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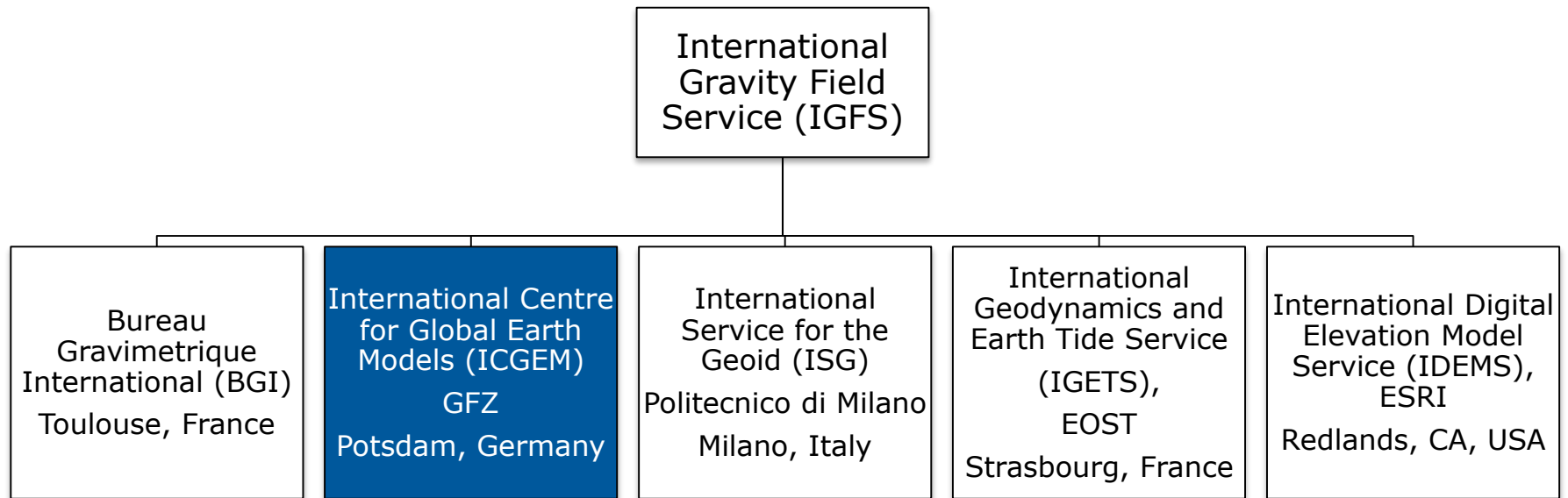
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# ICGEM – Service of IAG

15 years of service to the Gravity Field related activities



Hosted and supported by GFZ.

# Objectives of ICGEM

- Collecting and archiving of **all existing global gravity field models** (e.g. static)
- Making them available in a **standardized format** (.gfc format)
- **Interactive visualisation** of the models, their differences, and their time variation
- Web interface to **calculate gravity field functionals** from the spherical harmonic models on freely selectable grids
- **Evaluation** of the static gravity field models
- **Online discussion forum**

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- BGI (Bureau Gravimetrique International), Toulouse, France
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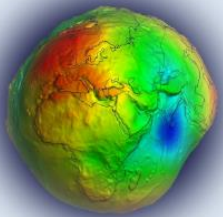
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- [ICGEM Poster 2018](#)

**Our references**

# Static Gravity Field Models



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## Global Gravity Field Models

We kindly ask the authors of the models to check the links to the original websites of the models from time to time. Please let us know if something has changed.

The table can be interactively re-sorted by clicking on the column header fields (Nr, Model, Year, Degree, Data, Reference).

In the data column, the datasets used in the development of the models are summarized, where **S** is for satellite (e.g., GRACE, GOCE, LAGEOS), **A** is for altimetry, and **G** for ground data (e.g., terrestrial, shipborne and airborne measurements).

The links [calculate](#) and [show](#) in the last columns of the table directly invoke the *Calculation Service* and *Visualization* page for the selected model.

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If you click on the reference, the complete list of references can be seen.

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167	<a href="#">SGG-UGM-1</a>	2018	2159	EGM2008, S(Goce)	<a href="#">Liang, W. et al., 2018 &amp; Xu, X. et al. (2017)</a>	<a href="#">gfc zip</a>	<a href="#">Calculate</a>	<a href="#">Show</a>	✓
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162	<a href="#">GAO2012</a>	2012	360	A, G, S(Goce), S(Grace)	<a href="#">Demianov, G. et al, 2012</a>	<a href="#">gfc zip</a>	<a href="#">Calculate</a>	<a href="#">Show</a>	✓
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# Which models are accepted/published?

- The ultimate aim is to collect and make available the **static** gravity field models
- Any model from any institution is accepted as long as they are consistent with other already “reliable” models based on our evaluation results in spectral domain and w.r.t. GNSS/levelling-derived geoid undulations
- For other models (temporal, other celestial bodies and topographic) we do not apply any evaluation scheme but observe the consistency among models

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159	NULP-02s	2017	250	S(Goce)	A.N. Marchenko et al, 2016	gfc zip	Calculate	Show	✓
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156	ITU_GGC16	2016	280	S(Goce), S(Grace)	Akyilmaz, O. et al, 2016	gfc zip	Calculate	Show	✓
155	EIGEN-6S4 (v2)	2016	300	S(Goce), S(Grace), S(Lageos)	Förste, C. and Bruinsma, S.L., 2016	gfc zip	Calculate	Show	✓
154	GOCO05c	2016	720	(see model), A, G, S	Fecher, T. et al, 2016	gfc zip	Calculate	Show	✓
153	GGM05C	2015	360	A, G, S(Goce), S(Grace)	Ries, J. et al, 2016	gfc zip	Calculate	Show	✓
152	GECO	2015	2190	EGM2008, S(Goce)	Gilardoni, M. et al, 2016	gfc zip	Calculate	Show	
151	GGM05G	2015	240	S(Goce), S(Grace)	Bettadpur, S. et al, 2015	gfc zip	Calculate	Show	
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The experimental gravity field model XGM2016 is an outcome of TUM's assessment of a 15'x15' data grid excerpt provided from NGA's updated and revised gravity data base

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Reference - GOCO05c (combination methodology as for XGM2016):

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**Dataset** EIGEN-6S4 A time-variable satellite-only gravity field model to d/o 300 based on LAGEOS, GRACE and GOCE data from the collaboration of GFZ Potsdam and GRGS Toulouse

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Förste, Christoph; Bruinsma, Sean; Abrikosov, Oleh; Rudenko, Sergiy; Lemoine, Jean-Michel; Marty, Jean-Charles; Neumayer, Karl Hans; Blanchet, Richard (2016): EIGEN-6S4 A time-variable satellite-only gravity field model to d/o 300 based on LAGEOS, GRACE and GOCE data from the collaboration of GFZ Potsdam and GRGS Toulouse. V. 2.0. GFZ Data Services. <http://doi.org/10.5980/icgem.2016.008>

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**Abstract**

EIGEN-6S4 (Version 2) is a satellite-only global gravity field model from the combination of LAGEOS, GRACE and GOCE data. All spherical harmonic coefficients up to time variable parameters consist of drifts as well as annual and series of the time variable spherical harmonic coefficients are based on 2003) and the GRACE-LAGEOS monthly gravity fields RL03-v2 (GRGS/Toulouse (Bruinsma et al. 2009)).

The herein included GRACE/LAGEOS data were combined with all GOCE data which have been processed via the direct numerical approach (Pail et al. 2011). The polar gap instability has been overcome using the Spherical Cap Regularization (Metzler and Pail 2005). That means this model is a combination of LAGEOS/GACE with GO\_CONS\_GCF\_2\_DIR\_R5 (Bruinsma et al. 2013).

Version History: This data set is an updated version of Foerste et al. (2016, <http://doi.org/10.5880/icgem.2016.004>) Compared to the first version, EIGEN-6S4v2 contains an improved modelling of the time variable part, in particular for C20.

**Parameters**

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tide_system	tide_free

**Dataset Contact**

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**Keywords**

ICGEM, Global Gravitational Model, GRACE, GOCE, LAGEOS

GCMD Science Keywords  
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**Dataset Description**

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<http://icgem.gfz-potsdam.de/Foerste-et-al-EIGEN-6S4.pdf>

**Related Work**

New Version of  
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**Related publications**

Bruinsma, S. L., Förste, C., Abrikosov, O., Lemoine, J.-M., Marty, J.-C., Mulet, S., ... Bonvalot, S. (2014). ESA's satellite-only gravity field model via the direct approach based on all GOCE data. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 41(21), 7508-7514. [doi:10.1002/2014gl062045](https://doi.org/10.1002/2014gl062045)

Metzler, B., & Pail, R. (2005). GOCE Data Processing: The Spherical Cap Regularization Approach. *Studia Geophysica et Geodaetica*, 49(4), 441-462. [doi:10.1007/s11200-005-0021-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11200-005-0021-5)

Pail, R., Bruinsma, S., Migliaccio, F., Förste, C., Goiginger, H., Schuh, W.-D., ... Tscherning, C. C. (2011). First GOCE gravity field models derived by three different approaches. *Journal of Geodesy*, 85(11), 819-843. [doi:10.1007/s00190-011-0467-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00190-011-0467-x)

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# Evaluation w.r.t. GNSS/Levelling

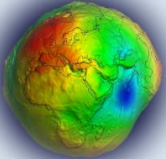
## Root mean square (rms) about mean of GPS / levelling minus gravity field model derived geoid heights [m]

The following table shows a comparison of quasigeoid heights derived from the models with GPS / levelling derived geoid values from USA, Canada, Europe, Japan and Brazil. Note that the differences also contain the cut-off error of the models, i.e. the unmodelled short wavelength part of the gravity field. The GPS / levelling data sets are from:

- USA; Milbert, 1998
- Canada; Veronneau, personal communication 2003; National Ressources Canada, GPS on BMs file, update February 2003
- Europe; Ihde et al., 2002
- Australia; Gary Johnston, Geoscience Australia
- Japan; Tokuro Kodama, Geospatial Information Authority of Japan
- Brazil; Denizar Blitzkow and Ana Cristina Oliveira Cancoro de Matos, Centro de Estudos de Geodesia (CENEGEO), the data belongs to the Laboratory of Topography and Geodesy/University of Sao Paulo (LTG/USP) and the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE)

The table is interactively re-sortable for all columns by clicking in the header cells.

