

Geodetic and seismological analysis of the January 26, 2014 Cephalonia Island earthquake sequence.

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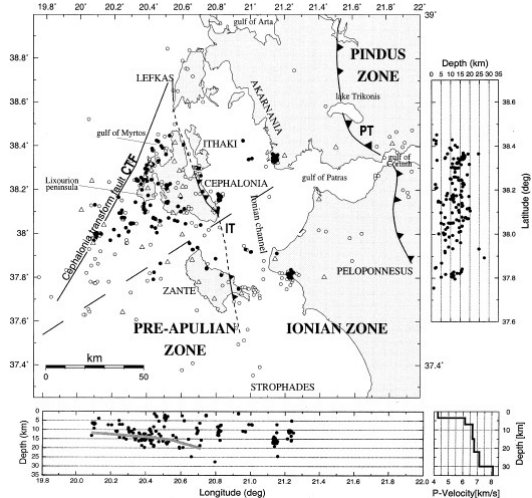


Tectonic Setting

Cephalonia Island is located at the Ionian Sea
(Western Greece) and constitutes one of the most
active zones of shallow seismicity in the Eastern
Mediterranean area

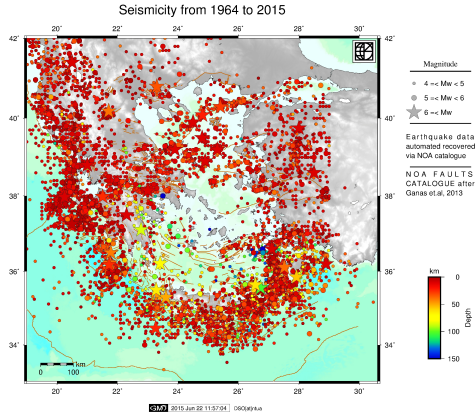
All four types of plate boundary occur:

- Collision
- Subduction
- Transform
- Spreading

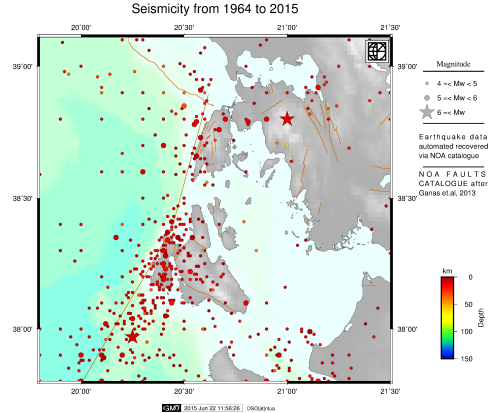




Seismicity in Greece



Seismicity in Greece from 1964 to 2015 with $M > 4$



Region of Cephalonia Island

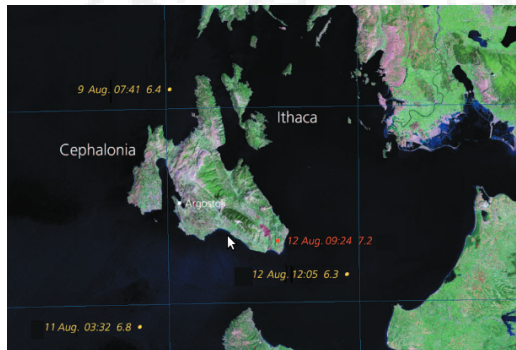


Cephalonia Earthquakes 1953

The consequence of the complicated tectonic setting is the production of extremely high seismicity and large, catastrophic earthquakes

