

Alaska TA as Part of EarthScope

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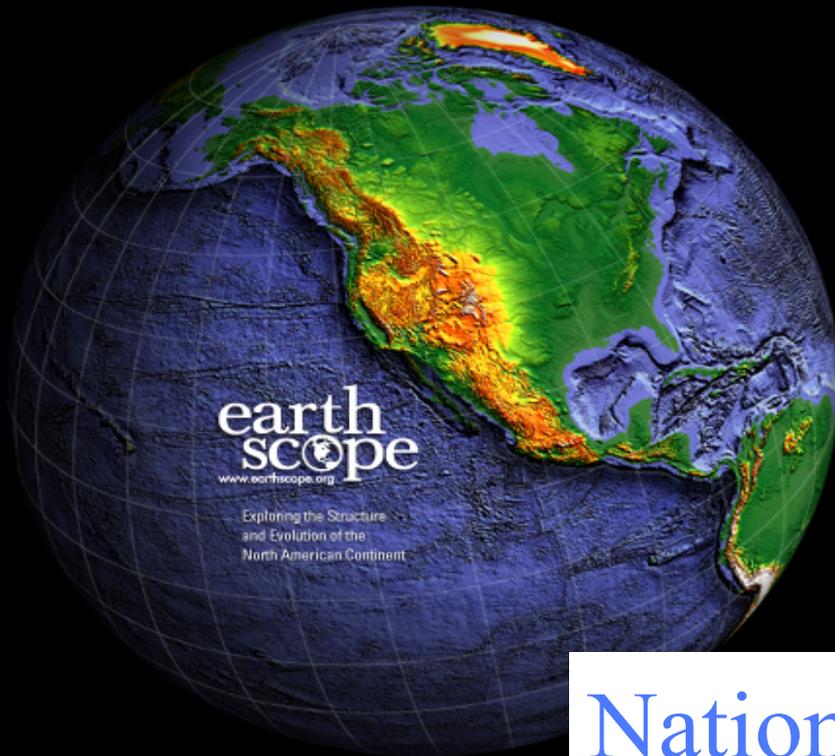
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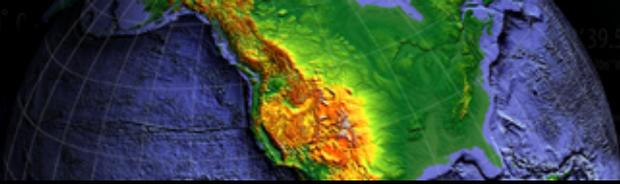
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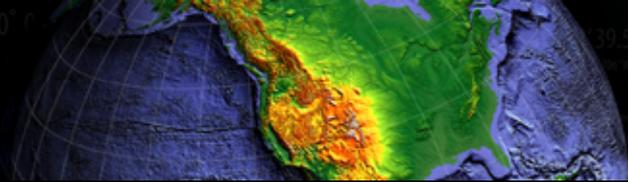
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WHERE DISCOVERIES BEGIN



EarthScope Science Themes

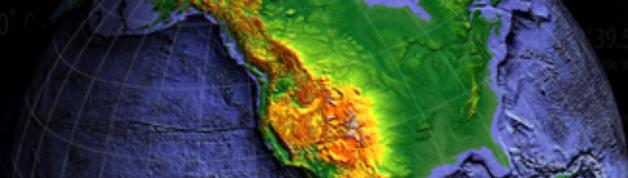
- Making and Breaking the Continent
 - Structure of the continent
 - How continent is deforming
 - How these are related
- Complete* continental coverage to enhance discovery
- All data open to everyone