Nr	Model	Nmax	Australia (201 points)	Brazil (1112 points)	Canada (2691 points)	Europe (1047 points)	Japan (816 points)	USA (6169 points)	All (12036 points)
176	XGM2019	760	0.217 m	0.44 m	0.151 m	0.14 m	0.125 m	0.264 m	0.2494 m
176	XGM2019e	5,540	0 m	0 m	0 m	0 m	0 m	0 m	0.0 m
176	XGM2019e_2159	2,190	0.215 m	0.438 m	0.128 m	0.127 m	0.09 m	0.248 m	0.2361 m
175	GO_CONS_GCF_2_TIM_R6e	300	0.318 m	0.502 m	0.29 m	0.34 m	0.431 m	0.396 m	0.3832 m
174	ITSG-Grace2018s	200	0.404 m	0.545 m	0.387 m	0.504 m	0.573 m	0.496 m	0.4837 m
173	EIGEN-GRGS.RL04.MEAN-FIELD	300	0.327 m	0.507 m	0.298 m	0.345 m	0.447 m	0.404 m	0.391 m
172	GOCO06s	300	0.318 m	0.503 m	0.292 m	0.341 m	0.43 m	0.398 m	0.3847 m
171	GO_CONS_GCF_2_TIM_R6	300	0.317 m	0.501 m	0.29 m	0.34 m	0.431 m	0.396 m	0.383 m
170	GO_CONS_GCF_2_DIR_R6	300	0.313 m	0.503 m	0.292 m	0.339 m	0.432 m	0.396 m	0.3838 m
169	IGGT_R1C	240	0.388 m	0.529 m	0.427 m	0.457 m	0.574 m	0.464 m	0.4689 m
168	Tongji-Grace02k	180	0.432 m	0.592 m	0.475 m	0.587 m	0.661 m	0.525 m	0.5357 m
167	SGG-UGM-1	2,159	0.217 m	0.446 m	0.13 m	0.121 m	0.076 m	0.245 m	0.2353 m
166	GOSG01S	220	0.359 m	0.518 m	0.373 m	0.426 m	0.526 m	0.442 m	0.4392 m
165	IGGT_R1	240	0.317 m	0.513 m	0.348 m	0.387 m	0.483 m	0.412 m	0.4111 m
164	lfe_GOCE05s	250	0.337 m	0.512 m	0.329 m	0.385 m	0.48 m	0.414 m	0.4081 m



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- CSR Release 05 (UTCSR Level-2 Processing Standards Document, Rev 4.0 May 29, 2012)
- CSR Release 06
- GFZ Release 05 (GFZ GRACE Level-2 Processing, Revised Edition, January 2013)
- GFZ Release 06
- JPL Release 05 (PL... 05.1 November 3, 2014)
- JPL Release 06

**CSR, GFZ, JPL**

*3 Processing centre*

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### GRACE / CHAMP monthly solutions from other groups

- AIUB Release 02 (more information can be found [here](#))
- CNES\_GRGS\_RL03 GRACE monthly solutions from the CNES\_GRGS ; more information can be found [here](#)
- CNES\_GRGS\_RL04 GRACE monthly solutions from the CNES\_GRGS ; more information can be found [here](#)
- DMT-1 (More information can be found [here](#))
- EGSIEM (GRACE monthly combined solutions from the EGSIEM project, more information can be found [here](#))
- geo\_Q (Time-variable gravity fields from Leibniz Universität Hannover. More information can be found [here](#))
- QuantumFrontiers (Time-variable gravity fields from Leibniz Universität Hannover. More information can be found [here](#))
- HUST-Grace2016 DOI (GRACE monthly solutions from the Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, PR China)
- IGG\_RL01 (GRACE monthly solutions from the Institute of Geodesy and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China)
- ITG (More information can be found [here](#))
- ITSG-Grace2014 (GRACE monthly solutions from the ITSG, TU Graz; more information can be found [here](#))
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- ITSG-Grace2018 DOI (GRACE monthly solutions from the ITSG, TU Graz; more information can be found [here](#))

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### COST-G (International Combination Service for Time-variable Gravity Field)

- GRACE (Monthly Combination Service for Time-variable Gravity Field (COST-G), more information can be found [here](#) and [here](#))
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**Combination!**

*Combined solutions*

### GRACE weekly solutions

- GFZ Release 05 (GFZ GRACE Level-2 Processing, Revised Edition, January 2013)

*Monthly  
Weekly  
Daily*

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- ITSG-Grace2018 (more information can be found [here](#))

### SLR\_monthly

SLR-only monthly solutions from AIUB

*GRACE-FO solutions coming soon...*

### Non-isotropic smoothing

- AIUB Release 02 (more information can be found [here](#))
- CSR Release 05 (UTCSR Level-2 Processing Standards Document, Rev 4.0 May 29, 2012)
- GFZ Release 05 (GFZ GRACE Level-2 Processing, Revised Edition, January 2013)

Which (temporal) gravity field model is the best?

Which center or institution provides the best solutions?

- Depends on the application
- Depends on the area
- Depends on the post processing, background models, assumptions, regularisation
- ...

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## Gravity Field Solutions for dedicated Time Periods

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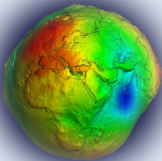
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# Other Celestial Bodies



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## Gravity Field Models of other Celestial Bodies

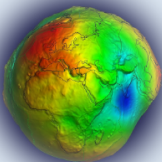
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In the data column, the datasets used in the development of the models are summarized, where **S** is for satellite (e.g., GRACE, GOCE, LAGEOS), **A** is for altimetry, and **G** for ground data (e.g., terrestrial, shipborne and airborne measurements).

It is not planned to offer the complete service of ICGEM also for non-Earth gravity field models. Nevertheless, we think it could be useful to compile also some gravity field models of other celestial bodies for downloading and for use in our visualisation and calculation service.

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Moon (of the Earth)	GRGM660PRIM	2013	660		<a href="#">gfc zip</a>	<a href="#">Calculate</a>
Moon (of the Earth)	JGL150Q1	2000	150		<a href="#">gfc zip</a>	<a href="#">Calculate</a>
Moon (of the Earth)	JGL165P1	2000	165		<a href="#">gfc zip</a>	<a href="#">Calculate</a>
Moon (of the Earth)	JGL100J1	1999	100		<a href="#">gfc zip</a>	<a href="#">Calculate</a>
Moon (of the Earth)	JGL100K1	1999	100		<a href="#">gfc zip</a>	<a href="#">Calculate</a>
Moon (of the Earth)	JGL075D1	1998	75		<a href="#">gfc zip</a>	<a href="#">Calculate</a>
Moon (of the Earth)	JGL075G1	1998	75		<a href="#">gfc zip</a>	<a href="#">Calculate</a>
Moon (of the Earth)	GLGM-2	1995	70	F. G. Lemoine et al, 1995	<a href="#">gfc zip</a>	<a href="#">Calculate</a>
Moon (of the Earth)	GLGM-1	1994	70	F. G. Lemoine et al, 1994	<a href="#">gfc zip</a>	<a href="#">Calculate</a>
Venus	shg180ua01	1997	180		<a href="#">gfc zip</a>	<a href="#">Calculate</a>
Venus	shg120pa01	1996	120		<a href="#">gfc zip</a>	<a href="#">Calculate</a>



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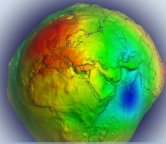
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### Model selection

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Model from Series  
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AIUB-CHAMP01S  
AIUB-CHAMP03S  
AIUB-GRACE01S  
AIUB-GRACE02S  
AIUB-GRACE03S  
DEOS\_CHAMP-01C  
DGM-1S  
EGM2008  
EGM96  
EGM96s  
EIGEN-1  
EIGEN-1s  
EIGEN-2  
EIGEN-51C

*Model type* *Model selection*

### Functional selection

height\_anomaly  
height\_anomaly\_ell  
geoid  
gravity\_disturbance  
gravity\_disturbance\_sa  
gravity\_anomaly  
gravity\_anomaly\_cl  
gravity\_anomaly\_sa  
gravity\_anomaly\_bg

The height anomaly can be generalised to a 3-d function, (sometimes called "generalised pseudo-height-anomaly").  
Here it is calculated on the ellipsoid,  $h=0$ , approximated by Bruns' formula (eqs. 78 and 118 of STR09/02).

