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NOTATION

x, y	Cartesian coordinates, e.g. UTM-coordinates
$\vec{r}(x, y)$	vector of a point
$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$	partial derivation e.g. for x coordinate
$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$	partial second derivation e.g. for x coordinate
$\frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4}$	partial fourth derivation e.g. for x coordinate
Δ	Laplace operator
	in Cartesian coordinates $\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$
	in Polar coordinates $\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2}$
z	Cartesian coordinate in direction of depth
d	distance or depth
a, b	sides (and side lengths) of a body
R	radius of regionality, radius of convolution
A	area
V	volume
Grid parameter:	
L	side length of a grid
dx, dy	distance of grid nodes for x direction and y direction
n, m	number of nodes for x and y direction
Mechanical parameter:	
m	mass
F	force
Q	shearing force
$p = f(x, y)$	force per unit area
M	bending moment
I	moment of inertia
m_T	moment of temperature
Elastic parameter:	
E	Young's modulus
υ	Poisson's ratio
D	flexural rigidity
T_e	elastic thickness

β	flexure parameter

Viscoelastic parameter:

t	time (only in paragraph 4.5.)
η	viscosity
τ	Maxwell relaxation time

Density:

ρ_c	density of crust
ρ_m	density of mantle
ρ_w	density of water
$\Delta\rho$	density contrast

Gravity:

G	gravitational constant
g	gravity
Δg	gravity anomaly
g_{sed}	gravity effect of sediments
$\tilde{g}_{sed}$	calculated gravity effect of sediments with depth-density function

Load and Flexure:

h or h_T	topographic height
h_i	any single topographic height
h_{PT}	height of pseudo topography
T_0	normal crustal thickness
t_i	any single crustal thickness
$t*$	crustal root, corresponds to the deflection
w	flexure
L_{Pseudo}	load of pseudo topography
L_{sum}	entire load

Fourier transformation:

k_x, k_y	wave numbers corresponds to x and y coordinates
$\vec{k}$	2-dimensional vector of wave numbers
ξ	sum of wave numbers with $\sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2}$
$H(k_x, k_y)$ or $FT[h(\vec{r})]$	Fourier transform of topography h
$W(k_x, k_y)$ or $FT[w(\vec{r})]$	Fourier transform of flexure w
$\Delta\Gamma(\vec{k})$ or $FT[\Delta g_P(\vec{r})]$	Fourier transform of gravity anomaly
$M[\vec{k}]$	surface mass

$Z(\vec{k})$	admittance
$\gamma^2(\vec{k})$	coherence
$\varphi_e(\vec{k})$ or $\Phi'_e(\vec{k})$	flexural response function/transfer function
$C_s(\vec{k})$	cross-spectrum e.g. of the gravity anomaly
P_t	power spectrum of topography
P_g	power spectrum of gravity

Temperature:

t	temperature
t_0	temperature at surface
k	coefficient of thermal conductivity
α	coefficient of thermal expansion
H	heat production
H_0	surface heat production rate
h_r	length scale for the decrease in H
q	heat flux; flow of heat per unit area and unit time
q_0	surface heat flow
q_m	heat flux of mantle

ABBREVIATIONS

CAGH	**C**entral **A**ndean **g**ravity **h**igh
CMI	**c**rust-**m**antle **i**nterface
e.g.	for example (Latin: **e**xempli **g**ratia)
Eq.	**equ**ation
et al.	and others (Latin: **e**t **a**lii)
FE	**f**inite **e**lement
FFT	**f**ast **F**ourier **t**ransformation
Fig.	**Fig**ure
GEBCO	British Oceanographic Data Center HTTP://WWW.BODC.AC.UK
i.e.	That is to say (Latin: **i**d **e**st)
LAB	**l**ithosphere-**a**sthenosphere **b**oundary
MIGRA	**m**ediciones **i**nternacionales de la **gr**avidad de los **A**ndes
Moho	**Moho**rovicic seismic discontinuity
NOAA	National Oceanographic Data Center HTTP://WWW.NODC.NOAA.GOV
no.	**n**umerical **o**rder
pers. comm.	**pers**onal **comm**unication
SFB	Collaboration Research Center HTTP://WWW.FU-BERLIN.DE/SFB267 (German: **S**onder**f**orschungs**b**ereich)

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