

# 青藏高原东南部地区岩石圈结构与形变

## Lithospheric structure and deformation of southeastern Tibetan Plateau

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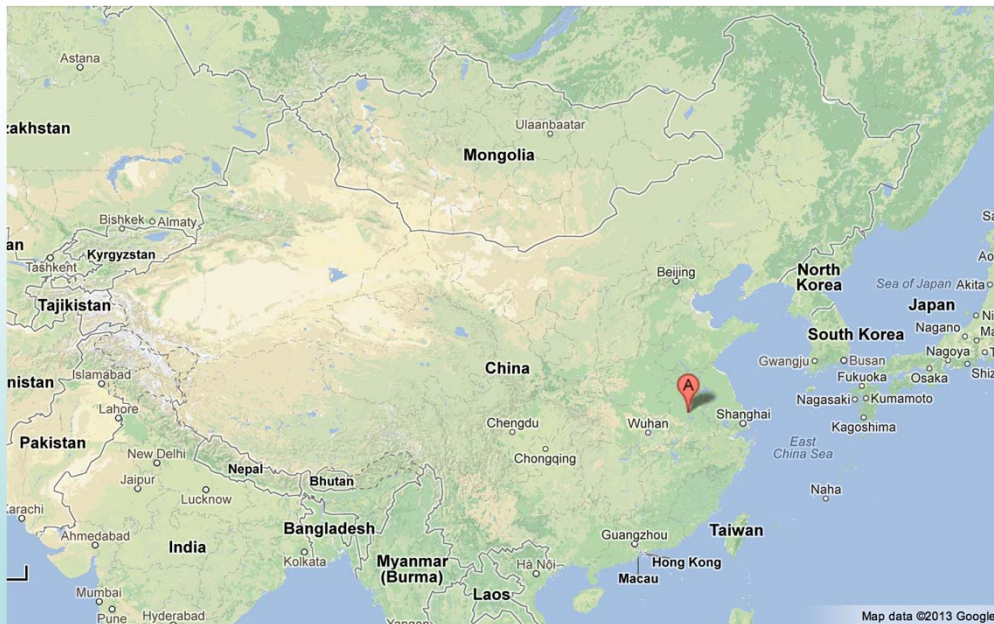
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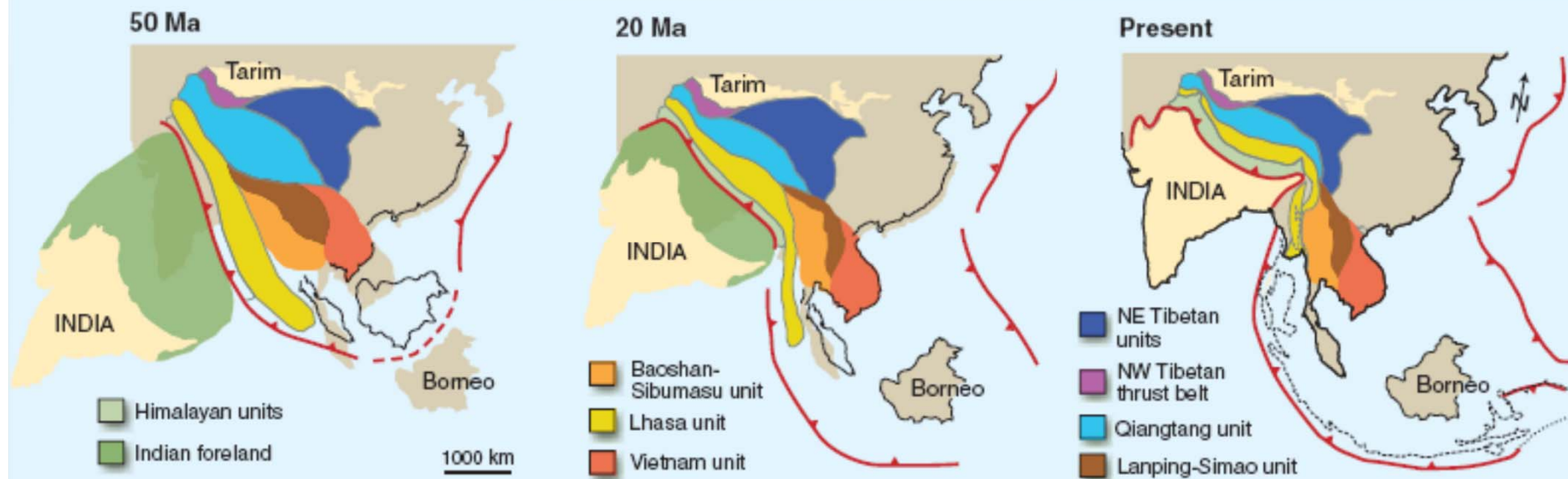
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# Where is USTC, Hefei, Anhui province .....



# Tectonic evolution of Tibetan Plateau

continental collision between the Indian and Eurasian plates

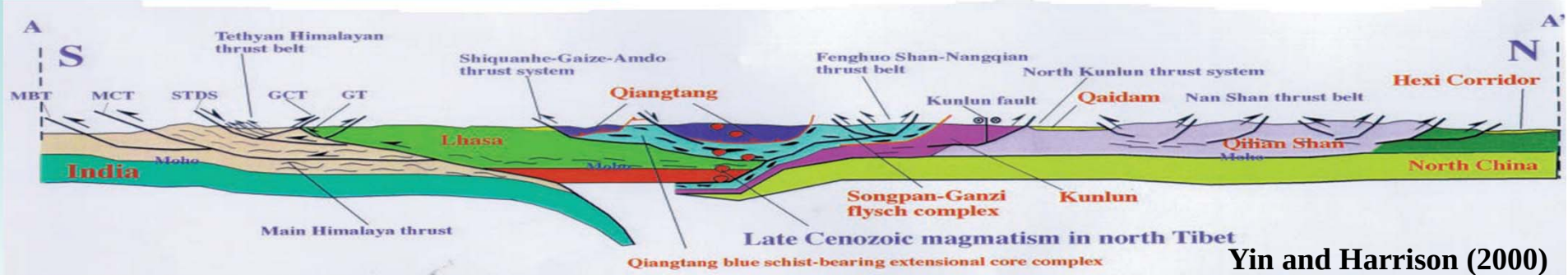
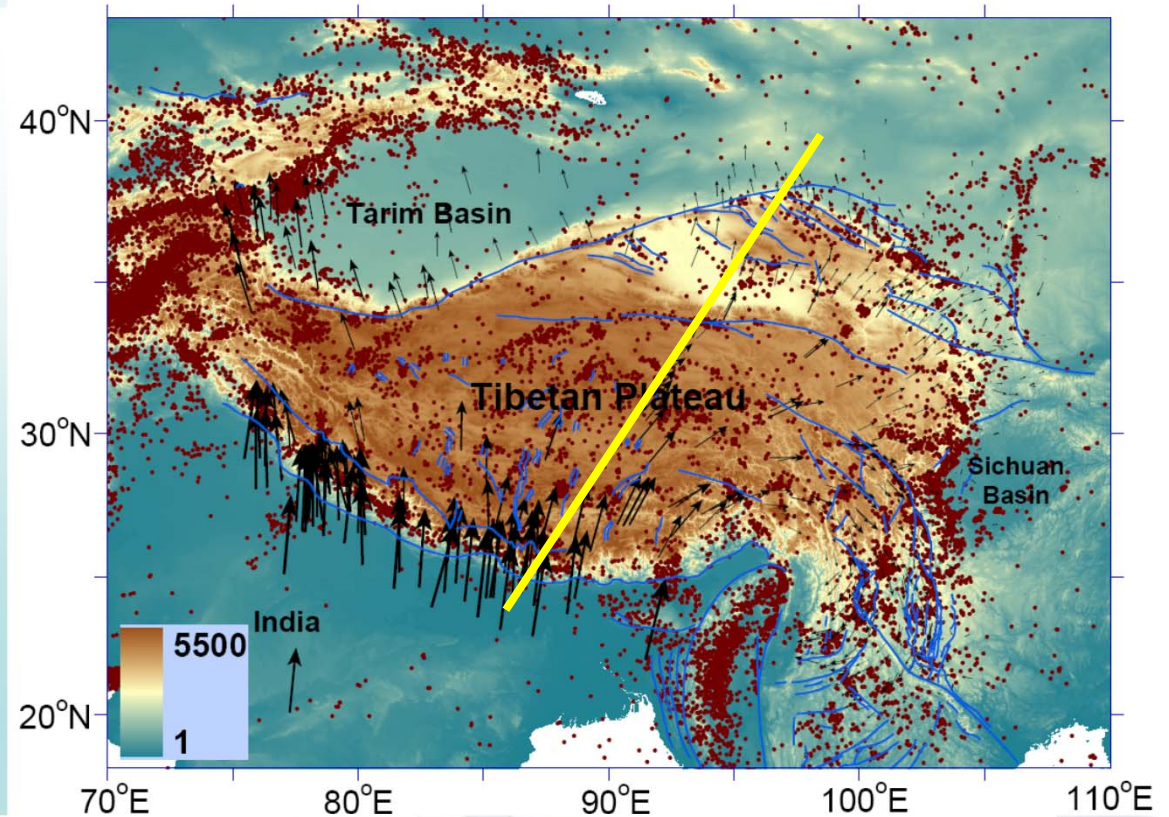


Royden et al., 2008, Science



# Consequences of India-Eurasia collision

- Surface elevation ~ 5 km, crustal thickness 70~80 km
- Eastward extrusion of material from central Tibet
- Active faults and numerous continental earthquakes
- Highly deformed Tibetan Plateau crust



Yin and Harrison (2000)



- **Debates on deformation mechanisms of the Tibetan Plateau**

two end member models:

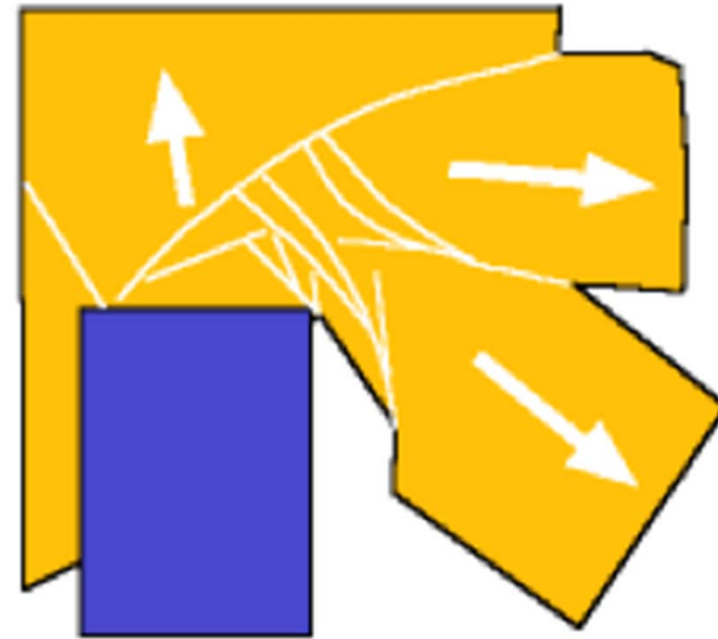
**rigid block extrusion**

(Tapponnier et al., 1982),

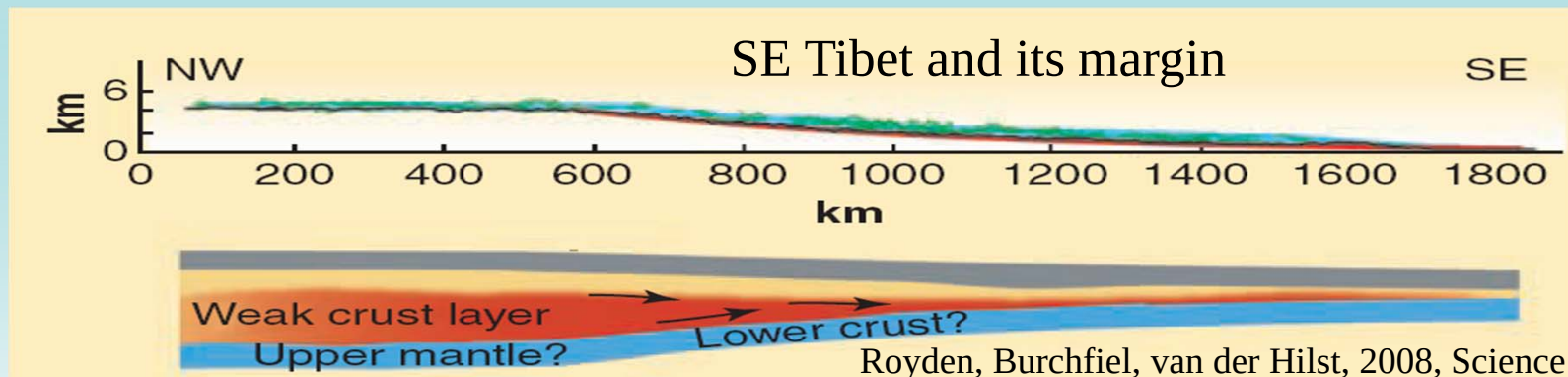
**lower crust channel flow**

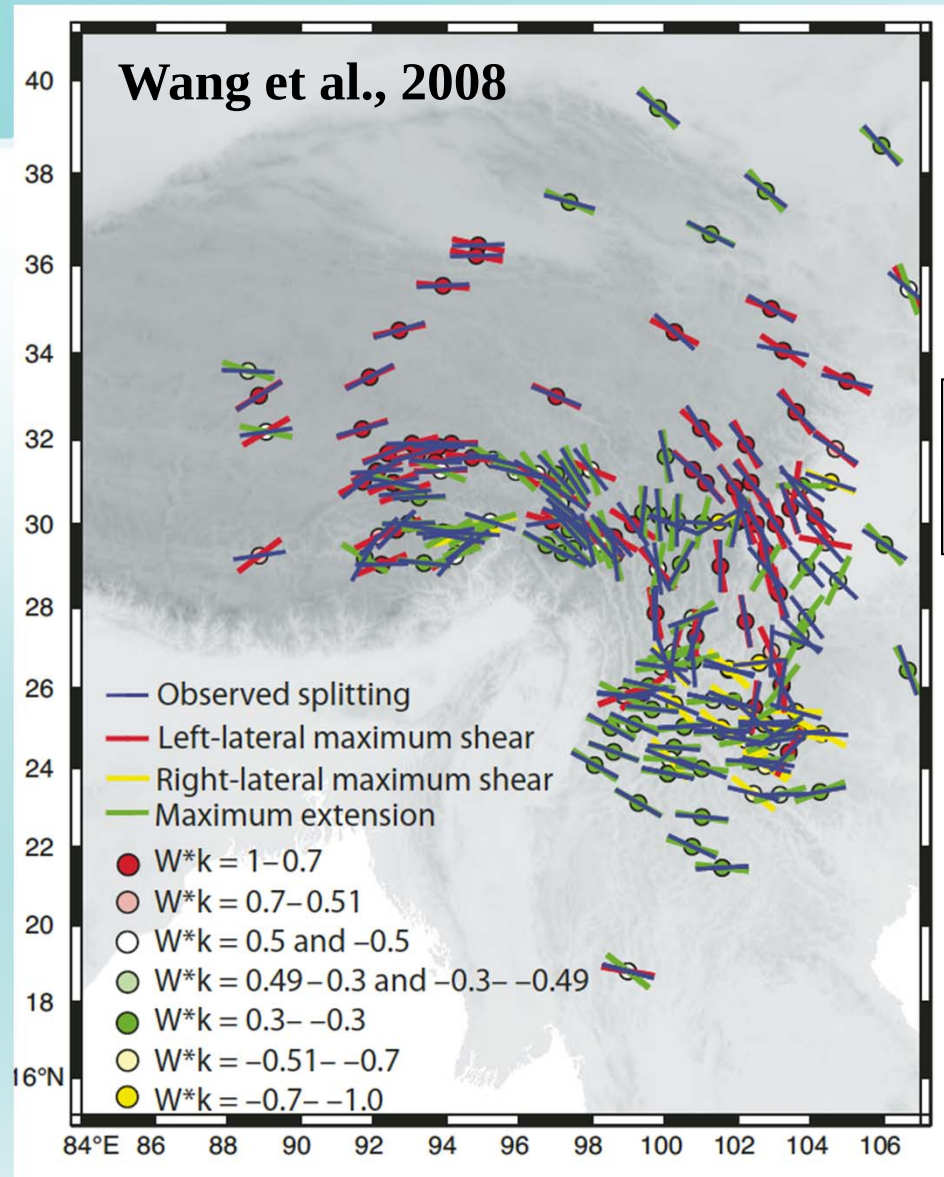
(Royden et al., 1997)

