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## SUMMARY

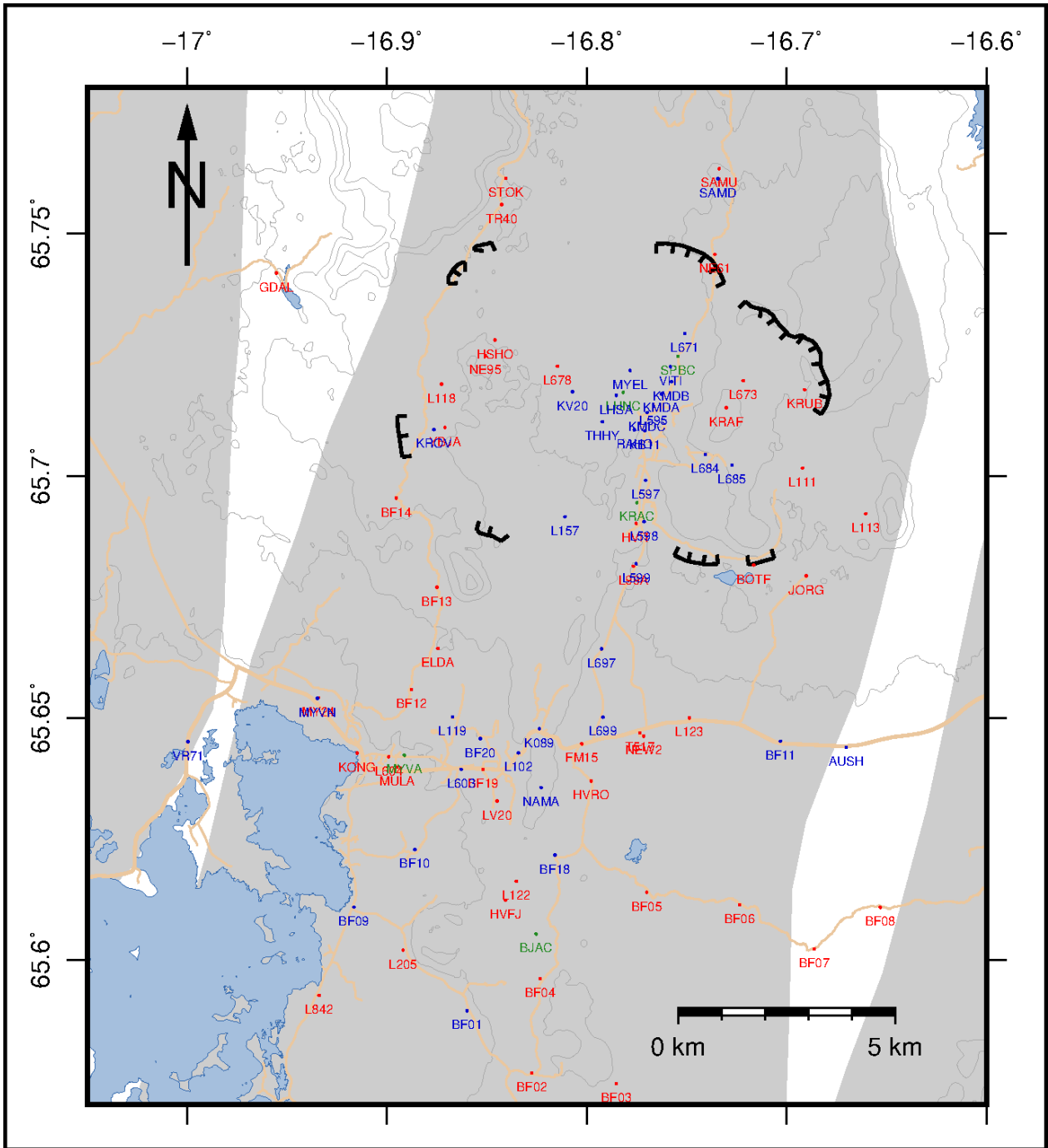
We report GNSS surveying carried out in Krafla, Námafjall and Þeistareykir areas in the summer of 2021. An overview of the measurements is provided, followed by results showing time series of ground displacements and vector displacements. Geodetic modelling is also provided. The analysis of GNSS time series helps to define the temporal and spatial evolution of the deformation. At Krafla, deformation patterns changed in the middle of 2018. Difference of velocity fields prior to and after 2018 reveal inflation pattern at rate of few mm/yr; observed in the caldera for the first time since 1989. After an initial faster deformation phase (fall 2018 - end 2019), the deformation rate was less in 2020. The responsible process may continue at present. The maximum deformation area is localized in the middle of the caldera, in-between Leirhnjúkur and the IDDP-1 well. Modelling of the inflation deformation favours a point source of pressure model at 2.1– 2.8 km depth, centred ~0.5 km north-west to the IDDP-1 borehole. The GNSS time series analysis carried out in Þeistareykir area shows no significant deformation, except for a localized area north-west of Bæjarfjall, up to 2-3 mm/yr.

## 1. GNSS MEASUREMENTS

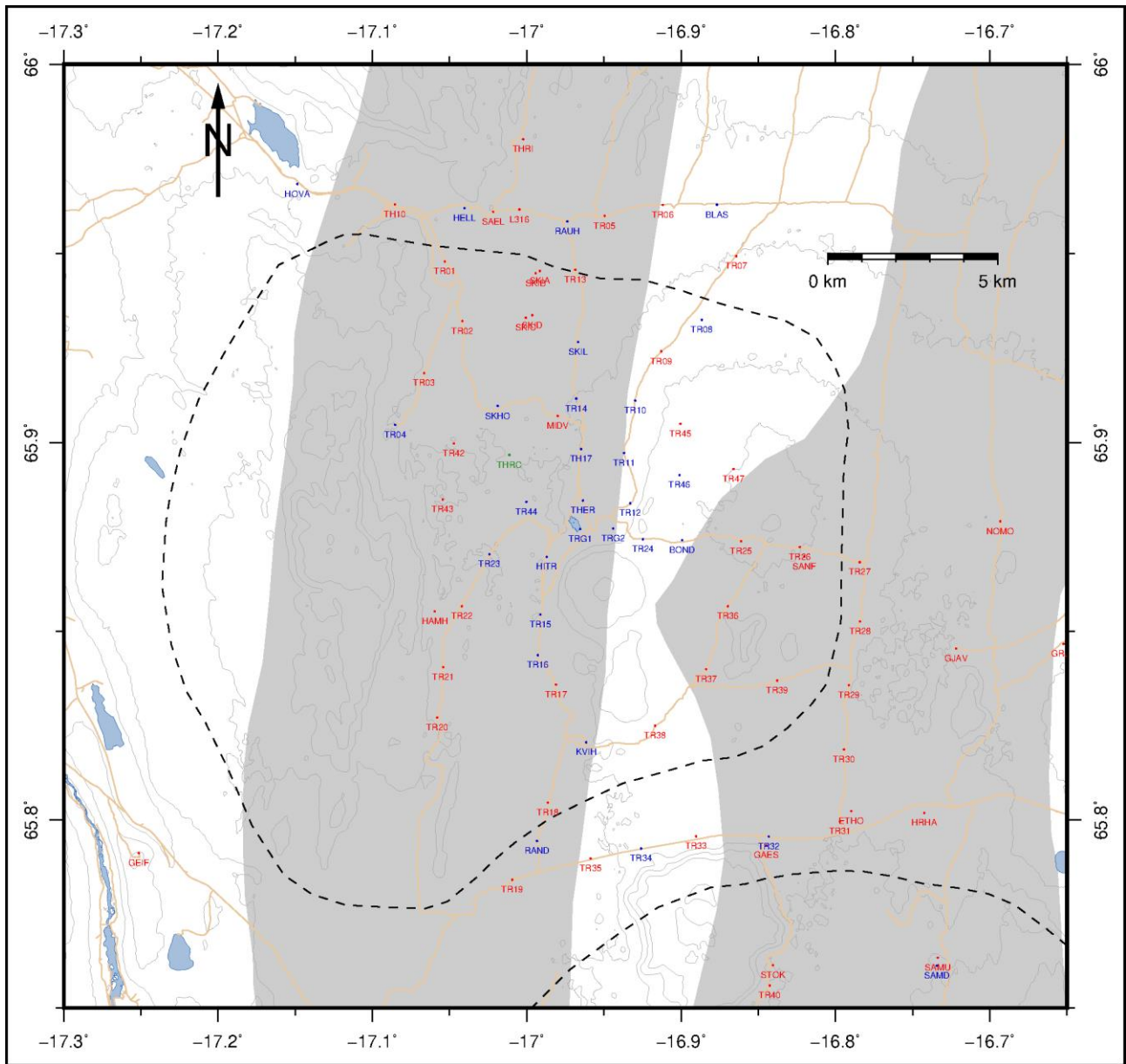
Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) use constellations of satellites orbiting over the Earth's surface, transmitting signals that enable users to determine their position and perform accurate geodetic measurements. One of the satellite constellations is the Global Positioning System (GPS). GNSS equipment produced in recent years can typically track signals from other networks additional to the GPS system, and therefore the measurements are referred to as GNSS-measurements. More satellites generally result in increased accuracy of geodetic measurements.

A dense network with more than 90 GNSS sites has been established through the years to monitor the ground deformation at Krafla, Námafjall and Þeistareykir areas (Figures 1 and 2). Data processing so far have only utilized signals from the GPS system. The network consists of continuous GNSS stations (Table 1) and stations occupied during campaign measurements (Figure 3). Campaign sites are typically occupied for one or several days to achieve sufficient accuracy.

GNSS measurements in 2021 (Appendix A) were planned to optimize the spatial coverage of the areas of highest interest. Length and quality of time series from data collected in previous surveys and geodetic monument stability was also taken into consideration when selecting sites to measure in 2021.



**Figure 1.** GNSS stations in the Krafla and Námafjall area in 2021. Continuous stations are shown with a green label, campaign sites measured in 2021 with a blue label. Stations with a red label have been measured in earlier years, but not in 2021.



**Figure 2.** GNSS stations in Peistareykir area in 2021. Continuous stations are shown with a green label, campaign sites measured in 2021 with a blue label. Stations with a red label have been measured in earlier years, but not in 2021.

**Table 1.** Continuous GNSS sites.

| Location     | Station name | Start of recording |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Krafla       | KRAC         | 2011               |
| Krafla       | LHNC         | November 2019      |
| Krafla       | SPBC         | November 2019      |
| Námafjall    | BJAC         | 2012               |
| Mývatn       | MYVA         | 2006               |
| Þeistareykir | THRC         | 2011               |



**Figure 3.** GNSS measurements. Left: a continuous GNSS site (KRAC), which collects data night and day for long times. Right: GNSS temporary set-up of equipment during campaign measurements (shorter time, typically several days, for each single GNSS site).

### 1.1 Equipment and measurements

GNSS receivers for the 2021 campaign measurements were configured to sample appropriate satellite data every 15 seconds. Each campaign GNSS station was occupied for at least 48 hours. Instruments used for the measurements were from the Institute of Earth Sciences (IES) at University

of Iceland, and King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST). Receiver types used in this campaign were: Trimble 5700, Septentrio PolarX5 and NetR9. The antenna type used in the 2021 campaign is: Trimble Zephyr Geodetic (TRM41249.00 and TRM57971.00).

Measurement accuracy is related to the quality of the tripod and antenna set and its stability during observations. Antennas need to be precisely centred and levelled above the geodetic benchmark on the ground, and the antenna height needs to be carefully measured. We measured the slant antenna height (the distance from the benchmark on the ground to the bottom edge of the antenna) both in meters and feet, for redundancy (Appendix B). The slant height is then changed into vertical height when data is prepared for analyses. It is best practice to orient each antenna in the same geographic direction. In our case all the antennas have been aligned to the true north, using a compass with 13 degrees magnetic declination. Antennas are installed on a tribrach fastened to a tripod, ensuring their centring over the benchmark on the ground. The antenna height and centring, as well as level of the antenna are checked at the beginning and end of each measurement.

For each GNSS site we fill out a log-sheet form. This document includes all relevant information regarding the occupation, such as: observer, session start and end of recording, receiver and antenna serial numbers, antenna height at the beginning and end of the survey. An example of a log-sheet form is shown in Appendix C.

All the continuous GNSS sites were operating during the time of the 2021 campaign survey.

## **2. DATA ANALYSIS**

### **2.1 Data collection**

The data recorded by the receivers were downloaded in the field after a quick quality check. Data processing typically requires internet to access continuous station data, precise satellite orbits, and other detailed information for the processing. Several organizations provide precise satellite orbital information, which is calculated daily and available with a two-week delay. The use of this information (rather than the orbital information broadcast by the satellites) improves accuracy of station coordinate solutions significantly.

The raw data files are translated into so-called RINEX (Receiver Independent Exchange) format, prior to be read into the most used processing software (Gurtner, 2007). The translation, editing and quality check of the data has been made with the TEQC software (Estey et al., 1999).

## 2.2 Data processing

The RINEX files for campaign sites were analysed at the University of Iceland with the GAMIT-GLOBK software (Herring et al., 2010a; Herring et al., 2010b). The resulting time series were then analysed with Tsview software (Herring and McClusky, 2009). Site positions were evaluated in the ITRF2014 reference frame using over 100 worldwide reference stations. The data were corrected for ocean tidal loading using the FES2004 model (Lyard et al., 2006). The time-series were corrected for the velocity of stable Eurasian plate using the GAMIT-GLOBK software, based on the ITRF2008 plate motion model (Altamimi et al., 2012).

The GAMIT software consists of a collection of programs used for the analysis of GPS data. It uses the GPS carrier phase and pseudorange observables to estimate three-dimensional relative positions of ground stations and satellite orbits, atmospheric delays, and earth orientation parameters. The GLOBK software utilizes a Kalman filter which primary purpose is to combine various geodetic solutions. It accepts as data, or "quasi-observations" the estimates and covariance matrices for station coordinates, earth-orientation parameters, orbital parameters, and source positions generated from the analysis of the primary observations. The GAMIT-GLOBK software analysis has been developed by MIT, Scripps Institution of Oceanography and Harvard University with support from the National Science Foundation.

The processing for KRAC continuous station has been made with both GAMIT-GLOBK software (by Sigrún Hreinsdóttir), and with GIPSY-OASIS II software (Zumberge et al., 1997) by Halldór Geirsson. Both solutions are shown here, to ensure consistency of the evolution of the signals observed. The LHNC and SPBC continuous sites have been processed only with GIPSY-OASIS II software. GIPSY-OASIS II is an automated, fast, ultra-precise high precision GPS data processing software package with strict data quality control developed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California.

