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**GRAIL and LOLA satellite data resolve  
the long-lasting convergence/divergence problem  
for the analytical downward continuation  
of the external spherical harmonic expansions**

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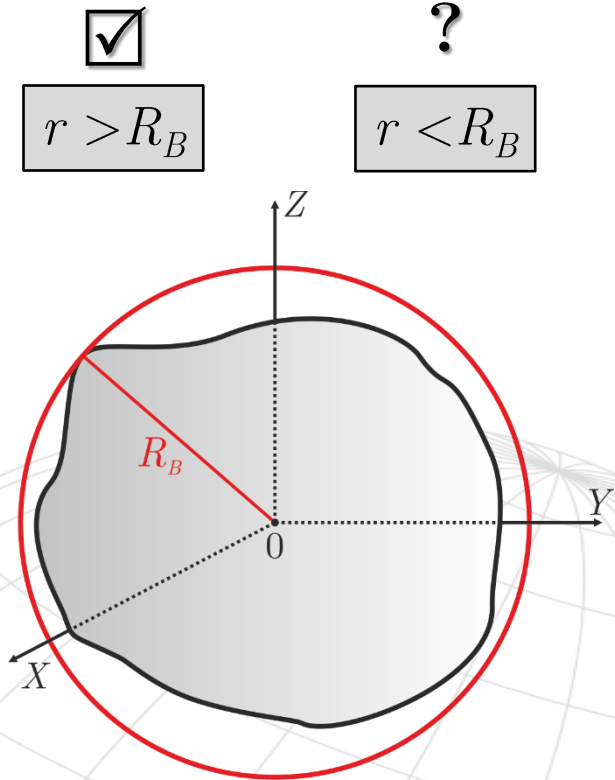
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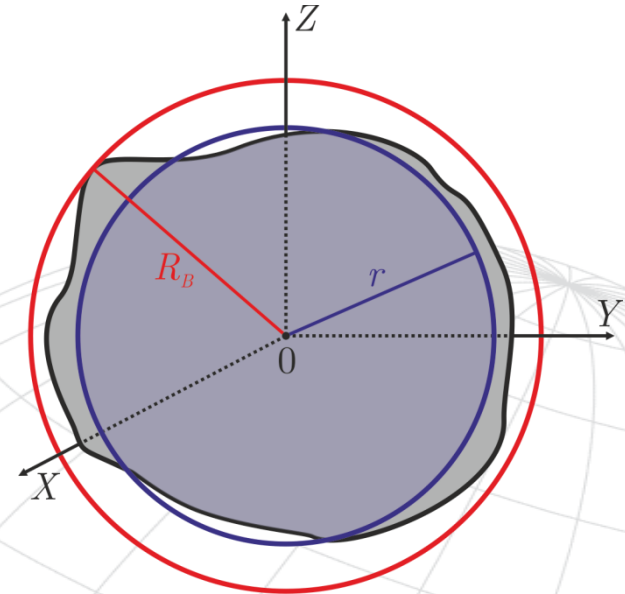
# 1. Introduction:

- External Spherical Harmonic Expansions (SHEs) – popular mathematical apparatus,
- Converge  $\forall r > R_B$ , but employed @  $r < R_B$ ,
- Justification of the analytical continuation questionable,
- Contradictory conclusions by theoreticians and pragmatists.



## 2. This presentation:

- Lunar gravitational field inferred by topographic masses of constant density,
- Assumption: perfect correlation with observations, e.g., from GRAIL,
- Investigation of two gravitational field quantities in spectral and spatial domain,
- Analysis @  $r = 1738 \text{ km} < R_B = 1748.2 \text{ km}$ .



