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Elastic properties of Earth materials

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Measuring Elastic Properties of Earth Materials

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The Earth:

Internal structure and composition



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Seismology:

1D structure

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Seismology:

3D structure, heterogeneity



Mineralogical model of the deep Earth:

The role of mineral physics



Accessing extreme conditions:

Experimental methods





The symmetry of the elastic tensor

 σ_{ij}, \in_{ij} symmetric \rightarrow 6 independent components c_{ij}, s_{ij} (in matrix form) \rightarrow 6×6 components



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Elastic moduli of isotropic media



Dynamic behavior of elastic media:

Equations of motion

$$\rho \ \partial^2 u_i / \partial t^2 = c_{ijkl} \partial^2 u_k / \partial x_j \partial x_l$$



Eulerian finite strain

Anisotropic case

$$\mathsf{E}_{ij} = 1/2[\delta_{ij} - (\partial \mathsf{X}_i / \partial \mathsf{x}_j)(\partial \mathsf{X}_j / \partial \mathsf{x}_i)]$$

Isotropic case

$$E_{ij} = -f \,\delta_{ij}$$

f = 1/2[(V₀/V)^{2/3} - 1] = 1/2[(\rho/\rho_0)^{2/3} - 1]

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Strain dependence of C_{ijkl}:

Free energy

$$F_{T0} = F_0 + 1/2a_{ij}E_iE_j + 1/6a_{ijk}E_iE_jE_k + 1/24a_{ijkl}E_iE_jE_kE_l + ...$$

Elastic constants

$$c_{ijkl,T0} = (1 + 2f)^{7/2} \{ c_{ijkl}^0 + b_1 f + 1/2b_2 f^2 + ... \} - P\Delta_{ijkl}$$

from Stixrude and Lithgow-Bertelloni (2005)

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Temperature dependence of C_{ijkl}

$$\mathbf{c}_{ijkl} = \mathbf{c}_{ijkl,T0} + \rho [\mathbf{c}_1 \Delta \mathbf{U}_q - \mathbf{c}_2 \Delta (\mathbf{C}_V \mathbf{T})]$$

$$c_{1} = F(\gamma_{ij}, \eta_{ijkl}), \ c_{2} = F(\gamma_{ij})$$
$$\gamma_{ij} = -\partial \ln v_{\lambda} / \partial E_{ij} \quad \eta_{ijkl} = \partial \gamma_{ij} / \partial E_{kl}$$

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Aggregate properties

Voigt: uniform
$$\in_{ij}$$
 $\sigma_{ij} = \langle c_{ijkl} \rangle \in_{kl}$
Reuss: uniform σ_{ij} $\in_{ij} = \langle s_{ijkl} \rangle \sigma_{kl}$

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Aggregate properties

Voigt:
$$M_V = \sum f_i M_i$$

Reuss: $1/M_R = \sum f_i / M_i$

f: volume fraction M: elastic modulus

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Aggregate properties



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Limitations



Anharmonicity



 $(\partial M/\partial T)_{\mathsf{P}} = (\partial M/\partial T)_{\mathsf{V}} + (\partial M/\partial \mathsf{V})_{\mathsf{T}} (\partial \mathsf{V}/\partial \mathsf{T})_{\mathsf{P}}$

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Anelasticity



Minerals of the crust



Elasticity of crustal minerals:

Impulsively stimulated light scattering



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Elasticity of crustal minerals: Albite (NaAlSi₃O₈)



Elasticity of crustal minerals:

Diopside [CaMgSiO₃] at high temperature

Resonant ultrasound spectroscopy





from Isaak et al. (2006)

Elasticity of crustal minerals:

Diopside [CaMgSiO₃] at high temperature



from Isaak et al. (2006)

The upper mantle



Cations substitutions



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Brillouin scattering



Effect of Mg-Fe substitution in olivine [(Mg,Fe)₂SiO₄]

Brillouin scattering







Transition zone



Ol. polymorphs + Garnet-Majorite

- Pressure/Temperature effects
- H incorporation



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Elasticity of transition zone minerals:





Elasticity of transition zone minerals:

Wadsleyite [β-(Mg,Fe)₂SiO₄]

Ultrasonic interferometry In the Large Volume Press





from Liu et al. (2009)

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Elasticity of transition zone minerals:



Elasticity of transition zone minerals: OH in wadsleyite [β-Mg₂SiO₄]



from Mao et al. (2008)

Elasticity of transition zone minerals: OH in ringwoodite [y-(Mg,Fe)₂SiO₄]



from Jacobsen and Smyth (2006)

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- Perovskite / Postperovskite
- Effect of Spin transition of Fe in (Mg,Fe)O

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Elasticity of lower mantle minerals: Perovskite-postperovskite [(Mg,Fe)SiO₃]



Sound velocity of perovskite (MgSiO₃)

Brillouin scattering



Sound velocity of postperovskite (MgSiO₃)

Brillouin scattering



Effects of Fe spin-transition on ferropericlase [(Mg,Fe)O]



Low sound velocity in Fe-rich postperovskite [(Mg_{0.6}Fe_{0.4})SiO₃]

Nuclear resonant inelastic X-ray scattering



from Mao et al. (2006)

Effects of Fe spin-transition on ferropericlase [(Mg,Fe)O]



Effects of Fe spin-transition on ferropericlase [(Mg,Fe)O]

Nuclear resonant X-ray inelastic scattering





Single-crystal MgO at 81 GPa:

Shear elastic anisotropy



Velocity anisotropy (measurements):



Marquardt et al. (2009)

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from Marquardt et al. (2009)

Effects of Fe spin-transition on ferropericlase [(Mg,Fe)O]



from Marquardt et al. (2009)

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from Cammarano et al. (submitted 2009)

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- Sound velocity of liquid Fe at core conditions

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Elasticity of the outer core

Shock wave velocity measurements



Elasticity of the outer core

Computational and experimental constraints on sound velocity of liquid Fe





Inner core



Solid Fe + alloying elements

- Sound velocity of ε-Fe

- Elastic anisotropy of ε-Fe







Momentum resolved inelastic X-ray scattering



from Fiquet et al. (2001); Antonangeli et al. (2004)

Elasticity of single-crystal hcp Co:

Structural proxy for ε-Fe



Momentum resolved inelastic X-ray scattering



from Antonangeli et al. (2004)

Impulsively stimulated light scattering



from Crowhurst et al. (2004)

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High P-T average velocity for isotropic aggregates

Nuclear resonant X-ray inelastic scattering



from Lin et al. (2005)

Seismic anisotropy of the inner core



from Ishii et al. (2002)

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More complex picture from seismology



from Ishii and Dziewonski (2003)

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New perspectives (my personal view)



Experiments at simultaneous high-pressure and high-temperature



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