## Coupled crust-mantle

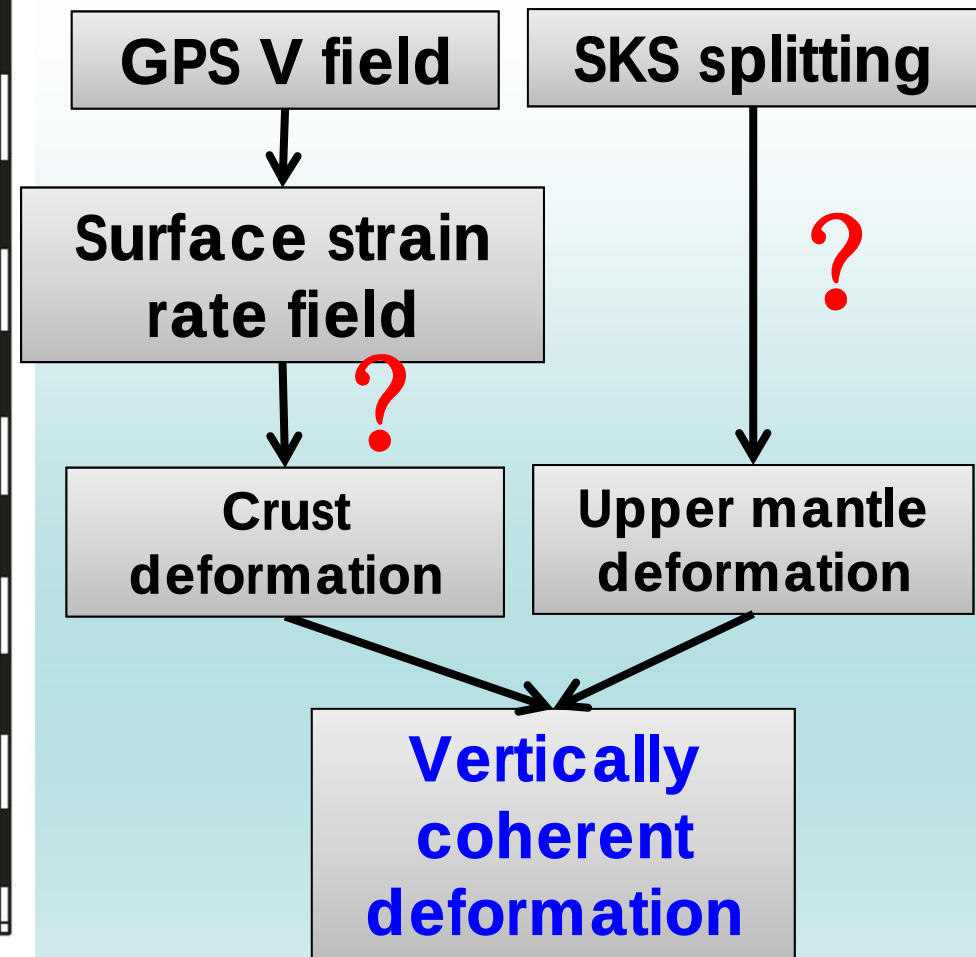


## Decoupled crust-mantle





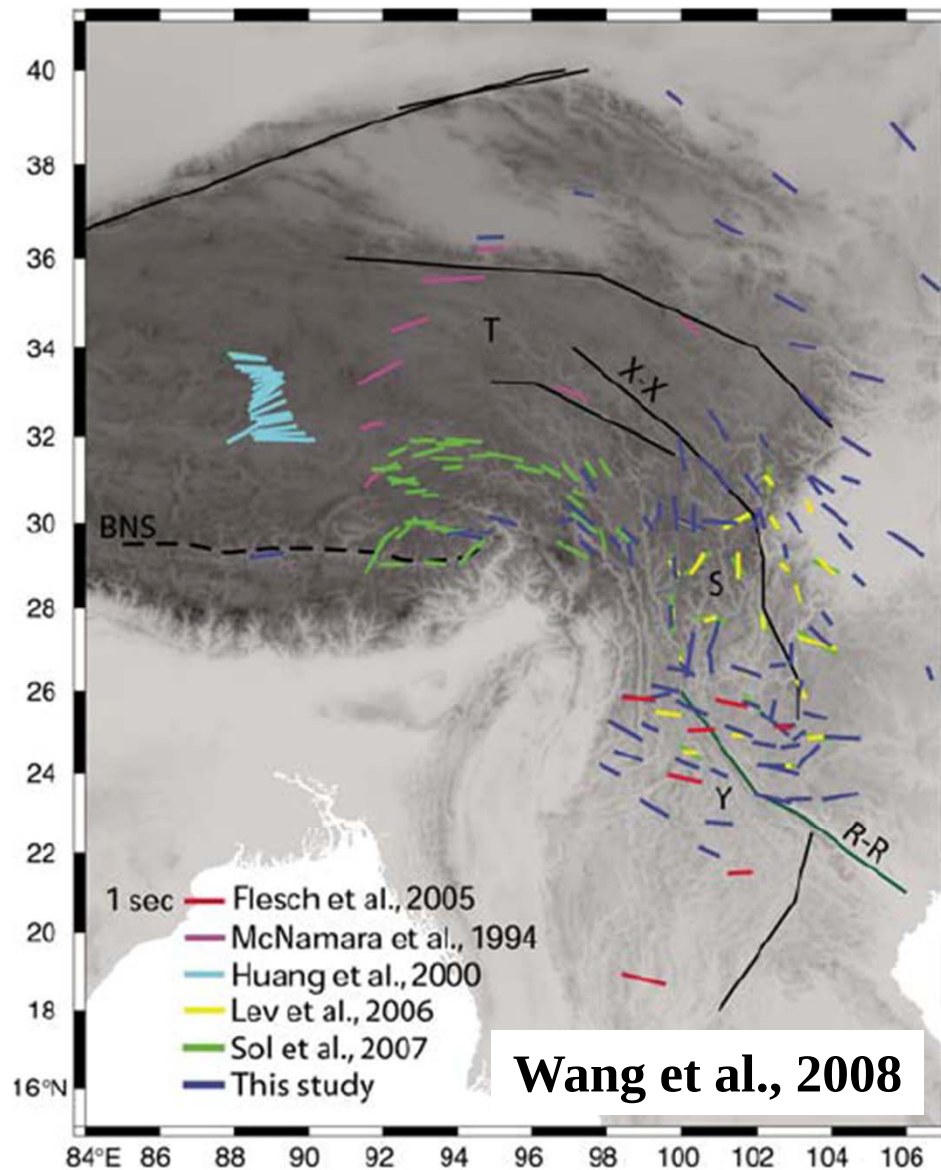
## Crust-mantle deformation



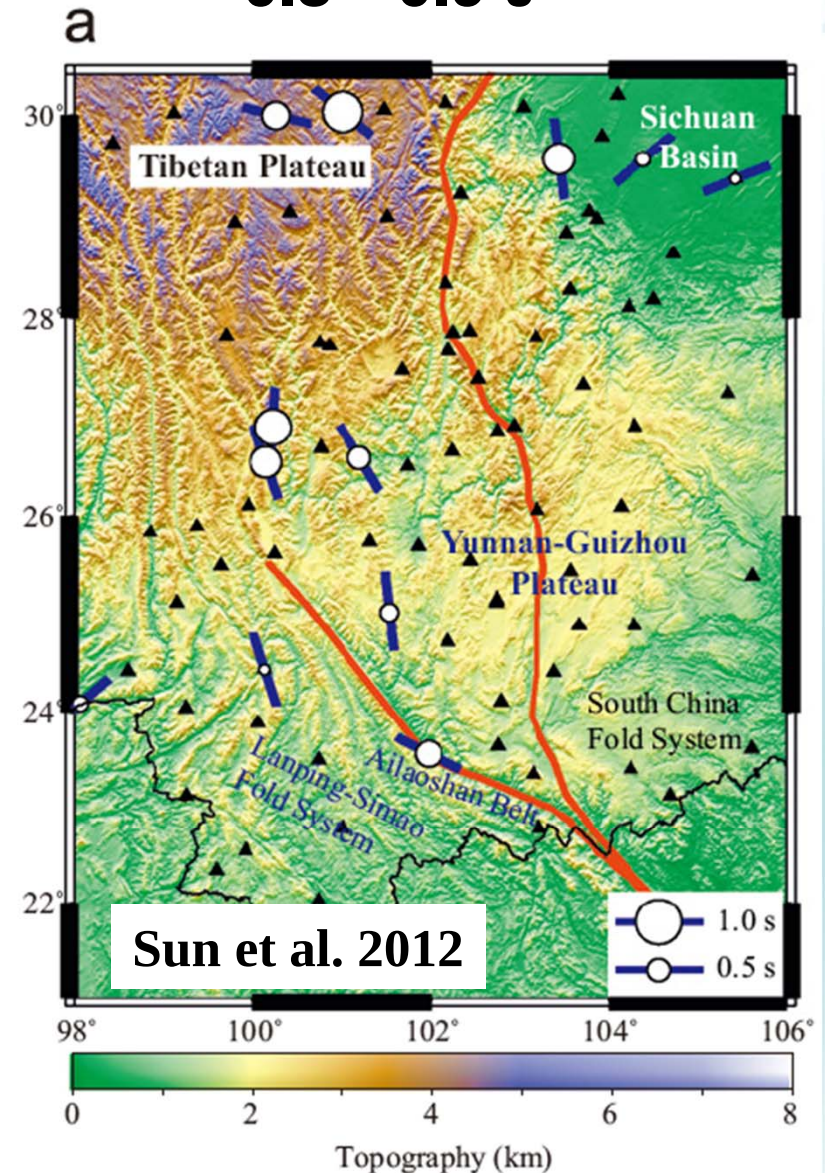
(Flesch et al., 2005; Sol et al., 2007, Wang et al., 2008)



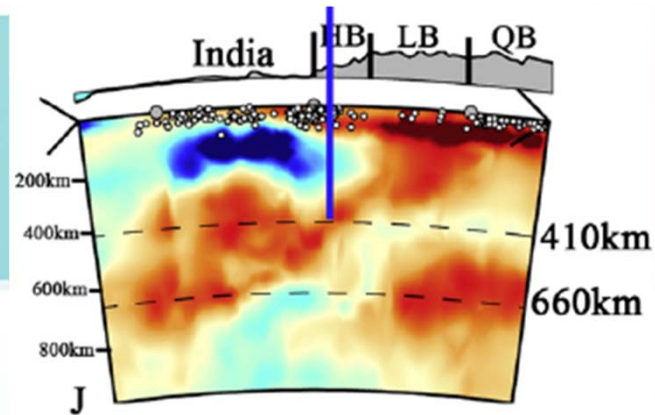
## Teleseismic shear wave splitting in SE Tibet : $\sim 1$ s



## Crust shear wave splitting from receiver function: $\sim 0.5-0.9$ s



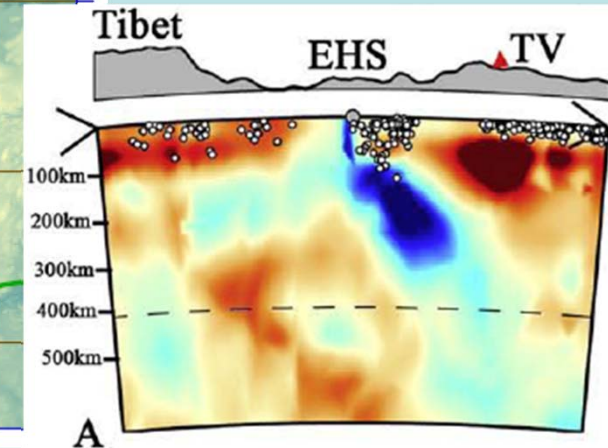
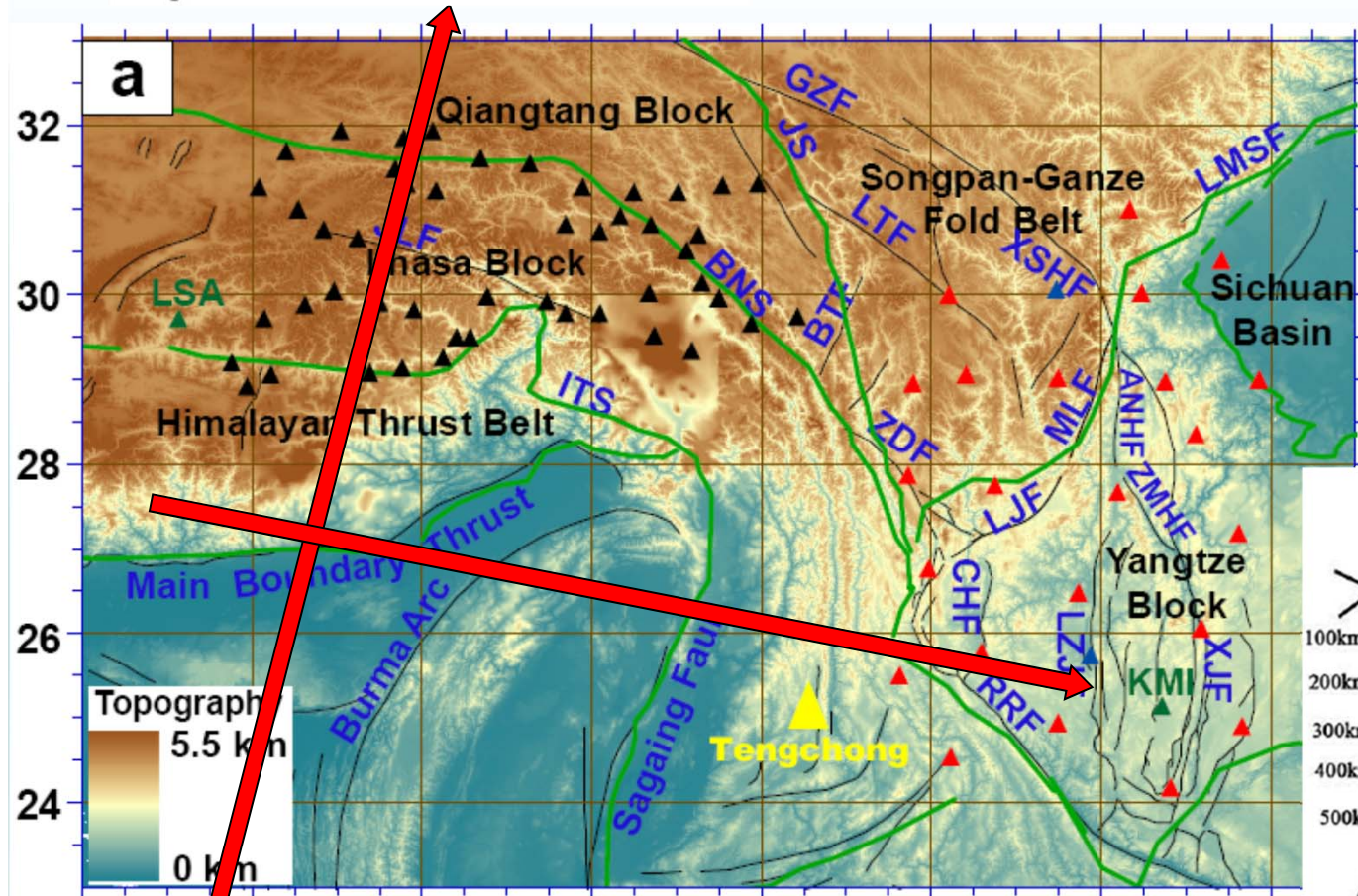




## Southeastern Tibetan Plateau

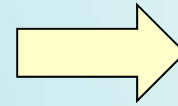
**complicated tectonic processes and deformation history**

Indian subduction,  
Burma subduction,  
Obstruction of rigid  
Sichuan Basin  
Strike-slip faults, suture

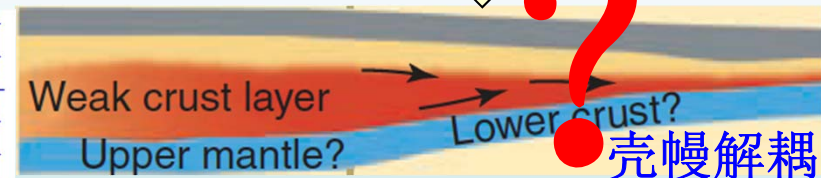
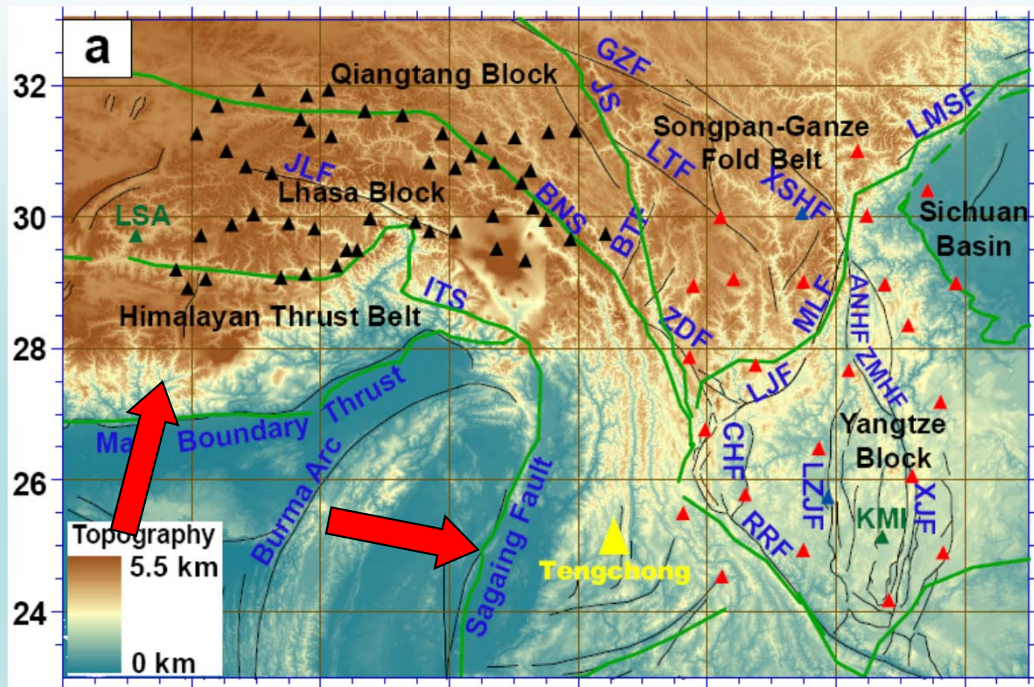
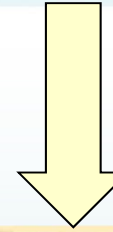


Li, van der Hilst et al., 2008

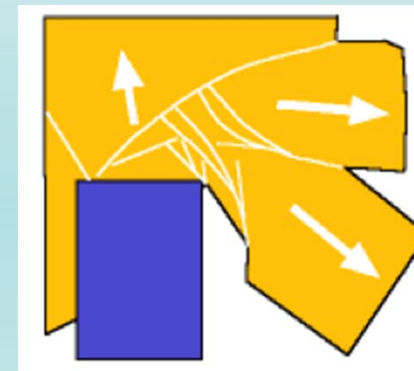
75 stations  
**Ambient Noise** + Earthquake  
 surface wave tomography



3-D crust & upper mantle  
 Vs + anisotropy



Lower crust flow  
 (Royden et al, 1997)



Rigid block extrusion  
 (Tapponnier et al, 1982)

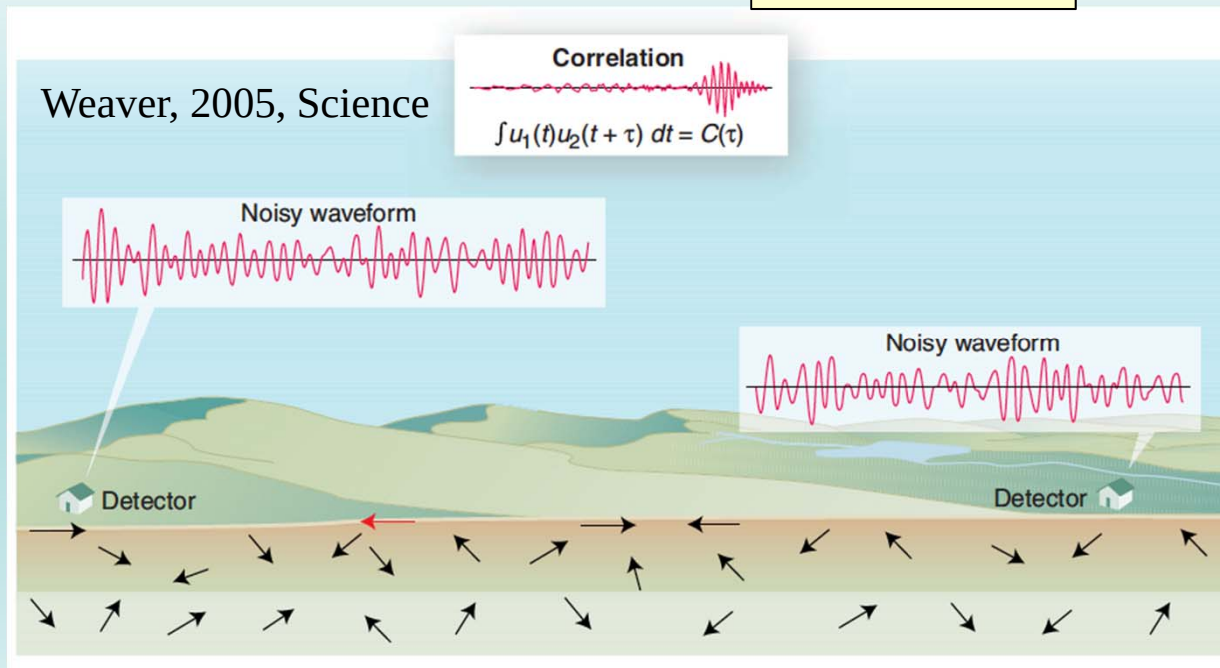
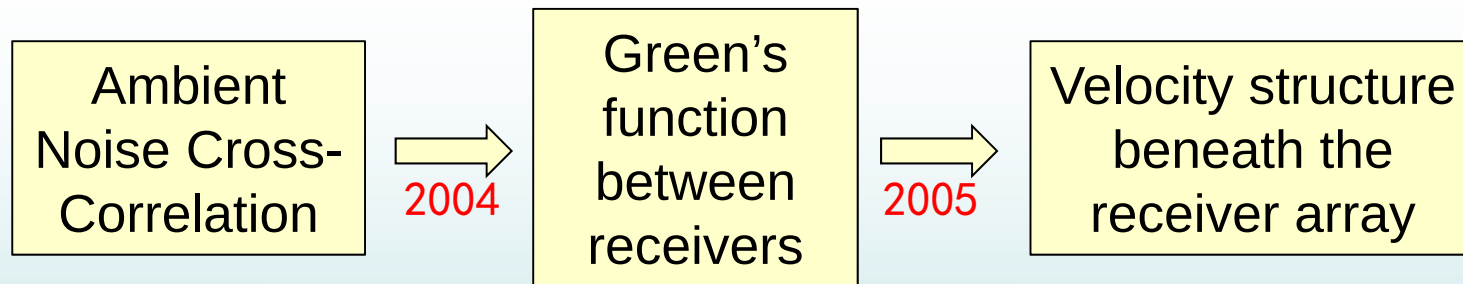
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Yao, et al., 2008, Geophys. J. Int.  
 Yao, et al., 2010, J. Geophys. Res.  
 Huang, 2010, Geophys. Res. Lett.  
 Yao 2012, Earthquake Sci, Liu et al, 2004 Nature Geoscience



# 1. Data and Surface-wave Dispersion Analysis (Ambient Noise + Earthquake Data)

## Ambient Noise Tomography

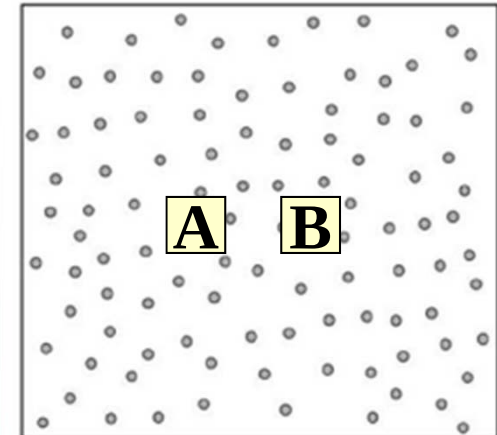


## Advantages

- 1、no need of earthquakes or explosives
- 2、high-resolution crustal/shallow surface images beneath the array

One of the Biggest Breakthroughs in Structural Seismology in 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Ambient noise cross-correlation** for the recovery of surface wave Green's function (Campillo & Paul, 2003; Shapiro & Campillo, 2004)



(noise) cross-correlation function

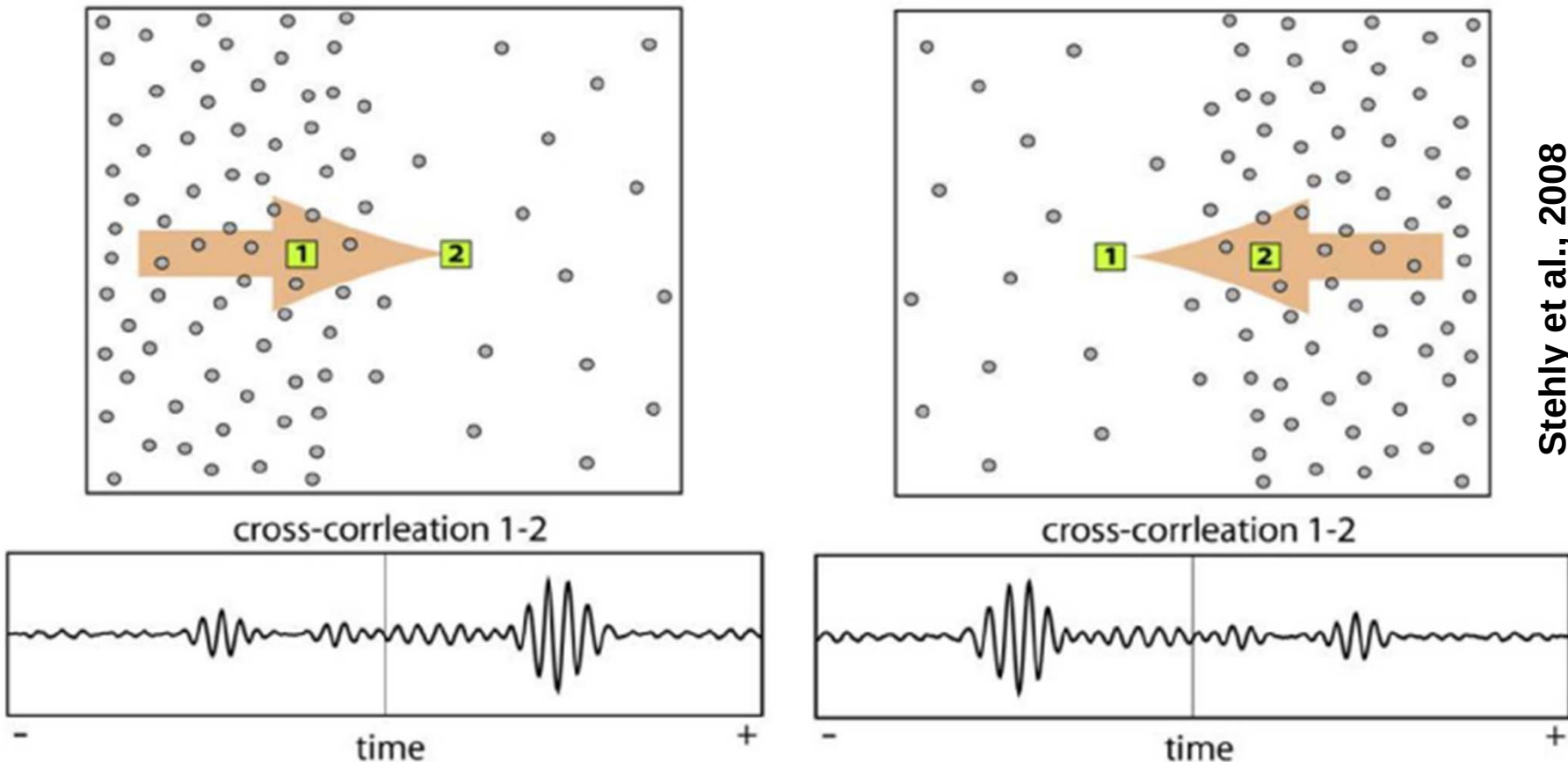
$$\frac{dC_{AB}(t)}{dt} = -\hat{G}_{AB}(t) + \hat{G}_{BA}(-t) \approx -G_{AB}(t) + G_{BA}(-t)$$

