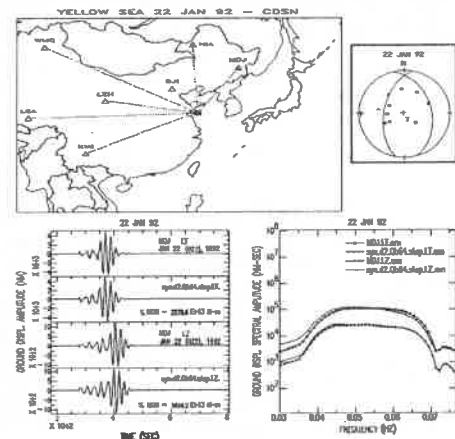




wave first motions is as follows: The source is 2 km deep, with a seismic moment of  $4.09 \times 10^{23}$  dyne-cm; a nodal plane with a dip of  $40^\circ$ , a slip (rake) of  $70^\circ$ , and a strike of  $345^\circ$ . This source has a predominant dip-slip component for either nodal planes.



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**Observations of Seismic Anisotropy**  
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**SS1E-1 0830h**

**Crustal Anisotropy in Northeastern Venezuela: Comparison of Short-Period and Broadband Results**

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We report preliminary results from an anisotropy study on data gathered in two experiments. A joint IFGGH-INTEVEP-CSIC microearthquake network with short-period seismic stations was deployed for three months (June-August 1990) in northeastern Venezuela and recorded over 300 local and regional earthquakes. All stations were equipped with 3-component 4.5 Hz geophones. The average station spacing was less than 15 km with an array aperture of about 300 km was deployed over an 18 month period (May 1992-September 1993) in northeastern Venezuela and Trinidad. The array was composed of six instruments with approximately 50 km spacing and an array aperture of 450 km. For a comparative analysis of crustal anisotropy between short-period and broadband data we selected two stations of each array with similar locations in two different tectonic settings: a) on the metamorphic tectonized Paria-Trinidad terrane; and b) in the foreland thrust belt of the Serranía del Interior.

We began with the selection of 10 local events whose source-receiver geometries ensured angles of incidence less than  $35^\circ$ , as well as covering similar azimuths for both short-period and broadband sites. The events of the short-period array were low-pass filtered in order to avoid cycle skipping and to allow a complete waveform inversion for shear wave splitting. Our results indicate that the applied inversion method, energy minimization of the smaller eigenvalue of the initial shear wave polarization matrix, works for the evaluation of shear wave splitting on short period records. We find that for the events we have examined so far, delay times between fast and slow split shear waves are small, on the order of .01 to .3 seconds, similar to crustal splitting values worldwide.

**SS1E-2 0845h**

**Regional Variation of Teleseismic Shear Wave Splitting Observations in the UK**

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We present observations of shear wave splitting recorded by the short-period seismic network in the United Kingdom (UKNET) operated by the British Geological Survey. The network, which extends from the Shetland Islands in the north as far south as the Isle of Jersey, spans a range of geographic and tectonic features, which we relate to the observed variation in splitting parameters  $\phi$  and  $\delta t$ , obtained using Silver and Chan's [1991] methodology. Fast polarization directions  $\phi$  sweep from roughly east-west in southern England to northeasterly directions in Scotland. In concert, delay times  $\delta t$  progress northward from values less than 0.75 s to greater than 1 second. The same trend in orientation

is not observed in Wales, where  $\phi$  is northwesterly. With that exception, the trend suggests that  $\phi$  follows the pattern of Palaeozoic Caledonian and Variscan deformation, whose structures trend nearly east-west in the south of the UK and NNE in the north.

Short-period data is not optimal for splitting studies as evidenced by scatter in the observations and by some sites exhibiting fast polarization directions inconsistent with the hypothesis of a single anisotropic medium with a horizontal axis of symmetry. The short-period results are however consistent with broadband measurements from the GDSN station ESK (Eskdalemuir, Scotland). Short-period network data is therefore suitable for splitting studies when broadband data is unavailable.

**SS1E-3 0900h**

**Updated Anisotropy Interpretation for the Uppermost Mantle in Southern Germany**

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This paper presents an updated anisotropy interpretation for the uppermost mantle in southern Germany. The dense network of reversed and crossing refraction profiles in this area made it possible to observe almost 900 travel times of the  $P_s$  phase which could be effectively used in a time-term analysis to determine horizontal velocity distribution immediately below the Moho. For 12 crossing profiles, amplitude ratios of the  $P_s$  phase compared to the dominant crustal phase were utilized to resolve anisotropy (velocity) gradients with depth.

A P-wave anisotropy of 3-4% in a horizontal plane immediately below the Moho at a depth of 30 km increasing up to 10% at a depth of 40 km was determined. For the axis of the highest velocity of about 8.03 km/s at a depth of 30 km a direction of  $N31^\circ E$  was obtained. The azimuthal dependence of the observed  $P_s$  amplitude is explained by an azimuthal dependent sub-Moho gradient decreasing from  $0.06 \text{ s}^{-1}$  in the fast direction to  $0 \text{ s}^{-1}$  in the slow direction of P-wave velocity.