## 2.3 Krafla time series

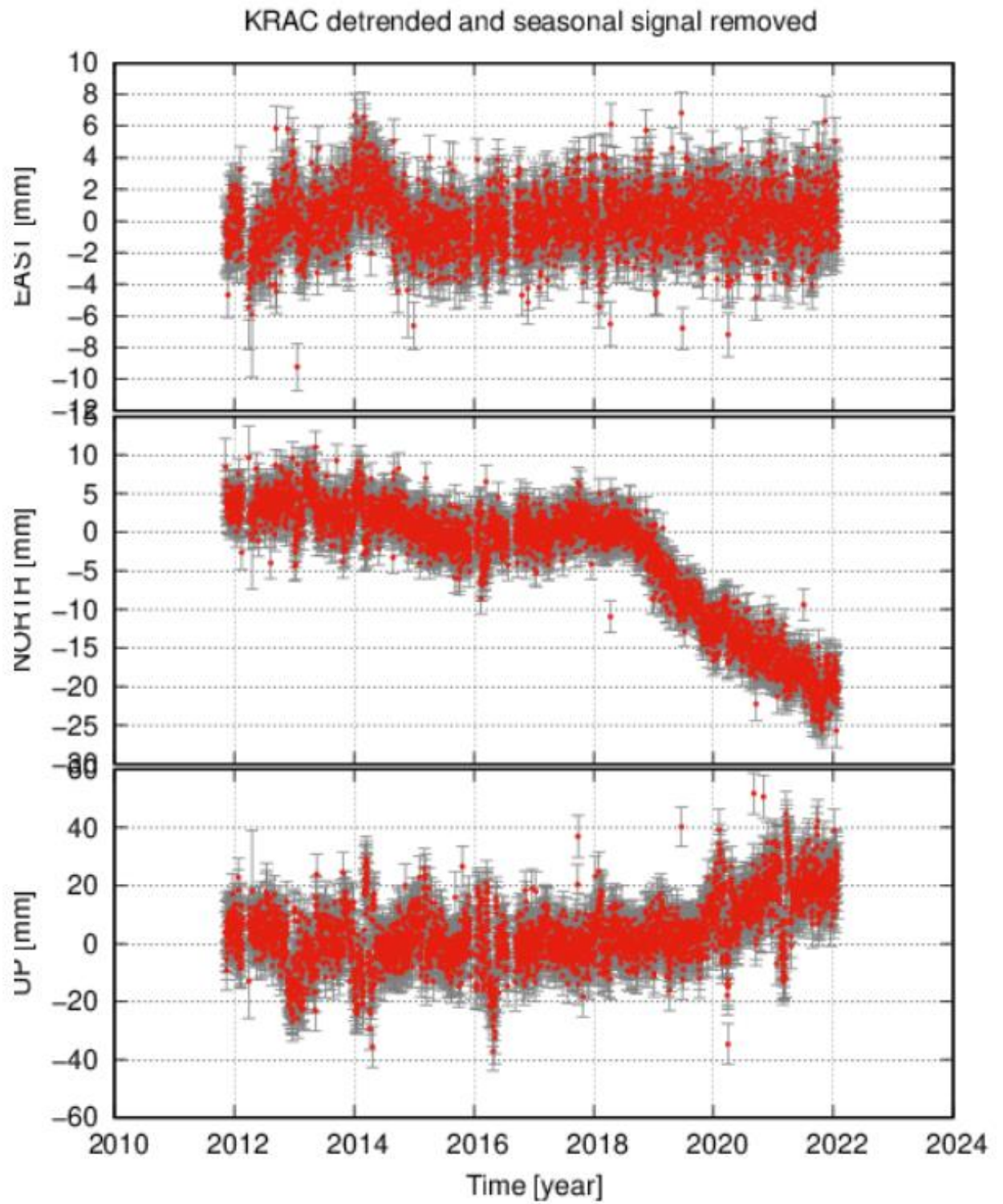
The time series for the KRAC GNSS station is shown in Figure 4 and 5. It is detrended by removing a constant trend, as well as annual and semi-annual variations in both time-series from processing with GAMIT-GLOBK and GIPSY-OASIS II. The two solutions agree quite well with some minor deviations.

Following steady movement prior to middle of 2018, except for minor changes in relation to the 2014 Bardarbunga dike propagation and eruption, both time series show a southward movement beginning in fall 2018 and continuing to present. In fall 2018 to 2020, the analyses indicate an initial



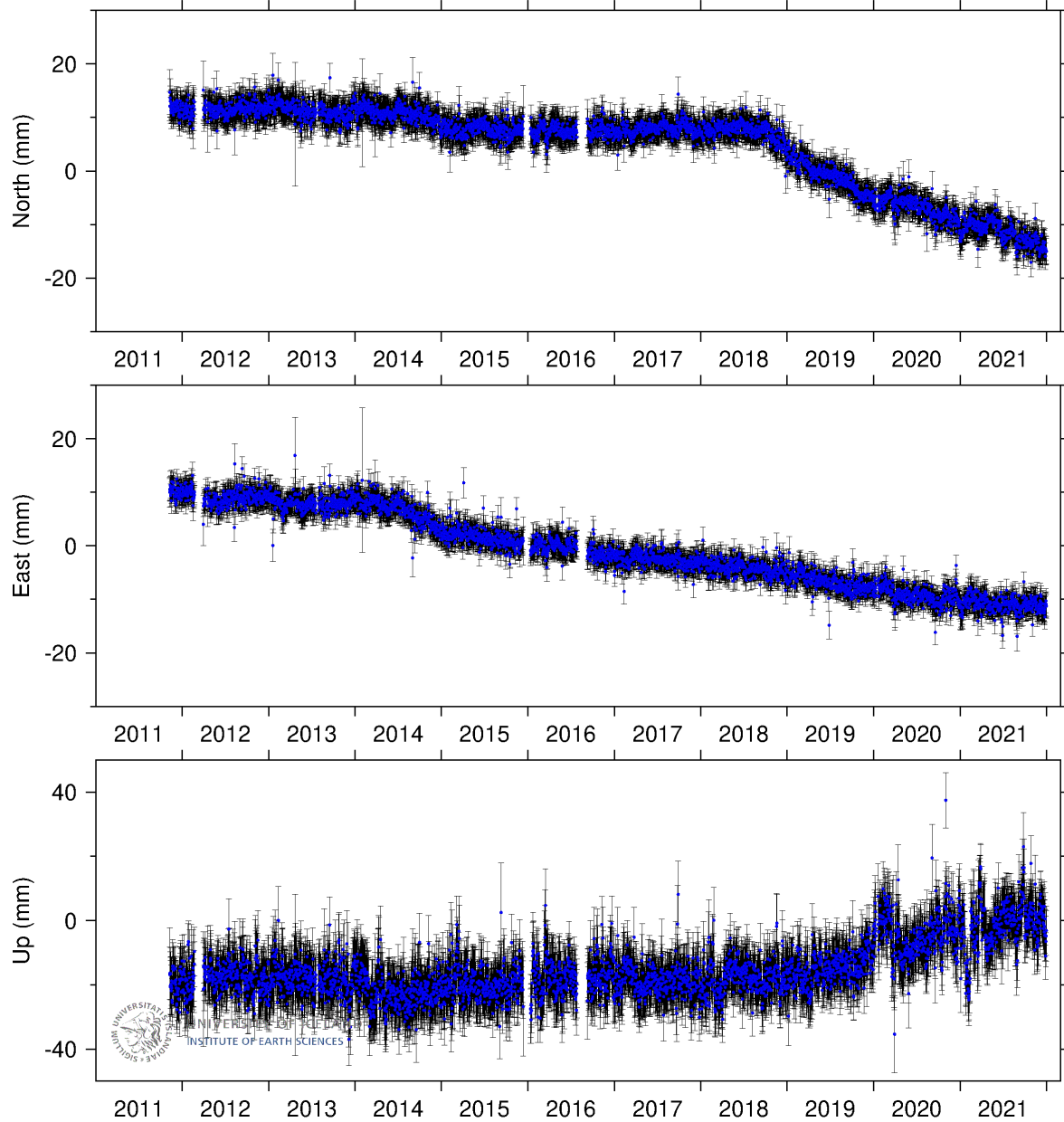
faster southern movement which subdued at the beginning of 2020 and keeps at constant rate until the end of 2021. The vertical component of both time series agree in showing a delayed upward movement at the end of 2019, compared to the onset of the southern motion that began in fall 2018. In 2021, this motion has slowed down.

In summary, the time series show a similar pattern, and local changes between the two time series are so small that they may result from the different processing approaches.



**Figure 4.** GNSS time series for KRAC GNSS station at Krafla as analysed by Halldór Geirsson with GIPSY-OASIS II software.

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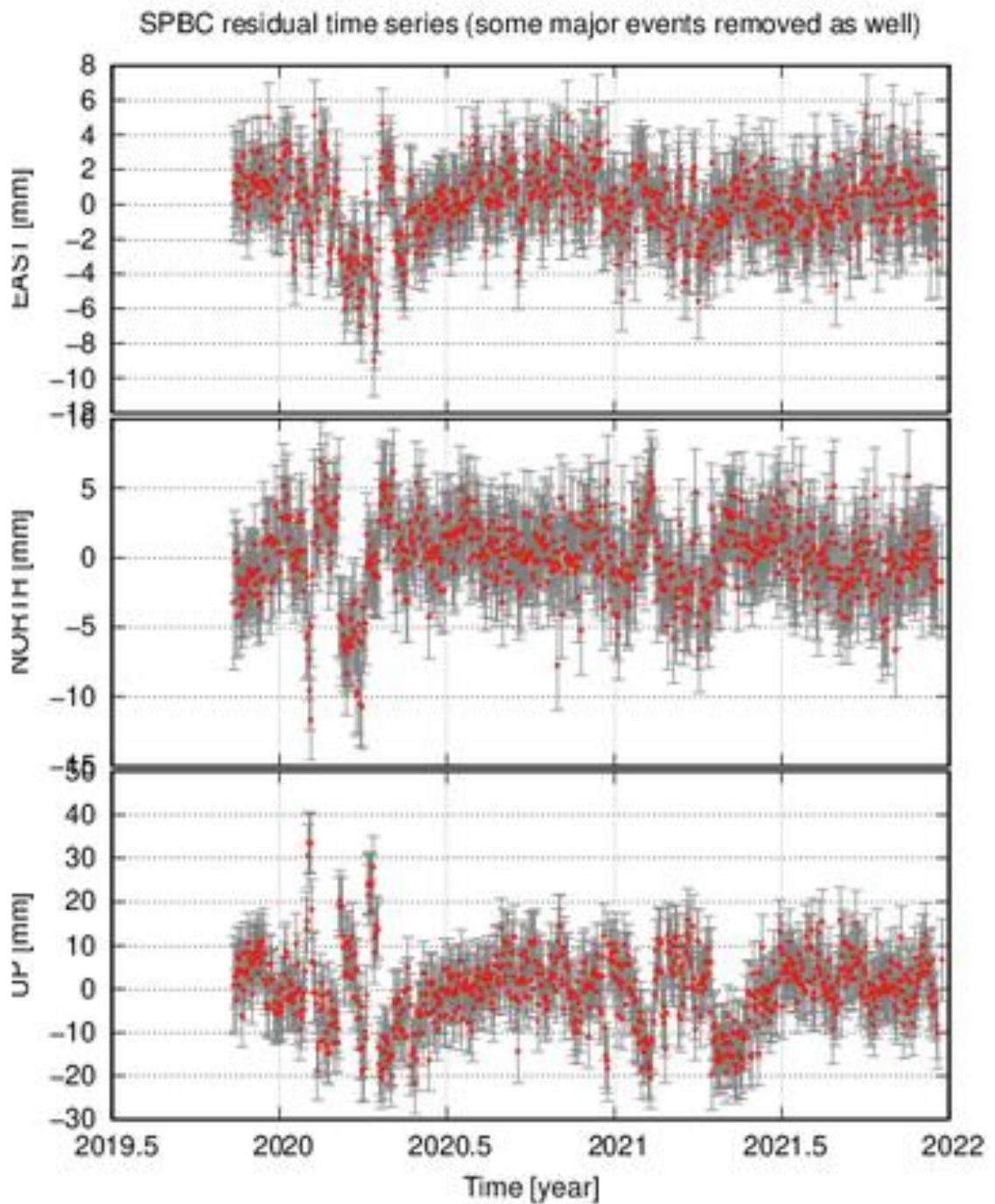


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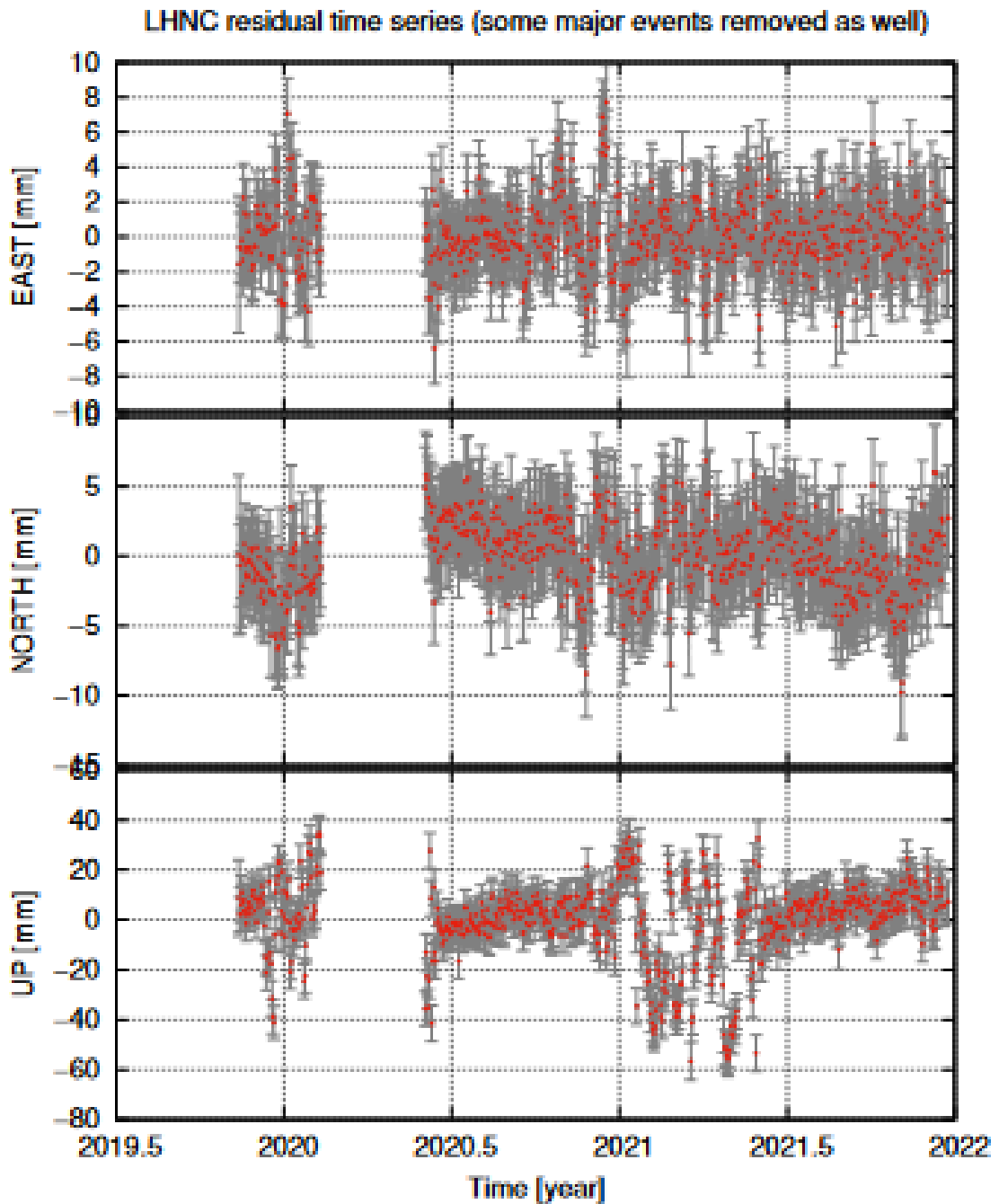
Time series for the LHNC and SPBC continuous stations (Figures 6 and 7) are detrended for only linear variations, as the time series for these two stations are too short to estimate their seasonal signal. In addition, a part of the 2020 data for the LHNC time series has been removed due to major

perturbations during the time span not shown. The most probable cause is presence of a thick snow cover; the station's antenna was buried completely by snow. The winter of 2021 also shows clear signs of perturbations caused by snow, especially in the vertical component of LHNC (Figure 7).

The observations suggest that both LHNC and SPBC sites have moved at relatively steady rates since their installation in late 2019.



