



*Supplement of*

## **Tsunami detection methods for ocean-bottom pressure gauges**

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## 1 **S1 - Sensitivity of TDA to data availability**

2 Detection curves for TDA presented for the background analysis examples in  
 3 section 3.1, especially cases A to E, represent ideal cases. In each case, we  
 4 computed tidal coefficients using differing amount of data and we kept the best  
 5 fitting set of coefficients. As a rule of thumb, we found that 7 to 9 months of  
 6 previous data give the best performing detection curves.

7 To show this, the coefficients for the harmonic tidal model have been com-  
 8 puted from time series ending two weeks before the starting point of the case  
 9 (Tab. 1 in the main text) and starting at different times before that. The result  
 10 are shown in Fig. S1. For each case, the maximum, minimum and mean value of  
 11 each detection curve is plotted. It is immediately evident that detection curves  
 12 amplitude is strongly dependent on how many data we use to compute the tidal  
 13 model. In particular, the amplitude tends to stabilize within  $\pm 2$  cm when at  
 14 least 6 to 7 months of data are used. Fewer data not only result in larger os-  
 15 cillations, but also in more asymmetric distributions, as we can see from the  
 16 signal averages, i.e. the red curves, in Fig. S1. We point out a few factors. The  
 17 first is that it is difficult to have both a symmetric distribution and the average  
 18 as close to zero as possible. In fact, in cases B, C, and E, the amount of data  
 19 needed to obtain the narrower distributions are not the ones with the closest  
 20 to zero average. We recall that an asymmetric distribution would lead to the  
 21 detectability of weak tsunamis to depend on their polarity. On the other hand,  
 22 a broader distribution would give us a technique that is less capable of detecting  
 23 weak tsunamis in general. The second factor to note in Fig. S1 is that, while  
 24 the variability ranges initially converges around zero, there may be cases where  
 25 this trend breaks for large enough time series. In case A, we can notice that,  
 26 after reaching a narrow and symmetrical distribution for around 8 months of  
 27 data, then both the minimum and maximum of the detection curves increase  
 28 with longer time series. In case C, we can appreciate a significant jump for time  
 29 series length greater than 12 months. These effects may be related to the pos-  
 30 sible presence of very long term trends in OBPG records, which, if not taken  
 31 into account, make tidal coefficients computation dependent on which sections  
 32 of the time series we use.

33 As a rule of thumb, to have background detection curves within 2 to 3 cm, we  
 34 can simply propose the rule of thumb of using 7 to 9 months of previous data  
 35 to compute tidal coefficients. Accordingly, tidal coefficients for the example  
 36 with simultaneous signals have been computed using 7 months of previous data,  
 37 ending one week before the beginning of the time series.

## 38 **S2 - Listings for Matlab codes for EOF and TDA**

39 Matlab code for the creation of the EOF basis matrix:

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40 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
41 %% EOF DETECTION - BASIS EXTRACTION %%
42 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
43
44 %% File reading
45 % the scripts assumes the files in the NetCDF format as
46 % in the NDBC's Unassessed Ocean Pressure Data dataset
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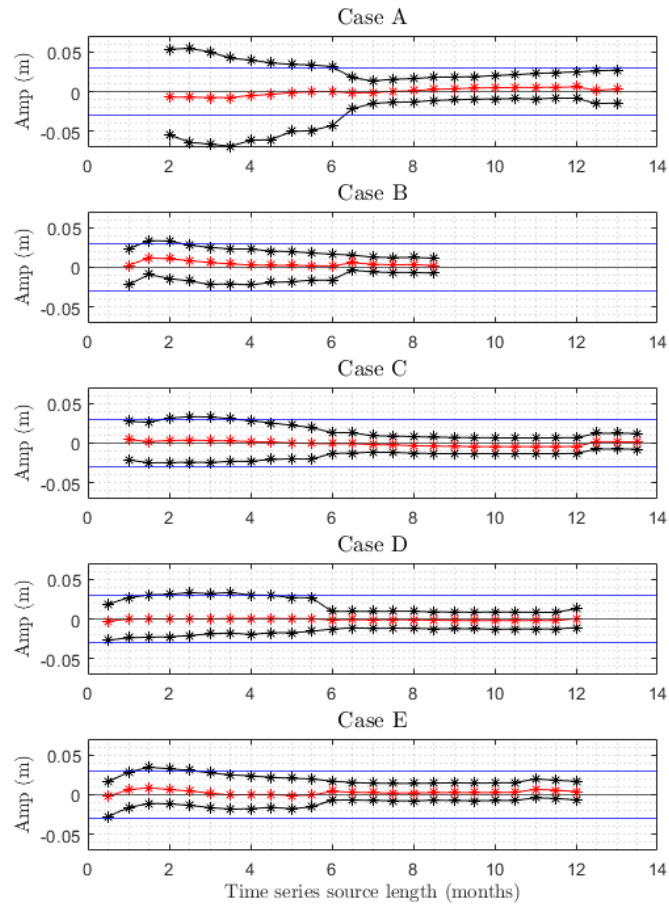


