

1 **Supporting Information for**  
2 **“Current Plate boundary deformation at the Azores triple junc-**  
3 **tion determined from continuous GPS geodetic measurements (2002-**  
4 **2017)”**

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15 **Introduction**

16 This supporting information provides:

- 17 a) Tables with known equipment changes in the CGPS stations, results including dis-  
18 continuities, annual amplitudes and phases found in the CGPS time-series, and  
19 predicted Eurasian-Nubian plate velocities for the CGPS stations;  
20 b) Figures showing a time-series analysis example using FODITS program and all  
21 time-series of the CGPS stations in east, north and up components.

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**Table 1.** Equipment Changes in CGPS Stations

| Station | Date       | Receiver Type      | Antenna Type        | Antenna Height (m) |
|---------|------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| AZGR    | 2008/07/26 | TRIMBLE NETR5      | TRM55971.00 NONE    | 0.000              |
|         | 2012/04/31 | TRIMBLE NETR9      | TRM55971.00 NONE    | 0.000              |
| BVF1    | 2007/07/18 | TRIMBLE NETRS      | TRM29659.00 NONE    | 0.498              |
| FLRS    | 2009/01/01 | LEICA GRX1200GGPRO | LEIAT504GG NONE     | 0.498              |
| FRNS    | 2008/04/16 | LEICA GX1230GG     | LEIAX1202GG NONE    | 0.498              |
| HORT    | 2013/01/01 | LEICA GX1230GG     | LEIAR25 NONE        | 0.000              |
| HTN1    | 2005/05/23 | LEICA RS500        | LEIAT504 NONE       | 0.861              |
|         | 2006/02/15 | TRIMBLE NETRS      | TRM29659.00 NONE    | 0.571              |
|         | 2007/07/18 | LEICA GRX1200      | LEIAT504 NONE       | 0.571              |
| NOV1    | 2003/02/23 | LEICA RS500        | LEIAT504 LEIS       | 0.483              |
| PCNG    | 2012/08/01 | LEICA GRX1200      | LEIAT504 NONE       | 0.485              |
|         | 2013/02/15 | LEICA RS500        | LEIAT504 NONE       | 0.485              |
|         | 2014/07/23 | LEICA GR25         | LEIAT504 NONE       | 0.485              |
| PDEL    | 2001/11/06 | LEICA CRS1000      | LEIAT504 NONE       | 0.000              |
|         | 2002/12/19 | LEICA RS500        | LEIAT504 NONE       | 0.000              |
|         | 2008/04/06 | LEICA GRX1200GGPRO | LEIAT504GG NONE     | 0.000              |
| PTRP    | 2010/05/19 | LEICA GRX1200GGPRO | LEIAT504GG LEIS     | 0.000              |
| QBN1    | 2003/02/21 | TRIMBLE 5700       | TRM29659.00 TCWD    | 0.485              |
| QEMD    | 2012 11 01 | LEICA GRX1200GGPRO | LEIAT504 LEIS       | 0.000              |
| RCHA    | 2005/02/01 | ASHTECH Z-X        | ASH701975.01A NONE  | 0.932              |
|         | 2005/12/14 | TRIMBLE NETRS      | TRM29659.00 NONE    | 0.932              |
| RIB1    | 2002/05/07 | LEICA RS500        | LEIAT504 LEIS       | 0.485              |
|         | 2015/06/12 | LEICA GR25         | LEIAT504 LEIS       | 0.485              |
| SRPC    | 2003/02/25 | LEICA RS500        | LEIAT504 LEIS       | 0.485              |
| TERC    | 2008/09/18 | LEICA GRX1200GGPRO | LEIAT504GG LEIS     | 0.000              |
| VFDC    | 2009/07/14 | LEICA GRX1200+GNSS | LEIAX1203+GNSS NONE | 0.000              |

