

GRACEFUL PROBING THE DEEP EARTH INTERIOR BY SYNERGISTIC USE OF OBSERVATIONS OF THE MAGNETIC AND GRAVITY FIELDS, AND OF THE ROTATION OF THE EARTH

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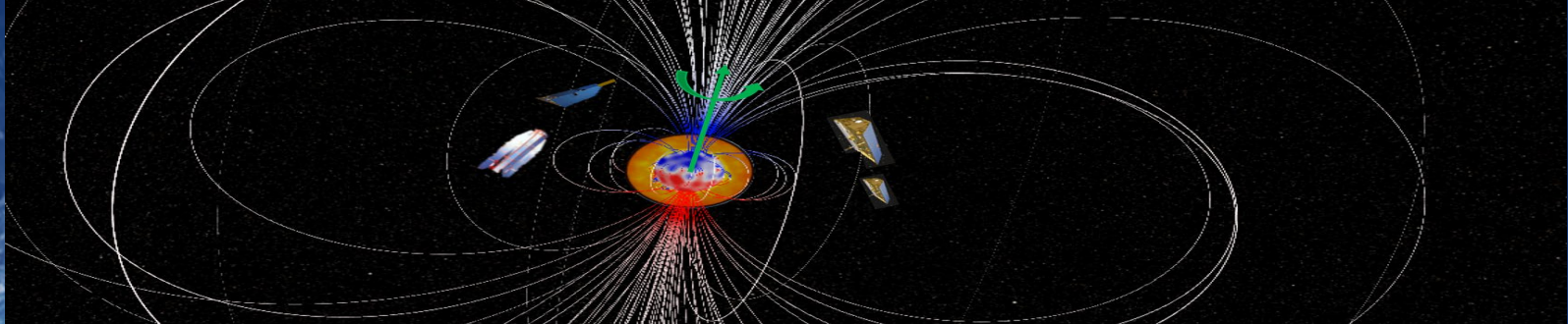
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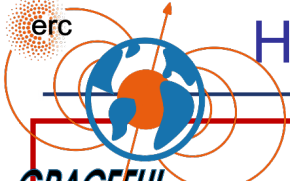




To improve our understanding of physical processes involved in the deep interior of the Earth

- the dynamics of the Earth's fluid iron-rich outer core and its impact on the Core Mantle Boundary (CMB)
- the interaction between the core and the mantle
- the rapid magnetic field variations and rapid flows in the core
- the impact of the core flow on the rotational properties of the Earth

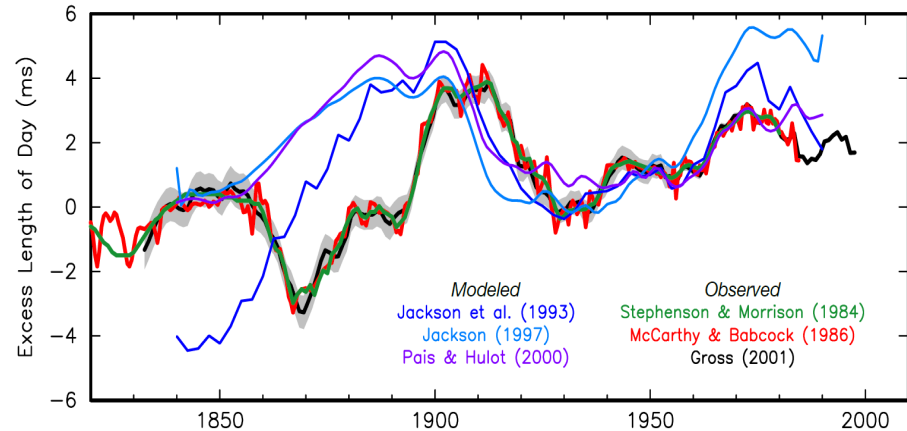
Using in synergy observations of the magnetic and gravity fields of the Earth and of the Earth's rotation (length of day)



How magnetic, LOD, gravity series are correlated?

