

***From crystal & rock-scale  
anisotropic properties to large-scale  
dynamics***

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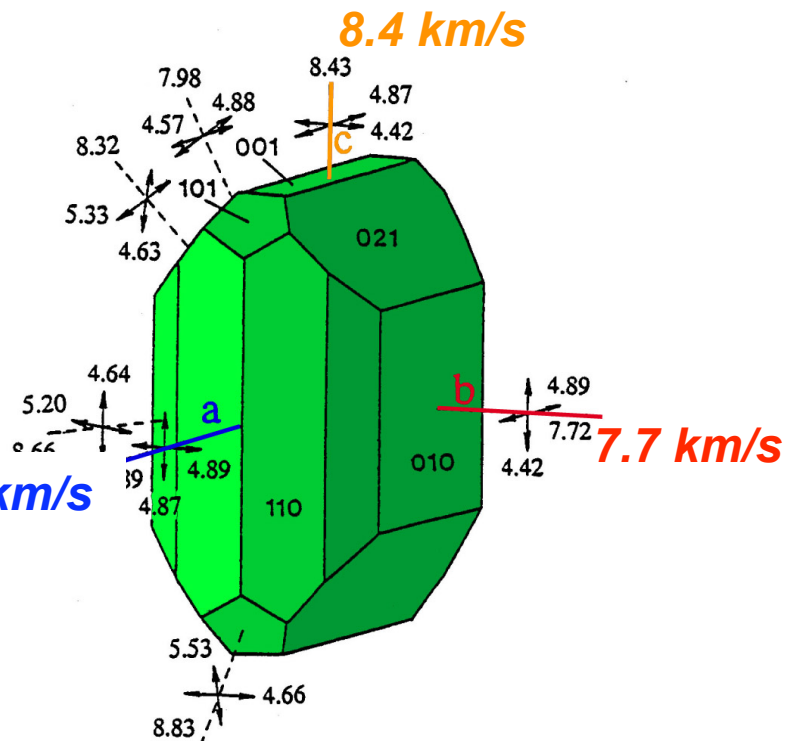
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**Anisotropy = dependence of a physical property on the sampling direction**

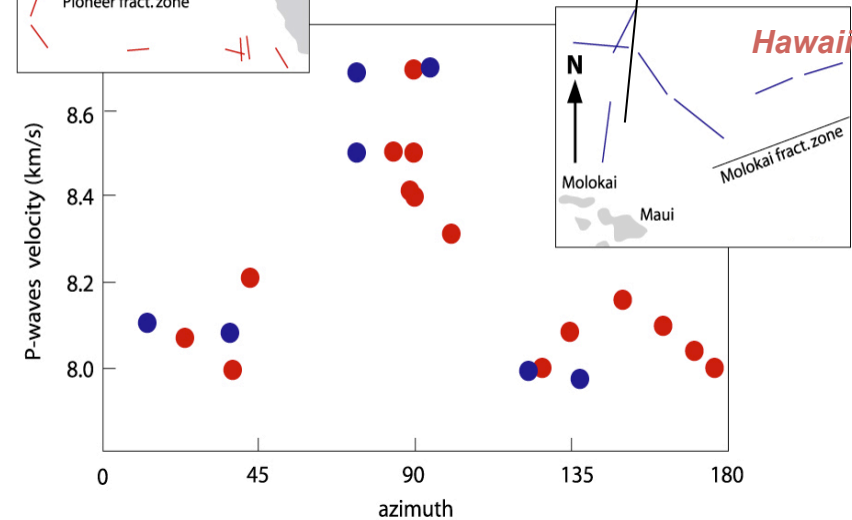
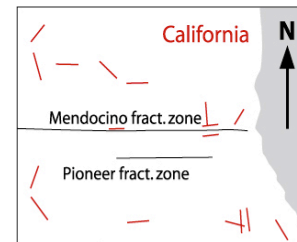
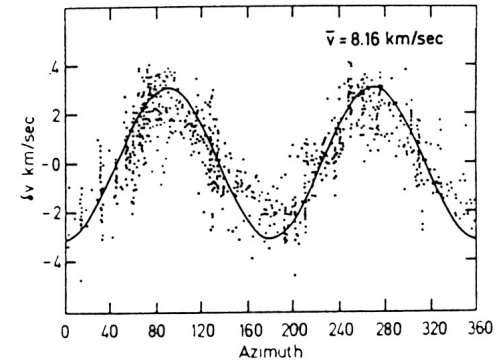
**Seismic waves velocities vary as a function of:**

- 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

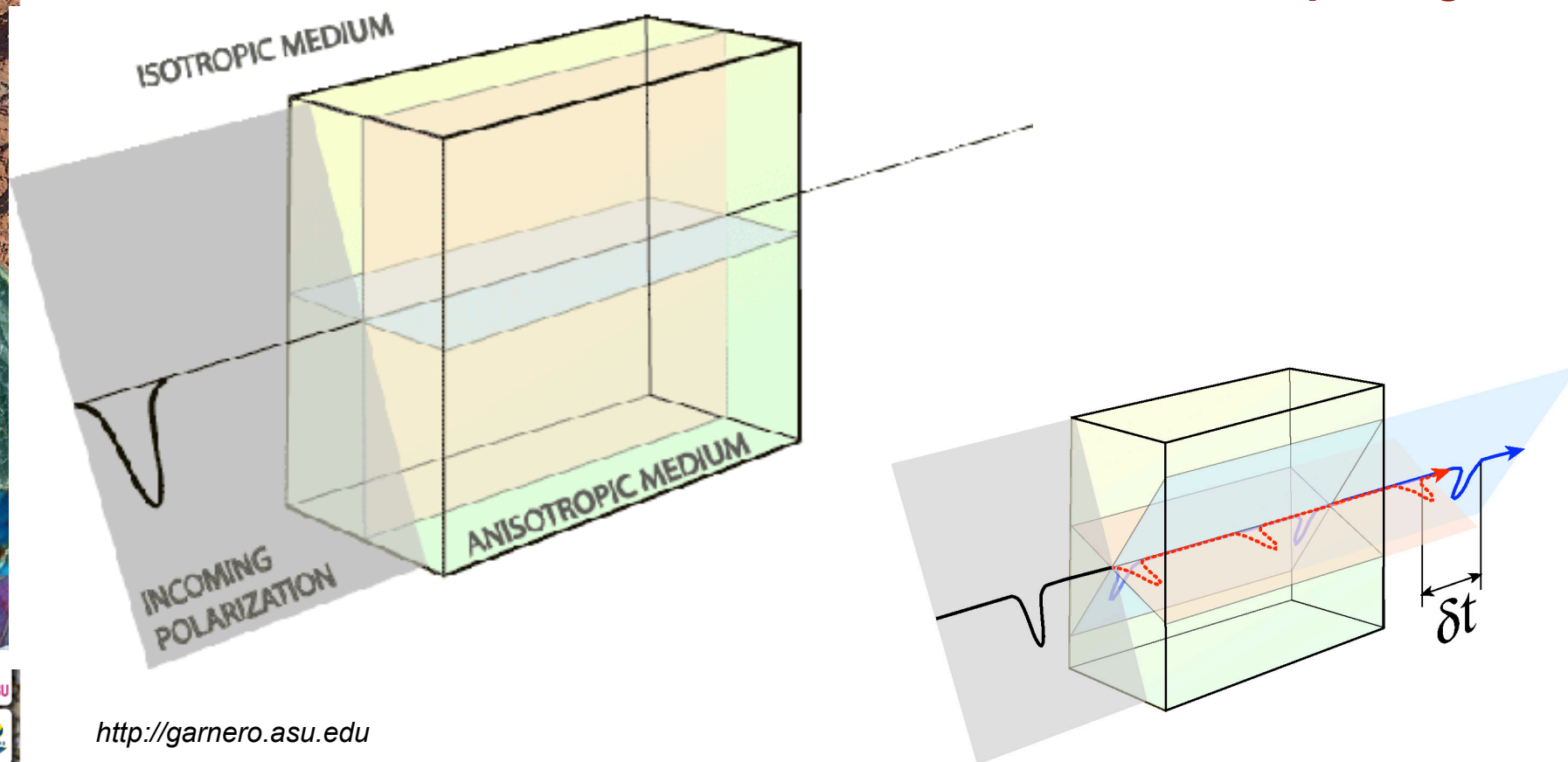
**P-waves azimuthal anisotropy (10s of km)**

## Seismic anisotropy

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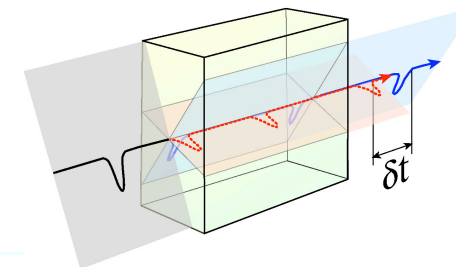
- **the propagation direction**
- **the polarization direction (S waves)**

### shear wave splitting

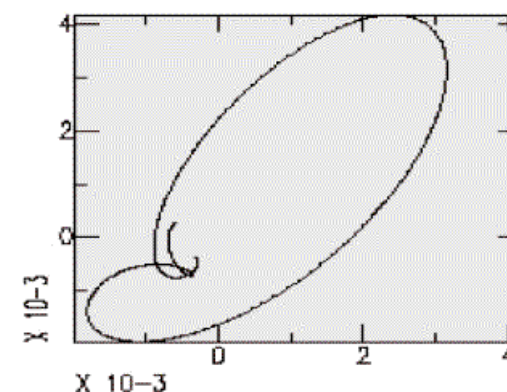
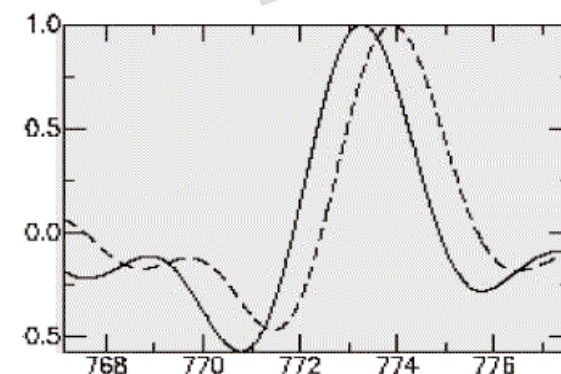
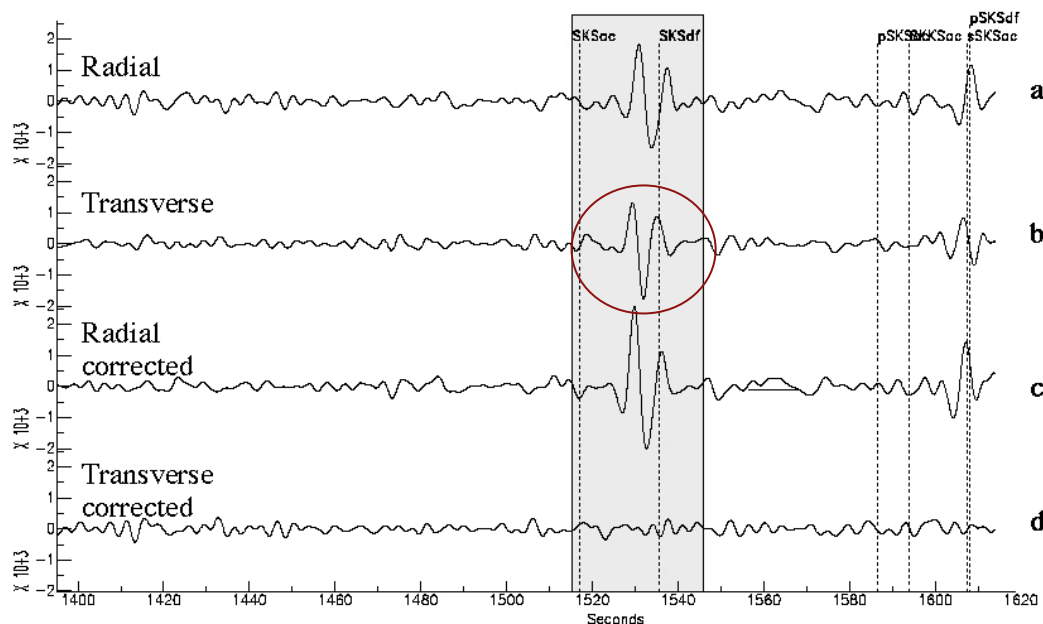


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# Shear-Wave Splitting



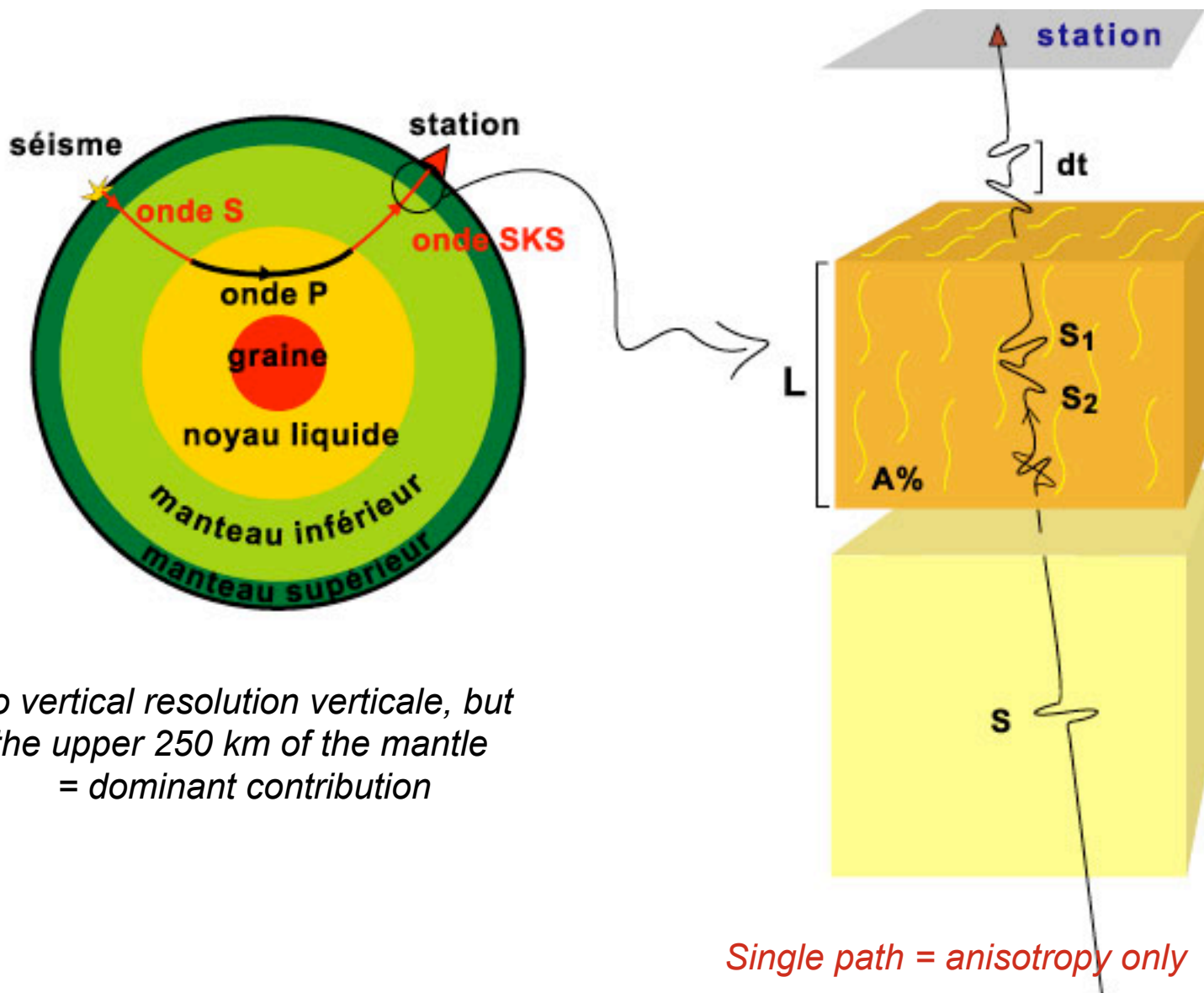
**ATD**, event 97245 Backaz N280°E, dist. 117°,  
lat. 3.849°N, long. -75.749°E, depth 199 km.



## Characteristics of an anisotropic medium

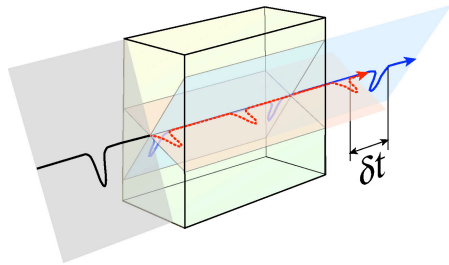
- Energy on the transverse component (arrival of the  $S_2$ )
- Elliptic particle motion
- Both may be removed by correcting the data with the estimated anisotropy

## S waves polarization anisotropy - shear wave splitting

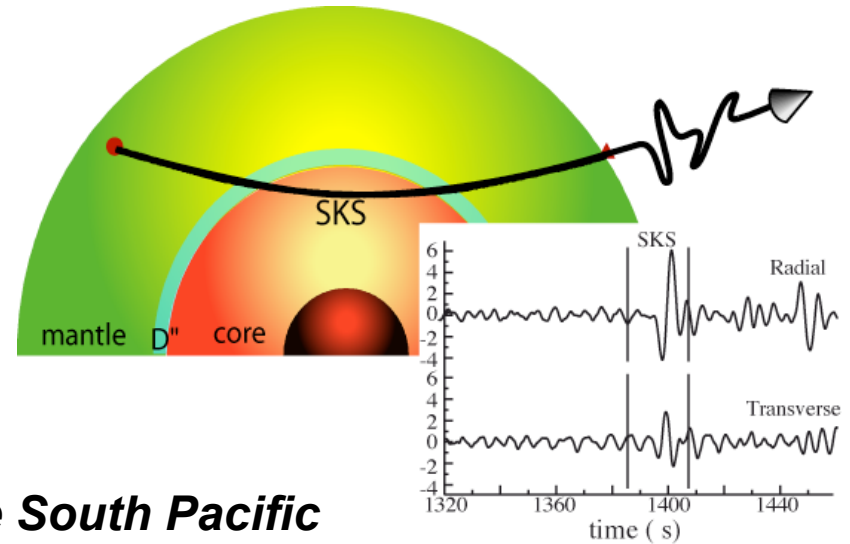
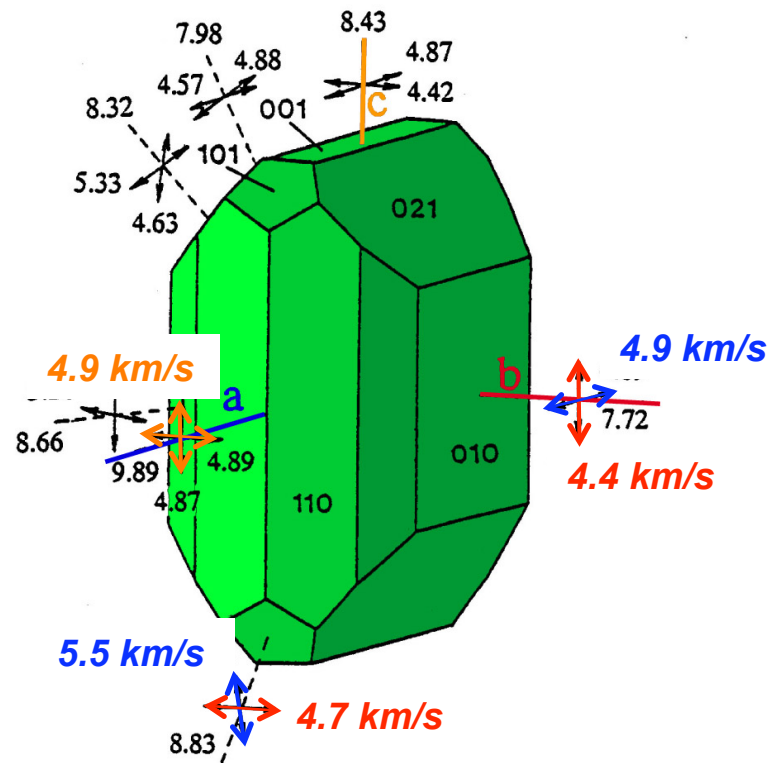


No vertical resolution verticale, but  
the upper 250 km of the mantle  
= dominant contribution

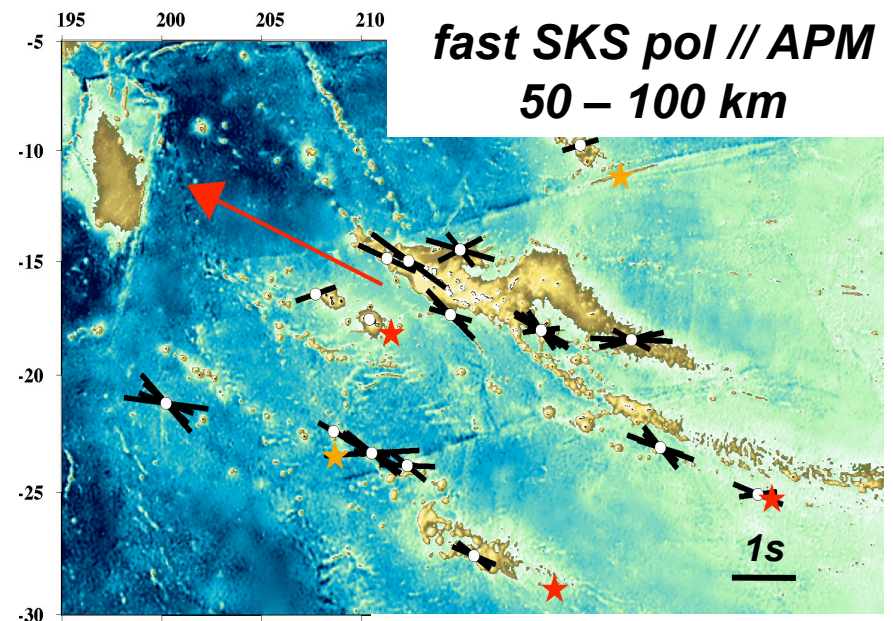
# S waves polarization anisotropy - shear wave splitting



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

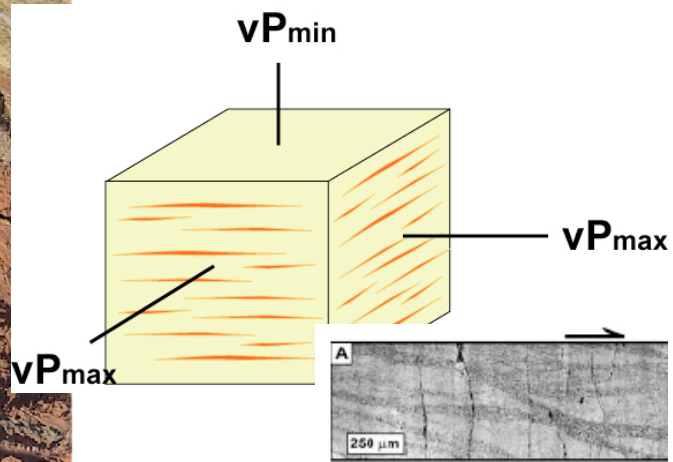


**in the South Pacific**



Fontaine et al., GJI 2007

# anisotropy results from

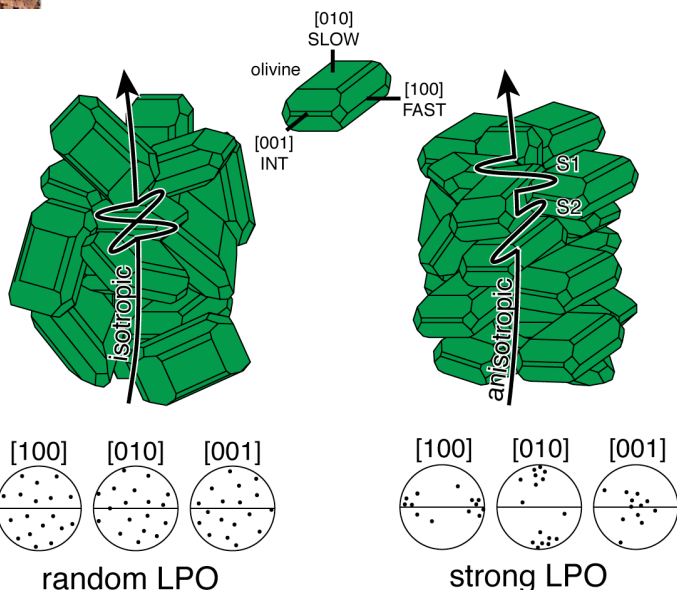


**layering of materials with very  $\neq$  properties :**

- **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'' (?)**

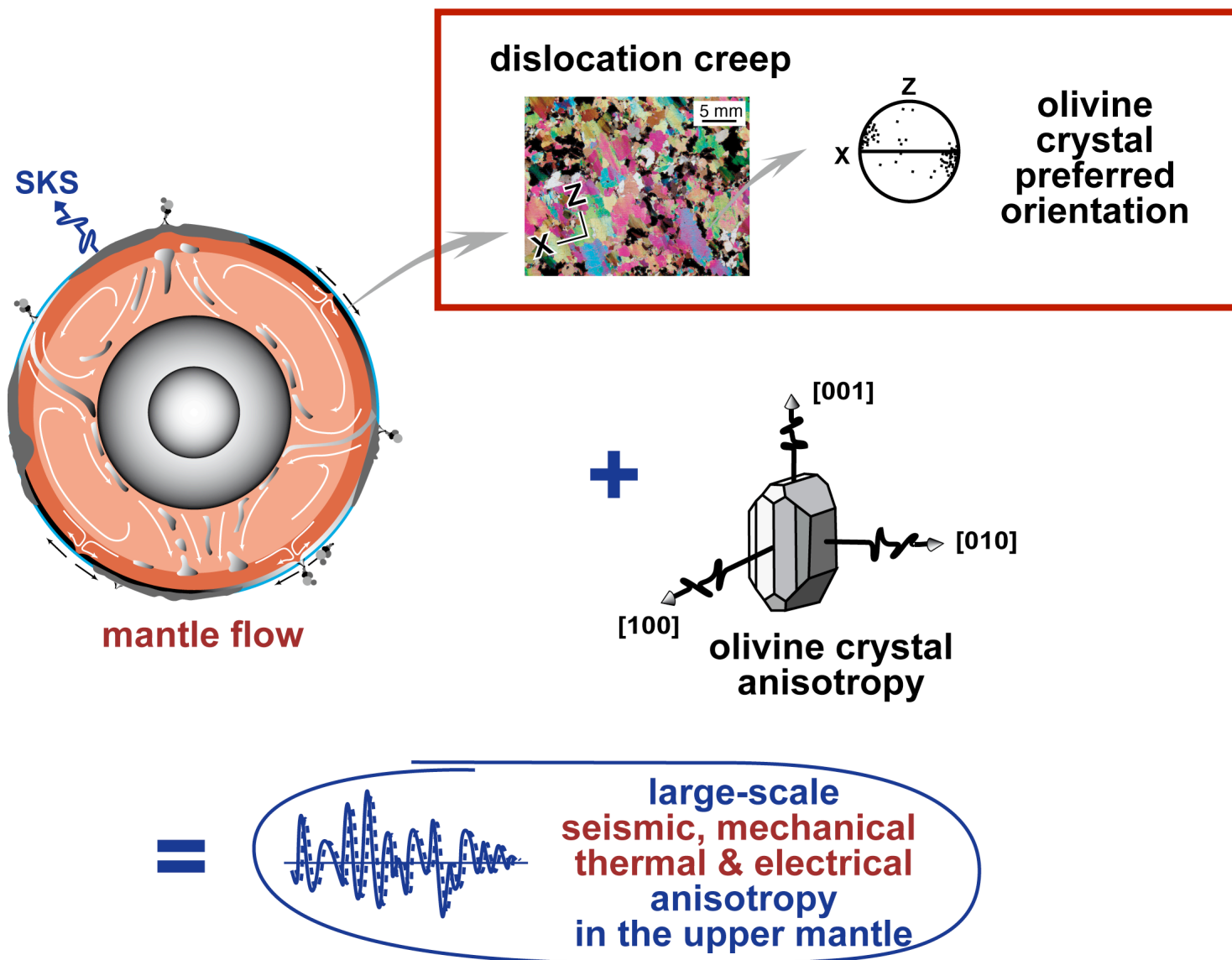


**Crystal or Lattice Preferred Orientation (CPO or LPO) of anisotropic minerals :**

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

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

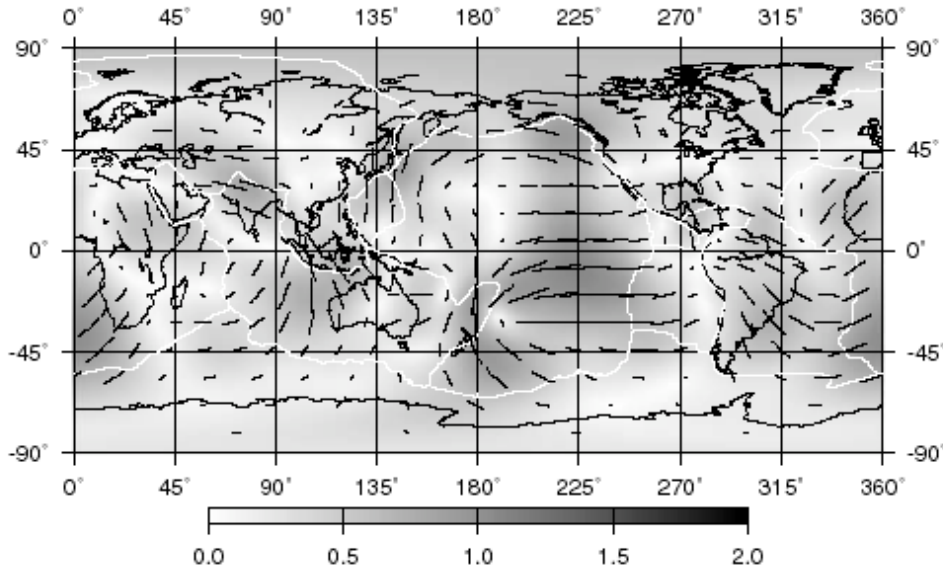
# Mantle deformation, olivine CPO & seismic anisotropy



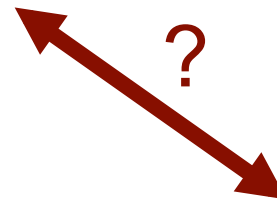


2psi Rayleigh 40 s [%]

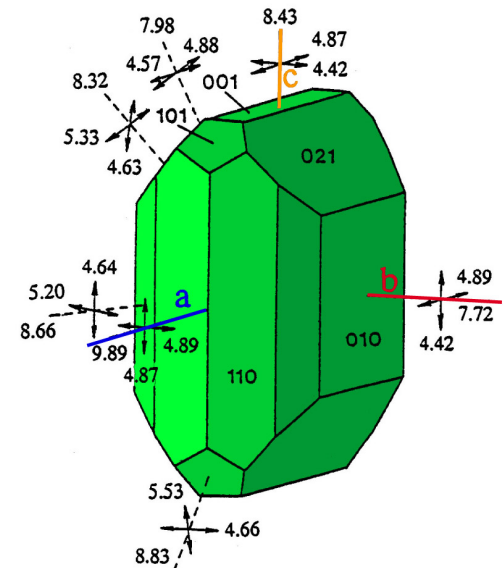
*Seismological observations: km à 1000km*



*Change in scale*



*crystal:  $\mu\text{m}$  à  $\text{cm}$*



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



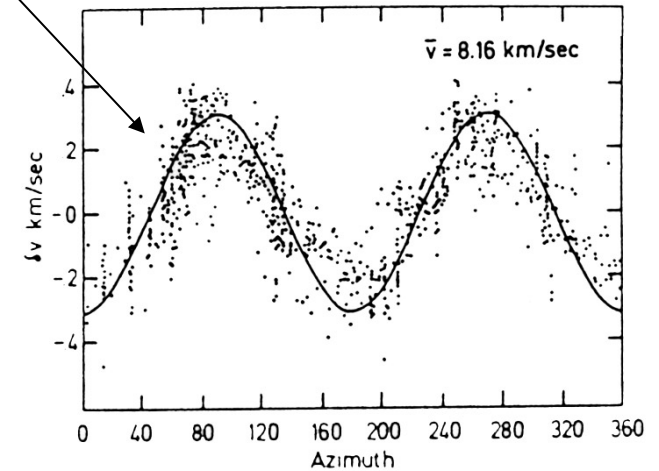
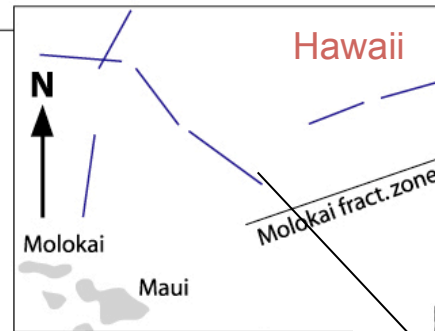
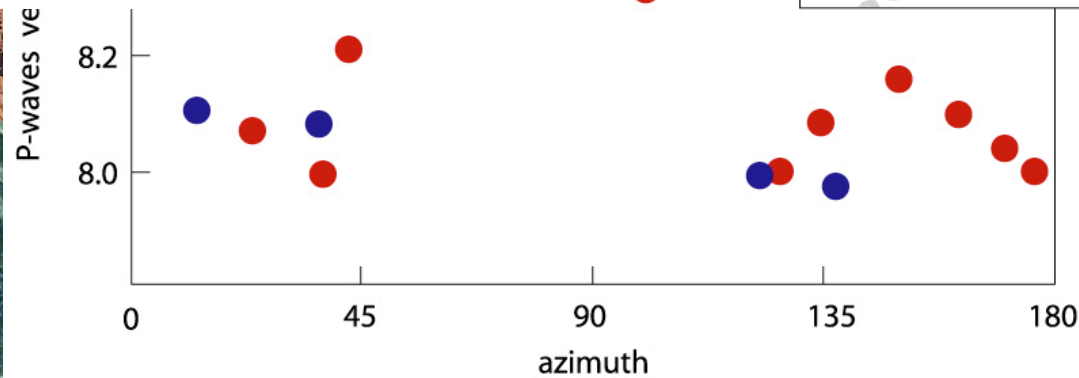
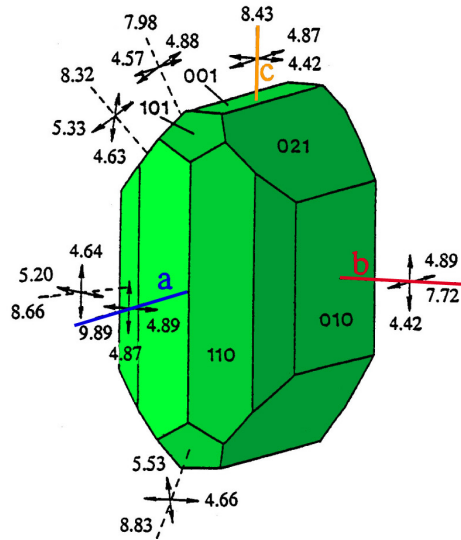
Trampert & Woodhouse, GJI 2003



# P waves – refraction profiles

$$v_P = F(\text{propagation direction})$$

1. Fastest P-wave speed?
2. Slowest? Anisotropy ( $V_{max} - V_{min} / V_{mean}$ )?

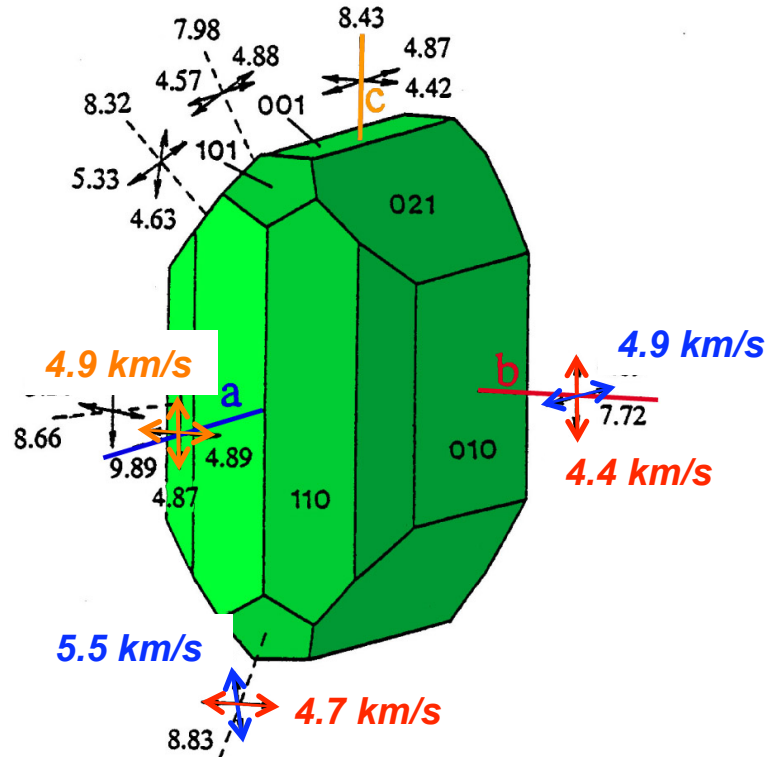


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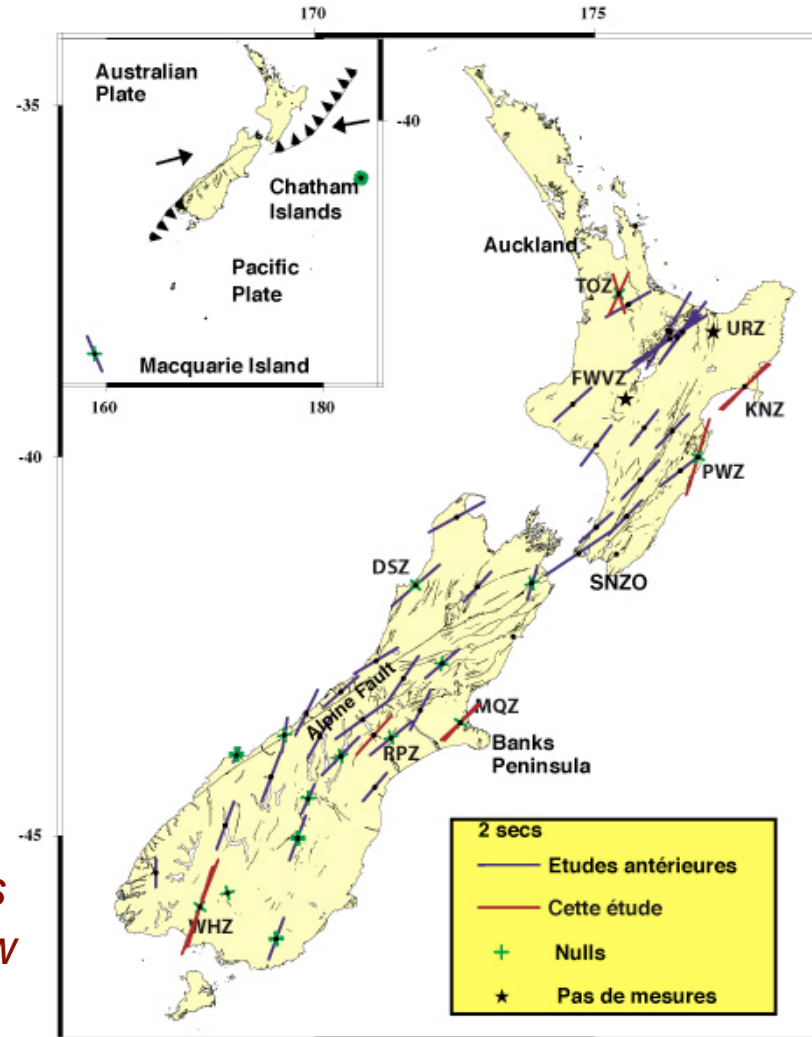
Morris et al. (1969), JGR

# S waves polarization anisotropy - shear wave splitting

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

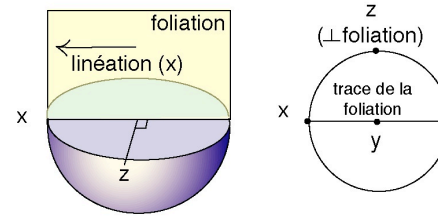
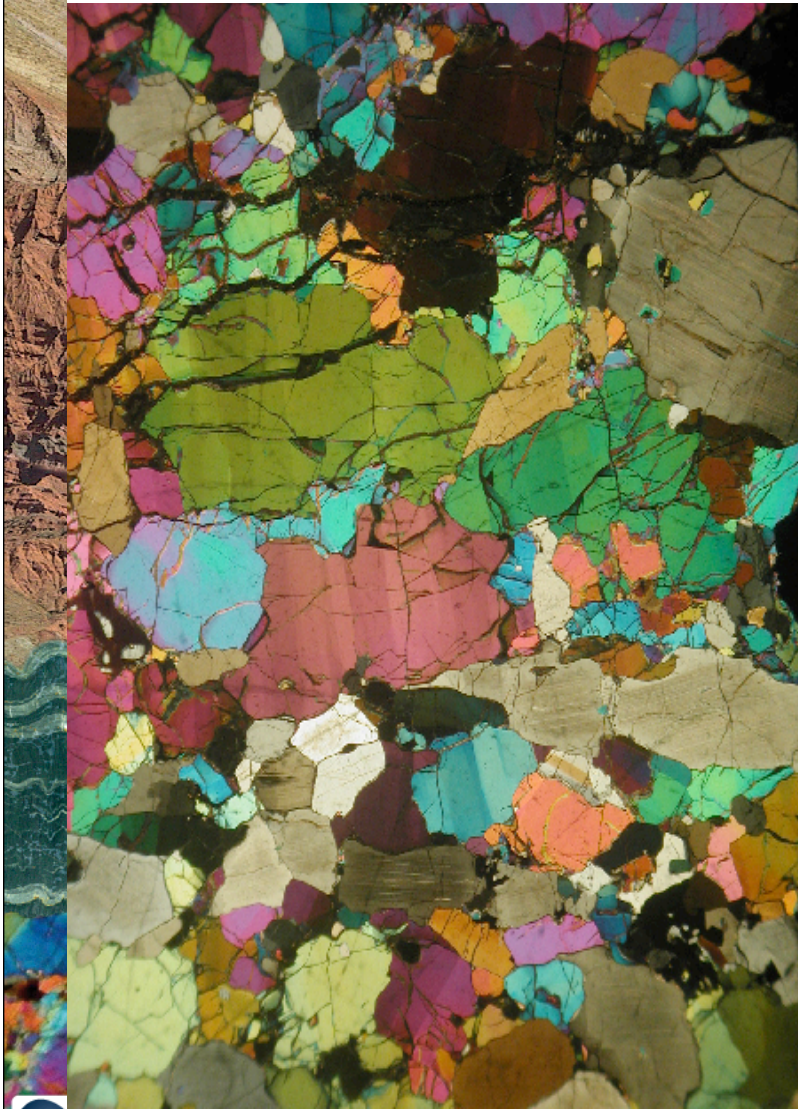


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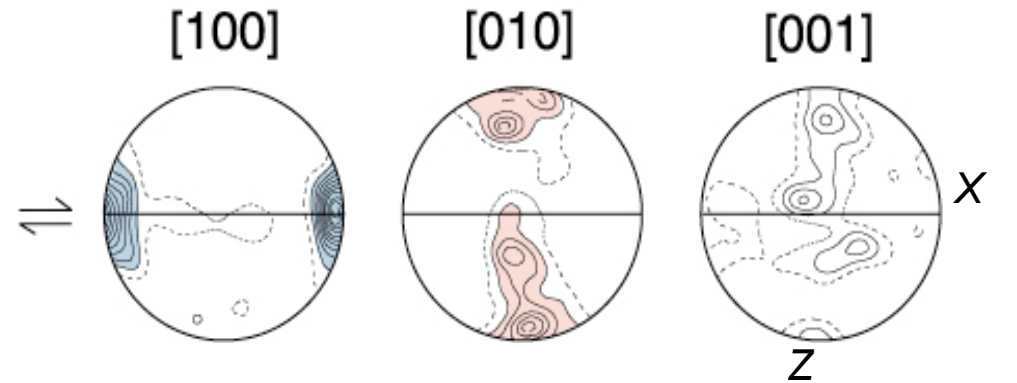
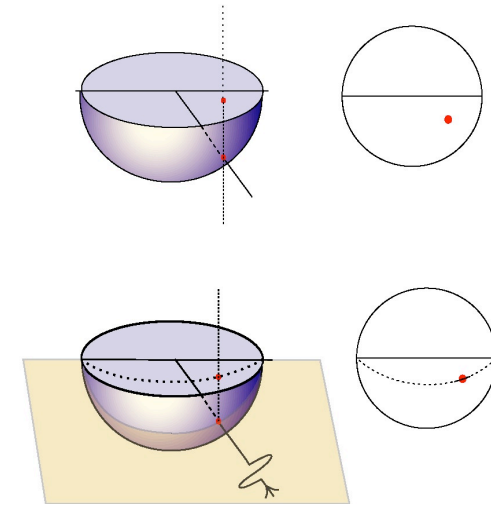


*Single path = anisotropy only*

The upper mantle is composed by peridotite = a polycrystalline aggregate (~60% olivine – 40% pyroxenes)...



