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New measurements of McMurdo gravity wave parameters

A person wearing a bright red jacket and a black beanie is looking through binoculars. They are standing in a snowy, icy environment, likely a research station in Antarctica. The background shows a vast, flat, icy landscape under a blue sky with light clouds. The overall scene is cold and desolate.

Jonathan Pugmire

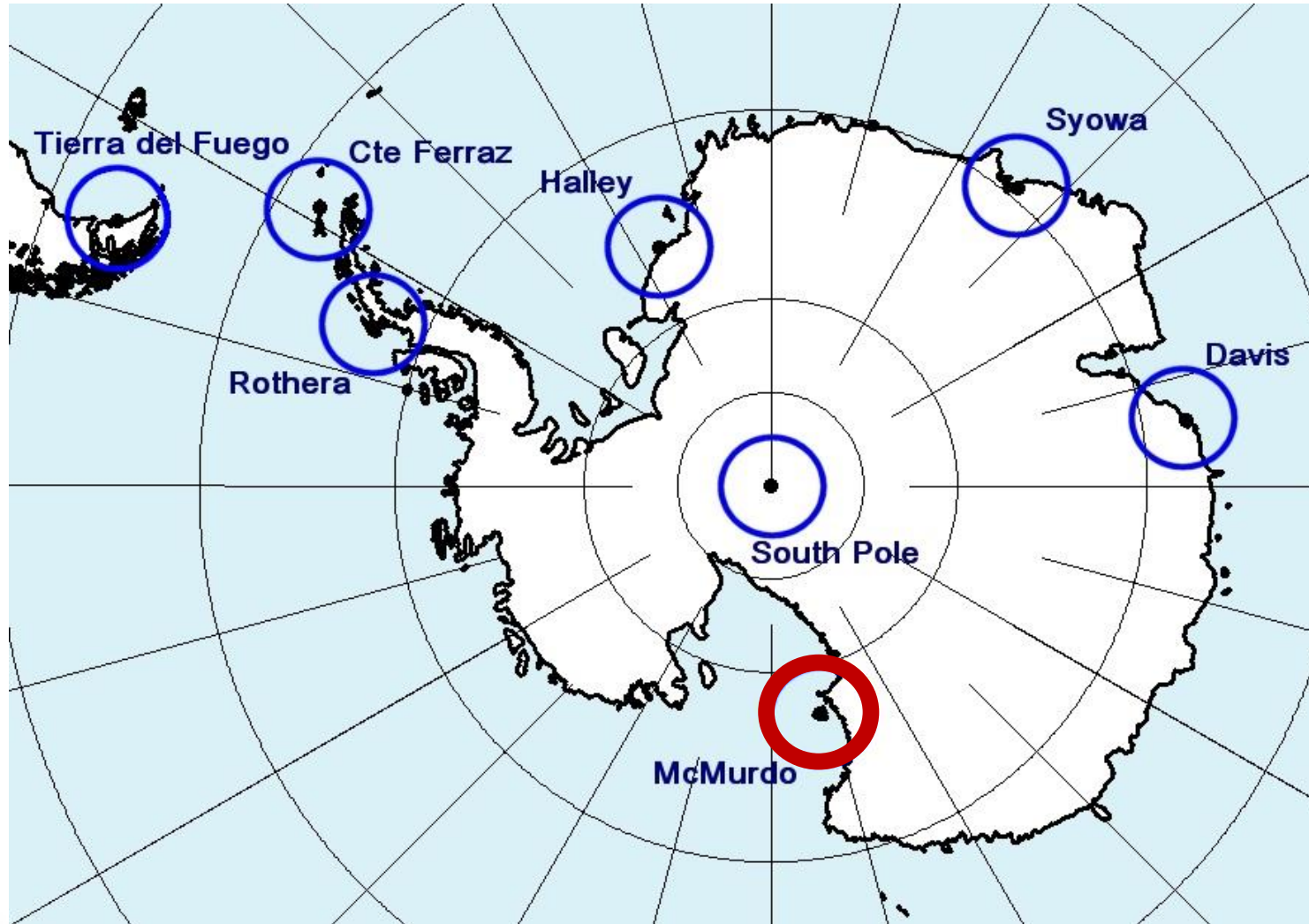
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Journey to McMurdo

