

# Geophysical Tests for Habitability in Icy Ocean Worlds

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# **Geophysical tests for habitability in ice-covered ocean worlds**

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# Icy and Exo Ocean Worlds

Advances in computational capabilities enable **new equations of state** based on experiments

Requiring self-consistent thermodynamics and accounting for ocean salinity affects **how extraterrestrial oceans work:**

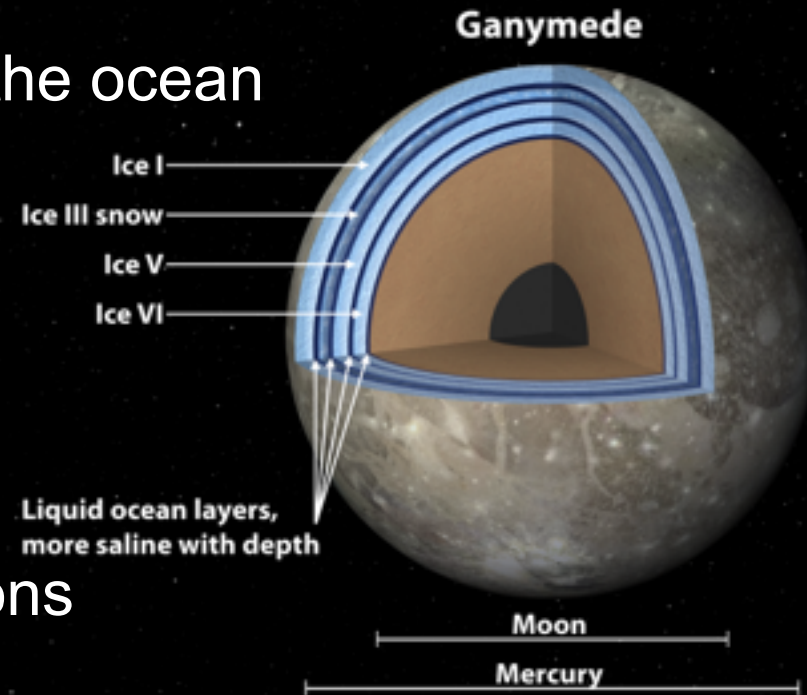
- alters **temperature structure** of the ocean

- reduces **presence of ices**

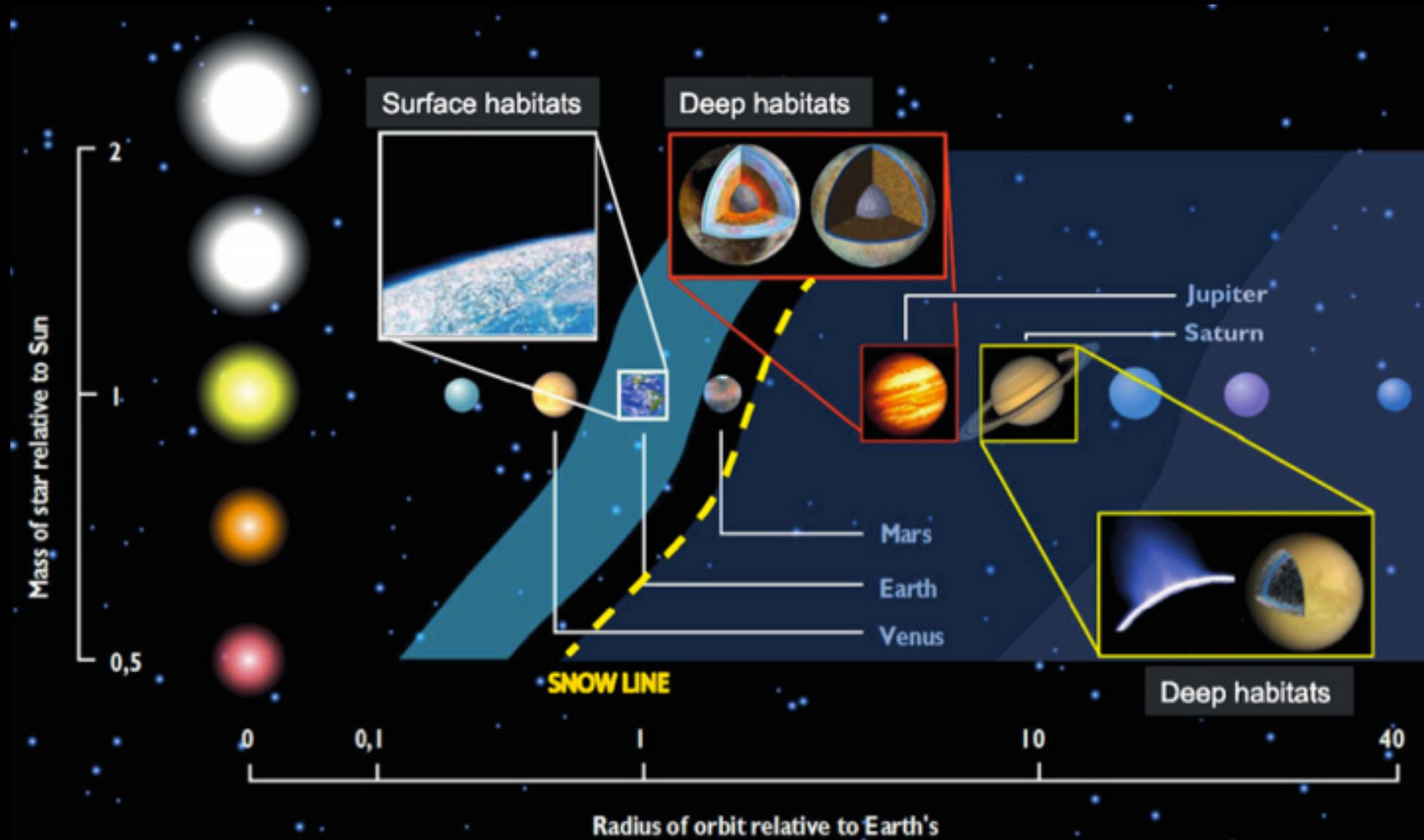
- lead to layered oceans-ices

  - > when does ice float or sink?

  - > how might water-rock reactions  
create food for life

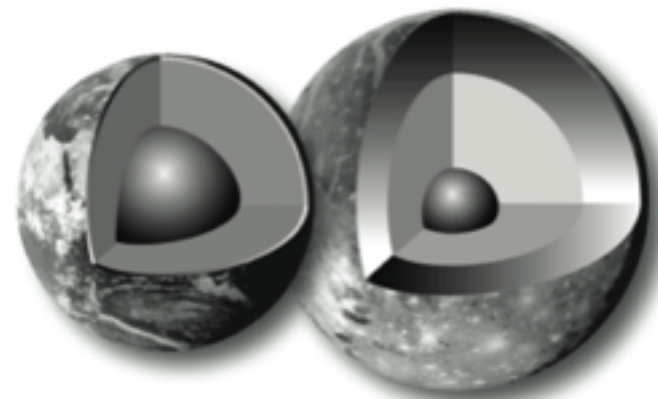


Icy worlds expand the “habitable zone”.





# Super-Ganymedes Super-Earths Super-Europas?

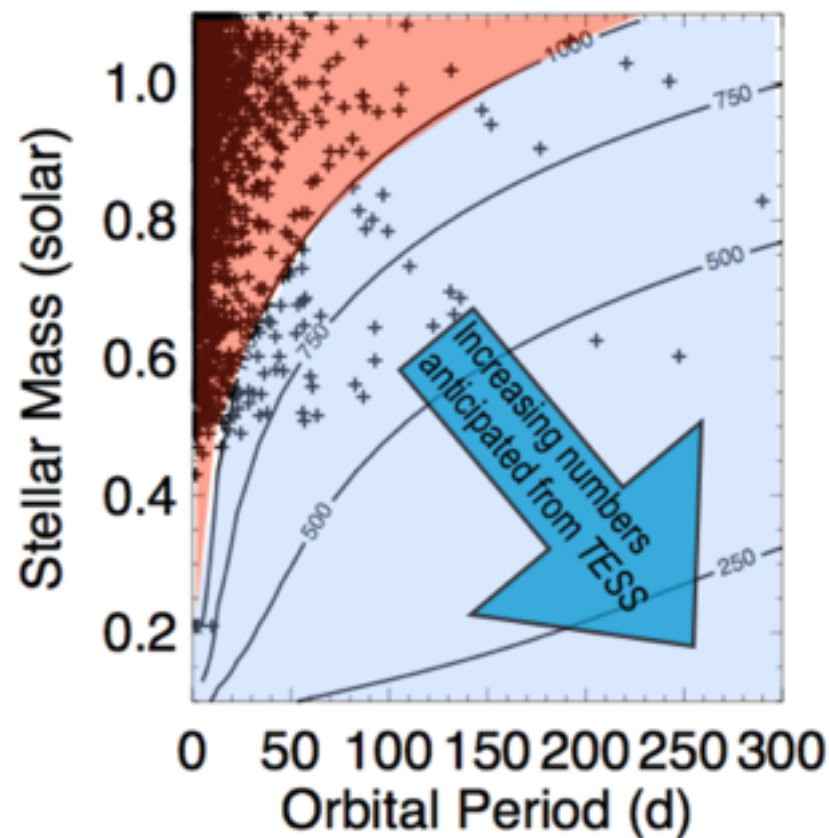


■ Metallic core  
■ Silicate mantle  
■ Water ices and liquids

(Grasset+ 2009)

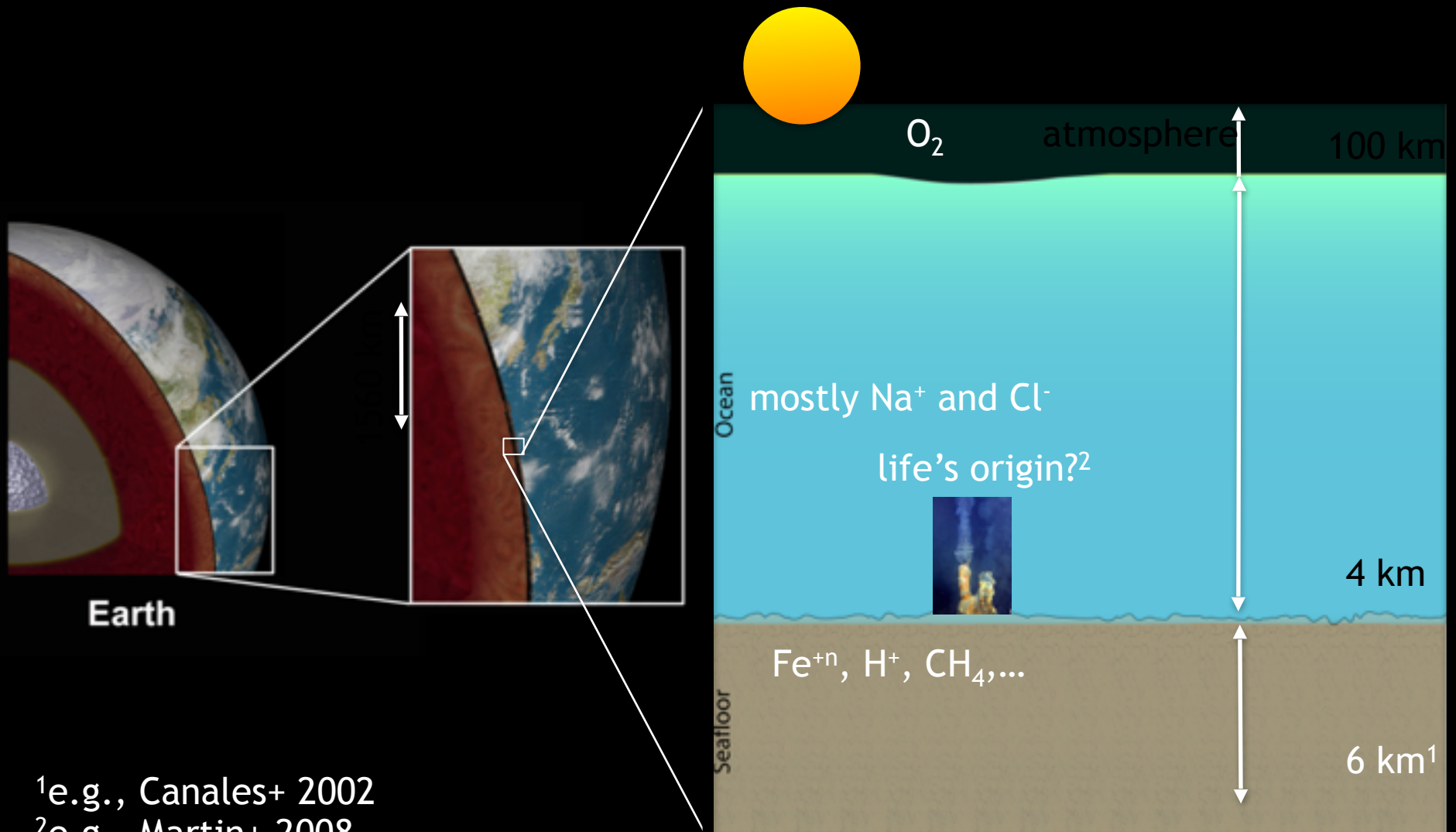
Kepler planets  $R < 2.5R_{\text{Earth}}$

contours:  $T_{\text{surface}}$  (K)



TESS: Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite  
(Ricker+2014)

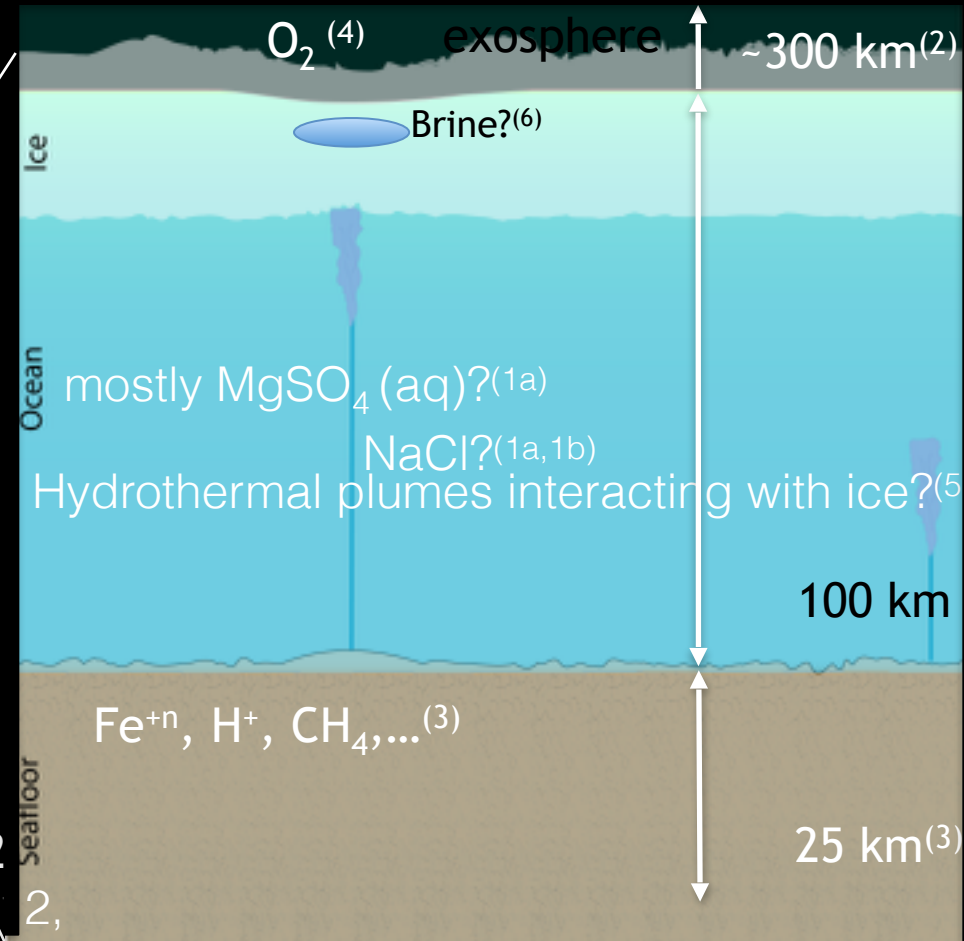
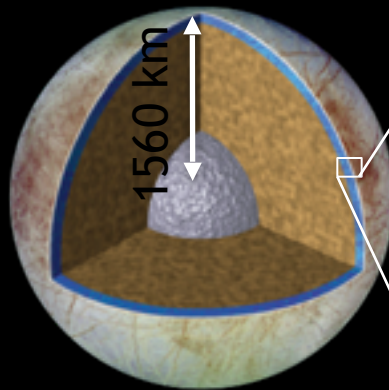
How do extraterrestrial oceans compare with Earth's?



# Enceladus



## Europa



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<sup>1b</sup> Brown and Hand 2013

<sup>2</sup>e.g., Johnson+ 2009

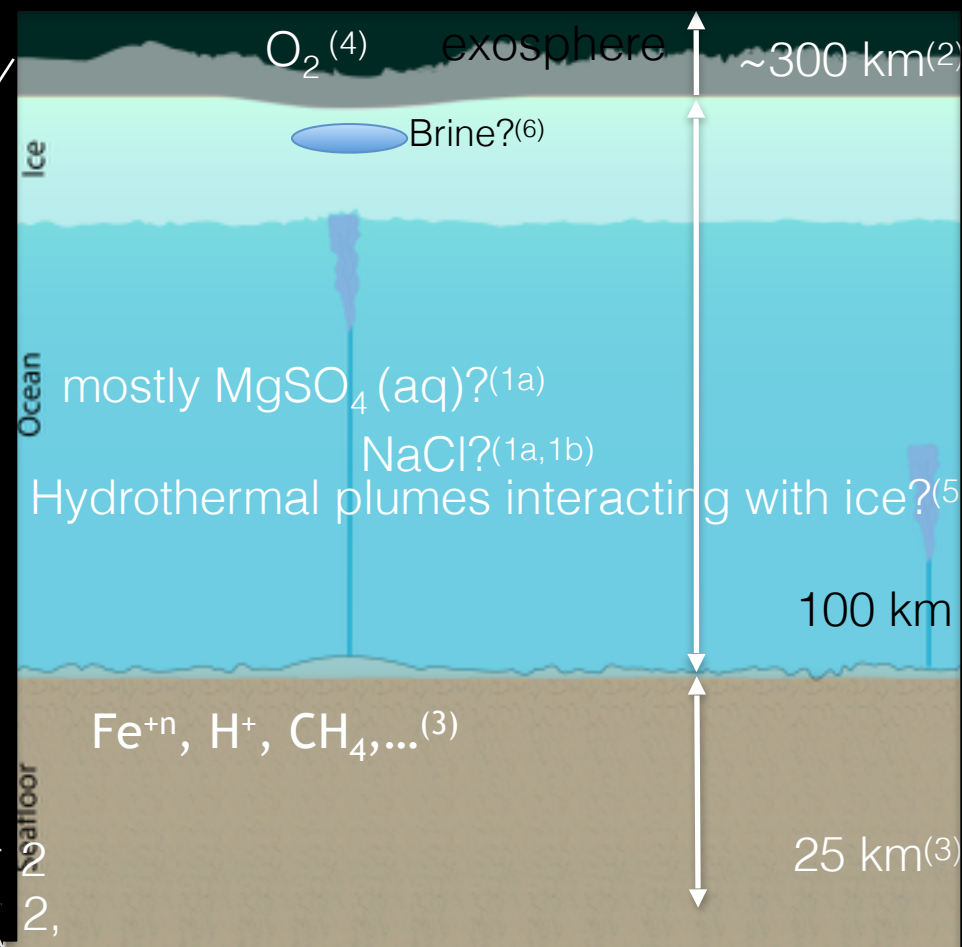
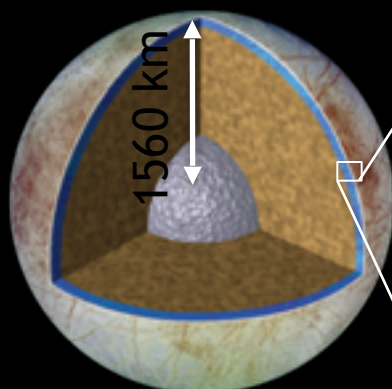
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<sup>4</sup>Hand+ 2009, Pasek and Greenberg 2012

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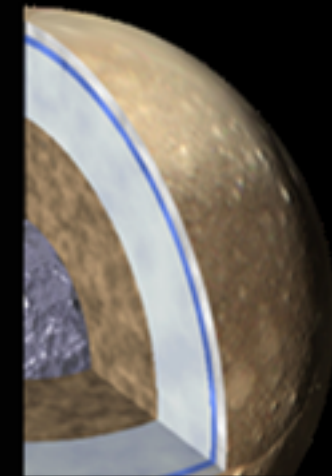
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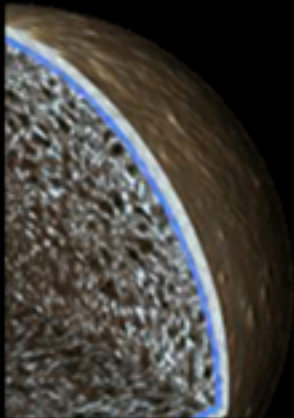
<sup>6</sup>Schmidt+ 2011



How do dissolved materials affect ocean structure and habitability?



