



Simulated recovery of various hydrological signals using real GRACE data at CNES

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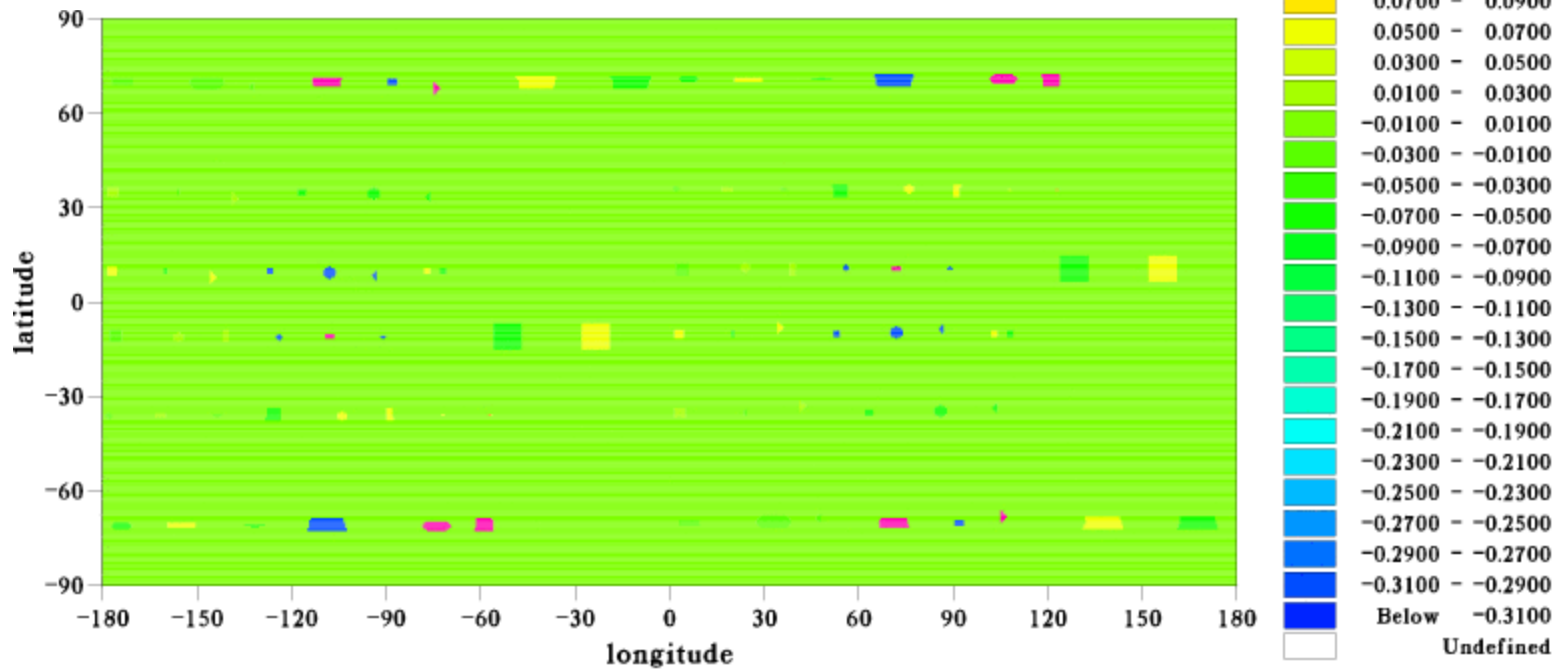
Principle of the simulation

- Starting from a monthly GRACE solution (May 2013): **Pot_A**

- Re-computing the normal equations using Pot_A and real GRACE data, solving using the same algorithm as for Pot_A → **Pot_B** = very similar to Pot_A

- Re-computing the normal equations using a *perturbed* version of Pot_A and real GRACE data, solving using the same algorithm as for Pot_A → **Pot_C**

Ideally Pot_C should be as close as possible to Pot_B. The differences will reveal the *sensitivity of the solutions to the a priori gravity field*.

