

# Signatures of degree-3 tidal loading effects in superconducting gravimeter records predicted by data-unconstrained ocean tide modeling

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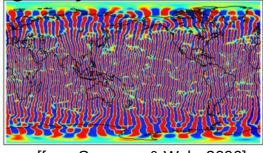
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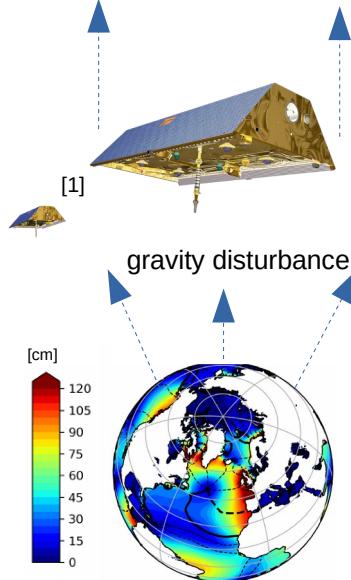
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gravity field residuals



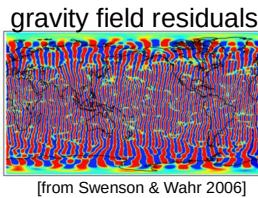
[from Swenson & Wahr 2006]

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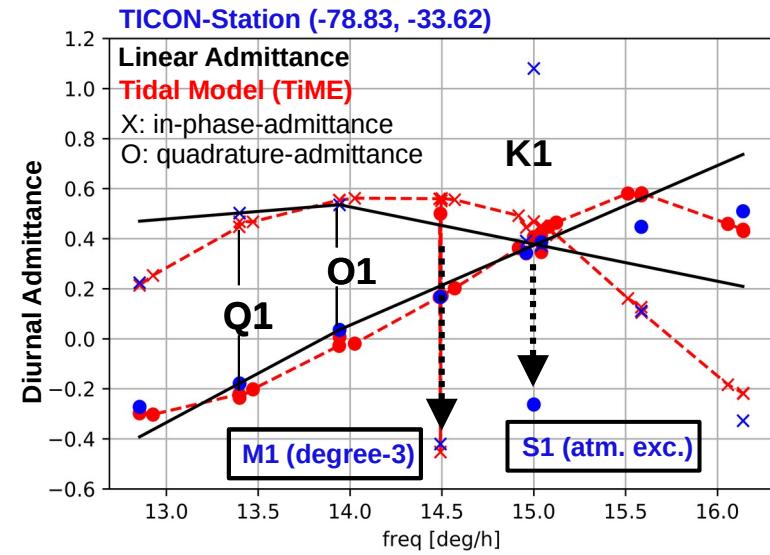
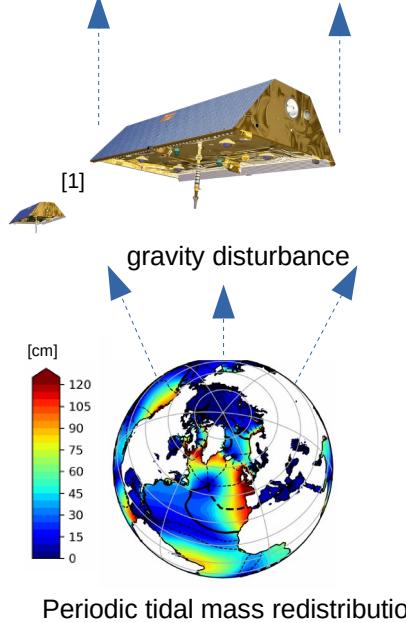