*Gravity field functional selection* *Reference* *Tide*

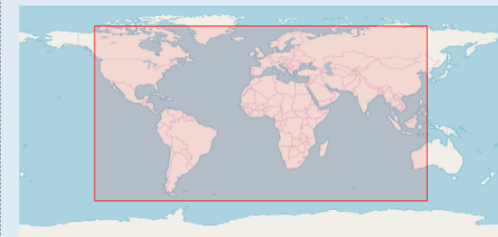
### Low-pass filtering by (gently) truncating the model *(more details)*

*Filtering*

Start Gentle Cut: 70 Maximum Degree: 70

### Grid selection

*Area selection*



-128.82 74.02 125.65  
-59.6  
Grid Step [°]: 1.0  
Height over Ellipsoid [m]: 0

Reference System: WGS84  
Radius: 6378137.0 Flat: 298.257223563  
Gm: 3.986004418e+14 Omega: 7.292115e-5

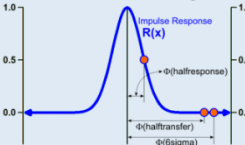
Tide System: use model's system  Zero Degree Term

### Gaussian Filter *(more details)*

- None
- Half response
- Half transfer
- 6 Sigma

Filter Length: 1.0 [Degree]

### Definitions of the Filterlength $\Phi$



start computation

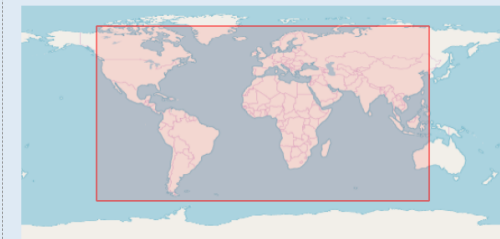
# Model selection

- Longtime Model
- Model from Series
- Topography related Model
- Celestial Object Model
- Topography

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## Field Functionals on Ellipsoidal Grids

Grid selection *Area selection*



Grid Step [°]:   
 Height over Ellipsoid [m]:

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- height\_anomaly
- height\_anomaly\_ell
- geoid
- gravity\_disturbance
- gravity\_disturbance\_sa
- gravity\_anomaly
- gravity\_anomaly\_cl
- gravity\_anomaly\_sa
- gravity\_anomaly\_bg

*Gravity field functional selection*

The height anomaly can be generalised to a 3-D function, (sometimes called "generalised pseudo-height-anomaly").

Here it is calculated on the ellipsoid,  $h=0$ , approximated by Bruns' formula (eqs. 78 and 118 of STR09/02).

*Reference*

*Tide*

Reference System:

Radius:  Flat:

Gm:  Omega:

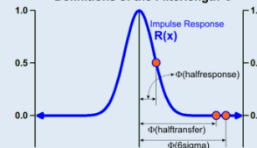
Tide System:   Zero Degree Term

### Gaussian Filter *(more details)*

- None
- Half response
- Half transfer
- 6 Sigma

Filter Length:  [Degree]

### Definitions of the Filterlength $\Phi$

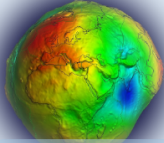


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# Functional selection

- height\_anomaly
- height\_anomaly\_ell
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Celestial Object Model	AIUB-GRACE02S
Topography	AIUB-GRACE03S
	DEOS_CHAMP-01C
	DGM-1S
	EGM2008
	EGM96
	EGM96s
	EIGEN-1
	EIGEN-1s
	EIGEN-2
	EIGEN-51C

### Functional selection

height_anomaly
height_anomaly_ell
<b>geoid</b>
gravity_disturbance
gravity_disturbance_sa
gravity_anomaly
gravity_anomaly_cl
gravity_anomaly_sa
gravity_anomaly_bg

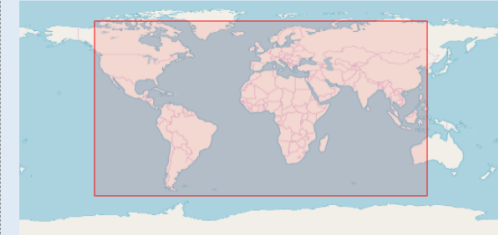
The Geoid is one particular equipotential surface of the gravity potential of the Earth. Among all equipotential surfaces, geoid is the surface which is equal to the undisturbed sea surface and its continuation below the continents.

Here it will be approximated by the height anomaly plus a topography dependent correction term (eqs. 71 and 117 of STR09/02). Topography information used here is taken from the ETOPO1.

### Low-pass filtering by (gently) truncating the model *(more details)*

Start Gentle Cut:  Maximum Degree:

### Grid selection



Grid Step [°]:   
Height over Ellipsoid [m]:

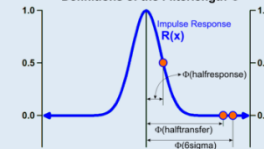
Reference System:   
Radius:  Flat:   
Gm:  Omega:

Tide System:   Zero Degree Term

### Gaussian Filter *(more details)*

None  
 Half response  
 Half transfer  
 6 Sigma  
Filter Length:  [Degree]

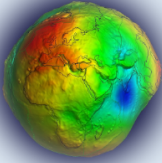
### Definitions of the Filterlength $\Phi$



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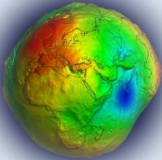
**Functional:** geoid  
**Model:** EGM2008  
**Calculation Start:** 2019-06-17T12:25:21.355Z  
**Calculation End:**  
**Calculation Time:**  
**Grid:** Longitude: -128.82° .. 125.65°  
Latitude: -59.6° .. 74.02°  
Grid step: 1°, 34560 Grid points  
Reference system: WGS84

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*          start of program shm2func          *  
-----  
modelname (alias) for grid-head:EGM2008  
refsys-parameter for WGS84 from sr.refsysname  
Geopotential from:  
/home/icgem/wsgimodels/c50128797a9cb62e936337c890e4425f03f0461d7329b09a8cc8561  
504465340.gfc  
-----  
Topography (SHM) from:  
/home/icgem/wsgi/calc/etopo1.toc  
-----  
*** warning: latmin changed  
from: -59.60000000000000 to -58.98000000000000  
*** warning: longmax changed  
from: 125.65000000000000 to 125.18000000000000  
number_of_gridpoints = 34170
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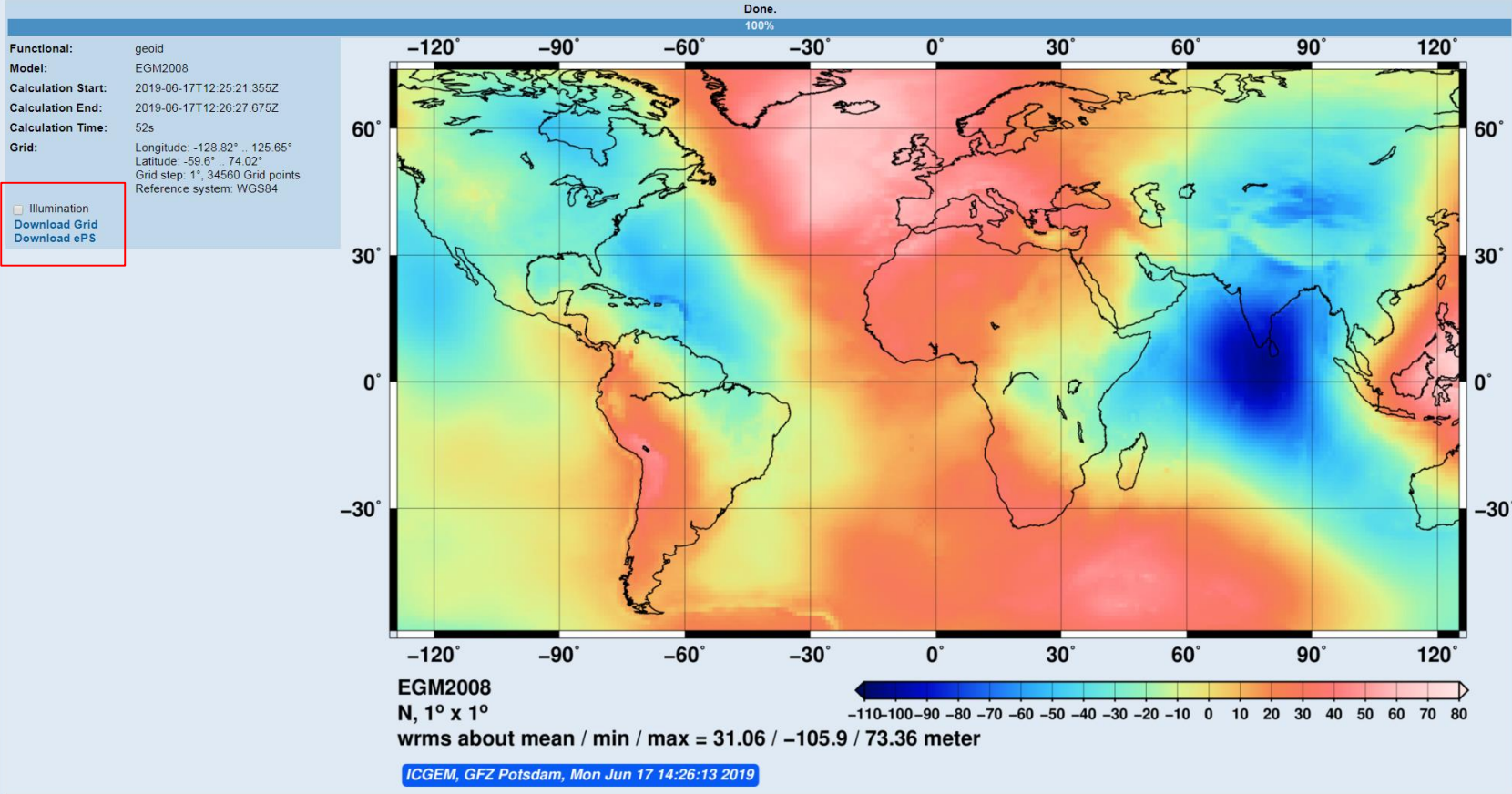
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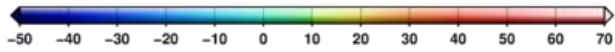
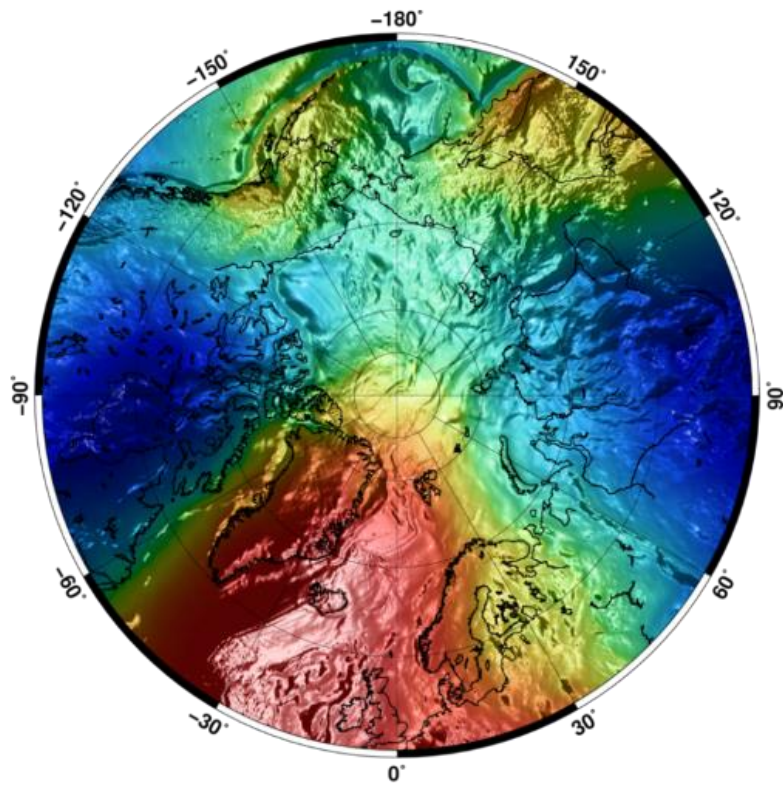


