

Earth mineralogy and its phase transition



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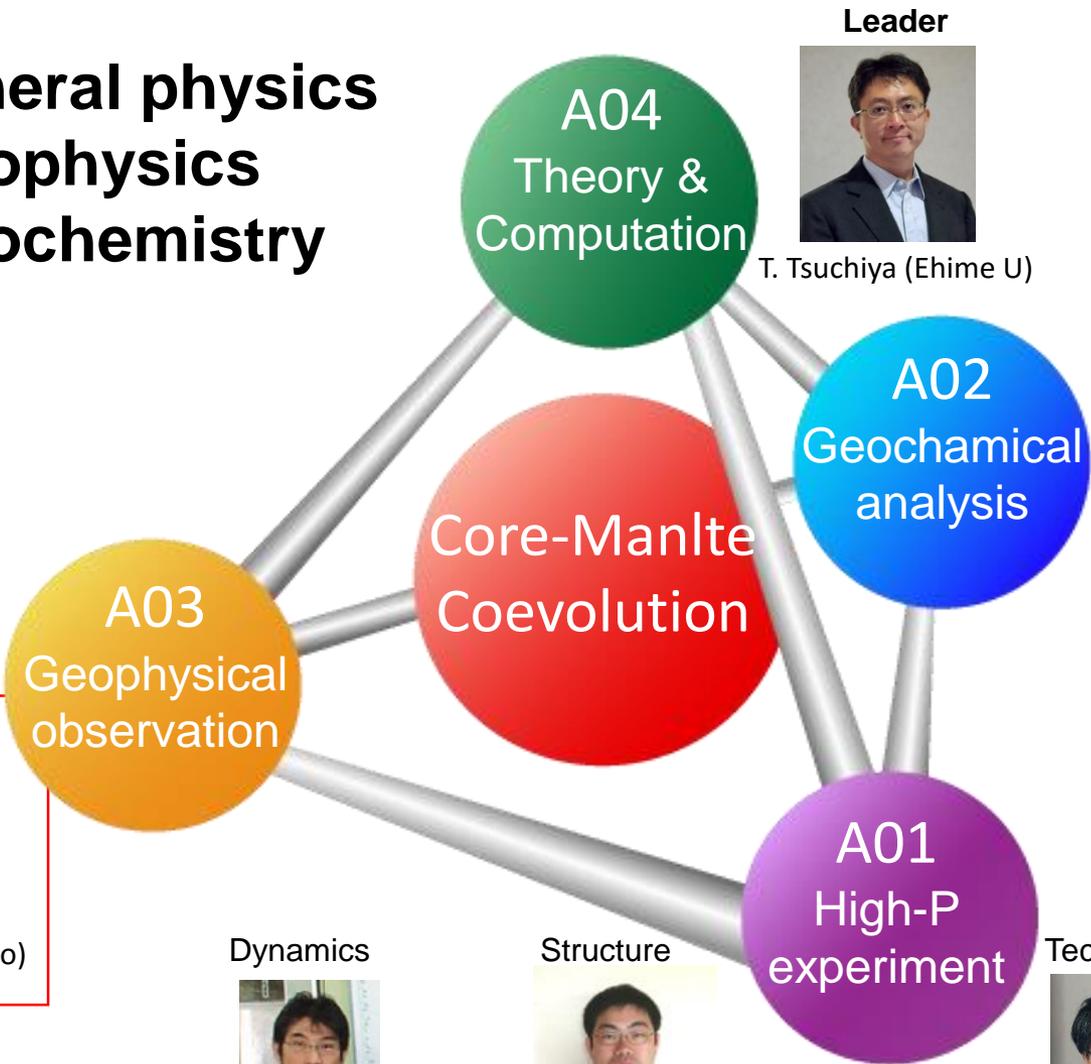


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Rock-forming minerals

Minerals forming igneous, sedimentary, or metamorphic rocks

Silicates (> 90% of the Earth's crust)

- Quartz
 SiO_2



- Mica
Hydrous
Sheet structure



- Pyroxene
Chain structure
Mafic
 $(\text{Mg}, \text{Ca})\text{SiO}_3$



- Feldspar
Alkali metal + Al



- Amphibole
Hydrous
Metamorphic rock



- Olivine
Mafic
 $(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe})\text{SiO}_4$



Others

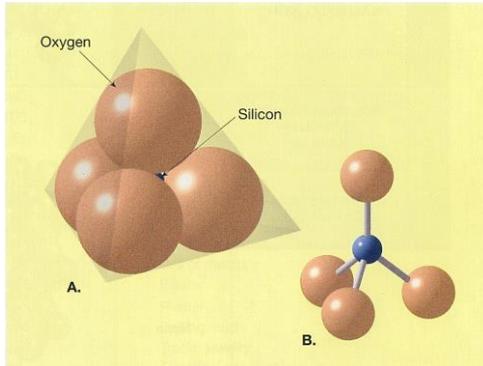
- Calcite
Carbonate



- Pyrite
Sulfide

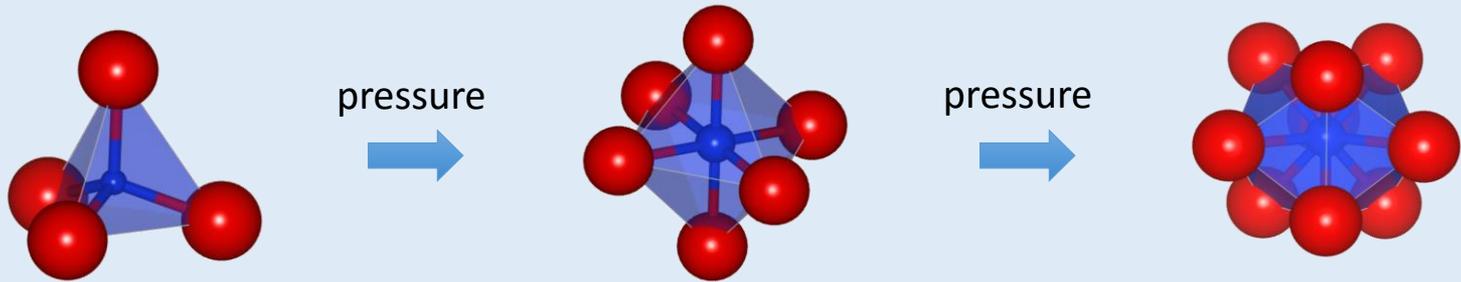


Silicate minerals



Fundamental block of SiO_4 tetrahedron in low-pressure silicate minerals

The coordination number of silicon (cation atoms) generally increases with pressure.



4-fold (tetrahedron) quartz

6-fold (octahedron) stishovite

9-fold (3-capped prism) Fe_2P -type

Gibbs

$$G(P, T) = F(V, T) + P(V, T)V$$

Helmholtz

$$F(V, T) = E(V, T) - TS(V, T)$$

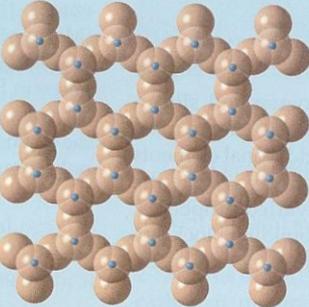
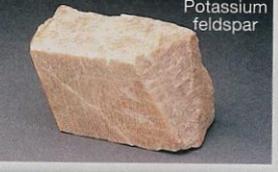
Cation coordination change:

- V reduces (by 5~10 %)
- S (phonon) increases (generally)

Crystal structure frameworks of silicates in terms of SiO_4 connectivity

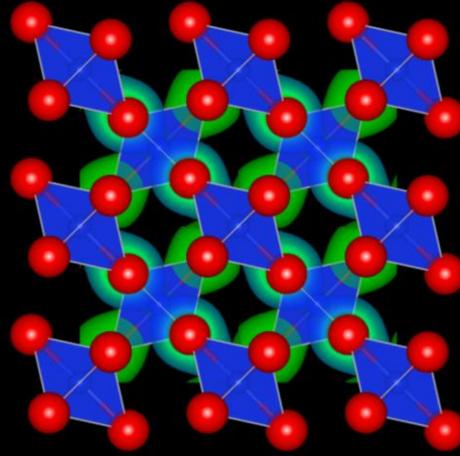
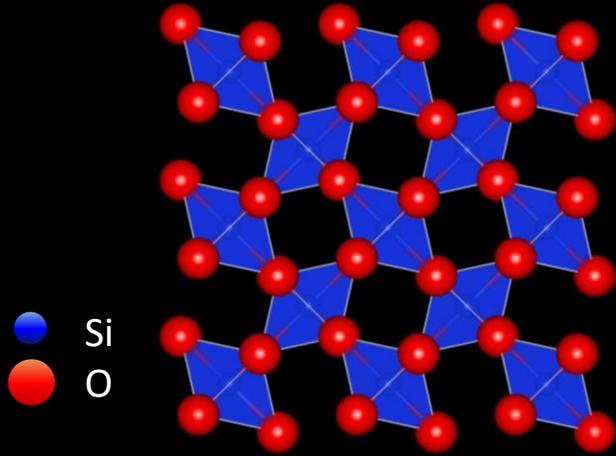
- Independent
- Chain
- Double chain
- Sheet
- 3D

Each structure is defined crystallographically (X-ray diffraction).

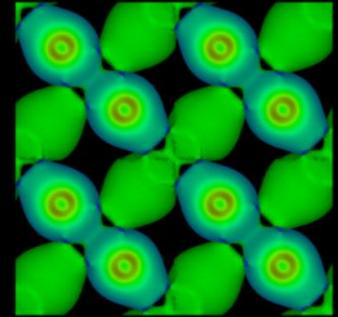
Mineral/Formula	Cleavage	Silicate Structure	Example
Olivine group (Mg, Fe) $_2\text{SiO}_4$	None	Independent tetrahedron 	 Olivine
Pyroxene group (Augite) (Mg,Fe) SiO_3	Two planes at right angles	Single chains 	 Augite
Amphibole group (Hornblende) $\text{Ca}_2(\text{Fe,Mg})_5\text{Si}_8\text{O}_{22}(\text{OH})_2$	Two planes at 60° and 120°	Double chains 	 Hornblende
Micas	One plane	Sheets 	 Biotite
			 Muscovite
Feldspars	Two planes at 90°	Three-dimensional networks 	 Potassium feldspar
			 Quartz
Quartz SiO_2	None		

Si-O bonding

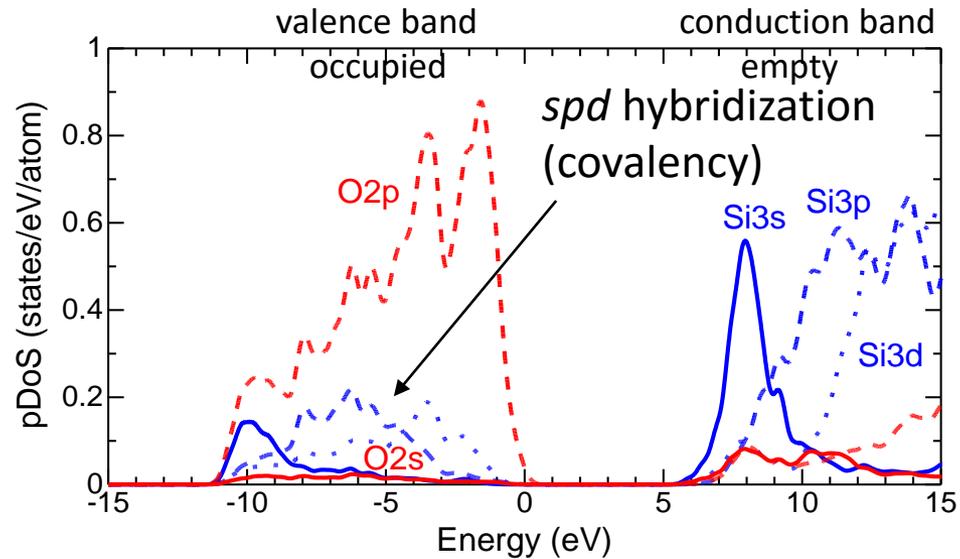
Crystal structure



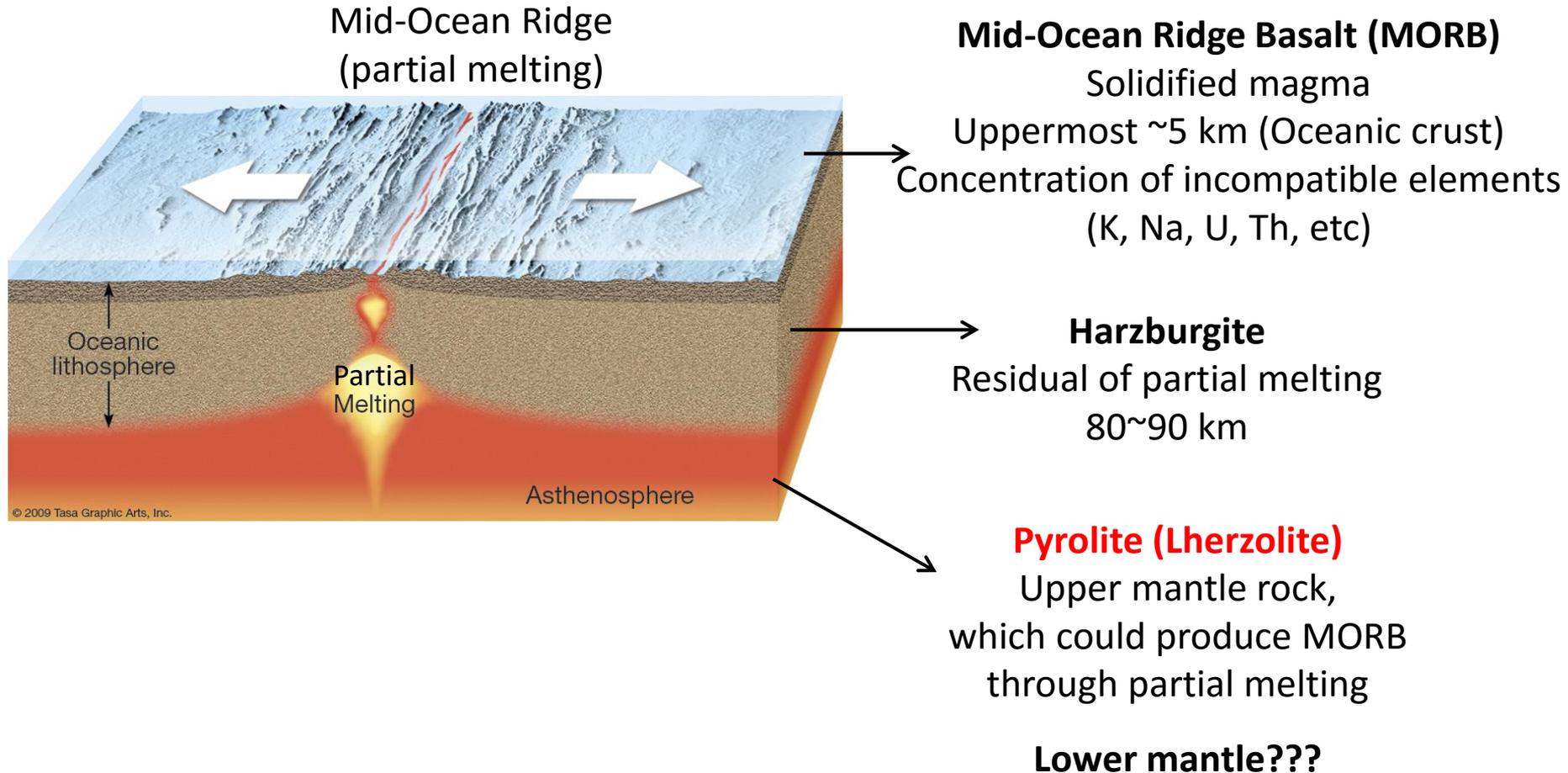
Electron density



Electronic structure of stishovite

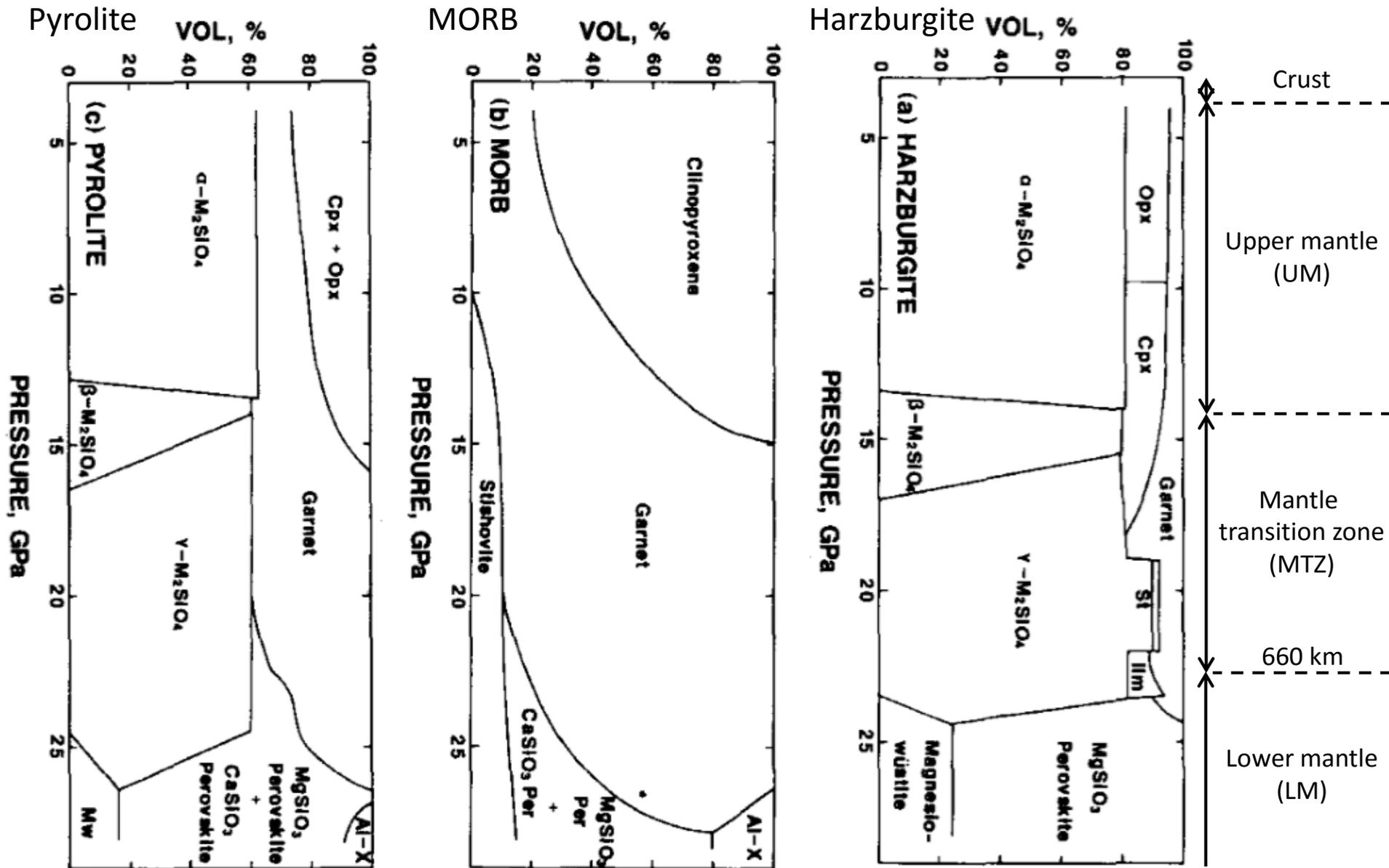


Mantle petrology



Pyrolite (Pyroxene + Olivine) = **1/4 Basalt** + **3/4 Dunite** (Olivine-rich peridotite)
Green & Ringwood (1963)

