



Determination of Groundwater Withdrawal and Subsidence in Harris and Galveston Counties – 2021

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The Harris-Galveston Subsidence District (District) has been monitoring water use, groundwater levels, and subsidence in Harris, Galveston, and adjacent counties since 1975. Subsidence, the lowering of land-surface elevation, is caused by the depressurization of our aquifers due to wide-spread use of groundwater as a primary water source. The mission of the District is to cease on-going subsidence and prevent the occurrence of future subsidence. As part of this effort, it is important for the District to provide consistent, high-quality information to the public regarding ground water use, aquifer water-levels, and subsidence.

The information contained within this report is the compilation of the largest multi-agency effort in the State of Texas that leverages the resources of both the Harris-Galveston and Fort Bend Subsidence Districts with the City of Houston, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District, and the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District. This year this multi-agency partnership will publish the 46th volume of this important data compilation. This report is intended to exceed the requirements of section [8801.117](#) of the District’s enabling legislation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District, I would like to thank you for your interest in the District. We look forward to continuing to provide timely, accurate, high-quality data and research to inform the District’s Regulatory Planning efforts to prevent subsidence and water planning throughout the region.

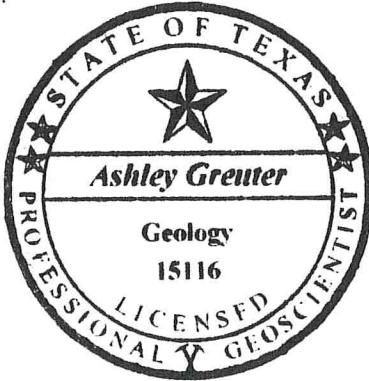
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Conversions Factors and Datums

	Multiply	By	To obtain
	inch (in)	2.54	centimeter (cm)
	mile (mi)	1.609	kilometer (km)
	square mile (mi ²)	2.590	square kilometer (km ²)
	gallon (gal)	3.785	liter (L)
	million gallons per day (MGD)	3785.41	cubic meter (m ³)
	million gallons per day (MGD)	3.0688	acre-feet (acre-ft)

List of Acronyms

BCGCD	Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District
CORS	continuously operating reference station
FBSD	Fort Bend Subsidence District
GNSS	global navigation satellite system
GPS	global positioning system
GRP	groundwater reduction plan
HGSD	Harris-Galveston Subsidence District
LSGCD	Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
MGD	million gallons per day
NGS	National Geodetic Survey
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NWS	National Weather Service
PAM	periodically measured station
POR	period of record
TXDOT	Texas Department of Transportation
UH	University of Houston
USGS	United States Geological Survey

Executive Summary

Groundwater was the primary source of water for the municipal, agricultural, and industrial users over the last century. Rapid increase in population in the 1950s, due to the expansion of the industrial complex in the Houston Ship Channel area, led to a dramatic increase in water demand and groundwater withdrawal. The reliance on groundwater and subsequent subsidence that was caused by its regional development resulted in the creation of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District (District) in 1975 and the Fort Bend Subsidence District in 1989. The District's mission is to regulate the use of groundwater in Harris and Galveston counties to cease ongoing and prevent future subsidence that can lead to infrastructure damage and contribute to flooding.

This report comprises the 46th Annual Groundwater Report for the District. Pursuant to District Resolution No. 2022-1081 passed on February 9, 2022, the Board of Directors held a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on April 28, 2022 to present climatic conditions, groundwater use, groundwater levels and measured subsidence within the District through December 31, 2021. This report provides an overview of the information presented during the Public Hearing.

Climate

Annual variations in precipitation can significantly impact the total water demand in the District. Groundwater use patterns fluctuate during periods of climatic variation, which results in changes in aquifer water-levels and potentially in subsidence rates. During periods of excessive rainfall, total water demand can decline; conversely, during periods of drought, water use can increase resulting in declining water-levels in the aquifer and increased rates of subsidence. The 2021 calendar year began with normal to below normal rainfall accumulations, followed by Winter Storm Uri that resulted in prolonged, record-breaking freezing temperatures and wintry precipitation affecting power grids across the Galveston, Harris, and Fort Bend counties in mid-February. From late spring through summer, the majority of climate stations experienced above normal precipitation alleviating some minor dry conditions in the District. Hurricane Nicholas made landfall as a Category 1 hurricane in southern Harris and Galveston counties in late September bringing several inches of rain and gusty winds. For the remainder of the year, rainfall accumulations averaged above normal for the majority of the District.

Water Use

Since 1976, water users in the District have been working to change their source water from primarily groundwater to alternative sources of water, primarily treated surface water in an effort to prevent subsidence. The percent of total water demand sourced from groundwater has dropped from about 60 percent in 1976 to about 21 percent in 2021. Most of the current groundwater use occurs in Regulatory Area Three where the regulatory compliance timeline will not be completed until 2035. The three-primary water uses in the District are public supply, industrial, and irrigation. The overall groundwater use within the District in 2021 is 203.6 MGD, which is a four percent decrease in pumpage from 2020. Public supply groundwater use remains the largest single use category at 187.2 million gallons per day (MGD), a three percent decrease from 2020, and accounts for 92 percent of groundwater used in the District.

The District's Regulatory Plan requires permittees to convert to alternative water supplies in order to reduce their reliance on groundwater. The primary alternative water supply used in our region is surface water sourced from three river basins: the Brazos River Basin, the San Jacinto River Basin and the Trinity River Basin. In 2021, the total alternative water use was 783 MGD, with the Trinity River remaining the single largest source of alternative water providing a total of 535.9 MGD in surface water supply. Groundwater remains the second largest source of water supply within the District as a whole. The total water use for the District was 986.7 MGD in 2021, which is half a percent higher than the reported water use in 2020.

Groundwater Levels

Annually, since 1975, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) has measured the water level in hundreds of wells throughout the Houston region in cooperation with the District through a joint funding agreement along with additional cities, subsidence districts and groundwater conservation districts. These data are used to monitor the groundwater level altitude data for the Chicot/Evangeline and Jasper aquifers and evaluate the temporal change in water-level. Since aquifer water level is the best measure of the pressure in the aquifer, this information is also of vital importance to understanding the impact of changes in water use on subsidence.

The change in water-level in the Chicot and Evangeline (undifferentiated) aquifers since 1977 clearly shows the impact of District regulation on the aquifers. Generally, Regulatory Areas One and Two have seen a significant rise in the potentiometric water-level over 230 feet (70 meters) in the Chicot and Evangeline (undifferentiated) aquifers. The area of rise is a result of the reduction of groundwater use required by the District's Regulatory Plan. Conversely, in Regulatory Area Three and in southern Montgomery County, water-levels continue to be significantly lower than the historical benchmark, declines of over 250 feet (76 meters) in the Chicot and Evangeline (undifferentiated) aquifers. These areas are growing rapidly and the conversion to alternative sources of water will not be completed in the District until 2035.

Subsidence

Since the 1990s, the District has utilized global positioning system (GPS) technology to monitor the land surface deformation in the area. Working collaboratively with University of Houston researchers, the subsidence monitoring network has grown to over 220 GPS stations throughout the region. These stations are operated by the District, the Fort Bend Subsidence District (FBSD), the University of Houston (UH), the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (LSGCD), the Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District (BCGCD), Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), and other local entities.

The average annual rate of vertical movement is a useful measure to show current conditions at a GPS station. The annual rates of subsidence observed in Regulatory Areas One and Two are stable, since both areas have reached their full regulatory conversion level (1990 and 1995, respectively) and Chicot/Evangeline water-levels have risen. Subsidence rates are generally above 0.5 centimeters (cm) per year throughout Regulatory Area Three as groundwater is still the primary source water in this area, and groundwater levels are significantly below the historical benchmarks. Regulatory Area Three is actively developing water infrastructure to reduce groundwater use in those areas by 2025 and 2035 as specified in the District Regulatory Plan.

Introduction

The Houston region has relied on groundwater as a primary source of water since the early 1900s. During and following the economic boom of the 1940s, rapid population expansion and increased water use resulted in potentiometric water-level declines in the Chicot and Evangeline aquifers of 250 and 300 feet (76 and 91 meters), respectively from 1943 to 1977 (Gabrysch, 1982). The potentiometric surface is the level to which water rises in a well. In a confined aquifer, this surface is above the top of the aquifer unit; whereas, in an unconfined aquifer, it is the same as the water table.

The reliance on groundwater and subsequent subsidence that was caused by regional development resulted in the creation of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District (District) in 1975 and the Fort Bend Subsidence District in 1989. The District's mission is to regulate the use of groundwater in Harris and Galveston counties in order to cease ongoing and prevent future subsidence that can contribute to flooding, faulting, and lead to infrastructure damage.

Purpose of Report

This document comprises the 46th Annual Groundwater Report for the District. Pursuant to District Resolution No. 2022-1081 passed on February 9, 2022, the Board of Directors held the Annual Groundwater Hearing beginning at 10:00 a.m. on April 28, 2022. The public hearing was held at the District office and also offered virtually for viewing purposes only. The public hearing fulfills the requirements of Section 8801.117, Texas Special Districts Local Laws Code, which states that each year, the Board of Directors shall hold a public hearing for the purpose of taking testimony concerning the effects of groundwater withdrawals on the subsidence of land within the District during the preceding year.

The hearing was attended by 31 people, which includes both in person and virtual participants, registered for the Hearing including members of the USGS staff, members of the District's staff, two Directors, representatives from neighboring groundwater conservation districts and the public. Those giving testimony were Ms. Ashley Greuter, Program Manager – Monitoring and Research, of the District and Mr. Jason Ramage, Hydrologist, Gulf Coast Programs Office, Texas-Oklahoma Water Science Center, of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior. Ms. Greuter submitted 16 exhibits including topics of precipitation, groundwater withdrawal, alternate-water usage, and subsidence measurements. Mr. Ramage presented 20 exhibits including topics of water-level altitudes, water-level changes, and aquifer compaction. The record for testimony and public comment was open from April 28, 2022 through May 6, 2022. One (1) comment was received and is included in its entirety in **Appendix D – Testimony and Public Comment from the Public Hearing.**

This report provides a general description of the District, which includes hydrogeology, alternative water sources, and regulatory planning, as well as an overview of the information presented during the Public Hearing, including climatic conditions, reported groundwater use, groundwater levels and measured subsidence within the District from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **Appendix A** of this report includes the exhibits presented at the public hearing held on April 28, 2022.

Description of the Study Area

The following section provides an overview of the study area, including the hydrogeology and an overview of the District’s regulatory planning areas.

Hydrogeology

The Gulf Coast Aquifer exists as an accretionary wedge of unconsolidated sediments composed primarily of sand, silt, and clay. Indicative of a transgressive-regressive shoreline, the interbedded sands and clays are not horizontally or vertically continuous at larger than a local scale. From youngest to oldest, these hydrogeologic units include the Chicot, Evangeline, Burkeville Confining Unit, Jasper, and Catahoula Sandstone aquifers.

The three-primary water-bearing units located within the District include the Chicot, Evangeline, and Jasper aquifers. The Chicot and the Evangeline aquifers comprise the shallow system of aquifers. These aquifers are hydrologically connected, allowing for the free flow of water between the two units. Historically, nearly all of the groundwater production in the Gulf Coast Aquifer System in the District occurred in the shallow system. Recently, an updated stratigraphic approach incorporated new data from approximately 650 geophysical logs and adjusted the bottom of the Chicot aquifer by extending it deeper (Young & Draper, 2020). This updated approach changed aquifer designations such that wells that were previously defined as screened in the Evangeline are now considered to be screened in the Chicot. As a result of this modification, the USGS has combined the Chicot and Evangeline aquifers into an undifferentiated shallow aquifer system called the Chicot and Evangeline (undifferentiated) in this report as shown in **Figure 1**.

The Jasper aquifer is the deepest of the three primary water bearing units and is isolated by the regionally persistent Burkeville confining unit. In the region, the Catahoula Sandstone, the deepest water bearing unit in the Gulf Coast Aquifer system and the Burkeville confining unit are utilized as a groundwater supply in areas to the north and west of the District where these units may produce appreciable amounts of water.

Most of the subsidence that has occurred in the District can be sourced to clay compaction in the shallow water bearing units associated with long-term water use and the decline in the aquifers’ potentiometric surface. Because of the significant amount of clay material in the primary water bearing units of the aquifer, the risk of compaction is high in areas where the developed portions of the aquifers are within about 2,000 feet of land surface under high stress from groundwater development, and have had sustained potentiometric water-level declines (Yu, et al., 2014).

Geologic timescale		Prior annual water-level reports		This report		
System	Series	Geologic units ²	Hydrogeologic units ²	Geologic units ¹	Hydrogeologic units ¹	
Quaternary	Holocene	Alluvium	Chicot aquifer	Alluvial, terrace, and dune deposits	Chicot - Evangeline aquifer (undifferentiated)	
	Pleistocene	Beaumont Formation		Beaumont Formation		
		Lissie Formation		Montgomery Formation		Lissie Formation
				Bentley Formation		Bentley Formation
		Willis Sand		Willis Sand		
Tertiary	Pliocene	Goliad Sand	Evangeline aquifer	Goliad Sand (upper part)	Evangeline aquifer	
	Miocene	Fleming Formation Lagarto Clay	Burkeville confining unit	Goliad Sand (lower part)		
				Lagarto Clay (upper part)	Burkeville confining unit	
		Oakville Sandstone	Jasper aquifer	Lagarto Clay (middle part)	Jasper aquifer	
				Lagarto Clay (lower part)		
				Oakville Sandstone		
	Oligocene	³ Catahoula Sandstone	⁴ Upper part of Catahoula Sandstone	Catahoula Confining System	Catahoula Formation	Catahoula Confining System
⁴ Anahuac Formation					Upper Catahoula Formation	
⁴ Frio Formation		⁴ Frio Formation				

¹Modified from Young and Draper (2020) and Young and others (2010, 2012)
²Modified from Baker (1979)
³Located in the outcrop
⁴Located in the subcrop

Figure 1. Updated stratigraphic column of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System in Harris and adjacent counties, Texas (Source: Braun and Ramage, 2022 [*in Press – to be published in June 2022*]).

Surficial Hydrology

The District’s Regulatory Plan requires permittees to convert to alternative water supplies in order to reduce their reliance on groundwater sources. The primary alternative water supplies used in the Houston region is surface water sourced from three river basins: the Brazos River Basin, the San Jacinto River Basin and the Trinity River Basin (**Figure 2**).

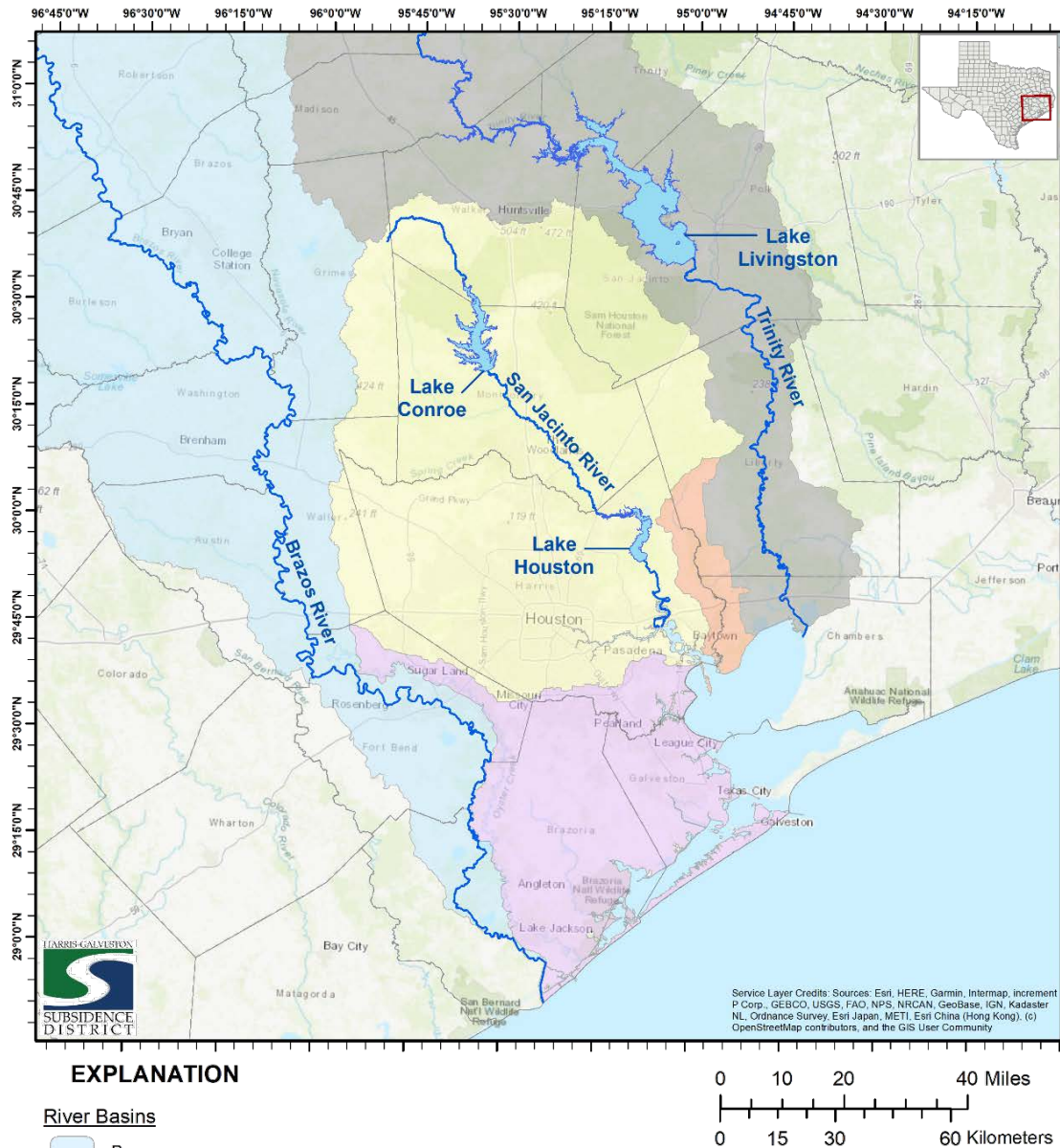


Figure 2: River basins that supply alternative water to Harris and Galveston counties, Texas.

The Brazos River Basin is the second largest river basin in Texas, covering over 45,000 square miles (116,550 sq km) (TWDB, 2020). The headwaters of the Brazos River are located near the Texas-New Mexico border and the river travels over 800 miles (1,287 km) to discharge into the Gulf of Mexico near Freeport, Texas. The Brazos River Authority manages the 11 reservoirs within this basin, eight of which

are owned by the Brazos River Authority and three are owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Region H Water Planning Group, 2016).

The San Jacinto River Basin is the smallest river basin in Texas, covering almost 4,000 square miles (10,360 sq. km) according to Texas Water Development Board (2020). Lake Conroe and Lake Houston are the two water supply reservoirs located within the San Jacinto River Basin. Lake Conroe is jointly owned by the City of Houston and the San Jacinto River Authority. The San Jacinto River Authority operates Lake Conroe and provides water supply to Harris and Montgomery Counties. Lake Houston is owned by the City of Houston and operated by the Coastal Water Authority.

The Trinity River Basin covers almost 18,000 square miles (46,619 sq. km), with headwaters of the basin located in north central Texas (TWDB, 2020). The Trinity River flows through the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, traversing 550 miles (885 km) until the river discharges into Trinity Bay near Anahuac, Texas. There are numerous reservoirs located on the Trinity River that are owned and operated by several different agencies, including Lake Livingston which is owned and operated by Trinity River Authority.

Alternative Source Waters

In the 1950s, the City of Houston along with other entities in the region began the development of several water supply reservoirs within the San Jacinto and Trinity River Basins to provide water for the rapidly growing region. Today, water treatment plants served by these surface water sources and the Brazos River Basin are operated by the City of Houston, City of Sugar Land, City of Richmond, the Gulf Coast Water Authority, the Brazosport Water Authority, and others.

To meet the Harris-Galveston and Fort Bend Subsidence Districts' regulatory requirements to convert from groundwater to surface water, the City of Houston and four regional water authorities—the Central Harris County Regional Water Authority, North Fort Bend Water Authority, North Harris County Regional Water Authority, West Harris County Regional Water Authority, and Coastal Water Authority (collectively, the Water Authorities) – began working together to plan, design, finance, and construct several major infrastructure projects.

Four projects are underway to develop the necessary alternative water supply and distribution infrastructure to facilitate the District's future conversion requirements (**Figure 3**):

- Luce Bayou Interbasin Transfer: will pump untreated surface water from the Trinity River through a series of canals and water pipelines along Luce bayou to Lake Houston.
- Northeast Water Purification Plant Expansion: will expand the existing surface water treatment plant located on Lake Houston from 80 MGD up to 400 MGD, in order to treat the raw surface water conveyed by the Luce Bayou Interbasin Transfer project.
- Northeast Transmission Line Project: will provide for the conveyance of the additional treated surface water from Lake Houston into central and northern Harris County.
- The Surface Water Supply Project: will convey treated water from the expanded Northeast Water Purification Plant into western Harris County and northeastern Fort Bend County.

In addition to the four projects described above, the City of Houston and the Water Authorities are each designing and constructing their own distribution systems to convey the treated surface water to their

customers. These interrelated regional projects are planned to be completed by 2025, when the next conversion requirements go into effect.

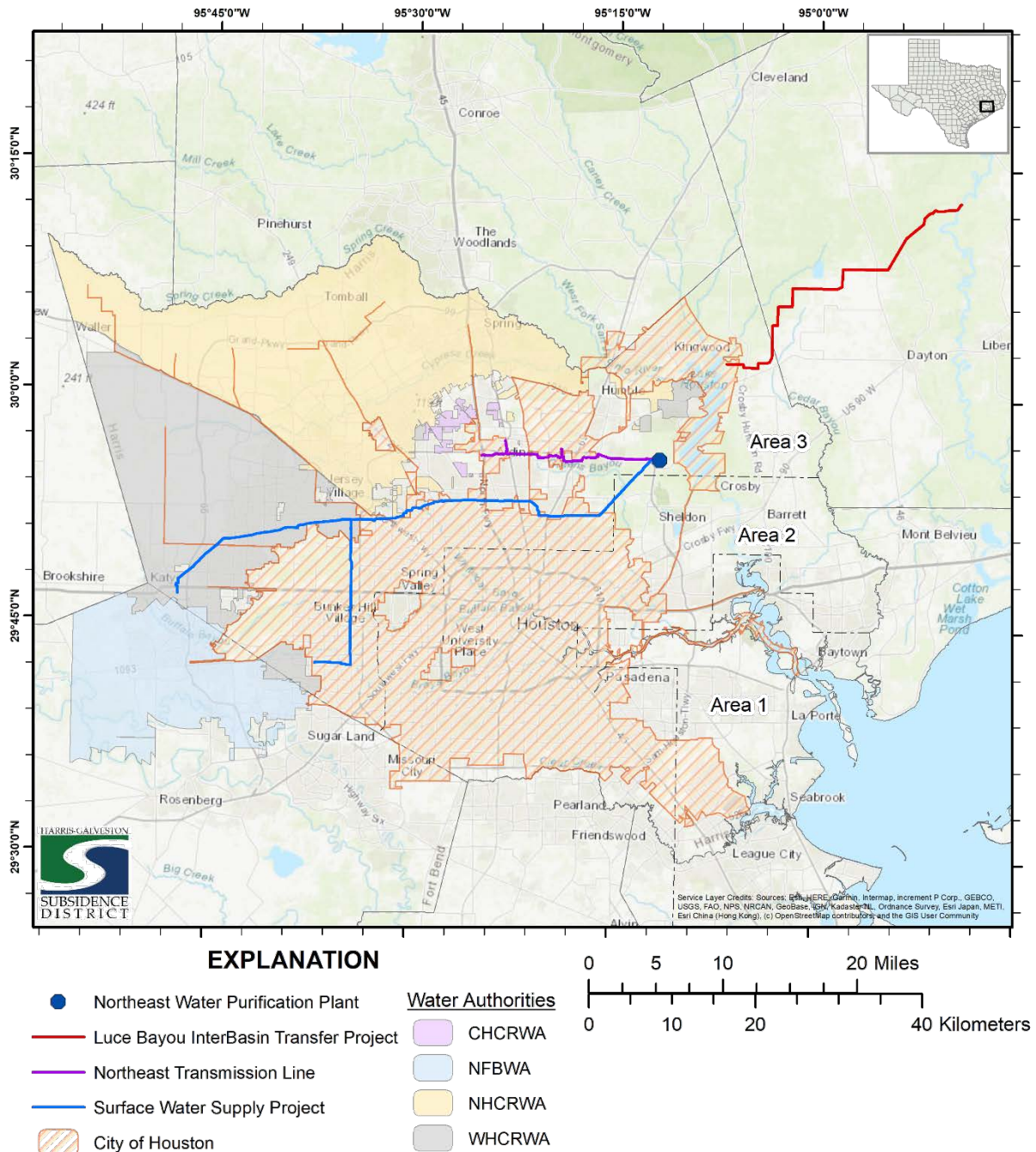


Figure 3: Alternative water supply and infrastructure distribution projects in the greater Houston region.

Regulatory Planning

The District’s Regulatory Plan was developed to reduce groundwater withdrawal to a level that ceases ongoing subsidence and prevents future subsidence within the District. The District utilizes a novel

approach to regulate groundwater withdrawal in order to prevent subsidence by allowing a portion of the total water demand of a water user to be sourced from groundwater. Total water demand is defined as the total amount of water used by an entity from all sources including groundwater, treated surface water, reclaimed water, etc. The District adopted the most recent Regulatory Plan on January 9, 2013 and it was subsequently amended on May 08, 2013 and April 14, 2021 (Harris-Galveston Subsidence District, Amended 2021).

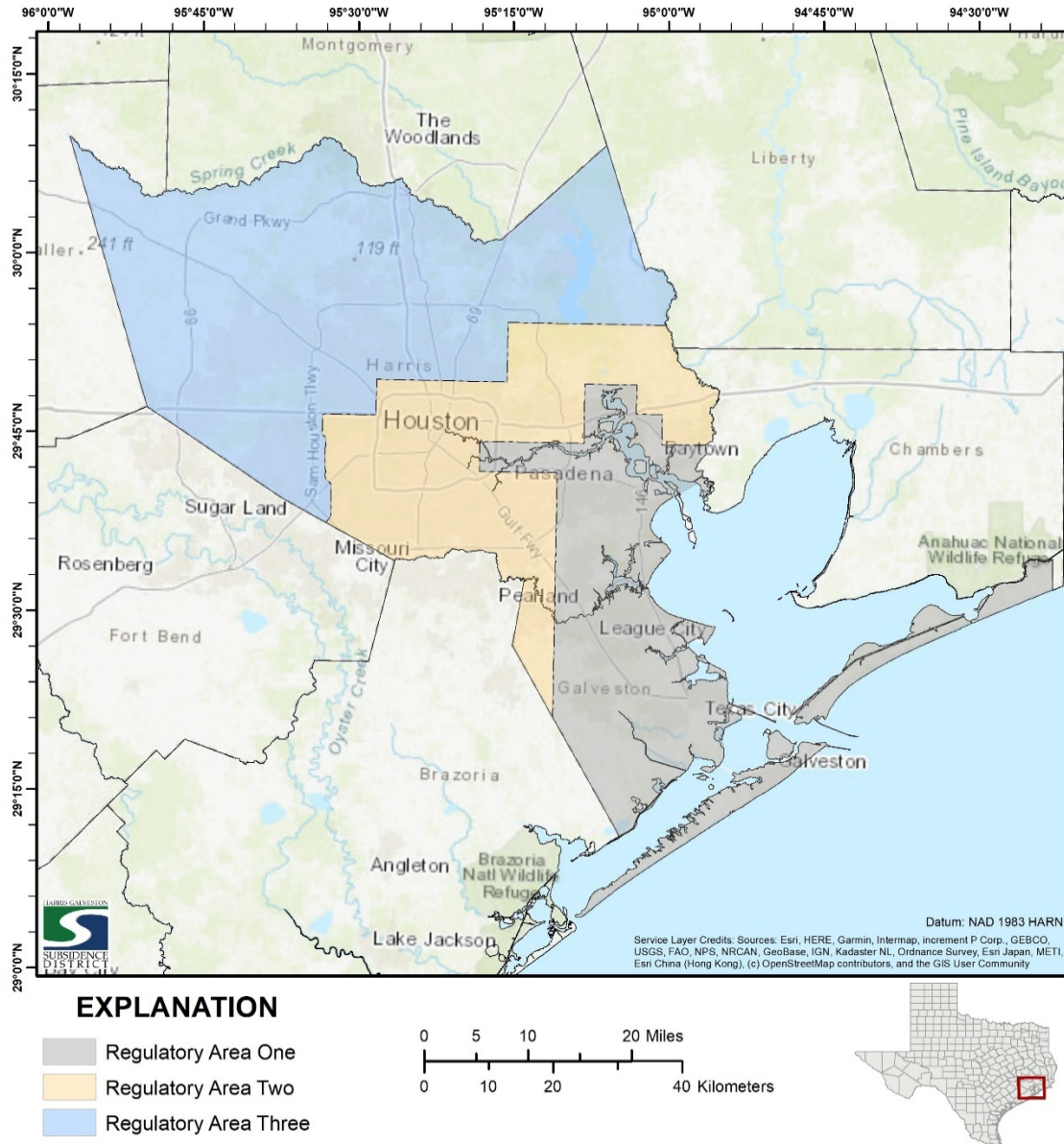


Figure 4. Location of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District Regulatory Areas.

The District has historically used regulatory areas to guide groundwater conversion deadlines and regulations. The 2013 Regulatory Plan has subdivided Harris and Galveston counties into three

regulatory areas (**Figure 4**). Regulatory Area One includes the Houston Ship Channel, Industrial Corridor, and coastal areas of Galveston and Harris Counties. Regulatory Area Two is primarily an urban intermediate area that includes downtown, the Texas Medical Center, and parts of eastern Harris County. Regulatory Area Three covers the remaining areas of the District in northern and western Harris County

Permittees in Regulatory Area One are required to have no more than 10% of their total water demand come from groundwater sources. Permittees in Regulatory Area Two must have no more than 20% of their total water demand come from groundwater sources. Reduction in groundwater use for both Regulatory Area One and Two began once the District was created in 1975, and by 1990 most of those areas had been fully converted to using alternative sources of water.

Regulatory Area Three is still undergoing conversion from groundwater to surface water sources. This area completed its first conversion in 2010 reducing groundwater use from 100% to 70% of total water demand. The District's Regulatory Plan allows permittees with more than ten million gallons per year of total water demand the option to establish groundwater reduction plans (GRPs) that provide a phased approach to conversion in Area Three with additional conditions in Area Two. For those permittees operating under a GRP in Area Three, permittees are required to adhere to the following future conversion deadlines:

- In 2025, groundwater withdrawals must not comprise more than 40 percent of the permittee's total water demand.
- In 2035, groundwater withdrawals must not comprise more than 20 percent of the permittee's total water demand.

All other permittees in Regulatory Area Three (i.e., those without GRPs) are required to reduce their groundwater withdrawals so that no more than 20 percent of their total water demand was sourced from groundwater.

2021 Climate Summary

The District reviews local climatic data provided from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – National Weather Service (NWS) climate stations within and adjacent to the District boundary (**Figure 5**). Variation in local precipitation, specifically deviation from historical normal, is important to the District because it has a direct impact on the magnitude of the total water demand from water users in the region as well as the availability of alternative water supplies, such as surface water. During period of above normal precipitation in the region, total water demand remains typically near normal or below normal due to reduced municipal and agricultural water uses. Conversely, during period of below normal precipitation, the total water demand of the region will typically increase due to increased water use. Additionally, during prolonged periods of below normal precipitation, natural limits on alternative supplies may require additional groundwater use – and subsequently result in additional lowering of groundwater levels, compaction of the aquifer materials, and subsidence observed at land surface.

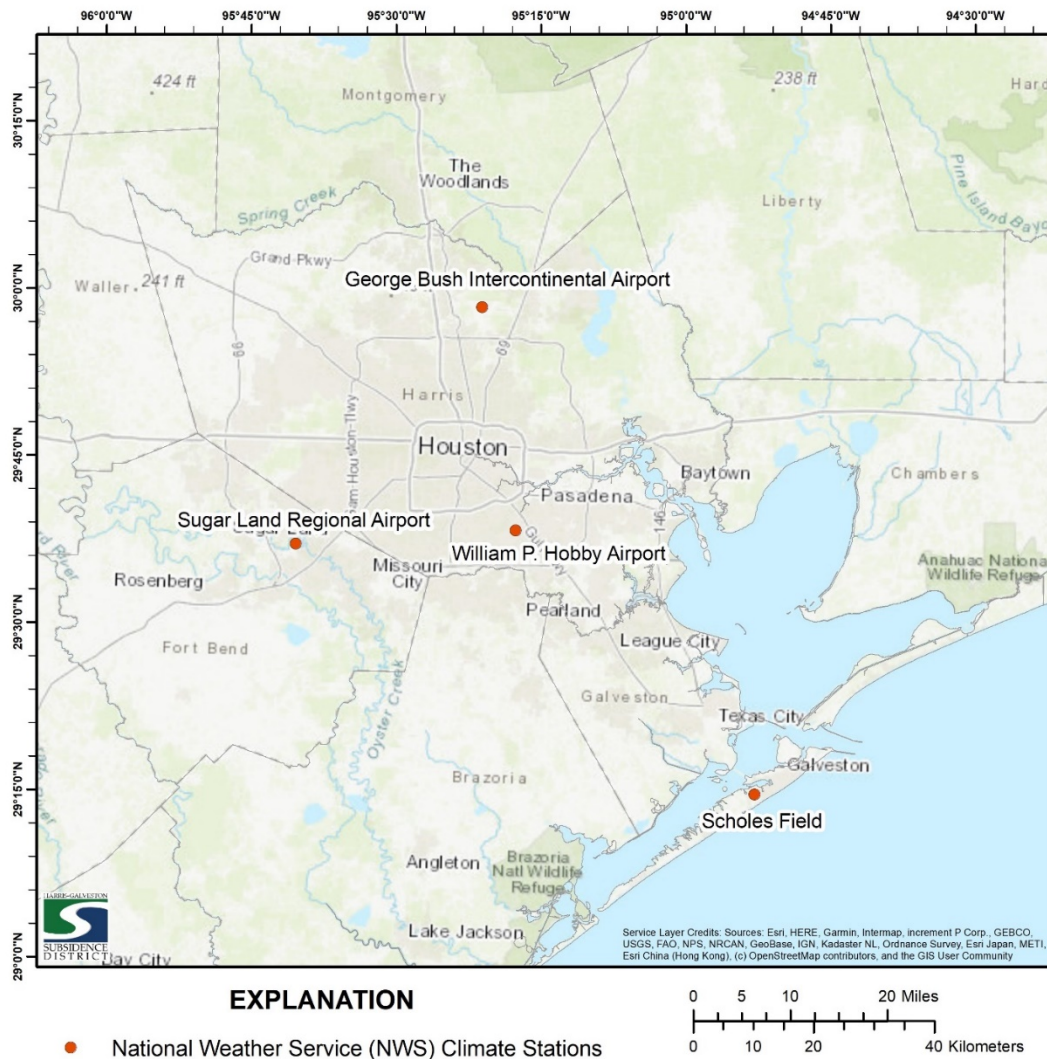


Figure 5. Location of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)-NWS climate stations analyzed in the greater Houston region.

As shown in **Figure 6**, precipitation throughout 2021 is marked by below normal rainfall followed by prolonged above normal rainfall in the early summer through fall months for the majority of NWS climate stations analyzed. The cumulative precipitation departure from 1991-2020 normal precipitation is referenced against each NWS climate station displayed in **Figure 6**. Generally normal to below normal precipitation in the winter through spring was observed at all climate stations.

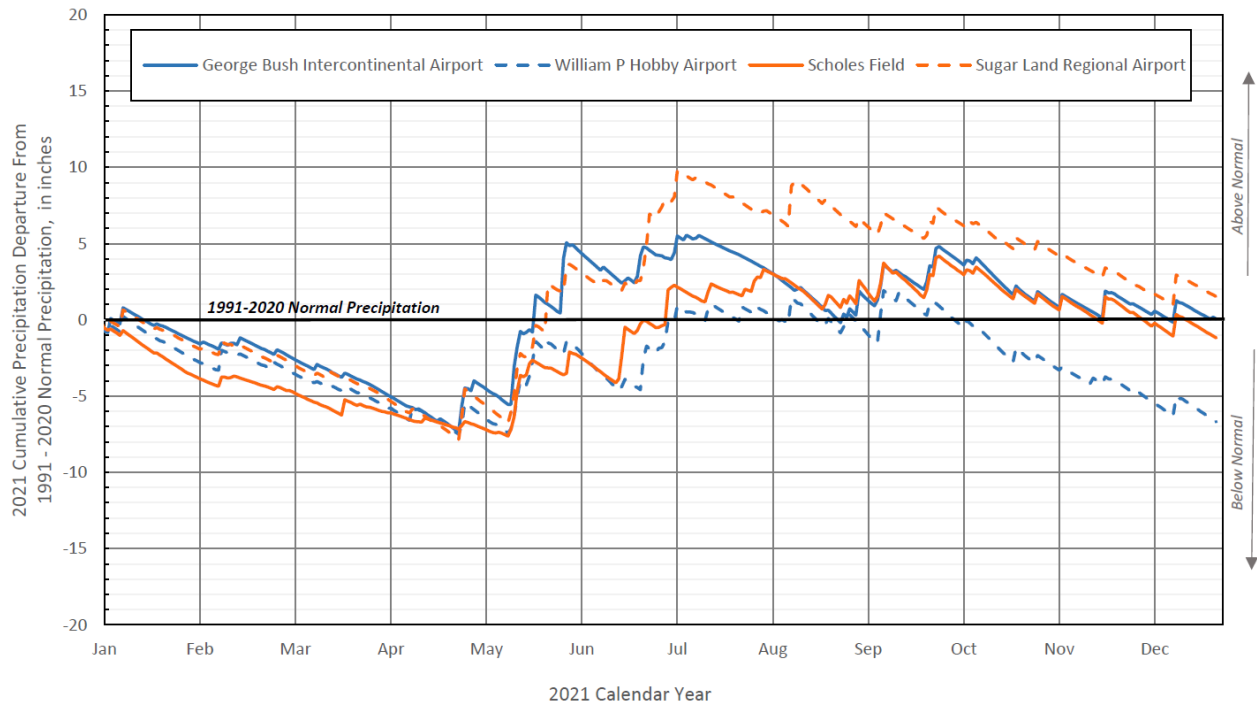


Figure 6. Cumulative precipitation departure, in inches, from 1991-2020 normal precipitation (sourced from <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/data/normals-daily/1991-2020/access/>) at selected NOAA-NWS Climate Stations in the Houston region. Individual climate station data are sourced from NOWData – NOAA Online Weather Data accessed via <https://www.weather.gov/wrh/Climate?wfo=hgx>.

Winter Storm Uri moved onto southeast Texas from February 12 through February 18 bringing snow, sleet, and freezing rain that had tremendous impact in the District and the entire state of Texas. The winter storm, combined with a large trough from a shift in the polar vortex, brought prolonged periods of freezing temperatures and wintry precipitation which broke numerous snowfall and minimum temperature records (Fowler, 2022). The winter storm created freezing conditions that shut down the power grids and resulted in one of the largest blackout events in the recent history of the United States (Douglas, 2021). Millions of residents in southeast Texas were left without power, water pipes ruptured for both residents and businesses, and over 200 people in Texas, including 43 in Harris County, died as a result of the winter storm (Weber, 2021). Travis County officials estimated that Winter Storm Uri caused approximately \$195 billion in damages in Texas (HSEM, 2021).

As the Houston-Galveston area was over 5 inches below normal precipitation totals for the majority of April, intermittent storms produced large amounts of rainfall over much of the region. Additionally, Hurricane Nicholas, a category 1 storm, made landfall at Sargent Beach in Matagorda County on

September 14, 2021 bringing several inches of rain to Harris and Galveston counties. From summer through fall, the majority of climate stations measured rainfall totals above normal (**Figure 6**).

Precipitation was generally above normal through the remainder of 2021. The largest cumulative rainfall recorded at the selected NOAA-NWS climate stations was 51.2 inches (130.16 cm) at Sugar Land Airport, which is 1.5 inches (4.15 cm) above the 1991-2020 normal annual precipitation. The lowest cumulative rainfall of 46.06 inches (116.94 cm) was recorded at Scholes Field on Galveston Island, which is 1.18 inches (3.0 cm) below normal. At the end of the year in December, the William P. Hobby airport measured the greatest departure from normal at approximately 6.7 inches below normal (**Figure 6**).

2021 Water Use Summary

The District collects groundwater and alternative water supply use annually from permittees. This information provides an understanding of how much groundwater is being used, how permittees are using groundwater, and perspective on the conversion from groundwater to surface water.

As of April 2022, a total of 7,370 of these permittees had submitted their annual water use data for the District to compile and use in this report. The groundwater withdrawals associated with missing reports were estimated based on permitted allocations to be 3.18 MGD, which equates to about 1.6 percent of withdrawals.

In addition to providing water use data for 2021, this report also provides updated groundwater withdrawal totals for the previously reported year of 2020. These changes are made during the normal permitting and reporting process as part of the exchange between the District and its permittees. The changes include updating estimated amounts with actual amounts, correction of data entry errors, and errors in the submitted data. The reported 2020 groundwater withdrawal total increased by 3.3 MGD to a new total of 211.39 MGD.

The following sections provide a summary of the information presented at the Public Hearing held on April 28, 2022. The exhibits used to provide testimony during the hearing are included in **Appendix A – Exhibits Presented at Public Hearing held on April 28, 2022.**

Overall Water Use

The three primary water uses in the District are public supply, industrial, and irrigation. The total amount of groundwater withdrawal for 2021 is 203.6 MGD, about four percent decrease over 2020, with public supply reported to be 92 percent of the overall use (**Table 1**). As a result of the District’s Regulatory Plan, groundwater withdrawals have decreased since the District’s inception in 1975, with a 55 percent decline from 456.3 MGD in 1976 to 203.6 MGD in 2021 (**Figure 7**). Patterns in groundwater use have shifted over time, resulting in reduced groundwater use for industrial and agricultural needs compared with the 1970s and 1980s.

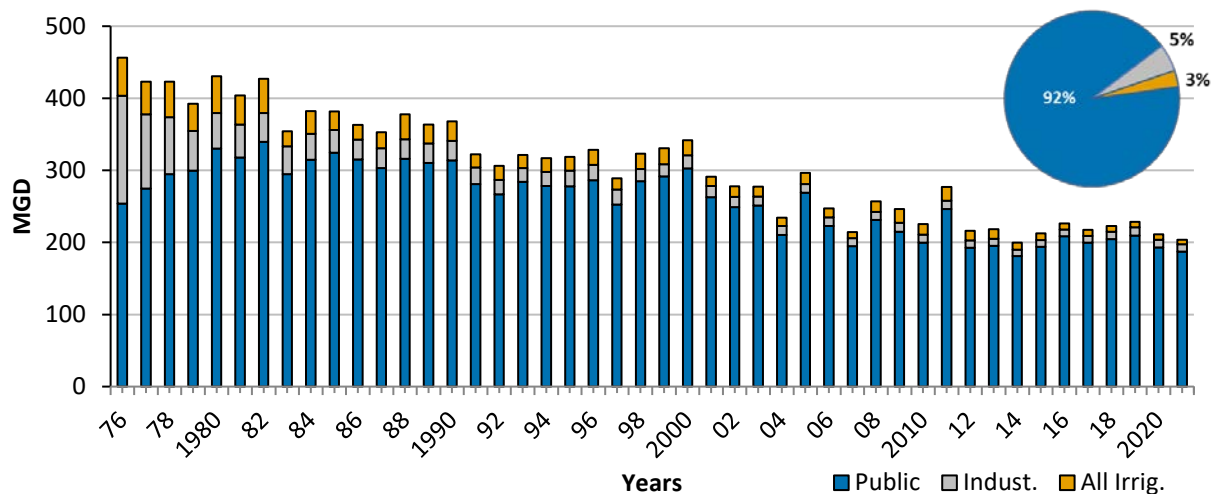


Figure 7: Groundwater withdrawals, in million gallons per day, by water use category from 1976 to 2021. The total groundwater used in the District was 203.6 MGD in 2021, with 92 percent as public supply.

The District is divided into three regulatory areas that define how much groundwater may be utilized as a percentage of the total water demand. The groundwater withdrawals are grouped by regulatory area in **Figure 8**. This chart shows the impact of the District’s Regulatory Plan, requiring conversion from groundwater to alternative water over time and as a result the reduction in groundwater withdrawals in regulatory areas that have fully converted to alternative water (i.e., Regulatory Areas One and Two). As a result, the majority of groundwater use within the District is occurring within Regulatory Area Three. The following sections provide additional information regarding groundwater withdrawals in each Regulatory Area.

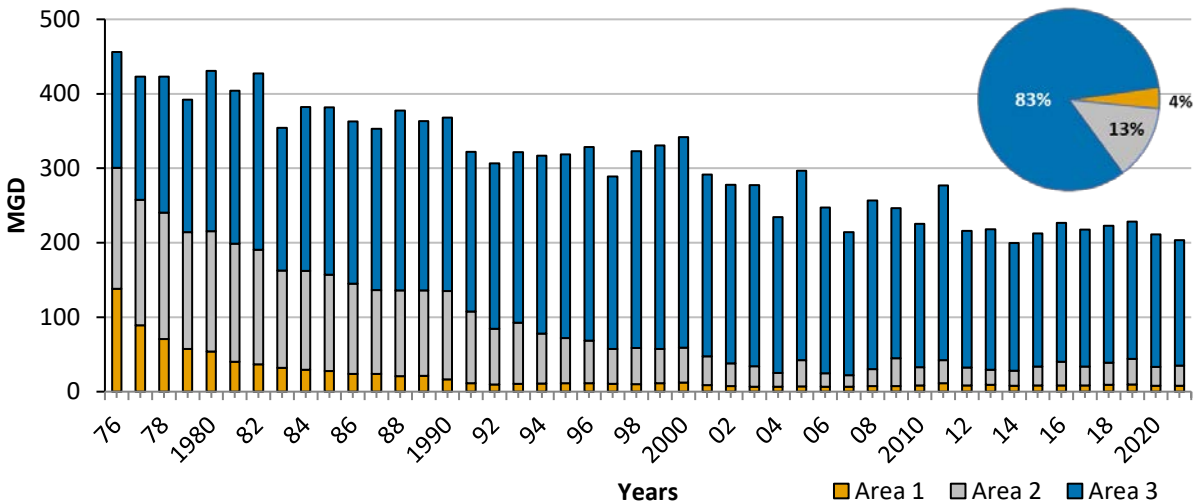


Figure 8: Groundwater withdrawals, in million gallons per day, by regulatory area from 1976 to 2021. In 2021, a total of 7.9 MGD of groundwater was used in Regulatory Area One, with 27 MGD used in Regulatory Area Two and 168.7 MGD used in Regulatory Area Three.

Table 1. Summary of Reported Groundwater Water Use (in MGD) by Regulatory Area.

Water Use Category	Area 1			Area 2			Area 3			Total		
	2020	2021	1-Year Change	2020	2021	1-Year Change	2020	2021	1-Year Change	2020	2021	1-Year Change
Public	2.4	2.3	-4%	21.7	23.9	10%	169.2	161.0	-5%	193.3	187.2	-3%
Industrial	5.5	5.4	-3%	2.7	2.5	-7%	2.2	2.4	9%	10.4	10.3	-1%
All Irrigation	0.13	0.16	23%	0.87	0.72	-17%	6.7	5.3	-21%	7.7	6.2	-20%
Total	8.1	7.9	-3%	25.3	27.1	7%	178.1	168.7	-5%	211.4	203.7	-4%

Regulatory Area One

Regulatory Area One covers most of Galveston County and the southeastern portion of Harris County. Cities and villages included are Bacliff, Baytown, Bayou Vista, Channelview, Clear Lake Shores, Deer Park, Dickinson, El Lago, Galena Park, Galveston, Highlands, Hitchcock, Kemah, La Marque, La Porte, League City, Morgan’s Point, Nassau Bay, Pasadena, San Leon, Santa Fe, Texas City, Seabrook, Shoreacres, Taylor Lake Village, Tiki Island, and Webster. Also included are Clear Lake, Johnson Space Center, and

Bolivar Peninsula Areas. This area converted to alternate water sources back in the 1970s, 1980s and early 1990s.

In 2021, total groundwater withdrawal in Regulatory Area One was 7.9 MGD, a three percent decrease from the previous year (**Table 1**). The majority of groundwater use in Regulatory Area One is associated with industrial use, which comprises 69 percent of the use in the area. Industrial use has been relatively stable since 1990 and groundwater use for public supply has remained generally stable since 2001 (**Figure 9**). Irrigation water use is typically correlated to climate and rainfall patterns. The amount of groundwater used for irrigation increased by 22 percent in 2021 to 0.16 MGD. Historically, groundwater withdrawals have declined in Regulatory Area One from a maximum of 138.1 MGD in 1976 to 7.9 MGD in 2021 (**Figure 9**).

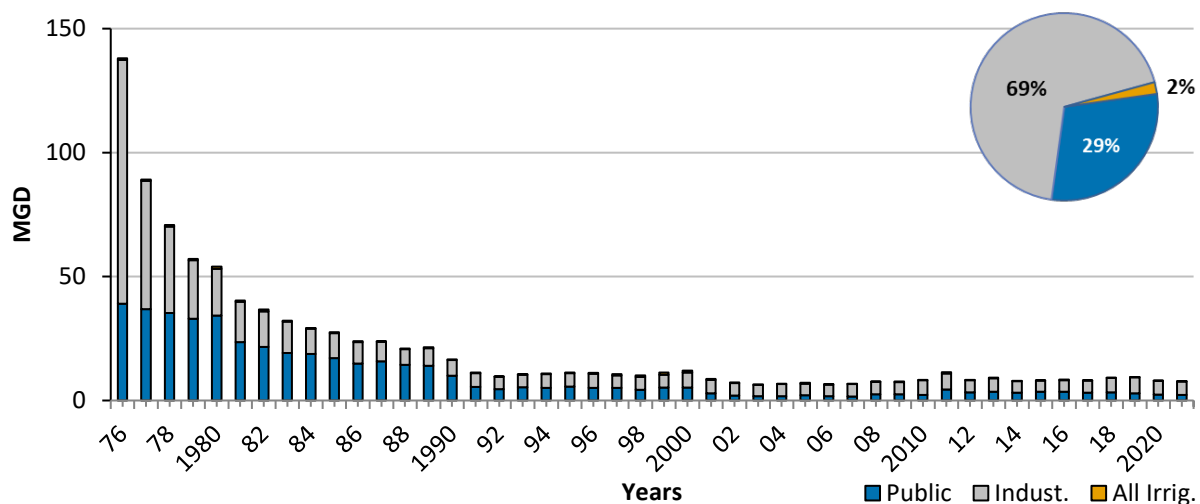


Figure 9: Groundwater withdrawals for Regulatory Area One, in million gallons per day, by water use category from 1976 to 2021. A total of 7.9 MGD of groundwater was used in Regulatory Area One in 2021, with 69% of the withdrawals being used for industrial use.

Regulatory Area Two

Regulatory Area Two covers a small northwestern slice of Galveston County and southern and eastern Harris County. Cities, entities, and areas included are Bellaire, Cloverleaf, Crosby, Friendswood, Highlands, Hobby Airport, Pasadena, Sheldon, South Houston, the Villages, West University, and large portions of the City of Houston. Regulatory Area Two has been converted to alternate water sources since the early 2000s, where possible.

In 2021, total groundwater withdrawal in Regulatory Area Two was 27 MGD, a seven percent increase from the previous year (**Table 1**). Public supply continues to be the dominant use and has decreased by 83 percent from the maximum of 143.5 MGD in 1980 to 23.9 MGD in 2021 (**Figure 10**). Overall, groundwater use in Regulatory Area Two has declined from above 150 MGD in the 1970s to below 30 MGD since 2002.

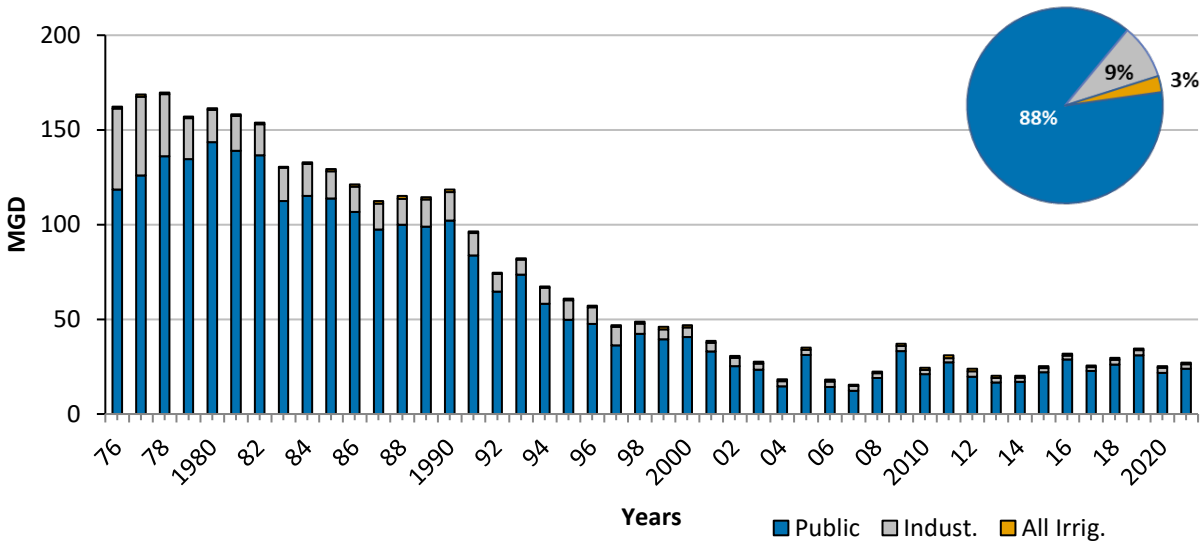


Figure 10: Groundwater withdrawals for Regulatory Area Two, in million gallons per day, by water use category from 1976 to 2021. A total of 27 MGD of groundwater was used in Regulatory Area Two in 2021, with 88% of the withdrawals being used for public supply.

Regulatory Area Three

Regulatory Area Three covers north and west Harris County. Cities, entities and areas included are the Jersey Village, Humble, Kingwood, Huffman, Tomball, Cypress, Hockley, Spring, and parts of Katy. Entities in this regulatory area were required to convert to alternate water beginning in 2010, with this conversion facilitated by the City of Houston and the Regional Water Authorities. Two subsequent conversion deadlines in 2025 and 2035 remain for permittees with groundwater reduction plans.

In 2021, total groundwater withdrawal in Regulatory Area Three was 168.7 MGD, a five percent decrease from the previous year (**Table 1**). Similar to Regulatory Area Two, the largest category of water use is public supply use, which was reported at 161 MGD and accounts for 96 percent of the groundwater use in the area (**Figure 11**). Industrial water use has been below 4 MGD since 2010, while irrigation water use remained below 10 MGD since 2014.

Groundwater withdrawals in Regulatory Area Three show a generally increasing trend beginning in 1976 through 2000, reflecting the impacts of climate and population increase as development progressed in northern and western Harris County. As shown in **Figure 11**, groundwater use has remained relatively constant since 2012, varying between 171.4 MGD and 188.8 MGD.

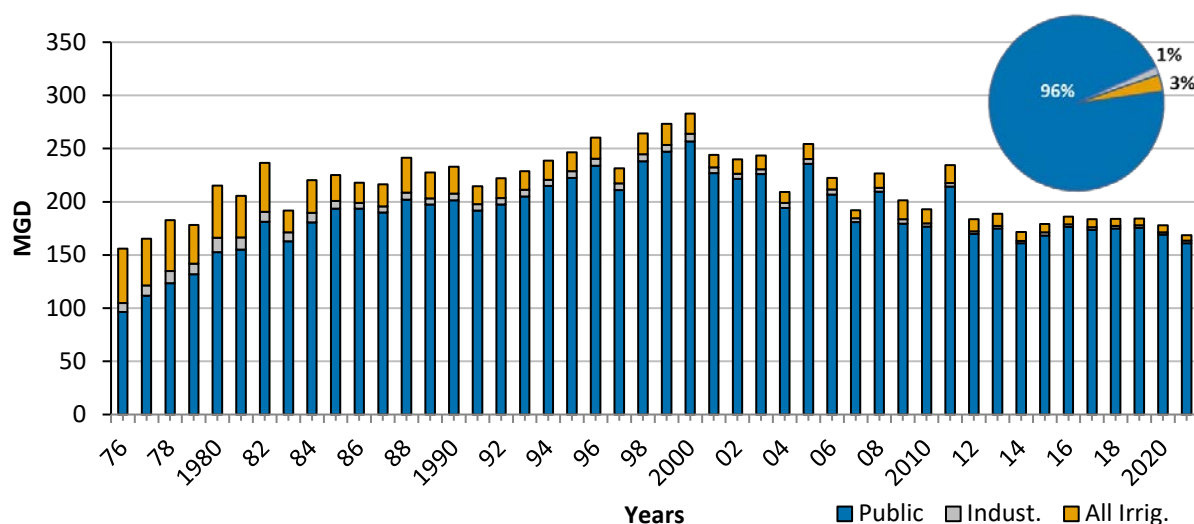


Figure 11: Groundwater withdrawals for Regulatory Area Three, in million gallons per day, by water use category from 1976 to 2021. A total of 168.7 MGD of groundwater was used in Regulatory Area Three in 2021, with 96% of the withdrawals being used for public supply.

Alternative Water Supply and Total Water Use

The District’s Regulatory Plan requires permittees to convert to alternative water supplies in order to reduce their reliance on groundwater sources. The primary alternative water supply used in our region is surface water sourced from three river basins: the Brazos River Basin, the San Jacinto River Basin and the Trinity River Basin (**Table 2**).

Table 2. Summary of Reported Alternative Water Supply Use and Total Water Use (in MGD)

Source		2020	2021	1-Year Change
Alternative Supplies	Brazos River Basin	68.8	70.9	3%
	San Jacinto River Basin	164.6	172.8	5%
	Trinity River Basin	534.7	535.9	0%
	Reclaimed Water	2.4	3.5	46%
	Alternative Subtotal	770.5	779.9	1%
Groundwater		211.4	203.6	-4%
Total Water Use		981.9	986.7	0.5%

Since 1992, the Trinity River Basin is still the single largest source of alternative water used within the District. Groundwater remains the second largest source of water supply within the District as a whole. Compared with 2020, the use of both the San Jacinto River Basin and Brazos River Basin supply increased by five and three percent, respectively. The total water use for the District was determined to be 986.7 MGD in 2021, which is half a percent increase from 2020 (**Figure 12**).

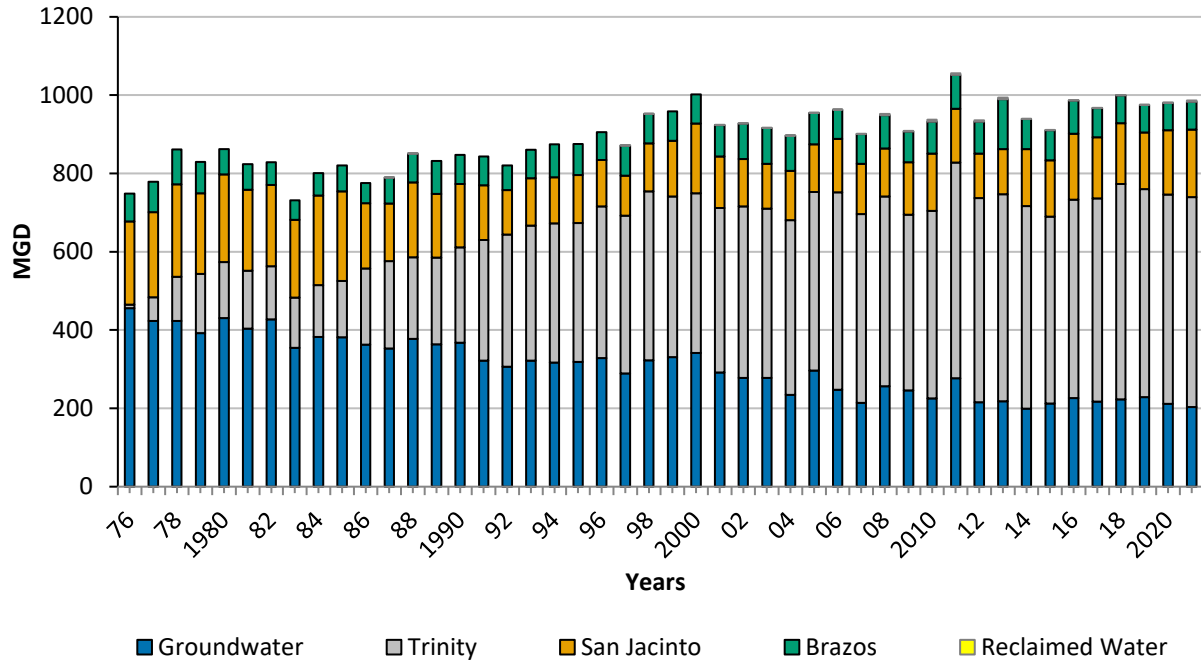


Figure 12: Total water use for District, in million gallons per day, by source water, from 1976 to 2021. The reported total water use for the District in 2021 was 986.7 MGD.

2021 Groundwater Level Summary

All groundwater used in the District is sourced from the Gulf Coast Aquifer System, which is comprised of three primary water bearing units. The two units most widely used in the District are the Chicot and Evangeline aquifers. The Chicot is the shallowest aquifer in the District which is directly connected to the Evangeline aquifer immediately below. The Burkeville confining unit lies beneath the Evangeline aquifer and isolates the third primary aquifer, the Jasper aquifer. The Jasper aquifer is not widely used in the District but is a primary source of water for Montgomery County.

Annually, since 1975, the USGS has measured the water level in hundreds of wells throughout the Houston region in cooperation with the District through a joint funding agreement along with additional cities, subsidence districts and groundwater conservation districts to monitor and provide reports on groundwater level altitude data for the Chicot/Evangeline and Jasper aquifers. Since aquifer water level is the best measure of the pressure in the aquifer, this information is essential to understand the impact of changes in water use on subsidence.

In 2020, the hydrostratigraphy of the Gulf Coast Aquifer was updated as part of the Joint Regulatory Plan Review (Young & Draper, 2020). This information was used to support the development of an updated groundwater-flow model, named GULF 2023, for southeastern Texas in a project funded by the District and the Fort Bend Subsidence District (FBSD), incorporated new data from approximately 650 geophysical logs, and resulted in an adjustment to the bottom of the Chicot aquifer by extending it deeper. As a result of this work, the USGS has reviewed, approved, and incorporated the updated hydrostratigraphy and has classified the update as the Chicot and Evangeline (undifferentiated) as the shallow aquifer system of the Gulf Coast Aquifer. This updated approach also changed aquifer designations for several wells measured annually as part of the groundwater level survey.

The 2022 potentiometric surface (i.e., the interpolated surface from water level data) for the Chicot and Evangeline (undifferentiated) aquifer shows the areas of primary stresses occur in northern and western Harris County, southern Montgomery County, and small portions of northern Fort Bend County (**Figure 13**). The change in water-level in the Chicot/Evangeline aquifer since 1977 clearly demonstrates the impact of District regulation on the aquifers (**Figure 14**). Generally, Regulatory Areas One and Two have seen a significant rise in the potentiometric water-level up to 274 feet (83.5 meters) in the Chicot and Evangeline (undifferentiated) aquifer. The areas of rise are a result of the reduction of groundwater use required by the District's Regulatory Plan. Conversely, in Regulatory Area Three water-levels continue to be significantly lower than the historical benchmark as these areas are growing rapidly and the conversion to alternative sources of water will not be completed in the District until 2035. The maximum declines for the Chicot and Evangeline (undifferentiated) aquifer occur in southern Montgomery County with 341 feet (104 meters) change from 1977 to 2022 (**Figure 14**).

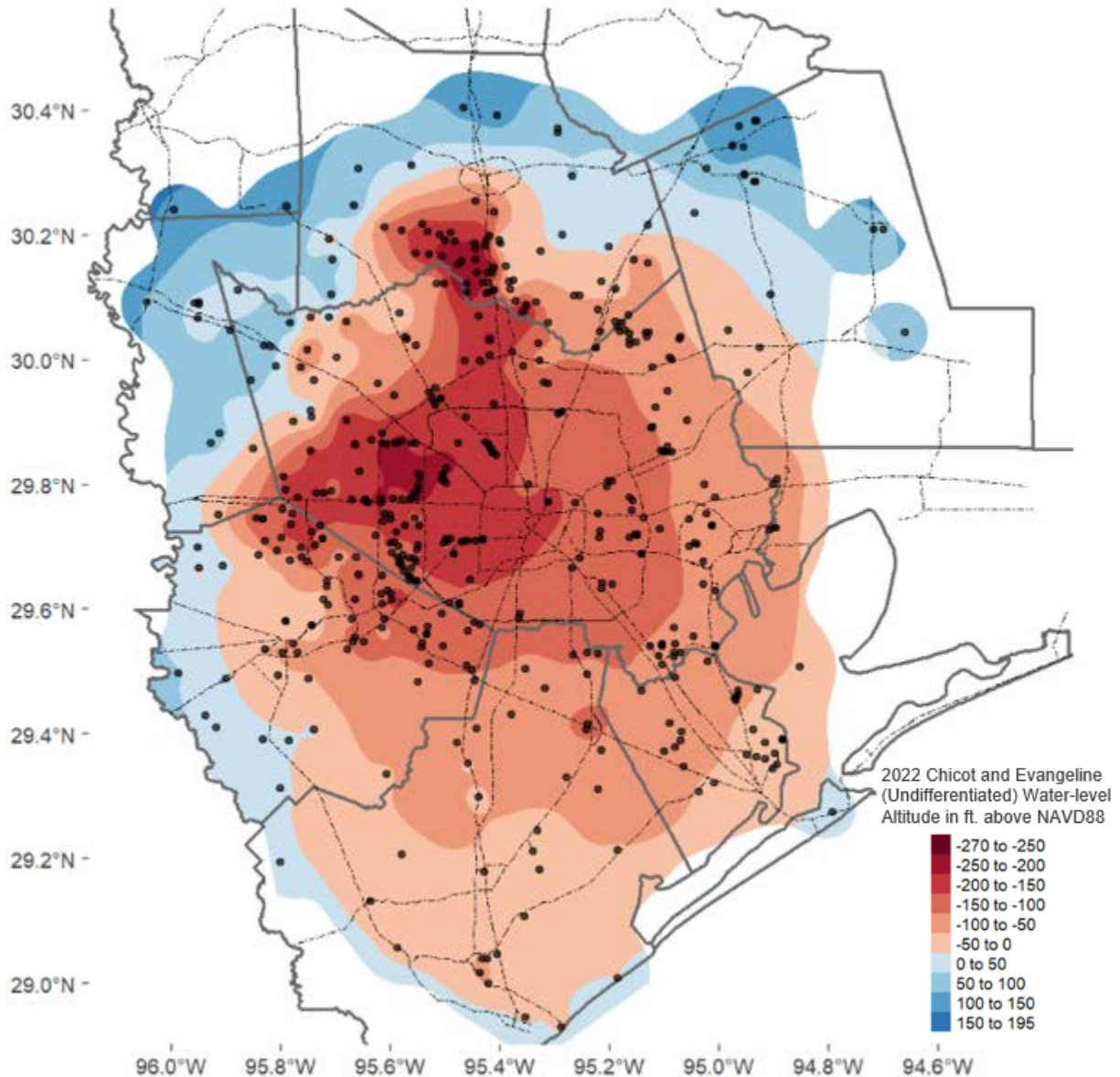


Figure 13: Altitude of the potentiometric surface determined from water-levels measured in tightly cased wells screened in the Chicot and Evangeline (Undifferentiated) aquifer, Houston region, Texas, 2022 (Source: USGS provisional data – preliminary and subject to change, WL – Water-Level).

Groundwater levels in southern Montgomery County are of particular concern. The cone of depression with the greatest water level declines in the Chicot and Evangeline (undifferentiated) aquifer exists in southern Montgomery County near The Woodlands (**Figure 14**). Recent changes in the management plan of Montgomery County’s LSGCD de-regulates the use of groundwater in Montgomery County. This area is an important area of interest as continued population growth and expanded groundwater use may result in an expansion of the area of decline into northern Harris County.

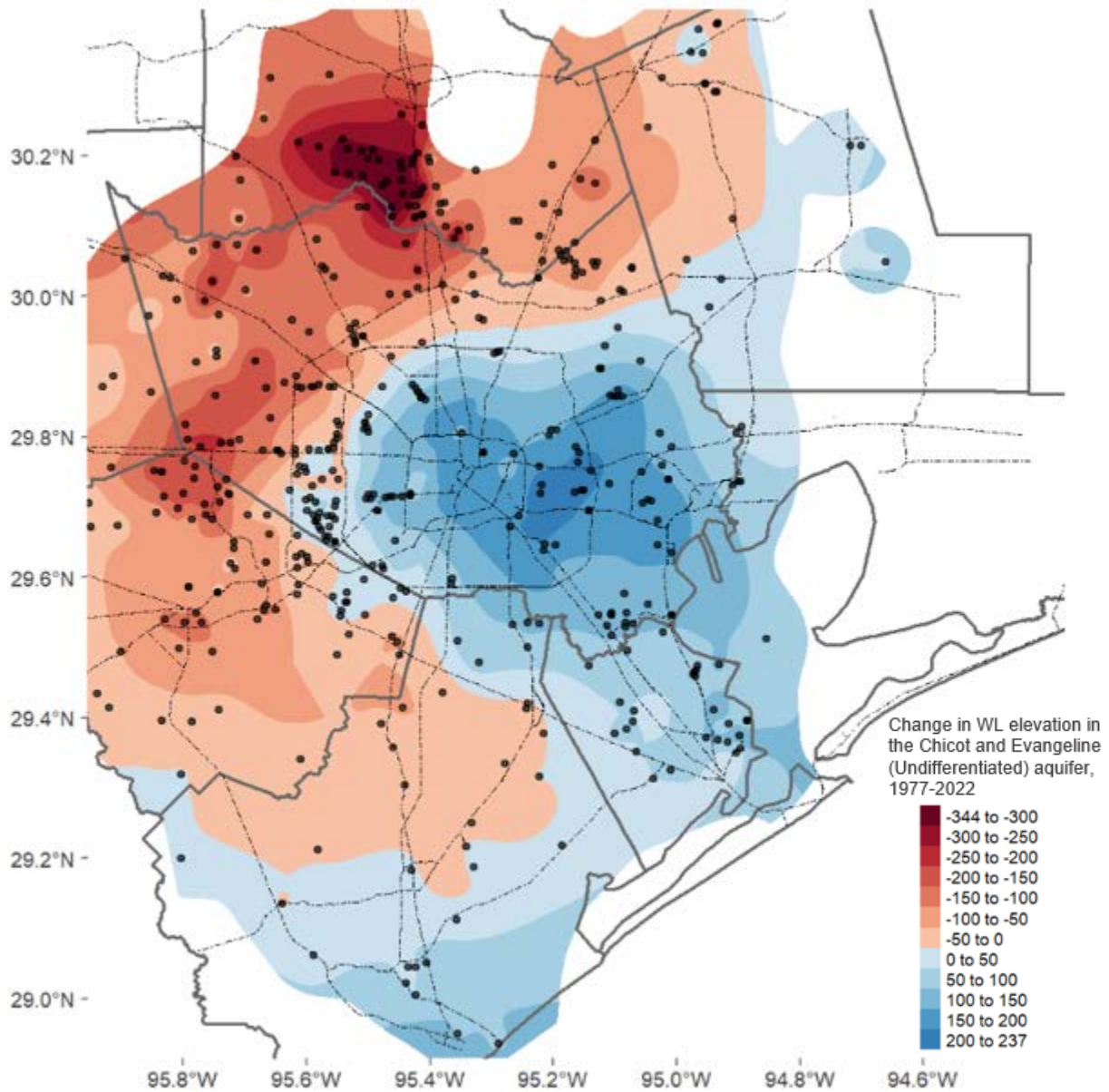


Figure 14: Potentiometric water-level change at wells screened in the Chicot and Evangeline (Undifferentiated) aquifer, Houston region, Texas, from 1977 to 2022 (Source: USGS provisional data – preliminary and subject to change).

The information presented in this section are a brief summary of the provisional data presented at the Public Hearing held on April 28, 2022. The exhibits used to provide testimony during the hearing are included in **Appendix A**. A USGS Scientific Investigation Report should be released later in 2022 documenting the status of groundwater level altitudes and the long-term changes in the Chicot and Evangeline (undifferentiated) and the Jasper aquifers.

2021 Subsidence Trend Analysis

Subsidence is the lowering of land surface elevation. In the Houston-Galveston region, subsidence occurs from the compaction of clays due to groundwater withdrawal for municipal, industrial, and irrigation water supply. As the water level of the aquifer declines, fine-grained sediments, such as silt and clay, in the aquifer depressurize and compact. This compaction results in the lowering of overlying stratigraphic units and is observed as subsidence at the land surface.

Global positioning system (GPS) stations have been installed in various locations across southeast Texas in order to track subsidence since the 1990s. This GPS network consists of a collaboration between the District, FBSD, UH, LSGCD, Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District (BCGCD), the National Geodetic Survey (NGS), the USGS, the City of Houston, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). The GPS network has grown to over 220 sites throughout the region. Additional information on the GPS network is provided in **Appendix B – Subsidence Monitoring Network Overview and Data** and **Appendix C – Period of Record Data**.

Satellite signals are collected every thirty seconds and averaged over 24 hours by global navigation satellite system (GNSS) antenna and receiver into one (1) raw daily data file. Raw data files are processed by Dr. Guoquan Wang at the UH and are compared to a stable regional reference frame designated as Houston20 that uses 25 continuously operating GPS stations which have a long history (greater than eight years) and are located outside the greater Houston area (Agudelo, et al., 2020). Additional details on the GPS data processing methodology are provided in **Appendix B**.

The District uses these GPS data in two ways: 1) period of record and 2) as an average annual subsidence rate in order to understand subsidence trends within the subsidence monitoring network. Additional information on the average annual subsidence rate and period of record data for each GPS station are provided in **Appendix C**.

Period of Record Data

The period of record includes GPS measurements of the ellipsoidal height that are collected over the lifespan of each GPS station. It is used to track the full history of the land-surface deformation and is represented as a vertical displacement time series. The vertical displacement is determined by the change in ellipsoidal height, which is the distance from a point on the earth's surface to the reference ellipsoid. The reference ellipsoid is a mathematical representation of the earth's surface as a smoothed ellipsoid. Although the ellipsoid height is not the same as elevation, or the orthometric height, research as shown that linear trends of vertical displacement at GPS stations over the same time interval were the same for both ellipsoidal and orthometric heights (Wang & Soler, 2014). Therefore, ellipsoidal heights are used to estimate vertical displacement of the land surface. Period of record plots give a historical context to understand local to regional subsidence trends. Period of record plots for each GPS station in the subsidence monitoring network are provided in **Appendix C**.

Average Annual Subsidence Rate

The average annual subsidence rate is a useful measure to show the recent change in land surface deformation at each GPS station. The subsidence rate, presented in this report, is determined by using linear regression (i.e., the statistically determined best fit straight line through a scatter plot of data points) of the last five years of data for GPS station with at least three years of GPS data. **Figure 15**

depicts the average annual subsidence rate from 2017 to 2021 for 201 GPS stations in the greater Houston area.

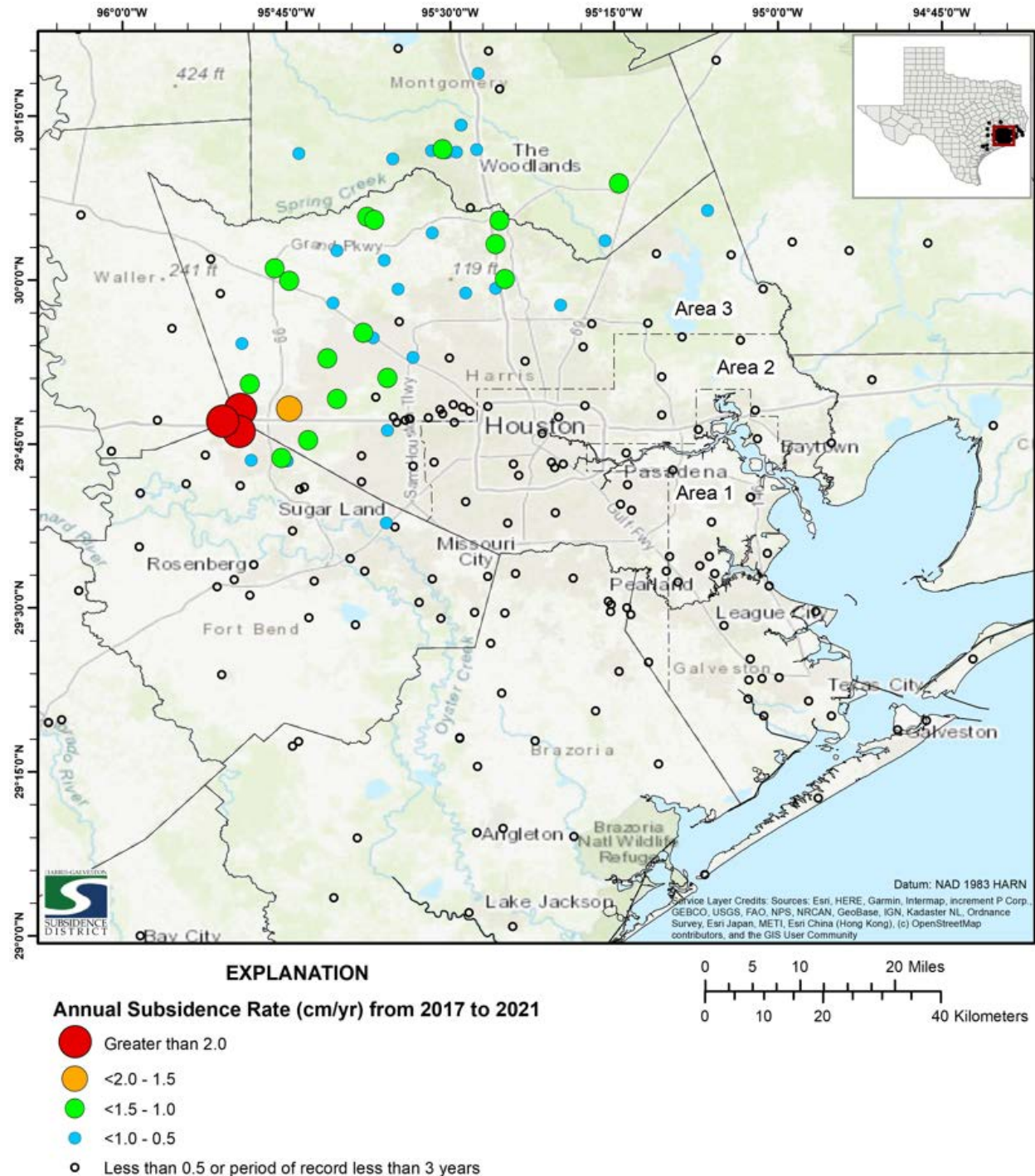


Figure 15: Annual subsidence rate, measured in centimeters per year, from 2017 to 2021, referenced to Houston20 and estimated from three or more years of GPS data collected from GPS stations in Harris and surrounding counties, Texas.

Regulatory Areas One and Two show similar subsidence rates as both areas have been fully converted since the 1990s and USGS groundwater level monitoring data show that potentiometric water levels have risen. The majority of the GPS stations in Regulatory Areas One and Two show little to no subsidence with rates under 0.5 centimeters per year and even some uplift is observed such as GPS station, P039, which is located in southeast Houston (**Figure 16**).

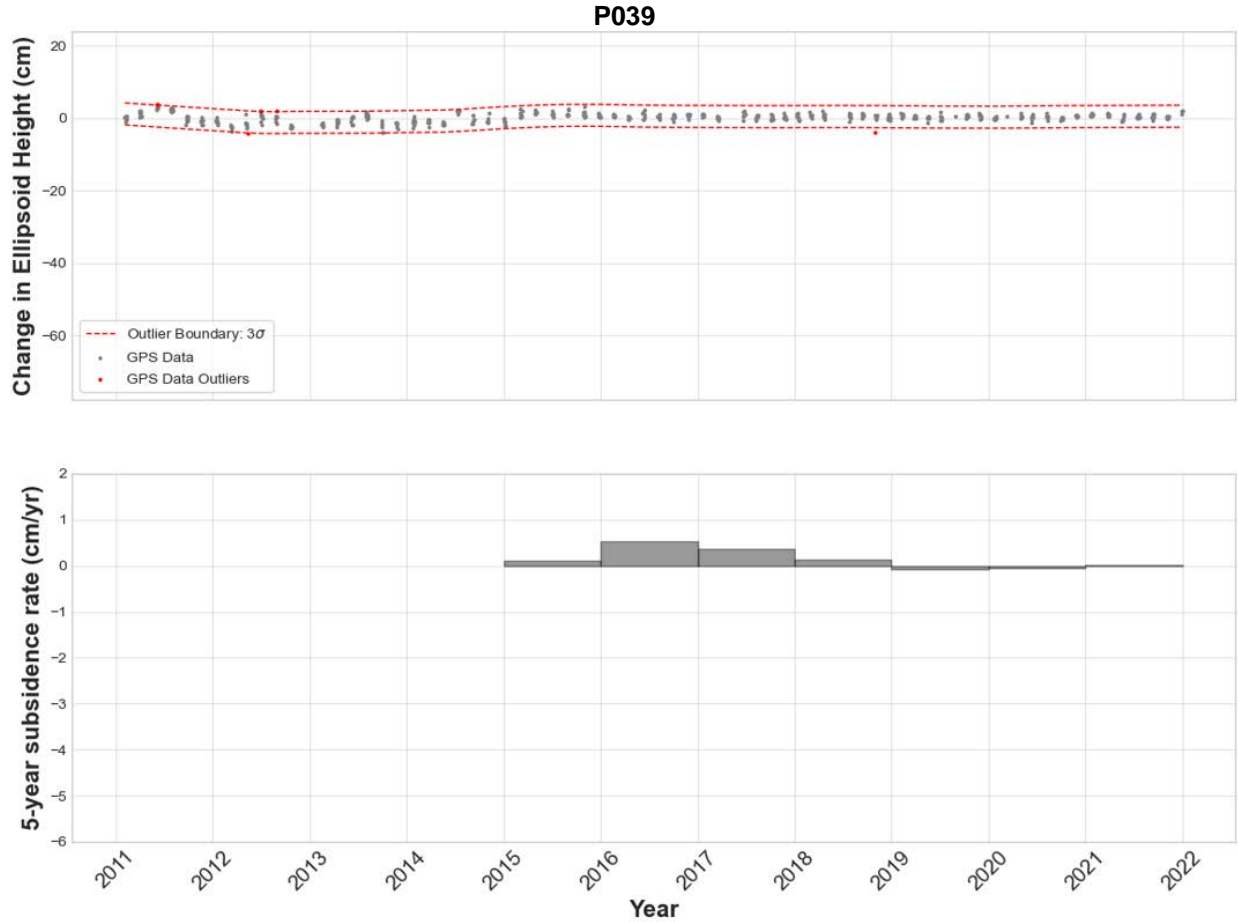


Figure 16: Period of record data from GPS station P039 located in southeast Houston, 2011 to 2021. Processed GPS data (gray circles) located inside the outlier boundary (red dashed line) are used when calculating subsidence rates. Processed GPS data identified as outliers (red circles) are not considered by HGSD when calculating subsidence rates and are shown for informational purposes only.

The highest subsidence rates (greater than 2 centimeters per year) occur in Regulatory Area Three within western Harris County as well as southeastern Waller County and northeastern Fort Bend County. GPS station P097, located in Katy within Waller County, has the highest subsidence rate estimated at 2.67 centimeters per year (**Figure 17**). Other GPS stations in the Katy area (e.g., P029, P098, P097) also show an annual subsidence rate greater than two (2) centimeters per year. Other areas in Regulatory Area Three such as Jersey Village, Addicks, Cypress, Tomball, and Spring have subsidence rates ranging from 1.69 to 1.01 centimeters per year. Based on the GPS data collected in the greater Houston area, subsidence is occurring in Regulatory Area Three, as this area is still undergoing conversion to alternative water supplies.

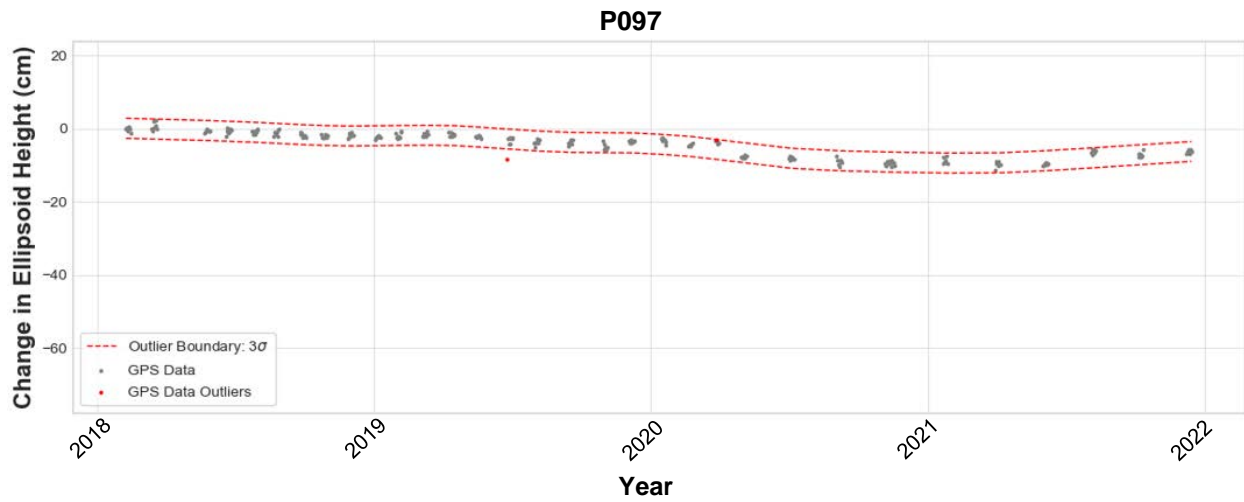


Figure 17: Period of record data from GPS station P097 located in Katy, Texas, 2018-2021. Processed GPS data (gray circles) located inside the outlier boundary (red dashed line) are used when calculating subsidence rates. Processed GPS data identified as outliers (red circles) are not considered by HGSD when calculating subsidence rates and are shown for informational purposes only.

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Appendix A – Exhibits Presented at Public Hearing held on April 28, 2022

Welcome to the Public Hearing for the 2021 Annual Groundwater Report



- Participants will be muted for the entire hearing.
- Public testimony will be available for participants at the end of the hearing. The hearing is presented virtually for viewing purposes only.
- The webinar is being recorded including all chat between participants.
- For any problems, please chat with the organizer.

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2021 Annual Groundwater Report

Public Hearing – April 28, 2022

Harris-Galveston Subsidence District Mission

- The Harris-Galveston Subsidence District was created in 1975 to prevent land subsidence in Harris and Galveston counties through the regulation of groundwater.
- Land subsidence contributes to flooding, threatening the economic health of the area.
- Efforts to prevent subsidence by the District and the regulated community have required significant investment to create a more resilient infrastructure while securing reliable water sources for future needs.
- An annual groundwater hearing is required by enabling the act to receive testimony regarding the effects of groundwater withdrawals on subsidence.



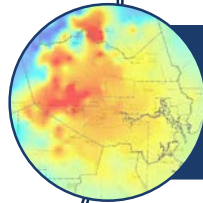
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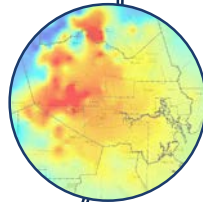
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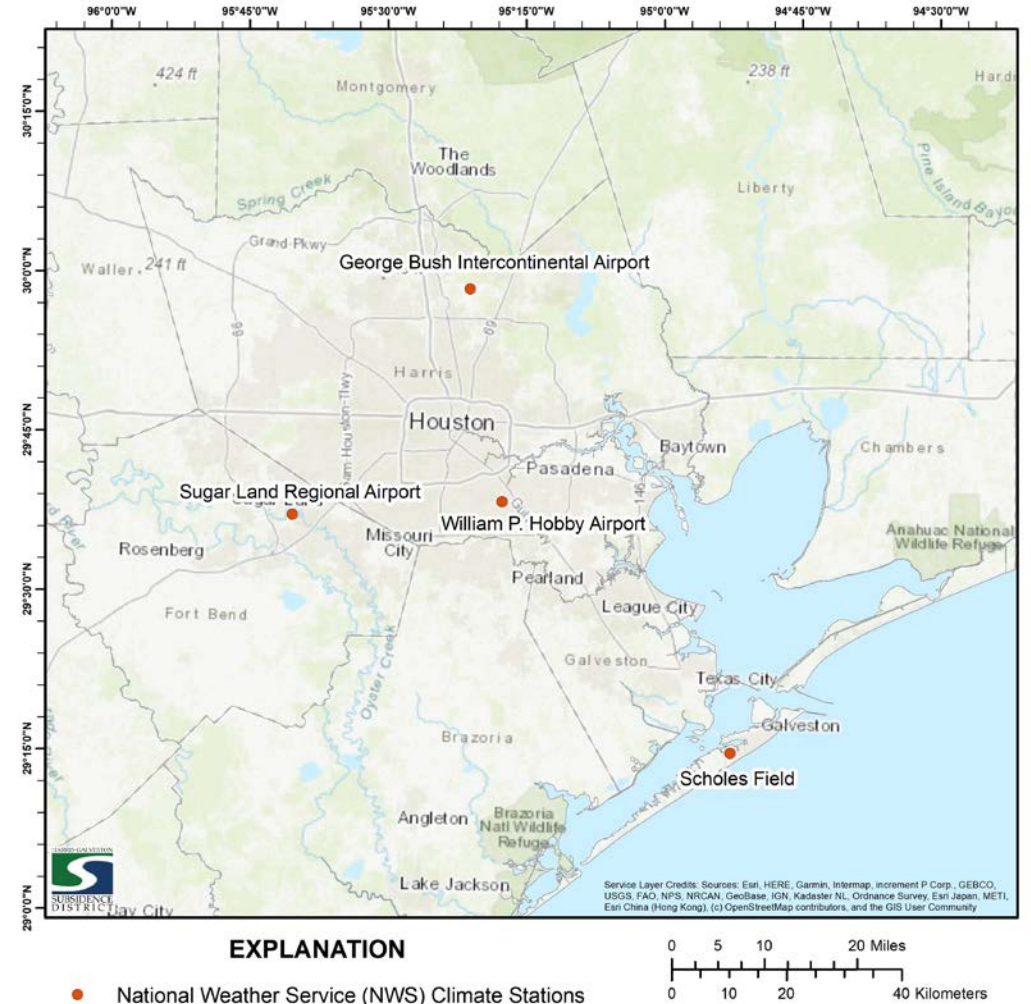
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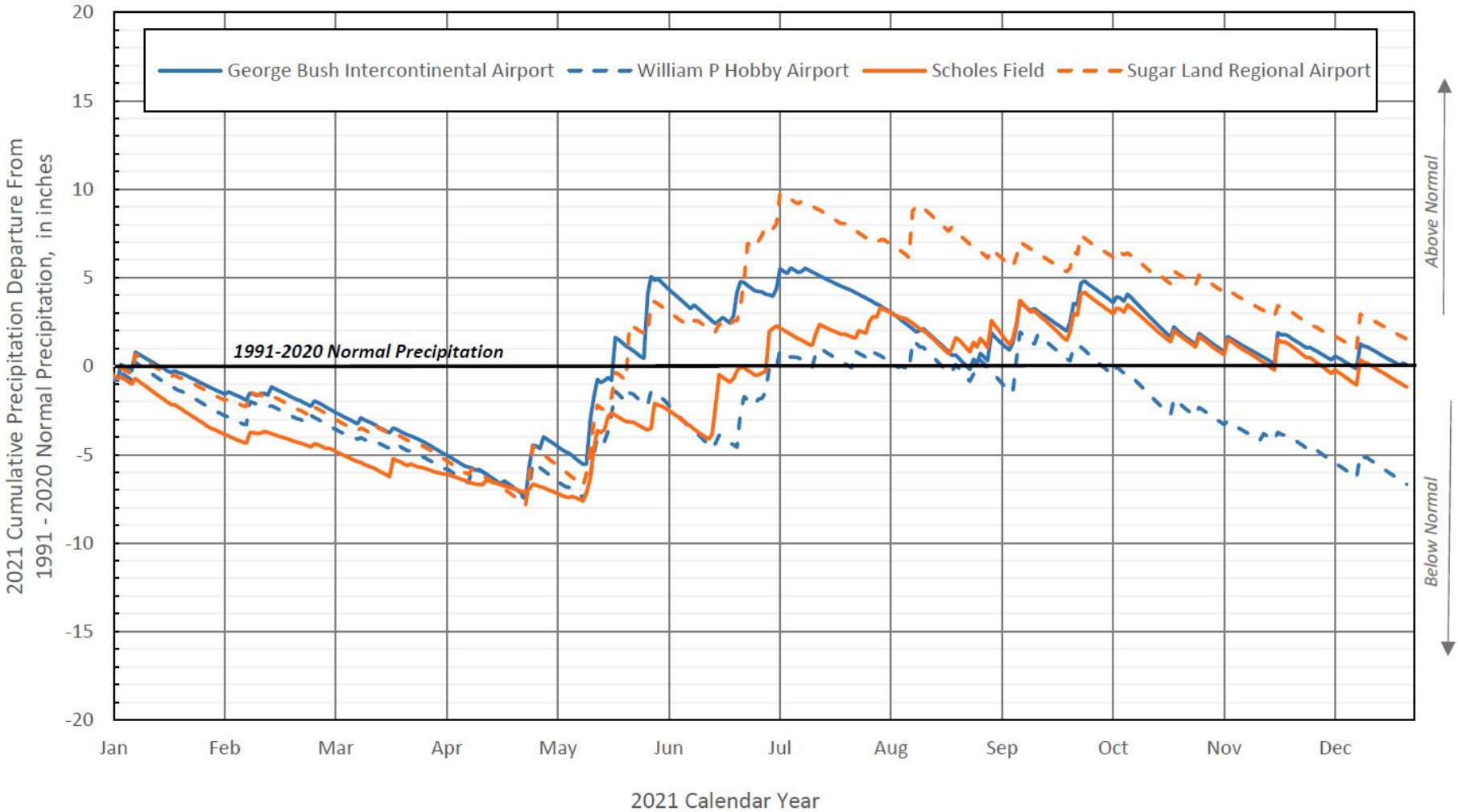
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NWS Climate Stations | Exhibit 1

Location of National Weather Service (NWS) climate stations used for precipitation data for the 2021 calendar year.



2021 Precipitation Data | Exhibit 2



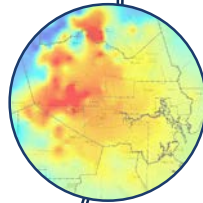
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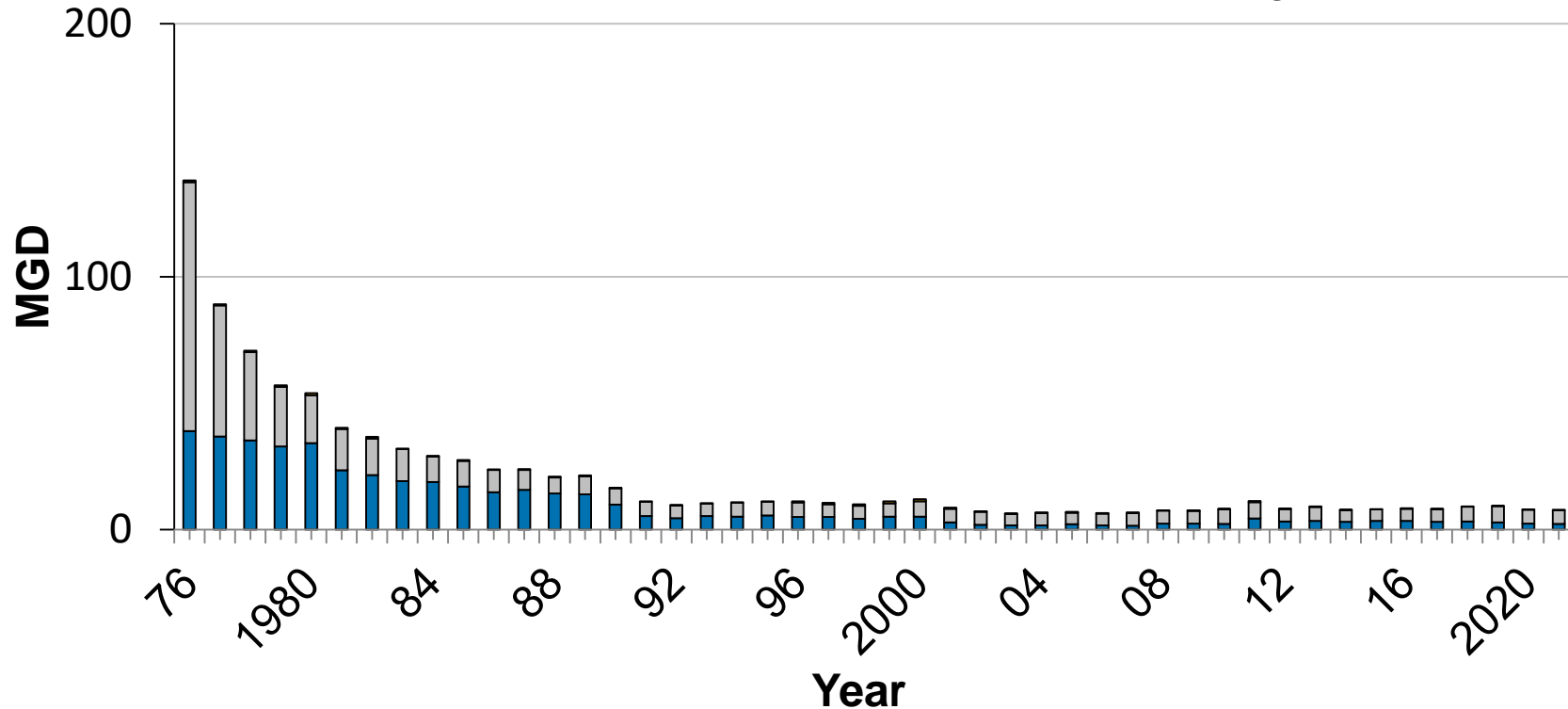
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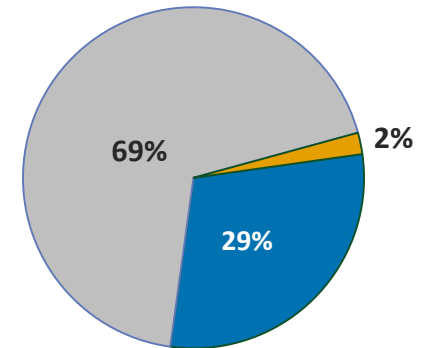
Regulatory Area One

Groundwater Withdrawals - Grouped by Use

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2021 - 7.9 MGD
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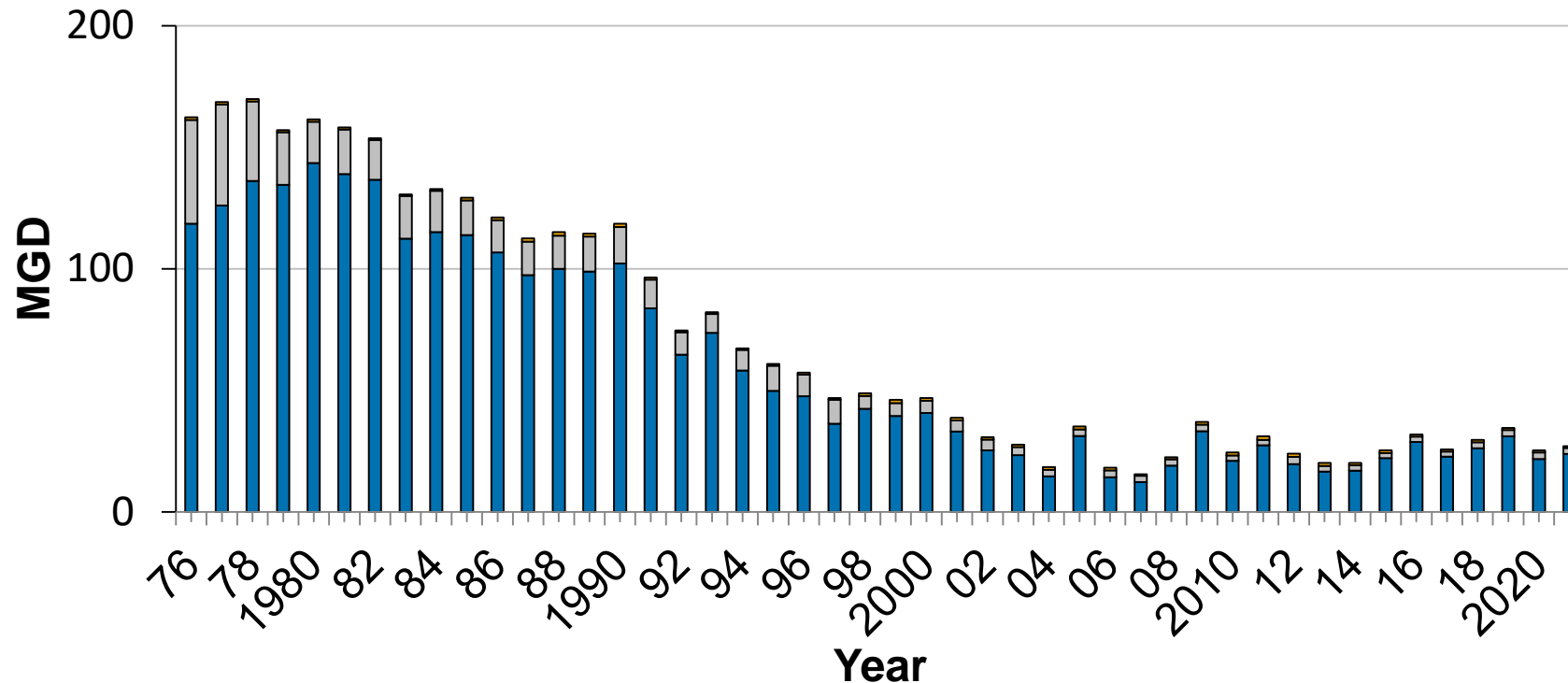


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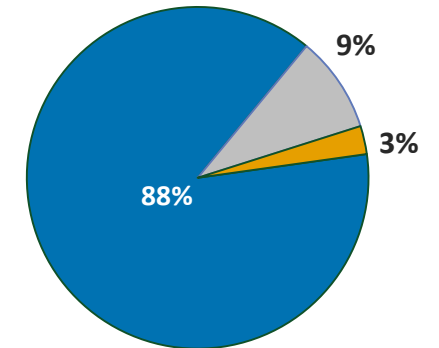


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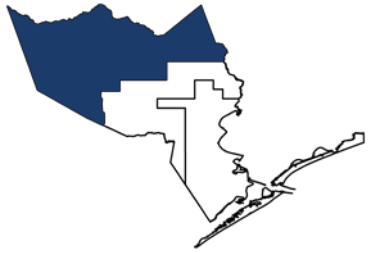
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2021 - 27 MGD
(2020 – 25.3 MGD; 7% change)



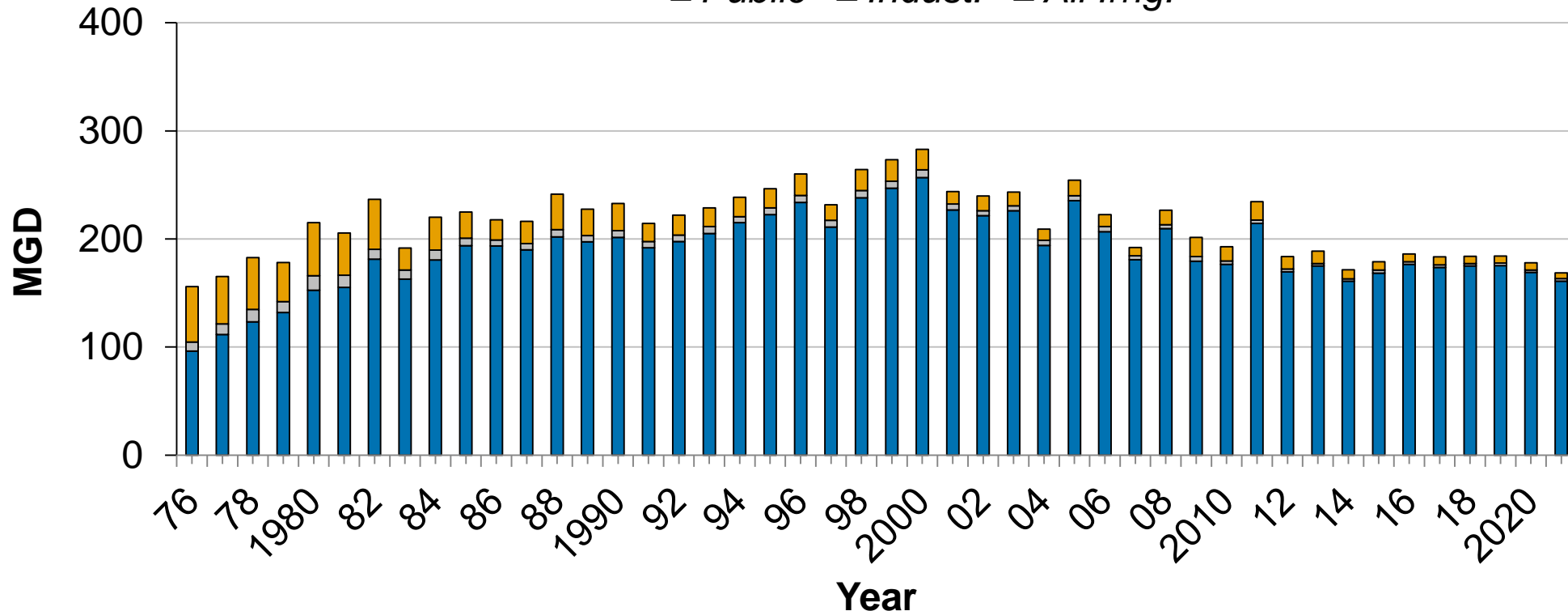
Groundwater Withdrawals | Exhibit 5



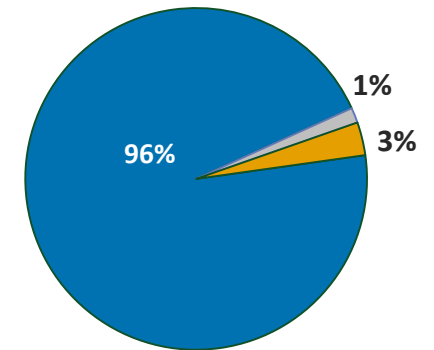
Regulatory Area Three

Groundwater Withdrawals – Grouped by Use

■ Public ■ Indust. ■ All Irrig.



2021 - 168.7 MGD
 (2020 – 178 MGD; -5% change)

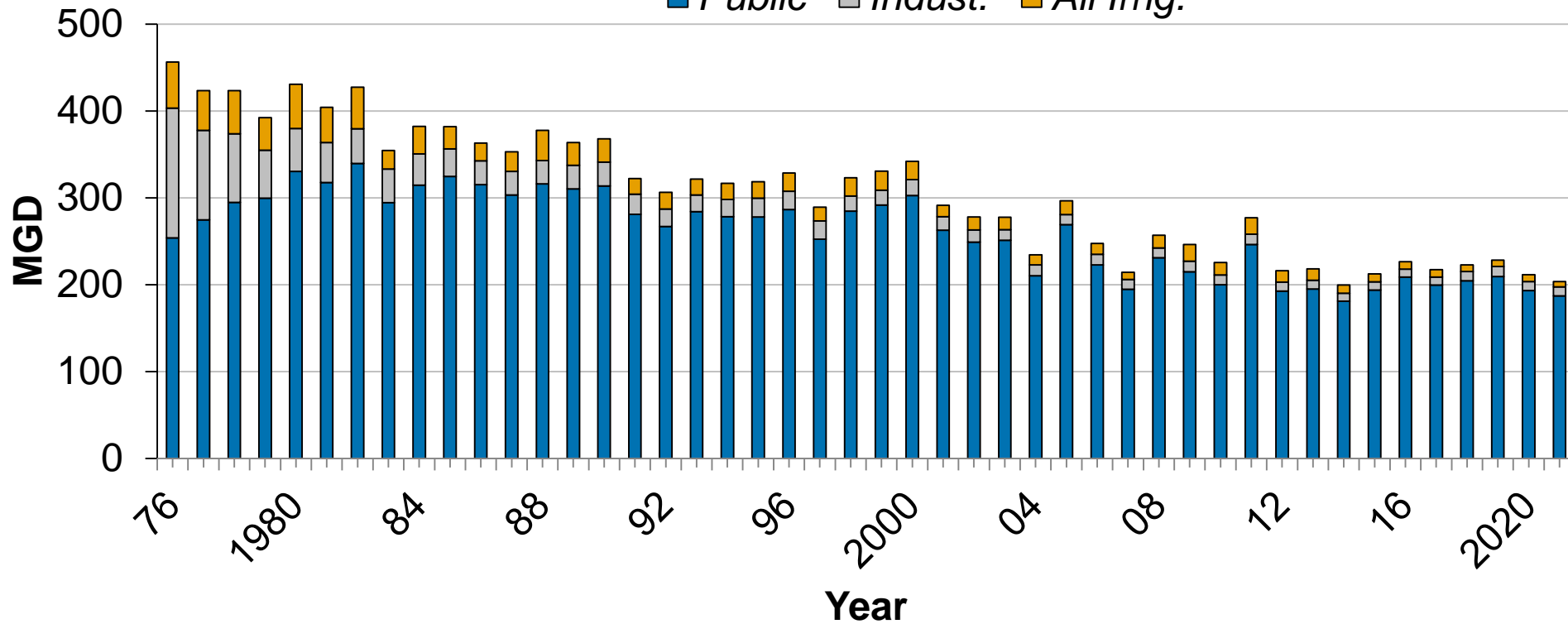


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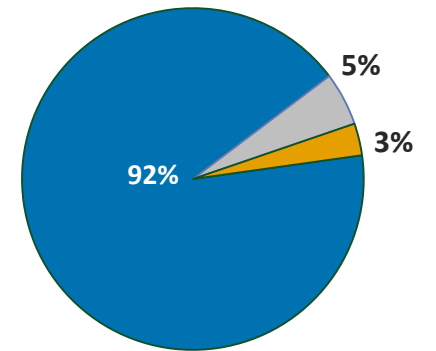
Entire District

Groundwater Withdrawals - Grouped by Use

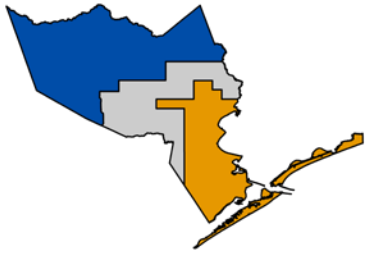
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2021 - 203.6 MGD
(2020 – 211.4 MGD; -4% change)



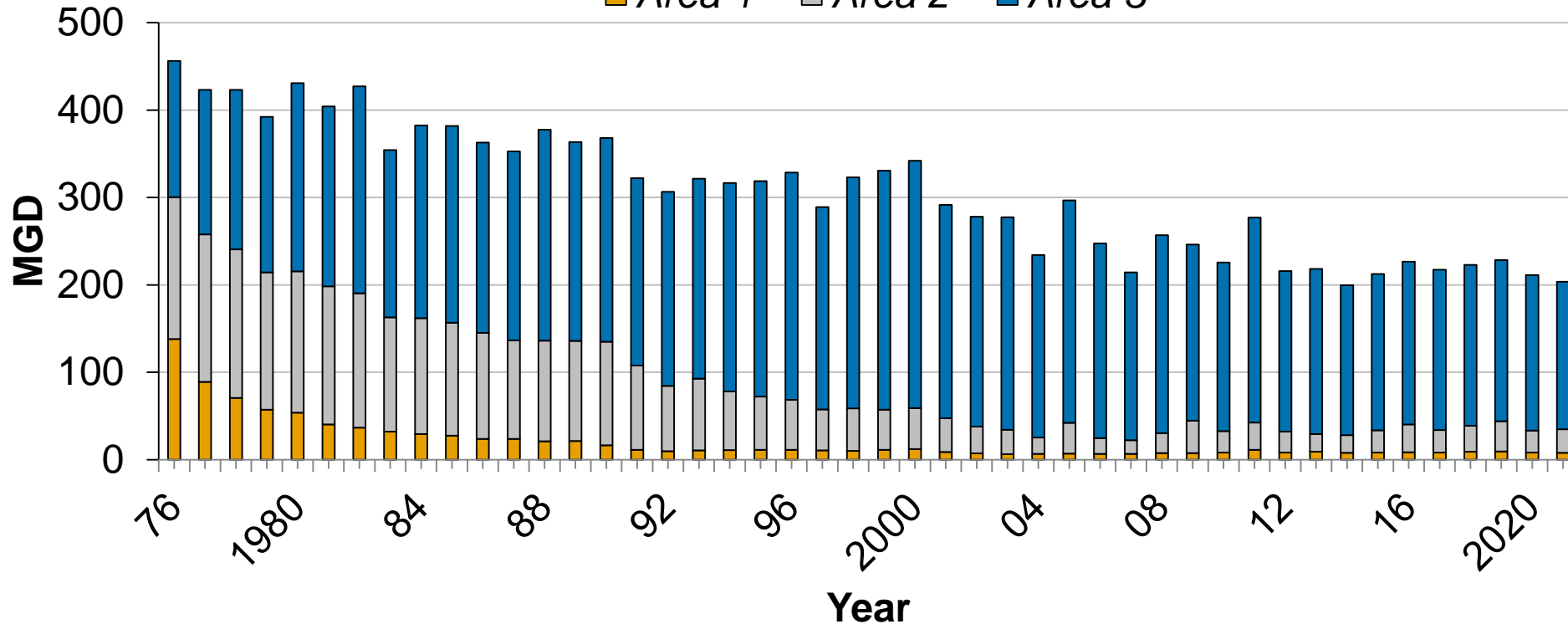
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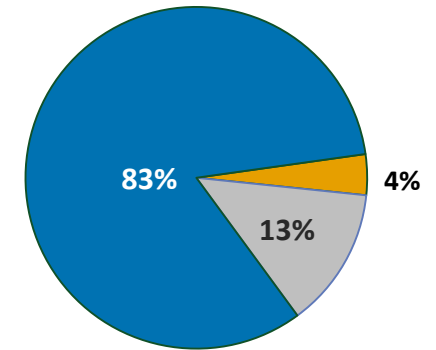
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Groundwater Withdrawals - Grouped by Regulatory Area

Area 1 Area 2 Area 3



2021 - 203.6 MGD
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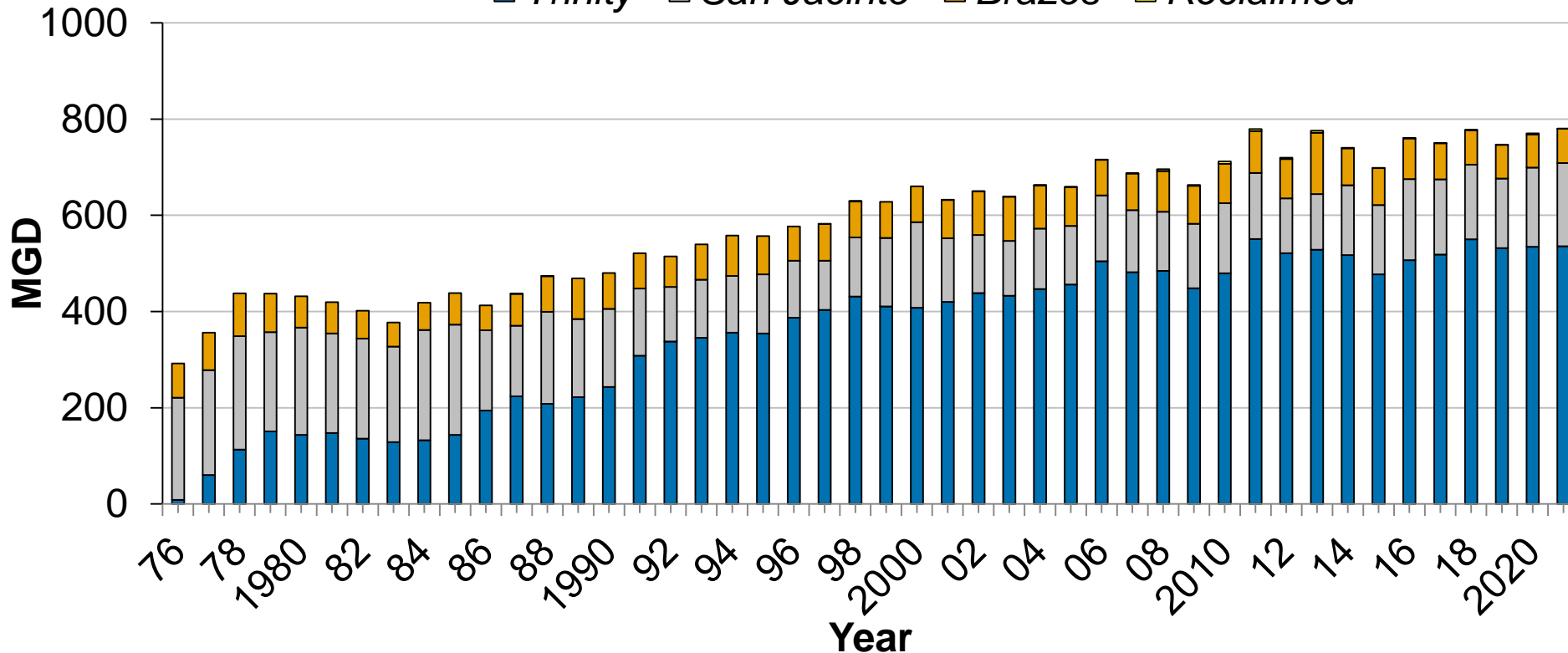


Alternative Water Utilized | Exhibit 8

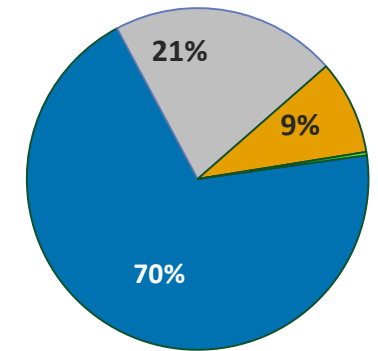
Surface and Reclaimed Water Used

Grouped by Source - Entire District

Trinity San Jacinto Brazos Reclaimed



2021 - 779.9 MGD
(2020 – 770.5 MGD; 1% change)



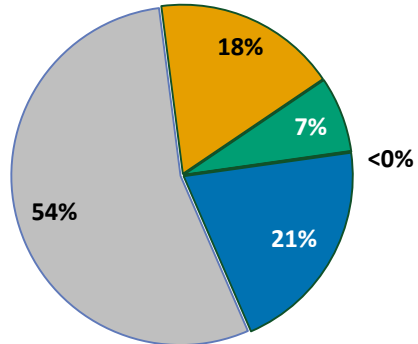
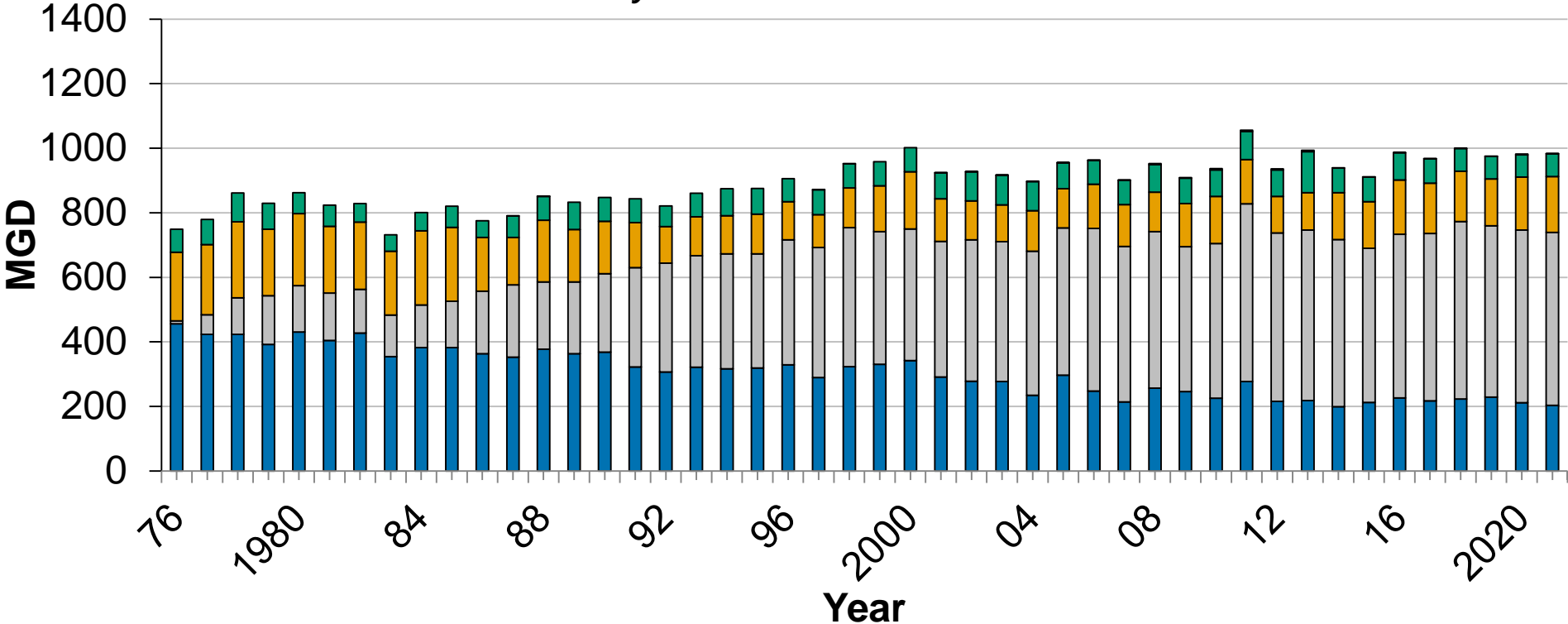
Total Water Demand | Exhibit 9

Total Water Demand

Grouped by Source - Entire District

■ Groundwater
 ■ Trinity
 ■ San Jacinto
 ■ Brazos
 ■ Reclaimed Water

2021 - 983.4 MGD
 (2020 – 981.9 MGD; 0.2% change)



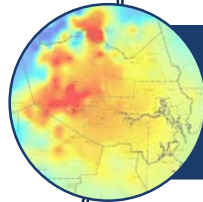
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Climate



Groundwater Use



Groundwater Levels



Subsidence Data

Groundwater-level Altitudes
(2022) and Changes Over
Time in the Chicot and
Evangeline (Undifferentiated)
and Jasper Aquifers and
Compaction in the Chicot and
Evangeline Portions of the
Undifferentiated Aquifer
(1973-2021)



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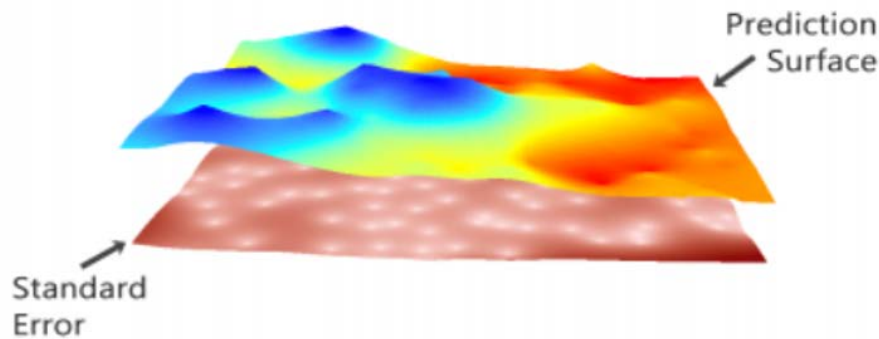
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2022 Water-Level Altitude Map Series

- Chicot and Evangeline Aquifer (undifferentiated)
 - 2022 Water-Level Altitude
 - 2021 to 2022 Water-Level Change
 - 2017 to 2022 Water-Level Change
 - 1990 to 2022 Water-Level Change
 - 1977 to 2022 Water-Level Change
- Jasper Aquifer
 - 2022 Water-Level Altitude
 - 2021 to 2022 Water-Level Change
 - 2017 to 2022 Water-Level Change
 - 2000 to 2022 Water-Level Change
- Compaction 1973-2021
 - Compaction Data from 14 Extensometers

Geology and Hydrogeology

- Chicot and Evangeline aquifers (undifferentiated) have been combined into a “shallow” aquifer system
 - GULF 2023 model – updated tops and bases
 - Chicot thickened significantly in much of the region, particularly in central and southeast Harris County.
 - Many of the wells previously designated as Evangeline are now designated as Chicot.
- Altitude and long-term change maps are now represented by shaded grids (Kriging)



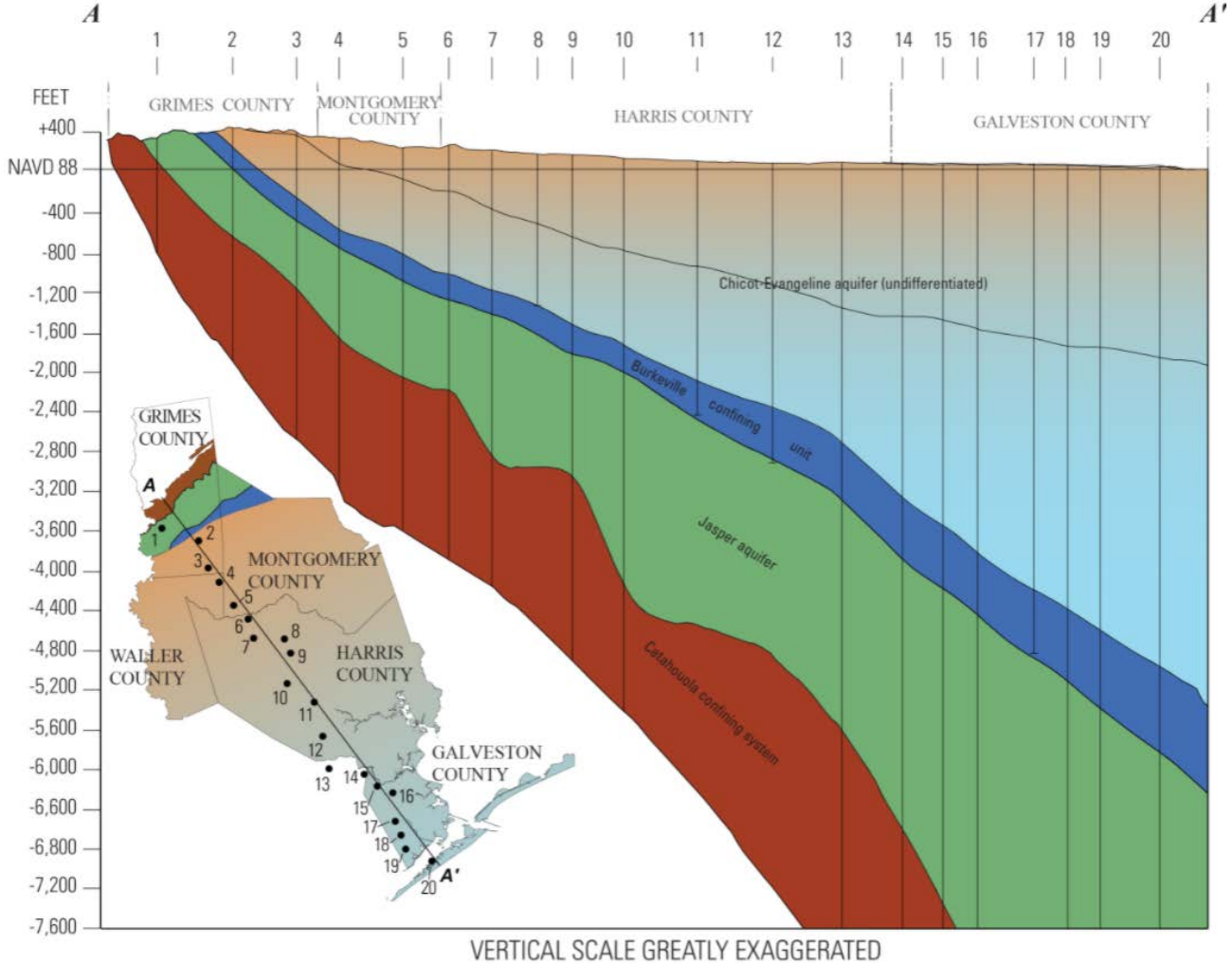
Geologic timescale		Prior to 2021		In 2021 and Moving Forward		
System	Series	Geologic units	Hydrogeologic units	Geologic units ¹	Hydrogeologic units ¹	
Quaternary	Holocene	Alluvium	Chicot aquifer	Alluvial, terrace, and dune deposits	Chicot - Evangeline aquifer (undifferentiated)	
	Pleistocene	Beaumont Formation		Beaumont Formation		
		Lissie Formation		Montgomery Formation		Lissie Formation
				Bentley Formation		Montgomery Formation
Willis Sand	Willis Sand					
Tertiary	Pliocene	Goliad Sand	Evangeline aquifer	Goliad Sand (upper part)	Chicot - Evangeline aquifer (undifferentiated)	
				Goliad Sand (lower part)		
	Miocene	Fleming Formation	Burkeville confining unit	Lagarto Clay (upper part)	Burkeville confining unit	
		Lagarto Clay		Lagarto Clay (middle part)		
		Oakville Sandstone	Jasper aquifer	Lagarto Clay (lower part)	Jasper aquifer	
					Oakville Sandstone	
Oligocene	Upper part of Catahoula Sandstone	Catahoula Confining System	Catahoula Formation	Upper Catahoula Formation		
	Catahoula Sandstone			Frio Formation	Catahoula Confining System	
	Anahuac Formation					

From Braun and Ramage, 2022 (in press) to be published in June 2022

Groundwater Well Network

- Data were collected across 11 counties (Harris and surrounding) from 11-29-2021 to 3-11-2022
- Requires collaboration and agreements with well owners and operators (MUDs)
- Variety of well types including public supply, irrigation, industrial, and observation
- Number of Chicot and Evangeline water-levels collected: **537**
- Number of Jasper water-levels collected: **104**
- Number of wells used to create 2021 Altitude maps
 - Chicot and Evangeline: **498**
 - Jasper: **104**