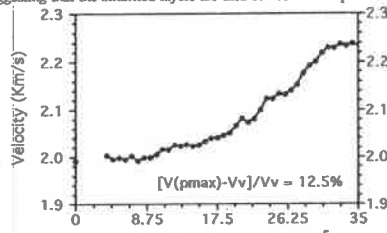
From the seismic results in this study (including the absence of the  $S_p$  phase) a petrological model suggesting a change of modal composition and percentage of oriented olivine with depth was derived.

**SS1E-4 0915h**

**Determination of Slowness Surfaces in an Anisotropic Formation From Wellbore Seismics**

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In situ slowness surface curves are obtained from the analysis of a multi-offset and depth wellbore seismic experiment. The downgoing transmitted waves are mapped into the  $\tau$ - $p$  domain which is a natural domain for slowness surface determination in that the  $p$ -axis represents the horizontal component of the slowness and the  $\tau$ -axis can be converted to its vertical component  $q$ . The slowness  $u$  defined as the velocity reciprocal ( $u=1/v$ ) is related to  $p$  and  $q$  by the relation:  $p^2 + q^2 = u^2$ . To determine the slowness surface of a layer between depths  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ , two three-component receivers  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are placed at these depths in a borehole, and sources are activated at the surface at increasing offsets radially from the borehole. The intercept time difference  $[\tau_2(p) - \tau_1(p)]$  for the two receivers  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  depends only on the receiver spacing ( $z_2 - z_1$ ) and the vertical component of the slowness:  $\tau_2 - \tau_1 = q(z_2 - z_1)$ . This equation can be solved for  $q$  for each ray parameter  $p$  yielding a complete  $p$ - $q$  (slowness) curve. A field experiment was conducted over a depth interval from 75 m to 120 m in a sand-shale sequence. The observed slowness curve as converted to  $v$  versus  $p$  below indicates that the velocity increases with angle of incidence. The observed anisotropy is greater than that expected for a stack of thin isotropic layers suggesting that the stratified layers are themselves anisotropic.



**SS1E-5 1000h**

**Azimuthal Anisotropy near the West Coast of America: Surface-wave Modelling and Interpretation**

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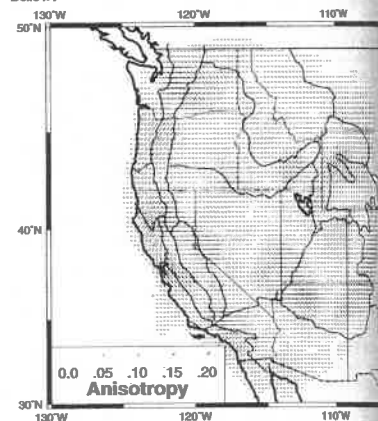
Lateral variations in azimuthal anisotropy cause Love-Rayleigh surface wave interactions and lead to anomalous forms in long-period seismic records. The details of waveforms recorded at a seismic station are determined by the horizontal integral of anisotropic properties along the ray path which complements the vertical integral offered by dispersion of shear-wave splitting. Waveform anomalies in a single record, therefore, may contain valuable information about anisotropy along the source-receiver path, in particular the position of strong gradients that cause Love-to-Rayleigh conversion of surface waves. We apply a new interpretive technique to period surface waves that cross the plate boundaries along the coast of North America. Significant waveform anomalies associated with Love-to-Rayleigh conversions are consistently observed at seismic stations in the western United States, indicating the existence of azimuthal anisotropy in the upper mantle. Elements of delay times between QL and Love waves along the Love-to-Rayleigh conversion take place near the plate boundaries. In order to understand better the structures responsible for those data observations, we will model anomalous Love waveforms with anisotropic earth models using a new inversion technique, based on the great-circle-path approximation, that accounts for mixed-type coupling between Love and Love-surface waves. The technique enables forward and inverse modelling of surface waves in laterally-varying anisotropic structure, with an arbitrary fast direction. Observed waveform anomalies are attributed to the strong lateral variations in mantle anisotropic structure in the region, which are explained by SKS splitting analyses and marine refraction experiments consistent with past and present tectonic features, such as the continental boundary, and shear along the Pacific-North American plate boundary.

**SS1E-6 1015h**

**Anisotropic Tomography using Pn Raypaths in the Western United States**

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There is little doubt that substantial seismic anisotropy exists within the upper mantle; however, anisotropy is usually accounted for in most tomography studies. The Pn tomography problem is reformulated to include anisotropy in both the magnitude and the direction of variations in both the magnitude and the direction of anisotropy. Both velocity variations and anisotropy variations are smoothed by using Laplacian regularization operators. The amount of regularization not only controls the trade-off between resolution and variance, but also controls the relative amount of the data that is explained by velocity variations and the anisotropy variations. In regions with poor data coverage, it is not possible to distinguish between anisotropy and velocity variations; well covered regions, anisotropy variations can be estimated within 0.1 km/s. Results from the western U.S. are shown below.



**SS1E-7 1030h**

**Mapping Seismic States From LI**

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The current number of seismic states is insufficient to explain the relationship between the number of measured seismic states and the number of measured seismic states. The Air Force Research Laboratory (LRS) presents a new method for mapping seismic states in the U.S. patterns of azimuthal anisotropy.

