

Table S1: STAGLAB's diagnostic output parameters for 2-D model data<sup>a</sup>

Parameter	Symbol	Unit <sup>b</sup>
Time	$t$	<i>variable</i>
Time Seconds	$t_s$	s
Time Years	$t_a$	a
Mantle-Transit Time	$t_{MT}$	#MT
Trench Position	$x_{Trench}$	<i>variable</i>
Subduction Polarity	$Pol_{Sub}$	'-1': left, '1': right, '0': unknown
Trench Velocity	$v_{Trench}$	cm a <sup>-1</sup>
Theoretic Trench Velocity	$v_{TrenchTheoretic}$	cm a <sup>-1</sup>
Upper-Plate Velocity	$v_{UP}$	cm a <sup>-1</sup>
Lower-Plate Velocity	$v_{LP}$	cm a <sup>-1</sup>
Convergence Velocity	$v_{Convergence}$	cm a <sup>-1</sup>
Slab Sinking Velocity	$v_{SlabSinking}$	cm a <sup>-1</sup>
Max. Plate Velocity	$v_{PlateMax}$	cm a <sup>-1</sup>
RMS Plate Velocity	$v_{PlateRMS}$	cm a <sup>-1</sup>
Slab Angle	$\theta_{Slab}$	°
Slab-Tip Horiz. Position	$x_{SlabTip}$	<i>variable</i>
Slab-Tip Depth	$z_{SlabTip}$	<i>variable</i>
Slab Viscosity	$\eta_{Slab}$	Pa s
Slab Density	$\rho_{Slab}$	kg m <sup>-3</sup>
Upper-Mantle Viscosity	$\eta_{UM}$	Pa s
Upper-Mantle Density	$\rho_{UM}$	kg m <sup>-3</sup>
Max. Upper-Mantle Velocity	$v_{UM,Max}$	cm a <sup>-1</sup>
Slab-Mantle Visc. Contrast	$\Delta\eta_{Slab-Mantle}$	-
Left-Plate Thickness	$d_{leftP}$	<i>variable</i>
Right-Plate Thickness	$d_{rightP}$	<i>variable</i>
Lower-Plate Thickness	$d_{LP}$	<i>variable</i>
Upper-Plate Thickness	$d_{UP}$	<i>variable</i>
Plate Bending Radius	$R_B$	<i>variable</i>
Bending Dissipation	$\phi_L^{vd}$	N s <sup>-1</sup>
Rel. Bending Dissipation	$\phi_{L,norm}^{vd}$	-
Viscous Plate Dissipation	$\phi_{Plate}^{vd}$	N s <sup>-1</sup>
Max. Plate-Core Viscosity	$\eta_{PlateCore}$	Pa s
Min. Plate-Core Strainrate	$\dot{\epsilon}_{PlateCore,Min}$	s <sup>-1</sup>
Max. Plate-Core Strainrate	$\dot{\epsilon}_{PlateCore,Max}$	s <sup>-1</sup>
Max. Plate-Core Stress	$\sigma_{PlateCore,Max}$	MPa
Max. Plate Stress	$\sigma_{Plate,Max}$	MPa
LAB Depth	$z_{LAB}$	<i>variable</i>
Max. Yield Depth	$z_{yield,max}$	<i>variable</i>
Max. Yield Depth Fraction	$z_{yield,max,frac}$	fraction of mean plate thickness
Trench Depth	$z_{Trench}$	<i>variable</i>
Upper-Plate Tilt	$\theta_{UP}$	°
Subduction Flow-Rate	$d_{UP}$	m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>

<sup>a</sup>At time of submission. <sup>b</sup>In STAGLAB's dimensional mode.

