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Integration of RSTT SSSCs in OPS

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Background and data

Effect on time residuals

Effect on defining regional phases

- Early 2000s: the IDC started using SSSCs to model regional propagation effects for Pn, Pg, Sn and Lg
- 2011: Sandia NL developed RSTT velocity model for N. America (Pn) and Eurasia (Pn, Pg, Sn, Lg)
- 2016: RSTT-based SSSCs delivered to IDC and tested since then
- 2020 Aug: RSTT-based SSSCs have been deployed in OPS



Description of test data

Bulletin: REB events only

Events:

Shallow: depth ≤ 40 km

Large: ndef ≥ 20

Period:

Before: $[d_0 - 1\text{yr}, d_0)$ and

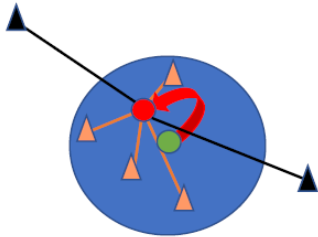
After: $(d_0, d_0 + 1\text{yr}]^1$

Stats for:

- World
- North America
- Australia (no SSSCs before)
- Africa (no SSSCs before)

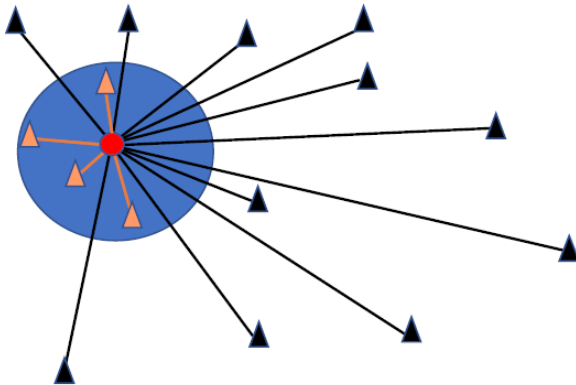
¹ d_0 is August 13th, 2020.

Why large ndef



- Small event, few teleseismic phases
- Location controlled by regional phases
- Even if the RSTT model is not accurate, the time residuals will be small
- High precision but possibly low accuracy

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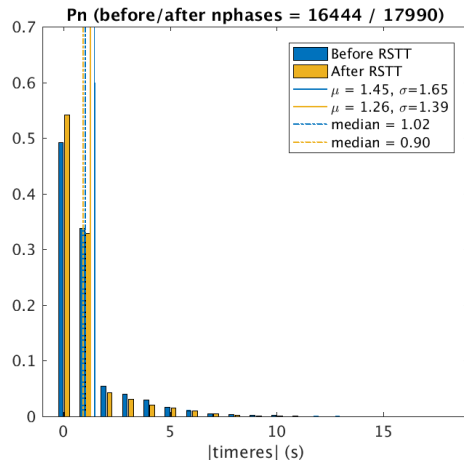
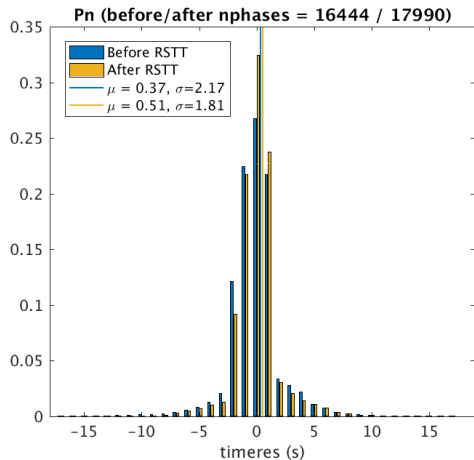
- Large event, many teleseismic phases
- Location controlled by teleseismic phases
- If RSTT model is not accurate, the residuals are expected to be large
- High precision implies and high accuracy

Background and data

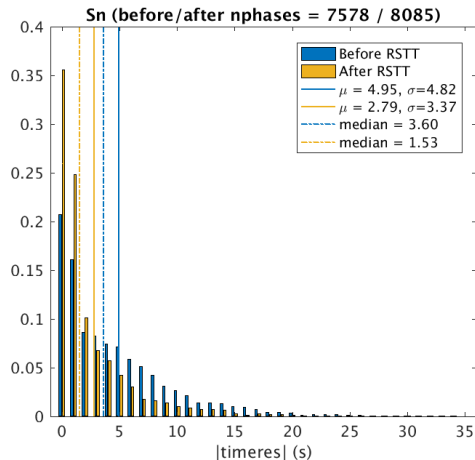
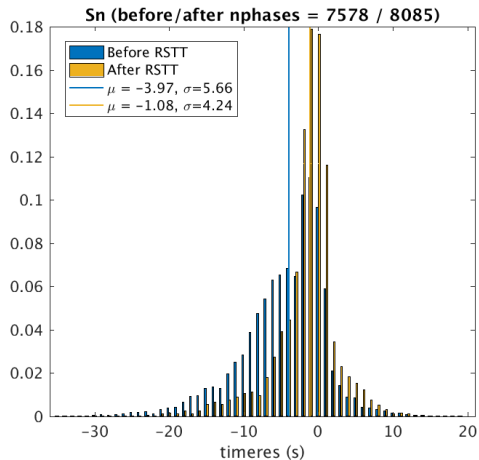
Effect on time residuals

