

The new GESLA-3 tide gauge data set and its quality control for tidal studies

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Released November 2021 91,021 years from 5,199 records



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Temporal distribution



Impact of record length in tidal computation



Quality control of tide gauge records

Impact of errors on estimates of tidal amplitudes [along European coastlines]

Corrections of datum jumps



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DATUM JUMP CORRECTIONS	
Tide gauge records with datum jumps	219/1022 (21%)
Average (median) magnitude of max jump	1,5 m
TIME SHIFT CORRECTIONS	
Median percentage of corrected periods	8%
How many records with corrections in yearly maxima?	342/1022 (33%)
From those, how many maxima corrected (median)?	9%

Amplitude of the main tidal constituents with and without time shift corrections



To conclude:

- GESLA 3 improves temporal and spatial coverage → updated tidal constituents at tide gauge sites (soon to be released through GESLA website)
- A non-negligible number of tide gauge stations display timing problems that alter the tidal computation.
- Tidal amplitudes of M2 show differences of the order of ~1 cm (up/down) when corrections for time shifts are applied.