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Properties:

Location: US west of 110°W longitude

Grid: 0.5°x0.5°

Stations: TA

Data: Rayleigh and Love wave phase speeds, Rayleigh wave group speeds.

Ambient noise: Oct 2004 - Dec 2007 (526 stations)

Earthquakes: 250 earthquakes, Ms>5.5, 1/06-9/08

Tomography:

Ambient noise: ray theory (eikonal tomography, Lin et al., 2009), 6-40 s for Rayleigh, 8-32 s for Love

Earthquakes: 2-plane wave regionally, called multi-plane wave, 25-100 s

Parameterization: sediment layer, 3 crystalline crustal layers (4 in wet regions), 5 B-splines in the mantle

Radial Anisotropy: two-layers, constant in crystalline layers 2&3 in crust and in mantle.

Inversion: Monte Carlo model-space sampling following neighborhood algorithm.

Forward code: Mineos

Moho: variable.

Format of model file: WUS_RadialAnisotropy.zip

The model is presented in a sub-directory in which every geographical grid location is a separate 1-D Vs model. In the crust, velocities are constant in layers, there are repeated knots to indicate jumps in velocities and the Moho is the last repeated knot. Here's an example found in a file called vs_235.0_48.5.dat for (lat, lon) = (48.5, 235.0):

z (km)	Vs (km/s)	
0.000	0.000	water
0.091	0.000	water
0.091	2.813	sediments
2.828	2.813	sediments
2.828	3.009	Crystalline Layer 1
7.355	3.009	Layer 1
7.355	3.229	Layer 2
16.522	3.229	Layer 2
16.522	3.554	Layer 3
25.735	3.554	Layer 3
25.735	4.163	Moho
27.500	4.163	Mantle
30.000	4.179	Mantle

Information about radial anisotropy is contained in a file called: param_aniso_amp.dat. Radial anisotropy is constant in Layers 2&3 of the crust and then also in the mantle. So to get the radial anisotropy model at a given depth you need isotropic shear wave speed V_s and the amplitude of anisotropy A in the crust and in the mantle. The file is formatted as follows: lon, lat, A_c , A_m . For example, for (lat, lon) = (48.5, 235.0):

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Lon lat A_c A_m
235.0 48.5 2.46 1.89
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where the crustal and mantle amplitudes are in percent.

To find V_{sh} and V_{sv} at any depth, one uses the following equations, because V_s is the Voigt average:

$$A = 2(V_{sh} - V_{sv}) / (V_{sh} + V_{sv}) \quad V_s = [(V_{sh}^2 + 2V_{sv}^2) / 3]^{(1/2)}$$

Remember to convert A from percent to decimal and to use the correct amplitude depending on whether you're in the crust or the mantle.