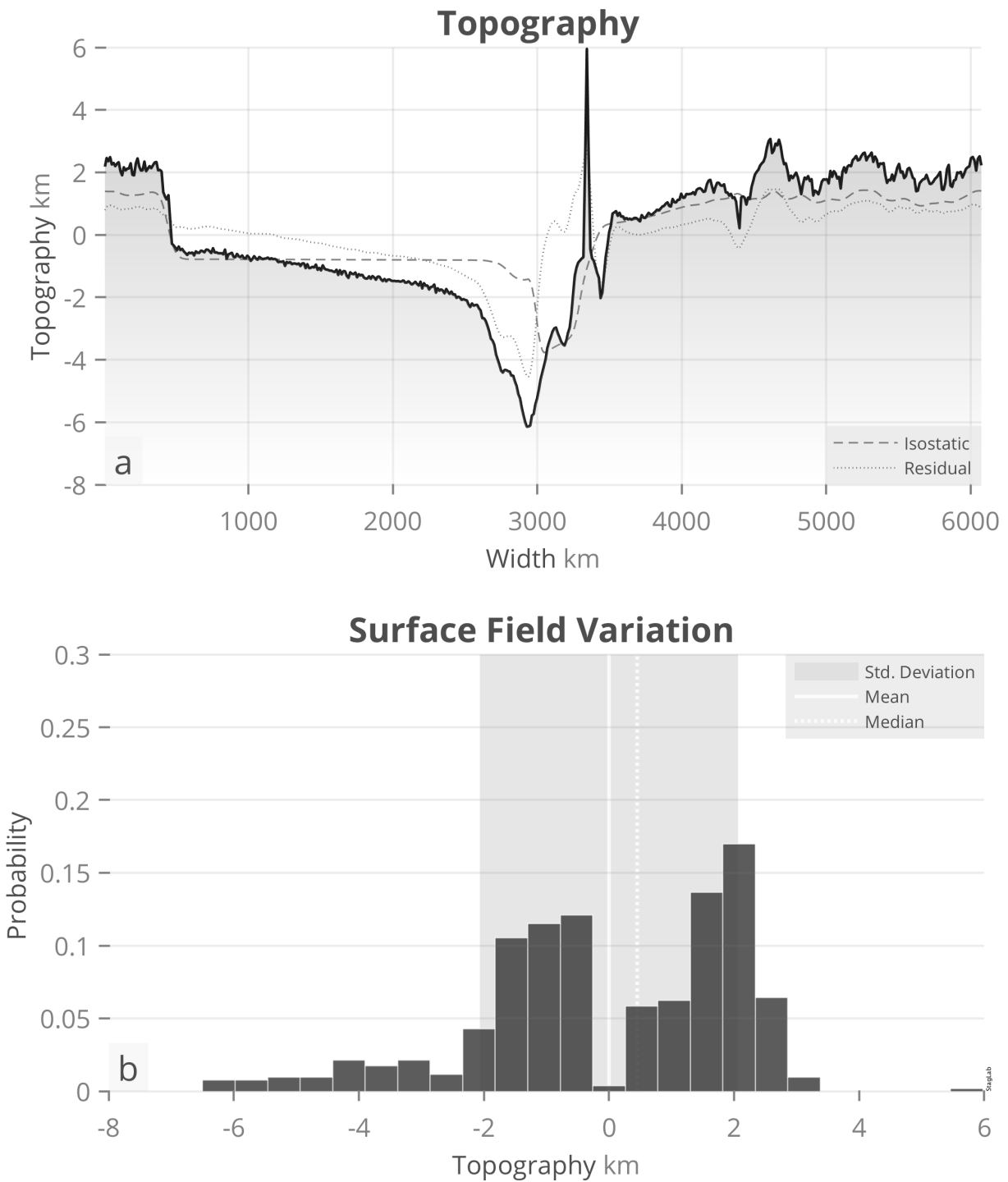


Figure S1: (a) STAGLAB’s surface-topography plot with isostatic and residual components and (b) the resulting surface-field variation plot with indicators for the standard deviation, mean and median.