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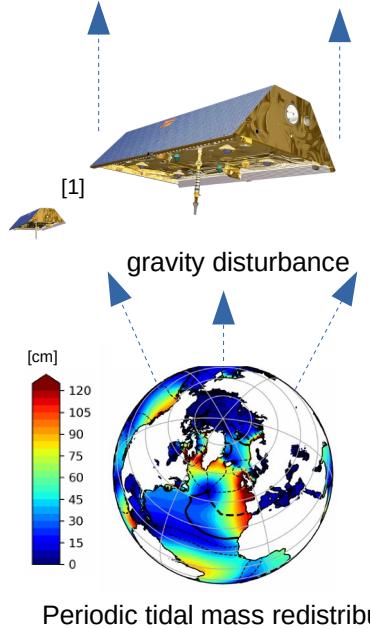
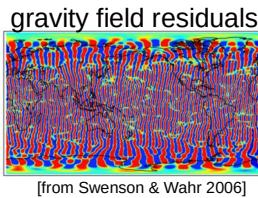
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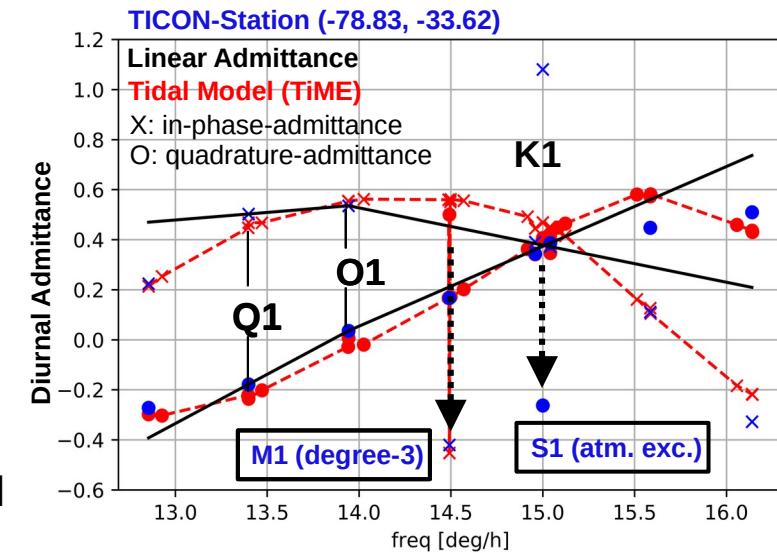
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- Admittance assumptions break down for atmospherically excited ocean tides (e.g. S1), and **degree-3 ocean tides**
  - Individual partial tide solutions required



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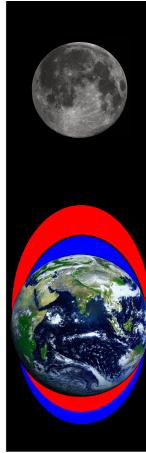


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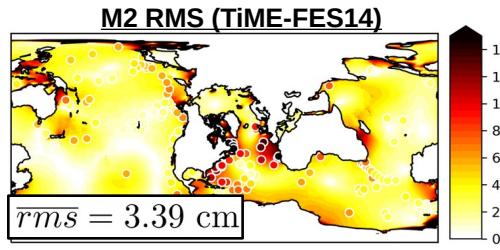
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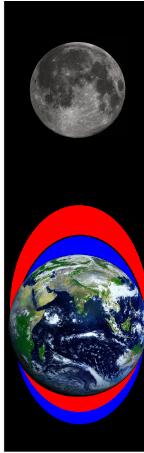
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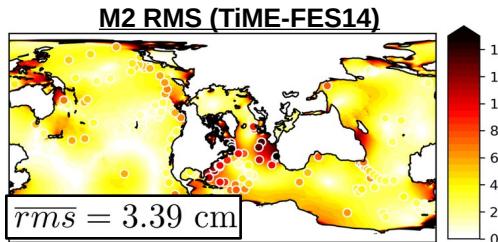
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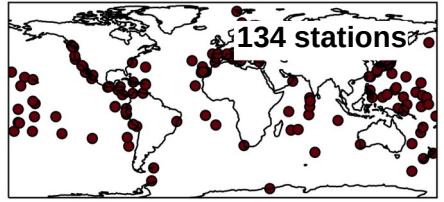
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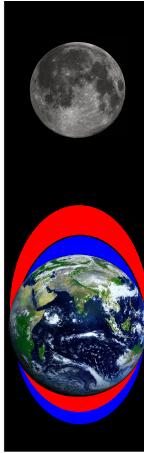


