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43 Plain Language Summary

Greenland is a stable land mass and has preserved ~4 billion years of Earth's history. In the 44 vicinity of the island, there are the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the Iceland and Jan Mayen hotspot 45 volcanos, and a geothermal area of western Svalbard, which indicate importance of these regions 46 for understanding the global-scale tectonics and history of the Earth. Seismic tomography is a 47 well-established method to obtain 3-D images of underground structure by inverting observed 48 arrival times of seismic waves for a huge number of source-station pairs. In this work we apply 49 seismic tomography to analyze the latest data recorded by a new seismograph network, and we 50 obtain detailed 3-D images of the crust and upper mantle beneath Greenland and surrounding 51 52 regions. We find a low seismic velocity zone running in the NW-SE direction beneath central Greenland. This zone is located within the Greenlandic plate, and its spatial distribution agrees 53 very well with an area with a high crustal heat-flow. These new results suggest that the low-54 velocity zone reflects the residual heat from the Iceland plume transmitted when the Greenlandic 55 plate passed over the plume at \sim 80–20 Ma. We also find a possible heat track left by the Jan 56 Mayen plume. 57

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63 **1 Introduction**

Greenland, located in the Arctic region, is the largest island in the world. The land area 64 extends 2,675 km in N-S and 1,250 km in E-W [Henriksen et al., 2009], spanning over 20° in the 65 central angle of the Earth. However, at present, we know only a small part of the island because 66 80% of the land area is covered by thick ice called Greenland Ice Sheet (GrIS). Geological 67 studies of the exposure regions show that most of the crust is cratonic, which records the Earth's 68 69 history of ~4 billion years since the Archean times. Therefore, the seismicity in Greenland is 70 very low, and there is no active volcano; distribution of hot springs only shows geothermal activity in this island [Hjartarson and Armannsson, 2010]. On the other hand, the Mid-Atlantic 71 72 Ridge is located just east of Greenland, where the North American plate on the Greenland side and the Eurasian plate on the opposite side exist and the seismicity is very active. Along the 73 ridge, there are the Iceland and Jan Mayen volcanoes known as hot spots and a geothermal area 74 of western Svalbard [Dumke et al., 2016], showing tectonic activity and attraction of these 75 regions (Figure 1). 76

77 Before 2008, there were only a few permanent seismic stations in Greenland, including 78 only one station on the GrIS (station code: SUMG). Recent global climate change has been 79 causing enhancement of cryoseismic activities mainly at the terminus of glaciers [e.g., *Ekström* et al., 2003, 2006], which resulted in widespread attention to seismic monitoring of the GrIS. 80 Under such circumstances, in 2009, an international project "Greenland Ice Sheet monitoring 81 82 Network (GLISN)" was launched [Clinton et al., 2014; Toyokuni et al., 2014]. It is a project to deploy a broadband seismic observation network in Greenland and surrounding regions, and 83 currently the following eleven countries are collaborating: Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, 84 Italy, Japan, Norway, Poland, South Korea, Switzerland, and the USA. The practical purposes of 85

86	the GLISN project are to install and maintain new seismic and GPS stations, and to integrate the
87	existing permanent seismic stations that had been independently operated by each country.
88	Currently, 35 GLISN stations are in operation (Table S1, Figure 2). In particular, a joint USA
89	and Japanese team has been maintaining three new stations on the GrIS (DY2G, ICESG, and
90	NEEM), which largely homogenized the spatial distribution of the GLISN stations. In 2014, the
91	world's first real-time transmission of broadband, three-component, and continuous seismic
92	waveform data from the ice sheet was successfully completed, and now high-quality seismic
93	waveforms can be downloaded immediately worldwide through the Data Management Center
94	(DMC), a branch of the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology (IRIS), USA.
95	Seismological analyses of Greenland and surrounding regions were scarce before the GLISN
96	network was established [Dahl-Jensen et al., 2003b; Darbyshire et al., 2004; Pilidou et al., 2004;
97	Braun et al., 2007; Jakovlev et al., 2012], but recently they have been actively conducted using
98	the GLISN data [e.g., Rickers et al., 2013; Mordret et al., 2016; Levedev et al., 2017; Levshin et
99	al., 2017; Darbyshire et al., 2018; Pourpoint et al., 2018; Toyokuni et al., 2018].
100	Seismic tomography is a powerful tool to obtain detailed 3-D images of underground
101	structure. The crust and upper mantle structure beneath Greenland has been investigated by using
102	several tomographic methods with various spatial scales, including regional-scale surface wave
103	tomography [Darbyshire et al., 2004; Levshin et al., 2017; Darbyshire et al., 2018; Pourpoint et
104	al., 2018], body wave tomography in the whole Arctic region [Jakovlev et al., 2012], full wave
105	tomography in the North Atlantic region [Rickers et al., 2013], and full wave tomography in the
106	whole Arctic region [Levedev et al., 2017]. Many of these previous studies discussed the
107	relationship between a low-velocity (low-V) anomaly elongated in the E-W direction beneath
108	central Greenland and the ancient track of the Iceland plume that was estimated to form at

109 ~80–20 Ma [e.g., *Matthews et al.*, 2016]. However, these tomographic results showed large

110 discrepancies, and the low-V anomaly was not clearly imaged near the surface. For example,

111 *Jakovlev et al.* [2012], *Pourpoint et al.* [2018], *Rickers et al.* [2013], and *Levedev et al.* [2017]

reported the low-V anomaly only within a depth range of 100–200 km, whereas *Darbyshire et al.*

113 [2018] did not find such an anomalous zone. Underground temperature conditions should also be

114 closely related to thermal activity at the surface. There are many hot springs in eastern Greenland

115 [Hjartarson and Armannsson, 2010]. In addition, previous studies examining the crustal heat

flow have found a high heat-flow region running NW-SE through central Greenland [e.g.,

117 Rogozhina et al., 2016; Martos et al., 2018; Artemieva, 2019], which is also considered as the

118 heat track due to the Iceland plume. However, no previous study discussed the relationship

119 between these observations and seismic velocity structures.

