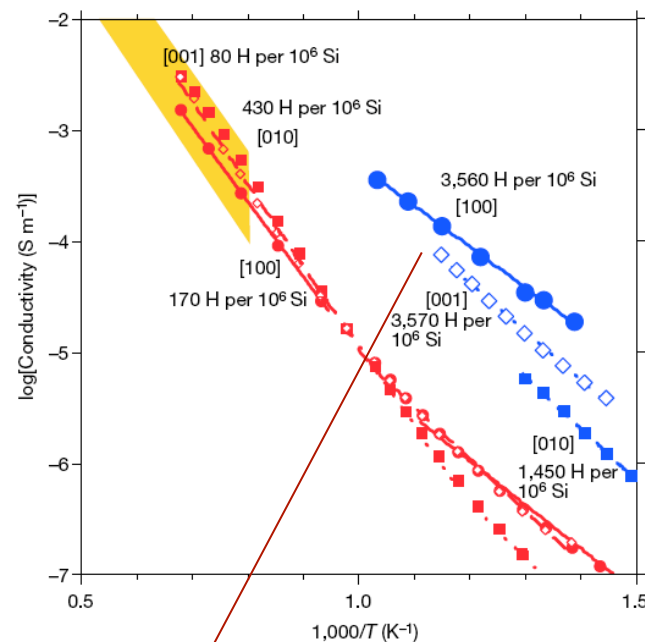
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*electrical conduction:  
short range, "fast" diffusion  
polaron migration process  
Mackwell & Kohlstedt (1990)*

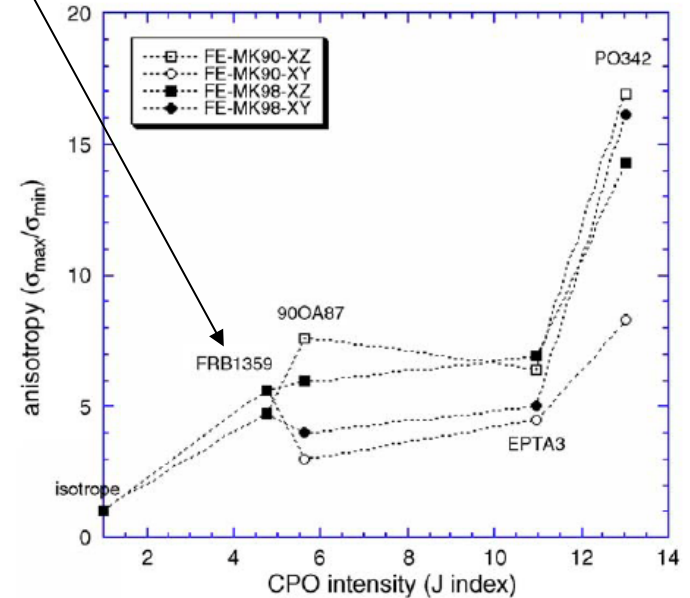
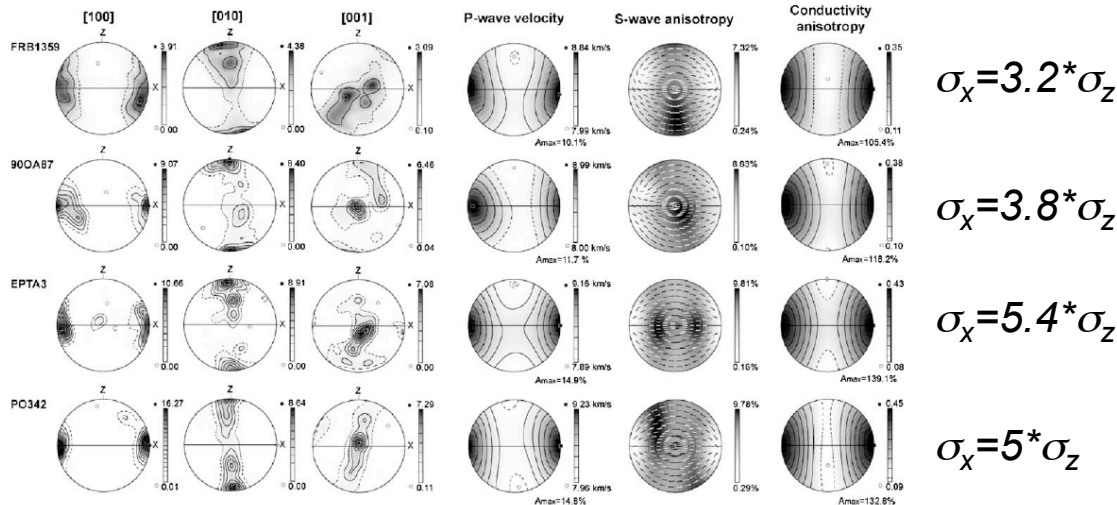
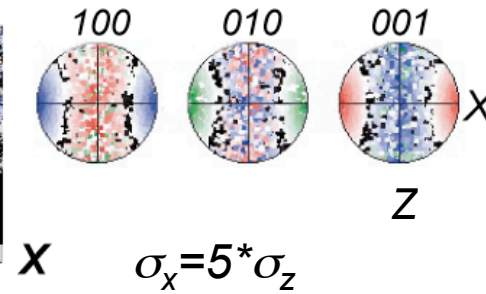
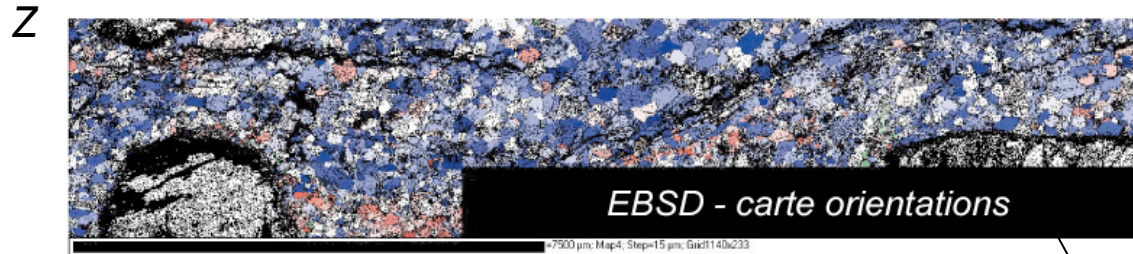
## Hydrous olivine unable to account for conductivity anomaly at the top of the asthenosphere

Takashi Yoshino<sup>1</sup>, Takuya Matsuzaki<sup>1</sup>, Shigeru Yamashita<sup>1</sup> & Tomoo Katsura<sup>1</sup>





# 3D FE modeling of anisotropic conduction (intracrystalline H<sup>+</sup> diffusion) in a peridotite

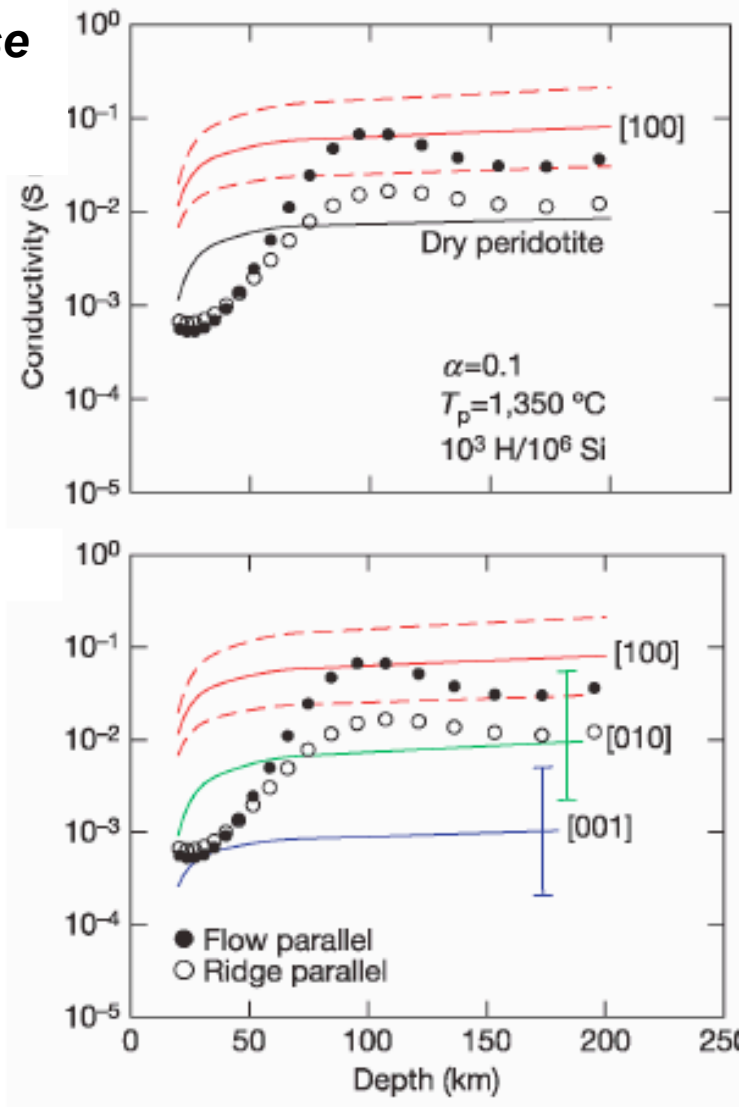
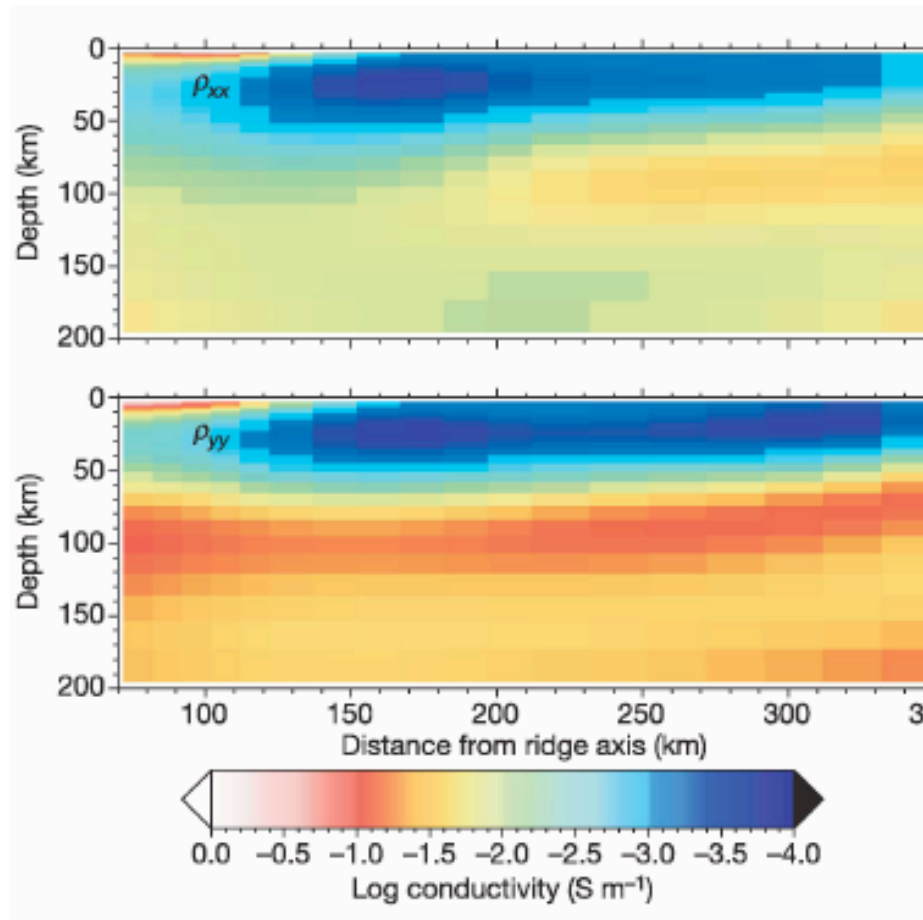


