



Strong tidal variations in ice flow observed across the entire Ronne Ice Shelf and adjoining ice streams

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Abstract. We present a compilation of GPS time series, including those for previously unpublished sites, showing that flow across the entire Ronne Ice Shelf and its adjoining ice streams is strongly affected by ocean tides. Previous observations have shown strong diurnal and semidiurnal motion of the ice shelf and surface flow speeds of Rutford Ice Stream (RIS) are known to vary with a fortnightly ($M_{\rm sf}$) periodicity. Our new dataset shows that the $M_{\rm sf}$ flow modulation, first observed on RIS, is also

- 5 found on Evans, Talutis, Institute and Foundation Ice Streams, i.e. on all ice streams for which data are available. The amplitude of the $M_{\rm sf}$ signal increases downstream of grounding lines, reaching up to 20% of mean flow speeds where ice streams feed into the main shelf. Upstream of ice stream grounding lines, decay length scales are relatively uniform for all ice streams but the speed at which the $M_{\rm sf}$ signal propagates upstream shows more variation. Observations and modelling of tidal variations in ice flow can help constrain crucial parameters that determine the rate and extent of potential ice mass loss from Antarctica.
- 10 Given that the $M_{\rm sf}$ modulation in ice flow is readily observed across the entire region, at distances of up to 80 km upstream of grounding lines, but is not completely reproduced in any existing numerical model, this new dataset suggests a pressing need to identify the missing processes responsible for its generation and propagation. The new GPS data set is publicly available through the UK Polar Data Centre at http://doi.org/10.5285/4fe11286-0e53-4a03-854c-a79a44d1e356.

1 Introduction

15 Ocean tides affect the flow of ice shelves (Doake et al., 2002; Brunt et al., 2010; Makinson et al., 2012; Legresy et al., 2004; King et al., 2011a) and ice streams (Bindschadler et al., 2003b, a; Anandakrishnan et al., 2003; Anandakrishnan and Alley, 1997; Gudmundsson, 2006; Marsh et al., 2013), often far upstream of their grounding lines (GLs). The growing availability of high temporal resolution data, particularly using GPS, has made the extent of these tidal effects increasingly apparent.

The Weddell Sea region is an ideal place to look for tidal effects on ice flow as it is subjected to the largest tides in Antarctica, with a tidal range of up to 9 m at the GL of ice streams along the Zumberge coast. The semidiurnal M_2 (principal lunar) and S_2 (principal solar) tides dominate the vertical tidal signal beneath most of the ice shelf and are characterised by an amphidromic point at the Ronne Ice Shelf calving front (Fig. 1a, Padman et al. 2002). An amphidromic point (or tidal node) is a point at which a tidal constituent has zero amplitude, around which that constituent rotates. The diurnal tides are smaller







Figure 1. Amplitudes of the semidiurnal M_2 (panel a) and diurnal K_1 (panel b) tides in the Weddell Sea region. Dashed lines are 20° phase lines (also labelled in degrees), with the M_2 amphidromic point visible as the minimum in amplitude in panel a. Note the difference in colour scale between the two panels. Amplitudes and phases are taken from the Circum-Antarcitc inverse Model (CATS2008a, Padman et al. 2002)



Figure 2. Map of the Filchner-Ronne Ice Shelf and adjoining ice streams. Circular markers show the location of new GPS sites included in this study and square markers are previously published sites. Marker colour indicates the approximate record length in days. The background colour scale show ice speed from 0-2000 m/a (white to black), gray lines are ice surface contours at 400 m intervals and black lines are grounding lines. Dashed red boxes mark the extent of panels for individual ice streams shown in Fig 3. Ice speed is from the MEaSUREs dataset (Rignot et al., 2011), smoothed with a low-pass boxcar filter.







Figure 3. Close up maps for each ice stream with relevant GPS data, including Evans Ice Stream (EIS, panel a), Foundation Ice Stream (FIS, panel b), Rutford Ice Stream (RIS, panel c), Talutis Ice Stream (TIS, panel d) and Institute Ice Stream (IIS, panel e). Magenta lines are velocity contours at 100 ma^{-1} intervals, black lines are grounding lines and gray lines are ice surface contours at 400 m intervals. Background shading is MOA satellite imagery (Haran et al., 2014). Scale bars are shown separately for each map.

in amplitude, with no amphidromes in the region of interest and the phase propagating from east to west (Fig. 1b). These large and spatially variable tides have been observed to cause large temporal variations in the ice flow of this region, which in turn provides a unique opportunity to gain insights into ice-flow processes.

