### Revisiting the deformation transients before the 2011 Tohoku-Oki Megathrust Earthquake with GPS

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Vertical ( -20

-40



2000

1998

2002

2004

Time [year]

2006

2008

2010



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### Accelerated displacement in Honshu (period 2006-2011)



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### Long-term (decades) accelerated slip & seismicity before Tohoku earthquake (1996-2011)



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# How can we see something? $\rightarrow$ stacking & array filtering

### ➔ Computation of slip proxy on the megathrust interface









1- Is the 10-year slow deformation before Tohoku also observed in independent GPS solution and analysis?

Yes – accelerated slow slip during the decade preceding Tohoku earthquake is confirmed :

- stronger coupling increase north of Honshu
- accelerated slip offshore Boso
- rougher slip distribution

Accelerated slip also corresponds to a long-term accelerated seismicity rate

### 2- Is the short-term pre-seismic transient visible in GPS time series?

Maybe...

- signal of the Mw7.3 2011-03-09 strongly pops up
- in 2010, slight departure from long term trend in epicentral area coeval with Mw 6.5

### Wobble versus common modes ? Question is still open (at least for me)

