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# GNSS Tide Gauge

## **Measuring sea surface height using GNSS-signals**

During 2008 we started a project to measure sea level and its variations using GNSS-signals. We plan to install two GNSS-antennas at the coast at the Onsala Space Observatory, one looking upward and another one looking downward towards the sea surface. The upward looking antenna receives the directly incoming GNSS-signals while the downwards looking antenna receives the signals that are reflected on the sea surface. The analysis of phase measurements performed with the corresponding GNSS-receivers will give results for the sea surface height and its variation. Figure 4 shows a test installation of the two GNSS-antennas at the coast at Onsala.

Right-circular  
polarised antenna



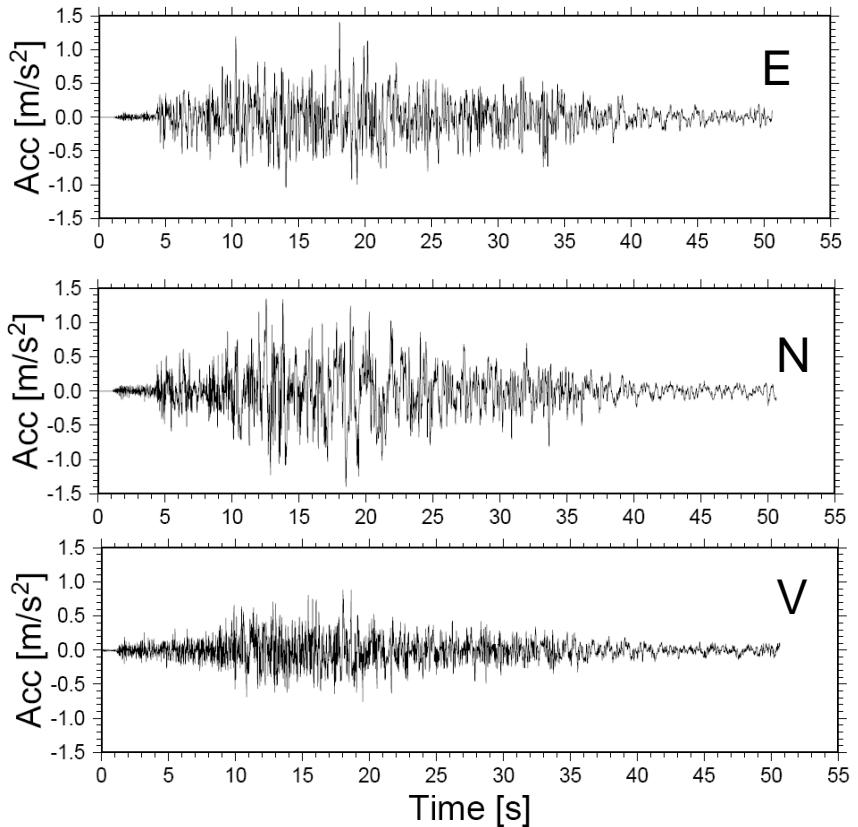
Left-circular  
polarised antenna

# GNSS seismometry

- **GNSS-measurements of simulated seismic events**

During 2008 we performed several hundred simulations of seismic events with an industrial robot. A GNSS antenna was mounted on top of the robot (see Figure 23) and its movements were measured with a high-rate GNSS receiver. The analysis The RMS-differences between the commanded robot positions and determined coordinates, derived from GNSS-measurements with 20 Hz sampling and differential analysis on a 60 km long baseline, are on the order of 4–5 millimetres for the horizontal and about 9 mm for the vertical position.