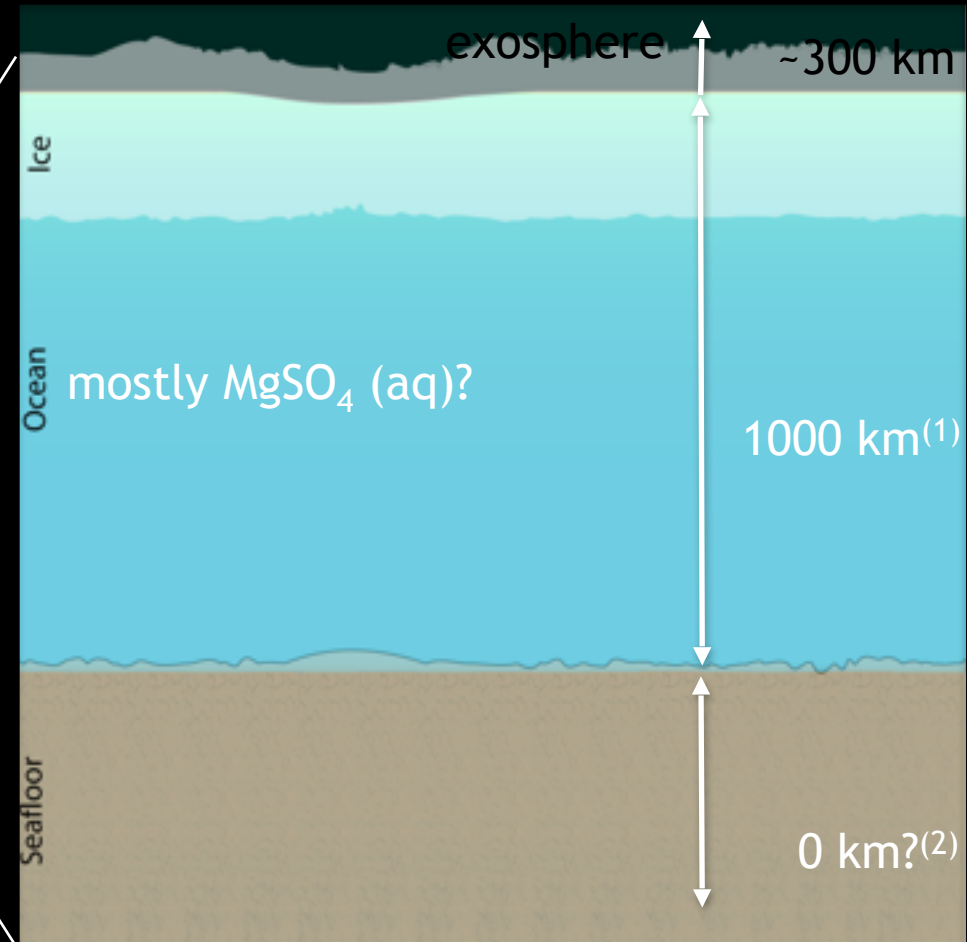
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**Callisto**



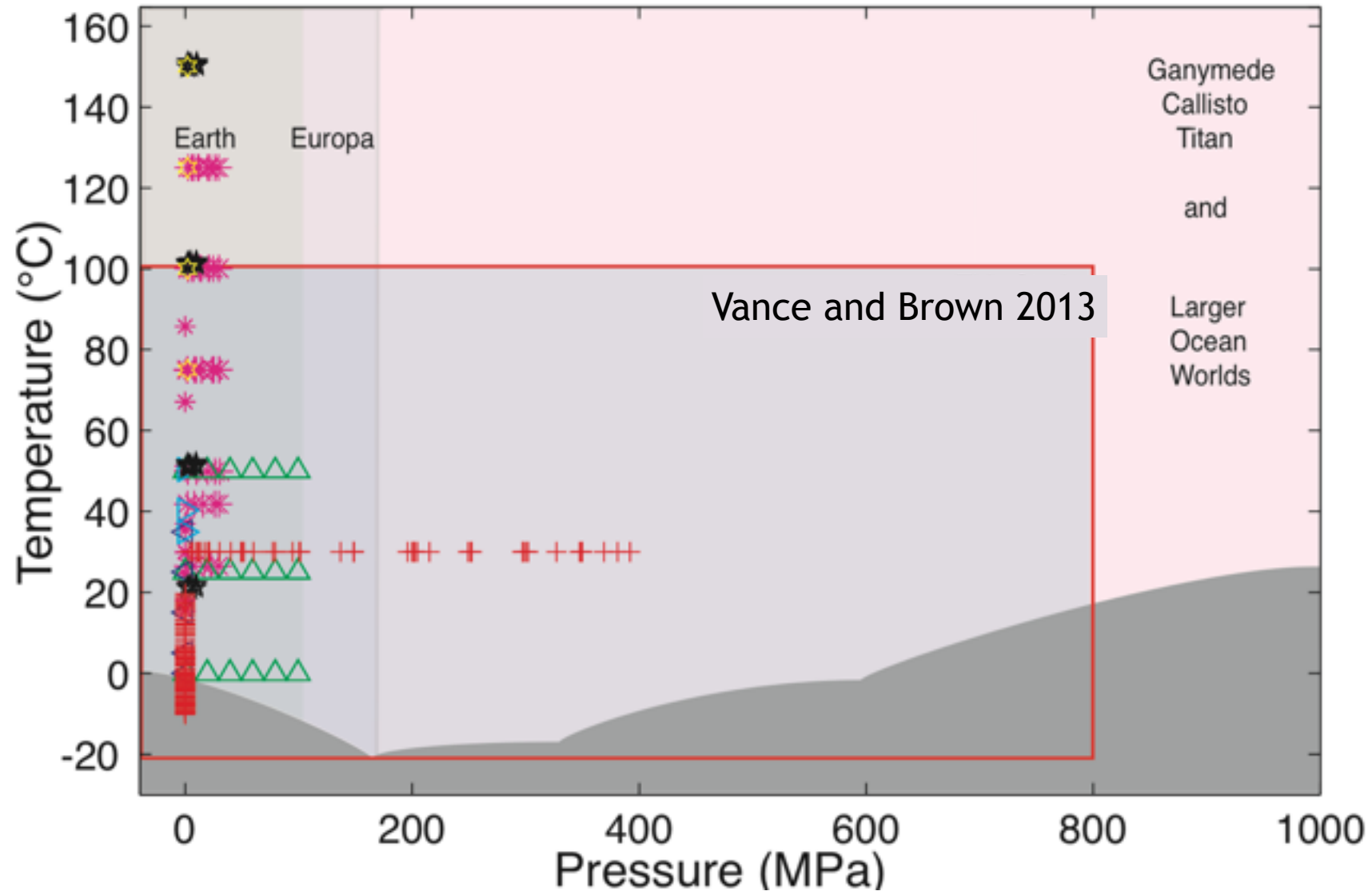
**Titan**

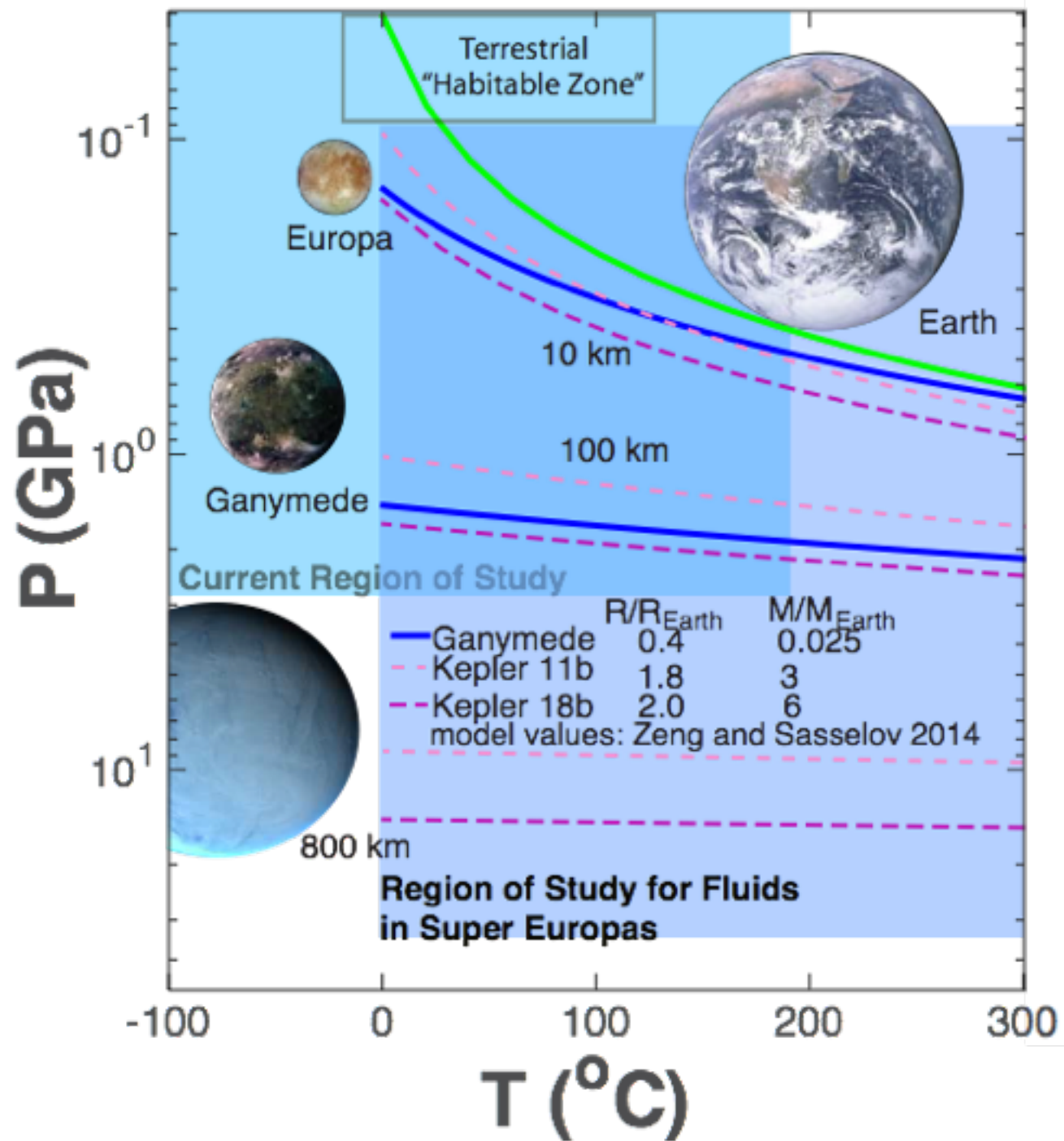


<sup>1</sup>e.g., Anderson+ 1996

<sup>2</sup>Vance+ 2007

# Knowledge of $\text{MgSO}_4(\text{aq})$ fluid properties

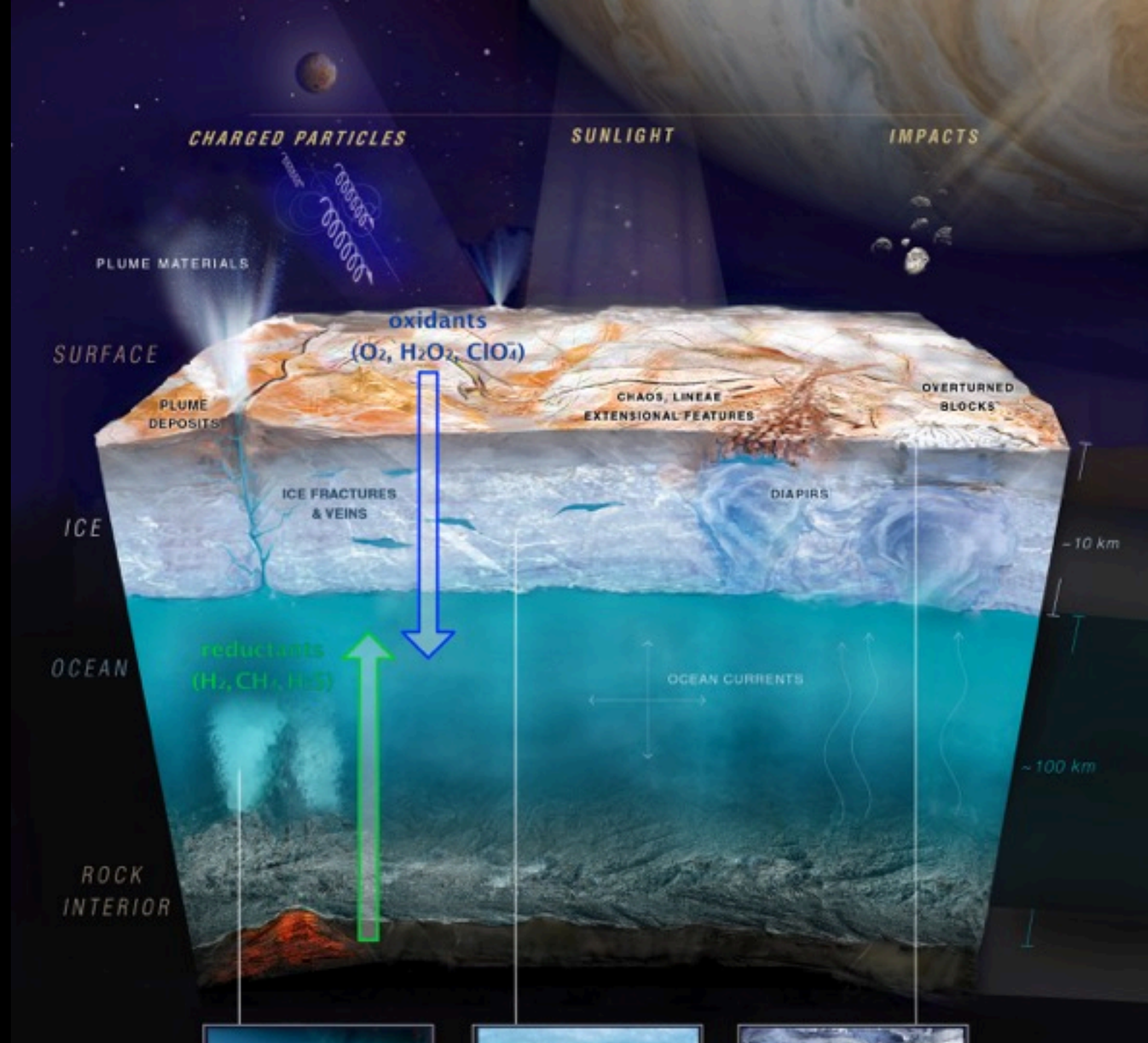




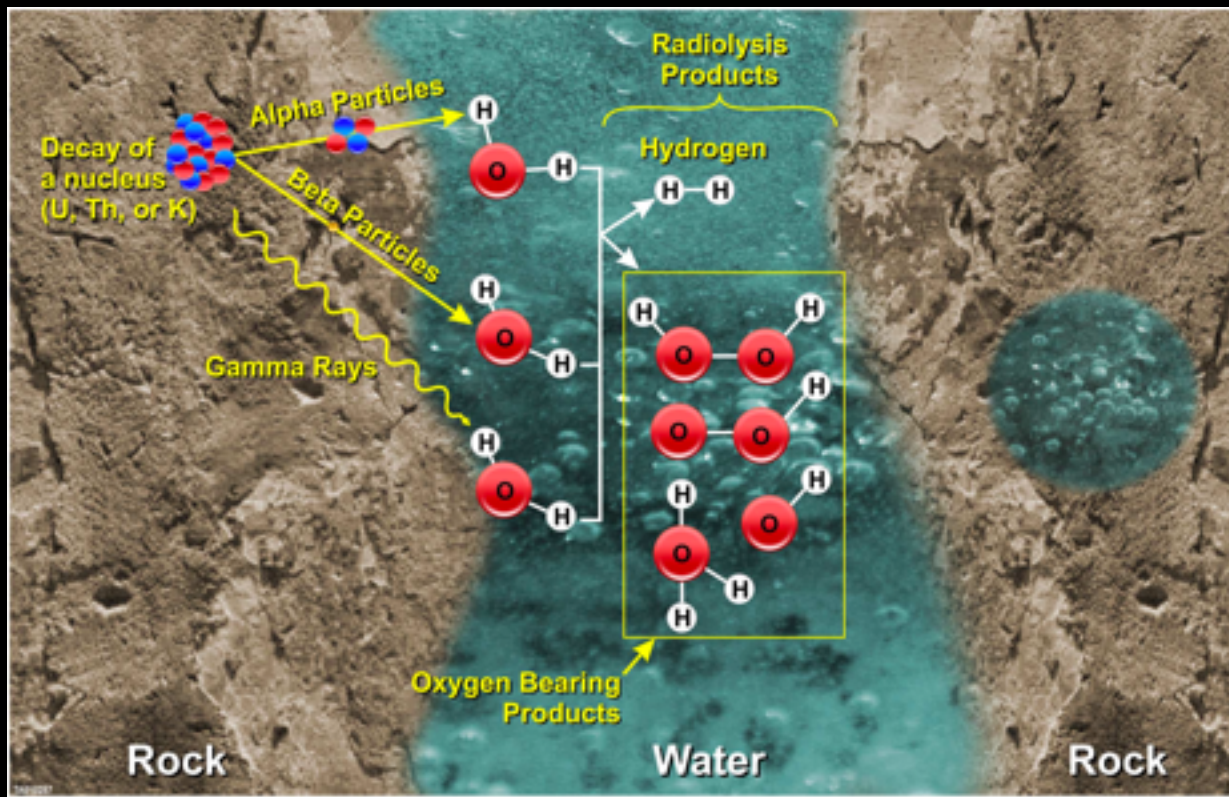
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# Europa

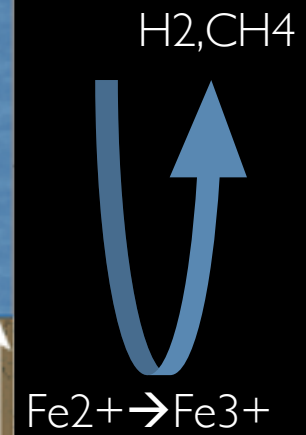
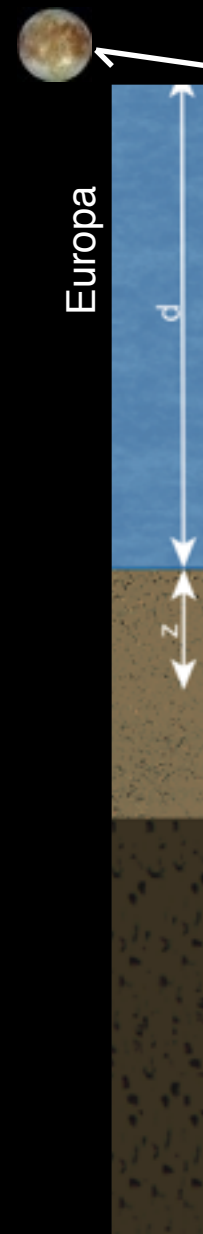
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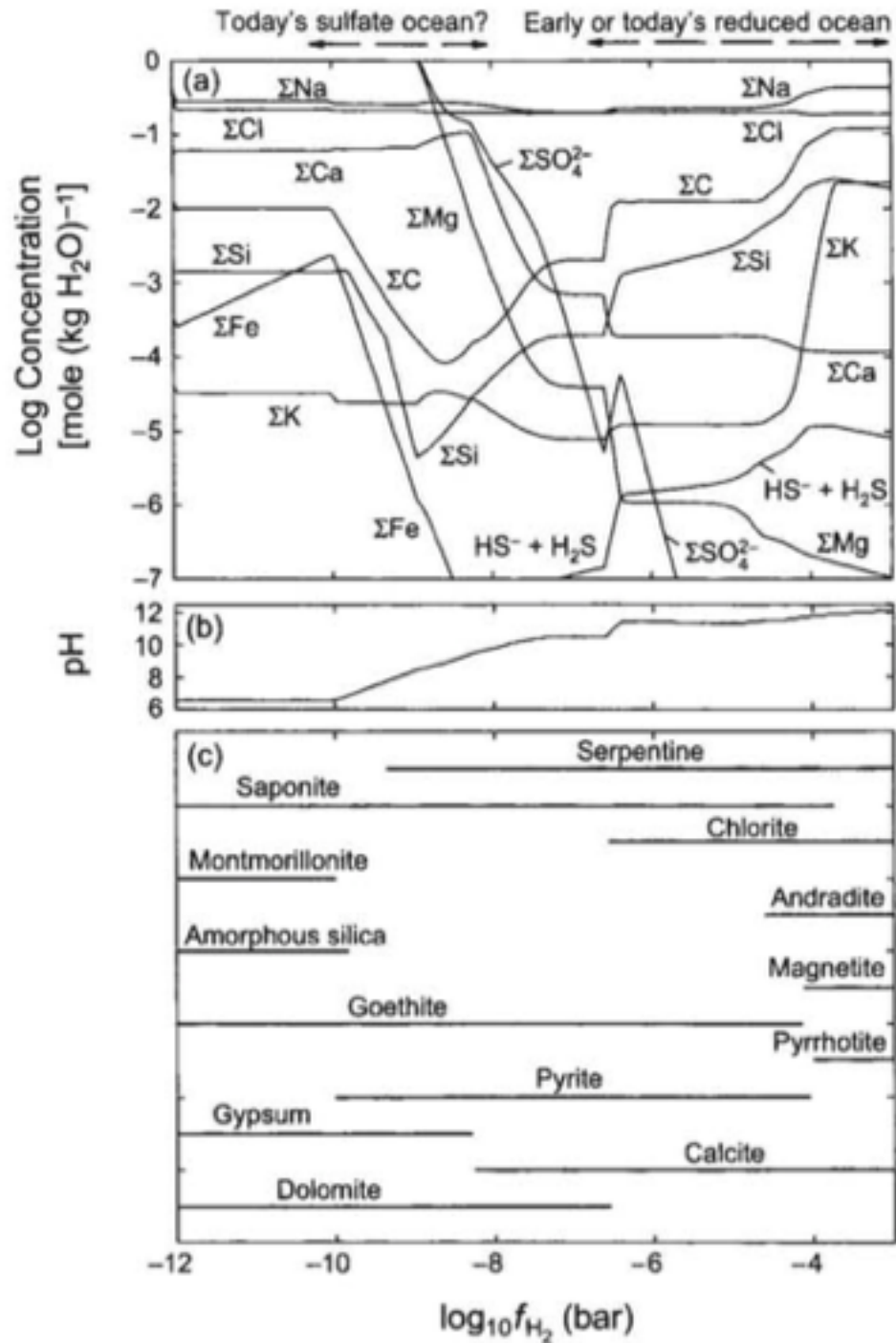
Bouquet et al. 2017



Vance et al. 2007, 2016



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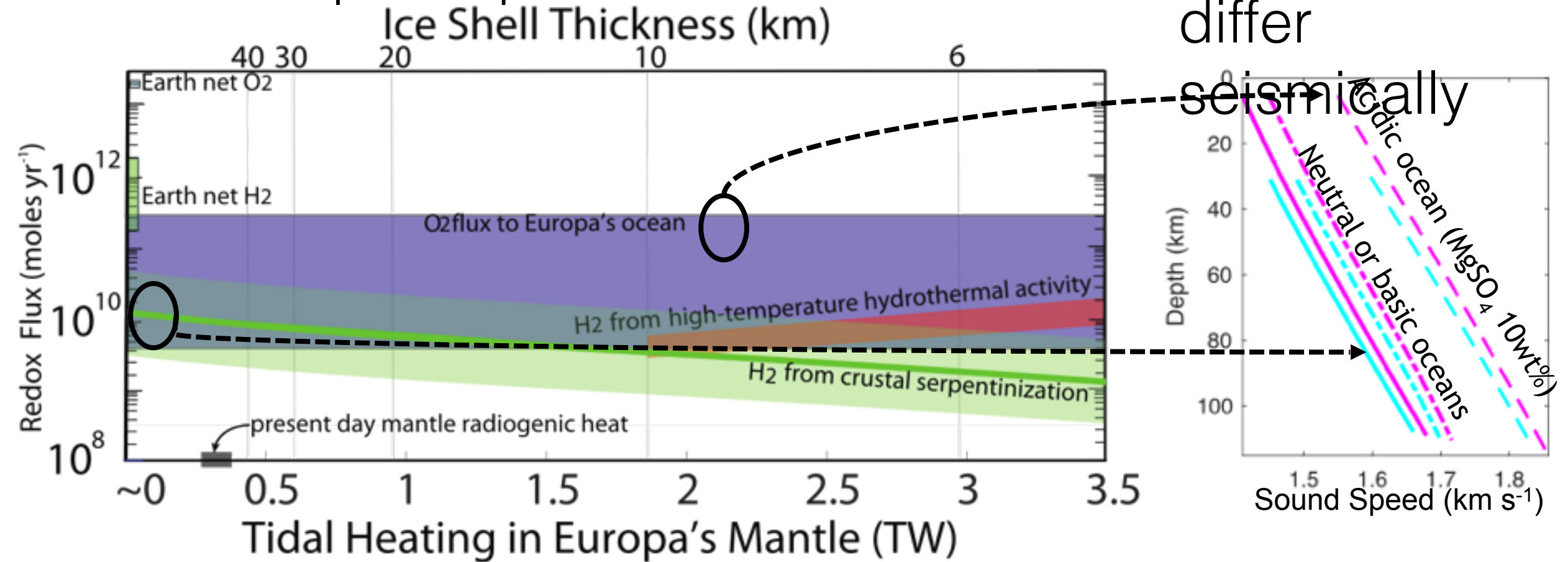