Effect on defining regional phases

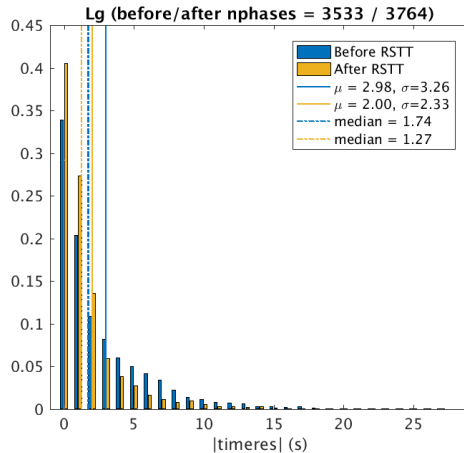
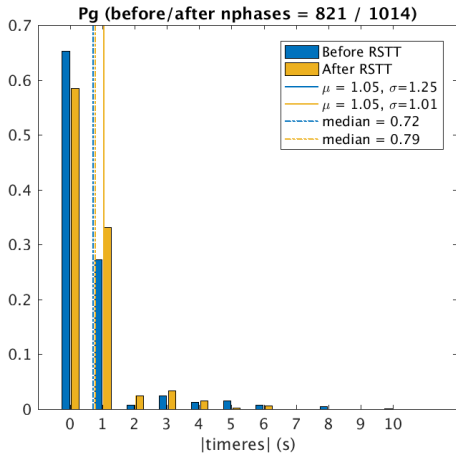
Worldwide — Pn time residuals



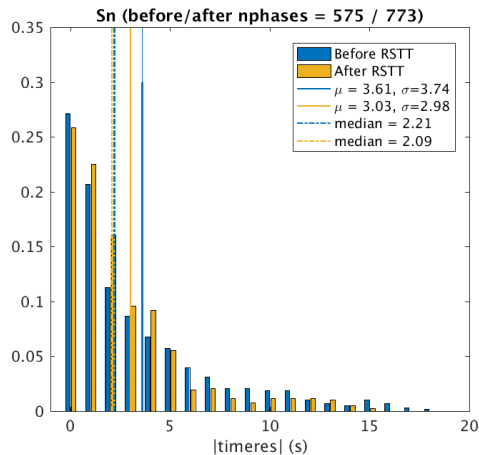
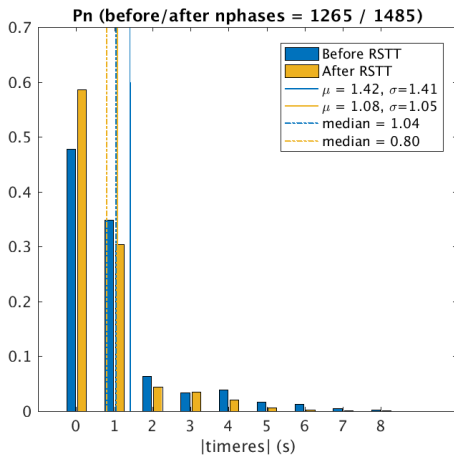
Worldwide — Sn time residuals



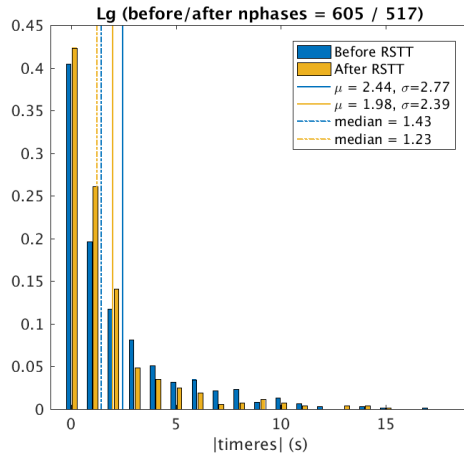
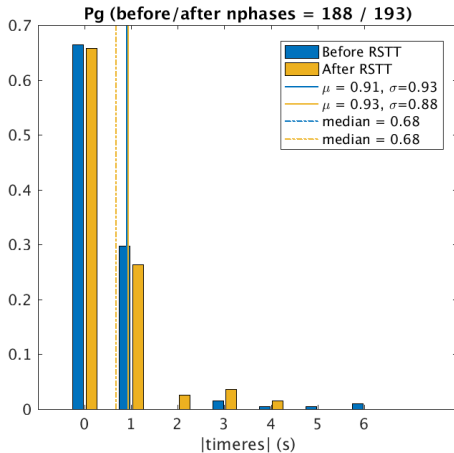
Worldwide — Pg, Lg time residuals



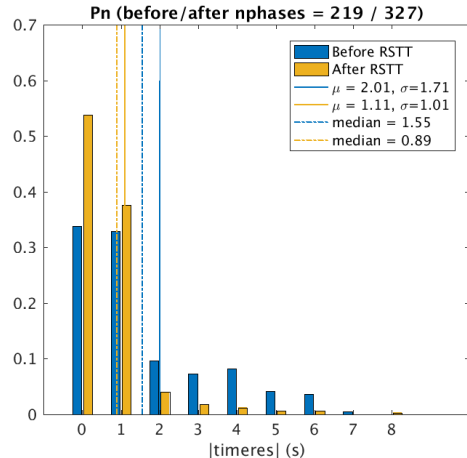
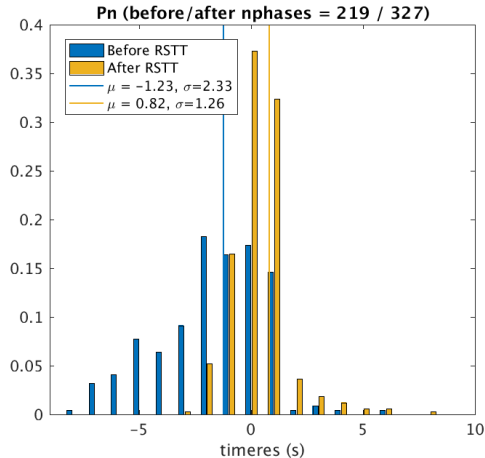
North America — Pn, Sn time residuals