## Acceleration (seism. observations)

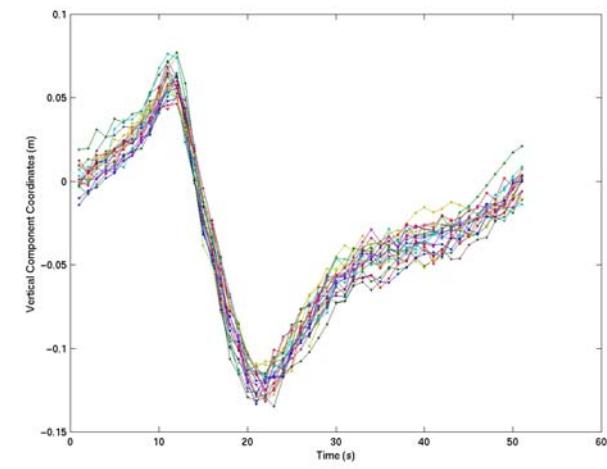
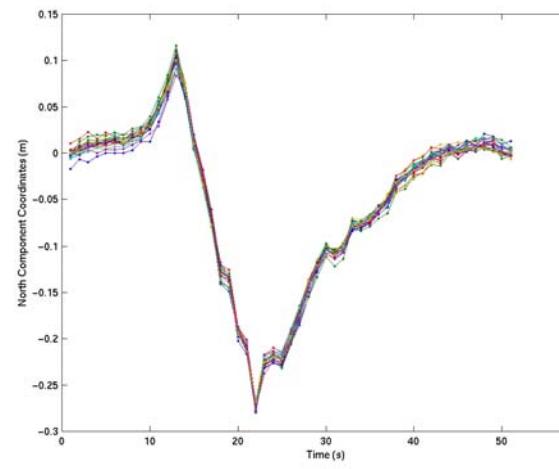
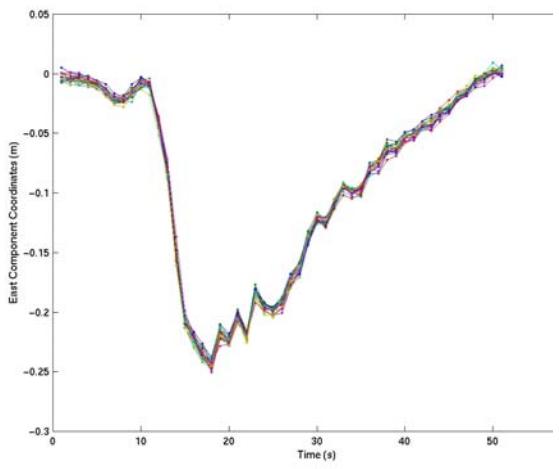
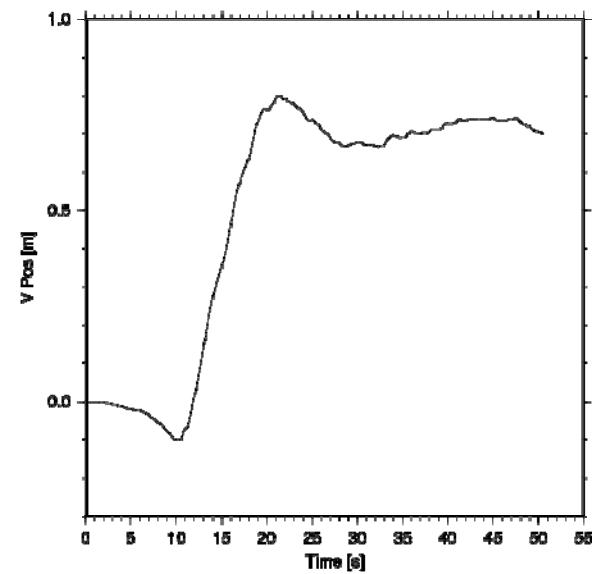
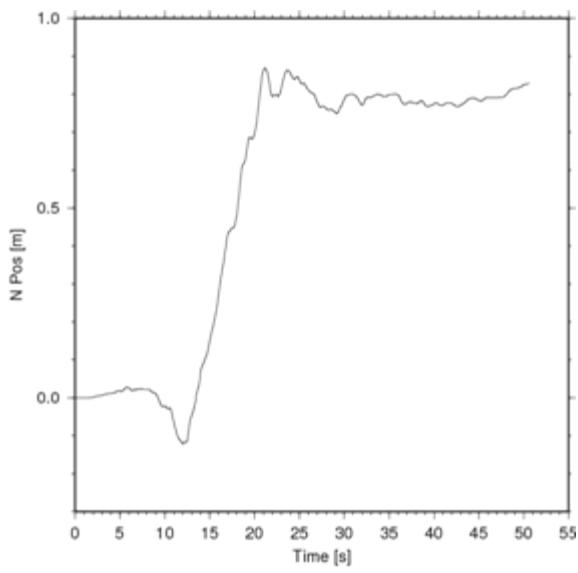
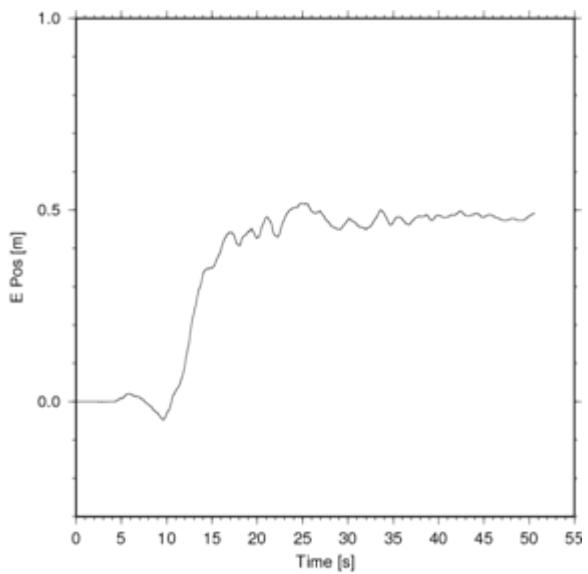


