INFERENCE OF PRESENT-DAY SEA-LEVEL CHANGE FOR THE EAST COAST OF NORTH AMERICA

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50°N

80°W

30°N

3. Contributions to SLC

were calculated based on several physical processes, including GIS and AIS icemass change (above, based

4. SLC budgets: (b) Sea-level acceleration for the AIS (red) and AIS plus GIS (blue) based on models for AIS and GIS mass loss and solution of the Sea-Level Equation. (c) Sea-level



I. Location map of tide gauges used in this study. The East Coast of North America has a great spatial variability in sea-level change (SLC); understanding its implications is scientifically and societally important.

on Velicogna et al. [2014]), ocean circulation and density changes (GECCO2), IB, and GIA. One parameter was estimated for the entire data set, a scale factor for the ocean-model contribution.

5. Observed sea-level acceleration (points with error bars) and postfit model (blue line). The weighted rms difference between the data and model is 0.07 mm yr⁻², and the reduced χ^2

acceleration from the GECCO2 ocean estimate.



Latitude (deg)

difference is 0.75, indicating a good fit.



6 Different futures for different

cities. The graphs are based only on the GIS and AIS components. Given the expectation for rapidly increased melting [e.g., Hansen et al., 2016] these could well be minimal estimates for the SLC. Longterm changes in ocean density changes and circulation could increase these estimates further.

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