On the Whillans Ice Stream in the Ross Sea region, observations of stick-slip behaviour, modulated by the ocean tides 5 (Bindschadler et al., 2003b, a), have proved invaluable to our understanding of the dynamics of its flow (Winberry et al., 2009; Sergienko et al., 2009; Walker et al., 2016; Winberry et al., 2014, 2011). On the Filchner-Ronne Ice Shelf (FRIS) semidiurnal tidal motions have been observed to reach up to ±300% of the mean flow (Makinson et al., 2012) and modulation of the flow





of Ross Ice Shelf front is almost as large (Brunt et al., 2010). Attempts to produce models that can replicate these observations on ice shelves have had mixed results (Brunt and MacAyeal, 2014; Makinson et al., 2012).

A very different type of behaviour has been observed on Rutford Ice Stream (RIS), with fortnightly (2-weekly, $M_{\rm sf}$) variations in horizontal ice-velocity of up to 20% of the mean flow (Gudmundsson, 2006). This observation is doubly interesting,

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in that it travels far upstream from the GL and the fortnightly period of the response is largely absent in the vertical tide that forces it. It also poses a potential aliasing issue when interpreting InSAR velocities based on image pairs separated by only a few days (Gudmundsson, 2006).

A number of mechanisms have been proposed to generate the nonlinearity which leads to this fortnightly signal, including a nonlinear basal sliding law (Gudmundsson, 2007, 2011; Rosier et al., 2014b), subglacial hydrology (Thompson et al., 2014;

- 10 Rosier et al., 2015), asymmetric GL migration (Rosier et al., 2014b) and margin widening (Minchew et al., 2016). All of these mechanisms can generate an $M_{\rm sf}$ modulation in ice flow and may have validity for certain regions, however a unified model is yet to reproduce all aspects of the observed behaviour. This has been highlighted by various recent observations, including the presence of an $M_{\rm sf}$ signal on ice shelves that are not fed by large ice streams (King et al., 2011a; Gudmundsson et al., 2017), and amplification of the RIS signal downstream of the GL (Minchew et al., 2016)
- 15 Observations of fortnightly variations in ice flow have, until now, been limited to the Rutford Ice Stream (Gudmundsson, 2006), Larsen C Ice Shelf (King et al., 2011a) and Brunt Ice Shelf (Gudmundsson et al., 2017). Given the large semidiurnal tides across most of the Weddell Sea region it has been suggested that all large ice streams in this region will exhibit a behaviour similar to the RIS (Gudmundsson, 2007).

Here, we present a compilation of GPS data, including previously unpublished data on Evans (EIS), Talutis (TIS) and
Foundation (FIS) Ice Streams and Carlson Inlet. In total, we include data from 28 new GPS sites, in addition to a new analysis of 15 previously published sites, and demonstrate for the first time the pervasive nature of these nonlinear tidal effects, easily observable across the entire region both on the ice shelf and upstream of ice stream GLs.

2 Observations and Data Analysis

A systematic campaign of GPS receiver deployments, designed to look for tidal modulation in ice flow, has been ongoing 25 across the FRIS for a number of years. Some data have been published both for the main body of the floating shelf and the Rutford Ice Stream, but not for the remaining ice streams feeding into the shelf. The locations of all GPS receivers included in this compilation are shown in Figure 2 and Table 2 summarises key information for each site. GPS stations were powered with batteries charged by solar panels, and in some cases wind turbines to allow for continuous data collection overwinter.

All tidal constituents discussed in the text are listed in Table 1 with their respective periods. For an approximate indication of their relative importance in the vertical tides of this region we include a normalized amplitude, taken from the site FR05 time series, which is approximately central to the GPS sites presented here. This shows that, in terms of the vertical tides, the principal semidiurnal and diurnal constituents are most important whereas long-period constituents, most notably the $M_{\rm sf}$, are almost completely absent. It is important to emphasise that, while the vertical tide has a spring-neap cycle with an apparent





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Table 1. Tidal constituents discussed in the text with their respective periods in days. Normalized amplitude is the vertical amplitude of each constituent at site FR05 as measured by GPS, normalized by the largest constituent (M_2). Constituents marked with - were not considered significant by the tidal analysis and so their amplitudes are not shown.