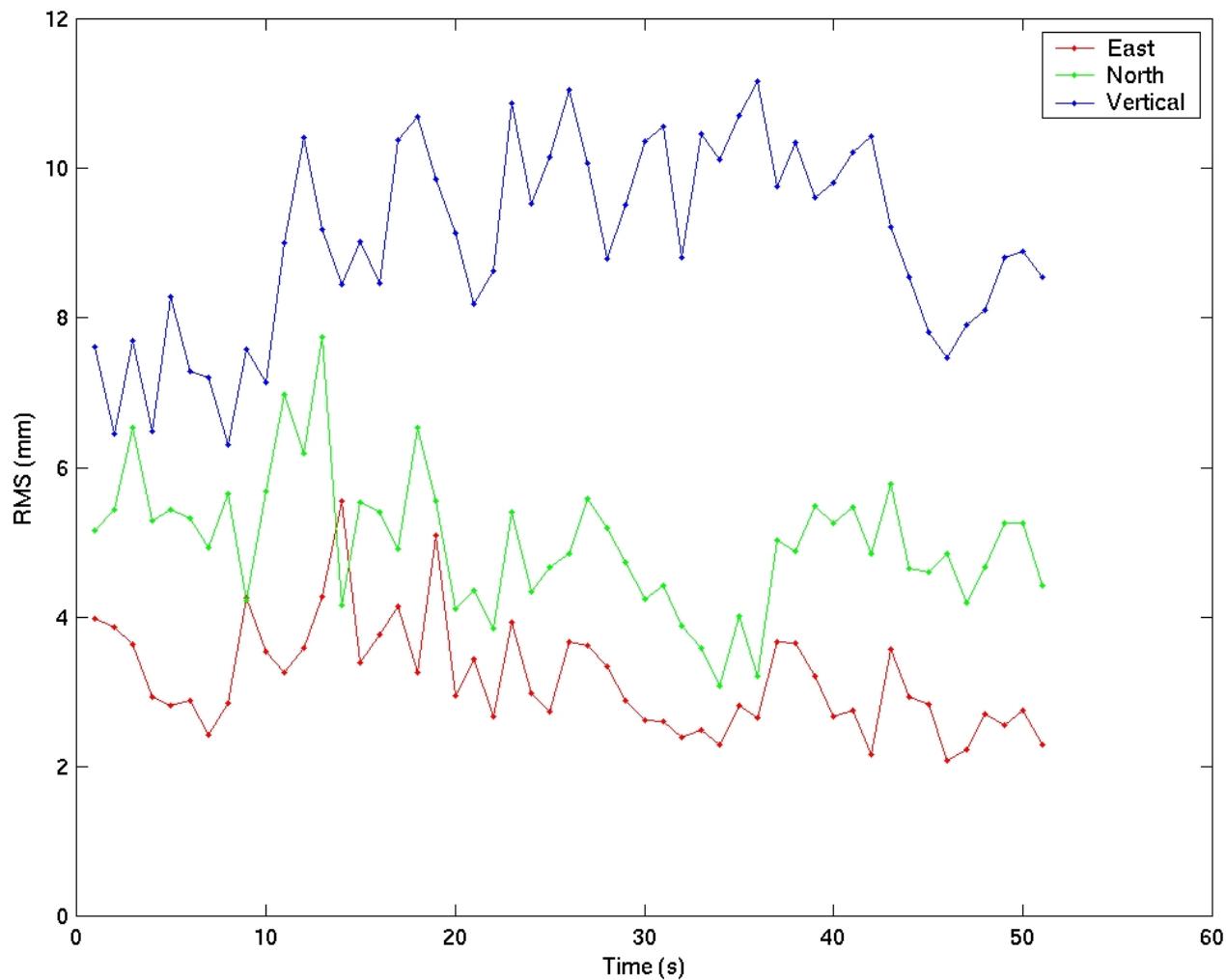
Simulate Michoacán (Mexico)  
earthquake Sep 19, 1985,  $M_w=8.0$