Stratigraphic Cross Section



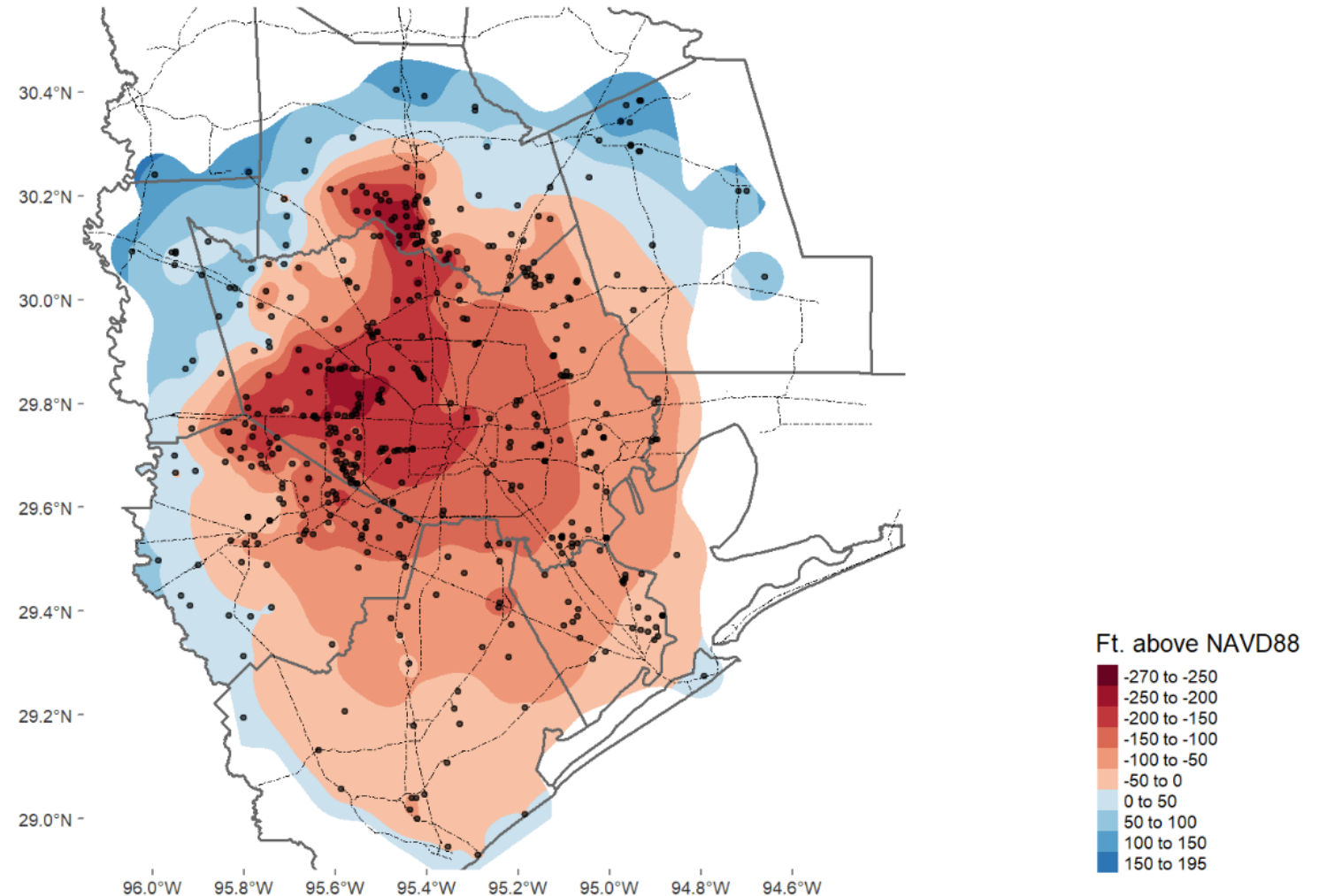
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2022 Chicot and Evangeline (Undifferentiated) Water-Level Altitude

- Data summary:
 - Min: **-270**
 - Mean: **-42**
 - Max: **195**
- Highest areas of usage in western Harris County, and the south-central portion of Montgomery County

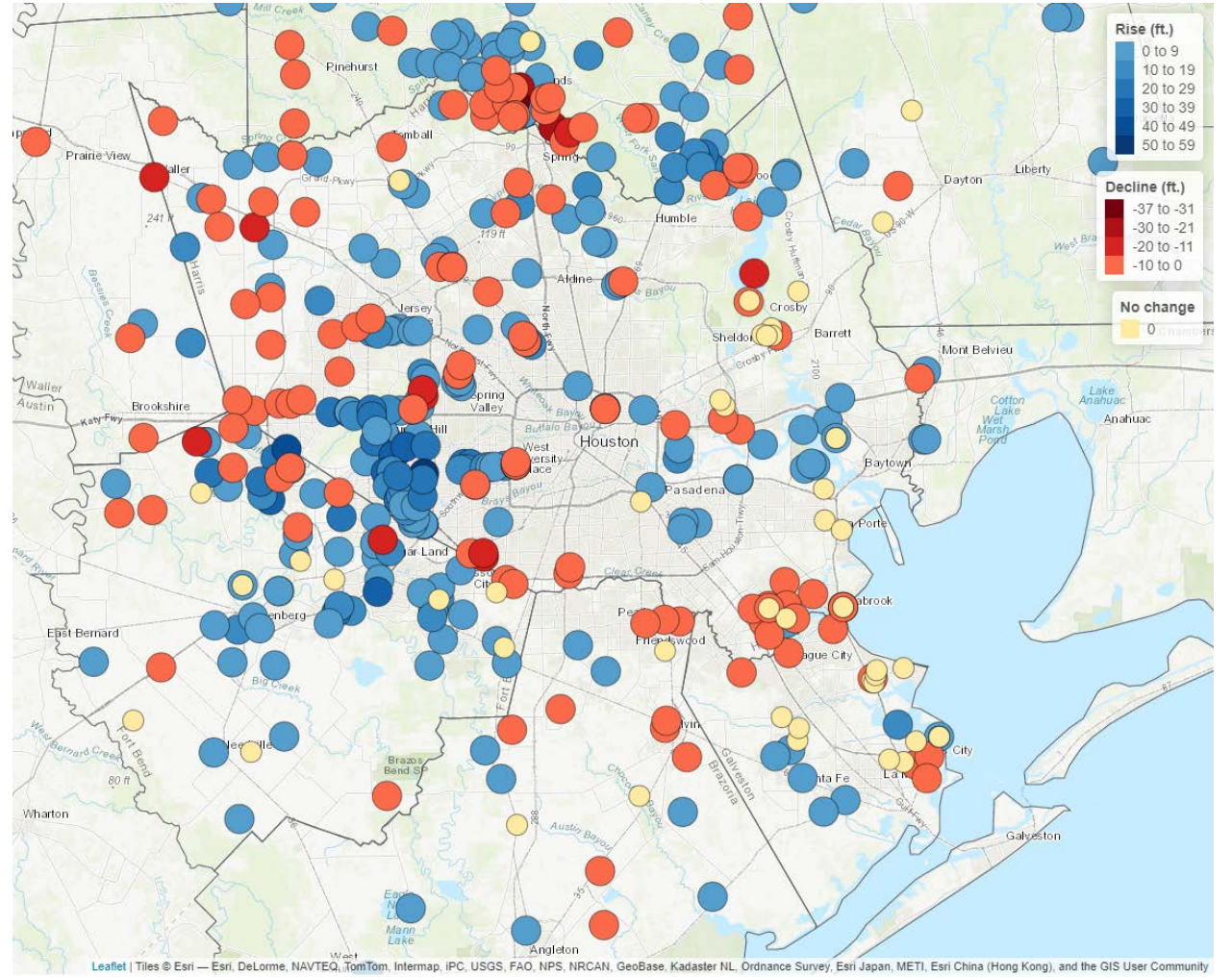


Chicot and Evangeline (Undifferentiated) 1-Year Change

- Number of wells: **457**
- Rises: **56.7%**
- Declines: **30.4%**
- No change: **12.9%**

- More than 20 ft. rise: **32**
- More than 30 ft. rise: **7**

- More than 20 ft. decline: **3**
- More than 30 ft. decline: **1**



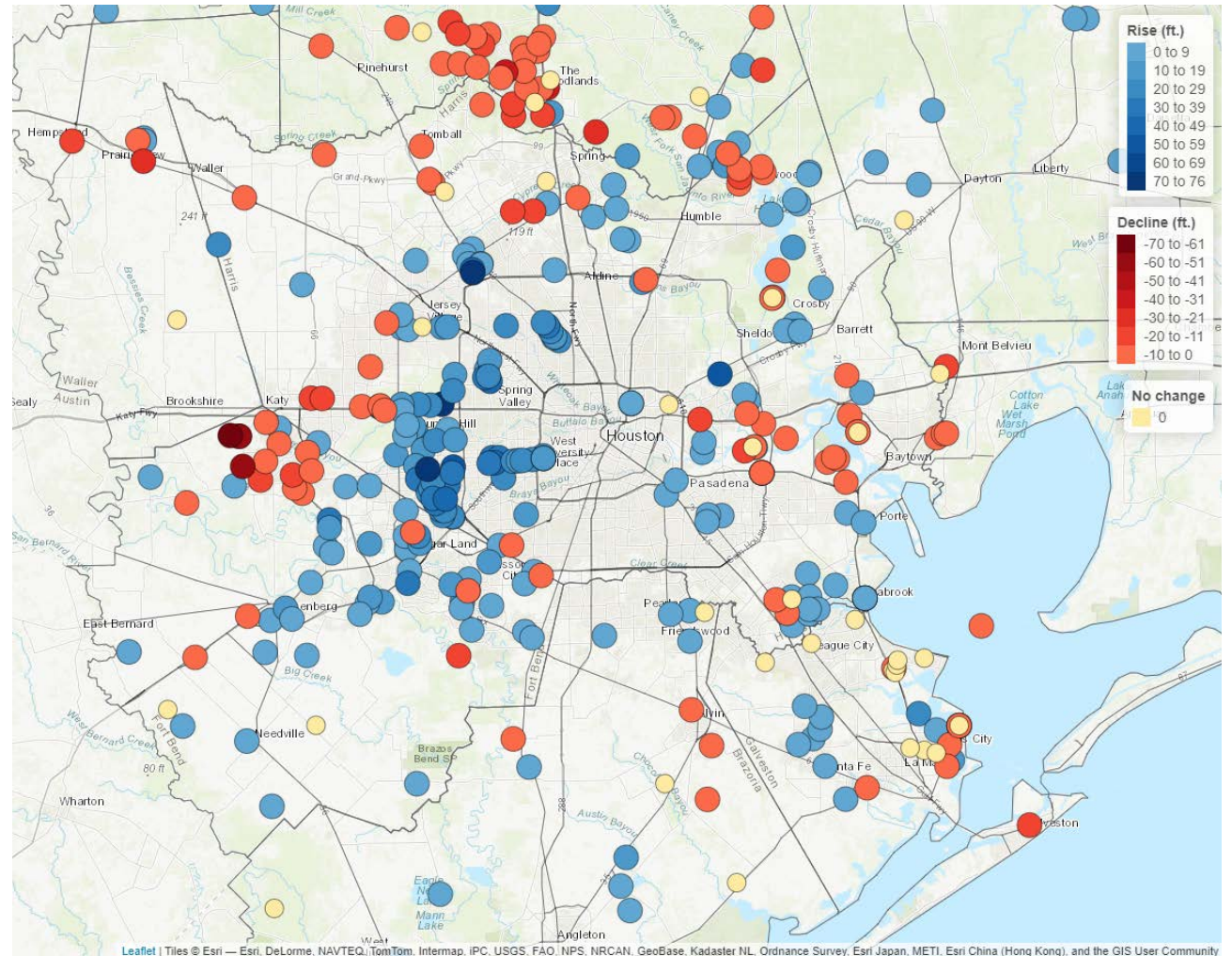
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Chicot and Evangeline (Undifferentiated) 5-Year Change

- Number of wells: **388**
- Rises: **58.8%**
- Declines: **31.2%**
- No change: **10.1%**

- More than 30 ft. rise: **22**

- More than 30 ft. decline: **5**



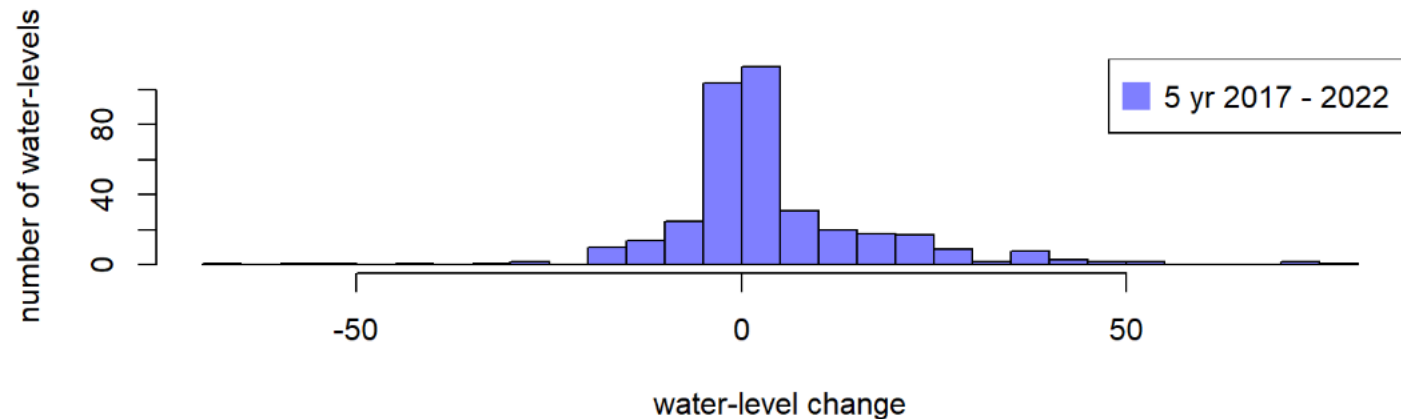
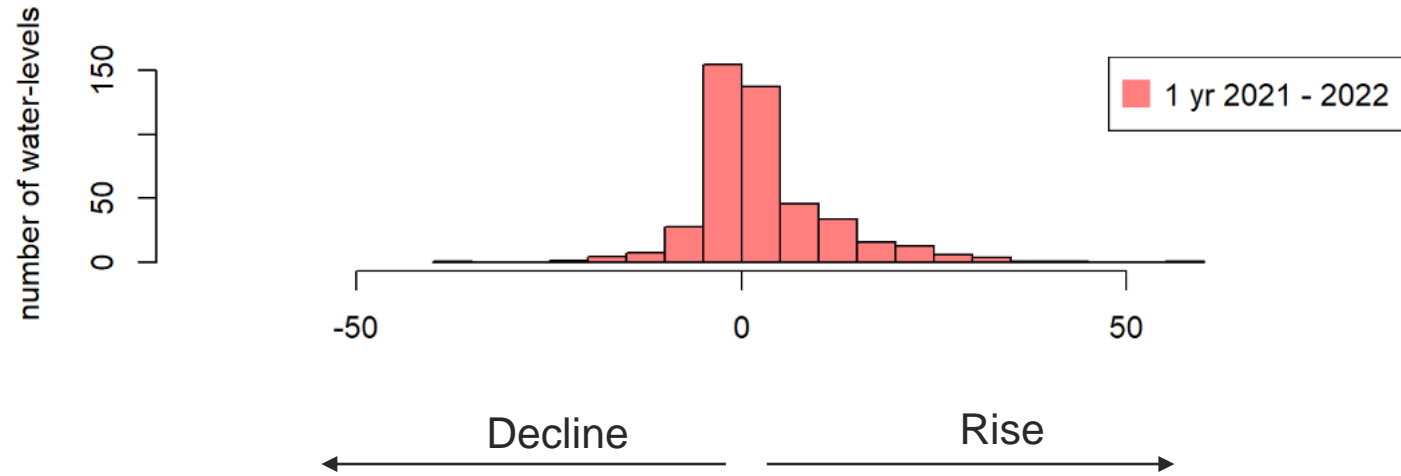
Chicot and Evangeline (Undifferentiated) 1 and 5 Year Comparison

- 2021-2022 Changes

- Rises: **57%**
- Declines: **30%**
- No change: **13%**
- Rises in the 0-5 ft. range: **~53% (137)**
- Declines in the 0-5 ft. range: **~73% (102)**

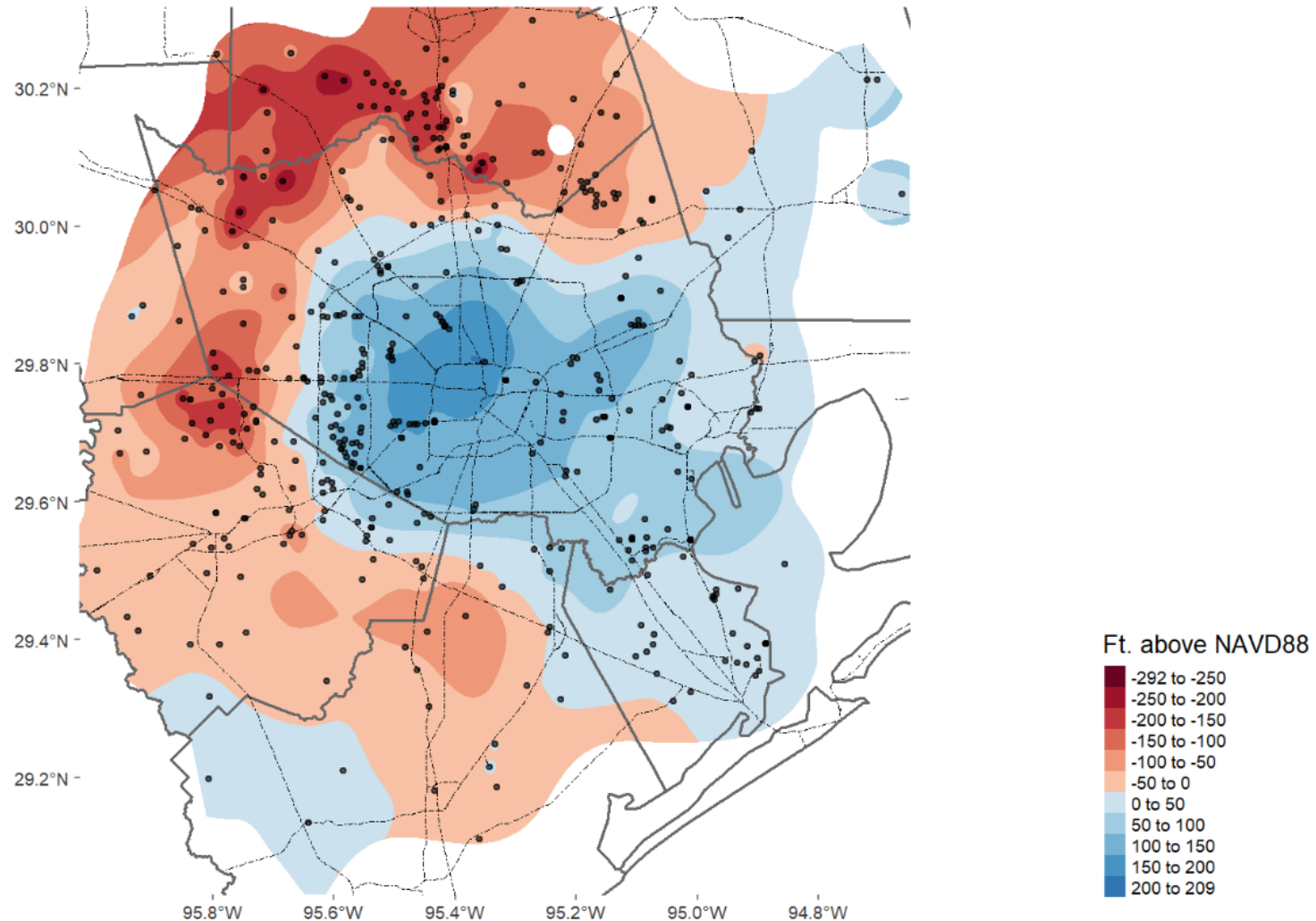
- 2017-2022 Changes

- Rises: **59%**
- Declines: **31%**
- No change: **10%**
- Rises in the 0-5 ft. range: **~50% (113)**
- Declines in the 0-5 ft. range: **~60% (73)**



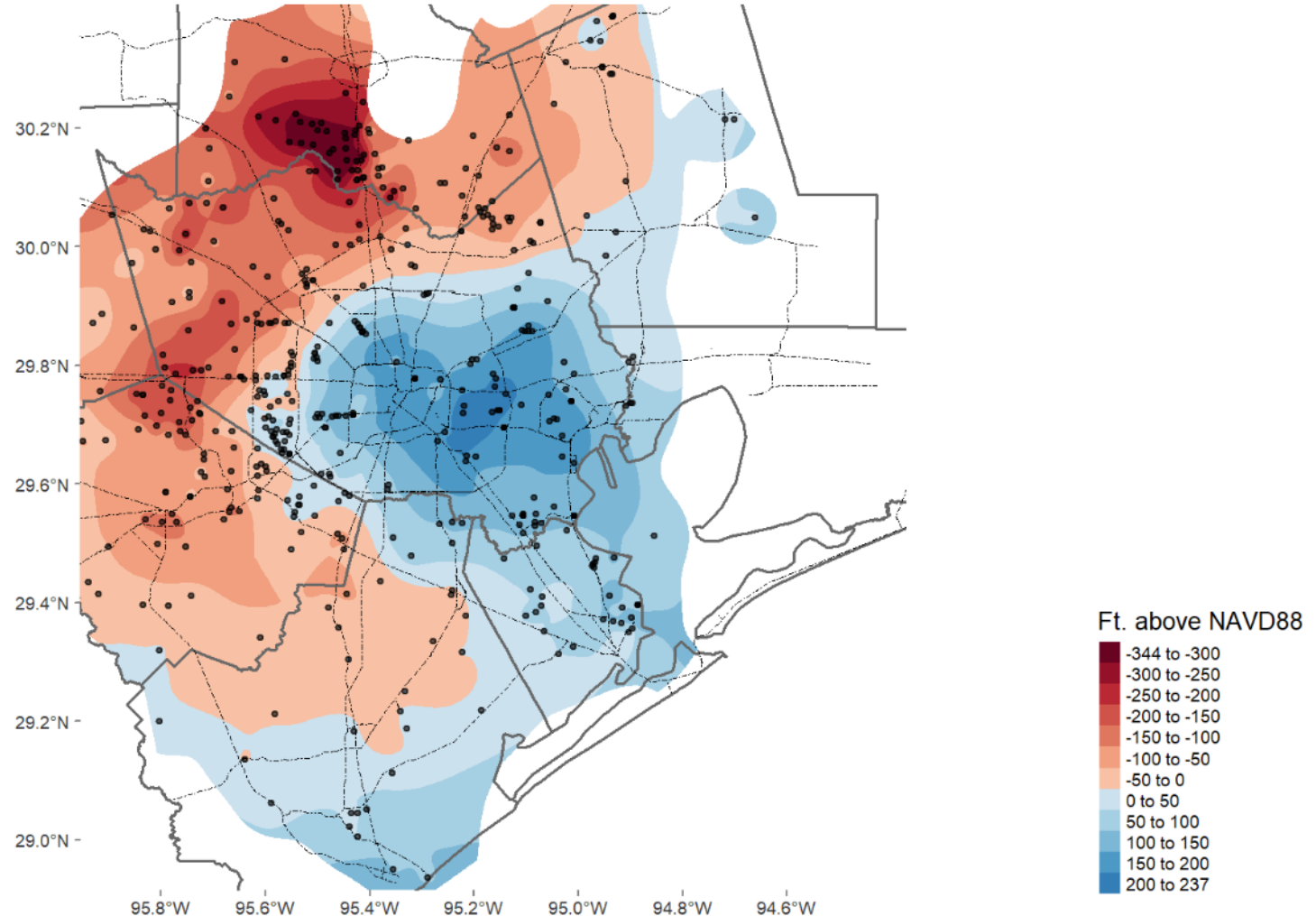
Chicot and Evangeline (Undifferentiated) Water-Level Change Since 1990

- Data summary:
 - Min: **-292**
 - Mean: **-6**
 - Max: **209**
- Water-level rises across most of central and eastern Harris County as well as Galveston County
- Water-level declines in the northern part of Fort Bend County, NW portions of Harris County, and Montgomery County



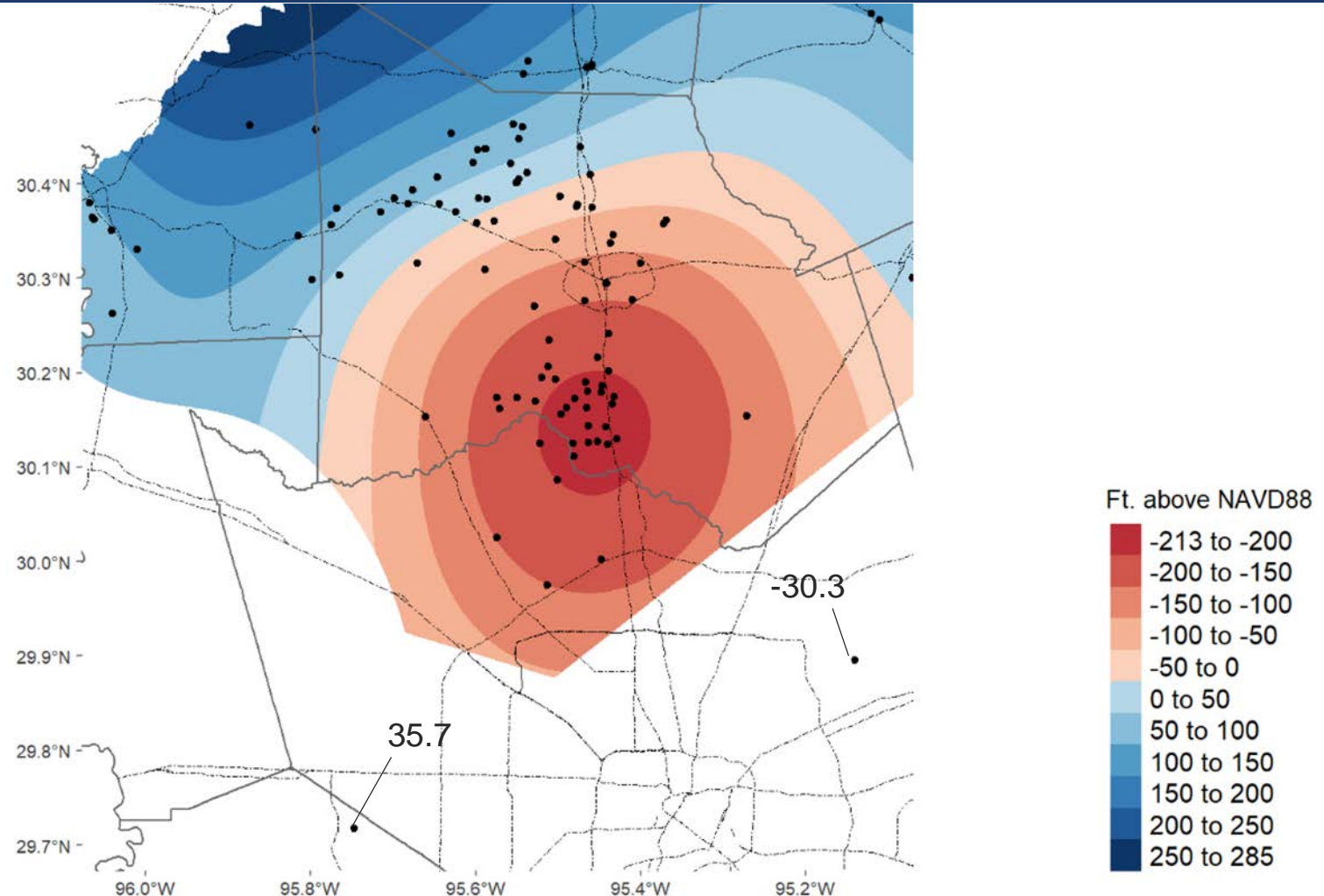
Chicot and Evangeline (Undifferentiated) Water-Level Change Since 1977

- Data summary:
 - Min: **-344**
 - Mean: **-7**
 - Max: **237**
- Water-level rises across most of central and eastern Harris County as well as Galveston County
- Water-level declines in the northern part of Fort Bend County, NW portions of Harris County, and most of Montgomery County



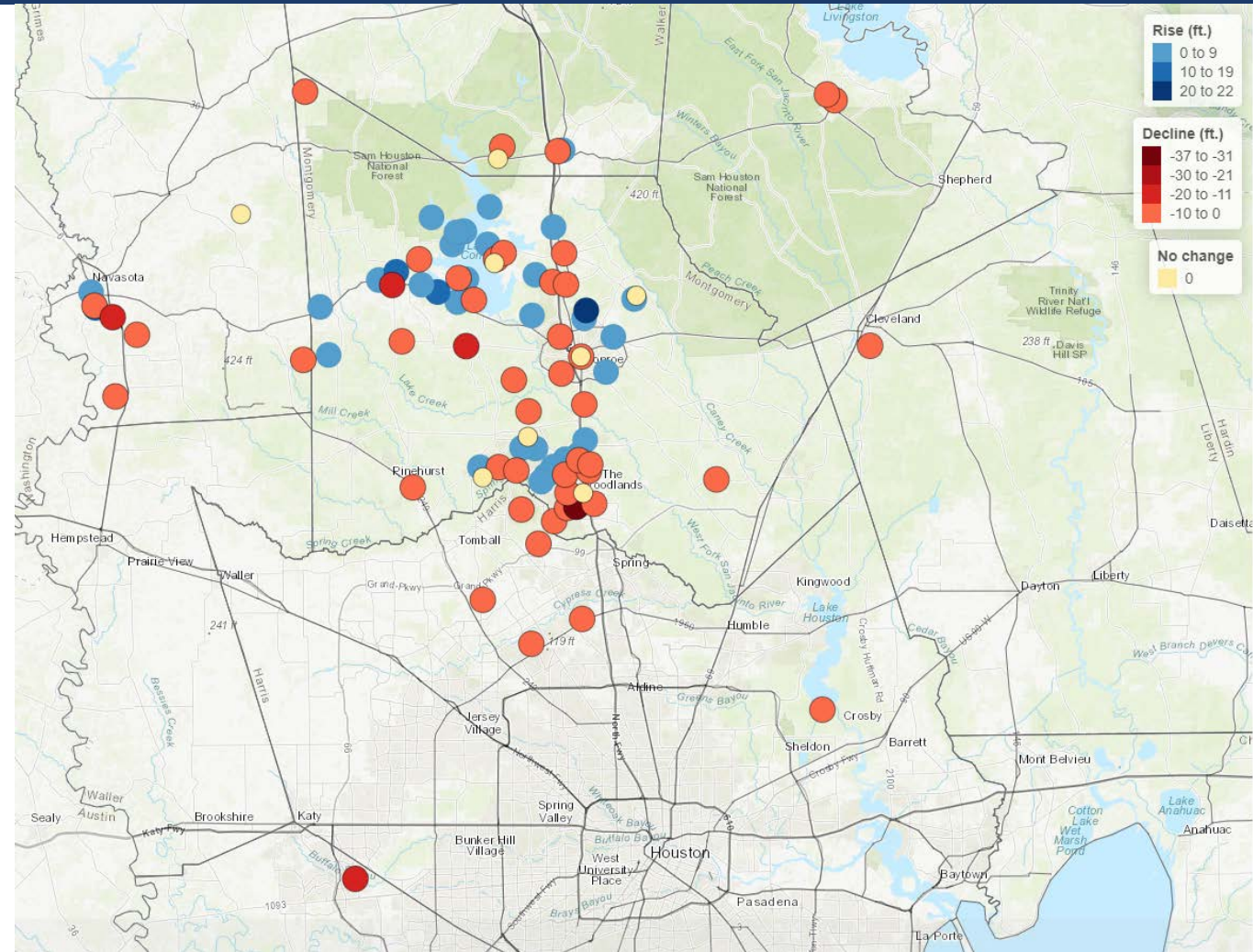
2022 Jasper Aquifer Altitude

- Data summary:
 - Min: **-213**
 - Mean: **10**
 - Max: **285**
- General trend of deepening water levels in downdip (NW-SE) direction
- Deepest water levels in south-central Montgomery County near border with Harris County



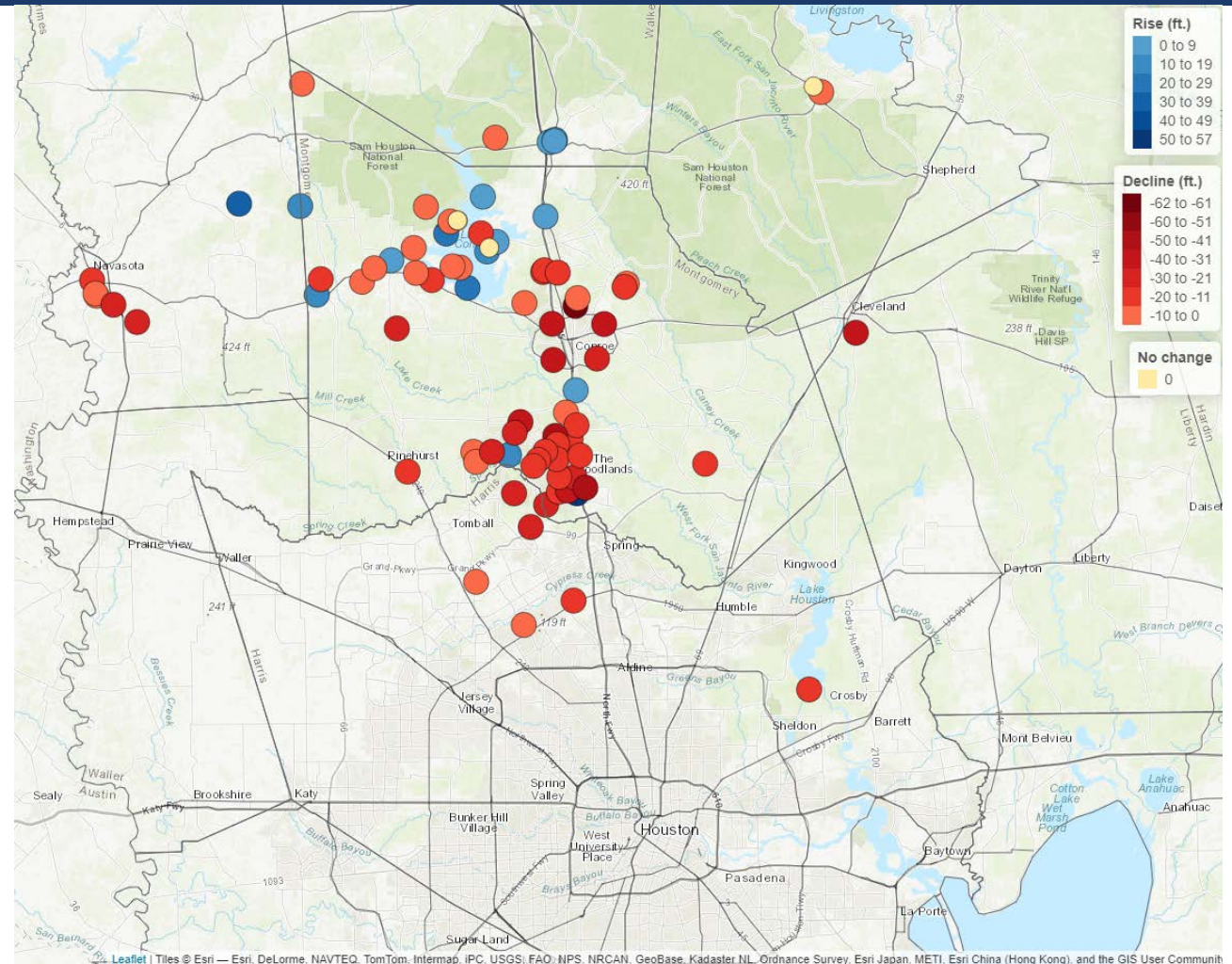
Jasper Aquifer 1-Year Change

- Number of wells: **91**
- Rises: **38.5%**
- Declines: **52.7%**
- No change: **8.8%**



Jasper Aquifer 5-Year Change

- Number of wells: **82**
- Rises: **19.5%**
- Declines: **75.6%**
- No change: **4.9%**



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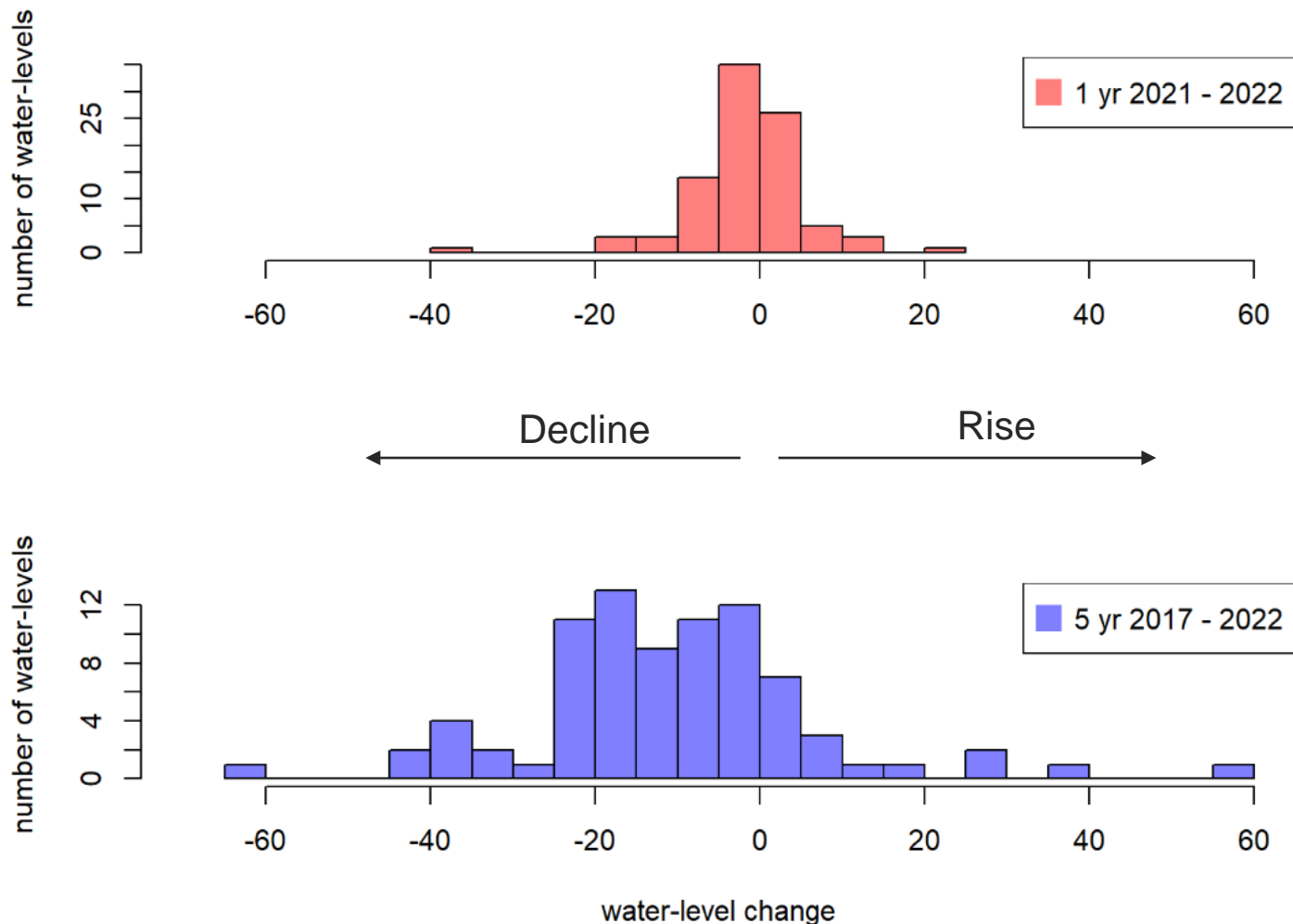
Jasper Aquifer 1 and 5 Year Comparison

- 2021-2022 Changes

- Rises: **38%**
- Declines: **53%**
- No change: **9%**
- Rises in the 0-5 ft range: **~74% (26)**
- Declines in the 0-5 ft range: **~69% (33)**

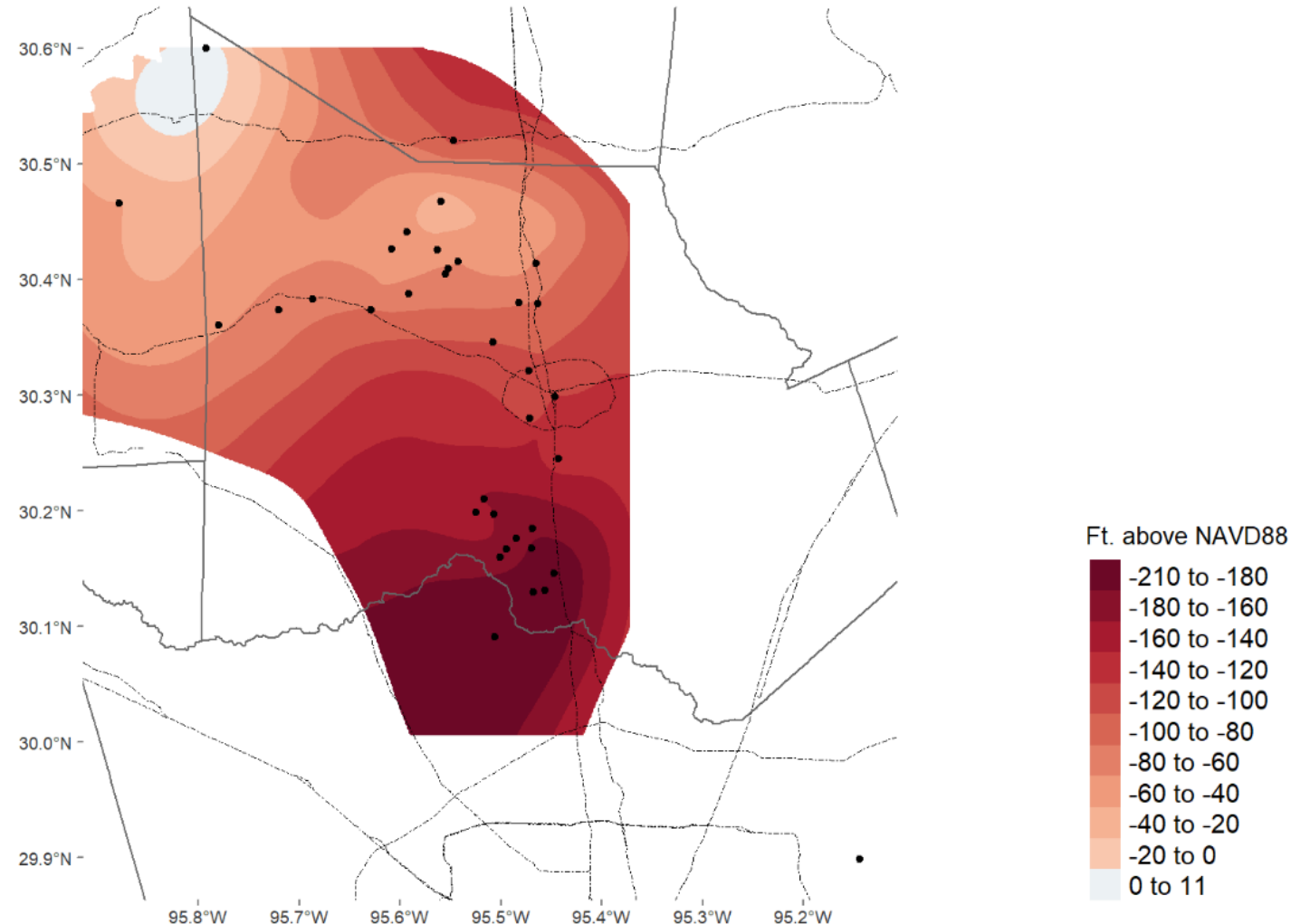
- 2017-2022 Changes

- Rises: **19%**
- Declines: **76%**
- No change: **5%**
- Rises in the 0-5 ft range: **~43% (7)**
- Declines in the 0-20 ft range: **~69% (43)**

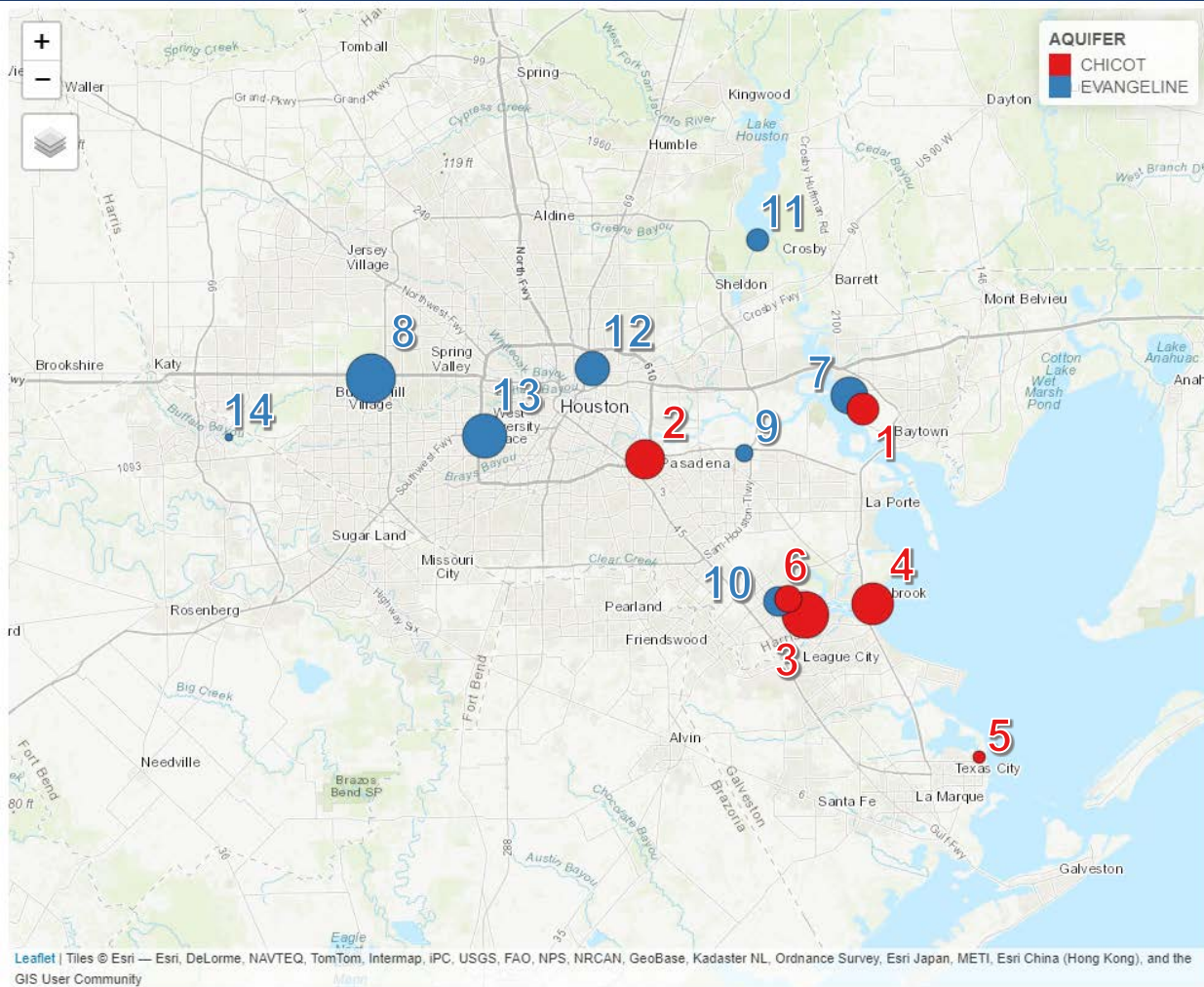


Jasper Aquifer Water-Level Change Since 2000

- Data summary:
 - Min: **-210**
 - Mean: **-98**
 - Max: **11**
- General trend of declining water levels in downdip (NW-SE) direction
- Area with greatest declines along Harris – Montgomery County border



Cumulative Compaction Recorded at Each Location as of December 2021



Size of symbol reflects amount of total cumulative compaction

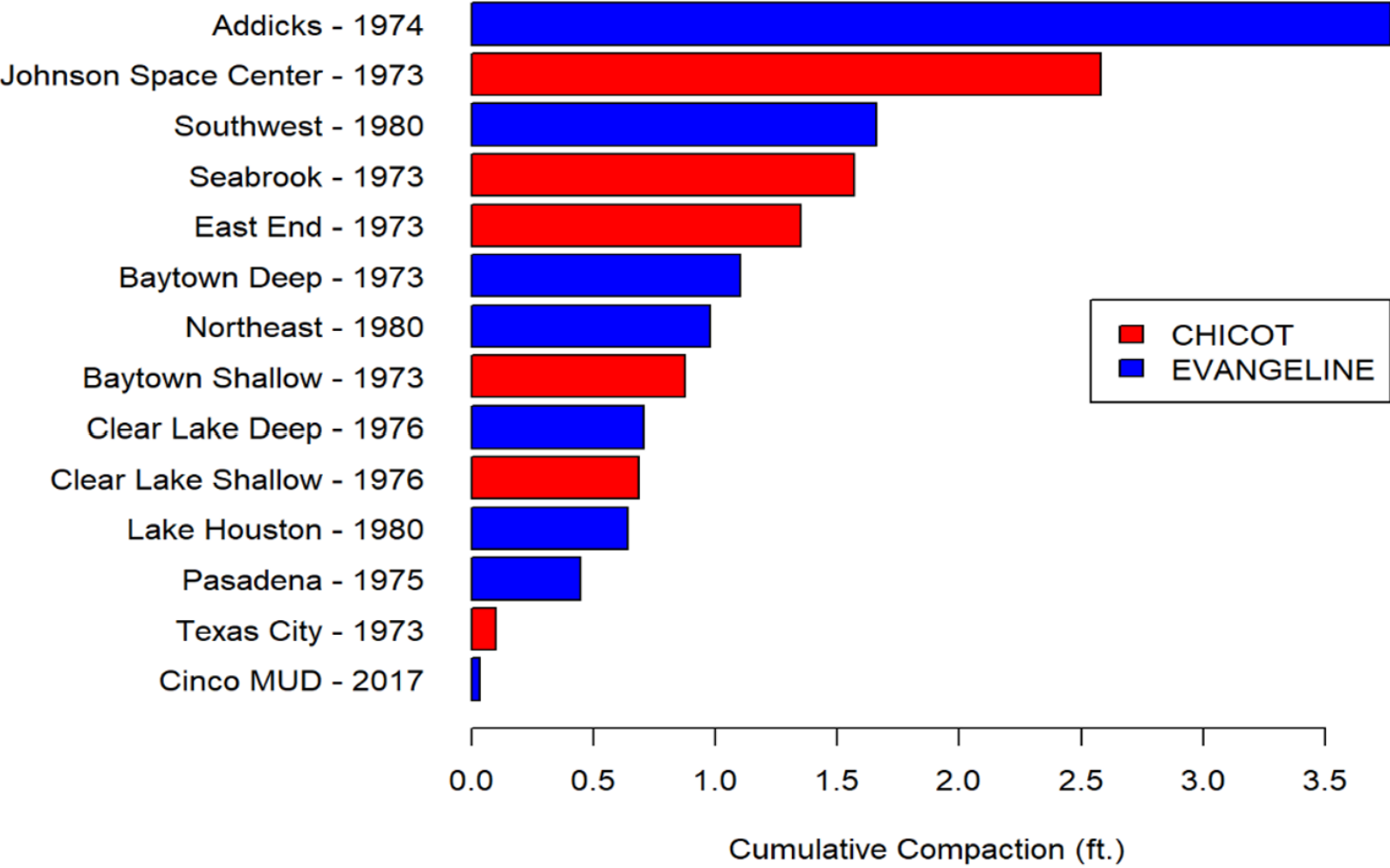
Chicot Aquifer

1. 1973 | Baytown Shallow – 0.875 ft.
2. 1973 | East End – 1.350 ft.
3. 1973 | Johnson Space Center – 2.580 ft.
4. 1973 | Seabrook – 1.570 ft.
5. 1973 | Texas City – 0.096 ft.
6. 1976 | Clear Lake Shallow – 0.685 ft.

Evangeline Aquifer

7. 1973 | Baytown Deep – 1.100 ft.
8. 1974 | Addicks – 3.770 ft.
9. 1975 | Pasadena – 0.446 ft.
10. 1976 | Clear Lake Deep – 0.705 ft.
11. 1980 | Lake Houston – 0.640 ft.
12. 1980 | Northeast – 0.978 ft.
13. 1980 | Southwest – 1.660 ft.
14. 2017 | Cinco MUD – 0.031 ft.

Total Compaction Recorded Since Date of Initial Recording through December 2021



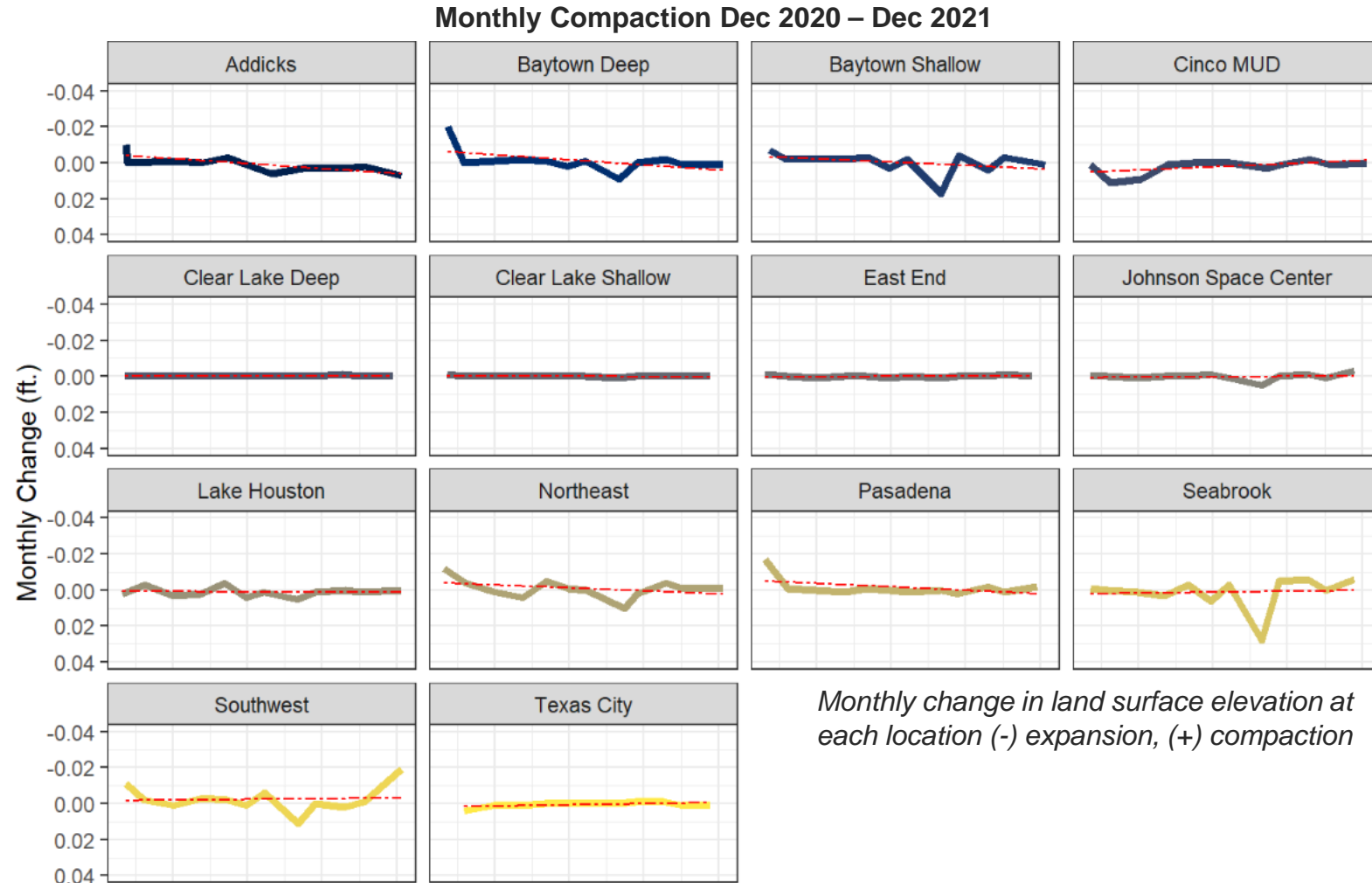
Compaction 1-Year Monthly Changes

- Slight increase in trend (compaction)

- Addicks
- Baytown Deep
- Baytown Shallow
- Northeast
- Southwest

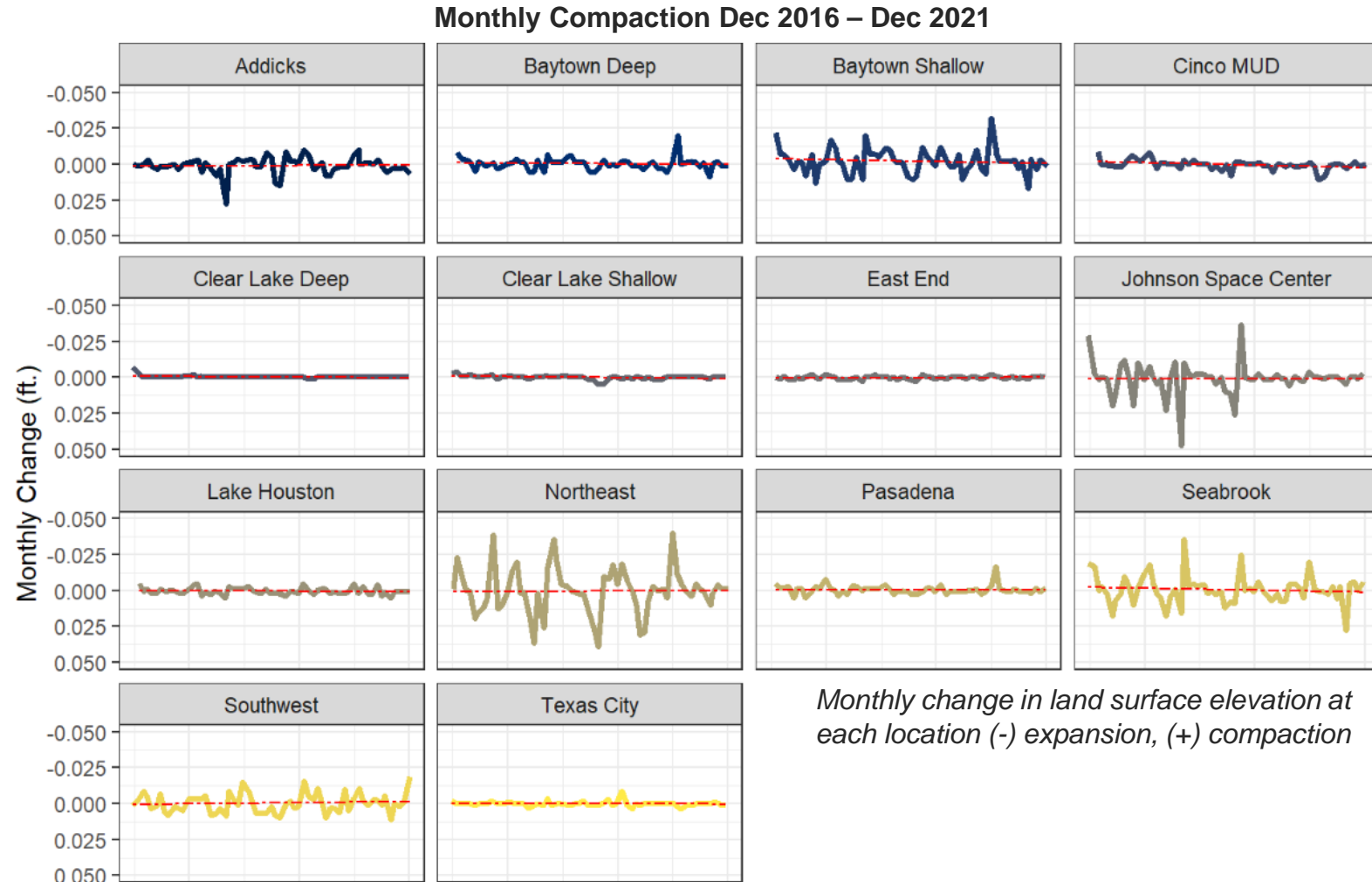
- Slight decrease in trend (expansion)

- Cinco MUD
- Northeast
- Pasadena
- Seabrook



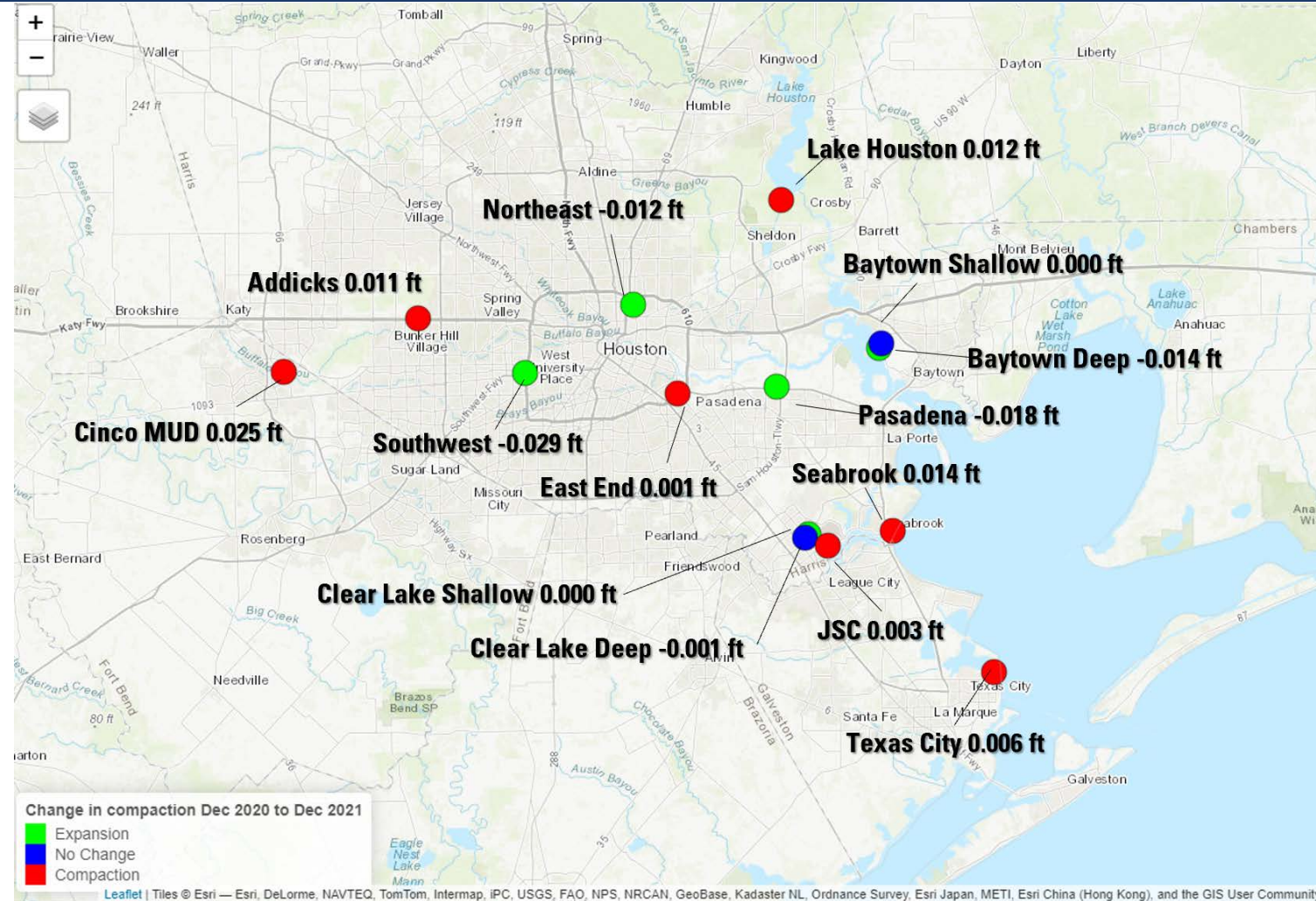
Compaction 5-Year Monthly Changes

- Slight increase in trend (compaction)
 - Baytown Shallow
 - Cinco MUD
 - Seabrook
- Slight decrease in trend (expansion)
 - Southwest



Compaction Summary | Absolute changes for the period December 2020 through December 2021

- 5 sites recorded expansion ranging from 0.001 ft. to 0.029 ft.
- 7 sites recorded compaction ranging from 0.001 ft. to 0.025 ft.
- 2 sites recorded no change





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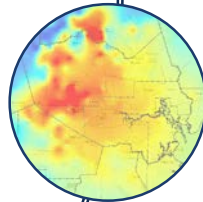
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Subsidence Data

Subsidence Measurement Method | Exhibit 10

All Subsidence District operated Global positioning system (GPS) station are constructed in the Port-a-Measure (PAM) design and collect GPS data periodically.

Photo shows P051 located in Humble, TX.



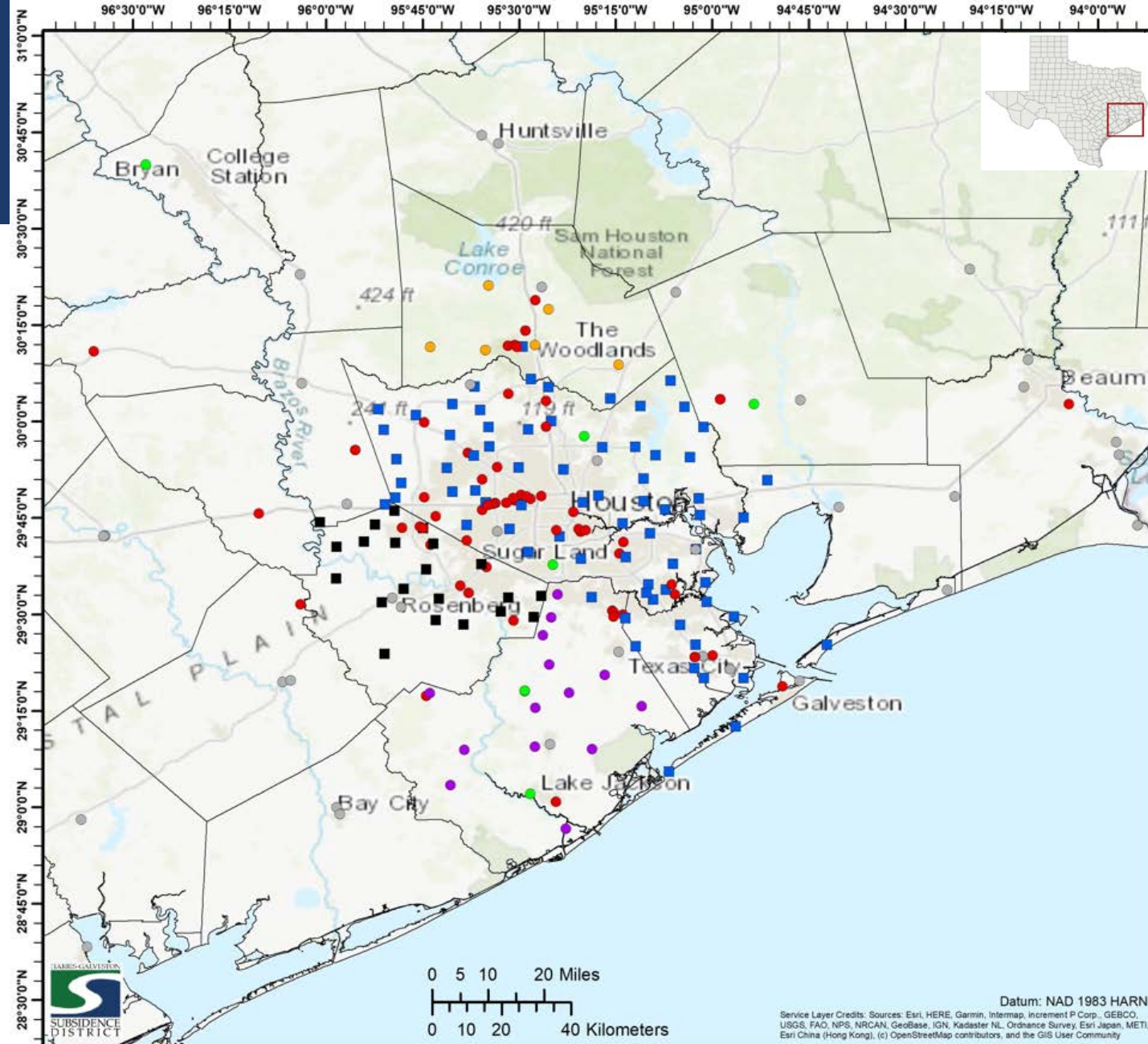
Subsidence Monitoring Network | Exhibit 11

Location and operator of GPS stations that monitor land-surface deformation periodically or continuously within the greater Houston-Galveston region 2021.

EXPLANATION

GPS Station Operators

- Harris-Galveston Subsidence District
- Fort Bend Subsidence District
- Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District
- Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
- Texas Department of Transportation
- University of Houston
- Other Agencies



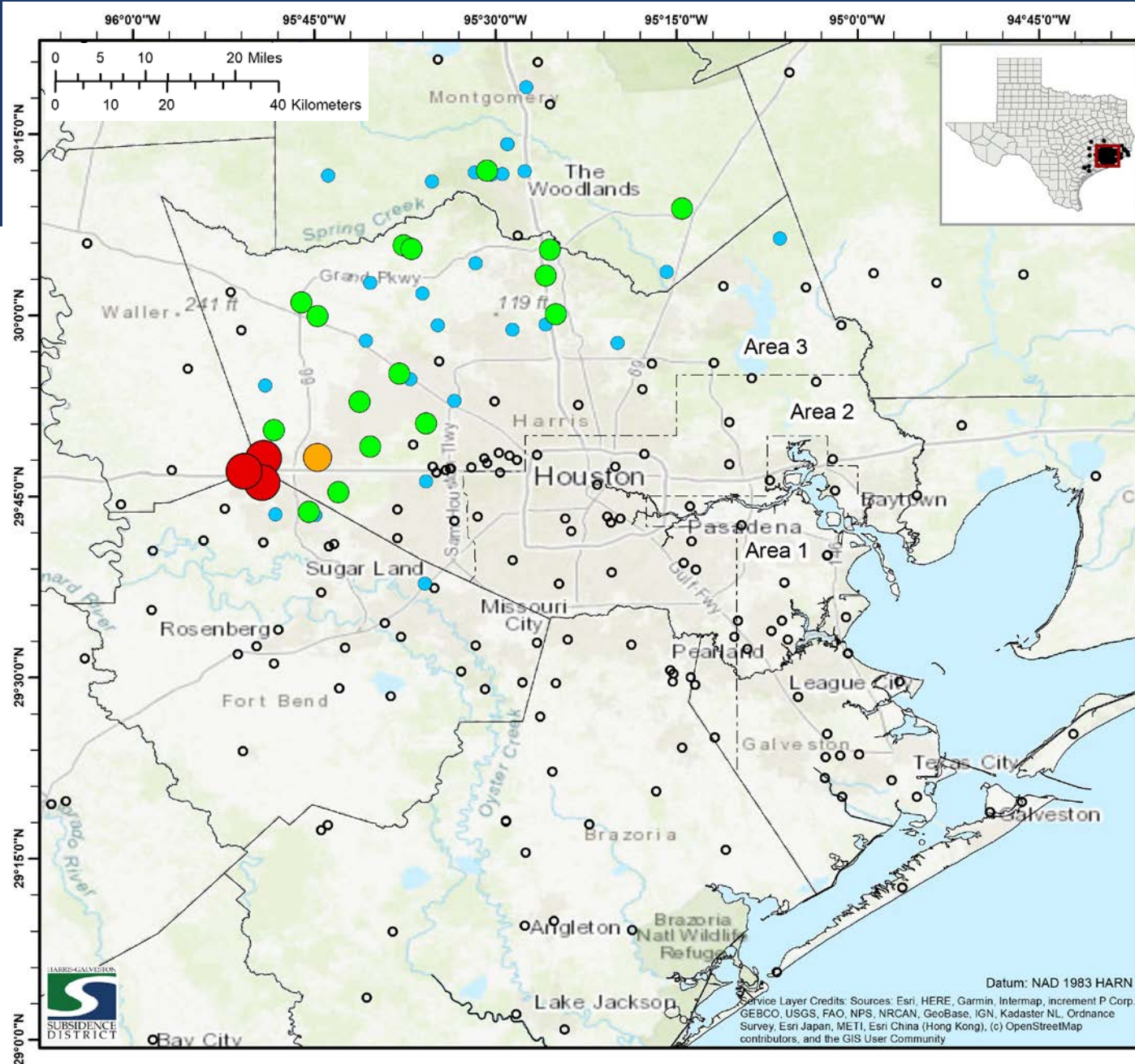
2017-2021 Subsidence Rate | Exhibit 12

Annual subsidence rate, in centimeters per year (cm/yr), measured at GPS stations with three or more years of GPS data in Harris and surrounding counties, averaged from 2017 to 2021.

EXPLANATION

Annual Subsidence Rate (cm/yr) from 2017 to 2021

- Greater than 2.0
- <2.0 - 1.5
- <1.5 - 1.0
- <1.0 - 0.5
- Less than 0.5 or period of record less than 3 years



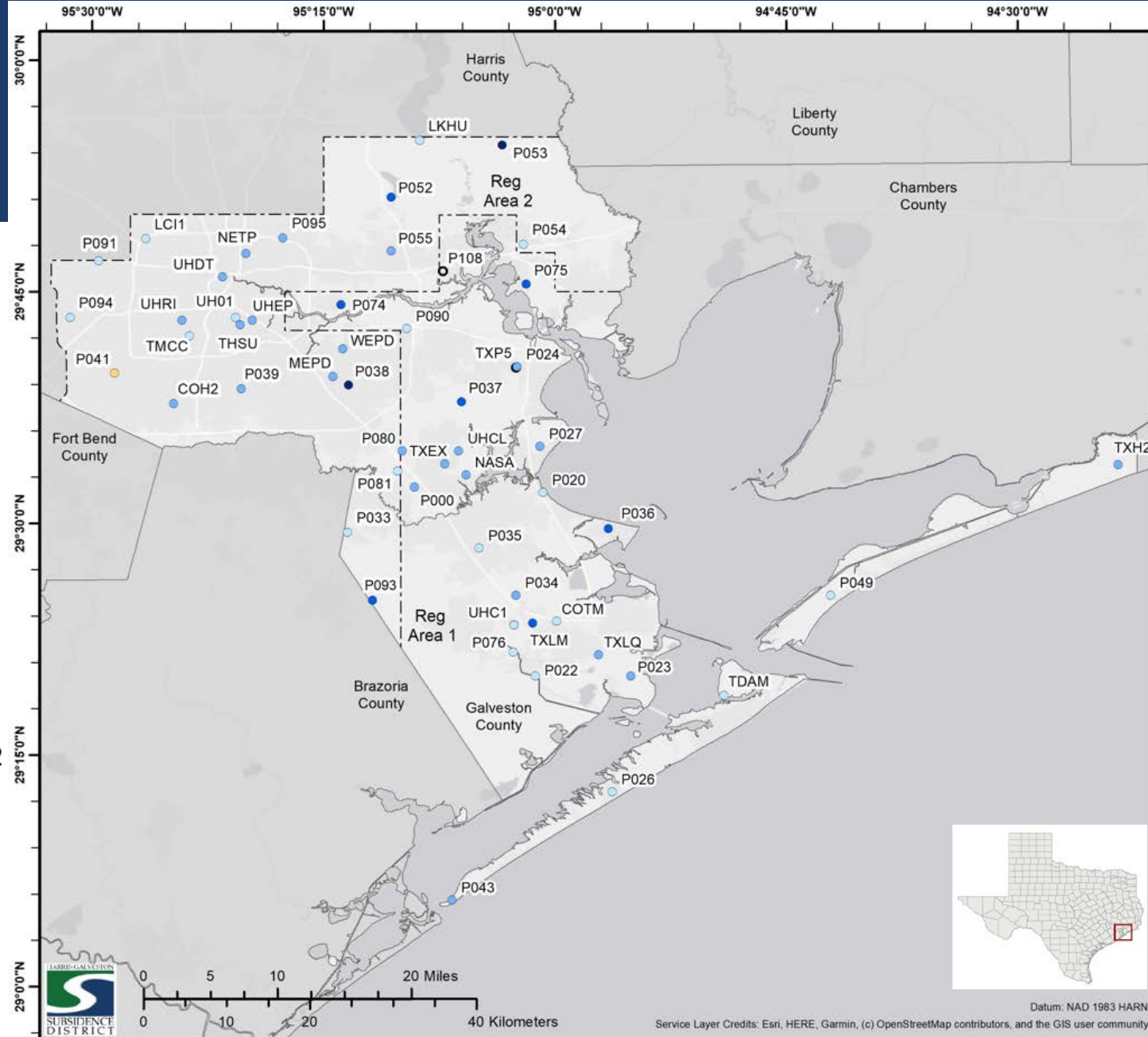
Regulatory Areas One and Two | Exhibit 13

Annual vertical displacement rate (cm/yr) estimated from three or more years of GPS data measured at GPS stations in Harris and Galveston counties, averaged from 2017 to 2021.

EXPLANATION

Annual Vertical Displacement (cm/yr) from 2017 to 2021 in HGSD Regulatory Areas 1 and 2

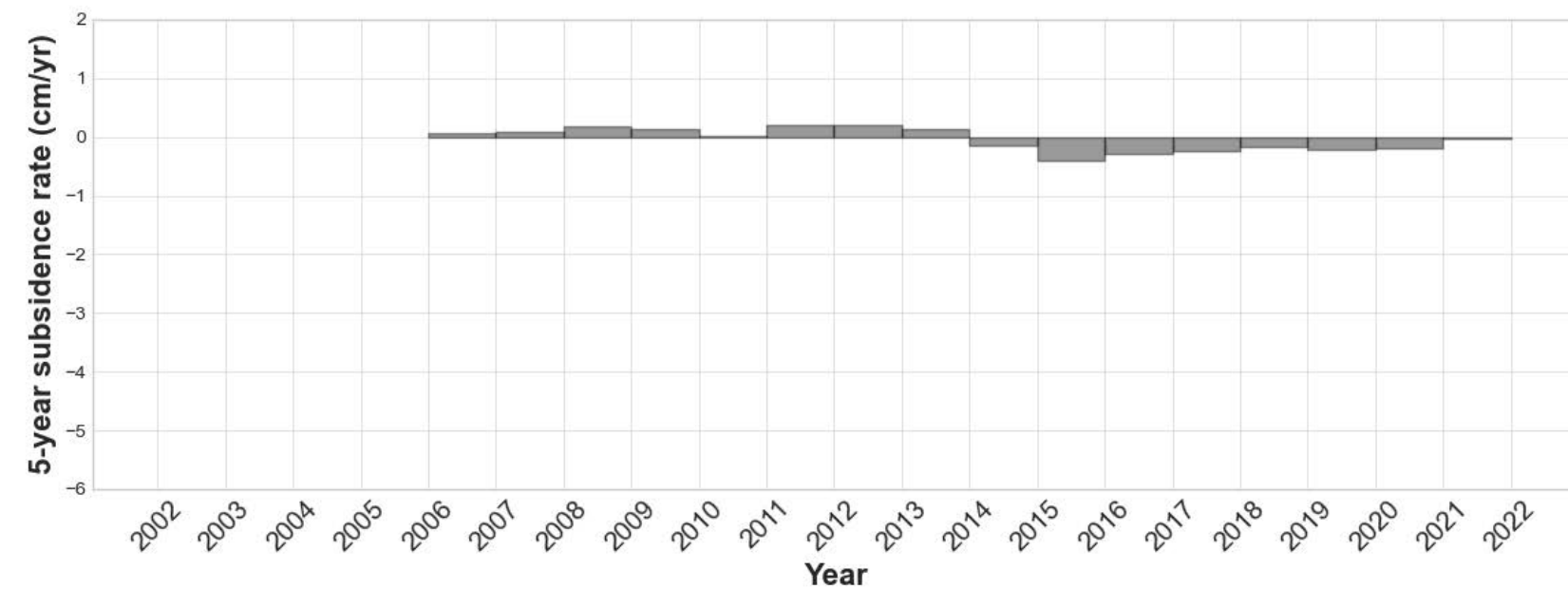
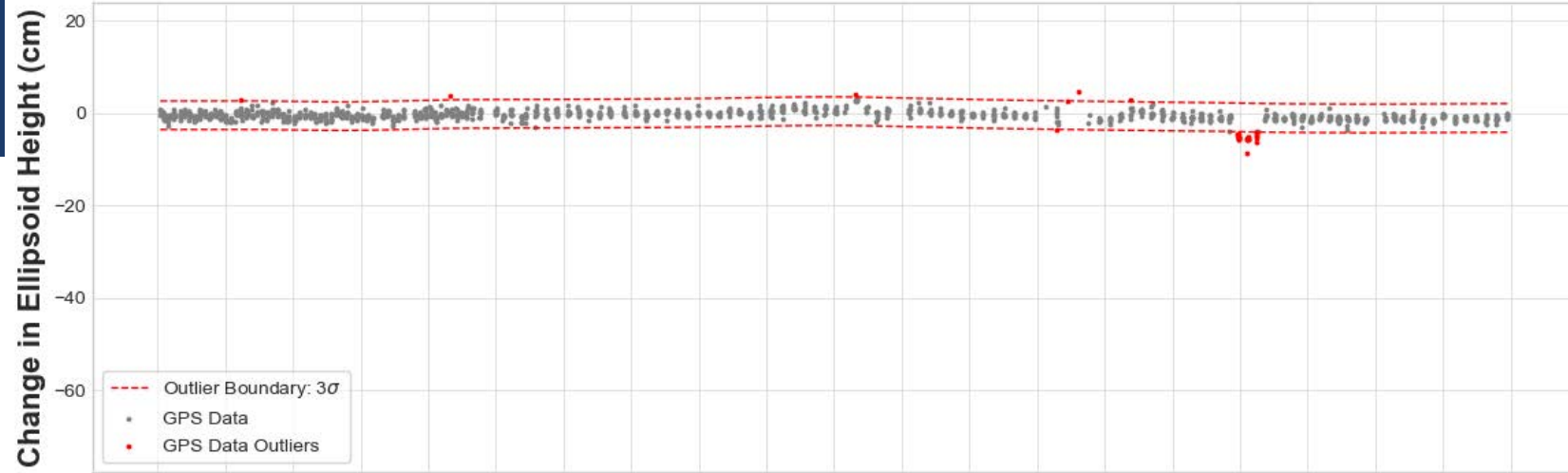
- 0.5 - -0.35
- 0.35 - 0
- 0 - 0.25
- 0.25 - 0.5
- 0.5 - 1.0
- GPS stations monitoring less than 3 years



P020 POR Plot | Exhibit 14

GPS station P020, located in Kemah, has measured a total of approximately 0.7 cm of subsidence since 2002.

Processed GPS data (source: UH) over period of record. Processed data (grey circles) located inside the outlier boundary (red dashed lines) are used when calculating subsidence rates. Processed GPS data identified as outliers (red circles) are excluded from subsidence rate calculations and are shown for informational purposes only.



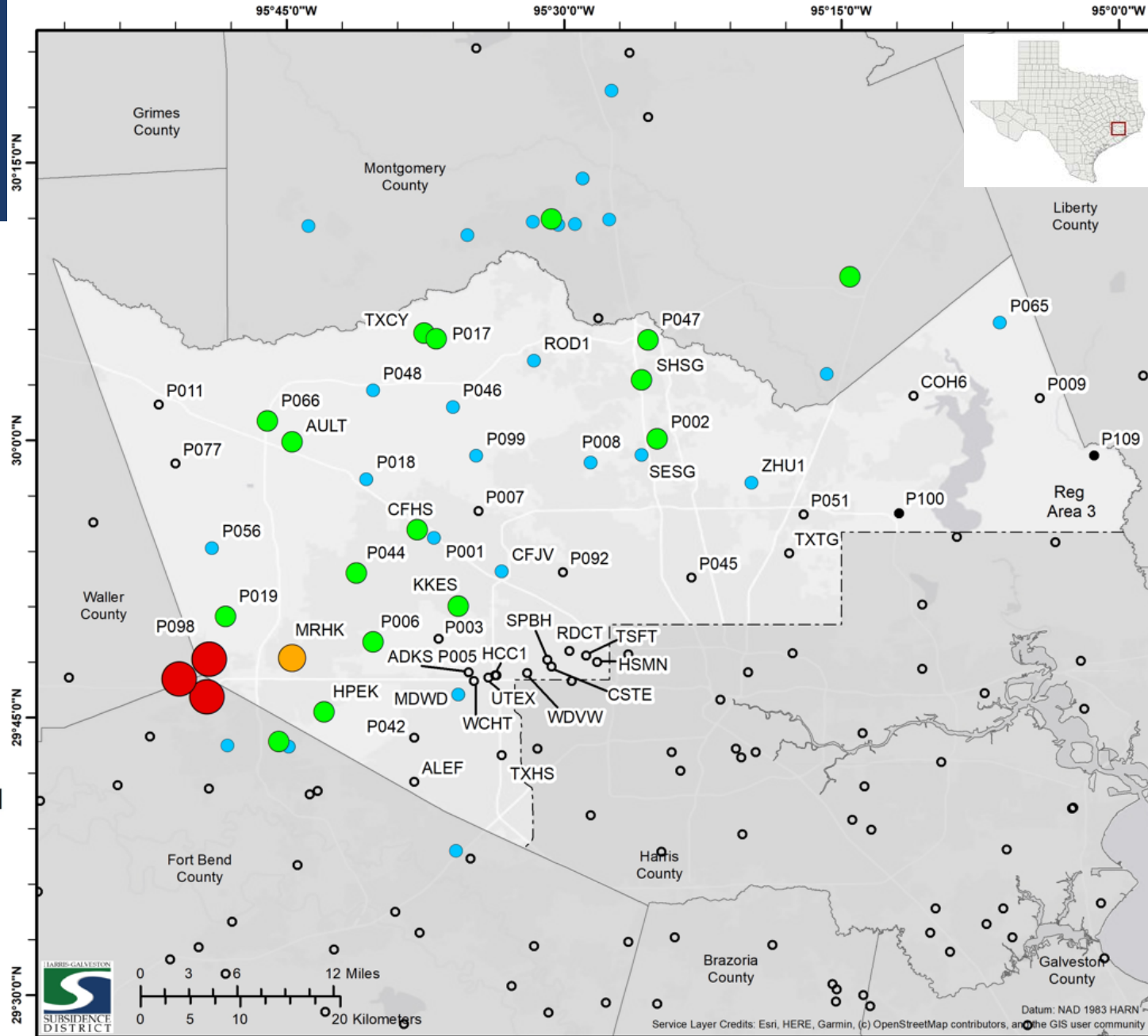
Regulatory Area Three | Exhibit 15

Annual subsidence rate (cm/yr) estimated from three or more years of periodic or continuous GPS data measured at GPS stations in Harris County, Texas, from 2017 to 2021.

EXPLANATION

Annual Subsidence Rate (cm/yr) from 2017 to 2021

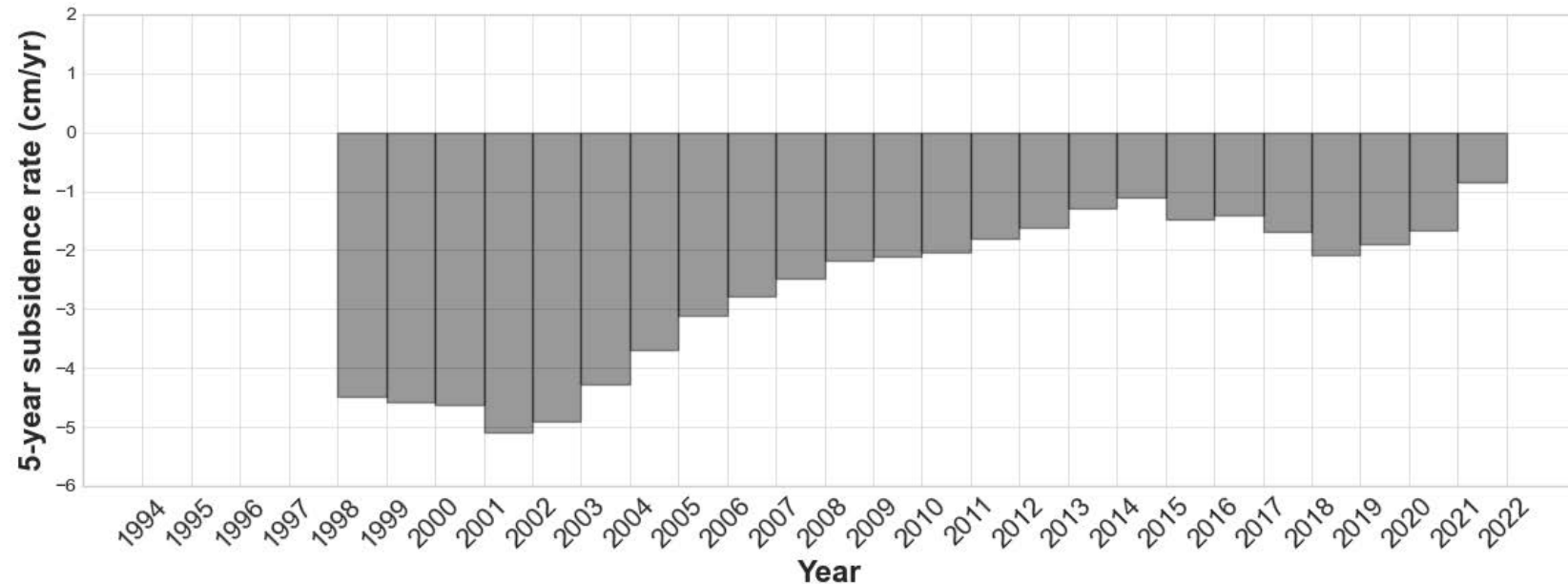
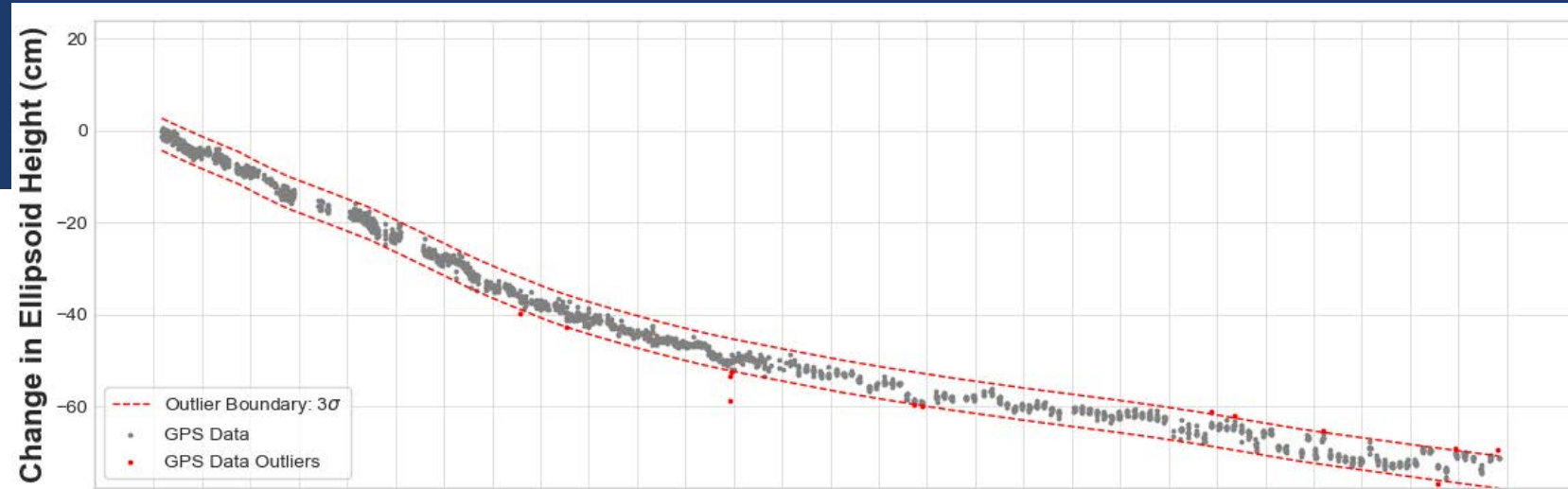
- Greater than 2.0
- <2.0 - 1.5
- <1.5 - 1.0
- <1.0 - 0.5
- Less than 0.5 or period of record less than 3 years



P001 POR Plot | Exhibit 16

GPS station P001, located in Jersey Village, has measured a total of approximately 71 cm of subsidence since 1994.

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Testimony and Public Comment

Any person who wishes to appear at the hearing and present testimony, evidence, exhibits or other information may do so in person, by counsel, via email to info@subsidence.org or any combination of these options.

Thank you for attending the Public Hearing for the 2021 Annual Groundwater Report



- Record will be open until May 6, 2022. You may provide comments by sending an email to info@subsidence.org.
- The 2021 Annual Groundwater Report will be presented to the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District Board of Directors on May 11, 2022.
- The 2021 Annual Groundwater Report will be posted on the District's website (www.hgsubsidence.org) upon approval of the District's Board of Directors.



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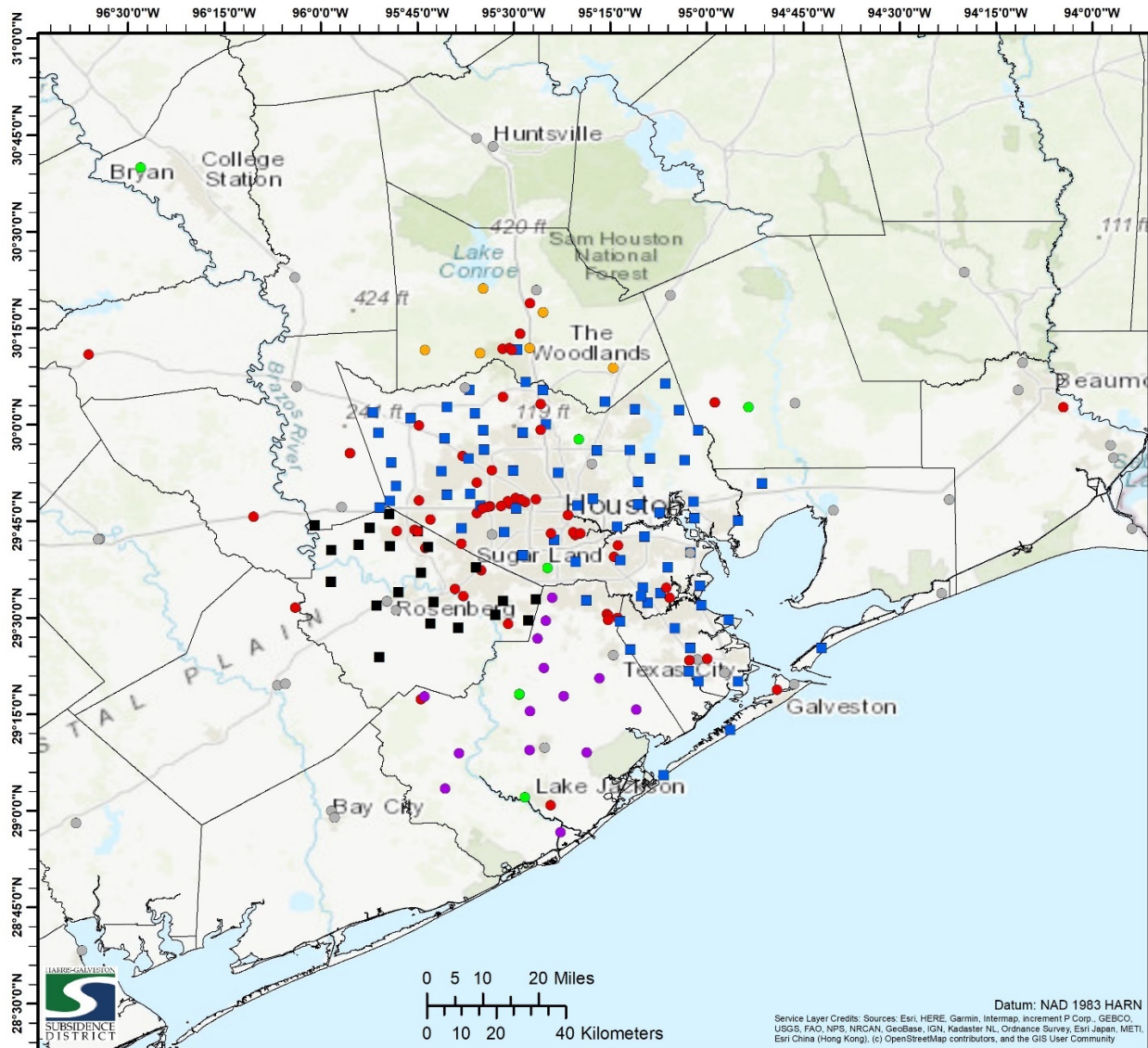
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Subsidence Monitoring Network

GPS Station Overview

The subsidence monitoring network comprises a collaboration of local to state to federal agencies who operate and maintain global position system (GPS) stations in the greater Houston-Galveston region. In 2021, the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District (the District) collected raw data from 227 GPS stations to assess and understand changes in the land-surface elevation in the region. The analysis of such data, including details on data processing and uncertainty, is provided in subsequent sections.

The District currently operates and maintains 73 GPS stations in the greater Houston region with approximately 66 stations located in Harris and Galveston counties and the remaining seven stations within Brazoria, Waller, Montgomery, and Chambers counties. Fort Bend Subsidence District (FBSD) operates and maintains 22 GPS stations with 21 stations in Fort Bend County and one in Waller County. Surrounding groundwater conservation districts (GCDs) such as Brazoria County GCD and Lone Star GCD operate and maintain 14 and six GPS stations, respectively. The University of Houston (UH) operates 66 GPS stations and the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) operates 39 GPS stations spread across southeast Texas. **Figure 1** includes the location and operators of GPS stations within the greater Houston-Galveston area.



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GPS Station Operators

- Harris-Galveston Subsidence District
- Fort Bend Subsidence District
- Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District
- Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
- Texas Department of Transportation
- University of Houston
- Other Agencies



Figure 1: Location of GPS stations designated by operator in the greater Houston region.

The GPS stations are constructed in different ways based on when they were installed and operator preferences. The monitoring types are described in the section below. Two main designs of permanent GPS stations utilized by the District are a periodically measured (PAM) GPS station and an extensometer. Another type of permanent GPS station is a building mount, which is primarily used by UH.

The District designed a permanent GPS station in the mid-1990s to apply a consistent measurement method across multiple counties. This design is known as a PAM and is named after the original port-a-measure method utilized by the District in the early 1990s when the GPS station was not a permanent structure and each location collected data periodically. The PAM design consists of two-inch galvanized pipe drilled approximately 34 feet below ground surface and extends eight feet above the ground surface. The pipe is anchored in a concrete plug at the base and enclosed by centering bands and PVC pipe near the surface and PVC pipe near the surface to reduce movement. The exposed pipe (i.e., the section of pipe that extends eight-feet above the ground surface) is mounted with an antenna adapter to secure the global navigation satellite system (GNSS) antenna. A separate two-inch pipe is installed within a few feet from the antenna pipe in order to hold an enclosure box, which stores a battery and GNSS receiver, and a mounted solar panel. Both pipes are surrounded by four bollards and encased in a concrete slab for protection. **Figure 2** depicts a schematic of the District’s PAM design.

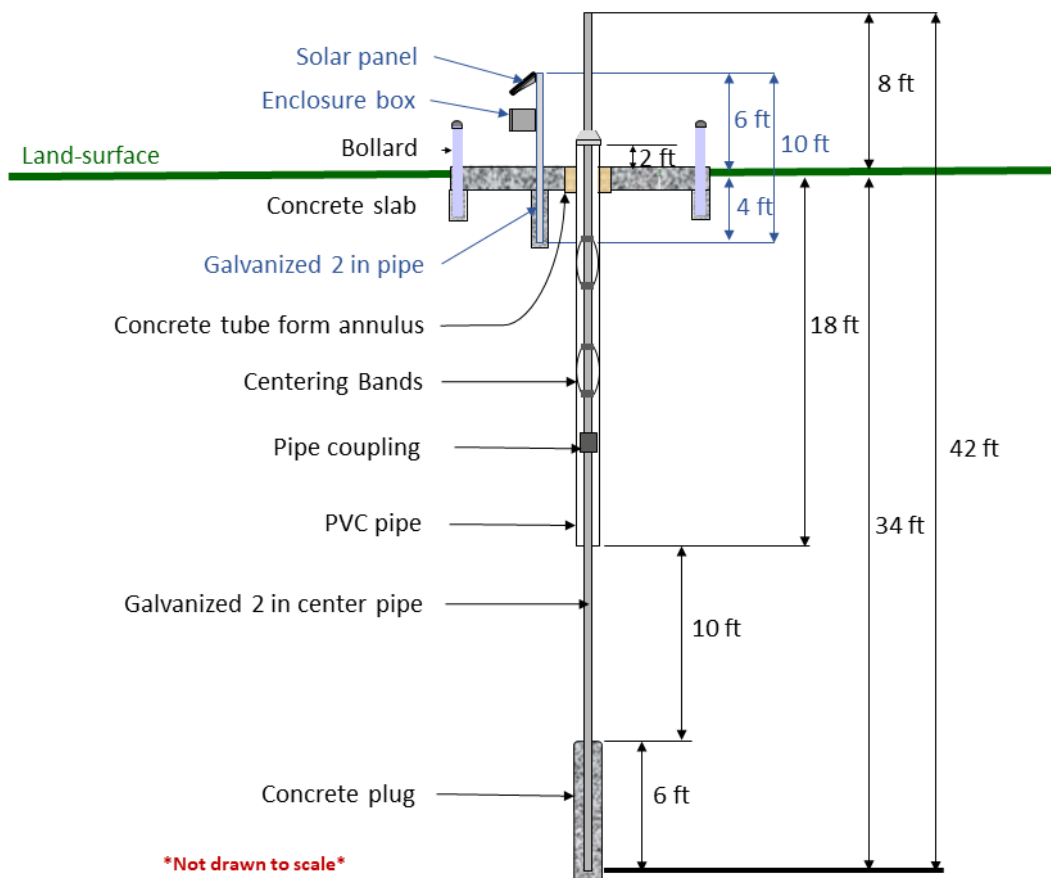


Figure 2: Schematic of the District’s PAM design for a permanent GPS station. Note the schematic is not drawn to scale and is intended for visual purposes only. All numbers are provided in US standard measurement.

The USGS operates and maintains 14 borehole extensometers, which are wells drilled to various depths (650 to 3,300 feet below ground surface) and anchored with a concrete plug in order to measure compaction within different aquifers (Kasmarek, et al., 2015). **Figure 3** illustrates the extensometer design that includes an outer casing equipped with slip-joints to maintain well integrity by preventing damage from subsidence and the inner pipe attached to a concrete plug at the bottom of the borehole.

Such extensometers use digital recorders, which are connected to the inner pipe, to continuously measure the change between the inner pipe and the land-surface elevation. The District operates four GPS stations (i.e., ADKS, LKHU, NETP, and TXEX) that include a GNSS antenna mounted on the extended inner pipe.

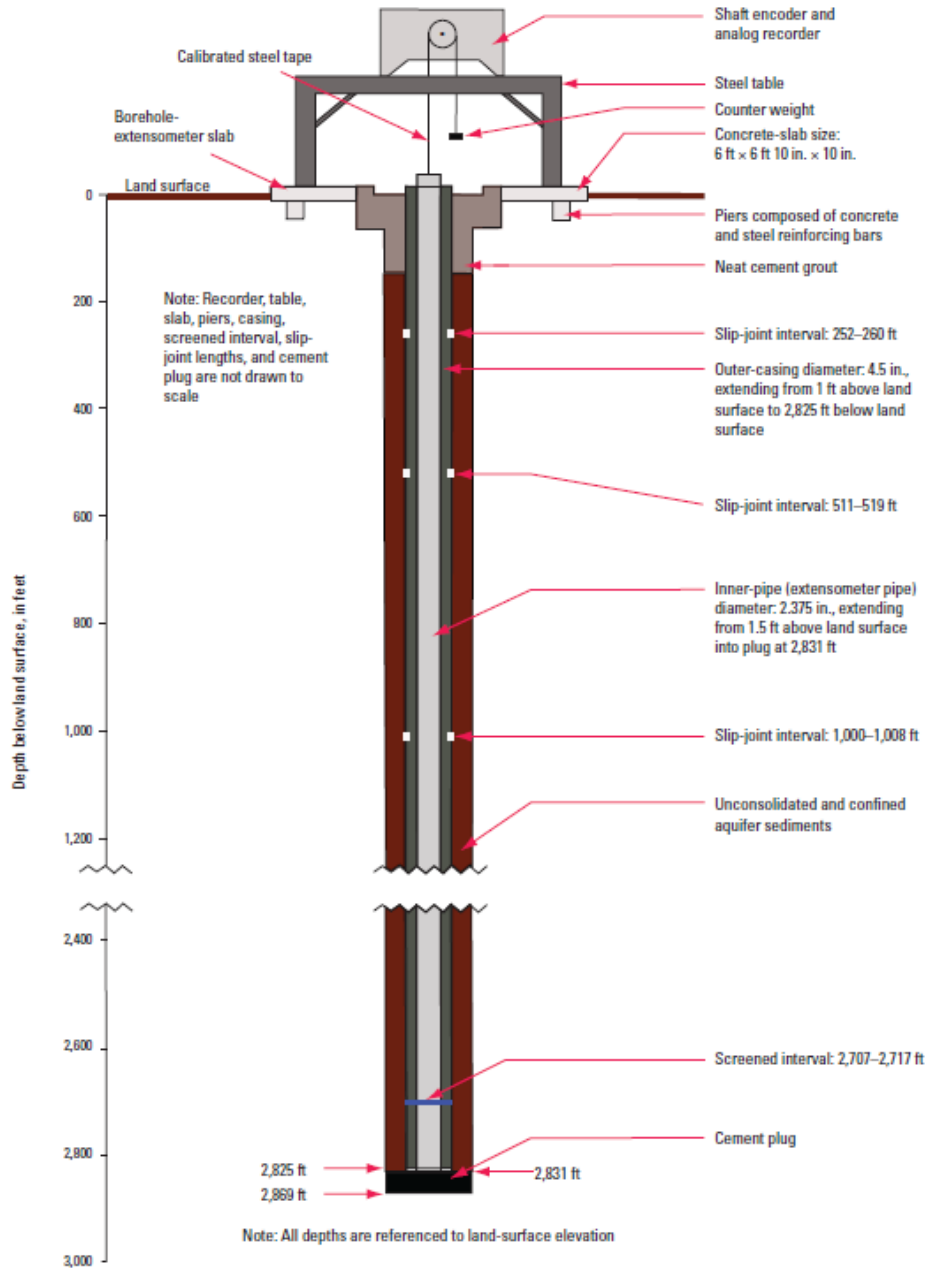


Figure 3: Cross-sectional view of an extensometer adapted from (Kasmarek, et al., 2016).

The building mount is another design for a GPS station. Building mounts have a GNSS antenna mounted on or near the building’s roof. Buildings with deep foundation as well as clear sky views are selected as optimal locations to measure land-surface elevation change and limit interference. This building mount design is used by UH throughout the greater Houston area.

Subsidence Monitoring Types

GPS data are collected at each of the GPS stations every thirty seconds during the duration of monitoring, which varies from periodic to continuous. The District operates both periodic and continuous monitoring GPS stations. Other operators, such as UH and TXDOT, operate continuous monitoring stations.

Periodic monitoring stations collect GPS data for approximately seven days every two months at the GPS station. These stations are constructed in the PAM design and use a Trimble GNSS antenna and receiver to gather land-surface data.

Continuous monitoring stations collect GPS data every day of the year and some are designated as continuously operating reference stations (CORS). CORS are designed in two ways: 1) the PAM design or 2) mounted on preexisting structures. The District operates seven CORS (i.e., P026, P034, P043, P049, P080, P081, and YORS) that are constructed in the PAM design. Additionally, the District operates four CORS (i.e., ADKS, LKHU, NETP, and TXEX) that are mounted to the extended inner stem of an extensometer.

Subsidence Data

As of 2021, the District uses GPS data from 227 GPS stations spread across 20 counties in southeast Texas. The District collects GPS data from other agencies like FBSD, Brazoria County GCD, Lone Star GCD, and TxDOT as well as the UH to understand local to regional subsidence trends. **Figure 4** depicts the subsidence monitoring network with a map identification number for each GPS station and two map insets to provide greater detail in the denser areas. Additional information for each map identification number is included as a table within **Appendix C**.

The GPS data collected by the District measure the land-surface as a three-component displacement time series involving the horizontal (East-West), vertical (North-South), and the ellipsoidal height (up-down) components. GPS data are processed and converted to the Stable Houston Reference Frame 2020 (Houston20). Additional methods of GPS data processing include identification of outliers and estimations of site velocities and associated uncertainties.

Outliers are identified through a series of steps that include applying a locally weighted scatterplot smoothing (LOWESS) algorithm to obtain a time-series trend with two (2) iterations, removing the residual time-series trend, and estimating the median of absolute deviations (MAD) of the residual time-series (Wang, et al., 2022). The subsidence rate of a GPS station is estimated using the linear regression of the most recent five-year ellipsoidal height data (i.e., 2017-2021), at stations that have a minimum of three years of data. The root mean square (RMS) accuracy of the GPS data provided in this report is approximately 5-8 millimeters for the vertical direction or ellipsoidal height (Wang, et al., 2022).

The entire GPS dataset from all contributors are reprocessed every few years as improvements in positioning software, updates to global to regional reference frames, and other data processing analysis tools, such as orbital clock updates, are disseminated to users. Caution should be applied when attempting to mix or compare old GPS datasets with newer versions as GPS data processing is both a complex and a dynamic procedure.

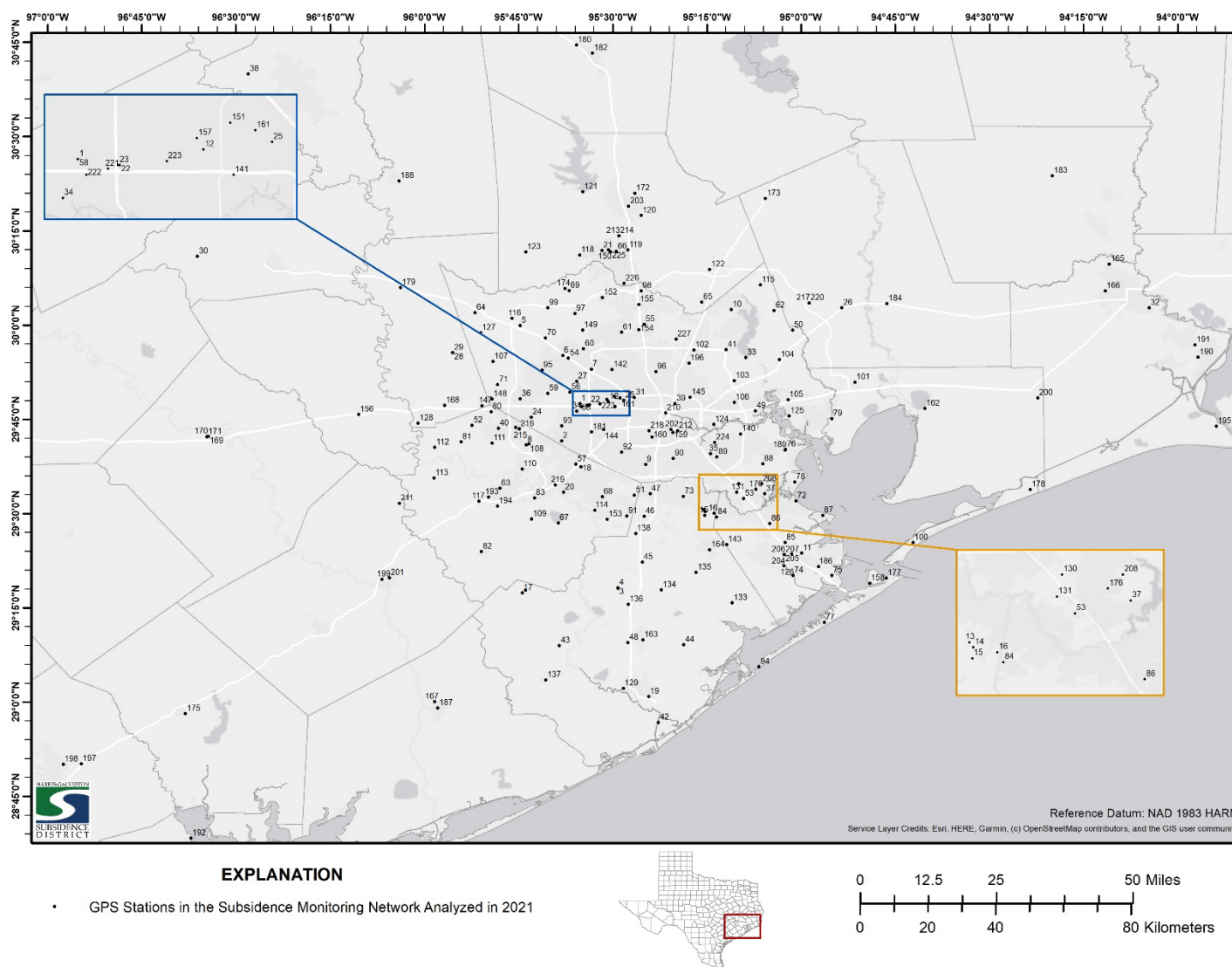


Figure 4: Location and map identification number of GPS stations that monitor periodically or continuously within Harris and surrounding Counties, Texas, 2021. The map insets show the map identification number of the higher density areas to provide greater detail.

Regulatory Areas One and Two

Regulatory Areas One and Two achieved full regulatory level conversion in 1990 and 2000, respectively. GPS stations have been operating since 1993 within this area to measure subsidence. Regulatory Area One contains 30 GPS stations with about 17 stations that measured minor uplift, 11 stations that measured extremely minor subsidence, and 2 stations that have been monitoring less than three years so no rate of change was applied (**Figure 5**). Regulatory Area Two includes 25 GPS stations with 15 stations that measured minor uplift and 10 stations that measured very minor subsidence (**Figure 5**).

According to recent research, rates of natural subsidence along the Texas Gulf Coast, particularly in Texas City and Galveston area, range from 1.5 – 3.5 millimeters per year (Zhou, et al., 2021). Based on this research, GPS stations within the range of natural subsidence has been classified as the light blue points in **Figure 5**. GPS stations that measured uplift (i.e., positive change in ellipsoidal height from 2017 to 2021) are also displayed in **Figure 5** in visually distinguish the data from the main overview subsidence rate map provided in previous sections.

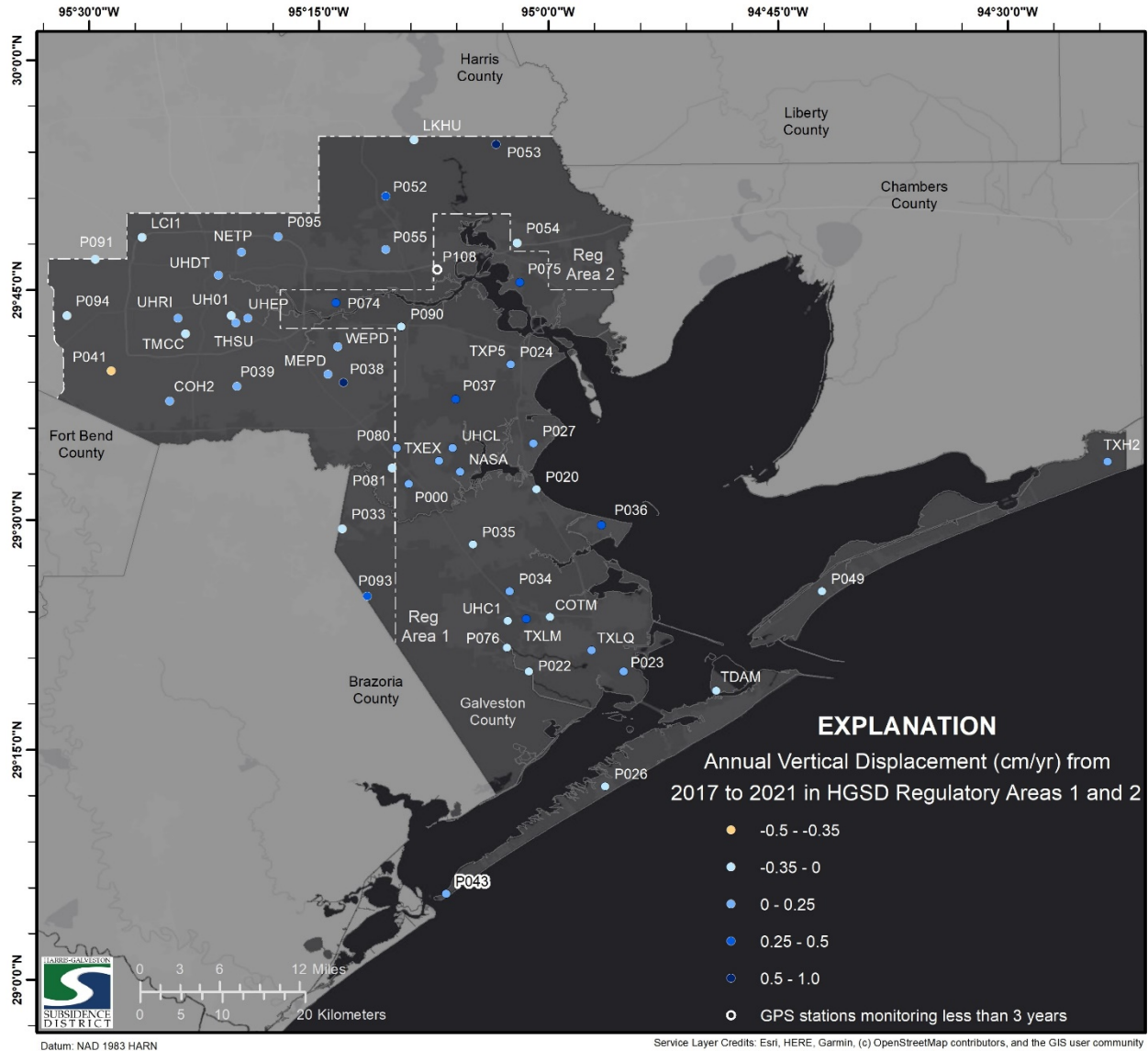


Figure 5: Annual subsidence rate in cm per year estimated from periodic and continuous GPS data measured from GPS stations within Regulatory Areas One and Two in Harris and Galveston Counties, Texas, 2017-2021.

A representative sample time-series displacement plot and five-year subsidence rate graph for a GPS station in these Regulatory Areas is P020. P020, which is located in Kemah, shows a gradually stable trend with a recent subsidence rate of 0.02 cm per year and has measured approximately 0.7 cm (0.28 inches) over 19 years (**Figure 6**).

P020

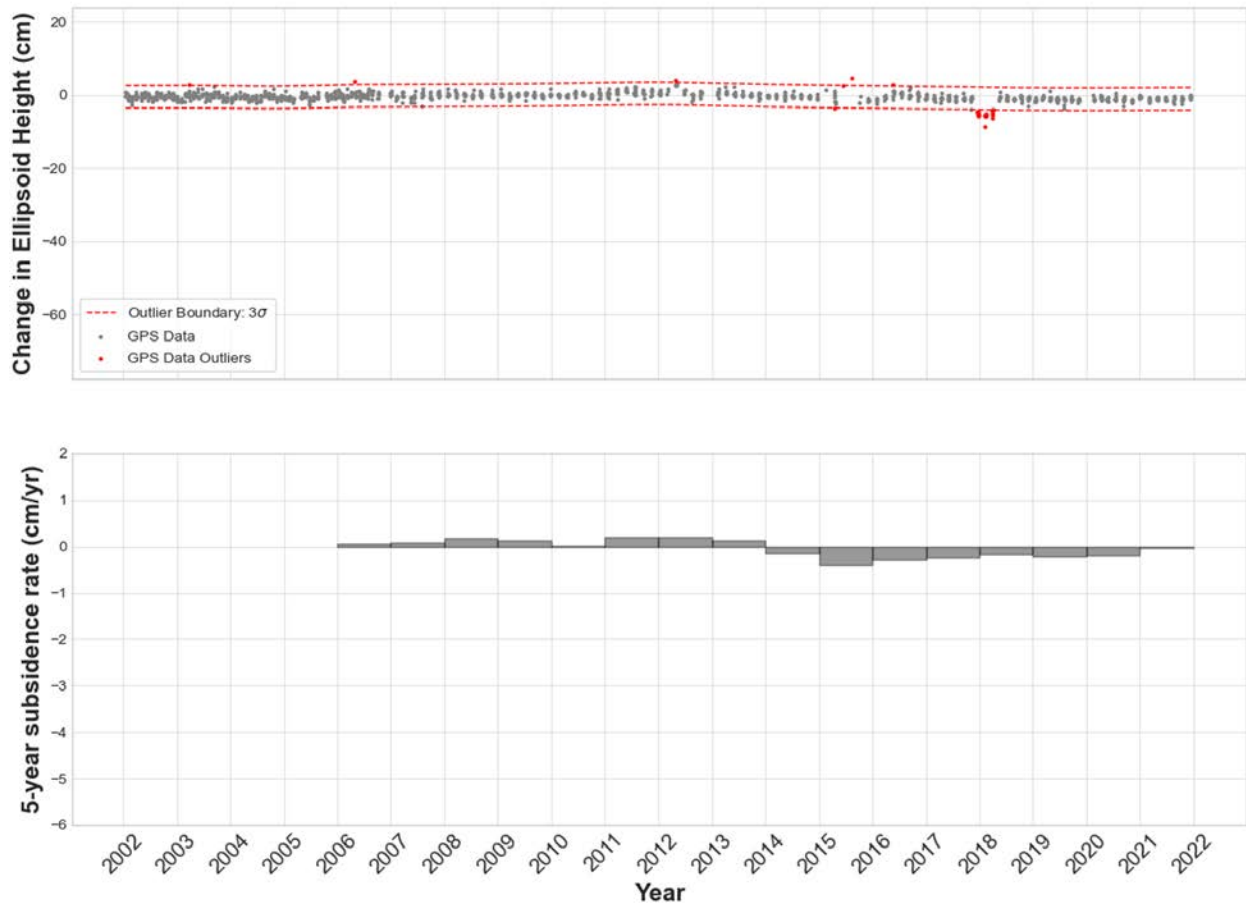
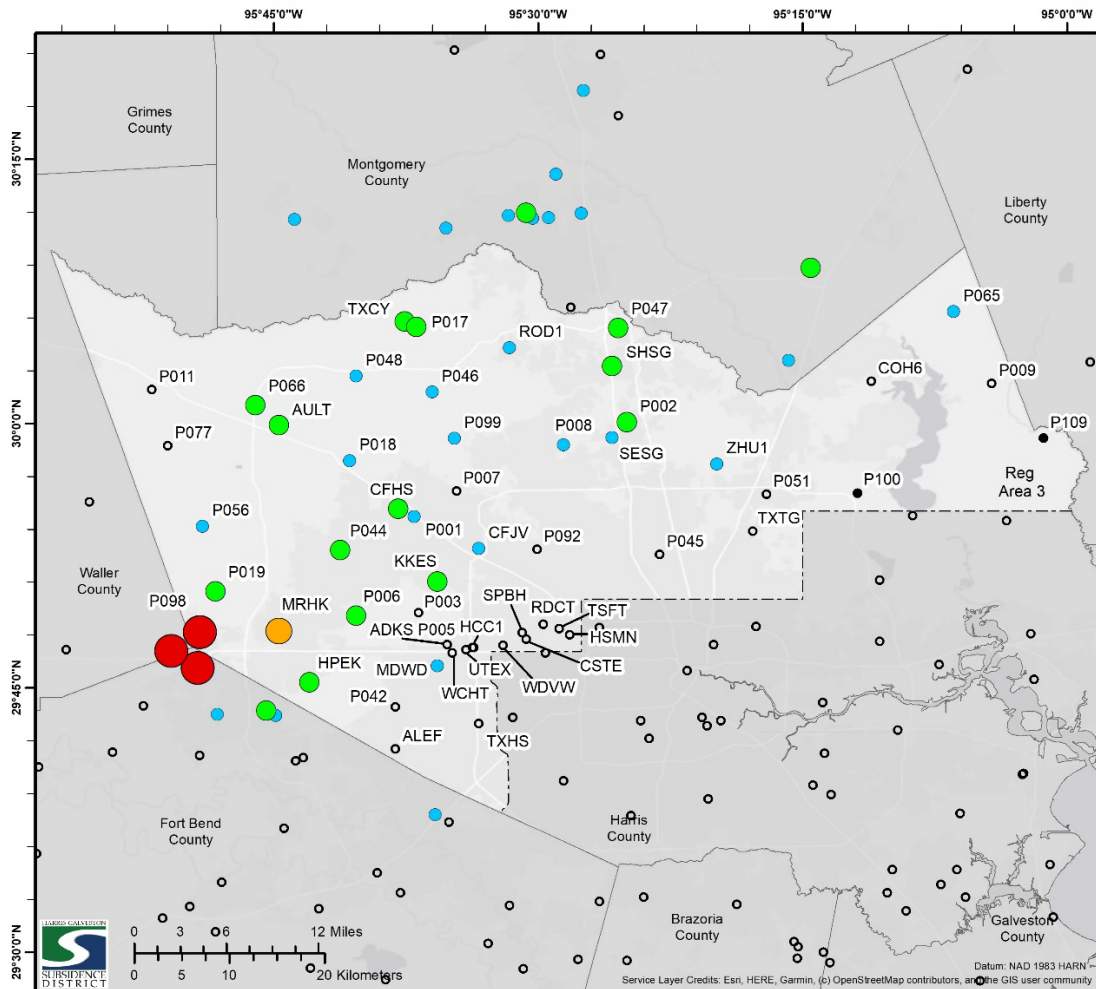


Figure 6: Period of record data for GPS station P020 located in Kemah, Texas, with a 2017-2021 subsidence rate of 0.02 cm/yr. Processed GPS data (source: UH) over period of record. Processed data (grey circles) located inside the outlier boundary (red dashed lines) are used when calculating subsidence rates. Processed GPS data identified as outliers (red circles) are excluded from subsidence rate calculations and are shown for informational purposes only.

Regulatory Area Three

Regulatory Area Three has not been fully converted; although some entities such as the City of Houston and Regional Water Authorities have been transitioning to alternative water sources since 2010. Regulatory Area Three contains 53 GPS stations primarily operated by the District and the UH. **Figure 7** displays the GPS stations in Regulatory Area Three with labels identifying the name of each station.



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Annual Subsidence Rate (cm/yr) from 2017 to 2021 in HGSD Regulatory Area 3

- Greater than 2.0
- <2.0 - 1.5
- <1.5 - 1.0
- <1.0 - 0.5
- Less than 0.5
- GPS stations monitoring less than 3 years



Figure 7: Annual subsidence rate in cm per year estimated from periodic and continuous GPS data measured from GPS stations within Regulatory Area Three in Harris and Galveston Counties, Texas, 2017-2021.

GPS station P001, located in Jersey Village, has measured the greatest total subsidence with approximately 71 cm over 27 years. **Figure 8** contains the period of record plot for P001 that shows a subsidence rate of 0.85 cm per year from 2017 to 2021. P001 began monitoring in the mid-1990s and measured high subsidence rates from over 4 cm per year in the late 1990s then gradually lessened to under 2 cm per year in recent years.

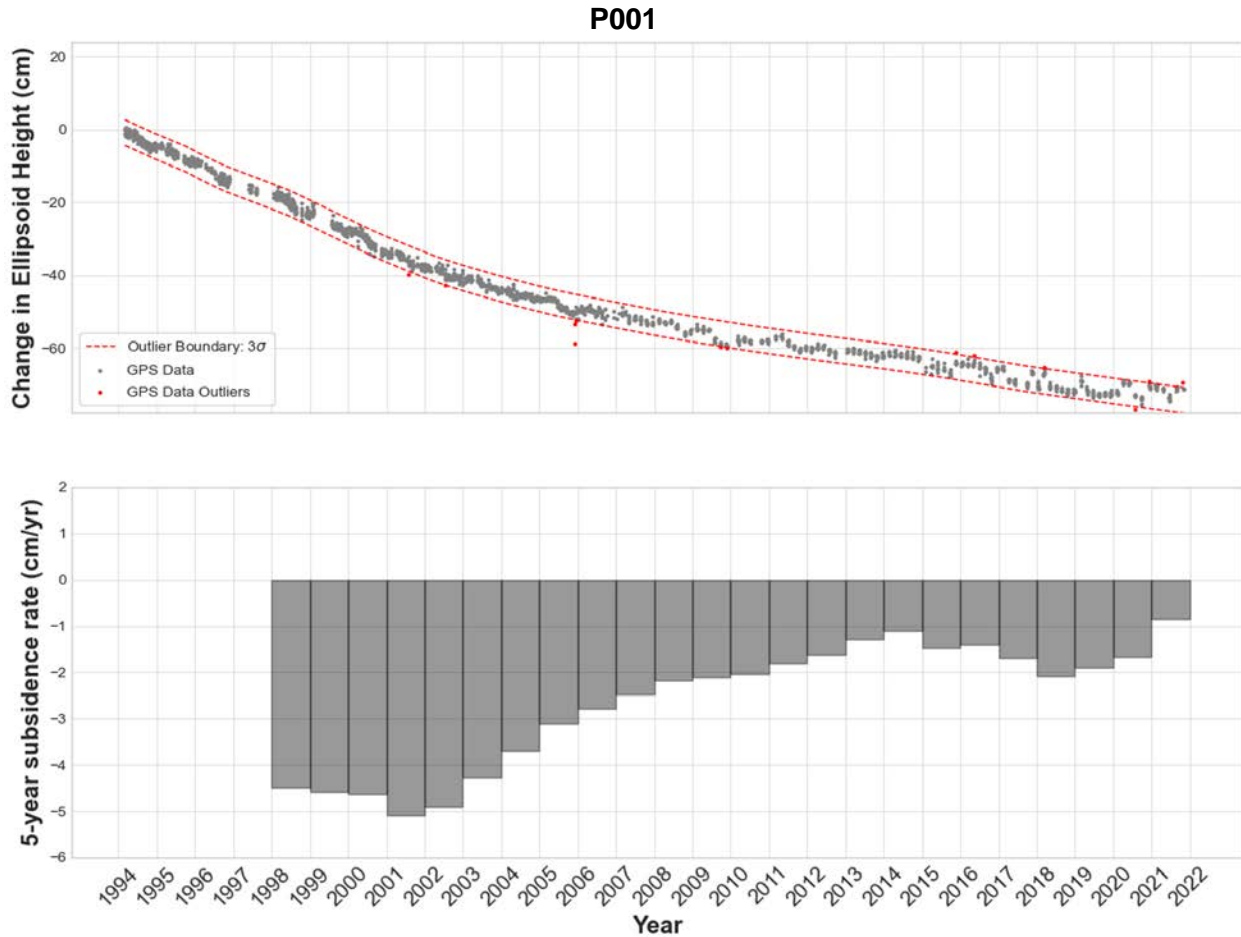


Figure 8: Period of record plot for GPS station P001 located in Jersey Village, Texas, 1994-2021. This station measured 71 cm of subsidence over 27 years and the annual subsidence rate is 0.85 cm per year from 2017 to 2021. Processed GPS data (source: UH) over period of record. Processed data (grey circles) located inside the outlier boundary (red dashed lines) are used when calculating subsidence rates. Processed GPS data identified as outliers (red circles) are excluded from subsidence rate calculations and are shown for informational purposes only.

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Appendix C – Period of Record Data

A comprehensive table is provided which includes the Map ID (Figure 4 in Appendix B), GPS station name, coordinates, dates of operation, sample count, total vertical displacement, and annual rate of change in ellipsoidal height from 2017 to 2021. A period of record time-series plot and a five-year subsidence rate graph are also included for each GPS station.