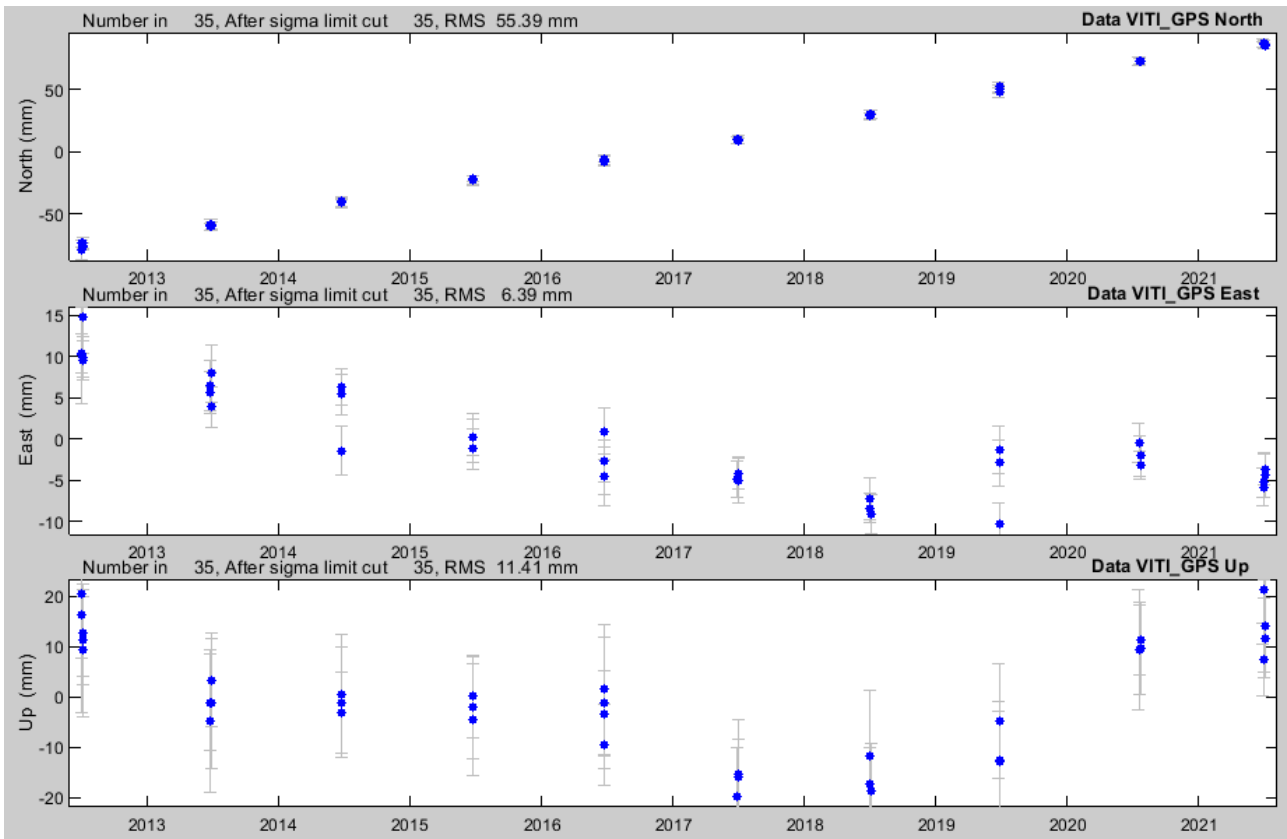
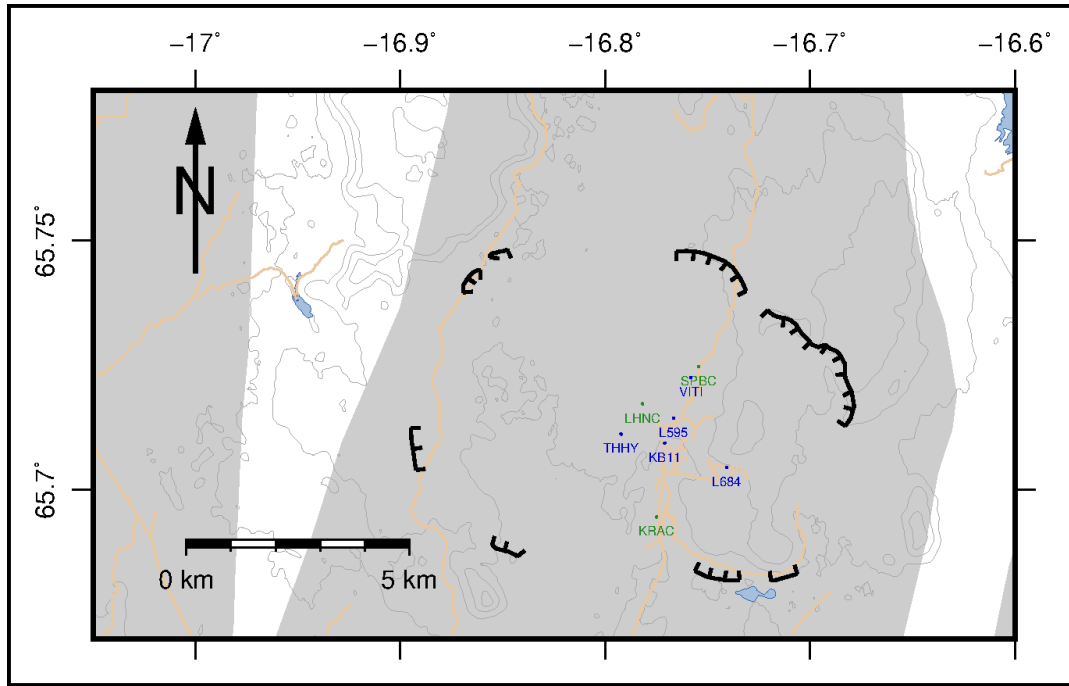
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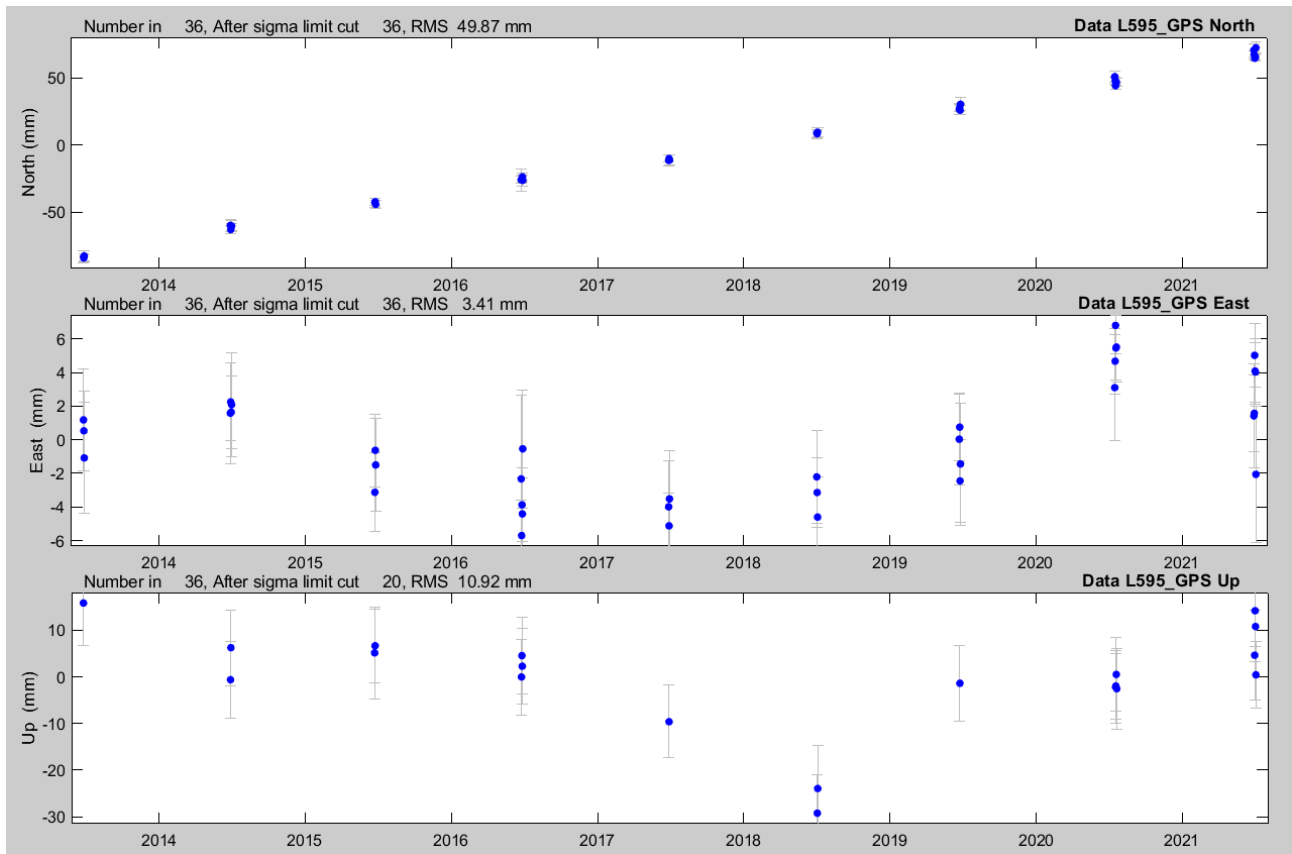
**Figure 7.** GNSS time series for LHNC GNSS station at Krafla as analysed by Halldór Geirsson GIPSY-OASIS II software. Displacements are detrended for linear variations in the ITRF2014.

In the following we show times series of some selected campaign GNSS stations that give further indications of the temporal history of deformation. The stations have been measured yearly since 2012 (Figures 8 - 13). The inferred north movement is rather regular in all the time series being shown. On the other hand, clear changes occur in the east component of VITI (Figure 8), L595 (Figure

8) and THHY (Figure 10) stations where the station move along a different trend after the 2018 measurements. The change is present also in the KB11 (Figure 11) and L684 (Figure 12) stations but seems delayed in the July (for KB11) and November 2019 measurement (for L684). L157 station has not been measured in 2018 but does not seem to show any significant change after 2018. Even though, the up component is noisier than the horizontal components, in all the time series is clear a change in the motion before and after 2018. All the time series shown in Figs 8-13 are in the ITRF2014 reference frame.



**Figure 8.** Upper panel, map for the GNSS time series being shown in Figures 8 (lower panel), 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. Lower panel, time series for station VITI.



**Figure 9.** Time series for station L595.



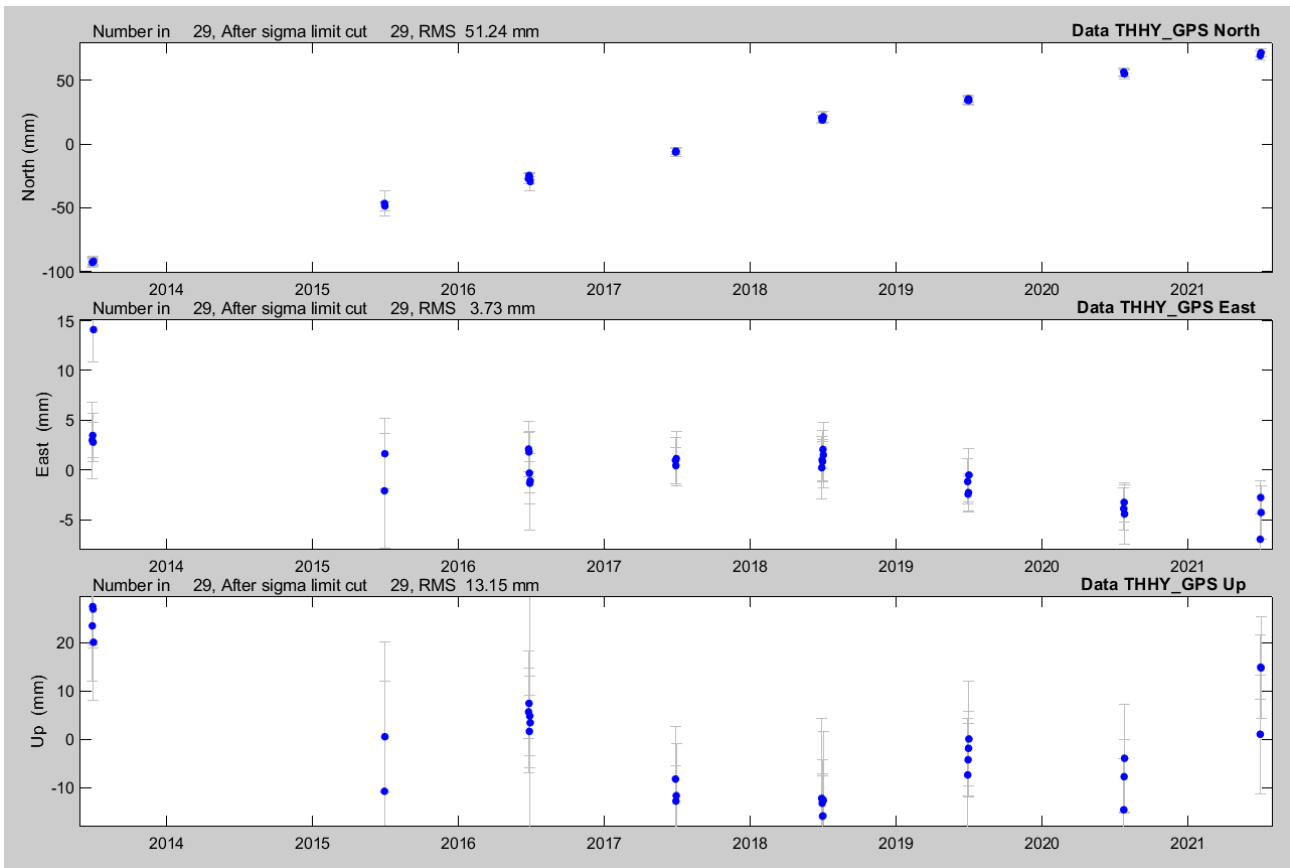


Figure 10. Time series for station THHY.

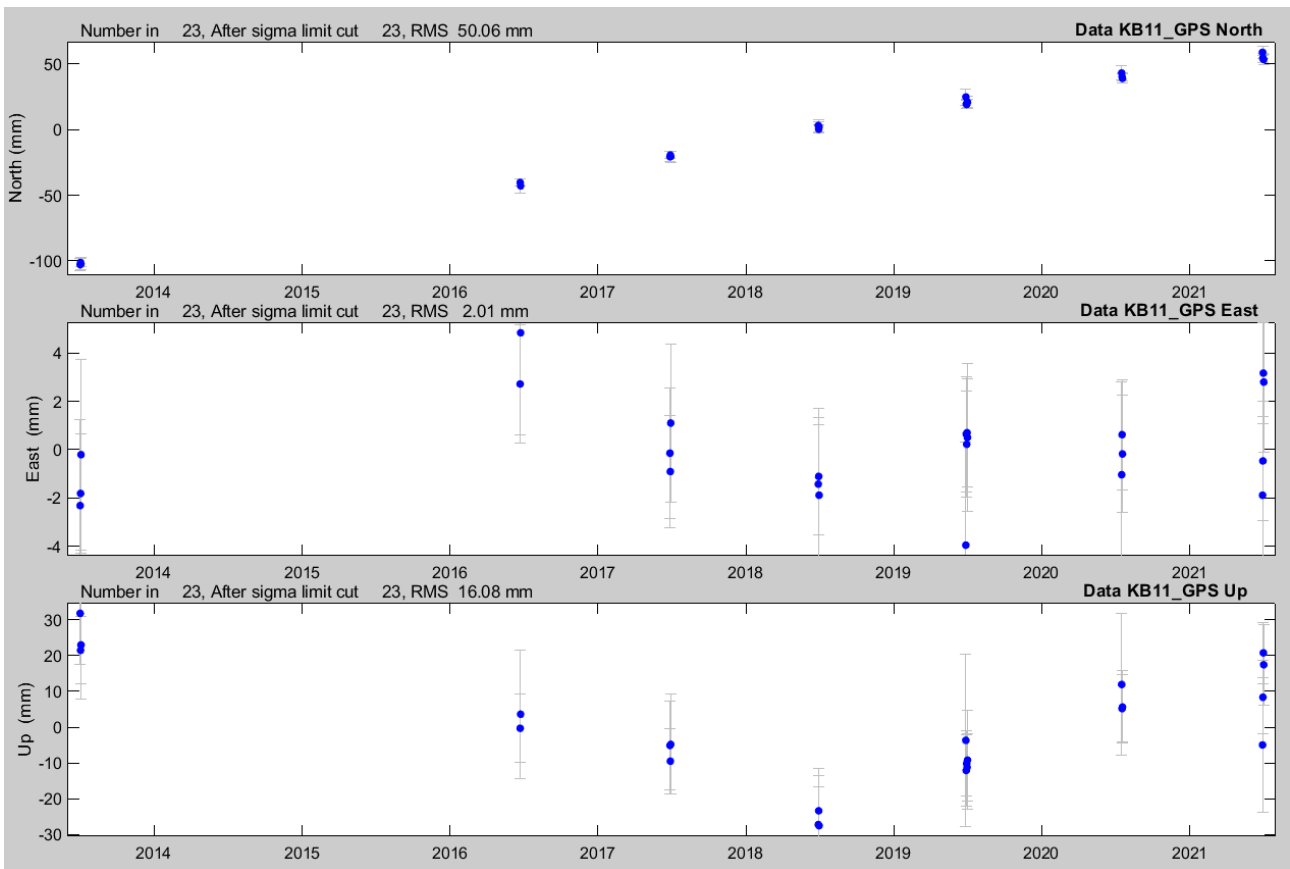


Figure 11. Time series for station KB11.

