

Deep Short-term Slow Slip and Tremor in the Manawatu Region, New Zealand

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Key Points:

- GNSS data indicates newly detected short-term slow slip in region of deep tremor
- Long-term slow slip events may influence these small slow slip events by increasing slip rates
- Three types of slow slip overlap along-strike in Hikurangi margin: shallow, short-term; deep, long-term; deeper, short-term with tremor

Abstract

The Manawatu region experiences deep tremor and long-term SSEs; however tremor is adjacent to, and not co-located with, long-term SSEs. Observations of Episodic tremor and Slip (ETS) elsewhere suggest it is possible smaller short-term SSEs below the current detection threshold occur where tremor is observed. Therefore, we sought to determine if small SSEs occurred with Manawau tremor. We decomposed GNSS data using times of tremor to assess average surface displacements and performed a static slip inversion to model the displacement during tremor. The slip inversion suggested small slow slip partially coincided with tremor and long-term SSEs may influence these small SSEs by increasing slip rates. We suggest that the interface below deep long-term SSEs may slip often, in small ETS-like SSEs that are not individually detectable geodetically. The question remains as to the nature of the strong variability in SSE behavior with depth and duration in the southern Hikauangi margin.

Plain Language Summary

In between the Earth's tectonic plates, energy builds over time and can be released along faults suddenly (seconds-minutes; i.e., earthquakes) or slowly (weeks-years; i.e., slow slip events). Slow slip often happens with low-frequency earthquakes (i.e., tectonic tremor). The North Island, New Zealand features two colliding tectonic plates with the potential to generate large earthquakes. The interface between these plates has both deep tectonic tremor and large, long-lasting slow slip, but the tectonic tremor is deeper on the fault than the large slow slip. Studies have suggested small, short-lasting slow slip, usually not able to be detected, occur where tectonic tremor is found. In this study we tried a different approach to find the small slow slip. While small slow slip are not detected by themselves, we were able to detect their cumulative effect in the tectonic tremor area. We modeled small slow slip during tectonic tremor to find the mean sliding rate on the fault that is between the tectonic plates. The large long-lasting slow slip may drive these smaller slow slip by making them slip faster. The question remains as to the cause of the many types of slow slip in New Zealand.

1 Introduction

Tectonic tremor was first detected in the Nankai subduction zone in southwest Japan (Obara, 2002) and has since been discovered in several subduction zones around the world.

Tectonic tremor consists of low-level seismic vibrations representing a swarm of low-frequency earthquakes (Brown et al., 2009; Ide et al., 2007; Shelly et al., 2006, 2007). Tremor is often accompanied by and thought to be the result of slow slip events (SSEs; Bartlow et al., 2011; Shelly et al., 2006; Wech & Creager, 2007). As a result, tremor is thought to be a proxy for slow slip, and hence can be used to track and better understand SSEs. These aseismic ruptures occur on the plate interface in the frictional transition zone from stick-slip to stable sliding (Beroza & Ide, 2011; Dragert et al., 2001) or in zones of high pore fluid pressure and low effective stress (e.g. Gao & Wang, 2017; Hyndman et al., 2015). While the amount of strain released from tremor is relatively small, SSEs are capable of releasing as much strain along the plate interface as M 7+ earthquakes (e.g., Radiguet et al., 2012). There have also been cases where SSEs have been found to precede large megathrust earthquakes (e.g., Graham et al., 2014; Kato et al., 2012; Ruiz et al., 2014). Therefore, understanding the behavior of slow slip and tremor is valuable for estimating its potential impact on the seismic budget (e.g., Obara & Kato, 2016; Radiguet et al., 2016) and potential for triggering future earthquakes.

There are a variety of scenarios in which tremor occurs with slow slip. Tremor that spatiotemporally correlates with short-term SSEs is referred to as “episodic tremor and slip” (ETS) which is prominent in the Nankai and Cascadia subduction zones at depths of 25–45 km (Obara et al., 2004; Rogers & Dragert, 2003). Tremor is not always co-located with SSEs, but is instead found offset downdip from the region of slow slip as in the Bungo Channel in Japan and Costa Rica (Brown et al., 2009; Hirose et al., 2010). Bursts of tremor co-located with or near the down-dip limit of long-term SSEs have also been detected in Mexico, Alaska, and Japan, with a higher frequency of tremors during long-term SSEs (Frank et al., 2018; Hirose et al., 2010; Rousset et al., 2019). Frank et al. (2018) and Rousset et al. (2019) both suggested that long-term SSEs were actually composed of a cluster of short ETS-like events while Rousset et al. (2019) also proposed the long-term SSE may have occurred updip from a cluster of short ETS-like events. The difference in the variability in tremor behavior within and between subduction zones is not well understood. Therefore, it is important to study tremor and slow slip in as many regions as possible to evaluate the full range of behaviors.