**Table 2.** Discontinuities of the CGPS Time-Series in East, North, and Up Components

| Station     | Date       | Event                         | N(mm) | E(mm) | U(mm) | SD <sup>c</sup> (mm) |
|-------------|------------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| <i>AZGR</i> | 2009/06/27 | <i>Equipment</i> <sup>a</sup> | 2.0   | 3.1   | 7.8   | 0.3                  |
| <i>AZGR</i> | 2013/11/17 | <i>Equipment</i> <sup>a</sup> | 1.1   | -1.2  | 4.4   | 0.3                  |
| <i>AZGR</i> | 2015/06/25 | <i>Equipment</i> <sup>a</sup> | -0.0  | -1.0  | 13.2  | 0.2                  |
| <i>BVF1</i> | 2011/11/20 | <i>Deformation</i>            | -6.1  | -0.8  | 2.5   | 0.4                  |
| <i>PDEL</i> | 2006/12/12 | <i>Equipment</i> <sup>a</sup> | 6.7   | 2.9   | 1.7   | 0.3                  |
| <i>PDEL</i> | 2008/04/06 | <i>Equipment</i>              | 2.3   | -0.4  | 11.5  | 0.3                  |
| <i>PDEL</i> | 2012/10/17 | <i>Equipment</i> <sup>a</sup> | -4.6  | -4.4  | -2.1  | 0.2                  |
| <i>PCNG</i> | 2014/07/23 | <i>Equipment</i> <sup>b</sup> | 2.1   | -7.2  | -9.9  | 0.4                  |
| <i>RCHA</i> | 2005/12/14 | <i>Equipment</i> <sup>b</sup> | -21.7 | -2.4  | 1.3   | 0.7                  |
| <i>RCHA</i> | 2011/10/20 | <i>Deformation</i>            | -7.1  | -4.4  | 5.1   | 0.4                  |
| <i>RIB1</i> | 2005/06/05 | <i>Deformation</i>            | 11.4  | -9.4  | -7.7  | 0.6                  |
| <i>SRPC</i> | 2013/01/20 | <i>Equipment</i> <sup>a</sup> | -0.7  | -5.6  | -0.9  | 0.3                  |
| <i>HTN1</i> | 2006/02/15 | <i>Equipment</i>              | 1.8   | 1.1   | 7.4   | 0.6                  |
| <i>HTN1</i> | 2007/07/18 | <i>Equipment</i>              | 6.7   | -4.3  | -0.6  | 0.5                  |

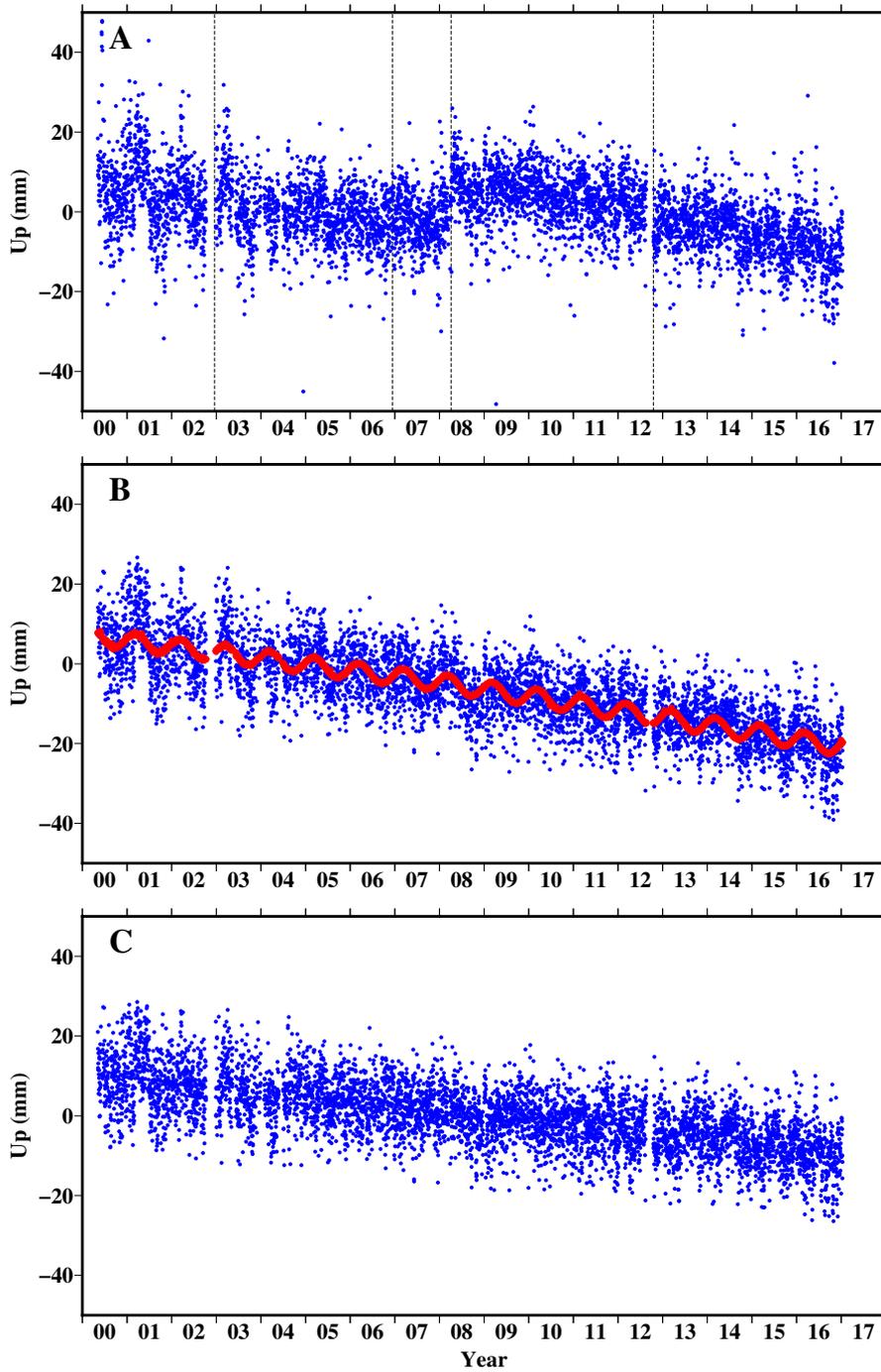
<sup>a</sup> Unreported equipment change.<sup>b</sup> Possible influence from volcano deformation.<sup>c</sup> Global Standard Deviation.**Table 3.** Annual Amplitudes and Phases of the CGPS Time-Series in East, North, and Up Components