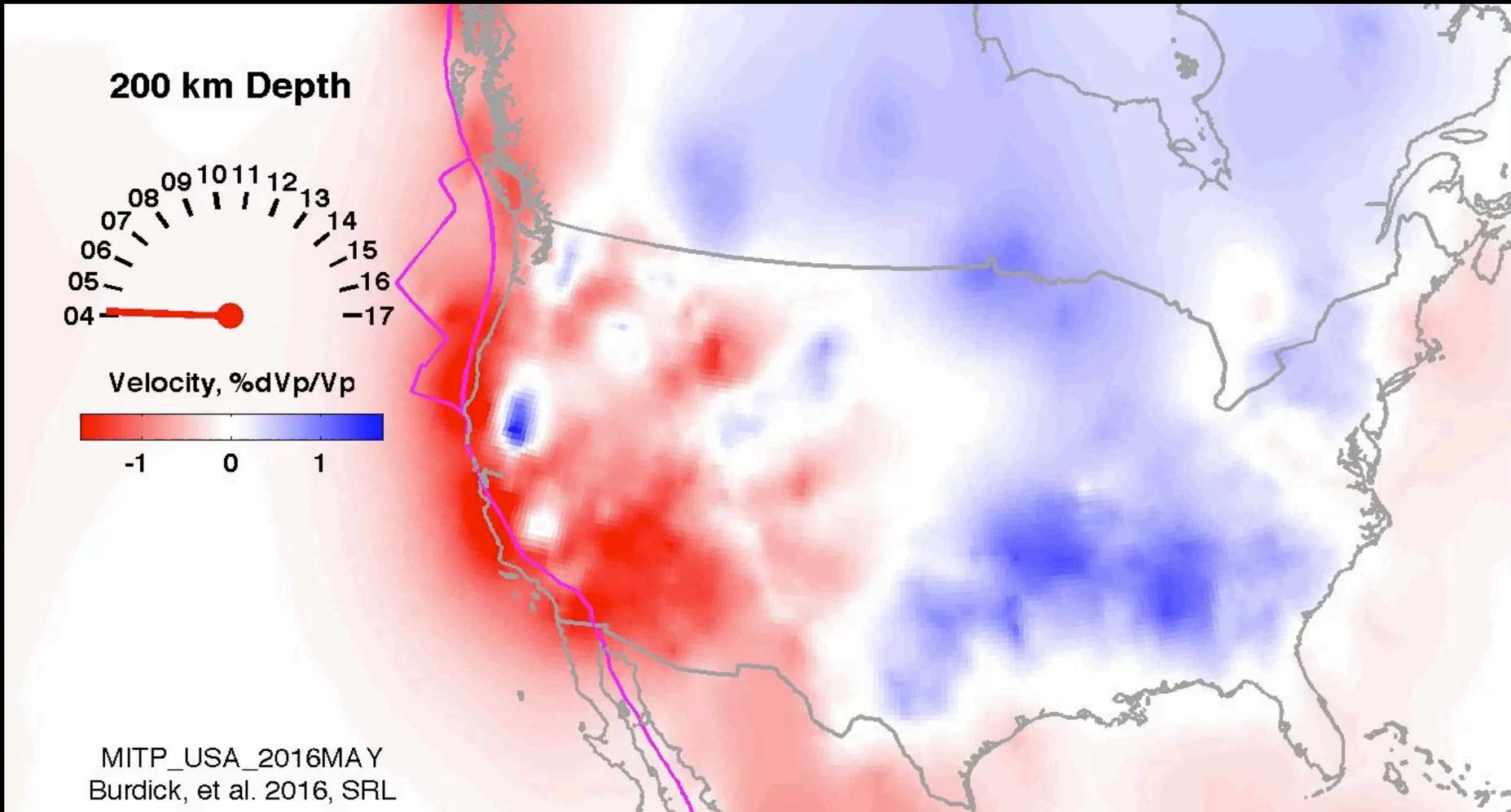
Making the Continent

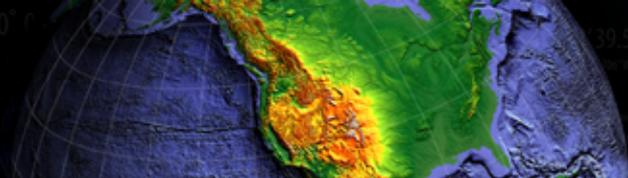
- Structure and tectonic evolution
- Lithospheric and mantle properties
- Evidence for past tectonic construction of North America





