

# The 3<sup>rd</sup> SCEC CSM workshop

- Welcome on behalf of the organizers
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  - Brad Aagaard
  - David Sandwell
  - Bruce Shaw
  - John Shaw
  - Thorsten Becker
- Thanks for playing!

# **SCEC Community Stress Model (CSM)**

## **Community Stress Model (CSM):**

- New project starting in SCEC4.
- Long-term goal: a model or set of models of stress and stressing rate in the southern California lithosphere, 4D
- The CSM will probably not be a single model, but a (hopefully small) set of models.
- Any branches in the CSM will be based on clearly-defined differences in data or assumptions.

# Main questions within SCEC framework

- How are faults loaded?
  - What is the pre-stress state?
  - What are the stressing rates?
    - for rupture propagation
    - for aftershocks
    - for earthquake prediction

# General questions

- Degree of fault strain-localization
- Nature of the brittle ductile transition
- Time-evolution of plate boundary systems
- Role of mantle based tractions and those due to gravitational potential energy variations vs. seismic cycle timescale mechanics

## **Who are the users of the CSM and what do they need?**

**External users:** Rupture dynamics, geodynamics, seismic hazard, stress triggering, others?

**Needs:** You tell us!

**Provide:** One or more reference stress and stressing rate models, accessible through an interface developed jointly with the user communities.

**Internal users:** Researchers working on problems directly related to stress.

**Needs:** Access to existing data and models, easier ways to integrate and compare models and observations.

**Provide:** A modeling environment with tools that will enable researchers to develop and test candidate models against suites of data and/or quantitatively compare their models with other models.

## Progress on the SCEC CSM:

- *First workshop*, September 2011, at SCEC Meeting.
  - Large, wide-ranging group discussion.
- *Second workshop*, October 2012, USC.
  - compiled and compared existing stress and stressing rate models from the SCEC community.
  - All models in common format on pre-defined 3D grid.
  - Most models were submitted as full 6-component stress or stressing rate tensors.
- *Third workshop*: May 29-30 2013, Menlo Park.
  - Focus on reconciling stressing rate models
  - Validating models with data
  - More geological constraints
  - More geodynamic predictions

## Stress Comparison

**Metric:**

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## Menu

### Stressing Rate

- CSM grid

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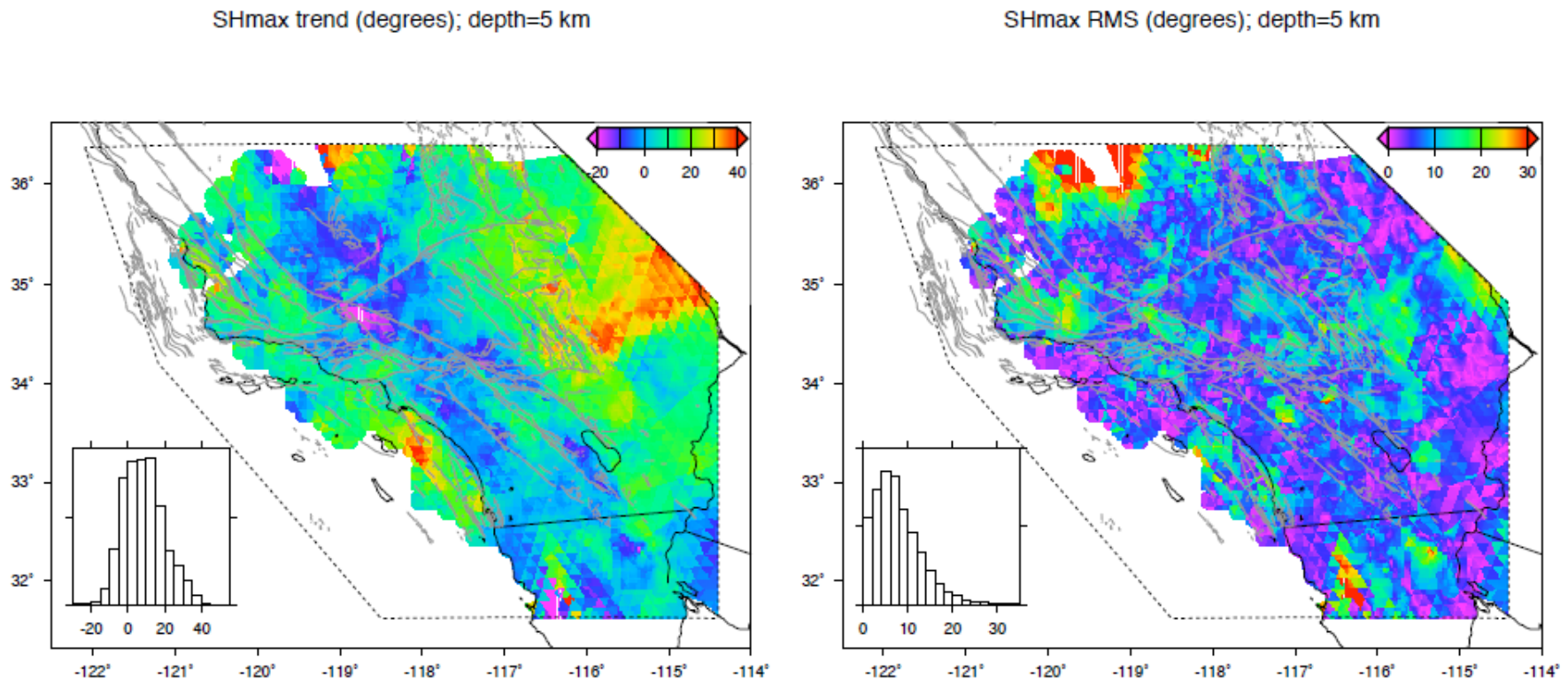


## Contributed Models (see Jeanne's discussion):

### Stress:

- 1) Inversions of focal mechanisms / Kostrov summations
- 2) Inversions of topography and fault loading for stress
- 3) Finite element, thin shell type models with faults
- 4) Global lithospheric stress models from mantle flow