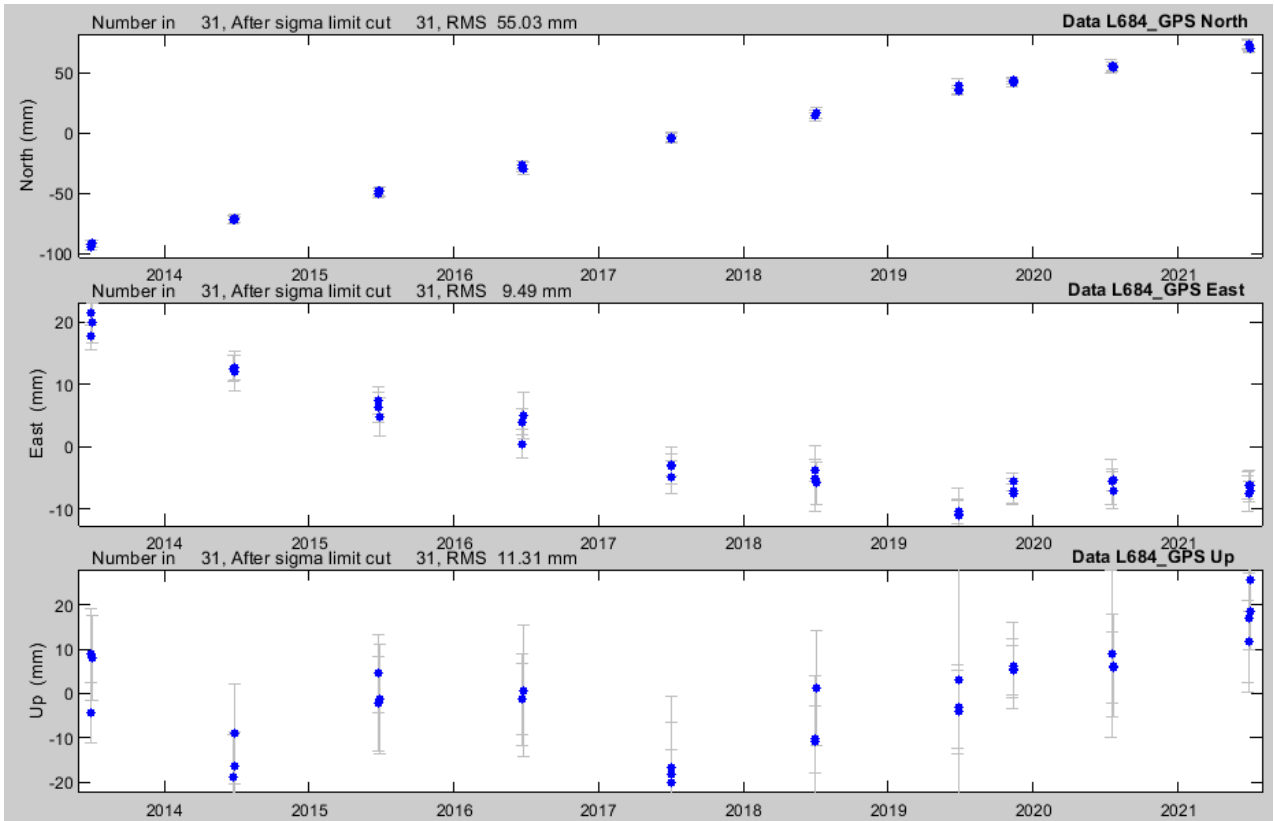


Figure 12. Time series for station L684.

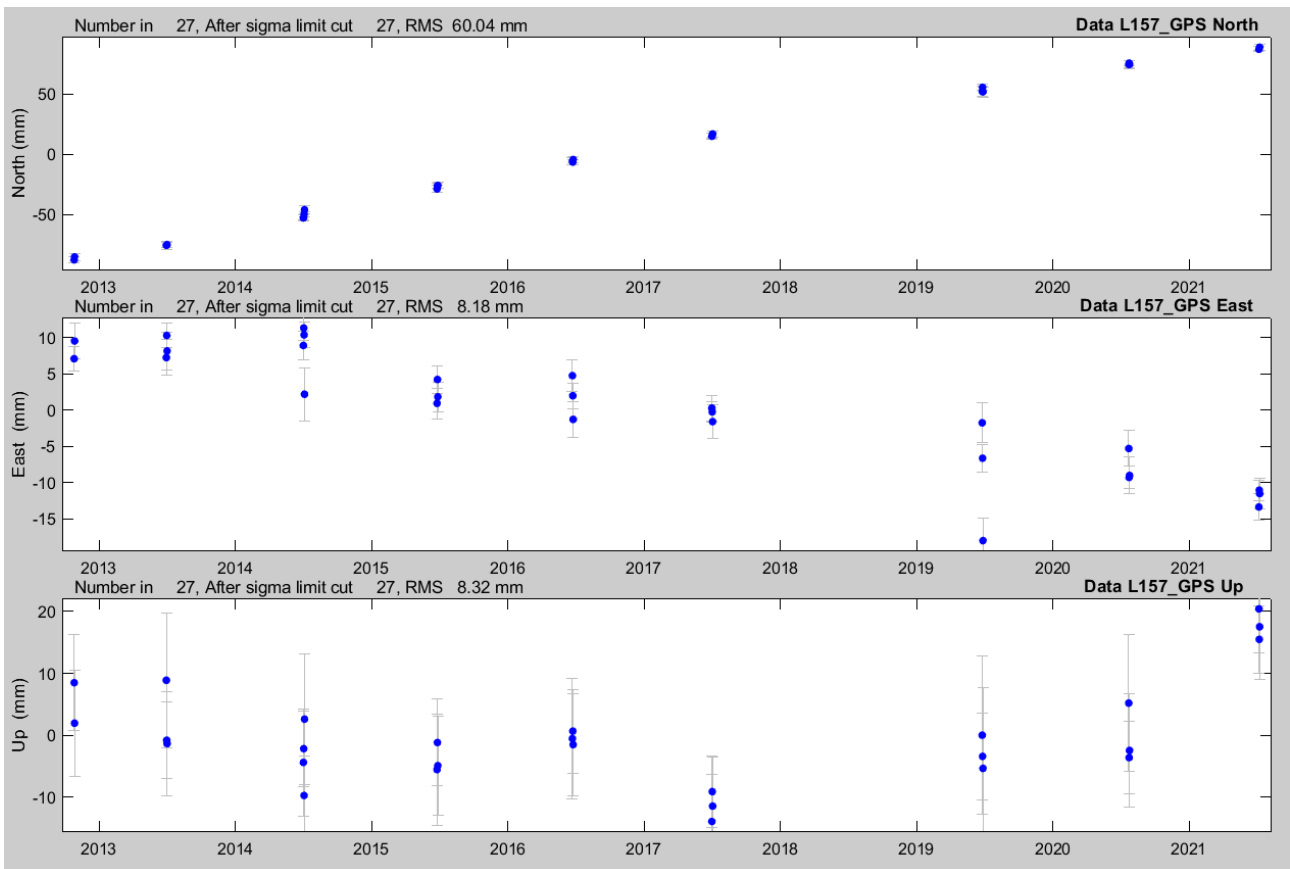


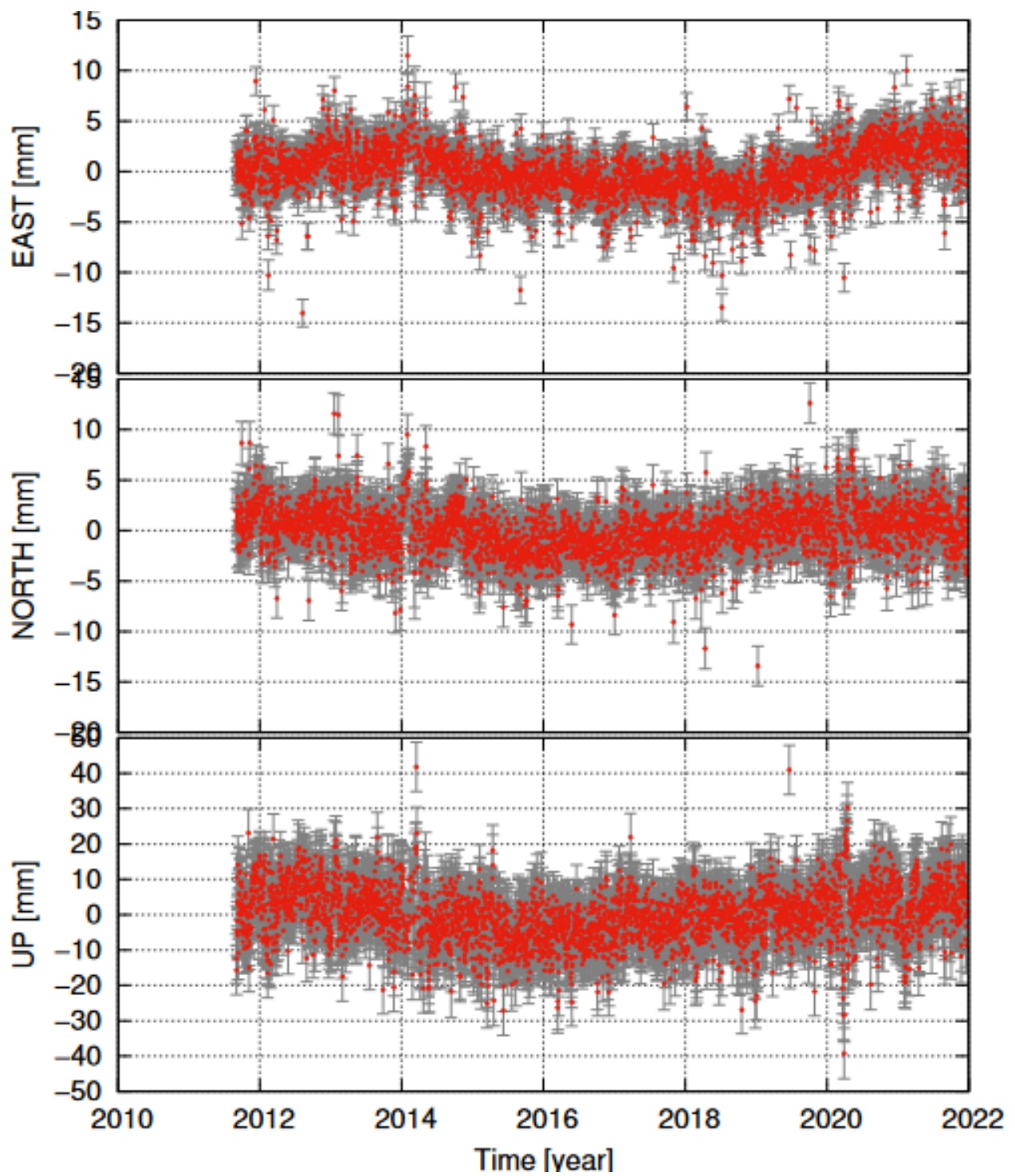
Figure 13. Time series for station L157.

#### **2.4 Þeistareykir time series**

The time series of the continuous GNSS station THRC in Þeistareykir (Figure 14) is detrended, as well as corrected for annual and semi-annual variations. In Figures 14 and 15 we present the time series for THRC according to two different processing software, GAMIT-GLOBK and GIPSY-OASIS II. Both processing solution show no significant changes and the time series show rather stable movements.

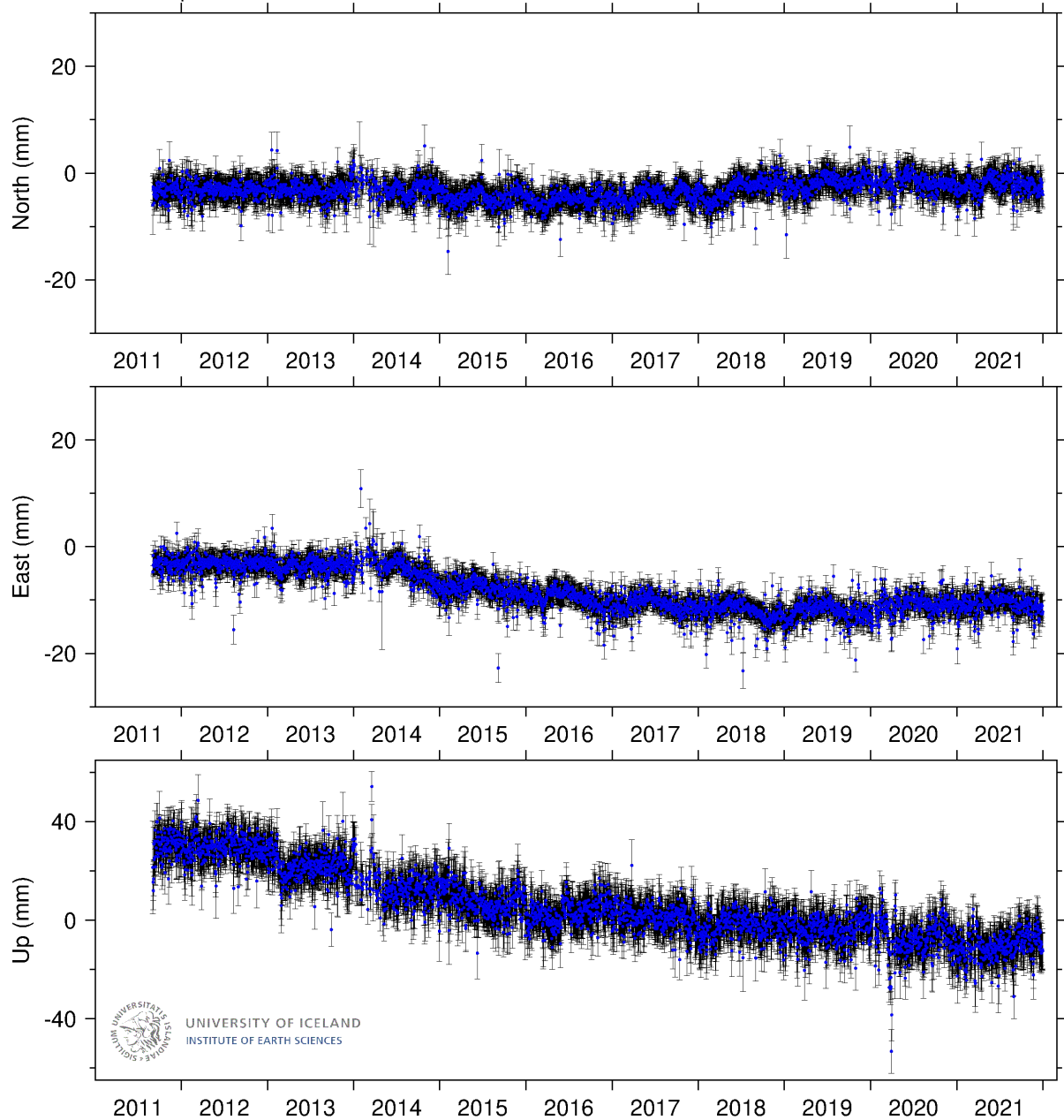
The north component is rather constant throughout the whole time series in both processing approaches. The small movement towards east started in 2019 and visible in the GIPSY-OASIS II processing, not so clear in the GAMIT-GLOBK solution, seems to have slowed down or stopped.

The up component is rather constant or slightly moving upwards according to the GIPSY-OASIS II solution. The GAMIT-GLOBK solution show a slight increase since beginning 2021.