Constitu	uent Period (days)	Normalized vertical			
		amplitude (m)			
M_2	0.5175	1.000			
S_2	0.5000	0.645			
O_1	1.0758	0.397			
K_1	0.9973	0.395			
$M_{\rm f}$	13.6608	0.037			
$M_{\rm sf}$	14.7653	-			
$S_{\rm sa}$	182.6282	0.029			

fortnightly periodicity, this is a wave envelope resulting from superposition of the two semidiurnal constituents and so does not contain any tidal energy at a fortnightly $M_{\rm sf}$ frequency.

For the results and discussion that follow we will typically refer to ice displacements, rather than velocities. The main reason for this is that displacements are the direct result of GPS measurements, whereas velocities require taking derivatives of these observations leading to noisy results (due to data errors) that require careful filtering.

GPS observations were made at a total of 43 sites using dual frequency GPS receivers placed on the ice surface. Processing of the nine previously published FR– sites was not redone and is described in King et al. (2011b) and King (2011). For all remaining sites the GPS data were processed using the kinematic precise-point positioning capabilities of the Bernese GNSS processing software, as described in Dach et al. (2009).

Our Bernese PPP analysis sub-samples the raw data to 30 second intervals and produces a three-dimensional position time series, with a correction for the solid earth tides. For the FR- sites, additional corrections were made for the inverse barometer effect and ocean tide loading, as described in King et al. (2011b) and King (2011). For all other sites these steps were skipped since, in terms of the horizontal tidal motion to which we restrict our analysis, their effects are negligible. The processed results were subsequently downsampled using cubic interpolation and the X and Y positions then analysed to five minute intervals. The number of useful days for each site, as shown in Table 2, is defined here as days with at least 95% data coverage.

Tidal analysis was done for every site using the 'Unified Tidal analysis and prediction' MATLAB[®] software, referred to henceforth as UTide (Codiga, 2011). Utide uses an iteratively-reweighted least squares (IRLS) solution method in which each observation is weighted to minimise the influence of outliers. Remaining residuals in the tidal fit may include low frequency and/or weather effects in addition to the noise resulting from measurement error. Utide makes use of the spectral properties of

20 these underlying residuals and Monte Carlo uncertainty propagation to determine confidence intervals for the ellipse parameters





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Figure 4. Tidal ellipse diagram, showing the four ellipse parameters: semi-major axis $(a^+ + a^-)$, semi-minor axis $(a^+ - a^-)$, inclination (θ) and Greenwich phase lag (φ) .

(which are nonlinear functions of the least squares model parameters). The Rayleigh Criterion (Pugh, 1996) was used to select which constituents were to be included in the analysis.

Each GPS record consists of three-dimensional positions, but we limit our discussion to the horizontal components of ice flow. We interpret the horizontal motion in terms of a tidal ellipse, which can be thought of as two polar vectors rotating in opposite directions such that when the vectors are aligned the speed is maximised and minimised when they oppose one another. If the two polar vectors have amplitudes a^+ and a^- and phases ϵ^+ and ϵ^- then the tidal ellipse can be conveniently characterized by four parameters:

$$L_q^{smaj} = a_q^+ + a_q^-,\tag{1}$$

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$$L_q^{smin} = a_q^+ - a_q^-,$$
 (2)

$$\theta_q = \mod\left[\frac{\epsilon_q^+ + \epsilon_q^-}{2}, \pi\right] \tag{3}$$



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$$\varphi_q = -\epsilon_q^+ + \theta_q,$$

where L^{smaj} , L^{smin} , θ and φ are the semi-major and semi-minor axis lengths, inclination and Greenwich phase lag of the velocity vector respectively and q is the subscript for each constituent (Pugh, 1996). Figure 4 shows the ellipse parameters diagrammatically. For the sake of brevity, wherever we discuss the amplitude of tidal constituents in GPS displacement data, we mean specifically the length of the semi-major axis. In the case of the M_{sf} signal, which is the focus of our discussion, the semi-major axis always aligns closely with the mean flow and the length of the semi-minor axis is small in all cases. The M_2 constituent, on the other hand, has a much larger semi-minor axis on the main body of the shelf arising from the rotational character of the semidiurnal tide in this region, as described by Makinson et al. (2012).