# Agreement between seismicity based stress models

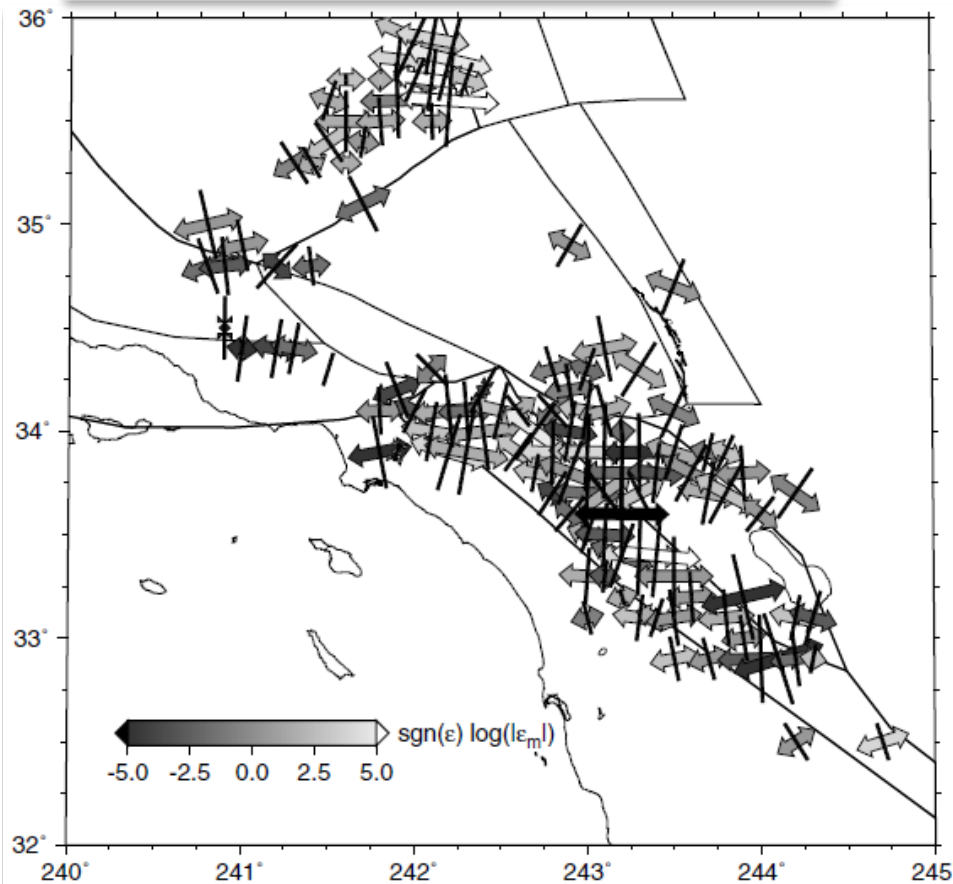


**Figure 1. Left:** Maximum horizontal compressive stress axis (SHmax) for an average stress model generated by averaging the normalized stress tensors of the models of Bird; Luttrell, Smith-Konter and Sandwell; and Yang and Hauksson. **Right:** the RMS difference of the SHmax orientation of the three models relative to the mean.

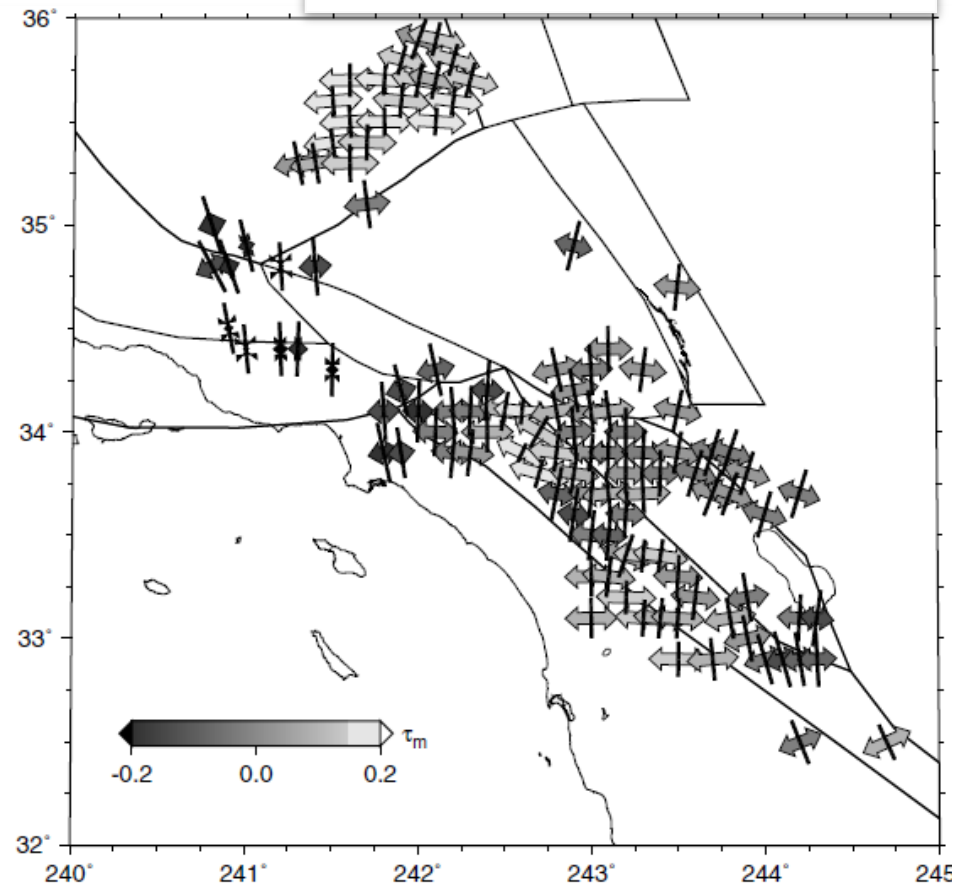
From 2<sup>nd</sup> SCEC CSM Workshop report

