

Highlights

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- Long-term Ross Island subsidence is consistent with Erebus edifice growth over the last 20 ka.
- Campaign and continuous GNSS data show years-long deformation transients attributed to volcano dynamics.
- Inflation-deflation cycles are modeled as pressure changes in the crustal and uppermost ($< \sim 1$ km) magmatic conduit system.

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Abstract

Erebus volcano on Ross Island in Antarctica is an iconic open-vent volcano that has hosted a convecting anorthoclase-rich phonolite lava lake for at least 50 years. Recent magnetotelluric observations have imaged a conduit system originating at least 60 km below Erebus. This terminates in a seismically-imaged shallow magma reservoir about 500 m NW of the crater with an upper surface at about 500 m depth. A narrow and inclined terminal conduit system connects the shallow reservoir to the lava lake. Bomb-ejecting Strombolian eruptions from the lava lake and sporadically active adjacent vents are common. Larger eruptive activity with locally substantially elevated hazard has also been observed, including exceptionally energetic Strombolian activity in 1984 and an Inner Crater phreatic explosion in 1993. Despite sustained degassing and frequent eruptions, geochemical data show the composition of the lava has remained stable for the last 17 ka, consistent with the long-lived transcrustal magmatic system underlying the lake.

Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) data collection on Ross Island began in the late 1990s with campaign observations. In the early 2000s, additional benchmarks were added closer to the summit of Erebus and con-

tinuous GNSS (cGNSS) sites were co-located with a seismic network. Today, seven cGNSS sites operate on the summit plateau and flanks of the volcano, and a network of eight campaign benchmarks has been surveyed episodically.

We present the first comprehensive geodetic data analysis and modeling results integrating these more than two decades of data collected at Erebus. We resolve long-term subsidence of Ross Island, which a simple viscoelastic model links to the long-term growth of Erebus over the last 20 ka. The data also show multi-year cycles of inflation and deflation in the summit area, consistent with activity in the shallow summit magmatic system. These small amplitude (several mm/yr) transient dynamics suggest multi-year pulses of pressurization and depressurization, or geometric changes within the shallow magmatic system that we can reproduce with analytical source models. The most recent inflation pulse lasted from November 2020 until March 2022 when several stations moved radially away from the shallow magmatic system and upwards at 10-15 mm/yr. Based on prior cycles, this deformation may result in increased eruptive activity suggesting that continued and enhanced surveillance of Erebus is warranted. These observations contrast with the long-term general stability of the lava lake, but reflect Inner Crater dynamics, which can include changes in lava lake elevation and associated topographic changes of over 20 m on multi-year time scales. Our results emphasize the value of long-term and campaign-aided high-accuracy GNSS observations at open-vent volcanoes. This is especially true for volcanoes like Erebus which are remote and may only be accessible for a few months a year, and that deform at amplitudes and periods that may be difficult to resolve with satellite-based radar.

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1. Introduction

Open-vent volcanoes provide a window into their underlying magmatic system that allows detailed investigation of magmatic processes driving their activity and behavior. Such systems are typically characterized by mild explosive activity and persistent gas emissions (Rose et al., 2013; Vergnolle and Métrich, 2021; Edmonds et al., 2022), making them an ideal place to de-

7 develop and test monitoring techniques. However, open-vent volcanoes usually
8 degas directly from their magmatic system. This prevents excessive pres-
9 sure build up that would otherwise cause surface deformation of the volcano
10 at magnitudes measurable with space-based remote sensing techniques such
11 as interferometric synthetic aperture radar (InSAR) (e.g., Pritchard and Si-
12 mons, 2002; Chaussard et al., 2013; Biggs and Pritchard, 2017) and Global
13 Navigation Satellite System (GNSS, which includes the U.S. GPS) measure-
14 ments (e.g., Shimada et al., 1990; Dzurisin, 2007; Grapenthin et al., 2013).

15 Erebus volcano on Ross Island in Antarctica (Fig. 1), hosts an active
16 lava lake which has persisted for least 50 years following its discovery in
17 1973 (Giggenbach et al., 1973). First described by Sir James Ross in 1841
18 as “emitting smoke and flame in great profusion” (Giggenbach et al., 1973),
19 Erebus continues its sustained degassing and persistent Strombolian eruptive
20 activity to date (Aster, 2003; Dibble et al., 2008; Oppenheimer et al., 2011;
21 Gerst et al., 2013). Long-lived active lava lakes are rare and are typically
22 basaltic (e.g., Masaya, Erta ’Ale) or ultramafic (e.g., Nyiragongo), whereas
23 the Erebus lava lake has a unique phonolitic composition (Kyle et al., 1992).
24 Erebus phonolite magma has a high viscosity of 10^5 - 10^7 Pa s (Le Losq et al.,
25 2015) when compared to the, e.g., 30 Pa s for the basalt in the lava lake at
26 Erta ’Ale (Bouche et al., 2010; Lev et al., 2019). Typically kept open by con-
27 tinuous magma convection and degassing from depth, active lava lakes stand
28 out among open-vent systems as the lakes form the top of the underlying
29 magmatic system, allowing direct observations of magma system dynamics.
30 Thus, these rare phenomena represent the ultimate observational window
31 into an active magmatic system. Lev et al. (2019) present a global synthesis
32 and review of the seven main global lava lakes in existence in 2018, three of
33 which have since disappeared. The multidecadal lava lake at Erebus is thus
34 exceptional, and its longevity may reflect a lack of shallow viscous stalling
35 due to its low water content and high CO_2 flux (Hill et al., 2022).

36 Here, we examine over 20 years of campaign and continuous GNSS ob-
37 servations at Erebus volcano. We find geodetic evidence of both shallow
38 magmatic dynamics and long-term subsidence of Ross Island, resolved over
39 years-long time scales. This discovery emphasizes the need for longer dura-
40 tion ground- and satellite- based time series to resolve more subtle and lower
41 signal-to-noise geodetic processes at active volcanoes that are commonly con-
42 sidered to be “non-deforming”.

43 2. Background

44 2.1. Tectonics, Volcanic History and Activity

45 Volcanism in the western Ross Sea region is associated with extension of
46 the West Antarctic Rift System (Behrendt, 1999; Jordan et al., 2020; Smellie
47 et al., 2020), one of the largest continental rift zones on Earth. Ross Island
48 sits at the south end of this province within the normal-faulting dominated
49 Terror Rift, which is located in the Victoria Land Basin on the western edge
50 of the larger rift system. Extension in the Terror Rift started about 17 Ma,
51 but recent GNSS measurements indicate relative inactivity with insignificant
52 spreading between East and West Antarctica (e.g., Donnellan and Luyendyk,
53 2004; Henrys et al., 2007; Fielding et al., 2008). Using teleseismic receiver
54 functions Bannister et al. (2003) estimate a crustal thickness between 19–
55 21 km under Ross Island, consistent with that previously suggested from
56 seismic reflection data (e.g., Tréhu et al., 1993). Morin et al. (2010) addi-
57 tionally reported higher than average heat flow from the ANDRILL borehole
58 AND-1B beneath the McMurdo Ice Shelf compared to the rest of the Victoria
59 Basin.

60 Several processes affect deformation of Ross Island (Table 1). While the
61 Terror Rift has been historically seismically quiet and exhibits little active
62 extension, rebound in response to ongoing glacial unloading contributes per-
63 haps 2 mm/yr of uplift (Willis, 2008). Thomas et al. (2011) suggest that
64 Glacial Isostatic Adjustment (GIA) models overestimate the ongoing defor-
65 mation caused by viscous mantle flux in Antarctica and careful correction of
66 elastic rebound effects is required before GIA modeling. A currently uncon-
67 strained effect on vertical deformation is that of possible local sea-level drop
68 due to reduced gravitational attraction arising from large-scale ice mass loss
69 (Mitrovica et al., 2009). Since the Erebus summit plateau is ice free and not
70 a substantial snow accumulation zone, and glaciers on the flanks of Erebus
71 and at further distances on Ross Island are relatively stable as reflected in
72 altimetry data that indicates near zero snow and ice mass change on and
73 around Ross Island (Smith et al., 2020), we consider deformation due to
74 local surface mass changes negligible. A perhaps surprising result by King
75 and Santamaría-Gómez (2016) suggests that viscoelastic relaxation after the
76 1998 M_w 8.2 intraplate Balleny Islands earthquake offshore of East Antarctica
77 measurably affected the deformation field around Ross Island. Depending on
78 rheology, Ross Island may experience ≥ 1 mm/yr of horizontal response and
79 ~ 0.5 mm/yr of subsidence from this event. Another longstanding subsidence

Deformation Process	Expected Deformation	Reason to not consider	Relevant References
Rifting	$\leq 1\text{-}2\text{ mm/yr}$	low spreading rates, not well constrained	Donnellan and Luyendyk (e.g., 2004)
GIA	vertical 2 mm/yr (Willis, 2008)	large model errors, likely smoothly varying over Ross Island	Willis (2008); Thomas et al. (2011); Whitehouse et al. (2019)
local snow & ice mass change	near 0 mm/yr expected	no substantial snow and ice mass changes	Smith et al. (2020)
elastic and viscous response to potential local sea-level drop	?	unconstrained, ice history dependent	Mitrovica et al. (2009)
post-seismic response	$\geq 1\text{ mm/yr}$ horizontal, $\sim 0.5\text{ mm/yr}$ subsidence	common to all sites, high uncertainty	King and Santamaría-Gómez (2016).
flexure due to Erebus loading	$\geq 1\text{-}3\text{ mm/yr}$	large model uncertainties	this paper

Table 1: Overview of non-volcanic deformation processes potentially affecting Erebus and Ross Island GNSS timeseries.

process relates to the formation of the flexural moat that surrounds Ross Island (Morin et al., 2010; Jha et al., 2022), likely induced by the island’s loading of the thin, relatively warm crust. Subsidence due to volcanic loading has been suggested in other places (e.g., Hekla in Iceland, Grapenthin et al., 2010) and models show that this process can significantly affect a volcano’s ability to transport magma to the surface; resulting in more evolved magmas or the cessation of eruptive activity altogether (e.g., Pinel and Jaupart, 2000).

