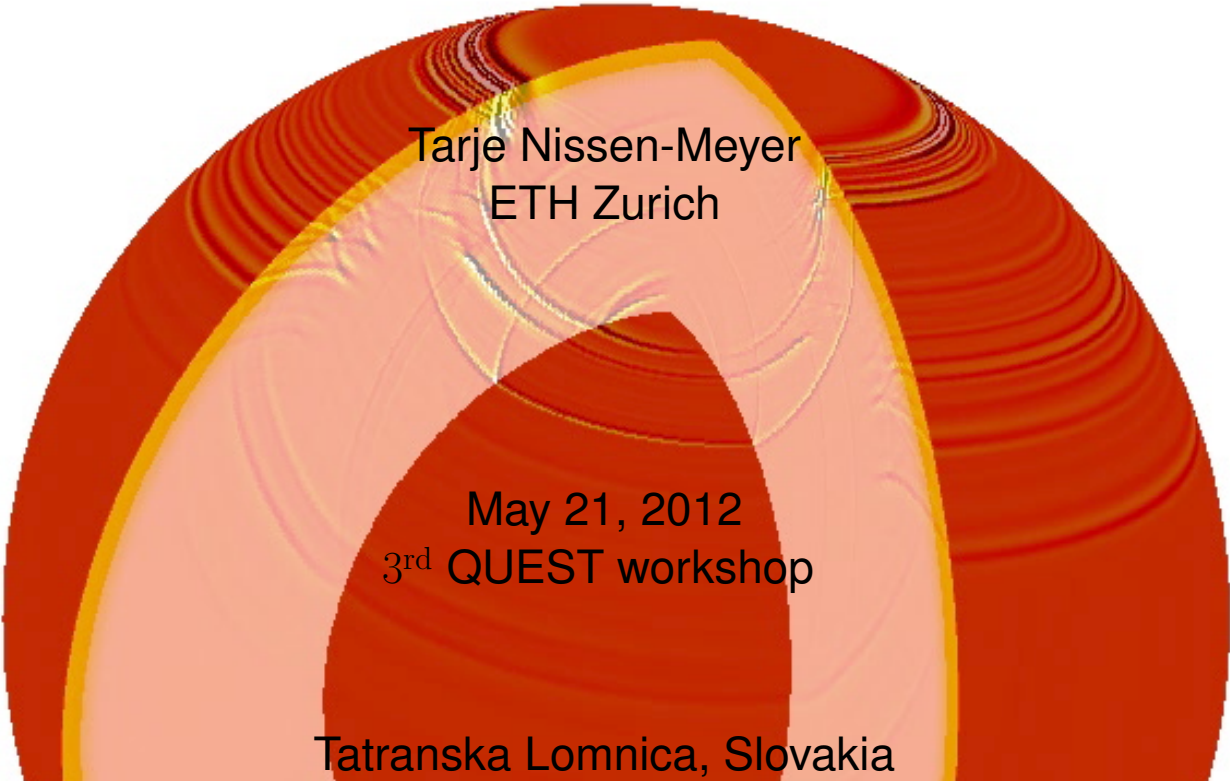


# FORWARD MODELING

A hang - on  
hands over tour of seismic wave propagation



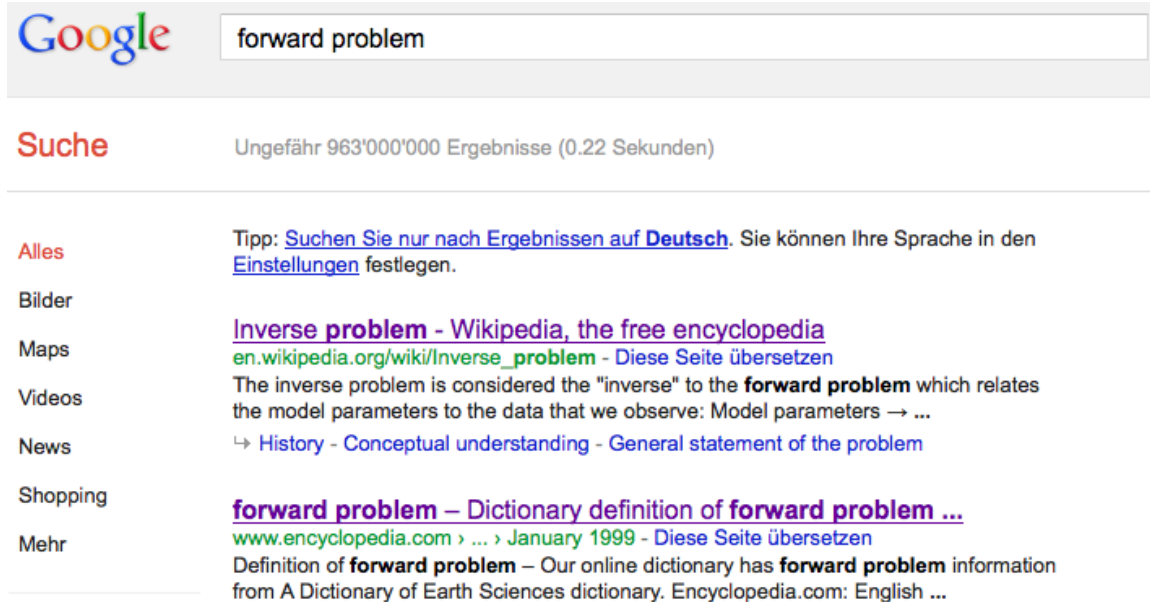
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ETH Zurich

May 21, 2012  
3<sup>rd</sup> QUEST workshop

Tatranska Lomnica, Slovakia

# The forward problem

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The image shows a screenshot of a Google search interface. At the top left is the Google logo. To its right is a search input box containing the text "forward problem". Below the search bar, the word "Suche" is displayed in red, followed by the text "Ungefähr 963'000'000 Ergebnisse (0.22 Sekunden)". A horizontal line separates this header from the search results. The results are organized into categories: "Alles", "Bilder", "Maps", "Videos", "News", "Shopping", and "Mehr". Each category has a corresponding result snippet. The "Alles" result includes a tip about language settings. The "Maps" result is a Wikipedia link for "Inverse problem". The "Videos" result is a snippet about the inverse problem's relation to model parameters. The "News" result is a link to a history page. The "Shopping" result is a dictionary definition of "forward problem". The "Mehr" result is another dictionary definition from Encyclopedia.com.

Google

forward problem

Suche Ungefähr 963'000'000 Ergebnisse (0.22 Sekunden)

Alles Tipp: [Suchen Sie nur nach Ergebnissen auf Deutsch](#). Sie können Ihre Sprache in den [Einstellungen](#) festlegen.

Bilder

Maps [Inverse problem - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)  
[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inverse\\_problem](#) - Diese Seite übersetzen

Videos The inverse problem is considered the "inverse" to the **forward problem** which relates the model parameters to the data that we observe: Model parameters → ...

News ↳ [History - Conceptual understanding - General statement of the problem](#)

Shopping [forward problem – Dictionary definition of forward problem ...](#)

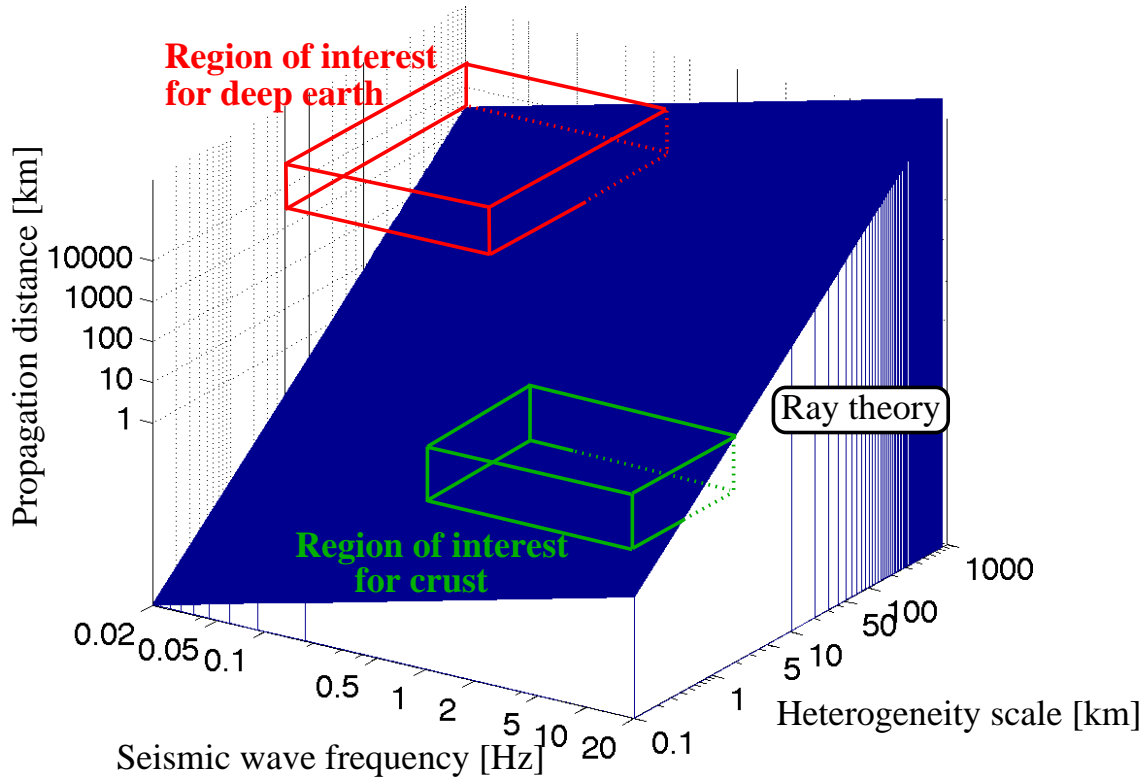
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Definition of **forward problem** – Our online dictionary has **forward problem** information from A Dictionary of Earth Sciences dictionary. Encyclopedia.com: English ...

