

WP4. Scientific Combination Service Combination of GRACE Monthly Gravity Field Solutions

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Introduction

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Combination of GRACE Monthly Gravity Field Solutions

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Input from the EGSIEM Analysis Centers

GRACE Monthly Gravity Field Solutions (L2) refered to the **EGSIEM Processing Standard**:

Analysis Center	Max. Degree	Period
AIUB	90	2006/01 – 2007/12 (2 years)
GFZ	90	
GRGS	80	
ITSG	90	

FTP Server:

http://dl.aiub.unibe.ch/data/egsiem/private/Gravity/



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Preprocessing (1): Scaling and Screening

- **Rescaling** of *Earth radius, Gravitational parameter*
- Correction of C20 bias (w.r.t. Tide-free system)
- Screening of outliers
 - Criterion: <u>Median + 3MAD</u> using wSTD over the oceans (Quality Measure)





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Preprocessing (2): Signal and Noise Comparison





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Weights

• Weights from *iterative* process using the *Variance Component Estimation (VCE)* method





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Combined Solutions: wSTD over Oceans





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Evaluation using Reservoir Cases

- Suggestion by Prof. J. Kusche (Advisory Board) in last meeting in January 2016
 - Evaluation using **reservoir** cases:
 - Caspian Sea: huge signal
 - Lake Volta: much smaller, but still visible signal
 - Altimetry data by Hydroweb
 - From satellite images + radar alitmetry
 - TOPEX/POSEIDON, Jason (1,2,3), GFO, ENVISAT, SARAL
 - By *Legos*, Toulouse, France
- Combined GRACE monthly gravity field solutions
 - (Solution level) AIUB, GFZ, GRGS, ITSG







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Caspian Sea





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Correlation Coefficients: Caspian Sea



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