Parameter	Michoacán	empirical
<b>Subsurface rupture length</b>	180 km	200 km
<b>Rupture area</b>	$9000 \text{ km}^2$	$10\,000 \text{ km}^2$
<b>Displacement</b>	$\sim 6.5 \text{ m}$	0.8 ... 3 m

## Note that the robot movements

- are scaled with a factor -0.5
  - since its range is limited
  - why the minus is not clear
- have been ramped so that  
end point = start point
  - In order to avoid heavy accelerations

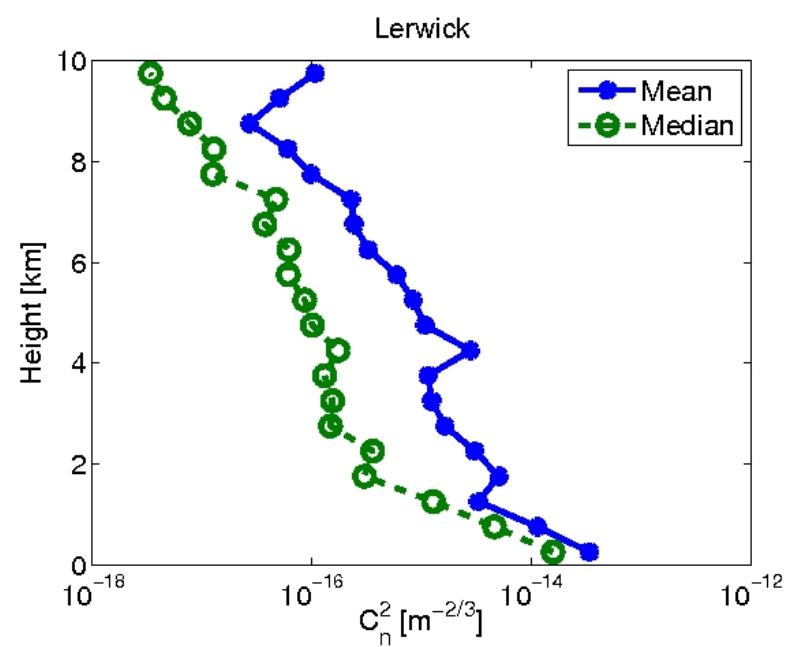
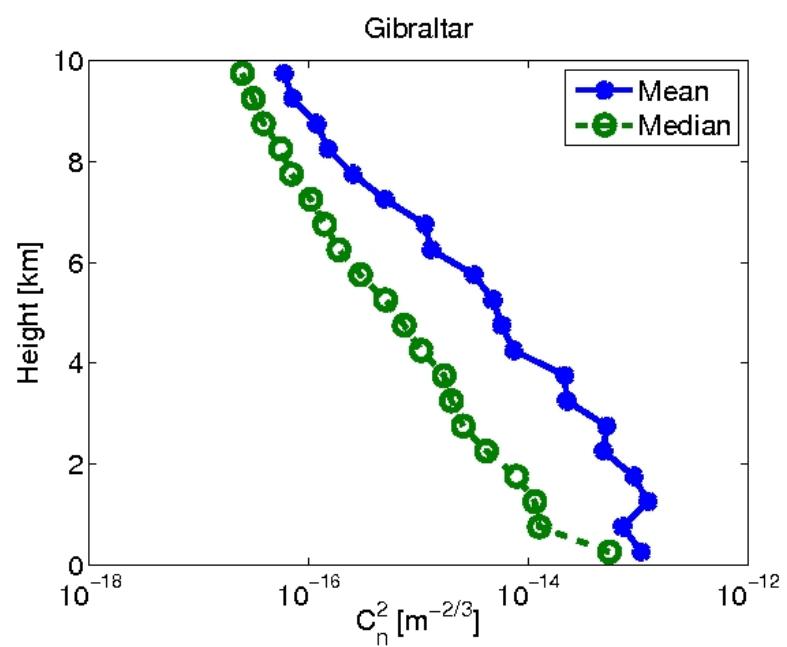


