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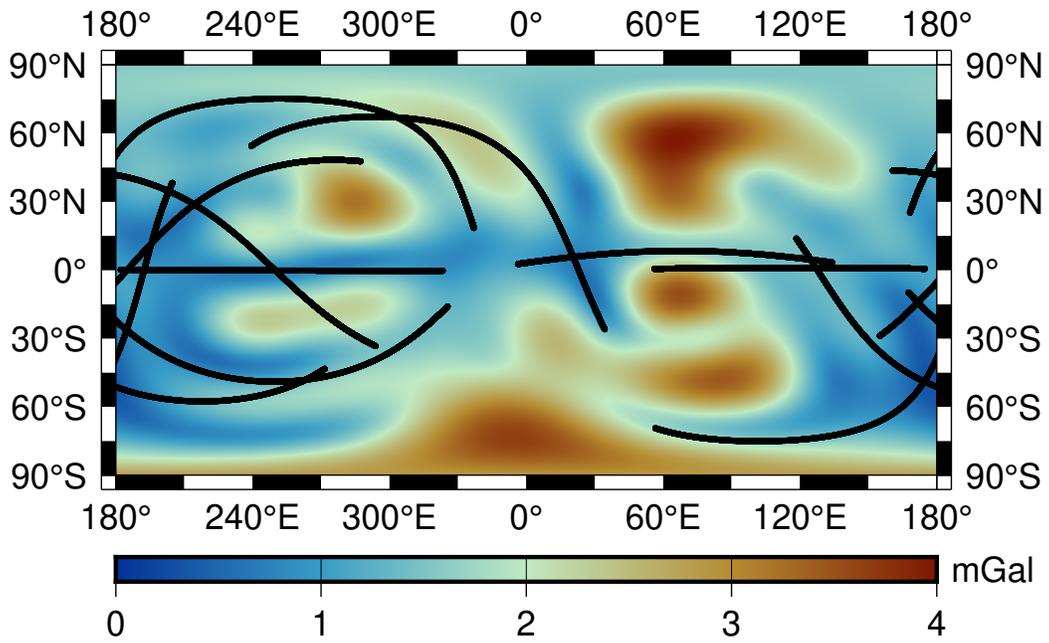
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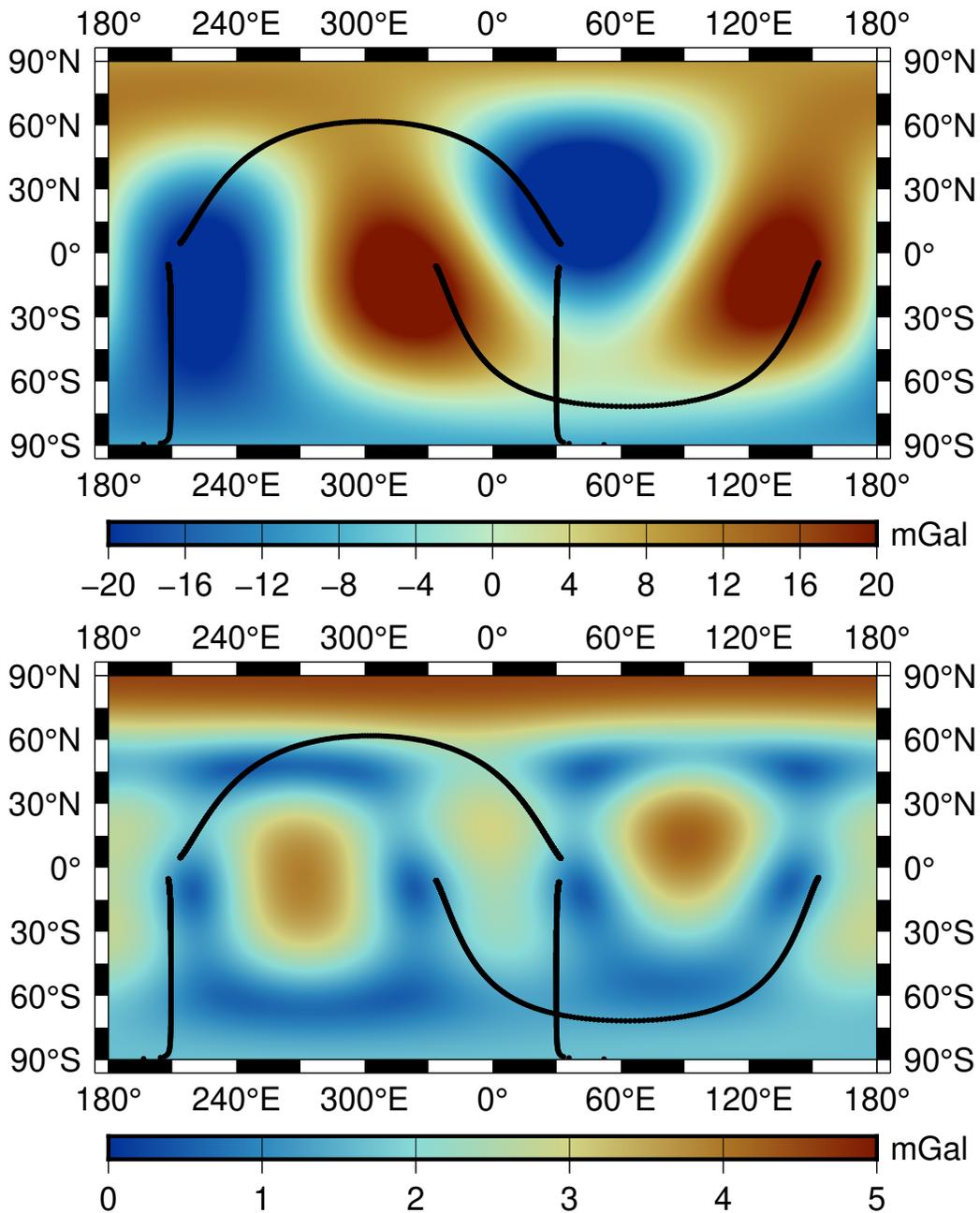
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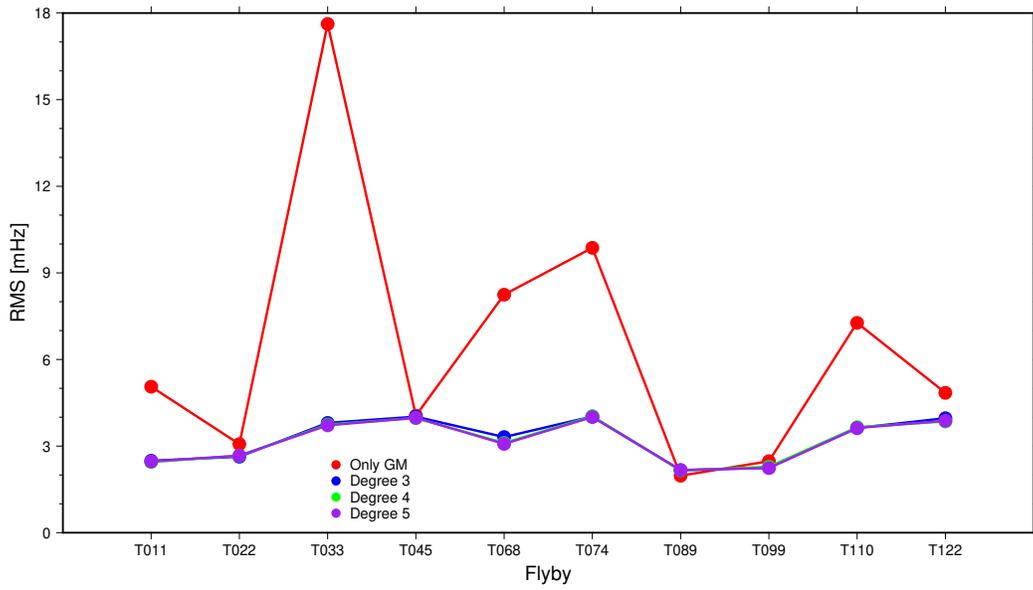