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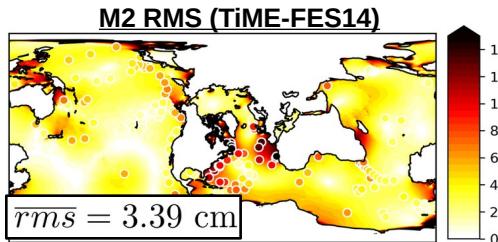
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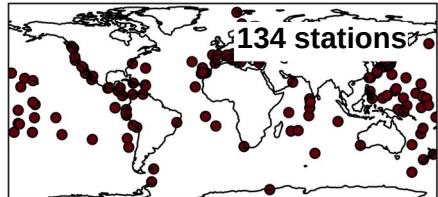
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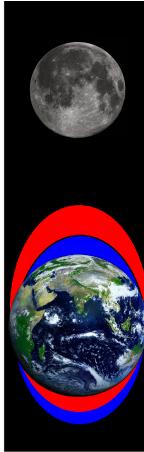
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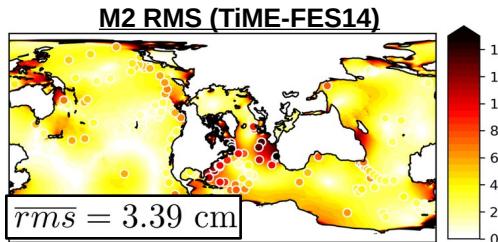
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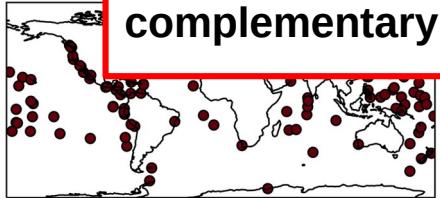
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→ SG and TG data represent complementary tidal metrics

# Data-unconstrained Degree-3 Tidal Atlas

- We employ the nomenclature of Ducarme (2012) for labeling partial tides
  - monthly species (**3MO0**), diurnal species (**M1**), semidiurnal species (**3MO2, 3MK2**), terdirunal species (**M3**)
- We employ the **root-mean-square** metric to compare modeled vs. analyzed constituents

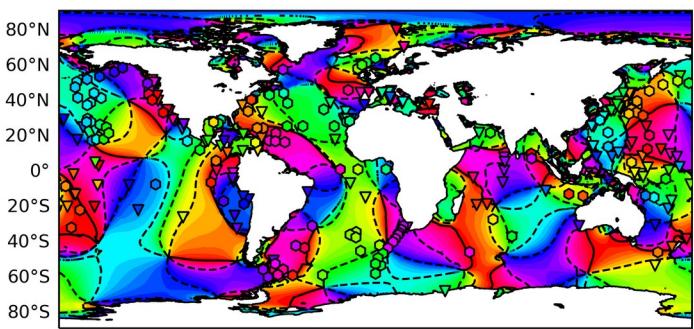
$$rms(\zeta_M^\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2 \cdot 134} \sum_{i=1}^{134} |\zeta_M^\omega(\mathbf{x}_i) - \zeta_{TG}^\omega(\mathbf{x}_i)|^2} \quad rms(g_M^\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2 \cdot 16} \sum_{i=1}^{16} |g_M^\omega(\mathbf{x}_i) - g_{SG}^\omega(\mathbf{x}_i)|^2}$$

- TiME-solutions correspond closely to recently published studies:
  - Data-unconstrained solution for M1 (Woodworth, 2019)
  - Altimetry data-constrained atlas for M1, 3MO2, 3MK2, M3 (Ray, 2020)

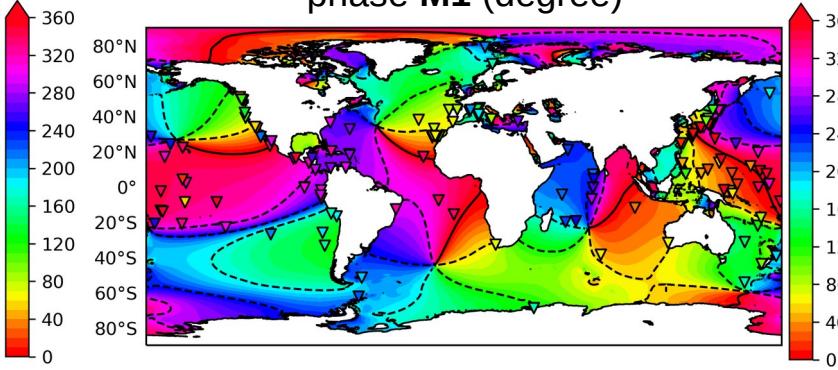
TG-rms is minimized by varying model parameters

