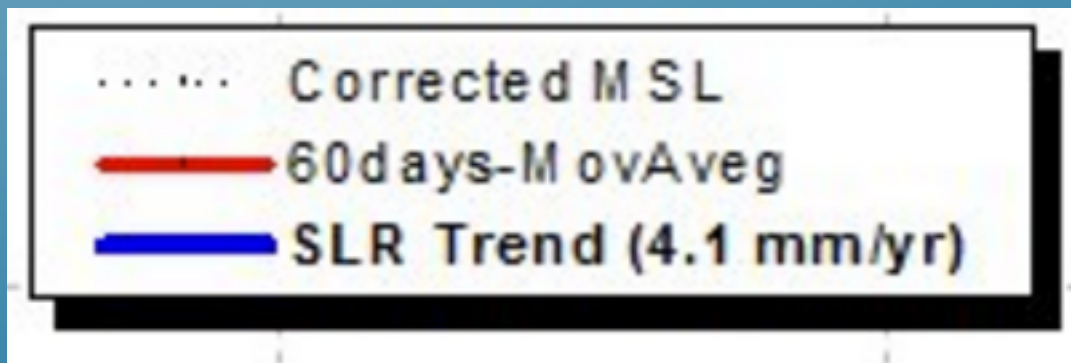


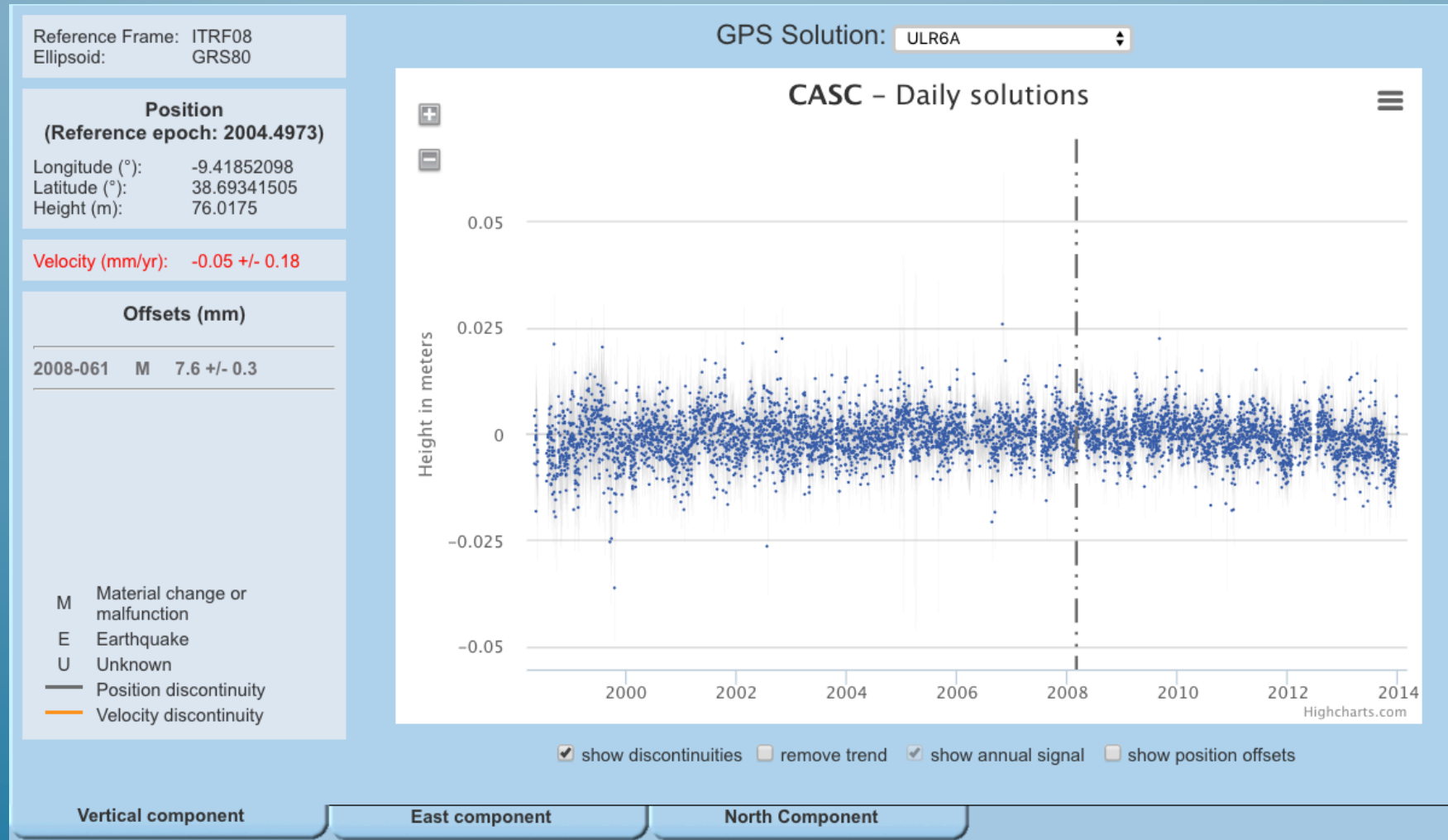
Seasonal signal removed
Inverse barometric correction applied
Relative vertical velocity of site corrected