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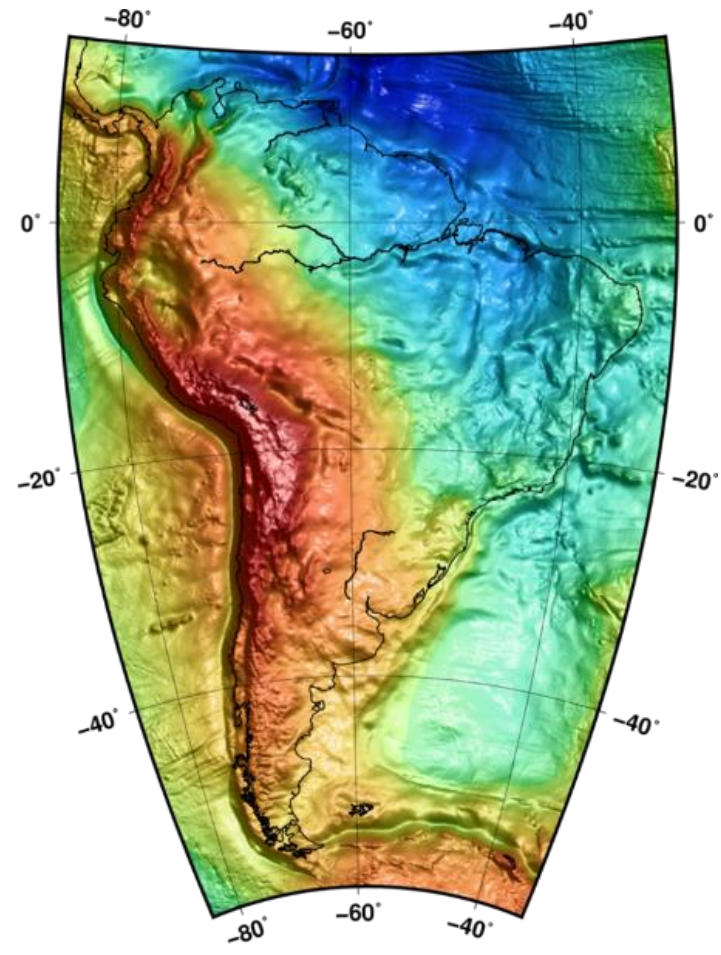
# Different areas – different projection



a)

**EIGEN-6C4**  
N, 0.05° x 0.05°  
wrms about mean / min / max = 26.91 / -49.04 / 68.57 meter

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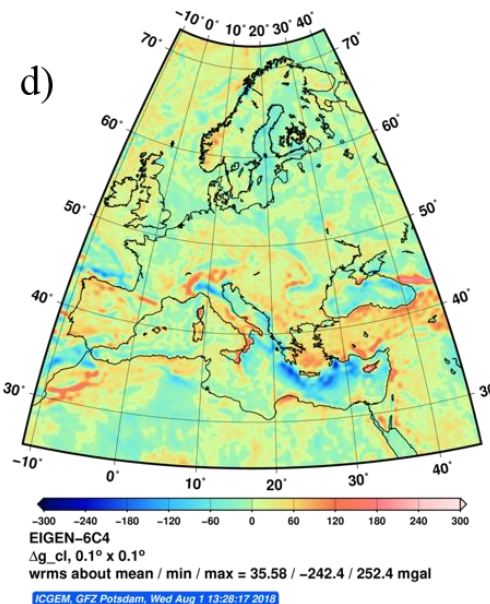
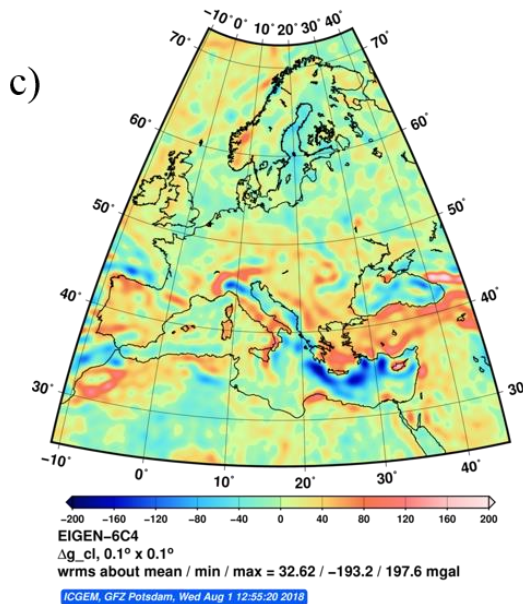
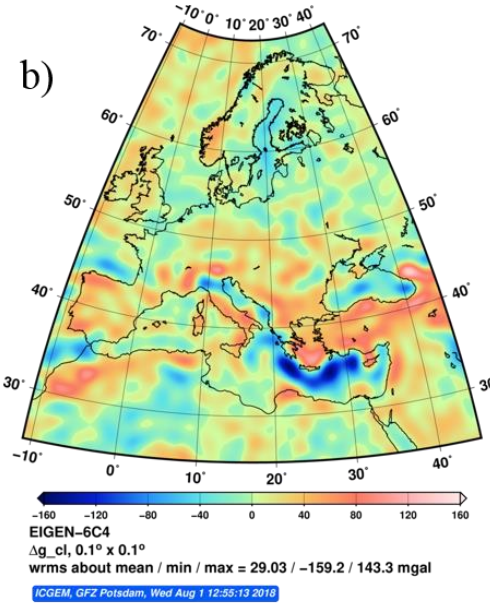
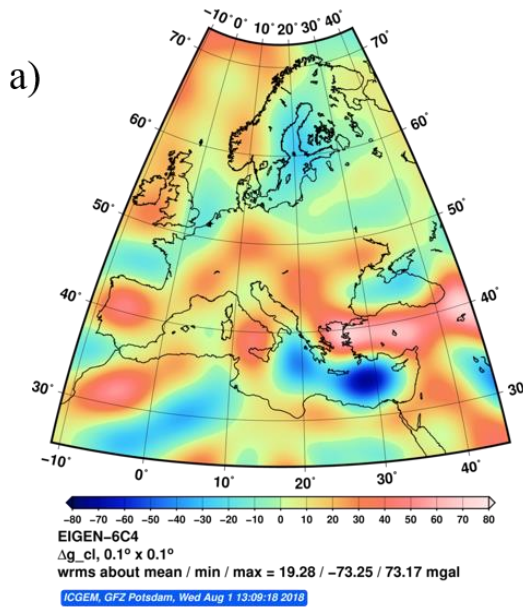


b)

**EIGEN-6C4**  
 $\zeta$ , 0.05° x 0.05°  
wrms about mean / min / max = 17.96 / -57.9 / 51.04 meter

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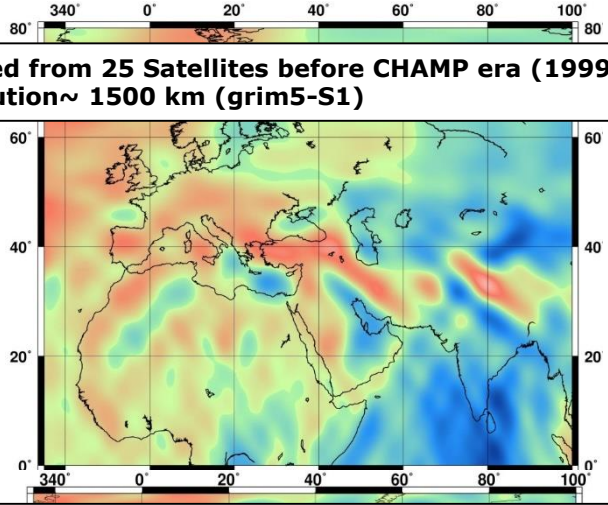
Spherical harmonic degree expansions of the same model: (a) 50, (b) 150, (c) 250, and (d) 500 which correspond to 400, 133, 80, and 40 km half wavelength spatial resolutions.