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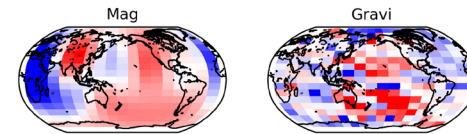
1. Decadal oscillations of the LOD are attributed to variations of the core angular momentum deduced from observations of the magnetic field



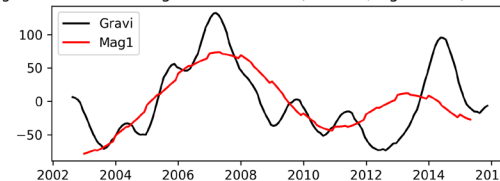
2. - Spatio-temporal correlation detected for the first time between the magnetic and gravity fields at interannual time scale

[Mandea et al. 2015]

- Computation of an ACP / Varimax decomposition of the fields separately (trend and seasonal effects removed)



bgravi mode 1 and mag1 mode 1: r=69.5, s=98.7, wg=10.6%, wm1=28.0%





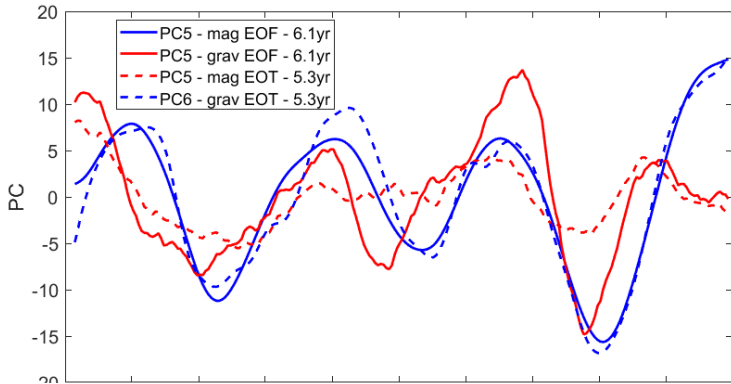
Gravity & magnetic anomalies



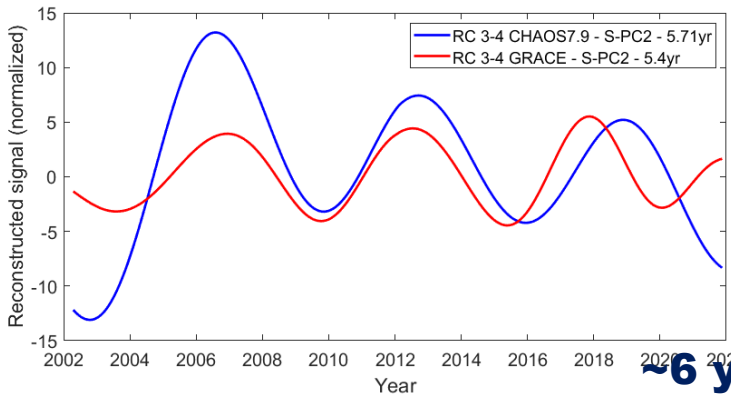
Secular acceleration of magnetic field: CHAOS 7.9 [Finley et al., 2020]