Representative lithology in the upper mantle condition

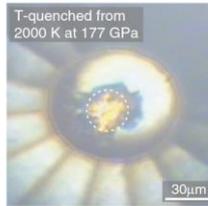
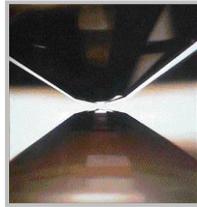


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Methods to study materials under high- P, T

(1) High- P, T experiment

Pressure is generated by pressing hard anvils



Technically difficult

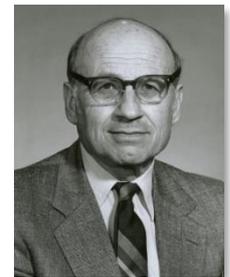
(2) Theory & computation (Ab initio method)

Prediction of material properties based on quantum mechanics and condensed-matter theory

Density functional theory (DFT) (Nobel prize in chemistry in 1988)

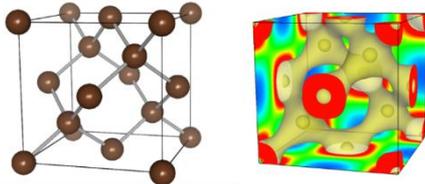
$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta - \sum_I \frac{Z_I}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_I|} + e^2 \int \frac{n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d\mathbf{r}' + V_{XC}[n(\mathbf{r})] \right] \varphi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_i \varphi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

$$n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i |\varphi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

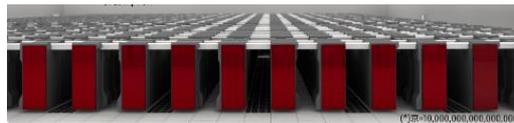


Walter Kohn
April 19, this year (93 old)

Charge density of diamond

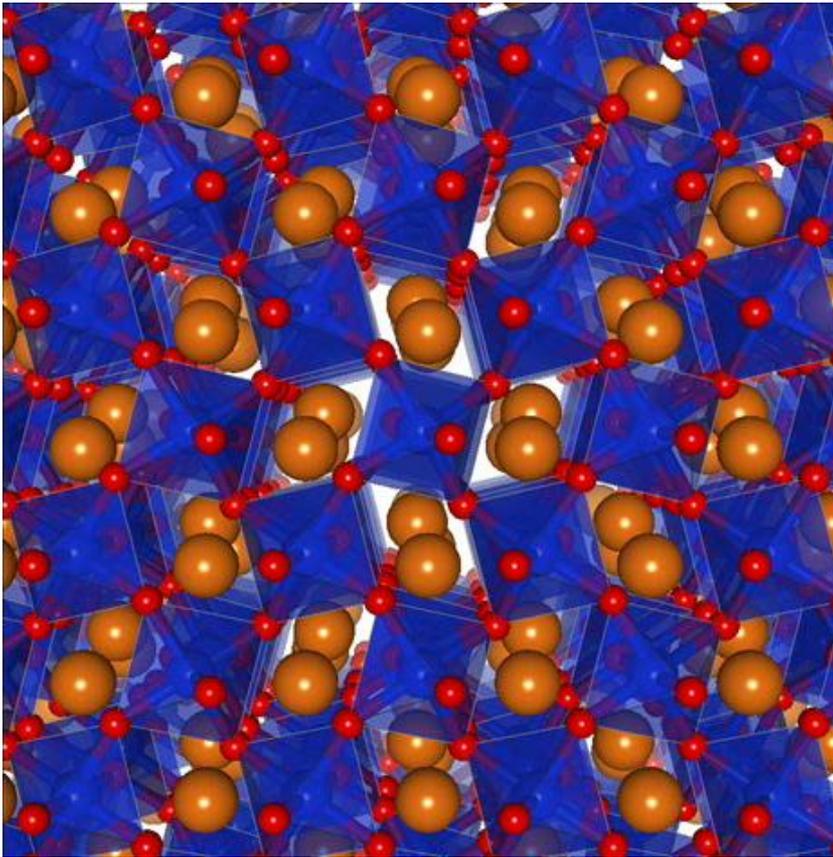


Super computer



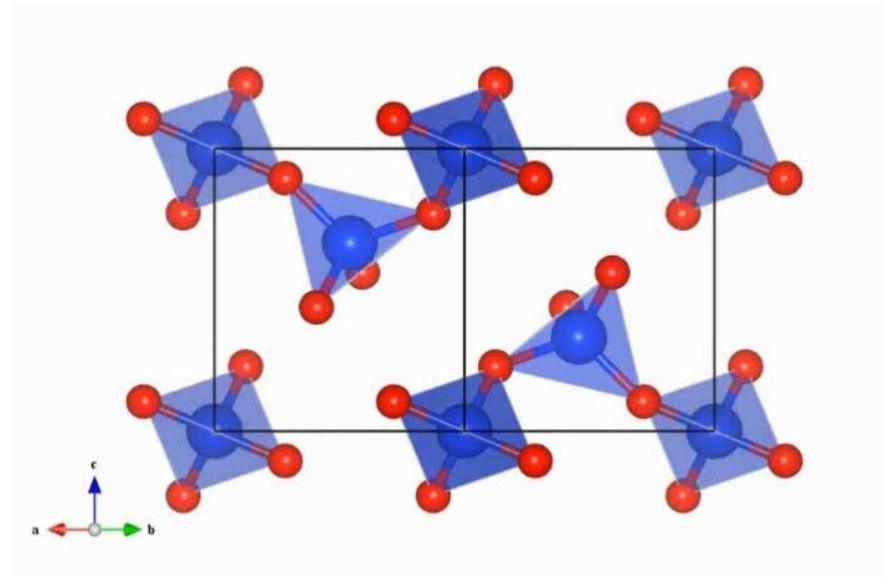
Structure search by ab initio molecular dynamics

MgSiO_3 Bridgmanite



~100 GPa

SiO_2 α -Quartz

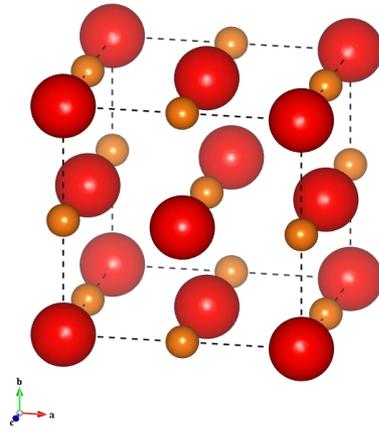


~700 GPa

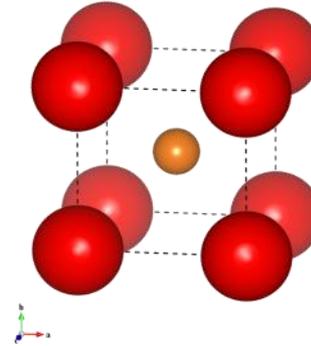


Structure evolution under pressure

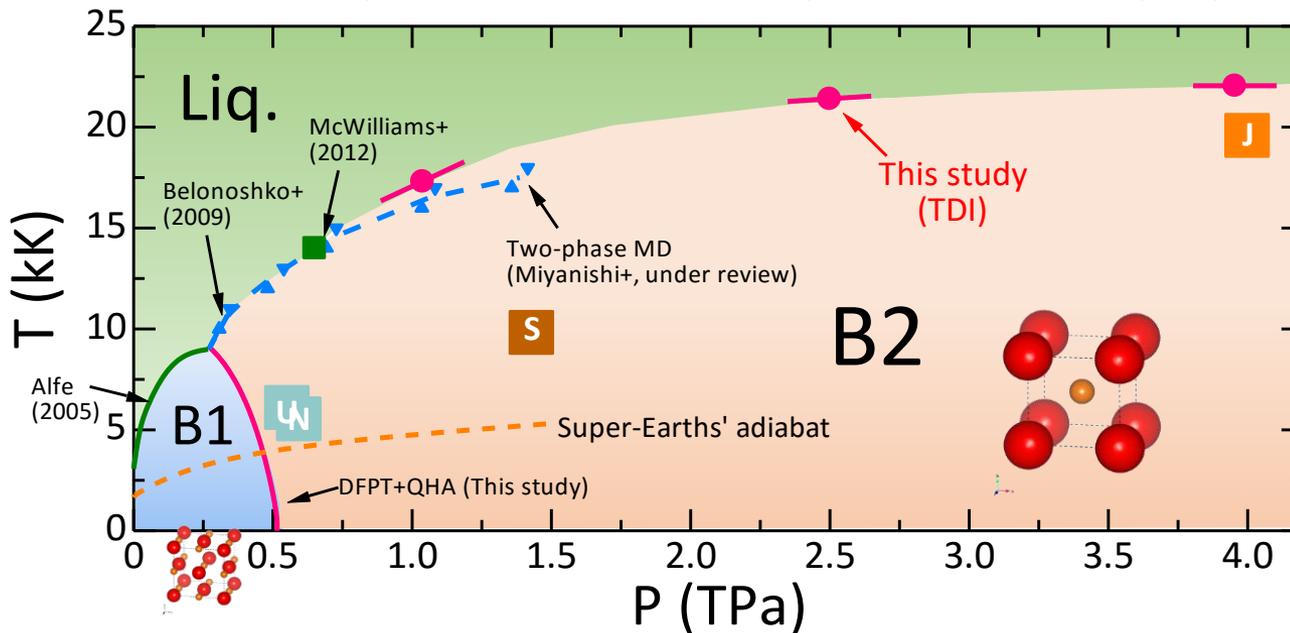
MgO



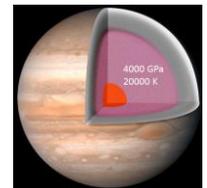
B1 (NaCl) Low-P
(cation coordination VI)



B2 (CsCl) High-P
(VIII)

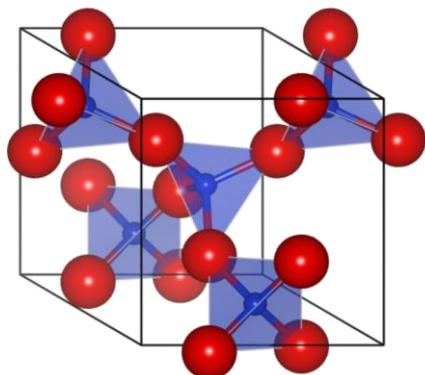


Gas giant or
super-Earth

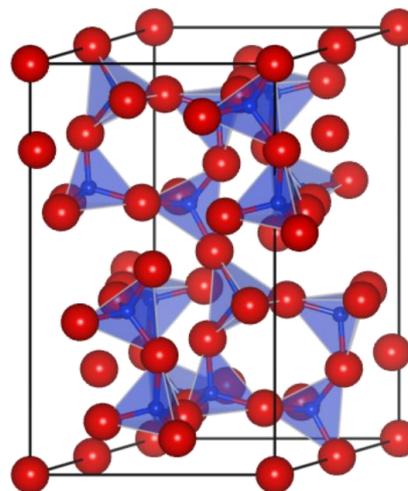


1 TPa = 1000 GPa
CoE = 364 GPa

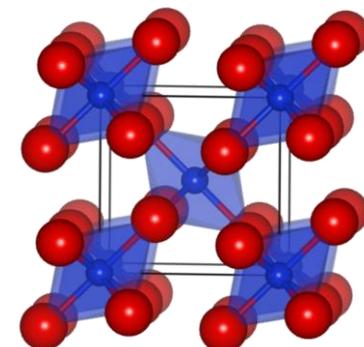
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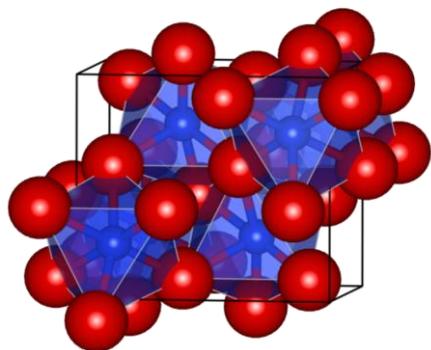
α -Quartz
(IV)



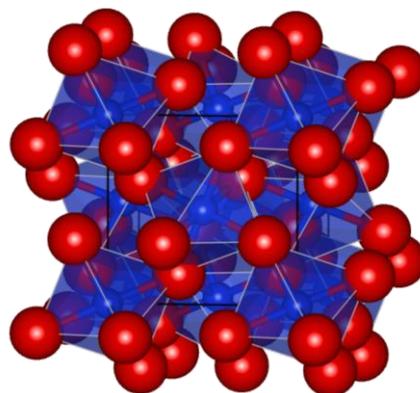
Coesite
(IV)



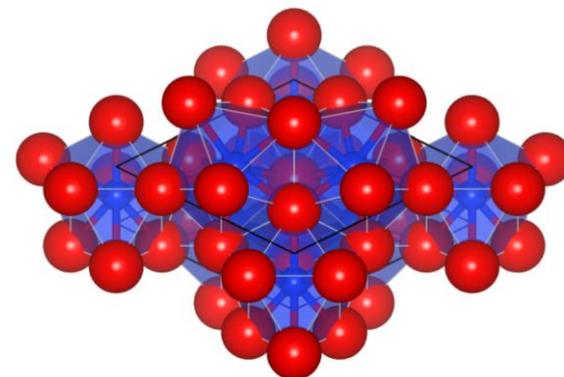
Stishovite
(CaCl_2 -type)
(VI)