Gravity anomalies in mGal with different spectral and spatial resolution of EIGEN-6C4.

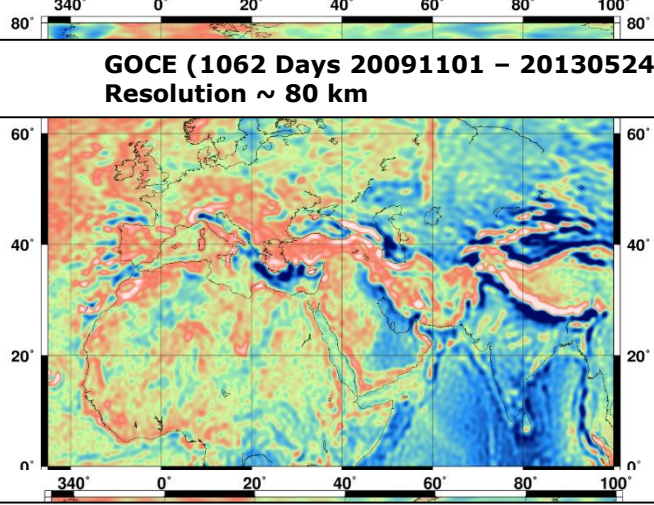
# Improvement of spatial resolution in satellite-only Global Gravity Field Models

## Example gravity anomalies in Europe

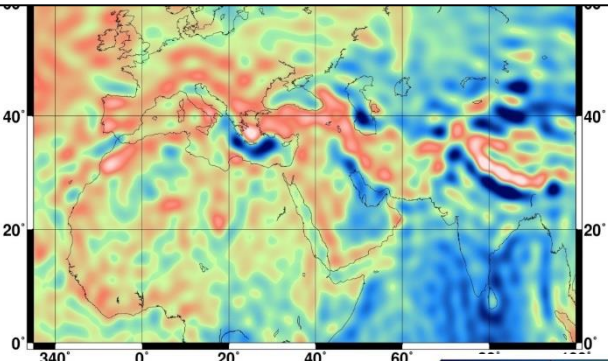
Derived from 25 Satellites before CHAMP era (1999)  
Resolution ~ 1500 km (grim5-S1)



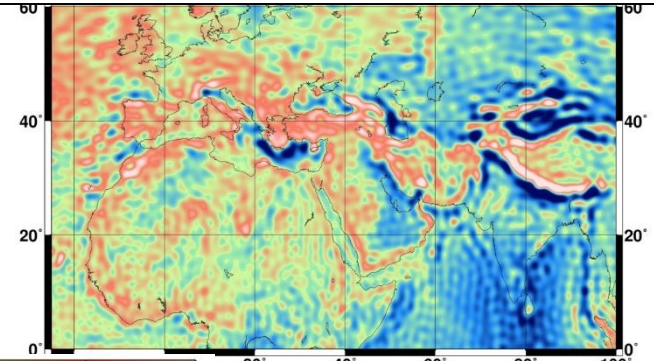
GOCE (1062 Days 20091101 – 20130524)  
Resolution ~ 80 km



CHAMP (7 Years, 2002...2009)  
Resolution ~ 300 km

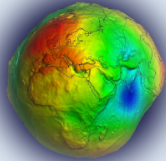


GRACE (6 Years, 2002...2008)  
Resolution ~ 150 km



-120 -60 0 60 120 mgal

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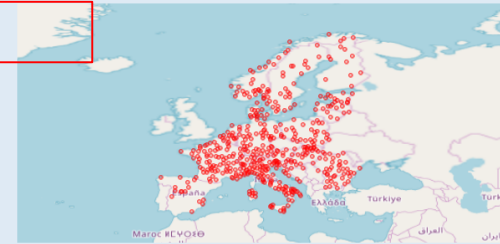
## Calculation of Gravity Field Functionals on User-Defined Points

### Model selection

Longtime Model  
Model from Series

- EIGEN-6C
- EIGEN-6C2
- EIGEN-6C3stat
- EIGEN-6C4
- EIGEN-6S
- EIGEN-6S2
- EIGEN-6S4 (v2)
- EIGEN-CG01C
- EIGEN-CHAMP03S
- EIGEN-CHAMP03Sp
- EIGEN-CHAMP05S
- EIGEN-GL04C
- EIGEN-GL04S1
- EIGEN-GRACE01S

### User-Defined Points



select the format of the coordinates in your data file:

and upload your file:  europe.dat  
 => up to 1000 randomly selected points of your set are shown in the map

### Functional selection (one or more or all functionals can be selected at the same time)

height\_anomaly  
height\_anomaly\_ell  
geoid  
gravity\_disturbance  
gravity\_disturbance\_sa  
gravity\_anomaly  
gravity\_anomaly\_sa  
gravity\_anomaly\_bg  
gravitation

The so called "height anomaly" is an approximation of the geoid according to Molodensky's theory. It is equal to the geoid over sea. Here the generalised height anomaly at the given point  $(h, \lambda, \varphi)$  is approximated by Bruns' formula:  $\text{disturbance\_potential}(h, \lambda, \varphi) / \text{normal\_gravity}(h, \varphi)$  (eq. 78 of STR09/02)

The so called "height anomaly" is an approximation of the geoid according to Molodensky's theory. It is equal to the geoid over sea. Here the height anomaly at the given longitude and latitude, but on the ellipsoid  $(h=0, \lambda, \varphi)$ , is approximated by Bruns' formula:  $\text{disturbance\_potential}(h=0, \lambda, \varphi) / \text{normal\_gravity}(h=0, \varphi)$  (eq. 79 of STR09/02)

Reference System:

Radius:  Flat:

Gm:  Omega:

Tide System:   Zero Degree Term

### Low-pass filtering by (gently) truncating the model (more details)

Start Gentle Cut:  Maximum Degree:

### Gaussian Filter (more details)

None  
 Half response  
 Half transfer  
 6 Sigma

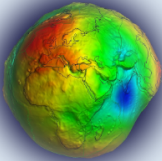
Filter Length:  [Degree]

### Definitions of the Filterlength $\Phi$

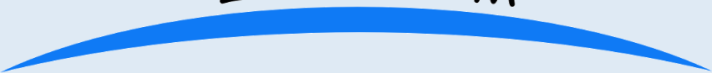


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height\_anomaly\_ell  
geoid  
gravity\_disturbance  
gravity\_disturbance\_sa  
gravity\_anomaly  
gravity\_anomaly\_sa  
gravity\_anomaly\_bg  
gravitation  
gravitational\_potential  
gravity  
gravity\_potential  
h\_topo\_over\_ell  
h\_topo\_over\_geoid  
normal\_gravity  
normal\_gravity\_ell  
vertical\_deflection\_abs  
vertical\_deflection\_ew  
vertical\_deflection\_ns

#### Model:

EIGEN-6C4

#### Calculation Start:

2019-06-17T12:29:01.704Z

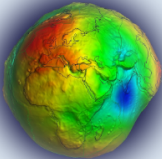
#### Calculation End:

#### Calculation Time:

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*      start of program shm2funcp      *  
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modelname (alias) for output-head:EIGEN-6C4  
refsys-parameter for WGS84 from sr refsysname  
coordinates of points from:  
/home/icgem/wsgi/calc/d27a5b411d95685e1acf8ba8dfe1df451668201ea916751f3ce0c057b89d9c81.in  
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max_used_degree =      2190
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Functional(s): height_anomaly
               height_anomaly_ell
               geoid
               gravity_disturbance
               gravity_disturbance_sa
               gravity_anomaly
               gravity_anomaly_sa
               gravity_anomaly_bg
               gravitation
               gravitational_potential
               gravity
               gravity_potential
               h_topo_over_ell
               h_topo_over_geoid
               normal_gravity
               normal_gravity_ell
               vertical_deflection_abs
               vertical_deflection_ew
               vertical_deflection_ns

               *      start of program shm2funcp      *
               -----
               modelname (alias) for output-head:EIGEN-6C4
               refsys-parameter for WGS84 from sr refsysname
               coordinates of points from:
               /home/icgem/wsgi/calc/d27a5b411d95685e1acf8ba8dfe1df451668201ea916751f3ce0c057b89d9c81.in
               -----
               max_used_degree =      2190
               C20 of the model detected as "tide_free"
               gravity field coefficients from file:
               /home/icgem/wsgi/models/longtime/eigen-6c4.gfc
               -----
               topography coefficients from file:
               /home/icgem/wsgi/calc/etopo1.toc
               -----
               topography grid for interpolation from file:
               /home/icgem/wsgi/calc/etopo1_bin_int.dat
               -----
Model:          EIGEN-6C4
Calculation Start: 2019-06-17T12:29:01.704Z
Calculation End:  2019-06-17T12:34:23.590Z
Calculation Time: 5m22s
Download results