The North Island of New Zealand along the Hikurangi margin provides an excellent opportunity to further investigate the wide range of tremor and slow slip behaviors. New Zealand has both shallow, short-term SSEs and deep, mid- to long-term SSEs. See Wallace (2020) for a

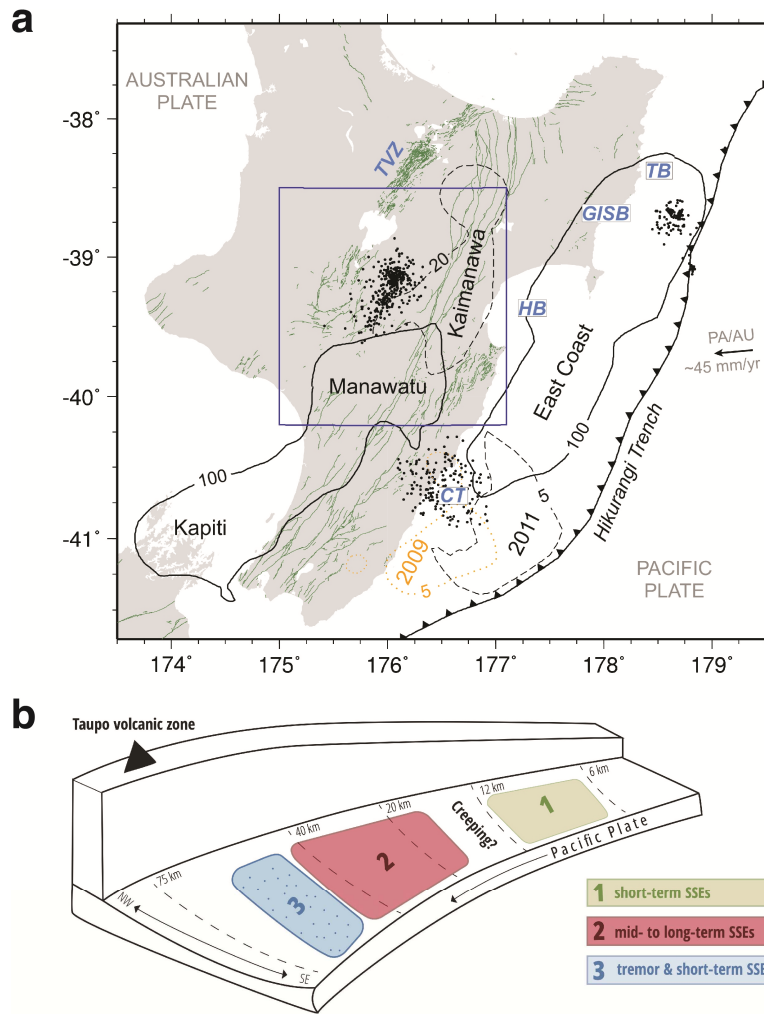


Figure 1. a. Slow slip and tectonic tremor for North Island, New Zealand. Cumulative slip (mm) for 2002-2014 in Kapiti, Manawatu and East Coast SSEs (solid line; Wallace, 2020), 2006 and 2008 Kaimanawa SSEs (dashed line; Wallace, 2020), 2011 Cape Turnagain SSE (dashed line; Bartlow et al., 2014), and small 2009 SSE (orange dotted line; Wallace, 2020; Wallace, Barnes, et al., 2012). Tectonic tremor (2005-2016) is represented by black dots (Manawatu and Cape Turnagain: Romanet & Ide, 2019; Gisborne: Todd et al., 2018). Faults (green lines; Langridge et al., 2016), Pacific-Australia relative plate motion (arrow; Beavan et al., 2002), and study region (blue box) are marked. Abbreviations: Cape Turnagain, CT; Gisborne, GISB; Hawkes Bay, HB; Tolga Bay, TB; Taupo volcanic zone, TVZ. b. Sketch of the tremor and slip dynamics in the Manawatu region.

detailed review of New Zealand's SSEs. Tremor has been observed with shallow SSEs near Gisborne and Cape Turnagain (e.g. Romanet & Ide, 2019; Todd et al., 2018) and downdip of

86 deep SSEs near Manawatu (Romanet & Ide, 2019). However, most SSEs in New Zealand are not
87 accompanied by observed tectonic tremor. Instead, increased rates of seismicity are more
88 commonly associated with SSEs at the Hikurangi margin (e.g., Bartlow et al. 2014; Delahaye et
89 al. 2009; Jacobs et al. 2016; Reyners & Bannister 2007; Shaddox & Schwartz 2019; Yarce et al.
90 2019). Wallace (2020) suggested the difference in the more dominant seismic signature could
91 reflect the thermal structure of the subduction zone (Yabe et al., 2014), frictional heterogeneities
92 in the region of slow slip (Wallace, Barnes, et al. 2012), and attenuation within the upper plate
93 that would impact the ability of tremor to be recorded at the surface (Todd & Schwartz, 2016).