Erebus, rising 3794 m above the Ross Sea, is the largest and only active volcanic center on Ross Island (Fig. 1; Martin et al. (2021); Sims et al. (2021)). The broad edifice forms much of the western part of Ross Island and

91 is topped by an ~ 400 m high summit cone, which rises above a nearly circular
 92 4 km-diameter summit plateau defined by multiple caldera rims. The lava
 93 lake is contained in the Inner Crater which is nested in the north end of the
 94 600 m wide and 100 m deep Main Crater. The presence of the lava lake and
 95 its persistent eruptive activity shows no fundamental change over the last
 96 50 years (Peters et al., 2014; Sweeney et al., 2008). This implies the contin-
 97 ued presence of a shallow magma chamber and intact upper conduit system
 98 that feeds the lava lake. This magma chamber, in turn, requires long-term
 99 magmatic supply from a deeper source. Broad resolution magnetotelluric
 100 observations (Hill et al., 2022) show Erebus is underlain by a hot and con-
 101 tinuous transcrustal magmatic system originating in the mantle over 60 km
 102 below Erebus. The deep conduit rarely generates internal volcanic or crustal
 103 seismicity (Rowe et al., 2000). Despite a paucity of internal seismic activity,
 104 the lava lake and associated vents in the Inner Crater are astonishingly dy-
 105 namic. Some larger Strombolian eruptions from the lava lake can drop its
 106 level over ~ 3 m, which can refill within ~ 6 minutes (Aster et al., 2004; Dibble
 107 et al., 2008). Aster (2003) report that lava lake radii vary substantially over
 108 the years between 5-15 m, resulting in volume recharge between 235-2120 m³
 109 for 3 m lake level change. The Inner Crater floor and lava lake have shown
 110 significant morphological changes over the last 50 years. LiDAR and crater
 111 rim optical observations by Jones et al. (2015) document this dynamic system
 112 in detail for the period from 2008 to 2010, resolving aseismic lava lake level
 113 changes and crater floor elevation changes of ~ 3 m/yr, including net eleva-
 114 tion reductions of the lava lake and adjacent Inner Crater features exceeding
 115 20 m between 2001 and 2010. The shallow magmatic system feeding the lava
 116 lake was seismically imaged by Zandomeneghi et al. (2010) and Chaput et al.
 117 (2012). Zandomeneghi et al. (2013) interpreted a seismic velocity low and
 118 highly scattering body about 500 m NW of the lava lake with an upper sur-
 119 face near 500 m depth and underlying the high-temperature Tramways Ridge
 120 geothermal and microbial sector of the summit plateau (Noell et al., 2022)
 121 as a shallow lava lake linked magma body. Blondel et al. (2018) track this
 122 conduit system even deeper using scattering techniques that reveal a shal-
 123 low inclined chimney-like structure connected to a magma reservoir at about
 124 2.5 km bsl.

125 Sims et al. (2013) examined isotopic ratios from fresh lava bombs to show
 126 they had started degassing about 80 days prior to eruption. This indicates
 127 a significant resupply of magma and substantial gas flux and convective dy-
 128 namics, which is substantiated by the observation of oscillatory zoning in

129 the anorthoclase megacrysts that are ubiquitous in Erebus lavas and ejecta.
 130 Moussallam et al. (2014) interpreted crystal zonation as evidence for repeated
 131 bidirectional flow between the lake and a reservoir at a depth of up to several
 132 kilometers. Kelly et al. (2008) showed that the composition of the erupting
 133 lava has been similar over the last ~ 17 ka. Long-term eruption rates es-
 134 timated by Esser et al. (2004) show that Erebus has produced on average
 135 $\sim 4 \text{ km}^3/\text{ka}$ over the last 250 ka, which is more than twice the $1.7 \text{ km}^3/\text{ka}$
 136 long-term eruption rate of the entire Erebus edifice when including activity
 137 older than 250 ka. Parmelee et al. (2015) used cosmogenic ^3He and ^{36}Cl ex-
 138 posure ages to date the 10 youngest lava flows on the summit plateau and
 139 these ranged from 4.5 to 8.5 ka. The average eruption rate over this period
 140 was estimated at $0.01 \text{ km}^3/\text{ka}$. Because the last major effusive activity was
 141 over 4 ka ago, the volcano is in a quiescent eruptive state.

142 *2.2. History of deformation observations at Erebus*

143 Some of the first geodetic observations on Erebus were performed from
 144 1980–1985 during the International Mt. Erebus Seismic Studies (IMESS)
 145 project (Dibble et al., 1984). Blick et al. (1989) and Otway et al. (1994)
 146 report electronic distance and tilt measurements on the summit plateau and
 147 crater as well as within the Main Crater. All of their benchmarks have since
 148 been destroyed and cannot be remeasured, but they reported deformation on
 149 the order of $5 \pm 2 \text{ cm}$ of extension across the 500 m-diameter Main Crater.

150 Geodetic observations utilizing the Global Navigation Satellite System
 151 (GNSS, specifically the U.S. Global Positioning System [GPS]) on Ross Island
 152 began in the mid-1990s with the installation of two sites at McMurdo Station
 153 (CRAR, MCM4; Fig. 1) and the establishment of other sites as part of the
 154 Transantarctic Mountains Deformation (TAMDEF) network. The TAMDEF
 155 campaigns focused on resolving deformation across the Transantarctic Moun-
 156 tains and the Terror Rift. They established three sites near the coast of Ross
 157 Island (Fig. 1, BIR0, ROY0, CRZ0) and one on the summit plateau of Erebus
 158 (ERE0). The Mount Erebus Volcano Observatory, assisted by UNAVCO, es-
 159 tablished eight additional campaign sites in the early 2000s: two on the
 160 slope of Erebus (HOOZ, SISZ), three on the summit plateau (EAST, HELZ,
 161 NAUS), and two on the crater rim (SHAC, RAYG). RAYG was destroyed by
 162 a lava bomb, and EUHT, a benchmark attached to Erebus Upper Hut, was
 163 lost when the hut was destroyed during a storm in October 2015. The entire
 164 campaign network (excluding CRZ0 in 2014/15) was remeasured during the
 165 2014/15 and 2015/16 field seasons (Fig. 2).

Continuous GNSS observations began with single-frequency GPS, which we do not utilize in this work (these earliest data are available through UNAVCO, however). During the 2002–2004 field seasons the Integrated Surveillance Instrumentation network deployed a five-station broadband seismograph network with co-located dual frequency GPS (Aster et al., 2004). Of note was the modification of Guralp Systems CMG-DM24 seismic digitizers to enable recording and telemetry of continuous GPS phase and range observations in addition to broadband seismic data (Aster et al., 2004). As part of modernizing the geodetic network UNAVCO later replaced the GPS component of these systems with new polar mast installations supported by separate power systems. These sites are marked with a “2” in the four character station identifiers. In total, seven continuous GPS installations are currently (2022) operating on Erebus (Fig. 1, black circles); three on the flanks (ABBZ, HOG2, BOM2), three along the rim of the summit plateau (PHIG, CON2, MCG2), and NAU2 at Nausea Knob near the base of the active crater.

Figure 2 summarizes the available campaign and continuous GPS geodetic observations for Erebus and Ross Island collected over the past few decades. As each day with observations is marked by a dot, line segments indicate continuous observations. Interruptions reflect power outages or other technical failures in the challenging cold high-altitude Antarctic environment. These outages have been significantly reduced over the past decade due to advances in power systems and the dedicated engineering of the UNAVCO Polar Group (Hodge et al., 2018).

3. GNSS Data & Processing

We processed GNSS carrier phase and range observables into daily position time series for each station using NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory’s (JPL) GipsyX 1.6 software (Bertiger et al., 2020) that implements precise point positioning (Zumberge et al., 1997) with ambiguity resolution, as applied to 24-hour data segments. Our solution strategy uses JPL orbit and clock products and International GNSS Service (IGS) antenna phase center models (Dow et al., 2009). Where available, we use JPL second-order ionospheric corrections, otherwise we fall back on those provided by the IGS. To correct tropospheric delays, we use the GPT2 model (Böhm et al., 2015) as implemented in GipsyX. Ocean tidal loading corrections utilize the TPXO7.2 and ATLAS model (Egbert and Erofeeva, 2002), a combination of hydrody-

202 namic model and altimetric data with respect to Earth’s center of mass (Fu
 203 et al., 2012) implemented in SPOTL (Agnew, 2012). We obtain position so-
 204 lutions for each station day in a fiducial-free reference frame, which we then
 205 transform into the 2014 International Reference Frame (ITRF14, Altamimi
 206 et al., 2016) using JPL transformation coefficients. We generate position time
 207 series relative to the stable Antarctic plate by removing the plate velocity
 208 model of Argus et al. (2010). Since we have no survey ties for any stations
 209 with newer monuments except NAUS, we connect the time series of old and
 210 new monuments by estimating a step offset between the average positions of
 211 the last observations at the old and the first observations at the new monu-
 212 ment. Station velocities and uncertainties are inferred from the daily position
 213 time series, either as a whole or for time periods of interest, using Create and
 214 Analyse Time Series (CATS), version 3.1.1 Williams (2008). We solve for
 215 velocity, and for annual and semi-annual sinusoidal seasonal motions, assum-
 216 ing a power law noise model with flicker noise characteristics for continuous
 217 sites and white noise for campaign observations.

218 The transition from campaign to continuous observations resulted in ob-
 219 vious step artifacts in the vertical components at ABBZ, HOG2 and NAU2
 220 (compare Fig. 3 and Fig. A.1). We presume that this reflects a reference
 221 point discrepancy between campaign (performed with levelling mount) and
 222 permanent installation, which cannot be corrected for NAUS and HOOZ as
 223 the monuments have been abandoned and is undocumented for ABBZ. In-
 224 stead, we estimate an offset at the time of the transition using a Heaviside
 225 step function. Table 2 reports the estimated offsets for all three components.
 226 Working with the assumption that this is an antenna reference point issue,
 227 we correct only the vertical offset at the reported times. We consider that
 228 the horizontal components are not affected and any offsets are due to physi-
 229 cal processes, which is justified when examining the full time series (Fig. 3).
 230 We suspect a similar issue at BOMZ, but do not attempt to correct this
 231 as the time between last campaign observation (2003-11-25) and first dual
 232 frequency continuous observation (2011-02-04) is more than seven years and
 233 any step correction estimation would be an overestimate.

234 4. Results

235 4.1. Long-term Velocities

236 We use the full time series for each campaign and continuous station to
 237 estimate the long-term velocities after removing the Antarctic Plate motion.

Station	Dec. Year	ΔN (mm)	σ_n (mm)	ΔE (mm)	σ_e (mm)	ΔV (mm)	σ_v (mm)
ABBZ	2004.095628	-1.6	0.4	-3.5	0.3	-35.7	1.2
HOOZ	2003.000000	0.4	0.4	-3.6	0.6	-25.7	1.6
NAUS	2003.000000	7.8	0.9	-0.6	0.5	-24.4	2.0
BOMZ	expected, not estimated: time between last campaign & first continuous too long						

Table 2: Offsets estimated at transition from campaign to continuous observations.

Figure 1 displays the plate velocity free horizontal and vertical velocities for Erebus and other Ross Island sites. The long-term horizontal velocities are generally small, up to ~ 3 mm/yr, and almost zero outside the summit plateau of Erebus. At Cape Crozier, on the extreme east side of Ross Island, site CRZ0 is a notable exception. Much of the motion is due to a single repeat campaign in 2016. From 1997 until 2005/06 the horizontal velocities appear much smaller (Fig. A.11). When the Erebus summit plateau data are combined with sites on the flanks of the volcano (ABBZ, HOG2, SISZ) the small horizontal velocities appear to be somewhat systematically pointing toward the active vent. Some sites (ABBZ, BOM2, HOG2) appear to align with the plate velocity vector of 14.5 mm/yr shown in dark gray in Figure 1.