120 To date, no detailed body-wave tomography has been performed for Greenland and

surrounding regions. The purpose of this study is to obtain a detailed 3-D P-wave velocity model from the surface to the upper mantle beneath these regions by analyzing the data recorded by the latest seismic observation network (GLISN), and to improve our knowledge on the underground structures and tectonics in the study region (Figure 1).

125 2 Methods and Data

126 2.1 Regional tomography

127 Considering the lateral extent of Greenland and the depth range of our interest, we adopt 128 the regional tomography approach, which treat areas with horizontal distances of ~1000 km 129 [*Zhao*, 2015]. Regional tomography usually uses both local and teleseismic data [e.g., *Zhao et*

al., 1994, 2012]. Seismic rays from the local events can be traced completely within the study
region, so we can use absolute travel-time residuals

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$$t_{ij} = T_{ij}^{\text{OBS}} - T_{ij}^{\text{CAL}},\tag{1}$$

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for tomographic inversion, where T_{ij}^{OBS} and T_{ij}^{CAL} are, respectively, observed and calculated (theoretical) arrival times from *i*th event to *j*th station. On the other hand, for the teleseismic events with large epicentral distances (~30°-100°), we only consider portions of the seismic rays that are located in the study volume. The effect of structural heterogeneity outside the study volume is reduced by assuming that, for each event, the effect is common to travel-time residuals at all seismic stations in the study region. Therefore, in the tomographic inversion we use the relative travel-time residuals of teleseismic events:

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$$r_{ij} = t_{ij} - \overline{t_{\nu}},$$

$$\overline{t_{\nu}} = \frac{1}{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} t_{ij},$$
(2)

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where $\overline{t_i}$ is the average of absolute travel-time residuals at all stations representing the influences of structural heterogeneity outside the study volume and the errors in hypocentral parameters, and n_i is the number of recording stations of the *i*th event.

We apply the seismic tomography method of *Zhao et al.* [1994, 2012] to analyze our data set. This method discretizes the structure on 3-D grid nodes arranged in the study volume, and can treat complex-shaped velocity discontinuities (e.g., the Moho) in the study region. Theoretical arrival times are calculated through 3-D ray tracing by combining the pseudobending scheme [*Um and Thurber*, 1987] and Snell's law [*Zhao et al.*, 1992]. The tomographic
inversion is conducted using the LSQR algorithm [*Paige and Saunders*, 1982] with damping and
smoothing regularizations [*Zhao et al.*, 1992, 2012].

153 **2.2 Coordinate transformation**

In the polar regions, the meridians become denser at higher latitudes, so when grid nodes 154 are arranged at equal angular intervals in latitude and longitude, the grid distribution is strongly 155 156 biased. The bias causes the following problems: (1) as the grid spacing becomes narrower, the 157 ray density per grid node is reduced, so the solution at that grid node becomes unstable, and (2) when the smoothing procedure is applied to the tomographic inversion, it sometimes uses the 158 values on a particular node and its adjacent nodes. Thus, if the adjacent nodes are very close, the 159 160 smoothing is only effective to spatially very narrow areas and thus the resulting tomographic 161 patterns are localized. When the calculation is conducted in the high latitude regions, the problem (2) localizes the pattern along the meridian. 162

In order to solve these problems, a flexible grid method that arranges grid nodes at irregular intervals [*Zhao*, 2009], and a method that moves the study region to the equator by global coordinate transformation [*Kobayashi and Zhao*, 2004; *Gupta et al.*, 2009] have been proposed. In this study we adopt one of the latter methods using the transformation from equatorial to ecliptic coordinates, which is proposed in the field of seismic waveform modeling (= quasi-Cartesian approach) [*Takenaka et al.*, 2017].

169 Consider that locations (longitude, latitude) of a reference point and an arbitrary point in 170 the equatorial coordinates are represented by (γ', ε) and (α', δ) , respectively (Figure 3a). Let the

position of the arbitrary point be (α, δ) when rotated by an angle ψ around the Earth's axis so that the reference point to be $(90^\circ, \varepsilon)$ (Figure 3b). Then the following relations hold:

$$\psi = 90^{\circ} - \gamma',$$

$$\alpha = \alpha' + \psi.$$
(3)

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Furthermore, when the following coordinate transformation is performed, the original coordinate system is transformed into another coordinate system where the positions of the reference and the arbitrary points are (90°, 0°) and (λ , β), respectively (Figure 3c):

$$\lambda = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sin \delta \sin \varepsilon + \cos \delta \sin \alpha \cos \varepsilon}{\cos \delta \cos \alpha} \right),$$

$$\beta = \sin^{-1} (\sin \delta \cos \varepsilon - \cos \delta \sin \alpha \sin \varepsilon).$$
(3)

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These equations are the same as the ones that transform the equatorial coordinates into ecliptic 180 coordinates. Therefore, the coordinates after the conversion are hereinafter referred to as 181 "ecliptic coordinates" for convenience. In this study, the position of the station SUMG (-38.461°, 182 72.574°) in the center of the GrIS is defined as the reference point (γ', ε). Therefore, the above 183 operation is equivalent to moving Greenland along the spherical surface and bringing the station 184 SUMG to the equator so that its location becomes (90°, 0°). Thus, after the transformation, even 185 if the grid nodes are arranged at equal angular intervals in latitude and longitude, the horizontal 186 distances between adjacent grids are almost equal in the entire study regions. 187

