

# Sea level changes: analysing PSMSL and SONEC data

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have:



We are going to analyse:

PSMSL

Permanent Service for  
Mean Sea Level

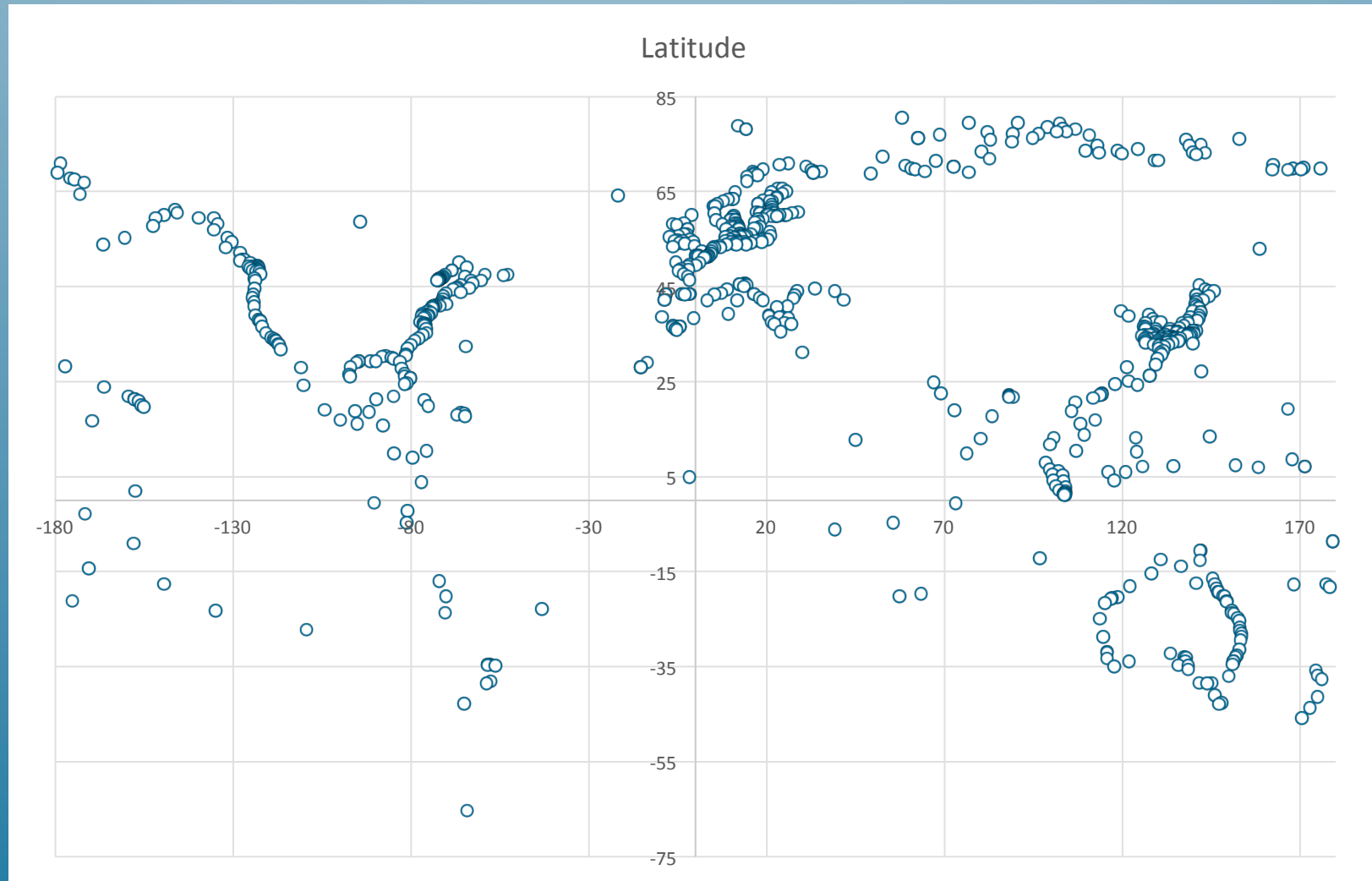
SONEL

Système d'Observation  
du Niveau des Eaux  
Littorales



# PSMSL stations: its latitude and longitude

## A very unequal coerture



Recently we got the ability to understand the influence of earth movements: GPS stations generally show a low subsiding trend in the littoral: it can accelerate sea level rise but we can't do anything about it!



SONEL: <http://www.sonel.org/-Sea-level-trends-.html?lang=en>

How it works: from relative to absolute sea level trends

### SEA LEVEL TRENDS

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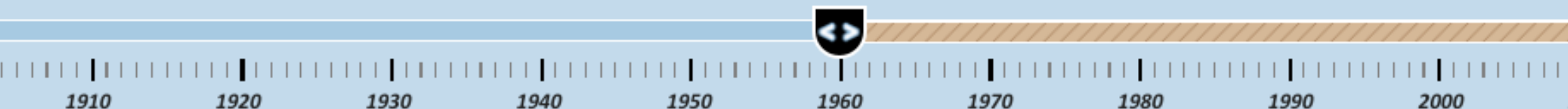
**SWITCH** ↓

<b>Relative (to the land)</b> <small>As observed by a tide gauge &lt;&lt;&lt; Data from PSMSL &lt;&lt;&lt;</small>	<b>Absolute (geocentric)</b> <small>&gt;&gt;&gt; Corrected with nearby GPS &gt;&gt;&gt; Data from PSMSL and SONEL</small>
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## Time can be adjusted, too

*TRENDS ESTIMATED OVER A SELECTED TIME PERIOD*

Start **1960** *Select or enter the start and the end of the period of trends estimation* **2013** End



# Map views: “absolute” sea level changes



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ANTOFAGASTA (CHILE)

ALERMO (ARGENTINA)

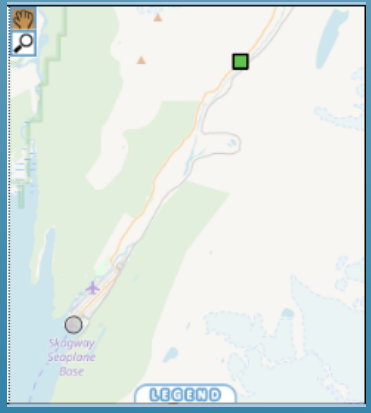
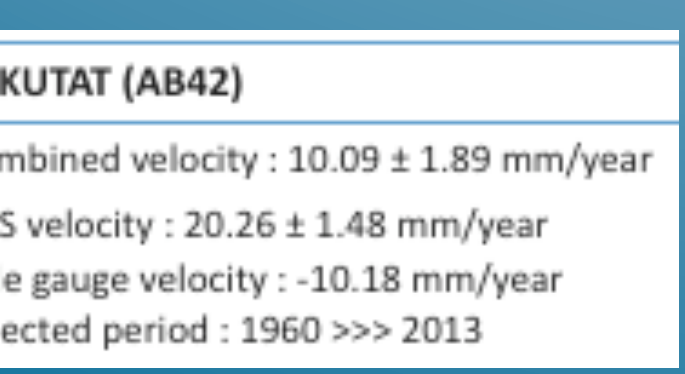
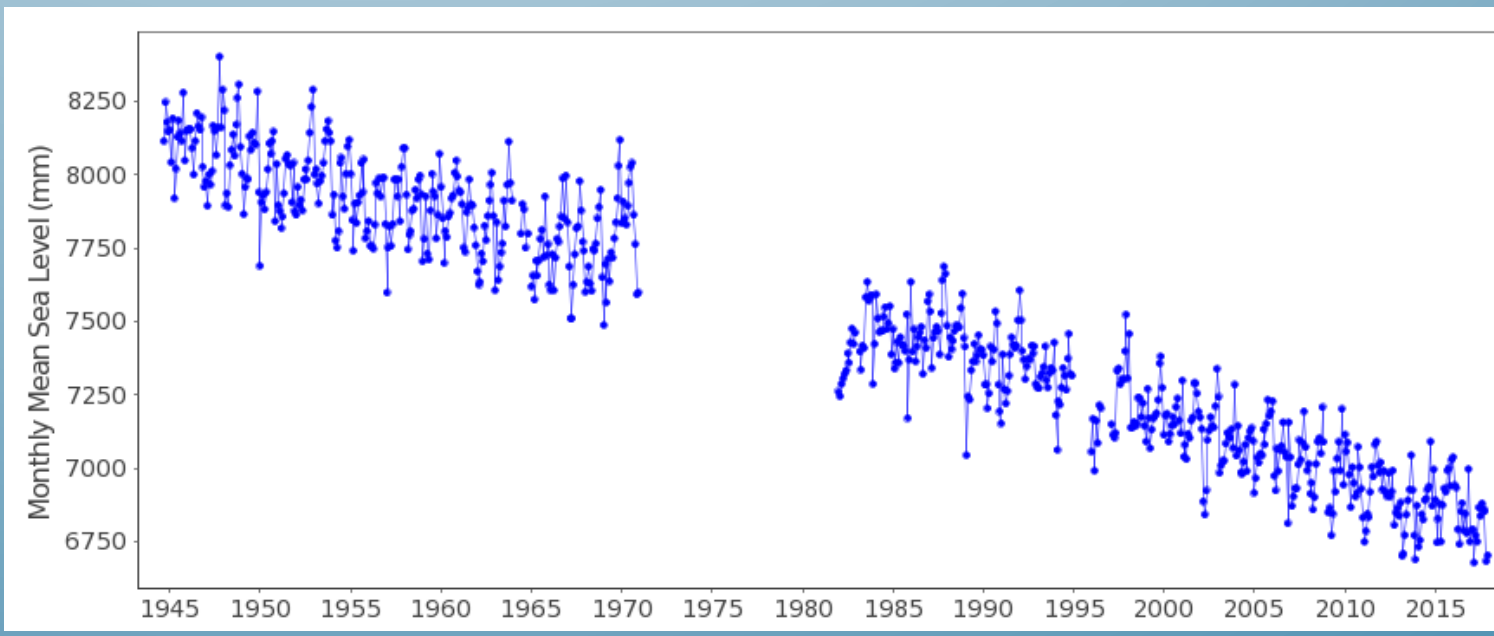
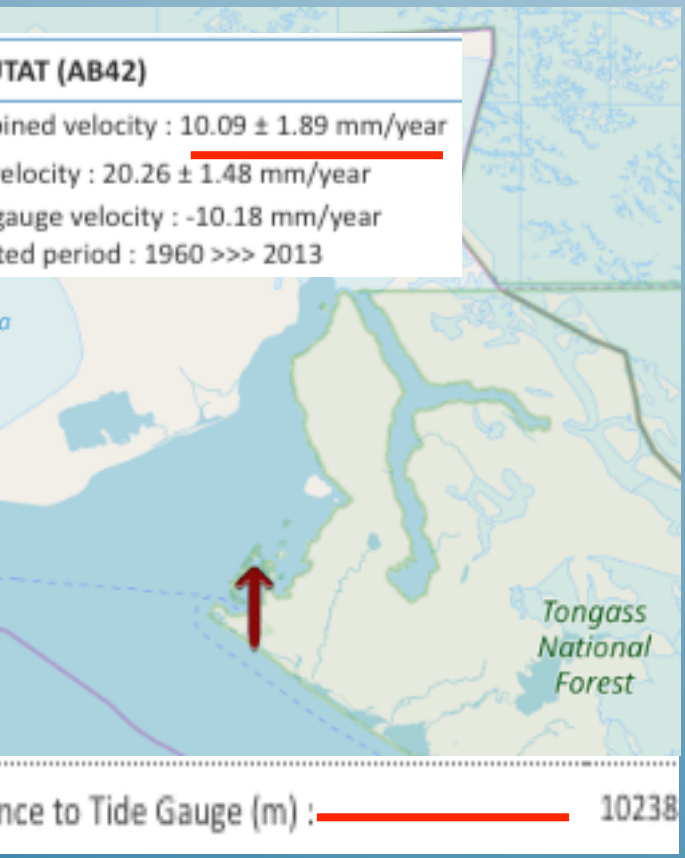
ARADAY (ARGENTINA ISLANDS)