**Empirical Green's function (EGF)** from a 'source' at A and a receiver at B

**Real Green's function** from a 'source' at A and a receiver at B



## Cases of uneven distribution of noise sources

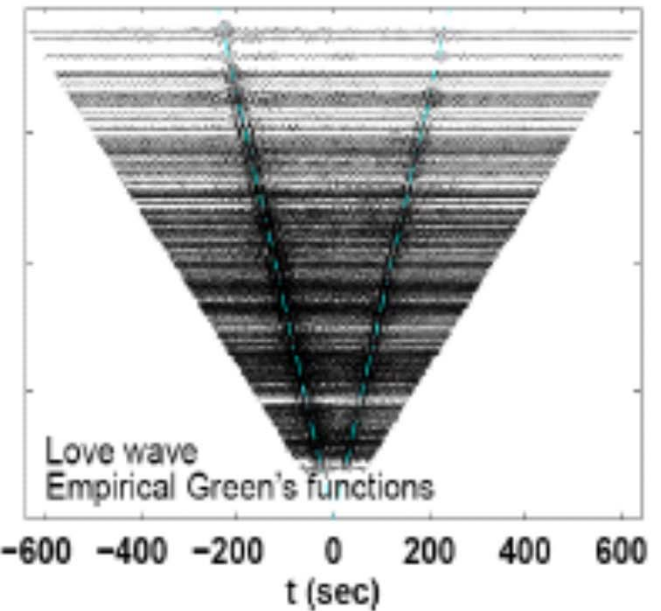
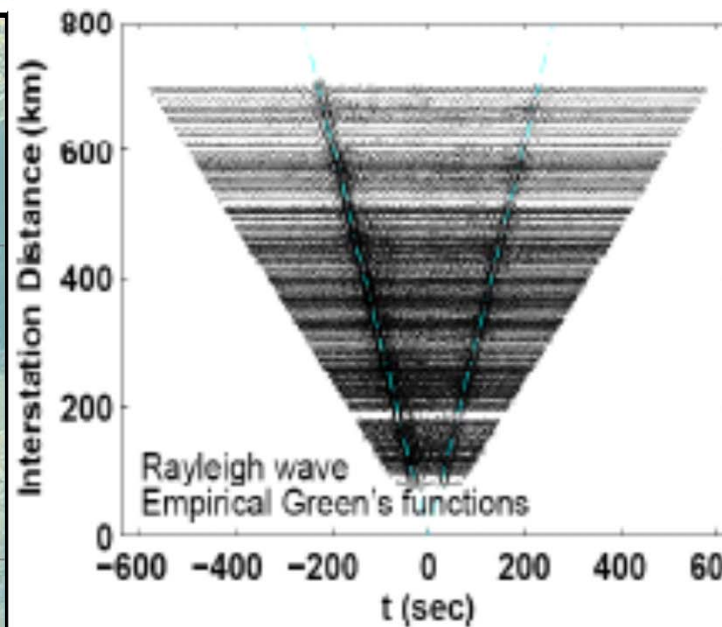
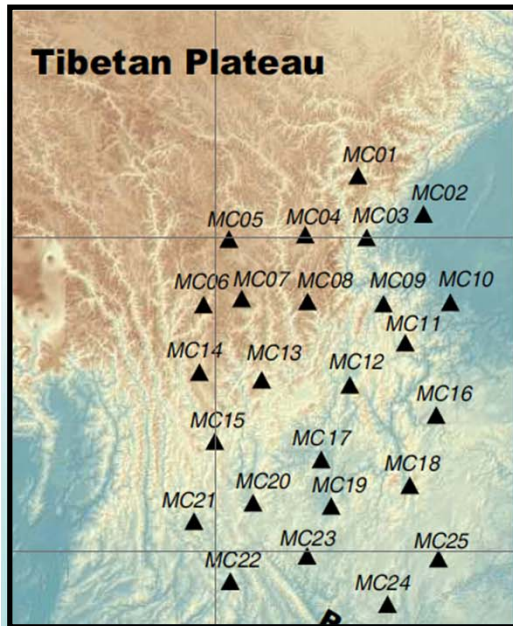


**Smooth distribution of ambient noise energy will result in relatively small bias of travel times (usually  $< 1\%$ , Yao & van der Hilst, 2009) although the amplitudes of CFs may vary a lot.**

# Ambient Noise Cross-Correlation

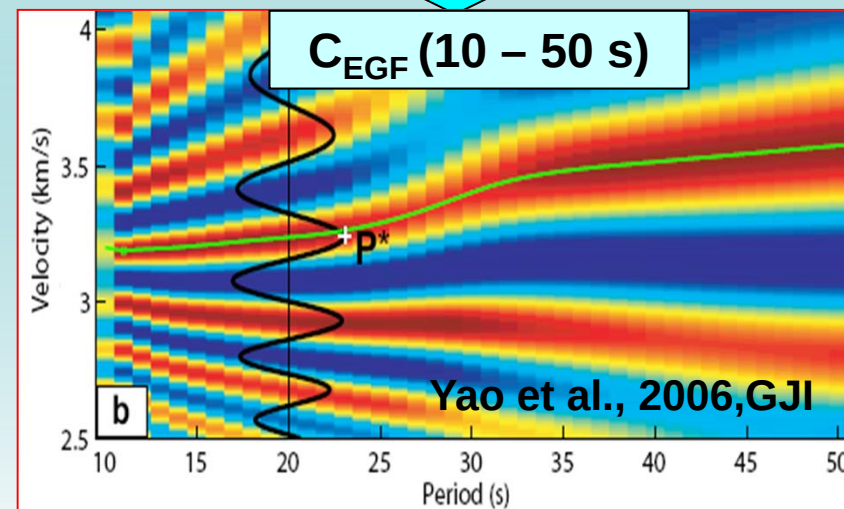
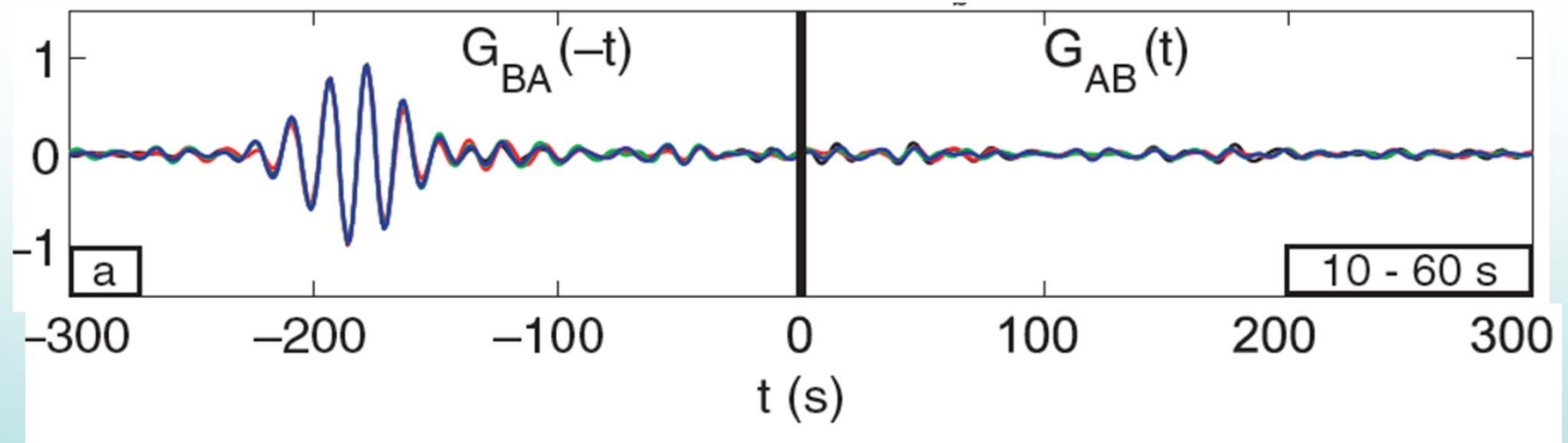
Z-Z  $\rightarrow$  Rayleigh

T-T  $\rightarrow$  Love



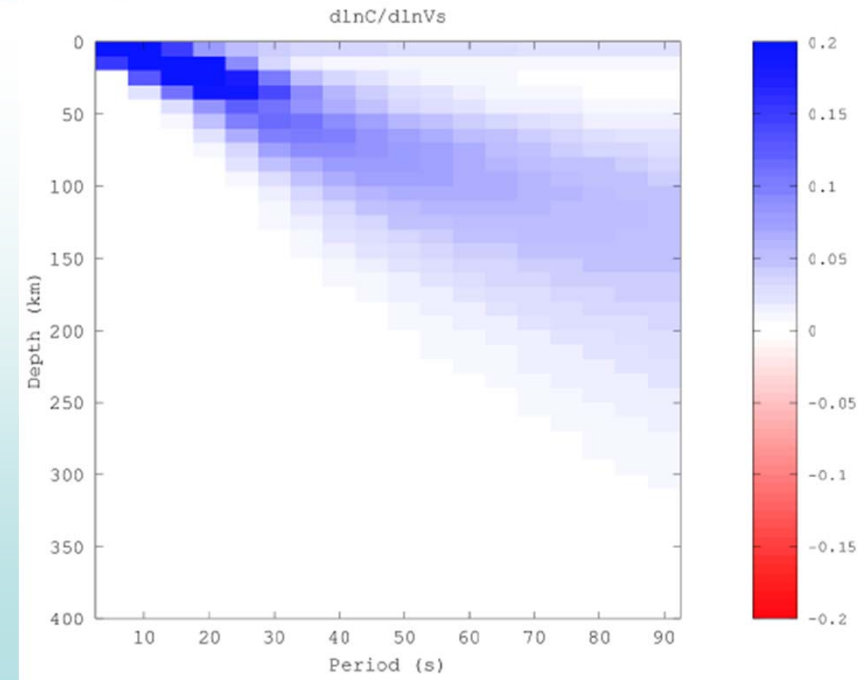
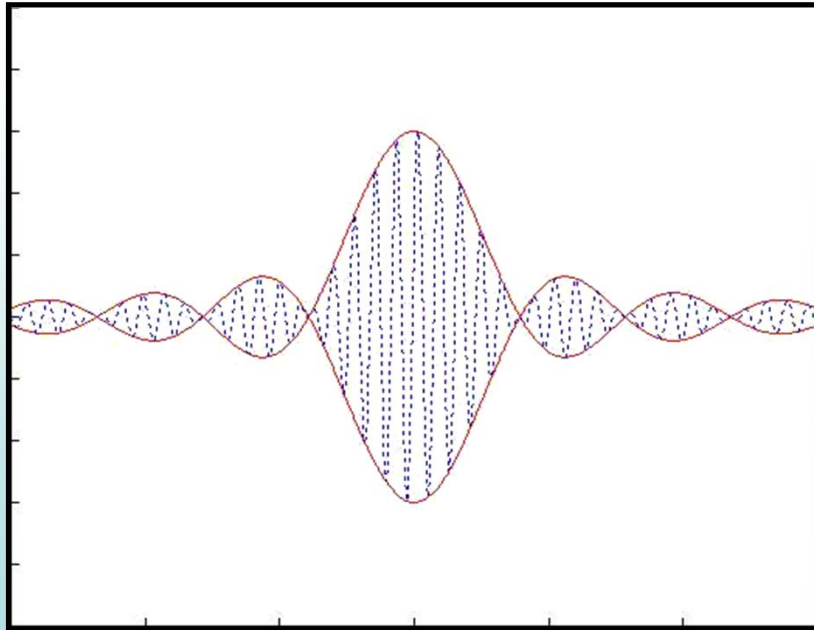
Inter-station ambient noise cross-correlation (10 – 40 s)  
 $\rightarrow$  Surface wave propagation between stations  
 $\rightarrow$   $V_{sv}$  /  $V_{sh}$  crustal structure beneath the array

# Phase Velocity Dispersion Measurements





# Advantages of phase velocity measurements over group velocity measurements



## 1. Better accuracy at longer periods

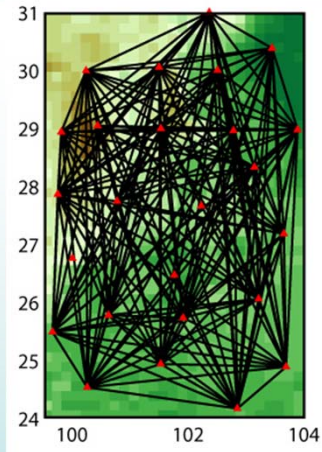
(e.g.,  $T=30s$  : error in group  $v \sim 2 \times$  error in phase  $v$ )

## 2. Easy to combine with inter-station phase velocity measurements from earthquake data

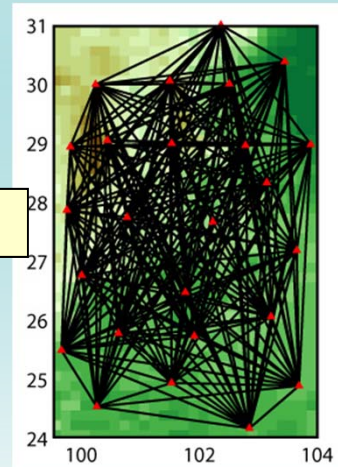
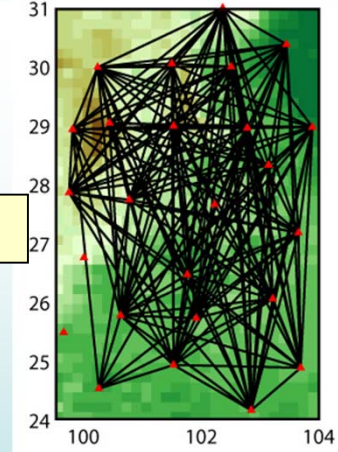
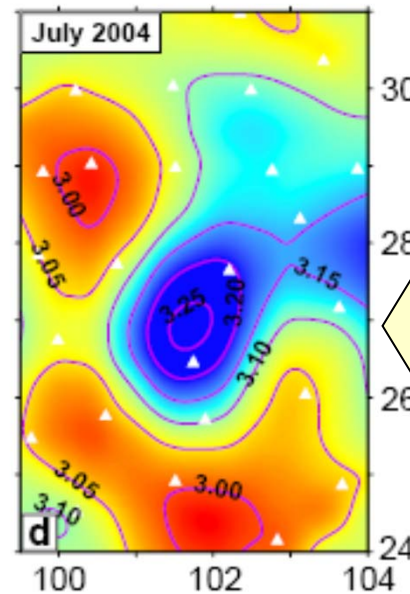
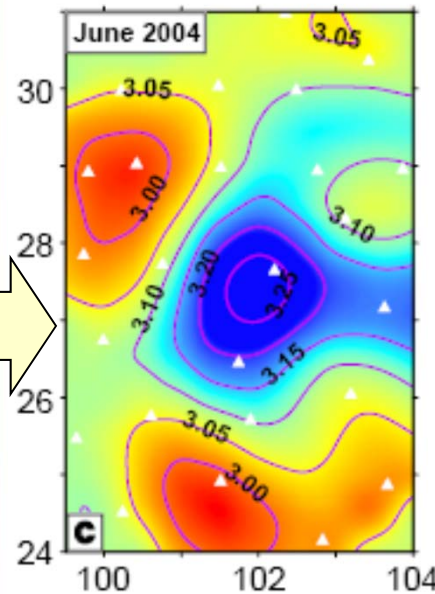
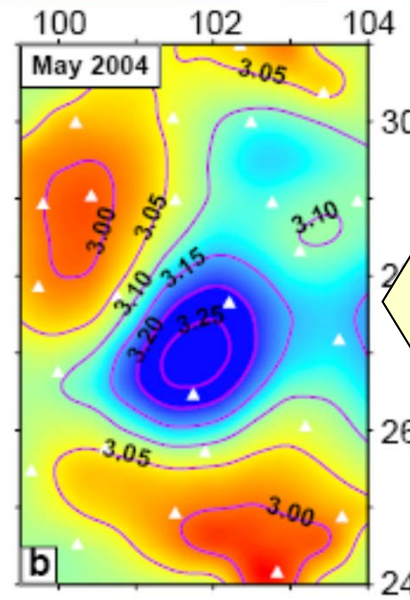
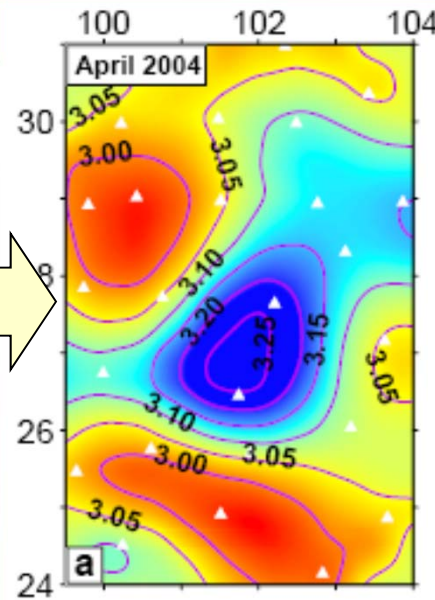
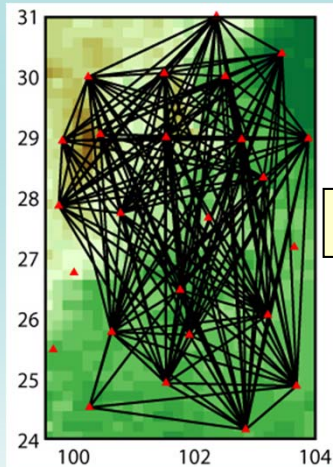
ambient noise: 5—40 s (5—70 km)

EQ surface wave: 20—150 s (20—250 km)

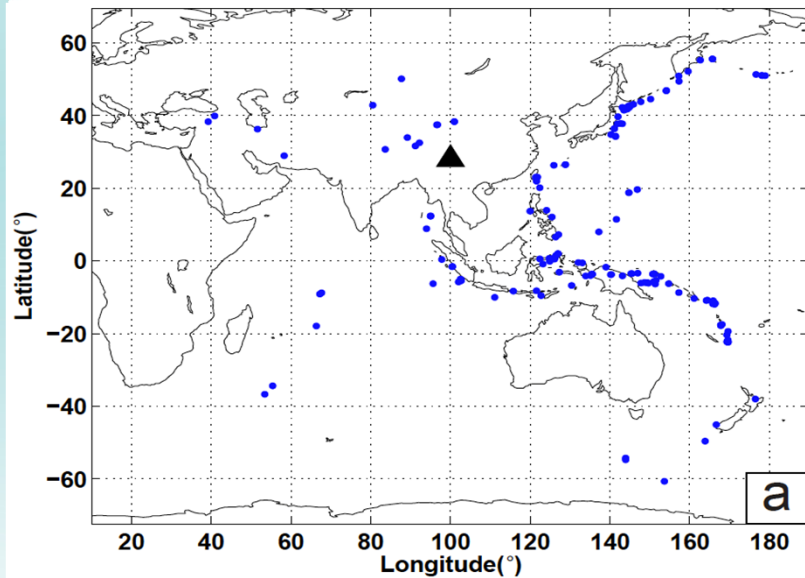
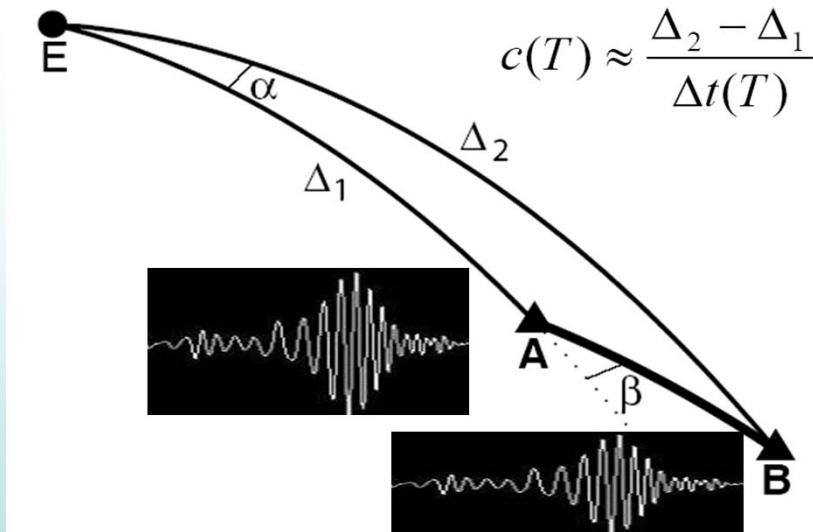
# Monthly Rayleigh wave phase velocity maps from vertical component EGFs



