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## Constraining the water content at the top of the mantle transition zone with the elasticity of wadsleyite and olivine

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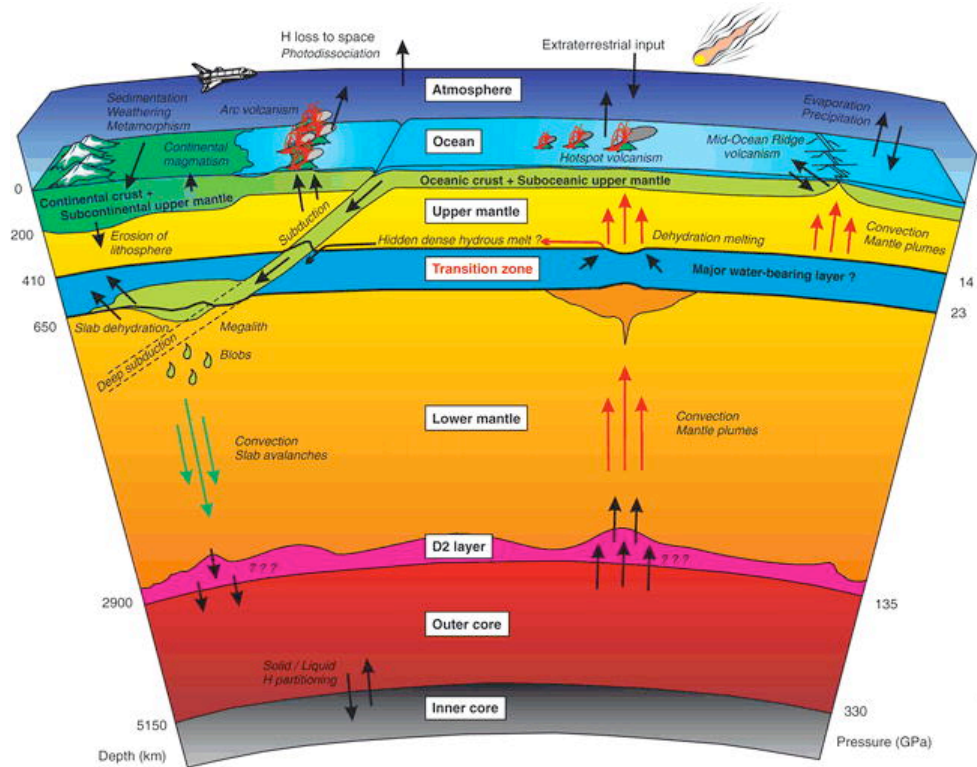
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# Deep Water Cycle



**Water-saturated transition zone can contains oceans worth of H<sub>2</sub>O**

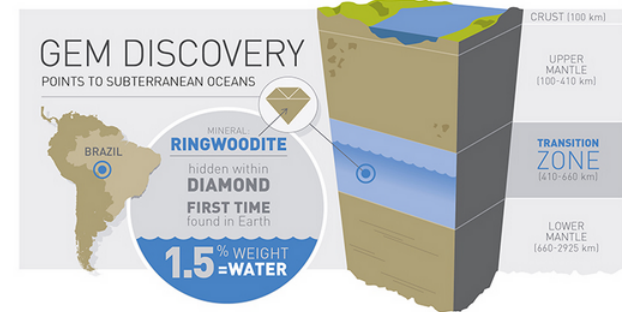
## RESEARCH

### GEOCHEMISTRY

Tschauner et al., 2018 Nature

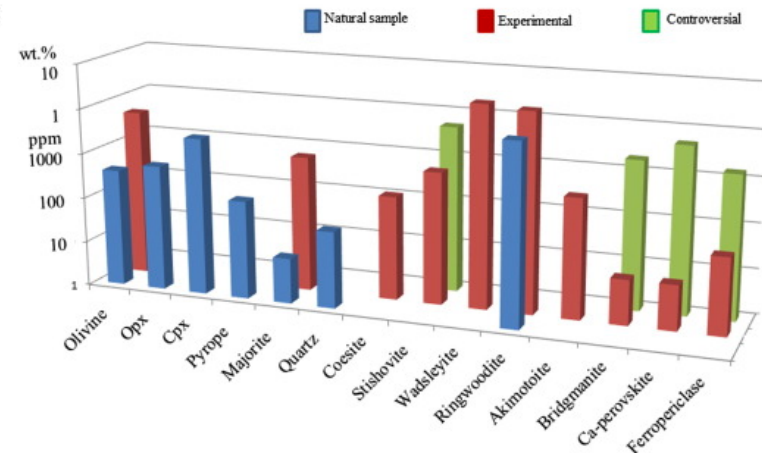
## Ice-VII inclusions in diamonds: Evidence for aqueous fluid in Earth's deep mantle

O. Tschauner,<sup>1,\*</sup> S. Huang,<sup>1</sup> E. Greenberg,<sup>2</sup> V. B. Prakapenka,<sup>2</sup> C. Ma,<sup>3</sup> G. R. Rossman,<sup>3</sup> A. H. Shen,<sup>4</sup> D. Zhang,<sup>2,5</sup> M. Newville,<sup>2</sup> A. Lanziloti,<sup>2</sup> K. Tait<sup>6</sup>



(Pearson et al., 2014 Science)

Water content in NAM (ppm/wt.%)



# Water content & electrical conductivity

## Dry mantle transition zone inferred from the conductivity of wadsleyite and ringwoodite

Takashi Yoshino<sup>1</sup>, Geeth Manthilake<sup>1</sup>, Takuya Matsuzaki<sup>1</sup> & Tomoo Katsura<sup>1</sup>

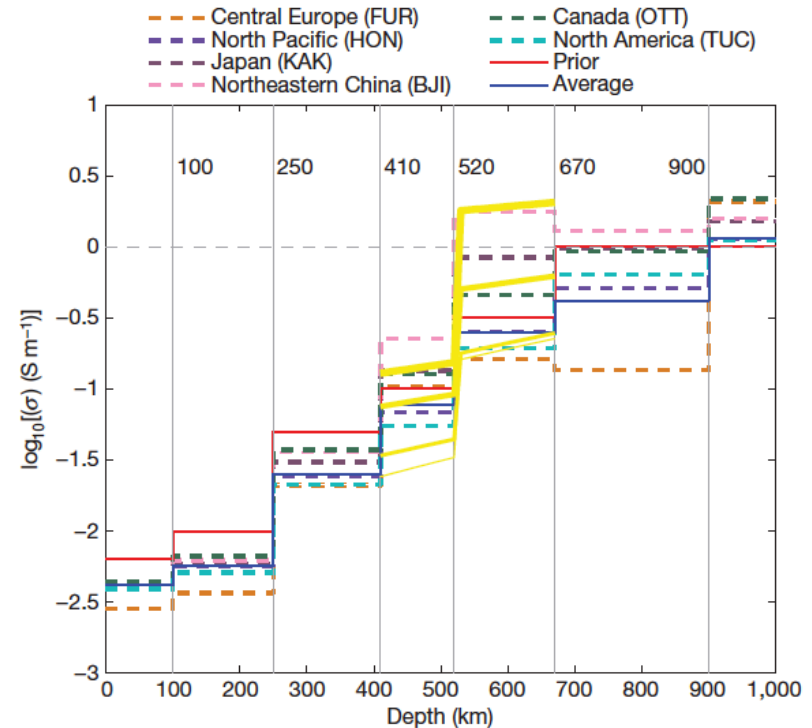
Yoshino et al 2008 Nature

## Water content in the transition zone from electrical conductivity of wadsleyite and ringwoodite

Xiaoge Huang<sup>1,2</sup>, Yousheng Xu<sup>2</sup> & Shun-ichiro Karato<sup>2</sup>

that the water content in the mantle transition zone varies regionally, but that its value in the Pacific is estimated to be **~0.1–0.2 wt%**. These values significantly exceed the estimated