ADIZ III (SPAIN)

LAIPEDA (LITUÂNIA)

YAKKANAI (JAPAN)

# AKUTAT (Alaska): combined velocity: 10 mm, 10 km from tide gauge



Reference Frame: ITRF08  
Ellipsoid: GRS80

**Position**  
(Reference epoch: 2004.4973)

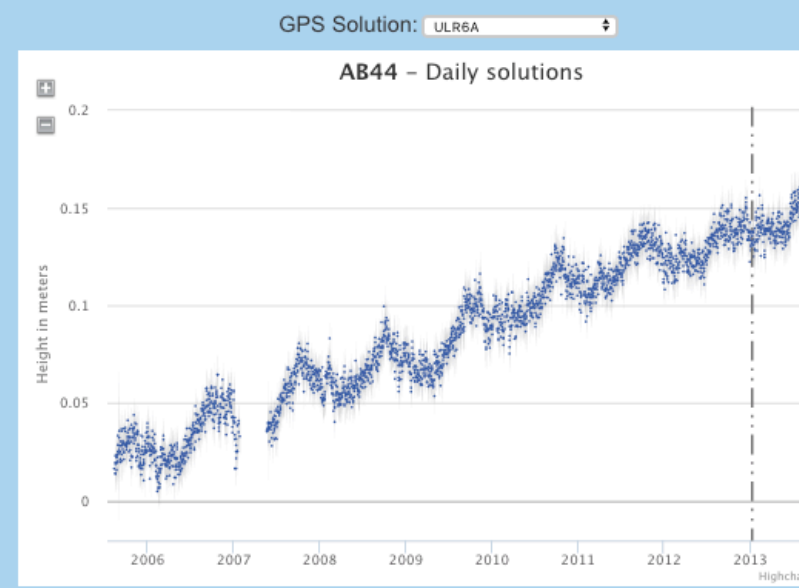
Longitude (°): -135.22829744  
Latitude (°): 59.52803914  
Height (m): 304.0996

**Velocity (mm/yr):** 16.72 +/- 0.52

**Offsets (mm)**

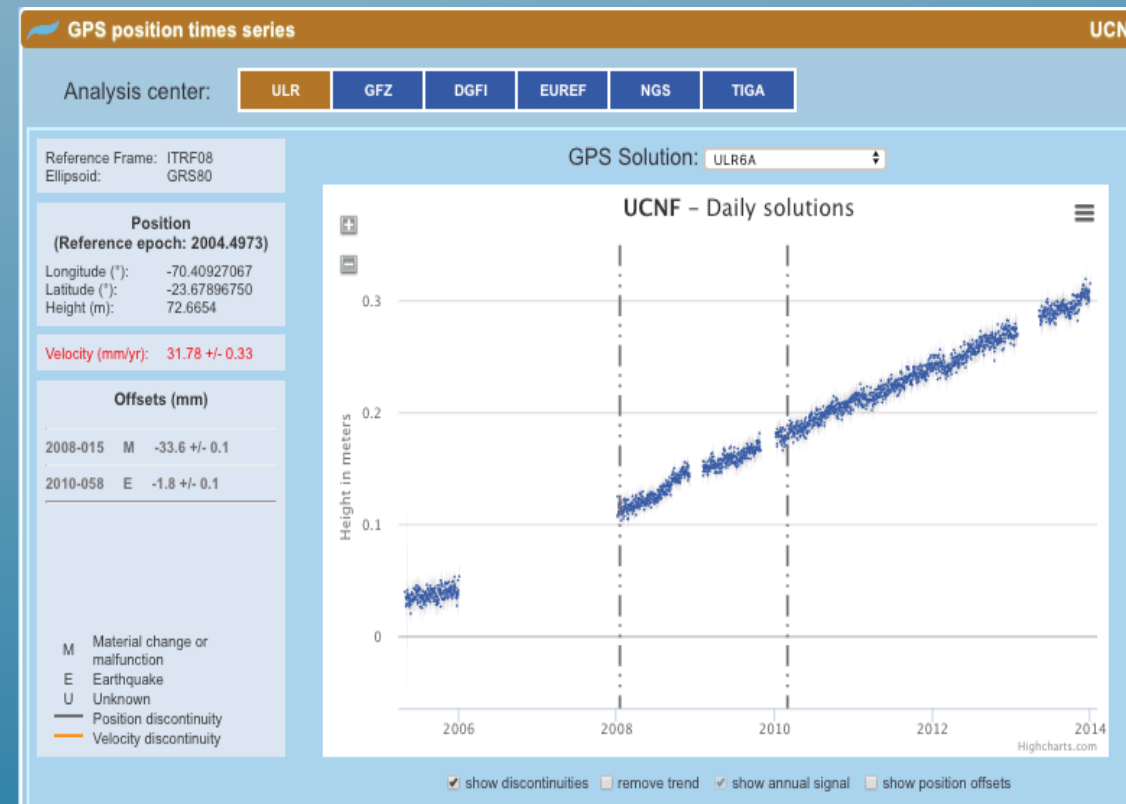
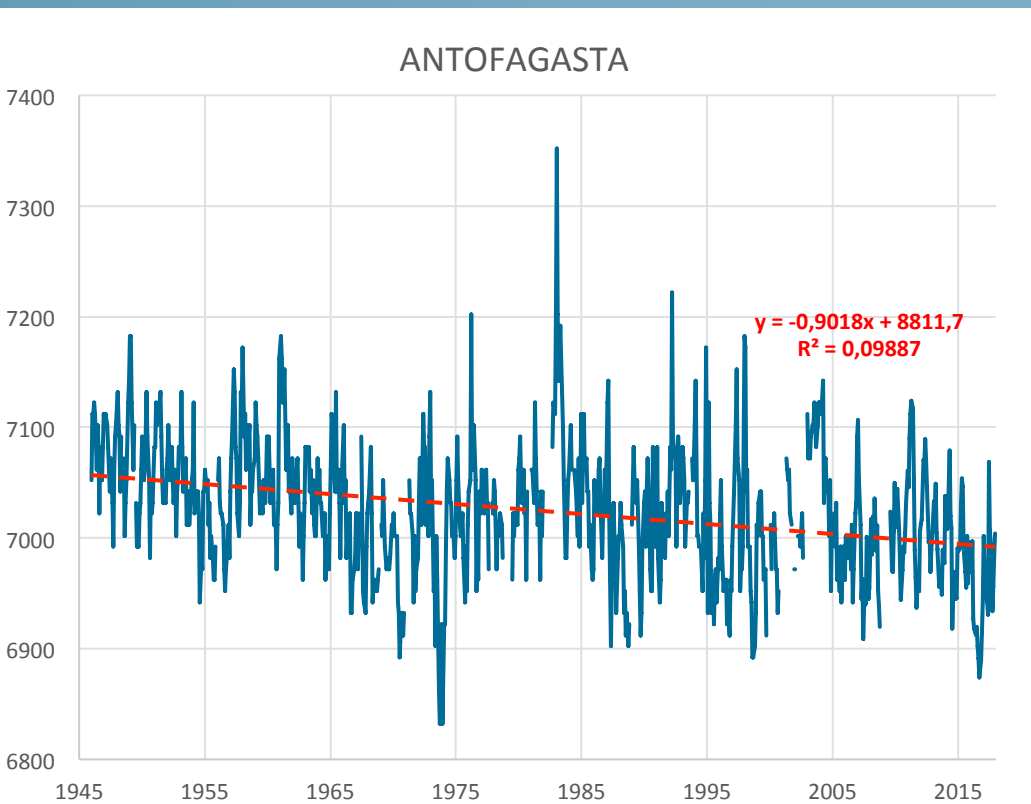
2013-005 E -0.9 +/- 0.1

M Material change or malfunction  
E Earthquake  
U Unknown  
— Position discontinuity  
— Velocity discontinuity



# ANTOFAGASTA: relative sea level is going down (-0,9mm/yr.), a big uplift (31mm/yr.)

Combined velocity :  $31.45 \pm 0.51$  mm/year  
GPS velocity :  $31.78 \pm 0.33$  mm/year  
Tide gauge velocity :  $-0.33$  mm/year  
Selected period : 1960 >>> 2013



# PALERMO, ARGENTINA: the combined velocity $2.69 \pm 0,55$ ; 7 km from tide gauge (why in red?)

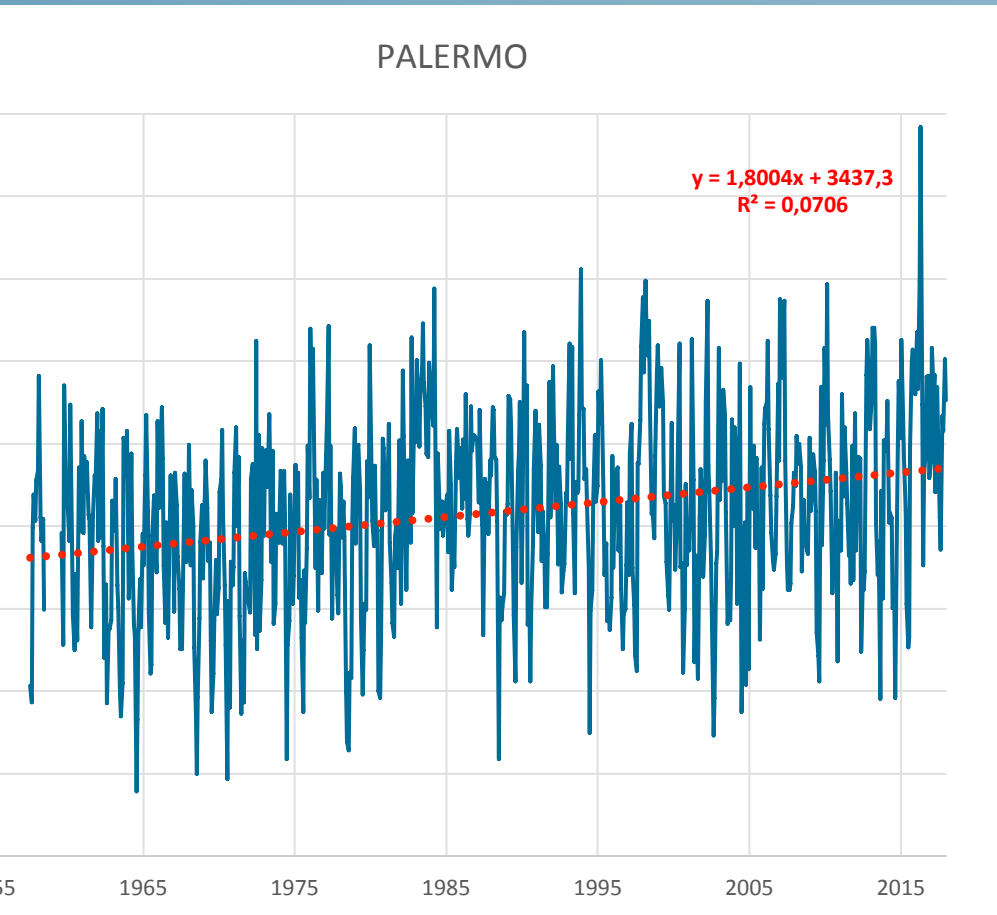
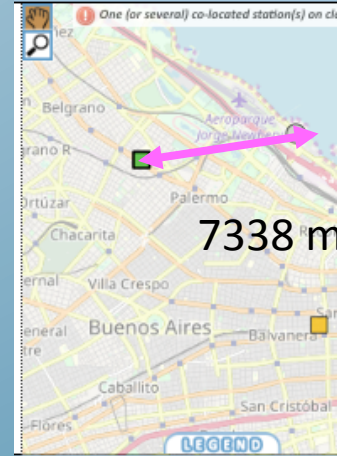
**PALERMO (IGM1)**