Fig. S1: Variability range of TDA detection curves for different tidal models. For each case, we plot the maximum and minimum (in black) and the average value (in red) of each detection curve corresponding to a different length of source data used to compute tidal coefficients. Horizontal blue lines corresponds to amplitudes of  $\pm 3$  cm. The smallest data length for which data are plotted in each case is the smallest for which UTide converges. The largest data length used correspond to the maximum amount of data available in that deployment.

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47
48 file = 'pat/to/raw/dart/data.nc';
49 time = ncread(file, "time");
50 pressure = ncread(file, "seafloor_pressure_abs_raw");
51
52 last = 8122790 % to manually remove the first and last portion of
53 first = 1300 % data. Choose depending on the specific time series.
54
55 time = time(first:last);
56 pressure = pressure(first:last);
57
58 %% Basis creation
59
60 M = 99*60; % segment length
61 N = 150; % number of segments
62 n = 7; % components to keep
63
64 seg = randi(length(time)-(N+1)*M, N, 1)+M;
65 seg = sort(seg);
66 for i = 1:length(seg)
67     seg(i) = seg(i)+(M)*(i-1);
68 end
69
70 zeta = [];
71 for i = 1:length(seg)
72     segmento = pressure(seg(i):seg(i)+M-1) - mean(pressure(seg(i):seg(i)+M-1));
73     zeta = [zeta segmento];
74 end
75
76 C = zeta*zeta';
77 Cb = C + flip(flip(C), 2);
78 [V, D] = eigs(Cb, n);
79 ff = V*V'; % Result! Tides can be extracted from signal s
80 % by computing ff*s
81
82 Matlab code for the application of TDA to detided signals
83
84 %% file reading
85 % reads a file 'detided_empty.dat' which has 3 columns:
86 % time, forecast tide, signal - forecast tide
87 % forecast tide has been computed using UTide (Pawlowicz et al. 2002)
88
89 A = readmatrix('detided_empty.dat');
90
91 t = A(:, 1);
92 data = A(:, 3);
93
94 %% Fir filter design
95
96 dt = 15; % acquisition sampling time of DART stations
97 Fs = 1/dt;
98 bnd = [1/7200 1/240]; % period band between 4 and 120 minutes.

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196 ord = 4000;
197 bp = designfilt('bandpassfir','FilterOrder',ord, ...
198     'CutoffFrequency1',bnd(1),'CutoffFrequency2',bnd(2), ...
199     'SampleRate',Fs);
200 c = bp.Coefficients; % FIR filter coefficients
201
202
203 %%
204 pred = zeros(length(data), 1); % allocate memory for detection curve
205
206 % compute eq. 3 by Chierici et al. 2017
207 for n = ord/2+2:length(data)
208     pred(n) = c(1)*data(n) + 2*dot(c(ord/2+1:end), flip(data(n-ord/2-1:n-1)));
209 end
210
211 %% save detection curves to disk
212 writematrix([t pred], 'tda_4m.dat', 'Delimiter', ' ')
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### 113 **S3 - Plots for background analyses, Cases B, C, D, E**

114 In the following, the plots for cases B, C, D and E in Tab. 1 in the main text,  
115 relative to the analysis fo background signals as described in section 3.1. For  
116 the analysis fo these plots, we refer to the main body of the paper