10 3 Results

Fortnightly variations in ice flow are observed across the entire FRIS region and its adjoining ice streams (Fig 5a). As in the case of the RIS, the signal penetrates far upstream of the GLs of all ice streams that were monitored with the exception of Carlson inlet, which is stagnant (King, 2011). At the most upstream sites of RIS (145 km upstream) and EIS (132 km upstream) there is some indication of an M_{sf} signal but errors are too large to say this with any certainty (Fig. 5a). The M_{sf} signal is largest at the ice shelf calving front, and generally larger in faster flowing regions.

The semidiurnal component of horizontal ice motion is also largest at the ice shelf calving front, as reported by Makinson et al. (2012). Downstream of the RIS GL the low amplitude of M_2 is anomalous: all other ice streams show a larger M_2 component in this portion of the shelf (Fig. 6). S_{sa} amplitude, first observed on RIS by Murray et al. (2007), could only be determined at a few sites where the record covered a sufficiently long time period. The exact required record length will depend on noise in the GPS data but in practice it must be at least as long as the period of the S_{sa} constituent (~182 days). Where detectable, it shows similar characteristics to the M_{sf} signal, persisting upstream of GLs and with amplification towards

the ice shelf calving front. Vertical diurnal tides are relatively small compared with semidiurnal tides across the whole region (Fig 1b) and this is reflected in the horizontal amplitude of the K_1 constituent, which is small throughout the domain.

- To demonstrate the dominance of the $M_{\rm sf}$ signal in the horizontal motion we show the predicted detrended displacements approximately 20 km upstream from the GL for each ice stream (Fig 7). Also plotted is the vertical ocean tide (black line) on the shelf downstream of Foundation Ice Stream. As the tide rotates clockwise from FIS to EIS (King et al., 2011b; King, 2011) the vertical spring-neap phase at the FIS site leads the $M_{\rm sf}$ phase of all measured ice streams. Since GPS measurements were made over a number of years at different times the plot shows tidal prediction using Utide analysis of the sites, rather than actual data. Both RIS and EIS show the strongest $M_{\rm sf}$ signal upstream of the GL, but in all cases flow modulation at the
- 30 $M_{\rm sf}$ frequency dominates at these time-scales.







Figure 5. Tidal analysis of horizontal GPS displacements. Symbol size and colour show the semi-major axis amplitude. Error estimates for each component are overlain in white using the same scale (Note that at most sites the errors are small compared to the amplitude and hence difficult to see). Grounding lines are marked by black lines, ice shelves are coloured grey, grounded ice in white and ocean in blue.

In order to assess more clearly how the tidal signal propagates upstream of the major ice stream GLs, we plot along-flow transects of tidal parameters for FIS, RIS, TIS and EIS in Fig. 6. The various panels show $M_{\rm sf}$ semi-major axis length (panel a), $M_{\rm sf}$ Greenwich phase lag (panel b) and M_2 semi-major axis length (panel c). Error bars are the 95% confidence intervals as calculated by Utide and described in the Data analysis section. $M_{\rm sf}$ flow modulation persists far upstream of RIS, FIS and EIS

5 but is almost undetectable ~ 40 km upstream of TIS GL. M_{sf} phase shows lag both upstream of GLs and east to west along the coastline. The semidiurnal M_2 constituent decays very rapidly upstream of the GLs, in agreement with previous observations, and is stronger on the shelf in all cases apart from the RIS. M_2 phase is not shown as values upstream of the GL at almost all sites are subject to very high uncertainties as a result of the very low M_2 amplitude.







Figure 6. Along-flow transects across grounding lines of Foundation (blue lines), Rutford (red lines), Talutis (green lines), Evans (orange lines) and Institute (purple lines) Ice Streams showing M_{sf} amplitude (panel a), M_{sf} phase (panel b) and M_2 amplitude (panel c) calculated from tidal analysis of horizontal ice displacements measured by GPS. Transects consist of sites H08, H11, H01, H10 on FIS; R-20, R+00, R+10, R+20, R+40, R+73 on RIS; T-05, T-02, TT1, T+18, T+38 on TIS; E5, E4A, E3, E2A, E1 on EIS and IIS2, IIS1 on IIS) Error bars are the 95% confidence intervals as calculated by Utide and described in the data analysis section. Note that transects do not follow exact flow lines.