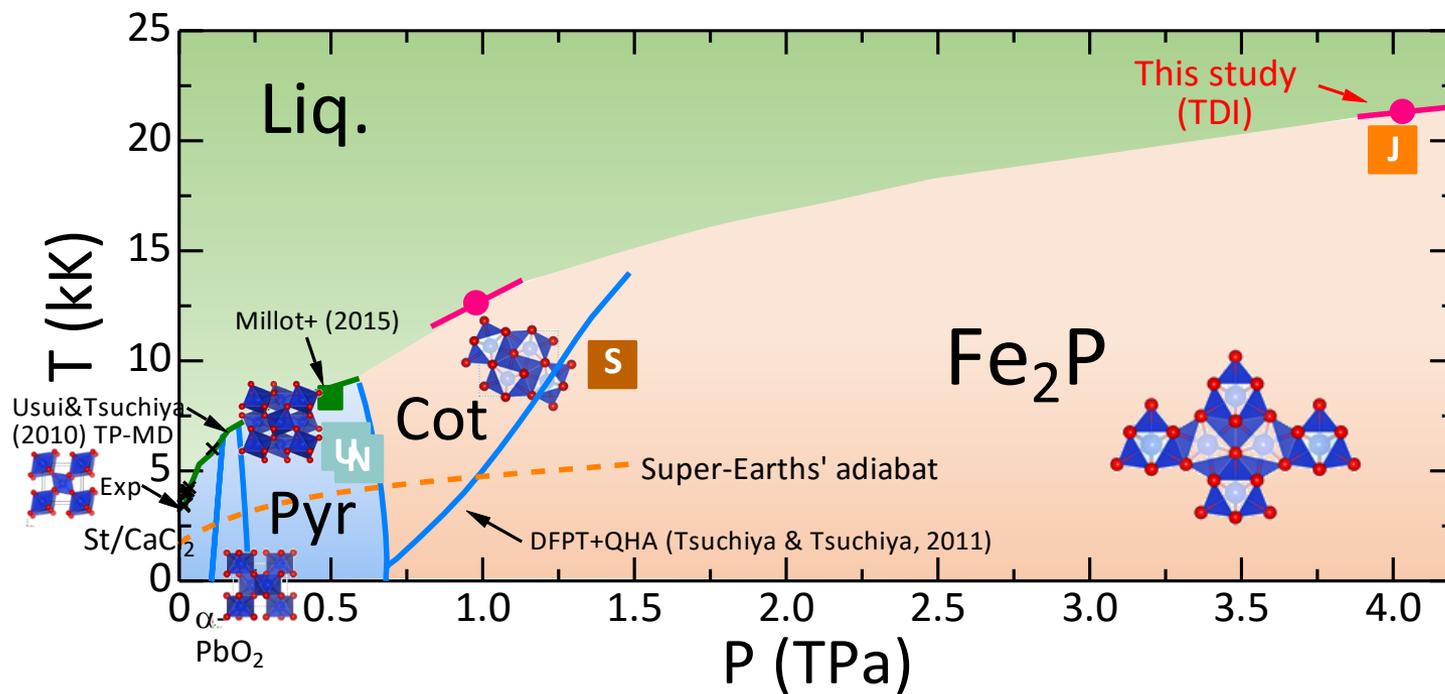
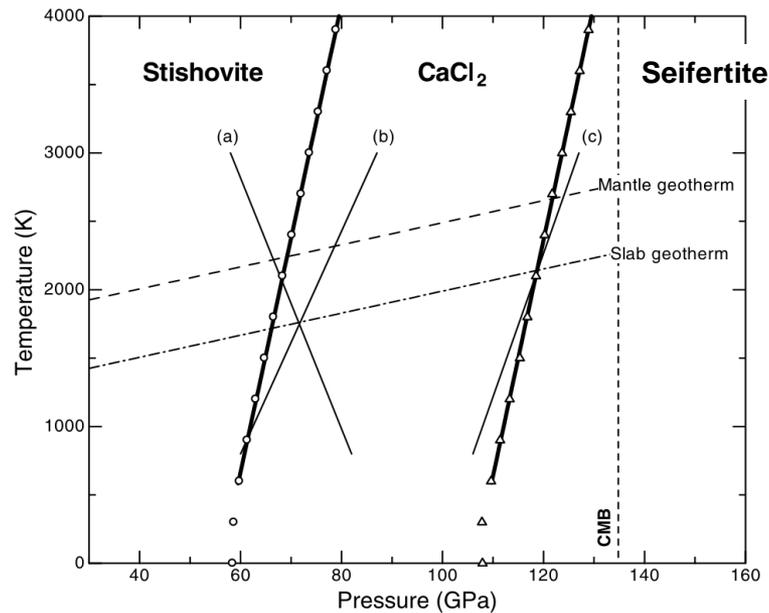
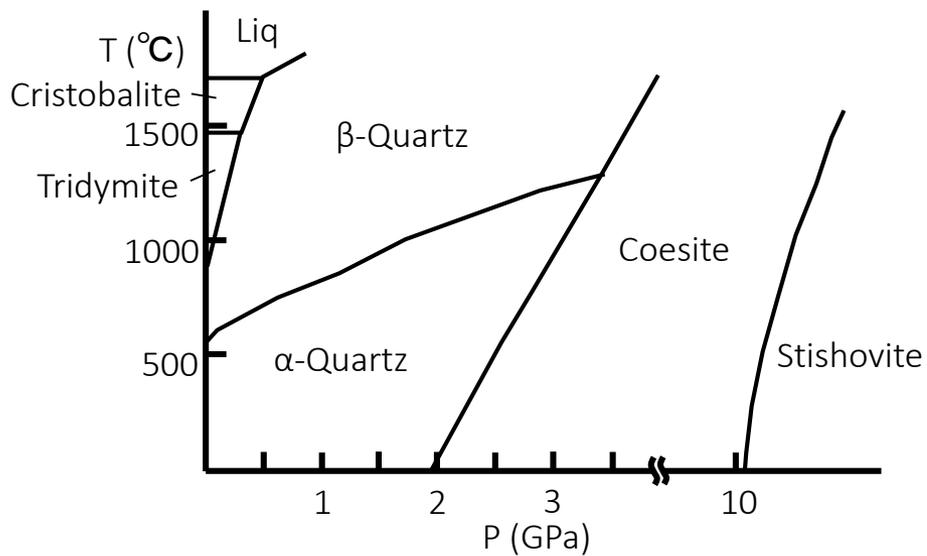
Seifertite
(VI)



Pyrite-type
(VI)



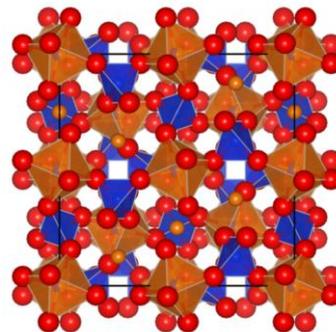
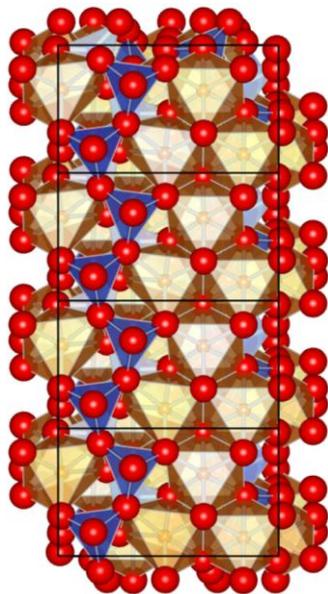
Fe_2P -type
(IX)



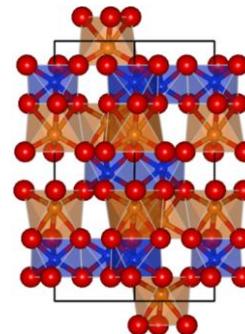
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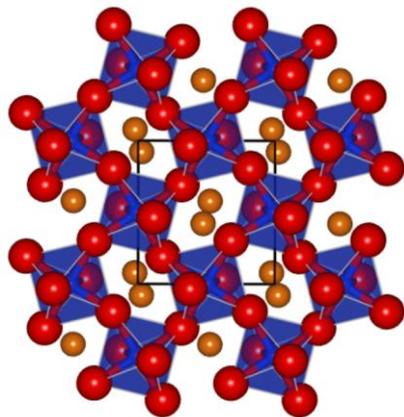
Orthoenstatite
(Mg-VI, Si-IV)



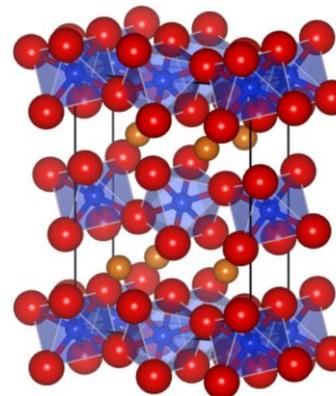
Majorite (High-T)



Akimotoite (Lpw-T)
(Mg-VI, Si-VI)



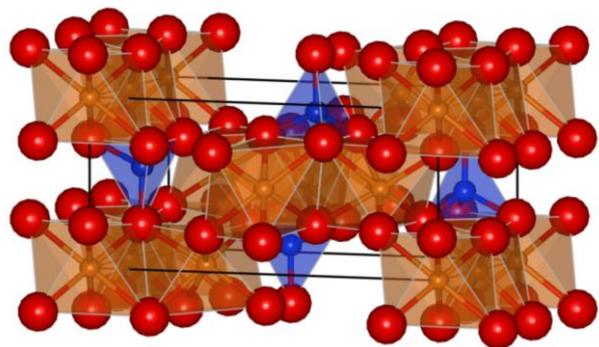
Bridgmanite
(Mg-VIII, Si-IV)



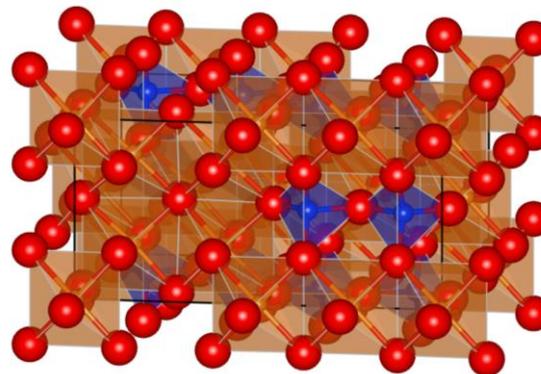
Post-perovskite
(Mg-VIII, Si-IV)

Murakami+ (04) Science
Tsuchiya+ (04) EPSL
etc

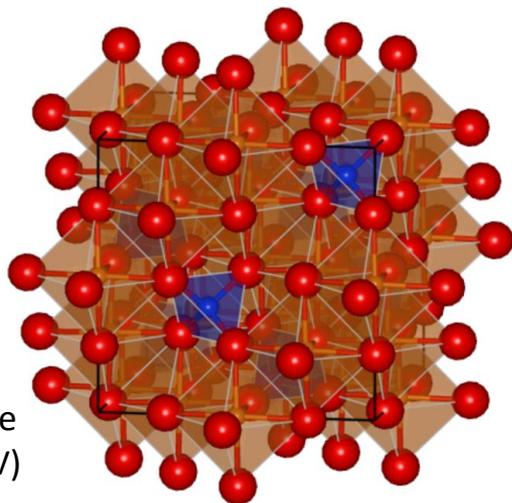
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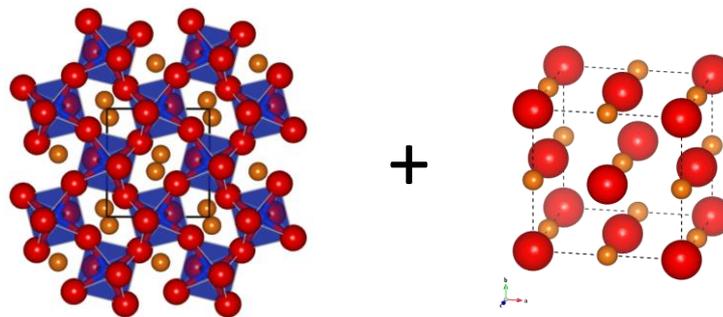
Olivine
(Mg-VI, Si-IV)



Wadsleyite
(Mg-VI, Si-IV)

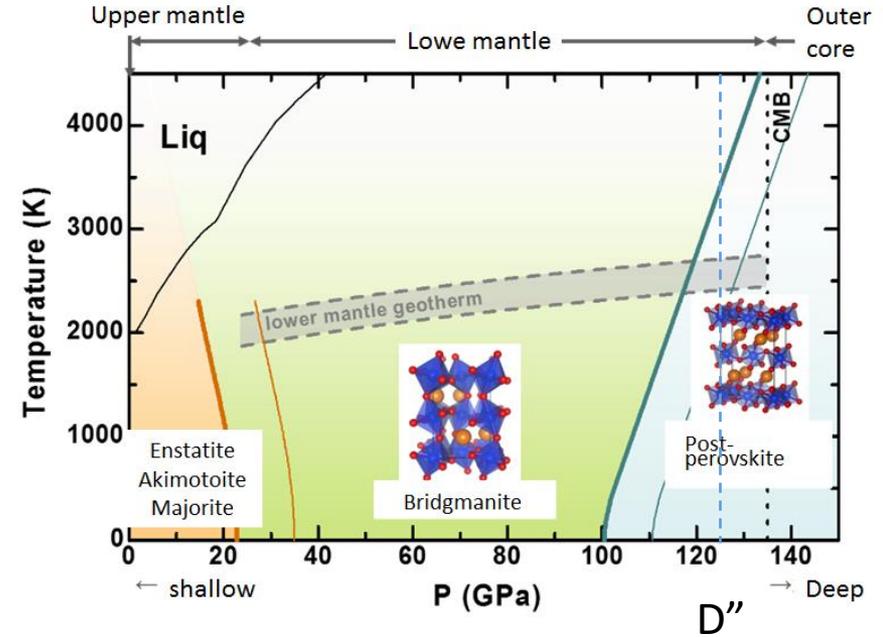
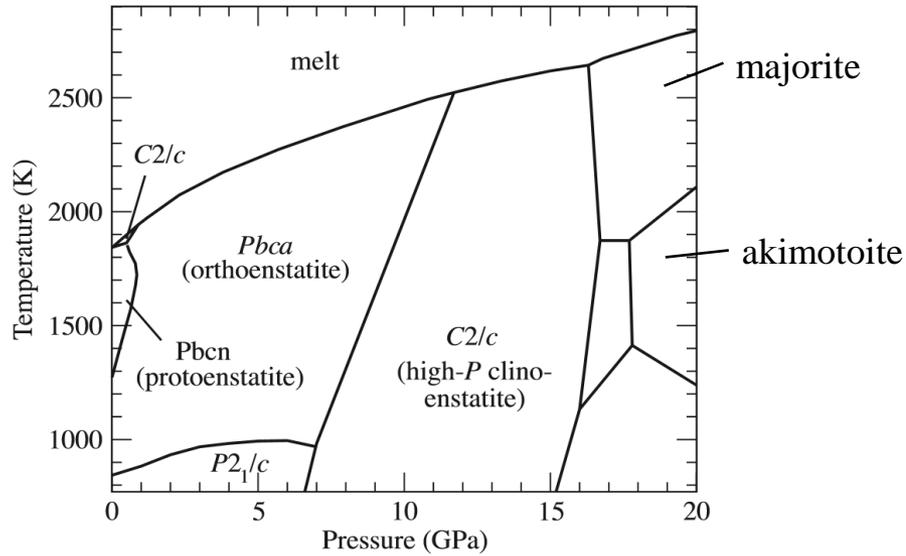


Ringwoodite
(Mg-VI, Si-IV)

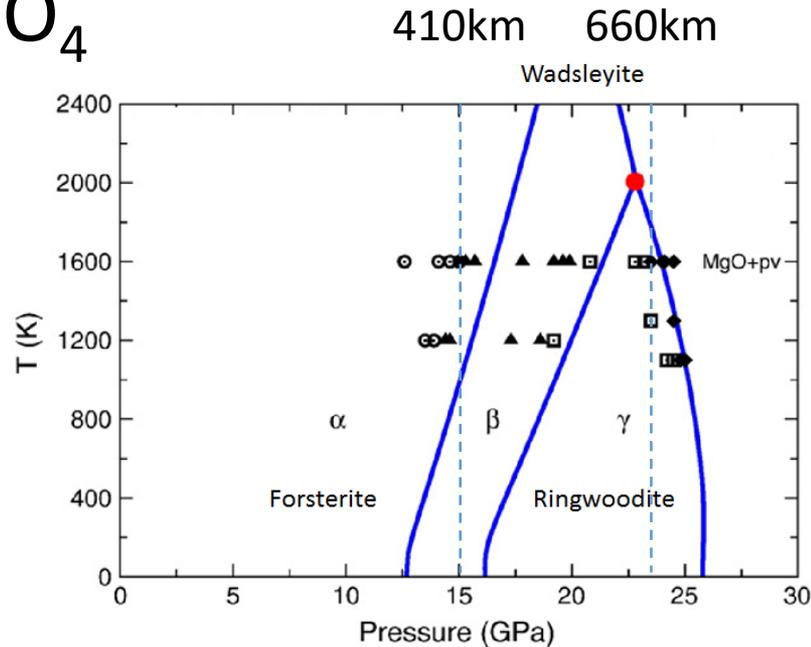


Bridgmanite + Periclase

MgSiO₃ (CaSiO₃ also similar)

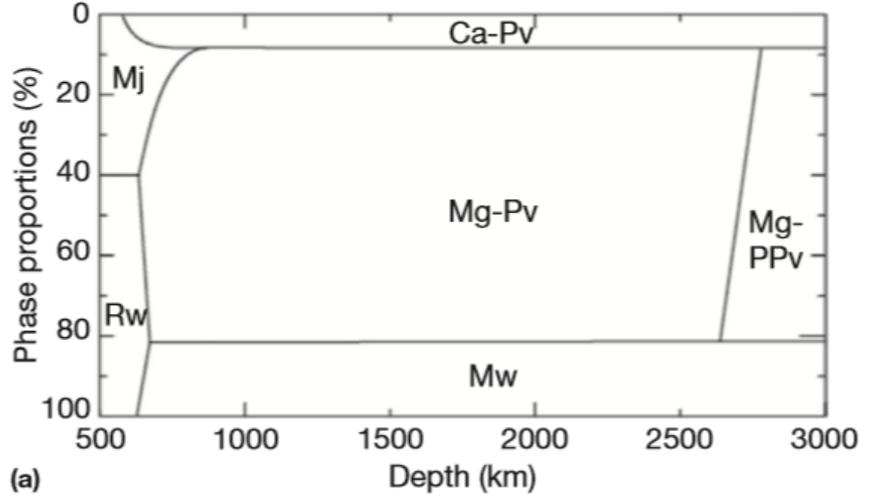


Mg₂SiO₄

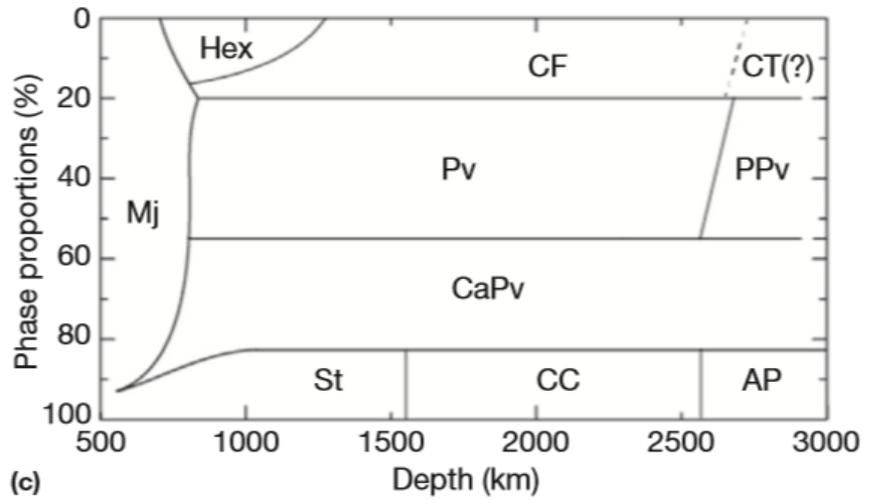
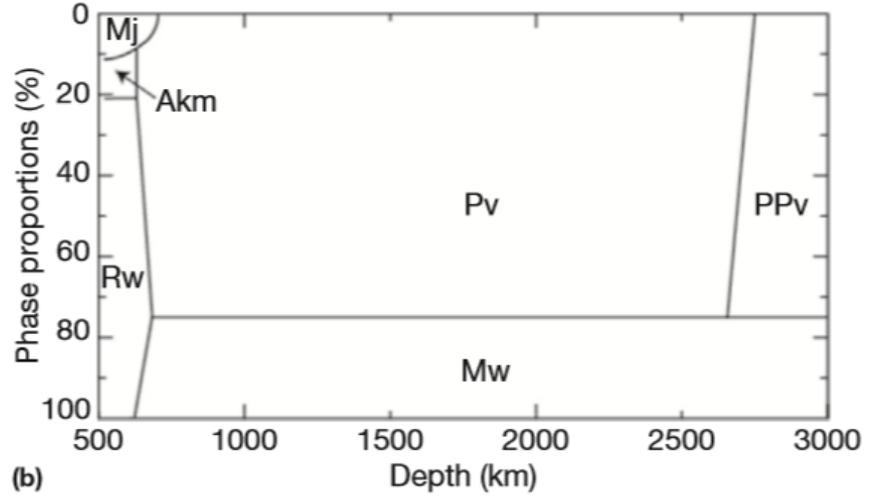


Representative lithology in the lower mantle condition

Pyrolite (olivine rich)



Harzburgite

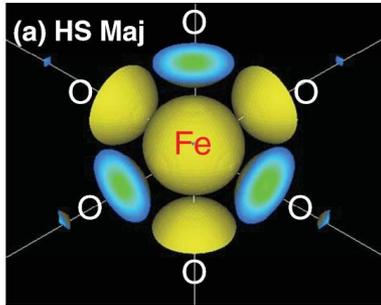


MORB (silica rich)

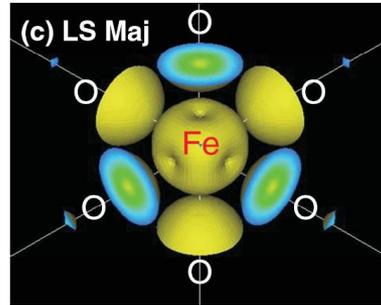
- Phase diagrams of major silicate and oxide phases are now almost clarified in the Earth's mantle P, T .
- Lithology is still under debate.