188 When it is necessary to put the calculation results back to the original equatorial 189 coordinates, we conduct the inverse coordinate transformation. By applying the transformation 190 on the same reference point as the forward transformation, an arbitrary point (λ, β) on the

ecliptic coordinates is moved back to a point (α', δ) on the equatorial coordinates with the following equations:

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$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{-\sin\beta\sin\varepsilon + \cos\beta\sin\lambda\cos\varepsilon}{\cos\beta\cos\lambda} \right),$$

$$\delta = \sin^{-1}(\sin\beta\cos\varepsilon + \cos\beta\sin\lambda\sin\varepsilon),$$

$$\psi = 90^{\circ} - \gamma',$$

$$\alpha' = \alpha - \psi.$$

(4)

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For the locations of seismic stations and earthquake hypocenters, coordinate transformation is done before the tomographic inversion. This enables to conduct the tomography in the transformed coordinates with almost no changes in the programs for the equatorial coordinates.

199 **2.3 Data**

We use P-wave arrival times of local earthquakes and P-wave relative travel-time residuals of teleseismic events recorded by 34 seismometers of the GLISN network as data for the regional tomography. The data are collected in two ways: (1) extracting P-wave arrival time data of local and teleseismic events from the ISC-EHB catalog opened to public on a website of the International Seismological Center (ISC) (<u>http://www.isc.ac.uk/</u>), and (2) picking the P-wave relative travel-time residuals directly from the teleseismic waveforms by using the crosscorrelation analysis. Details of the data collection are described below.

207 **2.3.1 Data selected from the ISC-EHB catalog**

The P-wave arrival time data are extracted from the ISC-EHB catalog through the following three steps.

210	1.	All P-wave arrival time data from $M \ge 3$ earthquakes observed at 30 GLISN stations during
211		1960–2014 are collected from the ISC-EHB catalog. Note that the remaining 5 stations in
212		the GLISN network are not included in the catalog for this observation period.
213	2.	Earthquakes that occurred in the latitude range of [55°, 85°] and the longitude range of
214		[-95°, 20°] are extracted as local earthquakes. Since there are only a small number of
215		earthquakes around Greenland, all earthquakes recorded at one or more stations in the study
216		region are extracted. As a result, 1508 P-wave arrival times from 934 local events are
217		obtained (Figure 4a). The magnitudes of the extracted earthquakes range from 3.1 to 6.8,
218		with focal depths in a range of 0.1–49.4 km.
219	3.	Earthquakes in the epicentral range of [30°, 100°] recorded at any station of the GLISN
220		network are extracted as teleseismic events. At this stage, 54,809 earthquakes are extracted,
221		so we further select events recorded at five or more stations. As a result, 35,871 P-wave
222		arrival times from 5399 teleseismic events are obtained. The data are processed to get
223		relative travel-time residuals using the theoretical travel times calculated for the IASP91
224		model [Kennett and Engdahl, 1991] and Equation (2). The magnitudes of the extracted
225		earthquakes range from 3.4 to 9.1, with focal depths in a range of 0.0–651.1 km.

226 **2.3.2 Data picked by the cross-correlation analysis**

The P-wave relative travel-time residuals picked from teleseismic waveforms are obtained through the following three steps.

The ISC-EHB catalog is an integrated catalog of arrival-time data reported by various
 organizations all over the world, but it does not cover all stations in the GLISN network. As
 for the two-year period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014 out of the period of the

232		ISC-EHB catalog described in Section 2.3.1 (1960–2014), we can obtain waveform data
233		recorded by the GLISN network because the network had fully operated since 2012. We
234		download vertical-component broadband seismograms recorded at 34 GLISN stations from
235		IRIS/DMC (<u>https://ds.iris.edu/ds/nodes/dmc/</u>). The relative travel times are picked using the
236		method described in Section 2.4. We download waveforms from 208 teleseismic events with
237		M ≥ 6.0.
238	2.	As for the period from January 1, 2015 to July 15, 2019 in which there are no data in the
239		ISC-EHB catalog, we select all earthquakes with $M \ge 6.0$ from the United States Geological
240		Survey (USGS) website (<u>https://www.usgs.gov/</u>). Then we extract 472 events in the
241		epicentral distance range of [20°, 120°] recorded at any station of the GLISN network, and
242		download the waveform data from the IRIS/DMC. The relative travel times are picked in the
243		same way as Step 1.
244	3.	According to Step 1, 1908 P-wave relative travel-time residuals from 161 teleseismic events
245		obtained from the ISC-EHB catalog are replaced with 3844 relative travel-time residuals
246		picked by the cross-correlation analysis. After Step 2, we have additional 3729 relative
247		travel-time residuals from 186 teleseismic events. Therefore, the number of P-wave relative
248		travel-time residuals obtained by the cross-correlation analysis is 7573 from 347 events. The
249		total number of teleseismic P-wave relative travel-time residuals combined with the data
250		from the ISC-EHB catalog is 41,536 from 5585 events (Figure 4b).
251	2.3	.3 Data extraction in the crustal correction

In the crustal correction process described in Section 2.5, the teleseismic data with relative travel-time residuals that exceed ± 3 s before and after the correction are discarded. As a

result, the number of teleseismic events and the number of relative travel-time residuals are 5539
and 41,126 before the crustal correction, and 5539 and 41,027 after the correction, respectively.
The final data set used for our regional tomography includes these teleseismic data integrated
with the 1508 P-wave arrival time data from 934 local earthquakes obtained from the ISC-EHB
catalog.