Combined velocity :  $2.69 \pm 0.55$  mm/year

GPS velocity :  $1.03 \pm 0.24$  mm/year

Tide gauge velocity : 1.66 mm/year

Selected period : 1960 >>> 2013



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**Position**  
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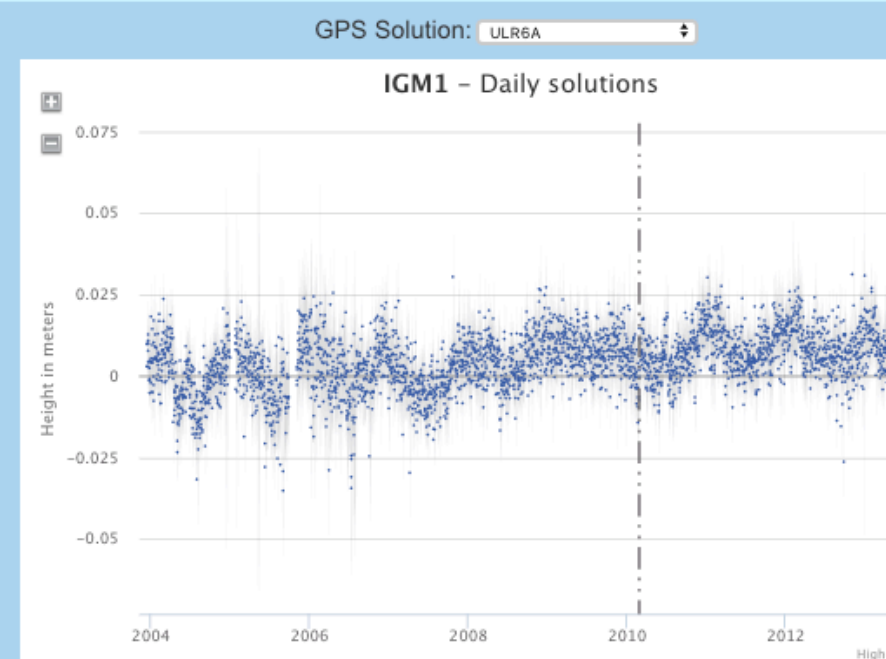
Longitude (°): -58.43931930  
Latitude (°): -34.57224385  
Height (m): 50.6835

Velocity (mm/yr): 1.03 +/- 0.24

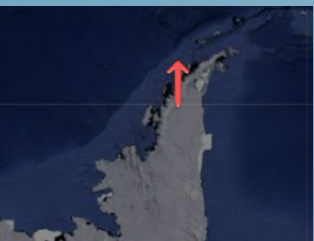
**Offsets (mm)**

2010-058 E -4.8 +/- 9.7

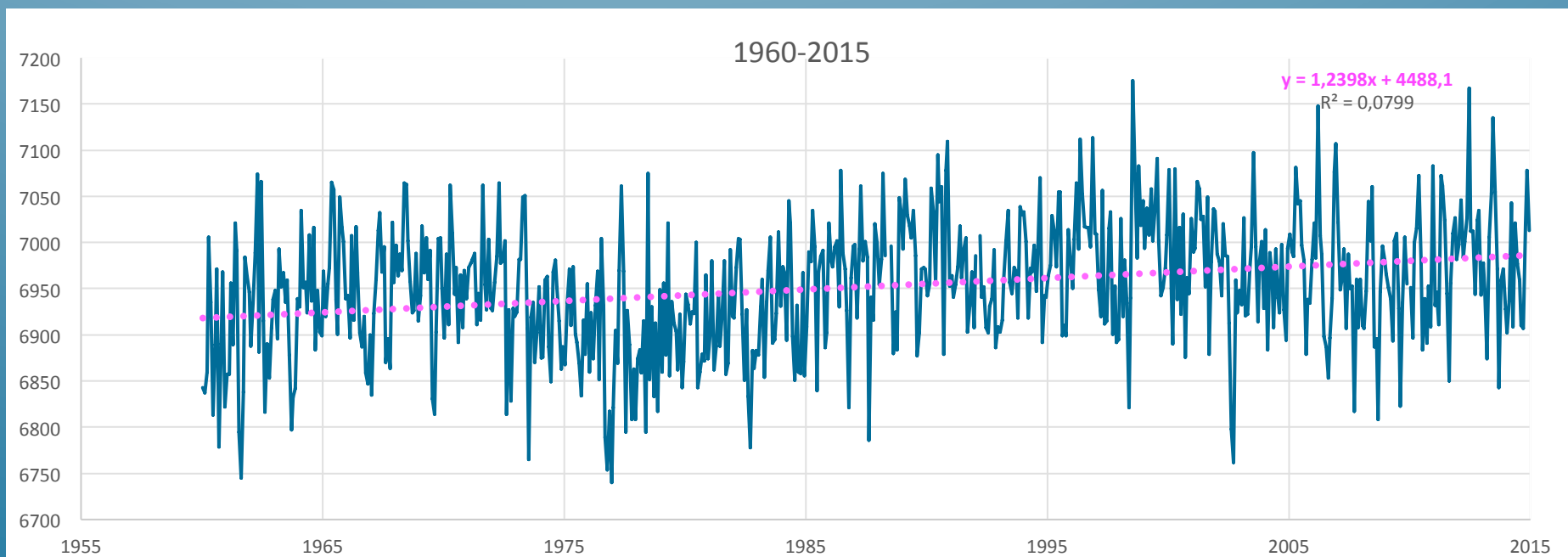
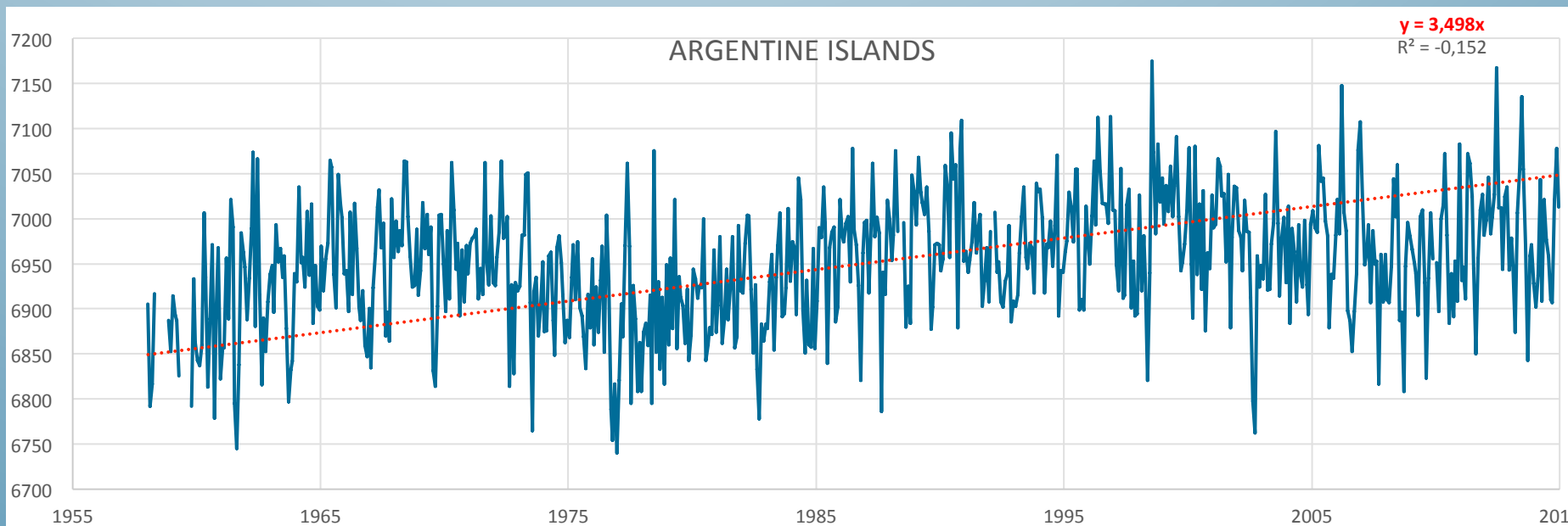
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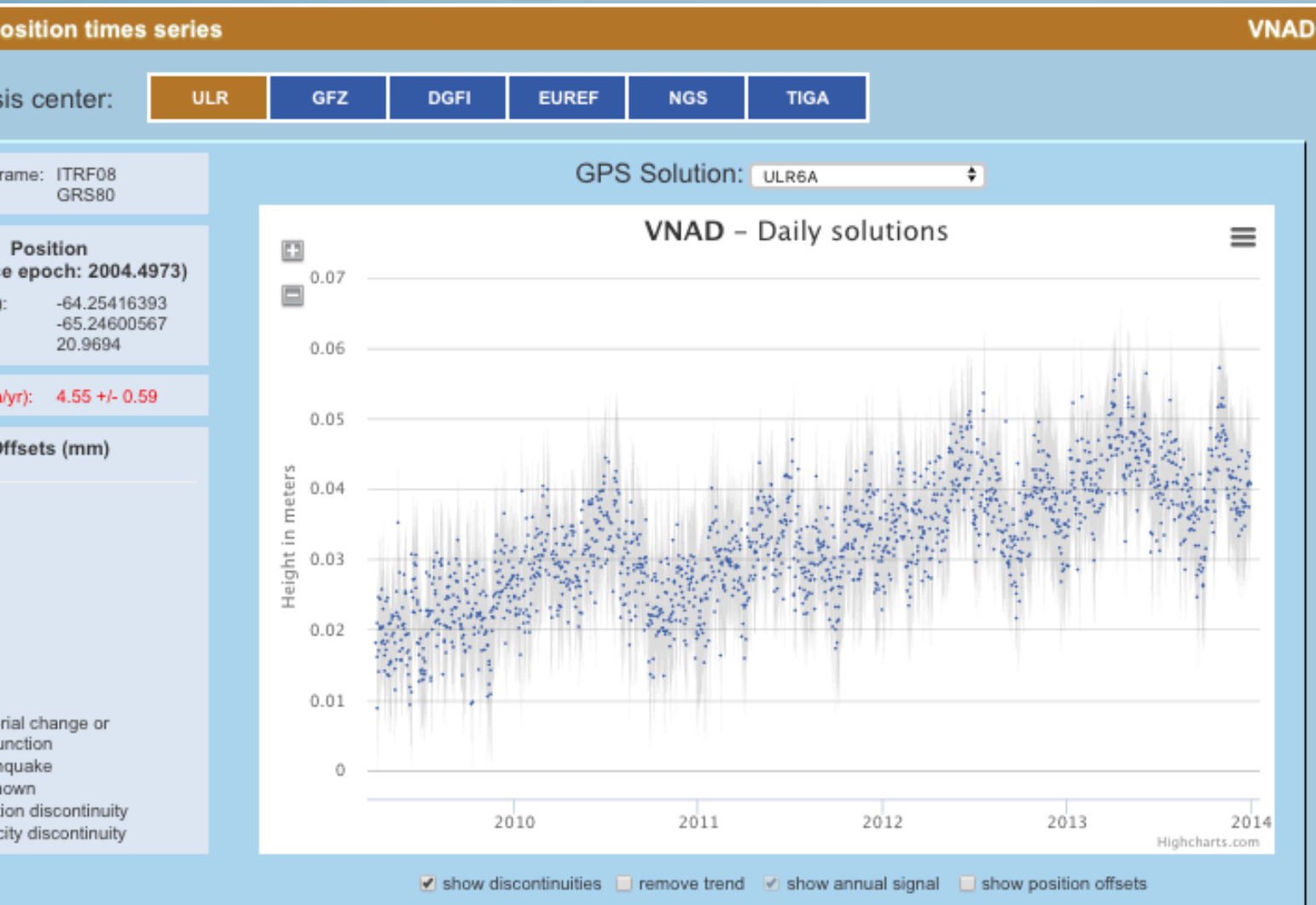
# Argentine Islands (Antarctica)



