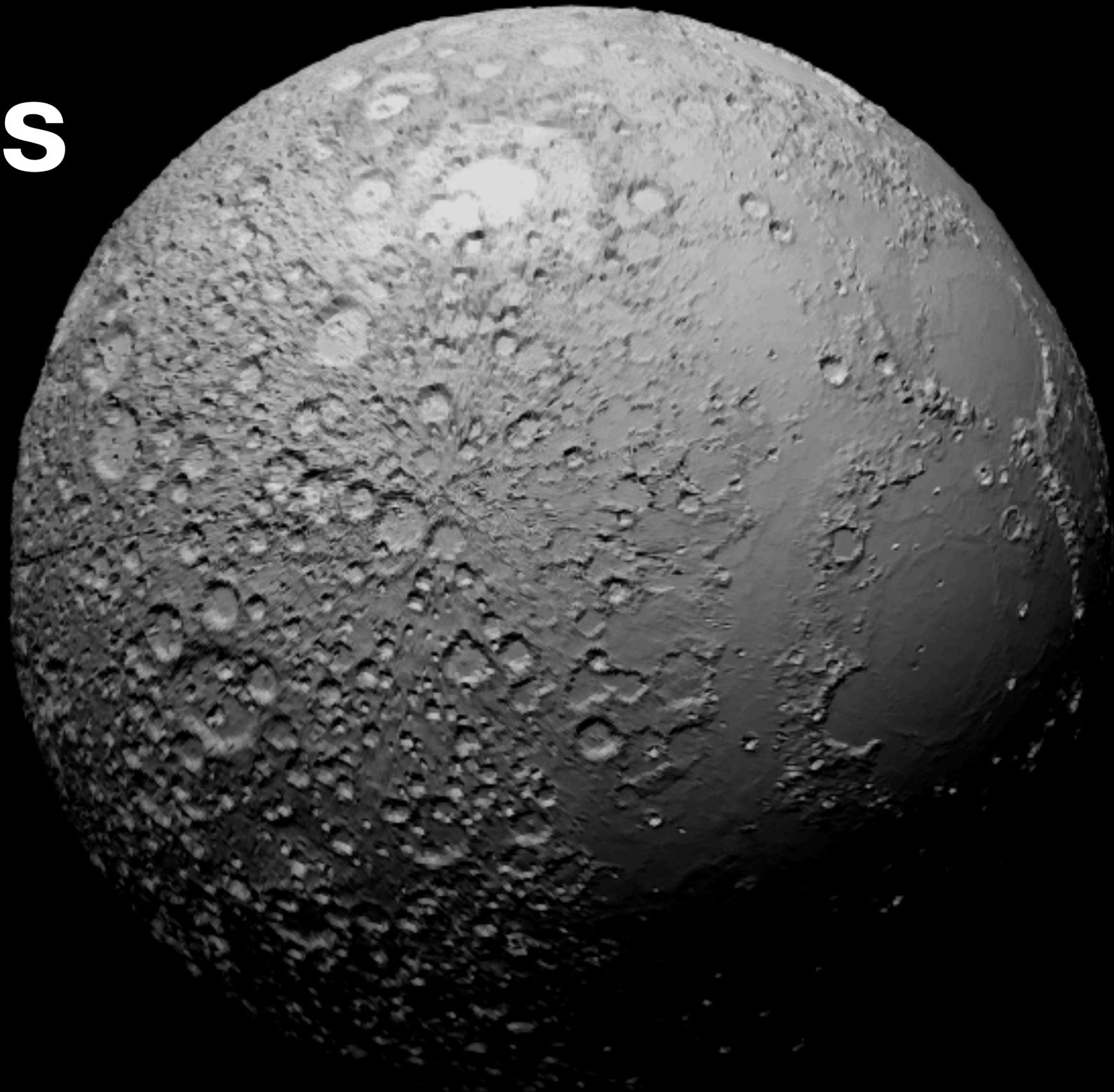


# Synthetic models of the lunar seismic field

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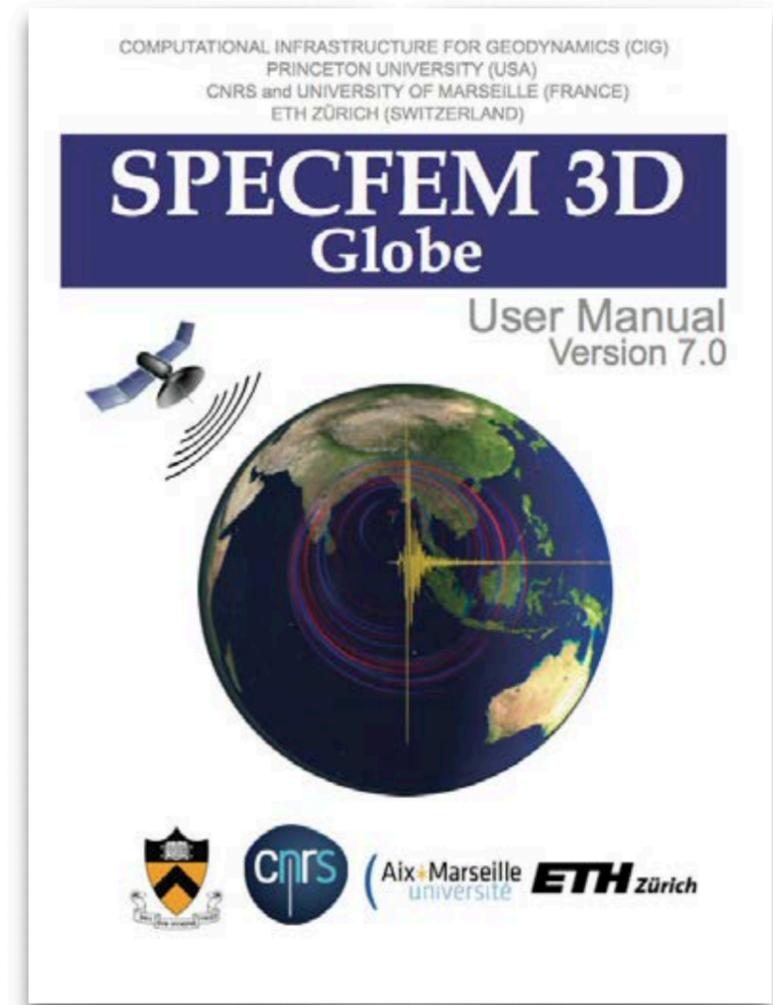
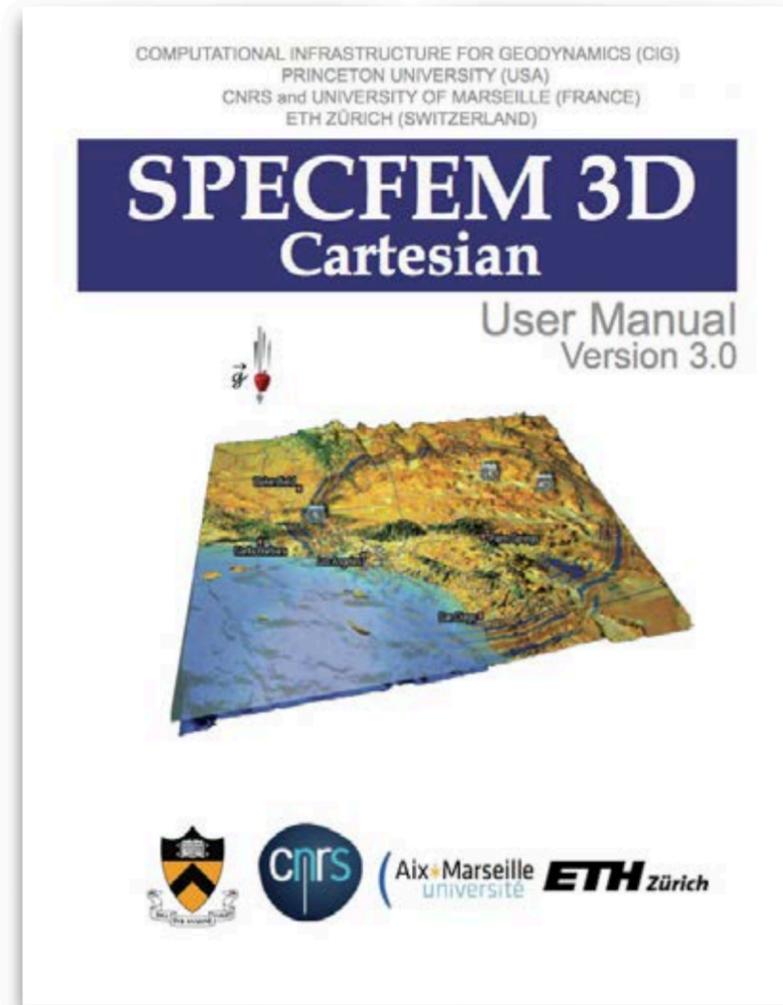
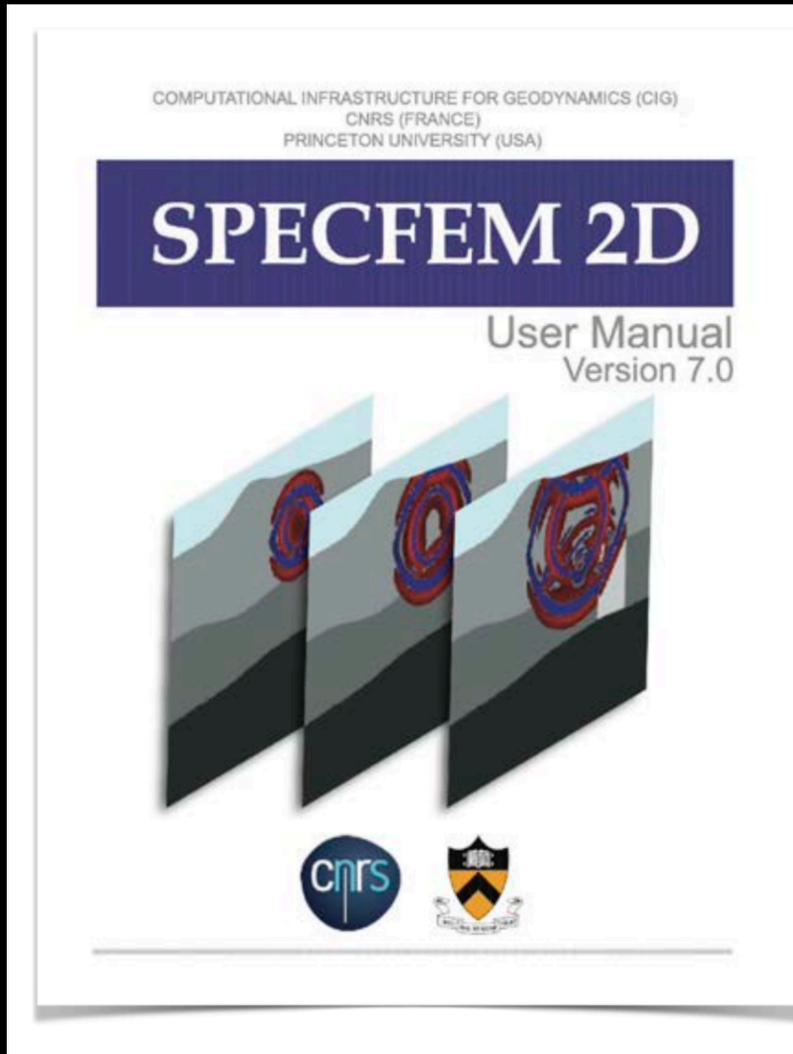
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# Outline