259 **2.4 Picking of relative travel times**

We pick the P-wave relative travel times from teleseismic events using the waveform 260 cross-correlation method [VanDecar and Crosson, 1990; Liu and Zhao, 2016]. First, the vertical-261 component GLISN broadband seismograms for each event are downloaded from the IRIS/DMC. 262 The selected events are those with M \ge 6 in the epicentral distance range of 30° $\le \Delta \le 100^{\circ}$ 263 from any station in the GLISN network. Then we correct the instrumental responses from the 264 acquired data, convert them into velocity waveforms, and remove offsets and trends. We also 265 unify the sampling frequency of all data to 20 sps and apply a bandpass filter of 10-100 s. The 266 theoretical P-wave arrival times calculated for the IASP91 model [Kennett and Engdahl, 1991] is 267 subtracted from the time axis to obtain a relative time series. Note that the theoretical P-wave 268 arrival times are hereinafter set to zero for all waveforms. We then cut out the waveforms for 269 each event from -10.00 s to +15.55 s so that the number of data points is 512, up-sample to 160 270 sps, and paste up with respect to the epicentral distances. The central waveform is defined as a 271 reference waveform. We take the cross-correlation of each waveform with the reference 272 waveform. For the *i*th event, we define that Δt_{ij}^{CCF} is the lag time that maximizes the correlation 273 between *j*th waveform and the reference waveform, and that Δt_{0ij} is the time difference in 274 starting points between the *i*th waveform and the reference waveform. The total travel-time 275

276 difference Δt_{ij} is then expressed as $\Delta t_{ij} = \Delta t_{0ij} + \Delta t_{ij}$ ^{CCF}. Finally we obtain P-wave relative 277 travel-time residuals by replacing t_{ij} in Eq. (2) with Δt_{ij} . Note that, when there are multiple 278 seismographs at the same location, the data are reduced to have one seismograph per location 279 (Table S1). Figure S1 shows an example of seismograms from one teleseismic event picked 280 using the cross-correlation method.

281 **2.5 Crustal correction**

Since the teleseismic rays have low sensitivity inside the crust, the effect of crustal 282 283 heterogeneity on travel times is better to be reduced using a known crustal structure model (= "crustal correction"). We apply the method of *Jiang et al.* [2009a, b, 2015] to conduct the crustal 284 285 correction. First we calculate 41,536 teleseismic rays from 5585 earthquakes using a global 1-D 286 structure model in which the upper and lower crusts of the IASP91 model [Kennett and Engdahl, 1991] are replaced by $V_P = 6.0$ km/s and $V_P = 6.67$ km/s. We cut out the segment of each ray 287 from the station to a depth of 42 km. Since the calculation is performed with the flat Conrad and 288 Moho discontinuities located at depths of 20 and 40 km, respectively, the ray segment refracts 289 twice at the two discontinuities. We calculate the theoretical P-wave travel times for the ray 290 segment T_{ii}^{1D} , where i and j are the event and station numbers, respectively. Next we obtain a 291 local 1-D structure model beneath each GLISN station from the CRUST1.0 model [Laske et al., 292 2013]. Note that the CRUST1.0 model is a quasi-3-D global crustal model that divides the whole 293 Earth into $1^{\circ} \times 1^{\circ}$ tiles in latitude and longitude, and gives an average 1-D surface structure 294 model (layer thickness, density, Vp, and Vs) beneath each tile. Without changing the shape of 295 the ray segment obtained using the global 1-D model, we calculate the ray length passing 296 297 through each layer obtained using the CRUST1.0 model. By integrating the values obtained by dividing each ray length by the Vp of each layer, we obtain the theoretical travel time for the 3-D 298

surface structure T_{ij}^{3D} . Finally we obtain the crustal correction value for the travel time from the 299 *i*th event to the *j*th station by 300 301 $\Delta T_{ij}^{\text{crust}} = T_{ij}^{3D} - T_{ij}^{1D}.$ (5) 302 Therefore, the absolute travel-time residual after the crustal correction is 303 304 $t_{ij} = T_{ij}^{OBS} - T_{ij}^{CAL} - \Delta T_{ij}^{crust}.$ (6) 305 The relative travel-time residuals used in the tomographic inversion can be obtained by 306 substituting Eq. (6) into Eq. (2). Figures 5a and 5b show distributions of the relative travel-307 time residuals averaged at each station for all events before and after the crustal correction, 308 respectively. In Iceland, where many active volcanoes exist, the delay in observed arrival 309 time is more prominent after the correction. In contrast, the early arrivals are remarkable in 310 northeastern Greenland after the correction. 311 2.6 Calculation specifications 312

We conducted seven tomographic inversions as shown in Table 1. Except for Case 5, we use horizontal grid nodes that fall in the range of latitude $[-20^{\circ}, 20^{\circ}]$ and longitude $[70^{\circ}, 120^{\circ}]$ at 2° intervals after the coordinate transformation (Figure S2a). The grid meshes in the vertical direction in Cases 1–4 are set at depths of 5, 20, 40, 60, 80, 100, 120, 140, 160, 190, 220, 250, 280, 310, 340, 370, 400, 430, 460, 490, 520, 550, 580, 610, 640, 670 and 700 km. The grid meshes in the depth direction in Cases 6 and 7 are set at depths of 750, 800, 850, 900, 950, 1000, 1050, 1100, 1150, 1200, 1250, 1300, 1350, 1400, 1450 and 1500 km, in addition to those as in

Cases 1-4. Therefore, the total number of grid nodes in Cases 1-4 is 21 (latitude) \times 26

(longitude) \times 27 (depth)= 14,742, whereas in Cases 6 and 7 it is 21 (latitude) \times 26 (longitude) \times 43 (depth)= 23,478.