Figure 7. Horizontal de-trended displacements predicted for Foundation, Rutford, Talutis and Evans Ice Streams based on GPS observations made approximately 20 km upstream in each case. Predicted vertical tidal motion on the freely floating outlet to FIS are also shown in black. Tidal prediction performed using Utide software including all tidal components with Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) > 2.

4 Discussion

The pervasive nature of the $M_{\rm sf}$ signal in horizontal ice flow across the entire region clearly shows that this nonlinear effect, first observed on the RIS, is the norm rather than an oddity only generated under very particular conditions. The implication is that learning how to reproduce these effects in models will teach us much about general ice rheology and flow in Antarctica.

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Recent analysis of high resolution SAR satellite data on the RIS has suggested that the $M_{\rm sf}$ signal is larger on the floating portion of the ice stream than on the grounded ice Minchew et al. (2016). The compilation of GPS data that we present here shows that this amplification on floating ice generally continues all the way to the ice shelf front (Fig. 5). While these observations do not invalidate nonlinear mechanisms that generate the $M_{\rm sf}$ on grounded ice, they do suggest the need for a mechanism to generate fortnightly modulations in ice flow on floating ice. Minchew et al. (2016) proposed that widening of

10 margins due to GL migration is one candidate that would produce an $M_{\rm sf}$ signal. While this may be the dominant mechanism in certain areas, such as the narrow embayment at the outlet of the RIS, it seems unlikely that this same mechanism is relevant over the entire FRIS where GL migration would only widen the shelf by a tiny fraction. Further modelling work is needed in order to explain the strength and spatial extent of the $M_{\rm sf}$ signal over the FRIS.





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Figure 8. Amplitude of the $M_{\rm sf}$ signal (panel a) and $M_{\rm sf}$ velocity as a percent of the mean speed (panel b). Colourmaps are interpolated from observations (black crosses) using MATLAB© 'v4' interpolation. Grounding lines are marked by black lines.

To better show the importance of the $M_{\rm sf}$ signal across the region, we interpolated amplitudes as measured by GPS from each site to cover the entire shelf and fast flowing ice streams. The interpolation was done in MATLAB© using the 'v4' technique, which is based on the radial basis function method. The resulting map of $M_{\rm sf}$ amplitudes (Fig 8a) gives a general impression of how the $M_{\rm sf}$ signal increases towards the calving front and decays upstream of GLs. Note that in some regions of the ice shelf the interpolations are very poorly constrained and so should only be used as an indication of the spatial pattern of the $M_{\rm sf}$ signal.

The $M_{\rm sf}$ signal modulates ice speed at a fortnightly period. We calculate the tidally-varying ice velocity by taking the time derivative of the harmonic fit to the horizontal time series. In Fig 8b we show the change in velocity due only to the $M_{\rm sf}$ flow modulation (which we call the Msf velocity) as a percent of the mean ice speed (note that for some sites with a short data span

- 10 the mean speed as calculated from the GPS data will be affected by the presence of longer period variations in flow). In slower moving parts of the ice shelf, in particular where there is less GPS coverage, this results in spuriously high values; however, the overall picture on the main body of the shelf and on ice streams gives a good indication of the relative importance of this velocity modulation compared with the mean flow speed. Although M_{sf} amplitude increases towards the ice front, the mean flow speed also increases and so the net result is a somewhat lower relative effect on mean flow. The largest percentages are
- 15 seen where major ice streams un-ground and flow into the ice shelf, with the ice flow modulation of $\pm 15\%$ over one fortnightly cycle.

A further effect of nonlinearity that generates a fortnightly modulation in ice flow is that it increases the mean ice speed (Gudmundsson, 2007, 2011; Rosier et al., 2014b). This is a fundamental consequence of the $M_{\rm sf}$ signal, arising from the nonlinear response of ice flow to vertical tidal motion and independent of the source of that nonlinearity. The large spatial

20 extent of the $M_{\rm sf}$ signal presented here implies that the entire ice shelf is flowing faster than it would without this effect (or





if the amplitude of the generating semidiurnal tides were to be reduced). Conversely, increased tidal amplitudes potentially caused by ice shelf retreat (Rosier et al., 2014a) could lead to a speed up. Determining the amount by which the mean speed is affected as a result of the nonlinearity requires further modelling.