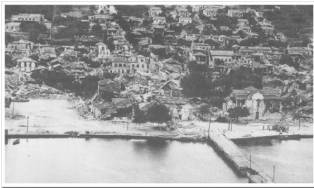
The largest earthquake
August 12, 1953, $M=7.3$

one of the most destructive earthquakes in the recent Greek history





Disaster images





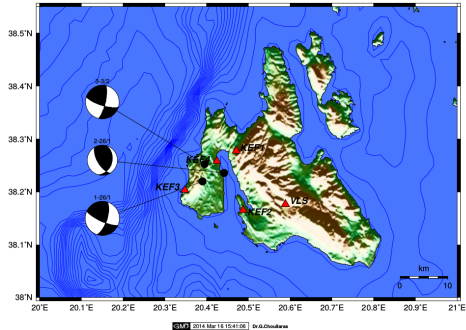
Cephalonia focal Mechanisms from
1953 to 2013
66 Events
 $M = 3.5 - 7$



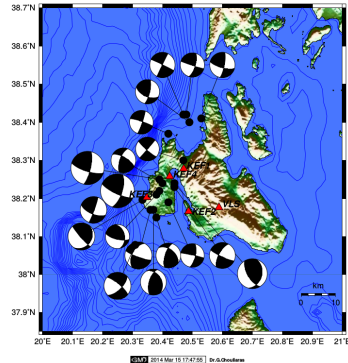


2014 Earthquake Sequence

KEFALONIA 2014



KEFALONIA Portable Seismographic Network 2014



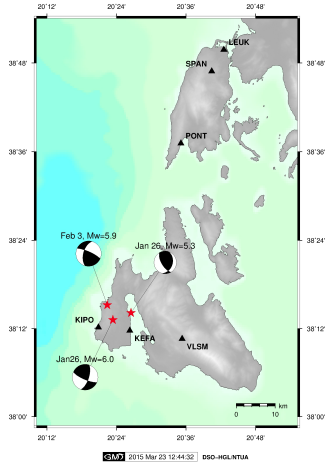
NOA-IG seismological stations¹ and focal mechanisms² of the 2014 seismic sequence

¹ <http://www.gein.noa.gr/en/networks/other-networks/portable-seismic-network>

² <http://bbnet.gein.noa.gr/HL/seismicity/moment-tensors>



Geodetic Network



Station Name	Location	Dist (km)	Inst	Data
VLAM	Valsamata, Cephalonia	18	NOA	30-s RINEX
KIPO	Kipouria, Caphalonia	7	NOA	30-s RINEX; <i>no data during the eq sequence</i>
PONT	Ponti, Lefkada	44	NOA	30-s RINEX
SPAN	Spanochori, Lefkada	63	NOA	30-s RINEX
KEFA	Lixouri, Cephalonia	7	Tree-Comp. CO	30-s and 1-s RINEX
LEUK	Leukada	70	Tree-Comp. CO	30-s and 1-s RINEX; <i>available only during the first eq</i>



Processing

30s data

All available data are routinely processed via Bernese GNSS Software v5.2 [1].

Each sub-network is processed twice:

- just a few hours after the end of day using ultra-rapid products and
- after a time lag of 20 days using final products

Processing Options

We strive to keep our processing options and models in close accordance to the IGS¹ analysis centers.

- Reference frame : follow IGS realization \Rightarrow currently IGB08 via three no-net-translation conditions imposed on a set of selected stations.
- Double-difference approach, ambiguities resolved to integers (when possible); algorithm depends on baseline length.
- Tropospheric mapping function : VMF1
- Ionospheric information is either extracted from CODE² models, or from NTUA's ultra-rapid solution.
- Absolute antenna calibration model (current IGS .atx).
- Sampling rate 30seconds, cut-off angle 7° , iterative residual check.