In Case 5 without the coordinate transformation, we use horizontal grid nodes that fall in the range of latitude $[54^\circ, 86^\circ]$ and longitude $[-96^\circ, 26^\circ]$ at 2° intervals (Figure S2b). The grid distribution in the depth direction is the same as that in Cases 1–4. Thus, the total number of grid nodes is 17 (latitude) × 62 (longitude) × 27 (depth)= 28,458.

Comparing Cases 1–4 with Case 5, we can see that the number of grid nodes is doubled before the coordinate transformation, even though the horizontal angular grid interval and the grid distribution in the depth direction are the same. This is because the horizontal grid interval per 1° longitude is narrow before the coordinate transformation, and therefore the study region cannot be covered sufficiently without increasing the number of grid nodes. In other words, the number of grid nodes can be reduced by half by applying the coordinate transformation.

The 1-D initial Vp model used for the calculation is shown in Figure S3. The Conrad and Moho depths are fixed at 20 and 40 km, respectively. The initial Vp in the upper crust and the lower crust is set to 6.0 and 6.7 km/s, respectively. In all calculations, the damping parameter $\lambda_d = 40$ and the smoothing parameter $\lambda_s = 2 \times 10^{-4}$ are adopted. We do not conduct hypocenter relocation in all computations.

338 **3 Resolution tests and results**

We conducted many resolution tests including restoring resolution test (RRT) [*Zhao et al.*, 1992] and synthetic resolution test (SRT) to evaluate the adequacy of ray coverage and special resolution. To conduct the RRT, we highlight the patterns of the real tomographic result when

342	constructing the RRT input velocity model, i.e., at the grid nodes with the Vp anomalies $> +0.8\%$
343	or $< -0.8\%$ in the real tomographic model, we put constant Vp anomalies of $+3\%$ or -3% for
344	making the RRT input model. The Vp anomalies at the other grid nodes are set to zero. Two
345	datasets for the RRT inversion are constructed by calculating the theoretical arrival times for this
346	input model followed by adding random errors with a standard deviation of 0.1 s or 0.2 s. To
347	conduct the SRT, we construct an input model with a -3% low-Vp anomaly distributed as band
348	in the NW-SE direction from central Greenland to Iceland. The low-Vp region exists only at
349	depths \leq 250 km, and the velocity at all grid nodes is set to zero at greater depths. Dataset for the
350	SRT inversion is constructed by calculating the theoretical arrival times for this input model
351	followed by adding random errors (-0.2 to $+0.2$ s) with a standard deviation of 0.1 s.

Figure S4 shows map views of the RRT results using random errors with a standard 352 deviation of 0.1 s. Spot-like low-Vp or high-Vp regions in the input model arranged at short 353 distances sometimes tend to be connected in the output model (for example, low-Vp regions at a 354 depth of 220 km). However, both the spatial patterns and amplitudes of the input model can be 355 sufficiently recovered at all depths. Furthermore, we cannot see prominent fake structures that do 356 not exist in the input model, which indicates excellent resolution of the Case 1 results. Figure S5 357 shows map views of the RRT results using random errors with a standard deviation of 0.2 s. The 358 output results are almost the same as those when we use a standard deviation of 0.1 s. Therefore, 359 as for the current dataset, we can confirm that the structure in our study region can be solved 360 very robustly. 361

Figure S6 shows the SRT results. At depths ≤ 250 km, the input model is well recovered at all depths. At depths of 280 km and 310 km, we can see leakage of the low-Vp in a wide extent. However, at a depth of 340 km, the leakage beneath central Greenland disappears, and it

365	remains only at the ends of the input low-Vp region. The leakages at the northwest and southeast
366	ends disappear at depths of 430 and 520 km, respectively. The leakage at the southeastern end
367	continues a little deeper, but in Iceland, such an artificial effect is considered to be small because
368	the low-Vp zone actually exists in this area from surface to the mantle transition zone (MTZ). As
369	a result of this test, the leakage of the low-Vp beneath central Greenland is expected about 60 km
370	at the maximum, and we found that the resolution in the depth direction of the Case 1 results is
371	quite good.

4 Results

This section shows the results obtained by our regional tomography. The results of Case 1 are described in detail, whereas the other results are mentioned briefly.

4.1 Case 1: Depths ≤ 700 km, with the coordinate transformation and crustal correction

Figure S7 shows the seismic rays of the local and teleseismic earthquakes calculated in
Case 1. The map views of the results are shown in Figure 6.

At depths of 5–190 km, the most prominent features are low-Vp anomalies beneath the 378 Iceland and Jan Mayen volcanos, and a low-Vp anomaly extending from the Greenland Sea to 379 central Greenland through the east coast of Greenland, which seems to join the low-Vp 380 anomalies beneath the Iceland and Jan Mayen volcanos at its eastern part. The low-Vp anomaly 381 extends toward the northwest at shallow depths (5–80 km), and appears to traverse Greenland 382 from northwest to southeast. Other weak low-Vp anomalies can be found beneath western 383 Svalbard and southern Greenland. The most prominent high-Vp anomaly is beneath the northeast 384 coast of Greenland and its offshore areas. Areas beneath the Ellesmere Island and the Baffin 385 Island are also imaged as weak high-Vp anomalies. 386