- The amplitude of the M_{sf} signal at all sites shows some correlation with mean flow velocity ($R^2 = 0.653$, Fig. 9). The contrast in M_{sf} signal between Carlson Inlet and neighbouring TIS suggests that any valid mechanism for the generation of fortnightly flow modulation requires ice to be fast flowing, and that no M_{sf} signal will be present upstream of slow-moving ice. M_{sf} phase velocity upstream of ice stream GLs is somewhat uniform, with two notable exceptions. On FIS there is a long phase lag between 7 and 18 km upstream of the GL which might be linked to a large over-deepening in this portion of the ice stream (Joughin et al., 2006); more sites are needed to study this behaviour in detail.
- All sites with sufficiently long records measured a clear S_{sa} tidal signal (Fig. 5b). The S_{sa} tide, with a period of 182.62 days, leads to a maximum in the S_2 solar semidiurnal tide during the equinoxes when solar declination is zero. As with the M_{sf} signal, there is almost no measurable vertical S_{sa} tide beneath the FRIS (Table 1). Long period modulation in horizontal ice flow at the S_{sa} frequency has been observed previously on the RIS (Murray et al., 2007) and Larsen Ice Shelf (King et al., 2011a) and likely arises from the same nonlinear mechanism that generates the M_{sf} signal (King et al., 2010). Because of the
- 15 long period of this signal, the apparently large amplitude has little effect on ice velocity from equinox to solstice. As a result it does not present the same aliasing dangers as the $M_{\rm sf}$ signal, which could affect satellite interferometric estimates of ice velocity (Gudmundsson, 2006).

5 Conclusions

The FRIS is arguably the best observed ice stream/ice shelf system and the large tidal ranges in the region make it an excellent 20 place to investigate tidal effects on ice flow. We have presented GPS observations from across the FRIS and adjoining ice streams, showing clear tidal modulation of horizontal ice flow at almost all sites upstream of the GL to ~ 100 km and downstream to the ice shelf front. This compilation of GPS data greatly expands on previous datasets, particularly for grounded ice. We also re-analysed previously released GPS results from the Filchner-Ronne Ice Shelf to search for longer period tidal effects that were not originally included.

- Observations of these tidal effects are used extensively to gain insights into ice rheology and flow. Of particular interest is the fortnightly modulation in ice flow, not present in the tidal forcing but driven by a nonlinear response to the ocean tides. Previously, observations of this effect were limited to a few locations around Antarctica. This signal is easily observable at almost every site presented with a sufficiently long record to resolve it. In addition to short term variations in flow, this nonlinear effect has been shown to lead to a higher mean ice-velocity. With the $M_{\rm sf}$ signal now demonstrated to cover the
- 30 entire ice shelf system, in some cases with a larger amplitude than originally observed on RIS, there are clear implications for the flow of the entire FRIS.

Many aspects of these observations are still poorly understood and this new dataset shows their relevance to general ice dynamics. In particular, no proposed mechanism can adequately explain the amplification of fortnightly variations in ice flow





towards the ice front which is readily observable in this dataset. Further theoretical and modelling work is needed to better understand the processes that lead to the flow of ice being so sensitive to ocean tides.

Appendix A: GPS Stations





Table 2. Details of new GPS data presented in this study. New sites are in **bold** font. Total time is the time in days from first to last observation, whereas useful days is the number of days with at least 95% of data.