The vertical velocities across the network indicate subsidence. Although the coastal campaign sites suggest fairly uniform subsidence around 1 mm/yr, the continuous sites at McMurdo and Scott Base show slightly smaller subsidence of about 0.5 mm/yr. The uncertainties in these estimates are less than 0.05 mm/yr. Toward the summit of Erebus and the lava lake, the vertical velocities tend to increase at most stations as distance to the lava lake reduces. Notably, some sites such as ABBZ, BOM2, PHIG and CON2 show practically zero average vertical deformation rates over their lifetime.

4.2. Continuous GNSS Time Series

In Figure 3 (lower three panels) we assess the time history of the currently operational continuous GNSS sites after removal of the Antarctic Plate velocity. Several stations (ABBZ, HOOZ, BOMZ, NAUS) had campaign observations until about 2003 when continuous instrumentation was installed. Figure 3 has any discontinuities due to the change in observation strategy removed as detailed in Table 2. The non-adjusted time series are shown in Figure A.1. These long-term observations, spanning 1998 until 2022, par-

265 ticularly in combination with the early campaign observations, give a more
 266 dynamic picture than the average velocities shown in Figure 1 would suggest.
 267 In Figure 3, we identify four distinct episodes of Erebus-wide deformation.
 268 These episodes are especially obvious at NAUS/2 and CONG/2. In summary,
 269 from early 2000 until November 2004, motion was away from the lava lake,
 270 but changed to motion toward the vent from November 2004 to November
 271 2011. No significant motion is obvious from November 2011 to October 2020,
 272 followed by renewed motion away from the lava lake between November 2020
 273 and March 2022.

274 We observe weak pulsing behavior at some sites during these four episodes
 275 of deformation. Noticeably at CONG/2 the east component indicates a non-
 276 continuous process that shows similarities to observations at HOOZ. Data
 277 outages at NAUS/2 make it difficult to conclusively declare the period from
 278 2011 – 2020 as quiescent, motions at CONG/2, PHIG, and MACG/2 suggest
 279 a short period of motion away from the edifice from about December 2016
 280 until about June 2017, but at smaller magnitude than during other periods.
 281 Given this, the low radiative power (Fig. 3), and the lack of campaign obser-
 282 vations spanning this period, we do not consider this period for more detailed
 283 analysis.

284 The estimated velocities for all available stations in the time intervals
 285 identified in Figure 3 are shown in Figures 4–6 and in Table 3. This confirms
 286 the general sense of motion we infer from Figure 3, but also provides spatial
 287 coherence with estimated uncertainties for the velocities.

288 Until November 2004 (Figure 4) we see consistent motion away from the
 289 lava lake for all stations on the summit plateau. This approaches 5 mm/yr
 290 in horizontal motion and is clearly above the noise. At the flank stations
 291 (ABBZ, HOOZ, BOMZ, and SISZ) this picture is not as clear, with SISZ
 292 showing coherence with the summit sites, but no discernible horizontal mo-
 293 tion at the other locations. The vertical components show a complex picture
 294 of positive and negative velocities that do not clearly exceed uncertainties.

295 From November 2004 until November 2011 (Figure 5) the earlier motion
 296 reverses. All available station vectors point toward the lava lake and down.
 297 The uncertainties are much reduced due to the longer observation period of
 298 these continuous sites. The horizontal velocities first increase with distance
 299 away from the vent across the summit plateau to CONG and then decrease
 300 for stations on the flanks and beyond, but the trend is notable at ABBZ. The
 301 vertical velocities also decrease from NAUS with about 5 mm/yr the largest,
 302 CONG and MACG about 3 mm/yr to approximately 1 mm/yr with similar

Lon	Lat	east	north	up	σ_e	σ_n	σ_u	site id
(mm/yr)								
pre-2004								
166.90895	-77.45688	-0.35	0.60	-1.96	0.69	0.72	3.14	ABBZ
166.39560	-77.27810	-0.21	-0.35	1.61	0.34	0.38	1.22	BIR0
167.44020	-77.50890	0.34	1.84	-3.93	0.50	0.45	1.83	BOMZ
167.08547	-77.53459	-2.83	-0.11	-5.58	1.11	1.19	4.08	CONG
169.33230	-77.51300	0.67	0.42	-0.83	0.18	0.10	0.33	CRZ0
167.22470	-77.51940	1.55	1.74	-0.51	0.48	0.63	1.49	EAST
167.15360	-77.51100	1.54	4.91	6.47	0.67	0.43	1.60	ERE0
167.17760	-77.50530	1.63	3.15	-5.17	0.60	0.41	2.24	HELZ
166.93263	-77.53160	-1.95	0.33	-5.38	0.89	0.93	2.97	HOOZ
166.66933	-77.83835	0.25	-0.27	2.42	0.42	0.41	1.36	MCM4
167.14714	-77.52196	0.23	3.68	0.82	0.85	0.81	2.89	NAUS
166.17062	-77.55157	0.65	0.40	-0.13	0.20	0.18	0.89	ROY0
166.97720	-77.56280	-1.83	-2.12	-4.36	0.34	0.47	1.24	SISZ
2004-2011								
166.90895	-77.45688	1.00	-1.70	-1.73	0.38	0.41	1.40	ABBZ
167.08547	-77.53459	3.62	0.94	-1.46	0.23	0.23	0.82	CONG
167.13955	-77.53038	0.69	0.87	-5.05	0.23	0.23	0.83	E1G2
166.93263	-77.53160	1.99	-0.42	-1.95	0.29	0.29	1.06	HOOZ
167.24664	-77.53255	-2.57	0.64	-1.96	0.43	0.42	1.61	MACG
167.14714	-77.52196	0.61	-4.05	-6.11	0.26	0.28	1.02	NAUS
2020-2022								
166.90895	-77.45688	-1.38	1.84	2.29	0.18	0.27	0.65	ABBZ
167.44024	-77.50894	2.32	-1.58	3.81	0.19	0.28	0.70	BOM2
167.08437	-77.53492	-6.50	-4.30	6.47	0.17	0.20	0.70	CON2
166.93362	-77.53145	-3.06	-0.39	2.48	0.21	0.22	0.82	HOG2
167.14677	-77.52185	-0.16	5.85	11.63	0.18	0.20	0.69	NAU2
167.04992	-77.52549	-6.23	-0.23	8.28	0.18	0.20	0.75	PHIG

Table 3: GNSS station locations, ids, velocity estimates and uncertainties during periods of deformation indicated by the time periods above table sections. Offsets identified in Table 2 were estimated simultaneously and thus do not affect the velocities.

303 uncertainties at ABBZ.

304 After a period of predominant quiescence from November 2011 until about
305 October 2020, we detect an ongoing episode of motion away from the lava
306 lake (Figure 6). The motion is opposite to that seen from 2004 until 2011.
307 Horizontal motion is radially away from the lake and vertical motion is up.
308 Notably, the rates of deformation during this shorter period are significantly
309 larger than during any of the previous phases of deformation. Horizontal
310 velocities are about 6 mm/yr at NAU2, PHIG, and CON2 and vertical ve-
311 locities decrease from almost 12 mm/yr at NAU2 to 8 mm/yr at PHIG, and
312 6.5 mm/yr at CON2. On the flanks at ABBZ and HOG2 the motions are
313 smaller, but still noticeable with somewhat surprising rates of vertical defor-
314 mation of 2.5 mm/yr at HOG2 and 2.2 mm/yr at ABBZ.

315 5. Discussion

316 The decades-long geodetic observations on Ross Island and Erebus reveal
317 two key observations: (1) apparent net subsidence of the island that appears
318 to correlate with topography (Figure 1) and (2) multi-year transient defor-
319 mation episodes observed at the continuous sites. Prior to interpreting these
320 signals, it is important to acknowledge that they are small in magnitude, and
321 occur in a region with multiple superimposed and opposing processes, includ-
322 ing GIA uplift and flexural loading (Table 1). However, the signals, while
323 small in amplitude, are convincingly associated with the volcano through
324 their spatial and temporal coherence with respect to the vent and lava lake.
325 While it is beyond the scope of this paper to exhaustively model and explain
326 all contributions to the observed signals, we investigate first-order processes
327 in an attempt to interpret principal observations.

328 5.1. Long-term Velocities

329 To investigate the source of the island-wide subsidence, we develop a load
330 model to assess lithospheric viscoelastic response to the progressive growth of
331 Erebus volcano. Esser et al. (2004) estimated characteristic long-term lava
332 production at Erebus as 4 km^3 per 1000 years. We create a simple model
333 distributing a 4 km^3 volume within a 250 m by 250 m grid of 3 km radius
334 around the vent. This results in about 147 m of lava deposited every 1000
335 years. We model the lithospheric response as the surface displacement of an
336 elastic plate with a Young’s modulus of 80 GPa and a Poisson’s ratio of 0.25

337 over a half space with a viscosity of 1×10^{19} Pa s (e.g., Ivins et al., 2022) using
338 the software RELAX (Barbot and Fialko, 2010b,a).

339 Figure 7 shows the model predictions (blue) in comparison to observed
340 long-term velocities. The predicted contemporary velocity pattern agrees
341 well with the observations along the coastal sites of about 1 mm/yr of subsi-
342 dence, with very small horizontal velocities pointing toward the load center
343 (taken as the Erebus lava lake location). As expected, the vertical veloci-
344 ties increase toward the load center and reproduce the long term velocities at
345 some summit plateau stations remarkably well (SHAC, E1G2, NAUS, ERE0,
346 HELZ, EAST). However, this is not the case for summit plateau “rim” sites
347 which show little to no long-term subsidence; as horizontal motion decreases
348 toward the center of a surface load (e.g., Grapenthin, 2014) the observed
349 long-term horizontal velocities are clearly not well reproduced by this model.

350 It is important to remember that these observations include a mix of cam-
351 paign stations and varying observation times at continuous sites. PHIG, for
352 instance, is a relatively new monument erected in 2013, but observations at
353 the nearby site CONG/2 reach back almost 20 years. This certainly impacts
354 the uncertainty estimates, but perhaps also the long-term velocities given the
355 overall small rates. The Ross Island campaign sites were mostly observed an-
356 nually in the early 2000s and then again in 2015 and 2016. This may result in
357 the larger vertical velocities observed at BIR0, ROY0, and CRZ0 compared
358 to the continuous sites SCTB and MCM4 near McMurdo.

359 Although the spatial dimensions of the simple load model are probably
360 too small, we find it encouraging that this model reproduces the primary
361 characteristics of the long-term vertical velocities increasing from shore to-
362 ward the summit of Erebus. However, given the above caveats related to the
363 data, the simplicity of the model, and the substantial range in deformation
364 predictions from current GIA models (e.g., Whitehouse et al., 2019) that we
365 have not considered here (albeit expected to be relatively constant across
366 the small footprint of Ross Island), we refrain from further refinement of this
367 model at this stage, but consider this a promising avenue for the future.