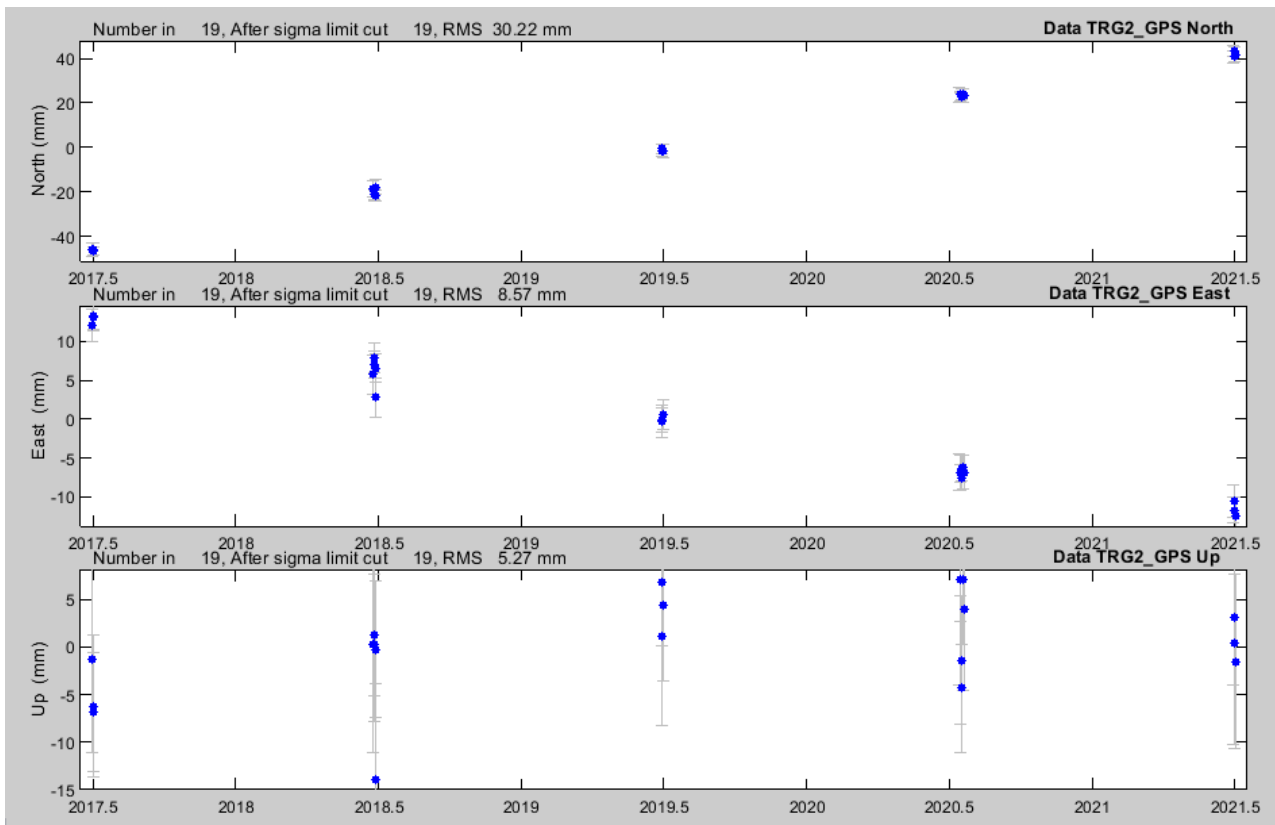
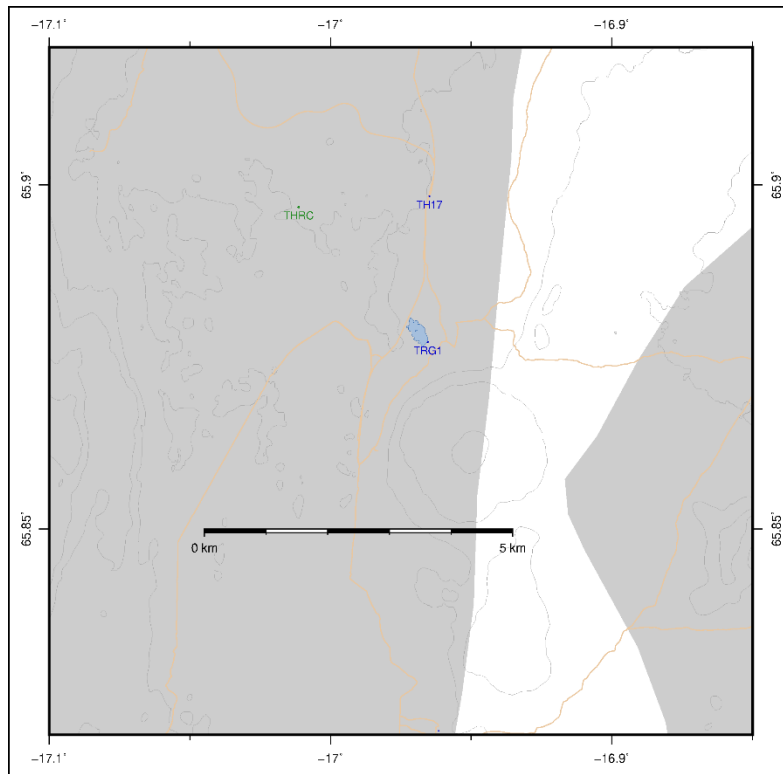
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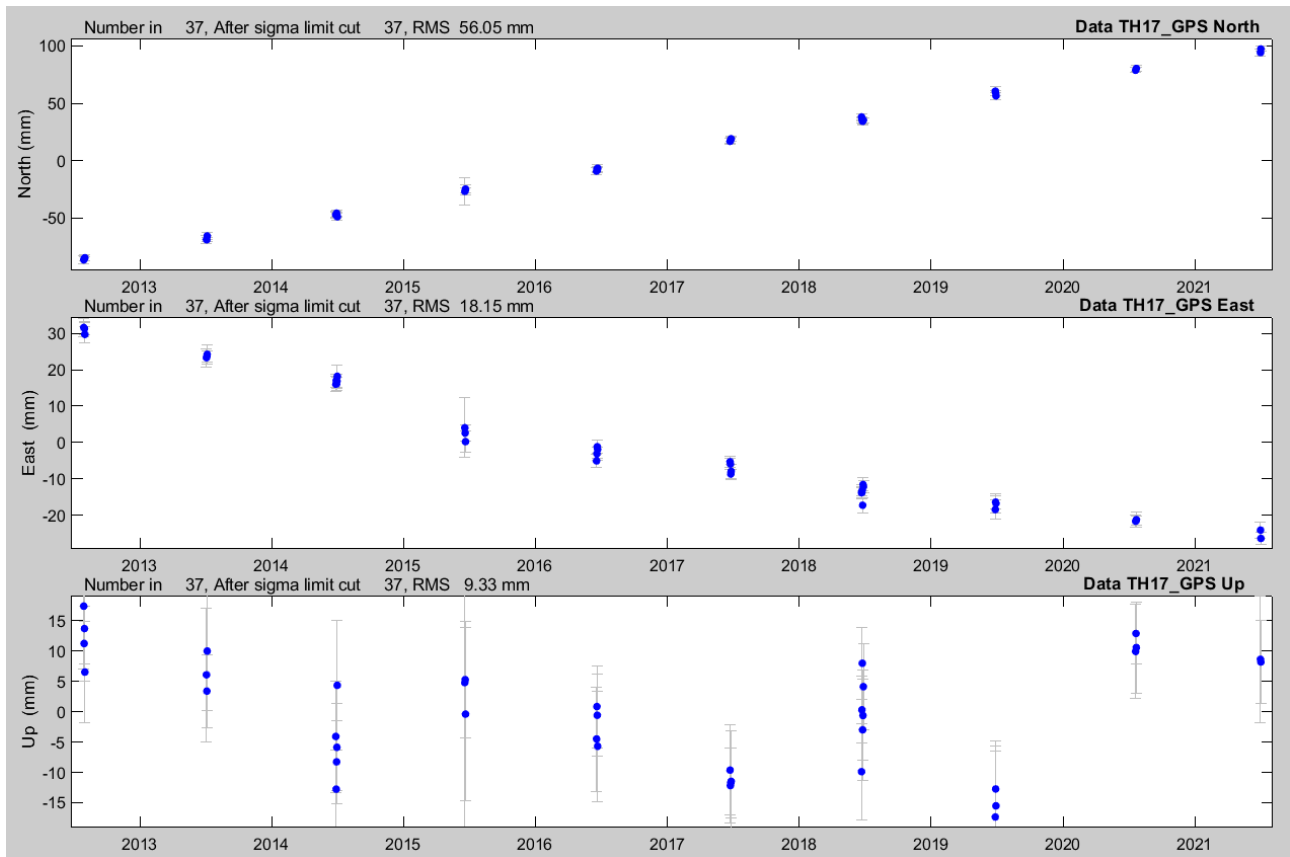


**Figure 15.** GNSS time series for THRC GNSS station analysed by Sigrún Hreinsdóttir with GAMIT-GLOBK software.

In Figures 16 and 17, we present some time series of the campaign GNSS sites. The horizontal motion is steady. Station TH17 gives an indication for a change in the vertical component for the past two years but the data are noisy.



**Figure 16.** Upper panel, map for the GNSS time series being shown in Figures 16 (lower panel) and 17. Lower panel shows GNSS time series for TRG2 station at Þeirstareykir.



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### 3. Velocity fields

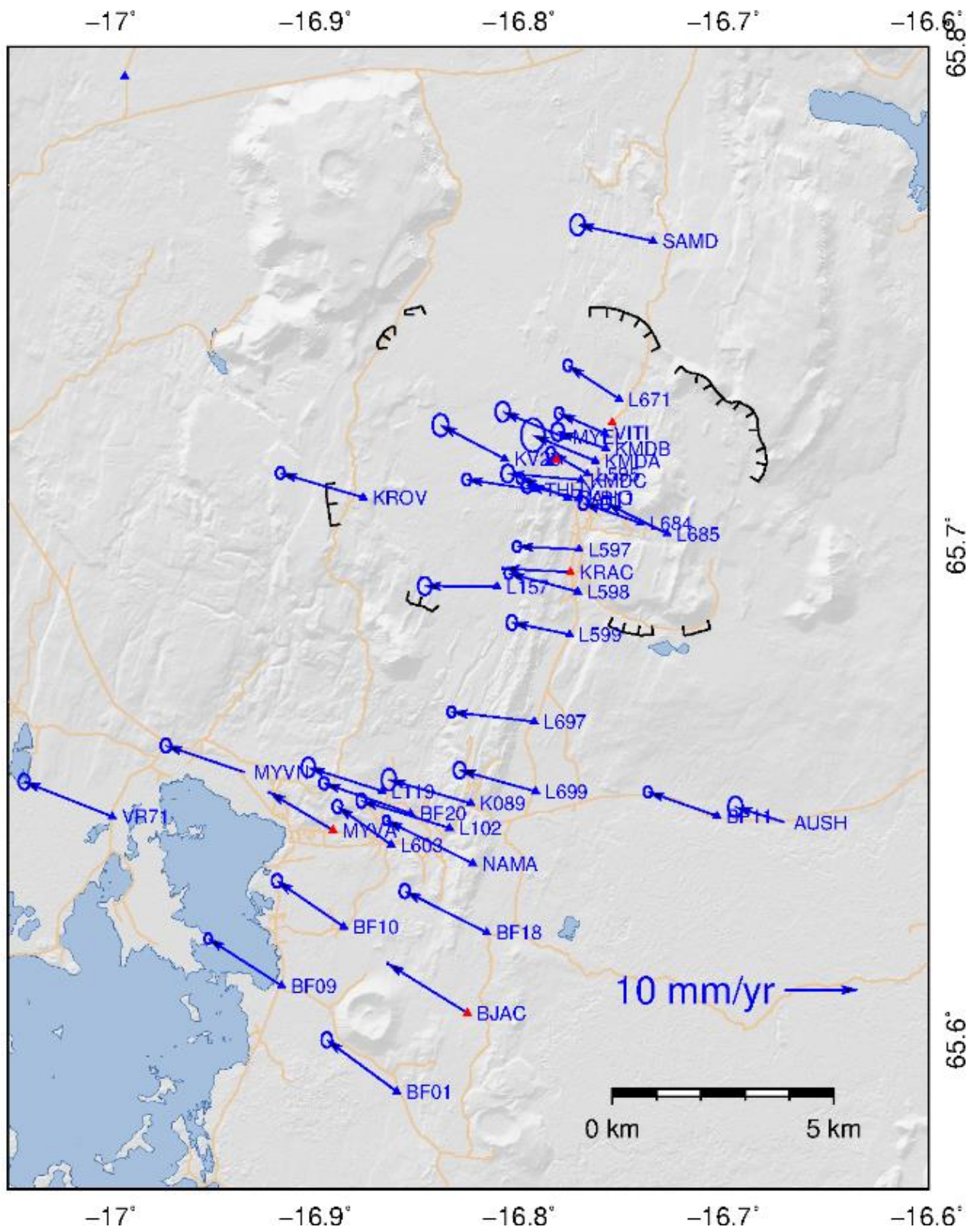
#### 3.1 Krafla and Námafjall areas

The previous chapter with time series of displacement at GNSS sites gives an indication of the temporal evolution of deformation at Krafla caldera. GNSS can also give an indication of the spatial pattern of deformation. For this purpose, we evaluate ground surface velocity fields based on the GNSS data collected in different campaigns through the past few years. Here, the GPS velocities evaluation has been made relative to stable Eurasian plate. The GPS velocities are showing the mean deformation rates accounting for the time periods 2015-2018, 2018-2020 or 2018-2021. Horizontal velocities for 2018-2021 (Figure 18) show 9-11 mm/yr (95% confidence interval) westnorth-west motion due to the location of the study area near the central axis of the plate boundary of the North American – Eurasian plate boundary (Drouin et al., 2017). The velocity field shows anomalies at some stations which are moving slightly different from the overall westnorth-west motion of most stations. One area is located near the Bjarnarflag Power Plant and one in the middle of the Krafla caldera. These differences are generally caused by sources of subsurface contraction/expansion at

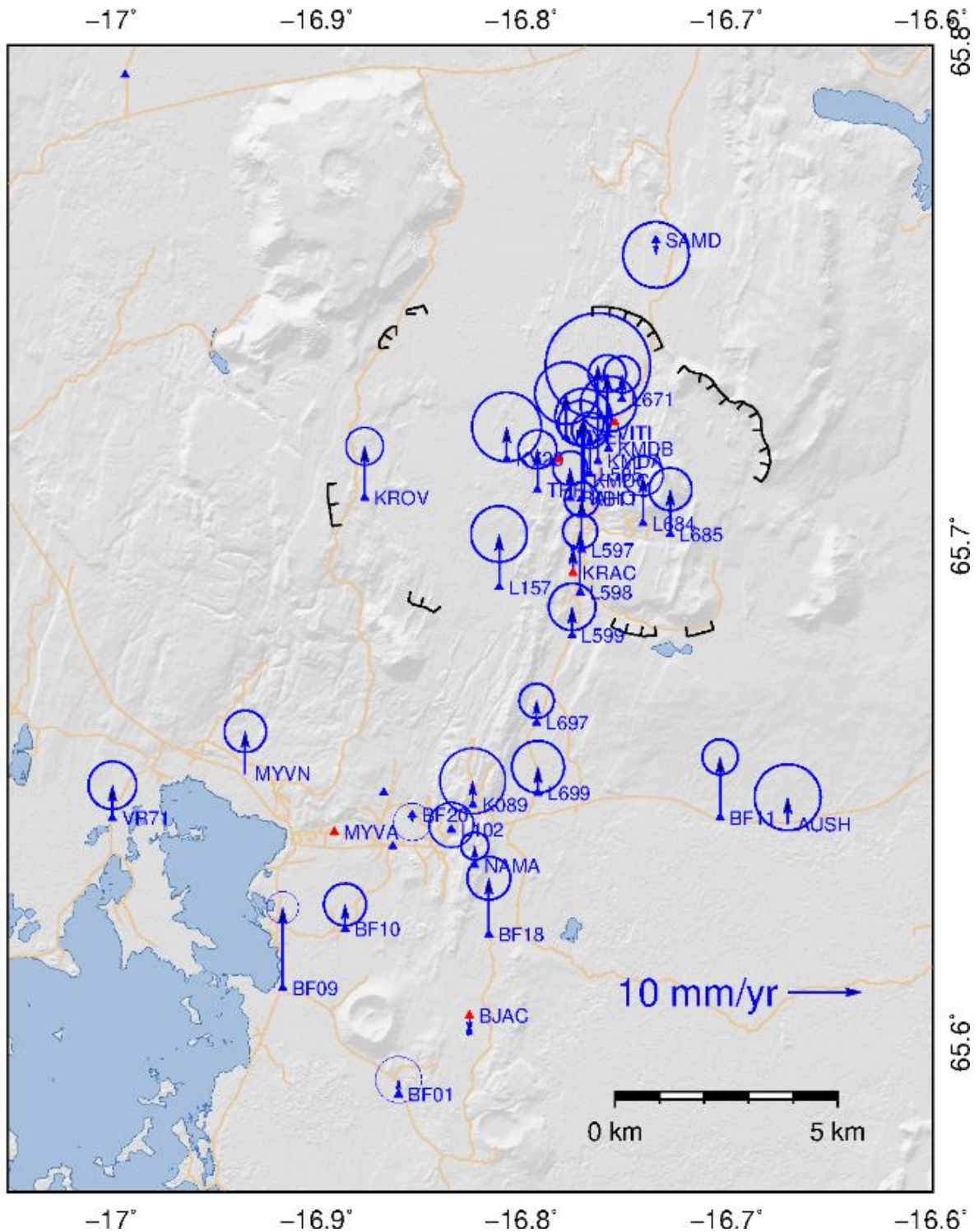
different depth located between the velocity anomalies. In the Krafla case, they relate to the pressure increase recorded in the Leirbotnar geothermal field in 2018 and 2019 (Hersir et al., 2020).