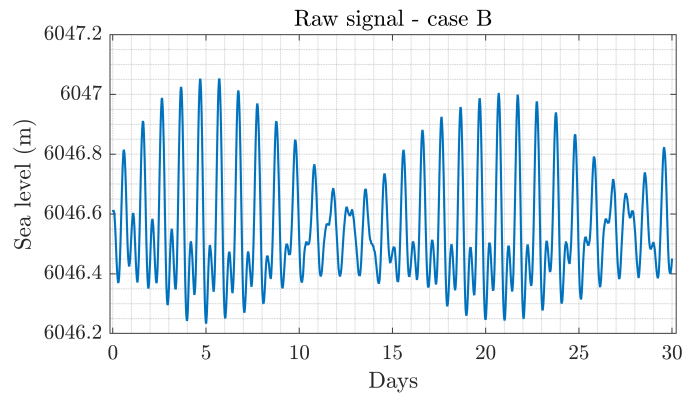


Fig. S2: Raw data from DART 52402 for the month of July 2016.

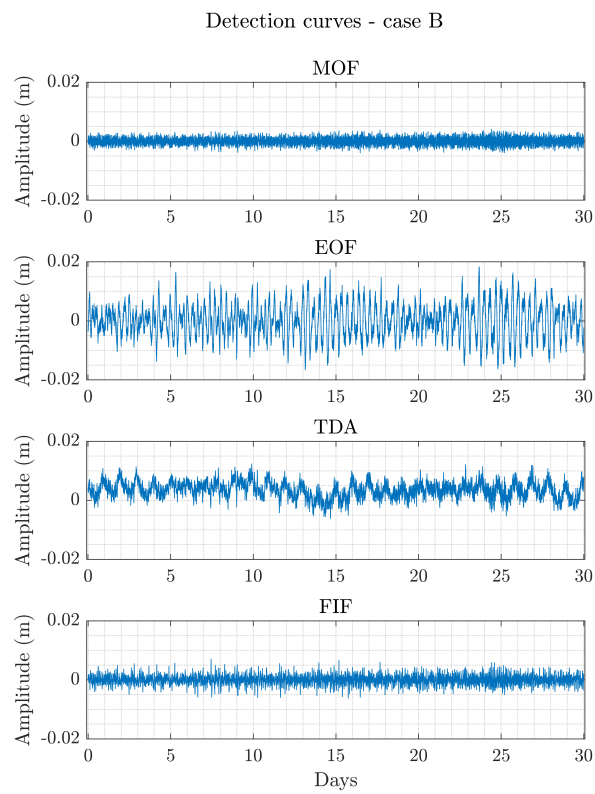


Fig. S3: Detection curves for each detection technique for DART 52402, July 2016 (Fig. S2).

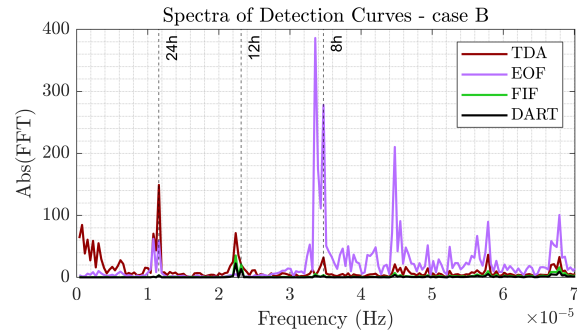


Fig. S4: Detection curves for each detection curve in Fig. S3, relative to data from DART 52402, July 2016 (Fig. S2).