387	At depths of 250–370 km, the low-Vp anomaly beneath the inland Greenland suddenly
388	disappears, leaving only spot-like low-Vp anomalies beneath the Iceland and Jan Mayen
389	volcanos. The low-Vp anomaly beneath western Svalbard can also be seen as a spot at all depths.
390	The high-Vp anomaly off the northeast coast of Greenland extends further inland, and at depths
391	of 310–370 km, the high-Vp anomalies cover wide areas beneath the northern, central eastern,
392	and southern parts of Greenland. An interesting feature is that the high-Vp anomaly in
393	northeastern Greenland appears to be housed within the bend of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.
394	In the MTZ at depths of 430–610 km, the low-Vp anomalies beneath Iceland and Jan
395	Mayen volcanoes are connected together. At depths of 490-520 km, the low-Vp anomaly
396	beneath western Svalbard also merges to it, forming a widespread low-Vp zones along the Mid-
397	Atlantic Ridge. The low-Vp beneath Svalbard appears to separate again at depths below 550 km.
398	The high-Vp beneath inland Greenland is not as noticeable as that in the upper mantle.
399	At depths of 640–700 km, the low-Vp anomaly beneath the Iceland and Jan Mayen
400	volcanoes becomes inconspicuous, but instead the low-Vp anomaly beneath western Svalbard
401	becomes prominent. We can also see a high-Vp anomaly running in the NW-SE direction
402	beneath inland Greenland, and another high-Vp anomaly beneath southern Greenland.
403	The vertical cross-sections are shown in Figs. 7 and 8. The 250-km depth line gives a
404	guideline to the maximum thickness of the Greenlandic lithosphere [Conrad and Lithgow-
405	Bertelloni, 2006]. Figure 7a shows sections in the N-S direction. The D-D', E-E', and F-F'
406	sections show remarkable low-Vp at depths ≤ 250 km from the center of Greenland to the east
407	coast. In the H-H' and I-I' sections through Iceland, Jan Mayen, and Svalbard, we can see
408	conduit-like low-Vp zones beneath the three areas in the upper mantle. These low-Vp conduits

409	appear to merge at the MTZ to form a widespread low-Vp region. Furthermore, the low-Vp
410	region is divided into northern and southern portions by a high-Vp body off the northeast coast
411	of Greenland; it appears that a weak low-Vp zone in Svalbard on the northern side and a strong
412	low-Vp zone from Jan Mayen to Iceland on the southern side are clearly distinguished.
413	As for the sections in the E-W direction (Fig. 7b), the G-G' section passing through
414	Iceland shows a thick low-Vp conduit from surface to the lower mantle whose thickness well
415	corresponds to the aperture of surface volcanoes. Figure 8a contains sections in the NW-SE
416	direction. In the C-C' and D-D' sections passing through the center of Iceland, it can be seen that
417	the low-Vp zone near the ground surface is continuous from Iceland to inland Greenland. The
418	low-Vp zone below Iceland extends from surface to the lower mantle, but when crossing the
419	Denmark Strait, it suddenly becomes thinner (depths ≤ 250 km), and then extends northwestward
420	to the center of Greenland with an almost constant thickness. In the northwest, the low-Vp zone
421	weakens and appears to be shallower. Figure 8b shows cross-sections in the NE-SW direction.
422	The computation time for Case 1 was about 2 minutes on a PC. The root mean square
423	(RMS) of the total travel-time residuals is 1.94 s for the initial 1-D Vp model, whereas it is
424	reduced to 0.57 s for the final 3-D Vp model.
425	4.2 Case 2: Depths ≤ 700 km, with the coordinate transformation, local events only
426	The Case 2 results are shown in Figures S8–S10. When only the local earthquake data are

used, only the high-Vp anomalies near the MTZ beneath Greenland are imaged. In addition,

there are many masked areas due to sparse ray coverage around the surface of central Greenland.

- 429 The epicentral distances of the local rays around Greenland is about 20–30°, so the seismic rays
- 430 usually dive down to the MTZ and have less sensitivity near the surface. Also the rays do not

sufficiently crisscross in the vicinity of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, which make the low-Vp beneath
volcanos almost invisible.

433 **4.3 Case 3: Depths \leq 700 km, with the coordinate transformation, teleseismic events only**

The Case 3 results are shown in Figures S11–S13. The overall features in the upper mantle are similar to those in Case 1, but there is a major difference that the low-Vp anomaly beneath central Greenland is barely visible. Also the separation of the low-Vp conduits beneath the Iceland and Jan Mayen volcanoes from surface to the MTZ is less clear than in Case 1. Taking the results of Cases 2 and 3 into account, we can say that the low-Vp zone beneath central Greenland cannot be imaged for either local events or teleseismic events alone, and it is visible only when the rays from both the local and teleseismic events crisscross each other.

441 4.4 Case 4: Depths ≤ 700 km, with the coordinate transformation, without the crustal 442 correction

The Case 4 results are shown in Figures S14–S16. The general features of the results are similar to those of Case 1, but without the crustal correction, the amplitude of low-Vp zones beneath the Iceland and Jan Mayen volcanos becomes weaker due to much slight differences between observed and theoretical arrival times at the stations around these volcanoes.

In particular, the H-H' and I-I' sections in the N-S direction (Fig. S15a) show that the low-Vp anomaly beneath Svalbard, where there is no volcano, has larger amplitude than the low-Vp zone beneath the Jan Mayen volcano, which indicates that these results are not reliable. In addition, the D-D' and E-E' sections in the NW-SE direction (Fig. S16a) show that the connection between the low-Vp zones beneath the Iceland volcanos and inland Greenland is weaker than in Case 1.