*The possibility of conveniently solving non-linear inverse problems will then depend on the possibility of solving the forward problem a large enough number of times.*

Tarantola & Valette, 1982.

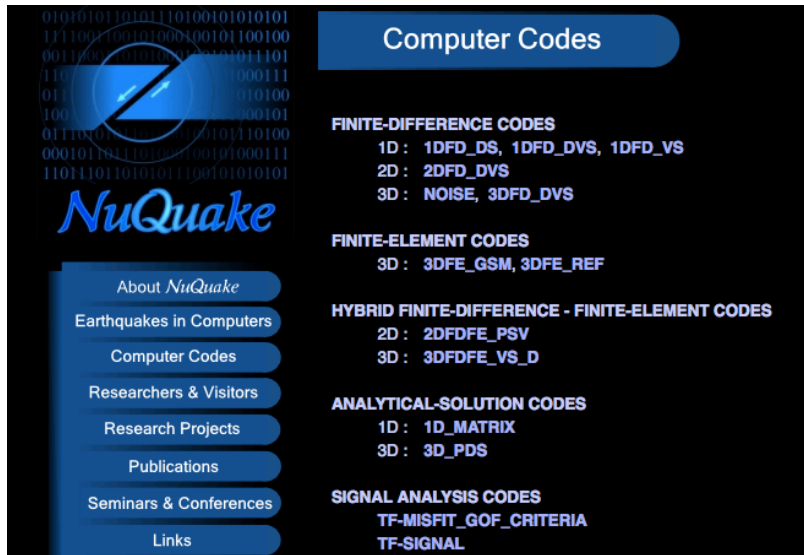
Inverse Problems = Quest for Information, J. Geoph.

# Scales of waves and structure



# Code availability

SPICE legacy: Code libraries, quantitative comparison



The screenshot shows the NuQuake website interface. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with buttons for: About NuQuake, Earthquakes in Computers, Computer Codes, Researchers & Visitors, Research Projects, Publications, Seminars & Conferences, and Links. The 'Computer Codes' button is highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Computer Codes' and lists several code categories and their associated codes:

- FINITE-DIFFERENCE CODES**
  - 1D : 1DFD\_DS, 1DFD\_DVS, 1DFD\_VS
  - 2D : 2DFD\_DVS
  - 3D : NOISE, 3DFD\_DVS
- FINITE-ELEMENT CODES**
  - 3D : 3DFE\_GSM, 3DFE\_REF
- HYBRID FINITE-DIFFERENCE - FINITE-ELEMENT CODES**
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- ANALYTICAL-SOLUTION CODES**
  - 1D : 1D\_MATRIX
  - 3D : 3D\_PDS
- SIGNAL ANALYSIS CODES**
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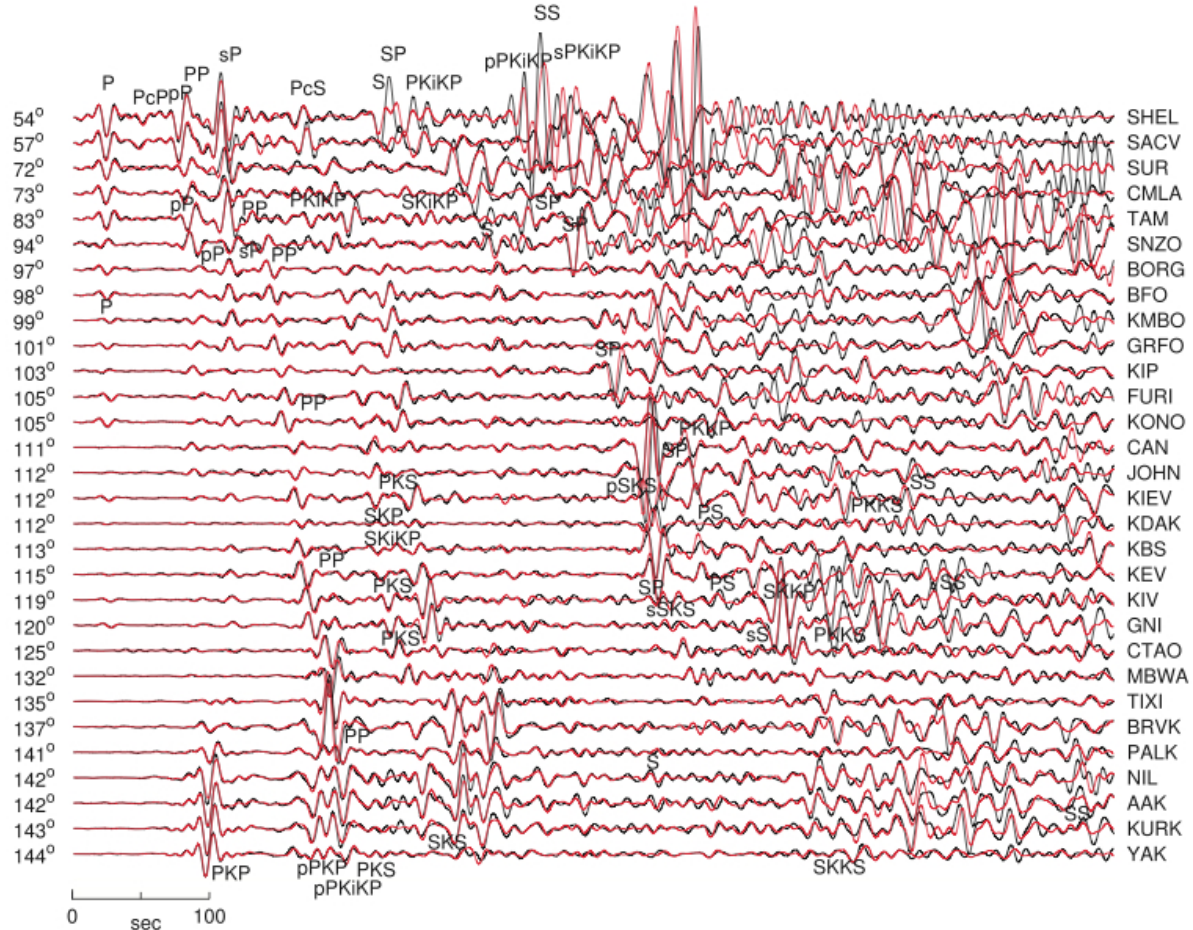
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Comenius University, Slovak Academy of Sciences

# We're all done.

SPECFEM GLOBE vs data (*Tromp et al., 2010*)



Wait a minute...who's paying the bill?

# Seismic computability

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## *Computability:*

Algorithmic solution in an effective manner

## *What are bandpass and error constraints in data and model?*

- ↪ signal-to-noise in data
- ↪ target resolution

## *Can I simulate?*

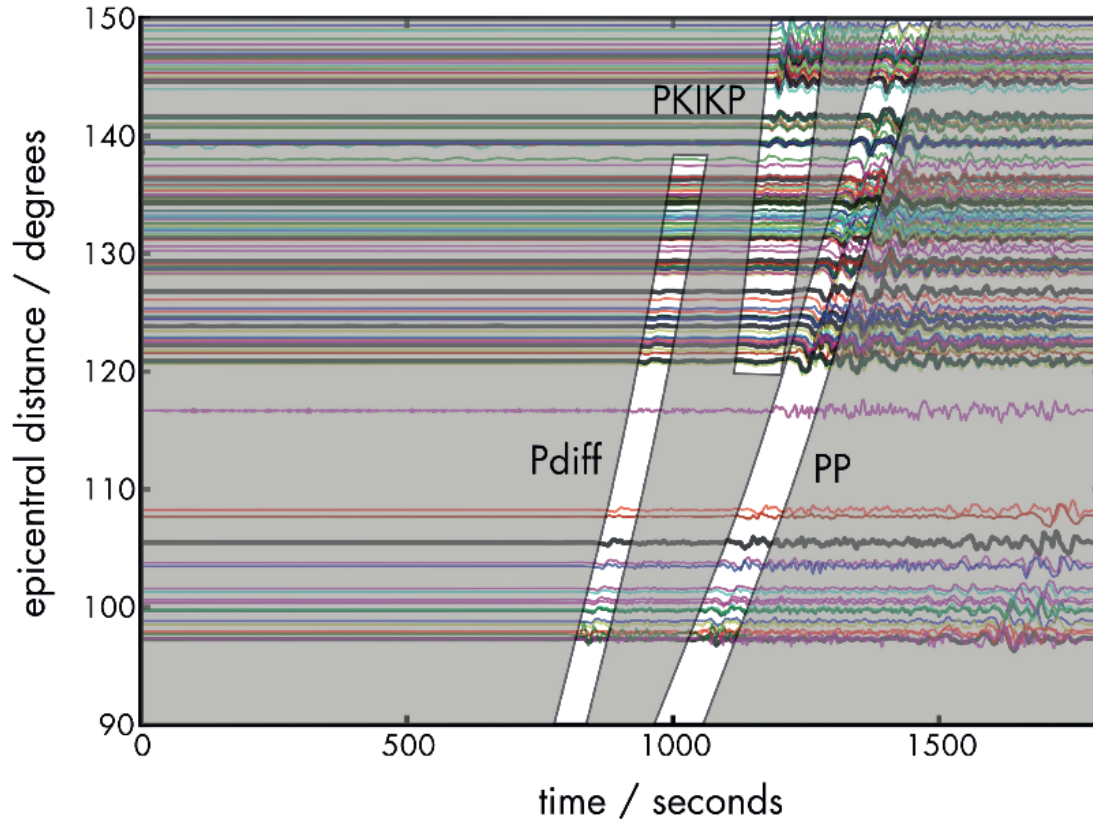
- ↪ possible & necessary accuracy of forward & inverse modeling