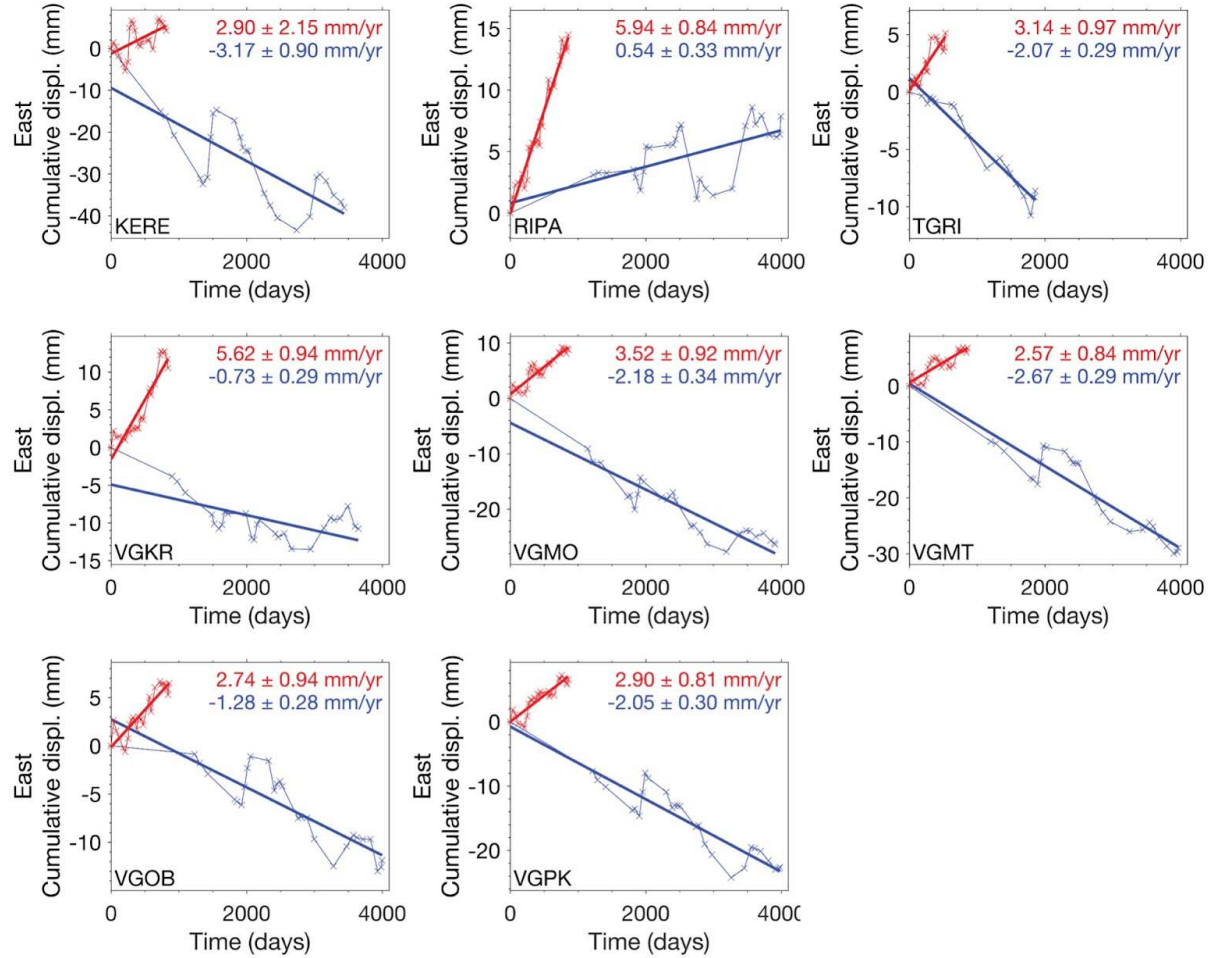
94 In this study, we focused on the deep portion of the central Hikurangi margin where large
95 (M_w 6.9-7.2), long-term (1-2 year) Manawatu SSEs and small (M_w 6.6), mid-term (couple
96 months) Kaimanawa SSEs occur at similar depth but are adjacent to each other along-strike
97 (Figure 1) (Wallace, 2020). Tremor occurs down dip from the Manawatu and Kaimanawa SSEs
98 and both during and in between times of SSEs (Romanet & Ide, 2019). Observations of ETS
99 elsewhere in the world and more frequent tremor episodes relative to the mid- to long-term deep
100 SSEs at the Hikurangi margin suggest it is possible smaller short-term SSEs below the current
101 geodetic network detection threshold also occur in the area of observed tremor. This would
102 indicate SSEs occur at three different depth ranges in the central Hikurangi margin. Therefore,
103 we sought to further investigate tremor in the Manawatu region to determine if a detectable
104 geodetic signal can be identified with decomposition, in which we stacked tremor displacement
105 offsets on GNSS time series and calculated a time-averaged displacement rate. Time-averaged
106 displacement rates during tremor periods were then compared with displacement rates outside of
107 tremor periods and inverted to obtain a model of slip rate on the plate interface associated with
108 tremor. It is valuable to understand how much of the seismic budget is being released
109 aseismically and to what degree, if any, do the different types of SSEs impact each other. This
110 study seeks to build on the understanding of the already complex nature of SSEs and tremor at
111 the Hikurangi margin.