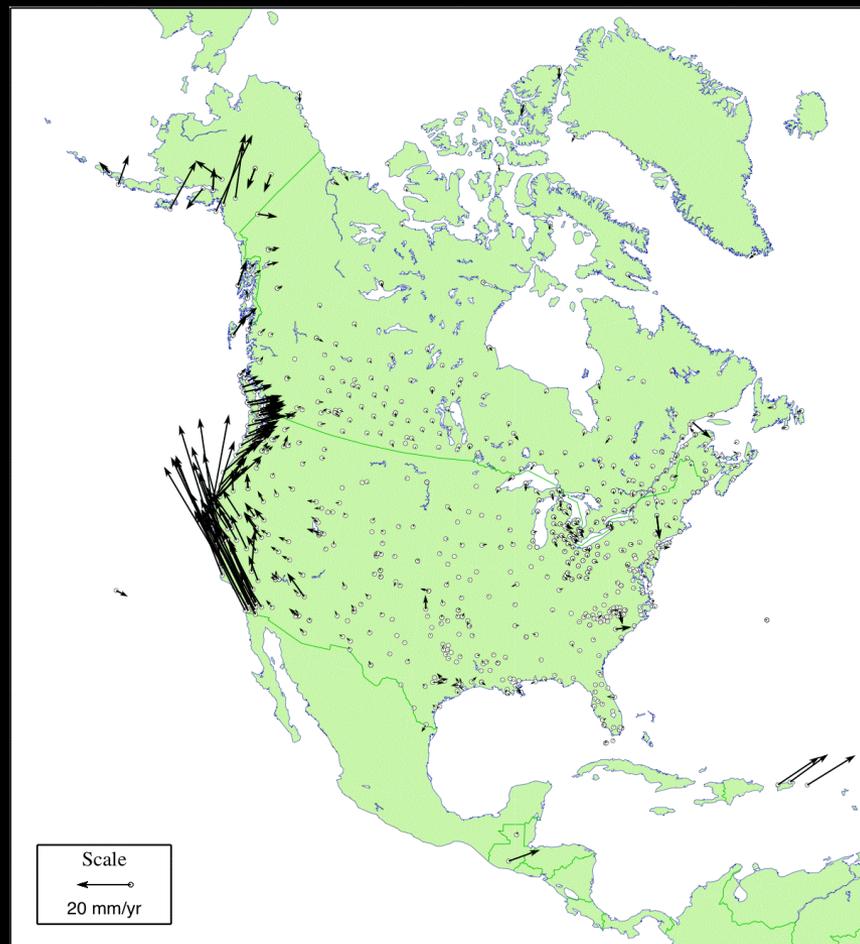
Mantle Beneath the Continent

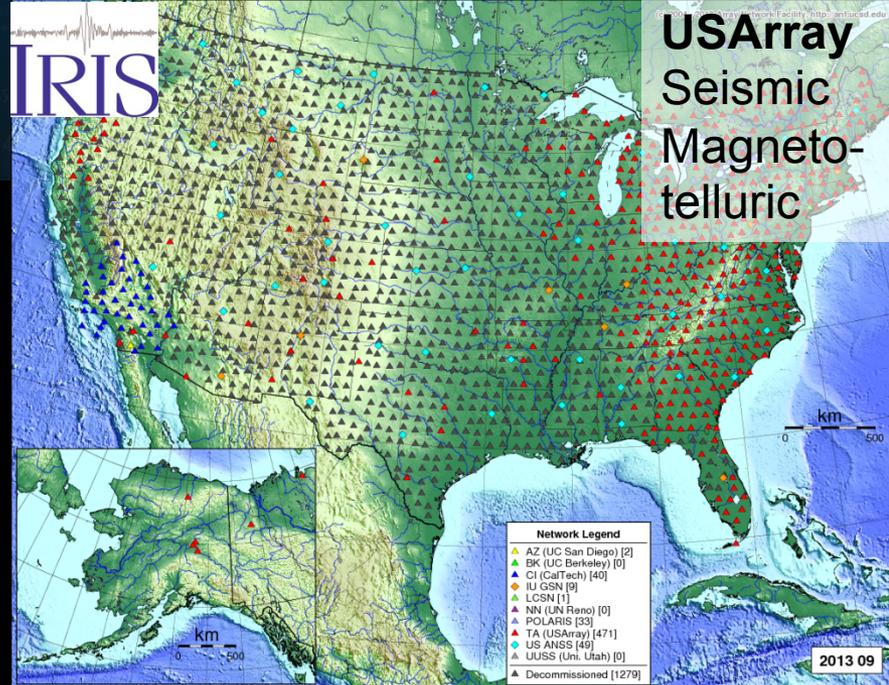
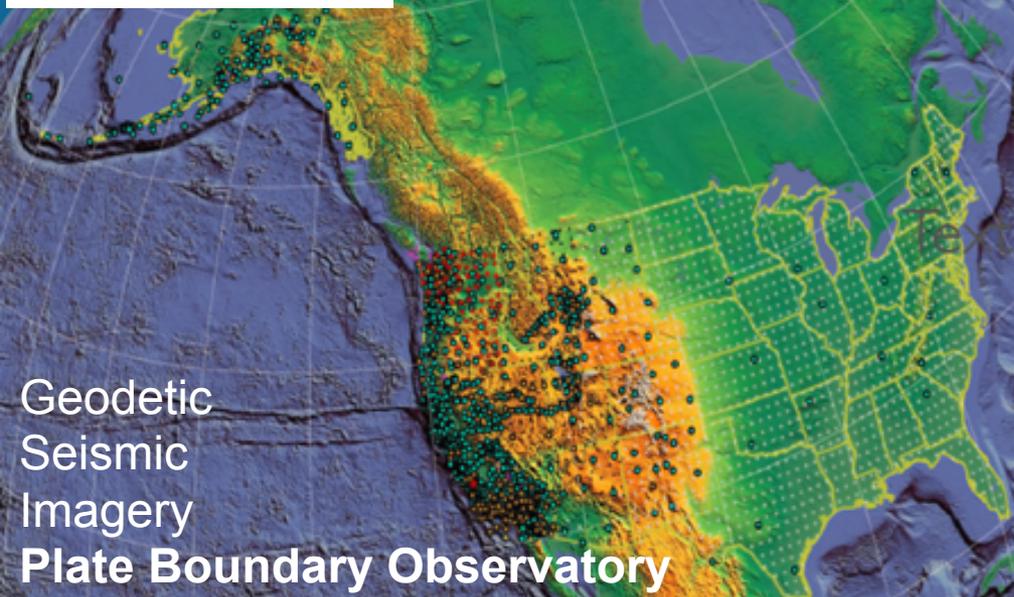