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Gatzemeier & Tommasi PEPI 2006

The MELT experiment:  
**electrical conductivity @ East Pacific Rise**



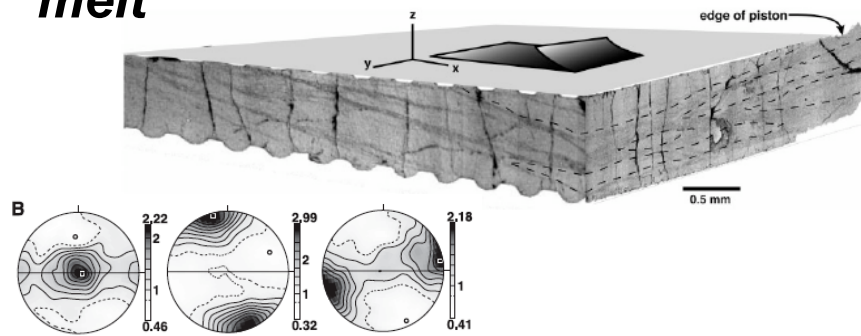
conductivity // spreading direction  
 = 5 \* conductivity // ridge

## Deformation and anisotropy in the upper mantle : XXI century observations & experimental results

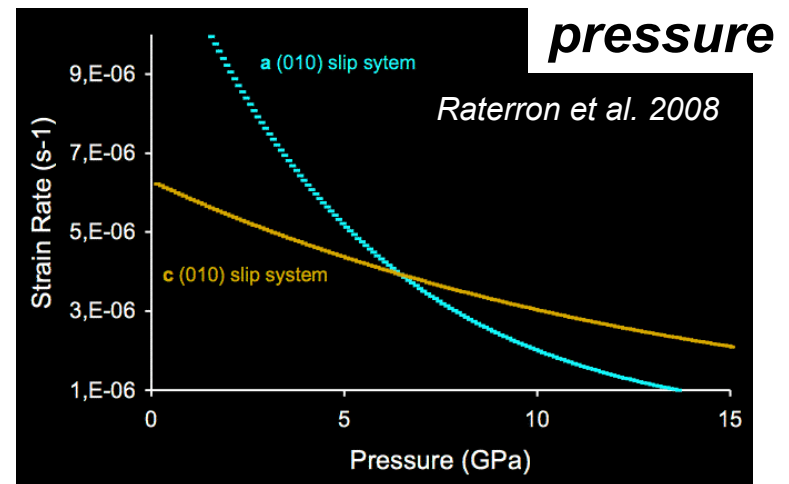
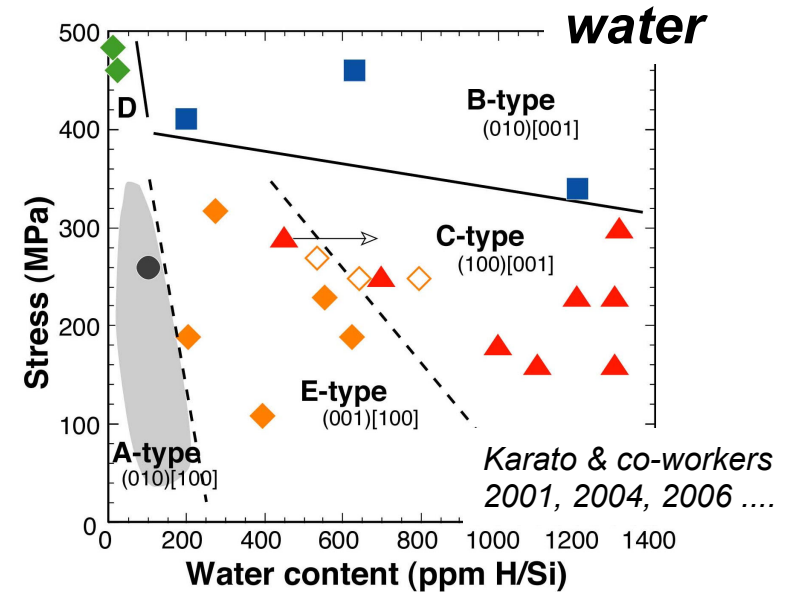
**effect of fluids (water and melt) and pressure on the relation between deformation & anisotropy :**

- change in deformation mechanisms:  
    ≠ CPO
- ✓ fast anisotropy directions normal to the shear direction

**melt**



Holtzman et al. Science 2003



+ Couvy et al. EMJ 2005, Mainprice et al. Nature 2005

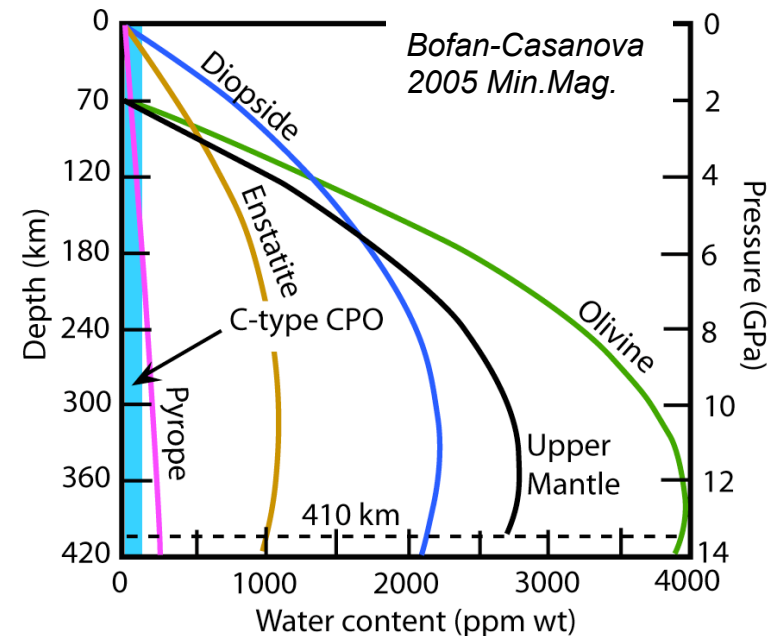
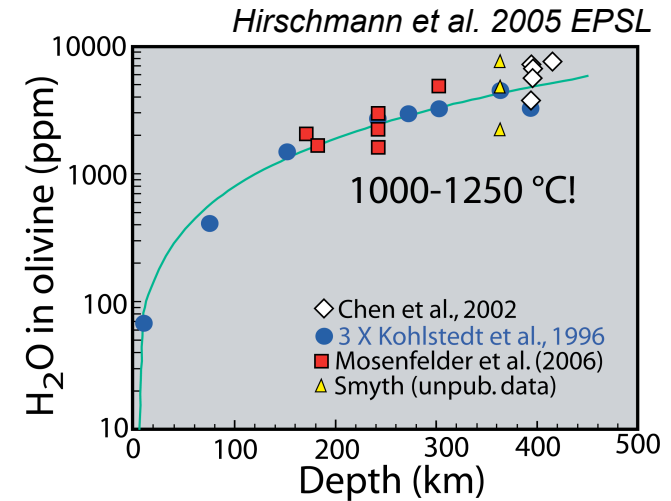
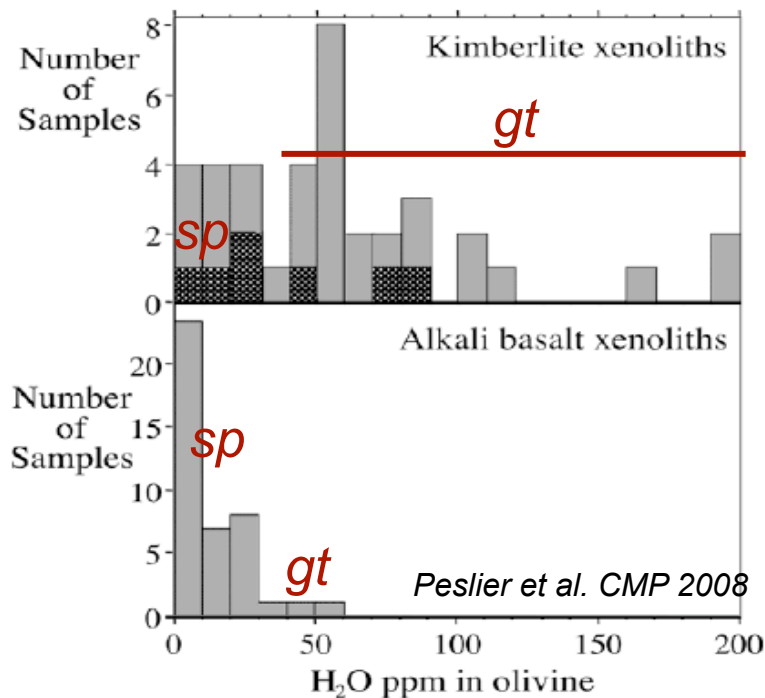