Spin crossover in Fe-bearing solid solution

(Mg,Fe)O Ferropericlase



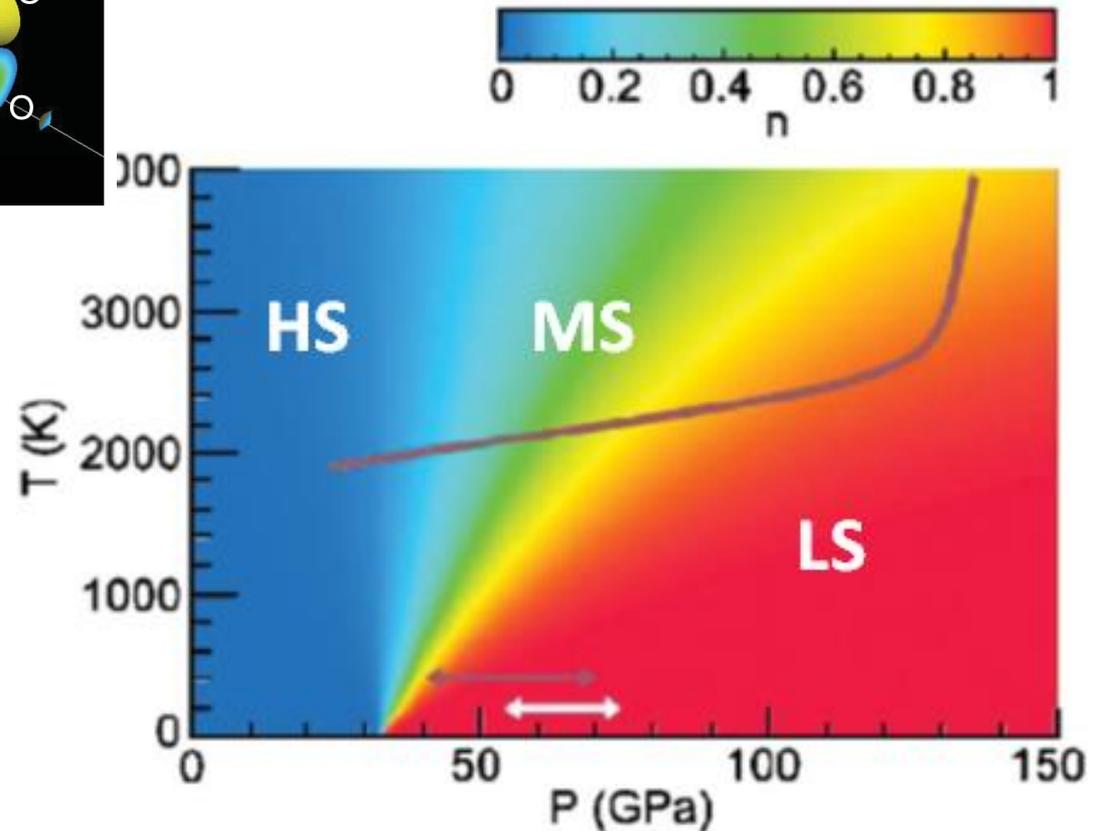
High-spin
($S=2$)



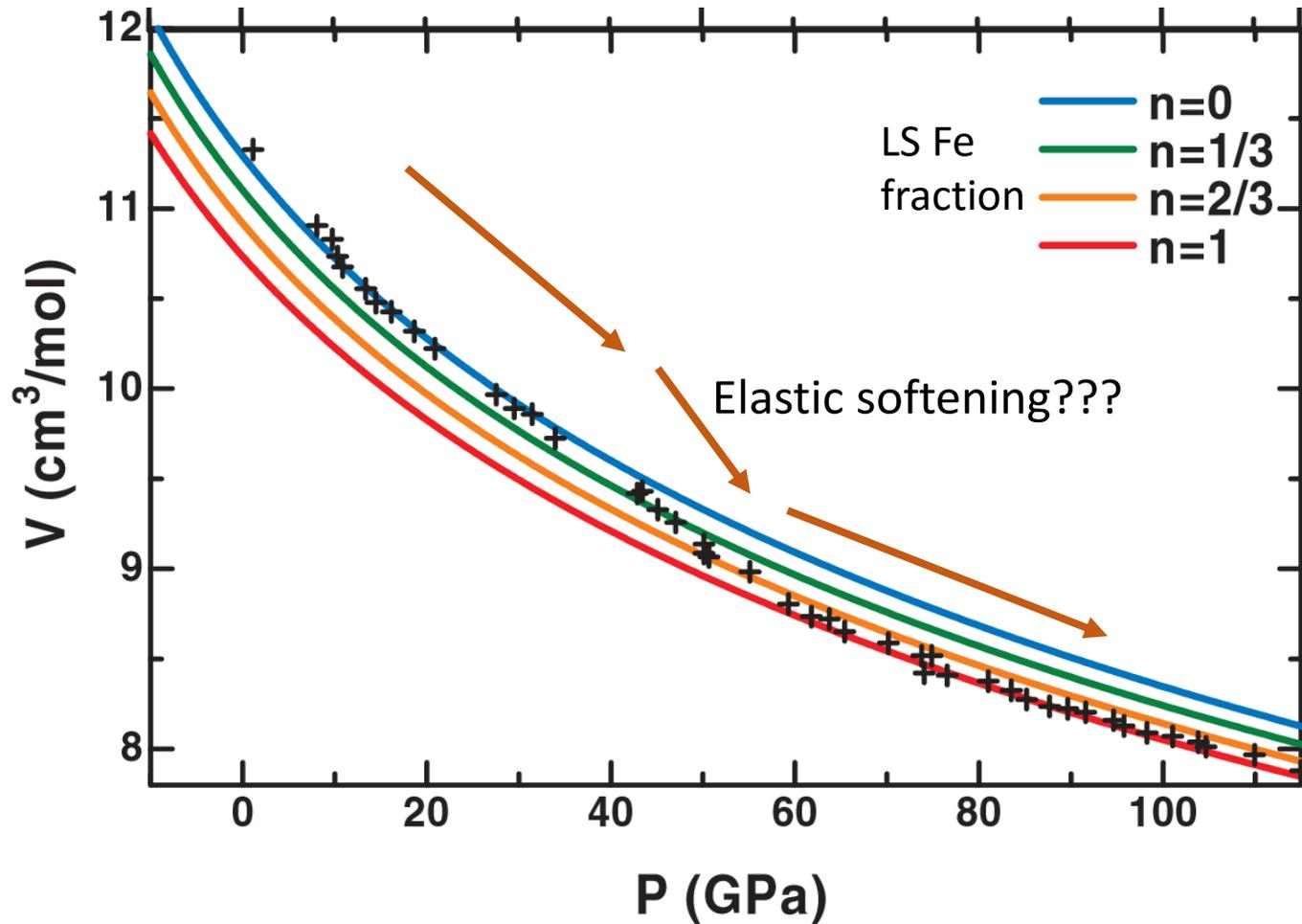
Low-spin
($S=0$)

Spin transition

- Decrease volume
- Decrease elastic wave velocity(?)
- Reduce thermal conductivity(?)



Compression across a spin transition

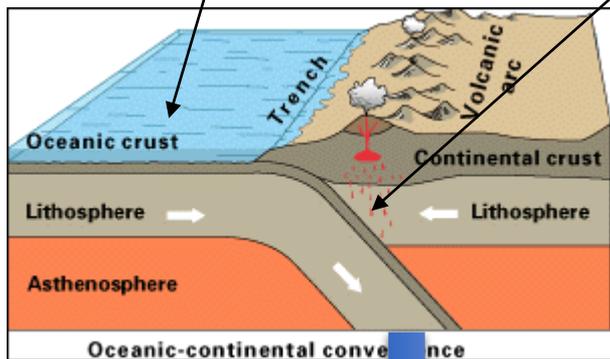


A spin transition affects seismic wave speeds and it is seismologically detectable?

Dense Hydrous Magnesium Silicate (DHMS) phases

Hydration of oceanic crust

Serpentinization of olivine (antigorite)



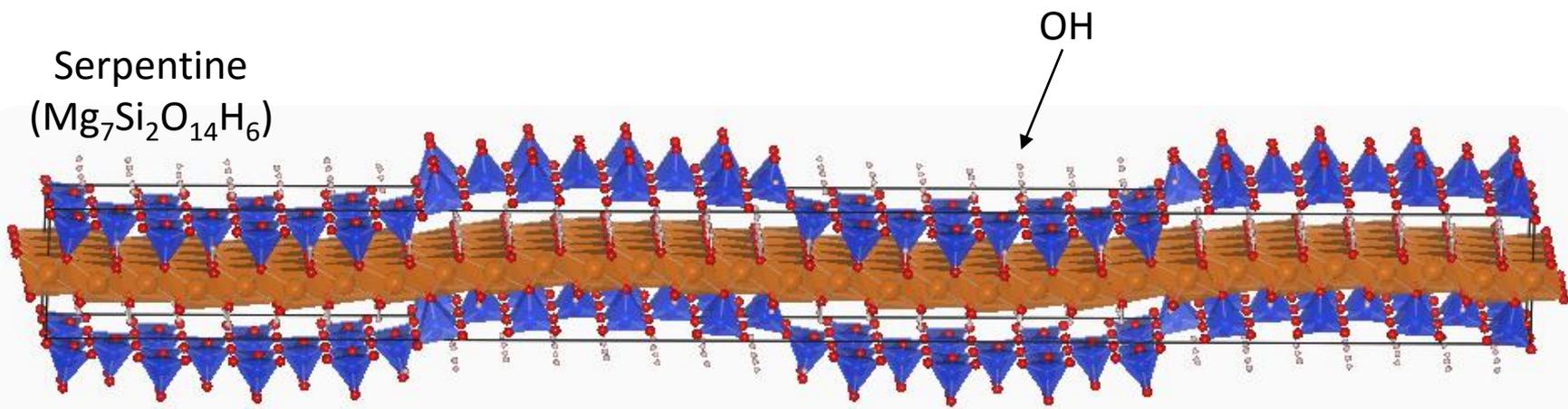
H₂O in DHMS

Water (volatile components)

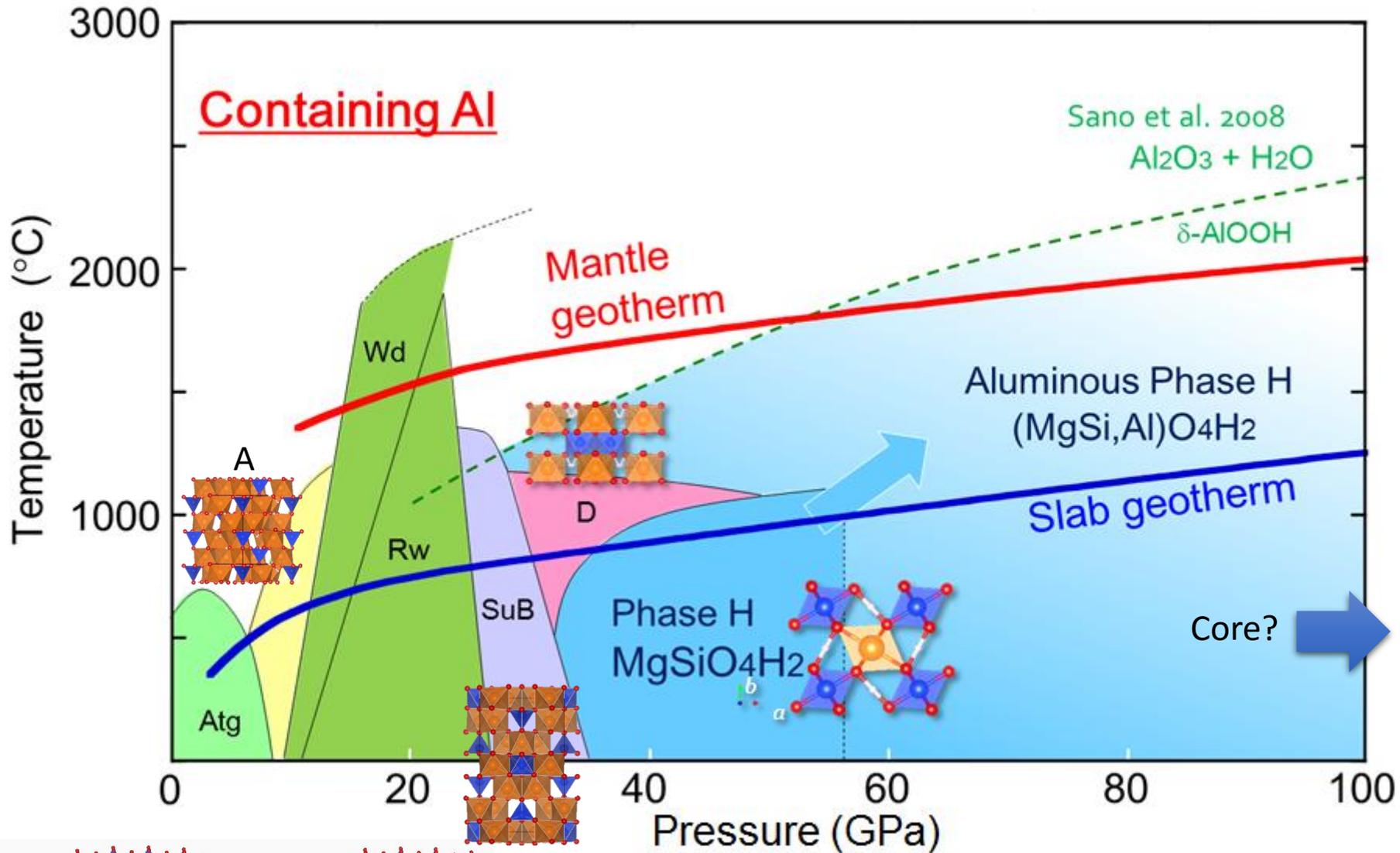
- Reduce melting temperature (magmatism)
- Reduce yield strength and viscosity (seismicity)
- How much and where are still unclear.

Hydrous minerals have totally different phase relations.