To find this 4 mm it was used an “uplift” of 0,5mm/yr.



But this uplift doesn't exist.

GPS Cascais: vertical velocity = $-0,05 \pm 0,18$ mm/yr





Revisiting the 100 year sea level record of Leixões, Portugal

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SUMMARY

A new data set from the tide gauge at Leixões (North–West Portugal) has recently been transferred from its paper format into a digital time series of **hourly sea level values**. By measuring sea level variations since 1890, this tide gauge station is one of the few in the world with over 100 yr of digitised hourly records and the longest for the South West of Europe and Iberian Peninsula. This paper presents the procedures adopted to recover the Leixões sea level data from paper chart records as well as the data quality control and data editing methodologies. The mean rate of sea level change between 1906 and 2008 is $-0.70 \pm 0.27 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$, which does not agree with the global mean sea level rise of $1\text{--}2 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$. No evidence for vertical land movement was found and Global Isostatic Adjustment influence on sea level, at this location, can be neglected. It is likely that prevailing weather systems in the North Atlantic, especially in the winter, and local atmospheric pressure, influence sea levels at Leixões. A further contribution is found from tides and surges. The evolution of the port cannot be ignored when trying to understand sea level change.

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Introduction

Understanding of sea level changes has in the past decade renewed interest in view of climate change research. Historical sea levels to estimate local and global sea level has been invaluable (e.g. Holgate, 2007; Church and 2011). As Colosi and Munk (2006) have pointed out, there is natural variability in sea level which makes it necessary to use very long time-series to detect secular changes. Sea level observations have a relatively long history dating back to the 17th Century (Woodworth et al., 2011; Wöppelmann et al., 2006). Along the European Atlantic coast, examples of such are Brest (Wöppelmann et al., 2006), Amsterdam (van 2004), Liverpool (Woodworth, 1999), Stockholm (Ekman, 2001), Cadiz (Marcos et al., 2011), for which datasets date back to 1682, 1768, 1774 and 1880, respectively (c.f. Marcos et al., 2006 for a summary of long-term records). Some of these also have the longest ‘continuous’ hourly recorded through an automatic recording device composed of a float by a system of wires and counterweights. The float-gauge system in a stilling well enables a tidal record to be drawn on a paper chart placed around the drum. It appears that in the 1st half of the 19th Century and was still the dominant gauge technology into the 20th Century.

Until recently, the longest sea level record for South-West Europe has been that of Cascais (Antunes and Taborda, 2009), in Portugal ($38^{\circ} 41'38.8''\text{N}$; $9^{\circ}25'5.4''\text{W}$), for which monthly mean sea levels exist since 1882 and hourly digitized levels only since 1960. Other Spanish and Portuguese hourly sea level data, prior to the 60s, are likely to exist in paper format, nevertheless their digitisation has not been made.

The Leixões Port authority recently brought to our attention that there were additional long-term sea level records that can be added to that of Cascais, namely Cantareira in the Douro River ($41^{\circ}8'47''\text{N}$; $8^{\circ}40'0''\text{W}$) and Leixões ($41^{\circ}11'12''\text{N}$; $8^{\circ}42'17''\text{W}$), approximately 5 km North of Cantareira (Fig. 1). This led to the digitization of the Leixões sea level observations that will be discussed herein. The first records date back to 1890, making this series the longest hourly-digitized record in the country and Iberian Peninsula. The objective of this paper is to present this data set and to investigate if it can be used to study secular sea level changes in the region.

This paper starts by giving an overview of the Port of Leixões, its history and its tide gauges. This is followed by a description of the dataset that was digitized and the methodology used in the recovery of the records, which includes the data quality check (editing). Finally, we present the results and first interpretation of this record.

