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Title of project:

Absolute gravimetric calibration line Grindelwald-Jungfraujoch

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Project description:

The first gravimetric calibration Grindelwald-Jungfraujoch has been established 1980 and been published in 1982 (Klingelé, E. and H.-G. Kahle (1982)). The aim of these measurements is to provide precise absolute gravity and gravity difference values along the line, thus providing information on drifts and scale factors of relative gravimeters. On the other hand the calibration line consists of 6 stations with gravity differences not extending the measurable range of relative gravimeters. In comparison with other existing gravimetric calibration lines consisting of two stations located at different altitudes, this matter of fact represents a unique feature.

Since the first measurements were carried out more than 30 years ago, the realization of the stations has suffered from either removed markers (as it was the case at Jungfraujoch, where the brass marker in the basement was removed during renovation works) or the station was located in a geologically unstable region. The measurements at the stations Grindelwald Grund, Alpiglen, Kleine Scheidegg, Eigergletscher, Eigerwand, and Jungfraujoch (c.f. fig. 1) took place in October and were finalized in December 2013.



Figure 1. Absolute Gravity meter FG5 in working position at Jungfraujoch (basement).

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Klingelé, E., and H.-G. Kahle, The Swiss gravimetric calibration line from Interlaken to Jungfraujoch (Switzerland), Institute of Geodesy and Photogrammetry, ETH Zurich, Separata, Nr. 120, 1982.

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