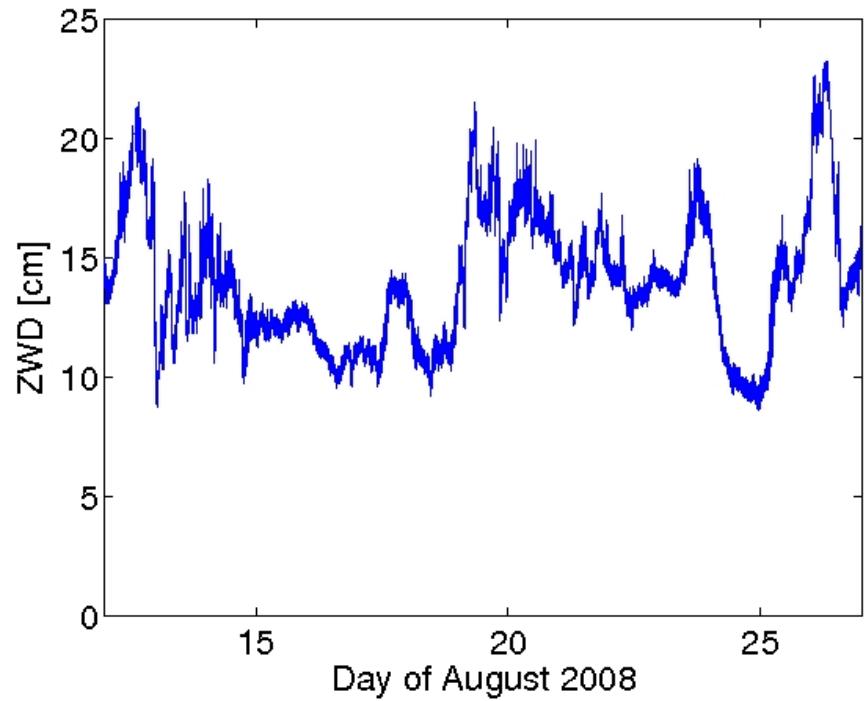


# VLBI

- **Simulations of atmospheric propagation delays using turbulence models**

We contribute to the development of VLBI2010, the next generation geodetic Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI) system, with simulations of atmospheric propagation delays. These simulations are based on turbulence models and aim at producing realistic delays that can be used to systematically study different VLBI2010 designs. The parameters  $C_n$  that describe atmospheric turbulence are derived from high-resolution radiosonde profiles. As examples, Figure 1 and 2 give mean and median  $C_n$  profiles derived from a whole year of radiosonde profiles taken at Gibraltar and Lerwick, respectively.





