

## ***Interactive comment on “On the multi-fractal scaling properties of sea ice deformation” by Pierre Rampal et al.***

### **Anonymous Referee #1**

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#### GENERAL COMMENTS

The manuscript applies a scaling and multi-fractal analysis to sea-ice deformation fields simulated with neXtSIM and derived from RGPS satellite observations. It shows that the spatial and temporal scaling of the observed sea-ice deformation is well reproduced by the model. The paper also explores the multi-fractality and spatio-temporal coupling of the scaling, but whether these behaviors are significant is debatable considering the very large error bars on the values compared.

The manuscript is generally well written but the wording used is often too strong or too conclusive for what the results are showing. I think the paper would be greatly improved if the authors would include a discussion of the error to support their affirmations. I also disagree with the choice of method for analyzing the RGPS data and would also

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like more information on how the scaling analysis is performed. For these reasons, I recommend that this paper be reconsidered after major revisions and I provide more details about points to be addressed in the revisions below.

Major points to be addressed:

1. I have reservations about the choices of methods used to analyze the data in this study. By using a nearest-neighbour interpolation on the RGPS trajectories, the authors artificially set all initial temporal scales in the RGPS data to 3 days, although they vary strongly from a few minutes to up to 10 days. A filtering that keep the original RGPS temporal scales, for example, keeping only the trajectories that are updated more or less every 3 days, would be more appropriate. As it is now, it is not clear to me that the temporal scaling and spatio-temporal coupling the authors are reporting here is not an artifact of the method used.

Moreover, it would be necessary to include more details on the scaling (or "coarse-graining") procedure used in this study so that the results can be reproduced by others. As of now, it is also unclear what are the effects of using a sub-sampling of the trajectories (as I understood is done) instead of spatio-temporal averaging as usually done for the scaling analysis. The differences in the method and also the justification for choosing a different method need to be clearly stated.

2. I am also not convinced of the significance of the multi-fractality and spatio-temporal coupling behavior that the authors affirm is present in the results. The error bars on the values used to infer these behaviors are sometimes used to confirm that values overlap and therefore are equal, but are elsewhere ignored to affirm that the values are different. Also, the "error bars" as defined in this study rather represent the goodness of fit on the data, than an actual error on the values calculated. Proper error estimates are needed to claim that the multi-fractality or the coupling are significant.

3. The discussion of scaling in sea-ice models is limited to (Maxwell) Elasto-Brittle (EB/MEB) papers. There are several studies using the viscous-plastic (VP) rheology

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that are worth mentioning. Especially, the claim that for the first time spatio-temporal scaling is shown for a model, is not true (see Fig. 7 in Hutter et al., 2018 - see reference below).

4. The conclusion is mostly a summary of what the neXtSIM model is capable of rather than overall conclusion that can be drawn from the presented work for other studies or model development. The overall conclusion that is drawn (that is, that multi-fractal scaling analysis should be the prerequisite validation step before analysis of any other variable that might be related to sea-ice dynamics) is clearly application-dependent and needs to be modified. I would wish that the authors come up with a conclusion that is more useful for the scientific community than just promoting the model. There is clearly enough good material in the paper to do so.

5. I would appreciate if the model physics and the configuration of the simulation (e.g. wind forcing, rheology parameters, Lagrangian grid, etc.) would be separated more carefully when drawing conclusions from the simulated results. It feels like when there is agreement between the model and observations, the authors attribute this agreement to their choice of model physics, while if the model results disagree with the observations, the authors note that it could be due to the model configuration. Maybe a change in wording would help to reduce this impression.

Below are more specific comments to help the authors address the general comments above.

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#### SPECIFIC COMMENTS

Page 2: - Line 16: There is a new paper about filtering LKFs in the entire RGPS dataset that also shows a wide range of intersection angles of LKFs (Hutter et al., 2019, see References below) and is worth citing here.

Page 3: - Line 4: Again, please add Hutter et al. (2019) (Linow and Dierking only

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studied 10 RGPS snapshots, whereas in the above mentioned paper, the LKF length was studied for the entire RGPS data-set).

- Line 7: "These events also sustain deformation, maintaining the LKFs "active" for many days Coon et al. (2007)" This is not clear. If the deformations are of short duration, how are they responsible for "sustaining" deformation rates over many days? Please clarify.