Zolotov and Kargel 2009

# Seismological Constraints on Habitability

Ocean pH dependent on redox fluxes

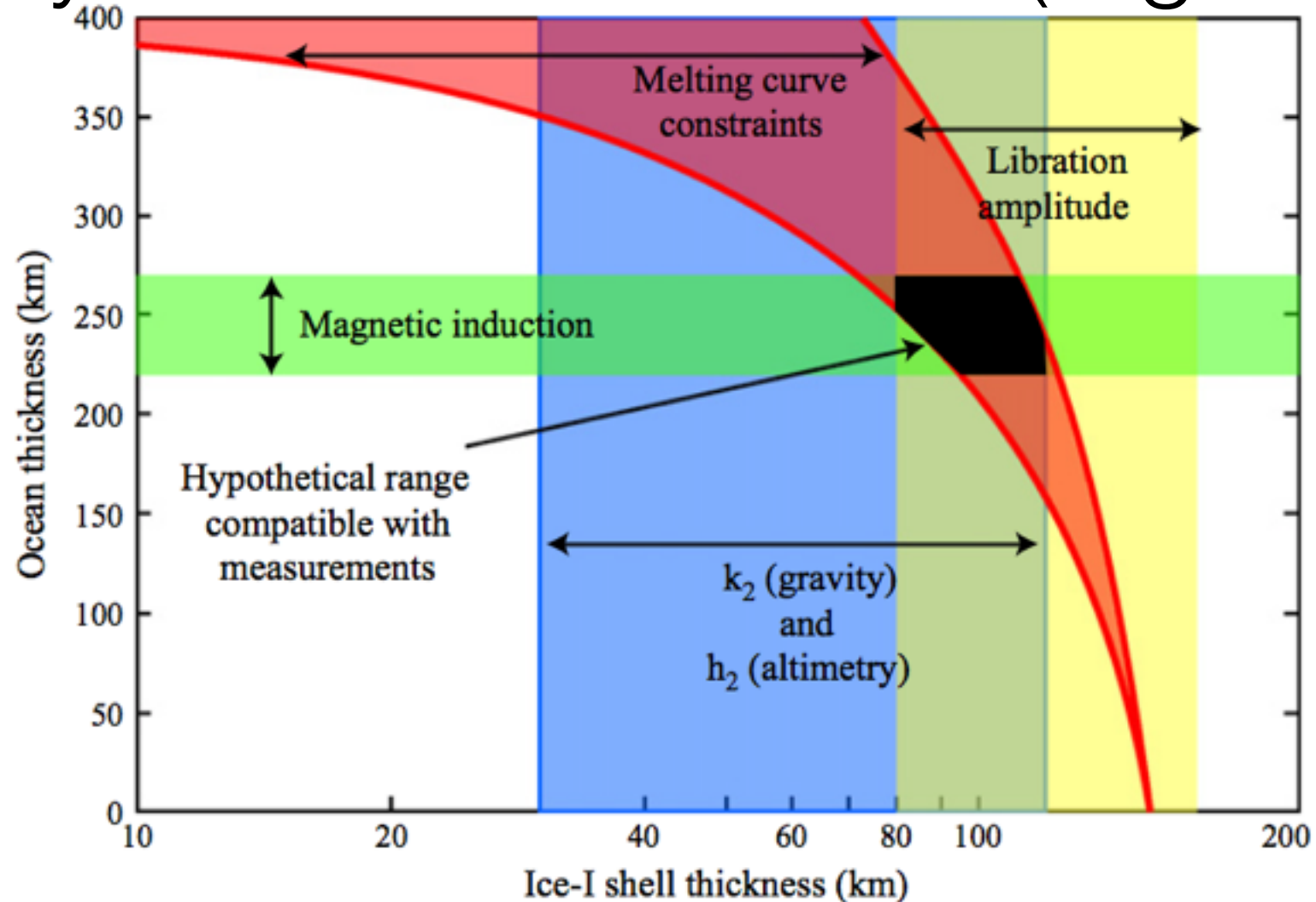
*High vs low pH differ*



Vance et al. 2016

Vance et al. *submitted*

# Geophysical measurements (e.g. at Ganymede)



Grasset et al. 2013, JUper ICy moons Explorer





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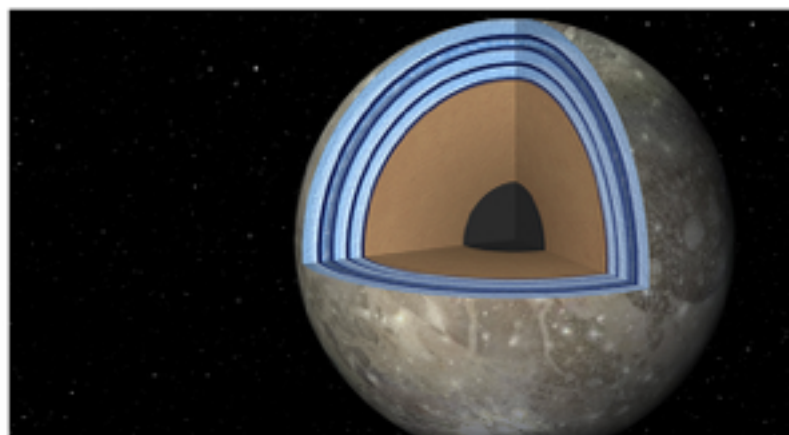
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### Ganymede May Harbor 'Club Sandwich' of Oceans and Ice



This artist's concept of Jupiter's moon Ganymede, the largest moon in the solar system, illustrates the "club sandwich" model of its interior oceans. Image credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

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May 01, 2014

The largest moon in our solar system, a companion to Jupiter named Ganymede, might have ice and oceans stacked up in several layers like a club sandwich, according to new NASA-funded research that models the moon's makeup.

Previously, the moon was thought to harbor a thick ocean sandwiched between just two layers of ice, one on top and one on bottom.

"Ganymede's ocean might be organized like a Dagwood sandwich," said Steve Vance of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., explaining the moon's resemblance to the "Blondie" cartoon character's multi-tiered sandwiches. The study, led by Vance, provides new theoretical evidence for the team's "club sandwich" model, first proposed last year. The research appears in the journal *Planetary and Space Science*.

#### Animation



Jupiter's 'Club Sandwich' Moon

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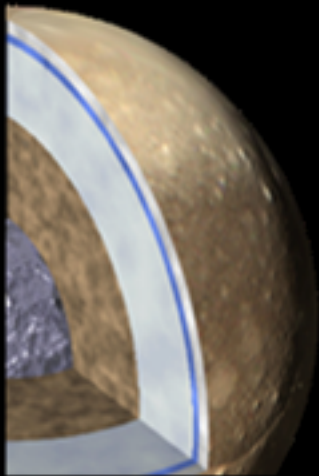
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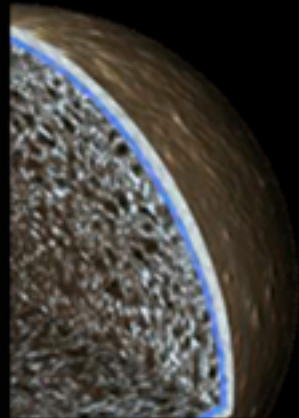
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**Ganymede**

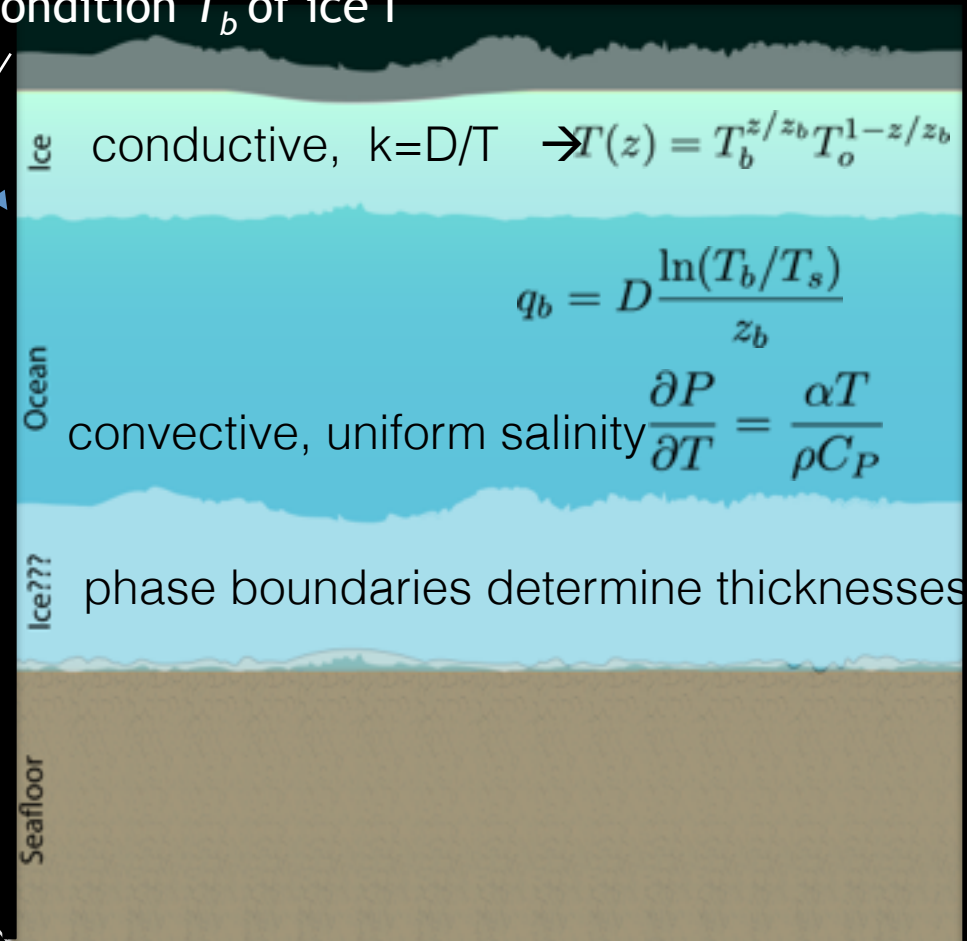


**Callisto**

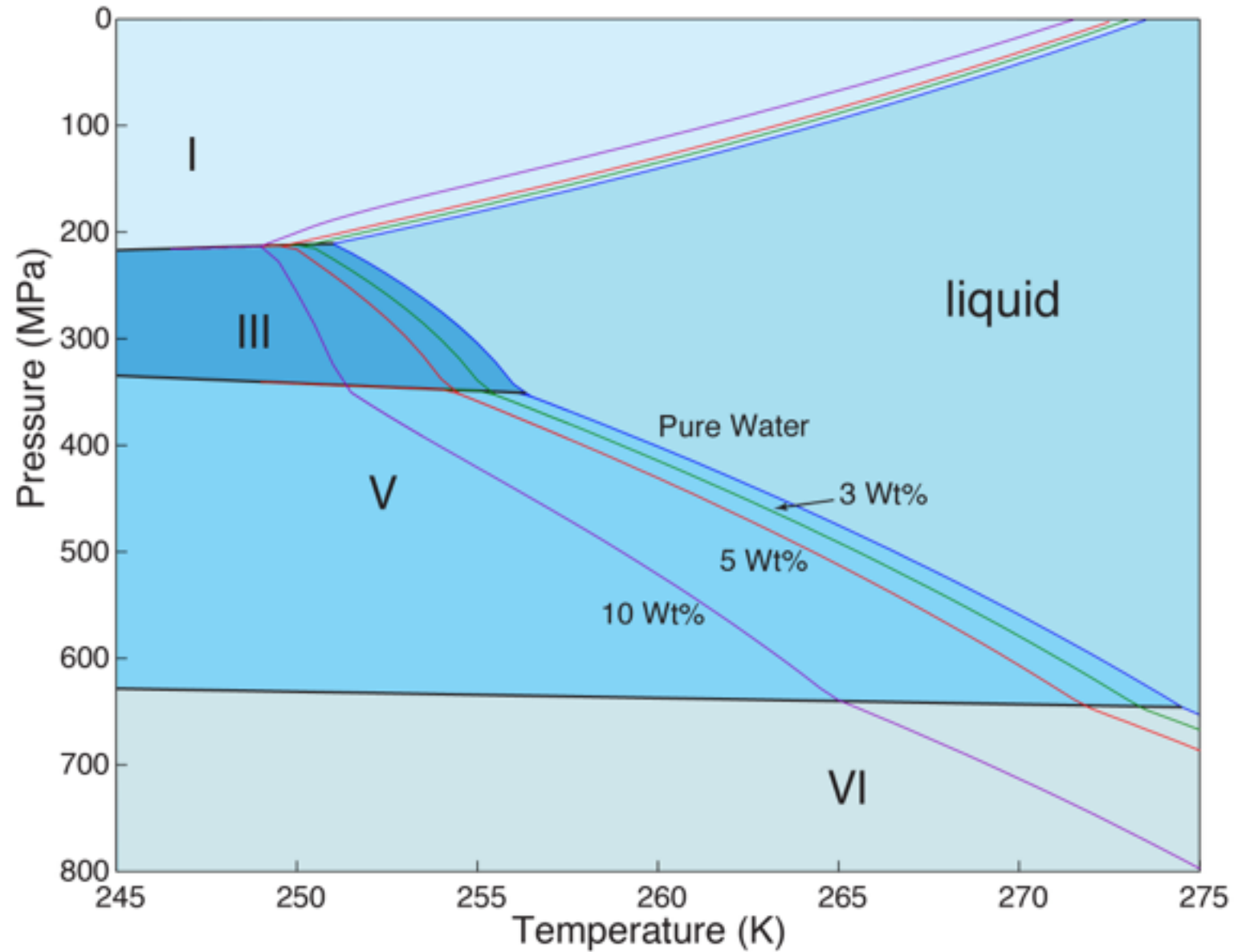


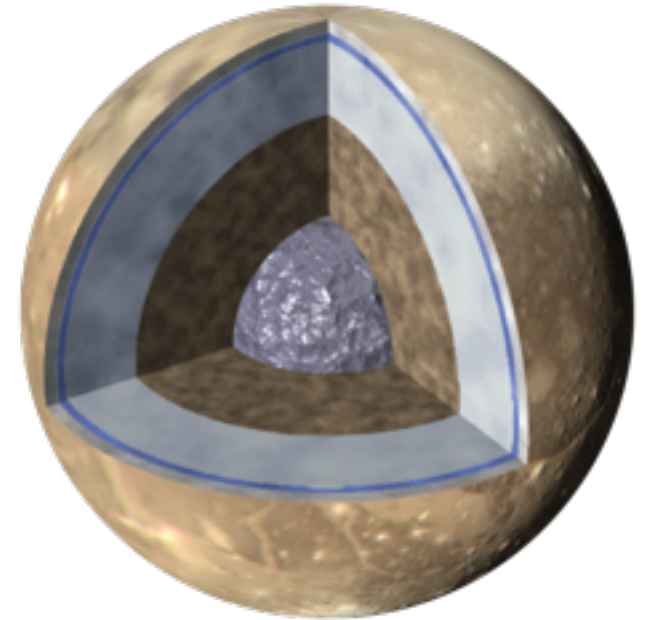
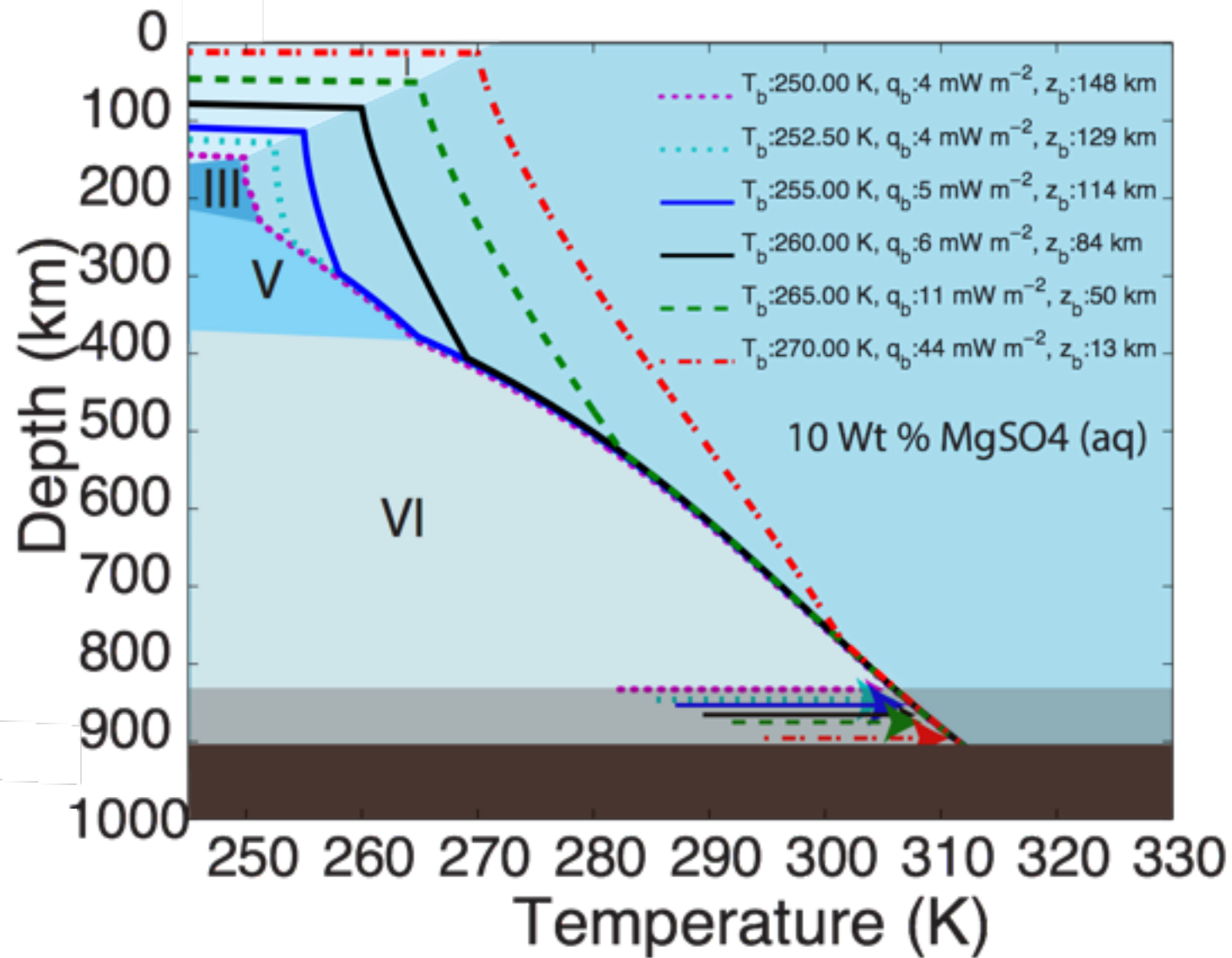
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boundary condition  $T_b$  of ice I