Trends changes with time. The first years seem to have incorrect data



# Argentine Islands: very irregular GPS data: is it reliable



## Faraday, A... (VNAD)

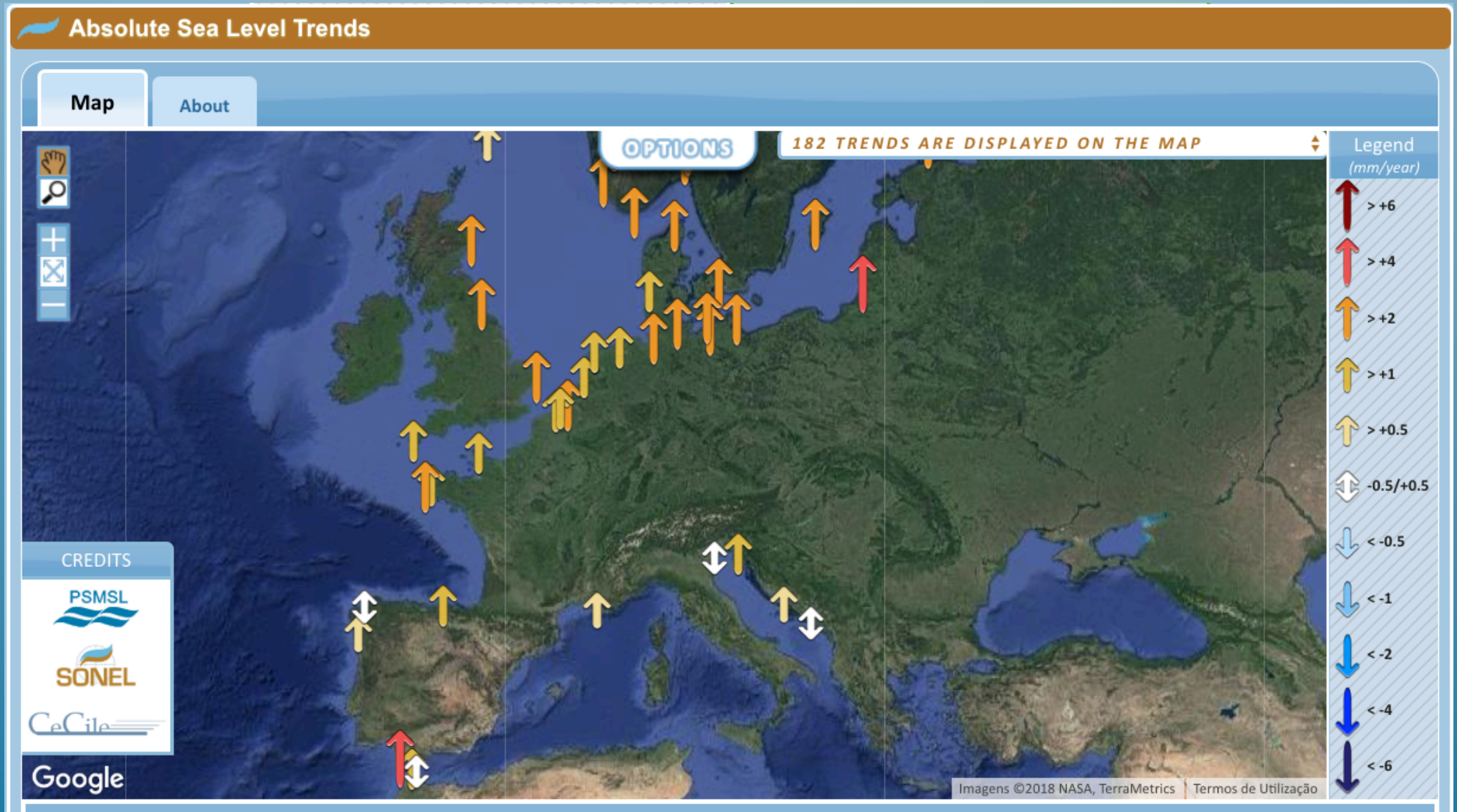
Combined velocity :  $5.90 \pm 0.76$  mm/yr

GPS velocity :  $4.55 \pm 0.59$  mm/year

Tide gauge velocity : 1.35 mm/year

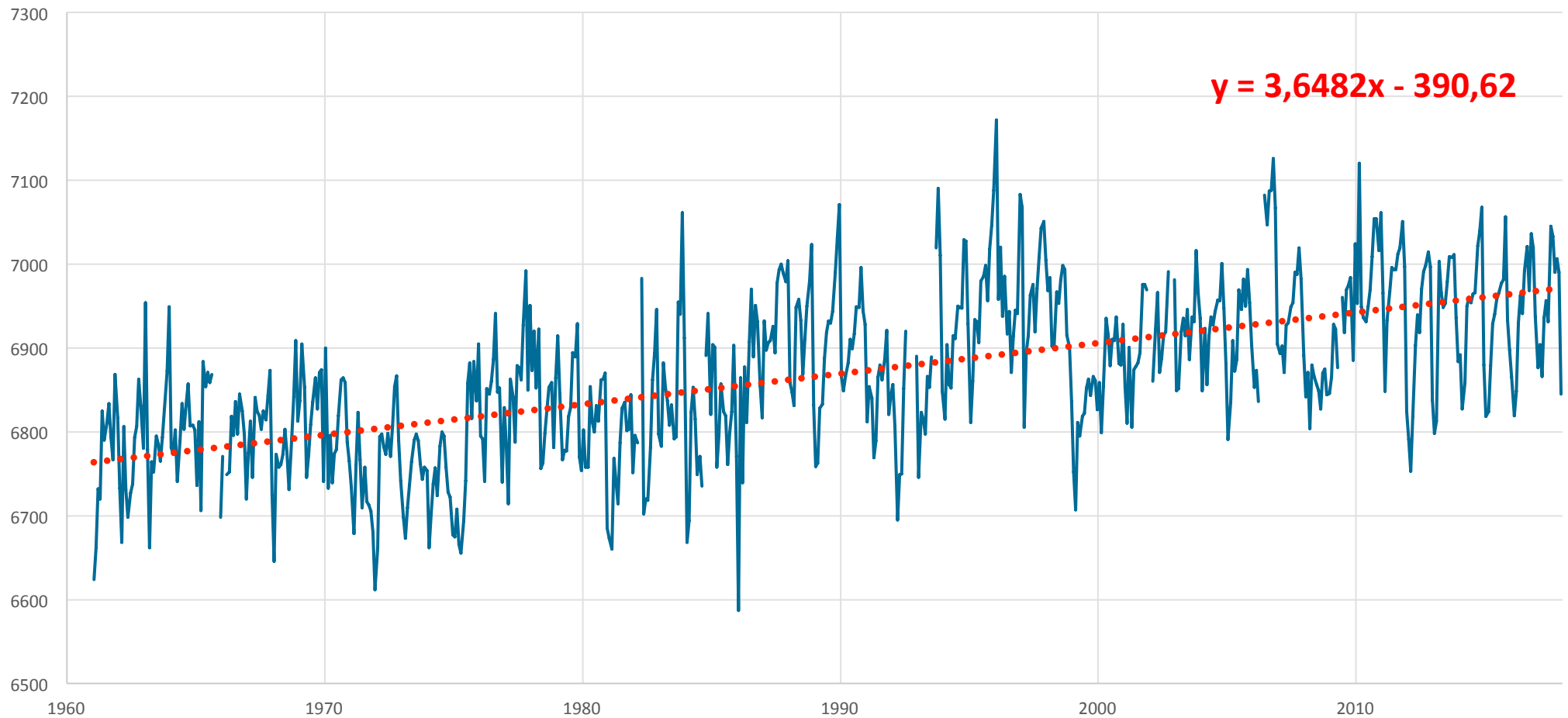
Selected period : 1960 >>> 2013

# “Absolute” sea level trends in Europe: 2 red arrows Cádiz and Klaipeda



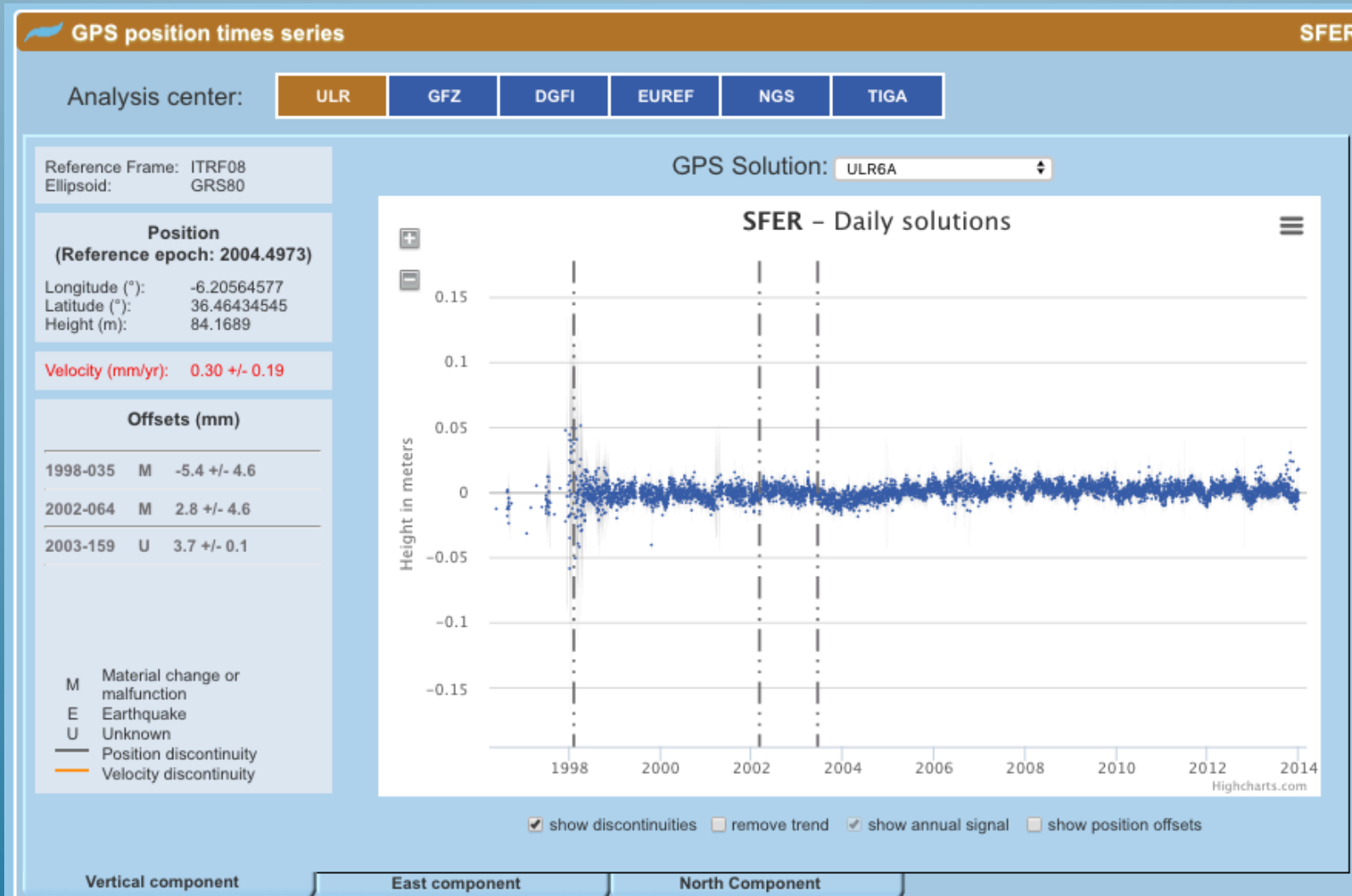
# Cádiz: trend = 3,6 mm/yr.