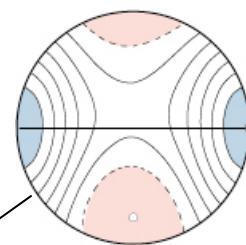
Foliation = Plan de fluage de la matière  
linéation = direction de fluage de la matière



Vp (km/s)

AVs

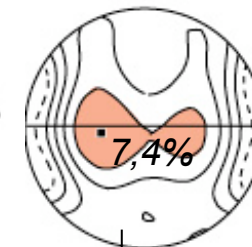
polarisation S1



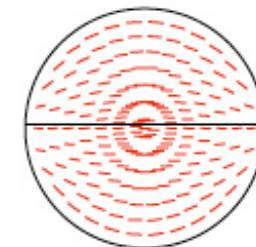
8.83

7.95

A<sub>max</sub>=10%

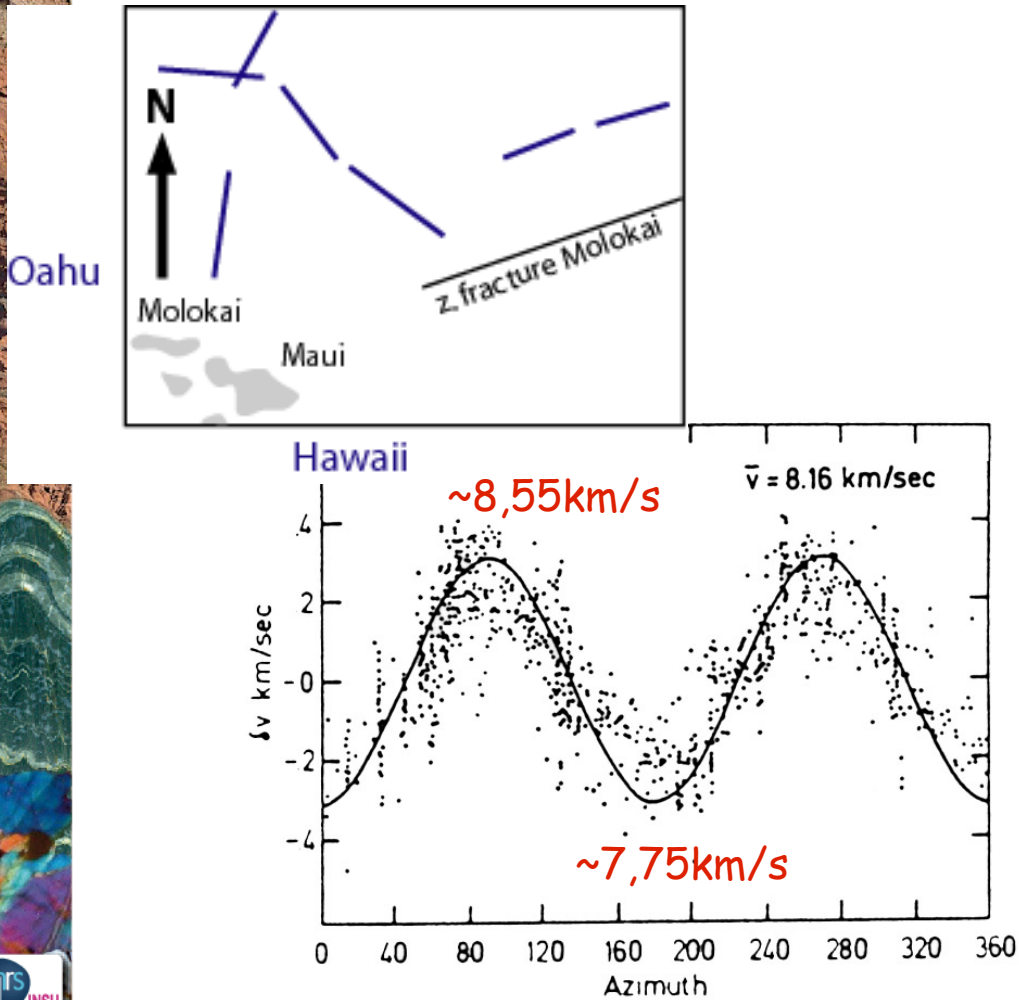


S-wave anis= (Vs1-Vs2)/Vsmean  
A<sub>max</sub>= 7.4%

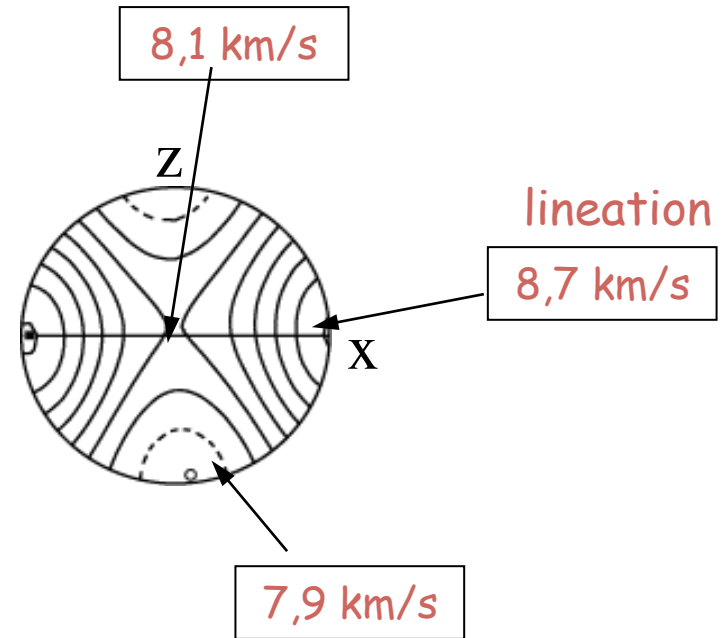
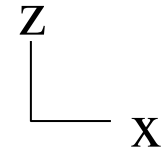
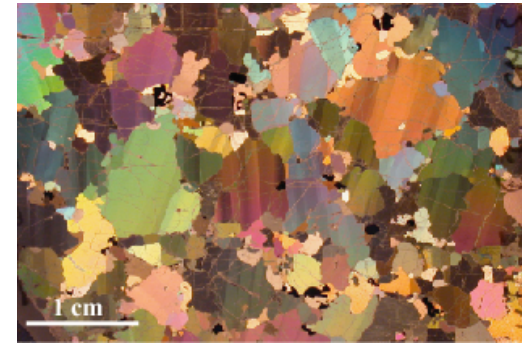


P-wave velocity: F(propagation direction)

And for a peridotite, how should the foliation and lineation be oriented to explain the N Pacific refraction data?

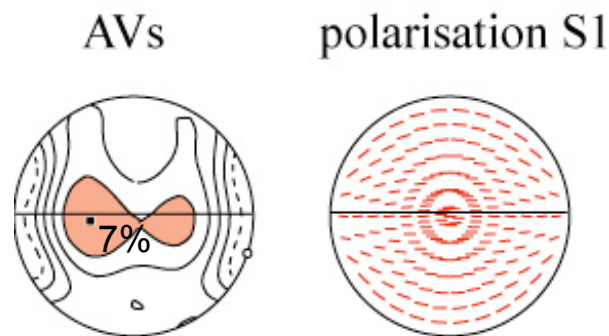
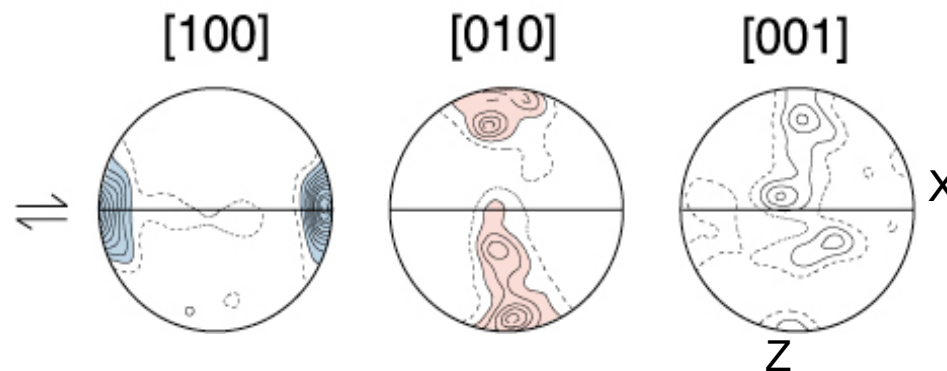
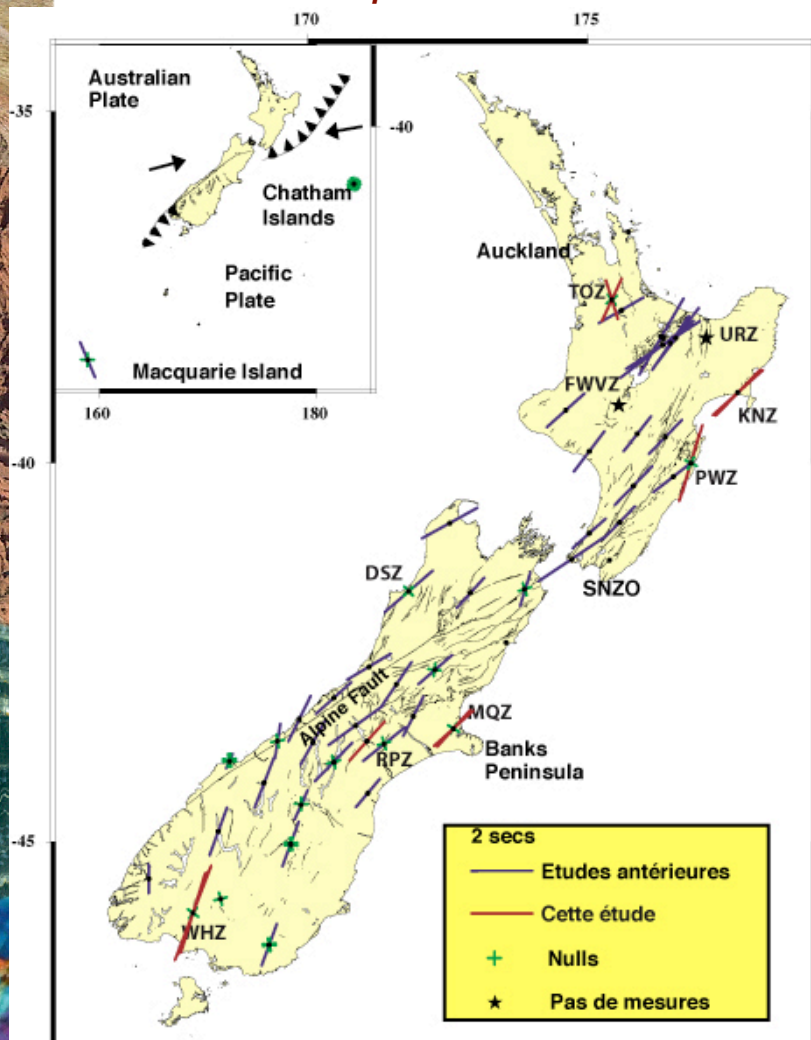


Morris et al., 1969



Is this consistent with what we expect in the shallow oceanic lithospheric mantle?

The upper mantle is composed by peridotite (~60% olivine – 40% pyroxenes)... How should the foliation and lineation be oriented to explain the New Zealand SKS splitting?



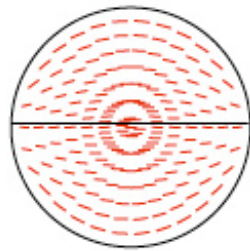
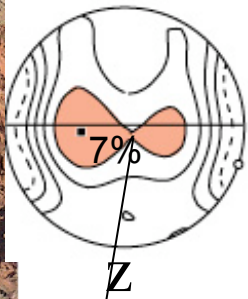
Vs1=4.9km/s  
Vs2=4.6km/s

Is this consistent with what we expect beneath a transform?  
And in a subduction zone?

# Shear wave splitting beneath an ancient transpressive belt in the Neoproterozoic Ribeira belt, SE Brazil

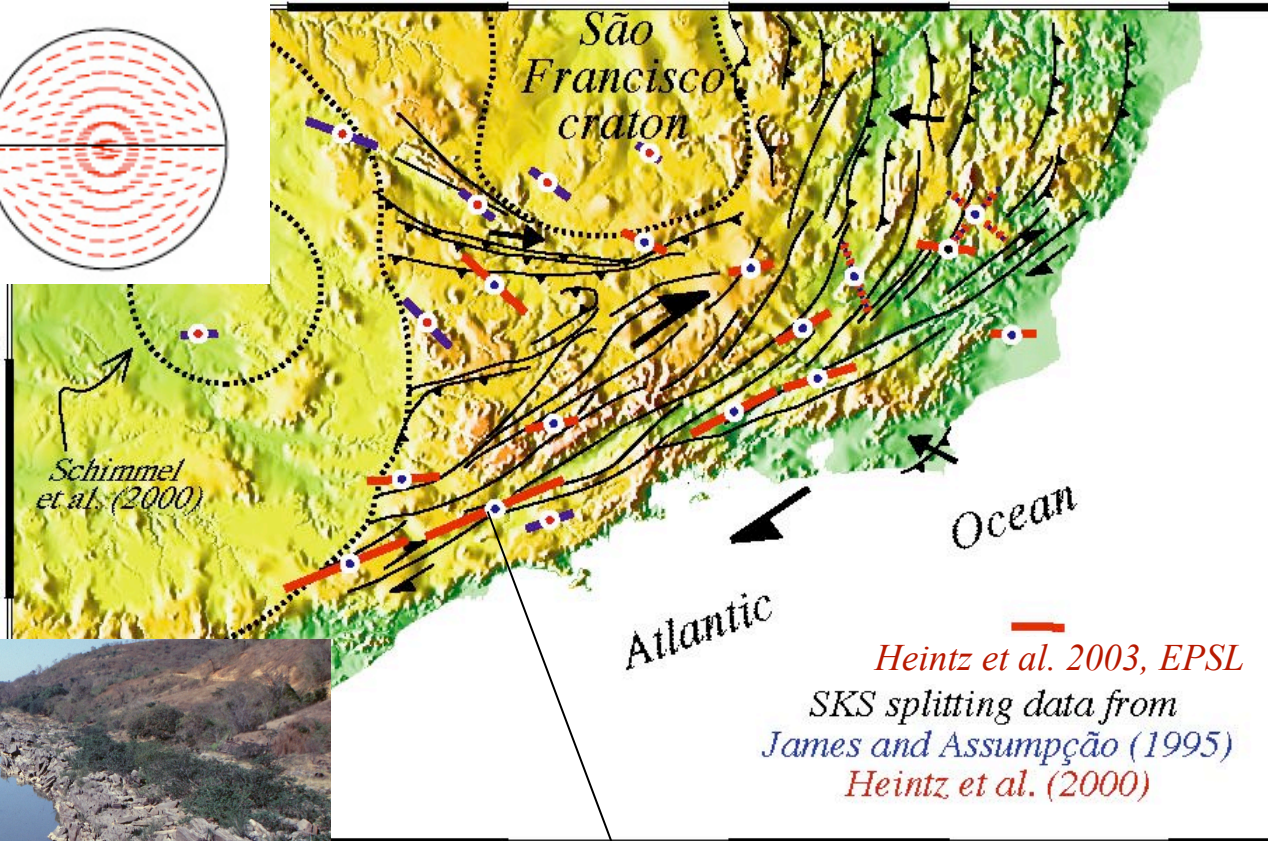
AVs

polarisation S1 2° 314° 316° 318° 320°

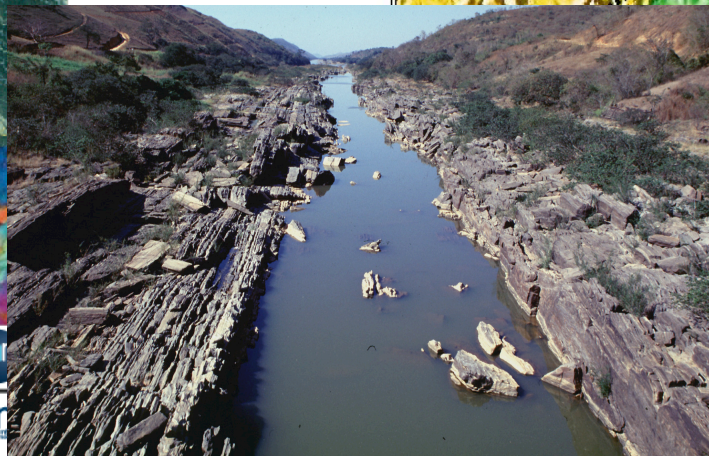


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-22°  
-24°

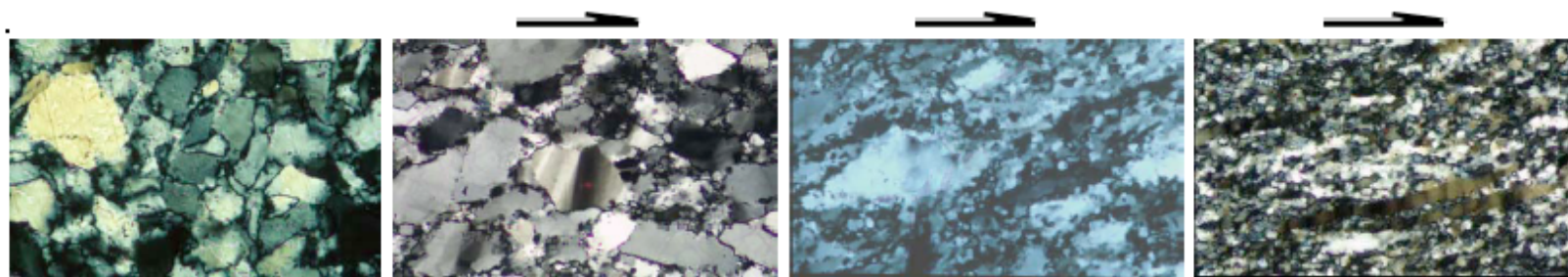


Heintz et al. 2003, EPSL  
SKS splitting data from  
James and Assumpção (1995)  
Heintz et al. (2000)



orientation of the lineation & foliation?  
dt=2.5s: what does it mean?

## Torsion experiments - high shear strains CPO evolution as a function of strain



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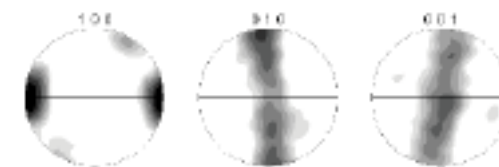
$\gamma = 0.5$

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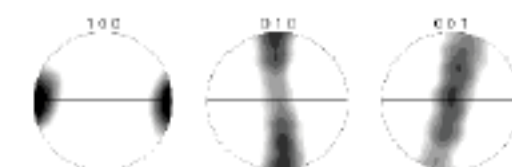
$\gamma = 5$



$\gamma = 1$



$\gamma = 3$



$\gamma = 6$

*low strain:  
fast CPO evolution*

*high strain:  
very slow CPO evolution  
[100] // shear direction*



## Seismic anisotropy - finite strain relationship

fast CPO development at low strain,  
then stabilization

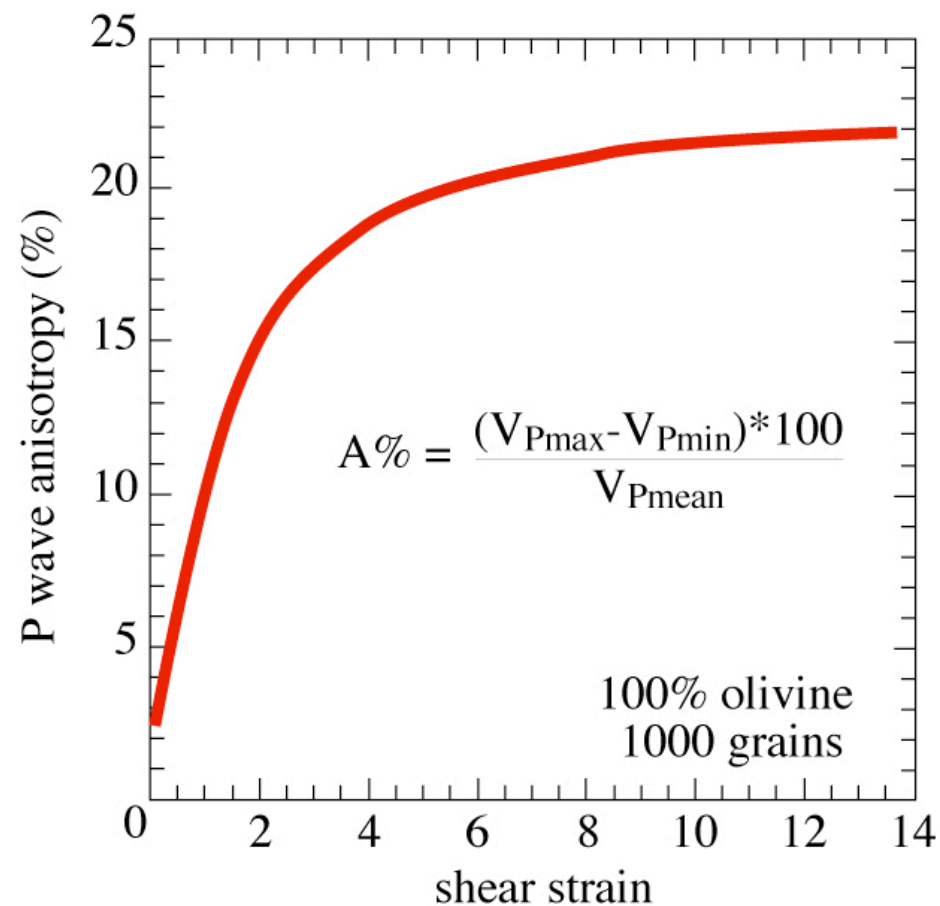
+

similar seismic anisotropy  
dependence on CPO intensity



*seismic anisotropy increases fast  
for small strains, constant at high strains*

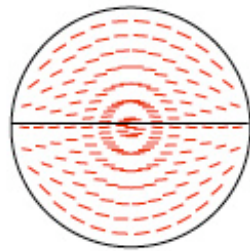
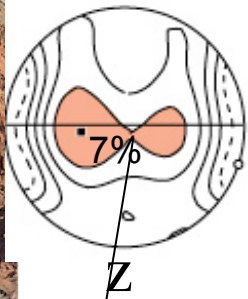
✓ shear wave splitting : delay times  
 $F$  (thickness of anisotropic layer)



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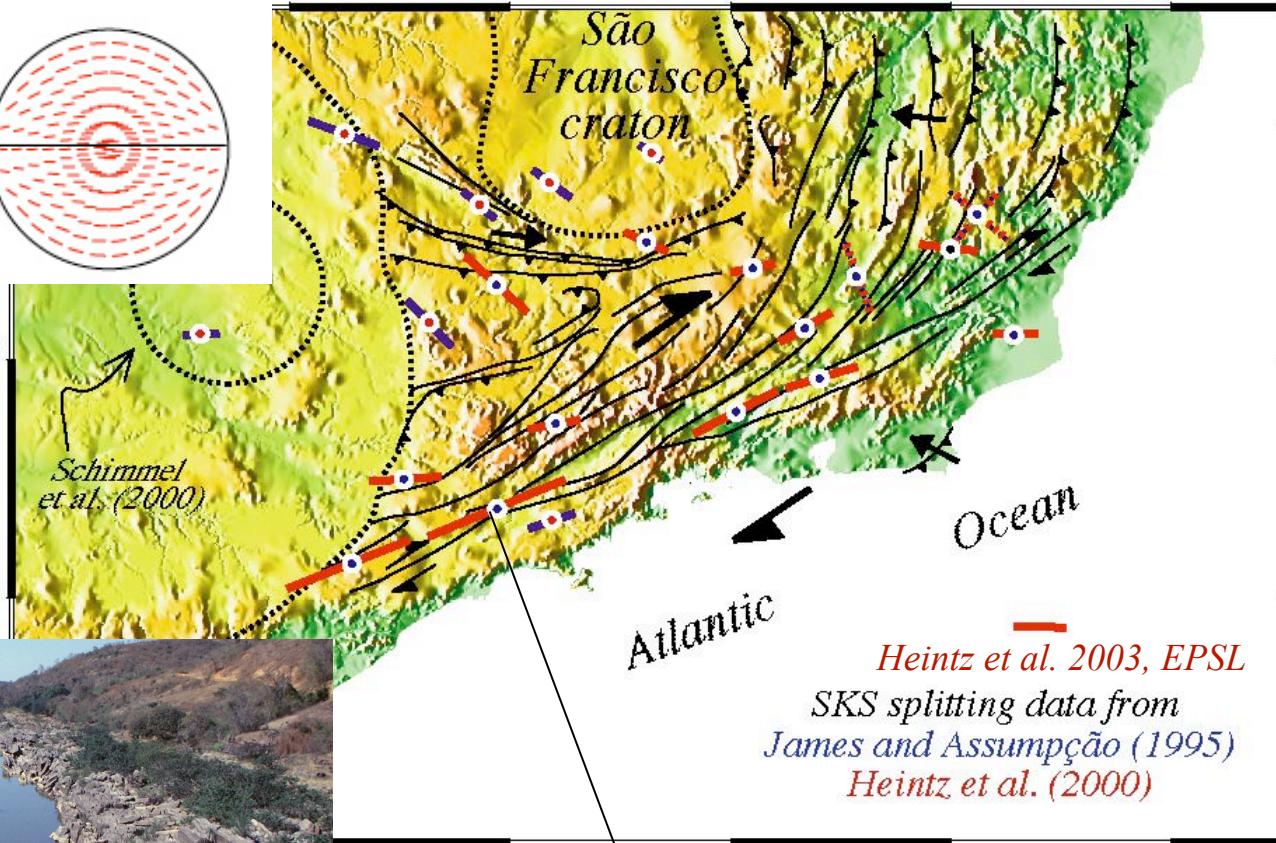
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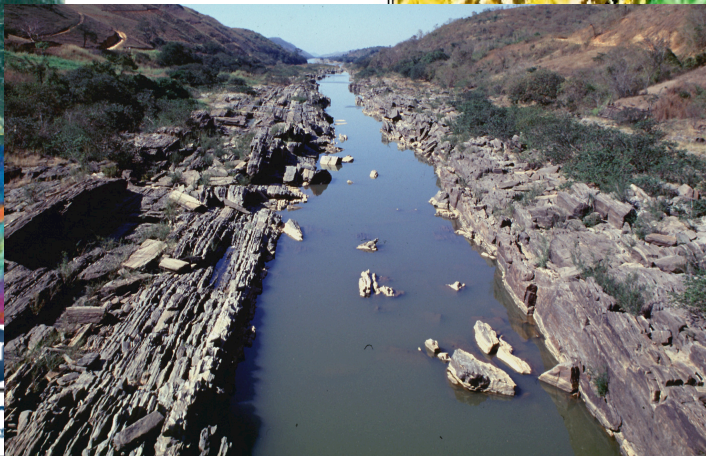
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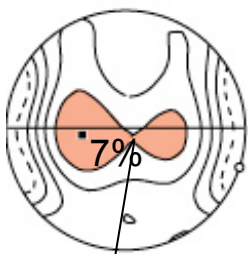
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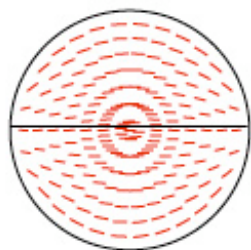
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$dt=2.5s$ : how thick is the anisotropic layer?

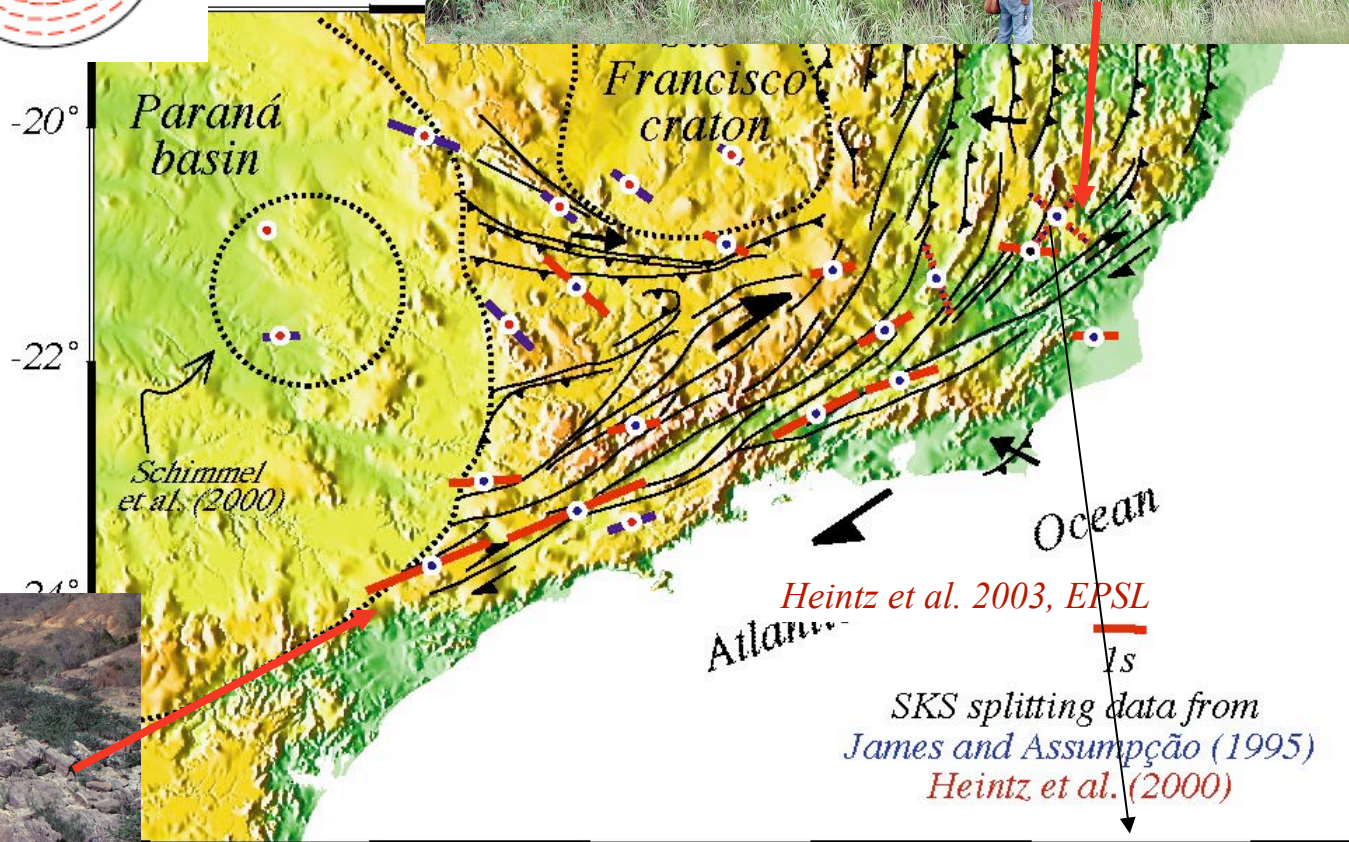




$V_{s1} = 4.9 \text{ km/s}$   
 $V_{s2} = 4.6 \text{ km/s}$

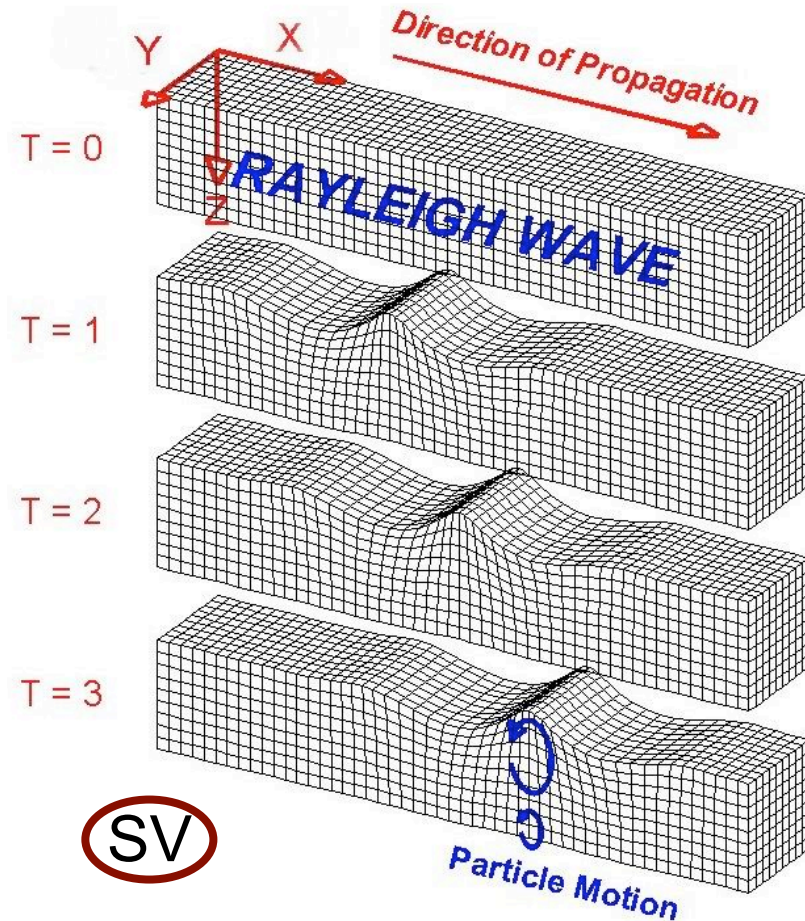
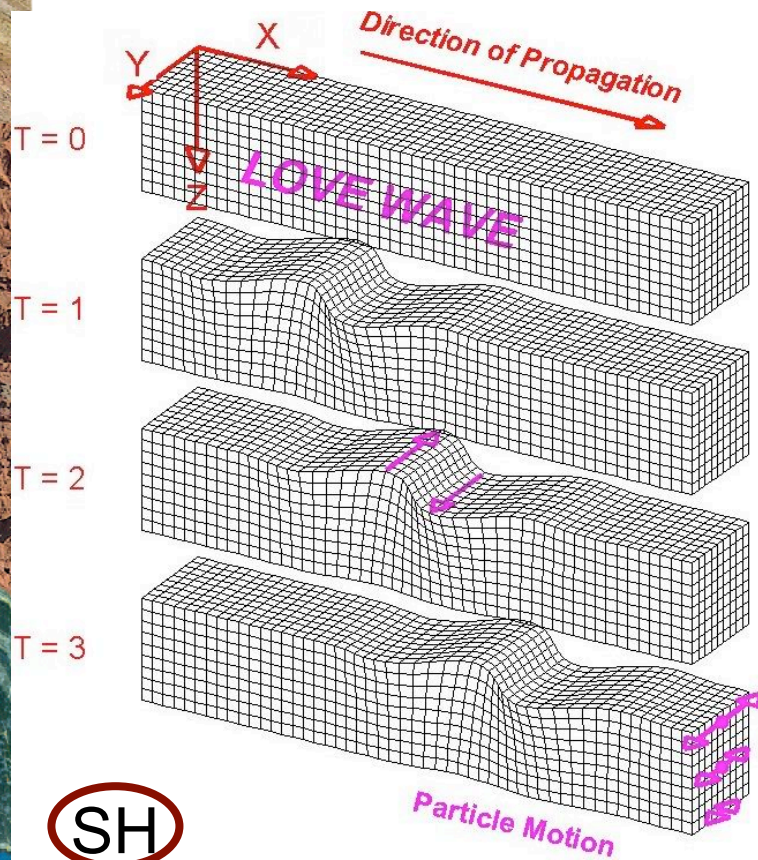


$312^\circ$



How can we explain the N-S difference in delay time?

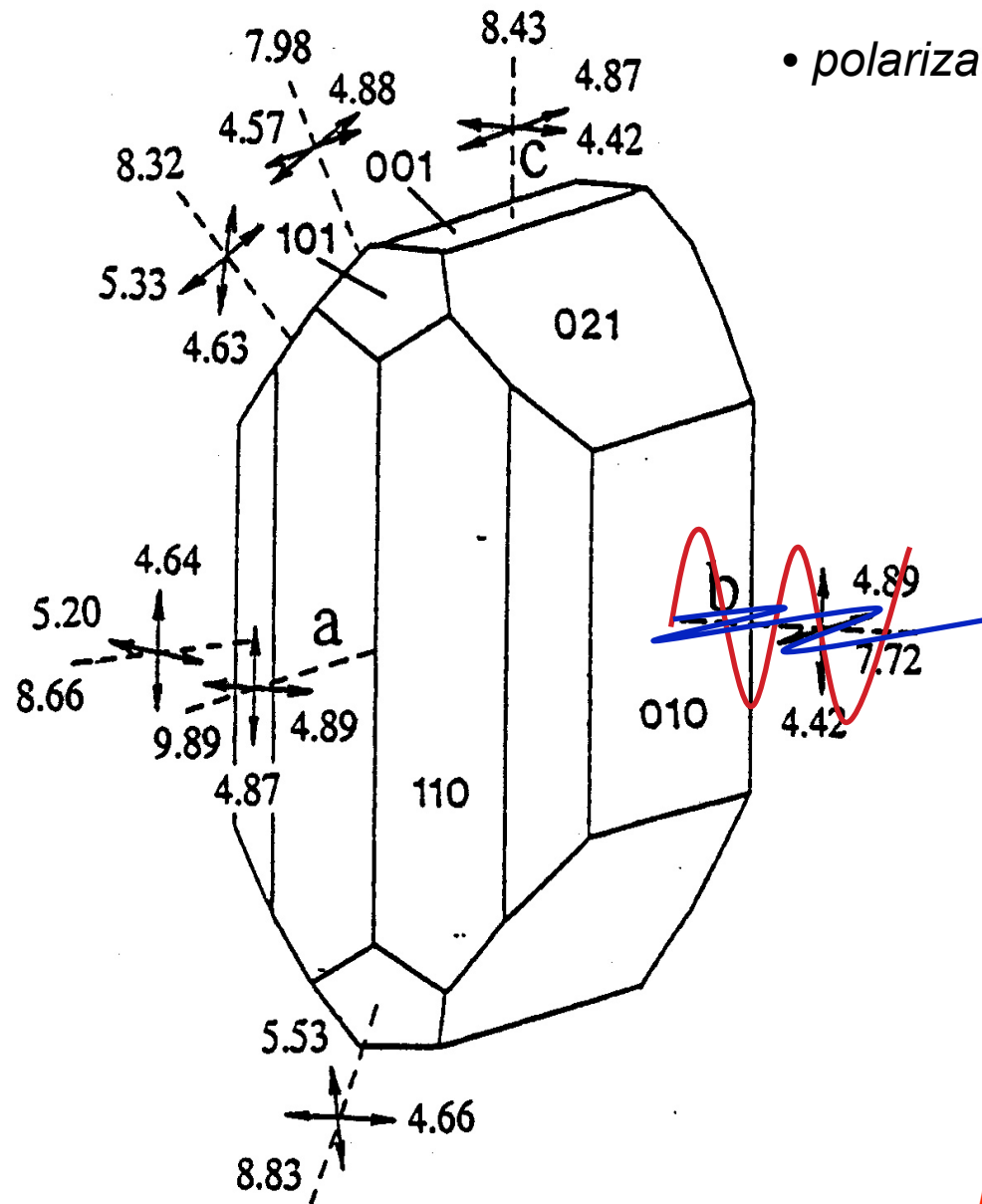
## Surface waves: Love & Rayleigh



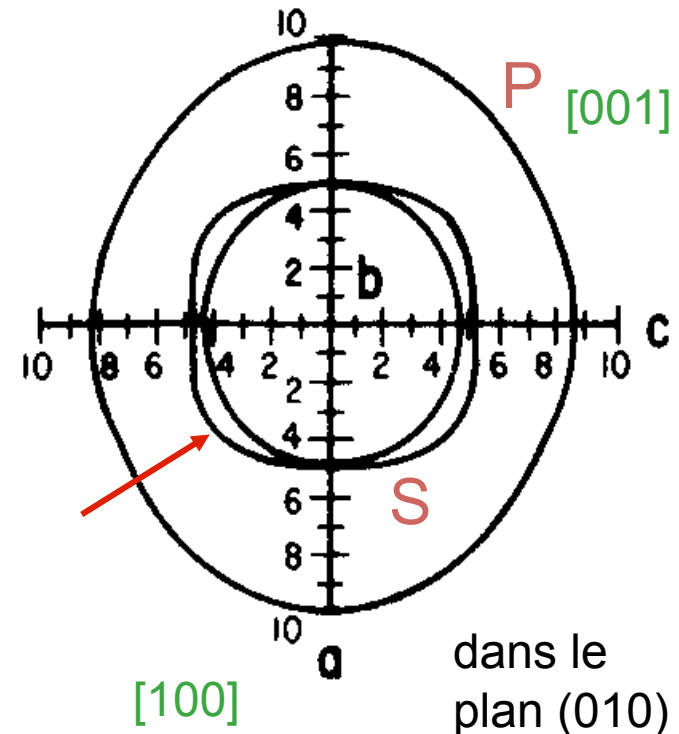
- Why SH et SV?
- How can we measure a propagation and a polarization anisotropy?

# Surface waves: Love (SH) & Rayleigh (SV)

- polarization anisotropy



vitesses P e S (km/s)



OLIVINE

Nicolas & Christensen, AGU, 1987

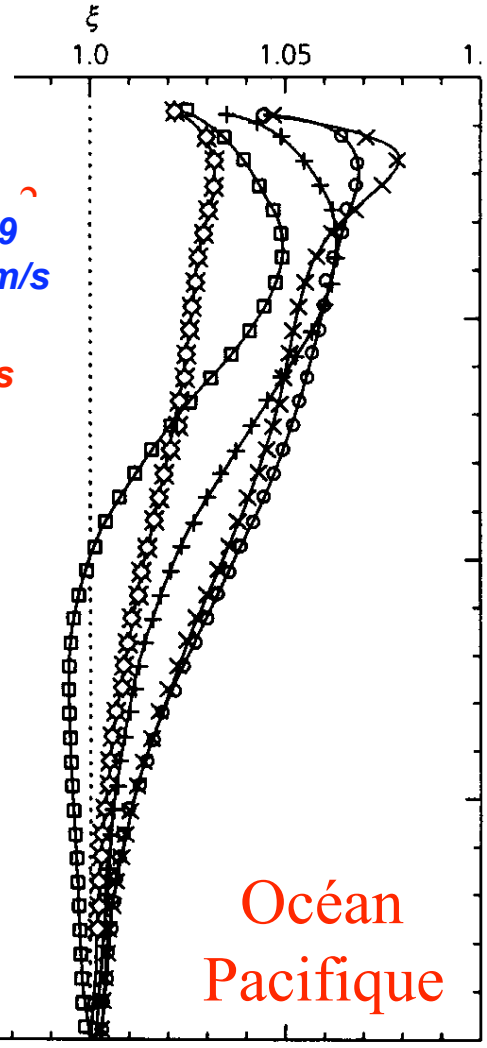
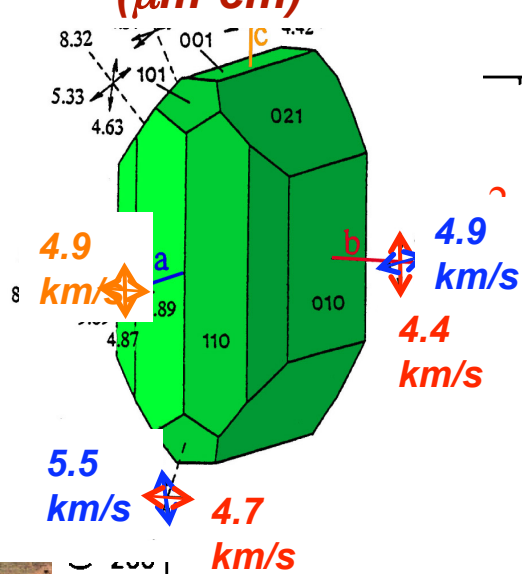
If the represented plane is horizontal, who is faster? SV ou SH?