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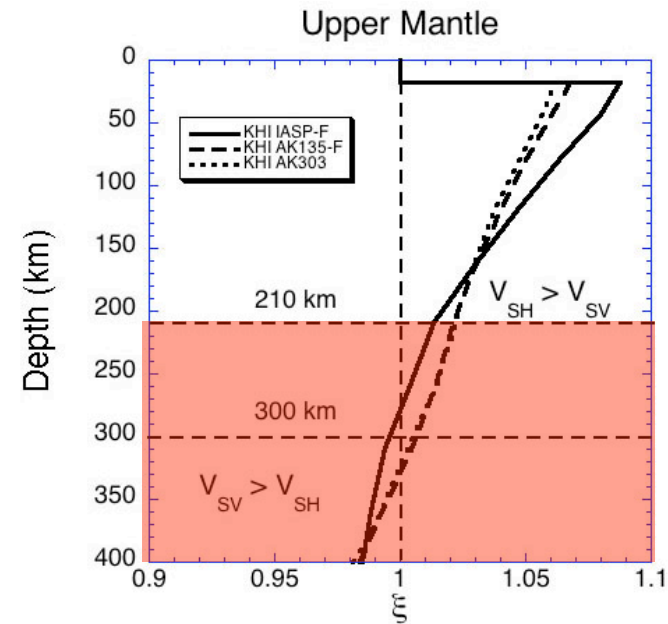
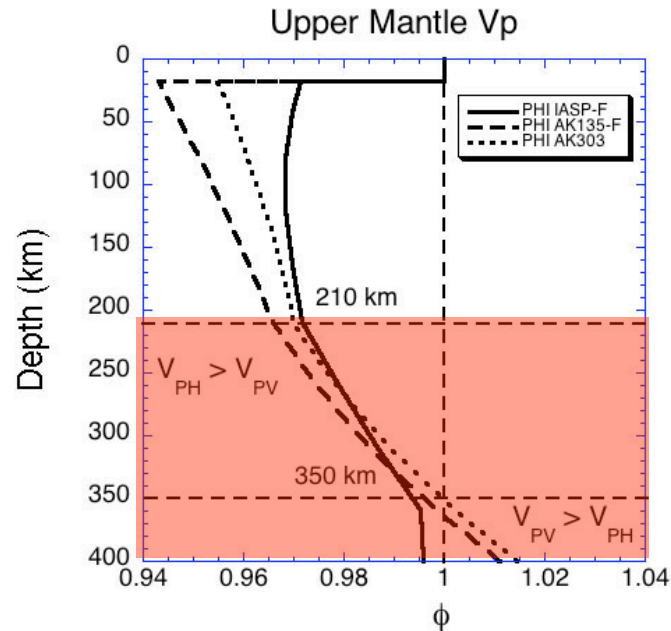
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but:

- partial melting ( $H^+$  incompatible)
- water solubility in olivine  $\searrow P \searrow$
- low water contents in olivine in the shallow mantle

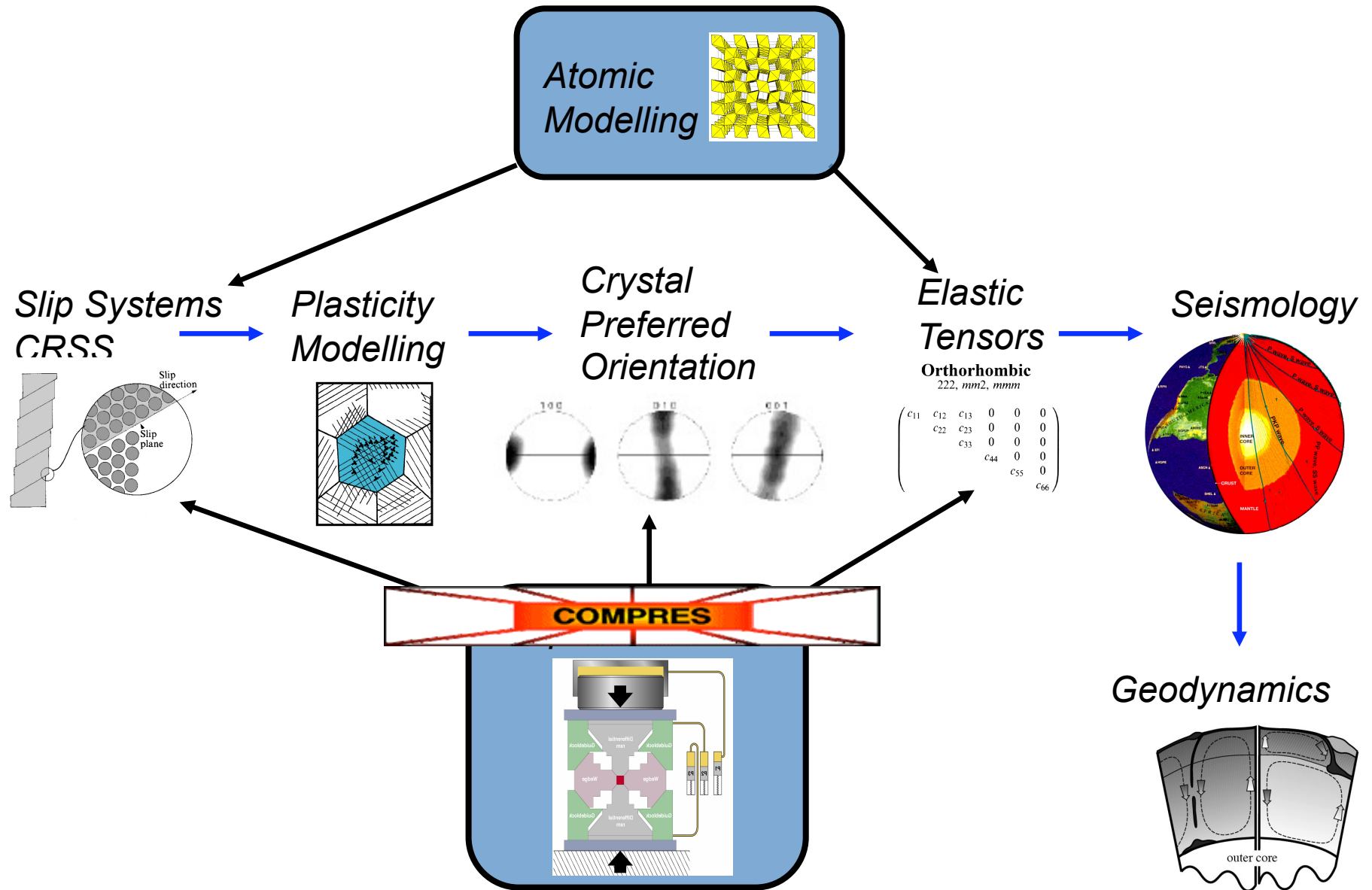


# *Fast decrease in anisotropy at the bottom of the upper mantle - 200 to 400 km*



*Transition from dislocation to diffusion creep  
(no CPO -> no seismic anisotropy)  
or  
transition from [100] slip to [001] slip at HP?*

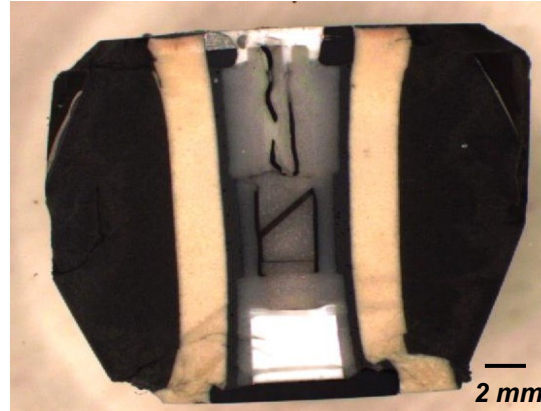
# Deformation & anisotropy in the deep mantle



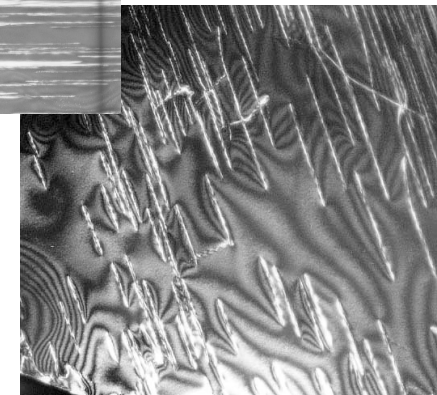
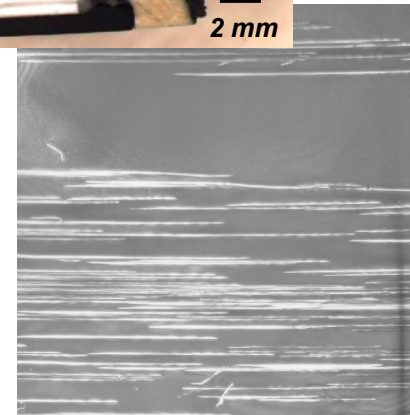