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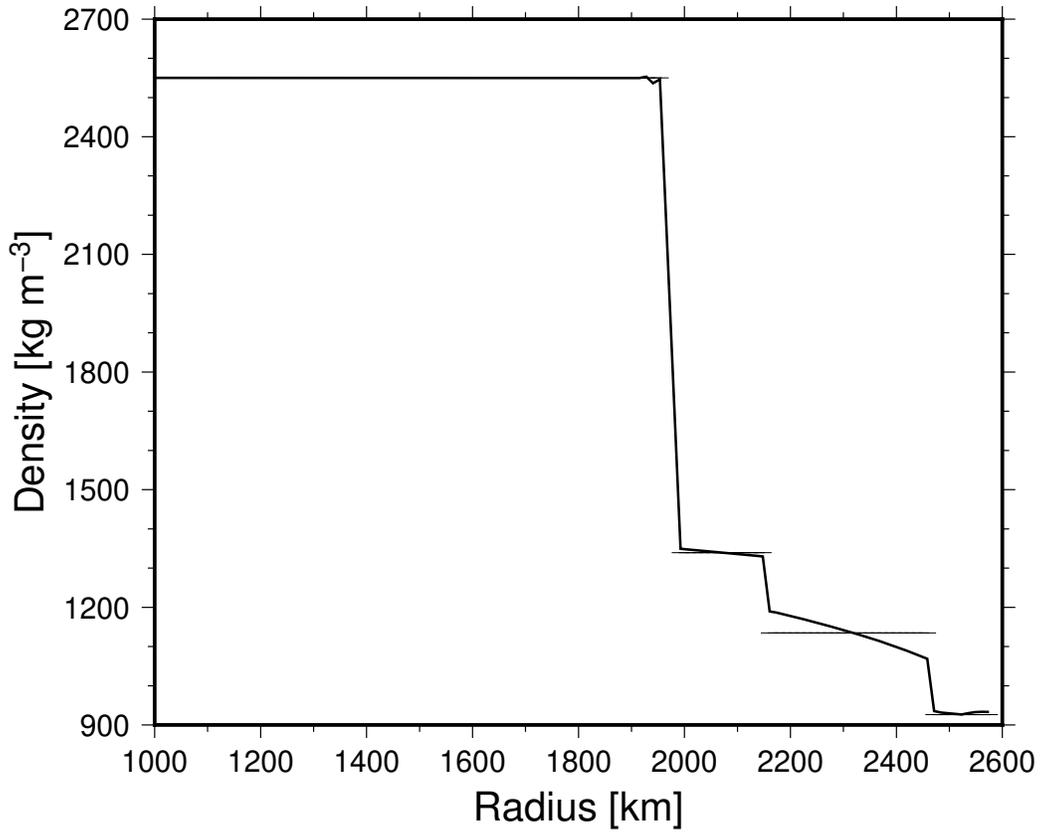
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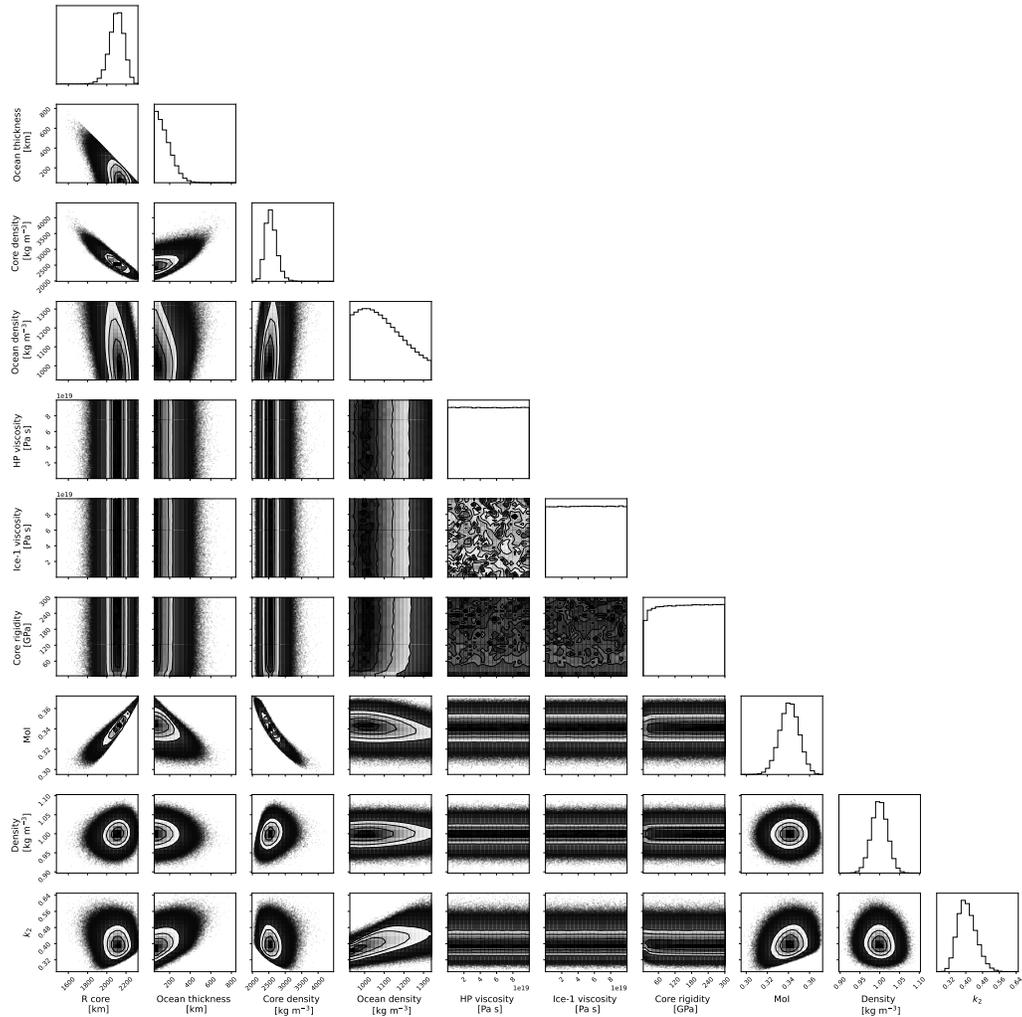
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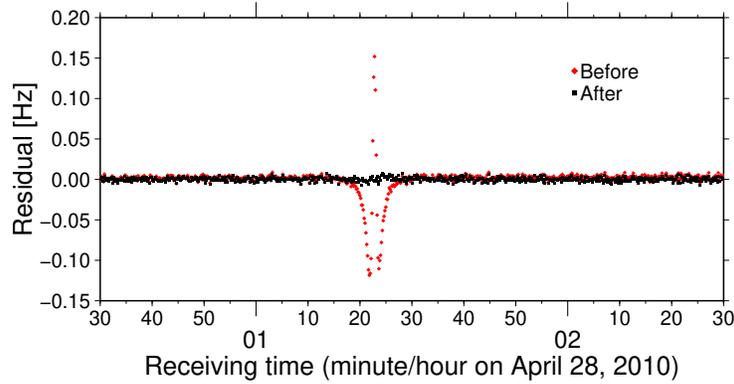