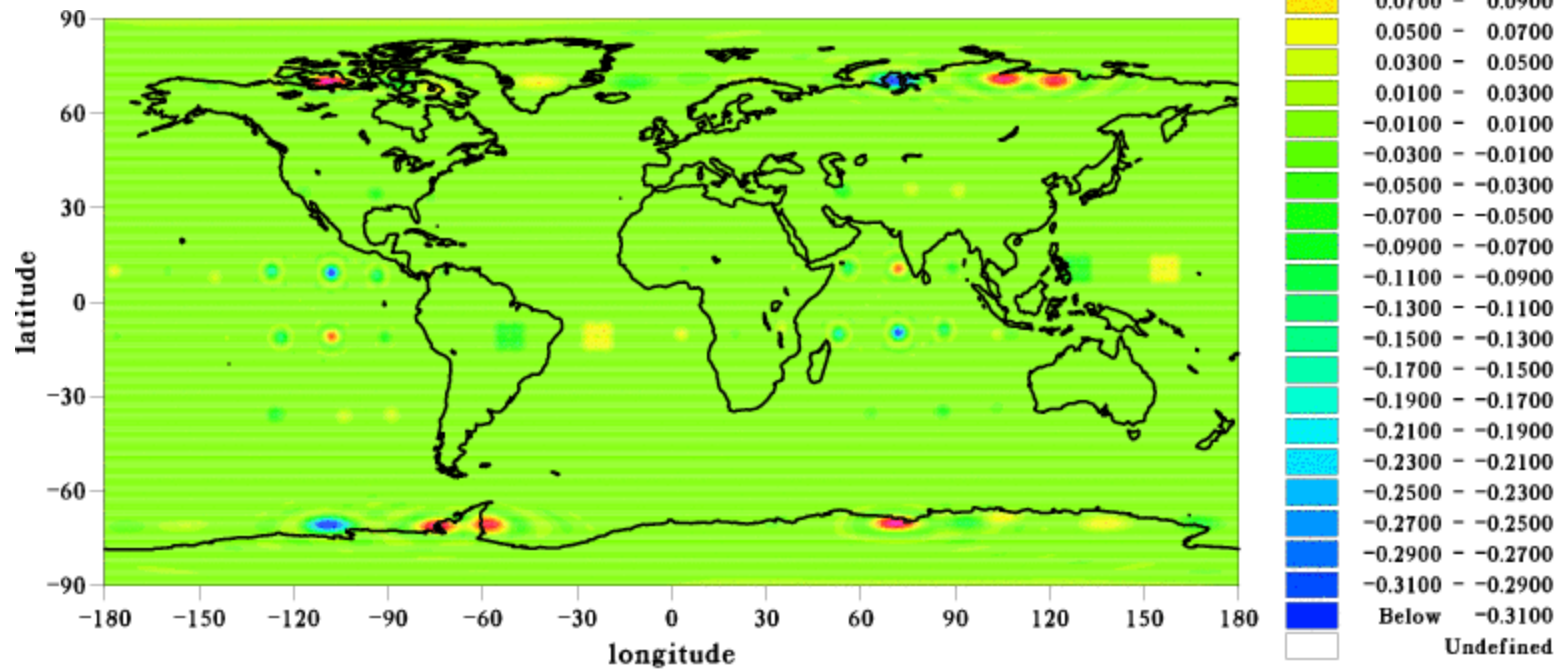
Perturbed GRID

- 34 squares, 18 circles, 18 rectangles, 18 triangles with sizes ranging from 250 to 1000 km and amplitudes ranging from 1 to 30 cm EWH