Huang et al 2005 Nature

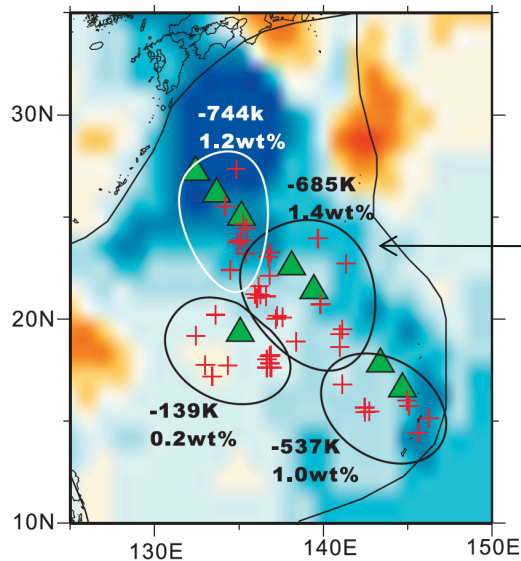
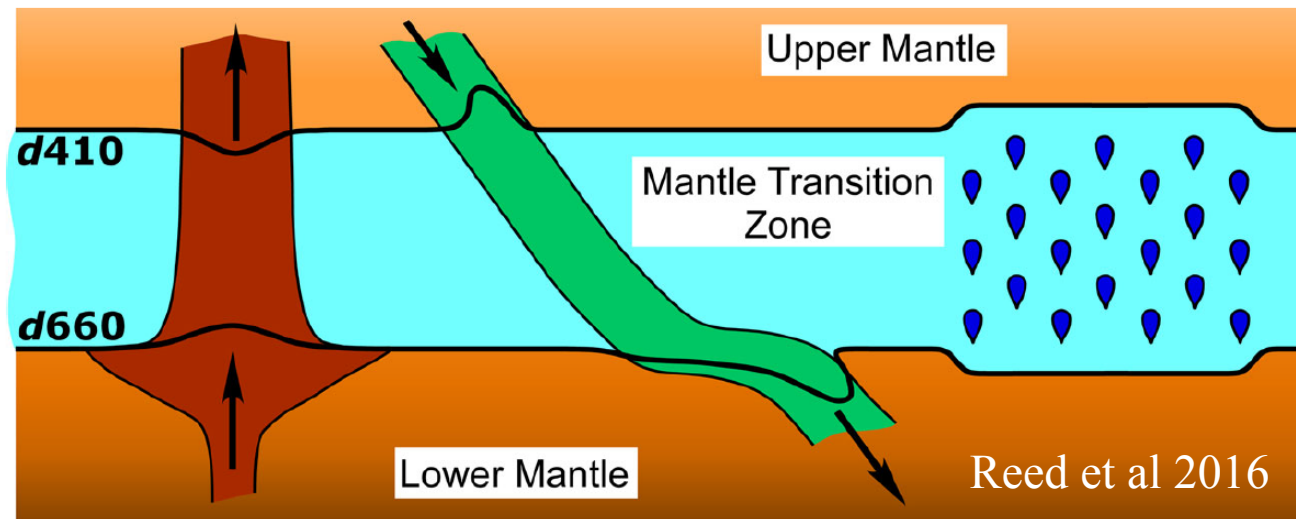


**Figure 2 | Global and regional electrical conductivity profiles, based on the three-dimensional inverse solution presented in Fig. 1.** The dashed lines correspond to the profiles beneath a set of locations, representative of geographical regions. The blue solid line is the global average. The red solid line represents the prior one-dimensional model used for the inversion<sup>19</sup>. The four yellow lines indicate the existing mineral physics constraints<sup>8</sup> as a function of water content (from the bottom up, in wt%: 0; 0.1, 0.5, 1.0). The three-letter abbreviations refer to the INTERMAGNET geomagnetic observatory codes<sup>27</sup>.

~0.5 wt% at 410km

Kelbert et al 2009 Nature

# Temperature and water & <sup>410-km</sup><sub>660-km</sub> topography

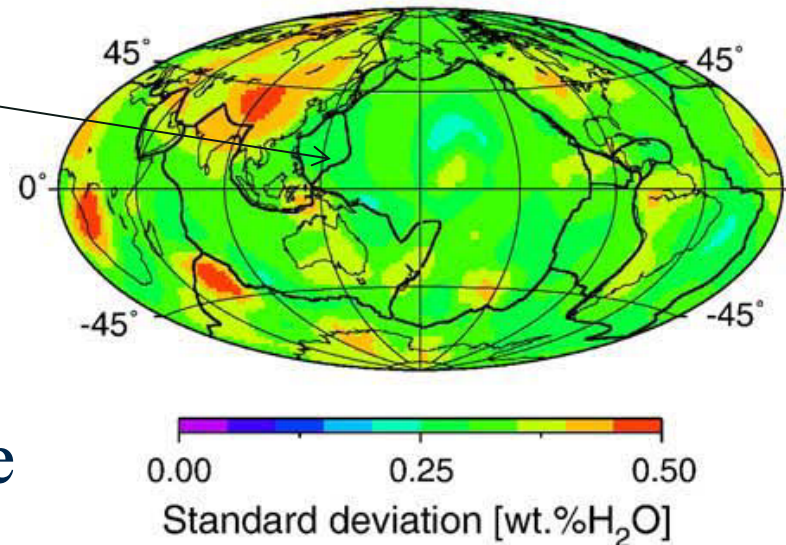


Suetsugu et al 2006

almost dry

very wet

transition zone  
below Philippine  
plate

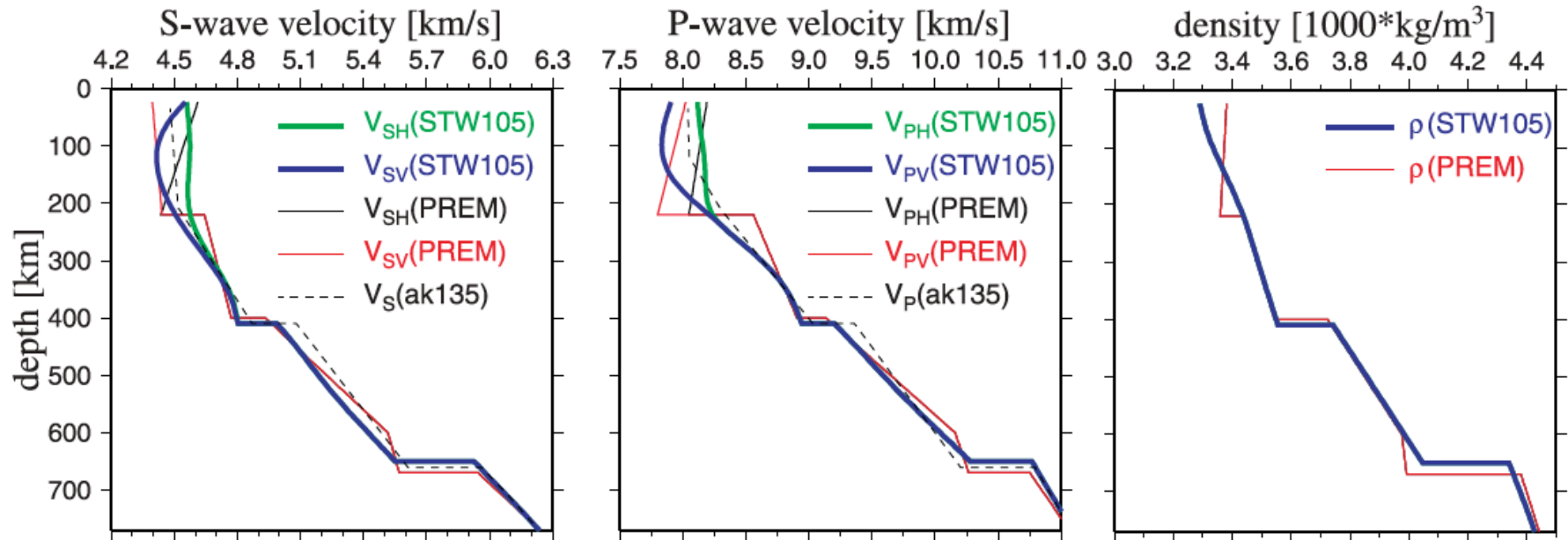


Meier et al 2009

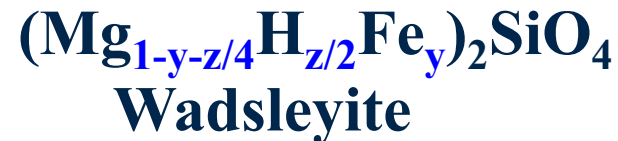


# Velocity and density jumps → water content

advantage: jump values are insensitive to the temperature



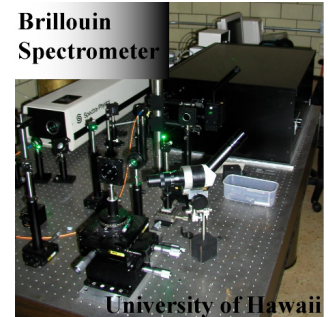
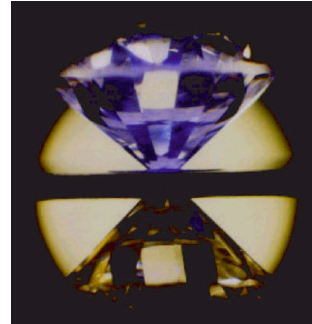
Require the elastic data at mantle transition conditions