Map ID (Figure 1)	Site Name	Latitude (Decimal degrees)	Longitude (Decimal degrees)	Start of POR (Decimal year)	End of POR (Decimal Year)	Length of POR (Years)	Number of Samples (Days)	Total Vertical Displacement over POR (cm)	Annual Rate of Change in Ellipsoidal Height 2017-2021 (cm/yr)*
1	ADKS	29.7910	-95.5864	1993.520	2021.991	28.471	8462	-1.8	-0.11
2	ALEF	29.6918	-95.6351	2014.259	2022.021	7.762	2834	-3.0	-0.41
3	ANG5	29.3015	-95.4851	2003.447	2019.518	16.071	5148	-4.5	-0.26
4	ANG6	29.3017	-95.4849	2003.428	2019.518	16.090	5260	-3.9	-0.08
5	AULT	29.9978	-95.7447	2015.557	2022.021	6.464	2293	-5.5	-1.12
6	CFHS	29.9192	-95.6319	2015.595	2022.021	6.426	2292	-8.0	-1.23
7	CFJV	29.8817	-95.5558	2015.773	2022.021	6.248	2280	-4.2	-0.71
8	CMFB	29.6814	-95.7288	2014.409	2022.021	7.611	2746	-2.7	-0.42
9	COH2	29.6285	-95.4116	2009.005	2022.018	13.013	4210	-1.6	0.03
10	COH6	30.0397	-95.1848	2004.249	2021.999	17.750	3153	-4.2	0.04
11	COTM	29.3938	-94.9982	2015.097	2022.021	6.924	2271	-1.1	-0.18
12	CSTE	29.7956	-95.5107	2015.387	2021.854	6.467	2360	-4.0	-0.22
13	DEN1	29.5104	-95.2580	2011.778	2021.728	9.949	3464	-1.9	-0.26
14	DEN2	29.5049	-95.2540	2011.778	2021.728	9.949	2269	-0.5	-0.06
15	DEN3	29.4937	-95.2546	2011.778	2019.666	7.888	2679	-0.3	-0.19
16	DEN4	29.5002	-95.2296	2015.825	2021.728	5.903	1745	-0.6	-0.12
17	DISD	29.2893	-95.7404	2015.480	2022.021	6.541	2247	1.4	0.11
18	DMFB	29.6227	-95.5837	2014.771	2022.021	7.250	2647	-2.7	-0.31
19	DWI1	29.0136	-95.4037	2009.399	2022.021	12.621	4231	-1.6	-0.05
20	FSFB	29.5562	-95.6305	2014.371	2022.021	7.650	2665	-0.4	-0.26
21	GSEC	30.1973	-95.5281	2015.756	2022.021	6.264	2288	-3.1	-0.85
22	HCC1	29.7879	-95.5612	2012.914	2022.021	9.106	3315	-5.1	-0.33
23	HCC2	29.7884	-95.5620	2013.139	2021.670	8.531	2767	-6.3	-0.42
24	HPEK	29.7549	-95.7157	2014.396	2021.974	7.578	1848	-9.8	-1.29
25	HSMN	29.8004	-95.4696	2013.298	2022.021	8.723	3180	-2.1	-0.13
26	JGS2	30.0454	-94.8905	2012.463	2022.021	9.558	3218	-1.3	0.06
27	KKES	29.8503	-95.5949	2015.598	2022.021	6.423	2260	-6.7	-1.20
28	KPCD	29.9260	-95.9240	2016.441	2021.593	5.153	1839	-2.2	-0.39
29	KPCS	29.9260	-95.9240	2016.441	2021.593	5.153	1627	-1.6	-0.38
30	LCBR	30.1824	-96.6019	2010.538	2021.960	11.422	2557	-1.2	-0.14
31	LCI1	29.8075	-95.4425	2012.463	2021.892	9.429	3001	-2.9	-0.06
32	LGC1	30.0446	-94.0746	2013.531	2022.021	8.490	2620	-11.5	-1.49
33	LKHU	29.9135	-95.1458	1996.071	2021.998	25.927	8980	2.4	-0.01
34	MDWD	29.7714	-95.5952	2013.303	2022.021	8.717	3145	-5.4	-0.62
35	MEPD	29.6581	-95.2396	2014.040	2022.021	7.981	2914	1.8	0.15
36	MRHK	29.8041	-95.7452	2014.396	2022.021	7.625	2693	-11.9	-1.67
37	NASA	29.5520	-95.0962	2014.201	2021.621	7.420	2551	-0.1	0.04
38	NBRY	30.6664	-96.4671	2012.463	2021.336	8.873	3149	-1.7	-0.18
39	NETP	29.7912	-95.3342	1993.517	2021.991	28.474	8079	0.7	0.02
40	OKEK	29.7250	-95.8033	2014.576	2022.021	7.444	2652	-4.8	-0.96
41	P100	29.9341	-95.1982	2019.309	2021.890	2.580	178	0.1	n/a
42	P101	28.9446	-95.3781	2019.714	2021.482	1.767	64	0.8	n/a
43	P102	29.1487	-95.6408	2019.641	2021.408	1.767	74	-77.2	n/a
44	P103	29.1512	-95.3112	2019.712	2021.662	1.951	56	-0.1	n/a
45	P104	29.3698	-95.4205	2019.980	2021.879	1.899	39	-0.3	n/a
46	P105	29.4918	-95.4157	2019.660	2021.873	2.214	100	-1.7	n/a
47	P106	29.5524	-95.3996	2019.695	2021.884	2.189	99	-0.8	n/a
48	P107	29.1567	-95.4595	2019.616	2021.701	2.085	86	5.3	n/a
49	P108	29.7720	-95.1210	2021.244	2021.914	0.671	48	0.7	n/a
50	P109	29.9860	-95.0220	2021.148	2021.969	0.821	55	-0.5	n/a
51	P110	29.5480	-95.4420	2021.189	2021.999	0.810	39	-1.7	n/a
52	P111	29.7333	-95.8730	2021.285	2021.876	0.591	28	-1.3	n/a

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53	P000	29.5386	-95.1522	1996.003	2021.892	25.890	1668	-1.9	0.11
54	P001	29.9119	-95.6166	1994.164	2021.835	27.671	2121	-71.1	-0.85
55	P002	30.0007	-95.4159	1994.318	2021.969	27.652	2128	-63.9	-1.22
56	P003	29.8208	-95.6134	1994.328	2021.972	27.643	1693	-54.4	-0.26
57	P004	29.6304	-95.5969	1994.660	2021.835	27.175	1993	-27.3	-0.58
58	P005	29.7912	-95.5859	1996.698	2021.873	25.175	1682	-31.4	-0.09
59	P006	29.8185	-95.6719	2014.276	2021.972	7.695	384	-7.6	-1.26
60	P007	29.9363	-95.5767	1999.115	2021.972	22.857	1454	-57.0	-0.22
61	P008	29.9797	-95.4763	1999.610	2021.969	22.359	1369	-39.9	-0.83
62	P009	30.0381	-95.0715	1999.345	2021.977	22.633	1438	-3.6	-0.07
63	P010	29.5664	-95.7992	1999.266	2021.931	22.665	1690	-8.2	-0.11
64	P011	30.0322	-95.8652	1999.345	2021.892	22.548	1502	-9.0	-0.25
65	P012	30.0597	-95.2631	2000.895	2021.999	21.104	1386	-12.8	-0.52
66	P013	30.1948	-95.4900	2000.914	2021.983	21.068	1311	-25.6	-0.92
67	P014	29.4737	-95.6441	2000.879	2021.972	21.093	1212	-4.7	0.13
68	P016	29.5445	-95.5272	2000.860	2021.999	21.140	1277	-5.0	0.21
69	P017	30.0912	-95.6153	2000.895	2021.860	20.964	1217	-34.2	-1.24
70	P018	29.9649	-95.6782	2000.862	2021.988	21.126	1222	-34.1	-0.70
71	P019	29.8411	-95.8054	2000.892	2021.931	21.038	1160	-19.9	-1.09
72	P020	29.5329	-95.0132	2002.041	2021.953	19.912	1205	-0.7	-0.02
73	P021	29.5455	-95.3121	2002.082	2021.873	19.791	1139	-0.2	-0.09
74	P022	29.3345	-95.0207	2002.041	2021.931	19.890	1164	-5.0	-0.14
75	P023	29.3351	-94.9178	2002.060	2021.934	19.873	1236	1.6	0.06
76	P024	29.6688	-95.0408	2002.118	2021.988	19.871	1197	3.9	0.18
77	P026	29.2103	-94.9383	2002.194	2021.999	19.805	2563	-0.1	-0.07
78	P027	29.5831	-95.0156	2002.367	2021.969	19.602	1171	-4.6	0.02
79	P028	29.7512	-94.9176	2002.194	2021.934	19.739	1154	1.6	0.13
80	P029	29.7690	-95.8222	2007.320	2021.857	14.537	671	-23.8	-2.19
81	P030	29.6893	-95.9019	2007.350	2021.876	14.526	653	-5.5	-0.42
82	P031	29.3980	-95.8484	2007.350	2021.969	14.619	659	2.6	-0.31
83	P032	29.5406	-95.7073	2007.350	2021.950	14.600	668	0.2	0.28
84	P033	29.4899	-95.2236	2006.323	2021.876	15.553	828	-1.4	-0.03
85	P034	29.4222	-95.0417	2010.356	2021.999	11.643	4087	-2.7	0.15
86	P035	29.4726	-95.0824	2006.621	2021.887	15.266	687	2.7	-0.14
87	P036	29.4942	-94.9416	2006.966	2021.950	14.984	710	-1.0	0.54
88	P037	29.6307	-95.1010	2007.372	2021.972	14.600	754	4.8	0.27
89	P038	29.6493	-95.2230	2007.356	2021.999	14.643	753	3.9	0.54
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91	P040	29.4933	-95.4625	2007.353	2021.988	14.635	603	-7.7	-0.43
92	P041	29.6619	-95.4755	2007.337	2021.892	14.556	738	-5.7	-0.44
93	P042	29.7325	-95.6354	2007.331	2021.873	14.542	687	-8.3	-0.30
94	P043	29.0933	-95.1106	2006.545	2021.999	15.454	2262	0.0	0.06
95	P044	29.8801	-95.6869	2007.320	2021.991	14.671	690	-16.3	-1.01
96	P045	29.8759	-95.3855	2007.331	2021.950	14.619	729	-4.7	-0.06
97	P046	30.0300	-95.6001	2007.323	2021.999	14.676	711	-21.3	-0.85
98	P047	30.0896	-95.4235	2007.339	2021.988	14.649	698	-24.9	-1.37
99	P048	30.0454	-95.6717	2007.320	2021.876	14.556	684	-15.0	-0.53
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104	P053	29.9080	-95.0573	2007.339	2021.969	14.630	654	-1.0	0.77