368 An alternative model to deformation driven by surface loading could be
369 deflation of a deep magmatic source. While the aperture of the GNSS stations
370 on Ross Island is small, we still would expect larger contributions to the
371 horizontal components (Grapenthin et al., 2010). For instance, at 1 source
372 depth radial distance from a pressure point source horizontal and vertical
373 deformation is of approx. equal amplitude (e.g., Segall, 2010; Sigmundsson
374 et al., 2018).

375 5.2. Time-varying Transient Deformation

376 Since the time-varying deformation patterns are spatially aligned with the
377 shallow magmatic system, we interpret and model them to first order with
378 classic analytical magma sources. This is justified by independent observa-
379 tions of volcanic activity shown in Fig. 3 (Top Panel) where MODIS-inferred
380 radiant flux between 2000-2022 (Wright, 2016), here interpreted as correlated
381 to lava lake size and activity, increases during the initial inflation period until
382 November 2004 and remains at high levels until just prior to the end of the
383 deflation period in November 2011. The seismicity between 2003-2011 ana-
384 lyzed by Knox et al. (2018) similarly correlates with the geodetically inferred
385 activity showing few weekly eruptions during the inflation period followed
386 by substantially higher numbers of weekly events during the beginning of
387 the deflation period where one would expect higher volcanic activity. Since
388 accessibility to Erebus is limited to the short period of the austral summer
389 and because its volcanic hazard is relatively low, various existing data sets
390 and studies beyond the ones shown in Fig. 3 are temporally sporadic.

391 Employing a bounded non-linear least squares inversion implemented in
392 SciPy (Virtanen et al., 2020), we tested a range of analytical solutions that
393 relate subsurface pressure changes to surface deformation including a pres-
394 sure point source (Mogi, 1958), a general spheroid (Yang et al., 1988), and
395 circular (Fialko and Simons, 2001) and rectangular (Okada, 1992) sill-like
396 sources. All source models assume a homogeneous elastic half space, which
397 is a common assumption in volcanic deformation modeling, albeit unques-
398 tionably simplistic (Masterlark, 2007). We test these sources for inflation
399 during the time periods prior to November 2004 and from November 2020
400 until March 2022, and for deflation from November 2004 until November
401 2011. We present the best fitting solutions for each time interval. In this
402 modeling, we weight the east, north and vertical residuals at each station by
403 the reciprocal of the estimated velocity uncertainty.

404 Given the imperfect load model described above, and the generally lower
405 long-term vertical and horizontal velocities, compared to the short-term tran-
406 sients (compare Figure 1 to Figures 4-6), we do not correct the short-term
407 transient velocities for superimposed processes (GIA, Ross Island loading,
408 post-seismic, see Table 1). This is justified as we expect the large uncertain-
409 ties in the respective model corrections to introduce biases of similar or larger
410 amplitude than these currently unmodeled signals (see, e.g., King et al., 2016,
411 for GIA and plate velocity separation issues).

412 5.3. Inflation until November 2004

413 We employed various strategies to model the pre-2004 velocity field. The
 414 incoherent nature of the vertical velocities must be seen in the context of
 415 their large uncertainties (see Figures A.2–A.33; for instance CONG) and the
 416 almost identical subsidence signal of about 2–4 mm/yr at ABBZ, BOMZ,
 417 and SISZ. Given the latter, we omitted the non-plateau sites ABBZ, BOMZ,
 418 SISZ, and HOOZ from the determination of our preferred model. Figure 8
 419 shows the predicted velocities for a dike (90° dip) striking about 120° from
 420 north with its centroid located between NAUS and the lava lake at about
 421 2059 m asl. Its length and width are resolved as about 150 m and about 1 km,
 422 respectively, making it a thin and tall structure that opens about 0.32 m/yr
 423 during this time period (see Table 4). This model predicts velocities at the
 424 summit plateau sites well within the observed uncertainties. The horizontal
 425 velocities at ERE0, HELZ, NAUS, and EAST are almost exactly captured
 426 by this model.

427 Experiments that included the four sites on Erebus’ flanks resulted in a
 428 similar model, pulled to the south and smaller length and width, and larger
 429 opening, but similar strike, dip and depth. Another modeling experiment
 430 in which we subtract the average subsidence at ABBZ, BOMZ, and SISZ
 431 from all vertical velocities also results in a similar model with changes to the
 432 dimensions and opening, but similar orientations.

433 To better assess how well the data constrain this model, we perform a
 434 Bayesian inversion using a Markov-Chain Monte-Carlo (e.g., Aster et al.,
 435 2018) approach for the dike-like geometry. Figure A.34 shows the posterior
 436 probability density functions for each parameter on the main diagonal. The
 437 narrow peaks for dip, opening (U), horizontal location (x, y), and azimuth,
 438 show that these parameters are well constrained. Depth, length and width
 439 are less well constrained by the data. The combined probability functions
 440 in the off-diagonal fields of Figure A.34 show tradeoffs between depth and
 441 length and width, but - taking the value ranges into account - still within
 442 narrow margins of 10s to 100s of meters.

443 It is important to note that the misfit space described by these modeling
 444 experiments is nonconvex, with multiple local minima for the dike model.
 445 Hence, the convergent solution depends on the initial model, which we pre-
 446 scribed as a 500 by 500 m dike 500 m below Erebus’ summit. If set away from
 447 the central region, the solution tends to converge at a location at 5 km depth
 448 on the western flanks between HOOZ and CONG. This is predominantly
 449 driven by data from CONG. If we remove this station, the minimum in the

misfit space is closer to the crater, but may still vary by 100s of meters in location and depth. The posterior distributions of the Bayesian inversion illustrate this complexity (Fig. A.34). Thus, we rely on prior knowledge about the shallow magmatic system (Chaput et al., 2012; Zandomeneghi et al., 2013) to set appropriate initial conditions.

Tests with different geometries, either just with the horizontal velocity field, or full observations yield poorer data fits. For example, we show the model predictions for a pressure point source (Mogi, 1958) in Fig. A.35. Here, we use the full velocity field in the inversion. While the verticals are perhaps acceptably fit, the horizontal velocities are largely underpredicted.

5.4. Deflation from November 2004 – November 2011

The velocity field spanning the time period from November 2004 until November 2011 shows clear radial inward motion toward the crater system at all continuous GNSS stations. We again test a wide range of models, including multi-source models, that include the dike resolved from the pre-2004 data and allow for slight variations in its location. Despite all the efforts, it was difficult to find a simple analytical model that captures all observations well. Figure 9 offers a simple pressure point source solution and illustrates these problems. This source is at 0.8 km asl below the Side Crater and changes in volume by about 165,000 m³/yr (see Table 4), a similar location as the pressure point source model for the pre-2004 data. While this captures the overall characteristics of the velocity field, the vertical deformation is overpredicted, the horizontal velocity at NAUS is underpredicted, and the far field sites ABBZ and HOOZ are not well captured.

We find similar issues with other source geometries and even using two loosely bounded sources simultaneously and models that include a relatively tightly constrained dike from the pre-2004 time frame with an additional source. We offer three reasons for this misfit: (1) multiple components of the shallow magmatic system are likely active at the same time (some of our models suggest deflation of conduit-like features), (2) the summit plateau stations are all very close to this shallow system, making them very sensitive to small scale details that are perhaps not well captured in the analytical source representations or the homogeneous elastic halfspace assumptions that underlie them (Masterlark, 2007), and (3) while topography likely does not substantially influence the summit sites, sites further away (ABBZ, HOOZ) could be impacted by such effects.

486 The timeseries for all these stations also do not all show similar behavior.
 487 NAUS, for instance, presents relatively constant southward motion whereas
 488 CONG and MACG appear to experience two pulses of westward motion
 489 during the same time interval (Fig. 3). Linking the deflation to the mag-
 490 matic system is very appropriate, however, as Knox et al. (2018) clearly
 491 show elevated explosive activity for the 2003–2011 time period, with espe-
 492 cially high numbers of explosions detected in the seismic record for 2006
 493 and 2007 (Fig. 3). Interestingly, these stark peaks in explosive activity are
 494 not directly mirrored in the geodetic observations. The Jones et al. (2015)
 495 terrestrial laser scanning study of crater topography highlights a consistent
 496 (2001–2010) elevation reduction in the Inner Crater, with particular features
 497 showing elevation reductions of 23.7 m for the depression hosting the lava lake
 498 and 27.1 m for the lava lake itself. Assuming a magma-static system, magma
 499 density $\rho = 2600 \text{ kg/m}^3$ and acceleration due to gravity of $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$, this
 500 would correspond to a pressure change $dP = \rho * g * h$ of about 0.68 MPa. Al-
 501 though the pressure point source we resolve is not finite, we can still test what
 502 initial volume we would need to match the magma-static pressure change.
 503 If we assume a shear modulus, μ , of 30 GPa and use the volume change
 504 $dV = -164,707 \text{ m}^3$ we resolve for this time period, we can solve for the re-
 505 quired radius a to match the pressure change using $dP = (dV\mu)/(\pi a^3)$. A
 506 radius of about 1.3 km would yield a similar pressure change. Although this is
 507 very geometry dependent, and the seismic tomography did not resolve a vol-
 508 ume of this size at the location we infer, a connection between magma-static,
 509 lake level reduction driven pressure change and pressure changes within the
 510 magmatic system are very comparable.

511 *5.5. Inflation from November 2020 – March 2022*

512 The inflation that started in November 2020 is remarkable as it generates
 513 the largest velocities observed at Erebus to date. We examined a range of
 514 models, as we did for previous years and find that a long and thin spheroid
 515 (Yang et al., 1988) provides one possible solution (Fig. 10). This solution is
 516 interesting as it suggests a centroid at about 136 m bsl with a semi-major
 517 axis length of 2.75 km, reaching to the bottom of the shallow magma reservoir
 518 (Fig. 11), and a semi-minor axis that is 5–6 m. In essence a conduit, centered
 519 approximately below NAU2 and near vertical with an 83° dip, striking 194°
 520 from north. If we solve for just the opening of the dike resolved for the pre-
 521 2004 period, holding all other parameters fixed, and simultaneously invert for
 522 an additional spheroid, it gets shorter and slightly thicker: the centroid is at

0.75 km depth, the semi-major axis is about 700 m and the semi-minor axis is about 10 m. The dip reduces to 73° , striking 53° from north. The fit to the data is slightly worse for this more complicated model (Figure A.36), but we consider it a notable alternative to the single spheroid model as it suggests reactivation of a previously resolved component of the shallow magmatic system with about similar opening rate (0.36 m/yr). If, similar to the pre-2004 period, we employ a Bayesian MCMC inversion for the dike model, we find that most parameters are well constrained except width and length, and tradeoffs exist for opening and length (Fig. A.36).

As discussed for the previous deformation episodes, the data are not perfectly fit, but we consider the fits adequate based on minimizing the residual norm while considering measurement uncertainties, and the unmodeled superimposed processes that affect the data. The horizontals, except for BOM2 are essentially within the small data uncertainties, as are the verticals at NAU2, CON2, and HOG2. PHIG is perhaps a bit underpredicted and BOM2 and ABBZ are not well matched. However, the deformation does agree with a shallow crustal pressurization, either gas or magma driven, perhaps foreshadowing the preparation for a new phase of higher explosive activity as observed in 1984, 2006 and 2007 (Knox et al., 2018, and our Figure 3) that will likely be accompanied by renewed deflation, hopefully further elucidating the shallow magmatic system.