# Surface waves: Love (SH) & Rayleigh (SV)

- polarization anisotropy

## Olivine cristal

( $\mu\text{m-cm}$ )

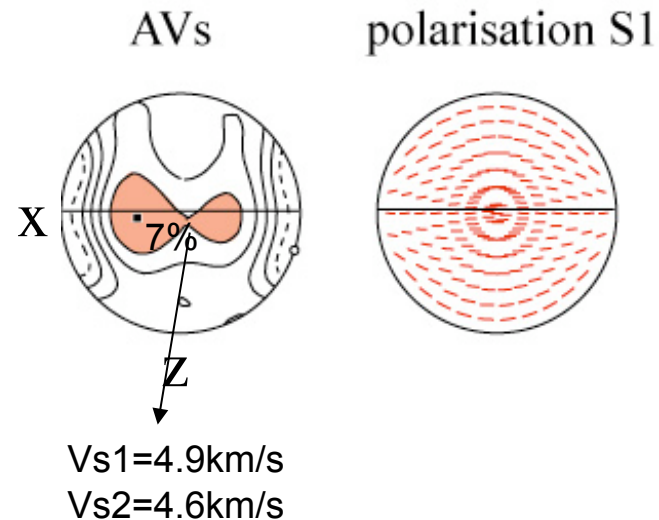


Nishimura & Forsyth, 1989

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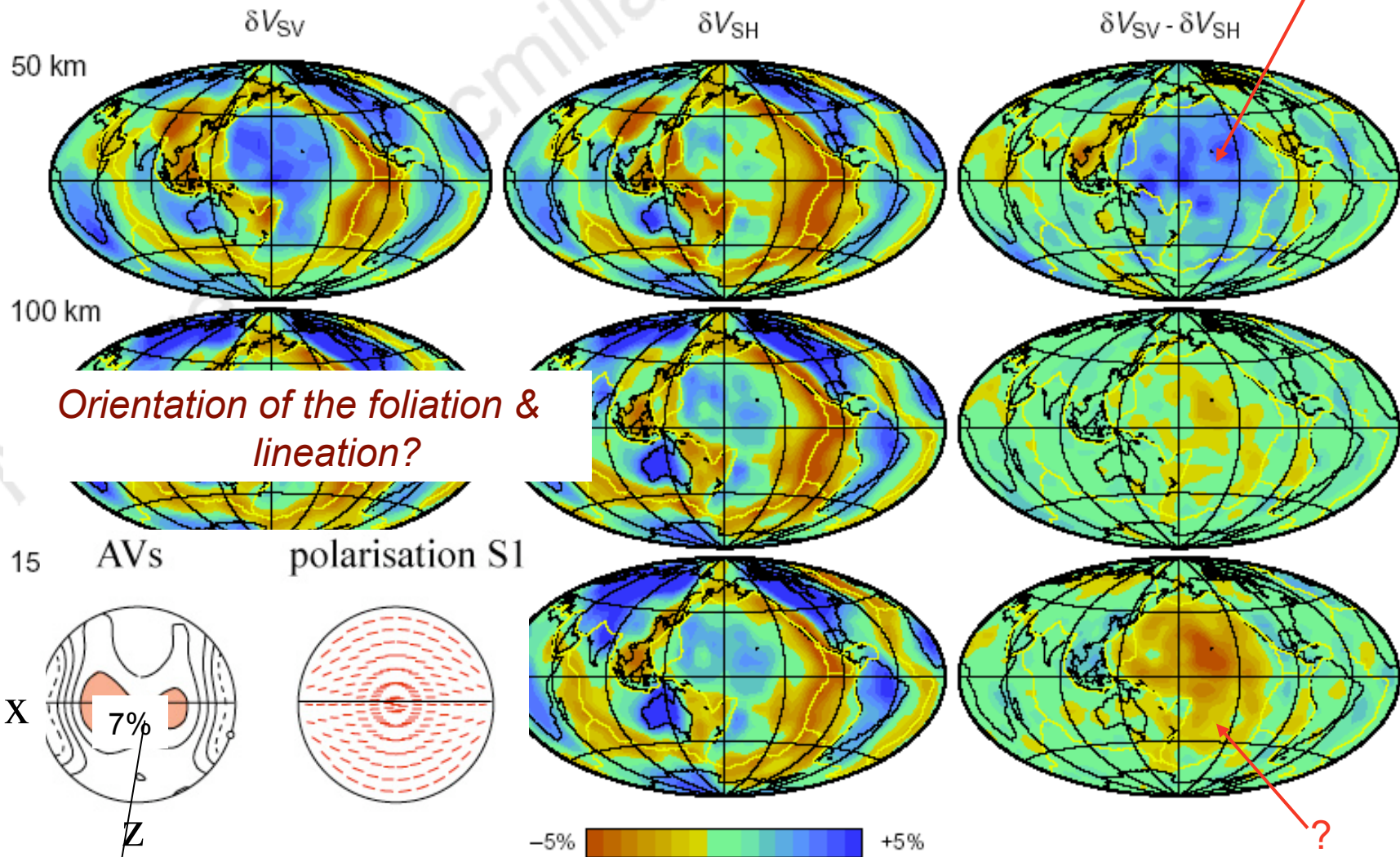
1. Propagation direction(s)?
2. Which is the fast polarisation for this propagation?

And a peridotite?



# Surface waves: Love (SH) & Rayleigh (SV)

- polarization anisotropy



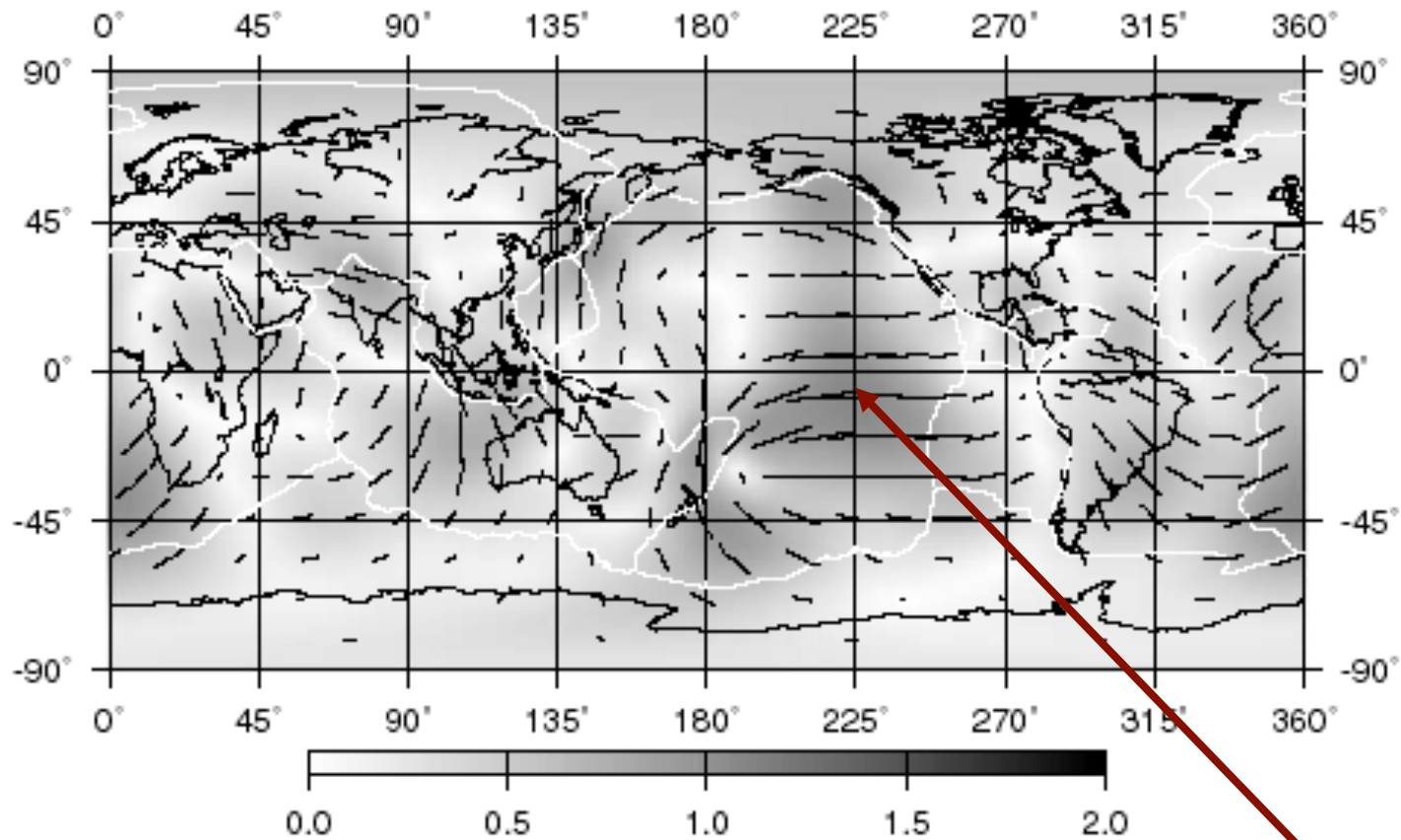
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Ekstrom & Dziewonski, Nature 2003

## Rayleigh azimuthal anisotropy

2psi Rayleigh 40 s [%]

proche de SV



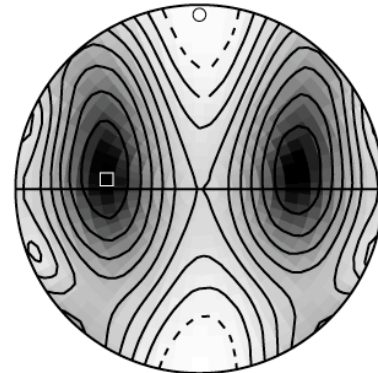
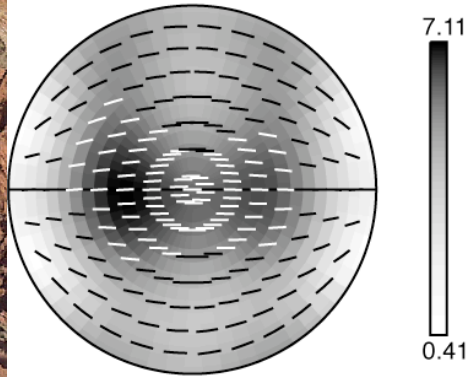
*Olivine crystal orientation needed to explain  
SH>SV + propagation anis of Rayleigh?*



# Rayleigh azimuthal anisotropy

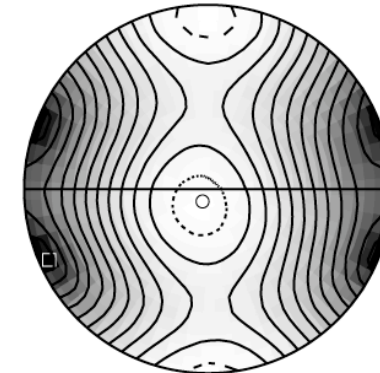
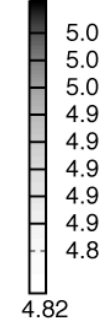
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Vs1 Polarisation Planes



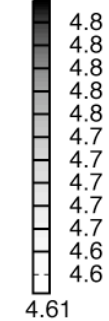
■ Max. Velocity = 5.02    ○ Min. Velocity = 4.82  
Anisotropy = 4.1 %

Vs1 Contours (km/s)



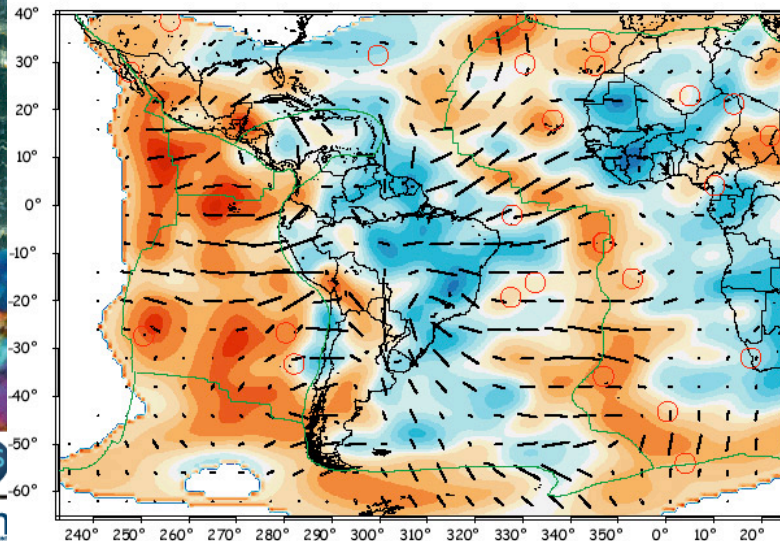
■ Max. Velocity = 4.85    ○ Min. Velocity = 4.61  
Anisotropy = 5.1 %

Vs2 Contours (km/s)



2% peak to peak anisotropy

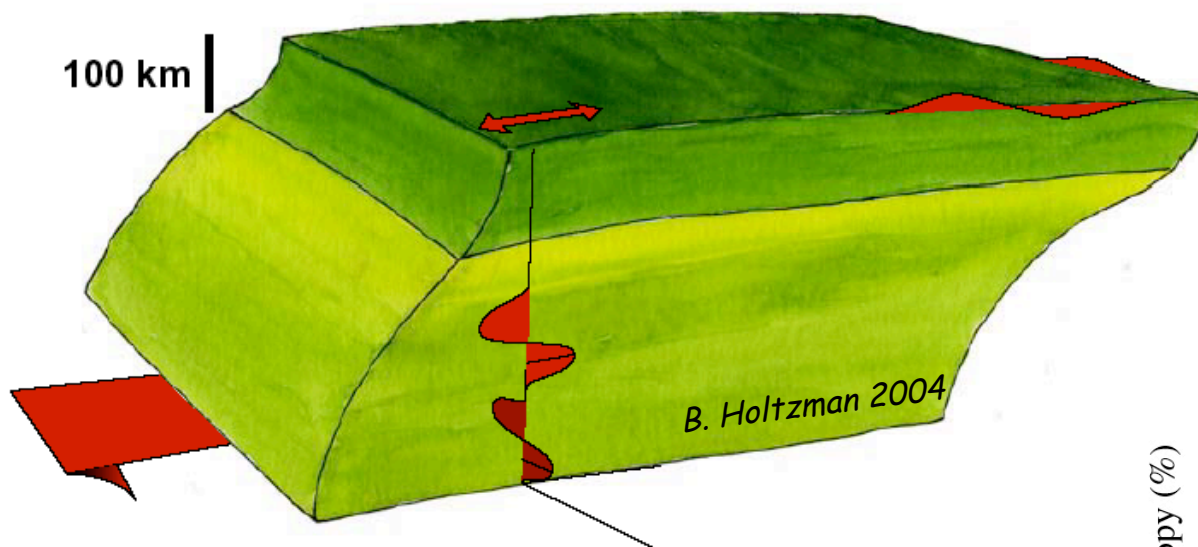
100 km



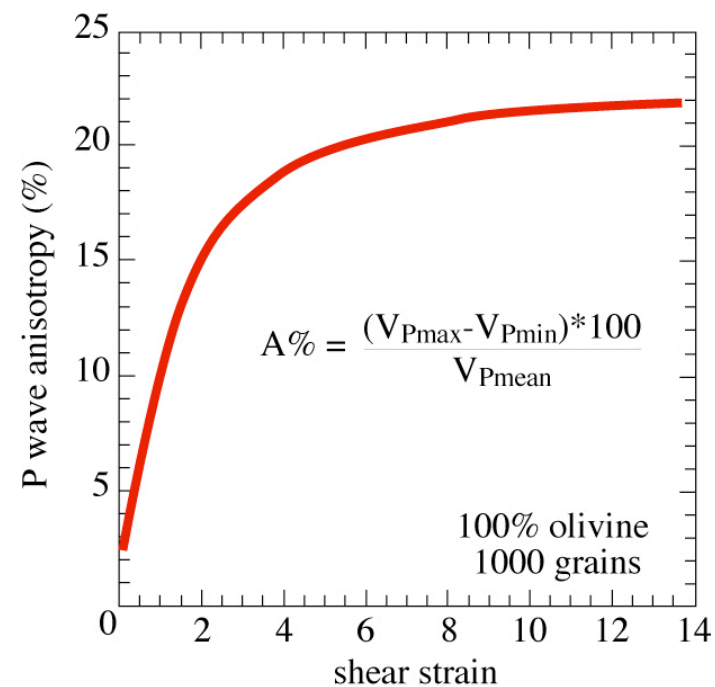
*Orientation of the foliation & lineation to explain the azimuthal propagation anis of Rayleigh in the oceanic basins, knowing that  $SH > SV$  in oceans?*



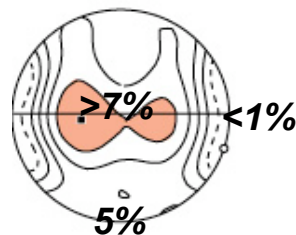
# Simple key to qualitatively "read" seismic anisotropy observations in the SHALLOW MANTLE (>250 km):



**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

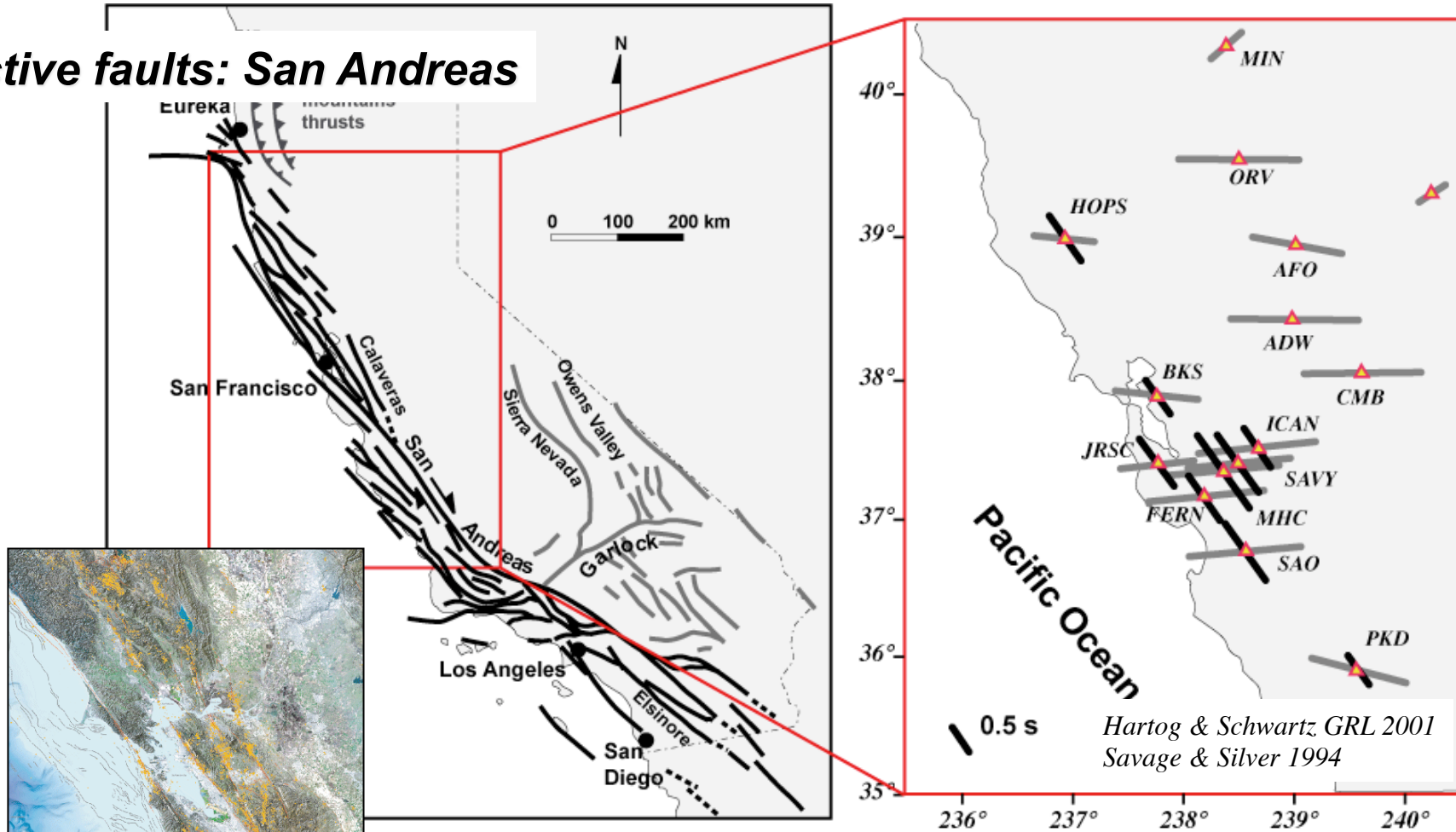


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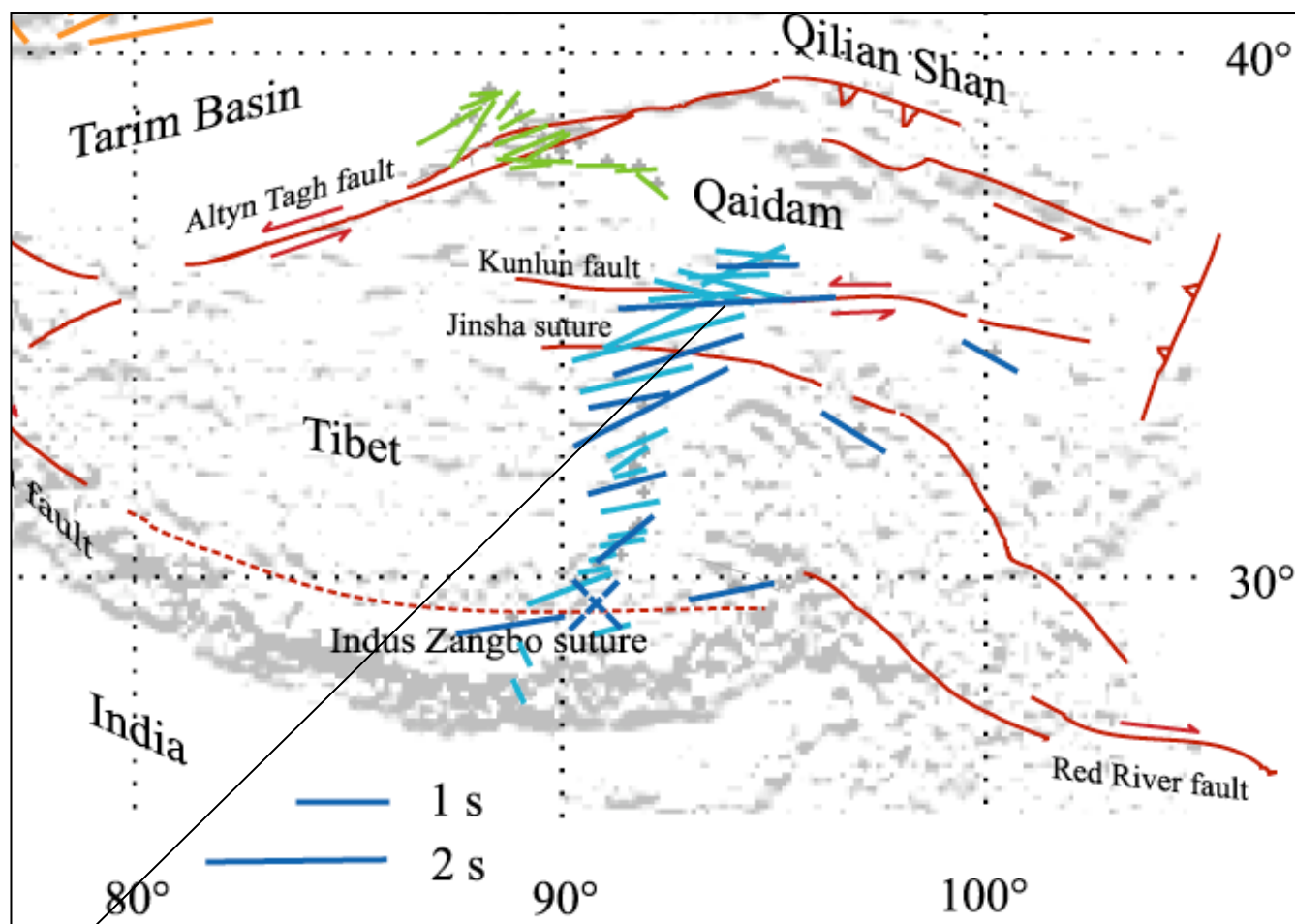
# Seismic anisotropy in large-scale strike-slip faults: crust - mantle coupling

## Active faults: San Andreas



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

### Tibet large strike-slip faults



Herquel et al. 1999

**>2s! lithosphere-asthenosphere coupling?**

# North Anatolian Fault: no associated anisotropy?

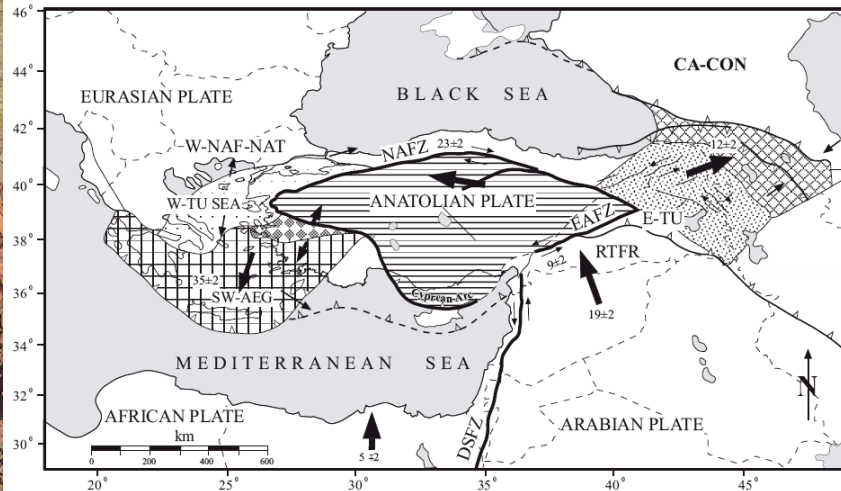
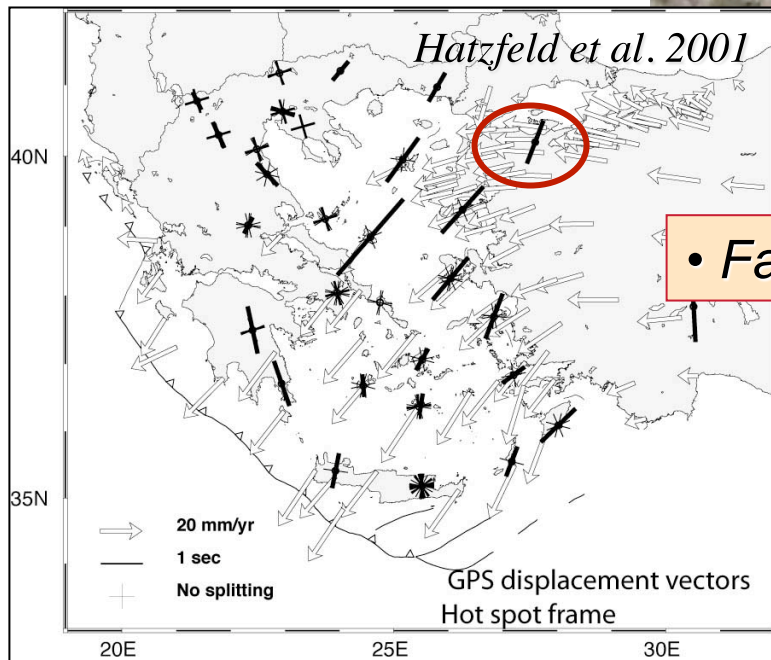
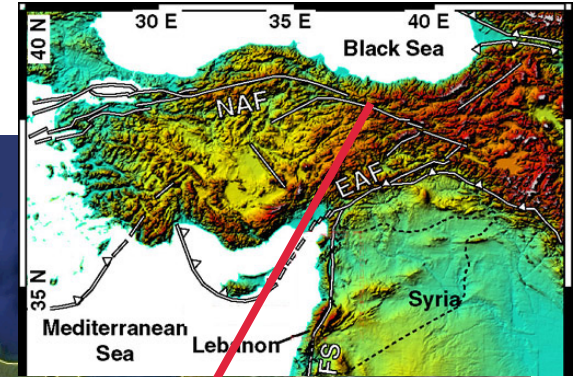
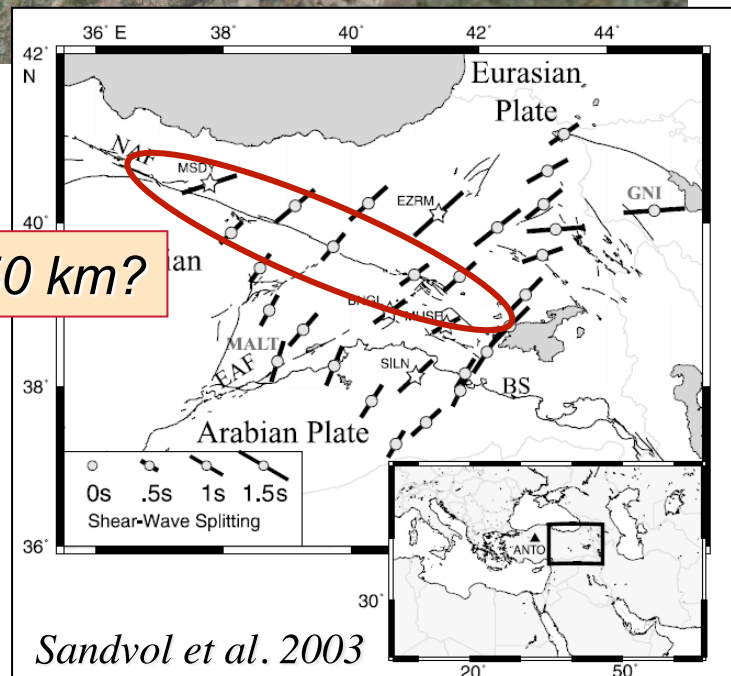


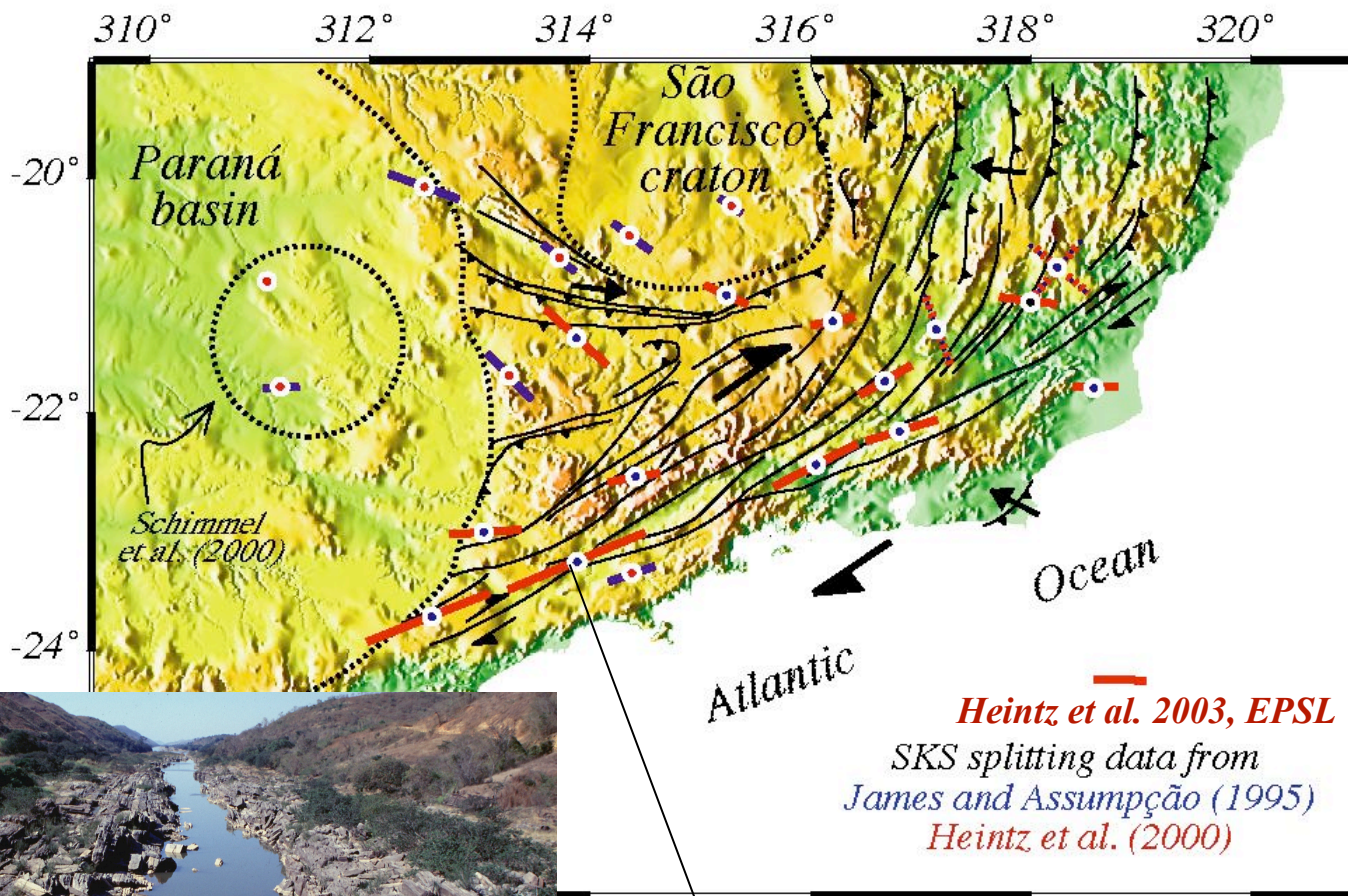
Figure 1. Kinematics of Turkey and surrounding area. Hatched areas show the coherent motion of specific zones of deformation. Heavy arrows indicate the generalised regional motions in mm/yr (after McClusky *et al.* 2000).



• Fault width < 50 km?

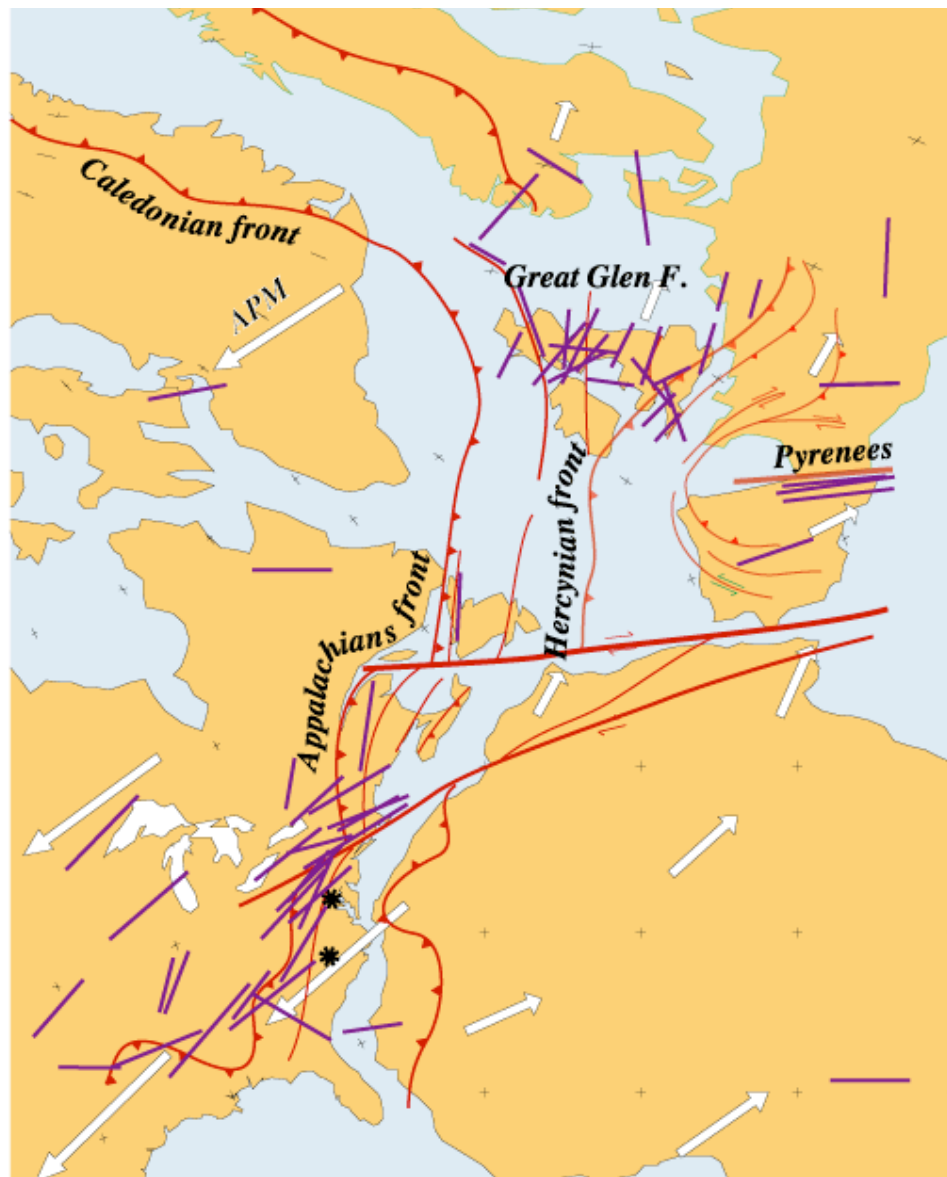


## Old transpressional belts: large scale strike-slip faults frozen-in lithospheric fabric

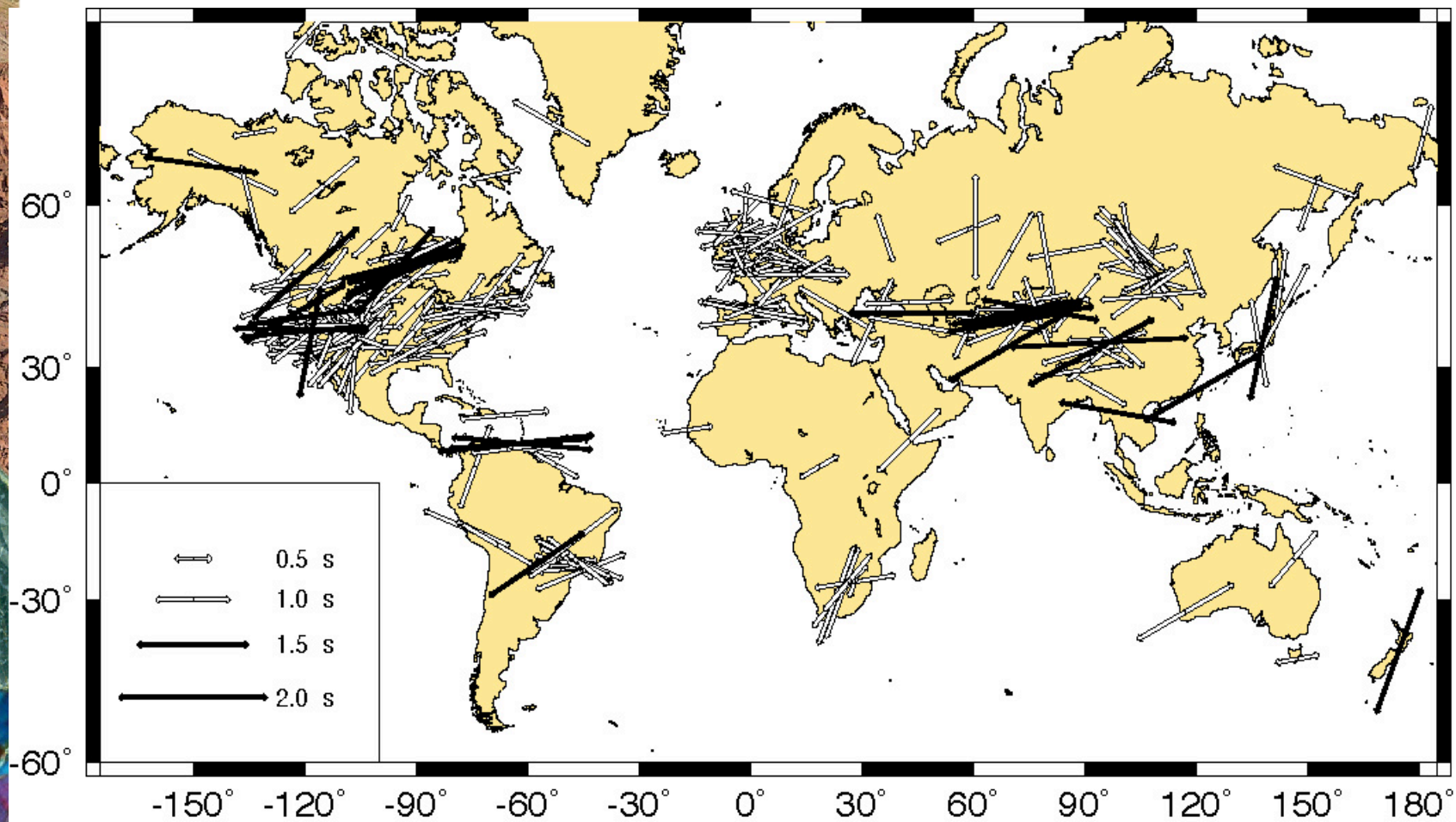


**dt=2.5s**  
**coherent asthenospheric flow?**

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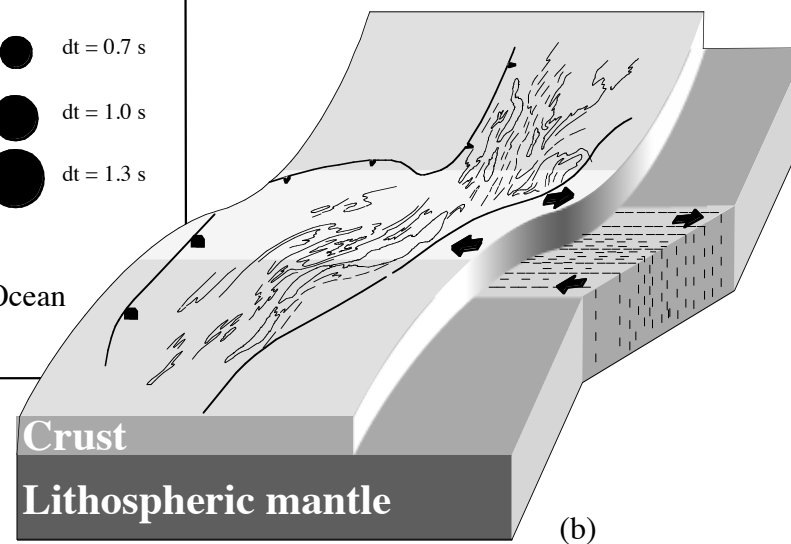
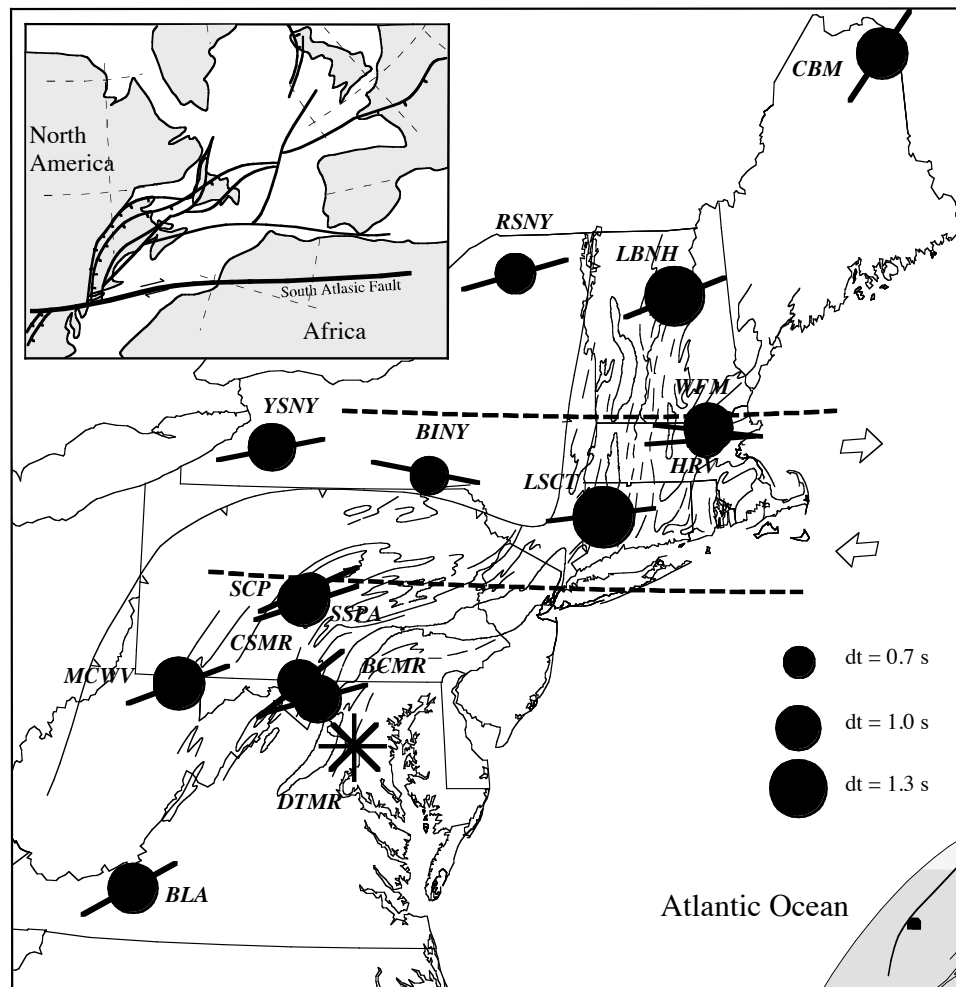
## Shear wave splitting: polarization anisotropy



