



NORWEGIAN MAPPING
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DETERMINATION OF THE GRAVITY FIELD OVER NORWEGIAN TERRITORIES

POSITIONING DATA – FOR SOCIETY'S BENEFIT



Determination of the GRAVity field over NORwegian territories using GOCE data and space geodesy software □GEOSAT

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SPACE GEODESY SOFTWARE GEOSAT

- 25 years at Norwegian Defence Research Establishment □
- GPS, VLBI, SLR simultaneously at observation level
 - Inter technique calibration
- Stochastic parameter evolution between days (arcs)
 - Utilization of parameter statistics
- Accelerometry: GOCE

GOCE (Gravity and Ocean Circulation Explorer) □

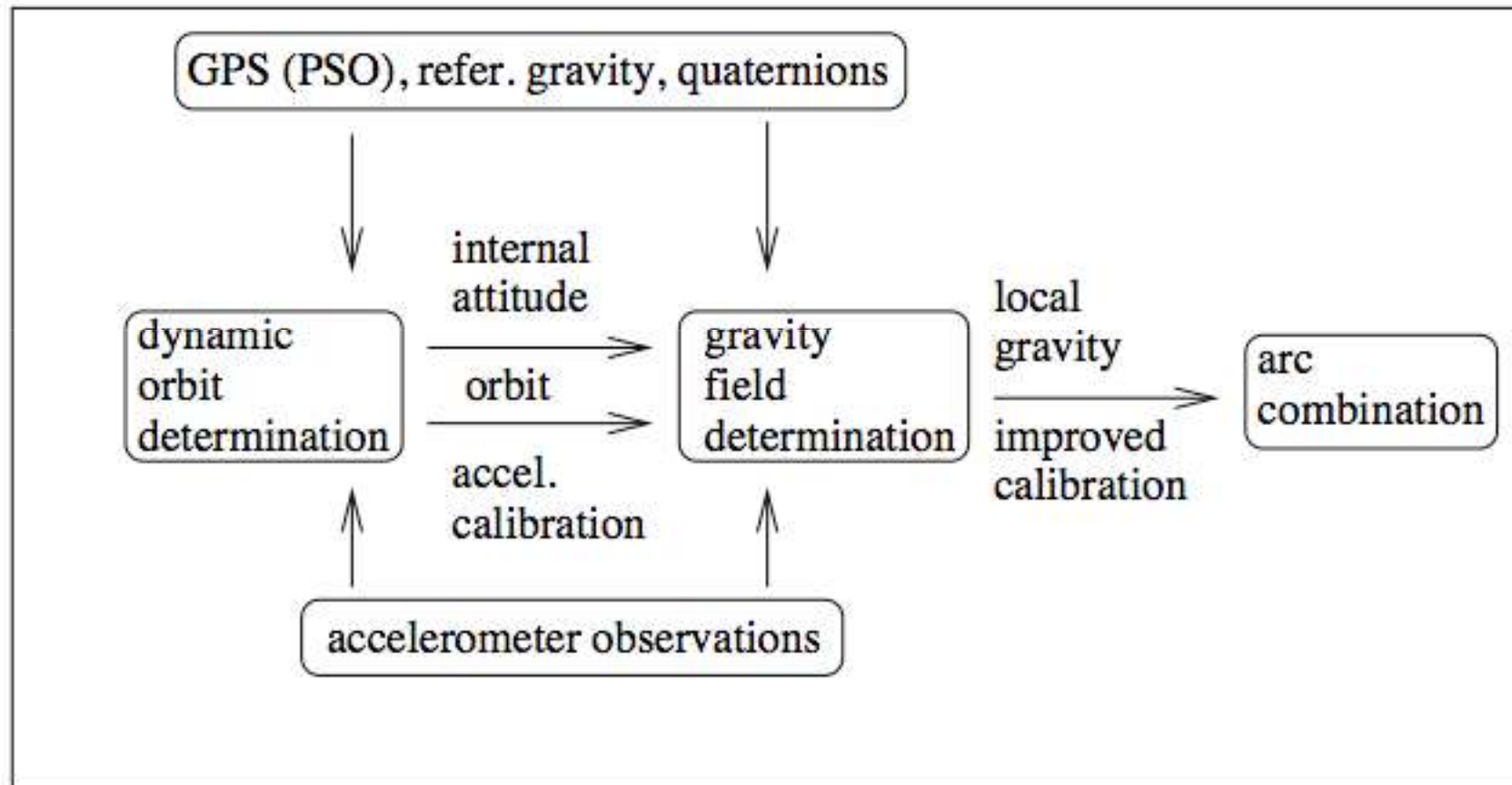
- Altitude: 250 km
- 6 accelerometers on board
- Not placed in Center of Mass: Gravity signal
- Frequency range of accelerometers: 5-100 mHz
- Ground track spatial resolution: 100-1500 km