# obtaining the elasticity

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**High-pressure experiment:**



**Theoretical calculations**

**DFT +**



**obtaining the elasticity at high PT very challenge**

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# First-principles calculations

1. Based on density functional theory
2. Resolve the quantum mechanic equations
3. No empirical parameters
4. Comparable to experimental data
5. P and T are only two parameters
6. Computation is expensive



Walter Kohn

1998 Nobel Laureate

Helmoholtz free energy

vibrational free energy

$$F(V, T) = U(V) + \sum_{qj} \frac{\hbar \omega_{qj}(V)}{2} + K_B T \sum_{qj} \ln(1 - \exp[-\frac{\hbar \omega_{qj}(V)}{K_B T}])$$

Ground state energy

Calculating Vibration frequency is 2-3 order more expensive than calculating ground state energy.

# Calculating elasticity

$$c_{ijkl}(V, T) = \frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{\partial^2 F(V, T, e_{mn})}{\partial e_{ij} \partial e_{kl}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} P(2\delta_{ij}\delta_{kl} - \delta_{il}\delta_{jk} - \delta_{ik}\delta_{jl})$$

Free  
energy

$$\leftarrow F(V, T, e_{mn}) = U_0(V, e_{mn}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{q,j} \hbar \omega_{q,j}(V, e_{mn}) + k_B T \sum_{q,j} \ln \{1 - \exp[-\hbar \omega_{q,j}(V, e_{mn}) / k_B T]\}$$

Orthorhombic crystal: **15** strained configurations at each volume  
**15 × 8** volumes = **120** Phonon DoS calculations

Usually, calculating elasticity at high PT  
is extremely expensive



# **The method** developed by Wu & Wentzcovitch (2011)

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**Only requiring frequencies for one unstrained configuration at each volume**

**Volume dependence of frequencies**



**Strain dependence of frequencies**

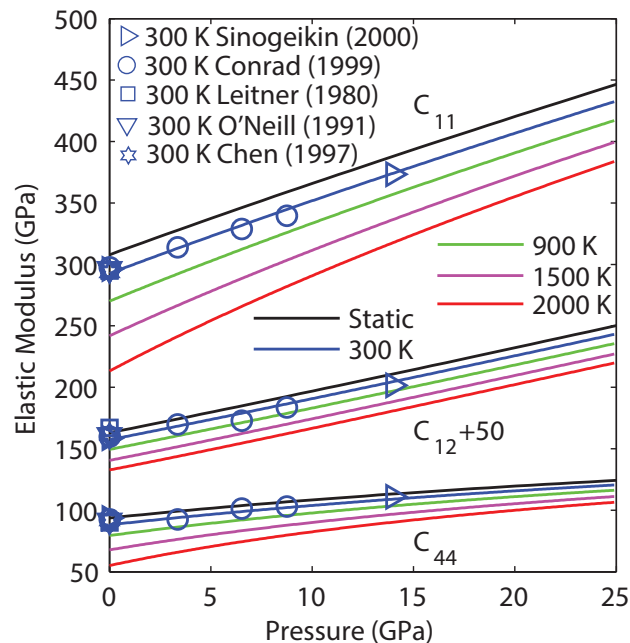
**The number of phonon DoS for each volume: 16 → 1**

**Computational workloads are less than tenth of the usual method**

# The method's performance

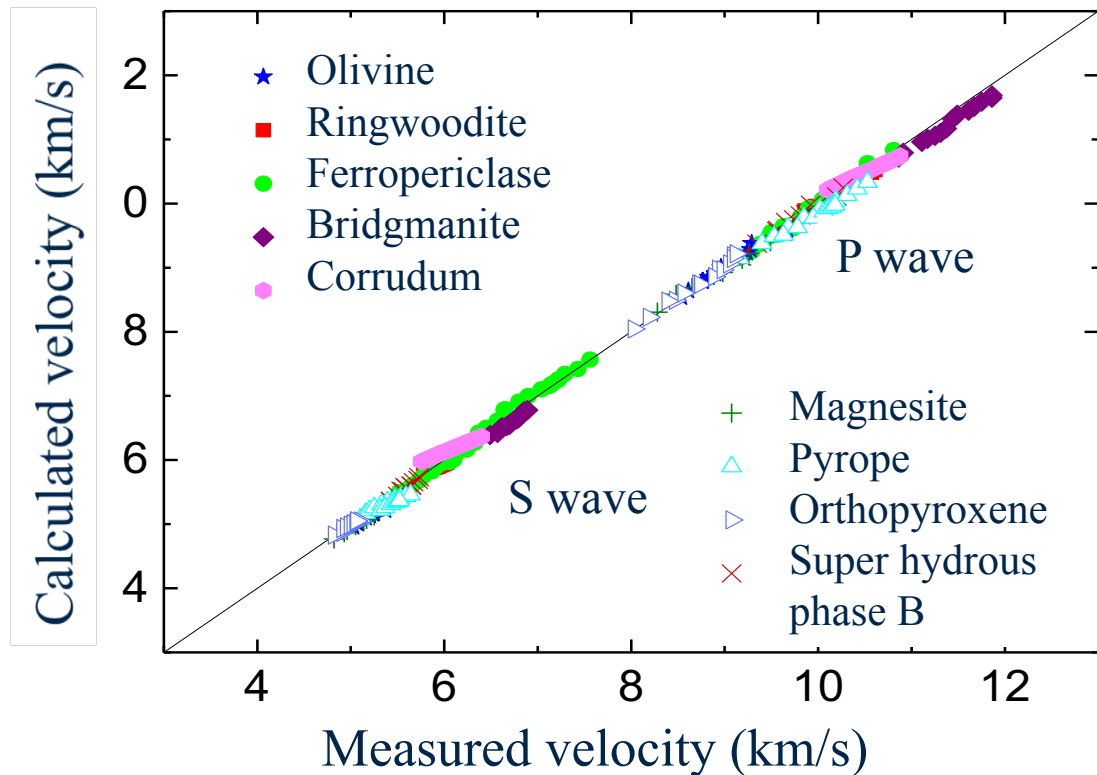
The method can predict precisely elasticity of many minerals at high PT

Wu & Wentzcovitch (2011)

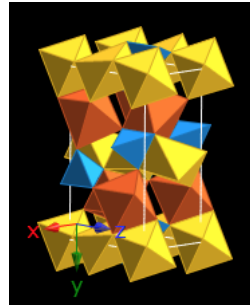
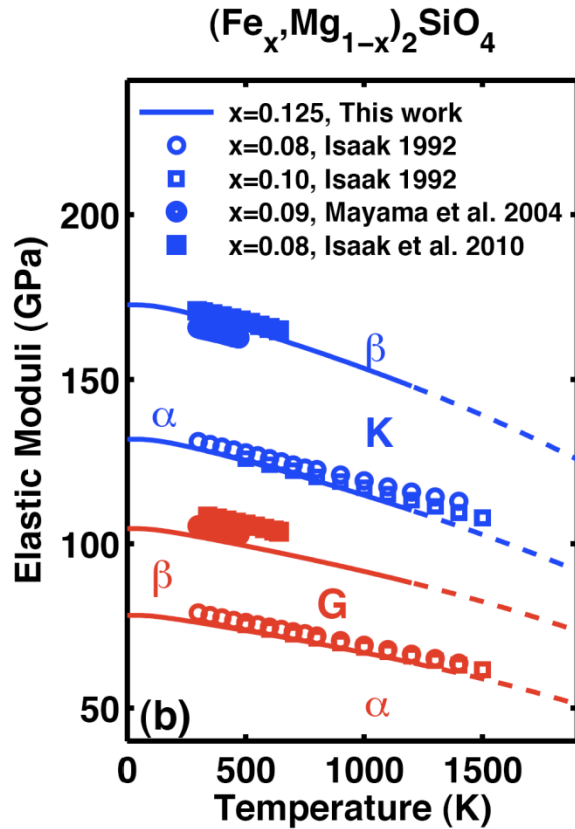