2. Historical background

2.1. Evolution of the Leixões Port

The Port of Leixões is located on the northern Portuguese coast approximately 5 km north of the Douro River mouth. The port

Leixões: one of the longest series

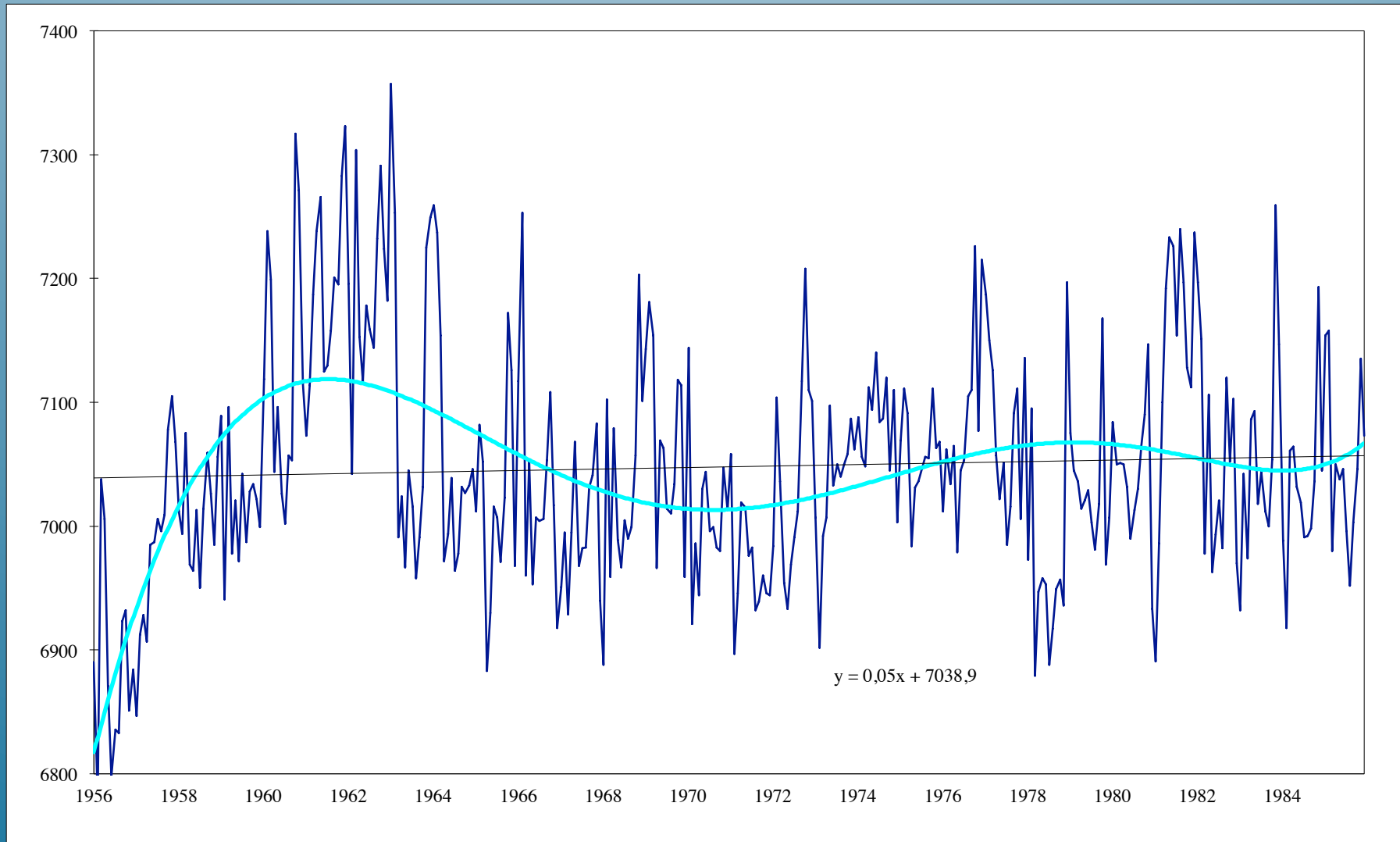
The mean rate of sea level change between 1906 and 2008 is $-0.70 \pm 0.27 \text{ mm yr.}$ Sea level has decreased!

Relative MSL over the period of 1906–2008 has decreased at an average rate of $0.70 \text{ mm yr}^{-1} \pm 0.27 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$. This result contradicts both global and regional MSL estimates. Negative rates in MSL have only been reported in Northern Europe (Scandinavia) where Glacial Isostatic Adjustment (GIA) are responsible for the vertical component of land movement which in turn affects MSL.