# Some issues: How to interpret seismic data?

Kostrov summation

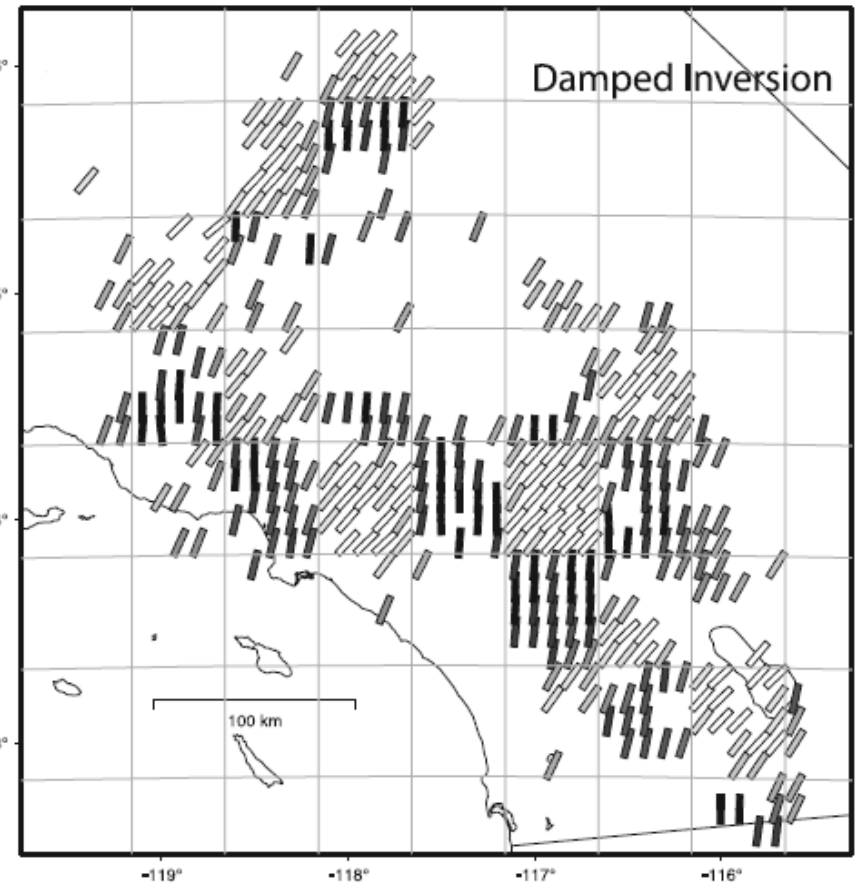
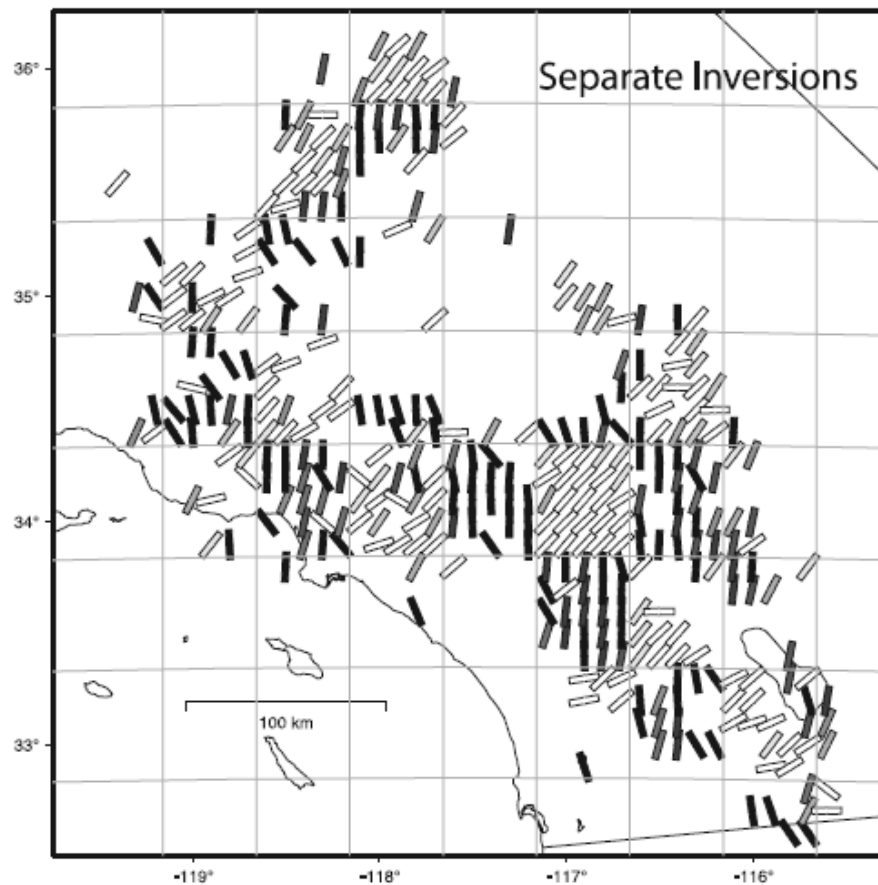


Damped  
stress inversion



Becker et al. (2005)

# Inversion in the presence of noise and *a priori* assumptions



Hardebeck & Michaels (2006)

## Contributed Models (see Liz' and David's discussion):

### Stressing Rate:

- 1) Block models fitting geodetic data.
- 2) Fault loading models from geodesy and geology
- 3) Fault dislocation models plus static stress change from earthquakes
- 4) Local boundary element models