5.6. Magmatic Source Modeling Summary

We interpret the modeling results for the pre-2004 inflation period to indicate shallow pressurization and/or geometric modification of the shallow magmatic system. As this narrow dike terminates into the seismically imaged (Chaput et al., 2012; Zandomenighi et al., 2013) near-summit magma reservoir (Fig. 11), we may be observing the preparation of a period of higher activity as evident in the edifice-wide deflation, increased radiant flux, and increased seismicity (Fig. 3) in the following years. However, a recharge pulse into the conduit system connecting the seismically imaged shallow magma reservoir to the NW of the crater system to the active lava lake is another possibility.

For the 2004-2011 time period we propose deflation within the shallow magmatic system that can be approximated by a pressure point source at 0.8 km asl below the Side Crater. However, as this source does not seem to integrate well with the rest of the imaged magmatic system (Fig. 11) and the source model predictions do not fit the data very well, the observed

time period	preferred model	parameter
pre-2004	Okada (1992)	longitude = 167.15088 latitude = -77.52380 depth = 663 m below reference surface (2722 m) elevation = 2059 m asl length = 150 m width = 1027 m opening = 0.32 m strike = 120° from N dip = 90° $\Delta V = 49,296 \text{ m}^3$
2004 – 2011	Mogi (1958)	longitude = 167.14866 latitude = -77.52896 depth = 2130 m below reference surface (2953 m) elevation = 823 m asl $\Delta V = -164,707 \text{ m}^3$
2020 – 2022	Yang et al. (1988)	longitude = 167.14368 latitude = -77.52555 depth = 2780 m below reference surface (2644 m) elevation = 136 m bsl semi-major = 2762 m semi-minor = 5.6 m $\Delta V^* = 552,735 \text{ m}^3$ strike = 195° from N dip = 83°

Table 4: Analytical source model parameter estimates. *estimated following Amoruso and Crescentini (2009). Depths reference surfaces are average station elevations used in the respective inversion, topographic elevation is the difference between reference surface and depth.

560 deformation is likely a more complicated combination of several components
561 the magma-reservoir – conduit – lava lake system that may benefit from
562 more detailed numerical modeling with a particular emphasis on pressure
563 reduction due to degassing (e.g., Shreve et al., 2022).

564 Similarly to the pre-2004 period we find that a shallow magma reservoir
565 terminating conduit structure fits the 2020-2022 inflation period data best
566 (Fig. 11). The location of these two inflation structures is relatively similar,
567 although distinctly resolved by different geometries. Given the relatively
568 small deformation rates, this may be due to a range of uncertainties in the
569 observations, changes in the observation geometry, or indeed activation of
570 discrete parts of the magma-reservoir terminating conduit system.

571 Thus, the picture that arises from the geodetic modeling is one of pro-
572 longed recharge of the shallow magma reservoir pressurizing its base, that
573 must internally be compensated by changes in lava lake levels as we do not re-
574 solve additional shallower pressure-driven shallower deformation. It appears
575 this recharge occurs via an episodic activation of a conduit system below
576 2,500 m extending perhaps to more than 1,000 m bsl, in its extent congruent
577 with the chimney-like conduit system imaged by Blondel et al. (2018). The
578 deflation appears the product of likely several more diffuse superimposed de-
579 formation sources that - while modeled with a pressure point source - is likely
580 calling for more a complicated geometry to more appropriately reproduce the
581 observations.

582 6. Conclusions

583 We have collected, analyzed, and modeled more than 20 years of campaign
584 and continuous GNSS data at Erebus volcano on Ross Island, Antarctica.
585 This is the most complete and first comprehensive geodetic analysis of GNSS
586 data at this iconic open-vent volcanic system with a persistent convecting
587 phonolite lava lake. Early campaign observations of the entire network, and
588 later campaigns at the perimeter benchmarks have been critical to resolve
589 the observed deformation. The data reveal a dynamic system that shows
590 long-term subsidence of the volcano and Ross Island broadly due to the load
591 of the volcanic edifice upon the Terror Rift lithosphere. Cycles of inflation
592 and deflation are interpretable in terms of observed eruptive activity.

593 A first-order isostatic adjustment model shows that the long-term growth
594 of Erebus and associated crustal loading explains some of the observed long-
595 wavelength subsidence. Further work is required to build a more compre-

596 hensive load history and distribution, and to combine this with relevant GIA
597 models for the region to better resolve and understand the underlying rheol-
598 ogy and the observed subsidence.

599 Although the analytical magmatic source modeling does not fit all data,
600 our results do suggest prolonged recharge of the shallow, seismically imaged
601 magma reservoir (Zandomeneghi et al., 2013). A thin conduit system that
602 terminates at and pressurizes the base of this magma reservoir is resolved
603 as extending to several kilometers depth. The spatial proximity between
604 the sources for the two inflation pulses is intriguing, suggesting a repeated
605 process that activated the same source region.

606 Our analysis illustrates the value of long-term and campaign-aided high-
607 accuracy GNSS observations at open-vent volcanoes, here enabled by excep-
608 tional progress in the engineering of polar geophysical observation systems
609 and improved geodetic data analysis. The resolved multi-year cycles of near-
610 vent inflation and deflation further illuminate the dynamic shallow magmatic
611 system and motivate continued observations and time-dependent magmatic
612 system studies at Erebus. We expect that more detailed, numerical modeling
613 that takes into account shallow heterogeneous properties of the crust, topog-
614 raphy, and is based on data carefully corrected for GIA and volcanic loading
615 deformation (e.g., Grapenthin et al., 2010) will likely reduce the uncertainties
616 in future models.

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640 8. Figures

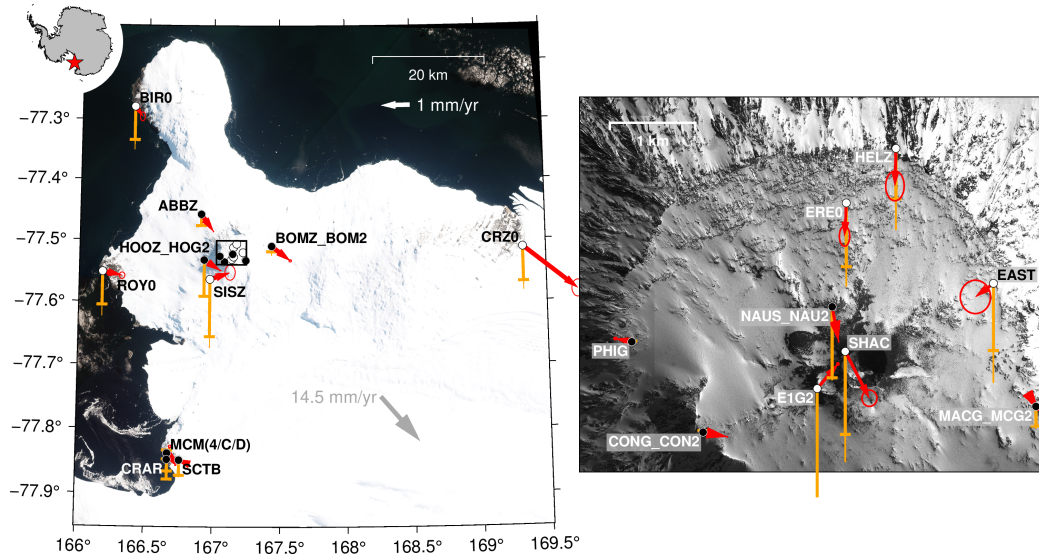


Figure 1: Map of Ross Island, Antarctica, with GNSS network and velocities over each station's lifetime as given in Fig.3 between 1995-2022. **Small inset** in top left shows Antarctica; red star marks location of Ross Island. **Main map** shows continuous GNSS stations marked by black circles, campaign GNSS stations are marked by white circles. Station names are standard four character ids, except in cases where a new monument replaced the older one, here the station name is "OLD_NEW" four character id. Antarctic plate velocity (gray vector) has been removed from the long-term GNSS velocities (red - horizontal, orange - vertical). U.S. McMurdo Station is near CRAR and MCM4. New Zealand Scott Base is at SCTB. Black rectangle shows location of inset. Background is 10 m resolution RGB color Sentinel 2 mosaic of Ross Island provided by Polar Geospatial Center. **Right inset** shows the GNSS stations and their long-term velocities with plate motion removed. Background image is 50 cm resolution panchromatic imagery of Ross Island provided by Polar Geospatial Center.