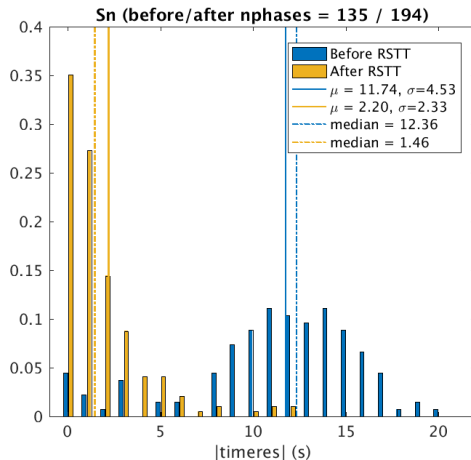
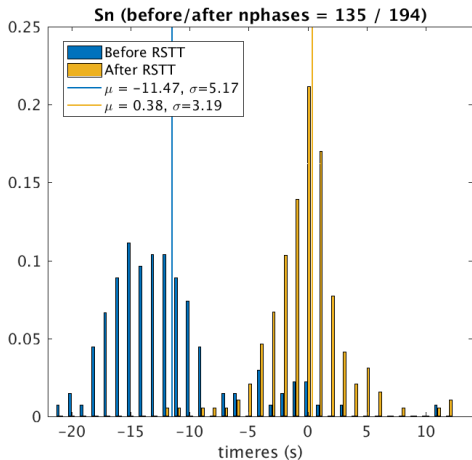
North America — Pg, Lg time residuals



Australia — Pn time residuals



Australia — Sn time residuals



Example events in Timor region, Indonesia

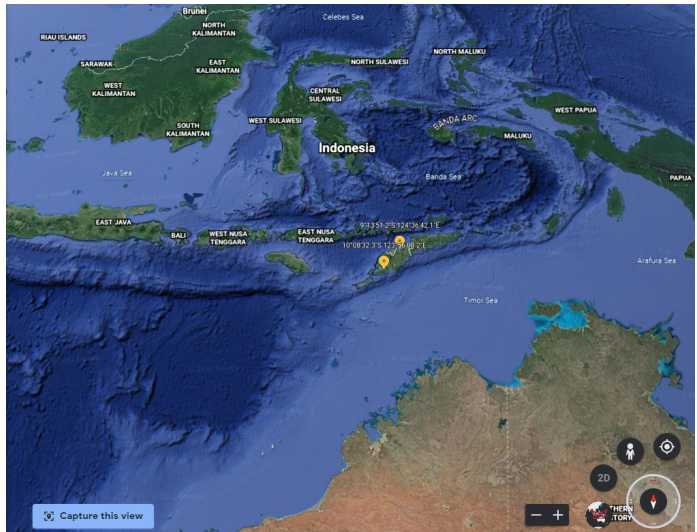
Comparison of two REB events
in about the same location:

Location: $(-9.2^{\circ}, 124.6^{\circ})$ vs
 $(-10.1^{\circ}, 123.9^{\circ})$

Dates: 2019 (before) vs
2021 (after)

m_b : 4.8 vs 4.7

Depth: 0 km (fixed)



Example events in Timor region, Indonesia

EVENT 17186515 TIMOR REGION, INDONESIA

Date	Time	Err	RMS	Latitude	Longitude	Smaj	Smin	Az	Depth	Err	Ndef	Nsta	Gap	mdist	Mdist	Qual	Author
2019/04/07	02:18:13.42	0.35	0.97	-9.2309	124.6117	15.9	10.1	69	0.0f		63	53	44	8.87	154.23	m i uk	IDC_LEB

Magnitude	Err	Nsta	Author	OrigID
ML	5.2	0.2	3 IDC_LEB	17223194
mb	4.8	0.1	28 IDC_LEB	17223194
mbtmp	4.8	0.1	31 IDC_LEB	17223194
Ms	3.7	0.1	27 IDC_LEB	17223194

Sta	Dist	EvAz	Phase	Time	TRes	Azim	AzRes	Slow	SRes	Def	SNR	Amp	Per	Qual	Magnitude	ArrID
KAPI	6.39	310.7	Pn	02:19:58.819	10.0	141.0	9.7	9.3	-4.4	___	38.6	6.8	0.33	a__		140709158
FITZ	8.87	173.6	Pn	02:20:21.300	-1.7	2.9	9.5	10.7	-3.0	T__	402.3	33.5	0.33	a__	ML	5.4
												66.9	0.37		mbtmp	5.4
FITZ	8.87	173.6	Sn	02:21:51.700	-13.3	235.7	-118	22.8	-1.8	___	13.3	111.2	0.33	a__		140709192
WRA	14.21	139.6	Pn	02:21:31.575	-4.5	317.1	4.3	13.2	-0.6	___	515.3	37.8	0.33	a__		140708361
WRA	14.21	139.6	Sn	02:23:54.975	-20.8	313.2	-4.0	19.5	-4.9	___	13.5	42.7	0.33	a__		140708363
ASAR	16.88	149.3	Pn	02:22:07.200	-4.1	325.1	-1.6	12.7	0.1	___	478.5	17.9	0.33	a__		140708227
ASAR	16.88	149.3	Sn	02:25:01.875	-19.0	319.4	-7.3	20.6	-3.7	___	13.9	11.3	0.33	a__		140708232

