

# Moho depth inversion from gravity and gravity gradient data

Zhourun Ye, Nico Sneeuw, Lintao Liu

Institute of Geodesy, University of Stuttgart, Germany

Institute of Geodesy and Geophysics, CAS, China



26.11.2014

# Outline

- ▶ *Background introduction*
- ▶ *Development methodology*
- ▶ *Application of Moho inversion*
- ▶ *Summary*

# Background introduction

## Schematic of irregular interface

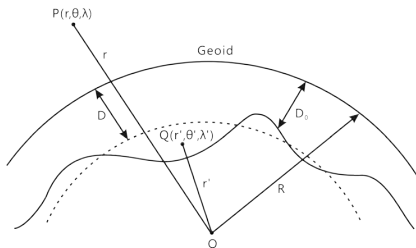


Figure 1: Schematic of irregular interface

$$T(r, \theta, \lambda) = G\Delta\rho^{c/m} \iint_{\sigma'} \int_{r'=R-D}^{R-D_0} l^{-1}(r, \theta, \lambda) r'^2 dr' d\sigma' \quad (1)$$

# Development methodology

## Moho inversion from gravity data

$$D(\theta, \lambda) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{2n+1}{n+1} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{n+2} h_{nm}^{\delta g} Y_{nm}(\theta, \lambda) + \frac{D^2(\theta, \lambda)}{R} - \frac{1}{32\pi R} \iint_{\sigma'} \frac{D^2(\theta', \lambda') - D^2(\theta, \lambda)}{\sin^3(\psi/2)} d\sigma' \quad (2)$$

$$D(\theta, \lambda) = -\frac{2R+3H}{4\pi R} h^{\delta g}(\theta, \lambda) + \frac{H}{32\pi^2 R} \iint_{\sigma'} \frac{h^{\delta g}(\theta', \lambda') - h^{\delta g}(\theta, \lambda)}{\sin^3(\psi/2)} d\sigma' + \frac{R+H}{16\pi^2 R} \iint_{\sigma'} h^{\delta g}(\theta', \lambda') \left( \frac{1}{\sin(\psi/2)} - \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sin(\psi/2)} \right) \right) d\sigma' + \frac{D^2(\theta, \lambda)}{R} - \frac{1}{32\pi R} \iint_{\sigma'} \frac{D^2(\theta', \lambda') - D^2(\theta, \lambda)}{\sin^3(\psi/2)} d\sigma' \quad (3)$$

## Moho inversion from vertical gravity gradient data

$$D(\theta, \lambda) = \frac{R}{4\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{2n+1}{(n+1)(n+2)} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{n+3} h_{nm}^{\Gamma} Y_{nm}(\theta, \lambda) + \frac{D^2(\theta, \lambda)}{R} - \frac{1}{32\pi R} \iint_{\sigma'} \frac{D^2(\theta', \lambda') - D^2(\theta, \lambda)}{\sin^3(\psi/2)} d\sigma' \quad (4)$$

$$D(\theta, \lambda) = \frac{H}{2\pi} h^{\Gamma}(\theta, \lambda) - \frac{R+2H}{16\pi^2} \iint_{\sigma'} h^{\Gamma}(\theta', \lambda') \left( \frac{1}{\sin(\psi/2)} - \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sin(\psi/2)} \right) \right) d\sigma' + \frac{3(R+H)}{16\pi^2} \iint_{\sigma'} h^{\Gamma}(\theta', \lambda') \left( \frac{1}{\sin(\psi/2)} - 3 \left( 2\sin(\psi/2) - 1 + \cos\psi \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sin(\psi/2)} \right) \right) \right) d\sigma' + \frac{D^2(\theta, \lambda)}{R} - \frac{1}{32\pi R} \iint_{\sigma'} \frac{D^2(\theta', \lambda') - D^2(\theta, \lambda)}{\sin^3(\psi/2)} d\sigma' \quad (5)$$