The overall vertical velocities 2018-2021 (Figure 19) show a general uplift with most of the higher values located inside the caldera. The effect of the glacial isostatic adjustment due to retreat of ice caps can account for 4-5 mm/yr of the regional uplift rate (Árnadóttir et al., 2009; Auriac et al., 2013; Drouin et al., 2017).





**Figure 18.** 2018-2021 horizontal GNSS velocities relative to the stable Eurasian plate, in the Krafla and Námafjall areas. Blue triangles show the campaign GNSS stations, while the red ones show the continuous stations. Ellipses indicate velocity uncertainties.



**Figure 19.** 2018-2021 Vertical (right) GNSS velocities in the Krafla and Námafjall areas. Blue triangles show the campaign GNSS stations, while the red ones show the continuous stations. Ellipses indicate velocity uncertainties.

We use the GNSS observations to give a more complete indication of the spatial changes through time. For this purpose, we compared the difference velocity fields for 2015-2018 and 2018-2020, as well as the difference velocity fields between 2015-2018 and 2018-2021. We evaluated them

for the GNSS stations with the most complete data in the 2015 – 2021 period. This approach allows us to isolate the signal due to changes in 2018, although it is implicit the assumption that any other deformation processes remain constant between the two periods.

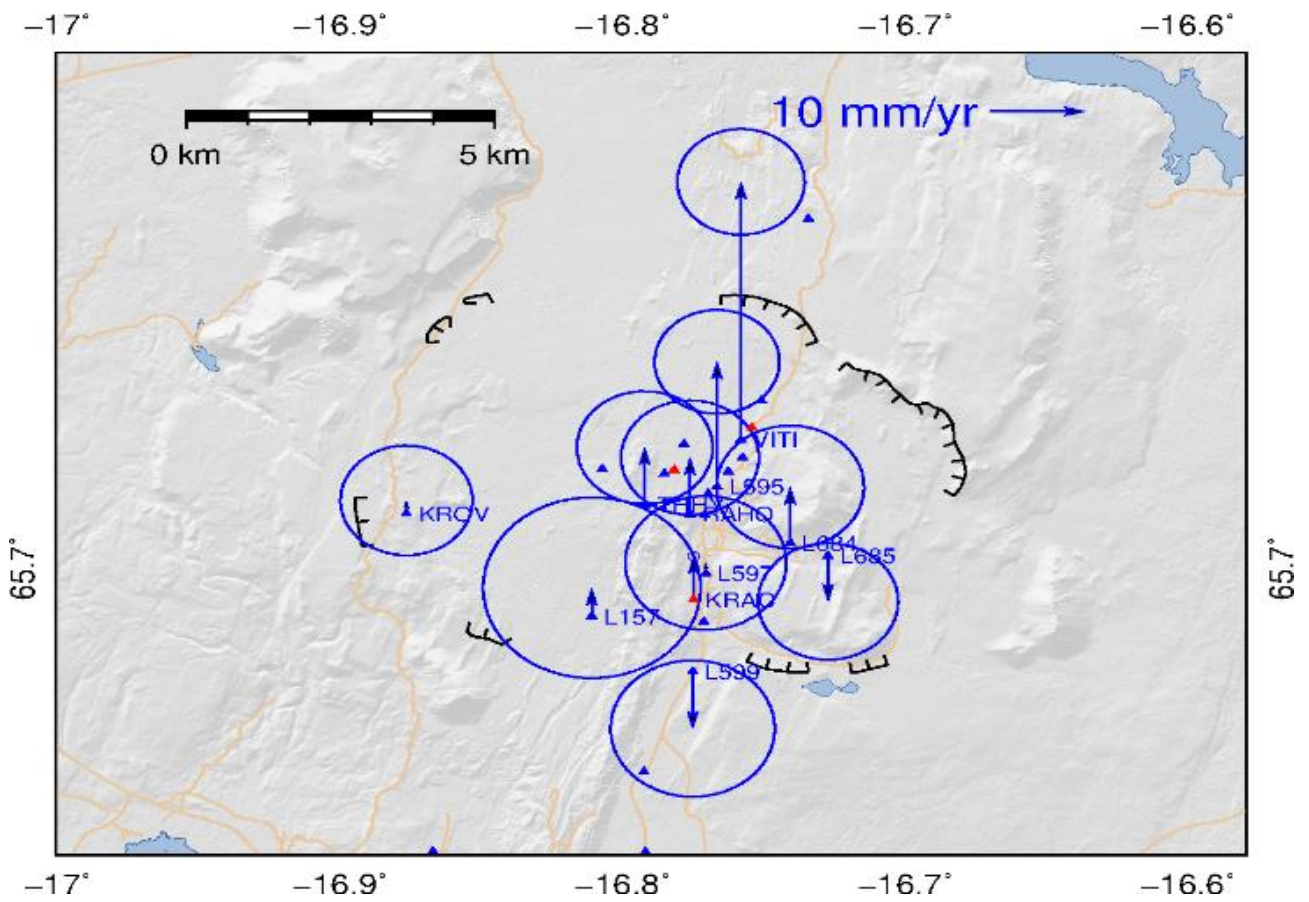
The horizontal difference velocity field for 2015-2018 and 2018-2020 (Figure 20) reveals an inflation pattern within the Krafla caldera, witnessed as general horizontal movement away from an area located in the middle of the caldera. The amount of the horizontal displacement is highest for the GNSS stations in the central area of the caldera, with average rate  $4.7 \pm 1.9$  mm/yr for the interval 2018-2020. If we include the 2021 measurements (Figure 22) the average velocity is  $4.8 \pm 2.5$  mm/yr. The amount of the horizontal displacement is highest for the GNSS stations in the central area of the caldera and decrease in the stations near or outside the southern caldera boundaries.

The vertical difference velocity field pattern for 2018-2020 (Figure 21) shows uplift for all the stations inside the caldera, except for L685 station in the south-east part, together with L599 and L697 GNSS stations, outside the caldera boundaries. These stations show subsidence, but the deformation pattern shows uplift for the difference velocity 2018-2021 (Figure 23).

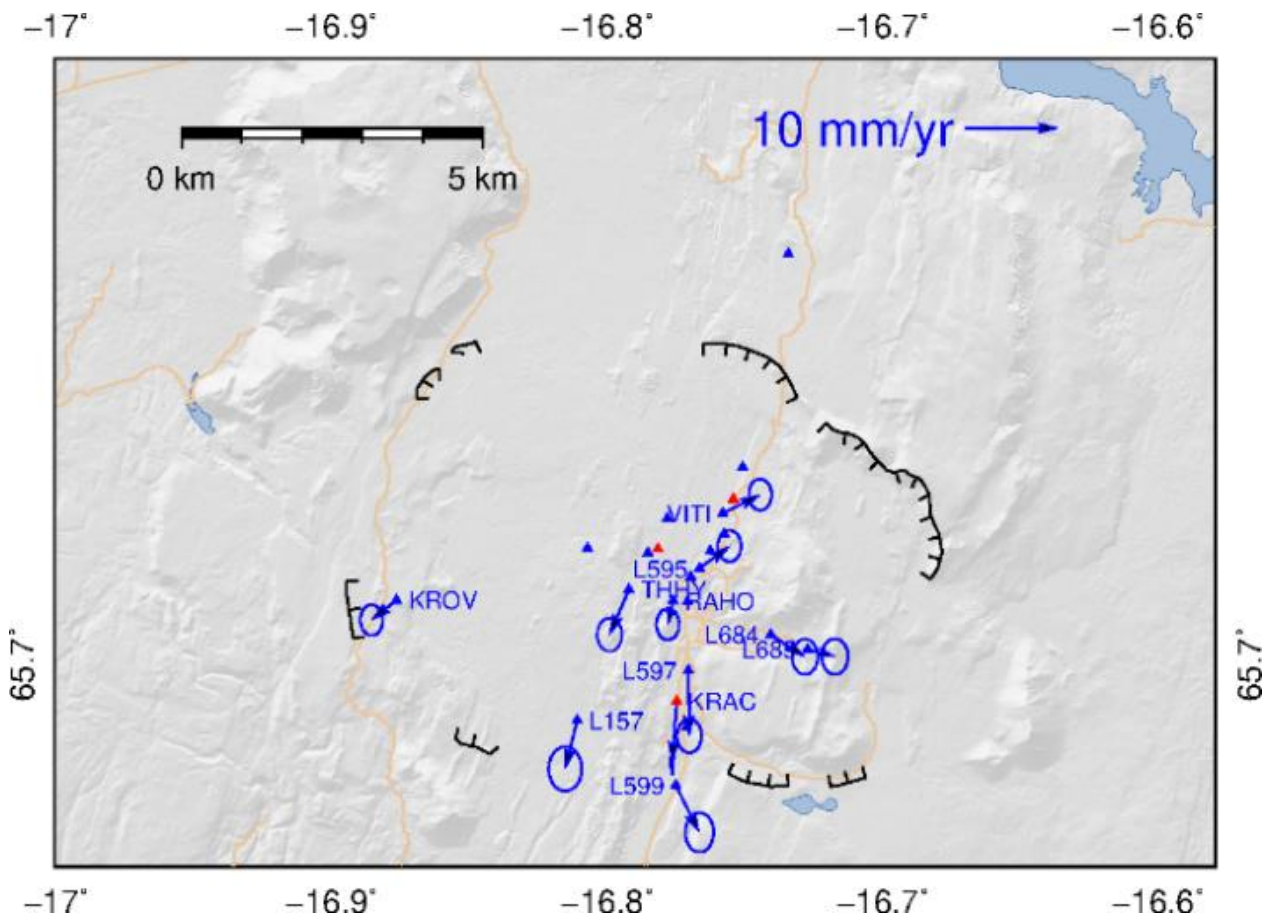
Figure 24 shows a comparison between the two velocity differences evaluated for both the horizontal and vertical motion.







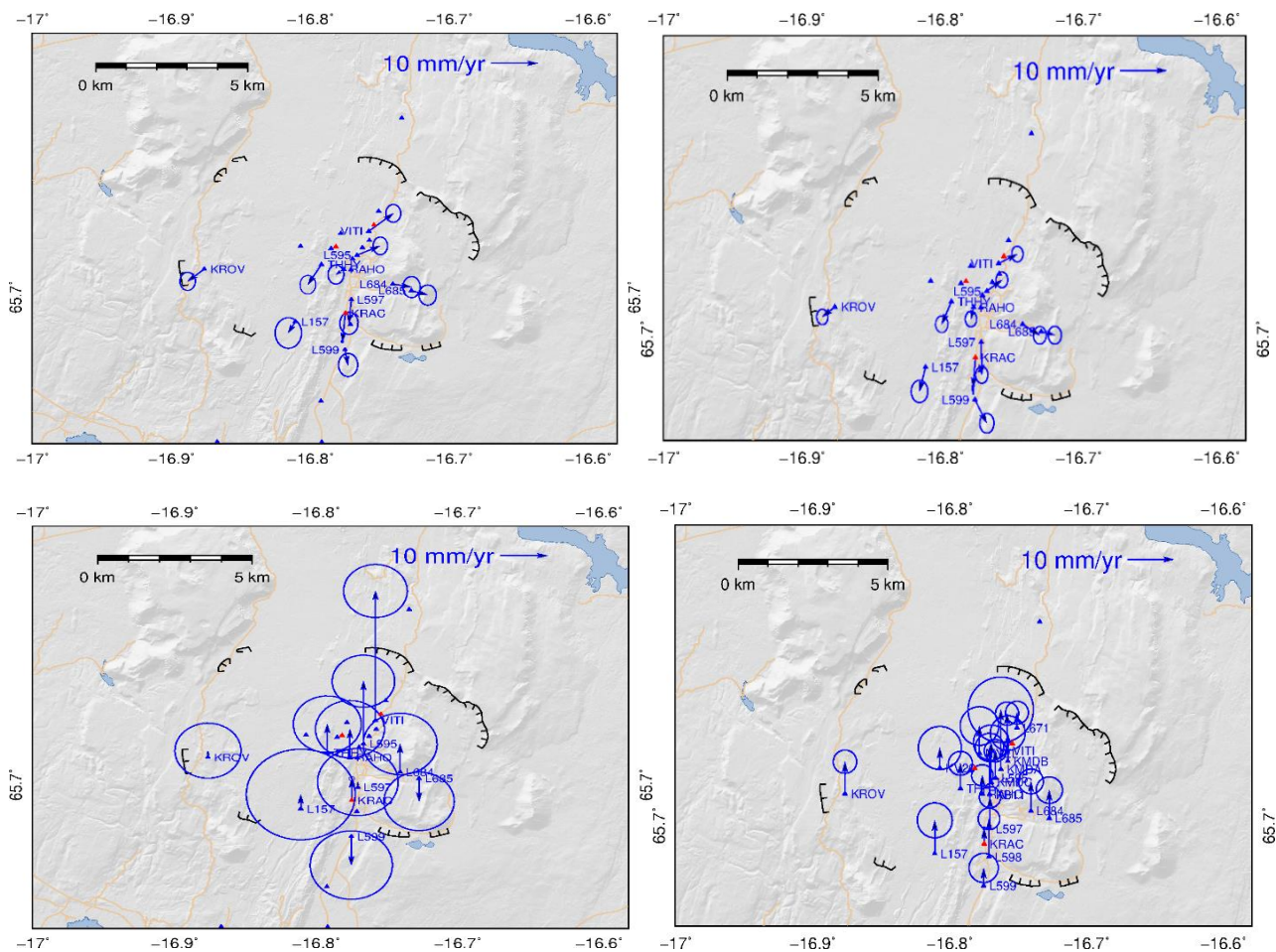
**Figure 21.** Vertical difference velocity field 2018-2020 relative to 2015-2018 in the Krafla area. Blue triangles show the campaign GNSS station, while the red ones show the continuous station. Ellipses indicate velocity uncertainties.



**Figure 22.** Horizontal difference velocity field 2018-2021 relative to 2015-2018 in the Krafla area. Blue triangles show the campaign GNSS station, while the red ones show the continuous station. Ellipses indicate velocity uncertainties.







**Figure 24.** Horizontal (upper left panel) and vertical (lower left panel) difference velocity field 2018-2020 relative to 2015-2018 in the Krafla area. Horizontal (upper right panel) and vertical (lower right panel) difference velocity field 2018-2021 relative to 2015-2018 in the Krafla area. Blue triangles show the campaign GNSS station, while the red ones show the continuous station. Ellipses indicate velocity uncertainties (two-sigma).

