

# Tilt and Compliance Removal: Community Tools Enabling Science

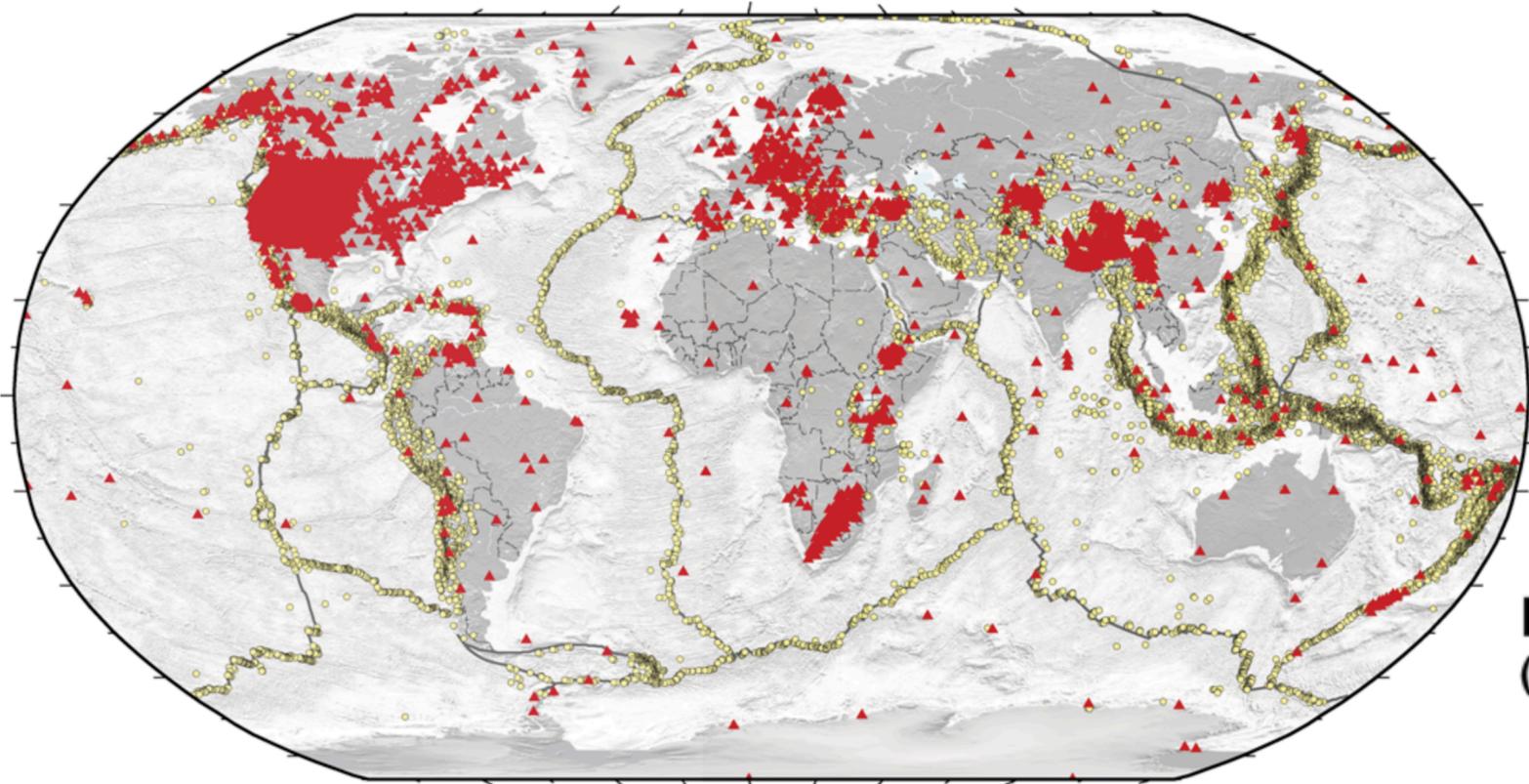
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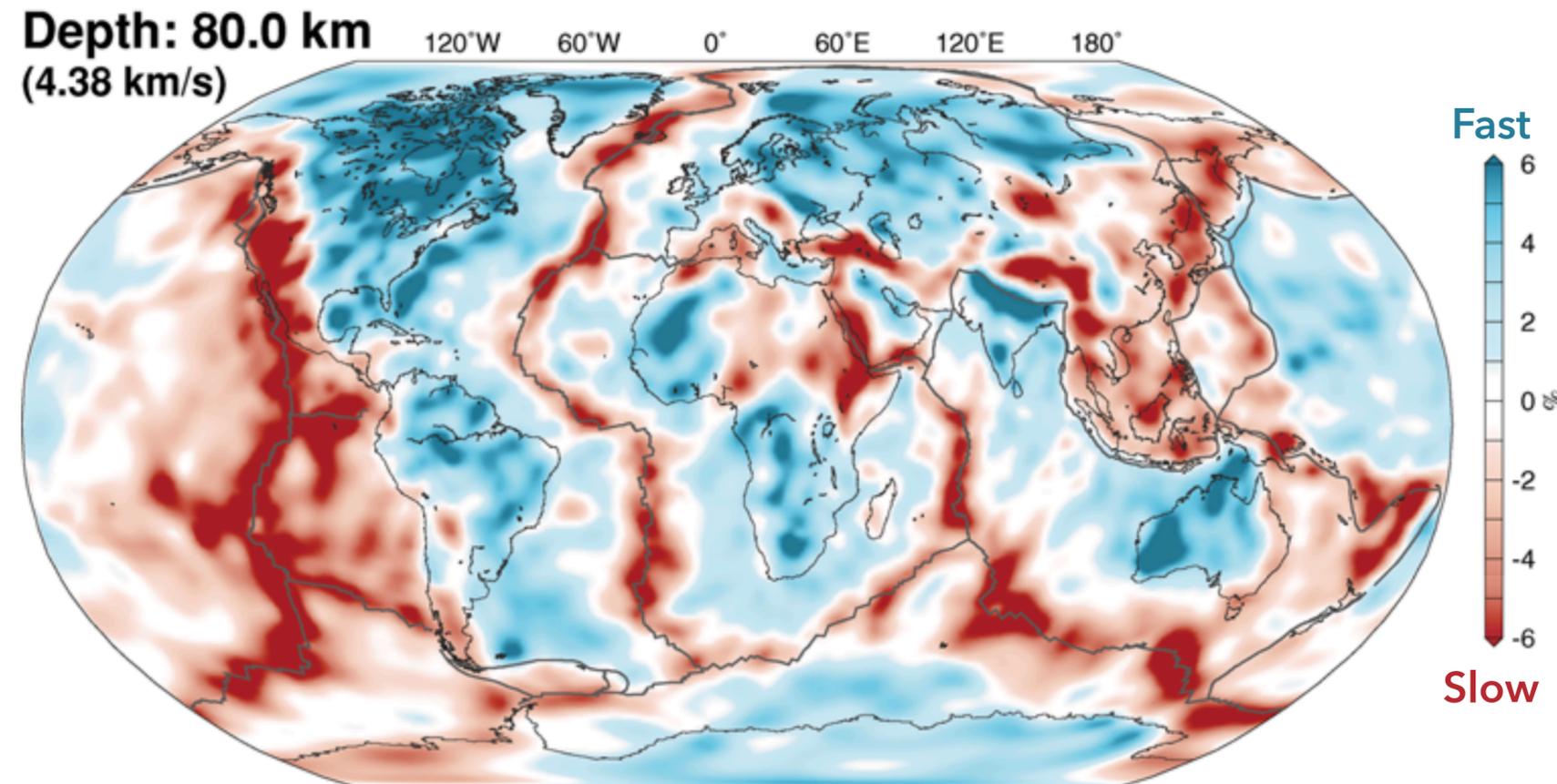
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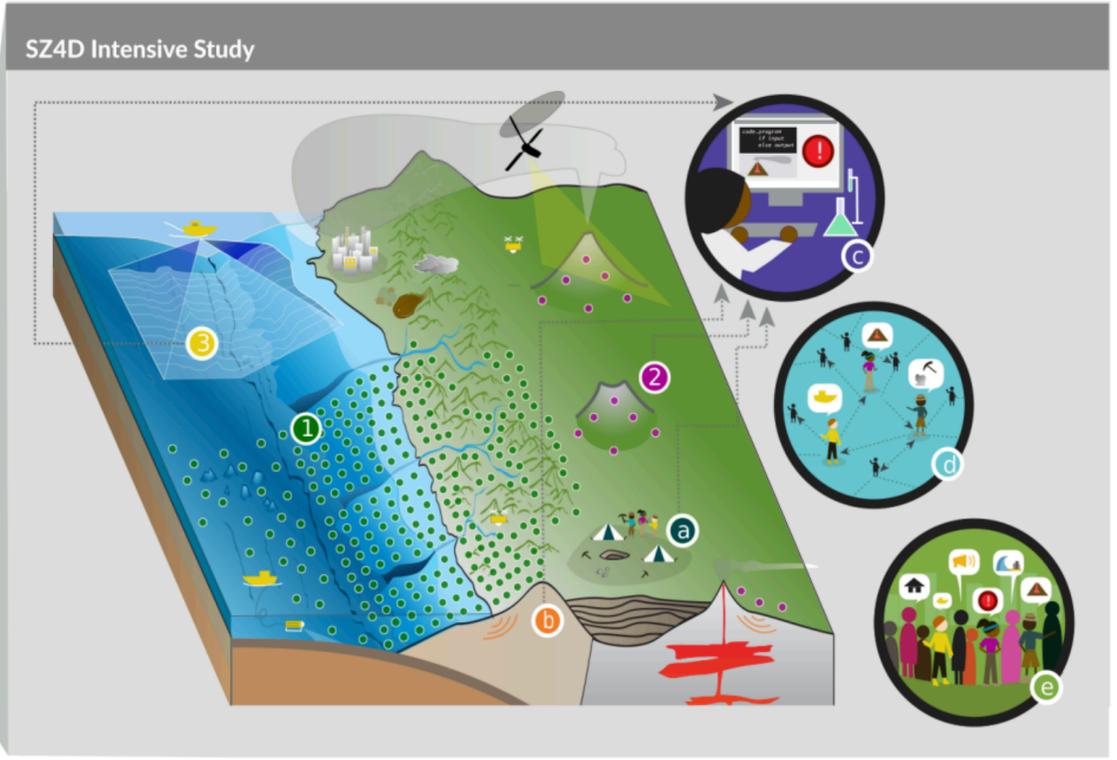
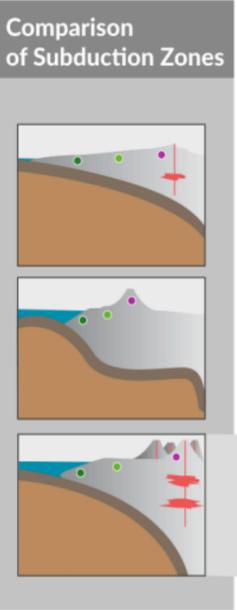
- ▲ Seismometers
- Earthquakes

~70% of Earth's lithosphere is oceanic, yet historically poor sampling of the ocean basins

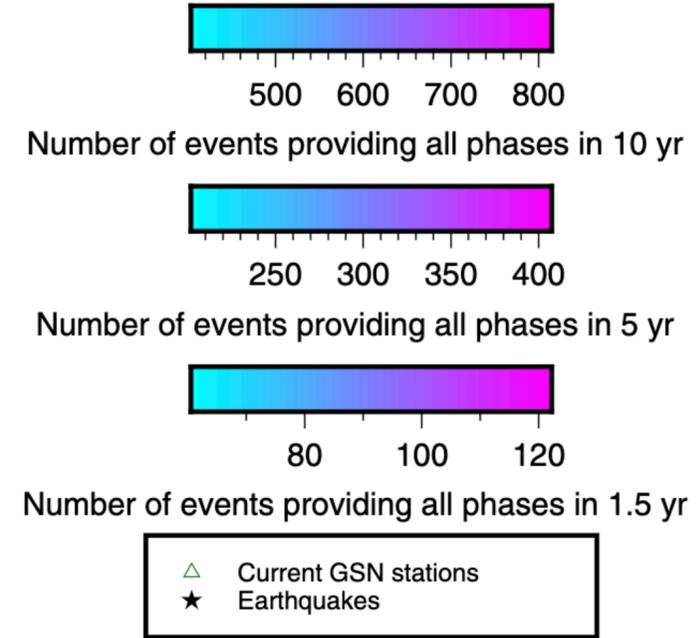
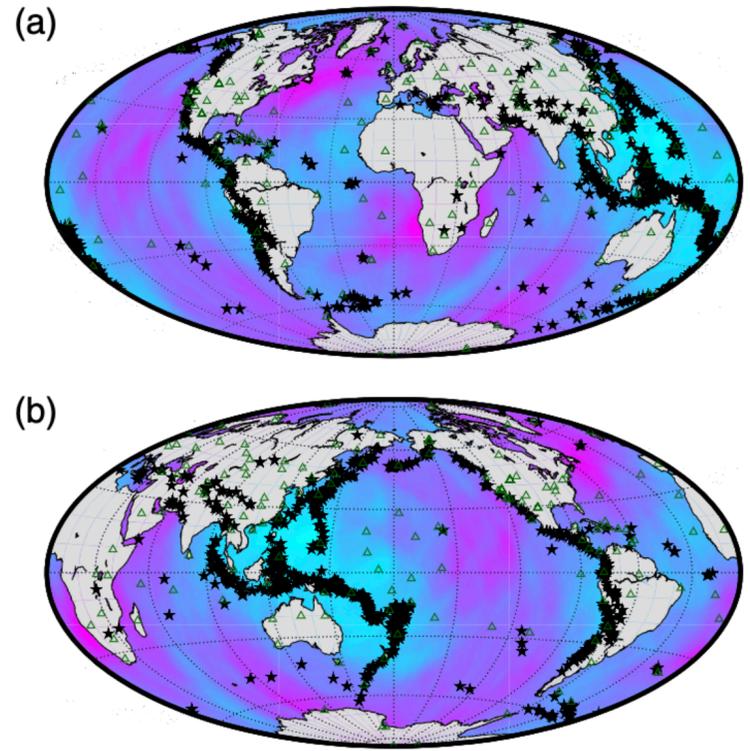
Global models have only coarse lateral resolution and limited ability to resolve the oceanic lithosphere



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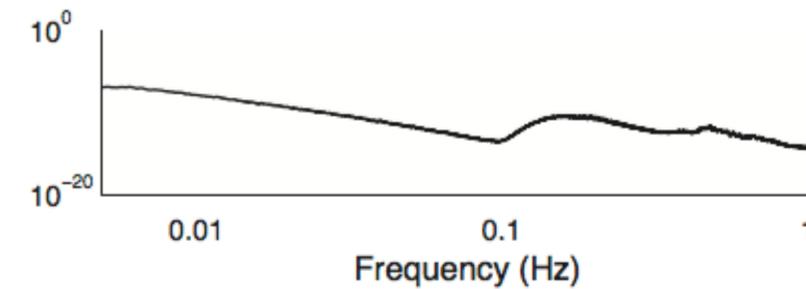
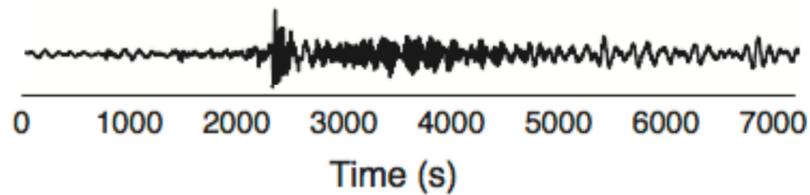


- 1 **MegaArray** (densified in areas of key interest)
- 2 **VolcArray** (augmented by rapid-response deployments)
- 3 **SurfArray**
- a Mine geological record for rheological, chemical, and historical context
- b Image subsurface to directly determine structures
- c Build computational models that integrate field observations and laboratory data
- d Build human capacity to perform this multidisciplinary research using the full diversity of people available
- e Transform this information into meaningful results that can be immediately utilized by affected communities



Kohler et al., 2020

# TIMESERIES AND SPECTRA



$$G_{xy}(f) = \frac{1}{n_d} \sum_{i=1}^{n_d} X_i^*(f) Y_i(f)$$

$$\gamma_{xy}^2(f) = \frac{|G_{xy}(f)|^2}{G_{xx}(f)G_{yy}(f)}$$

$$A_{xy}(f) = \frac{|G_{xy}(f)|}{G_{xx}(f)}$$

$$\phi_{xy}(f) = \arctan \left[ \frac{Q_{xy}(f)}{C_{xy}(f)} \right]$$

## Cross/Auto Spectra

### Power Spectra

What is the power/  
amplitude of the time series  
at a given frequency?

## Coherence

At a given frequency,  
how “coherent” are two  
signals? How much of y  
can I predict, if I know x?

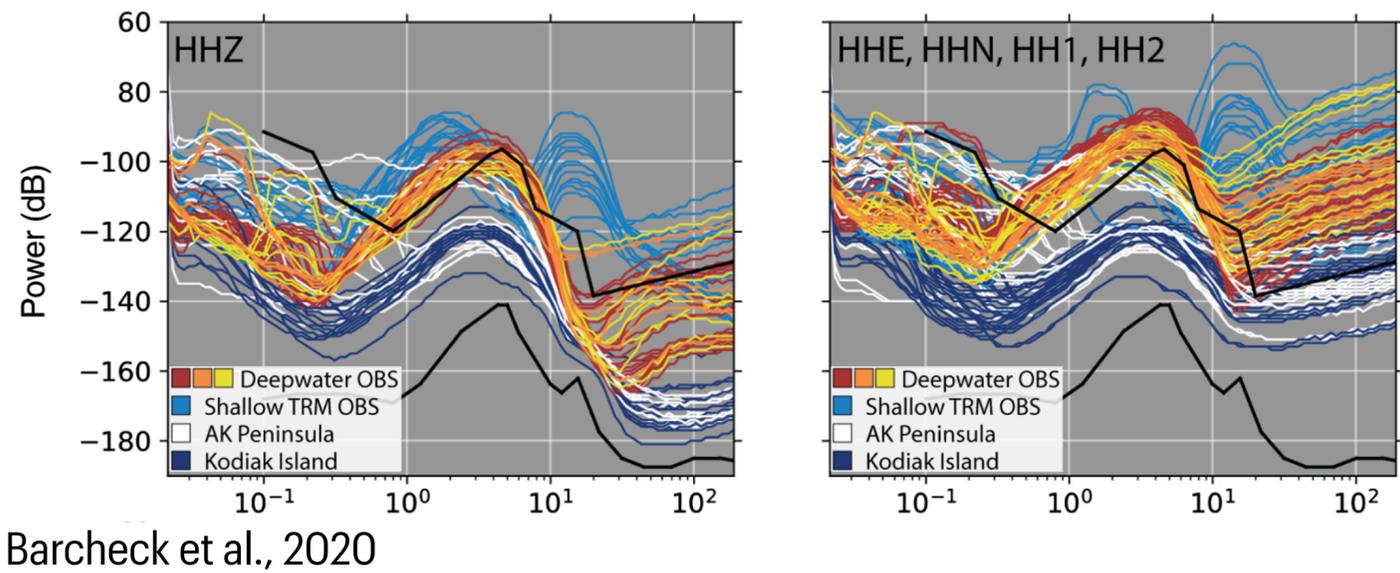
## Admittance

Gain factor of the *transfer function*. If I want to relate the x and y components, what constant do I multiply as a function of frequency?

## Phase

If the signals are  
coherent, what’s the  
cycle separation  
between x and y?

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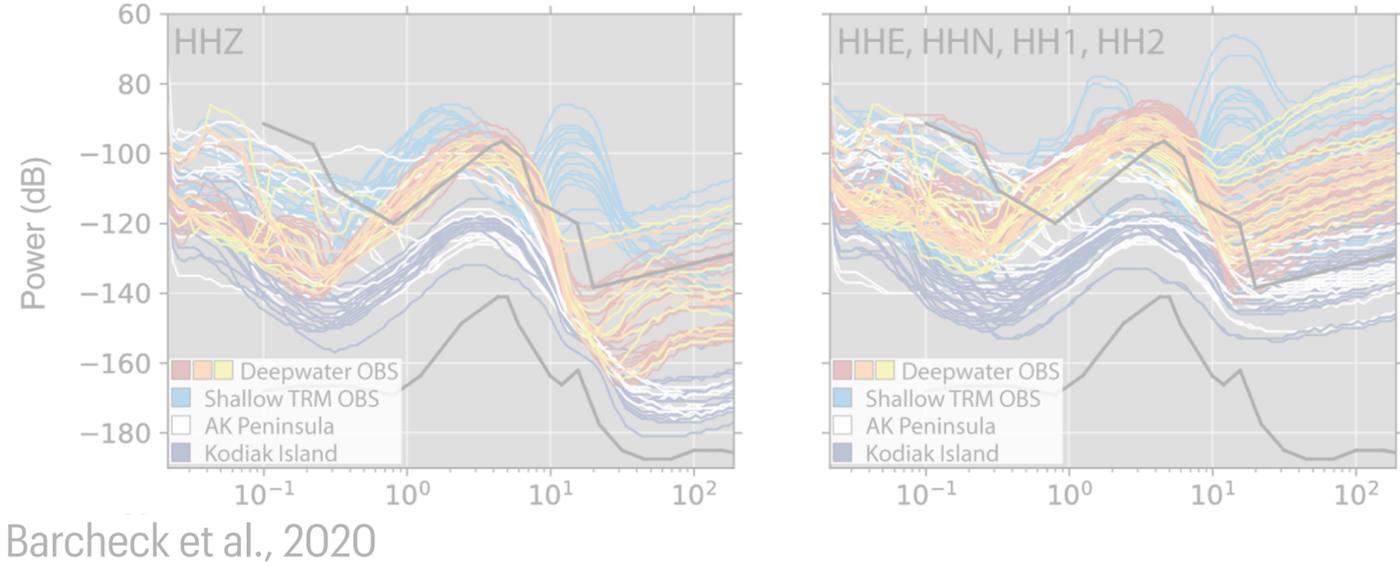