# 3. First-order radial derivative of $V$ :

## External SHE:

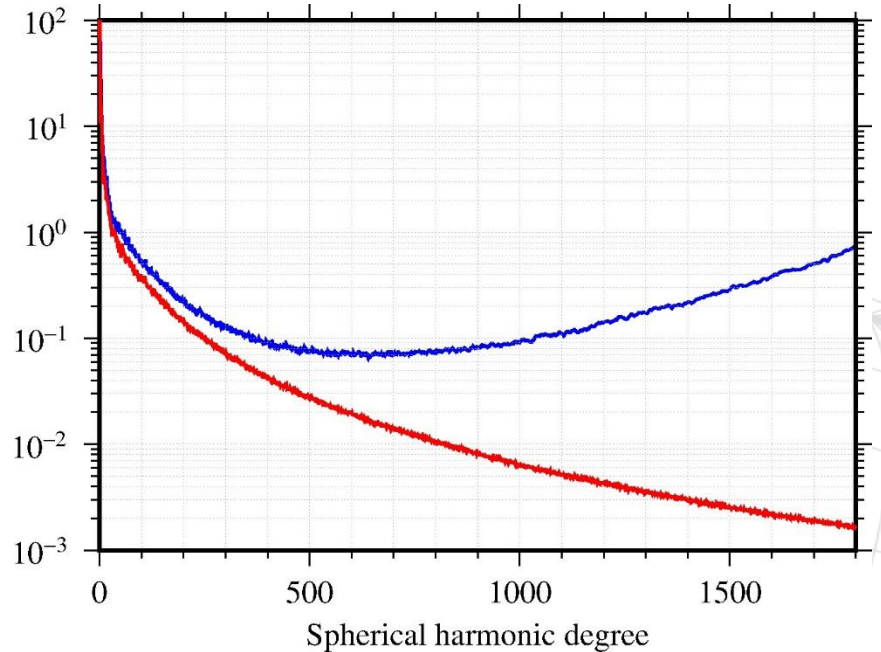
$$V_r(r, \Omega) = -\frac{GM}{R^2} \sum_{n,m}^N \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^{n+2} (n+1) \bar{C}_{n,m} \bar{Y}_{n,m}(\Omega)$$

## Internal SHE:

$$V_r(r, \Omega) = -\frac{GM}{R_o^2} \sum_{n,m}^N \left(\frac{R_o}{r}\right)^{n+2} (n+1) \bar{C}_{n,m}^o(r) \bar{Y}_{n,m}(\Omega) + \frac{GM}{R_i^2} \sum_{n,m}^N \left(\frac{r}{R_i}\right)^{n-1} n \bar{C}_{n,m}^i(r) \bar{Y}_{n,m}(\Omega)$$

$r, \Omega$  - spherical geocentric coordinates,  
 $GM$  - planetocentric gravitational constant,  
 $\bar{Y}_{n,m}$  - spherical harmonic function of degree  $n$  and order  $m$ ,  
 $\bar{C}_{n,m}, \bar{C}_{n,m}^o, \bar{C}_{n,m}^i$  - spherical harmonic coefficients of degree  $n$  and order  $m$ ,  
 $R, R_o, R_i$  - scale factors,  
 $N$  - maximum degree of the expansion.

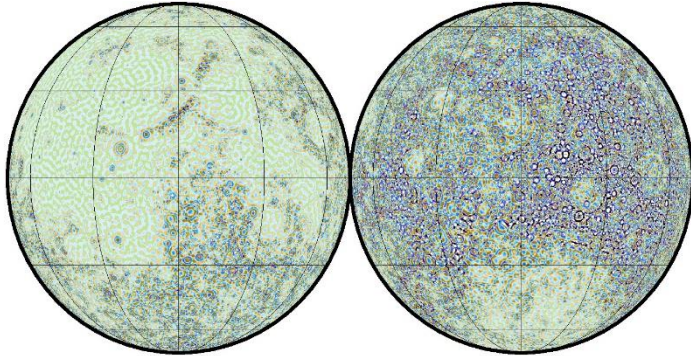
## Square-root of degree-order variances [mGal]:



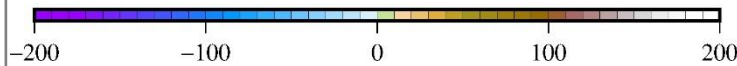
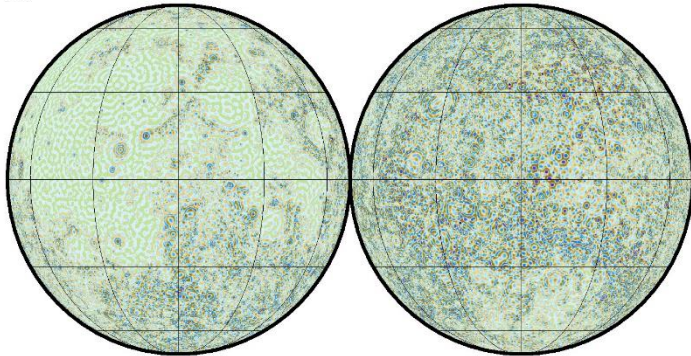
Nearside