Serpentine
(Mg₇Si₂O₁₄H₆)



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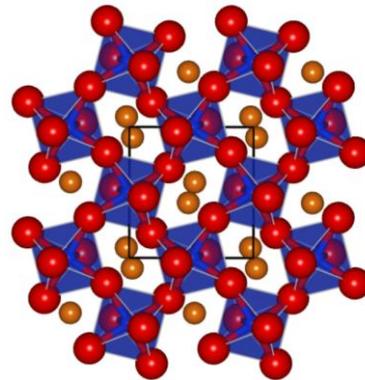


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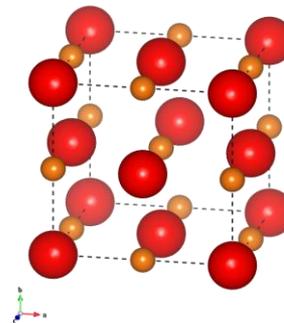
Earth's lower mantle

- *More than 50% of Earth's entire volume*
- *Chemical composition still under debate*

Fe^{2+,3+}-bearing MgSiO₃
Bridgmanite

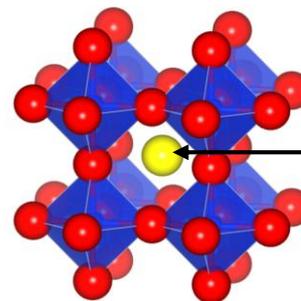


Fe²⁺-bearing MgO
Ferropericlase

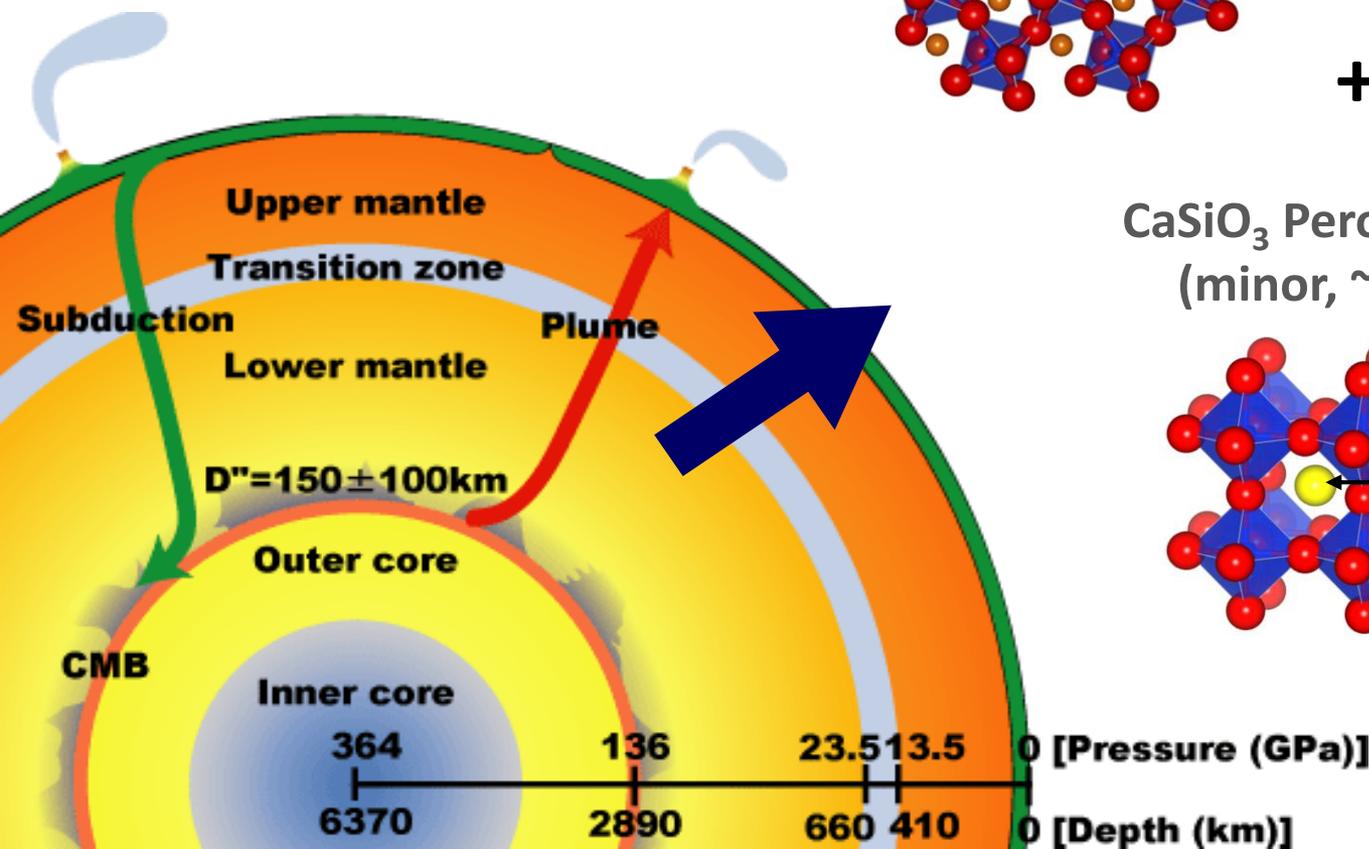


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CaSiO₃ Perovskite
(minor, ~5%)

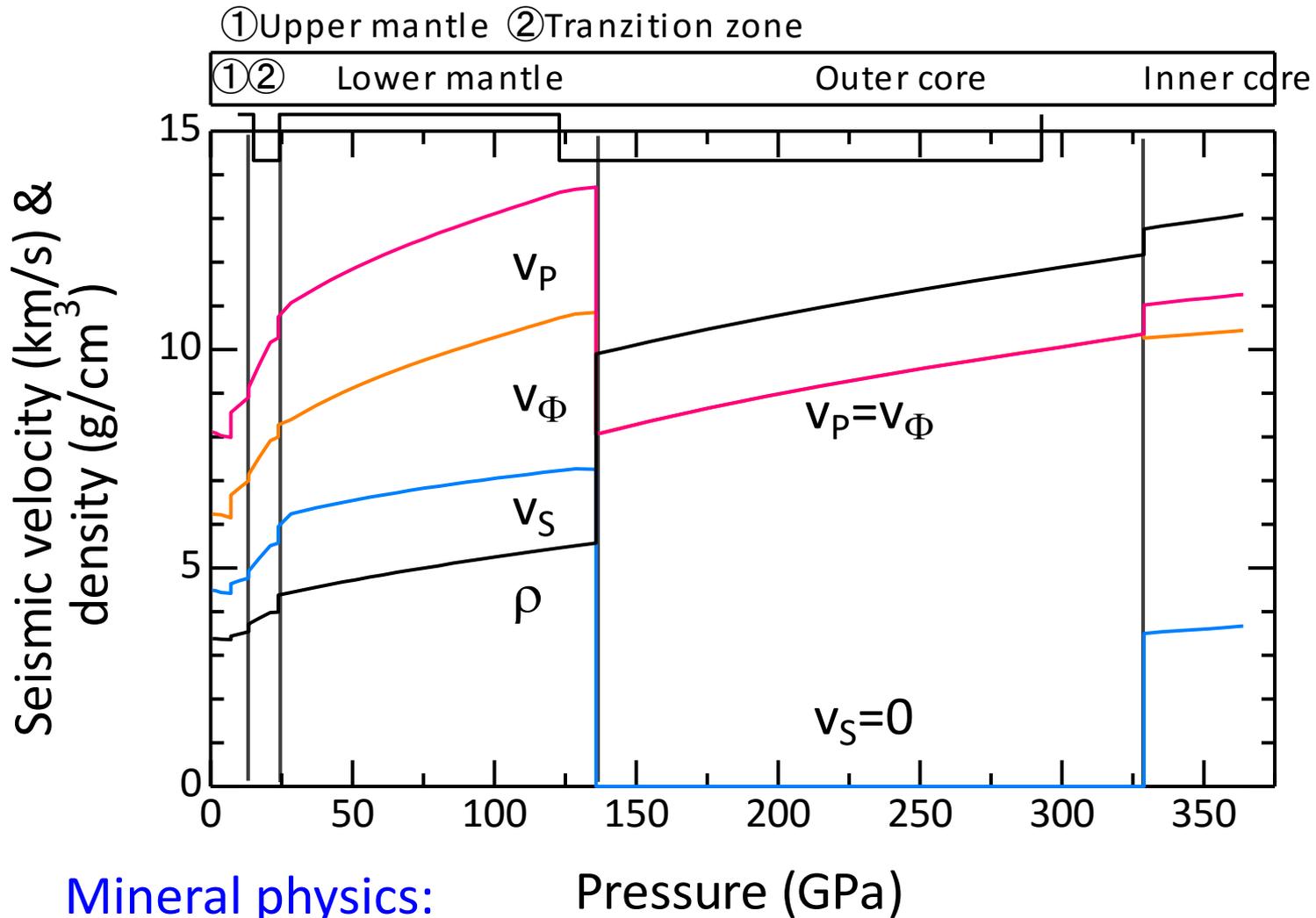


Ca
(potential host of large cations,
U, Th)



Seismological reference model

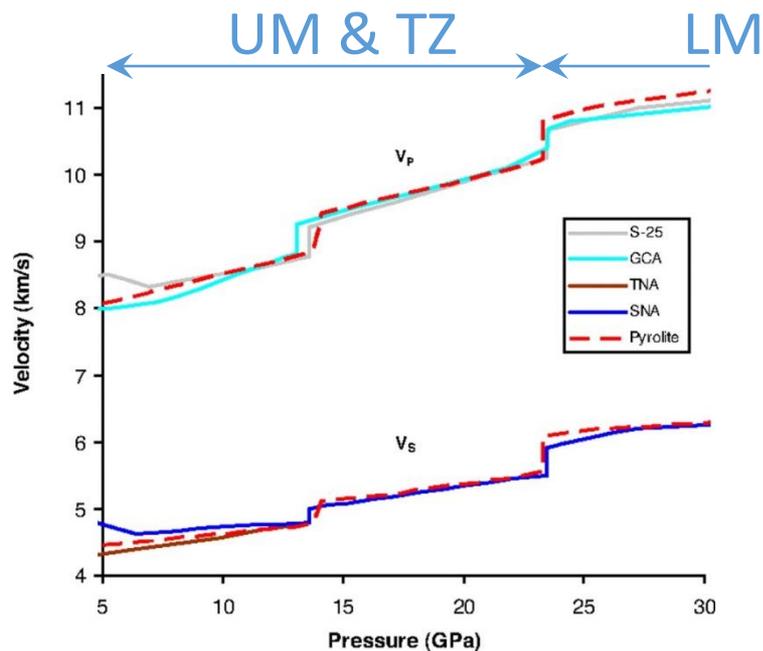
PREM (*Dziewonski & Anderson 81*)



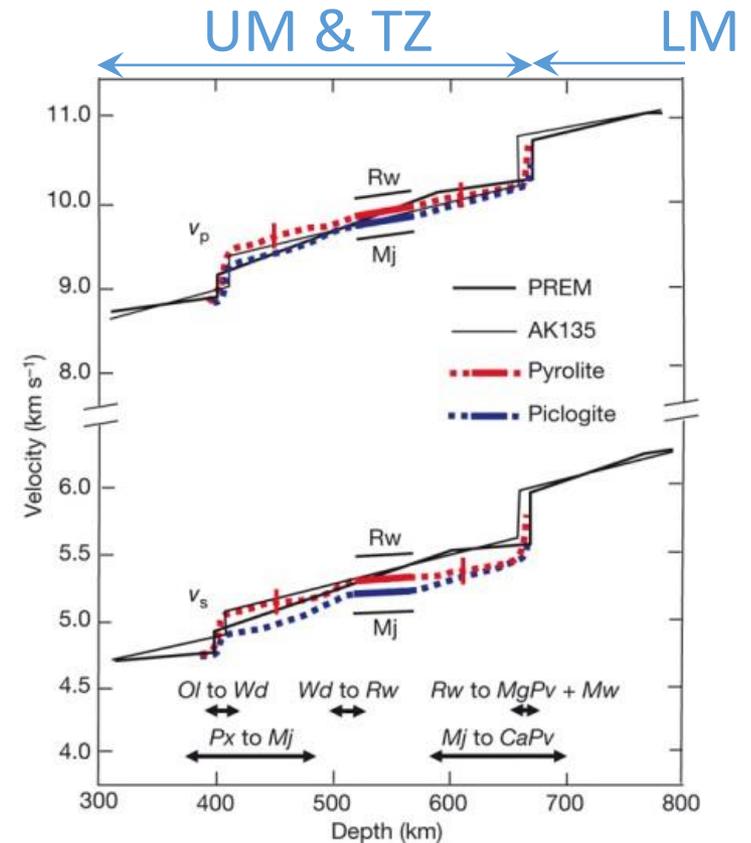
Mineral physics:

Search for lithology which can reproduce these references

Mineralogical model of the upper mantle



Li & Leibermann (07)



Irifune+ (08)

- UM = Pyrolitic
- LM ... measurement still difficult

Mineralogical model of the lower mantle

◆ Chondrite (0.95Pv + 0.05Fp) SiO₂-rich

Vs only measured by DAC + Brillouin scattering at limited P, T

Murakami+ (12) Nature

◆ Pyrolite (0.65Pv + 0.35Fp in mole)

Density only measured by multianvil press just at the top of the LM P, T

Irifune+ (10) Science

◆ Olivine (0.5Pv + 0.5Fp) Mg,Fe-rich

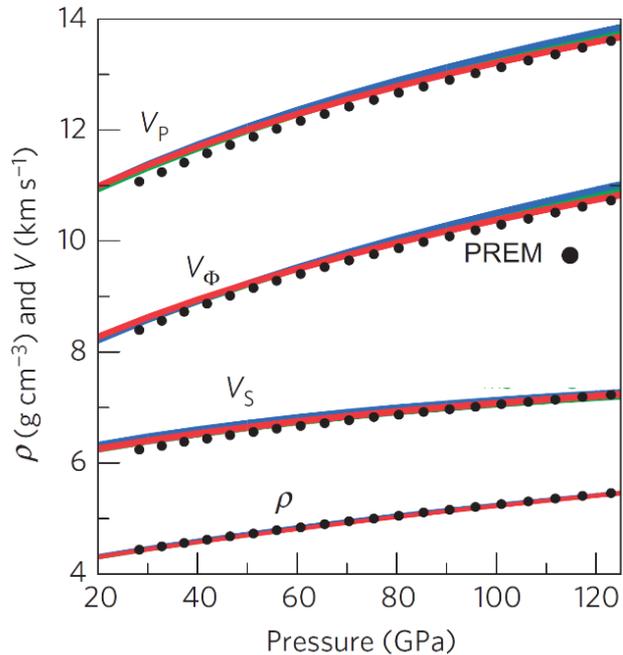
Bulk modulus only by EoS modeling

Tange+ (12) JGR

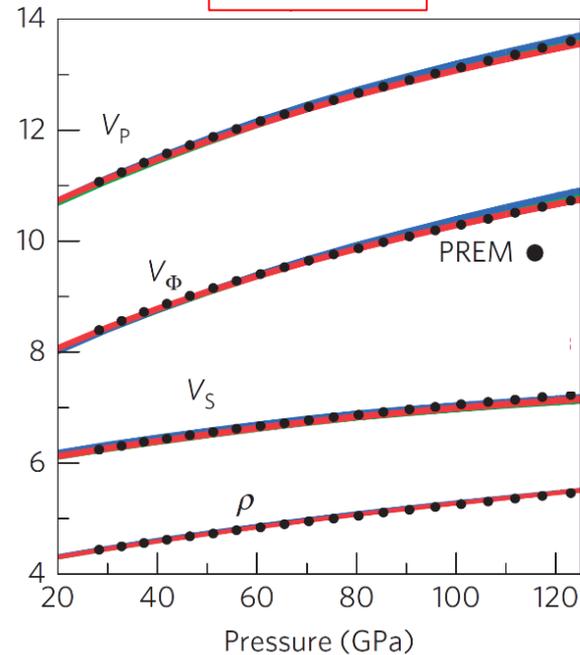
Simultaneous experimental measurements of V_p , V_s , and ρ
in the whole LM P, T still impossible

Representative lithology for the lower mantle

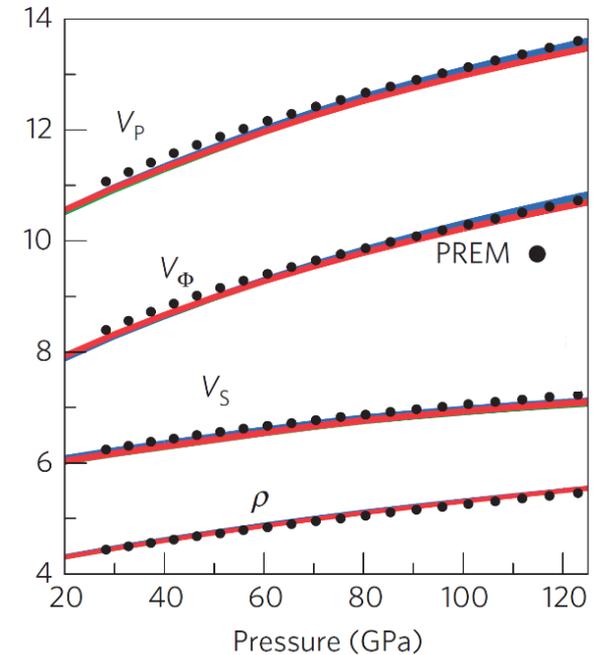
Chondrite



Pyrolite



Olivine



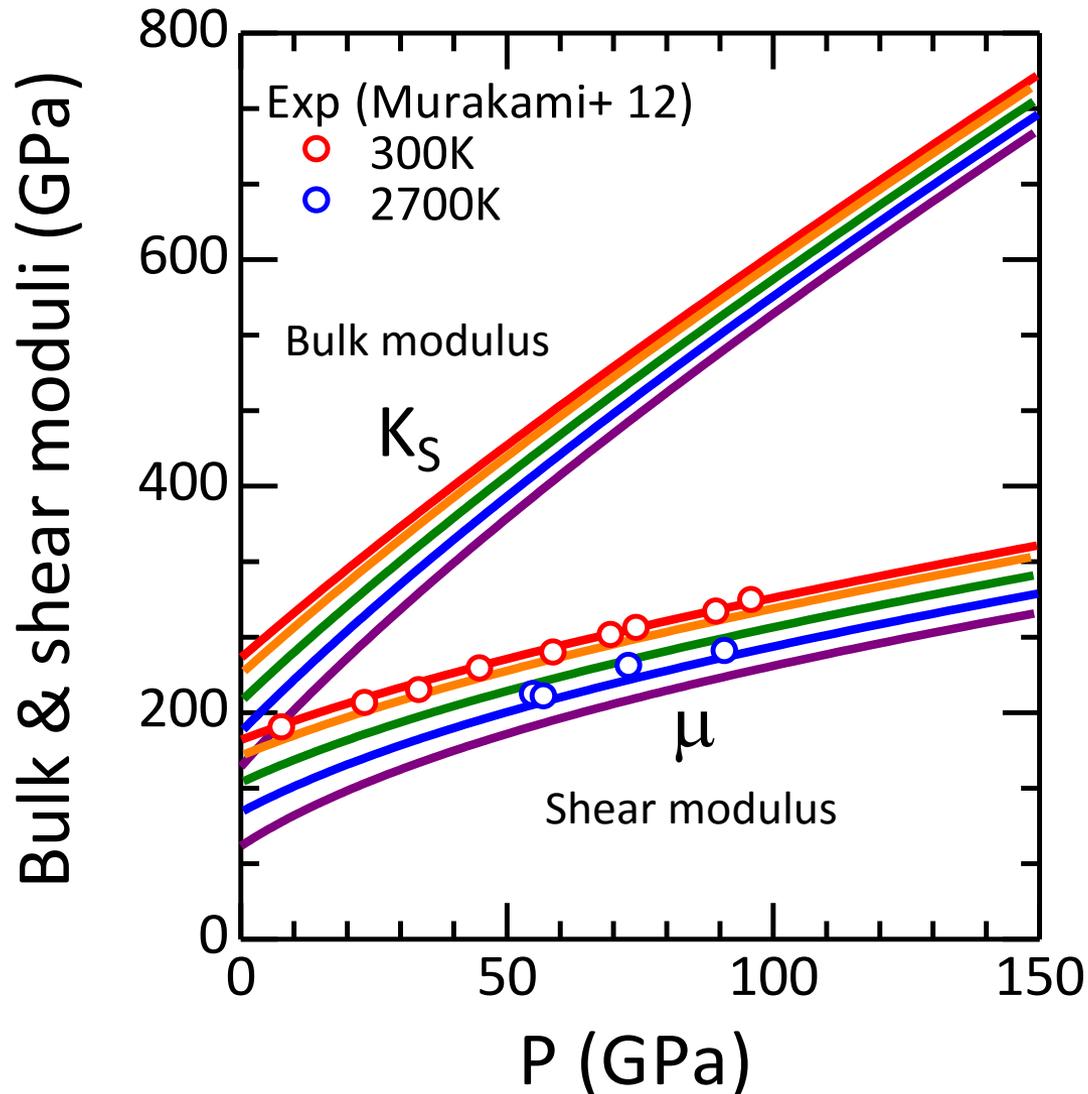
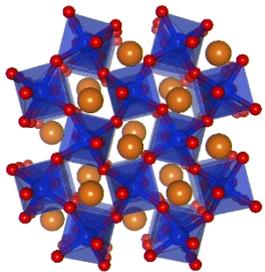
Pyrolite model agrees best with PREM in the whole LM P range