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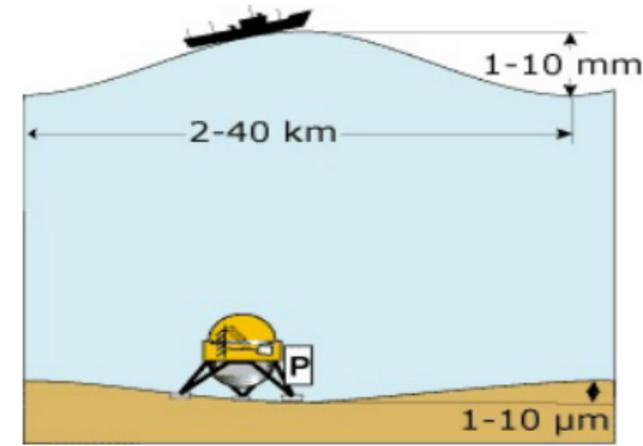
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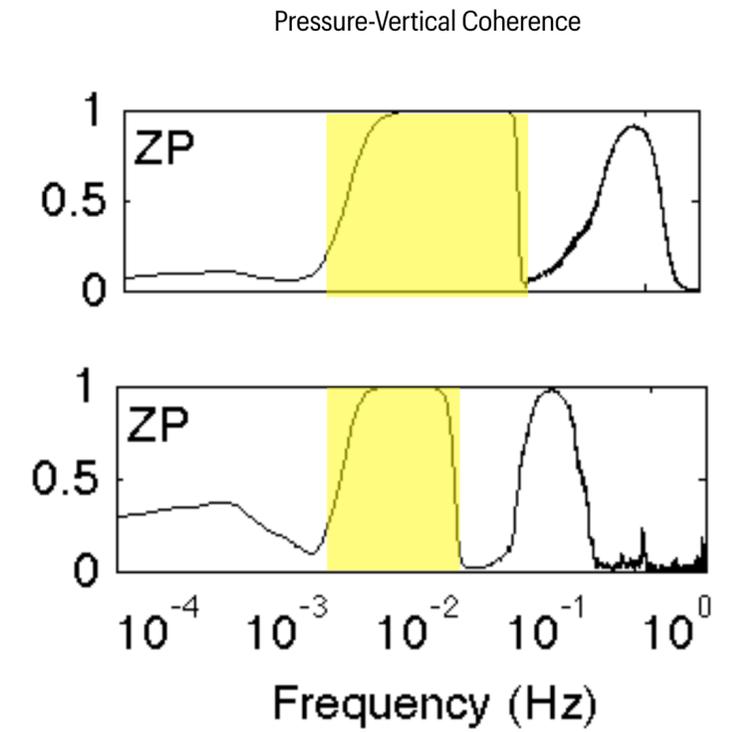
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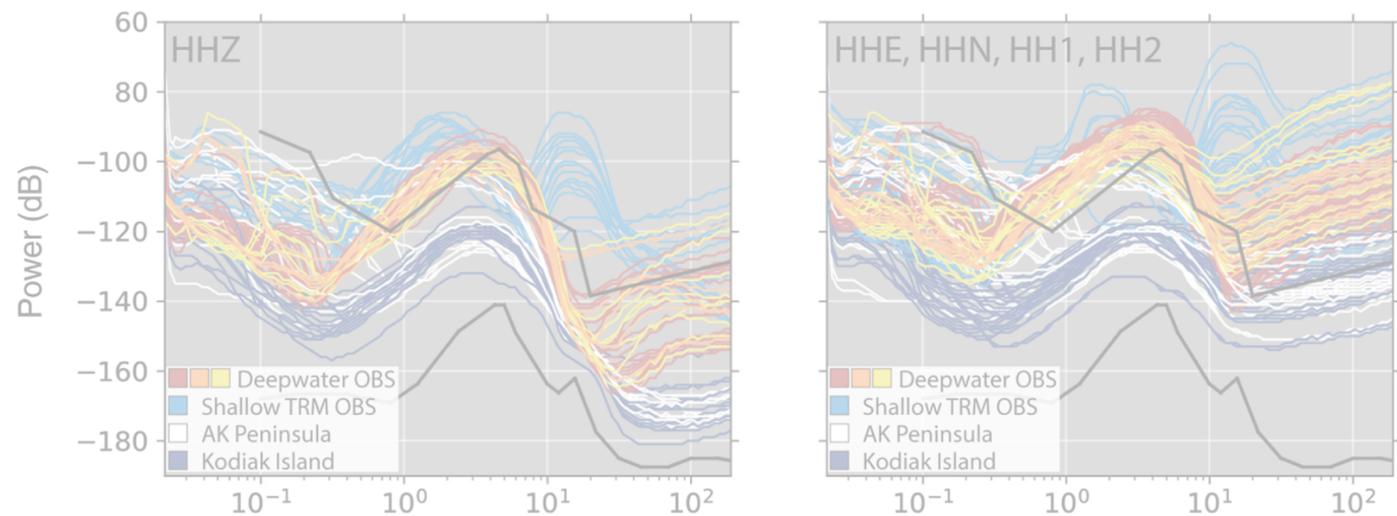
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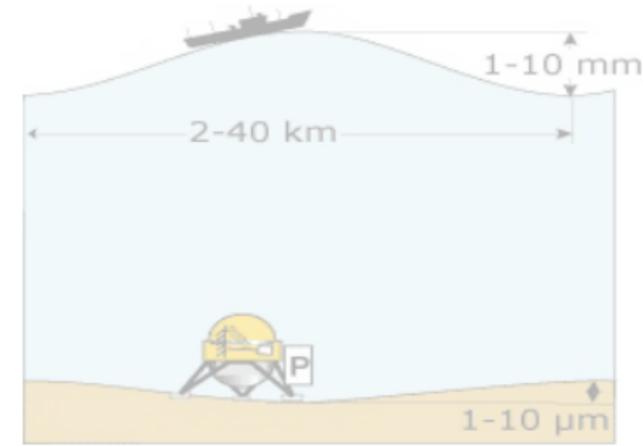
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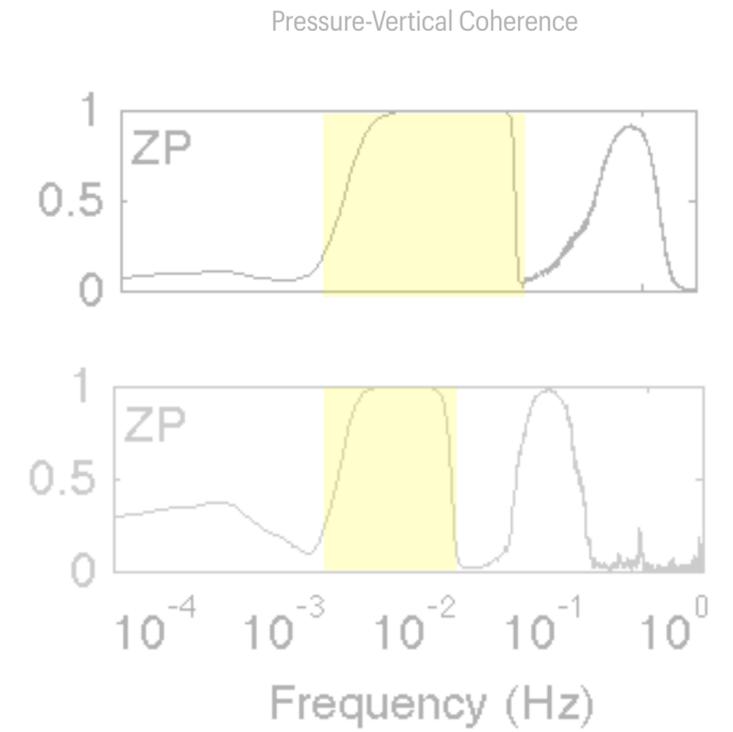


Barcheck et al., 2020

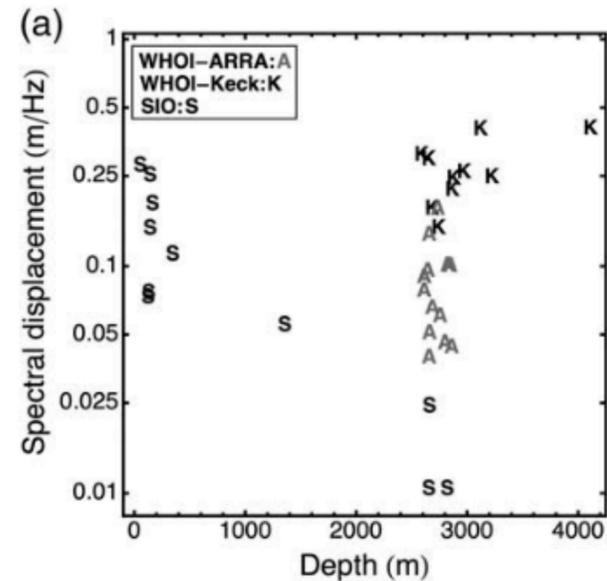
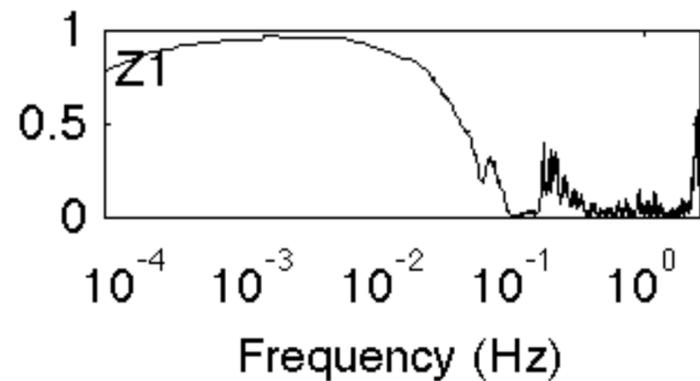
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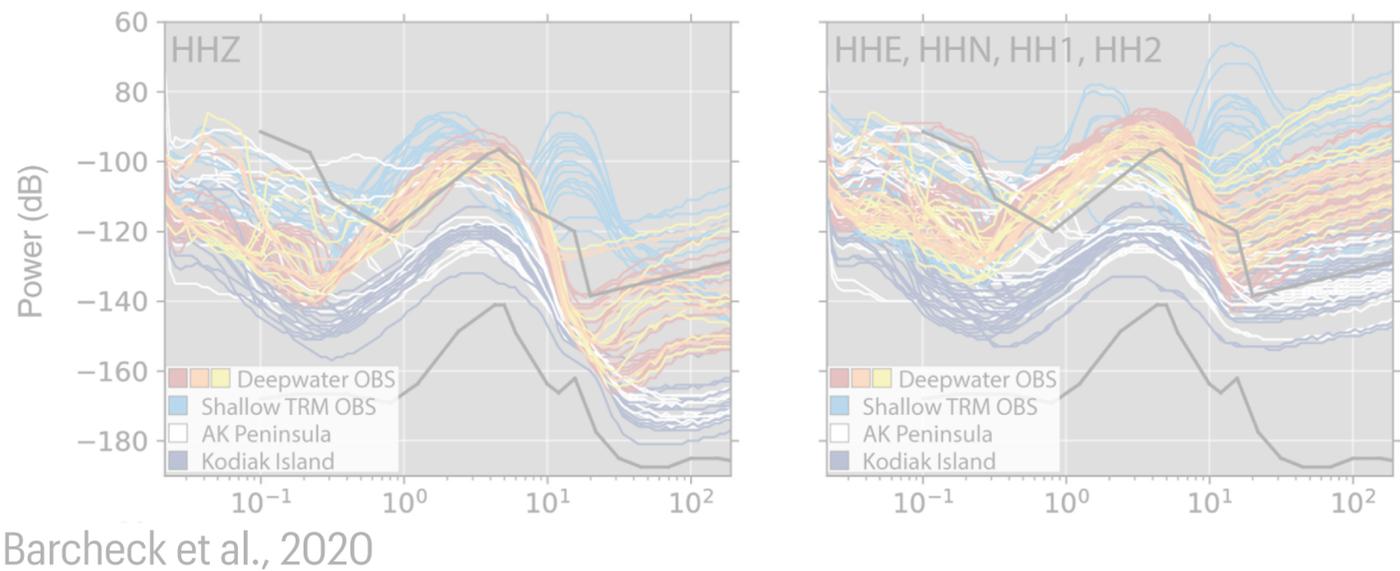
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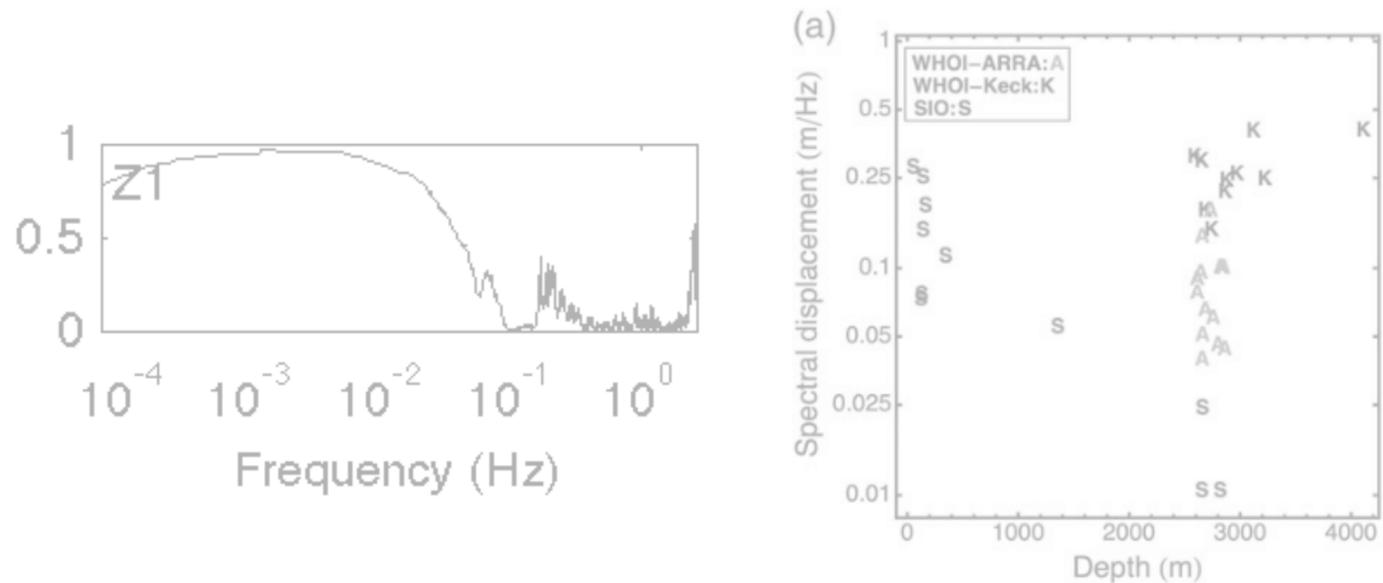
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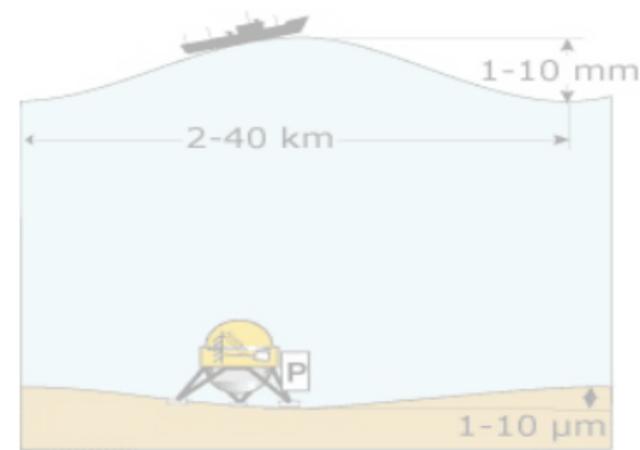
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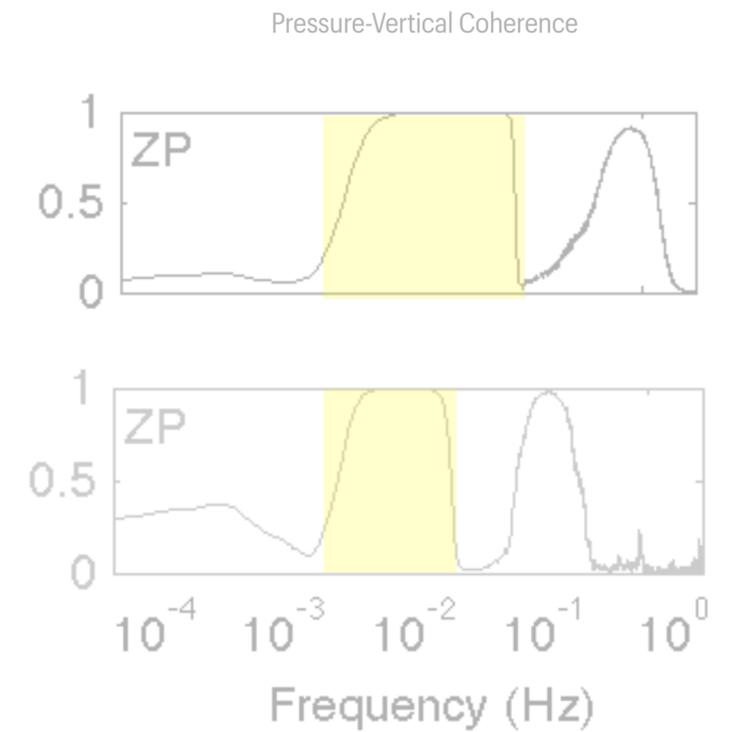
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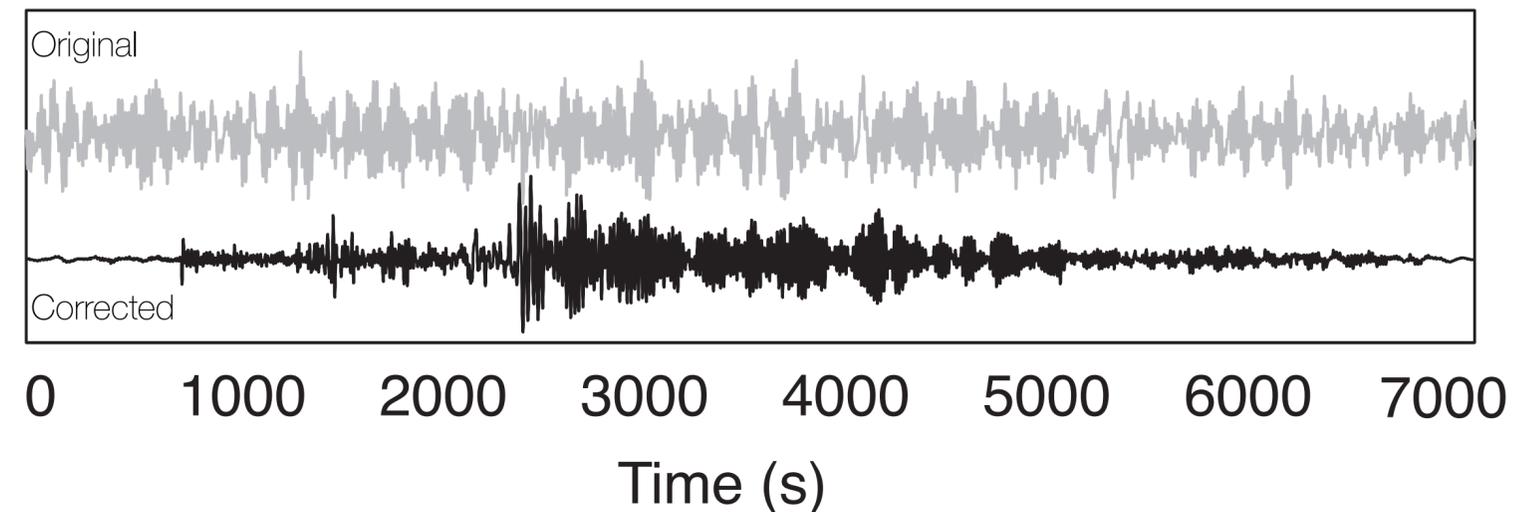
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Tilt and compliance noise can be removed from vertical components, improving data quality.

# ATaCR Manual

Automated Tilt and Compliance Removal

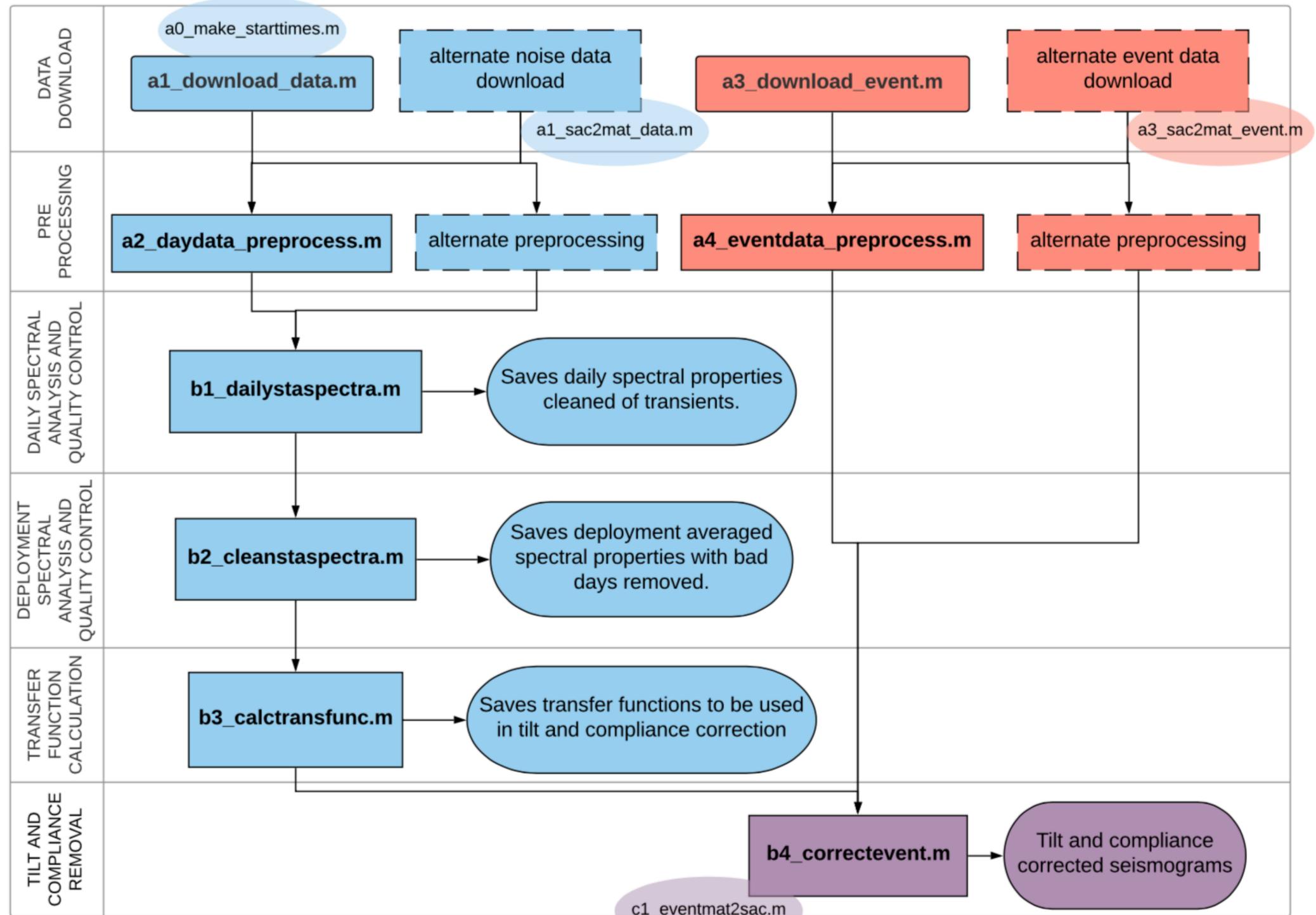
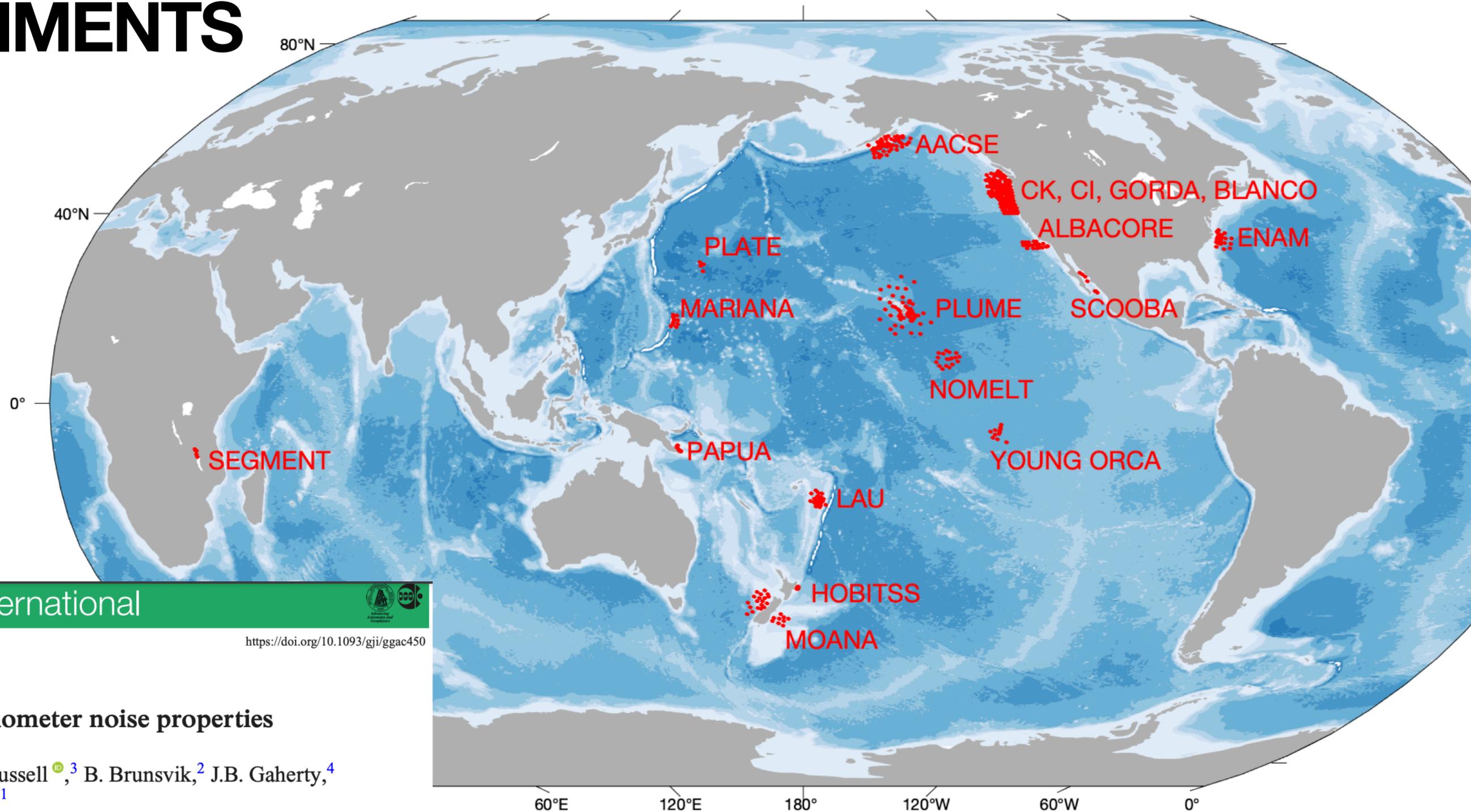


Figure 1: Flowchart for using the ATaCR Package.