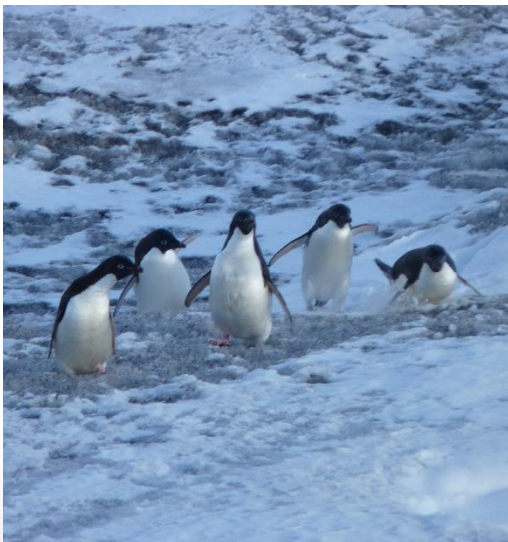








Wild Life





Scott's Hut



McMurdo Station (77°S, 166°E)

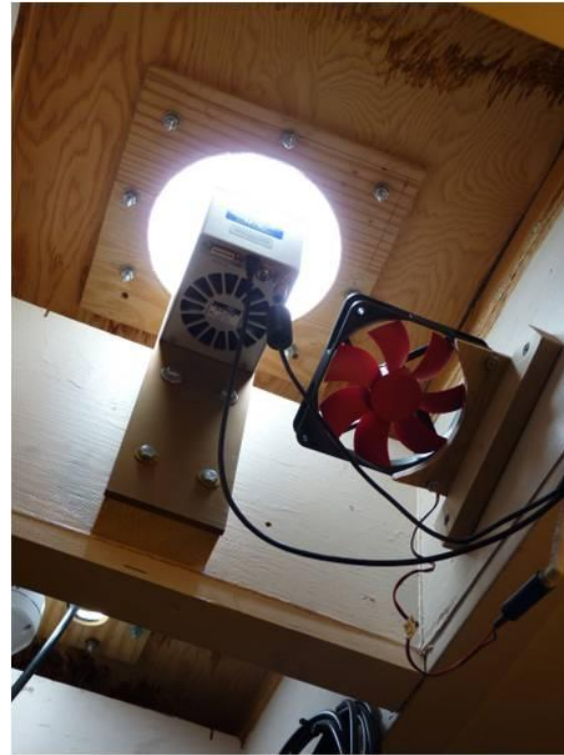


Arrival Heights

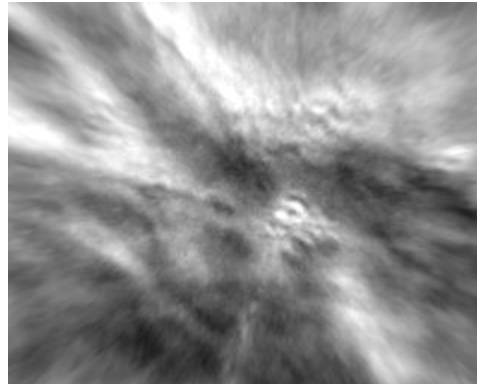
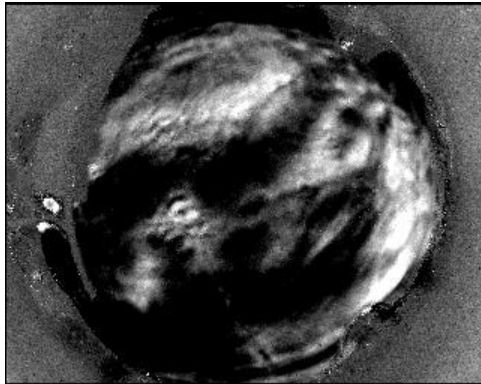
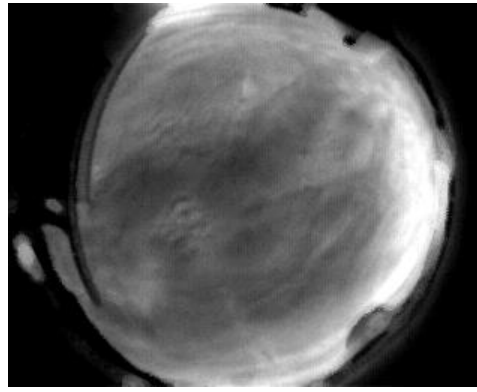
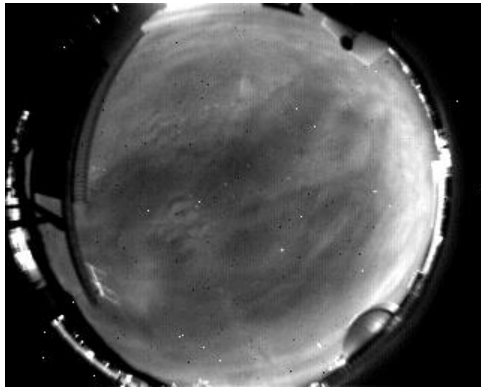