Farside

$V_r$



$V_r$



Statistics (in mGal)

| Model | Min.     | Max.    | Mean  | Std. dev. |
|-------|----------|---------|-------|-----------|
| $V_r$ | -1354.94 | 1333.11 | -0.16 | 64.73     |
| $V_r$ | -248.83  | 274.95  | -0.18 | 39.72     |

(Spherical harmonic spectrum 150-600)

Correlation coefficients

| Quantity         | Nearside | Farside | Global |
|------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| $V_r$ wrt. $V_r$ | 0.462    | -0.135  | 0.050  |

# 4. Second-order radial derivative of $V$ :

External SHE:

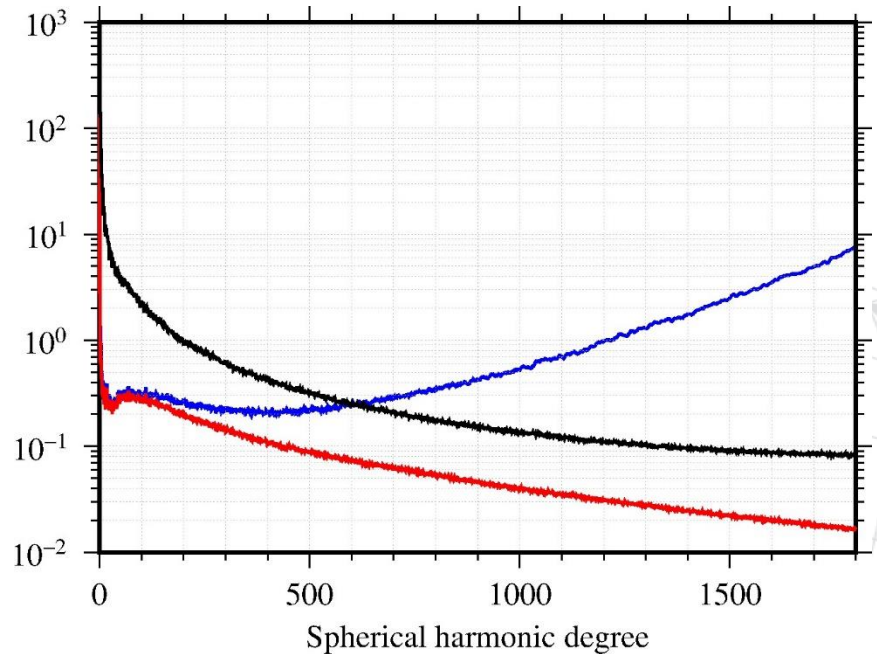
$$V_{rr}(r, \Omega) = \frac{GM}{R^3} \sum_{n,m}^N \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^{n+3} (n+1)(n+2) \bar{C}_{n,m} \bar{Y}_{n,m}(\Omega)$$

Internal SHE:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{rr}(r, \Omega) &= \frac{GM}{R_o^3} \sum_{n,m}^N \left(\frac{R_o}{r}\right)^{n+3} (n+1)(n+2) \bar{C}_{n,m}^o(r) \bar{Y}_{n,m}(\Omega) \\ &+ \frac{GM}{R_i^3} \sum_{n,m}^N \left(\frac{r}{R_i}\right)^{n-2} n(n-1) \bar{C}_{n,m}^i(r) \bar{Y}_{n,m}(\Omega) \\ &- \frac{4\pi GM}{R_q^3} \sum_{n,m}^N \bar{q}_{n,m}(r) \bar{Y}_{n,m}(\Omega) \end{aligned}$$

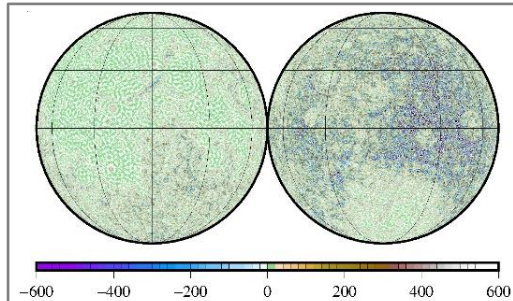
$\bar{q}_{n,m}$  - spherical harmonic coefficients of density,  
 $R_q$  - scale factor.