**15 YEARS**  
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**551 OBS**



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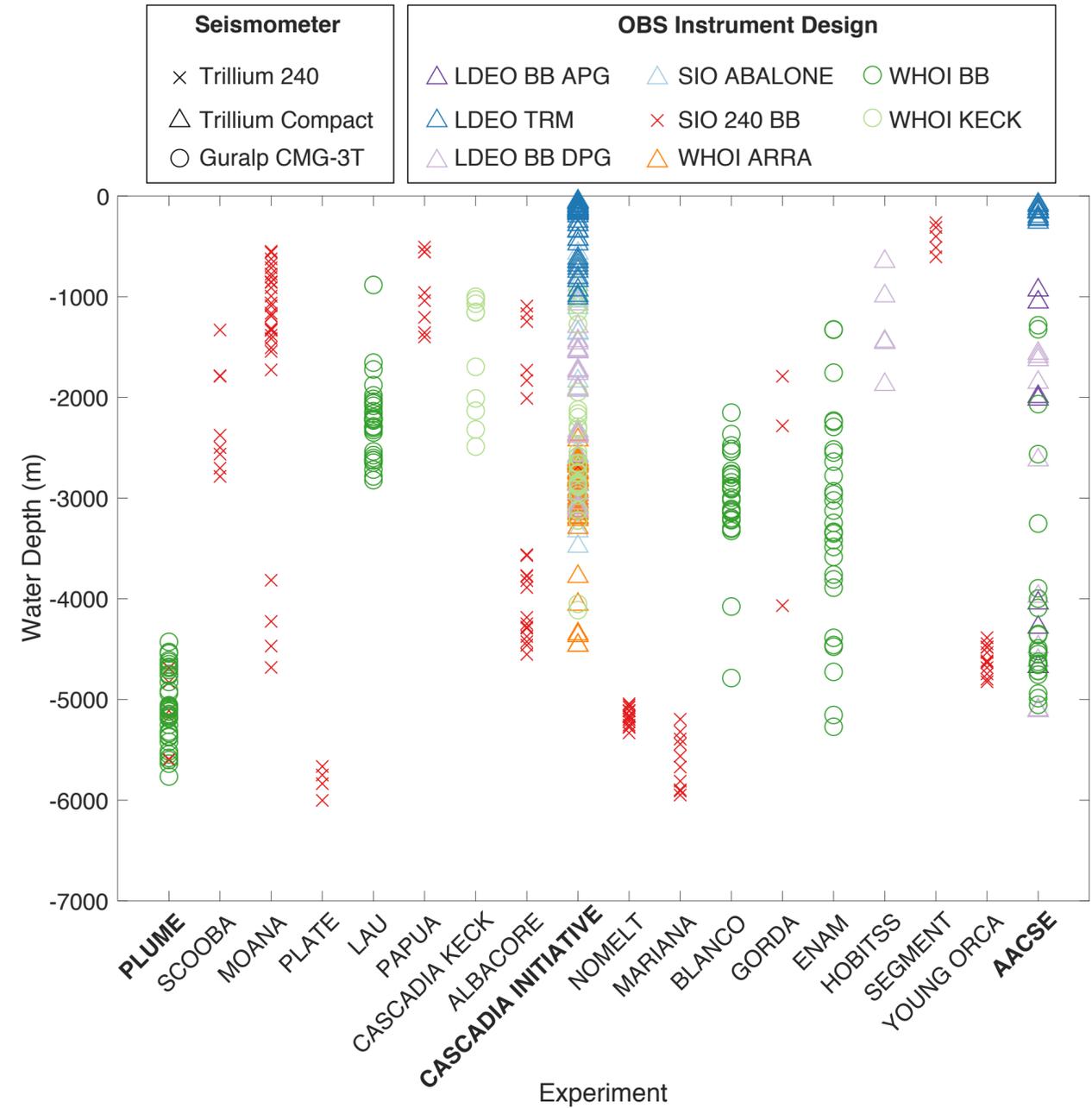
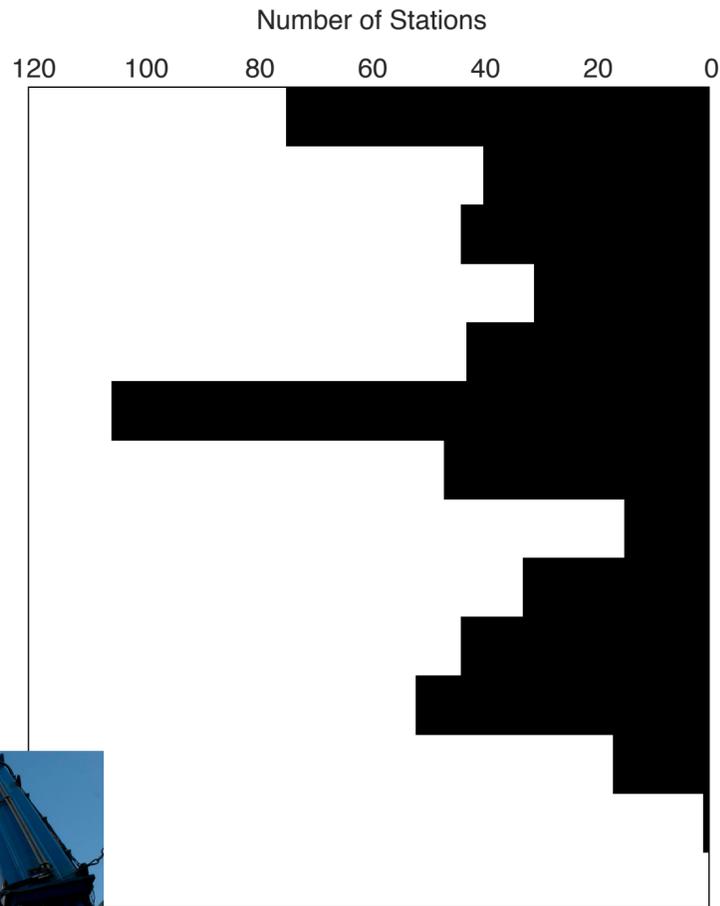
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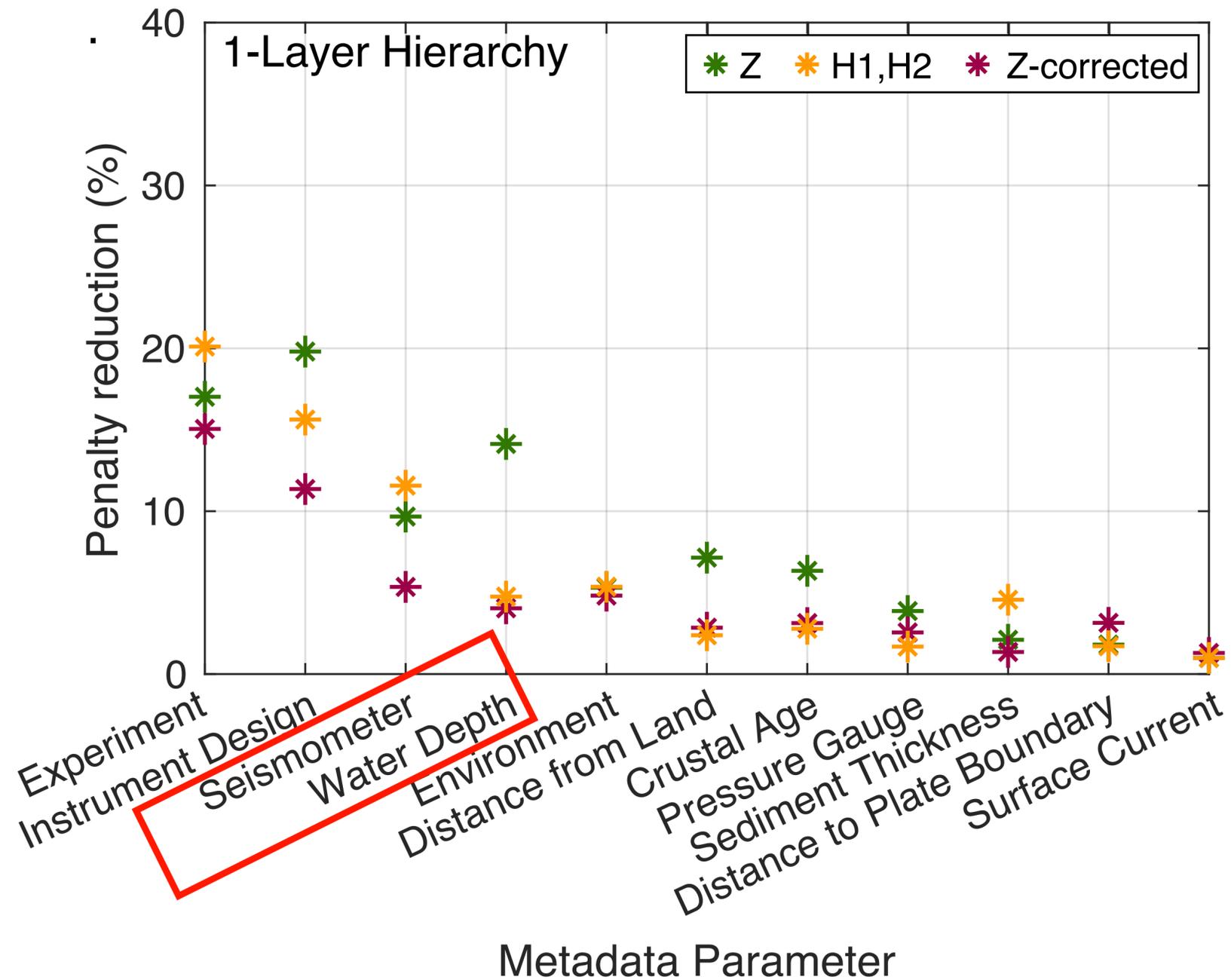
**Broad-band ocean bottom seismometer noise properties**

Helen A. Janiszewski<sup>1</sup>, Z. Eilon<sup>2</sup>, J.B. Russell<sup>3</sup>, B. Brunsvik<sup>2</sup>, J.B. Gaherty<sup>4</sup>,  
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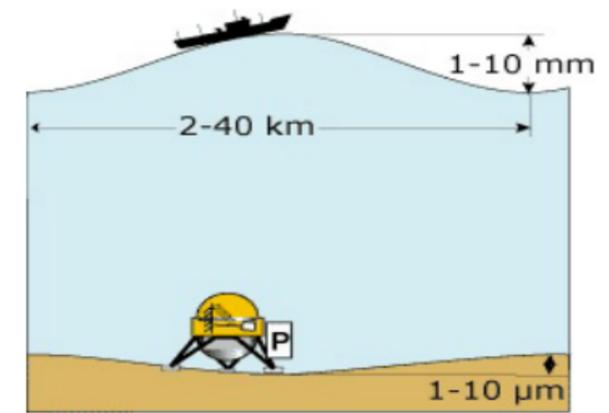
# SEISMOMETER AND WATER DEPTH



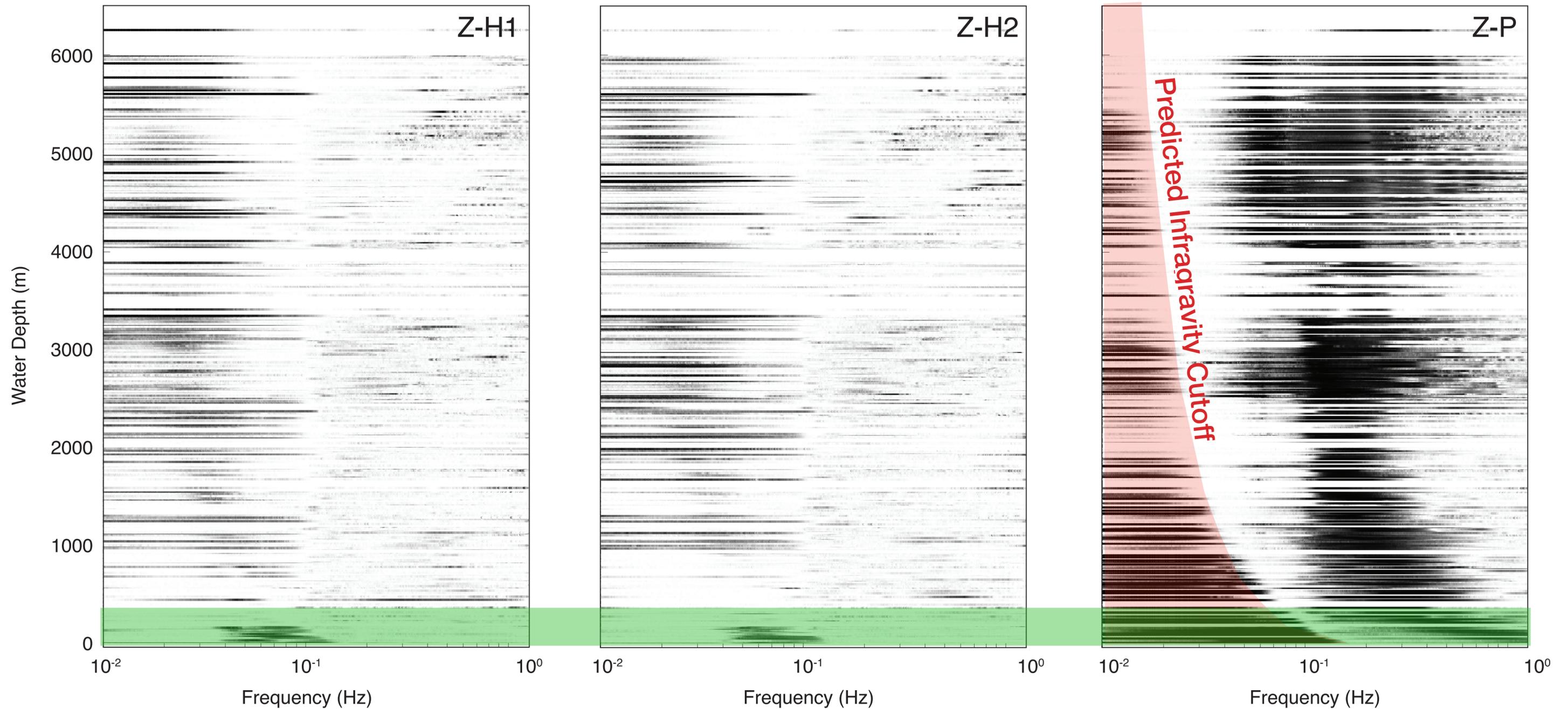
Seismometer and water depth offer the next two sets of most similar groupings.

Less direct covariance with other parameters yields more interpretable results.

# COHERENCES, WATER DEPTH, COMPLIANCE



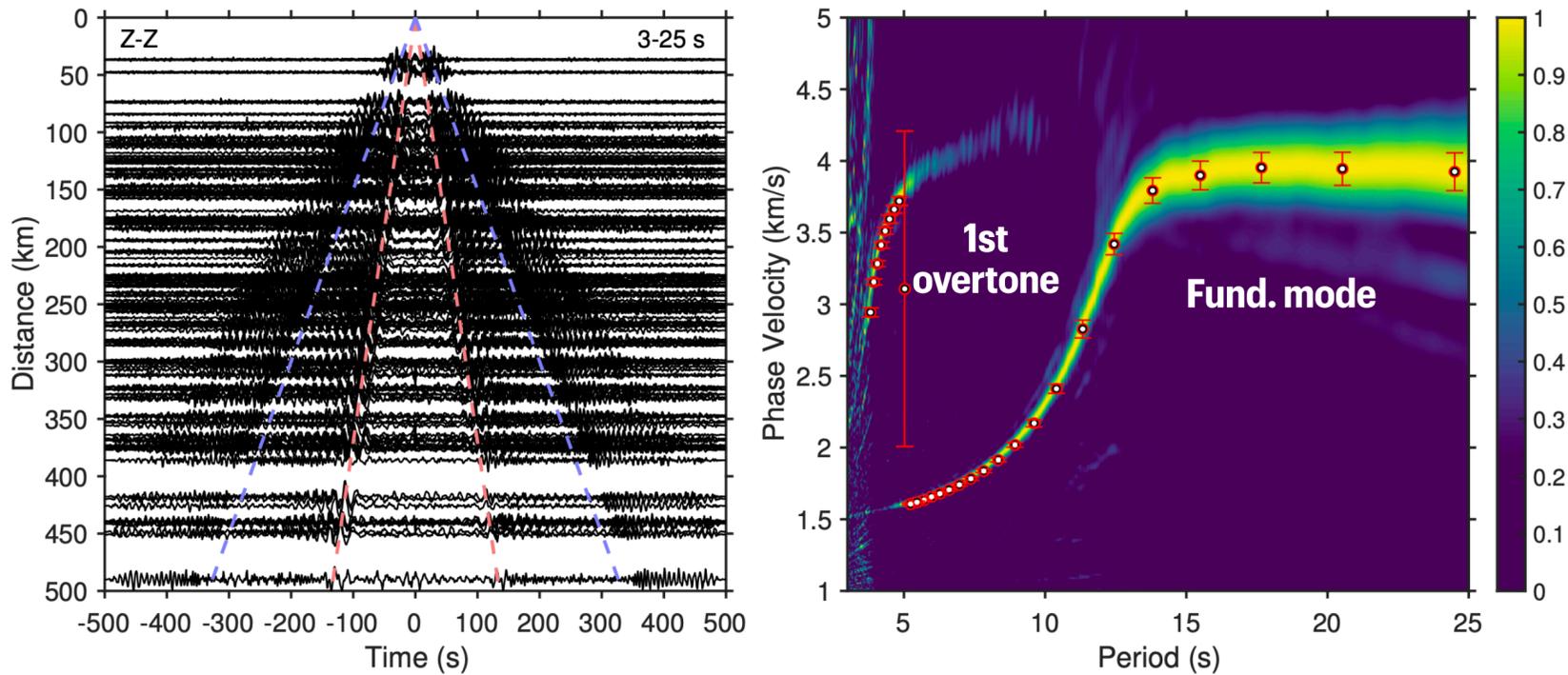
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# COMPLIANCE CORRECTIONS APPLIED TO AMBIENT NOISE

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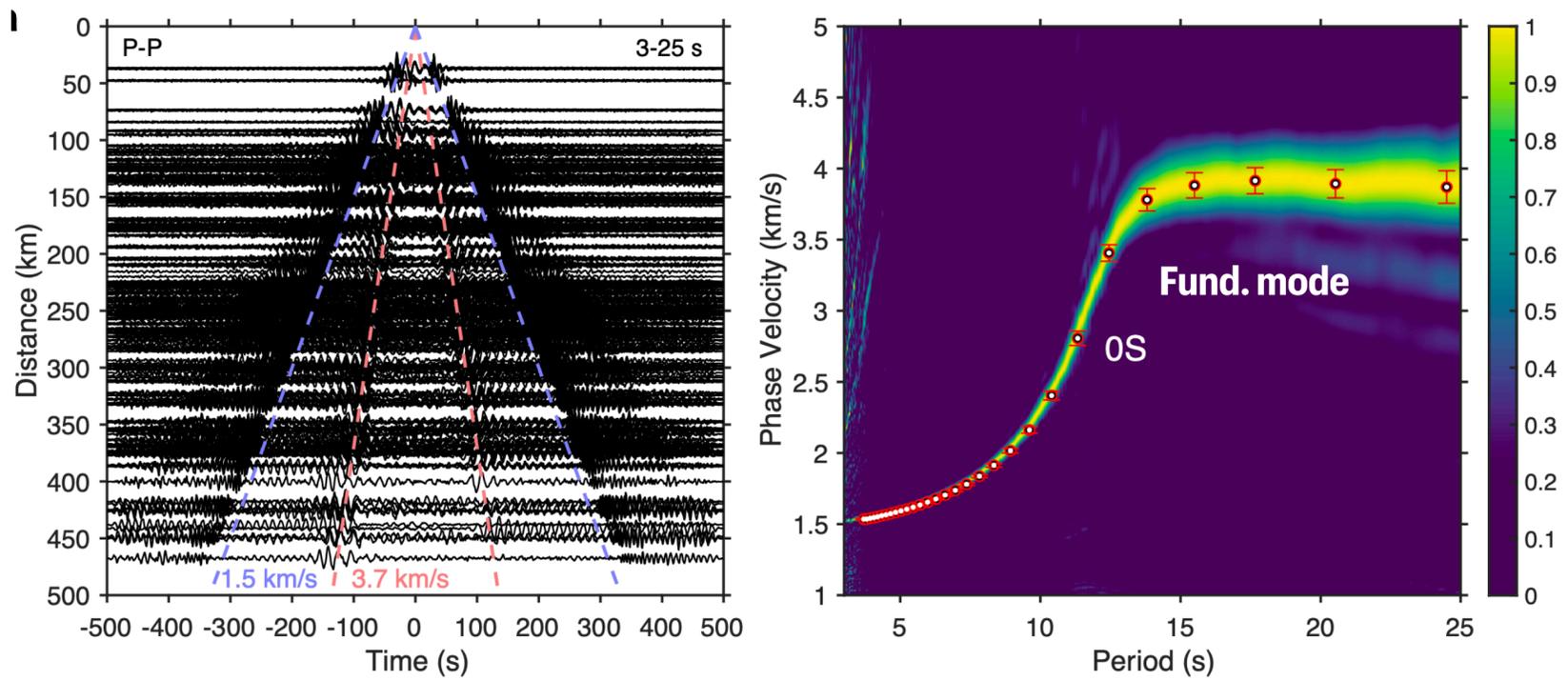


Example from the Young ORCA experiment

## Vertical component

- Fundamental mode Rayl. (5–25 s)
  - Short periods = water column
  - Longer periods = solid earth
- 1st overtone Rayl. (3–?)
  - Solid earth!

## Pressure



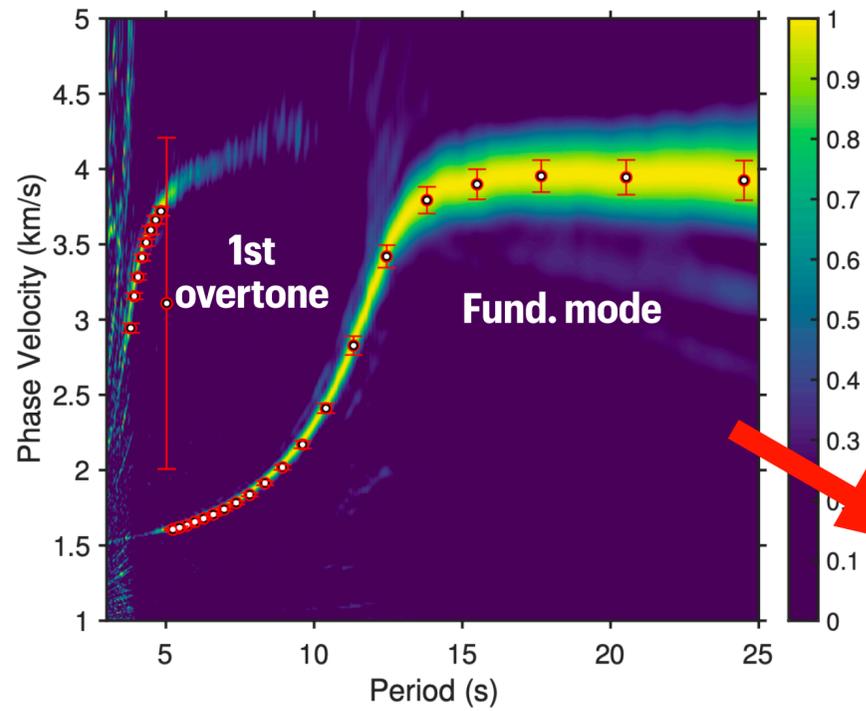
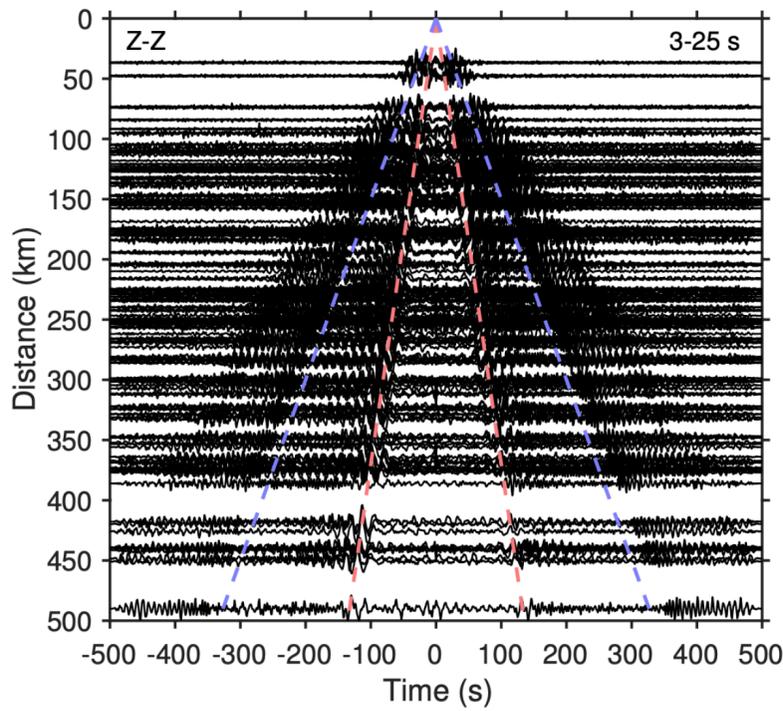
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**Fundamental mode Rayleigh waves  
coherent on both Pressure and Vertical**