Gravity anomaly field: GRACE/FO – COST-G solution

EOF & EOF

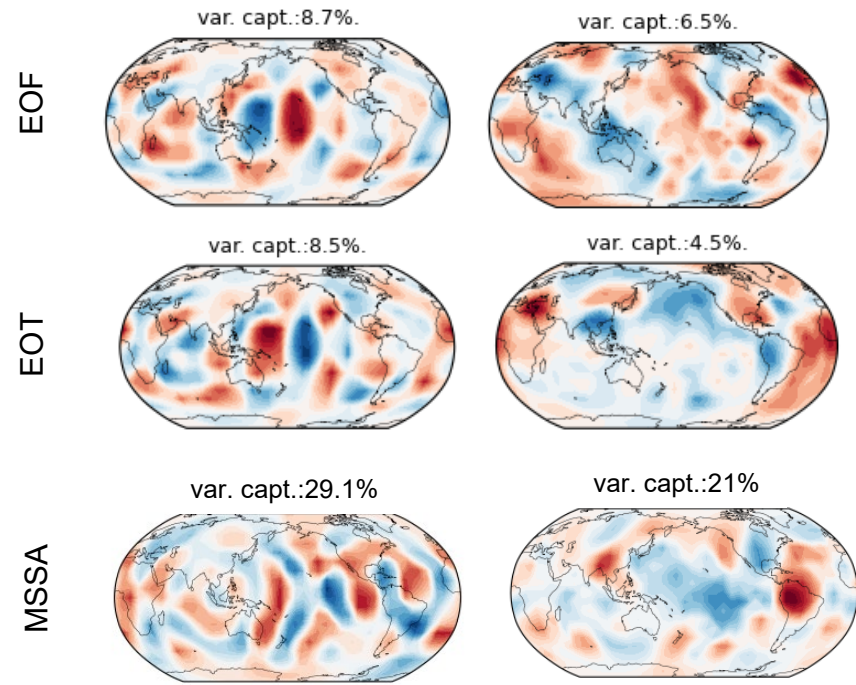


MSSA



Magnetic field

Gravity field



~6 years oscillations from magnetic and gravity field

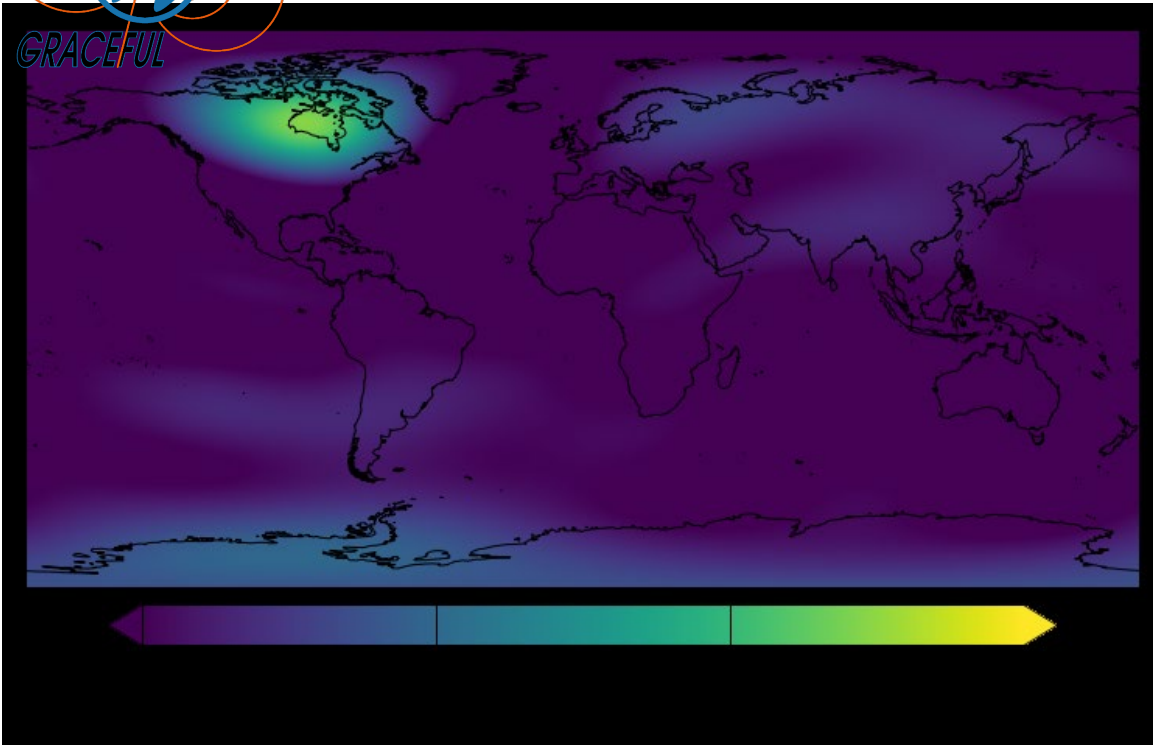
Trend and seasonal signals are removed before EOF (Empirical Orthogonal Function) EOT (Empirical Orthogonal Teleconnection) MSSA (Multivariate Singular Spectrum Analysis)

Work in progress [Saraswati et al., 2022]



Which gravity field contributions?

Work in progress [Lecomte et al., 2022; Pfeffer et al., 2022]



- Effects of Glacial Isostatic Adjustment (GIA) and hydrology loading => to be corrected with several models
- Effects of atmosphere, ocean loading and tides: to be corrected

Four models considered: velocity of the GIA model ICE-6G_D VM5a for $l < 8$ [Peltier et al., 2018]
Differences of 1cm/yr error on Antarctica = 20% error on $S_{4,1}$, $S_{6,1}$, $S_{8,1}$