Elasticity of Pyrope

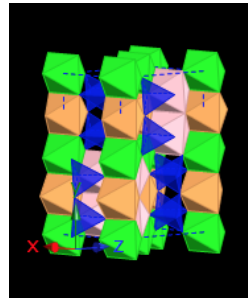
Hu et al., 2016 JGR



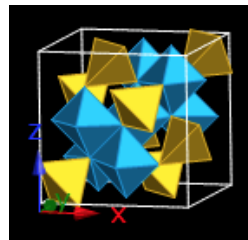
# Elasticity of $\text{Mg}_{1-x}\text{Fe}_x\text{SiO}_4$



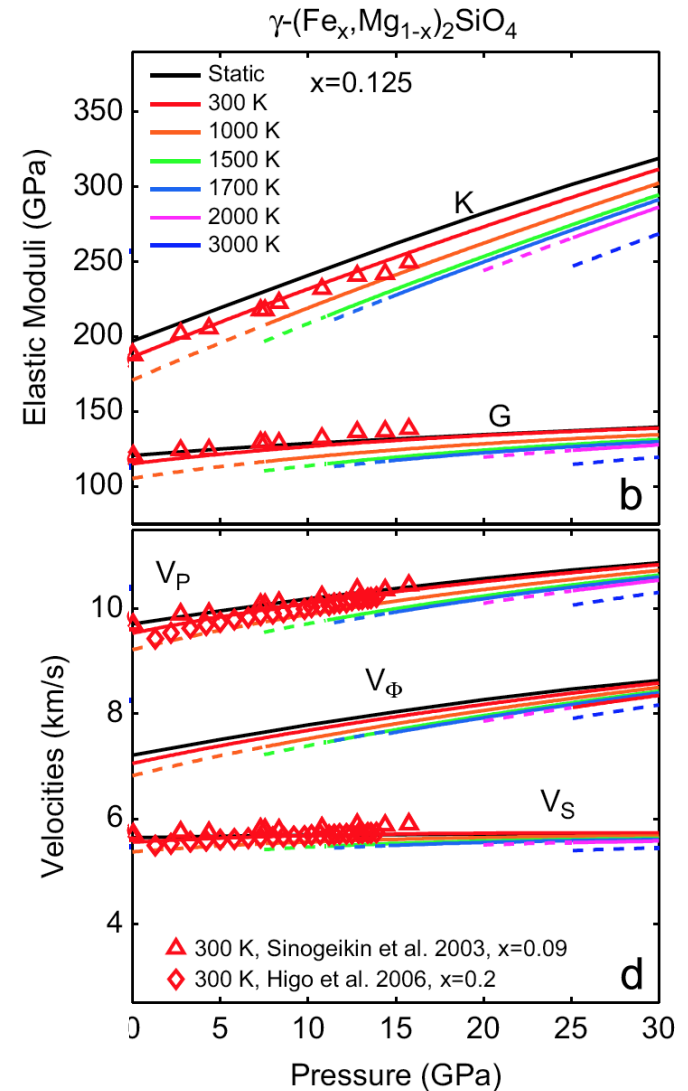
$\alpha$  phase



$\beta$  phase

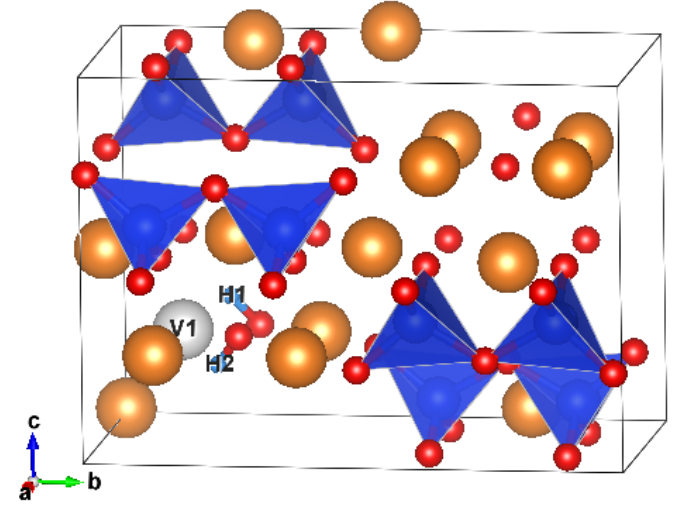
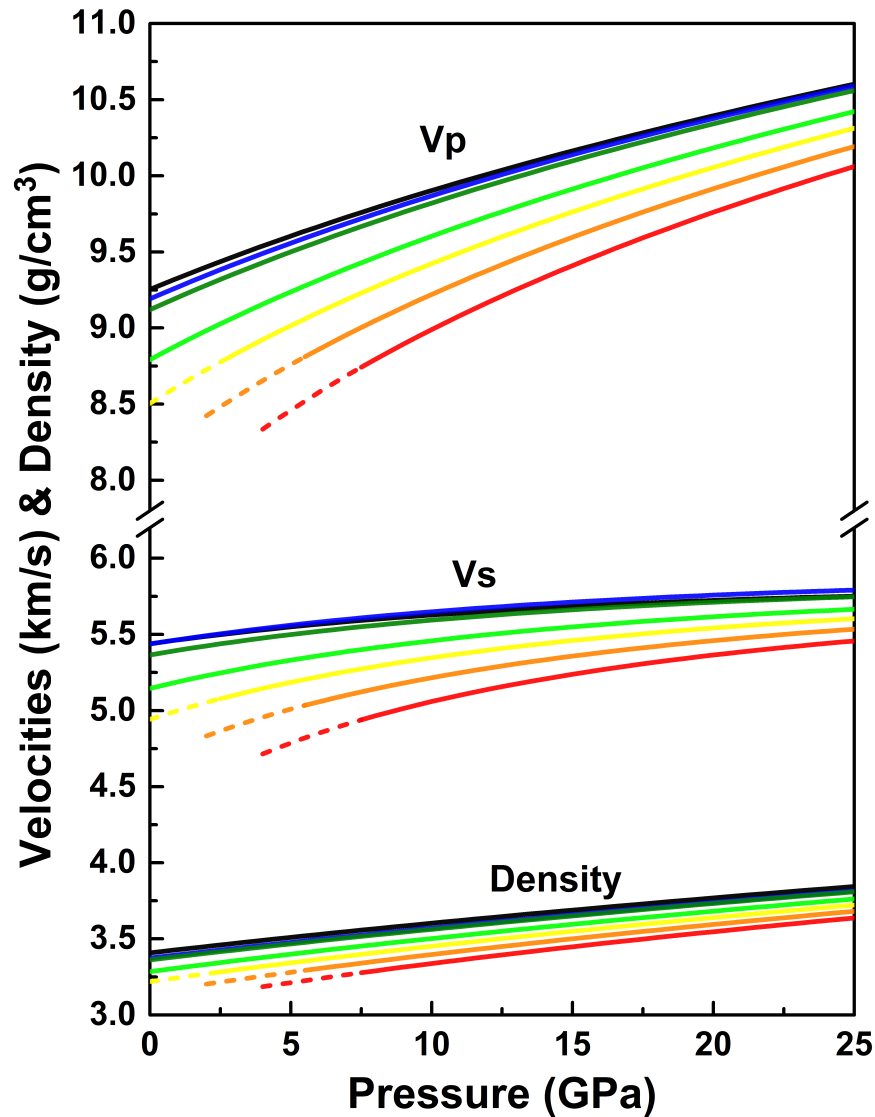


