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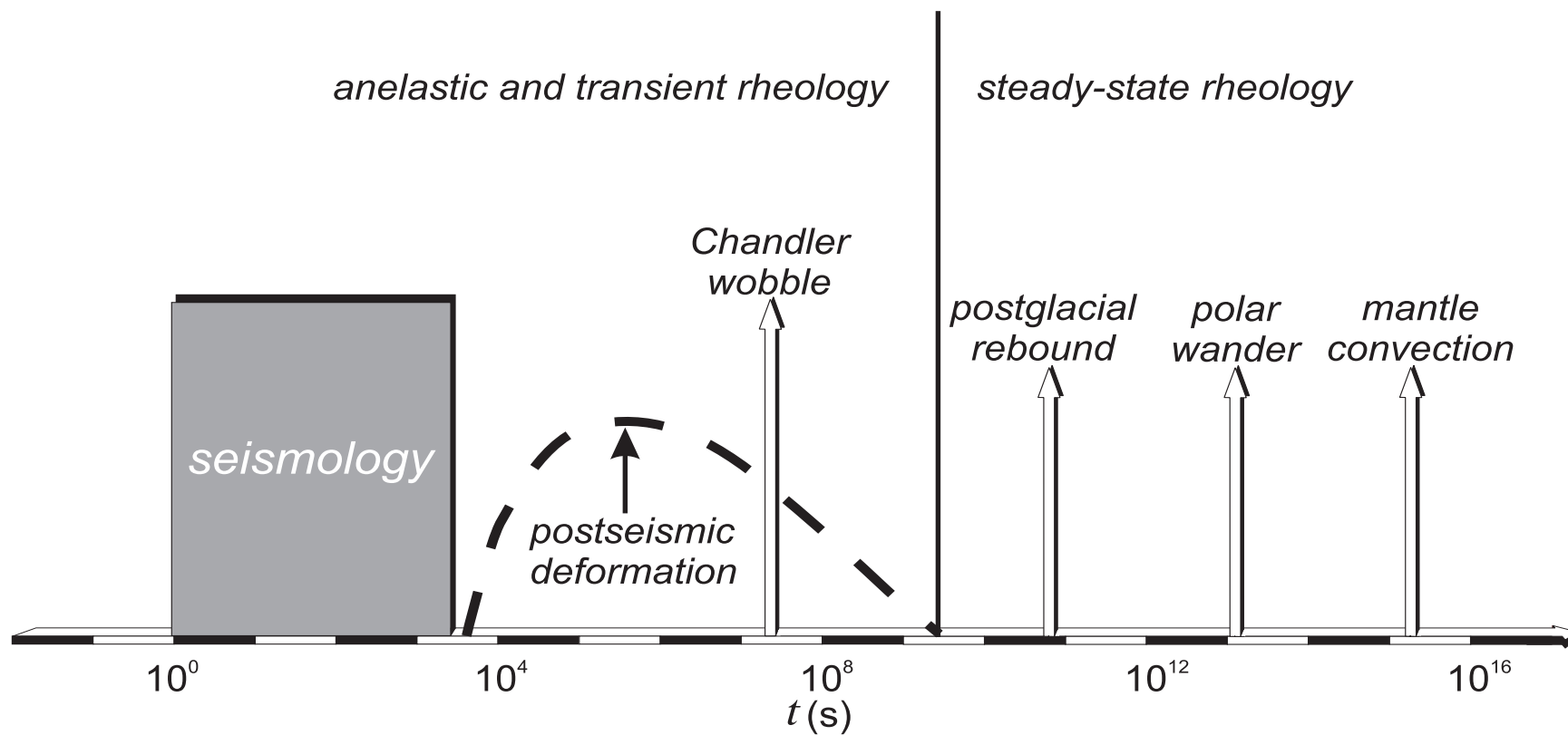
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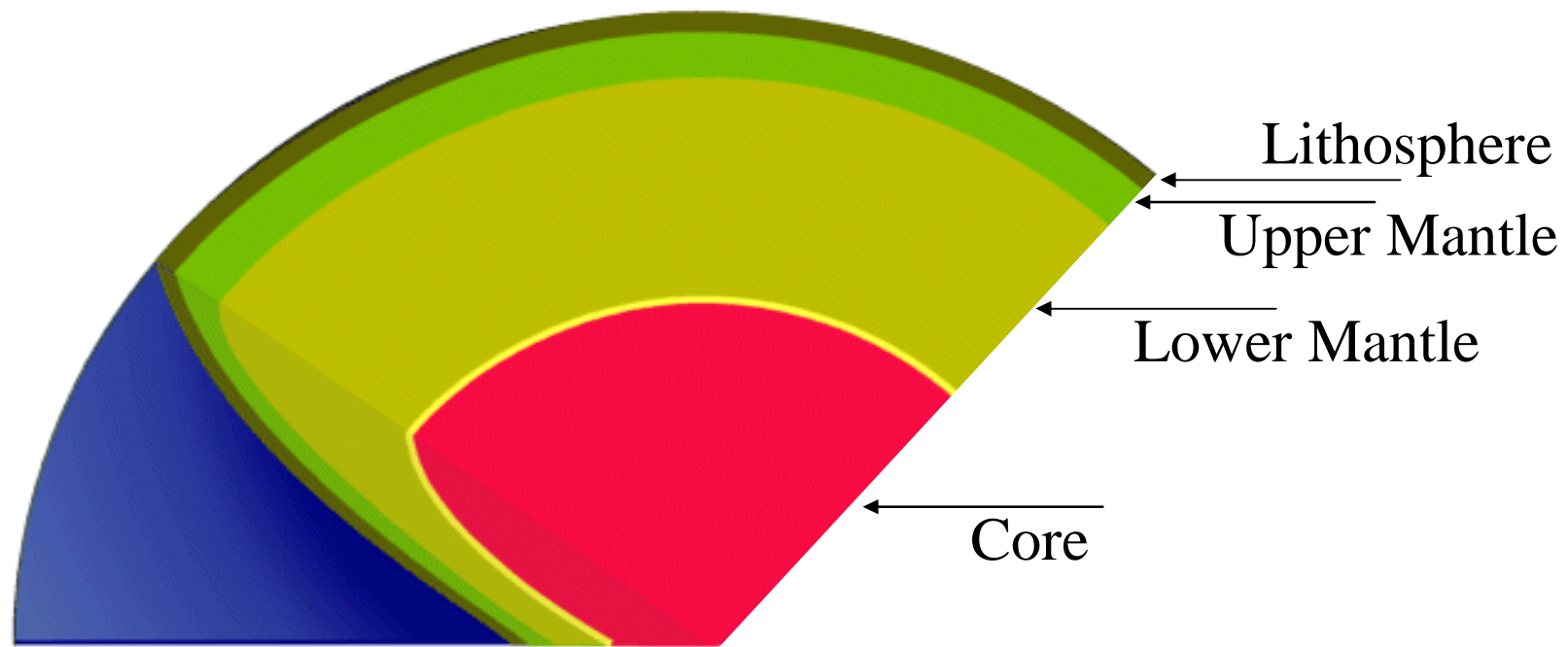
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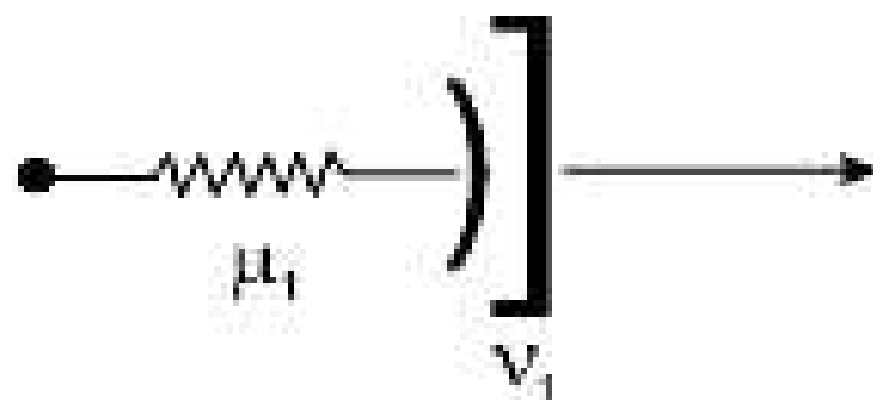
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$$\text{Maxwell time} = \nu_1 / \mu_1 \sim 0 (10^2 \text{ y})$$







$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}' - \nabla (\rho g \mathbf{u} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}) - \rho \nabla \phi' - \rho' g \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \mathbf{f} = 0 \\ \nabla^2 \phi' = 4\pi G (\rho' + \rho_f) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\dot{\sigma}_{ij} + \frac{\mu}{\nu} \left(\sigma_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} \sigma_{kk} \delta_{ij} \right) = 2 \mu \dot{\epsilon}_{ij} + \lambda \dot{\epsilon}_{kk} \delta_{ij}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\sigma_{ij}] = 2 \, \hat{\mu}(s) \, \mathcal{L}[\epsilon_{ij}] + \hat{\lambda}(s) \, \mathcal{L}[\epsilon_{kk}] \, \delta_{ij}$$

$$\hat{\mu}(s) = \frac{\mu s}{s + \tau} \qquad \hat{\lambda}(s) = \frac{\lambda s + \kappa \tau}{s + \tau} \qquad \tau = \frac{\mu}{\nu} \qquad \kappa = \lambda + \frac{2}{3} \mu$$

$$u(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} U_n(r) P_n(\cos \theta)$$

$$v(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} V_n(r) \partial_{\theta} P_n(\cos \theta)$$

$$\phi'(\mathbf{r}) = - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \phi_n(r) P_n(\cos \theta)$$

$$P_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d^n (x^2 - 1)^n}{dx^n}$$

$$y(r,n,s)=\left(\begin{array}{c} \tilde{U}_n\\ \tilde{V}_n\\ \hat{\lambda}\,\tilde{\chi}_n+2\,\hat{\mu}\,\partial_r\,\tilde{U}_n\\ \hat{\mu}\left(\partial_r\tilde{V}_n+\frac{1}{r}\tilde{U}_n-\frac{1}{r}\tilde{V}_n\right)\\ -\tilde{\phi}_n\\ -\partial_r\tilde{\phi}_n-\frac{n+1}{r}\tilde{\phi}_n+4\,\pi\,G\,\rho\tilde{U}_n\end{array}\right)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla}\cdot\mathbf{u}=\sum_{n=2}^{\infty}\chi_n(r)\,P_n(\cos\theta)$$

$$\chi_n(r)=\partial_rU_n+\frac{2}{r}U_n-\frac{n(n+1)}{r}V_n$$

$$\partial_r \mathbf{y}(r, s, n) = \mathbf{A}(r, s, n) \mathbf{y}(r, s, n) + \delta(r - r_S) \mathbf{f}(n)$$

$$\mathbf{A}(r, s, n) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-2\hat{\lambda}}{r\beta} & \frac{N\hat{\lambda}}{r\beta} & \frac{1}{\beta} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{r} & \frac{1}{r} & 0 & \frac{1}{\hat{\mu}} & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{4g\rho}{r} + \frac{4\gamma}{r^2\beta} & \frac{Ng\rho}{r} - \frac{2N\gamma}{r^2\beta} & -\frac{4\hat{\mu}}{r\beta} & \frac{N}{r} & -\frac{(1+n)\rho}{r} & \rho \\ \frac{g\rho}{r} - \frac{2\gamma}{r^2\beta} & \frac{4N\hat{\mu}(\hat{\lambda}+\hat{\mu})}{r^2\beta} - \frac{2\hat{\mu}}{r^2} & -\frac{\hat{\lambda}}{r\beta} & -\frac{3}{r} & \frac{\rho}{r} & 0 \\ -4\pi G\rho & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{n+1}{r} & 1 \\ -\frac{4\pi G(n+1)\rho}{r} & \frac{4\pi GN\rho}{r} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{n-1}{r} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$N = n(n + 1)$$