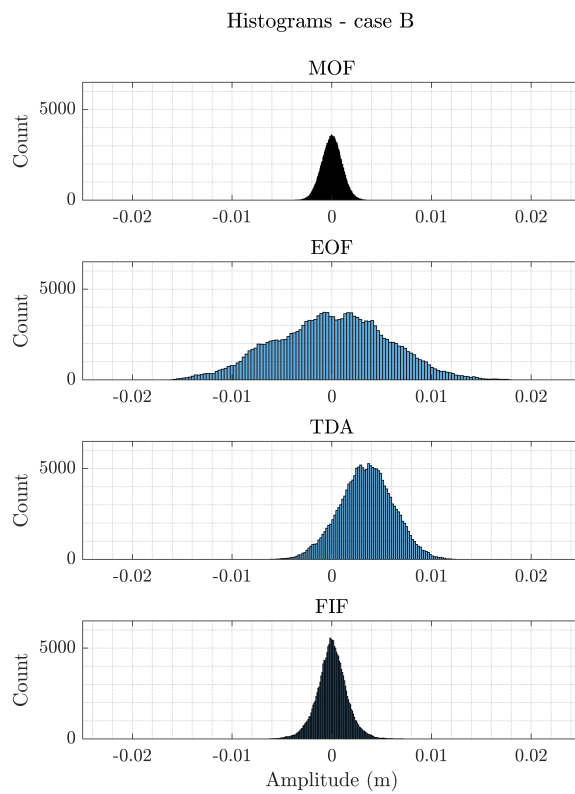


Fig. S5: Histograms of each detection curve in Fig. S3, relative to data from DART 52402, July 2016 (Fig. S2).

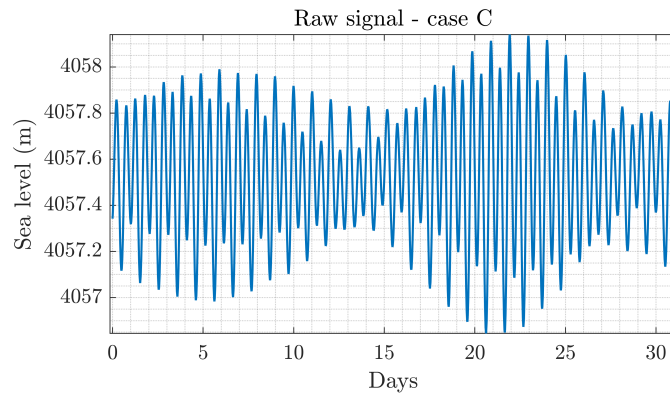


Fig. S6: Raw data from DART 32403 for the month of January 2019.

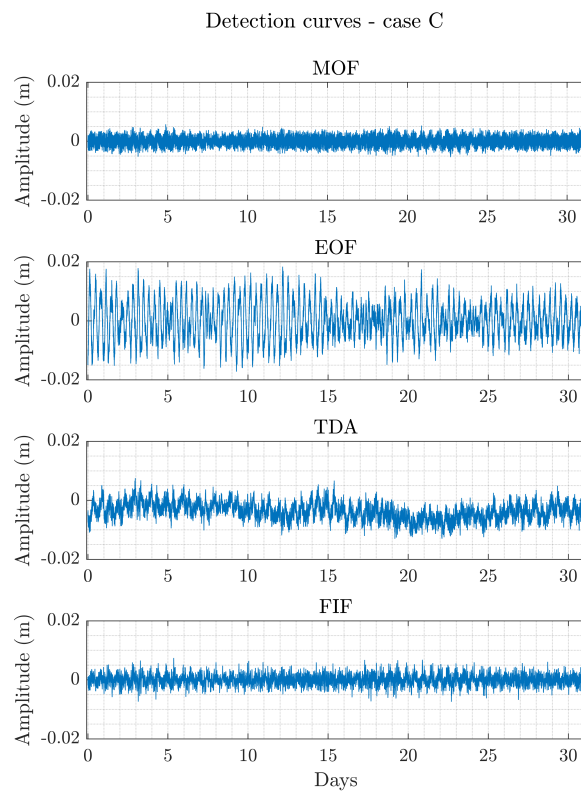


Fig. S7: Detection curves for each detection technique for DART 32403, January 2019 (Fig. S6).



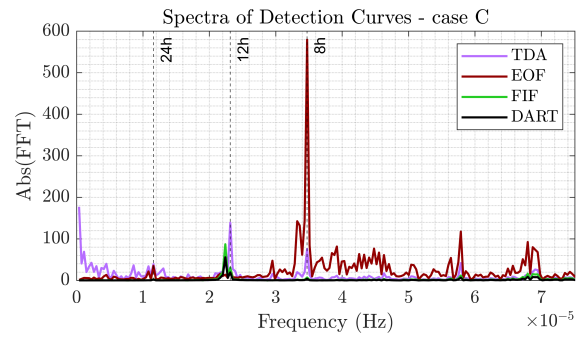


Fig. S8: Detection curves for each detection curve in Fig. S7, relative to data from DART 32403, January 2019 (Fig. S6).