## Cádiz





# GPS data: it shows stability



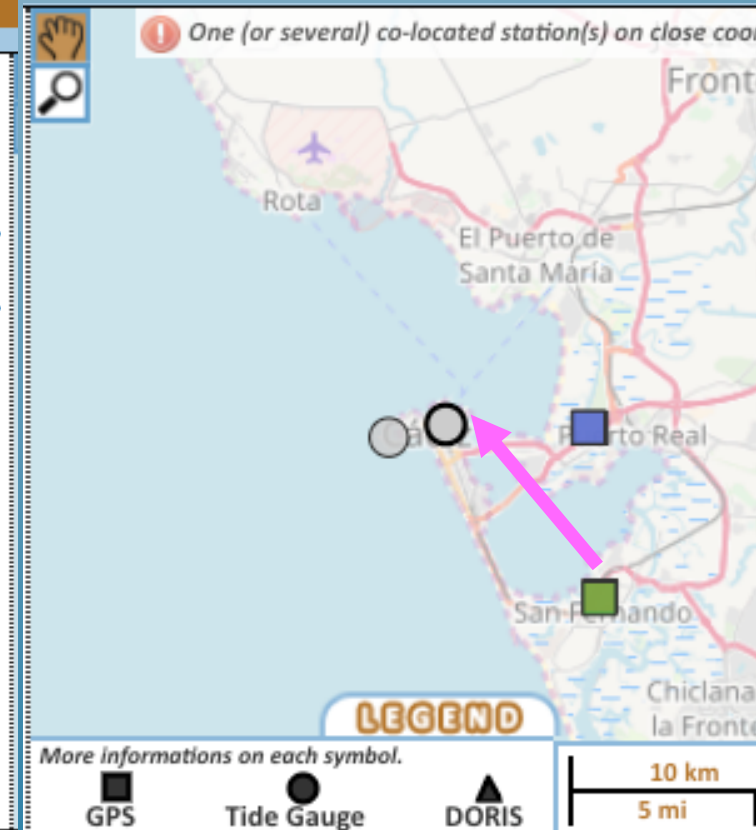
# But the GPS is more than 10 km away from the used tide gauge!

## Station summary

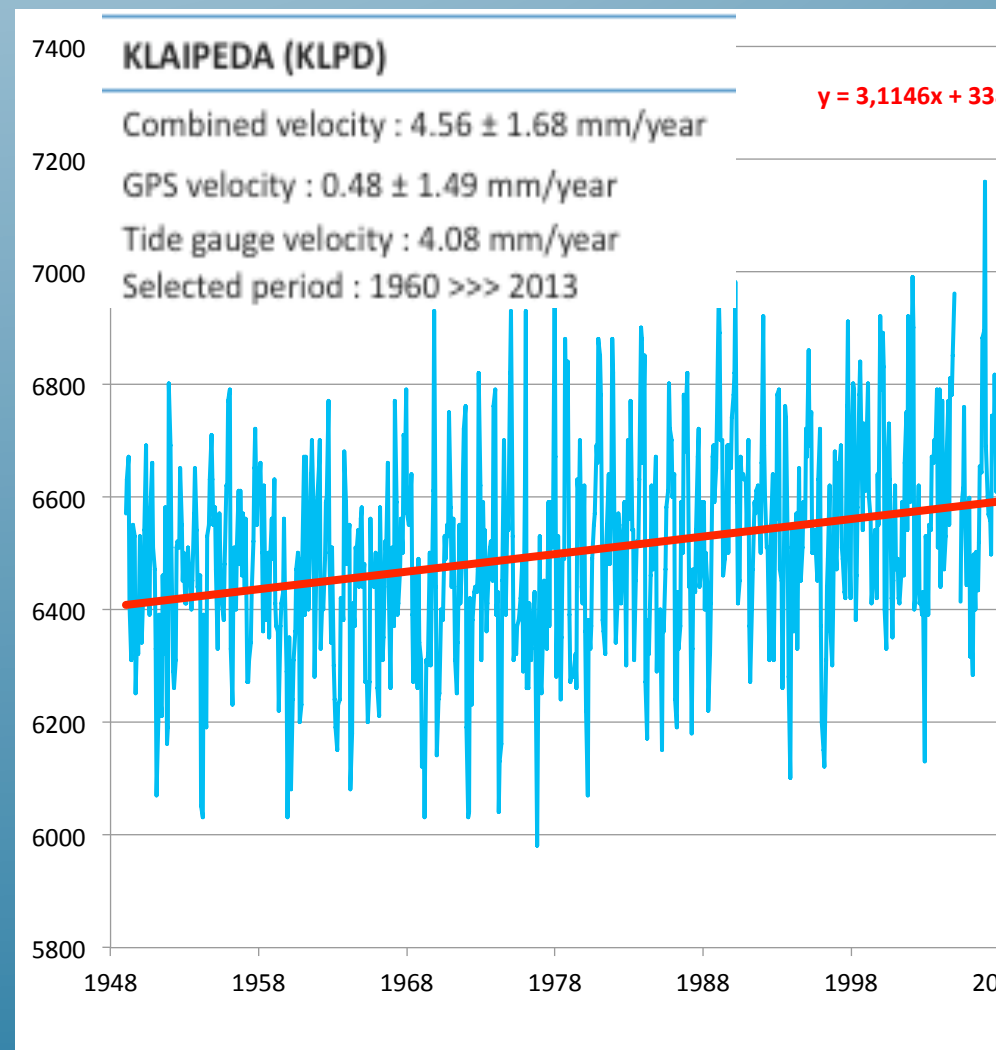
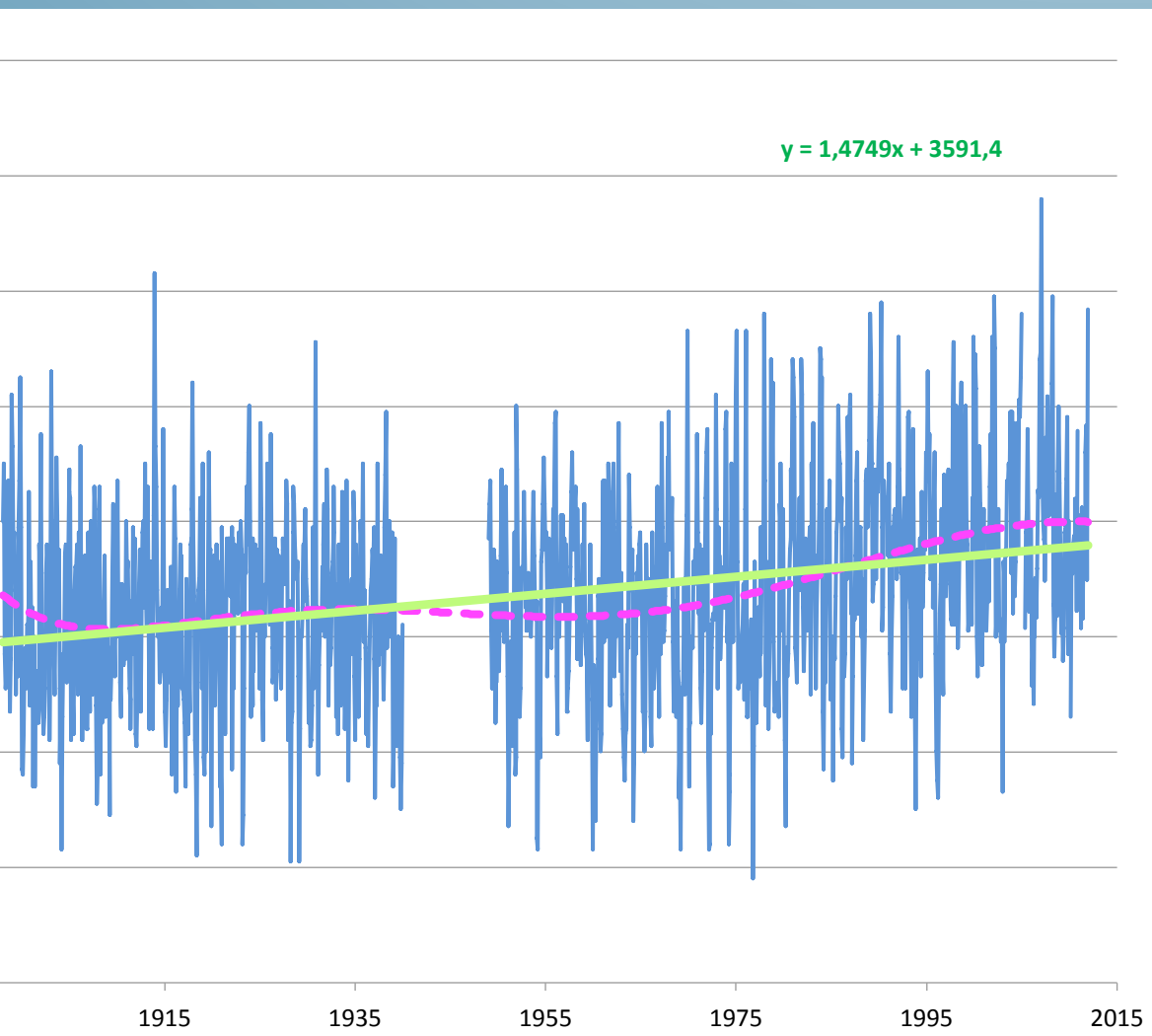
Type acronym :	SFER
Latitude :	36.46434504
Longitude :	-6.20564614
Installed date :	1995-12-18
Commissioned date :	
Country :	SPAIN
Region :	CADIZ
Station status :	active (green)
Distance to Tide Gauge (m) :	10311
Station Id. Nr.:	13402M004
Station operator:	Unknown <a href="#">Manage this station</a>
Download station form :	<input type="text" value="sfer_20180626.log (current)"/> <a href="#">View</a>