Breaking the Continent

- Steady and transient deformation
 - Tectonics
 - Earthquakes
 - Volcanism
- Probe mechanical properties of fault zones, crust and mantle
- Active deformation to understand the past

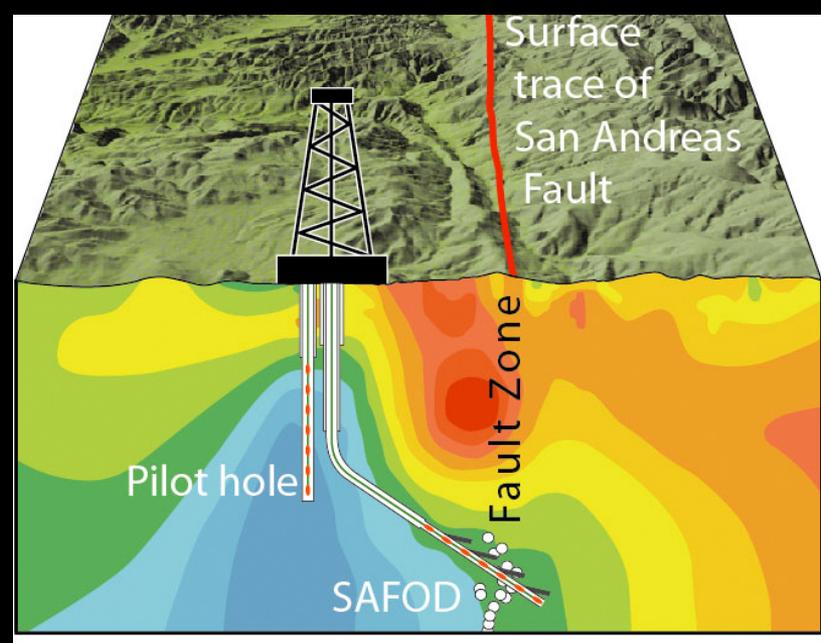




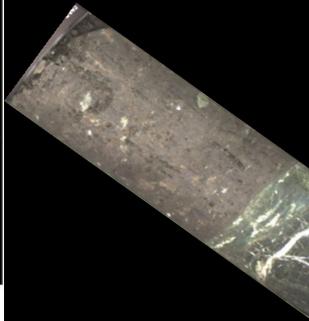
The three observatories of the EarthScope

Ambitious, successful!