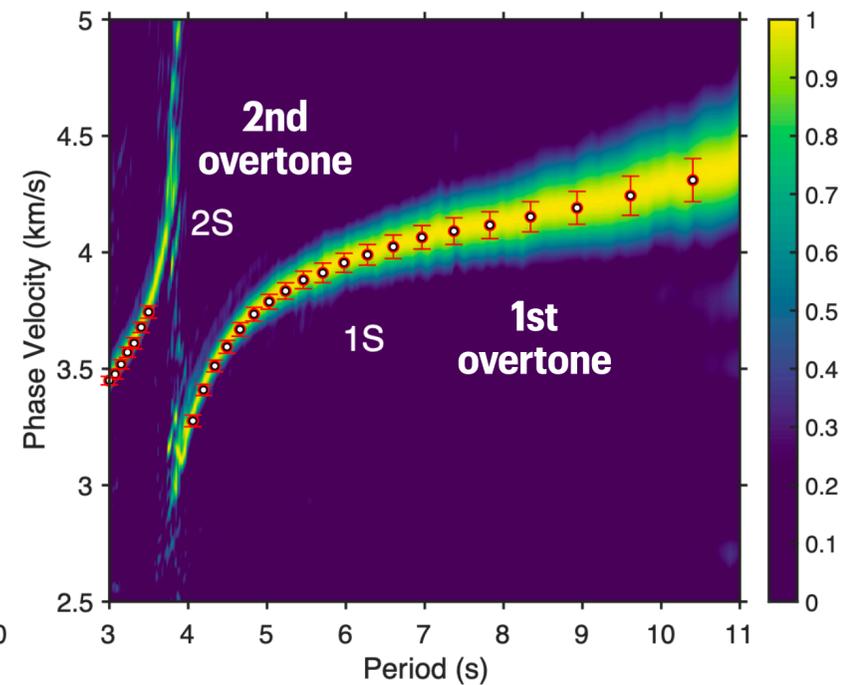
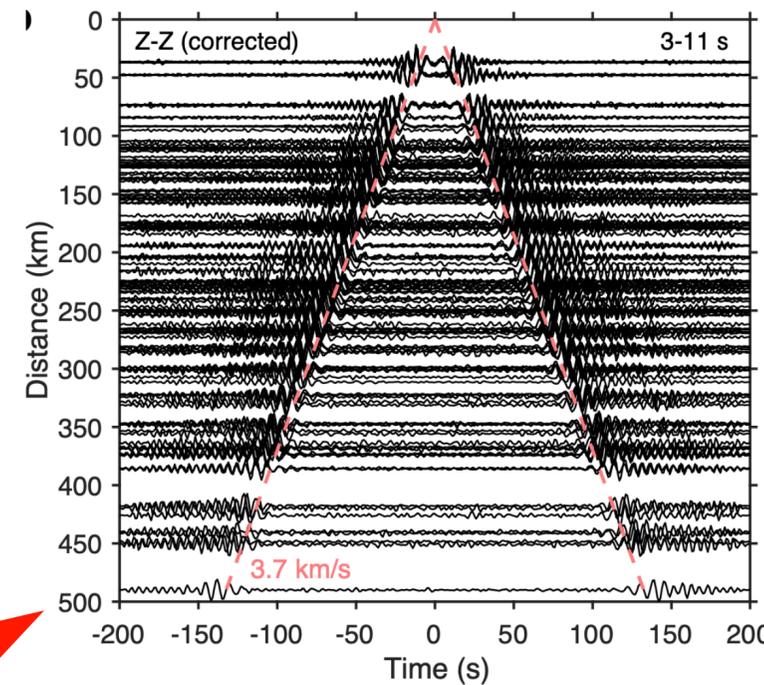
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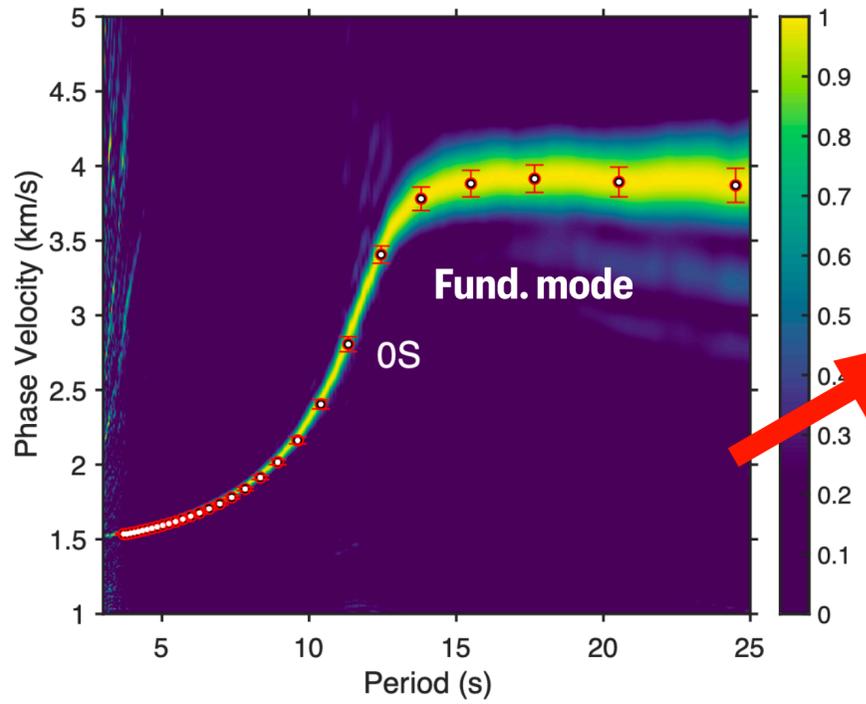
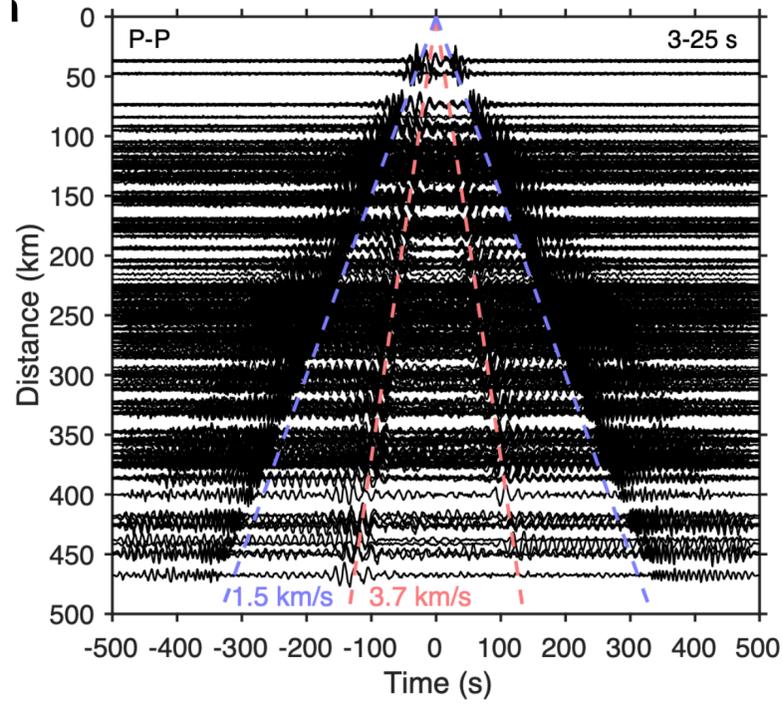


Daily "compliance" corrections **suppress fundamental mode Rayleigh wave** sensitive to the water column, **isolating overtones in solid Earth** (Bowden et al., 2016)

## Compliance-corrected Vertical



## Pressure

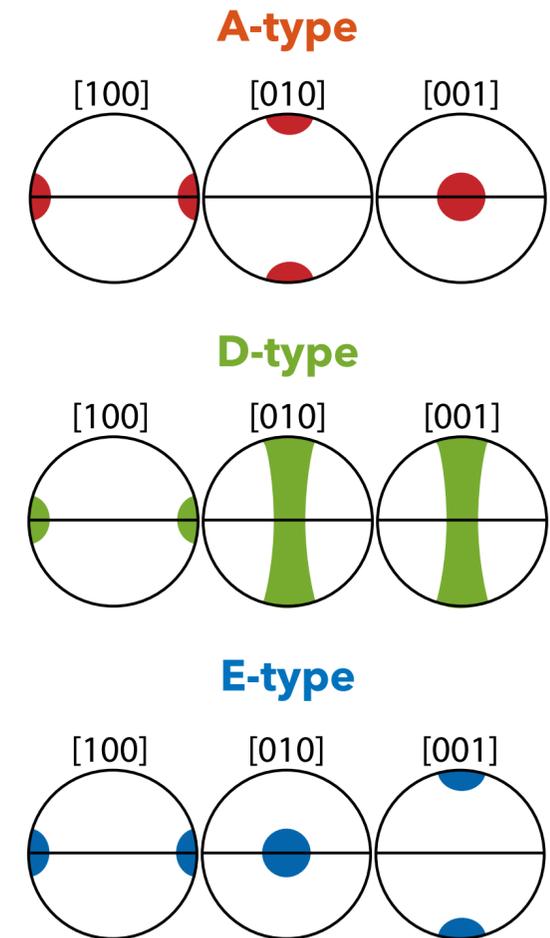
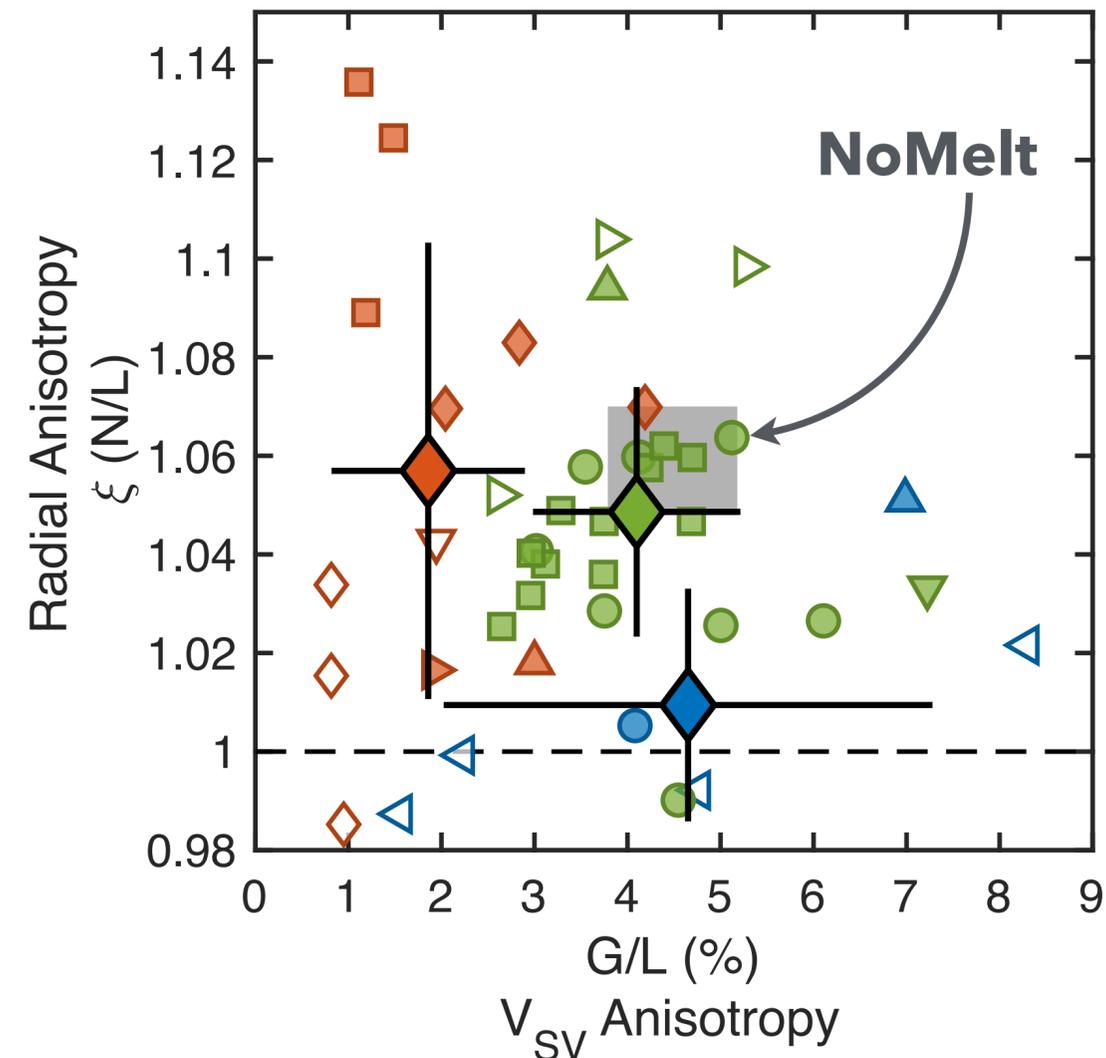
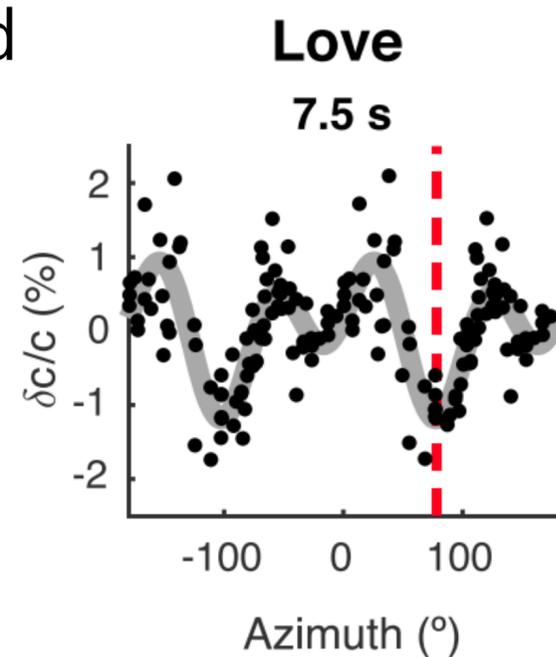
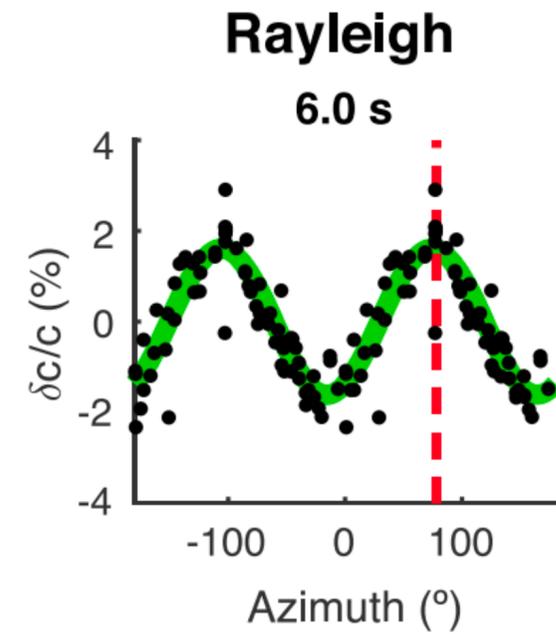


# THE POWER OF OVERTONE RAYLEIGH WAVES: CHARACTERIZING THE OCEANIC LITHOSPHERE

In-situ characterization of oceanic lithosphere petrofabrics

Direct comparisons with laboratory deformed olivine samples indicate **D-type LPO**

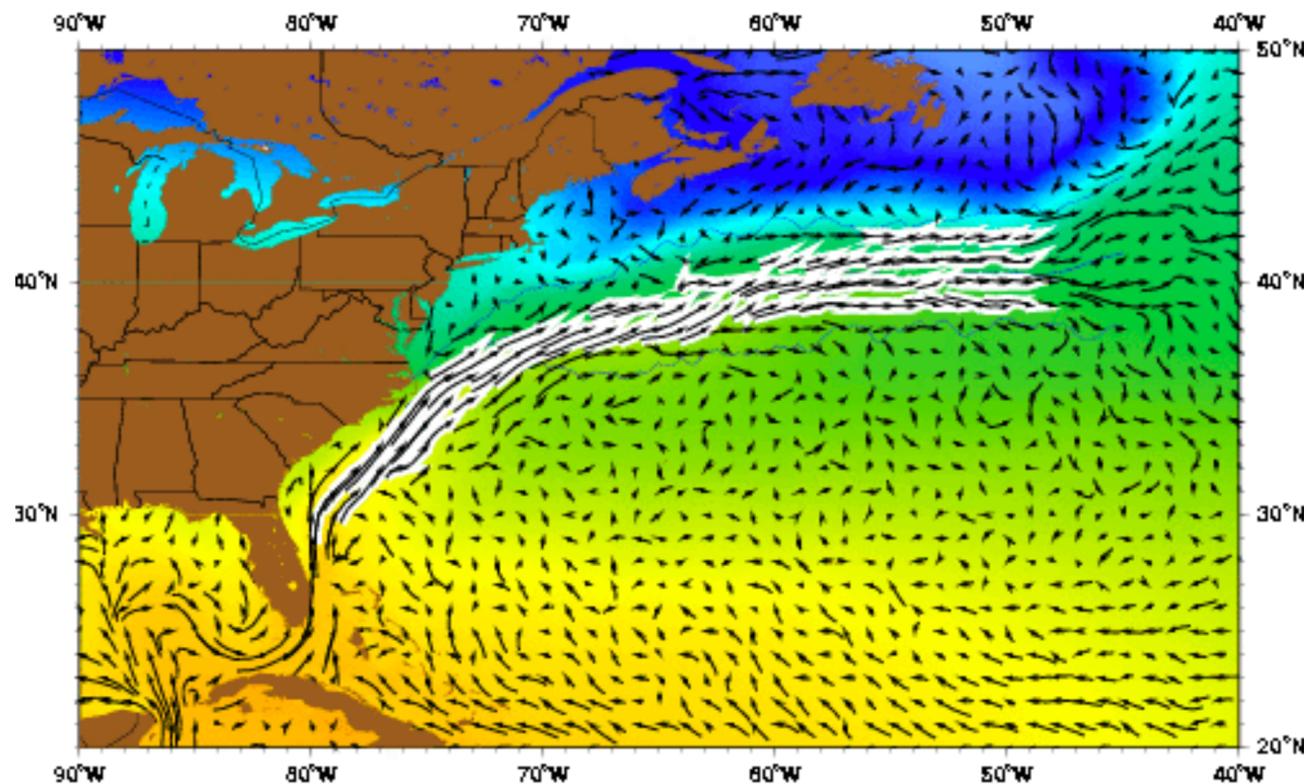
Near-ridge deformation dominated by dislocation-assisted **grain boundary sliding** processes implying **grain-size dependent deformation**



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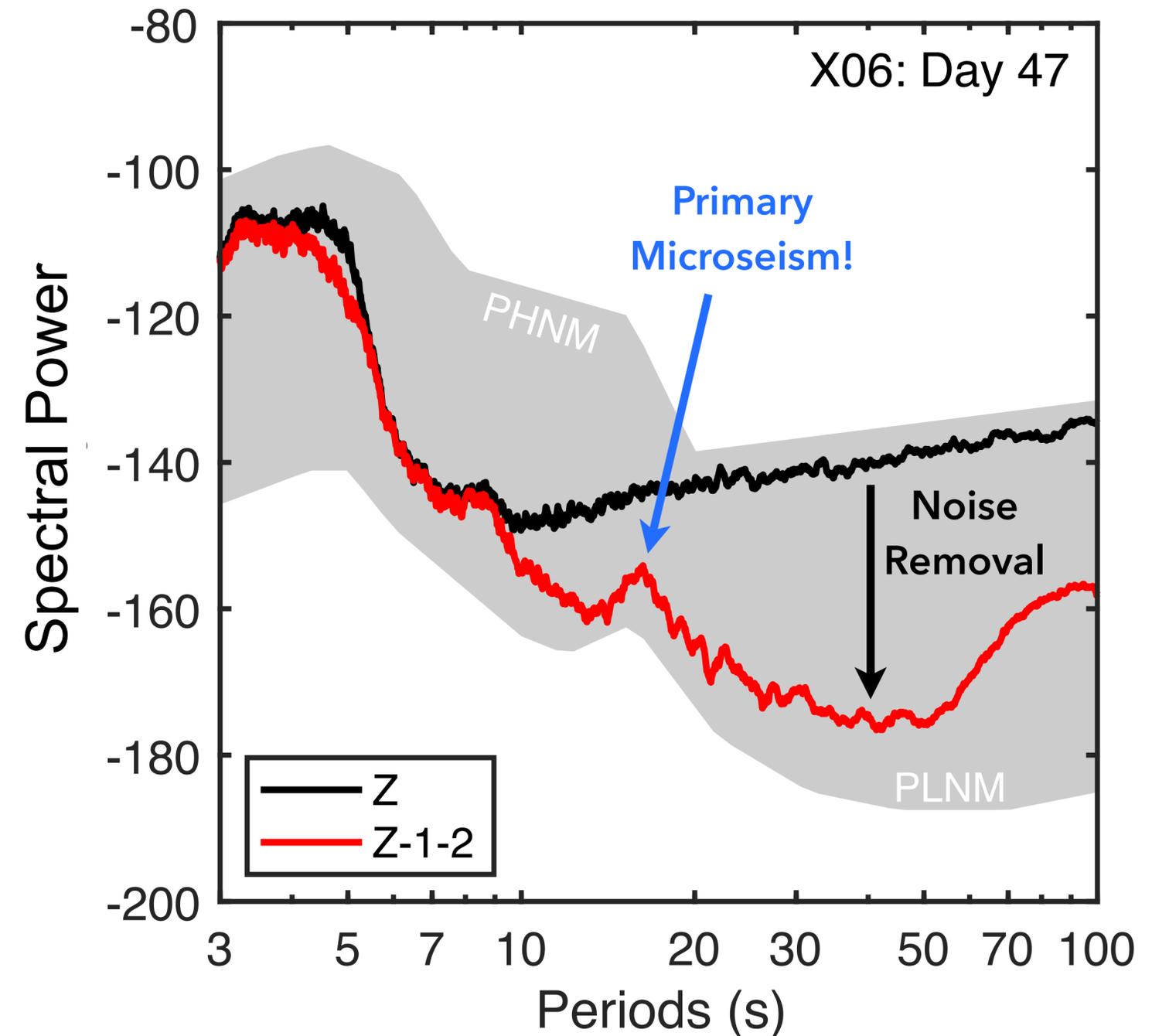
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Strong Gulf Stream currents