$\gamma$  phase



Núñez Valdez et al 2012  
EPSL; 2013 GRL

# Elasticity of hydrous wadsleyite

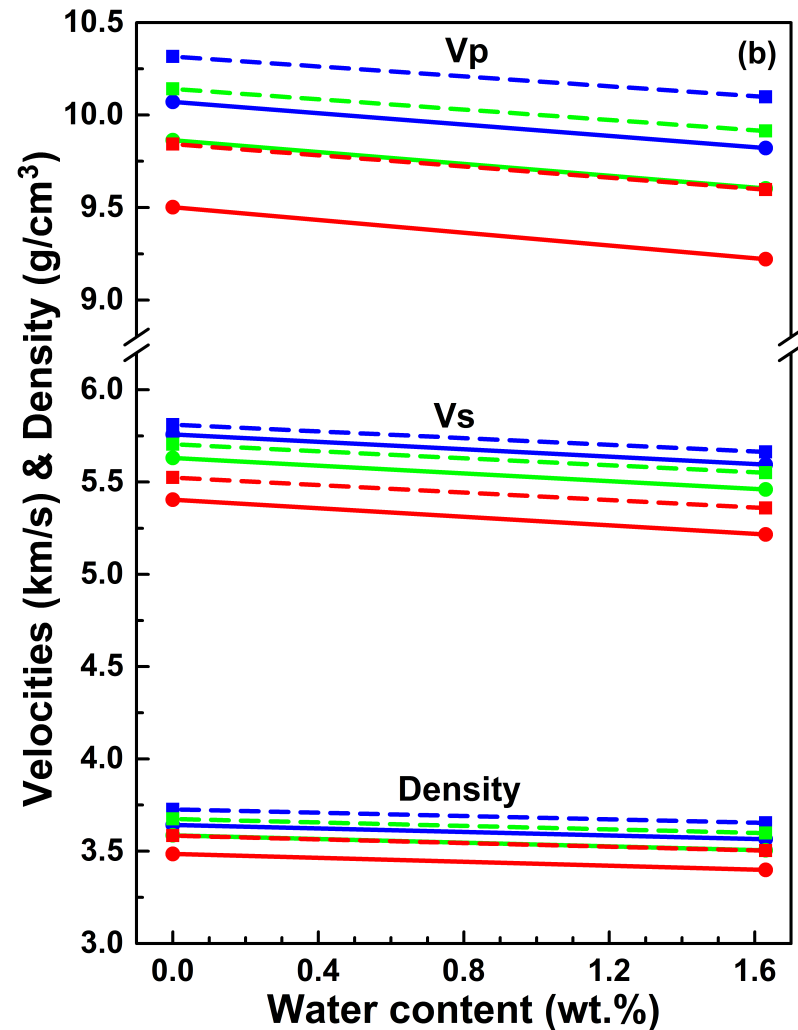
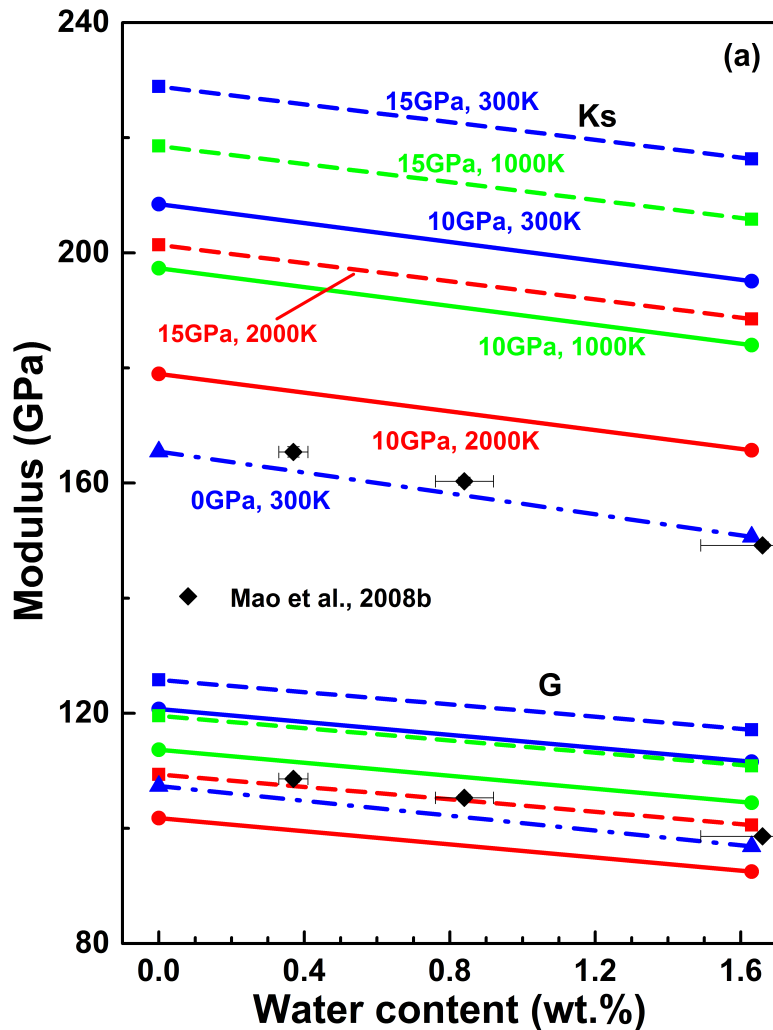