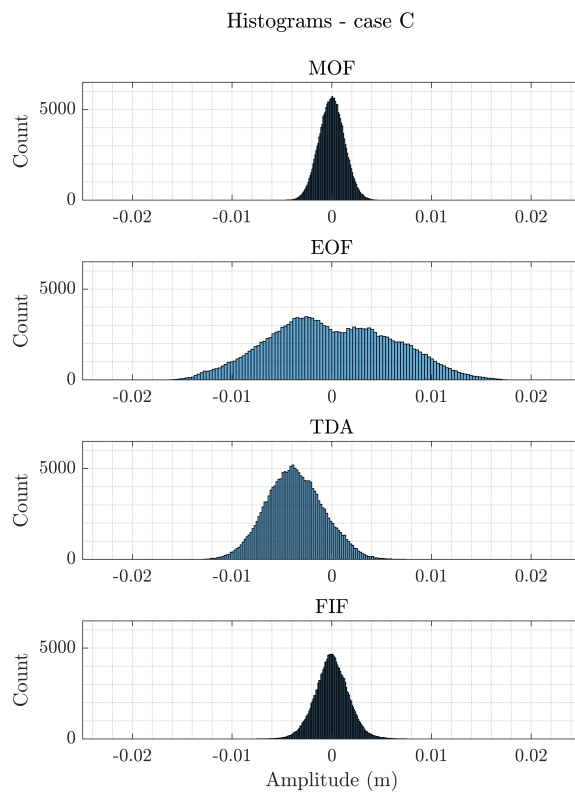


Fig. S9: Histograms of each detection curve in Fig. S7, relative to data from DART 32403, January 2019 (Fig. S6).

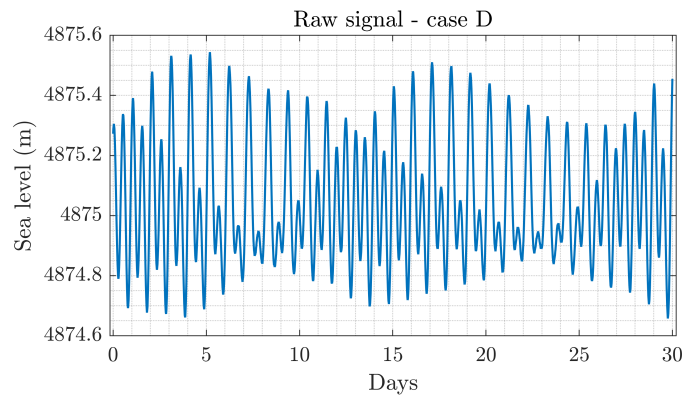


Fig. S10: Raw data from DART 51407 for the month of 15th April to 14th May 2022.

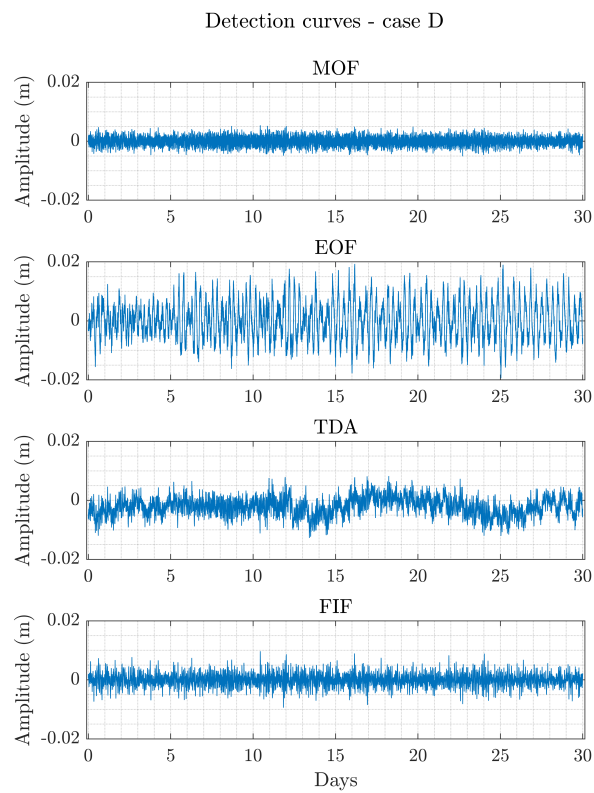


Fig. S11: Detection curves for each detection technique for DART 51407, 15th April to 14th May 2022 (Fig. S10).