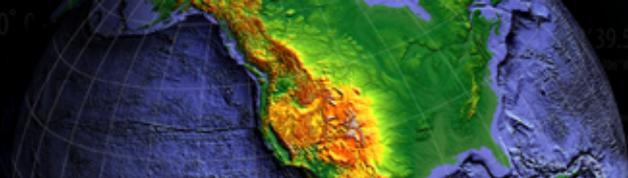
Facilities for EarthScope have successfully built a powerful apparatus for doing science and did so on time and on budget



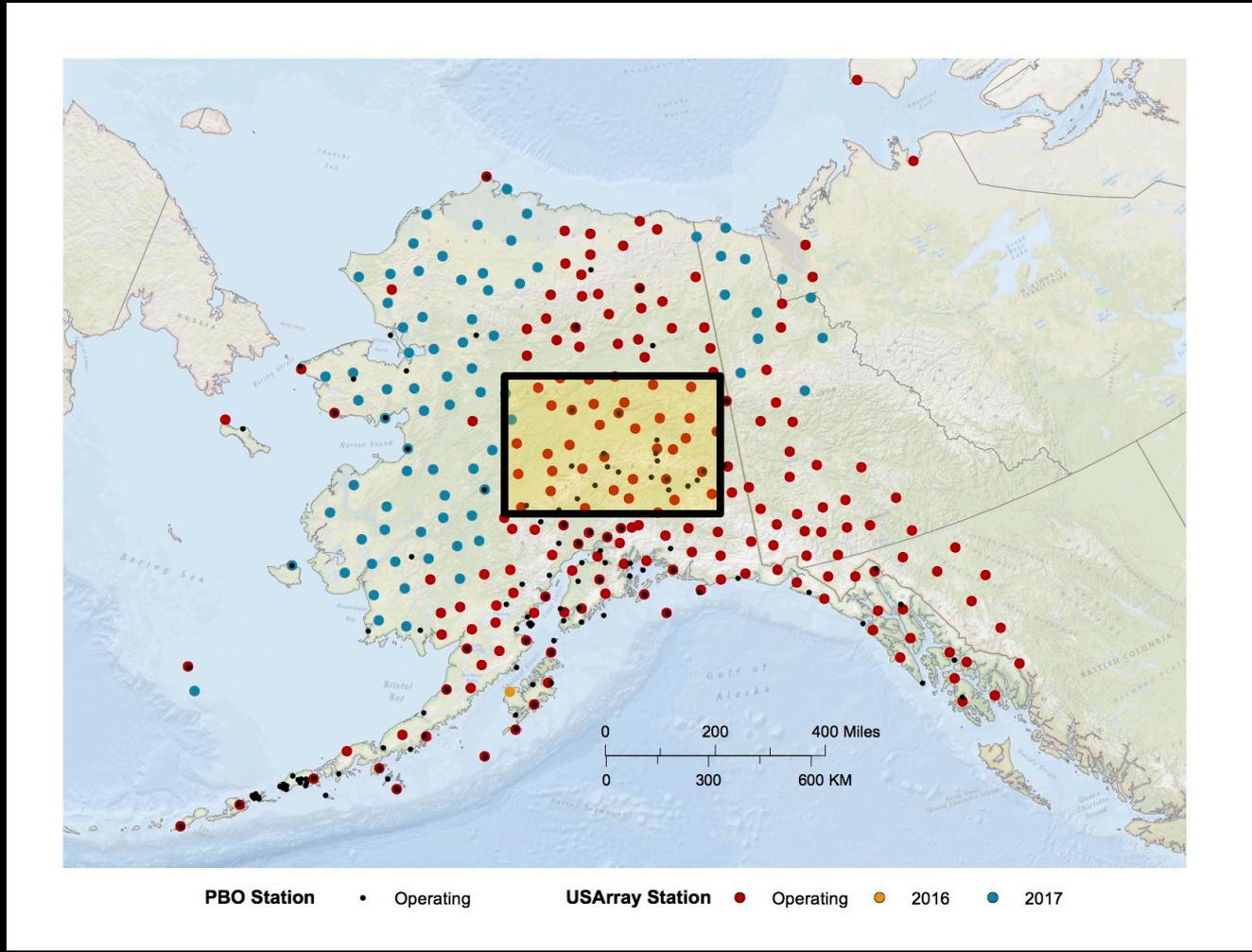
San Andreas Fault Observatory at Depth
(built by Stanford/USGS)