- Tropospheric wet delay from GPS during the CONT08 experiment

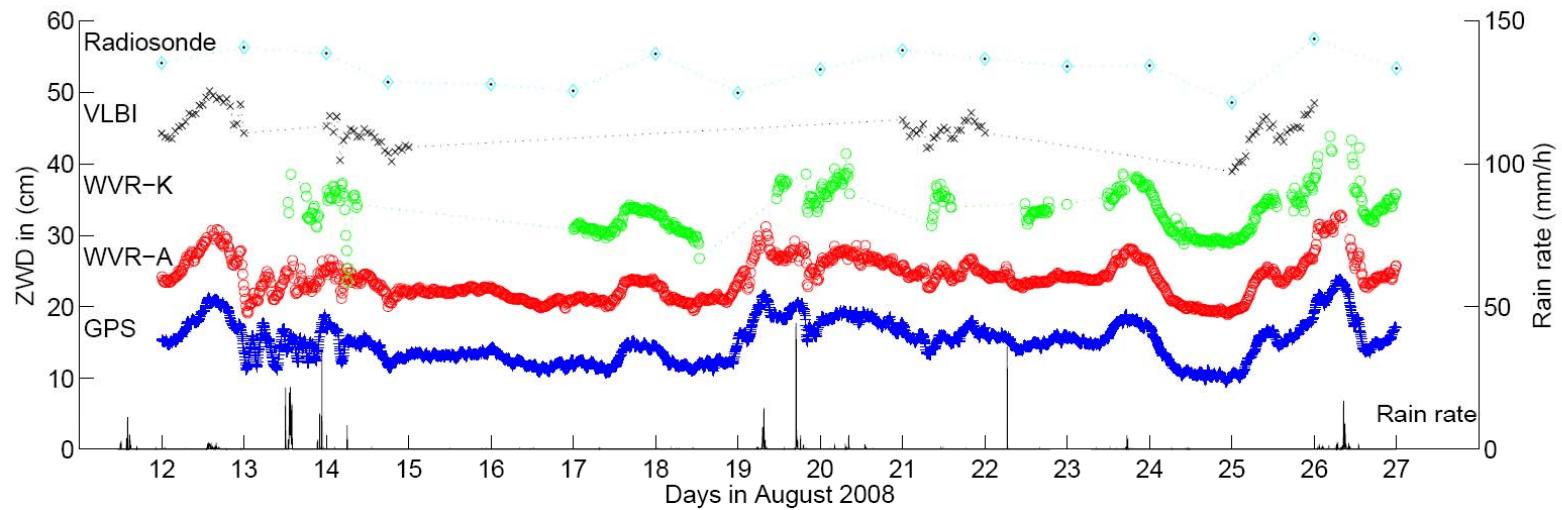
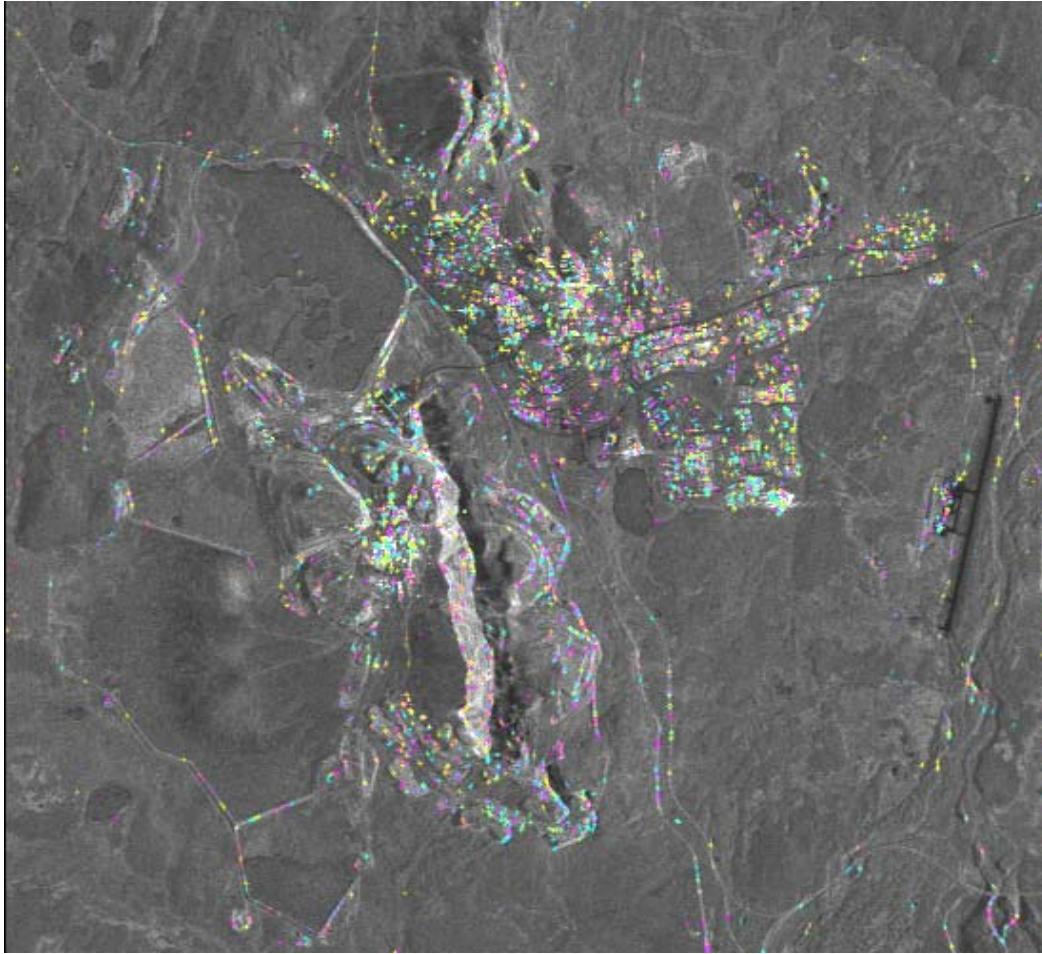


Figure 1. Time series of zenith wet delay (ZWD) and rain rate for Onsala during CONT08. Shown are ZWD-results from GPS (blue plus signs), the microwave radiometers Astrid (WVR-A, red circles) and Konrad (WVR-K, green circles), VLBI (black crosses), and radiosonde observations at Landvetter airport (cyan diamonds with black dots). To improve readability, the results are shown with offsets of +10 to +40 cm with respect to the GPS results that are shown on the correct level. Rain rate observations are displayed in black at the bottom of the figure and refer to the right scale.