Silver (1996)

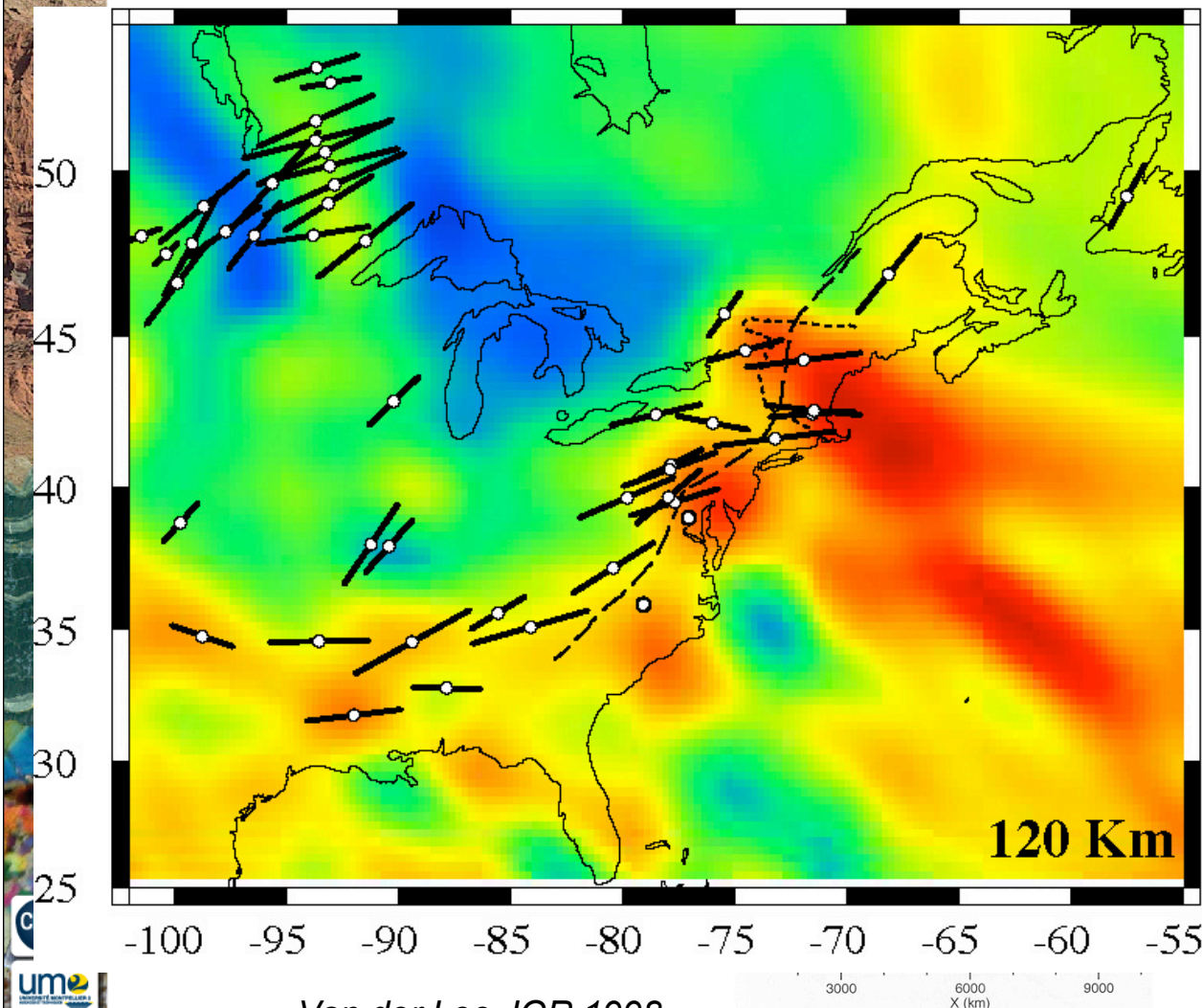
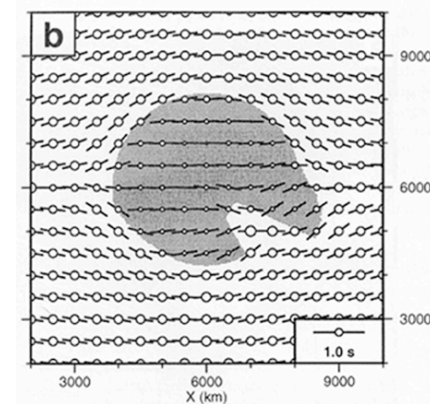
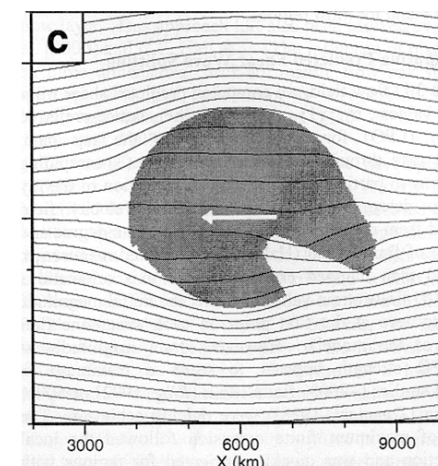
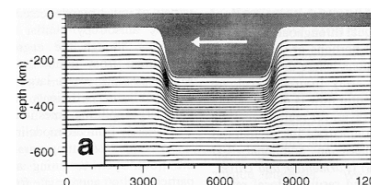


# SKS : lithospheric or asthenospheric deformation?



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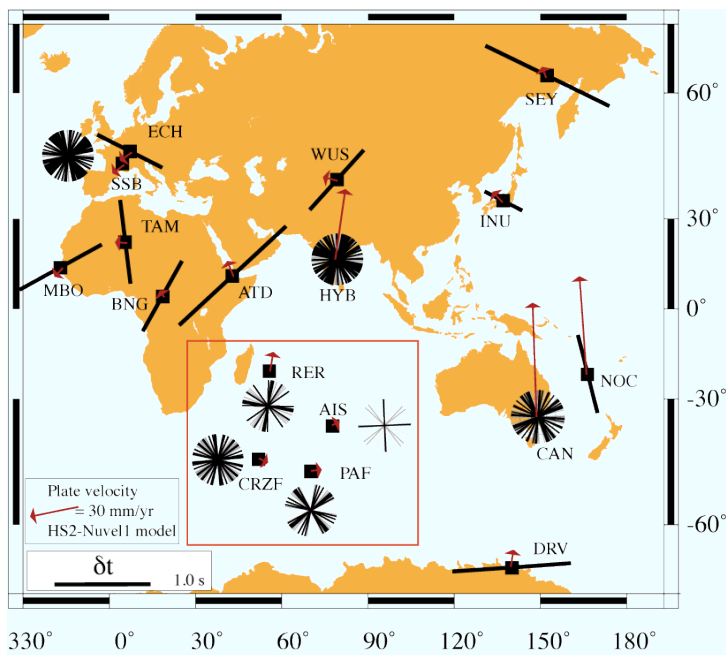
Scale -5% to +5%



Van der Lee JGR 1998

Fouch et al. JGR 2000

# Kerguelen – inconsistent SKS and surface wave anisotropies

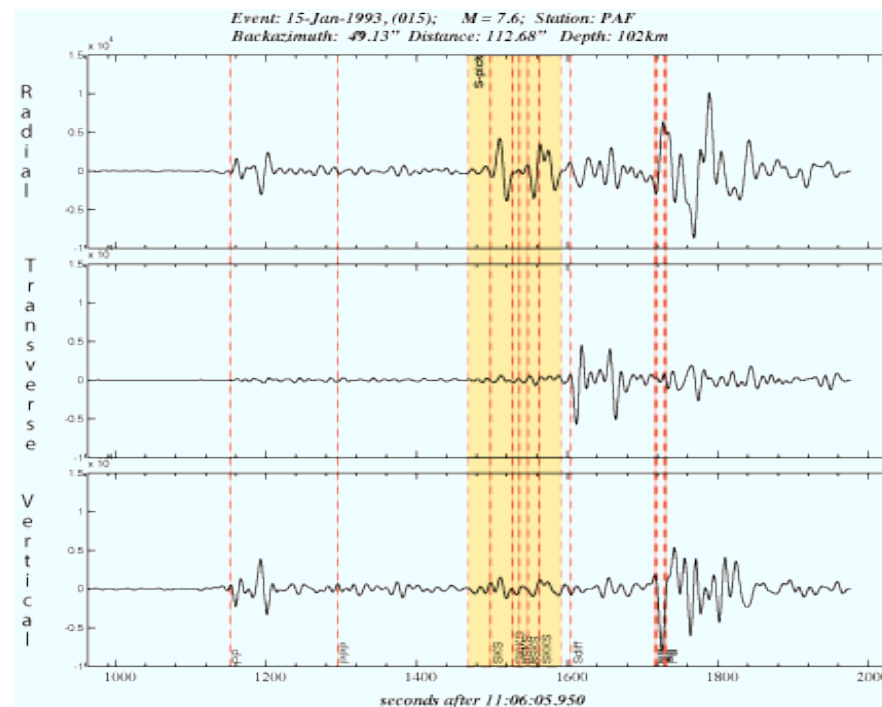


Barruol. & Hoffmann 1997 PEPI

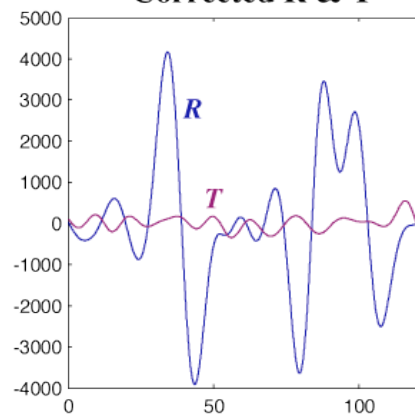
**A typical SKS measurement...**

No energy on the transverse component

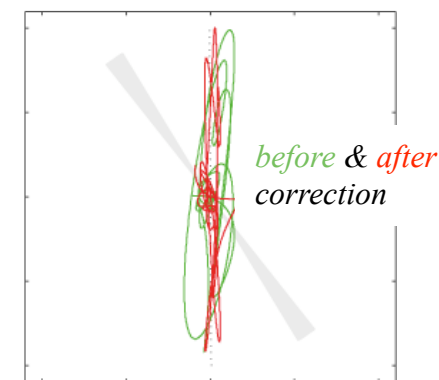
No ellipticity of the particle motion



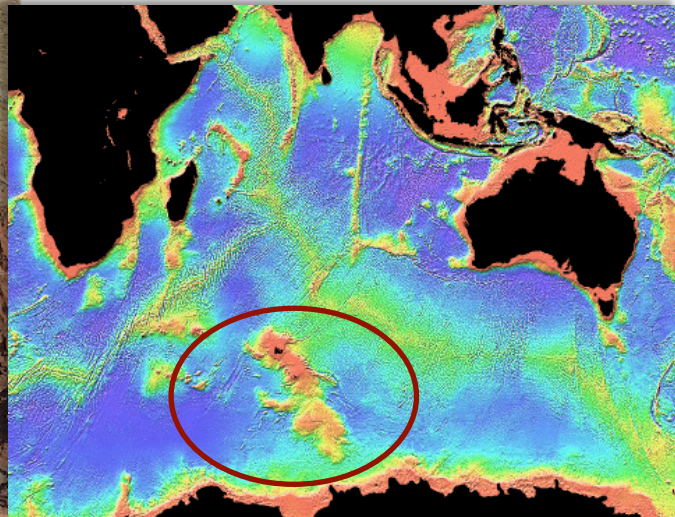
Corrected R & T



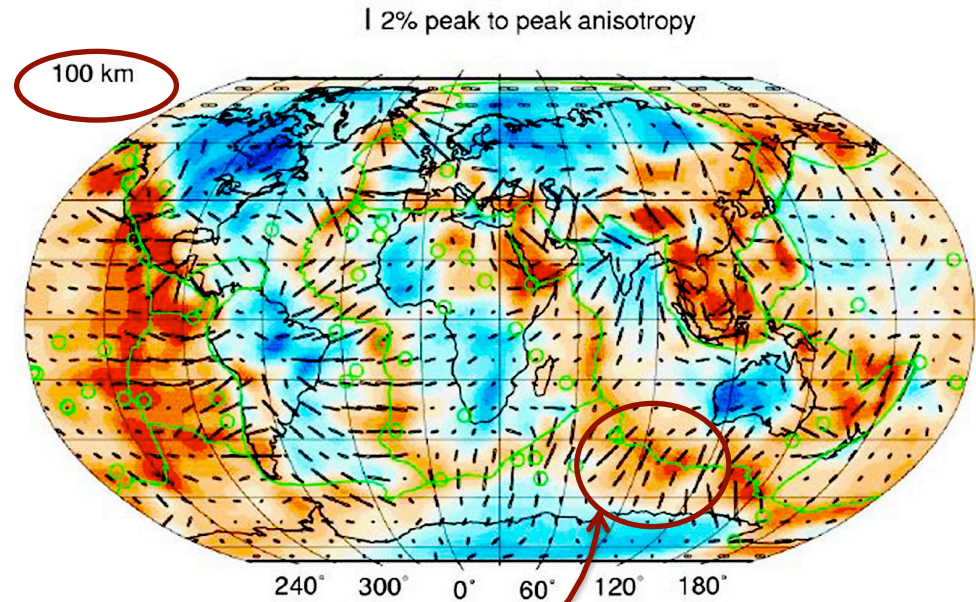
Particle motion



**No SKS anisotropy despite a good azimuthal coverage**



Smith and Sandwell 1996



| 2% peak to peak anisotropy

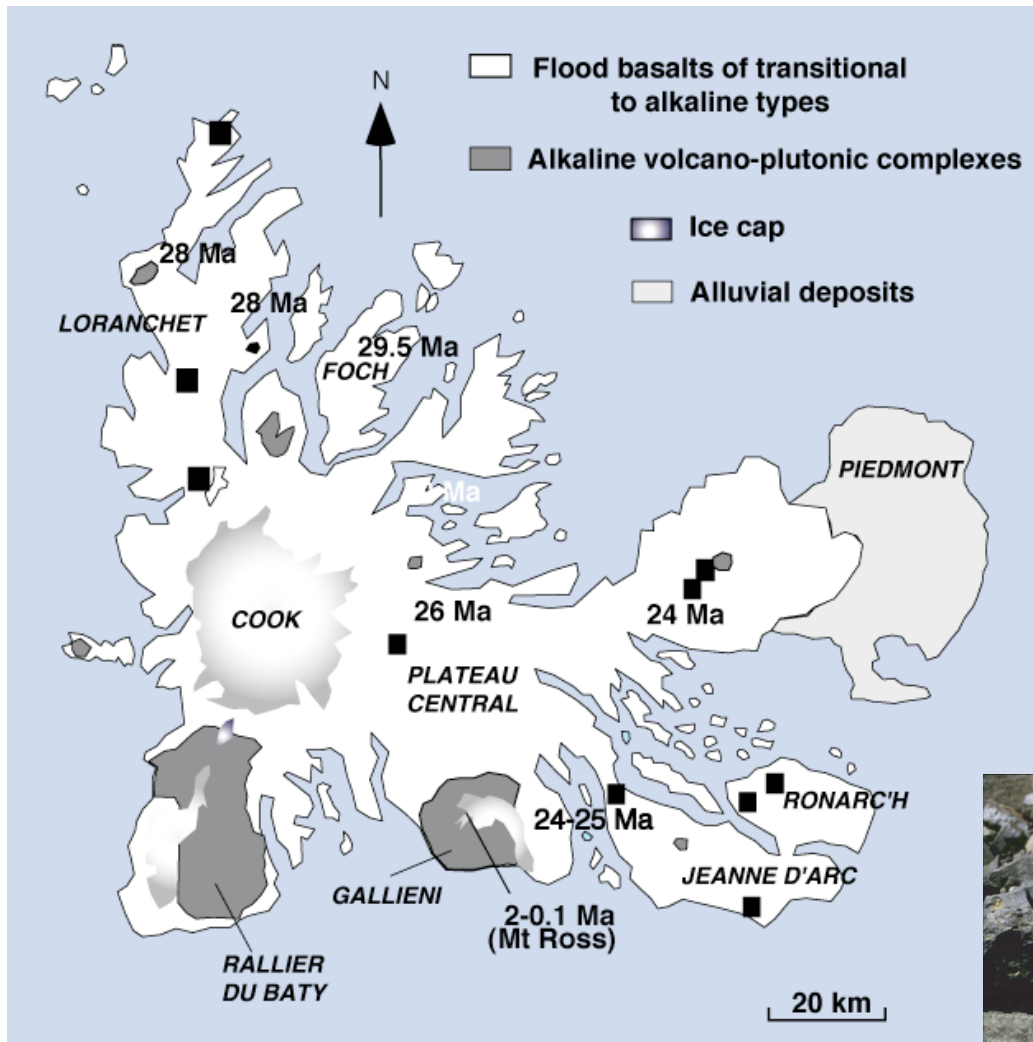
100 km

Debayle et al. 2005

*But strong  $S_V$  (Rayleigh) azimuthal anisotropy*

*+ Rayleigh waves with periods 20 to 50 s (lithospheric depths) have very strong polarisation anomalies for some wavepaths.*

*Pedersen and Maupin 2002*



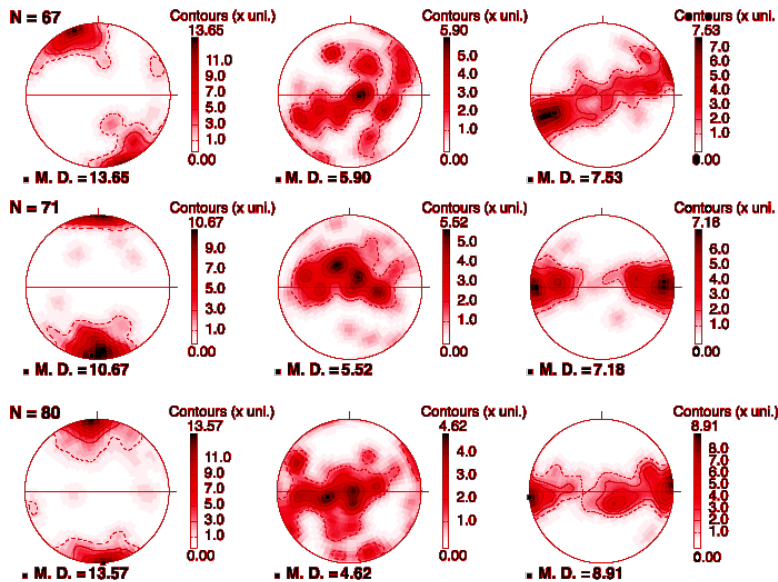
## Kerguelen: Mantle xenoliths



# Harzburgites

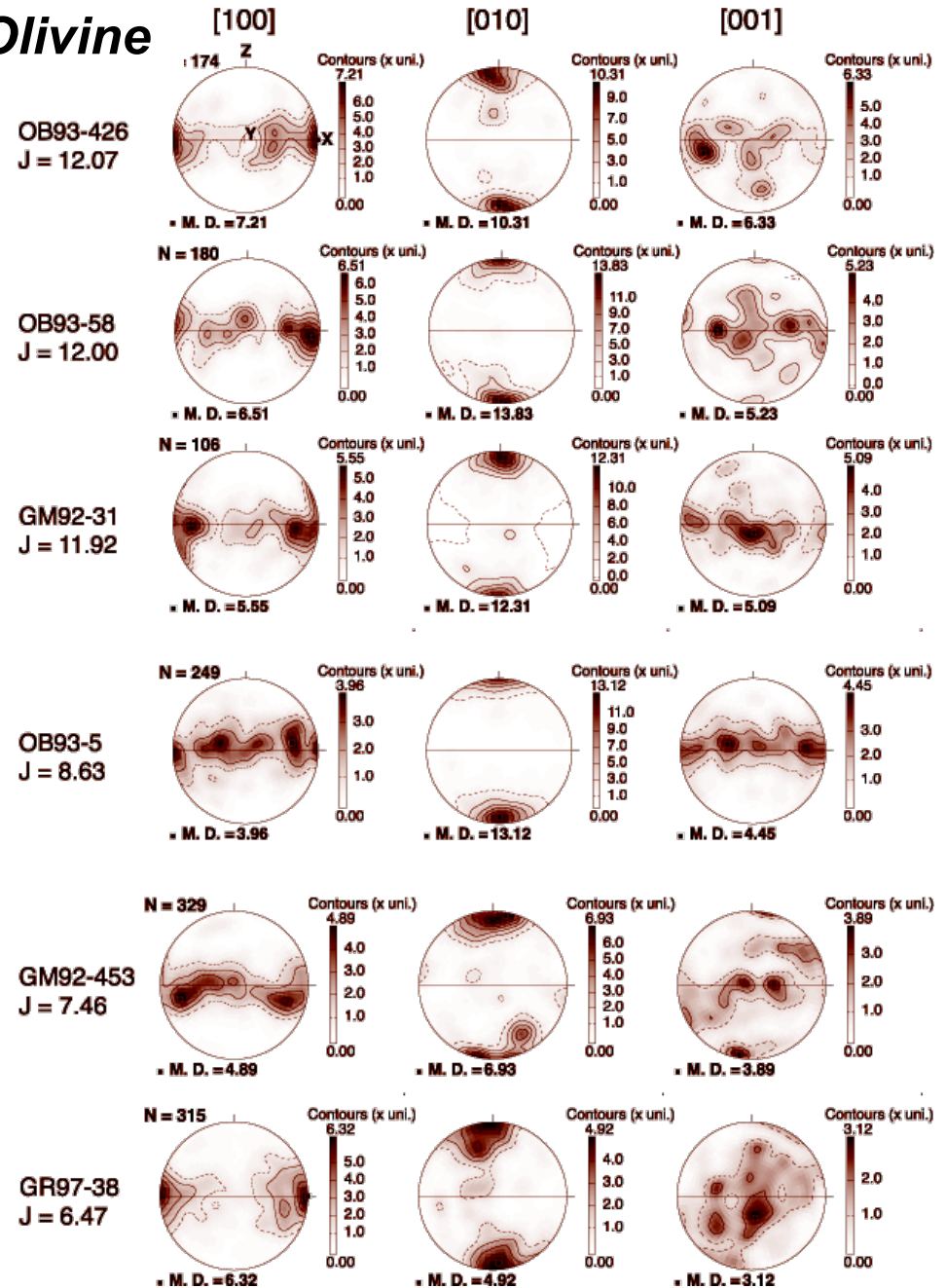
## Crystallographic preferred orientations

### OPx

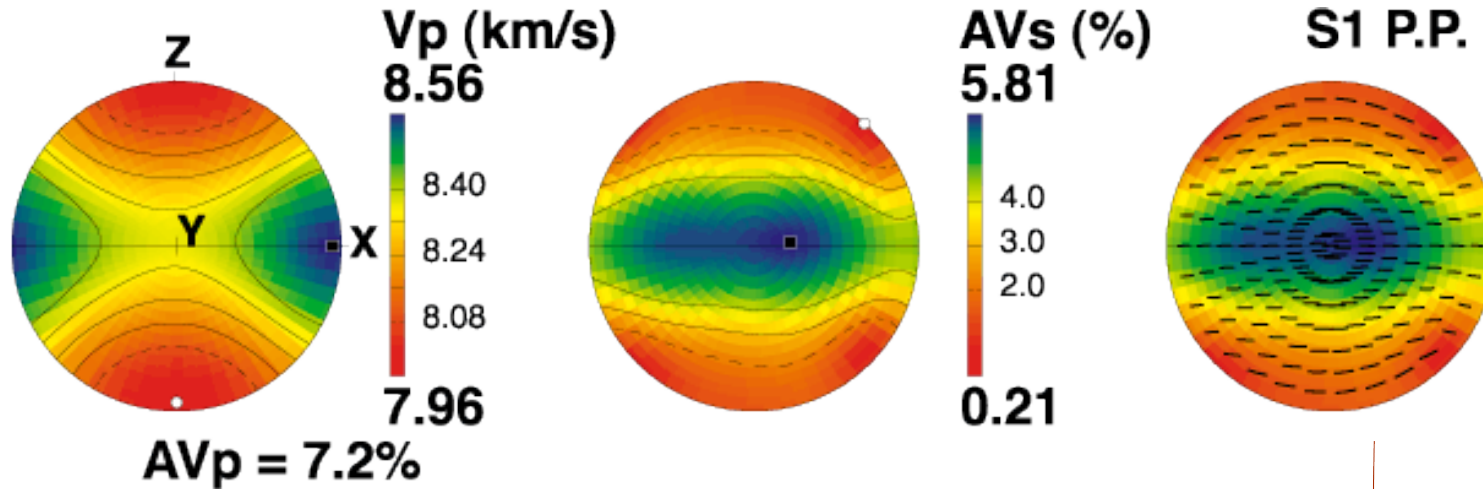


- ✓ Strong to medium CPO
- ✓ CPO ↘ with ↗ magma-rock interaction
- ✓ [010]-fiber symmetry
- ✓ OPx [100]-fiber symmetry

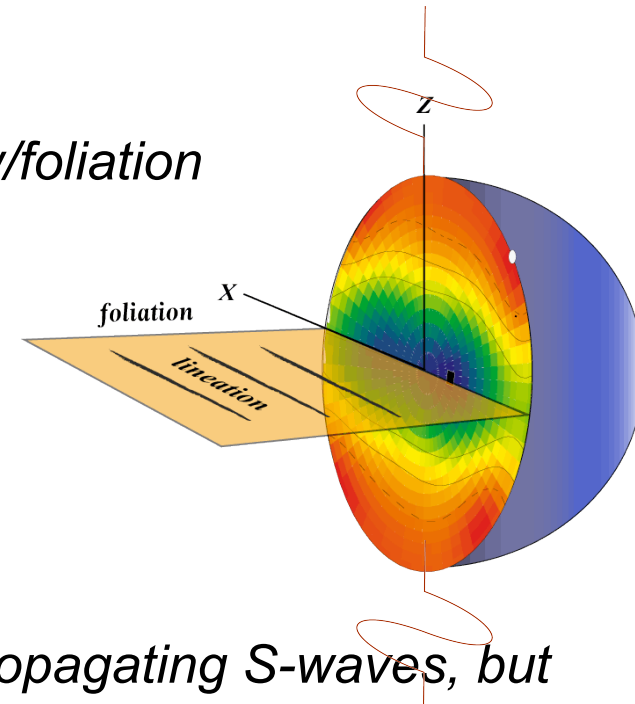
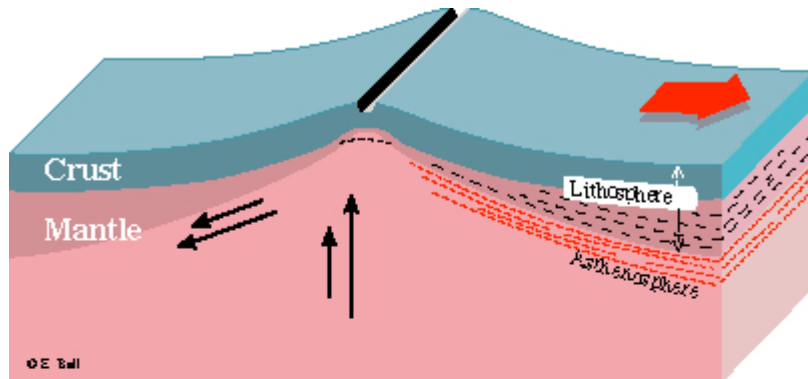
### Olivine



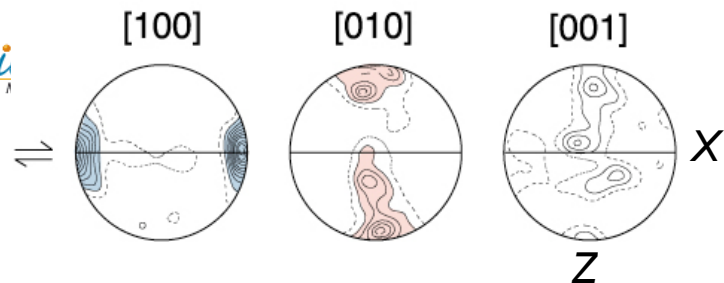
Mean Seismic Properties (whole dataset)



Assuming ~ horizontal flow/foliation

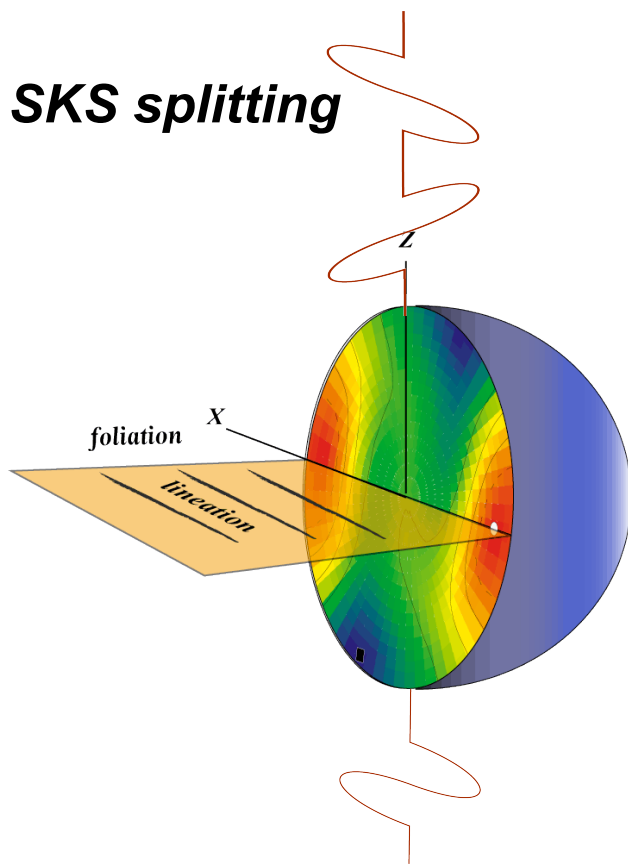


No anisotropy/splitting for ~ vertically propagating S-waves, but strong anisotropy for horizontally propagating ones (surface waves)

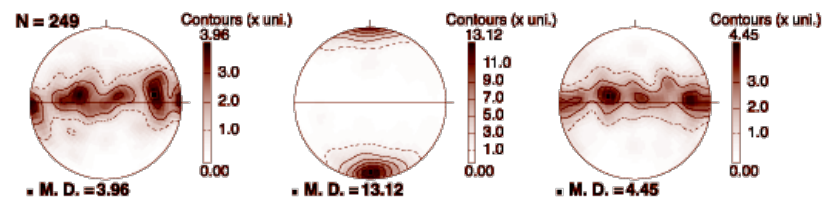


- Usual olivine CPO with an orthorhombic symmetry

**SKS splitting**

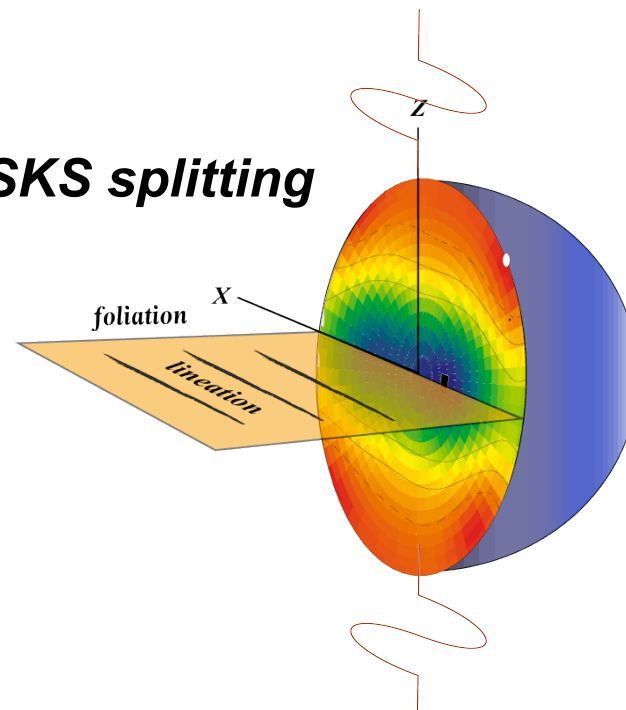


OB93-5  
J = 8.63



- Kerguelen Islands: CPO with a [010] axial symmetry

**No SKS splitting**

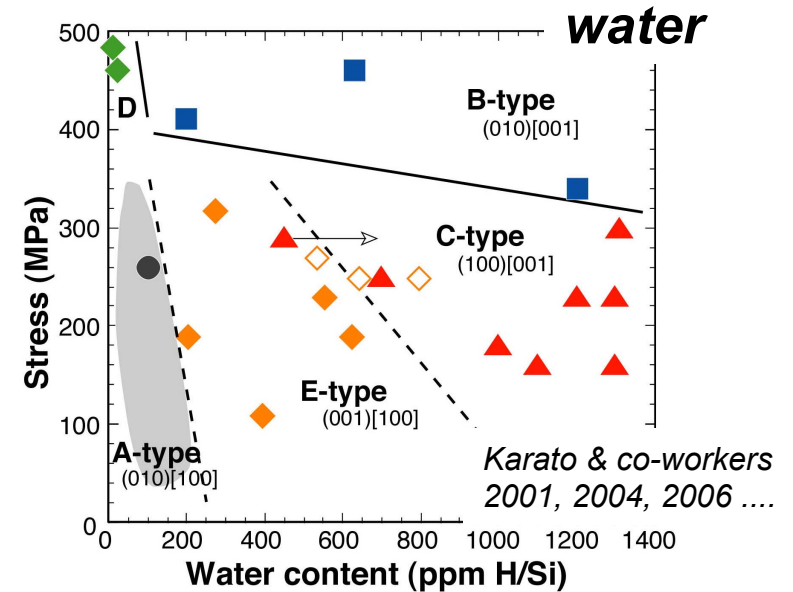




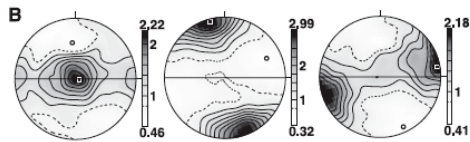
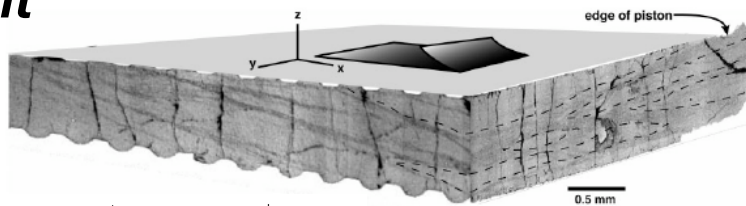
## Deformation and anisotropy in the upper mantle : XXI century observations & experimental results

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

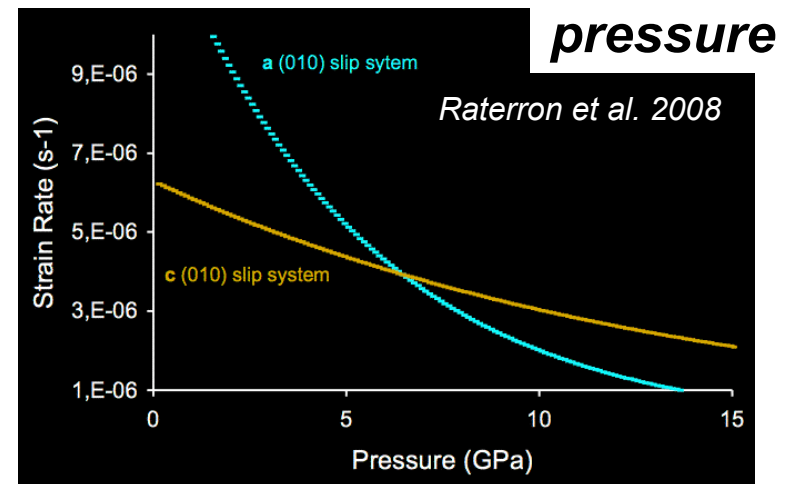
- change in deformation mechanisms:  
≠ CPO
- ✓ fast anisotropy directions normal to the shear direction



**melt**

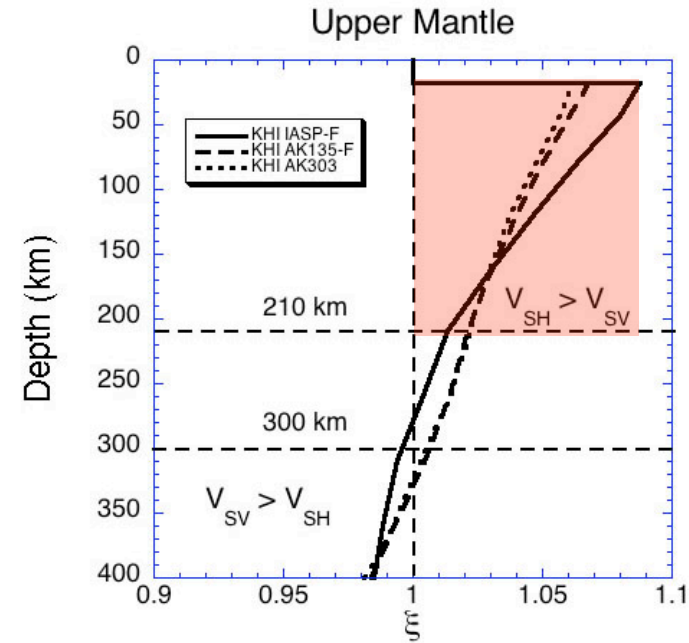
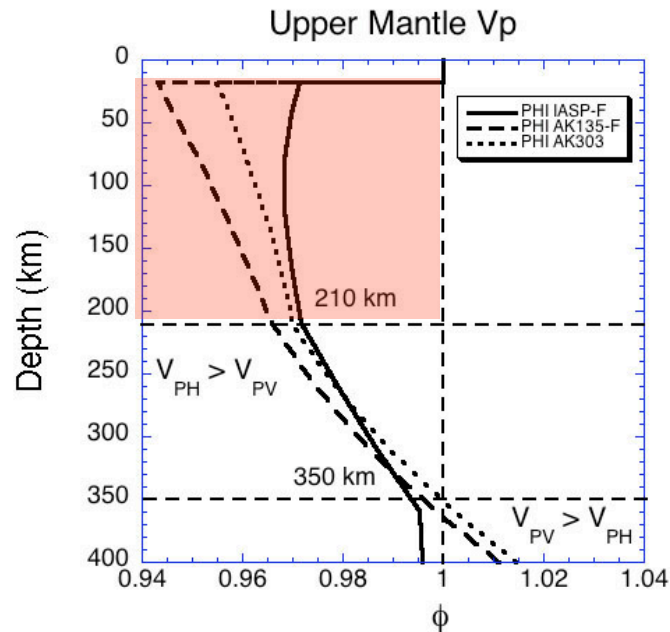


Holtzman et al. Science 2003



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

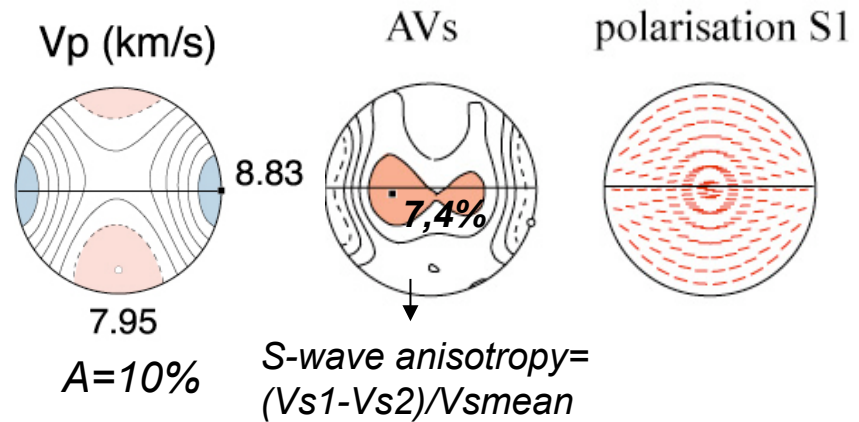
# [100] slip in olivine & anisotropy upper 210 km:



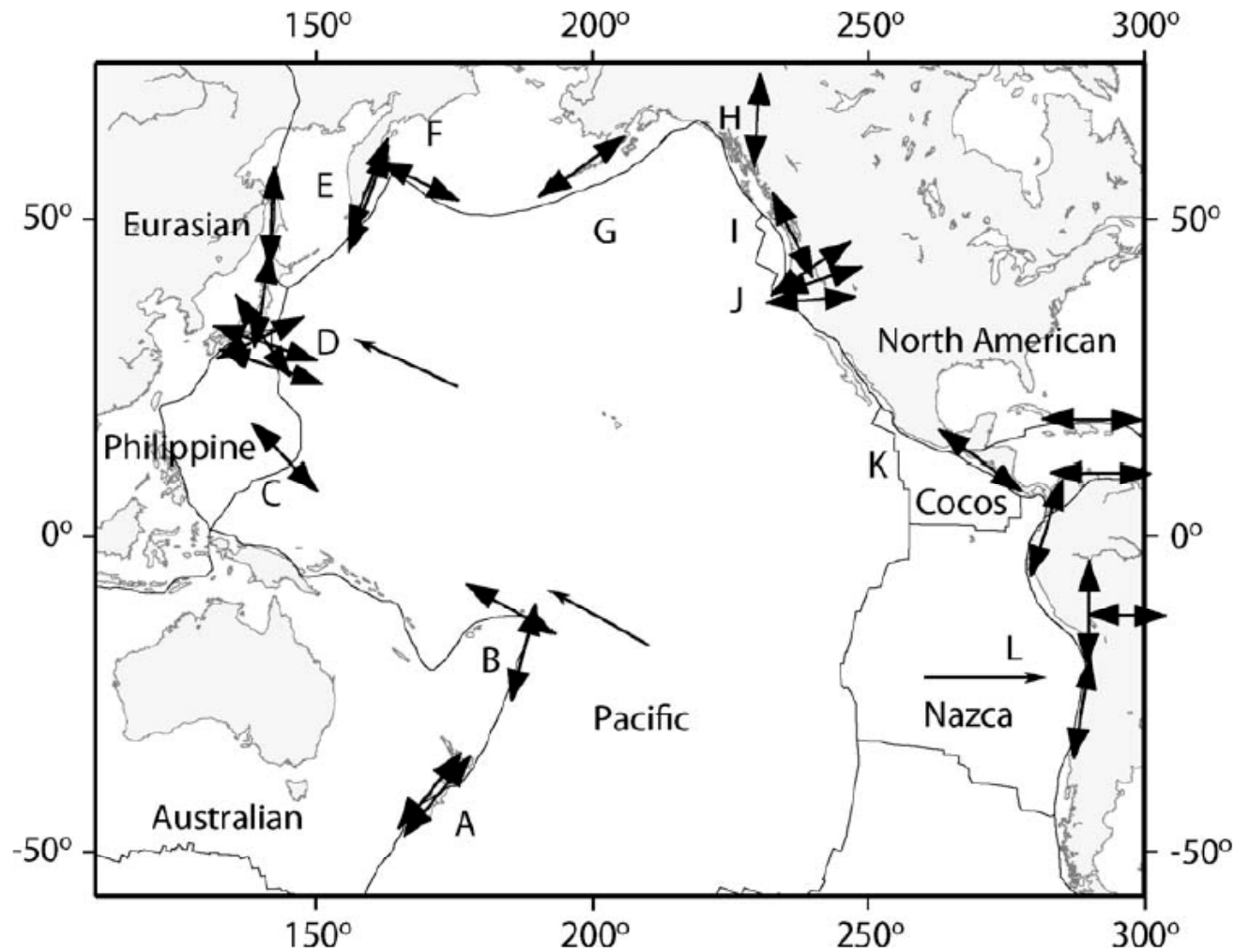
Observations for horizontal flow:

1.  $V_{PH} \gg V_{PV}$
2.  $P$  wave anisotropy  $> 5\%$
3.  $V_{SH} > V_{SV}$
4.  $S$ -wave anisotropy  $> 4\%$

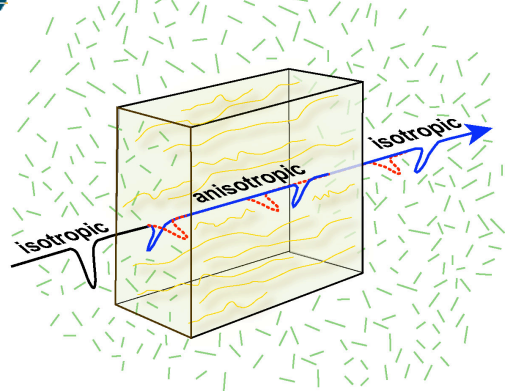
Strike-slip faults : higher anisotropy



*Subduction zones : relation between deformation and anisotropy in the upper mantle not so simple!*

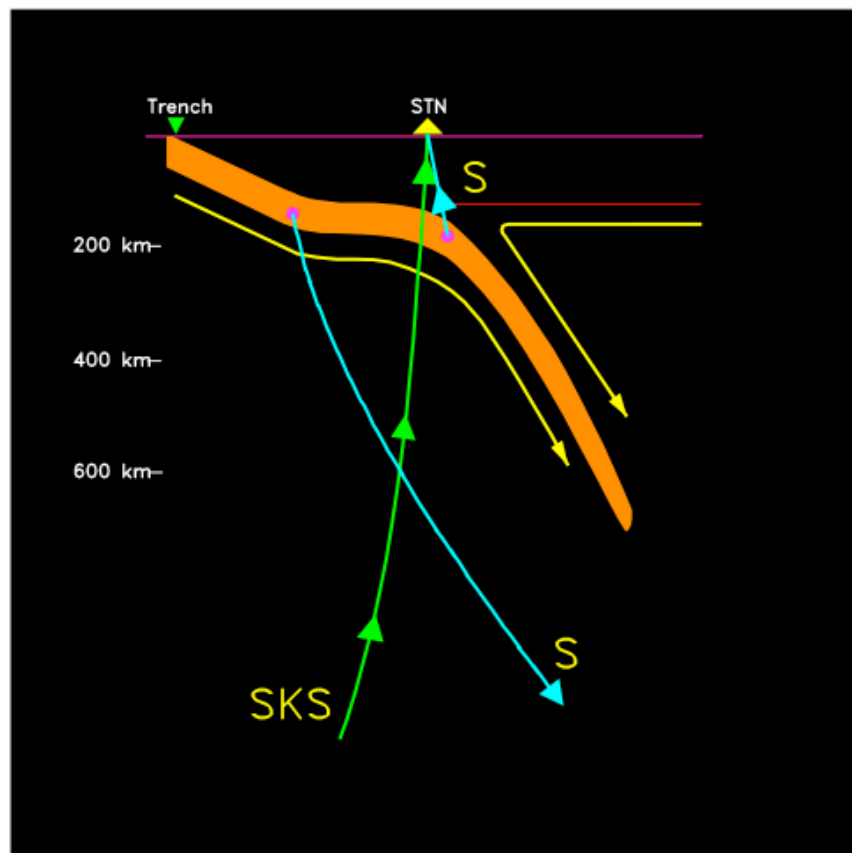


Lassak et al 2006 EPSL



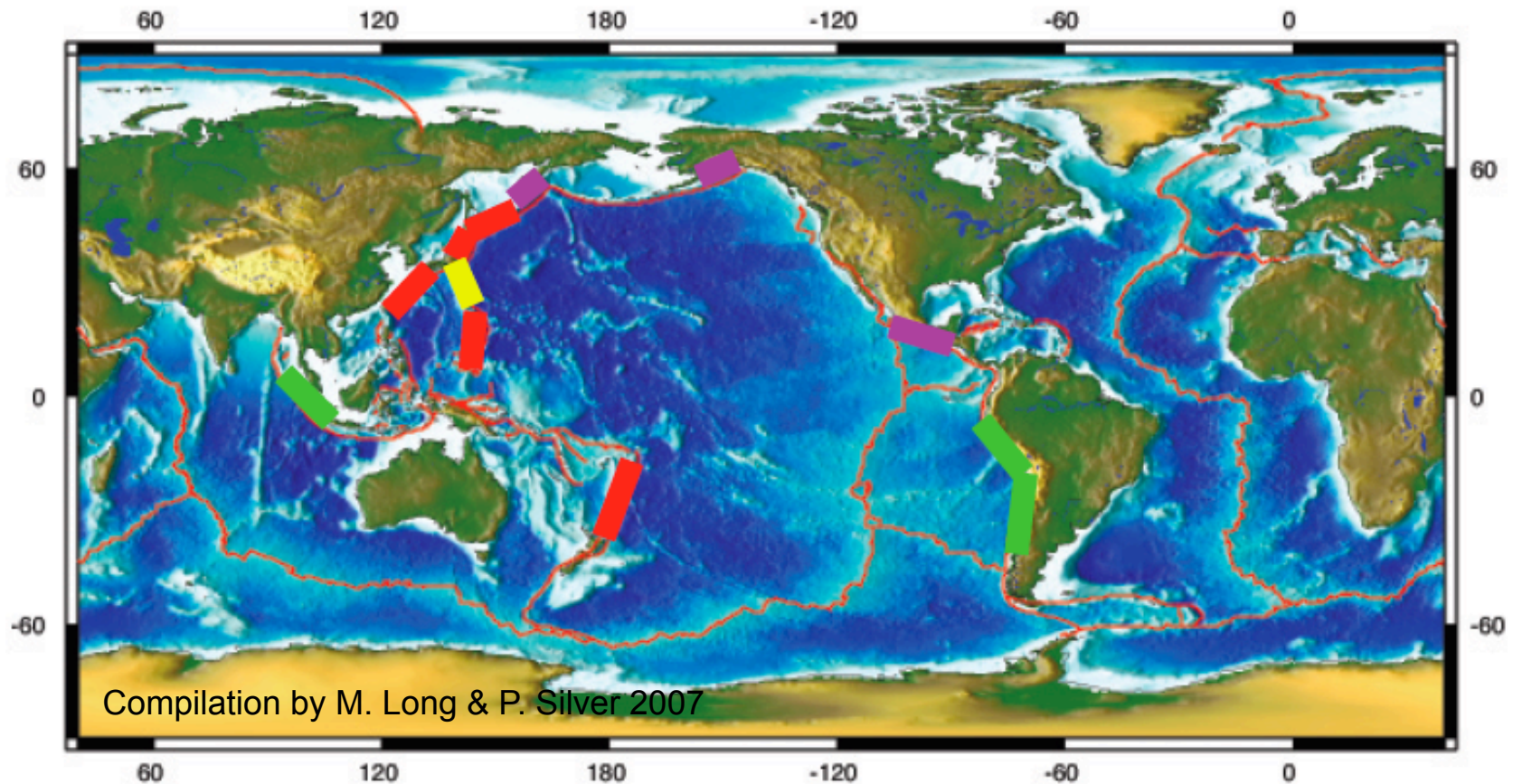
(After Crampin, 1981)


## Observing the Subduction Zone Flow Field Using Shear Wave Splitting





- *SKS waves sample below-slab flow, slab anisotropy & flow in the mantle wedge.*
- *local S waves mainly sample wedge, but they may also propagate path in the slab or even below it (deep events).*


# Anisotropy in the mantle wedge

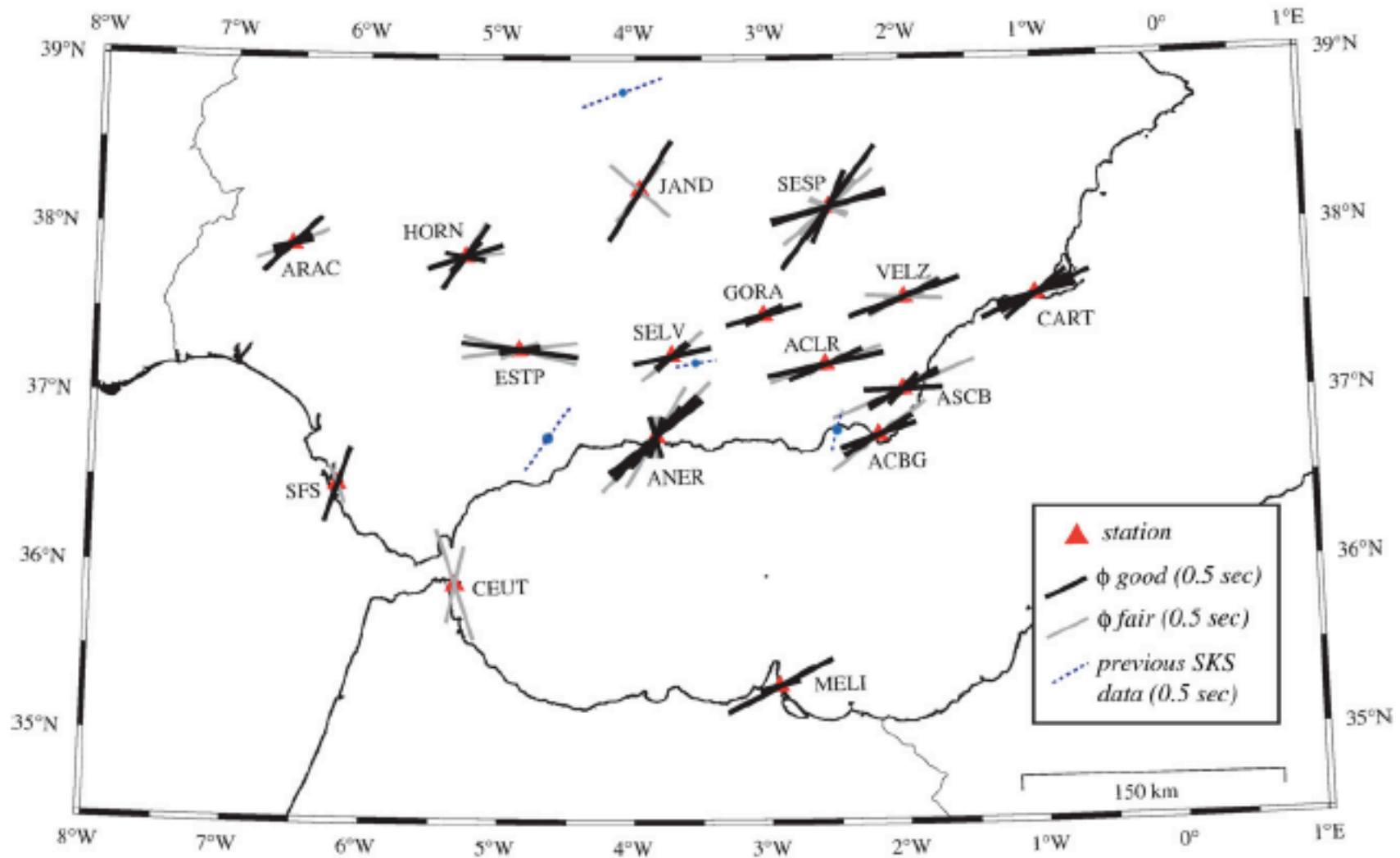


 Trench-|| forearc to trench-normal backarc transition

 Trench-normal forearc to trench-|| backarc transition

 Wedge splitting observed, pattern not clear-cut

 Little or no splitting in wedge

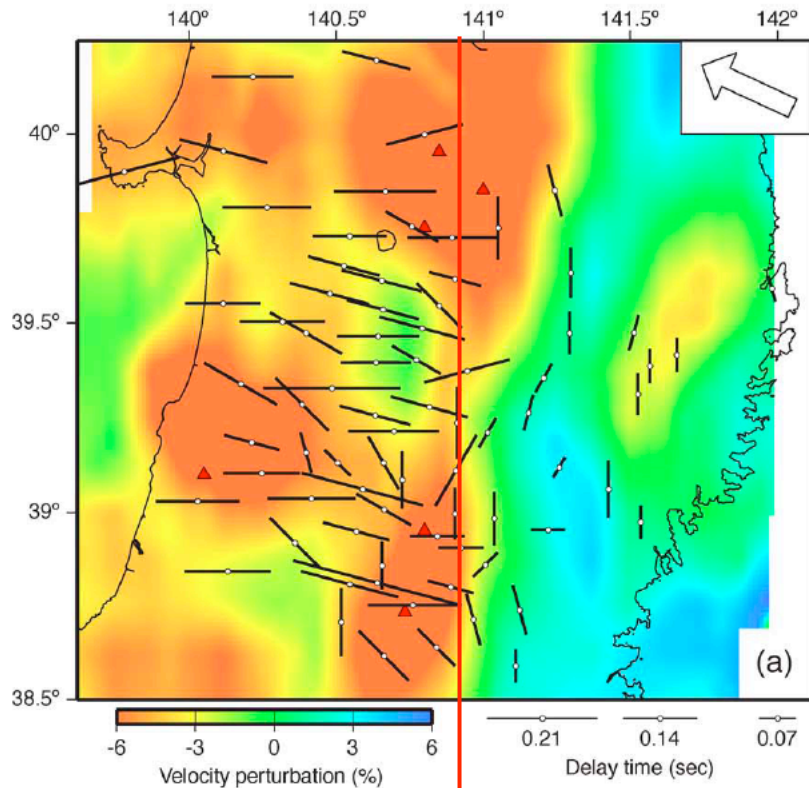


# Above the plate : local S, shallow sources

Variable polarization directions & low delay times <0.4s

## NE Japan

J. Nakajima, A. Hasegawa / Earth and Planetary Science Letters 225 (2004) 365-377

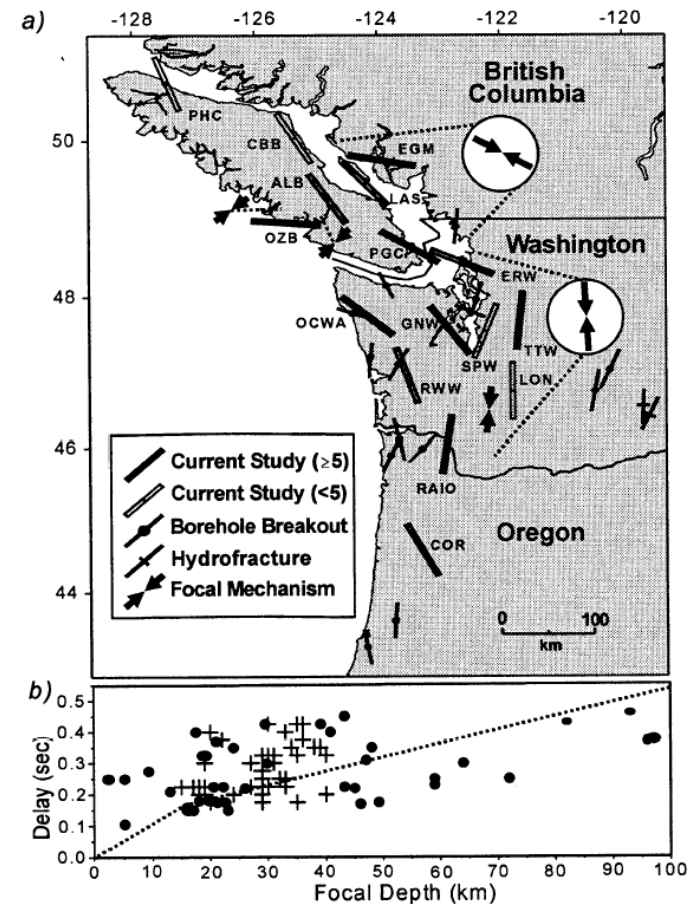


Volcanic arc = 50-60 km

Trench // flow?

Experimental data : incorporation of water (H+) IN OLIVINE changes the relation between deformation & anisotropy

## Cascadia

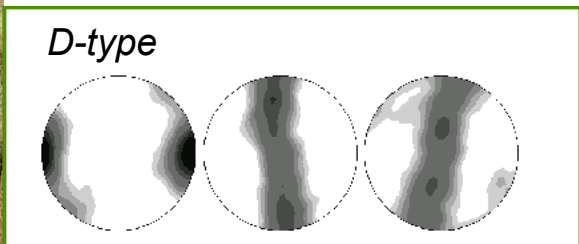


Currie et al 2001 GRL

# Influence of water (H+) on olivine CPO @ $T \geq 1200^\circ\text{C}$ , $P = 2\text{GPa}$

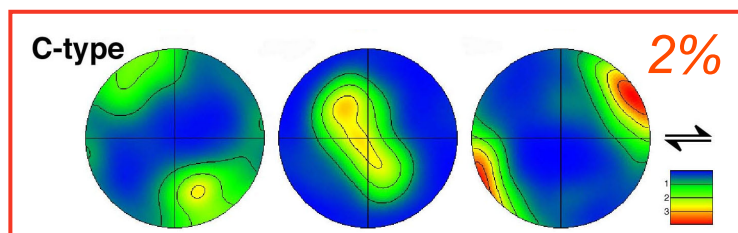
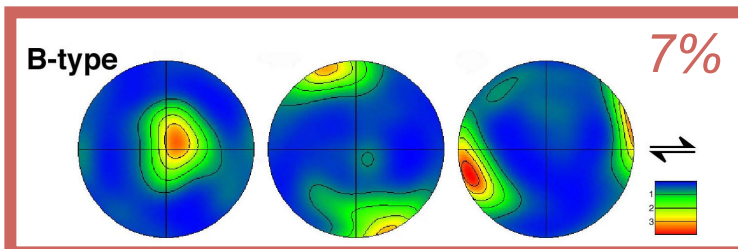
natural samples & low P experiments (Bystricky et al. 2000)

D-type = low deviatoric stresses!

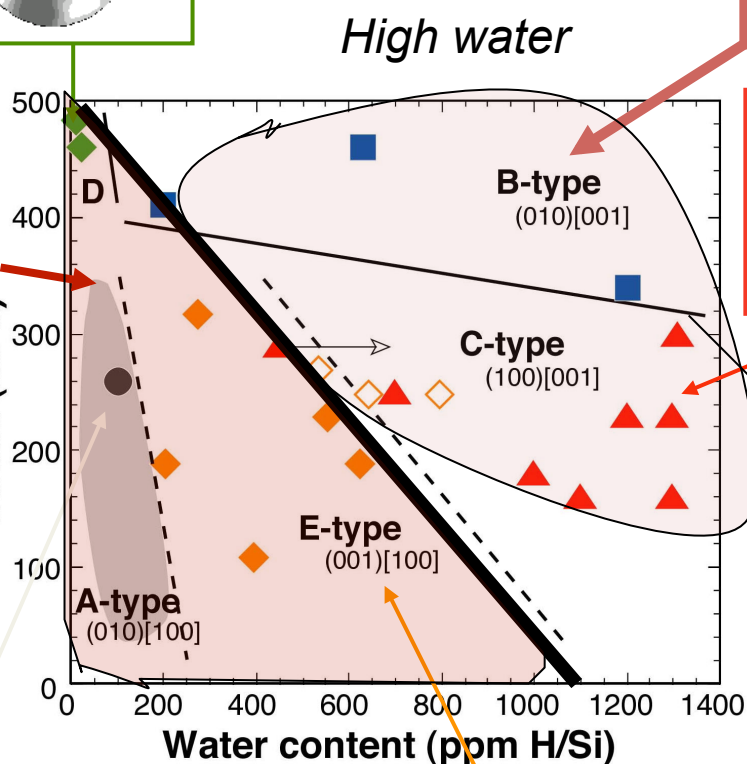


fast  $S \perp$   
shear  
direction

B & C type : [001] slip

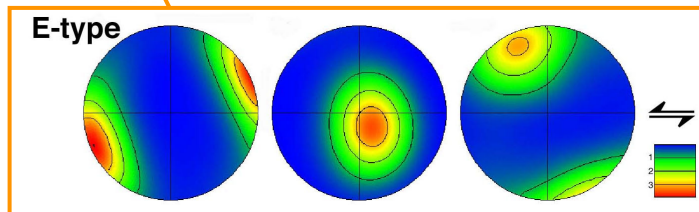
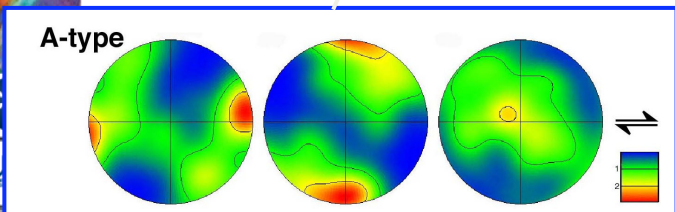


>90% naturally deformed peridotites:  
A, D & E type  
[100] slip  
fast  $s \parallel$  shear  
direction



lower T: transition B-C  
@ lower stresses

Low stress  
Low water

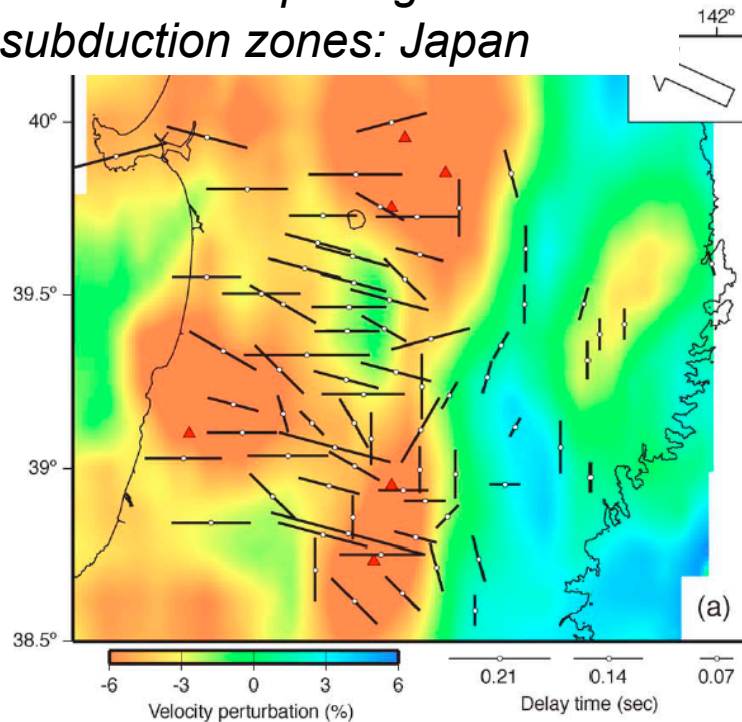


Jung & Karato 2001  
Katayama et al. 2004  
Katayama & Karato 2006...



## Trench // anisotropy in the forearc

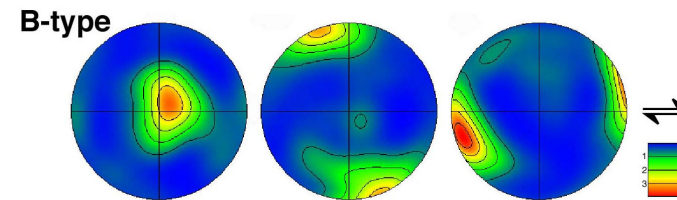
shear wave splitting above  
subduction zones: Japan



Nagajima & Hasegawa EPSL 2004

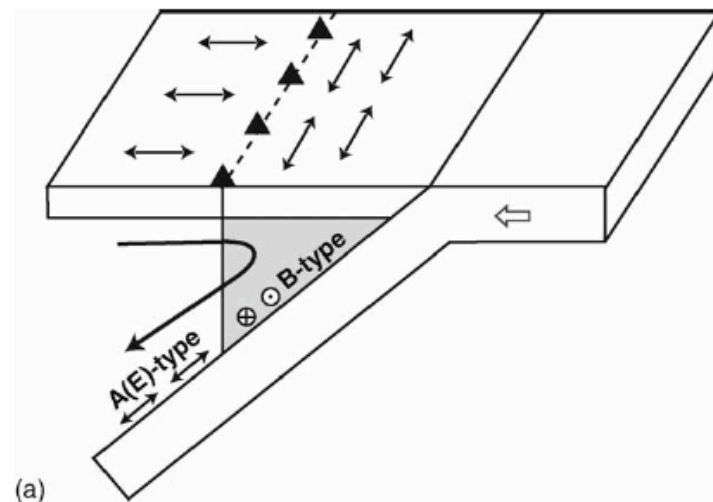
*Water-rich olivine:*

- dominant [001] slip



✓ fast S-wave polarization normal to  
the shear direction

✓ weak anisotropy



# Natural examples of olivine lattice preferred orientation patterns with a flow-normal *a*-axis maximum

Tomoyuki Mizukami<sup>1,2</sup>, Simon R. Wallis<sup>2</sup> & Junji Yamamoto<sup>3\*</sup>

NATURE | VOL 427 | 29 JANUARY 2004 | www.nature.com/nature

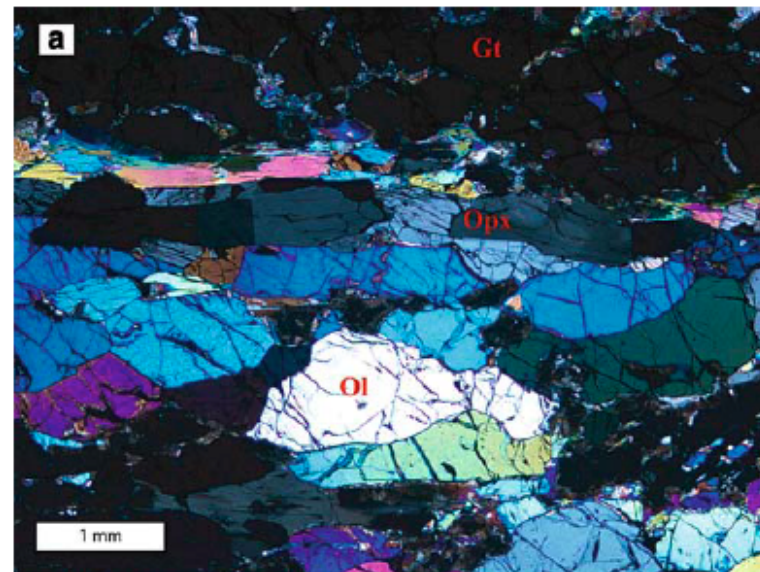
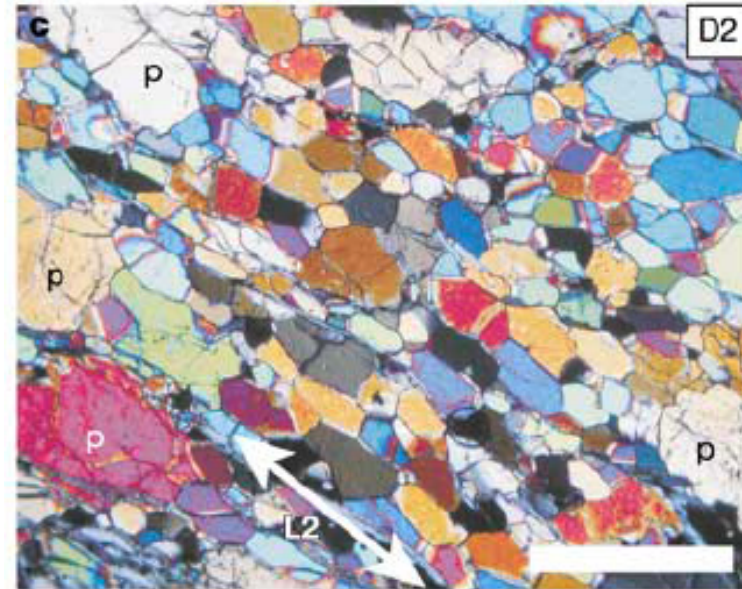
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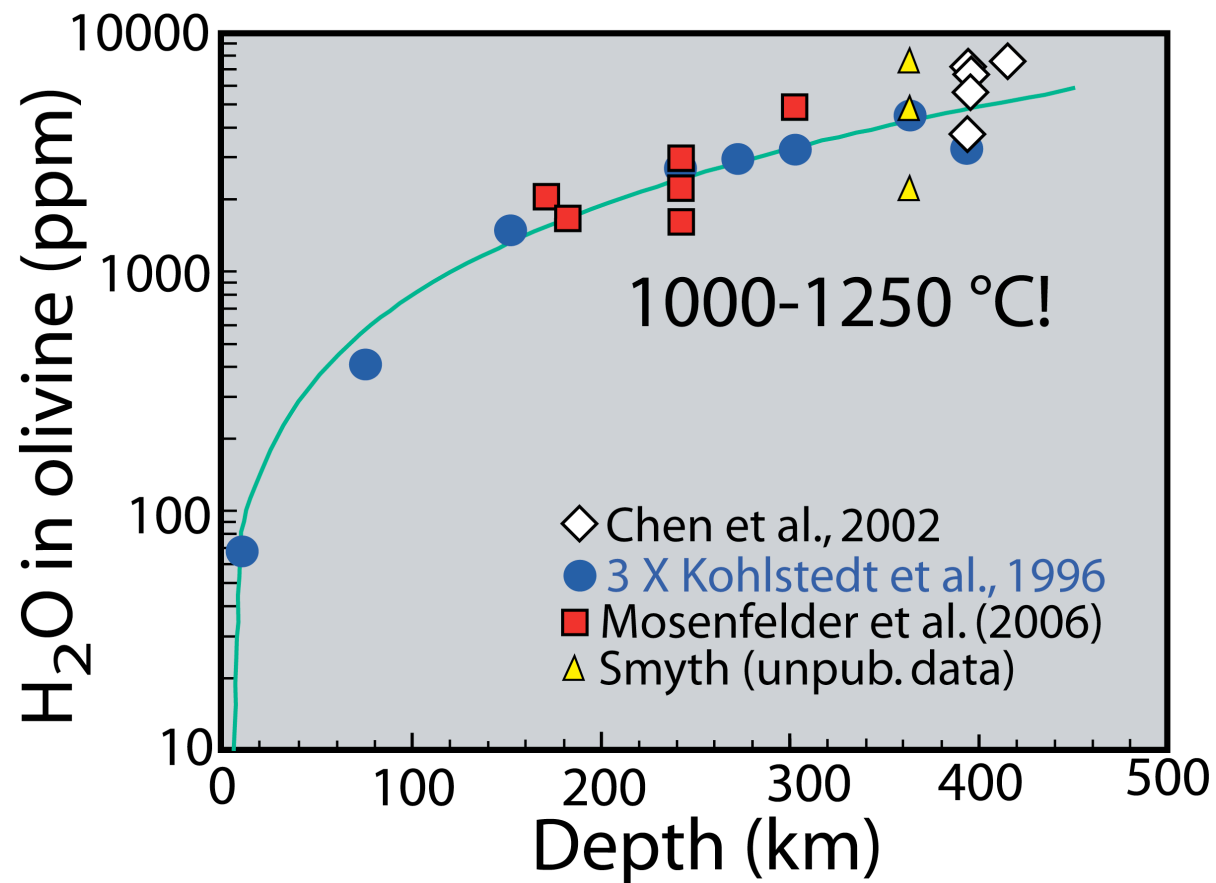
Philip Skemer · Ikuo Katayama · Shun-ichiro Karato

**Deformation fabrics of the Cima di Gagnone peridotite massif, Central Alps, Switzerland: evidence of deformation at low temperatures in the presence of water**

*[001] glide olivine CPO essentially observed in HP garnet peridotites  
→ role of pressure ?*



Same change in slip systems @ high pressure & water solubility in olivine ↘ strongly with pressure ↘

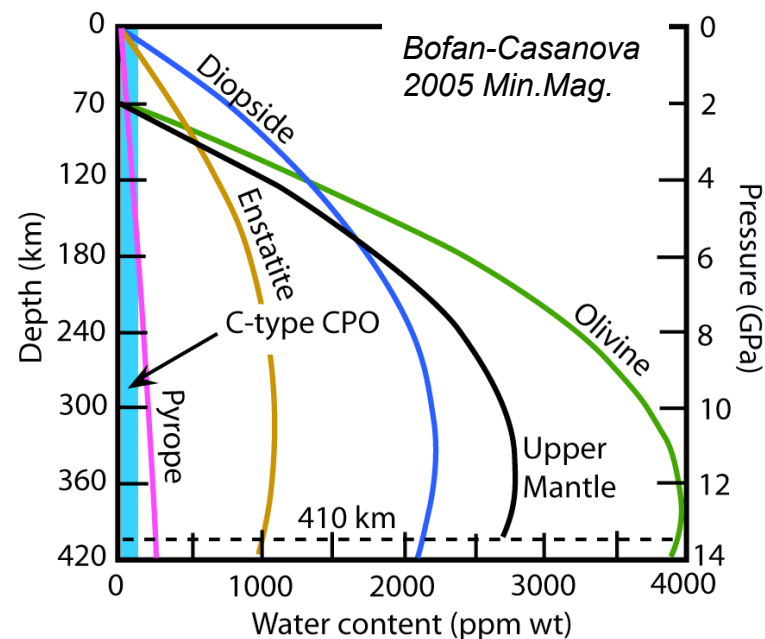
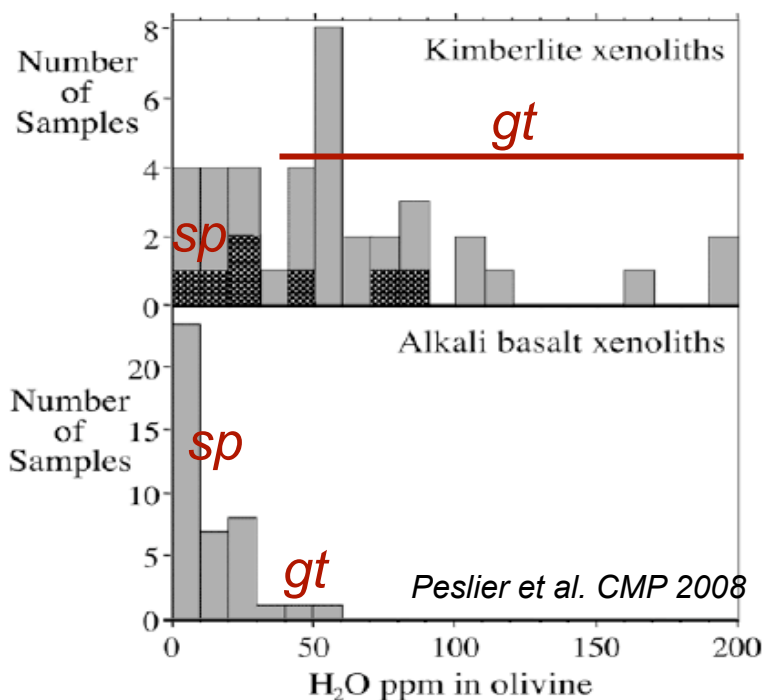
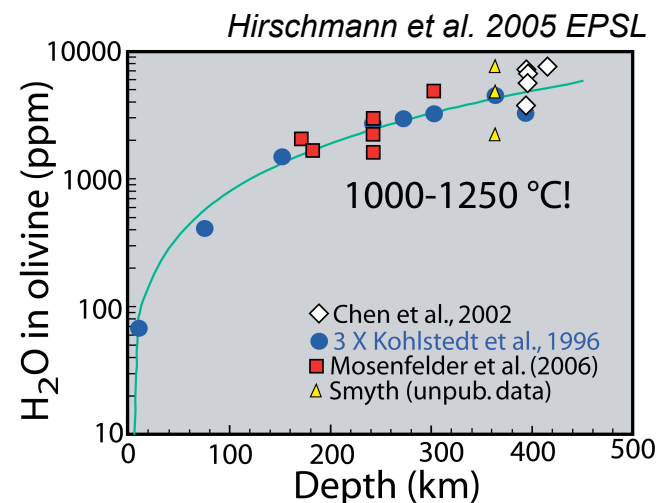


Hirschmann et al. 2005 EPSL

## fast anisotropy directions normal to the shear direction due to the effect of fluids (water and melt) and pressure on olivine deformation

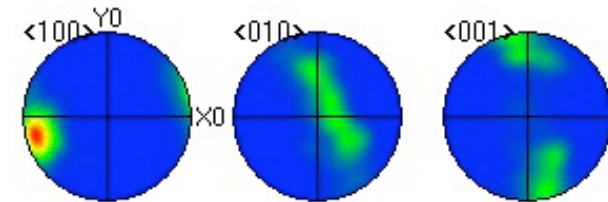
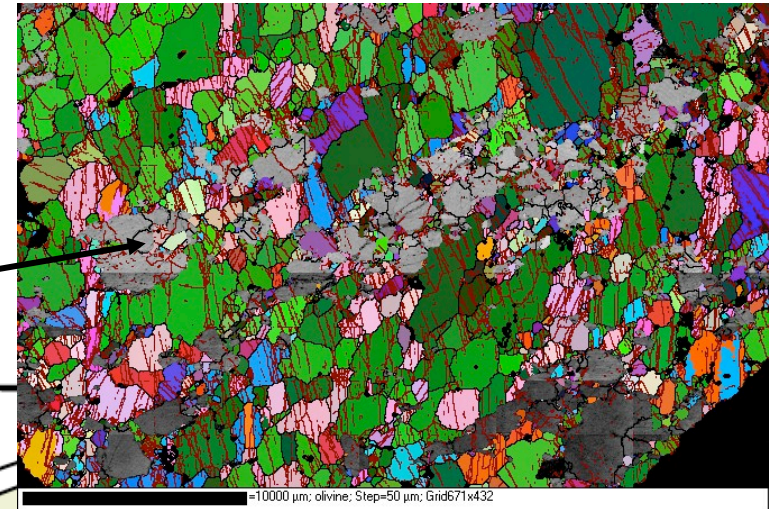
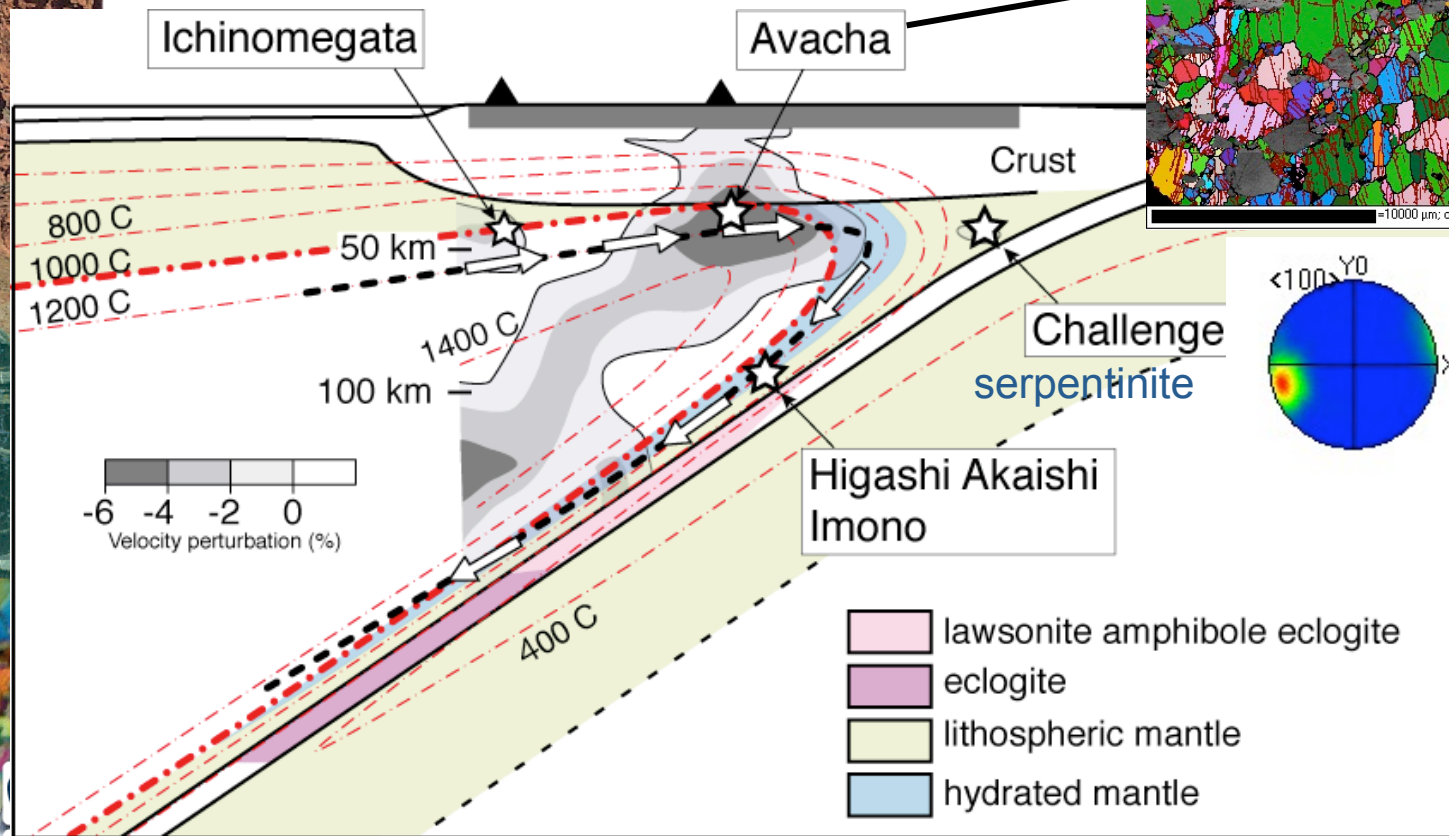
### ✓ asthenospheric mantle only!

- partial melting
- water solubility  $\searrow P \searrow$
- change in slip systems under dry conditions @ depths > 200 km



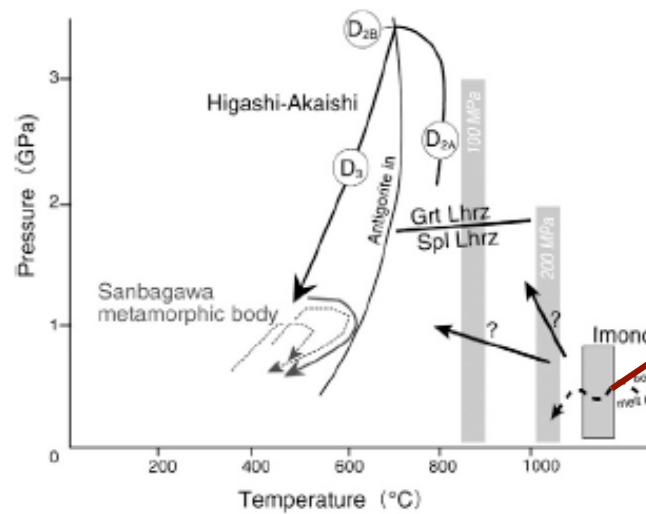
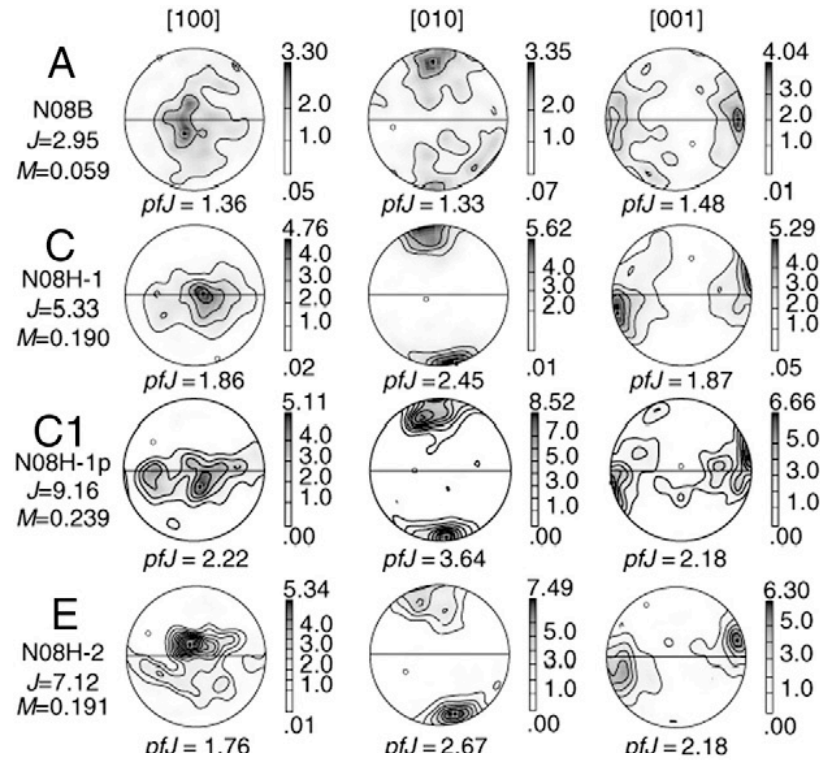
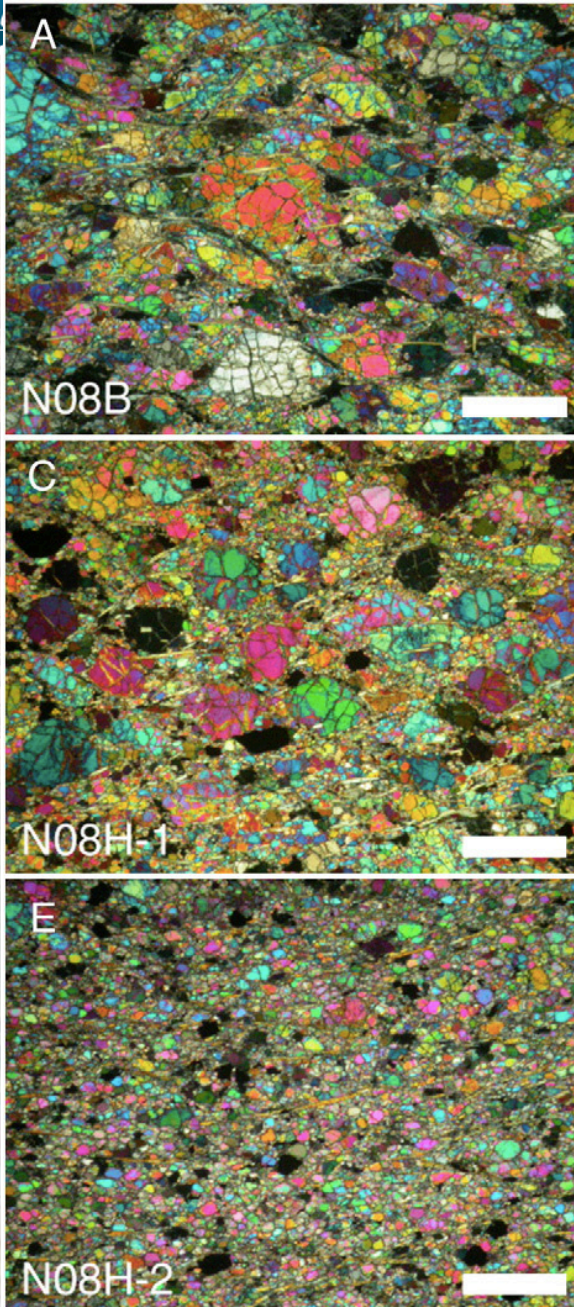
# Interactions between reactive fluid transport, partial melting, and olivine deformation in the mantle wedge?