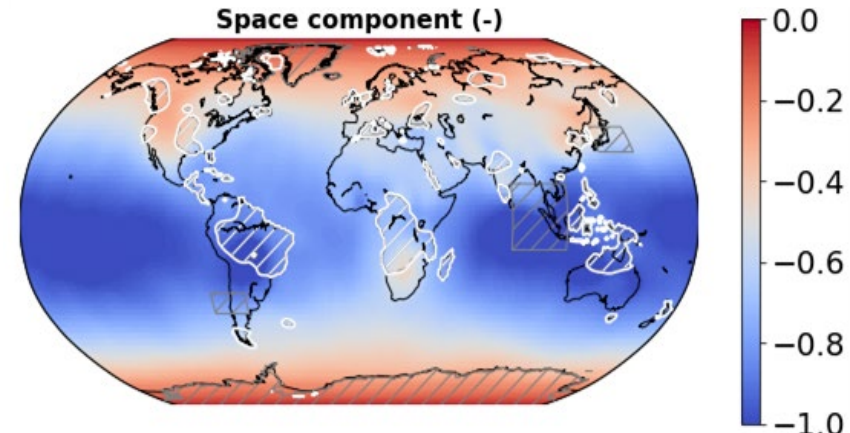
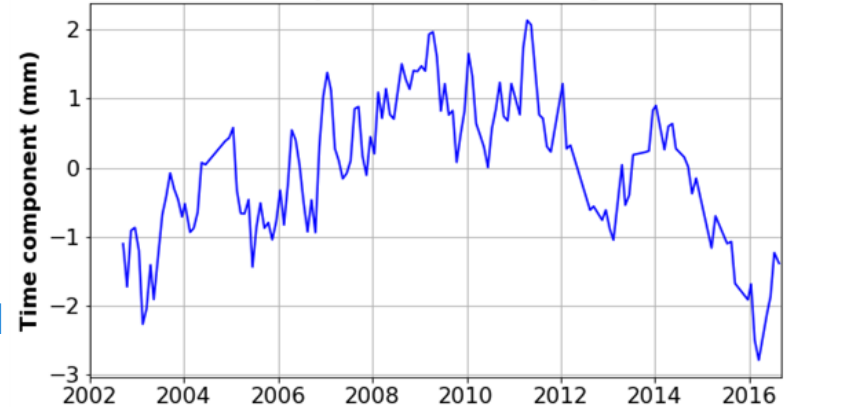


Which gravity field contributions?

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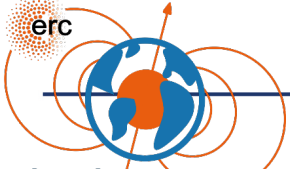
- GRACE data are corrected for surface processes using empirical [Pfeffer et al., 2022] and process-oriented models. Masks (all hatches) are applied where models do not satisfactorily predict observations.
- Significant residual gravity anomalies are detected over some continental areas (white hatches) and attributed to slow hydrological processes misrepresented by models.
- Elsewhere, residual gravity anomalies display very large scale features, with remarkable continuity between the oceans and the continents and typical time-scales spanning from a few years to the decade.

Dominant geoid anomaly from corrected GRACE measurements:
70.87 percent of the total signal



[Pfeffer et al., 2022]

MORE INFORMATION ON TUESDAY AT 15h55 talk by
Julia Pfeffer during the session **A10.02.3 Geodetic Satellite
Missions and Their Applications - 3**



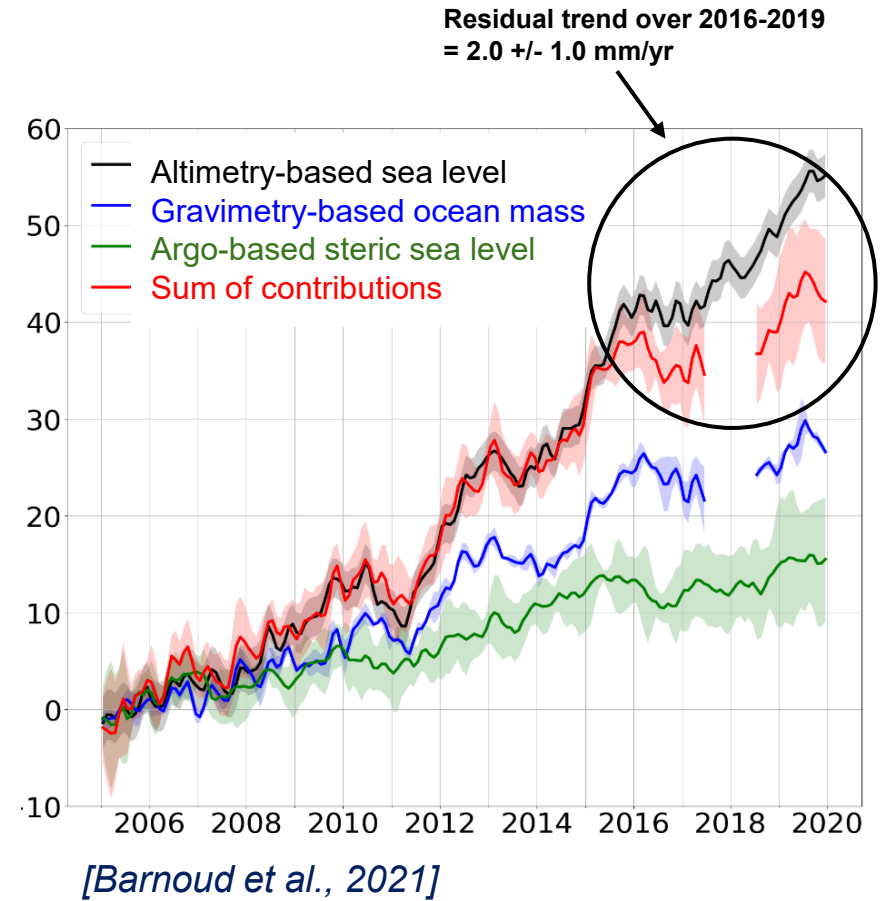
Which gravity field contributions?