All-sky IR Imager

- Infrared (0.9-1.7 μm) cooled InGaAs camera.
- Records image every 10 s.
- 3 second exposure.



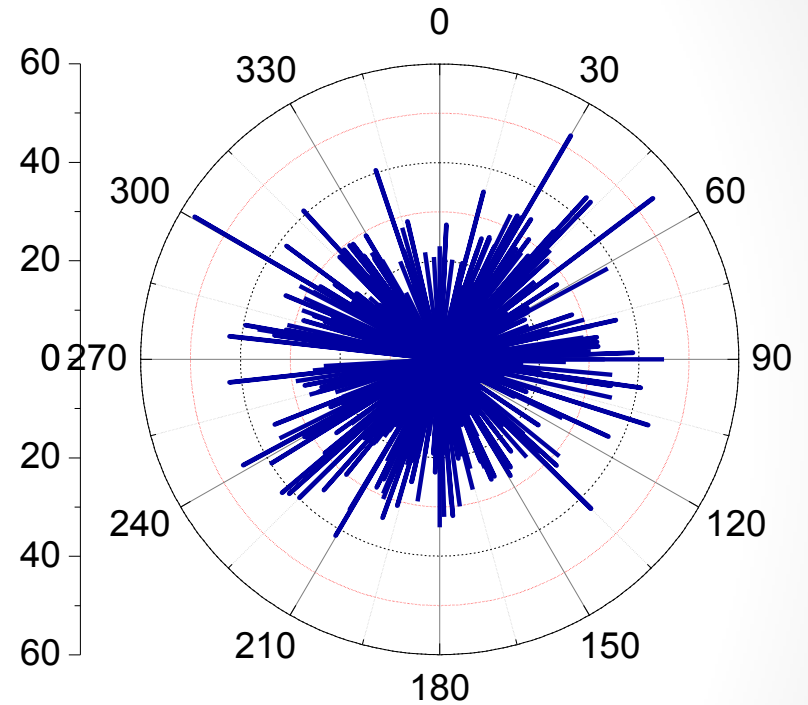
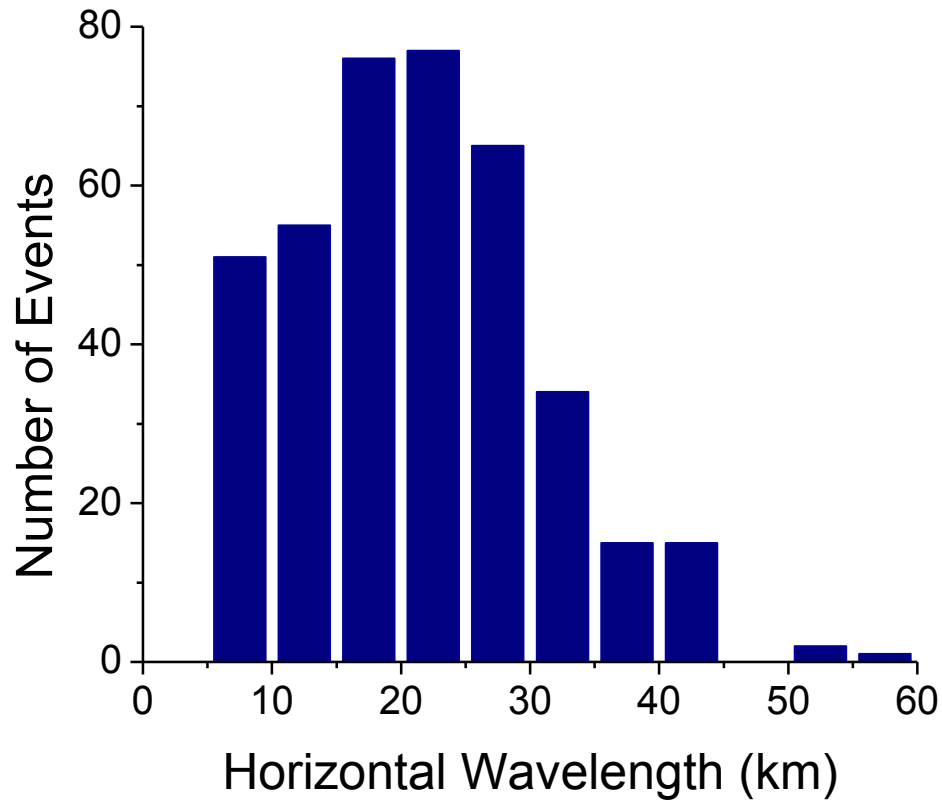
Data 2012