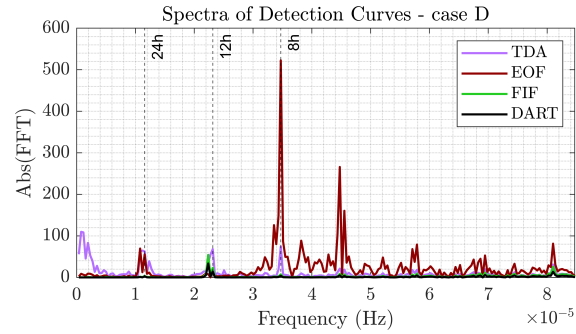


Fig. S12: Detection curves for each detection curve in Fig. S11, relative to data from DART 51407, 15th April to 14th May 2022 (Fig. S10).

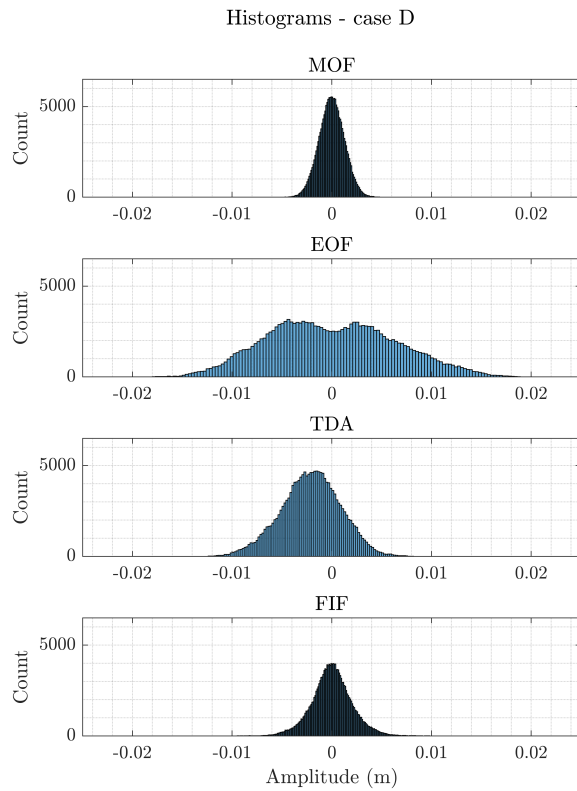


Fig. S13: Histograms of each detection curve in Fig. S11, relative to data from DART 51407, 15th April to 14th May 2022 (Fig. S10).

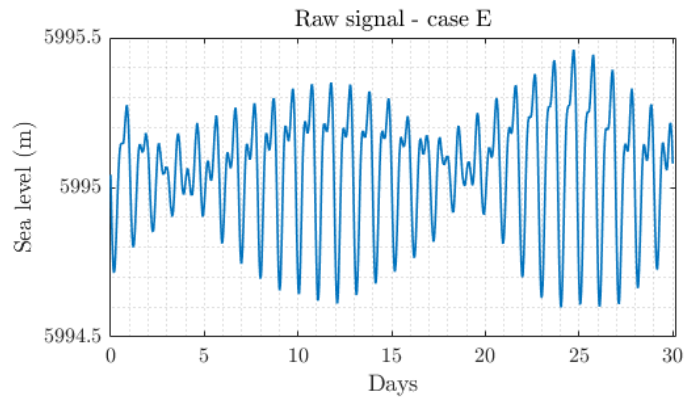


Fig. S14: Raw data from DART 21413 for the month of June 2021.