# Phase diagram for aqueous magnesium sulfate ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ )

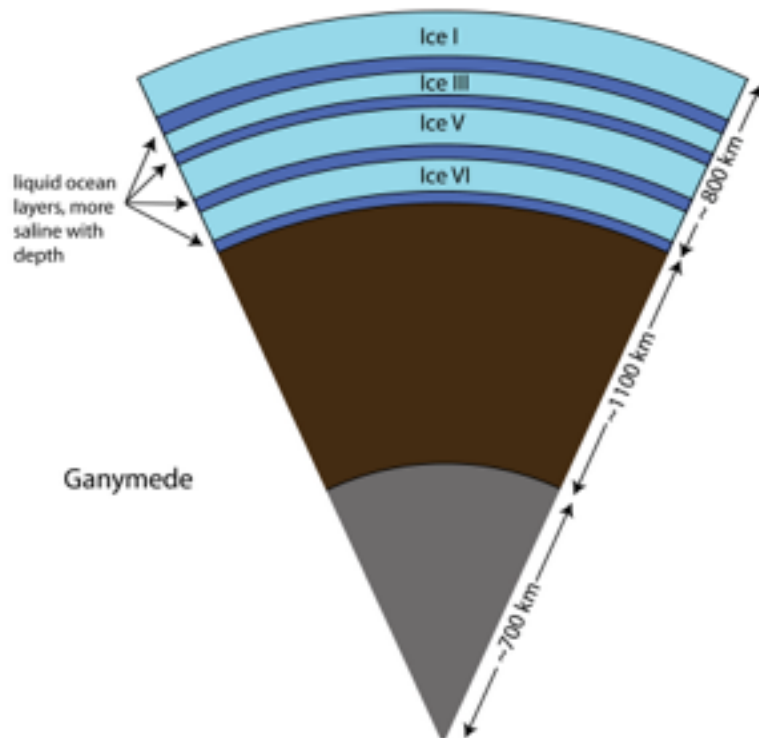




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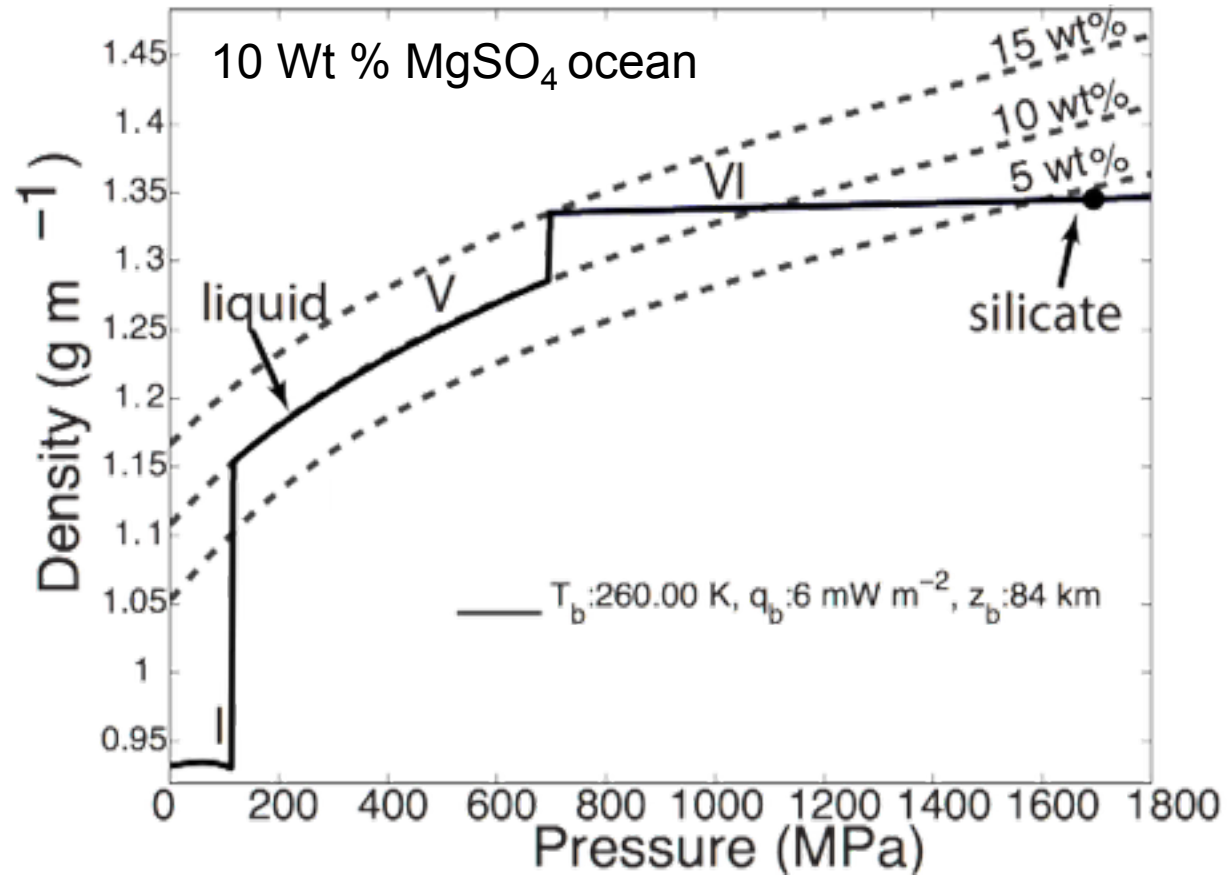
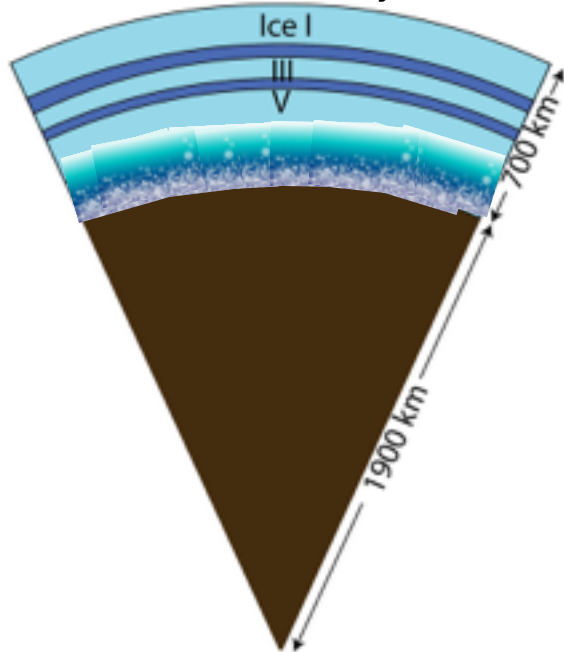
# Thermal model constrains Ganymede's internal structure

Calculate radii from Galileo  
constraints on Ganymede's  
density ( $1,942 \pm 4.8 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ) and  
gravitational moment of inertia  
( $C/MR^2 = 0.3105 \pm 0.028$ )  
Schubert+ 2004



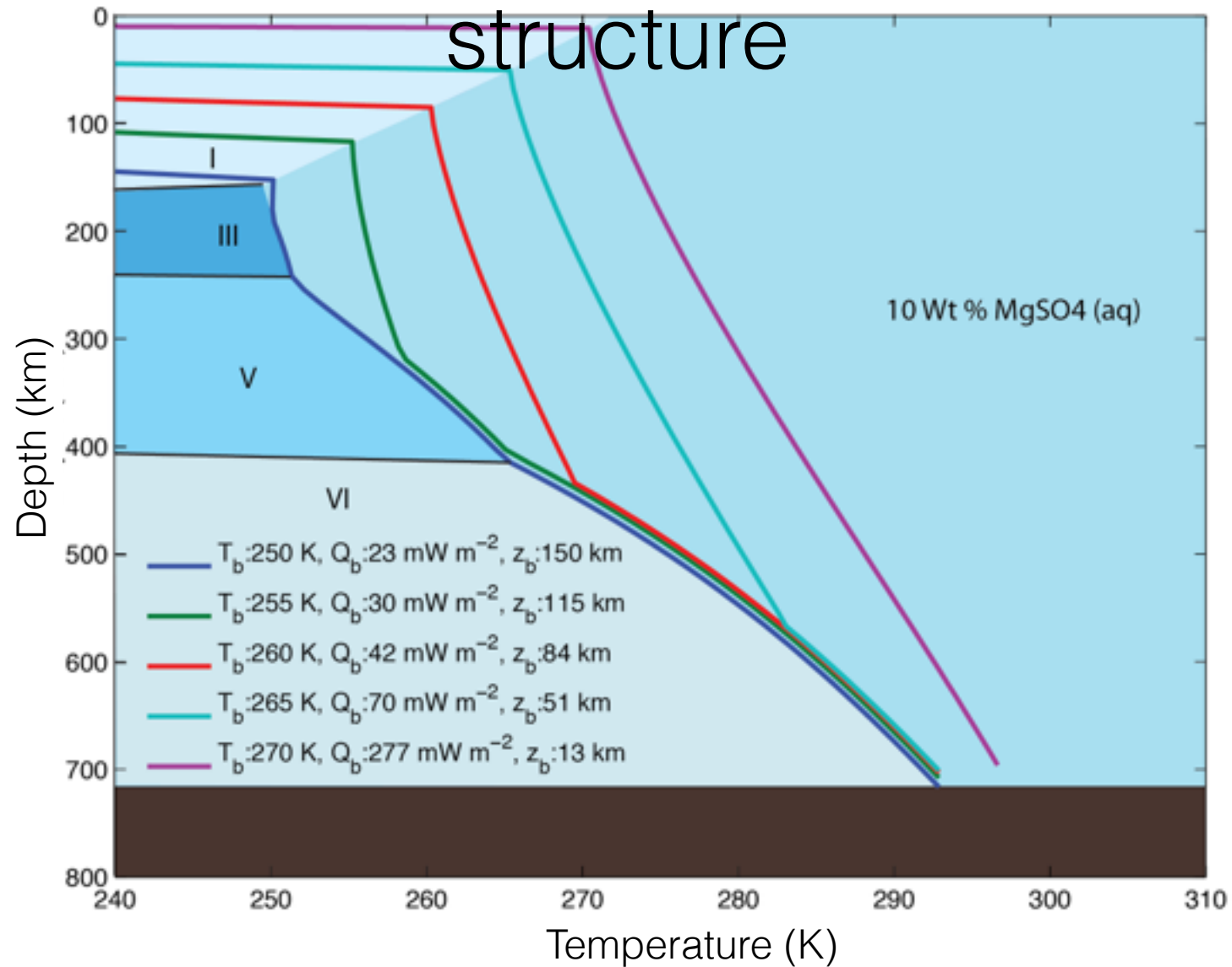
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- ice I melting:  $T_b$
- Follow melting curves in ice III, V, VI layers

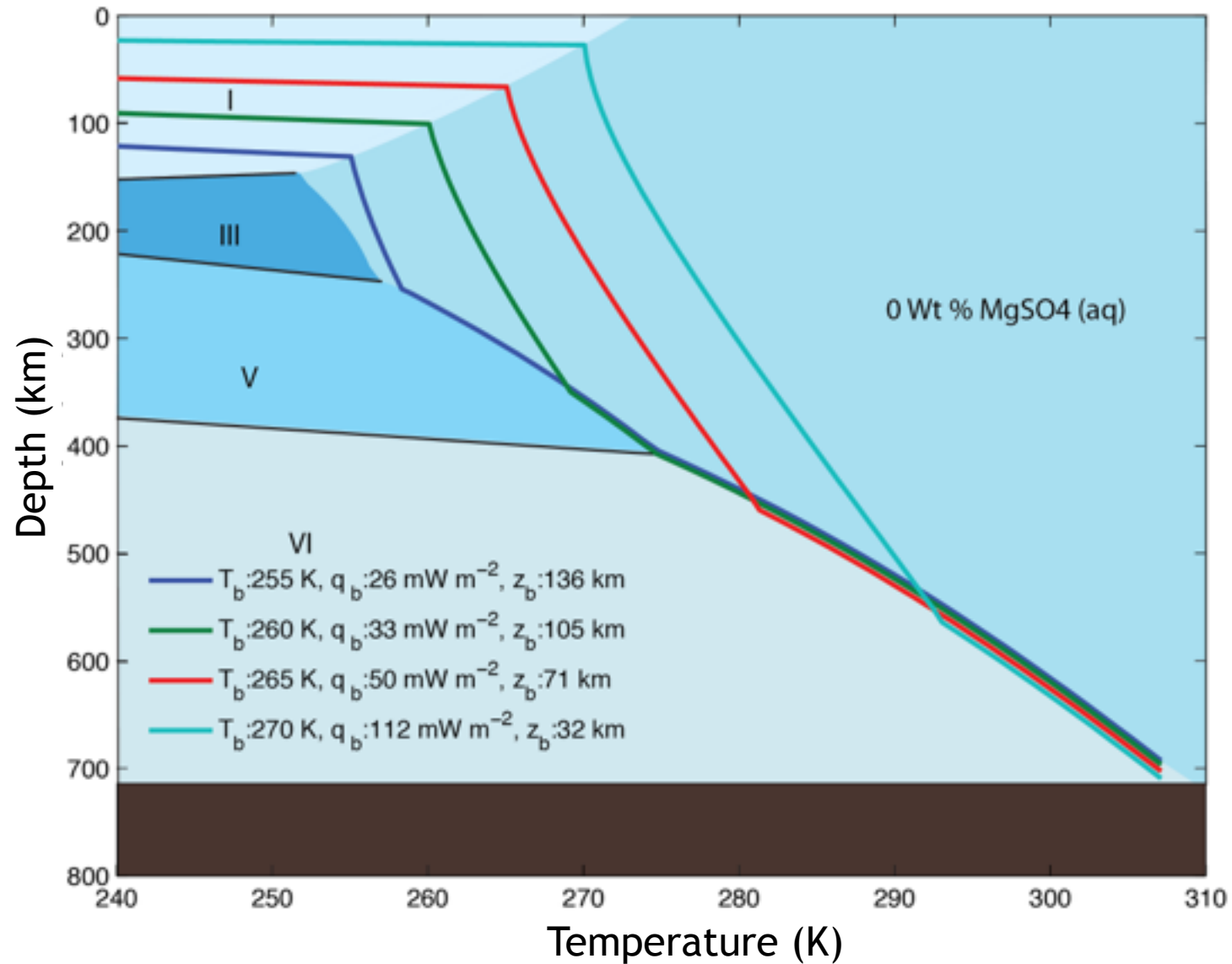




# Salinity determines cryosphere structure



# Salinity determines cryosphere



# PlanetProfile

Inputs	Europa	Enceladus	Ganymede	Callisto	Titan	if including an Fe core			
	$R$	$\rho$	$C/MR^2$	$T_o$	$T_b$	$w$	$Q$	$\rho_{Si}$	$\rho_{Fe}$
	Radius	Bulk Density	Gravitational Moment of Inertia	Surface Temp.	Ice I bottom Temp.	Ocean Salinity	Mantle Heat	Silicate Mantle Density	Iron Core Density

[github.com/vancesteven/PlanetProfile](https://github.com/vancesteven/PlanetProfile)  
Vance et al. *submitted*.

	Radius (km)	Density (kg m <sup>-3</sup> )	Moment of Inertia
Europa	1565.0±8.0	2989±46	0.346±0.005
Ganymede	2631±1.7	1942.0±4.8	0.3115±0.0028
Callisto	2410.3±1.5	1834.4±3.4	0.3549±0.0042
Enceladus	252.1±0.2	1609±5	0.335
Titan	2574.73±0.09	1879.8±0.004	0.3438±0.0005

Schubert et al. 2004; less et al. 2010, 2012

# Fluid

- $\text{MgSO}_4$  (aq) (Vance and Brown 2013, Vance et al. 2014)
  - 0-2 molal; 250-400 K; 0-2 GPa
- Seawater (NaCl) — Gibbs Seawater (McDougall 2011)
  - 0-250; 250-400 K; 0-0.1 GPa
- $\text{NH}_3$  (aq) (Tillner-Roth and Friend 1998, Choukroun et al. 2010)
  - 0-10 wt%; 250-400 K; 0-2 GPa

# Ice

Ice Ih, II, III, V, VI (Choukroun et al. 2010)

Margules activity model for melting can be replaced with chemical potentials for ice and water being developed by the NAI Icy Worlds team (Brown et al....)

# Rock

Perple\_X (Connolly et al. 2009)

using databases from Holland and Powell (2011),

Stixrude and Lithgow-Bertollini (2011)



# Melting curves for (aq) $\text{MgSO}_4$

$$\mu_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{L}} = \mu_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{S}} \text{ in equilibrium}$$

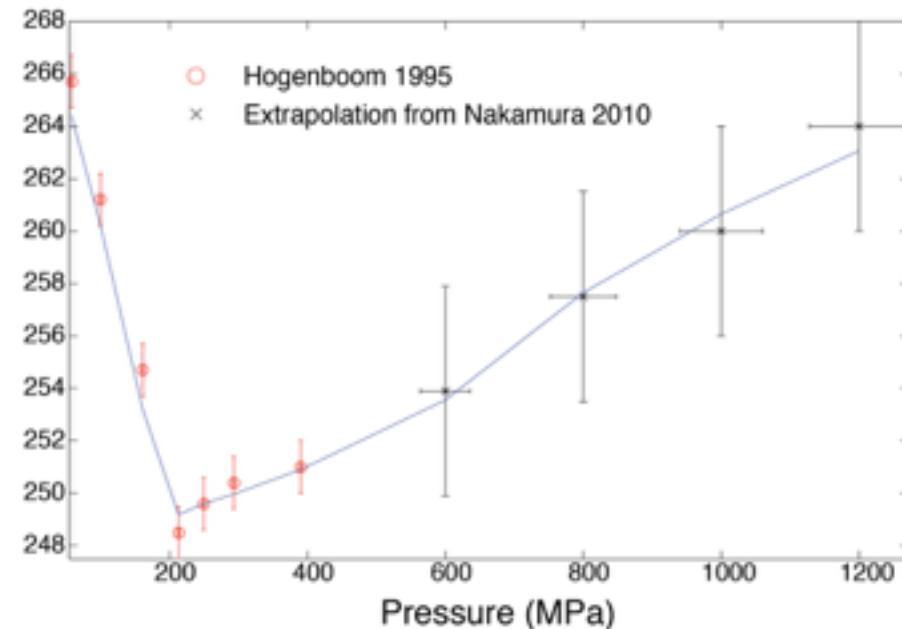
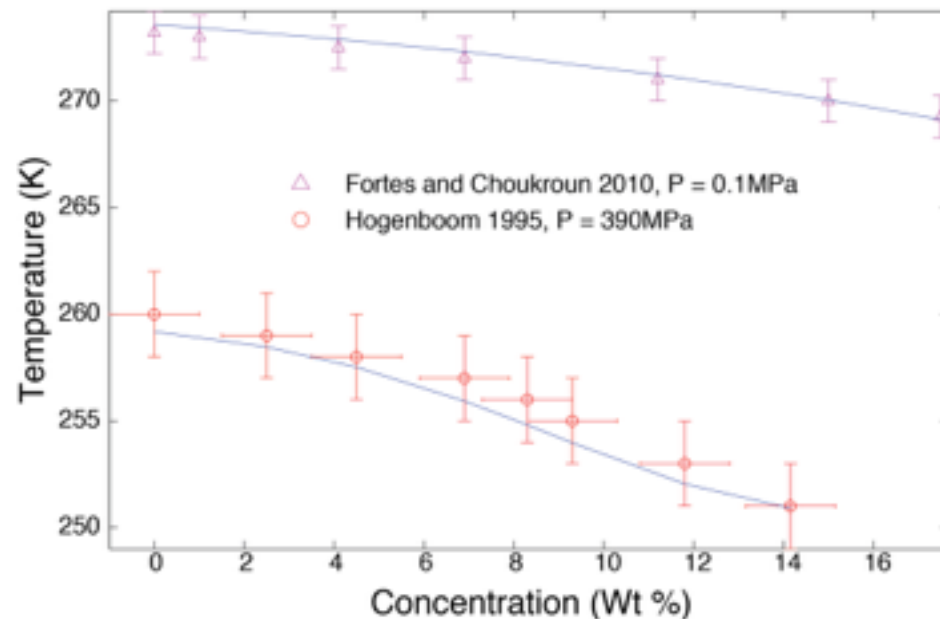
$$\mu_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{S}} \text{ from Choukroun and Grasset 2010}$$

$$\mu_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{L}}(P, T, X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{L}}) = \mu_{\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{pure}}^{\text{L}} + RT \ln(\gamma_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{L}} X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{L}})$$

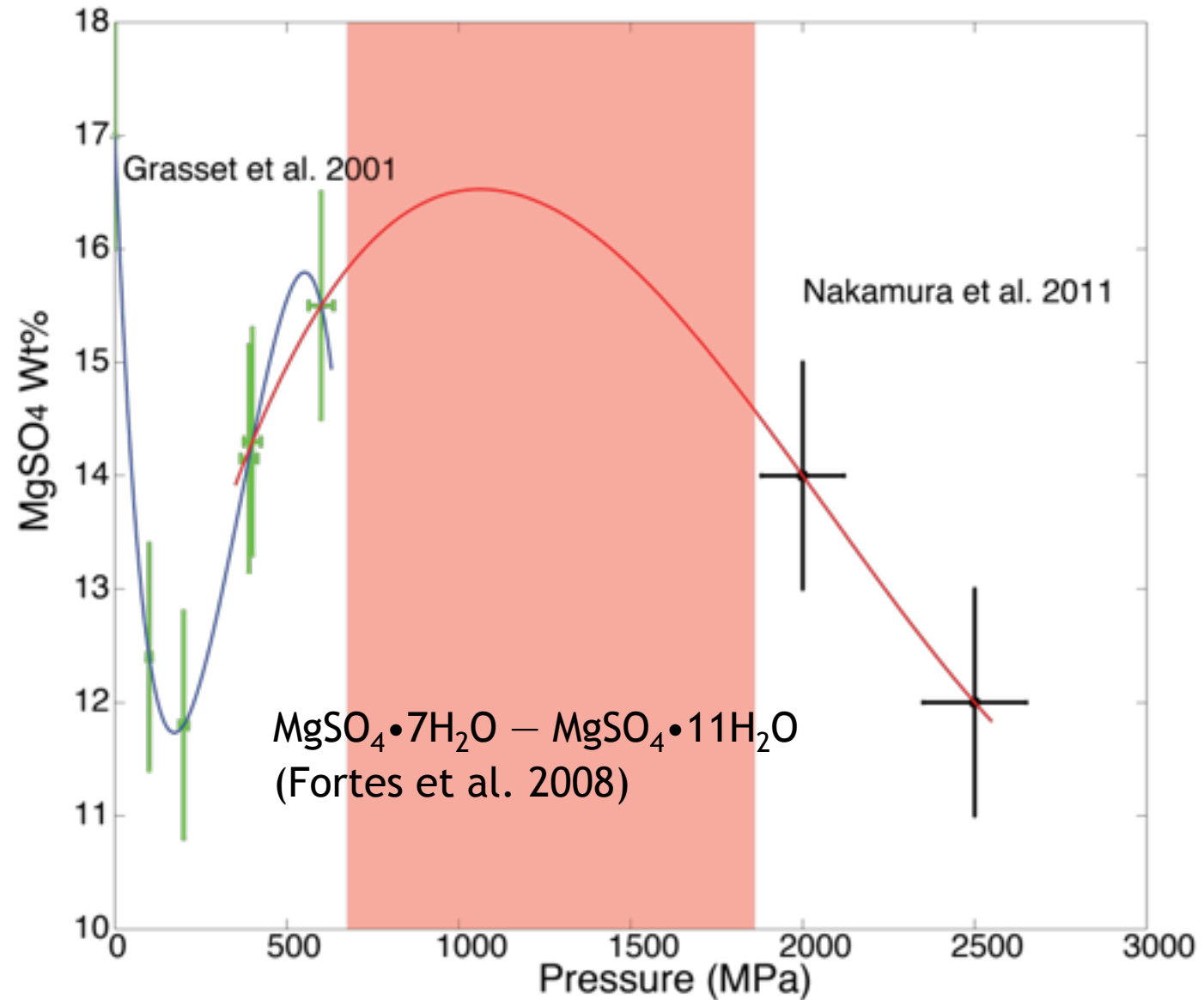
$$\longrightarrow RT \ln \gamma = W(1 - X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{L}})^2$$

$$W = w_0 \left(1 + w_1 \tanh(w_2 P)\right) \left(1 + \frac{w_3}{(T - T_0)^2}\right)$$

