GRACE Science Data System Monthly Report
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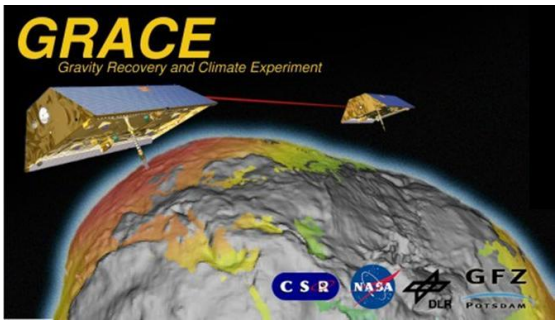

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Highlights:

- CSR has generated and delivered RL05 Level-2 products for April 2015.
- GFZ has generated and delivered RL05a Level-2 products for April 2015.
- JPL has generated and delivered RL05.1 Level-2 products for April 2015.
- JPL has additionally generated and delivered deviant 60x30 RL05.1 Level-2 products for January, February and March 2015 for experimental use (see also corresponding newsletters).
- The next GRACE Science Team Meeting is scheduled for September 21-23, 2015 in Austin. Further information will follow on the GSTM website at CSR at http://www.csr.utexas.edu/grace/GSTM/ .

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 April 30, 2015 00:00:00 are as follows:

  A [m] = 6766290.523
  E [-] = 0.000743
  I [°] = 88.996977
- The satellites separation was 217.1 km on April 30, 2015 with a rate of -1.67 km/d. The next orbit maneuver will be needed end of May.

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 02 instrument data have been processed at JPL and archived at GFZ ISDC and JPL PO.DAAC. Please refer to the statistics below.
- RL02 Notes:
  - Starting from 2015-04-27 GRACE-B KBR unit was powered off for a short duration in each revolution due to low battery voltage thus resulting in some missing KBR data.
  - 2015-04-30: GRACE-B KBR time tag was linearly running off from around 17:20 to 18:53. As a result the data is not usable during that time period.
  - 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_2015-04-01_X_02.dat	24.0	17280	0.77	-4.3	3.1	1	
KBR1B_2015-04-02_X_02.dat	23.9	17244	0.55	-2.5	1.7	3	
KBR1B_2015-04-03_X_02.dat	24.0	17280	0.77	-4.1	2.6	1	
KBR1B_2015-04-04_X_02.dat	24.0	17280	0.94	-5.5	3.1	1	
KBR1B_2015-04-05_X_02.dat	24.0	17280	1.17	-4.2	8.3	1	
KBR1B_2015-04-06_X_02.dat	24.0	17280	1.15	-7.7	2.2	1	
KBR1B_2015-04-07_X_02.dat	24.0	17280	0.67	-3.8	2.9	1	
KBR1B_2015-04-08_X_02.dat	24.0	17280	0.60	-3.4	2.8	1	
KBR1B_2015-04-09_X_02.dat	23.8	17145	0.71	-2.5	2.9	2	
KBR1B_2015-04-10_X_02.dat	24.0	17280	1.66	-5.4	6.8	1	
KBR1B_2015-04-11_X_02.dat	24.0	17280	1.47	-10.3	6.4	1	
KBR1B_2015-04-12_X_02.dat	24.0	17280	0.56	-1.6	2.8	1	
KBR1B_2015-04-13_X_02.dat	24.0	17260	0.68	-4.6	2.1	1	
KBR1B_2015-04-14_X_02.dat	24.0	17280	0.57	-2.2	2.3	1	
KBR1B_2015-04-15_X_02.dat	23.7	17076	0.96	-4.2	3.4	5	
KBR1B_2015-04-16_X_02.dat	24.0	17280	0.94	-4.0	3.2	1	

