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First results of the AWI-Polar 6 airborne radio echo sounding survey around EGRIP drill site

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AWI UWB Radar Sounding at EastGRIP

Overview

- Airborne radar data acquisition survey in May 2018 with Polar6
- Survey covers an area of 16.000 km² | 7700 km of profiles (12 TB data)
- Parallel and orthogonal to ice flow (ice stream and beyond shear margin)
- Full SAR processing of most of the data



Multichannel Coherent Radar Depth Sounder (MCoRDS)



AWI-UWB Radar System | AWI-UWB

- Measure ice thickness, internal layering and image bed properties
- Power: up to 4kW
- Frequency Range: 150-600 MHz
- Slotted Arras Systems for Wings and Fuselage (8 – 24)







Signal Transmission | AWI-UWB





Example: 2D Sounding Mode

modified from Hale et. al. 2015

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Data Processing | AWI-UWB





Data Products | AWI-UWB



quick-look output

- channels are averaged coherently
- assumption: rerturn signal all nadir
- output is used to find the ice surface location



SAR output

- SAR processing with along-track spatial frequency window using f-k
- migrationchannels are averaged together coherently



Radar Survey May 2018





Configuration:

- Array elements: 8
- Bandwidth: 180 210 MHz
- Flight days: 8

Scientific questions:

- How does a strong velocity gradient influence the layering and the shear margin?
- How did the ice that is being drilled right now evolve along the flow line?
- Bedrock in detail

Bedrock and deformation | parallel to flow







Bedrock and deformation | orthogonal to flow







Bedrock and deformation | uncertainties







Shear margin | North







Shear margin | North



























west 1 west 2











Radar Systems Compared



AWI UWB





Mills Cross



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Ice Bridge







- 1. Create bedrock model
- 2. Link deformation to ice dynamics
- 3. Compare radar data with core data



