Intraplate mountain ranges

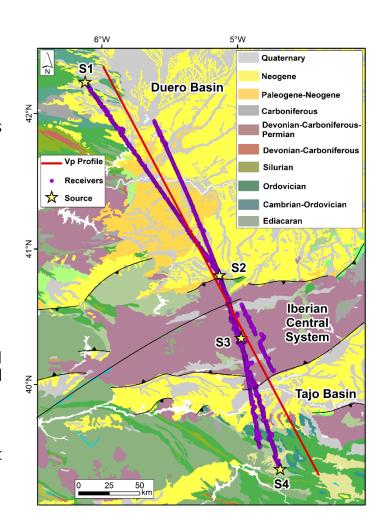
Which mechanisms support it elevation?

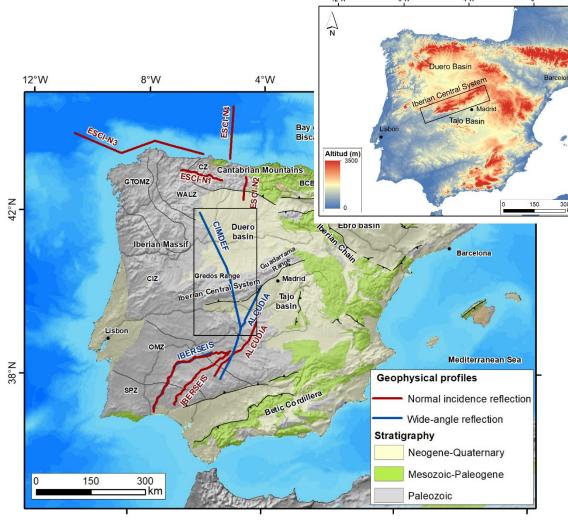
What is its lithospheric structure?

Case study: Iberian Central System

Has the Variscan mid-crustal detachment level been inherited during the Alpine orogeny?

Do upper crustal faults also affect the lower crust?



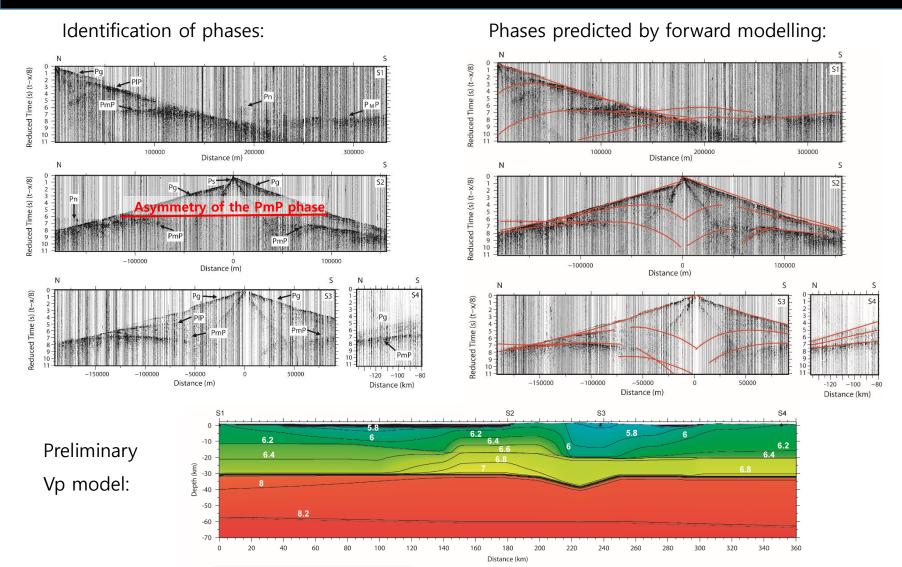






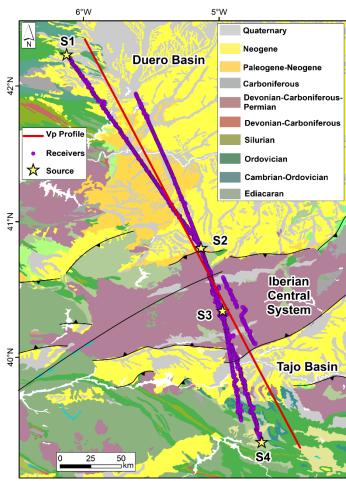


Crustal structure of the Iberian Central System (Iberian Peninsula): The wide-angle seismic reflection CIMDEF experiment



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3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0 5.5 6.0

Velocity (km/s)

6.5 7.0 7.5 8.0 8.5



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- Lateral Vp gradients in the crust in agreement with the geology.
- Moho offset under the Iberian Central System.
- Upper mantle reflector at 58-62 km under the Duero basin.
- The Vp distribution suggests the existence of a crustalscale thrust as the responsible of the exhumation of the Iberian Central System.
- An imbrication of the entire crust could partly explain the different altitudes in the foreland basins.