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**Shear-Wave Splitting**

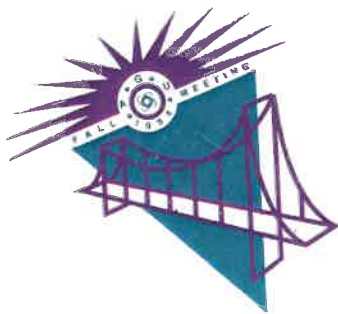
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During 1991 and 1992, several earthquakes occurred throughout the western United States. These earthquakes provided an opportunity to obtain high-quality shear wave splitting measurements. The most striking feature of these measurements is the orientation of the fast direction. Eight of the eight measurements show a consistent orientation of the fast direction in any one region. Most of the measurements are within the Rocky Mountains. The measurements at a large number of stations should be consistent with the orientation of the fast direction. In the Colorado Plateau, the fast direction is oriented in the NE-SW direction. In the Colorado Plateau, the fast direction is oriented in the NE-SW direction. In the Colorado Plateau, the fast direction is oriented in the NE-SW direction.

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**Variations in Shear Wave Splitting**

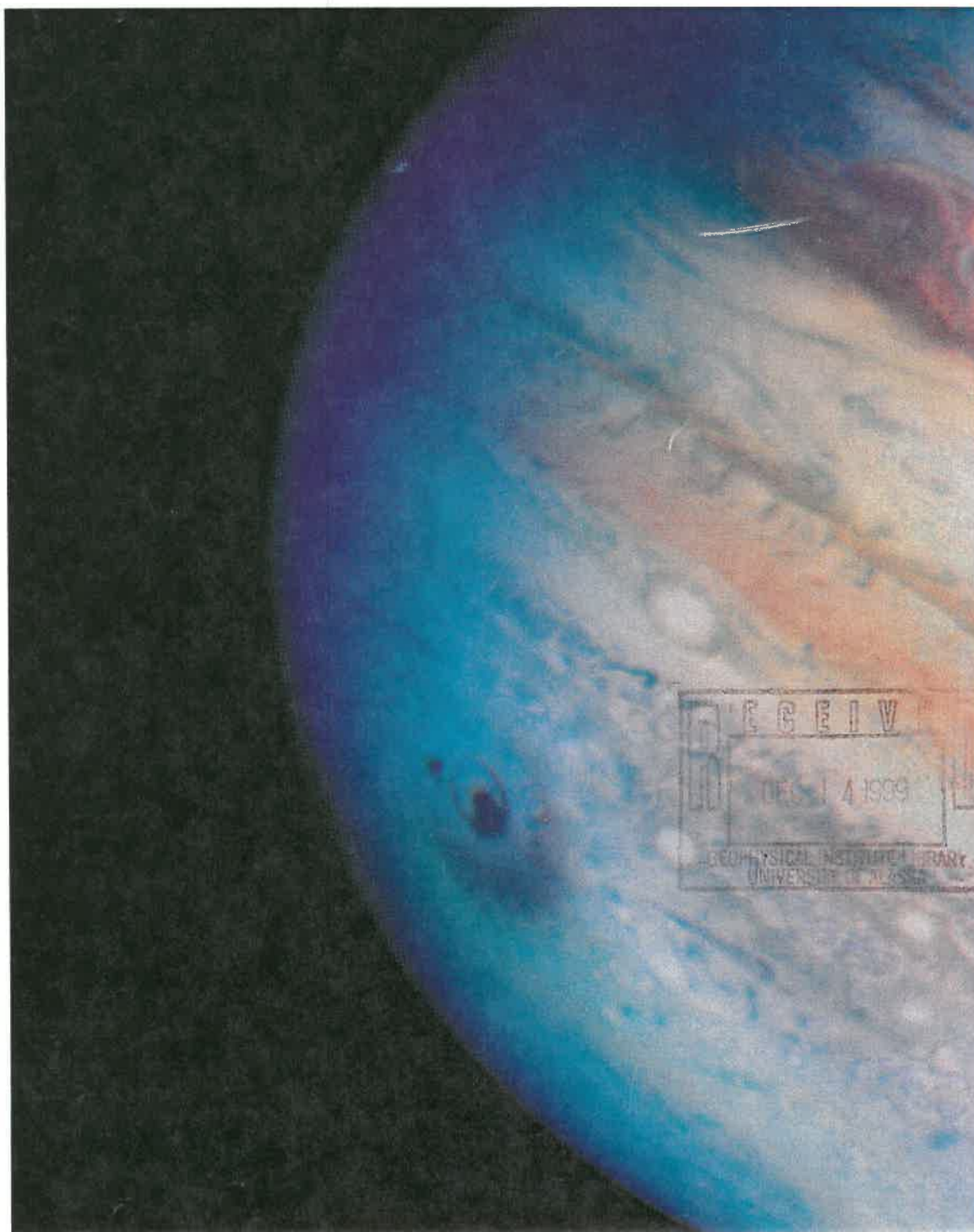
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