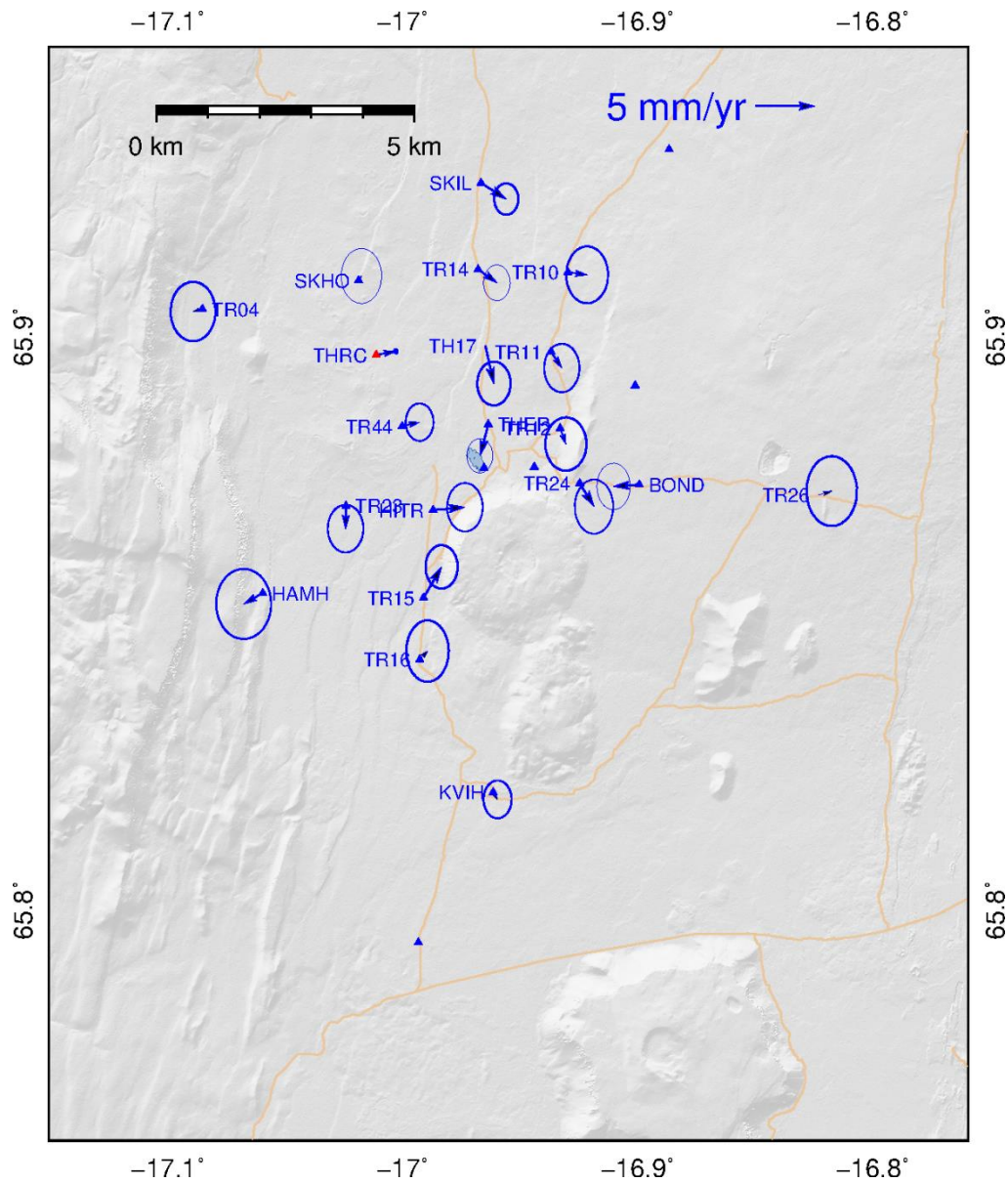
### 3.2 Peistareykir

As for Krafla, we apply here the same approach to create time difference velocity fields to study deformation at Peistareykir area. The difference velocity field are obtained subtracting velocities in the time interval 2015-2017 from velocities in 2017-2021. The result gives the horizontal (Figure 25) and vertical (Figure 26) difference velocity field. The horizontal difference velocity field show a small signal for all the stations. Some of the GNSS stations (HITR, TR15 and THER), show

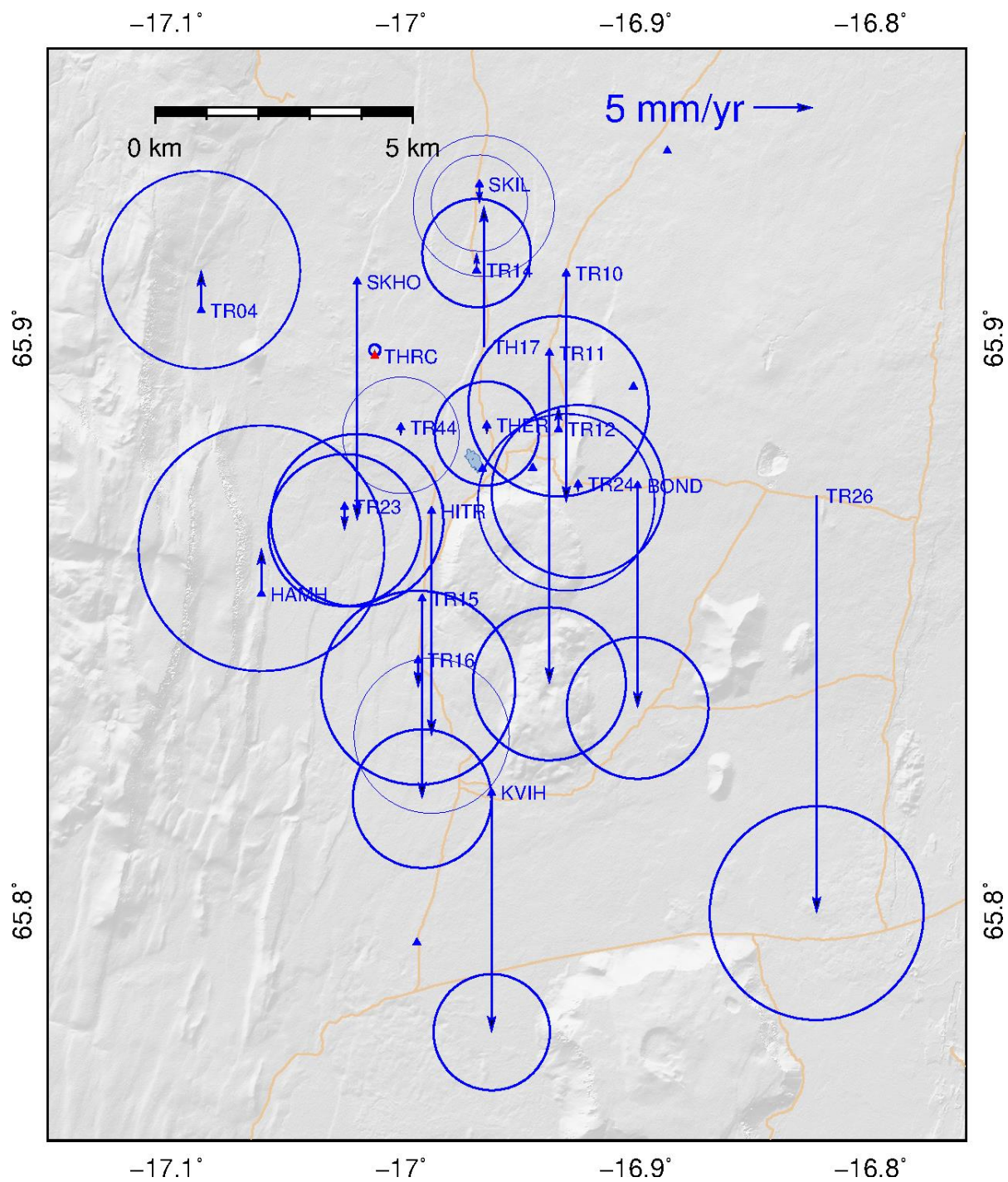


a higher signal up to 2-3 mm/yr. The signal is displayed by few stations 1-2 km far from the north-west hills of Bæjarfjall and shows contraction.

The high values shown for vertical difference velocity fields (Figure 26) do not seem to be very reliable.



**Figure 25.** 2017-2021 horizontal GNSS difference velocity fields relative to the 2015-2017 in Þeistareykir area. Blue triangles show the campaign GNSS station, while the red ones show the continuous station.



**Figure 26.** 2017-2021 vertical GNSS velocities relative to the 2015-2017 in Þeistareykir area. Blue triangles show the campaign GNSS station, while the red ones show the continuous station.

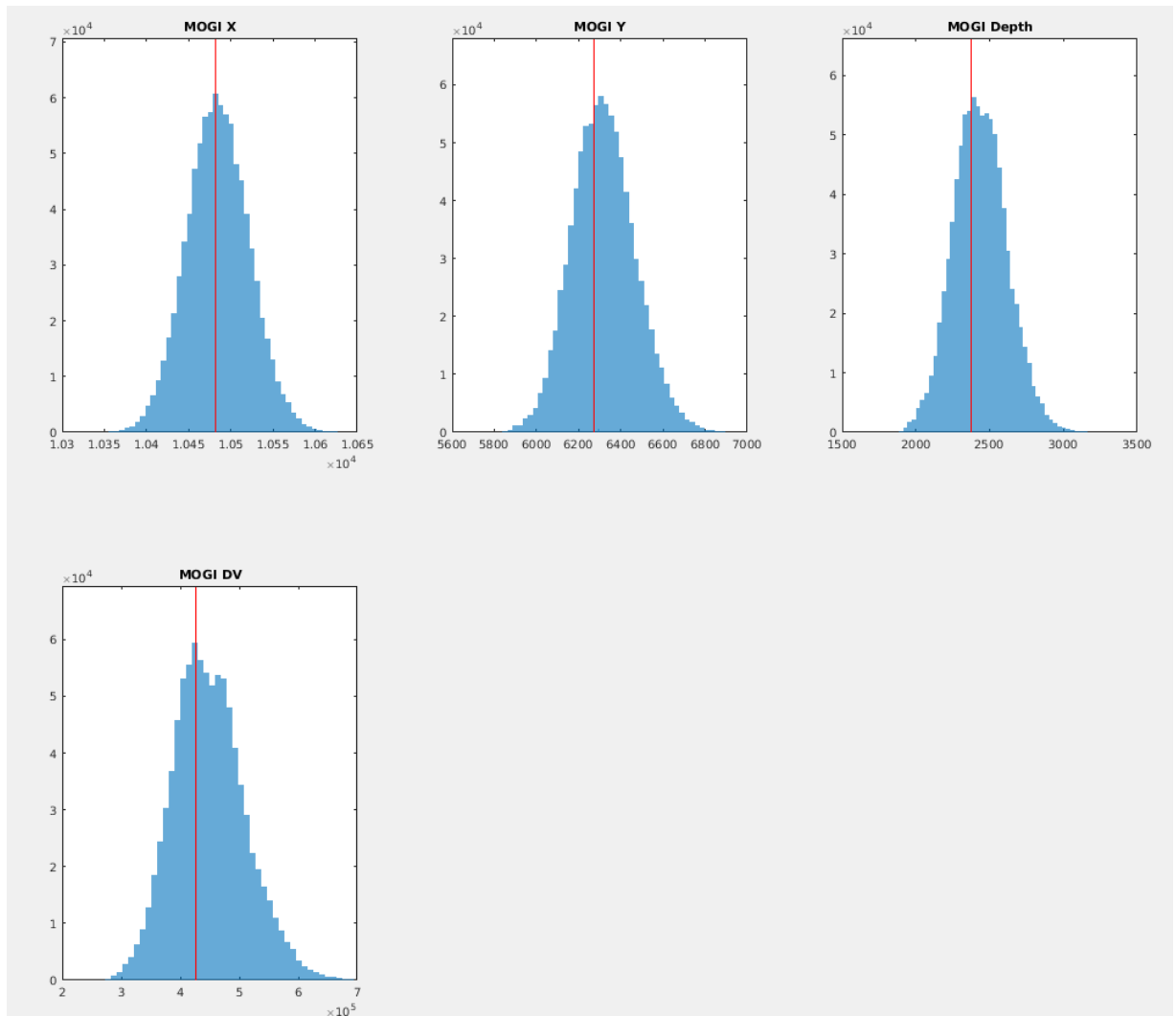
## 4. MODELLING

### 4.1 Krafla

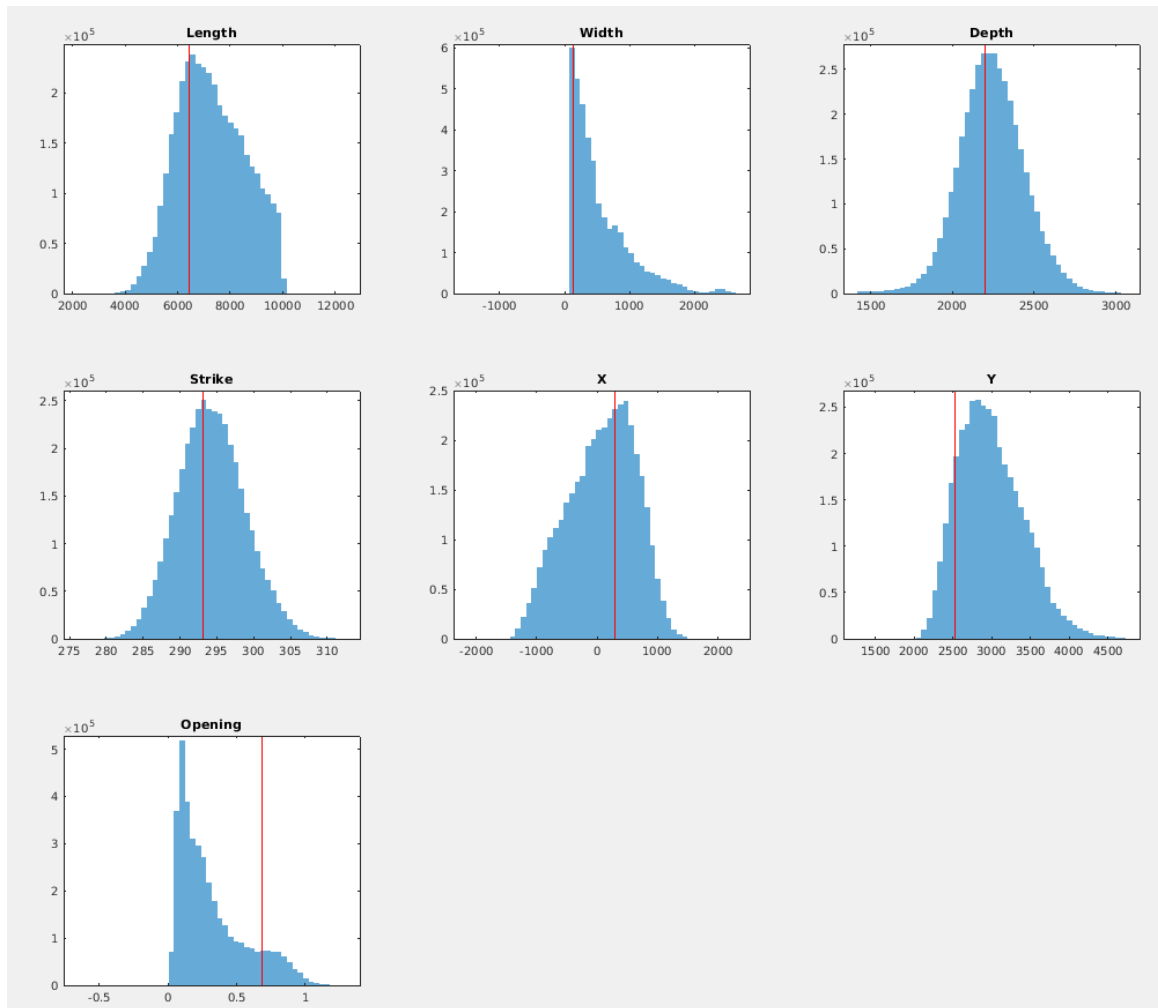
The three-dimensional horizontal and vertical velocity difference fields (2018-2021 with respect to 2015-2018) have been used to model the deformation at Krafla. In the following modelling, we use the GNSS stations that have the most complete record from 2015 to 2021. We employ the open-source Geodetic Bayesian Inversion Software (GBIS, Bagnardi and Hooper, 2018), which allows to perform an inversion of GNSS data to estimate deformation source parameters with a Bayesian approach. We here assume that deformation is caused by a point source of pressure within a uniform elastic half-space, a Mogi source (Mogi, 1958) or by a sill-like deformation source (Okada, 1985). The modelling procedure estimates then the location and depth of the source and volume change associated with it for the point pressure source and, additionally, parameters like strike, opening, length and width for the sill source. The Bayesian approach for inverting the geodetic data finds probability density functions for each of the model parameters (Figures 27 and 28), and provides therefore a good estimate of model parameter uncertainties. The results are presented below in Tables 2 and 3.