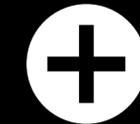
- SPECFEM3D suite: history, features, plans
- Simulating the moon: asteroid impact preliminary result
- Data
- Works in progress



# SPECFEM3D suite <https://specfem.org>



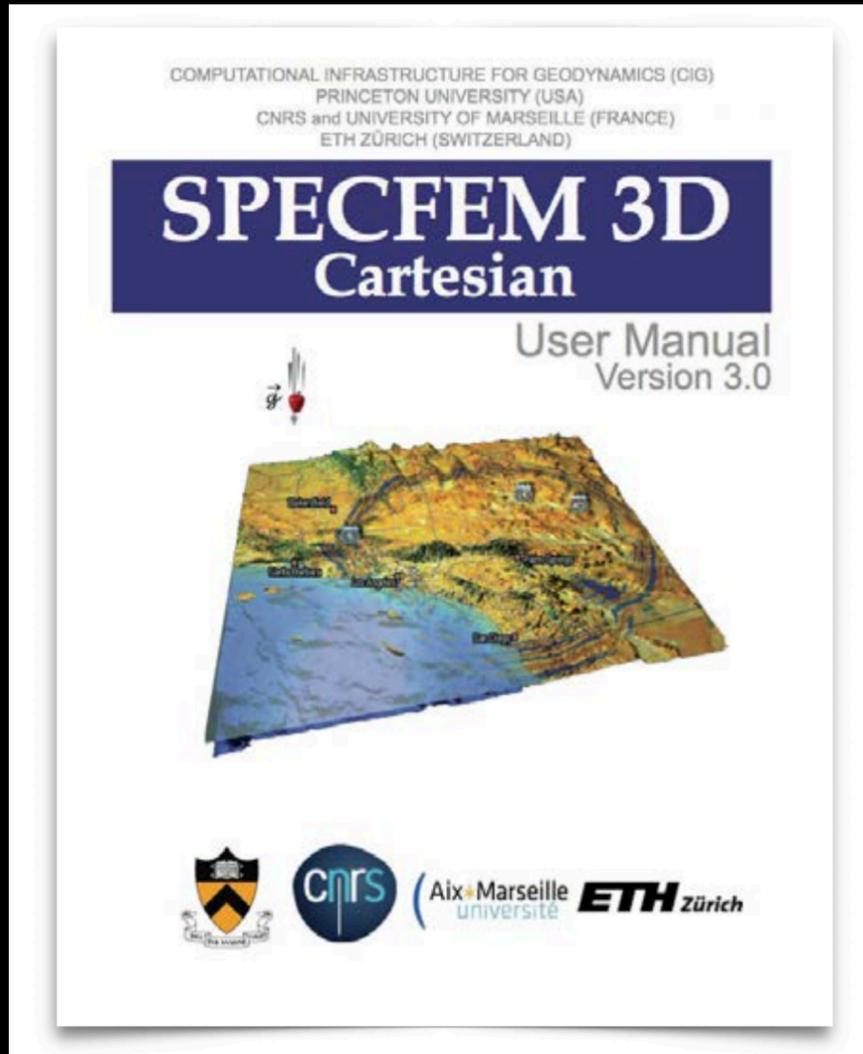
We ❤️ open-source.



The SPECFEM codes use the spectral-element method to simulate seismic wave propagation on different scales. They are open-source freely available on <https://github.com/SPECFEM>



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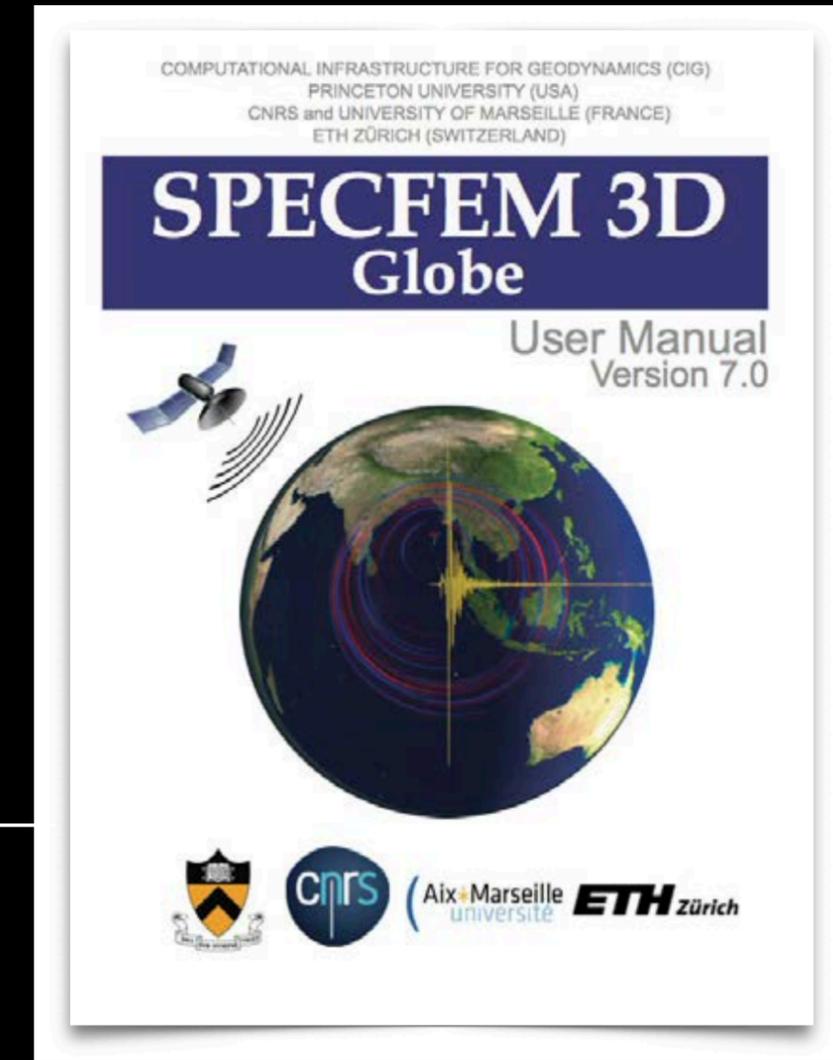


- 3D acoustic, elastic, poroelastic waves
- Unstructured meshes (CUBIT/Trelis, Gmsh)
- Load-balanced mesh partitioning
- Acoustic/elastic, Elastic/poroelastic,.. coupling
- C-PML
- fault rupture (dynamic/kinematic) simulations
- Anisotropy
- Attenuation
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- CUDA / HIP support for GPUs

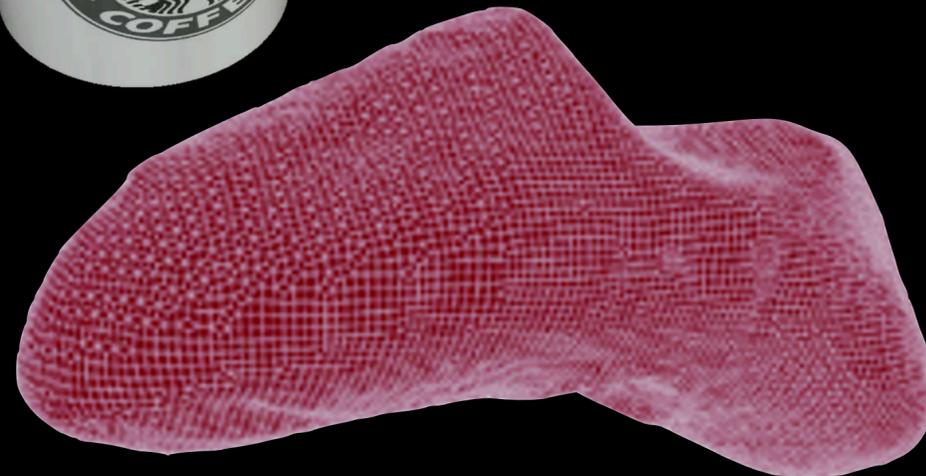
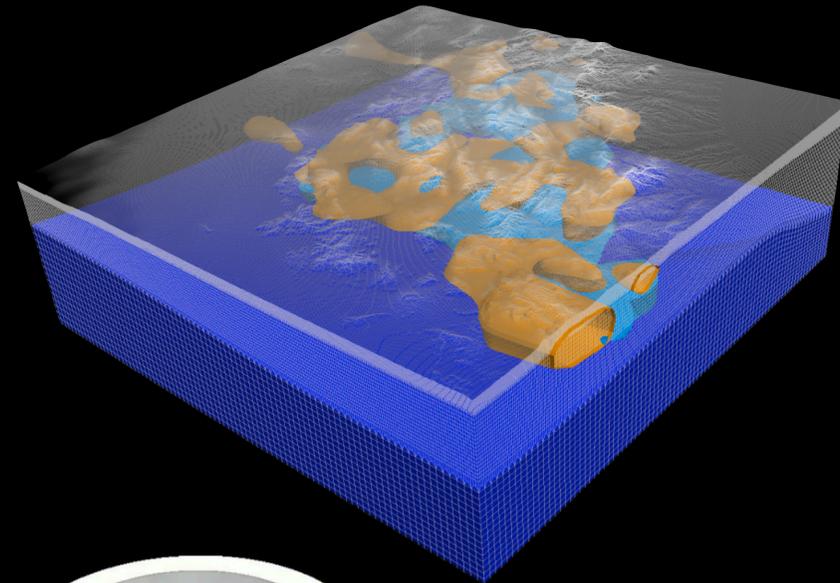
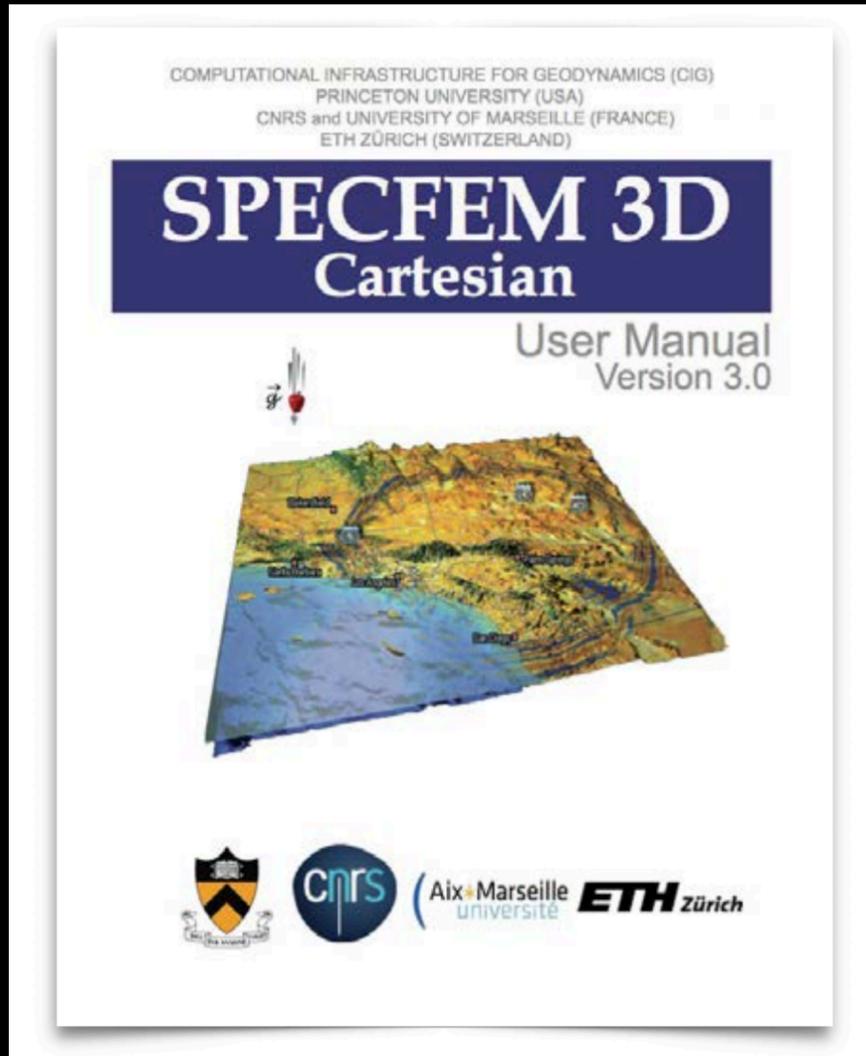
- 3D crust and mantle models
- Topography & Bathymetry