# UCERF3 deformation models

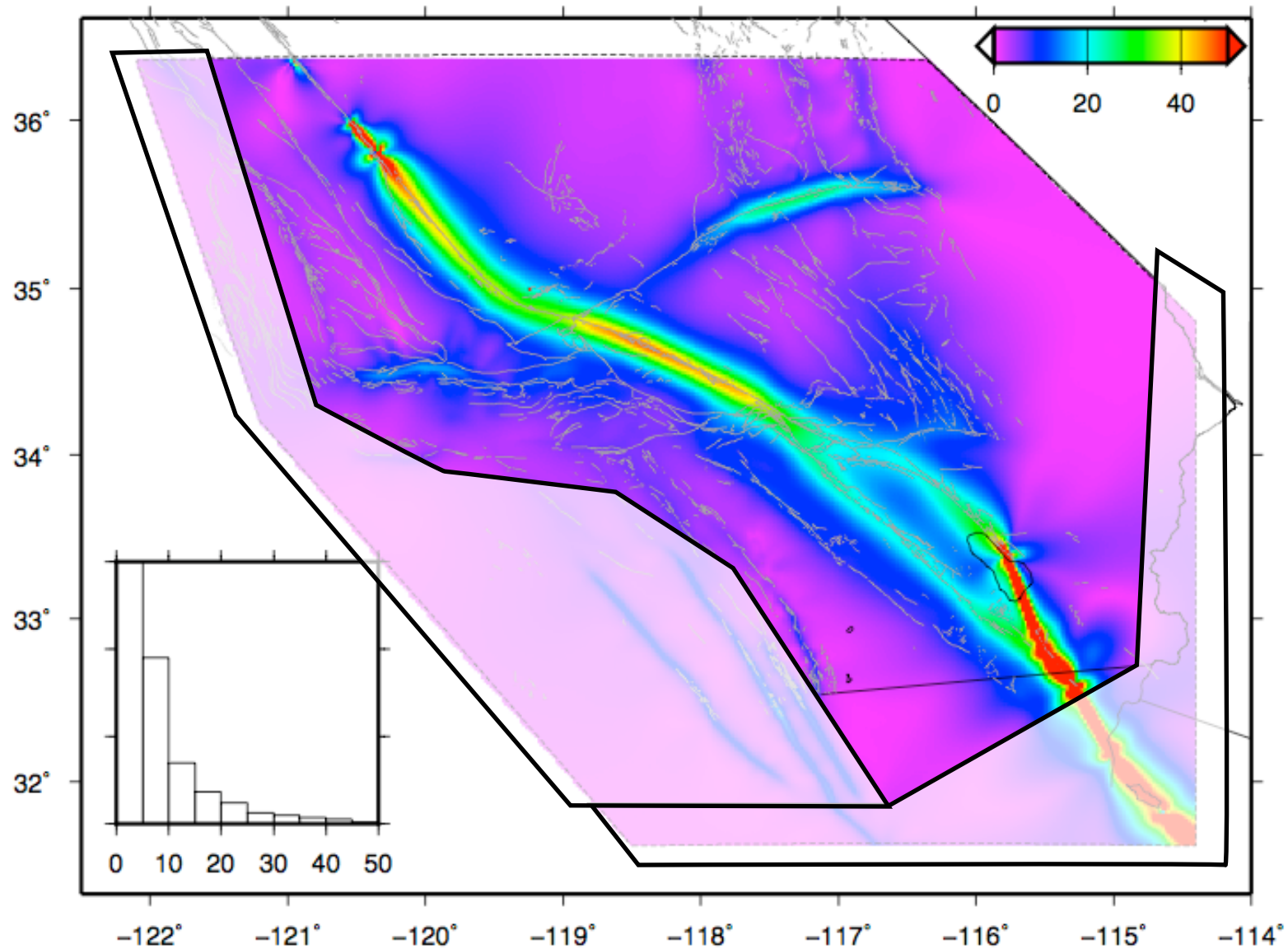
- NeoKinema (Peter Bird)
- Average block model (Kaj Johnson)
- Buried dislocation model (Yuehua Zeng)

*All models use the same fault geometry, slip rate bounds and GPS velocity data.*

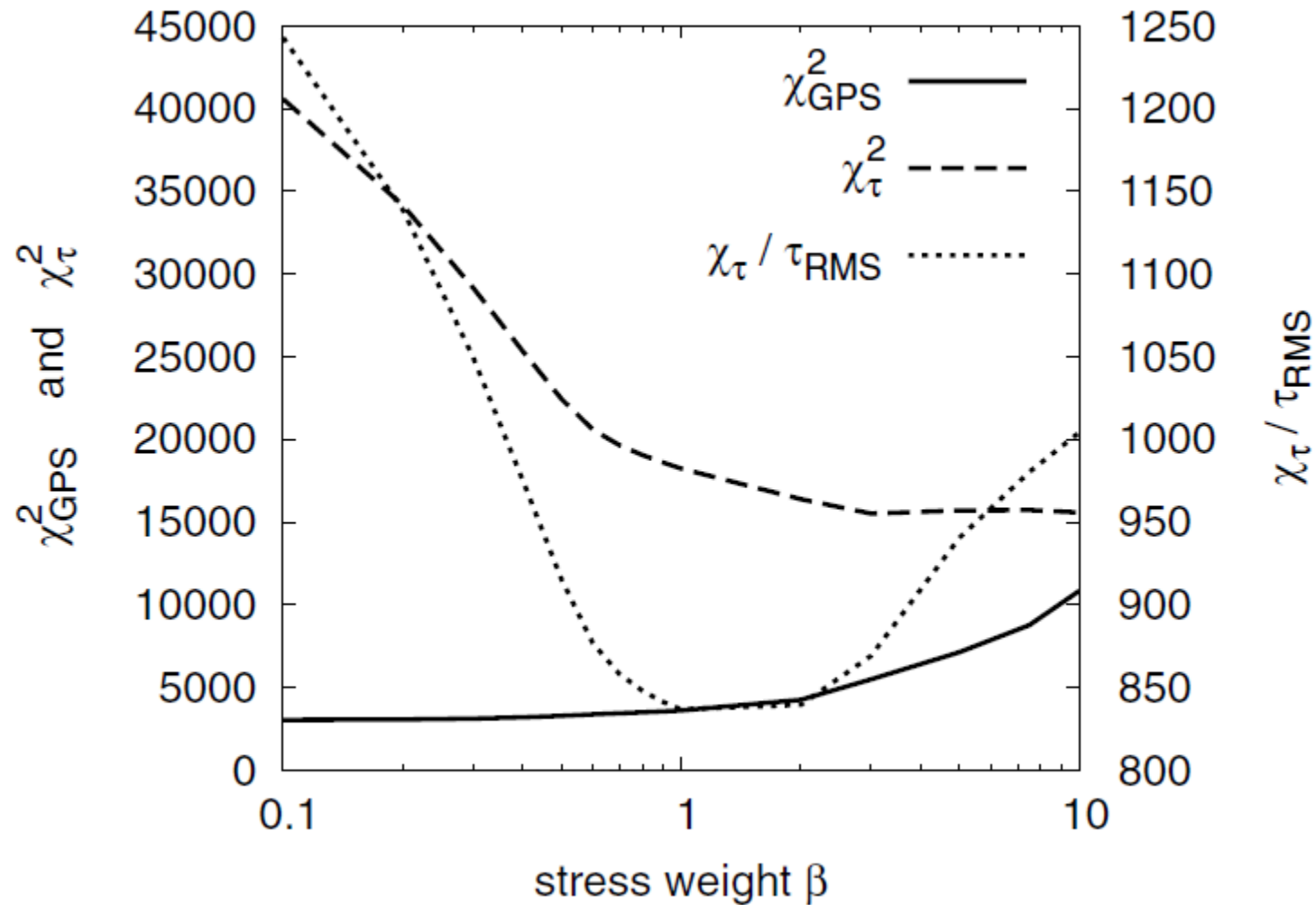
*Differences arise from different methods and assumptions.*

