

Title: WP3 Validation by Ocean Bottom Pressure

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- To validate oceanic mass transport (M25-M36) we will use OBP data
- OBP is the sum of the mass of the atmosphere and ocean in a 'cylinder' above the seafloor.
- OBP data used
 - as available from OBP archives (AWI or PSMSL (Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level)
 - as simulated by the Ocean Model for Circulation and Tides (OMCT, used to generate AOD1B)







- Necessary corrections to GRACE Level-2 products (GSM)
 - Degree-1 term to be added to GSM as approximated from GRACE GSM fields as demonstrated by Bergmann-Wolf et al. (2014)
 - Level-2 GAD product has to be added back to GSM
 - Continental leakage to be reduced e.g. according to Wahr et al. (1998) with a 300km Gauss filter
 - Filtering needed, e.g. with non-istropic smoothing and decorrelation filter DDK2/DDK3 (Kusche et al., 2009)
 - Synthesizing GRACE-derived ocean bottom pressure variations on a 1° by 1° grid







- Necessary corrections to in-situ OBP data
 - Mean, trend and annual signals has to be estimated with a least square fit and to be removed from the OBP time series
 - Provided (hourly) data are quality controlled, instrumental drift is removed by a quadratic fit and tides have been empirically removed
 - Daily averaged data are then 30days low pass filtered with a Butterworth filter of order 3 to estimate nearly monthly solutions which can be compared to the GRACE results







- Necessary corrections to OMCT output:
 - 6 hourly data are 30days low pass filtered with a Butterworth filter of order 3 to estimate nearly monthly solutions which can be compared to the GRACE results
- Following results show (as an example for EGSIEM) temporal correlations of in-situ (AWI) / modelled (OMCT) and RL04/RL05 GRACE determined OBP variations computed for time periods, where both data sets are available and time series were at least 6 months long

























- The validation will be automized till end of 2016 (M24):
 - Upload GSM time series on input FTP directory by EGSIEM partner
 - Regular check if new time series is available
 - Run comparisons and provide results in terms of statistics (correlations, explained variance etc.) and figures
 - Results shall also be included in the G³ (GFZ GRACE Gravity) Browser at ICGEM (another time series to various non-EGSIEM and EGSIEM GSMs and WGHM)









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