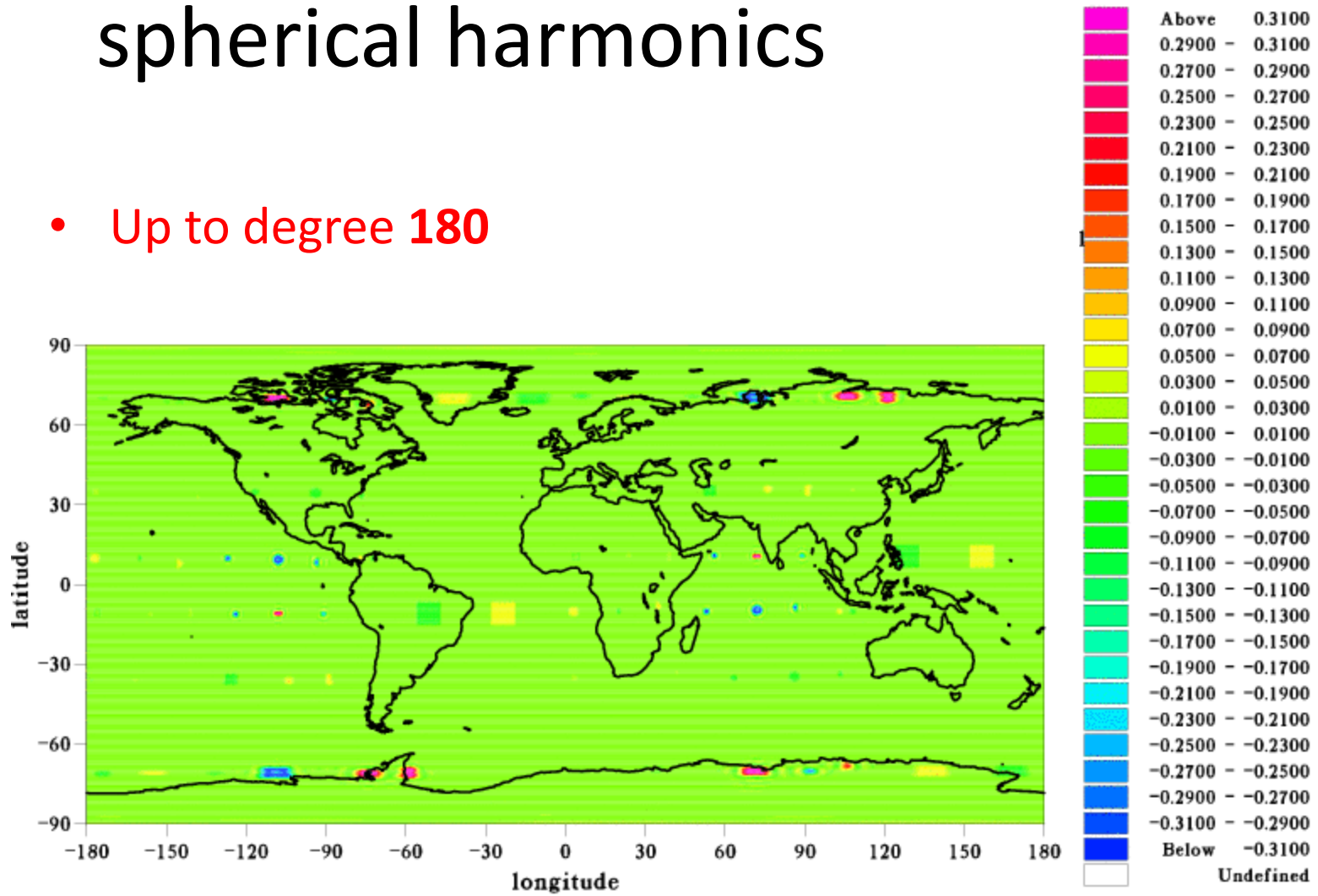
After conversion in spherical harmonics

- Up to degree 80



After conversion in spherical harmonics

- Up to degree **180**



Simulations

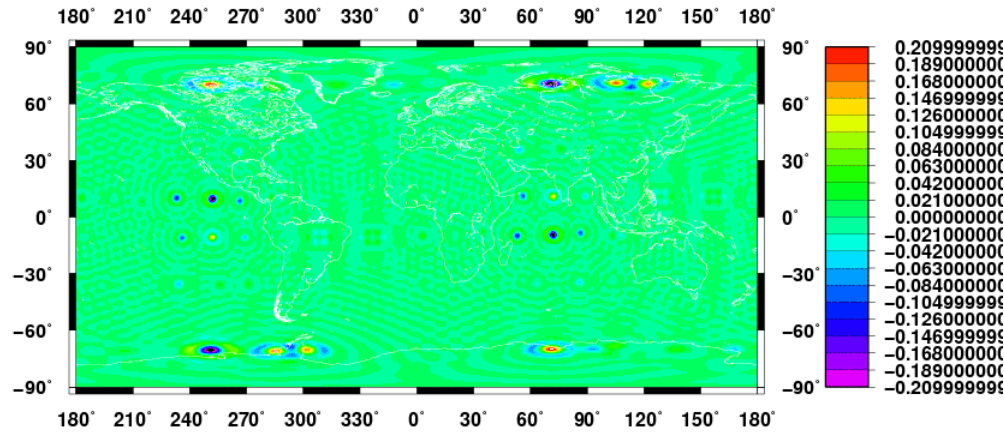
- **A priori gravity field...** 2 cases:
 - 1) Pot_A perturbed to degree 80
 - 2) Pot_A perturbed to degree 180
- **Solutions...** 3 cases:
 - 1) Unconstrained Choleski solution + a posteriori DDK-5 filtering
 - 2) Constrained Choleski solution
 - 3) Truncated SVD solution

First results

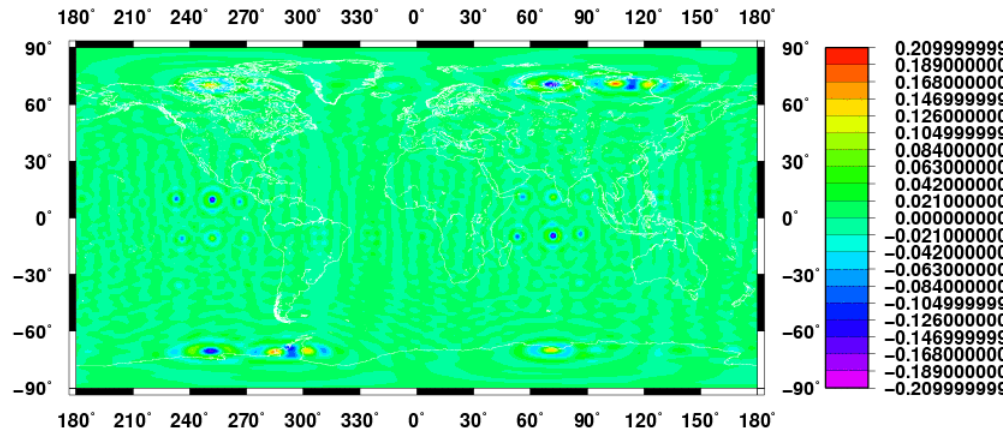
Constrained Choleski:
Min/Max = -0.25/+0.20

TSVD:
Min/Max = -0.17/+0.16

(mean: -0.0000 / st.dev: 0.0111 / min: -0.2529 / max: 0.2015)



(mean: -0.0000 / st.dev: 0.0100 / min: -0.1722 / max: 0.1633)



Summary

- On-going process
- When simulations are completed, we need to interpret the results in terms of:
 - Shape, size and orientation of the test basins
 - Amplitude of the perturbations
 - Location on Earth (Latitude)
 - Choice of the processing strategy