# Deformation of olivine polycrystals @ 11GPa & 1400°C

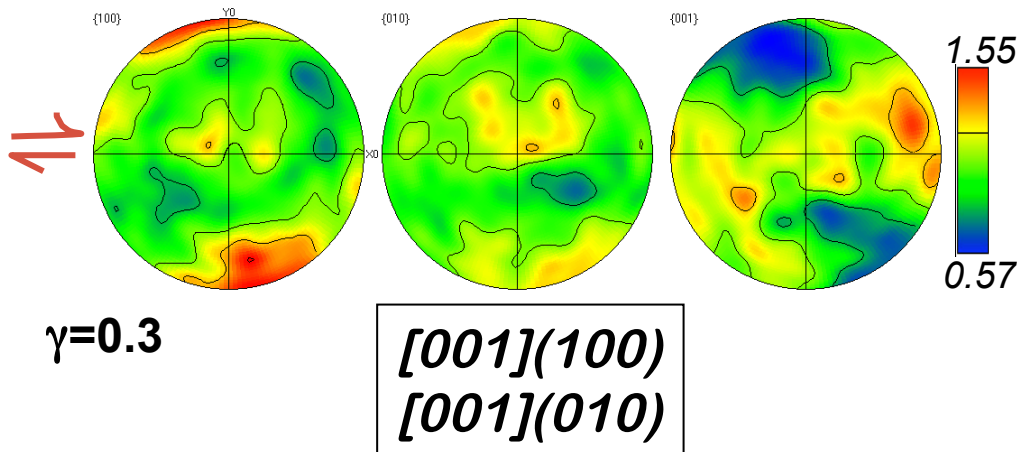
H. Couvy & P. Cordier  
Bayreuth/Lille



100% olivine  
simple shear

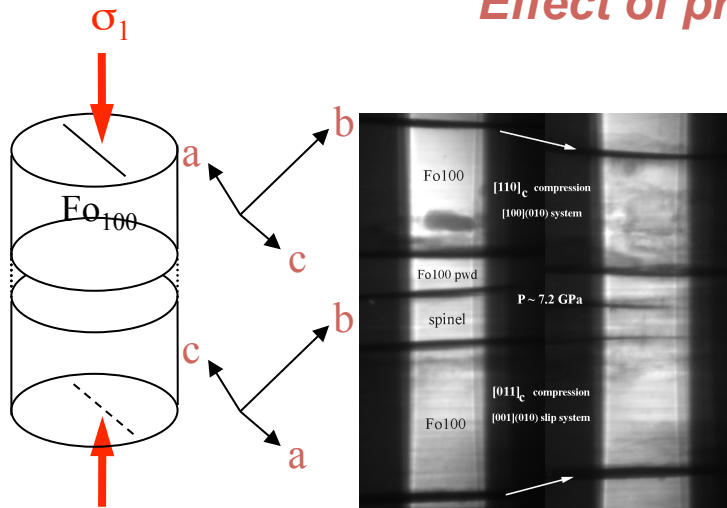


## EBSD: olivine CPO

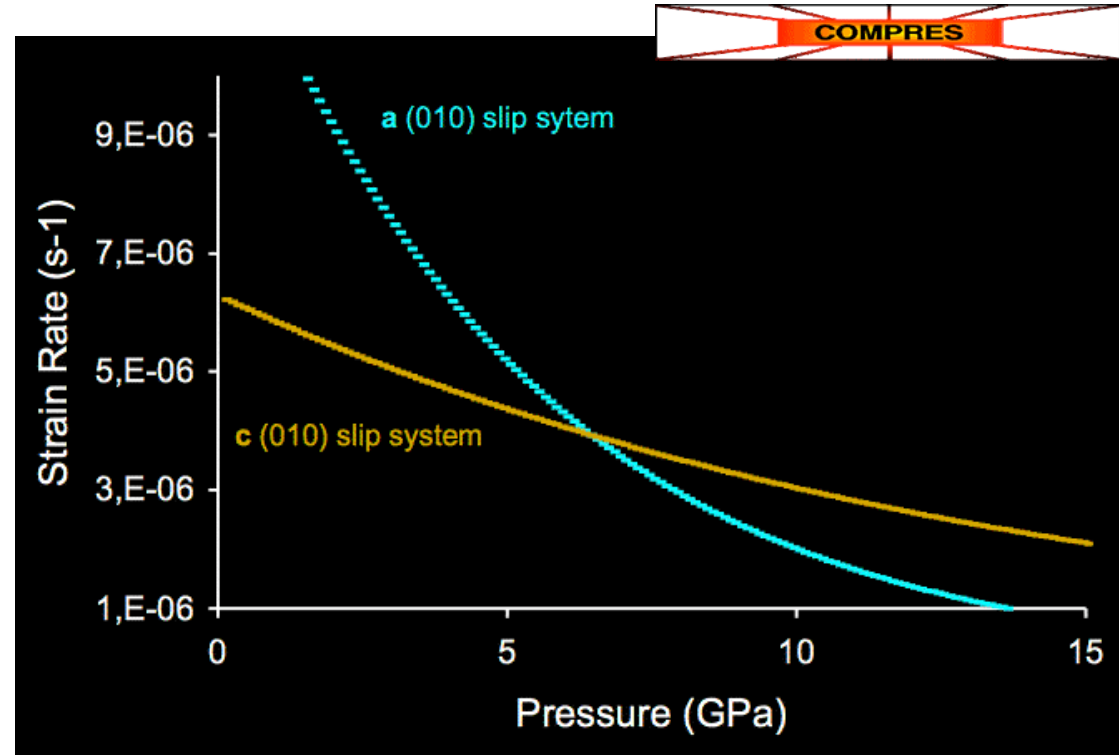
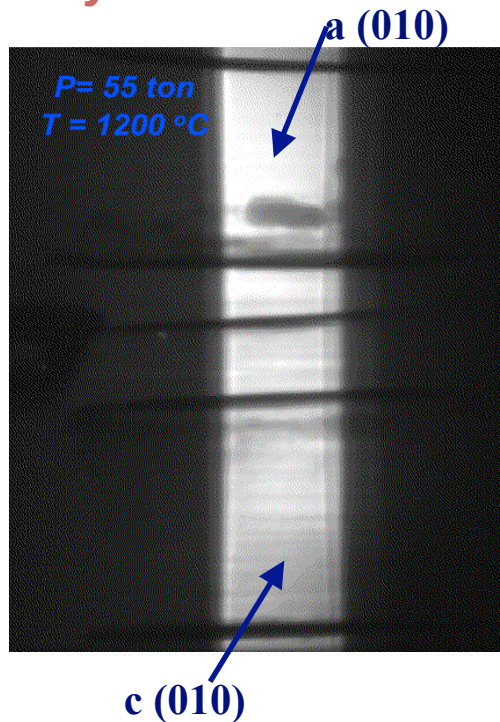


TEM: only [001] screw dislocations

## Effect of pressure on olivine deformation



*bi-crystal*

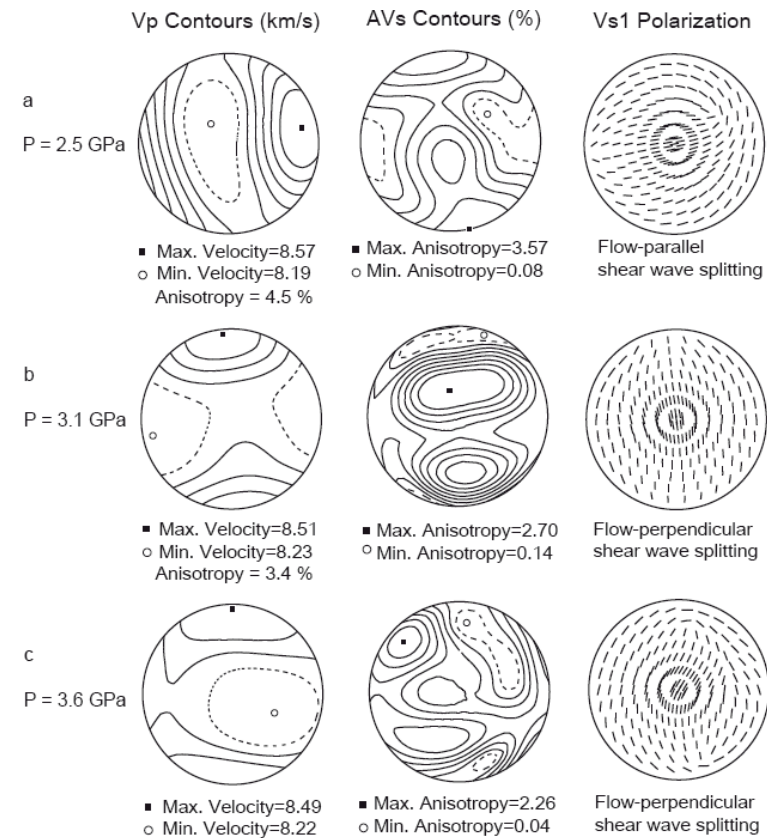
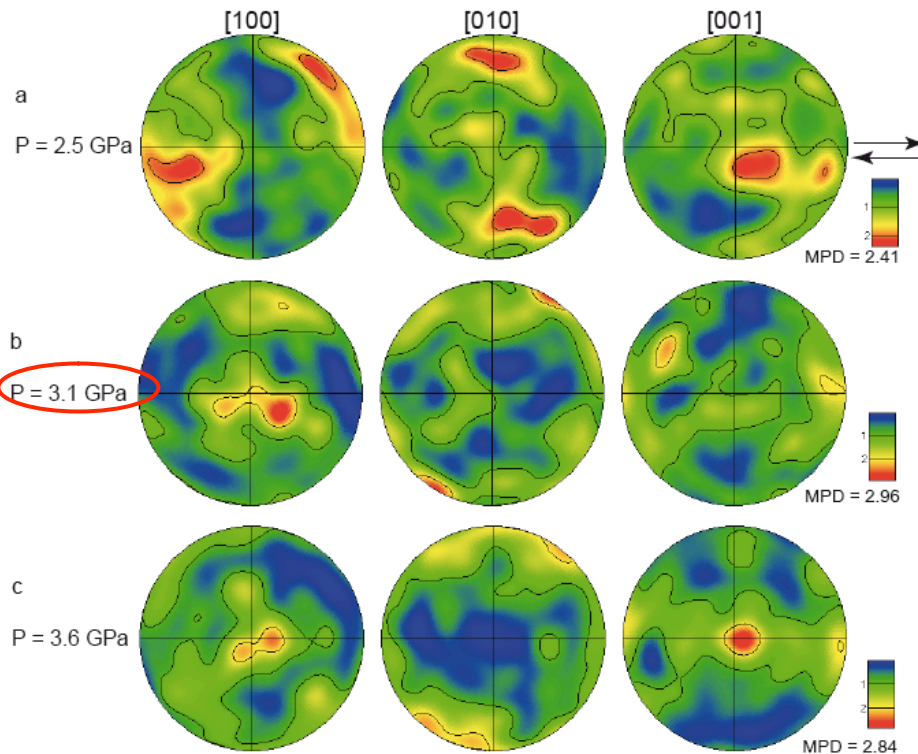
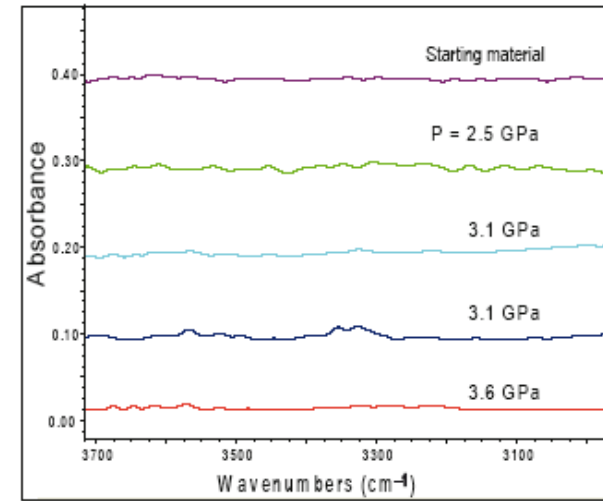


*At high pressure:*

- *higher strain rate in c crystal*  
✓ *[001](010) slip easier than [100](010)*
- *very low activation volume*  
✓ *dislocation creep dominant*