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Sea level variation at Leixões (PSMSL)

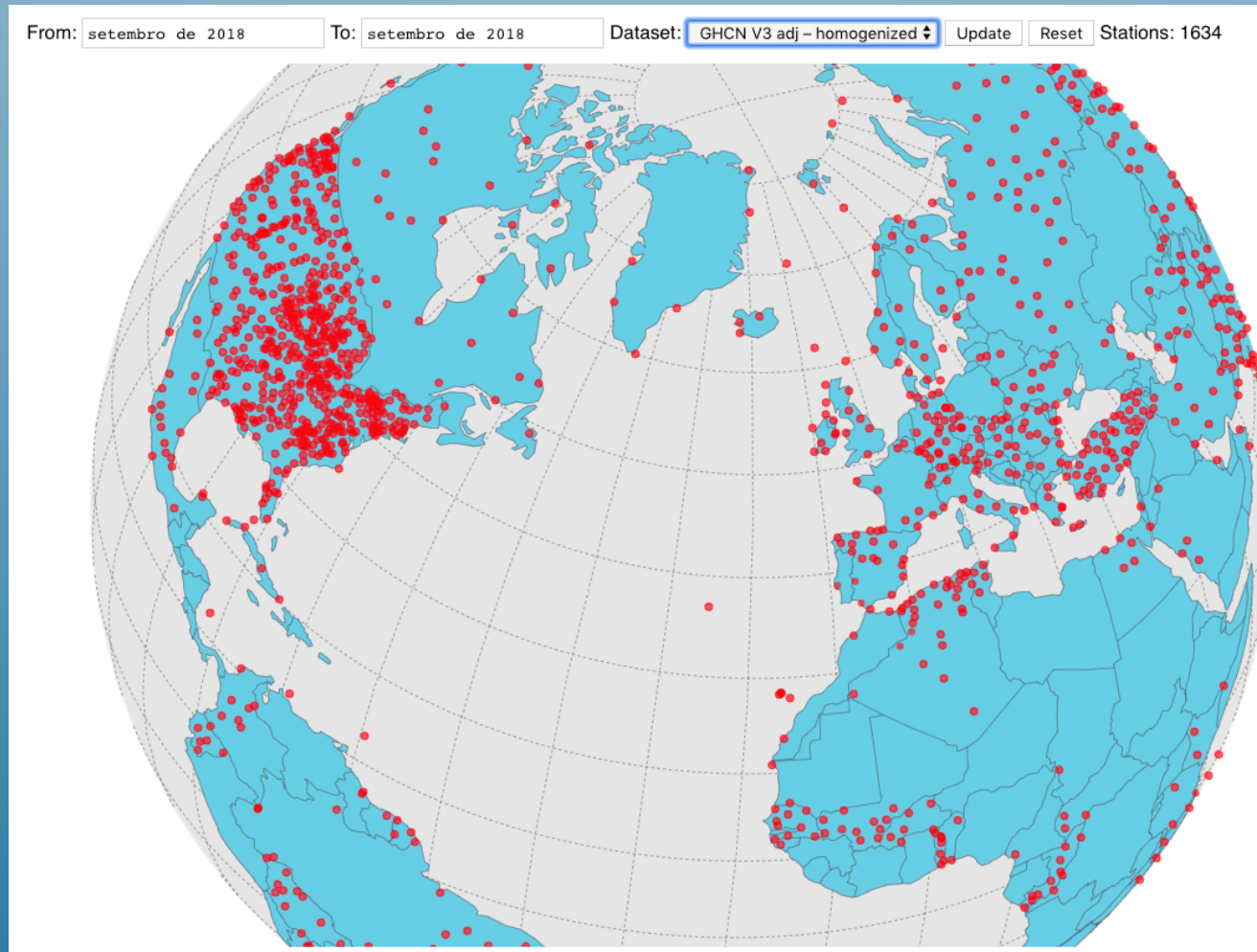