Freezing and Eutectic Data



# Eutectic composition vs pressure



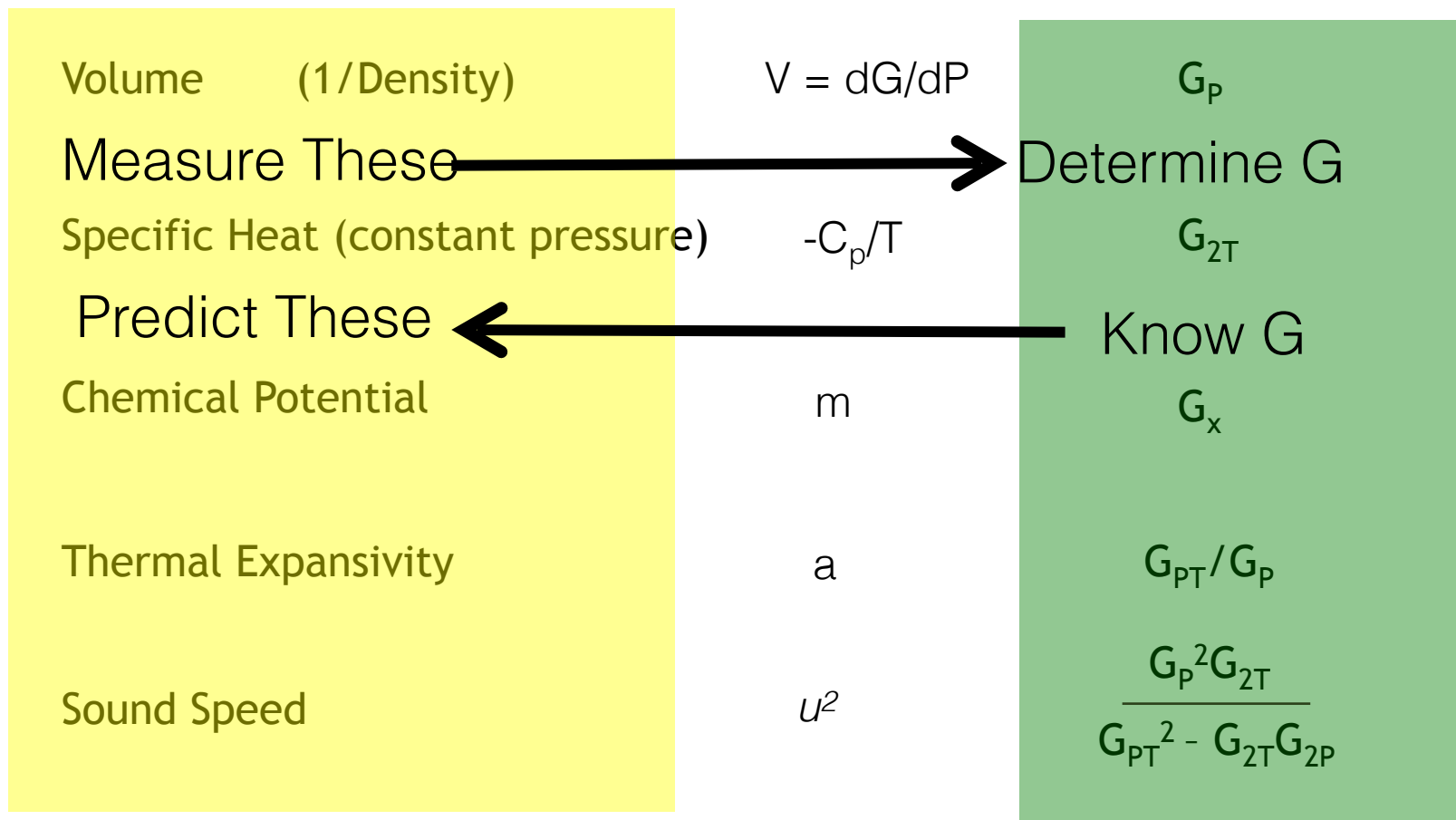
# Melting curves for (aq) $\text{NH}_3$

- Activity model for solid-liquid stability:

$$\begin{aligned} \longrightarrow RT \ln \gamma &= W(1 - X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{L}})^2 \\ W &= w_0 \left(1 + w_1 \tanh(w_2 P)\right) \left(1 + w_3 T + \frac{w_4}{T}\right) \end{aligned}$$

# Gibbs Energy Derivatives

G is solution of an ODE

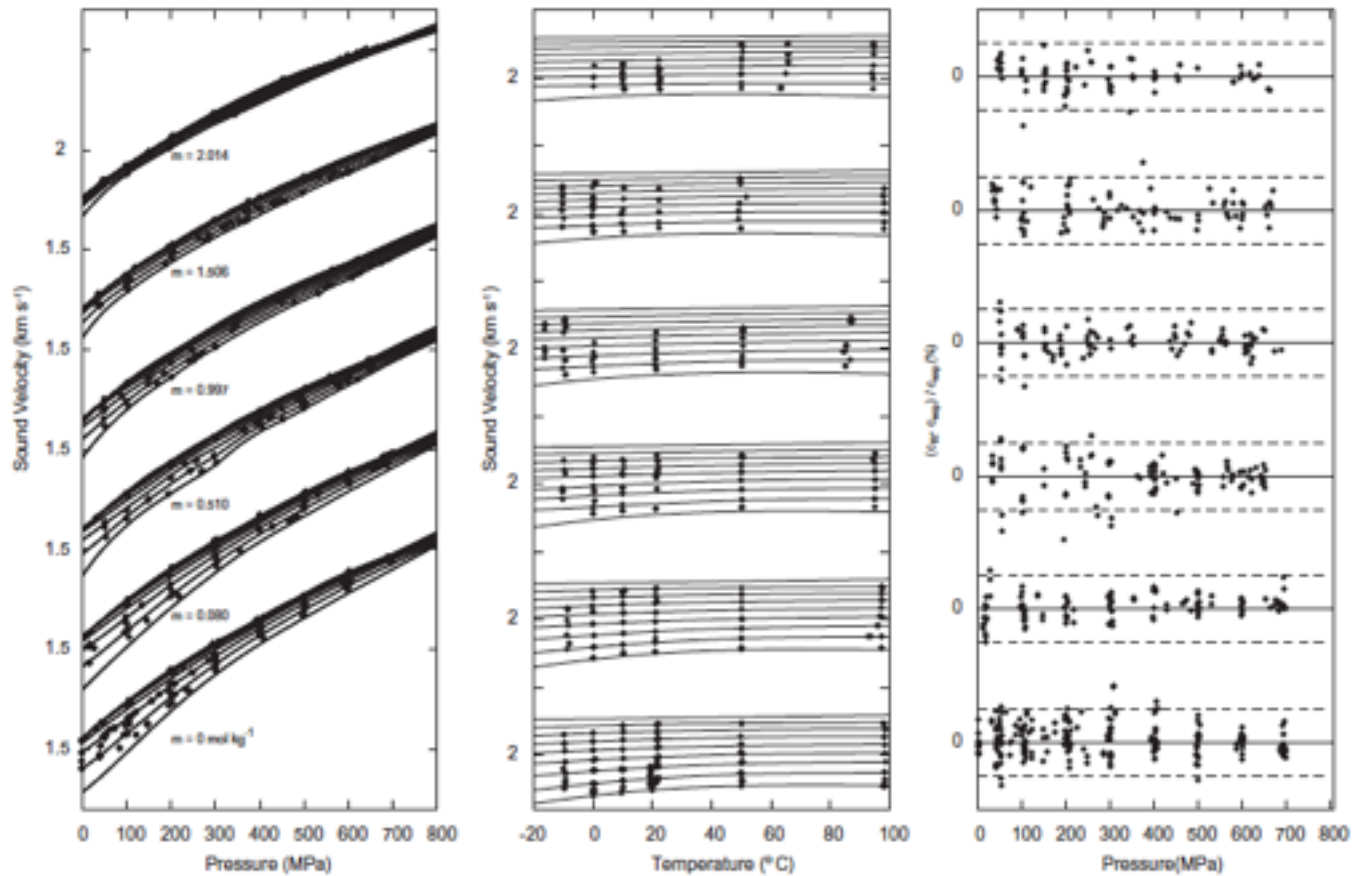


Gibbs energy at high pressure is accurately determined from sound speeds vs P, T, and X

# Workflow for EOS measurements

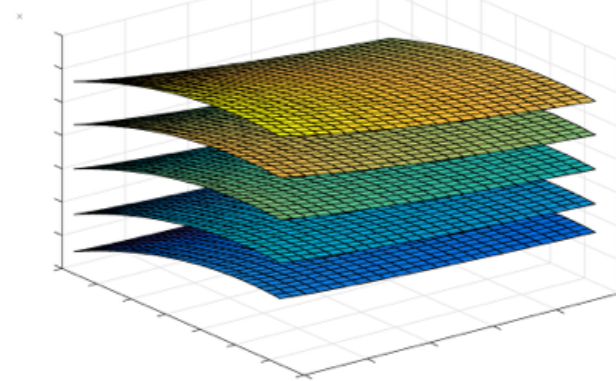
Create G representation and then  
predict thermodynamic properties

Collect lab measurements in fluids and fit sound speeds

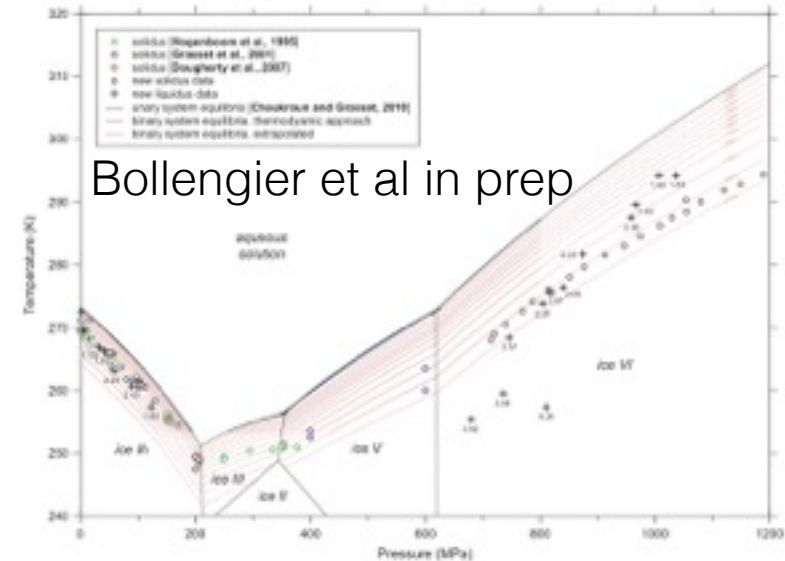


Vance and Brown 2013

G vs P, T, and m



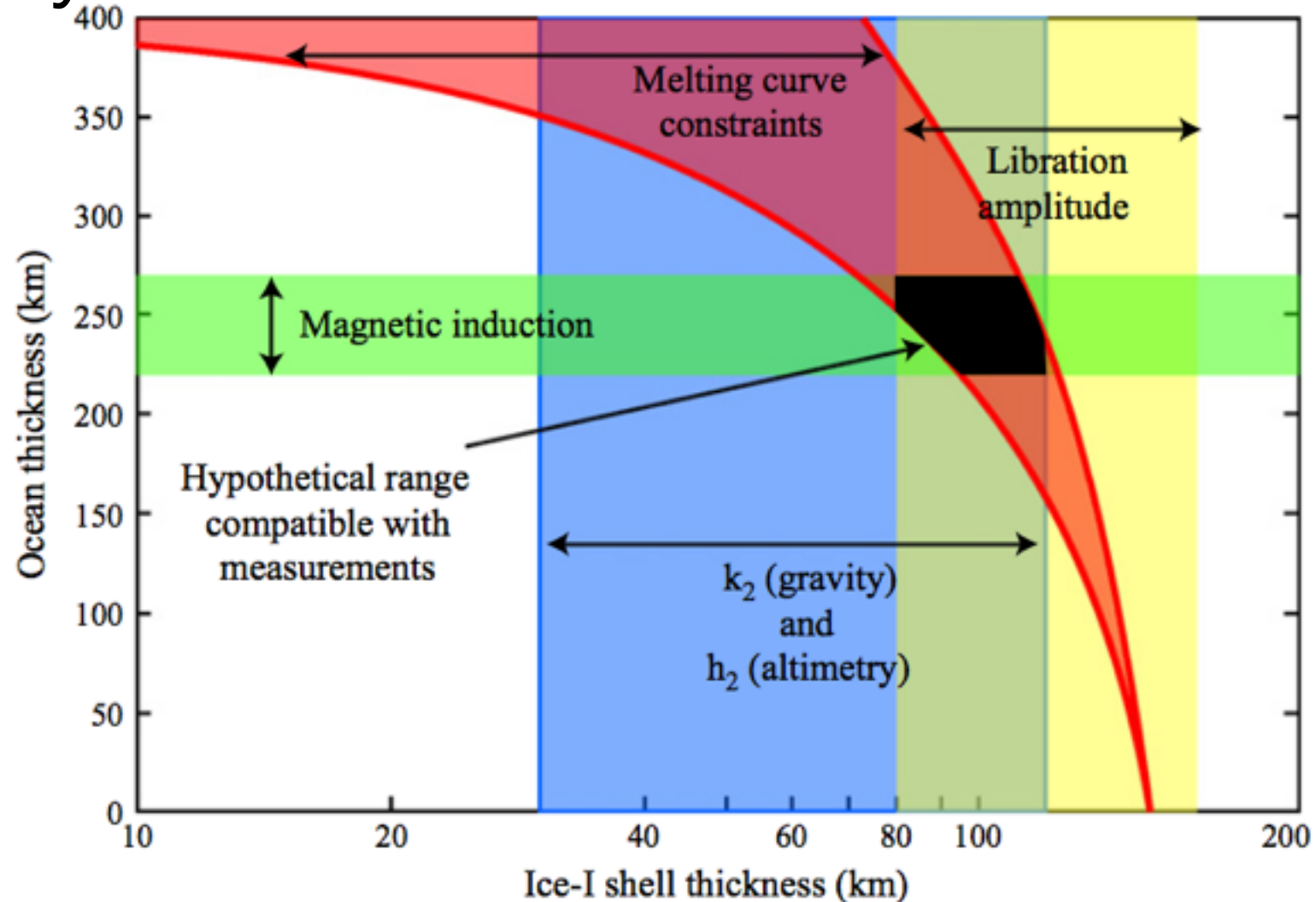
Predict phase equilibria



Bollengier et al in prep



# Geophysical measurements



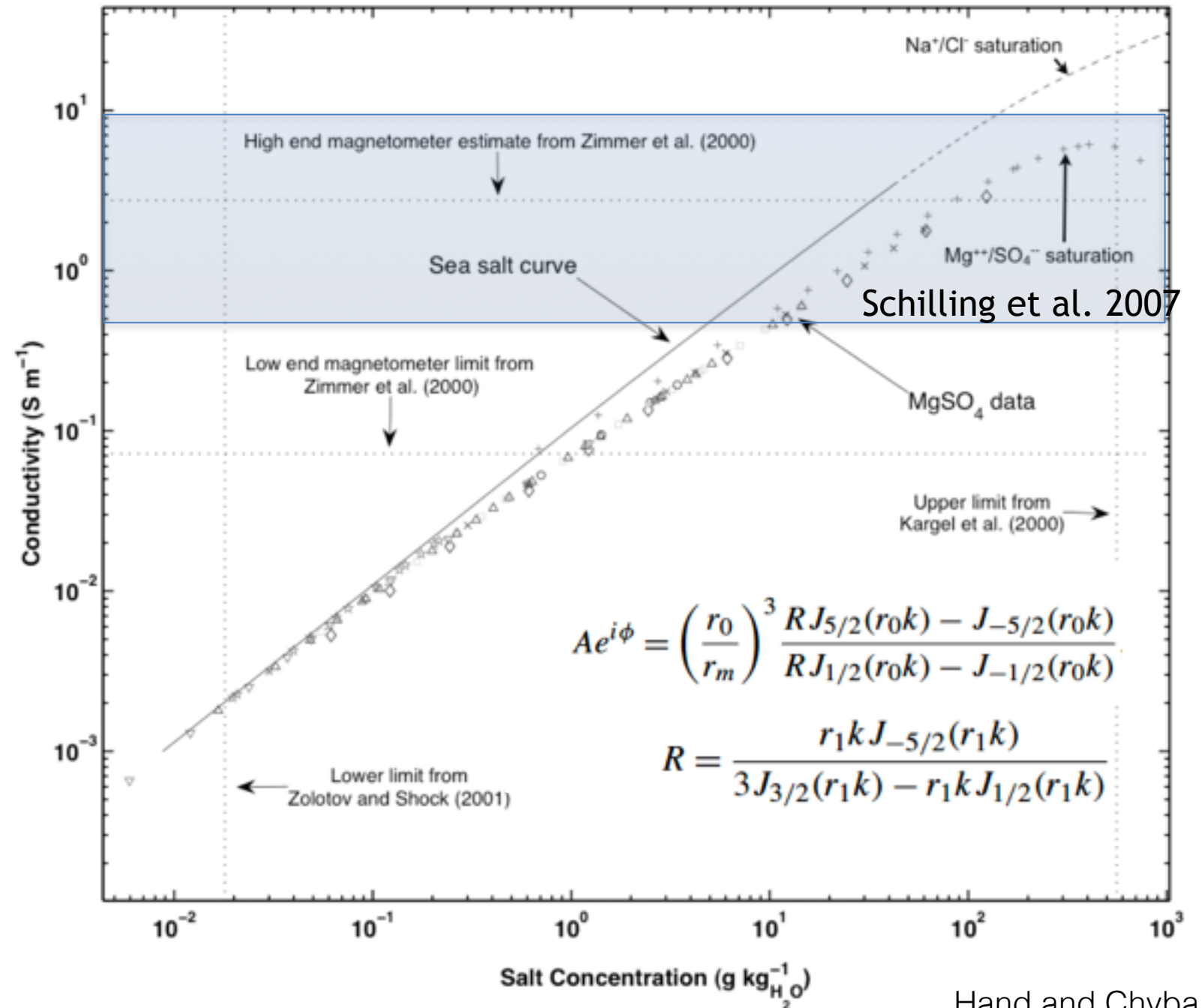
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# Salinity

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## High pH - NaCl

Seawater salinity, mostly NaCl,  
Available from TEOS-10  
0 to 42 psu (~g/kg)  
-35 to 2 °C  
0 to 100 MPa  
Hill 1986



# Salinity

## Low pH - $\text{MgSO}_4$

$$k = \frac{\Lambda m}{\rho}$$

Available for  $\text{MgSO}_4$ :

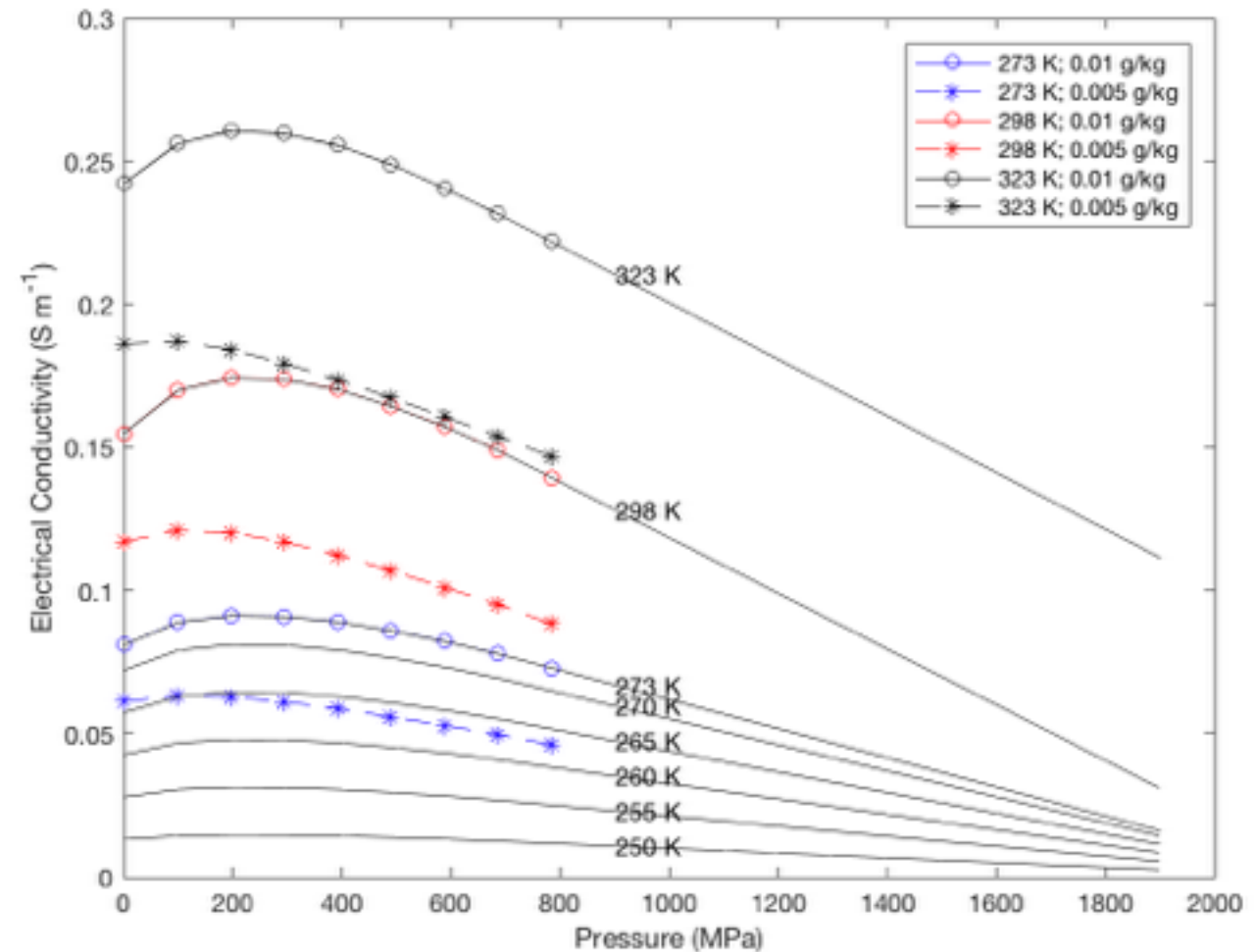
0.005 and 0.01 moles /  $\text{kgH}_2\text{O}$

0.1 to 800 MPa

298 to 423 K

Larionov and Kryukov (1984)

Extrapolated to high concentration  
and low temperature



Vance et al., *in submitted*.