For a point pressure source (sometimes referred to as a Mogi source), the modelling procedure estimates an optimal depth  $\sim 2.4$  km (2.1– 2.8 km, 95% confidence interval) and a volume change  $\sim 4.3 \times 10^5$  m<sup>3</sup>/yr (ranging from  $3.4$ – $5.8 \cdot 10^5$  m<sup>3</sup>/yr). For a sill-like source, the inversion finds an optimal length of the sill around 6.4 km (5.0-9.7 km, 95% confidence interval) and width 135 m (106-187 m, 95% confidence interval) at depth  $\sim 2.2$  km (1.8– 2.6 km, 95% confidence interval). The probability density functions are well constrained in the point pressure solution, while the sill source gives poor constrains for two parameters: width and opening. The sill inversion result gives an aspect ratio relatively high, showing how the sill seems to be shaped as a long and thin intrusion, if the sill is the correct model.

The resulting comparison between the observations (velocity data) and the model estimation are in broad agreement. Figures 29 and 30 shows the horizontal displacement with blue arrows being the data, red arrows the model estimation and yellow diamond is the inferred point pressure source location. Black bar in Figure 30 shows the location of the sill source in a map view.



**Figure 27.** Inferred scaled probability density functions for point source model parameters. Red lines represent the optimal probability solution.



**Figure 28.** Inferred scaled probability density functions for geodetic sill-like model parameters. Red lines represent the optimal probability solution.

**Table 2.** Results from GBIS inversion of 2018-2021 and 2015-2018 difference velocity fields from GNSS. Depth in meters and volume in  $\text{m}^3/\text{yr}$ . Columns show model parameters, the optimal inversion result, and the 2.5 and 97.5 percentiles of posterior probability density functions. The range spanned by the 2.5 and 97.5 percentiles is the 95% confidence interval.

| MODEL          | Optimal  | 2.5%     | 97.5%    |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| PARAM.         |          |          |          |
| MOGI longitude | -16.7713 | -16.7728 | -16.7696 |
| MOGI latitude  | 65.71640 | 65.7143  | 65.7196  |
| Depth (m)      | 2377     | 2092     | 2805     |

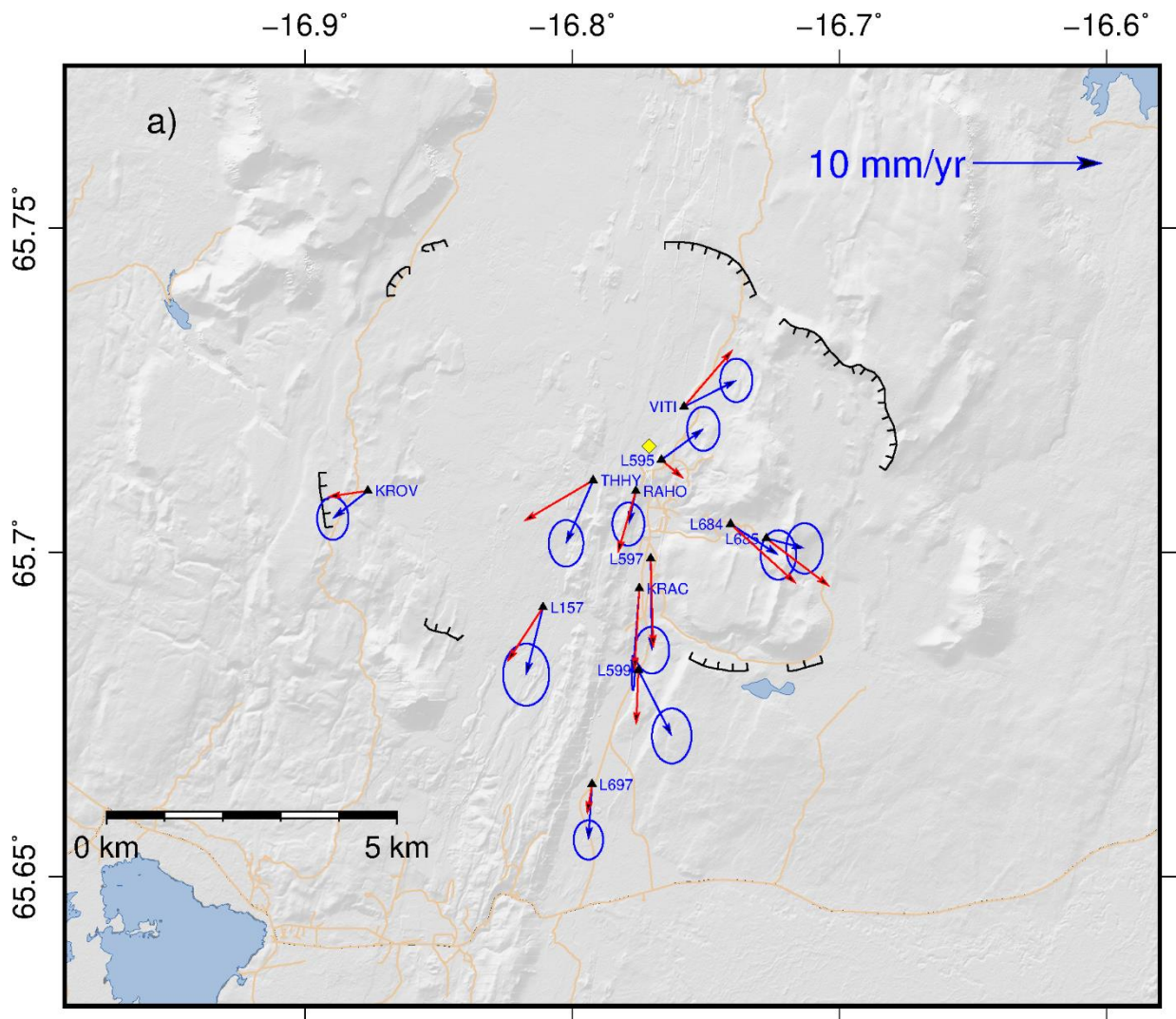
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|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Volume change<br>(m <sup>3</sup> /yr) | 426614 | 339668 | 580434 |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|

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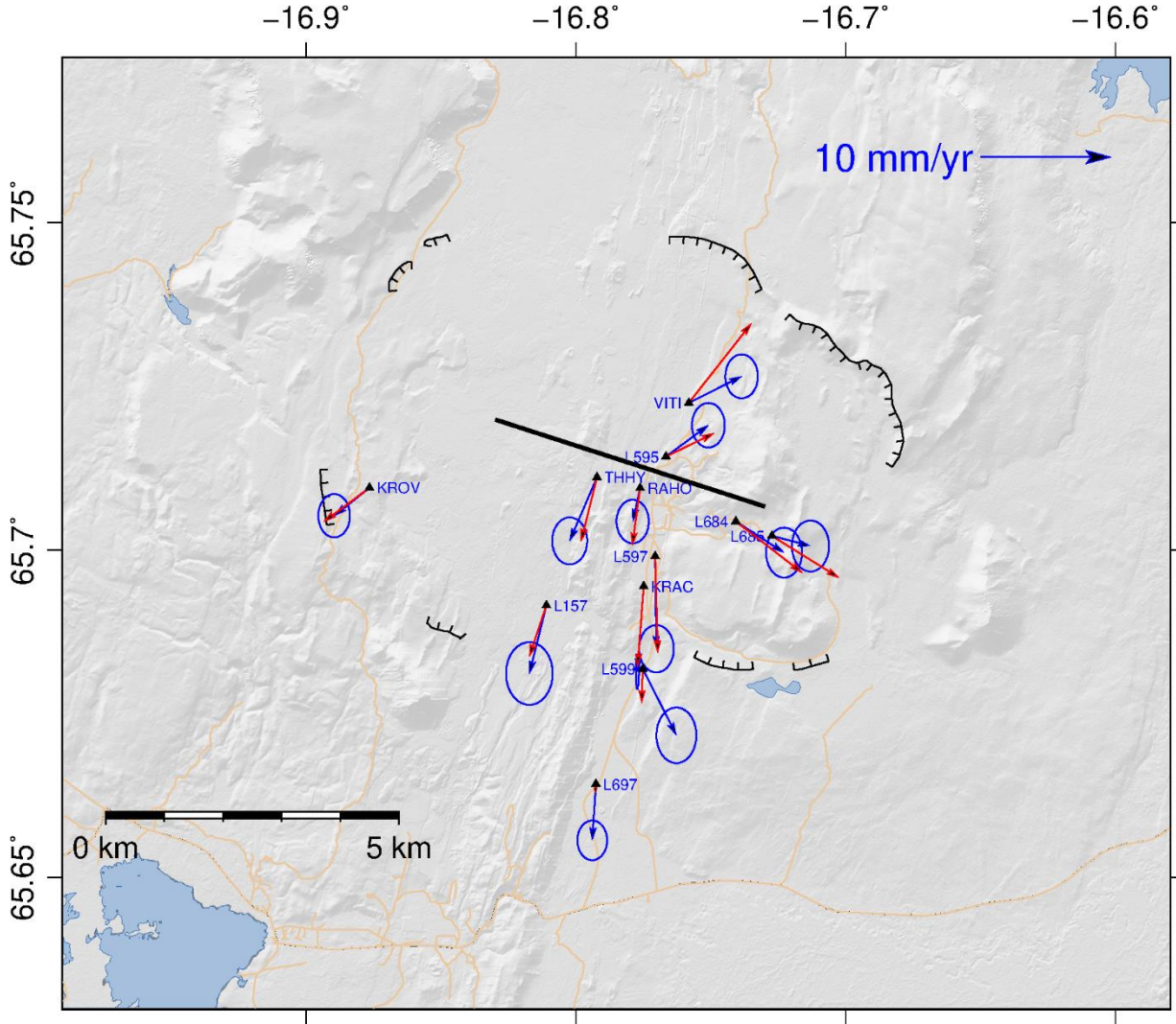
**Table 3.** Results from GBIS inversion of 2018-2021 and 2015-2018 difference velocity fields from GNSS for a sill-like source. Columns show model parameters, the optimal inversion result, and the 2.5 and 97.5 percentiles of posterior probability density functions. The range spanned by the 2.5 and 97.5 percentiles is the 95% confidence interval.

| MODEL<br>PARAMETERS | Optimal | 2.5%   | 97.5%  |
|---------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| Longitude           | -16.80  | -16.83 | -16.78 |
| Latitude            | 65.72   | 65.72  | 65.73  |
| Length (m)          | 6446    | 5026   | 9750   |
| Width (m)           | 135     | 106.7  | 1879   |
| Depth (m)           | 2200    | 1845   | 2644   |
| Opening (m)         | 0.69    | 0.05   | 0.90   |
| Strike (degrees)    | 293     | 286    | 304    |





**Figure 29.** Comparison between GNSS horizontal data (blue) and predictions of a best fitting point source of pressure (Mogi) model (red). Yellow diamond is showing the source center location.



**Figure 30.** Comparison between GNSS horizontal data (blue) and predictions of a best fitting sill-like source (red).

To quantify the prediction capability of the models with different geometry, we considered the root-mean-square (RMS) value of residuals between observations and model predictions, according to the following formula:

$$RMS = \sqrt{\frac{\sum((d_{obs} - d_{pre}) / ObsUncer)^2}{N}} \quad (1)$$

where  $d_{obs}$  are observation data,  $d_{pre}$  are predicted displacement from a model,  $ObsUncer$  are the observation uncertainties and  $N$  is the number of observations ( $N=12$  for the vertical component and  $N=24$  for the horizontal -east and north- components). These values can be compared to the RMS of the observations themselves (equation 1 with predicted displacements equal to zero).



For the Mogi and sill-like models presented above, the RMS value estimated is lower than the RMS estimated for GNSS data without a model (Table 4). The Mogi solution has a significantly lower RMS value for both the vertical and horizontal displacement and is thus our preferred solution.

**Table 4.** RMS values for observations (GNSS observations) and the different model predictions .

| RMS                     | GNSS observations<br>(mm/yr) | Mogi source<br>(mm/yr) | Sill-like source<br>(mm/yr) |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Horizontal displacement | 2.02                         | 0.62                   | 0.79                        |
| Vertical displacement   | 4.72                         | 0.98                   | 1.77                        |

Here we have presented the results obtained by modelling the GNSS difference velocity field 2018-2021. When compared to earlier modelling results, which consider GNSS and InSAR difference velocity fields in the interval 2018-2020 (Mogi model; volume change  $(2.7-3.8) \times 10^5 \text{ m}^3/\text{yr}$ ; 95% confidence interval), the GNSS difference velocity field 2018-2021 reveals slightly larger volume change  $((3.4-5.8) \times 10^5 \text{ m}^3/\text{yr}$ ; 95% confidence interval). Such result agrees with that the deformation process is still ongoing in 2021, at comparable depth as before. However, it has to be considered that the 95% confidence intervals overlap. Also, that in the modelling procedure for 2021, we did not include the InSAR data. Further attempt to include the InSAR difference velocity field to 2021 could offer a better constraint for the source parameters.

## 4.2 Þeistareykir

We used the same modelling approach as in paragraph 4.1. The three-dimensional velocity difference fields (2017-2021 with respect to 2015-2017) have been used to model the deformation at Þeistareykir. In the modelling, we use the GNSS stations that have the most complete record from 2015 to 2021, in the area near Bæjarfjöll. We employ the open-source GBIS software to perform an inversion of GNSS data for a point pressure source, a sill geometry, and a fault model.

The modelling did not find a solution that can explain the data. Most of the parameters were poorly constrained and did not converge to a particular value. These results highlight the small signal displayed by the velocity fields, with no particular pattern detected

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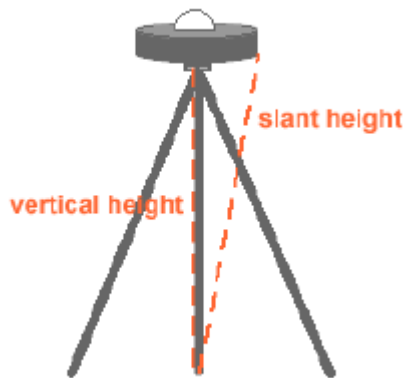
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**Appendix A.** 2021 GPS coordinates. Latitude and longitude are in decimal degrees from GAMIT-GLOBK processing. Latitude and Longitude for LHNC and SPBC are approximate decimal degree.

| <b>Longitude</b>       | <b>Latidute</b> | <b>Site name</b> |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>Continuous site</b> |                 |                  |
| -16,77491              | 65,6945         | KRAC             |
| -16,82537              | 65,60531        | BJAC             |
| -17,01134              | 65,89677        | THRC             |
| -16,89135              | 65,64232        | MYVA             |
| -16,75439              | 65,72465        | SPBC             |
| -16,781793             | 65,71723        | LHNC             |
| <b>Campaign site</b>   |                 |                  |
| -16,70311              | 65,6452         | BF11             |
| -16,72736              | 65,7022         | L685             |
| -16,73146              | 65,06004        | A404             |
| -16,7344               | 65,76125        | SAMD             |
| -16,74075              | 65,70442        | L684             |
| -16,75818              | 65,72252        | VITI             |
| -16,76277              | 65,71693        | KMDA             |
| -16,76667              | 65,71432        | L595             |
| -16,76982              | 65,71308        | KMDC             |
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**Appendix B.** Measurement of antenna slant height.



Slant height: Measure of the slope distance from the iron mark on the ground to the bottom of the antenna ground planes. The measurements are taken at least in three different sectors of the antenna, at the beginning and at the end of the survey, in meters and feet.