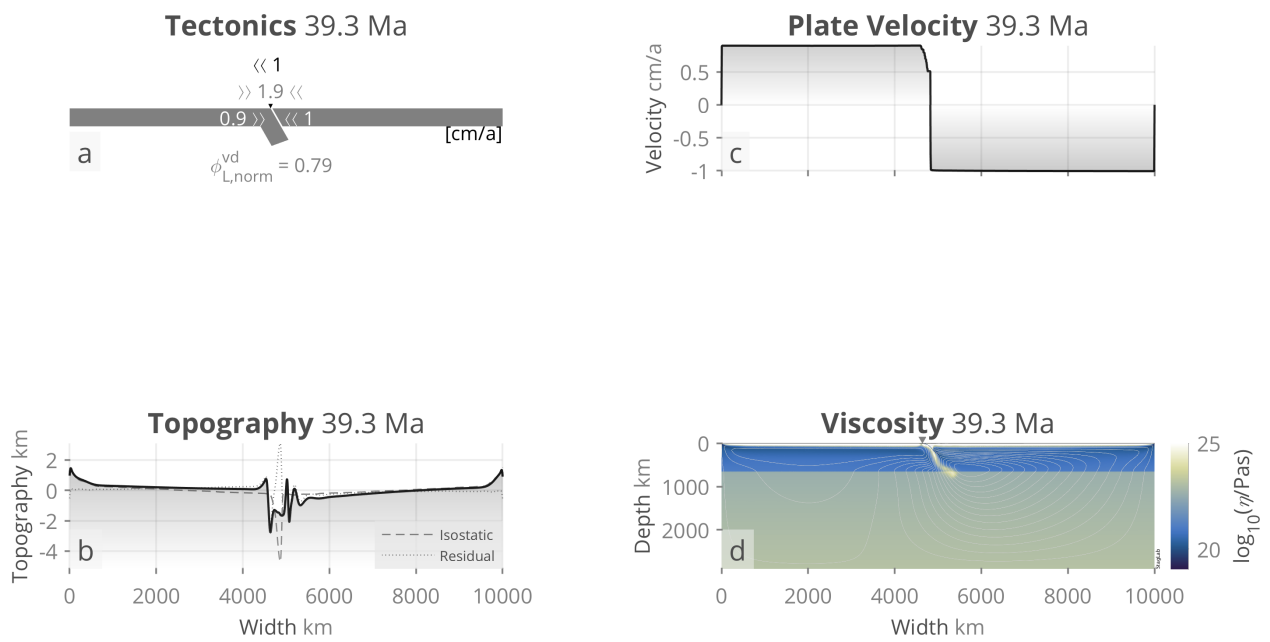


Figure S2: STAGLAB diagnostics and visualisation of data from the finite-element code Fluidity (Davies et al., 2011).

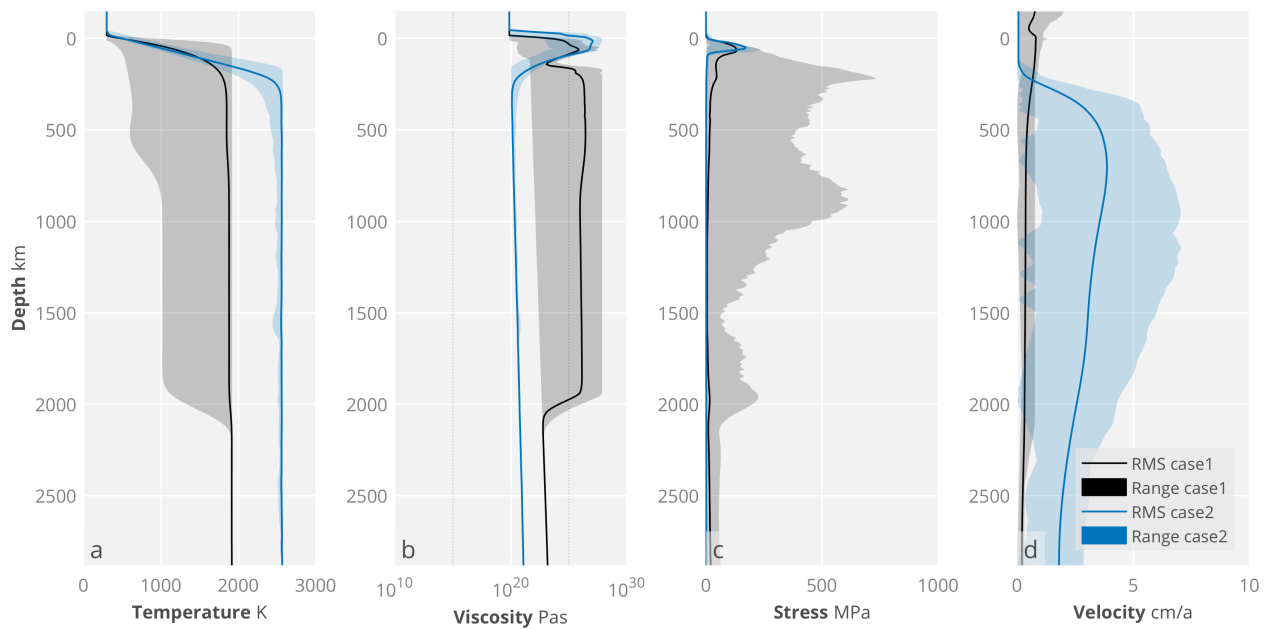


Figure S3: STAGLAB's radial profile graph plots of StagYY's (Tackley 2008) radial root-mean-square data files (*rprof.dat*). Shown are the RMS of the data (solid line) and the corresponding range (transparent area) for two different cases (black and blue).