# Application of Moho inversion

## Process of Moho inversion

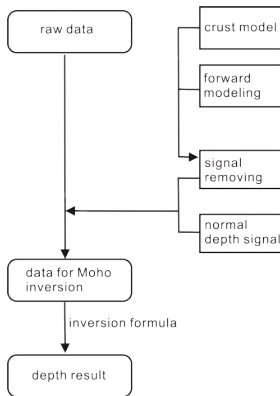


Figure 2: Process of Moho inversion

## Data for Moho inversion (gravity)

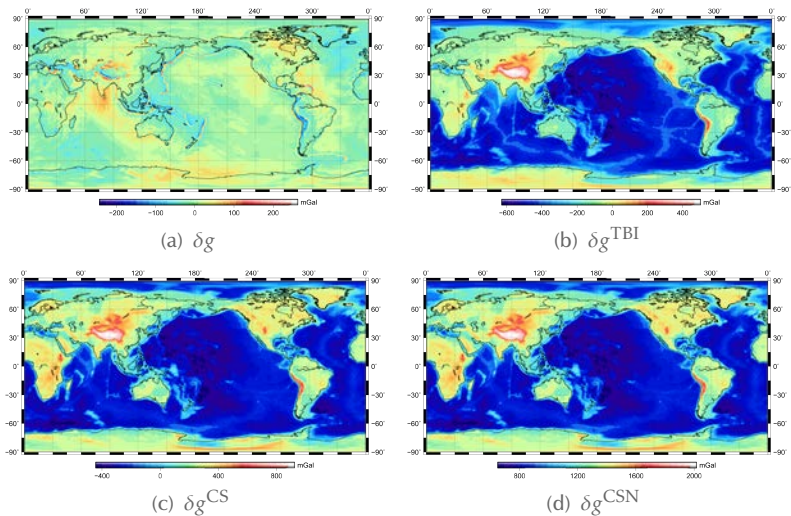
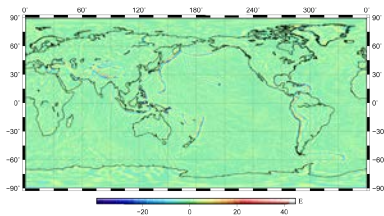
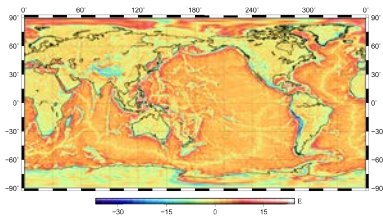


Figure 3: Data for Moho inversion (10 km, step-wise correction)

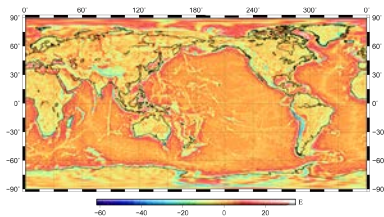
## Data for Moho inversion (vertical gravity gradient)



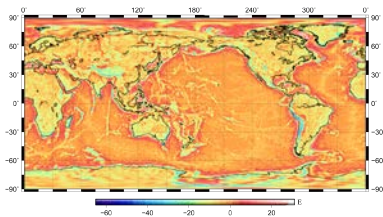
(a)  $\Gamma$



(b)  $\Gamma^{TBI}$



(c)  $\Gamma^{CS}$



(d)  $\Gamma^{CSN}$

Figure 4: Data for Moho inversion (10 km, step-wise correction)



## Global Moho result

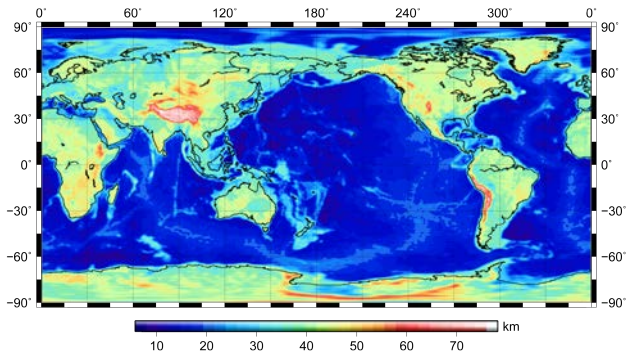


Figure 5: Global Moho result (from spectral expressions)

## Statistics

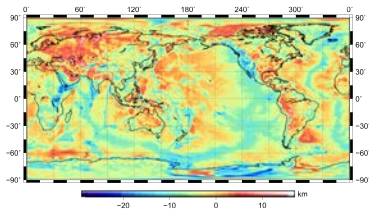
Table 1: Statistics of Moho depth differences with CRUST1.0