50 of 1047 points: 4.8 %
100 of 1047 points: 9.6 %
150 of 1047 points: 14.3 %
200 of 1047 points: 19.1 %
250 of 1047 points: 23.9 %
300 of 1047 points: 28.7 %
350 of 1047 points: 33.4 %
400 of 1047 points: 38.2 %
450 of 1047 points: 43.0 %
500 of 1047 points: 47.8 %
550 of 1047 points: 52.5 %
600 of 1047 points: 57.3 %
650 of 1047 points: 62.1 %
700 of 1047 points: 66.9 %
750 of 1047 points: 71.6 %
800 of 1047 points: 76.4 %
850 of 1047 points: 81.2 %
900 of 1047 points: 86.0 %
950 of 1047 points: 90.7 %
1000 of 1047 points: 95.5 %
-----
the following functionals are outputted:
1 height_anomaly
2 height_anomaly_ell
3 geoid
4 gravity_disturbance
5 gravity_disturbance_sa
6 gravity_anomaly
7 gravity_anomaly_sa
8 gravity_anomaly_bg
9 gravitation
10 gravitational_potential
```

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water\_density 1025.0 [kg/m\*\*3] ==> for Bouguer anomaly

topo\_grd etopol\_bin\_int ==> for h\_topo\_over\_geoid

number\_of\_points 1047
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latlimit\_south 36.131700000000
longlimit\_west -8.398900000000
longlimit\_east 31.095800000000

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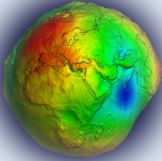
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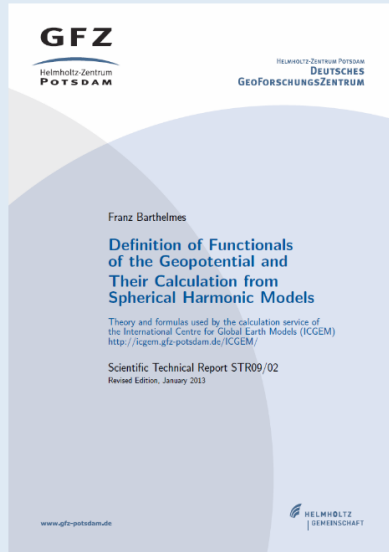
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The theory and formulas used by the calculation service of the ICGEM are described in the Scientific Technical Report STR09/02

*(critics and comments are welcome)*



The Report can be downloaded here.



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## Introduction

The intention of this report is to present the definitions of different functionals of the Earth's gravity field and possibilities for their approximative calculation from a mathematical representation of the outer potential. In history this topic has usually been treated in connection with the boundary value problems of geodesy, i.e. starting from measurements at the Earth's surface and their use to derive a mathematical representation of the geopotential.

Nowadays global gravity field models, mainly derived from satellite measurements, become more and more detailed and accurate and, additionally, the global topography can be determined by modern satellite methods independently from the gravity field. On the one hand the accuracy of these gravity field models has to be evaluated and on the other hand they should be combined with classical (e.g. gravity anomalies) or recent (e.g. GPS-levelling-derived or altimetry-derived geoid heights) data. Furthermore, an important task of geodesy is to make the gravity field functionals available to other geosciences. For all these purposes it is necessary to calculate the corresponding functionals as accurately as possible or, at least, with a well-defined accuracy from a given global gravity field model and, if required, with simultaneous consideration of the topography model.

We will start from the potential, formulate the definition of some functionals and derive the formulas for the calculation. In doing so we assume that the Earth's gravity potential is known outside the masses, the normal potential outside the ellipsoid and that mathematical representations are available for both. Here we neglect time variations and deal with the stationary part of the potential only.

Approximate calculation formulas with different accuracies are formulated and specified for the case that the mathematical representation of the potential is in terms of spherical harmonics. The accuracies of the formulas are demonstrated by practical calculations using the gravity field model EIGEN-6C2 (Forste et al. 2012).

More or less, what is compiled here is well-known in physical geodesy but distributed over a lot of articles and books which are not cited here. In the first instance this text is targeted at non-geodesists and it should be "stand-alone readable".

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thus  $W_a$  is a *harmonic function*. On the rotating Earth, addition can be described by its (non-harmonic) part.

where  $\omega$  is the angular velocity of the Earth. Hence, the potential  $W$  associated with the Earth's gravity system is the sum of the attractive potential  $U$  and the centrifugal potential  $W_c$ .

The associated force vector  $\vec{g}$  is called *gravity*.

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For the Earth one equipotential surface, the geoid is the surface of constant potential (of equilibrium) and its fictitious equipotential surface (Christou, 1994, Vanček & Kraus, 1994).

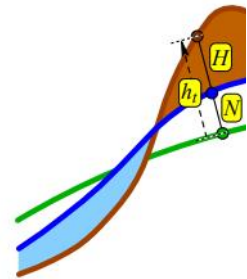


Figure 1

potential surface, the geoid is a surface of constant potential (of equal in magnitude!). To define the geoid, the normal vector has to be chosen:

As usual we split the potential

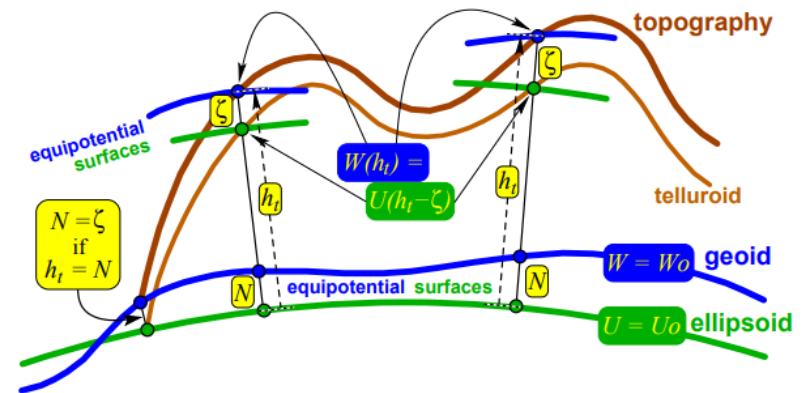


Figure 2: The ellipsoid, the geoid, and the height anomaly  $\zeta$

In the history of geodesy the great importance of the height anomaly was that it can be calculated from gravity measurements carried out at the Earth's surface without knowledge of the potential inside the masses, i.e. without any hypothesis about the mass densities.

The definition of eq. (20) is not restricted to heights  $h = h_t$  on the Earth's surface, thus a generalised height anomaly  $\zeta_g = \zeta_g(h, \lambda, \phi)$  for arbitrary heights  $h$  can be defined by:

$$W(h, \lambda, \phi) = U(h - \zeta_g, \phi) \quad (25)$$

## 2.3 The Gravity Disturbance

The gradient of the disturbing potential  $T$  is called the *gravity disturbance vector* and is usually denoted by  $\vec{\delta g}$ :

$$\vec{\delta g}(h, \lambda, \phi) = \nabla T(h, \lambda, \phi) = \nabla W(h, \lambda, \phi) - \nabla U(h, \phi) \quad (26)$$