453 4.5 Case 5: Depths ≤ 700 km, without the coordinate transformation, with the crustal 454 correction

Figure S17 shows map views of the Case 5 results. At depths ≤ 250 km, we cannot see the wide low-Vp region that is imaged in Case 1, but can see only spot-like low-Vp areas just beneath the seismic stations, which tend to be elongated in the N-S direction along the meridian. Similar localization and distortion of the resulting patterns are observed at other depths, showing clear influence of the non-uniform lateral grid intervals. We can say that the equalization of grid intervals is a very effective way for computations in the high-latitude regions to obtain reliable results.

462 **4.6 Case 6: Depths \leq 1,500 km, with the coordinate transformation and crustal correction**

Figure S18 shows map views of the Case 6 results. The resulting patterns at depths \leq 700 463 km are almost the same as the Case 1 results, but the low-Vp region extending from the Iceland 464 and Jan Mayen volcanoes to central Greenland is much weaker than that in Case 1. Also, the 465 low-Vp zone beneath western Svalbard seems to be interrupted at depths of 460–610 km. At 466 depths of 1050–1500 km beneath southwestern Greenland, there is no region with a large 467 velocity anomaly in this case although many global tomography models show a common high-468 Vp region that seems to be a subducted slab body [Shephard et al., 2016]. Therefore, Case 1 469 results are judged as better results in this study. When the study region becomes wider, it is very 470 difficult to obtain correct results because the effect of heterogeneity outside the study region 471 could not be sufficiently mitigated in the computation of the relative travel-time residuals. 472

473 4.7 Case 7: Depths ≤ 1,500 km, with the coordinate transformation, without the crustal

474 correction

Figure S19 shows map views of the Case 7 results. As in Case 6, no significant velocity
anomalies appear at depths of 1050–1500 km.

477 **5 Discussion**

478 5.1 Low-Vp anomaly beneath central Greenland (depth \leq 250 km)

As mentioned in Section 1, the tomographic results of previous studies are highly
controversial, with a large variation in the resulting patterns and no clear low-velocity regions
near the surface.

482 In the regional tomography conducted in this study, a distinct low-Vp anomaly running in the NW-SE direction at depths ≤ 250 km beneath central Greenland is found. Figure 9 shows a 483 comparison of our tomographic result at 5 km depth with the crustal heat flow distribution 484 determined by *Martos et al.* [2018]. Figure 9a shows that the low-Vp region has a rather linear 485 shape in the west, but it spreads wider on the east coast, forming a wedge shape. The distribution 486 of hot springs on the east coast of Greenland corresponds to locations where the low-Vp 487 amplitudes are larger. Furthermore, the low-Vp region and the high crustal heat-flow region (Fig. 488 9b) show spatially very high coincidence. For example, both the low-Vp and high heat-flow 489 amplitudes are largest in the wedge-shaped region from central Greenland to the east coast, and 490 decreases in the western part. The weak low-Vp amplitudes in southern Greenland also 491 492 correspond well to the high crustal heat flow in this region. In Figure 9, ancient tracks of the Iceland plume estimated by the previous studies [Morgan, 1983; Forsyth et al., 1986; Cox and 493 Hart, 1986; Müller et al., 1993; Lawver and Müller, 1994; Brozena, 1995; Steinberger et al., 494

495 2004; *O'Neill et al.*, 2005; *Doubrovine et al.*, 2012; *Rogozhina et al.*, 2016] are also plotted.

Although the tracks vary depending on the study, it generally crosses central Greenland in the
NW-SE direction, which agrees very well with the low-Vp and the high crustal heat-flow regions.

This low-Vp region extends beneath the Greenland Sea and connects with the low-Vp 498 regions beneath the Iceland and Jan Mayen volcanos. However, the low-Vp zone beneath the 499 volcanos extends deeper to the MTZ, while the low-Vp zone beneath Greenland disappears at 500 501 depths ≥ 250 km (Fig. 10), which show a clear difference between the two low-Vp zones. In particular, the cross sections clearly show that the low-Vp zone in the center of Greenland is 502 503 distributed in a plate shape with a boundary at ~250 km depth. The RRT results indicate that the shape of the low-Vp zone at depths of 5-220 km is almost accurately recovered (Figs. S4 and 504 S5). The SRT in which an input low-Vp anomaly is assigned only at depths ≤ 250 km shows that 505 the depth range where the low-Vp leaks beyond a depth of 250 km is ~60 km beneath inland 506 Greenland (Fig. S6). Therefore, even when the effect of leakage is taken into account in the 507 tomographic results, the plate-like low-Vp zone is considered to exist from the surface to a depth 508 of 200 km beneath central Greenland. Since the thickness of the Greenlandic lithosphere is 509 510 estimated to be 200-230 km [Conrad and Lithgow-Bertelloni, 2006], the low-Vp zone in our tomography model is likely to exist only within the lithosphere. 511

Taken the above characteristics together, the low-Vp zone beneath central Greenland is considered to be due to the lithosphere, which is hotter than the surroundings. The heat might have been transmitted when the Greenlandic lithosphere was directly above the Iceland plume, and remained only in the lithosphere as it moved away from the plume due to the plate motion.

516 Our results show that the low-Vp region beneath central Greenland is also connected with 517 the low-Vp spot beneath the Jan Mayen volcano. Since the Jan Mayen volcano is known as a

hotspot, it can be interpreted that the low-Vp track had also been formed by the similar mechanism as that for the Iceland plume. The low-Vp zone beneath Greenland narrows in the west and has a wedge-shaped spread in the east, which might be formed because only the Iceland plume was affected in the west but both the Iceland and Jan Mayen plumes were affected in the east. Such interpretation needs to be examined further, but it has a potential to constrain the interaction history between Greenland and the two plumes.