# Interferometric SAR Permanent Point-Targets



Kiruna

# Kiruna and Pärvie Postglacial Fault

- ERS1-ERS2 Single-Look Complex  
25 pairs to one master image, 1994-2005
- LMV's DEM model

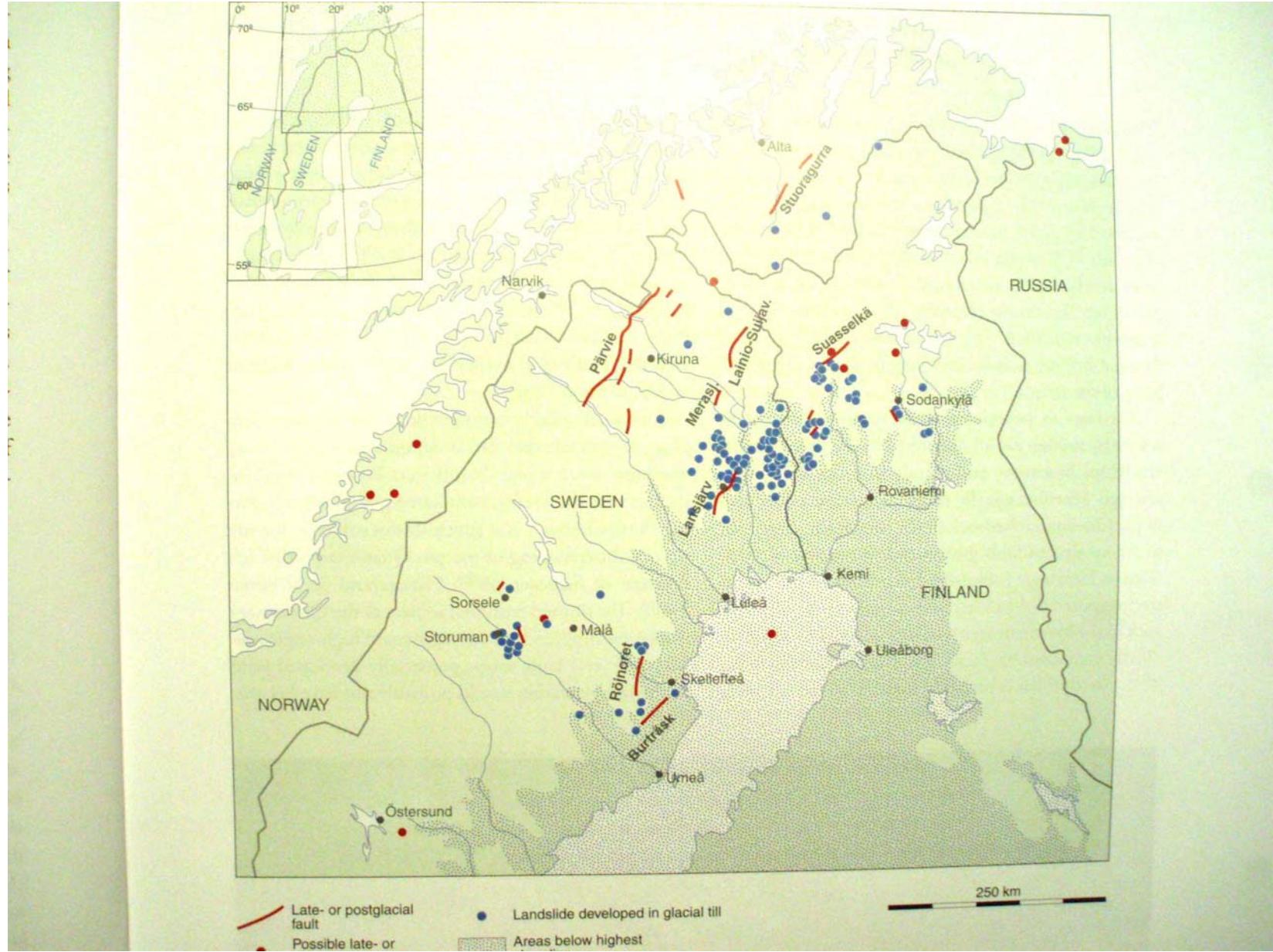
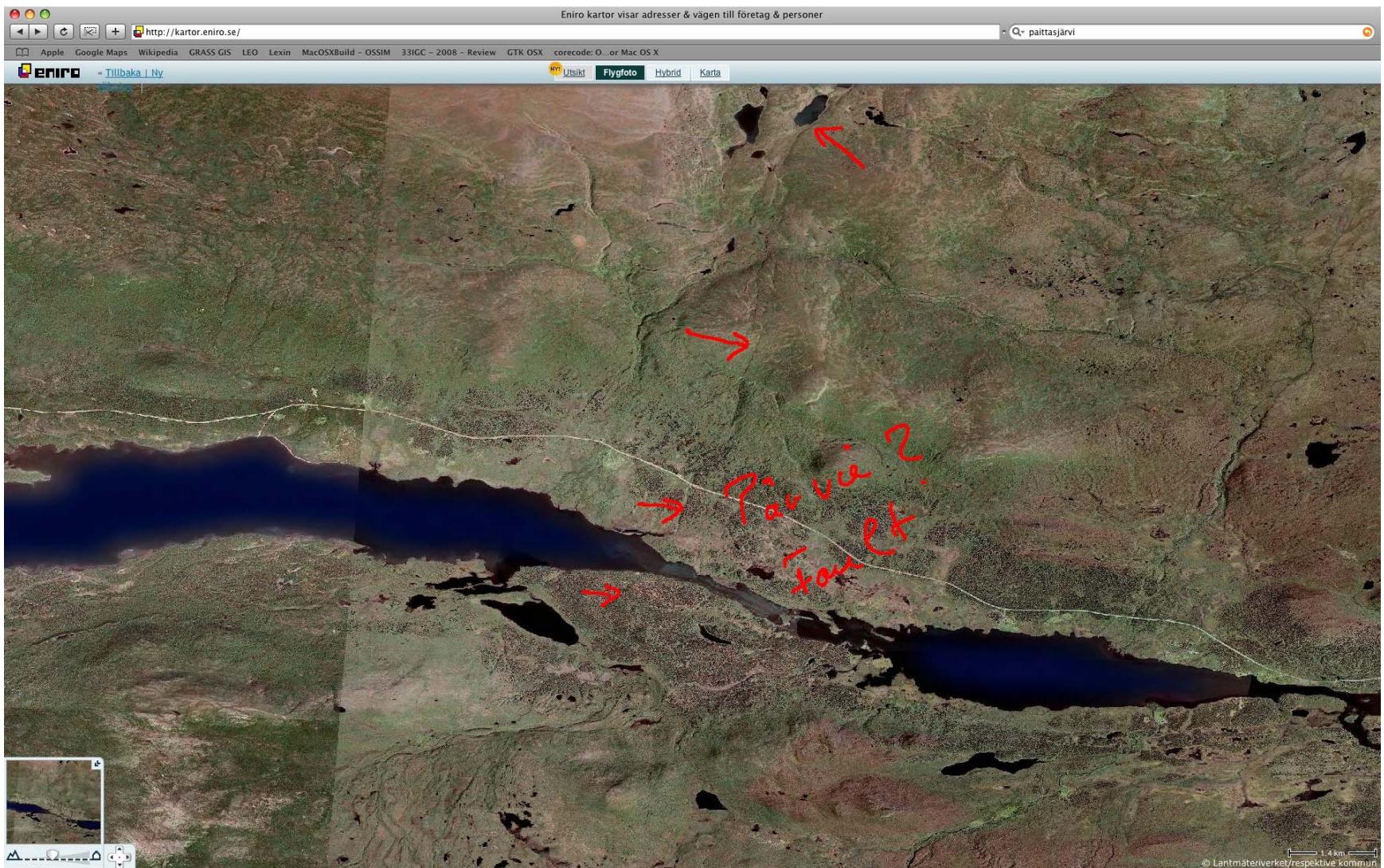