DETERMINATION OF LOCAL GRAVITY (NORWAY)

- Norwegian Mapping Authority (NMA):
 - Contribute to the determination of climate parameters
 - Determine the cm geoid
 - Transfer of GEOSAT competence from NDRE to NMA
- Why local analysis?
 - ESA -> SH expansion: truncation issues (40,000 parameters)
 - May still be information left in accelerometer signal
 - Norway gravitationally “rough”

STRATEGY



SINGLE ACCELEROMETER OBSERVATIONS

- Benefits:
 - Less susceptible to accelerometer failure
 - Algorithms applicable to other missions like GRACE
- Disadvantage:
 - Non-gravitational force has to be modeled as part of gravity field determination



ACCELEROMETER OBSERVATION EQUATION

Output of accelerometer j:

$$A_j = M_j a_j + Q_j (\bar{A}_j)^2 + B_j + \dot{B}_j \Delta t + (Fourier)_j$$

$$\bar{A}_j \equiv M_j^{-1} \left[\tilde{A}_j - B_j - \dot{B}_j \Delta t - (Fourier)_j \right]$$

True acceleration:

$$a_j = \left(R - \Omega^t T \nabla^2 V T^t \Omega \right) (L_j + O) + \Omega^t D + \ddot{O}$$



ATTITUDE CORRECTIONS

GRF 2 CRF rotation matrix□:

$$\Omega(q) = R_3(\phi_3)R_2(\phi_2)R_1(\phi_1)\Omega(\tilde{q})$$

$$\phi_i = B_\phi(i) + C_\phi(i) \cos u + S_\phi(i) \sin u$$

Indirect effect on true acceleration□:

$$R(\vec{\omega}, \dot{\vec{\omega}}) \quad \omega_{x_i} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \varepsilon_{ijk} \dot{\Omega}_{lj} \Omega_{lk}$$

DYNAMIC ORBIT DETERMINATION/CALIBRATION

Computation of orbit:

$$\ddot{\vec{r}} = T\nabla V + \hat{D} + \Delta$$

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r} \left[\vec{r}_0, \hat{D}(M_i, B_i, \phi_i, \dots), \dots \right]$$

Accelerometer orbit-□GPS orbit=instrument imperfections□

Expression for non-gravitational force D dependent instrument imperfections?



Estimate of D for Dynamic Orbit Determination □ □

LSQ applied to accelerometer observations with D as only unknown: □

$$\hat{D} = \Omega \left(\sum_{i=1}^6 M_i^t W_i M_i \right)^{-1} \times \sum_{j=1}^6 M_j^t W_j \left[\tilde{A}_j - A_j(D \equiv 0) \right]$$

CALIBRATION BY DOD

- Issue□:

Along-track scale factor not well determined from DOD alone due to along-track DFC (Visser, 2009)

- Solution?:

Simultaneous determination of orbit and local gravity field





PARALLELL AND FUTURE

- Altimetry: Sea level & ocean currents
- IVS Analysis Centre
- GRACE
- COMMENTS ?