High-resolution numerical modelling of the altimetry-derived gravity disturbances and disturbing gradients

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Altimetry-gravimetry boundary-value problem





$$\Delta T(\mathbf{x}) = 0, \qquad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{3} \cdot \Omega,$$

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = T^{MMS}(\mathbf{x}) + \delta W, \qquad \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_{S} \ (sea),$$

$$\langle \nabla T(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}) \rangle = -\delta g(\mathbf{x}), \qquad \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_{L} (land),$$

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = T^{SAT}(\mathbf{x}) \qquad \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_{SAT}$$

Numerical solution by Finite Volume Method (FVM)



Based on:

- \Rightarrow dicrestization of the computational
- domain into finite volumes
- \Rightarrow local conservation of numerical fluxes





Boundary conditions:













-200 -400

Boundary conditions over oceans/seas:



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Discretization of the computational domain

<u>Resolution:</u> 1 x 1 arc min (horizontal) 250 m (radial)

21 600 x 10 800 x 400 = 93 312 000 000 unknowns





Computational aspects

- large-scale parallel computations:
 - performed on 128 cores (32 MPI processors, each with 4 OpenMP threads)
 - took about 500 h (~ 21 days) of the CPU time
- computational domain divided into 30 subdomains (memory reduction by 80%, below 1 TB)



Gravity disturbances on the ellipsoid



(1x1 arc min)



Tzz on the ellipsoid



(1x1 arc min)



Tzz at 10 km



(1x1 arc min)



First derivatives on the ellipsoid (1x1 arc min)





 T_Z



 T_X

Second derivatives on the ellipsoid (1x1 arc min)











Second derivatives on the ellipsoid (1x1 arc min)







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Comparison of gravity disturbances with DTU15_GRAV (1x1 arc min)



Thank you for your attention!



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