Green functions - Incompressible

$$\mathbf{Y}(r, s, n) = [\mathbf{Y}_R \ \mathbf{Y}_I]$$

$$\mathbf{Y}_R(r, s, n) = r^n \begin{pmatrix} \frac{n r}{2(2n+3)} & \frac{1}{r} & 0 \\ \frac{(n+3)r}{2(2n^2+5n+3)} & \frac{1}{nr} & 0 \\ \frac{2((n-1)n-3)\mu + gnr\rho}{2(2n+3)} & \frac{2(n-1)\mu + gr\rho}{r^2} & -\rho \\ \frac{n(n+2)\mu}{(n+1)(2n+3)} & \frac{2(n-1)\mu}{nr^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ \frac{2Gn\pi r\rho}{3+2n} & \frac{4G\pi\rho}{r} & -\frac{1+2n}{r} \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{Y}_I(r, s, n) = \frac{1}{r^n} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{n+1}{2(2n-1)} & r^{-2} & 0 \\ -\frac{n-2}{2n(2n-1)} & -\frac{1}{(n+1)r^2} & 0 \\ \frac{g(n+1)r\rho - 2(n(3+n)-1)\mu}{2(2n-1)r} & \frac{gr\rho - 2(2+n)\mu}{r^3} & -\frac{\rho}{r} \\ \frac{\mu(n^2-1)}{rn(2n-1)} & \frac{2(2+n)\mu}{(n+1)r^3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{r} \\ \frac{2G\pi(n+1)\rho}{2n-1} & \frac{4G\pi\rho}{r^2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{Y}_j(R_{j+1},s,n)\mathbf{C}_j=\mathbf{Y}_{j+1}(R_{j+1},s,n)\mathbf{C}_{j+1}$$

$$\boldsymbol{y}_{omo}(r,s,n)=\mathbf{D}(r,s,n)\boldsymbol{y}_C$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}}(r,s,n)=\frac{[\mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{D}(a,s,n)\mathbf{I}_C(n)]~[\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{D}(a,s,n)\mathbf{I}_C(n)]^{\dagger}~\mathbf{b}(s,n)}{\Delta_{sec}(s,n)}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{y}(r,s,n)=\left(\begin{array}{c}\tilde{U}(r,s,n)\\ \tilde{V}(r,s,n)\\ -\tilde{\Phi}(r,s,n)\end{array}\right)=\tilde{\mathbf{X}}(r,s,n)$$

$$\mathbf{I}_C(n)=\left(\begin{array}{ccc} -\frac{3}{4\pi G\rho_C}r_C^{n-1} & 0 & 1\\ 0 & 1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4\pi G\rho_C^2}{3}r_C\\ 0 & 0 & 0\\ r_C^n & 0 & 0\\ 2(n-1)r_C^{n-1} & 0 & 4\pi G\rho_C\end{array}\right)$$

$$\Delta_{sec}(s,n)=\det\left[\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{D}(a,s,n)\mathbf{I}_C(n)\right]$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} U(r,t,n) \\ V(r,t,n) \\ -\Phi(r,t,n) \end{array}\right)=\mathbf{X}(r,t,n)=\int_{s_0-i\infty}^{s_0+i\infty}\tilde{\mathbf{X}}(r,s,n)e^{st}ds=\mathbf{k}_E\,\delta(t)+\sum\mathbf{k}_j\,e^{s_j\,t}$$

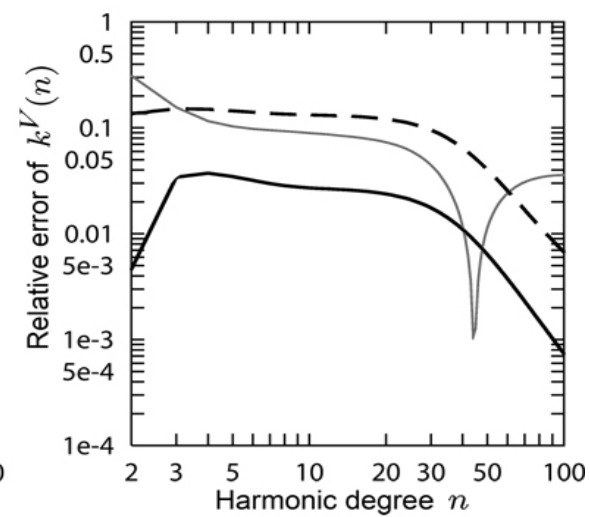
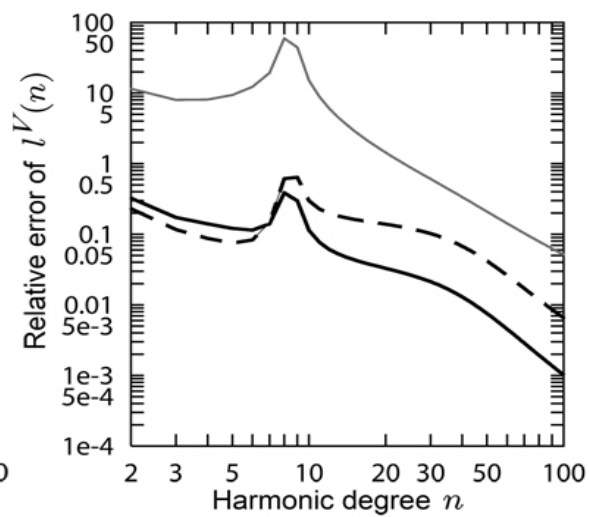
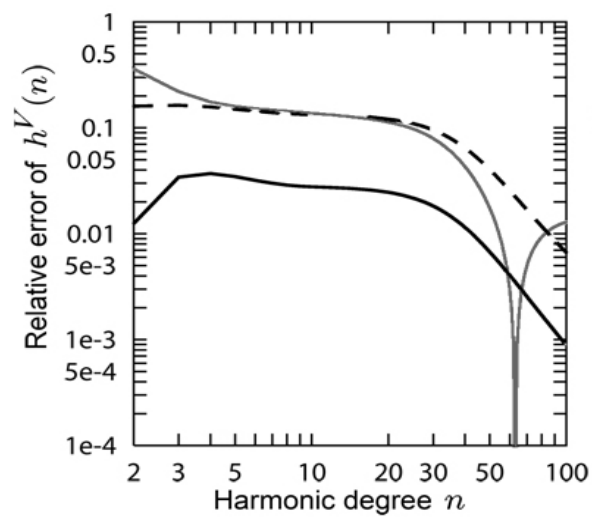
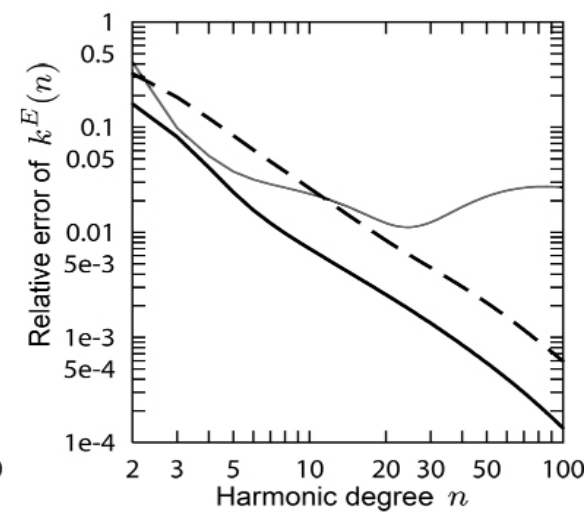
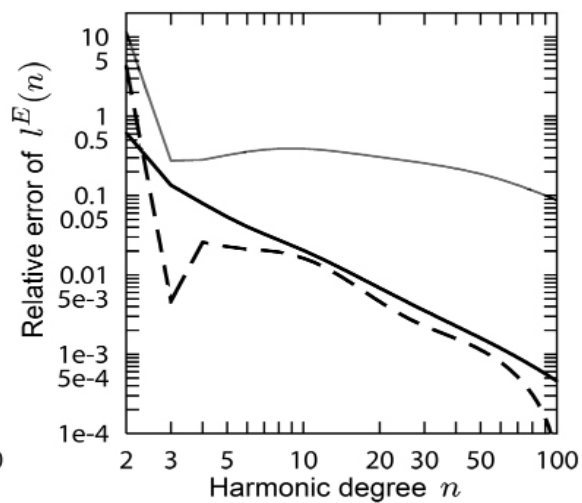
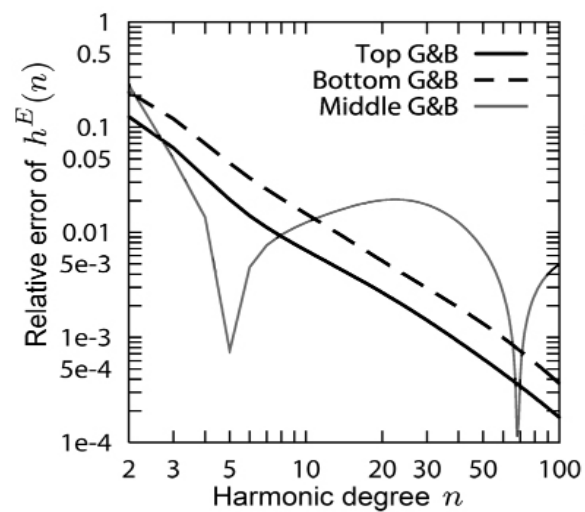
$$\mathbf{k}_E=\lim_{s\rightarrow-\infty}\tilde{\mathbf{X}}(r,s,n)$$

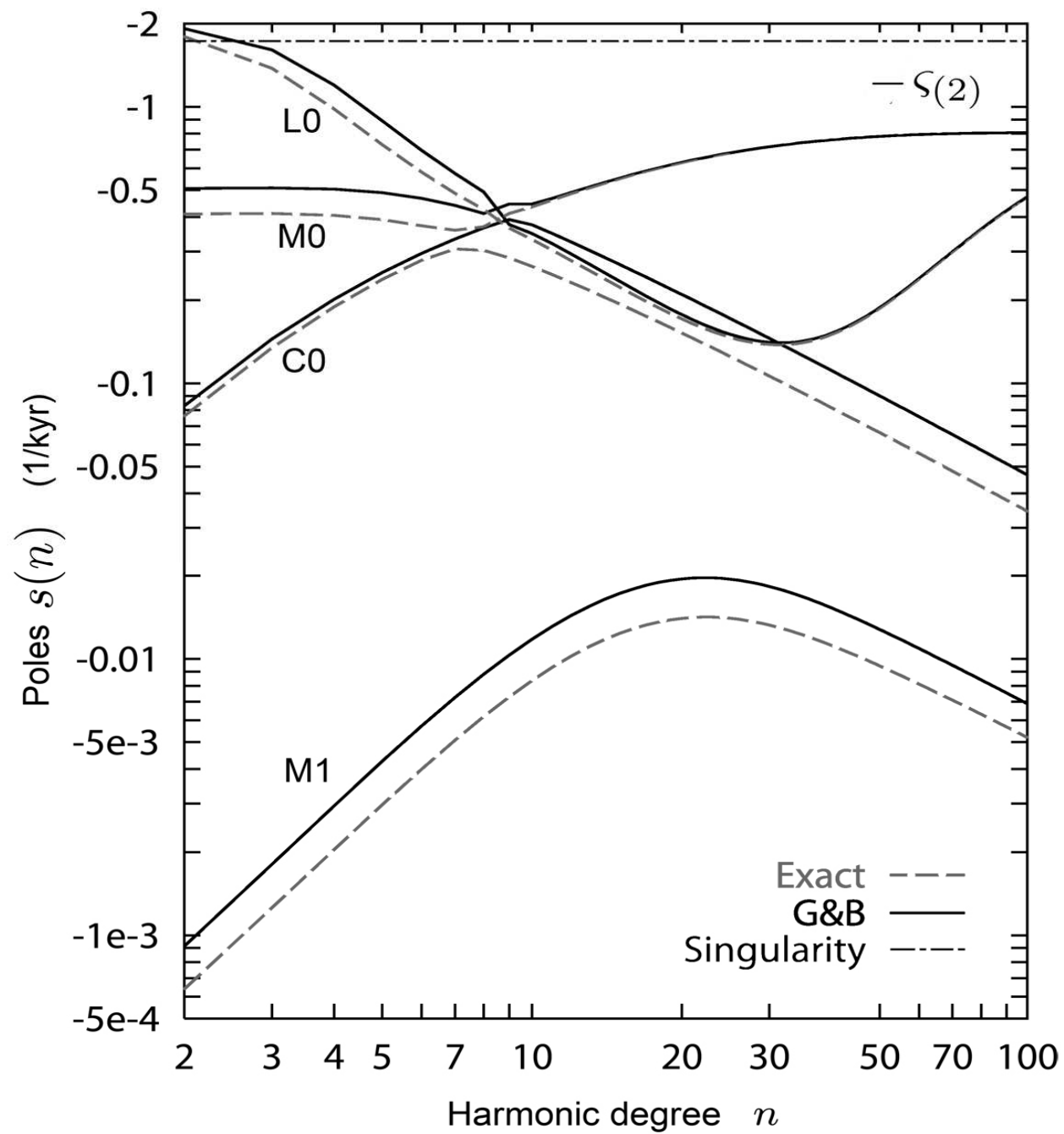
$$\mathbf{k}_j=\lim_{s\rightarrow s_j}(s-s_j)\tilde{\mathbf{X}}(r,s,n)$$