The *gravity disturbance*  $\delta g$  is not the magnitude of the gravity disturbance vector (as one could guess) but defined as the difference of the magnitudes (Hofmann-Wellenhof & Moritz, 2005):

$$\delta g(h, \lambda, \phi) = |\nabla W(h, \lambda, \phi)| - |\nabla U(h, \phi)| \quad (27)$$

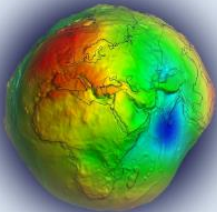
In principle, herewith  $\delta g$  is defined for any height  $h$  if the potentials  $W$  and  $U$  are defined there. Additionally, with the downward continuations  $W_a^c$  and  $U_a^c$  (eqs. 17 and 18), we can define a "harmonic downward continued" gravity disturbance

$$\delta g^c(h, \lambda, \phi) = |\nabla W^c(h, \lambda, \phi)| - |\nabla U^c(h, \phi)| \quad (28)$$

With the notations from eqs. (7) and (16) we can write the gravity disturbance in its common form:

$$\delta g(h, \lambda, \phi) = g(h, \lambda, \phi) - \gamma(h, \phi) \quad (29)$$

The reason for this definition is the practical measurement process, where the gravimeter measures only  $|\nabla W|$ , the magnitude of the gravity, and not the direction of the plumb line.



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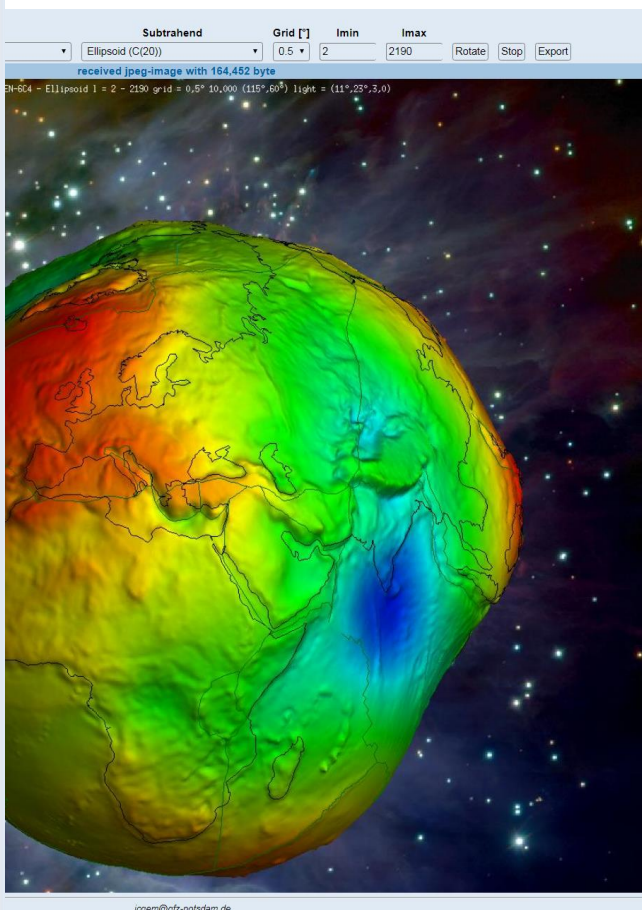
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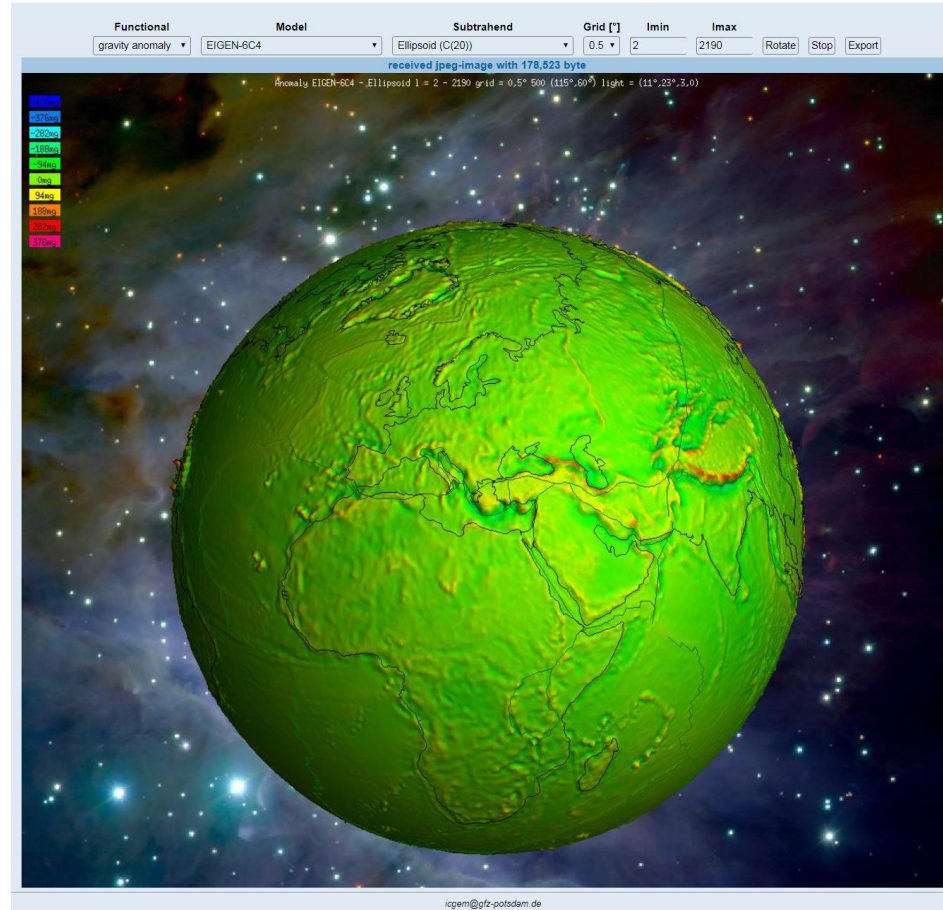
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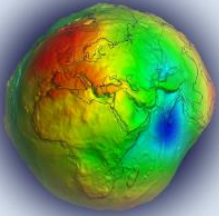


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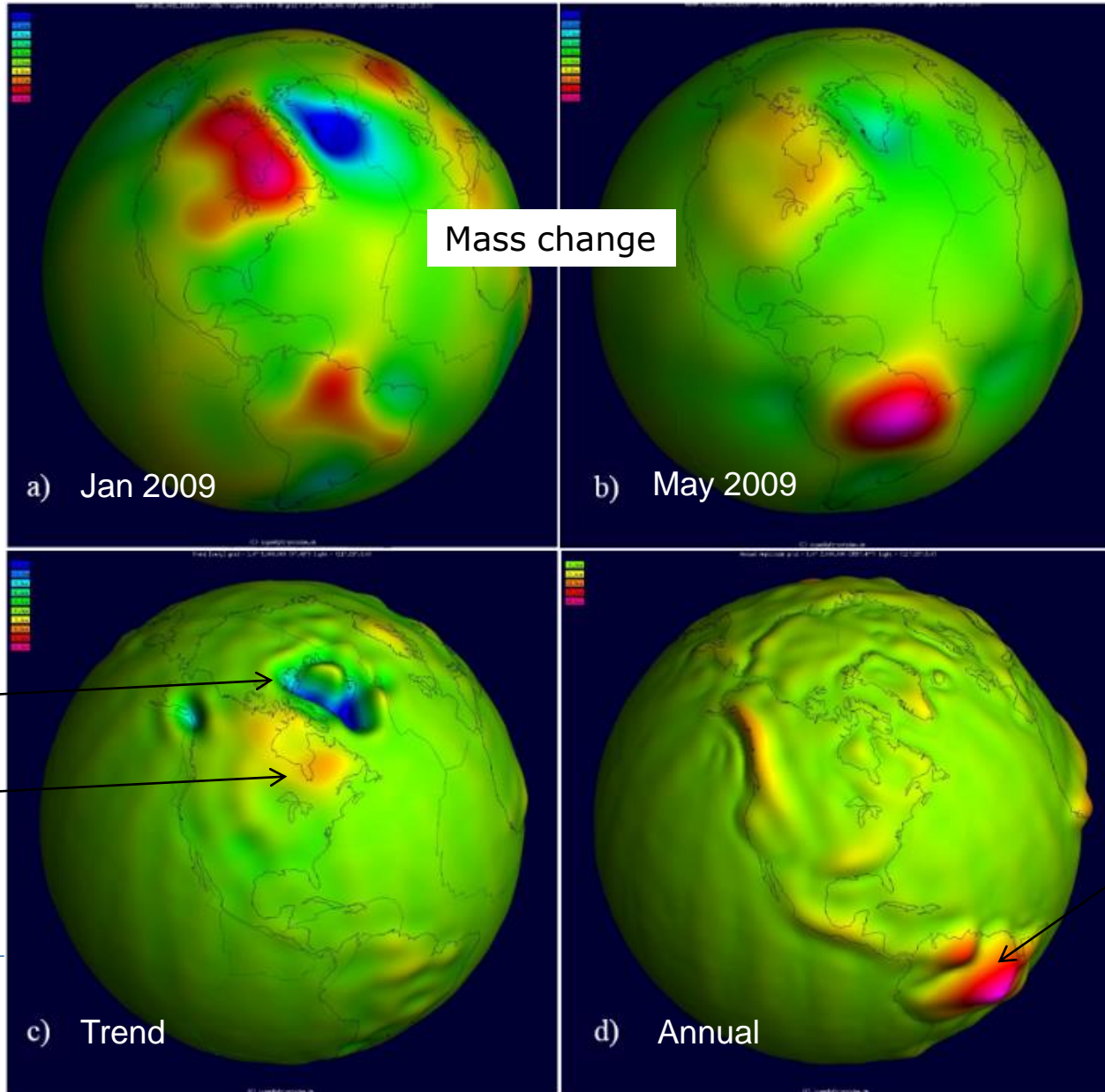
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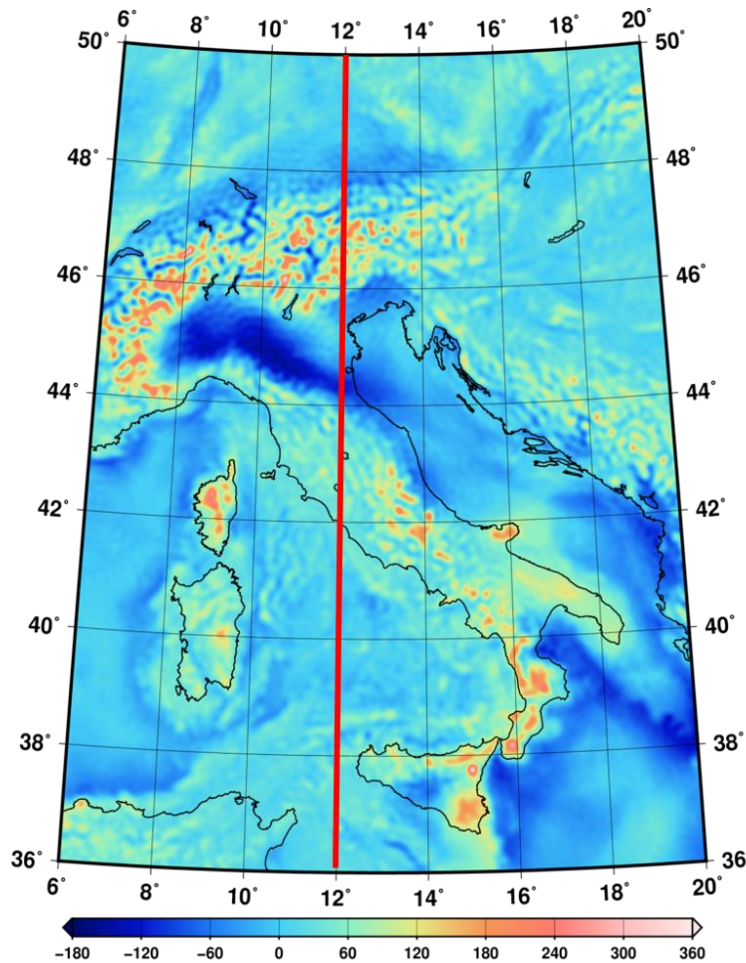
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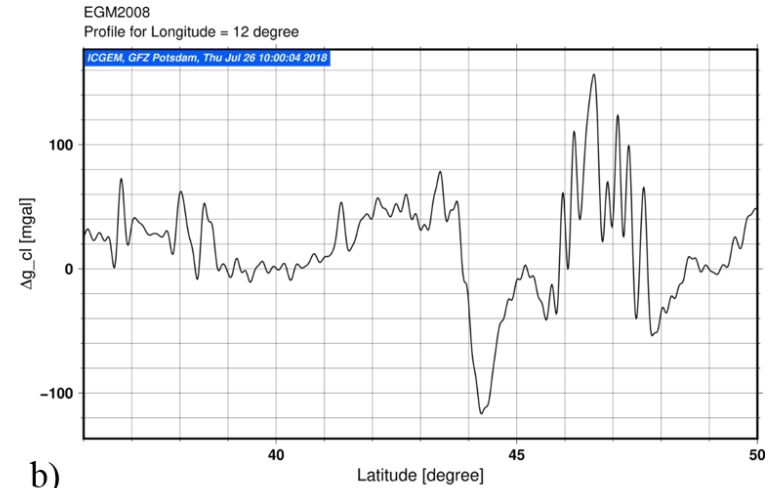
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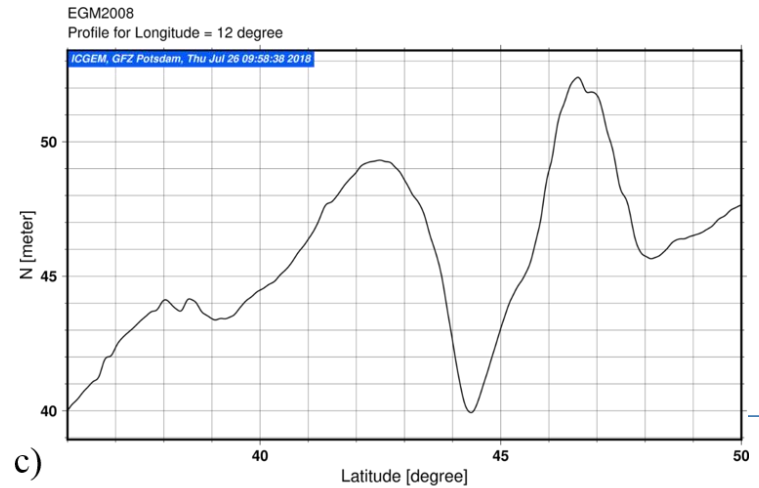
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## ICGEM – 15 years of successful collection and distribution of global gravitational models, associated services, and future plans

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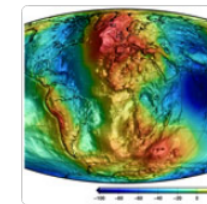
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The determination of the Earth's gravity field is one of the main tasks of geodesy. With the highly accurate satellite measurements a result of today's advancing technology, it is now possible to represent the Earth's global gravity field and its variations with better spatial and temporal resolutions compared to the first-generation global gravity field models derived from the 1960s to 1990s. Global gravity field models provide information about the Earth's shape, its interior and fluid envelope and mass change, which give hints to climate-related changes in the Earth system. The computation of gravity field functionals (e.g. geoid undulations, gravity anomalies) from the model representation is therefore not only relevant for geodesy but also for other geosciences, such as geophysics, glaciology, hydrology, oceanography, and climatology.

Some application examples in which the precise knowledge of the Earth's gravity field is fundamental are (1) to establish a global vertical datum of global reference systems (Sideris and Fotopoulos, 2012), (2) to monitor mass distributions that are indicators of climate-related changes (Tapley et al., 2004; Schmidt et al., 2006), (3) to simulate the perturbing forces on space vehicles and predict orbits in aeronautics and astronautics (Chao, 2005), (4) to explore the interior structure and geological evolution of our Earth (Wieczorek, 2015), and (5) to



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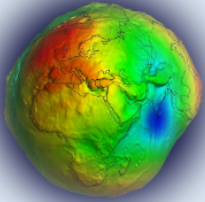
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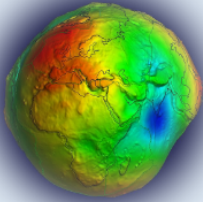
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$$N_{12} = \frac{(GM_1 - GM_2)}{(\gamma R)} \quad (25)$$

where  $GM_{(GRS80)} = 3.986005 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$  and  $GM_{(WGS84)} = 3.986004418 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$ , and the usual values for  $\gamma$  and  $R$ ,  $N_{12}$  is approximately 0.93m.

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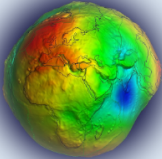
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- **GO\_CONS\_GCF\_2\_DIR\_R6:** New release of GOCE satellite-only global gravity field model based on Direct solution is available. See also <http://earth.esa.int/GOCE/>.
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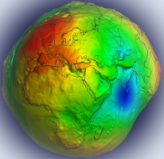
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**ITSG-Grace2018** A new time series of monthly and daily GRACE global Earth models from TU Graz are available.
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**SGG-UGM-1** Ultra high degree gravity field model SGG-UGM-1 derived combining EGM2008 gravity anomaly and GOCE observation data from Wuhan University, China is available.
- **19. April 2018:**  
**GOSG01S** A GOCE-only gravity model GOSG01S from Wuhan University, China is available.
- **19. April 2018:**  
**GOCO06s** New release of combined satellite-only global gravity field model is now available.

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# Discussion Forum



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Dear ICGEM User,

Welcome to the Gravity Field Discussion Forum! This platform has been created to assist scientists, students, and anyone who is interested in using ICGEM service and its products.

Please post your questions, comments or critics here and ICGEM team will try to respond as soon as possible.

Moreover, other users are very welcome to actively join the discussion or answer the questions as well. Discussions of general interest can help many others and we make all inputs available upon a confirmation by our system. Before submitting your question, please take a look at our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) since your question might have already been asked and answered by our team.