### CADIZ III (SFER)

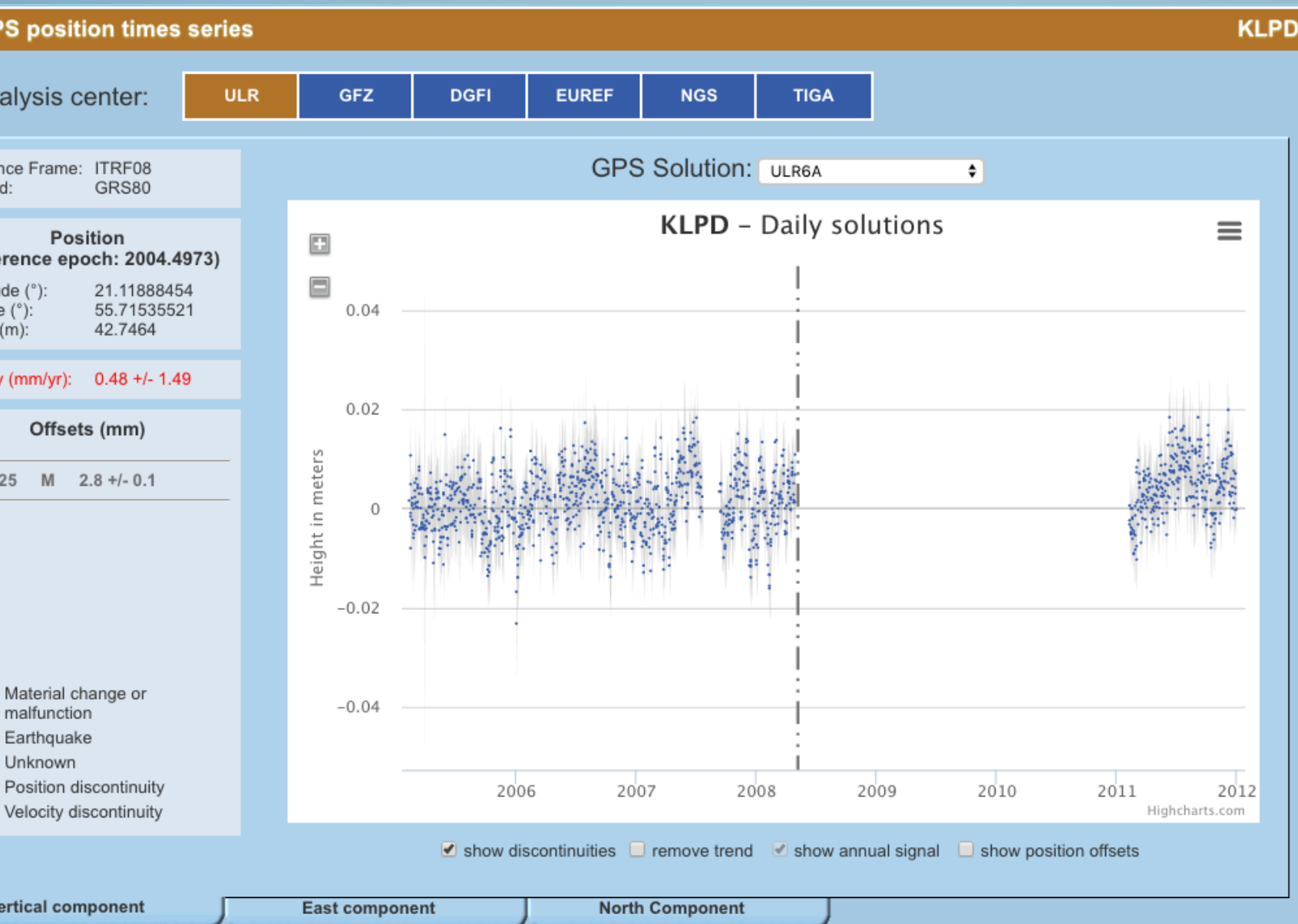
Combined velocity :  $4.12 \pm 0.54$  mm/year  
GPS velocity :  $0.30 \pm 0.19$  mm/year  
Tide gauge velocity : 3.82 mm/year  
Selected period : 1960 >>> 2013



# LAIPEDA (Lithuania): a longer series gives a much lower trend



# KLAIPEDA (Lithuania): Not reliable GPS data



## KLAIPEDA (KLPD)

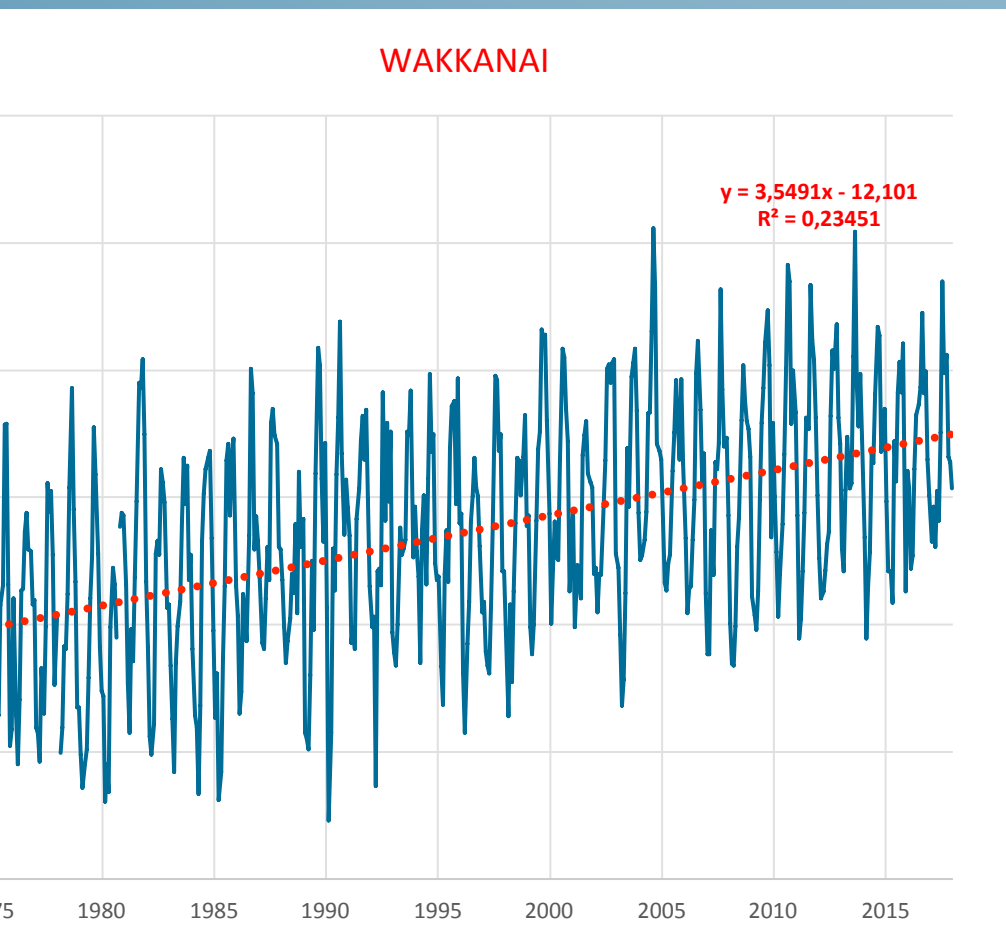
Combined velocity :  $4.56 \pm 1.68$  mm/yr

GPS velocity :  $0.48 \pm 1.49$  mm/yr

Tide gauge velocity : 4.08 mm/yr

Selected period : 1960 >>> 2013

WAKKANAI: Here we have a sea level rise and also apparently  
uplifting... It is the only puzzling situation with *ca.* 5mm/yr.  
“absolute” trend



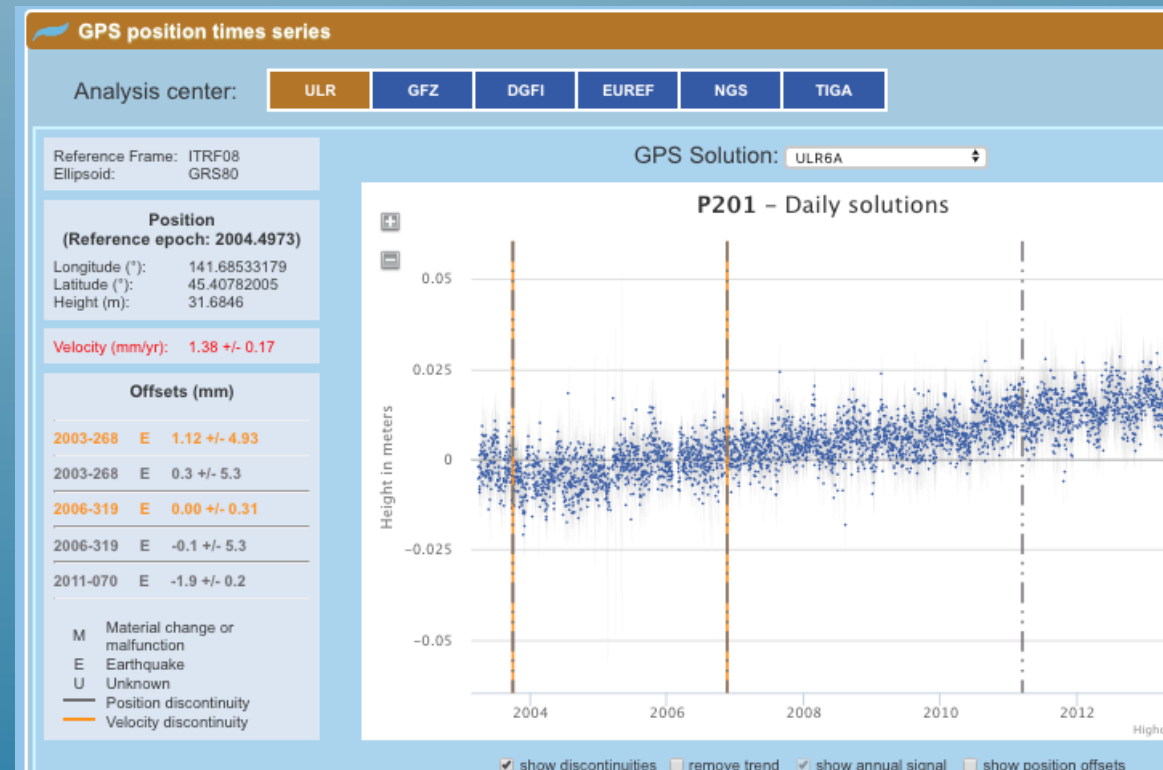
### WAKKANAI (P201)

Combined velocity :  $5.07 \pm 0.30$  mm/year

GPS velocity :  $1.38 \pm 0.17$  mm/year

Tide gauge velocity : 3.69 mm/year

Selected period : 1960 >>> 2013



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combined Velocity (cv):

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ANTOFAGASTA (CHILE): sea level is going down, a big uplift (31mm/yr.)

ALERMO (ARGENTINA): cv = 2,69 +/- 0,55; 7 km from tide gauge (why in red?)