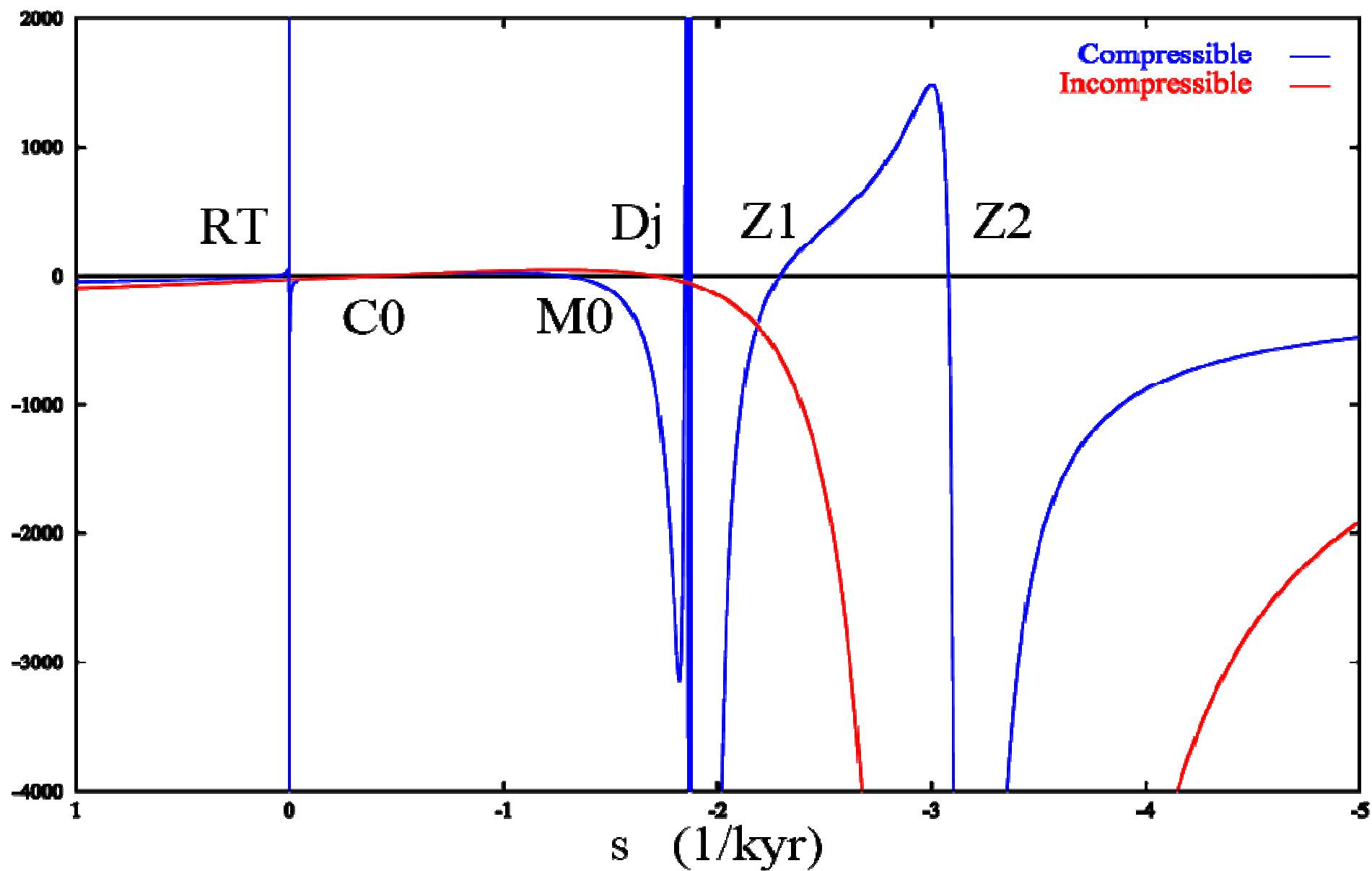
Compressible (approximated) model Helmholtz equation

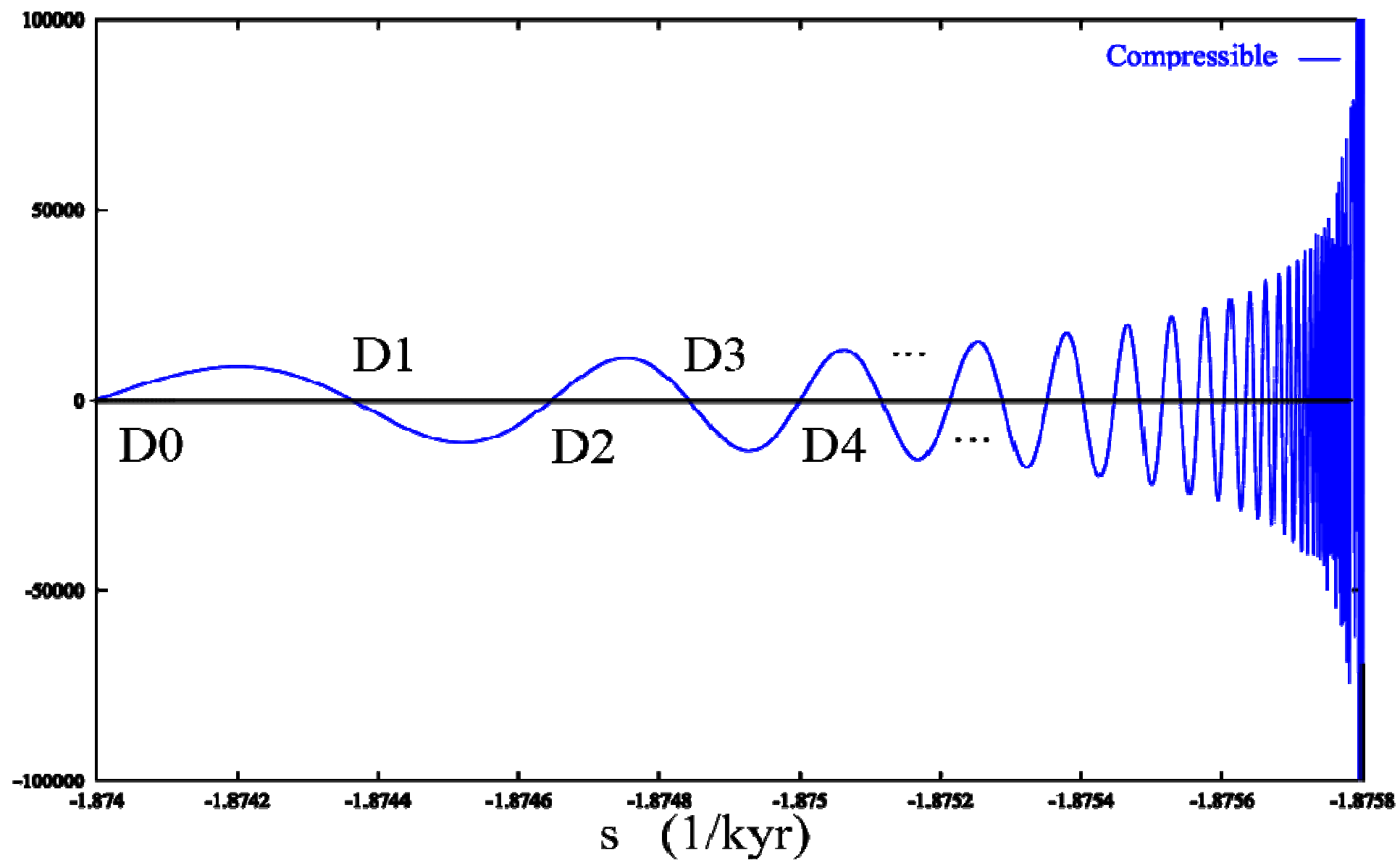
$$\mathbf{y}_k(r, s, n) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{NC}{k^2 r} J(kr) - \partial_r J(kr) \\ -\frac{1+C}{k^2 r} J(kr) - C \partial_r J'(kr) \\ \hat{\mu} \frac{2N(1+C) + k^2 r^2 \beta}{k^2 r^2} J(kr) - \hat{\mu} \frac{2(NC-2)}{r} \partial_r J(kr) \\ \hat{\mu} \frac{2 + (k^2 r^2 - 2N + 2)C}{k^2 r^2} J(kr) + \hat{\mu} \frac{2(C-1)}{r} \partial_r J(kr) \\ \frac{\zeta}{k^2} J(kr) \\ -\frac{(n+1)\zeta(nC-1)}{k^2 r} J(kr) \end{pmatrix}$$

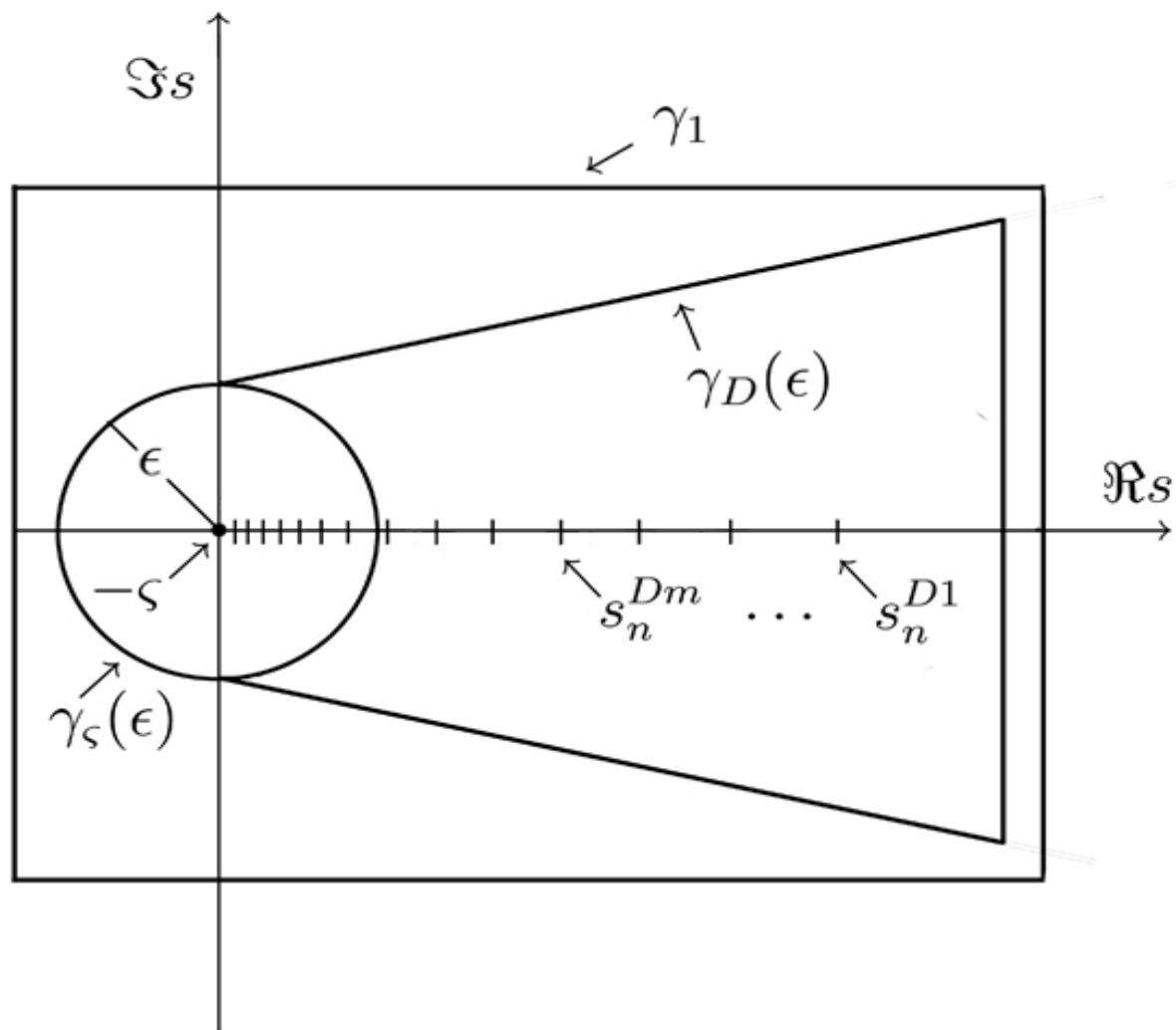
$$\xi(r) = \frac{g(r)}{r} \quad \rightarrow \quad \bar{\xi}(r) = \xi_j$$