Example events in Timor region, Indonesia

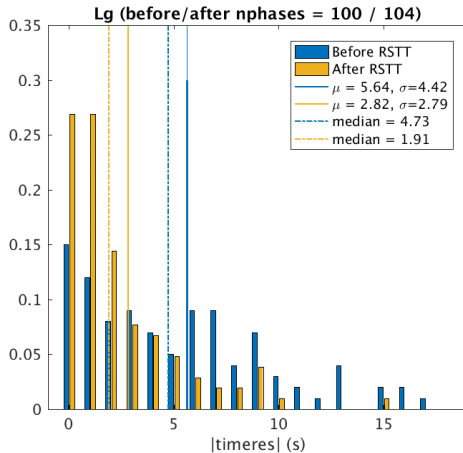
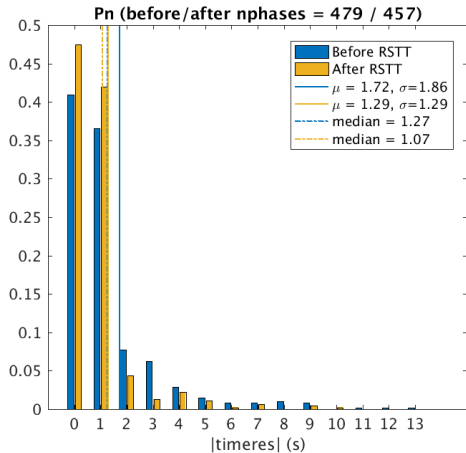
EVENT 19867554 TIMOR REGION, INDONESIA

Date	Time	Err	RMS	Latitude	Longitude	Smaj	Smin	Az	Depth	Err	Ndef	Nsta	Gap	mdist	Mdist	Qual	Author
2021/01/05	11:56:18.34	0.48	0.89	-10.1423	123.9334	14.4	9.4	67	0.0f		29	24	90	0.27	123.45	m i uk	IDC_LEB

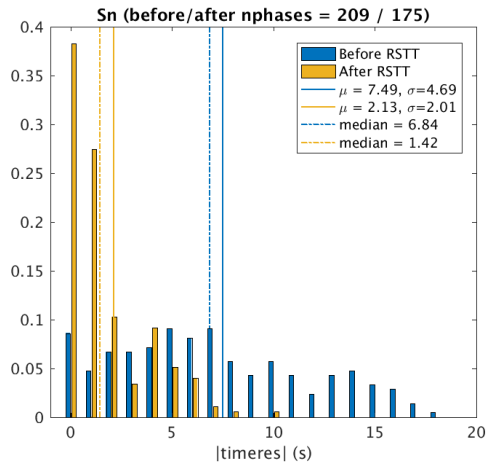
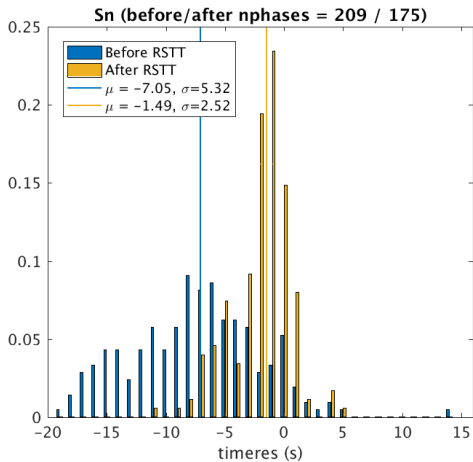
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ML	4.5	0.1	5 IDC_LEB	19904966
mb	4.7	0.1	15 IDC_LEB	19904966
mbtmp	4.6	0.1	20 IDC_LEB	19904966
Ms	3.8	0.1	21 IDC_LEB	19904966

Sta	Dist	EvAz	Phase	Time	TRes	Azim	AzRes	Slow	SRes	Def	SNR	Amp	Per	Qual	Magnitude	ArrID
BATI	0.27	256.6	Pg	11:56:25.775	1.0	157.9	81.2	4.7	-14.5	T__	9082	30765.1	0.33	a__		157005352
KAPI	6.57	320.6	Pn	11:58:00.944	1.8	145.2	4.1	10.7	-3.1	T__	14.2	12.1	0.33	a__	ML	4.6 157005346
												37.4	0.47		mbtmp	4.7
FITZ	8.08	168.4	Pn	11:58:13.675	-0.4	341.8	-6.1	9.1	-4.6	T__	162.0	7.8	0.33	a__	ML	4.7 157005368
												17.3	0.28		mbtmp	4.8
FITZ	8.08	168.4	Sn	11:59:39.750	0.1	168.7	-179	8.3	-16.4	T__	10.7	22.3	0.33	a__		157005371
SIJI	11.75	38.8	Pn	11:59:10.850	-0.0	173.0	-45.1	6.8	-6.9	T__	10.5	4.0	0.33	a__	ML	4.6 157005327
												8.0	0.62		mbtmp	4.5
WRA	13.99	135.3	Pn	11:59:32.475	0.7	308.6	-4.0	14.5	0.9	T__	38.3	1.6	0.33	a__	ML	4.3 157004531
												8.7	0.96		mbtmp	4.4
WRA	13.99	135.3	Sn	12:01:58.339	1.4	308.4	-4.3	23.6	-0.8	T__	12.0	7.4	0.33	a__		157004691
ASAR	16.48	146.0	Pn	12:00:05.750	1.2	316.7	-6.8	11.1	-1.1	T__	160.0	1.7	0.33	a__	ML	4.5 157004465
												6.9	0.65		mbtmp	4.4
ASAR	16.48	146.0	Sn	12:02:58.553	1.4	310.9	-12.1	20.5	-3.7	T__	8.5	3.2	0.33	a__		157004603