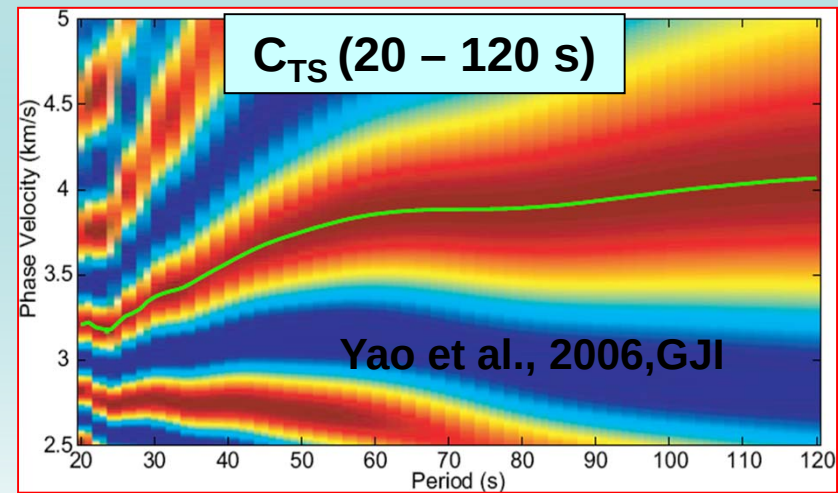
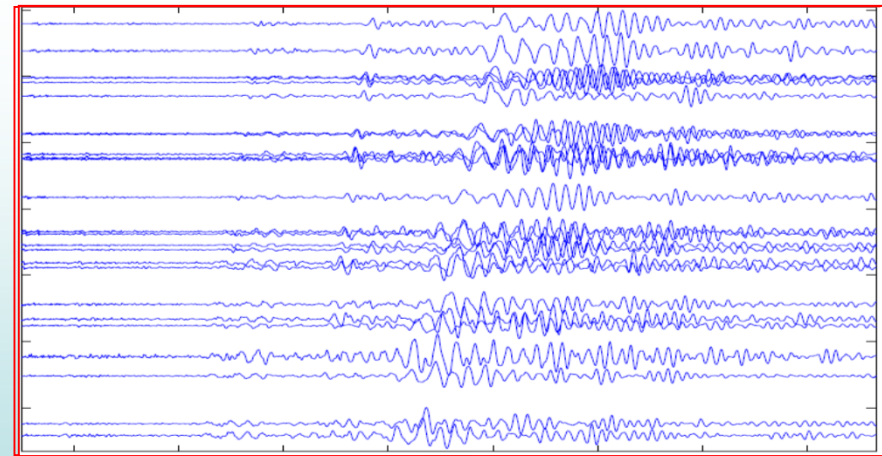
**T = 10 s**



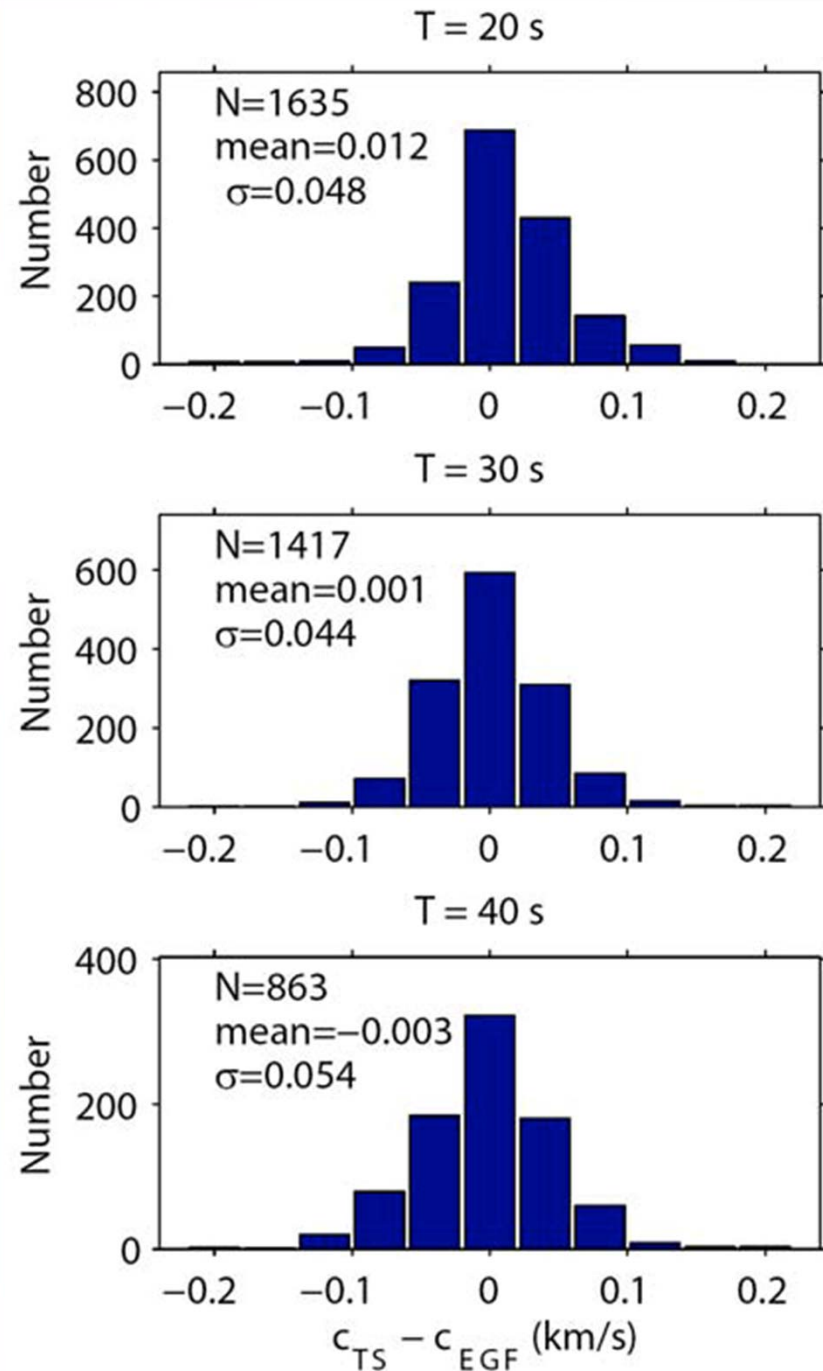
# Earthquake Data: Two-station analysis



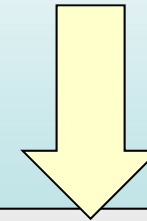
## Teleseismic surface waves







**Phase velocity  
comparison between  
EGF and TS methods**



**Similar in the overlapping  
periods (20-40 s)**

**For  $T > 40$  s, their differences  
become much larger**

Yao et al (2010)

## 2. Inversion for Lithospheric Structure and Anisotropy

### Ambient Noise Cross-correlation

phase velocity dispersion  
from EGF at shorter periods  
(10 – 40 s)

### Teleseismic Surface-wave Two-station Analysis

phase velocity dispersion  
from TS at longer periods  
(20 – 150 s)

EGF + TS average  
interstation dispersion  
(10 – 150 s)

2-D phase velocity maps ( $T = 10 - 150$  s)

Crustal and upper mantle  $V_s$  structure

## Inversion for shear velocity structure, azimuthal, and radial anisotropy

- Step 1: inter-station phase  $v \rightarrow$  azimuthally anisotropic phase velocity maps

$$c(\omega, \psi) = c_0(\omega)[1 + a_0(\omega) + a_1(\omega)\cos 2\psi + a_2(\omega)\sin 2\psi]$$

- Step 2: **Rayleigh** phase velocity maps  $\rightarrow$  3-D **Vsv** structure

**Love** phase velocity maps  $\rightarrow$  3-D **Vsh** structure

(using Neighborhood algorithm)

- Step 3: Shear velocity **radial anisotropy**:  $2*(Vsh - Vsv)/(Vsh + Vsv)$

- Step 4: Shear velocity **azimuthal anisotropy**:

$$\delta c_R(x, y, \omega, \psi) \approx \int_0^H \left[ \frac{\partial c_R}{\partial L} \left( \delta L + G_c \cos 2\psi + G_s \sin 2\psi \right) \right] \frac{dz}{\Delta h}$$

### Step 2

Transverse isotropic  $V_{sv}$ :

$$\beta_{sv} = \sqrt{L/\rho}$$

Mag. of  $V_{sv}$  azimuthal aniso :

$$A_{sv} = \frac{1}{2L} \sqrt{(G_c)^2 + (G_s)^2}$$

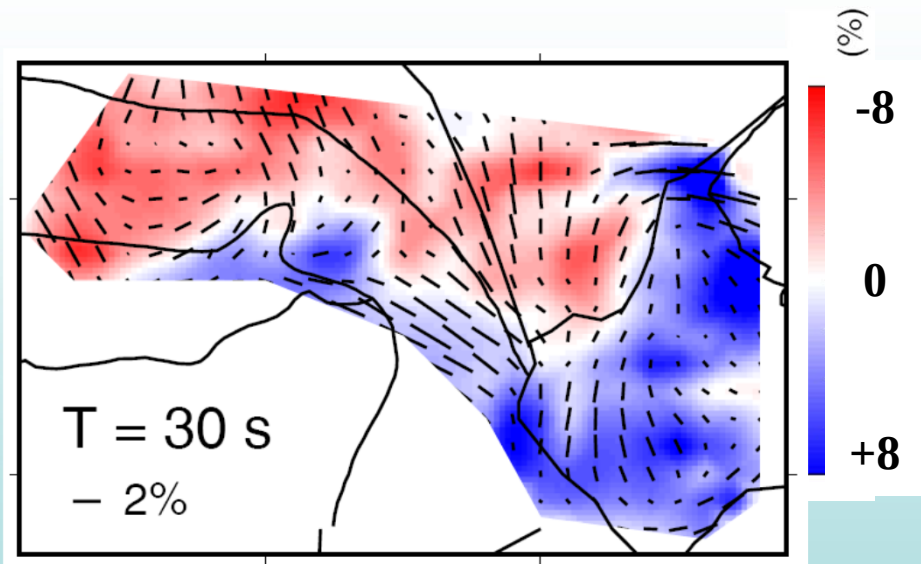
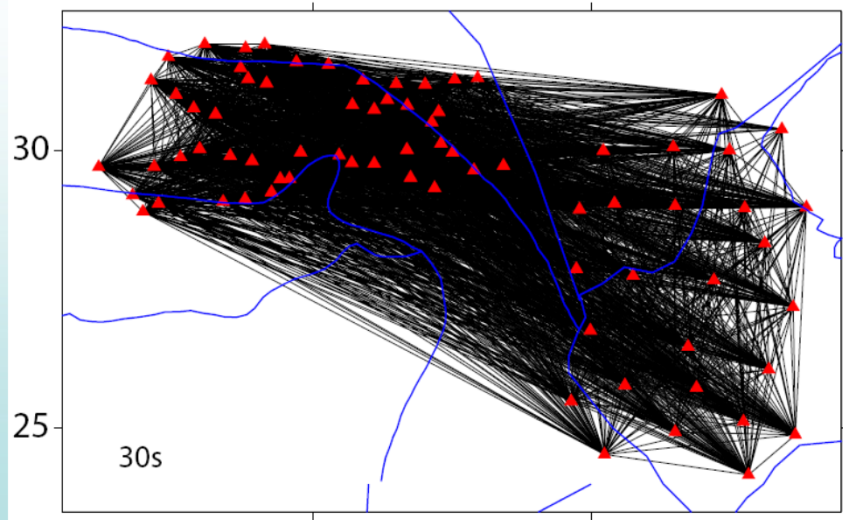
Fast axis of  $V_{sv}$  azimuthal aniso :

$$\phi = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}(G_s/G_c)$$



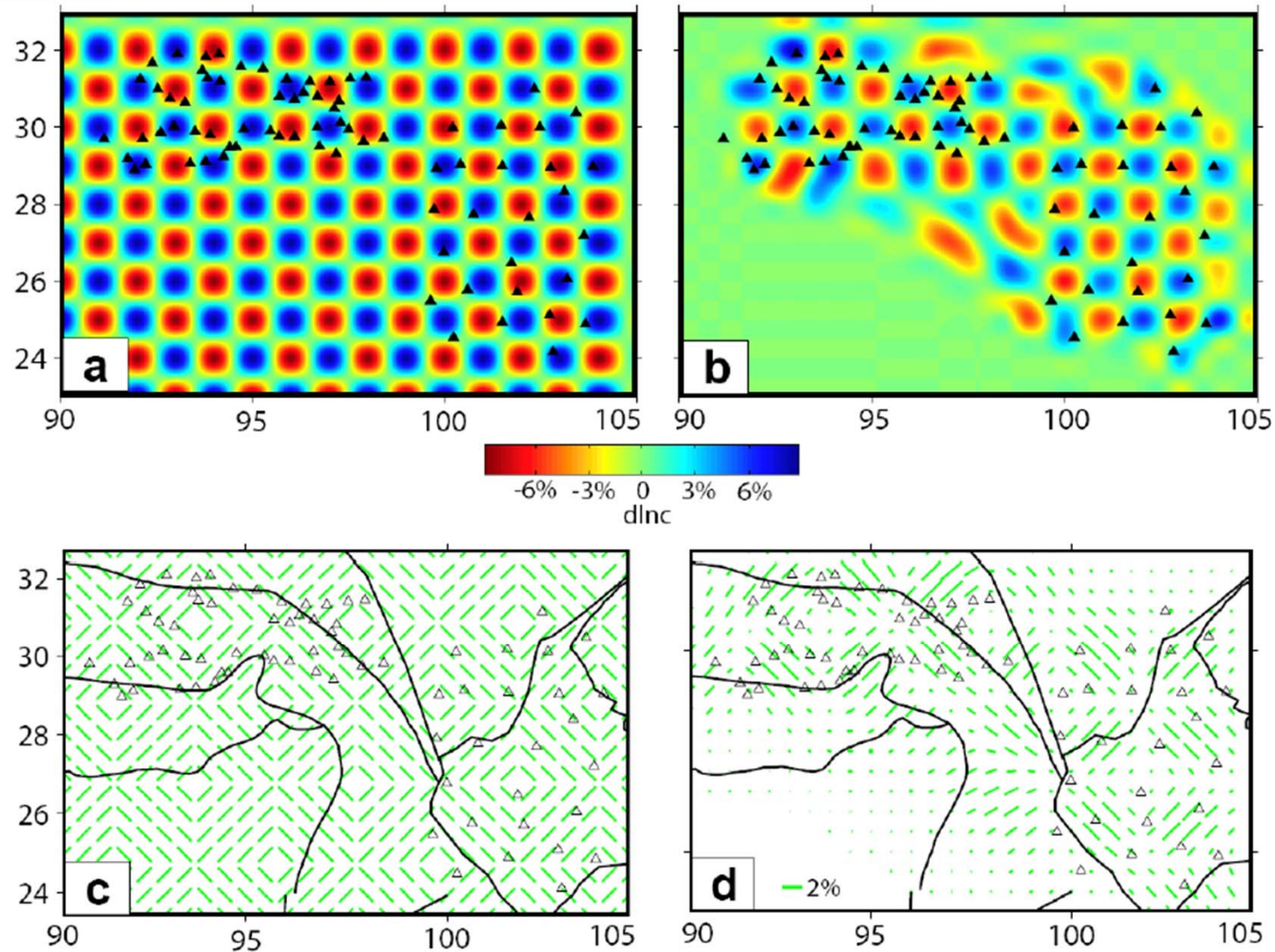
## Example of inversion for azimuthally anisotropic phase velocity maps

~2300 paths

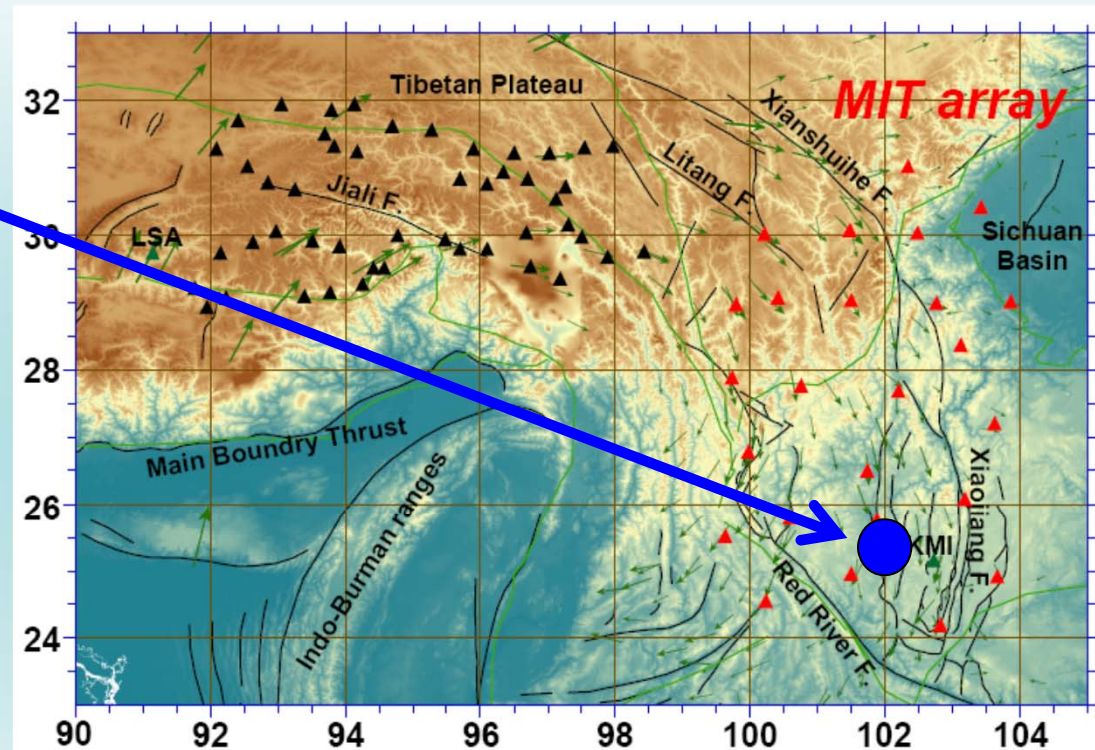
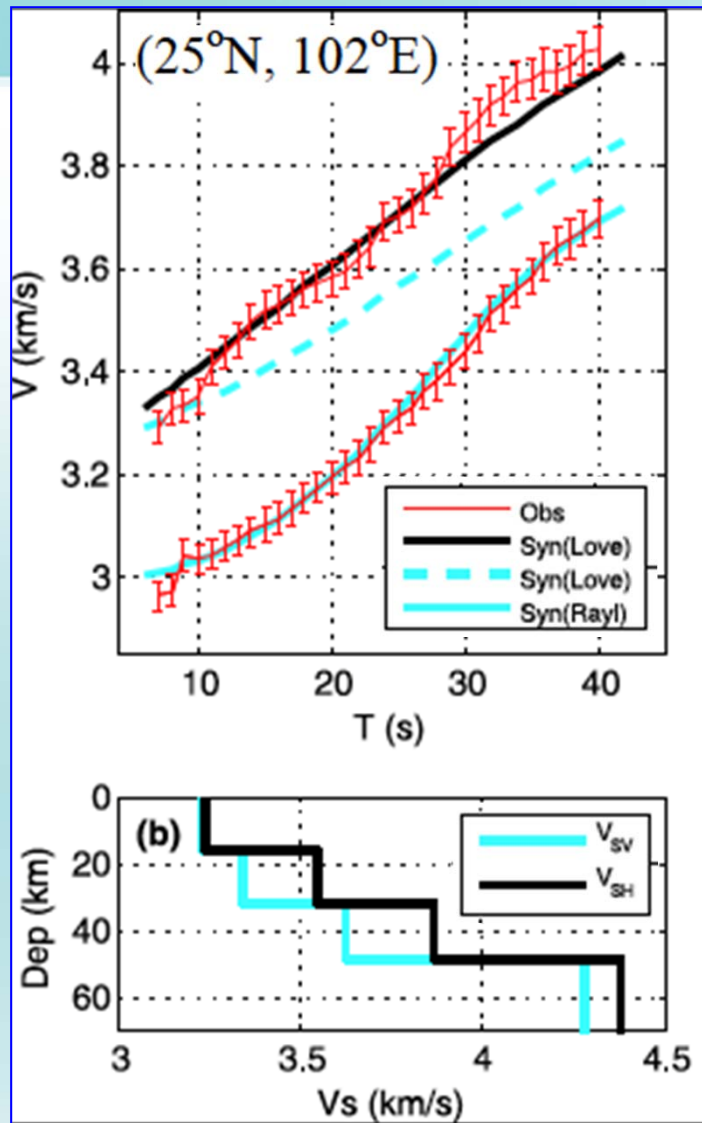


Yao, van der Hilst, Montagner, 2010, JGR

## Checkerboard resolution tests

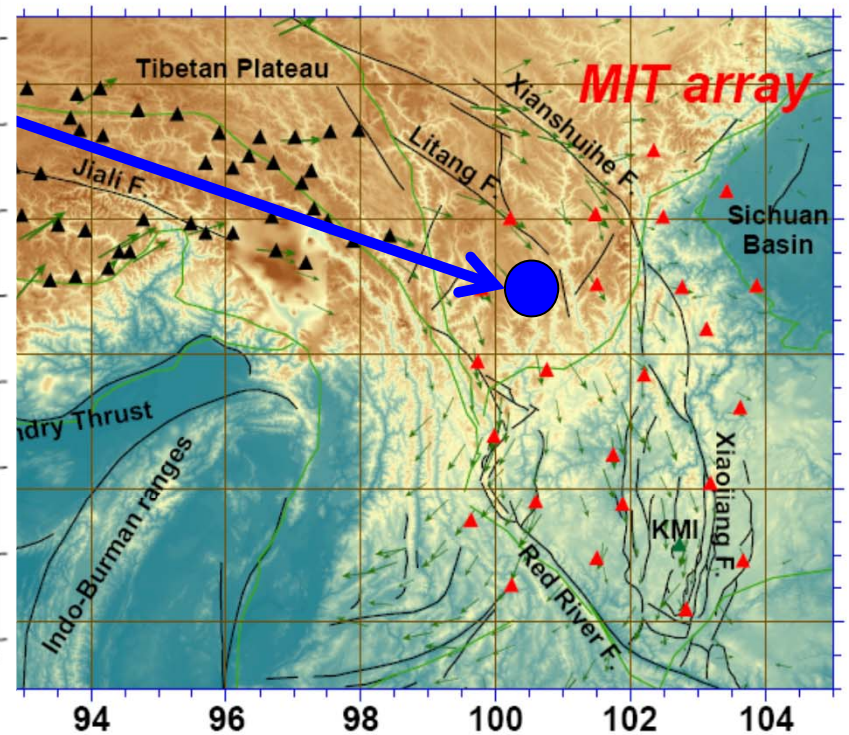
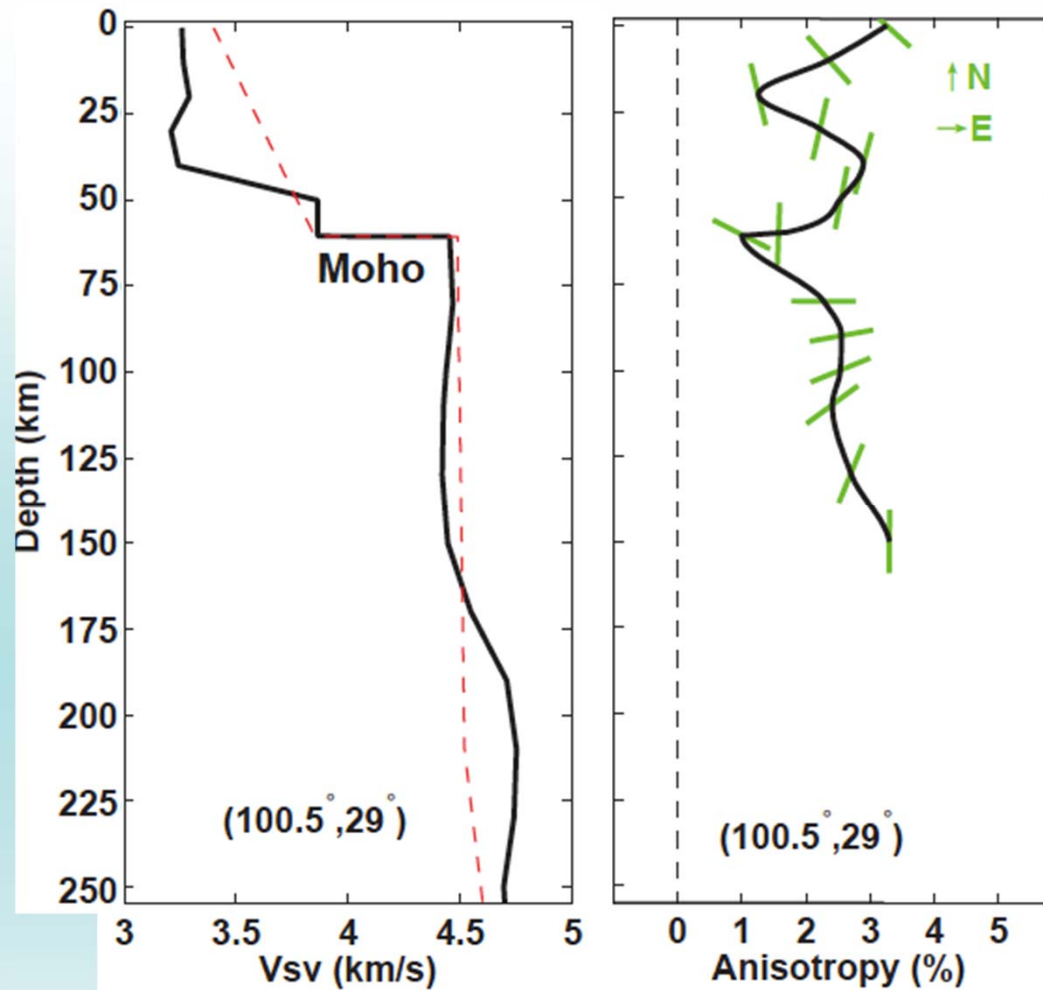