1.65 wt%

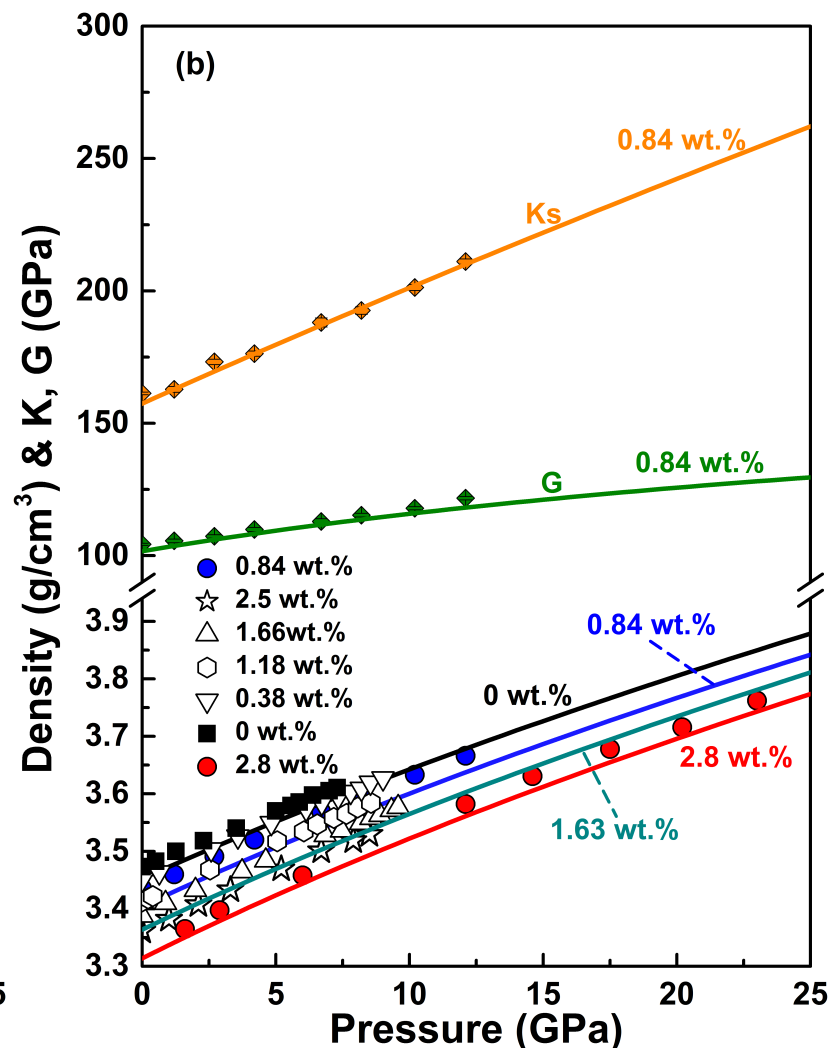
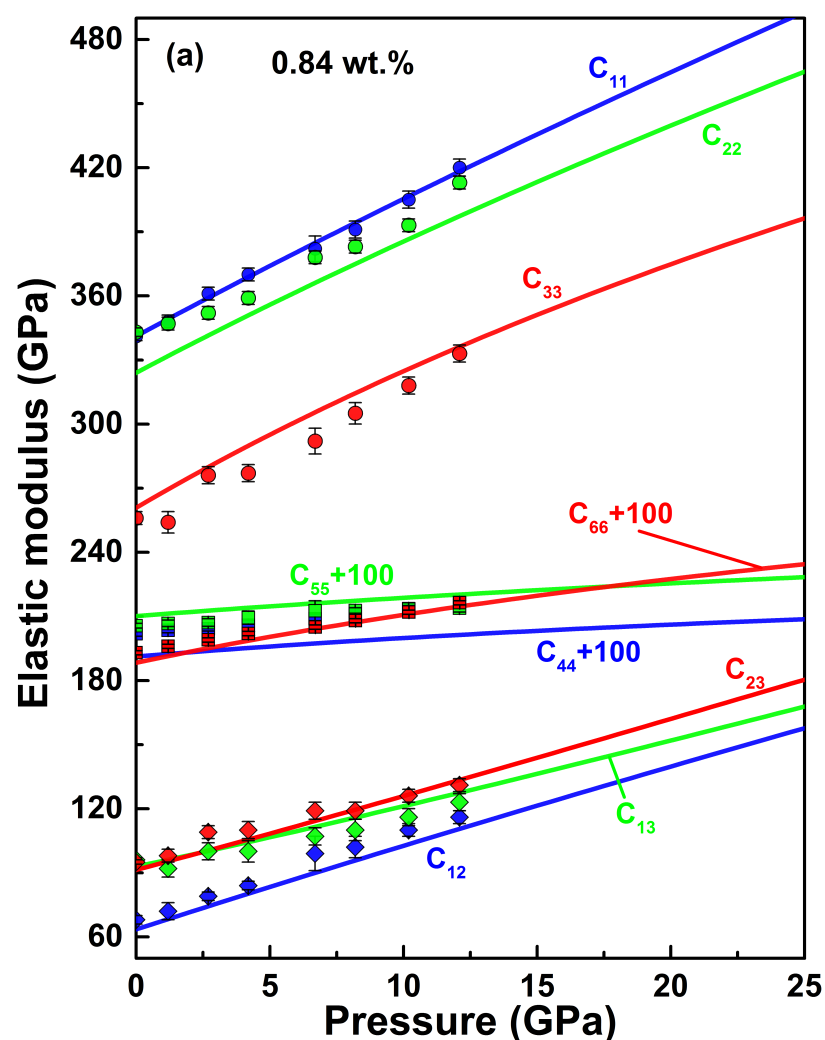
Wang et al 2019 EPSL



# Water effect on elasticity of wadsleyite

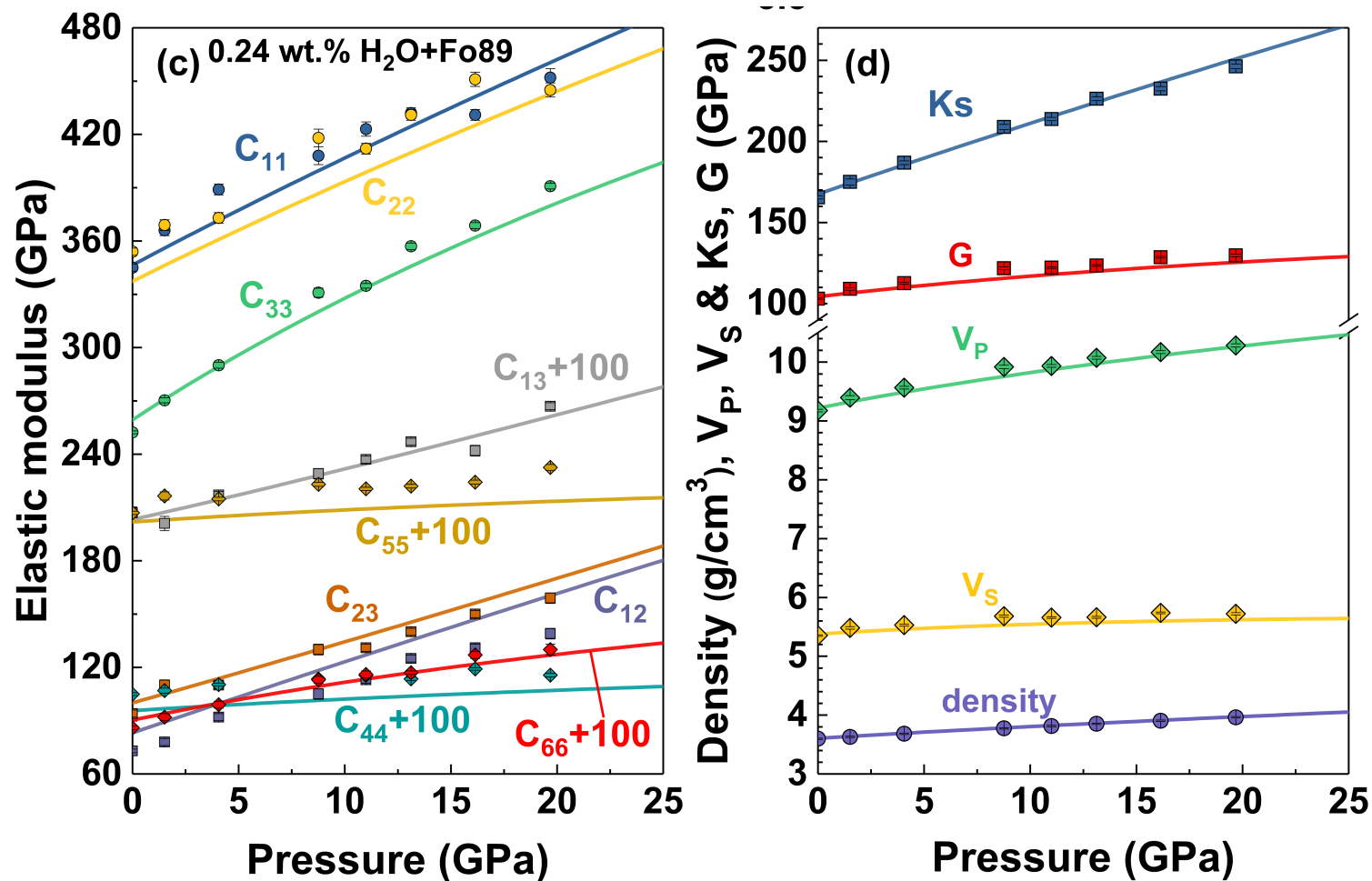


# Agree with the experimental data



Exp. Mao et al 2008

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Exp. Buchen et al., 2018

# Constrain water content using 410-km jumps



$x=0 \text{ \& } 0.125$



$y=0 \text{ \& } 0.125$

$z=0.125 \text{ at } y=0$

$$D = \sqrt{\left(\frac{f \cdot \Delta V p_{\text{model}} - \Delta V p_{\text{obs}}}{\Delta V p_{\text{obs}}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{f \cdot \Delta V s_{\text{model}} - \Delta V s_{\text{obs}}}{\Delta V s_{\text{obs}}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{f \cdot \Delta \rho_{\text{model}} - \Delta \rho_{\text{obs}}}{\Delta \rho_{\text{obs}}}\right)^2}$$

410-km jumps	$\Delta V_{\text{Pobs}}$ (km/s)	$\Delta V_{\text{Sobs}}$ (km/s)	$\Delta \rho_{\text{obs}}$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )
AK135	0.3299	0.2104	0.130
PREM	0.2288	0.1627	0.181