# Modeled and Analyzed Sea Level Signal

phase M3 (degree)



phase M1 (degree)



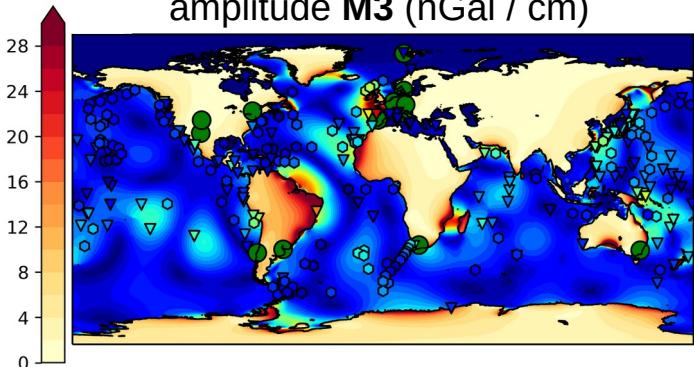
3MO2

0.9 / 2.5 mm

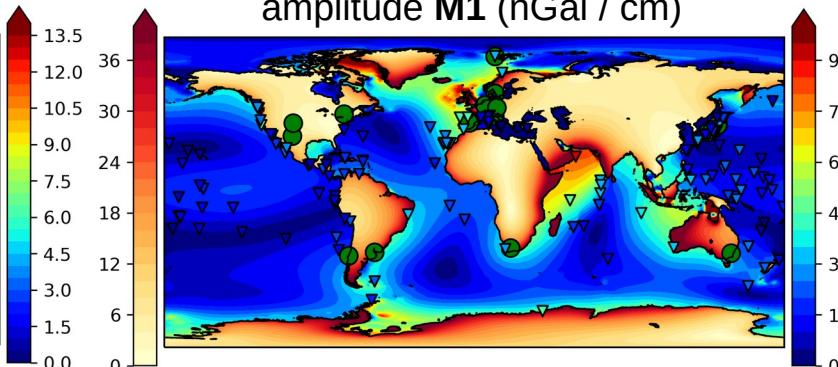
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amplitude M3 (nGal / cm)



amplitude M1 (nGal / cm)



rms/signal :

M3 1.3 / 2.9 mm

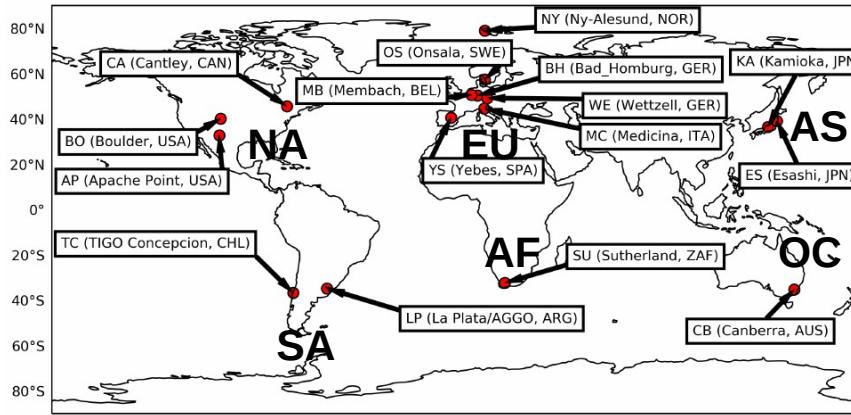
M1 1.0 / 1.5 mm

Mean agreement  
between 33% (M1)  
and 64% (3MO2)