## *Two fundamental issues at large:*

**Computational cost** of realistic scenarios

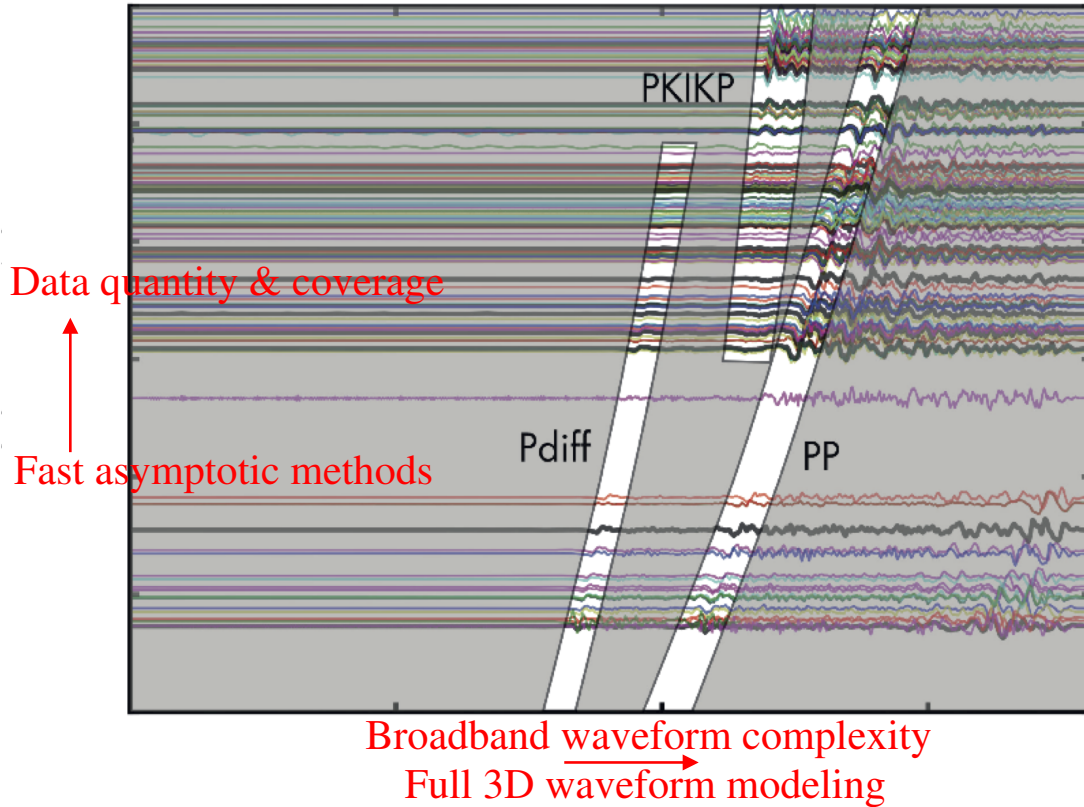
**Reliability of assumptions** on source and model parameters

# Seismologist's veins & viewpoints



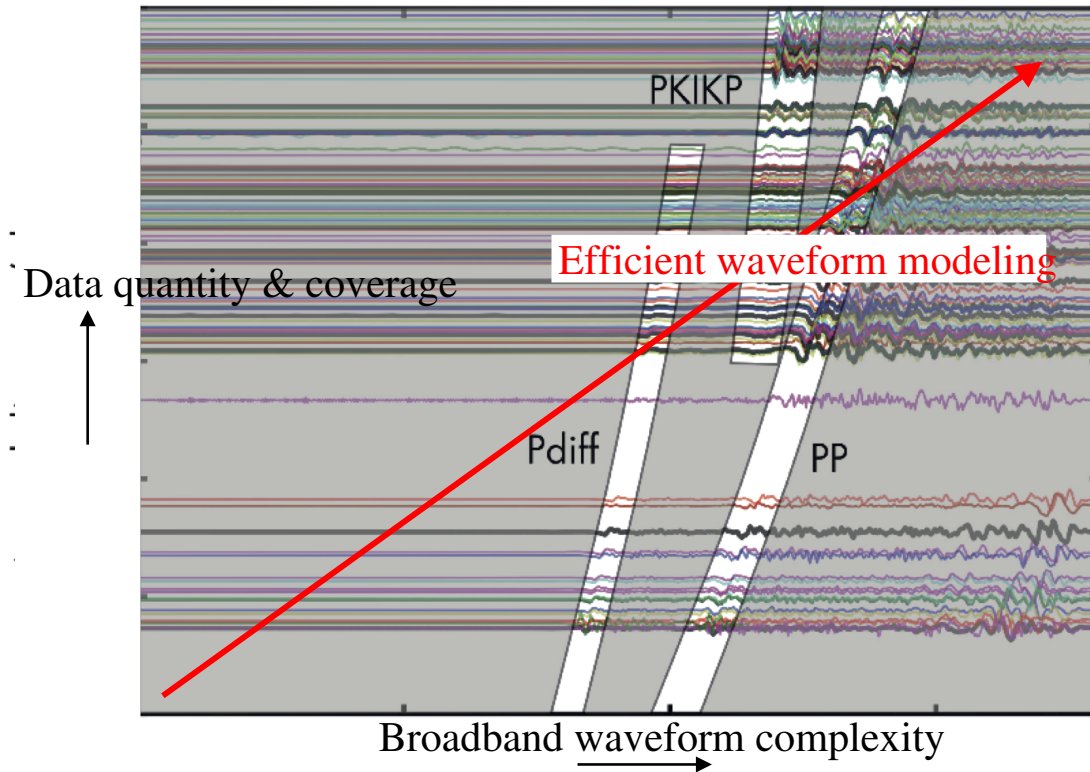
- ↪ maps to source radiation & Earth structure
- ↪ links to geodynamics (temperature, composition) via mineral physics
- ↪ links to geology (hydrocarbon deposits) via stratigraphy

# Seismologist's veins & viewpoints



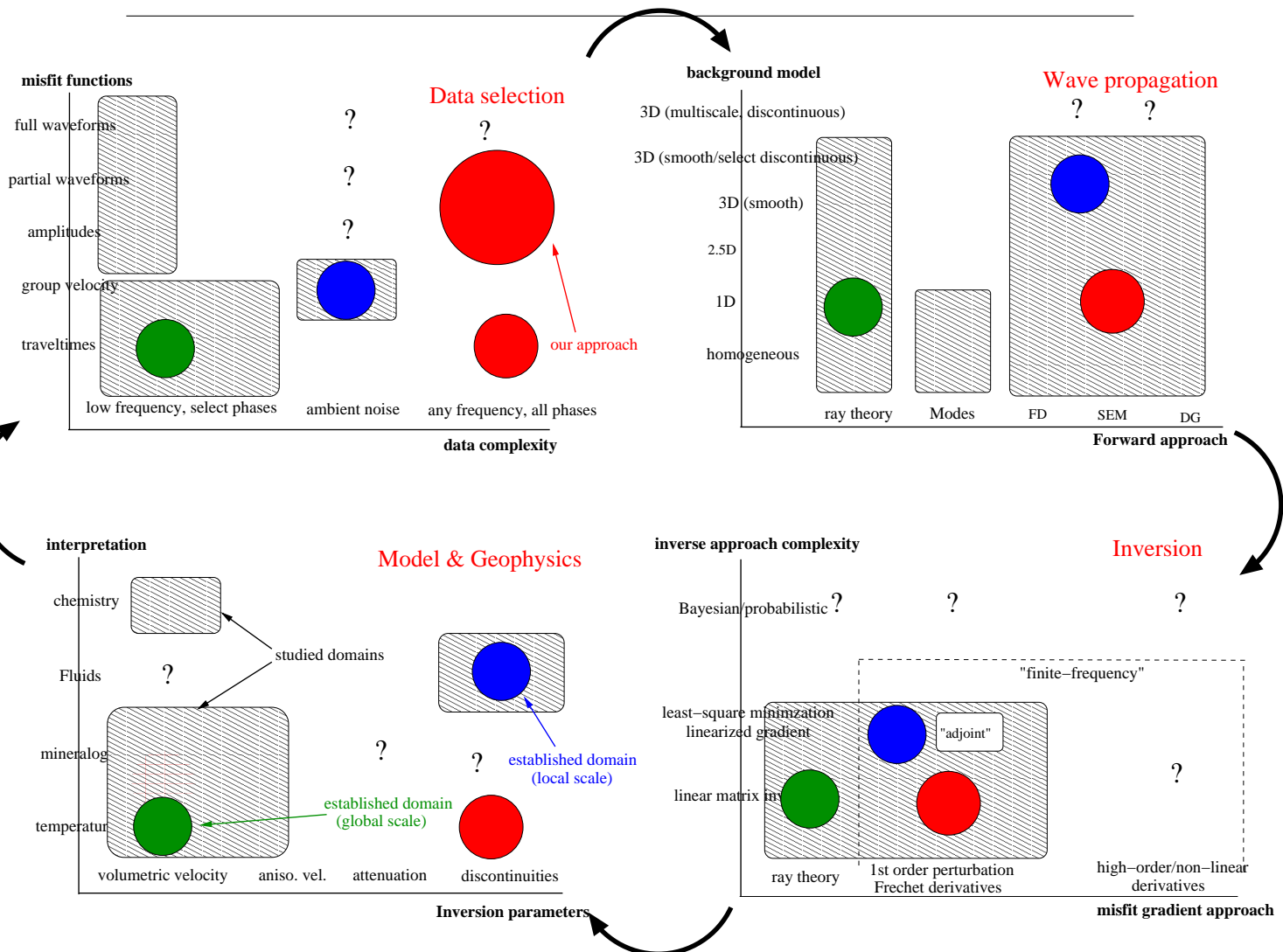


# Seismologist's veins & viewpoints



↪ Maximize data computability in time, frequency, quantity

# ... a spatially downward spiral?



# Computational accelerators

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**data-space**: infinite frequencies, direct waves