Usage

Please type your name in the upper field, optionally your email address if you want to receive a message when your question is answered. You can add your comment in the textarea, and then press the *send* button.

Names are limited to 60 characters and the comment must not have less than 10 or more than 4000 characters, otherwise it is rejected.

Your posting will appear on the top of the guest book listing after it is confirmed by our system.

You may also contact us per [email](#).

Create a new comment...

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Sinem

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 10:03:28 UTC

Dear Anthony,

GGM refers to Global Gravitational (Field) Model (aka Global Geopotential Model) in general. EGM2008 is a high resolution combined static global gravitational model itself. Please also refer to <https://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1029/2011JB008916> and <https://www.earth-syst-sci-data.net/11/647/2019/essd-11-647-2019.html> for more information.

Orthometric height is the height difference between the ellipsoidal height and geoid height. The geoid height itself can be computed from a GGM. If you have the ellipsoidal height information at your point of interest, then a simple subtraction will deliver orthometric heights.

Hope it helps.  
Best regards,  
Sinem

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Sinem

Monday, May 20, 2019 12:52:04 UTC

Dear Afelumo John,

Thank you for contacting our service. You can run the geoid calculation in our calculation service and download the grid values for the area of your interest for free. Therefore you do not need any permission from us but only need to refer to the ICGEM service. We also do not provide separately computed files to the users since this can be done within minutes via the calculation service. The new reference for the ICGEM service is <https://www.earth-syst-sci-data.net/11/647/2019/essd-11-647-2019.pdf> in which you can also find an example of the calculation service.

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Needs users' contribution to spread the information in the gravity field community!

## 255 Sinem

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 13:37:09 UTC

Dear Mustafa Yilmaz,

Thank you for using our service and your question on the isostatic gravity anomalies. Please see below our answer.

Is there any functional selection in the Calculation Service (ICGEM) for computing "free-air gravity anomaly" and "isostatic gravity anomaly"?

-We offer "gravity\_anomaly\_cl" which is defined as the magnitude of the gradient of the downward continued potential on the geoid minus the magnitude of the gradient of the normal potential on the ellipsoid. Therefore this is technically the free air gravity anomaly defined on the geoidal surface.

We do not offer the calculation of the isostatic gravity anomalies in our service. However, we offer the calculation of the functionals using topography related models which might be useful for this purpose. For more information, the authors of the topography related models can be contacted.

Is the "gravity\_anomaly\_bg" of the Calculation Service (ICGEM) "refined" or "simple" according to terrain correction?

- The Bouguer gravity anomaly we offer in the Calculation Service is defined based on the description of the simple Bouguer gravity anomaly since only the attraction of the Bouguer plate ( $2\pi G\rho H$ ) is removed. It is calculated by the spherical approximation of the classical gravity anomaly minus  $2\pi G\rho H$  (eqs. 107 and 126 of Technical Report STR09/02). The topographic heights  $H(\lambda, \varphi)$  are calculated from the spherical harmonic model DTM2006 used up to the same maximum degree as the gravity field model. (For  $H \geq 0$  (rock)  $\rightarrow \rho = 2670 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , and for  $H < 0$  (water)  $\rightarrow \rho = (2670-1025) \text{ kg/m}^3$  is used.)

I will be pleased if you give information about the reduction steps of "gravity\_earth" to the "gravity\_ell" (free-air, bouguer, isostatic, etc.). Which functional(s) of the Calculation Service (ICGEM) can be used in this reduction?

In our calculation service, we use spherical harmonic coefficients that are harmonic outside of the masses. Therefore, we assume that we know the complete information concerning the gravity field. When we compute the gravity functionals at different points (e.g., at the Earth surface or on the geoidal surface), we use the same field information (spherical harmonic coefficients) assuming that the masses are pushed and condensed under the surface that the computation point is referred to. Therefore, we perform the computations at the exact point without applying any reduction. During the calculation process, the mass is already assumed to be condensed and no masses are left outside of the computation point. Based on this, we could tell this is close the definition of the

Hope it helps.

Best regards,

Sinem

Why not creating a dynamic platform?  
Suggestions are welcome!

## 254 Mustafa YILMAZ

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 13:30:07 UTC

Dear ICGEM Editor,  
I am updating my entry (253).

Is there any functional selection in the Calculation Service for computing "isostatic gravity anomaly" with respect to long-time models (EGM08 etc.)?  
Can "gravity anomaly\_cl" be accepted as "free-air" (approximately)?  
Kind regards?

## 253 Mustafa YILMAZ

Sunday, January 14, 2018 08:45:08 UTC

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- Any feedback, comment, and critique is welcome.
  - Some good ideas
  - Some possible improvements

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Thank you  
for your attention!

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