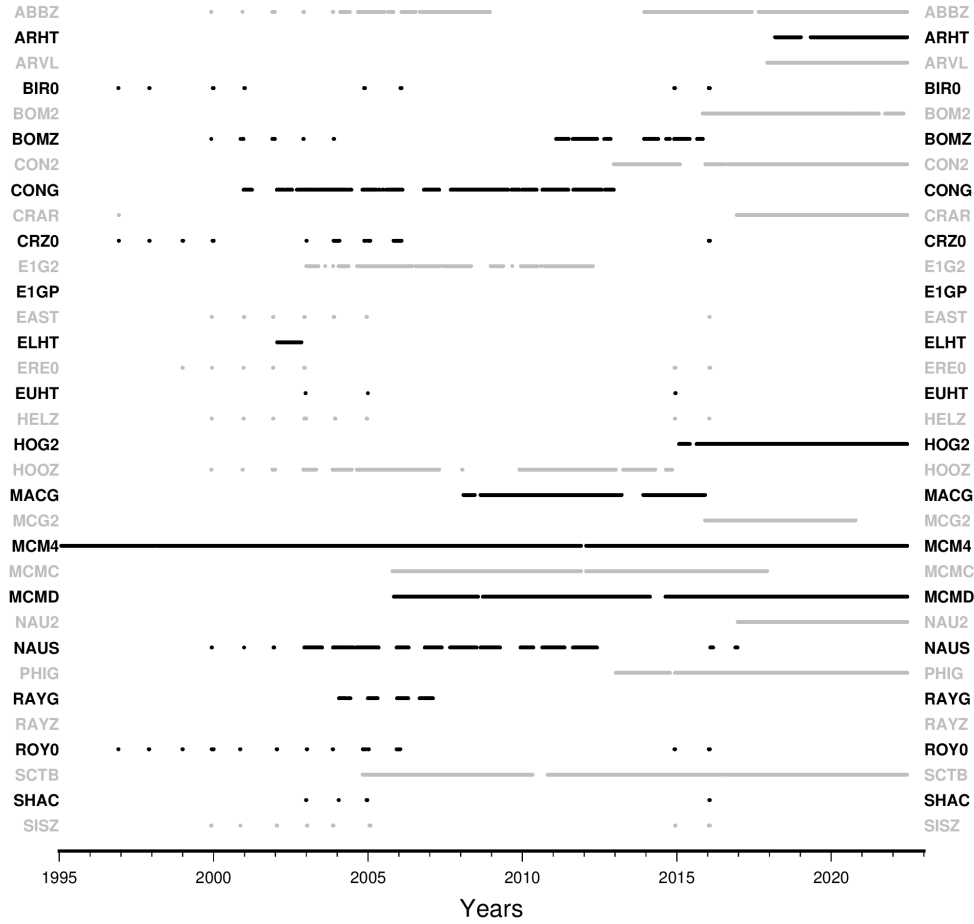


Figure 2: Times with dual frequency GNSS solutions for continuous sites ABBZ (Kyle, 2003b), ARHT (Operators, 2018), ARVL (Community, 2017b), BOM2 (Kyle, 2015), BOMZ (Kyle, 2003c), CON2 (Community, 2012), CONG (Kyle, 2000a), CRAR (Community, 2017a), E1G2 (Kyle, 2003a), HOG2 (Community, 2015a), HOOZ (Kyle, 2000b), MACG (Kyle, 2008a), MCG2 (Community, 2015b), MCM4 (Operators, 2005), MCMC (Operators, 2008), MCMD (Johns, 2006), NAU2 (Community, 2016), NAUS (Kyle, 2001a), PHIG (Kyle, 2013; Community, 2013), RAYG (Kyle, 2004a), SCTB (Blick, 2010) and campaign observations at sites BIR0, CRZ0, EAST, ELHT, ERE0, EUHT, HELZ, RAYZ, ROY0, SHAC, SISZ (Kyle, 1996; Kyle and Johns, 1996; Kyle, 1998, 2000c, 2001b, 2002, 2003d, 2004b, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008b, 2009; Grapenthin and Kyle, 2021, 2016) gray and black colors are alternated for clarity. Periods of clearly corrupted data and single frequency observations are not included.

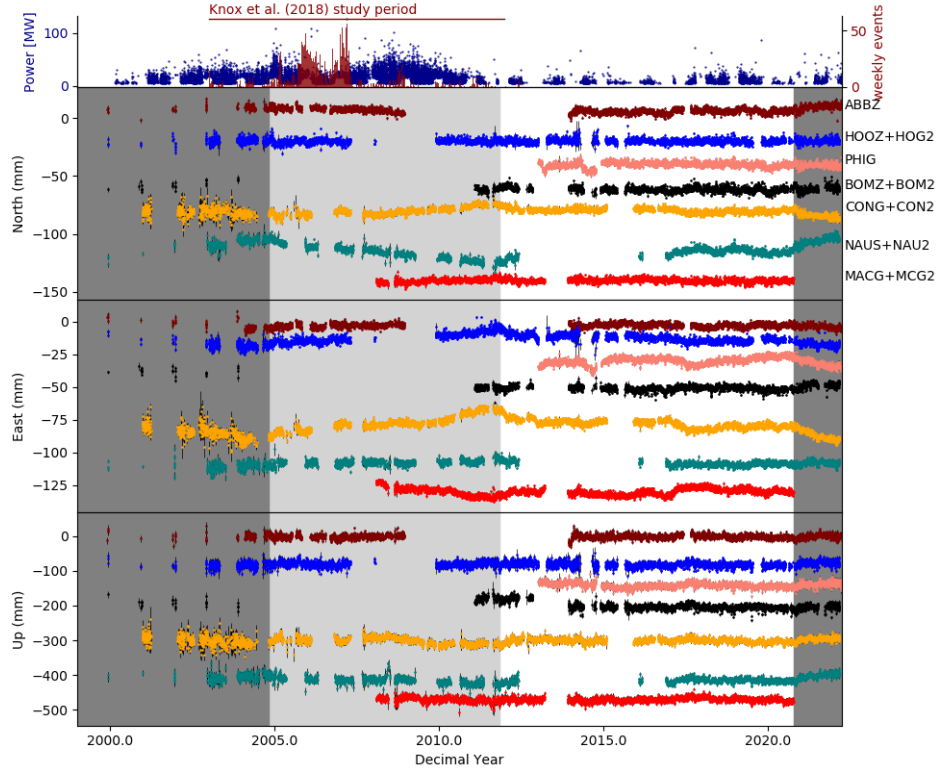


Figure 3: (Top Panel) Red bars show weekly explosion count inferred from seismic and infrasonic data between 2003 and 2011 from Knox et al. (2018). Blue dots show MODIS-derived radiative power from 2000 until 2022 using MODVOLC (Wright, 2016). Both correlate with the geodetically observed ground motions during the respective study periods, see bottom panels. (Bottom Three Panels) GNSS Time series for the continuous summit sites with respect to stable Antarctica. Panels show north, east and vertical components from top to bottom. Time series are shifted for clarity and labeled with station names in north panel, order and colors are consistent in the other two panels. Stations names of the form “xxxx+yyyy” indicate tied time series where the older station has been replaced by a newer polar mast monument. Dark gray background indicates inferred periods of inflation (until November 2004 and beginning in October 2020). Light gray background shows inferred period of deflation (approximately from November 2004 until November 2011). The respective velocities for those periods are presented in Figs. 4, 5, and 6. White background indicates an inferred time period of relative quiescence (reflected in low radiant flux above). Steps in time series at transitions from campaign observations to continuous are likely a metadata issue. These artifacts have been estimated in the processing for ABBZ, NAUS, and CONG.

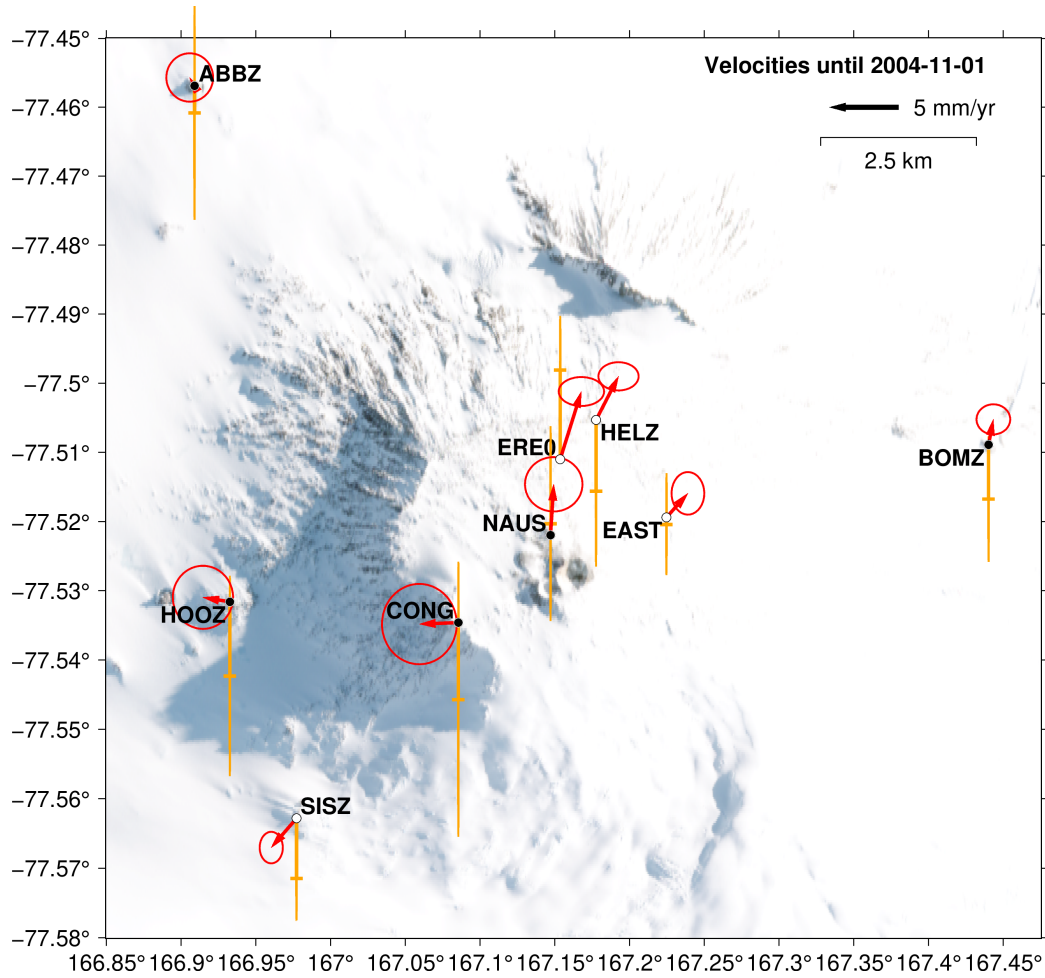


Figure 4: Velocities for the period before 2004-11-01 for stations with data of more than 1 year. Red arrows indicate horizontal velocity and orange bars indicate vertical velocity (up on the figure indicates upward velocity and zero velocity is at the station location). The velocity magnitude scale is indicated by the horizontal arrow in the legend. Horizontal error ellipses and orange vertical bar extents indicate 95 % confidence intervals.

