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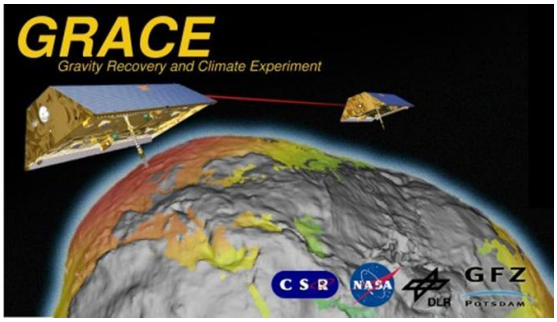

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Highlights:

- GFZ has generated and delivered RL04 Level-2 products for December 2011. Due to missing accelerometer data on both satellites in the first half of December, this model was derived with data from the period 12 December 2011 till 11 January 2012. Further information is available in the GFZ L2 Processing Standards Document.
- GFZ and JPL have generated and delivered RL04 Level-2 products for January 2012.
- A web page with information on **accommodation at the next GRACE Science Team Meeting (GSTM) / Final Colloquium of the DFG Special Priority Program** "Mass Transport and Mass Distribution in System Earth" on 17-19 September 2012 as well as for the **Sea Level Workshop** on 20 September 2012 (both at GFZ in Potsdam) is available at http://www.gfz-potsdam.de/portal/gfz/Neuestes/Veranstaltungen/Tagungen+und+Konferenzen/2012/GRACE+Meeting.
  Important Note: As in mid September 2012 there are several large trade fares taking place in Berlin (e.g. ILA (Berlin Air Show) and Innotrans (International Trade Fair for Transport Technology)) with many hotels in Berlin and Potsdam being blocked for a long time already we couldn't arrange block reservations in our favorite hotels. **Therefore we strongly recommend that you organize your travel arrangements quickly!**

Satellite Science Relevant Events:

- Operations in Science Mode throughout the month except for the periods highlighted in the L1B Data Processing section below.

- The actual mission status can be monitored at http://www.csr.utexas.edu/grace/operations/mission_status/.
- The GRACE-1 Brouwer mean orbital elements on March 1, 2012 00:00:00 are as follows:

  A [m] = 6825885.050
  E [-] = 0. 001372
  I [º] = 89. 008455
- The satellites separation was 163 km on March 1, 2012 with a rate of -1.84 km/d. An orbit maneuver will be needed in about 6 months.

Level-0 raw data dump reception statistics at DLR ground stations Weilheim and Neustrelitz:

GRACE-A Housekeeping:	100.0 %	GRACE-B Housekeeping:	100.0 %
GRACE-A Science:	100.0 %	GRACE-B Science:	100.0 %

Level-1 Data Processing:

- Level-1B Release 01 instrument data have been processed at JPL and archived at GRACE-ISDC and JPL PO.DAAC. Please refer to the statistics below.
- Notes:
  - On 2011-02-01 GRACE-A and GRACE-B executed a 90 deg yaw turn to discharge the batteries during the full sun period. The turns started 15:43 and ended at 16:12 The KBR1B data is missing in during this interval.
  - On 2011-02-06 GRACE-A and GRACE-B executed a 90 deg yaw turn to discharge the batteries during the full sun period. The turns started 15:53 and ended at 16:22 The KBR1B data is missing in during this interval.
  - On 2011-02-11 GRACE-A and GRACE-B executed a 90 deg yaw turn to discharge the batteries during the full sun period. The turns started 16:01 and ended at 16:29. The KBR1B data is missing in during this interval.
  - On 2011-02-15 GRACE-A and GRACE-B executed a 90 deg yaw turn to discharge the batteries during the full sun period. The turns started 13:37 and ended at 14:05. The KBR1B data is missing in during this interval.
  - On 2011-02-20 GRACE-A and GRACE-B executed a 90 deg yaw turn to discharge the batteries during the full sun period. The turns started 13:44 and ended at 14:13. The KBR1B data is missing in during this interval.
  - On 2011-02-25 GRACE-A and GRACE-B executed a 90 deg yaw turn to discharge

the batteries during the full sun period. The turns started 13:54 and ended at 14:22. The KBR1B data is missing during this interval.