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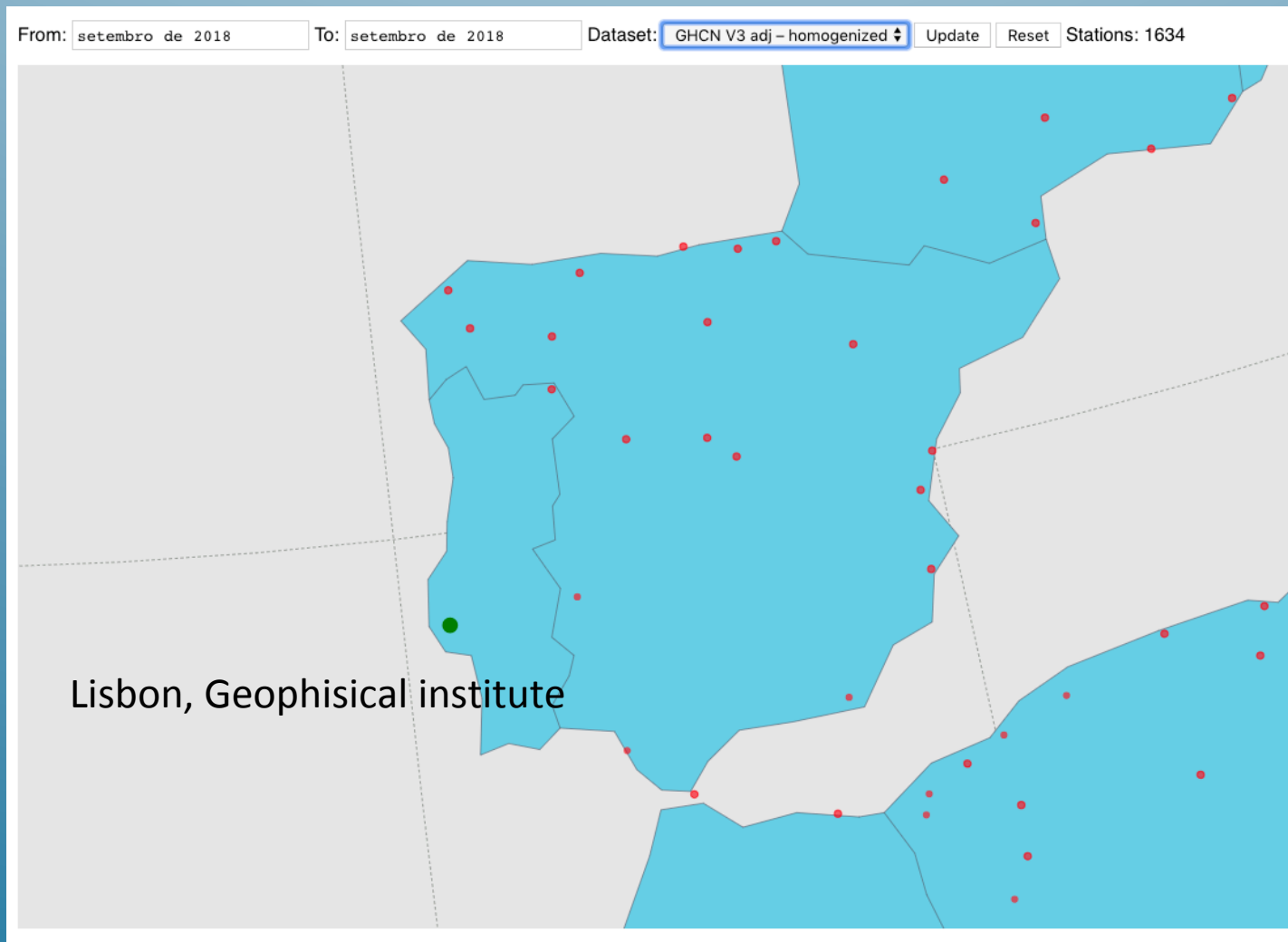
No rising sea level at Porto area! It maybe uplifting!