## Examples of inversion results (Radial Anisotropy)



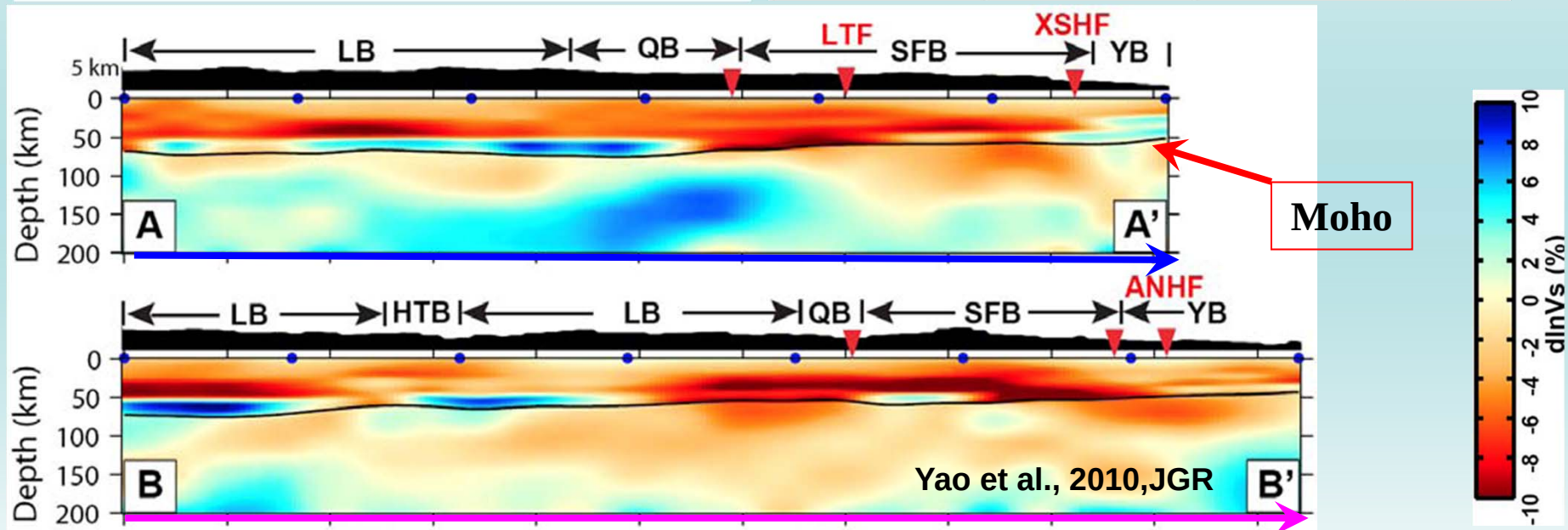
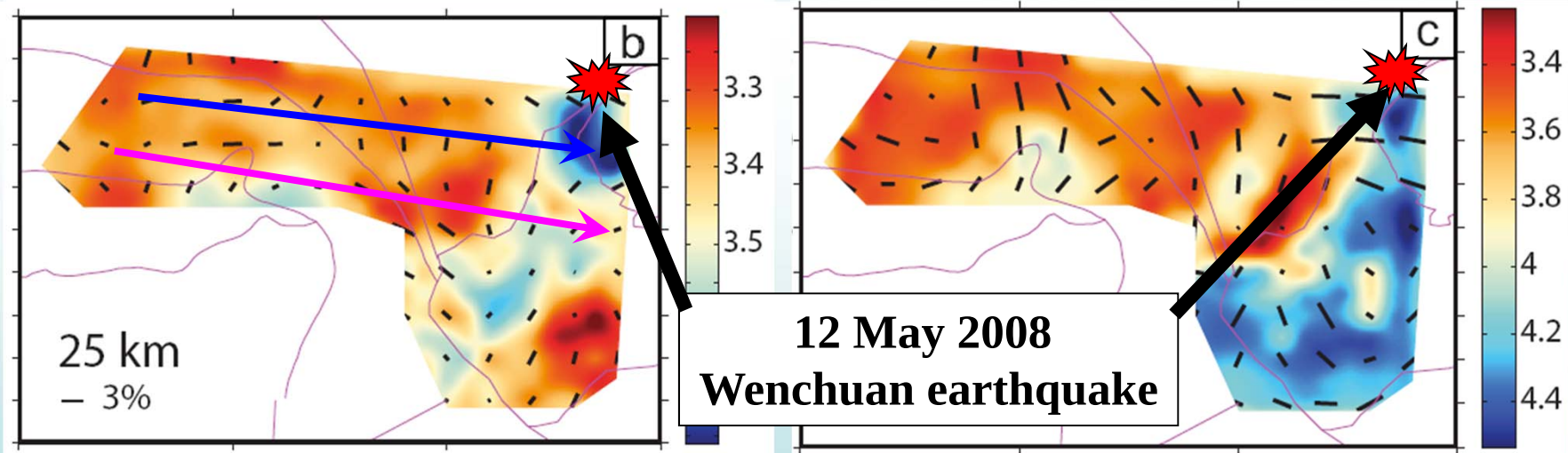


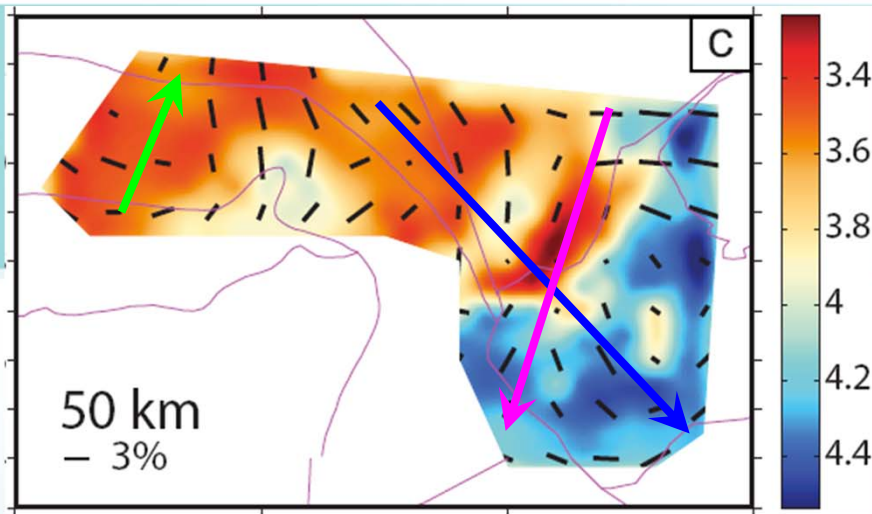
## Examples of inversion results (Azimuthal Anisotropy)



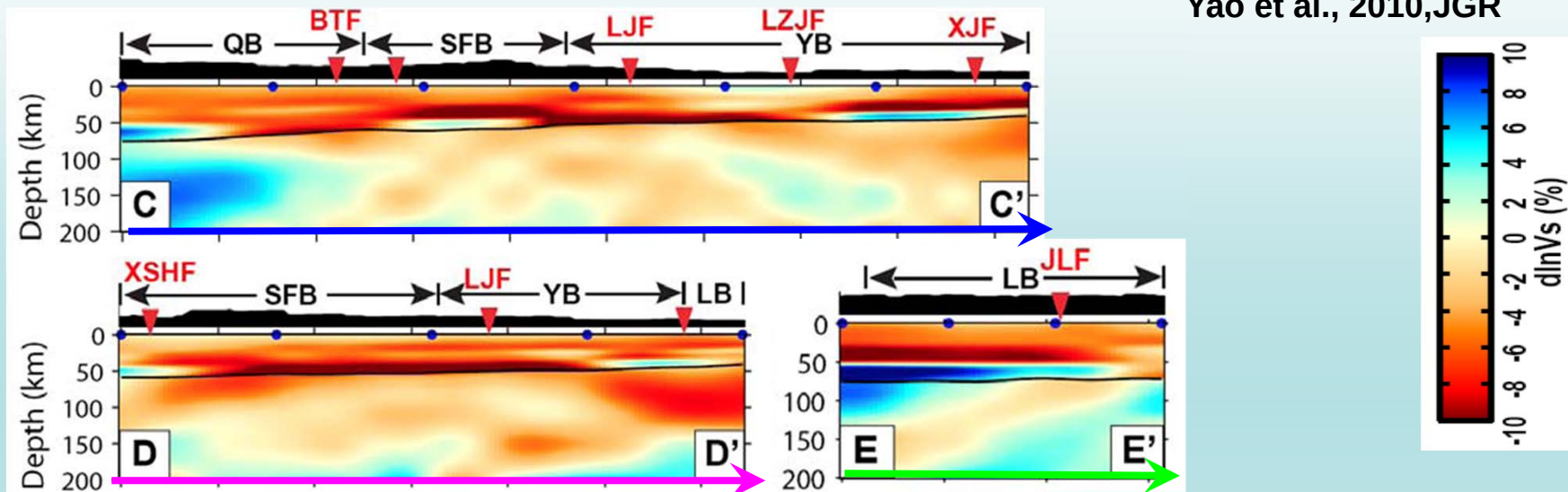
### 3. Results and Discussions

#### (1) Middle/Low Crustal Low Velocity Zones (LVZs)





Yao et al., 2010, JGR



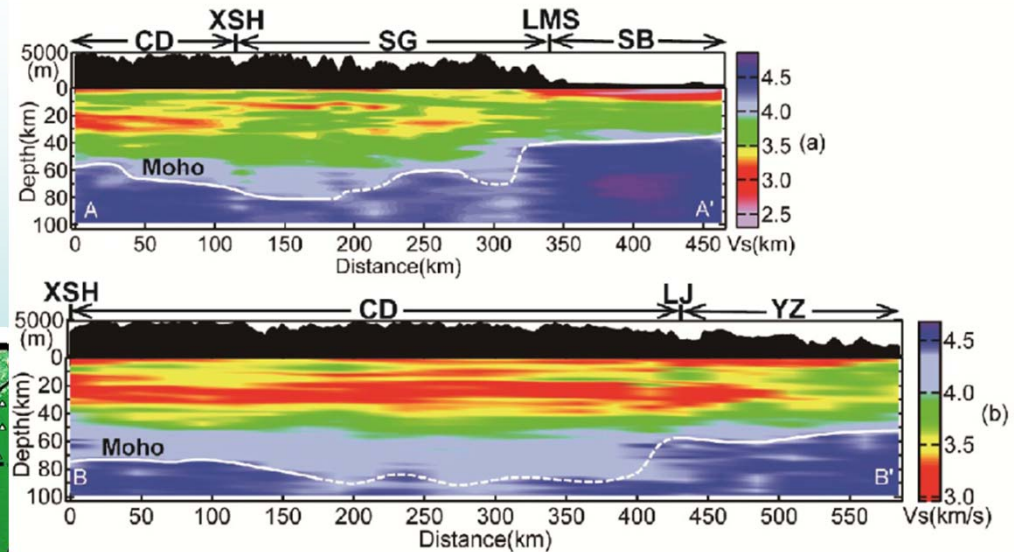
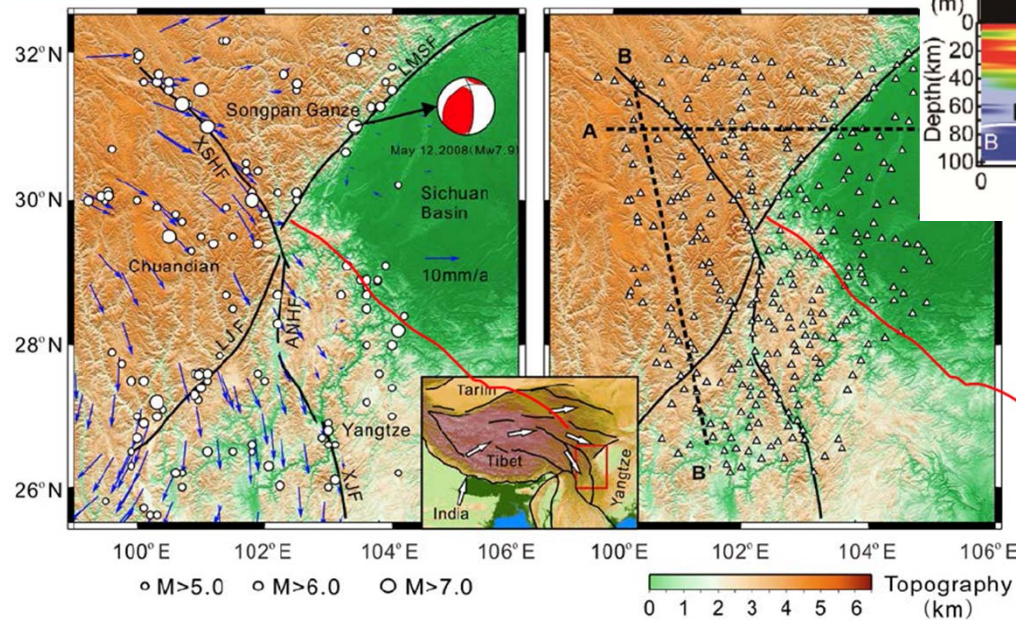
- Widespread mid/lower crustal LVZs → possibly mechanically weaker
- Faults may interact with (e.g., truncate) LVZs (need further high resolution studies)
- 3D geometry of LVZs → complicated crustal flow pattern if crustal flow exists



# Western Sichuan Dense Array Tomography

Liu Qiyuan et al. (2014, Nature Geoscience)

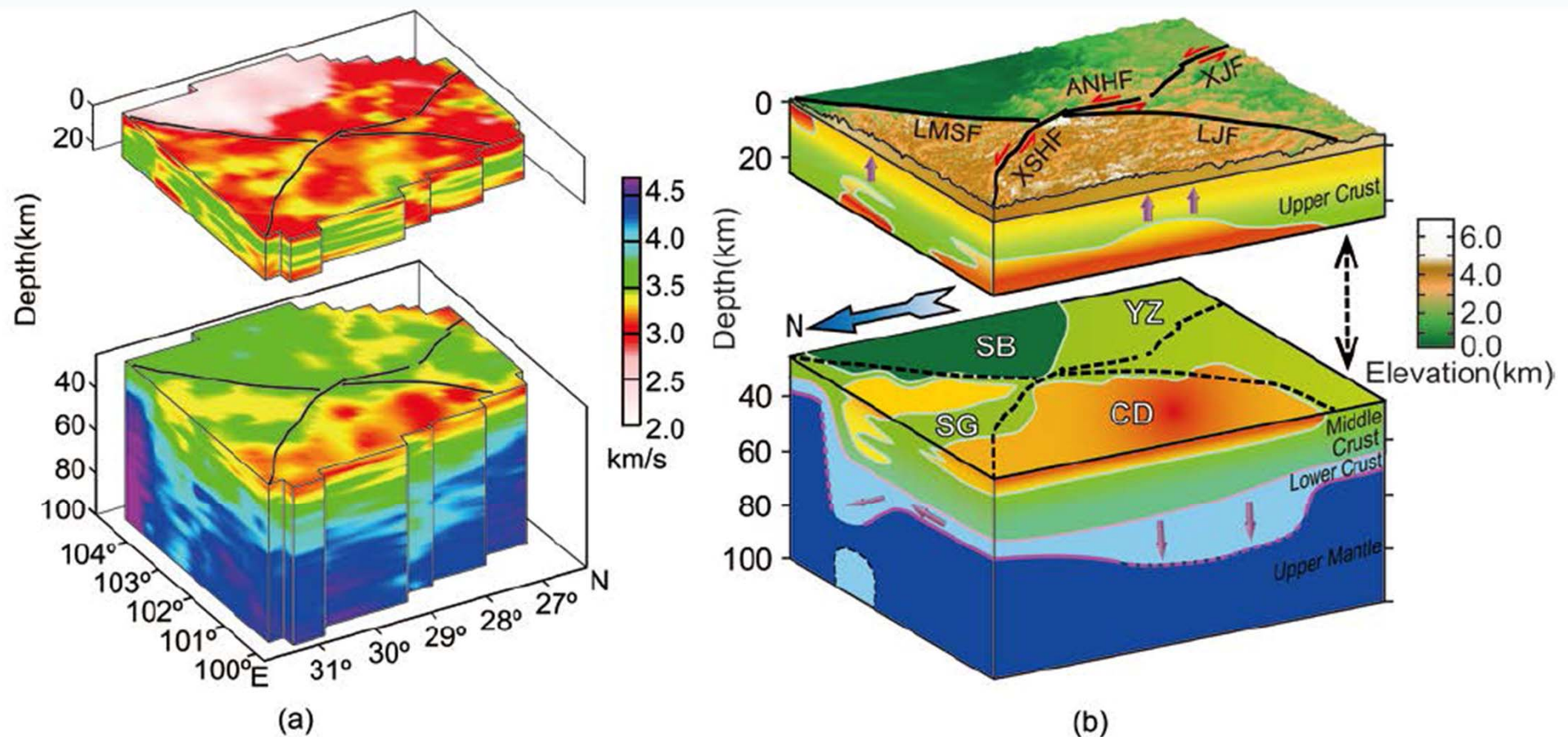
Joint inversion of ambient noise dispersion (2-40 s) and P wave receiver functions



Western Sichuan: mid-crust low velocity layer (LVL), thickened lower crust (Moho is not clear), interaction between faults and LVL