GRACEFUL global mean sea level (GMSL) budget is no more closed since 2015, meaning that there are errors in any of the three observing systems: altimetry, satellite gravimetry and Argo oceanographic measurements.

- The non-closure was found to be due to:
 - errors in Argo salinity measurements (~40 % of the non-closure)
 - a drift of the radiometer measurements of Jason-3 altimetry satellite, launched in 2016 (~30 % of the non-closure)
- The remaining non-closure can be due to errors in the other components, including the GRACE and GRACE-FO-based ocean mass, or neglected contributions.

MORE INFORMATION ON TUESDAY AT 14h45 talk by **Anne Barnoud** during the session **A10.02.2 Geodetic Satellite Missions and Their Applications - 2**





Length-of-day data analysis

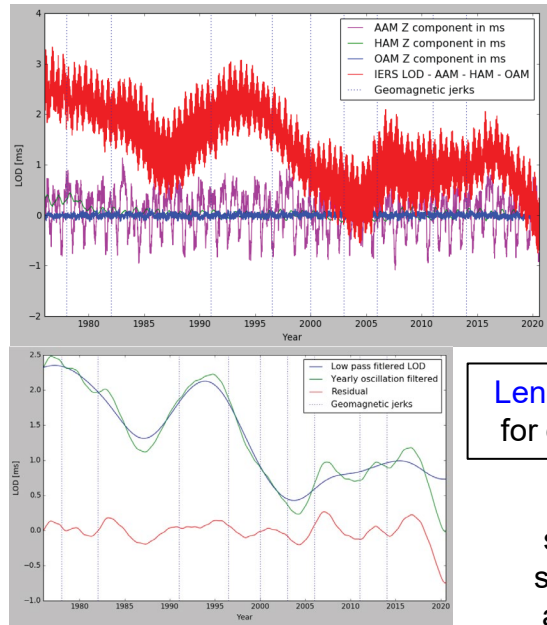
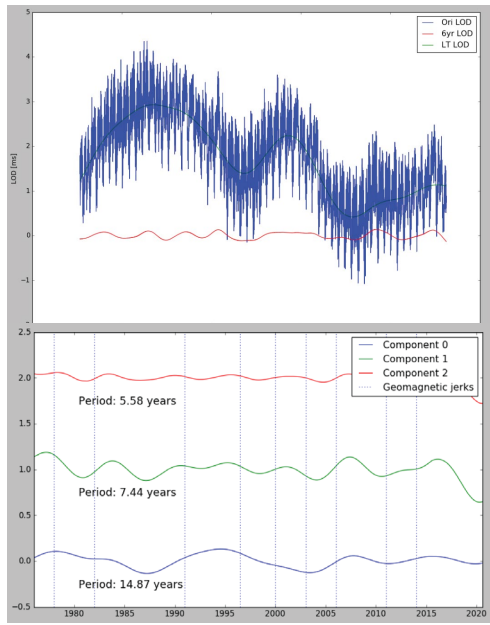


Length-of-day (LOD) IERS series

SSA singular spectrum analysis

Or any filter

Modes around 6 years



Length-of-day (LOD) corrected for external geophysical fluids

SSA singular spectrum analysis

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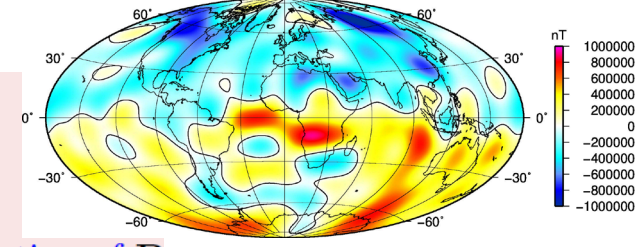
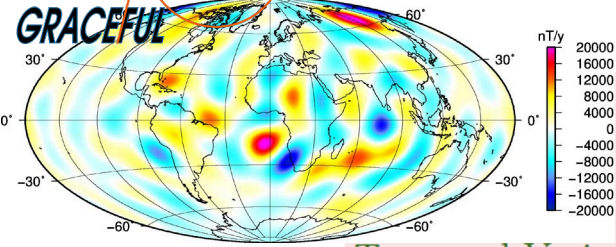
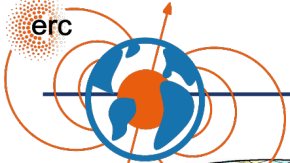
Modes around 6 years