Africa — Pn, Lg time residuals



Africa — Sn time residuals



Example events in Central Africa

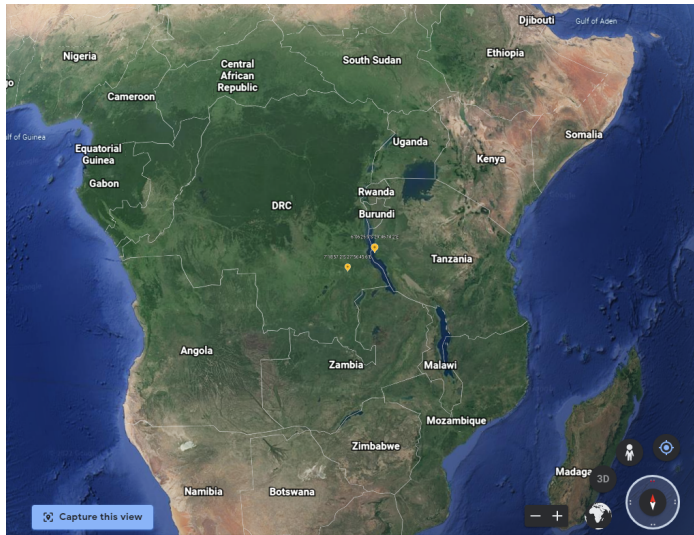
Comparison of two REB events
in about the same location:

Location: $(-6.1^\circ, 29.8^\circ)$ vs
 $(-7.3^\circ, 27.9^\circ)$

Dates: 2017 (before
RSTT SSSCs) vs
2022 (after RSTT
SSSCs)

m_b : 4.8 vs 4.6

Depth: 0 km (fixed)



Example events in Taganyika/Zaire, C. Africa

EVENT 14353606 LAKE TANGANYIKA REGION

Date	Time	Err	RMS	Latitude	Longitude	Smaj	Smin	Az	Depth	Err	Ndef	Nsta	Gap	mdist	Mdist	Qual	Author
2017/04/29	10:53:20.15	0.41	0.78	-6.1072	29.7706	14.8	10.3	89	0.0f		44	41	56	5.55	130.43	m i uk	IDC_LEB

Magnitude	Err	Nsta	Author	OrigID
ML	5.3	0.4	3 IDC_LEB	14371006
mb	4.8	0.1	31 IDC_LEB	14371006
mbtmp	4.8	0.1	33 IDC_LEB	14371006
Ms	4.6	0.0	35 IDC_LEB	14371006

Sta	Dist	EvAz	Phase	Time	TRes	Azim	AzRes	Slow	SRes	Def	SNR	Amp	Per	Qual	Magnitude	ArrID
MBAR	5.55	10.0	Pn	10:54:45.394	1.1	314.4	124.4	3.2	-10.5	T	108.4	142.1	0.33	a	ML	5.5 122729822
MBAR	5.55	10.0	Pg	10:55:01.619	0.2	180.0	-10.0	20.2	2.0	T	9.3	351.5	0.33	a		122839420
MBAR	5.55	10.0	Sn	10:55:46.519	3.6	100.8	-89.1	21.5	-3.2		4.9	786.9	0.33	a		122729826
MBAR	5.55	10.0	Lg	10:56:09.019	-7.7	245.7	55.7	3.8	-28.0		6.7	739.5	0.33	a		122729829
KMBO	8.96	56.8	Pn	10:55:26.450	-4.7	224.6	-11.7	23.8	10.1		41.6	0.2	0.33	a		122728604
KMBO	8.96	56.8	Sn	10:57:00.000	-14.2	323.4	87.2	23.8	-0.8		7.8	0.5	0.33	a		122728610
KMBO	8.96	56.8	Lg	10:57:51.025	-13.8	331.0	94.7	23.8	-8.0		8.8	1.1	0.33	a		122728616
LSZ	9.24	189.5	Pn	10:55:33.719	-1.2	0.9	-8.9	10.0	-3.7	T	70.3	22.2	0.33	a	ML	5.9 122729836
												58.1	0.37	a	mbtmp	5.3
LSZ	9.24	189.5	Sn	10:57:11.919	-9.2	343.6	-26.3	13.5	-11.1		4.7	36.3	0.33	a		122729839
LSZ	9.24	189.5	Lg	10:58:07.069	-6.9	109.1	99.3	21.3	-10.4		12.6	74.7	0.33	a		122729847
TSUM	17.61	221.3	P	10:57:23.294	-4.1	31.8	-12.1	12.9	0.5		27.5	60.5	0.76	a		122729858
TSUM	17.61	221.3	S	11:00:26.144	-19.3	294.2	-110	13.1	-11.1		6.4	127.0	0.91	a		122729864
TSUM	17.61	221.3	Lg	11:02:27.194	-12.6	183.4	139.5	9.4	-22.4		1.6	4.2	0.33	a		122839409
LBTB	19.22	191.6	P	10:57:44.550	-1.6	10.1	-2.6	13.9	2.9	T	15.2	2.2	0.33	a	ML	4.7 122729881
												14.7	0.84	a	mbtmp	4.6
LBTB	19.22	191.6	S	11:01:09.475	-14.7	115.1	102.4	12.3	-11.1		3.7	69.3	1.02	a		122729886
LBTB	19.22	191.6	Lg	11:03:18.975	-12.0	271.3	-101	19.8	-12.0		1.7	2.7	0.33			122839410