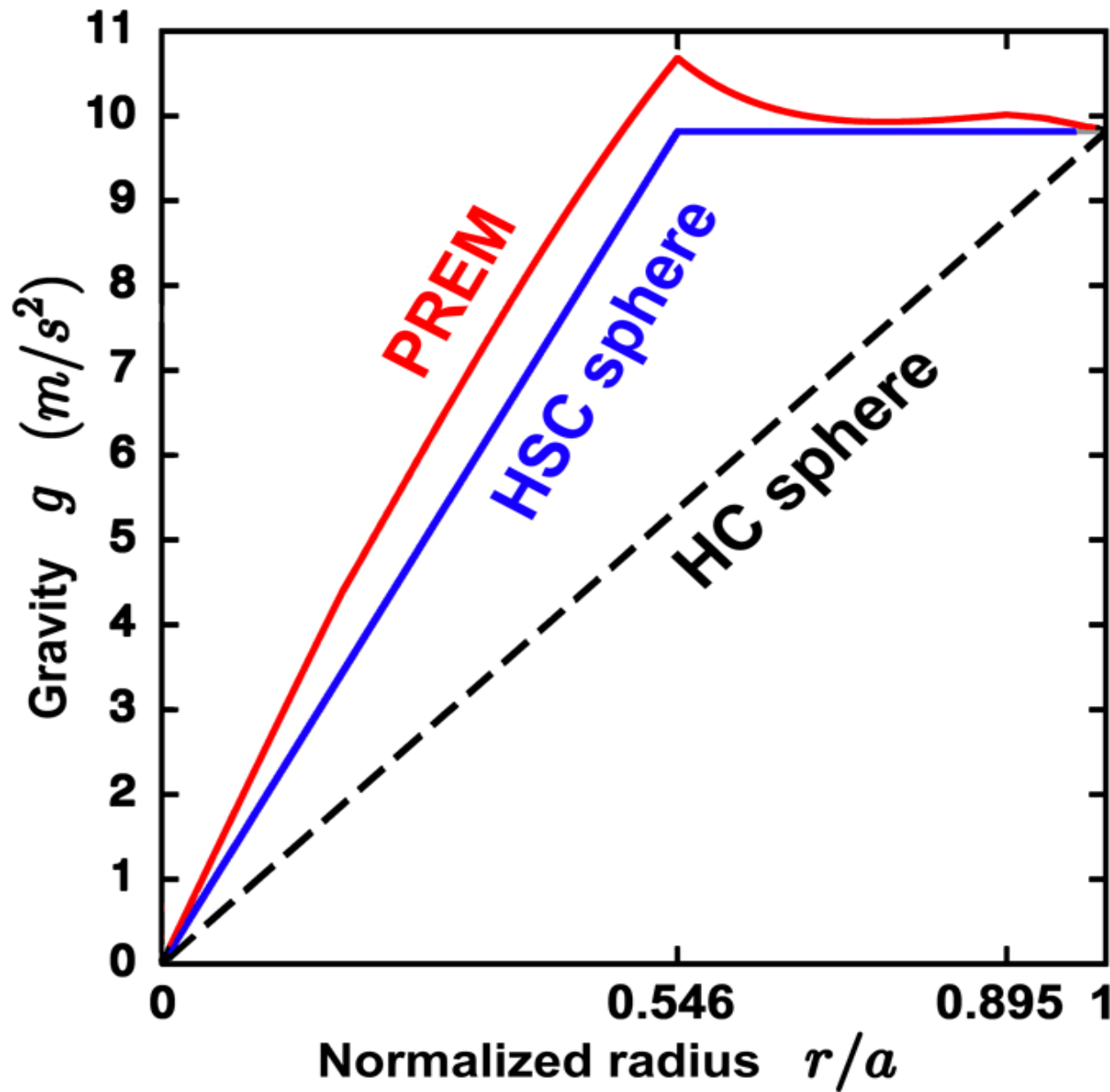












*Williamson-Adams
equation*

$$d_r \rho + \frac{g \rho^2}{\kappa} - \lambda = 0$$

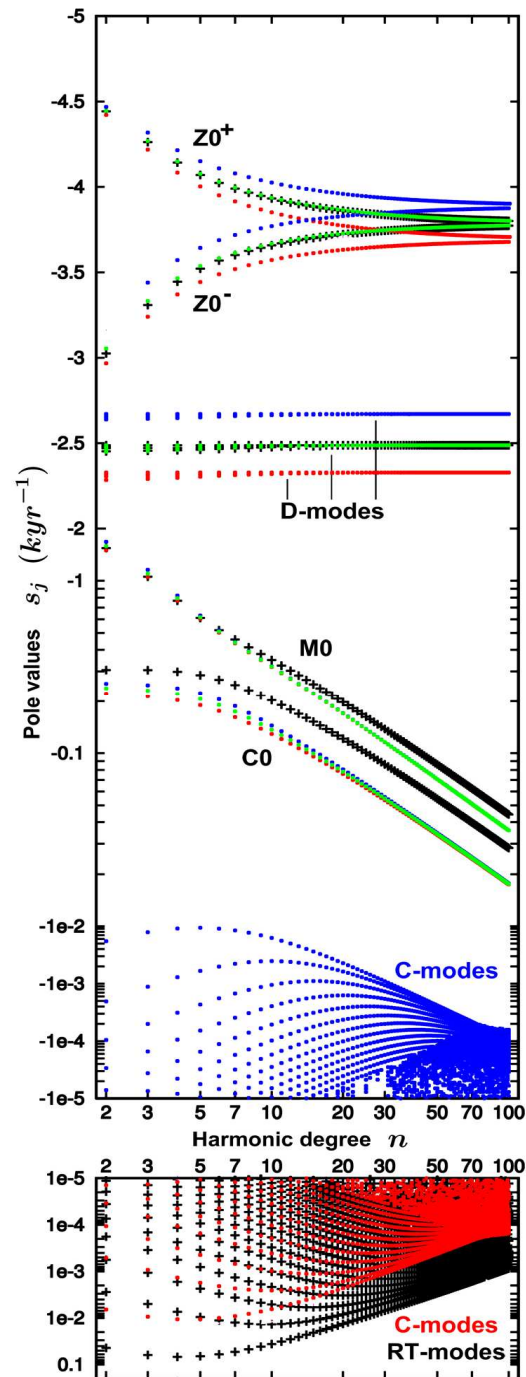
$$\bar{\lambda} \approx \frac{g \rho^2}{\kappa} > 0$$