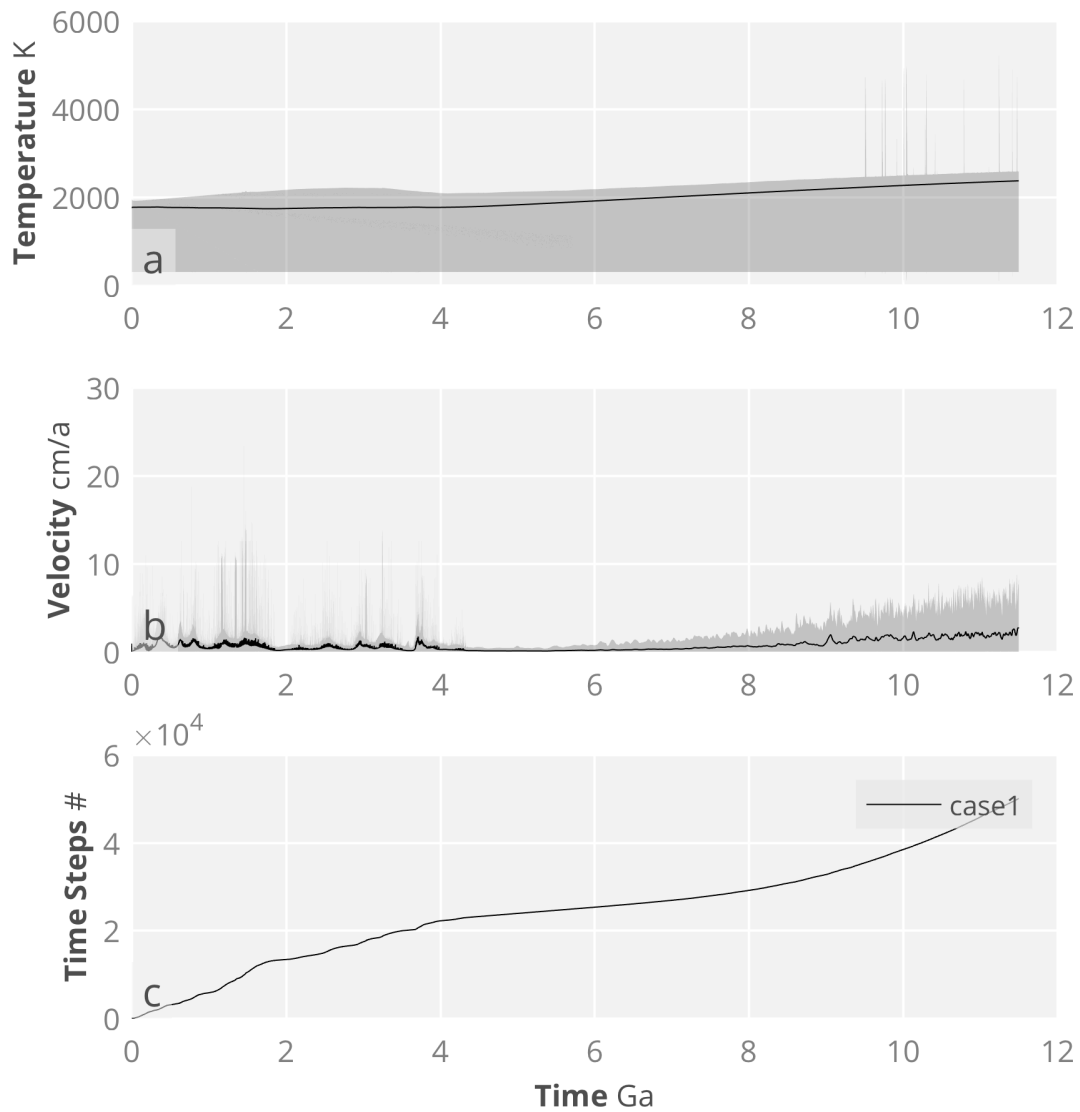


Figure S4: STAGLAB's temporal graphs plots of StagYY's (Tackley 2008) global root-mean-square (RMS) time-data files (*time.dat*). The black graph indicates the RMS data values and the grey area indicates the data range.