Square-root of degree-order variances [E]:

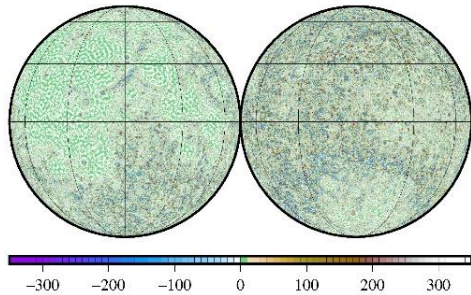


Nearside      Farside

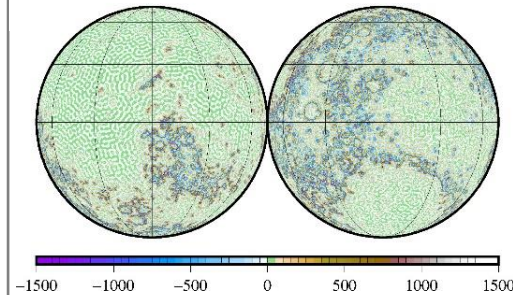
$V_{rr}$



$V_{rr}$



$V_{rr} + DT$



### Statistics (in E)

| Quantity      | Min.     | Max.    | Mean | Std. dev. |
|---------------|----------|---------|------|-----------|
| $V_{rr}$      | -3753.14 | 3134.32 | 0.30 | 120.69    |
| $V_{rr}$      | -600.69  | 559.45  | 0.32 | 72.77     |
| $V_{rr} + DT$ | -2283.12 | 2458.96 | 0.09 | 306.39    |

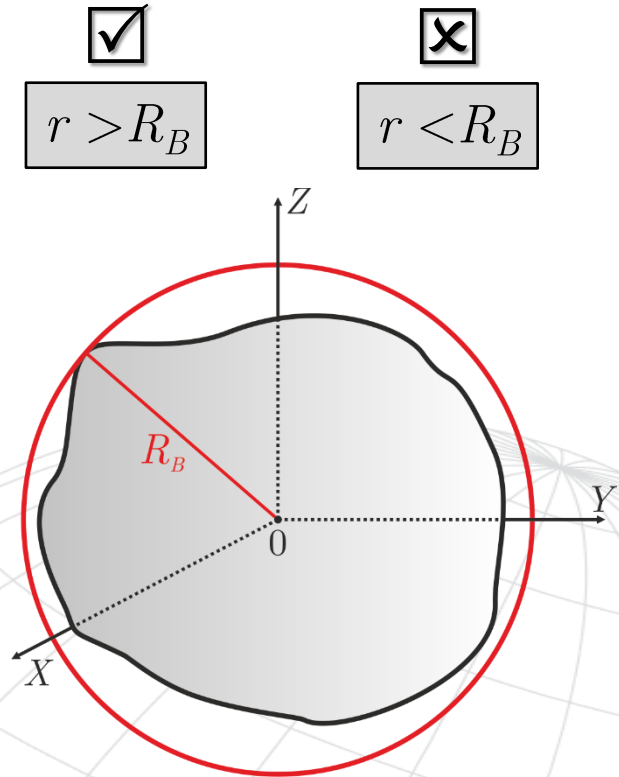
(Spherical harmonic spectrum 150-600)

### Correlation coefficients

| Quantity                    | Nearside | Farside | Global |
|-----------------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| $V_{rr}$ wrt. $V_{rr}$      | 0.927    | 0.737   | 0.778  |
| $V_{rr} + DT$ wrt. $V_{rr}$ | -0.348   | -0.225  | -0.266 |

## 5. Conclusions:

- Justification of the analytical continuation examined,
- Failure of the external SHEs @  $r < R_B$  demonstrated,
- Density cannot be neglected when calculating  $V_{rr}$ ,
- Implications for future gravitational field modelling and its applications.






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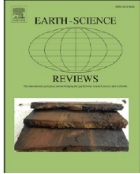
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