**model-space**: 1D/2.5D models, weak/localized heterogeneities

**data-model relations**: effective media, upscaling, far-/near-field

**hardware-tailored software**: GPU, stencil tuning

**accuracy**: forward/inverse error quantification, data noise

**methodology**: local timestepping, flexible meshing, polygrid

**interpretation**: "extrapolating experience"

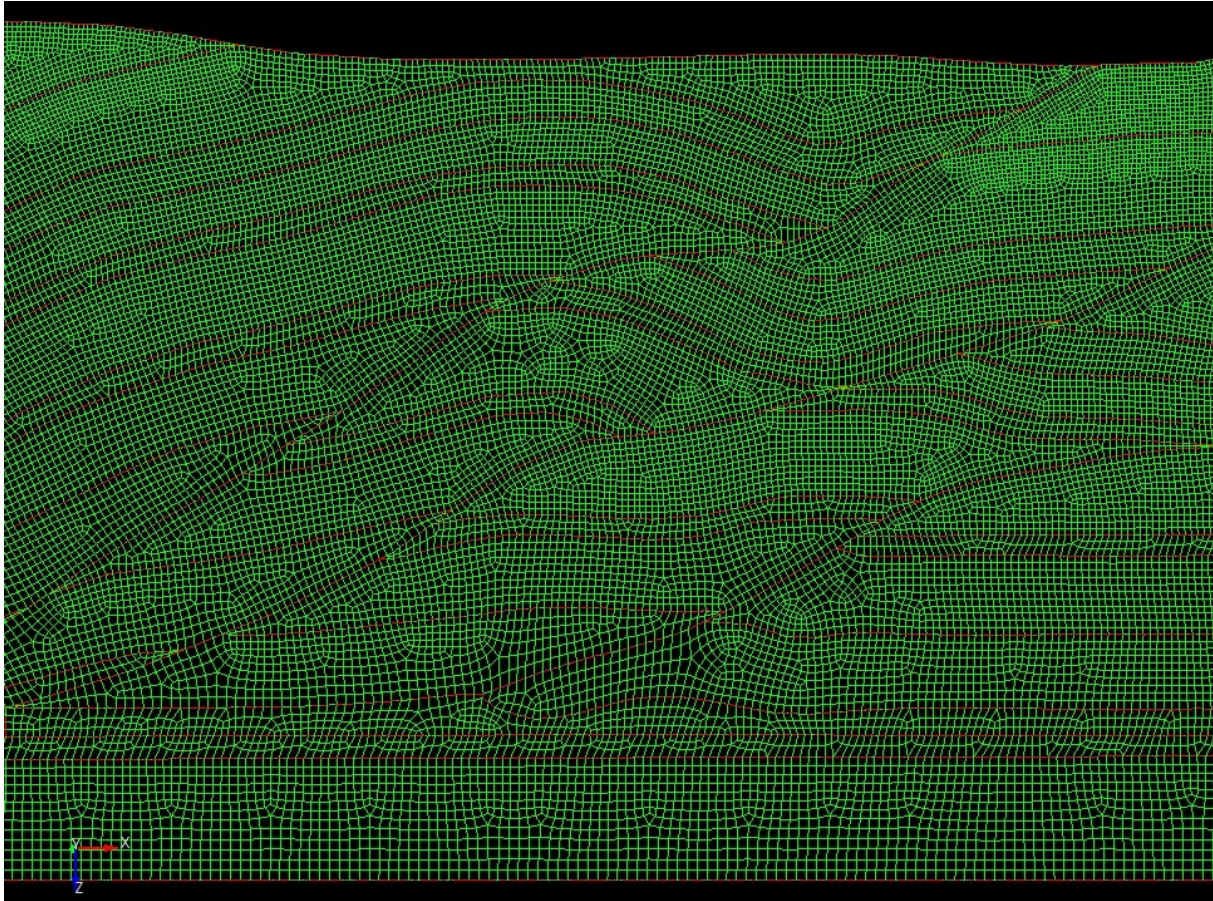
# Overview

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- 1. Models: Chang Su (& village de Capdeville)**
  - (a) Meshing complex domains**
  - (b) Up-/Downscaling (Homogenization session)**
  - (c) Dependency on a priori information**
- 2. Accelerators: Martin v. Driel, Yder Masson**
- 3. Parameters: noone and everyone?**

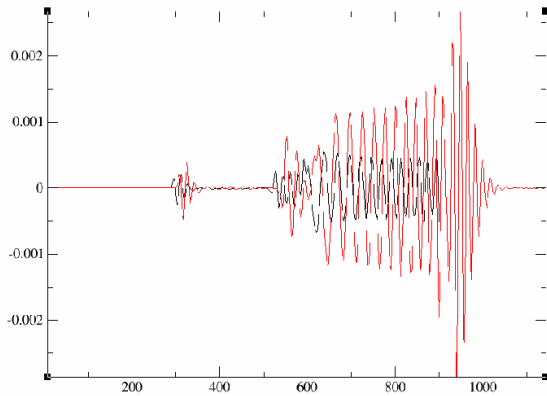
# ... says Earth\*: Accept my faults!

\* in Bayes' view

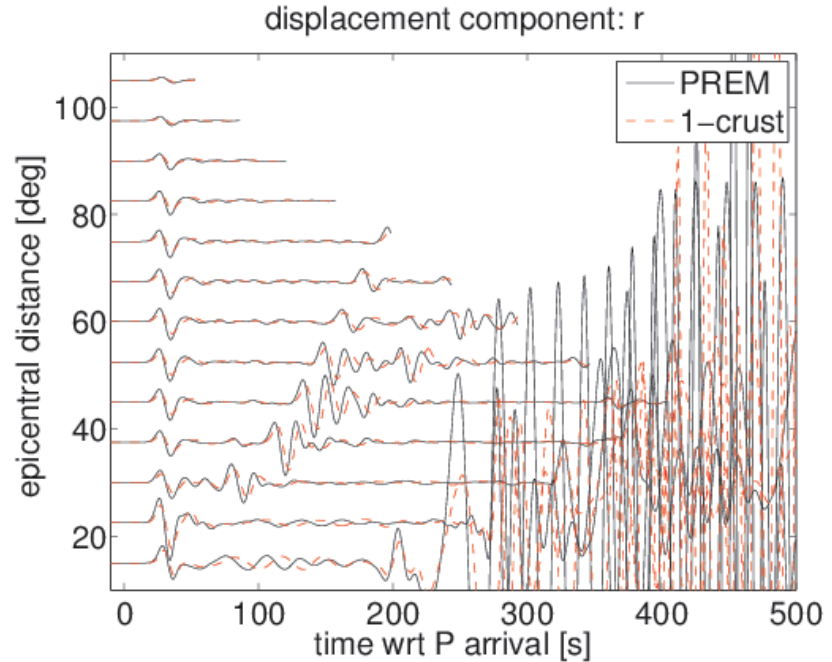


👉 Chang Su: Polygrid for heterogeneous domains 👈

# Source & crustal assumptions



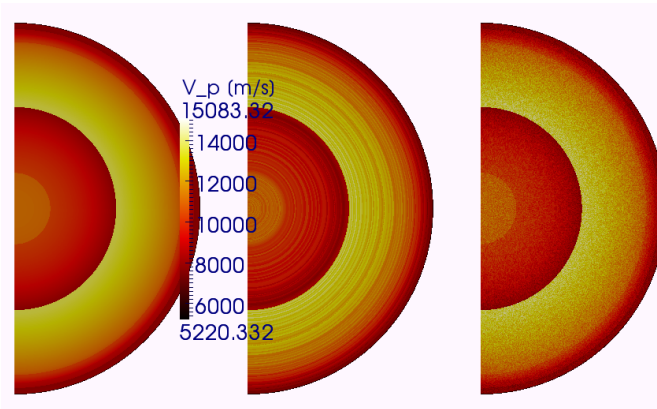
source mislocation 20 vs 28km



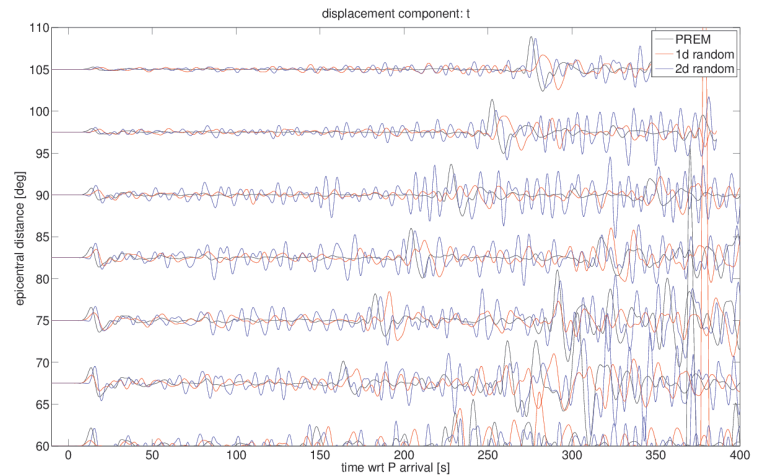
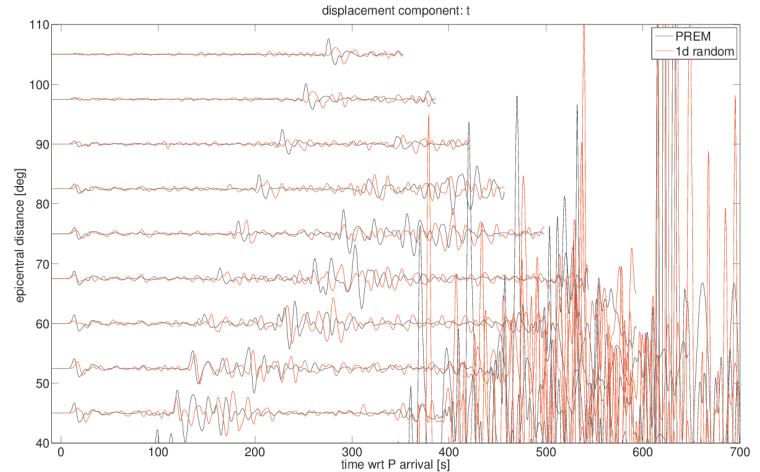
PREM crust vs. one crustal layer

👉 Whence the source of trouble? 👈

# Global structural model



PREM  $v_p$  (left) superimposed with random  $v_p$  variations up to  $\pm 5\%$  in 1D (middle), and up to  $\pm 10\%$  in 2.5D (right).