1Hz data

- BKG Ntrip Client (BNC)
- Undifferenced 1Hz carrier phase data
- Broadcast corrections for satellite orbits
- Broadcast corrections for satellite clocks

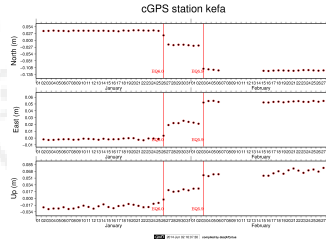
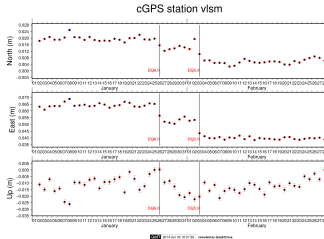
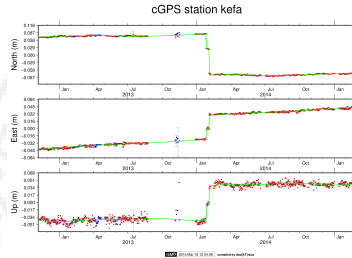
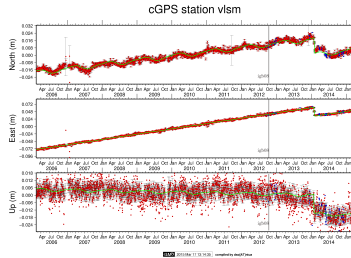
¹ International GNSS Service

² Center for Orbit Determination in Europe



Time Series

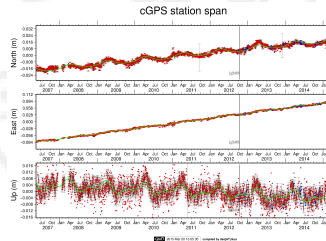
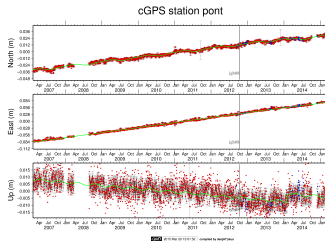
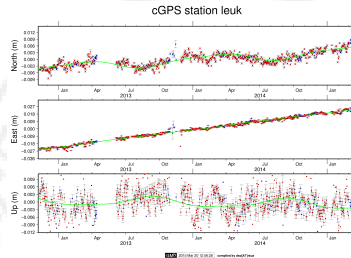
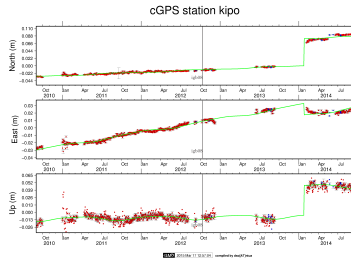
Daily 30s data





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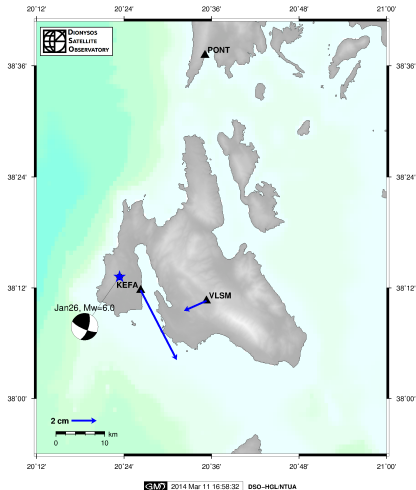
Daily 30s data





January 26th, 2014

Displacement of GPS Stations



Station	Solution	Jun 26th		
		dNorth	dEast (mm)	dUp
KEFA	daily ^a	-54.7	26.2	32.2
	2-per ^b	-47.8	21.7	24.5
	PPP ^c	-47.0	25.0	-
VLMS	daily ^a	-7.8	-18.6	-9.8
	2-per ^b	-7.6	-19.6	-8.4

