Time variability from high - low SST - filling the gap between GRACE and GFO



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GRACE und GRACE Follow-On (GFO)



Other gravity field missions



Previous CHAMP studies



CHAMP REPROCESSING





Data reprocessing

GPS positions:

- 10 s sampling
- empirical absolute antenna phase center model
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Approach:

- acceleration approach
- no accelerometer data used
- no regularization and no a priori model / information

Background models:

- JPL ephemeris DE405
- Solid Earth tides & solid Earth pole tides (IERS conventions)
- Ocean tides (FES 2004)
- Ocean pole tides (IERS conventions, Desai 2002)
- Atmospheric tides (N1-model, Biancale and Bode 2006)
- Relativistic corrections (IERS conventions)
- AOD1B-product (Flechtner 2008)





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Band-pass filtering approach



- variation of frequencies between coefficients possible (within passband)
- applicable to all degrees and orders
- filter design
- Con:
 - filter design
 - warmup
 - sophisticated outlier detection necessary
 - neglecting correlations between coefficients







Filtered monthly gravity field solutions



Filtering based on MSSA



- Pro:
 - variation of frequencies between coefficients possible
 - considering correlations between coefficients
- Con:
 - filter design
 - prone to systematic noise with cyclic behavior
 - sophisticated outlier detection necessary



Filtered monthly gravity field solutions



Kalman filtering





SOME VALIDATION





Time series











Summary

- Time variable gravity field from high-low SST
- Filtering (Kalman with best performance)
- Further improvements possible (e.g. considering correlations between coefficients)
- Expectations for SWARM:
 - better GPS receiver
 - three satellites















CHAMP monthly gravity field solutions