Example events in Taganyika/Zaire, C. Africa

EVENT 21692552 ZAIRE

Date	Time	Err	RMS	Latitude	Longitude	Smaj	Smin	Az	Depth	Err	Ndef	Nsta	Gap	mdist	Mdist	Qual	Author
2022/01/26	02:06:07.79	0.40	0.74	-7.3159	27.946	13.2	8.6	113	0.0f		49	40	55	7.23	136.56	m i uk	IDC_LEB

Magnitude	Err	Nsta	Author	OrigID
ML	4.1	0.5	5 IDC_LEB	21724730
mb	4.6	0.1	28 IDC_LEB	21724730
mbtmp	4.7	0.1	33 IDC_LEB	21724730
Ms	4.1	0.0	46 IDC_LEB	21724730

Sta	Dist	EvAz	Phase	Time	TRes	Azim	AzRes	Slow	SRes	Def	SNR	Amp	Per	Qual	Magnitude	ArrID
MBAR	7.23	22.8	Pn	02:07:52.761	-1.0	183.4	-19.2	9.8	-4.0	T__	16.4	6.6	0.33	a__	ML	4.4 167310975
												15.0	0.25		mbtmp	4.7
MBAR	7.23	22.8	Lg	02:09:51.119	-2.1	302.4	99.8	22.3	-9.5	T__	13.5	184.3	0.33	a__		167310988
KMBO	11.13	56.9	Pn	02:08:45.700	-0.4	220.7	-15.5	17.5	3.8	T__	24.6	5.9	0.33	a__	ML	4.7 167309645
												7.7	0.30		mbtmp	4.7
KMBO	11.13	56.9	Sn	02:10:45.575	-1.2	311.4	75.2	24.1	-0.4	T__	3.7	5.9	0.33			167437563
KMBO	11.13	56.9	Lg	02:11:51.750	-0.1	152.6	-83.6	21.9	-9.8	T__	19.9	14.5	0.33	a__		167309972
MATP	13.04	177.7	Pn	02:09:11.200	-0.9	0.2	2.6	13.1	-0.5	T__	112.0	25.7	0.33	a__	ML	5.5 167310993
												117.0	0.54		mbtmp	5.7
MATP	13.04	177.7	Sn	02:11:26.625	-5.9	15.5	17.9	19.5	-4.9		3.6	13.2	0.33	a__		167310996
MATP	13.04	177.7	Lg	02:12:54.125	-1.2	44.8	47.2	23.7	-8.1	T__	4.5	23.0	0.33	a__		167311006
TSUM	15.52	219.4	Pn	02:09:43.669	-0.6	32.6	-9.2	11.7	-1.4	T__	32.0	2.0	0.33	a__	ML	2.7 167311011
												8.2	0.41		mbtmp	4.7
TSUM	15.52	219.4	Sn	02:12:28.169	-1.1	42.6	0.7	23.4	-0.9	T__	5.4	3.8	0.33	a__		167311015
LBTB	17.74	187.0	P	02:10:14.875	-1.7	5.8	-1.9	12.4	0.1	T__	23.4	1.5	0.33	a__	ML	4.5 167311026
												15.2	0.64		mbtmp	4.8
LBTB	17.74	187.0	S	02:13:24.575	-11.6	324.6	-43.1	3.9	-20.3		2.7	33.2	0.82			167437562
LBTB	17.74	187.0	Lg	02:15:22.450	-0.8	293.9	-73.8	23.4	-8.4		6.7	1.0	0.33	a__		167311035

Example events in South America

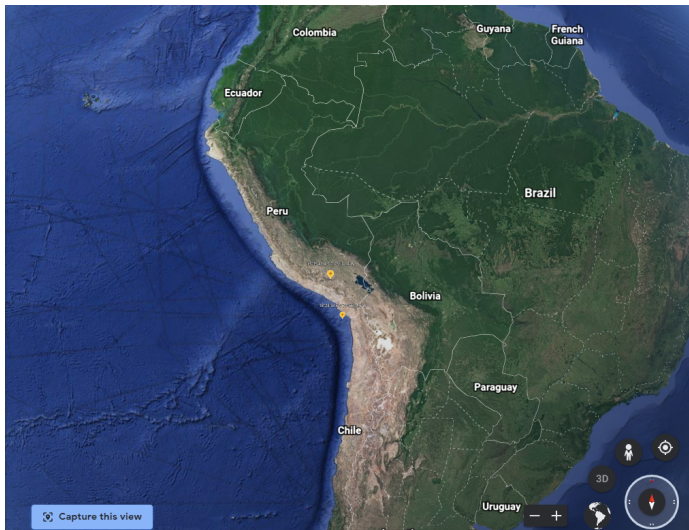
Comparison of two REB events
in about the same location:

Location: $(-18.5^{\circ}, -70.9^{\circ})$
vs $(-15.6^{\circ}, 71.8^{\circ})$

Dates: 2019 (before
RSTT SSSCs) vs
2021 (after RSTT
SSSCs)

m_b : 4.5 vs 4.6

Depth: 0 km (fixed)



Example events close to the Chile/Peru border

EVENT 17799920 NEAR COAST OF NORTHERN CHILE

Date	Time	Err	RMS	Latitude	Longitude	Smaj	Smin	Az	Depth	Err	Ndef	Nsta	Gap	mdist	Mdist	Qual	Author
2019/09/01	21:32:11.69	0.44	0.89	-18.4774	-70.9346	20.3	13.0	69	0.0f		39	36	97	8.61	170.39	m i uk	IDC_LEB