- Line 15: To me, it is the distribution that can be in or out of the Gaussian basin of attraction, not the values themselves. I would remove "that are out of the Gaussian basin of attraction" or rewrite something like "...i.e., dominated by extreme values and out of the Gaussian basin of attraction"

- Line 25: Please shortly explain what a "coarse-graining" method is.

Page 4: - Line 6: I agree that  $\beta=0$  is homogeneous deformations. But if one imagines the scaling exponent to be something similar as the fractal dimension (see Weiss, 2003), then  $\beta=1$  would correspond to deformations concentrated in one line, and for  $\beta=2$ , all deformations would be localized in one single point. This is also what one would expect from averaging in two spatial dimensions. Please clarify.

- Lines 21-24: Two paragraphs above you state that the distribution of the sea-ice deformation rates is out of the Gaussian basin of attraction (i.e. the decay has a slope  $\leq 3$ ). For those power-law distributions it is known that the higher moments (variance, skewness, etc.) do not converge, due to the presence of extreme values, to a real number but to infinity. Please clarify how those ill defined moments help better describe the distribution?

Page 5: - Line 5: "the amount of localization of large and small deformation events is the same" How do you define the localization? I thought the scaling exponents are quantifying the "degree of localization" of deformation (see page 4, line 5)? Here, even if the curvature is zero, the scaling exponents are still changing linearly with the

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moment  $q$ , so that they are different and then I don't think you can say that the "amount of localization of large and small deformation events is the same".

- Line 10-11: Please add references for this. The definitions of heterogeneity and intermittency are confusing to me... Isn't saying that a field shows high localization in space/time (ie.  $\beta$  or  $\alpha > 0$ ) the same as saying that the field is heterogeneous/intermittent? Why does a field need to have a (quadratic) change in the localization exponent with the different moments  $q$  to define it as heterogeneous/intermittent? What if the structure function is cubic? Please clarify.

- Line 20 - "(Olason et al., 2019)" I couldn't find this paper in the Cryosphere Discussion.

- Line 24,25: Downscaling of the modeled sea-ice deformation might be performed if one characterizes the scaling exponents, however, Spreen et al. (2017) have shown that the dependence of the scaling exponent on the sea-ice concentration and thickness has non-trivial effects on the "scaled" deformation rates, so I would suppose that only if you knew the distribution of  $A$  and  $h$  at a subgrid-scale (which we don't) could you actually perform such a downscaling.

Page 6: - Lines 3-6: It would be worth to include a short summary of studies that used scaling analysis to evaluate sea-ice deformation in simulations and their findings (so far only EB studies are mentioned). For example, Hutter et al. (2018) have shown that the VP rheology can reproduce the observed spatial scaling and also multifractal characteristics in the spatial domain (i.e. quadratic spatial structure function at very high resolution. Please see also Spreen, et al. (2017) and Bouchat and Tremblay (2017).

- Lines 16-19: Please elaborate on why this is needed. What does it mean "to localize the deformation at the nominal scale"?

Page 9: - Line 2: Please provide the spatial and temporal resolution of the forcing used.

Page 10: - Line 12: "We use the coarse-graining approach..." Since you already men-

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tion both approaches, please justify why you haven chosen the first one.

- Line 13: Why do you choose triplets? It is known that the boundary definition error (Lindsay & Stern, 2003) is larger for lower number of vertices. You have chosen the minimal number of vertices and thus the highest uncertainty. Why? Do you use the smoothing filter as suggested by Bouillon and Rampal (2015) in your analysis to compensate this effect? If not, please mention why not and how you deal with the uncertainties introduced by choosing triangles instead of rectangles as done originally in RGPS.

- Line 15: The value of 7.5 km is an average for the triangulation over the 2006/2007 season? Otherwise, it is not clear to me how you get that number analytically. Please specify.

- Line 25: Do you use the same triangulation for both the RGPS and model trajectory sets? Also, how do you handle the different streams of the original RGPS Lagrangian ice motion dataset?

Page 11: - Line 5-8: Not clear. What is the "subsamped cloud" of positions? How do you select the triangles to add up to a certain spatial scale? Please add details of the subsampling procedure!

- Line 9: "The number of triplets available for the statistical analyses decreases as the space scale increases." Why? Because you use a filter to discard larger scales if they are not filled up to a certain percentage? Please clarify.

- Line 9-11: "Coarse-graining in time..." Are you re-sampling the trajectories at larger time intervals and then computing new estimates of the strain rates at these larger time scales, instead of averaging multiple 3-day strain rates together? To be consistent with the spatial scaling analysis as it is usually done (e.g. as in Marsan et al. 2004), the strain rates should be averaged and not re-sampled.