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113	P062	29.5933	-95.9742	2011.126	2021.917	10.791	460	-3.8	-0.44
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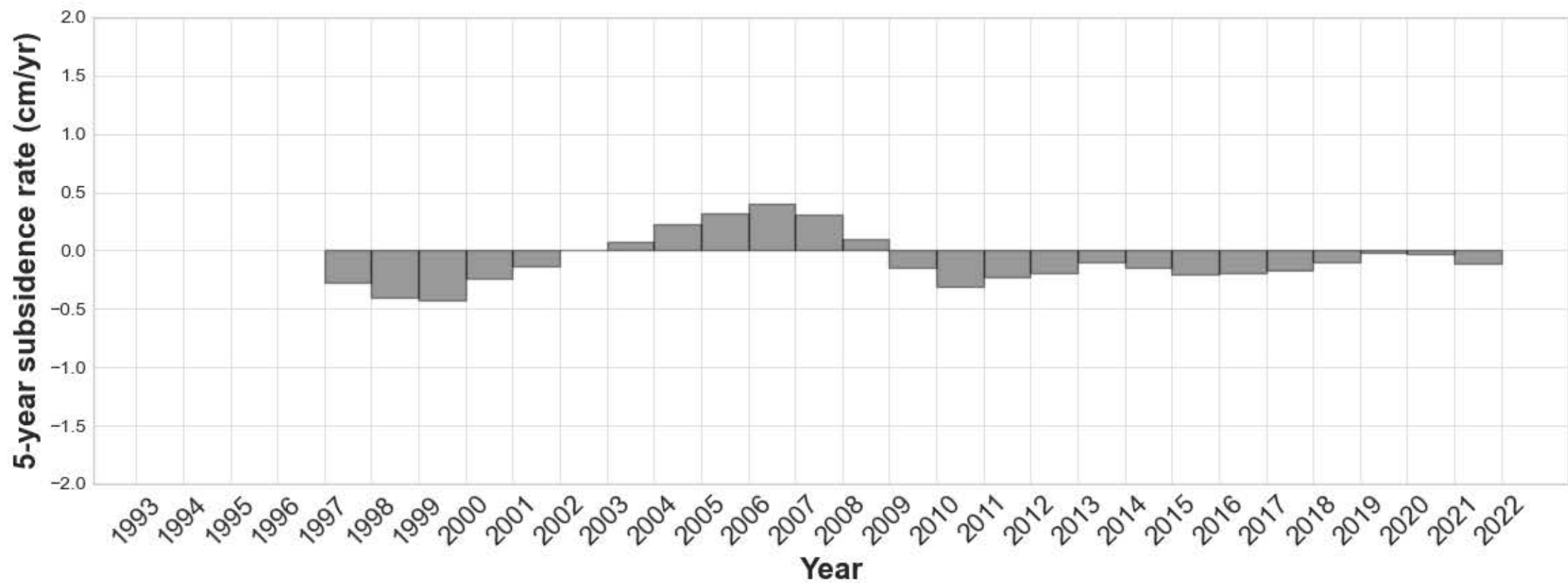
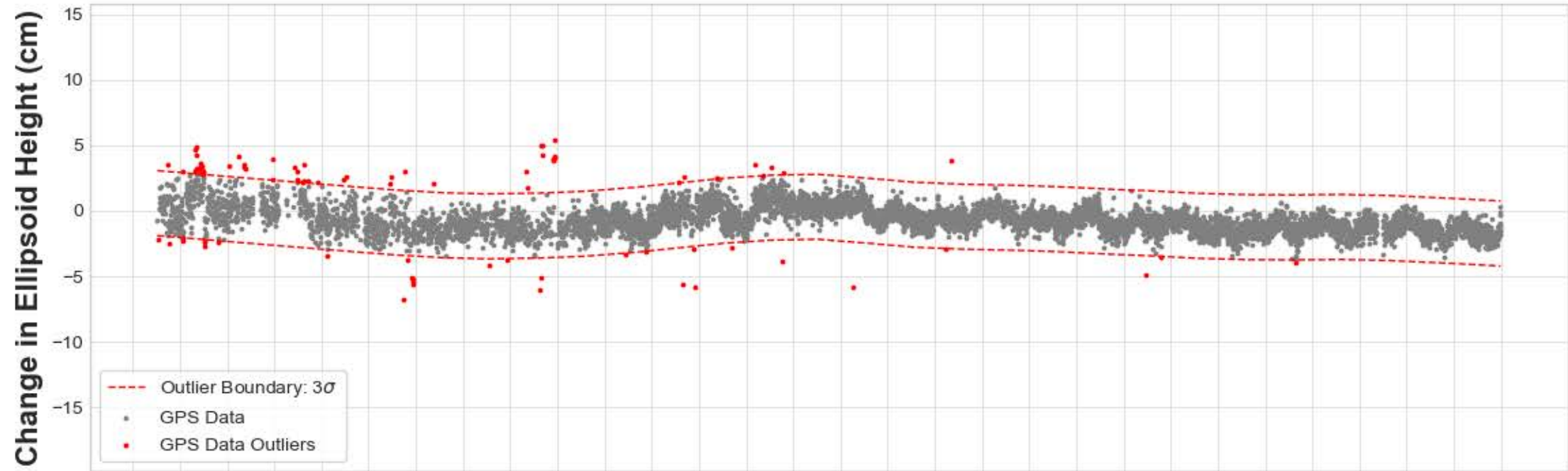
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199	TXWH	29.3246	-96.1118	2010.426	2022.021	11.595	4179	-0.5	0.25
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205	UHC1	29.3904	-95.0440	2014.138	2022.021	7.882	2815	-1.3	-0.18
206	UHC2	29.3904	-95.0439	2014.138	2022.021	7.882	2814	-1.7	-0.17
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215	UHKD	29.7242	-95.7481	2018.971	2021.719	2.749	930	-2.3	-0.67
216	UHKS	29.7243	-95.7481	2018.412	2021.719	3.307	1207	-1.8	-0.53
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218	UHRI	29.7192	-95.4025	2014.330	2022.021	7.691	2796	-0.8	0.07
219	UHSL	29.5747	-95.6515	2014.185	2021.955	7.770	2625	-1.8	-0.23
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223	WDVW	29.7904	-95.5331	2013.320	2022.021	8.701	3114	-3.8	-0.30
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225	WHCR	30.1943	-95.5054	2014.779	2022.021	7.242	2643	-3.7	-0.86
226	YORS	30.1100	-95.4695	2020.827	2021.991	1.164	428	-1.0	n/a
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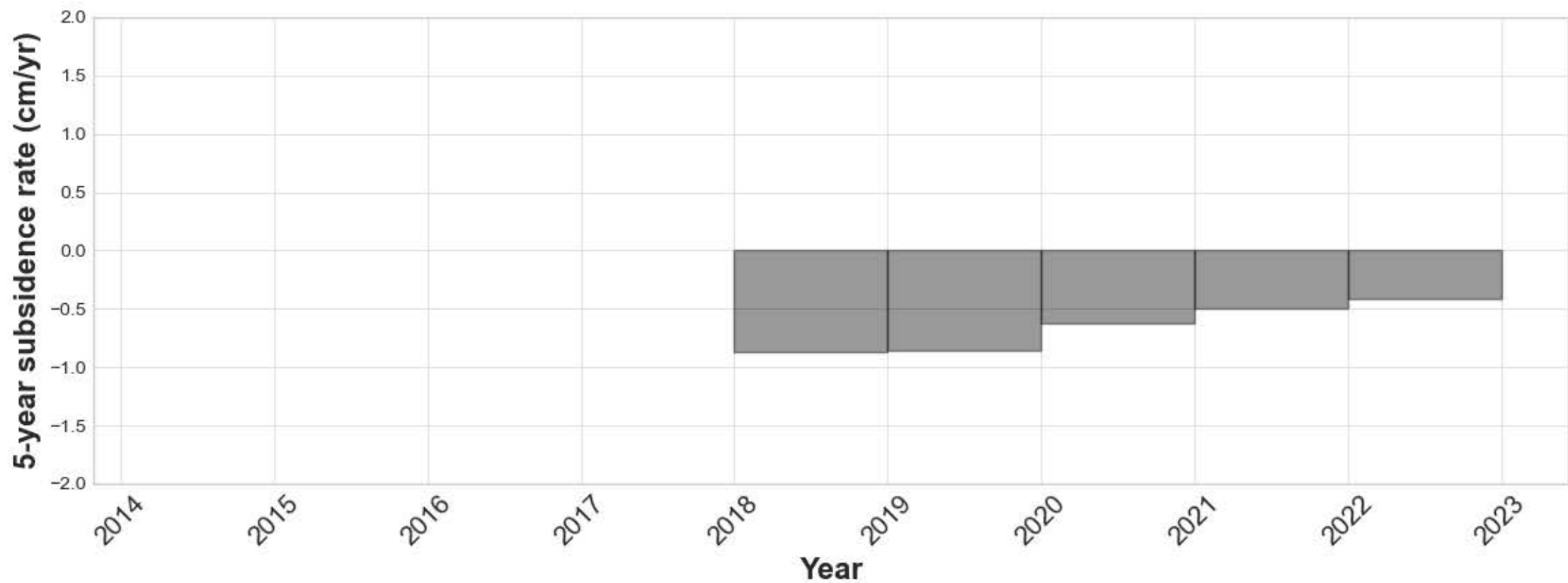
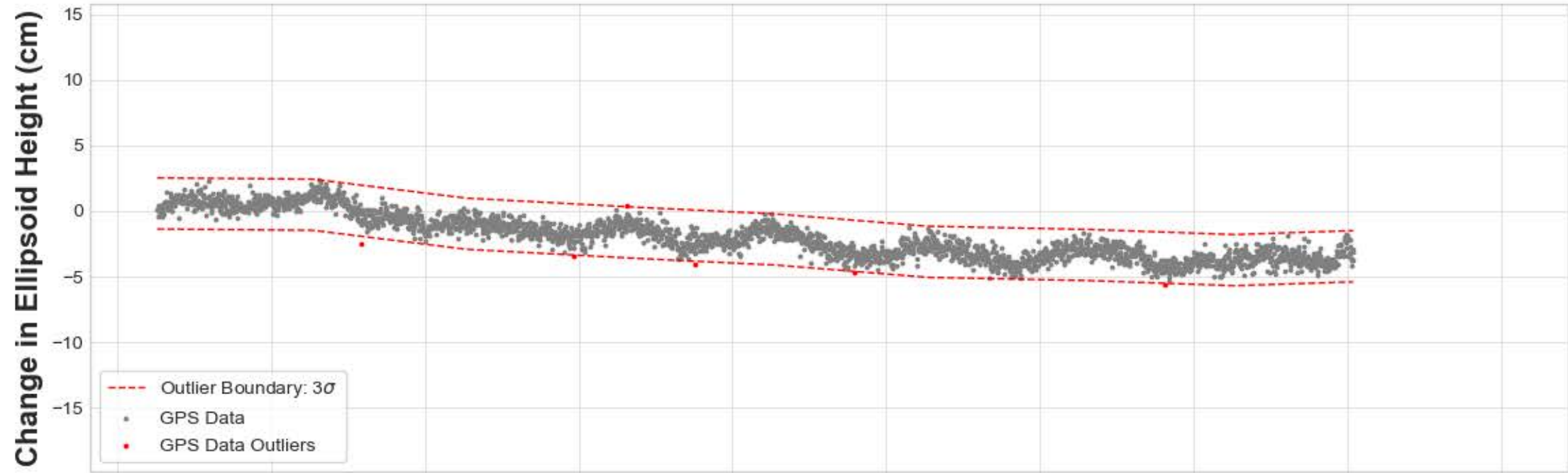
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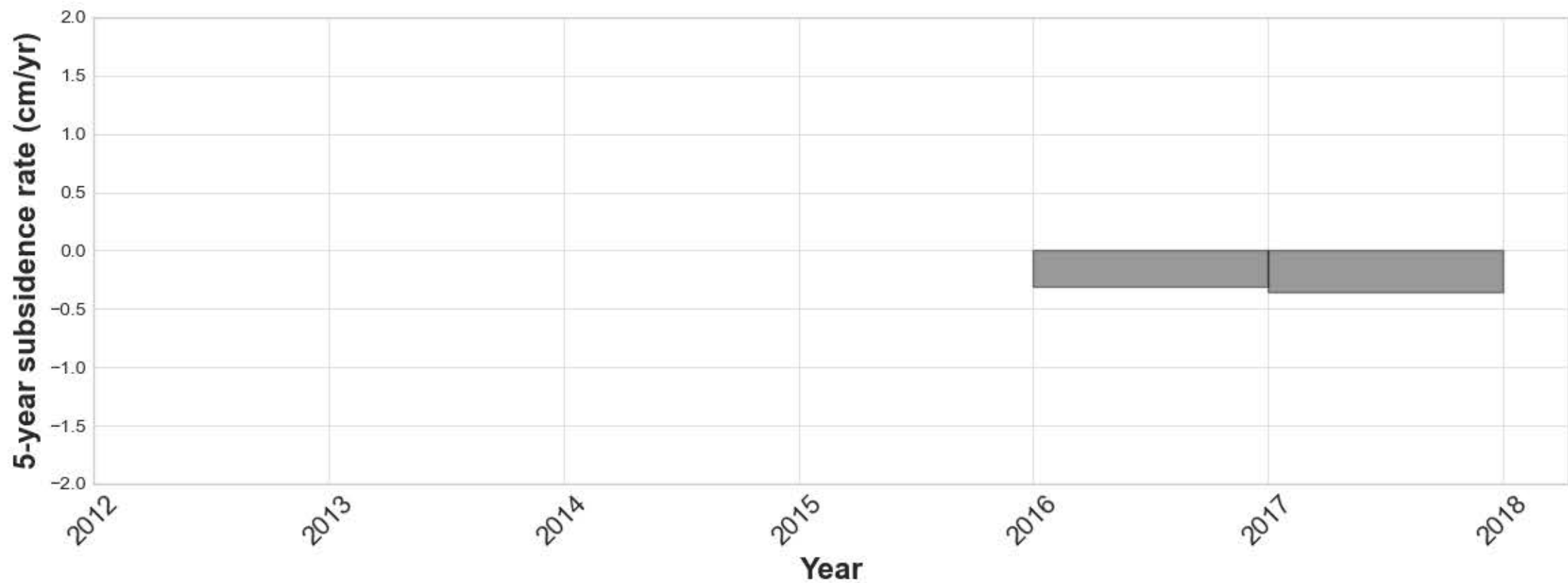
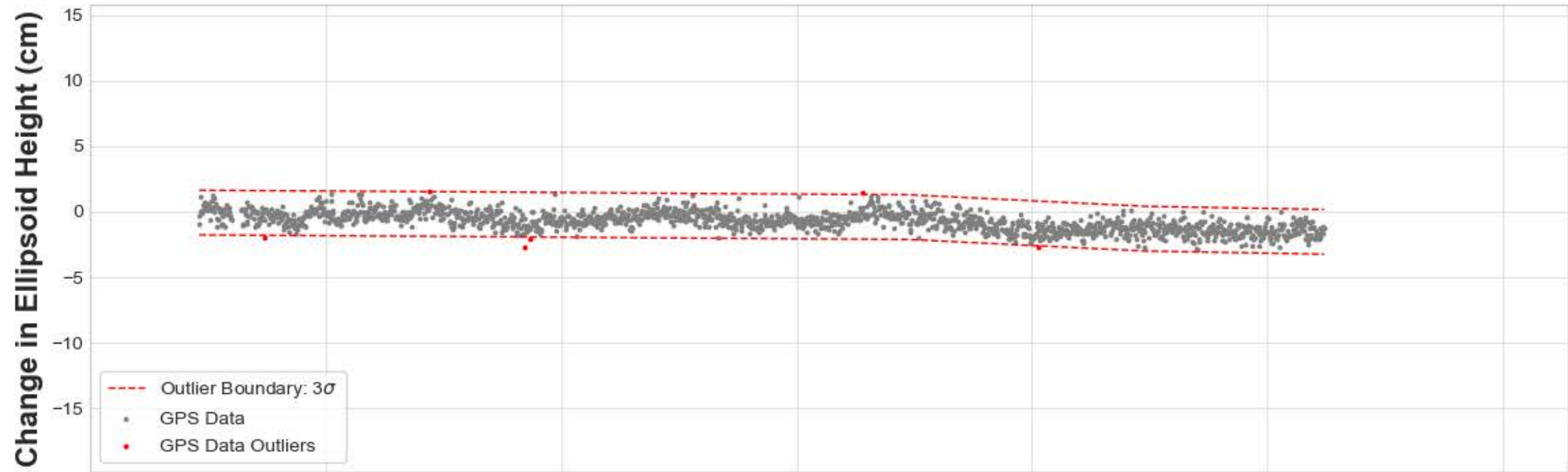
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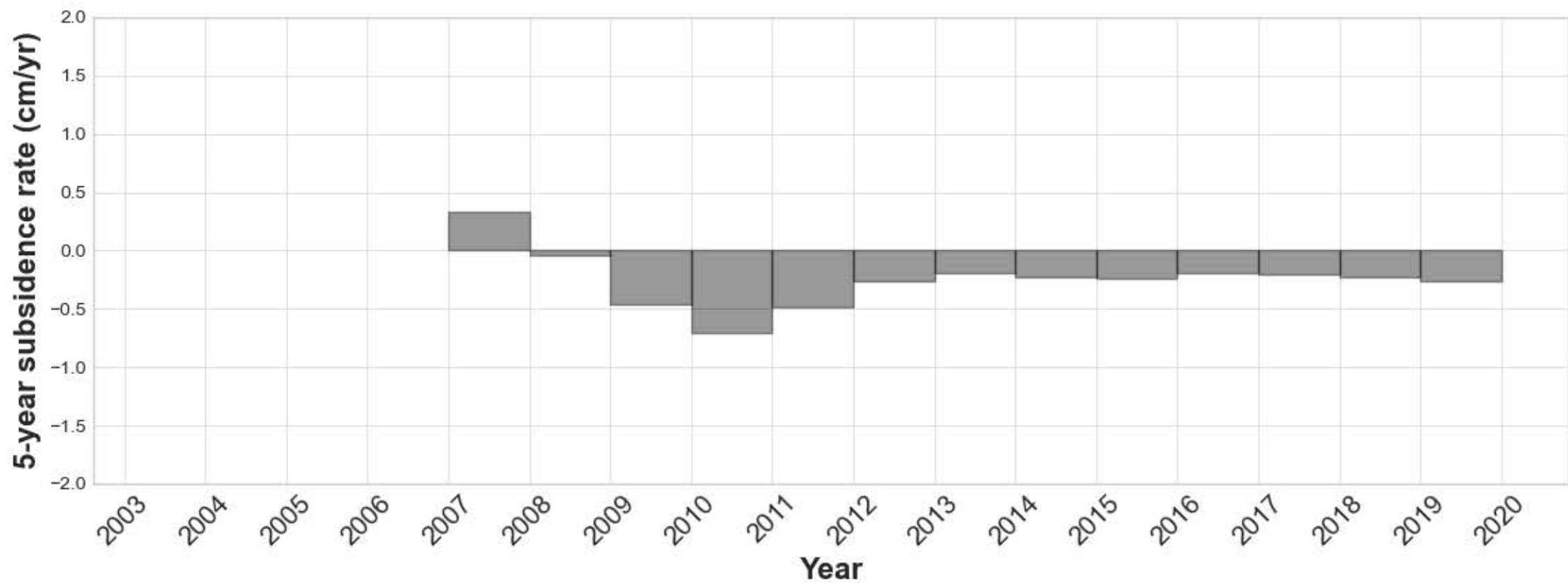
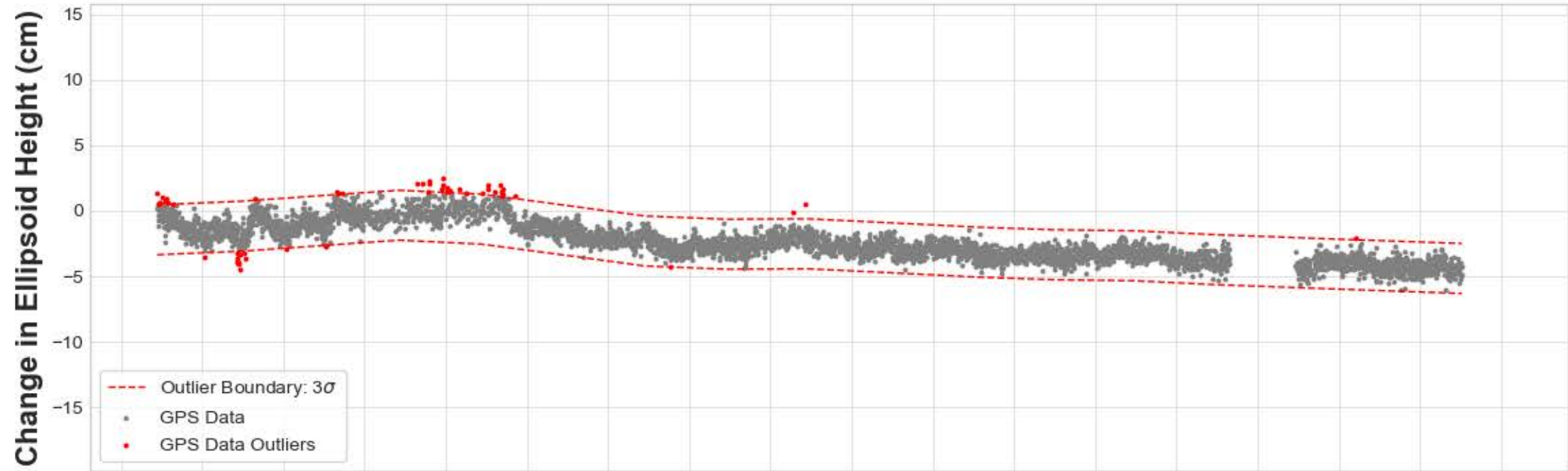
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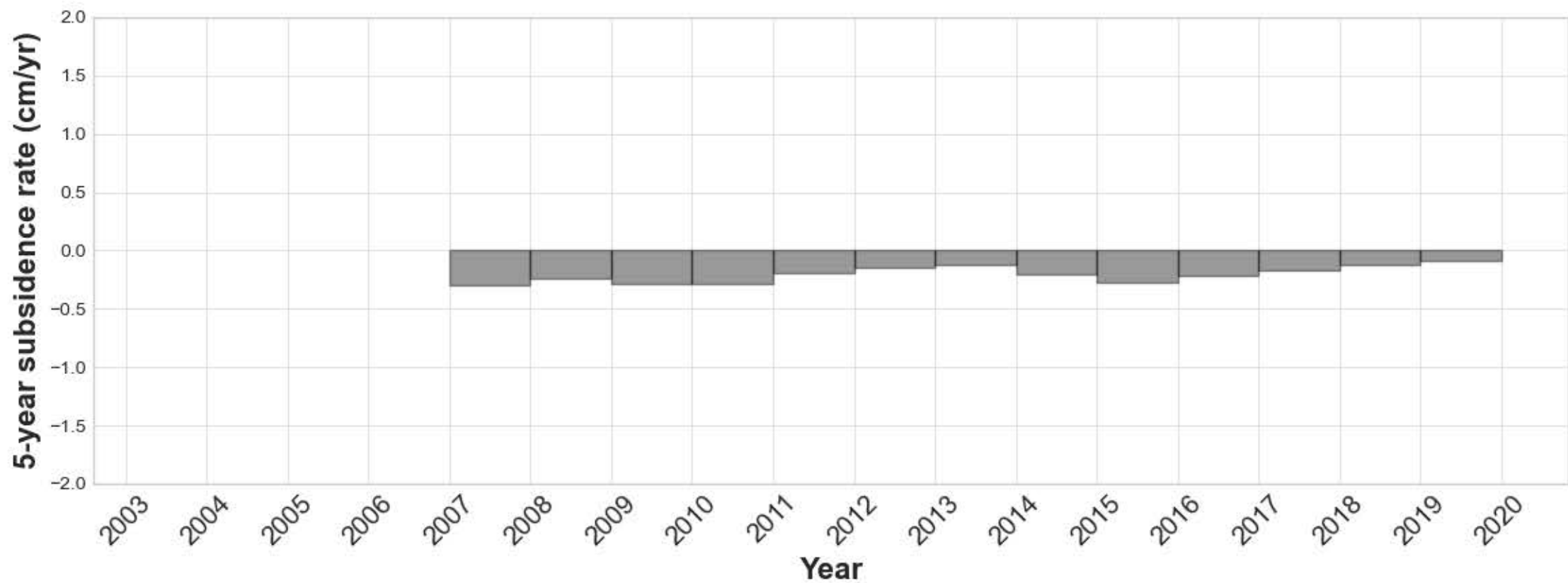
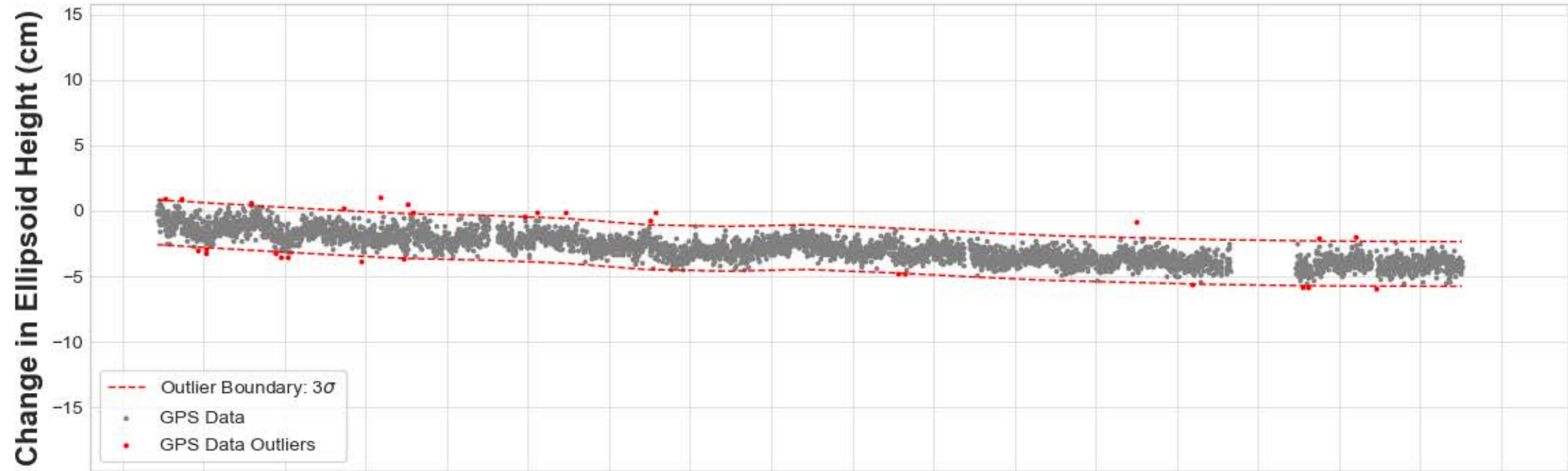
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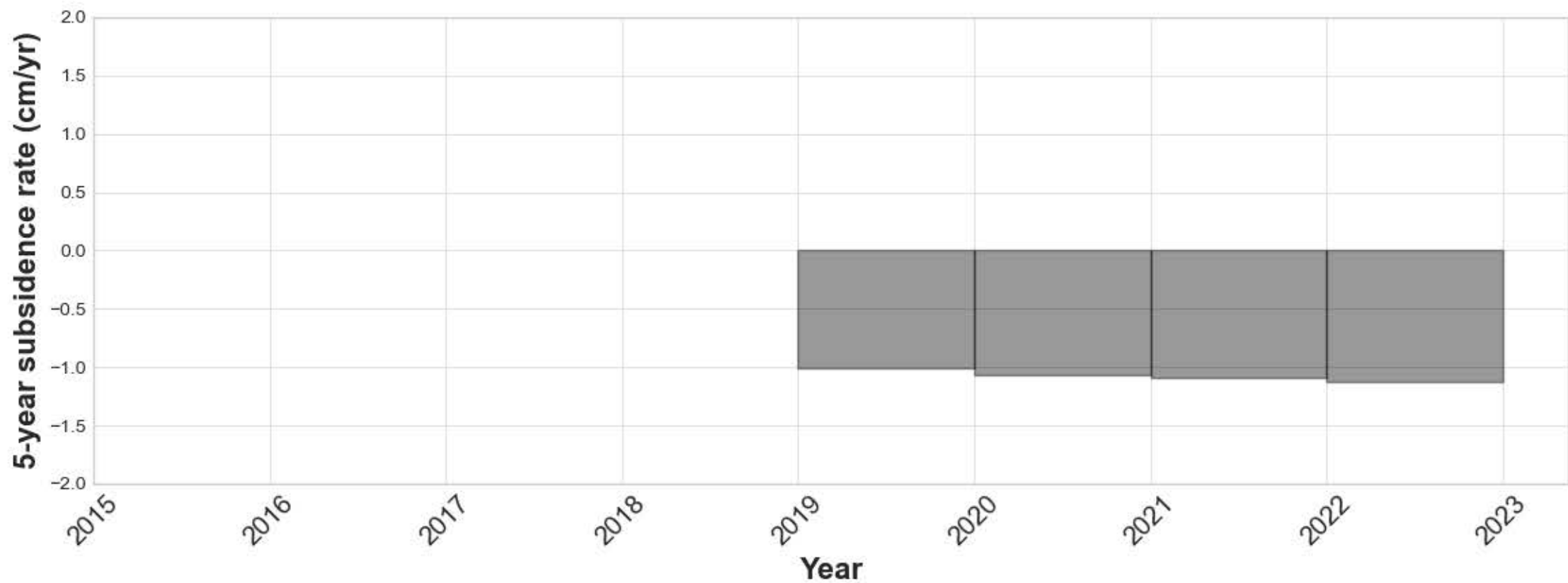
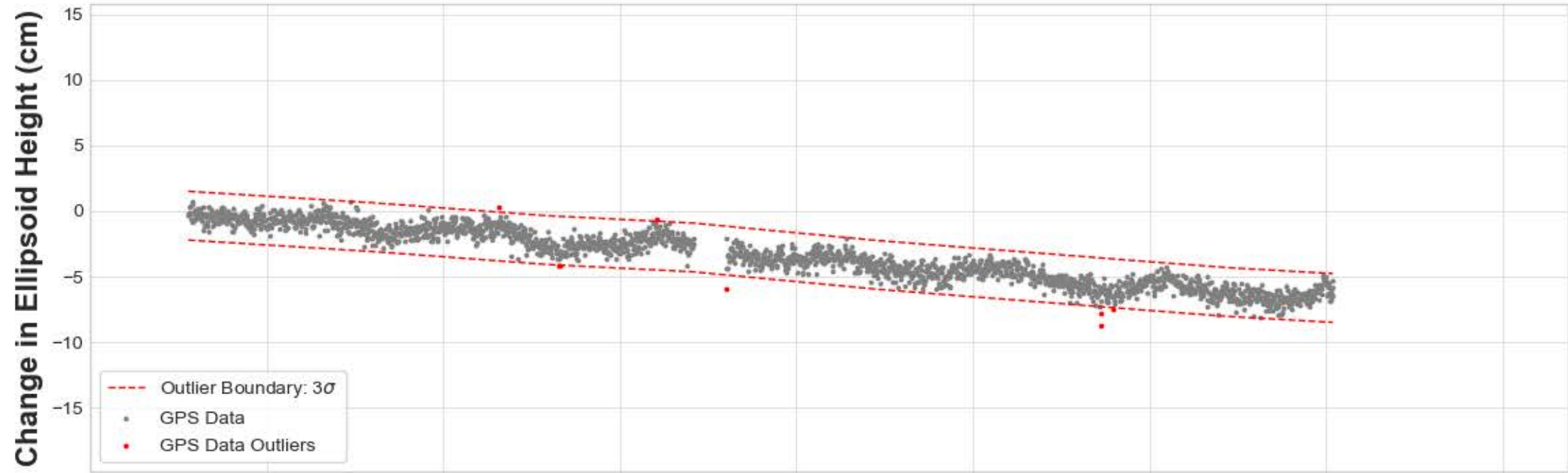
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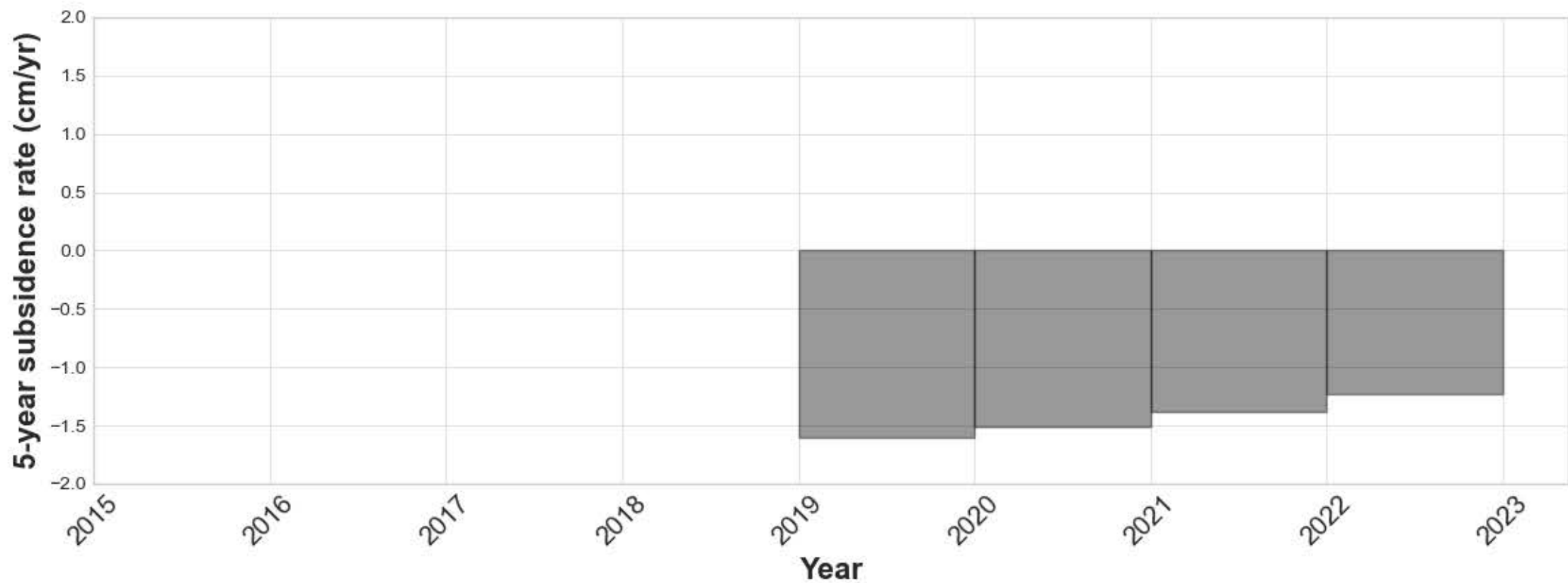
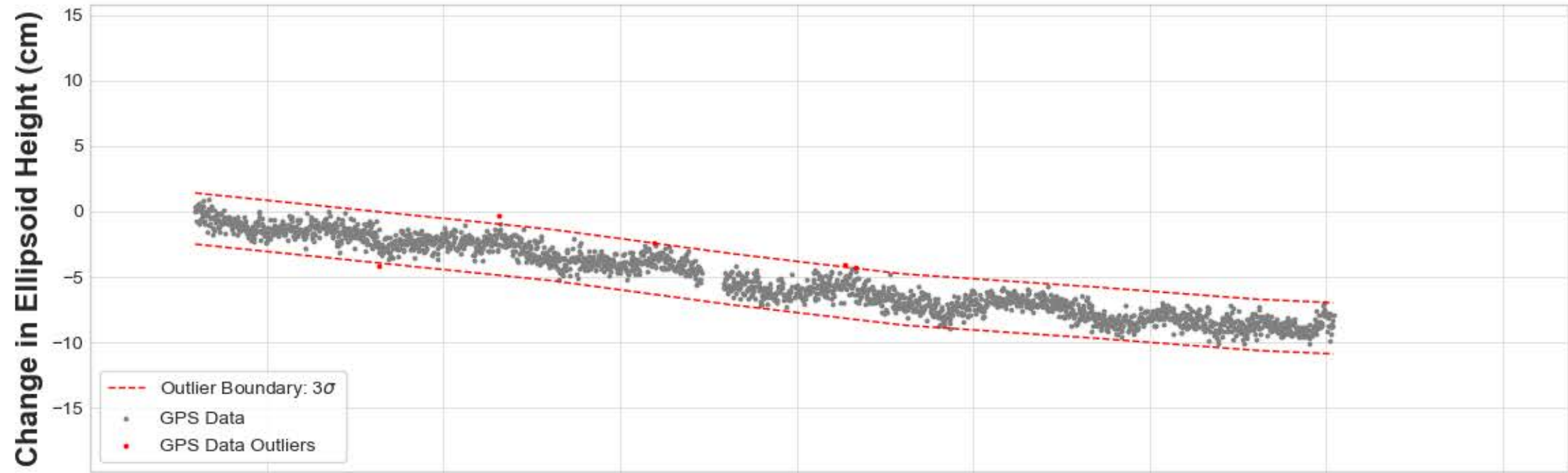
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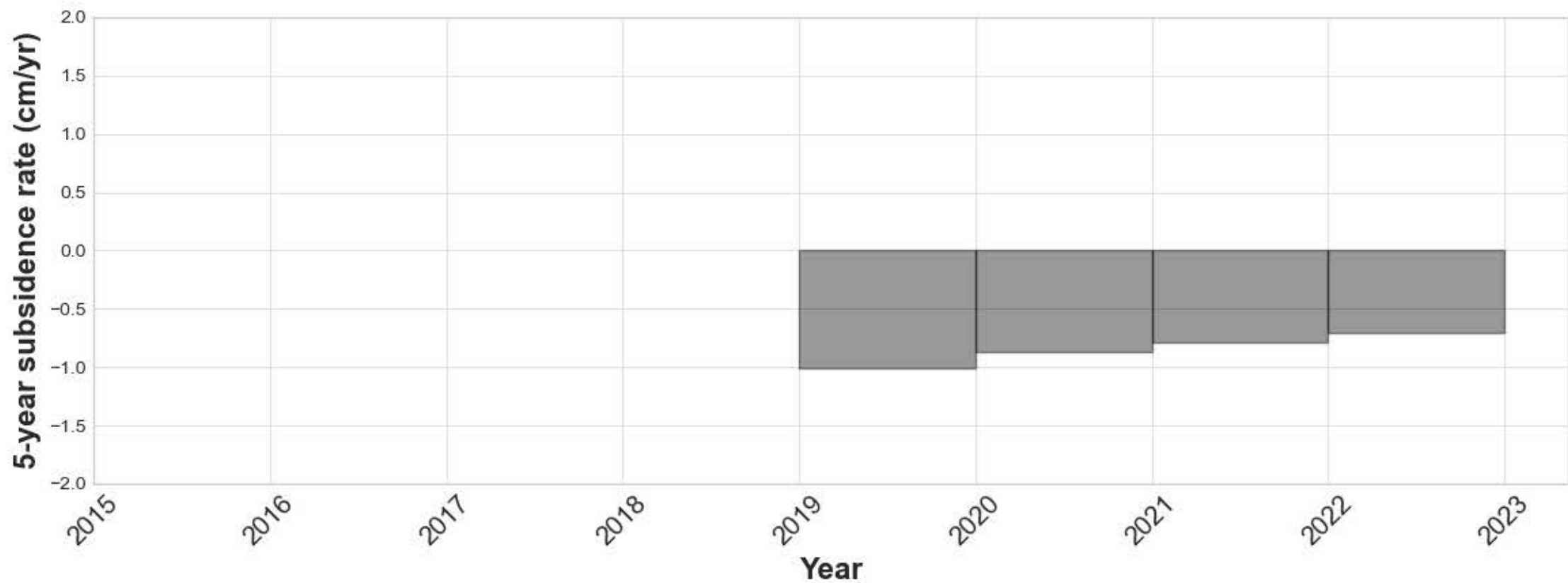
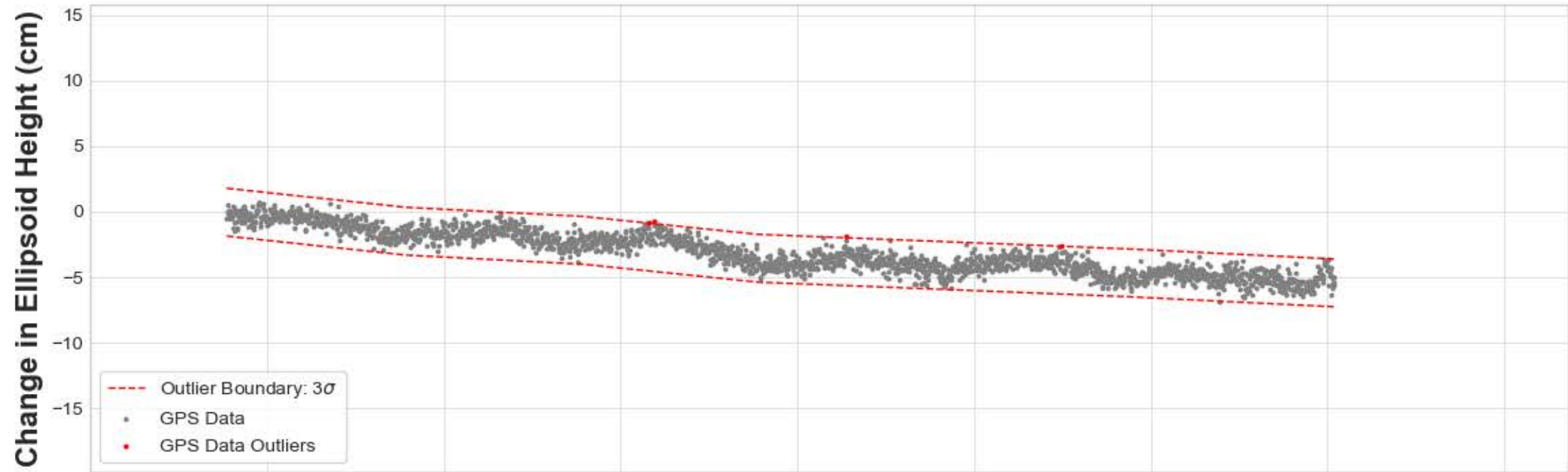
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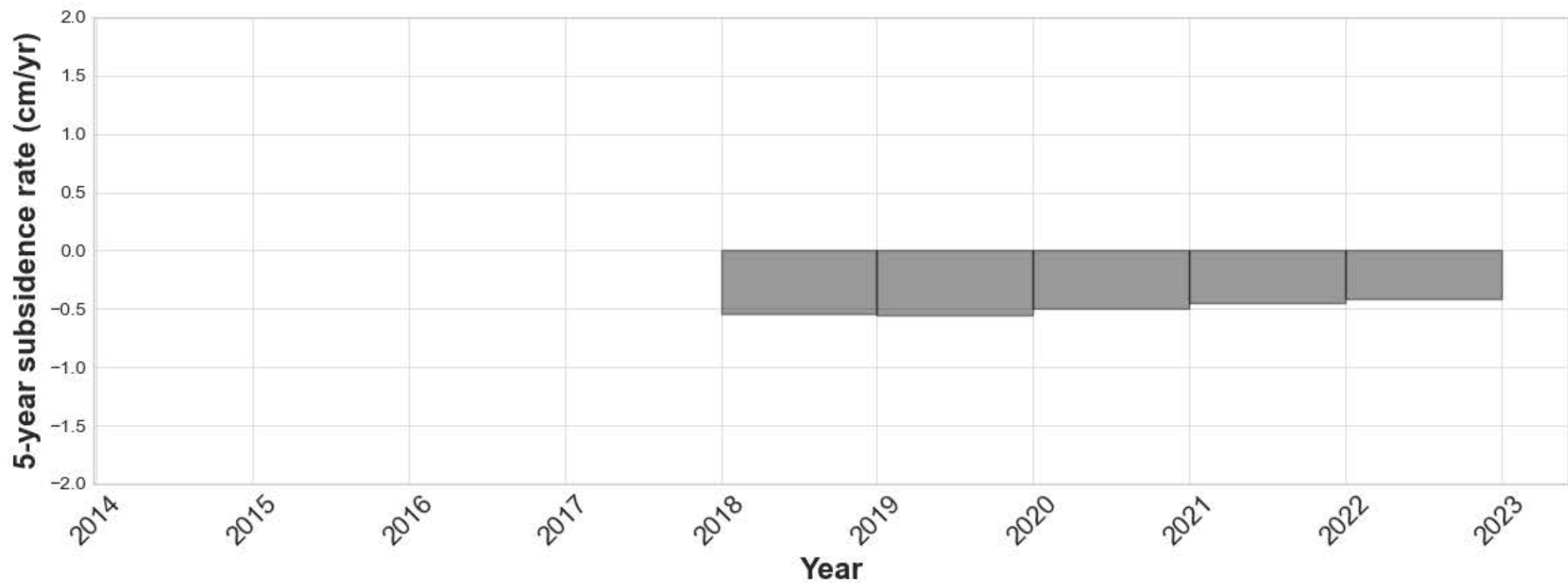
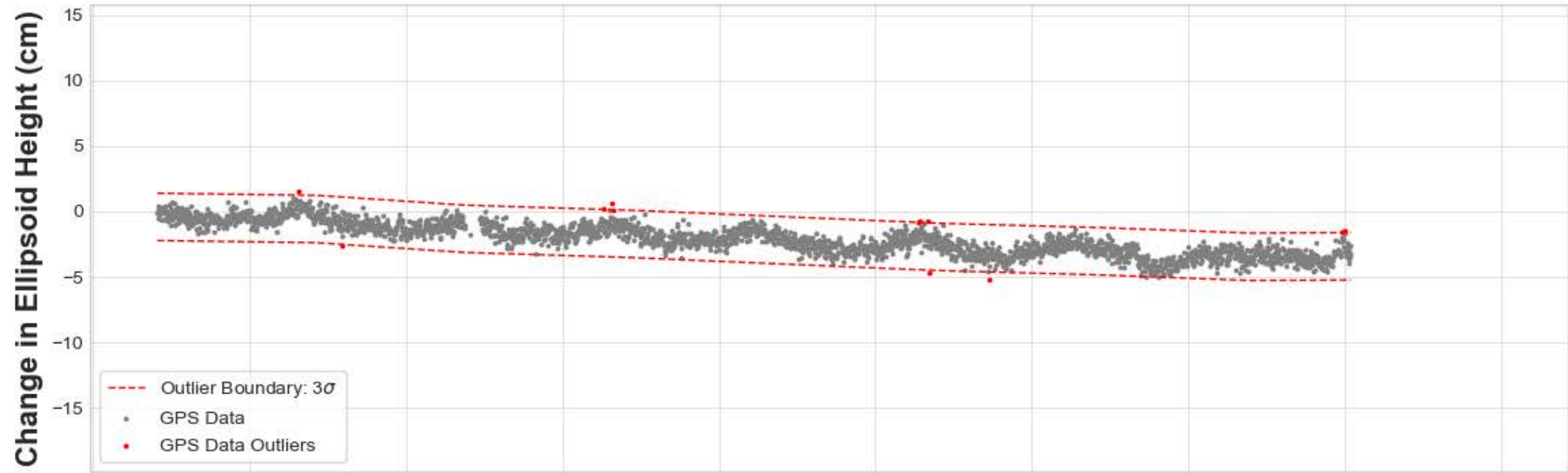
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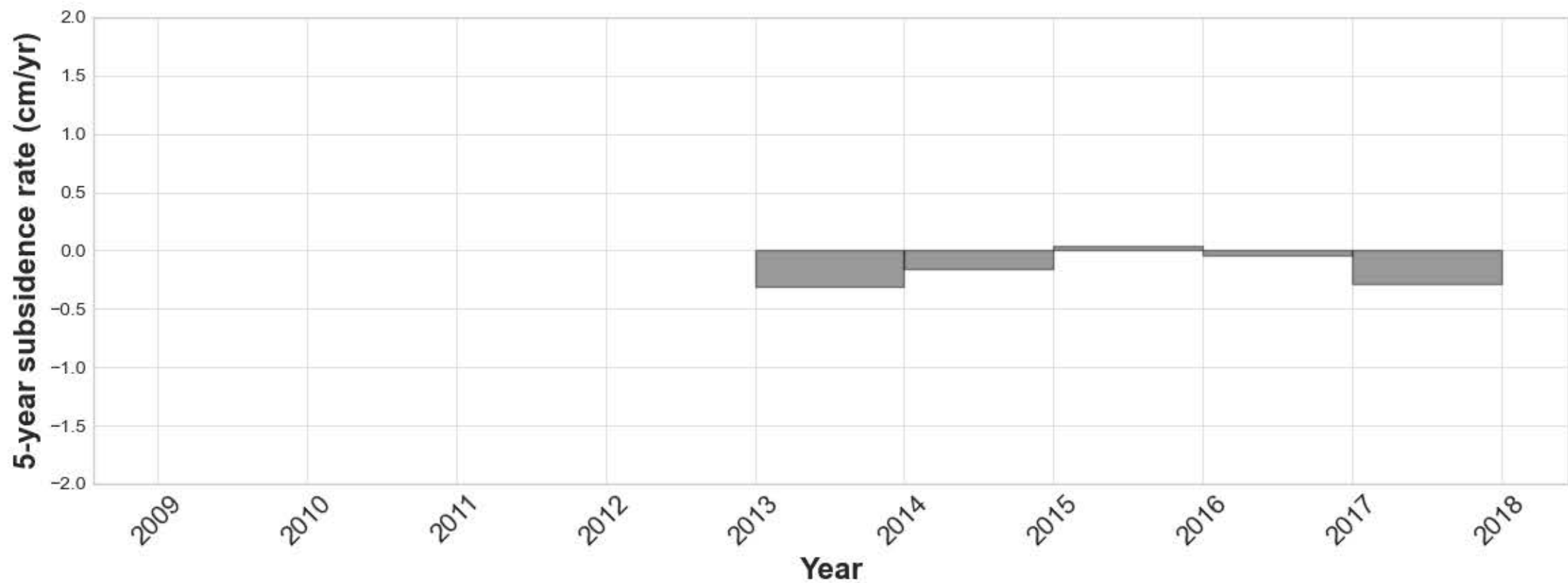
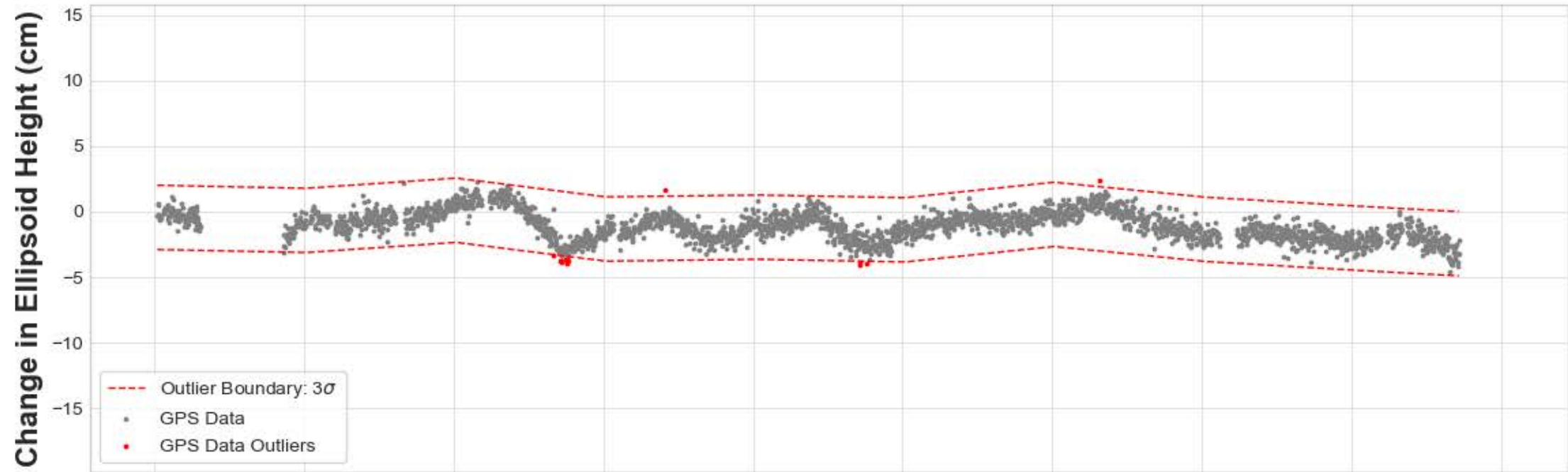
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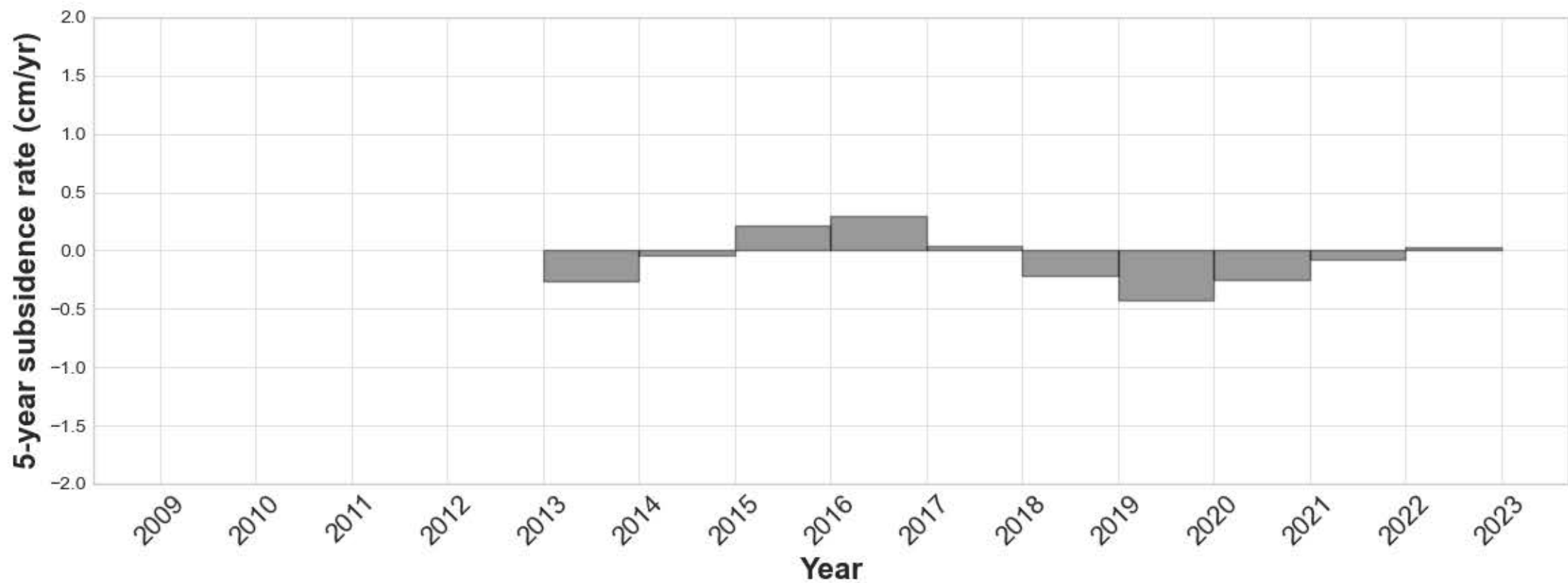
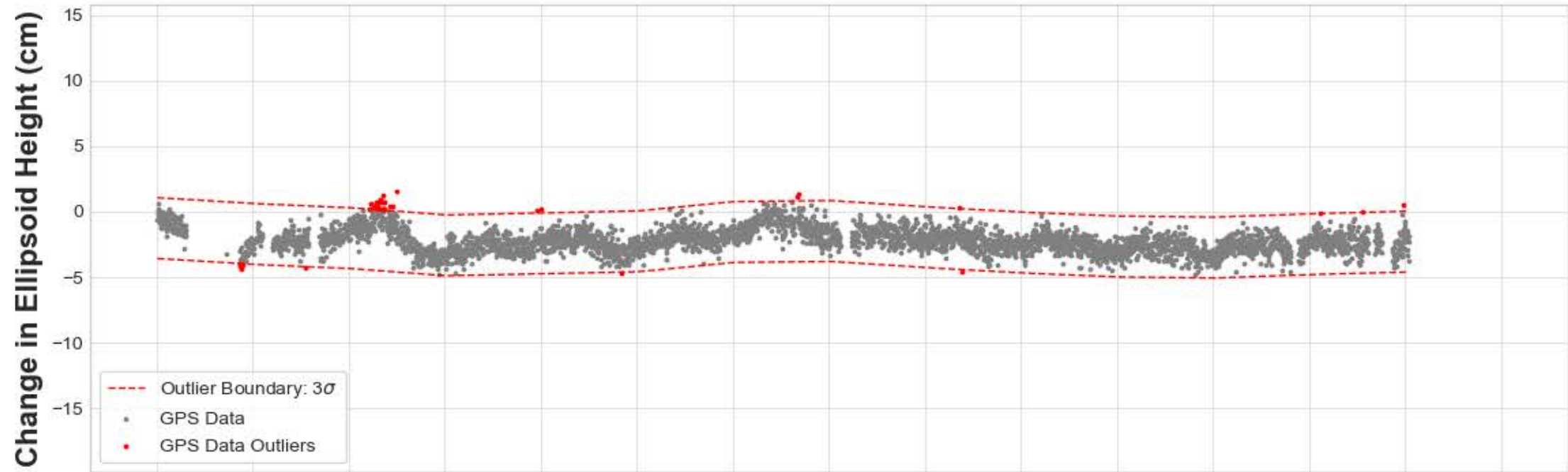
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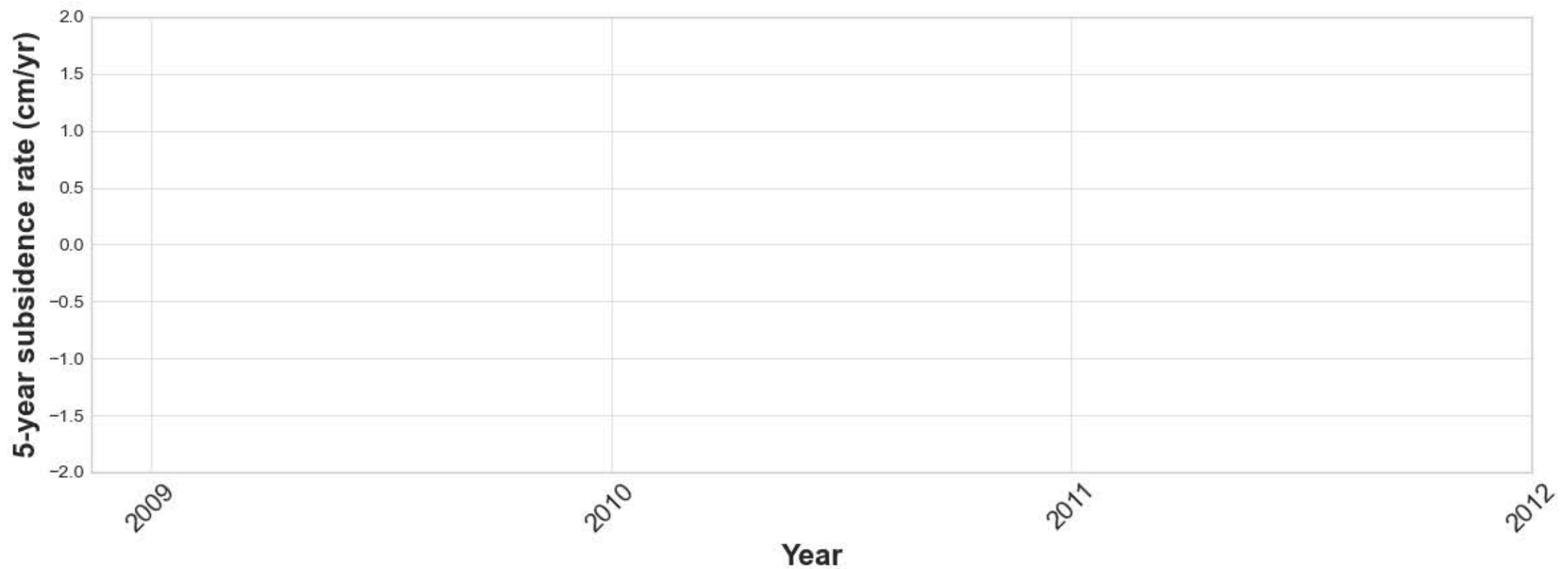
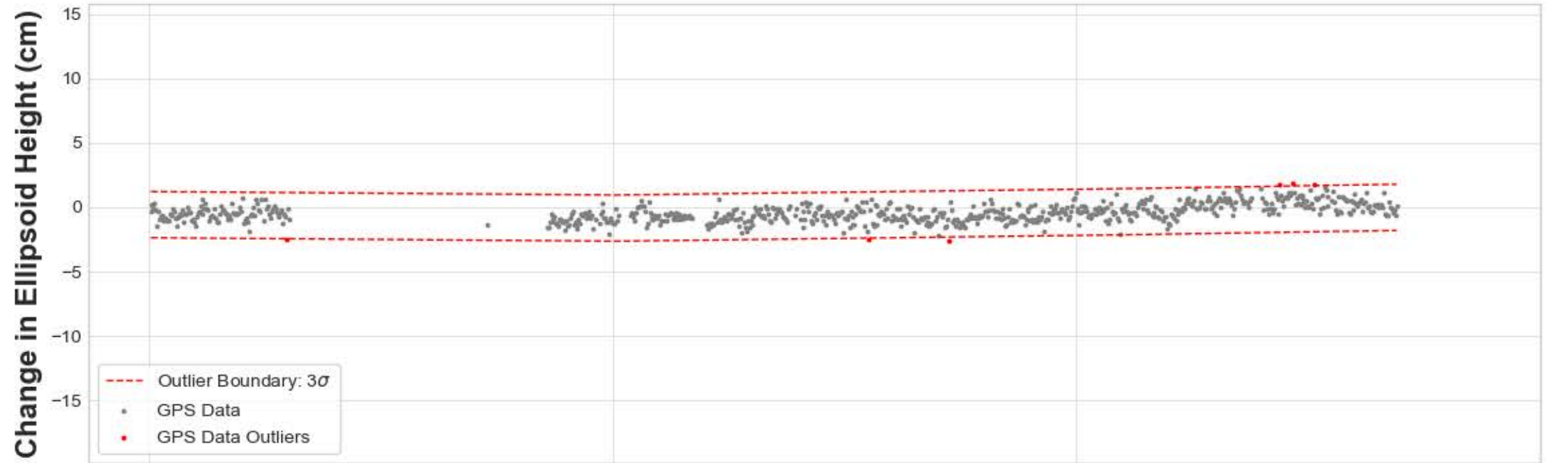
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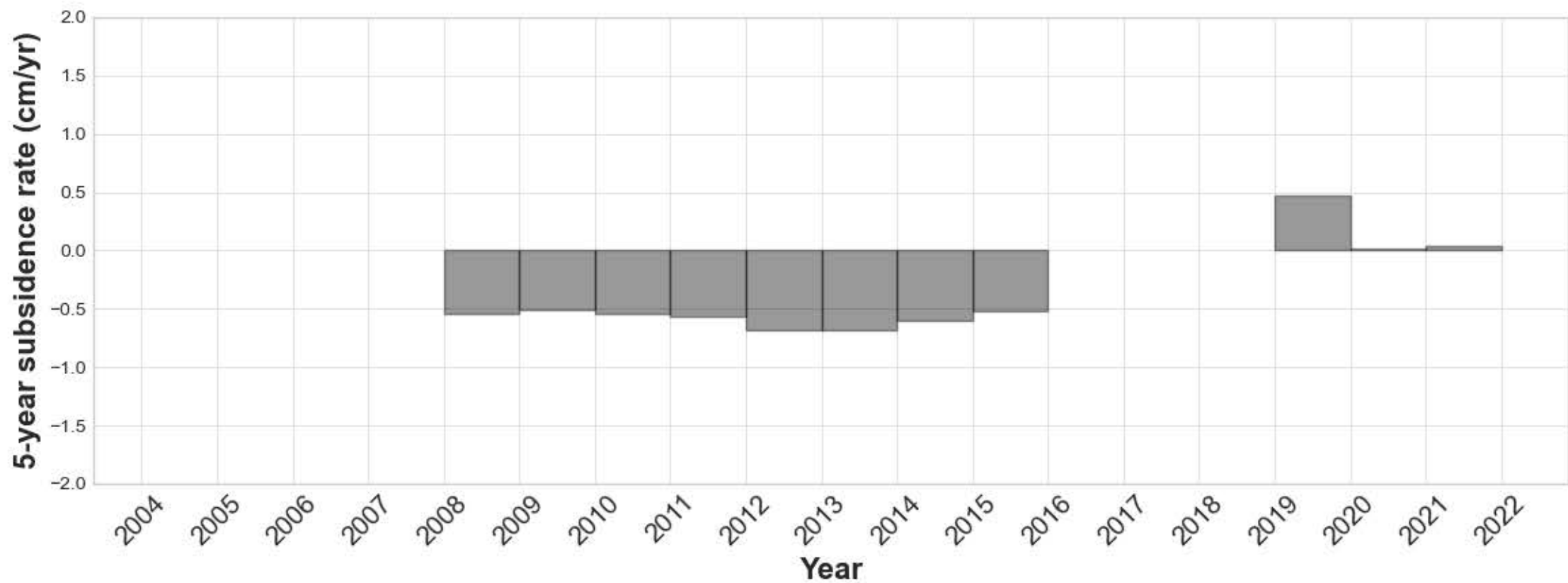
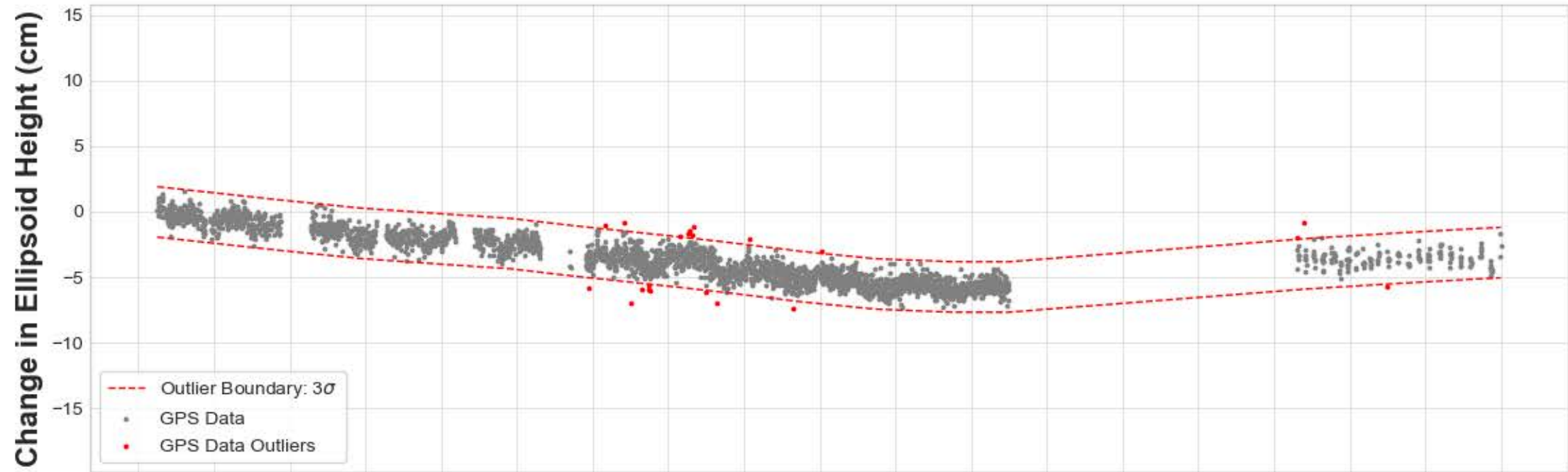
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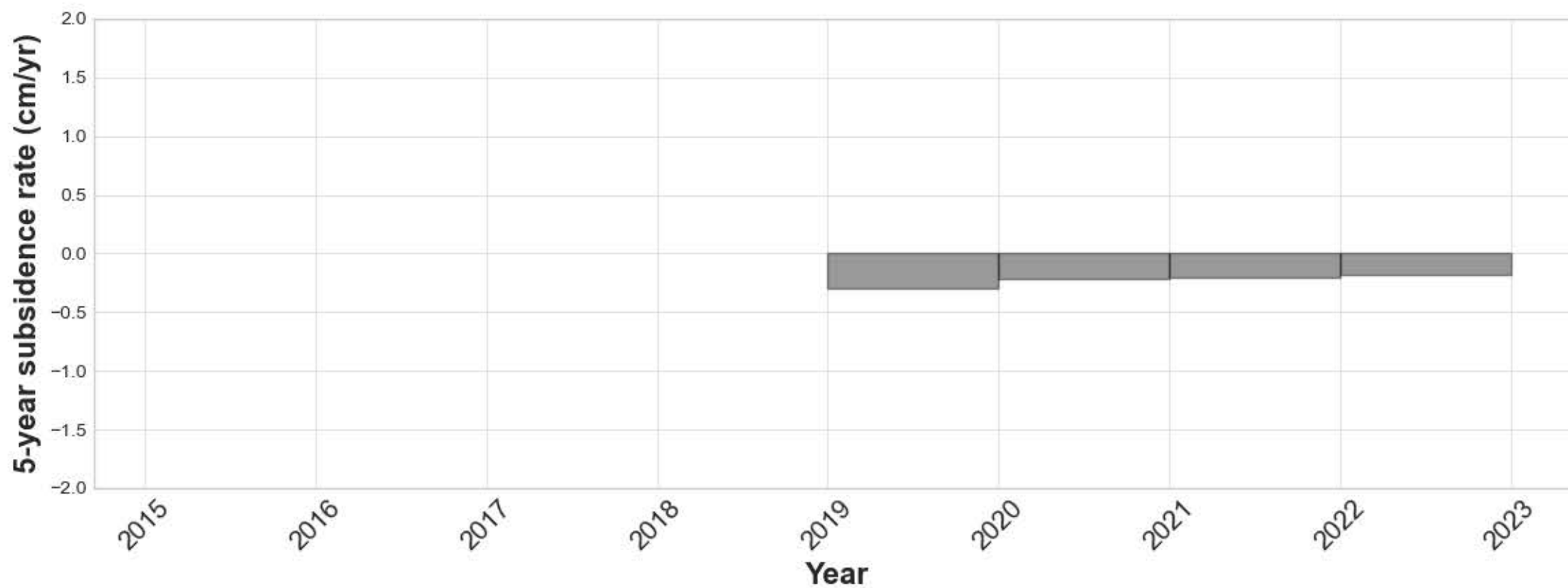
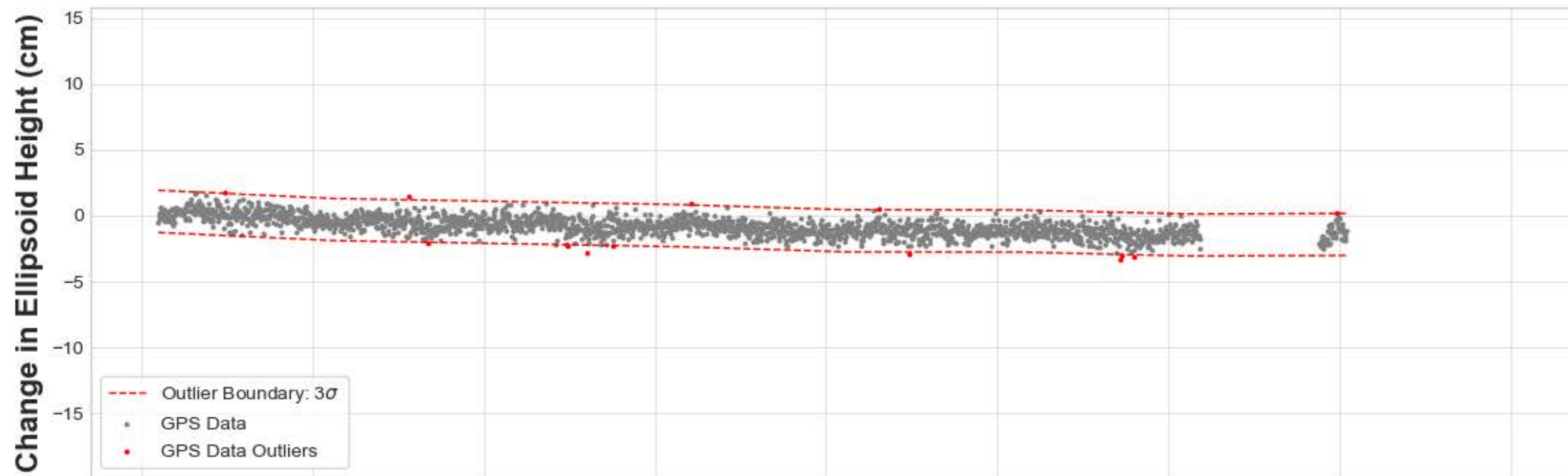
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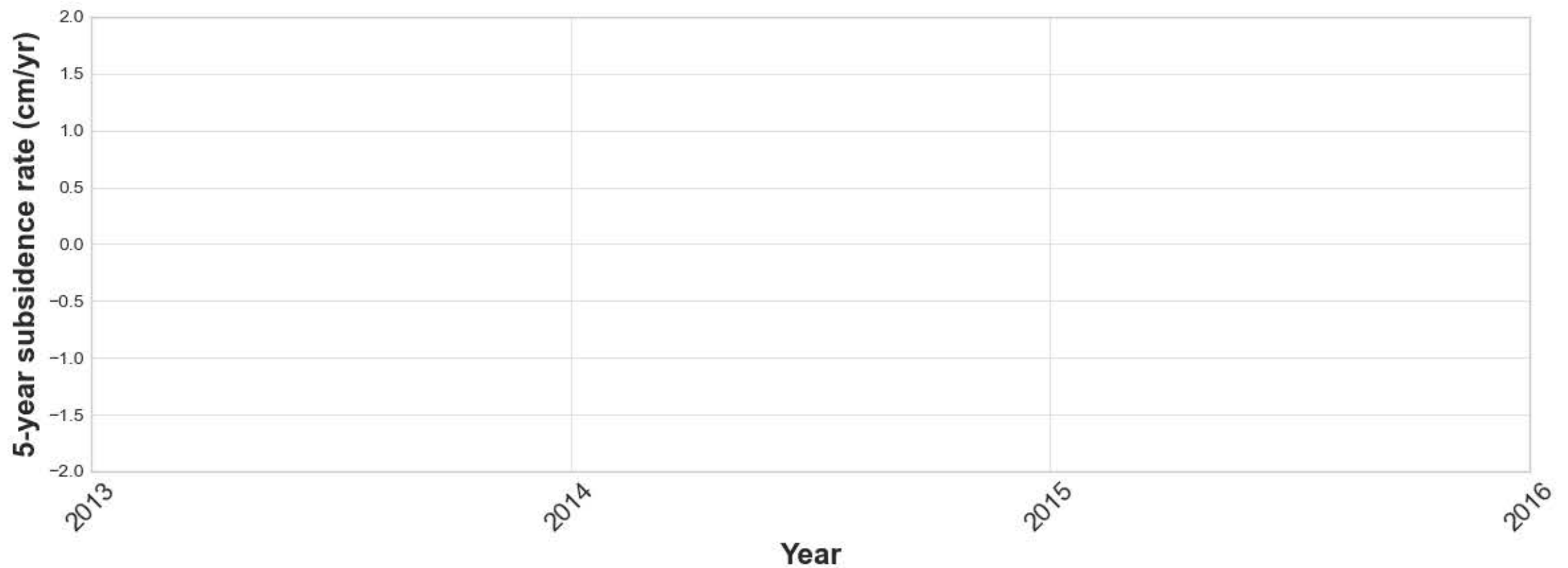
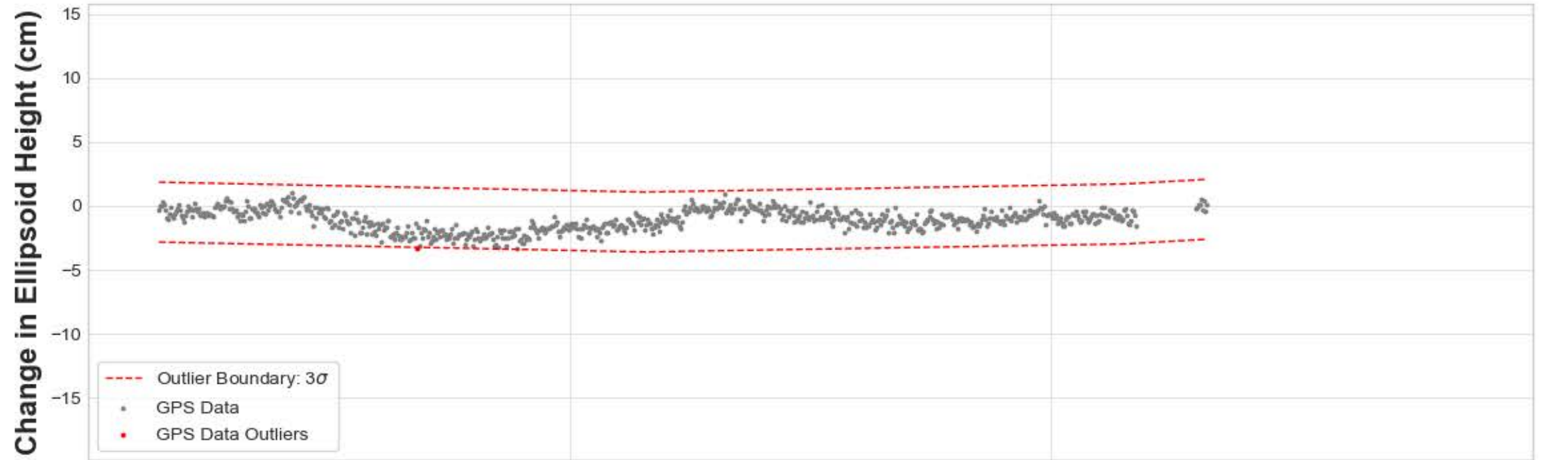
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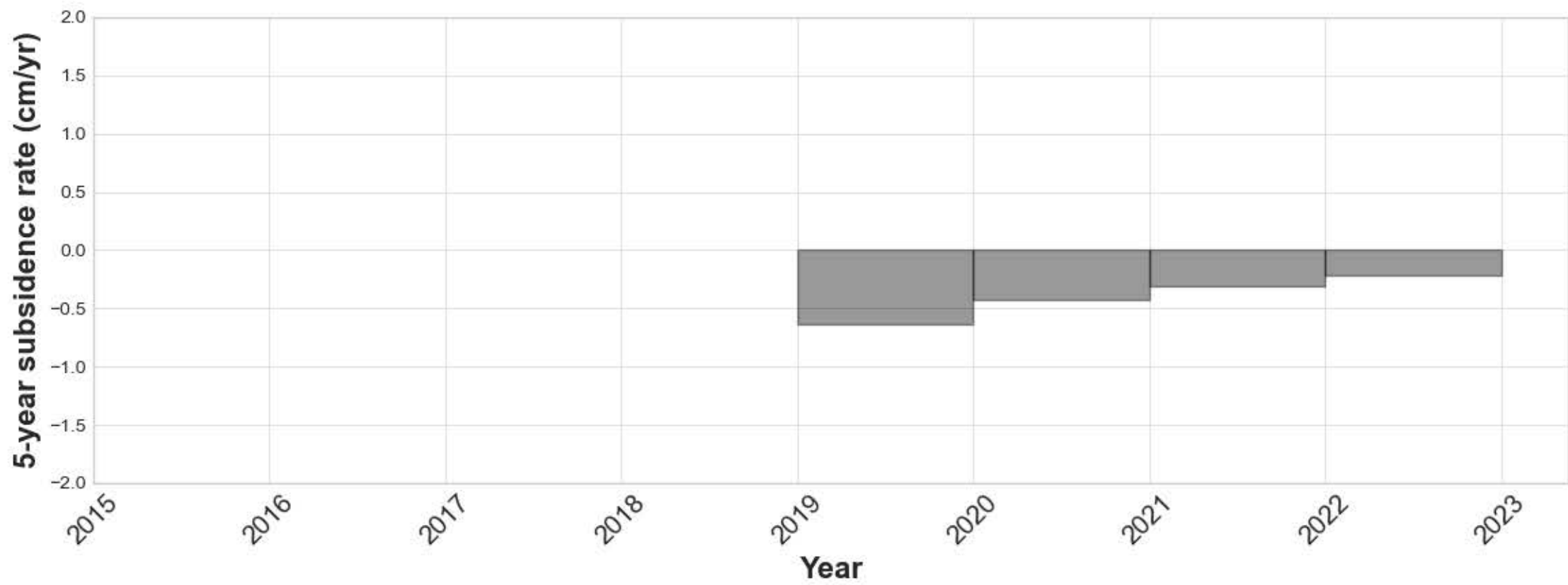
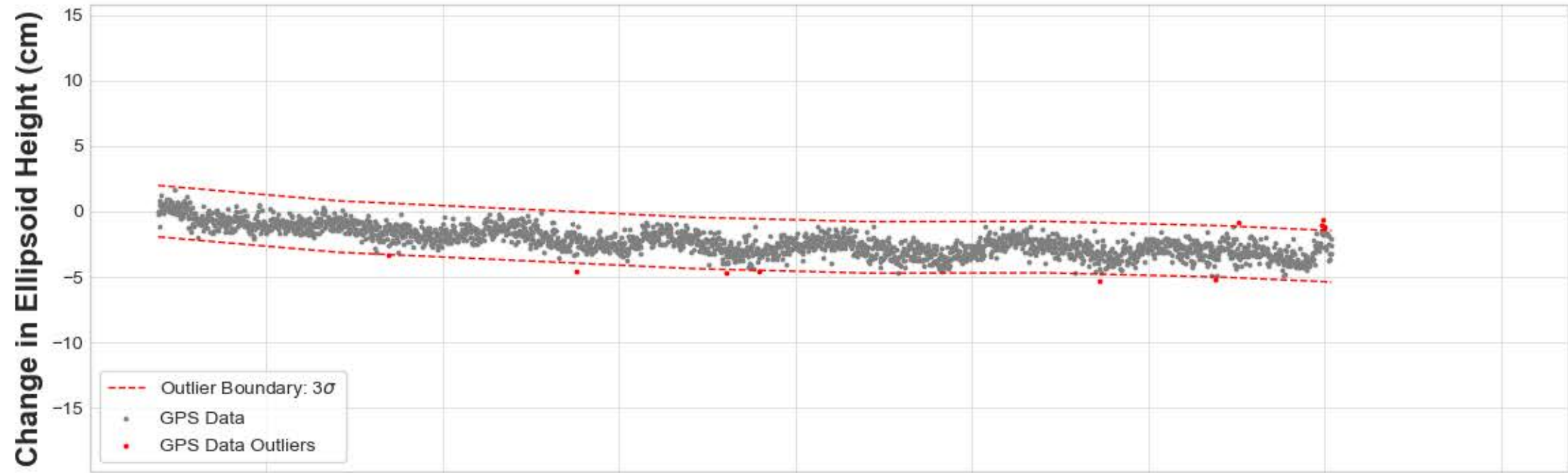
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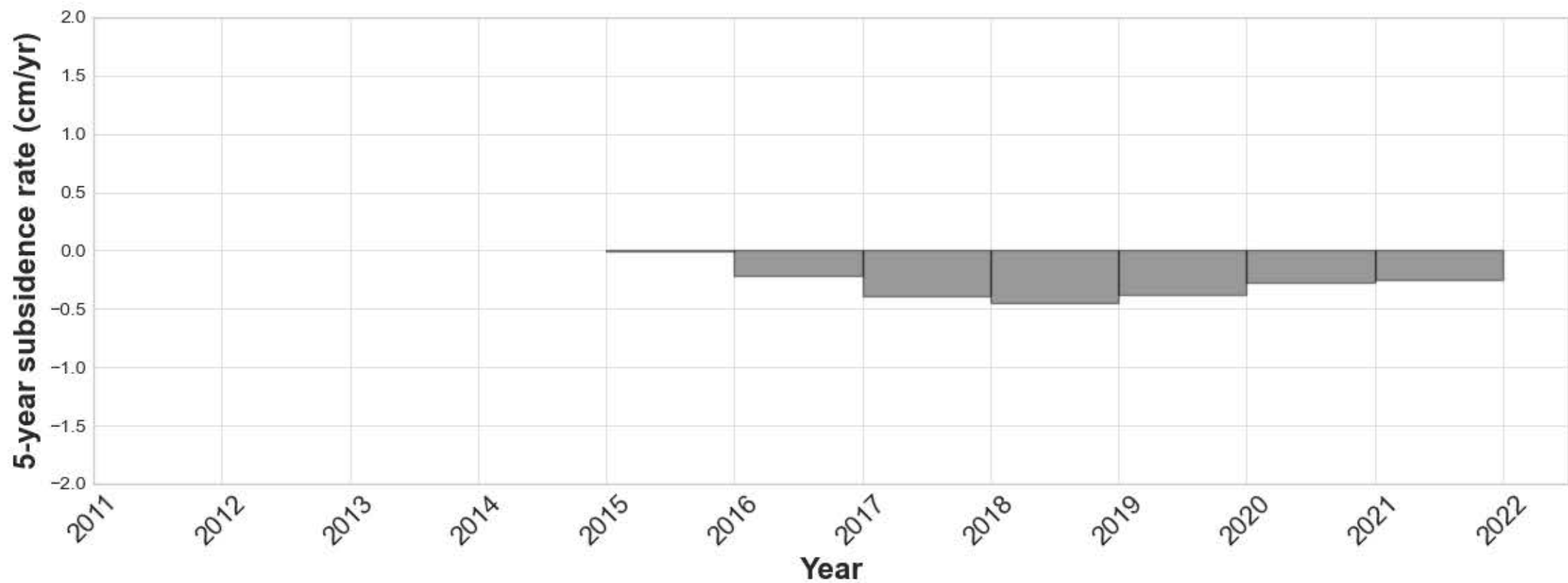
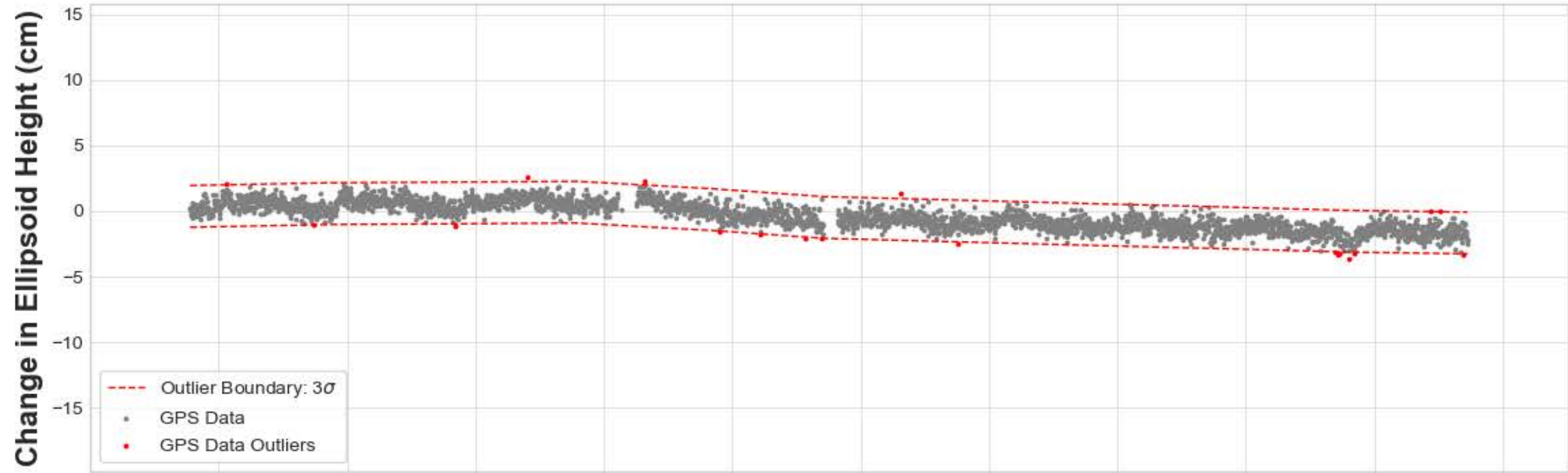
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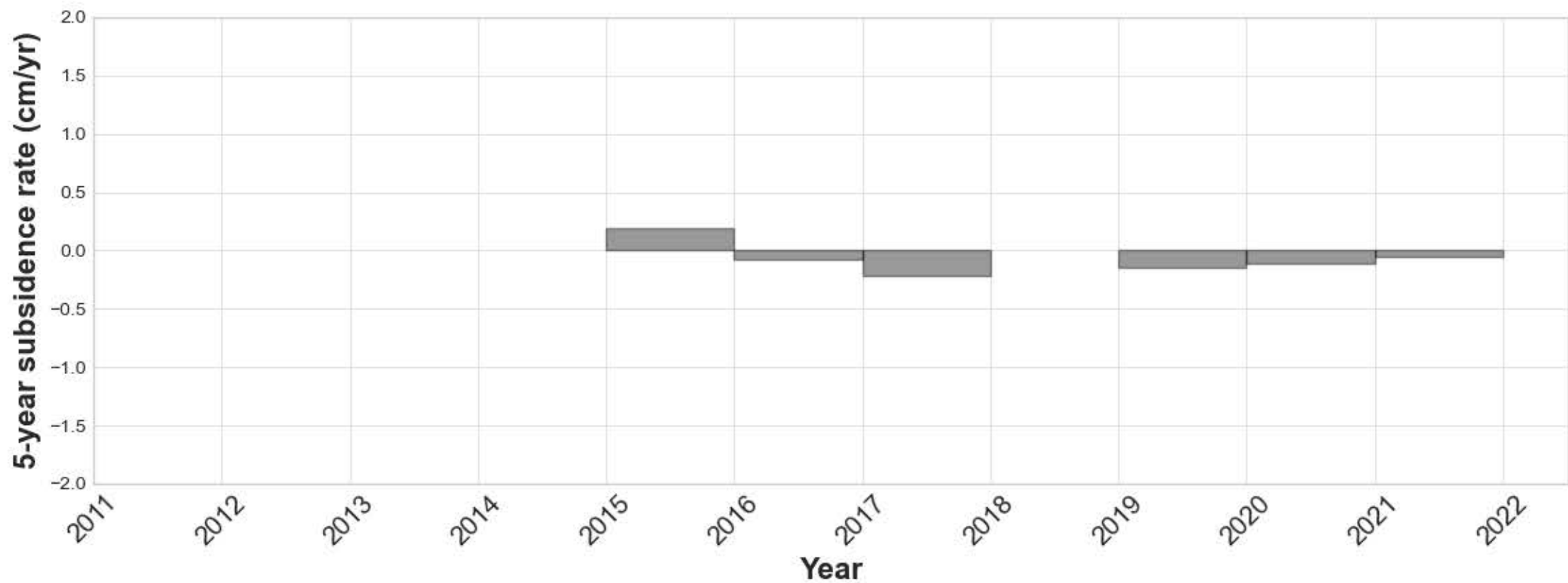
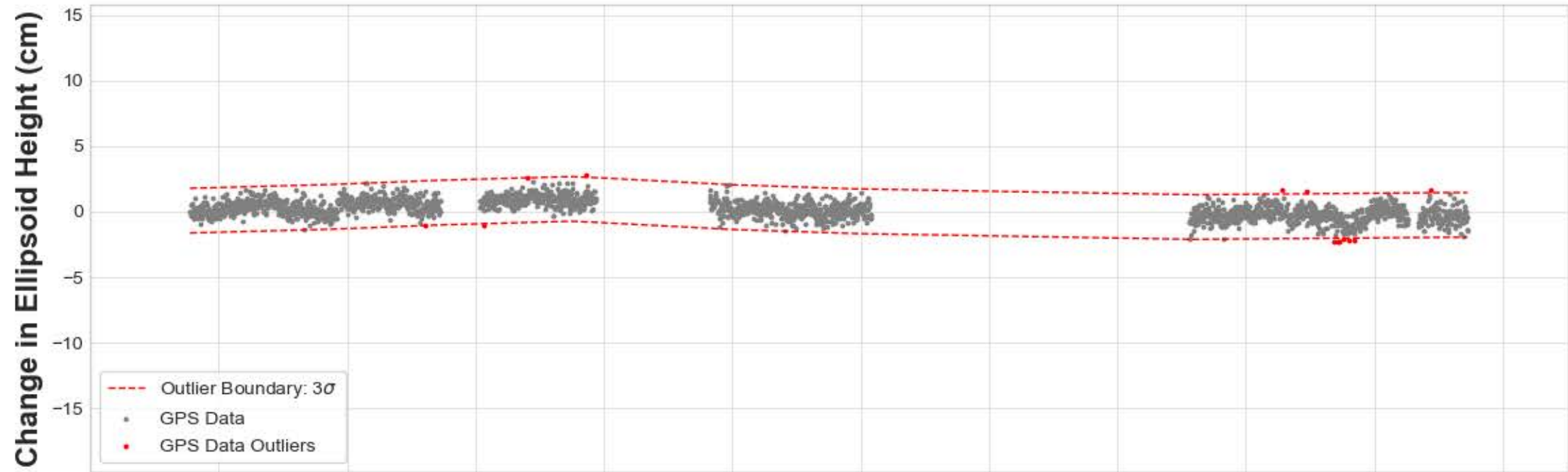
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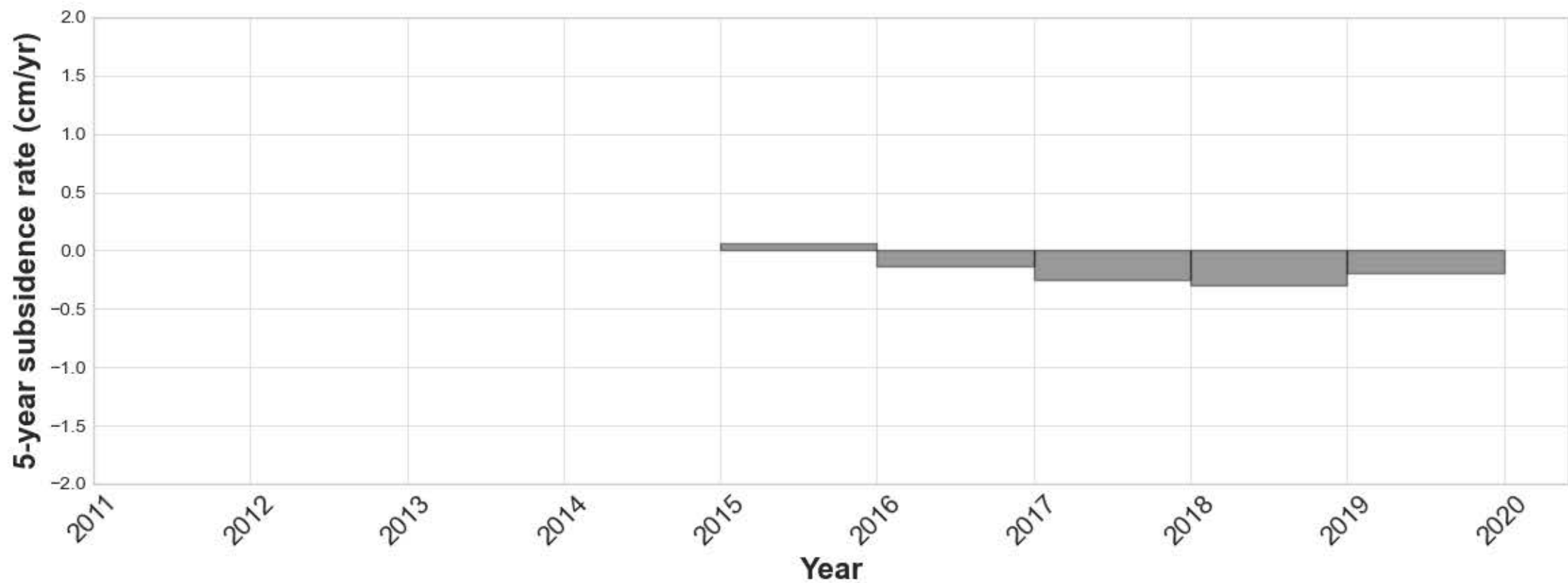
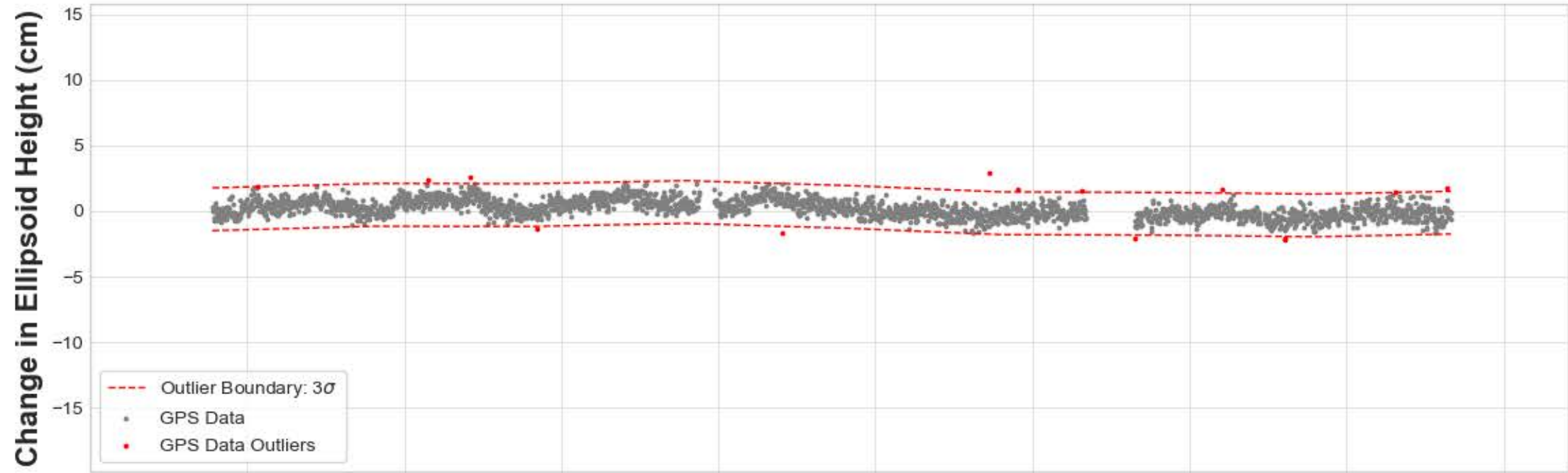
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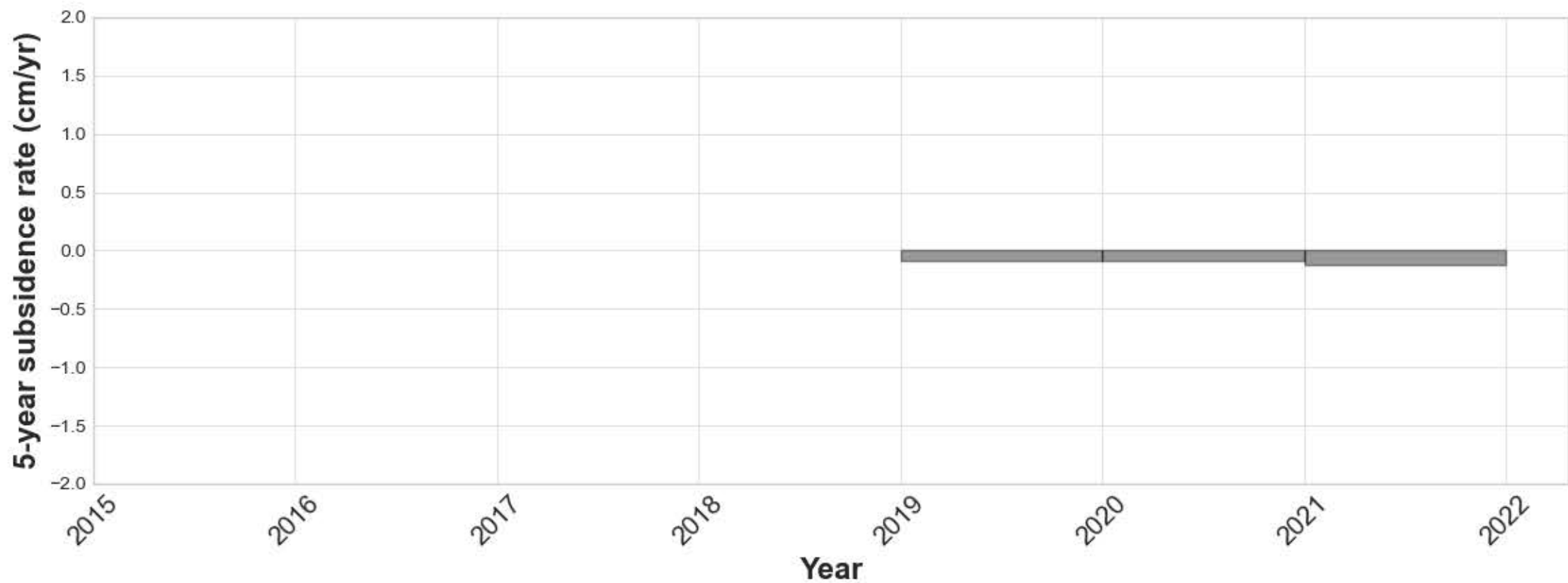
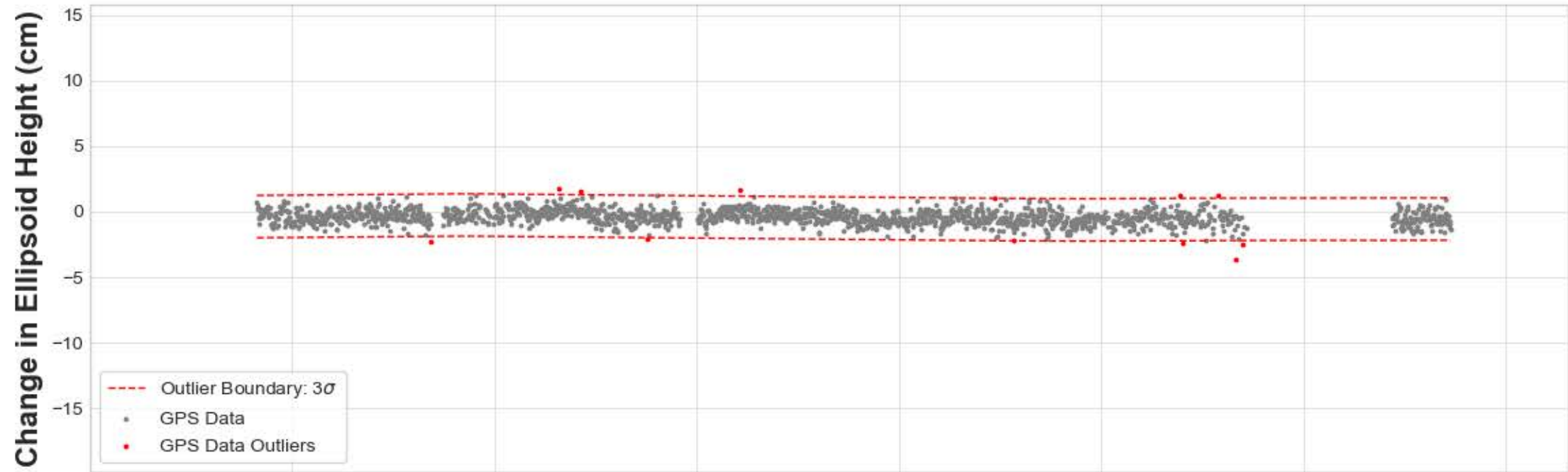
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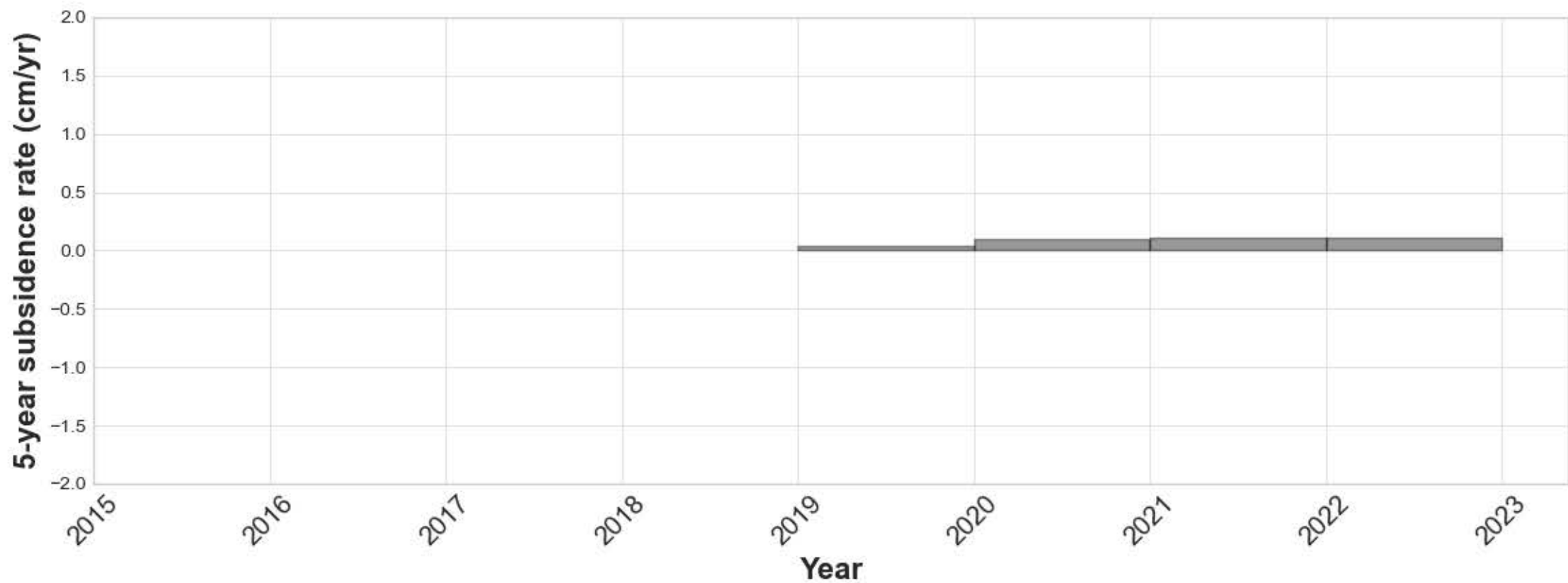
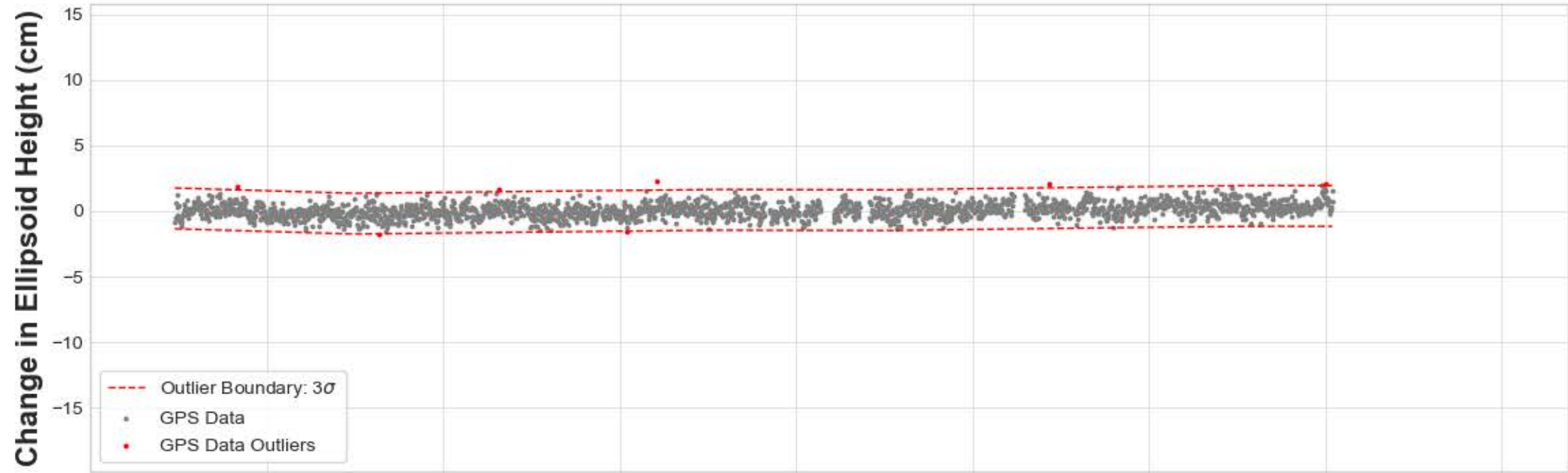
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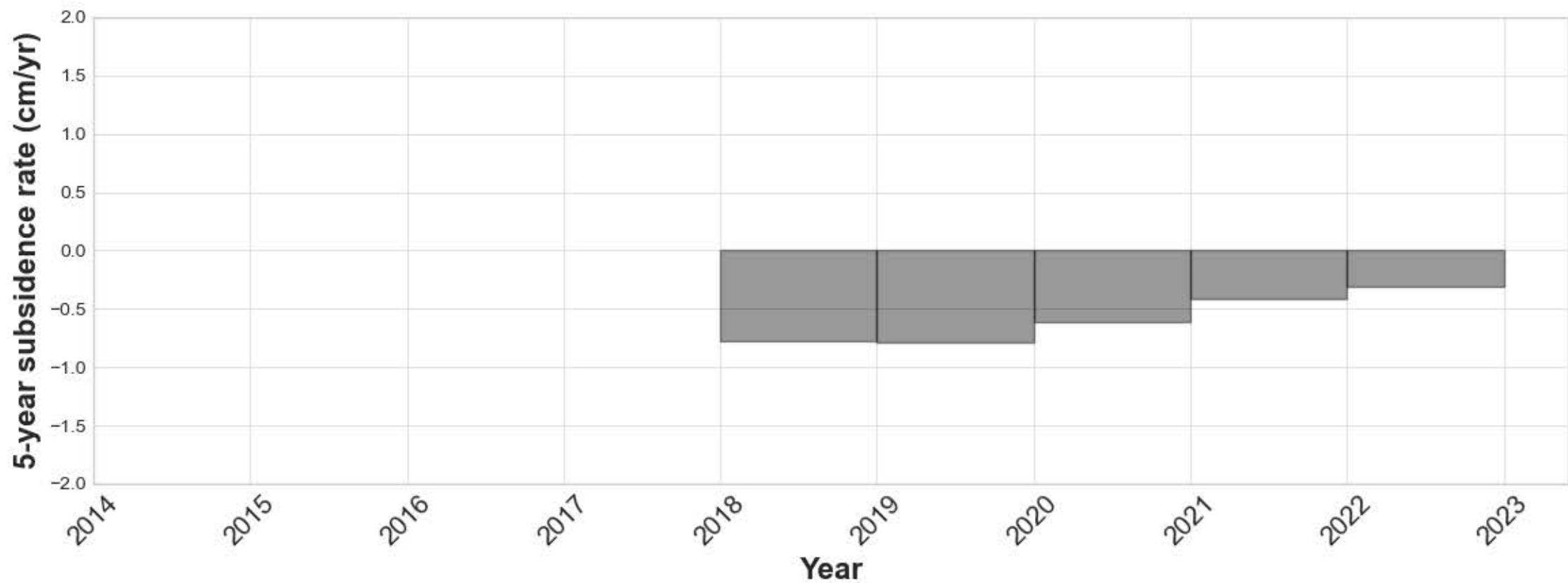
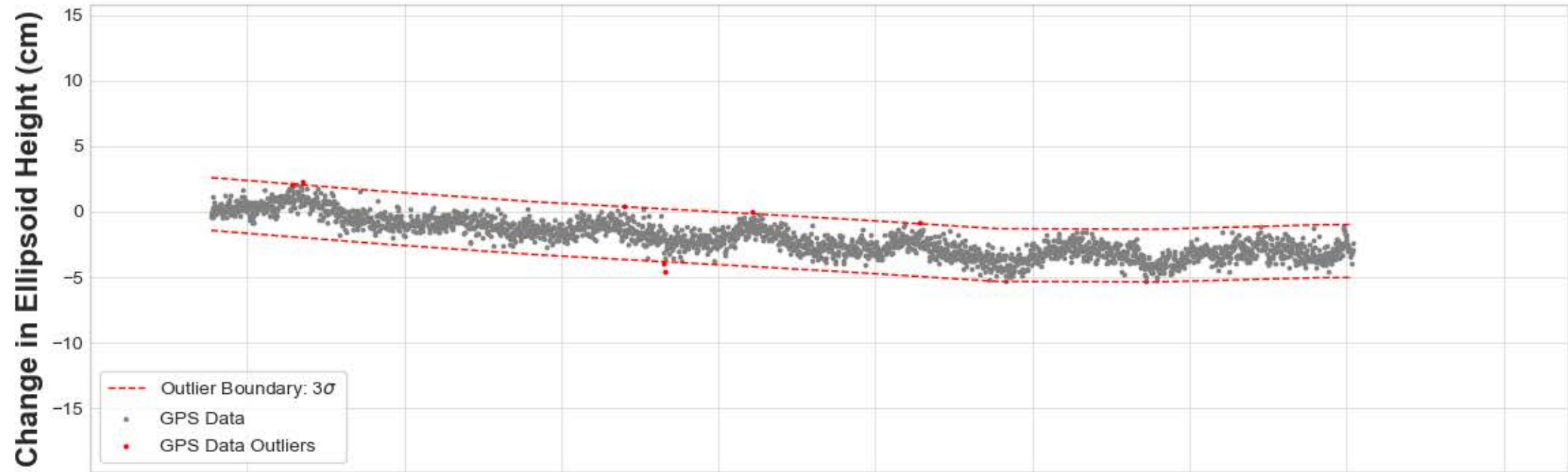
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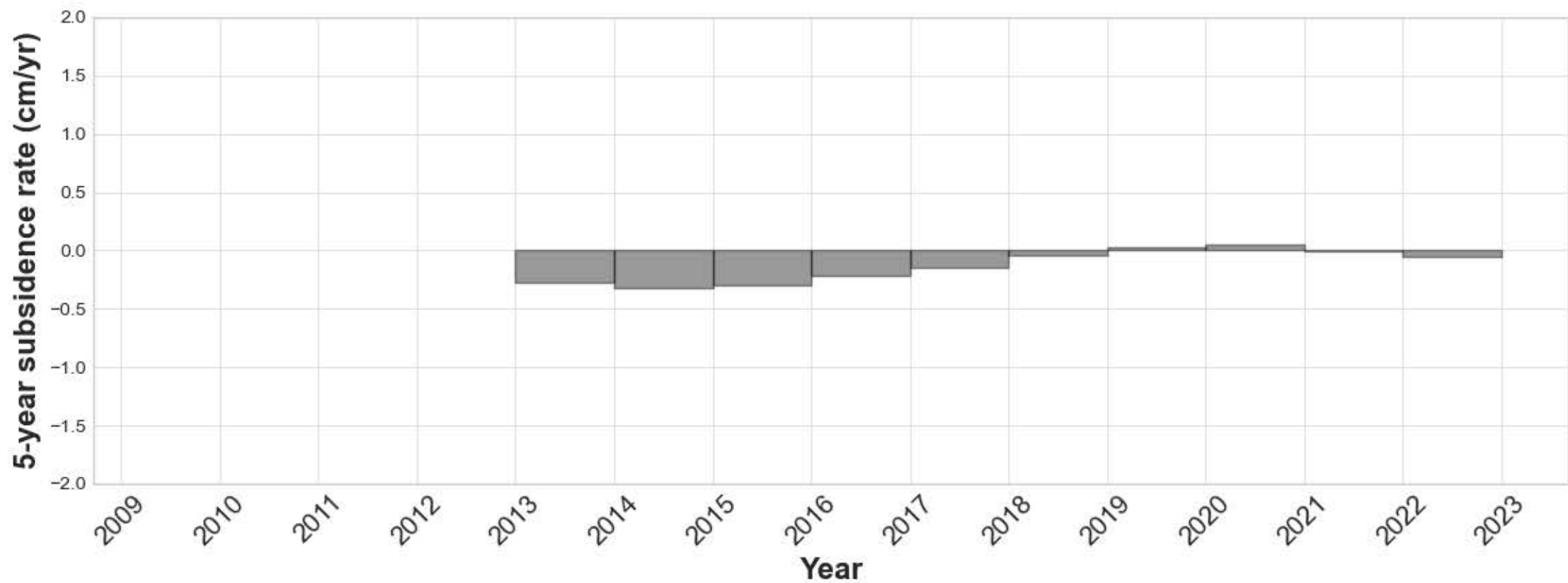
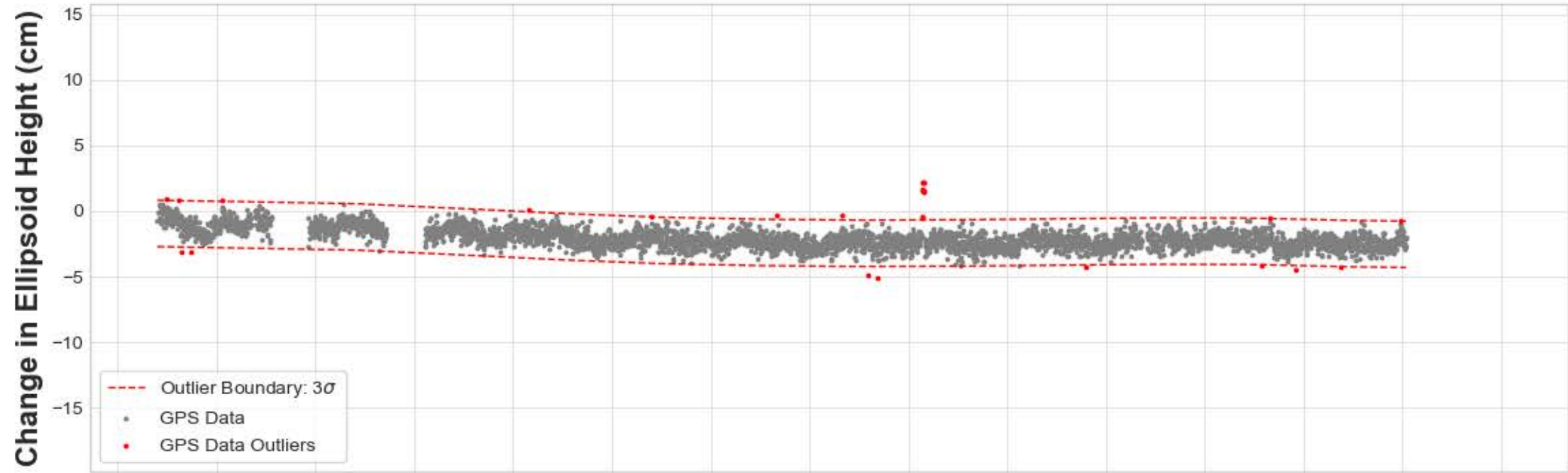
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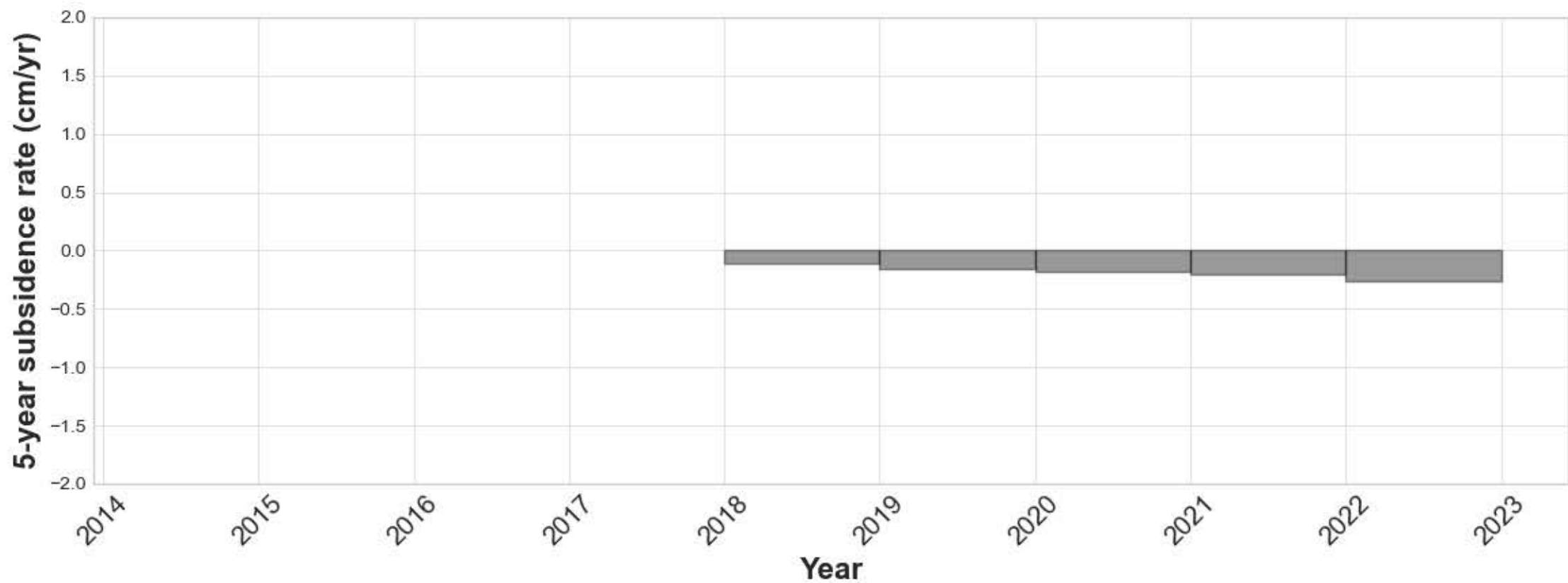
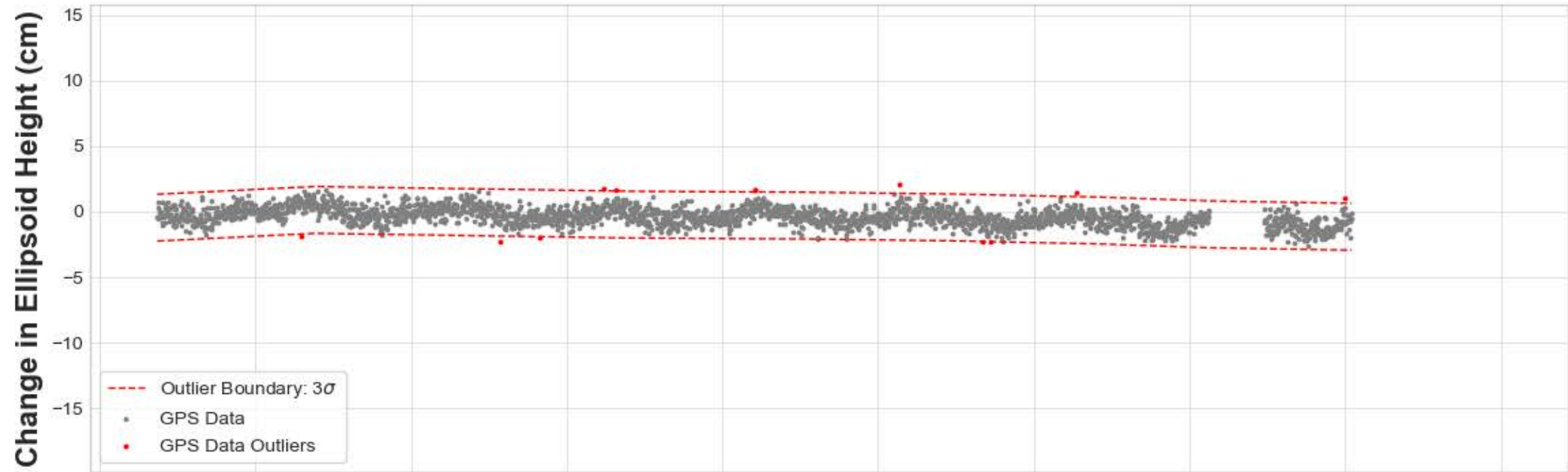
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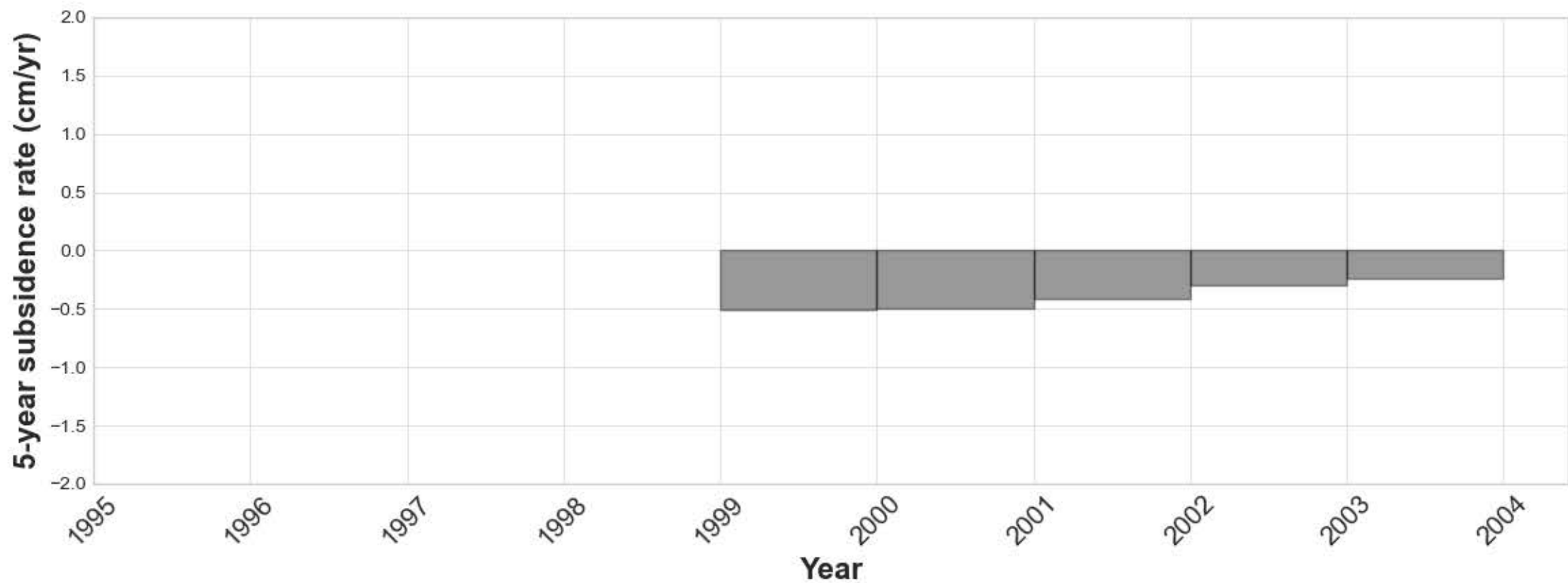
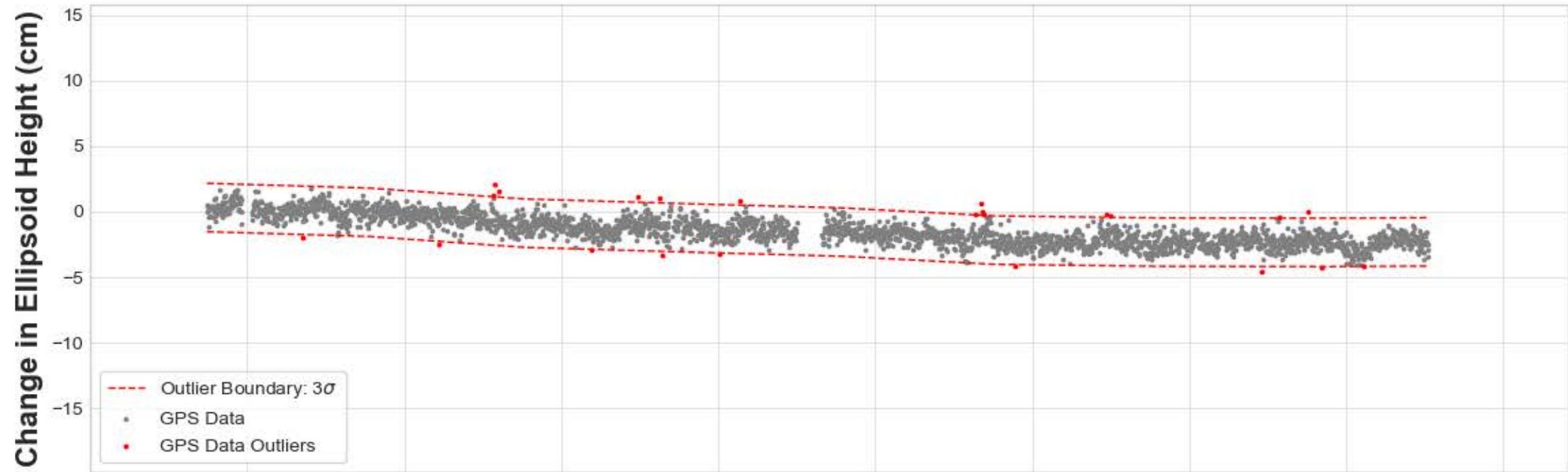
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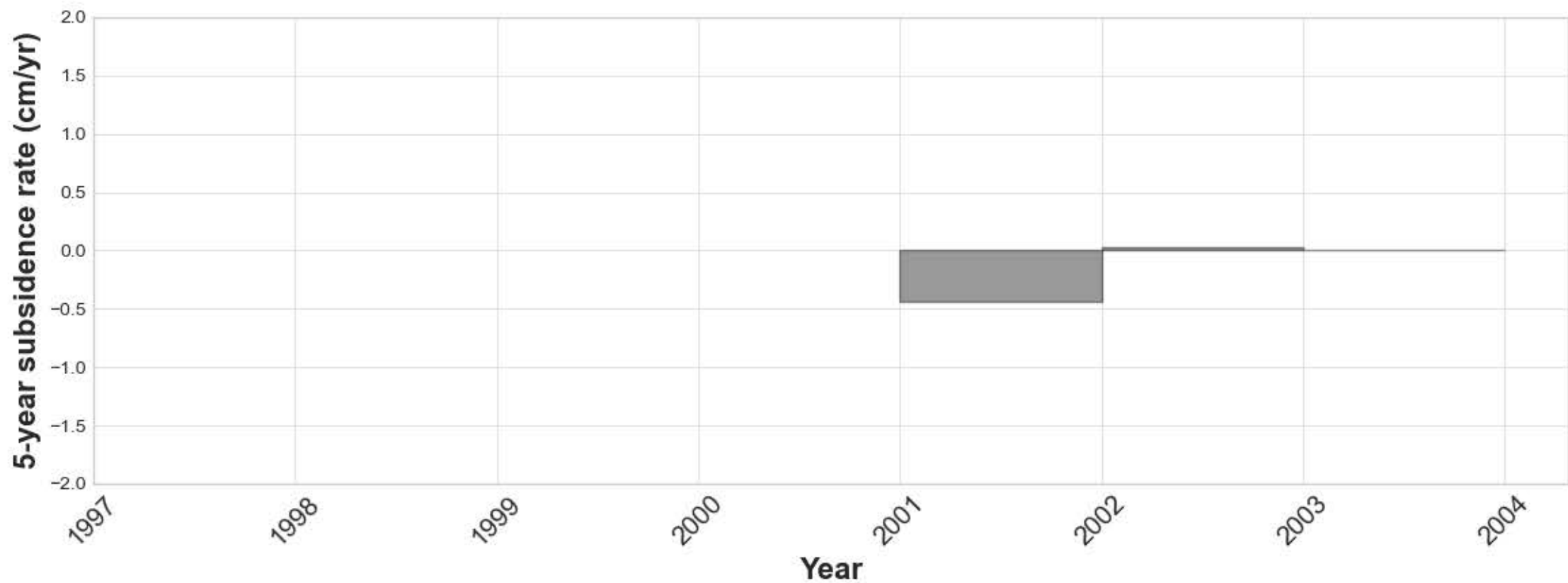
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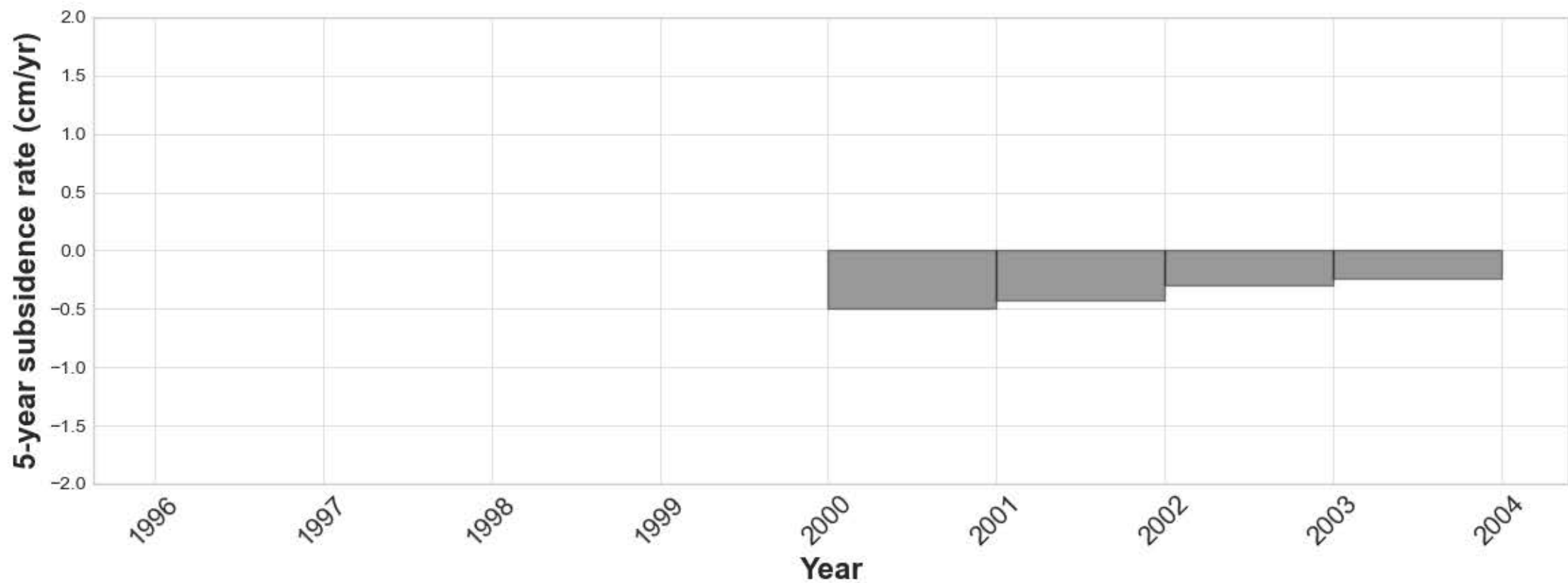
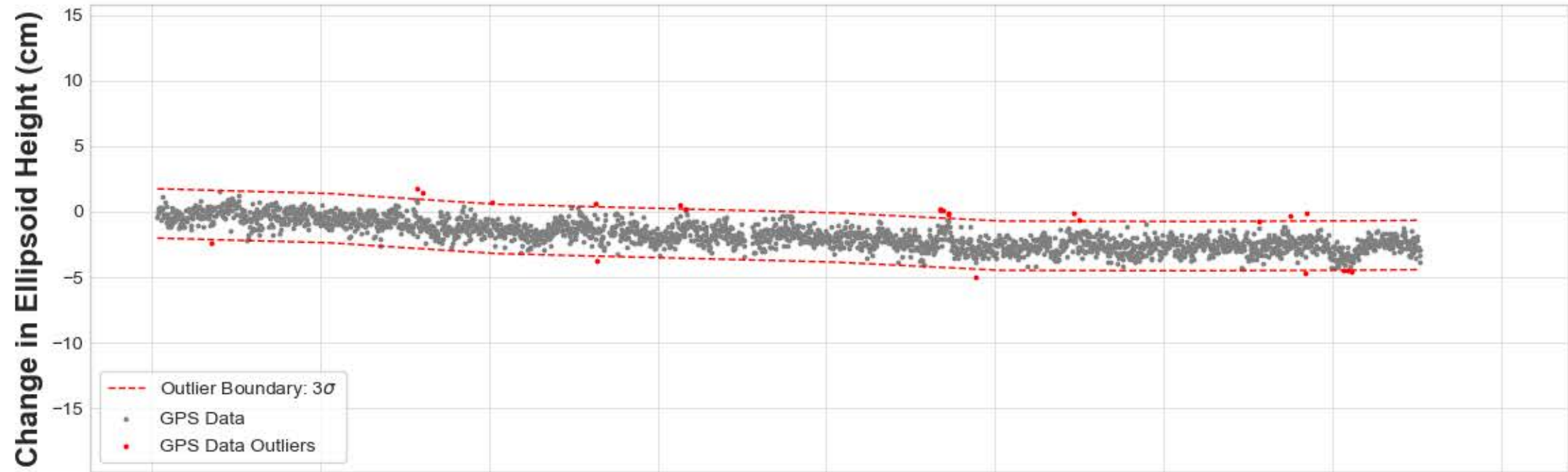
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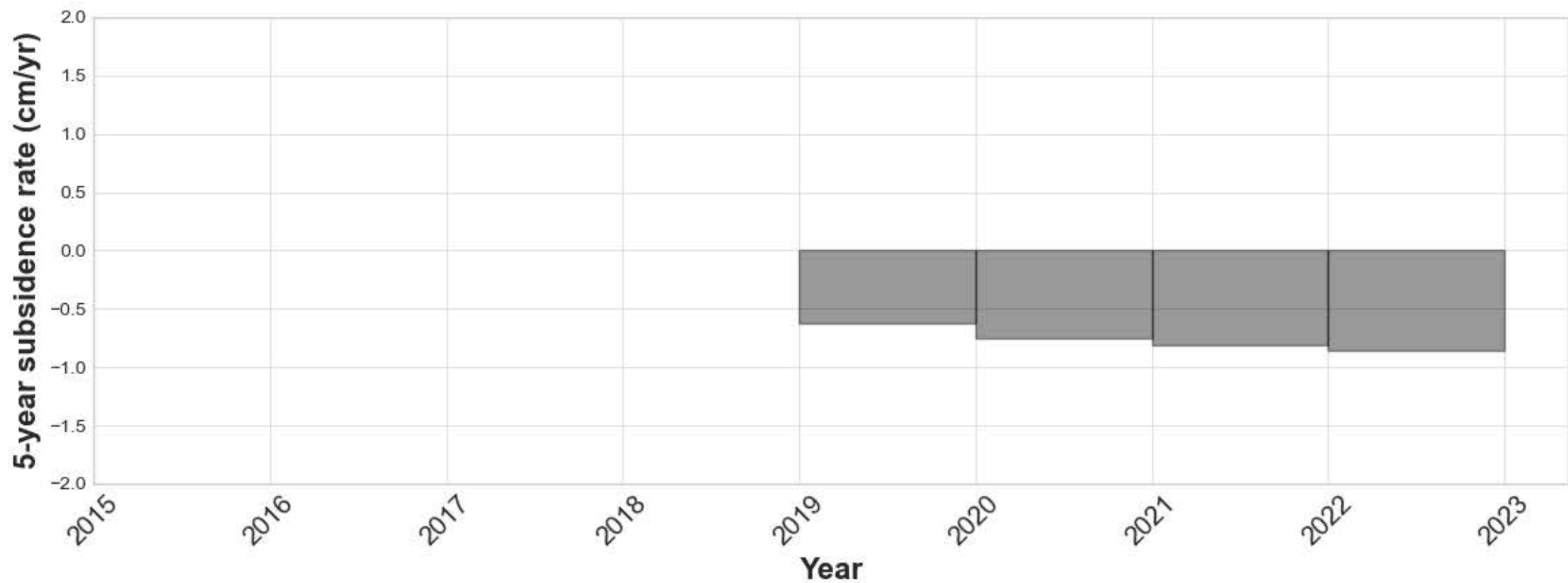
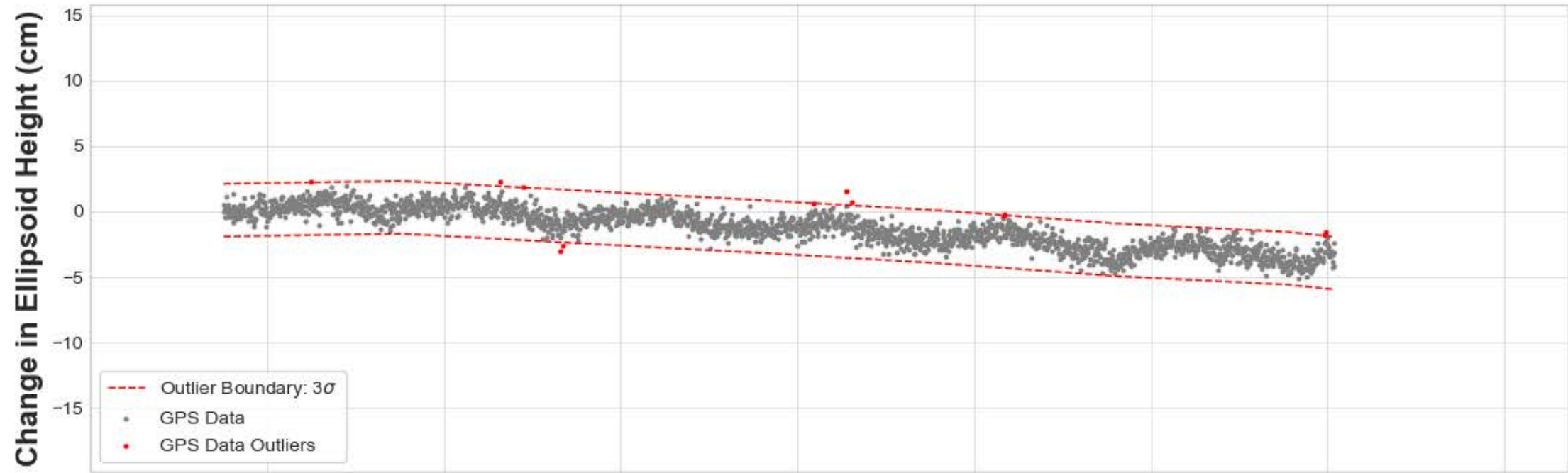
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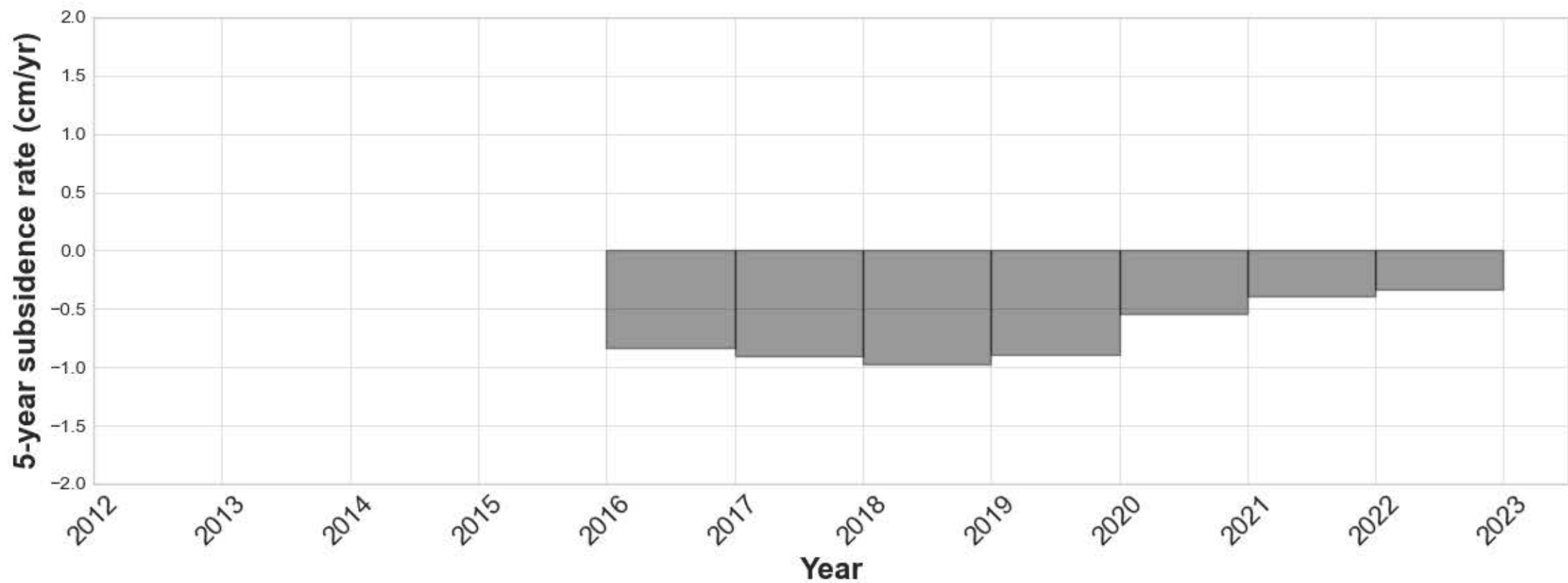
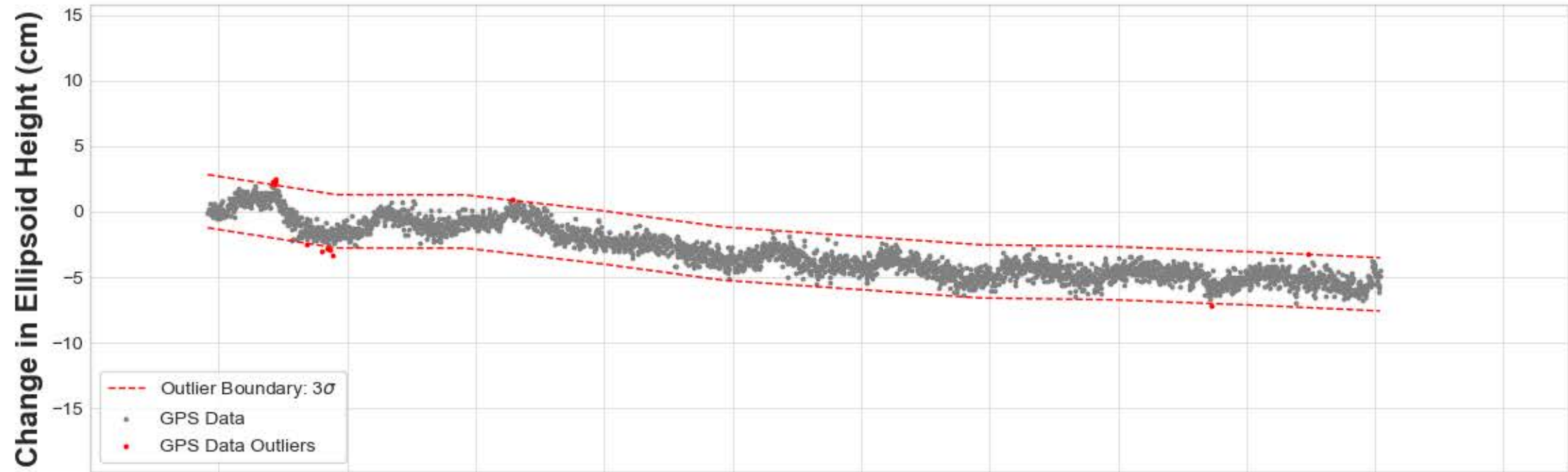
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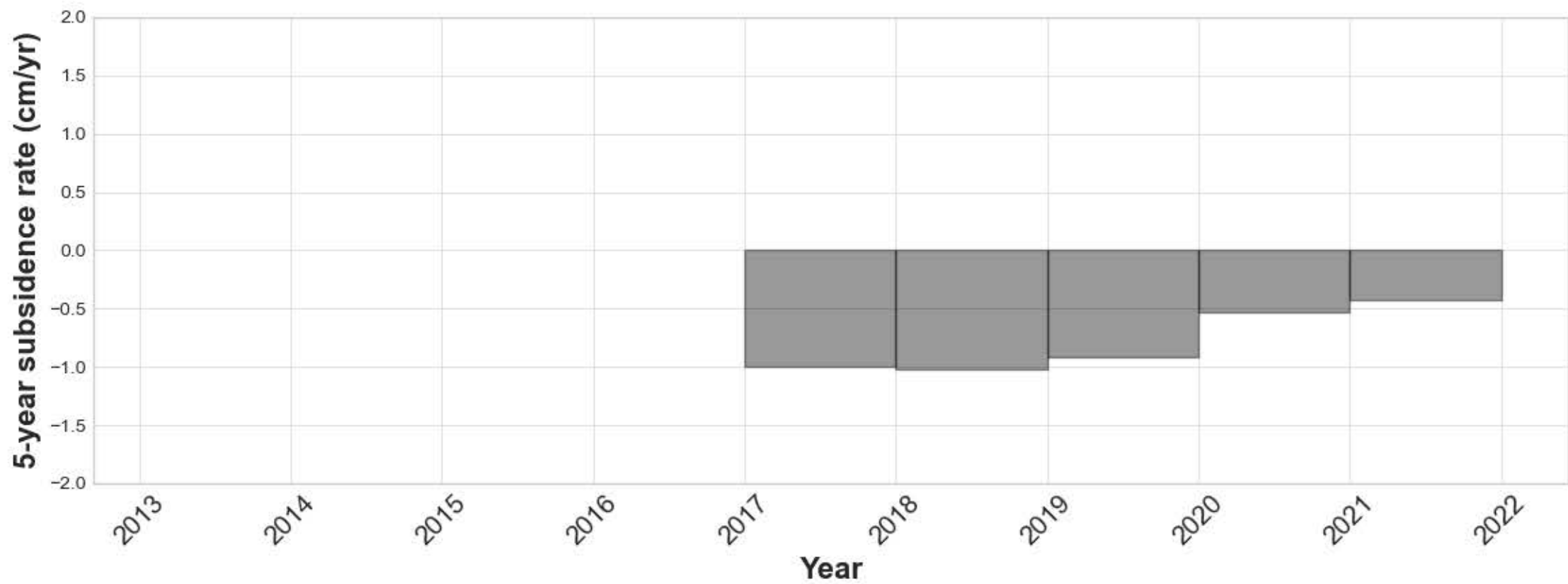
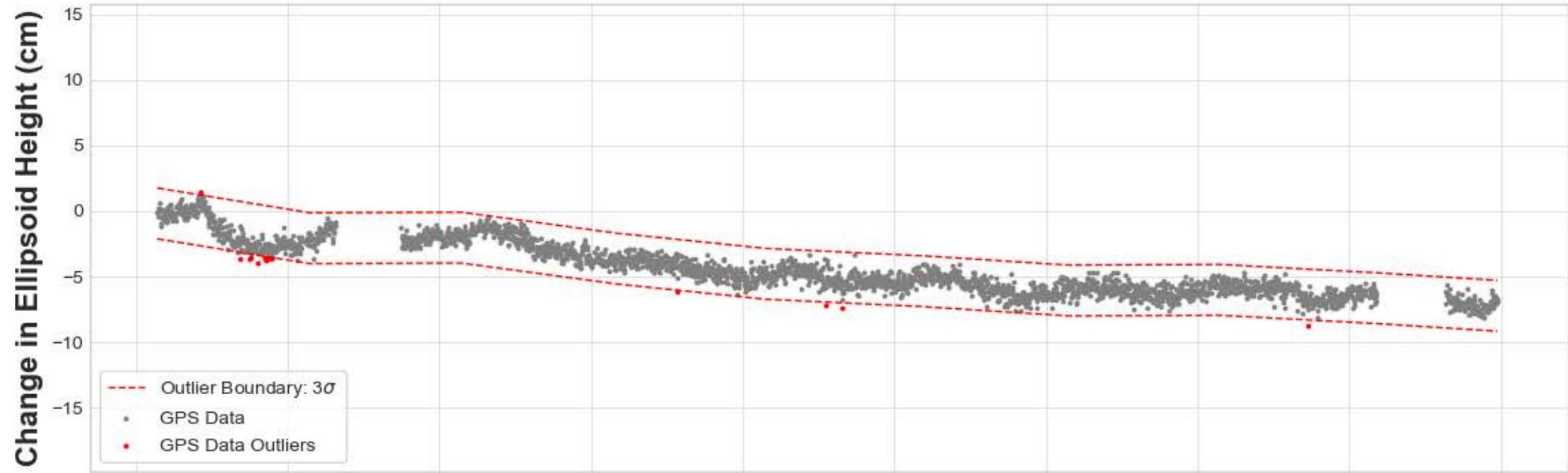
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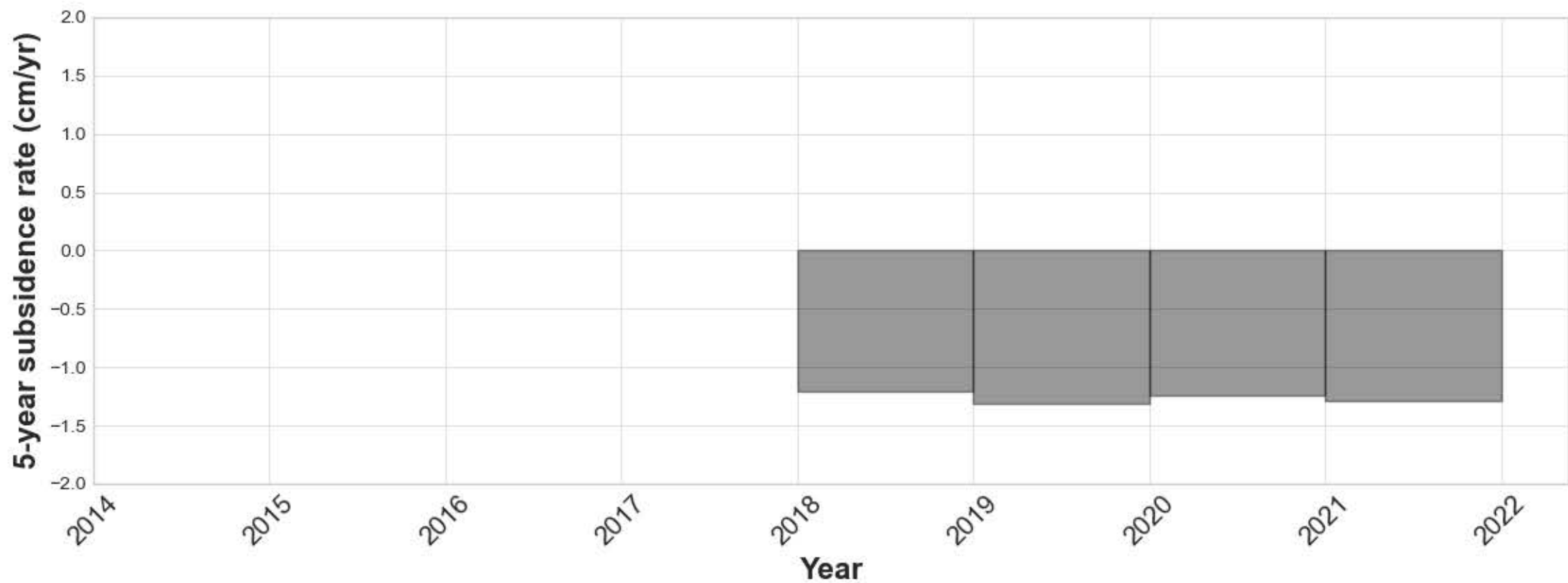
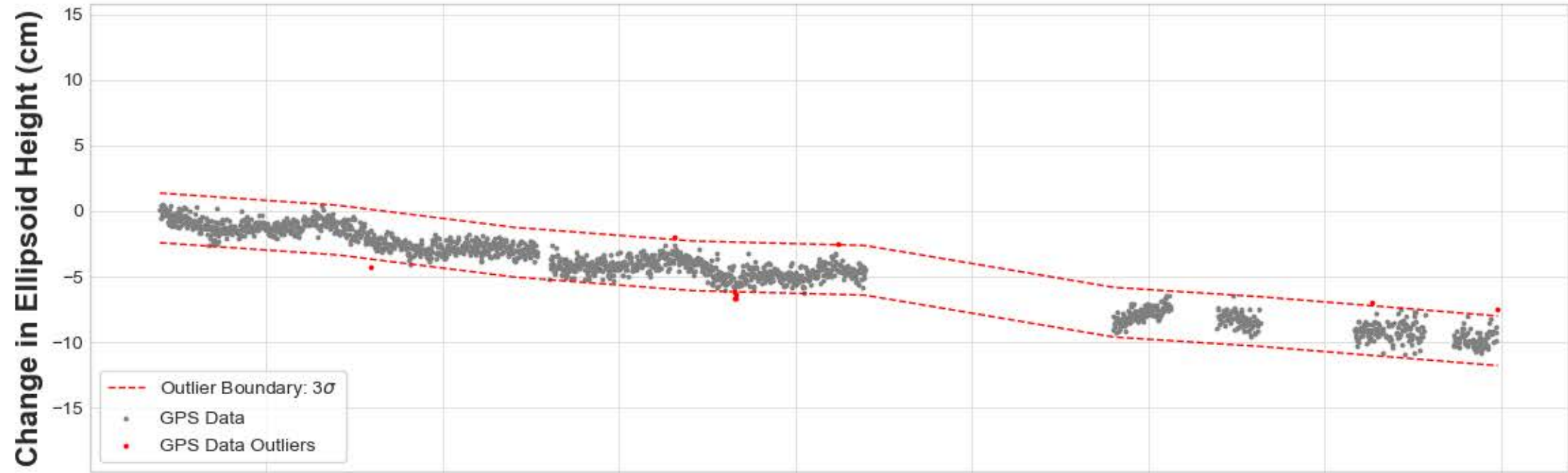
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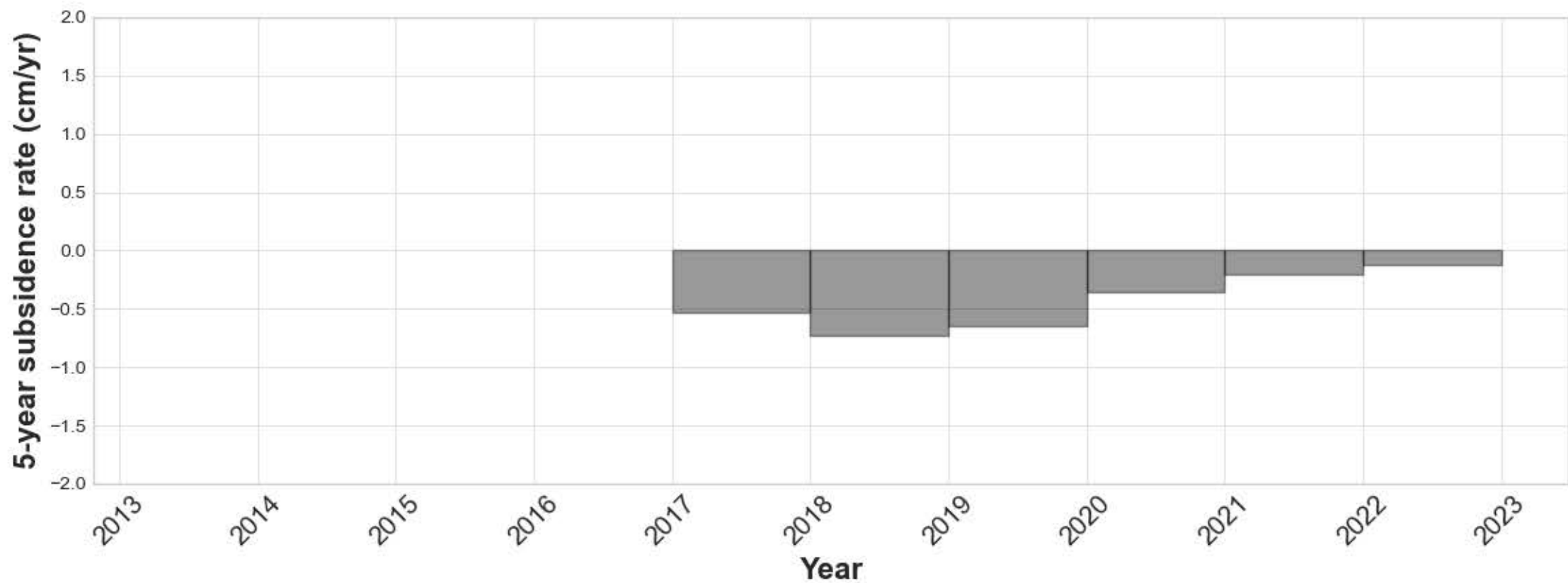
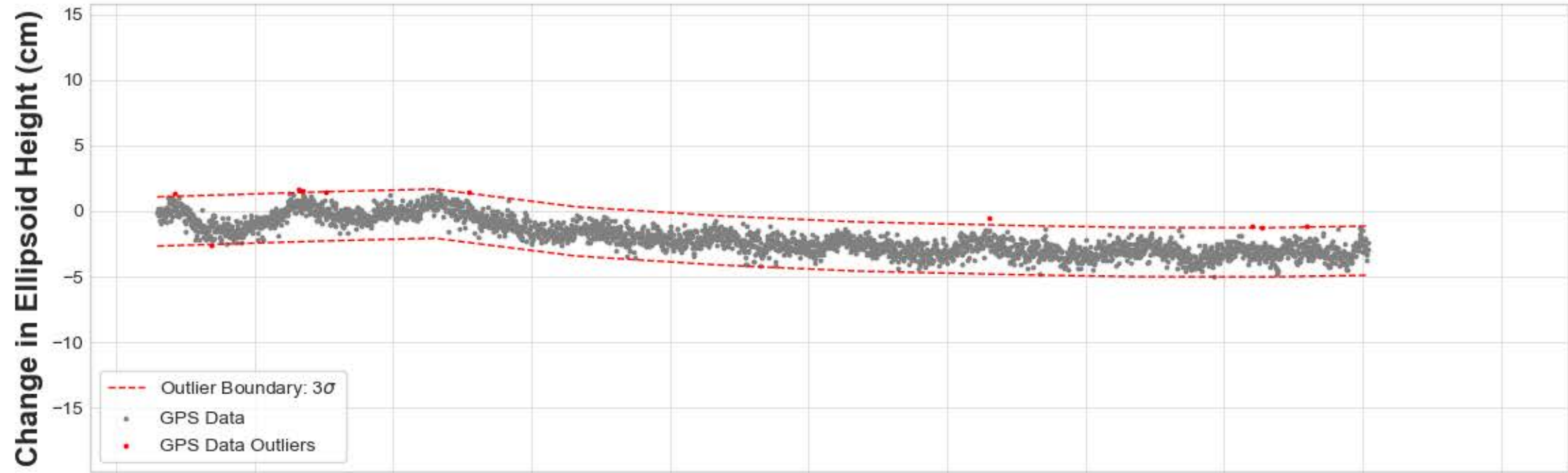
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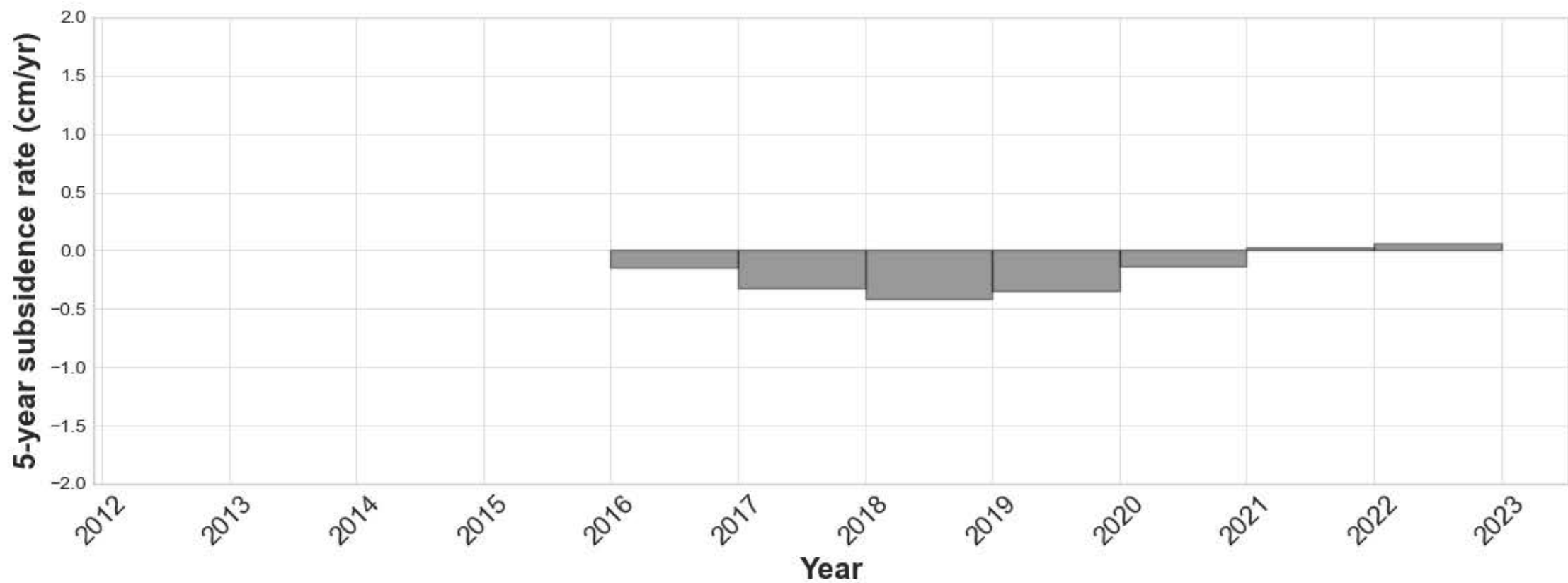
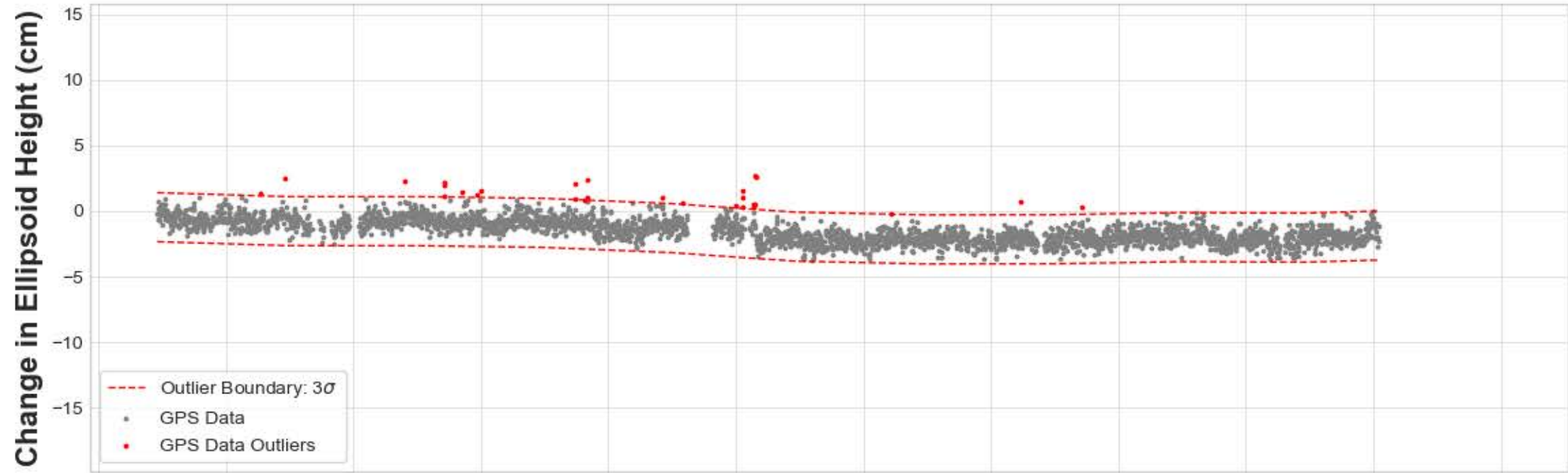
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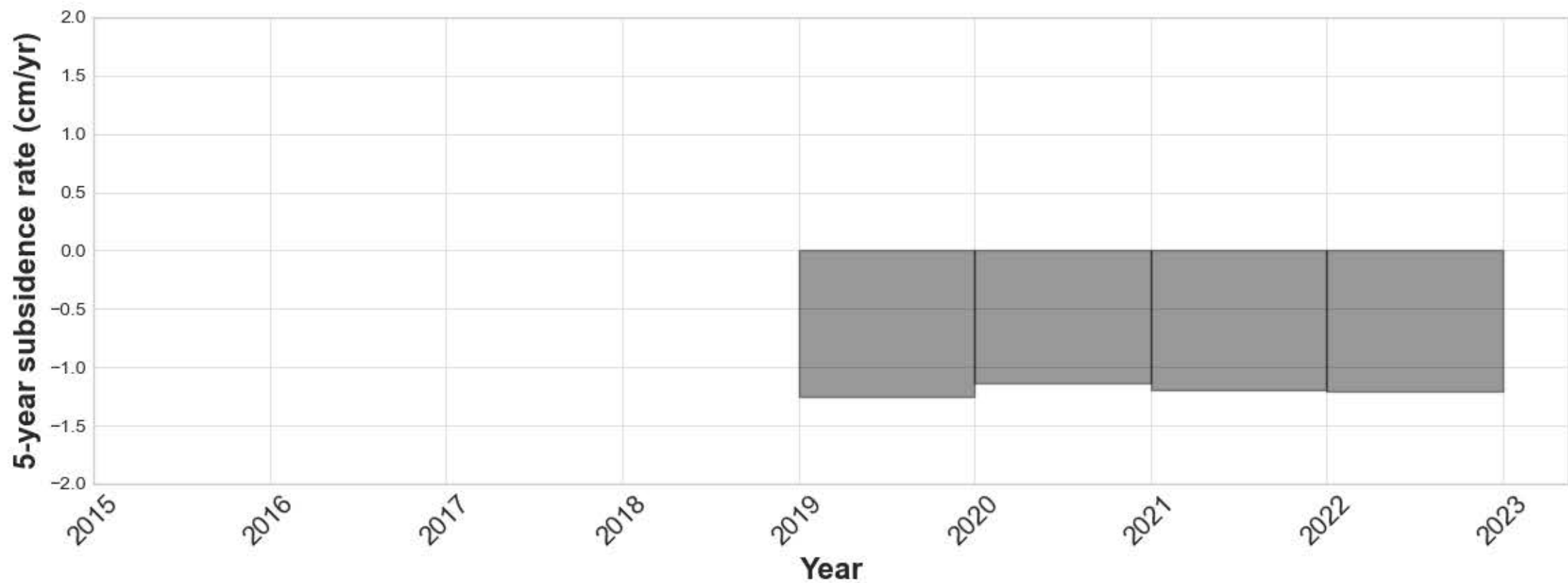
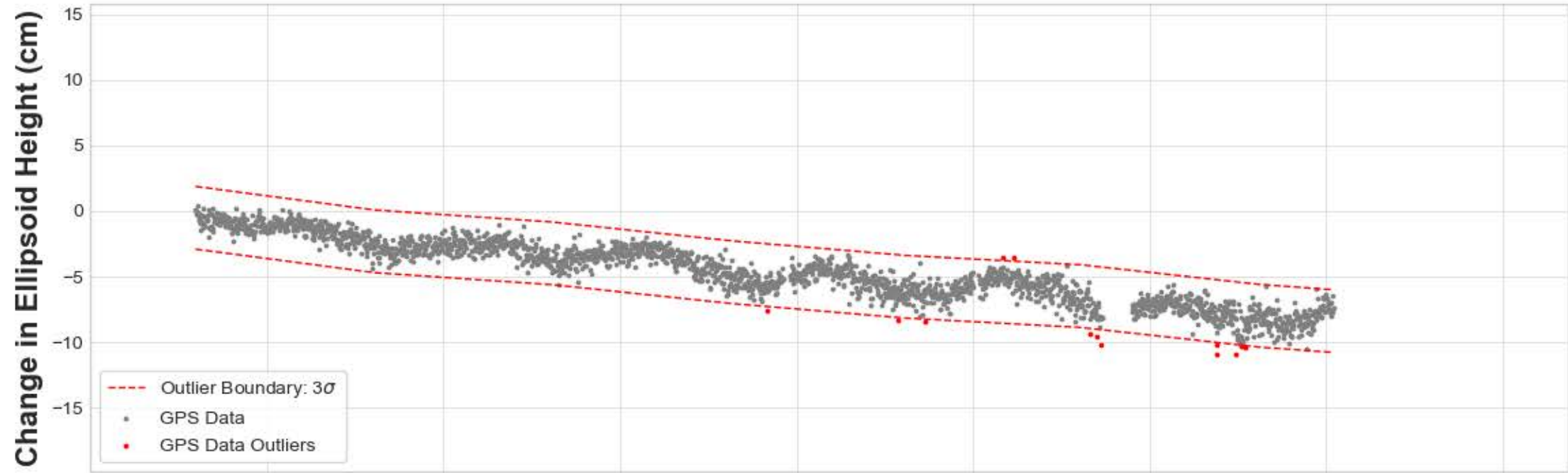
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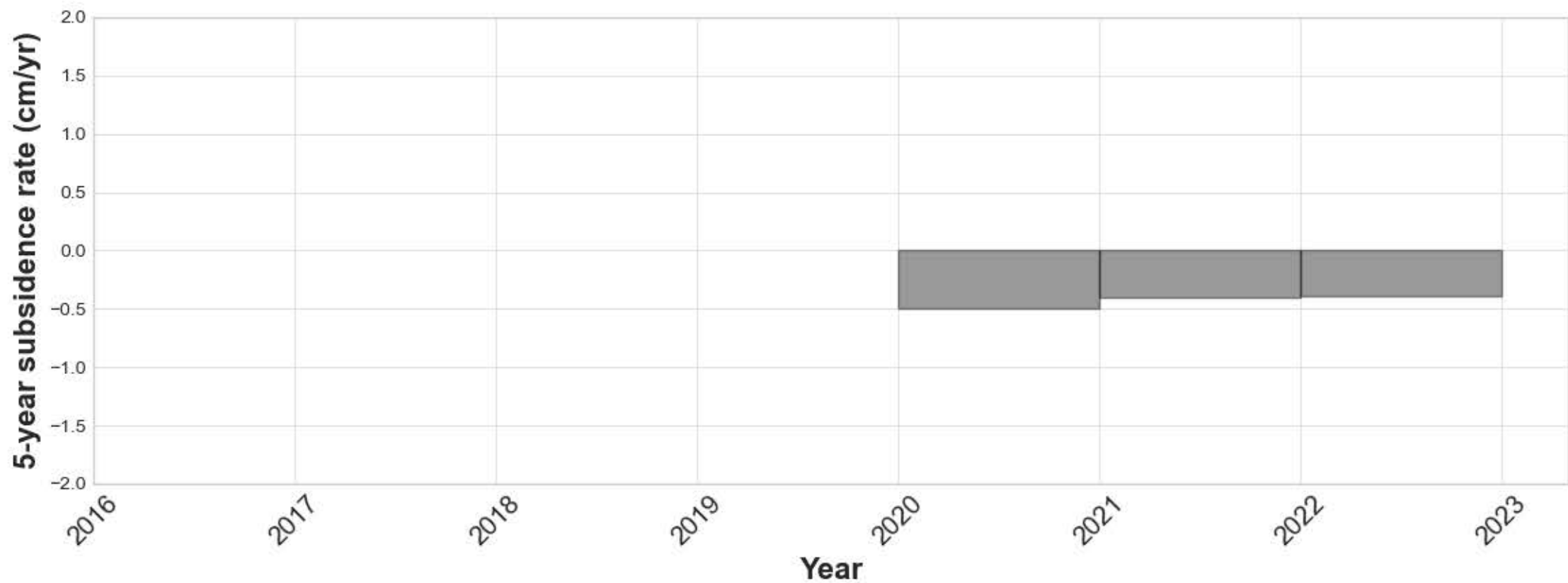
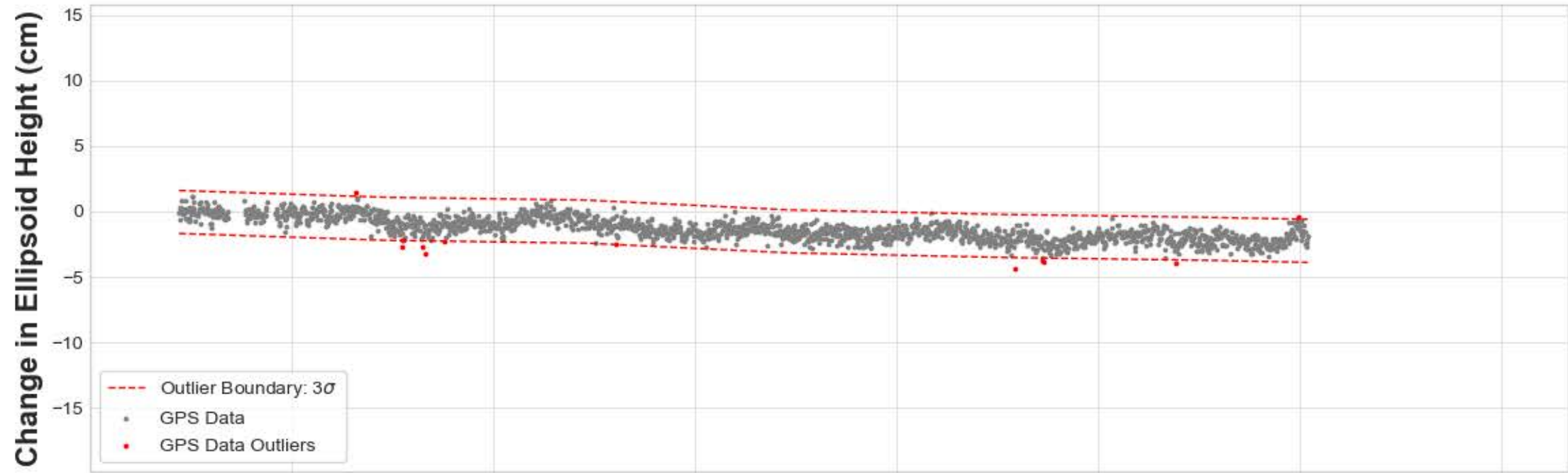
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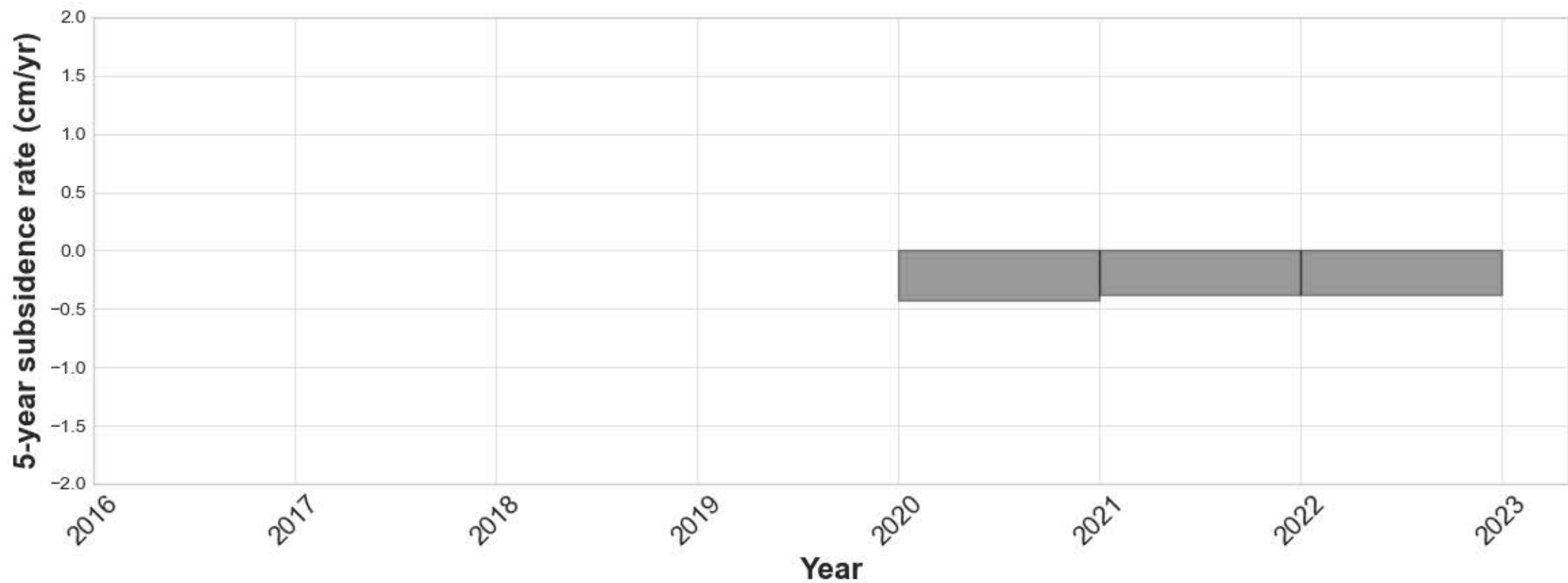
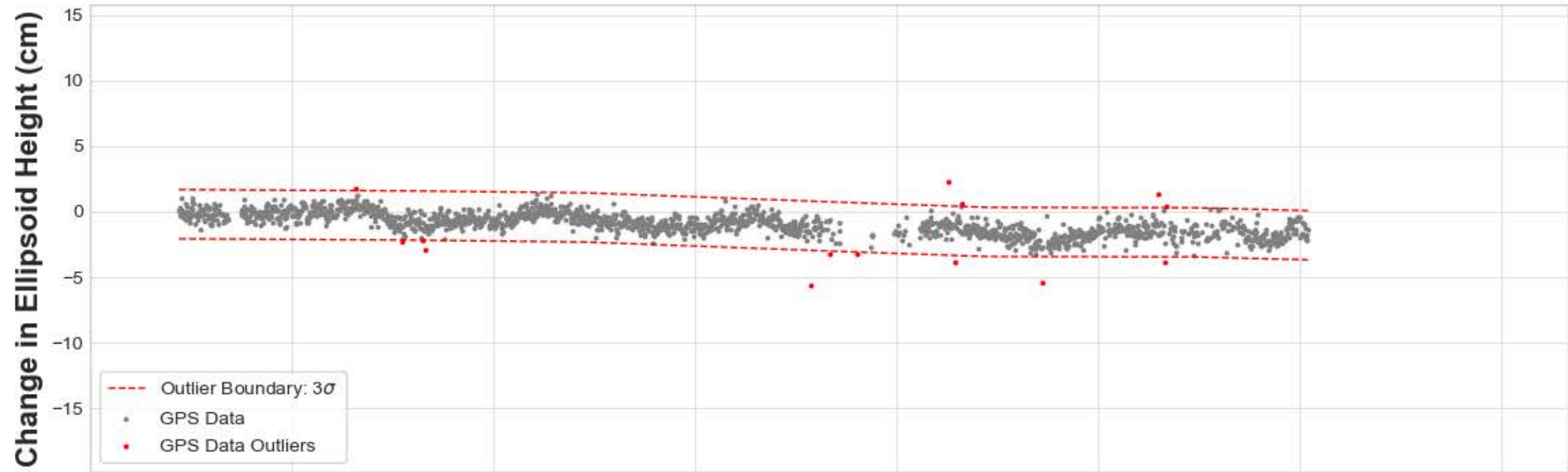
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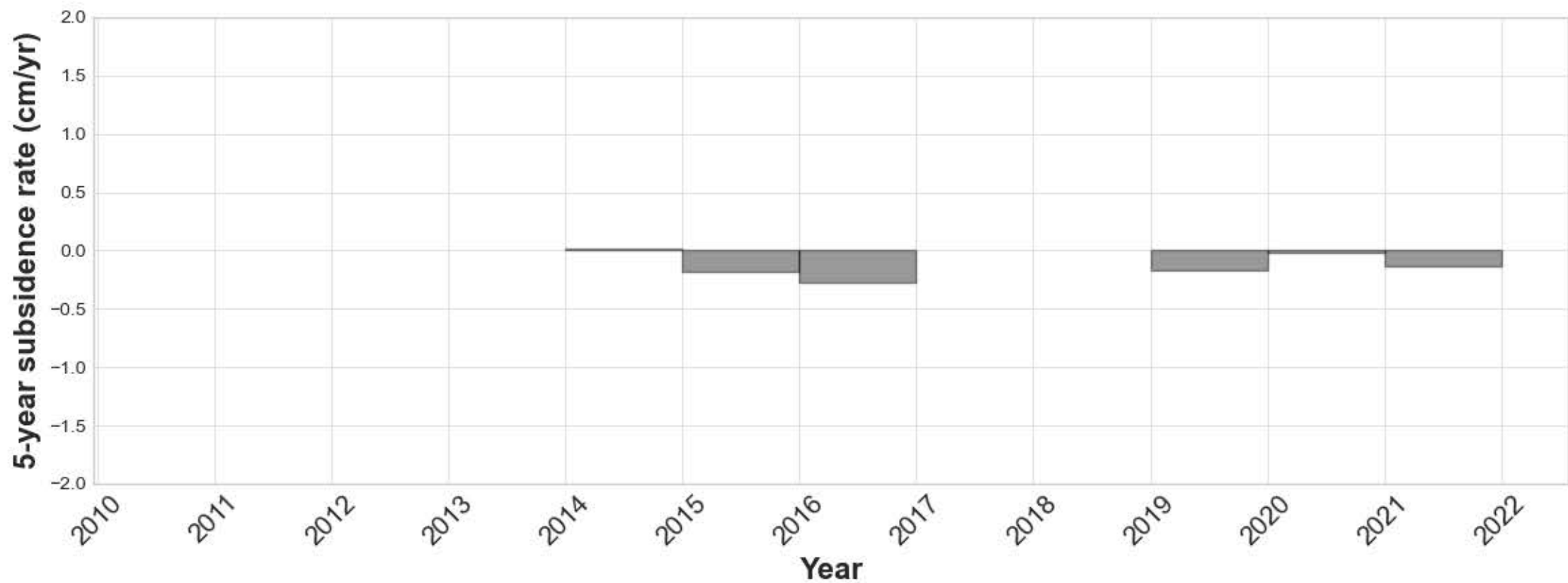
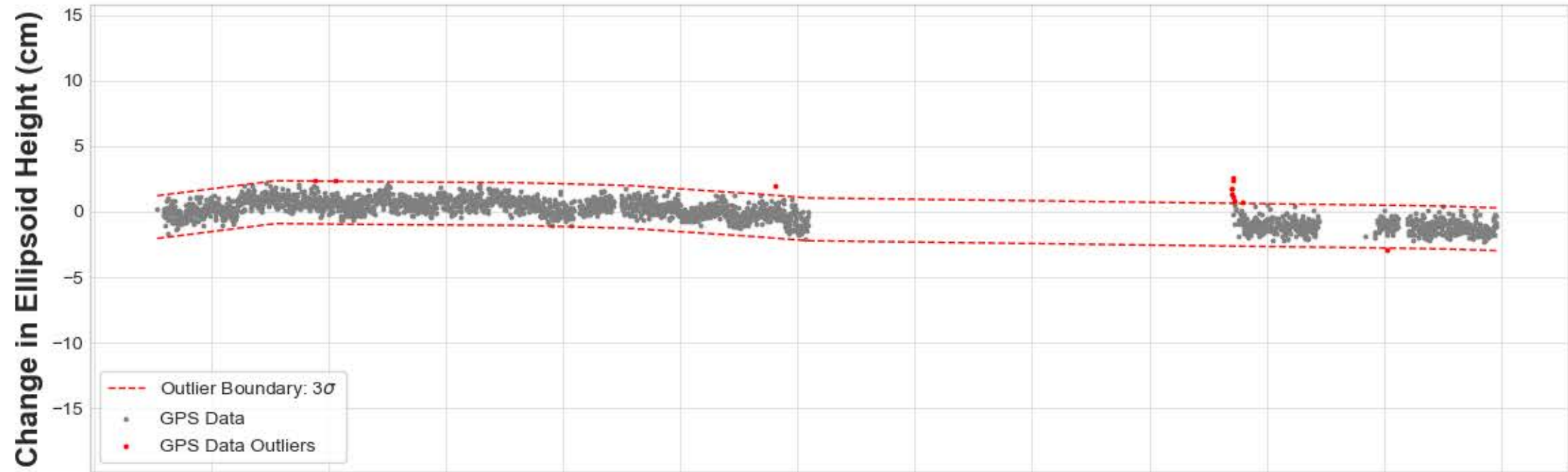
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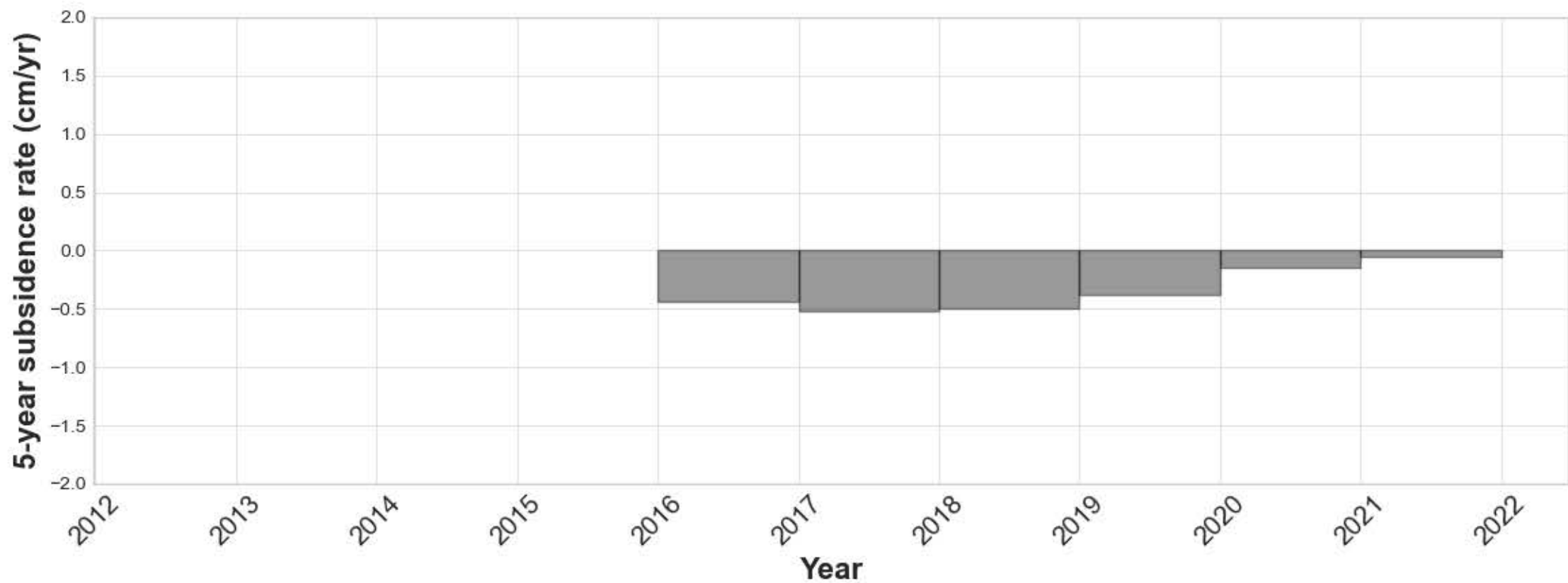
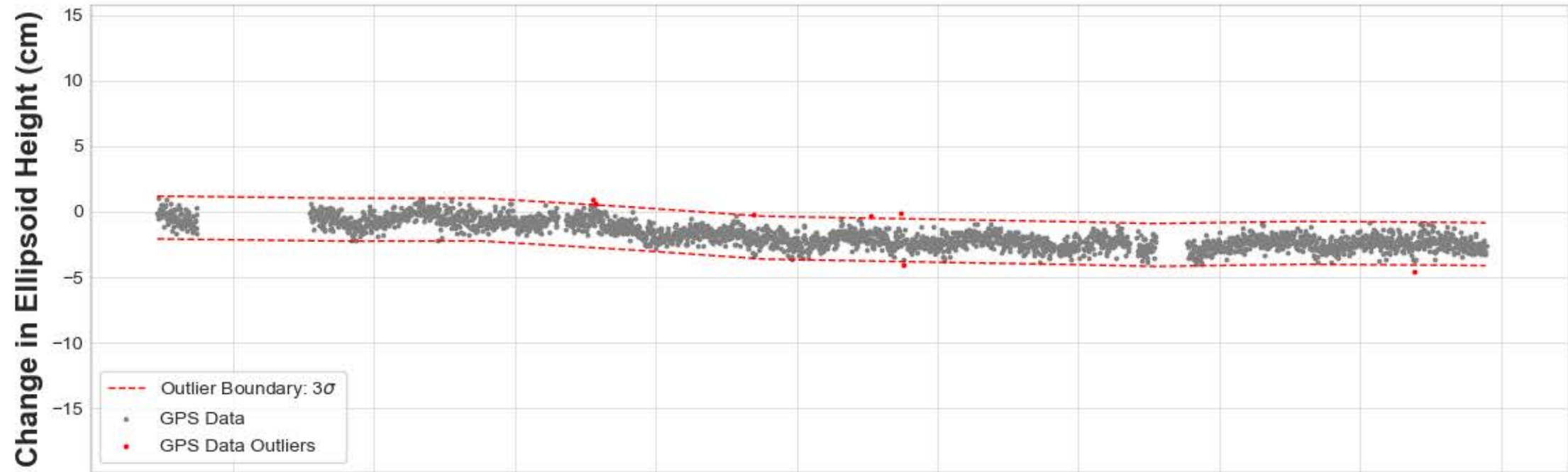
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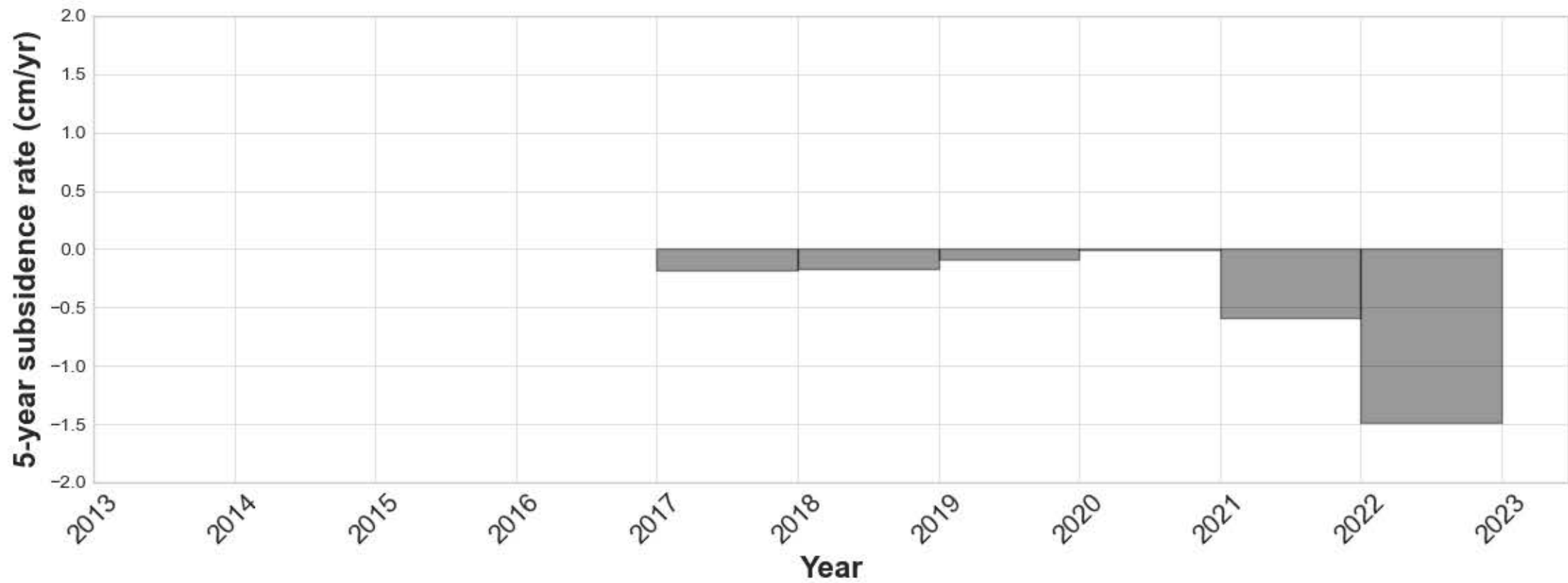
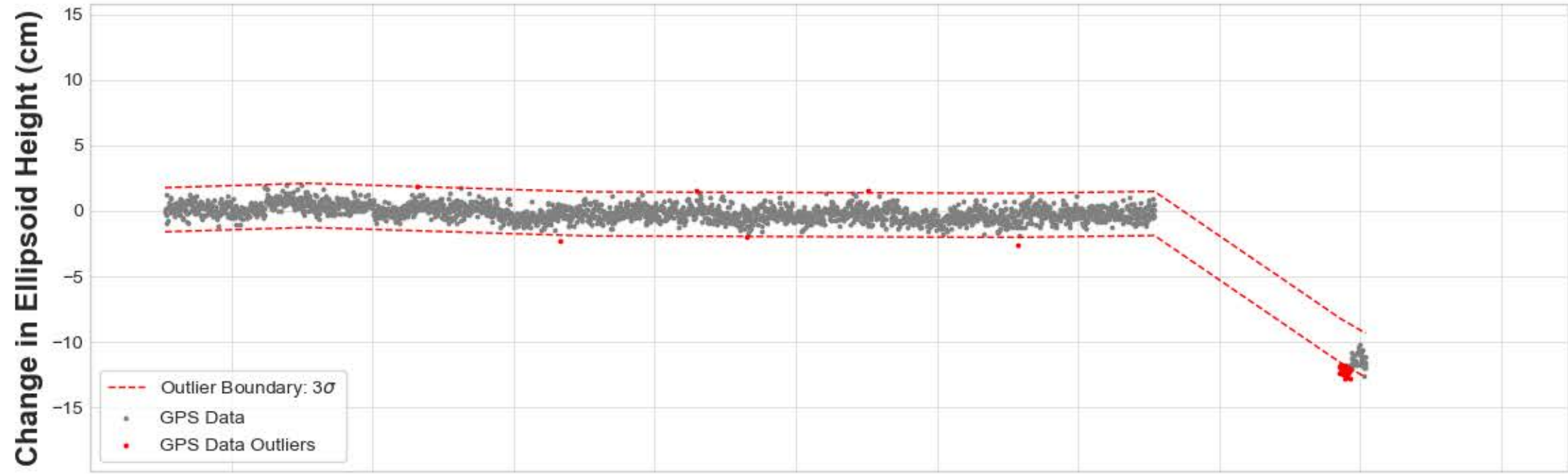
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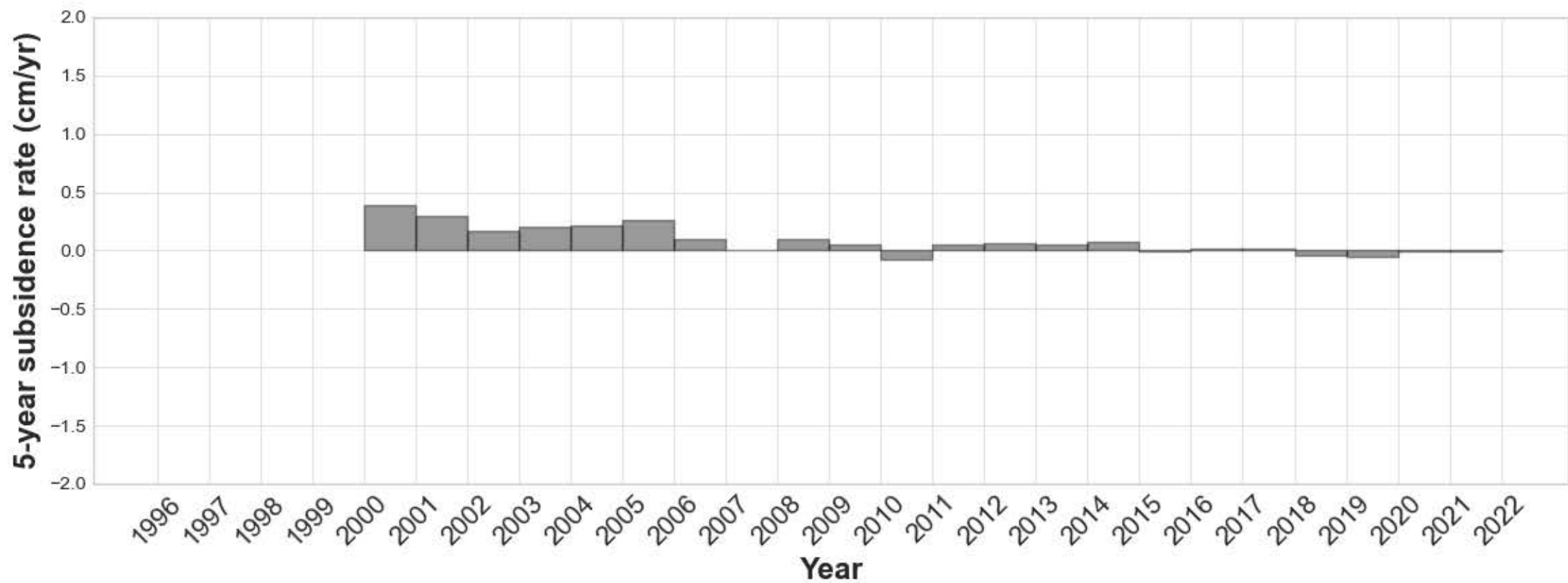
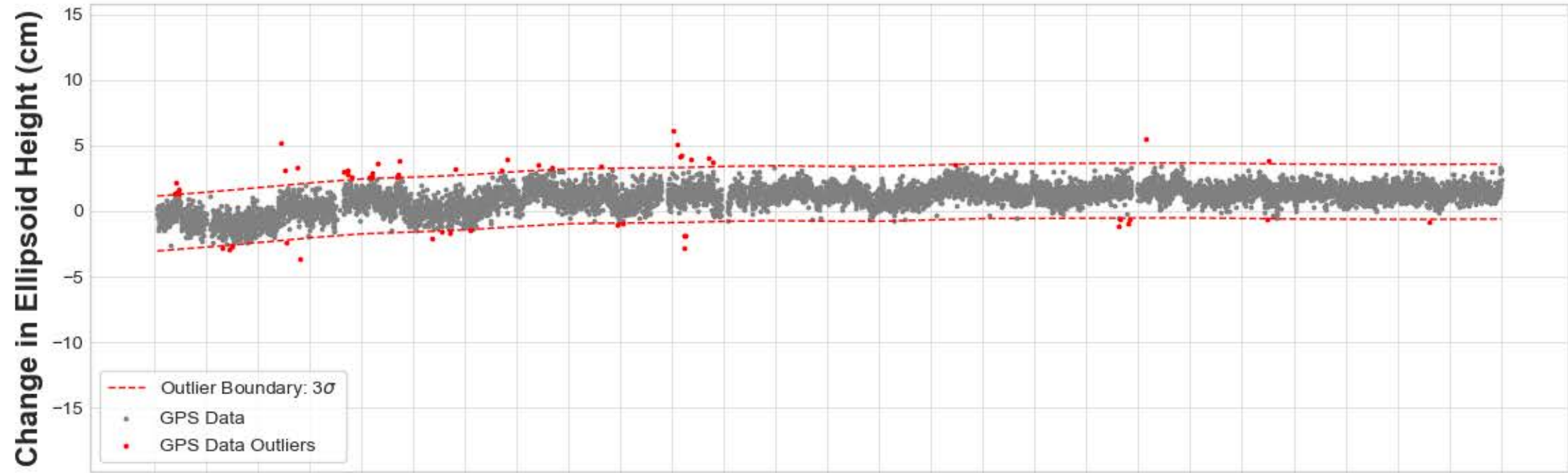
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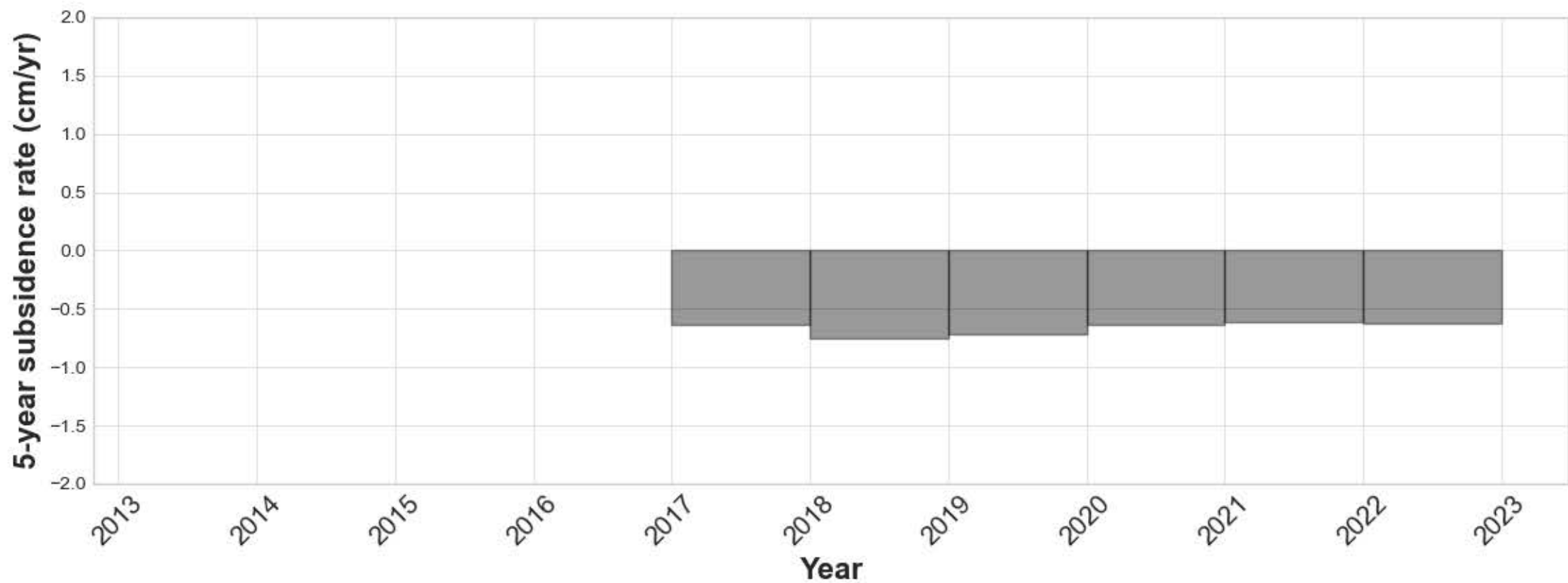
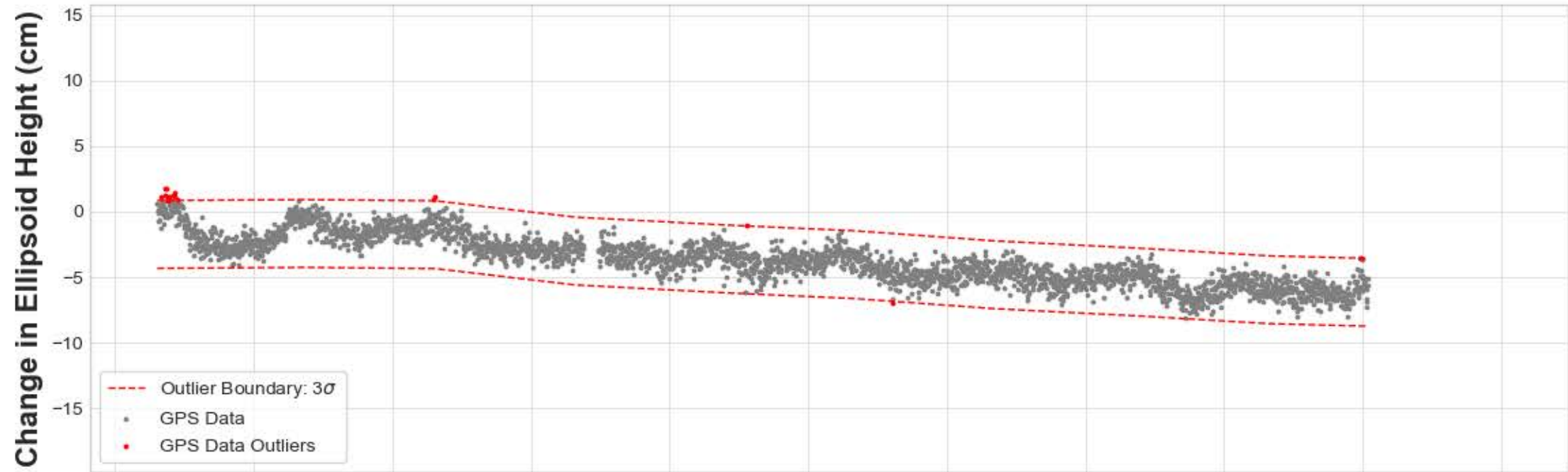
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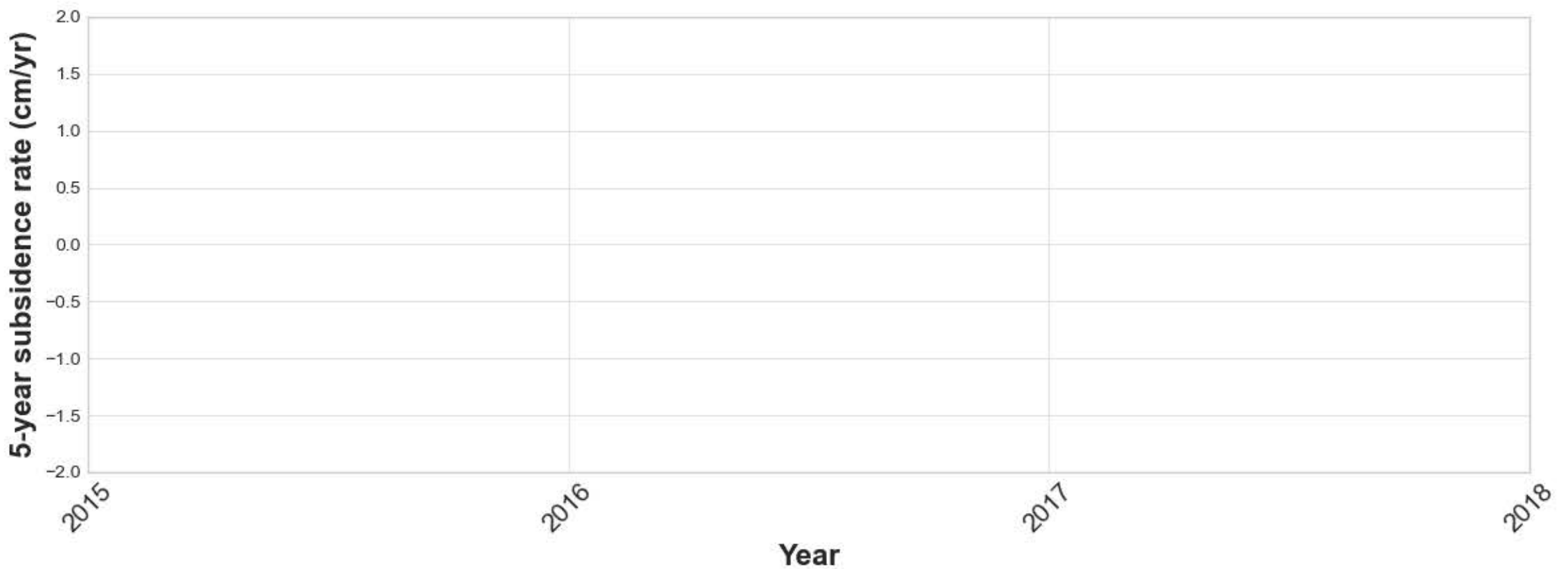
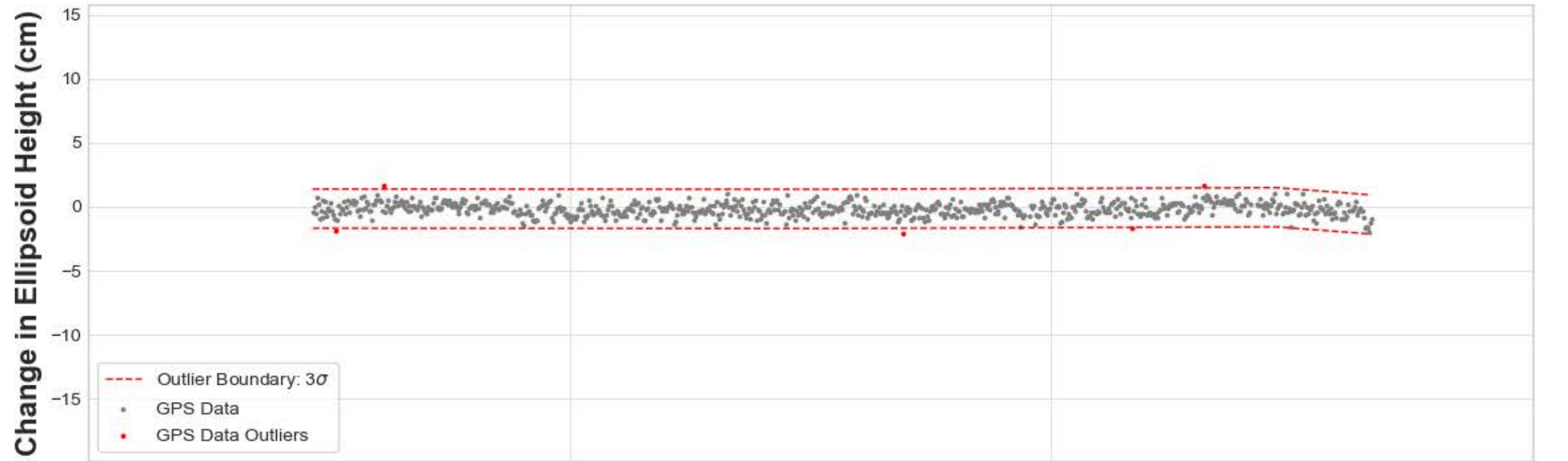
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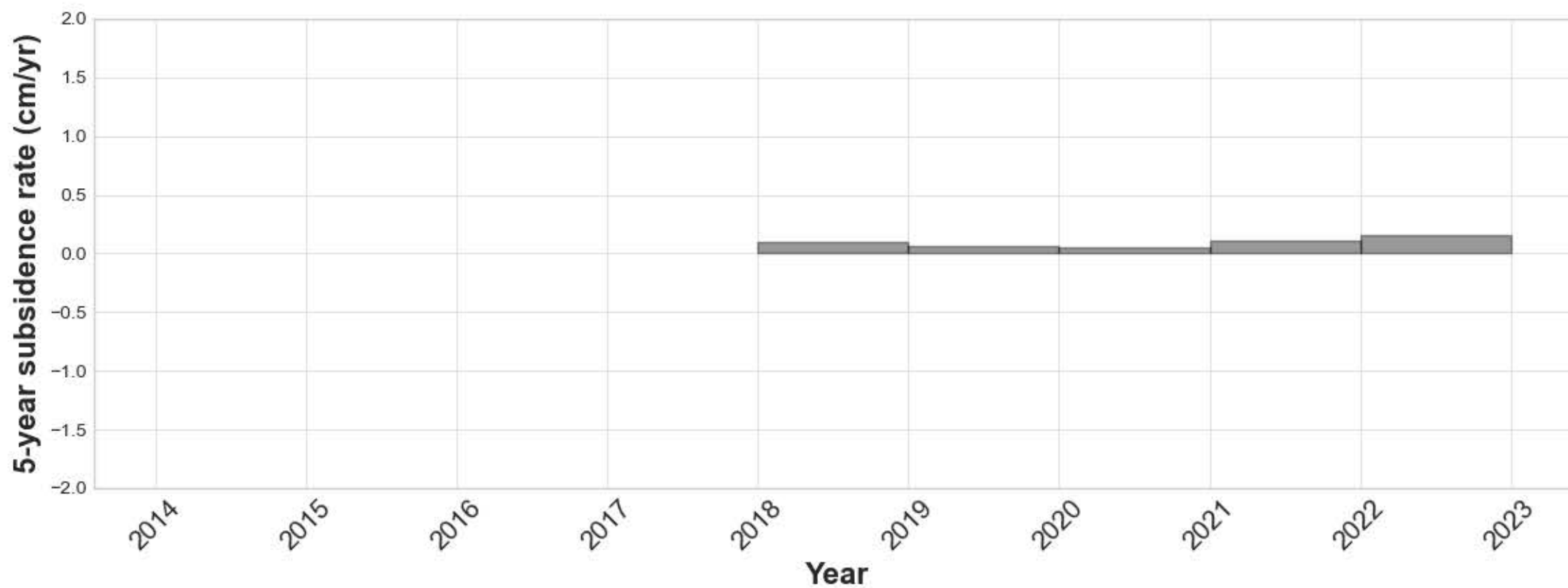
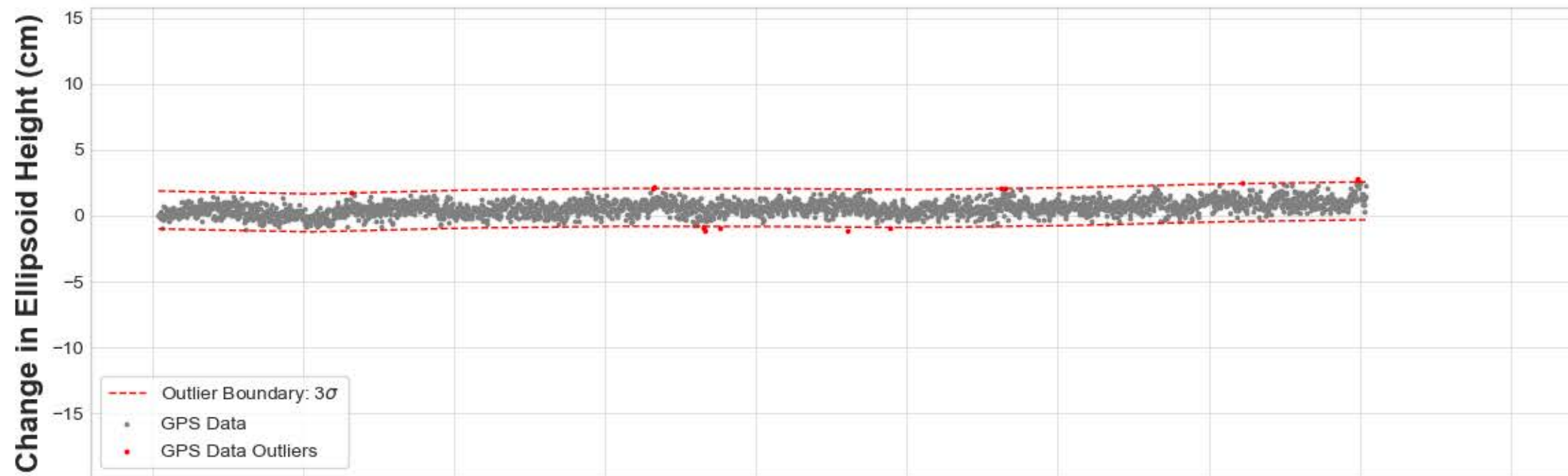
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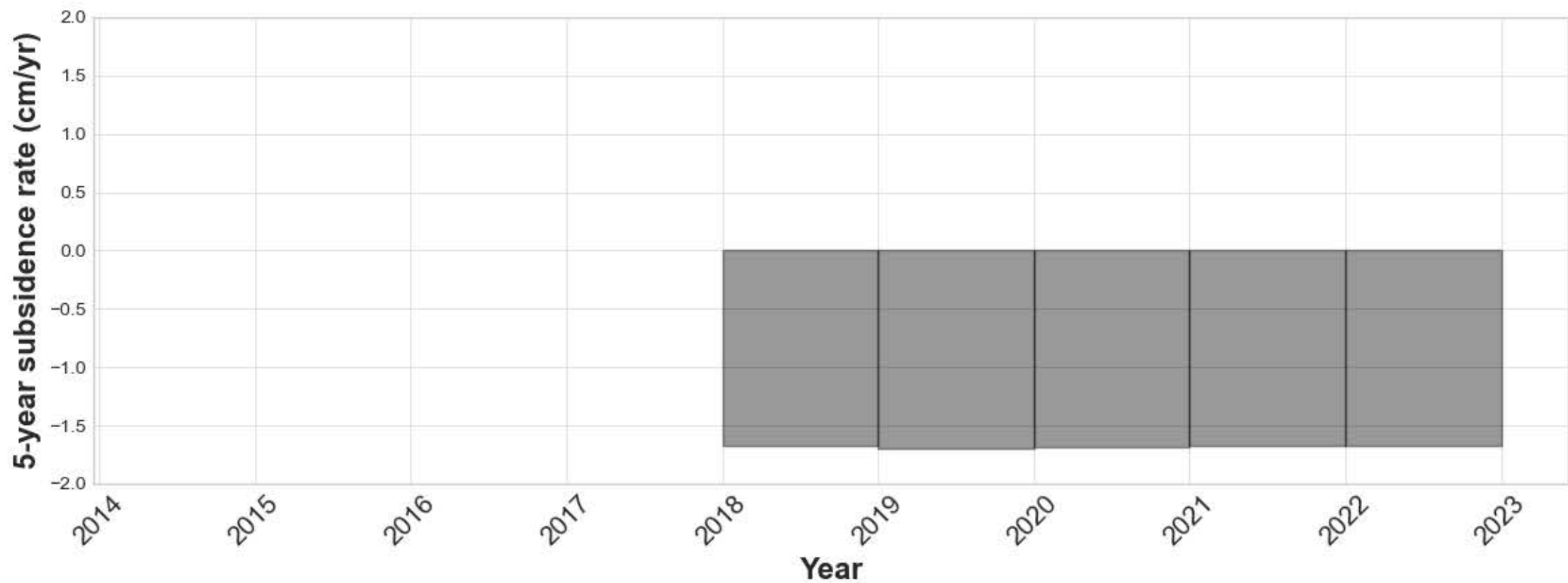
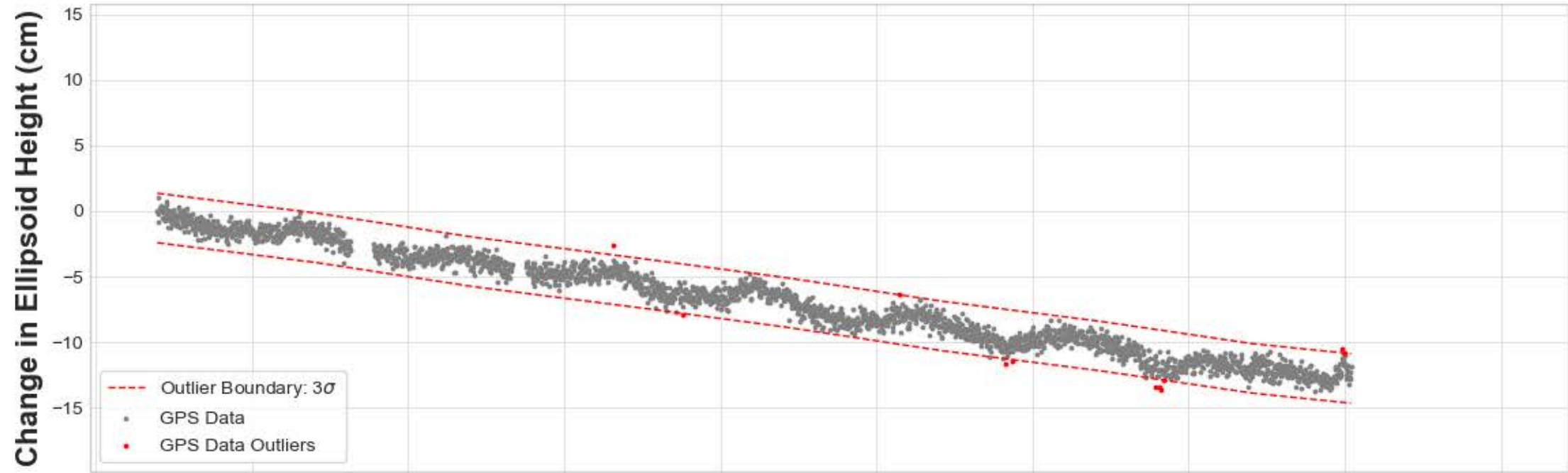
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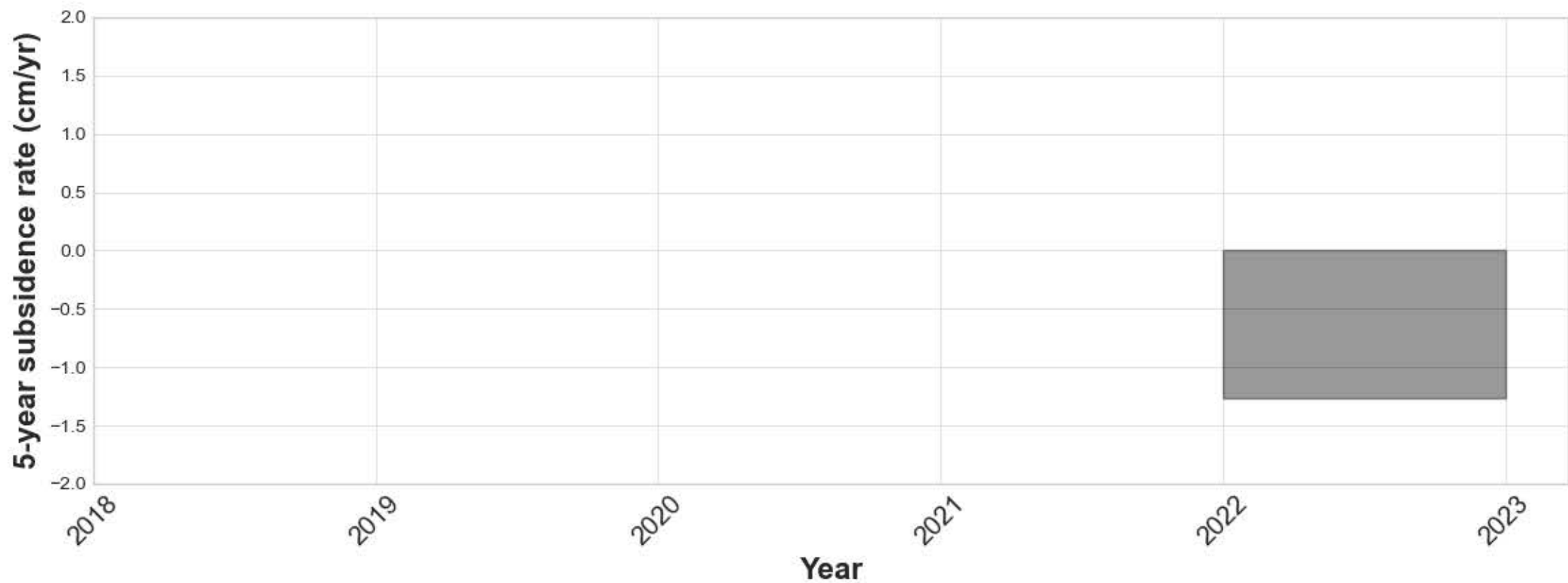
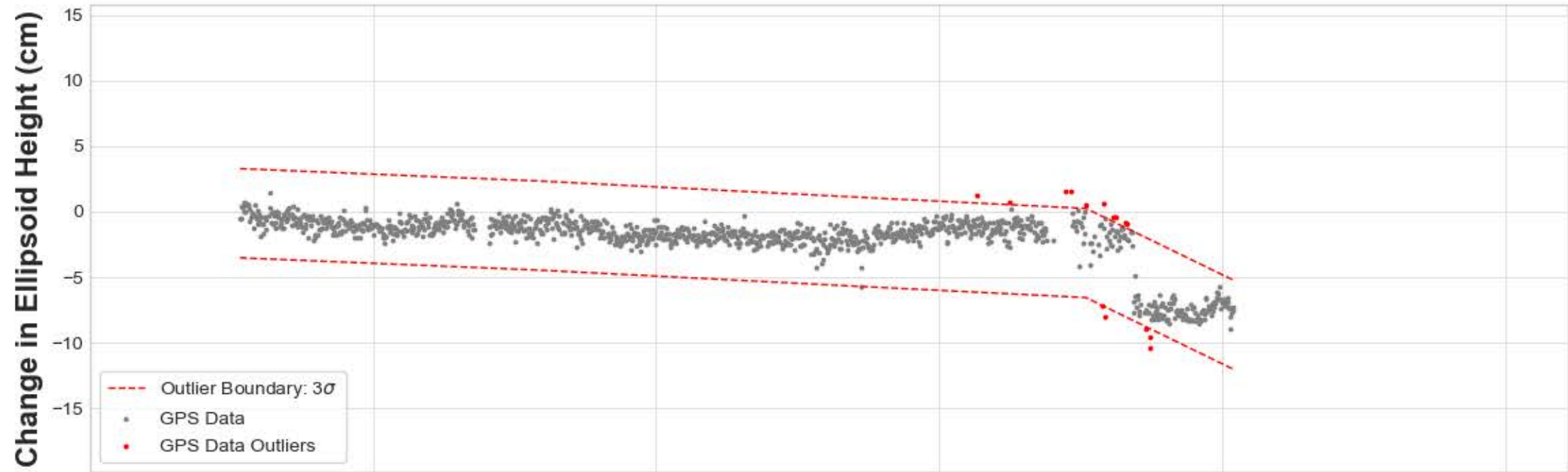
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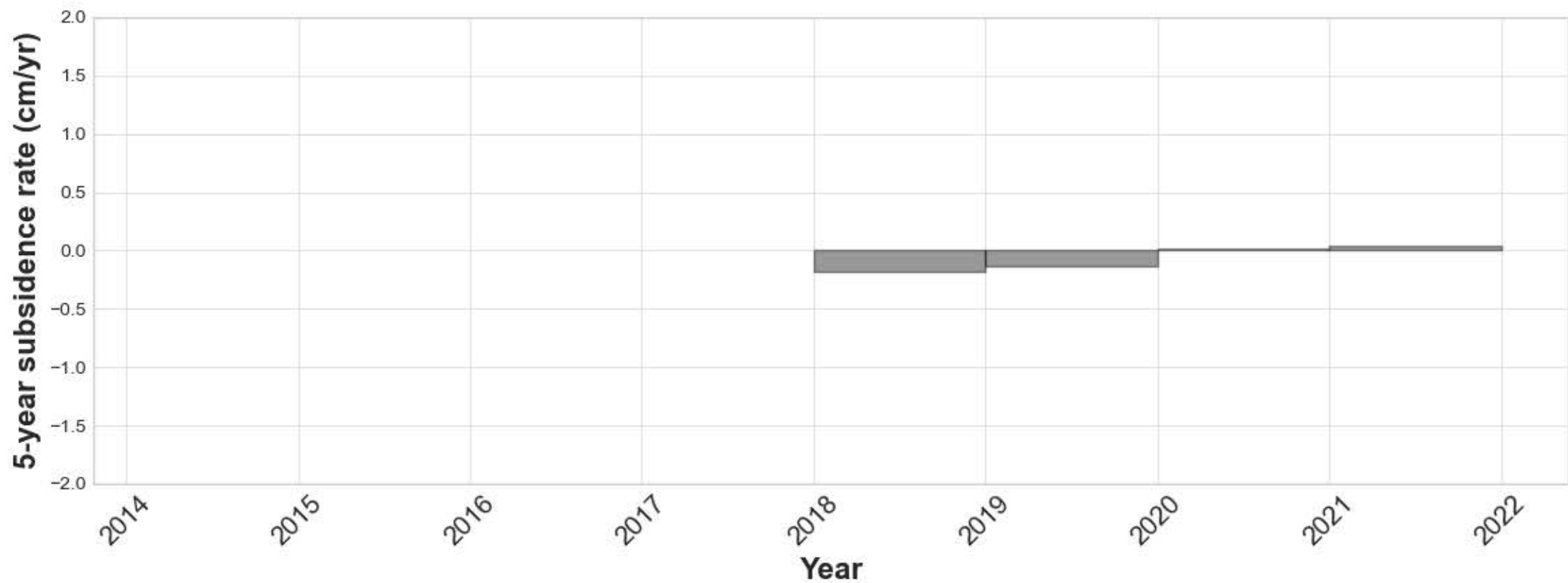
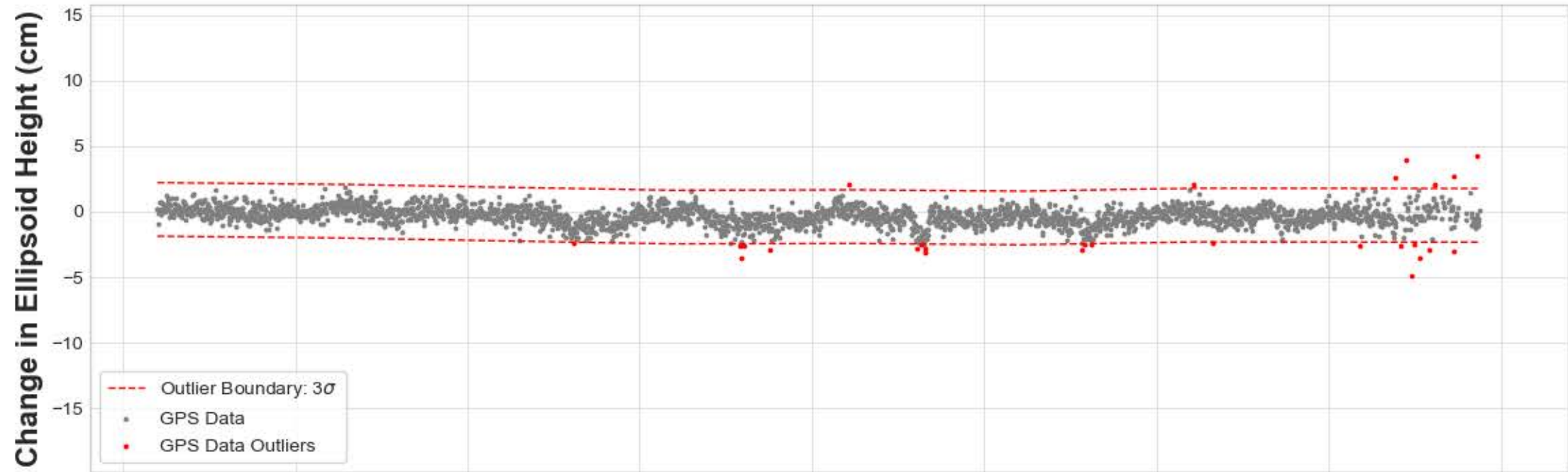
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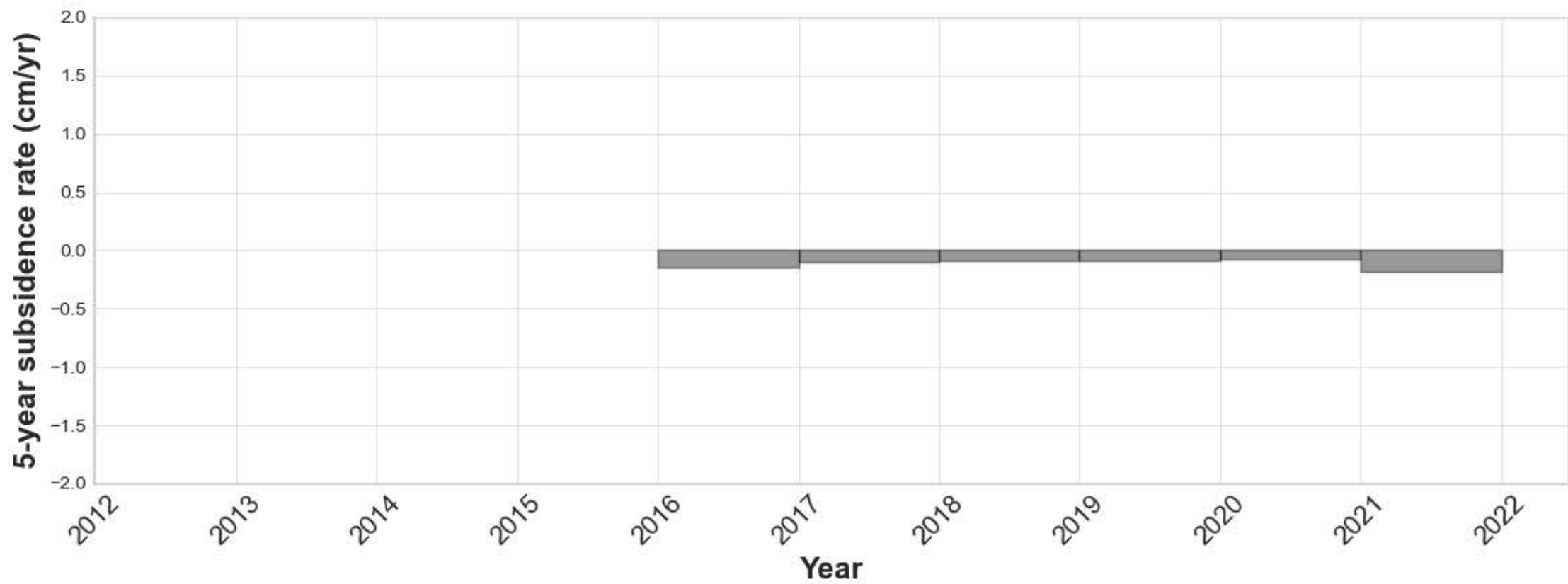
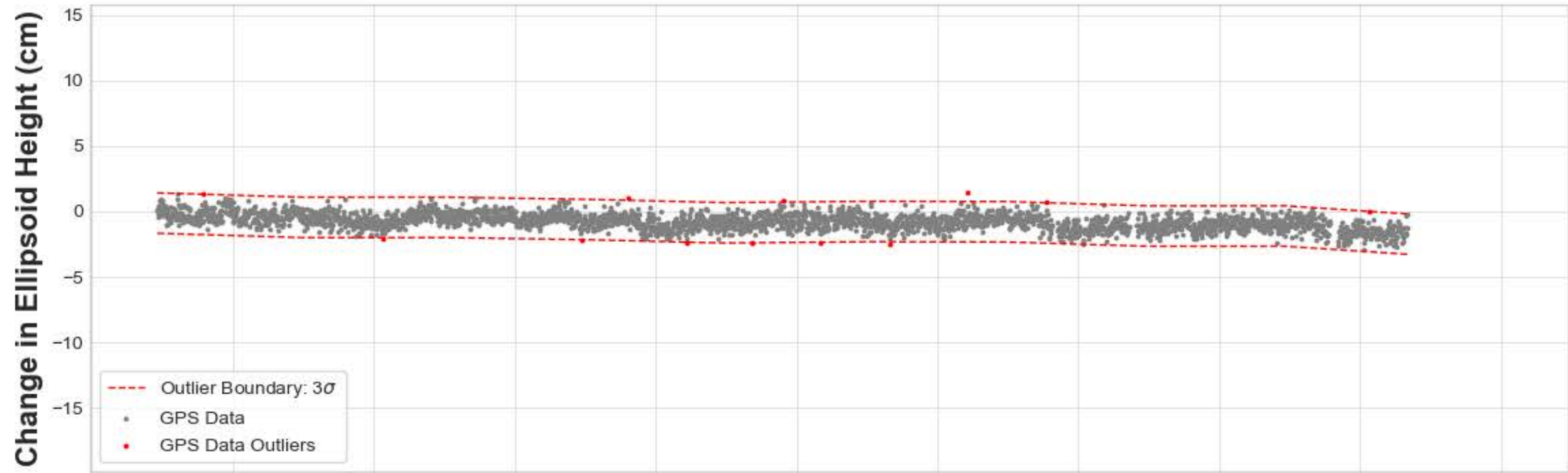
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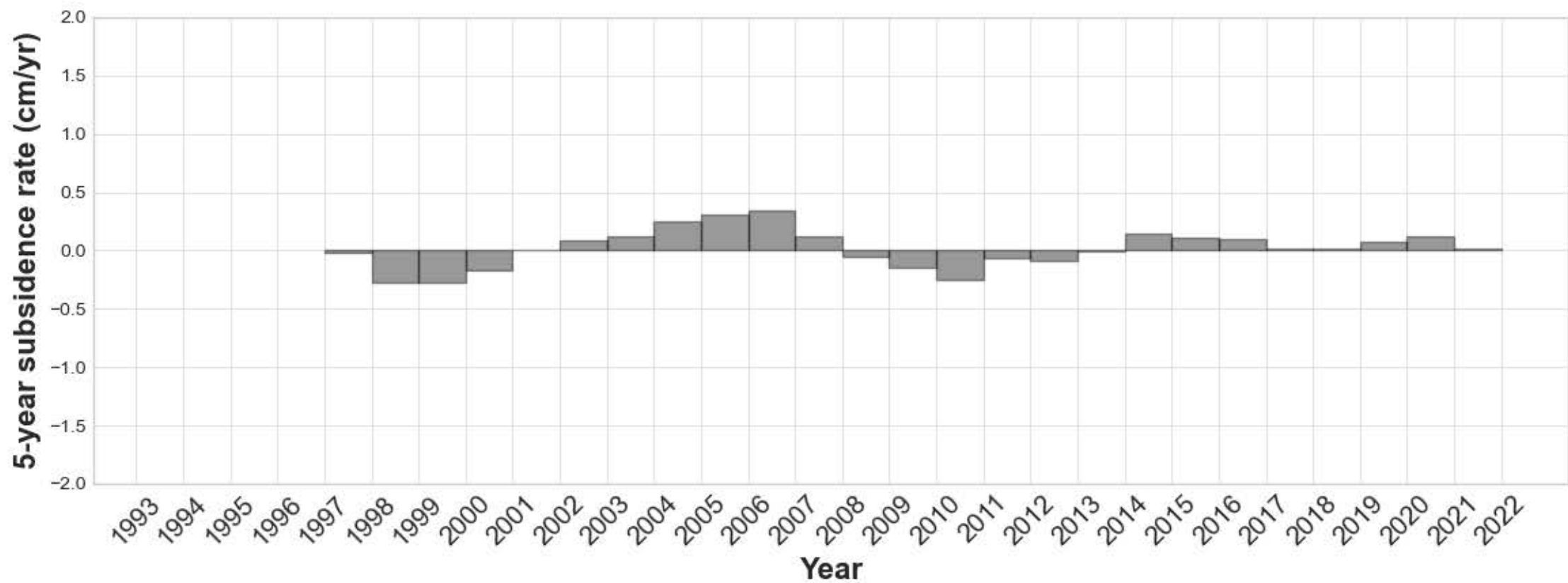
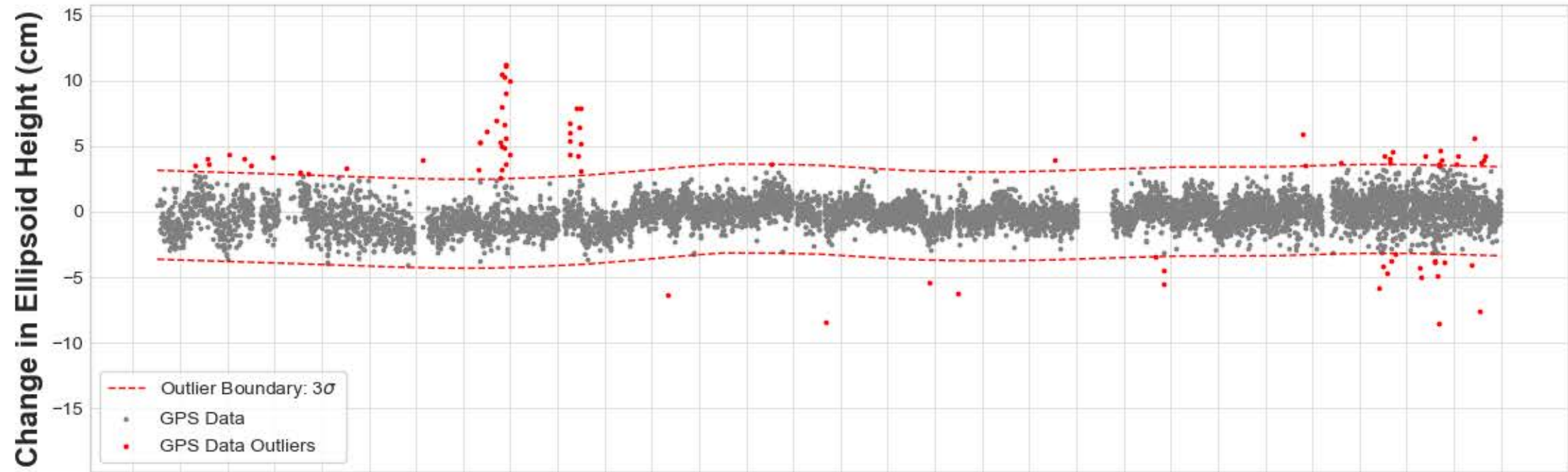
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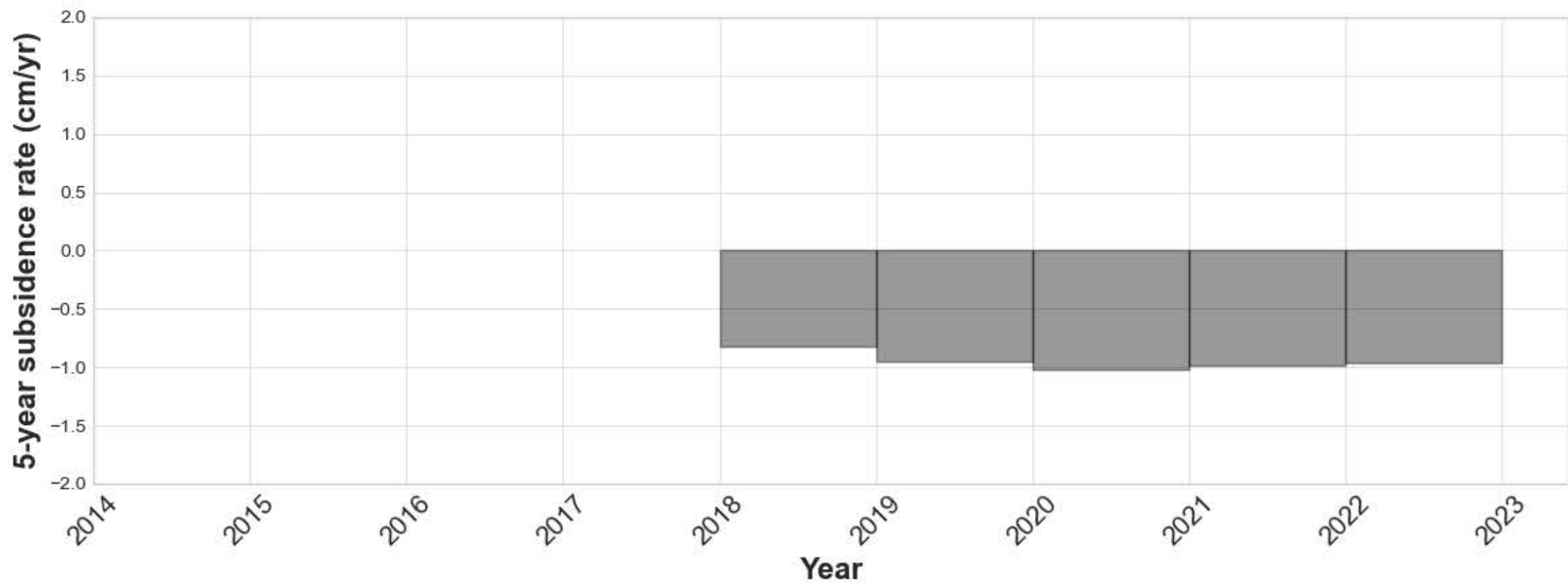
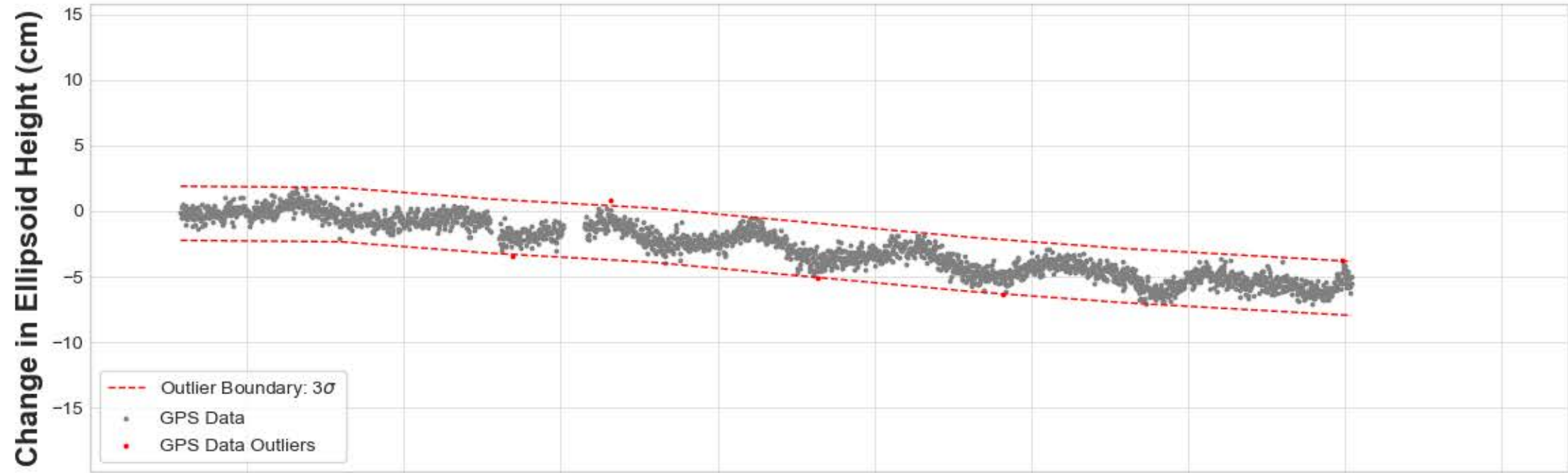
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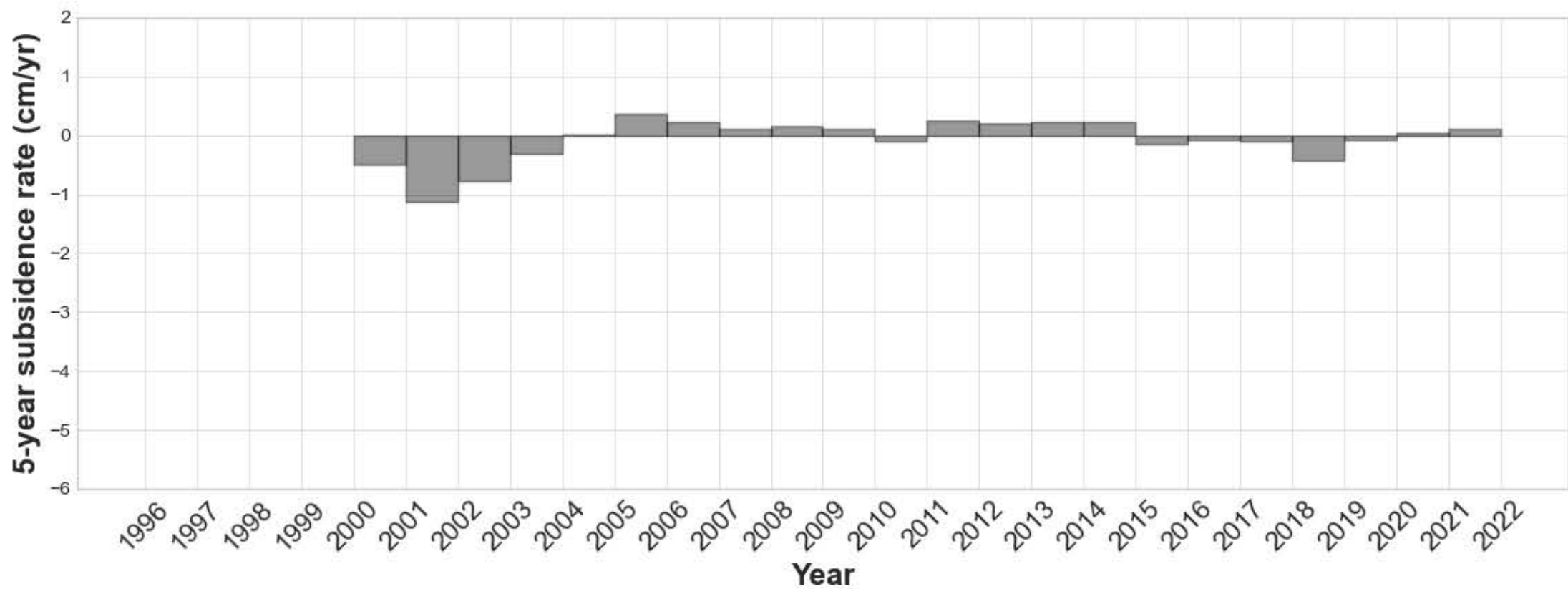