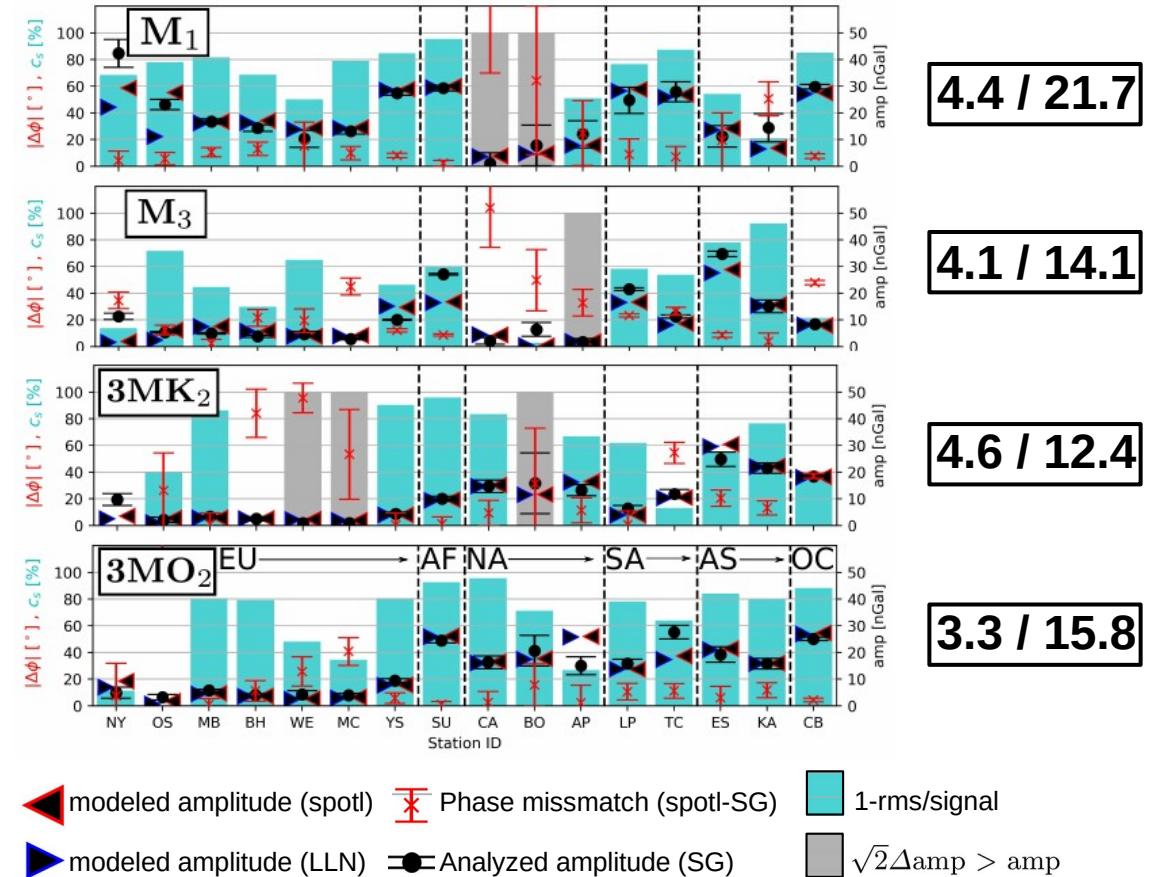
# Modeled and Analyzed Gravimetric Signal

rms/signal [nGal]

## Global SG-distribution



- Global ensemble of 16 SG stations
- Mean agreement between 63% (3MK2) and 80% (M1)



# Summary

- First data-unconstrained tidal atlas comprising partial tides of all degree-3 tidal species
- Tidal analysis of SG time series feasible for few nGal degree-3 signals with ETERNA-x
- Rms-metric for tide gauge and SG ensemble shows agreement over 50%
  - Modeled and analyzed tidal signals correspond to each other
- The mean gravimetric signal is highest for diurnal and long-period tides (M1, 3MO0), while the respective tide gauge signals are small
  - SG data is especially useful to validate small-amplitude tides with relatively long periods

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