- Line 10: "The number of available triplets also decreases as the time scale increases."

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Again, please indicate why this is the case.

- Line 18: "...around the boundary of each polygon associated to a given space scale L" Again, it seems like you are saying that you are re-calculating the strain rates at different scales instead of averaging multiple triangles of the original data set together to add up to a certain time/spatial scale. If you are really recalculating the strain rates instead of averaging them, then please show what are the effects of doing this vs averaging on the scaling analysis, as I don't recall other studies that have used this method. Or maybe simply re-calculate your strain rates by averaging the triangles instead.

Page 12: - Line 1: The actual area A of the polygons will differ slightly from the nominal scale  $L^2$ . Do you filter the polygons for their area to match the given nominal length scale? Also, are you using the definition of A with the summation around the vertices of the polygons, e.g. as in Linsday and Stern (2003)? Please specify.

I am also confused about which polygons are which... If you are always grouping triangles that have a mean length scale of  $L_i = 7.5$  km to make new polygons at different length scales, wouldn't the average length scale defined as "the mean of the square root of the polygon surface areas", as written on page 11, i.e. what I understand as  $L = (L_1 + L_2 + L_3 + \dots + L_n) / n$  (with  $L_i, i=1, \dots, n$  being the length scale of the individual triangles), also equal about 7.5 km regardless of the number of triangles you average together? I feel like it would make more sense to define the spatial scale L of the new polygons (i.e. the aggregation of triangles) as the square root of the sum of all the triangle areas in the polygon, i.e.  $L = \sqrt{A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + \dots}$  where  $A_i$  is the area of the i-th triangle that is averaged together. Or maybe I just don't understand your scaling procedure. Please clarify.

Page 13: - Line 1: I strongly disagree with this procedure. A nearest neighbour interpolation will artificially set all initial temporal scales in RGPS data to 3 days, although they vary strongly from a few minutes to up to 10 days. Why do you not use the original

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temporal scale of the observations for the scaling analysis? How much of the method is therefore responsible for the temporal or spatio-temporal scaling you are showing afterwards?

- Lines 10-15: Because trajectories are eventually removed from your analysis by filtering? Or why else is this the case?

- Line 17: "the 3-day shear [...] for the same period of 7 days" How do you get the strain rates on a 7-day period if they are the 3-day strain rates?

- Line 19: Technically, what you are showing is not the cumulative probability distribution (CDF), but the complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF), i.e. the probability of having a value greater than a given strain rate. Please correct. Also, why choose to show the CCDF instead of the PDF as in previous studies? It would be interesting to show here the PDFs of shear and divergence since it is the first time it would be shown for the MEB rheology in this configuration.

- Line 20-21: Please discuss the fact that the probability distribution for your model is always greater than that of RGPS. What does this imply?

- Line 21: If we assume a power law probability distribution function (PDF) that goes like  $P(x) \rightarrow x^{-\alpha}$ , then the CDF (or CCDF) would decay like  $C(x) \rightarrow x^{-\alpha+1}$ . Hence, if you find a slope of -3 for the CCDF of both your model and RGPS, it means that the PDFs for both data sets decay with a slope of -4, which according to Sornette (2006), implies that the PDFs slowly converge to Gaussian distributions (or that they are in the "Gaussian basin of attraction") and therefore your argument following in the text does not hold... Please address this.

Page 14: - Line 3: Stern et al. (2018) suggest to use Maximum Likelihood Estimators to determine power-law exponents and test those with a goodness-of-the-fit test (Clauset et al., 2009).

- Lines 18-19: Defined as in Bouillon and Rampal (2015), these bars are rather rep-

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representing the "goodness of the linear fit" rather than an actual error on the values you are comparing. It would be much more useful (in terms of comparing the model to observations) to compute the error on your observed and simulated deformation rates given the known error on the trajectory positions (see for example Lindsay and Stern, 2003) and then the ensuing error on your scaling analysis. Only then can you conclude that the structure functions are "equal within their margin of error".

- Line 21: "... the scaling is clearly multi-fractal, as no linear function can be contained within the error bars." I can pass a line through the origin and through all the "error bars" for the model values. Please remove.

- Line 22: "applying a quadratic fit" Please provide the quadratic fit parameters for both RGPS and the model, either here or on the figure.

Page 15: - Line 12-13: Mean curvatures of 0.07 and 0.08 seem quite low to consider this a "clear" signature of multi-fractality... Again, it would be necessary to have the error on these values to know if it is significant or not.