# Overview

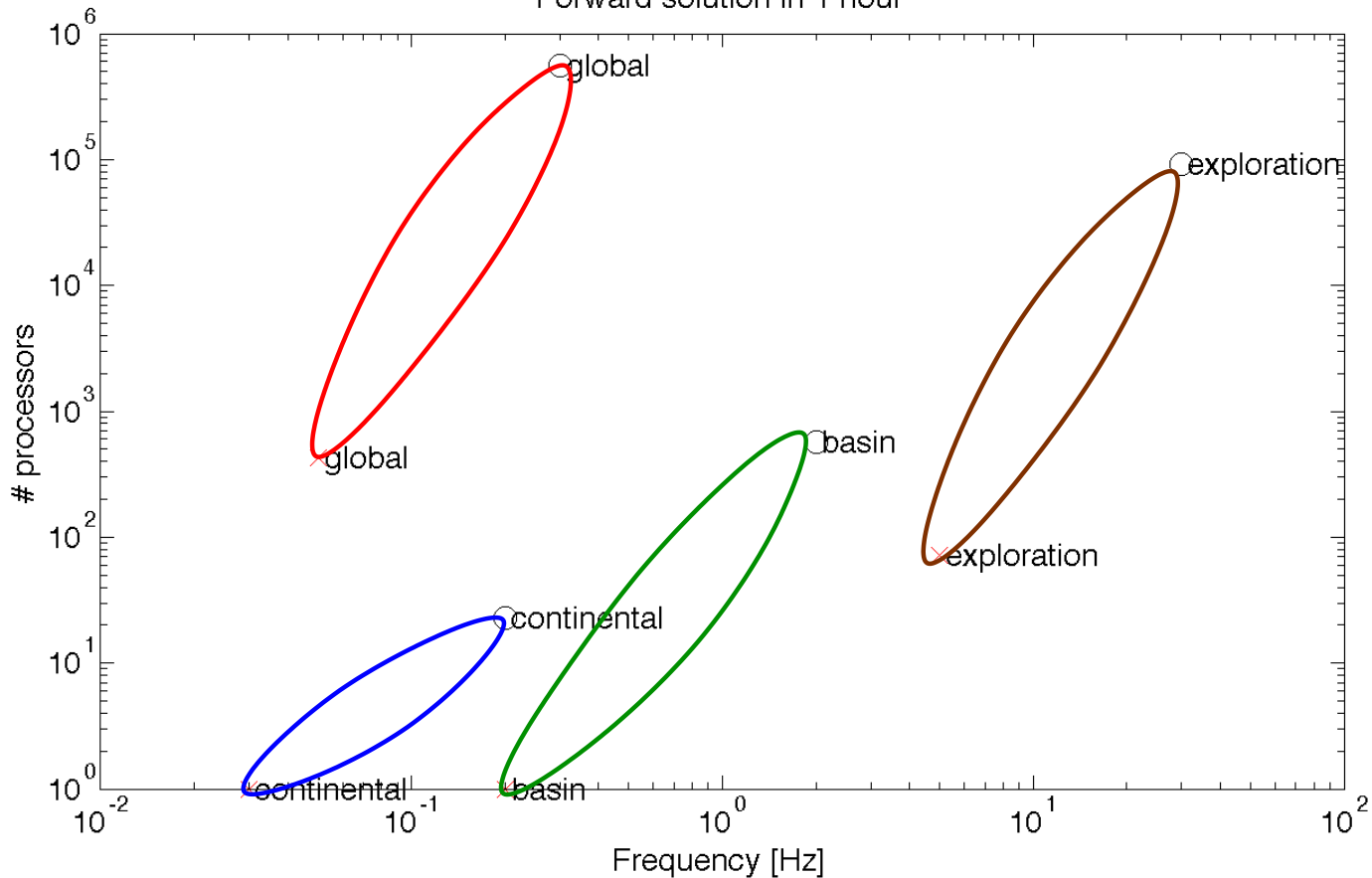
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1. Models: Chang Su (& village de Capdeville)
2. **Accelerators: Martin v. Driel, Yder Masson**
  - (a) **Computational cost**
  - (b) **Exploiting model-/data-space complexity**
  - (c) **GPU hardware**
  - (d) **(FD stencil autotuning, local timestepping)**
3. **Parameters: noone and everyone?**

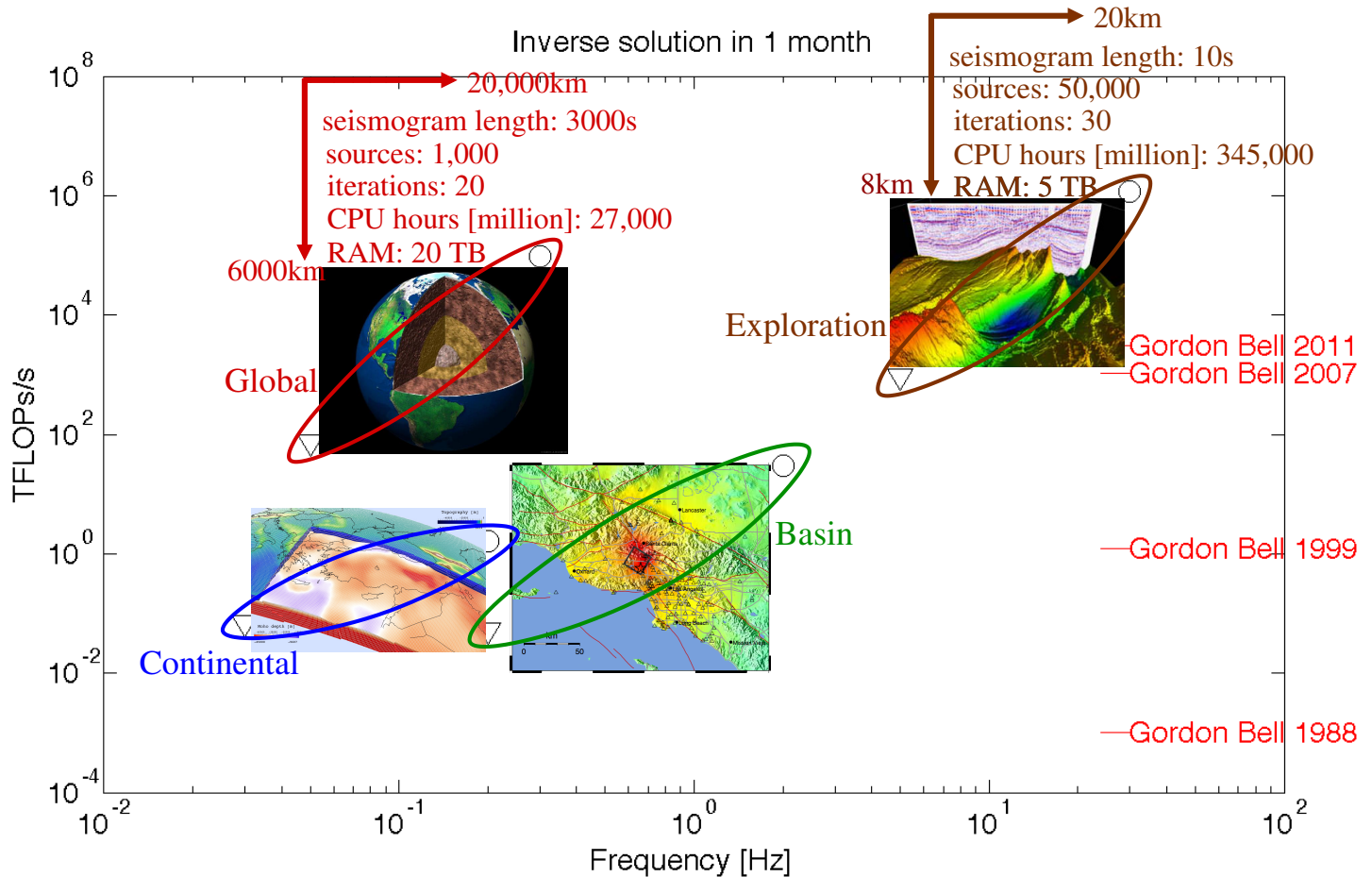


# Computational cost: forward

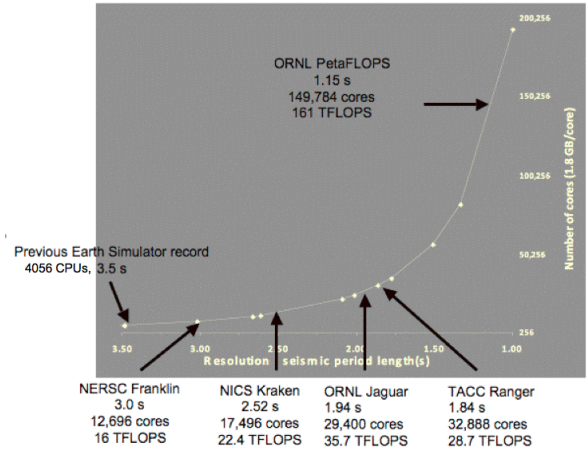
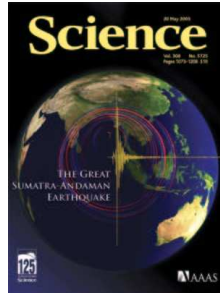
Forward solution in 1 hour