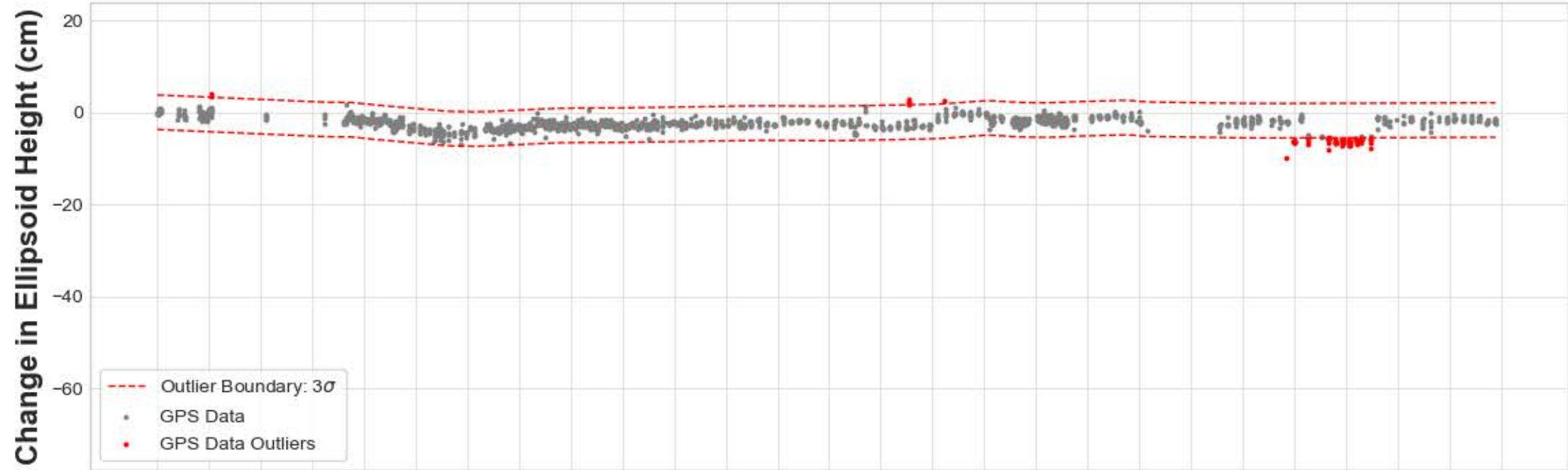
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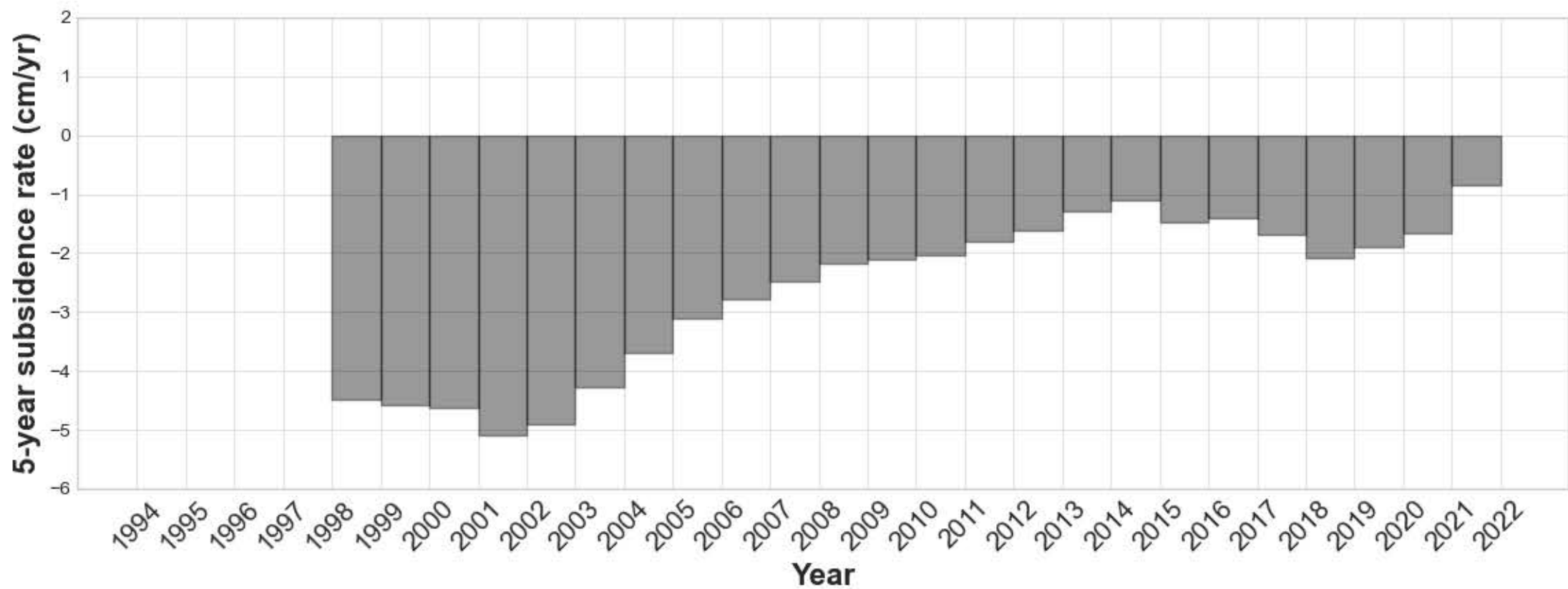
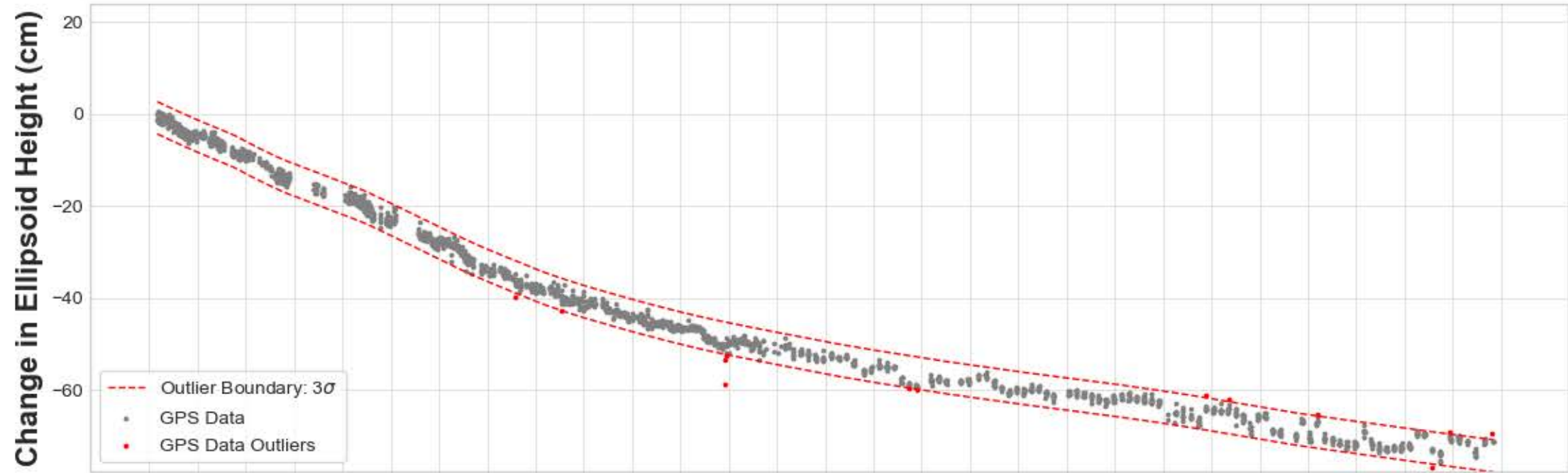
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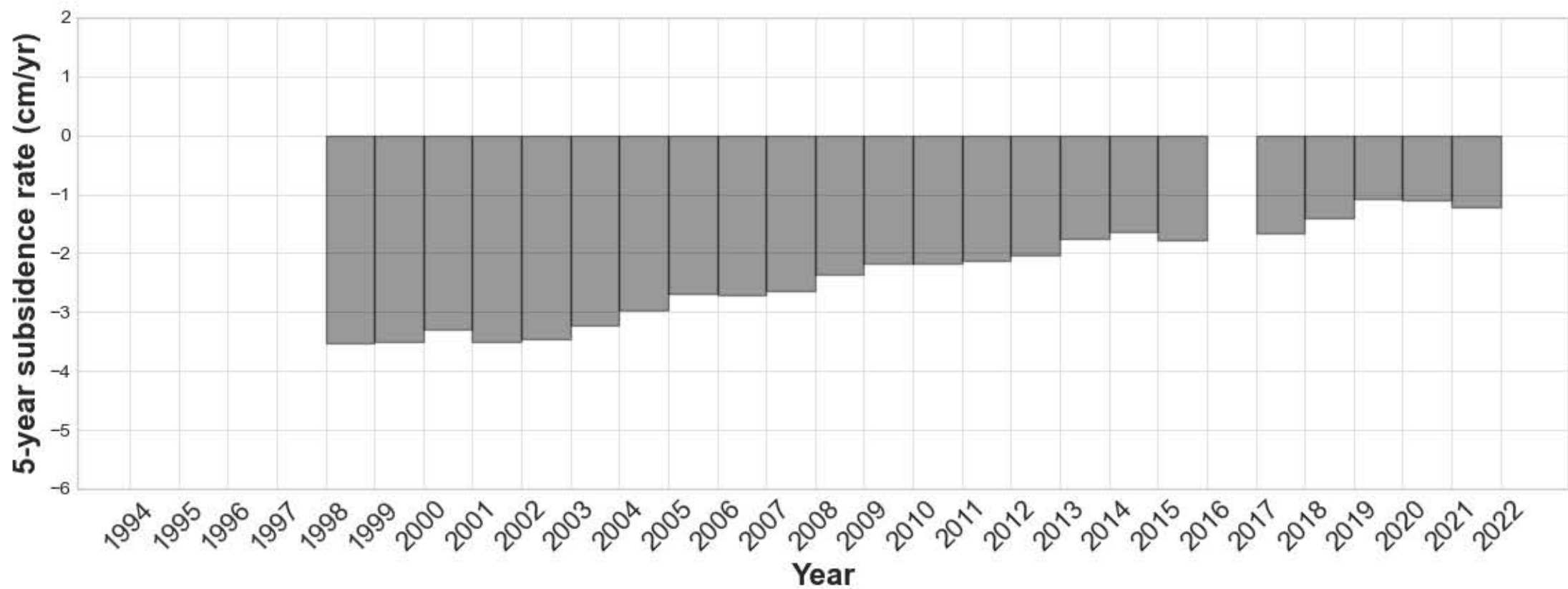
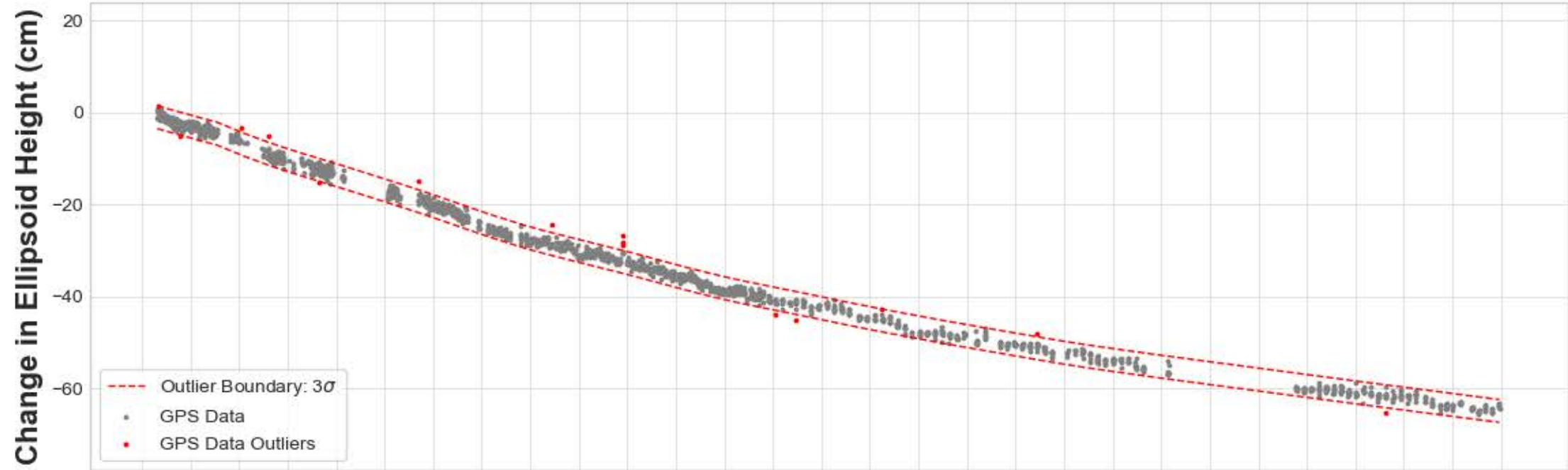
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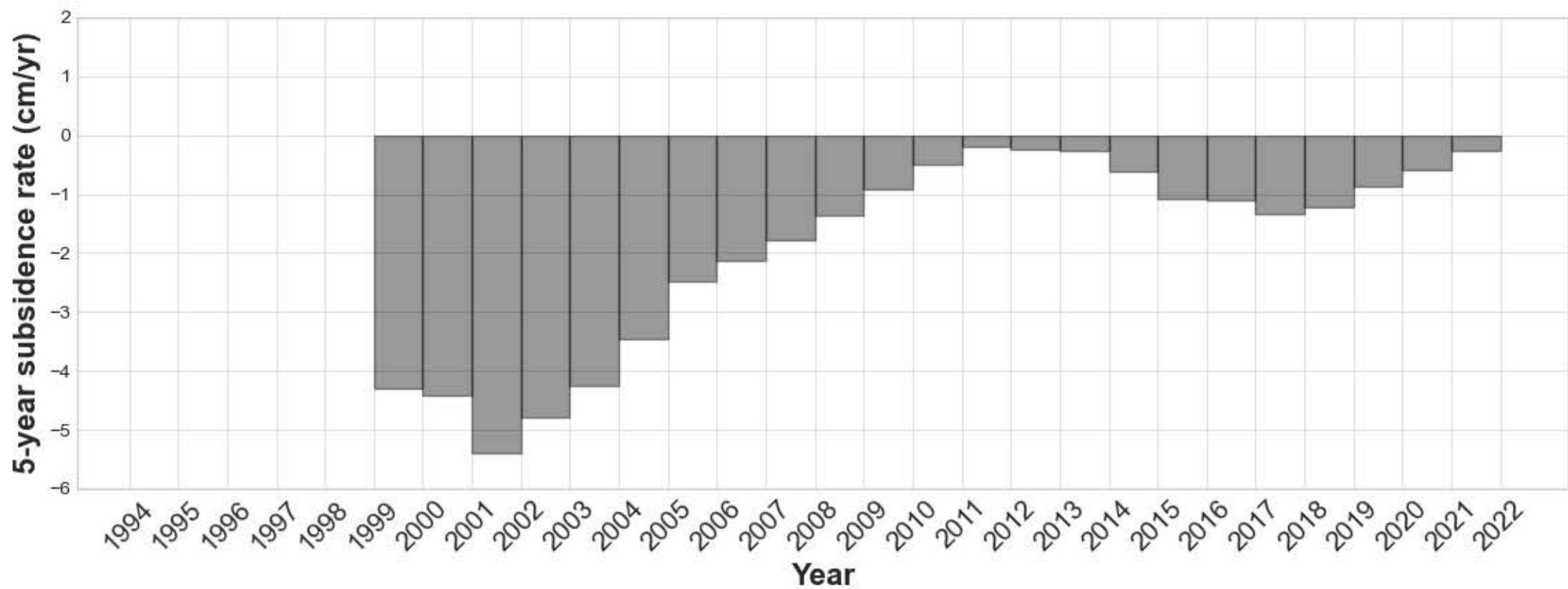
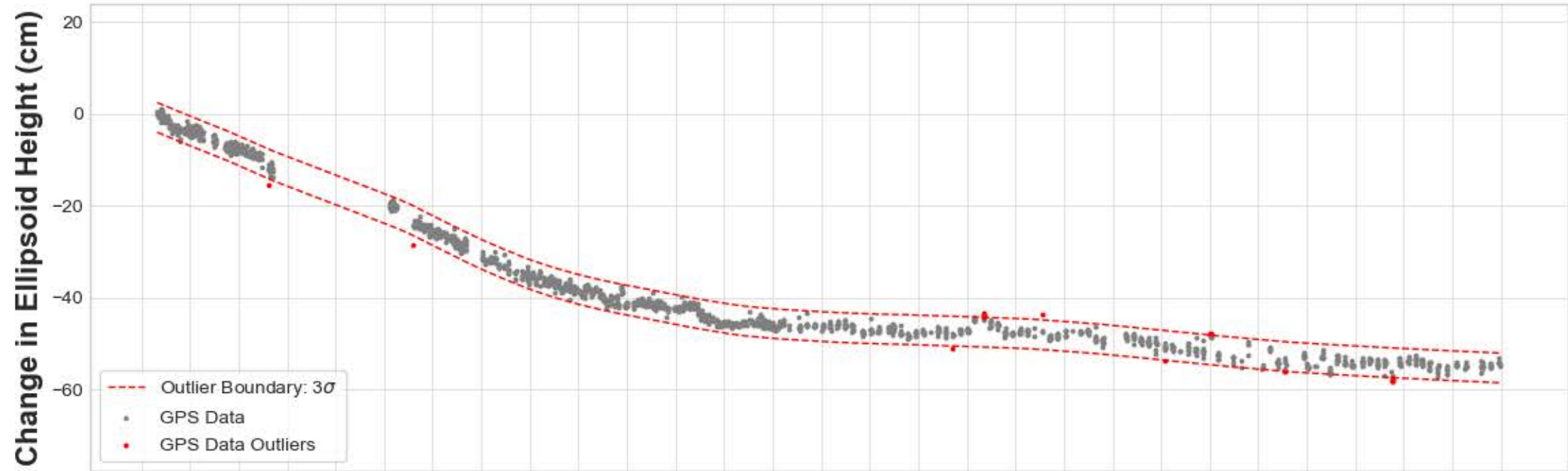
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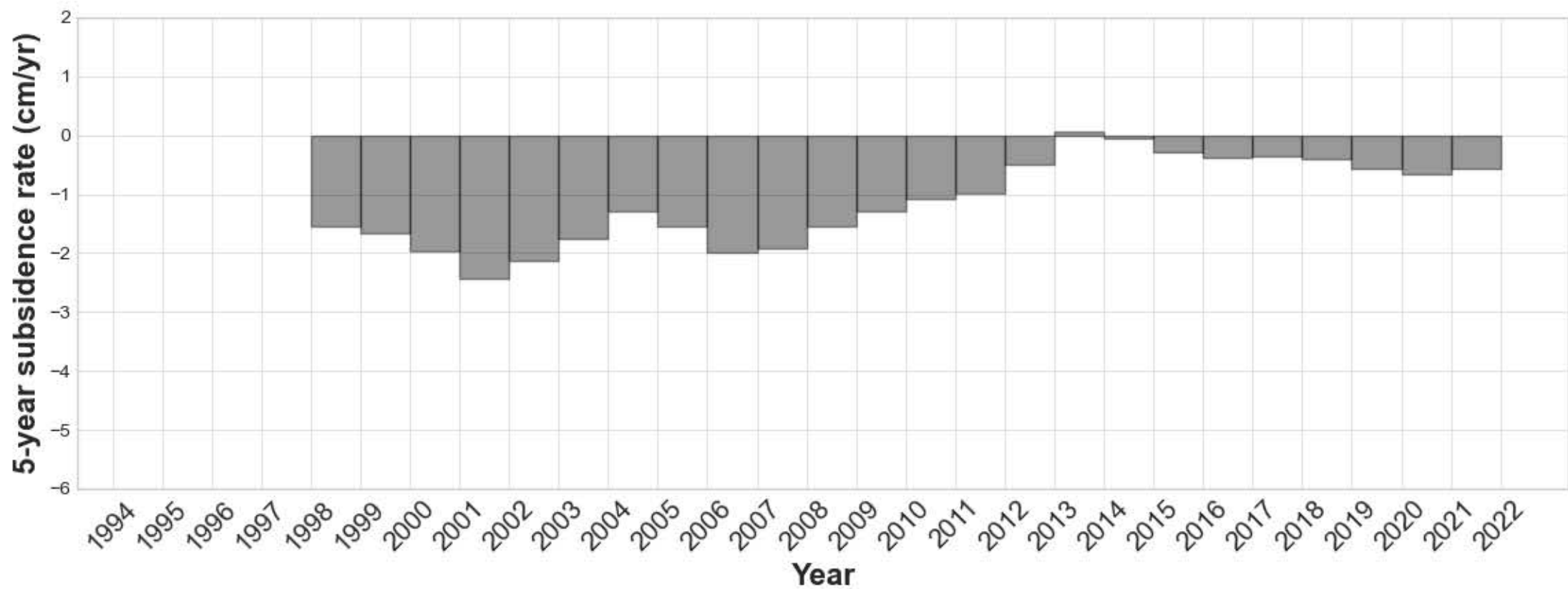
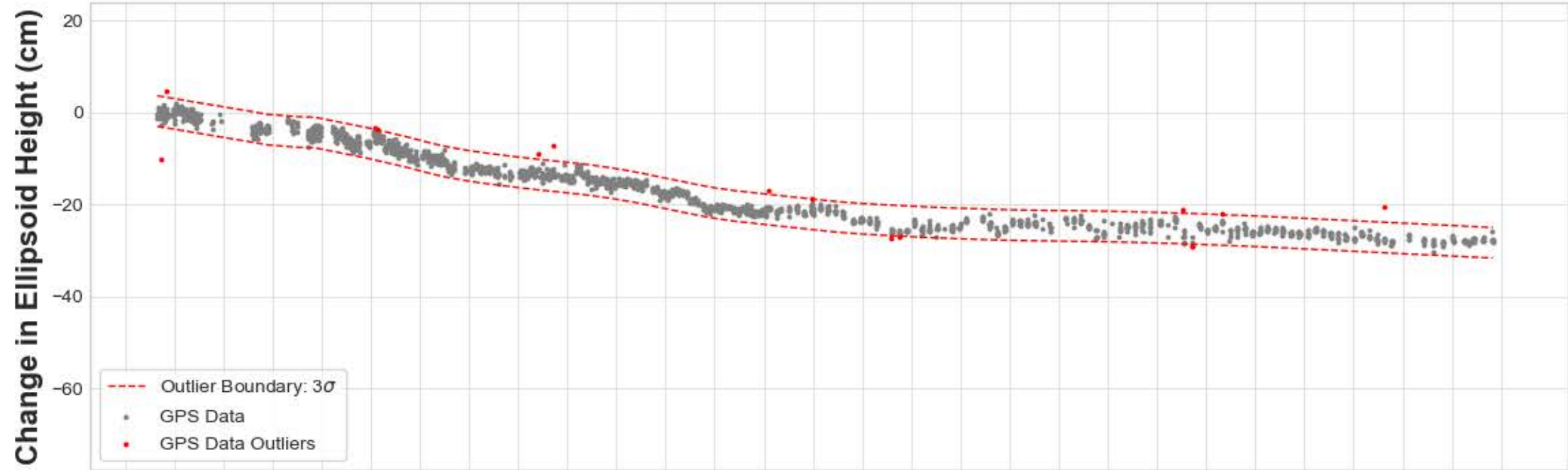
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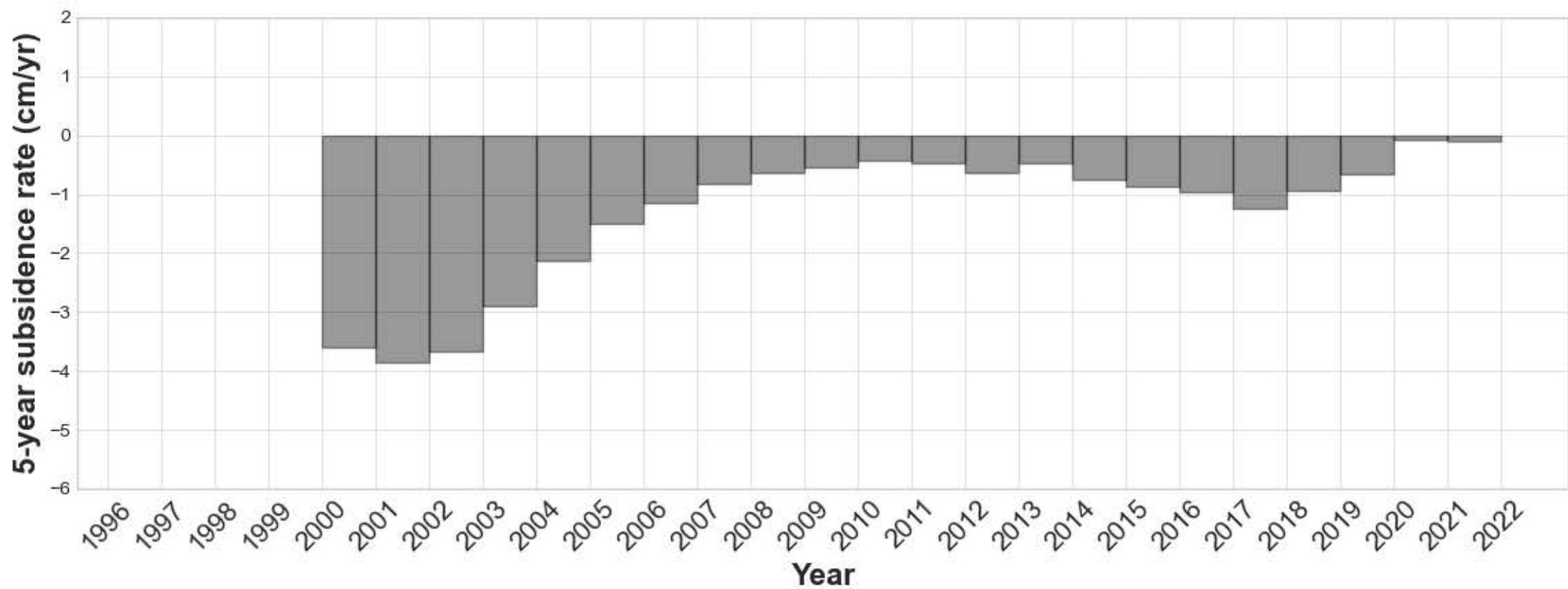
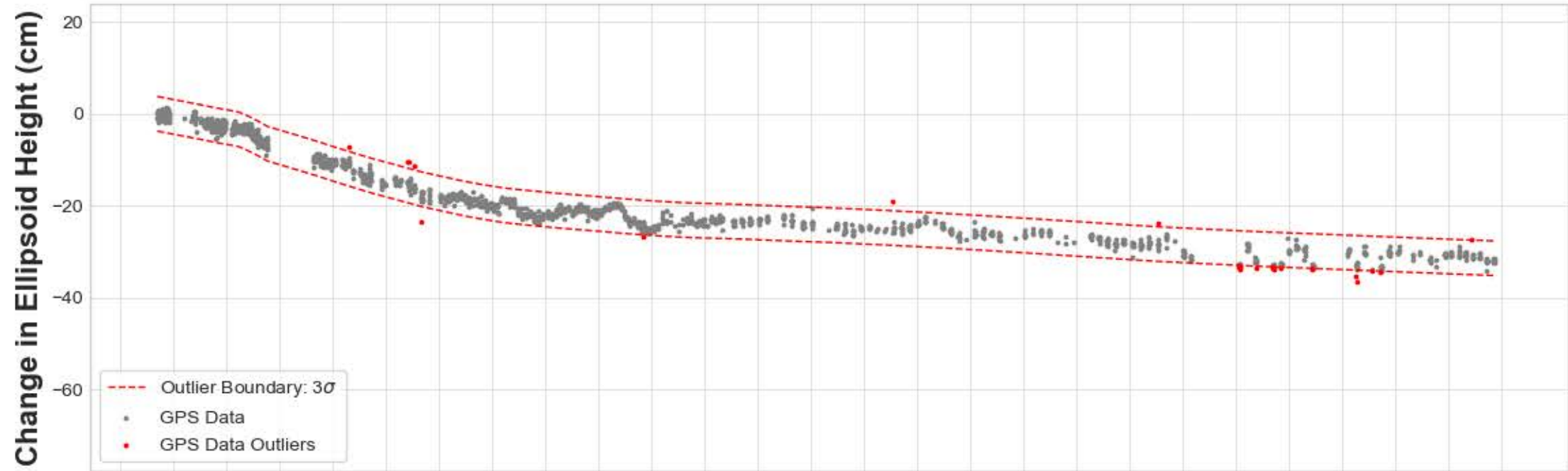
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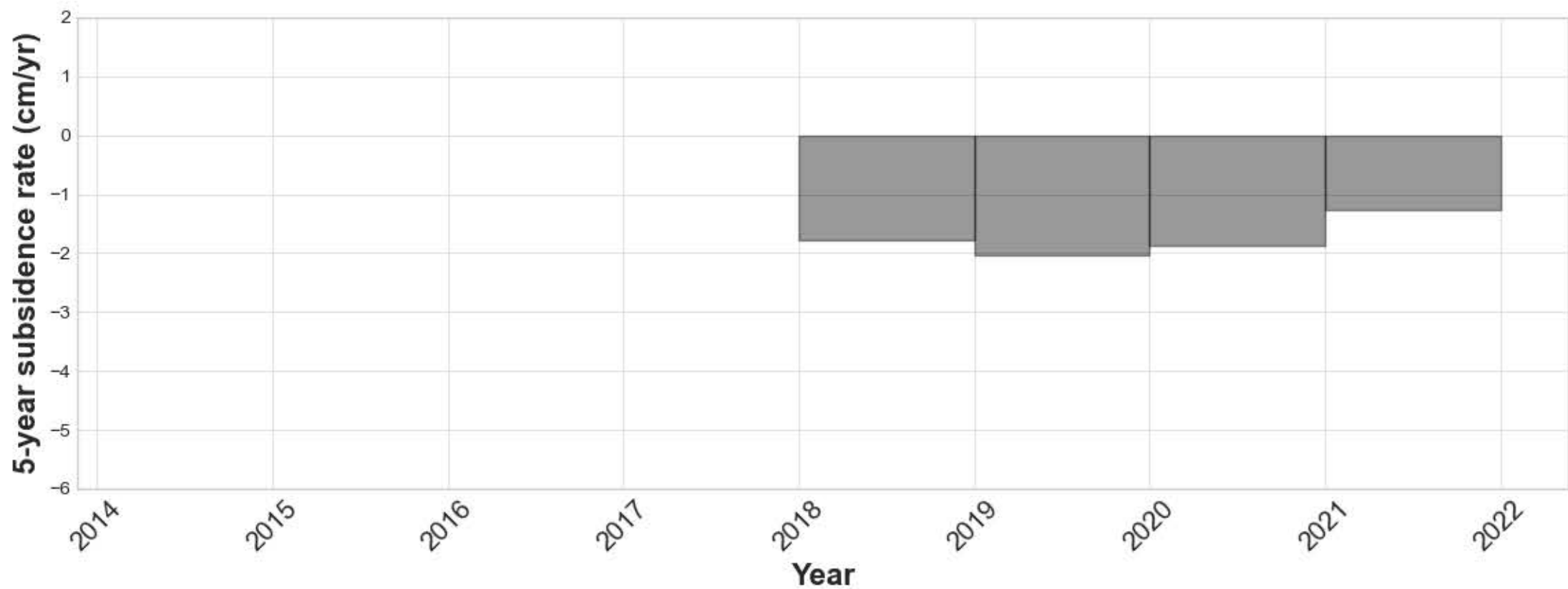
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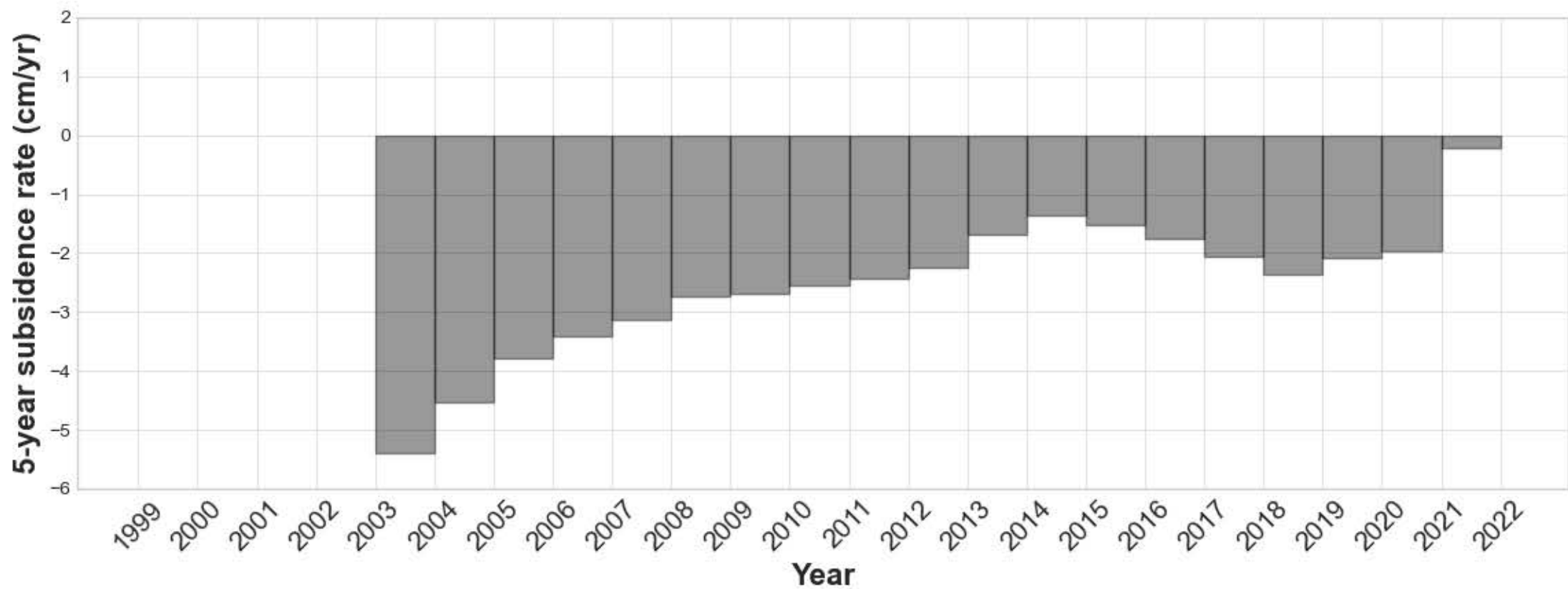
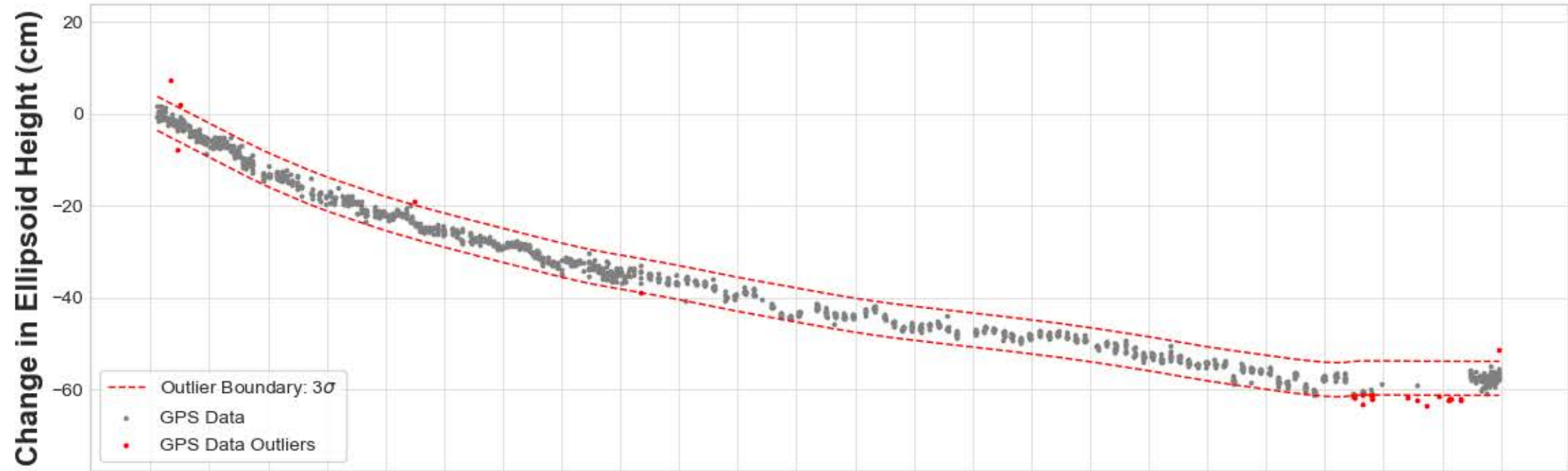
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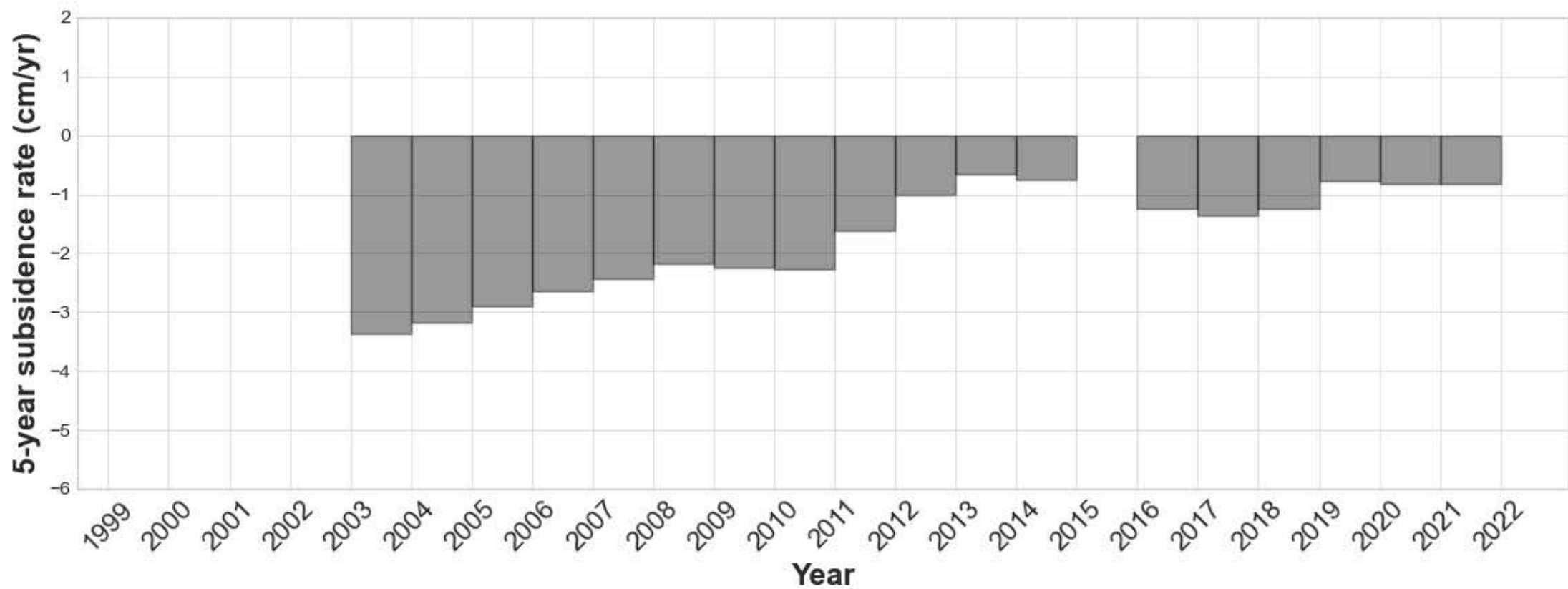
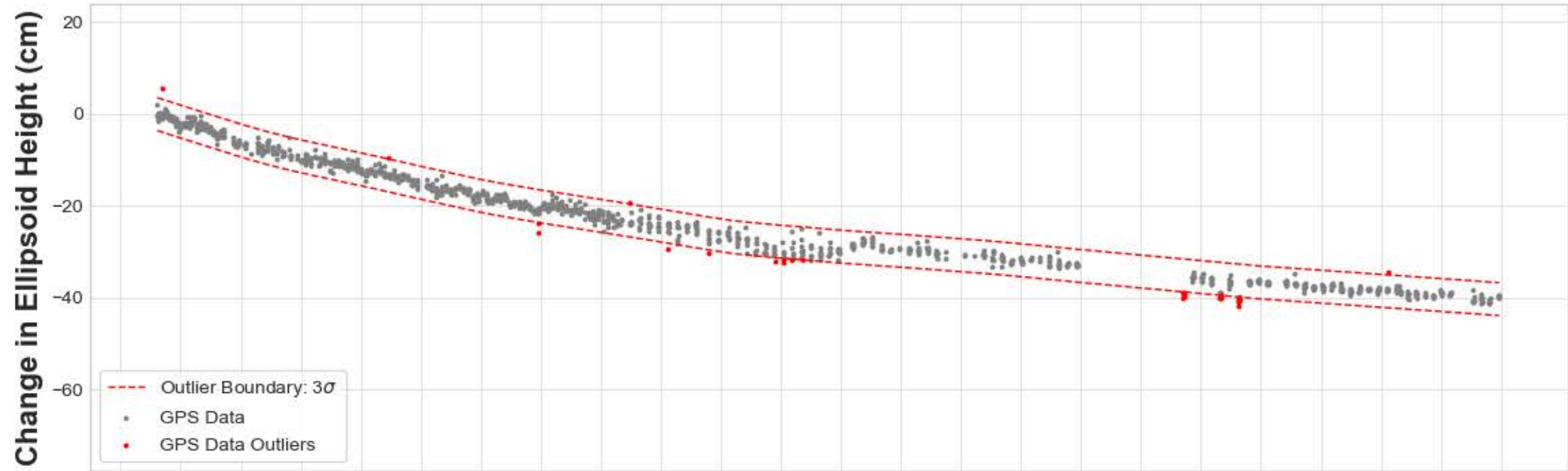
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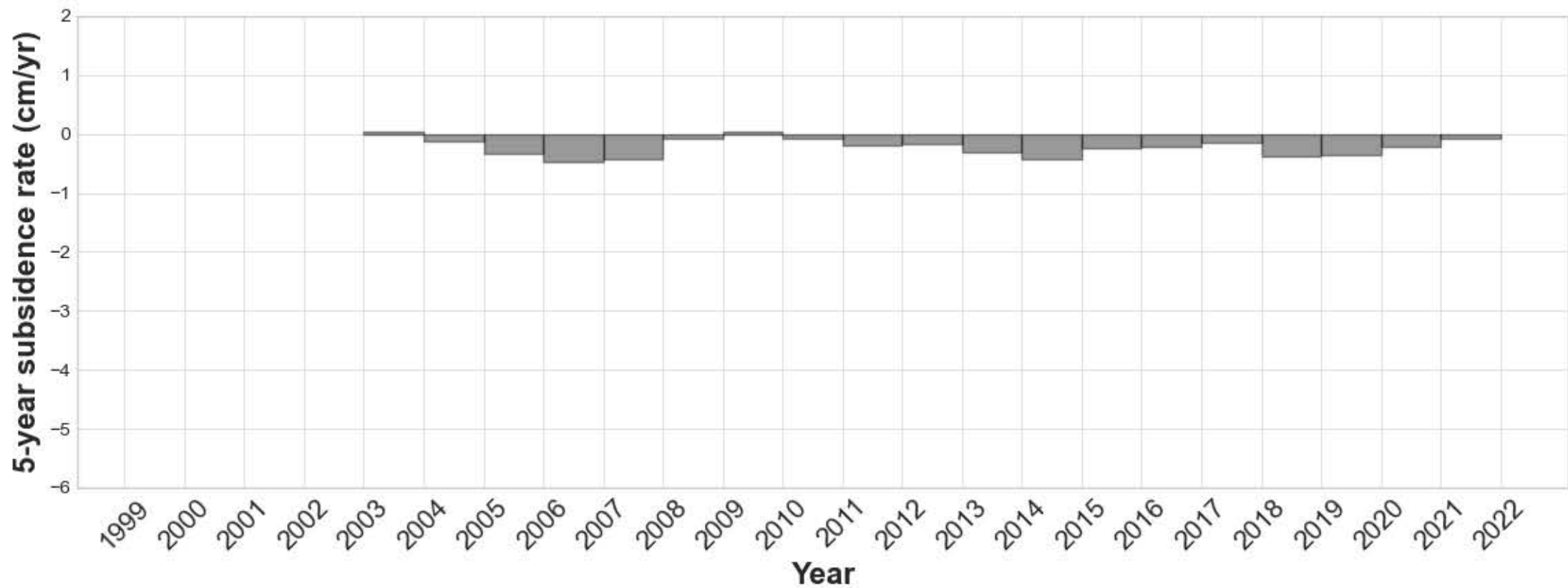
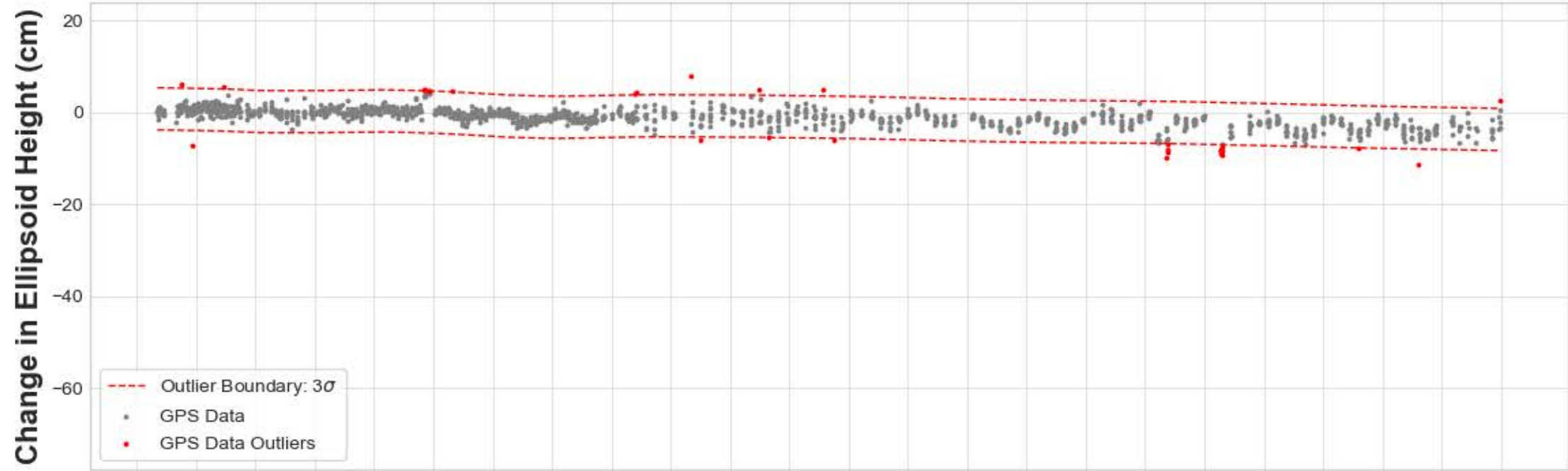
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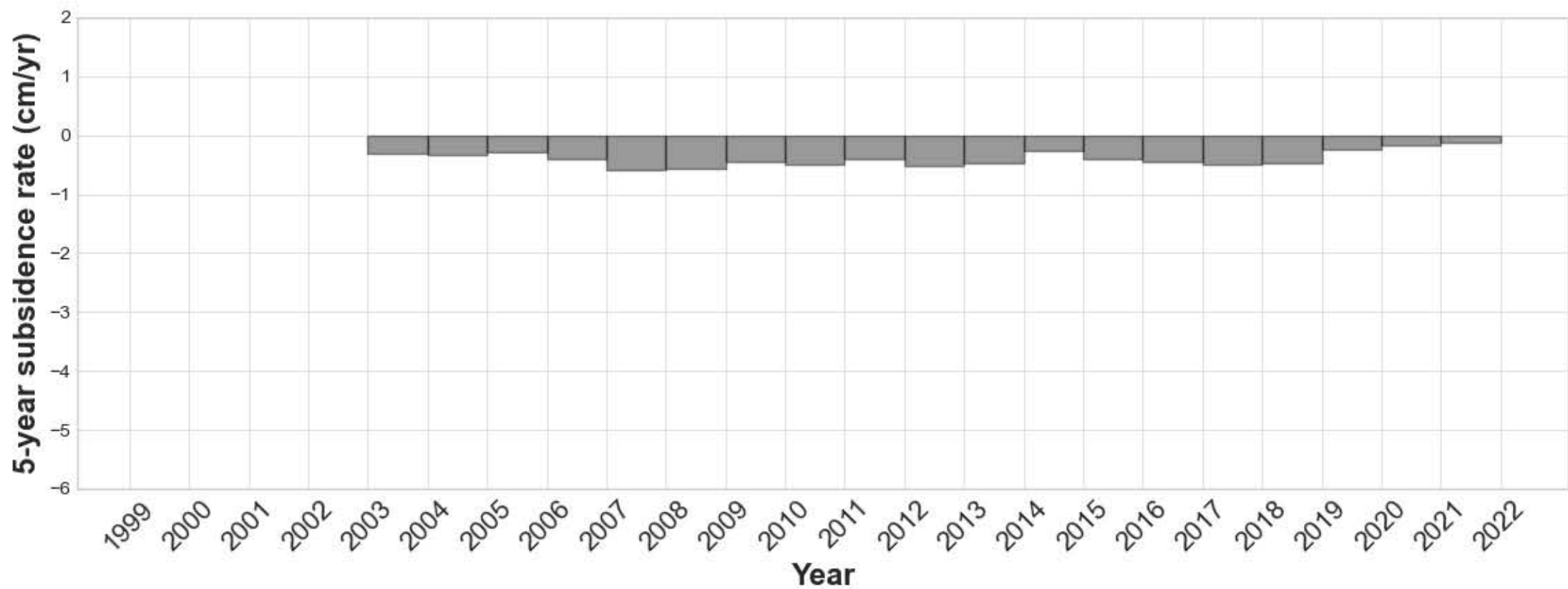
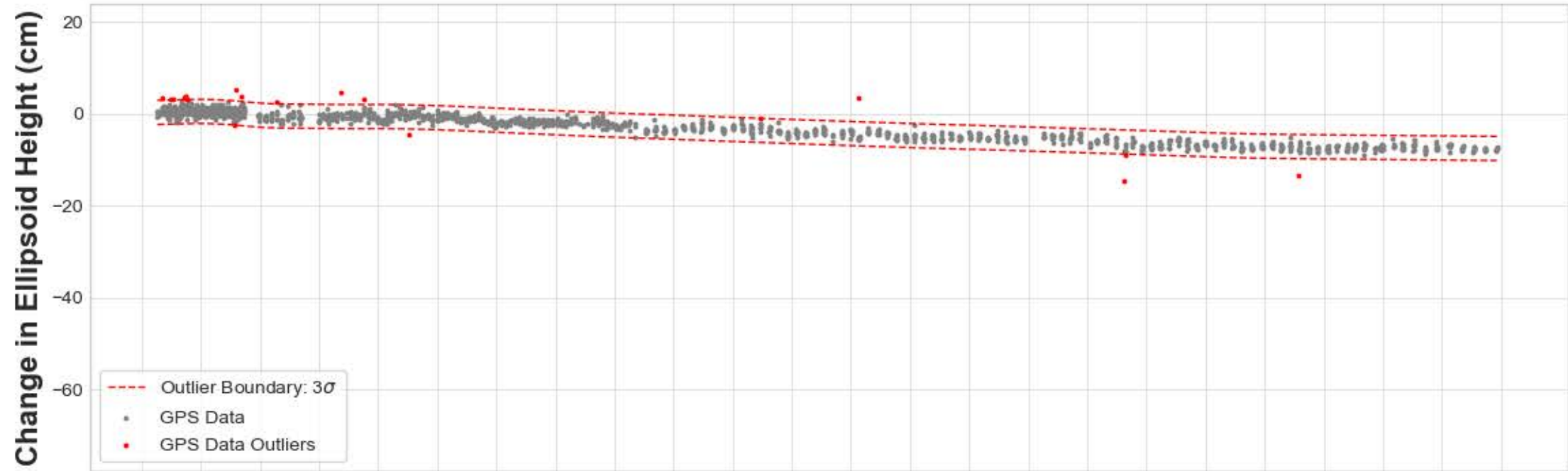
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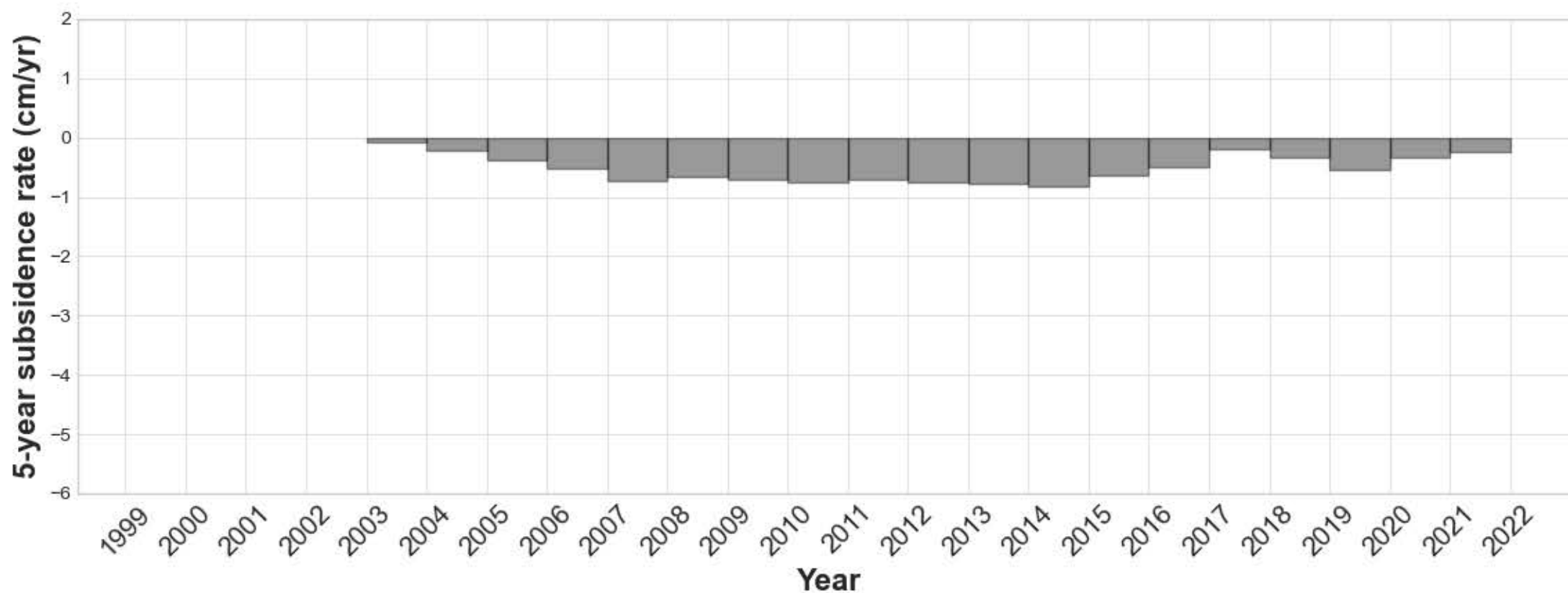
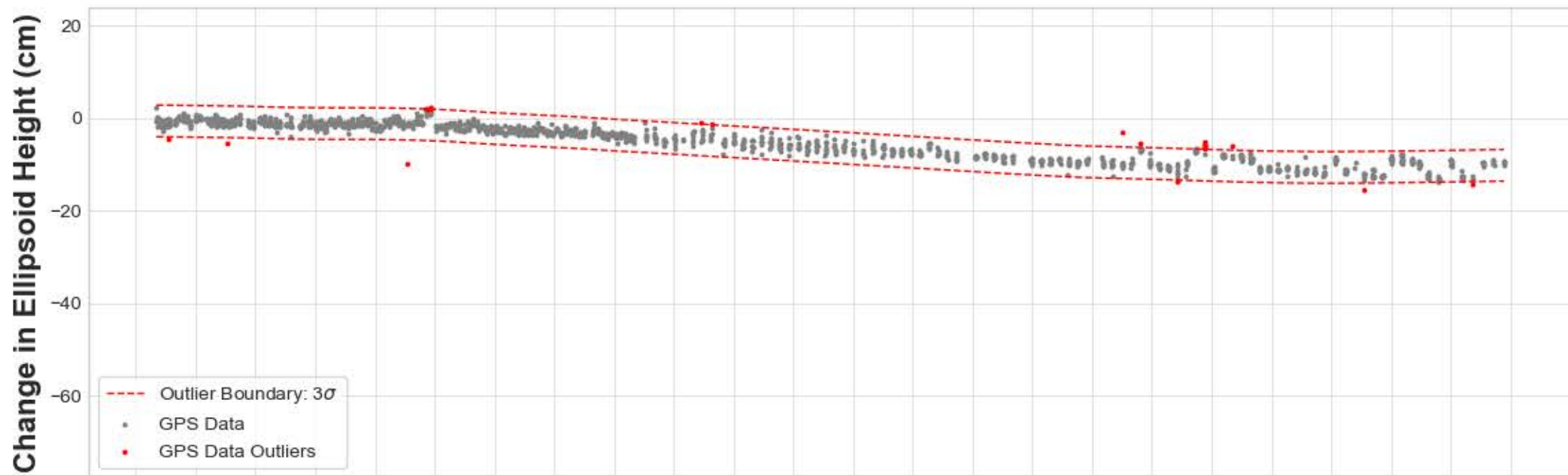
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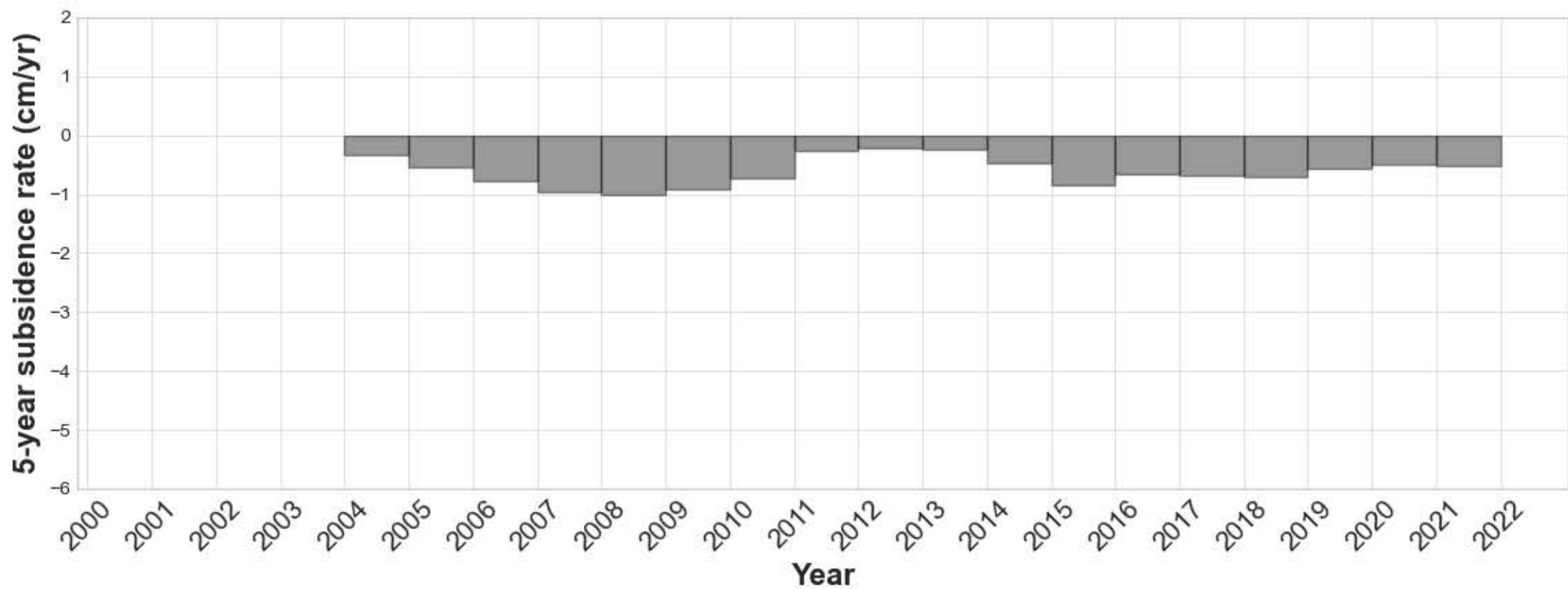
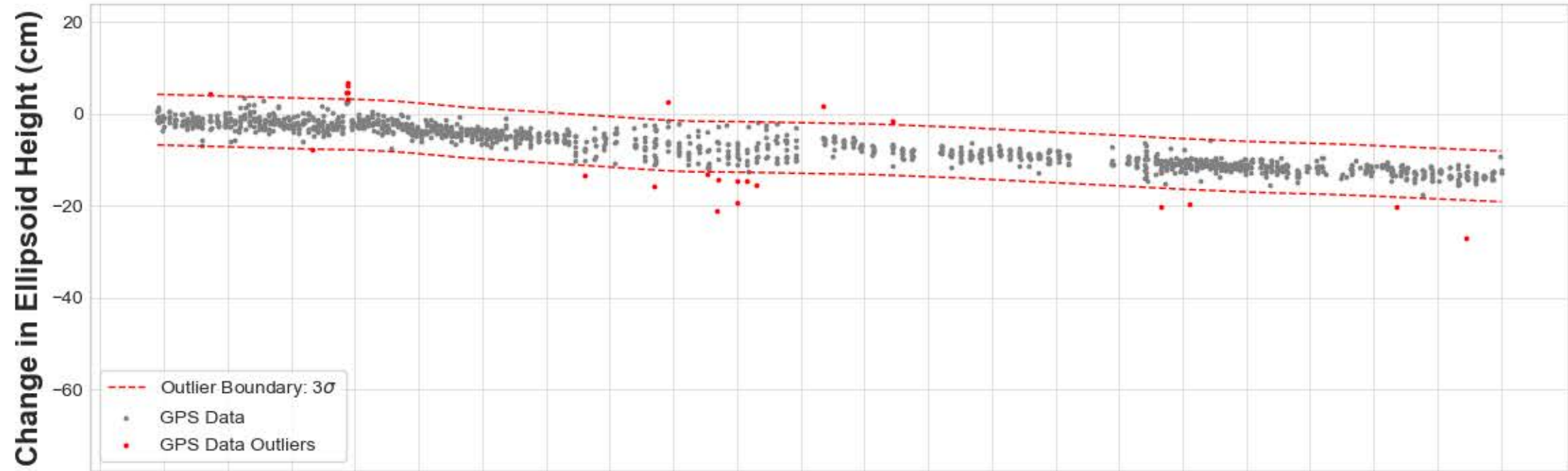
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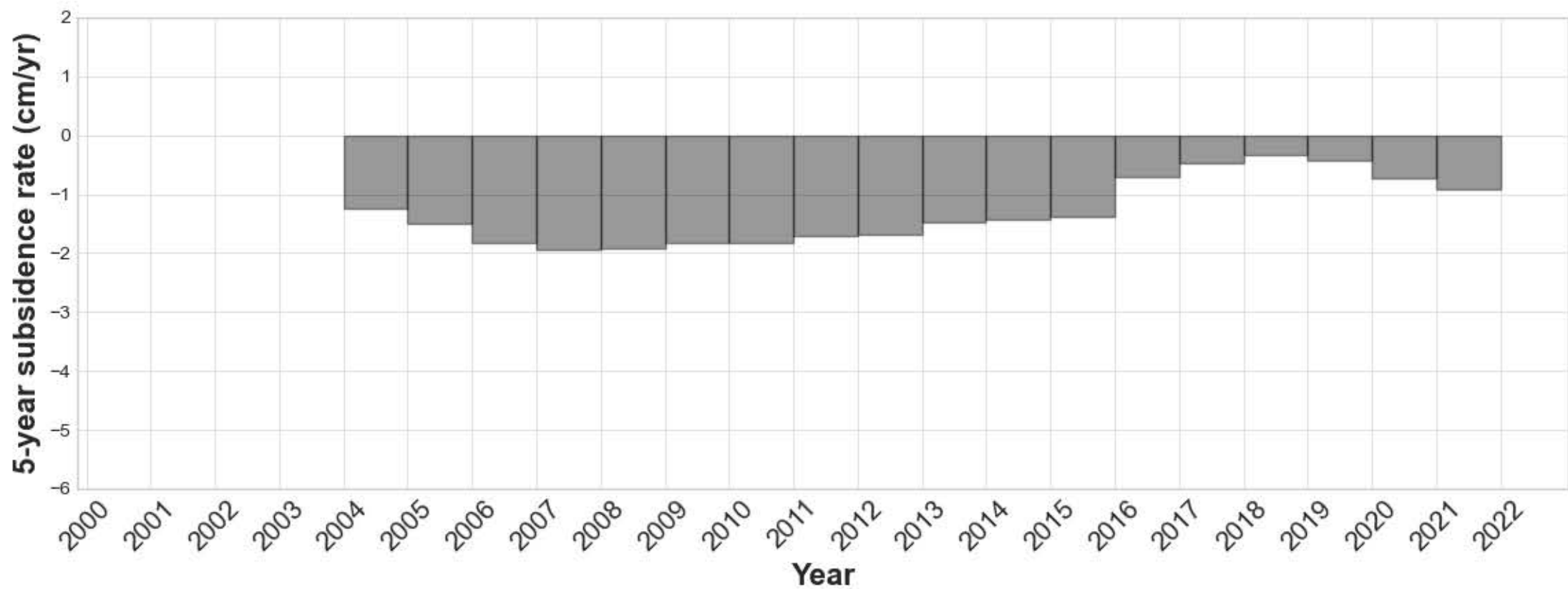
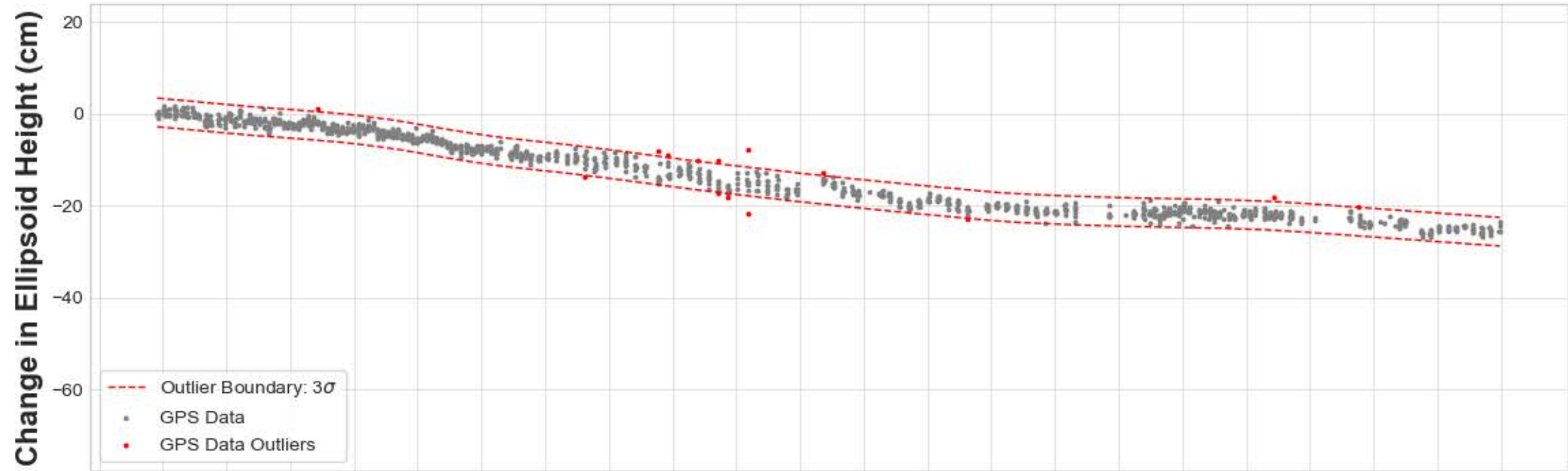
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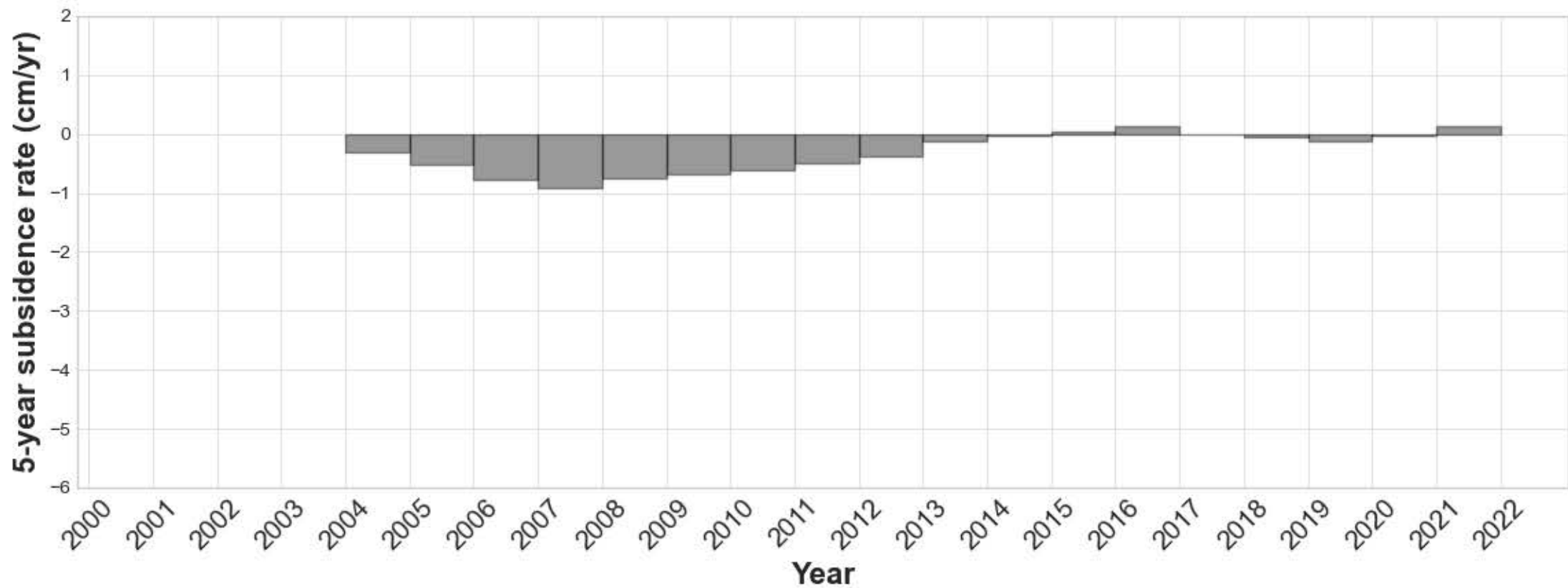
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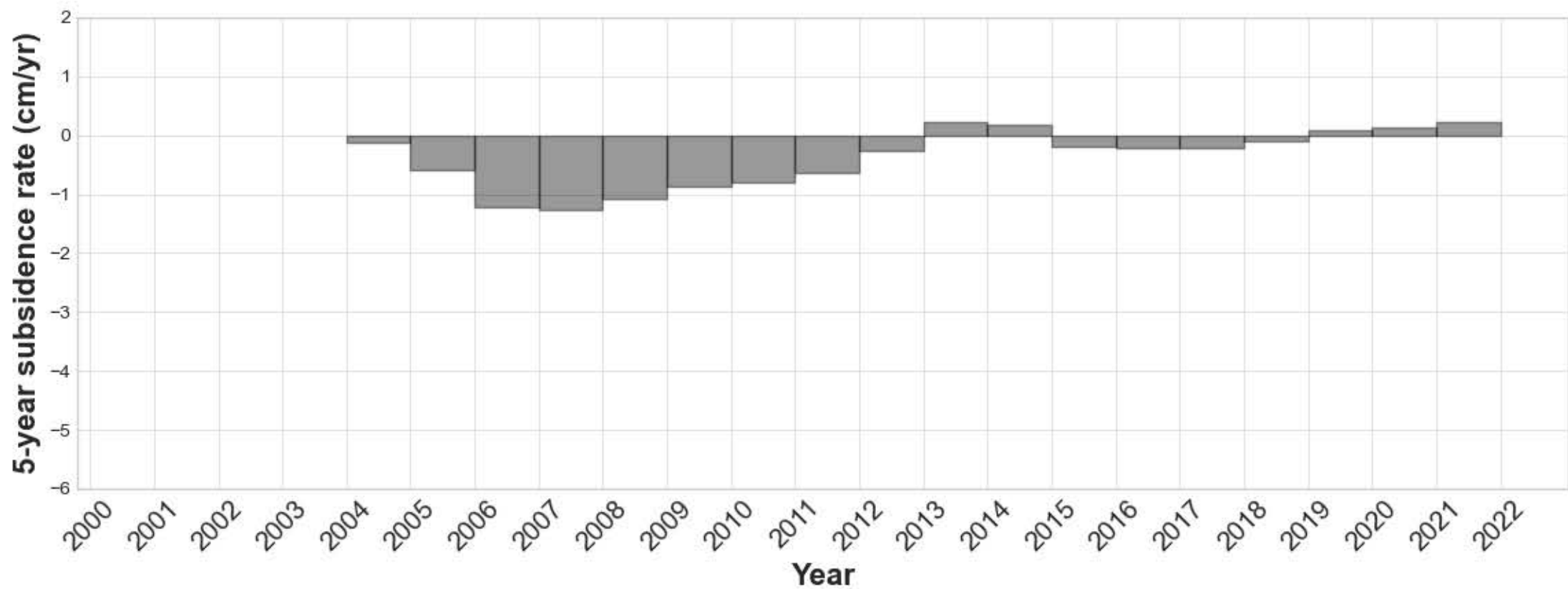
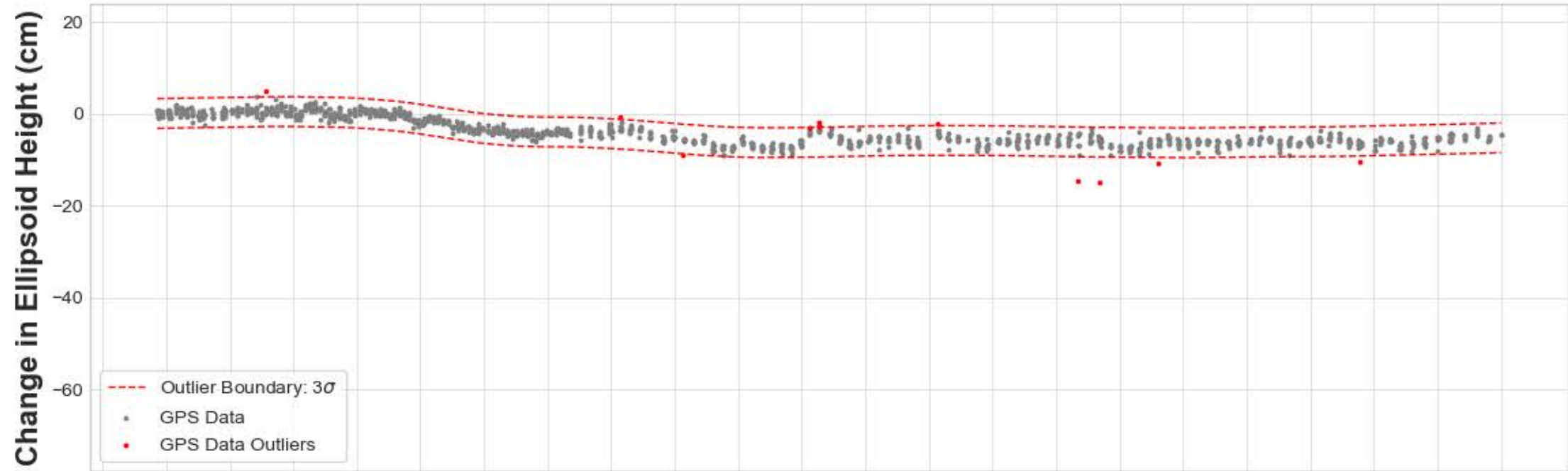
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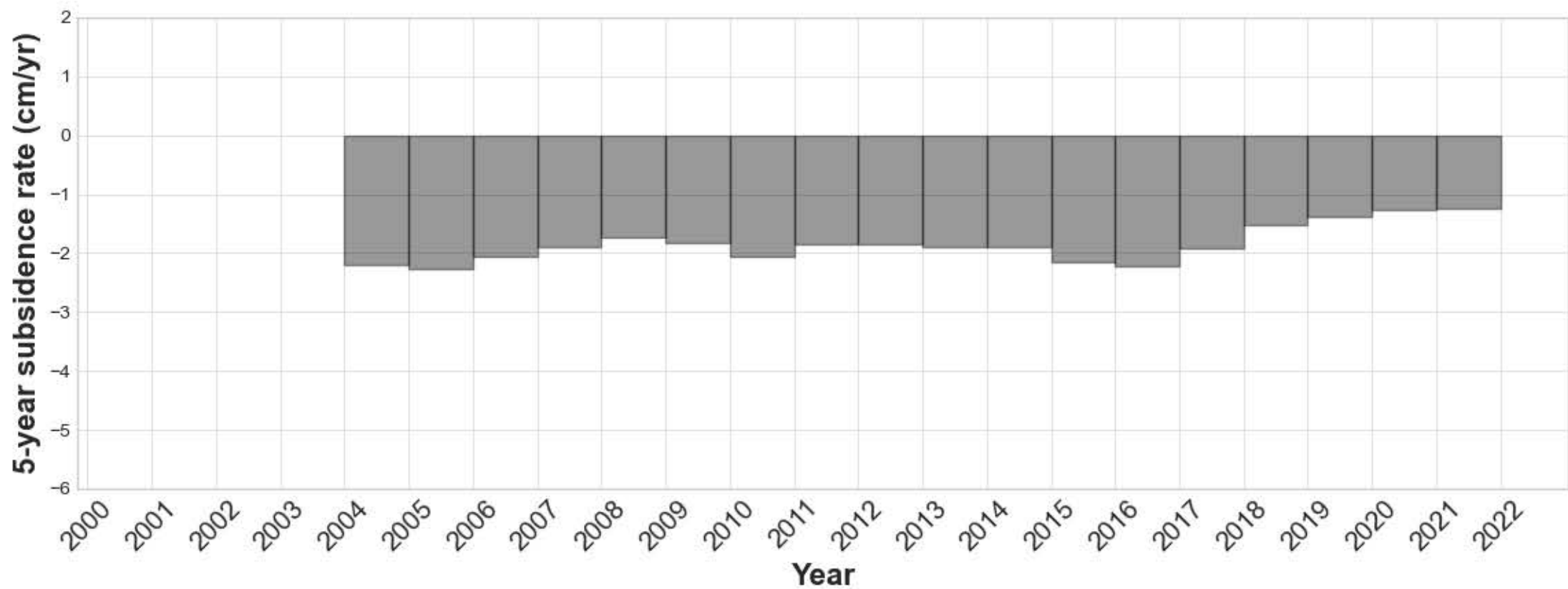
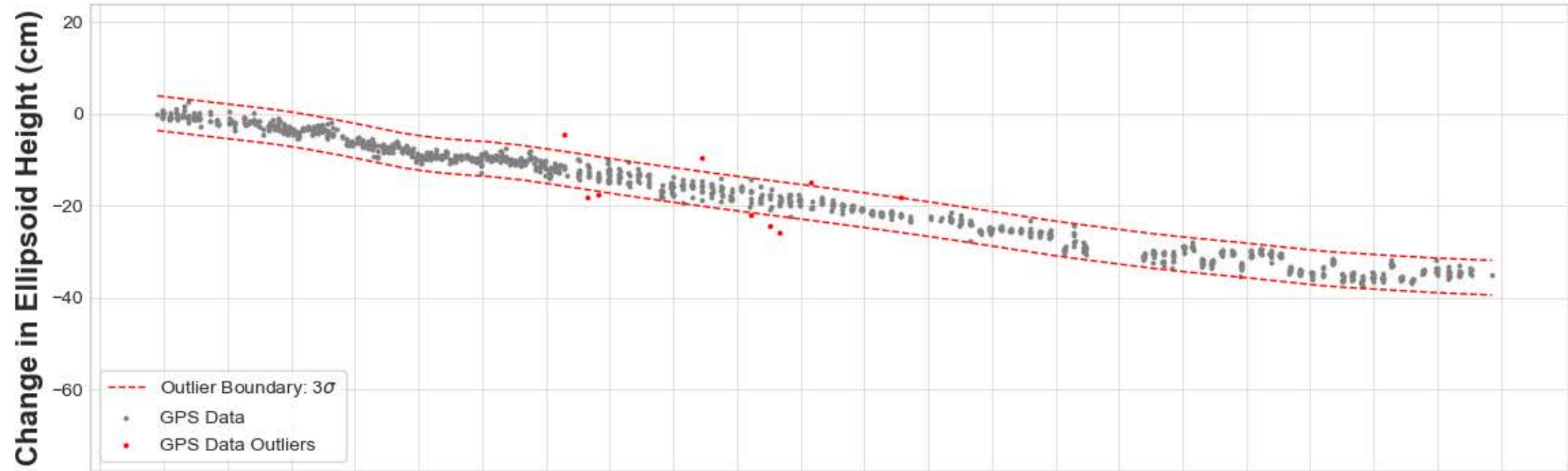
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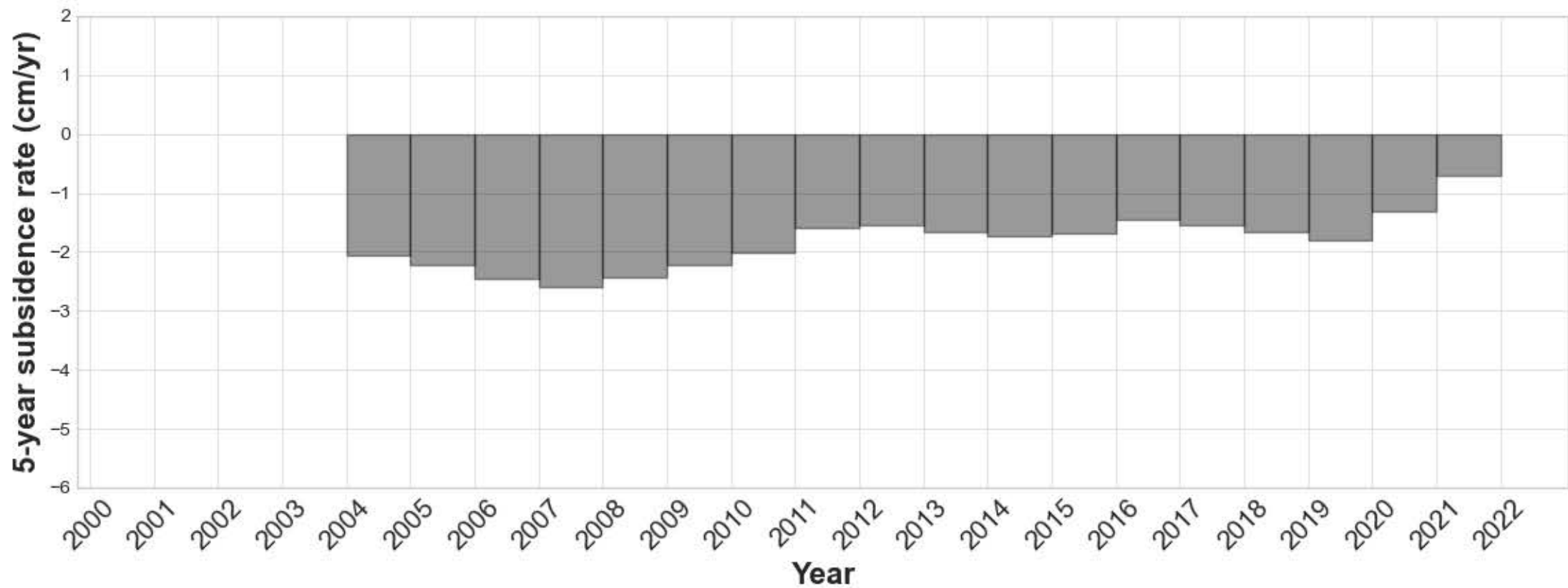
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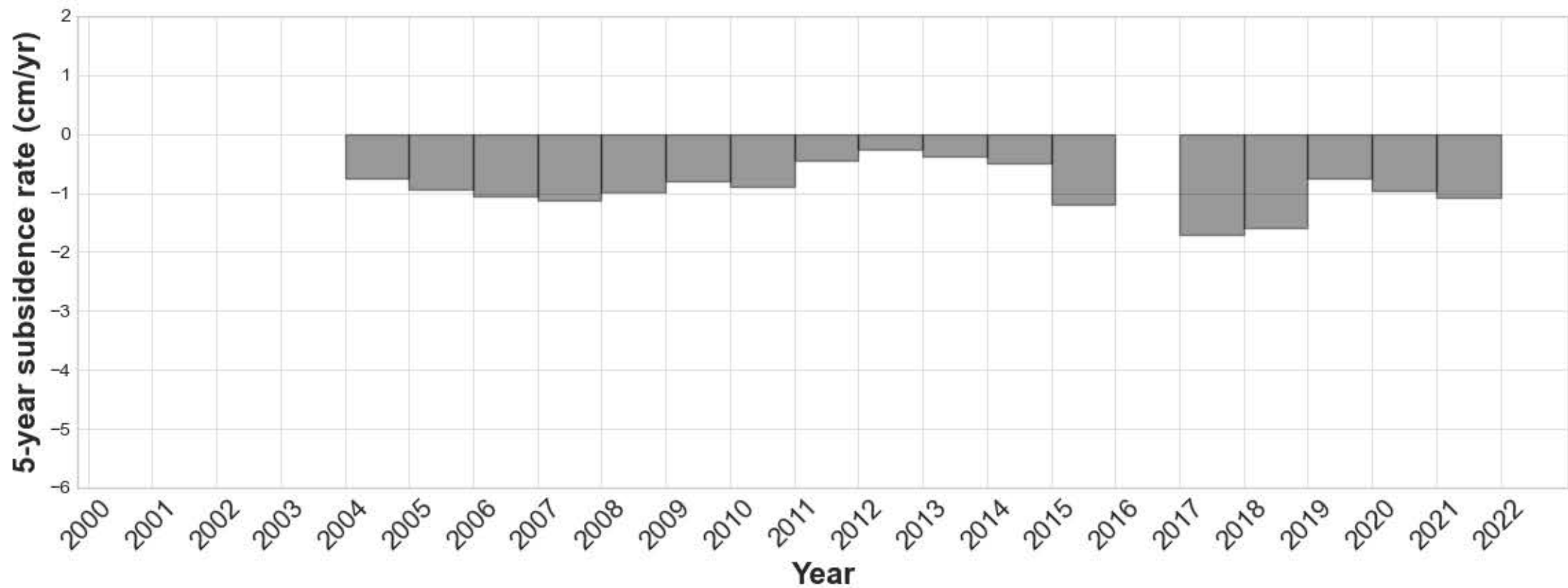
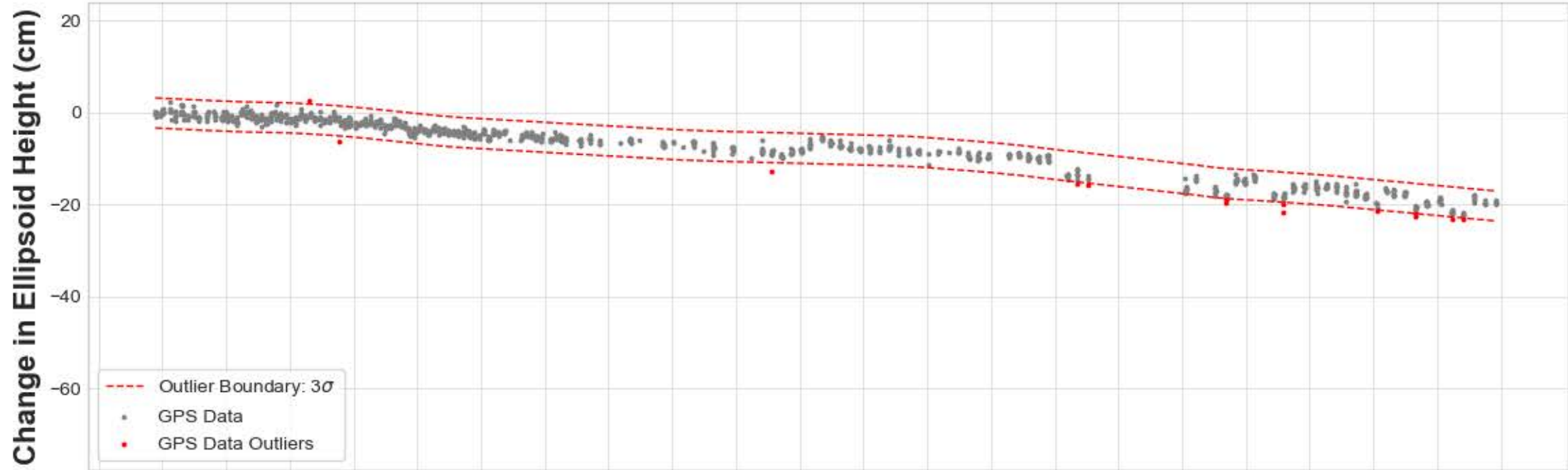
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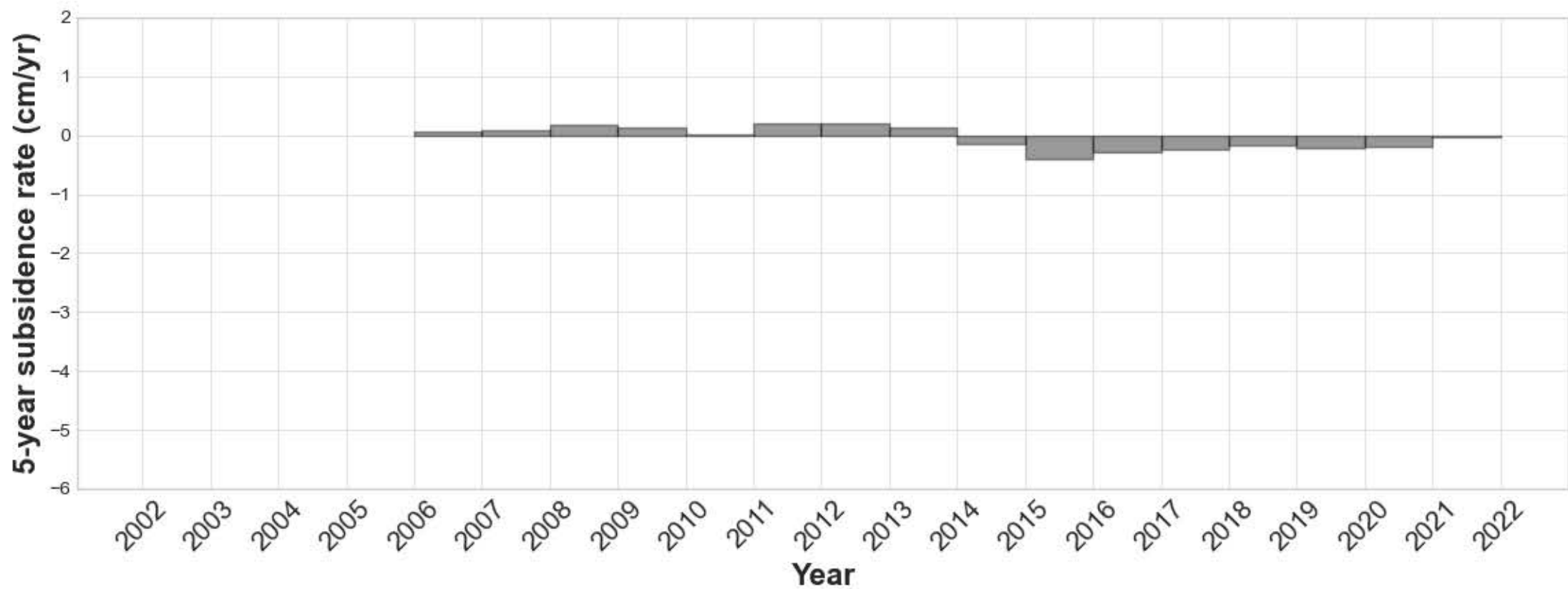
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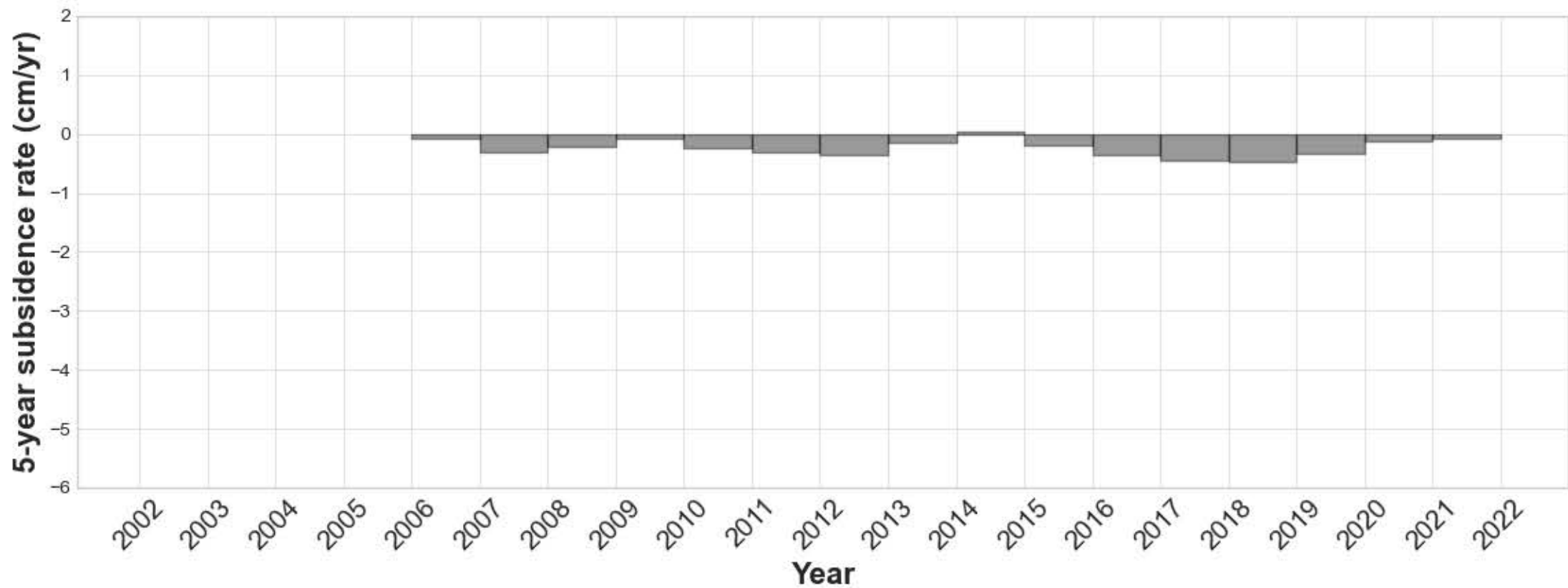
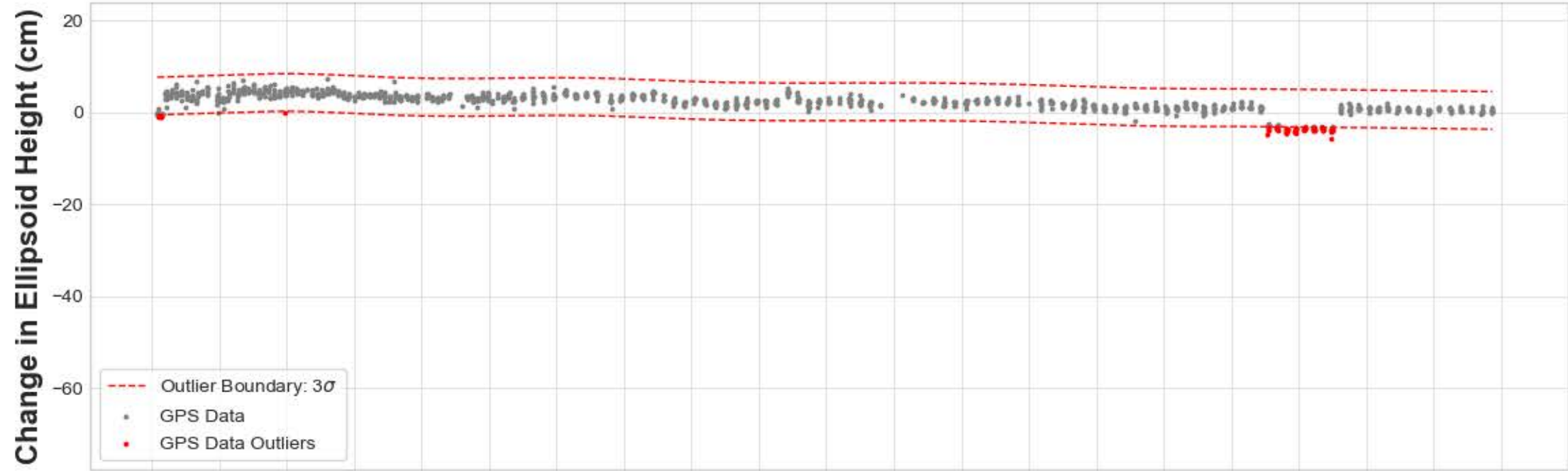
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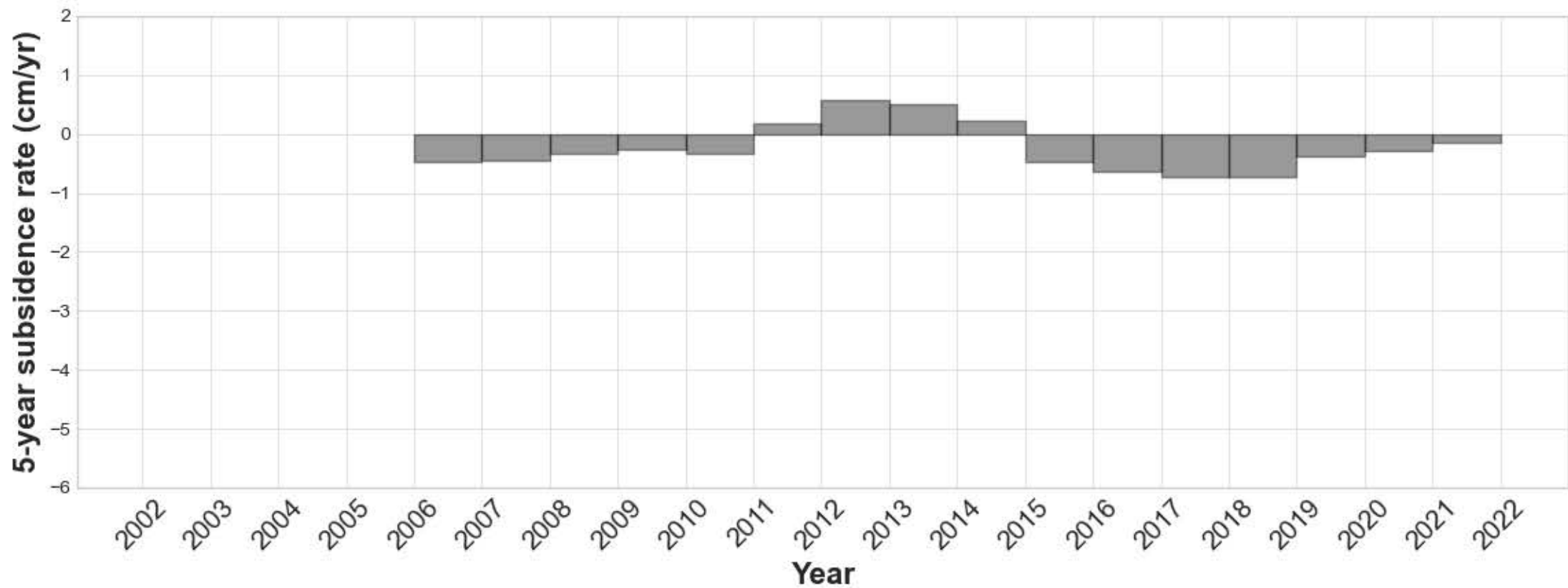
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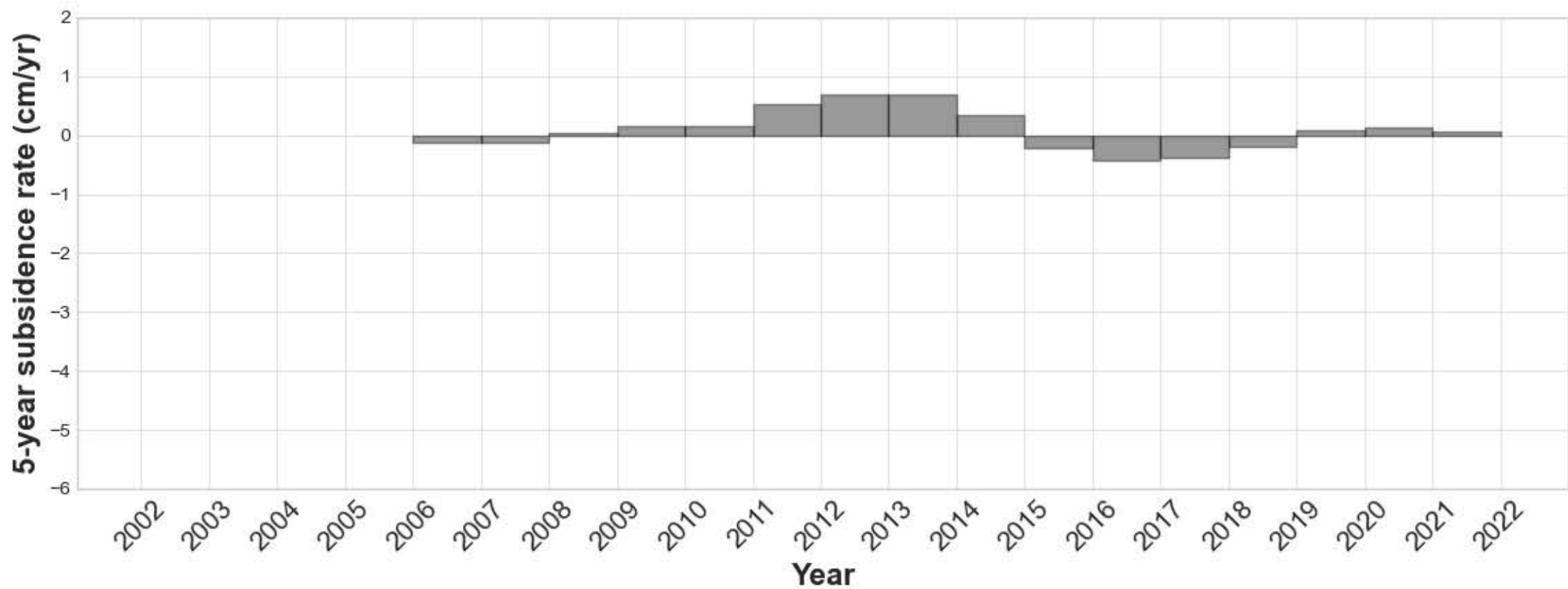
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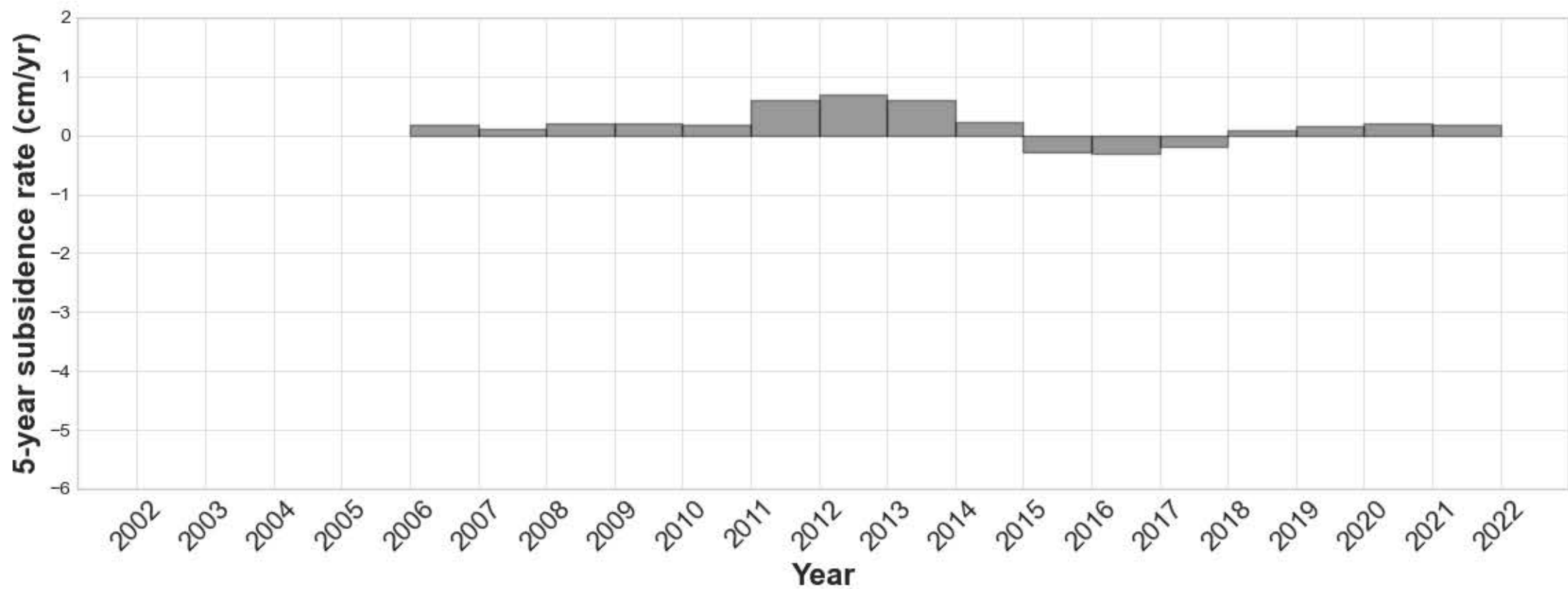
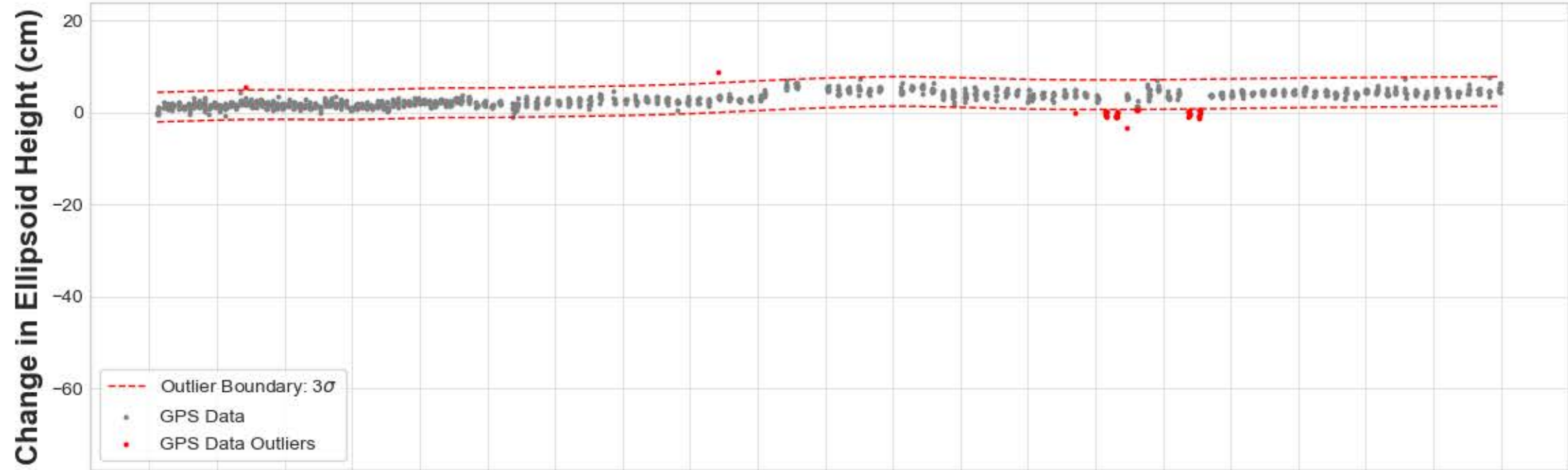
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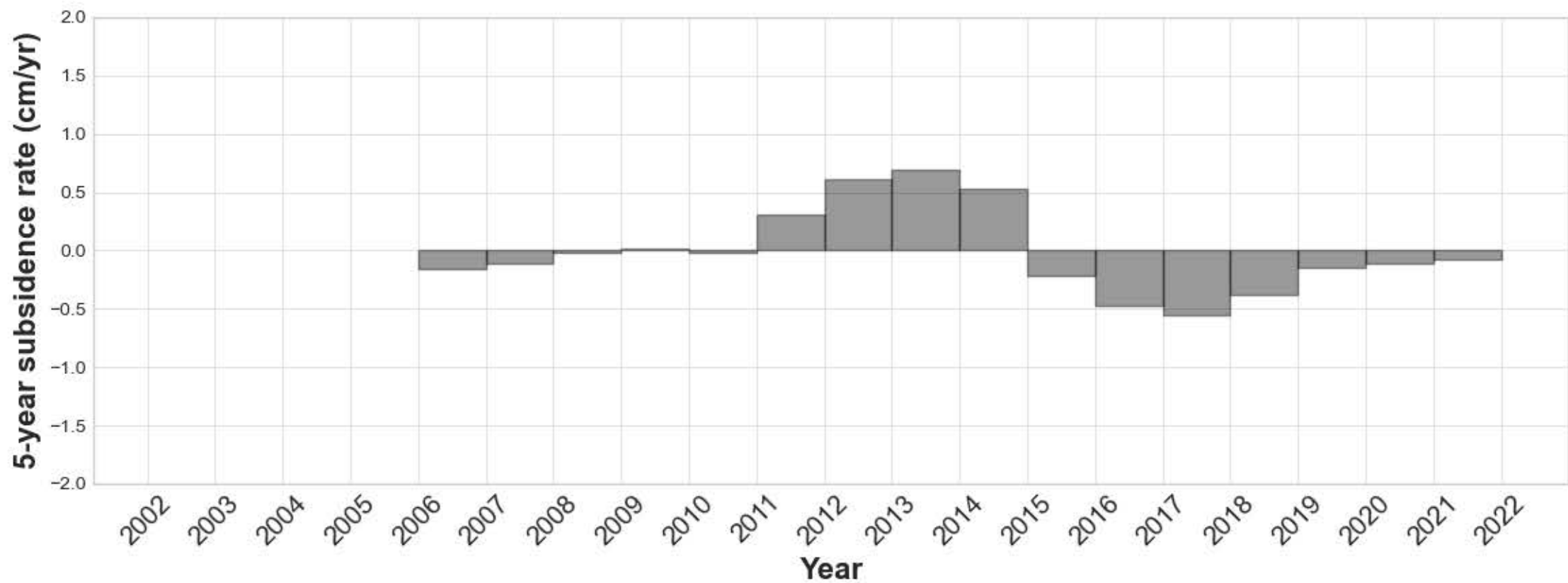
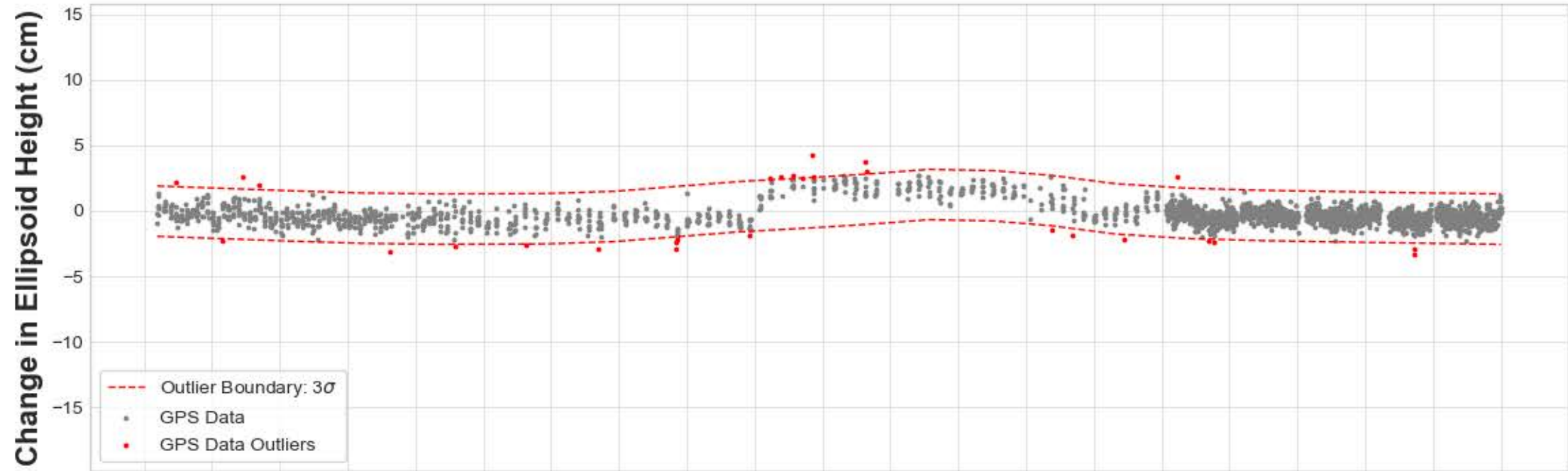
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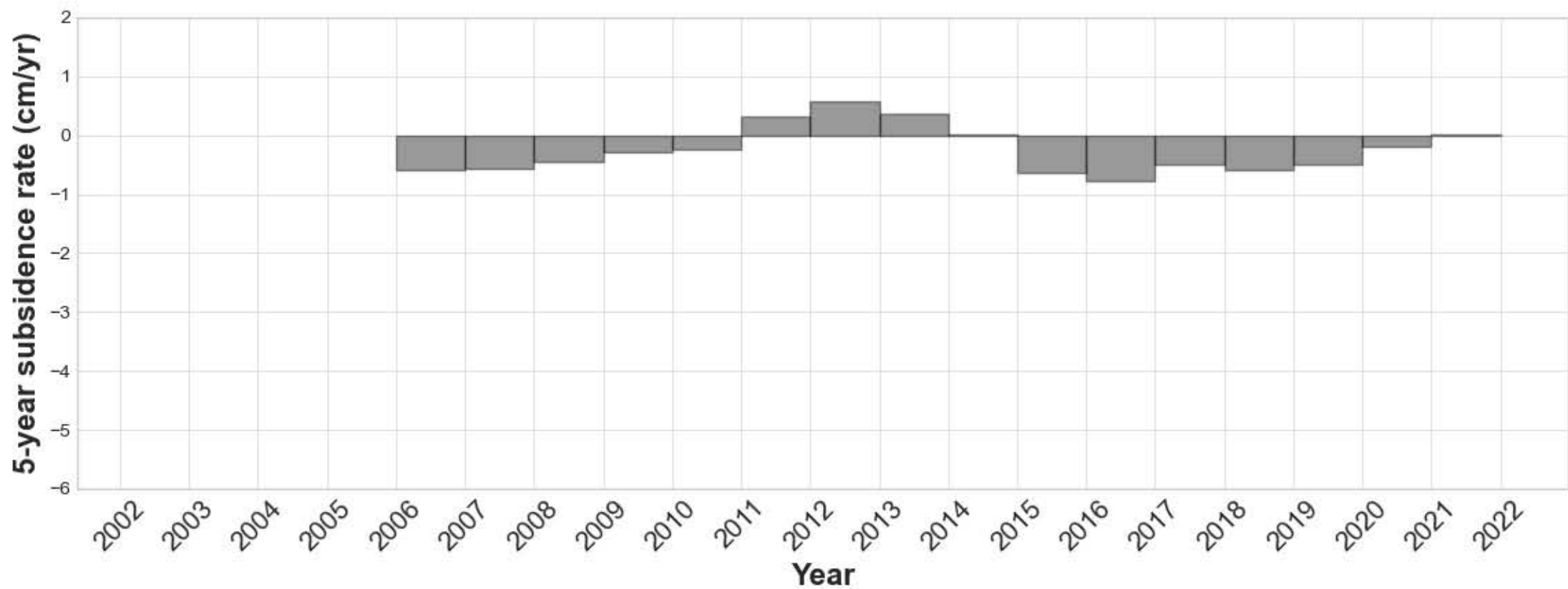
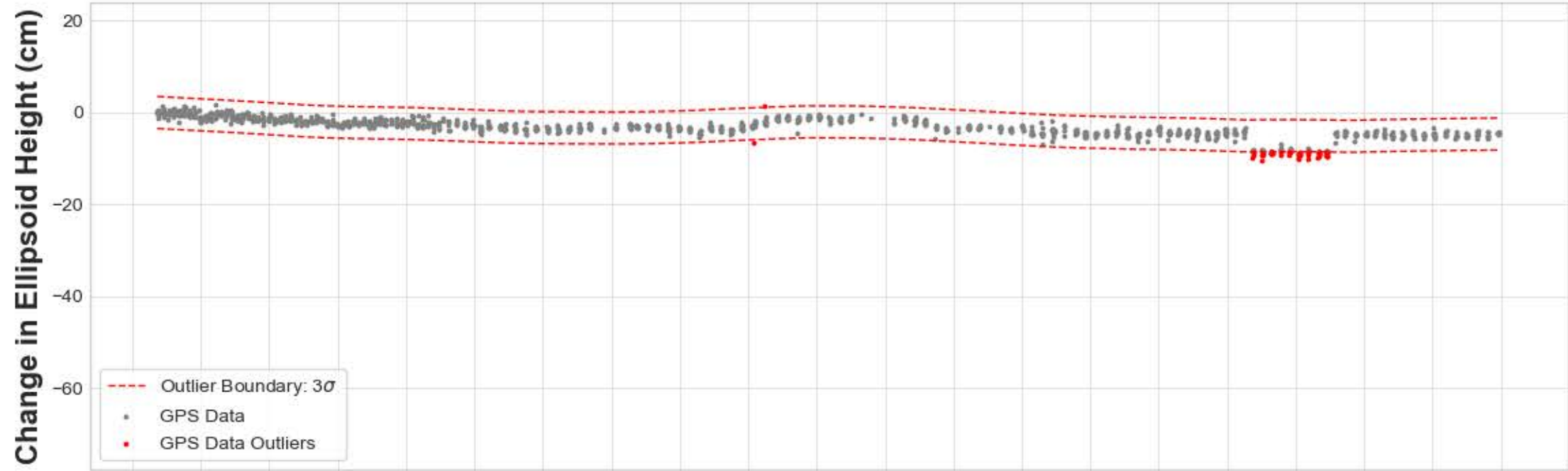
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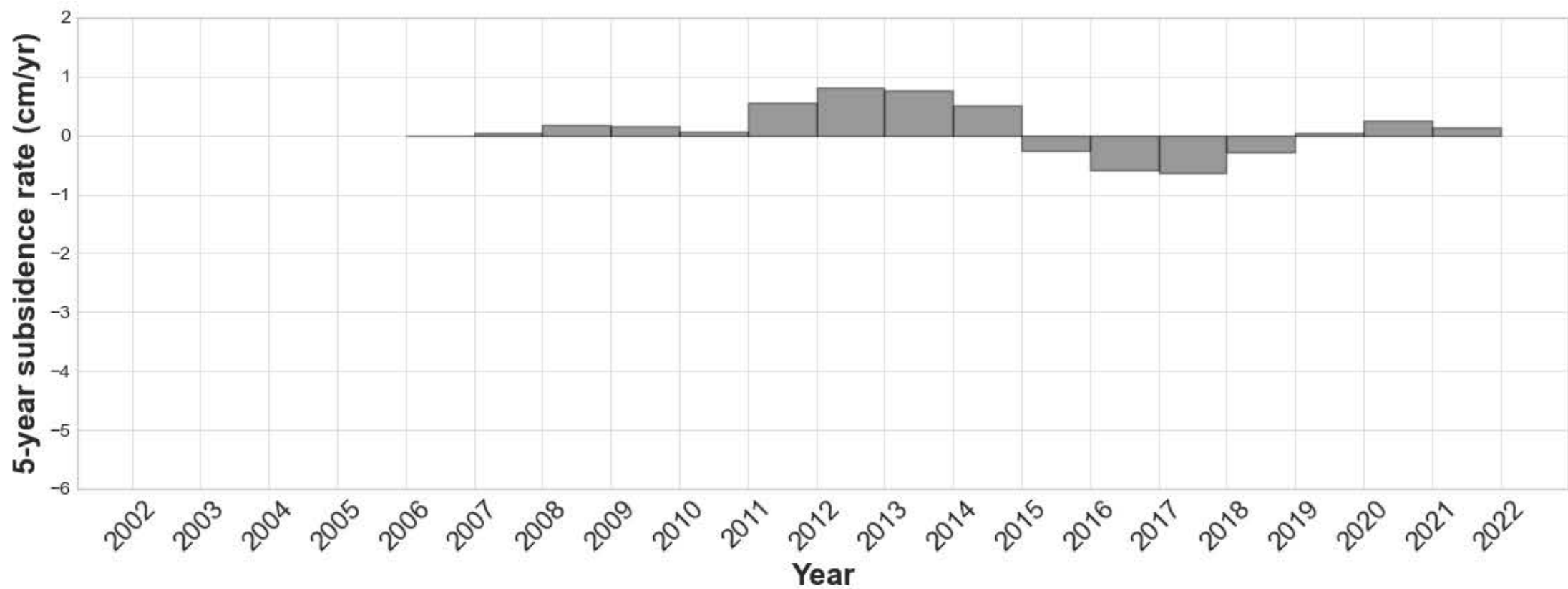
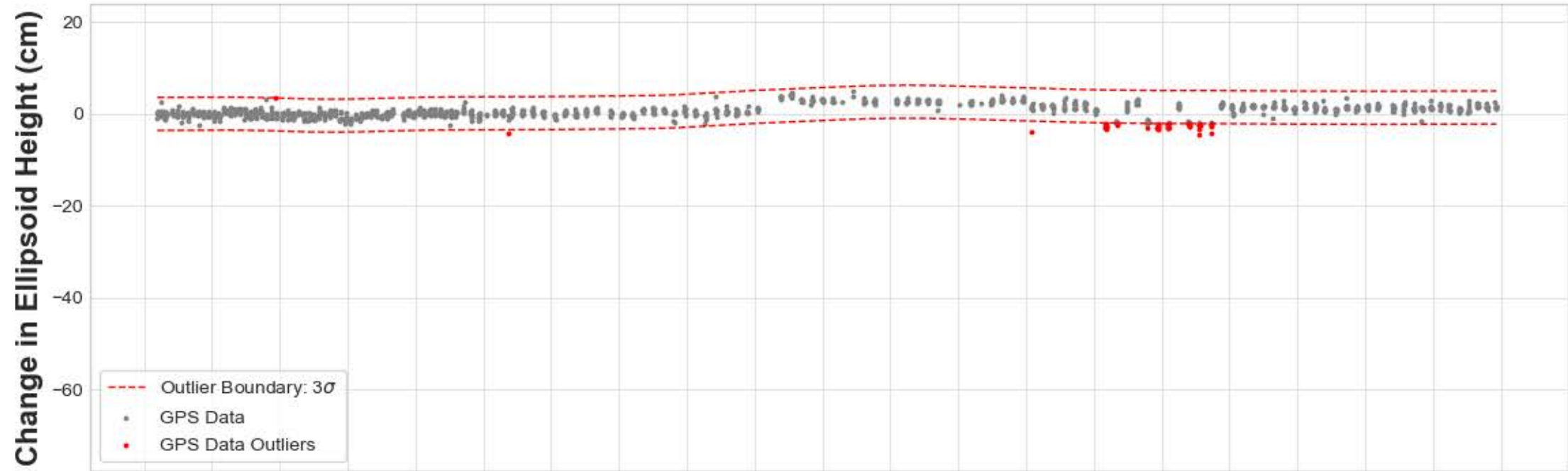
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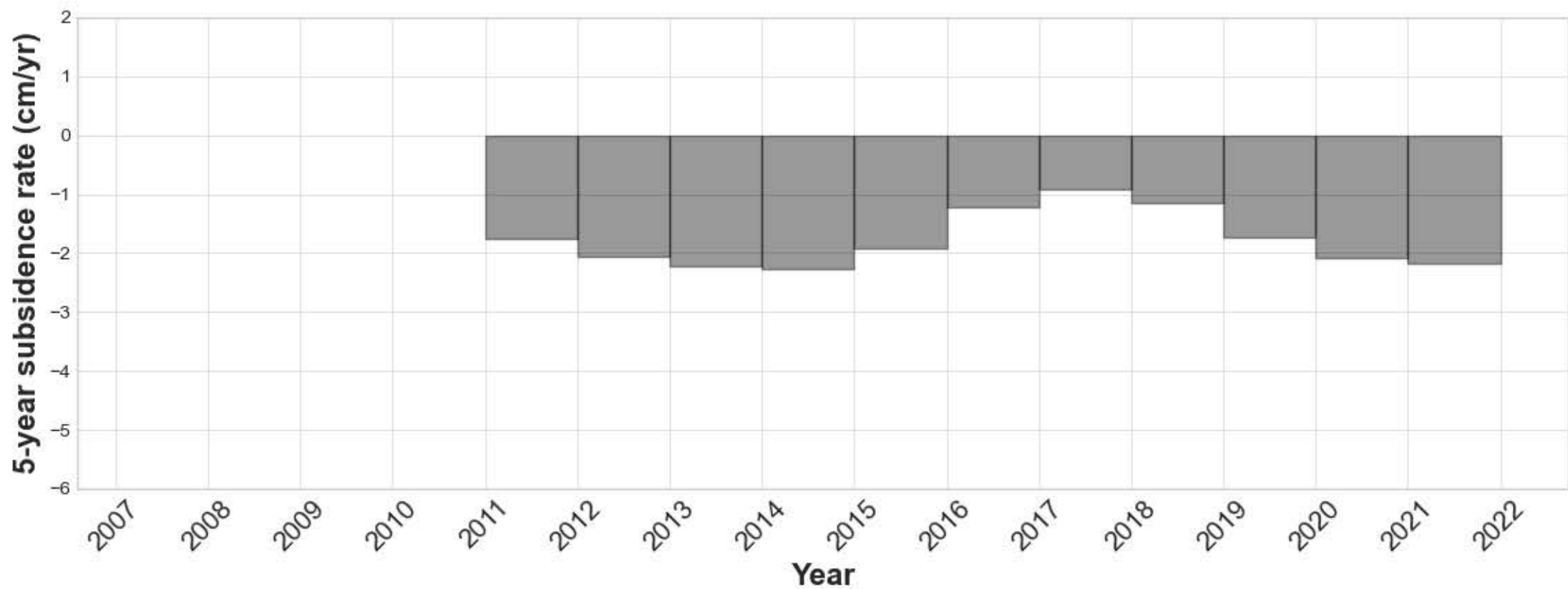
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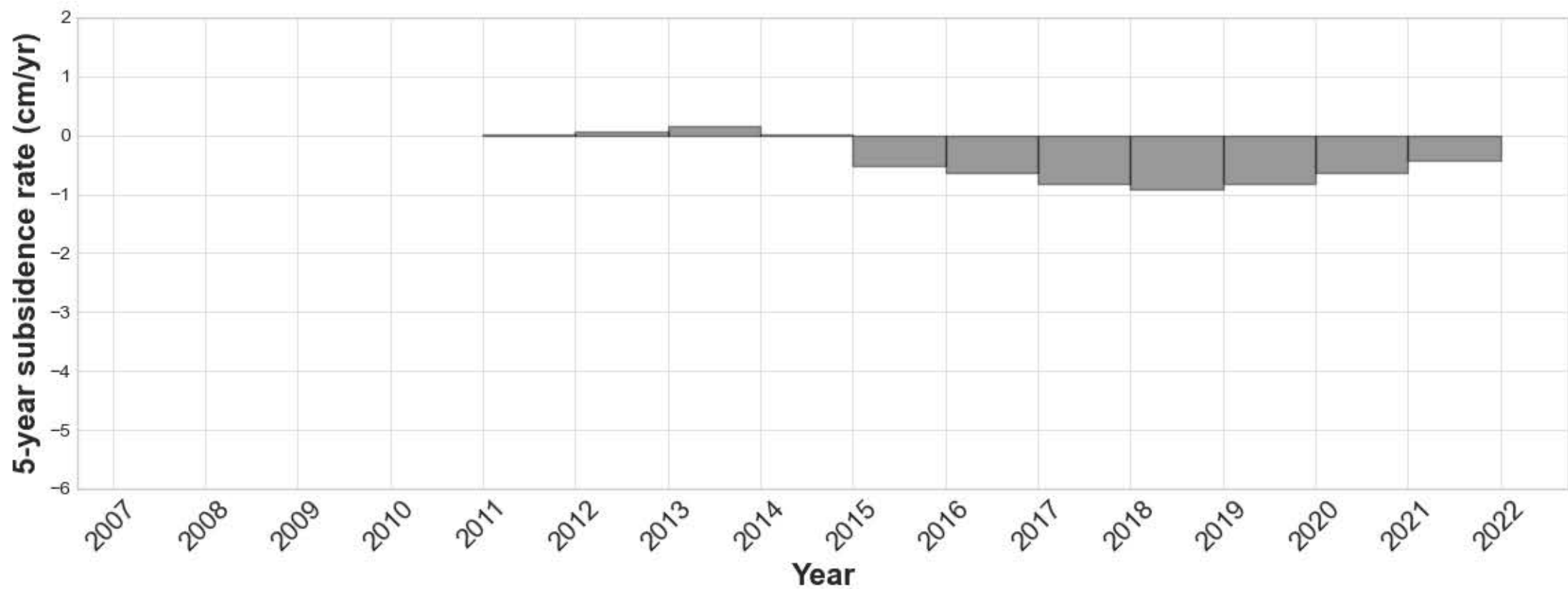
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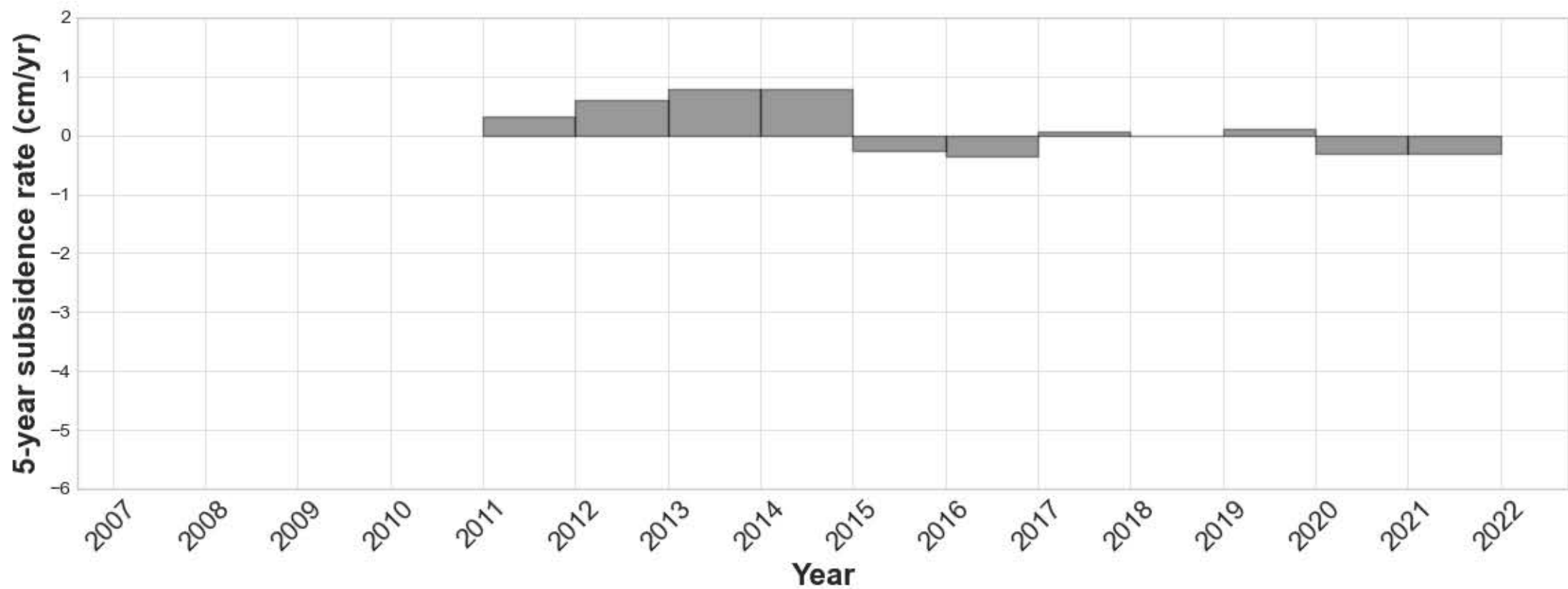
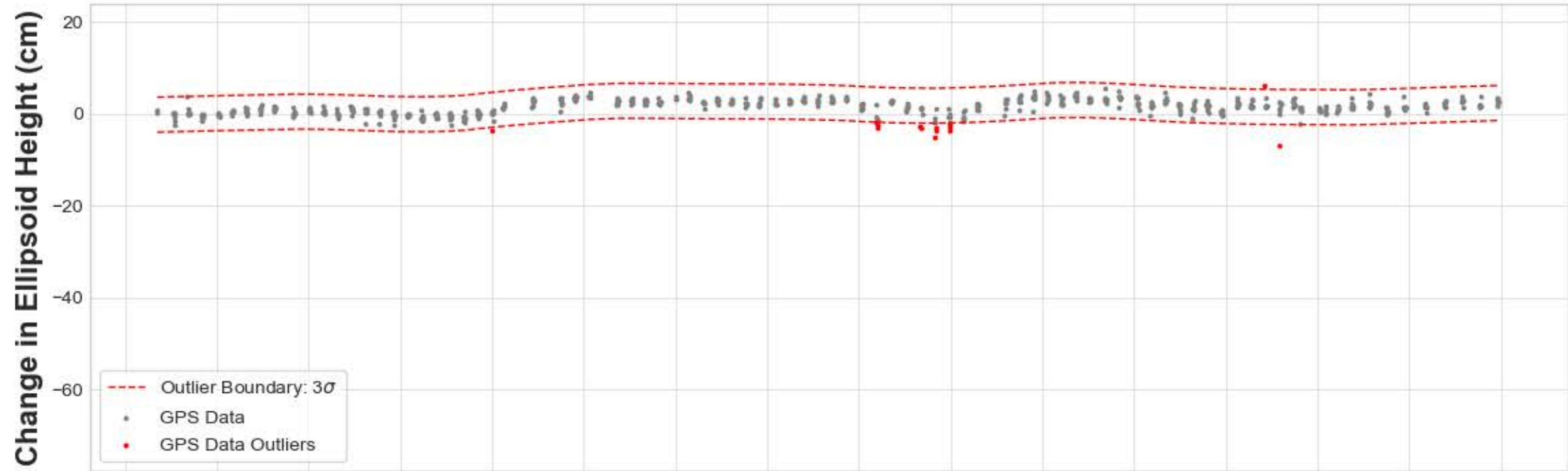
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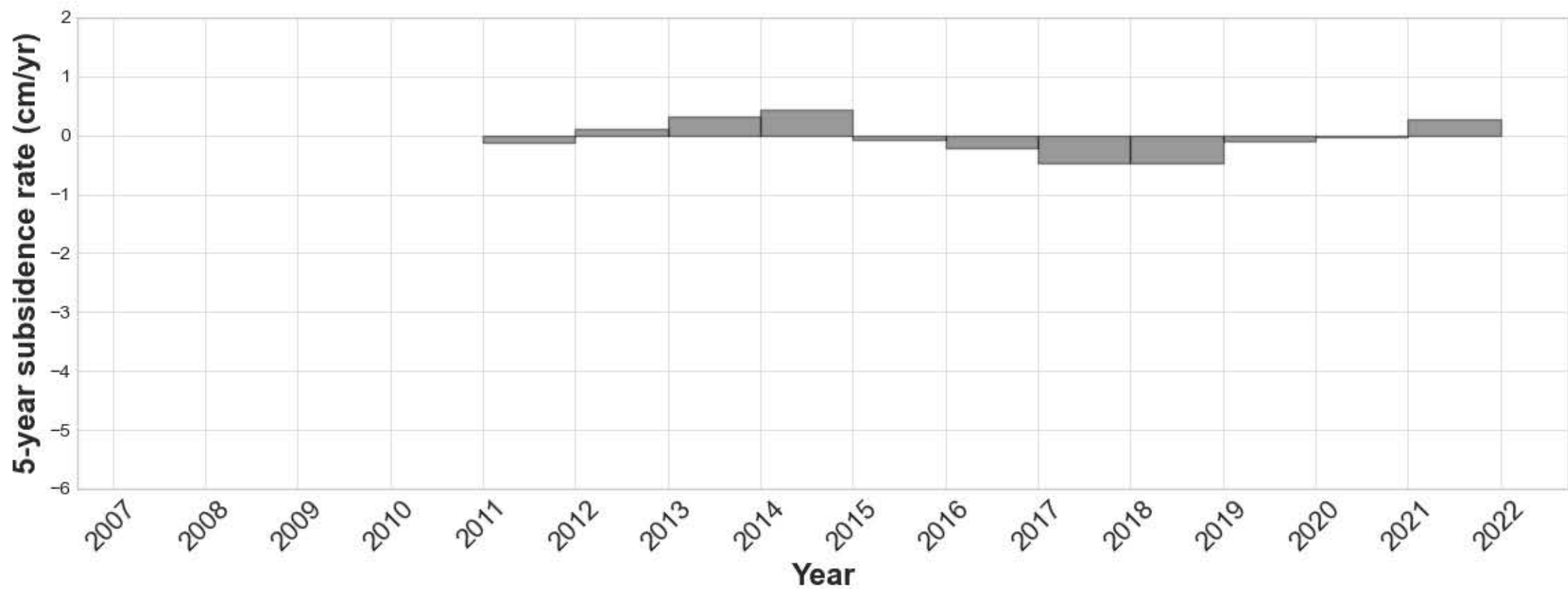
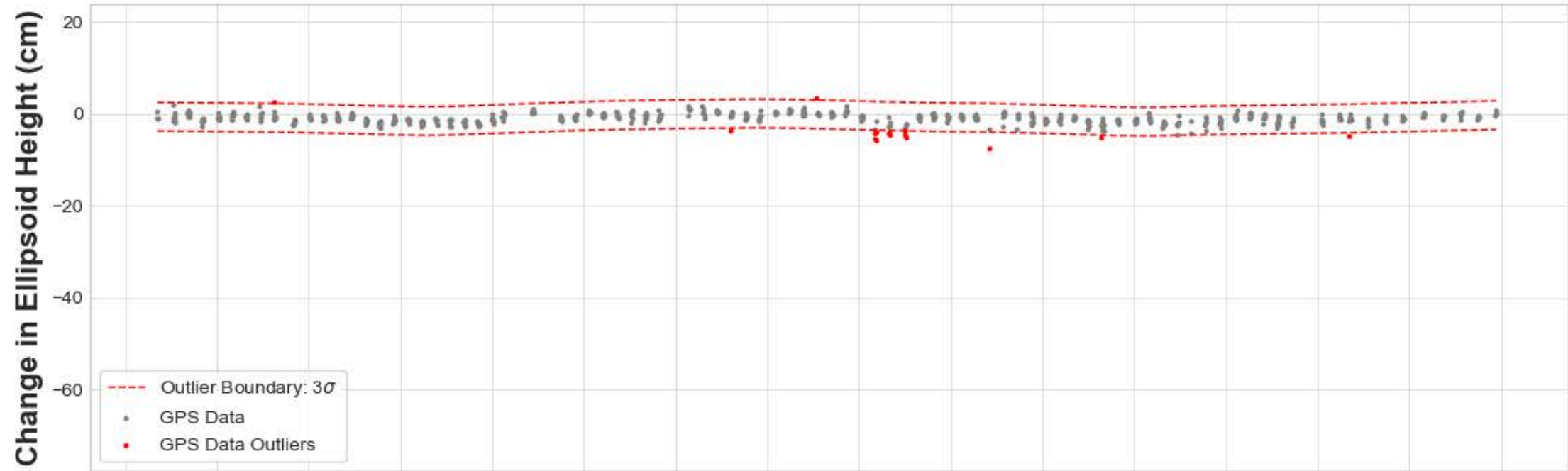
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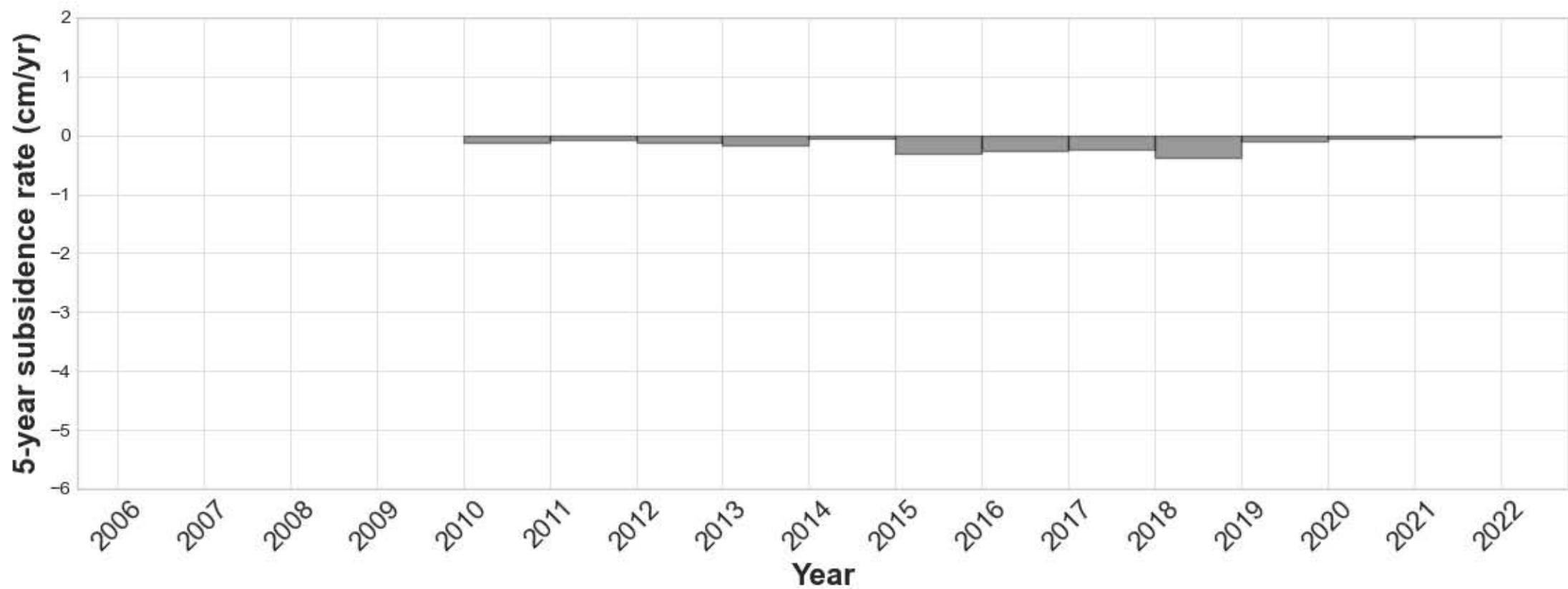
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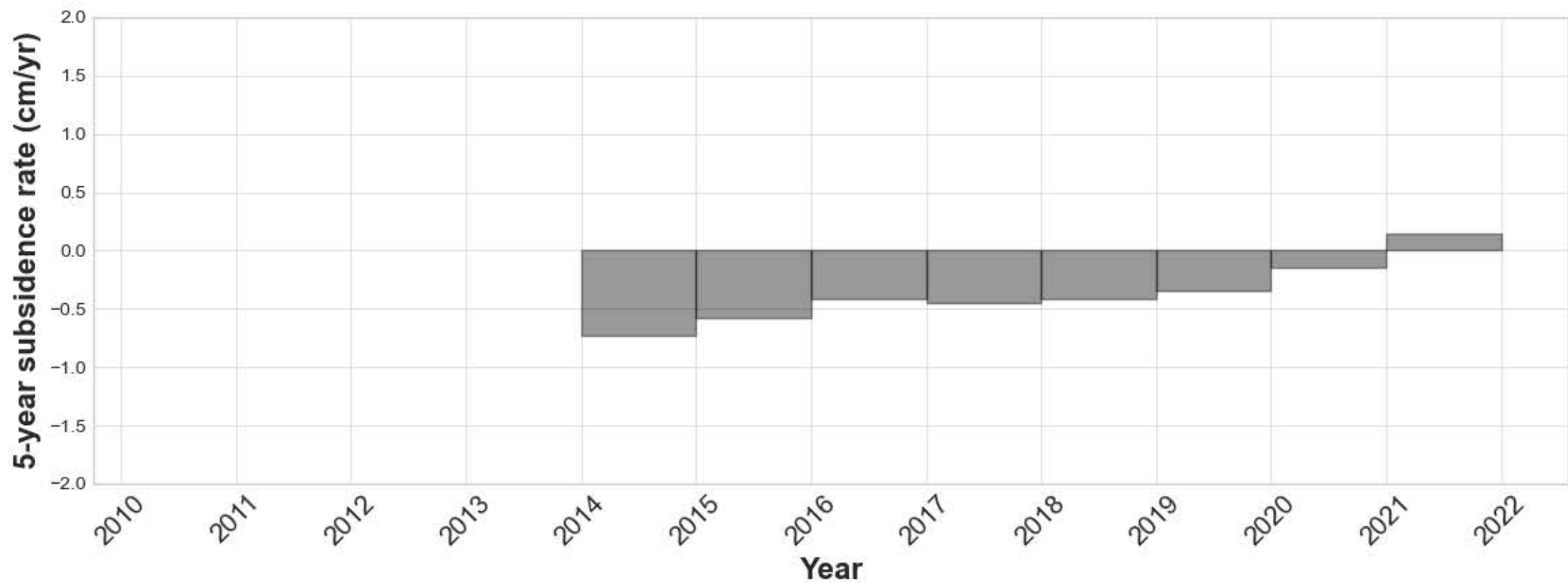
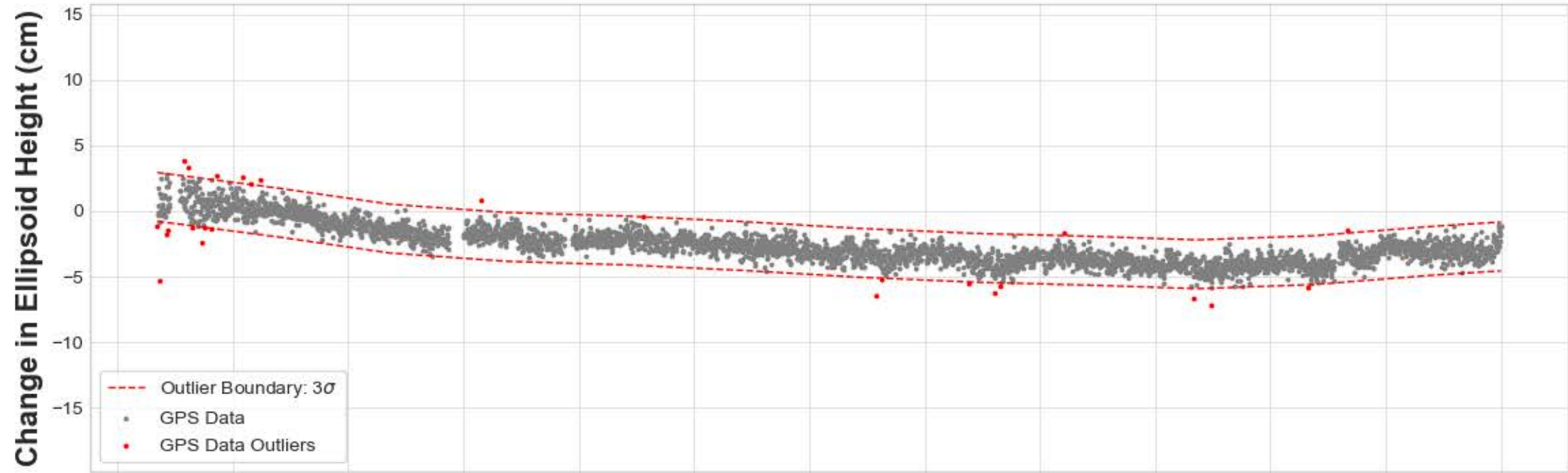
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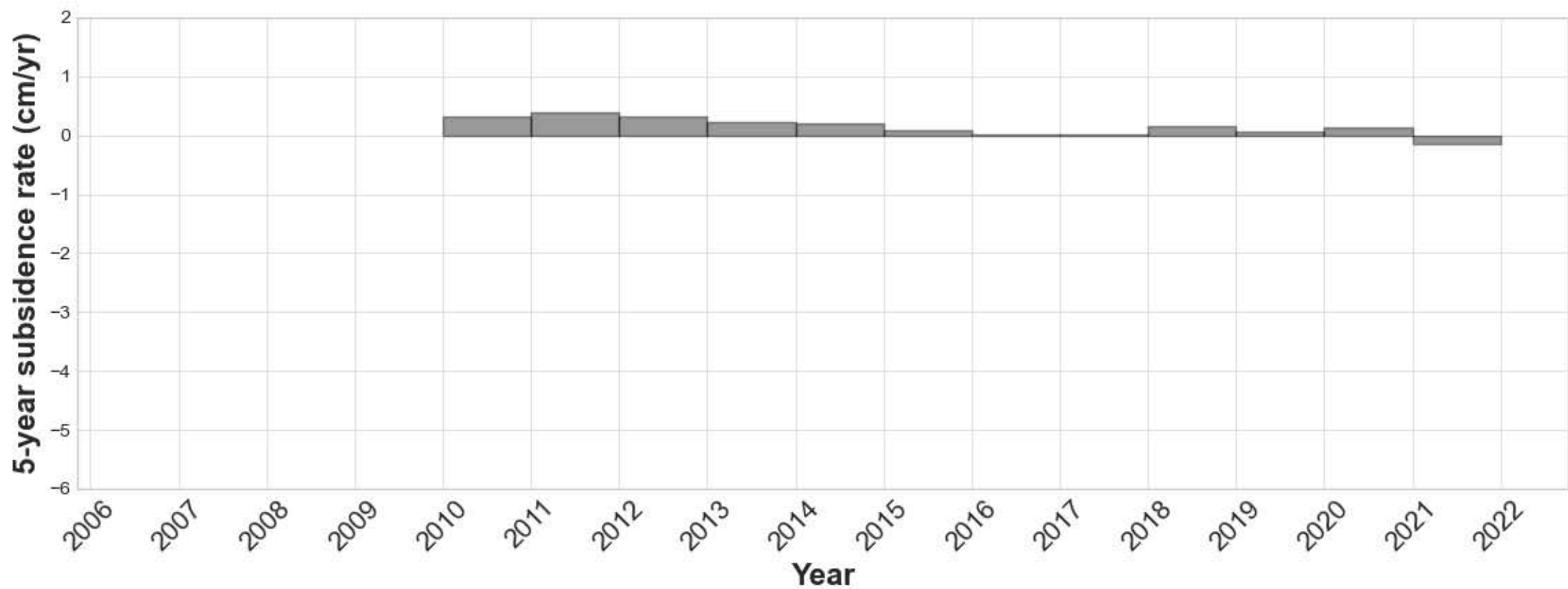
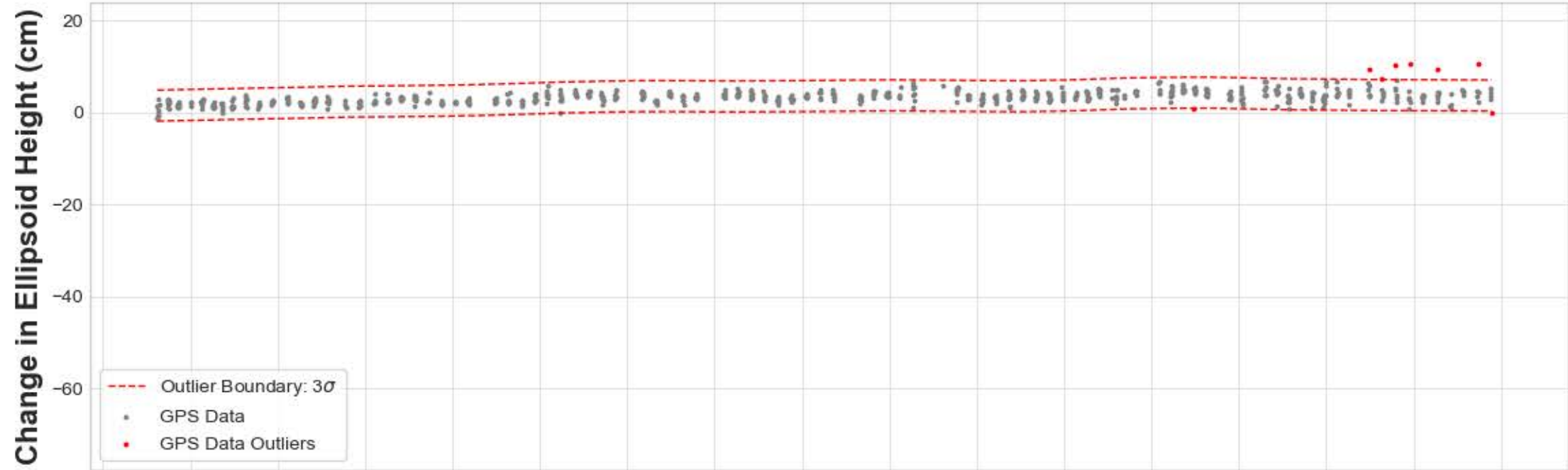
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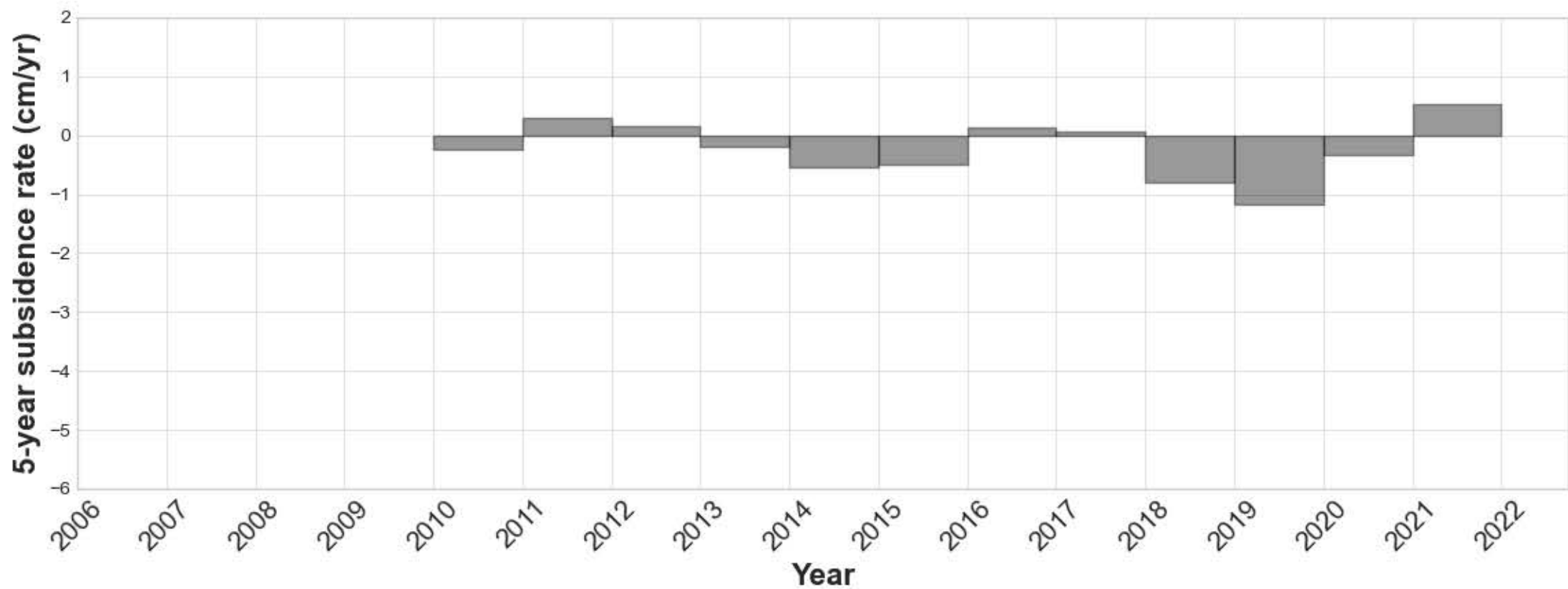
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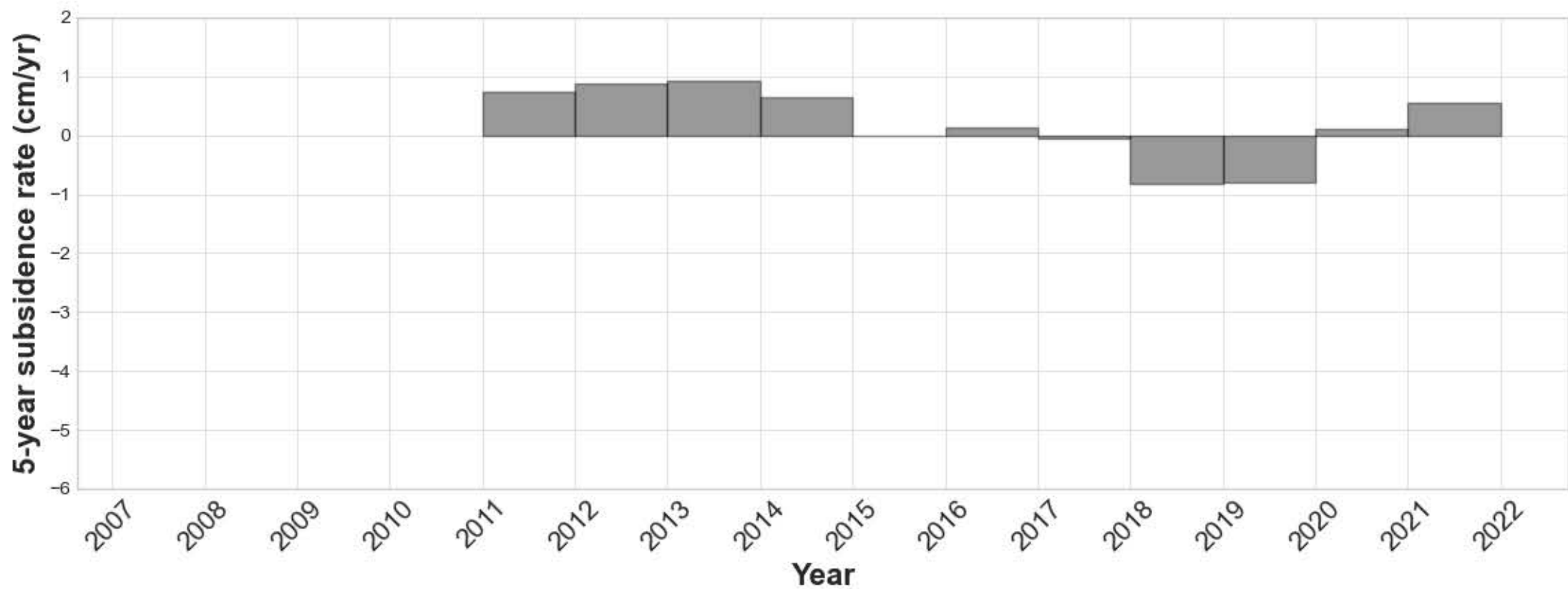
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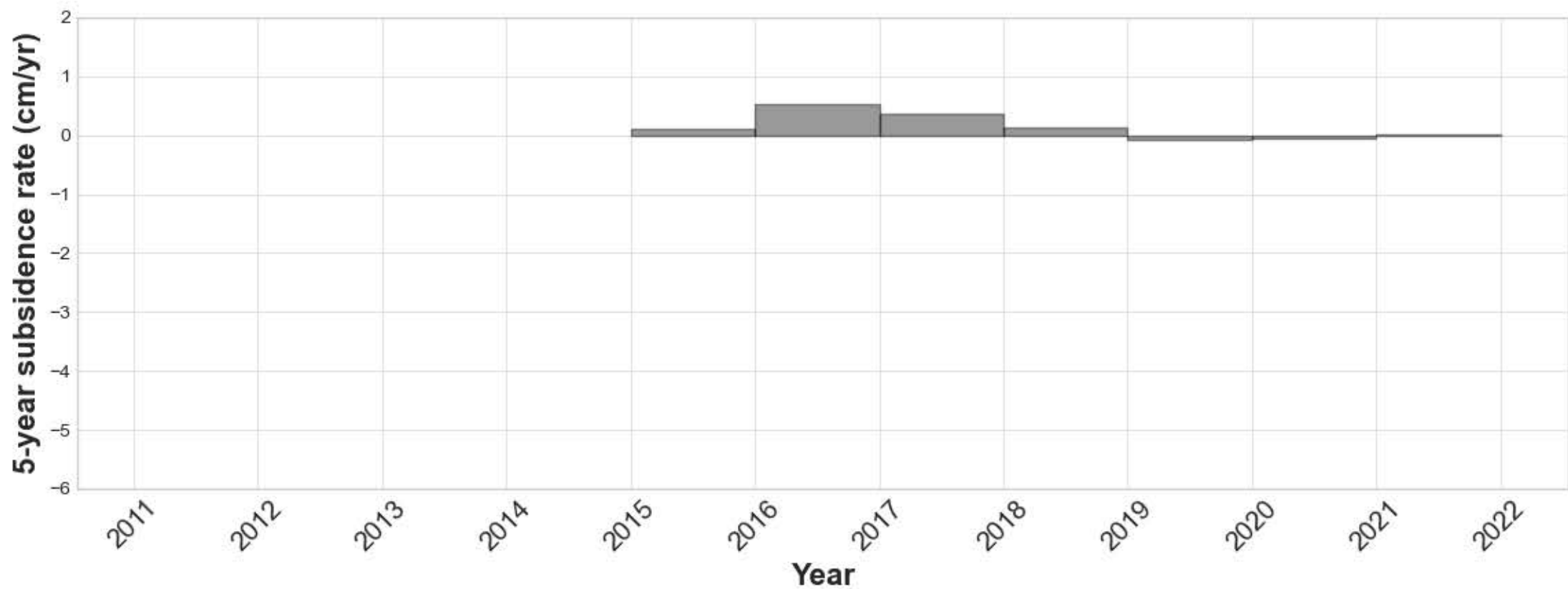
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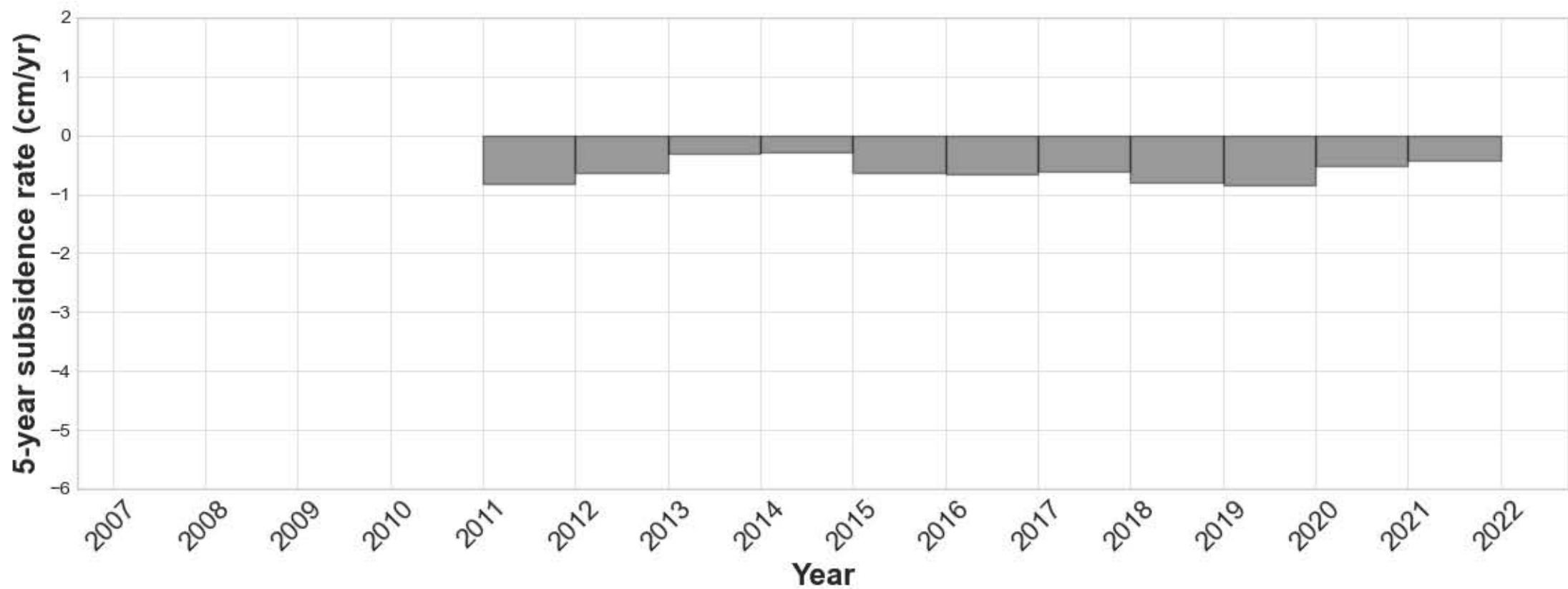
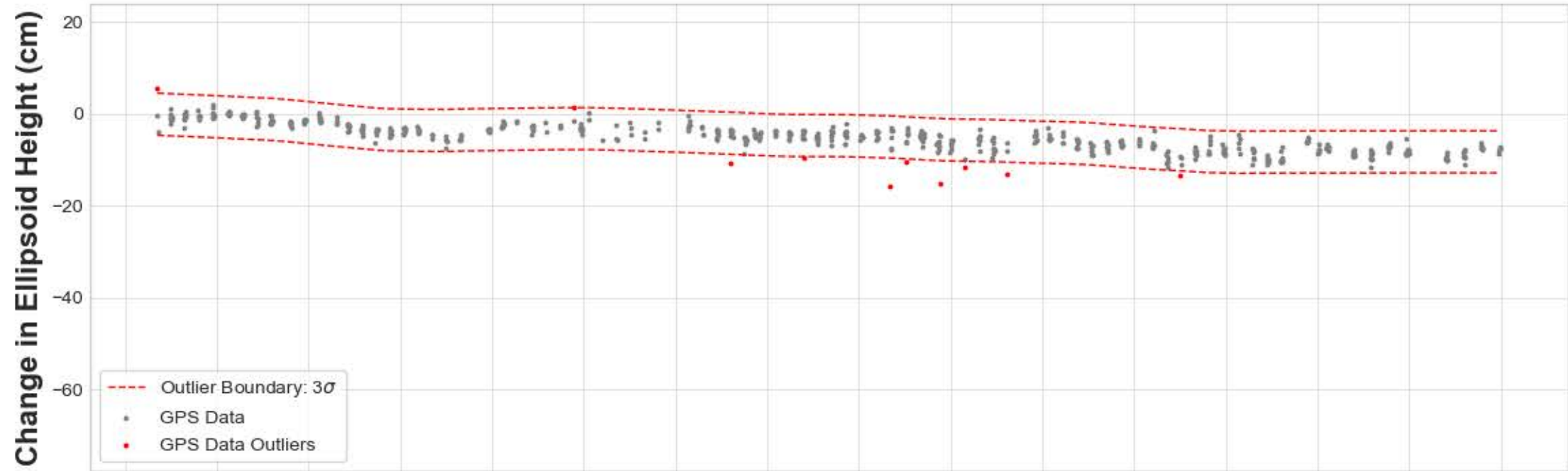
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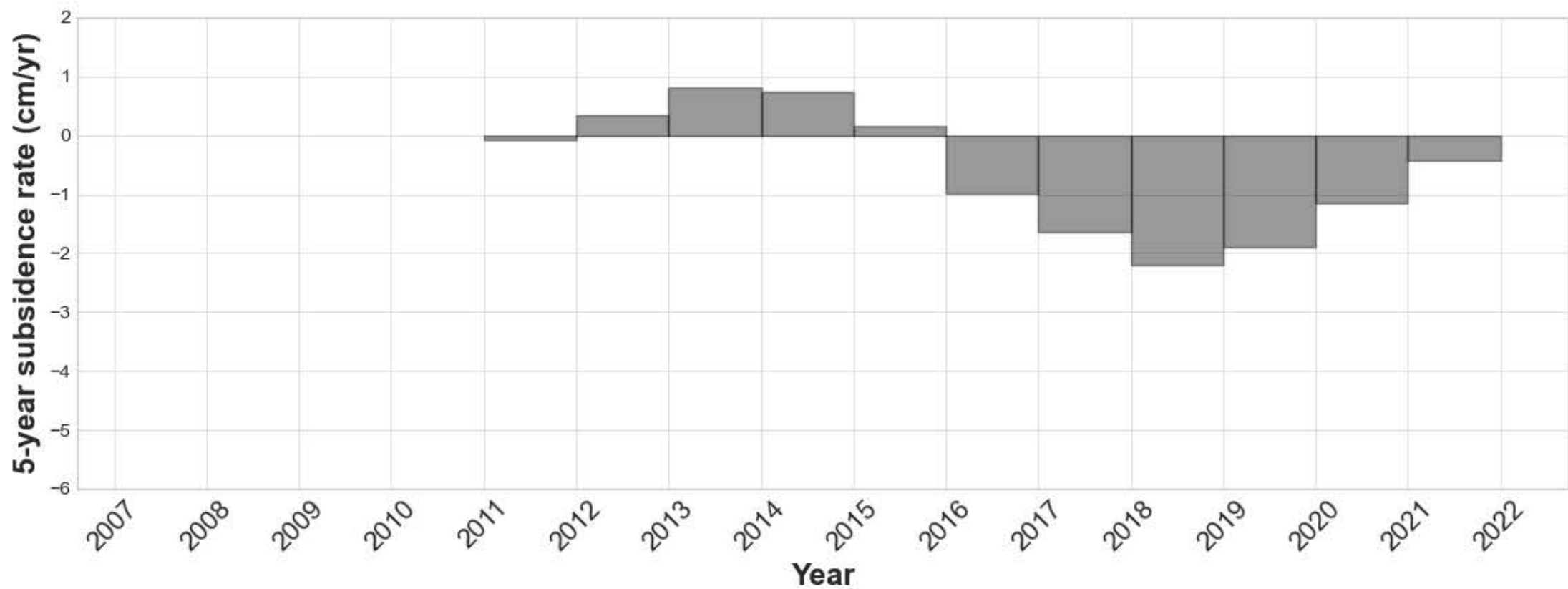
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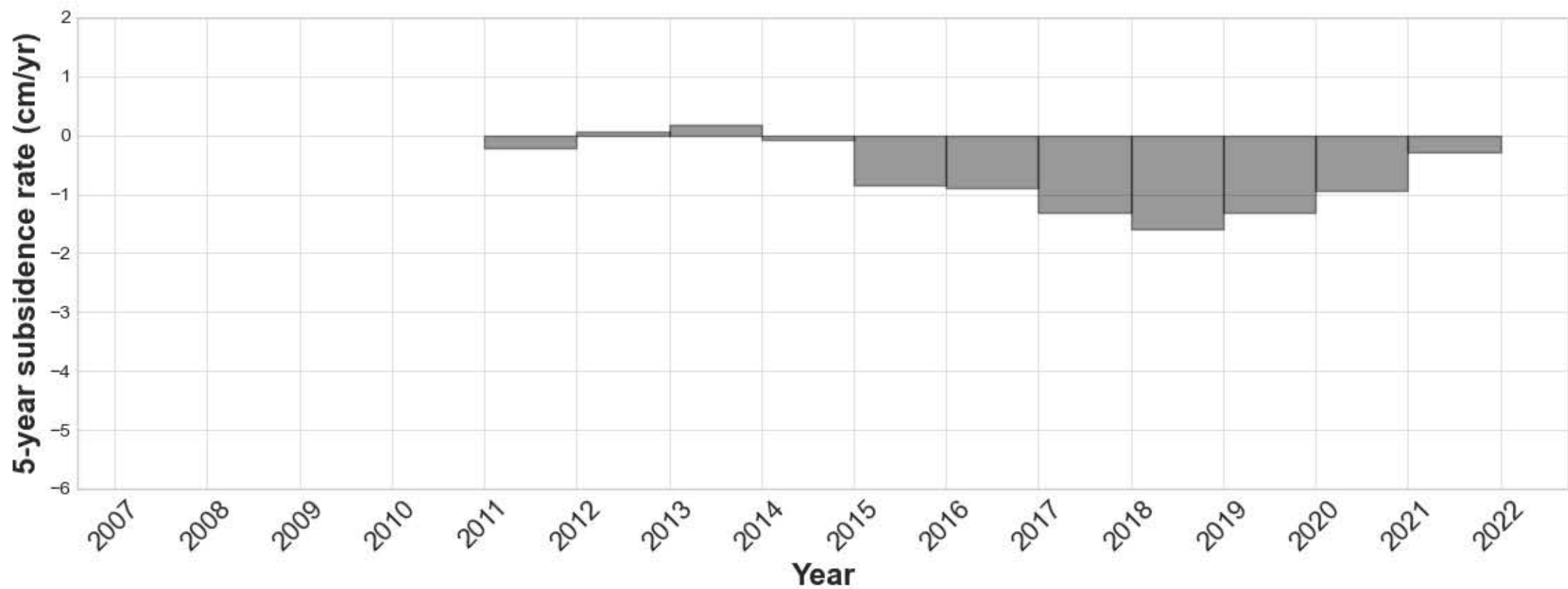
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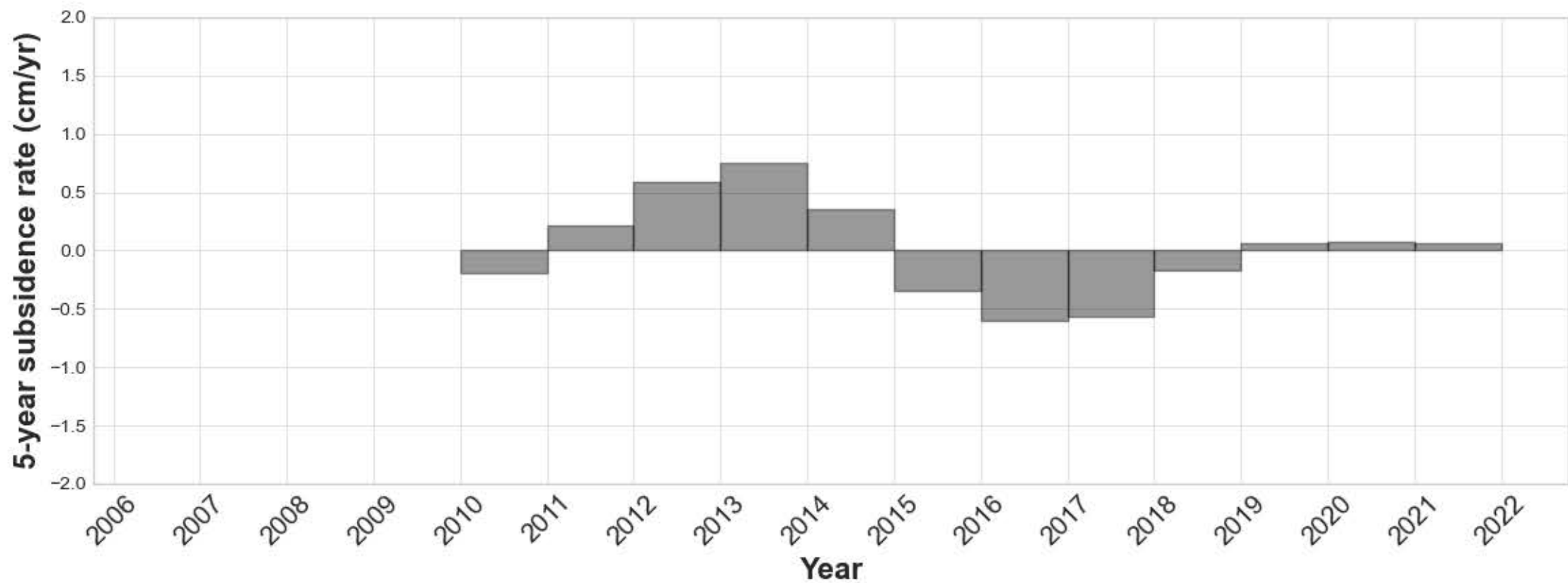
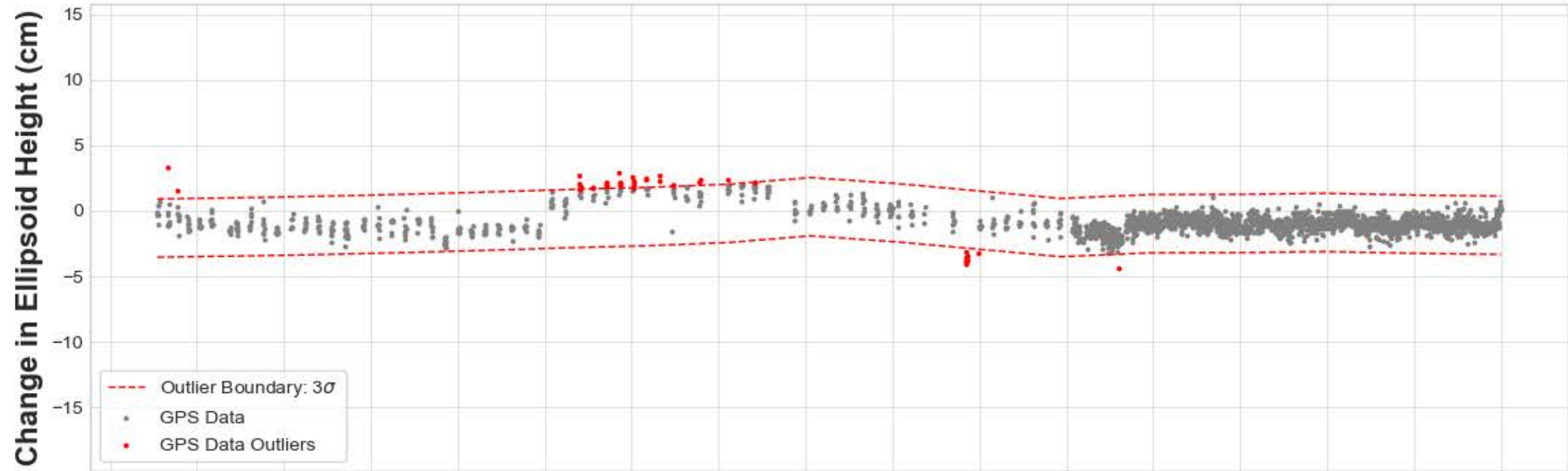
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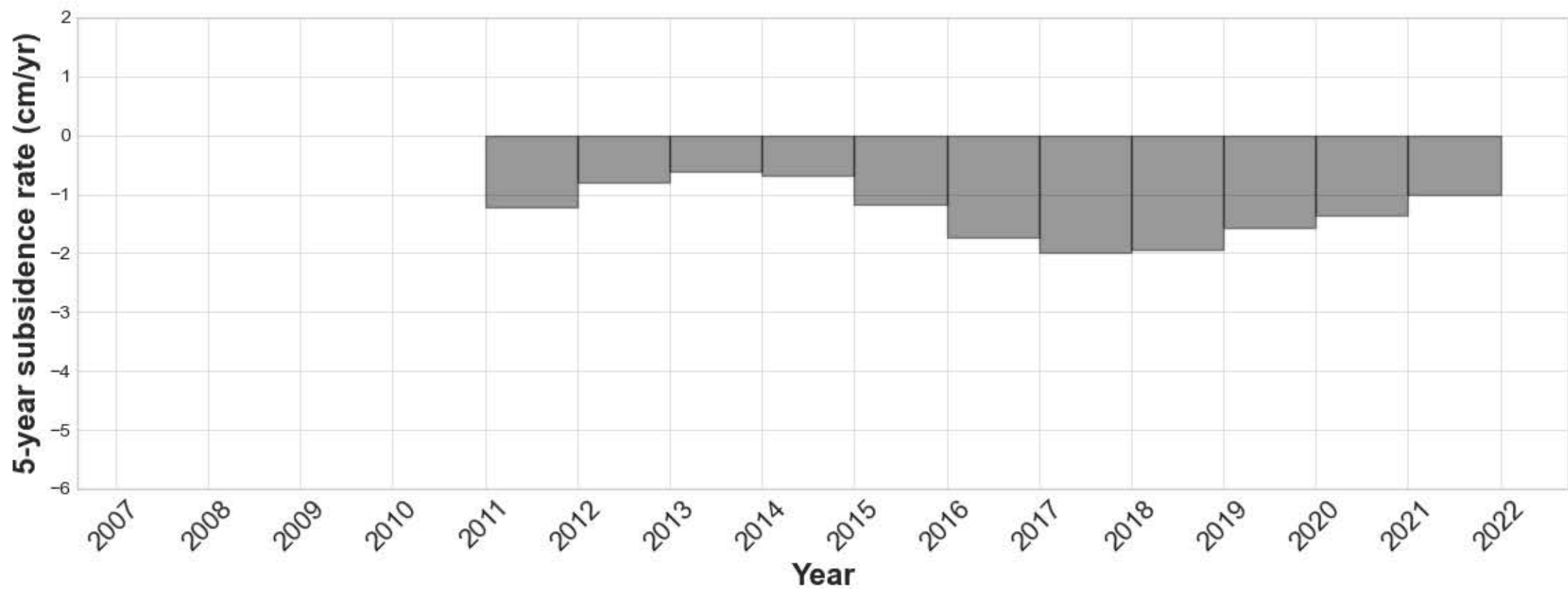
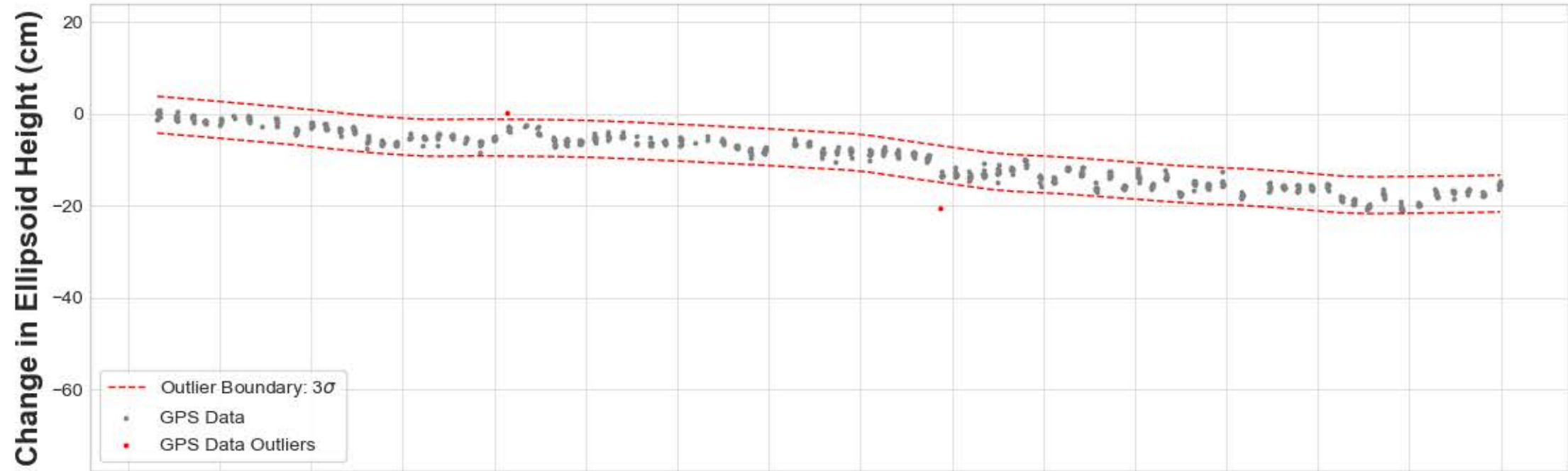
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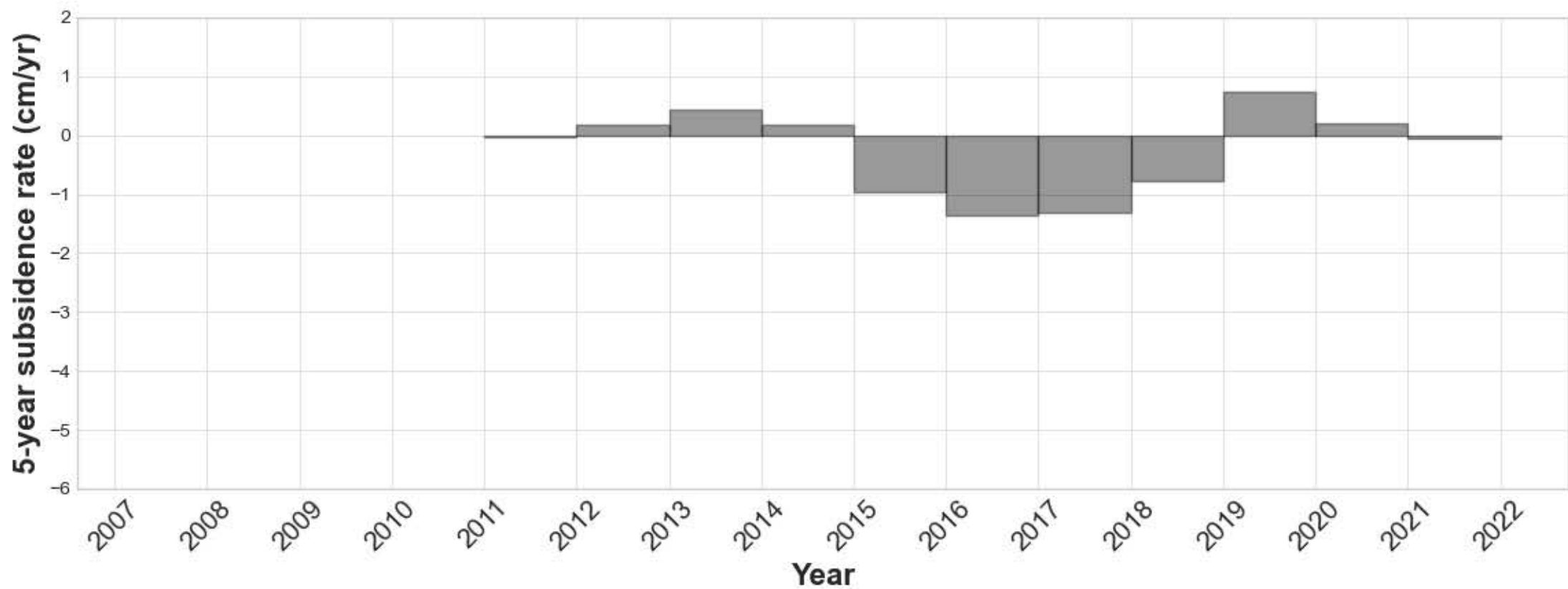
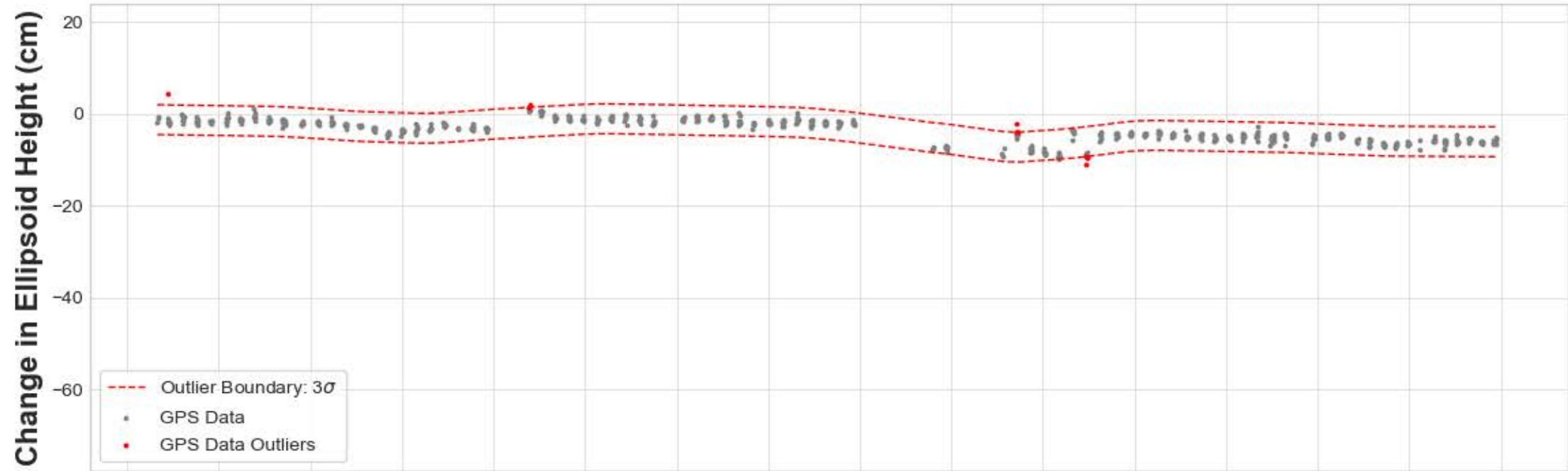
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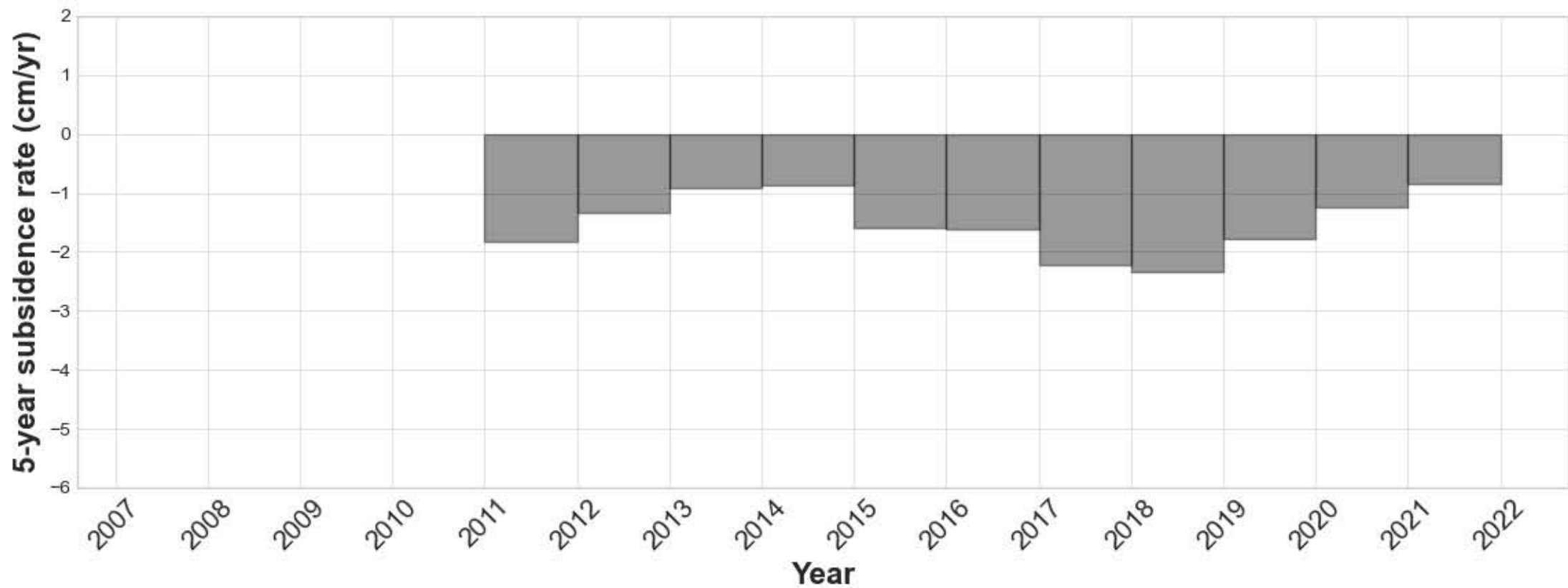
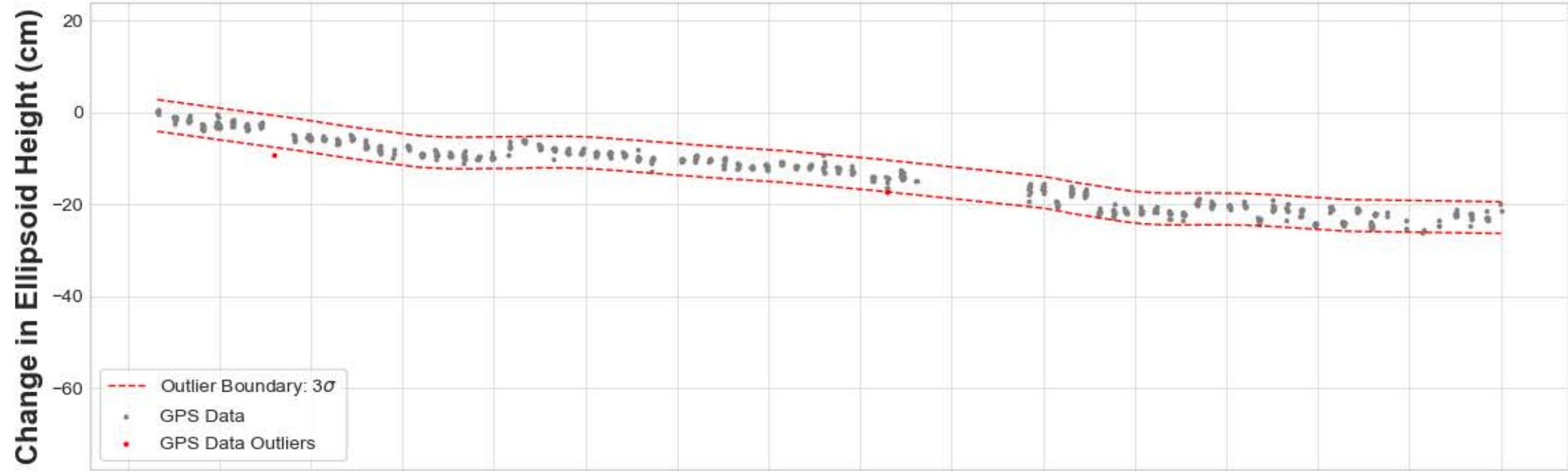
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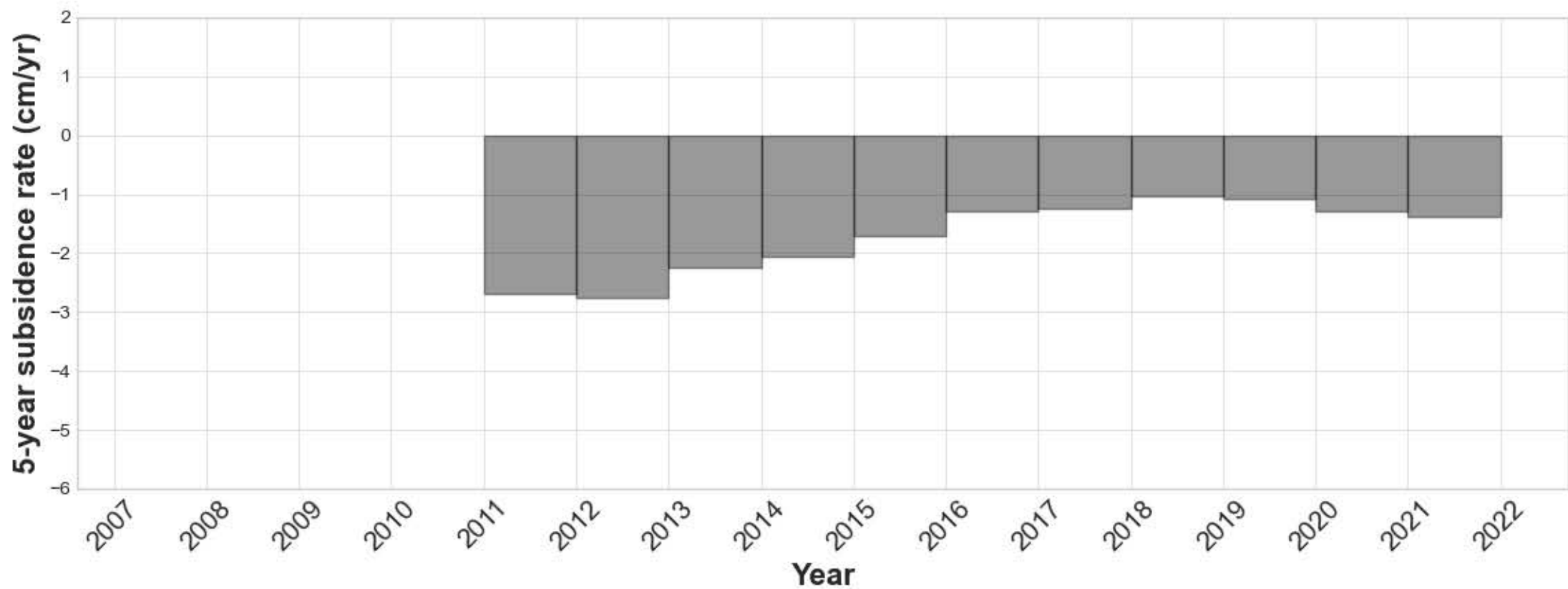
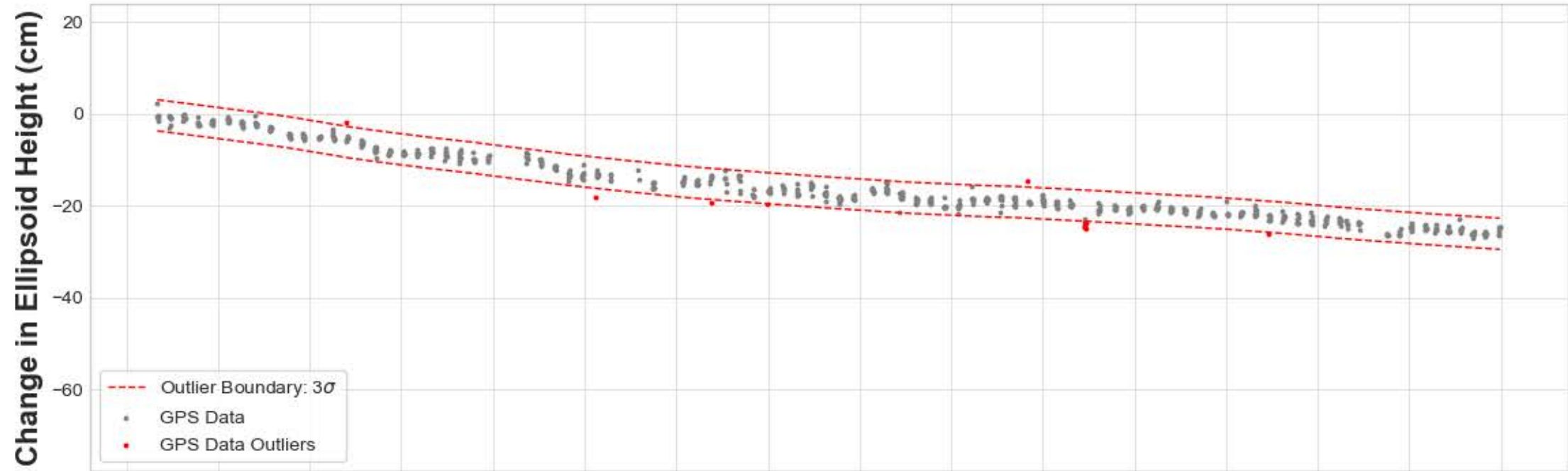
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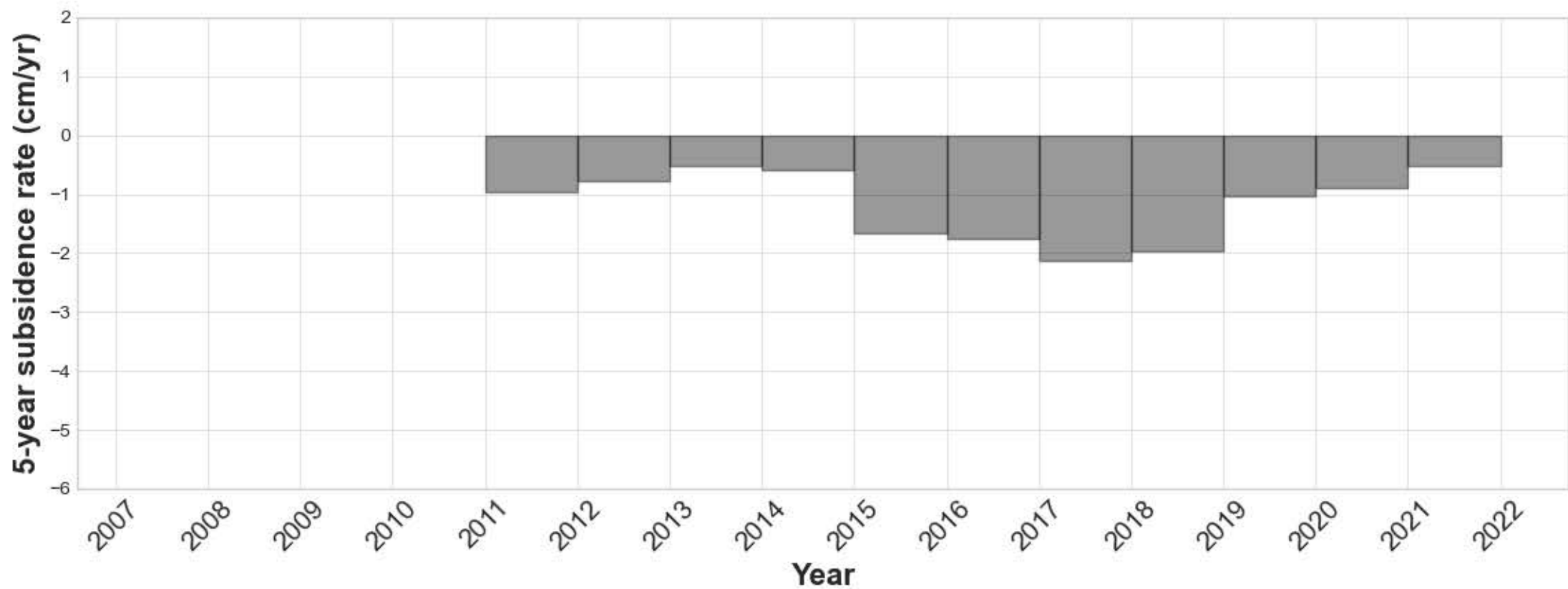
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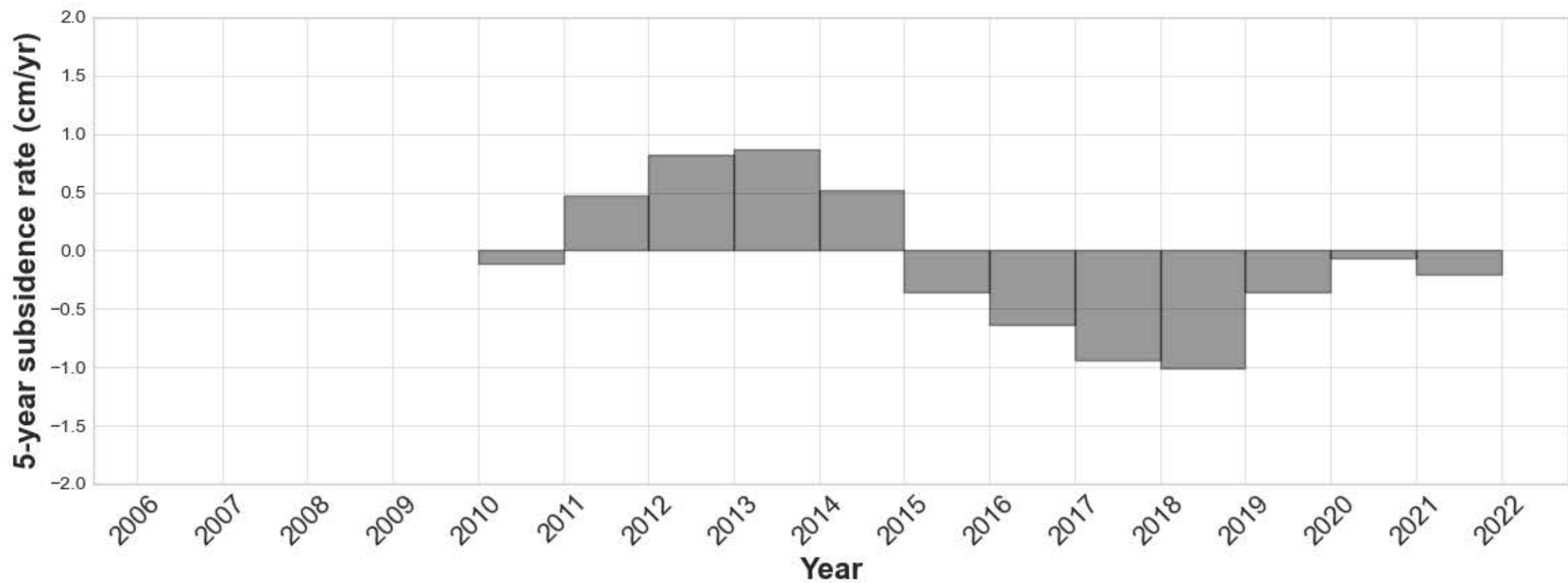
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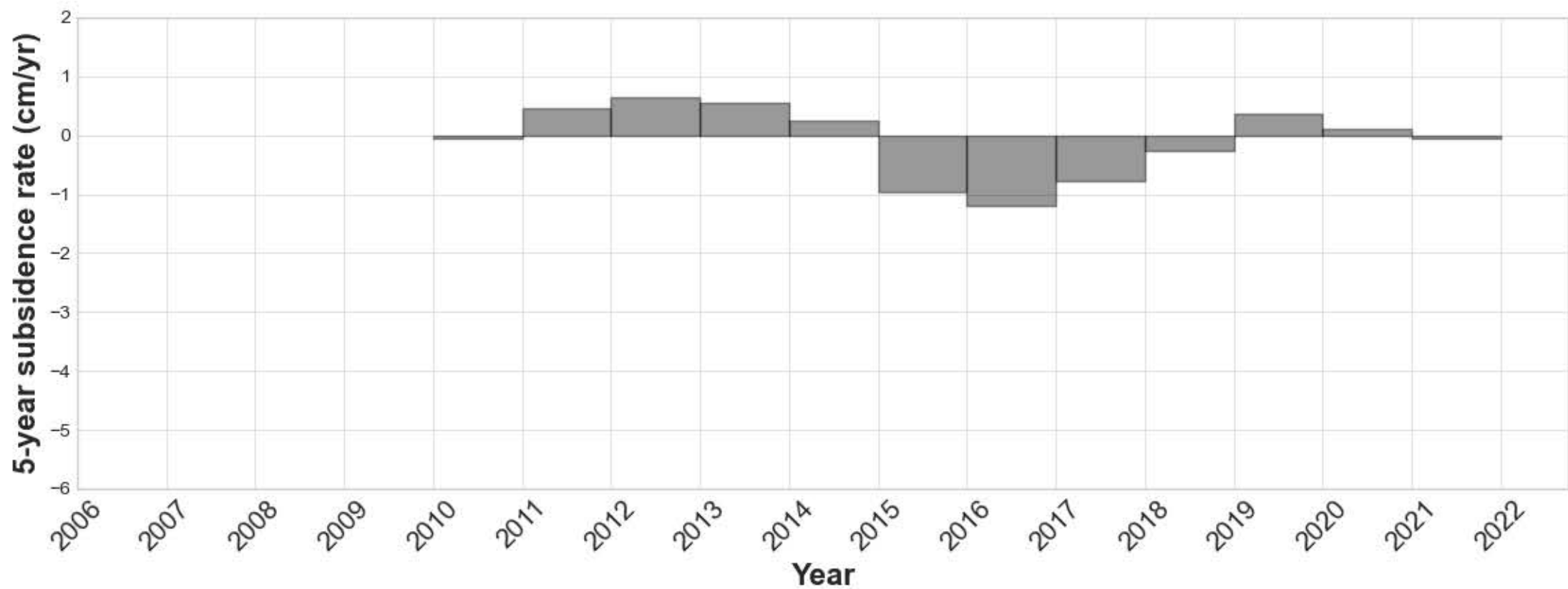
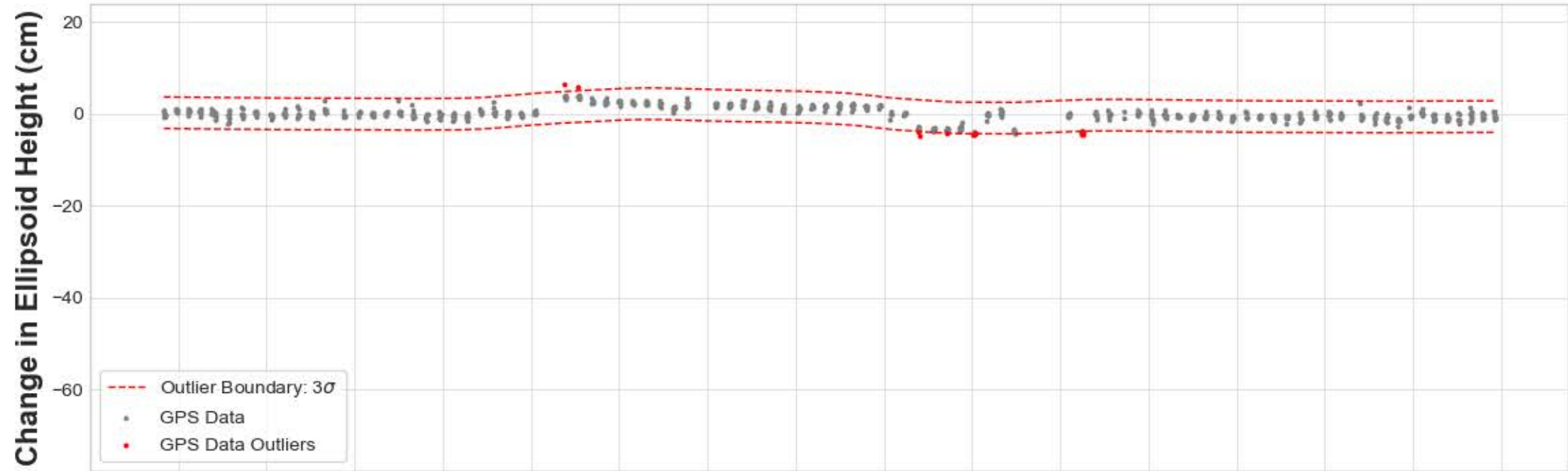
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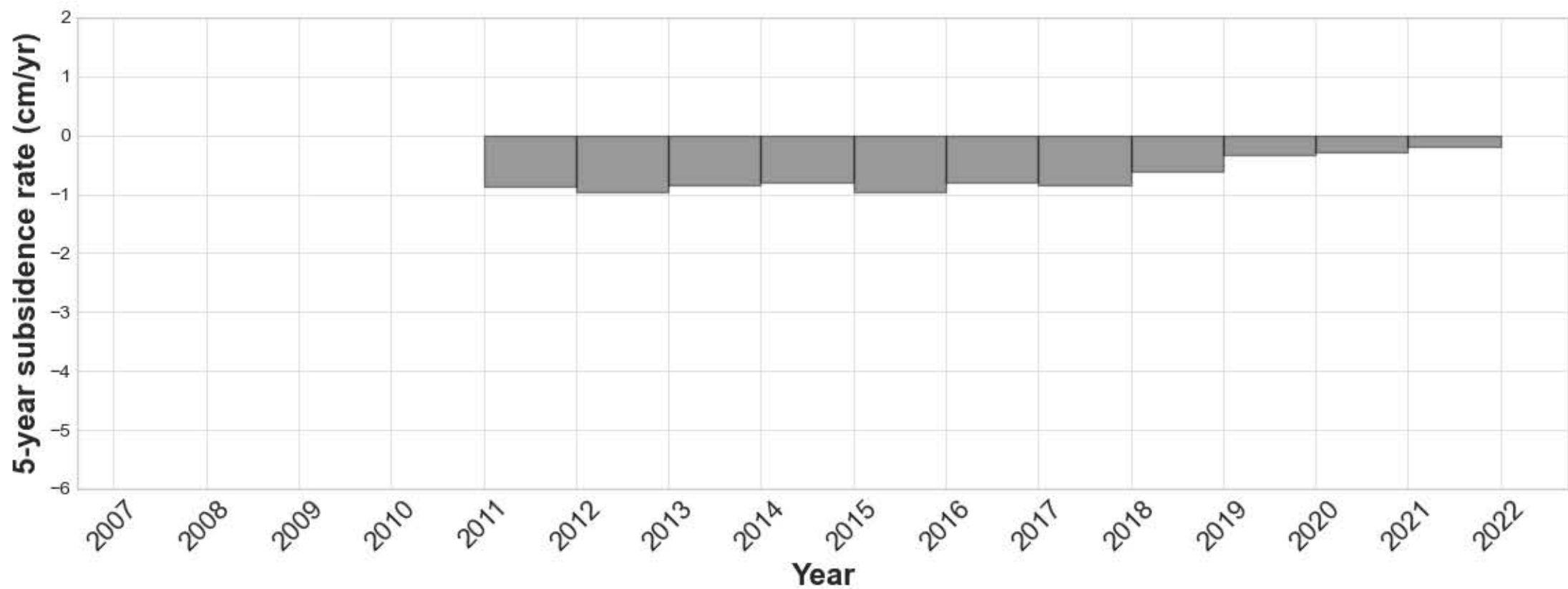
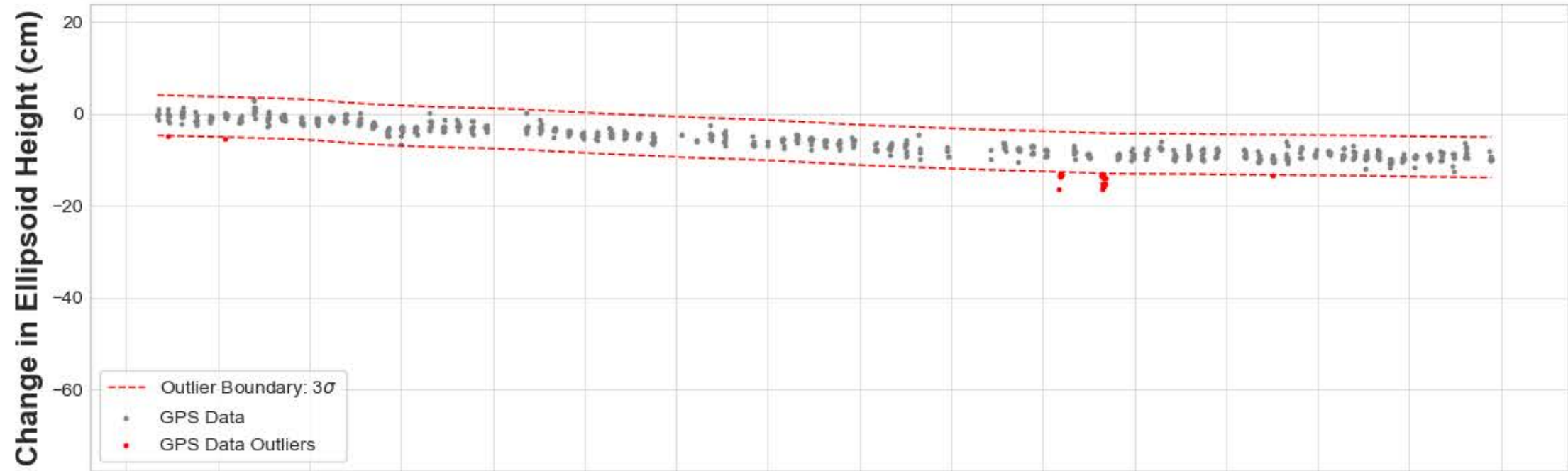
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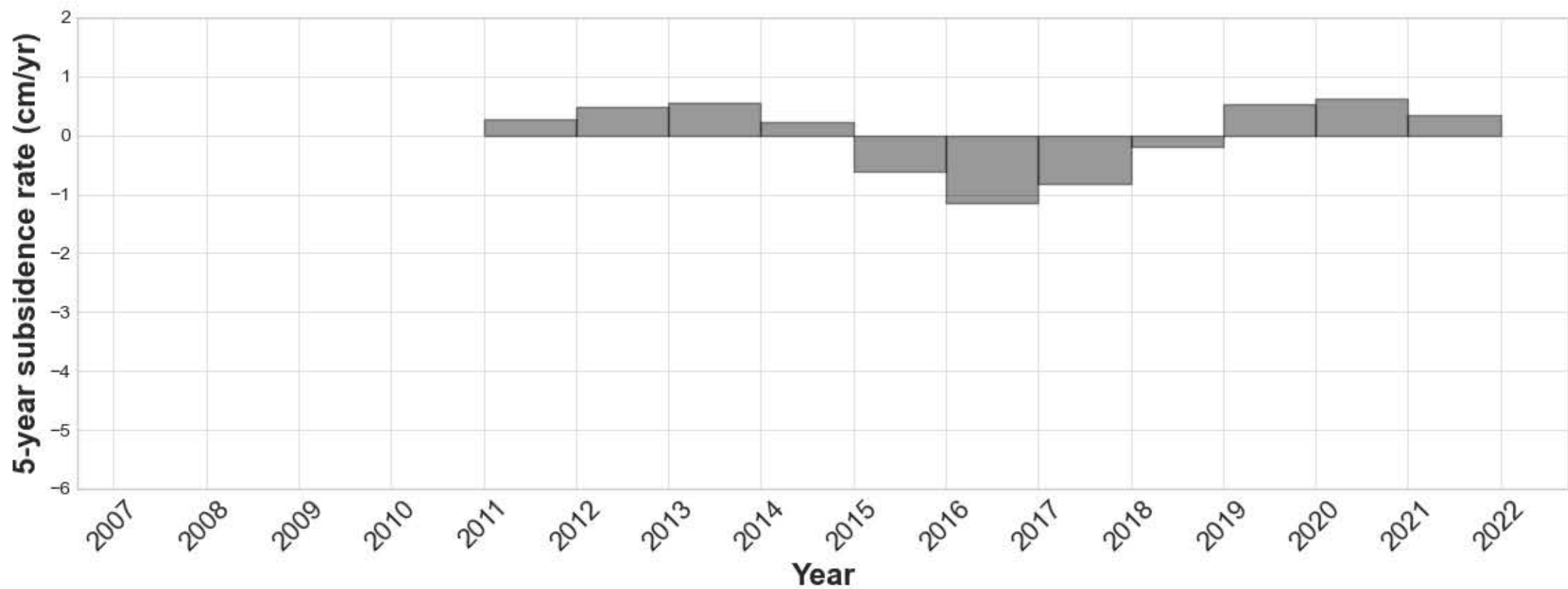
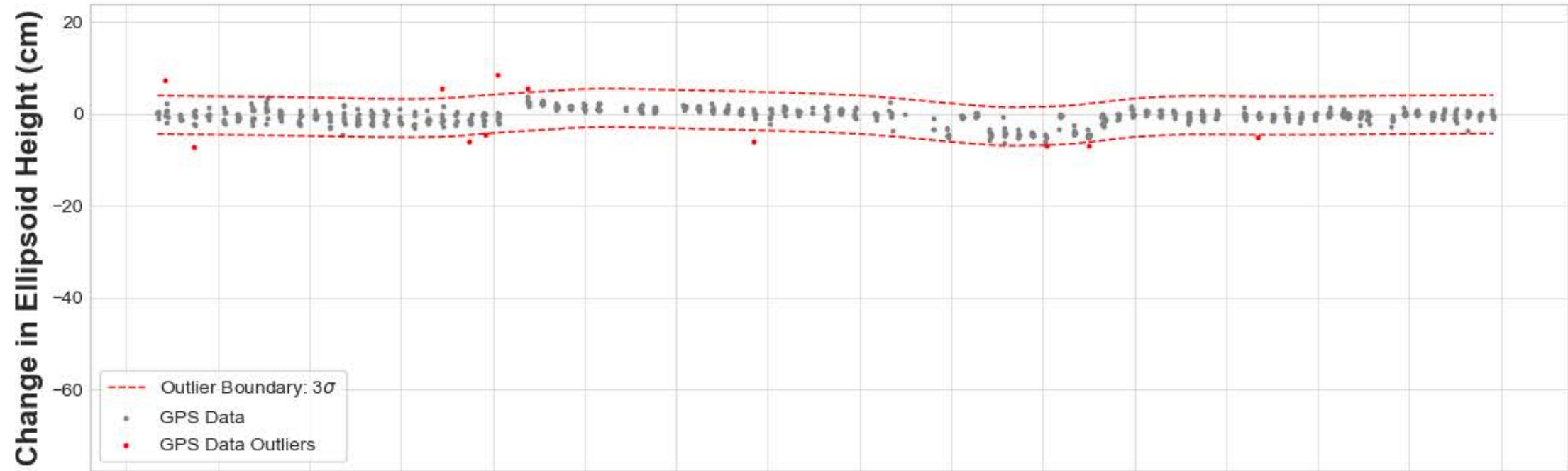
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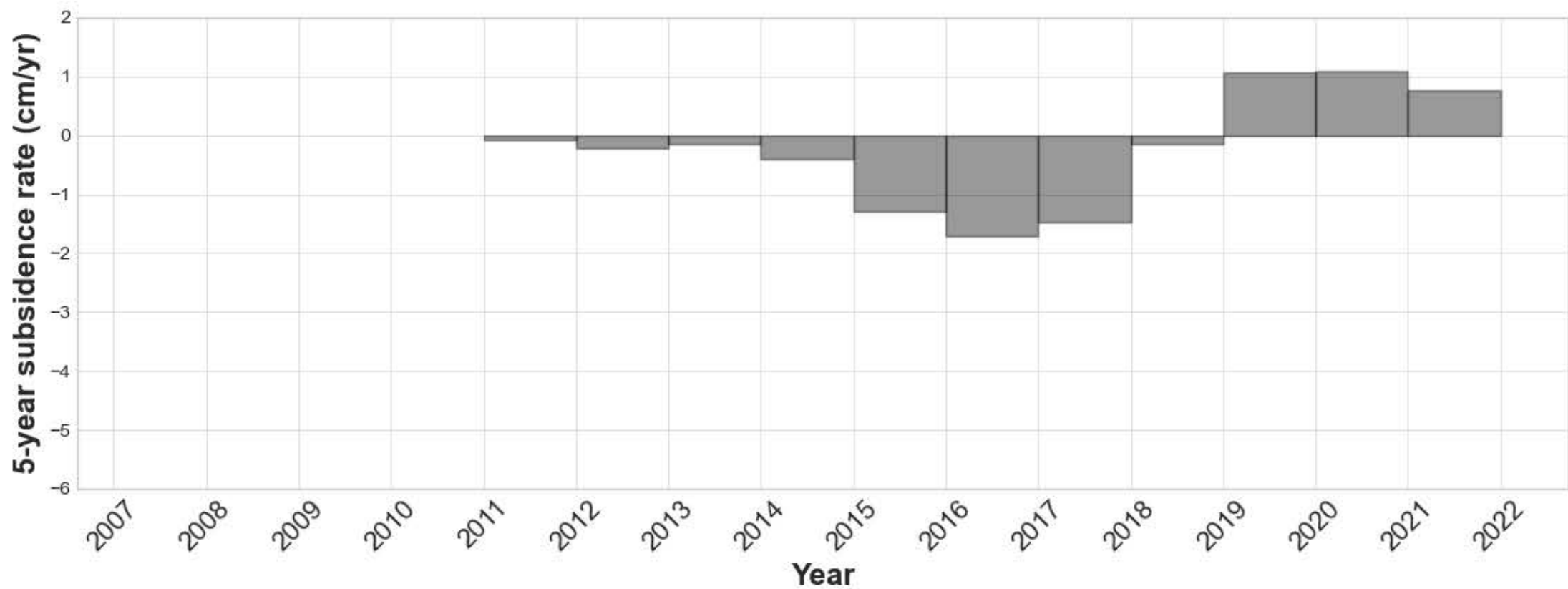
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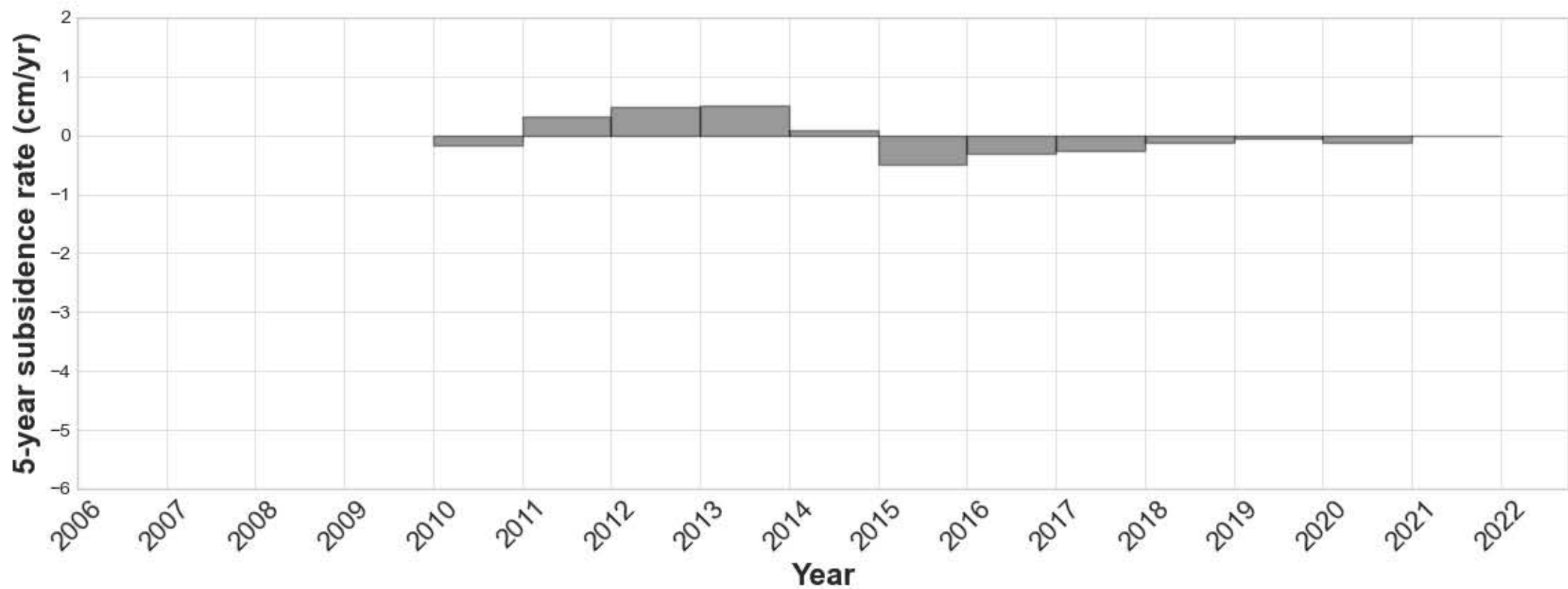
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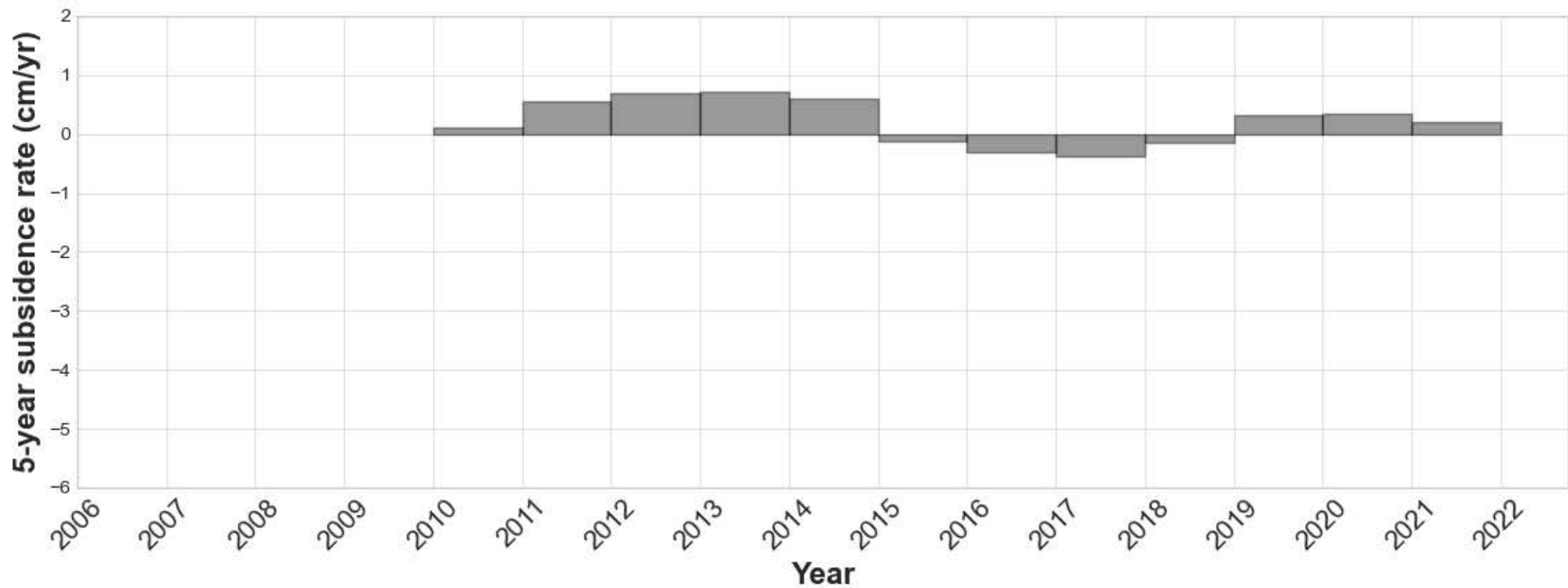
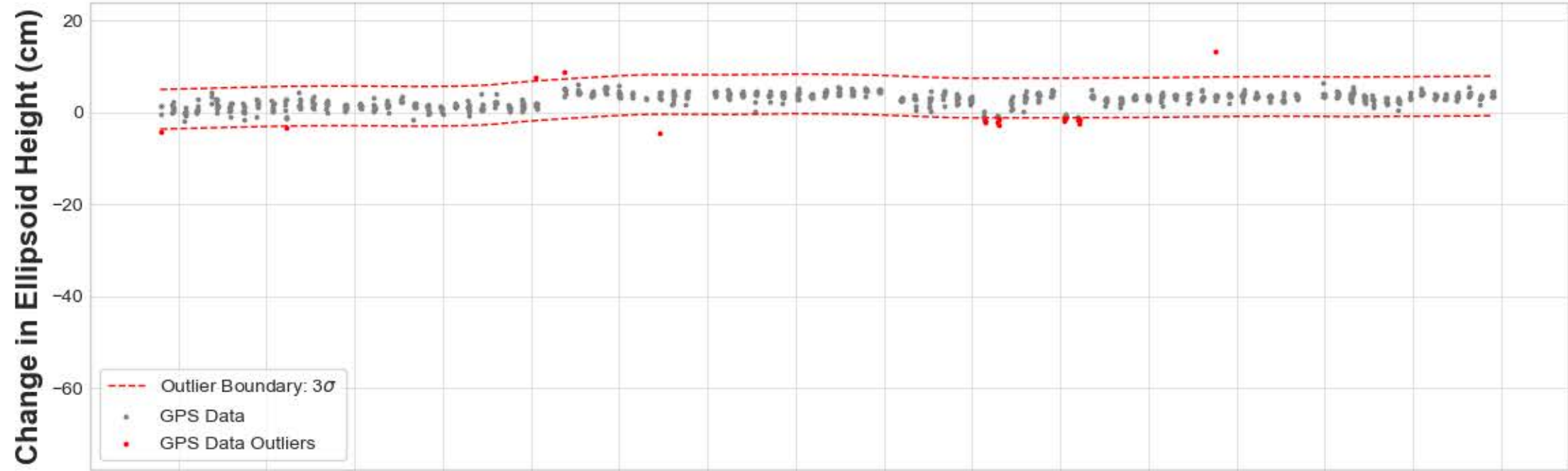
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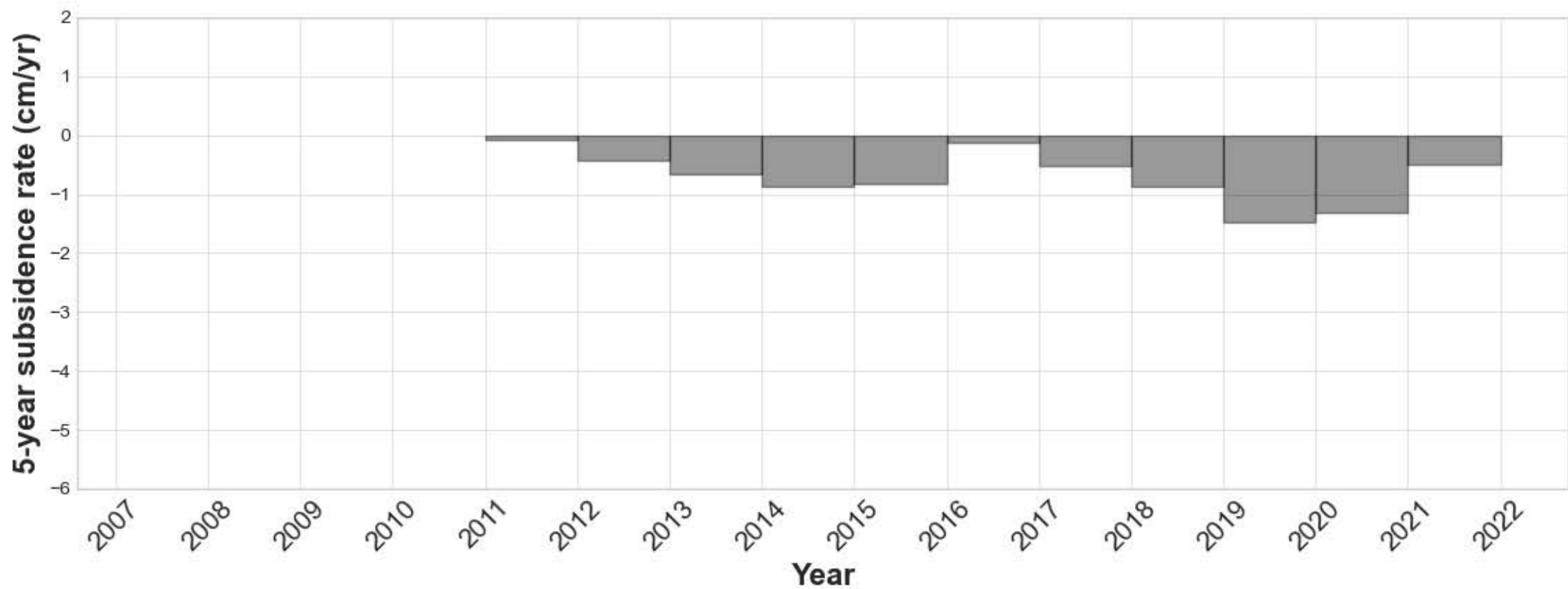
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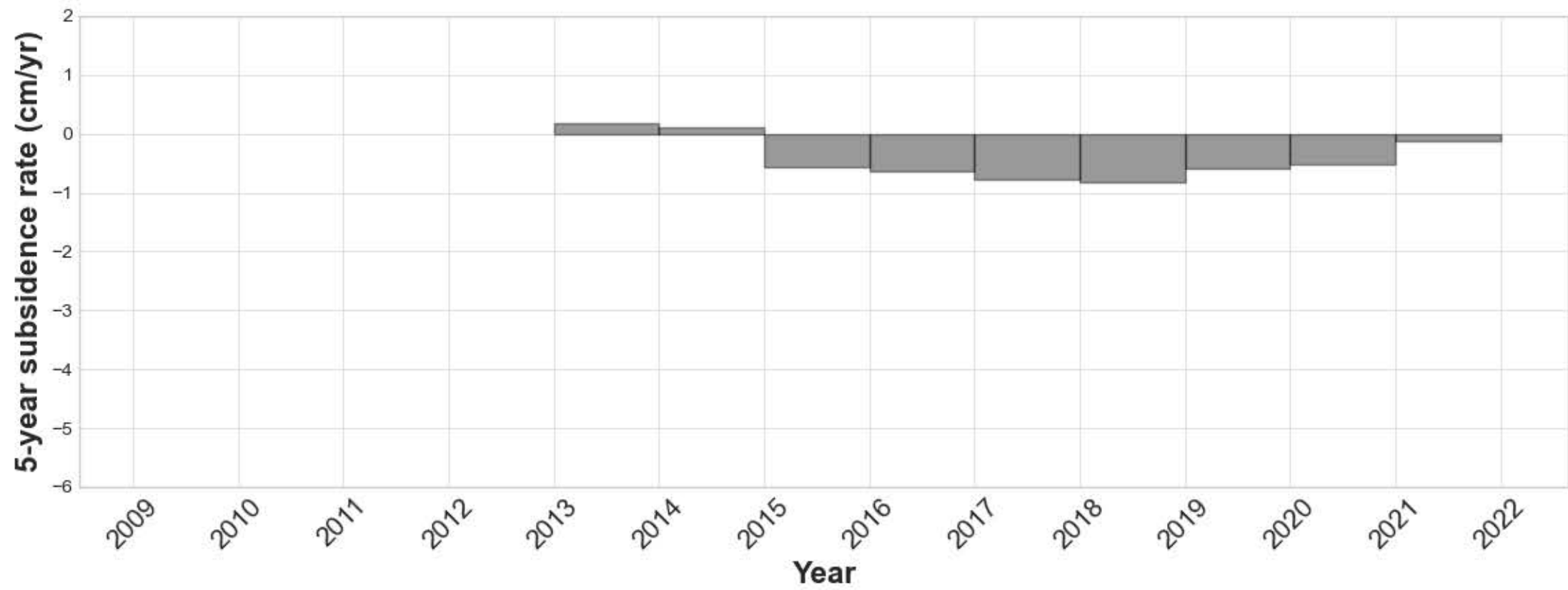
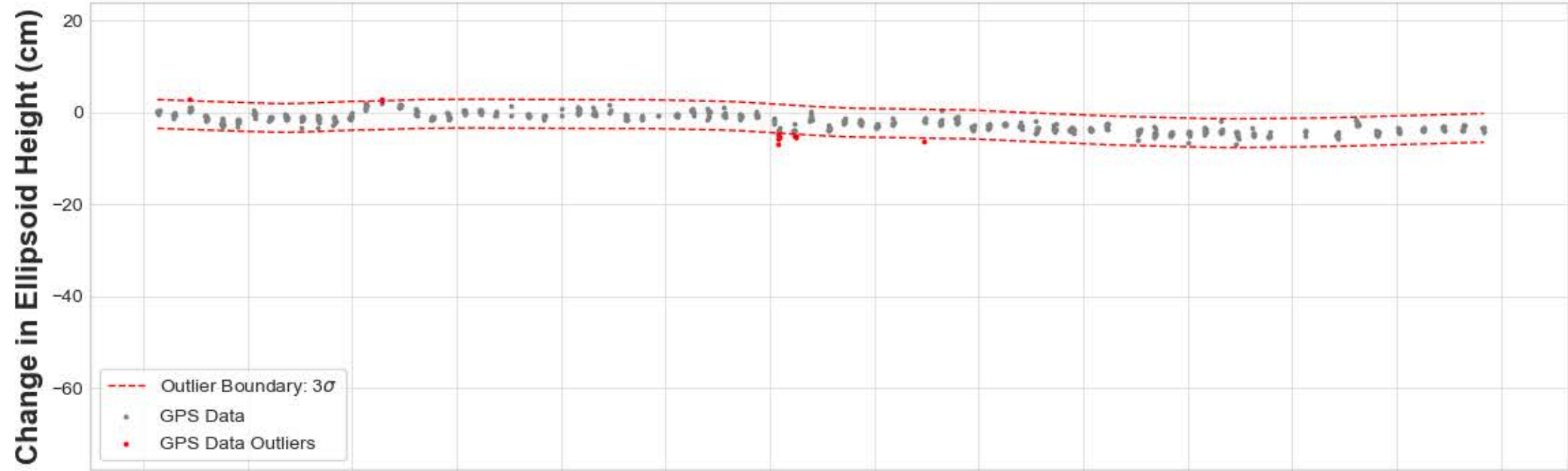
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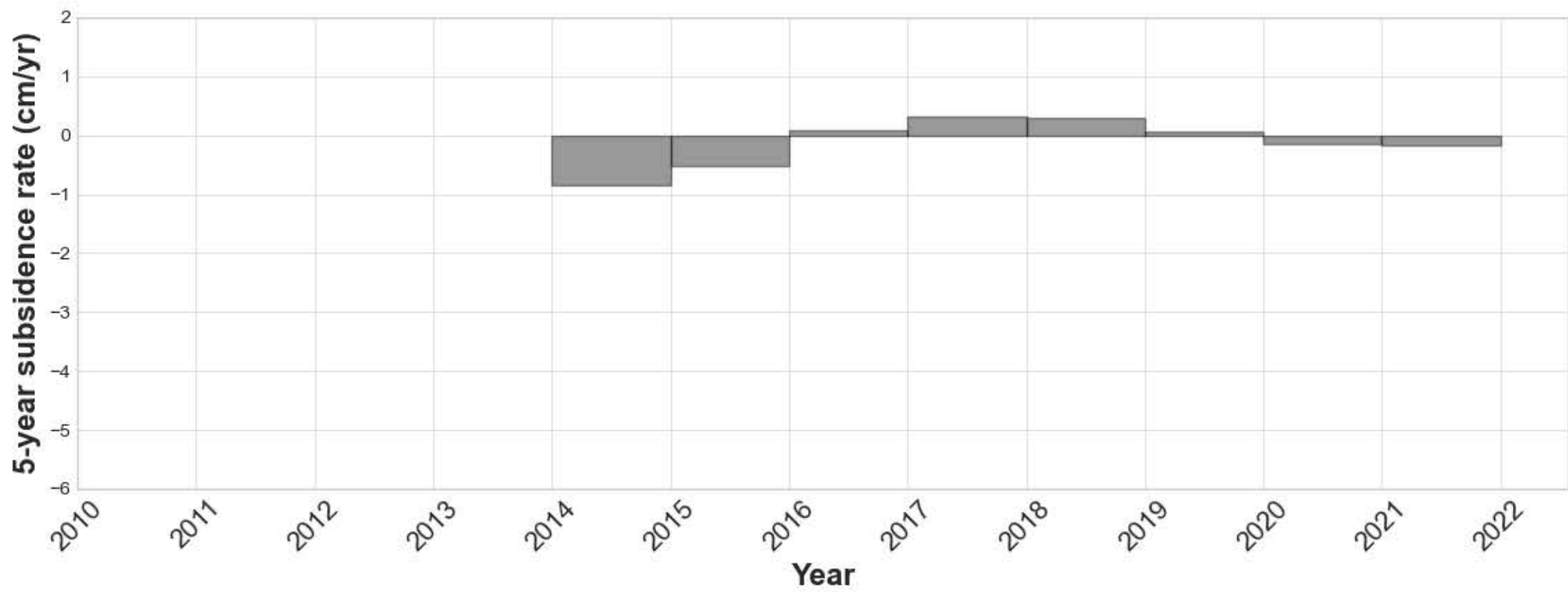
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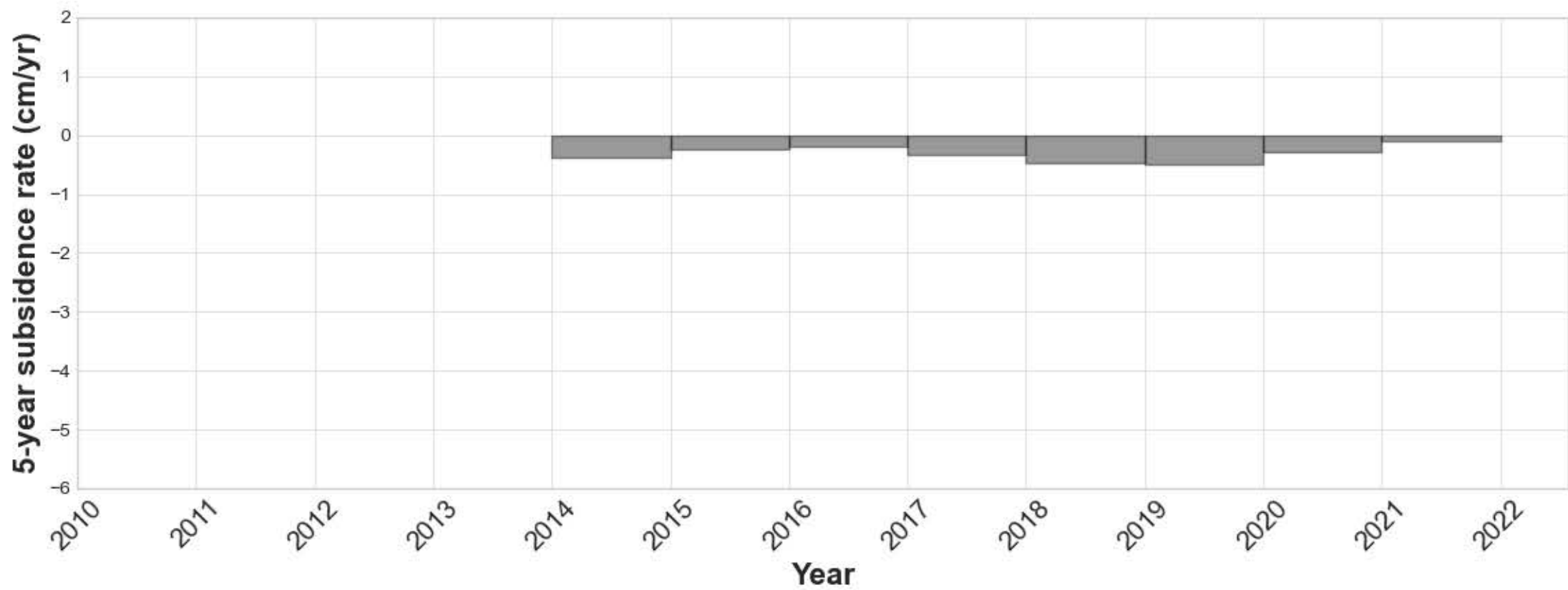
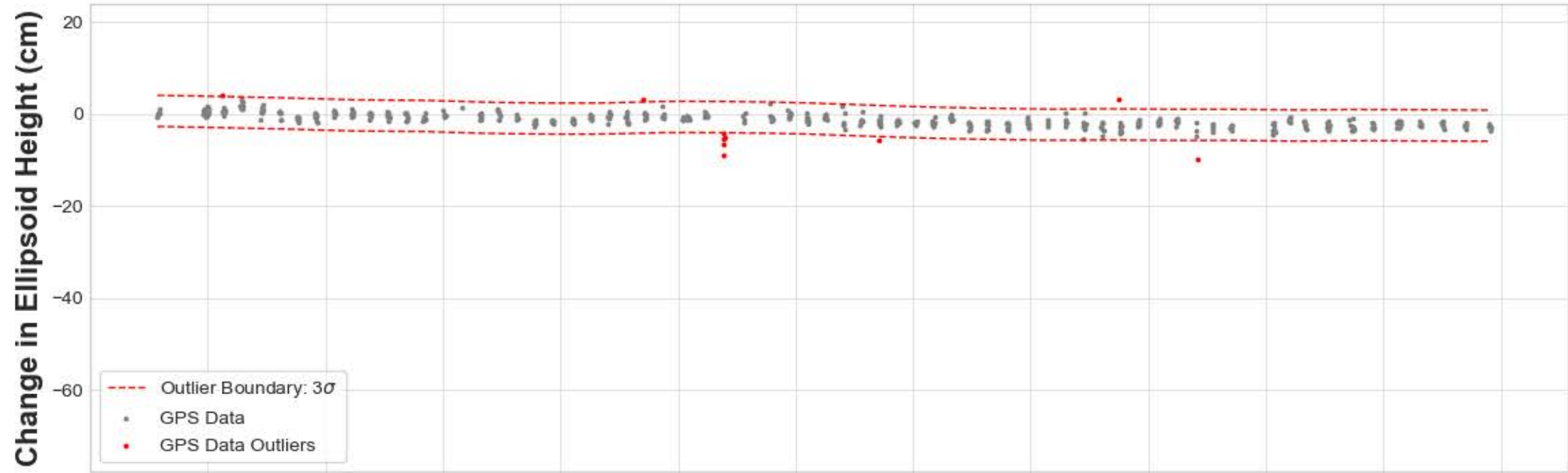
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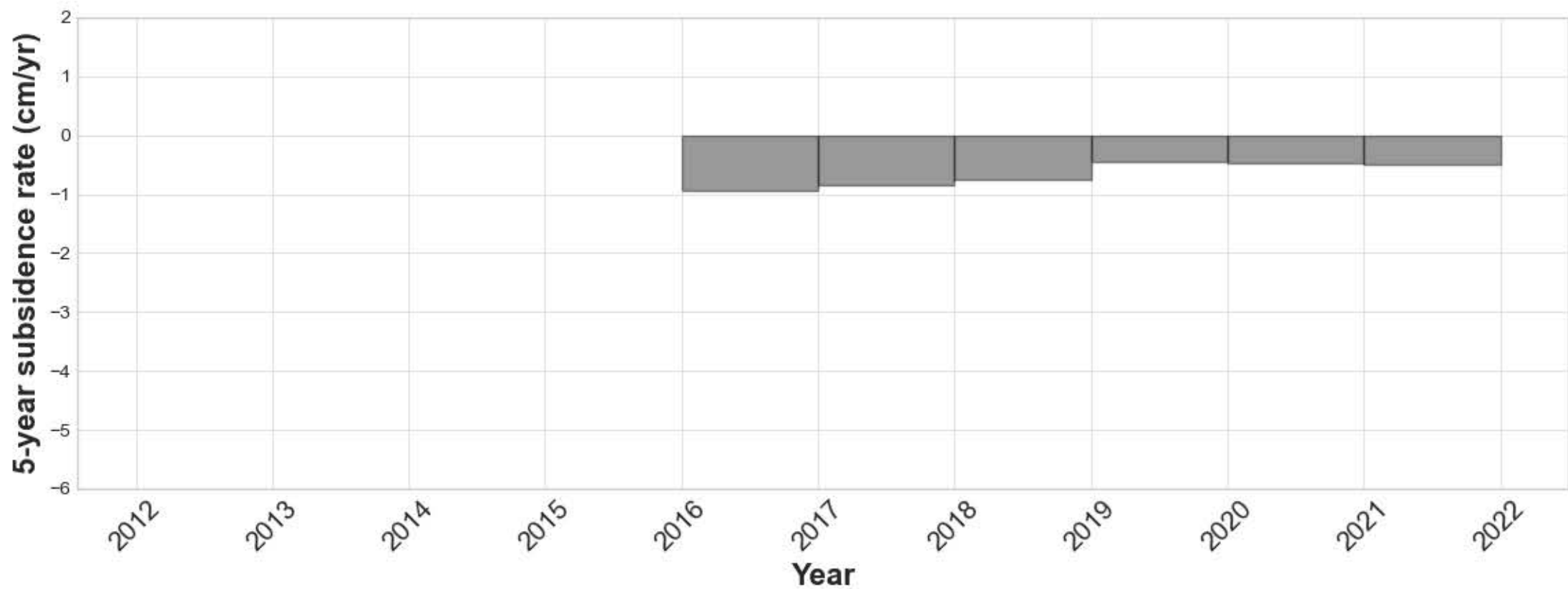
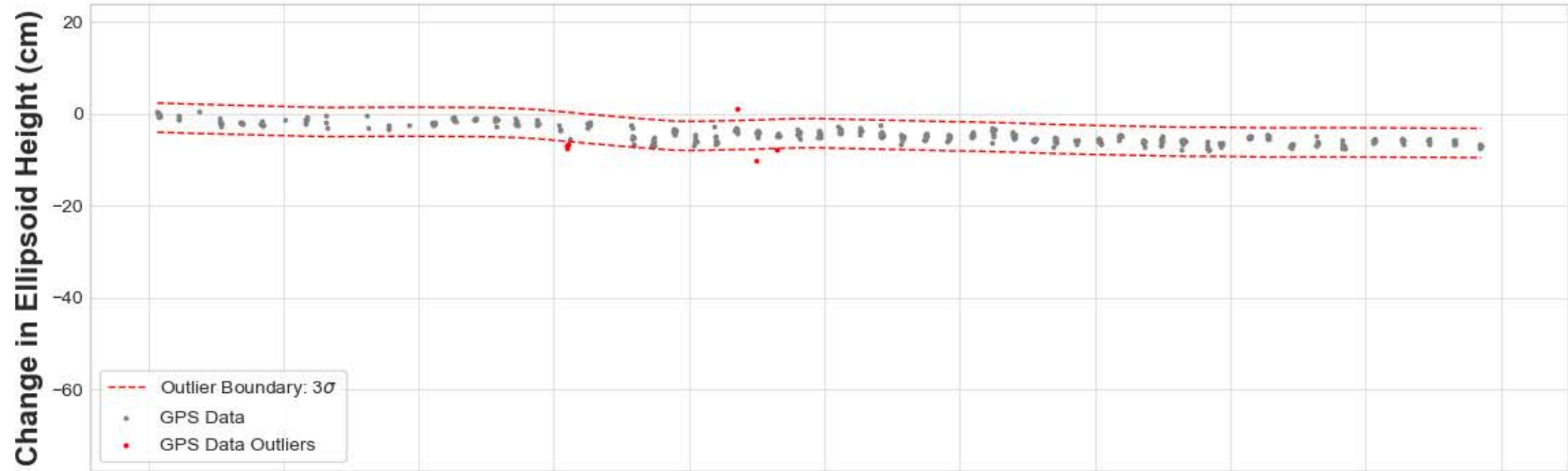
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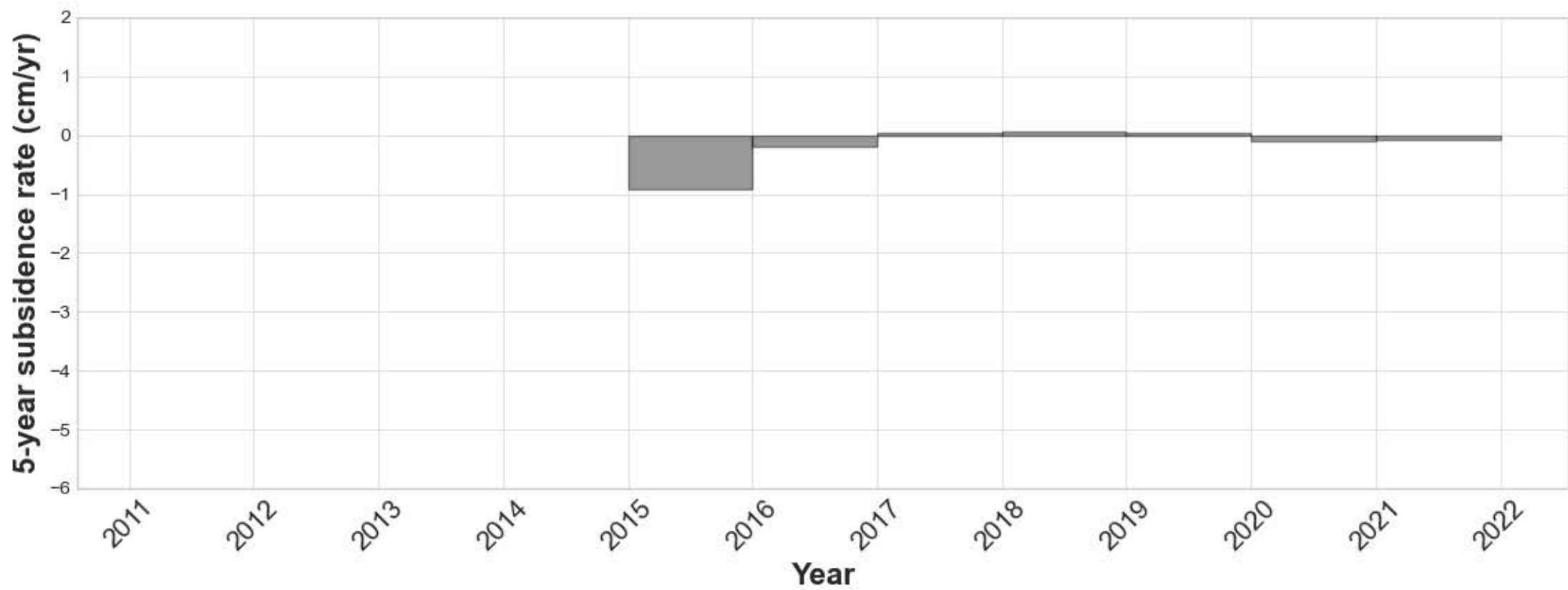
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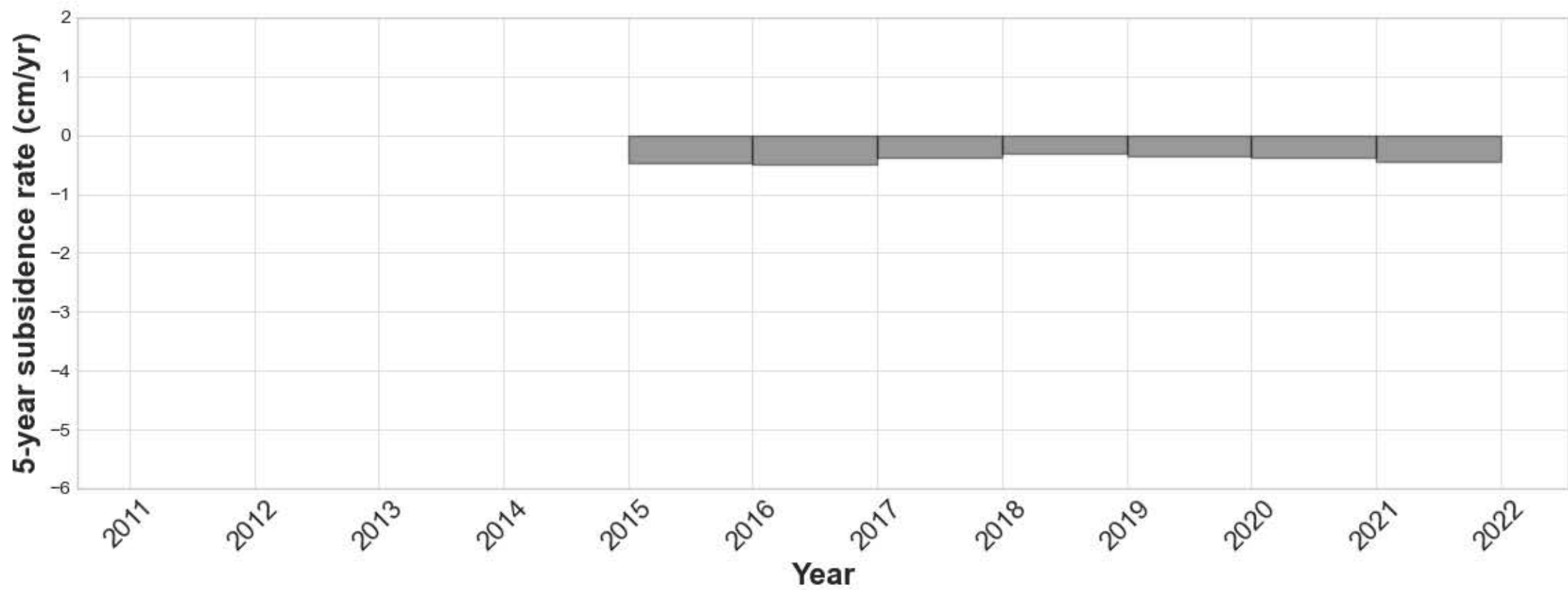
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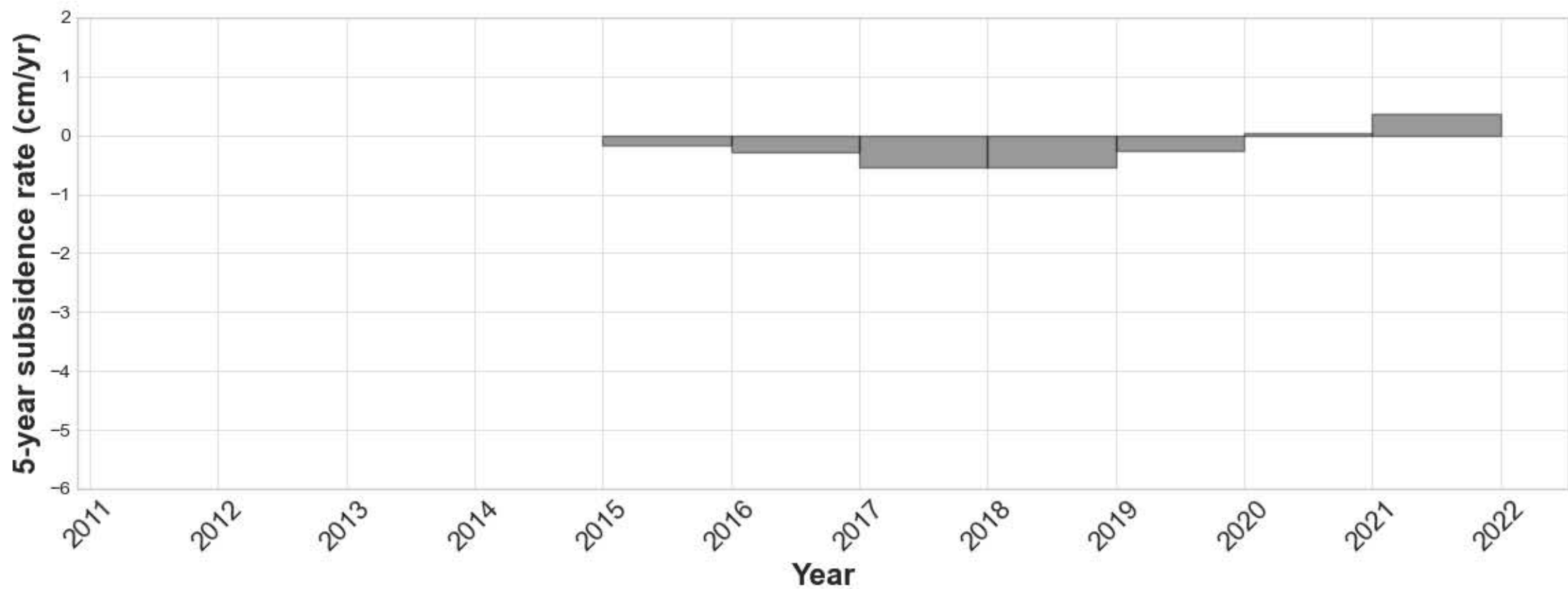
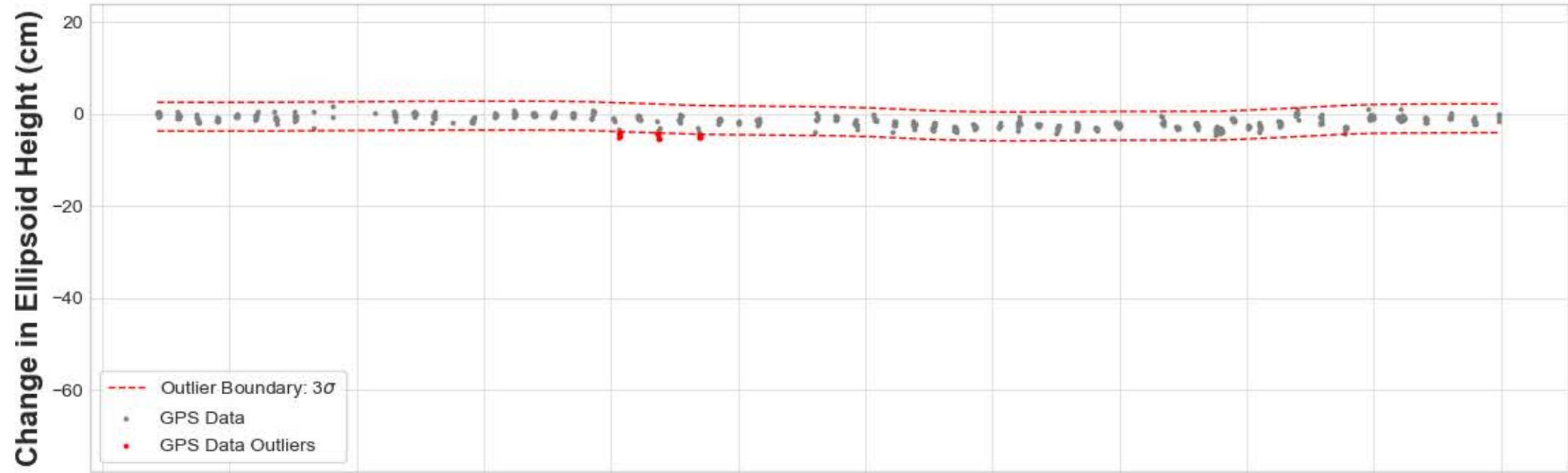
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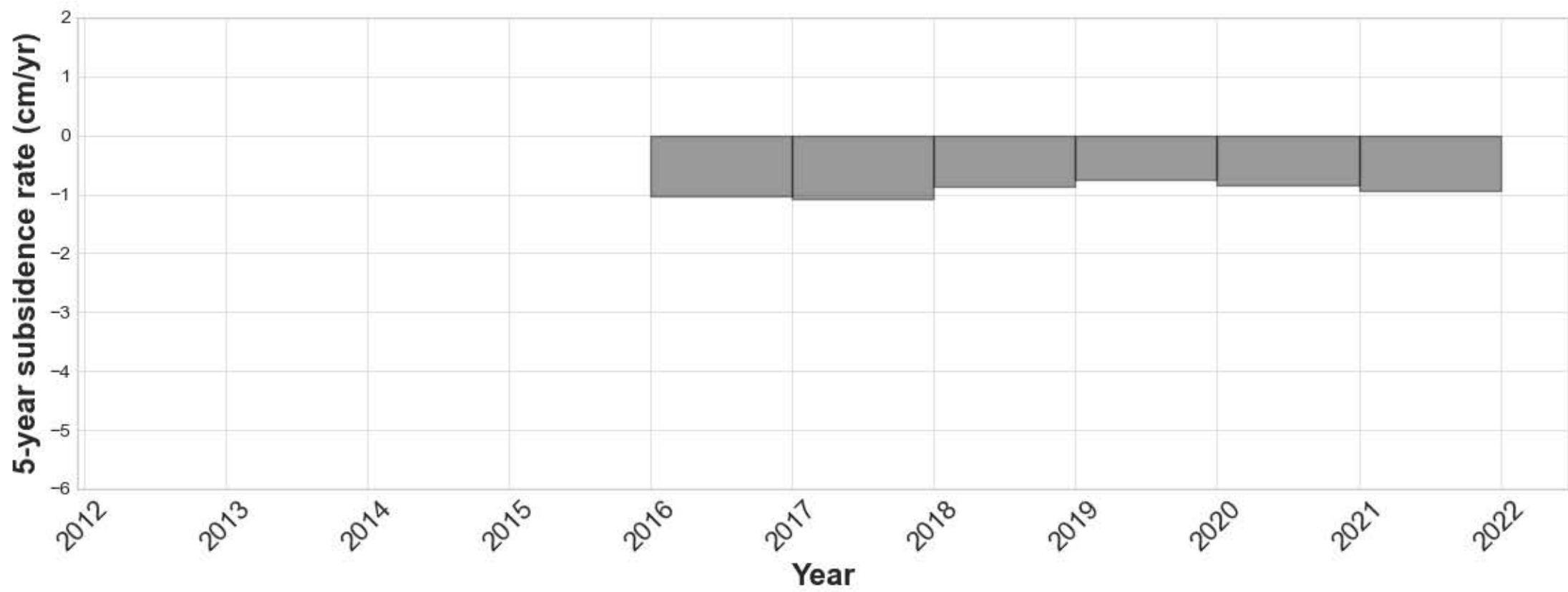
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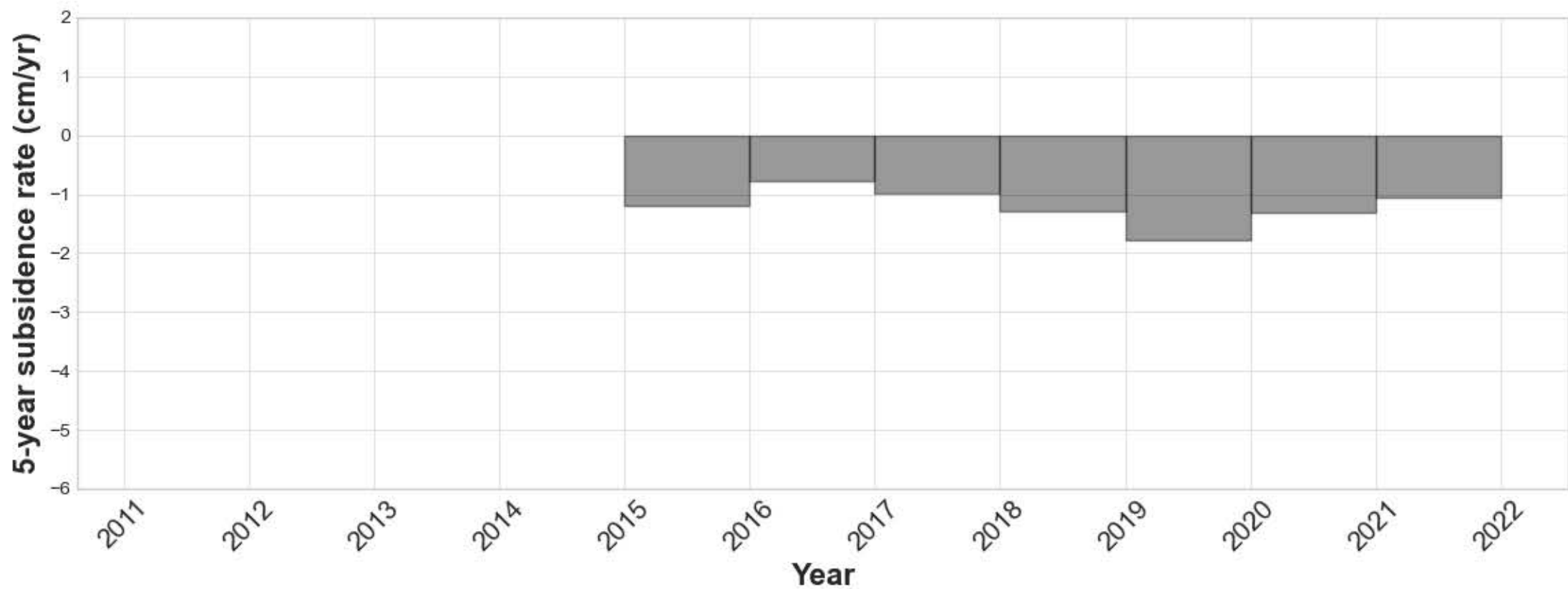
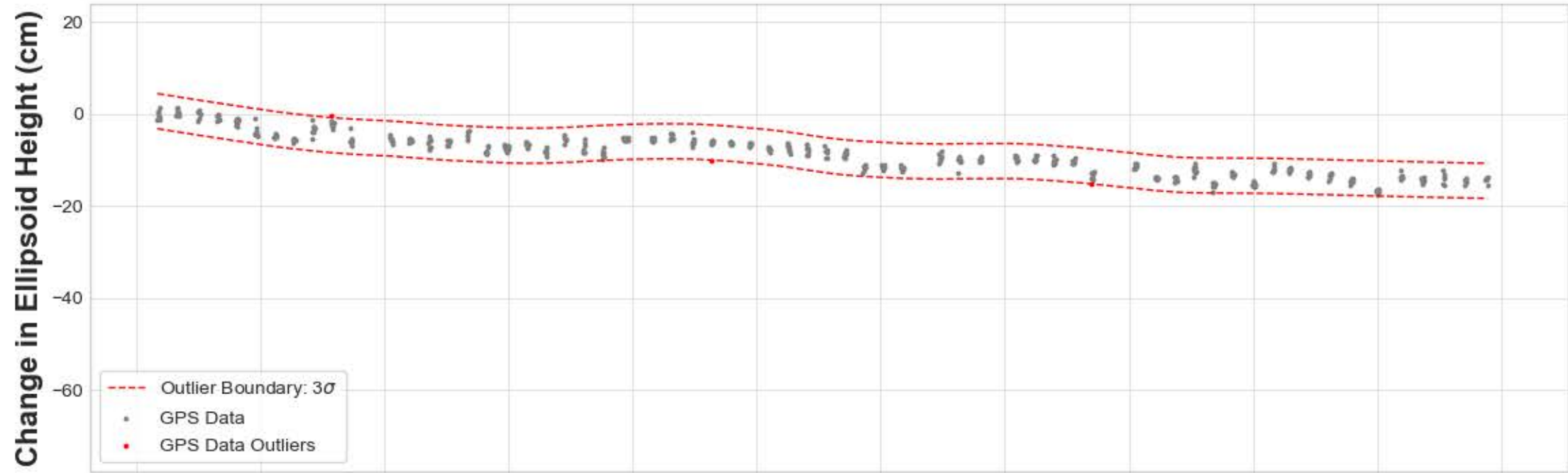
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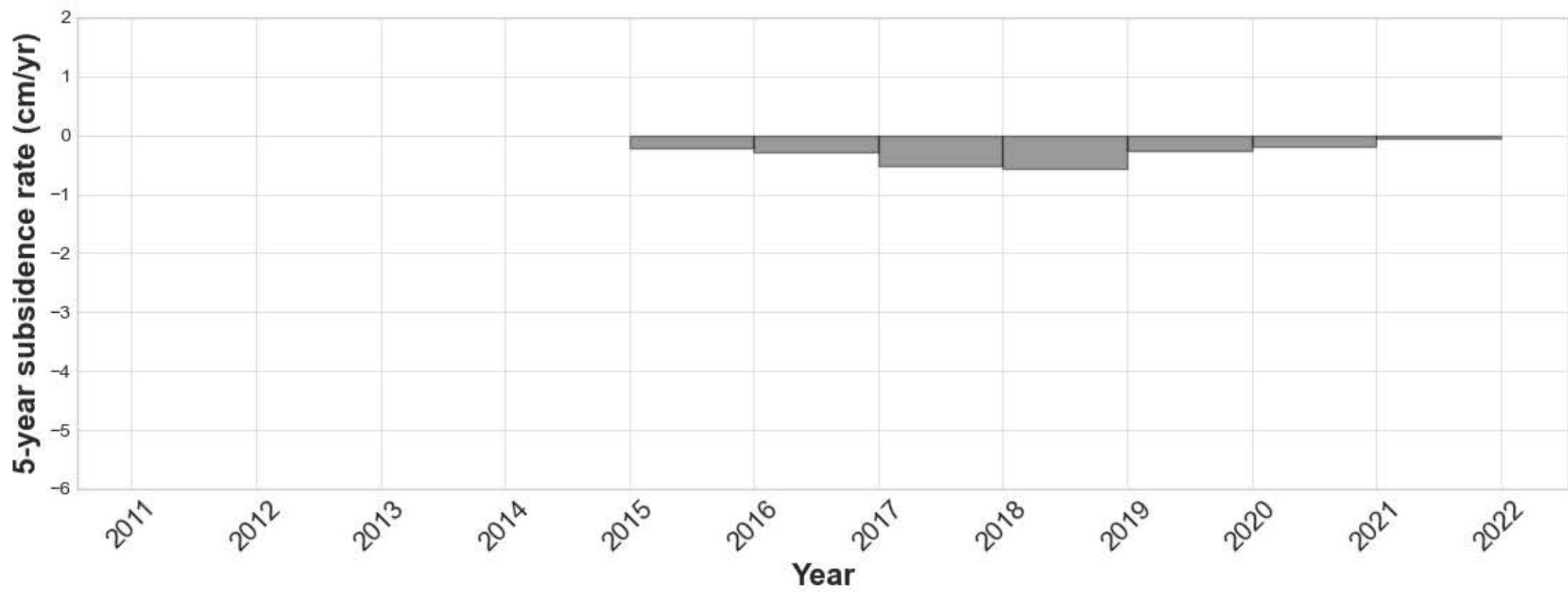
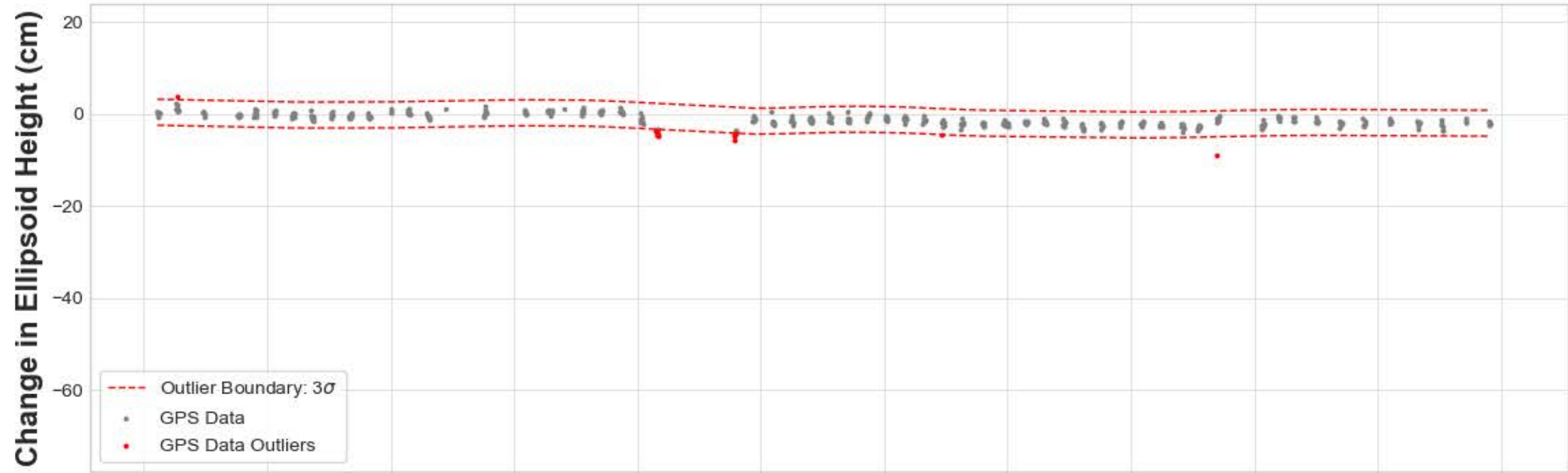
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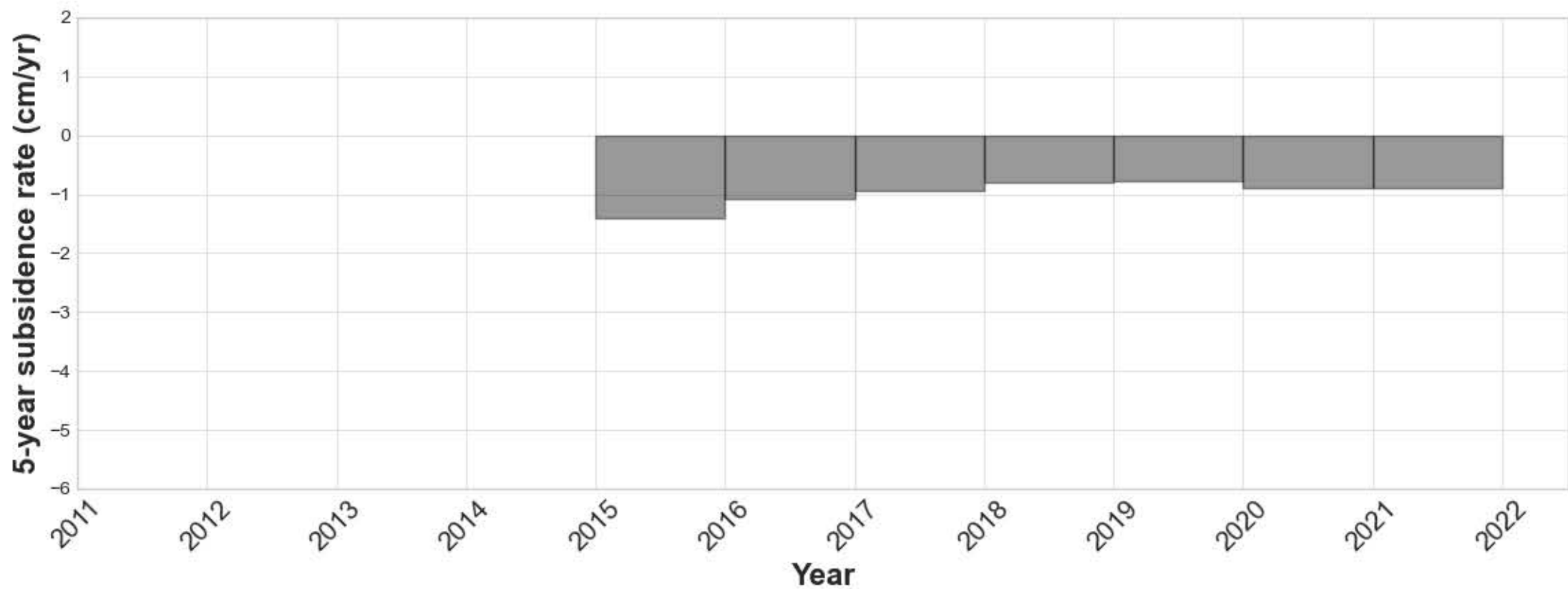
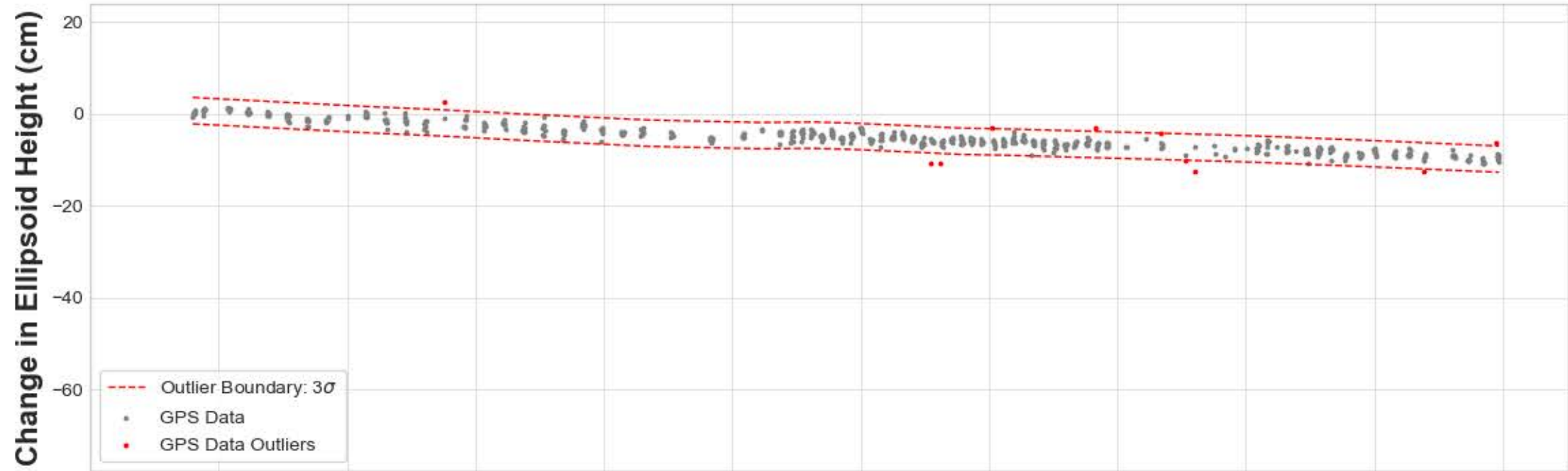