112 **2 Data and Methods**

113 For this study we used daily time-series solutions from continuous GNSS stations from
114 the GeoNet network on the North Island (GNS Science, 2000). GNSS time series were
115 referenced to the fixed Australian plate, and outliers and offsets due to antenna changes and

116 earthquakes were removed. Time series were regionally filtered by removing a common mode
 117 signal (Figure S1). See supporting information for more details on post-processing of the time
 118 series.

Decomposition for All Tremor



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 120 **Figure 2.** Decomposition of the East components of the entire time series for stations whose
 121 decompositions were found to be robust. Red and blue curves indicate cumulative offsets during
 122 tremor and inter-tremor periods, respectively. Values represent velocities from a best-fit line and
 123 1σ uncertainties obtained from random resampling. See Figure S3 for east and north components
 124 for all stations used in the inversion.

125 We decomposed the GNSS time series in the Manawatu region based on times of tremor
 126 following the methods of Rousset et al. (2019). We used the tremor catalog from Romanet and
 127 Ide (2019) which spans from 2005 through 2016 and consists of 354 events in the Manawatu

region. Therefore, time series used for decomposition ranged from 2005, or the start of station recording, until the day before the 14 November 2016 M_W 7.8 Kaikoura earthquake in order to avoid signals from the earthquake. Twelve GNSS stations surrounding the Manawatu tremor were used for decomposition which had no large gaps in data and were recording for at least two deep, mid- to long-term SSEs. We acknowledge that there are stations near the tremor that were not used for decomposition (Figure S1d). It is important to note that part of this region overlaps with the Taupo volcanic zone and there are multiple stations directly on volcanoes. Thus, we sought to limit the use of volcanic stations to avoid any volcanic signals.

Tremor was grouped into clusters to identify bursts of tremor which are believed to represent transient slip (Frank et al., 2018; Hawthorne & Rubin, 2013; Villafuerte & Cruz-Atienza, 2017). As in Rousset et al. (2019), we used daily counts of tremor detections and grouped them into clusters based on a 22-day minimum inter-cluster duration and minimum number of 5 events per cluster (Figure S2). Due to the smaller tremor catalog relative to those in other studies applying the decomposition method, we first utilized every tremor burst when decomposing the GNSS time series without distinguishing whether the burst occurred during or in between identified deep SSEs. For each tremor cluster, we estimated the corresponding displacement in the GNSS time series horizontal components by computing the difference between average positions 10 days after and before each cluster. Displacements and durations of each tremor cluster were stacked to produce a time series of cumulative displacement increments for both horizontal components on each station (Figure 2, S3). Similarly, cumulative displacement increments during the inter-tremor period (i.e., times of no tremor) were measured. We performed a linear regression to the tremor and inter-tremor displacement time series to find time-averaged displacement rates (i.e., time-averaged velocities). Tremor and inter-tremor velocity vectors were plotted to obtain a sense of direction and to confirm that vectors were spatially coherent (Figure 3a). To find the true tremor velocity, we isolated the tremor signal by subtracting the inter-tremor velocity from the velocity during the tremor period (Figure 3b). Essentially, we removed the plate convergence rate, the slip associated with mid- to long-term SSEs but not associated with times of tremor, and any other long-term signals from the tremor signal by subtracting out the inter-tremor velocity such that the new tremor velocities were relative to an ‘inter-tremor motion’ fixed reference. In discussing the results of this study, we will refer to the true tremor velocities in the ‘inter-tremor motion’ fixed reference frame as

159 simply the ‘tremor velocities’. The uncertainty of the velocities was determined by taking the
160 standard deviation from the population of velocities generated through random resampling of the
161 displacement increments.