| Station     | Amplitude (mm) |     |     | Phase (°) |       |        |
|-------------|----------------|-----|-----|-----------|-------|--------|
|             | N              | E   | U   | N         | E     | U      |
| <i>AZGR</i> | 1.8            | 1.0 | 1.4 | 165.3     | 23.3  | -156.0 |
| <i>BVF1</i> | 1.8            | 1.0 | 1.1 | 172.4     | 16.4  | 178.8  |
| <i>FLRS</i> | 1.7            | 2.2 | 1.9 | 163.7     | -17.5 | -65.5  |
| <i>FRNS</i> | 2.1            | 1.1 | 1.8 | 171.6     | 1.9   | 173.3  |
| <i>HTN1</i> | 2.2            | 0.8 | 3.7 | -165.1    | 17.6  | 142.9  |
| <i>NOV1</i> | 1.5            | 1.4 | 0.7 | 170.9     | 3.2   | 164.9  |
| <i>PBOI</i> | 2.7            | 1.2 | 2.8 | 164.7     | 81.8  | 130.8  |
| <i>PDEL</i> | 2.0            | 1.0 | 2.1 | 163.2     | -2.6  | 174.4  |
| <i>PIED</i> | 2.2            | 1.3 | 0.5 | 159.5     | 2.7   | -92.0  |
| <i>PCND</i> | 2.5            | 0.9 | 1.6 | 173.2     | 20.1  | 94.1   |
| <i>PCNG</i> | 2.1            | 1.5 | 0.7 | 145.2     | 24.4  | -161.0 |
| <i>PTRP</i> | 2.2            | 1.3 | 2.2 | 143.0     | 42.1  | 141.9  |
| <i>QBN1</i> | 1.9            | 1.4 | 1.2 | 157.5     | 20.9  | -178.3 |
| <i>RCHA</i> | 2.4            | 1.2 | 1.1 | 162.3     | 46.7  | 136.9  |
| <i>RIB1</i> | 1.8            | 1.4 | 1.3 | 164.5     | 17.8  | 152.8  |
| <i>SRPC</i> | 2.1            | 1.0 | 2.1 | 151.1     | 52.9  | 158.9  |
| <i>TERC</i> | 2.3            | 1.2 | 1.4 | 145.1     | -5.9  | -102.3 |
| <i>VFDC</i> | 2.2            | 1.3 | 0.4 | 158.7     | 35.4  | -172.5 |