*Continuous
density profile*

$$\rho = \frac{\alpha}{r}$$

$$g = 2\pi G \alpha$$

$$\kappa_{SC} = 2\pi G \alpha^2$$

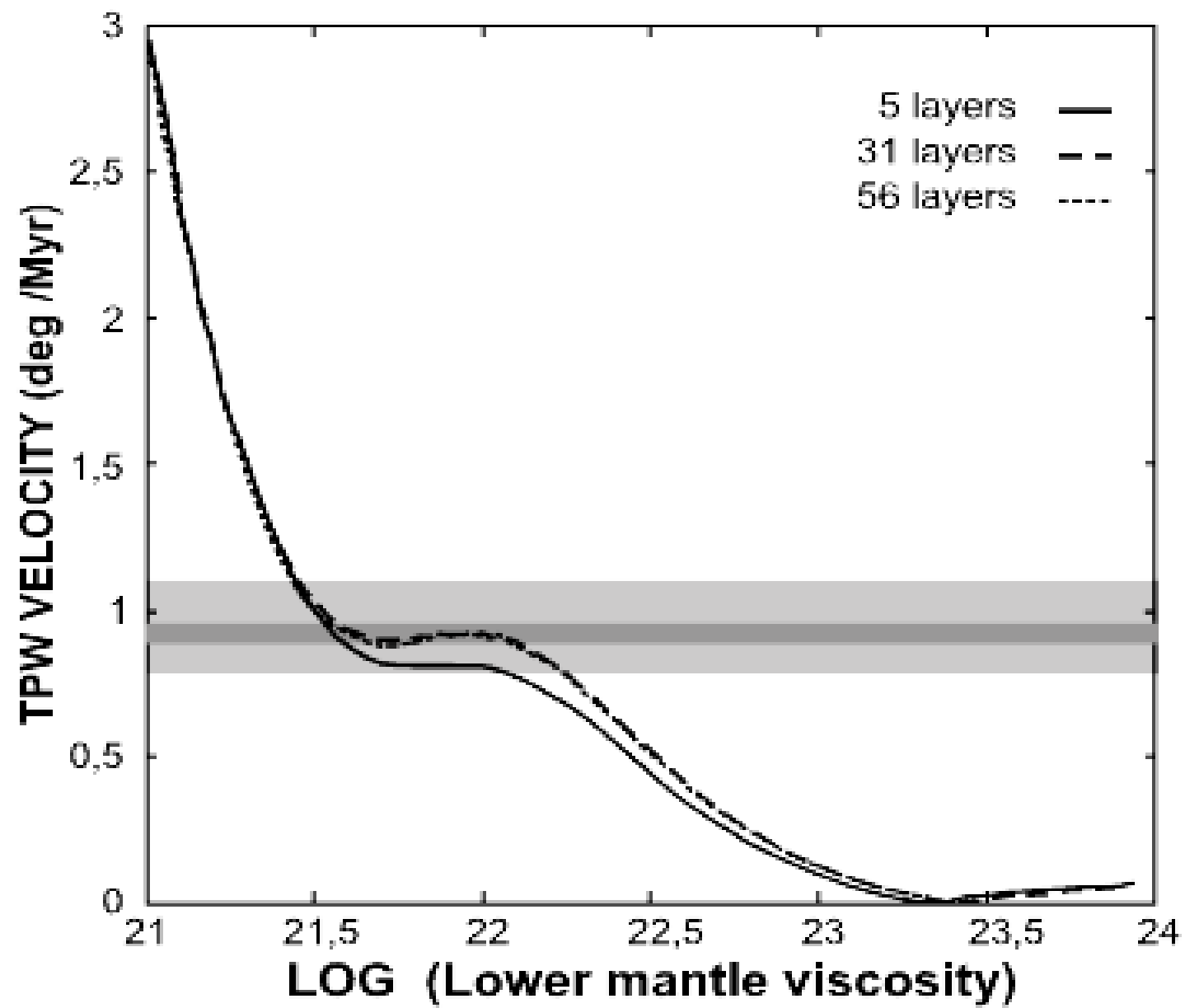


*A new class of modes
Compositional C-modes*

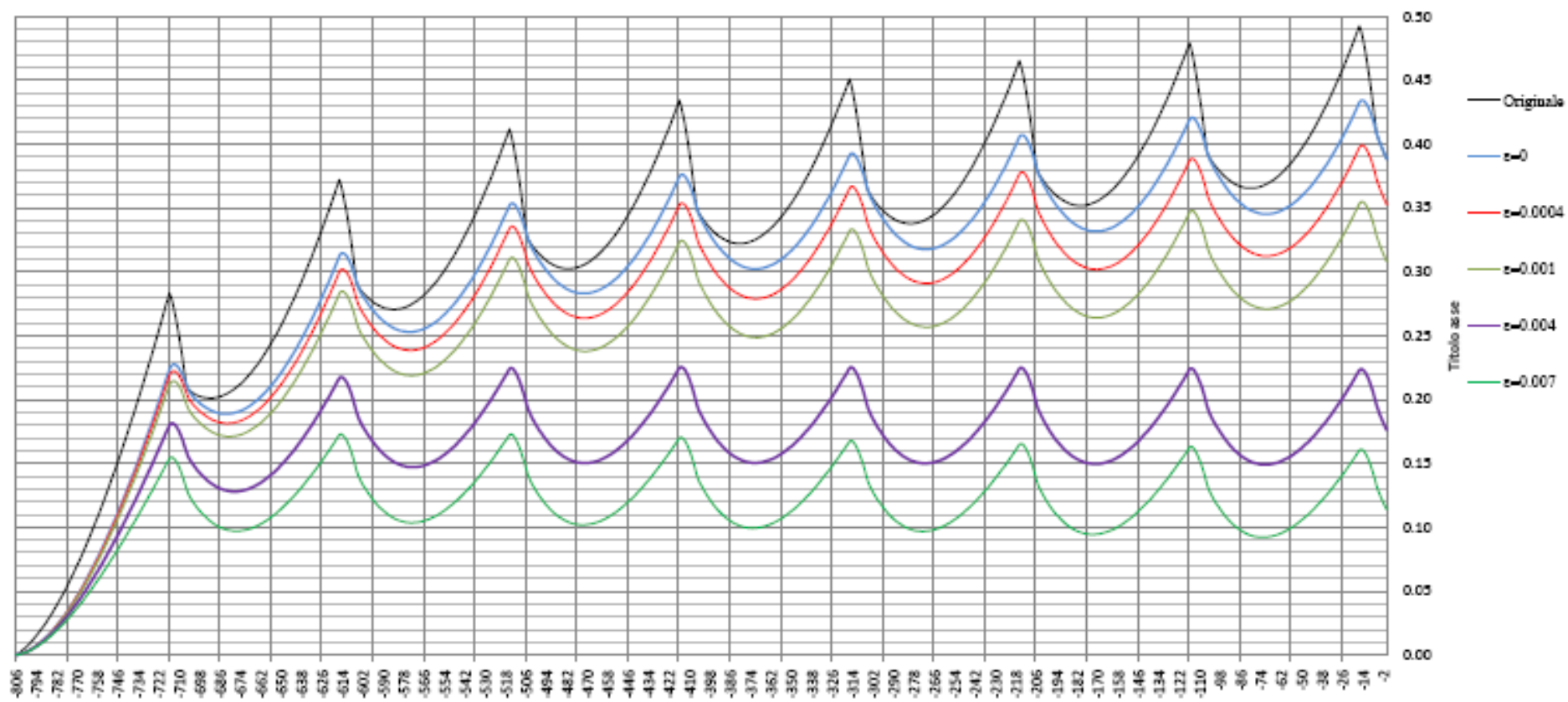
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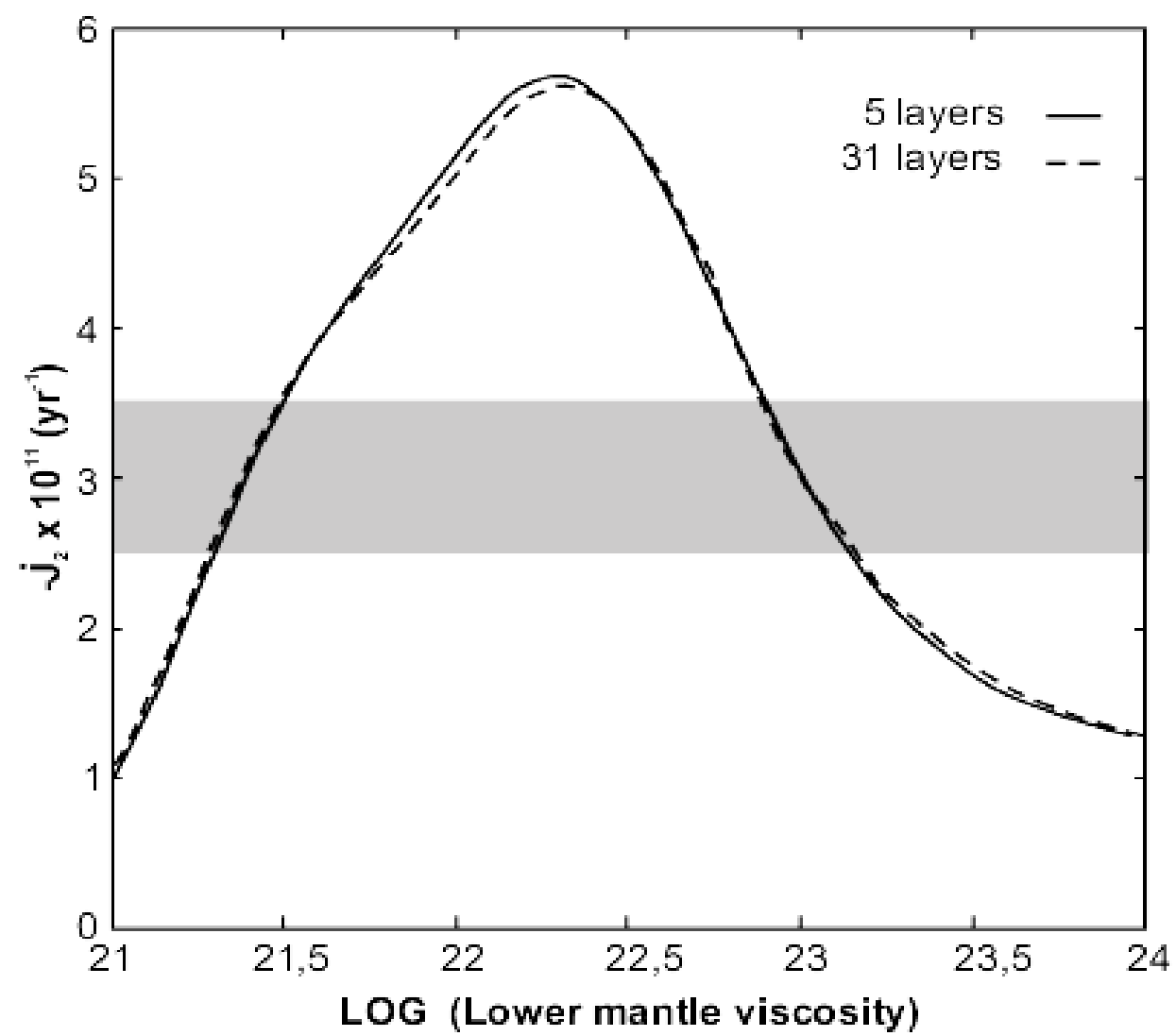
$$\begin{pmatrix} U(r, t, n) \\ V(r, t, n) \\ -\Phi(r, t, n) \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{X}(r, t, n) = \int_{s_0 - i\infty}^{s_0 + i\infty} \tilde{\mathbf{X}}(r, s, n) e^{st} ds = \mathbf{k}_E \delta(t) + \sum \mathbf{k}_j e^{s_j t}$$

$$\bar{k}_n^\infty = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \bar{k}_n(t) = \bar{k}_E - \sum \frac{\bar{k}_j}{s_j} = \bar{k}_n^{ISO}$$

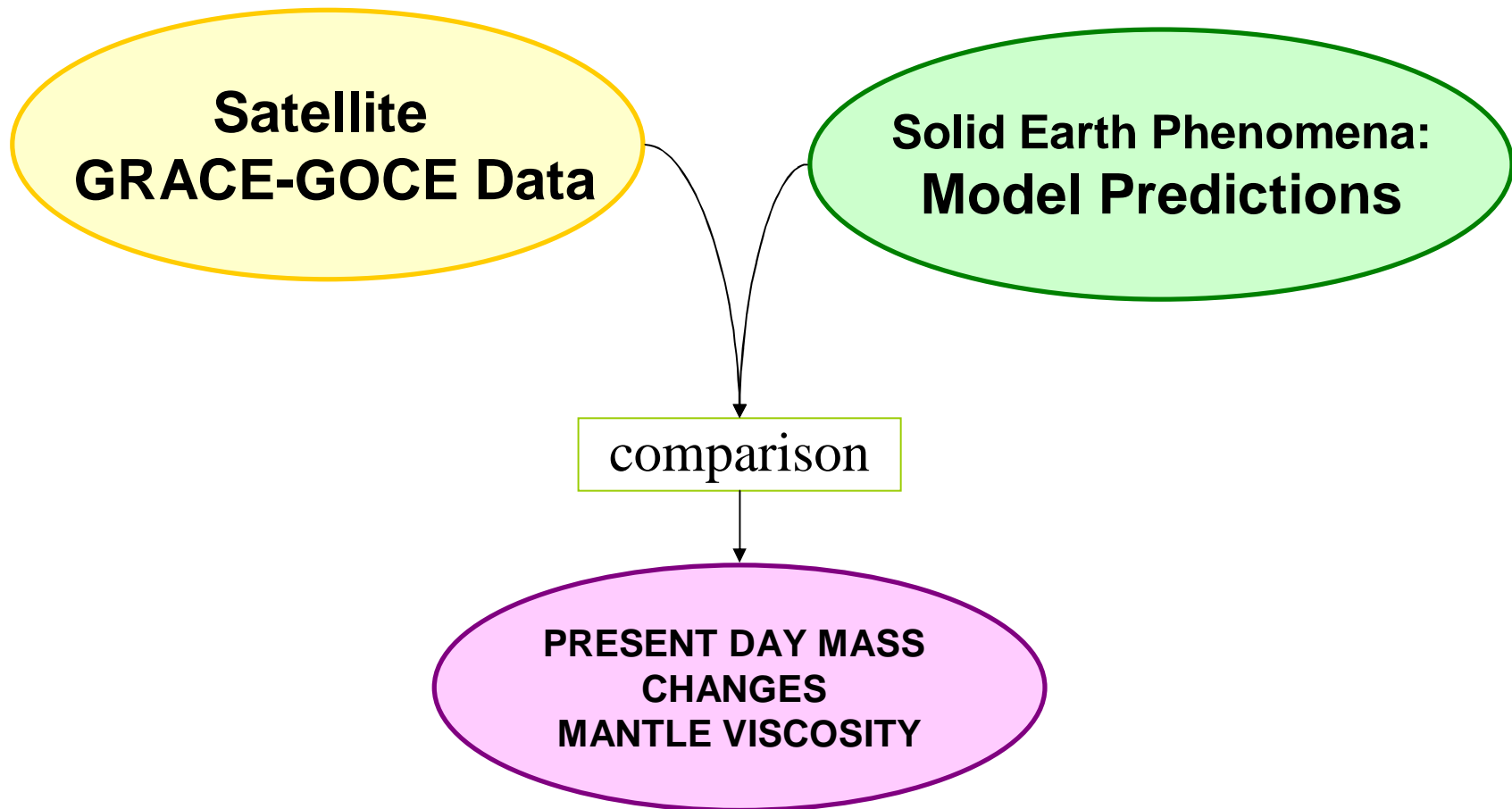


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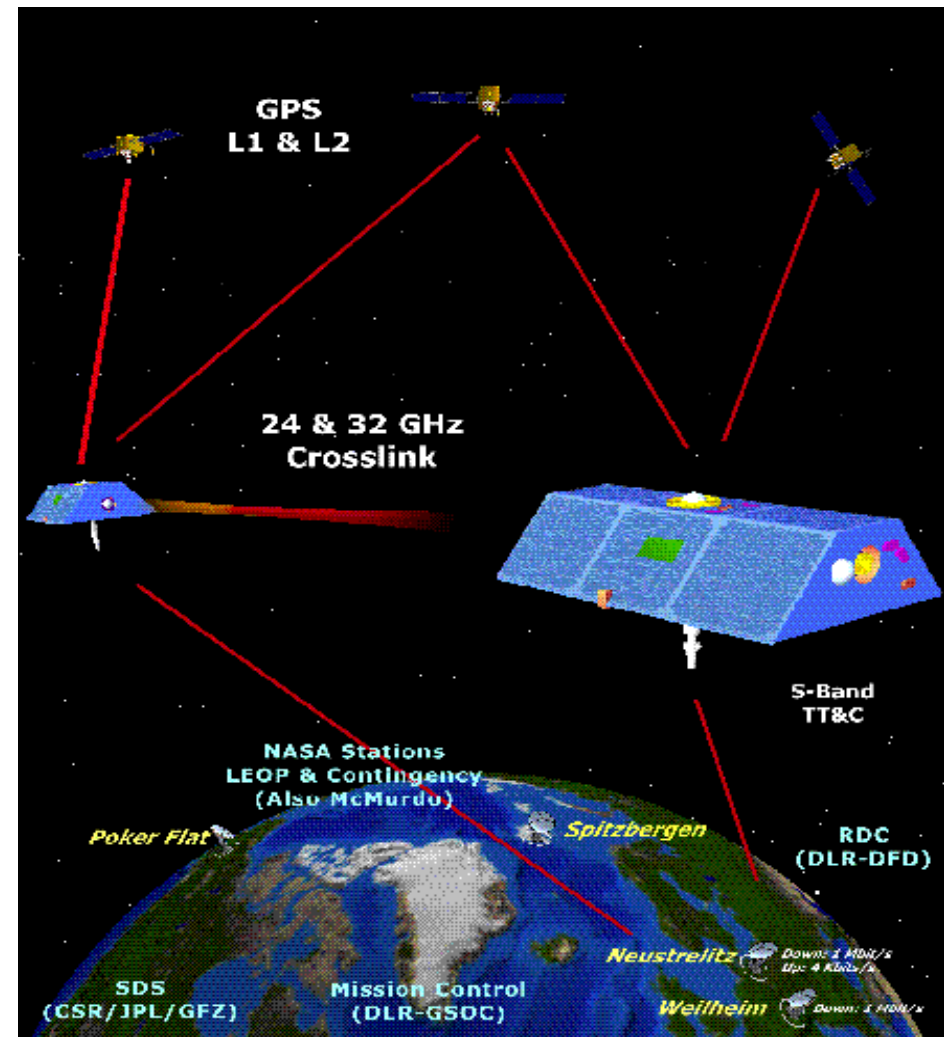