162 We sought to determine if tremor-associated motions were affected by the deep mid- to
163 long-term SSEs in the Manawatu and Kaimanawa regions. We computed time-averaged tremor
164 and inter-tremor velocities only during the mid- to long-term SSEs via decomposition (Figure
165 S4-S5). The deep SSEs during the time frame analyzed were the 2004-2005, 2010-2011, 2014-
166 2015 Manawatu SSEs and the 2006, 2008, 2013 Kaimanawa SSEs (Figure S2) (Bartlow et al.,
167 2014; Wallace, 2020; Wallace & Beavan, 2010; Wallace & Eberhart-Phillips, 2013). Wallace
168 and Eberhart-Phillips (2013) identified a shallow SSE in February-March 2013, 20 km updip
169 from the 2006 and 2008 Kaimanawa SSEs. However, there may have also been a deep SSE
170 during this time similar to the 2006 and 2008 mid-term Kaimanawa SSEs (personal
171 communication with Laura Wallace). Therefore, we included this probable deep 2013 event as a
172 SSE during the decomposition. We also computed time-averaged tremor and inter-tremor
173 velocities during the inter-SSEs periods (Figure S6-S7). In order to quantify the robustness of
174 these decompositions with regard to background noise levels, we followed the modified
175 bootstrapping approach of Rousset et al. (2019) (Figures S8-10). See supporting information for
176 more details on determining robustness of the decompositions.

177 **3 Results**

178 The direction of the time-averaged tremor velocities obtained from all clusters for
179 stations closest to the tremor were spatially coherent and oriented southeast consistent with slip
180 on the plate interface (Figure 3b). Tremor velocities were negligible at far-field stations and only
181 significant at stations closest to the Manawatu tremor as we would expect (Figure 3b). This
182 supports that the decomposition method was able to detect a geodetic signal associated with the
183 tremor. With the exception of the stations updip of the tremor, the magnitude of the tremor
184 displacement rates was larger than those during the inter-tremor periods suggesting the plate
185 interface below stations within and downdip from the tremor was slipping faster than during
186 times of no tremor. Time-averaged tremor surface displacement rates ranged from 3-7 mm/yr.