Table: co-seismic displacements for stations KEFA and VLMS

^aDD, 30sec daily solution

^bseparate the day of the event, prior to and after the earthquake

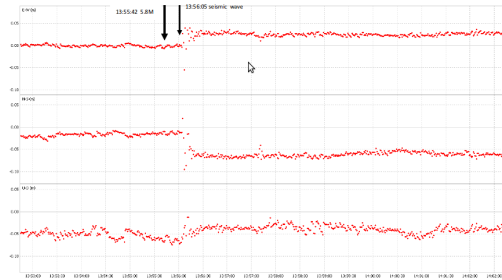
^cPPP-BNG



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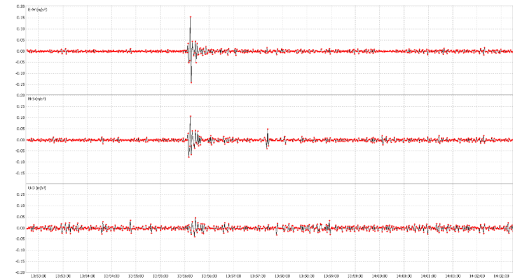
1Hz PPP Data Analysis - Station KEFA

10 min time span displacements



Accelerations

10 min time span



Earthquake event: 13:55:42 (GPS Time)

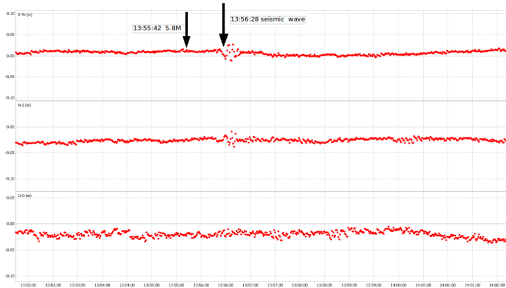
seismic wave recorded: 13:56:05 (GPS Time) **23s delay**



January 26th, 2014

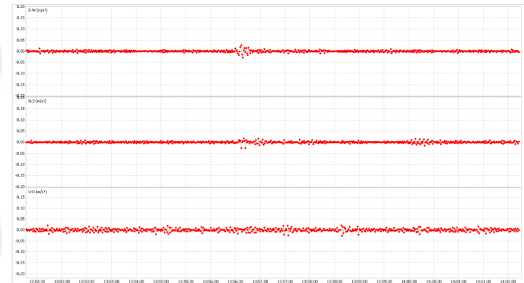
1Hz PPP Data Analysis - Station LEUK

10 min time span displacements



Accelerations

10 min time span



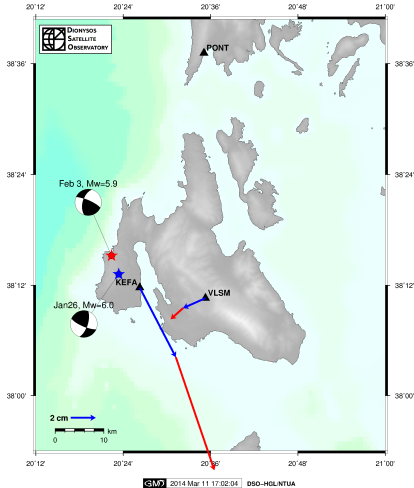
Earthquake event: 13:55:42 (GPS Time)

seismic wave recorded: 13:56:28 (GPS Time) **46s delay**



February 3rd, 2014

Displacement of GPS Stations



Station	Solution	Feb 3rd		
		dNorth	dEast (mm)	dUp
KEFA	daily ^a	-91.0	31.0	33.0
	PPP ^b	200.0	0	80.0
VLISM	daily ^a	-9.0	-10.0	2.0

