

Zoom-based PhD-course (GEO-DEEP 9200)

# Earth and planetary materials and dynamics

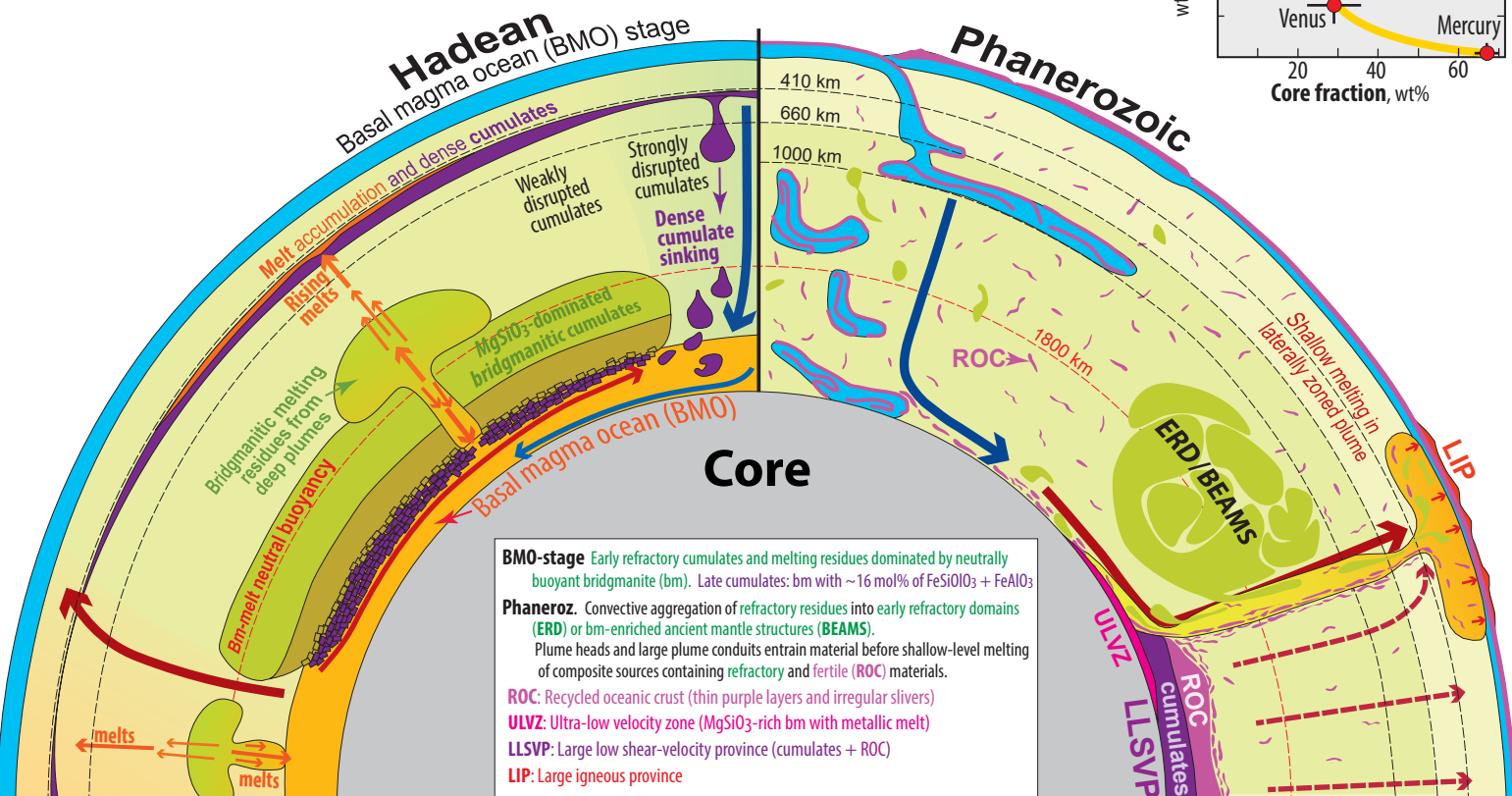
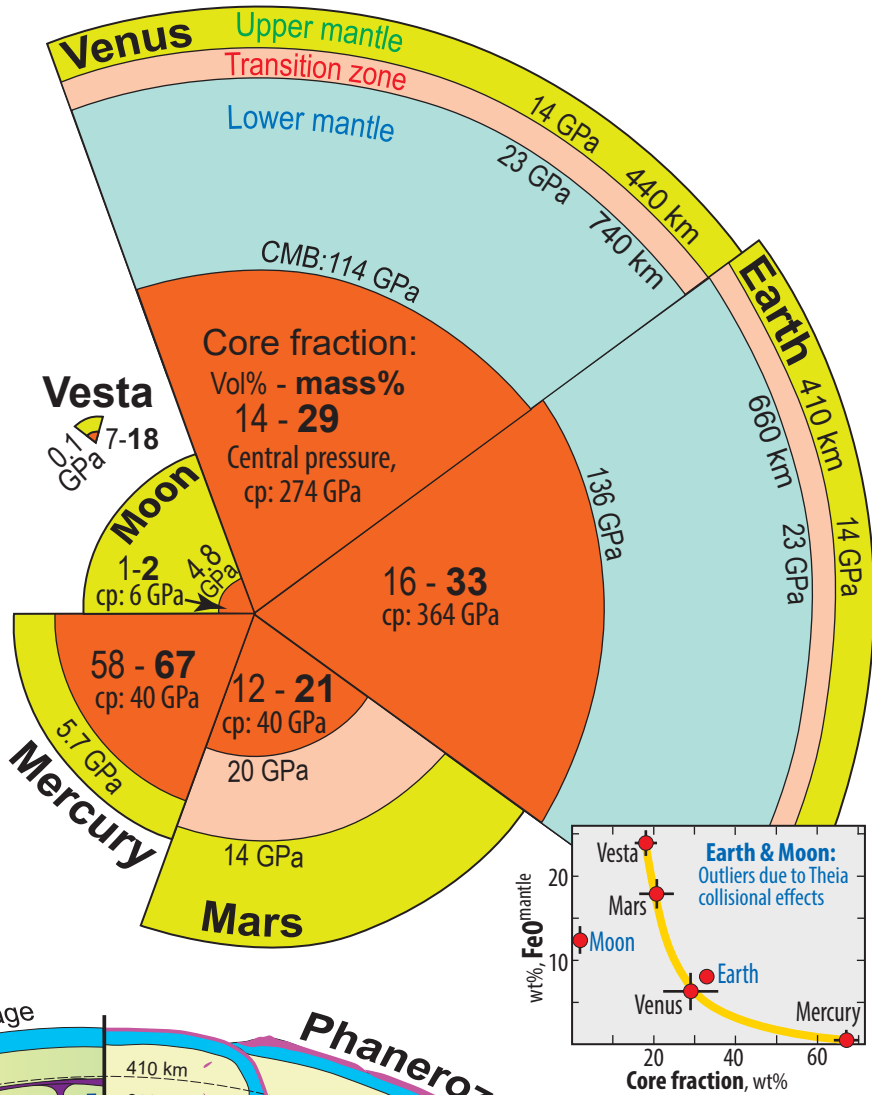
**March 20-24 and May 8-12, 2023.** Daily Zoom-sessions: 1500-1830, Central European Time (in March) and Central European Summer Time (in May). **Further information on page 2.**