Fig. 11. Typical appearance of a fault scarp when developed in glacial till. The Pärvie fault at the western foot of Mt Tsåktso, some 70 km north of Kiruna. Photo: R. Lagerbäck.



# Gravimeter station

- SCG monument in passive-climate inner cabin
- 2 AG monuments: 2100 x 1200 + 1000 x 1200 mm
  - mechanically decoupled
  - Air draft protected
  - 1.5 m high, concrete blocks
  - No steel reinforcements used
  - On bedrock
  - Rock surface honed to ascertain drainage of surface water into a controlled well
- Climatised ( $\pm 0.5$  °C), no windows
  - Heat insulating apron 3 m wide
  - Heat produced in the cabin will warm the rock surface by means of air circulation



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*[sic]*

*Zum*  
*Herzlichen*  
*Glückwunsch*  
*von*  
+ Ludger und Klaus



A photograph of a man with grey hair, wearing a white polo shirt, a dark jacket, and light-colored pants, standing next to several large wooden shipping crates. The crates are stacked in two rows. The visible labels on the crates include 'GNR' and 'GWR'. The man is leaning against one of the crates, resting his head on his hand. The background shows a red brick building with a grey roof and some industrial equipment. Handwritten text in blue ink is overlaid on the left side of the image, expressing congratulations from Ludger and Klaus.

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## Absolute-gravity monument

2100 x 1200 mm



A second monument will  
be built next to it

1200 x 1000 mm

# Additional installations

- Ground water observing well in the bedrock near the monuments: water head and temperature
- Pumping well: water head and temperature
- Observing well in wetland at 150 m distance: water head and temperature
- 4 m vertical Invar rod to monitor seasonal thermal expansion, with rock temperature sensor
- SCG monument with 4 temperature sensors

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