Along an adiabatic T profile
with $T_p = 1600$ K

Blue: Fe^{2+} -bearing
Green: Fe^{3+} -bearing
Red: Fe^{3+} +Al-bearing

Wang, Tsuchiya & Hase (15) Nature Geo

DFT calculations of elastic moduli (MgSiO₃ bridgmanite)

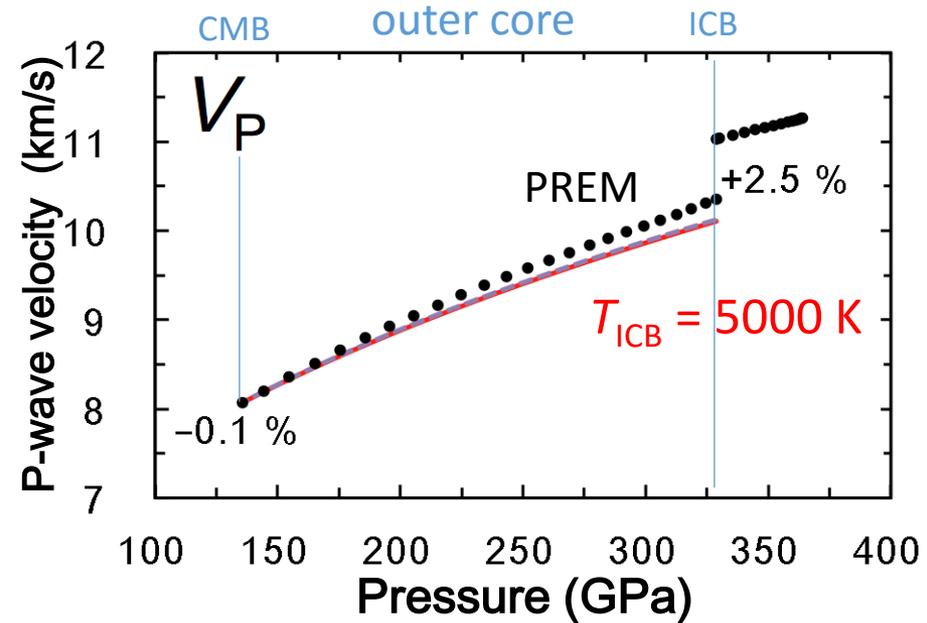
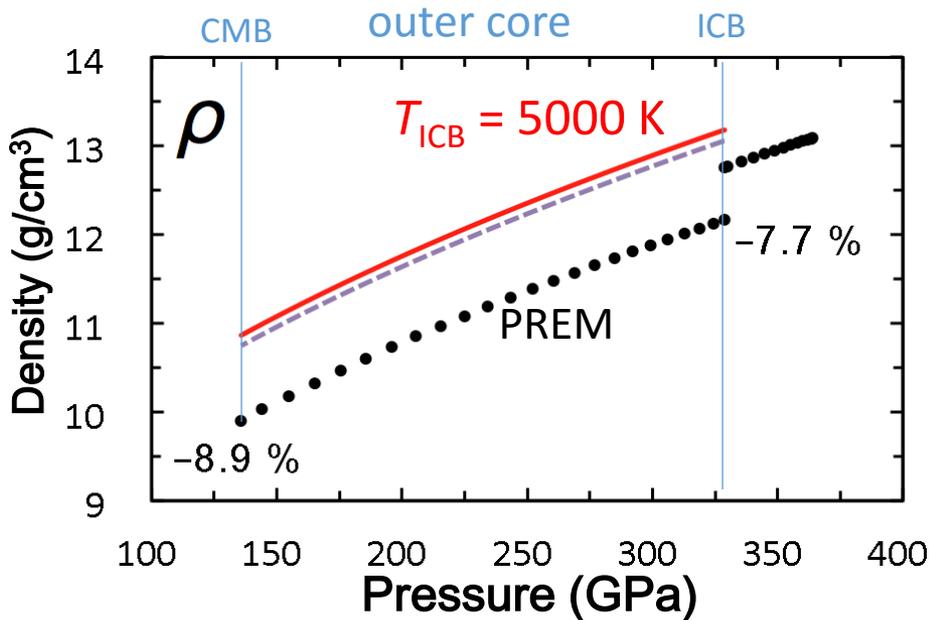


$$V_P = \sqrt{\frac{K_S + 4/3 \mu}{\rho}}$$
$$V_S = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}}$$
$$V_\Phi = \sqrt{\frac{K_S}{\rho}}$$



Liquid iron alloys in the outer core

Fe-Ni + ~10 wt% light elements (O, S, Si, C, H...) (e.g., Birch 64)



Pure Fe

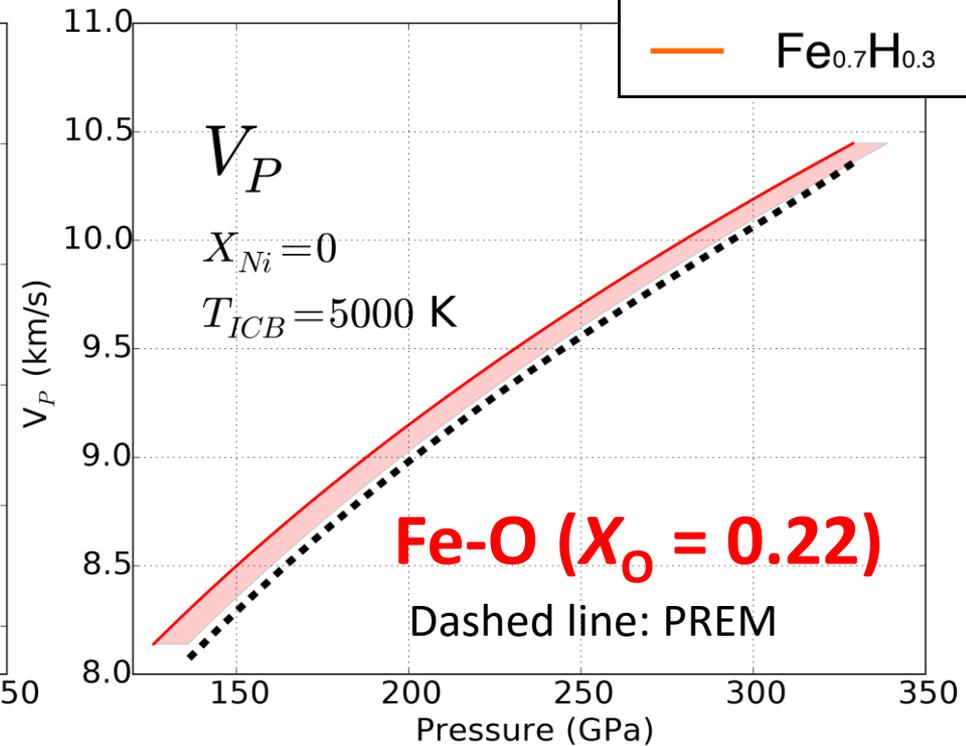
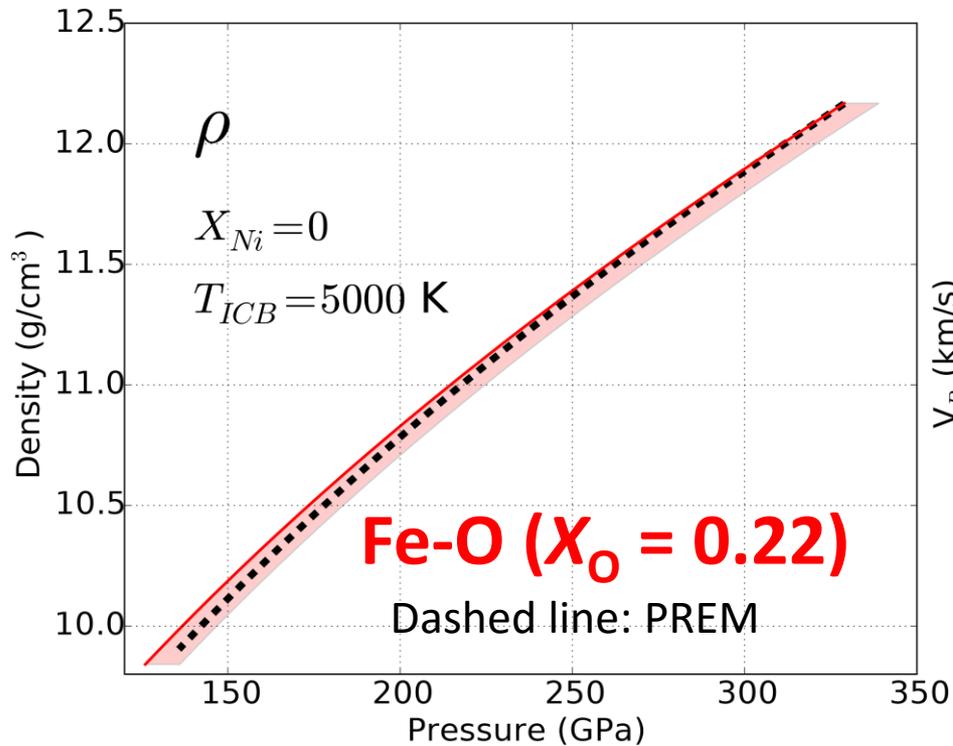
- **8~9% denser than PREM**
- **Already comparable V_P**

Pozzo+ (13) PRB

Ichikawa, Tsuchiya+ (14) JGR

Best fit composition (Fe-O)

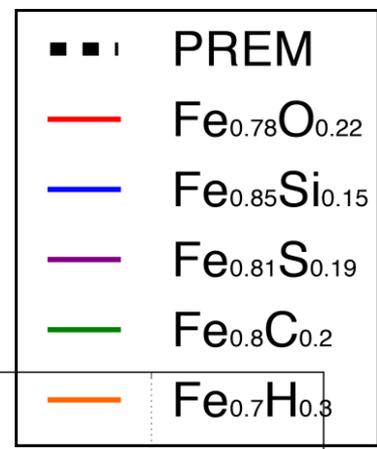
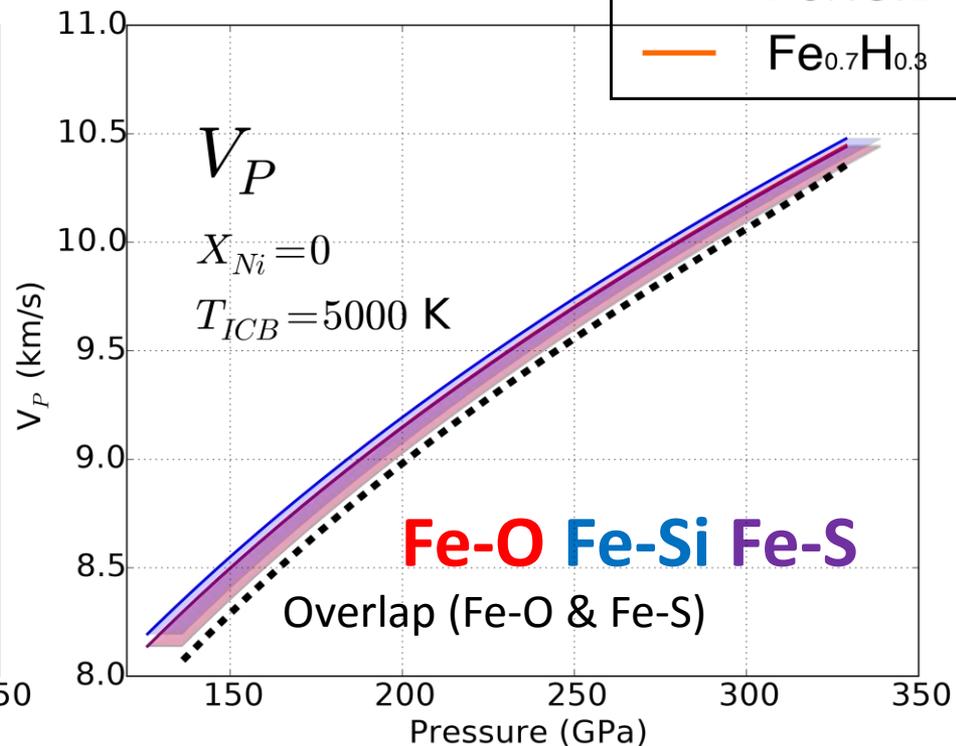
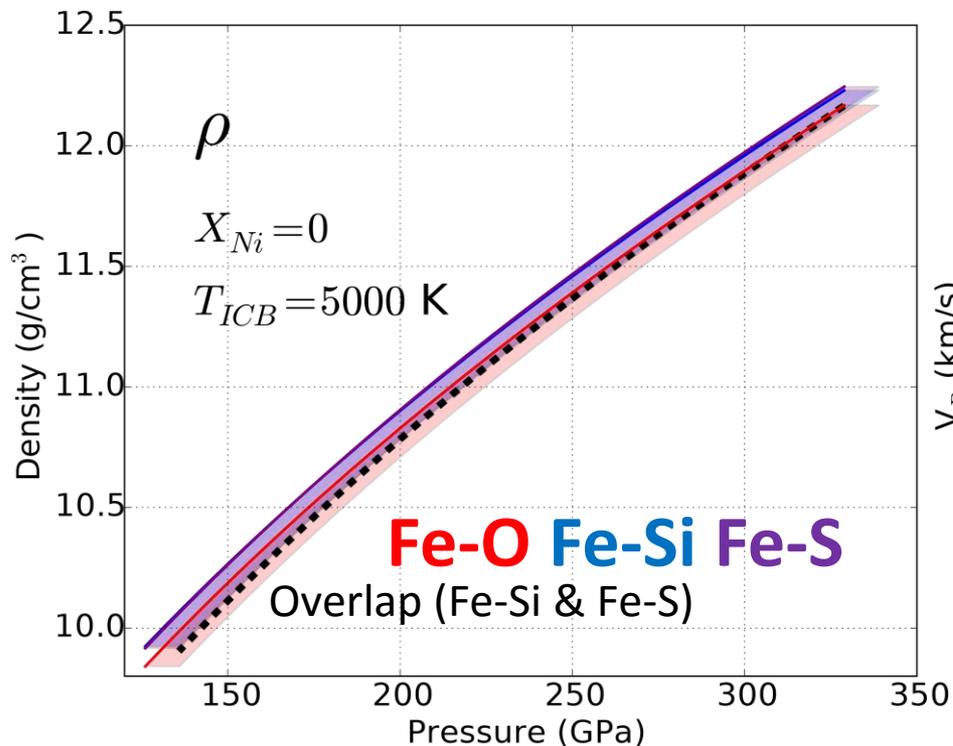
$T_{ICB} = 5000$ K



- PREM
- $\text{Fe}_{0.78}\text{O}_{0.22}$
- $\text{Fe}_{0.85}\text{Si}_{0.15}$
- $\text{Fe}_{0.81}\text{S}_{0.19}$
- $\text{Fe}_{0.8}\text{C}_{0.2}$
- $\text{Fe}_{0.7}\text{H}_{0.3}$