- Line 16: "beta decreases with increasing T" This is not very clear from figures 5 and 6... In fact, from the right panel in figure 5, it looks more like beta is increasing with increasing T for  $q=1$ . Please add a log-log plot of beta vs T for the different values of q for both RGPS and the model, similar to what is done in figures 5 and 7 in Hutter et al. (2018).

- Line 20: "This property is for the first time shown from a sea ice model simulation." This is not true. See Figure 7 in Hutter et al. (2018). Moreover, is this coupling really significant, as the "error bars" overlap for all temporal scales (for each moment respectively)? If you say that the structure functions for both RGPS and the model are equal in Figure 3, then I would also say they are equal here in Figure 5 for all time scales, and we therefore cannot conclude to a significant coupling.

Page 16: - Lines 3-4: A few more words might be helpful here to understand this offset

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in the model curvature: Is MEB leading to damage in the ice cover everywhere and, therefore, evenly distributed events with no preferred regions of deformation?

- Line 20: "This means that the proportion of extreme deformation events compared to lower ones is too small or that their values are too low in the simulation." The CCDF for the shear deformations in Figure 1 actually shows that the probability of having larger deformations is higher in the model than for RGPS, no? If you show the PDFs of shear and divergence, it would probably help to clarify this.

Page 17: - Line 12-15: It is not clear from Figures 9 and 10 that alpha is decreasing for increasing L. Please add a plot of alpha vs L for  $q=1,2,3$ . Again, the question of whether this coupling is significant if all  $\alpha(q=1,2)$  lie within the errorbars of  $\alpha(q=1,2)$  arises.

- Line 23: "reproduces correctly the distribution of sea ice deformation rates" Please show PDFs of shear and divergence to affirm this.

Page 18: - Line 9: "a threshold mechanism" Is that the damage parametrization?

- Line 14: You show that your model reproduces some of the observed scaling characteristics, but you have not shown that it does because your model includes the "ingredients" mentioned above. The configuration of the model (i.e. forcing, strength parameters, etc.) as well as the Lagrangian mesh instead of an Eulerian grid also have the potential for generating/influencing these behaviors, and it is not clear yet to which model parametrization or configuration ingredients these behaviors are due.

- Line 16: "the spatial scaling [...] holds down to the nominal resolution of the mesh" and just after "It means that neXtSIM does not need to be run at higher spatial resolution in order to resolve the presence of linear kinematic features..." I am not sure that the first sentence justifies the second one... For example, Spreen et al. (2017) and Bouchat and Tremblay (2017), both show that VP models at 9 km and 10 km can also have a spatial scaling that "holds down" to 10 km (ie. the nominal resolution), but you would

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still need to run the model at higher resolution if you want to resolve finer structures in the sea-ice fields because the models are represented on Eulerian grids. In the case of your model, you might better resolve LKFs because you are using a Lagrangian mesh, which represents discontinuities more accurately, not necessarily because of the scaling of deformations.

- Line 20: Add reference to Hutter et al. (2018)? You seem to be indirectly referring to this study.

- Lines 21-28: This should be moved to the results section.

Page 20: - Line 12-13: I disagree. See comment for Page 15, Line 20.

- Lines 21-25: This is a too strong statement that depends a lot on what the model is used for. There are applications where heterogeneity and intermittency of deformation are important (i.e. regional and short range forecasting of ice conditions) but there are also larger scale applications where other parameters are more relevant. Either remove this statement or give specific application areas where this is needed.

Page 22: - Line 10: In Dansereau et al. (2016),  $d=1$  for undamaged and  $d=0$  for completely damaged ice. Please indicate that you use the reverse definition.

Page 23: - Lines 11-13:  $g(H)$  is not defined.

- Equation (A13) and (A14): The prime variables have not been defined. in (A14), shouldn't it be  $\sigma_{1\_prime}$  and  $\sigma_{2\_prime}$  instead?

Page 24: - As it seems that the implementation of this 3-thickness categories differs from Stern and Rothrock (1995), I would like to have a bit more details on how it is done/defined and how it is different from what was suggested Stern and Rothrock (1995). For example, please explain the addition of the divergence term in the evolution equations and a term for ridging for the thin ice category as well. Please also clarify if  $A$  and  $H$  are the total ice concentration and volume per unit area? i.e.  $A = A_{thin} + A_{thick}$  and  $H = H_{thin} + H_{thick}$ ?