# Eastward expansion of Tibetan plateau is controlled by both crustal flow and strain partitioning across faults

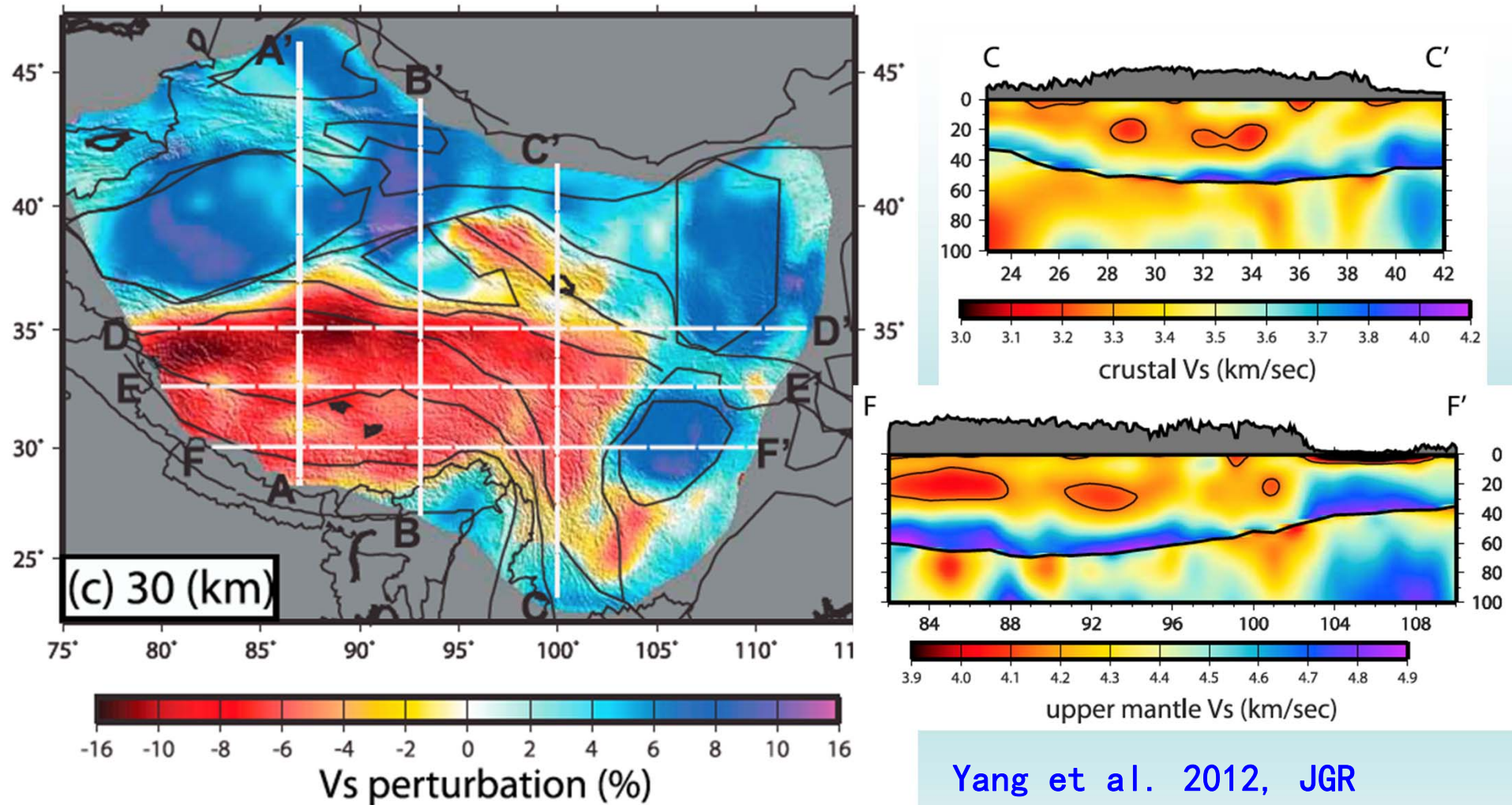
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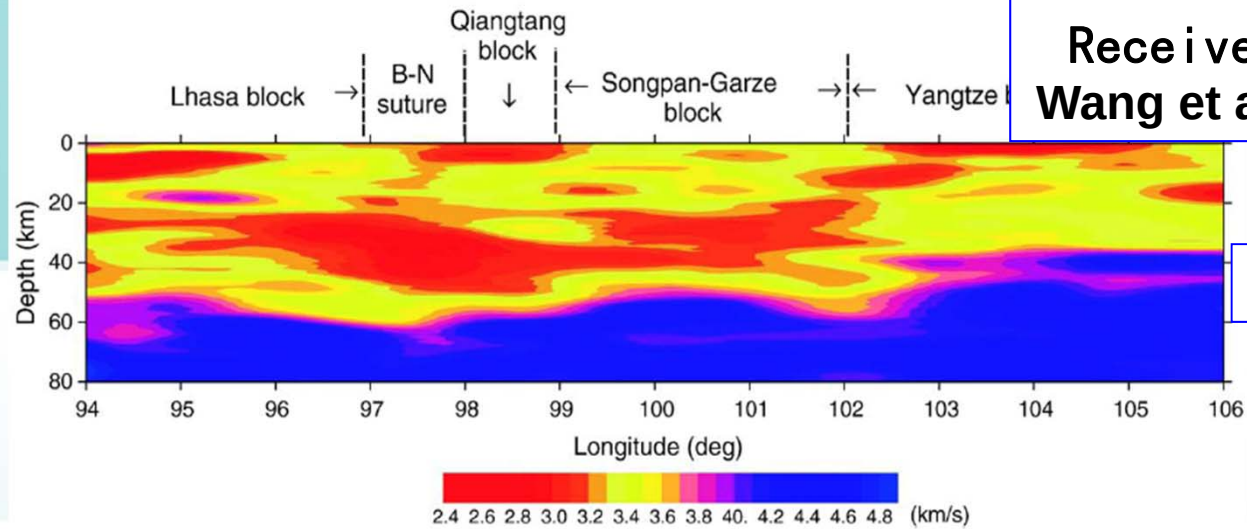
# Comparison with other results:

## Crustal LVLs revealed by ambient noise tomography in Tibet

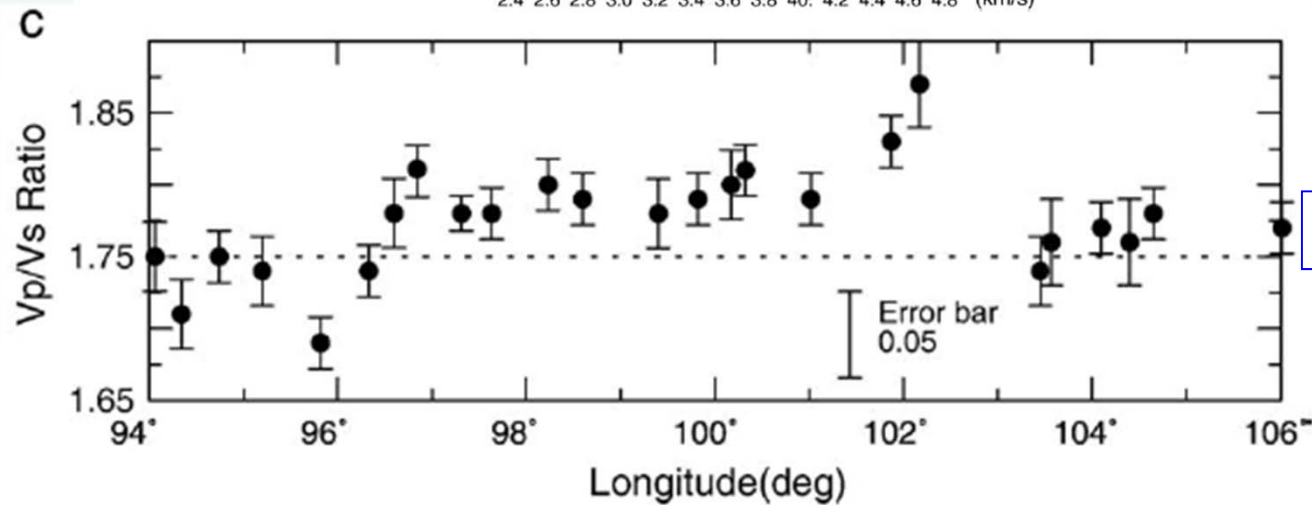




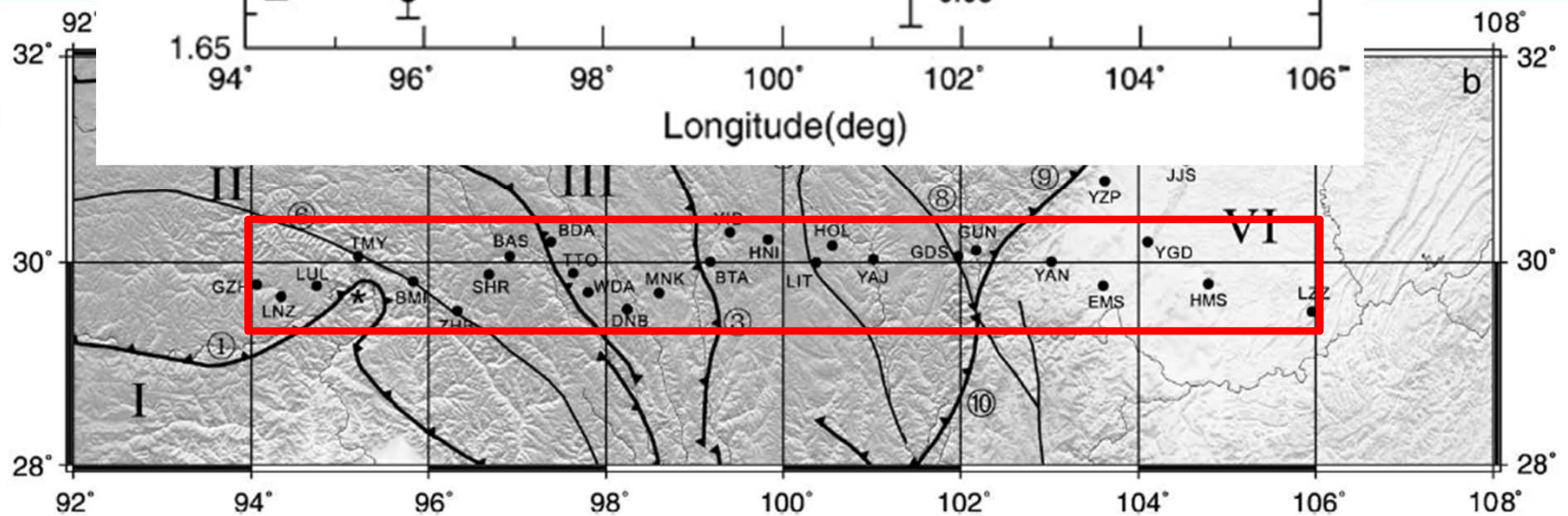
Receiver function  
Wang et al. EPSL, 2009



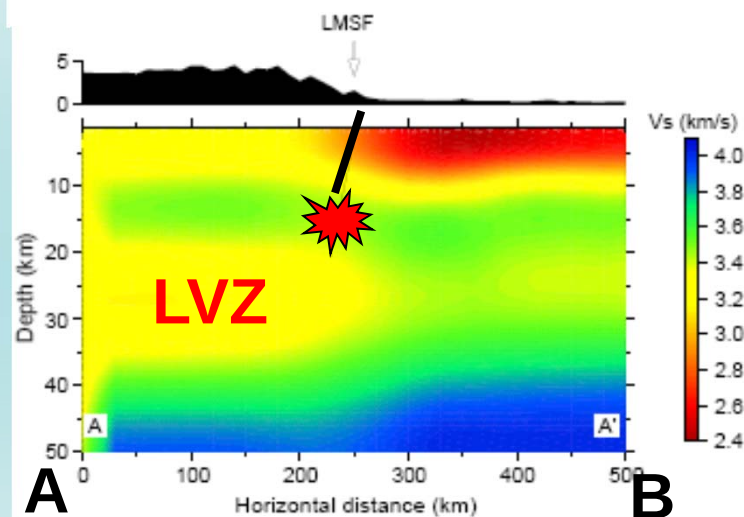
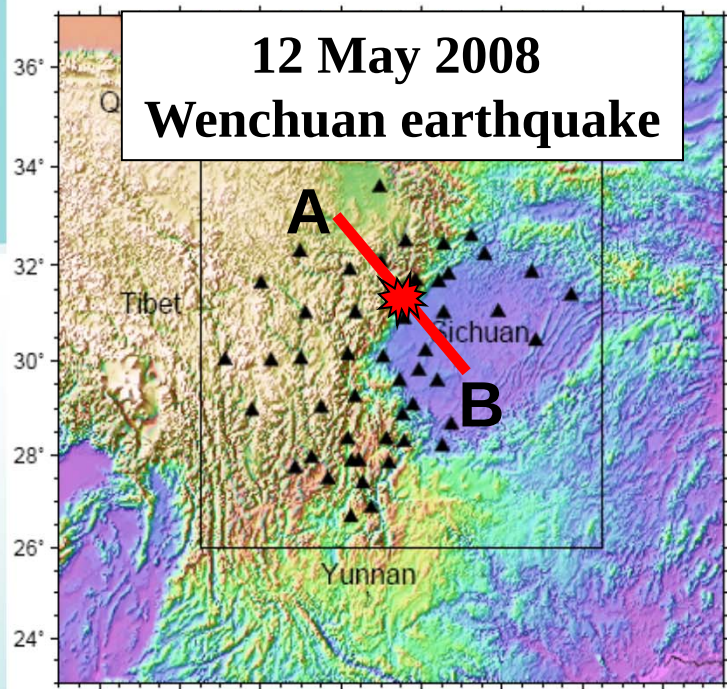
Crustal  
LVZ



High Vp/Vs

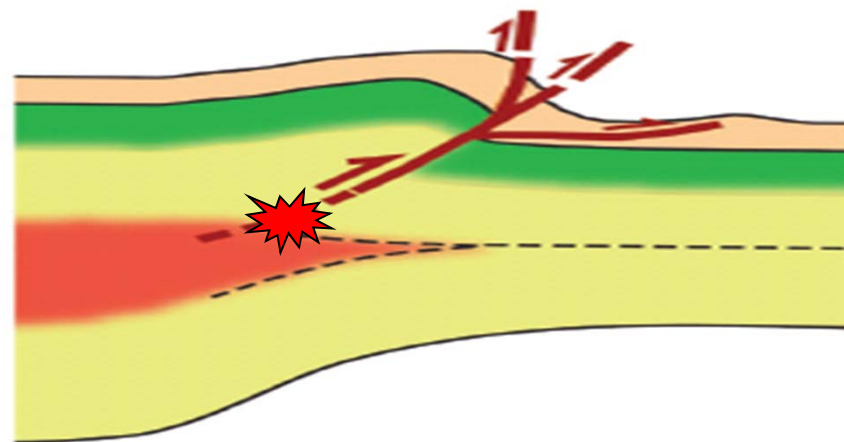
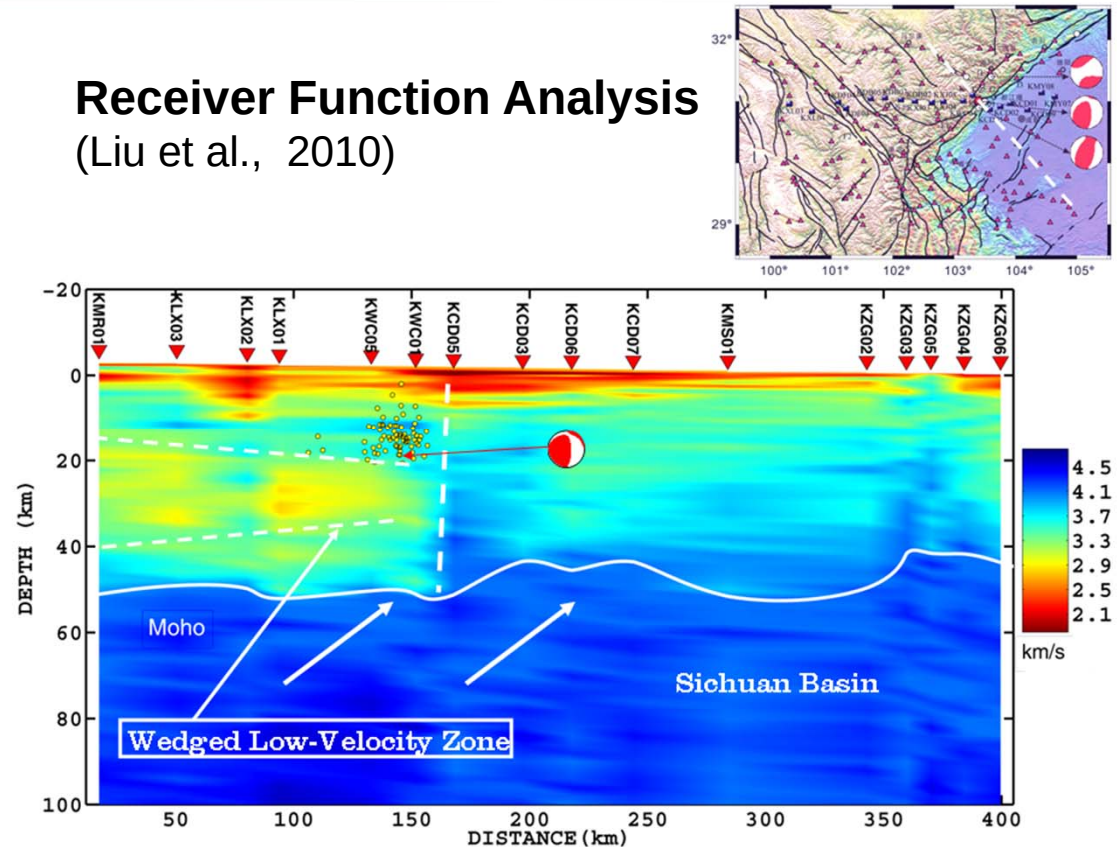


## 12 May 2008 Wenchuan earthquake



**Ambient Noise Analysis**  
(Li et al, EPSL, 2009)

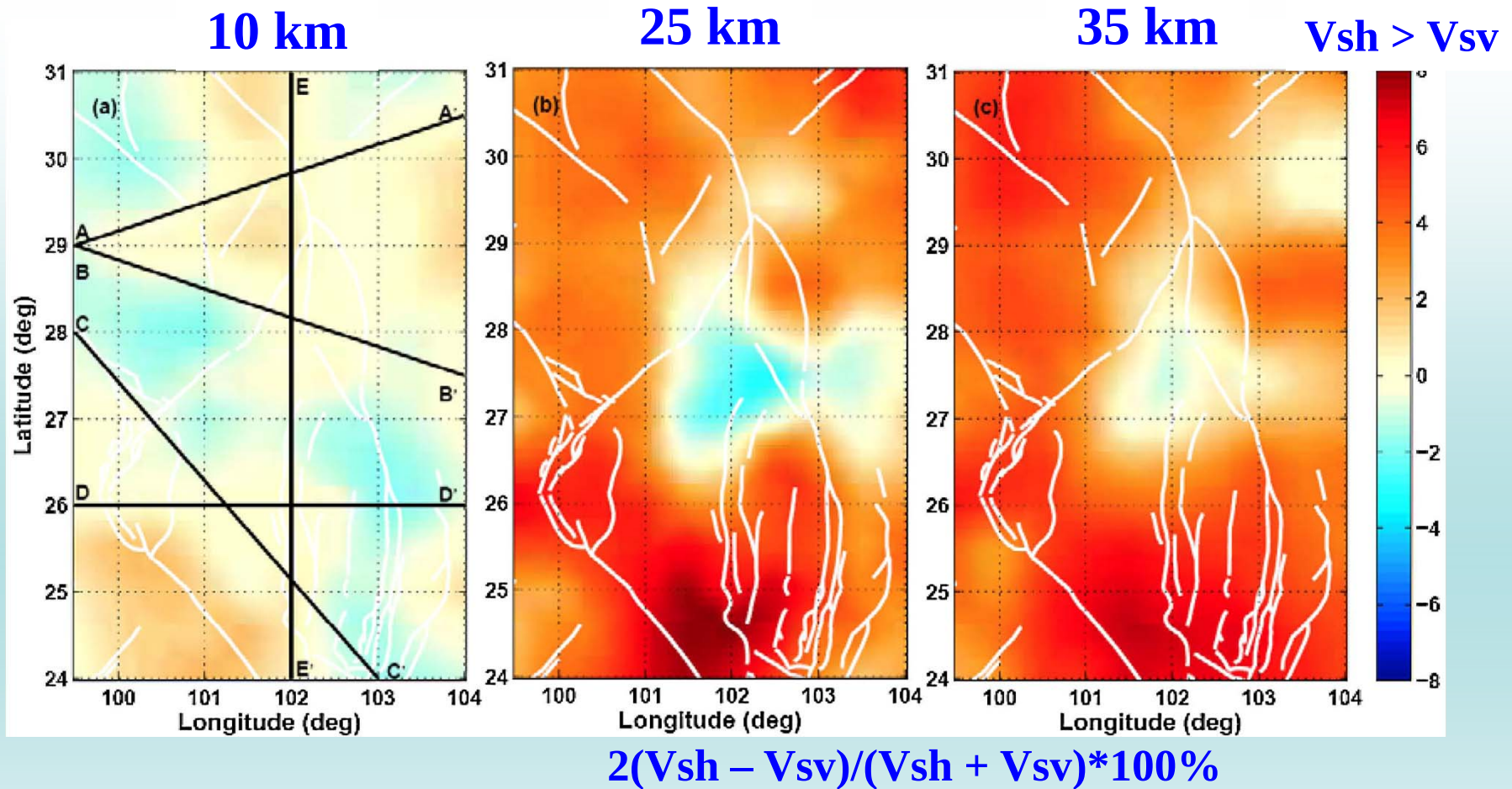
## Receiver Function Analysis (Liu et al., 2010)



Burchfiel et al. (GSA Today, 2008)



## (2) Crustal Radial Anisotropy in SE Tibet and SW China



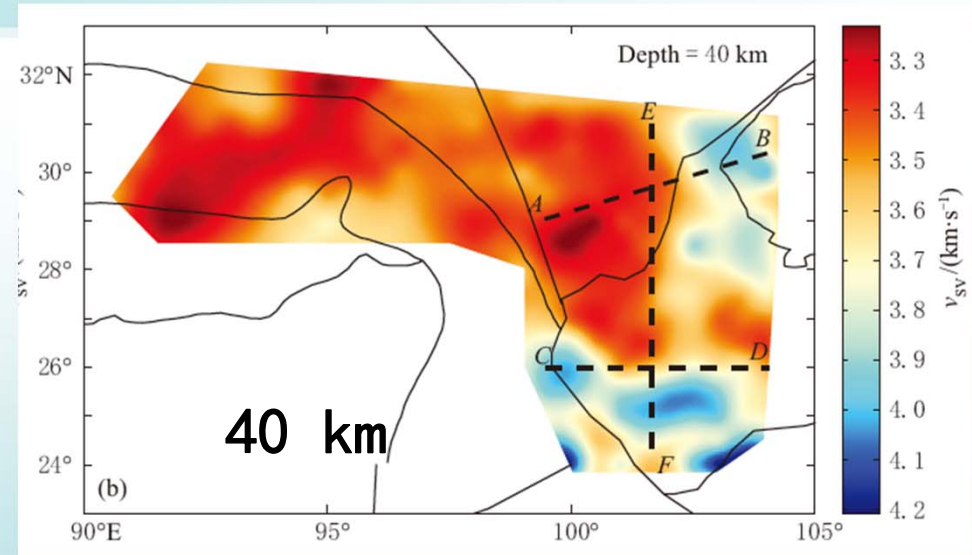
Huang, Yao, van der Hilst, 2010, GRL



# Correlation between LVZ and Radial Anisotropy

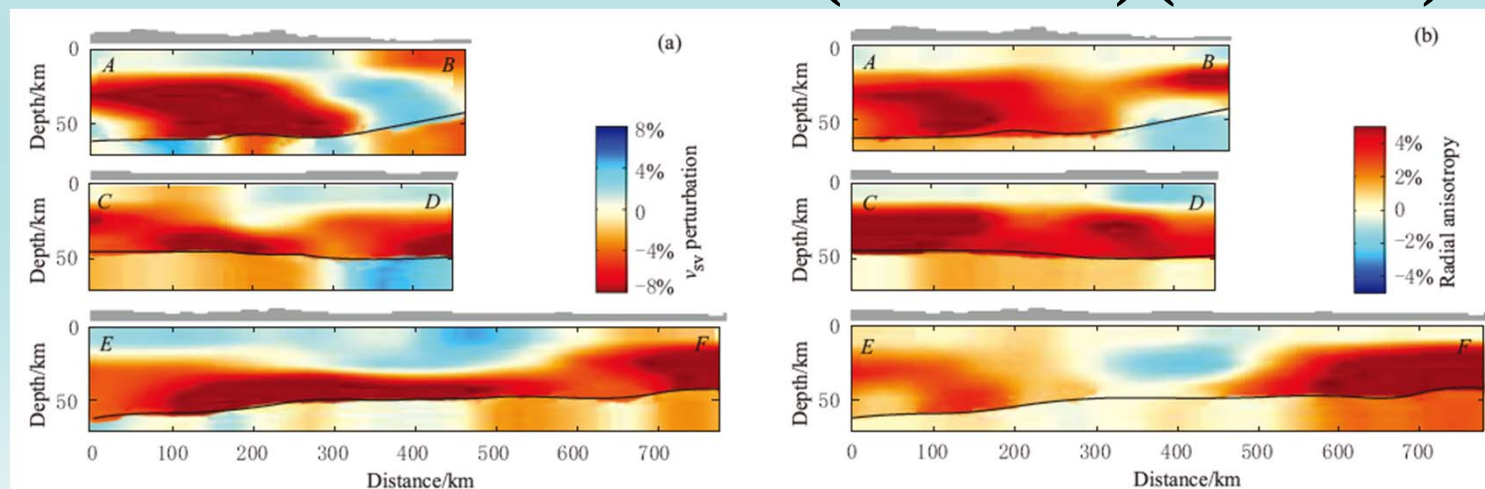
Large positive radial anisotropy correlates well with LVZs in the mid/lower crust