# Computational inverse challenges



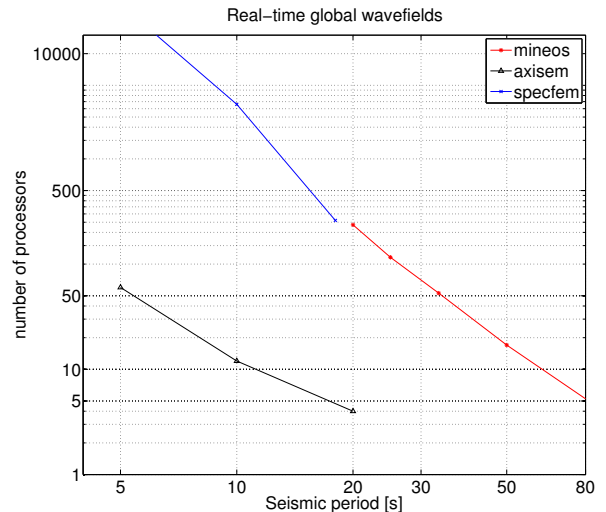
# The cost of global waves



Carrington et al. (SC'08)

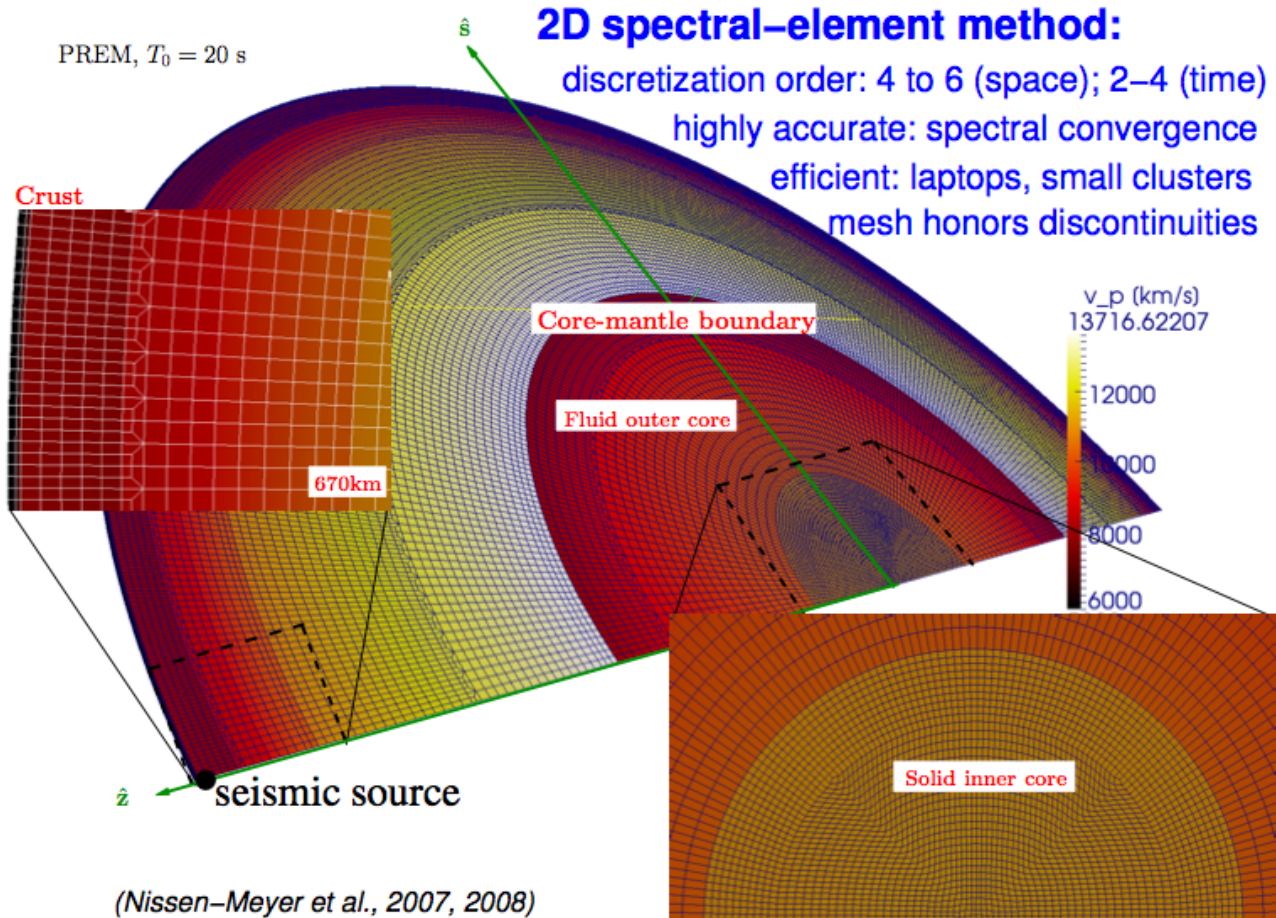
**3D modeling cost complexity:**  
Are actual seismic problems computable<sup>1</sup> ?

<sup>1</sup> Algorithmic solution in an *effective* manner



# Less than Moore: AxiSEM

Radial earth models  $\implies$  2D numerical, azimuth analytical



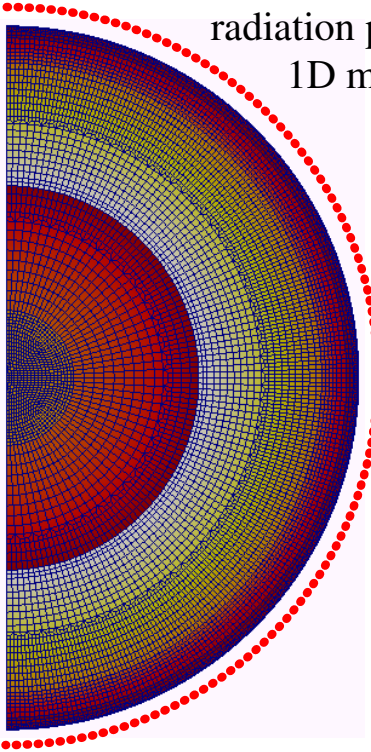
# 1D, modeled once-and-for-all

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## 1. Seismogram database (1 Hz)

Simulate "all" depths

radiation patterns  
1D models



Seismograms at 0–180 deg

## 2. Specify event/receiver details

CMT solution

receiver details

## 3. Post processing

Rotate to source–receiver geometry

Sum to full moment tensor

Filter & convolve with source function

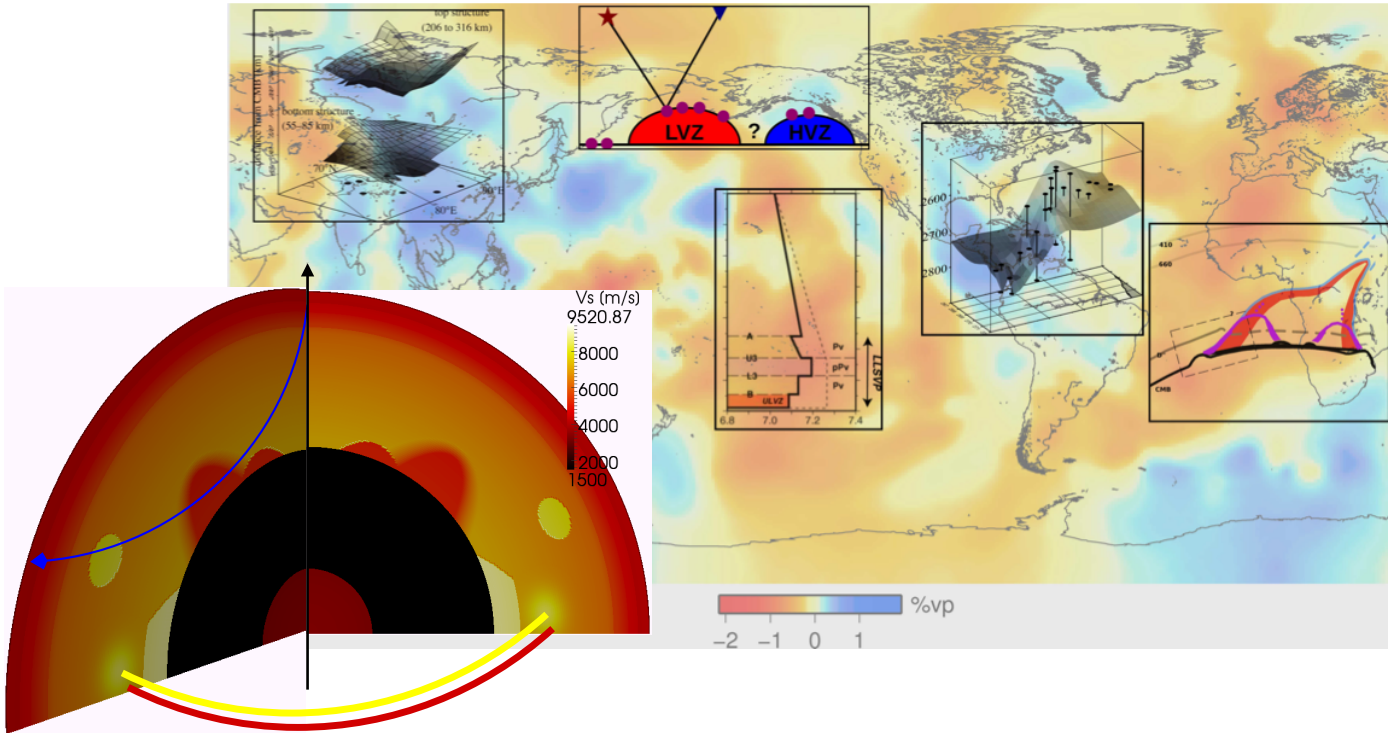
## 4. Instantaneous arbitrary seismogram