Table: co-seismic displacements for stations KEFA and VLISM

^aDD, 30sec daily solution

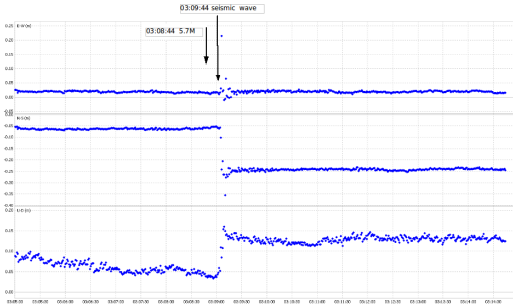
^bPPP-BNG



February 3rd, 2014

1Hz PPP Data Analysis - Station KEFA

10 min time span displacements

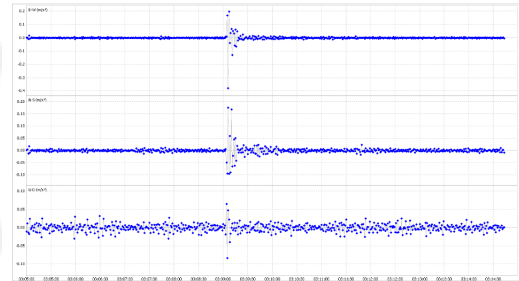


Earthquake event: 03:08:44 (GPS Time)

seismic wave recorded: 03:09:04 (GPS Time) 20s delay

Accelerations

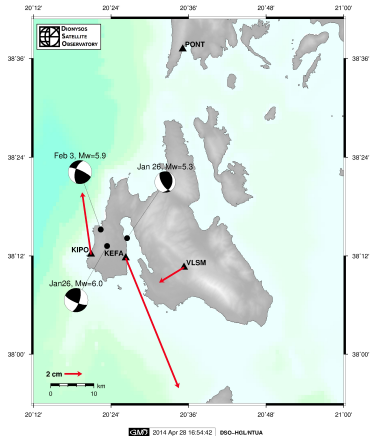
10 min time span





Earthquake sequence

Total Displacements for Both Earthquakes

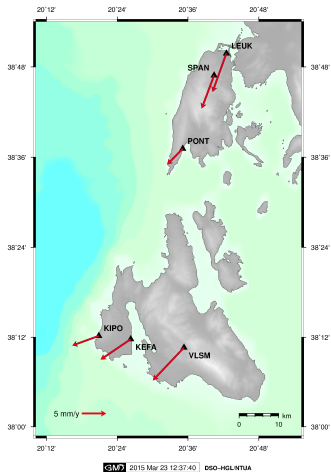


Station	Solution	Jan 26 - Feb 03		
		dNorth	dEast (mm)	dUp
KEFA	daily	-147.0	60.0	65.0
VLISM	daily	-17.0	-28.0	-8.0
KIPO	daily	70.0	-10.0	56.0

Table: co-seismic displacements for stations KEFA, VLISM and KIPO



Velocity Field



CODE	V_N	σ_{V_N}	V_E	σ_{V_E}	V_U	σ_{V_U}
(mm/yr)						
KEFA	-4.2	3.0	-6.19	2.0	2.48	3.0
VLAM	-6.77	4.0	-6.42	4.0	-0.54	4.0
KIPO	-1.99	3.0	-5.46	-2.0	1.39	2.0
PONT	-3.24	3.0	-3.2	5.0	-2.27	4.0
SPAN	-6.8	0.0	-2.5	0.0	-1.05	0.0
LEUK	-7.97	0.0	-2.86	0.0	-0.68	1.0

Table: Tectonic Velocities w.r.t. fixed Europe



Conclusions I

- Permanent displacements are only observed at stations KEFA, VLISM and KIPO.
- Despite the significant seismic influence at stations KEFA, VLISM and KIPO, no change of the tectonic movement can be observed.
- The opposing movement in direction between KIPO and KEFA indicate that the activated fault zone possibly lays between these two sites (Ganas et al., 2015).
- Kinematic behavior of the stations is not affected.
- Vertical offsets vary between -2 and 3 cm. Station KEFA and KIPO are uplifted, while for VLISM a downshift of approximately 2 cm is evident.
- PPP and DD approach result in the same conclusions for the offsets induced by the first earthquake; this is not the case for the second earthquake.
- Co-seismic displacements of GPS stations are in agreement with the focal mechanisms of the earthquakes.
- Stress field of the region, as shown by the analysis of the focal mechanisms of historical earthquakes, is consistent with the velocity field derived from GPS data.



Thank you very much for your attention !



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