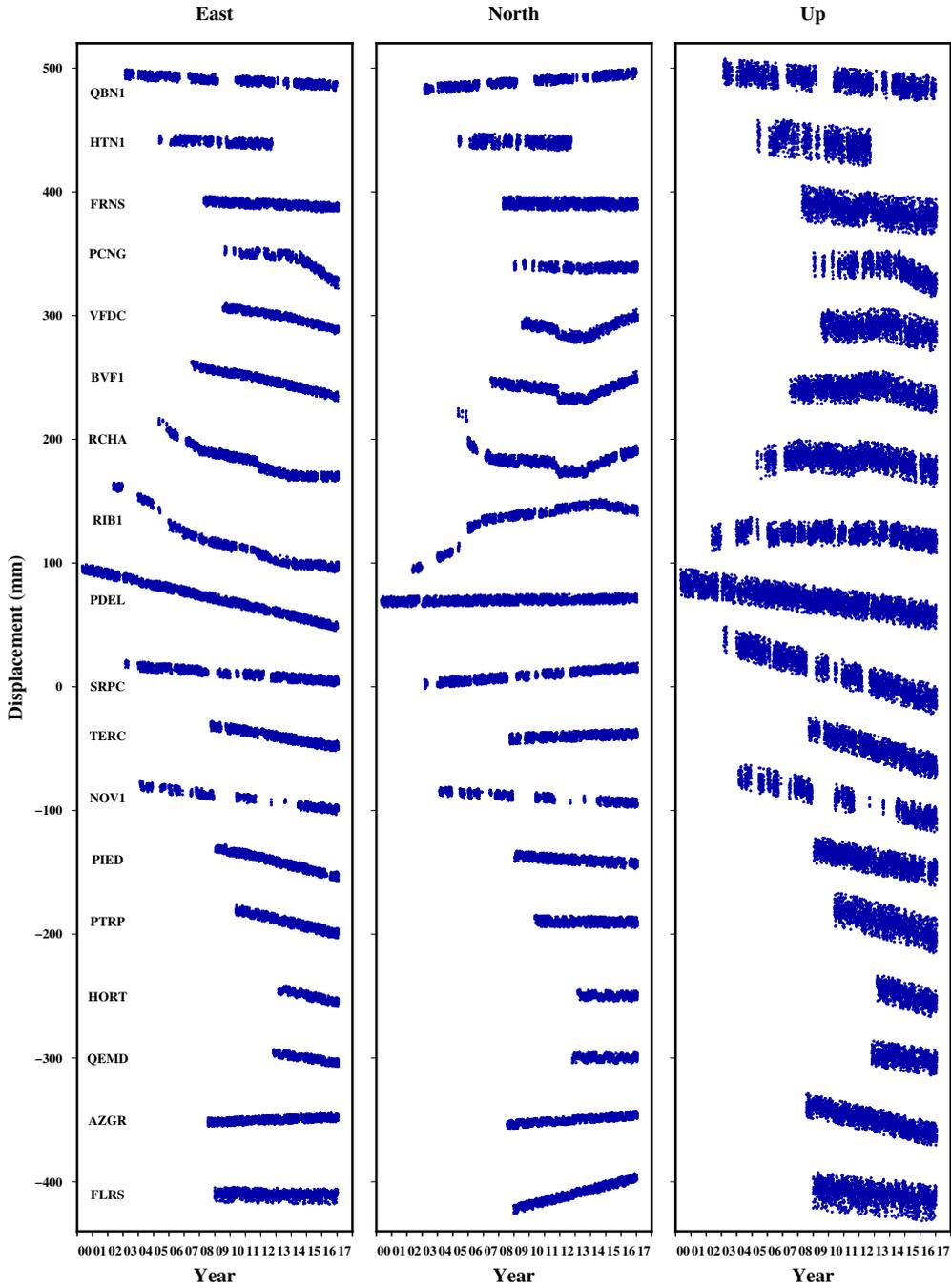
**Table 4.** Eurasian-Nubian Plate Motion for Plate Motion Models ITRF2008, GEODVEL2010 and MORVEL2010

| Model           | Full Plate Velocities (mm yr <sup>-1</sup> ) |                                     |                                     | Azimuth (°)                          |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                 | East   | North                               | Speed                               |                                      |
| <i>ITRF2008</i> | 4.2 <sup>+0.1</sup> <sub>-0.0</sub>          | 0.6 <sup>+0.3</sup> <sub>-0.1</sub> | 4.3 <sup>+0.1</sup> <sub>-0.0</sub> | 81.9 <sup>+0.7</sup> <sub>-3.9</sub> |
| <i>GEODVEL</i>  | 4.8 <sup>+0.1</sup> <sub>-0.0</sub>          | 0.5 <sup>+0.3</sup> <sub>-0.1</sub> | 4.8 <sup>+0.1</sup> <sub>-0.0</sub> | 83.5 <sup>+0.7</sup> <sub>-3.9</sub> |
| <i>MORVEL</i>   | 4.0 <sup>+0.3</sup> <sub>-0.0</sub>          | 1.2 <sup>+0.7</sup> <sub>-0.1</sub> | 4.2 <sup>+0.4</sup> <sub>-0.0</sub> | 72.7 <sup>+1.7</sup> <sub>-8.0</sub> |

Plate motion is calculated at the average location of all CGPS stations located to east of MAR (-26.556°E 38.187°N).



**Figure 1.** Time-series of the vertical component of PDEL station for the period between May 2000 and January 2017, relative to ITRF2008 reference frame with A) all solutions from Bernese 5.2 processing before the time-series analysis using FODITS program, B) solutions with filtered out discontinuities and outliers found from FODITS program analysis, and C) filtered solutions from discontinuities, outliers and seasonal signals found from FODITS program analysis.



**Figure 2.** Time-series of the CGPS stations in east, north, and up components for the period between May 2000 and January 2017, relative to ITRF2008 plate motion model. The time-series of FLRS site are relative to predicted North American plate motion, while all others are relative to predicted Eurasian plate motion.