Rocky component (mol%)

	Pyrolite <sup>a</sup>	L-LL Chondrite <sup>b</sup>	Pyrolite <sup>b</sup>	L-LL Chondrite <sup>b</sup>
SiO <sub>2</sub>	38.71	38.73	38.66	42.78
MgO	49.85	38.73	48.53	39.68
FeO	6.17	14.98	5.72	13.98
CaO	2.94	2.12	3.50	2.13
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.22	1.36	3.59	1.43
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.11	1.02	–	–

<sup>a</sup>Cammarano *et al.* [2011]; <sup>b</sup>modified from Cammarano *et al.* [2006]

Submitted work  
Considers historical “pyrolite” and “chondrite” compositions  
as per Kuskov and Kronrod (2001)  
Adds Na<sub>2</sub>O 1wt% and saturated hydration

Core is either gamma iron or variable FeS

Core composition and properties

	fcc-γ-Iron <sup>a</sup>	Fe-S (5% < X <sub>FeS</sub> < 20%) <sup>b</sup>
$\rho$	8000	5150-(%S-10)×50
$\alpha$ , 10 <sup>-5</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	5	9.2
K <sub>S</sub> , GPa	156	53.2-(%S-10)×2
$\partial K_S/\partial P$	5.0	4.66
$\partial K_S/\partial T$ , Pa K <sup>-1</sup>	-0.040	–
G, GPA	76.5	–
$\partial G/\partial P$	2	–
$\partial G/\partial T$ , Pa K <sup>-1</sup>	-0.023	–

<sup>a</sup>Cammarano *et al.* [2006]; <sup>b</sup>Sanloup *et al.* [2000]

Future work can explore variable mineralogy.  
e.g.:  
mantle iron, MgO/(MgO+FeO)  
sulfur partitioning into core and ocean



# Elastic Properties

# Elastic Properties - Ices

Crystalline Phase	$K_S$ GPa	$K'_S$	$K''_S$ GPa <sup>-1</sup>	$\mu$ GPa	$\mu'$	$\mu''$ GPa <sup>-1</sup>
I <sub>h</sub>	9.5	0.33	-0.026	3.3	0.537	-.025
II	13.89	1.6	—	5.15	3.5	—
III	8.9	3.65	—	2.7	6.55	—
V	11.8	4.8	—	5.7	0.9	—
VI	14.6	4.1	—	5.0	3.0	—

Sound speed in ice  
 based on Shaw 1986 and Gagnon et al. 1988, 1990  
 from fits to measurements around -35°C

forward model for bulk sound speed from ice equations of state based on density and phase boundaries

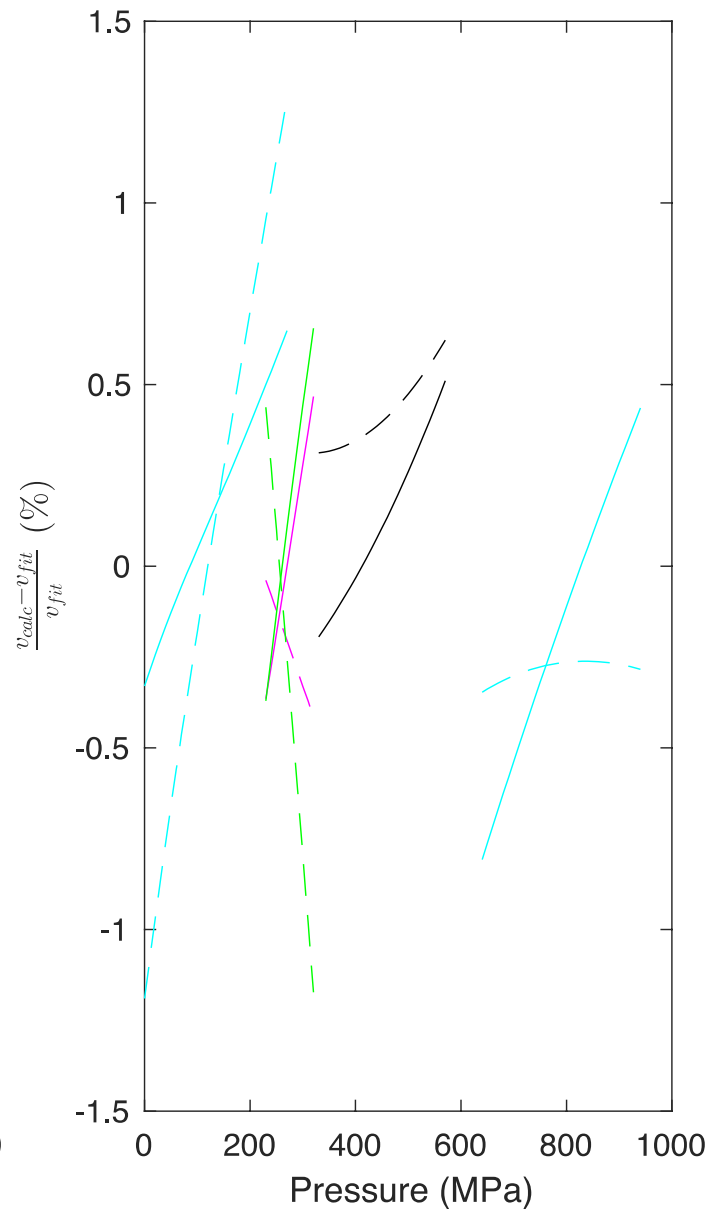
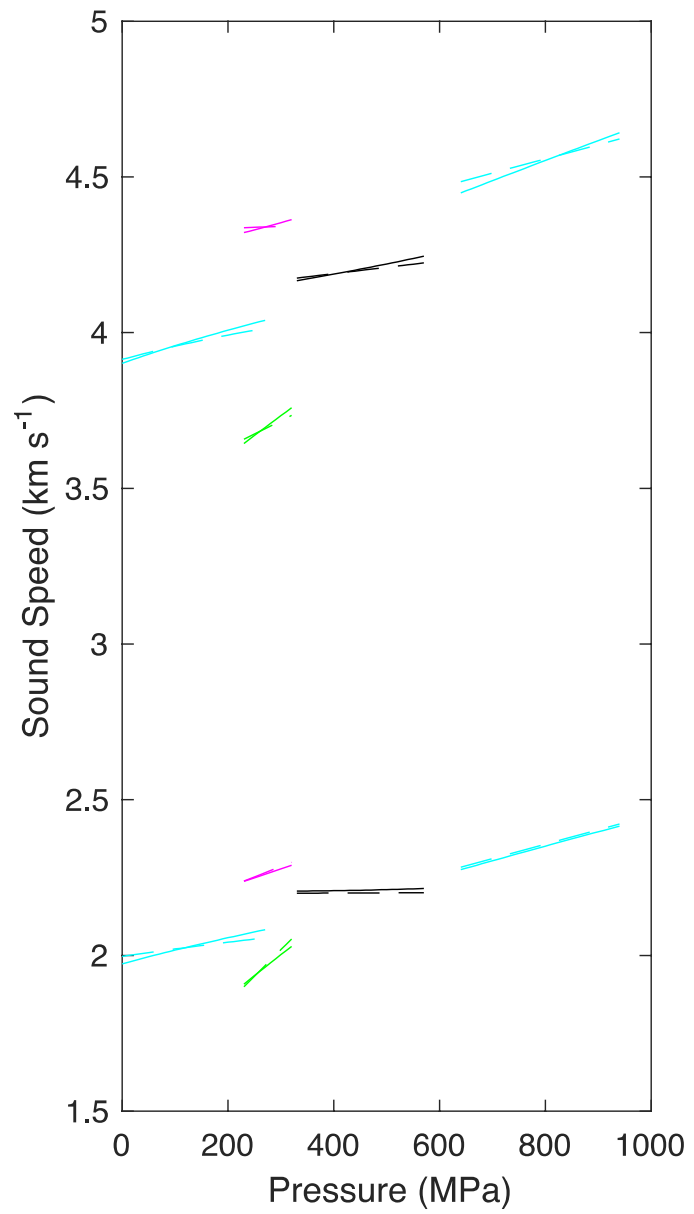
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial P_T} = \frac{1}{v_c^2}$$

Choukroun et al. 2010

$$V_S = \left[ \frac{\mu}{\rho} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$V_P = \left[ \frac{K_S}{\rho} + \frac{4}{3} V_S^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

Vance et al., *in submitted.*



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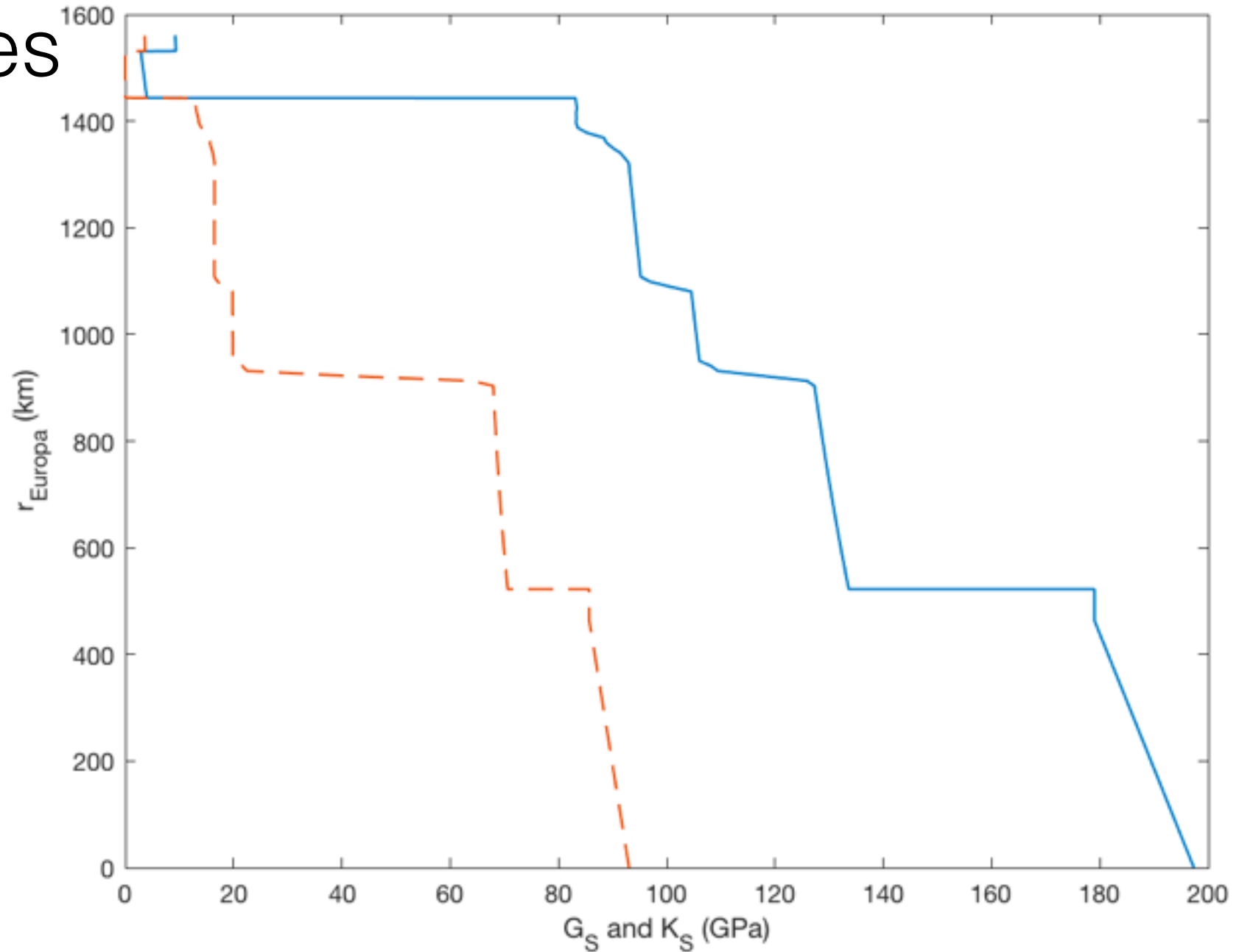
# Elastic Properties → Tides

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{ij} = 2\tilde{\mu}(\omega)\tilde{\varepsilon}_{ij} + \left[ K_E - \frac{2}{3}\tilde{\mu}(\omega) \right] \tilde{\varepsilon}_{kk}\delta_{ij},$$

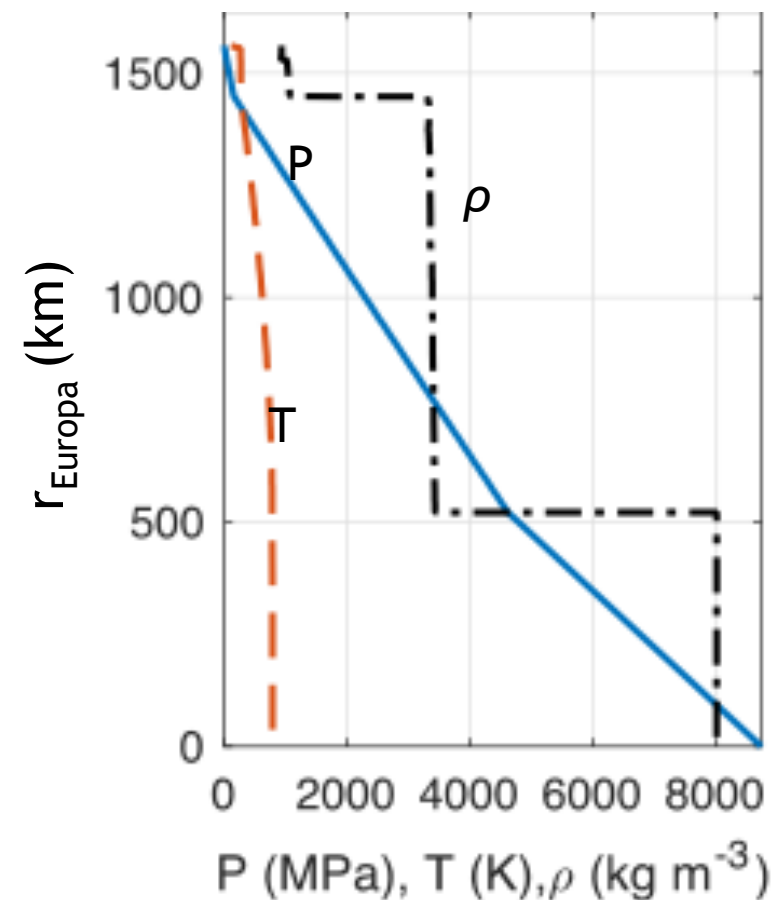
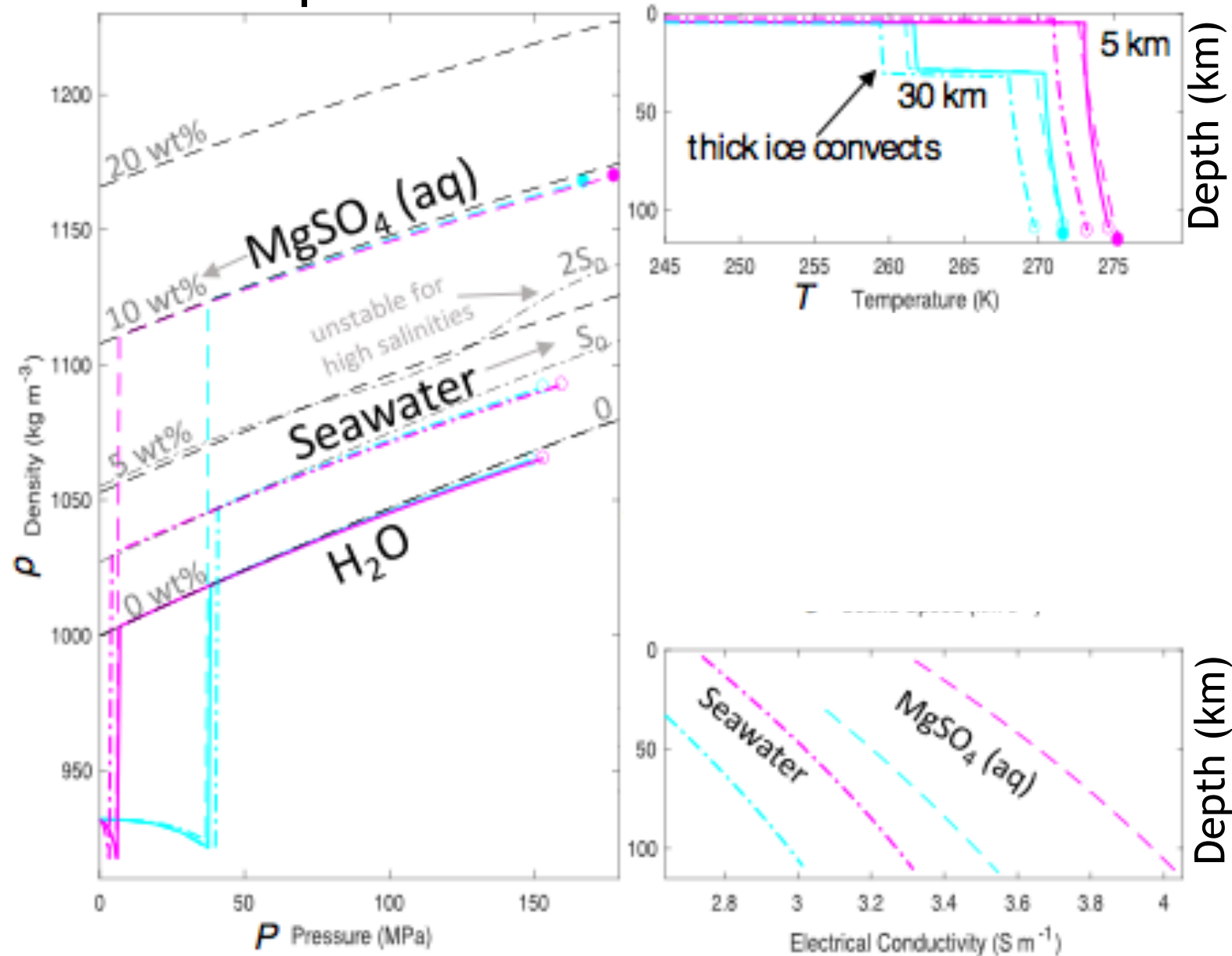
where

$$\tilde{\mu}(\omega) = \frac{\mu_E \omega^2 \eta^2}{\mu_E^2 + \omega^2 \eta^2} + i \frac{\mu_E^2 \omega \eta}{\mu_E^2 + \omega^2 \eta^2},$$