## Main topics

- Composition and structure of the solar system
- Terrestrial planet accretion, core segregation and magma ocean differentiation
- Seismological constraints on Earth's structure
- Experimental and theoretical methods in mineral physics
- Phase relations of silicates, oxides, peridotite and basalt under mantle conditions
- Phase relations of Fe-Ni-dominated alloys in cores
- Adiabats, melting curves, solid-melt Fe-Mg partitioning and the basal magma ocean (BMO)
- Core-BMO exchange with implications for the structure and composition of the lower mantle and core
- Isotope geochemical signatures of mantle and core reservoirs
- Comparative planetology - the roles of plume and plate tectonics

## Learning outcome

- The course will provide basic insights in:
- the processes governing Earth and planetary differentiation, evolution and convective dynamics
  - phase relations, mineral physics and isotope geochemistry of Earth and planetary materials
  - the structure and properties of the Earth, derived from mineral physics and seismology
  - heat transfer, convective flow and secular cooling



## Course contact and instructor

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## Course site

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**Daily Zoom-sessions at 1500-1900, Central European Time during March 20-24 and Central European Summer Time, during May 8-12.**

**Universal time (UTC),** March 20-24: 1400-1800 and May 8-12: 1300-1700.

**Ottawa and Washington,** March 20-24: 1000-1400 and May 8-12: 0900-1300.

**Vancouver and Los Angeles,** March 20-24: 0700-1100 and May 8-12: 0600-1000.

## Student presentations

The 10 min student presentations will be on topics closely integrated with the main course themes. A list of selectable presentation topics, each with a few key references, will be available by March 1. The presentations will mostly be scheduled as a first introduction to specific topics, which will be expanded on in the later lectures. The time limit of 10 minutes needs to be strict, but questions and discussions will be encouraged after the presentations and lectures. We will also run a few simple exercise sessions on equilibrium thermodynamics and phase equilibria of planetary materials.

**The course registration is now closed.**