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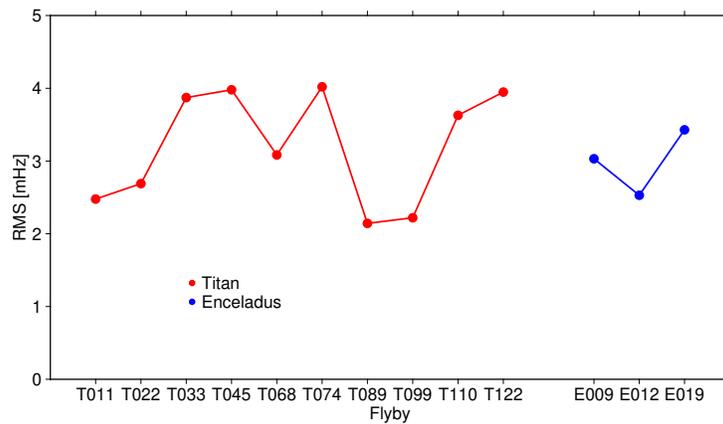
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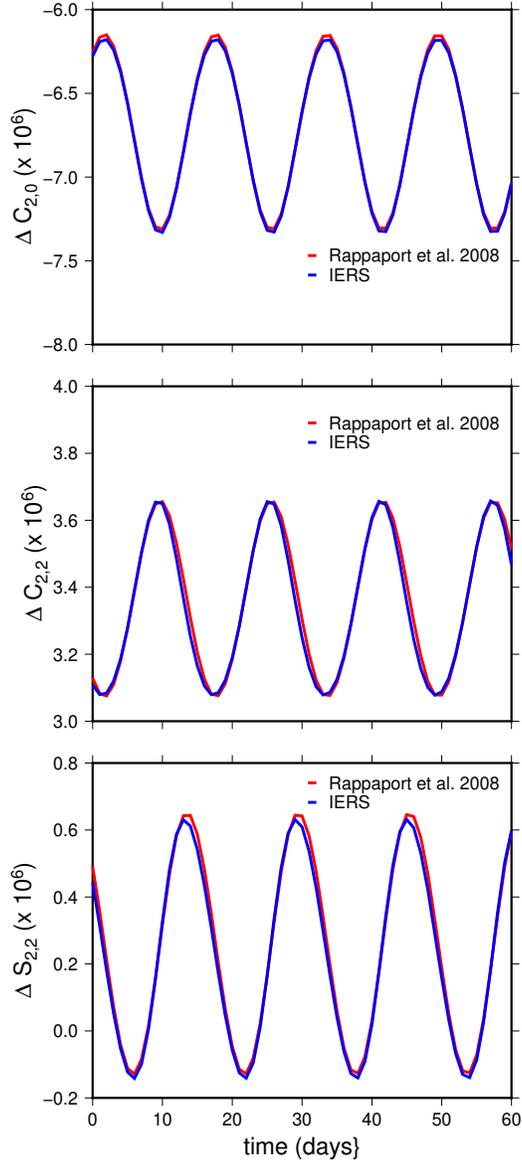
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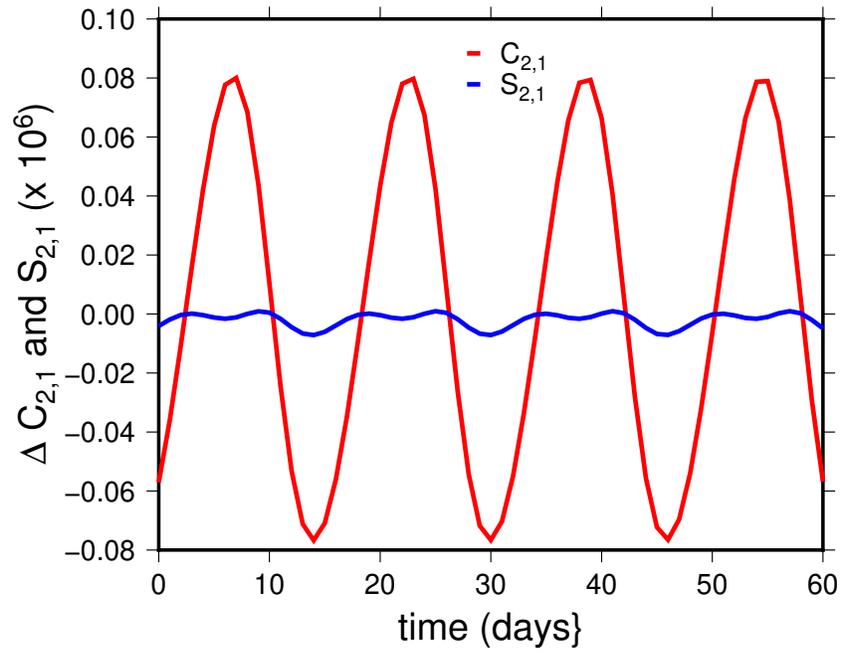
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