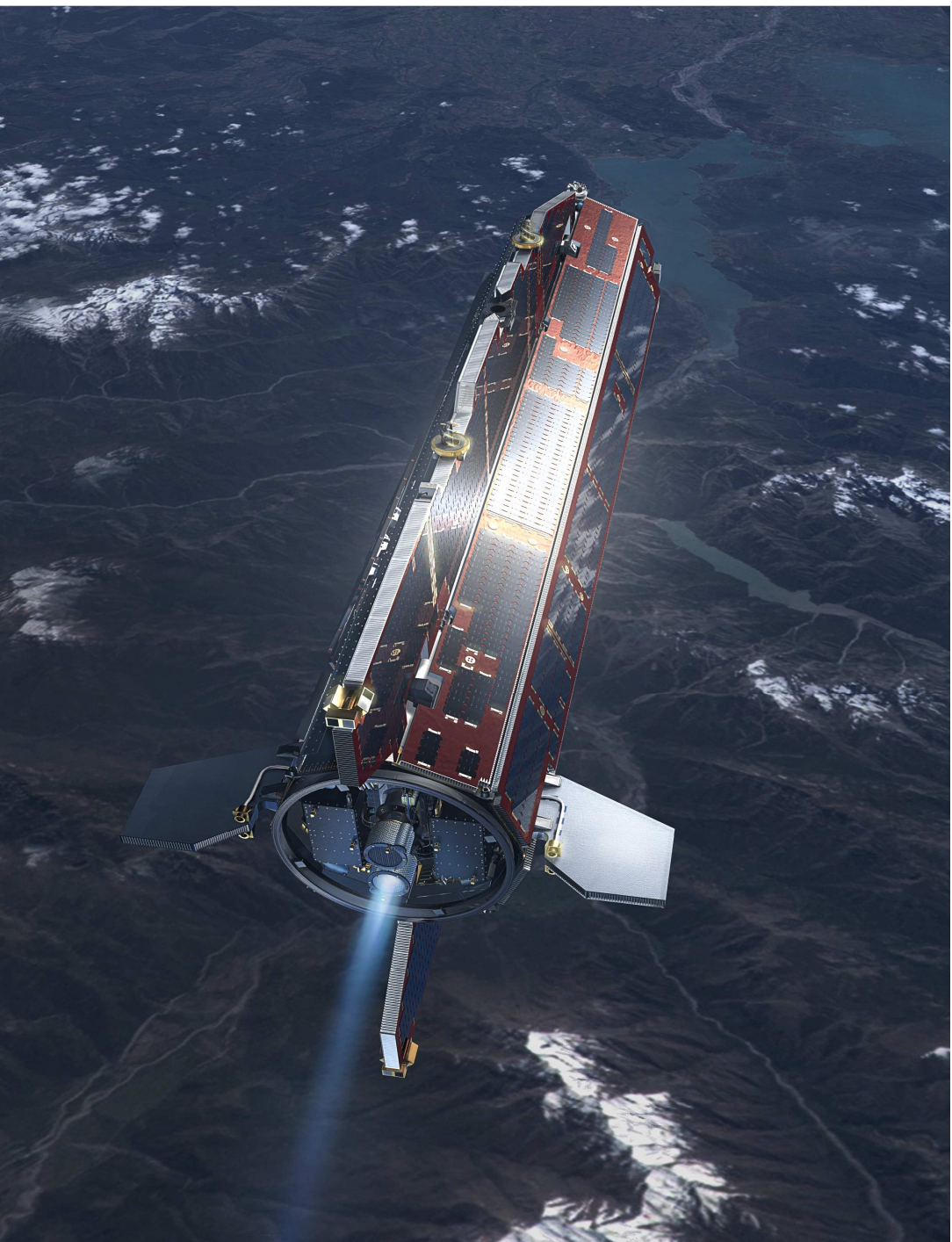
General Scheme



SLR and GRACE

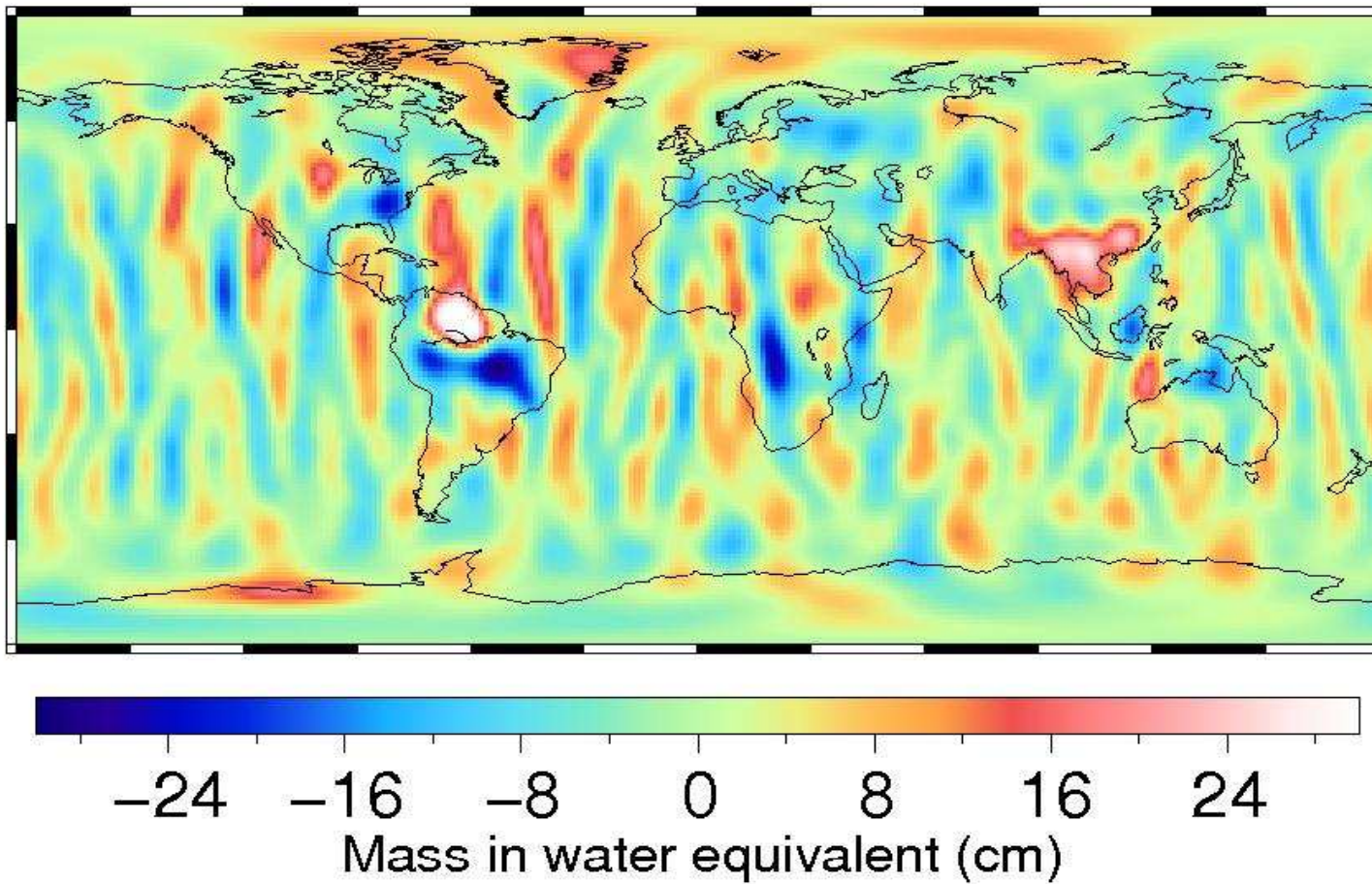
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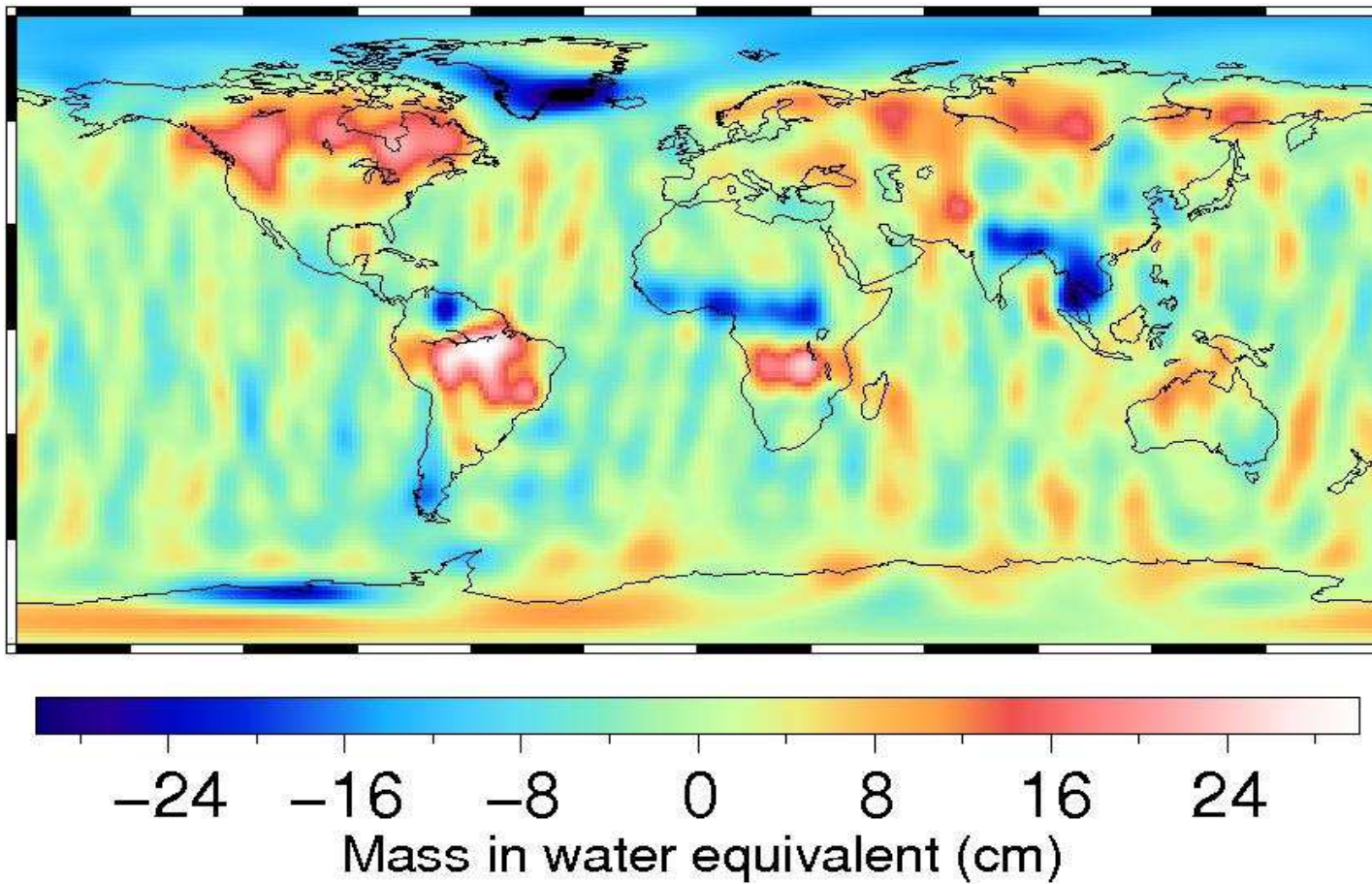