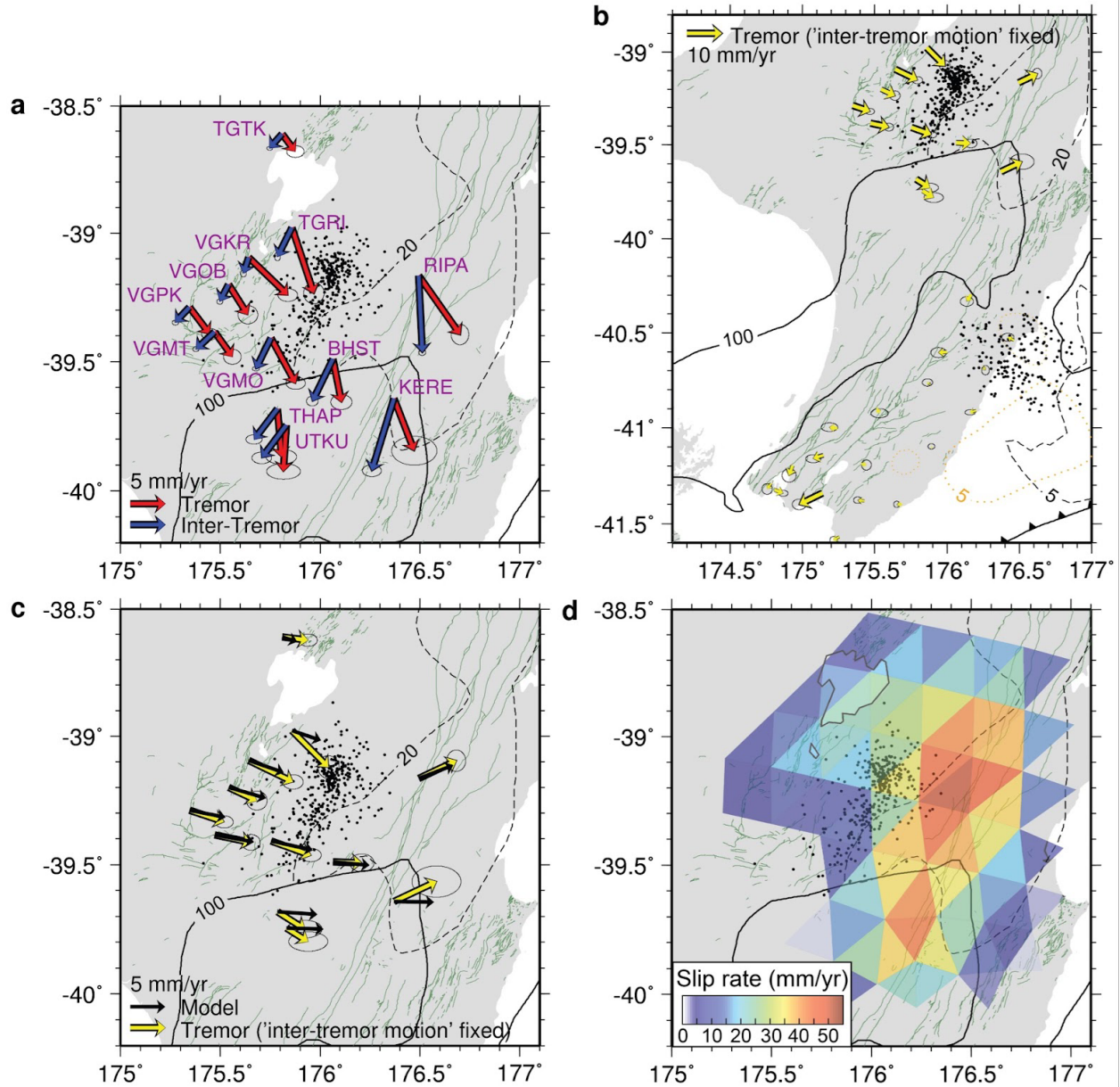


Figure 3. Time-averaged displacement rate and slip rate for all tremor bursts. a) Displacement rate of tremor (red arrows) and inter-tremor periods (blue arrows) with 1σ uncertainties are shown. GeoNet GNSS station names are in purple. b) A zoomed out view of true tremor displacement rates with the 'inter-tremor motion' fixed (yellow arrows) and 1σ uncertainty. c) Comparison of the true tremor displacement rates (yellow arrows) and modeled tremor displacement rates (black arrows). d) Time-averaged slip rate during tremor bursts as estimated by static slip inversion.

For tremor that occurred during the deep, mid- to long-term Manawatu and Kaimanawa SSEs, we also saw a coherent signal among stations closest to the tremor with all but two stations oriented towards the trench (Figure S5). The magnitude of tremor displacement rates were larger than those when considering the entire tremor catalog suggesting a potential influence of the deep SSEs. Tremor displacement rates during deep SSEs ranged from 5-10 mm/yr. The tremor signal was not as spatially coherent for tremor during the inter-SSE period and was very small (1-4 mm/yr) yet still visible at some stations (Figure S7). The lack of a spatially coherent tremor signal during the inter-SSE period is likely a result of the weak robustness of the decomposition for the inter-SSE period (Figure S10).

3.1 Static Slip Inversion

We used a weighted, Laplacian smoothed, nonnegative least squares inversion with heterogeneous Green's functions to invert the time-averaged tremor velocities (Figure 3) for tremor-associated slip rate on the plate interface. We used a triangular mesh to represent the fault surface, using the Hikurangi fault geometry of Williams et al. (2013). We embedded the fault geometry within a tetrahedral volume mesh and used the finite element code PyLith (Aagaard et al., 2013, 2017a, 2017b) to generate Green's functions for the observation sites. By using PyLith to generate our Green's functions, we were able to account for elastic heterogeneity using the New Zealand-wide seismic velocity model (Eberhart-Phillips et al., 2010; Eberhart-Phillips & Bannister, 2015; Eberhart-Phillips & Reyners, 2012; Reyners et al., 2014). As shown by Williams and Wallace (2015, 2018), accounting for elastic heterogeneity typically has a large effect on slip; for deep events, accounting for elastic heterogeneity decreases estimated slip by about 20%. Slip direction was specified for each triangle using the tectonic block model of Wallace, Beavan et al. (2012).

Both the data and Green's functions were weighted with the inverse of the tremor velocity uncertainties. Smoothing was applied by appending a discrete Laplacian matrix onto the Green's function matrix and zeros to the data vector. The Laplacian matrix was scaled by the Green's function amplitudes and multiplied by a smoothing parameter of 16, selected by visual inspection of an L-curve (Figure S11). MATLAB's nonnegative least squares function (lsqnonneg) was used to impose nonnegativity, preventing reversal of slip of the plate interface. For specifics on the inversion, see Bartlow (2020). The resulting slip rate estimates should be considered time-

averaged estimates of tremor slip rate, which are not applicable to a single tremor cluster. The time-averaged tremor velocities during SSE and inter-SSE periods were also inverted. We calculated a total moment rate for each of the three modeled slip rate solutions and estimated the average moment per tremor burst (Table S1). For details on the moment rate calculation, see the supplement.