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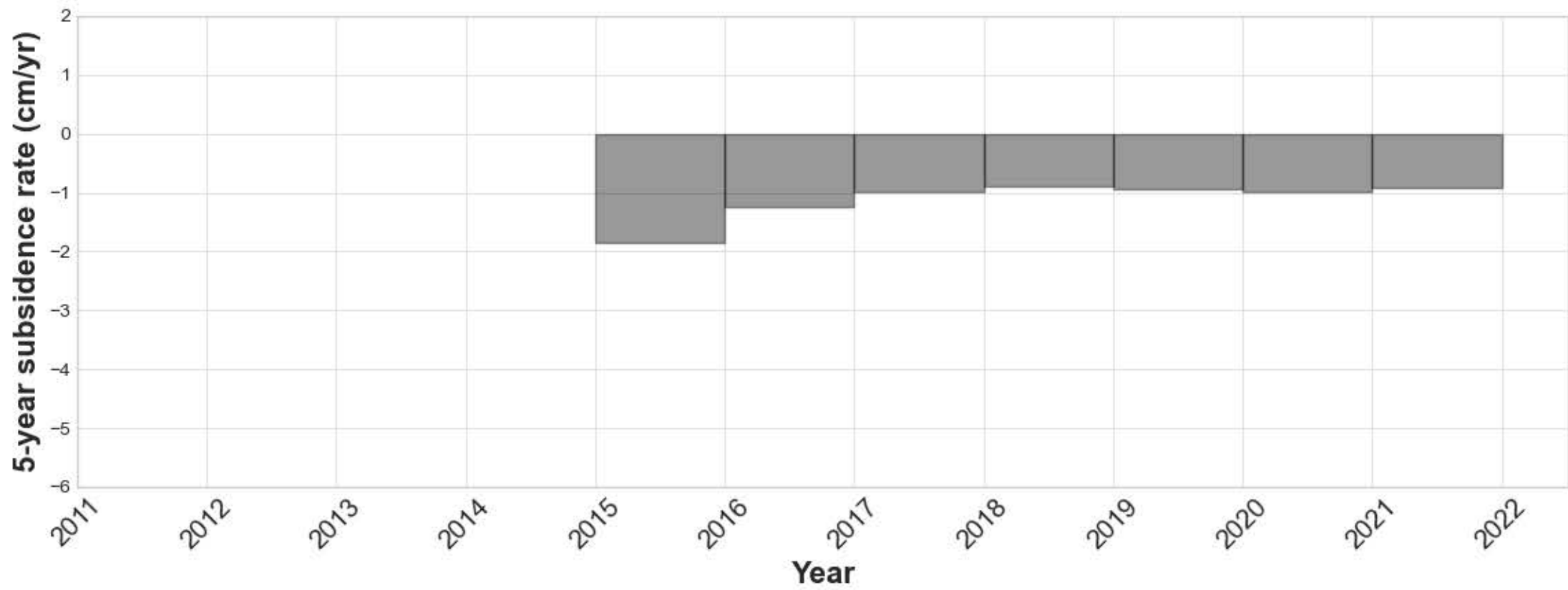
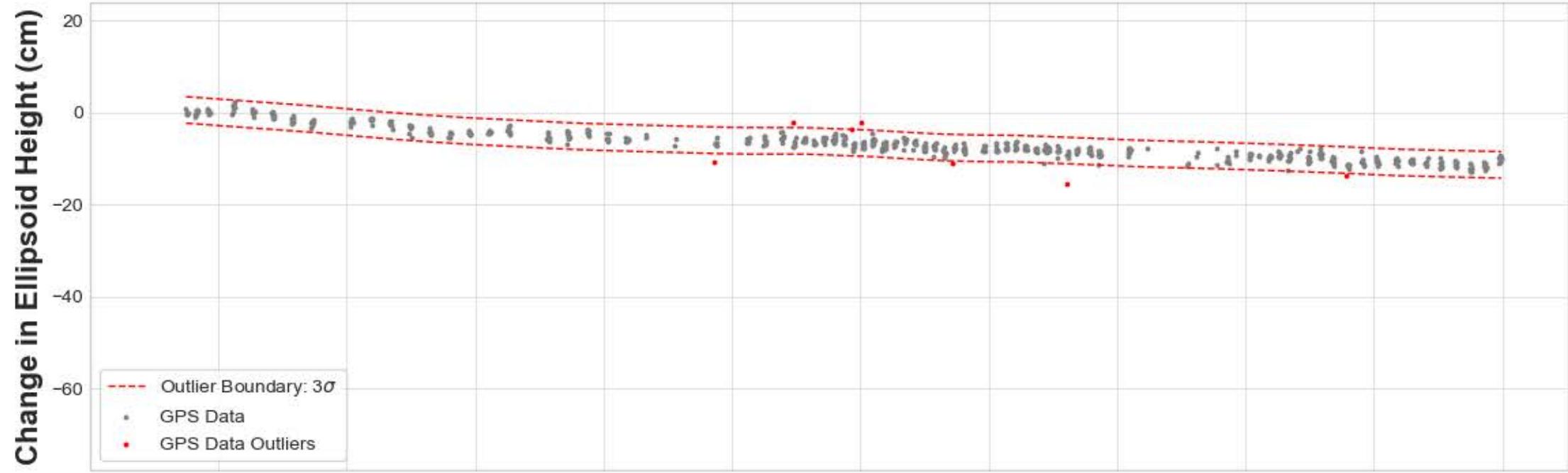