ARADAY (ARGENTINA ISLANDS): sea level trend: 1,23; very irregular GPS data

ADIZ III (SPAIN): 10 km GPS from tide gauge: the GPS stability is erroneous

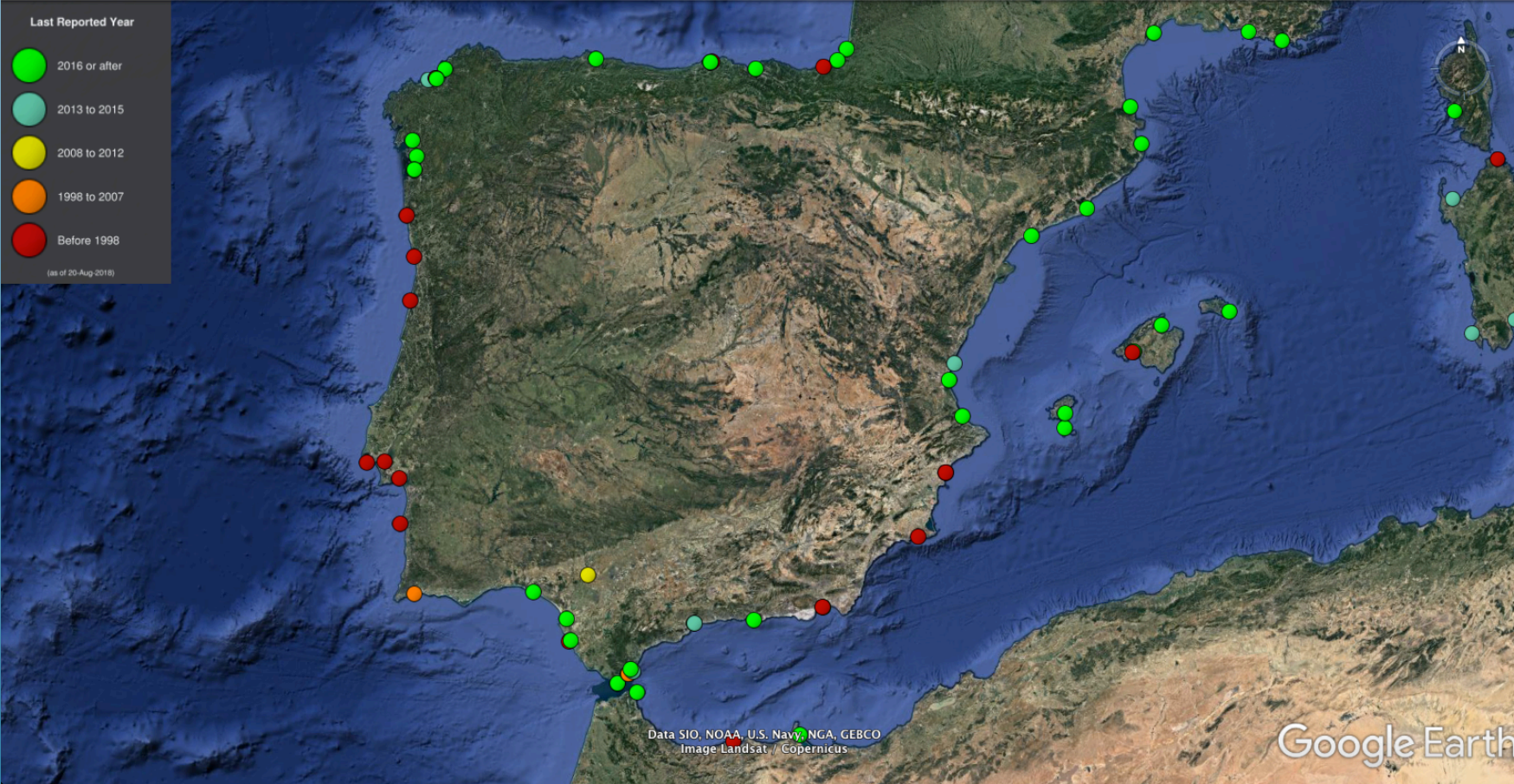
LAIPEDA (LITUÂNIA): GPS data not reliable