Analyzing LOD variations with or without the external geophysical fluids (atmosphere, ocean, hydrology) indicates:

- observation of the 6-year oscillations, related to the core
- the amplitude seems not to be correlated with the geomagnetic jerks

Work in progress [Ping et al., 2022; Bodranghen et al., 2022]

Complex processes at the CMB



$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}} = \underbrace{\nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B})}_{\text{Induction of B}} + \underbrace{\eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{B}}_{\text{Dissipation of B}}$$

Temporal Variation of B = Induction of B + Dissipation of B

$$\partial_t B_r = -\nabla_H \cdot (B_r \mathbf{u}_H)$$

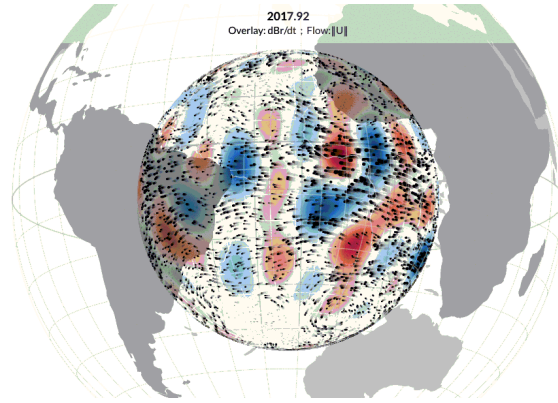
$$2\rho(\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u})_H = -\nabla_H p$$

Classical approach

Surface velocity field

u as \mathbf{t}_l^m and \mathbf{c}_l^m

$$\mathbf{u}_H = \nabla \times (Tr) + \nabla_H r S$$



New approach

Inversion for the quasi-geostrophic stream function in the fluid outer core from geomagnetic observations

Interior velocity field

u as \mathbf{q}_l^m

$$\mathbf{u} = \nabla \psi \times \nabla \left(\frac{z}{H} \right)$$

Work in progress [Firsov et al., 2022]



Complex processes at the CMB



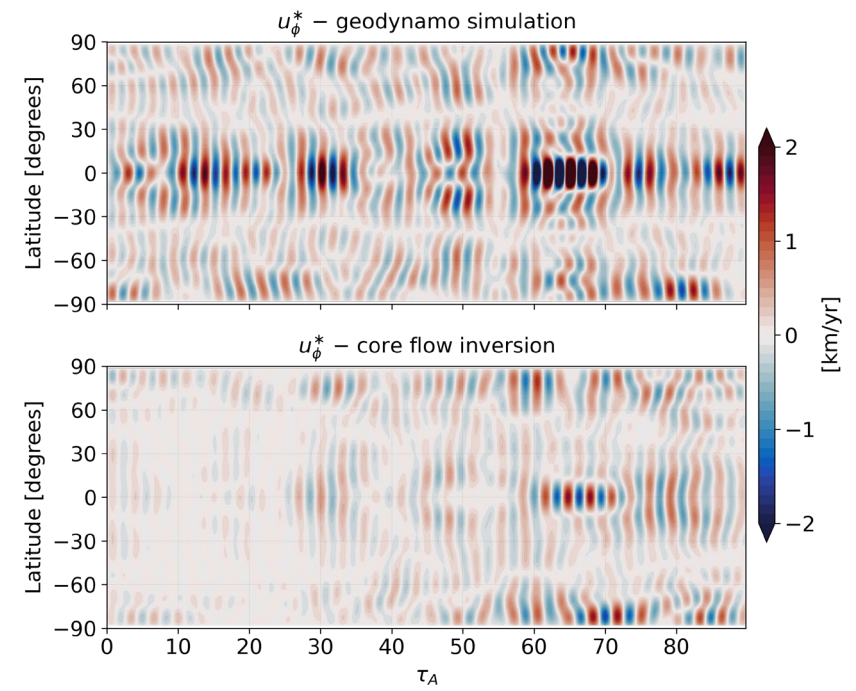
Recovery of rapid core motions: a synthetic study

recovery of axisymmetric flow on “interannual” periods

- use numerical geodynamo simulation 71%-path [Aubert & Gillet, 2021] to generate synthetic geomagnetic field observations mimicking observatory and satellite coverage
- construct geomagnetic field model from synthetic data, analogous to COV-OBS.x2 [Huder et al., 2020]
- invert field model for the flow at the simulated core surface using the data assimilation tool pygeodyn [Huder et al. 2019]

How well can we resolve wave-like motions on “decadal” and “interannual” periods?