Processed GPS data (Source: University of Houston) over period of record. Processed GPS data (gray circles) located inside the outlier boundary (red dashed line) are used when calculating subsidence rates. Processed GPS data identified as outliers (red circles) are not considered by HGSD when calculating subsidence rates and are shown for informational purposes only.

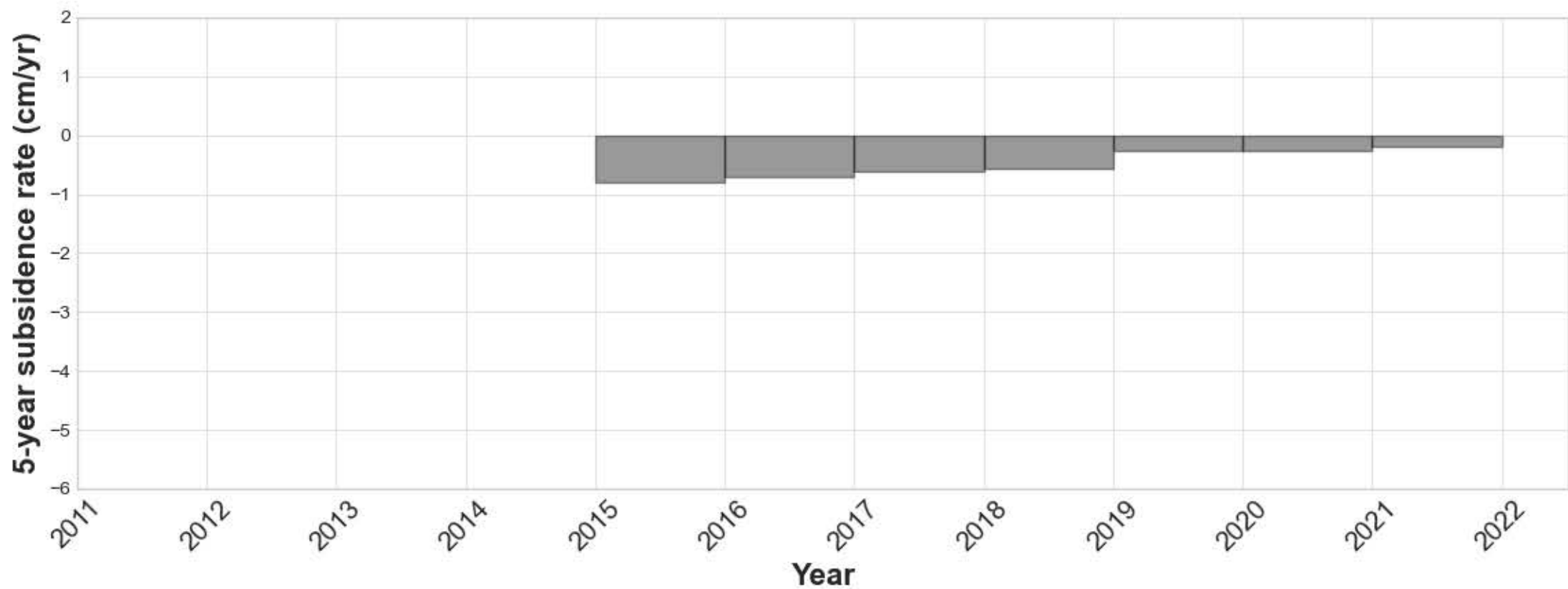
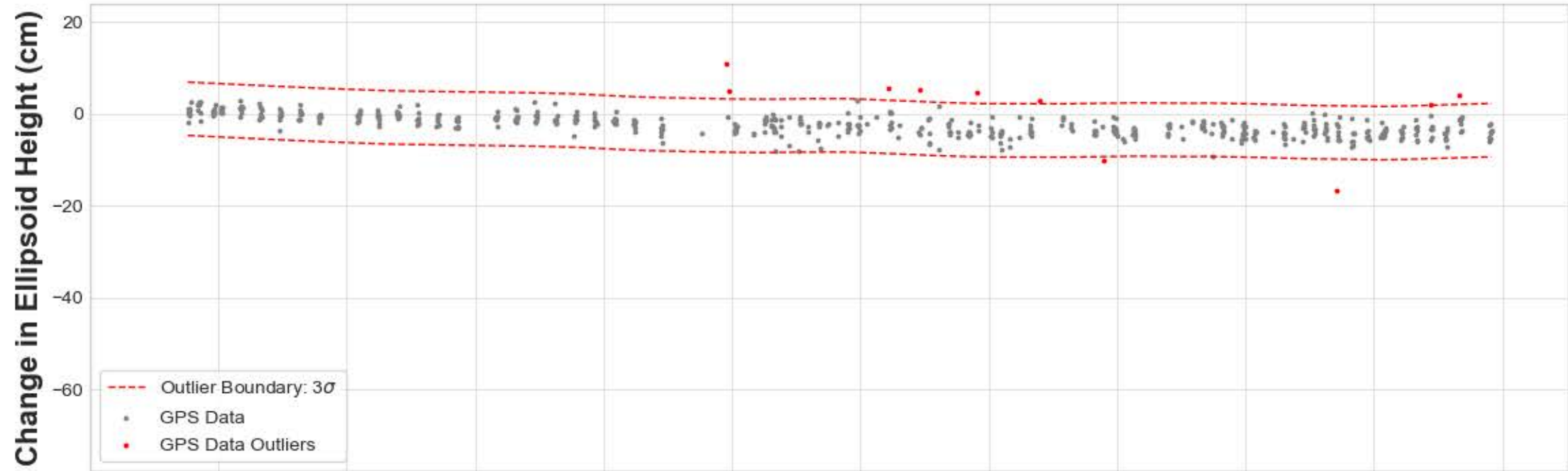
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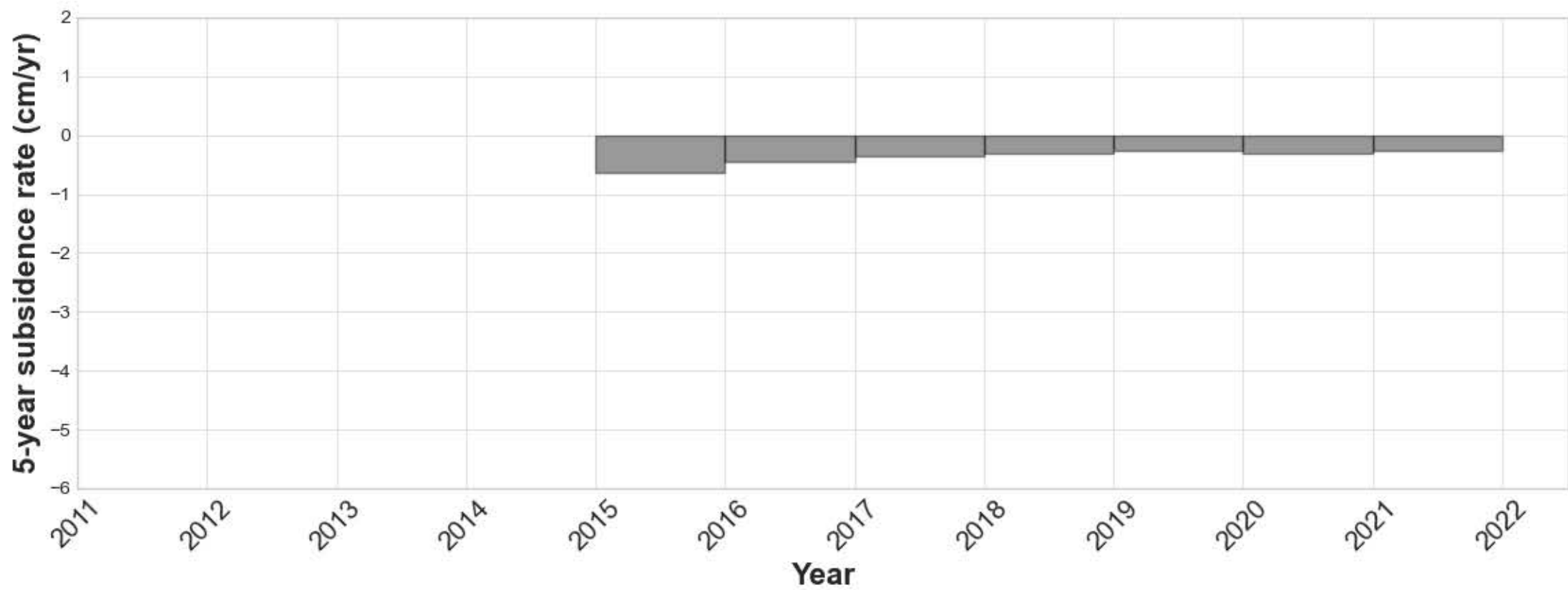
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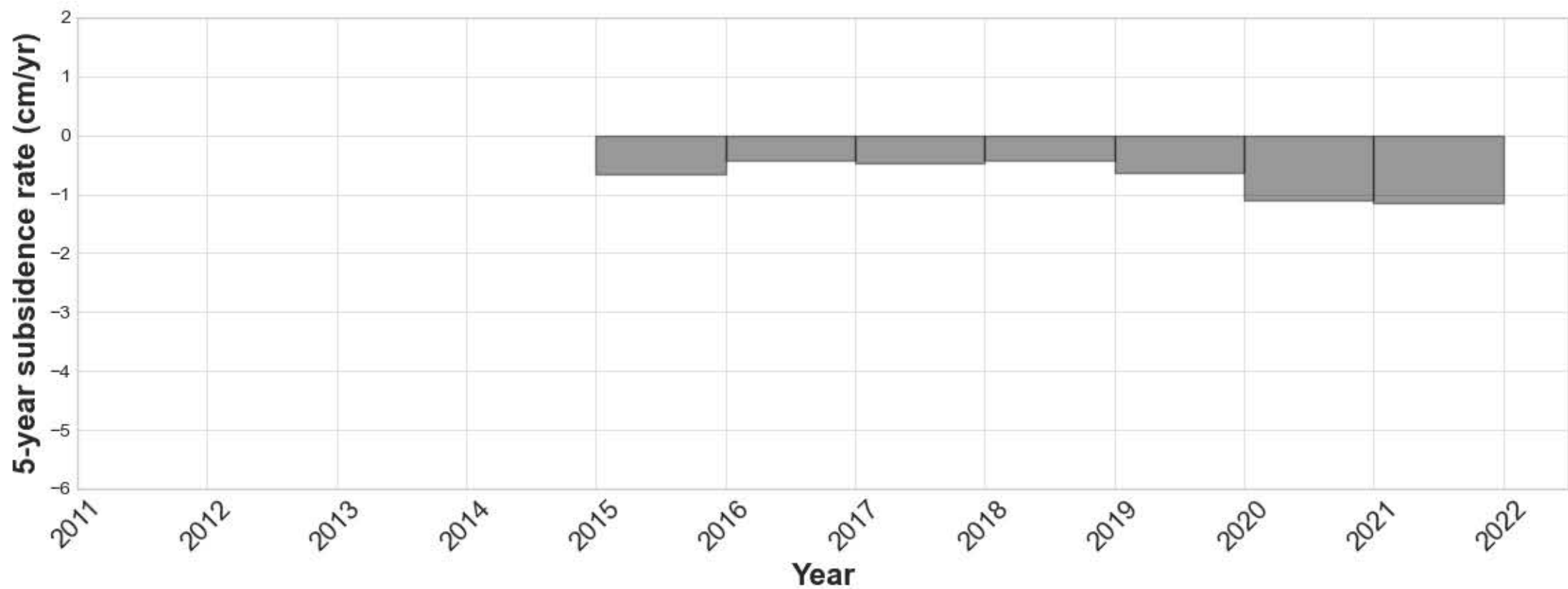
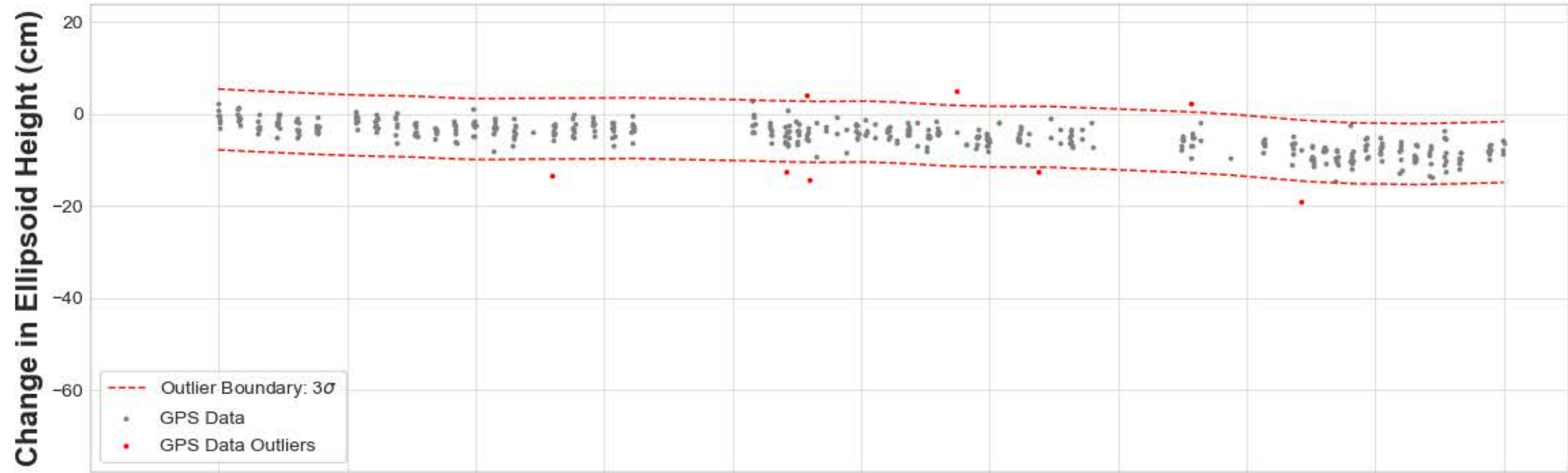
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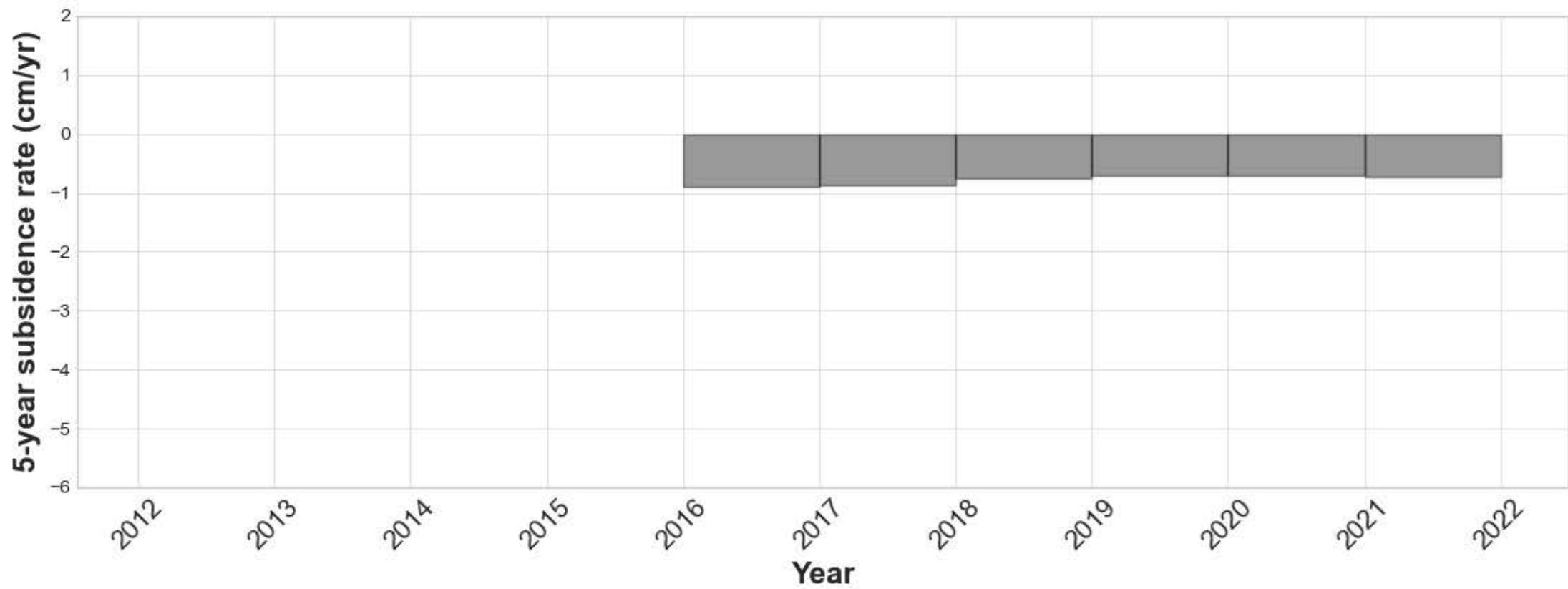
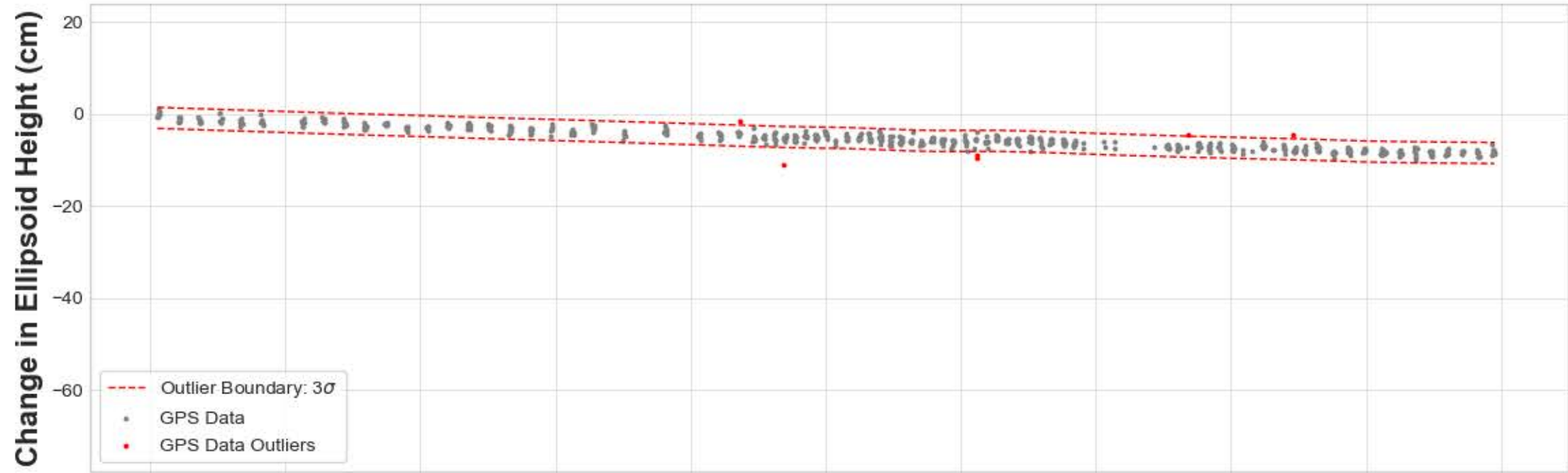
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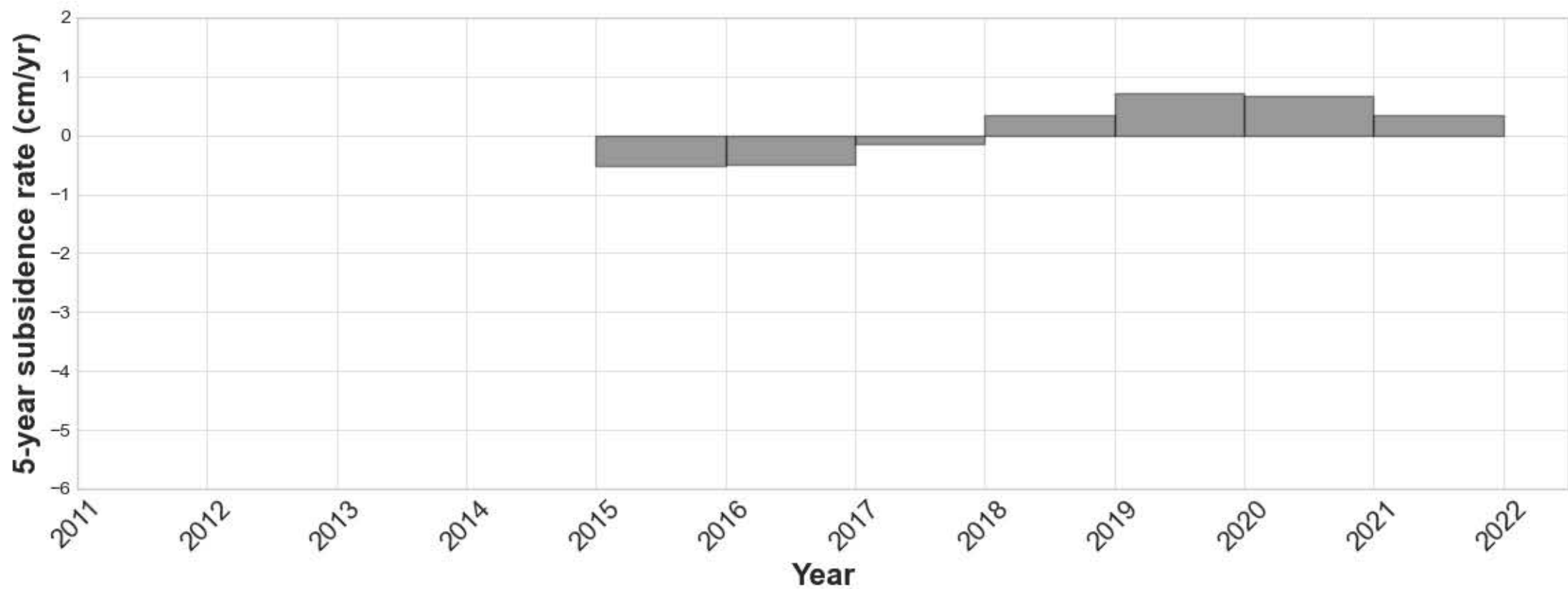
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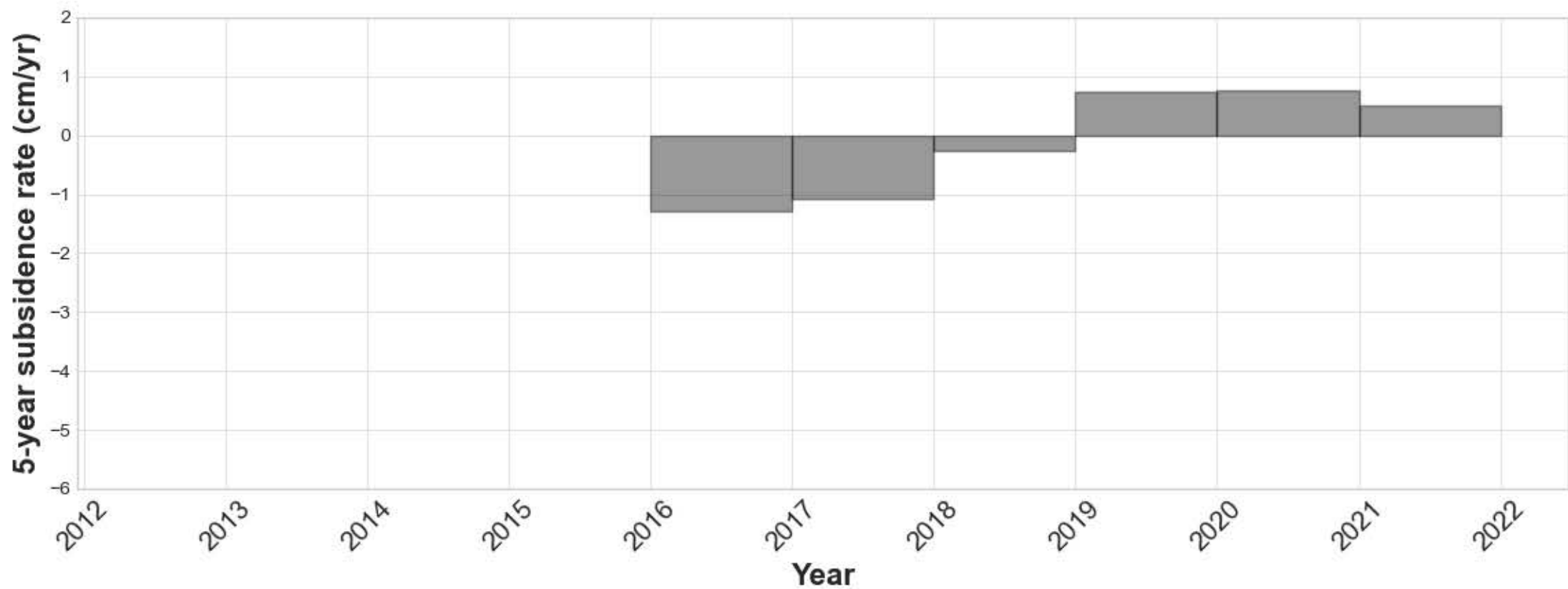
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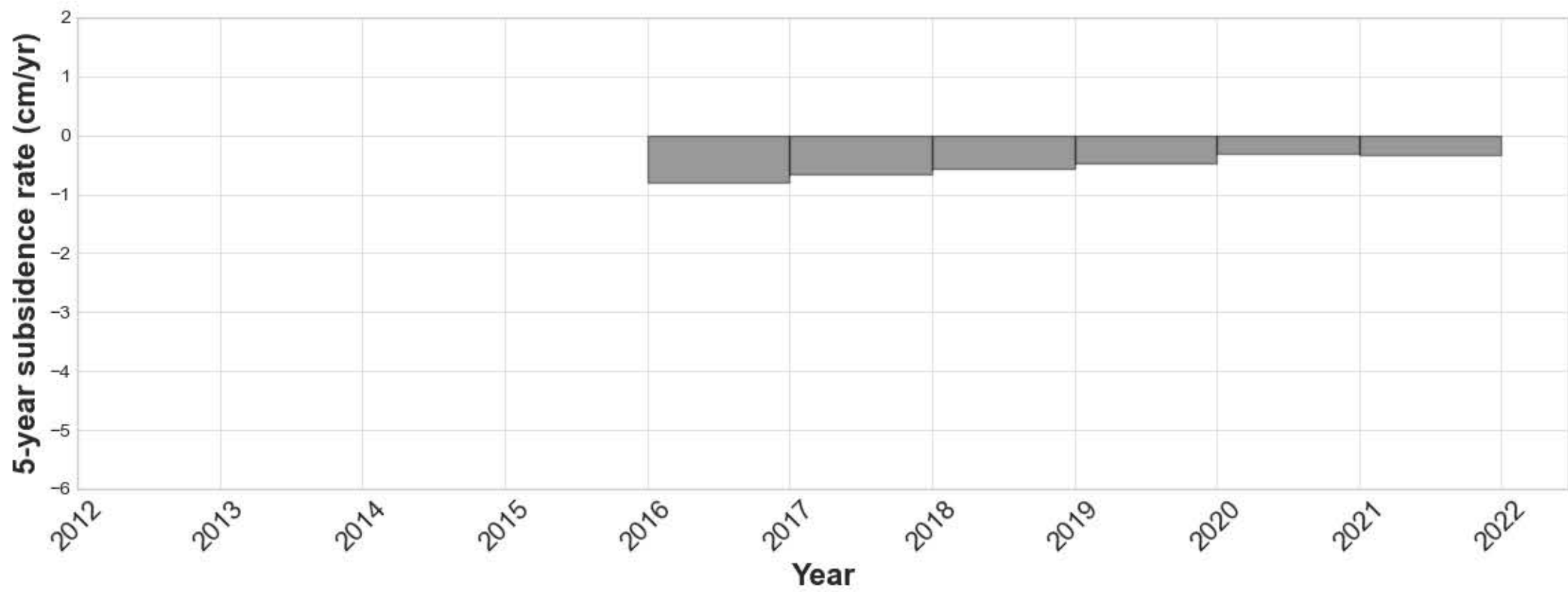
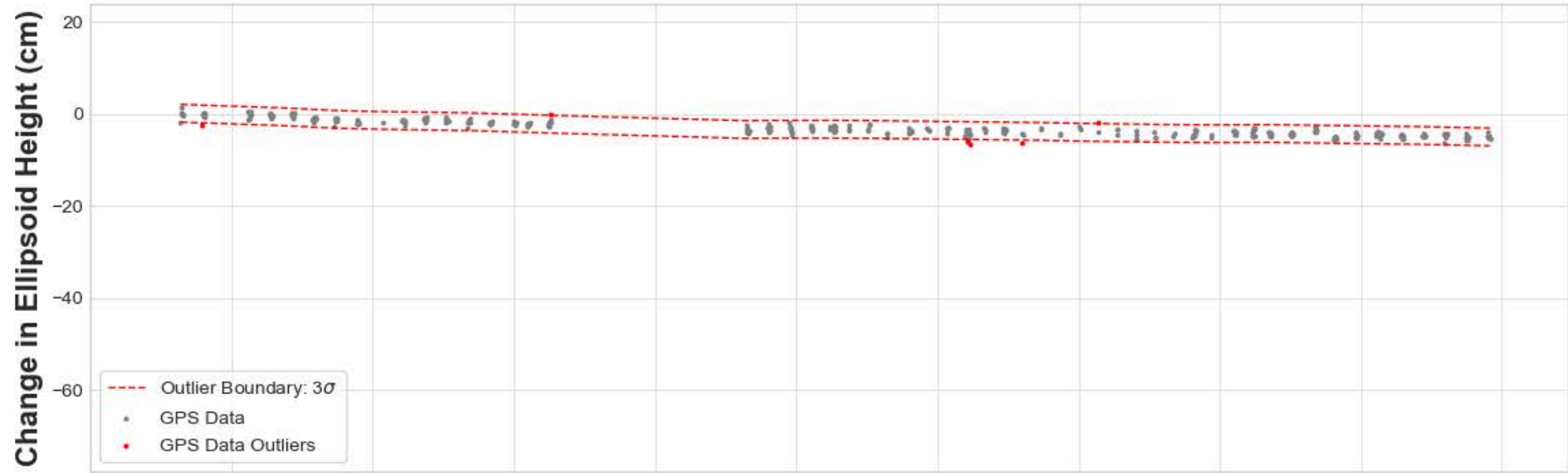
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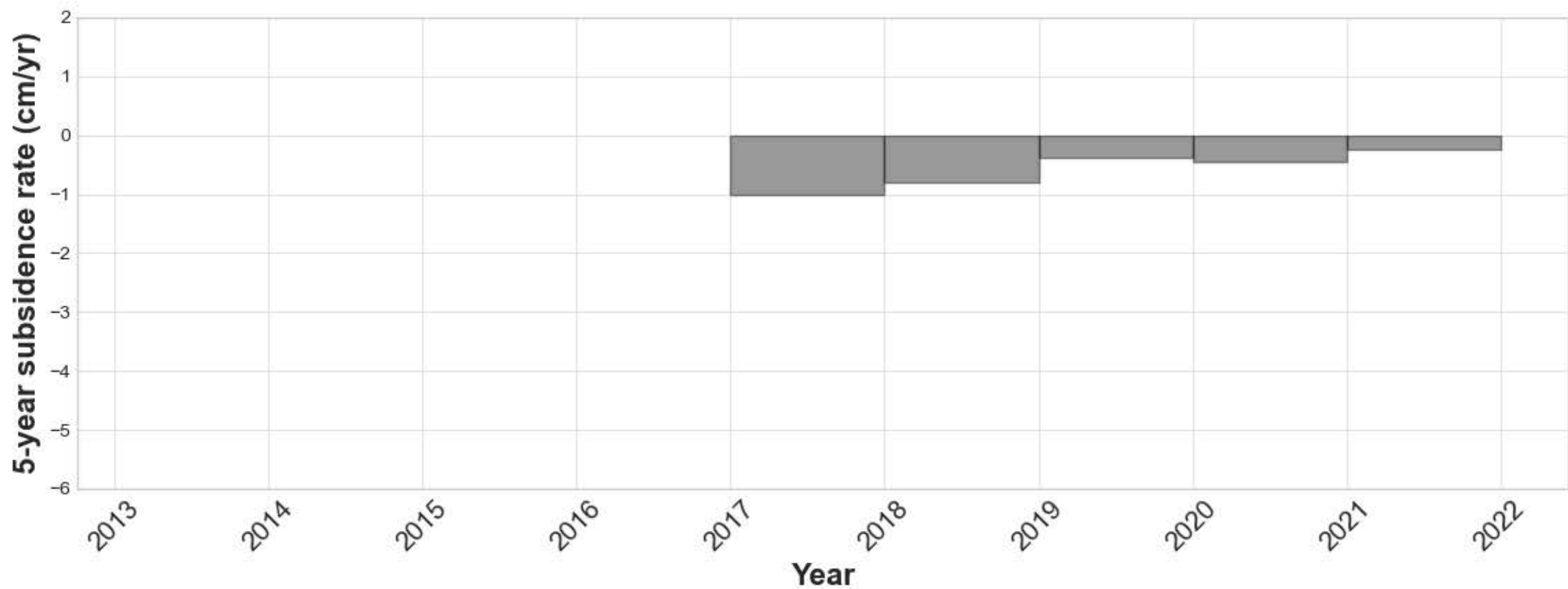
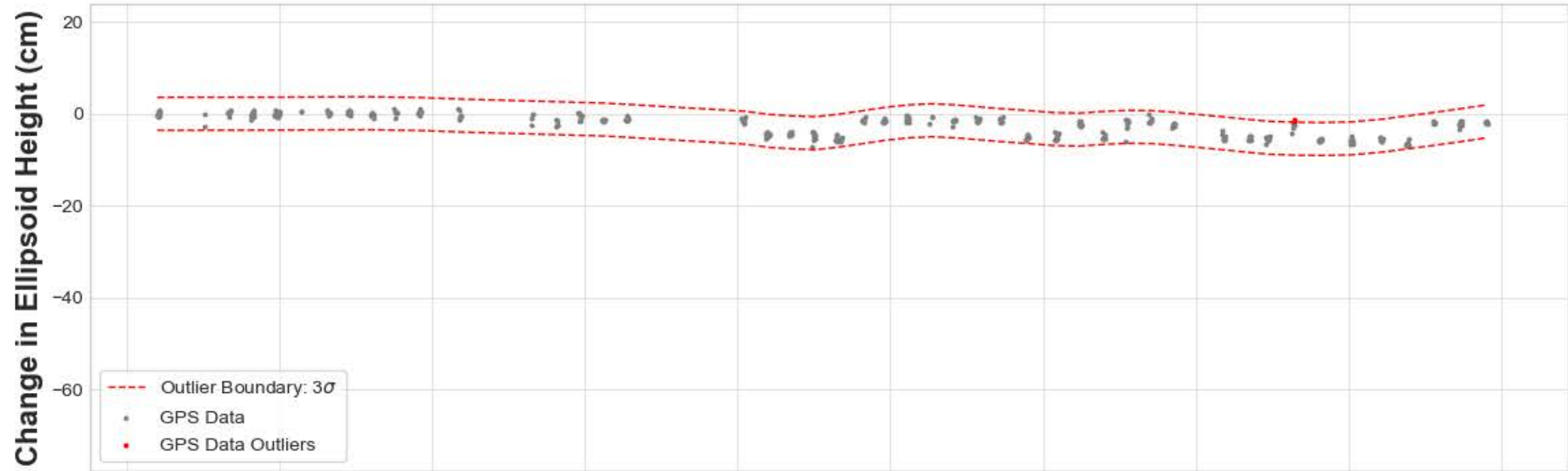


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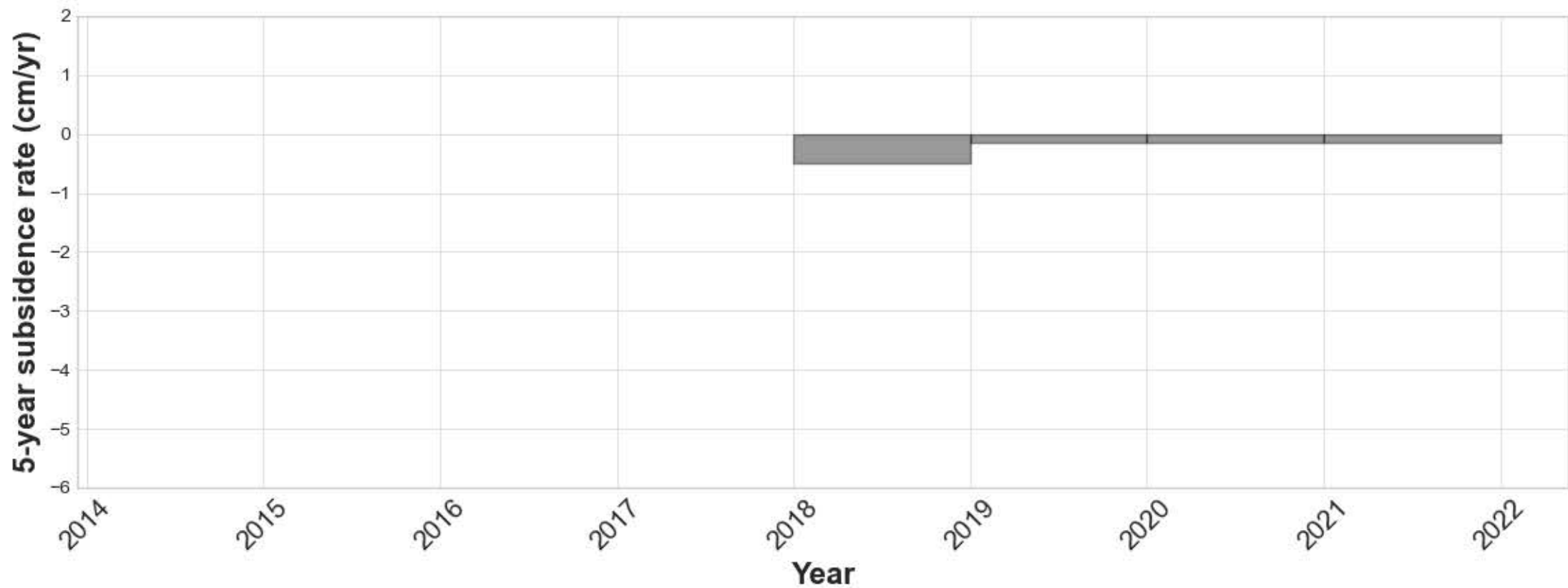
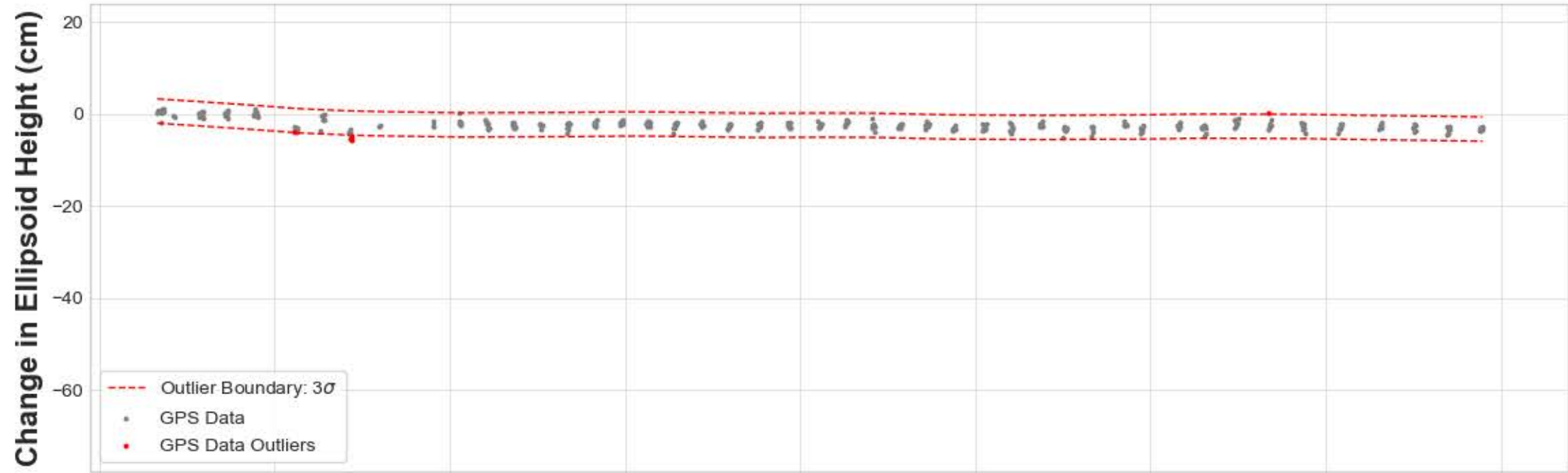


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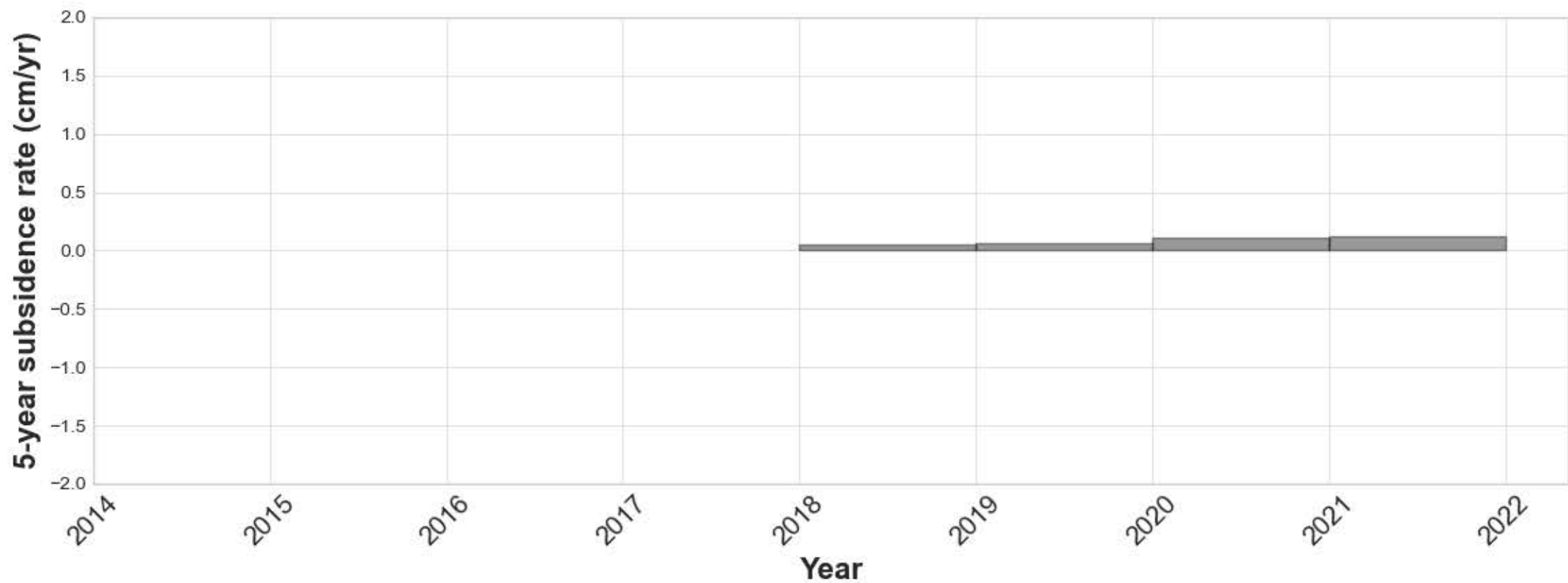
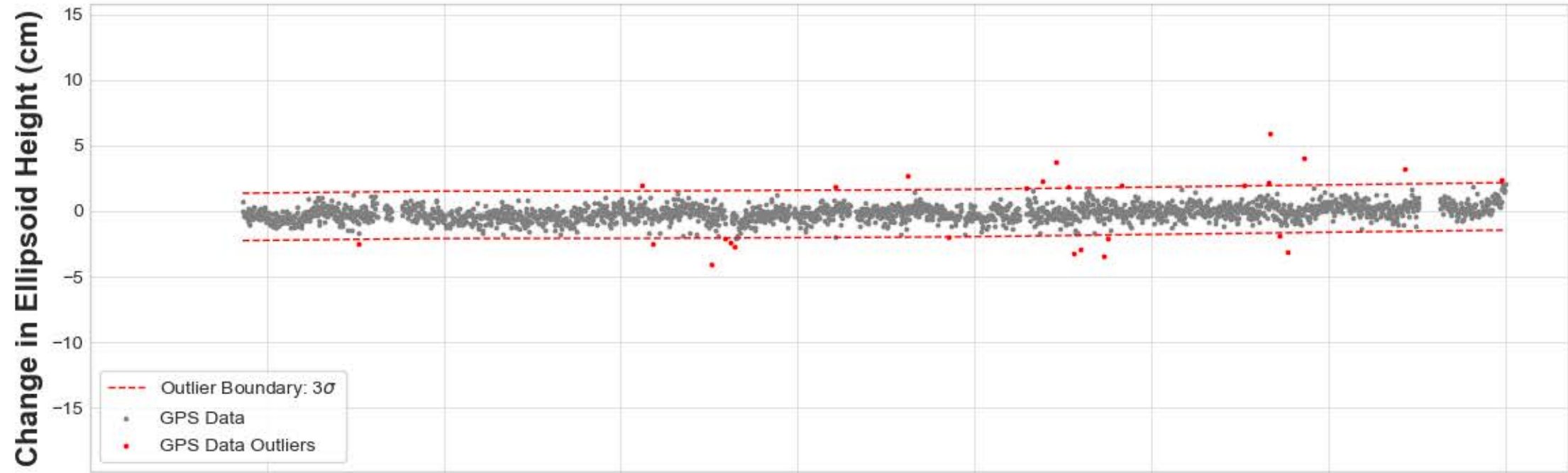


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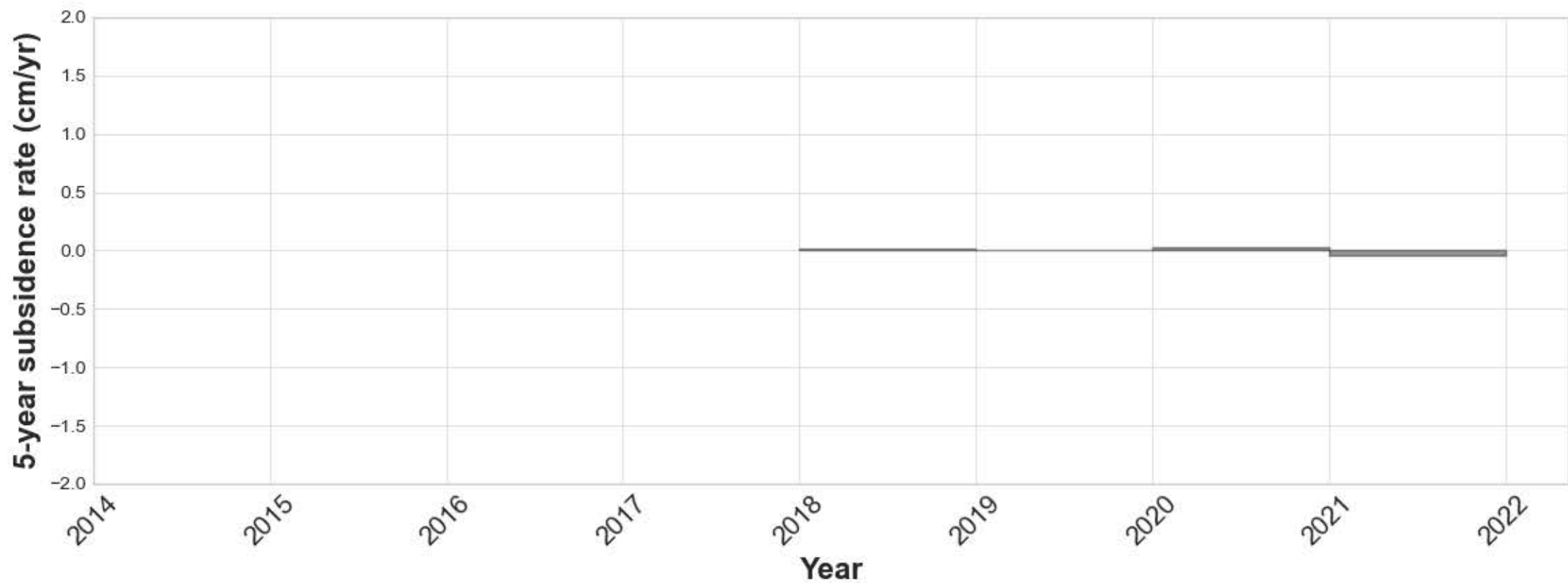
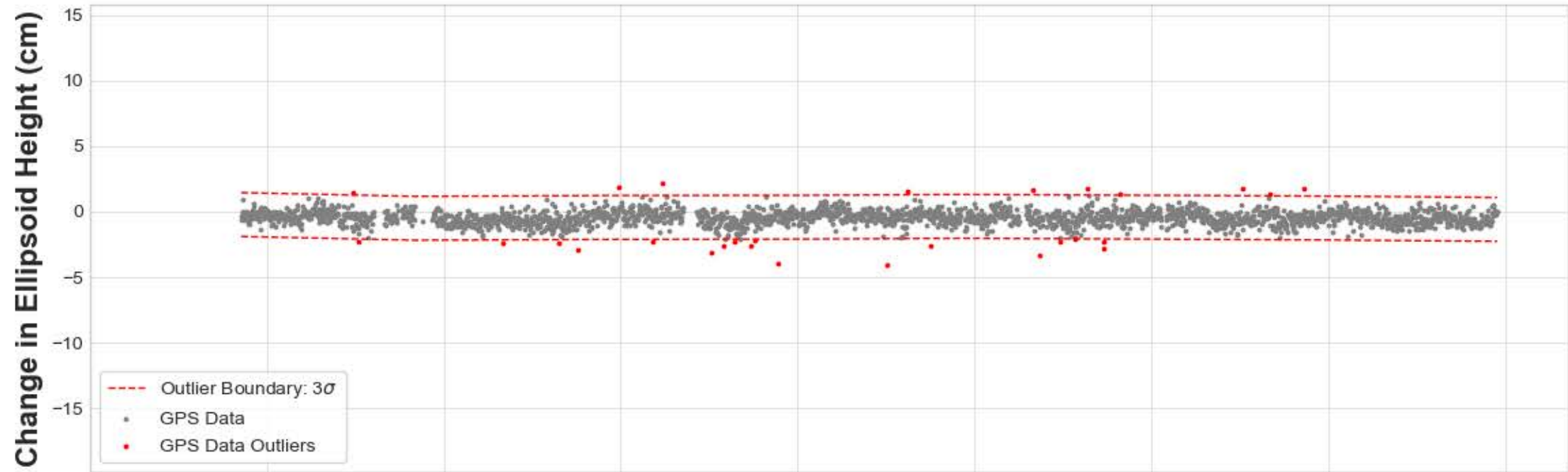


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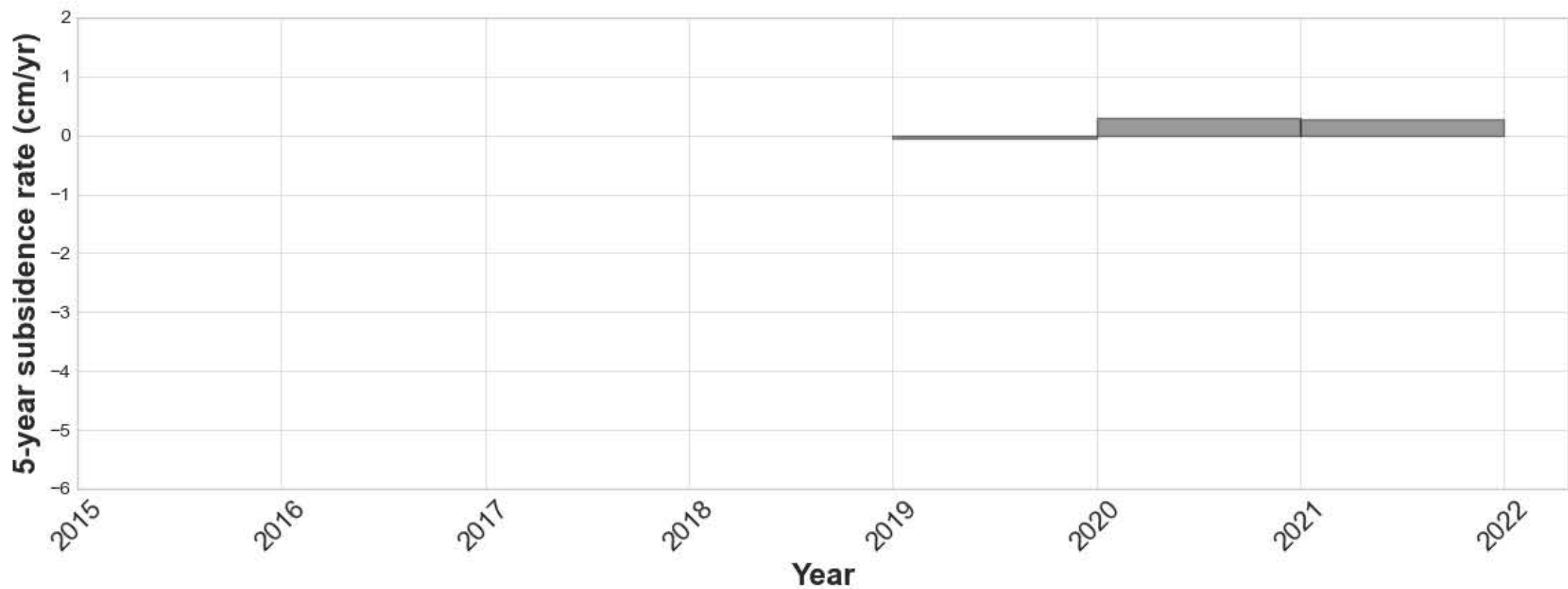
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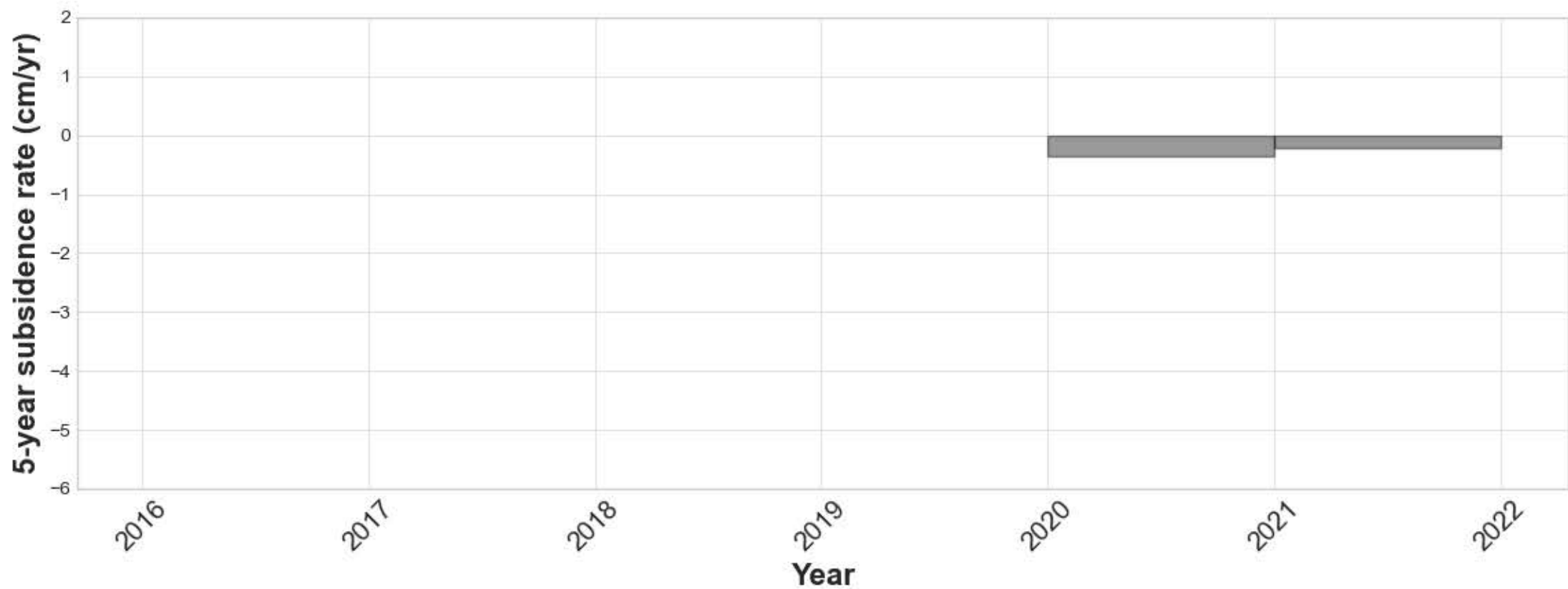
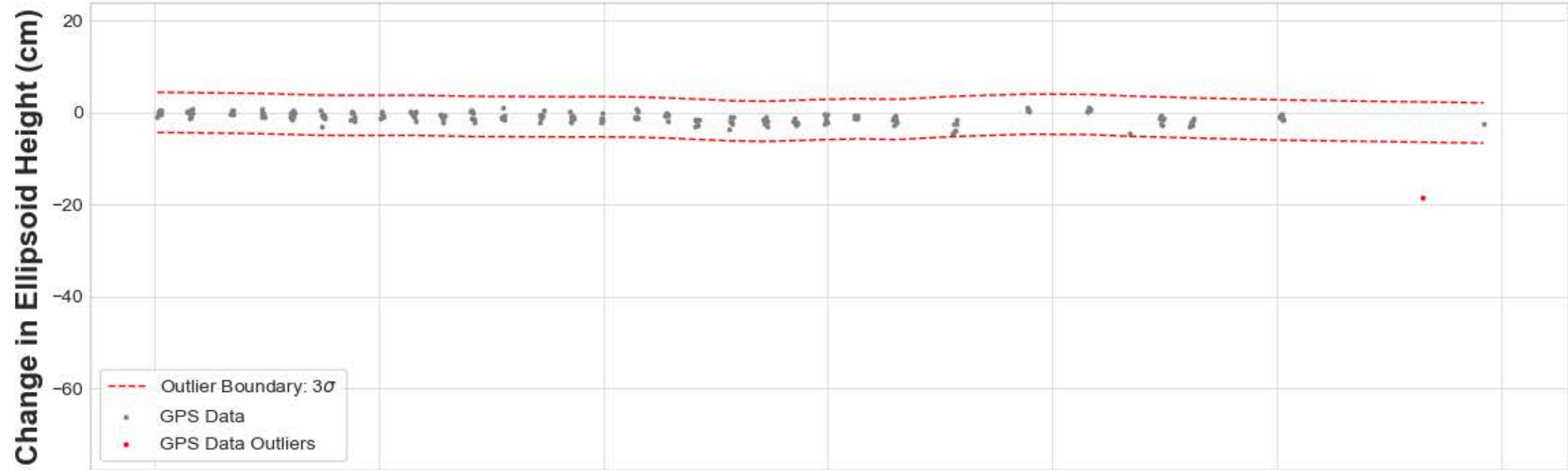
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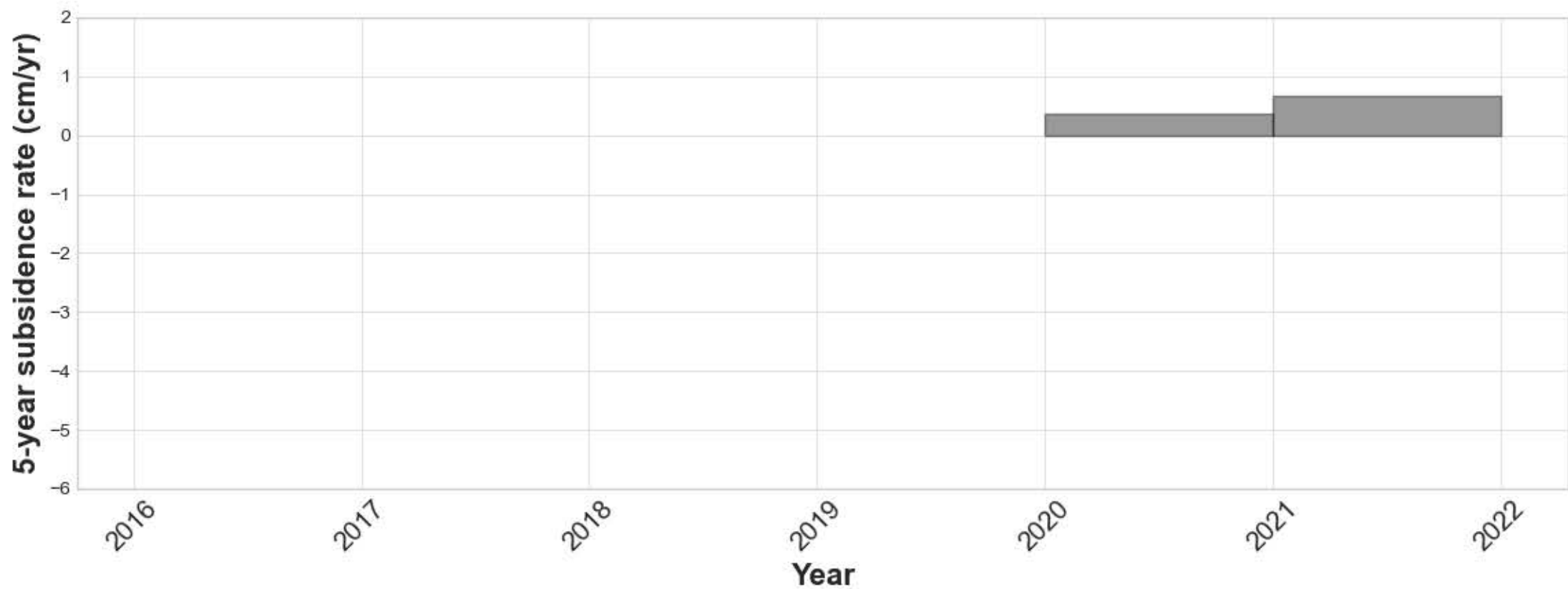
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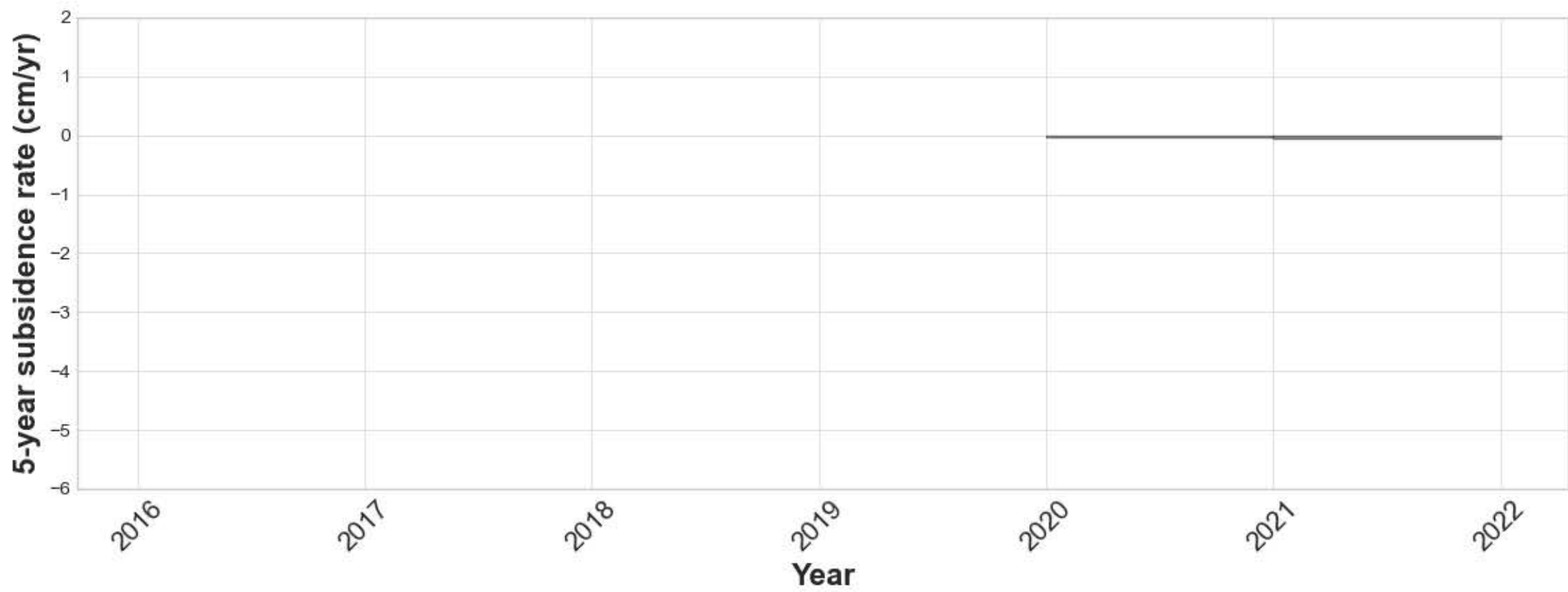
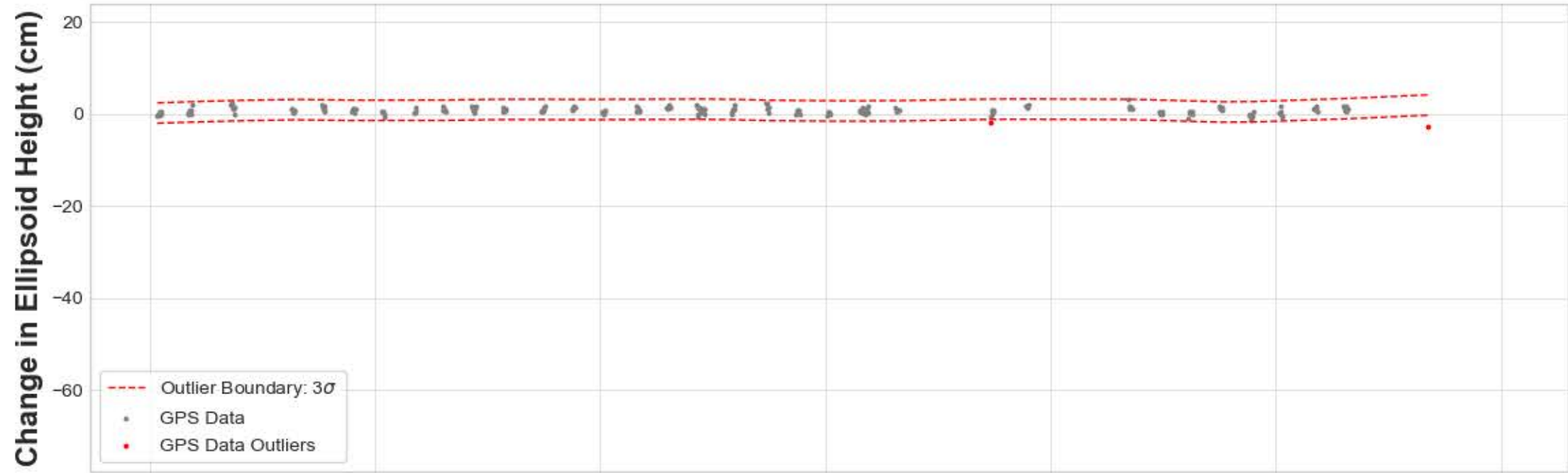
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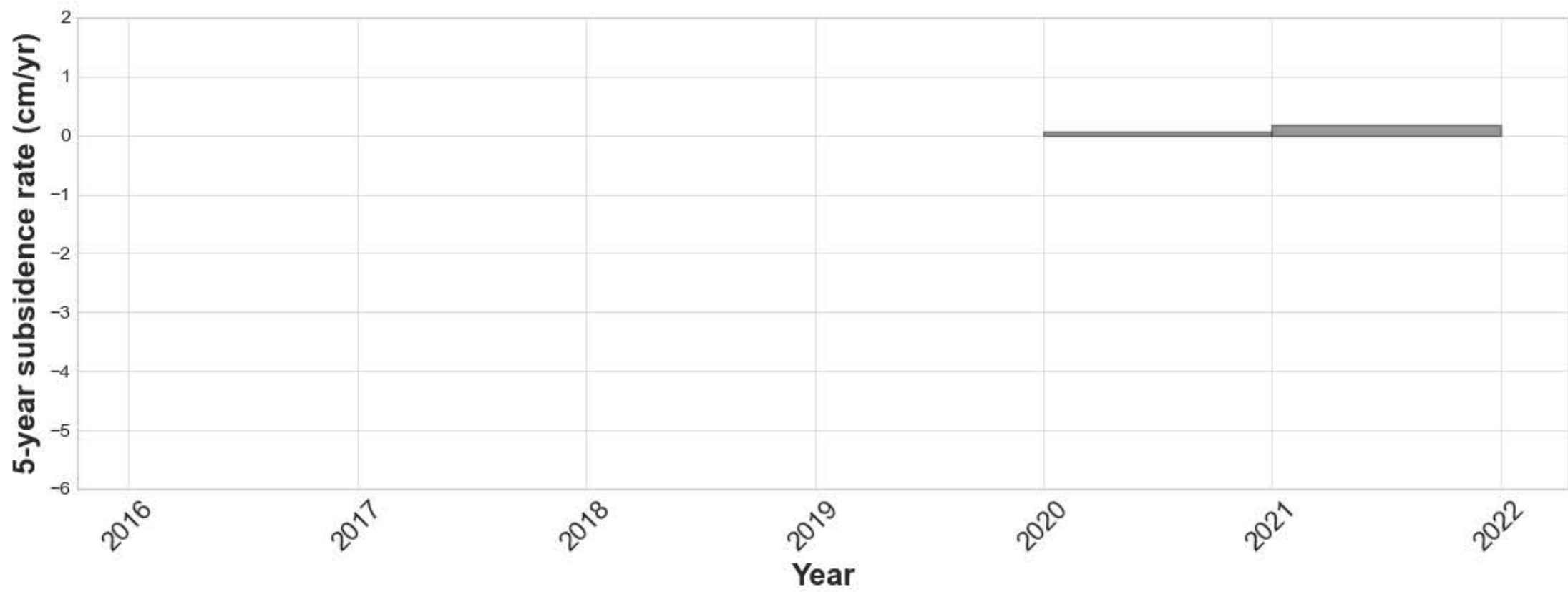
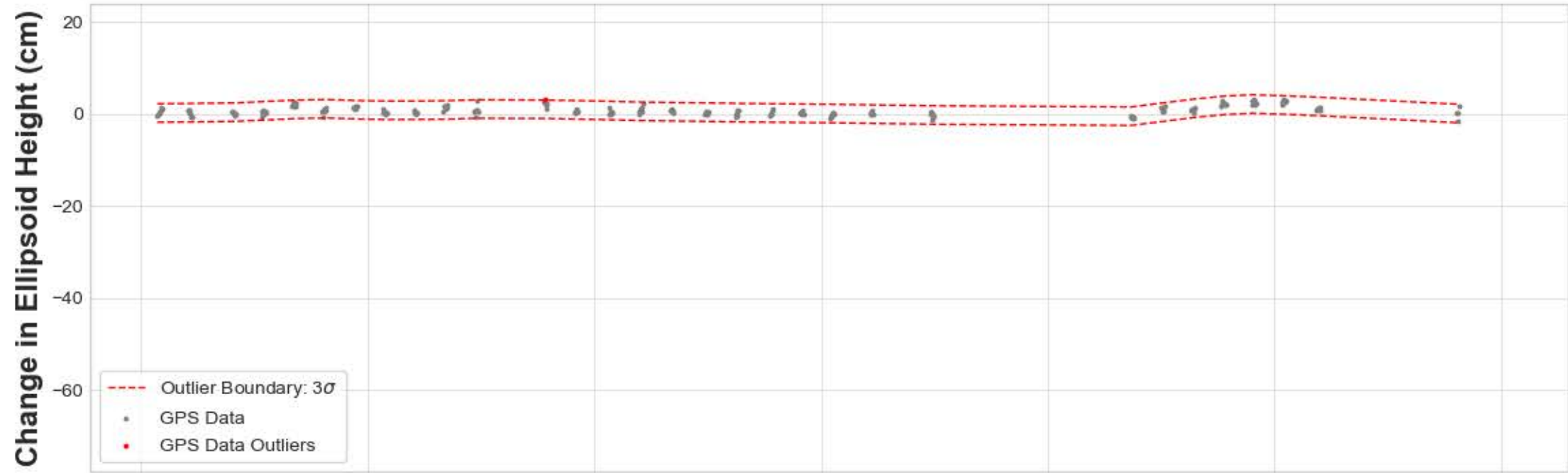


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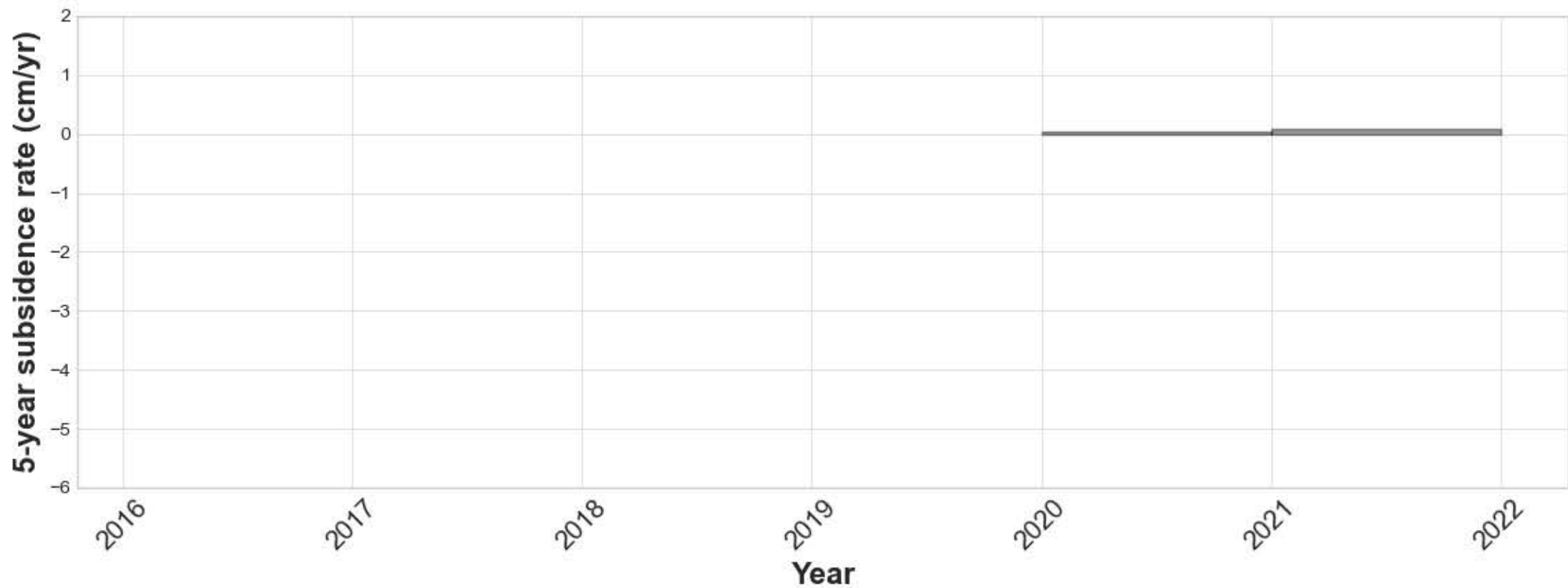
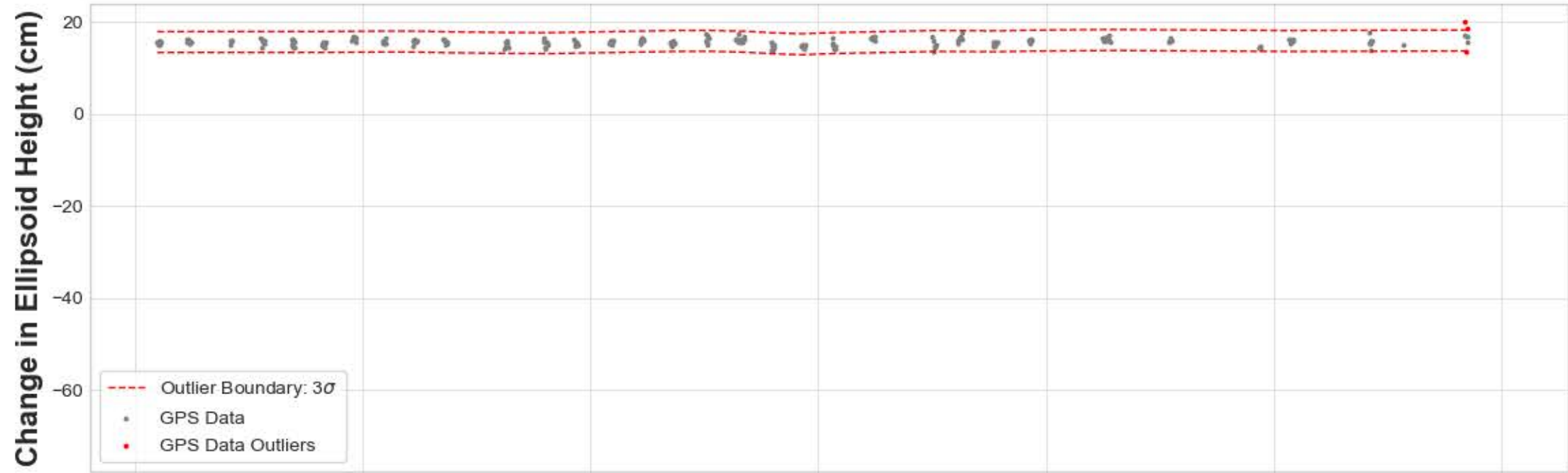


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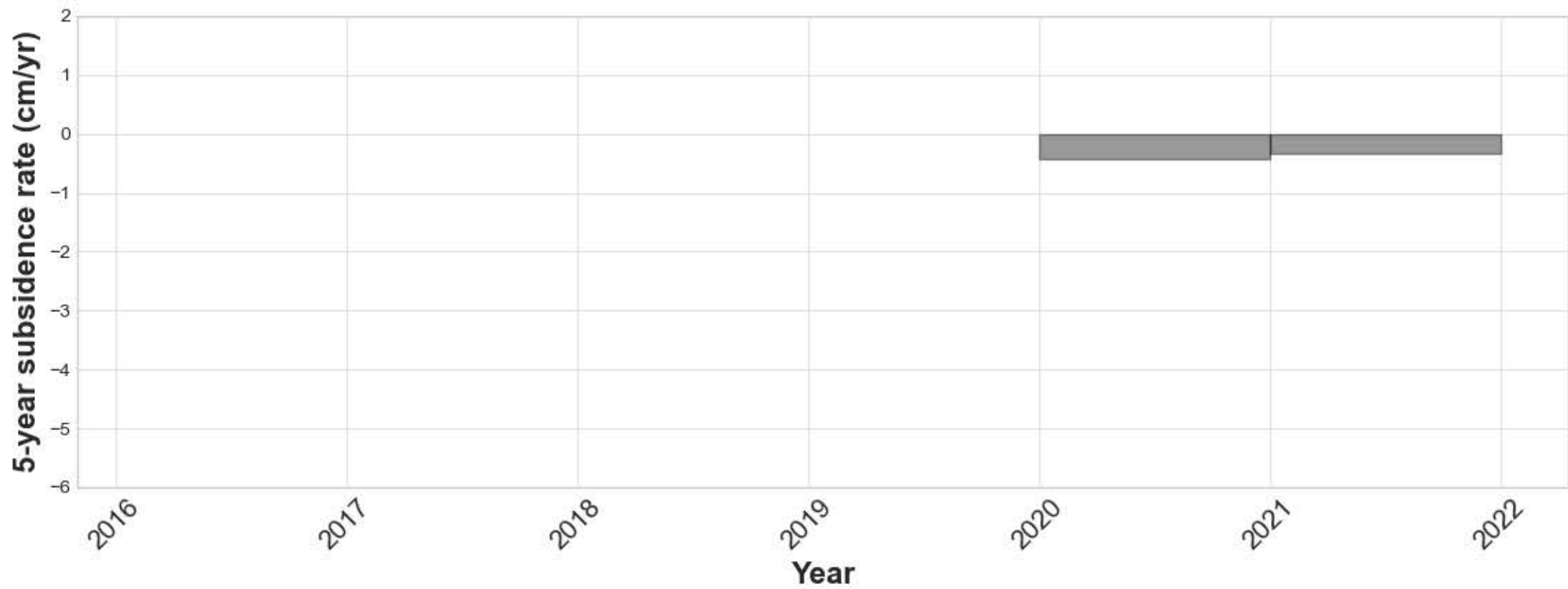
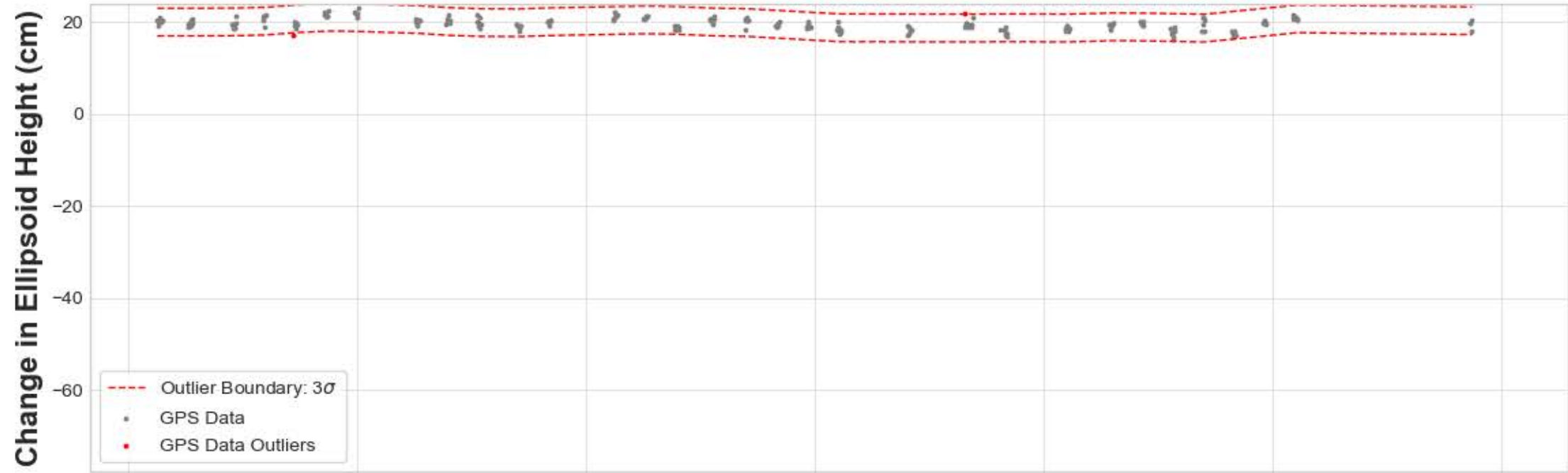
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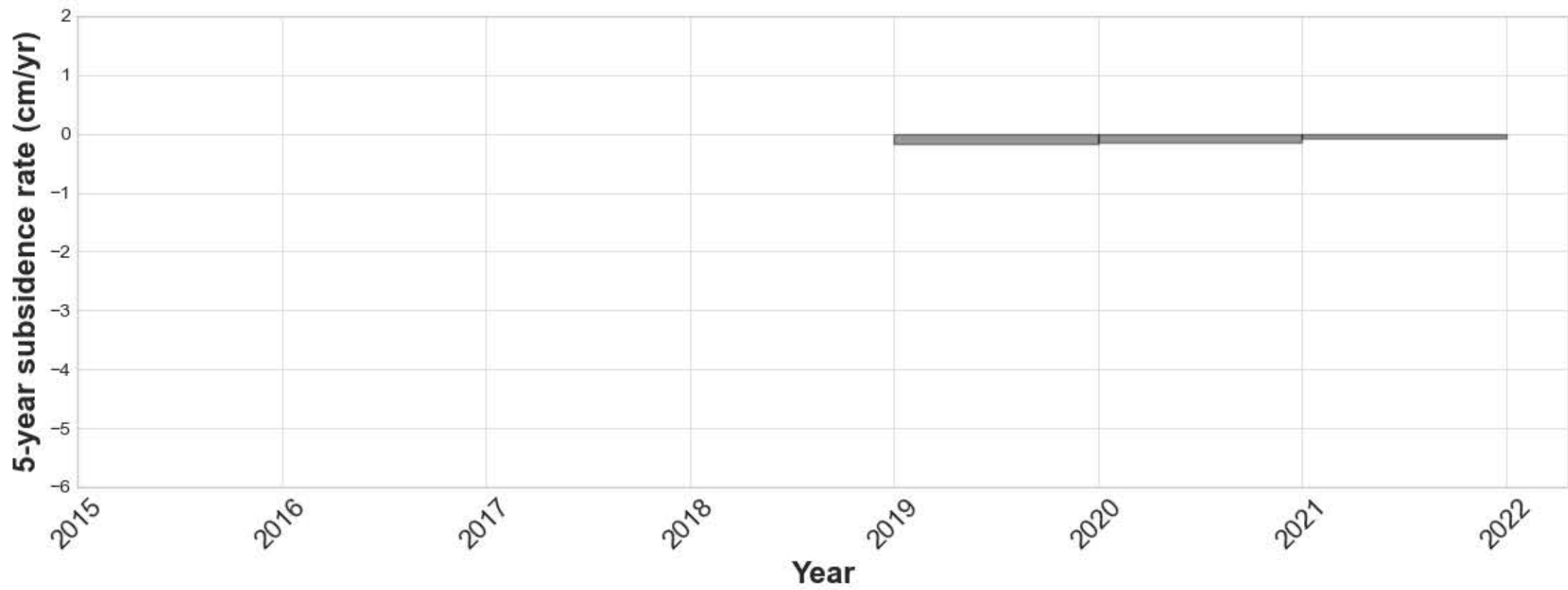
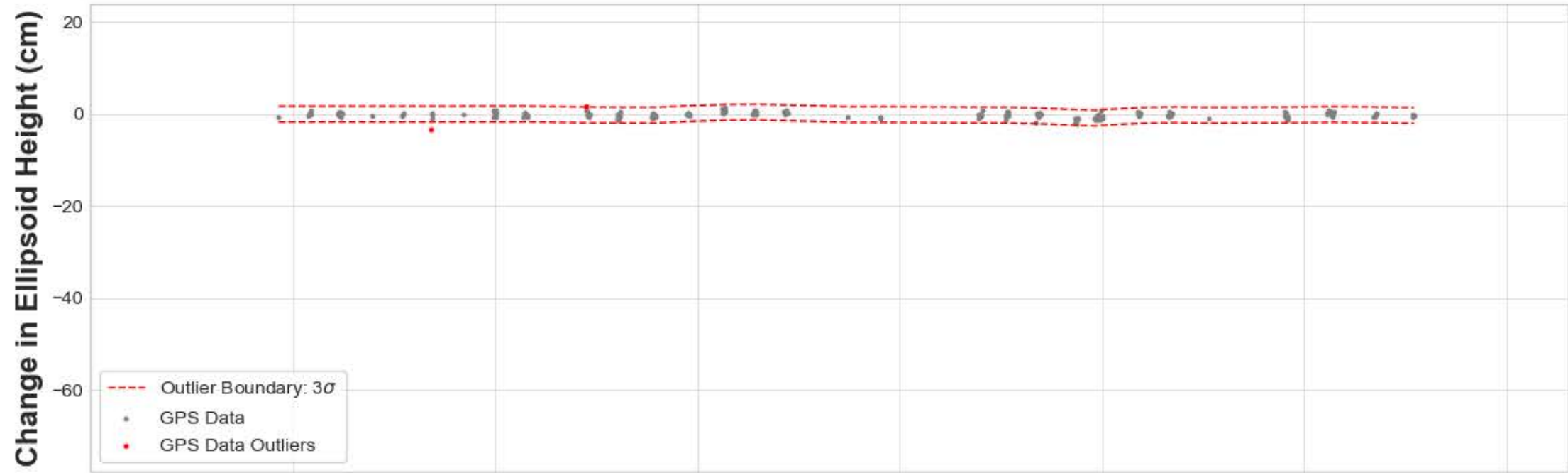
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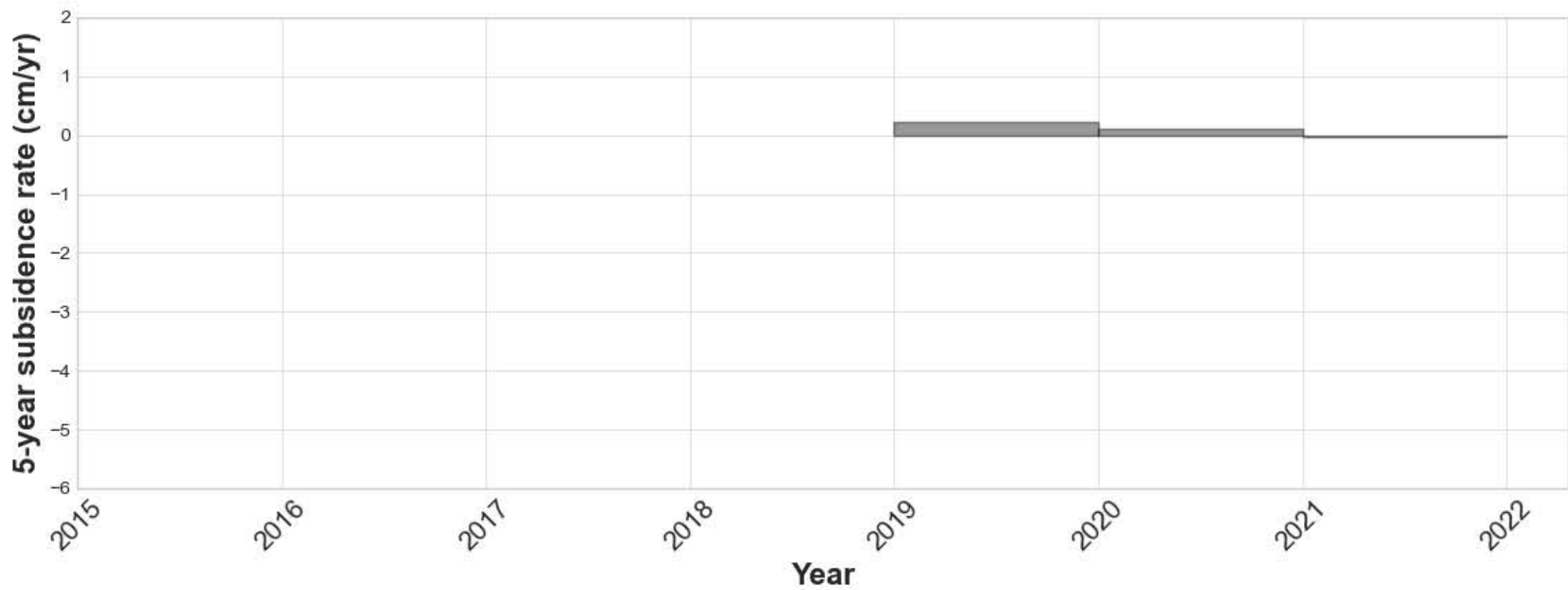
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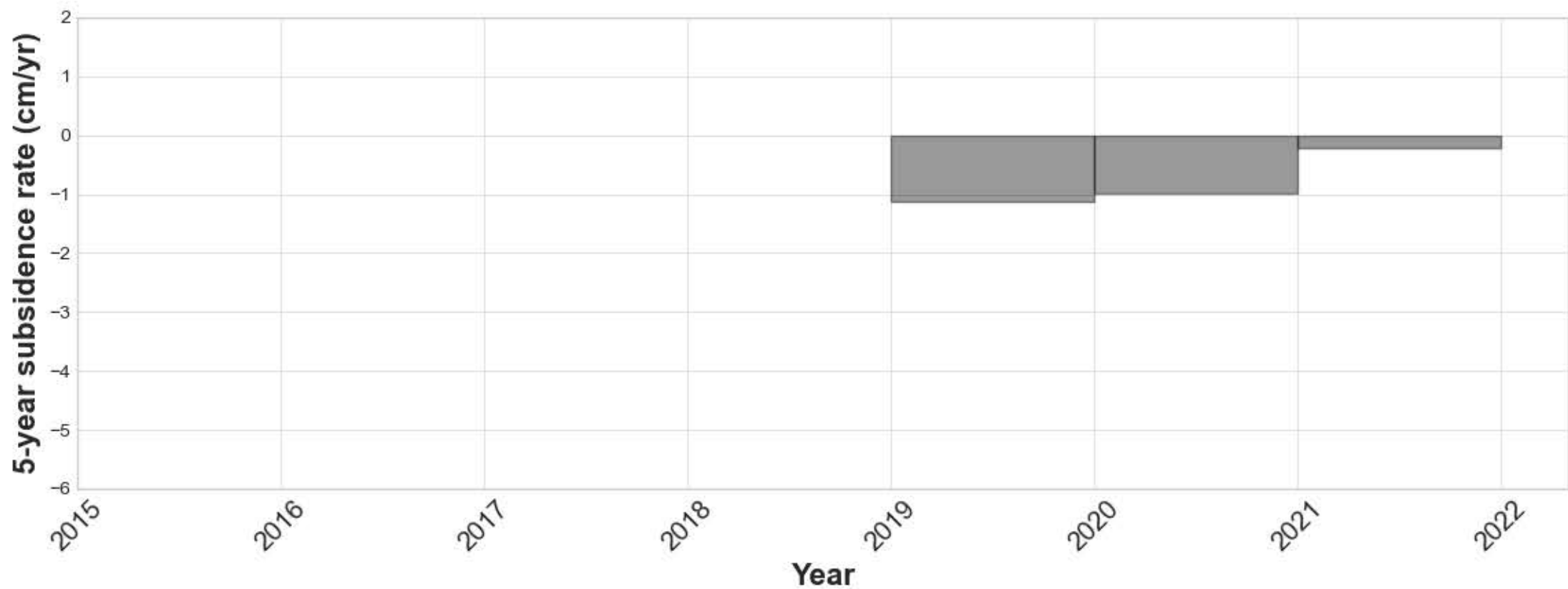
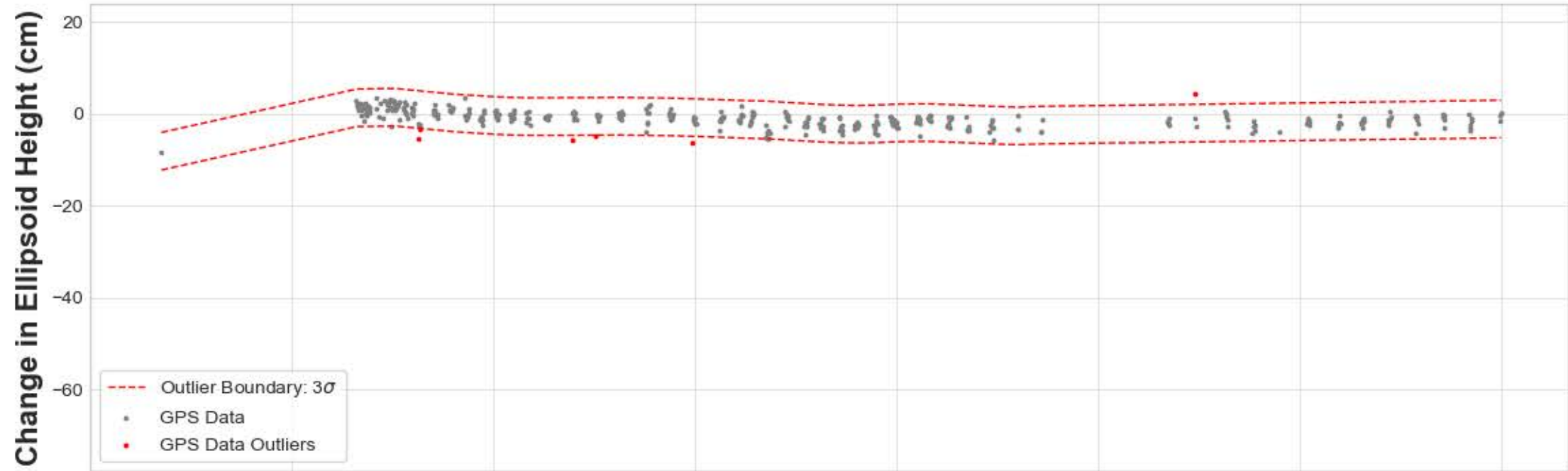
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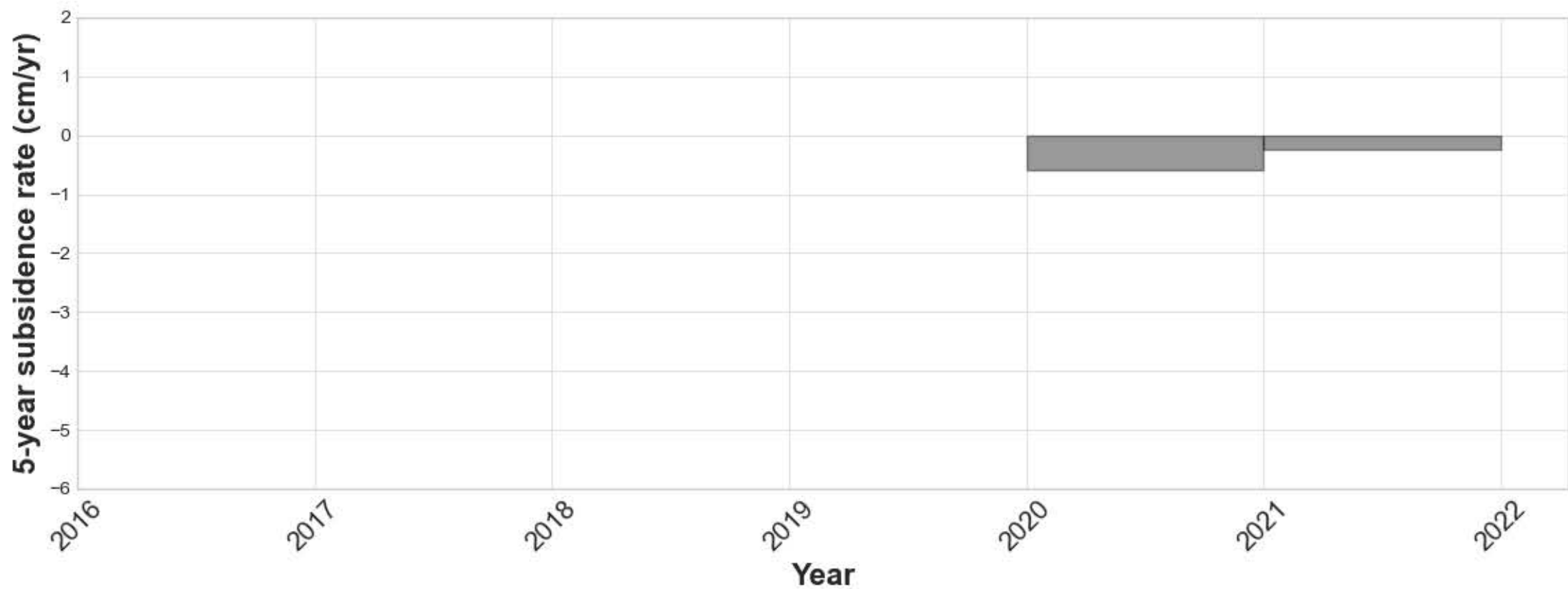
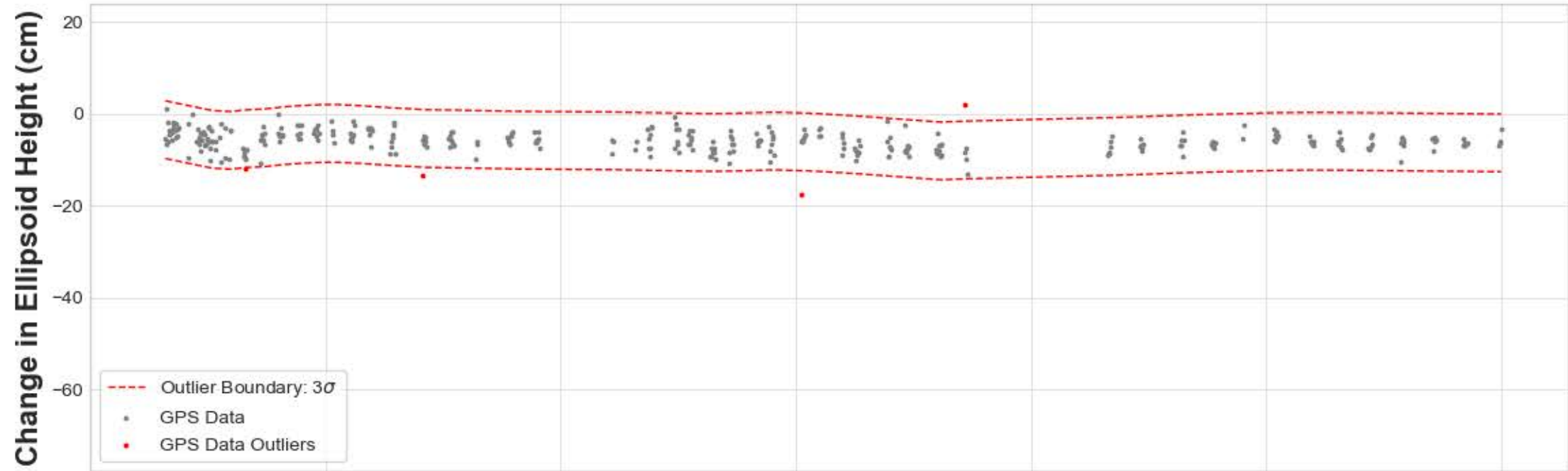
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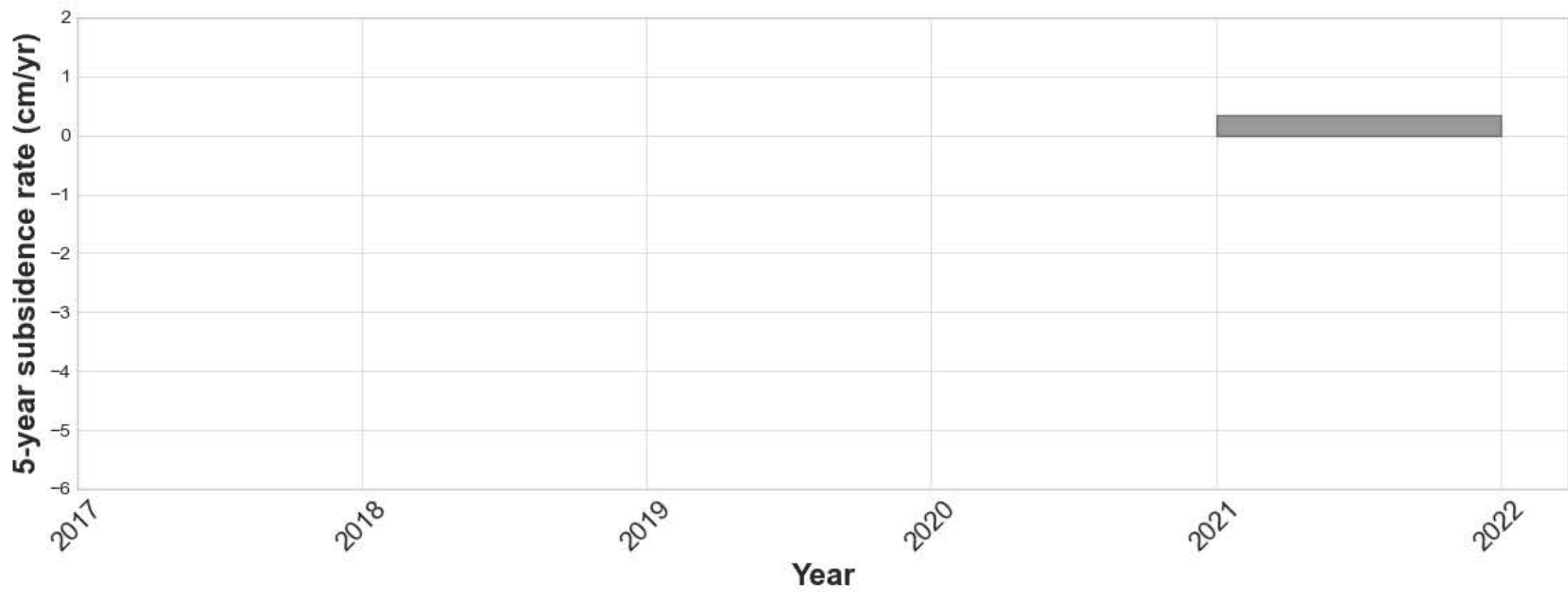
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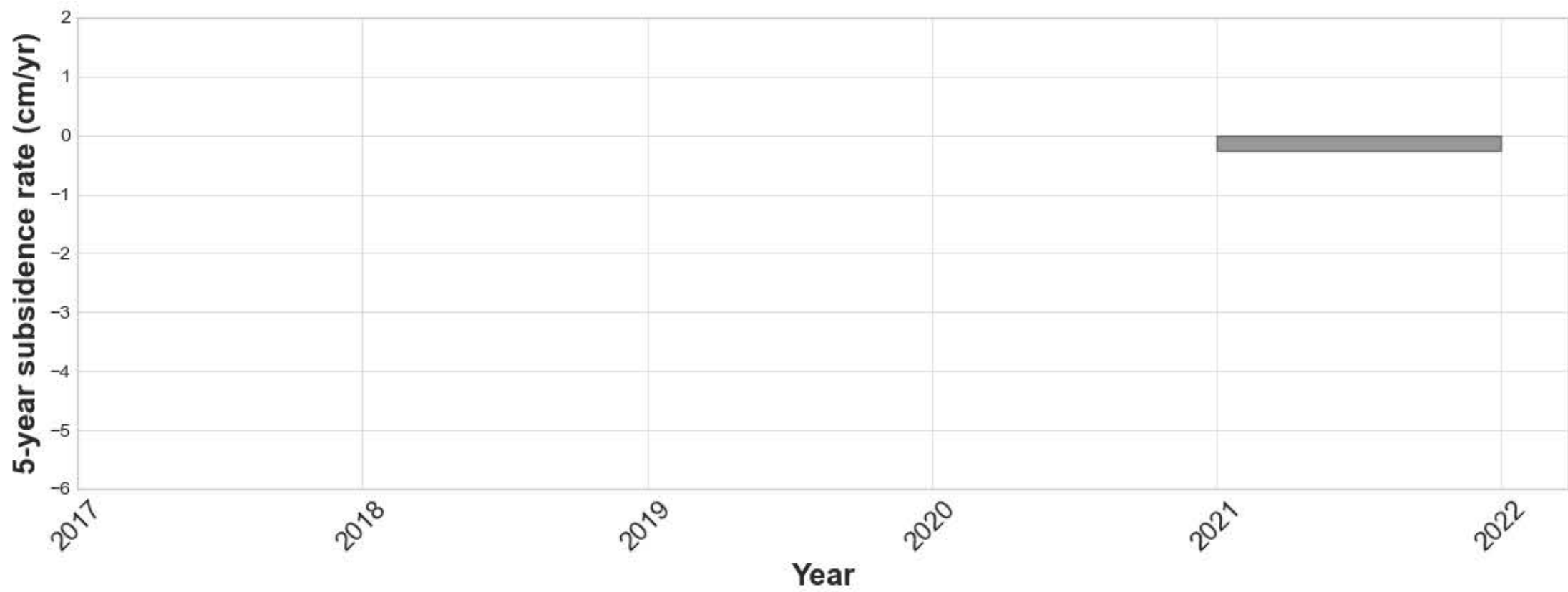
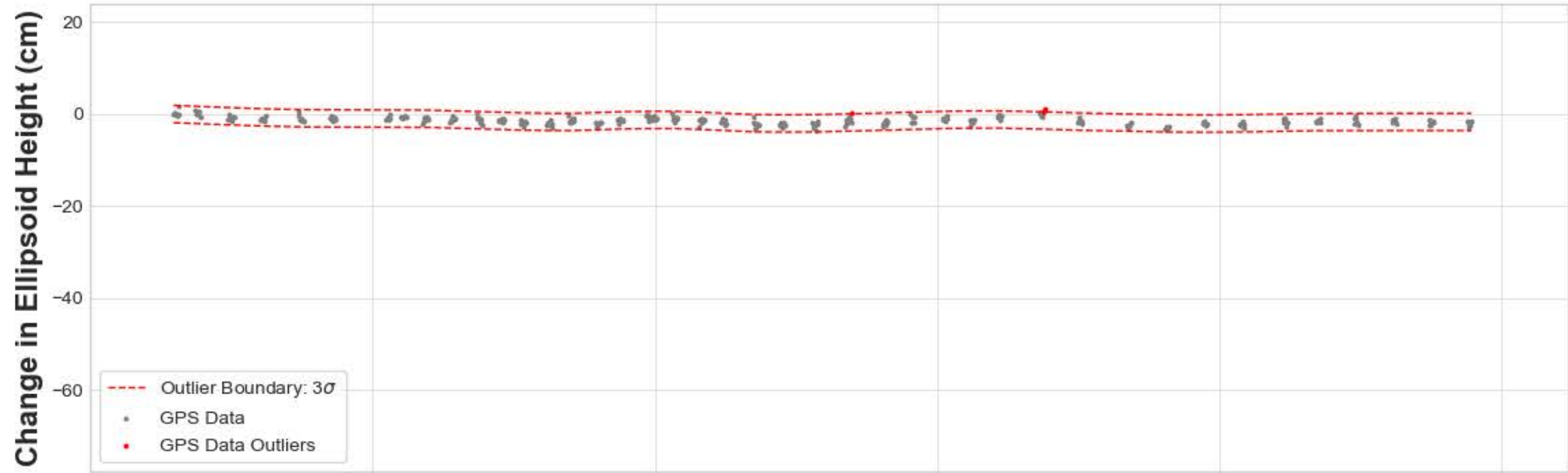