YAKKANAI (JAPAN): a possible 5mm/yr. trend. The only ONE IN THE WORLD

# What about Iberia?



# Many PSMSL stations are not updated

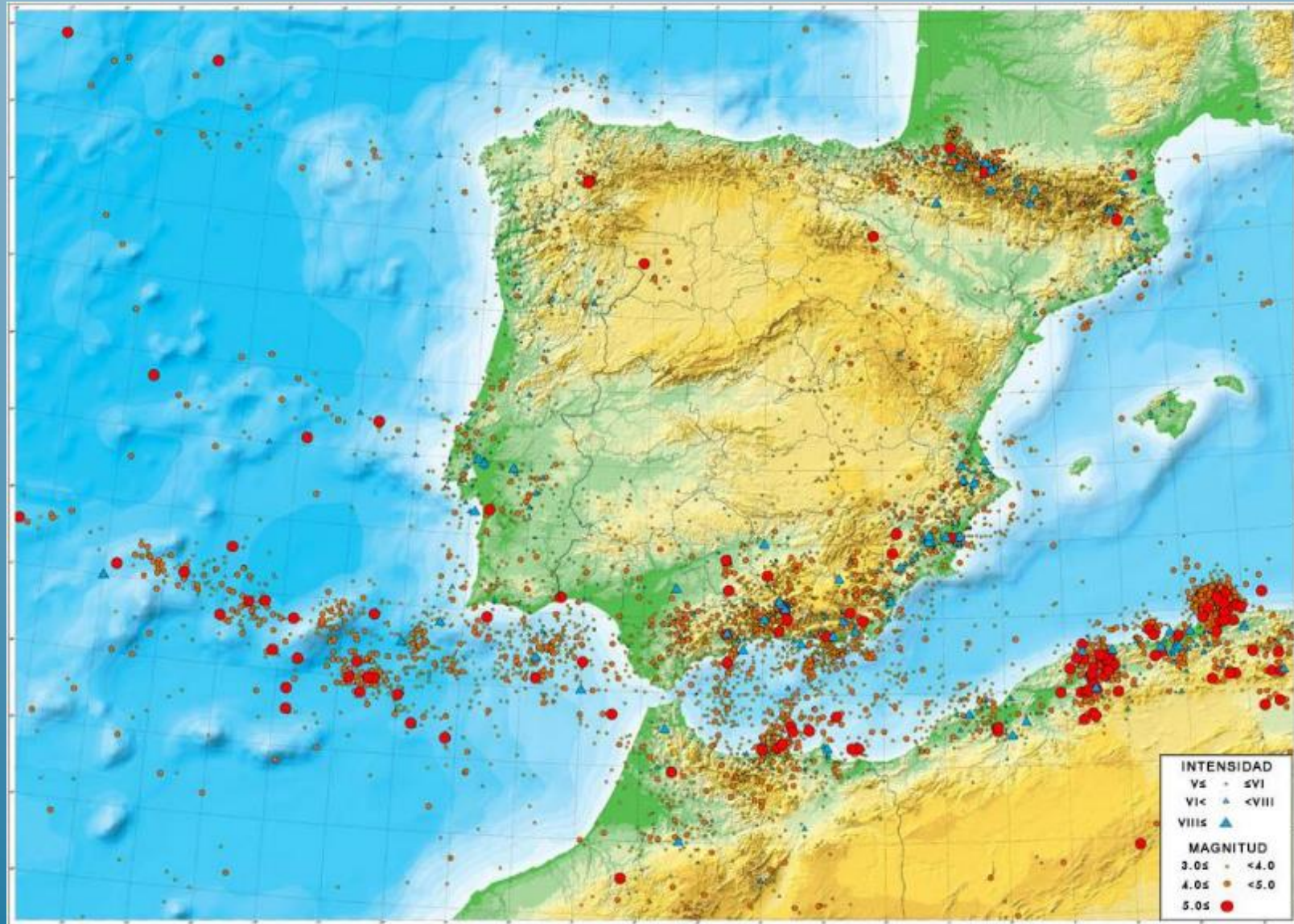




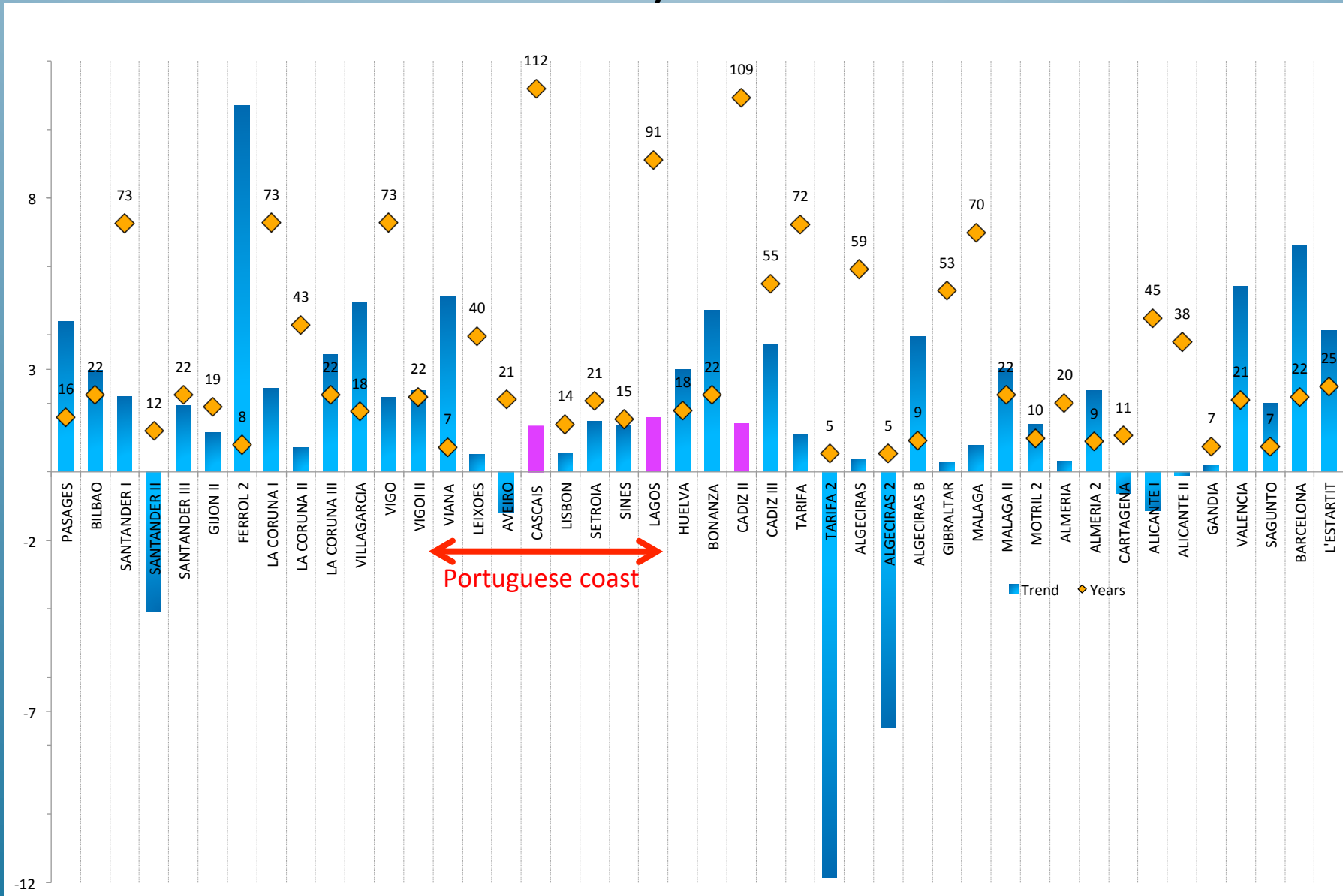


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compression

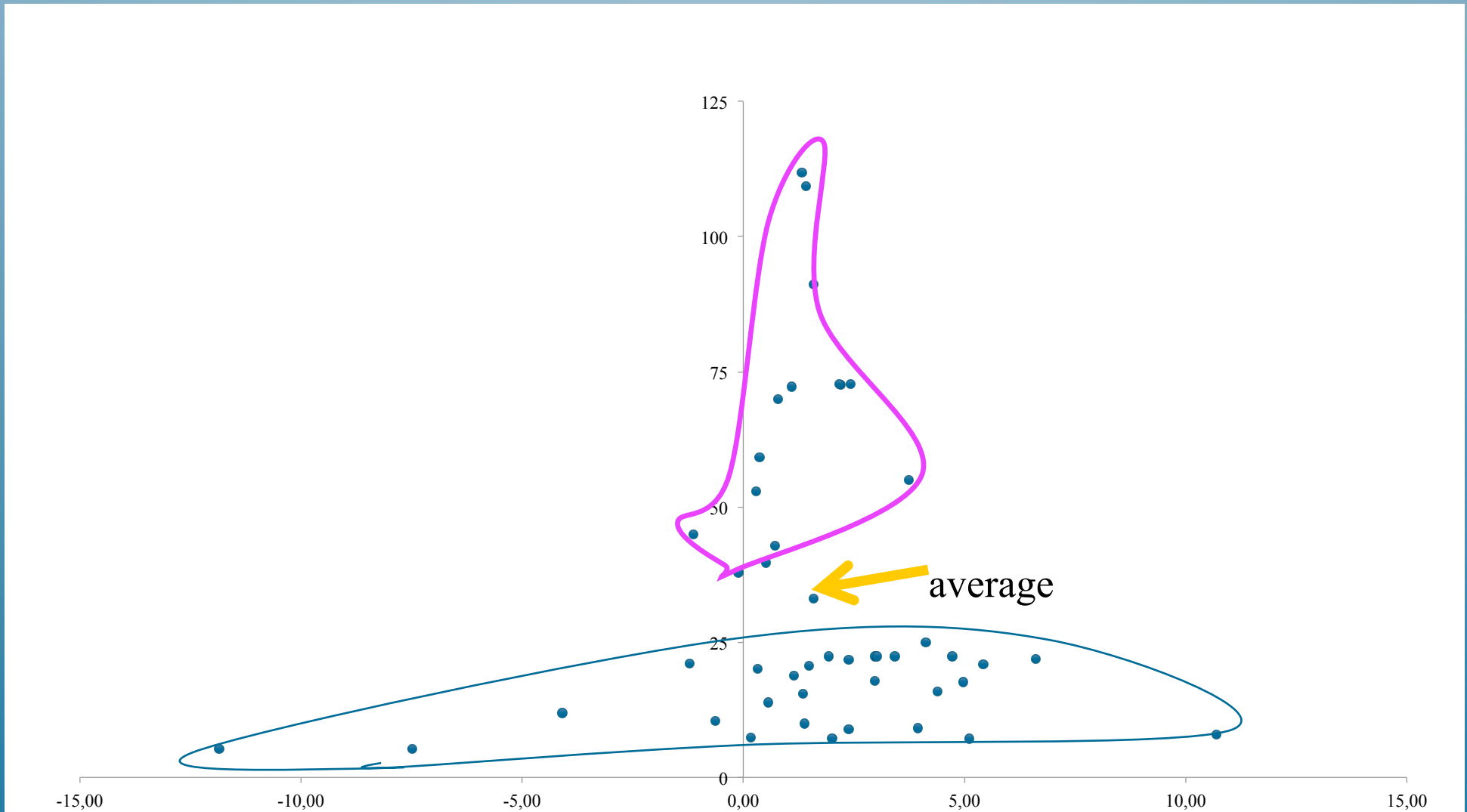
# Earthquakes in Iberia: active recent tectonics



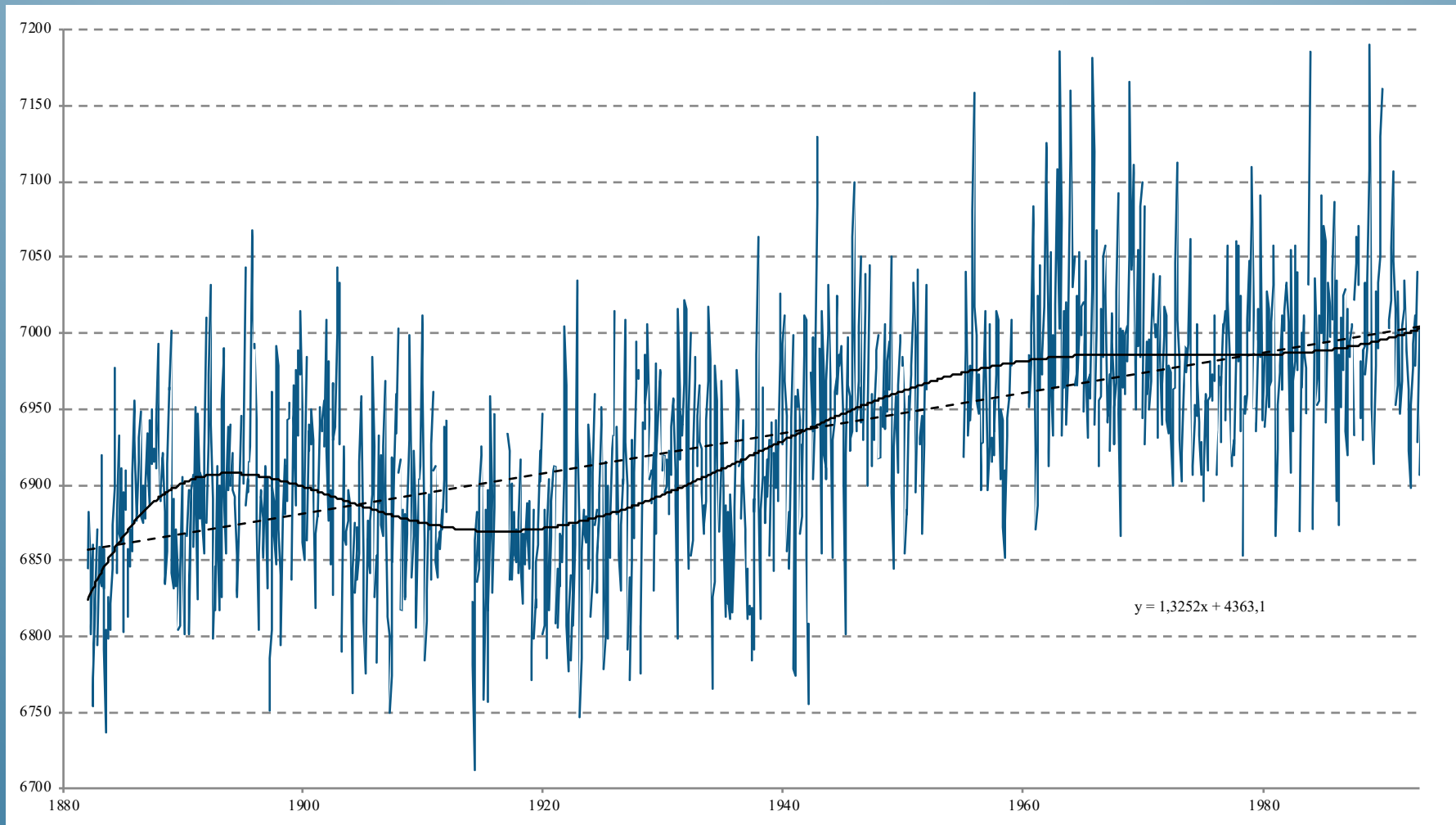
# Alberia: trends vs. length of series: very irregular at recent tectonic areas: Pyrenees and Baetics



peria, in short series: great irregularities in the trends



# Cascais: PSMSL data



# Sea level station monitoring facility



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## SEA LEVEL STATION MONITORING FACILITY

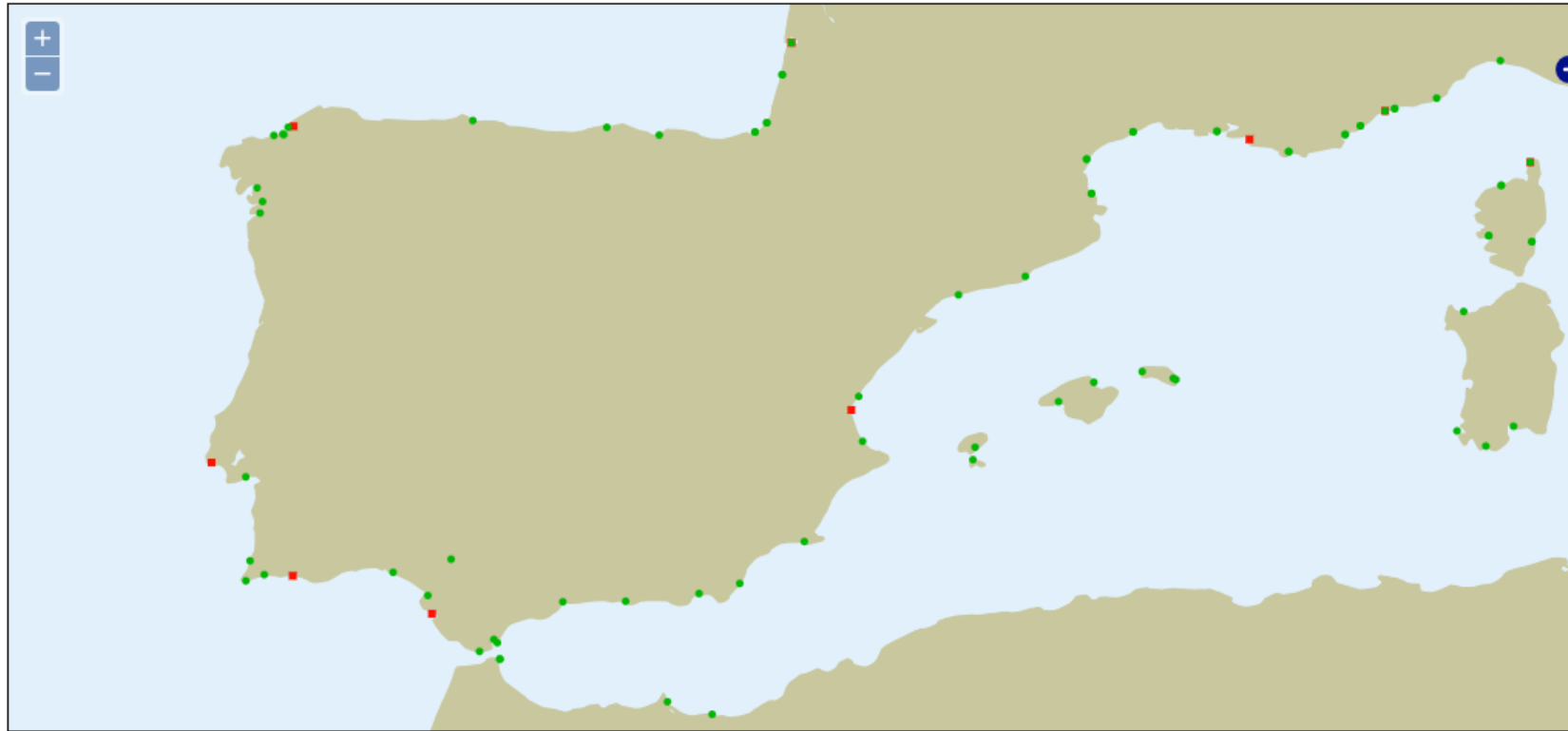
Intro Map Station lists Station details Services & FAQ GLOSS Catalog

### Sealevel stations

Status at 2018-09-01 11:44 GMT

Disclaimer

Plot   
Show



Legend:

- Station is offline, or data is outdated
- Station is online
- Station is not available at this site

Offline = No data received since 3 times the transmit interval.

The quality of the transmitted data is not checked.

- To obtain more details about a station - move mouse over station and click.
- To zoom in - hold down the Shift-key while holding down the mouse button and drawing a rectangle or use the Scroll mouse button, or use the control buttons in upper left part of map.
- To pan - drag the map, or use the control buttons in upper left part of map.
- Or use the [KML file](#).

Lat: 44.46 Lon:2.44

# Secular variation of sea level at Cascais