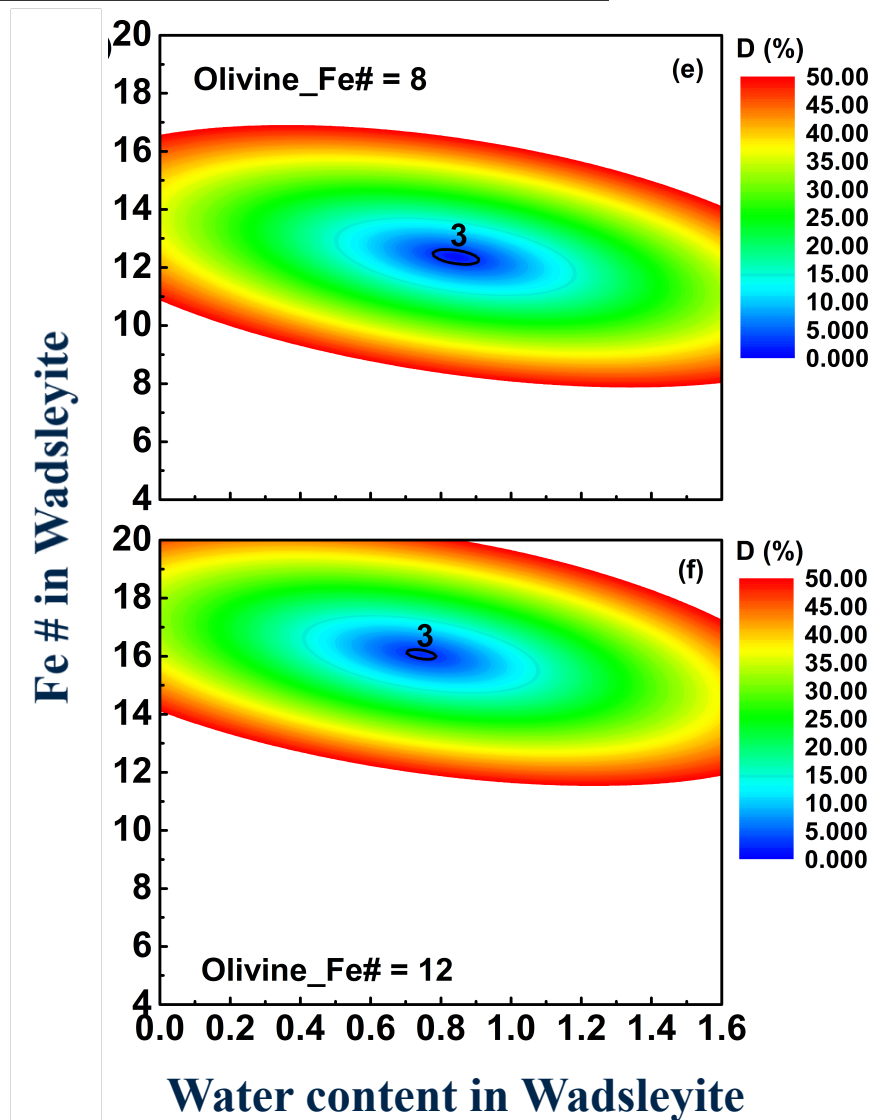
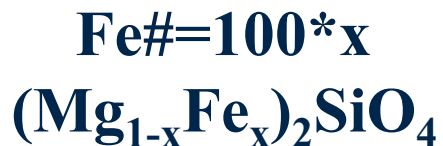


# The best-fit results

## AK135 model

### Two conclusions:

- $\sim 0.8$  wt % in wadsleyite
- $\text{Wads\_Fe\#} - \text{Oli\_Fe\#} \approx 4$



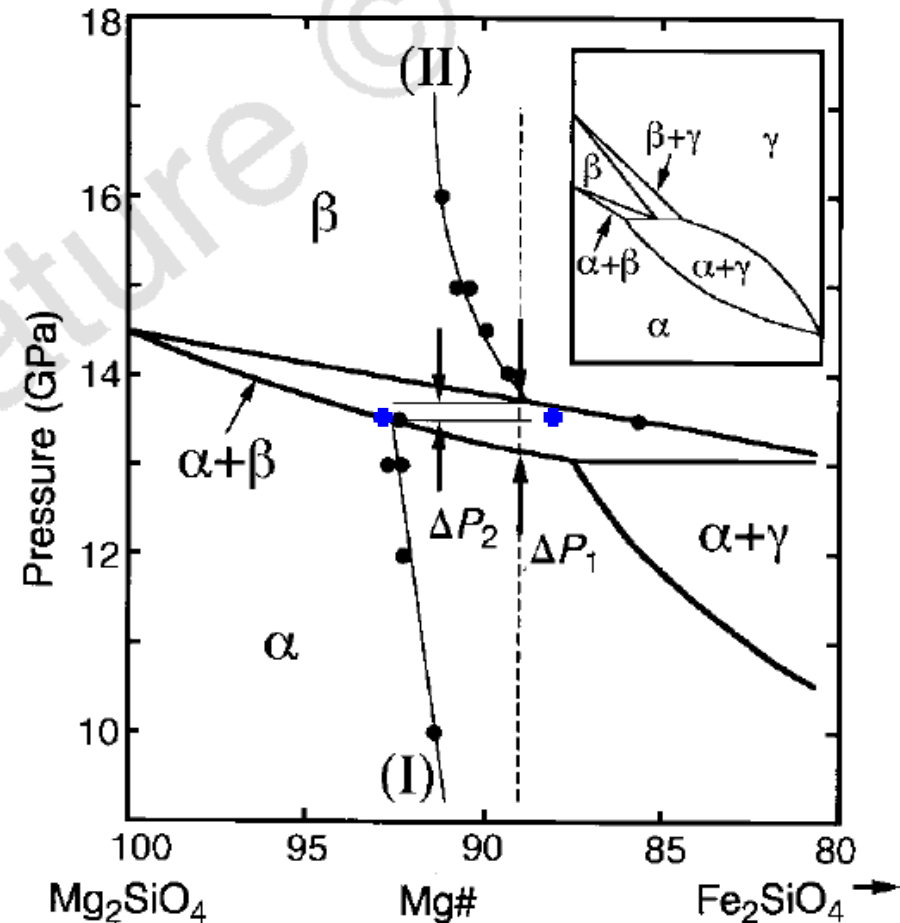
# Prediction agrees with high-pressure experiment

More Fe in Wadsleyite

The best-fit result

Olivine\_Fe# = 7  
Wads\_Fe# = 11.5

Two blue points  
in the figure

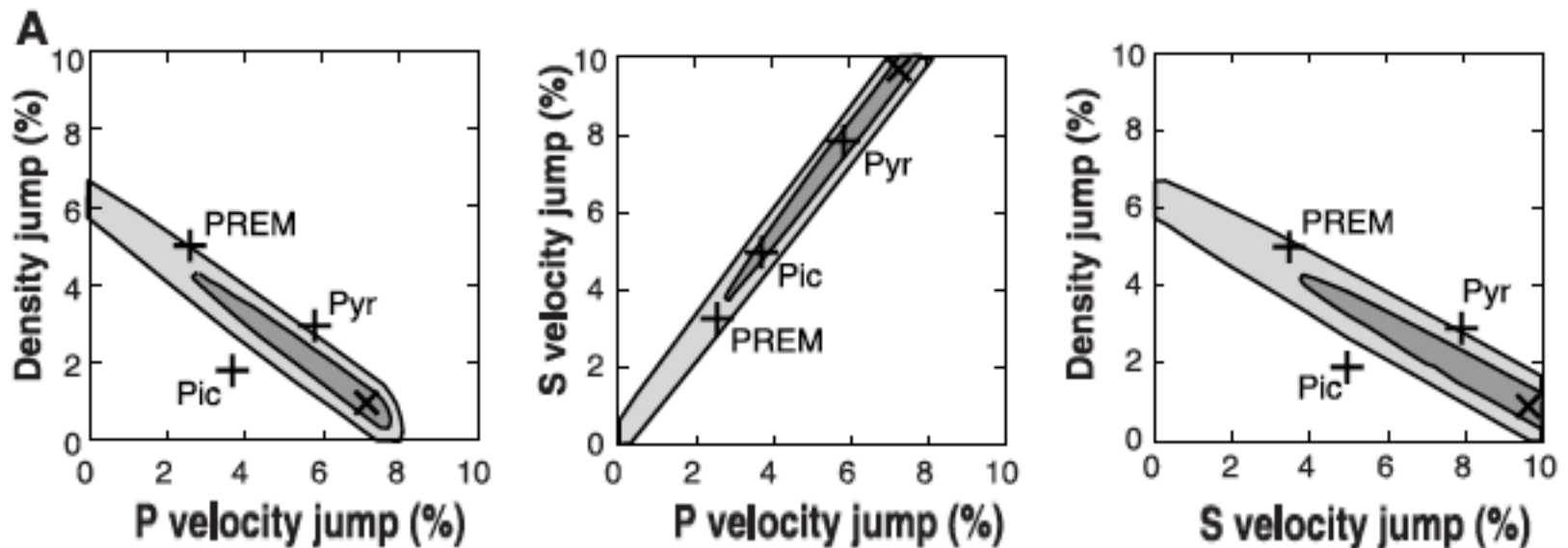


Fe partitioning between wadsleyite and olivine

Irifune and Isshiki 1998

# Uncertainty of 410-km jumps

	$\Delta V_P$ (km/s)	$\Delta V_S$ (km/s)	$\Delta\rho$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )
AK135	0.3299	0.2104	0.130
PREM	0.2288	0.1627	0.181