Moho difference	Max(km)	Min(km)	Mean(km)	STD(km)
$D_{\delta g}^{\text{spect}} - D_{\text{CRUST1.0}}$	16.75	-28.42	-3.92	4.74
$D_{\Gamma}^{\text{spect}} - D_{\text{CRUST1.0}}$	16.75	-28.42	-3.92	4.74
$D_{\delta g}^{\text{spat}} - D_{\text{CRUST1.0}}$	16.51	-28.23	-3.96	4.71
$D_{\Gamma}^{\text{spat}} - D_{\text{CRUST1.0}}$	16.46	-23.09	-3.55	4.24

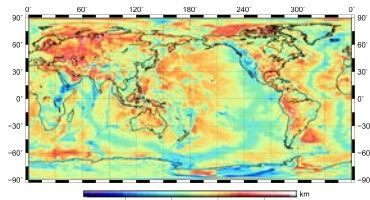
Table 2: Statistics of Moho depth differences with different methodologies

Moho difference	Max(km)	Min(km)	Mean(km)	STD(km)
$D_{\Gamma}^{\text{spect}} - D_{\delta g}^{\text{spect}}$	0	0	0	0
$D_{\delta g}^{\text{spat}} - D_{\delta g}^{\text{spect}}$	2.06	-2.05	0.04	0.18
$D_{\Gamma}^{\text{spat}} - D_{\delta g}^{\text{spect}}$	5.57	-15.52	-0.37	1.32
$D_{\Gamma}^{\text{spat}} - D_{\delta g}^{\text{spat}}$	6.07	-14.69	-0.41	1.27

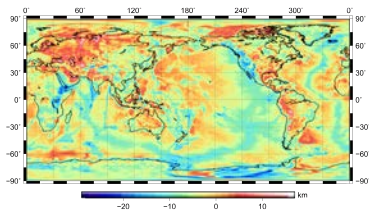
# Comparison



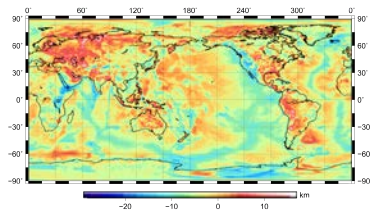
(a)  $D_{\delta g}^{\text{spect}} - D_{\text{CRUST1.0}}$



(b)  $D_{\Gamma}^{\text{spect}} - D_{\text{CRUST1.0}}$



(c)  $D_{\delta g}^{\text{spat}} - D_{\text{CRUST1.0}}$



(d)  $D_{\Gamma}^{\text{spat}} - D_{\text{CRUST1.0}}$

Figure 6: Comparison with CRUST1.0 model

# Comparison

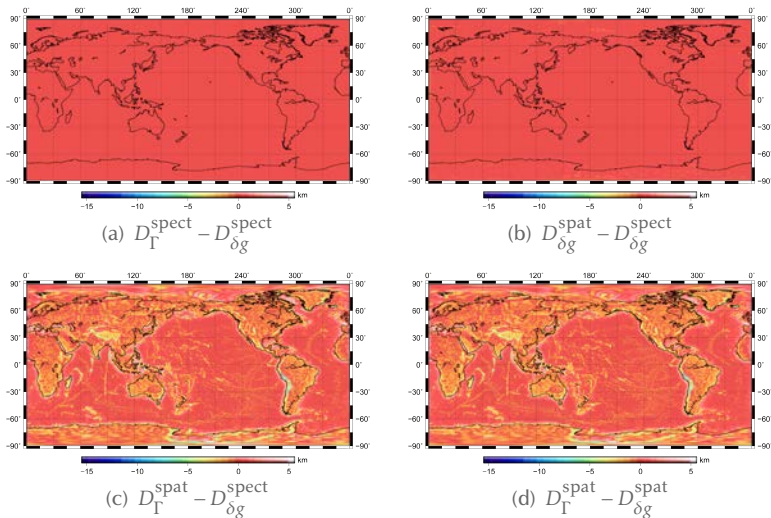


Figure 7: Moho depth differences with different methodologies

# Summary

- ▶ *Global Moho from spectral expressions are close to CRUST1.0 model with a mean difference of -3.9 km and a standard deviation of 4.74 km.*
- ▶ *Spectral methodologies of gravity and vertical gravity gradient have the same accuracies because of the same approximation during the formulae derivations.*
- ▶ .....

**Thanks for your attention!**