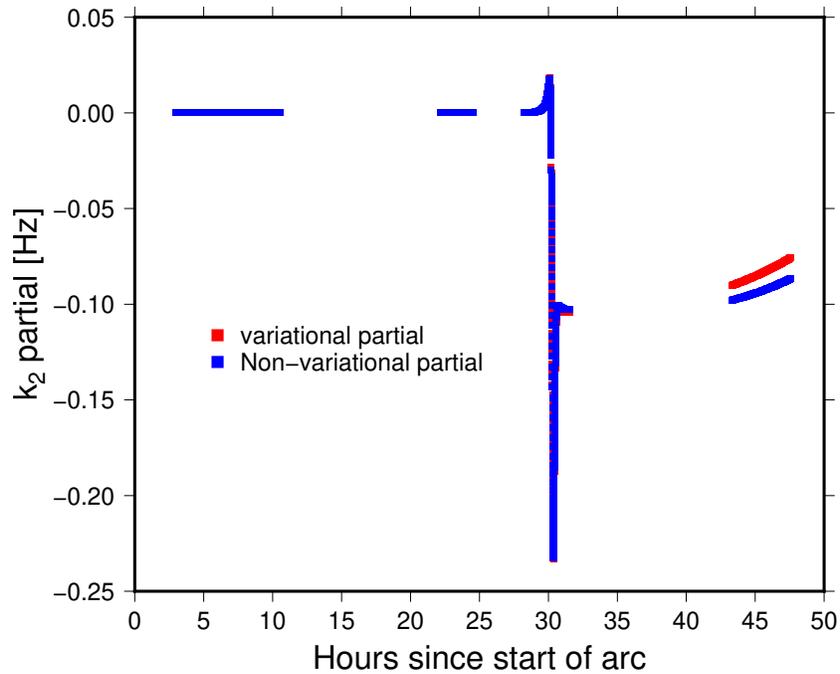
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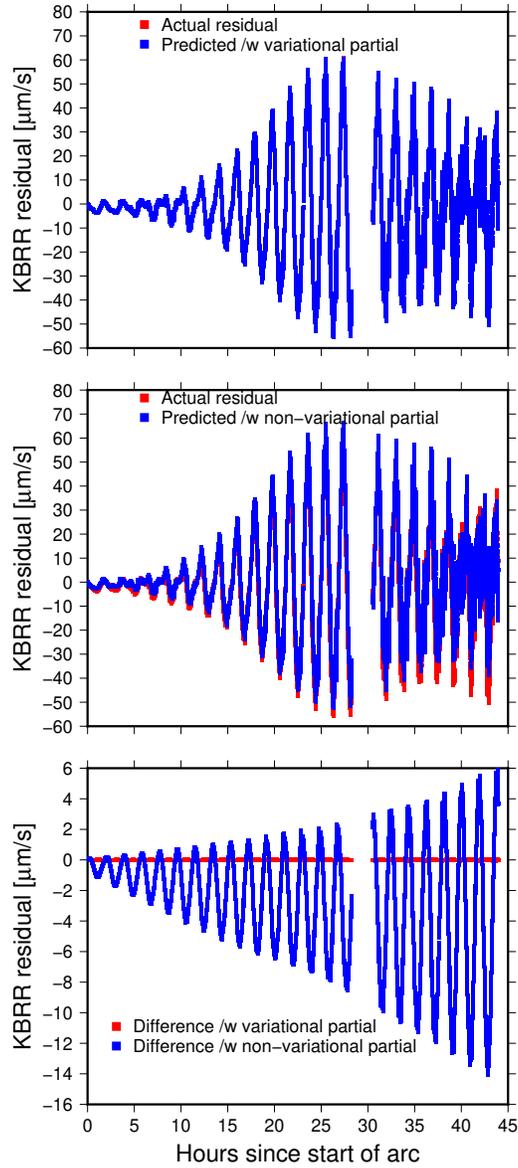
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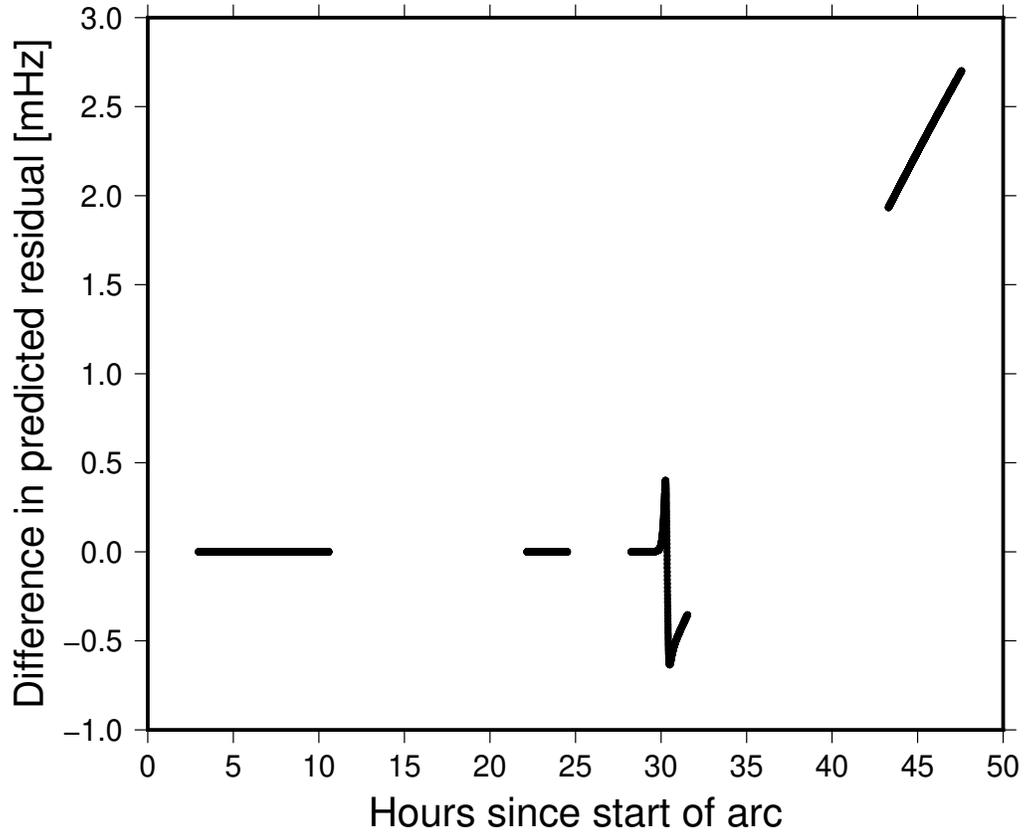
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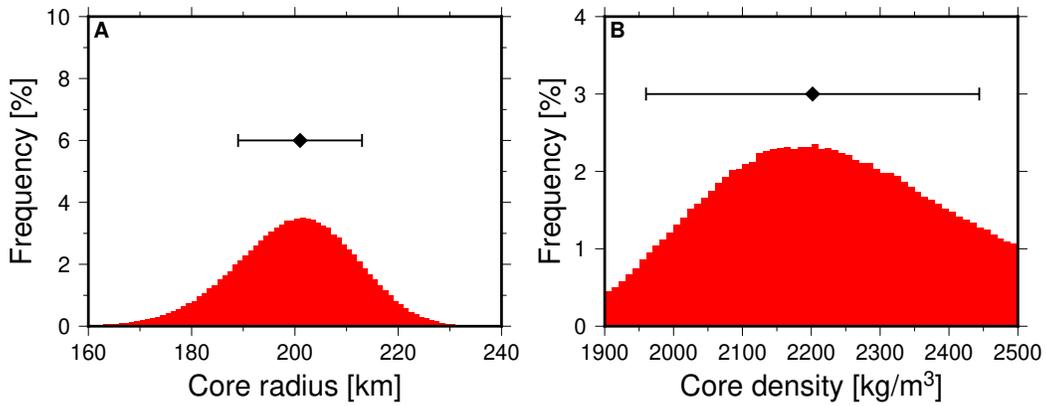
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**Supplementary Figure 11:** Comparison of residual changes and those predicted from the partials, following eq. (11), for an arc for GRAIL Ka-Band Range-Rate (KBRR) data in April, 2012. We compare actual differenced residuals with the change in measurements as predicted by the partials for the case using the full variational approach (top) and for the case with the non-variational approach (middle). The difference between predicted and actual residual changes for both cases are shown in the bottom plot.