MORE INFORMATION ON MONDAY AT poster by Tobias Schwaiger during the session Our Solid Earth: From Core to Surface

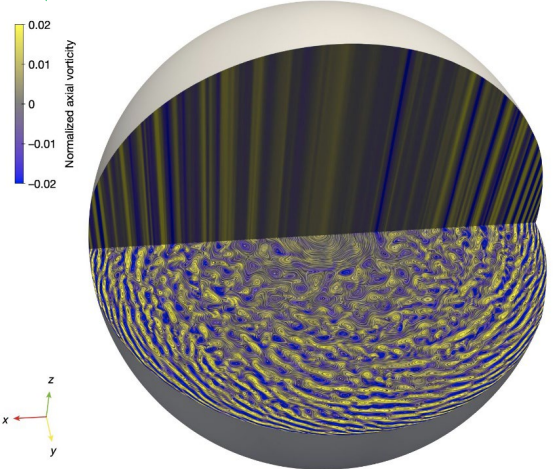
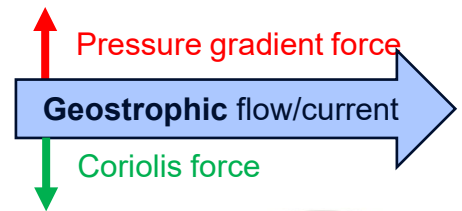


1840 - 2020
Work in progress [Schwaiger et al., 2022]

Complex processes at the CMB



Modelling of the core flow with quasi-geostrophic Magneto-Coriolis modes



Reality: not perfect:
quasi-geostrophic

[Gillet et al., 2022]

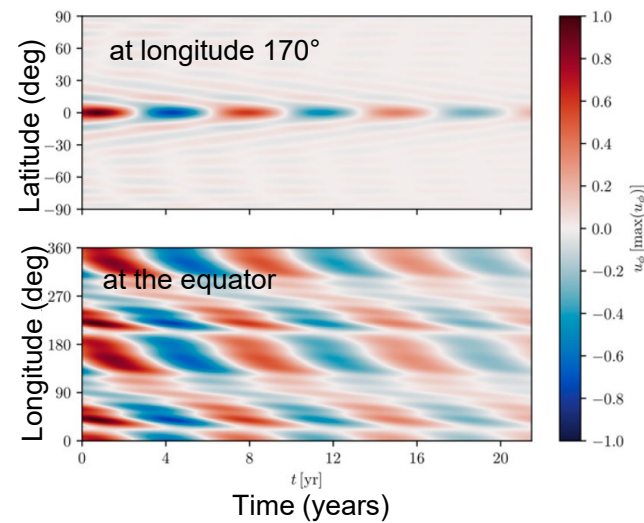
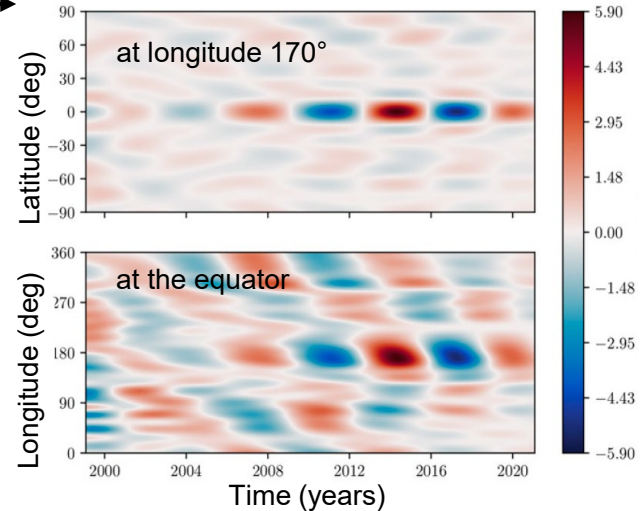
Observation supports

axi-symmetry and non-axisymmetric wavelike patterns

= Alfvén torsional waves
Theory for quasi-geostrophic Magneto-Coriolis modes

satellite data!

⇒ interannual timescale
(bandpass-filtered between 4 and 9.5)