<https://oceancurrents.rsmas.miami.edu/atlantic/gulf-stream.html>

ENAM Experiment

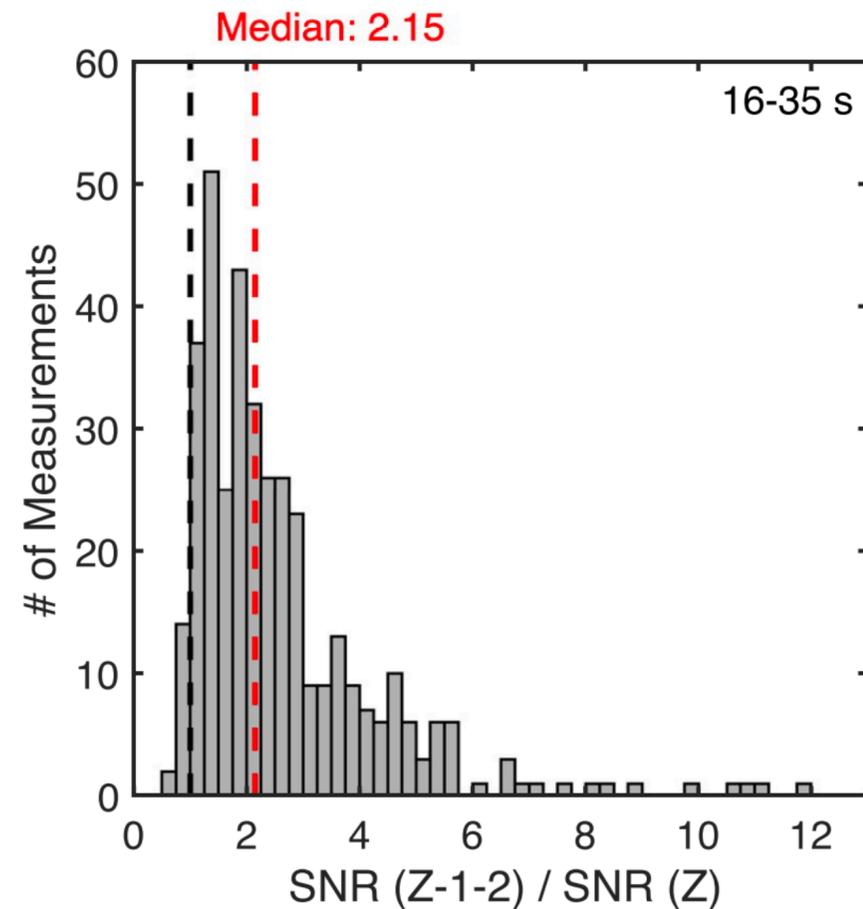


*Russell & Gaherty (2021)*

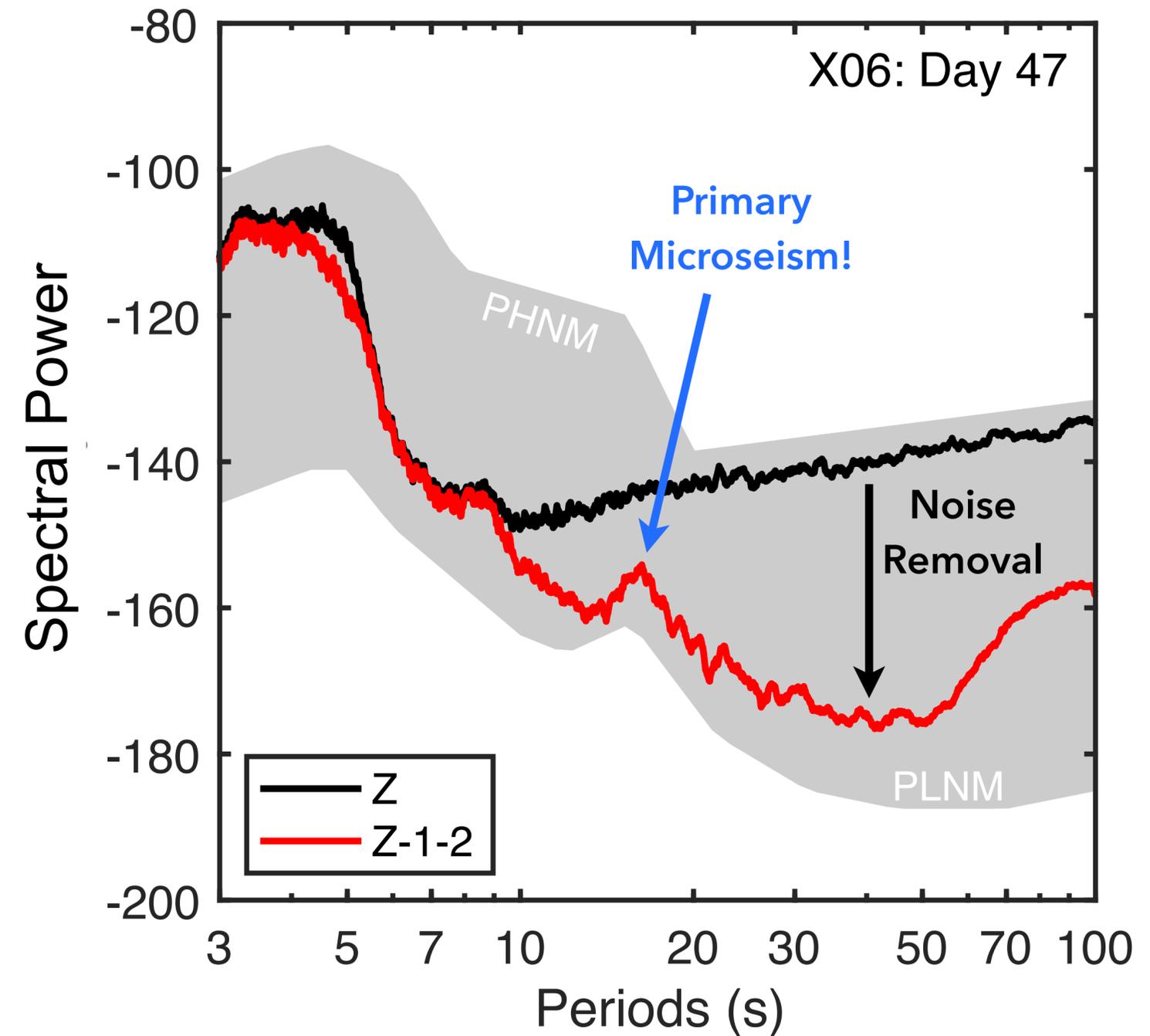
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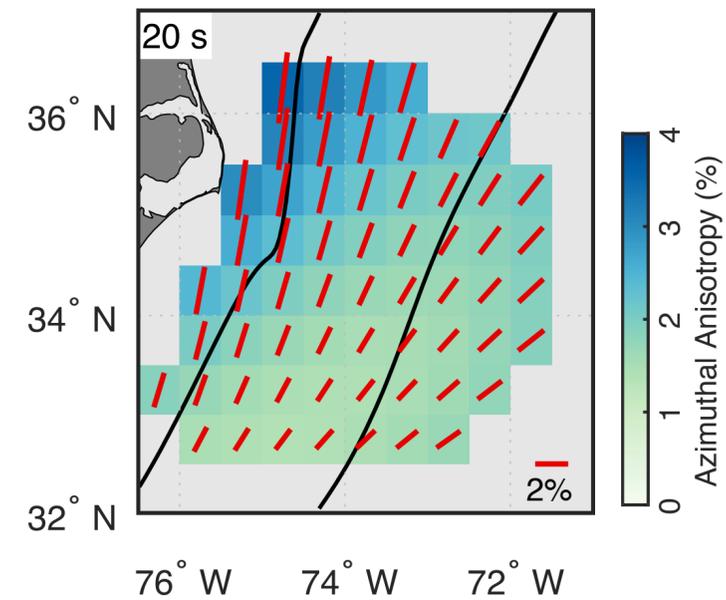
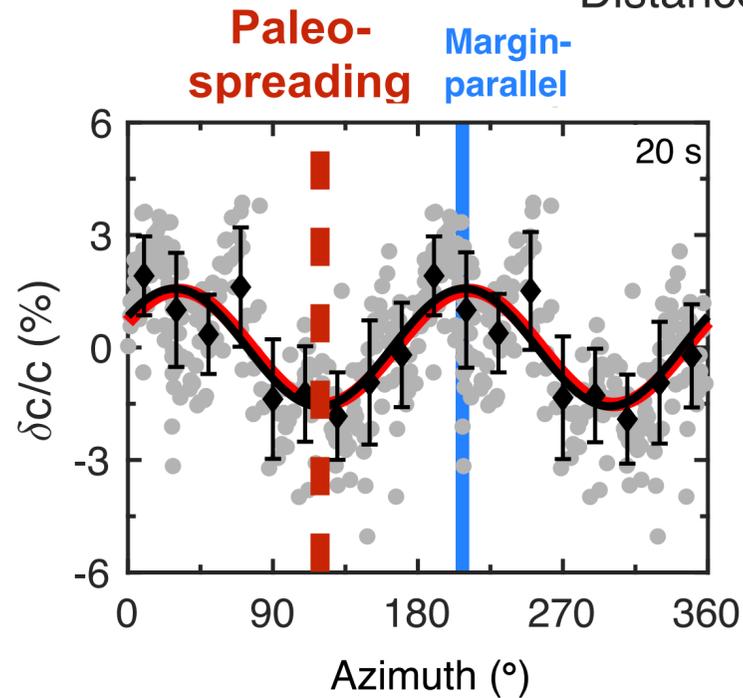
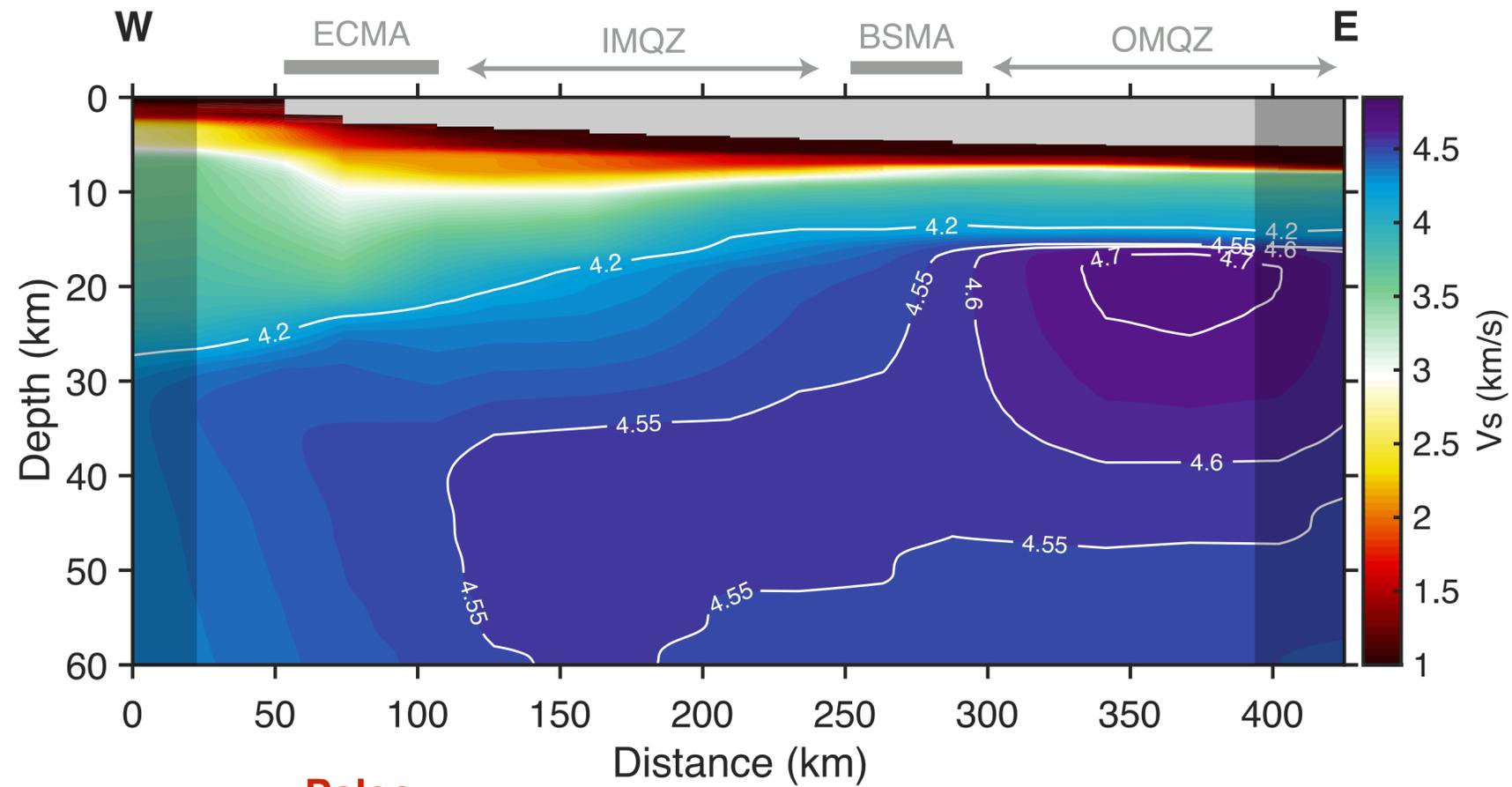
## SNR Improvement after Tilt Correction



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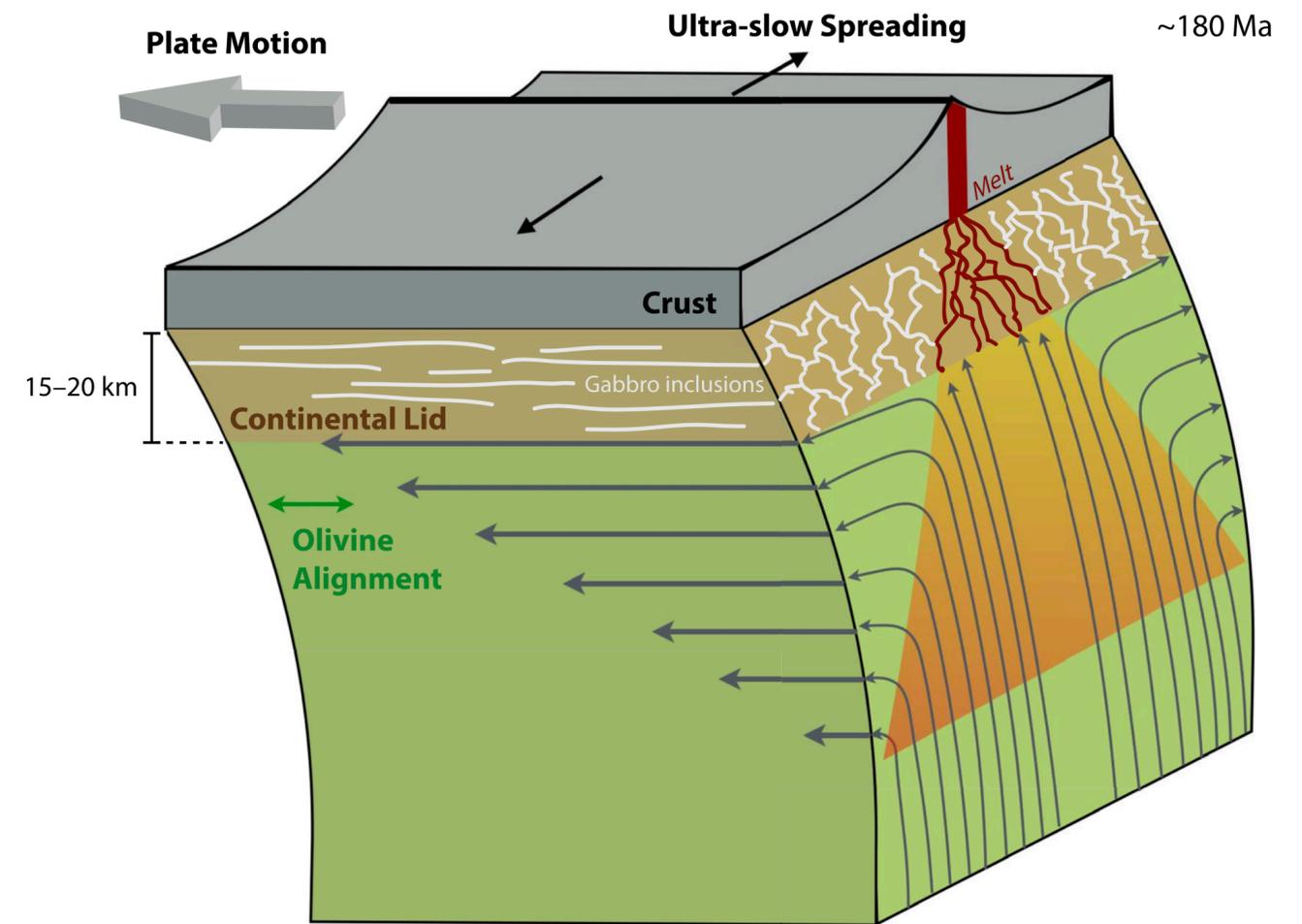


# DENOISED OBS RECORDS IMPROVE IMAGING CAPABILITIES



Constraints on timing and mantle dynamics during breakup of Pangea ~170 Ma

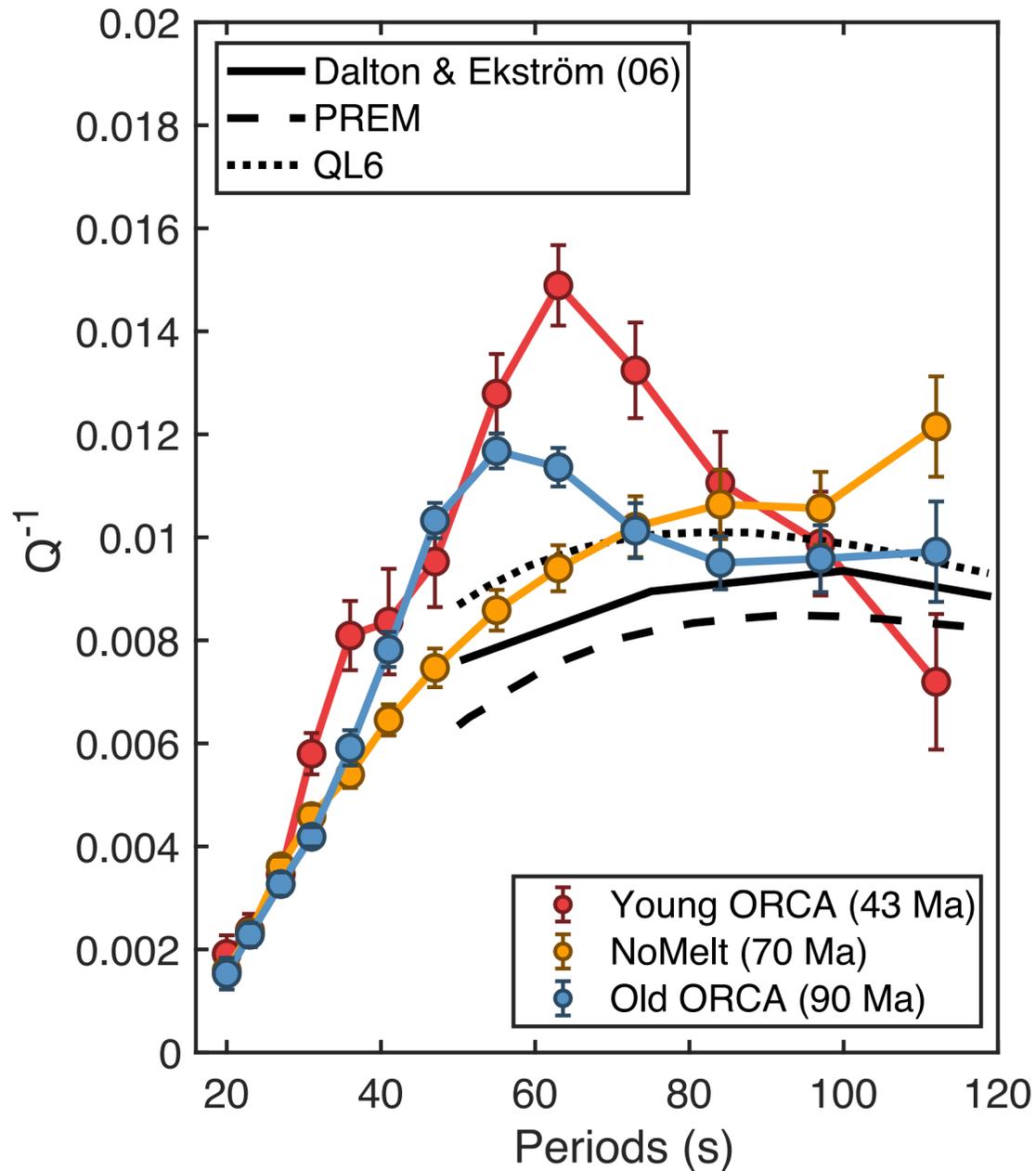
**Plate-motion modified corner-flow** during ultra-slow spreading



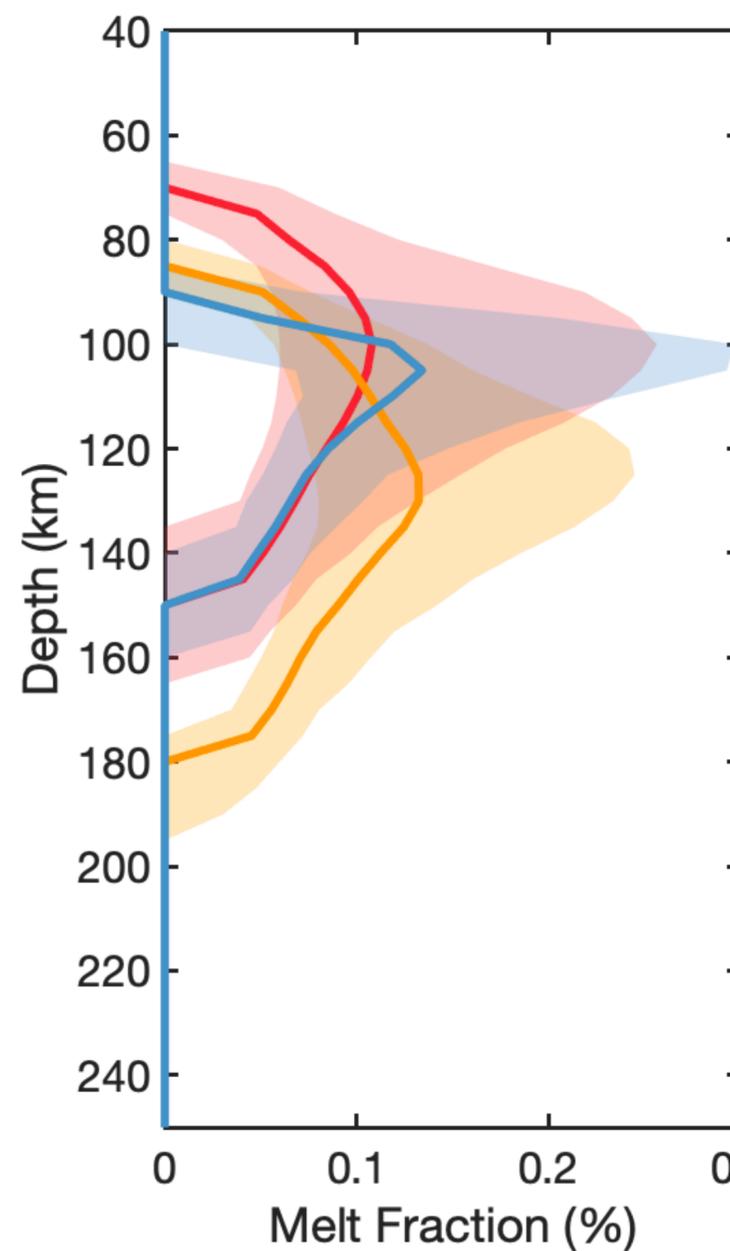
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# IMPORTANCE OF ACCURATE OBS AMPLITUDES: SEISMIC ATTENUATION