Site	Date	Date	Total	Latitude	Longitud	e Mean	$M_{\rm sf}$	M_2
name	first	last	(useful)	(degrees)) (degrees)	velocity	amplitude	eamplitude
			days			(m/d)	(m)	(m)
C+00	05-Dec-05	15-Dec-05	69 (24)	-77.85	-81.18	0.1	0.07	0.03
C+20	06-Dec-05	09-Feb-06	65 (65)	-77.72	-81.75	0.06	0	0
C-16	01-Feb-06	12-Feb-06	69 (17)	-77.92	-80.41	0.37	0.26	0.29
E1	26-Jan-09	12-Feb-09	284 (182)	-75.89	-76.27	1.19	0.08	0
E2A	19-Sep-09	06-Jan-10	345 (188)	-76.07	-76.63	1.27	0.1	0
E2B	26-Jan-09	07-May-09	347 (177)	-76.31	-77.58	1.52	0.25	0.29
E3	28-Jan-09	15-May-09	107 (106)	-76.35	-76.64	1.58	0.2	0
E4A	28-Jan-09	09-Mar-09	41 (41)	-76.56	-76.2	1.58	0.27	0.19
E4B	28-Jan-09	22-Apr-09	343 (170)	-76.7	-76.68	1.84	0.28	0.28
E5	09-Feb-09	18-Jul-09	339 (282)	-76.76	-75.41	1.57	0.25	0.27
EGPS	05-Dec-05	19-Jan-06	46 (46)	-76.19	-78.95	0.77	0.05	0
FR02	17-Dec-07	12-Apr-08	378 (212)	-80.99	-46.29	0.19	0.07	0.04
FR03	29-Jan-08	06-Apr-08	223 (76)	-82.21	-58.55	0.72	0.2	0.01
FR04	02-Dec-08	10-Jan-09	39 (39)	-80.18	-72.88	0.53	0.11	0.01
FR05	06-Dec-07	09-Dec-08	370 (344)	-78.26	-70.9	1.32	0.36	0.11
FR06	06-Dec-07	30-Jan-08	55 (55)	-76.69	-66.51	2.38	0.38	0.22
FR07	09-Dec-07	04-Jul-08	407 (320)	-75.88	-59.13	3.62	0.48	0.41
FR08	03-Dec-07	21-Dec-07	18 (18)	-77.68	-61.9	2.82	0.35	0.33
FR09	02-Dec-07	05-Oct-08	391 (358)	-79.15	-53.19	1.35	0.21	0.12
FR10	02-Dec-07	18-Feb-08	78 (78)	-77.19	-52.2	3.15	0.4	0.43
H01	28-Dec-15	27-Apr-16	362 (206)	-83.56	-61.58	1.67	0.16	0.01
H02	02-Jan-16	20-Mar-16	79 (79)	-83.65	-61.98	1.6	0.13	0.01
H04	02-Jan-16	05-Mar-16	64 (64)	-83.83	-62.55	1.52	0.08	0
H05	02-Jan-16	01-Mar-16	60 (60)	-83.97	-63.19	1.41	0.06	0
H08	10-Jan-16	17-Apr-16	97 (97)	-83.33	-60.55	1.61	0.21	0.13
H10	10-Jan-16	07-Apr-16	348 (165)	-83.69	-61.22	1.48	0.1	0
H11	01-Oct-16	23-Dec-16	361 (120)	-83.49	-61.19	1.69	0.19	0.09
IIS1	29-Jan-13	22-Jul-13	175 (175)	-81.04	-73.98	1.06	0.12	0.03
IIS2	18-Jan-14	20-May-14	123 (121)	-80.88	-73.54	1.03	0.13	0.16
R+00	22-Dec-03	15-Feb-04	56 (56)	-78.49	-83.09	1.08	0.28	0.05
R+10	22-Dec-03	13-Feb-04	54 (54)	-78.41	-83.28	1.09	0.25	0.01
R+20	21-Dec-03	13-Feb-04	54 (54)	-78.32	-83.47	1.1	0.21	0
R+40	18-Dec-03	25-Jan-04	39 (39)	-78.16	-83.85	1.02	0.12	0
R+73	05-Dec-05	13-Feb-06	71 (71)	-77.89	-84.41	0.99	0.06	0
R-20	23-Dec-03	15-Feb-04	55 (55)	-78.65	-82.67	0.99	0.29	0.02
R145	05-Dec-05	15-Feb-06	73 (73)	-77.25	-84.83	0.8	0	0
T+18	06-Dec-05	07-Feb-06	63 (63)	-77.62	-81.28	0.34	0.04	0
T+38	06-Dec-05	09-Feb-06	65 (65)	-77 .47	-81.58	0.21	0.01	0
T-02	01-Feb-06	13-Feb-06	11 (11)	-77.76	-80.73	0.36	0	0.08
1-05	01-Feb-06	09-Feb-06	10 (10)	-77.78	-80.65	0.33	0	0.19
	05-Feb-06	12-Feb-06	7(7)	-77.75	-80.87	0.34	U 0.01	0.02
XX20 XX21	08-Jan-10	10-Apr-10	92 (92) 256 (155)	-75.55	-//./1	0.34	0.01	U
XX21	05-Feb-10	22-Apr-10	330 (T77)	-75.4	-/6.2	0.31	0.01	U







Figure 9. Relationship between mean velocity and M_{sf} amplitude for all sites with an M_{sf} amplitude greater than zero (circles), along with a linear regression (blue line) giving an R^2 value of 0.653.

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