Tobie et al. 2006

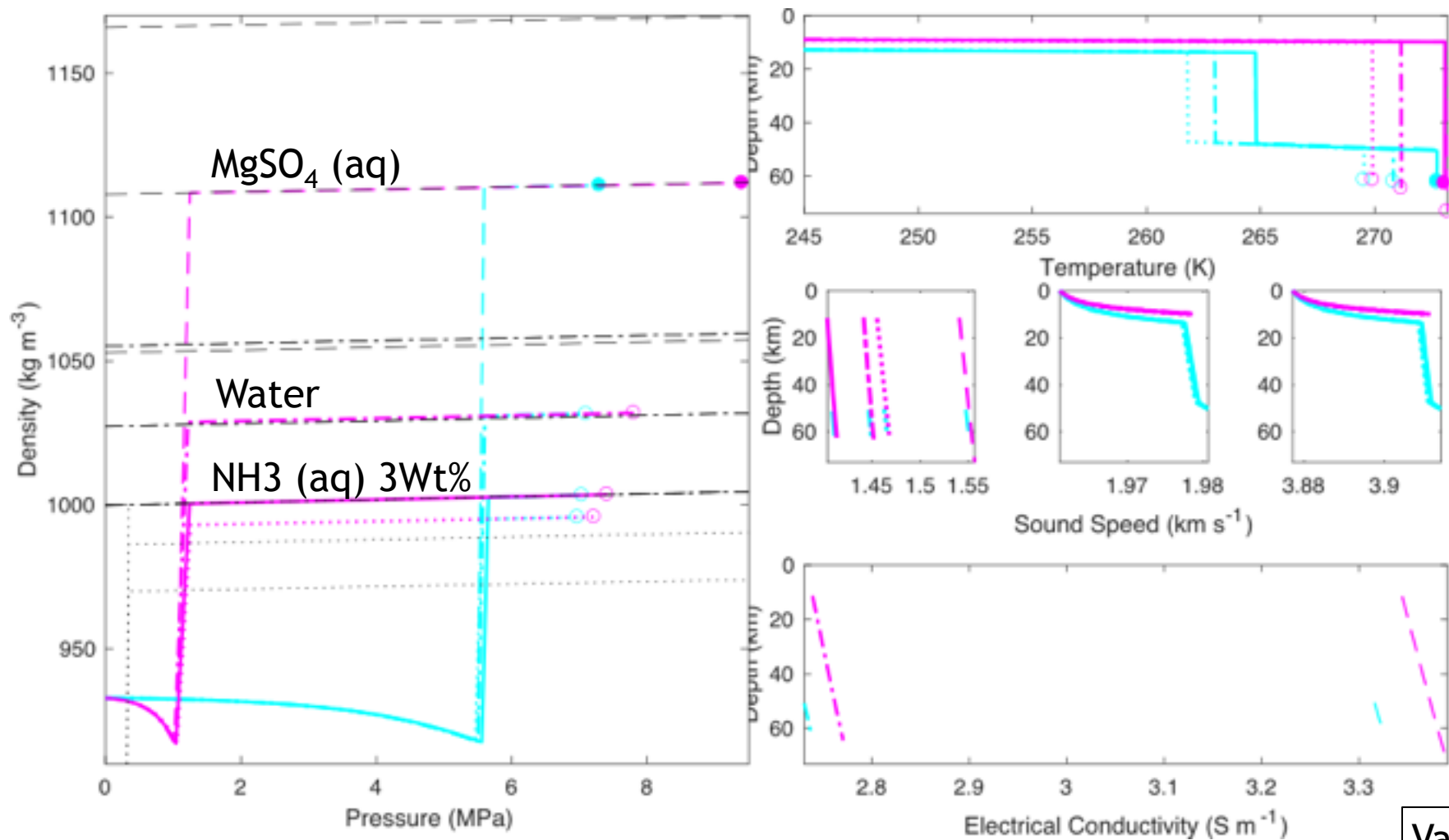


# Europa



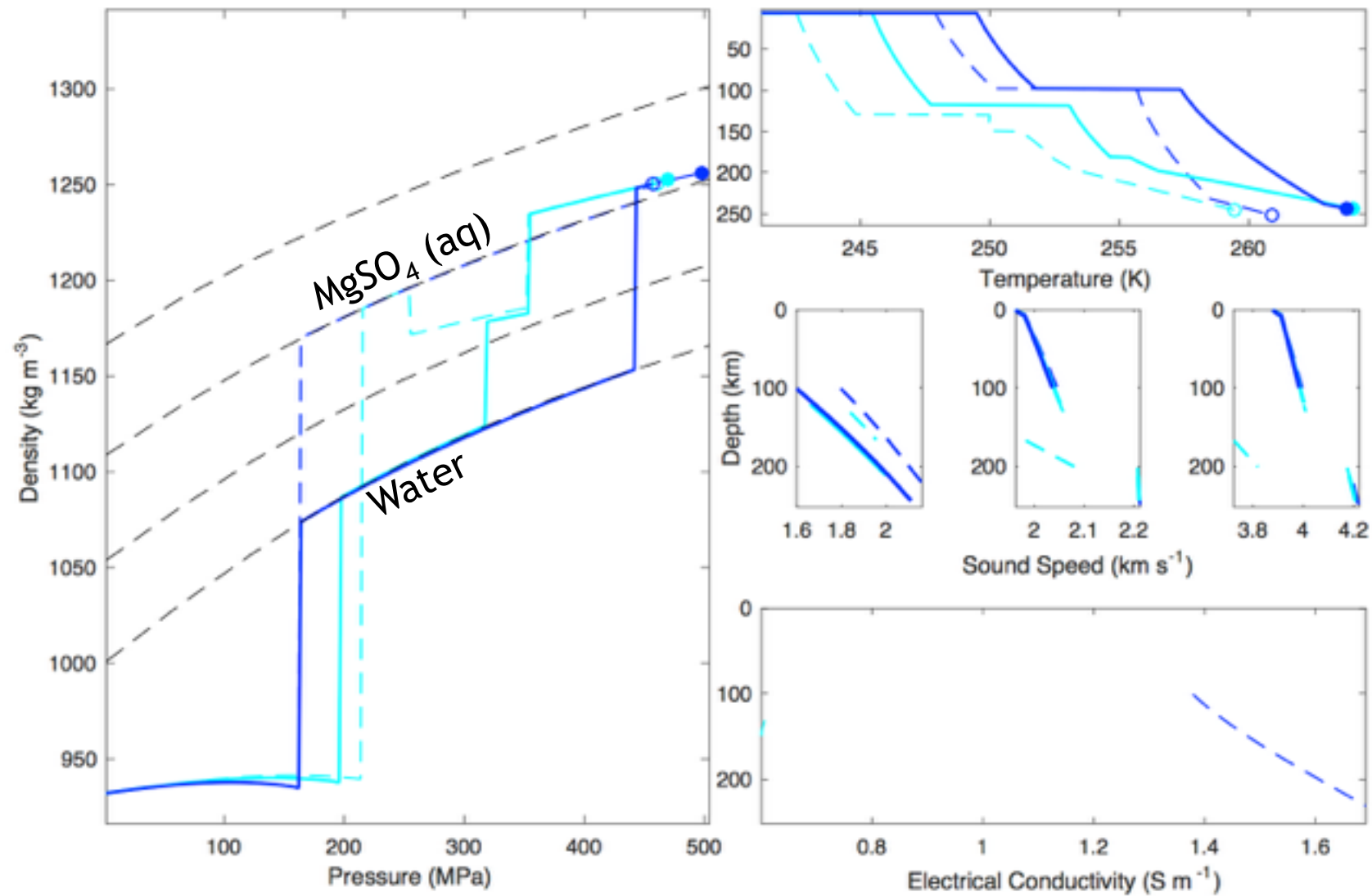


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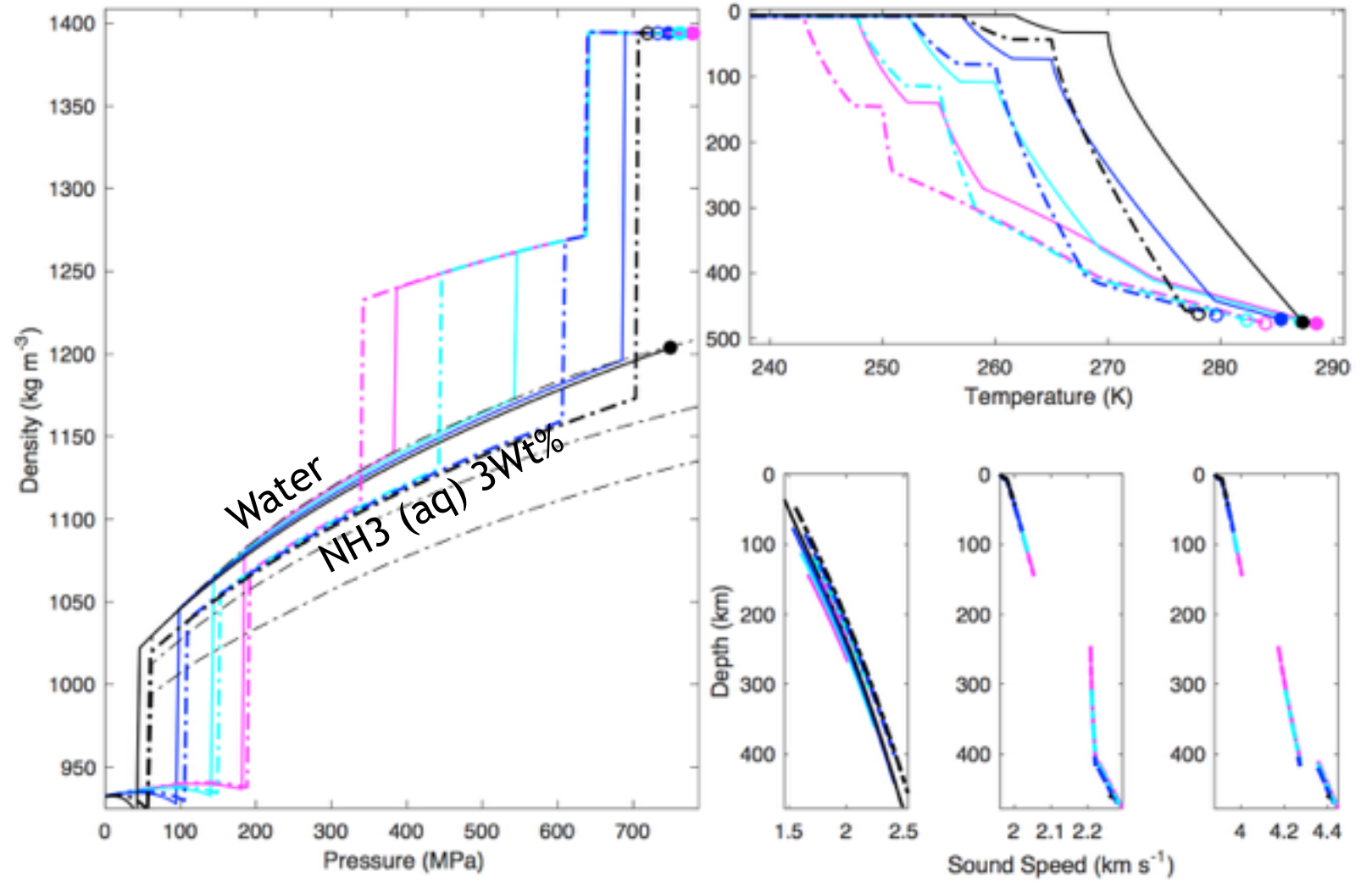
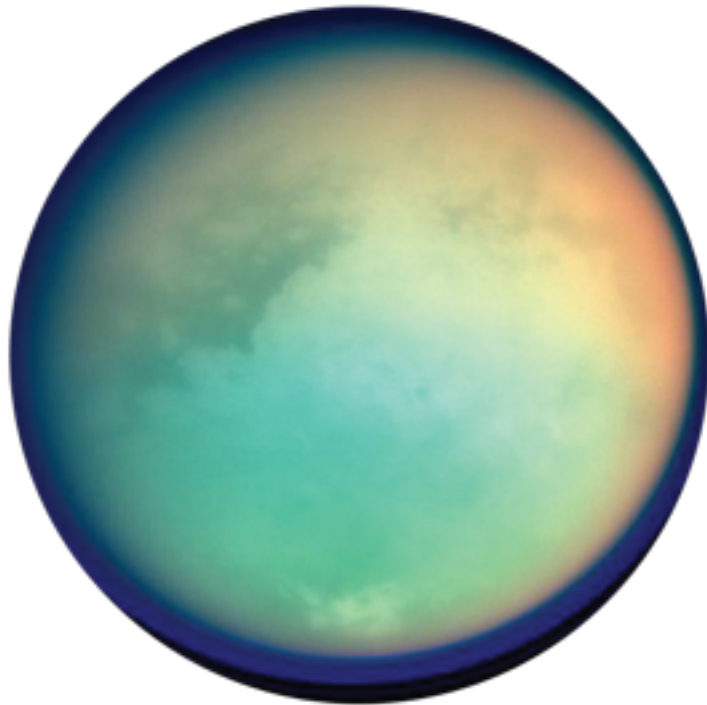
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# Callisto



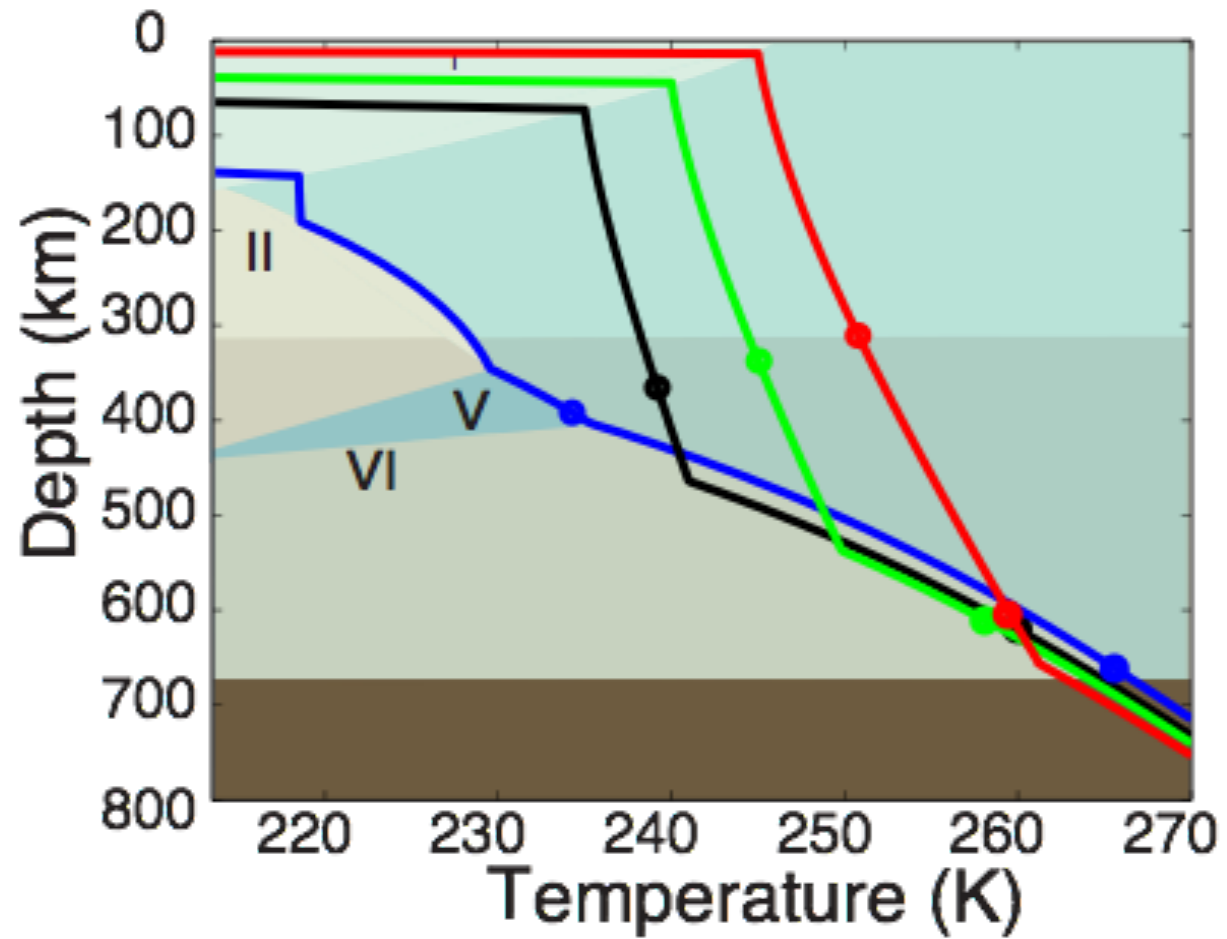
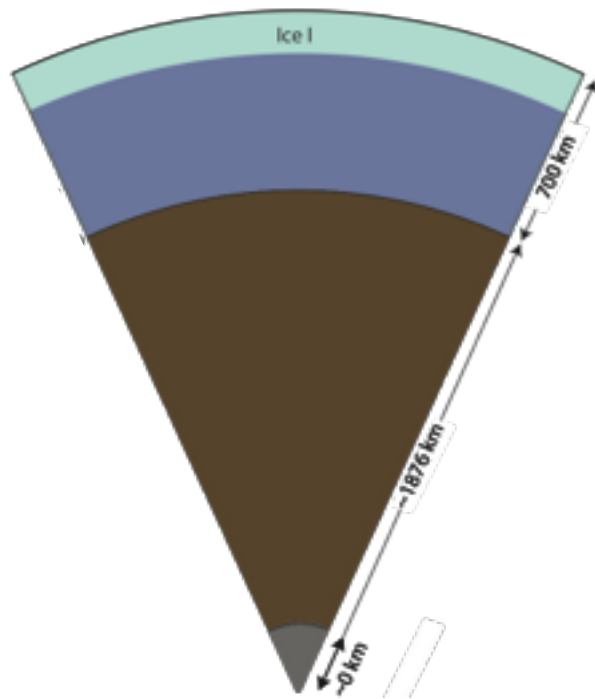
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# Titan



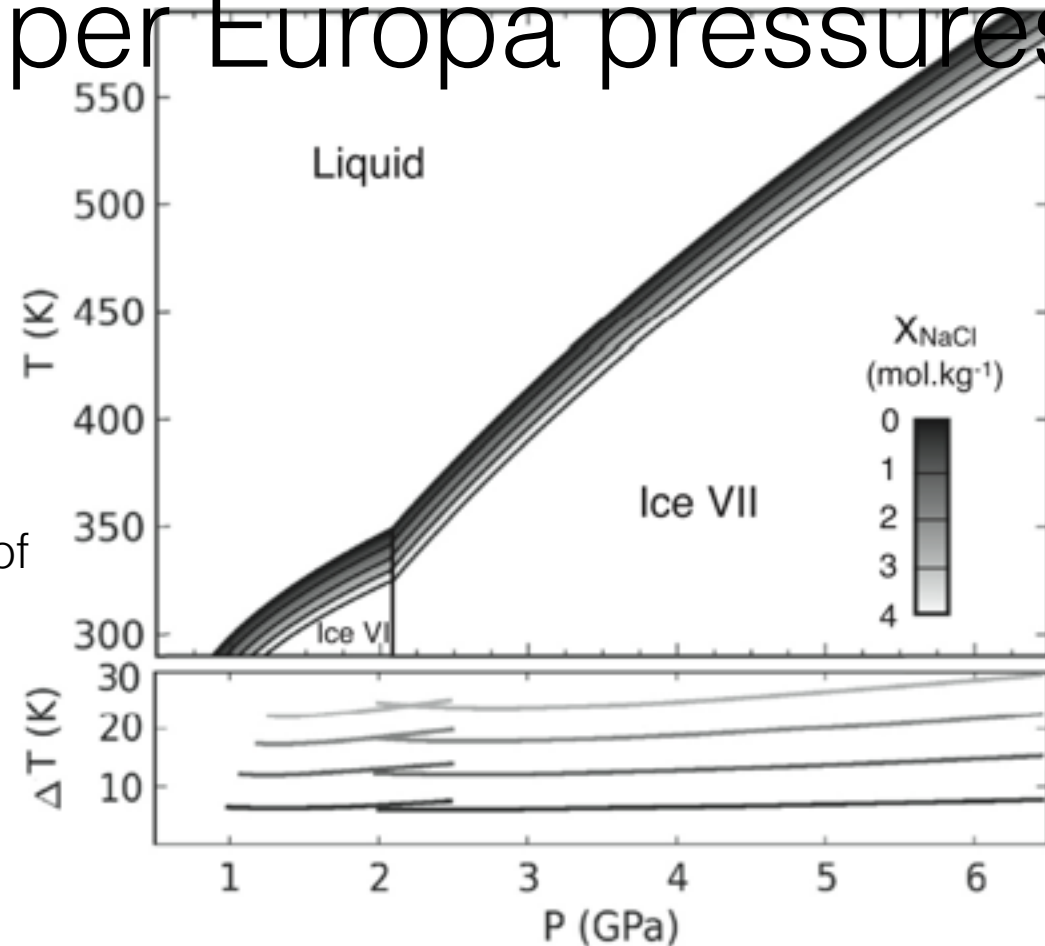
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# Titan: 15 wt% $\text{NH}_3$ ocean



Buoyant ices are also predicted in  
NaCl(aq),  
studied at super-Europa pressures

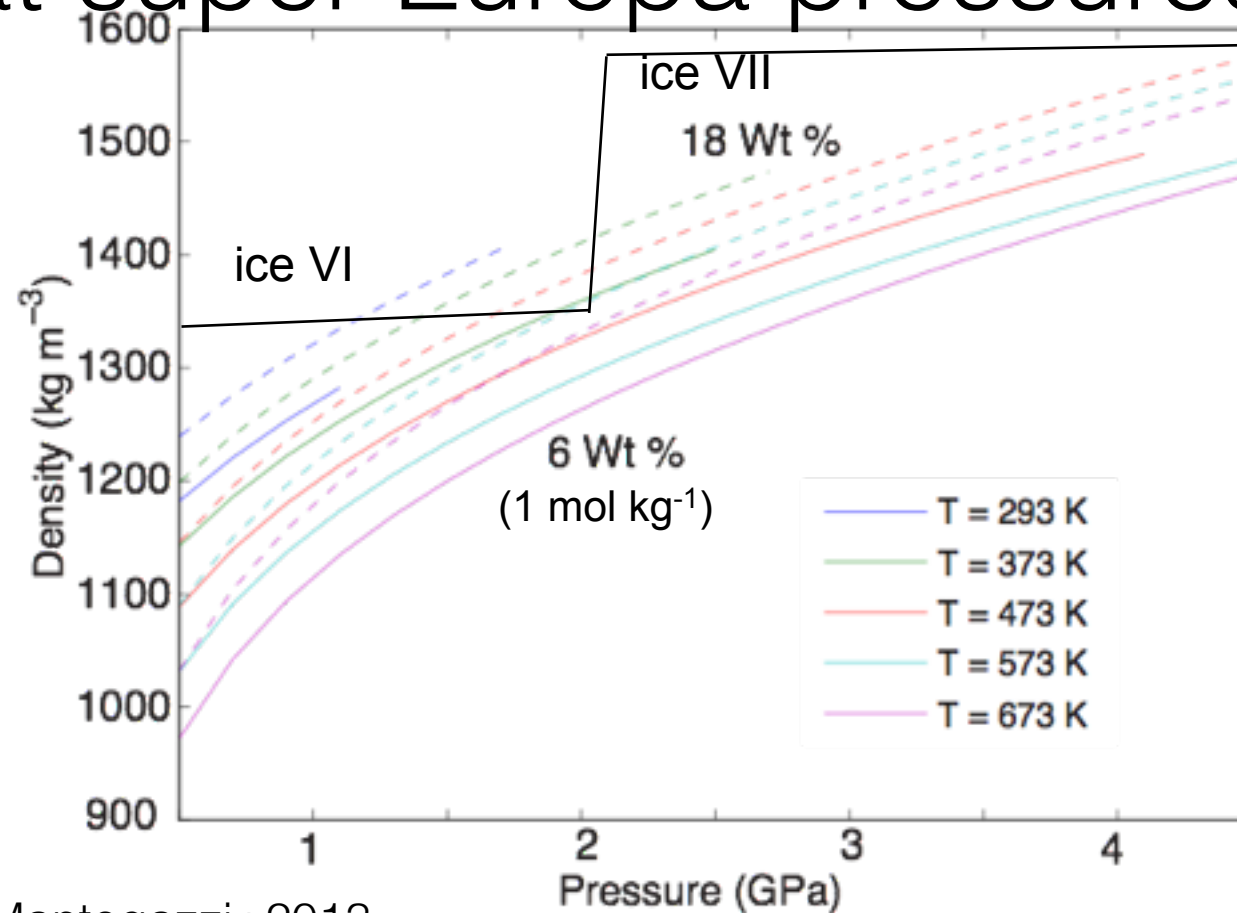
Stronger melting point  
suppression documented for  
NaCl  
Phase measurements not  
available in 0.1 to 1 GPa range of  
pressures



# Buoyant ices are also predicted in NaCl(aq), studied at super Europa pressures

High density at low  
temperature

Thermodynamics  
not available near  
freezing point  
( $T < 293$  K)



NaCl data from Mantegazzi+2013

Ice densities from Reimers and Watts 1984, Vega+ 2005, Choukroun+

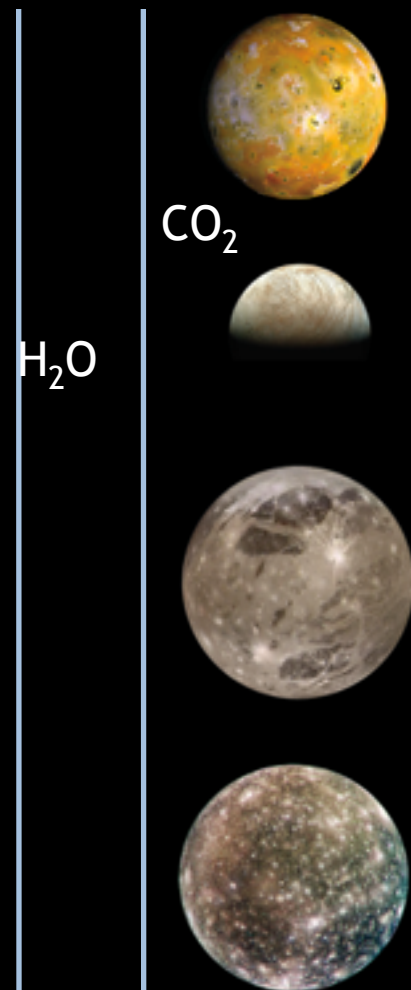
2012



# Geophysical tests for habitability

- Requiring thermodynamic consistency helps to distinguish among solutions to geophysical datasets
- This could enable measurements of ocean pH
- Titan and Callisto may lack high pressure ices
- Thermodynamic consistency requires further development of EOS for ices fluids, and rocks