Done with and to be hosted at



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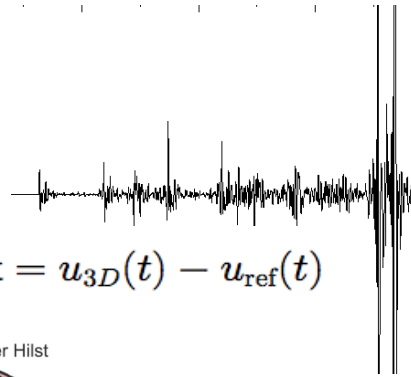
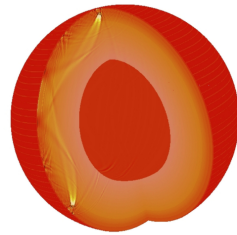
# 2.5D structures



- ↪ Torus-like structures
- ↪ High-frequency waves only see small Fresnel zone
- ↪ Waveform modeling often on 2.5D structural parameters

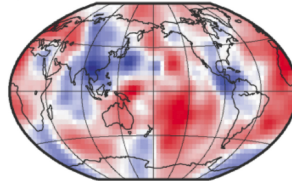
# Efficient 3D modeling

- ☞ Exploit weak and sparse heterogeneities
- ☞ Exploit 1/curse of dimensionality
- ☞ Scale computational cost with (differential) complexity



$$\int_V K(\mathbf{x}, t) \Delta m(\mathbf{x}) d^3\mathbf{x} = u_{3D}(t) - u_{\text{ref}}(t)$$

(d) dVp: Karason & van der Hilst

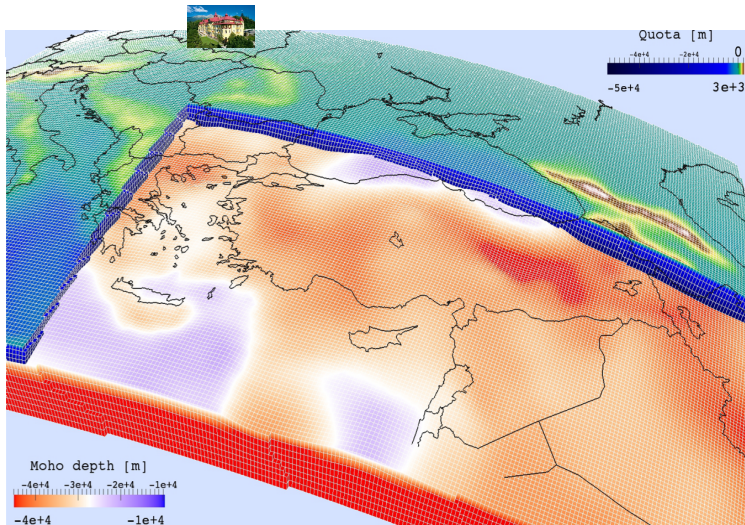


**Wavefield injection:** Masson, Monteiller/Chevrot/Liu, Robertsson/Curtis

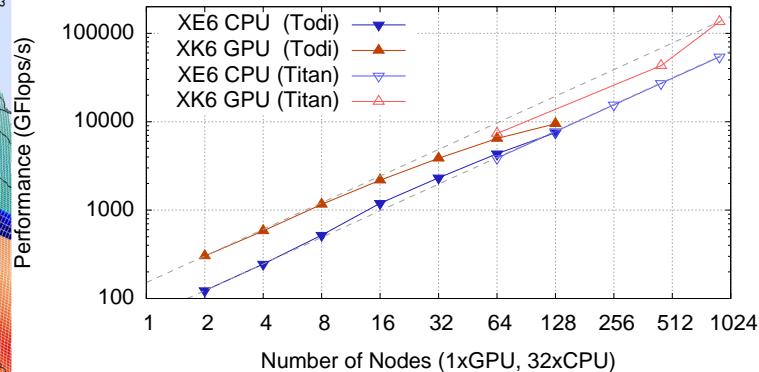
**Scattering integrals:** v. Driel, Panning/Romanowicz, Pollitz

# “Extreme-scale” GPU modeling

- ☞ New SPECFEM3D implementation for GPUs
- ☞ Cuda kernels for forward/adjoint modeling



19 Mio elements ( $6 \times 10^9$  dof)  
2hrs on 896 GPUs @ Oakridge's Titan  
sustained 135 TFLOP/s



Speedup... with respect to WHAT?  
E.g. purchase cost GPU vs. CPU  
⇒ speedup  $\sim 1.7 - 2.5$

... worth it? When is the Big One?  
(Rietmann et al. 2012, submitted to SC'12)



# Overview

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1. Models: Chang Su (& village de Capdeville)
2. Accelerators: Martin v. Driel, Yder Masson
3. **Parameters: noone and everyone?**
  - (a) performance-based numerical design**
  - (b) high-order time schemes**
  - (c) dispersion error**

# Performance design & dispersion

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Given an *error tolerance*, find scheme to *minimize CPU time & memory*

## *Numerical errors*

Discretization  $\implies$  **dispersion** (waveform time delay)

**dissipation** (waveform amplitude attenuation)

## *Dispersion error:*

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_{\text{space}} + \epsilon_{\text{time}} \sim (\Delta x / \lambda_0)^{2N} + (\Delta t / T_0)^K$$

Most seismic cases:  $\epsilon_{\text{space}} < \epsilon_{\text{time}}$

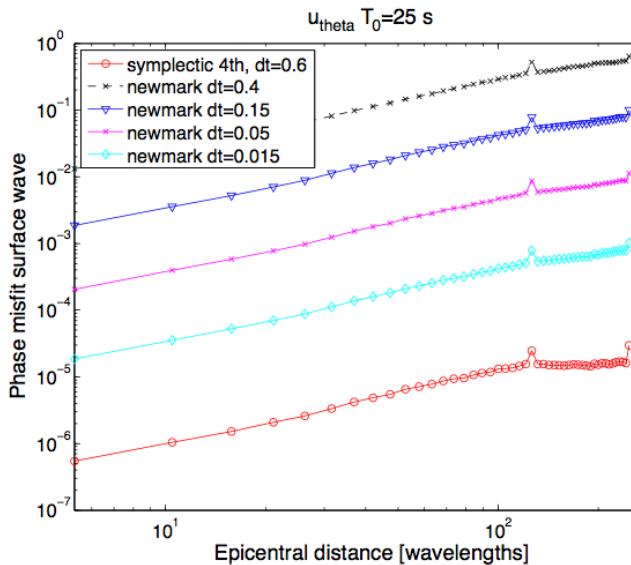
**Refined task.** Find time scheme to minimize cost given max. accuracy

# Time discretization

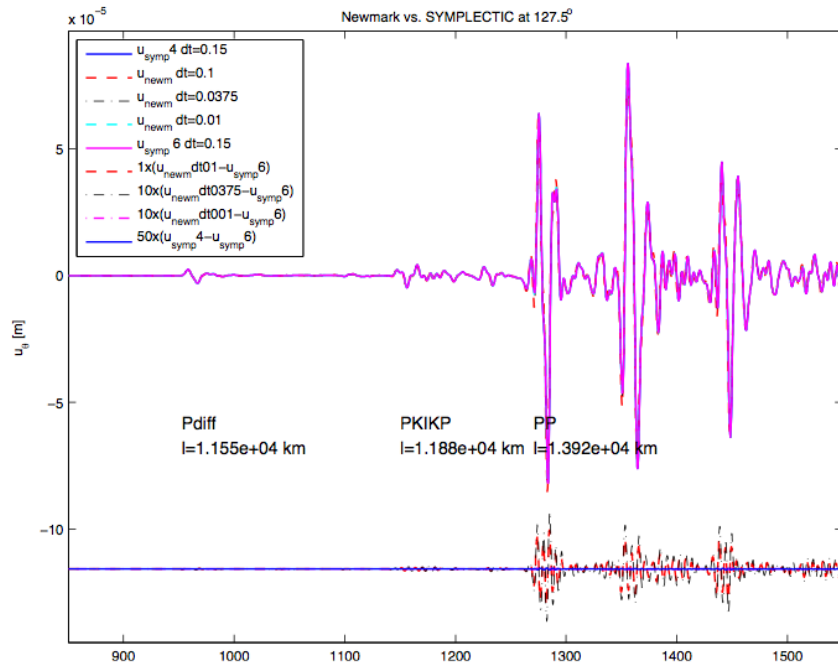
Temporal ODE system of the discretized weak form:

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{u}}(t) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{F}(t)$$