- ~60 nights of data
- ~400 wave events

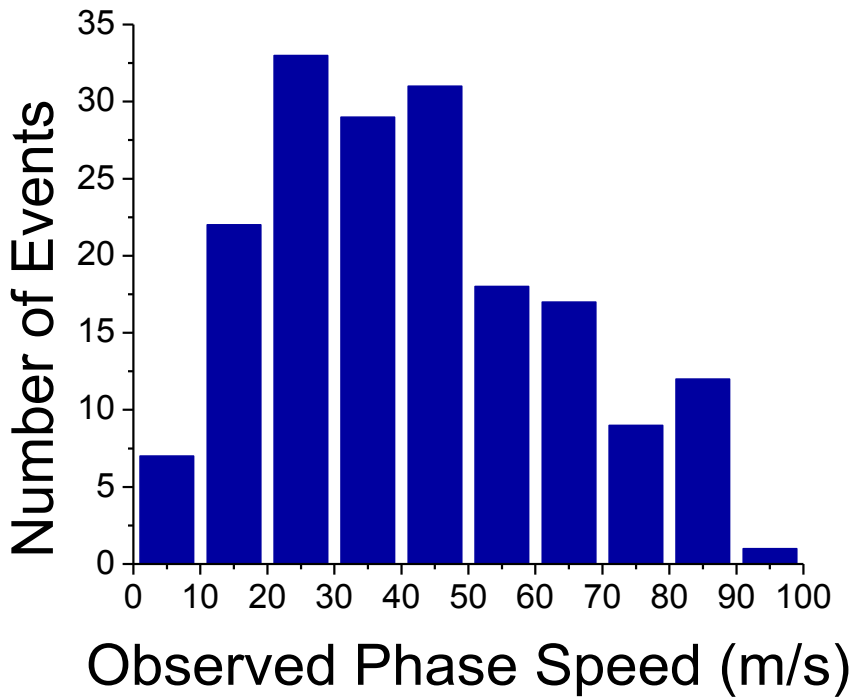
- Calibrated using star field
- Stars removed
- Flat Field
- Unwarped to 350 x 320 km
- FFT Analysis

