Utilisation des données de gravimétrie pour la glaciologie

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L'oeil "gravitationnel" des nouvelles missions



GRACE



CHAMP

GOCE



Gravimétrie et Glaciologie

haute résolution 1 cm à 100 km





Domaines d'excellence des missions GRACE et GOCE









APRES 10 ANS EN ORBITE,

RESULTATS ACTUELS DE LA MISSION GRACE









FREE vs. CONSTRAINED solutions







Stratégies de gestion de l'instabilité des solutions

GFZ, CSR, JPL :

- Résolution sans contrainte jusqu'au degré ~90
- Application d'un traitement spécifique aux striations verticales
- Et/ou application d'un filtre gaussien à 300 / 400 / 500 km

GRGS:

- Solution au degré 50 stabilisée par une contrainte vers le champ moyen (et pas de filtrage ultérieur) Autres groupes (GSFC, G. Ramillien et F. Frappart au GRGS) :
- Calcul de densités surfaciques (mascons) à partir de la méthode de l'intégrale de l'énergie







Year

Equivalent Water Height time series Lat=60.00N, Lon=143.00W, Series=RL02





Equivalent Water Height time series Lat=75.00S, Lon=104.00W, Series=RL02

Equivalent Water Height time series Lat=82.00S, Lon=120.00W, Series=RL02

Equivalent Hater Height time series Lat=70.005, Lon=035.00E, Series=RL02

Tendance linéaire des variations massiques (exprimée en hauteur d'eau)

0.0000 / min : -0.1794 / max : (rms : 0.0149 / moy : 0.0717)

Inter-annual variations of the mass balance of the Antarctica and Greenland ice sheets from GRACE, G. Ramillien (LEGOS) & al., 2006

Gravimétrie

Undefined

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Défis actuels et futurs pour l'utilisation de GRACE en glaciologie

→ Incertitude des champs de pression atmosphérique au dessus des calottes polaires
→ Ne semble pas critique pour l'instant

→ Difficulté de la comparaison altimétrie-gravimétrie

- → La gravimétrie est une mesure intégrée sur toute la colonne de matière
- → L'altimétrie est une mesure de surface, affectée des phénomènes de compaction
- → L'altimétrie ne peut pas s'approcher des côtes, où le signal est fort, alors que la gravimétrie, du

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Geoid spectrum per degree

EIGEN-GRGS.RL02.MEAN-FIELD and ITG-GRACE03S

Spherical Harmonic Degree

Simulation GOCE	Données
sur 60 jours	SST / 10s (dérivées partielles jusqu'au degré
altitude: 250 km	120), bruit blanc: 15mm rms
inclinaison: 96,5 degrés	SGG / 4s (filtré à la période de coupure de 220 s, dérivées partielles jusqu'au degré
excentricité: 0,001	240)

half wavelength [km]

« RL02 version of CNES/GRGS consists of information up to degree and order 50 truly different from RL01 version which only provides true information up to degree and order 30 ? »

The figure to the right displays the spectral power (by comparison to a static reference field) and the spectral error of the two GRGS releases RL01 and RL02 and of an unconstrained solution, in terms of equivalent water heights (EWH). It is an average of all the spectra over the entire set of solutions. The static reference field is EIGEN-GL04S/C in the case of RL01 and EIGEN-GRGS.RL02.MEAN-FIELD in the case of RL02. A few remarks:

- It is clear from the unconstrained_RL02 spectrum that some sort of stabilization of the solution is necessary, from spherical harmonic degree 10.

- The comparison between RL01 and RL02 spectra shows that there is more power in RL01 than in RL02 between degrees 10 and 40, but the error curve for RL01 is also much higher. The power of RL01 is almost flat, at ~1 cm EWH, until degree 30, then the stabilization acts sharply between degree 30 and 50, whereas the stabilization is much more smoothly distributed between degree 10 and 50 for RL02. The question is: is this difference of power made up of signal (lacking in RL02...) or of error (removed from RL01...) ? We do not have a definitive answer to that question, except for the fact that the stabilization in RL02 has been much more finely adjusted to the actual uncertainty of the unconstrained coefficients (it is now degree- and order-dependant) than it was for RL01 where it was only degree-dependant.