- Rotation
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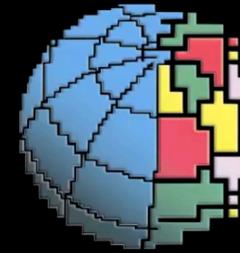
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# SPECFEM3D applications

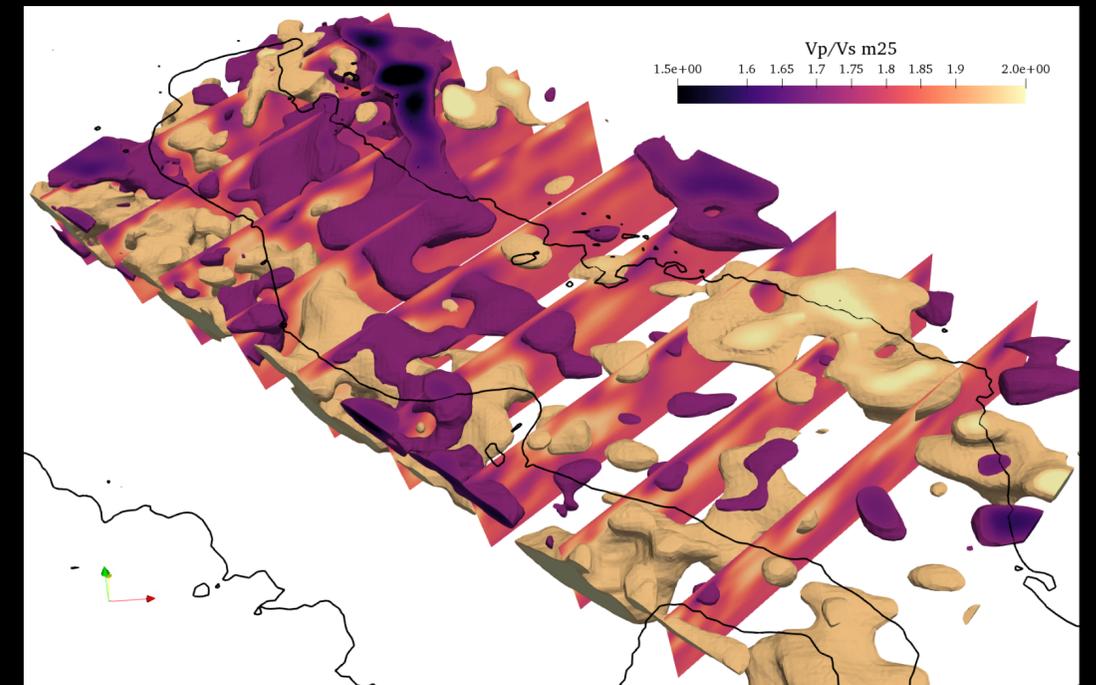


Unstructured Meshes - Asteroid Eros



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High resolution seismic wave propagation - 2009 Mw 6.3 L'Aquila

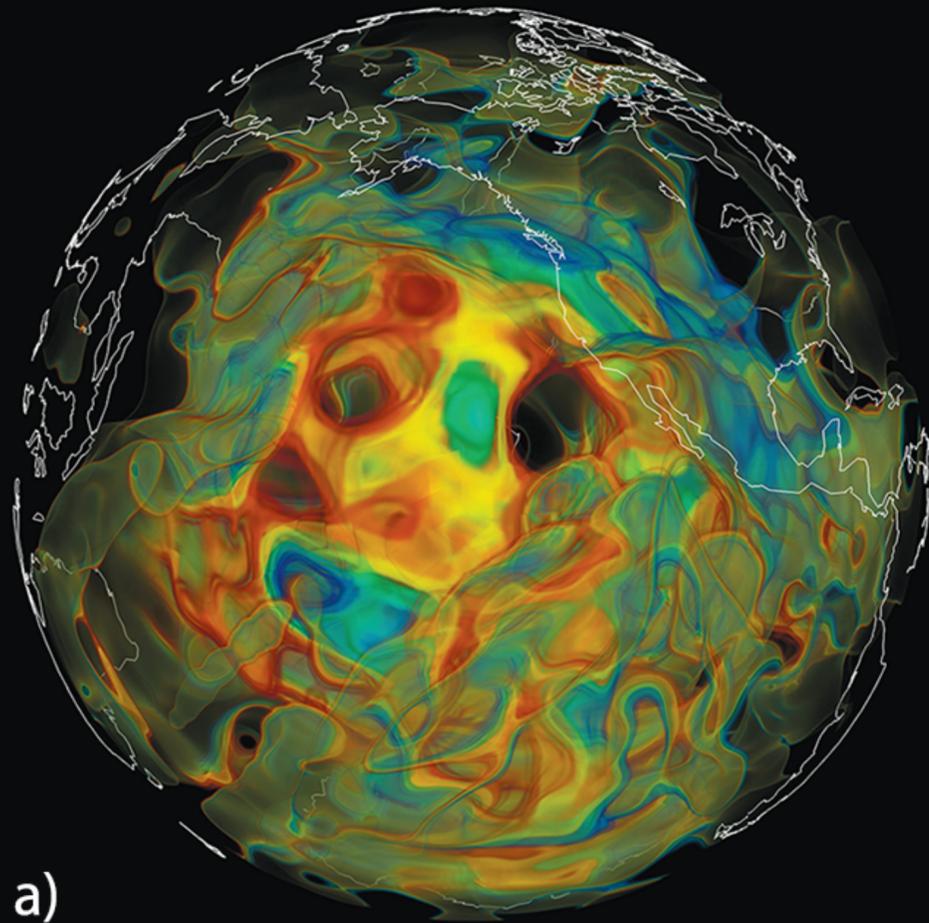


Adjoint Full Waveform Tomography - IMAGINE\_IT, Italy

# SPECFEM3D globe applications

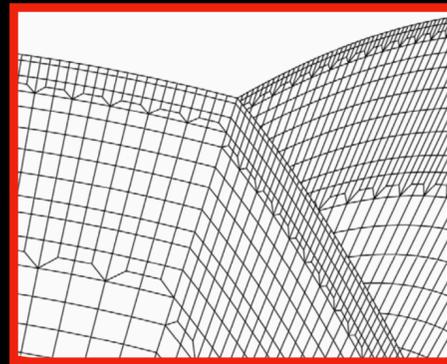
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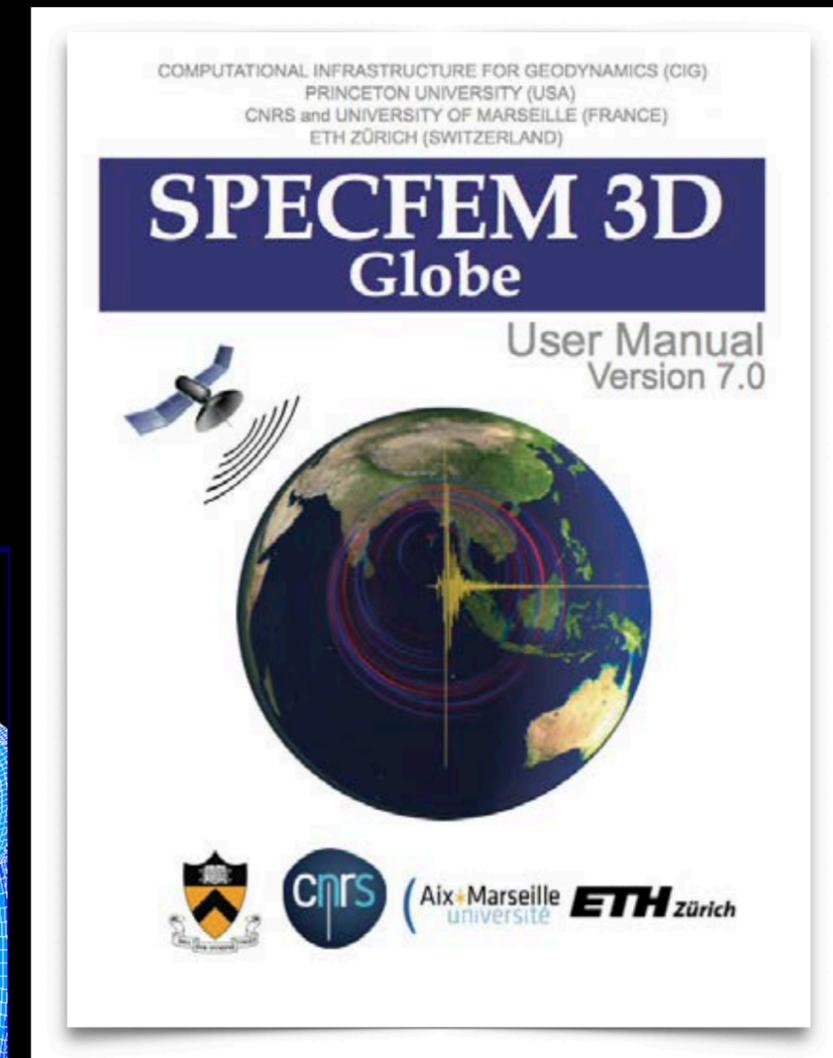
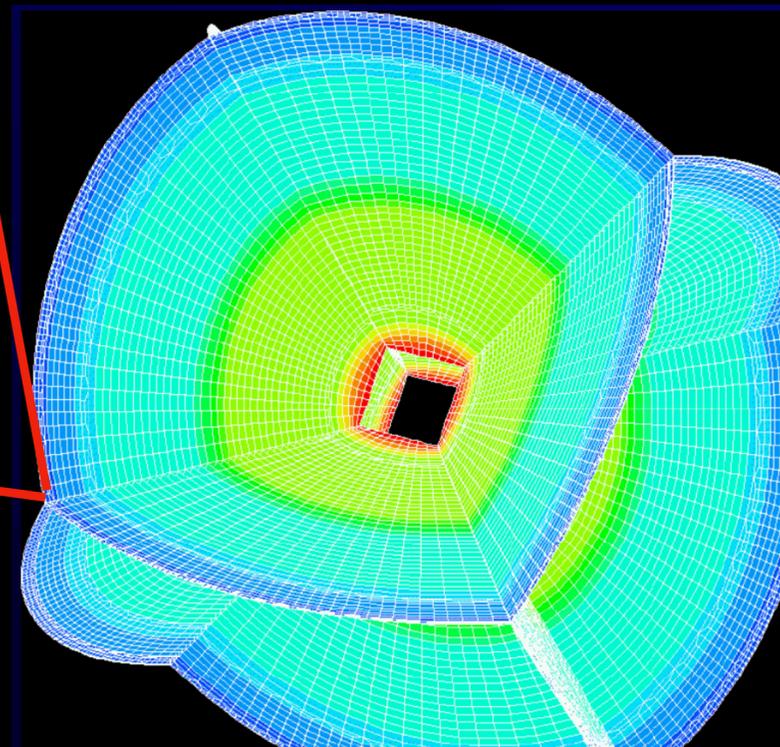