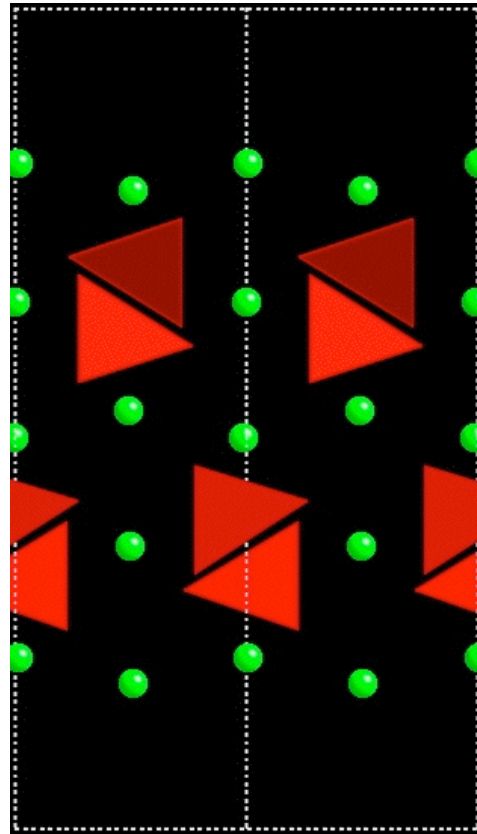
*Raterron et al, in press*

# Upper mantle seismic anisotropy resulting from pressure-induced slip transition in olivine

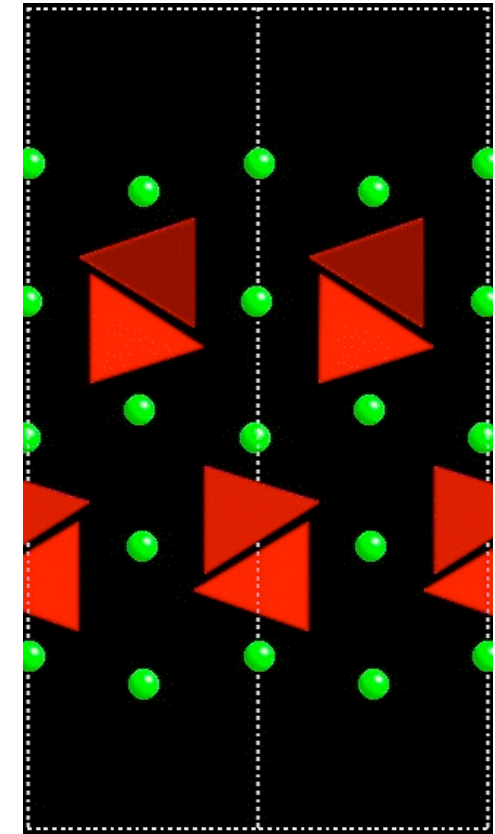
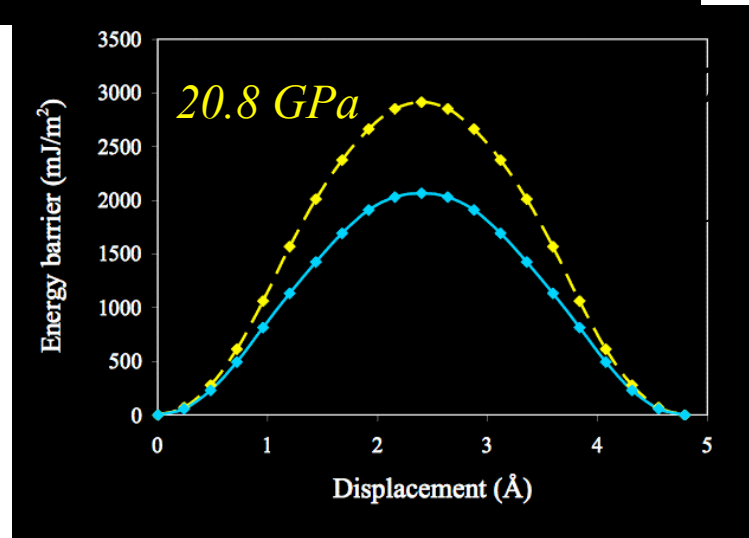
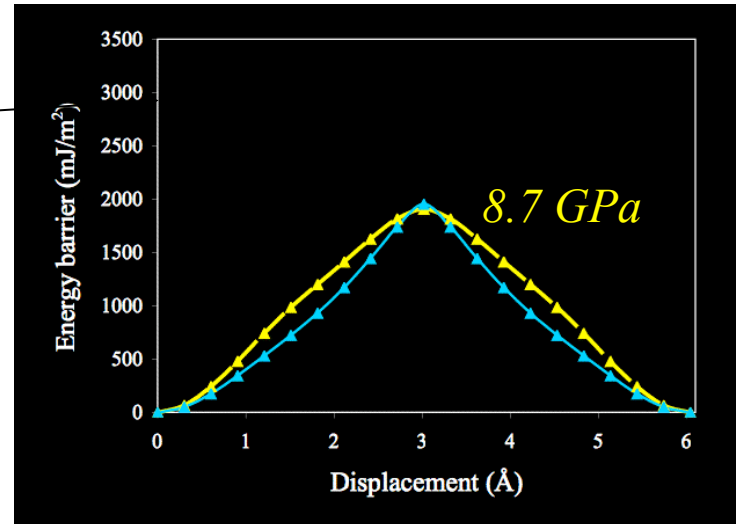




*Ab-initio modeling of dislocation core properties:  
Ph. Carrez, P. Cordier, D. Ferré (Lille)*



⊙  
[001]



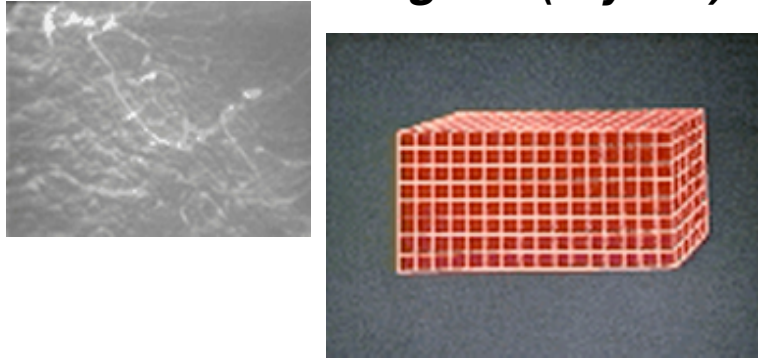
→  
[100]

✓ *olivine: easier slip on [100](010) at high pressure*

## Modeling the deformation & crystal orientation evolution

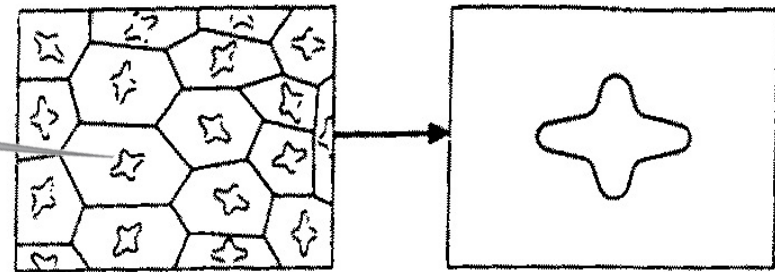
VPSC: Molinari et al. 1987, Lebensohn & Tomé 1993  
Drex: Kaminsky & Ribe 2001, 2003

**within a grain (crystal):**



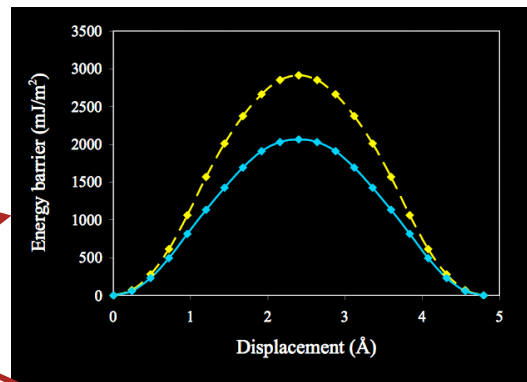
*strain = motion of dislocations on well-defined crystal planes & directions*

**rock (polycrystal) deformation:**



*behavior of the aggregate (rock) = average of crystals' behaviors*

$$\dot{\gamma}^s = \left( \frac{\tau_r^s}{\tau_0^s} \right)^n$$

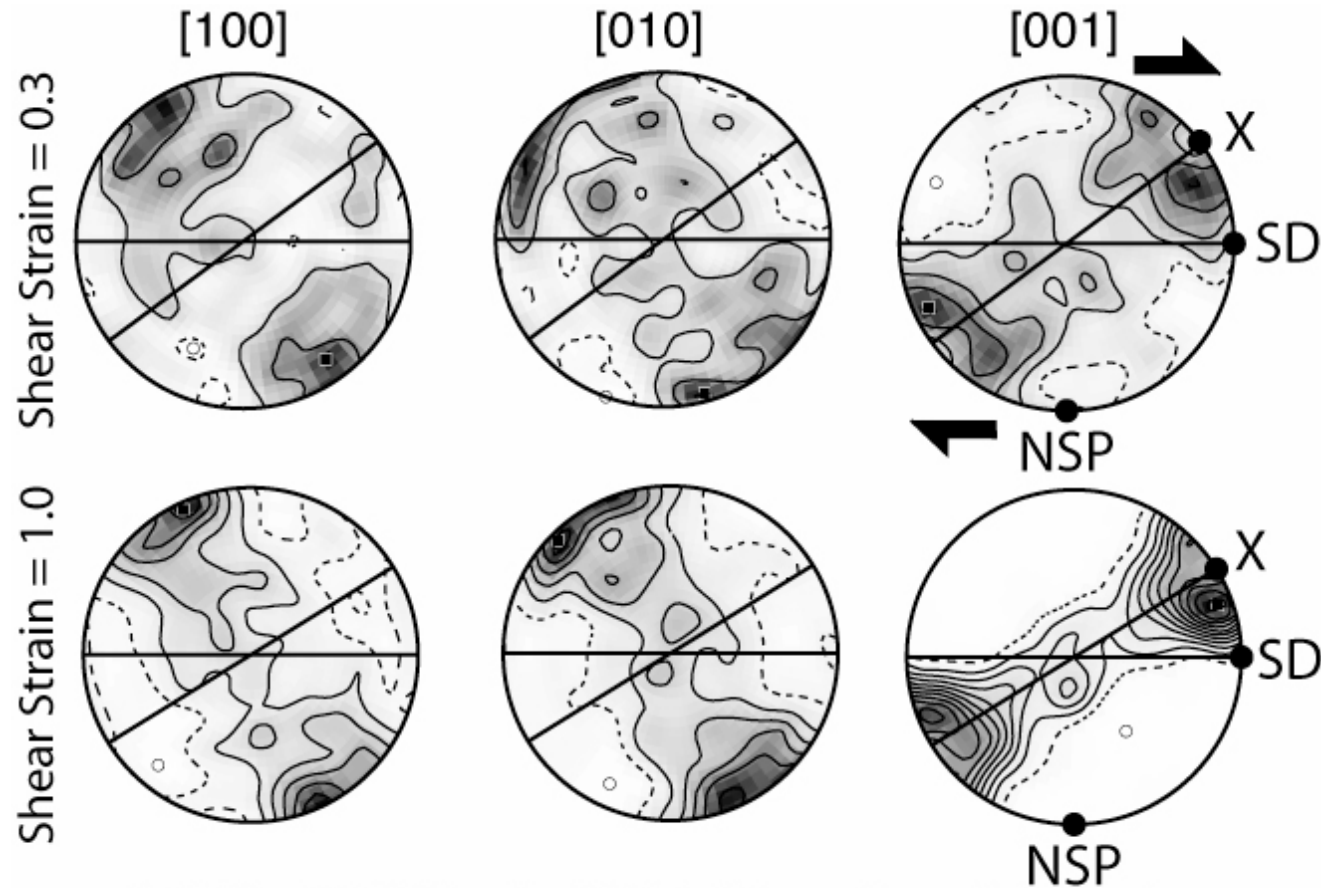
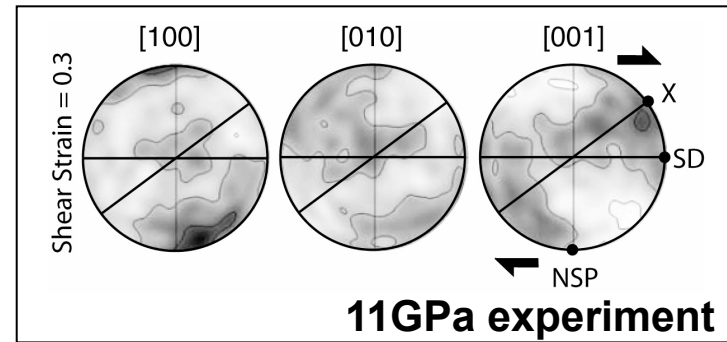


$$\dot{E}_{ij} = \langle \dot{\epsilon}_{ij} \rangle \quad \Sigma_{ij} = \langle \sigma_{ij} \rangle$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}_{kl} - \dot{E}_{kl} = -M_{ijkl} (\sigma_{ij} - \Sigma_{ij})$$