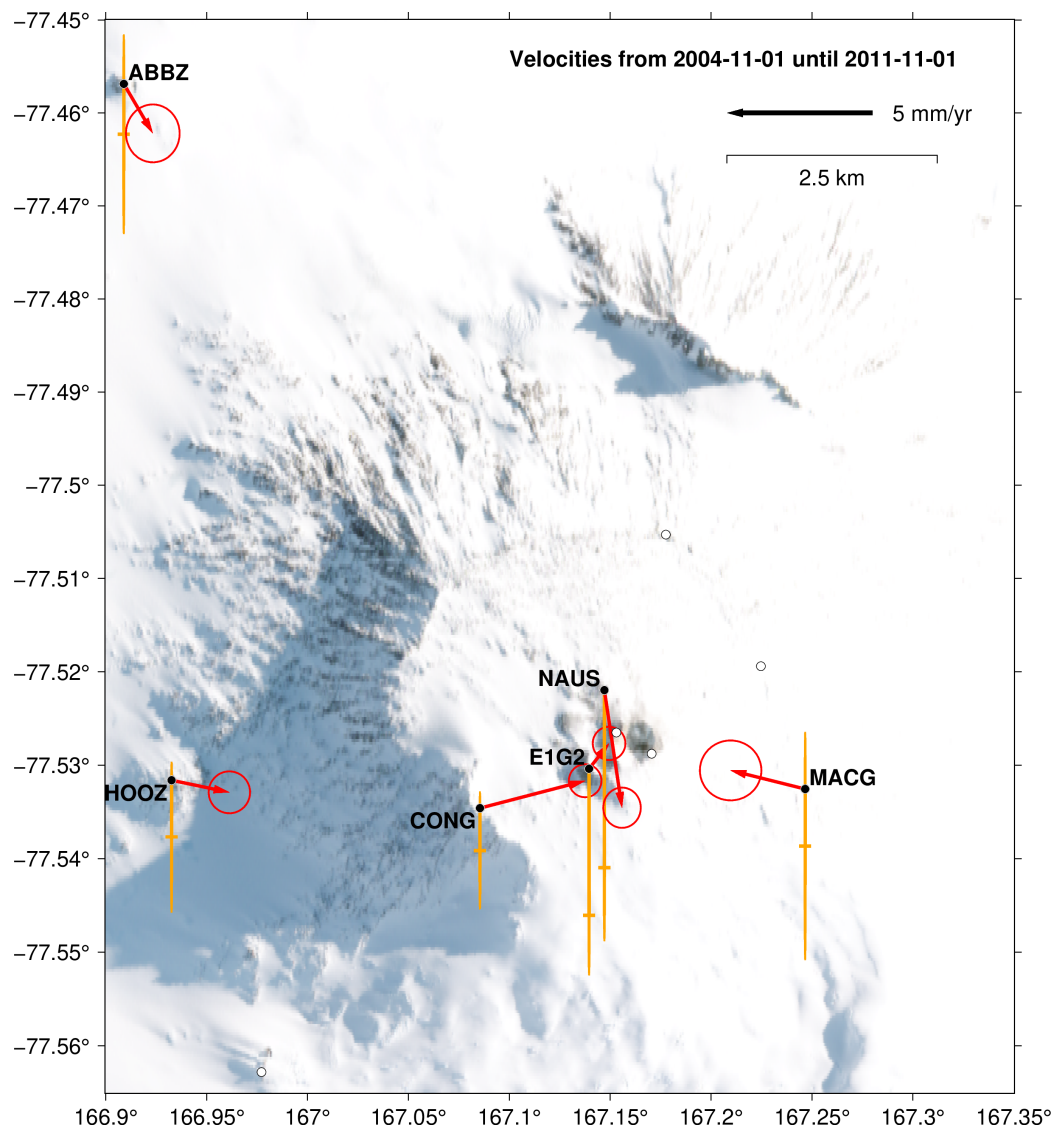


Figure 5: Velocities estimated for 2004-11-01 to 2011-11-01.

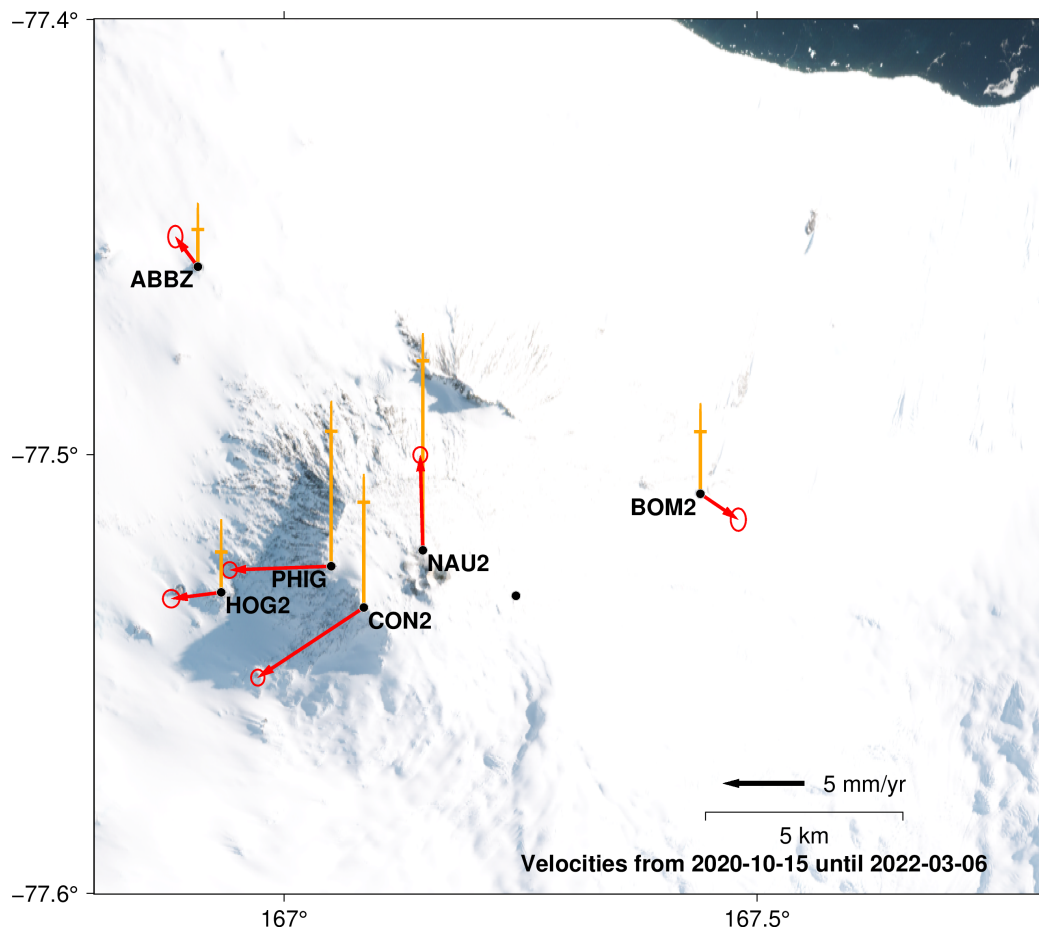


Figure 6: Velocities for 2020-10-15 – 2022-03-06.

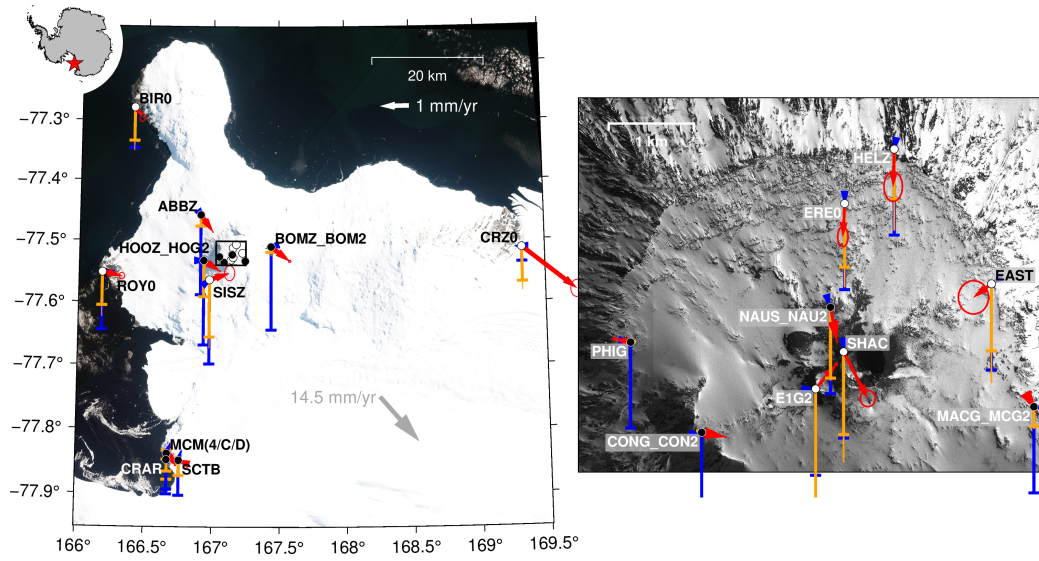


Figure 7: Like Figure 1, but blue vectors show modeled isostatic adjustment due to 4 km^3 of lava added over a 3 km radius onto the summit plateau every 1000 yrs. The model assumes an elastic plate with Young's modulus of 80 GPa and a Poisson's ratio of 0.25 over a half space with a viscosity of $1 \times 10^{19} \text{ Pa.s}$.

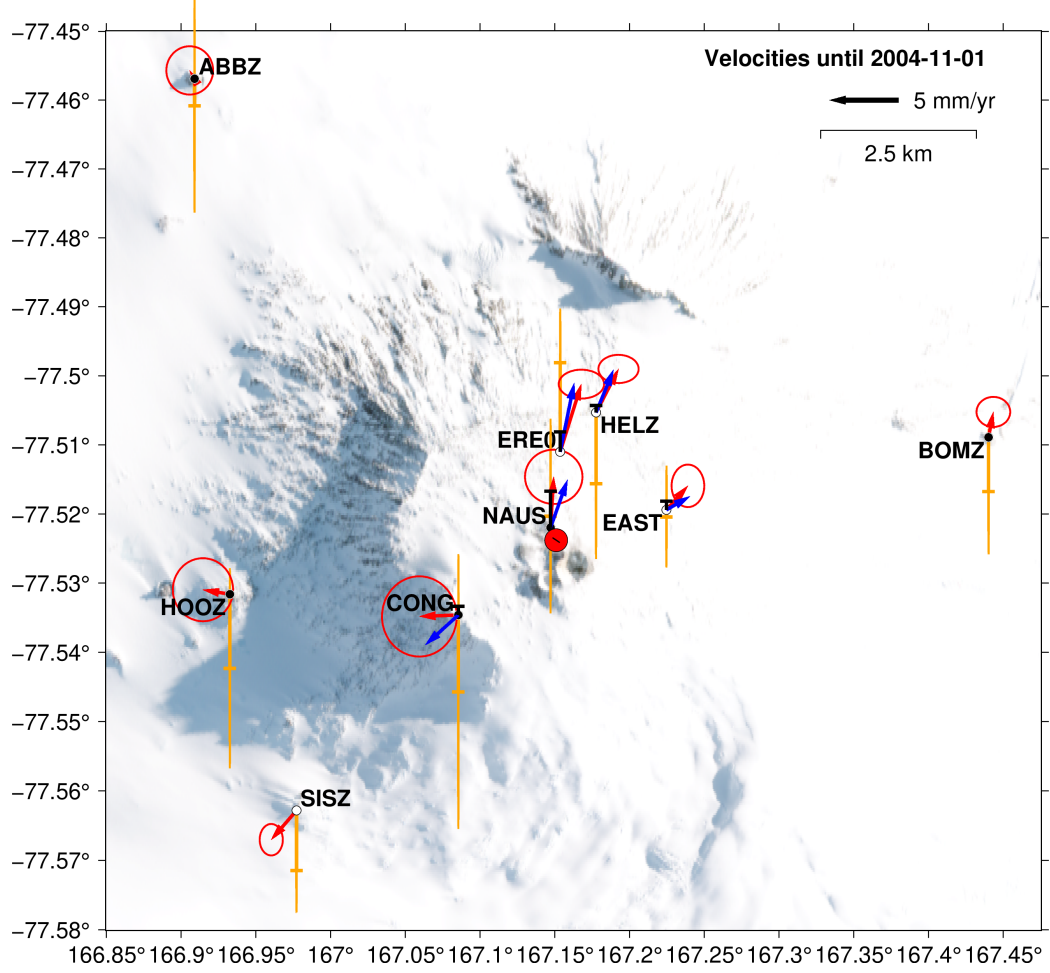


Figure 8: Model fit and residuals for the period before November 2004. Data are red (horizontal) and orange (vertical). Model predictions (negligible at peripheral stations ABBZ, HOOZ, SISZ, and BOMZ) are blue (horizontal) and black (vertical). The red circle indicates the map location of the source centroid (the thin black line inside the circle marks orientation and length of the model dike). Model parameters are listed in Table 4.