# Buried dislocation model stressing rate (Liz's discussion)

differential stressing rate (kPa/yr); depth=5 km



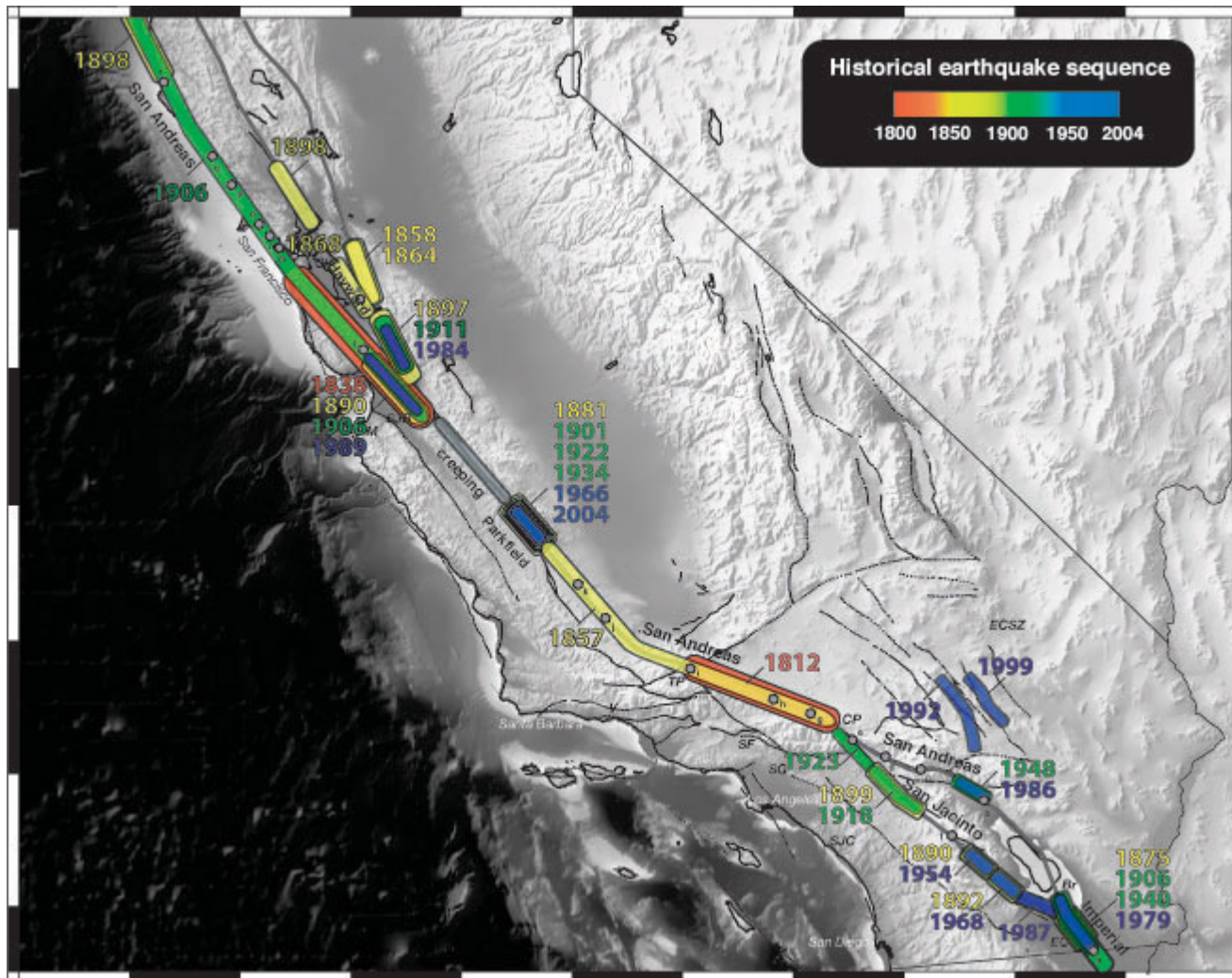
# Some issues: Stress or stressing-rate? Joint inversions? Weighting?



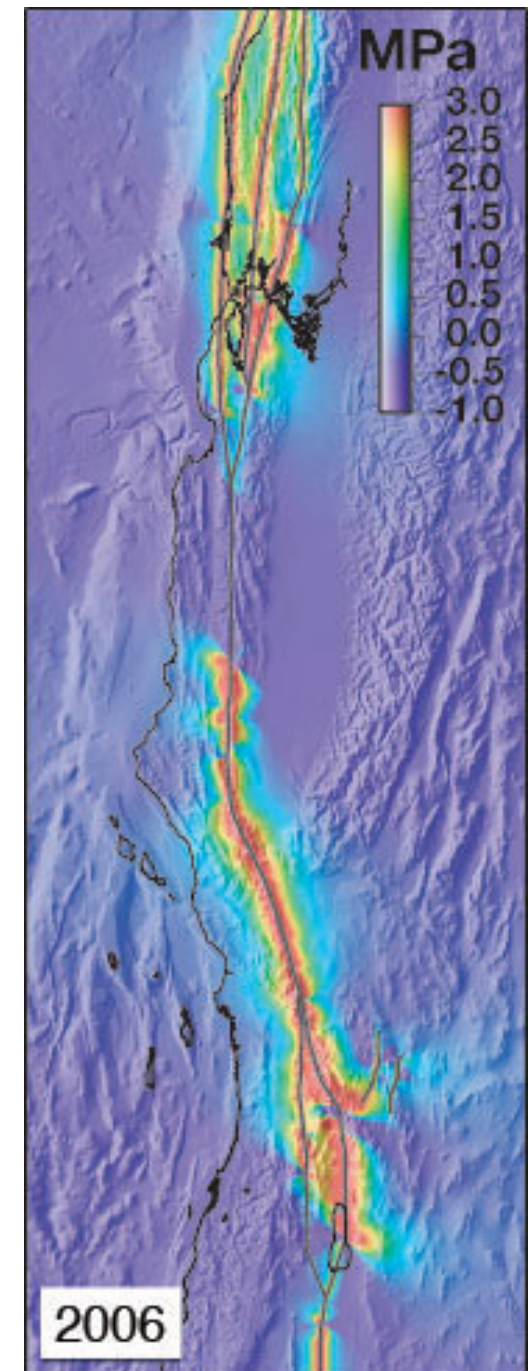
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# Some problems: time