**input parameters: slip systems' strength, initial texture, and macroscopic sollicitation (stress or velocity gradient tensor)**  
**output: evolution of crystallographic orientations and macroscopic response (strain rate or stress tensor)**

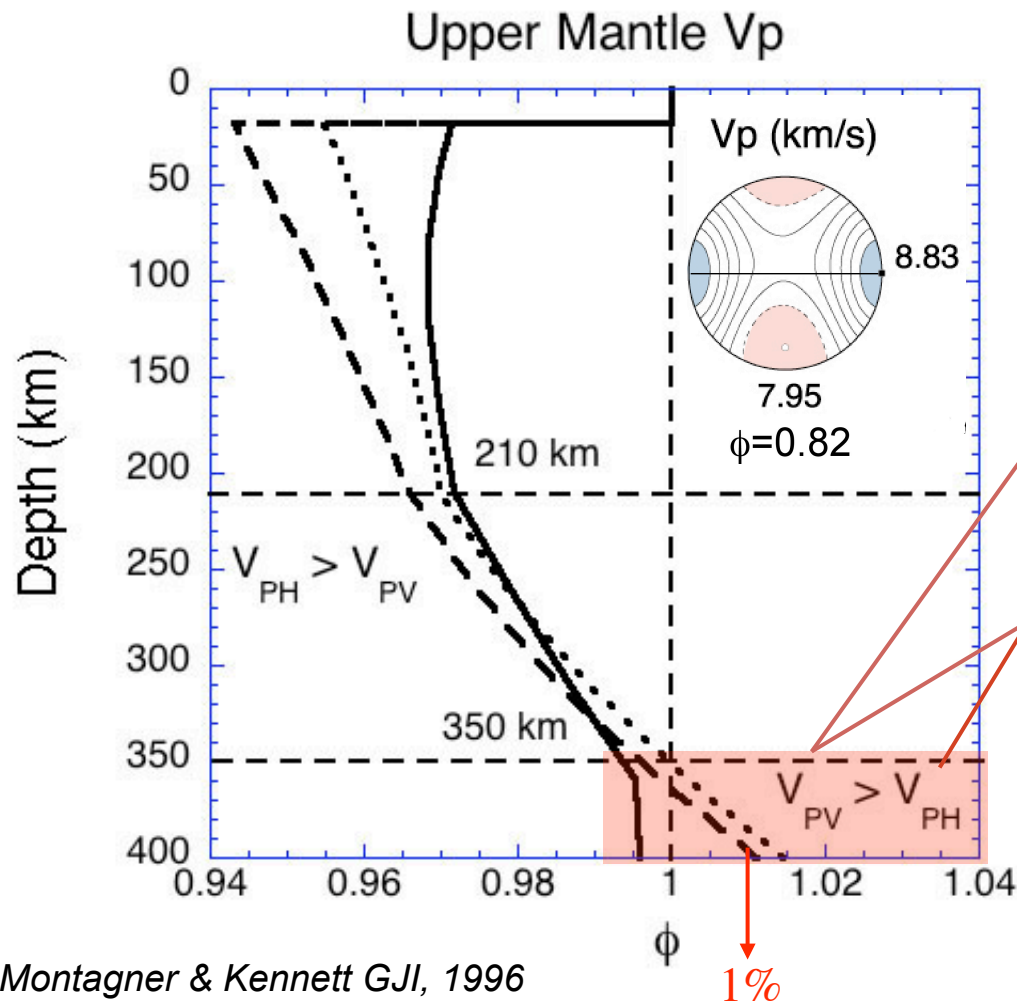
**Crystal plasticity modeling  
based on calculated Peierls  
stresses for olivine slip systems  
@ 10 GPa**



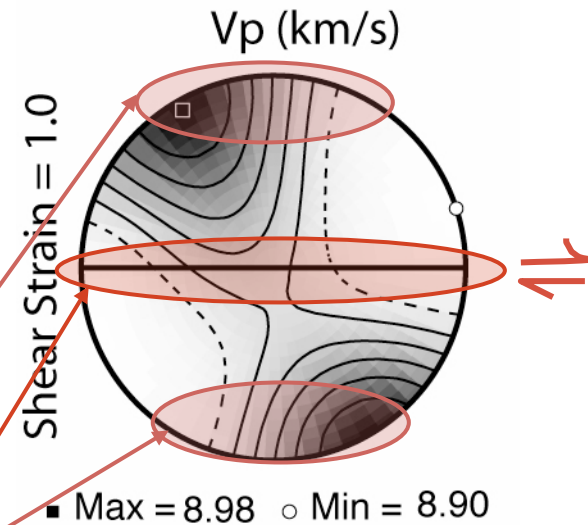
CRSS all [001] = 1 ; [100]=3(basal) or 6 (prism)



# Global P-wave anisotropy in the deep upper mantle

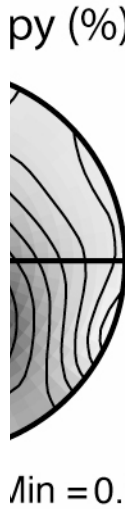


Montagner & Kennett *GJI*, 1996

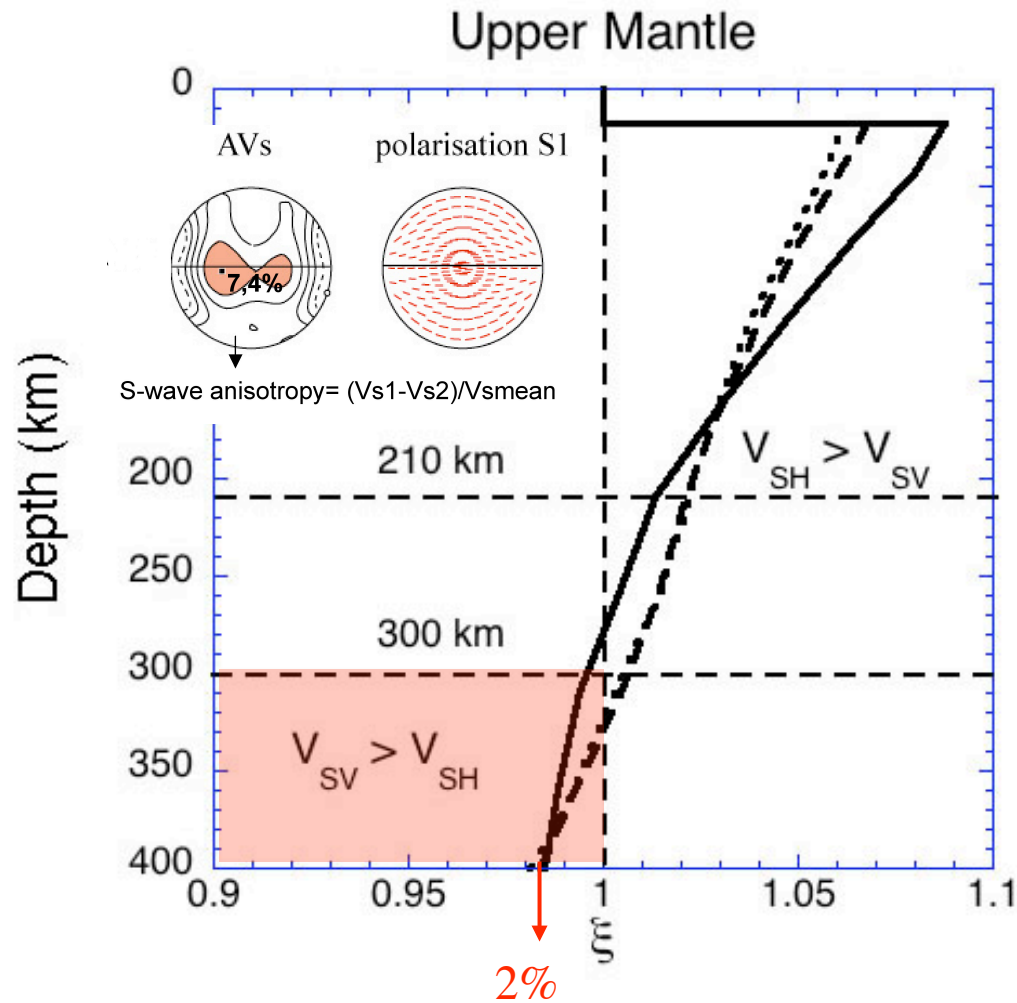


Model prediction for horizontal flow:

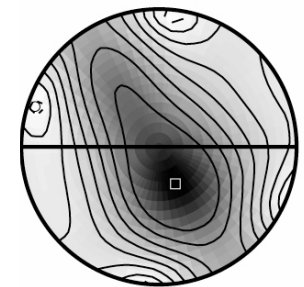
1.  $V_{PV} > V_{PH}$
2.  $V_p$  anisotropy about 1%



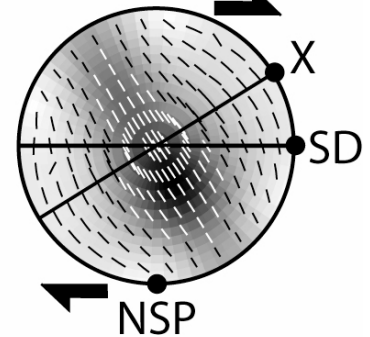
# Global S-wave anisotropy in the deep upper mantle



dVs anisotropy (%)



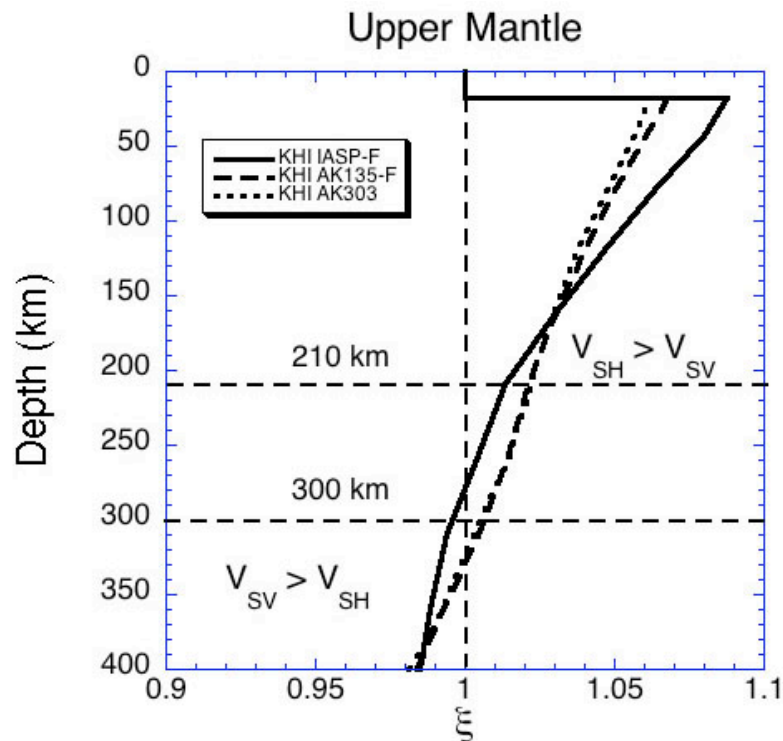
Fastest Vs polarisation



Model prediction for horizontal flow:

1.  $V_{SV} > V_{SH}$
2. Vs anisotropy  $\leq 2\%$

***olivine deformation = f(P)***  
***change in dominant slip direction from [100] to [001]***



- ***strong decrease in seismic anisotropy with depth***
- ***fast P-wave propagation & fast S-wave polarisation directions in the deep upper mantle normal to shallow ones***
- ***global 1D seismic anisotropy data : horizontal shearing accommodated by dislocation creep***



# Transition from [100] slip to [001] slip in the deep upper mantle?

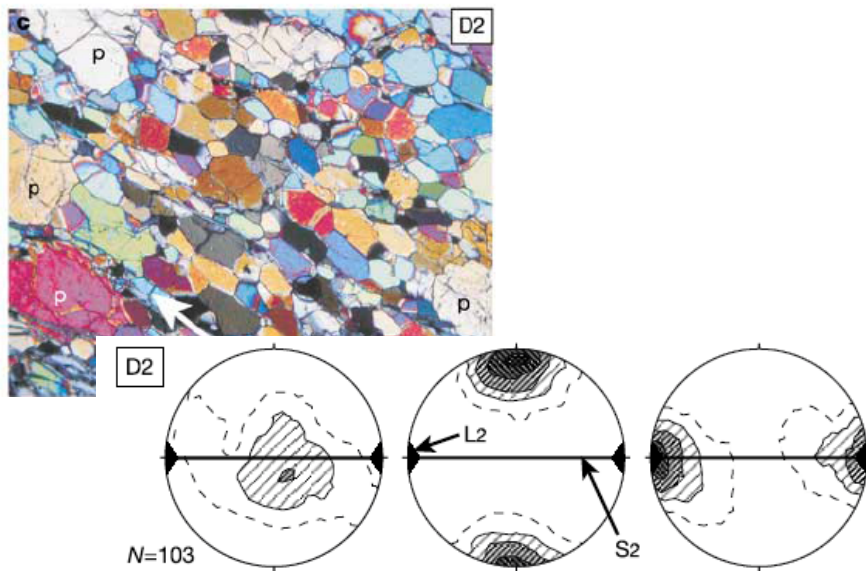
**Experiments** :  $P \sim 6-7$  GPa ( $\sim 200$  km) or  $P \sim 3$  GPa ( $\sim 90$  km) :  
 role of stress & water content?

## LPO measurements on naturally deformed peridotites:

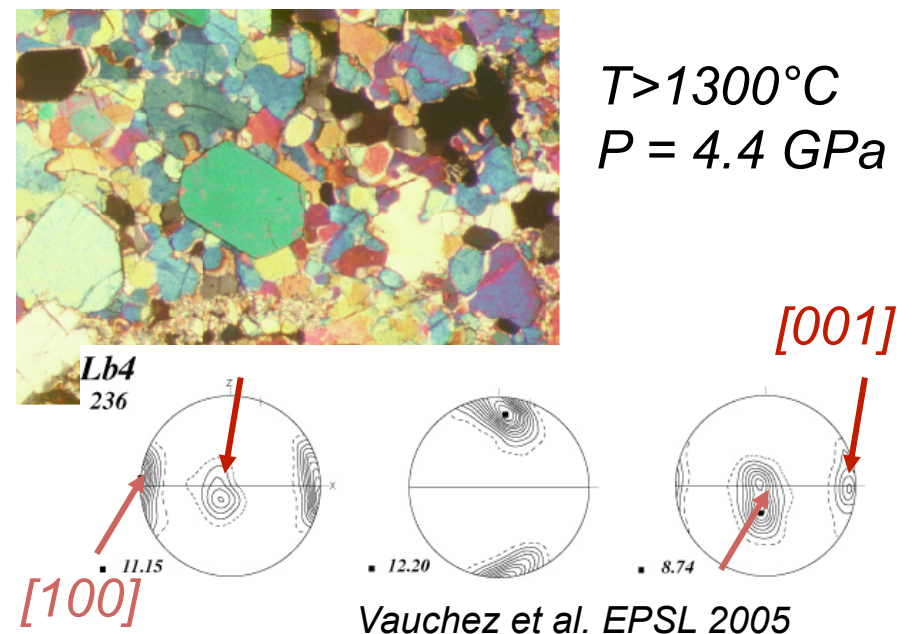
- *sp-bearing samples* : [100] only ( $< 70$  km)
- *garnet-bearing peridotites* : essentially [100], except:

*high-pressure massifs (subduction)*

*cratonic sheared lherzolites*



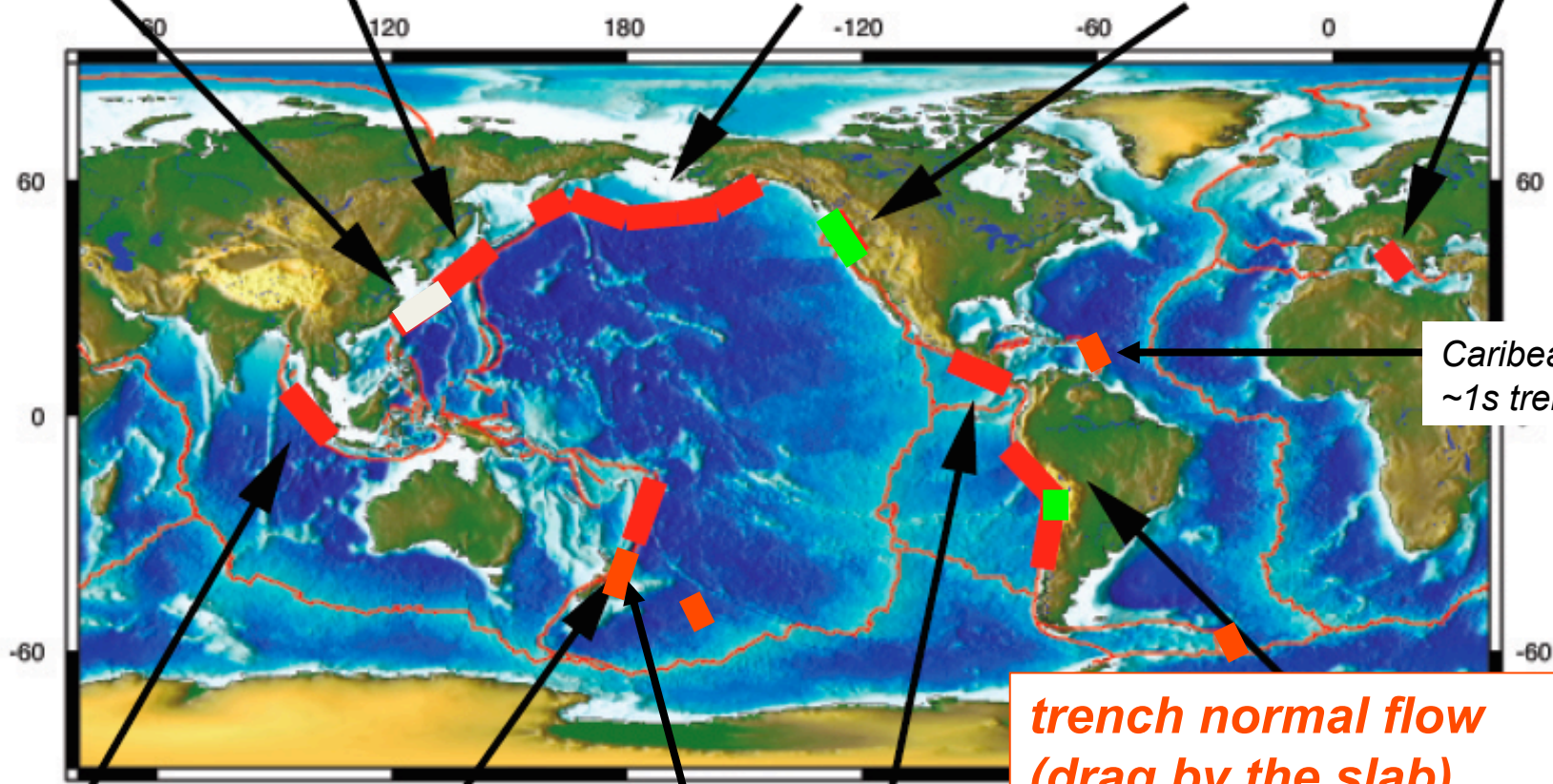
Mizukami et al. Nature 2004



Vauchez et al. EPSL 2005

# Below-slab anisotropy

Ryukyu: negligible below-slab splitting  
 Japan: ~ 0.5-0.7 sec, variable orientations  
 Aleutians: ~ 0-0.5 sec, mostly trench-ll, some oblique  
 Cascadia: ~ 0.5-1 sec, trench-normal  
 Calabria: ~ 1-2 sec, trench-ll



Caribbean  
 ~1s trench //

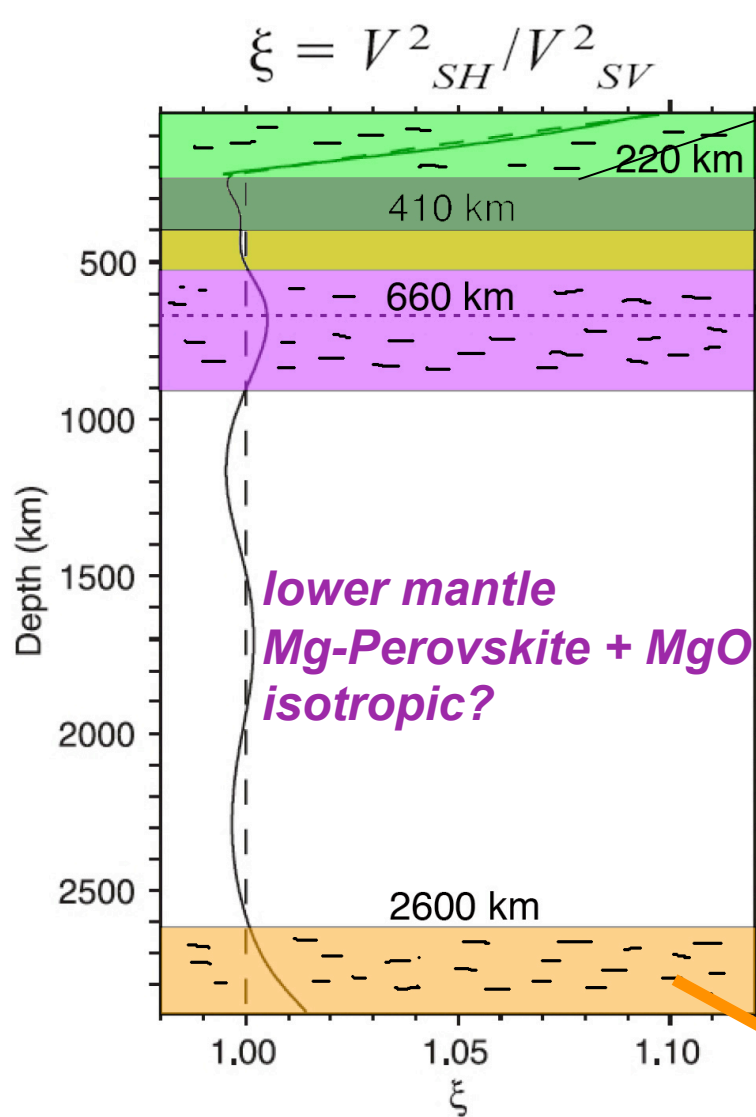
**trench normal flow  
 (drag by the slab)  
 & [001] slip dominant**