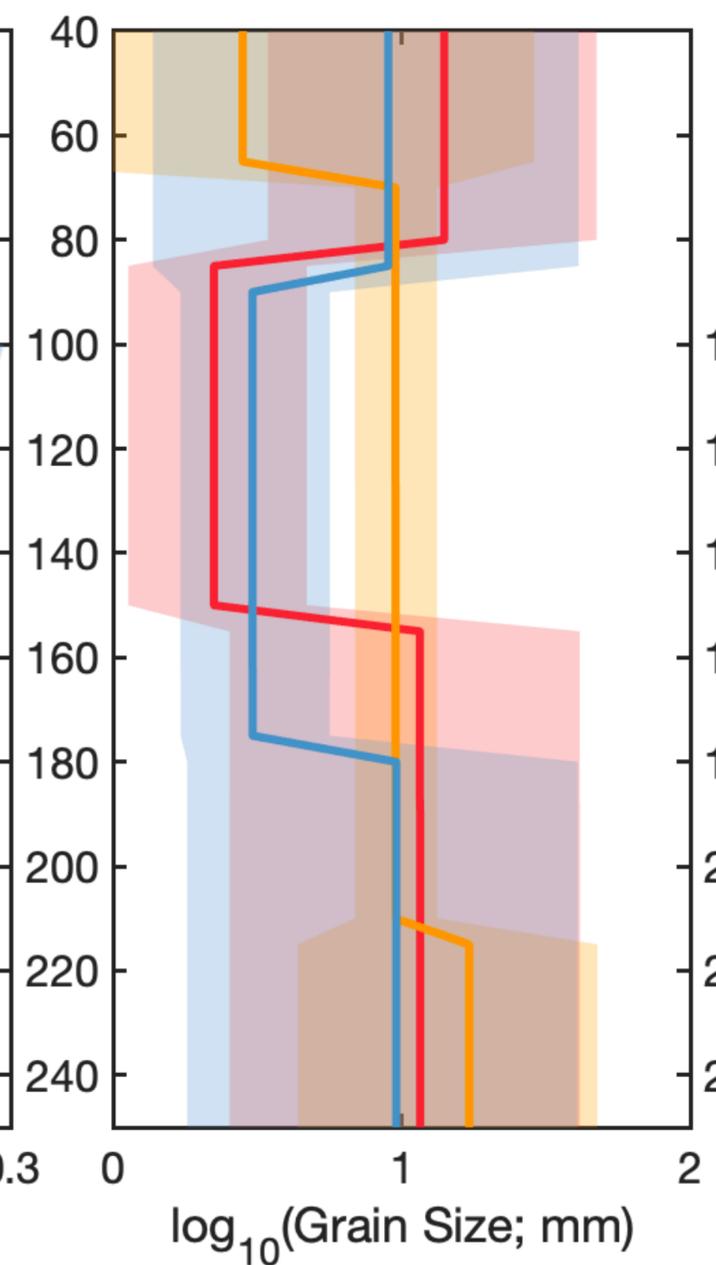
## Rayleigh Wave Attenuation



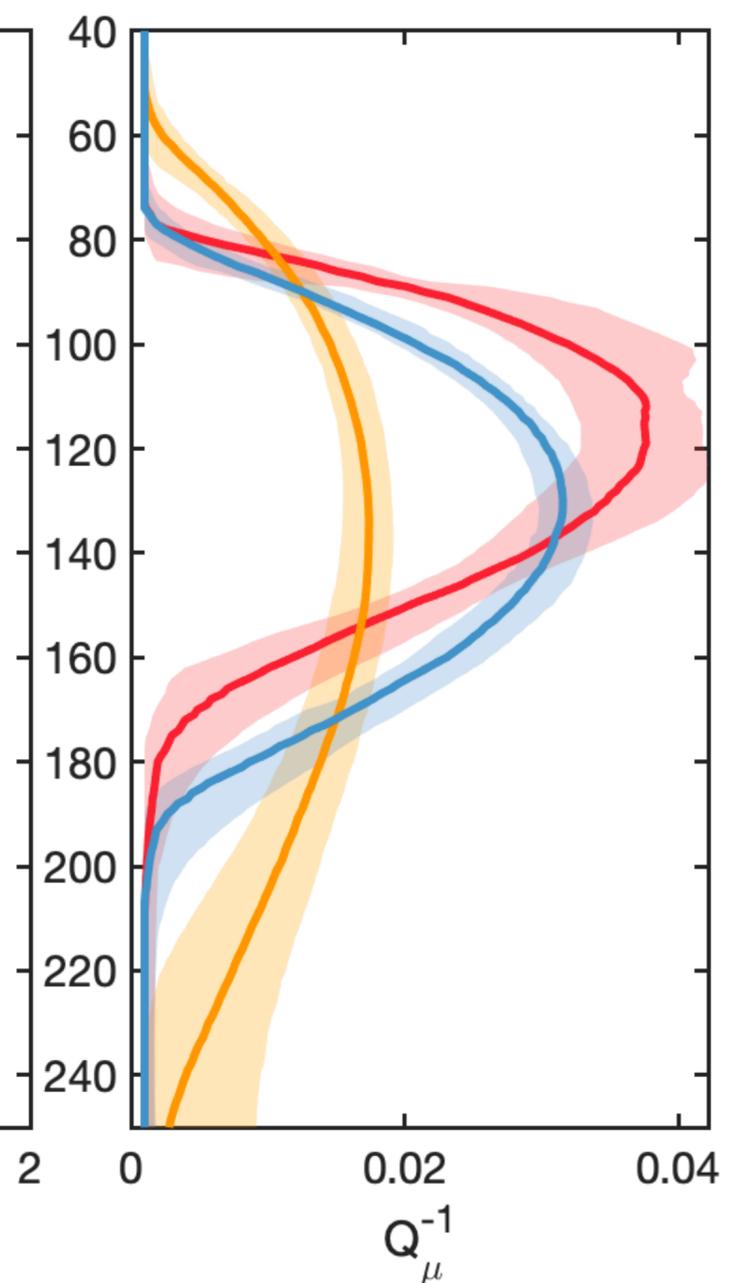
## Melt Fraction



## Grain Size



## Shear Attenuation



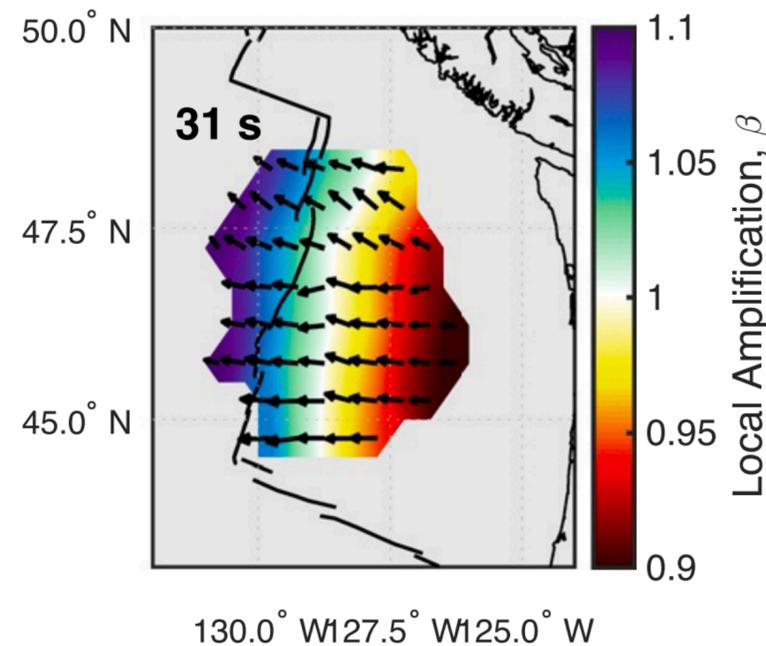
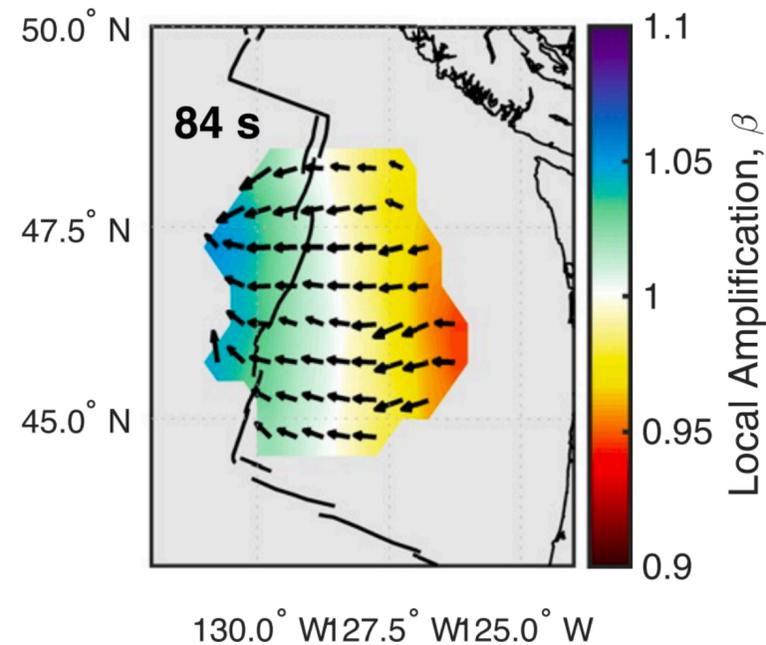
# LOCAL SITE AMPLIFICATION

Strong site amplification observed at the Juan de Fuca ridge.

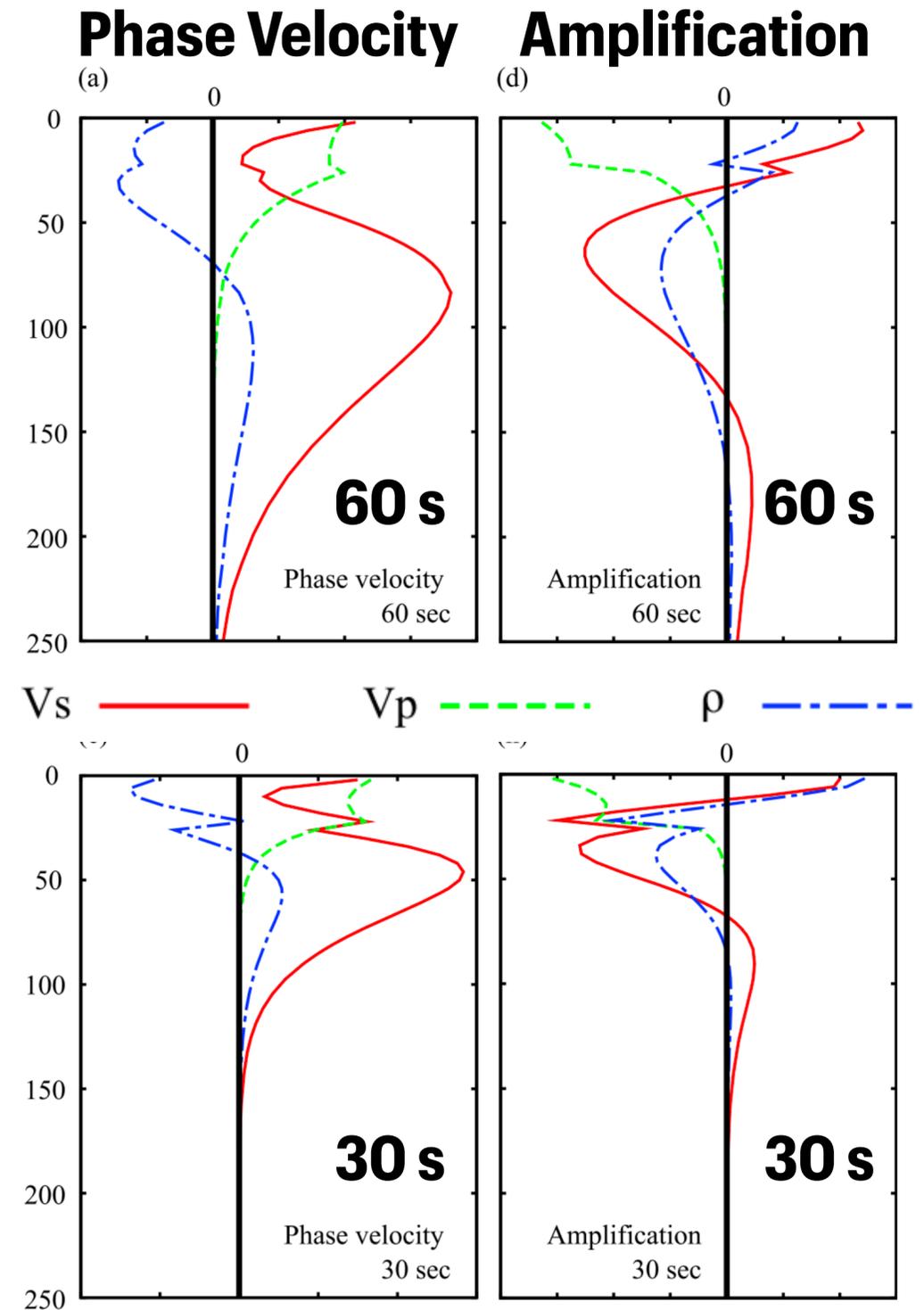
Zero-crossings in Vs sensitivity imply better **sensitivity to discontinuities** compared to phase velocity

Complimentary sensitivity to shallow **Vp/Vs** and **density**

- Organization of melt?
- Shallow cracks?
- Hydrothermal circulation?



*Russell & Dalton (2022)*

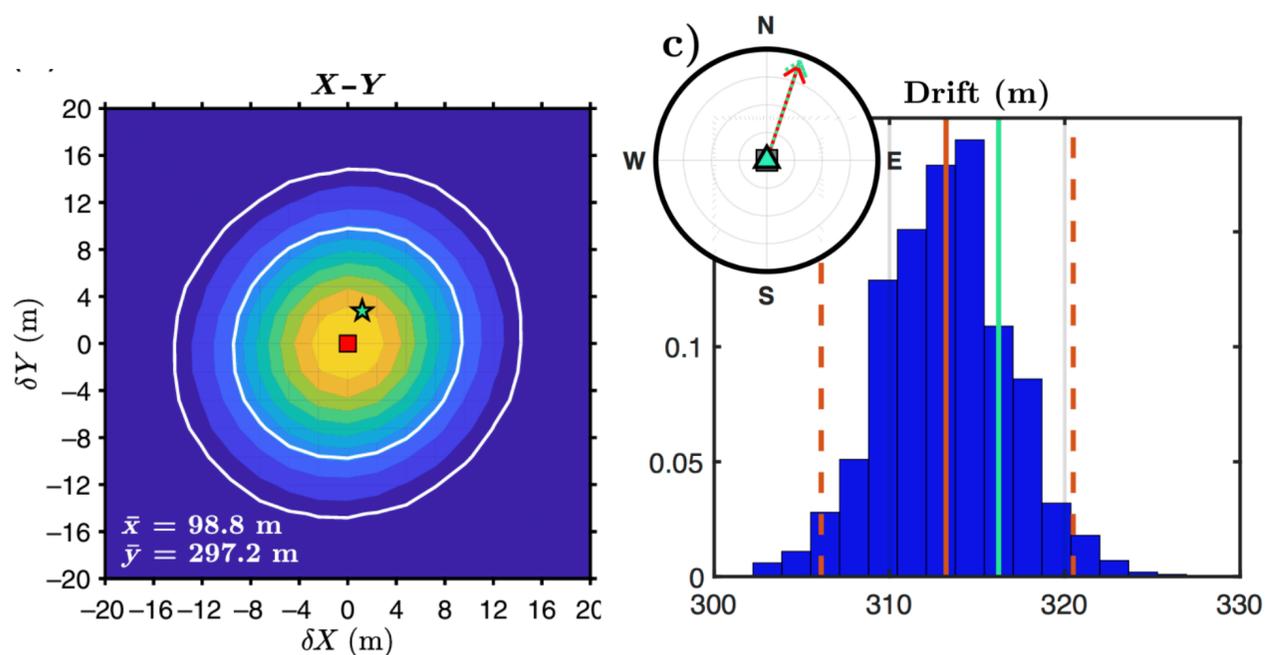


*Lin et al. (2012)*

# OTHER OBS TOOLS

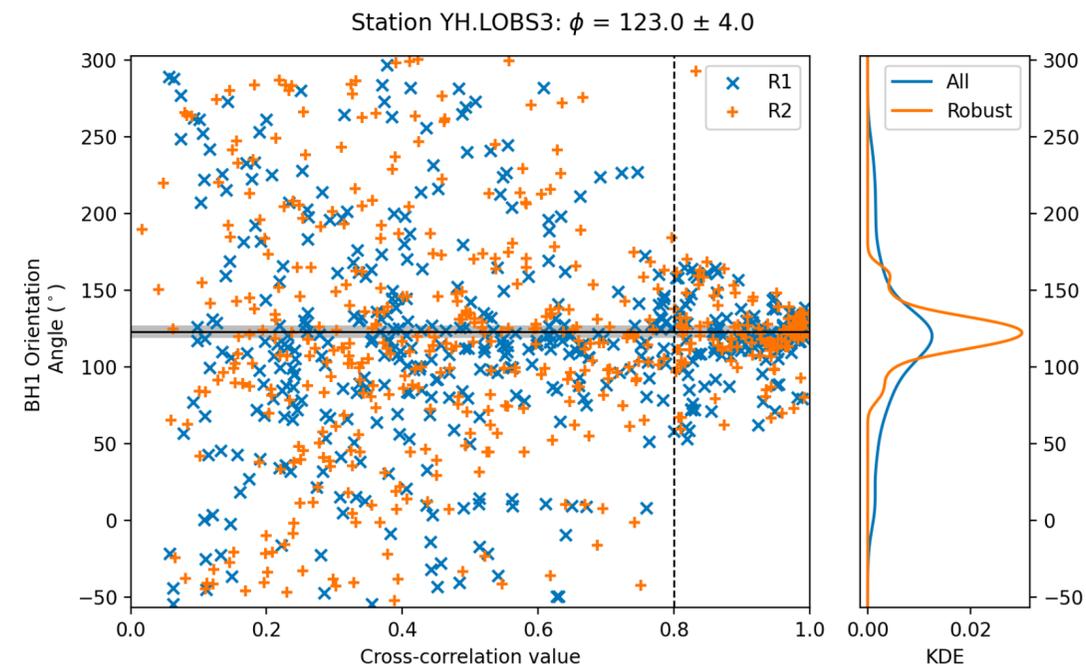
(all on GITHUB)

## OBSrange Locating OBS on seafloor



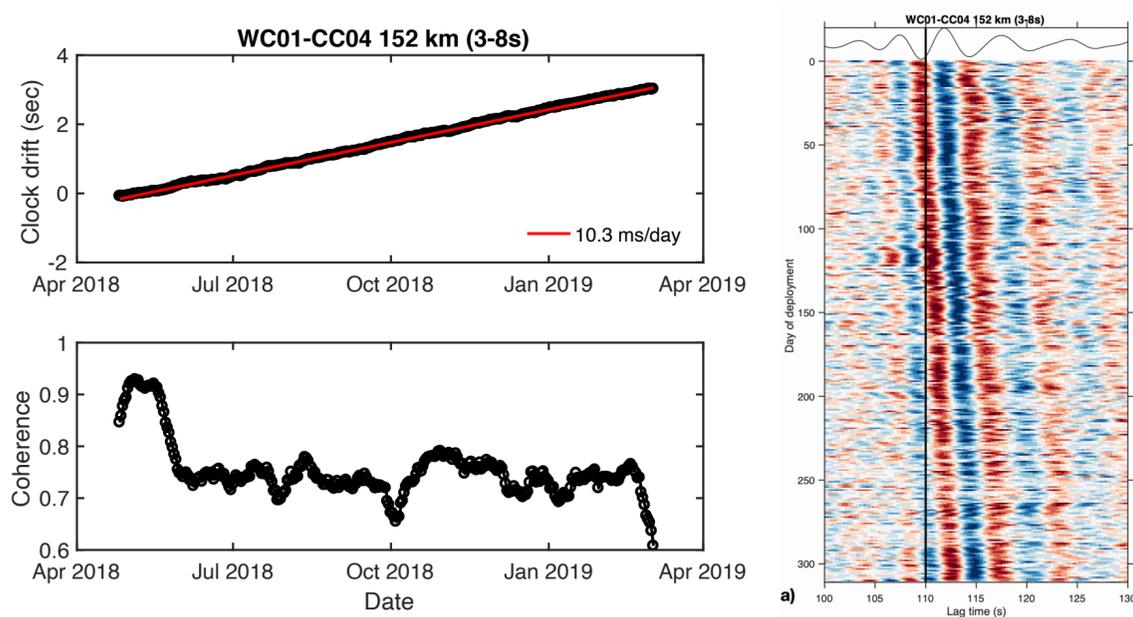
Russell, Eilon, & Mosher (2019)

## OrientPy Determining OBS orientations



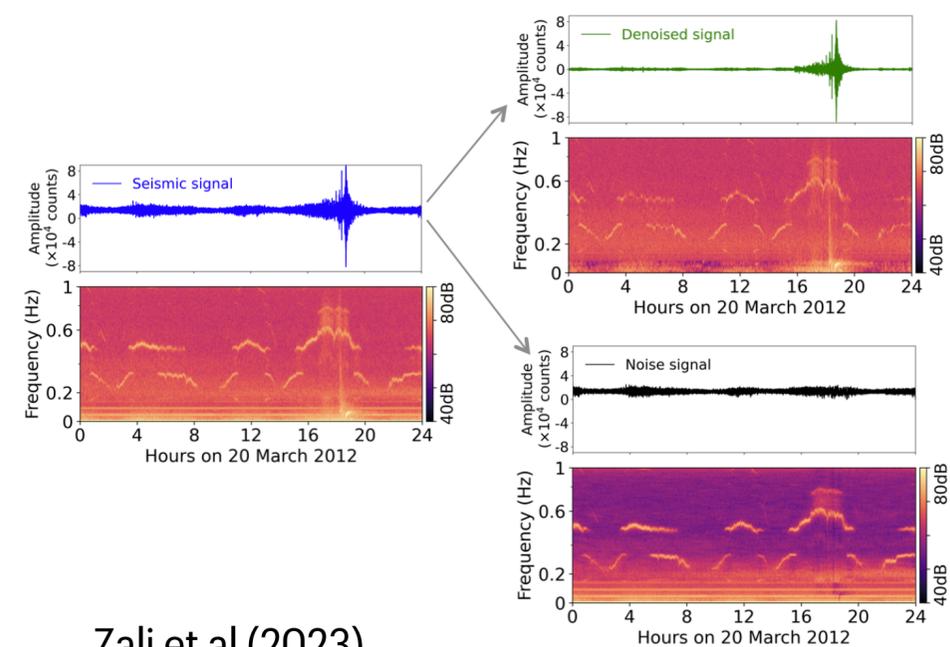
Pascal Audet, GITHUB

## OBSclockdrift Estimating and correcting clock drift



Josh Russell, GITHUB

## NoiseCut Denoising using Music Information Retrieval Algorithms



Zali et al (2023)

# TAKEAWAYS

In the last decade, development of **community-driven tools** have improved the accessibility to OBS data, leading to wider usage and new discoveries  
— transformative for the community

**Tilt and compliance corrections** in particular are useful (and often necessary) for many OBS applications

- Teleseismic surface-wave imaging
- Ambient noise imaging
- Teleseismic body-wave travel-time tomography
- Receiver function imaging

# GITHUB LINKS



**ATaCR:** <https://github.com/helenjanisz/ATaCR>

**ATaCR for Ambient Noise:** [https://github.com/jbrussell/ATaCR/tree/correct\\_noise](https://github.com/jbrussell/ATaCR/tree/correct_noise)

**OBSrange** (locating OBS on seafloor): <https://github.com/jbrussell/OBSrange>

**OBStools:** <https://github.com/nfsi-canada/OBStools>

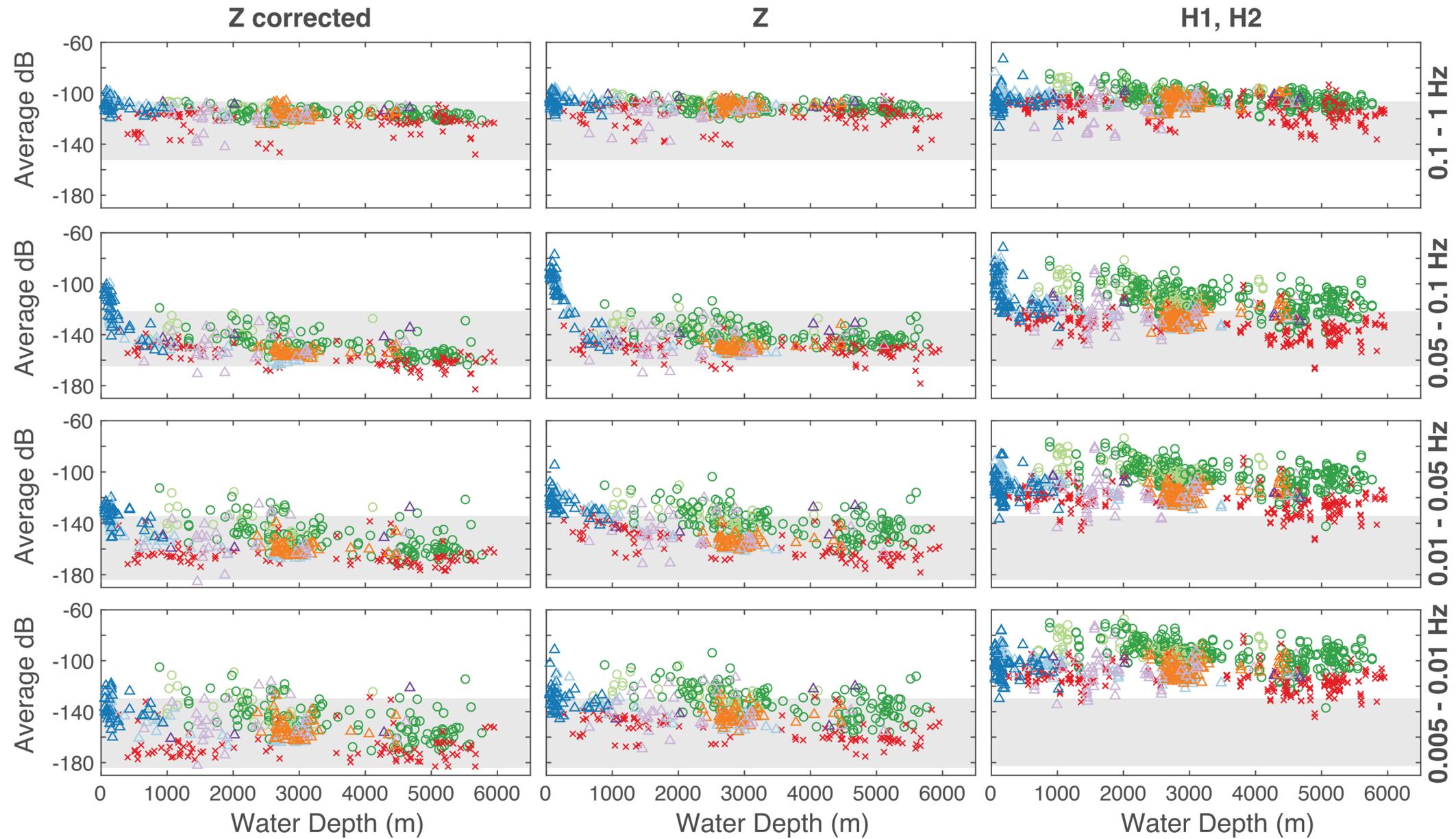
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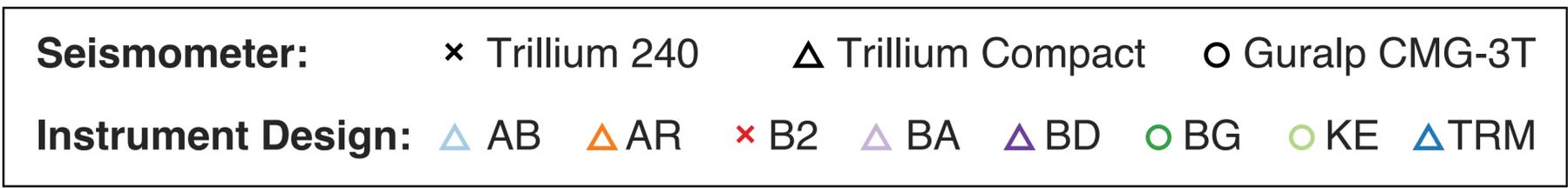
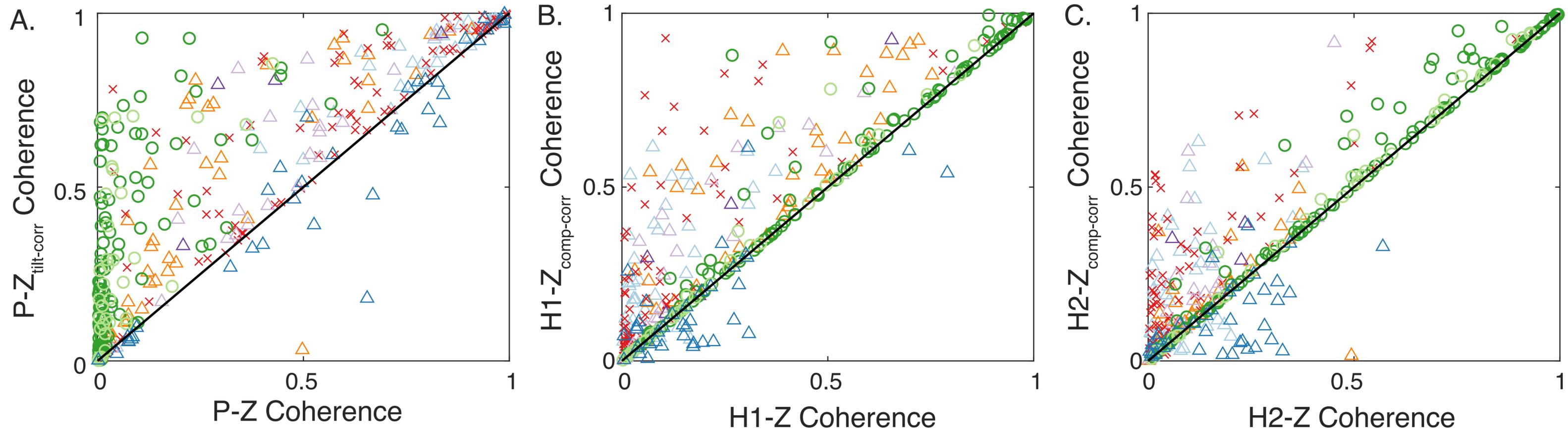
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**NoiseCut:** <https://github.com/ZahraZali/NoiseCut>