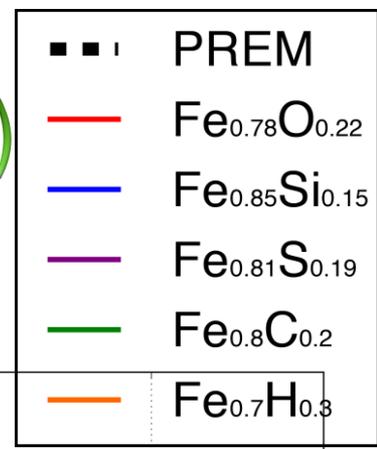
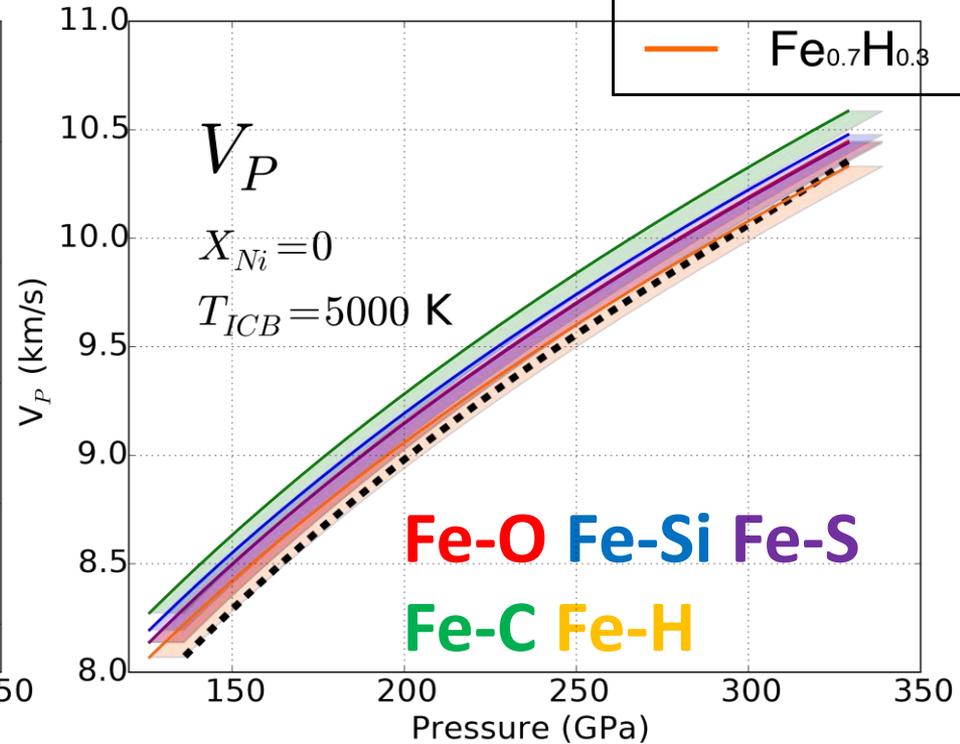
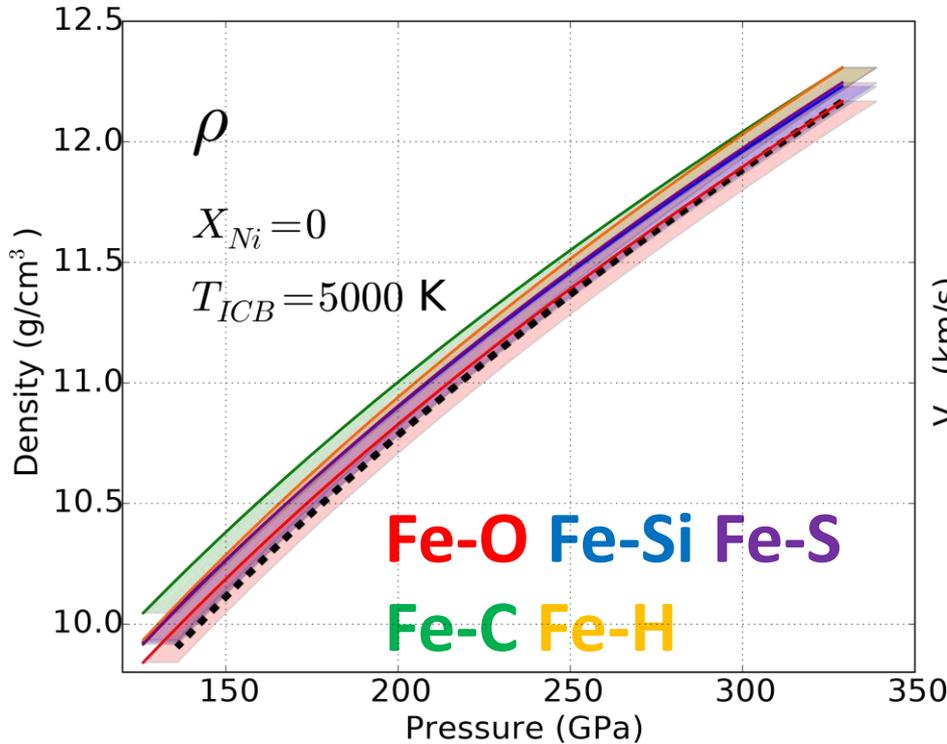
Best fit composition (Fe-O, Si, S)

$T_{ICB} = 5000$ K



Best fit composition (Fe-O, Si, S, C, H)

$T_{ICB} = 5000 \text{ K}$



- Fe-C only shows distinct deviation.
- Difficult to distinguish from each other except for Fe-C
- Some other independent information required for further constraint

1. Basics of silicate crystallography
2. High-pressure mineralogy
3. Earth's compositional model
4. Earth's interior dynamics from mineral physics

Seismic tomography (3D image of seismic wave speeds)

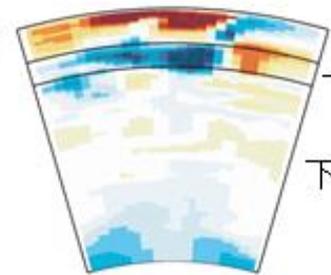
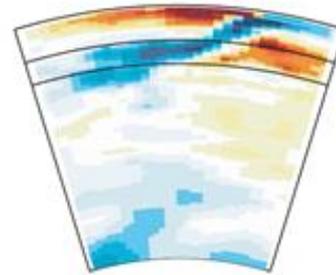
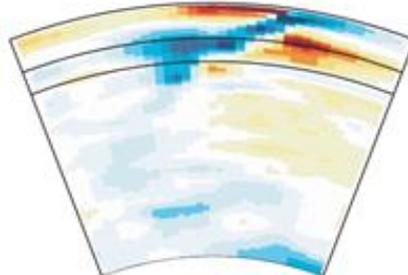
North Japan

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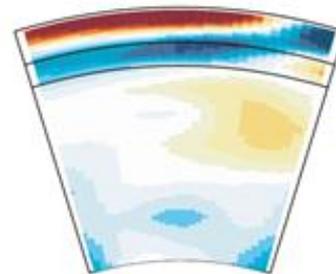
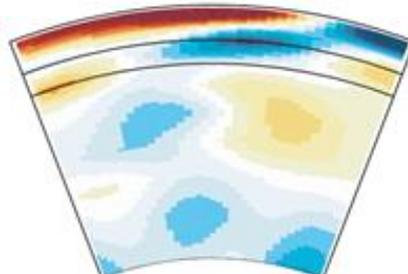
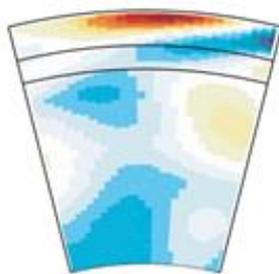
Bonin-Kagoshima

Obayashi et al.
(1997)

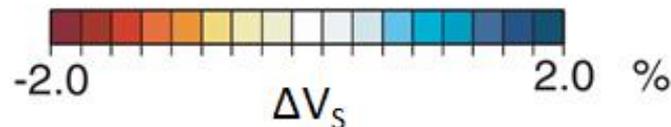


Crust
UM
LM

Takeuchi
(2007)

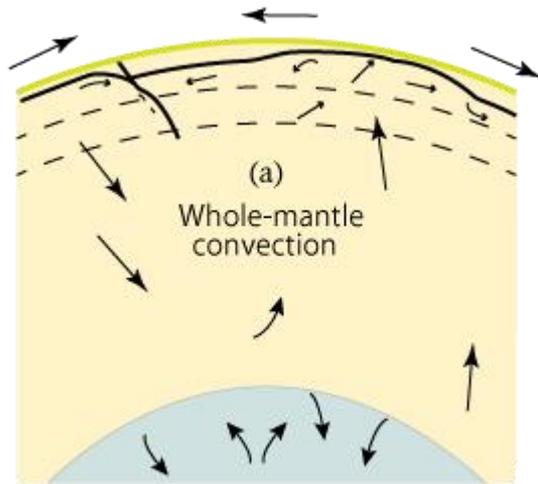


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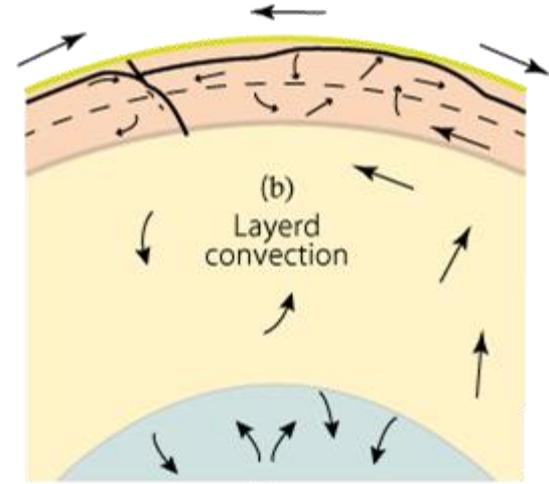


Whole mantle convection or separate convections in UM and LM?

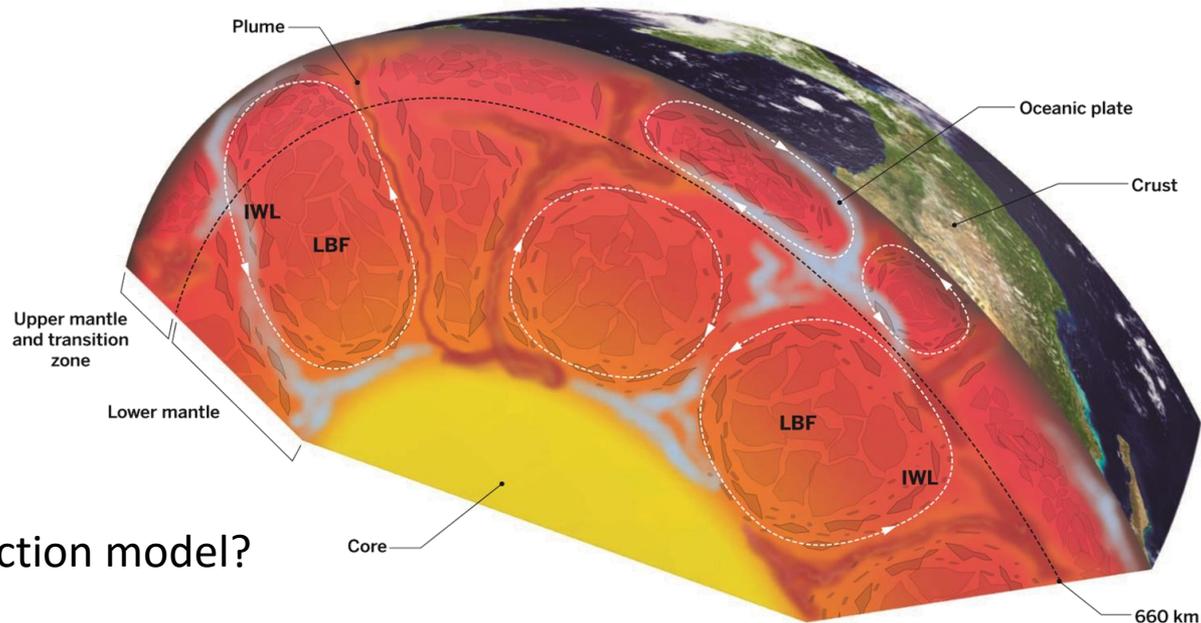
Mantle convection style



UM = LM

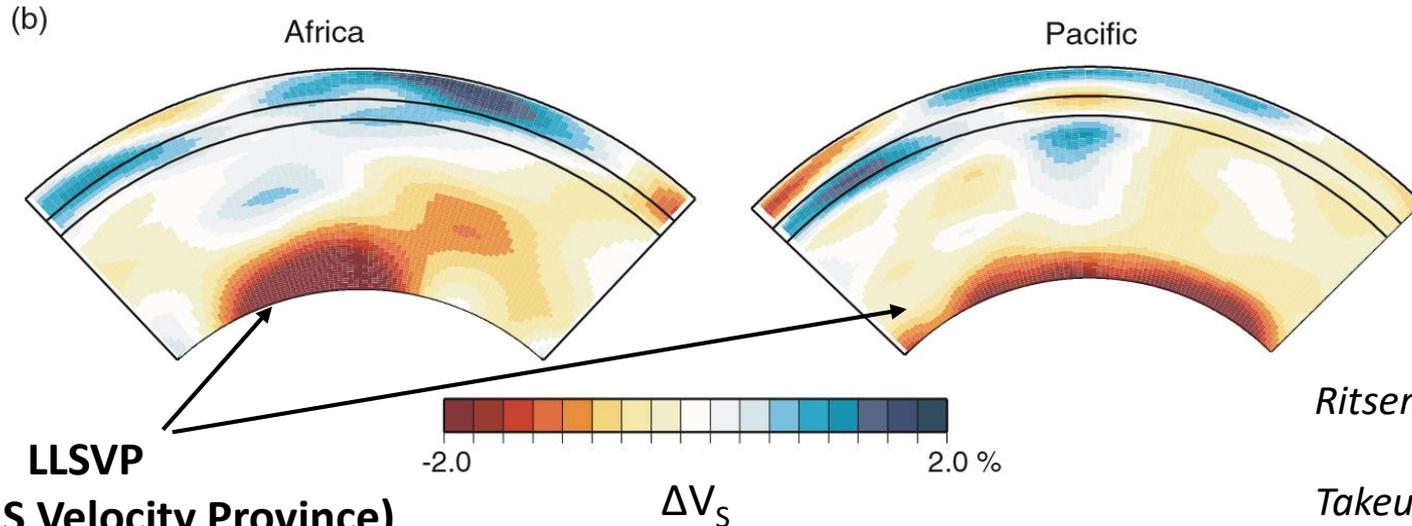


UM ≠ LM



Hybrid convection model?

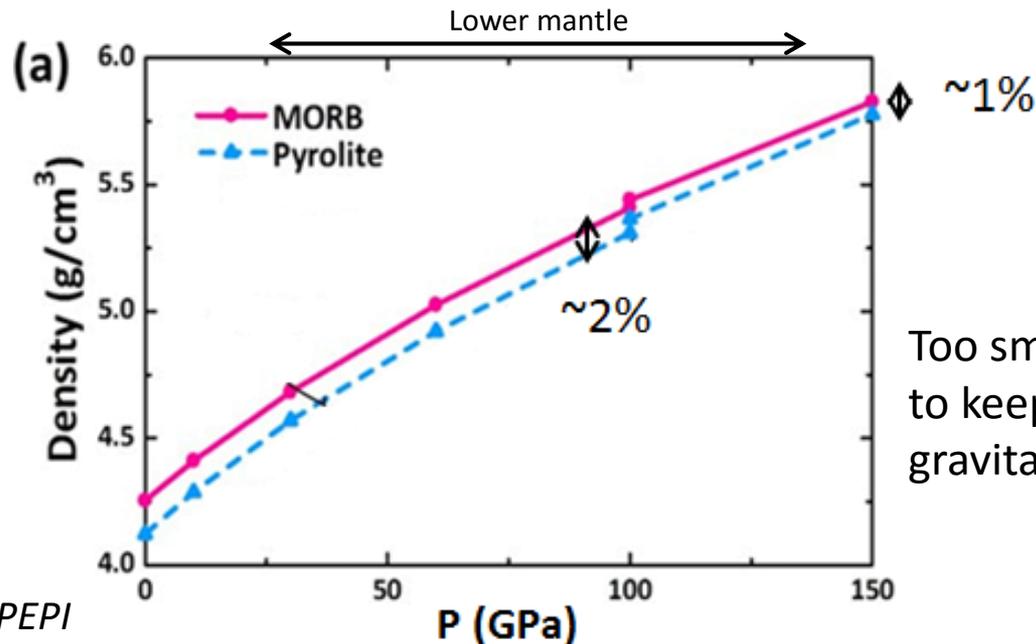
Vigorous mantle convection → Homogeneous mantle?