Hikurangi  
 1-2s trench //

Indonesia: ~ 1 sec, trench-ll to oblique  
 Tonga: ~ 1-2 sec, trench-ll  
 Central America: ~ 1-1.5 sec, trench-ll  
 S. America: ~ 0.5-1.25 sec, mostly trench-ll with some trench-normal

Compilation by M. Long & P. Silver + some additional data

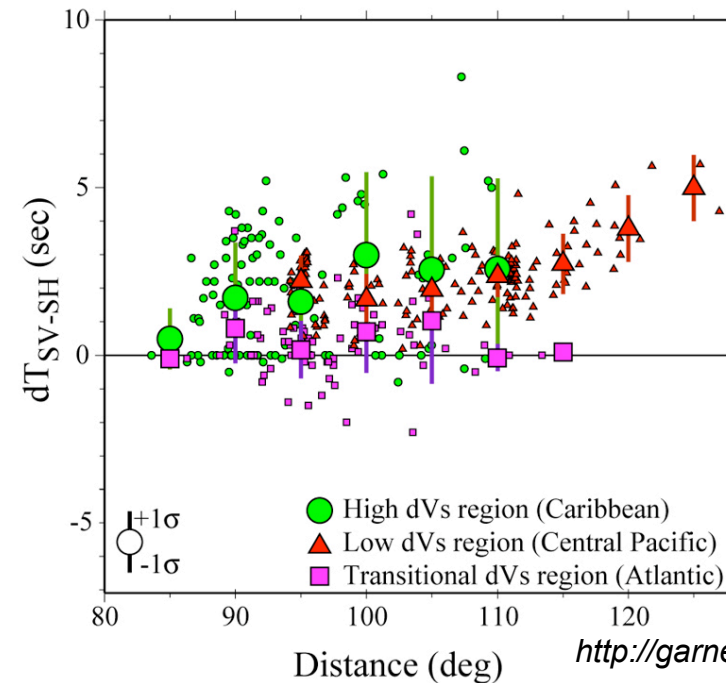
# Anisotropy & deformation in the deep mantle



Lehmann discontinuity: change in olivine deformation

strain-induced anisotropy (CPO)  
dominant horizontal flow

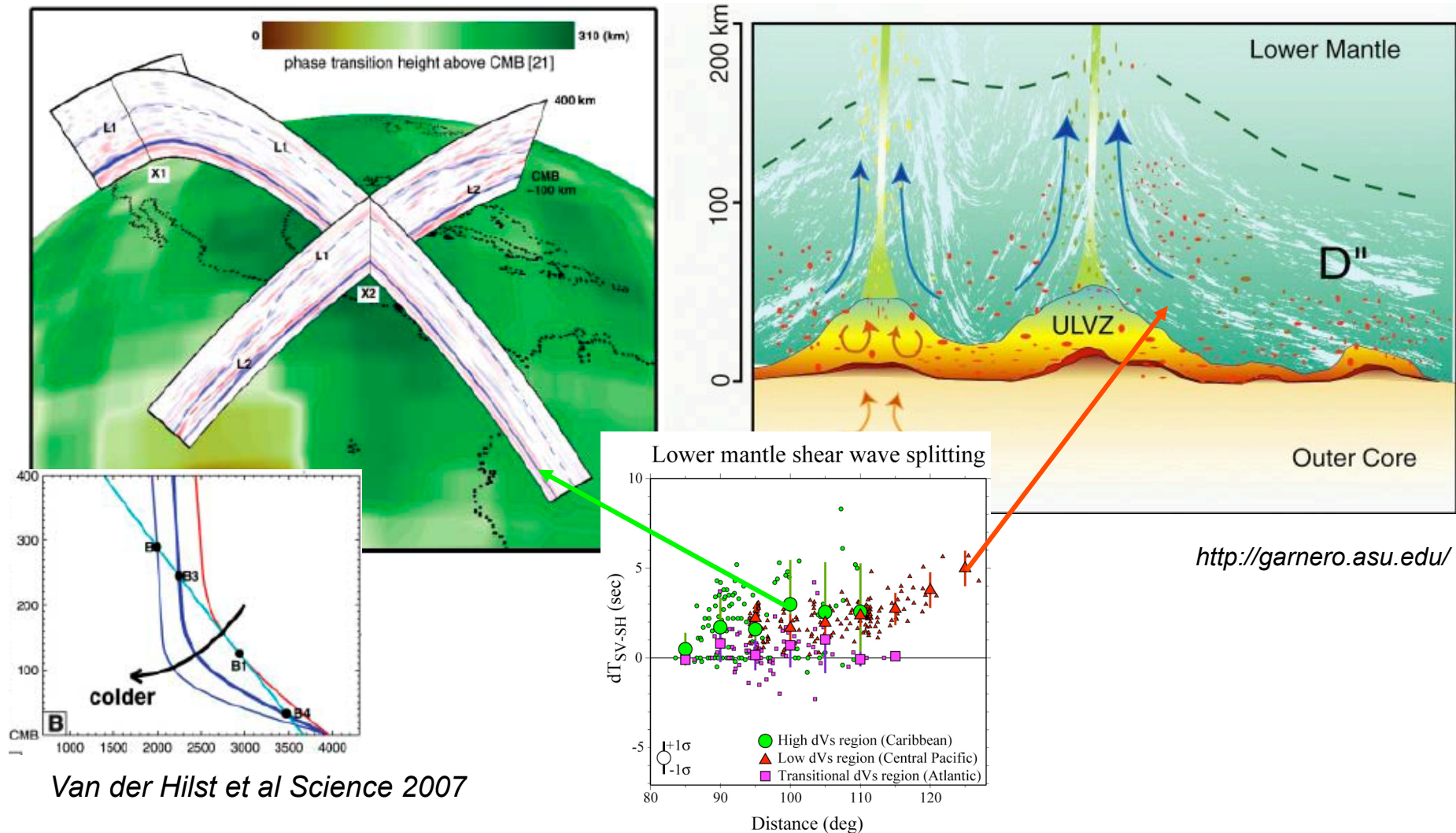
Lower mantle shear wave splitting



***D''***:  $V_{SH} > V_{SV}$ , no SKS splitting,  
azimuthal anisotropy?



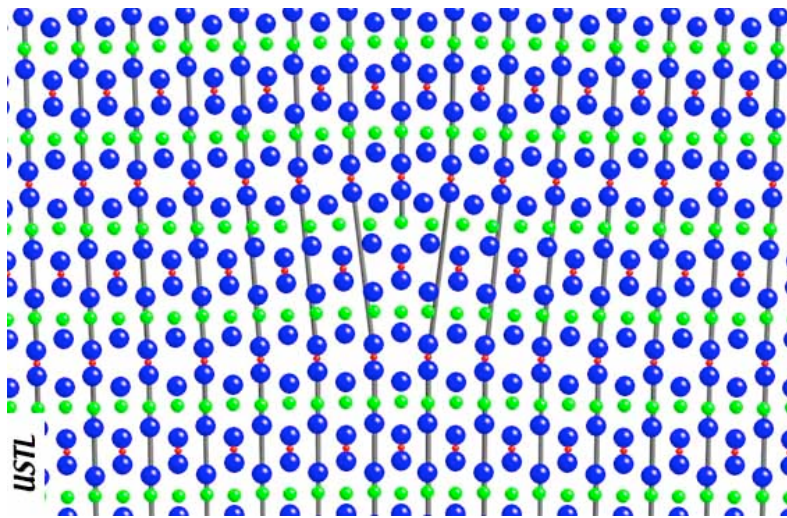
# *D''-Layer anisotropy: strain-induced post-perovskite CPO and/or compositional layering?*



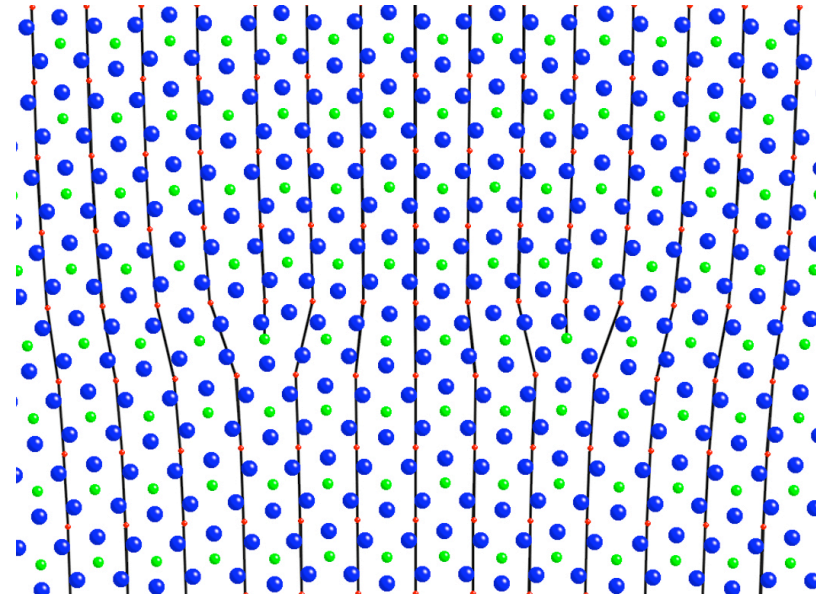
## LETTERS

# Implications for plastic flow in the deep mantle from modelling dislocations in $\text{MgSiO}_3$ minerals

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$(010)[100]$



$(010)[001]$

*polycrystal plasticity models → post-perovskite CPO D'' anisotropy*

## ***Mantle deformation & anisotropy***

- *in the lithospheric mantle and asthenosphere (< 200 km ):*
  - ✓ *deformation by dislocation creep with dominant [100] slip*
    - *strong seismic & electrical anisotropy (+ thermal & mechanical!)*
    - *fast seismic directions map flow*
    - *delay times = path length + orientation flow plane/direction relative to propagation, not finite strain*
  
- *>200 km : due to P + H<sub>2</sub>O (?) in olivine: [001] slip*
  - *seismic anisotropy decreases, fast directions normal to flow direction*
  - *explain trench-// SKS splitting at subduction zones?*
  
- *deeper in the mantle : deformation mechanisms of main mineral phases?*
  - *D" strongly anisotropic : post-perovskite CPO and compositional layering?*