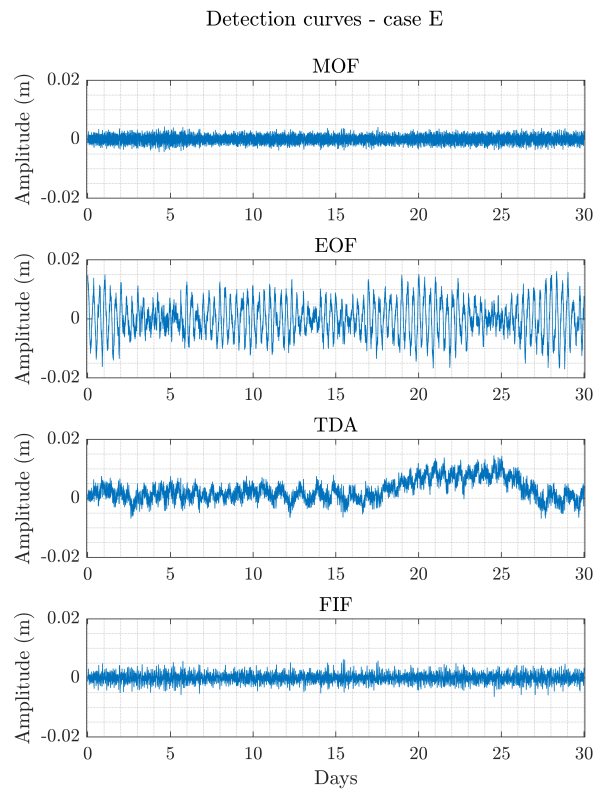


Fig. S15: Detection curves for each detection technique for DART 21413, June 2021 (Fig. S14).

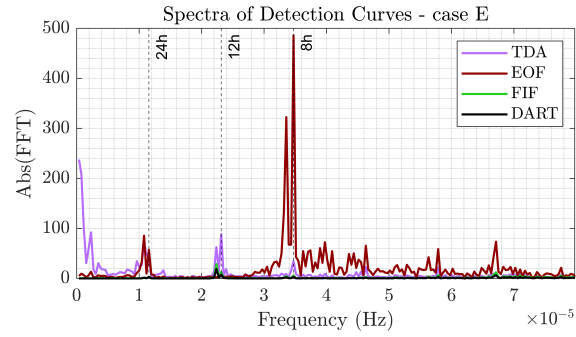


Fig. S16: Detection curves for each detection curve in Fig. S15, relative to data from DART 21413, June 2021 (Fig. S14).

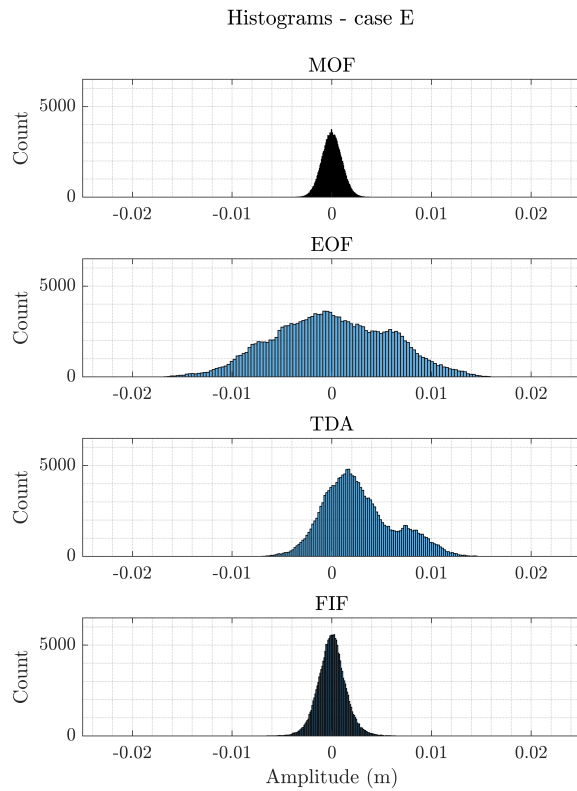


Fig. S17: Histograms of each detection curve in Fig. S15, relative to data from DART 21413, June 2021 (Fig. S14).