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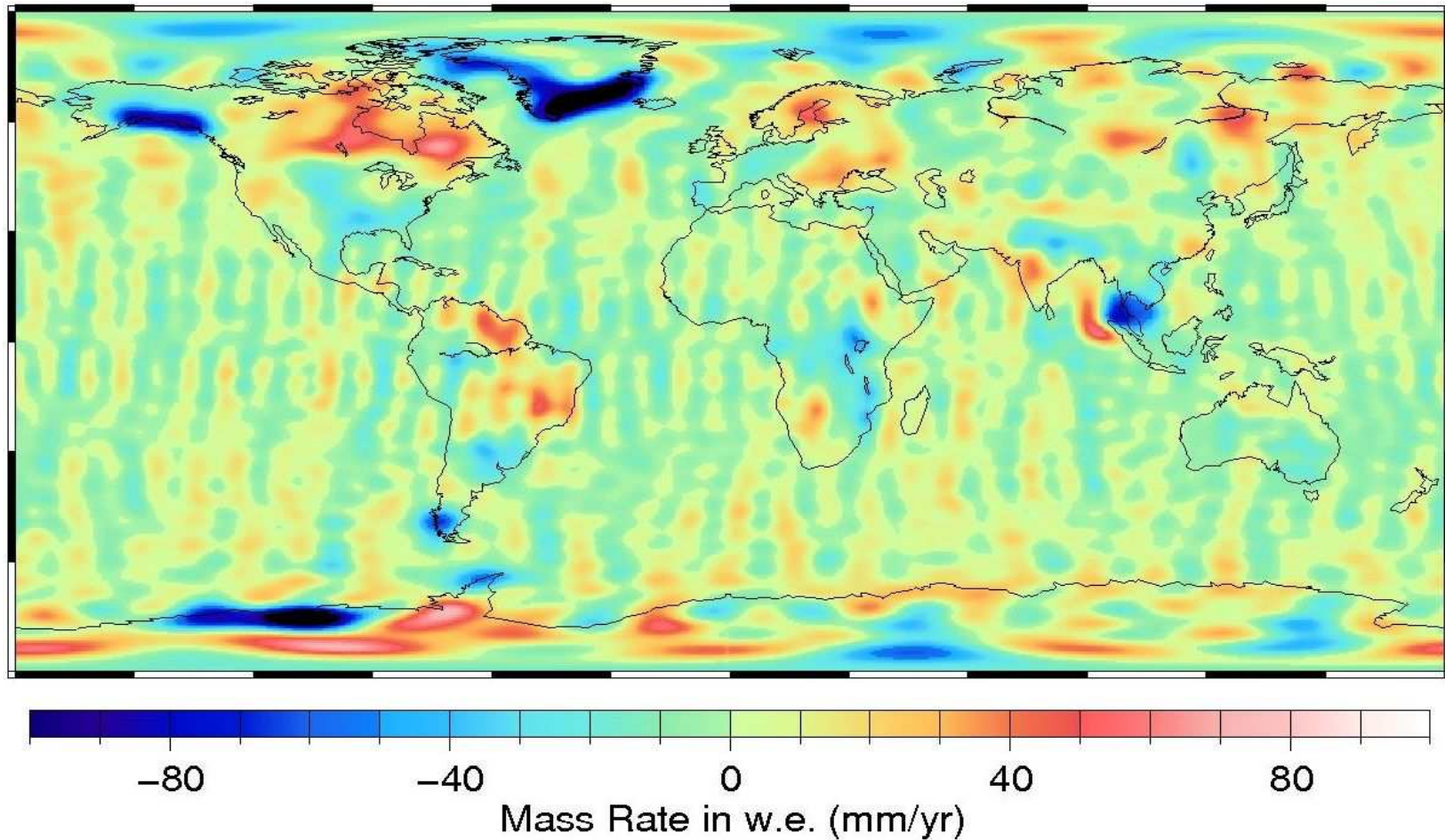
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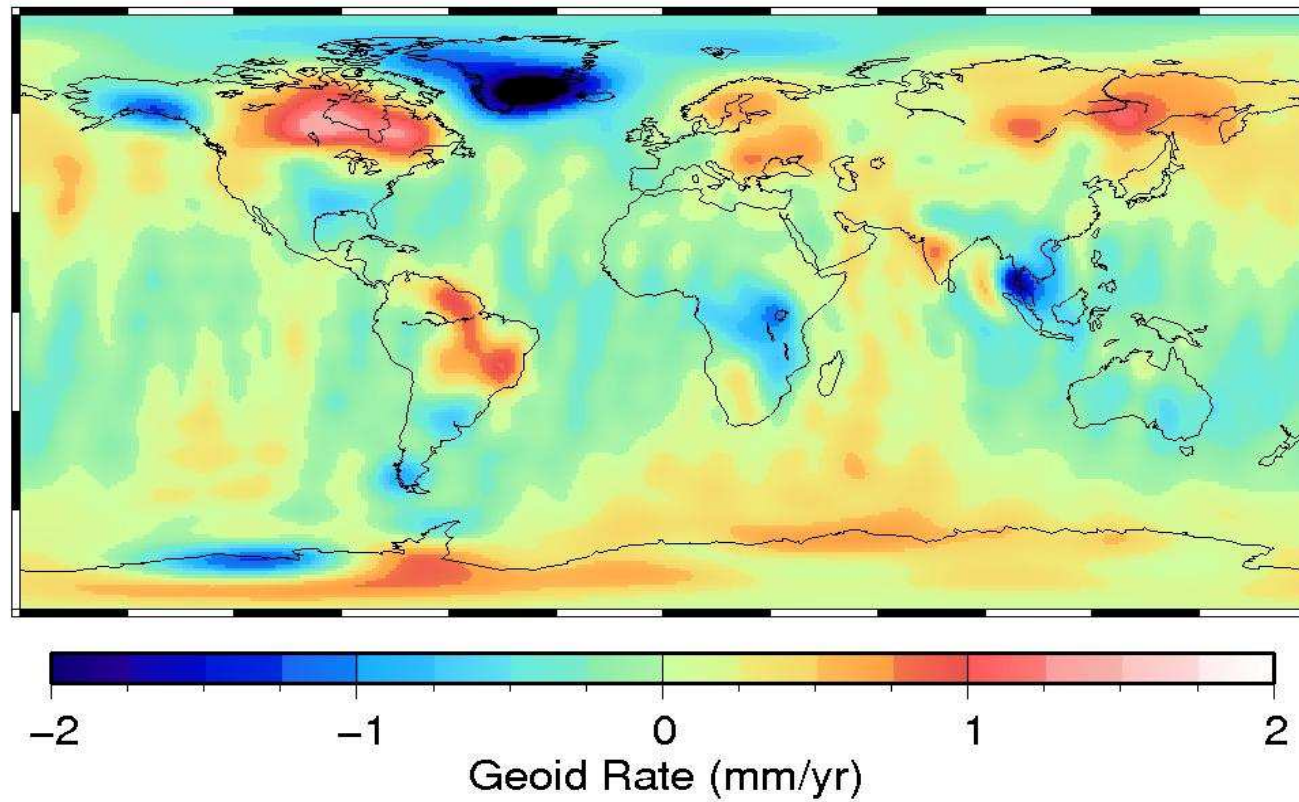
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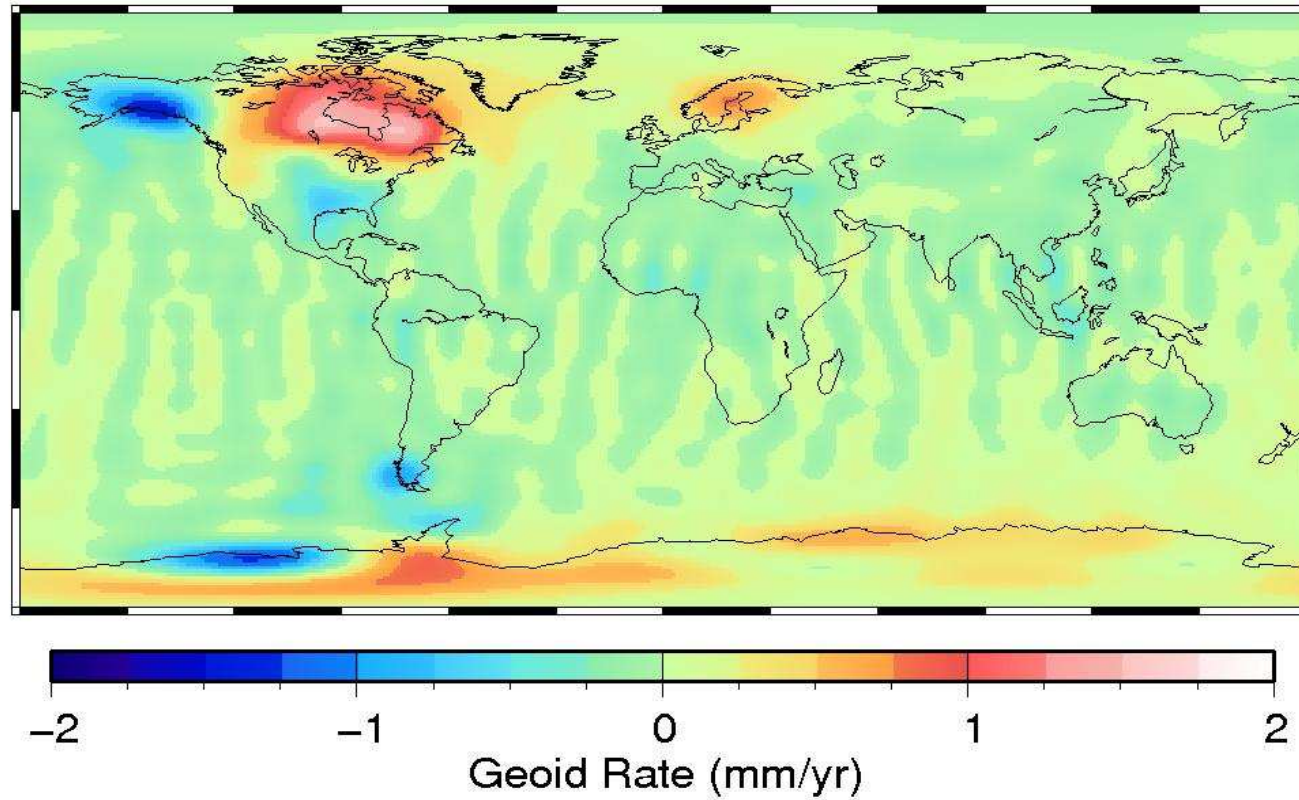
The Map of Mass Variation Trend - Filtered