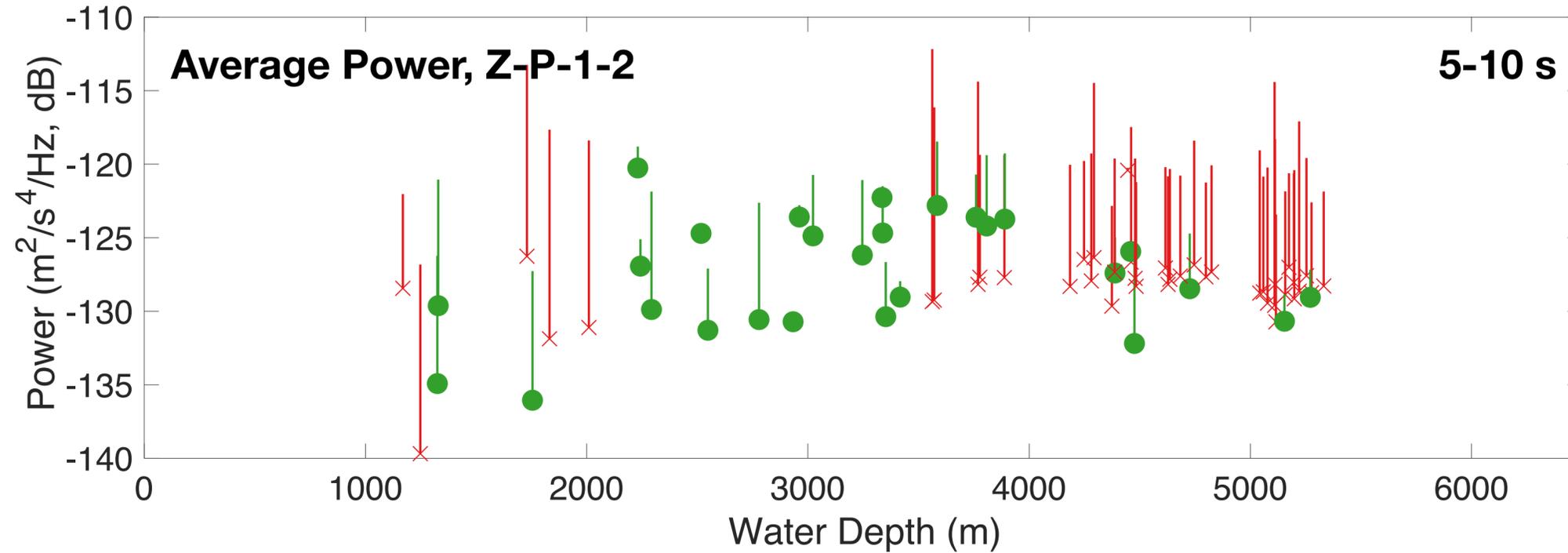


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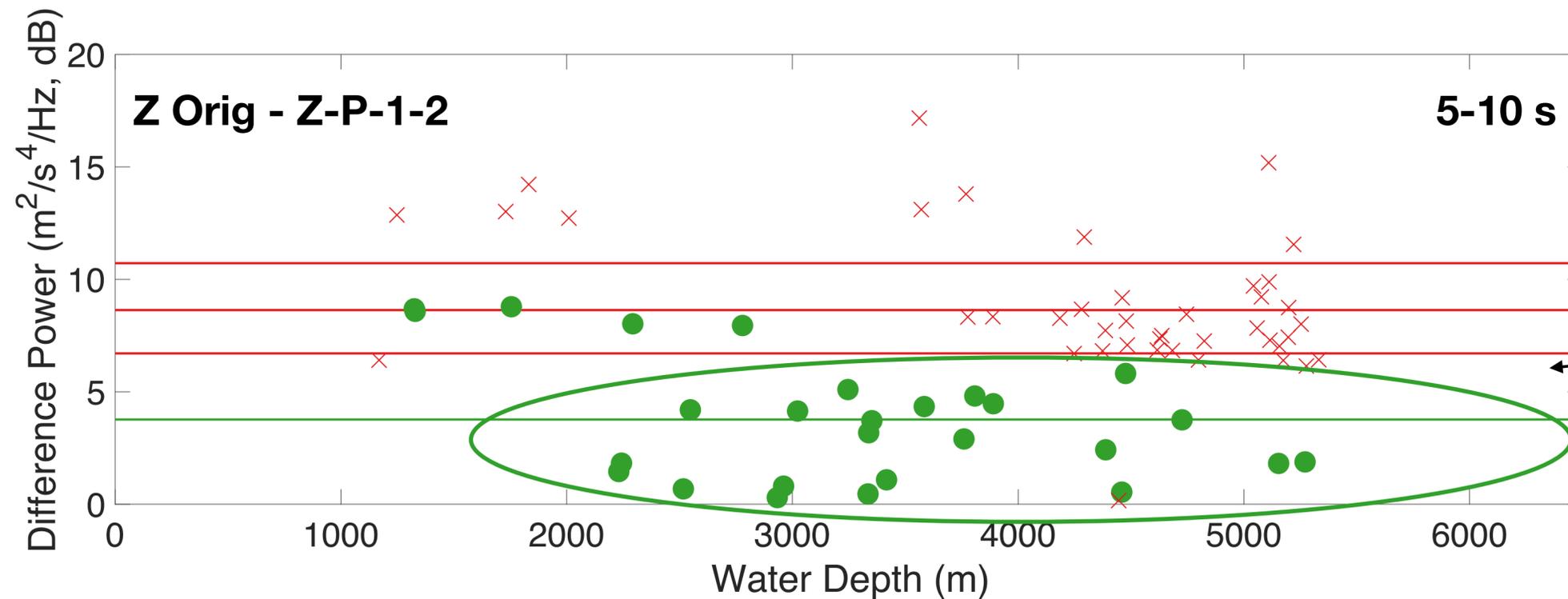




# Let's add a few more deployments....

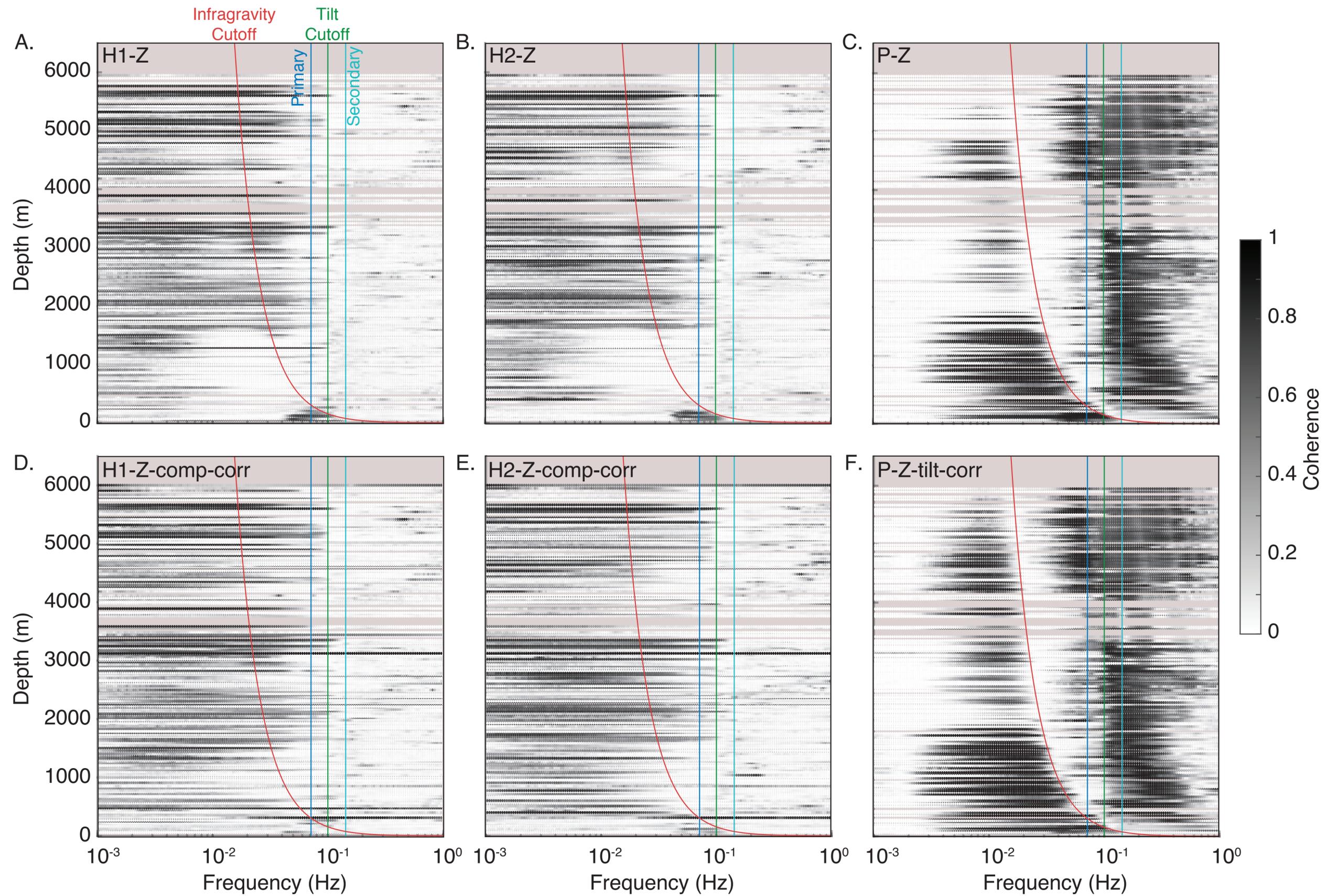


- **ENAM**
- × **ALBACORE**
- × **YoungORCA**
- × **NoMELT**

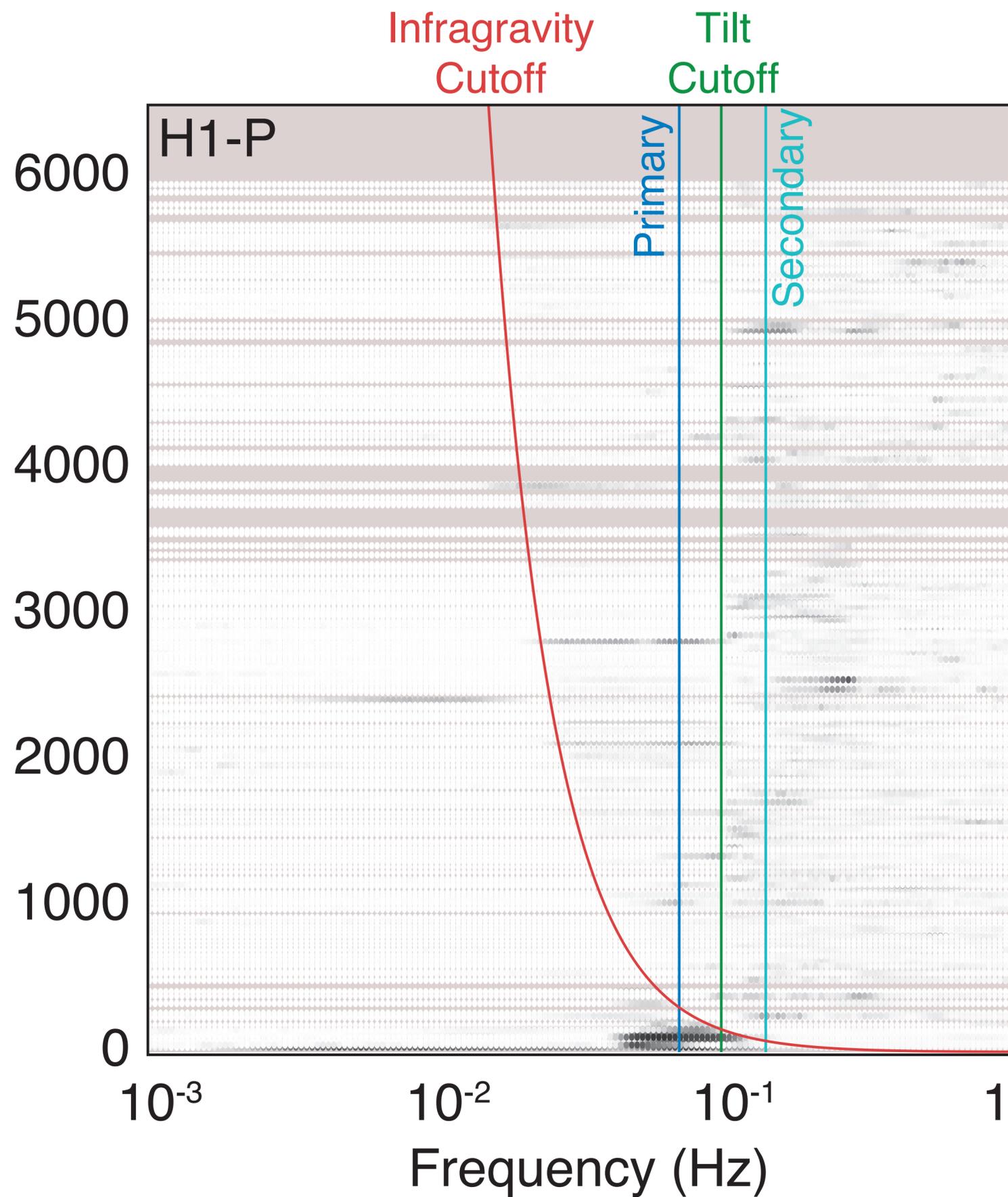


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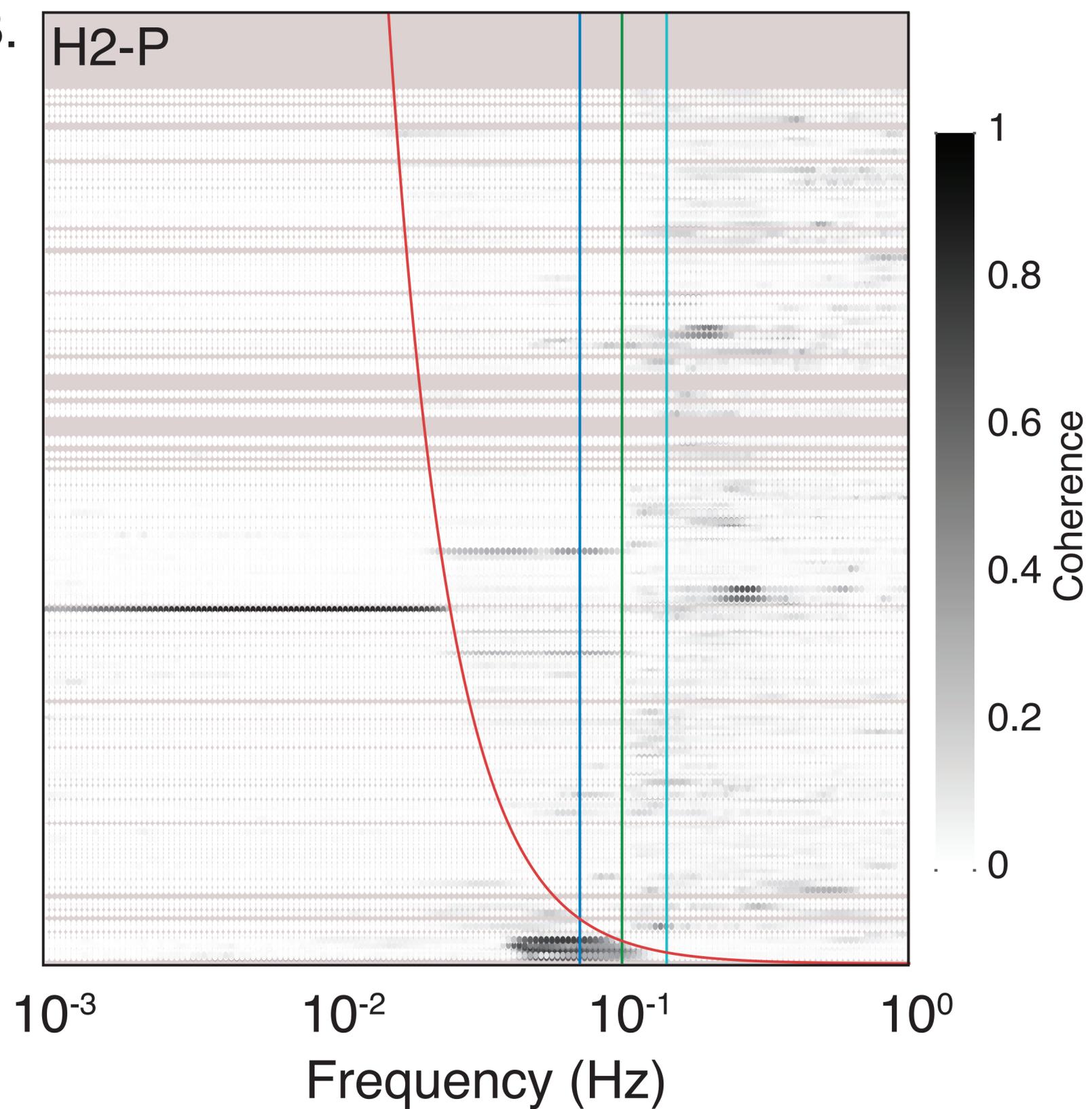
Seismometer		OBS Instrument Design		
× Trillium 240	△ LDEO BB APG	△ SIO ABALONE	○ WHOI BB	
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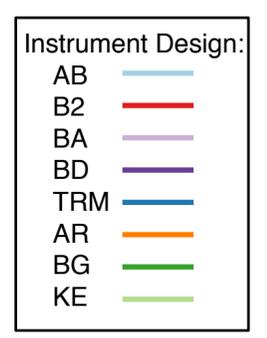
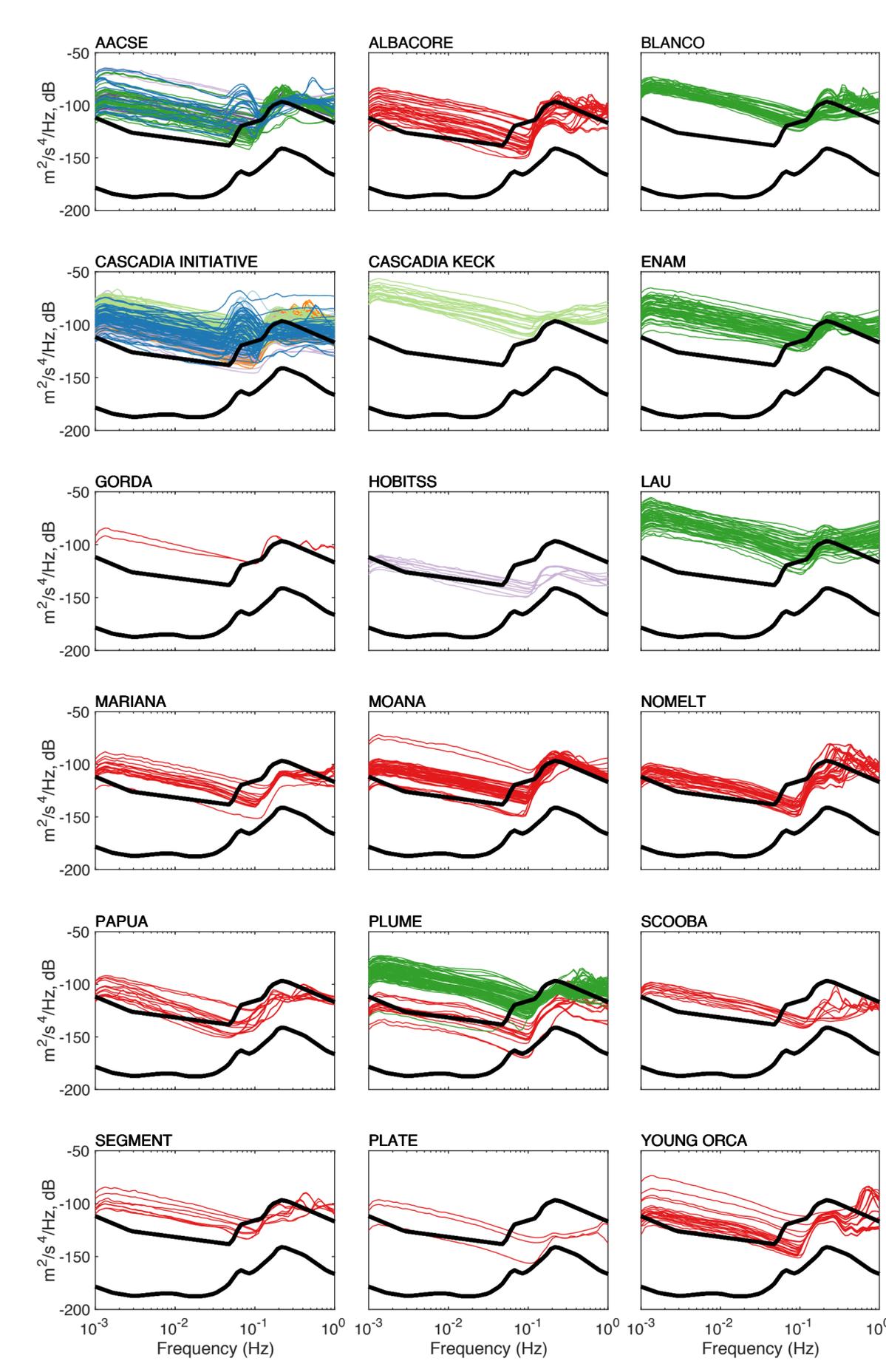
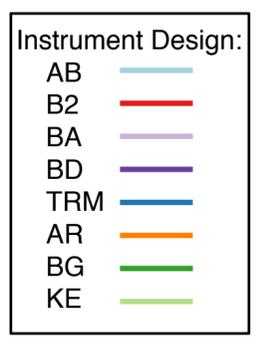
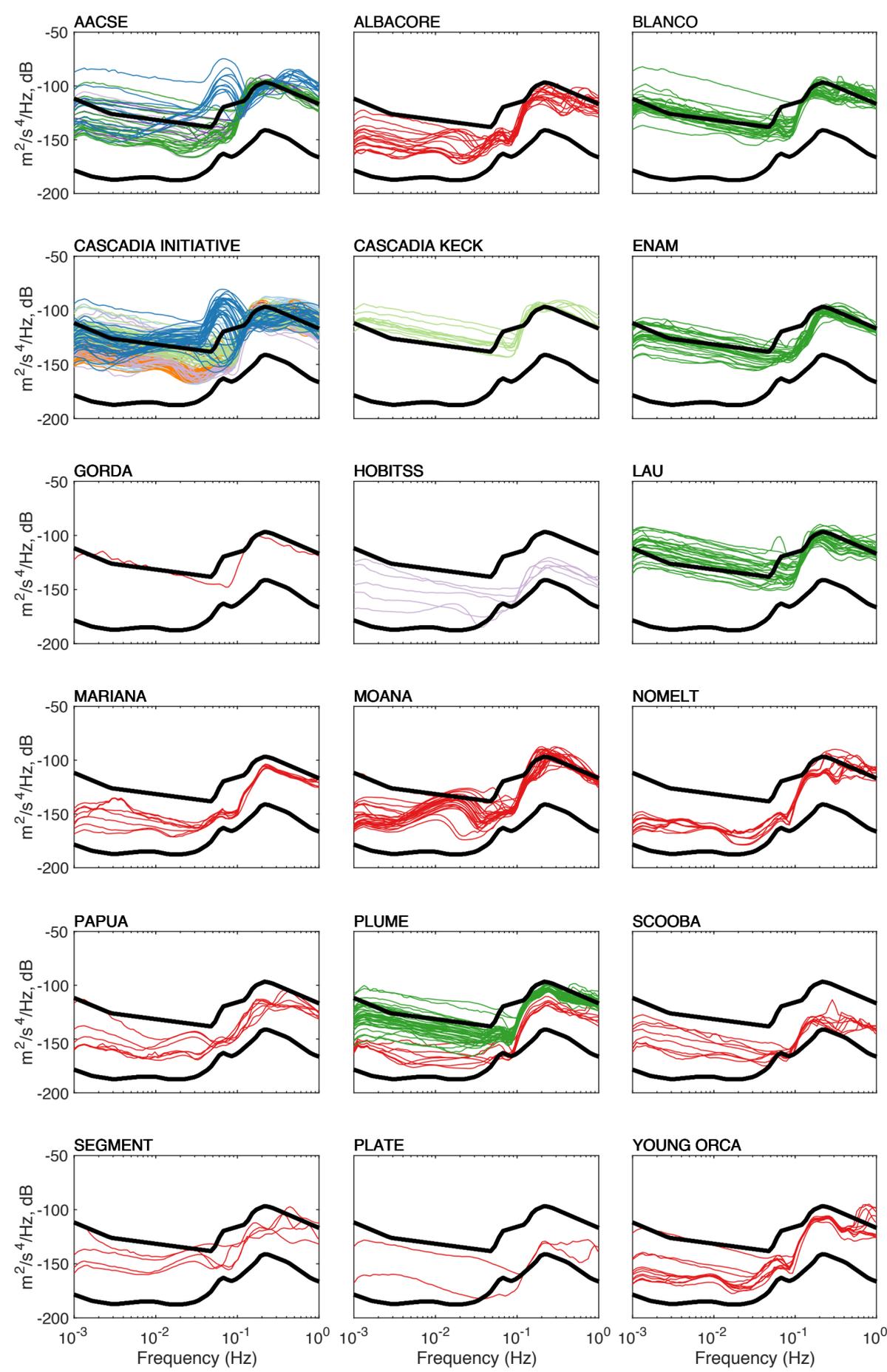