Inverting the time-averaged tremor displacement rates considering all tremor clusters revealed tremor-associated slip co-located with the tremor and in the Manawatu and Kaimanawa SSE source regions (Figure 3d). Maximum slip rates were 45-50 mm/yr and updip from the region of tremor, coinciding with the downdip edge of the Kaimanawa SSEs. There was a second slip rate maximum, ~40 mm/yr, which coincided with the Manawatu SSE source region. Slip rates in the tremor region were 10-30 mm/yr. The total moment rate for the entire slip area was 2.4×10^{19} Nm/yr, while the average moment per tremor burst was 1.5×10^{18} Nm equivalent to a M_W 5.0.

Decomposition for the SSE period revealed periods of fast slip associated with the tremor. Tremor slip rates during the deep SSEs also showed two maximum slip patches updip from the region of tremor coinciding with the Kaimanawa (70-80 mm/yr) and Manawatu (~55 mm/yr) SSEs (Figure S5). The maximum tremor slip rate coinciding with the Kaimanawa SSEs was nearly twice as large during SSEs than when not distinguishing times of SSEs. Slip rates in the tremor region were 15-40 mm/yr. The total moment rate was 3.4×10^{19} Nm/yr, while the average moment per tremor burst was 3.0×10^{18} Nm, equivalent to a M_W 5.2.

Results from decomposition of the inter-SSE period were less conclusive due to more stations being less robust. This meant at most stations (9/12 for the east component) the velocity during tremor could not be distinguished from the inter-tremor period with less than a 1σ difference (Figure S10). Since there were still a few stations with at least a 1σ difference, we ran the inversion. Interestingly, the model produced a single slip patch near the tremor source region (max of ~25 mm/yr) and no slip patch in the Manawatu or Kaimanawa SSE regions, albeit there was a poor fit with the model (Figure S7). Slip rates in the tremor region were 5-20 mm/yr. The total moment rate was 9.4×10^{18} Nm/yr, and the average moment per tremor burst was 4.4×10^{17} Nm, equivalent to a M_W 4.6.

4 Small, short-term ETS-like events at deep, central Hikurangi margin

255 In this study we detected another type of slow slip in this segment of the Hikurangi
256 margin associated with the deep tremor, which we interpret as ETS-like events, a new
257 observation of slow slip for the Hikurangi margin. Our findings support the general idea that
258 seismically observed tectonic tremor can be used to infer the existence of slow slip.

259 The slip inversion indicated slip on the plate interface in the region of tremor, but
260 maximum slip rates were updip of the tremor and overlapping with the downdip end of the
261 Kaimanawa and Manawatu SSE source regions. This slip was only detectable when tremor
262 occurred during mid- to long-term SSEs, implying that the ETS-like slip associated with tremor
263 is also accompanied by an acceleration of the updip larger SSE. Our data were well-fit with the
264 assumption that slip occurs on the plate interface, but short-term SSEs on structures other than
265 the plate interface cannot be ruled out. While we are confident that the decomposition revealed a
266 geodetic signal associated with the tremor, our ability to interpret the location of slip relative to
267 the tremor was limited. The location of our model was not well-constrained, and there were
268 uncertainties with tremor locations such that we cannot rule out that the tremor and short-term
269 SSEs were indeed co-located. There were a limited number of stations we were able to use up
270 dip of the tremor as those stations included signals from the shallow east coast SSEs. In addition,
271 there were no stations directly on top of the tremor due to the terrain in the region nor were there
272 enough long running stations north of the tremor. Romanet and Ide (2019) noted the relative
273 location of the tremor may not be accurate as they found a standard deviation of 0.15° longitude
274 and 0.12° latitude for the difference between their locations of earthquakes and the locations
275 given by the GeoNet catalog. Even though the exact location of the deep short-term SSEs
276 relative to the tremor was not fully resolvable at this time, the geodetic signal associated with the
277 tremor was coherent across several stations near the tremor and negligible at far-field stations
278 suggesting that this was a real geodetic signal.