NASA climate data: a new presentation of <https://data.giss.nasa.gov/gistemp/stdata/>



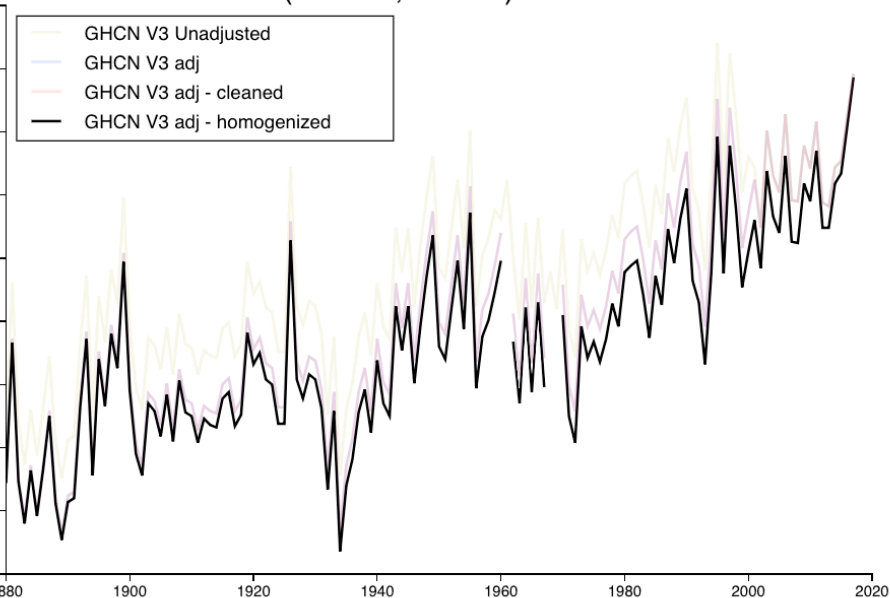
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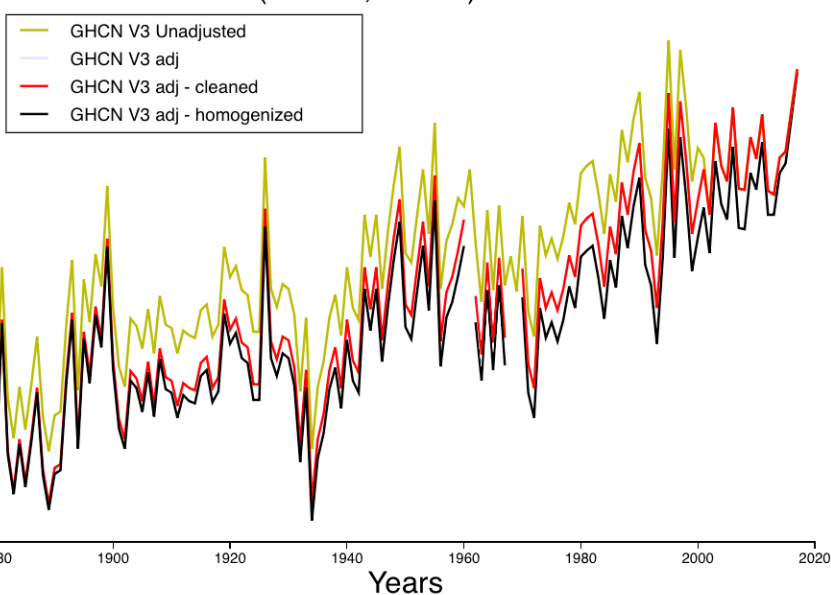
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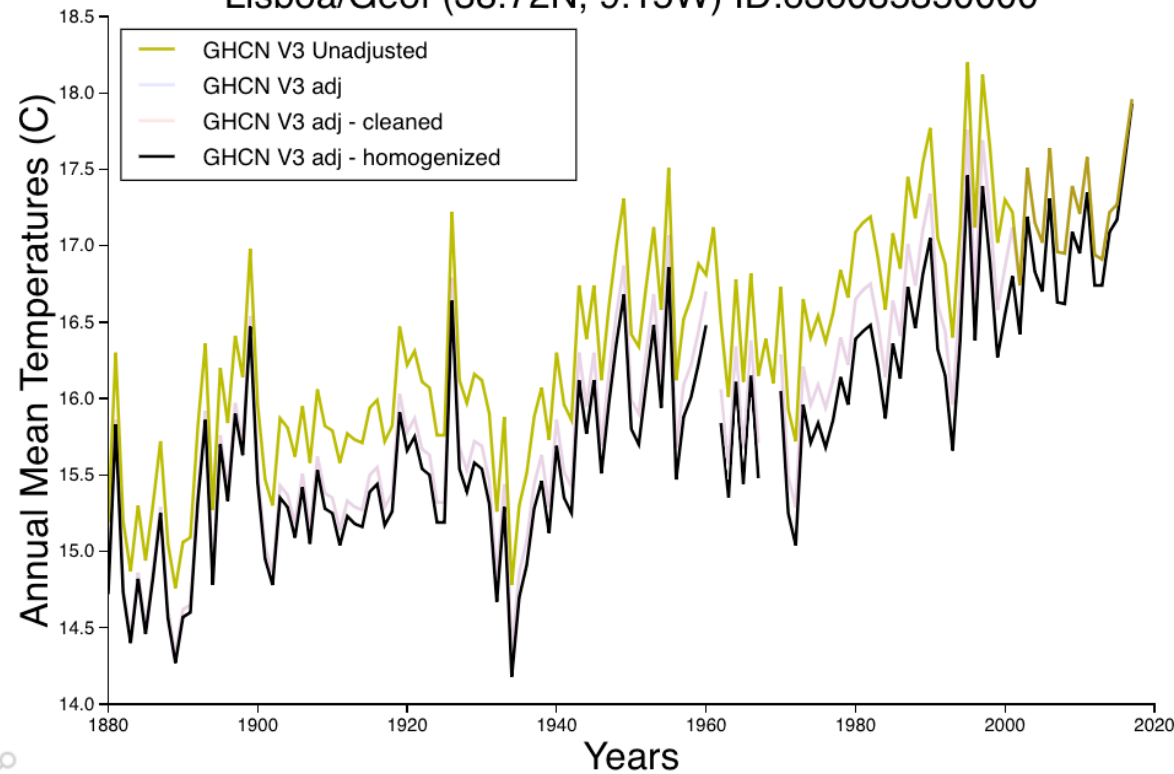
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GISS Surface Temperature Analysis