Wavelength

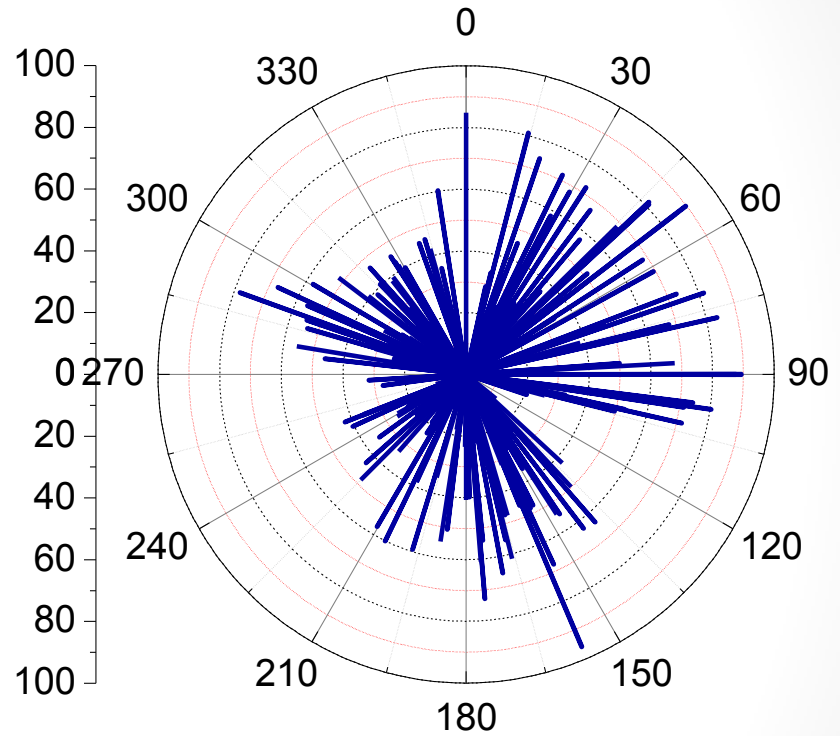


Average horizontal wavelength: 22 ± 10 km

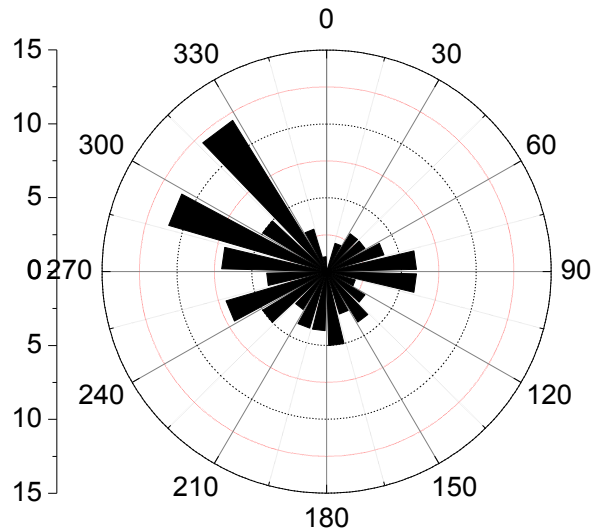
Horizontal Phase Speed



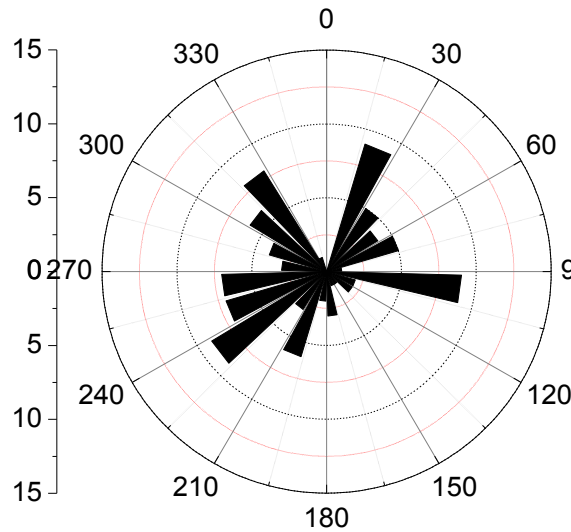
Average phase speed: 42 ± 23 m/s



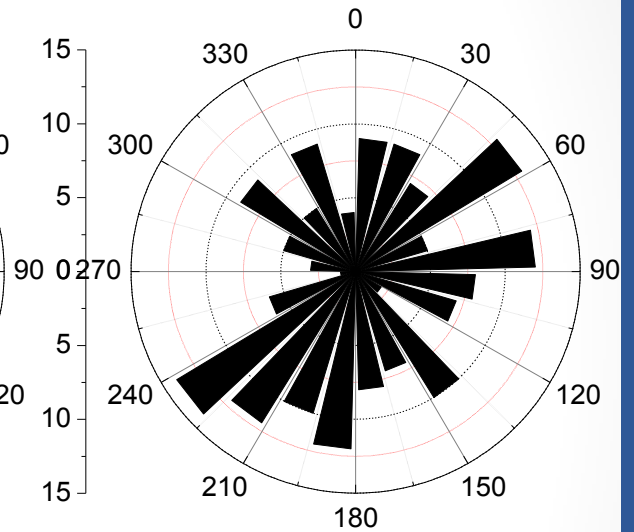
Direction of Propagation



March-May

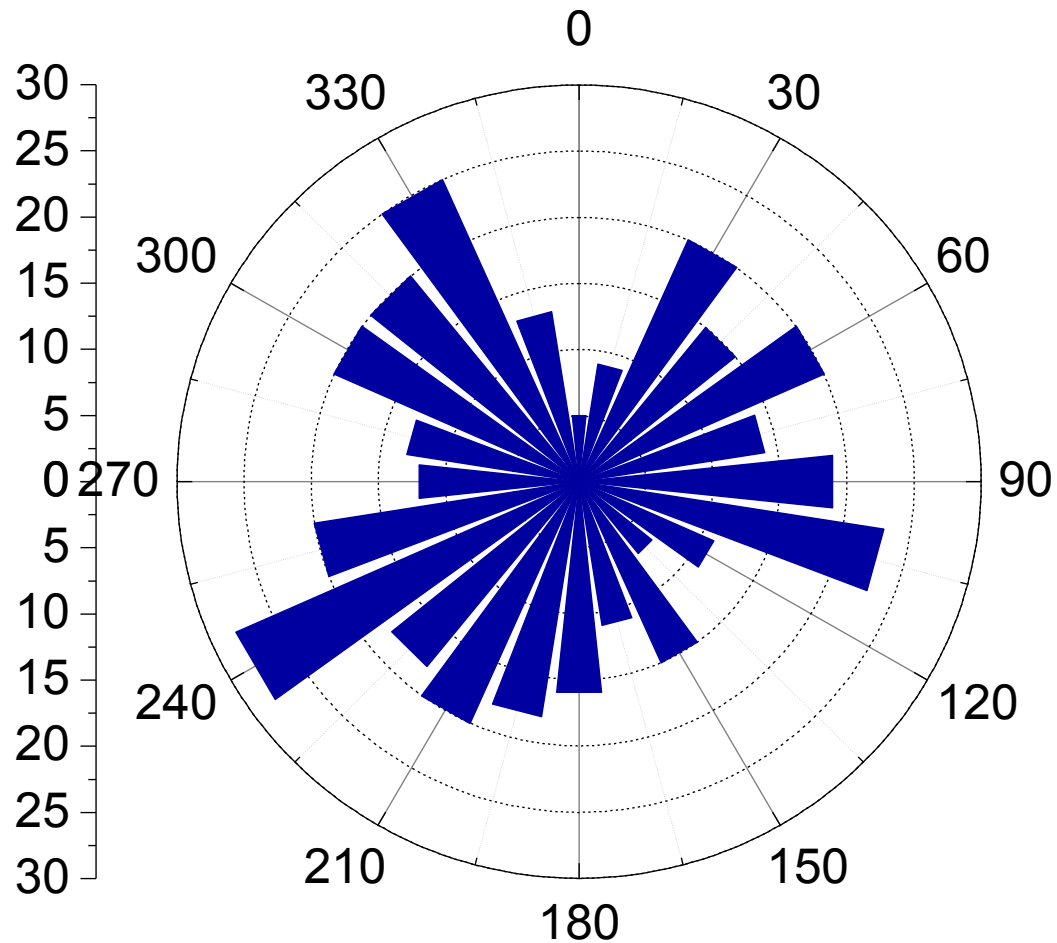


June-July



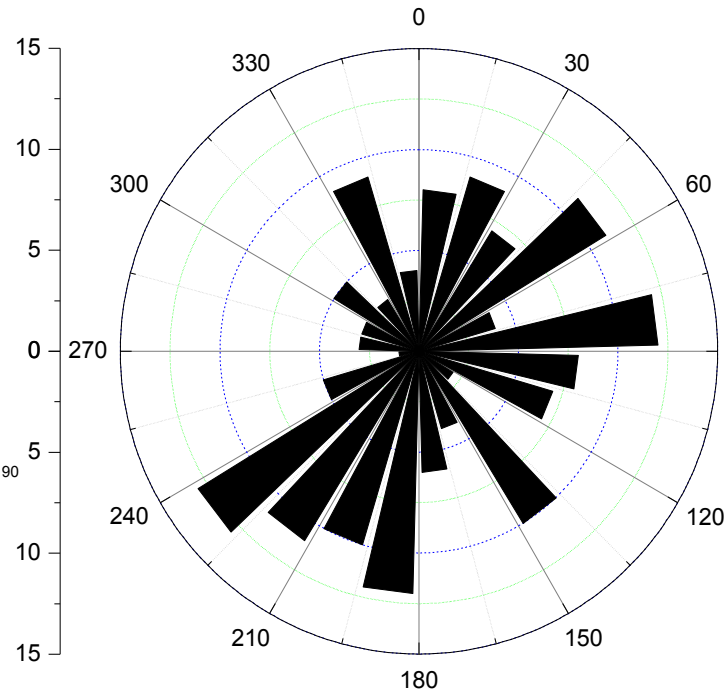
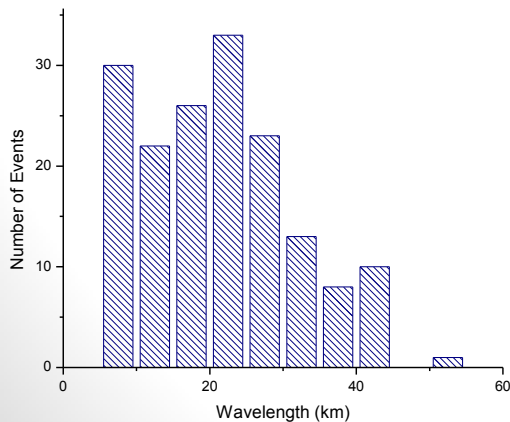