*Xenoliths in calco-alkaline volcanos from NE Pacific subduction zones*



**[100] glide only**  
Soustelle et al JPet 2010

# Imono peridotite, Japan

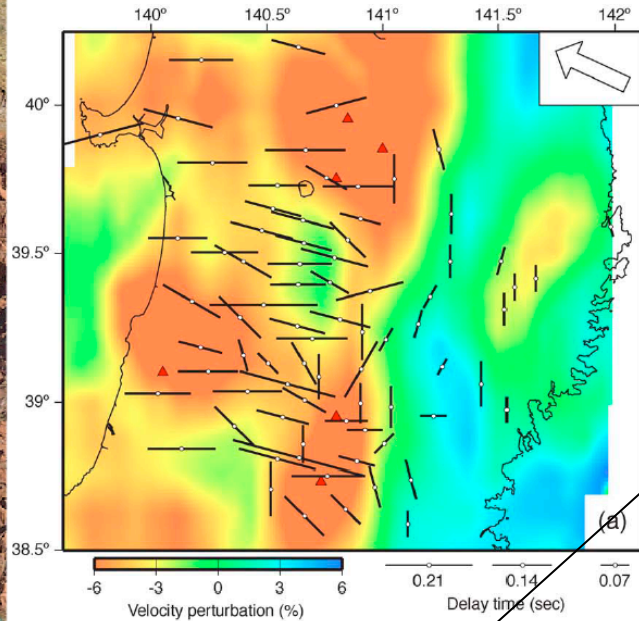


Dunites with  
Cr-rich spinels  
P history?

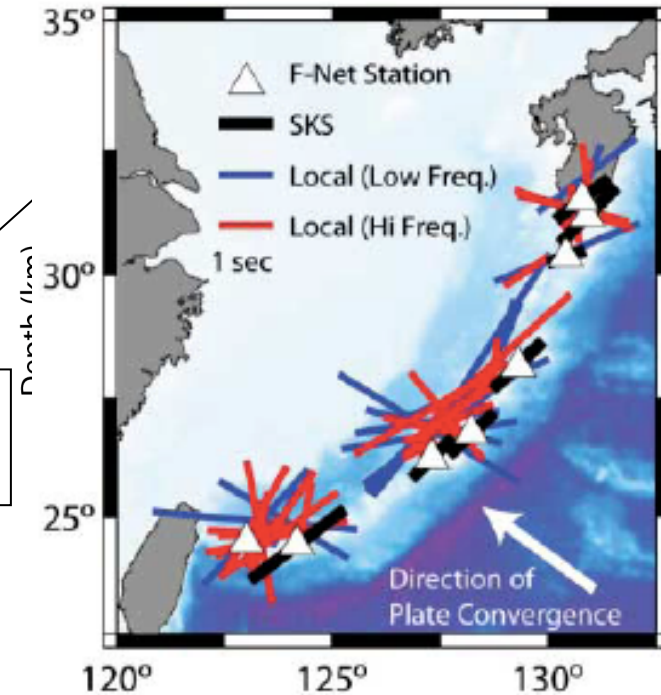
Melting  
= dehydration

# Pressure-dependence of water solubility in olivine + melting

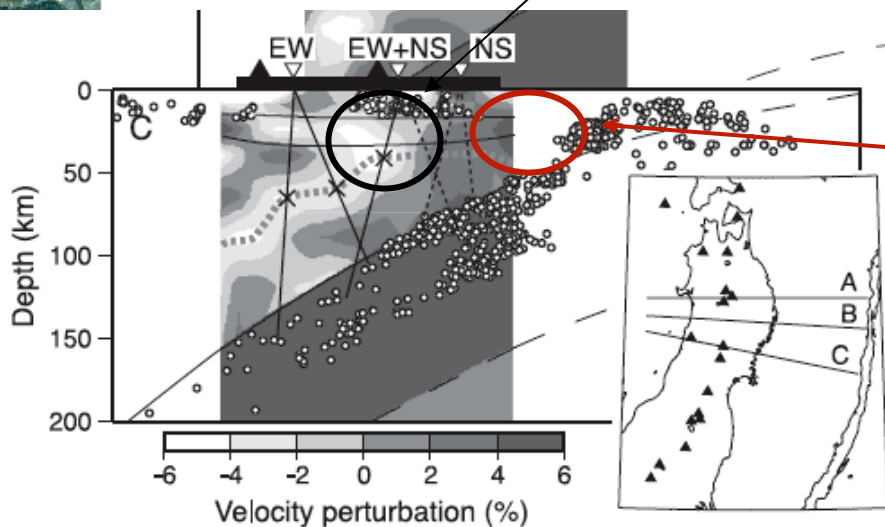
Japan: shear wave splitting in the wedge



arc: melting,  
olivine dry

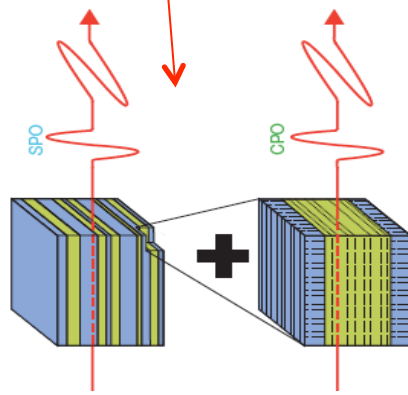
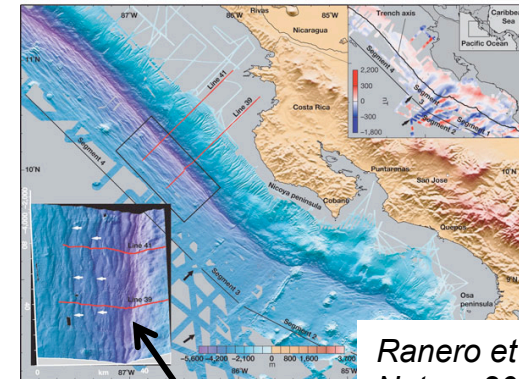
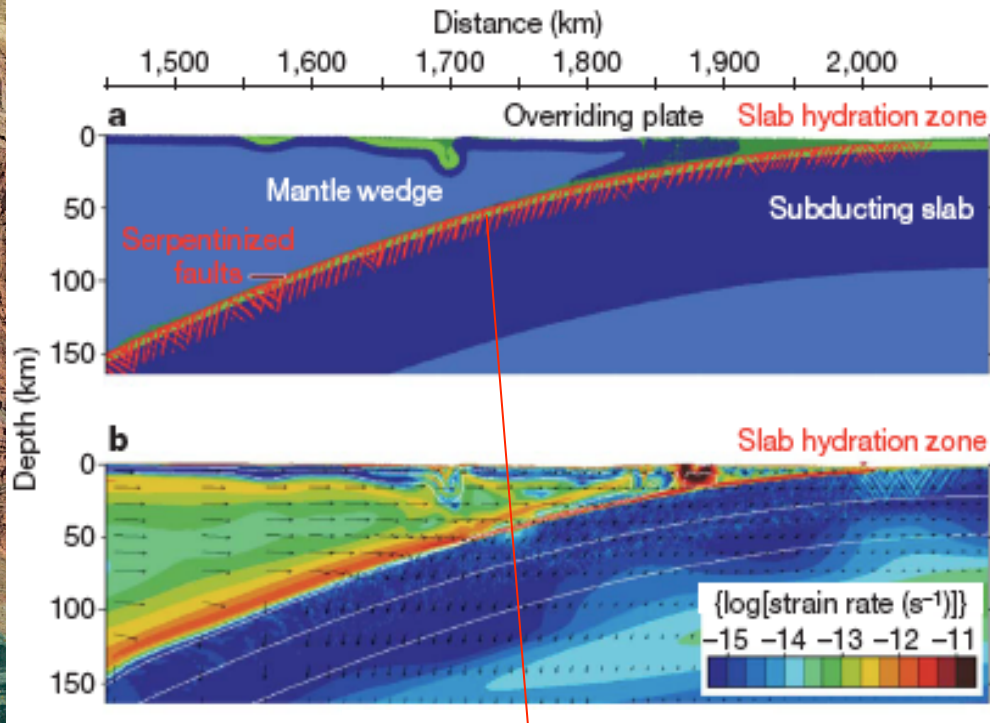


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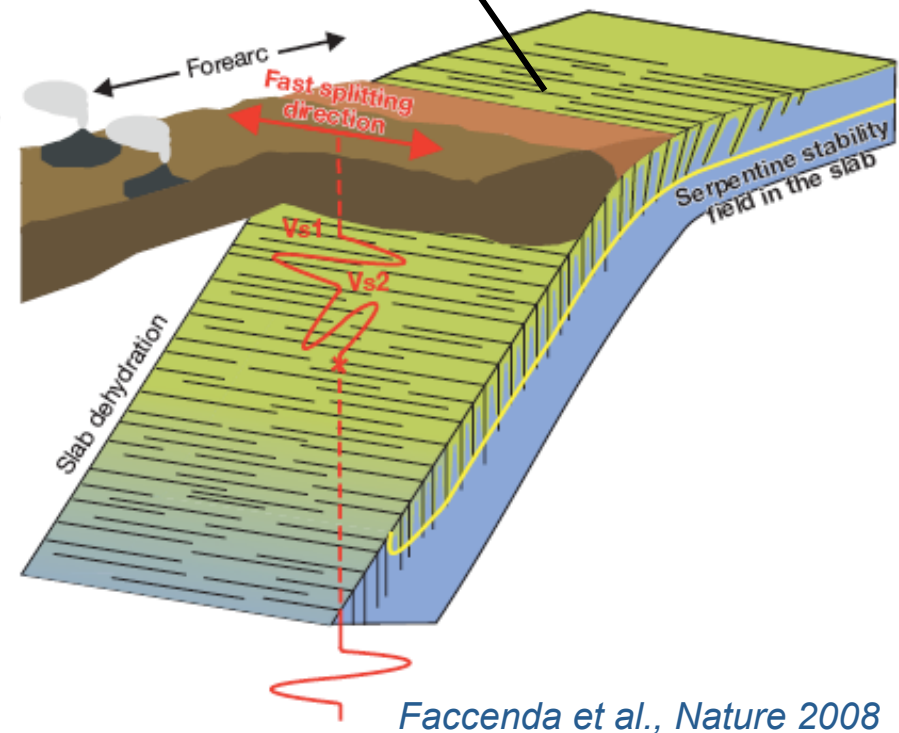


*forearc : low T, olivine water-saturated, but are water contents & stress high enough for dominant activation of (010)[001]? - water reduces viscosity + very short paths (≤50km) = very low delay times!*

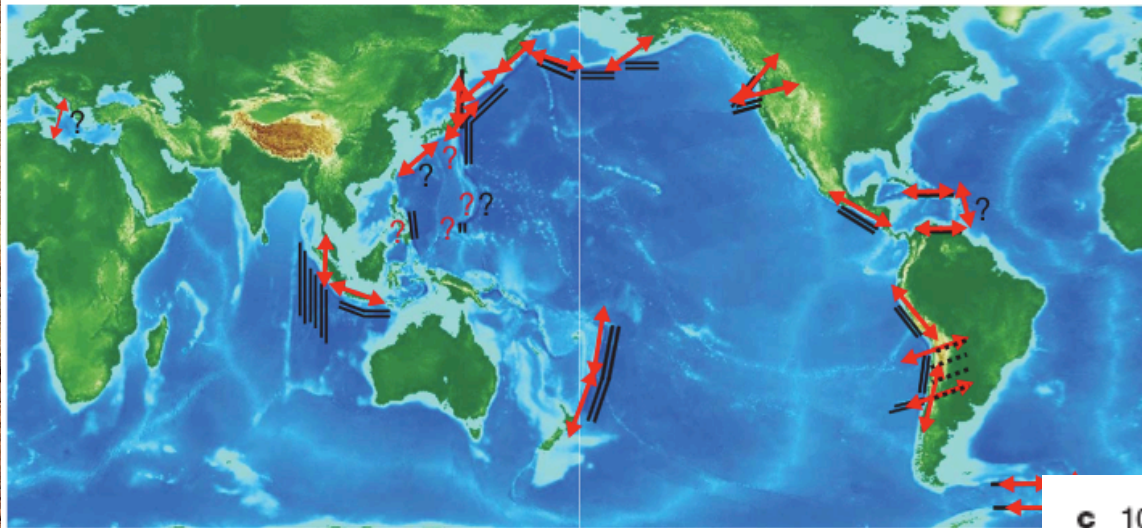
# Fore-arc trench // fast S-waves polarization due to serpentinization along tensional faults in the slab



layering + antigorite CPO

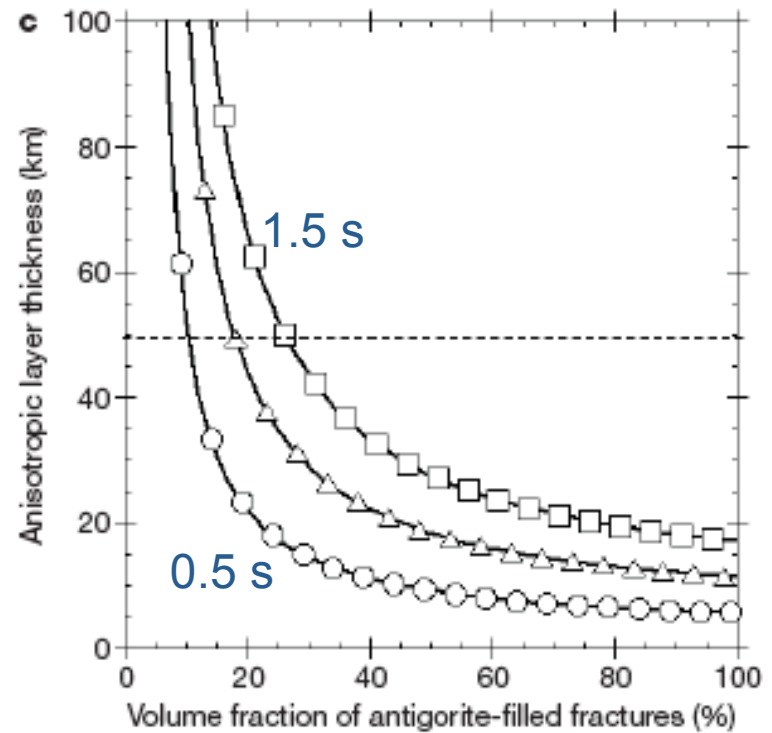






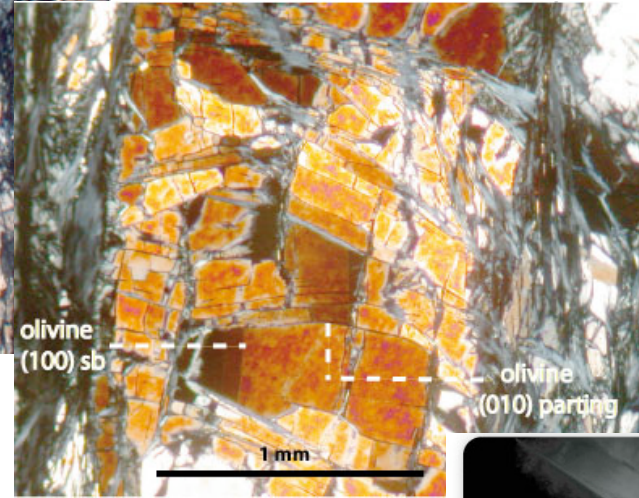
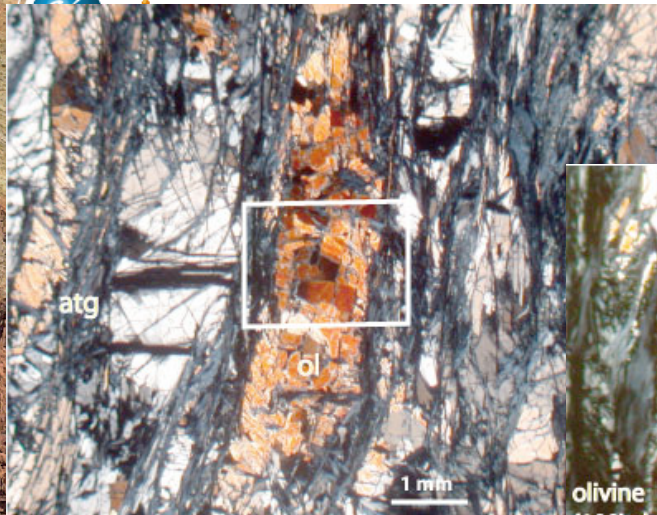
- SKS fast direction
- ══ Fault set orientation
- ⋯⋯⋯ Earthquake elongated cluster
- ? Unknown SKS fast direction
- ? Unknown fault set orientation

*fault spacing < sampling wavelength*  
*strong antigorite CPO*  
*delay time = F (depth of serpentinization,*  
*volume fraction of serpentinized mantle)*

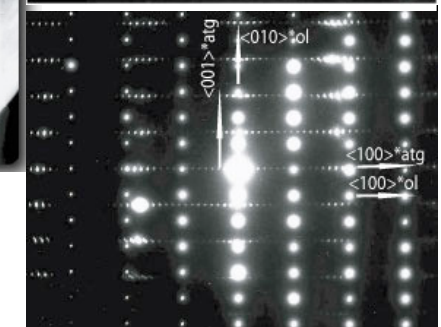
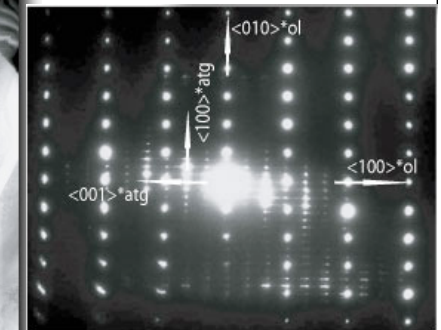
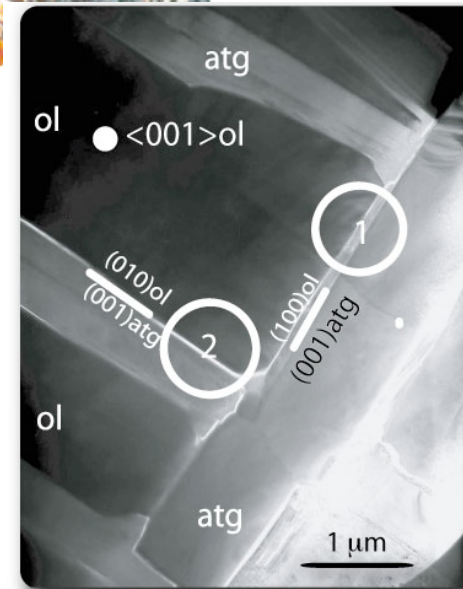
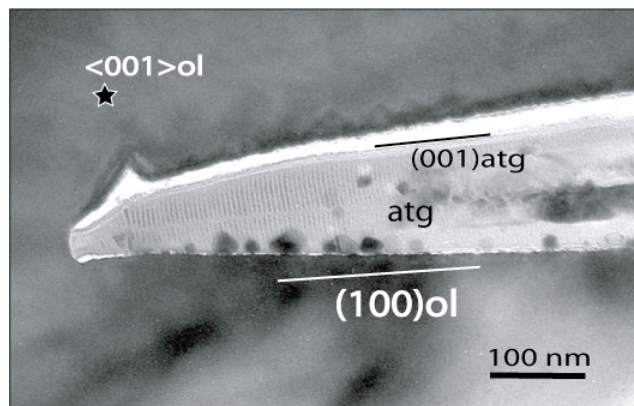


*Orientation inheritance from olivine may also contribute...*

# Antigorite – olivine crystallographic relations & seismic anisotropy



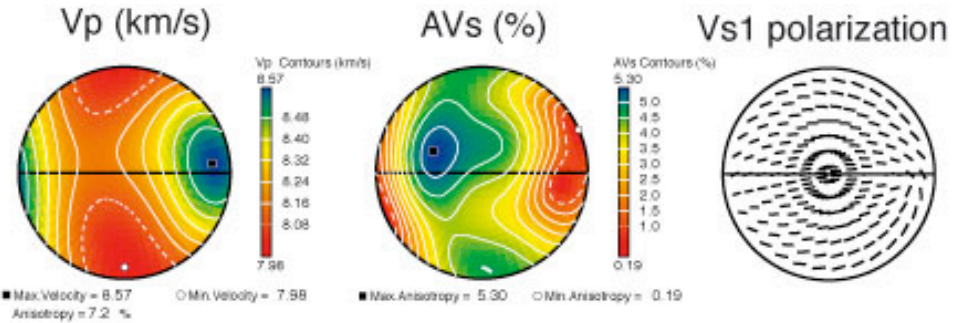
ANTIGORITE SCHIST FROM COLORADO PLATEAU



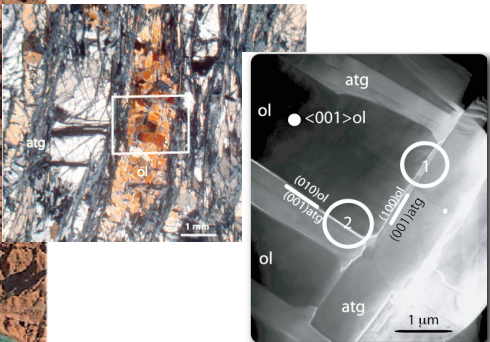
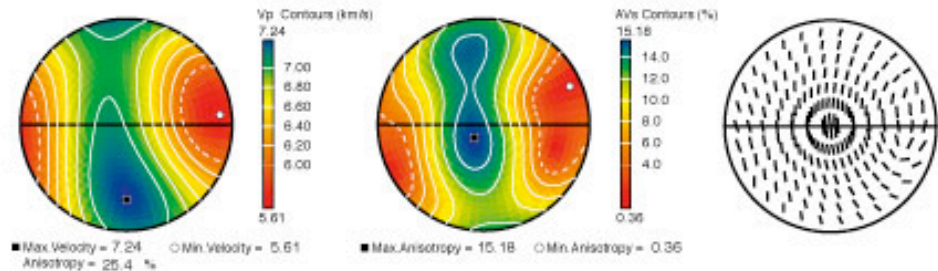
BOUDIER, BARONNET, MAINPRICE (J Petrol 2010)

# Olivine - antigorite CPO relations & seismic anisotropy

Olivine

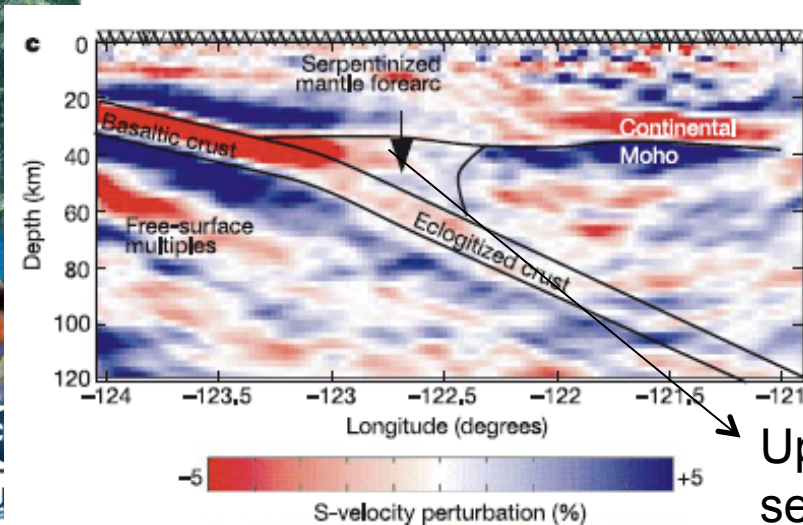
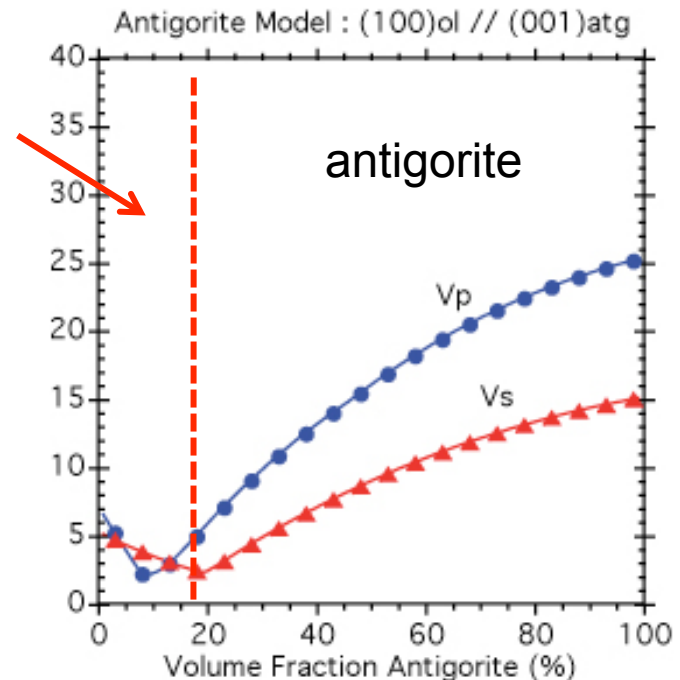


Antigorite 1  
(100)ol // (001)atg  
[001]ol // [010]atg



olivine

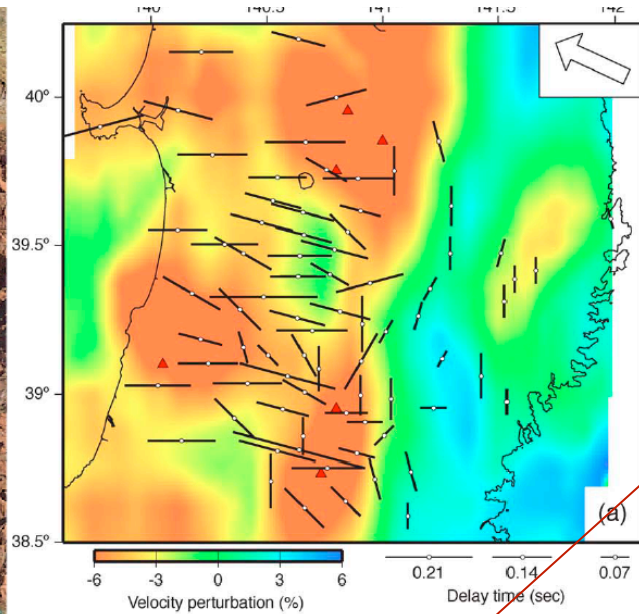
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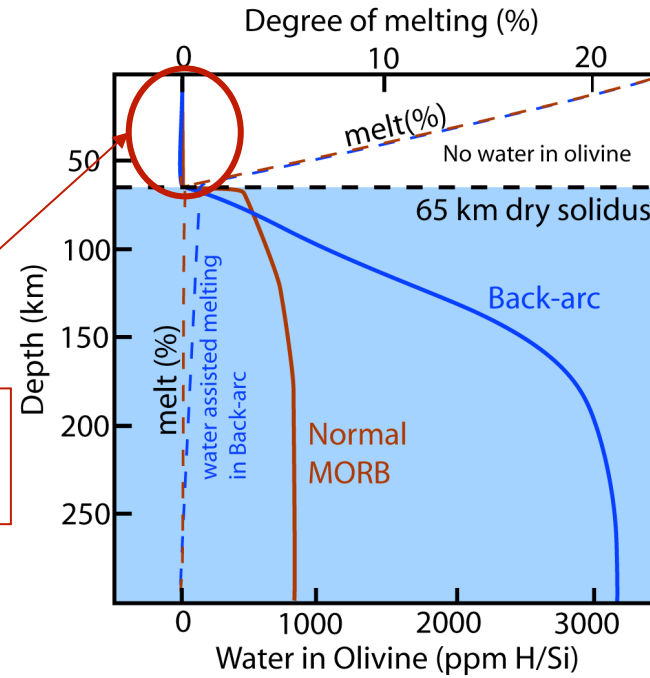
Up to 50-60%  
serpentine

# Below the arc...

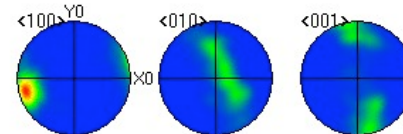
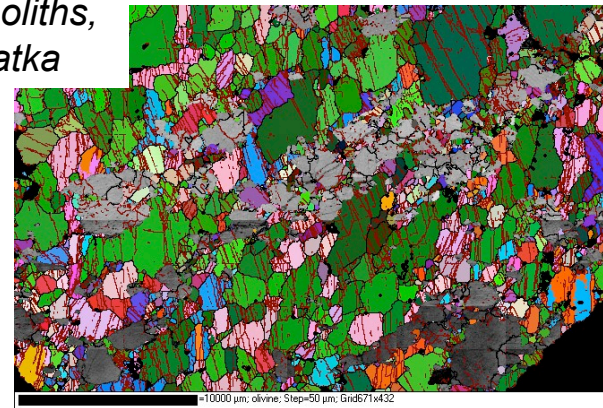
Japan: trench-normal polarization & higher delay times



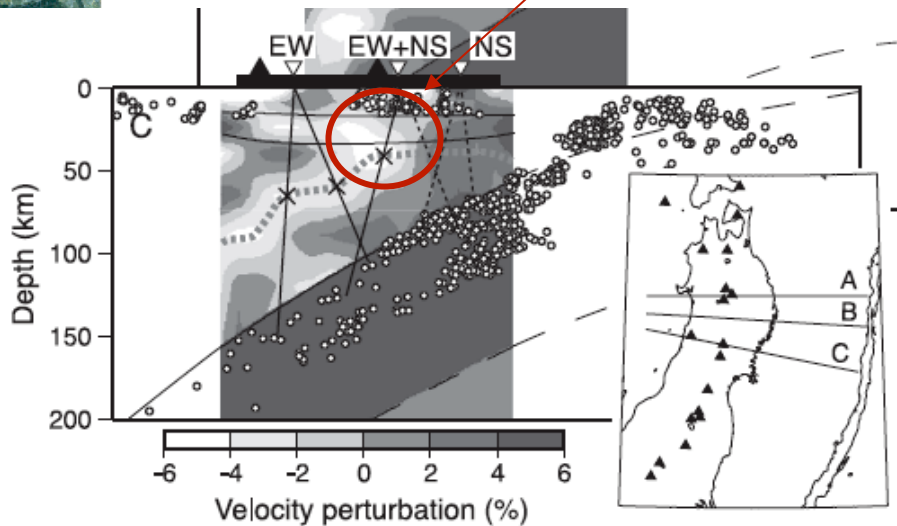
arc: melting,  
olivine dry



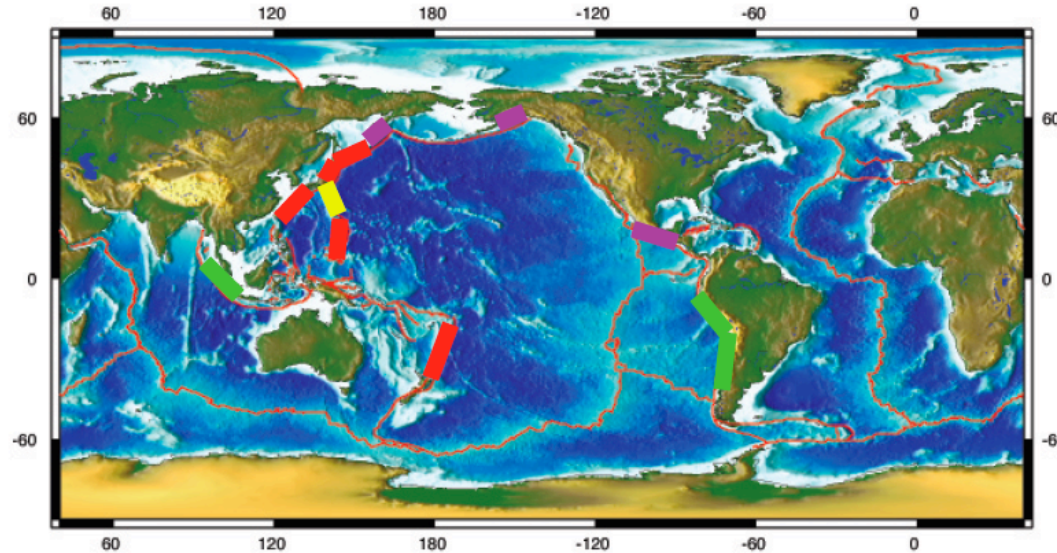
Arc xenoliths,  
Kamchatka



<a> glide only  
Soustelle et al.  
J Pet 2010



## Anisotropy in the mantle wedge



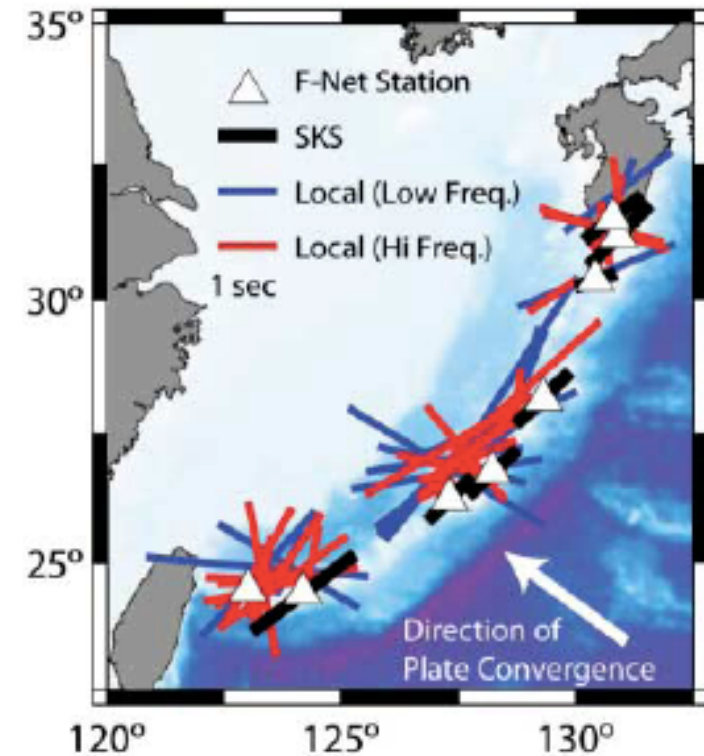
Red bar: Trench-ll forearc to trench-normal backarc transition

Purple bar: Trench-normal forearc to trench-ll backarc transition

Yellow bar: Wedge splitting observed, pattern not clear-cut

Green bar: Little or no splitting in wedge

Ryukyu



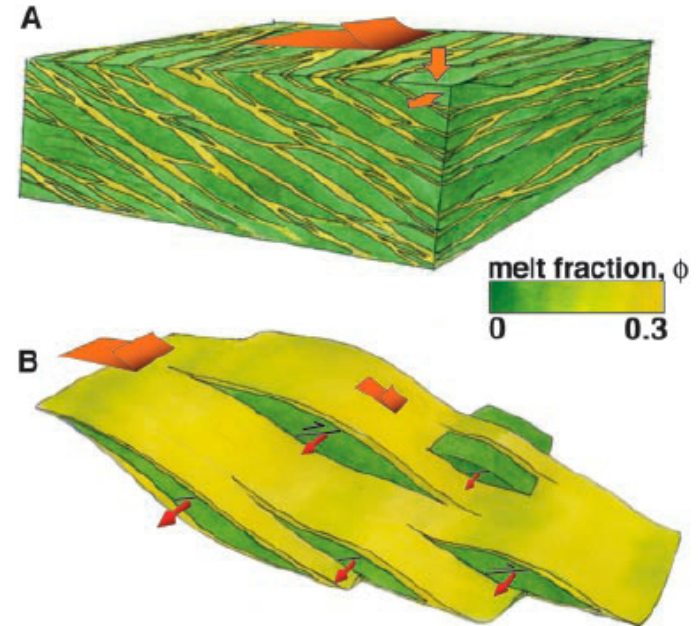
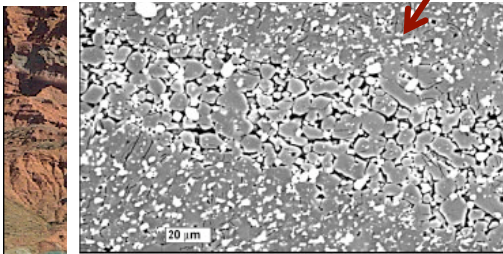
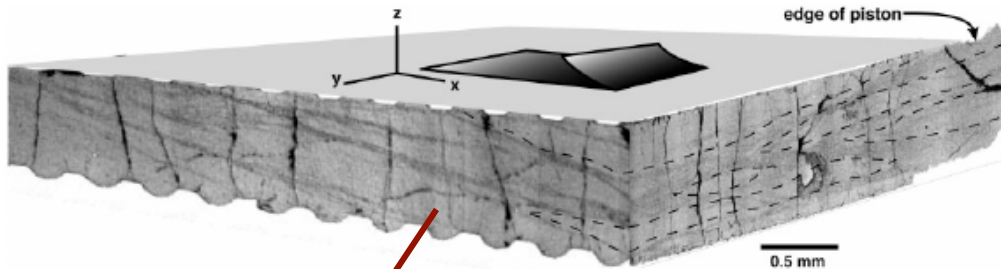
Behn et al. 2007 Science

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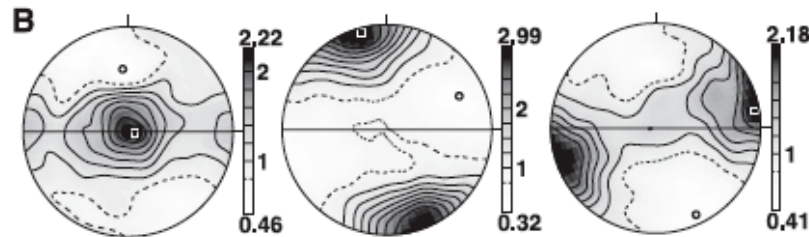
# Effect of partial melting?

in lab experiments:



Holtzman et al. Science 2003

- deformation => melt segregation
- melt-induced strain partition
- olivine [100] normal to shear direction

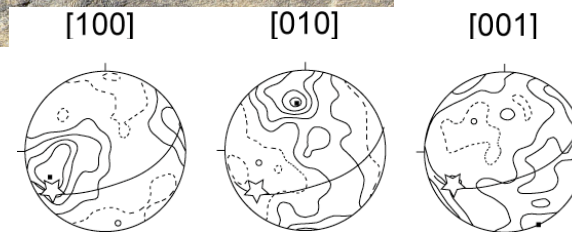
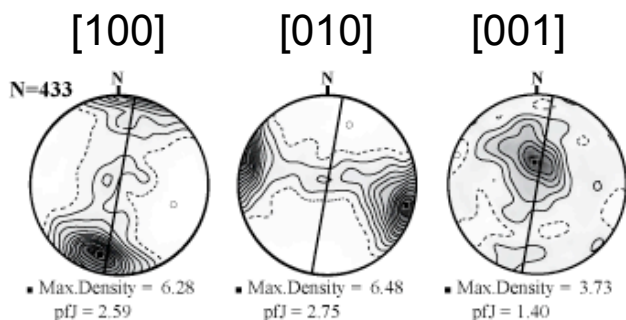
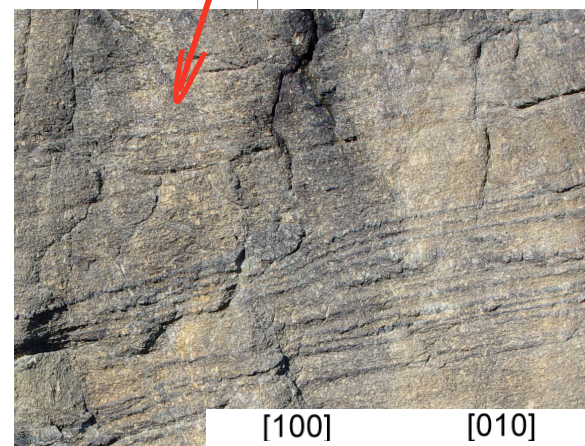
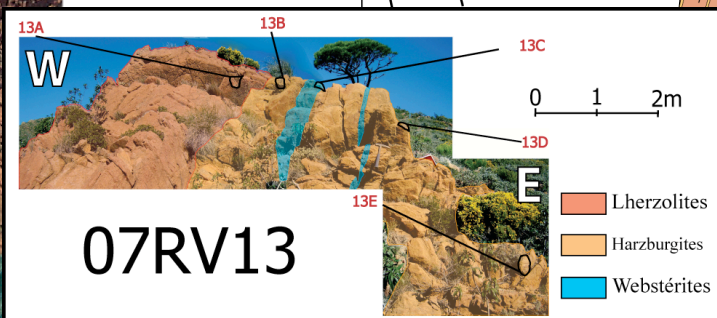
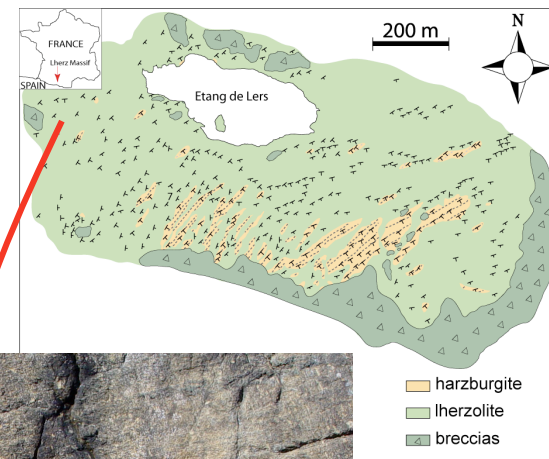
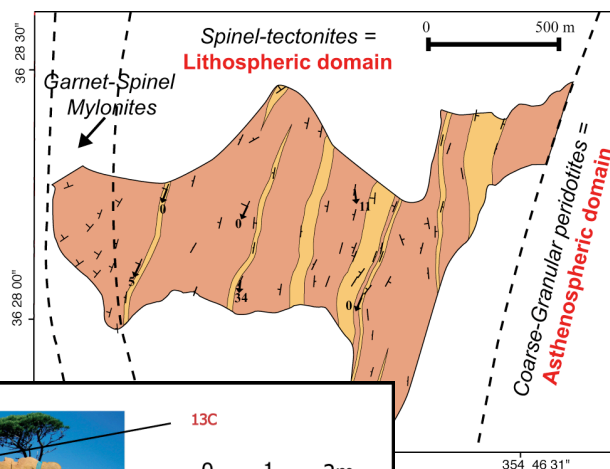


olivine CPO weak (diffusion):  
anisotropy controlled by melt distribution  
⇒ fast S-wave polarization sub-parallel  
to flow plane