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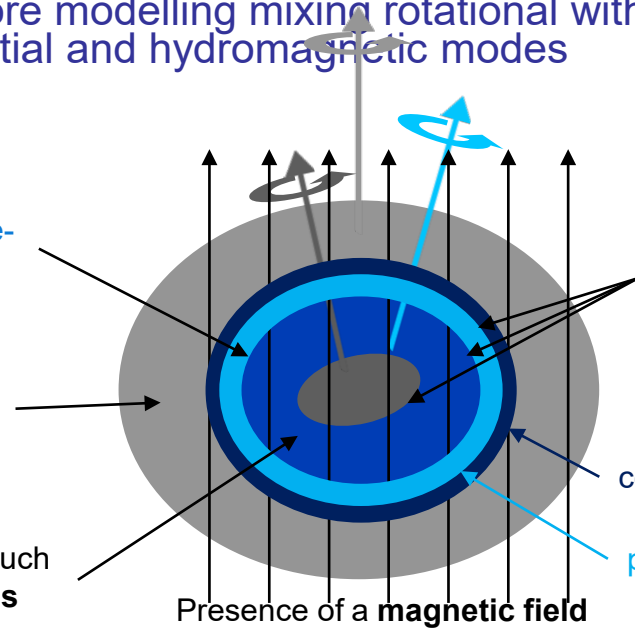


Complex processes at the CMB



1. Numerical core modelling mixing rotational with gravito-inertial and hydromagnetic modes

“Kore” code



Numerical model where inner core-core-mantle are **fully coupled**.

Tidal forcing in terms of mantle librations, nutations, Length-of-day variations

Rotational normal modes such as FCN and inertial modes

VLBI observed FCN period and damping

Most of the dissipation at CMB

Turbulent viscosity of $10^{-2} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$

2. Numerical core modelling with stratified layer at top of the core

- Ongoing debate in seismology, thermodynamics, wave dynamics, geomagnetism, geodynamo on the existence of a stratified layer at the top of the Earth's core – PRO & CON
- the bulk of the flow remains unchanged but that for some of the values of the parameters, different types of waves may exist in the stratified layer

[Triana et al., 2020, 2021]

Work in progress [Triana et al., 2022]

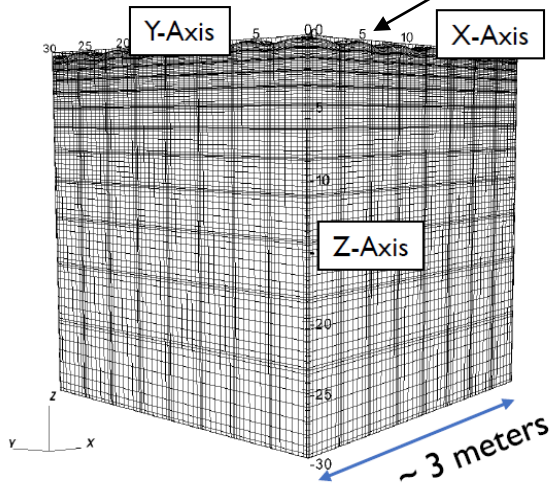
Work in progress [Seuren et al., 2022]



Complex processes at the CMB

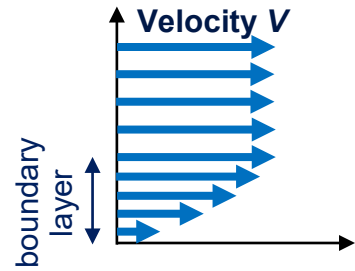


1. Small-scale topography effects on core flow - numerical methods



Software Nek5000

Model with viscosity ν



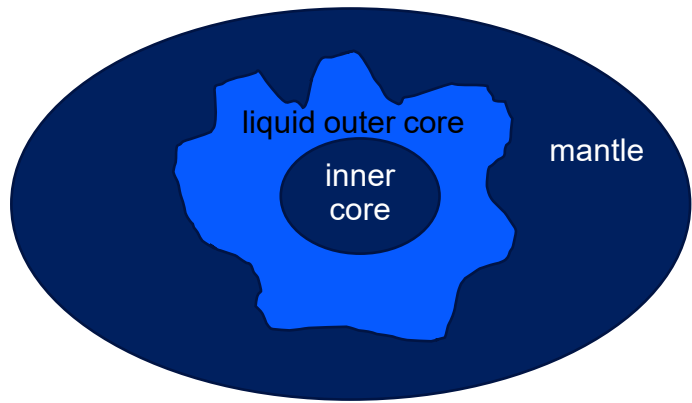
Reynolds number

$$Re = \frac{V L}{\nu} = \frac{\text{inertia force}}{\text{viscous force}}$$

Earth's core: $Re_{Earth} \approx 500$

Transition to turbulence $Re \approx 300$
 below: laminar above: turbulent
 $< Re$ (Earth)
 Small-scale topography can increase dissipation.

2. Large-scale topography effects on core flow - analytical method



Work in progress [Shih et al., 2022]

Work in progress [Dehant et al., 2022]



GRACEFUL - already notable progresses

- *in analysis of gravity, magnetic field and Earth rotation data*
- *in numerical and analytical modelling of the core*
- *More work is needed on data analysis, core modelling, core-mantle topography – to name a few - for bridging the results in a synergistic way*

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