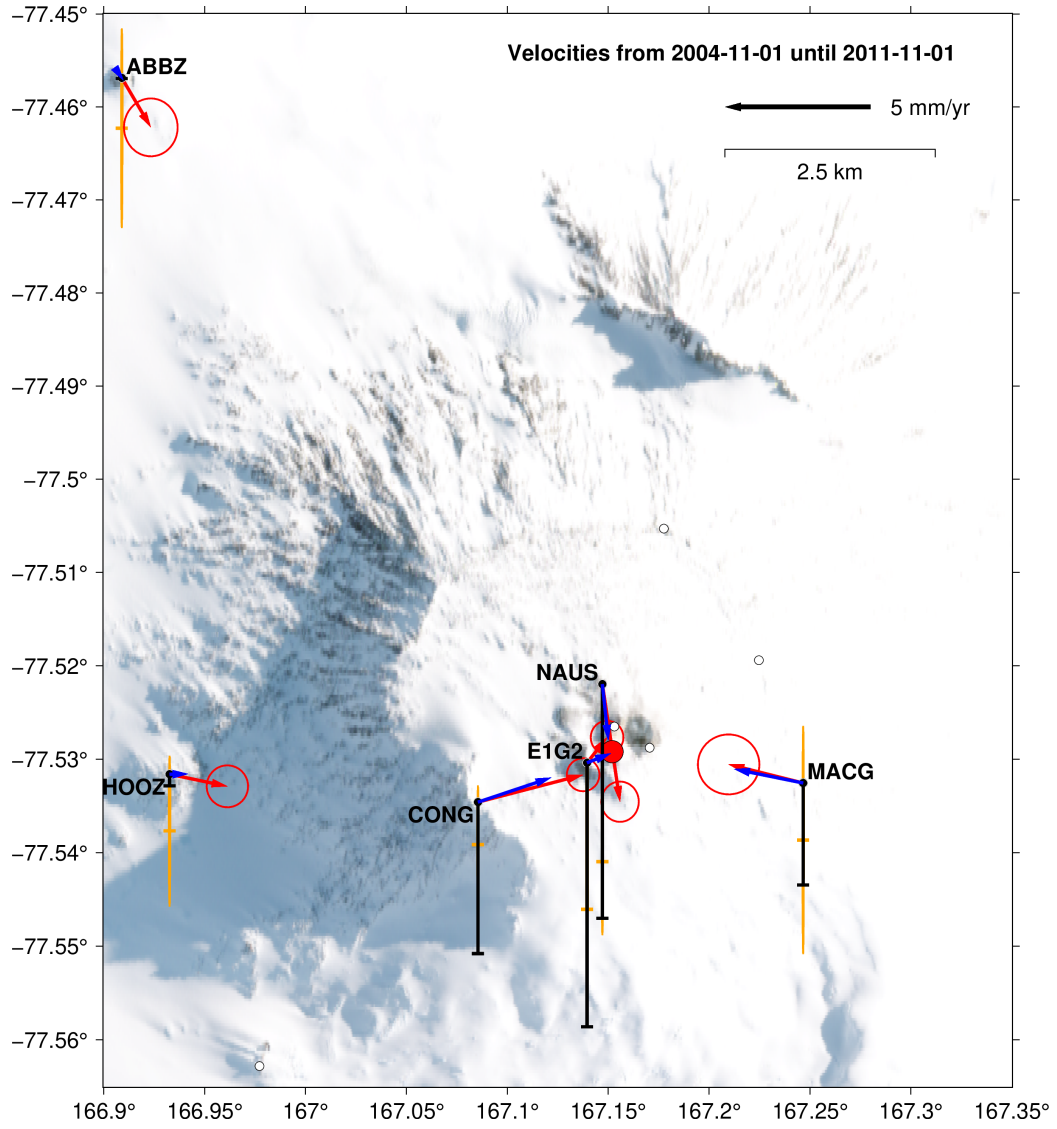


Figure 9: Same as Fig. 8 but for 2004 – 2011.

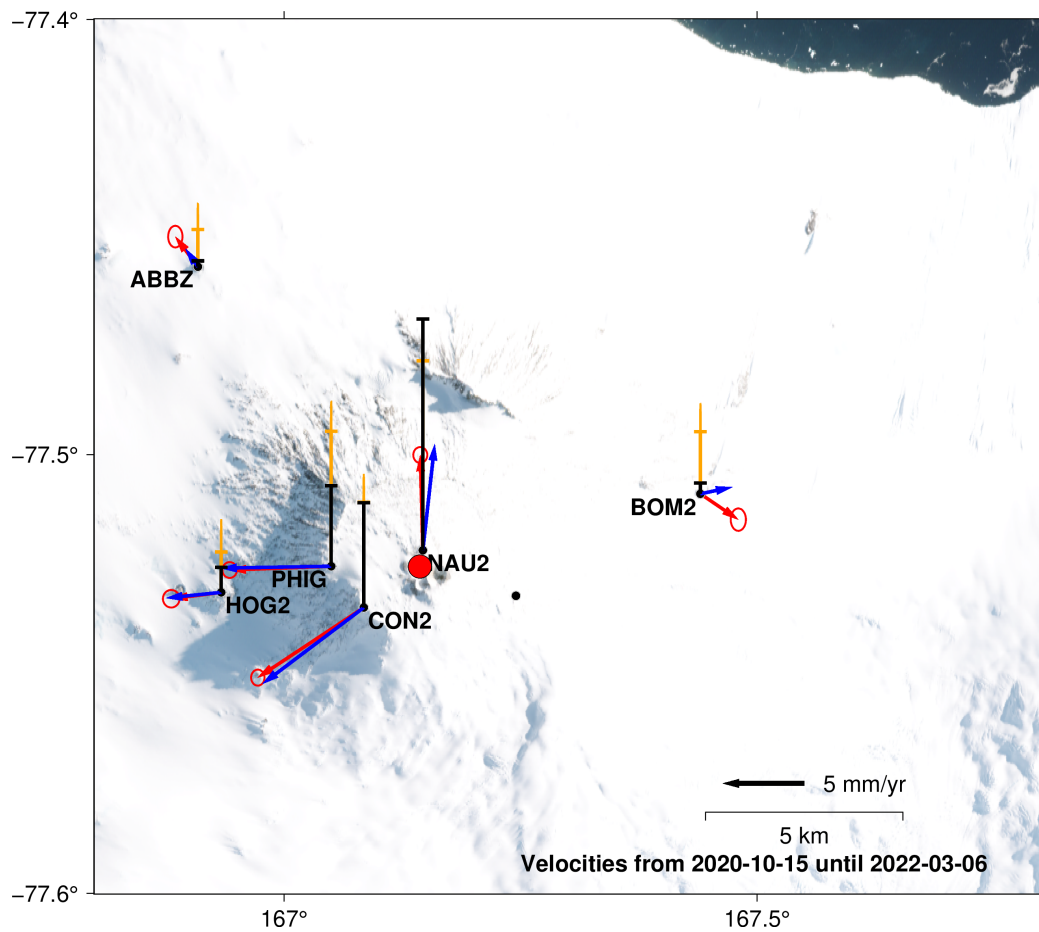


Figure 10: Same as Fig. 8, but for 2020 – 2022.

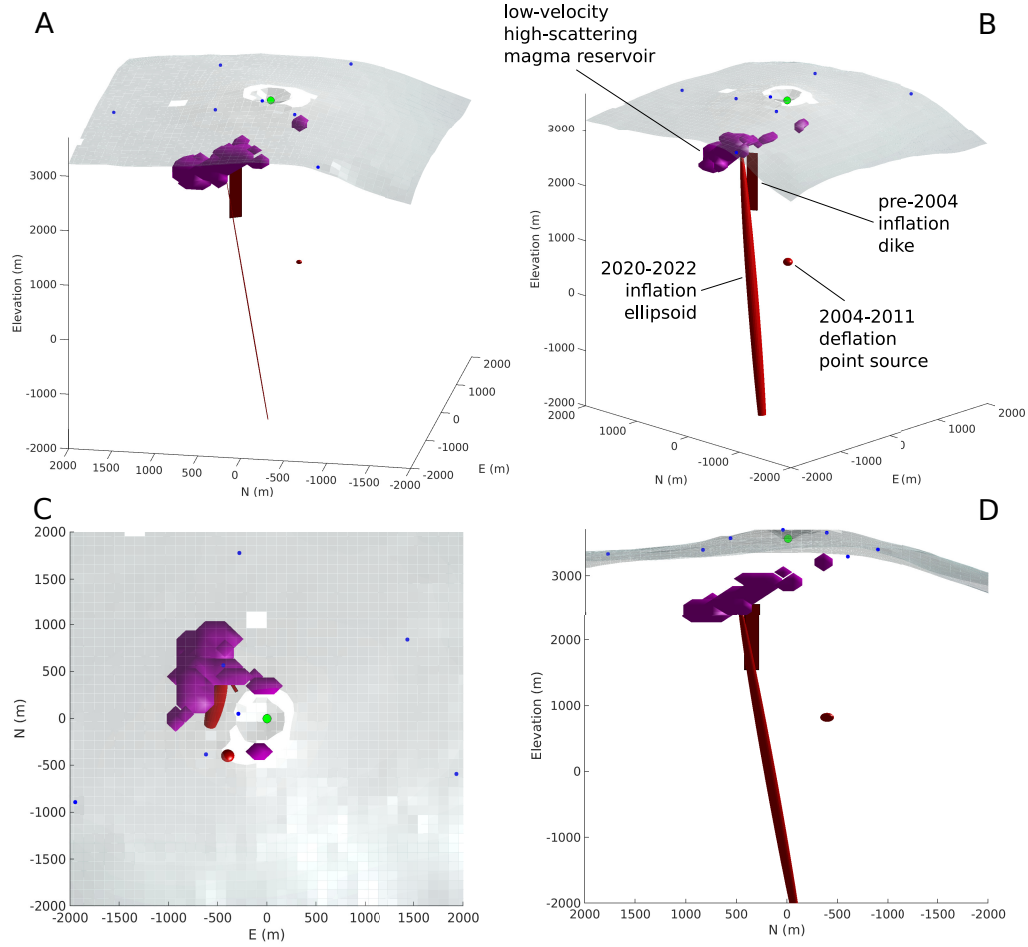


Figure 11: Geodetic source models (red) in the context of the Zandomeneghi et al. (2013) low-velocity high-scattering magma reservoir (purple). GNSS stations are blue dots, green circle indicates lava lake location. **(A)** Narrow and tall dike next to thin and elongated ellipsoid represent magma-reservoir terminating lower conduit structures. The 2004 - 2011 Mogi source is off to the side near 800 m elevation. Dimensions are to scale. **(B)** Source thicknesses are exaggerated for visibility: Mogi source with doubled radius, ellipsoid semi-minor axes lengths are multiplied by 10, and dike opening is multiplied by 100. **(C)** Same as B, but in map view. **(D)** Same as B, but in cross-section looking to the east.

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