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Adjoint Full Waveform Tomography - Earth - Bozdag et al.



Cubed sphere



# Spectral Element Method

Neglect mass redistribution - Cowling approximation

Wave equation solved by SPECFEM3D\_GLOBE in crust, mantle and inner core:

$$\rho(\partial_t^2 \mathbf{s} + 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \partial_t \mathbf{s}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T} + \nabla(\rho \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{g}) - \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{s}) \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{f}$$

Wave equation solved by SPECFEM3D\_GLOBE in fluid outer core:

$$\partial_t^2 \mathbf{s} + 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \partial_t \mathbf{s} = \nabla(\rho^{-1} \kappa \nabla \cdot \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{g})$$

SPECFEM3D\_GLOBE uses domain decomposition between the fluid outer core and the solid inner core and mantle matching exactly:

- continuity of traction
- continuity of the normal component of displacement

- WEAK FORM
- HEX elements
- GAUSS-LOBATTO-LEGENDRE quadrature, GLL points
- Diagonal Mass Matrix (no inversion of a linear system)
- Explicit time-marching scheme

Developed in Computational Fluid Dynamics (Patera 1984)

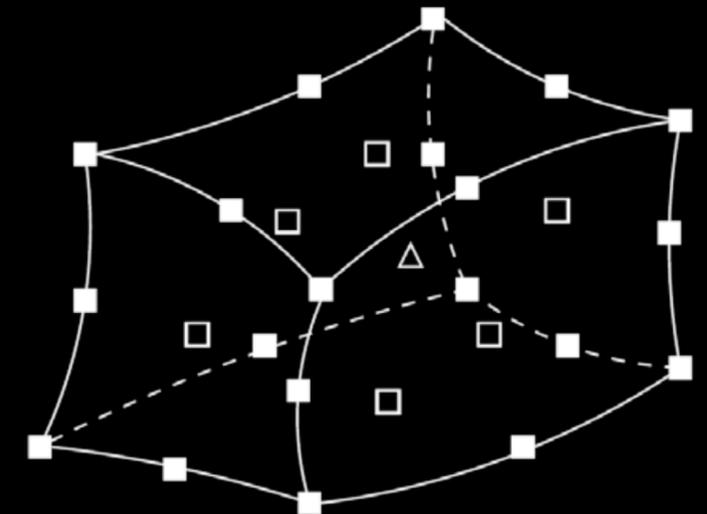
Accuracy of a pseudospectral method, flexibility of a finite-element method

Extended by Komatitsch and Tromp, Chaljub et al., Capdeville et al.

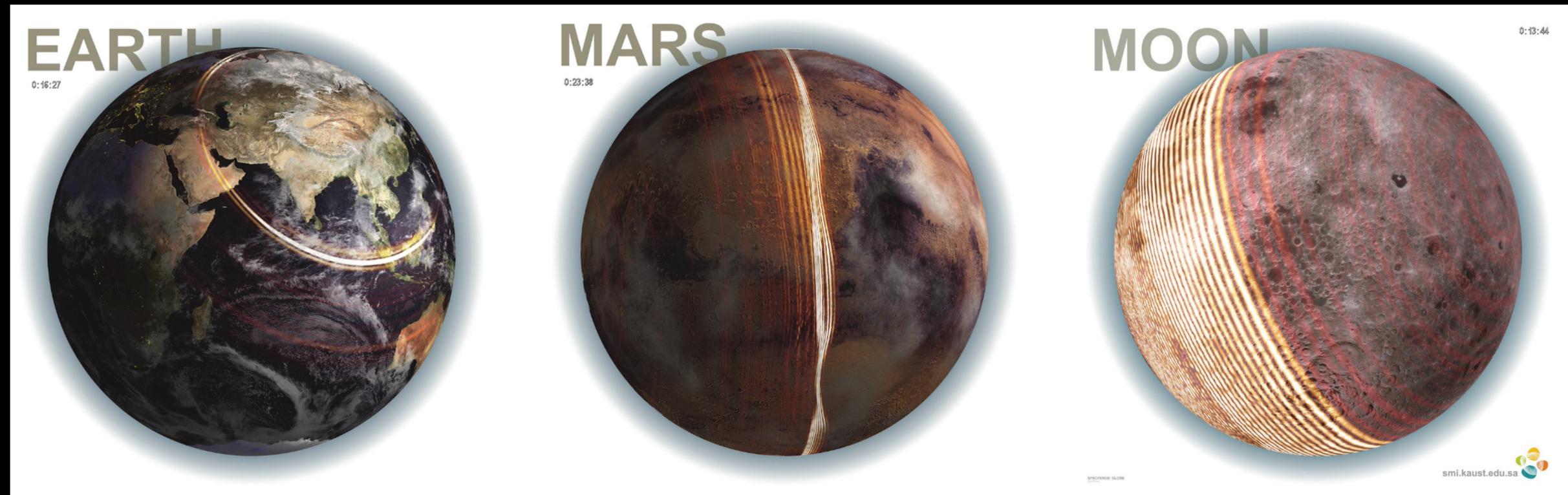
Large curved “spectral” finite-elements with high-degree polynomial interpolation

Mesh honors the main discontinuities (velocity, density) and topography

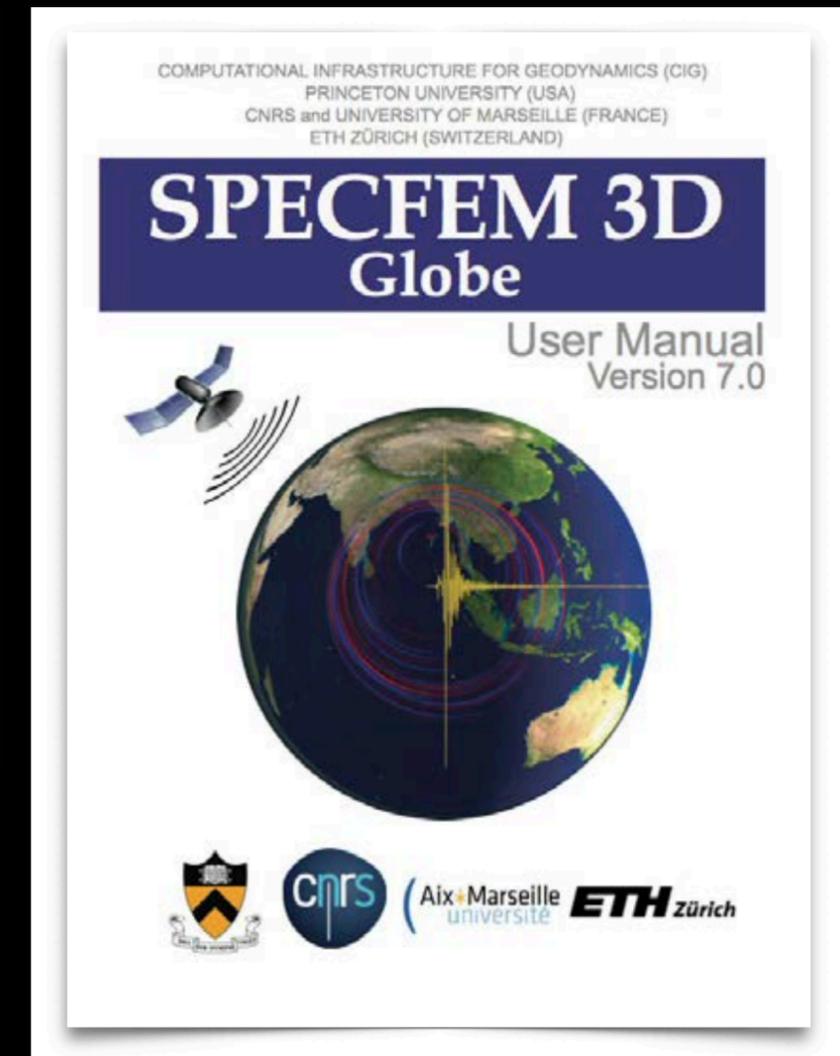
Very efficient on parallel computers, no linear system to invert (diagonal mass matrix)