**Supplementary Figure 12:** Differences in residuals between those predicted by the variational partials (eq. 17) and those predicted by the non-variational partials (eq. 12) for Cassini flyby T022, using a  $\Delta k_2$  of 0.25. These are constructed using the partials shown in Supplementary Figure 10.



**Supplementary Figure 13:** A posteriori distributions (including the central value  $\pm 1$  standard deviation) of the core radius (left) and core density (right) for Enceladus as results from our Monte Carlo analysis to match the moment of inertia and bulk density. We evaluated 100,000 models using 40 chains.

**Supplementary Table 1:** Estimated gravity field coefficients for Enceladus and Titan. All spherical harmonic coefficients are unnormalized and their values are multiplied by  $10^6$ . The moment of inertia factor  $C/(MR^2)$  is computed from the Darwin-Radau relationship (see text). For Titan, the permanent tide contribution from  $k_2$  is included in the degree two coefficients, and they are thus “zero tide” coefficients. This is also the case by definition for Enceladus since we do not model or estimate  $k_2$  for that moon. Previous solutions for Enceladus<sup>20</sup> and Titan<sup>3</sup> are also included for comparison.

<b>Enceladus</b>	This work	Previous	This work	Previous
$GM$ [ $\text{km}^3/\text{s}^2$ ]	$7.2107 \pm 0.00007$	$7.2096 \pm 0.0067$		
$J_2$	$5406.8 \pm 175.5$	$5435.2 \pm 34.9$		
$C_{2,1}$	$-170.9 \pm 26.9$	$9.2 \pm 11.6$	$S_{2,1}$	$-134.8 \pm 57.1$
$C_{2,2}$	$1638.1 \pm 92.3$	$1549.8 \pm 15.6$	$S_{2,2}$	$-237.8 \pm 14.8$
$J_3$	$-202.2 \pm 116.9$	$-115.3 \pm 22.9$		
$J_2/C_{2,2}$	$3.30 \pm 0.27$	$3.51 \pm 0.05$		
$C/(MR^2)$	$0.345 \pm 0.01$	$0.335$		
<b>Titan</b>				
$GM$ [ $\text{km}^3/\text{s}^2$ ]	$8978.1269 \pm 0.0008$	$8978.1383 \pm 0.0003$		
$k_2$	$0.375 \pm 0.06$	$0.616 \pm 0.067$		
$J_2$	$36.256 \pm 3.108$	$33.089 \pm 0.609$		
$C_{2,1}$	$-0.738 \pm 0.261$	$0.513 \pm 0.215$	$S_{2,1}$	$-1.082 \pm 0.625$
$C_{2,2}$	$11.263 \pm 1.285$	$10.385 \pm 0.084$	$S_{2,2}$	$0.515 \pm 0.143$
$J_3$	$0.628 \pm 1.199$	$-0.179 \pm 0.720$		
$C_{3,1}$	$1.045 \pm 0.346$	$1.481 \pm 0.254$	$S_{3,1}$	$-3.363 \pm 0.705$
$C_{3,2}$	$0.720 \pm 0.322$	$0.183 \pm 0.153$	$S_{3,2}$	$-0.337 \pm 0.216$
$C_{3,3}$	$-0.113 \pm 0.031$	$-0.222 \pm 0.017$	$S_{3,3}$	$-0.099 \pm 0.030$
$J_4$	$-3.074 \pm 2.640$	$-1.077 \pm 1.844$		
$C_{4,1}$	$-0.285 \pm 0.492$	$-0.842 \pm 0.299$	$S_{4,1}$	$-3.868 \pm 1.053$
$C_{4,2}$	$1.132 \pm 0.202$	$0.183 \pm 0.107$	$S_{4,2}$	$-0.206 \pm 0.157$
$C_{4,3}$	$0.031 \pm 0.059$	$-0.012 \pm 0.039$	$S_{4,3}$	$-0.046 \pm 0.051$
$C_{4,4}$	$-0.003 \pm 0.005$	$-0.014 \pm 0.003$	$S_{4,4}$	$0.002 \pm 0.005$
$J_5$	$-4.762 \pm 3.270$	$1.118 \pm 2.022$		
$C_{5,1}$	$0.340 \pm 0.535$	$0.361 \pm 0.406$	$S_{5,1}$	$-1.587 \pm 0.830$