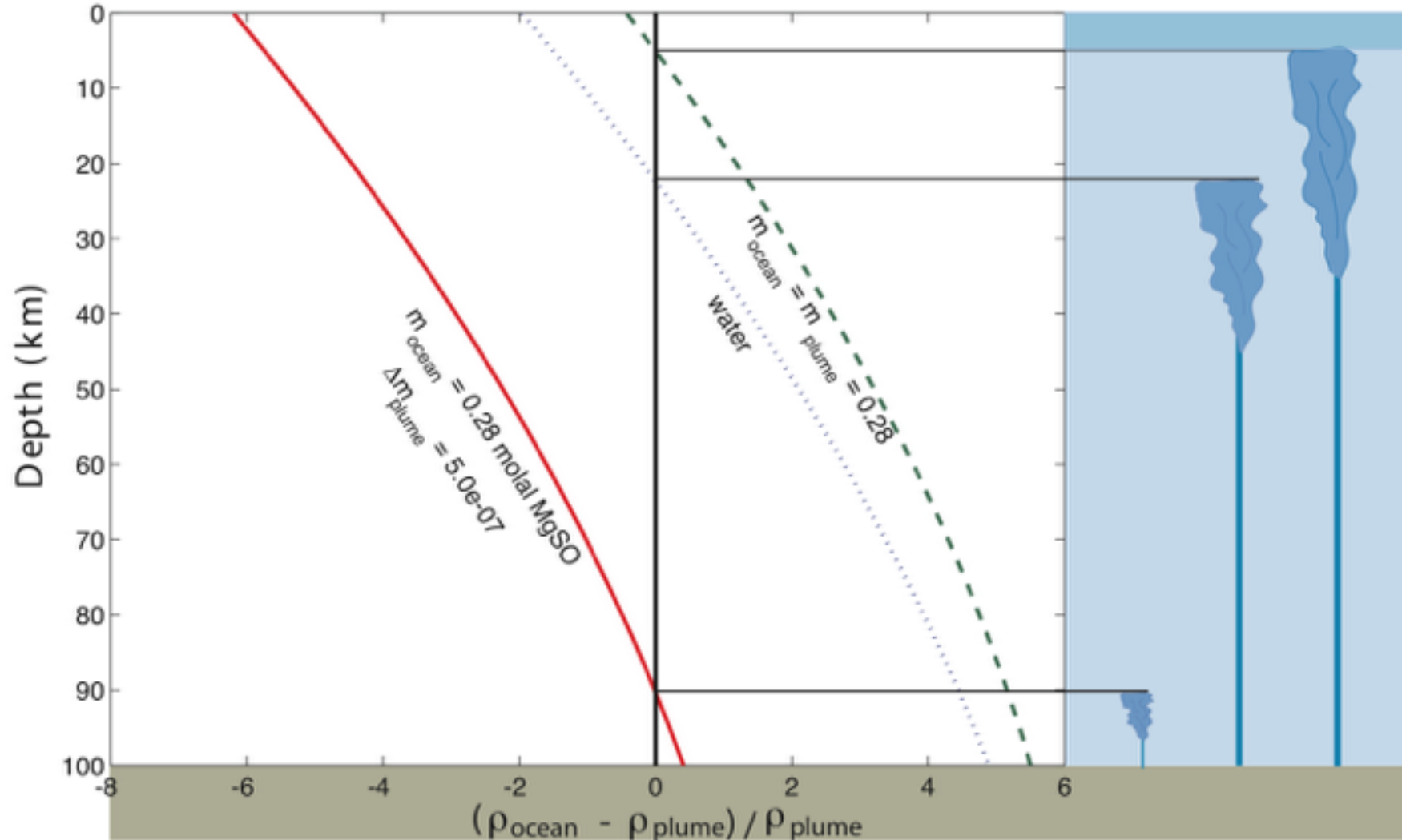
# Backup



Distance from Sun  
(temperature) →



# Oceanic plumes may not always reach the surface



Vance and Brown 2005, Vance and Goodman 2009

# Evidence for present-day oceans in Europa, Ganymede, Callisto

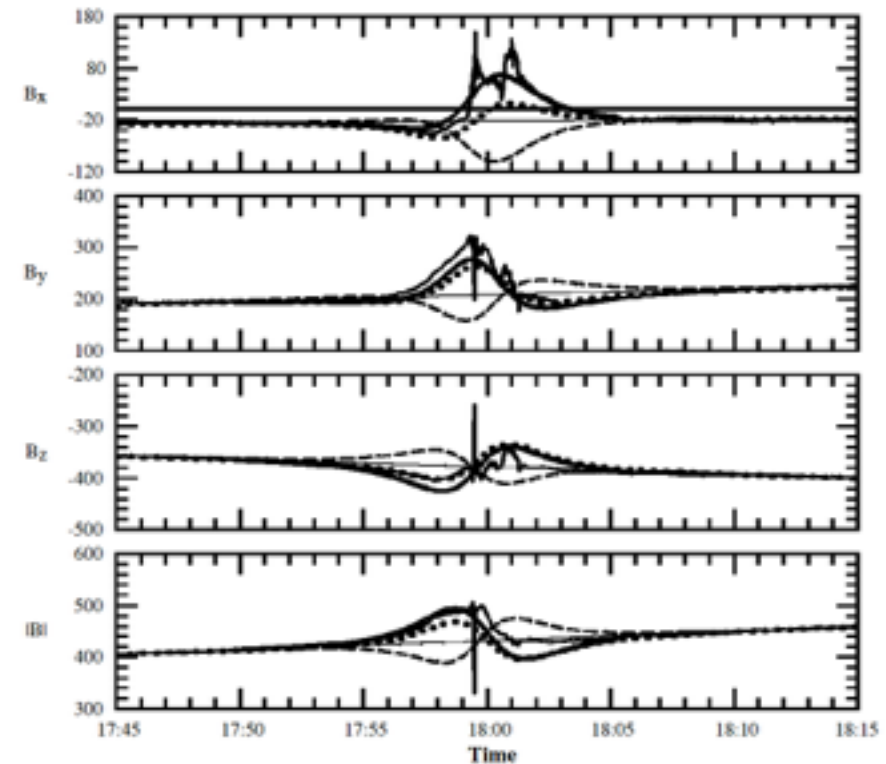
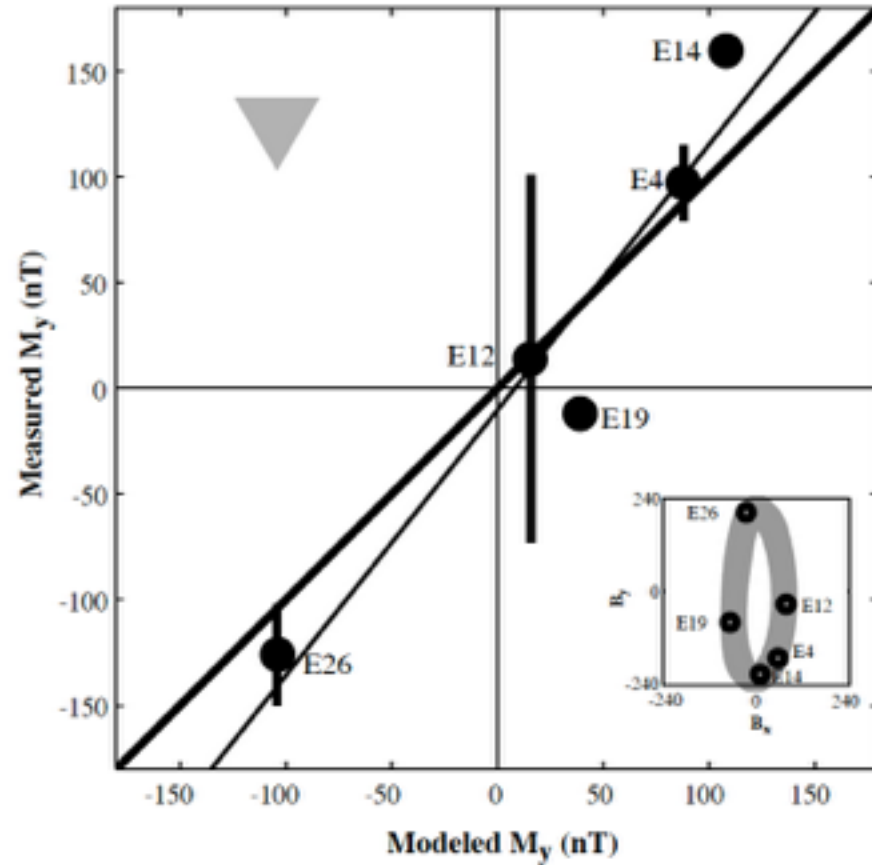


Fig. 4. The E26 pass on 3 January 2000: data within  $5 R_E$  from Europa's center. Curves are as in Fig. 2. The dashed curves computed from the dipole moment fit to the E4 pass are in antiphase to both the dipole fitted to the E26 data (heavy solid curves) and to the inductive response model (dotted curves).

# Porosity and Permeability

$$\log(\phi) = -0.65 - 0.1d + 0.0019d^2,$$

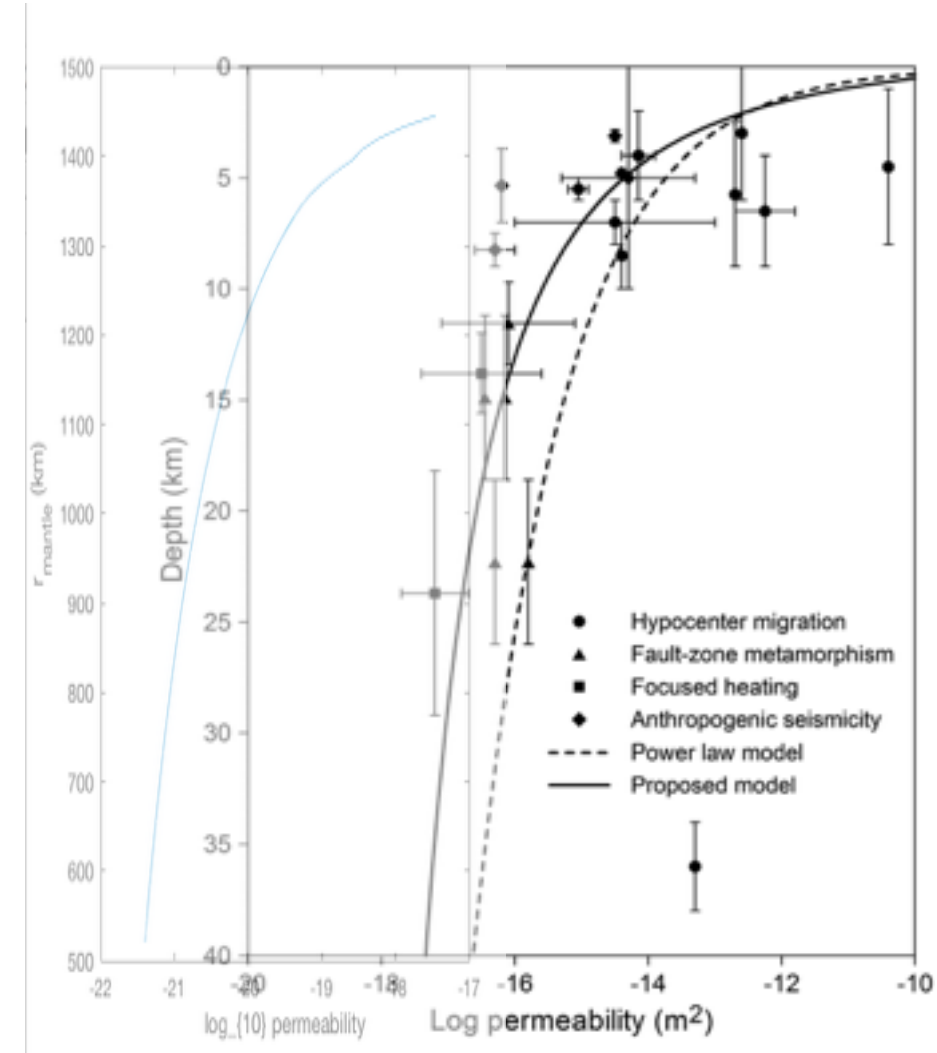
$$\rho = \phi\rho_f + (1 - \phi)\rho_g,$$

Vitovtova et al. 2014

$$\log k = \log k_r + (\log k_s - \log k_r) (1 + z)^{-\alpha}$$

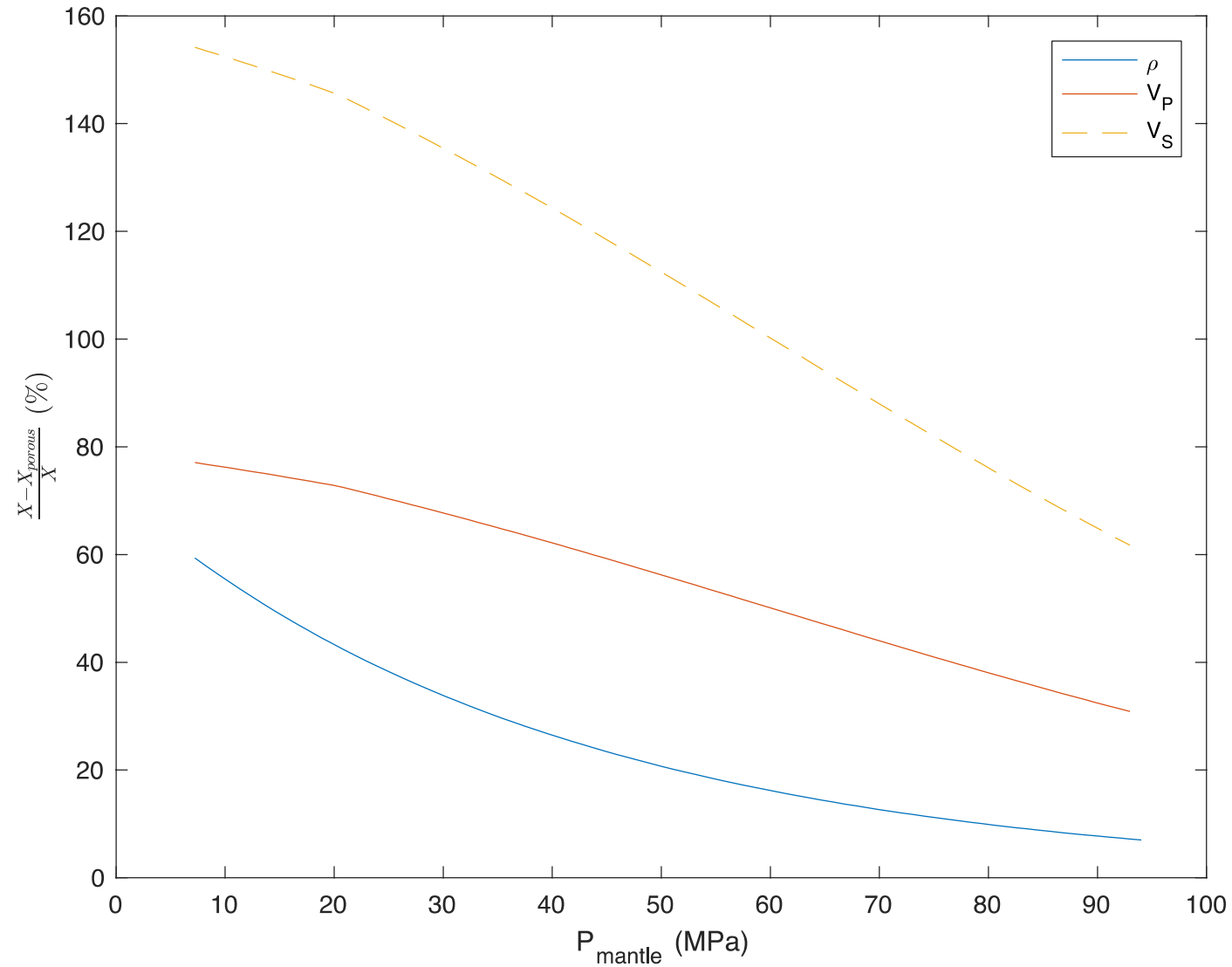
Kuang and Jiao 2014

Vance et al., *in submitted*.



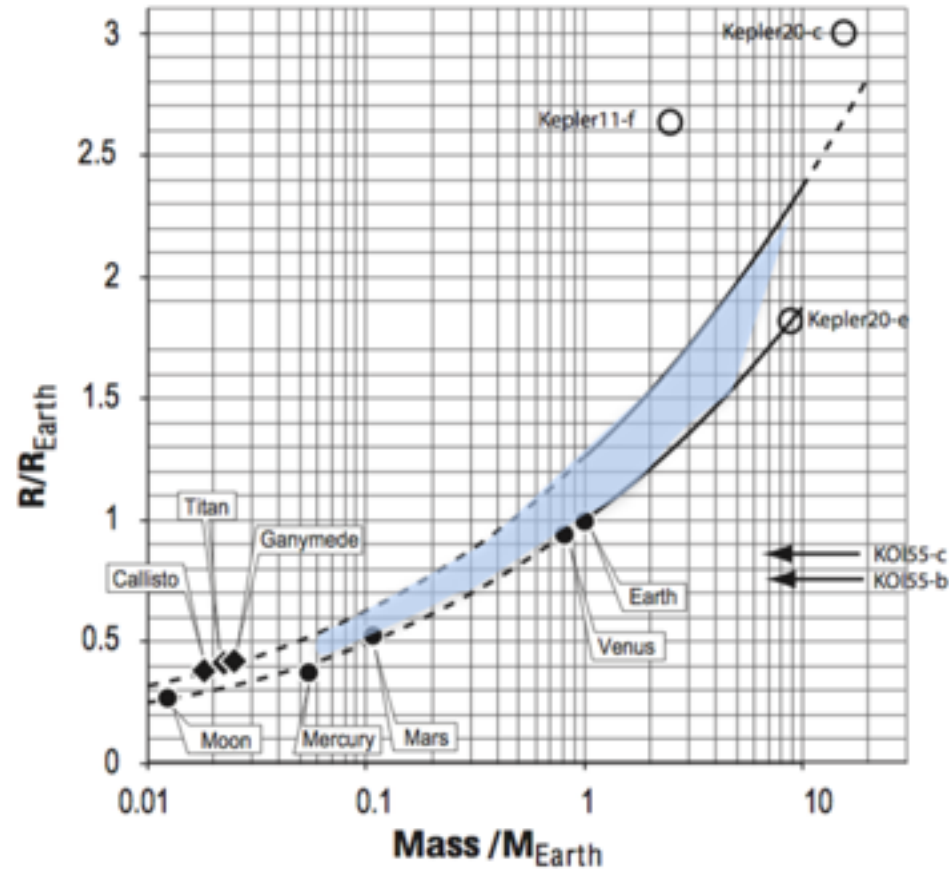


# Enceladus

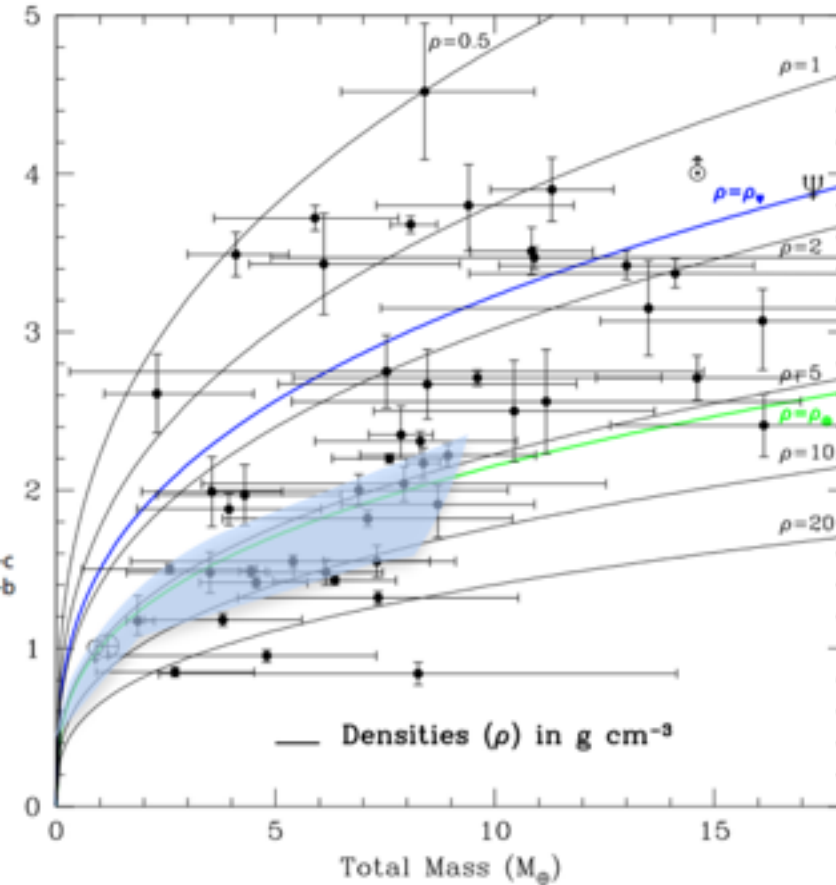


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Oceanic exoplanets should define a portion of the M-R curve  
Additional axes are needed for stellar type, orbit distance...



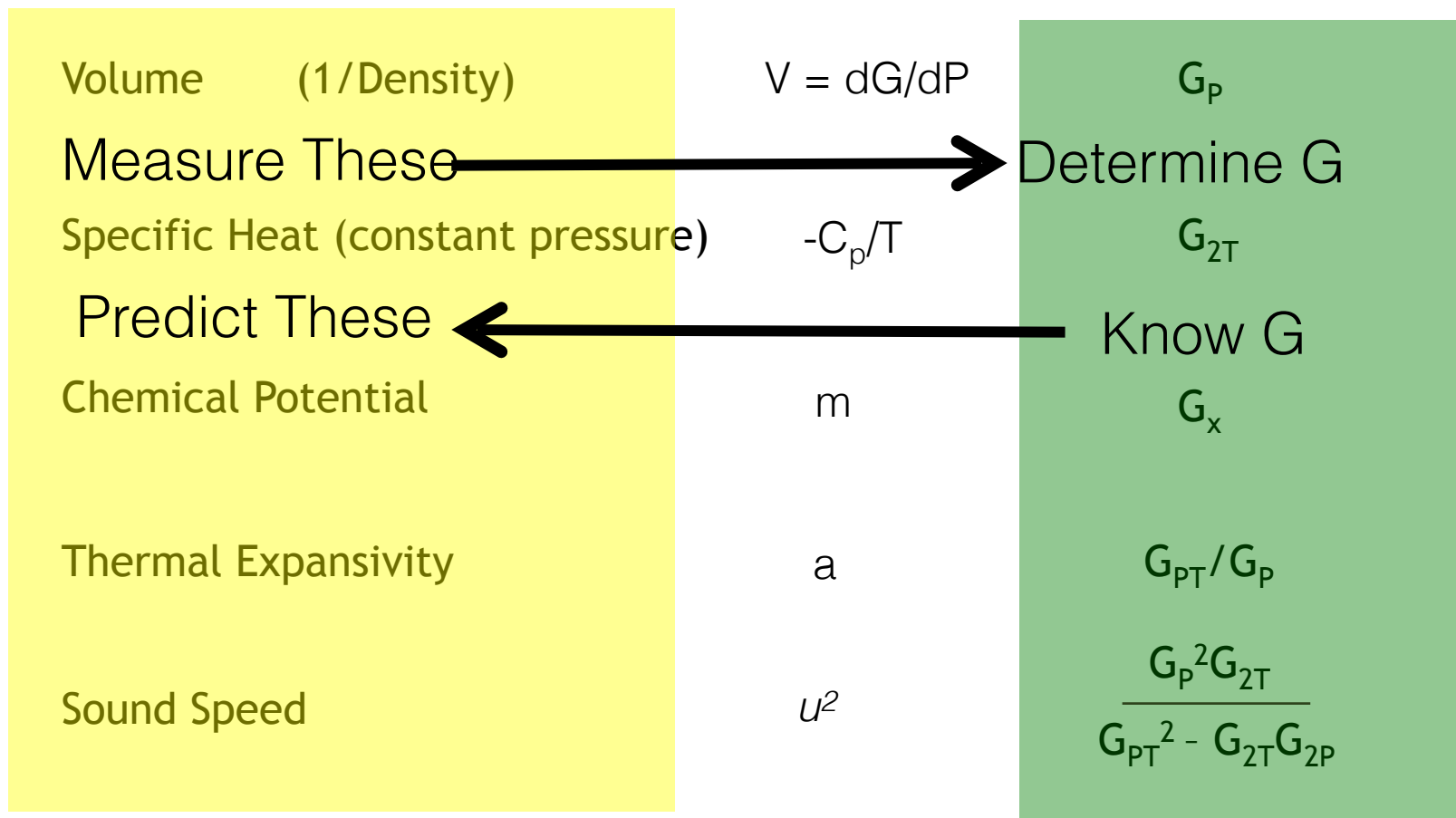
modified from Baraffe+ 2014



modified from Howe+ 2014

# Gibbs Energy Derivatives

G is solution of an ODE



Gibbs energy at high pressure is accurately determined from sound speeds vs P, T, and X