- On 2012-02-28 GRACE-B performed orbital maintenance maneuver OTM-11 from 15:05:00 to 15:02:57. The KBR1B data is available during the maneuver but deemed unreliable +/- 5 min around the maneuver. During the maneuver the ACC data are saturated and were removed for the ACC1B data generation.

- KBR statistics:

  A) KBR1B product name

  B) Total arc length with data (hours)

  C) Number of observations used in residual calculation

  D) KBR-GPS range residual RMS (cm)

  E) minimum KBR-GPS range residual (cm)

  F) maximum KBR-GPS range residual (cm)

  G) number of continuous segments in the KBR product

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
KBR1B_2012-02-01_X_01.dat	23.5	16914	0.33	-0.9	1.1	2
KBR1B_2012-02-02_X_01.dat	24.0	17280	0.50	-2.1	2.2	1
KBR1B_2012-02-03_X_01.dat	24.0	17280	0.30	-1.4	0.9	1
KBR1B_2012-02-04_X_01.dat	24.0	17280	0.63	-3.2	3.3	1
KBR1B_2012-02-05_X_01.dat	24.0	17280	0.32	-1.0	0.8	1
KBR1B_2012-02-06_X_01.dat	23.5	16903	0.49	-2.1	3.4	2
KBR1B_2012-02-07_X_01.dat	24.0	17280	0.38	-1.5	1.0	1
KBR1B_2012-02-08_X_01.dat	24.0	17280	0.40	-1.2	1.3	1
KBR1B_2012-02-09_X_01.dat	24.0	17280	0.53	-2.0	2.1	1
KBR1B_2012-02-10_X_01.dat	24.0	17280	0.40	-1.1	1.2	1
KBR1B_2012-02-11_X_01.dat	23.3	16698	0.54	-2.3	1.8	3
KBR1B_2012-02-12_X_01.dat	24.0	17280	0.54	-2.7	2.4	1
KBR1B_2012-02-13_X_01.dat	24.0	17266	0.36	-1.0	1.2	2
KBR1B_2012-02-14_X_01.dat	24.0	17256	0.35	-1.1	1.4	2
KBR1B_2012-02-15_X_01.dat	23.6	16992	0.35	-1.3	1.1	2
KBR1B_2012-02-16_X_01.dat	24.0	17280	0.59	-2.0	3.4	1
KBR1B_2012-02-17_X_01.dat	24.0	17280	0.40	-1.6	1.4	1
KBR1B_2012-02-18_X_01.dat	23.9	17205	0.38	-1.7	0.9	2
KBR1B_2012-02-19_X_01.dat	24.0	17280	0.34	-1.2	1.2	1
KBR1B_2012-02-20_X_01.dat	23.6	16973	0.99	-4.2	6.7	2
KBR1B_2012-02-21_X_01.dat	24.0	17280	0.36	-1.0	1.3	1

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KBR1B_2012-02-22_X_01.dat   24.0   17280   0.34     -1.2     0.9   1
KBR1B_2012-02-23_X_01.dat   24.0   17280   0.31     -0.9     0.9   1
KBR1B_2012-02-24_X_01.dat   24.0   17280   0.35     -0.9     2.0   1
KBR1B_2012-02-25_X_01.dat   23.6   16966   0.68     -2.0     4.6   2
KBR1B_2012-02-26_X_01.dat   24.0   17280   0.48     -2.2     2.1   1
KBR1B_2012-02-27_X_01.dat   24.0   17280   0.39     -1.5     1.7   1
KBR1B_2012-02-28_X_01.dat   24.0   17280   1.29    -35.4     7.7   1
KBR1B_2012-02-29_X_01.dat   23.8   17145   0.64     -3.4     3.7   2
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Following JPL RL00 (yellow) and RL01 (green) L1B products are publicly available. June and July 2002 (red) are not provided due to accelerometer problems. See also comment in the Highlights Section. For January and June 2011 (blue) a significant number of accelerometer data is not available (see corresponding newsletters).