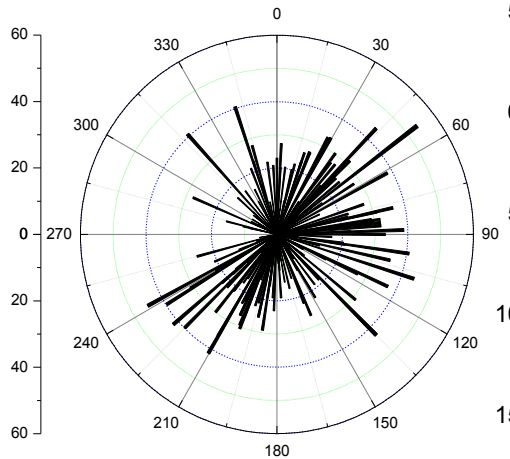
August-September

Direction of Propagation



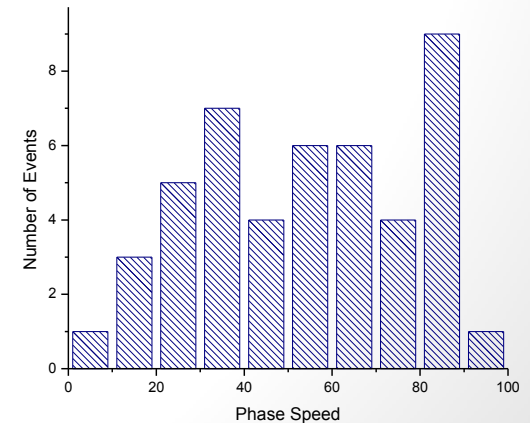
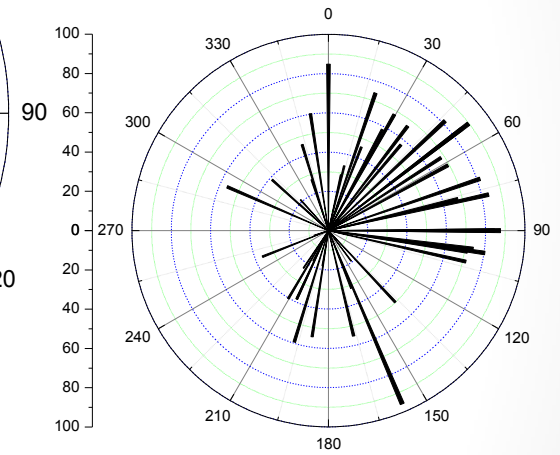
Days 216-230

22 ± 12 km
Wavelength



Direction of Propagation

56 ± 26 m/s
Phase Speed



Summary/Future Work

- Optical observations of gravity wave activity over McMurdo are a new and ongoing study. Initial results are promising although further data reduction and analysis is needed.
- Average wavelength is 22 ± 10 km.
- Average phase speed is 42 ± 23 m/s.
- Direction of Propagation has 3 dominant directions.
- Several weeks of clear nights with lots of wave activity.

Finish analyzing results from McMurdo 2012 Session.

- 23 Nights have University of Colorado Fe Lidar observations.
- Analyze medium scale gravity waves using keograms.
- See my AGU poster.

Analyze McMurdo 2013 Session.