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- Lines 16-18: "Thin ice thickness is considered to be uniformly distributed between  $h_{min}$  and  $h_{max}$ ", do you mean linearly distributed? Why does that put a maximum bound on the total ice volume per area? Maybe here it should be " $H_{t\_min} = A_t * h_{min}$ " and " $H_{t\_max} = A_t * (h_{min}+h_{max})/2$ " instead?

Page 26: - Equation (A23): Please explain why you introduce this  $\delta_A$  variable and what is the purpose of the "aspect ratio parameter"  $\zeta$ , and what a value of 10 implies.

- Line 8: Shouldn't more ridging also affect the value of  $H^{n+1}$ ?

Figure 1: - I would switch for PDFs and also add a panel with divergence distributions.

Figure 2: - Please also show the divergence fields.

Figure 3: - The left panel y-axis shows the scaling for  $\epsilon_{tot}$ , however, in the caption it is written that you are showing the scaling and the structure for the shear deformation rate... Please show the scaling and the structure function for  $\epsilon_{tot}$  instead.

Figures 5 & 6: - You could group these two figures for ease of comparison between the model and RGPS observations.

Figure 8: - Caption, Line 3: Normalized moments have not been defined in the text.

Figures 9 & 10: - You could group these two figures for ease of comparison between the model and RGPS observations.

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## TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

Page 2: - Line 7: - Delete "for the first time" - Line 16-17: "e.g.," should come before enumerating the references.

Page 3: - Line 2: Replace "kinematic linear features" with "Linear Kinematic Features"  
- Line 6: Delete "levels of" - Line 7: "Coon et al., 2007" should be in parenthesis -

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Line 9: Add a coma after (Kwok, 2001), ie: "(Kwok, 2001), and permanent..." - Line 13: Delete "such as" and replace with "... of the deformation rate invariants (i.e. shear and divergence) and of the total deformation rates, which..." - Line 26: I think there is a part missing in this sentence. Maybe add "applied to observed deformation fields derived from satellite imagery" before "(e.g. Lindsay..." or something like that? - Line 27: Replace "or pair of buoys dispersion analysis" with "or by dispersion analysis of pair of buoys"

Page 4: - Line 4: Add "The scaling exponents..." - Line 9-10: Rewrite "...to a homogeneous deformation, and  $\alpha=1$  to a single, temporally isolated deformation event." - Line 16: "approximated" → "modeled as" and "relevant for Arctic system simulations"? - Line 18: Delete "out of the Gaussian basin of attraction" (see specific comment for Page 3, Line 14). - Line 25: Replace "beta" with "the scaling exponents beta and alpha" - Line 27: Delete "indeed"

Page 5: - Line 4: "... linear structure function, i.e., no curvature, ..." replace with "... linear structure function, i.e. no curvature or equivalently  $a=0$  or  $b=0$ , ..." - Line 6: Replace "For both coefficients..." with "In the case where both coefficients..." - Line 7: Add "therefore" between "distribution" and "increase", i.e "...of the distribution therefore increase..." - Line 12-13: Replace "have shown" with "show"

Page 6: - Line 7: "... in the deformation and related characteristics of sea ice" Not clear. Please reformulate. - Lines 21-23: This sentence is not clear. Please reformulate.

Page 7: - Line 1: Replace "the first part of the paper" with "Section 1 and section 2 of the paper" and delete "(section 2)" in line 2. - Line 2: Replace "The second part" with "Section 3" and remove "(Section 3)" in line 4. - Line 10: Replace "(Amitrano et al., 1999)" with "Amitrano et al. (1999)" - Line 17: Rewrite "In particular, it was shown that the simulated deformation rates..." - Line 18: Add "... in space only".

Page 8: - Line 8: Replace "entering" with "of" - Line 9: Replace "Appendix" with "appendices" - Line 15: Replace "length of the vertices" with "distance between the vertices"

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- Line 24: Remove "the applied", and all of "the" in front of the quantities enumerated

Page 10: - Line 1: Replace "displacement" with "ice motion"

Page 12: - Line 18: Add "... 30 degrees or less". - Line 19: Replace "as the model is" with "contrary to the model" - Line 23: "affect" should be "affects" - Line 23: "sub-sampling" Do you mean interpolation?