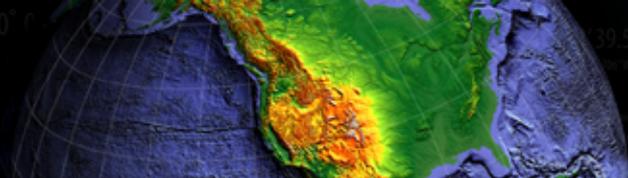


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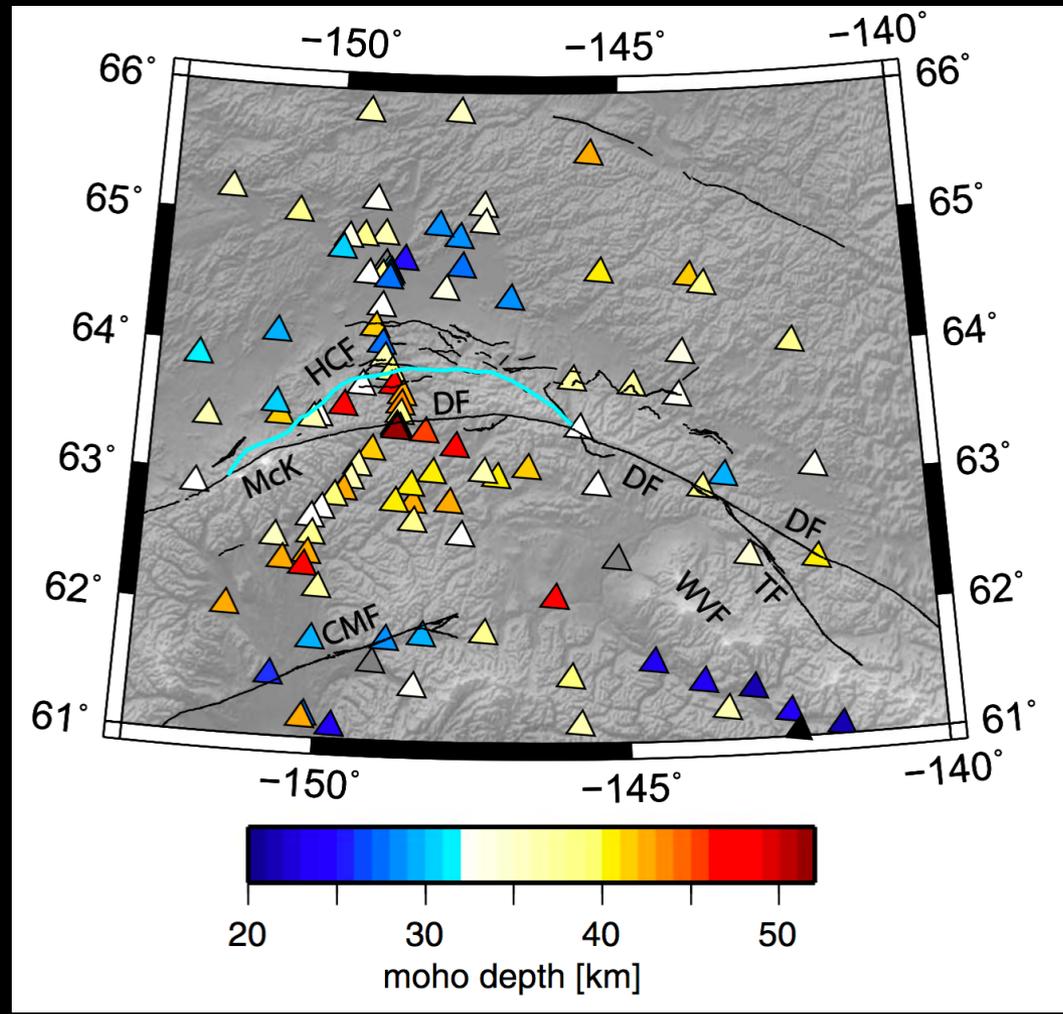