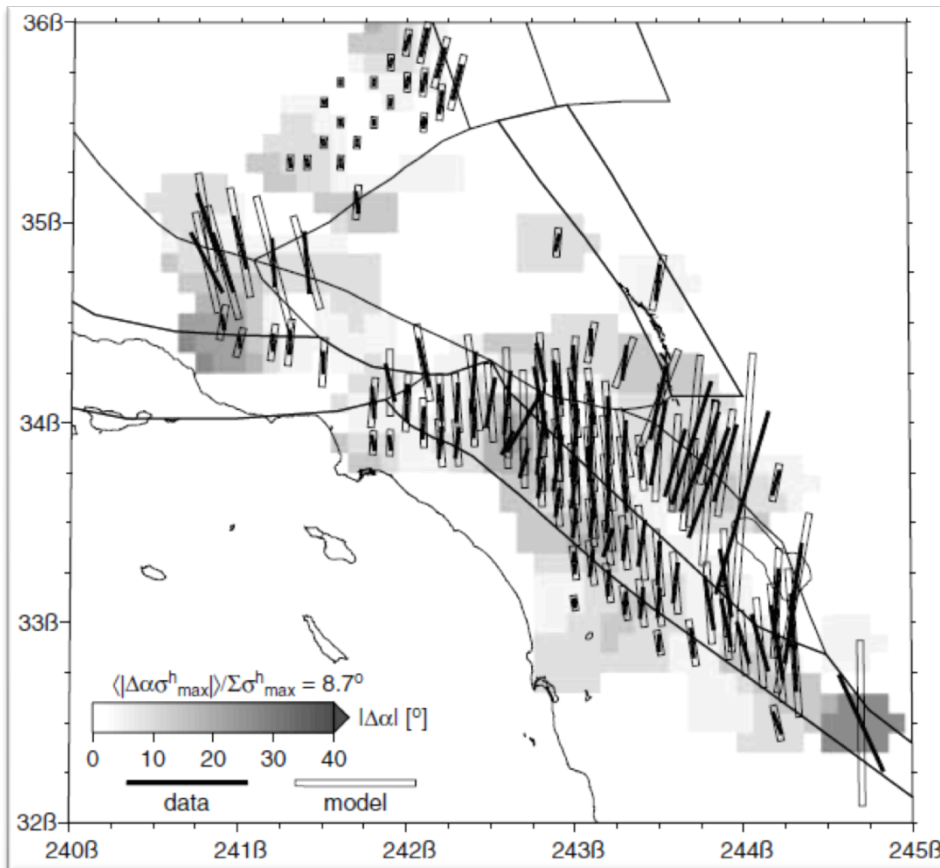


Smith-Konter and Sandwell (2009)