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KBR1B_2015-04-17_X_02.dat   23.9   17244   0.51     -1.5     2.2   3
KBR1B_2015-04-18_X_02.dat   24.0   17280   0.58     -3.3     2.5   1
KBR1B_2015-04-19_X_02.dat   24.0   17280   0.50     -2.1     1.3   1
KBR1B_2015-04-20_X_02.dat   24.0   17280   0.75     -3.7     2.8   1
KBR1B_2015-04-21_X_02.dat   24.0   17280   0.87     -2.7     3.2   1
KBR1B_2015-04-22_X_02.dat   24.0   17280   0.83     -2.6     5.2   1
KBR1B_2015-04-23_X_02.dat   24.0   17280   0.73     -3.2     2.9   1
KBR1B_2015-04-24_X_02.dat   24.0   17280   0.65     -3.1     1.9   1
KBR1B_2015-04-25_X_02.dat   24.0   17280   0.76     -2.7     4.1   1
KBR1B_2015-04-26_X_02.dat   24.0   17280   0.66     -3.7     2.8   1
KBR1B_2015-04-27_X_02.dat   23.9   17240   0.60     -2.5     2.1   2
KBR1B_2015-04-28_X_02.dat   23.9   17176   0.53     -2.1     1.8   4
KBR1B_2015-04-29_X_02.dat   23.0   16568   0.51     -1.6     2.1   10
KBR1B_2015-04-30_X_02.dat   20.1   14514   0.48     -1.5     4.7   16
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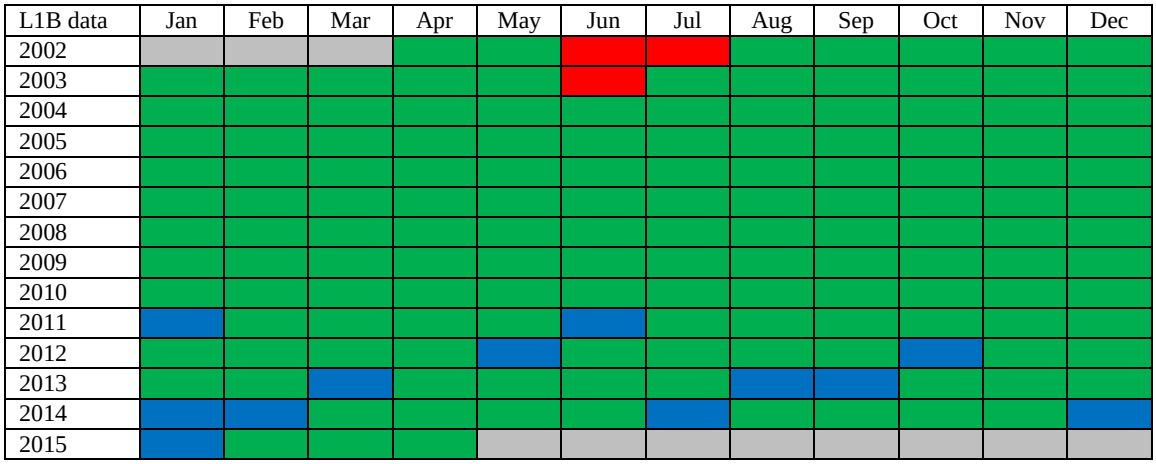
Following JPL RL02 L1B products are publicly available (green). June and July 2002 and June 2003 (red) are not provided due to accelerometer problems. For several months a significant number of Level-1 data is not available (blue): January and June 2011 (accelerometer data), May and October 2012, March and August 2013 (accelerometer and K-Band data), January and February 2014 (K-Band data), July and December 2014 (accelerometer and K-Band data). RL00 and RL01 production has stopped with December 2004 and April 2012, respectively. See also corresponding newsletters.