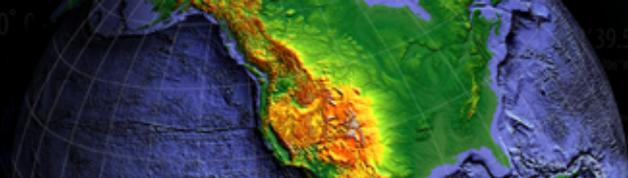
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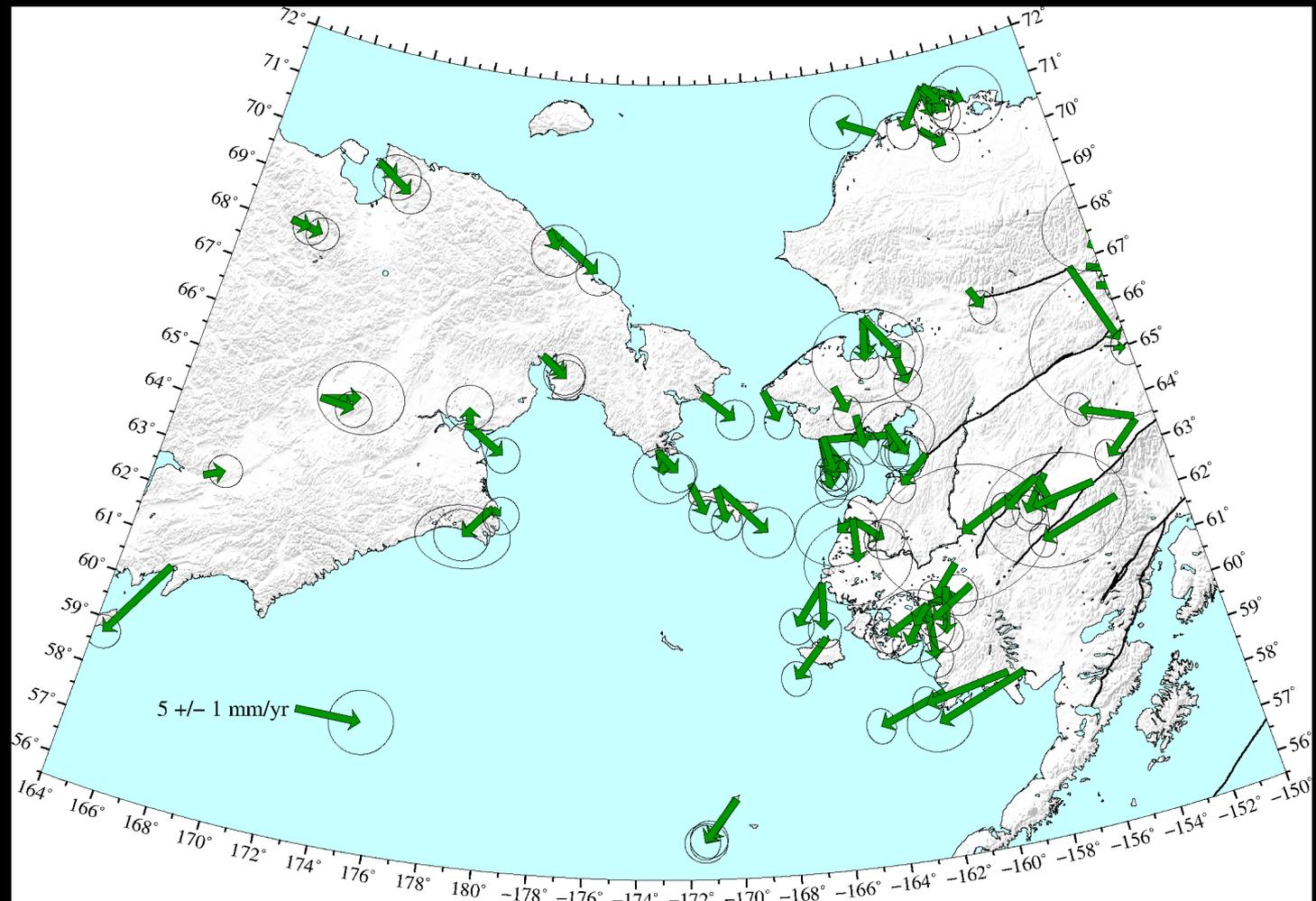


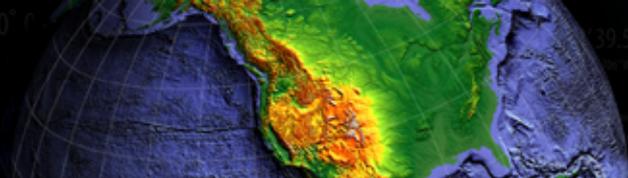
Crustal Thickness





Alaska Crustal Motions from PBO





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