Sub-horizontal alignment of anisotropic crustal minerals (e.g., mica, amphibole), consistent with deep crustal flow



$V_{sv}$

$2(V_{sh} - V_{sv})/(V_{sh} + V_{sv})$



Huang et al. 2010; Yao, 2012

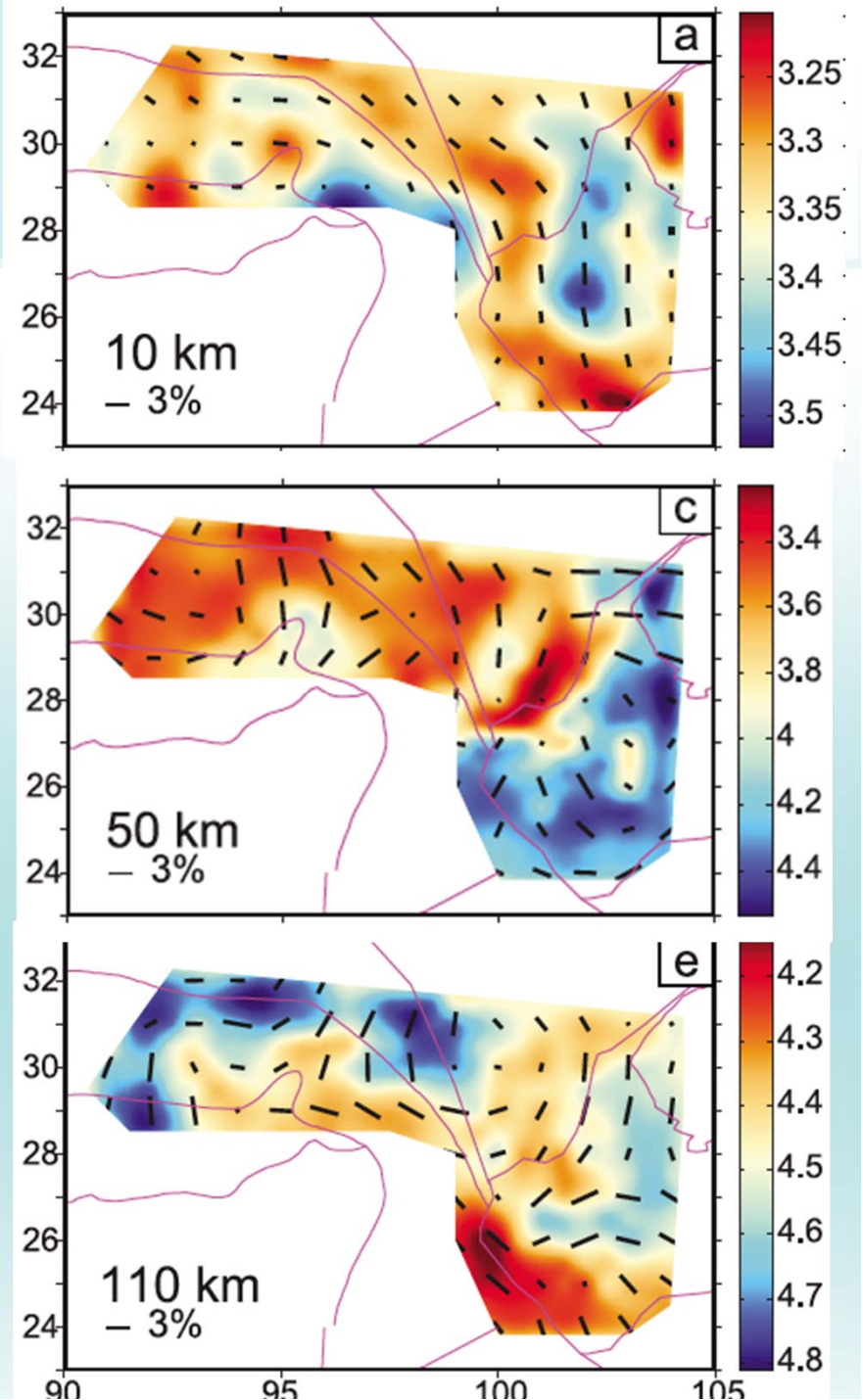
### (3) Azimuthal Anisotropy and Lithospheric Deformation

Complicated deformation pattern of crust and upper mantle

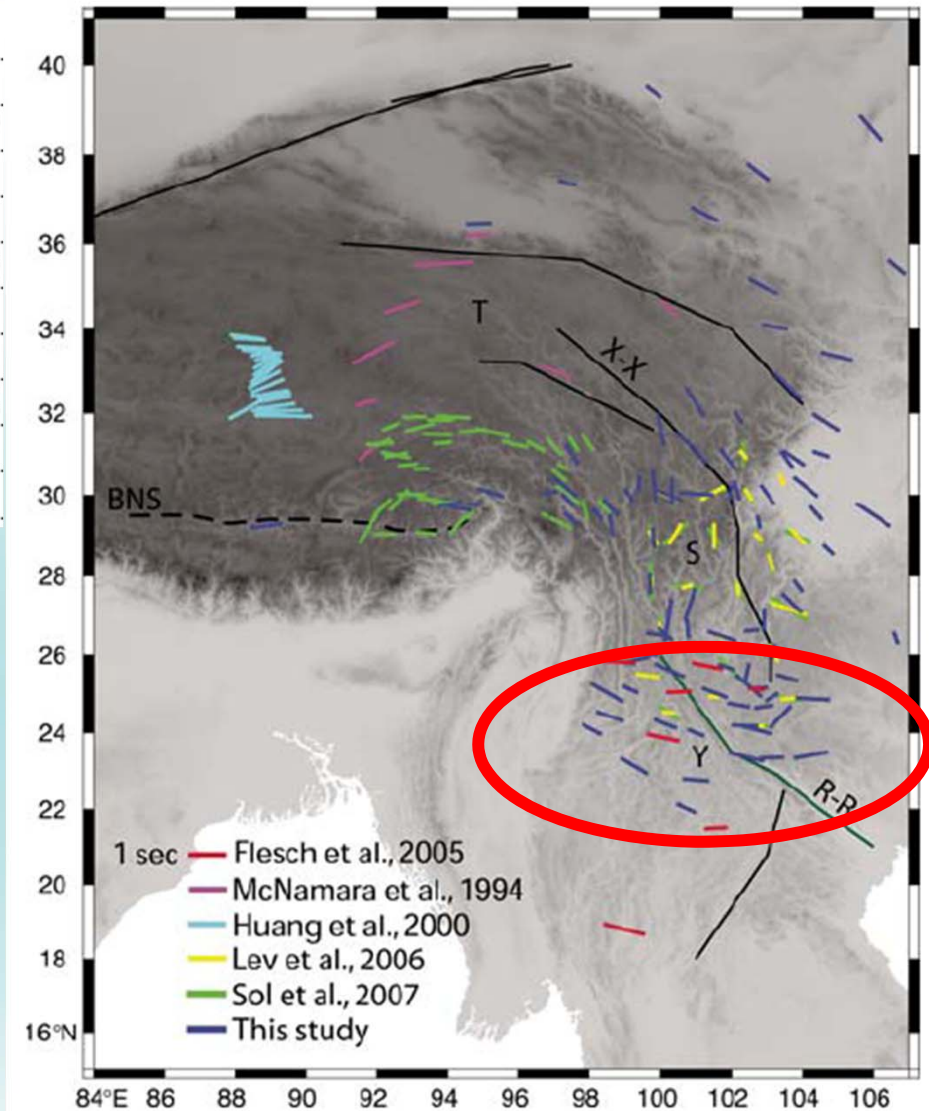
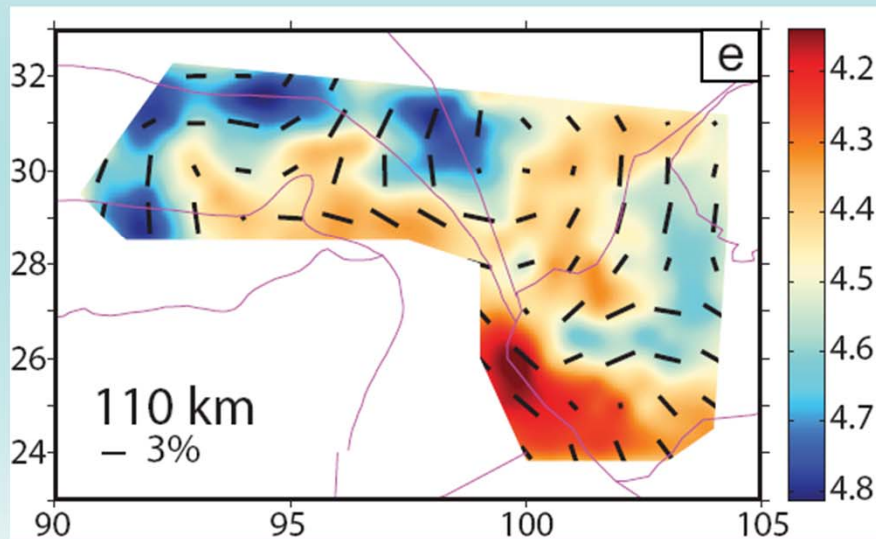
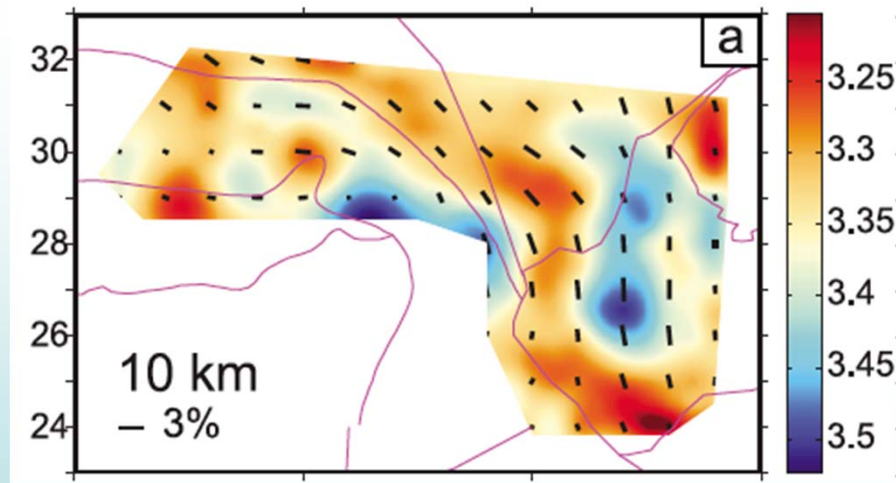
Upper crust: consistent with clockwise rotation

Uppermost mantle: fast direction along the LVZ of the margin of Yangtze block

Yao et al., 2010, JGR

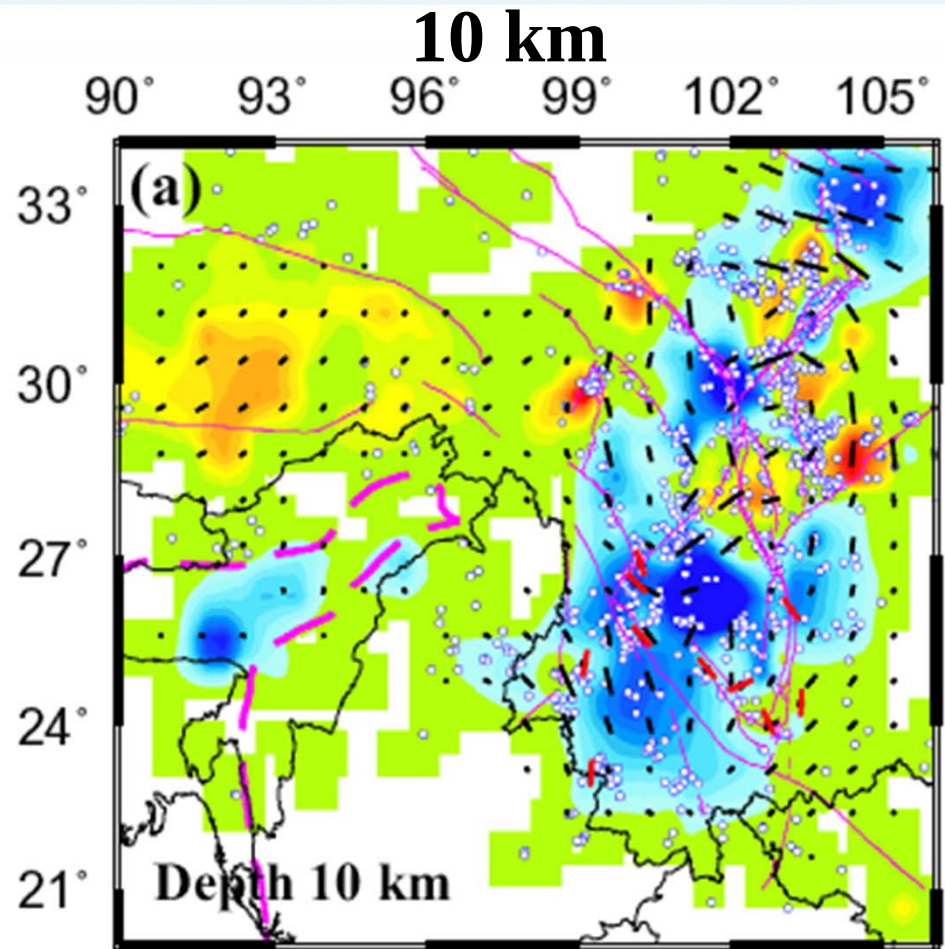
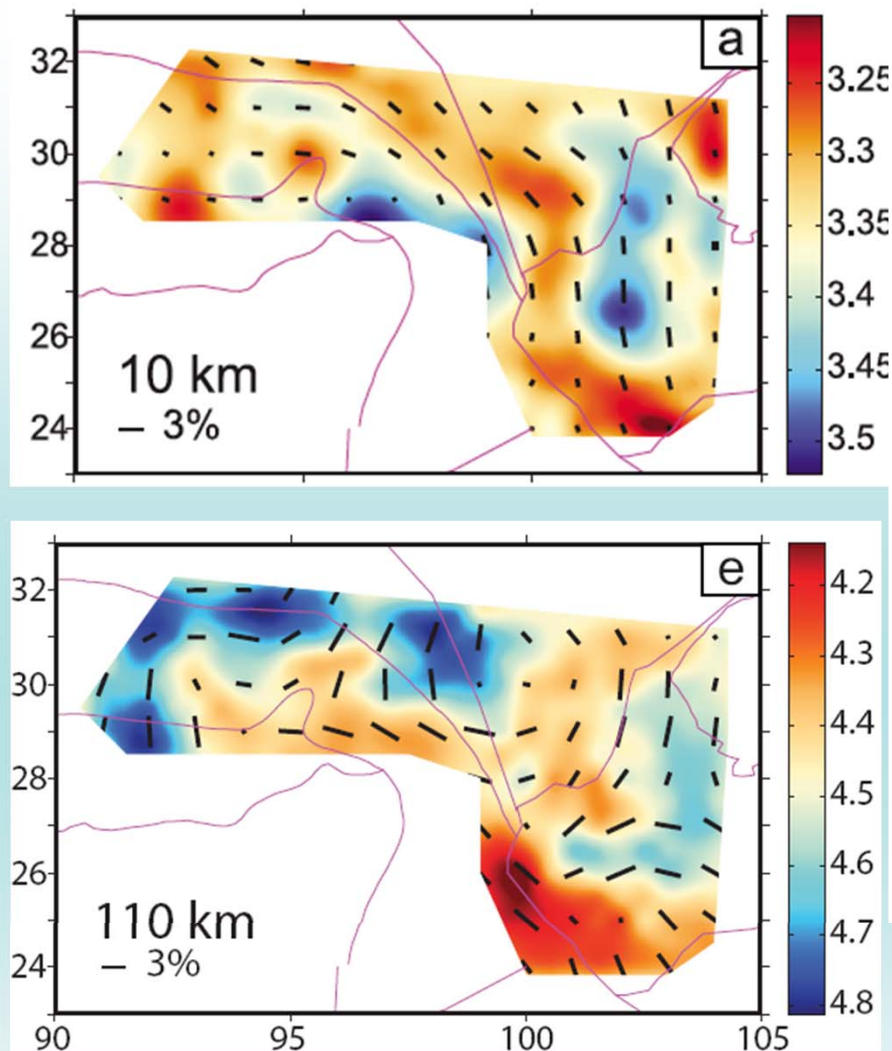