$C_{5,2}$	$0.347 \pm 0.184$	$-0.097 \pm 0.118$	$S_{5,2}$	$-0.159 \pm 0.156$
$C_{5,3}$	$0.061 \pm 0.030$	$-0.016 \pm 0.019$	$S_{5,3}$	$0.067 \pm 0.019$
$C_{5,4}$	$0.003 \pm 0.006$	$0.007 \pm 0.004$	$S_{5,4}$	$-0.019 \pm 0.007$
$C_{5,5}$	$-0.001 \pm 0.001$	$0.000 \pm 0.001$	$S_{5,5}$	$0.000 \pm 0.001$
$J_2/C_{2,2}$	$3.21 \pm 0.72$	$3.186 \pm 0.077$		
$C/(MR^2)$	$0.348 \pm 0.03$	$0.341$		

**Supplementary Table 2:** Flyby altitude, date (yyyy-mm-dd), Titan’s mean anomaly (not indicated for Enceladus flybys), VCE weight factor, and final data weight. A weight factor larger than one means that the data are up-weighted. C/A indicates closest approach.

Flyby	C/A altitude [km]	C/A date and time (UTC)	Mean anomaly [degree]	VCE factor	Data weight [mHz]
T011	1812	2006-02-27 08:25	173	186	2.05
T022	1297	2006-12-28 10:05	197	118	2.58
T033	1933	2007-06-29 17:00	15	84	3.06
T045	1614	2008-07-31 02:13	346	50	3.96
T068	1398	2010-05-20 03:24	81	136	2.40
T074	3651	2011-02-18 16:04	159	50	3.96
T089	1978	2013-02-17 01:56	65	182	2.08
T099	1500	2014-03-06 16:27	63	164	2.19
T110	2274	2015-03-16 14:30	248	60	3.61
T122	1698	2016-08-10 08:31	304	53	3.85
E009	97	2010-04-28 00:11	-	86	3.02
E012	43	2010-11-30 11:54	-	125	2.50
E019	70	2012-05-02 09:31	-	99	2.81

**Supplementary Table 3:** Results for  $k_2$  from Cassini data for various cases of the  $k_2$  partials. The formal errors are one sigma.

Case	Solution
fully variational partials	$0.2835 \pm 0.13$
fully variational partials; periodic terms only	$0.277 \pm 0.13$
fully variation partials; periodic, $S_{2,2}$ corrupted	$0.345 \pm 0.15$
non-variational partial; IERS <sup>30</sup>	$0.4527 \pm 0.10$
non-variational partial; Rappaport et al. (2008) <sup>12</sup>	$0.366 \pm 0.10$
non-variational partial; Rappaport et al. (2008) <sup>12</sup> , $S_{2,2}$ error	$0.6736 \pm 0.10$

**Supplementary Table 4:** Parameters for the modeling of Titan's interior (based on earlier work<sup>17</sup>).

Parameter	Value or range
Core radius	$> 0$ km
High-pressure ice thickness	150 km
Ocean thickness	$> 50$ km
High-pressure ice density	1340 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Icy crust density	925 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Ocean density	925 kg/m <sup>3</sup> – 1340 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Core viscosity	10 <sup>30</sup> Pa s
High-pressure ice viscosity	10 <sup>15</sup> – 10 <sup>20</sup> Pa s
Ocean viscosity	25 kPa s
Icy crust viscosity	10 <sup>13</sup> – 10 <sup>20</sup> Pa s
Core unrelaxed rigidity	5 – 300 GPa
High-pressure ice unrelaxed rigidity	10 GPa
Ocean unrelaxed rigidity	10 <sup>-30</sup> GPa
Icy crust unrelaxed rigidity	3 GPa
Core bulk modulus	200 GPa
High-pressure ice bulk modulus	20 GPa
Ocean bulk modulus	2.5 GPa
Icy crust bulk modulus	10 GPa

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