Geoid from GRACE

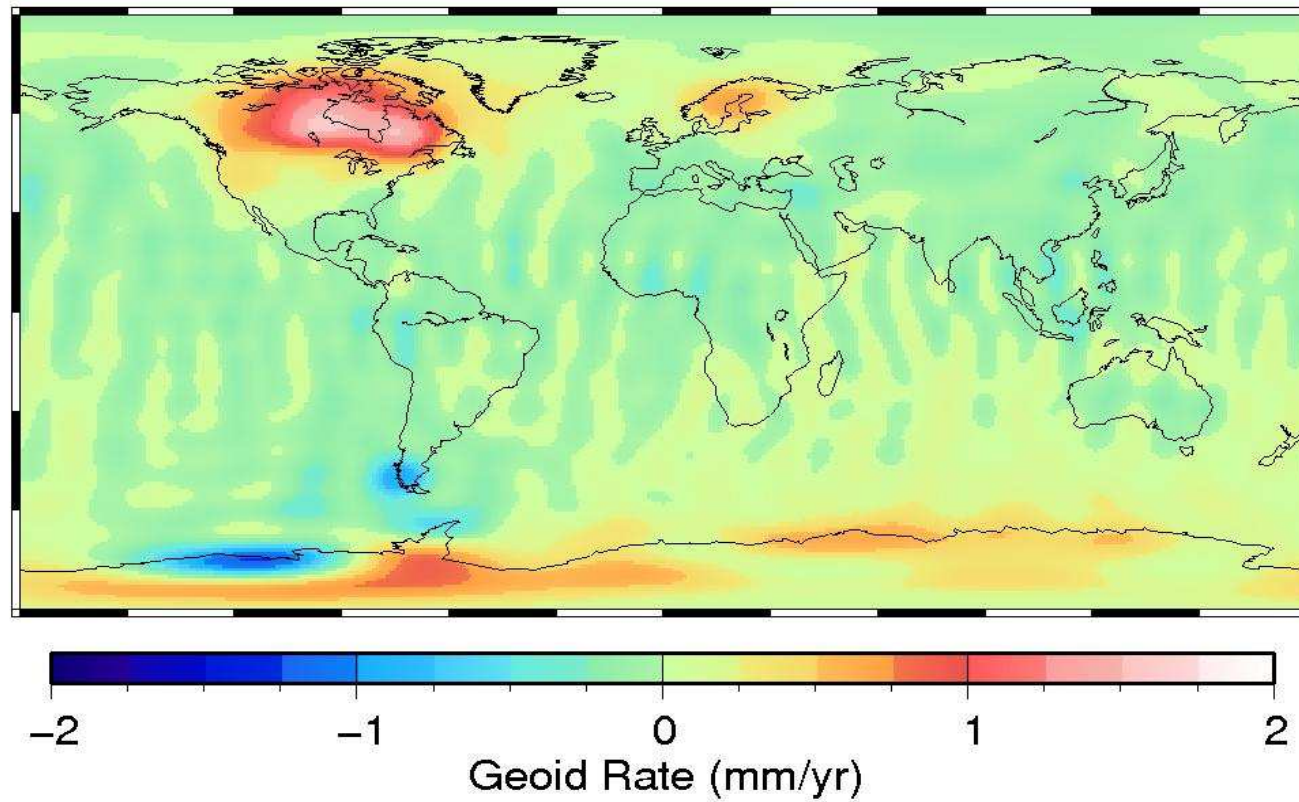


GRACE up 30 - Nearby Fennoscandia *Removed*



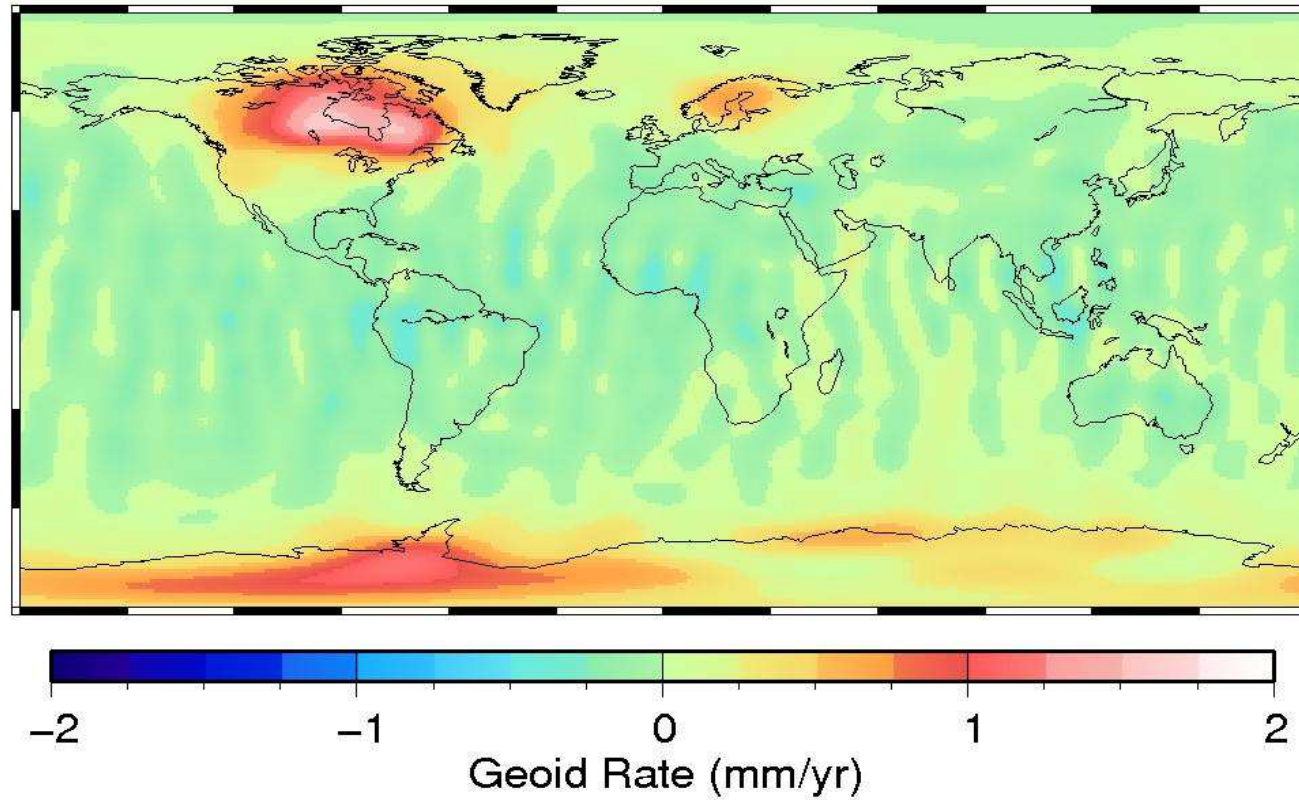
GRACE up 30 - Nearby Hudson Bay

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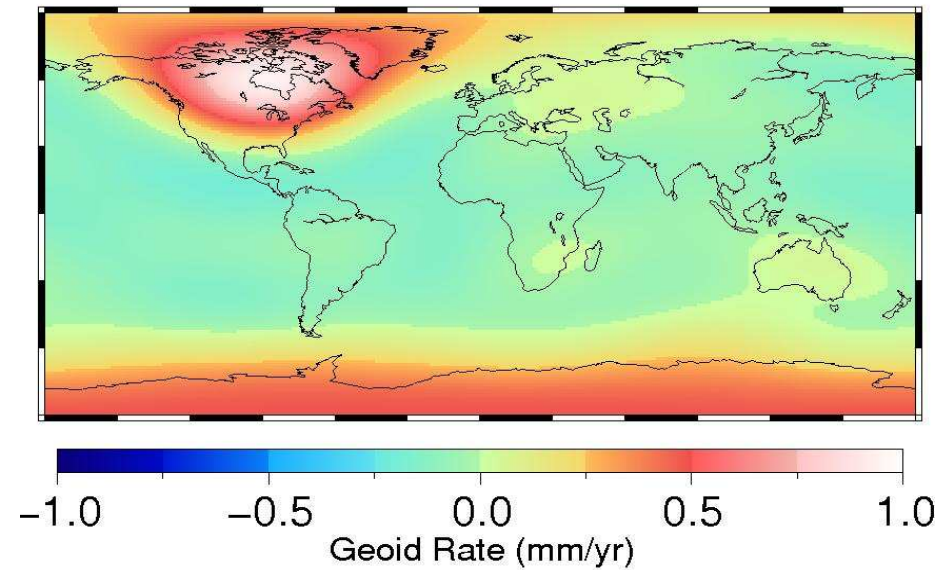


GRACE up 30 - West Antarctica

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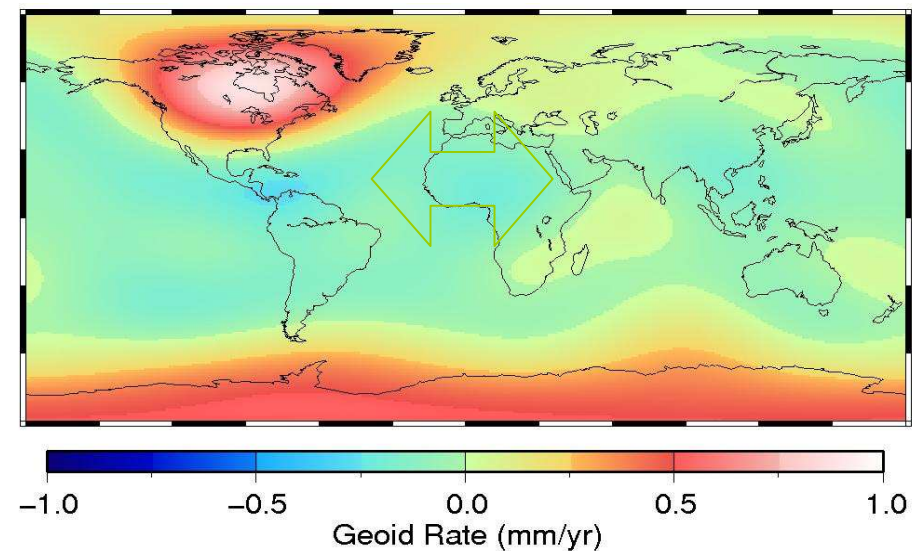


Global Problem - Search for best viscosity

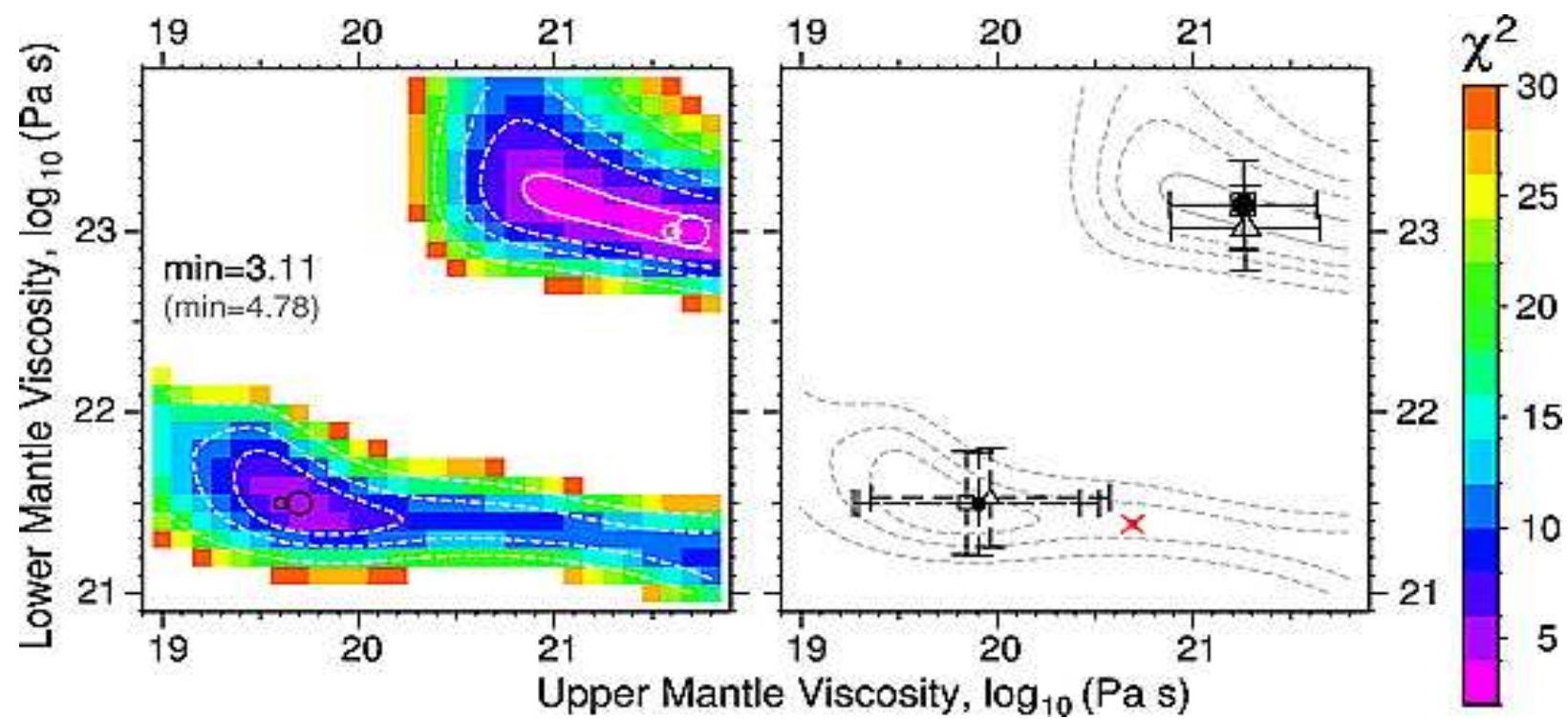


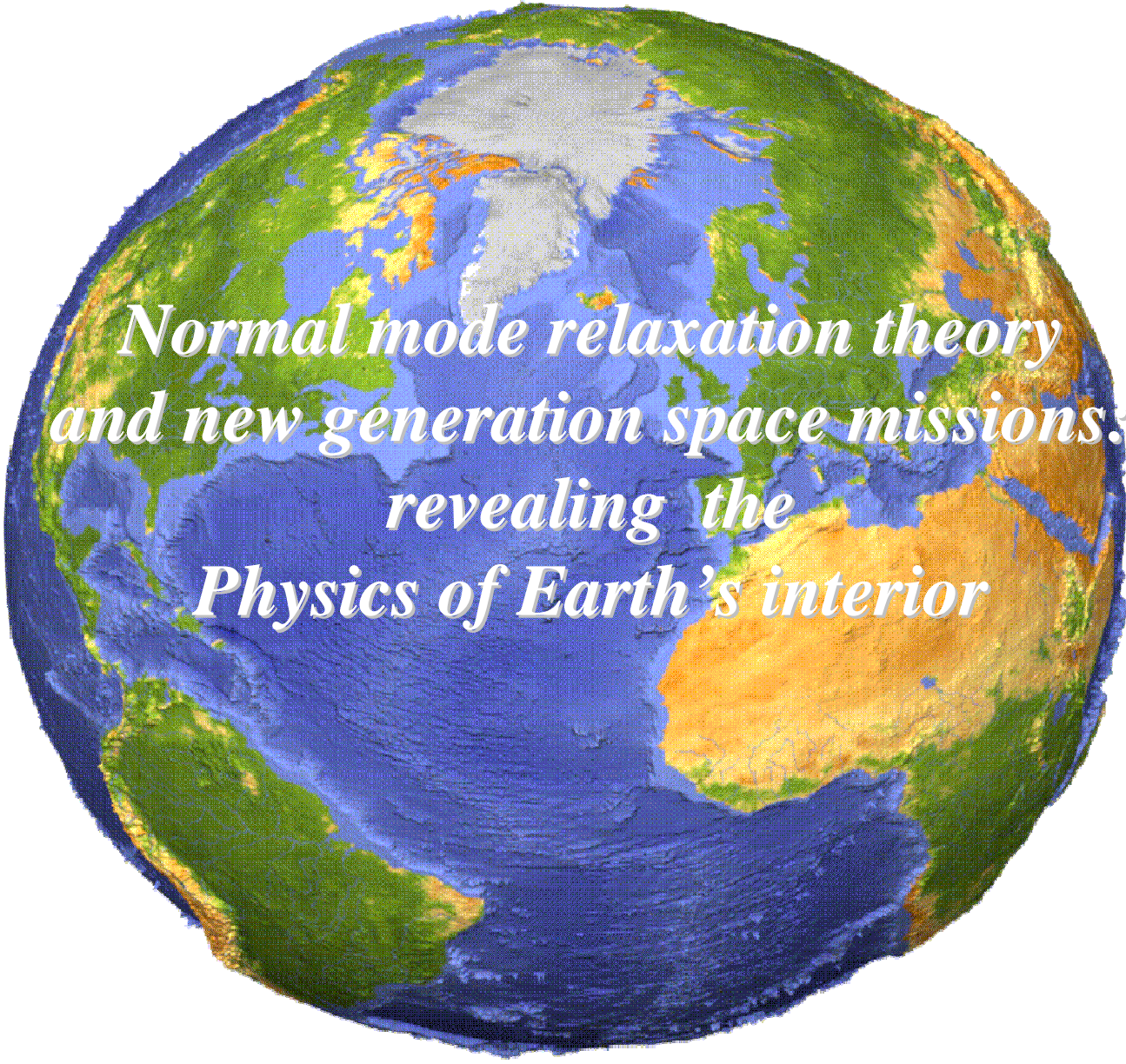
$$v_{UP} = 3.1 \times 10^{20} \text{ Pa s}$$

$$v_{LW} = 1.5 \times 10^{23} \text{ Pa s}$$



Cleaned **GRACE**





*Normal mode relaxation theory
and new generation space missions:
revealing the
Physics of Earth's interior*