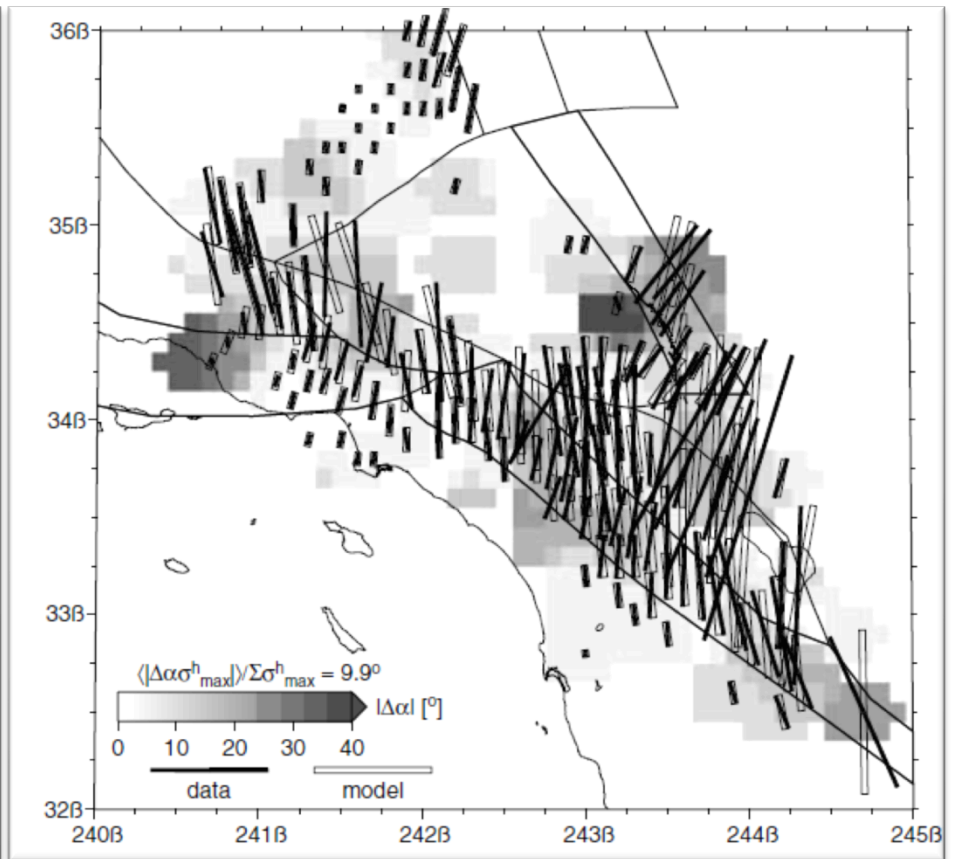


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## Before Landers



## After Landers



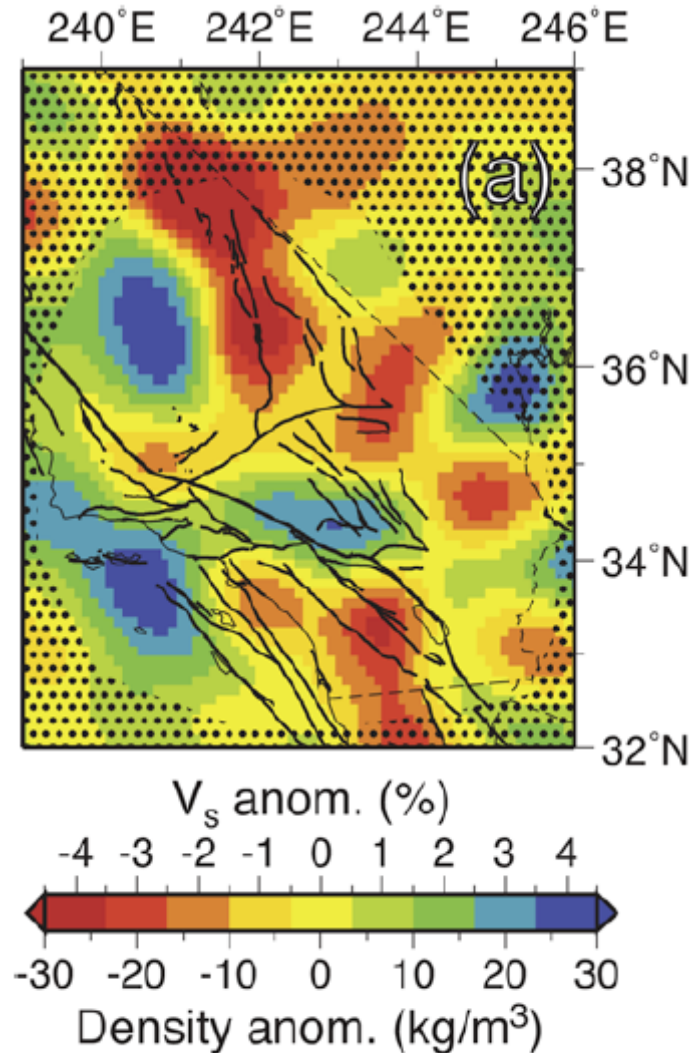
Comparison of focal mechanism based stress (boxes) and stressing-rate from block model (sticks) from joint inversion

Becker et al. (2005)