# Comparison with teleseismic shear wave splitting



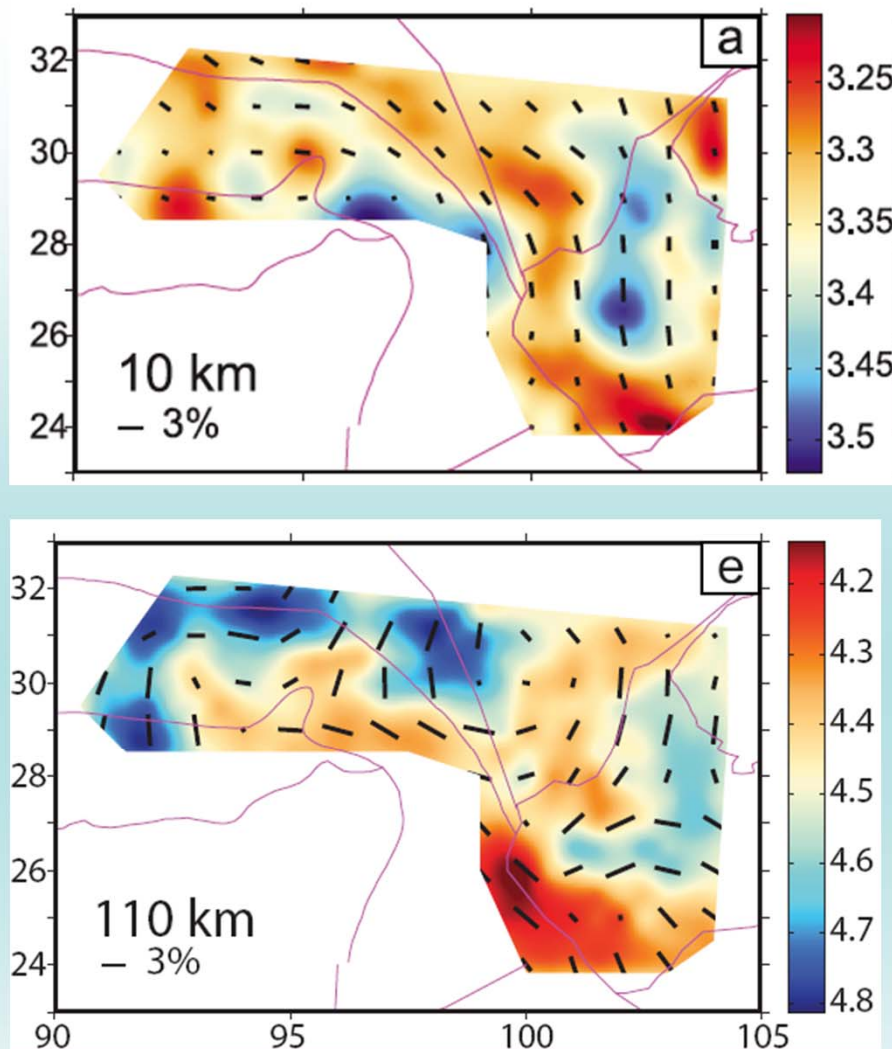


# Comparison with body wave tomography

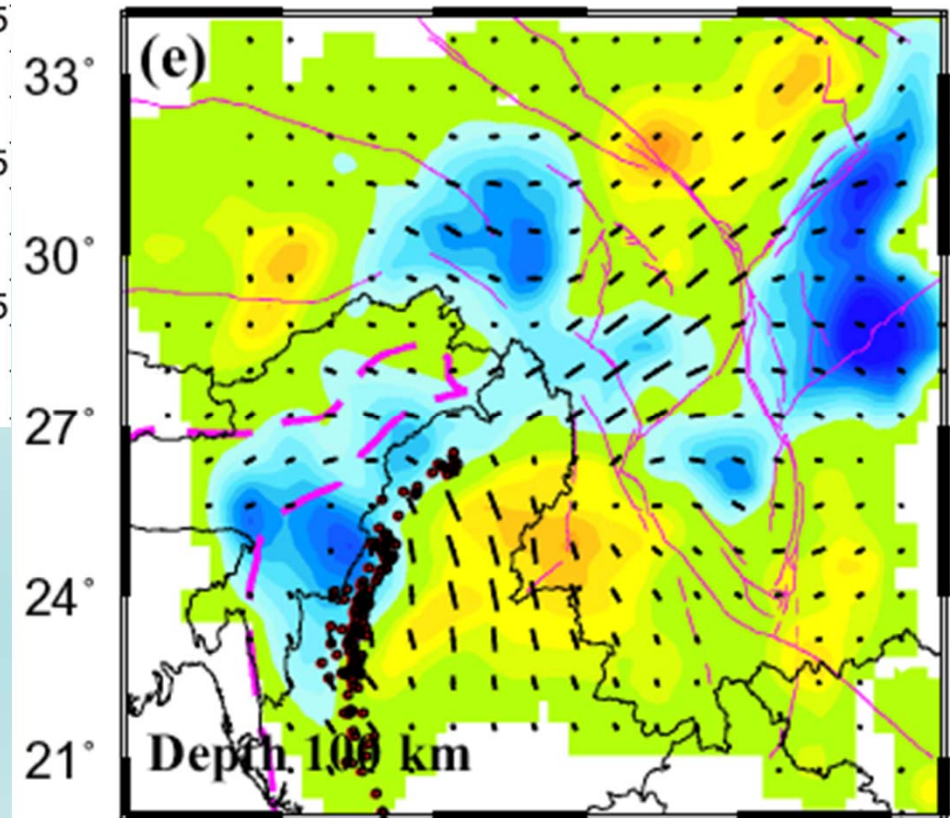


Wei al., 2013, PEPI

# Comparison with body wave tomography



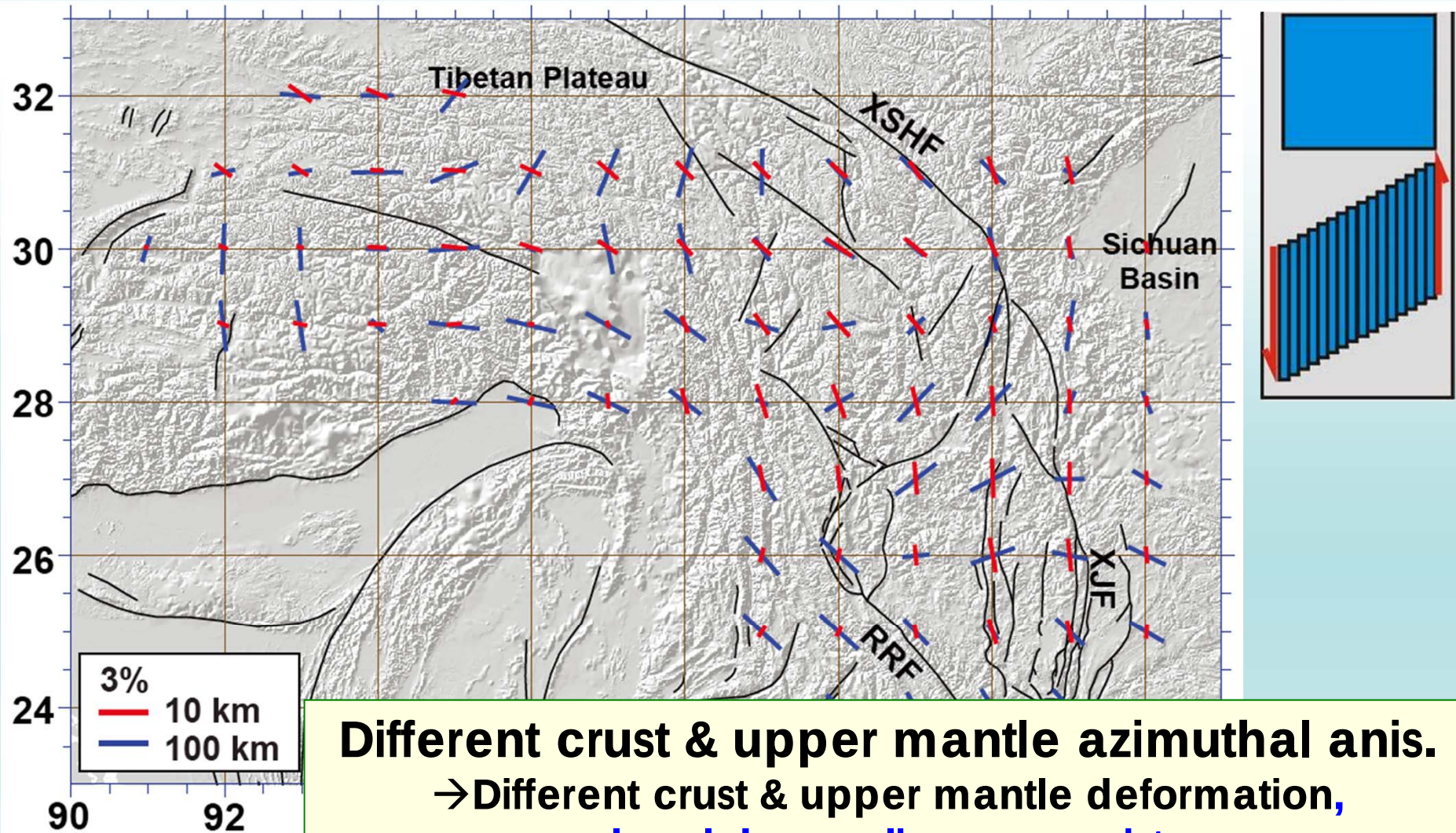
100 km



Wei al., 2013, PEPI



**Upper crust (10km): fast axes // large strike slip faults**  
→ faults may control upper crust deformation: simple shear

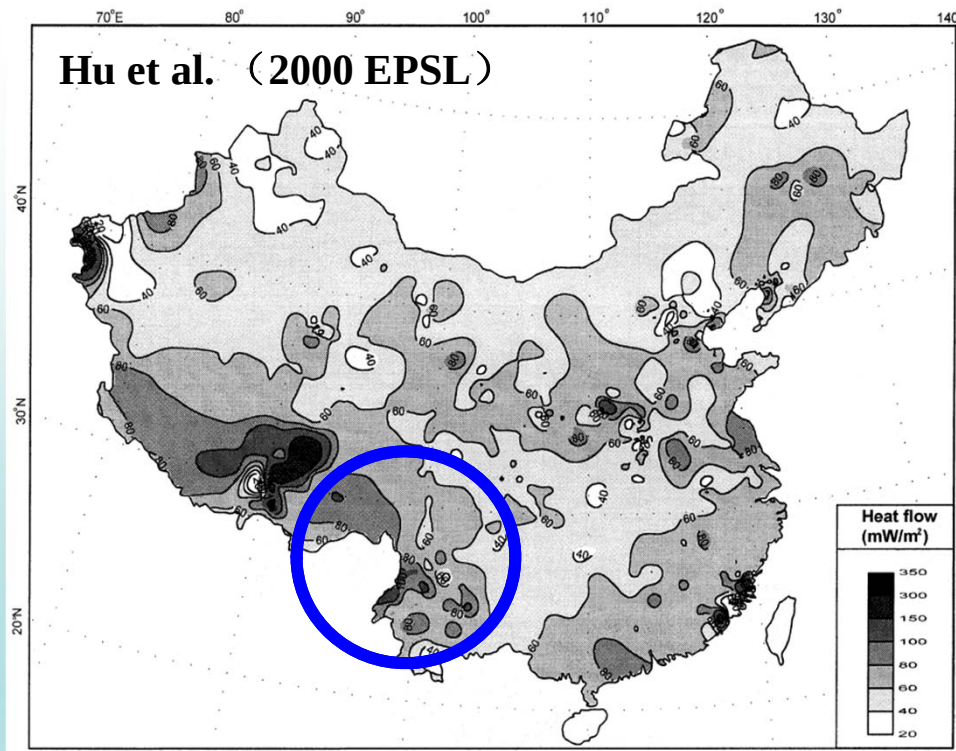


**Different crust & upper mantle azimuthal anis.**  
→ Different crust & upper mantle deformation,  
**local decoupling may exist**



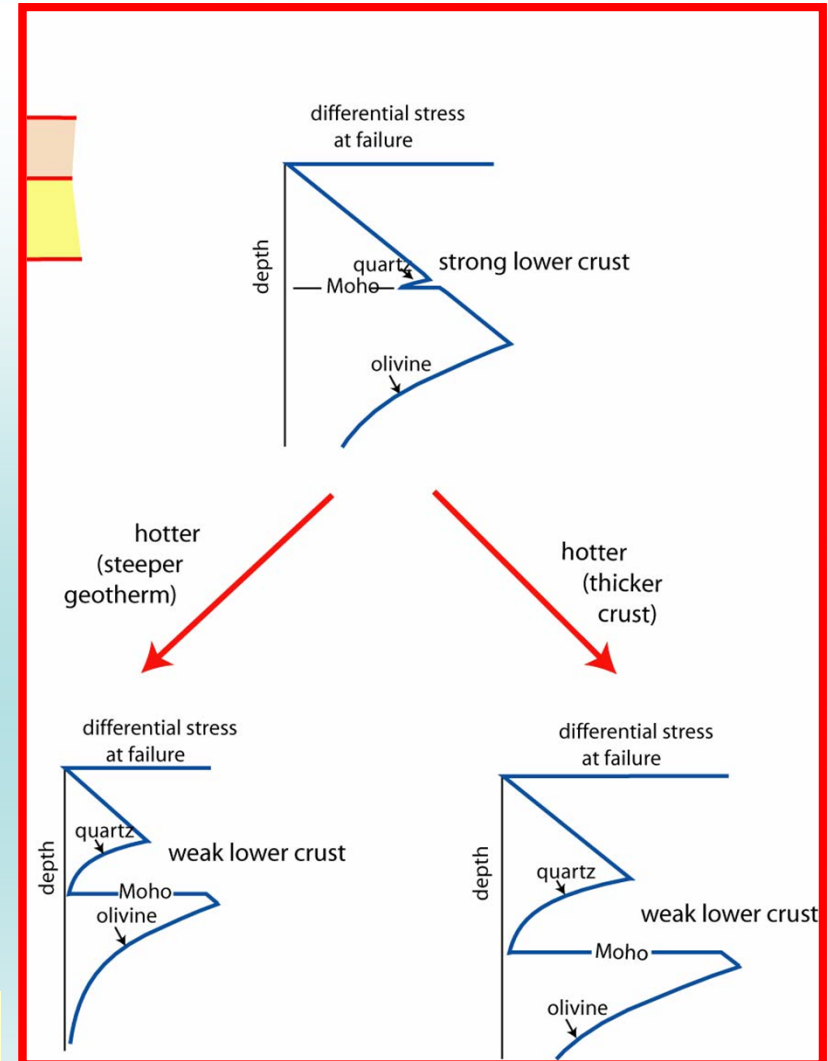
## (4) Some discussions

### Heat flow and Tibetan crust strength



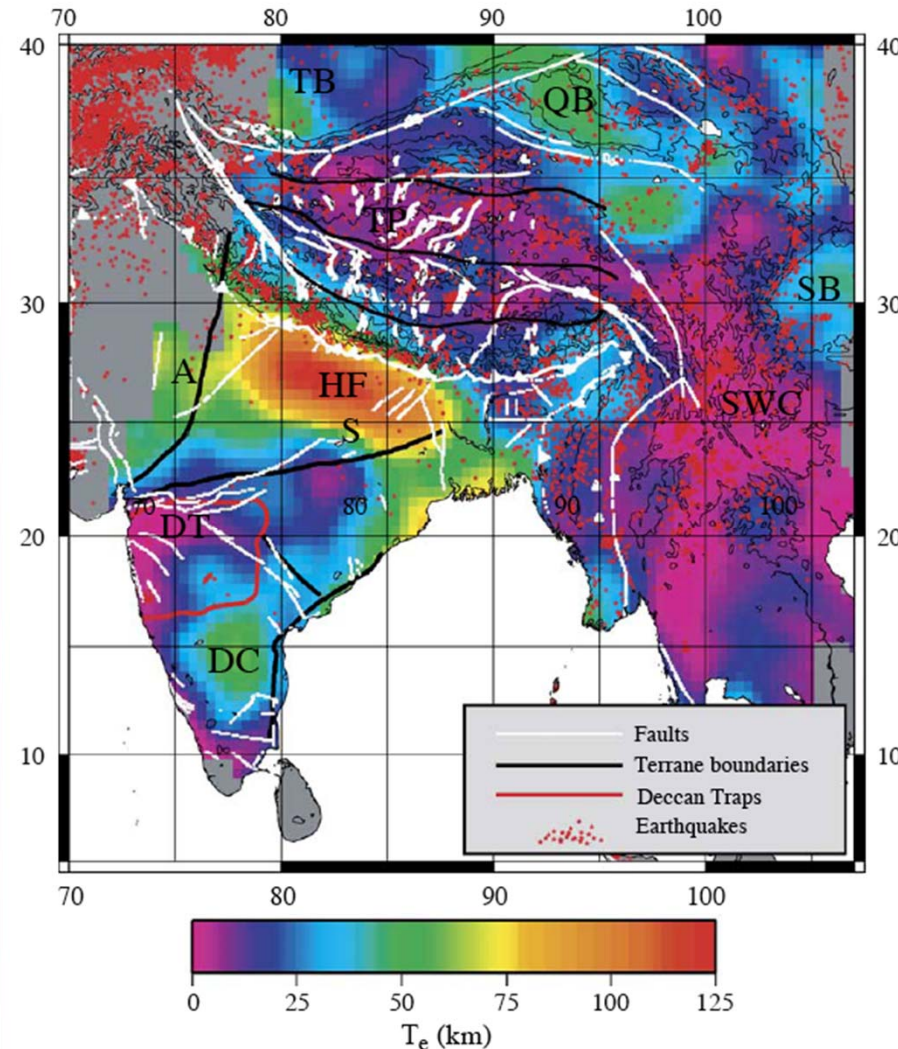
High surface heat flow value  
70–80 thick crust

Probably weak mid-lower crust



# Tibetan lithosphere effective elastic thickness ( $T_e$ )

Jordan & Watts (2005, EPSL)



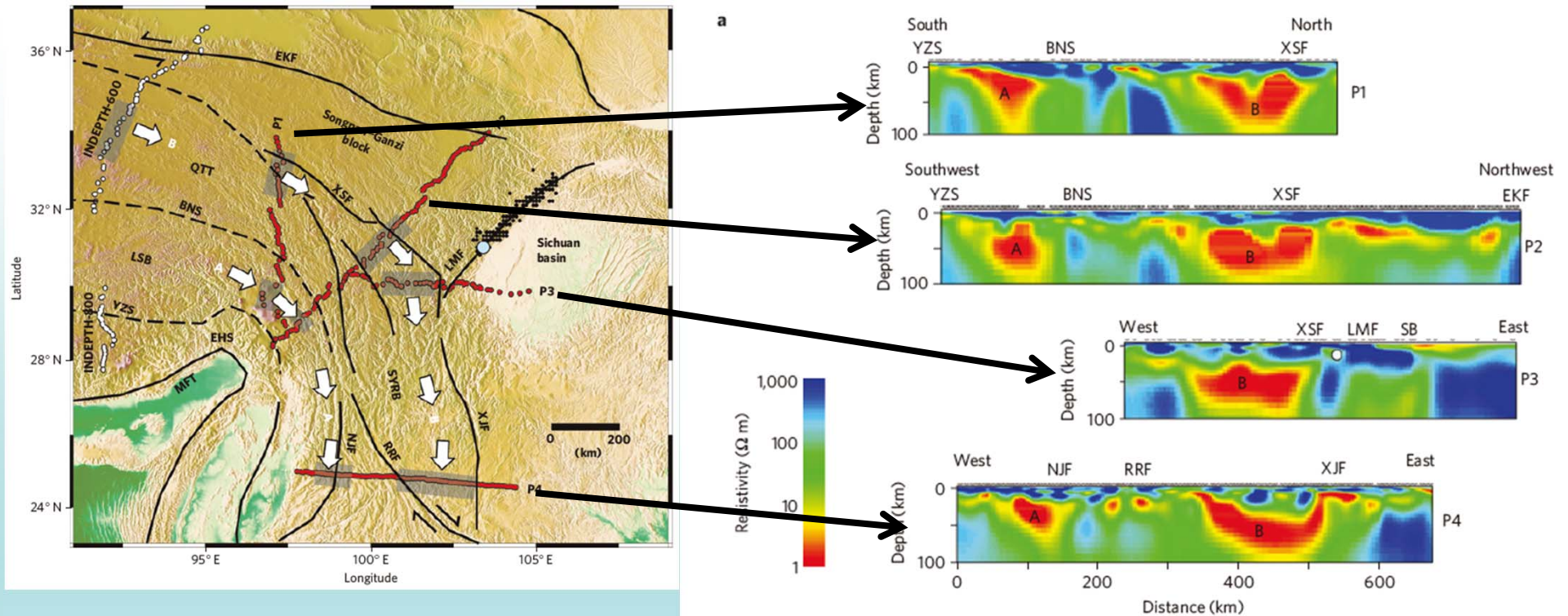
Most regions in Tibet  
and SW China show very  
low  $T_e$  (<10 km):

very weak  
lithospheric strength

maybe dominated by  
ductile/plastic  
deformation

in support of channel  
flow model

# magnetotelluric (MT) imaging: resistivity



Bai et al. 2010

**Two low resistivity channels in the mid-lower crust**  
**Distribution of channels is highly connected to faults**



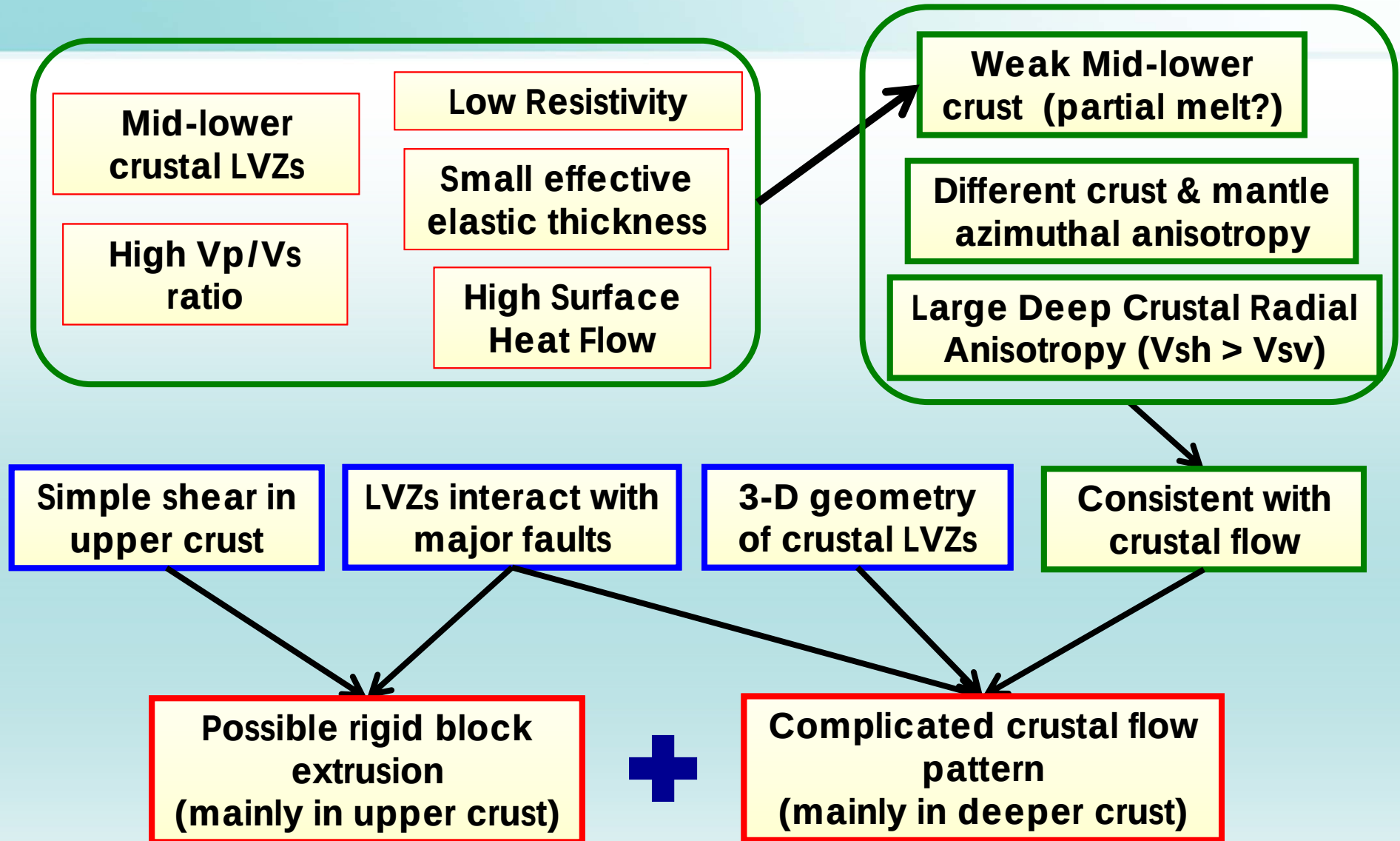
# Summary

**Southeastern Tibetan Plateau: complicated lithospheric structure and deformation patterns**

**Simple end member model (e.g., rigid block extrusion or lower crust channel flow) is difficult to explain all the geophysical observations!**

**We need a more sophisticated model for SE Tibet lithospheric deformation!**

# Summary: southeastern Tibetan Plateau structure and deformation







# Thank you!

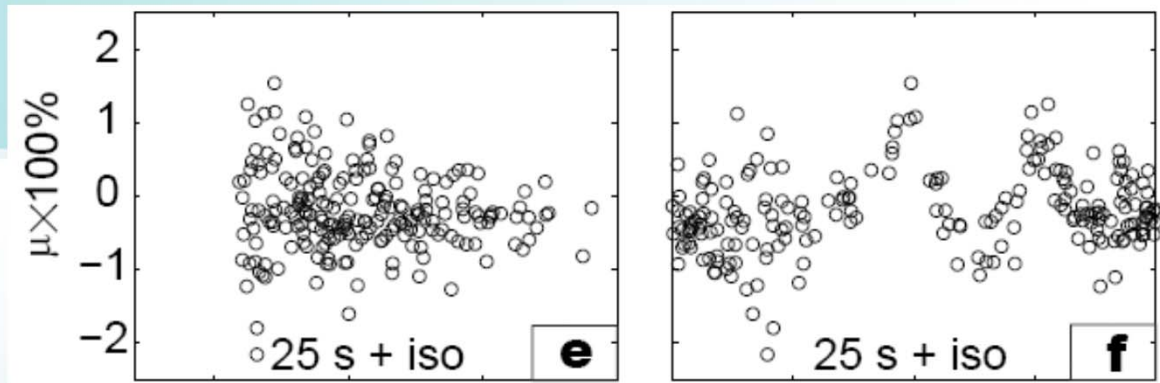
# Welcome to Hefei

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# Effects of uneven noise distribution on tomography



$$C(\theta, \phi, \psi) = C_0(\theta, \phi) \{1 + A(\theta, \phi) \cos(2\psi) + B(\theta, \phi) \sin(2\psi)\}$$