When looking closely at the results, by splitting the whole era in three periods, 2002-2004, 2005-2007 and 2008, the situation is more subtle: the central period 2005-2007 is the one that has the best agreement with the mean field and therefore the lowest spectrum of difference with EIGEN-GRGS.RL02.MEAN-FIELD; whereas the "side" periods 2002-2004 and 2008, because of the drifts of the Earth gravity field, have a higher difference to the mean field and, in the case of 2008, almost as much power as RL01...

We tend to think that we have mostly reduced noise with RL02 in the bandwidth 10-40 with respect to RL01, but it is difficult to prove !

One way to look at that is to plot the two time series RL01 and RL02 in an area where an independent and trustworthy data set is available; and then try to evaluate by comparison to this independent data set whether RL02 is missing signal amplitude or whether RL01 is polluted by noise.

We have tried to do this exercise over the Caspian Sea, where an independent data set is available in the shape of satellite altimetry sea height anomalies...

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The satellite altimetry anomalies were obtained from Hydroweb (http://www.legos.obs-mip.fr/soa/hydrologie/hydroweb/Stat)ionsVirtuelles/Caspian.html) and are based on the data of Jason-1, GFO, Envisat and Topex/Poseidon satellite missions. Over the Caspian Sea, the altimetric series is very precise. The results are given on a monthly basis. There is no temporal filtering applied to this data.

The figure below shows that the RL02 series (red) matches better the altimetry signal (black) than the RL01 series (green). There does not seem to be any lack of power in the RL02 series and there is clearly less noise than in RL01, although the RL02 series is only based on 10-day data batches, while RL01 is based on three consecutive 10-day batches, technique which brings some temporal smoothing.

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Difficult again to answer this question. The comparison to altimetry can bring some hints.

In these three figures are plotted the comparison of RL01, RL02 and CSR RL04 (CSR RL04 being destriped and not spatially smoothed, i.e. the so-called "000 km radius smoothing") with the altimetric signal over the Caspian Sea. We note the overall good agreement of the three series with altimetry, in particular RL02 (10-day series) and CSR RL04 (monthly series). There does not seem to be any noticeable scale difference between RL02 and CSR RL04.

However, for the agreement to be good, one has to scale the altimetry signal by a factor 0.5 !!! Does this mean that the GRACE time series have an amplitude problem and that they ought to be scaled by some factor ? This is not for sure for two reasons: 1- There might be some steric effect (increase of volume due to the heating of the water) in the altimetric time series. Since the maximum of the water height is in the middle of the summer and the minimum in the middle of the winter, any steric effect would be in phase with the gravimetric signal and therefore artificially increase the amplitude of the altimetric signal. So the steric effect which ought to be taken into account and corrected for before making the comparison.

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2- The size of the Caspian Sea (maximum width 400 km) is exactly the minimum reachable with spherical harmonic degree 50 (dg 50 \Leftrightarrow minimum wavelength 7.2°/800 km at the Earth's surface \Leftrightarrow resolution 3.6° / 400 km ; dg 30 \Leftrightarrow minimum wavelength 12° / 1333 km at the Earth's surface \Leftrightarrow resolution 6° / 666 km). If one admits that all the water variability is stored in the Caspian Sea (and not in the soil surrounding it) and that the "gravitational footprint" of the GRACE mission is somewhat broader than the best resolution that we are trying to reach (400 km), then we would have an explanation of the difference of amplitude between the altimetric and GRACE signal i.e. GRACE does not downscale the signal, but rather spreads it over a wider area than the one over which it actually occurs.

This second point might also be the explanation when one considers an even smaller body of water, Lake Victoria (\emptyset 200 km). In this case the scaling factor to be applied to altimetry in order to make it coincide with gravimetry is around 0.25, close to the surface ratio between a \emptyset 200 and a \emptyset 400 cap.

Signal annuel

Signal semi-annuel

Tendance annuelle

Détection par GRACE de l'événement sismique de Sumatra du 26 décembre 2004

Co-seismis and postseismic signatures of the Sumatra December 2004 and March 2005 earthquakes in GRACE satellite gravity, I. Panet (LAREG) & al.

The gravity signature in GRACE of the Sumatra-Andaman 2004 earthquake, C. de Linage & al., 2006

Variations du niveau moyen des océans détectées par les missions GRACE et Jason

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Comparaison à l'hydrologie : Mer caspienne

Evolution des orbites de CHAMP/GRACE/GOCE

Simulation – Bruit du gradiomètre