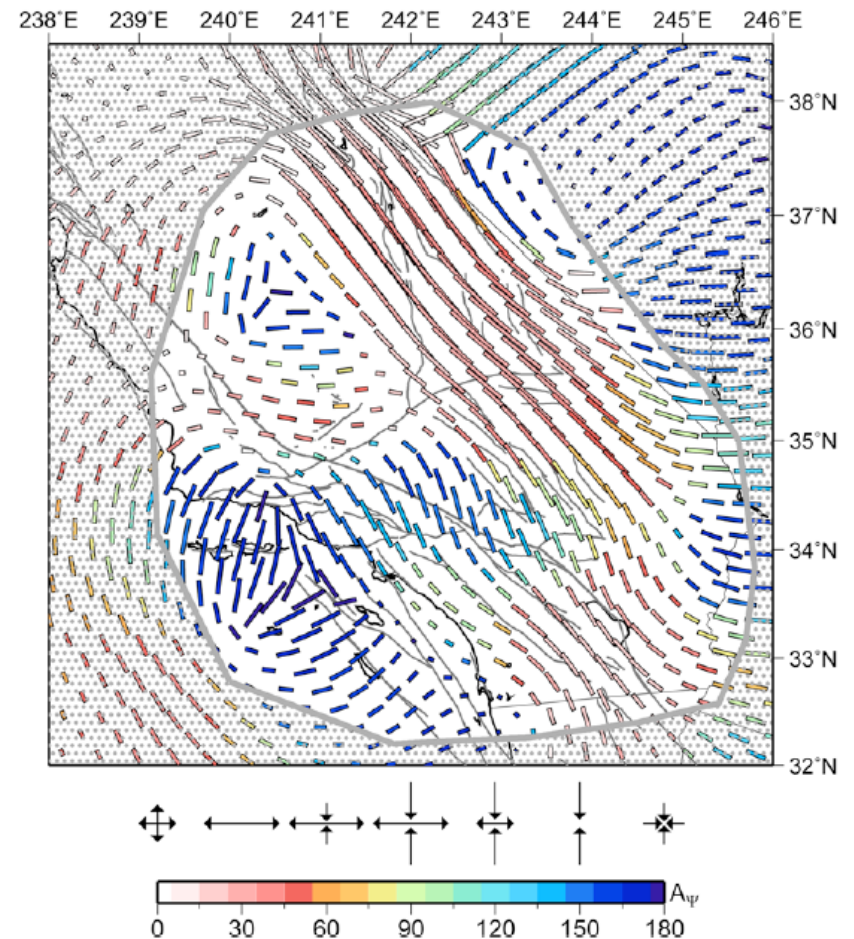


# Some problems: upper mantle flow?

Seismic tomography at  
~100 km depth

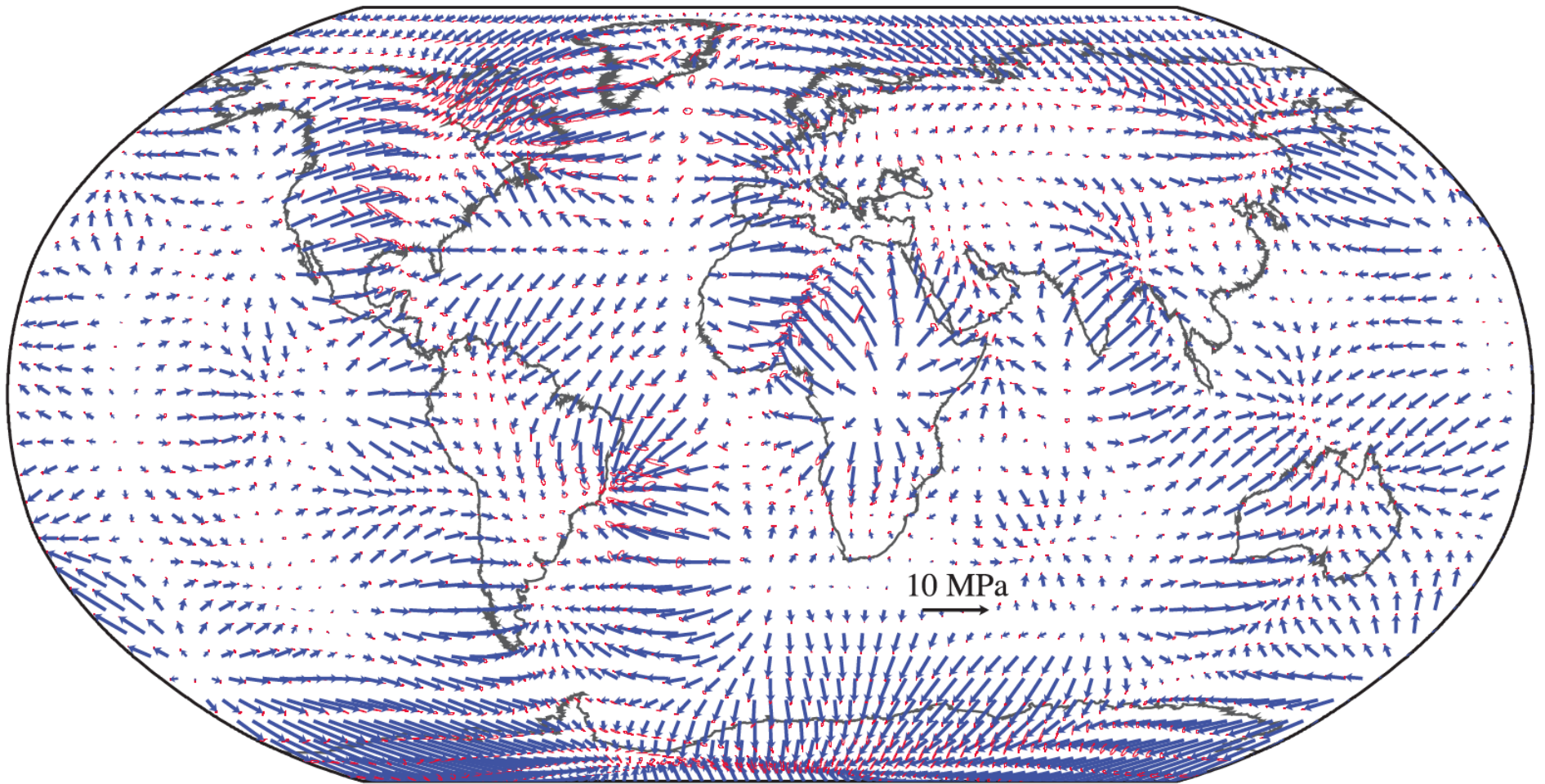


Predicted crustal stresses  
(of order ~5 MPa)



Fay and Humphreys (2008)

# Some issues: Global mantle flow (see Bill's discussion)



Tractions at base of lithosphere imposed by mantle flow from  
*Ghosh and Holt [2012]*

## Some broader problems:

- Physics-based stress and stressing rate models rely on assumptions about rheology, which is poorly known.
- Stress and stressing rate models are generally in good agreement in the upper crust where elastic and brittle deformation dominate.
- Models become more different near the base of the seismogenic zone. Much of this disagreement is due to differences in assumed fault locking depth – better understanding of the brittle-ductile transition and strain-localization is needed.
- Very poor agreement of models below seismogenic depths. Need better constraints from rheology and geodynamic modeling.

# The journey is the goal

- Comparison of stress from stressing rate models as  $f(z)$  immediately leads to debate about strain localization
- Huge model differences in prediction of absolute stress level, fix with geology?
- In the end, debate more useful than a single “product”

# Some of the next steps

- Expand the range of data for validation
- Base different stress models on same data and faults to get at method differences
- Provide uncertainties for models
- Allow/enhance multi-data inversions
- More geodynamic predictions
- Build a web site and modeling/testing environment

### **WEDNESDAY, May 29, 2013**

08:00-09:00 *Breakfast*, served in Vallombrosa Dining Room

09:00-09:15 Welcome and Introductions

Thorsten Becker

09:15-09:30 Overview of CSM Plans and Goals

Thorsten Becker

09:30-09:50 Review of Submitted CSM Models

Jeanne Hardebeck

09:50-10:10 Review of CSM Workshop 2 Model Comparisons

Jeanne Hardebeck

10:10-10:50 Discussion: Stressing Rate from UCERF3 Deformation Models

Liz Hearn, *moderator*

10:50-11:10 *Break*

11:10-12:00 Discussion: Reconciling Deformation/Stressing Rate Models

David Sandwell, *moderator*

12:00-13:00 *Lunch*, served in Vallombrosa Dining Room

13:00-13:50 Discussion: Bringing Geodynamic Models into CSM

Bill Holt, *moderator*

13:50-14:20 Discussion: Reconciling Stress Models

Jeanne Hardebeck, *moderator*

14:20-14:40 *Break*

14:40-15:30 Discussion: Moving Forward - Models

Brad Aagaard, *moderator*

15:30-16:00 Plans for CSM Website

Thorsten Becker

16:00-18:00 *Free Time*

18:00-19:00 *Dinner*, served in Vallombrosa Dining Room

### **THURSDAY, May 30, 2013**

08:00-09:00 *Breakfast*, served in Vallombrosa Dining Room

09:30-10:45 Discussion: Existing Data and Data Needs

Egill Hauksson, *moderator*

09:50-10:40 Discussion: Validating CSM Models Against Data

Jeanne Hardebeck, *moderator*

10:40-11:00 *Break*

11:00-11:50 Discussion: Moving Forward - Data and Validation

Brad Aagaard, *moderator*

11:50-12:00 Wrap-Up