# SPECFEM3D globe - planetary applications



Courtesy of D. Peter



# Synthetic wavefield: meteoroid impact

SPECFEM3D\_globe

**Topography:** Lunar Orbiter Laser Altimeter (**LOLA**)  
0.9 arc-minute

Moon **radius** 1737.1 km

Elements size = 21 km (128 NEX)  
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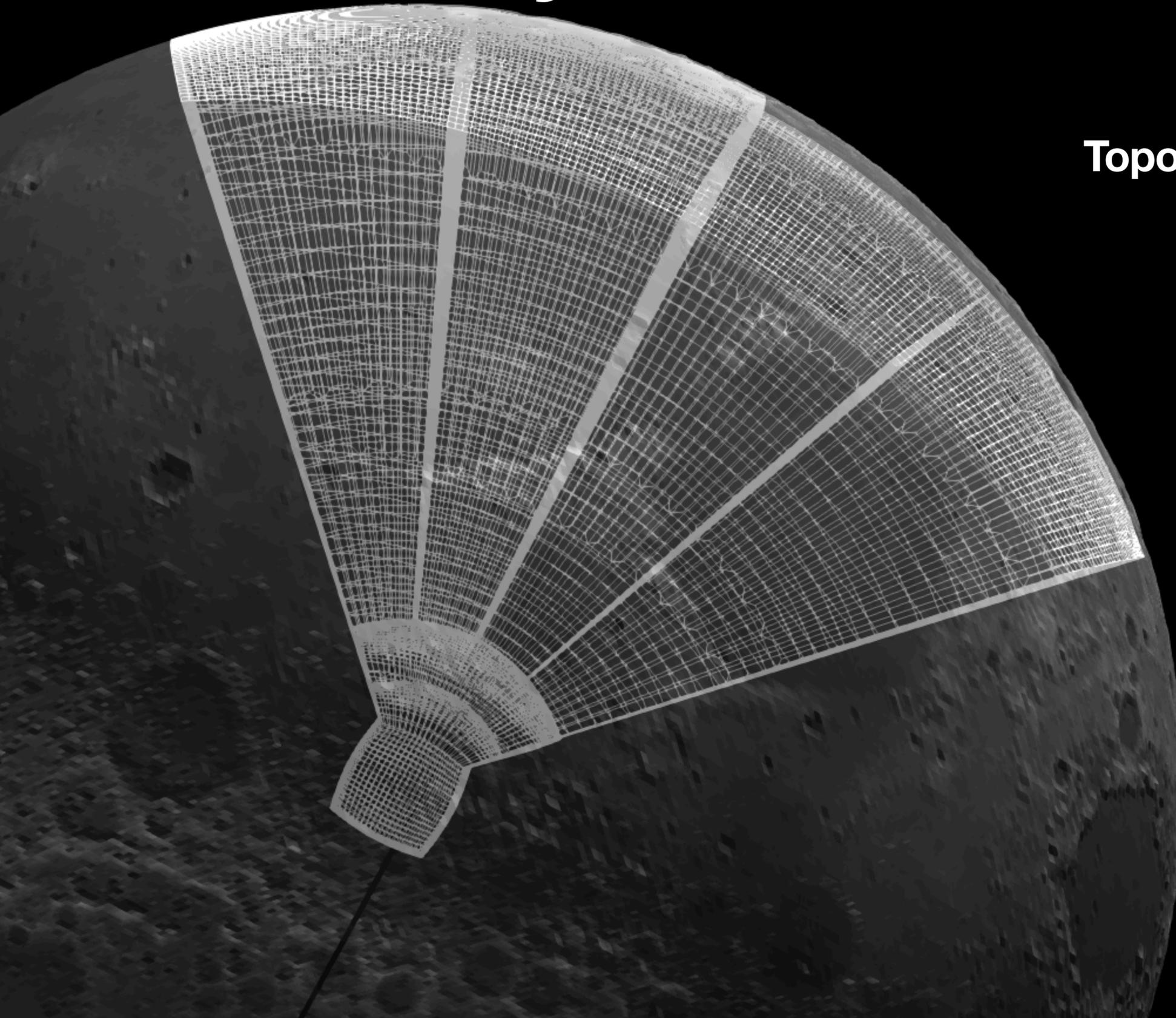
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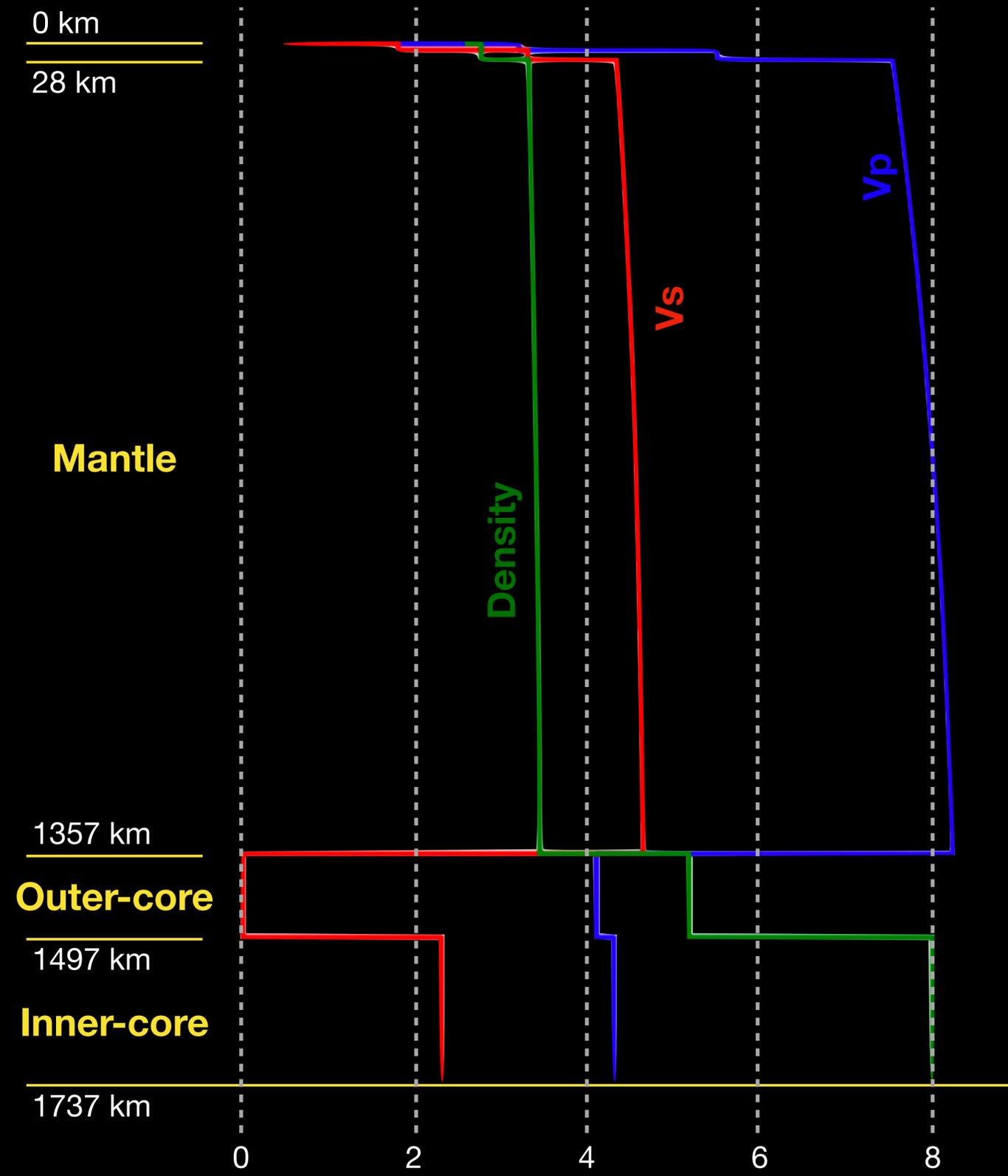
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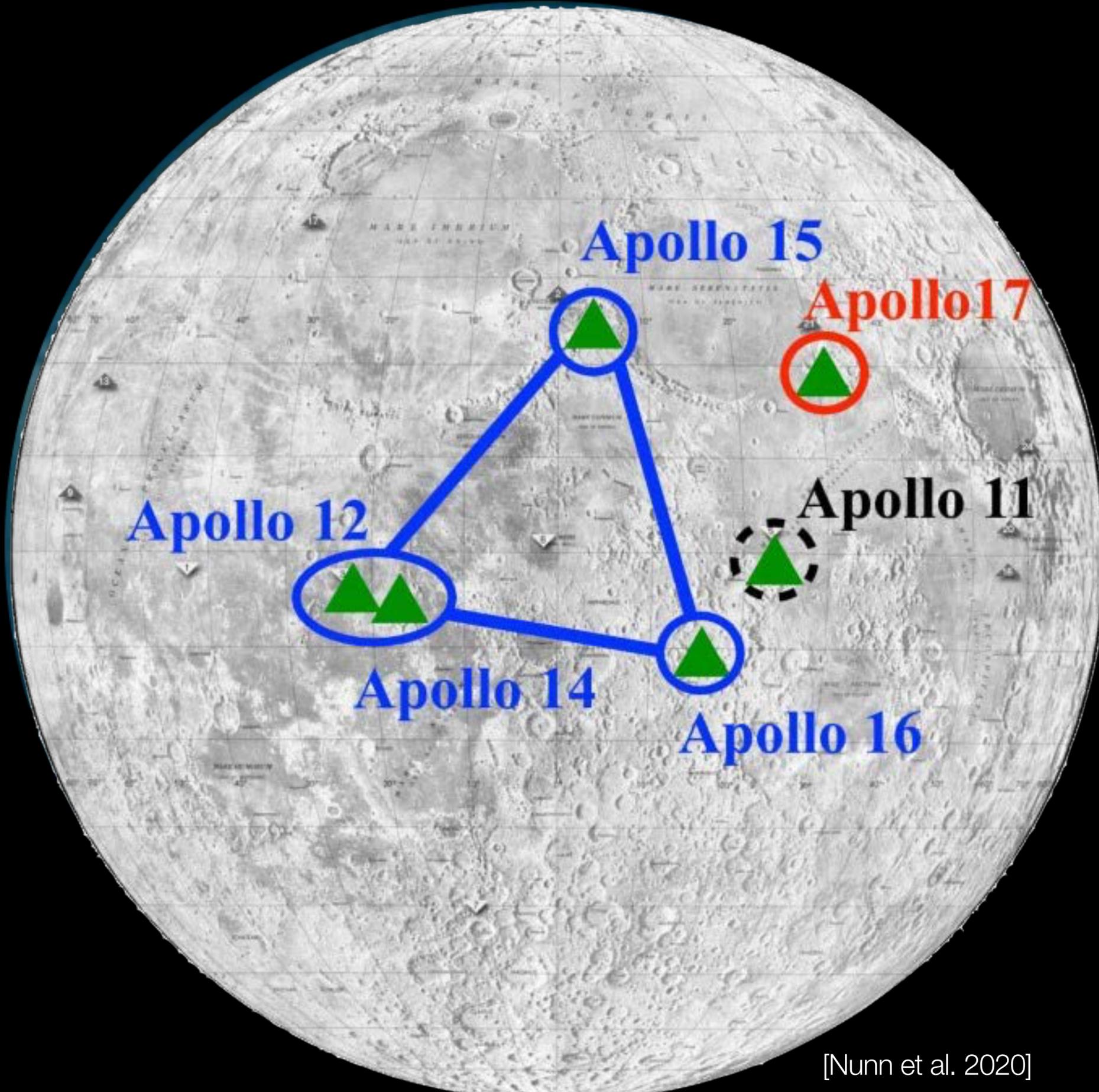
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**Source: perpendicular force**  
meteoroid impact on May 13, 1972  
1.1 N, 16.9 W (+/- 0.2 degree)  
factor force source: 5.e+9 N