*In peridotite massifs, compositional layering // to foliation (flow plane), but diffuse contacts*

Lherz, France

Ronda, Spain



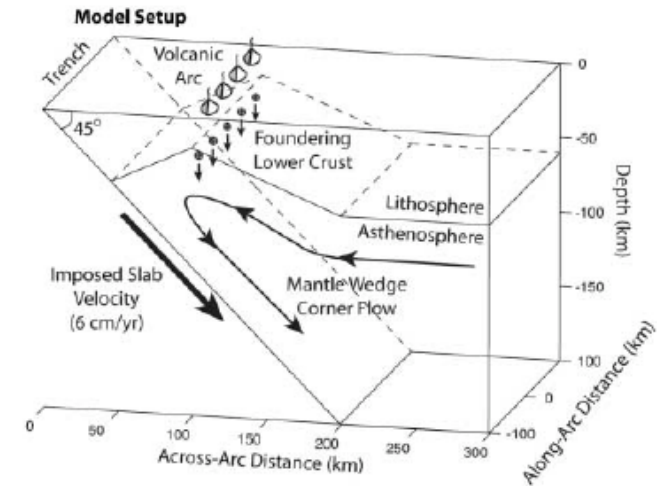
Le Roux et al EPSL 2008

Soustelle et al. J.Petrol, 2009

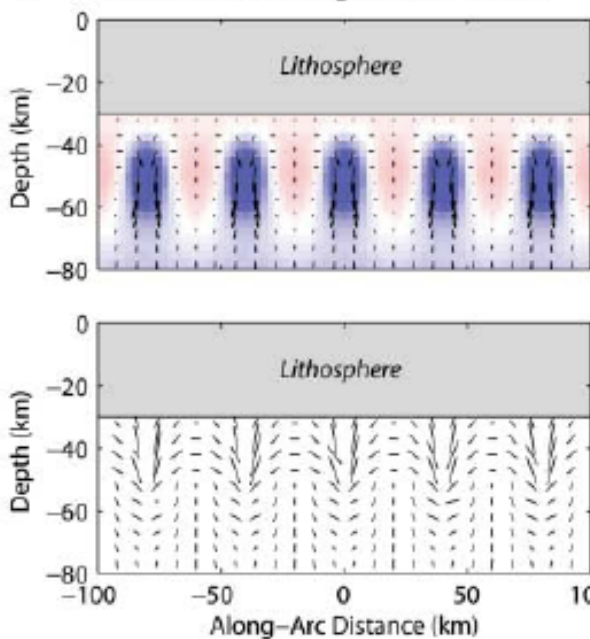
*Melt transport/segregation controlled by deformation, but A-type CPO = [100] slip*

# Trench-Parallel Anisotropy Produced by Foundering of Arc Lower Crust

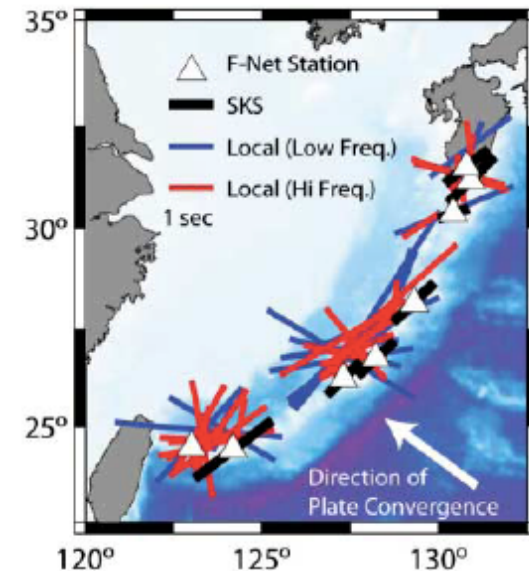
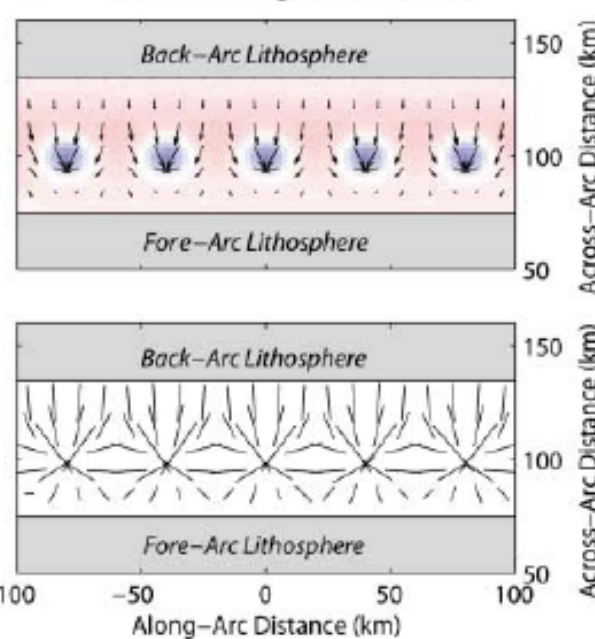
Mark D. Behn,<sup>1\*</sup> Greg Hirth,<sup>1</sup> Peter B. Kelemen<sup>2</sup>



**B** Vertical Section Along-Arc (X = 100 km)



**C** Planform Along-Arc (Z = 40 km)

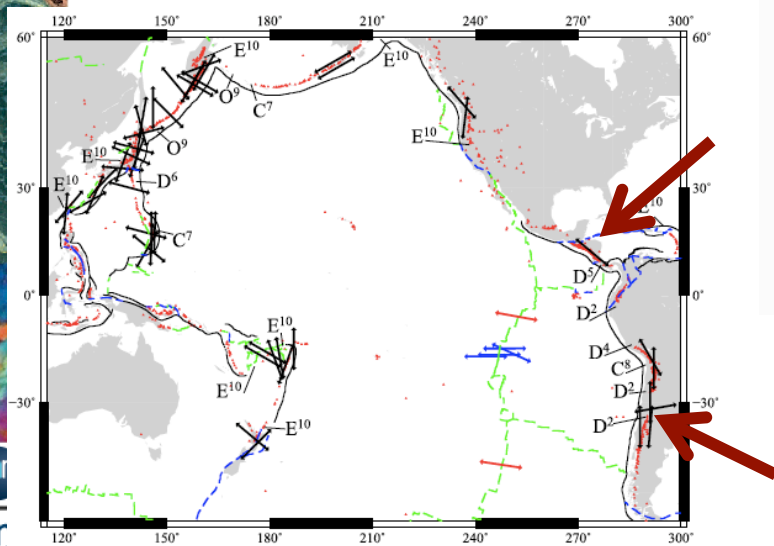
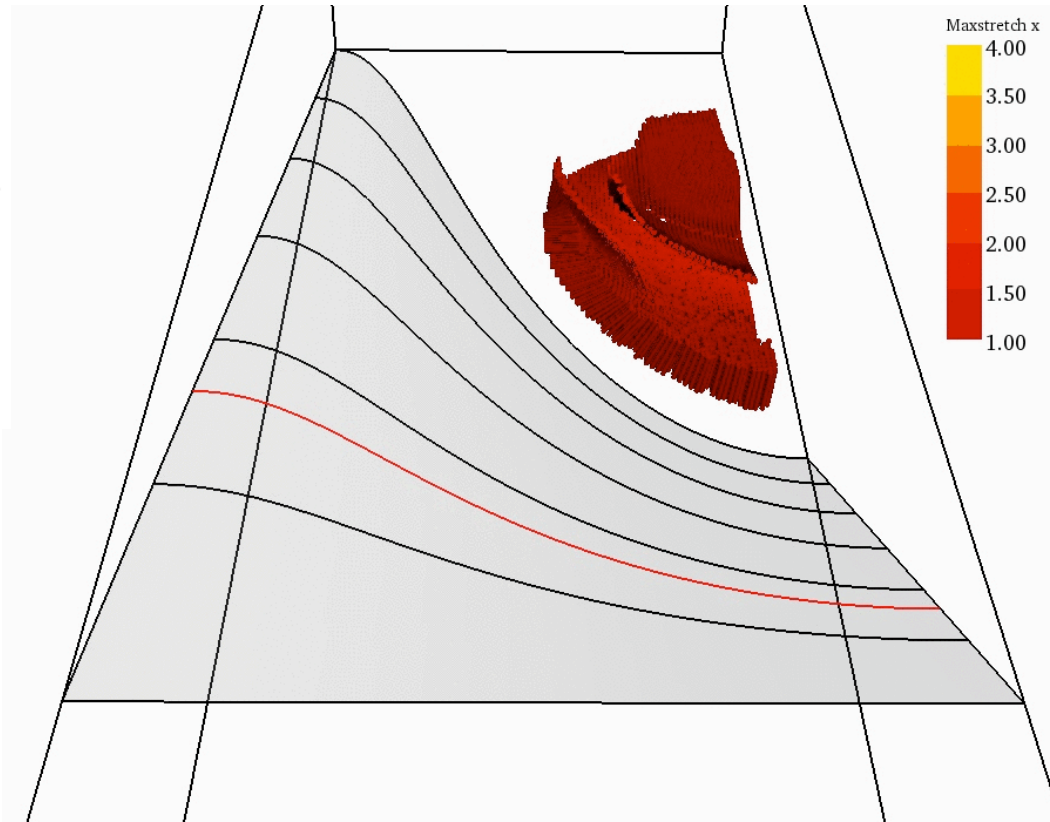
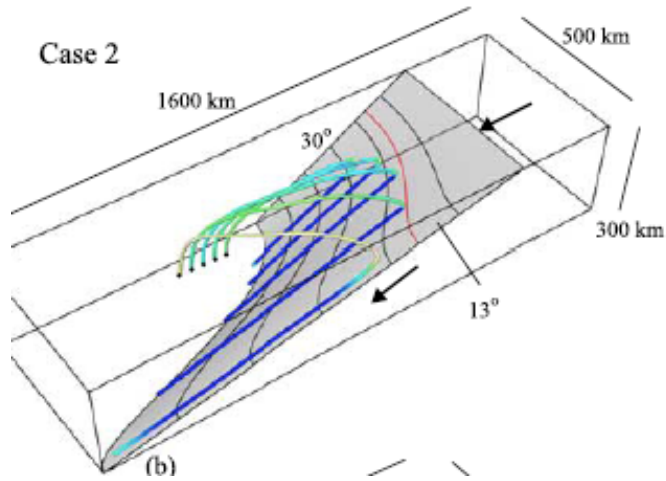


Mark D. Behn, *et al.*  
*Science* 317, 108 (2007)



# Should we completely abandon the trench-// flow interpretation?

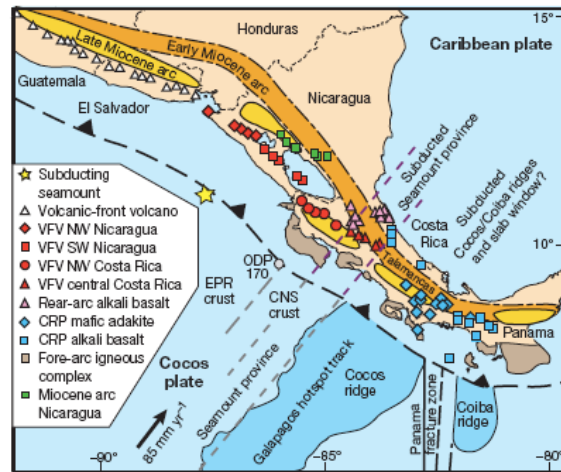
may be produced by pressure gradients due to changes in slab geometry



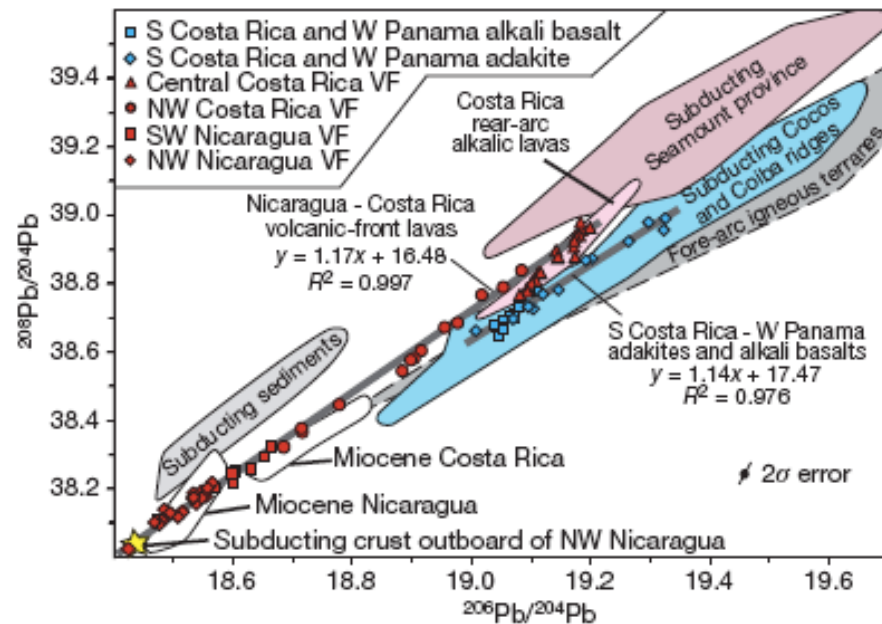
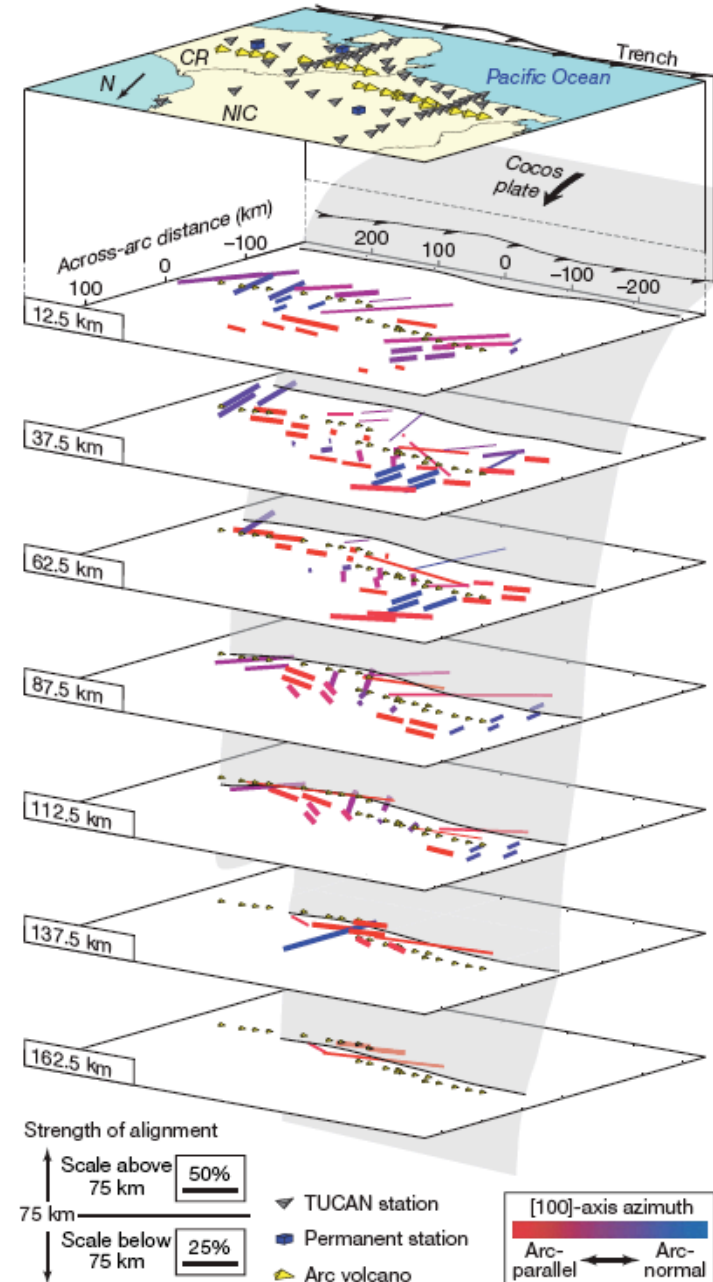
Change in slab dip:  
stronger effect for transition to  $<15^\circ$  dip

# Arc-parallel flow in the mantle wedge beneath Costa Rica and Nicaragua

Hoernle et al. Nature 2008



## Local S waves splitting

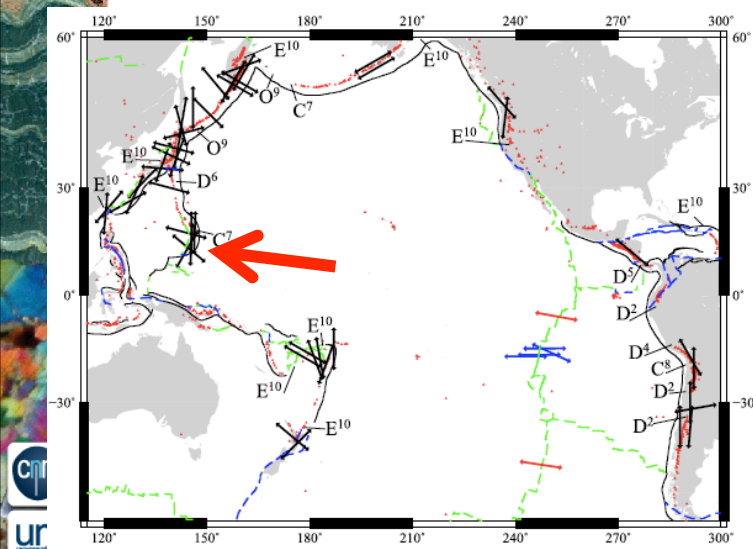
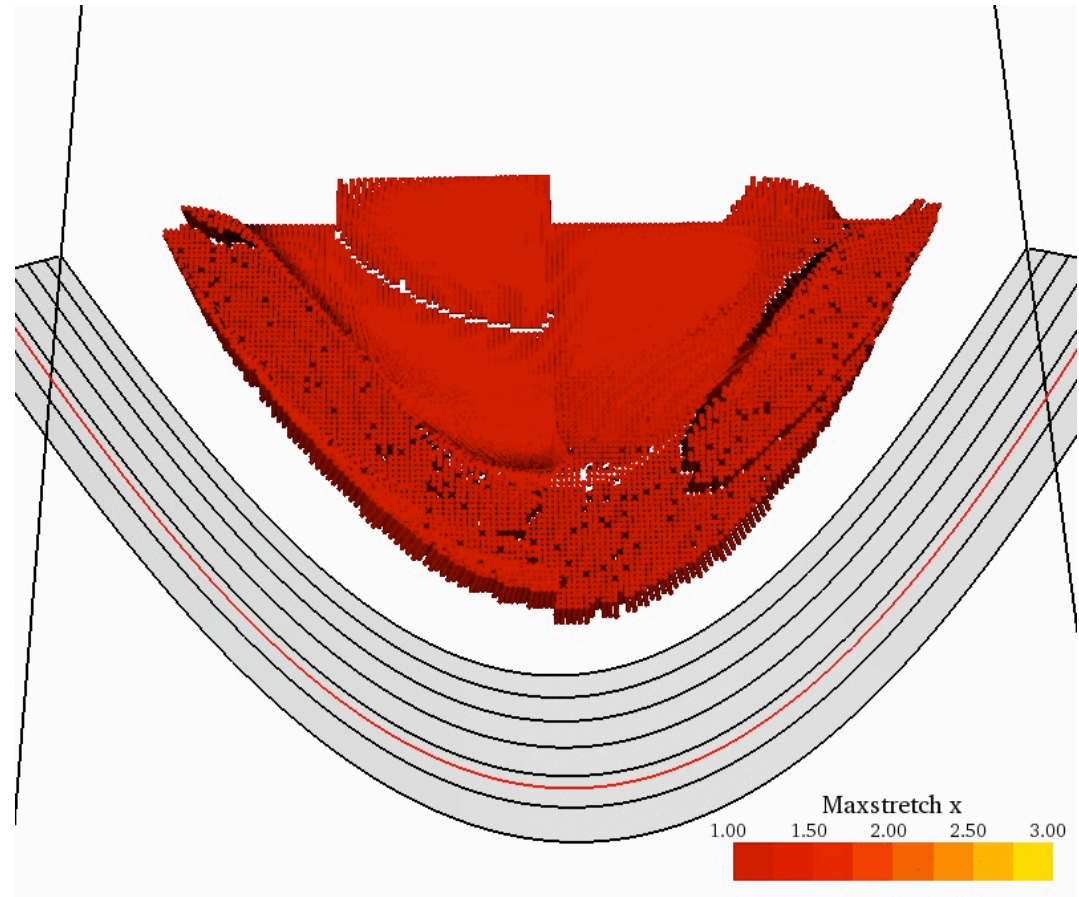
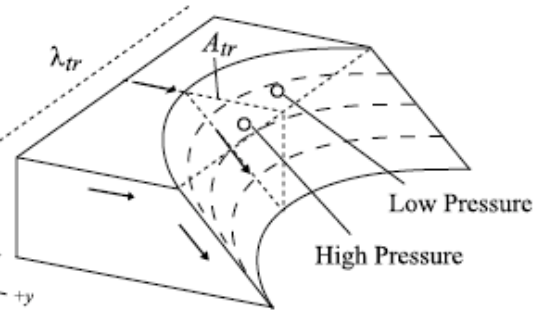


Nd, Pb isotopes : NW flow of mantle wedge material

Figure 3 | Model of anisotropy obtained by inverting shear-wave splitting measurements from events in the Nicaragua (NIC)-Costa Rica (CR)

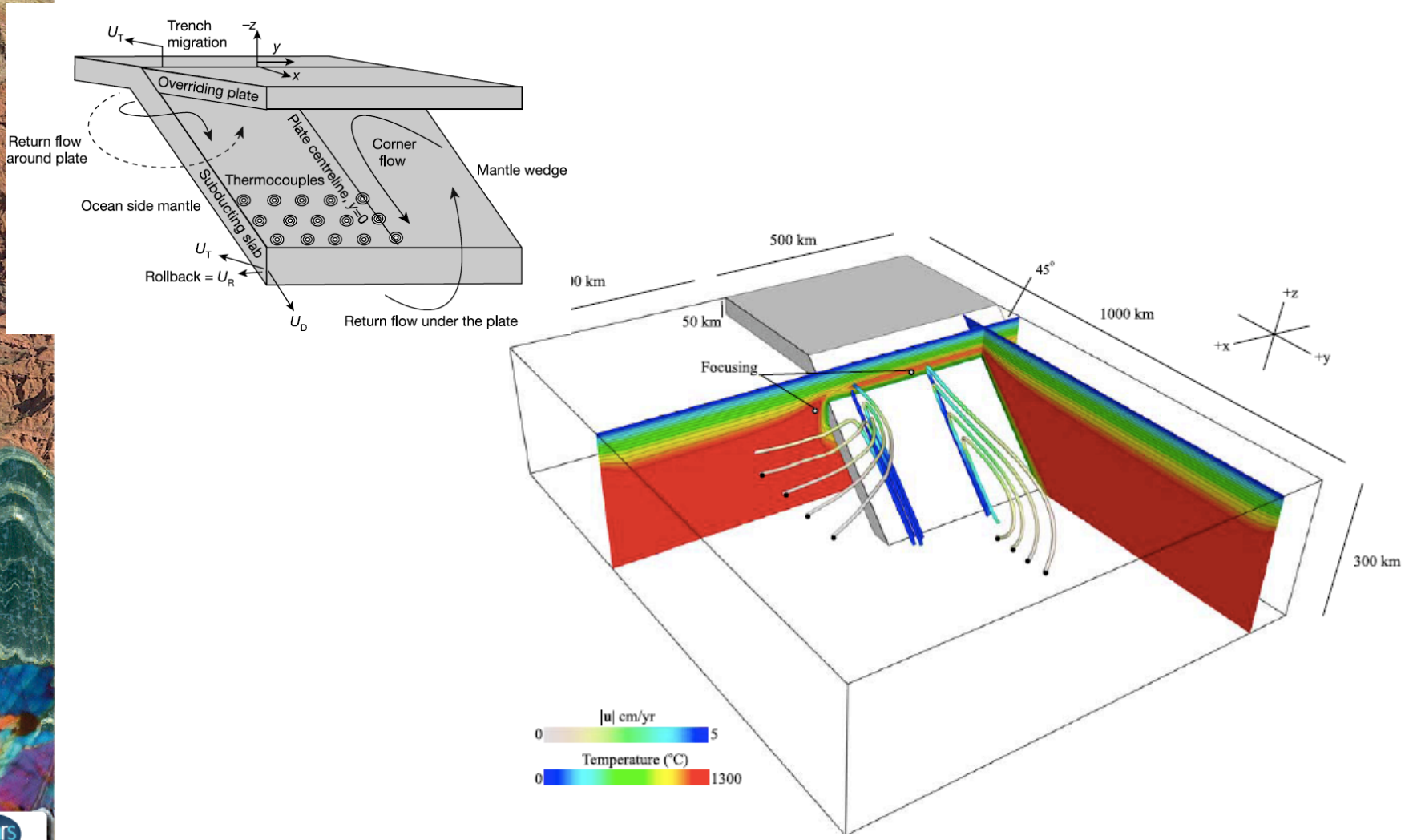
# Strong slab curvature also may produce trench // anisotropy

(b) Concave Trench or Slab: Case 7, e.g. Marianas, W. Aleutians, and E. Alaska

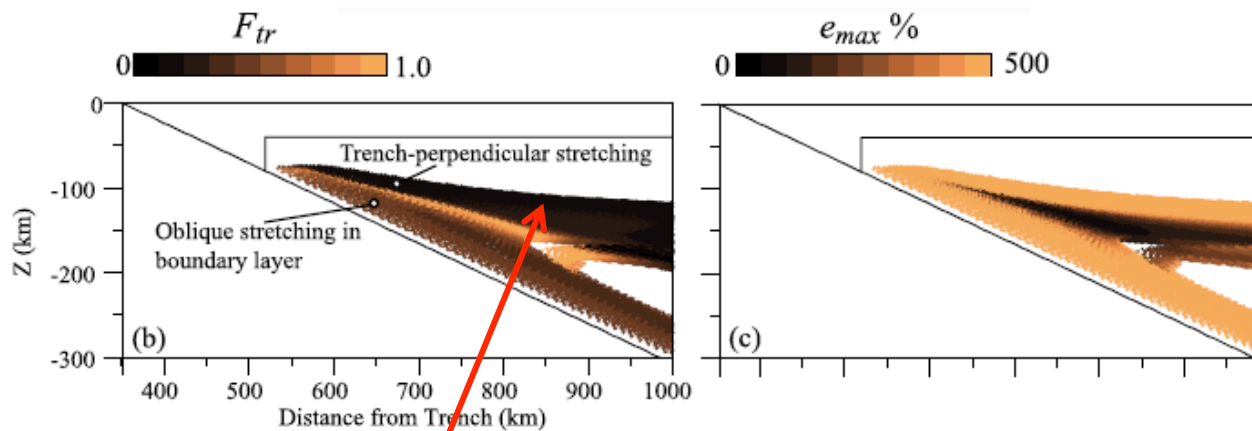
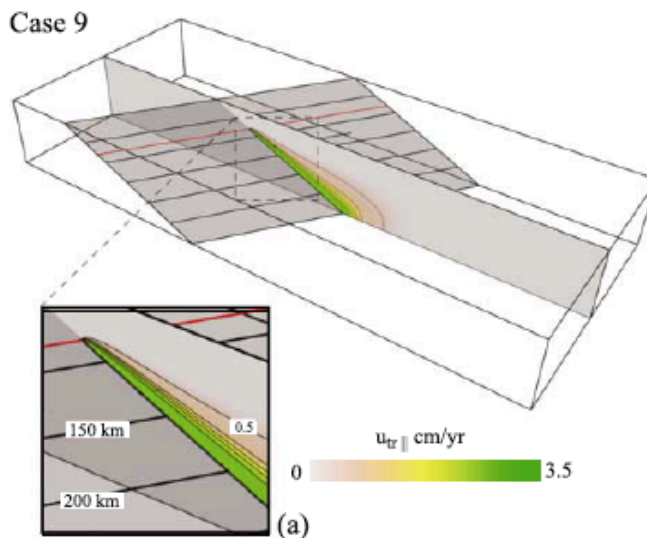


# Should we completely abandon the trench // flow interpretation?

Toroidal flow near slab termination? Only <100 km from the termination!



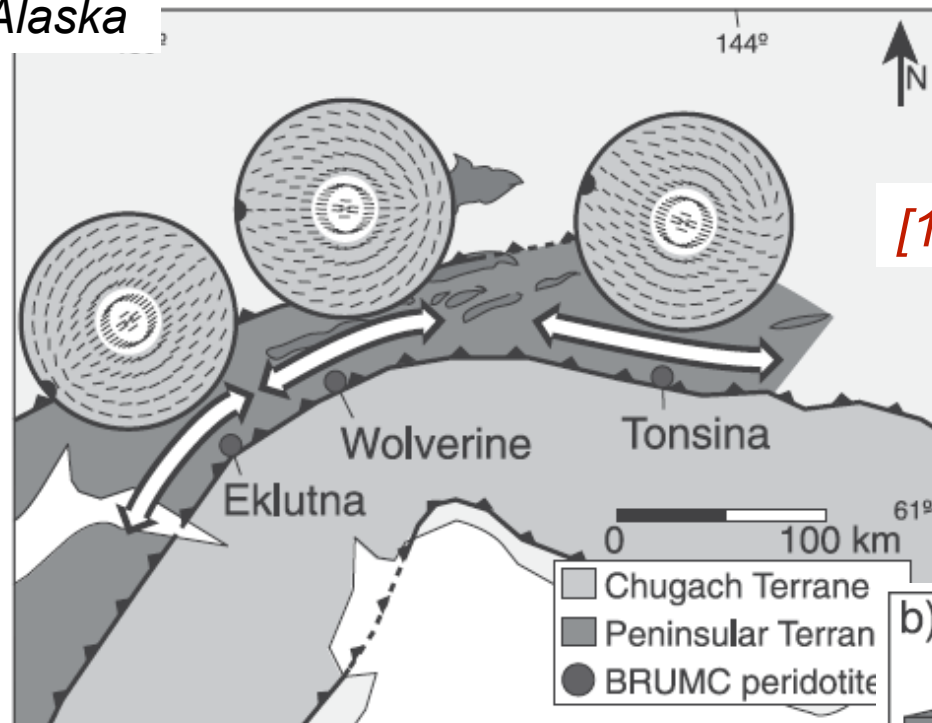
Oblique subduction?



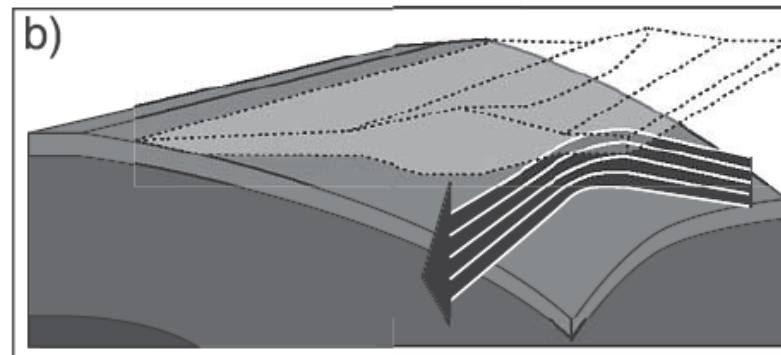
Very limited trench // flow

## Arc-parallel flow within the mantle wedge: observations

Alaska



[100] slip



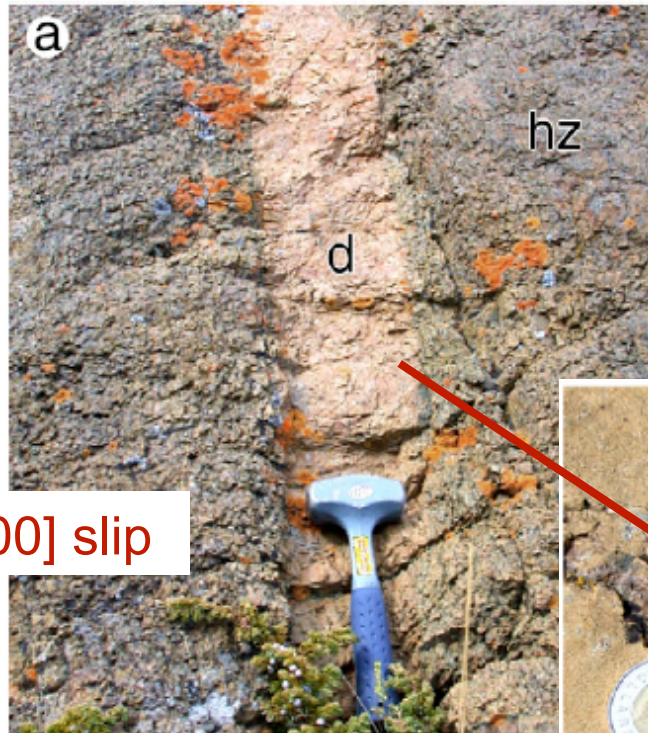
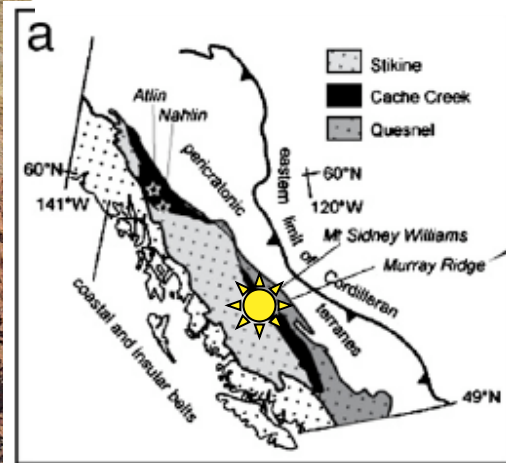
Mehl et al. JGR 2003

Flow // trench = strong trench-parallel anisotropy

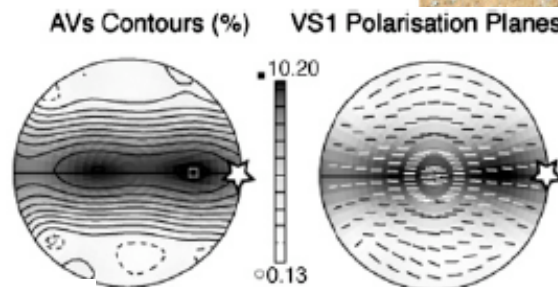
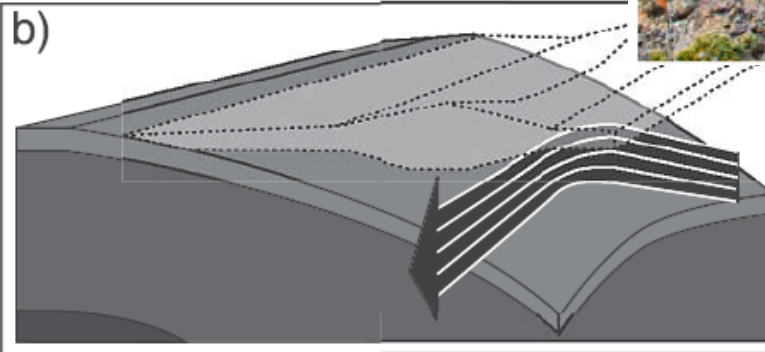
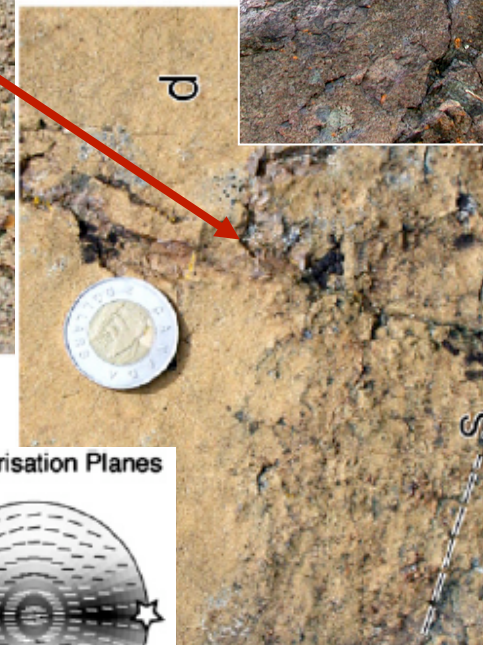
# Canadian Cordillera

Flow + melt transport // trench in the wedge:  
strong trench-parallel anisotropy

solid state foliation // dunite bands // pyroxenite dykes

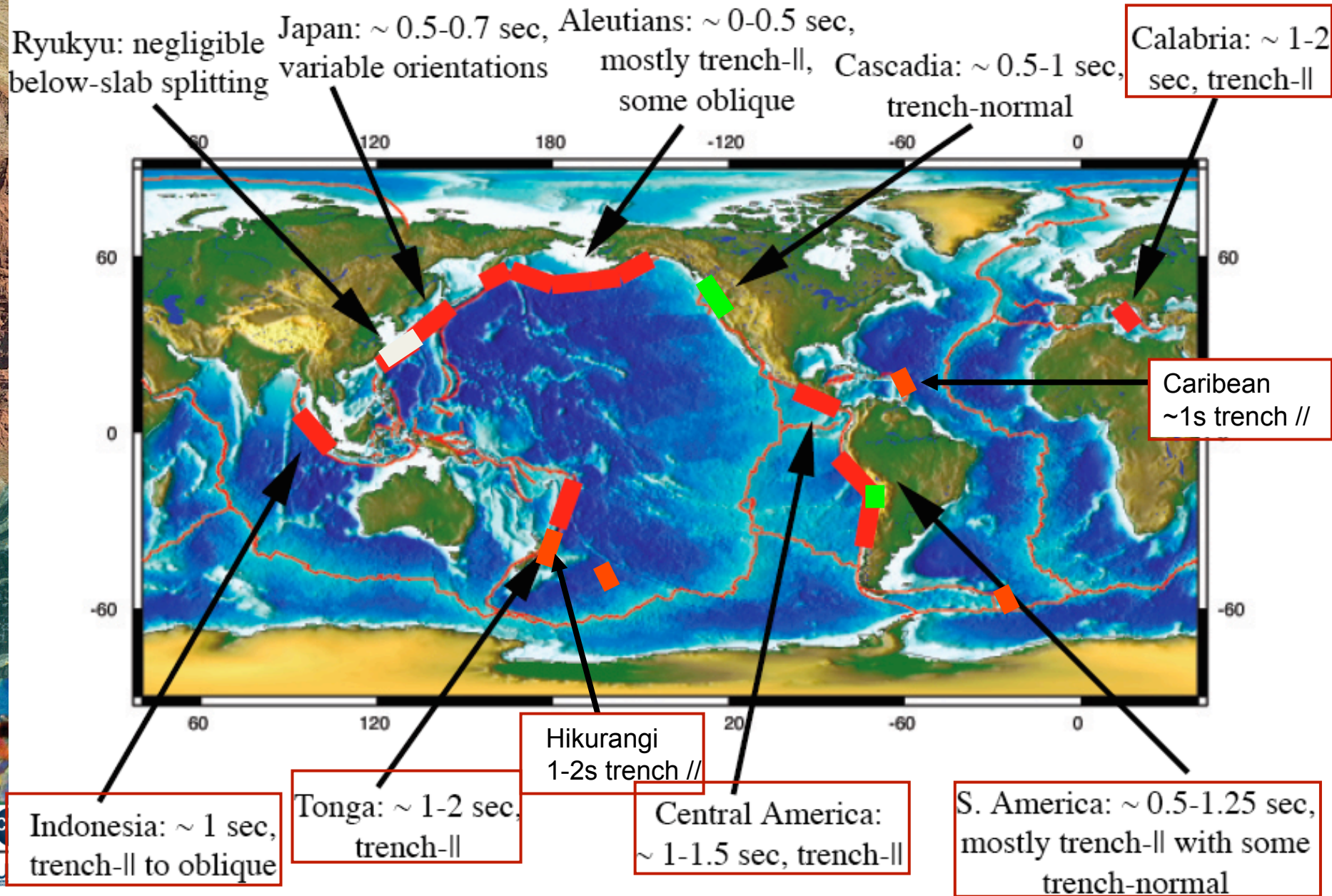


[100] slip



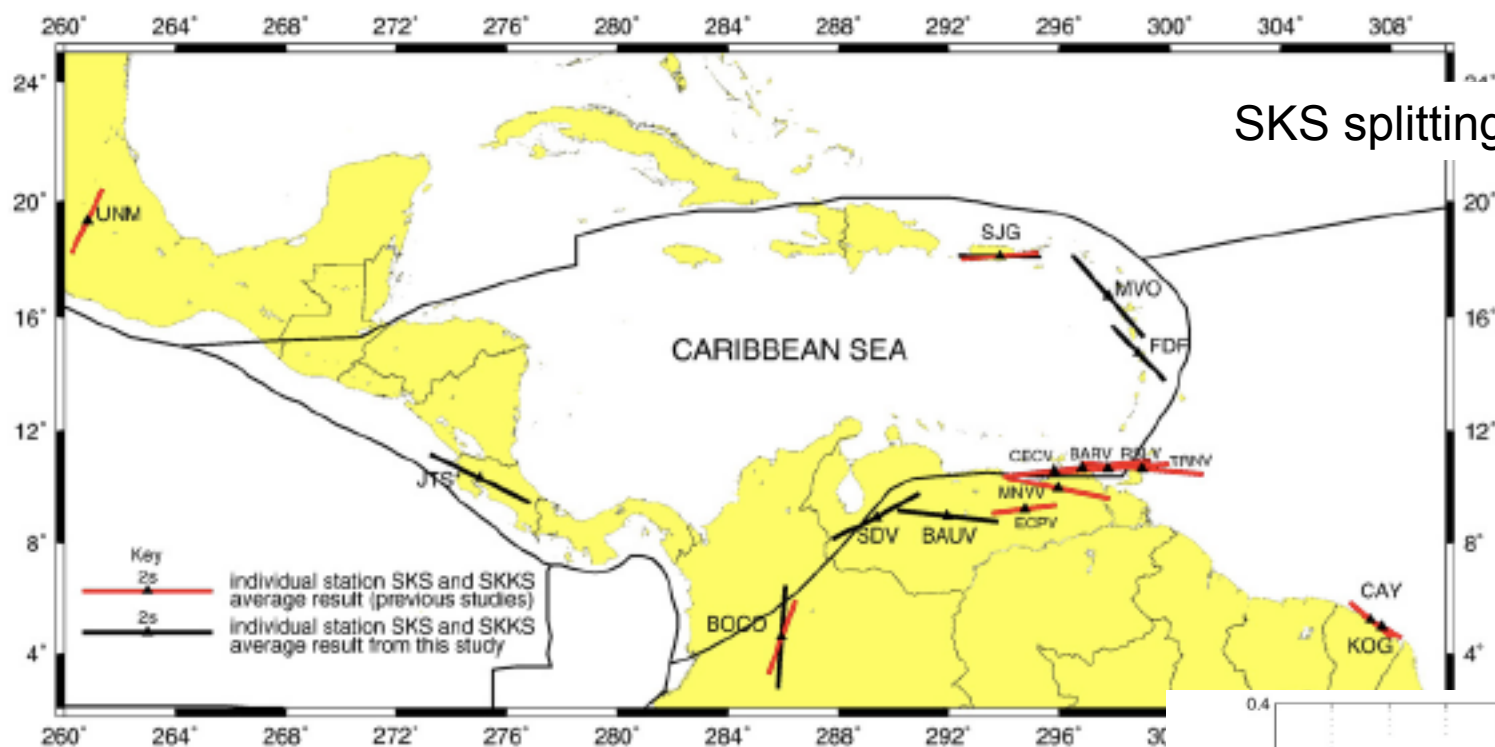
2 % melt = 10 % P & S anisotropy

**SKS delay times (1-2s) >> local S delays (<0.5s): most of the anisotropy is below the slab!**

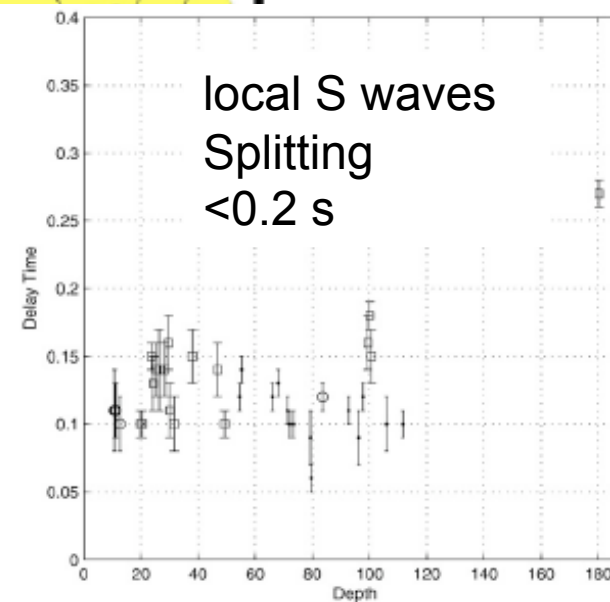


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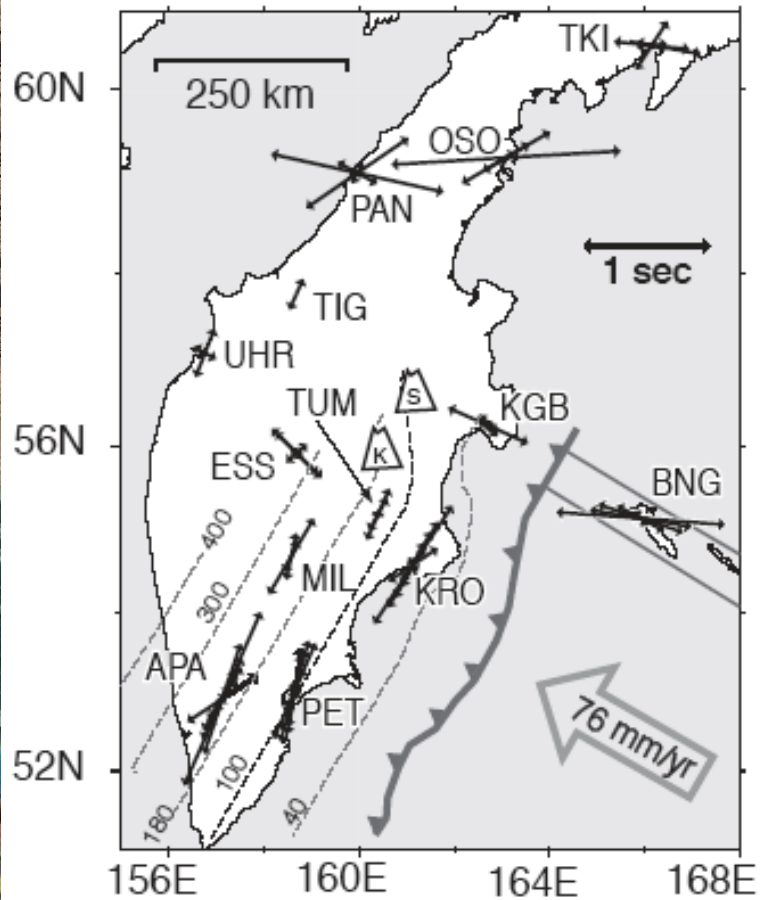