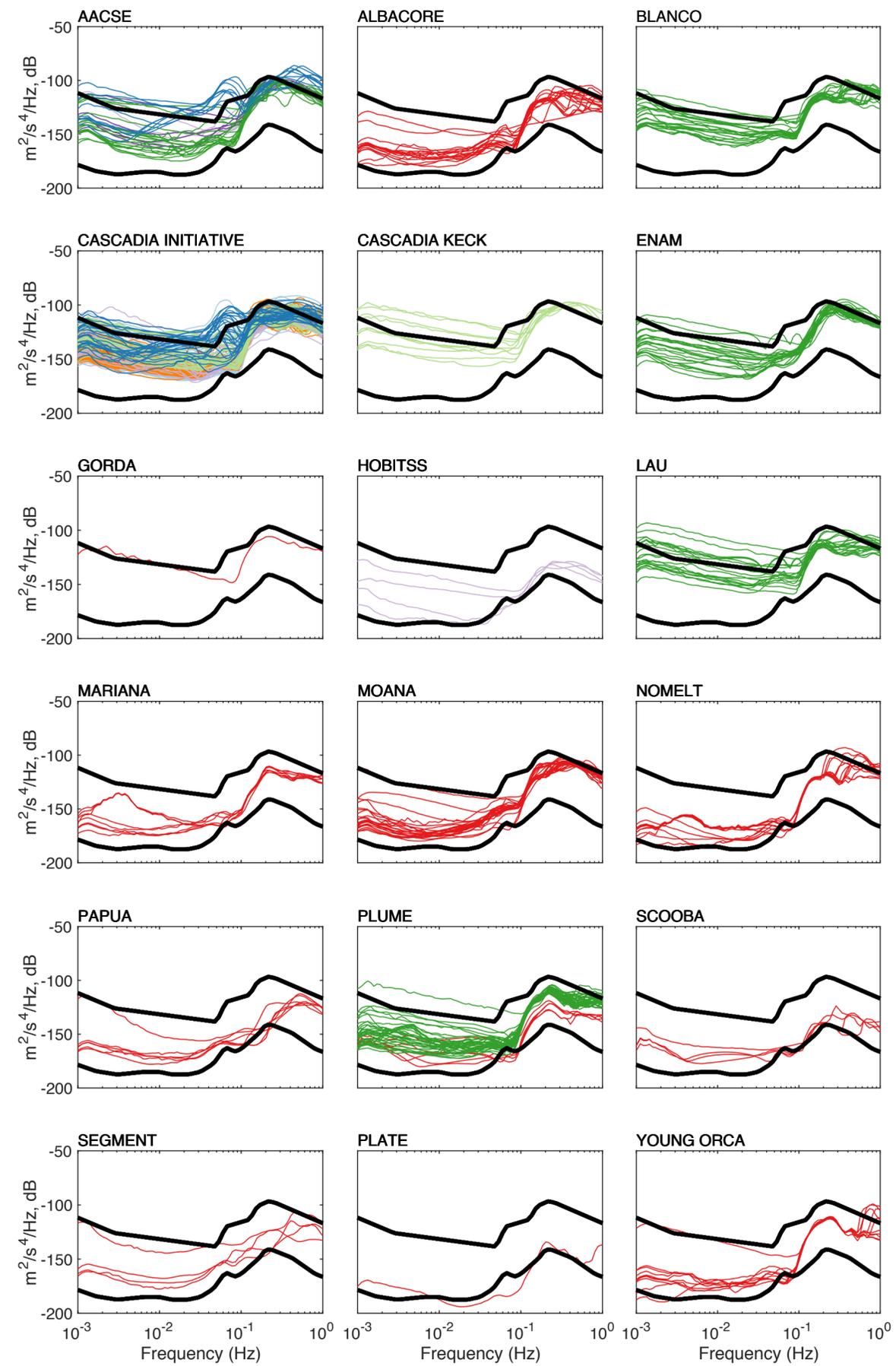
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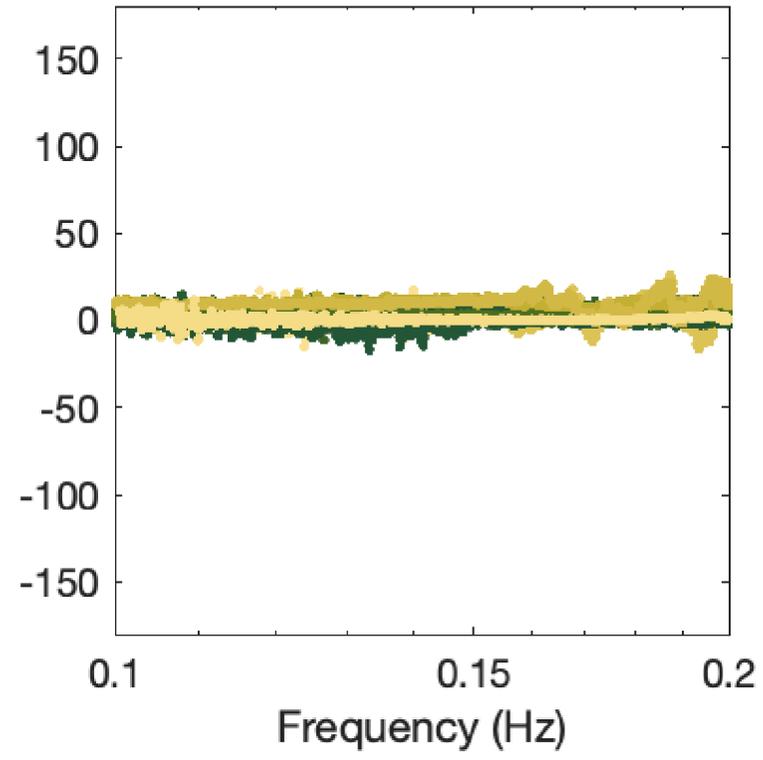
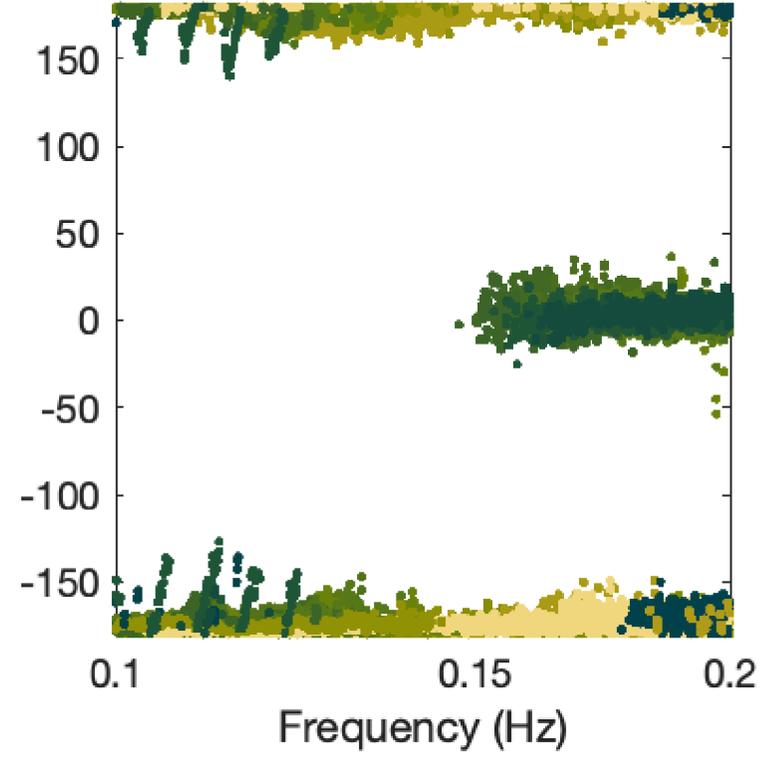
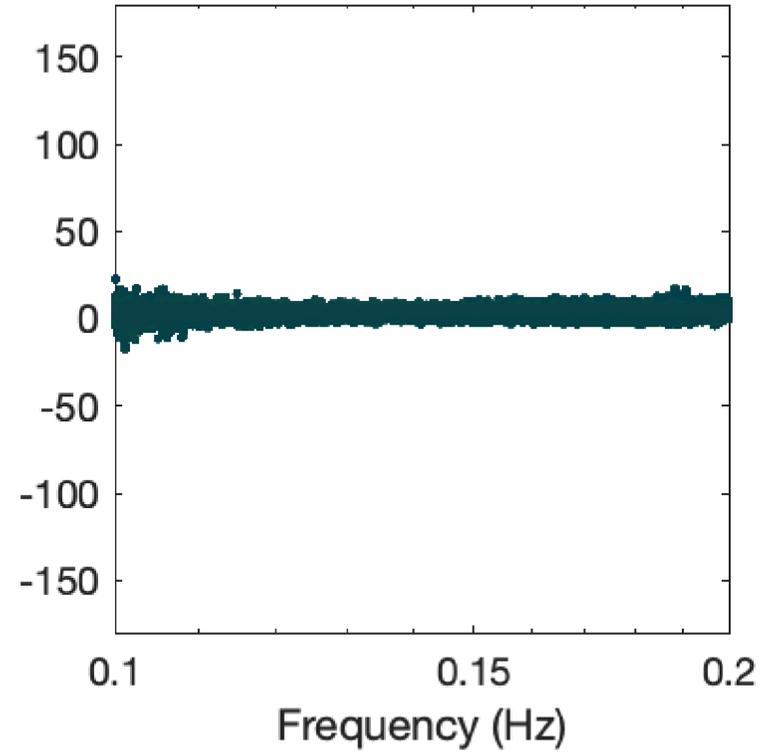
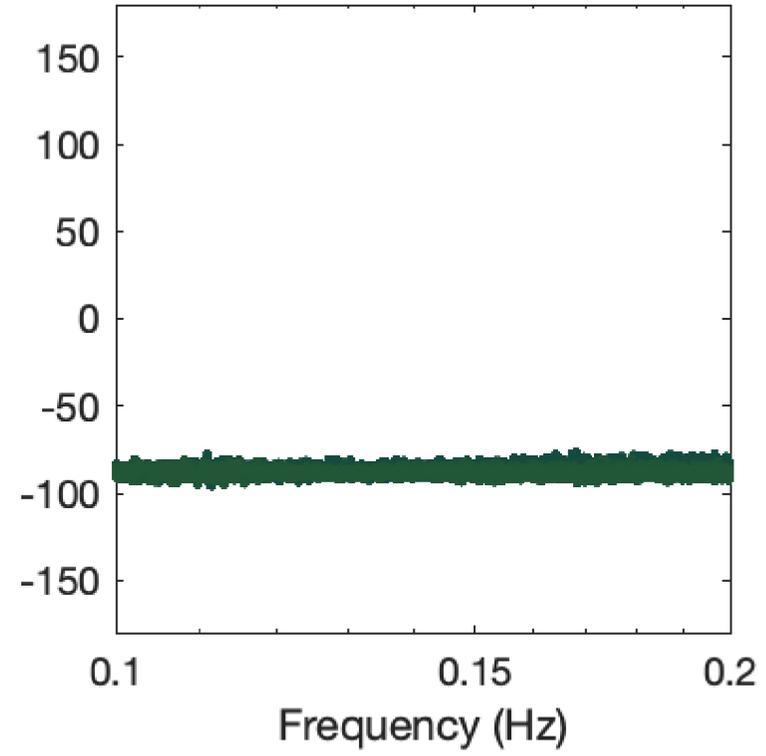


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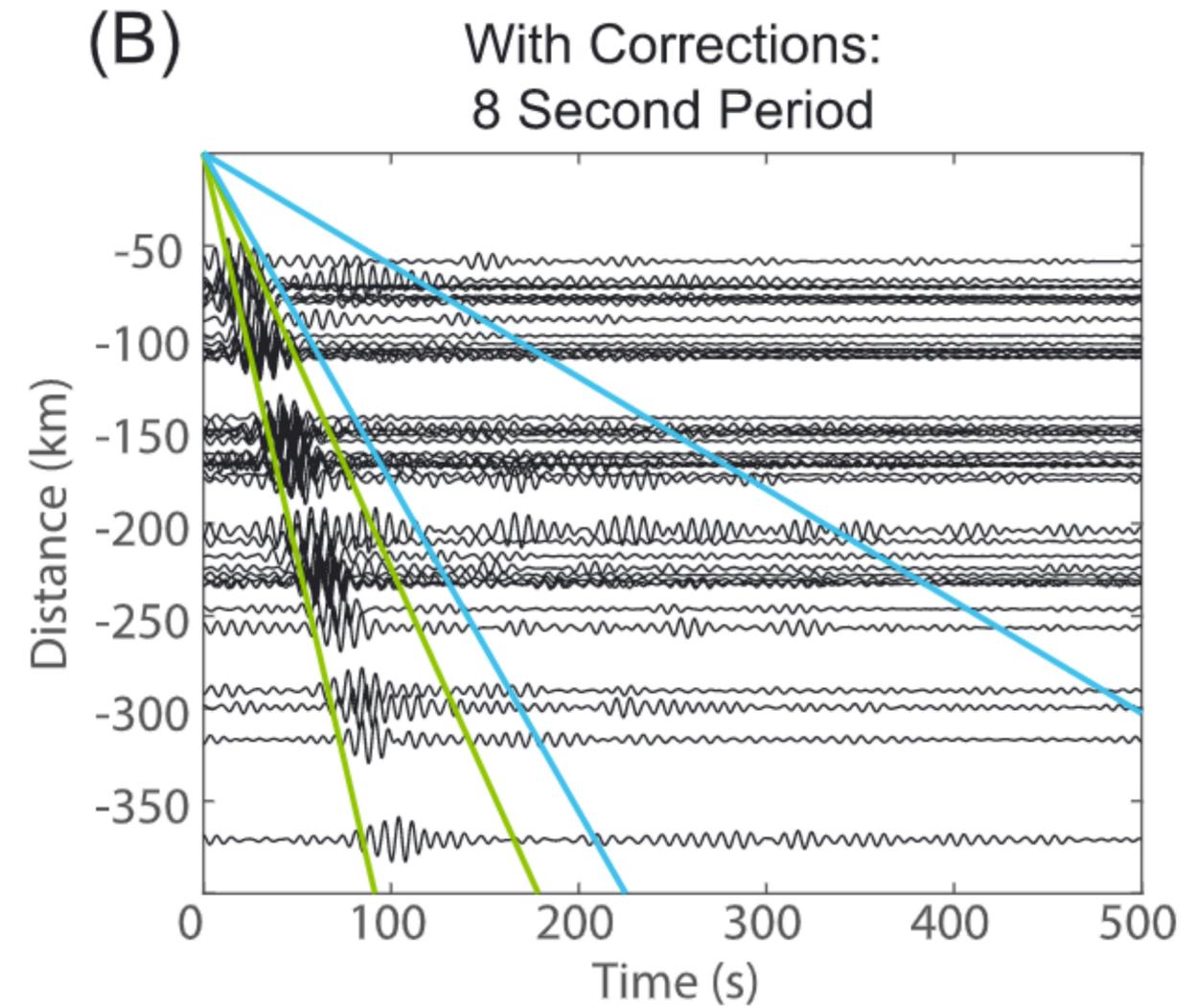
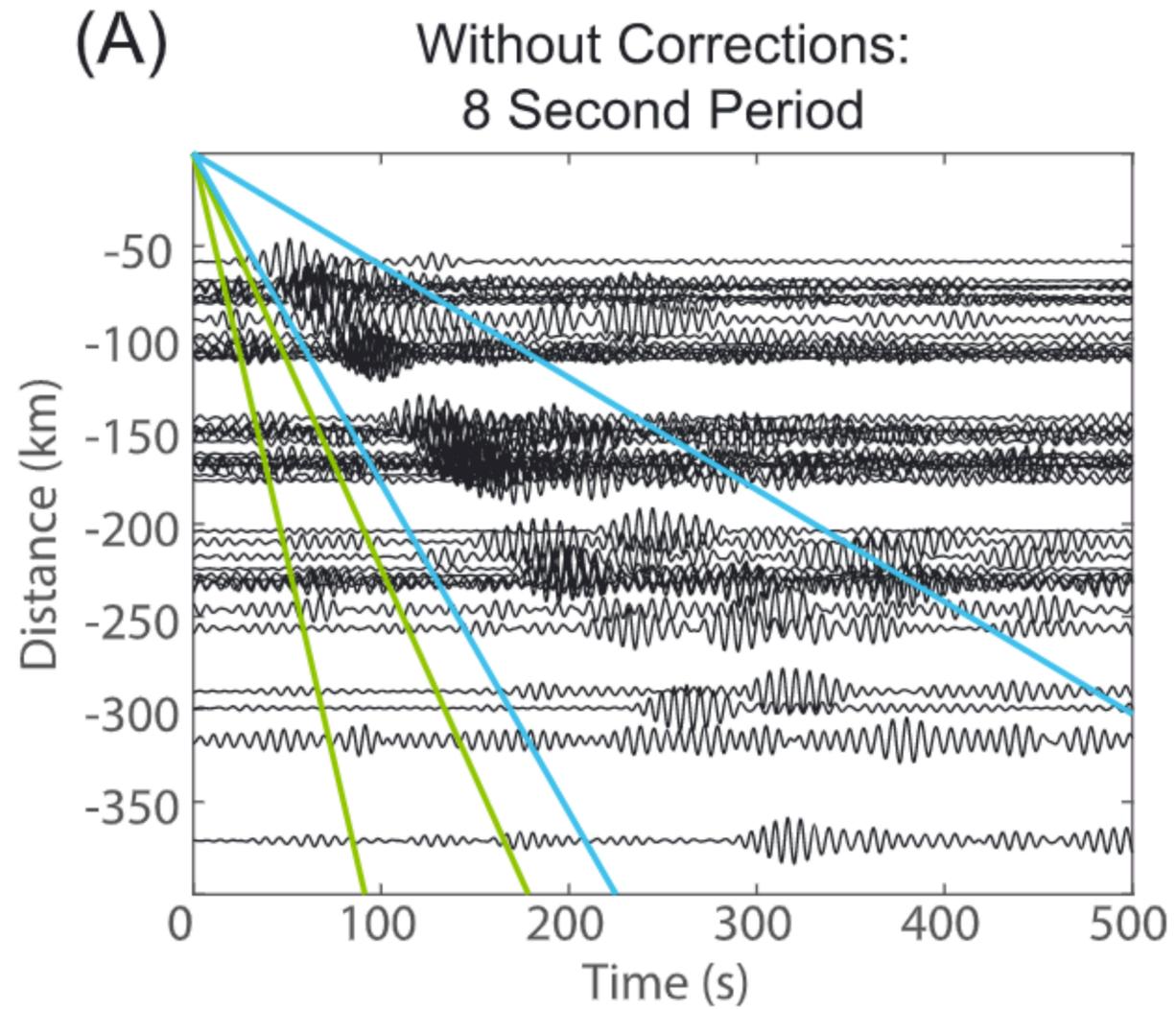






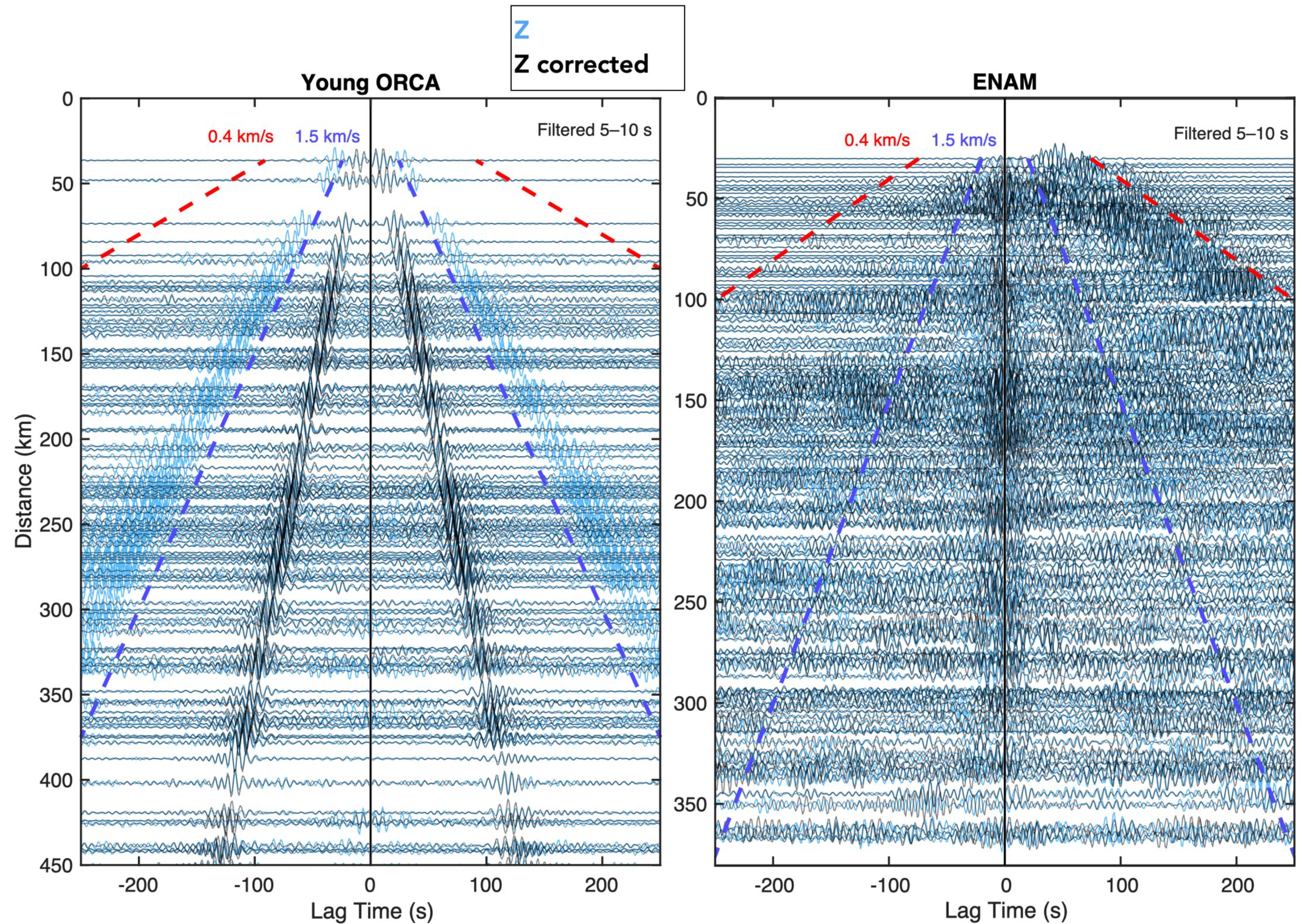
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