524 **5.2 Volcanic and geothermal activities along the Mid-Atlantic Ridge**

525 In our regional tomography, prominent conduit-like low-Vp zones are revealed beneath 526 the Iceland and Jan Mayen volcanos, and western Svalbard. The Iceland and Jan Mayen volcanoes are known as hotspot volcanoes, but the low-Vp conduit that seems to be a plume 527 528 beneath Svalbard is first discovered in this study. Western Svalbard is known as the high 529 geothermal area [Dumke et al., 2016], so the heat source might be this plume. We call this plume the Svalbard plume. Therefore, the Iceland volcanos, the Jan Mayen volcano, and the geothermal 530 area in Svalbard are powered by the Iceland, Jan Mayen, and Svalbard plumes, respectively, 531 532 which continue from the surface to the upper mantle (Fig. 10e). These three plumes merge together in the MTZ, forming a widespread low-Vp region. 533

A high-Vp body is visible beneath northeastern Greenland (Fig. 10b). The reason for the absence of volcanos in Svalbard might be because the rising of the Svalbard plume from the MTZ has been prevented by this body and sufficient magma is not supplied (Fig. 10e). The high-Vp body extends from the northeast coast of Greenland to the northeast offshore from surface to a depth of ~500 km. Because the rocks of the Caledonian orogen are widely distributed on the northeast coast of Greenland, this high-Vp body is thought to be similar rocks continuing to offshore. The Caledonian orogen was formed when the Iapetus Ocean located between Laurentia

- and Baltica continents closed 490–390 million years ago [e.g., *Henriksen et al.*, 2009; *Metelkin*
- *et al.*, 2015]. Therefore, the high-Vp body revealed by our tomography might be the
- accumulation of oceanic lithosphere that constituted the Iapetas Ocean.

The Danmarkshavn Basin is located off the northeast coast of Greenland, which has thick sediments [*Henriksen et al.*, 2009, 74p]. Thick sediments suggest that the basement rocks in this area are heavier and settled than their surroundings, and reinforce that they are the remnants of marine lithosphere. As mentioned in Section 4, this high-Vp body is located inside the bend of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (Figs. 10a and 10b). Since this bend is considered to have existed at the time of the Pangea breakup [*Thiede et al.*, 2011], the high-Vp body might have restricted the mode of plate expansion.

551 **5.3 For melting prediction at the bottom of the GrIS**

Rogozhina et al. [2016] suggested that in central and northern Greenland, high crustal 552 heat-flow and the GrIS' own weight may cause widespread pressure melting at the bottom of the 553 GrIS. This is reinforced by the direct observation of the bottom condition of the GrIS by the ice 554 core drilling [Dahl-Jensen et al., 2003a], and the analysis of the temporal change in surface-555 556 wave group velocity [*Toyokuni et al.*, 2018]. The average thickness of the GrIS is 2 km and reaches 3 km at its thickest point [Bamber et al., 2001a,b], and when everything had melted due 557 to the climate change, the global sea level is expected to rise by more than 7 m [Houghton et al., 558 559 2001]. Melting from the ice sheet surface is currently monitored with sufficient accuracy by various remote-sensing techniques, but melting from the bottom is mainly predicted by 560 temperature simulations [e.g., MacGregor et al., 2016; Rogozhina et al., 2016]. The 561 562 heterogeneous structure of the crust and upper mantle used in the temperature simulation largely

depends on the results of seismic tomography. If a temperature simulation is performed using the results of this study, the prediction of ice sheet melting is expected to be more accurate.

565 6 Conclusions

A detailed 3-D P-wave velocity model from the surface to the MTZ beneath Greenland and surrounding regions is obtained by inverting a large number of high-quality P-wave arrivaltime data of local earthquakes and P-wave relative travel-time residuals of teleseismic events recorded by the latest seismograph network. The novel tomographic model reveals the following new features.

(1) A remarkable low-Vp anomaly elongated in the NW-SE direction is revealed at depths ≤ 250 km beneath central Greenland, which may reflect the residual heat when the Greenlandic plate passed over the Iceland plume at ~80–20 Ma. Although previous studies have suggested this feature, our results first show that the low-Vp zone is within the lithosphere and its spatial distribution agrees very well with the high crustal heat-flow region. Furthermore, we find a possible heat track by the Jan Mayen plume.

(2) Prominent conduit-like low-Vp zones are revealed beneath the Iceland and Jan Mayen
volcanos. Furthermore, the low-Vp conduit beneath western Svalbard that seems like a plume is
first discovered in this study, which is called "the Svalbard plume". Western Svalbard is known
as a high geothermal area, so the heat might be powered by this plume. The three plumes beneath
Iceland, Jan Mayen, and Svalbard merge together in the MTZ, forming a widespread low-Vp
region.

583 (3) A high-Vp anomaly exists at depths \leq 500 km off the northeast coast of Greenland, 584 which is considered as a remnant of oceanic lithosphere that constituted the Iapetas Ocean. The

- high-Vp body might be an obstacle for plume flow to provide sufficient magma to Svalbard. 585
- Furthermore, it is located at the bend of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge and might have caused changes 586
- 587 in the plate-spreading direction, when Pangea started spreading.

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857	right column shows the same waveforms shifted in time by subtracting the relative travel times
858	with respect to the reference waveform. The station codes and epicentral distances are shown on
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861	transformation. The blue triangles denote the GLISN stations.
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865	standard deviation of 0.1 s is added to the synthetic data before the tomographic inversion. The
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Case 3	700 km	-	0	0	0
Case 4	700 km	0	0	0	-
Case 5	700 km	0	0	-	0
Case 6	1500 km	0	0	0	0
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