Supplementary Material: Assessment of Flow Dynamics in the Zone Close to the Calving Front of Antarctic Ice Shelves

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This supplementary material contains plots for 22 Antarctic ice shelves with each ice shelf assigned a separate page.

The top four plots show:

- the MODIS imagery used in the geophysical classification (Haran and others (2005)).
- the non-filtered ice-surface velocity field (450m resolution) for each ice shelf (using velocity dataset from Rignot and others (2011)).
- the along-flow strain rate calculated from the filtered velocity field (see below for filtering details). Additional black line indicates the flow line of maximum speed.
- the absolute transverse shear rate calculated from the filtered velocity field. This is displayed with a colour bar ranging from 0 0.05yr⁻¹, with saturated regions indicating values greater than 0.05yr⁻¹.

Each of these plots also includes a grounding line and coastline outline from MODIS (Haran and others (2005)).

The filtered velocity field used to calculate the along-flow strain rate and transverse shear rate is generated by applying a low-pass Gaussian filter to the original velocity field from Rignot and others (2011). We use the MATLAB *imfilter* function, with a Gaussian filter of size 9km (20 grid cells) and standard deviation 1.8km (4 grid cells). As a result of this filtering there are some artefacts in the along-flow strain rate and transverse shear rate plots. Valid values can be found 9km from the ice-ocean boundary.

Values of along-flow strain rate and speed sampled along the flow line of maximum velocity are displayed in the lower two plots. The upper of the two plots gives values of strain rate (blue) and speed (orange) along the full flow line transect, with the mean strain -rate calculated over the final 20km shown as a thick green line. The lower plot displays the strain rate values from the final 20km section of the shelf (blue crosses), with the mean strain rate (bold green) and standard deviation in strain rate (dashed red). The methodology for calculating these quantities is given in the main text.

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Amery Ice Shelf











Borchgrevinkisen Ice Shelf











Cook Ice Shelf

MODIS









De Vicq A Ice Shelf



Shear rate (yr⁻¹







De Vicq B Ice Shelf



Shear rate (yr⁻¹







Dolleman Ice Shelf

MODIS



Strain rate







Shear rate





Filchner Ice Shelf

Speed

Shear rate (yr⁻¹







Fimbul Ice Shelf

MODIS



-1

-1.5

-18

-16

-14

-12

-10

Distance from calving front (km)

-8

-6



Sampled strain rate Mean strain rate Standard deviation

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Getz Ice Shelf















Jelbart Ice Shelf

MODIS









Shear rate





Larsen C Ice Shelf

MODIS











McMurdo Ice Shelf

MODIS



-4∟ -11

-10

-9

-8



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-7 -6 -5 -4 Distance from calving front (km)

-3

-2

-1

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Ninnis Ice Shelf





Strain rate





PIG Ice Shelf



-12 -10

Distance from calving front (km)

Publications Ice Shelf











Ronne Ice Shelf

Speed









Robert Glacier Ice Shelf









Ross Ice Shelf Speed

MODIS













Distance from calving front (km)

Shackleton Ice Shelf

MODIS









-8

Distance from calving front (km)

-6

-2

0

Strain rate (yr⁻¹)

Stange Ice Shelf

MODIS













0.05 0.045 0.04 0.035 0.03 Shear rate (yr⁻ 0.025 0.02 0.015 0.01

Venable Ice Shelf



Distance from calving front (km)

West A Ice Shelf

MODIS