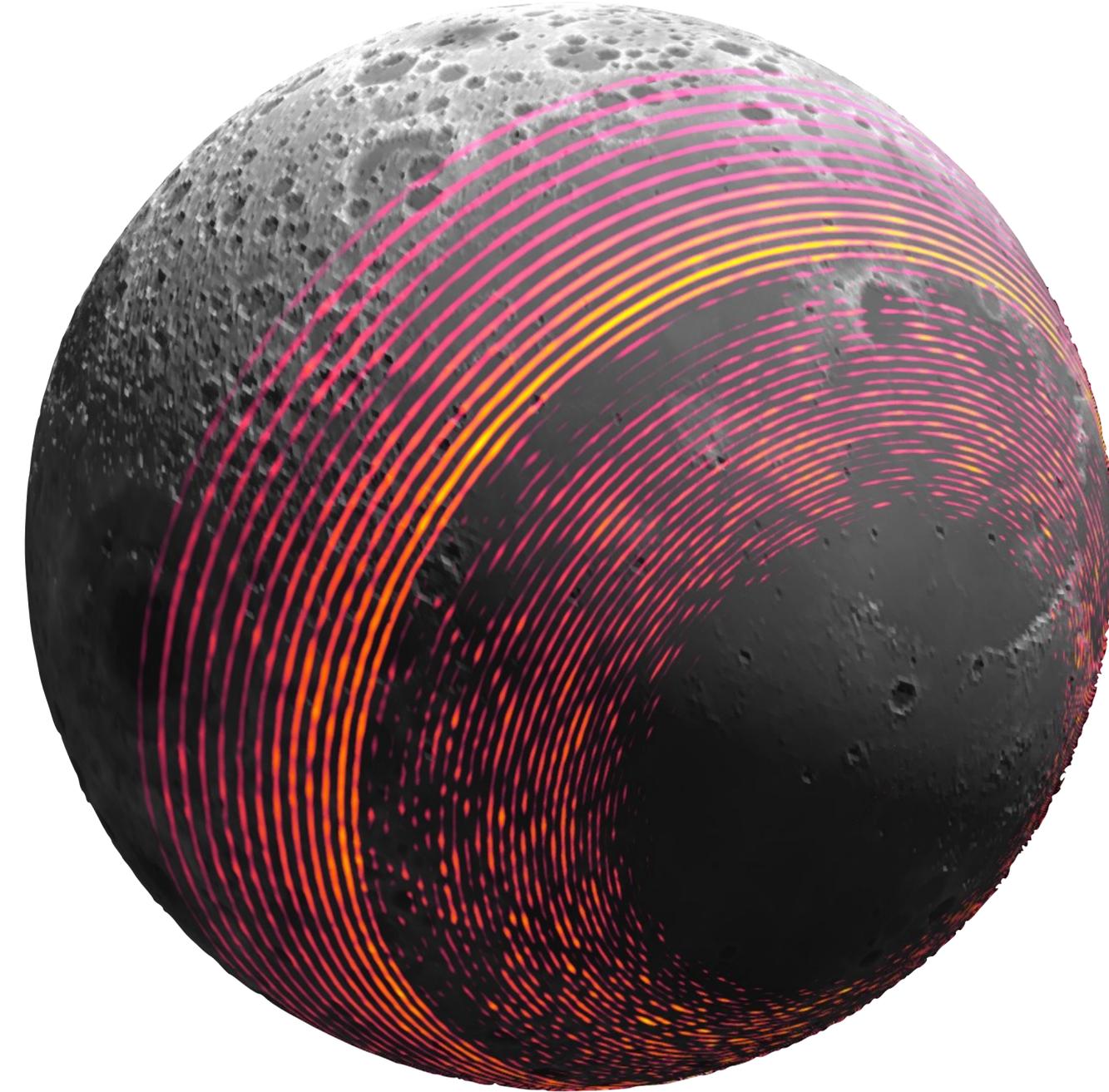
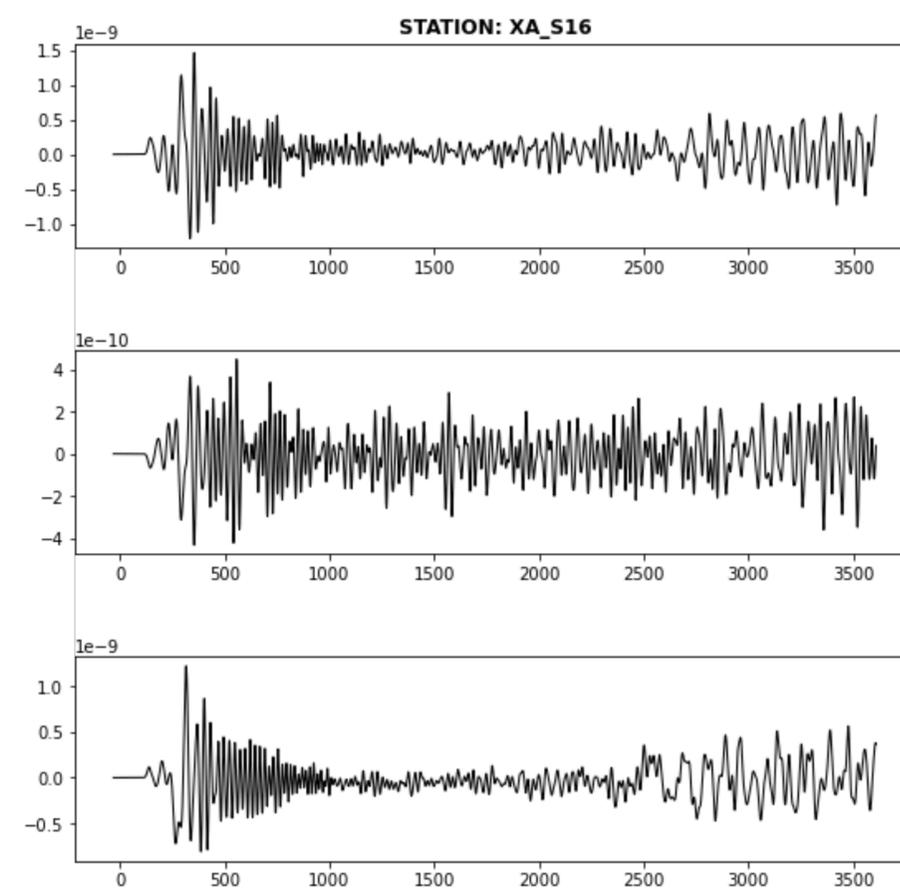
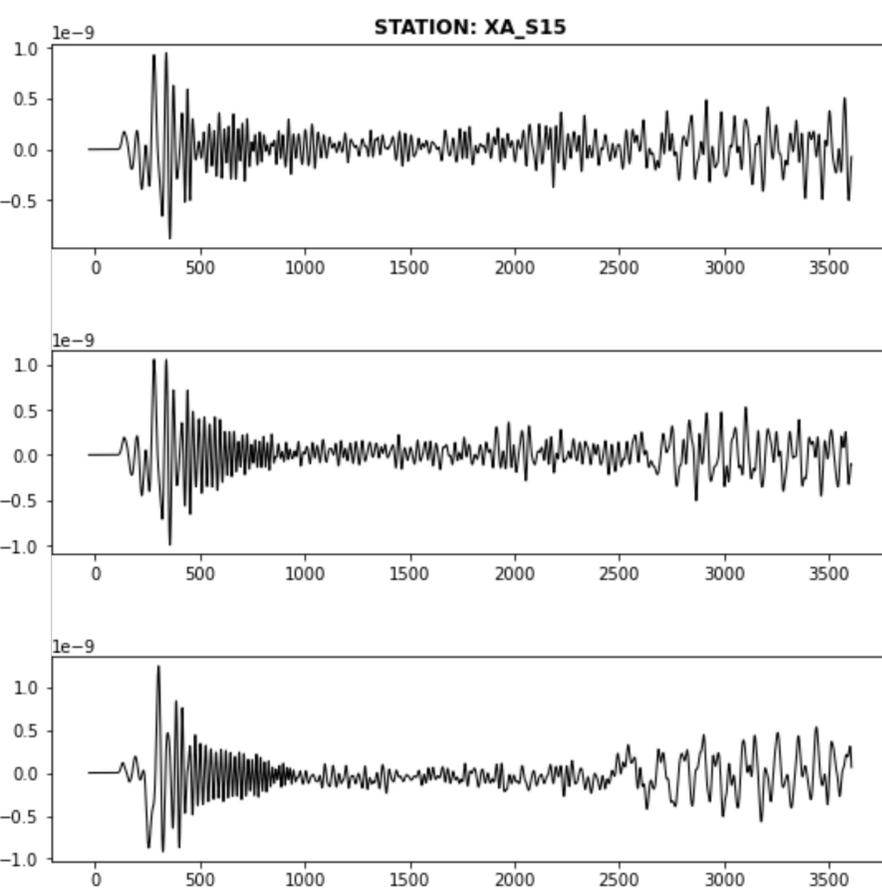
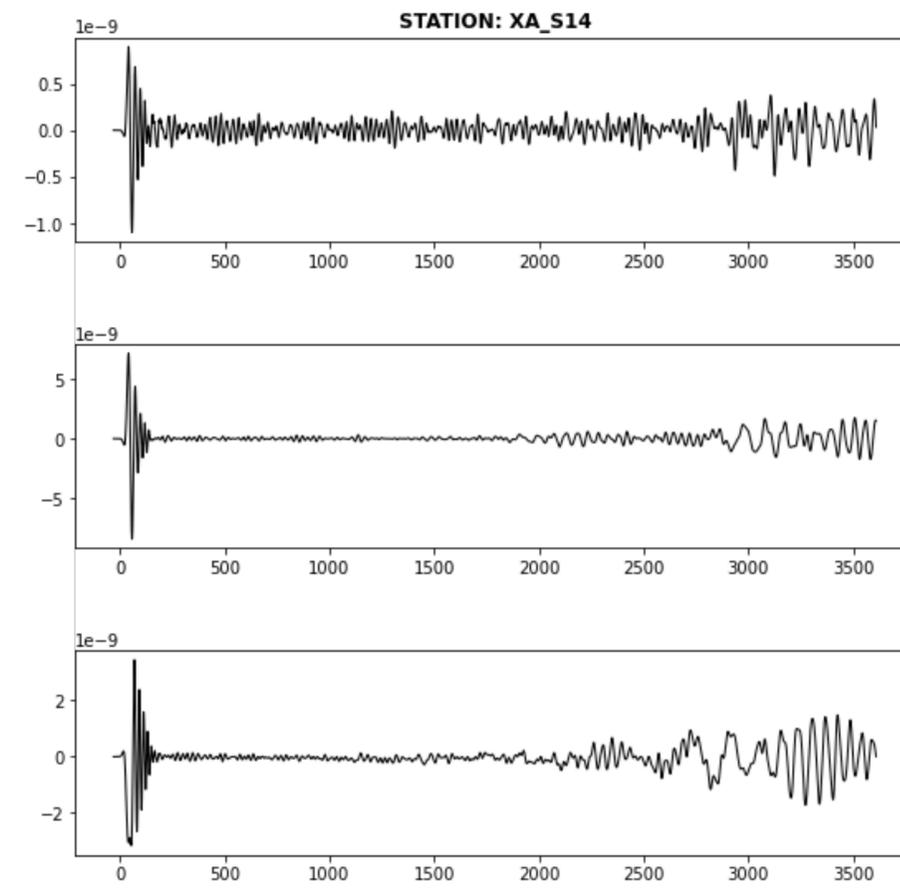
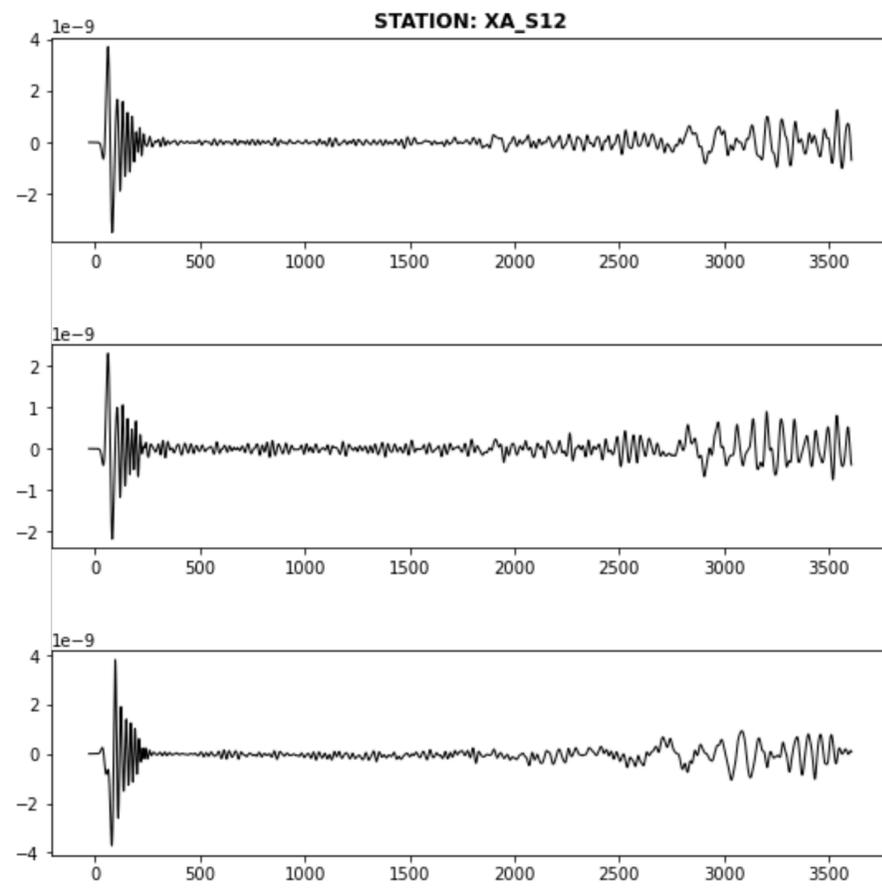
**Receivers:**  
**Apollo Passive Seismic Experiments**