Station Data: Lisboa/Geof (38.72N, 9.15W)

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The “adjustments”: the high temperatures in the recent past (1998) were discarded

No more uncorrected data!!! They are homogenized!

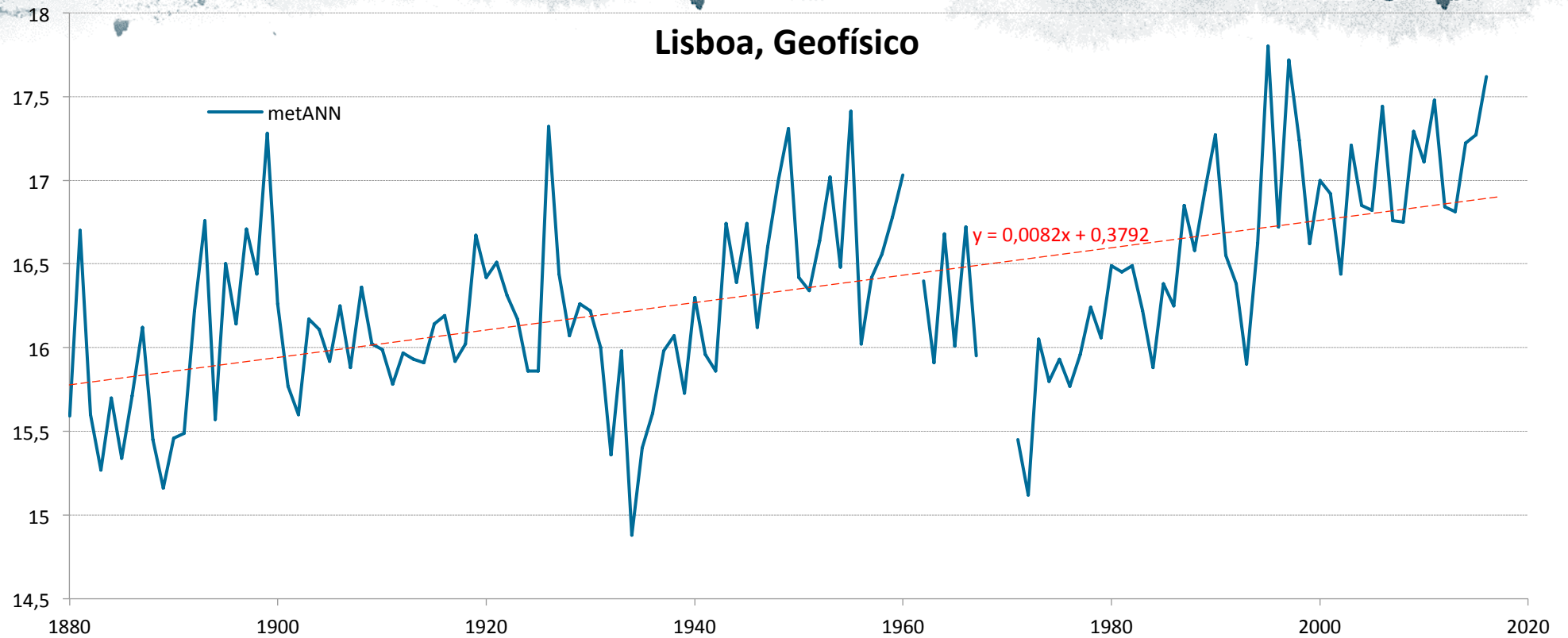
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GHCN V3 adj - homogenized