Magnitude	Err	Nsta	Author	OrigID
ML	3.8	0.1	4 IDC_LEB	17819928
mb	4.5	0.1	16 IDC_LEB	17819928
mbtmp	4.4	0.1	20 IDC_LEB	17819928
Ms	4.4	0.1	38 IDC_LEB	17819928

Sta	Dist	EvAz	Phase	Time	TRes	Azim	AzRes	Slow	SRes	Def	SNR	Amp	Per	Qual	Magnitude	ArrID
LPAZ	3.45	51.3	Pn	21:33:15.311	8.0	228.7	-1.7	13.1	-0.6		129.0	8.5	0.33	a		144438352
LPAZ	3.45	51.3	Lg	21:34:05.277	3.5	233.6	3.2	12.8	-19.0		1.3	18.2	0.33			144522229
NNA	8.61	317.7	Pn	21:34:18.733	1.0	147.5	8.3	13.2	-0.5	T	6.3	3.3	0.33	a	ML	4.1 144439260
												9.7	0.43		mbtmp	4.4
NNA	8.61	317.7	Sn	21:35:51.222	-5.7	161.6	22.3	9.6	-15.0		1.6	1.3	0.33			144522097
SIV	9.74	76.8	Pn	21:34:36.583	3.4	255.9	2.0	15.6	1.9		63.9	0.5	0.33	a		144439273
SIV	9.74	76.8	Sn	21:36:29.890	5.1	204.9	-49.0	17.2	-7.3							144522092
SIV	9.74	76.8	Lg	21:37:24.580	3.3	210.5	-43.4	19.9	-11.8							144522214
CFA	13.30	169.9	Pn	21:35:19.750	-2.0	348.7	-0.1	15.5	1.8	T	6.9	0.5	0.33	a	ML	3.8 144439280
												1.1	0.31		mbtmp	4.0
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Example events close to the Chile/Peru border

EVENT 21198473 SOUTHERN PERU

Date	Time	Err	RMS	Latitude	Longitude	Smaj	Smin	Az	Depth	Err	Ndef	Nsta	Gap	mdist	Mdist	Qual	Author
2021/10/09	04:47:45.90	0.42	0.91	-15.5954	-71.8504	16.4	8.9	41	0.0f		37	35	89	3.64	170.75	m i uk	IDC_LEB

Magnitude Err Nsta Author OrigID

ML	4.0	0.1	5	IDC_LEB	21223026
mb	4.6	0.1	17	IDC_LEB	21223026
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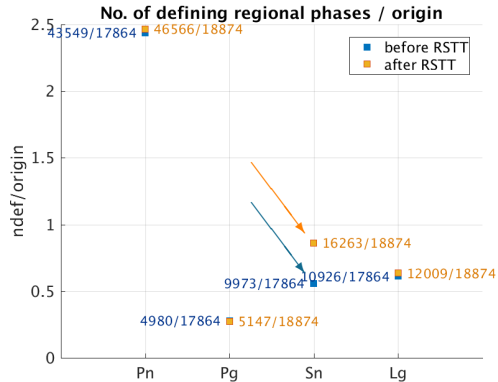
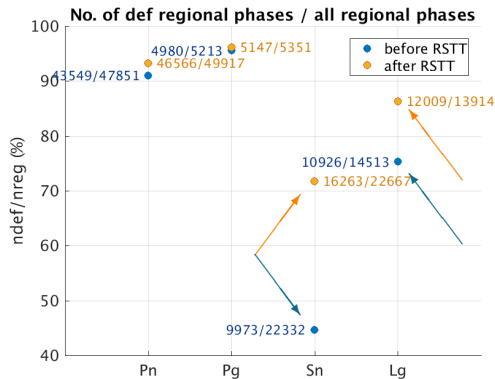
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NNA	6.03	305.9	Lg	04:50:54.319	-1.9	52.3	-74.8	23.1	-8.7	T__	2.4	12.0	0.33			164598768
SIV	10.38	93.6	Pn	04:50:17.900	1.3	267.6	-3.1	13.0	-0.7	T__	67.3	0.2	0.33	a__	ML	4.3 164542980
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ATAH	10.57	322.0	Pn	04:50:21.300	-1.4	170.2	26.9	9.4	-4.3	T__	4.5	0.5	0.33	a__	ML	3.6 164542970
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Background and data

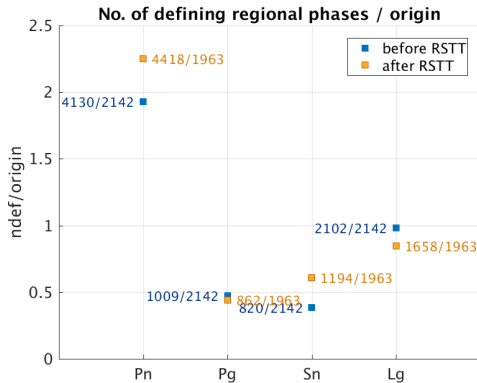
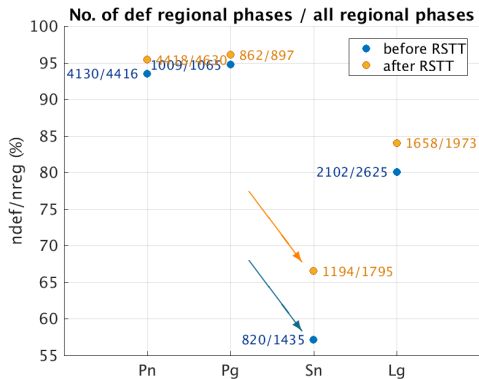
Effect on time residuals