$$\Delta V_S = 1.3\Delta V_P \quad \Delta\rho = 6.3\% - 0.7\Delta V_P$$

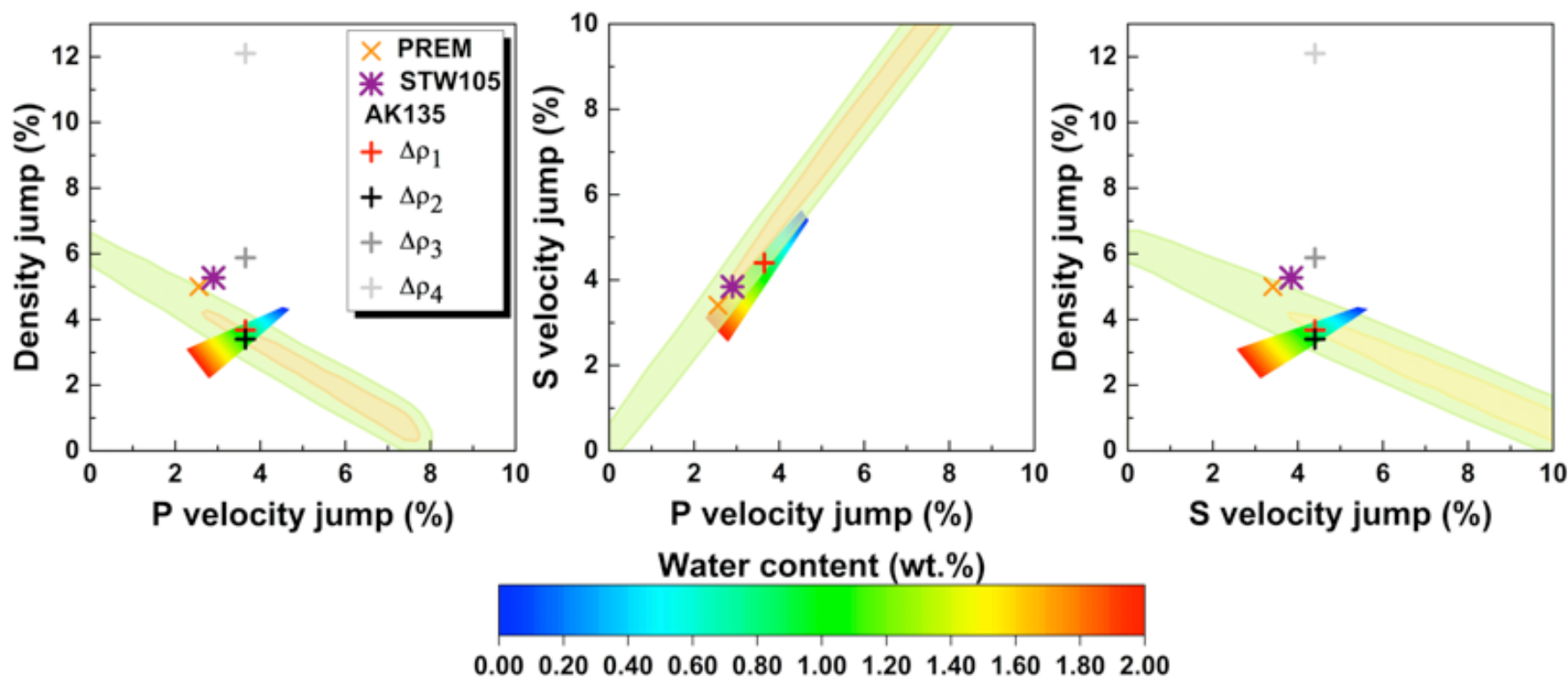
Shearer and Flanagan 1999 Science

# 410-km jumps & water content

Our results suggest:

$$\Delta V_P = 3\% \sim 5\%$$

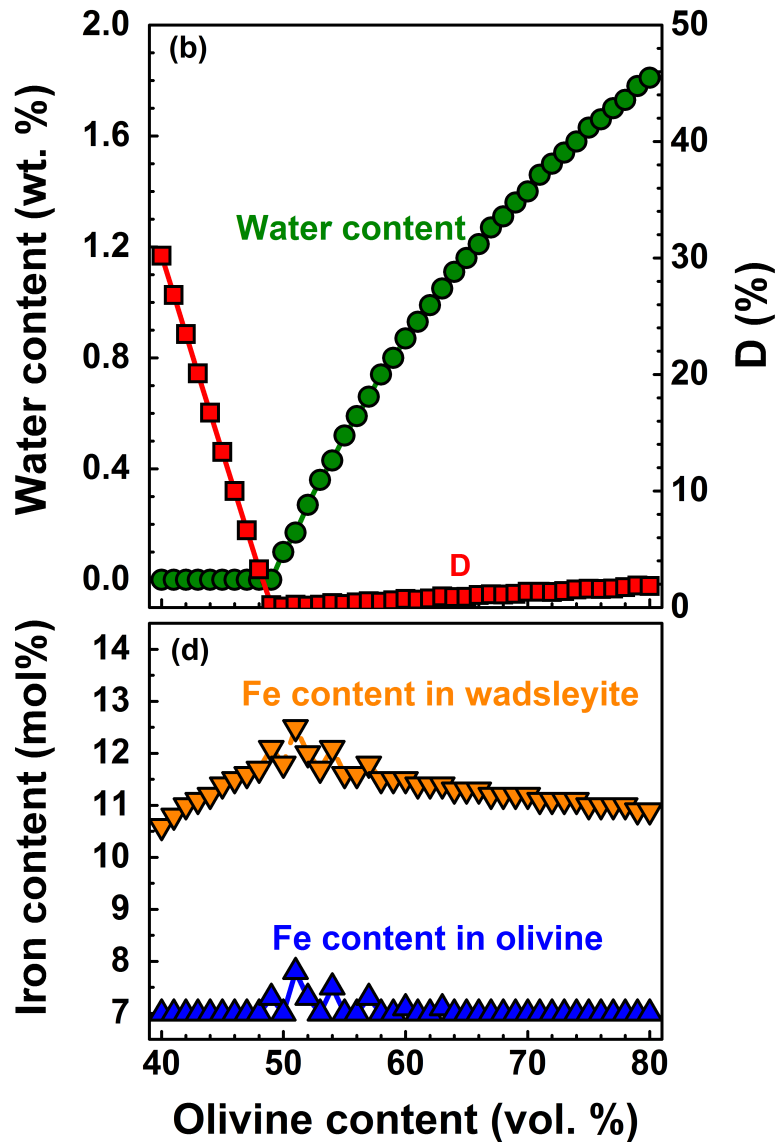
0.5 wt% water



60 vol% olivine   Olivine\_Fe#=8   Wads\_Fe#=12



# Water content & olivine content



60% olivine → 0.5 wt%

~50% olivine → Dry

# Summary

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**Combining with seismic results, we found that  $V_P$  jump at 410 is 3%~5%.**

**The transition zone is wet at least at its top with 0.5 wt% (0.8 wt% \* 60%) water for the pyrolitic mantle.**

**The transition zone is dry for the mantle with ~ 50% olivine**

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