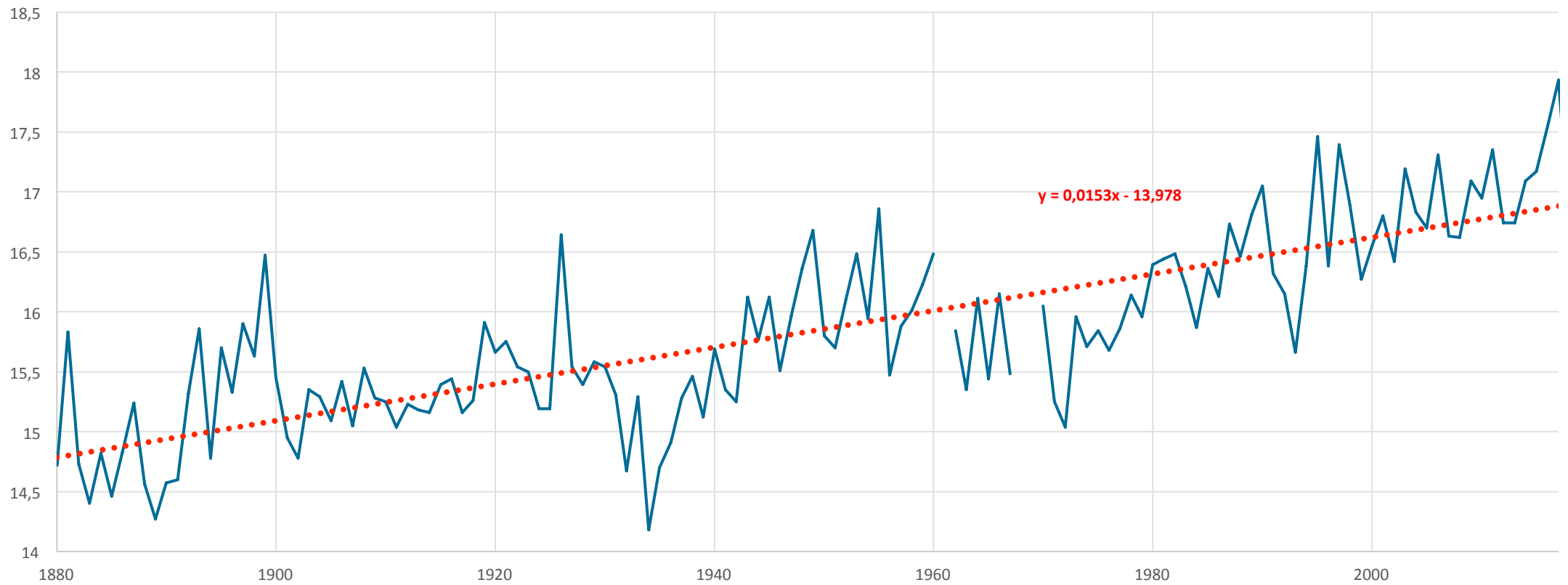
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1882	9.63	11.43	13.03	13.53	15.13	17.43	19.83	20.53	17.53	15.93	13.23	10.23	10.20	13.90	19.26	15.56	14.73
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1886	9.22	9.92	13.22	13.62	15.02	18.52	21.12	21.52	19.22	15.22	11.52	11.02	9.65	13.95	20.39	15.32	14.83
1887	9.62	9.32	12.72	12.82	16.12	21.52	21.72	21.62	18.72	14.92	12.82	9.51	9.99	13.89	21.62	15.49	15.24
1888	9.31	7.71	10.61	12.21	17.11	18.11	19.21	21.01	20.11	16.71	13.11	11.11	8.84	13.31	19.44	16.64	14.56
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1890	10.41	9.31	10.61	12.81	13.81	20.21	20.01	19.41	19.61	17.51	12.41	9.21	9.48	12.41	19.88	16.51	14.57
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1895	9.20	12.20	10.90	13.80	17.00	19.40	20.50	21.60	20.20	17.60	15.40	11.99	10.67	13.90	20.50	17.73	15.70

The “uncorrected” data: trend=0,0082



Lisboa: 1880-2017, "homogenized" data; trend=0,0153: almost the double!

Lisboa: 1880-2017 ("homogenized" data)



An hidden cat with this tail off ;-)



Thanks for your attention!