- 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/.
- Level-1B Release 01 generation has stopped with 30 April 2012.
- 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 April 30, 2012 and extended to 1976-2000 (see newsletter for December 2008). Generation has been stopped April 30, 2012.
- Release 05: Generated for 1 January 1979 till 11 May 2015. **The data for the period 25 June 2013 till 27 July 2014 have been reprocessed (see Newsletter August 2014) and substituted in the archives.** The reprocessed products can be recognized by a processing time stamp later than 26 August 2014 in the header. Further information is available at http://www.gfz-potsdam.de/AOD1B.
- Following AOD1B products are publicly available (yellow: RL01, RL03 and RL04; green: RL01 and RL04, blue: RL04 only, 'x' RL05):

AOD1B	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1976												
1977												
1978												
1979	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
…	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
1999	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2000	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2001	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2002	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2003	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2004	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2005	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2006	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2007	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2008	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2009	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2010	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2011	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2012	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2013	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2014	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2015	x	x	x	x	x							

Level-2 Product Generation and Distribution:

Besides historical RL00 till RL04 and GFZ's RL05 time-series (see below) the following RL05 L2 products are presently available to the public (green: available, yellow: in preparation; red: missing due to accelerometer data or accelerometer and K-band data problems):

- **GFZ RL05a:** GSM solutions are available for April 2002 until April 2015. Corresponding background GAA, GAB, GAC and GAD products and calibrated errors (GSM*.txt) have been provided too. **Products for June 2013 till July 2014 have been reprocessed and replaced in the archives (see August 2014 Newsletter)**. Further details are listed in the GFZ L2 Release Notes.

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Additionally to the standard monthly solutions, GFZ also provides weekly RL05a solutions (aligned to GPS weeks) which contain spherical harmonic coefficients complete up to degree and order 30. Currently, available weekly solutions cover the time span from 2003/01/05 till 2013/07/28. The weekly Level-2 products (GSM + GAx files) can be downloaded at ISDC and PO.DAAC. When making your request at the ISDC retrieval pages, please choose "GFZ Potsdam weekly" as "Processing Facility" to obtain these products. At the PO.DAAC archive, they can be found in the directory "allData/grace/L2/GFZ/RL05_WEEKLY". Weekly products can be identified by the string "GW30" instead of "G---" in the product name.

- **CSR RL05:** GSM solutions for maximum degree and order 60 (incl. calibrated errors GSM*.txt) and 96 (except for January till March 2015) along with the GAC and GAD background model files are available for the period April 2002 until April 2015. **Products for June 2013 till July 2014 have been reprocessed and replaced in the archives (see August 2014 Newsletter)**. Further details are listed in the CSR L2 Release Notes. Ongoing updates on CSR RL05 are provided at http://www.csr.utexas.edu/grace/RL05.html.

CSR RL05	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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- **JPL RL05.1:** GSM solutions along with the GAA, GAB, GAC and GAD background model files and calibrated errors (GSM*.txt) are available for the period April 2002 until April 2015. Details are listed in the JPL L2 Release Notes. **For new release RL05.1 see also comments in the August 2014 Newsletter.**

JPL RL05.1	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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- GFZ has stopped RL05 processing end of July 2013 (now substituted by RL05a). For further details see Newsletter October 2013.
- JPL has stopped RL05 processing end of June 2014 (now substituted by RL05.1). For further details see Newsletter August 2014.
- GFZ and CSR have stopped RL04 processing end of April 2012
- JPL has stopped RL04 processing end of January 2012
- 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/TN07 containing C20 estimates derived from SLR and using GRACE RL04/RL05 standards is periodically updated.

Miscellaneous:

- The proceedings of the 2014 GRACE Science Team Meeting, which took place at GFZ in Potsdam between September 29 and October 1, are available at http://www.gfz-potsdam.de/grace/gstm/gstm-2014.
- Lecture material from the 2011 and 2014 summer schools of the DFG Special Priority Program "Mass transport and mass distribution in the system Earth" can be downloaded at www.massentransporte.de. Before using, please read the agreements on the cover page.
- 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/en/section/globalgeomonitoringandgravityfield/topics/development-operation-and-analysis-of-gravity-field-satellite-missions/grace/grace-related-publications/, alternatively the list can be accessed via http://www.gfz-potsdam.de/en/grace and one further click on 'GRACE related publications' in the left column. The current status is 1335 papers. This list may be 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.