Text S4: Effectiveness of Hilbert transform on current SV(t) data.

Hilbert transform is suit to extract phase information from relatively slowly varying one dimensional time-series signal such as SV(t) in our data. It is difficult to detect characteristic time events (e.g. a time of peak in a cycle) so that phase information would be difficult to extract from them. Hilbert transform procedure is one of the solutions for this problem in that it transforms a one dimensional scalar signal (s(t)) into complex form $(s(t) + is_H(t))$, and calculates the phase for every point of s(t) as an angle on $(s(t), s_H(t))$ plane. This calculation is effective to calculate phase for all the points within a characteristic period and obtain sufficient statistics for the determination of the phase relationship. We subtracted the mean value from original SV(t) signal before transformation as the calculated value is sensitive to low-frequency trends [1].

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