S12	-3.01084	-23.42456
S14	-3.6445	-17.47753
S15	26.13407	3.62981
S16	-8.97577	15.49649

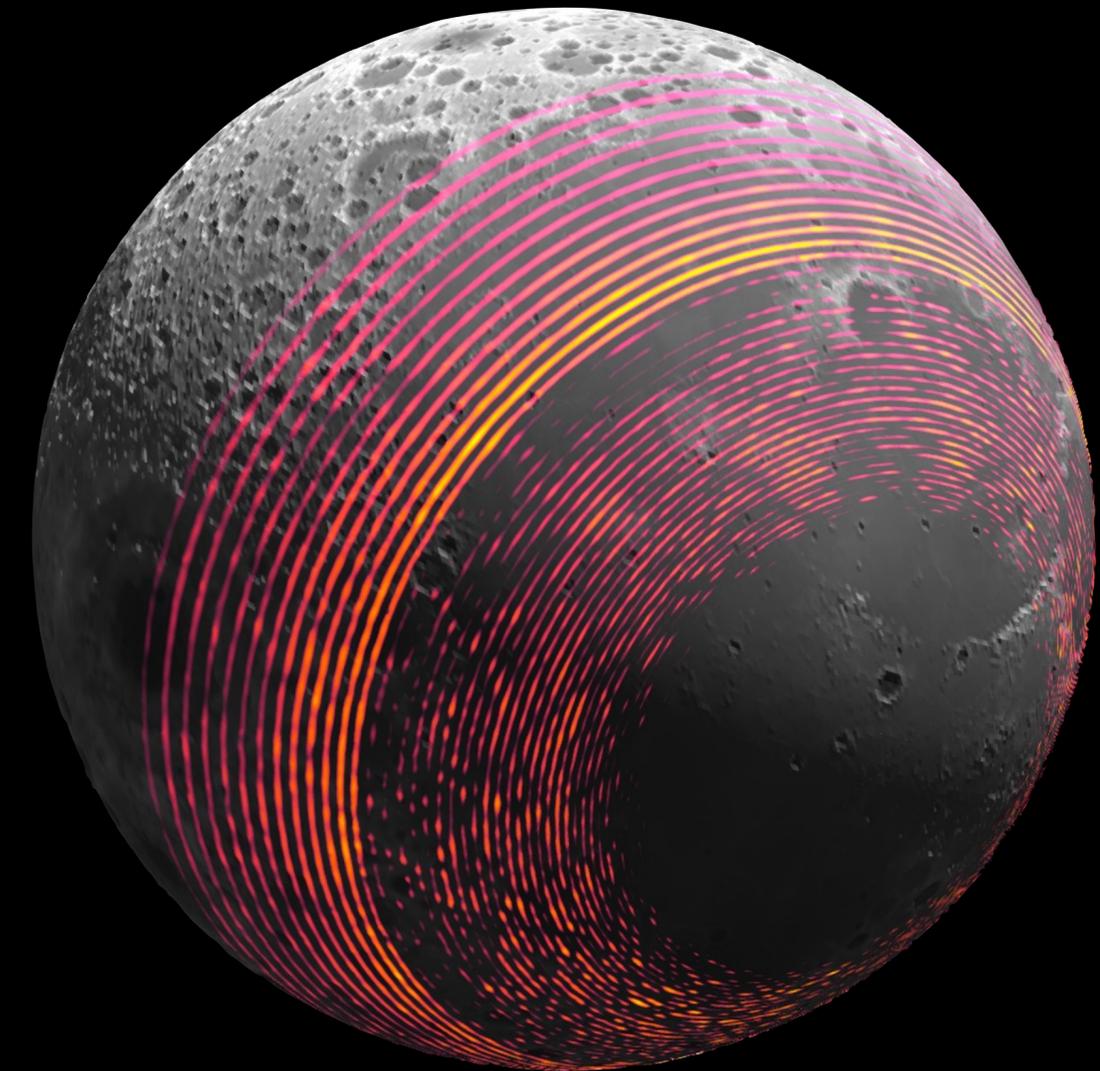
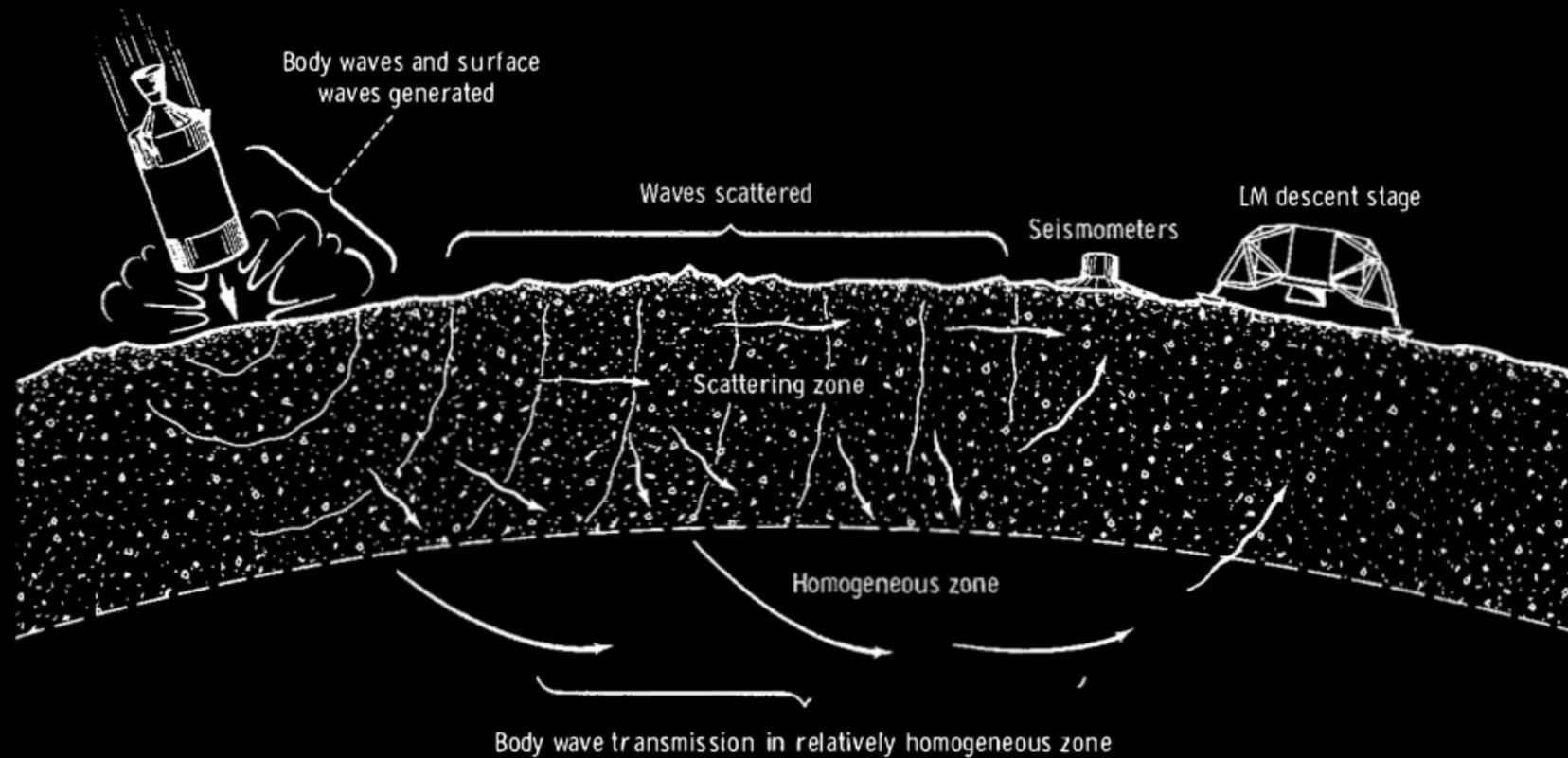
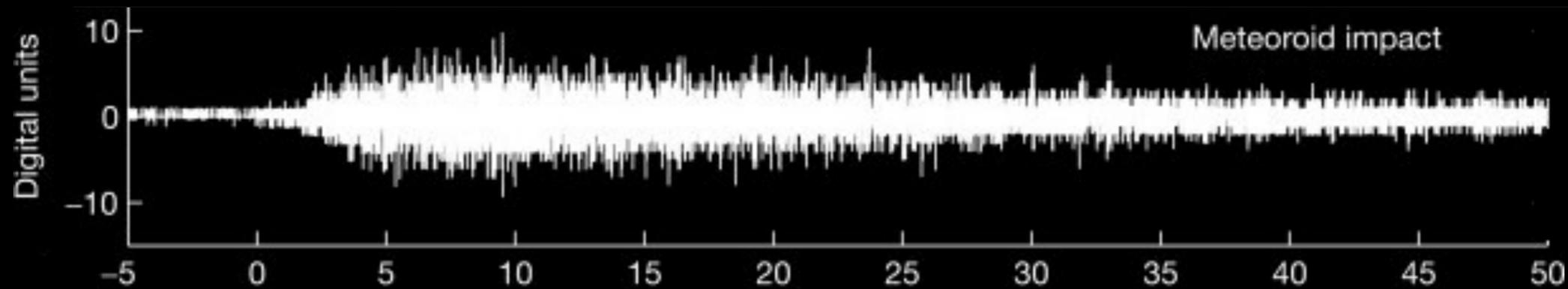
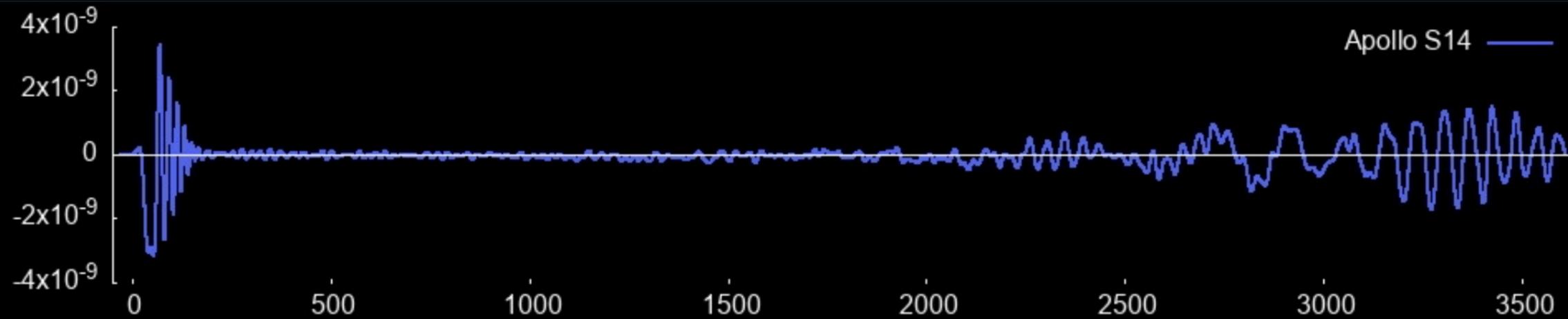
**Simulations:**  
Seismograms 60 minutes  
96 CPU processor  
DT=0.95 s  
1 h 41m CPU time