$\mathcal{O}^4$  symplectic scheme: 4-fold force evaluation per  $\Delta t$

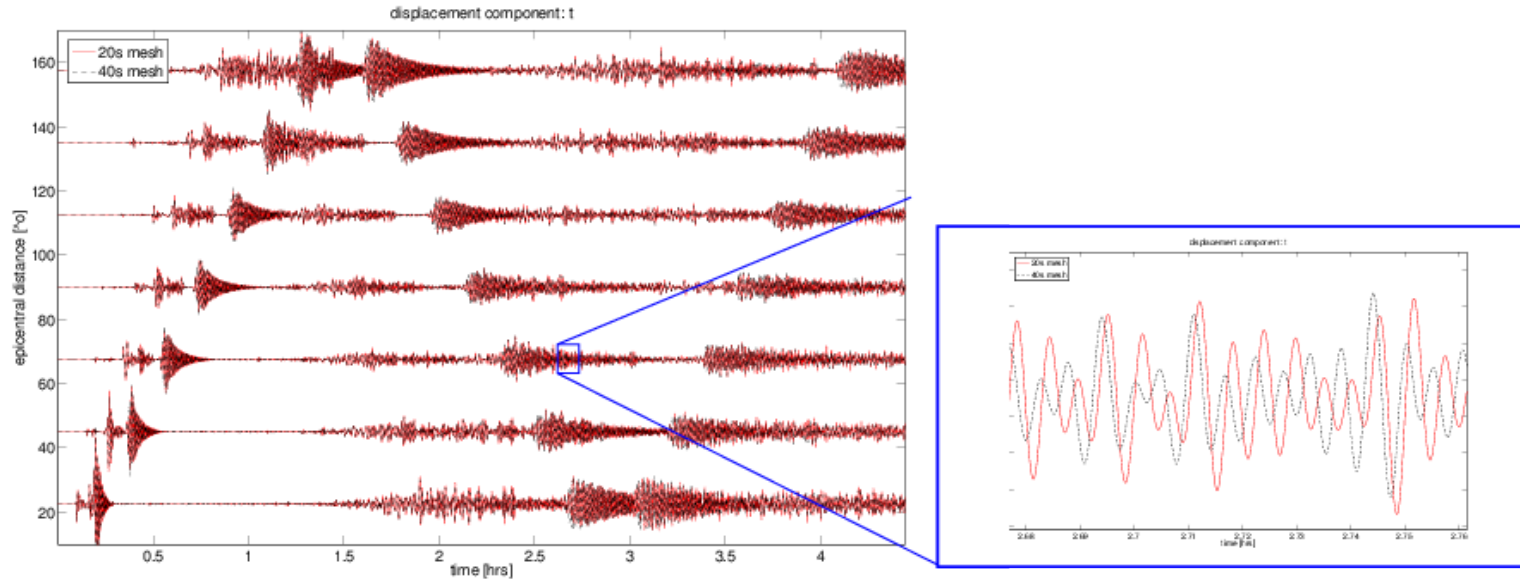


(Ampuero & Nissen-Meyer, to be submitted, 2012)



$\Rightarrow$  Symplectic scheme more cost-effective

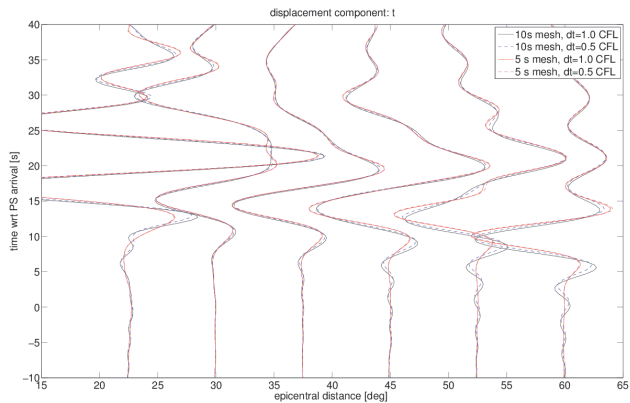
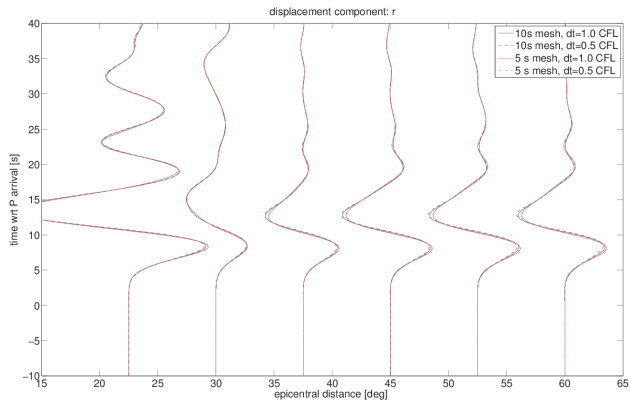
# Major-arc cycle skips



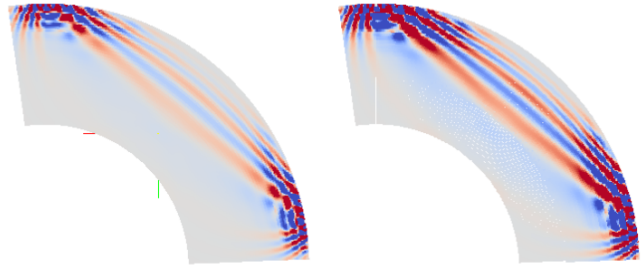
Surface waves over the globe (left), zoom: major-arc surface wave R2 at 65°

👉 Forget about doing anything with this. 👈

# Body wave types



Dispersion in P-wave kernel



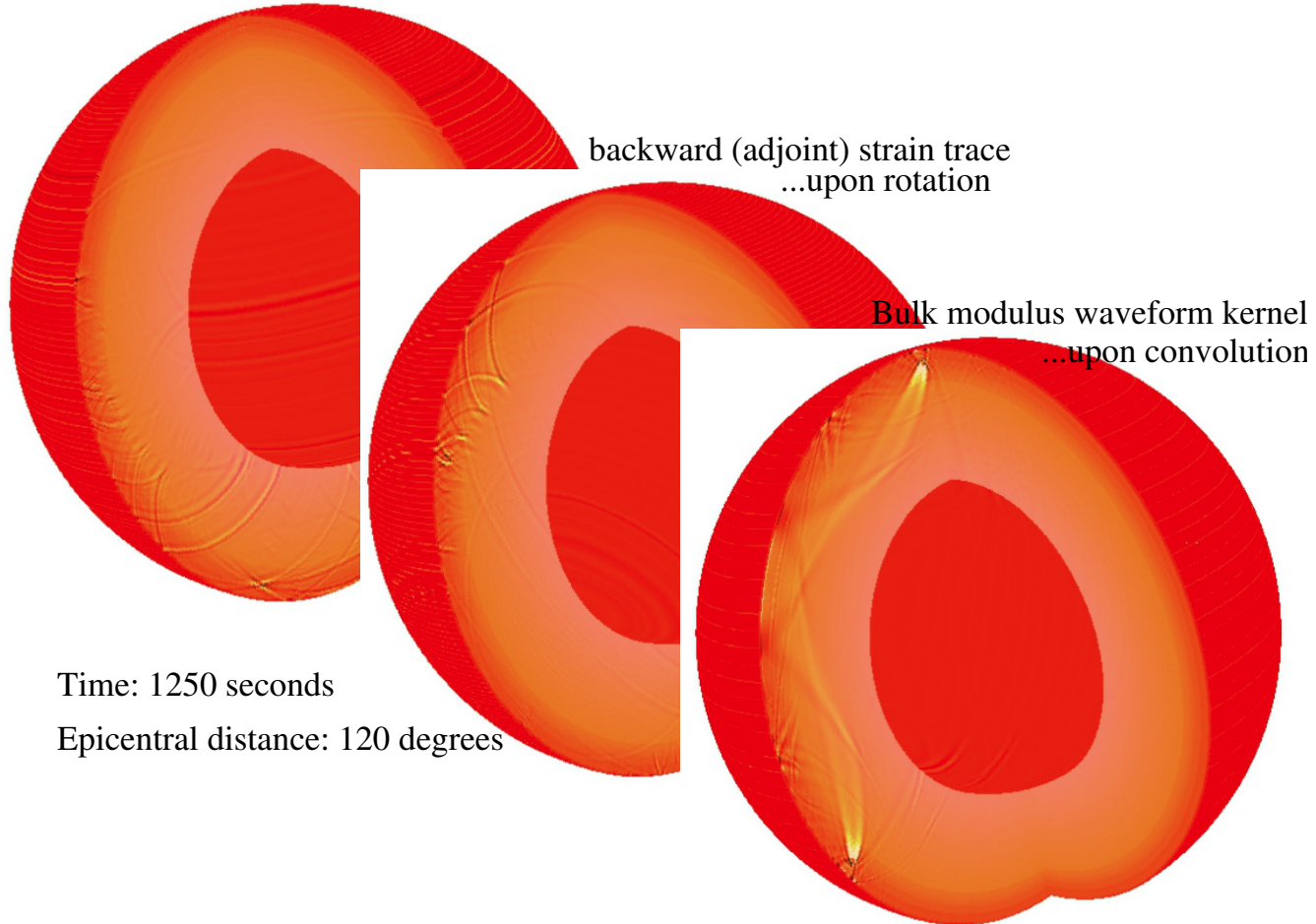
Meshes at 20s (left) and 40s (right)

P (top) and PS (bottom) for various dx & dt

# Spatio-temporal sensitivity kernels

$$\mathcal{K}_\kappa(\mathbf{x}, t) = - \int_0^t [\nabla \cdot \vec{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}, \tau)] [\nabla \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}, t - \tau)] d\tau$$

Forward strain trace



Time: 1250 seconds

Epicentral distance: 120 degrees

# Software success stories

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What makes a certain technique/implementation **popular**?

- Favorable **cost-error function** at various settings
- Inclusion of **complexity in model and physics**
- **Flexibility** to change/add anything
- Small **code complexity** (readability, good examples)
- **Availability** (open-source, feedback, manual)
- **promotion** (publications, talks)
- **popularity/peer pressure** (“STILL don’t use AxiSEM???”)

**Remaining task:**

**popular** (# downloads?) ⇒ **successful** (# referenced publications?)...

# Summary

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**Seismic forward modeling** is somewhat solved **if:**

1. Linear elastodynamics, kinematic sources are sufficient
2. Models are piecewise smooth and not too discontinuous
3. Source & structural parameters are "well-chosen"
4. Numerical parameters are "well-chosen"
5. We hijack **global supercomputing**

**Current developments include:**

1. **Dimensional reduction:** New applications possible
2. **Subvolume methods:** Backbone for hi-res tomography
3. **Model discretization:** To honor or not to honor?

**Remember: We're always constrained by our forward modeling capabilities!**





# Ďakujem...

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... for your attention!

... to the organizers!

... to the presenters

... for financial support: EU/QUEST, SNF/Petaquake

(Keep cycling)

QUESTions?