279 In seeking to characterize the ETS-like events during versus in between the mid- to long-
280 term SSEs, we concluded that short-term ETS-like events could robustly be detected during the
281 mid- to long-term SSEs but those during the inter-SSE periods could not. Decomposition of the
282 inter-SSE time series indicated all but four stations had tremor velocities less than 1σ uncertainty
283 from the mean velocity generated through random decompositions. We suspect this to be a result
284 of too small of a SSE to be detected at all stations even through the decomposition method.
285 However, we speculate that tremor during the inter-SSE periods were occurring with small ETS-

like SSEs. Equivalent moment magnitudes of an average tremor burst for each of the three regimes were a good justification for why we can't detect these small short-term ETS-like SSEs individually as they are expected to be below the geodetic detection threshold. However, we demonstrated that decomposition with respect to times of tremor effectively stacks multiple events and served as a method for identification and estimation of size for ETS-like events below the geodetic detection threshold.

To support the fact that the geodetic signal we observed was not simply the mid- to long-term SSE signal, decomposition of the time series during the mid- to long-term SSEs showed displacement rates during tremor were higher than during the SSEs without tremor. Therefore, mid- to long-term SSEs may influence deep short-term SSEs by increasing slip rates for which there are two equivalent interpretations. Under one interpretation, faster slip-rates of ETS-like events during SSEs are driven by the stress shadow effect created by the larger SSEs updip. The SSE that is updip from the tremor will slip faster relatively, generating a stress shadow downdip which will increase the shear stress in the source region of the tremor, hence increasing the rate of tremor failure compared to when mid- to long-term SSEs are not occurring (Frank et al., 2018). The ETS-like slip in turn will add shear stress to the updip SSE region, accelerating ongoing slip there, which may explain our observed tremor-associated slip in the updip SSE regions during the SSE periods (Figure S5). This interpretation is illustrated in Figure 1b. With this understanding, it makes sense that the inter-SSE periods have smaller tremor-associated slip and no slip in the mid- to long-term SSE zones, albeit these results were not robust. Alternatively, we can interpret that the mid- to long-term SSEs merely fluctuate and move in and out of the tremor-generating region, generating tremor only when they enter this region, which tends to be when the slip rate is higher in the adjacent updip region. These interpretations can be seen as essentially equivalent during the mid- to long-term SSEs. However, we interpret the occurrence of tremor outside the times of mid- to long-term SSEs as evidence for the first interpretation.

5 Conclusions

This study identified and modeled a geodetic signal associated with deep tectonic tremor. We found the plate interface below the deep mid- to long-term SSEs in Manawatu and Kaimanawa regions may slip often, in small, short-term SSEs with tremor, which we refer to as ETS-like (Figure 1b). This is a new observation of slow slip behavior in New Zealand which

implies that there are three types of slow slip that overlap along-strike, 1) shallow, short-term SSEs, 2) deep, mid- to long-term SSEs, and 3) deeper, short-term ETS-like SSEs with tremor. In addition, the mid- to long-term SSEs may influence the deep, short-term ETS-like events by increasing slip rates, and the ETS-like events in turn may increase slip rates in mid-to-long term SSEs. Similar observations of deep, small, short-term SSEs co-located with tremor and long-term SSEs located updip from tremor have been observed in Japan, Mexico and Alaska (Frank et al., 2018; Hirose & Obara, 2005; Hirose et al., 2010; Rousset et al., 2019). However, the Hikurangi margin also has shallow, short-term SSEs which may be separated from the region of mid- to long-term SSEs by a region of creeping (Wallace, 2020). The nature of the strong variabilities in SSE depths and durations in the central Hikurangi margin is still not well understood.

The decomposition method relies on a catalog of tremor to ensure proper identification of start and end times of tremor bursts which are subsequently used for measuring displacement increments and tremor-associated velocities. Tremor is difficult to detect in New Zealand as the high rates of seismicity make automatic detection and location of tremor challenging, and we expect that the tremor catalog is incomplete (Romanet & Ide, 2019). We do not know if tremor bursts were missed or if apparent durations are a mis-representation of the true duration due to too few events able to be detected. Therefore, the tremor catalog is one caveat to this method and results from this study are meant to be an estimation of average tremor velocities and slip rates. As network coverage, tremor detection methods, and detection of low-frequency earthquakes improve in New Zealand, the spatiotemporal relationship between deep, ETS-like events and mid- to long-term SSEs can be better understood.

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Data Availability Statement

Daily time-series solutions from continuous GNSS stations can be obtained from the GeoNet Aotearoa New Zealand Continuous GNSS Network (<https://doi.org/10.21420/30F4-1A55>).

Timing of the offsets were obtained from the University of Nevada-Reno steps database (<http://geodesy.unr.edu/NGLStationPages/steps.txt>). The tectonic tremor catalog from Romanet and Ide (2019) is available via <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40623-019-1039-1>

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