Page 13: - Line 6: "we therefore chose to..." You do not chose, you can't go below 3 days given that this is the smallest time scale you have for your dataset. - Line 7: Remove "on the whole" - Line 17: Maybe relabel Figure 2 to Figure 1 since you are referring to it first? - Line 17: Replace "3-days" with "3-day"

Page 14: - Line 2: Add "... spatial scaling analysis for a T= 3 days temporal scale..." - Line 12: Add "our choice of mechanical parameters values (e.g. Bouchat and Tremblay, 2017)" - Line 22: Replace "a quadratic fit to the data (in the least squared sense)" with "a least-square quadratic fit to the data" - Line 25: Add "... simulated deformation fields is consistent..." - Line 27: Add "... the value of the spatial scaling exponent beta..." - Line 27: "for the mean obtained for the successive and contiguous snapshots throughout the winter" This is not clear. The mean = mean deformations , i.e.  $q=1$ ? Please rewrite.

Page 15: - Line 1: Replace "the scaling exponent varies" with "the spatial scaling exponent varies" - Line 4: Replace "for the mean" with "for the mean deformation rates (i.e.  $q=1$ )" - Line 5: Add "... which is also the value..." - Line 10: Add "...that the observed and simulated curvature values..." - Line 21: "The origin of this coupling has been previously proposed to be linked to the complex correlation patterns related to chain triggering of ice-quakes." Please add reference for this. - Line 24: Add "... the multi-fractal character of the spatial scaling (i.e. the curvature of  $\beta(q)$ ) for both RGPS and the model when..."

Page 16: - Line 9: Remove "robust" and "very similar" since you then discuss how it

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differs for the  $q=3$ . - Line 16: Replace "in this recent study" with "by Oikkonen et al. (2017)" - Lines 17-18: Remove "(gray, dark and cyan top curves in the left panel of Fig. 8)"

Page 17: - Line 4: "virtually perfect" please change to a more sober wording. For example, the values for  $q=2$  are not "perfectly" matching. - Line 4: Rewrite "The curvature of the quadratic functions  $\alpha(q)$  are 0.11 for..." - Line 7: "This seems to argue that..." Weird wording. Please rephrase.

Page 19: - Line 18: Replace "." after "distribution" by a coma, and change "A proper..." for "a proper..." - Line 24: Replace "concurrent" with "parallel"?

Page 20: - Line 2: Add "from RGPS observations..." - Line 13: Remove "for the first time" and "by a model"

Page 21: - Line 16: Replace "thick ice thickness" with "thick-ice thickness"

Page 22: - Line 15: Why not write  $-c^*$  with  $c^* = 20$  as done in Hibler (1979)? And you could put (A6) back in (A5) to save space.

Figure 1: - Please add legend in the figure for ease of comparison - Add the fit exponents on the figure or in the caption, for both model and RGPS. - Caption, Line 2: Add "...and the RGPS observations"

Figure 2: - There seems to be a plotting issue since some of the triangles are touching the land boundaries (e.g. on the Alaskan coast), but you mention in the manuscript that you filter out trajectories that are 100 km or closer to land. Please correct. - Please add "RGPS" and "Model" on top of the panels. - Caption: Add that the green lines are the model's open boundaries.

Figure 3: - Caption, Line 2: Replace "than in the RGPS dataset" with "and RGPS dataset" - Caption, Line 7, "local scaling exponents" Not clear. Use a similar wording as in Bouillon and Rampal (2015). - Caption: Use the same wording for the caption as for Figure 8 (with the suggested corrections).

Figure 4: - Please add legend in the figure for ease of comparison - Caption, Line 1: Replace "power scaling exponents" with "spatial scaling exponents for the average total deformation (i.e.  $q=1$ )" - Caption: Add something like "calculated for individual snapshots, i.e. at a temporal scale of  $T = 3$  days"

Figure 5: - Please use same y-axis for left panels in Figures 3,5,6,8,9,10,12 for ease of comparison. - Please use same y-axis for right panels in Figures 3,5,6,12

Figure 6: - Caption: Add "..for the RGPS observations..."

Figure 8: - Caption, Line 3: Replace "distributions of the deformation rate" with "distributions of the total deformation rate" - Caption, Line 4: Switch "for the observations" with "for the model" later in the sentence, and indicate that the values for  $T=3$ hrs to 1 day are taken from Oikkonen et al. (2017) in the caption as well. - Caption, Line 6: Remove "The dashed lines are extrapolation for the smallest scales" There are no dashed lines. - Caption, Line 7: Replace "observation" with "RGPS observations"

Figure 10: - Caption: Add "..for the RGPS observations..."

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