L1B data	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2002												
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- The L1B Read software has been updated to accommodate 64-bit machines but the software will also work on 32 bit machines. Please change RELEASE_2008-03-20 to RELEASE_2010-03-31 available at ftp://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/allData/grace/sw/.
- L1B De-aliasing Products Status (for details see AOD1B Product Description Document):
    - Release 01: Generation has been stopped June 30, 2007.
    - Release 03: Generation has been stopped January 31, 2007.
    - Release 04: Generated until March 2, 2012 and extended to 1976-2000 (see newsletter for December 2008). Quality statistics for Release 04 products are online available at http://www-app2.gfz-potsdam.de/pb1/op/grace/results (follow link "GRACE Atmosphere and Ocean De-aliasing Statistics).
    - Following AOD1B products are publicly available (yellow: RL01, RL03 and RL04; green: RL01 and RL04, blue: RL04 only):

AOD1B	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1976												
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Level-2 Product Generation and Distribution:

- Besides historical CSR RL01, GFZ RL03 and JPL RL02 time-series (see below) and more experimental releases which are only available to the GRACE Science Team the following RL04 L2 products are presently available to the public (green: available, yellow: in preparation; red: missing due to accelerometer data problems):

  - **GFZ:** GSM solutions are available for August 2002 until January 2012. July 2004 until October 2004 and December 2006 are also available as constrained solutions (*GK2-*, reason is GRACE 4d repeat orbit and GPS anomaly on GRACE-B, respectively). October 2008 until September 2010 are also available as unconstrained solutions up to degree and order 60 (*GM60*, reason is GRACE 7d repeat orbit). Corresponding background GAA, GAB, GAC and GAD products and calibrated errors (GSM*.txt) have been provided too. Details are listed in the GFZ L2 Release Notes.

GFZ RL04	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2002												
2003												
2004							**GK2**	**GK2**	**GK2**	**GK2**		
2005												
2006												**GK2**
2007												
2008										**M60**	**M60**	**M60**
2009	**M60**	**M60**	**M60**	**M60**	**M60**	**M60**	**M60**	**M60**	**M60**	**M60**	**M60**	**M60**
2010	**M60**	**M60**	**M60**	**M60**	**M60**	**M60**	**M60**	**M60**	**M60**			
2011												
2012												

- **CSR:** GSM solutions along with the GAC and GAD background model files and calibrated errors (GSM*.txt) are available for the period April 2002 until January 2012. Details are listed in the CSR L2 Release Notes.

CSR RL04	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2002												
2003												
2004												
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2012												

- **JPL:** GSM version 4.1 labeled "*JPLEM_0001_0004" along with the GAA, GAB, GAC and GAD background model files and calibrated errors (GSM*.txt) are available for the period April 2002 until January 2012. Details are listed in the JPL L2 Release Notes.

JPL RL04	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2002												
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- GFZ has stopped RL03 processing (Feb 2003 until Jan 2007 available at the archives. For further details refer to the GFZ RL03 release notes for Level-2 products).
- CSR has stopped RL01 processing. (Apr. 2002 until Dec 2006 available at the archives. For further details refer to the CSR RL01 release notes for Level-2 products).
- JPL has stopped RL02 processing (January 2003 until November 2005 available at the archives. For further details refer to the JPL RL02 release notes for Level-2 products).

. TN05 containing C20 estimates derived from SLR and using GRACE RL04 standards is periodically updated.

Miscellaneous:

- The Proceedings of the 2011 Grace Science Team Meeting are online. See the Past Meetings link to the right at http://www.csr.utexas.edu/grace/GSTM/ .
- The following acknowledgement shall be added to any new GRACE related publication (paper, poster etc.): *Acknowledgement: We would like to thank the German Space Operations Center (GSOC) of the German Aerospace Center (DLR) for providing continuously and nearly 100% of the raw telemetry data of the twin GRACE satellites.*
- A list of GRACE related publications which can be sorted by author or date is available at http://www.gfz-potsdam.de/portal/gfz/Struktur/Departments/Department+1/sec12/projects/grace/grace_publications (current status: 864 papers). This list maybe still incomplete. If you are missing a publication please send an e-mail to Frank Flechtner (flechtne@gfz-potsdam.de).
- Science data users are encouraged to submit citations of their own and other works related with GRACE to the bibliography web page implemented at PO.DAAC: http://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/grace/bibliography.html.