# Synthetic wavefield: Meteoroid impact



# Scattering



[Apollo 14 preliminary science report, 1971]

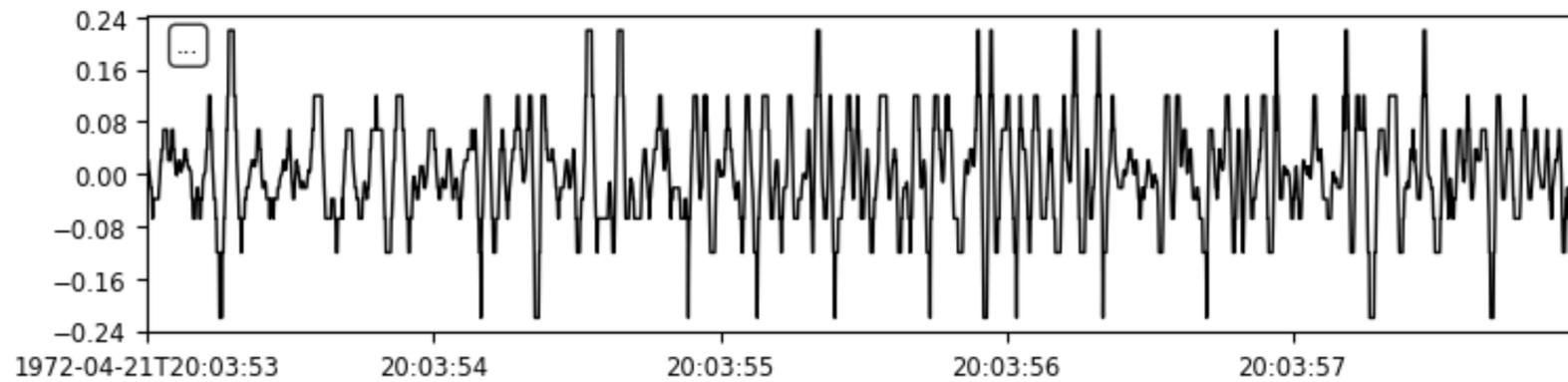
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## Comparison DATA and SYNTHETIC for meteoric and lander impact -> scattering

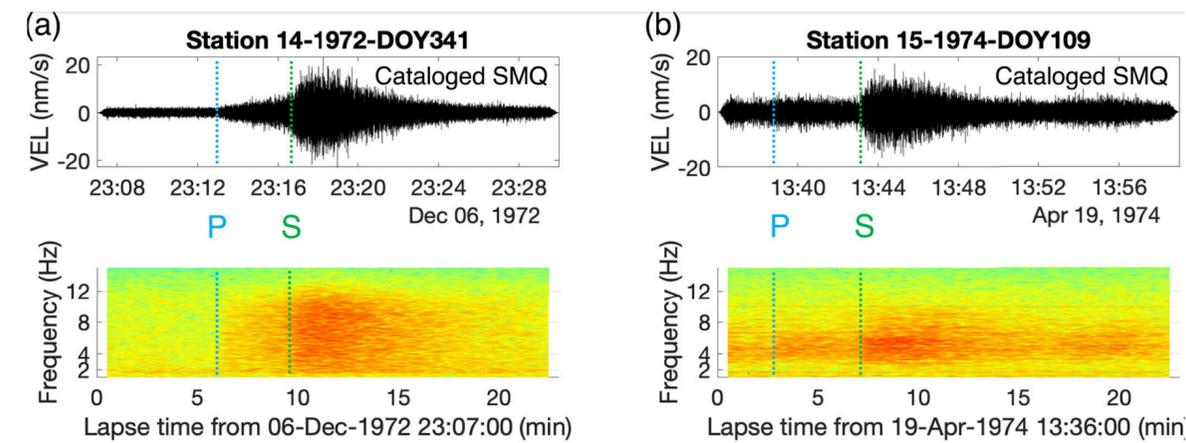
### Multiple simulations for noise

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## Reproducing the data from the Apollo 16 active seismic experiment

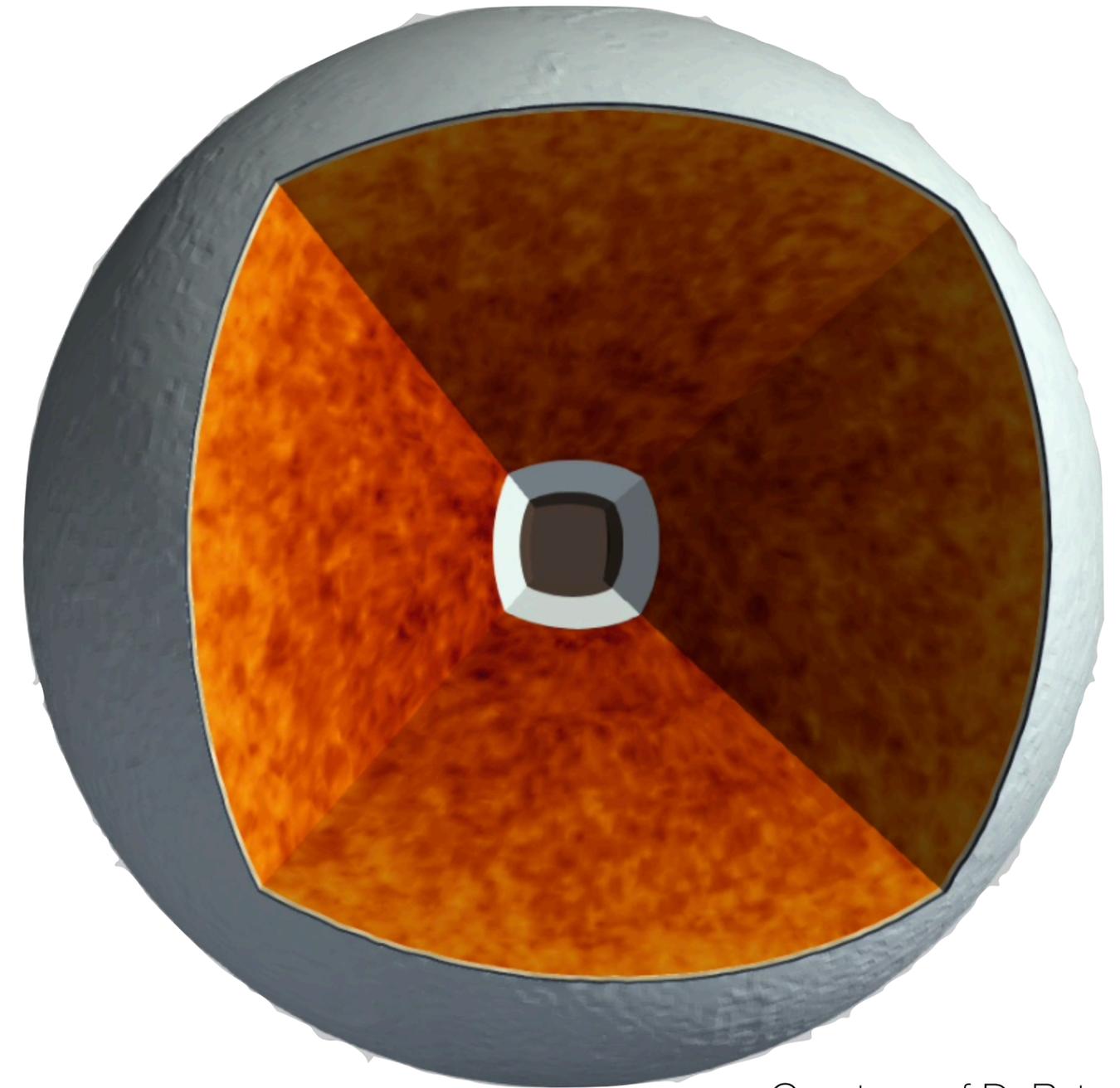


## Unstructured Mesh and higher frequency



(Ondera, 2024)

# Synthetic wavefield: Work in progress



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