Effect on defining regional phases

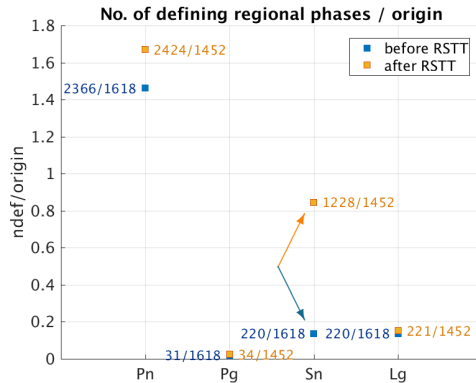
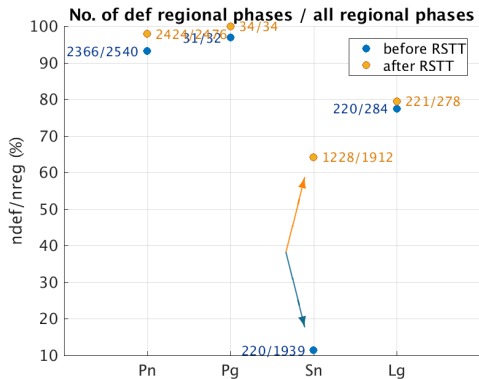
Worldwide — Defining regional phases



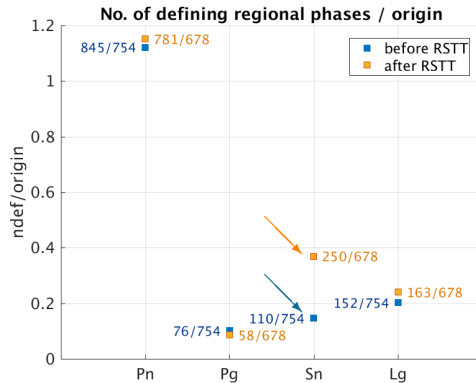
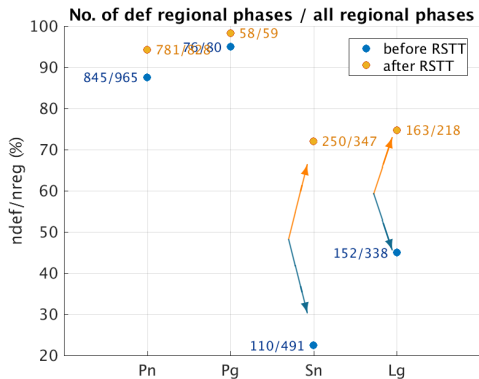
North America — Defining regional phases



Australia — Defining regional phases



Africa — Defining regional phases



	Before RSTT (17864 orids)			After RSTT (18874 orids)		
Phase	ndef	ndef (%)	ndef/origin	ndef	ndef (%)	ndef/origin
Pn	43549	91.01%	2.44	46566	93.29%	2.31
Pg	4980	95.53%	0.28	5147	96.19%	0.26
Sn	9973	44.66%	0.56	16263	71.75%	0.53
Lg	10926	75.28%	0.61	12009	86.31%	0.58
Total	69428	77.22%	3.89	79985	87.08%	4.24

Defining phases — N. America

	Before RSTT (2142 orids)			After RSTT (1963 orids)		
Phase	ndef	ndef (%)	ndef/origin	ndef	ndef (%)	ndef/origin
Pn	4130	93.52%	1.93	4418	95.42%	2.10
Pg	1009	94.74%	0.47	862	96.10%	0.51
Sn	820	57.14%	0.38	1194	66.52%	0.42
Lg	2102	80.08%	0.98	1658	84.03%	1.07
Total	8061	84.49%	3.76	8132	87.49%	4.14

Defining phases — Australia

	Before RSTT (1618 orids)			After RSTT (1452 orids)		
Phase	ndef	ndef (%)	ndef/origin	ndef	ndef (%)	ndef/origin
Pn	2366	93.15%	1.46	2424	97.90%	1.63
Pg	31	96.88%	0.02	34	100.00%	0.02
Sn	220	11.35%	0.14	1228	64.23%	0.15
Lg	220	77.46%	0.14	221	79.50%	0.15
Total	2837	59.17%	1.75	3907	83.13%	2.69

	Before RSTT (754 orids)			After RSTT (678 orids)		
Phase	ndef	ndef (%)	ndef/origin	ndef	ndef (%)	ndef/origin
Pn	845	87.56%	1.12	781	94.32%	1.25
Pg	76	95.00%	0.10	58	98.31%	0.11
Sn	110	22.40%	0.15	250	72.05%	0.16
Lg	152	44.97%	0.20	163	74.77%	0.22
Total	1183	63.13%	1.57	1252	86.23%	1.85

- Time residuals overall improve
 - Most significant improvement for Sn phases worldwide
 - Lg time residuals also significantly improved
- No. of defining regional phases generally increases
 - very significant percentage increase for defining Sn phases (45% → 70%)
 - ▶ overall (45% → 70%)
 - ▶ in Africa (20% → 70%) and
 - ▶ in Australia overall (45% → 70%)
 - significant increase % of for defining Lg phases
 - ▶ overall (75% → 85%) and
 - ▶ in Africa (45% → 75%)
- Overall very significant improvements in Africa and Australia

- RSTT-based SSSCs (v3.1.0, rel. 2020) has been deployed in DevLAN
 - has richer ray coverage
 - includes uncertainties
 - includes SSSCs for six more recent stations (ARTI, FURI, HILR, LZDM, QSPA, SHEM)
 - tested in DevLAN (2021/Q4 – 2022/Q2)
 - deployment in testbed (2022/Q1)



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