Ritsema (97) JGR
 (98) GRL
 Takeuchi (08) GRL
 etc

(Large Low S Velocity Province)

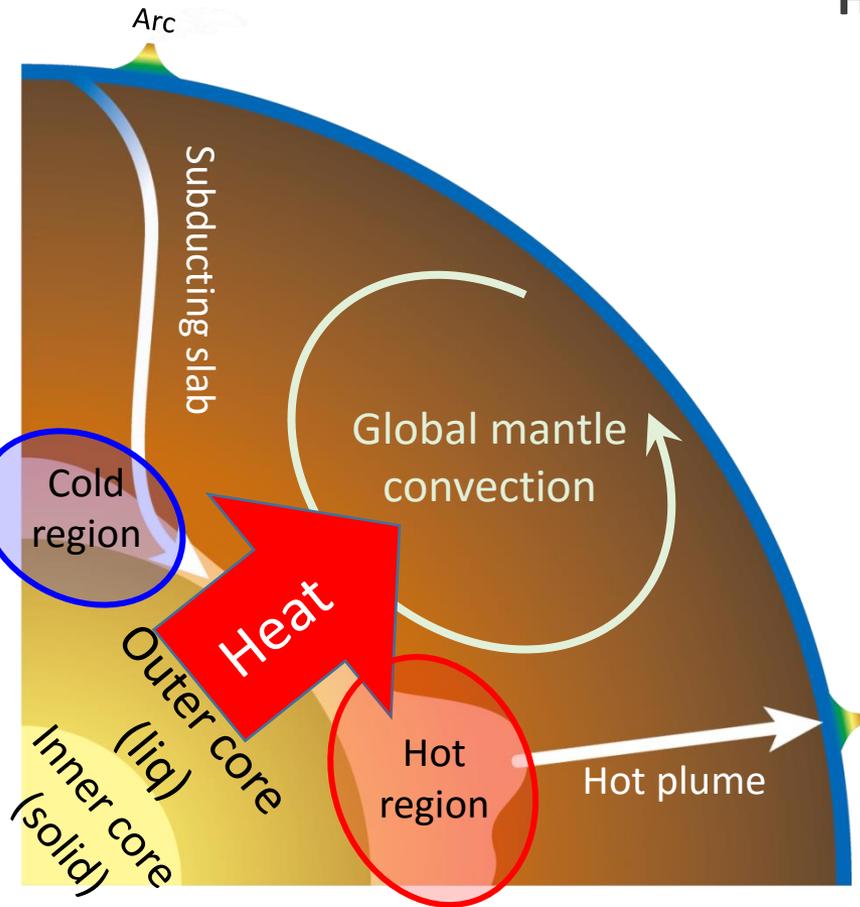
- Chemically distinct dense layer?
- Slab graveyard?
- Remnant of basal magma ocean?
- **K, U, Th reservoir?**



Too small excess density to keep a long-term gravitational stability

Tsuchiya (11) PEPI

Core-mantle boundary heat flow (J_{CMB})



- Mantle convection strength
- Core cooling rate

Heat flow

$$J_{\text{CMB}} = \int \kappa_{\text{TBL}} \frac{\Delta T_{\text{TBL}}}{d_{\text{TBL}}} dS$$

Thermal boundary layer

$$\Delta T_{\text{TBL}} \sim 1300 \text{ K}$$

$$d_{\text{TBL}} \sim 100 - 300 \text{ km}$$

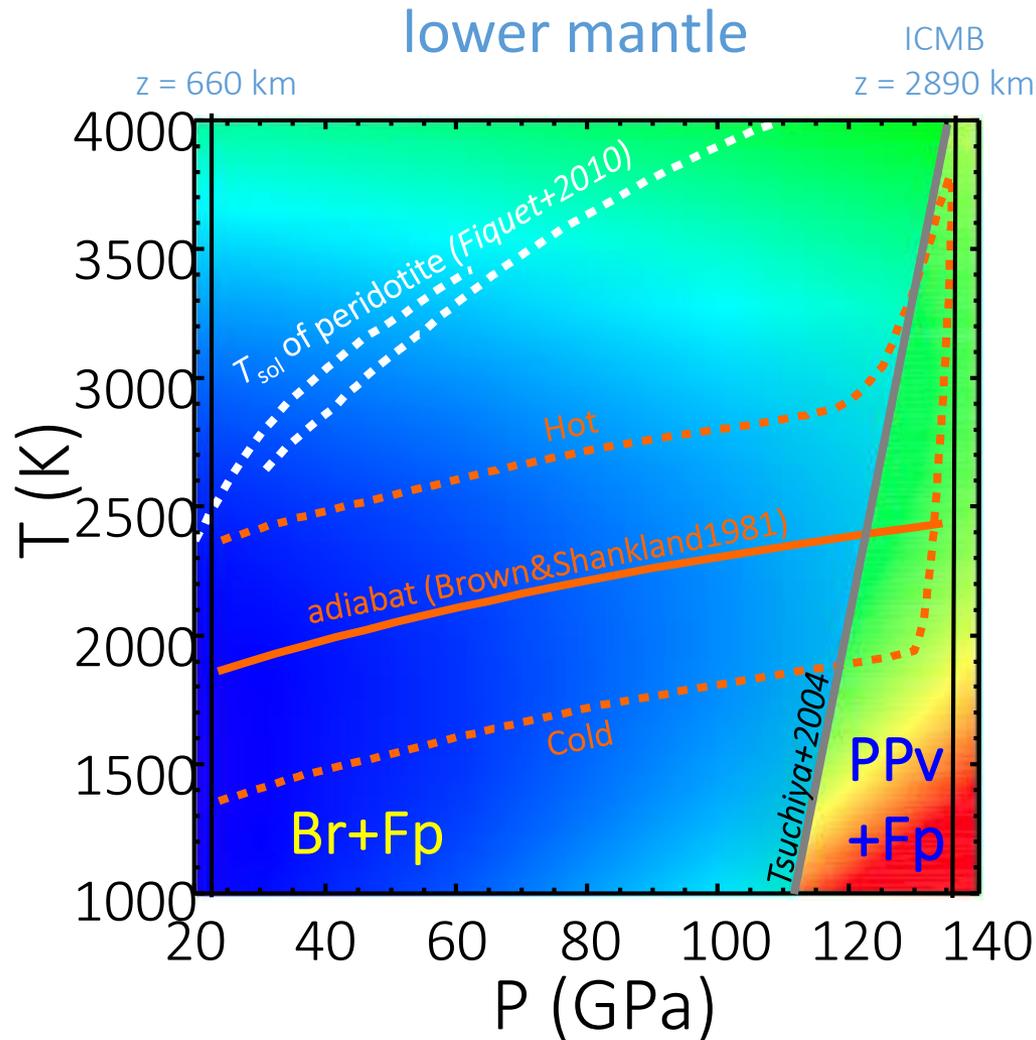
Lattice thermal conductivity

$$\kappa_{\text{lat}} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_s^{3n} \int \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{q},s}^2 c_{\mathbf{q},s} \tau_{\mathbf{q},s} d\mathbf{q}$$

Anharmonic lattice dynamics theory

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \uparrow \text{Phonon group velocity} \\ \uparrow \text{Mode heat capacity} \\ \uparrow \text{Phonon lifetime} \end{array} \right.$

Thermal conductivity of the lower mantle



$$\Rightarrow J_{\text{CMB}} \sim 3 - 6 \text{ TW}$$

Dekura, Tsuchiya+ (13) Phys Rev Lett

- $\sim 10\%$ of surface heat flow
- Substantial internal heating
- Enough to sustain geodynamo
- Leading to an inner core age of $\sim 2.5 \text{ Ga}$

CMB heat flow can also be guessed from the core side, but two latest DAC experiments on the core conductivity are ***totally incompatible!***

LETTER

doi:10.1038/nature17957



Experimental determination of the electrical resistivity of iron at Earth's core conditions

Kenji Ohta¹, Yasuhiro Kuwayama², Kei Hirose^{3,4}, Katsuya Shimizu⁵ & Yasuo Ohishi⁶

Vol. 534, p. 95-98 (2016) **About 3 times higher than previous estimates**

- leading to a younger IC age ~1.2 Ga
- additional heat source required to maintain geodynamo

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doi:10.1038/nature18009



Direct measurement of thermal conductivity in solid iron at planetary core conditions

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Vol. 534, p. 99-101 (2016) **Close to the previous estimates**

- leading to an older IC age ~4.2 Ga

Mineral

Mineral is a naturally occurring substance, representable by a chemical formula, that is usually solid and inorganic, and has a crystal structure.

It is different from a rock, which is an aggregate of minerals or non-minerals and does not have a specific chemical composition.

The scientific study of minerals is called **mineralogy**, which is an essential component of geology.

Rock

Rock or stone is a naturally occurring solid aggregate of one or more minerals. For example, the common rock granite is a combination of quartz, feldspar and biotite.

Three major groups of rocks are defined: **igneous**, **sedimentary**, and **metamorphic**. The scientific study of rocks is called **petrology**.

Igneous rocks

They form through the cooling and solidification of magma or lava. This magma can be derived from partial melts of pre-existing rocks in either a planet's mantle or crust.



Plutonic rocks

They result when magma cools and crystallizes slowly within the Earth's crust. A common example is granite.



0 mm 0.5

Volcanic rocks

They result from magma reaching the surface either as lava or fragmental ejecta, forming minerals such as pumice or basalt.



0 mm 0.5

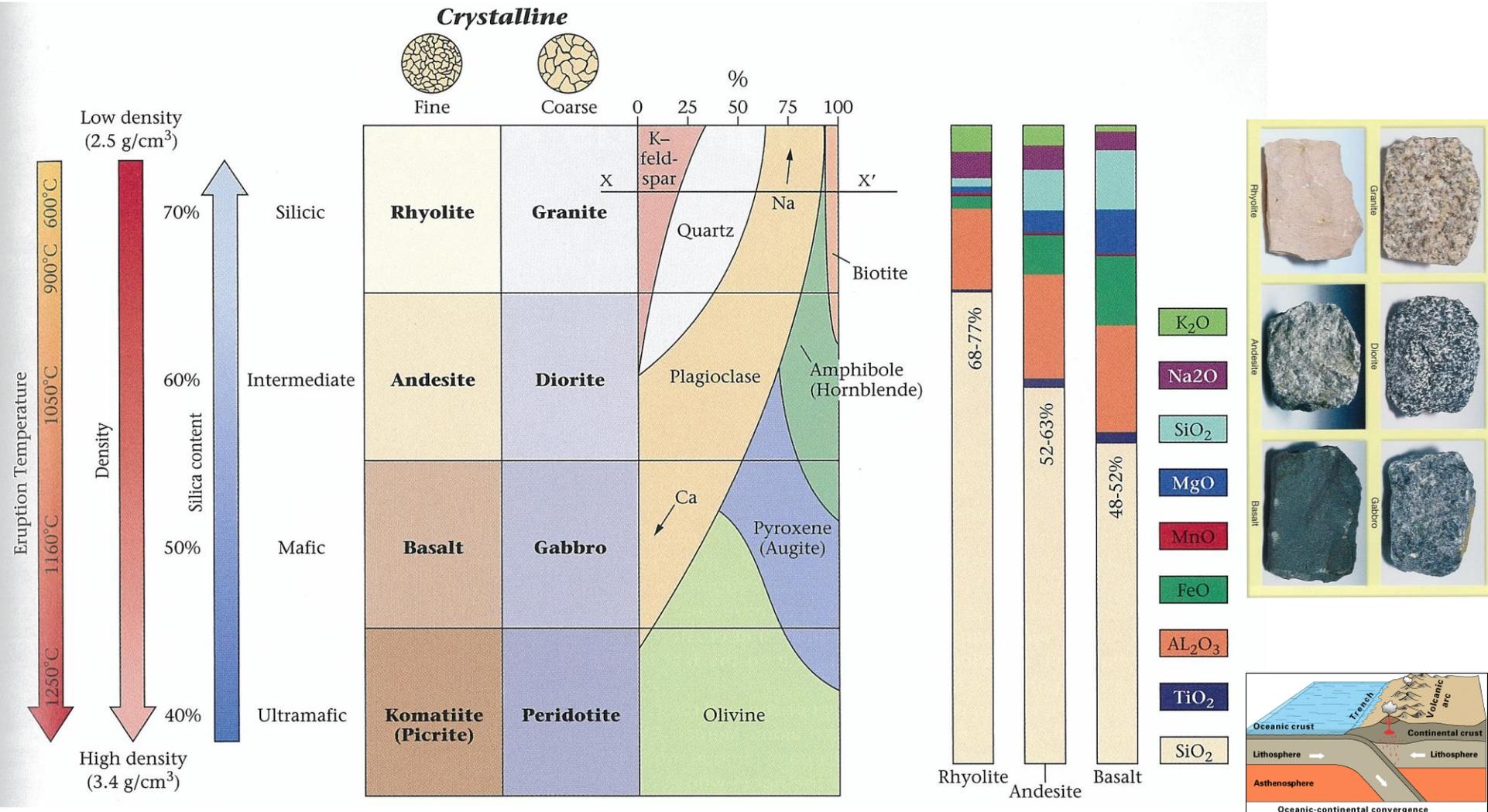
Sedimentary rocks

They are types of rock that are formed by the deposition and subsequent cementation of that material at the Earth's surface and within bodies of water.

Metamorphic rocks

They arise from the transformation of existing rock types, in a process called metamorphism, by heat and/or pressure.

Classification of igneous rocks



Felsic (white, less dense)
Upper continental crust
~2.7 g/cm³

⇔ Mafic (black, denser)
Oceanic crust
~2.9 g/cm³

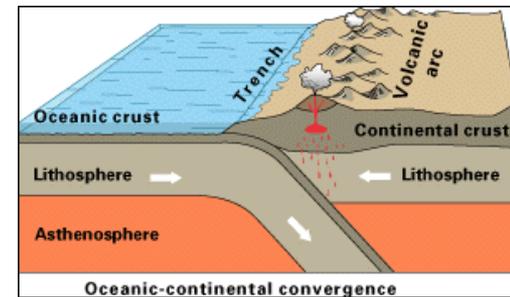
⇔ Ultramafic
Upper mantle
~3.3 g/cm³

Continental crust (felsic)

The continental crust is the layer of igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks that forms the continents and the areas of shallow seabed close to their shores, known as continental shelves.

The upper part consists of felsic rocks such as granite, while the lower part consists of mafic rocks such as gabbro.

The average density of the continental crust is about 2.7 g/cm^3 .



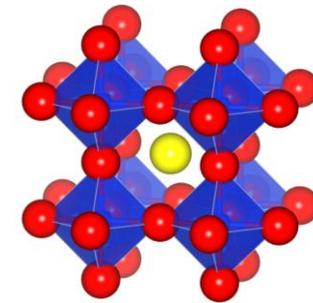
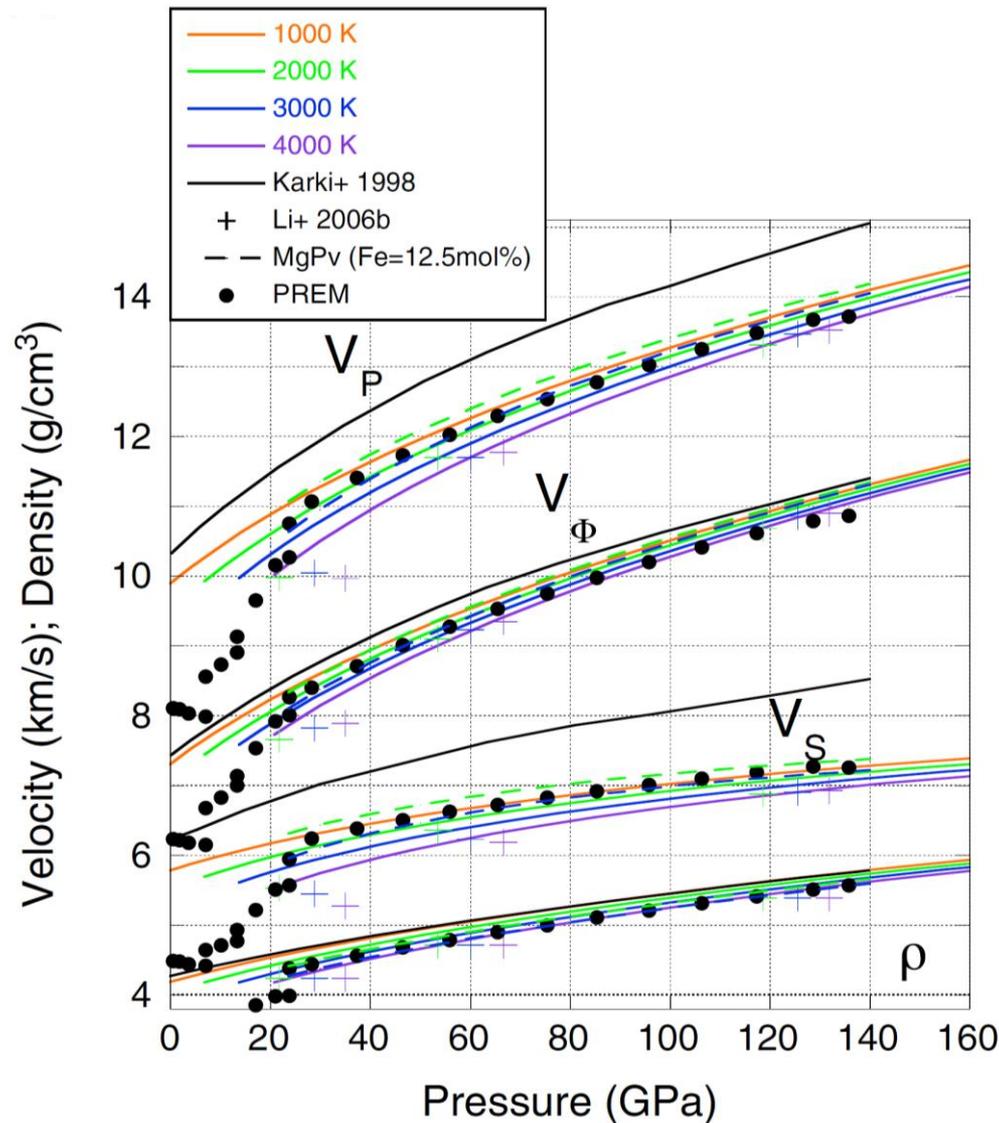
Oceanic crust (mafic)

Oceanic crust is the uppermost layer of the oceanic plate. The crust overlies the uppermost layer of the mantle.

Oceanic crust is the result of erupted mantle material originating from below the plate. This occurs mostly at mid-ocean ridges, but also at scattered hotspots, and also in rare but powerful occurrences known as flood basalt eruptions. It is primarily composed of mafic rocks such as basalt.

The average density of the continental crust is about 2.9 g/cm^3 .

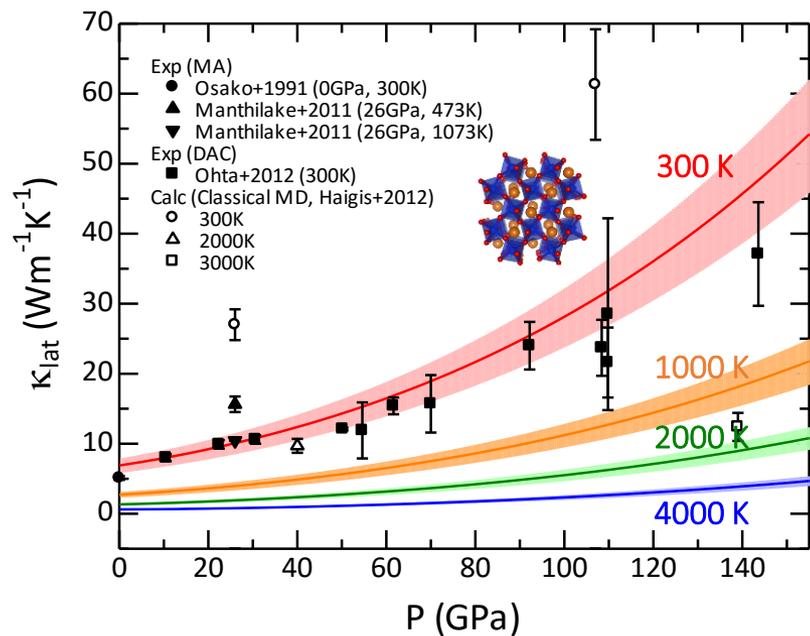
CaSiO₃-perovskite, possible U, Th host phase



- Quite comparable to the PREM values
- Indicating Ca-Pv is seismologically invisible

Lattice thermal conductivity

MgBr



MgPPv