SKS splitting : 1 - 2 s



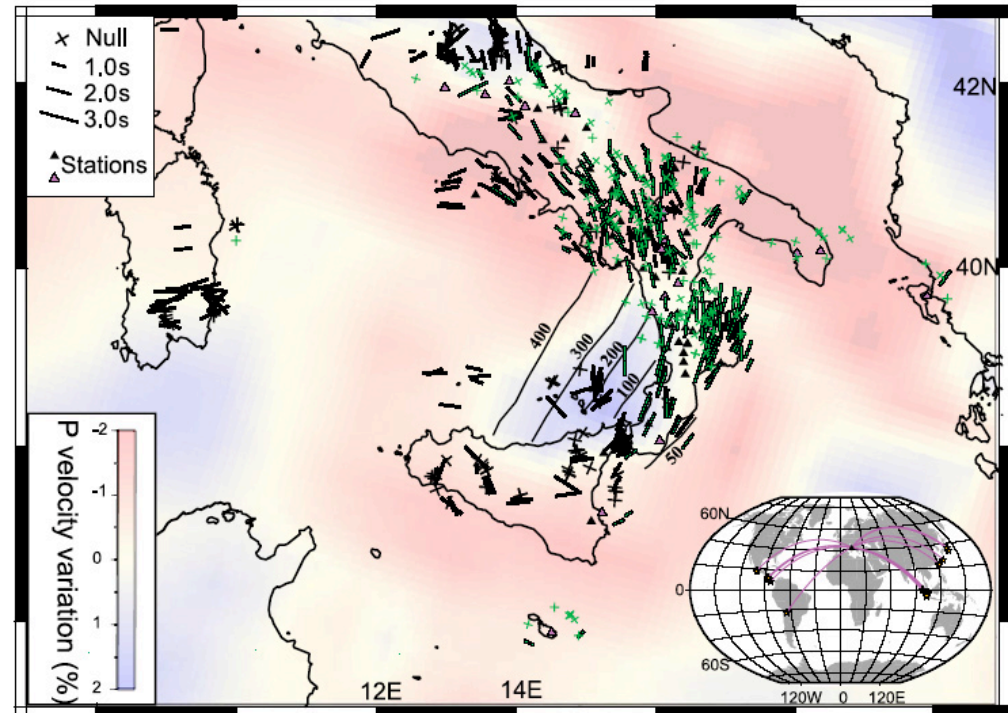
## Below slab anisotropy

### Kamchatka

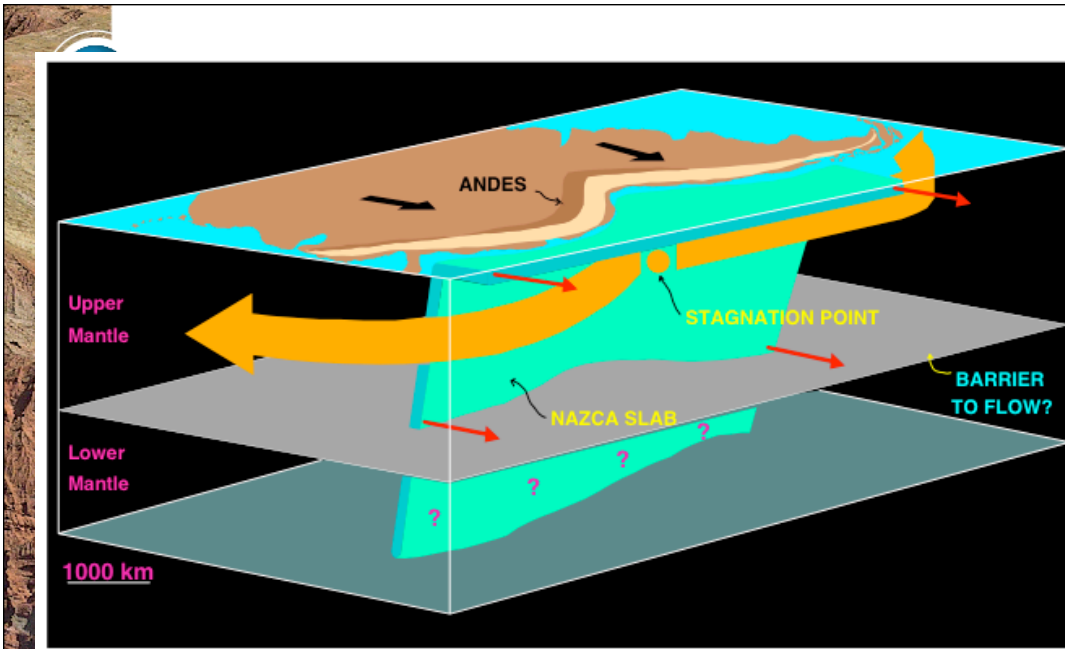


(Peyton et al., 2001)

### Calabria



(Baccheschi et al., 2007; Civello and Margheriti, 2004)

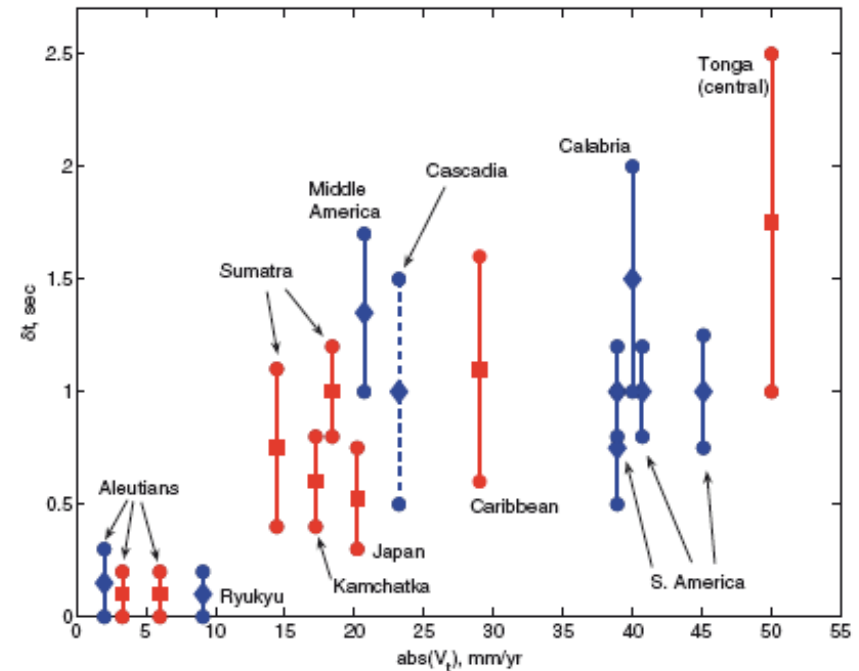


*Trench // flow beneath slab  
 → pressure gradient :  
 - trench retreat  
 - barrier to flow @ depth  
 (lower mantle)*

*Russo & Silver Science 94*

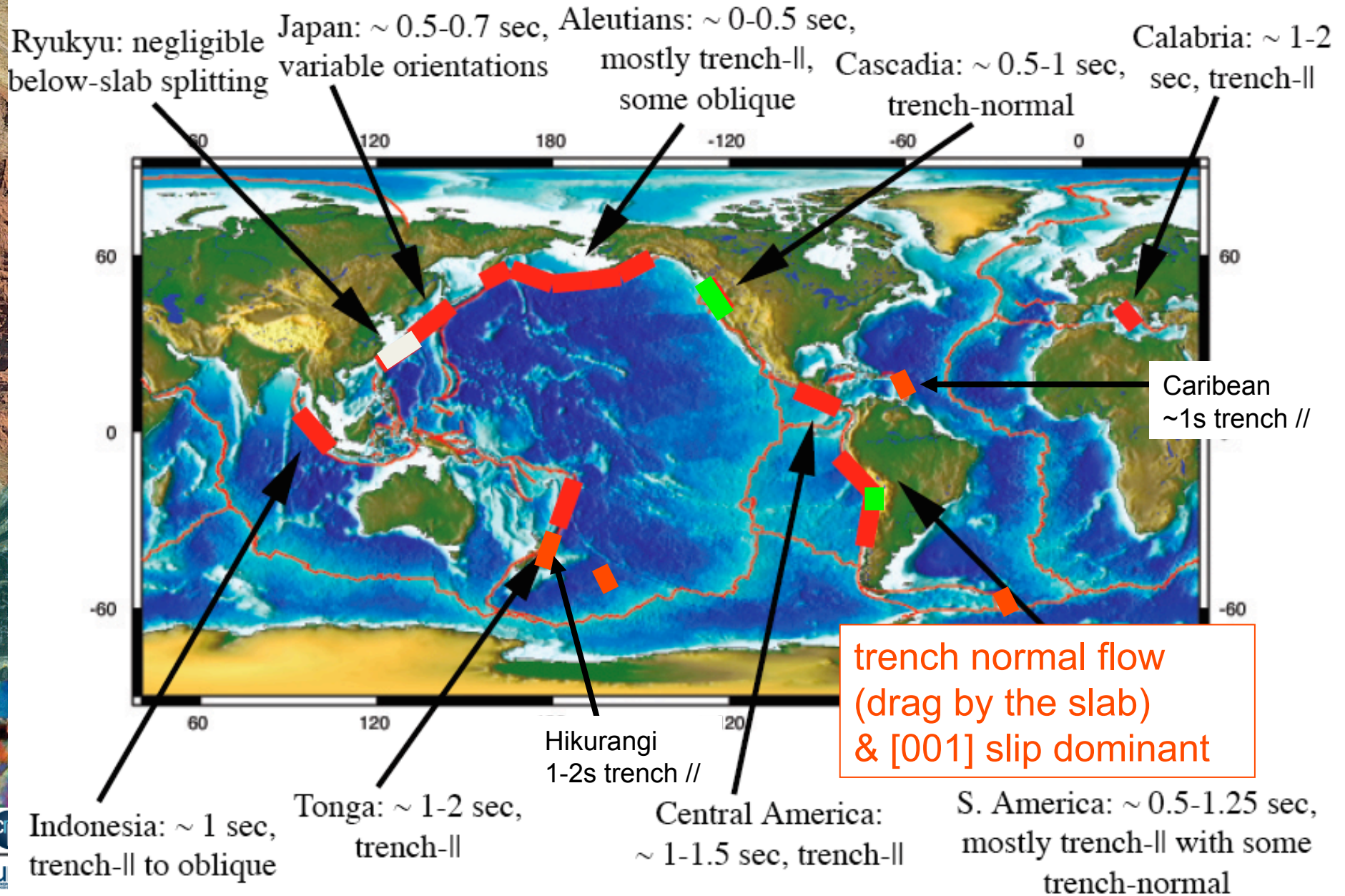
*Trench // flow beneath slab:  
 Correlation between delay time  
 & magnitude of trench migration  
 velocity*

*Problem: decoupling between  
 the slab and underlying mantle!*



*Long & Silver Science 2008*

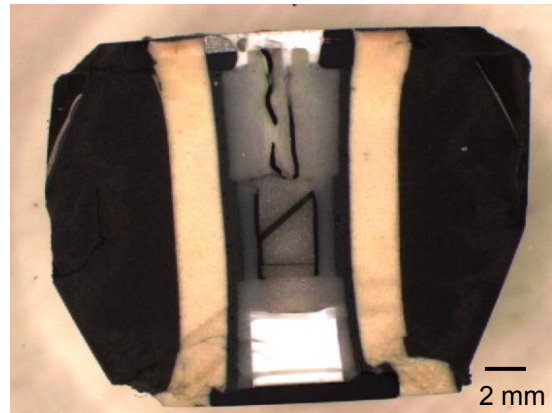
# An alternative interpretation...



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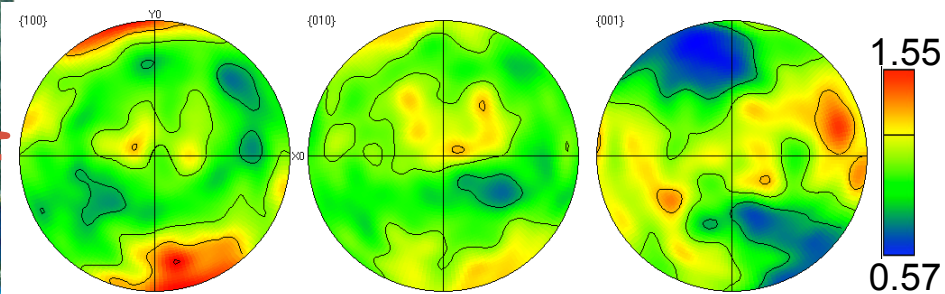
# Deformation of olivine polycrystals @ 11GPa & 1400°C

H. Couvy & P. Cordier  
Bayreuth/Lille



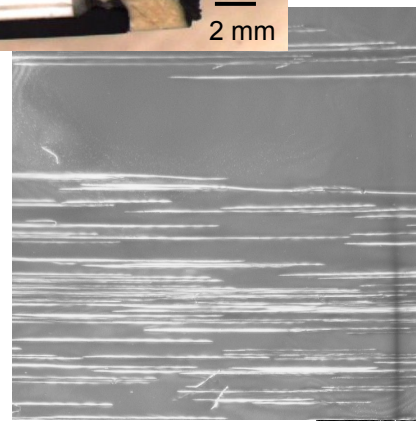
100% olivine  
simple shear

EBSD: olivine CPO



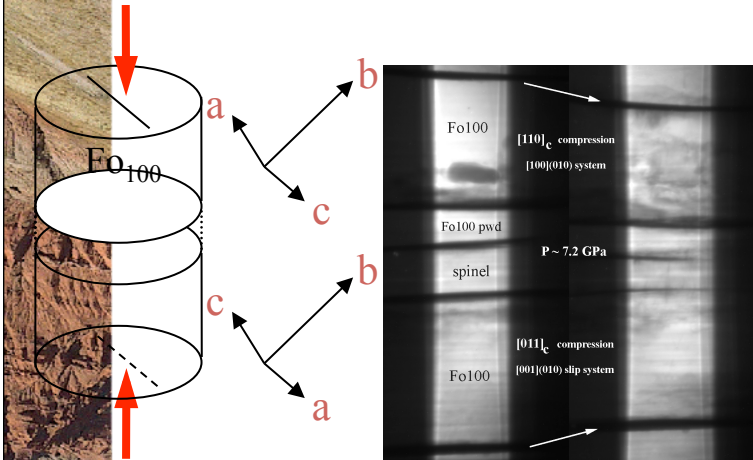
$\gamma=0.3$

[001](100)  
[001](010)

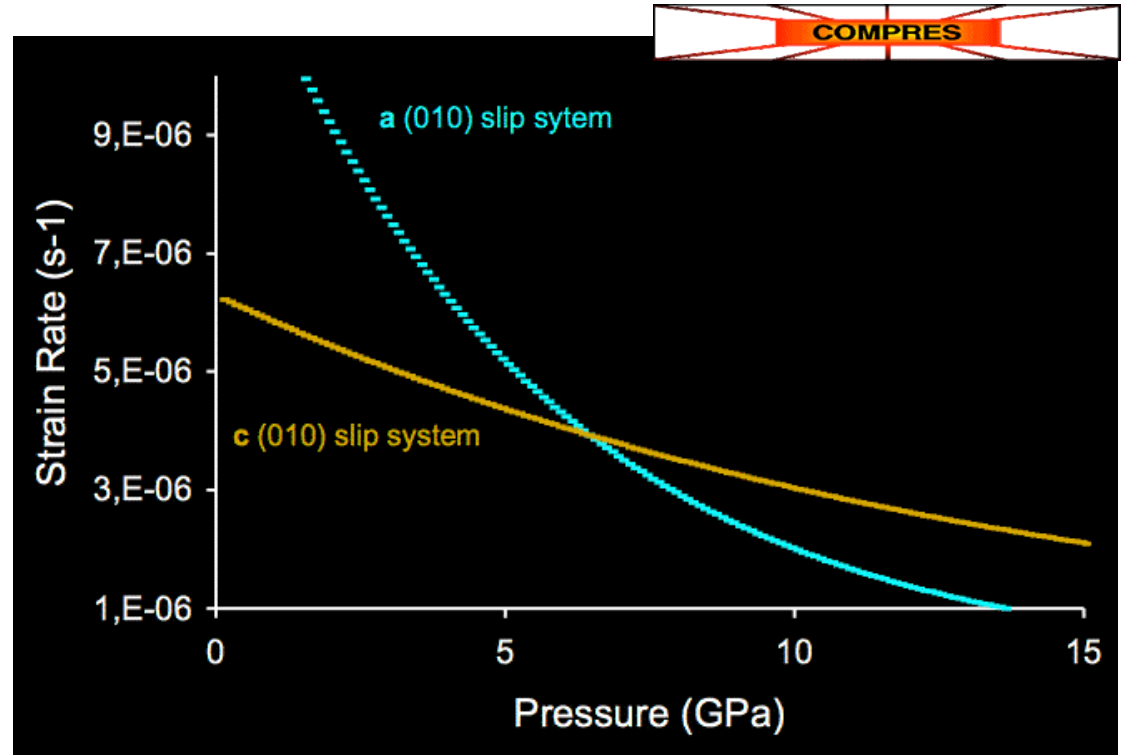
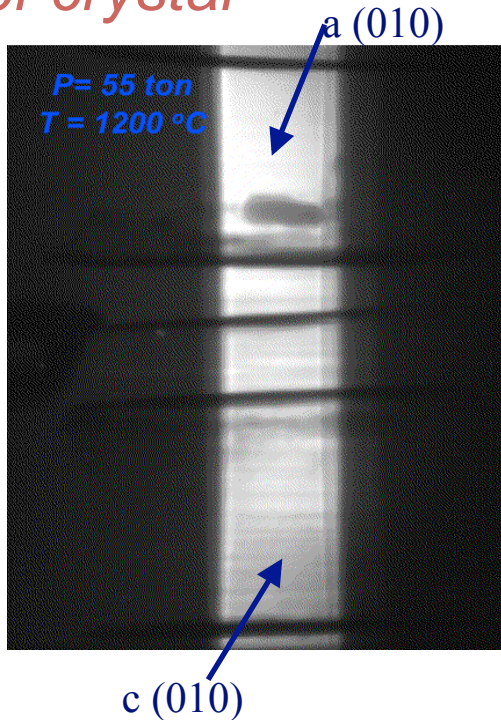


TEM: only [001] screw dislocations

# Effect of pressure on olivine deformation



*bi-crystal*

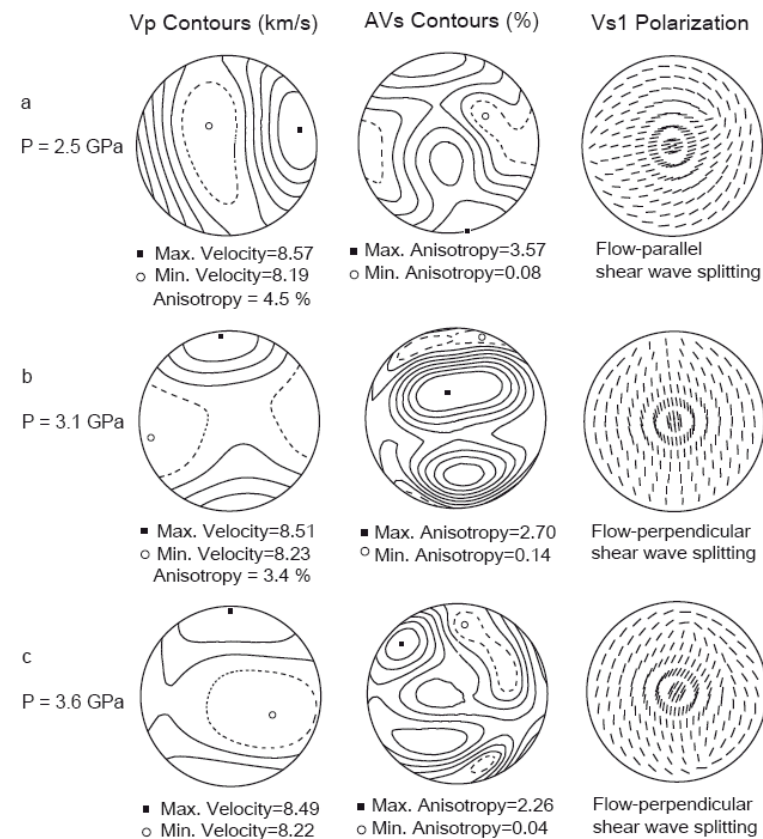
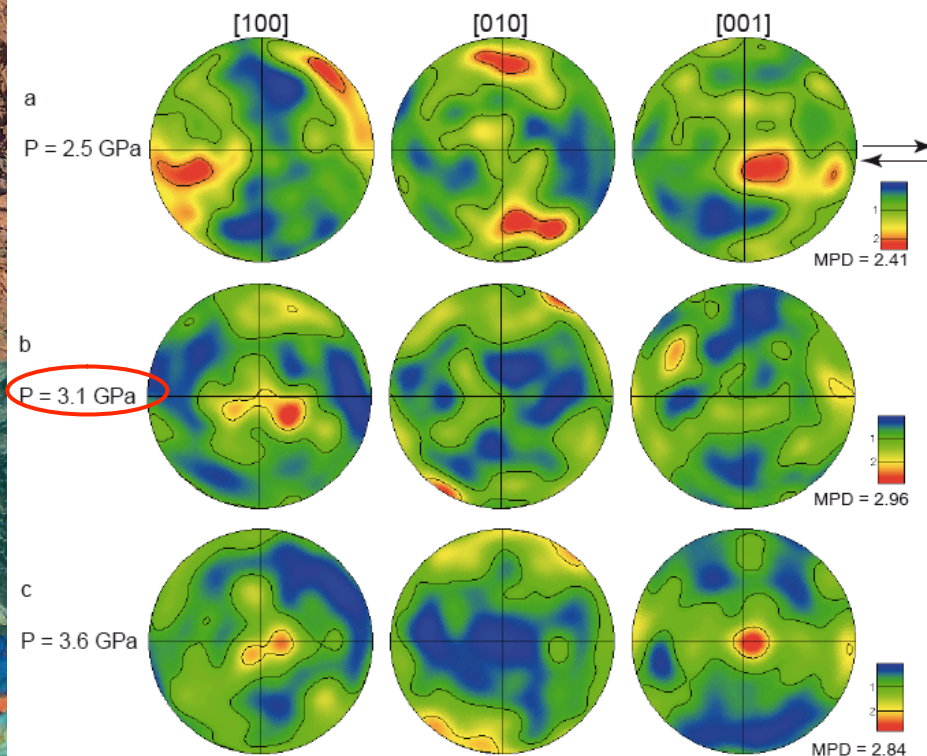
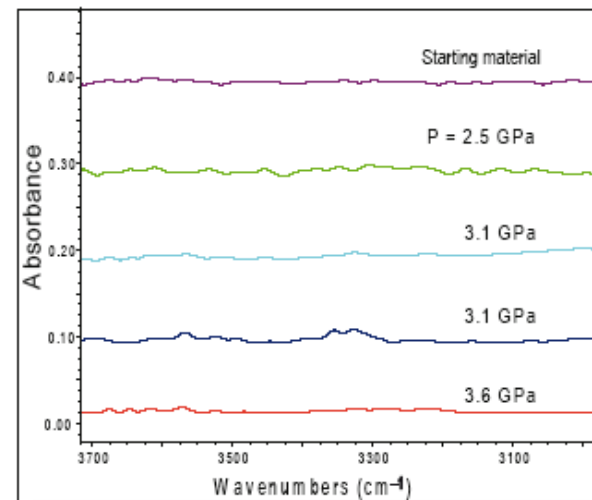


*At high pressure:*

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

Raterron et al. 2007

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



Jung et al. Nature Geoscience 2009

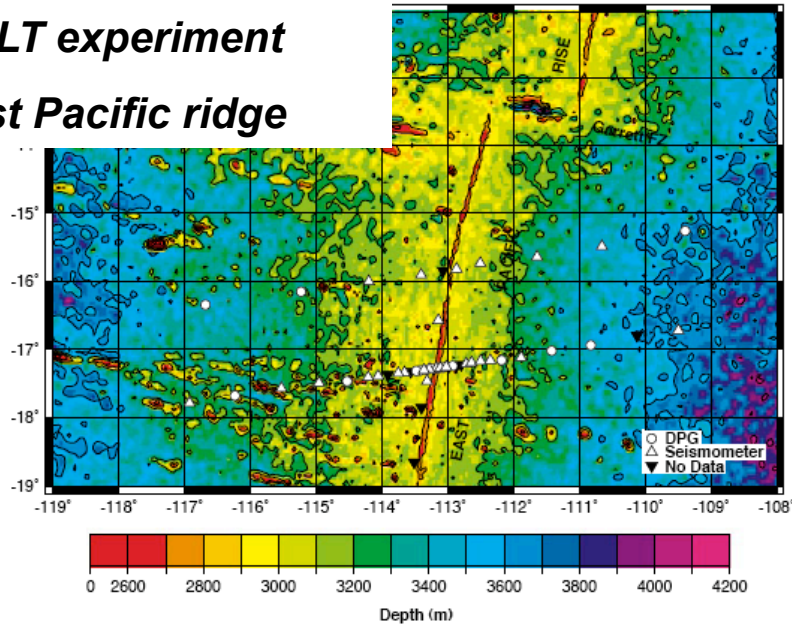
# Summary

- *In most of the upper mantle, seismic anisotropy behaves nicely:  
< 200 km : strong anisotropy, SH>SV, fast directions // APM (oceans)  
or // lithospheric structure (continents)
  - dominant [100] slip
  - delay times = path length> 200 km : anisotropy decreases : effect of pressure = [001] slip*
- *In subduction zones...*
- *In the wedge : local S waves – complex patterns, usually delay times <0.4s  
3D flow, role of fluids (H<sub>2</sub>O, magmas) on olivine deformation, direct contribution of melt to seismic anisotropy (aligned melt lenses & dykes), and role of serpentine...*
- *SKS splitting generally // trench & delay times > 1.5s
  - *Slab anisotropy : Serpentine?*
  - *Sub-slab mantle flow : [100] slip & trench // flow : decoupling?  
[001] slip - HP olivine deformation : why this signal is not seen elsewhere?**

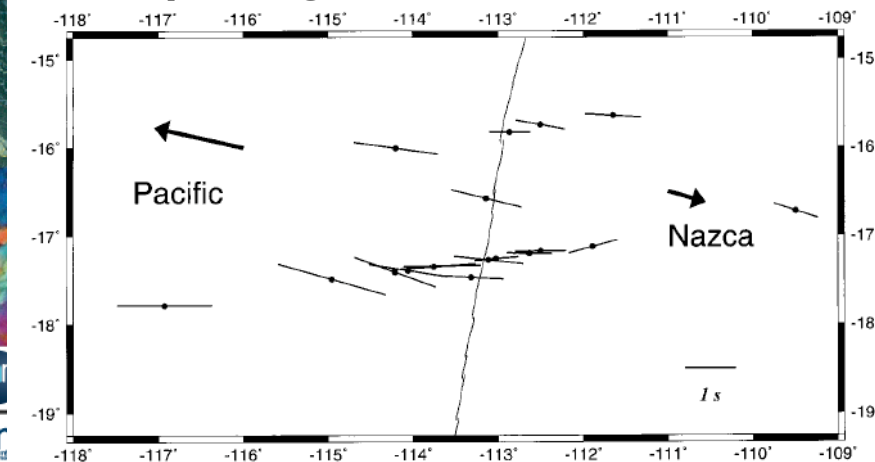


# Electrical conductivity anisotropy inferred from long-period MT data: Another tool to map upper mantle deformation?

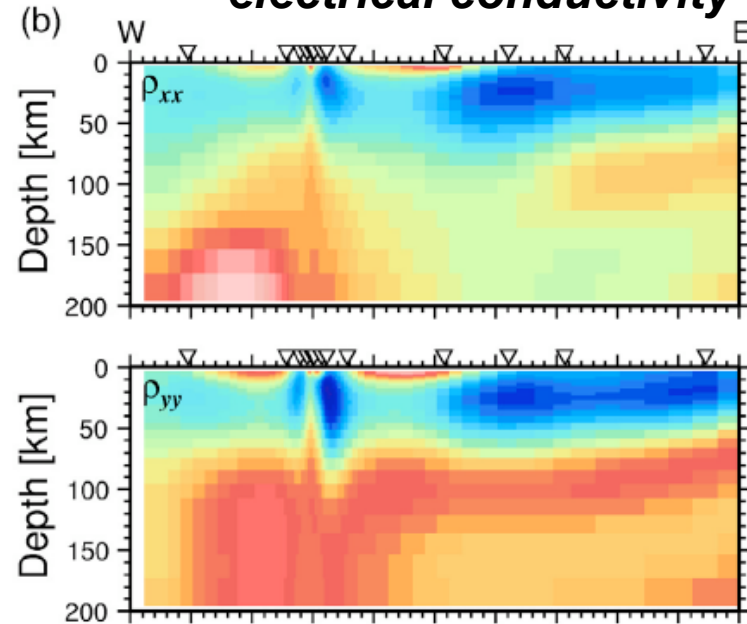
**MELT experiment**  
**East Pacific ridge**



**SKS splitting**



**electrical conductivity**



*resistivity // spreading direction*  
 $= 1/5 * \text{resistivity // ridge}$

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*fast EC direction // fast SKS polarisation*

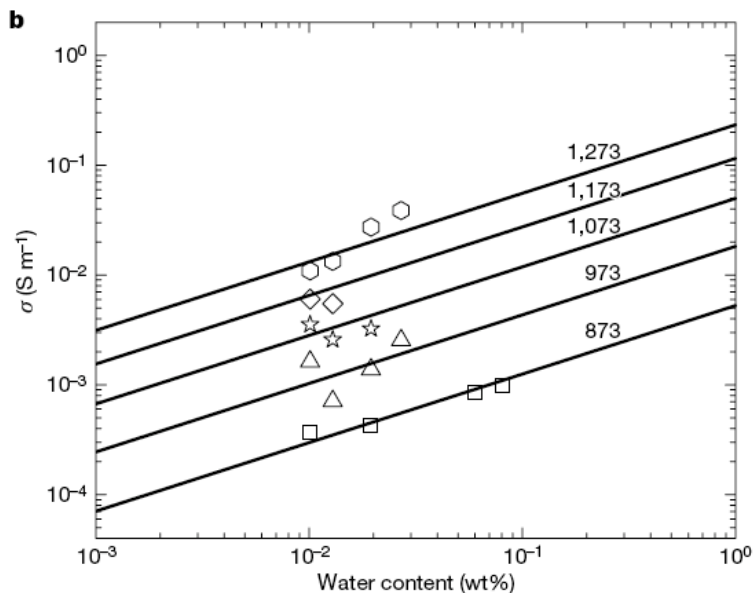
*high conductivity & anisotropy below 60km*

*✓ 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**

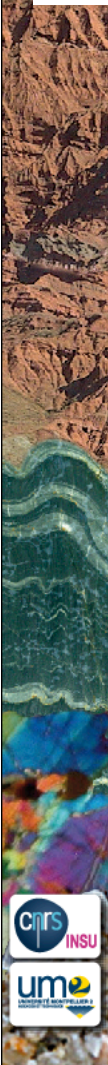
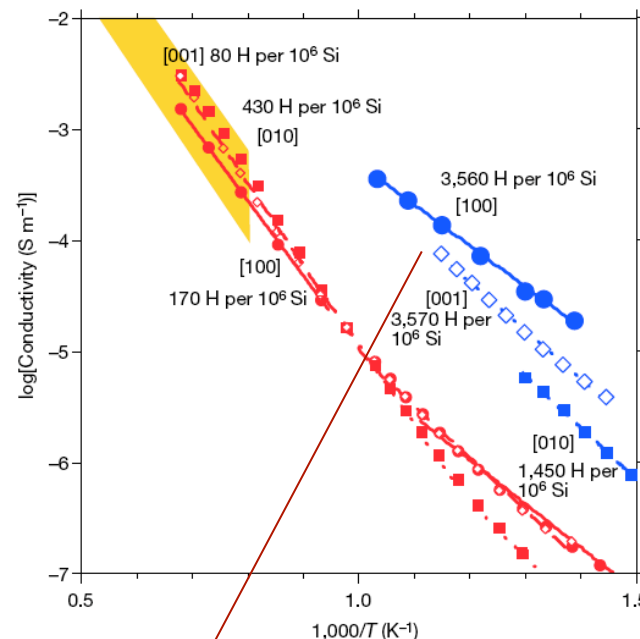
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*electrical conduction: short range, "fast" diffusion polaron migration process Mackwell & Kohlstedt (1990)*

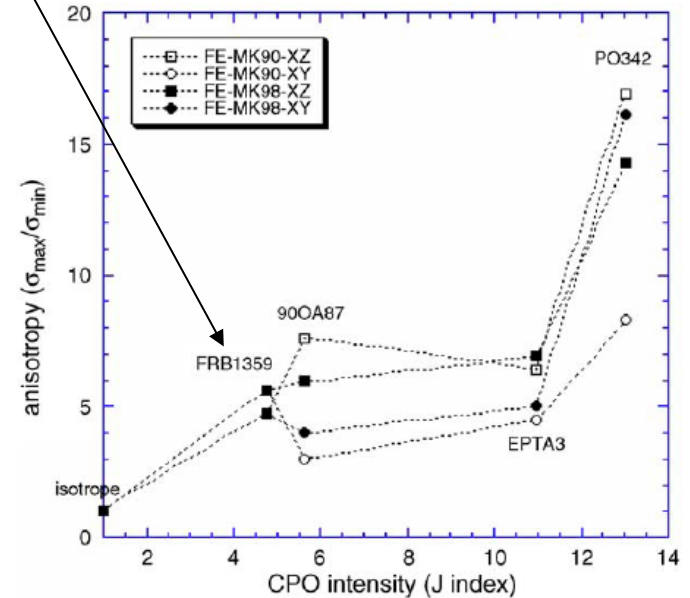
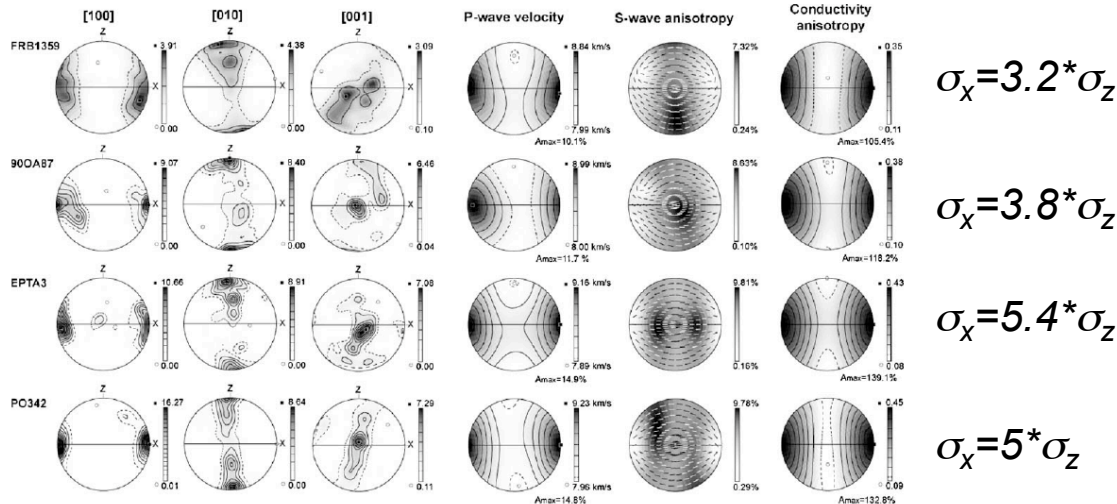
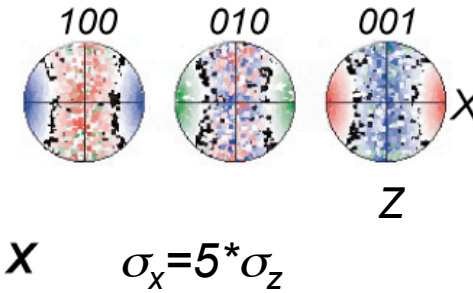
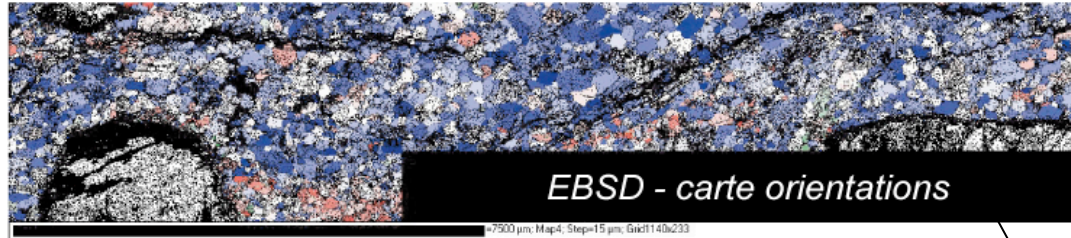
### Hydrous olivine unable to account for conductivity anomaly at the top of the asthenosphere

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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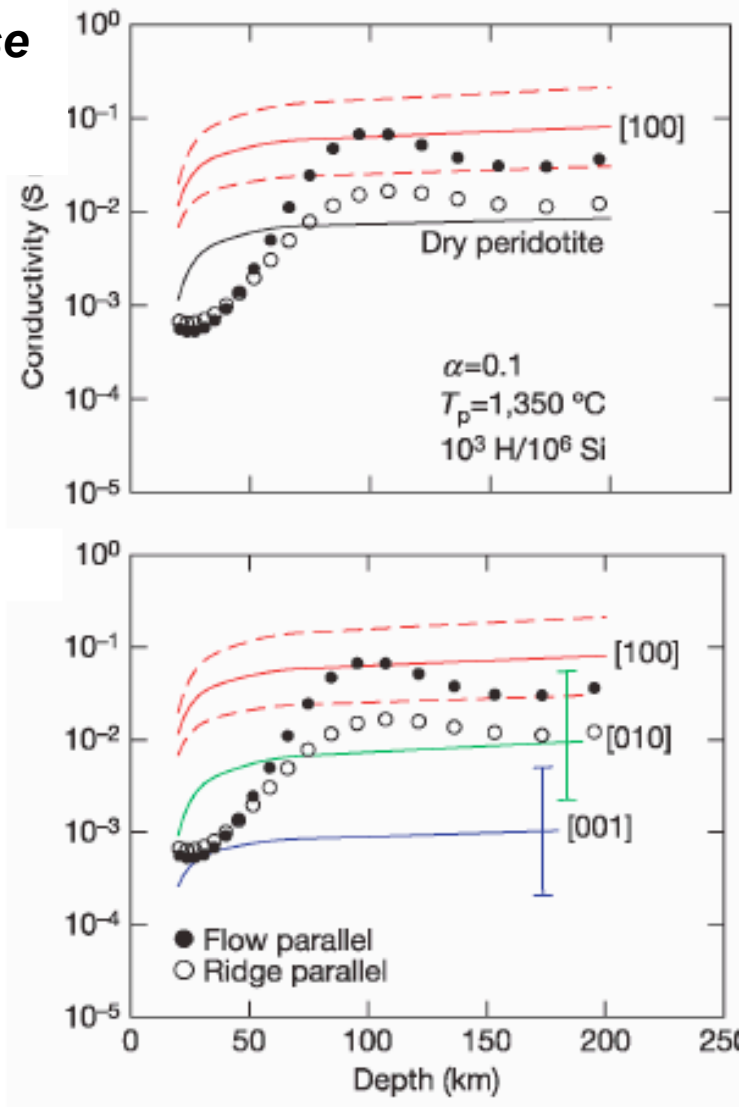
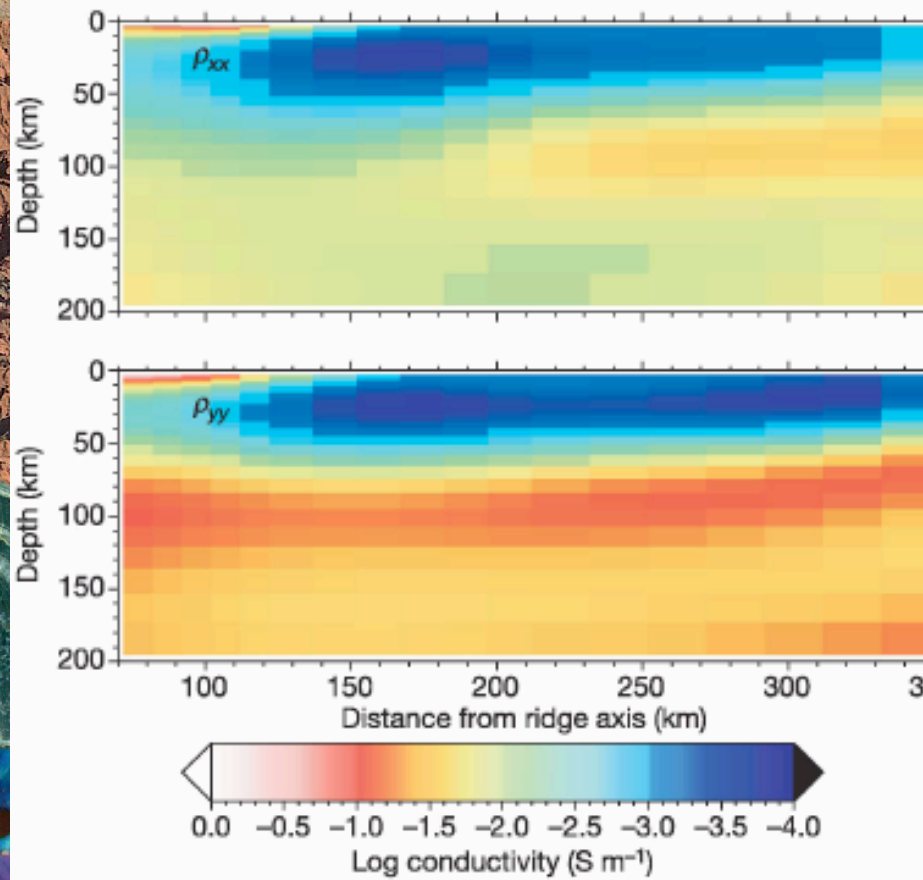


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The MELT experiment:  
**electrical conductivity @ East Pacific Rise**



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

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