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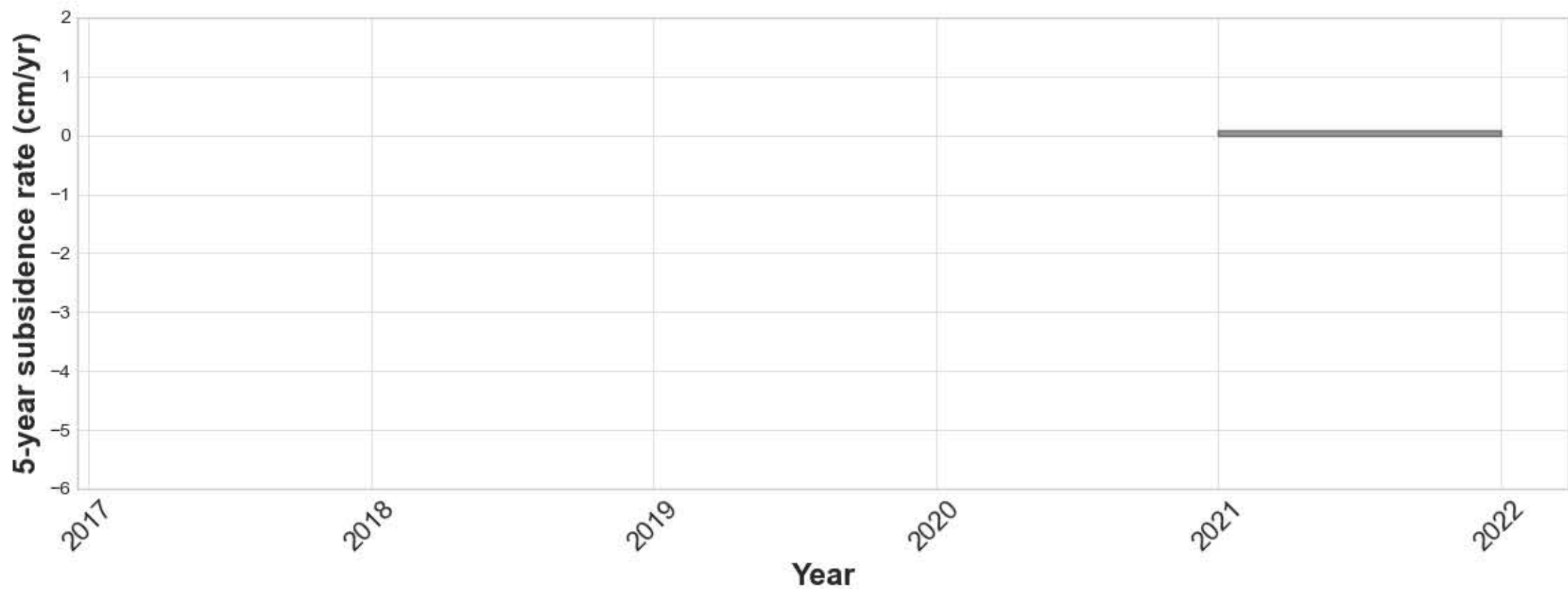
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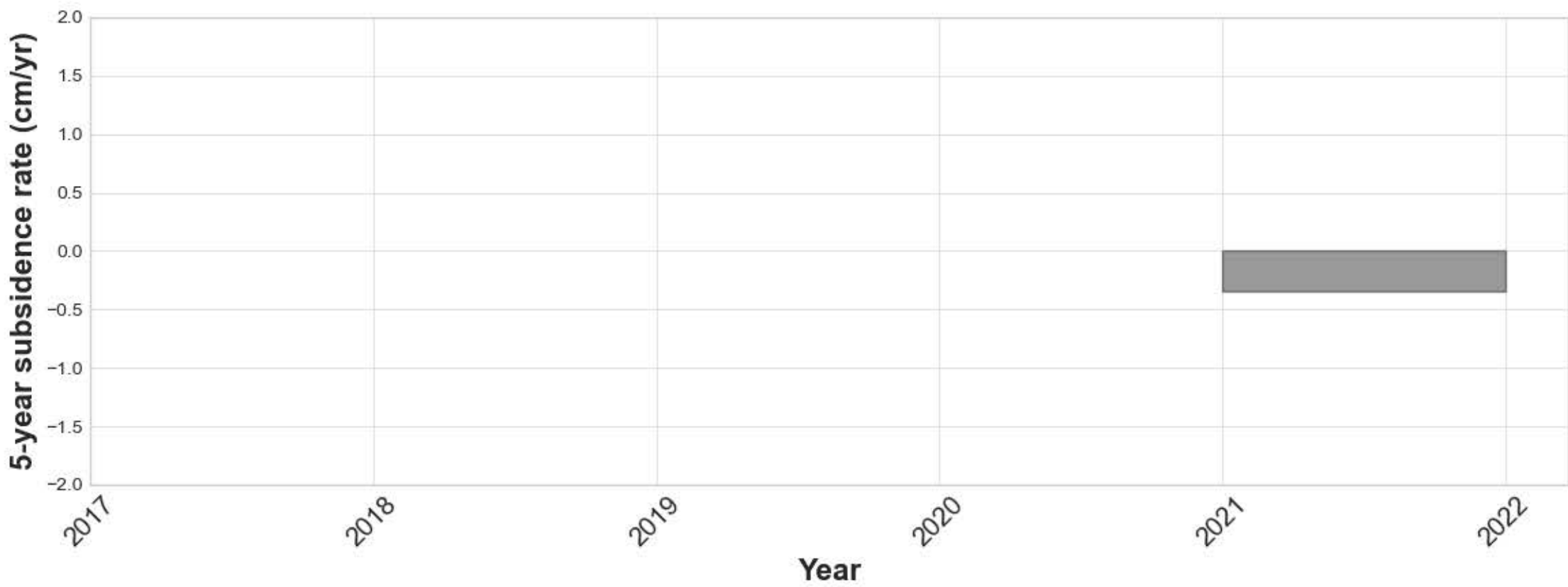
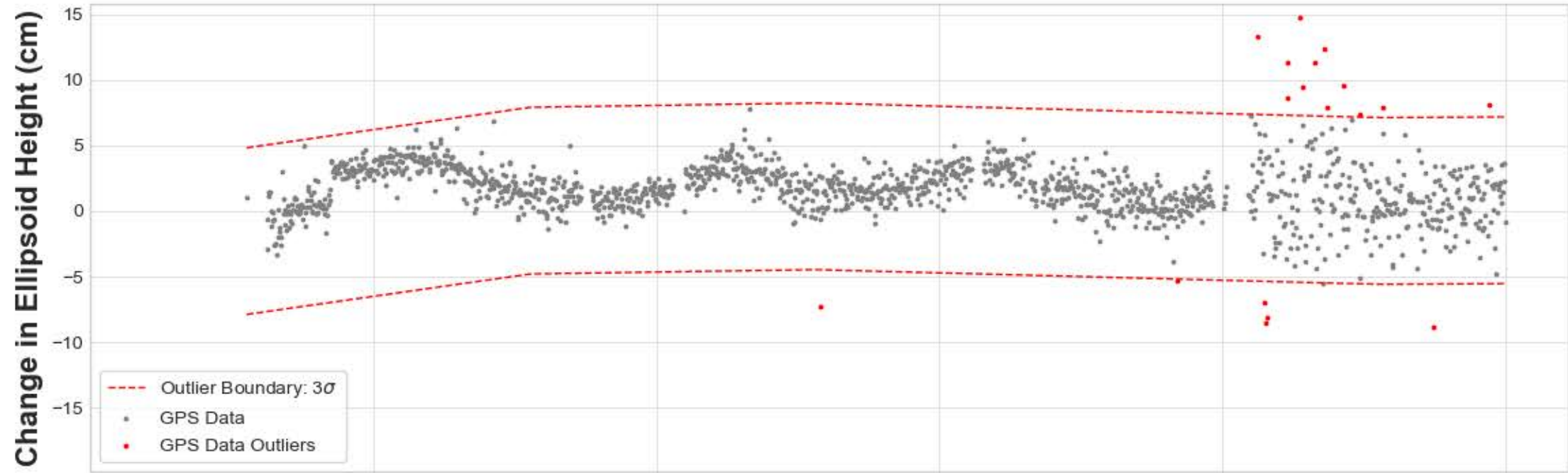


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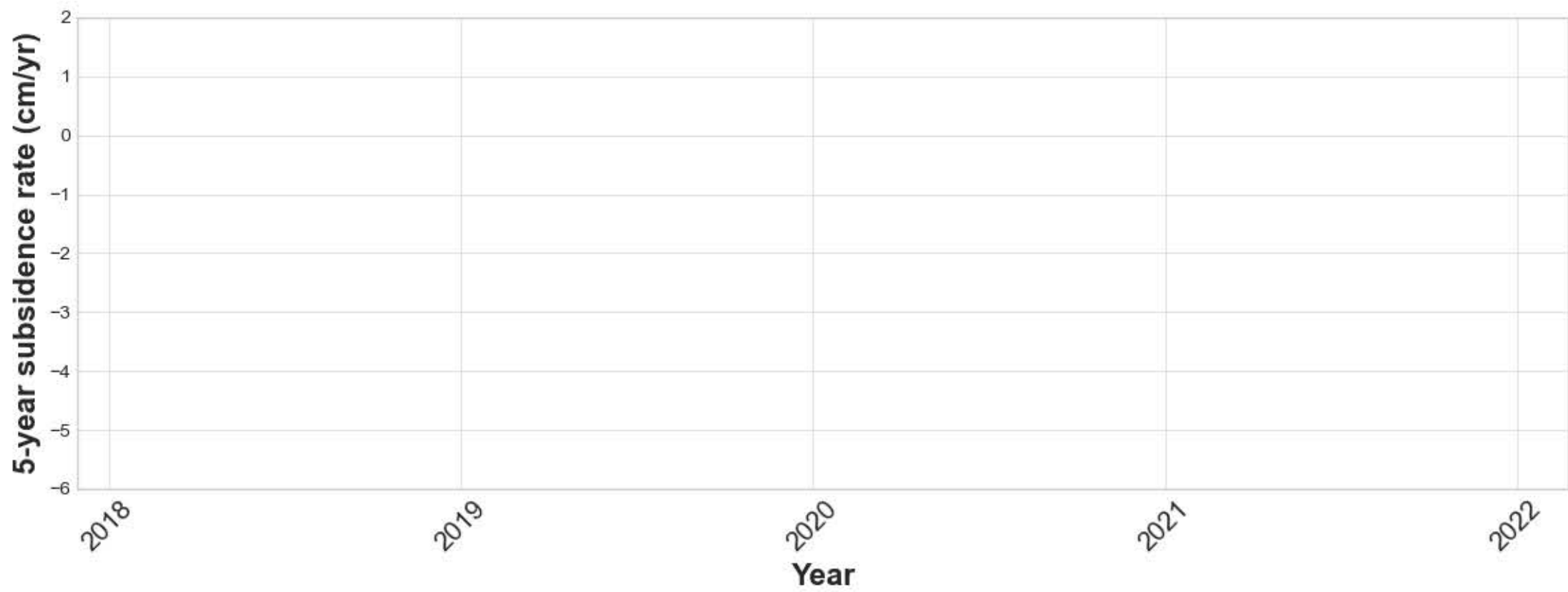
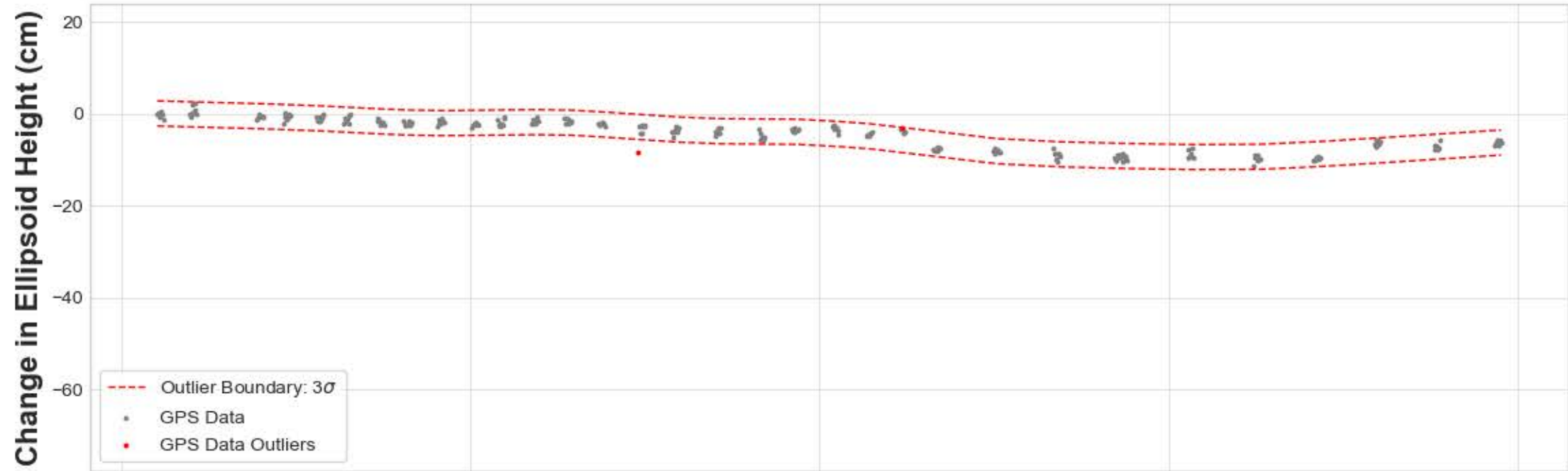
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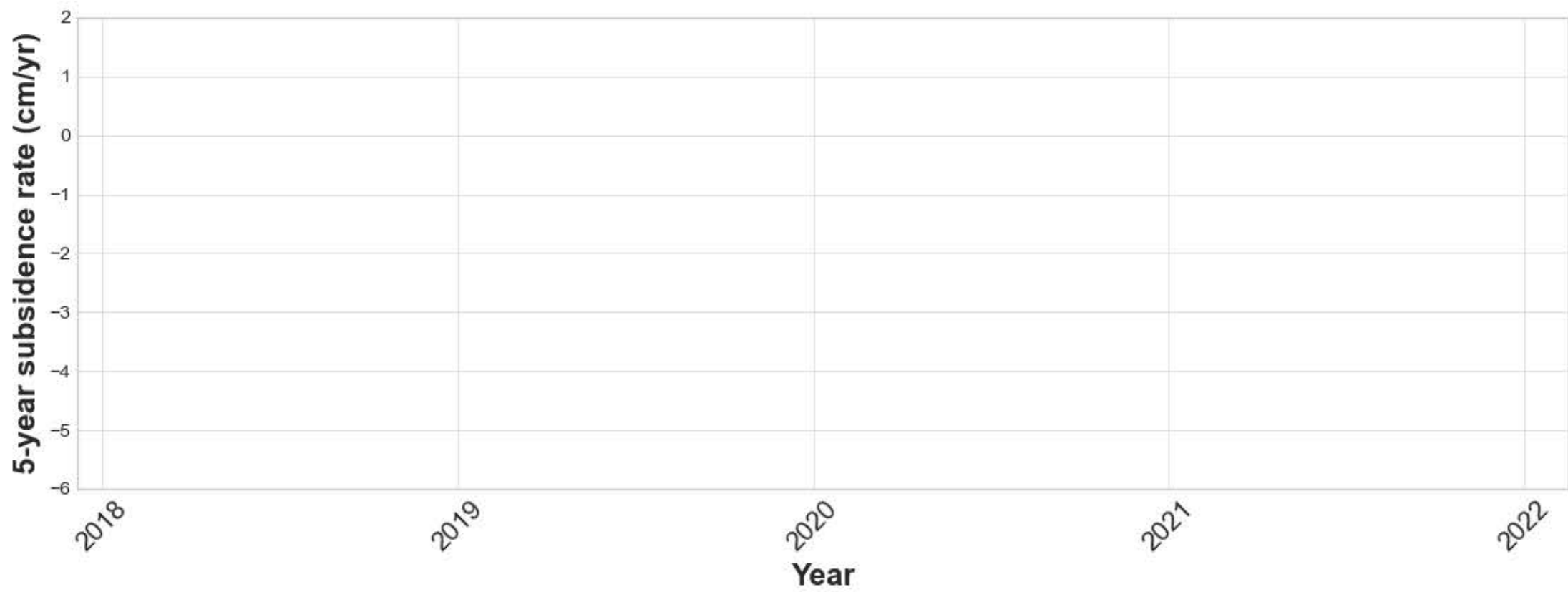


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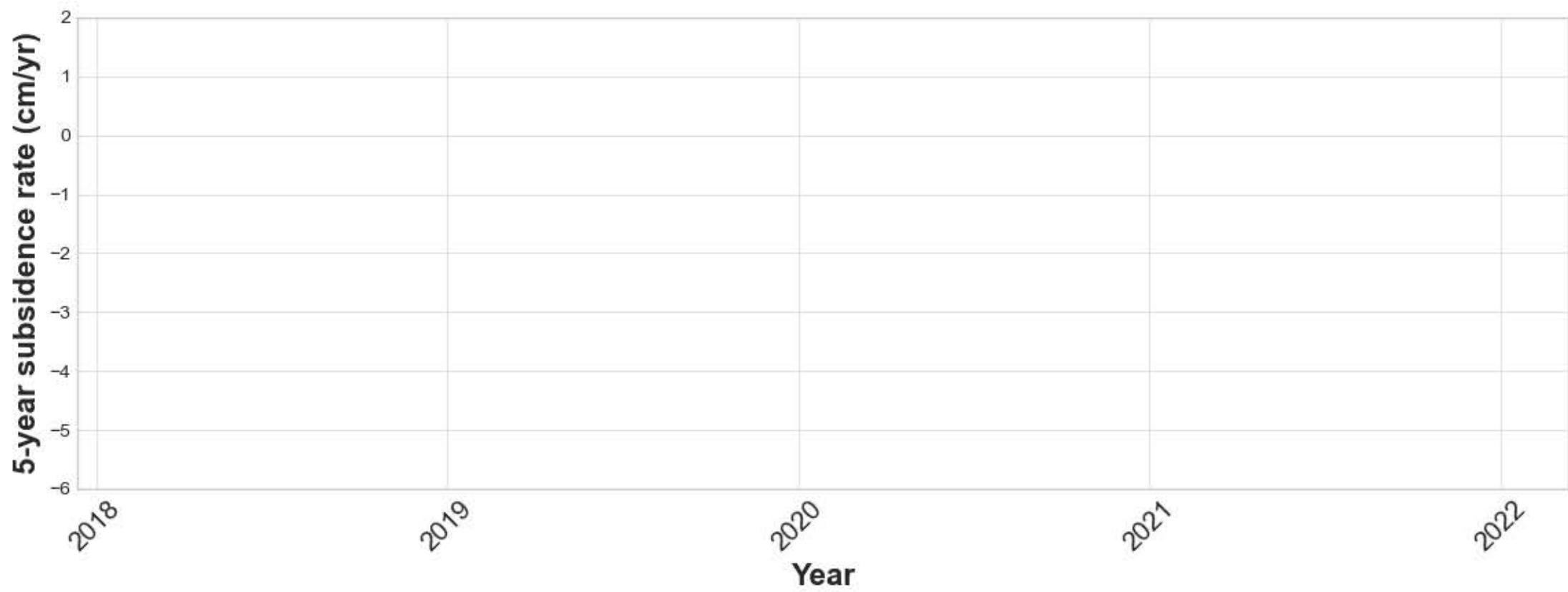
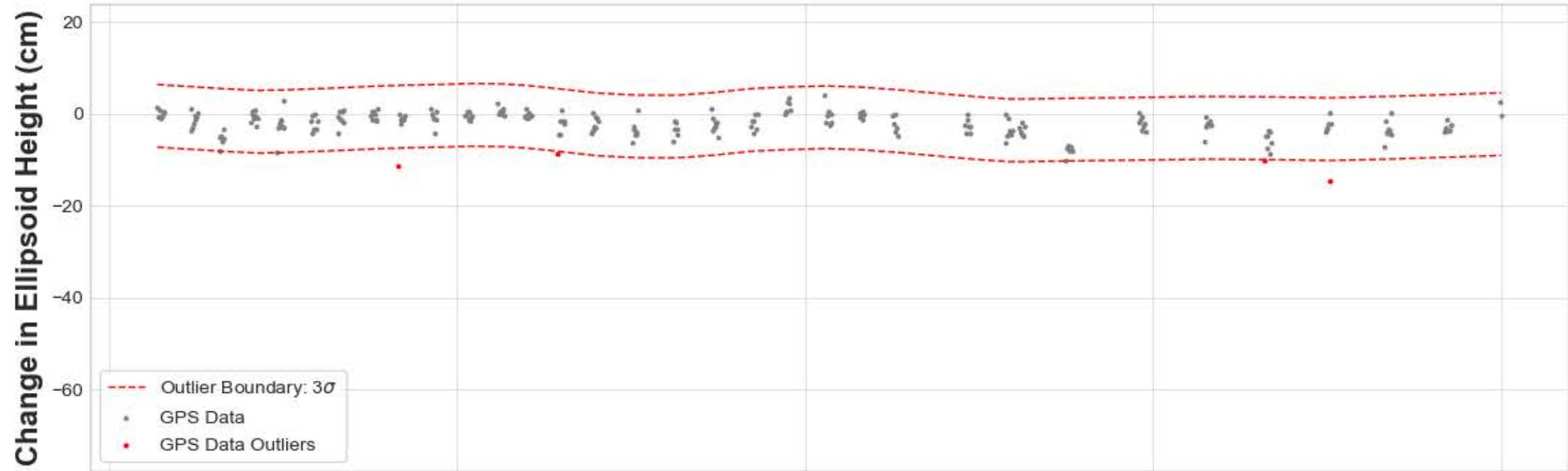
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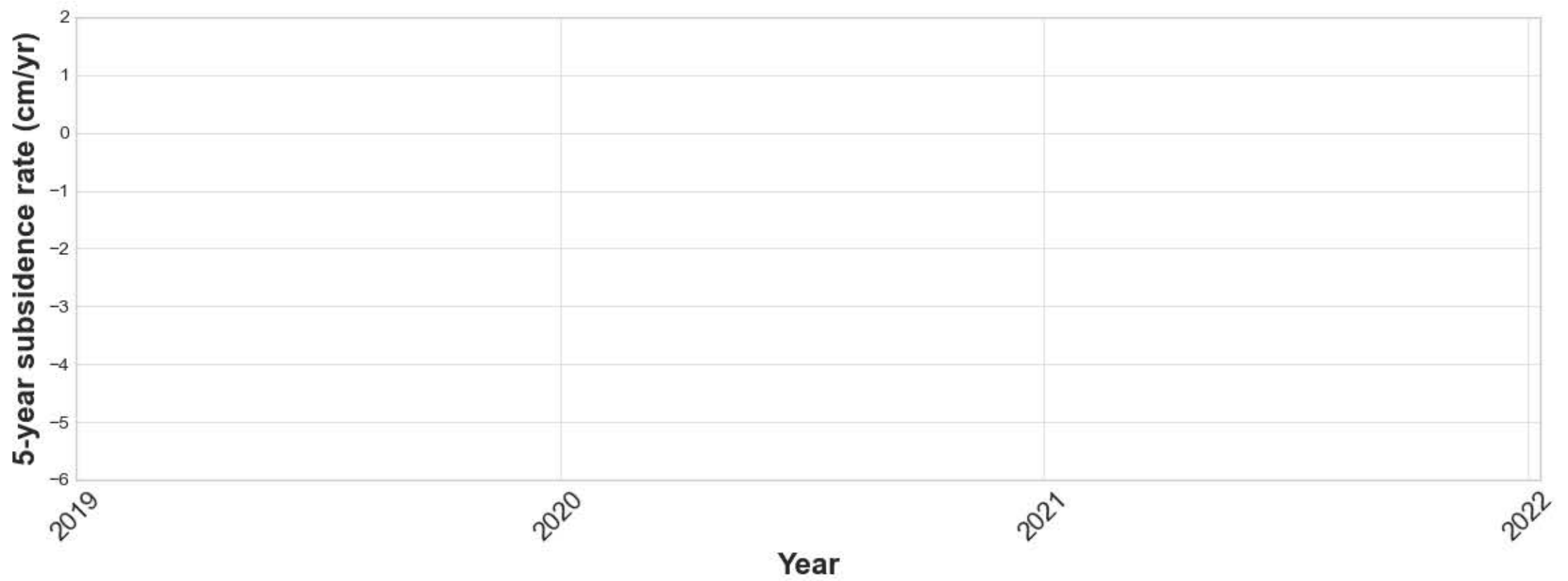
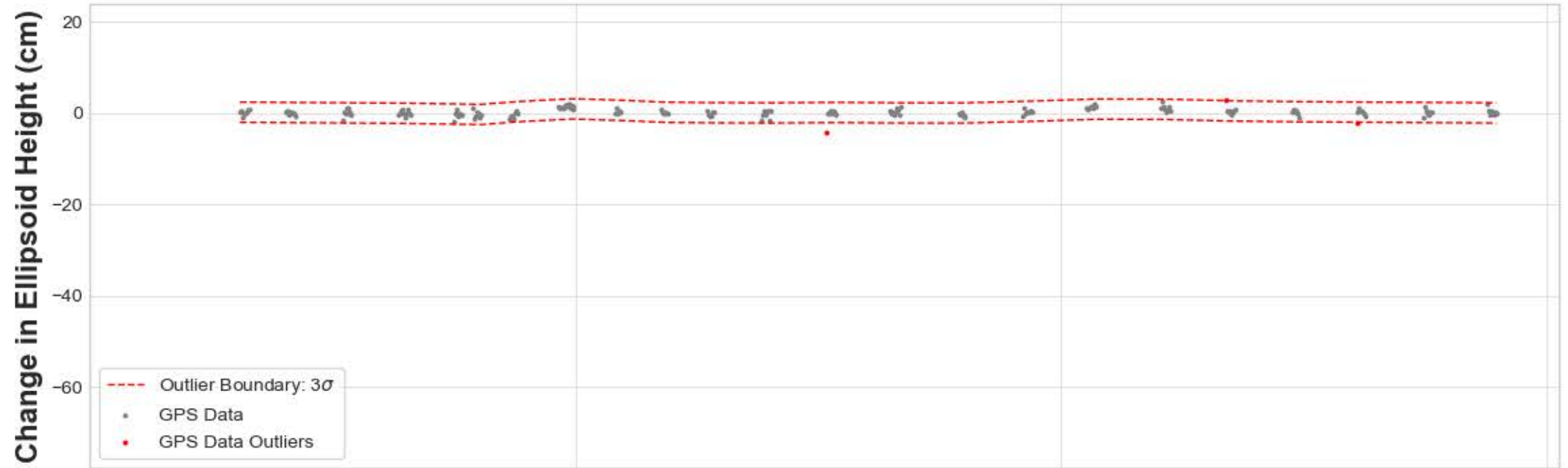
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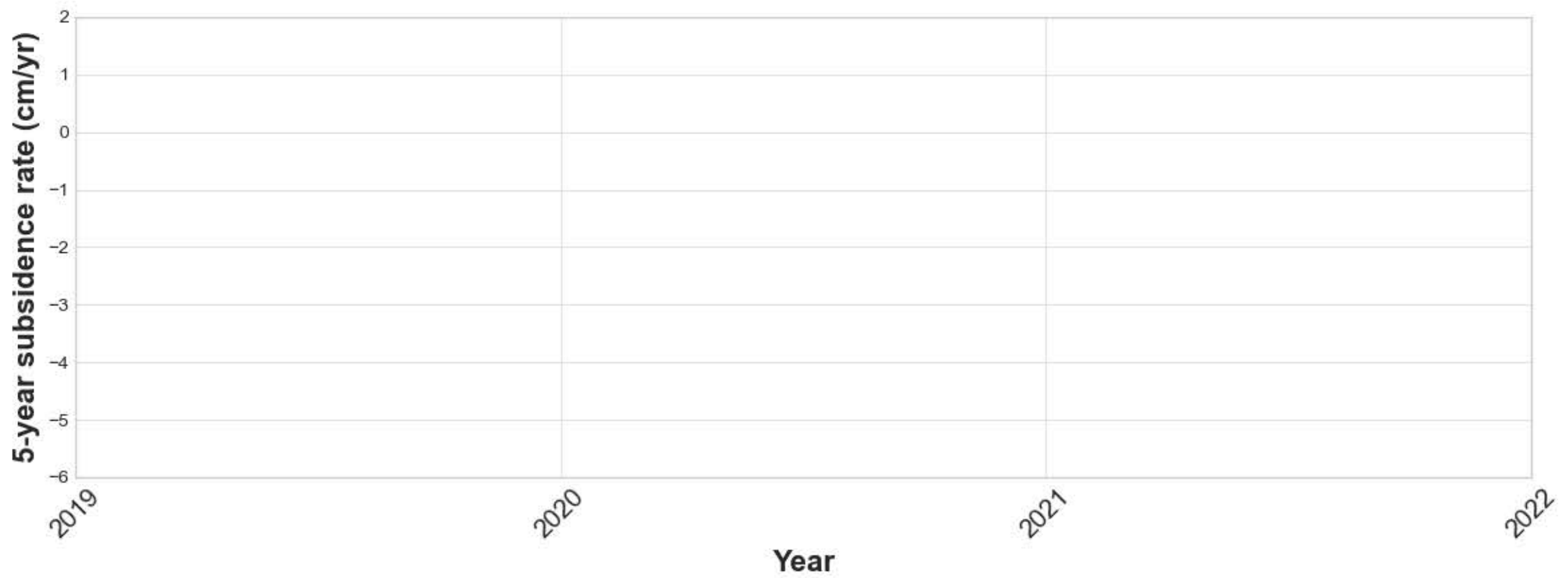
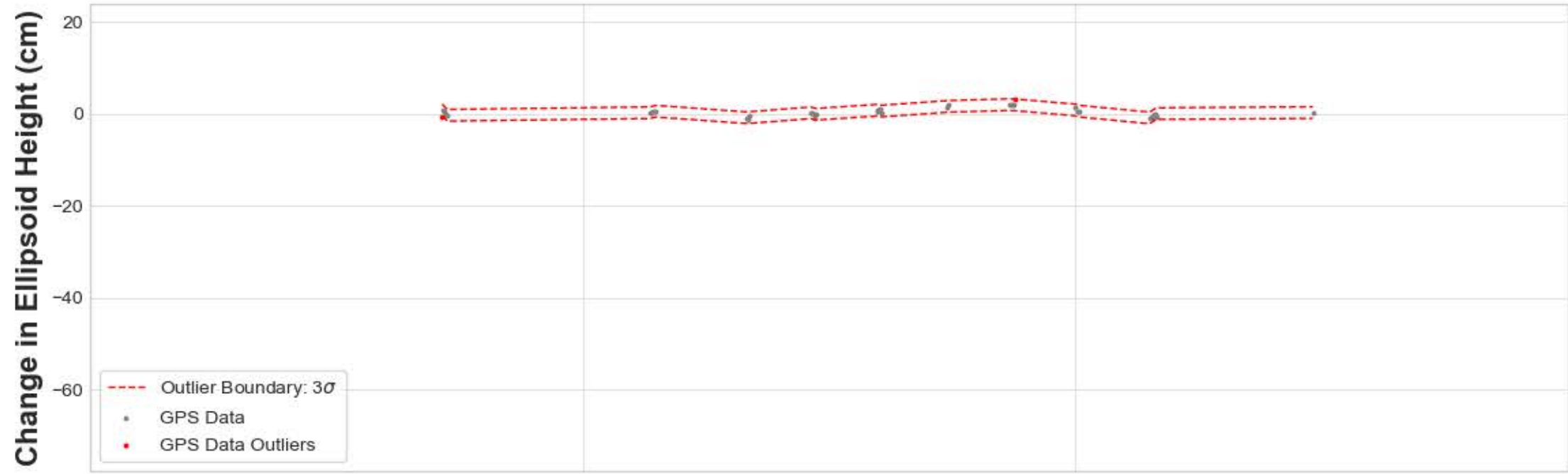
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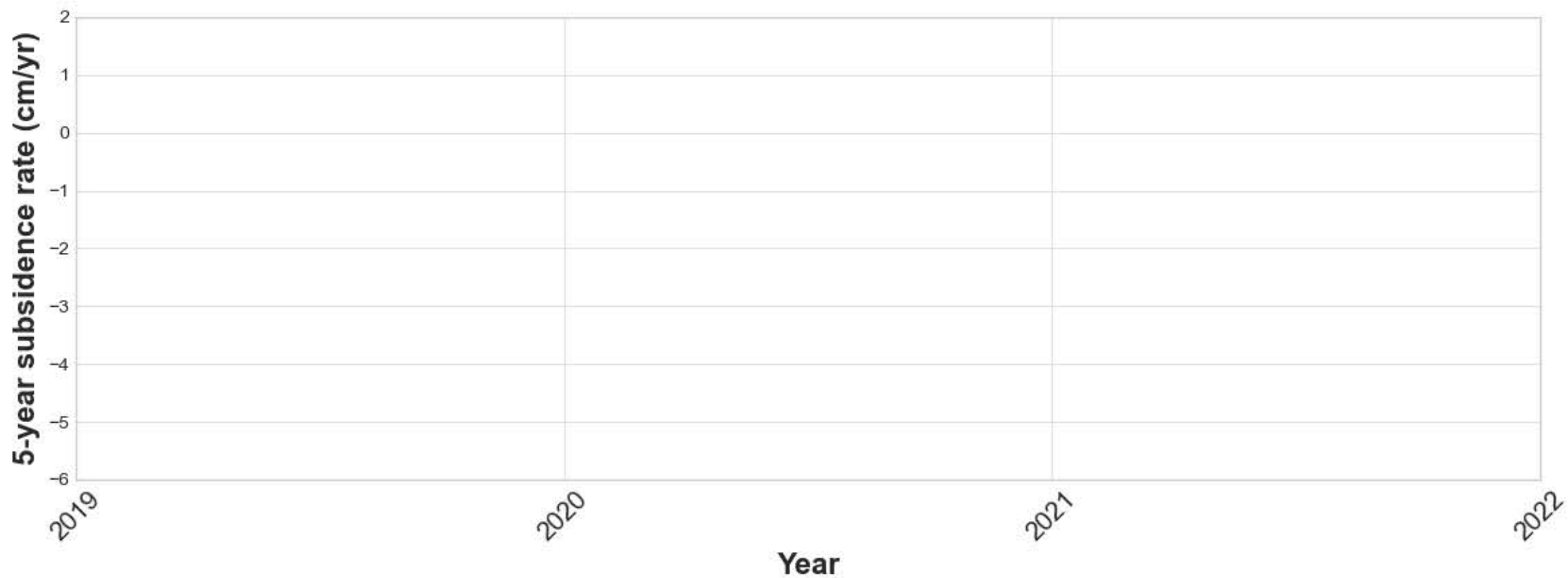
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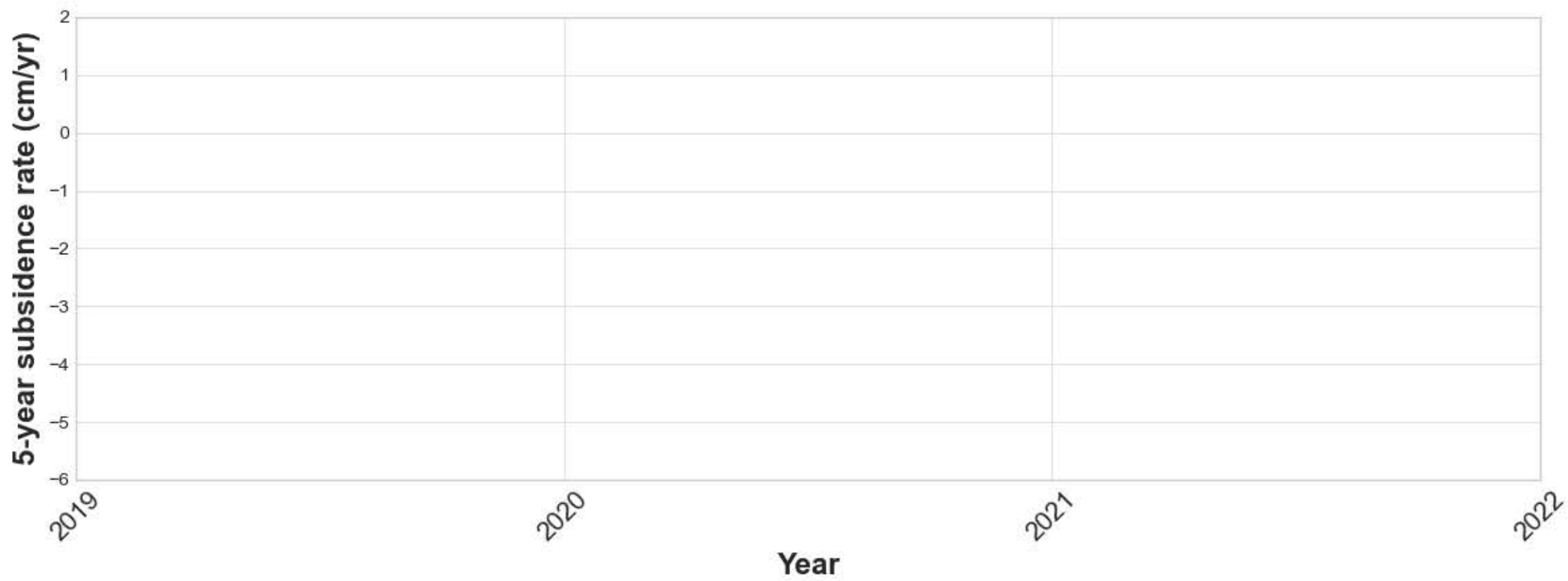


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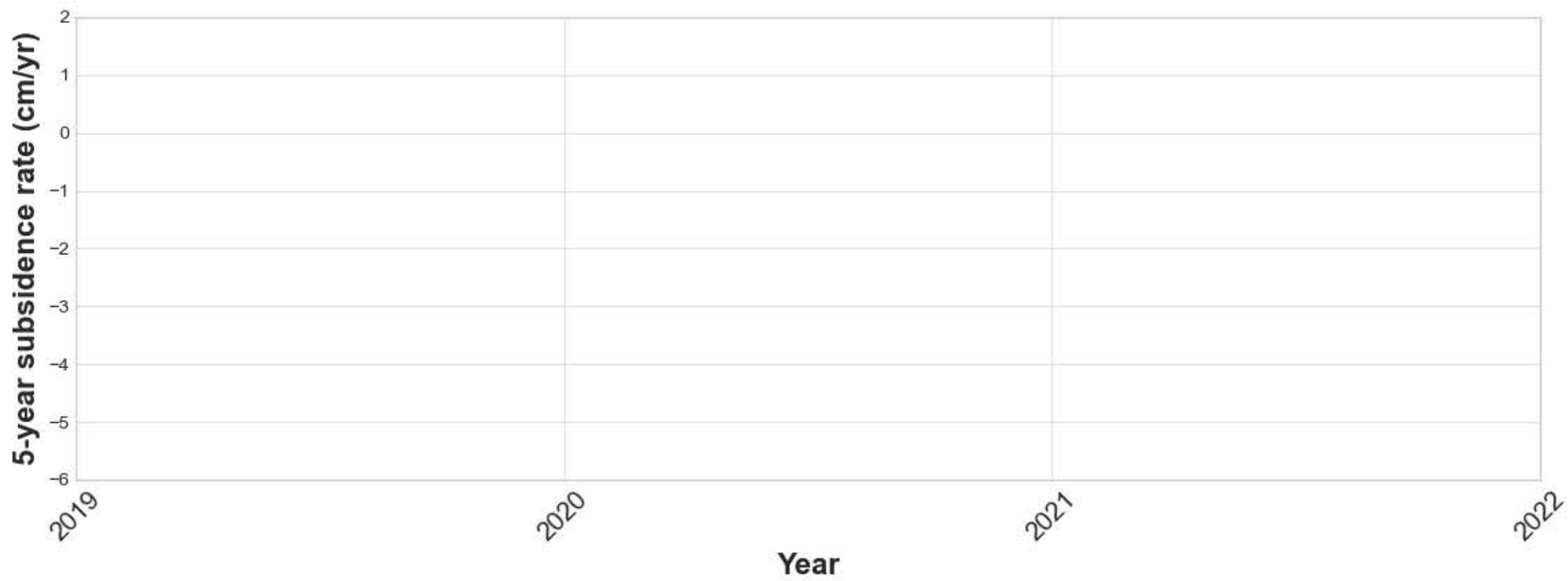
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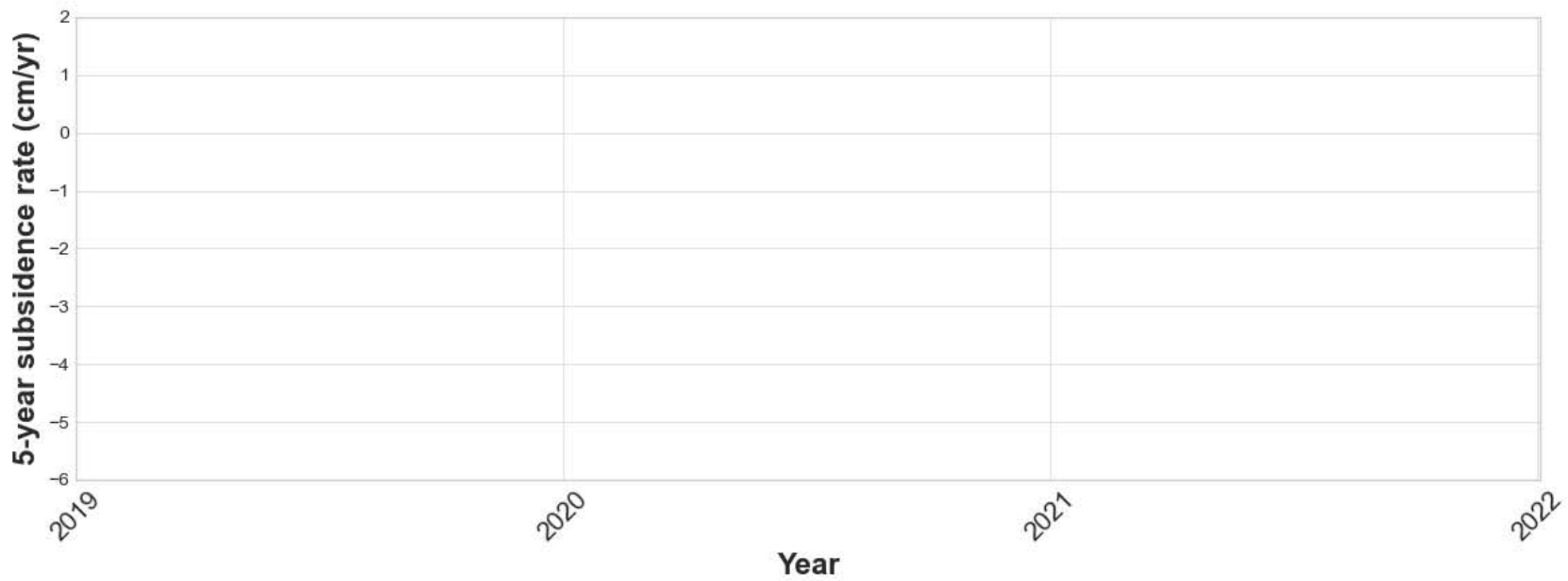
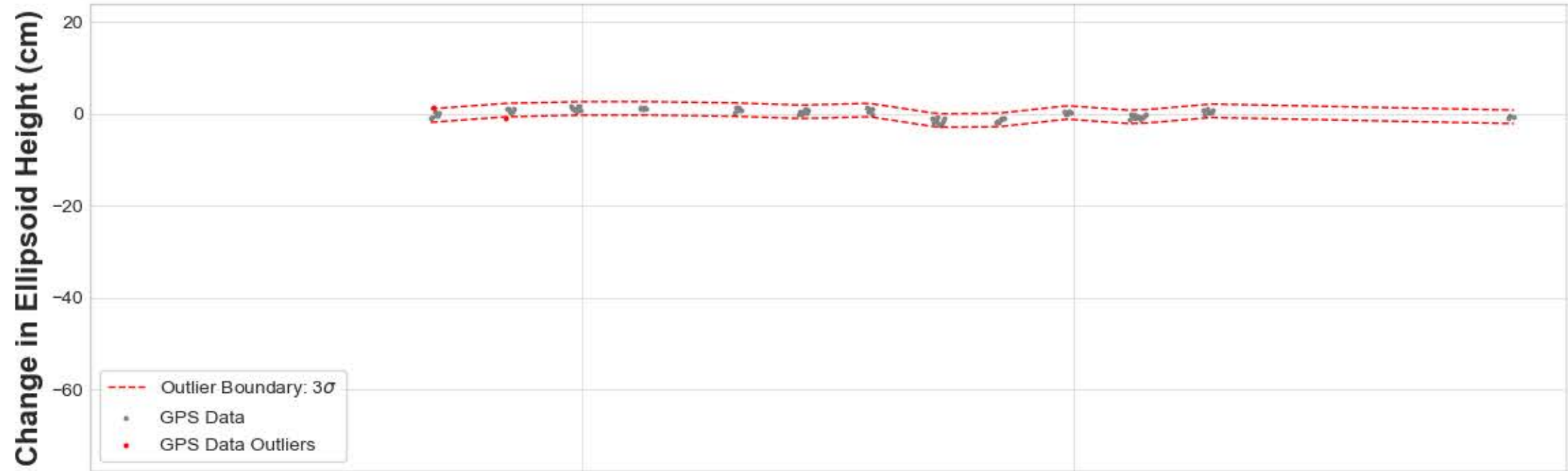


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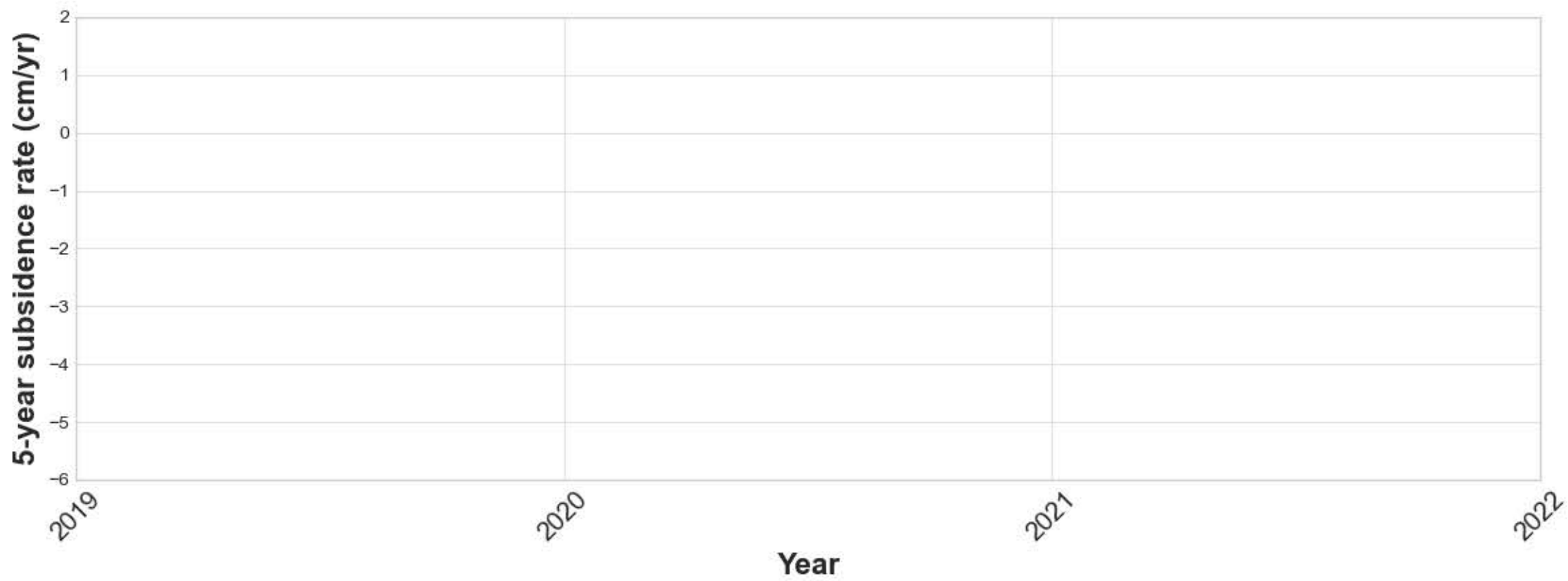
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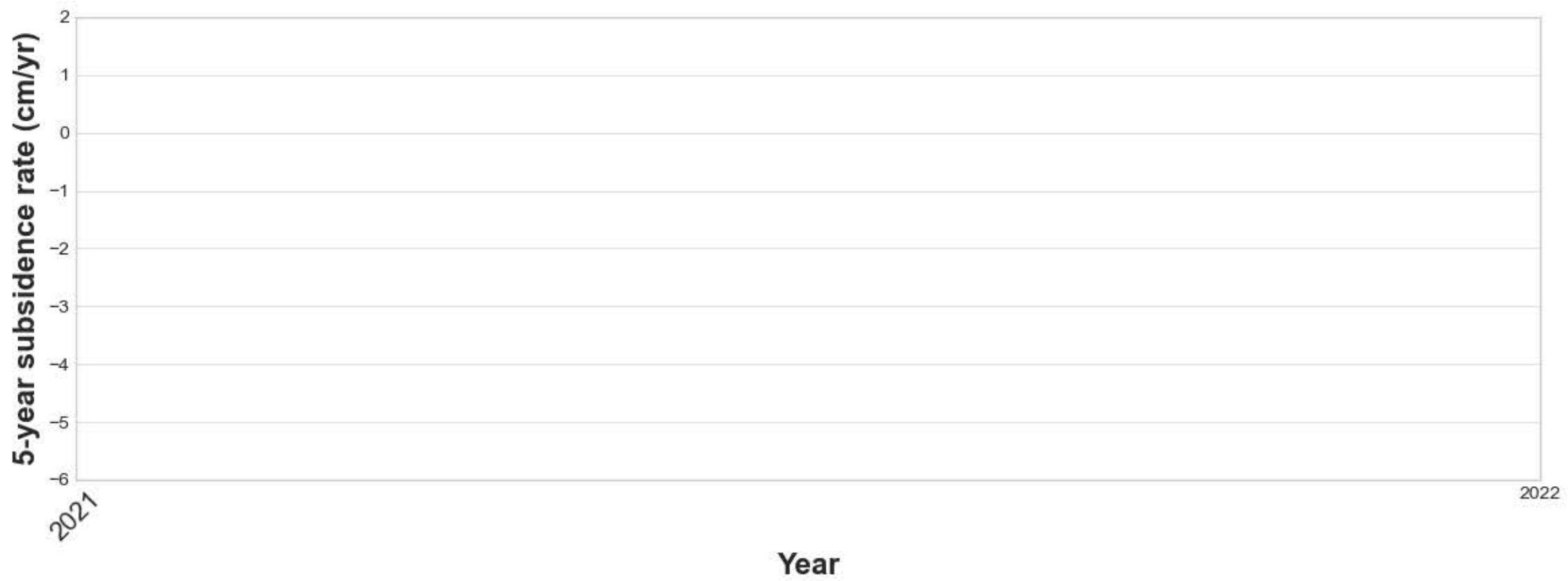
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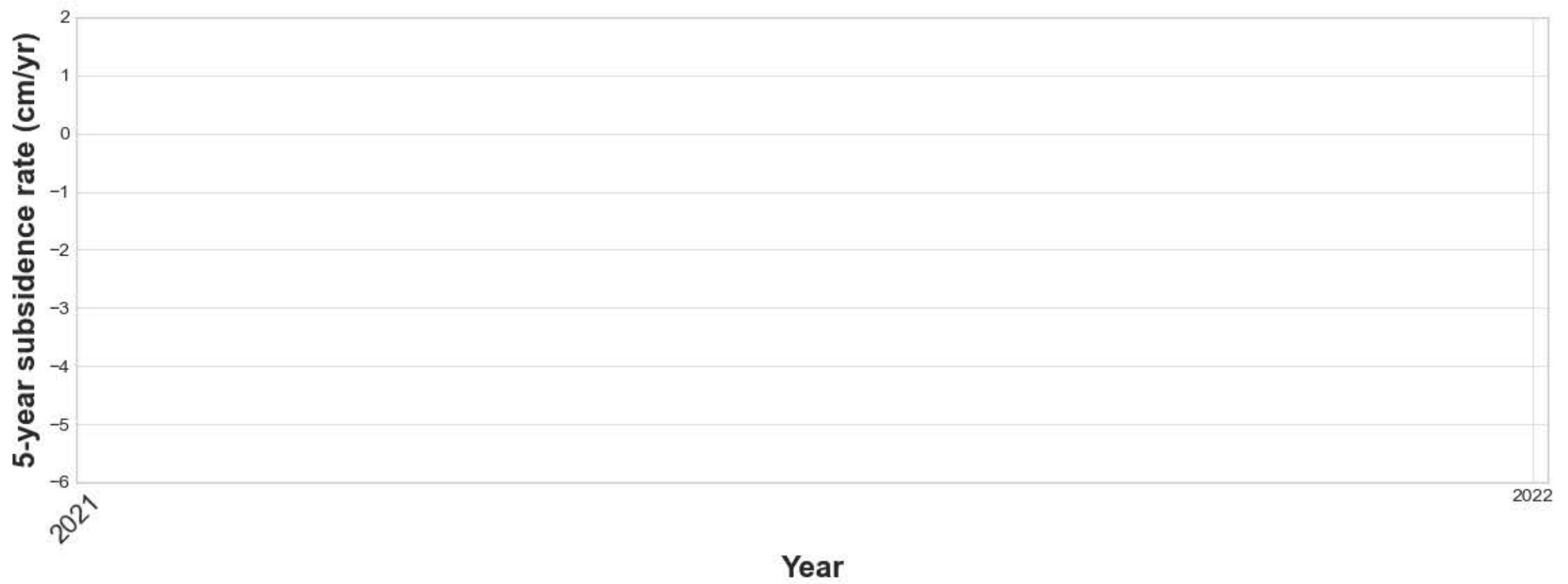
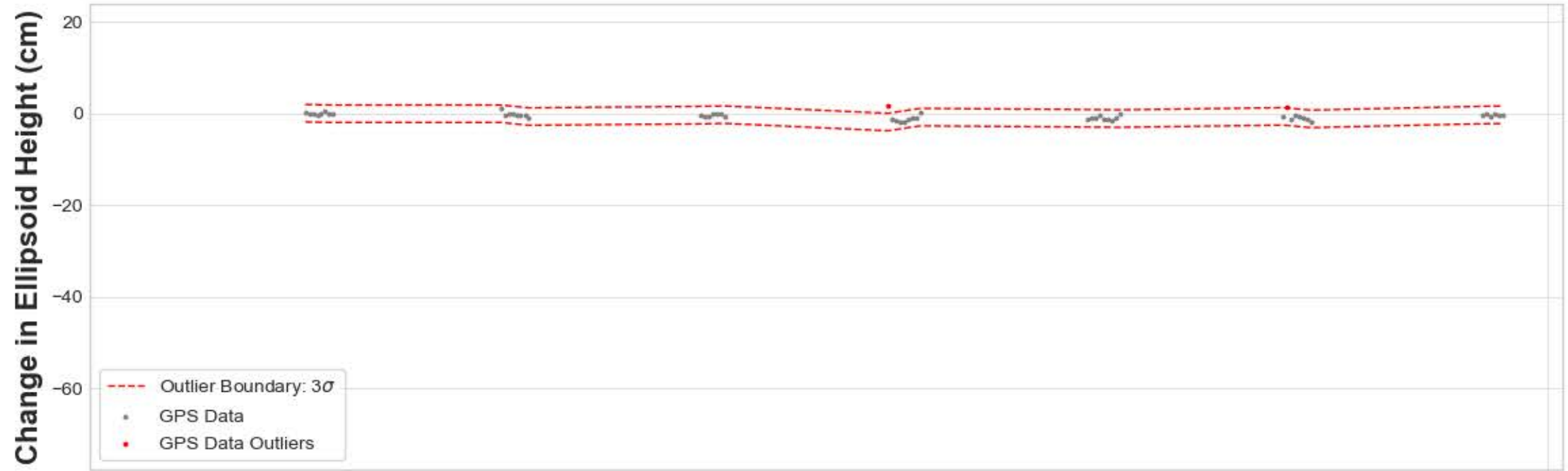
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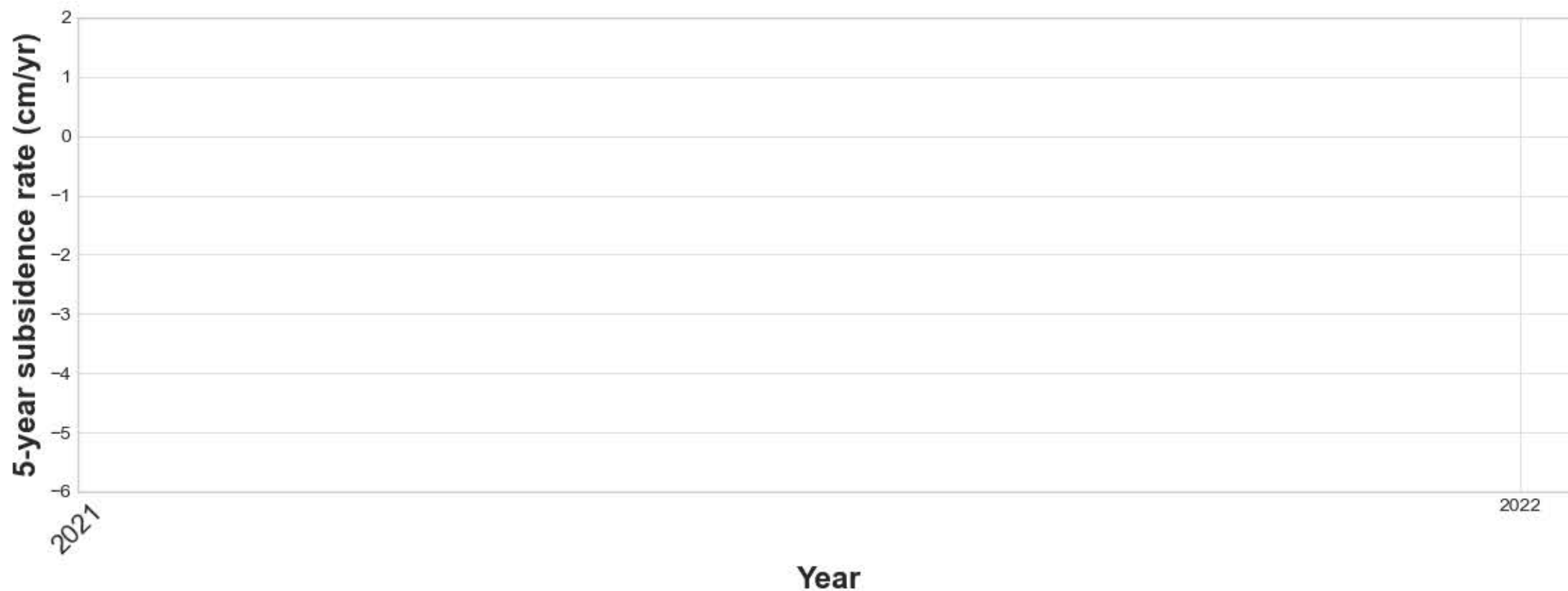
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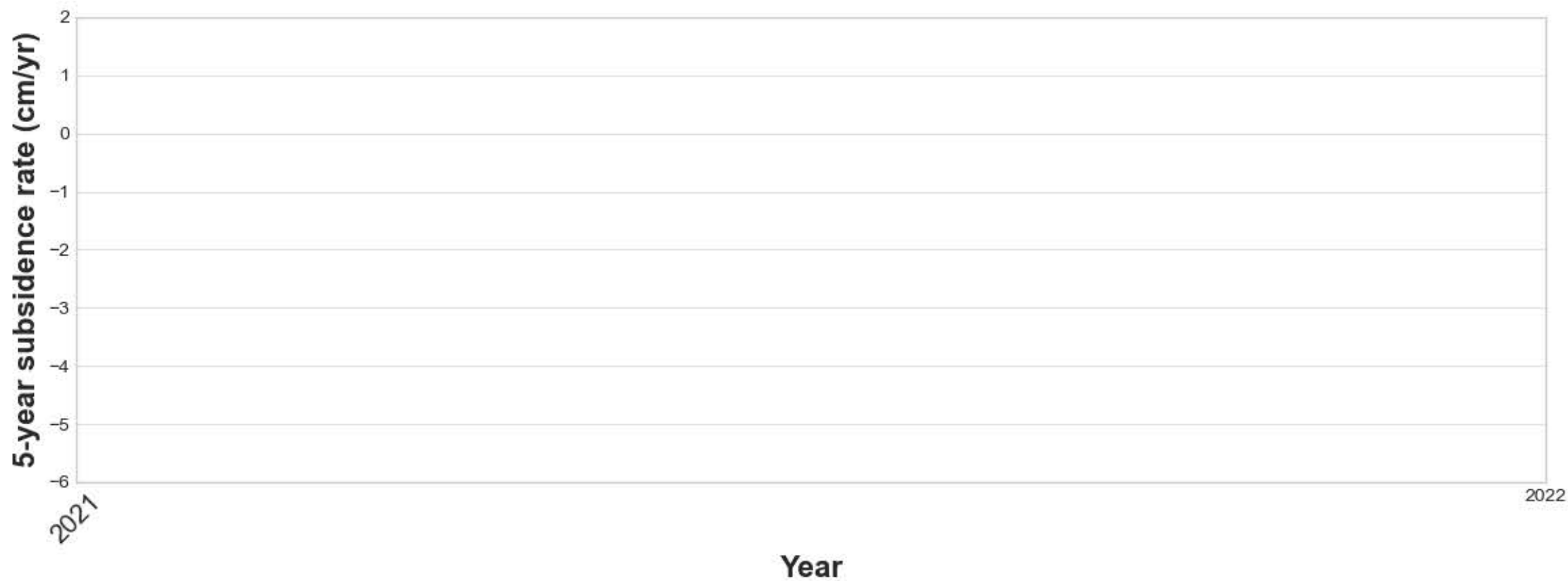


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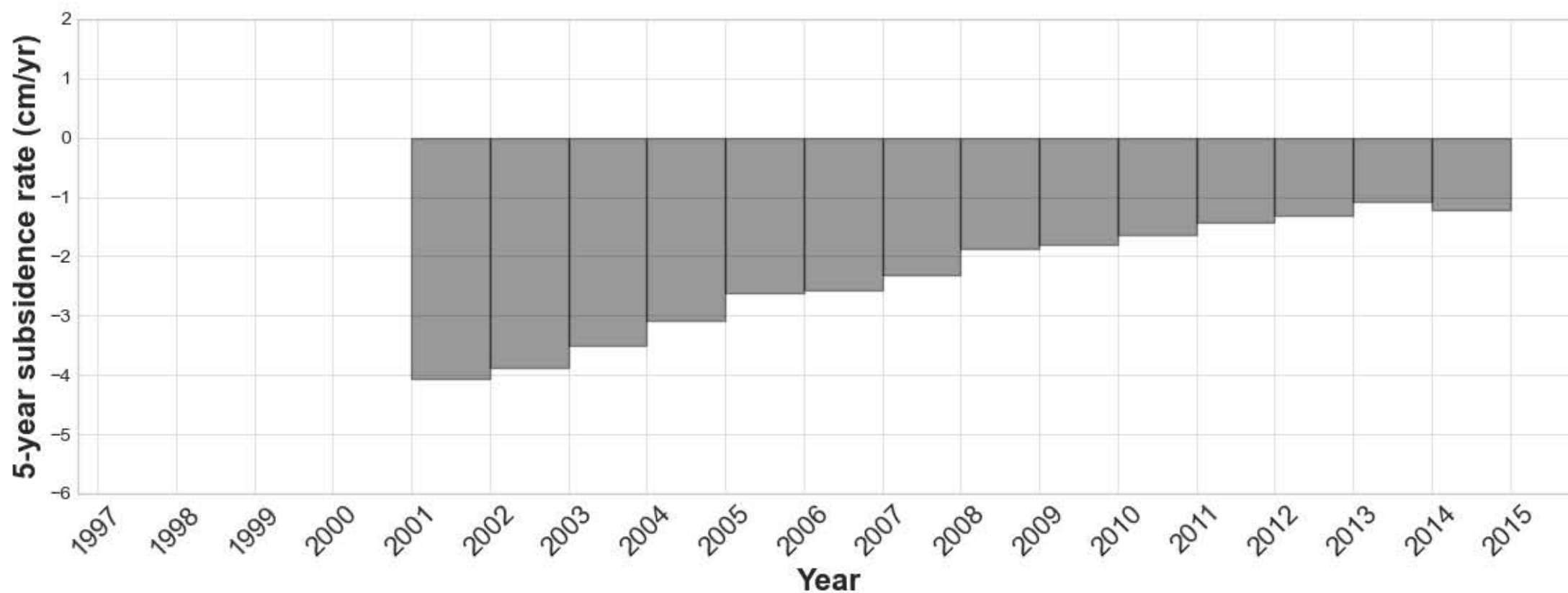
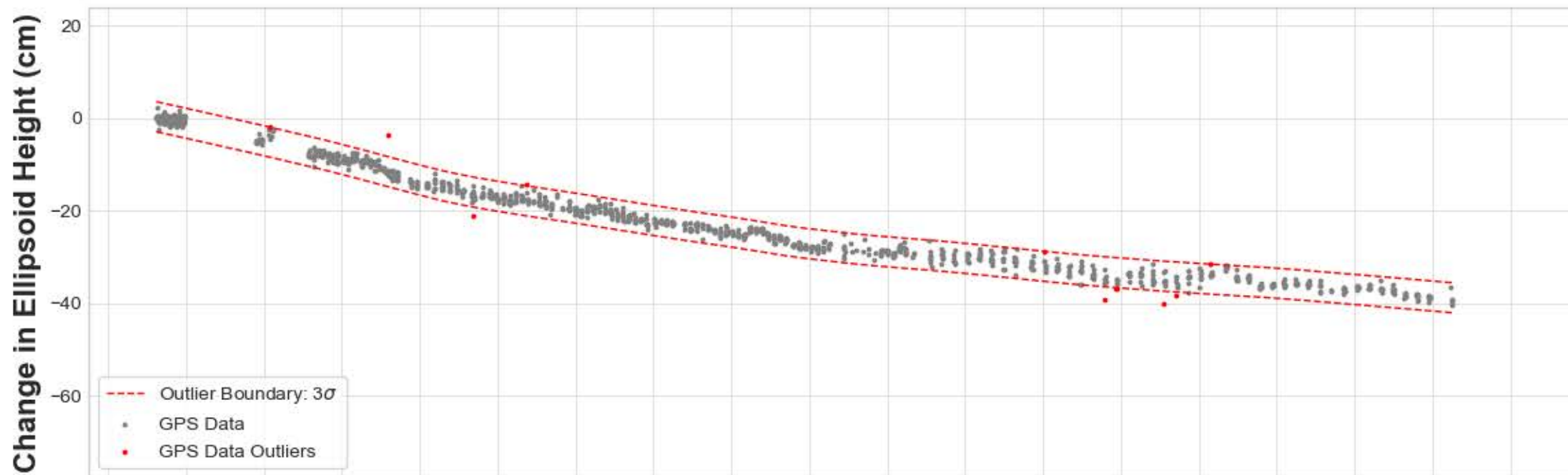


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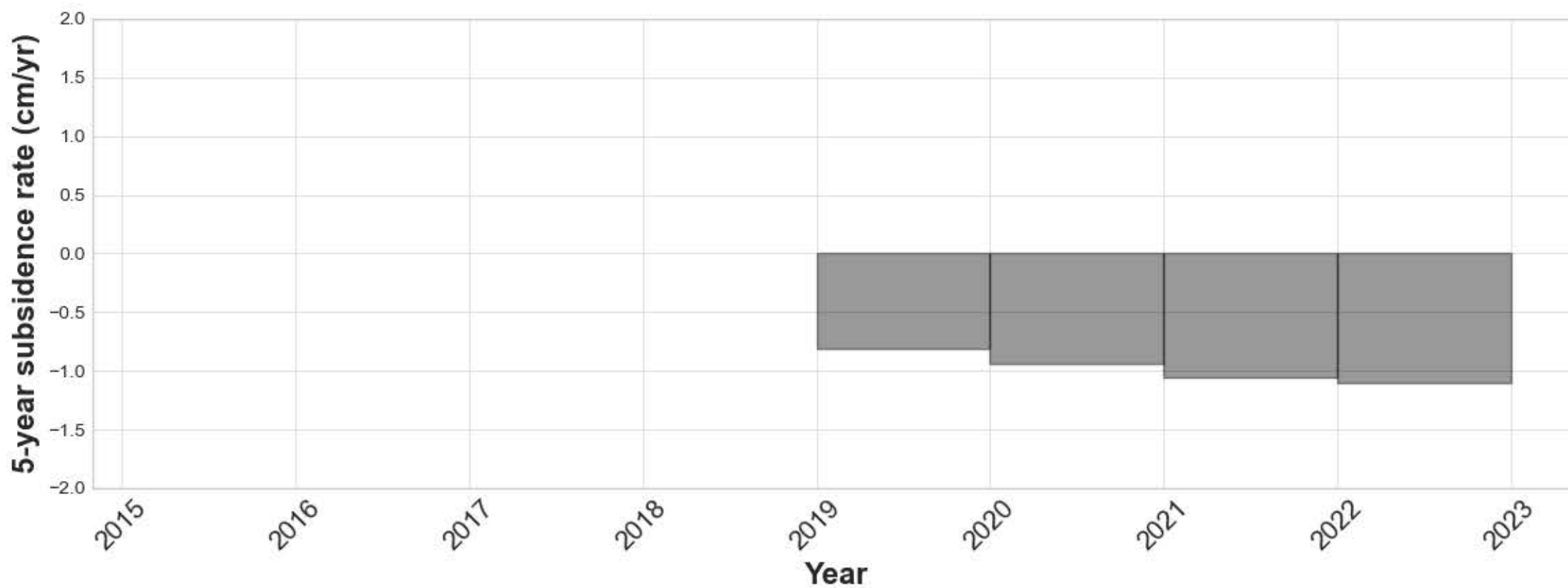
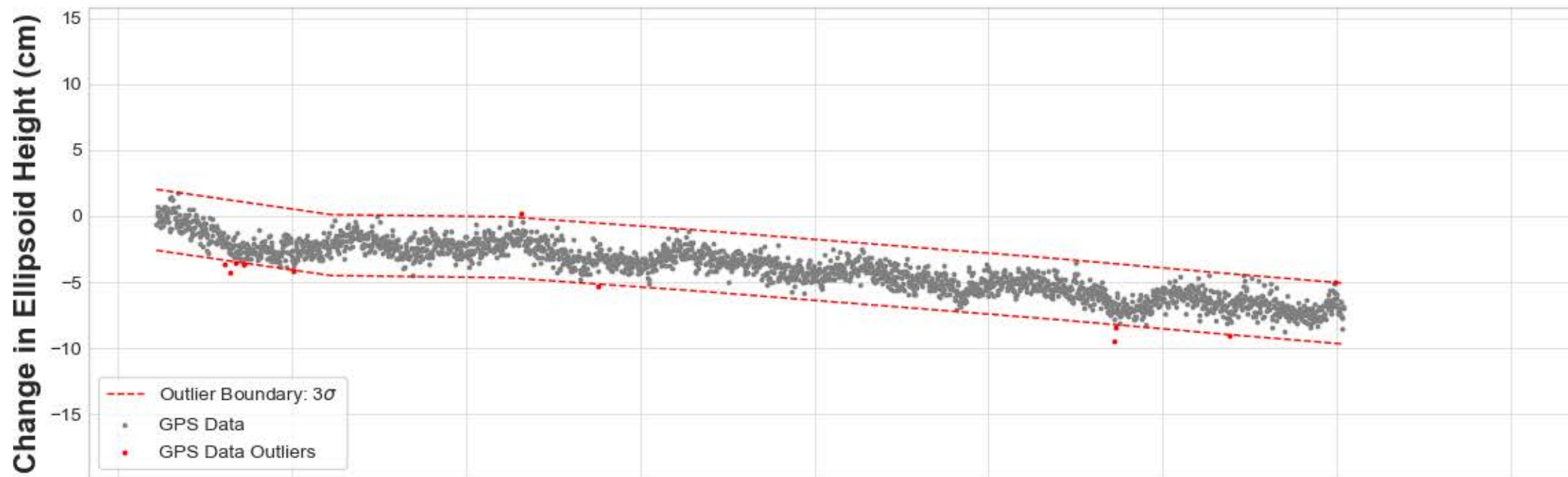


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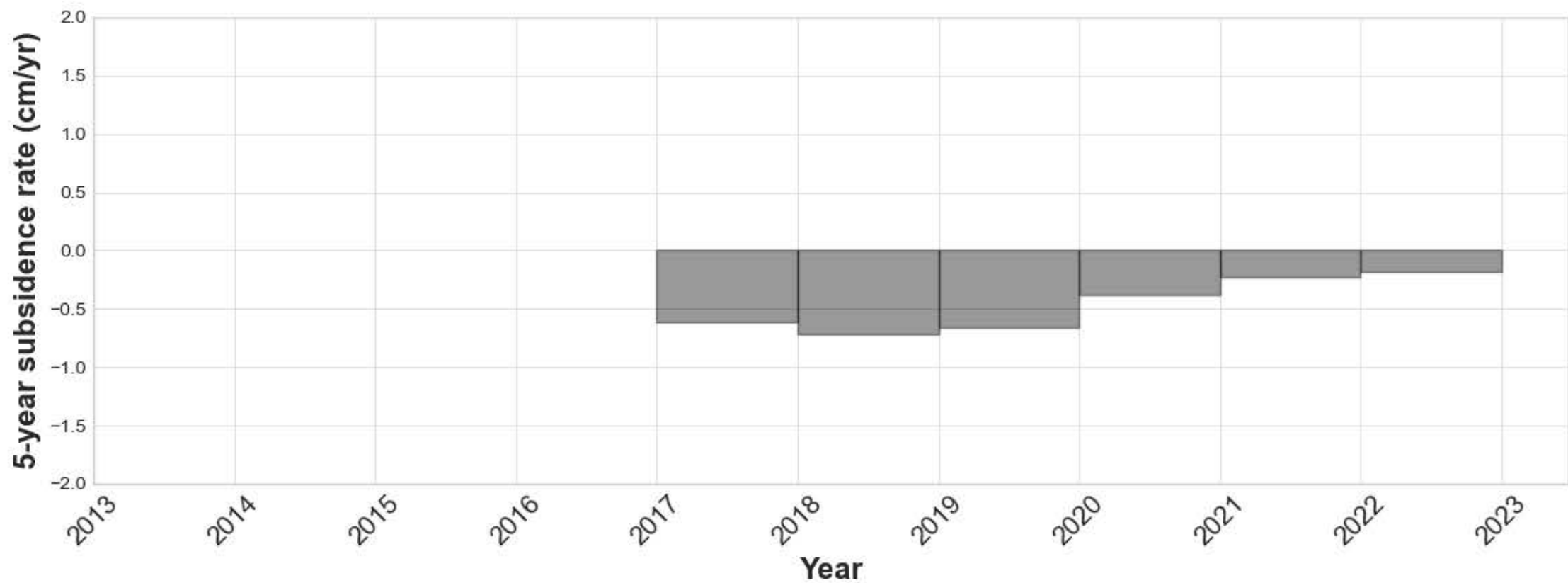
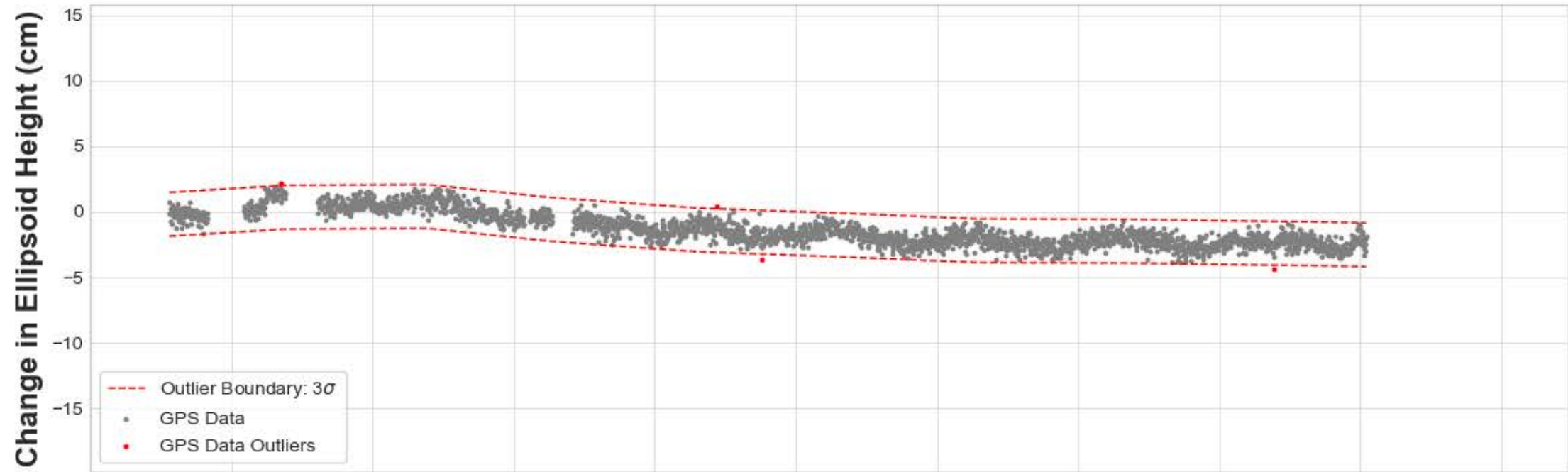
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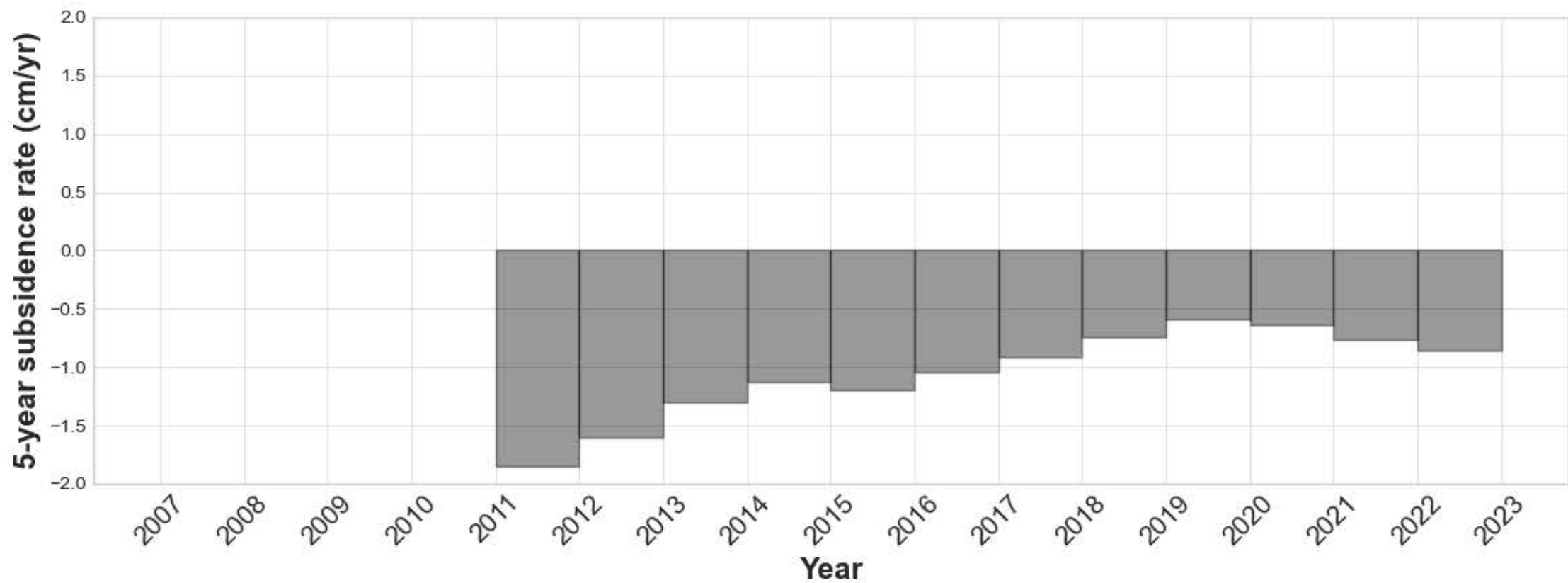
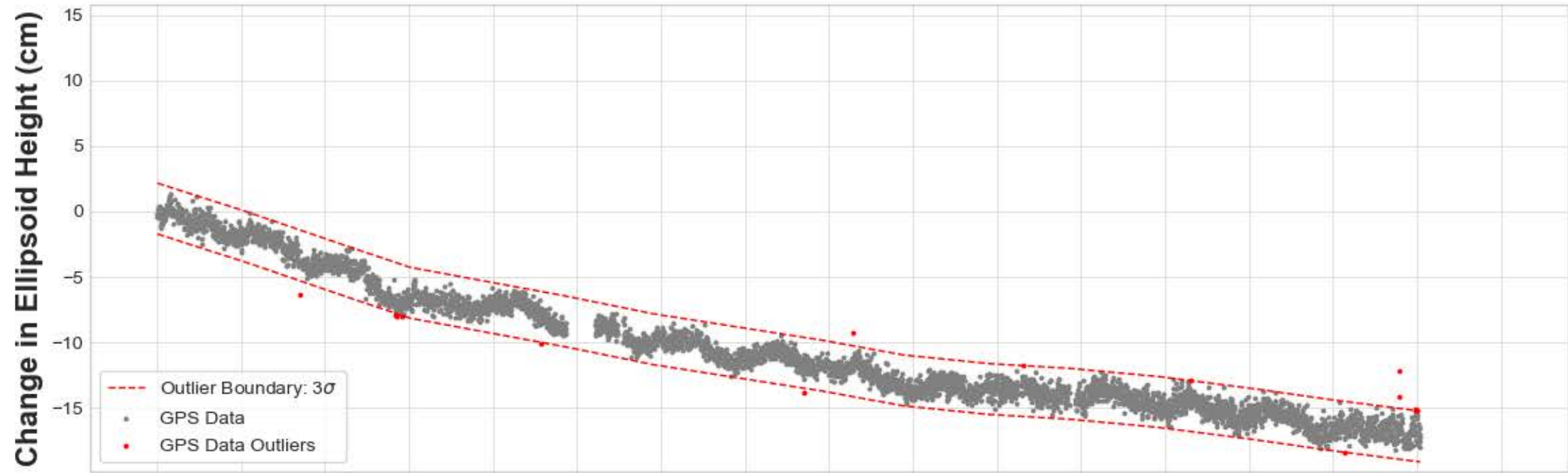
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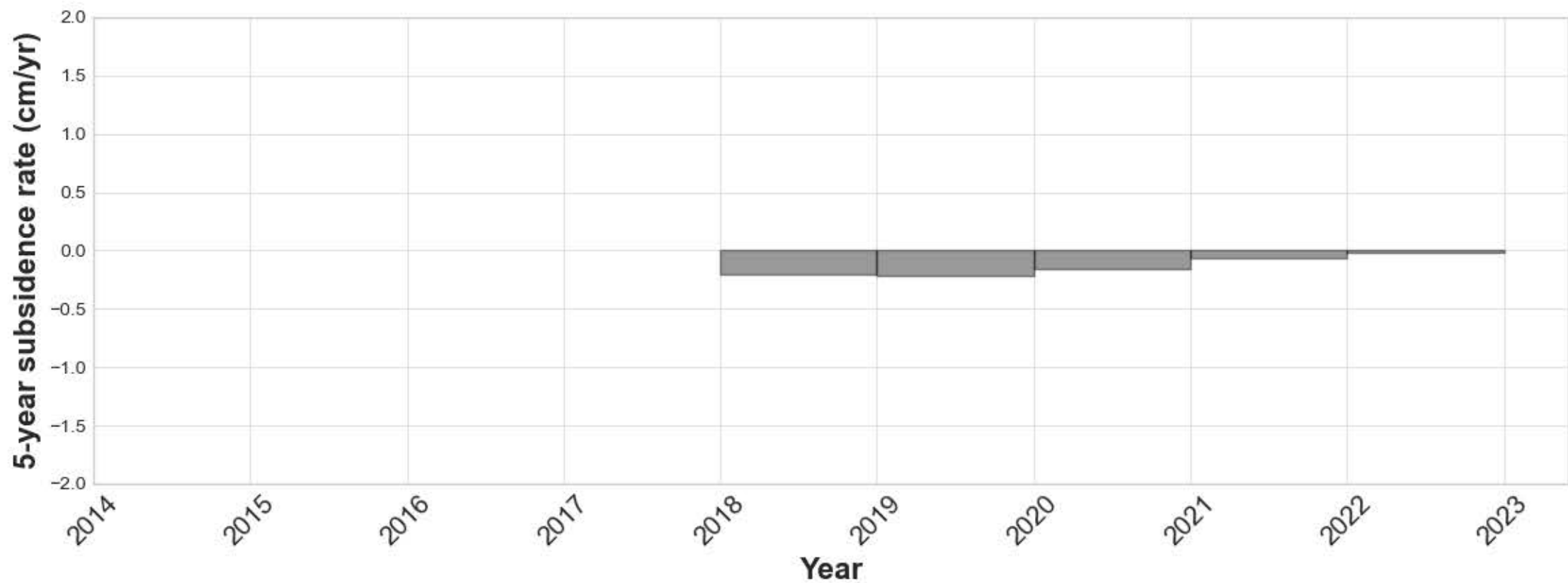
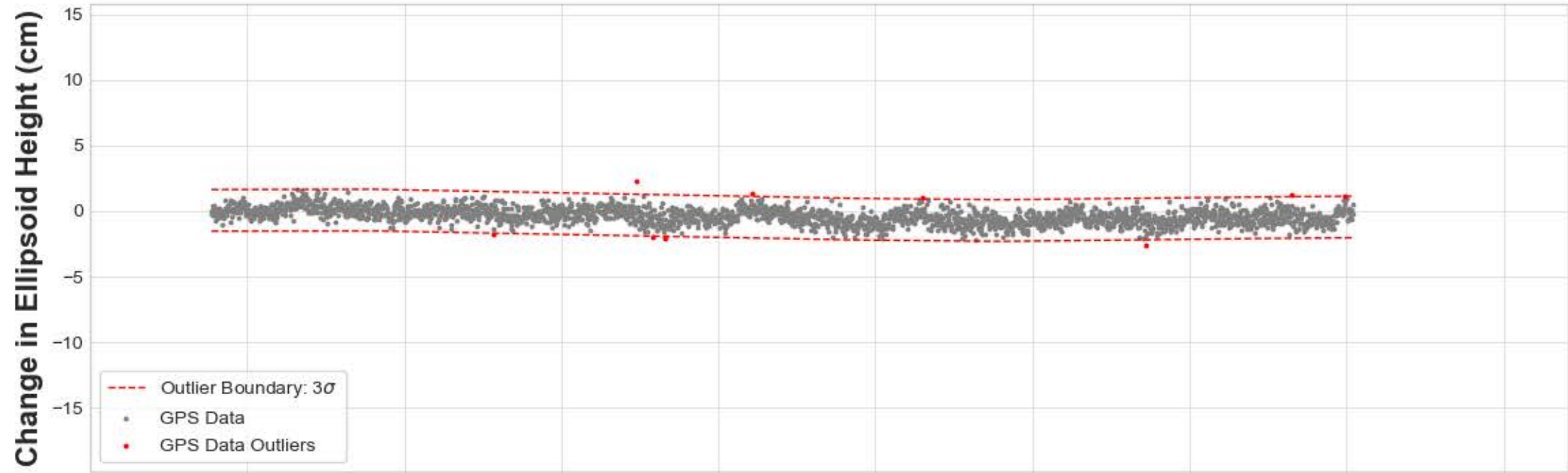
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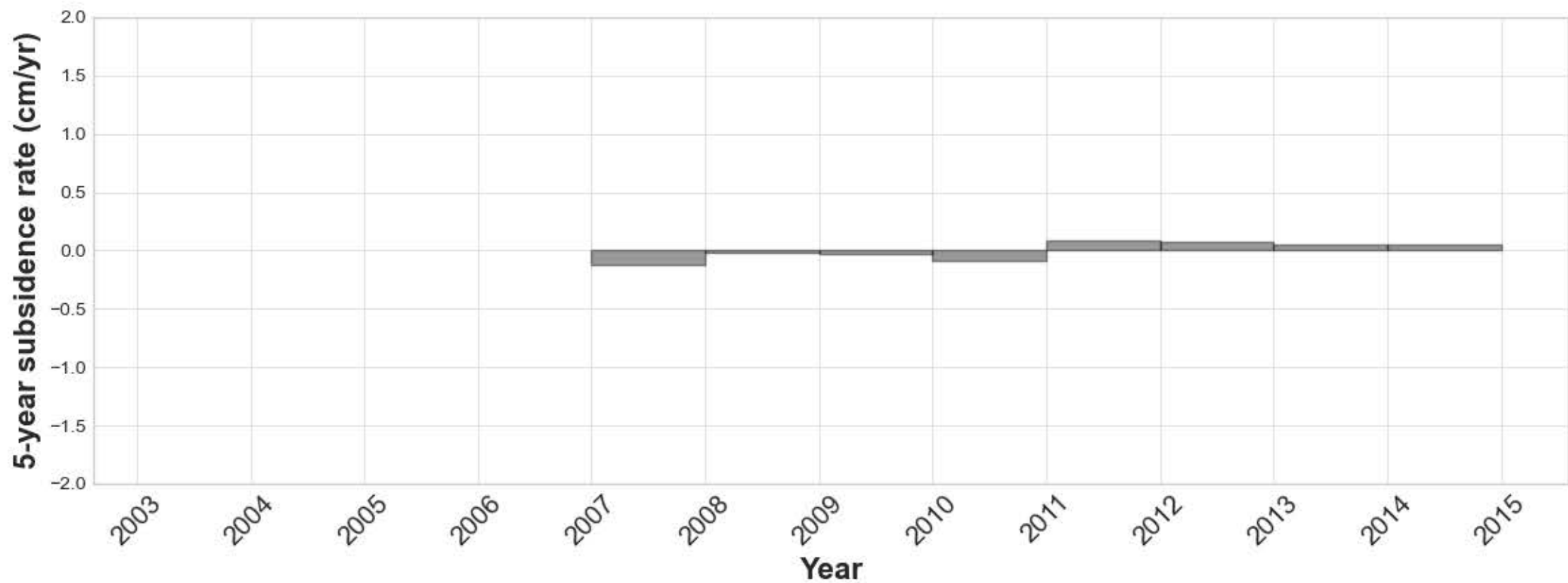
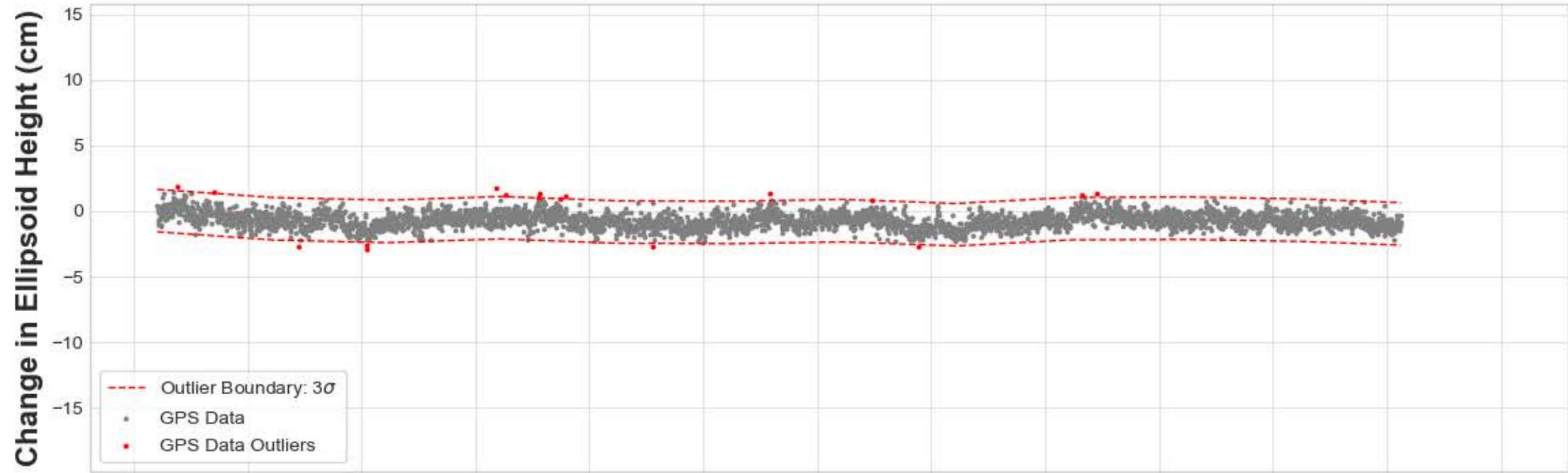
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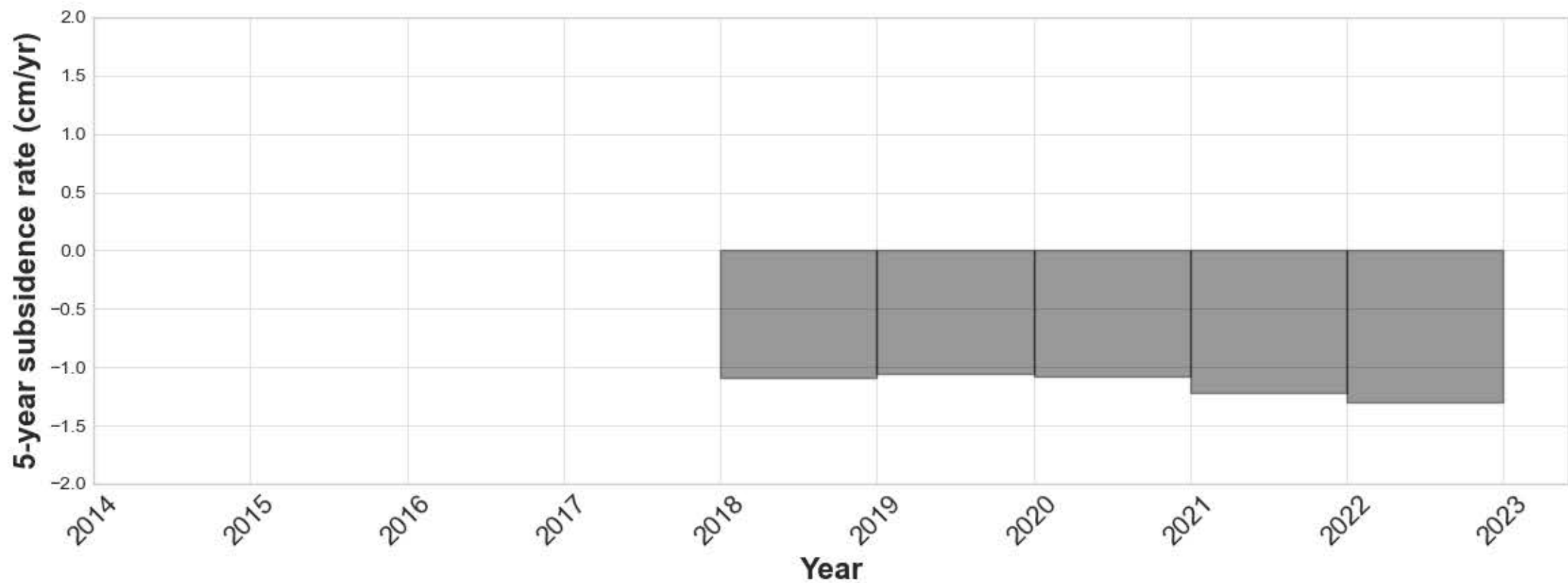
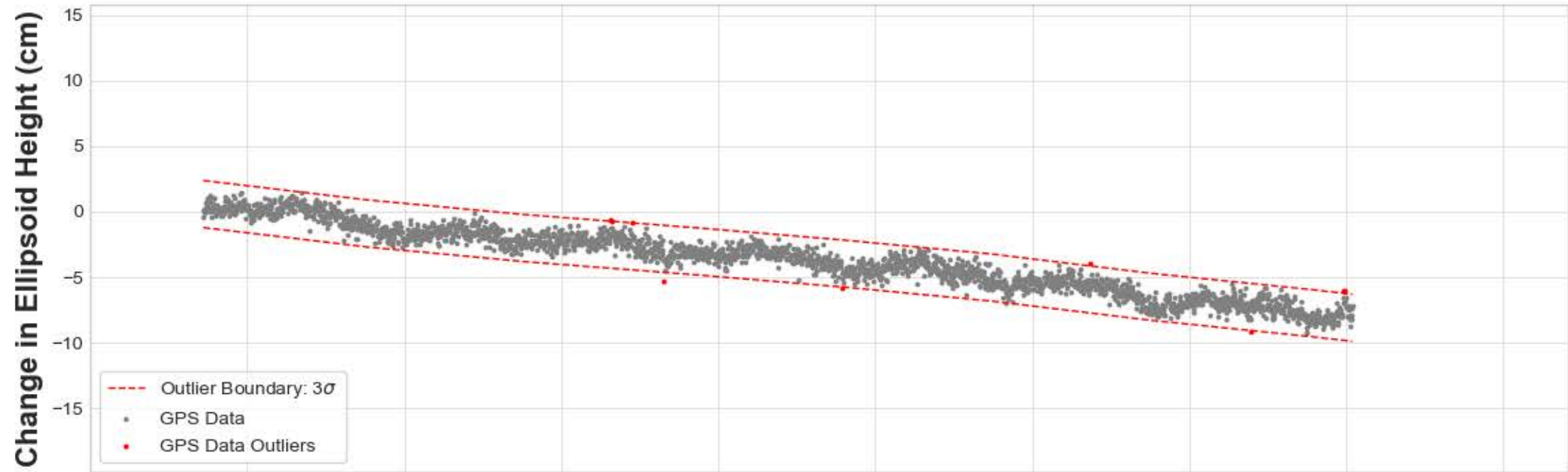
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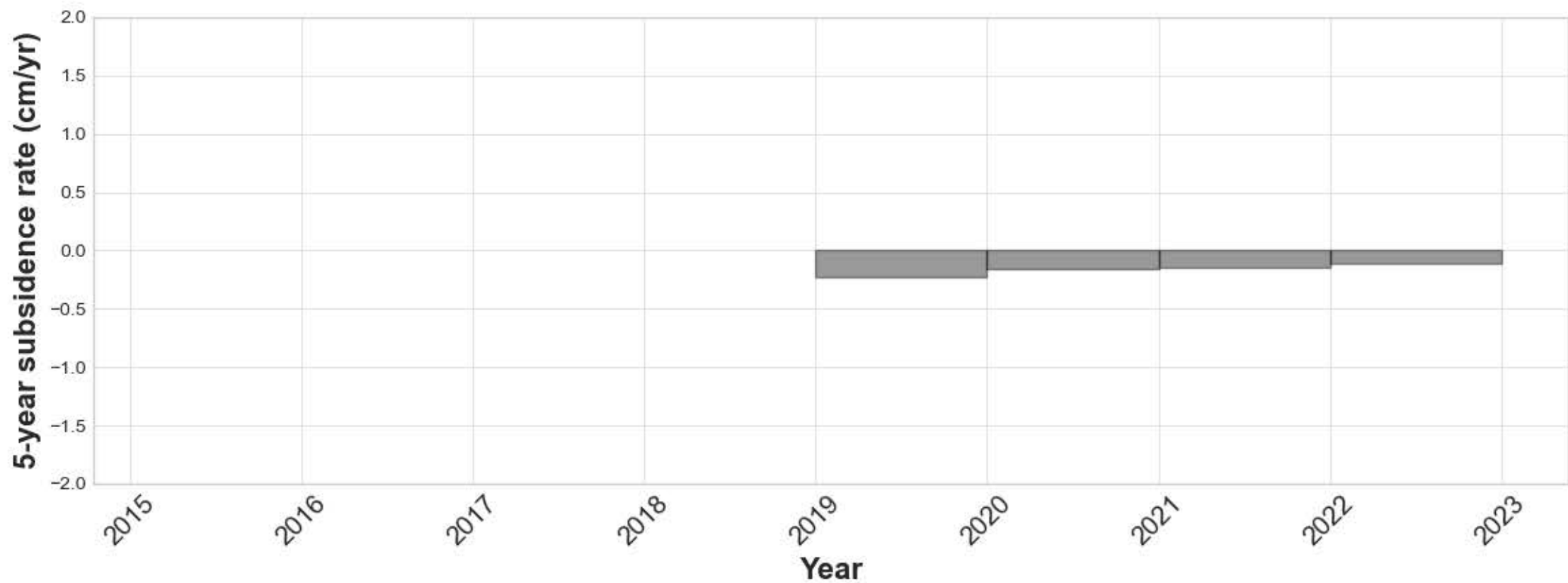
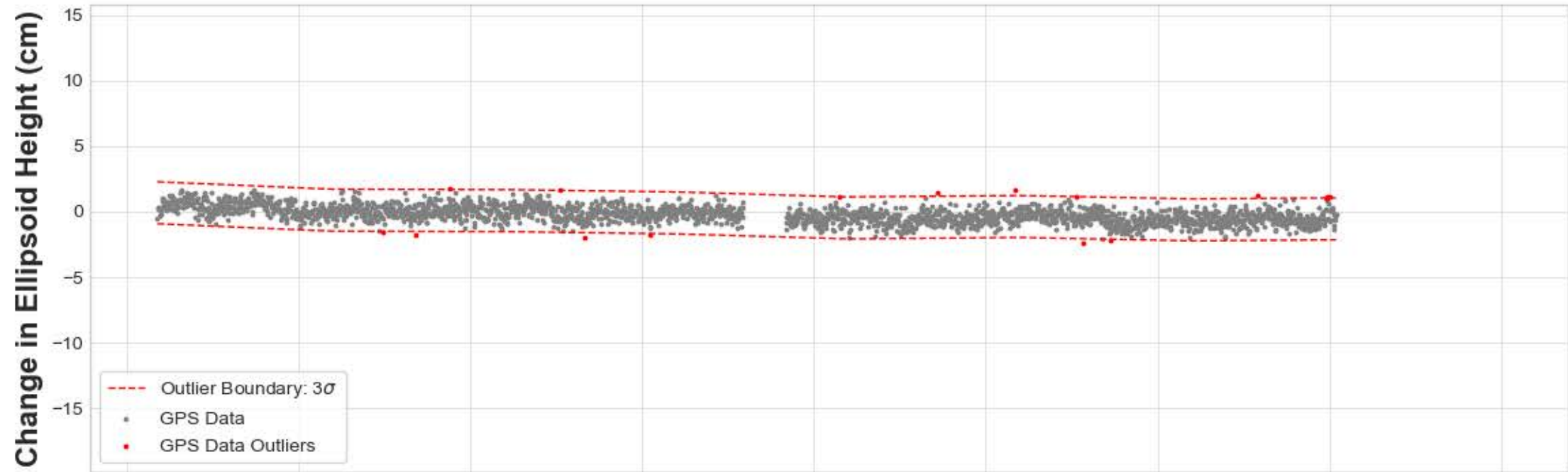
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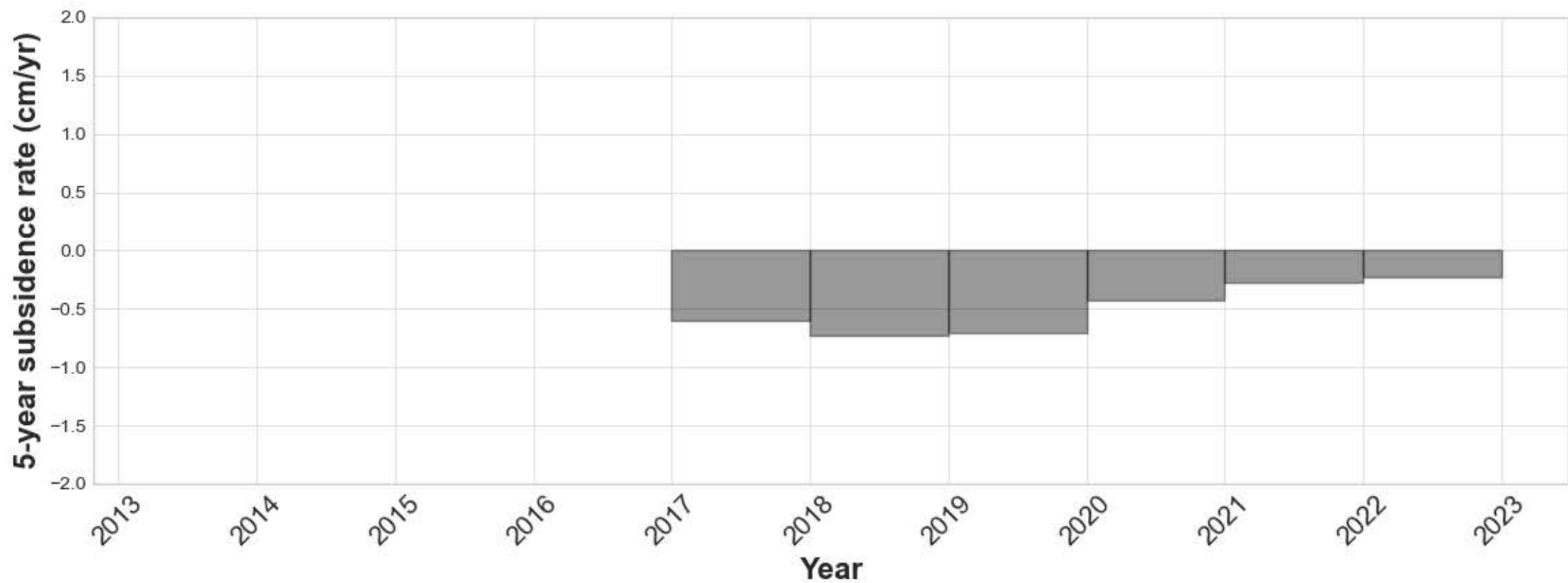
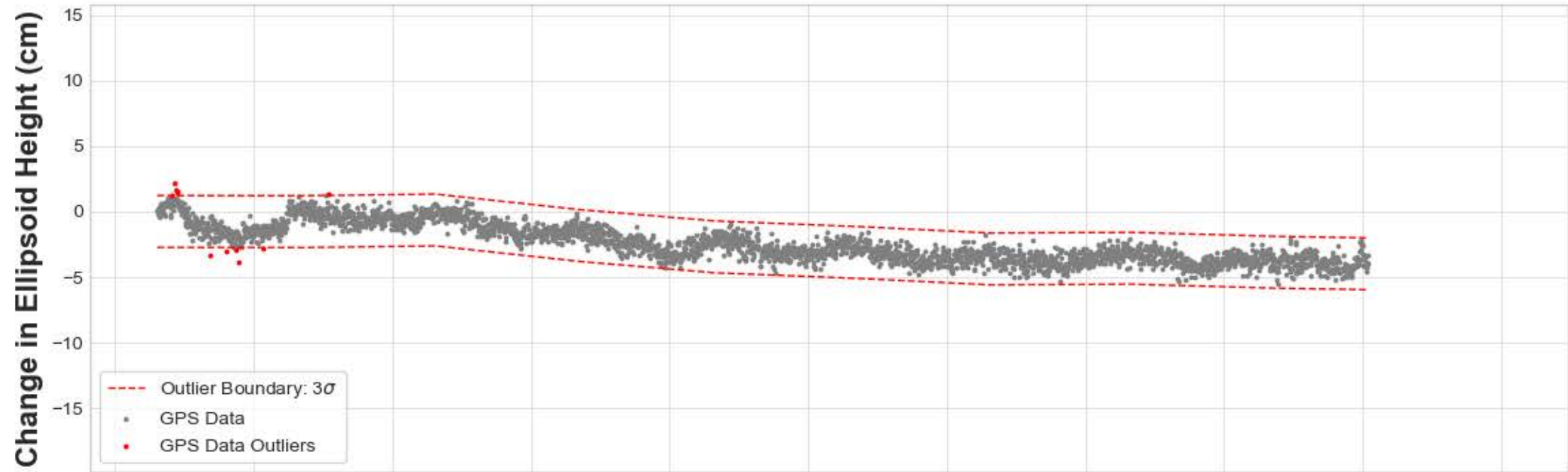
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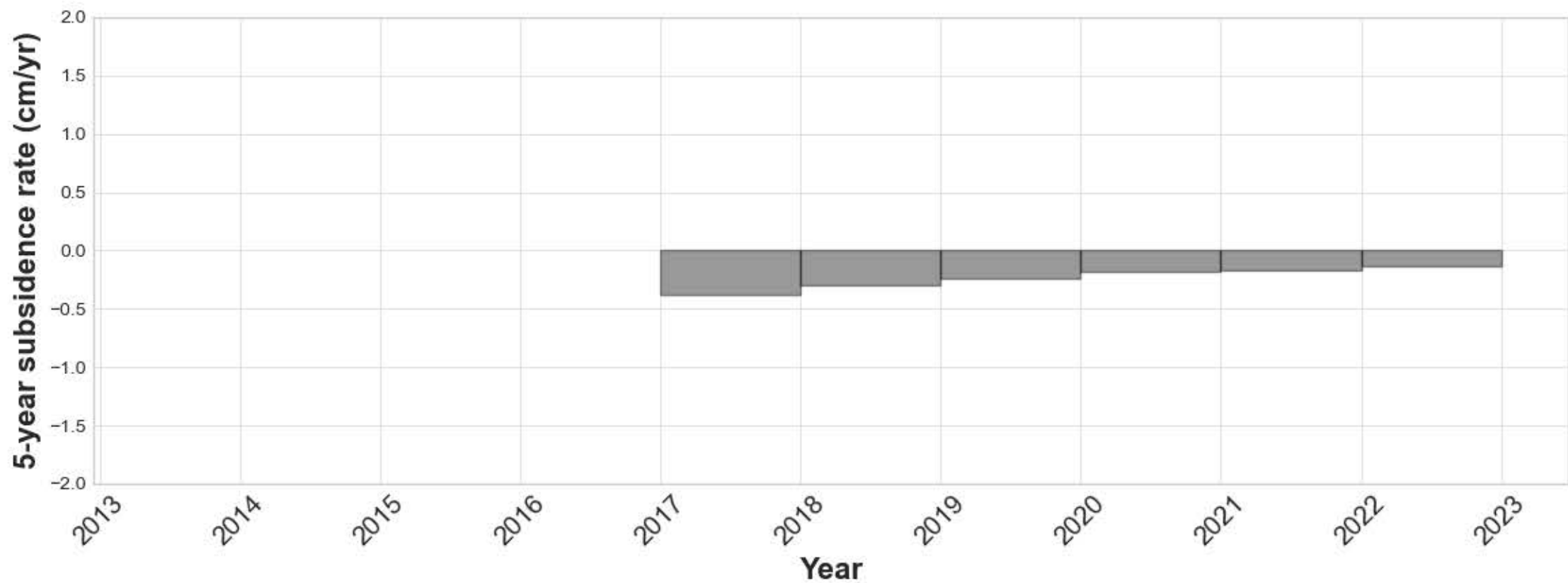
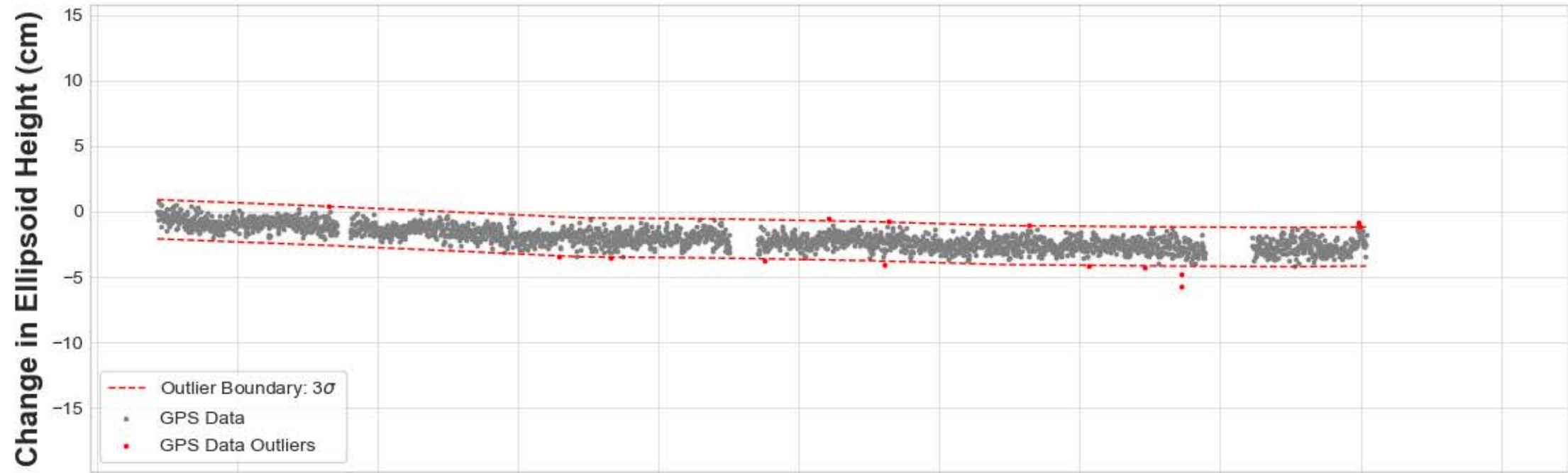
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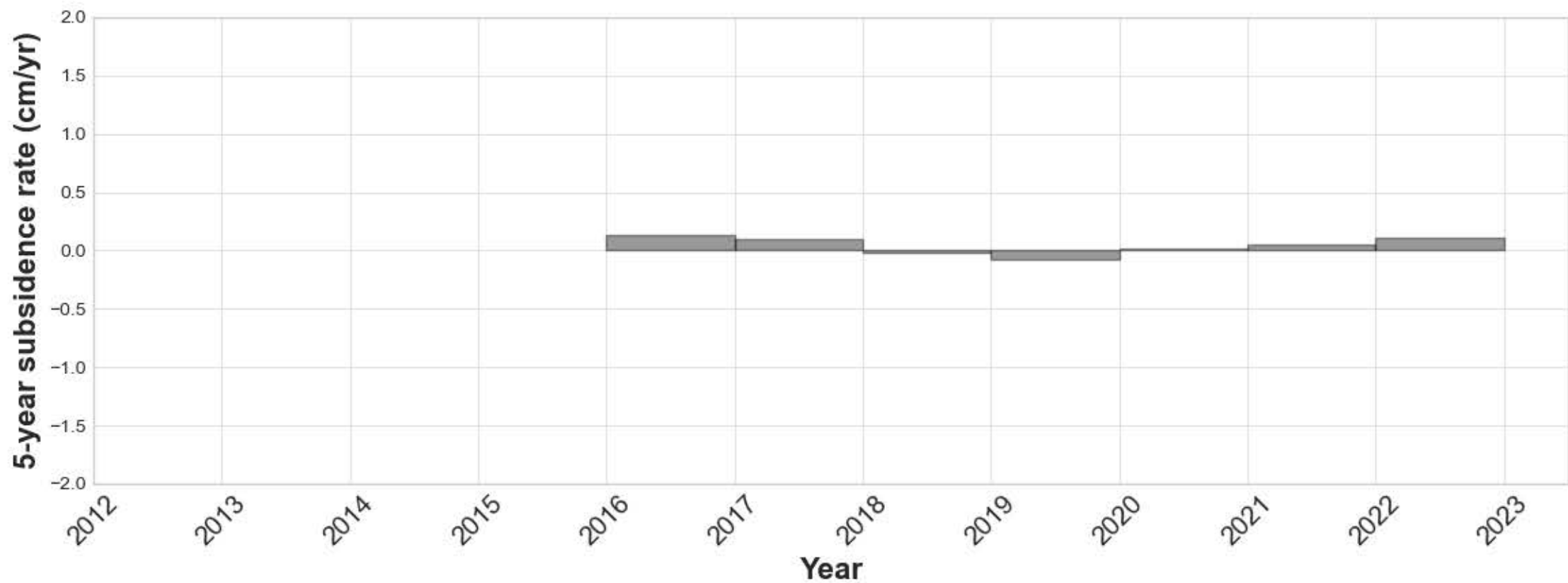
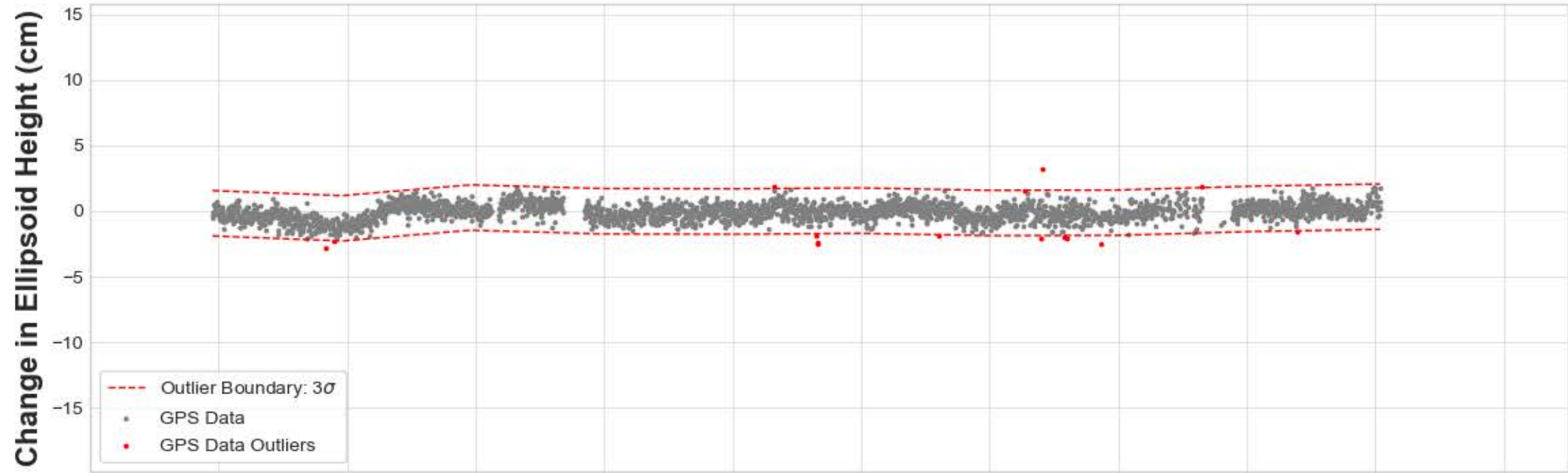
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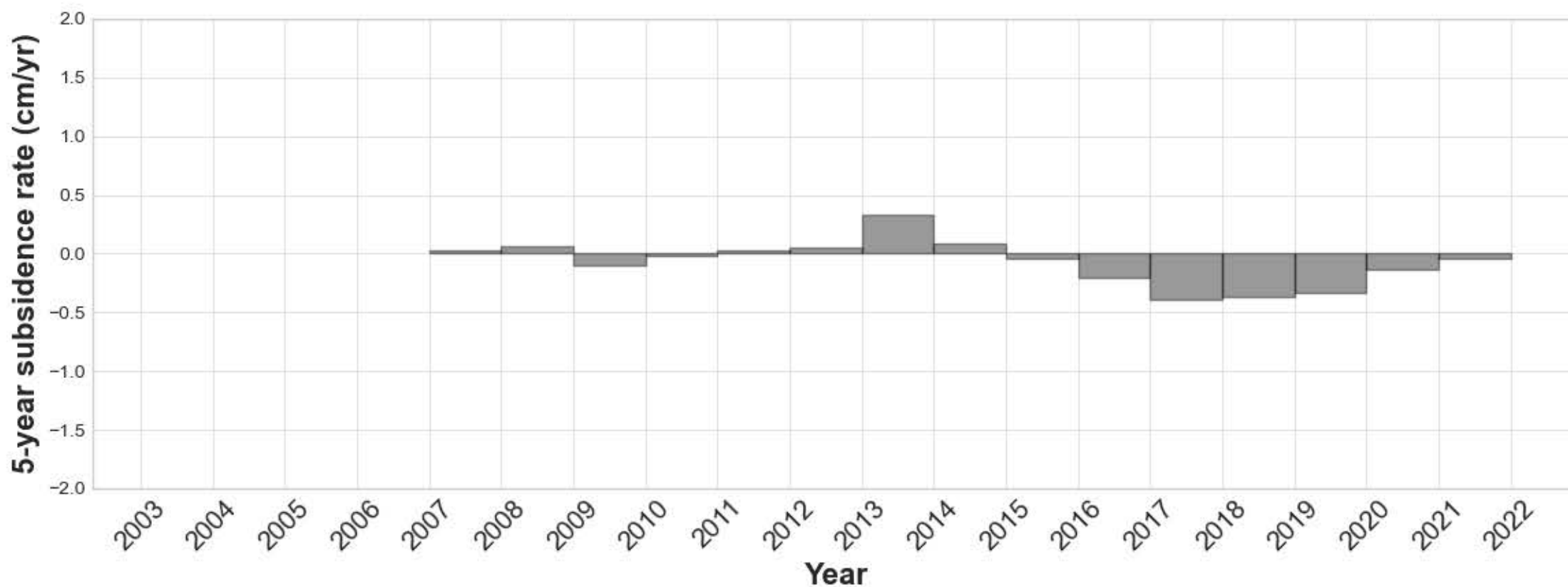
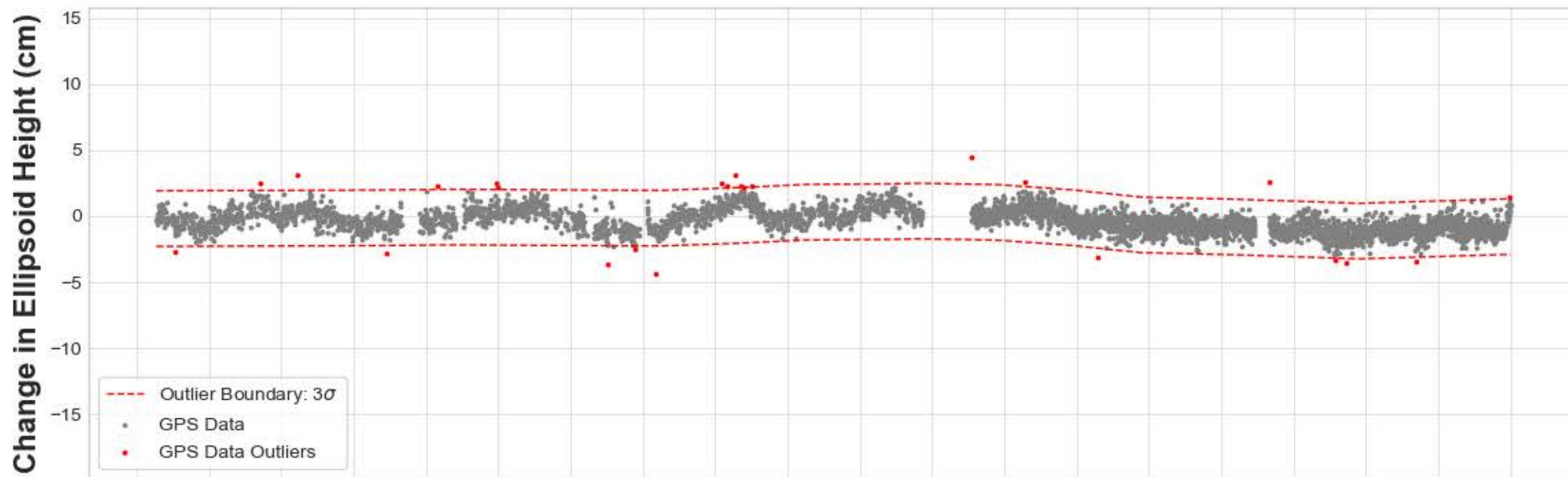
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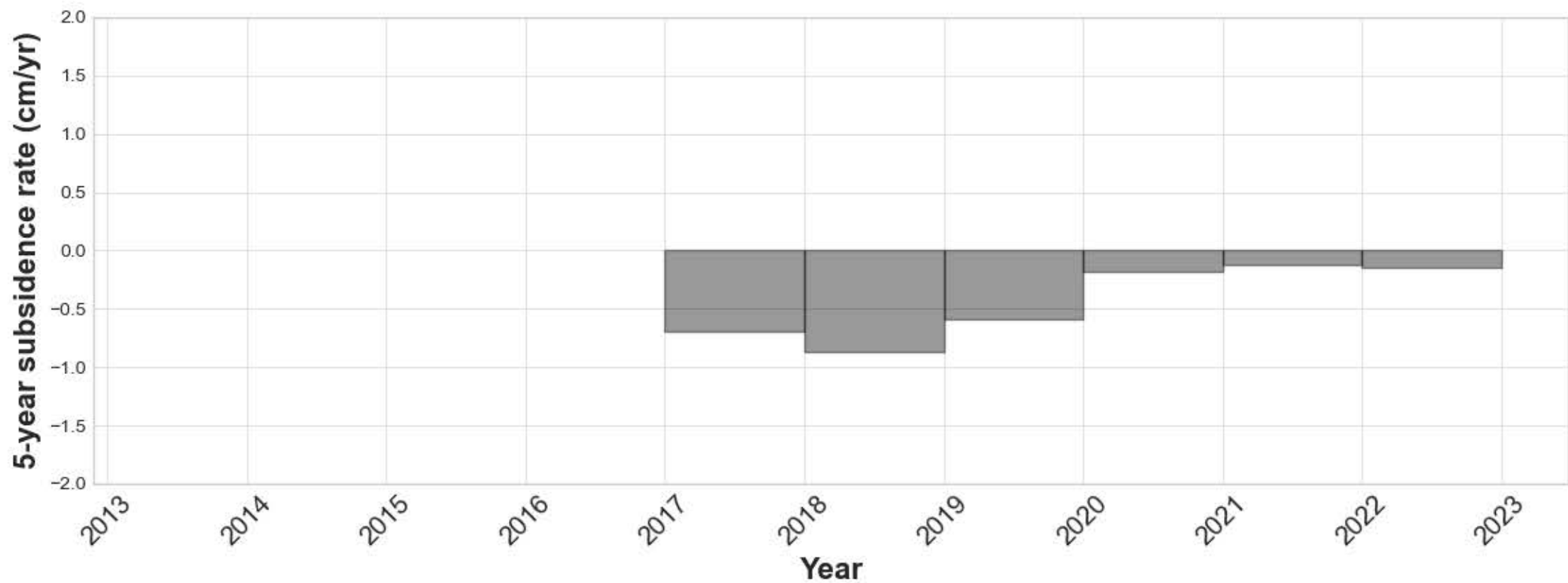
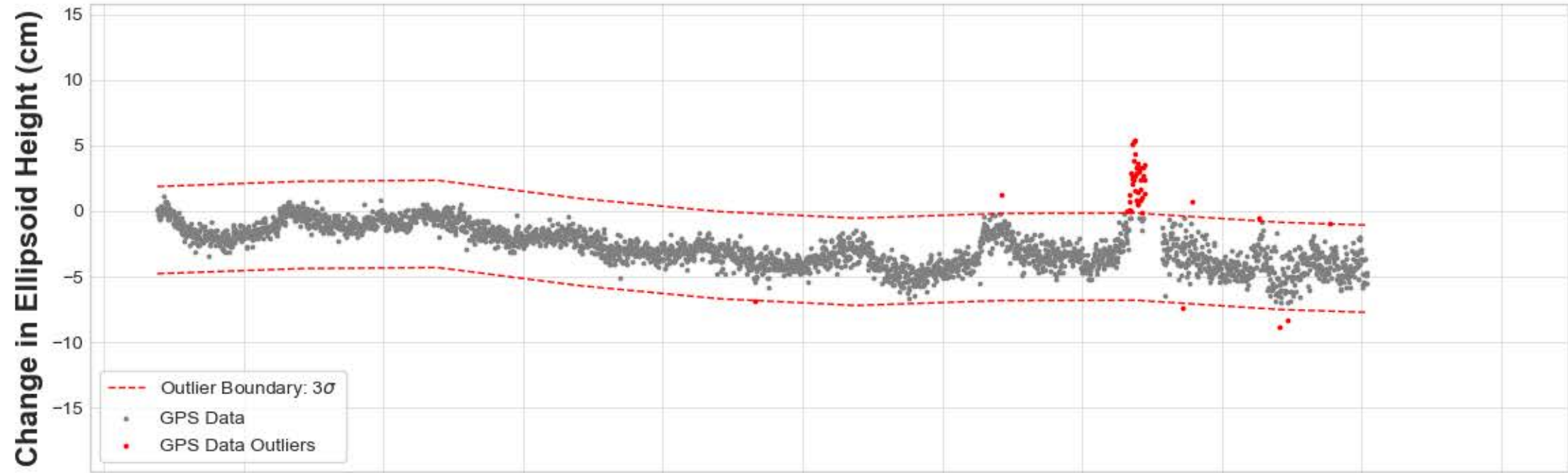
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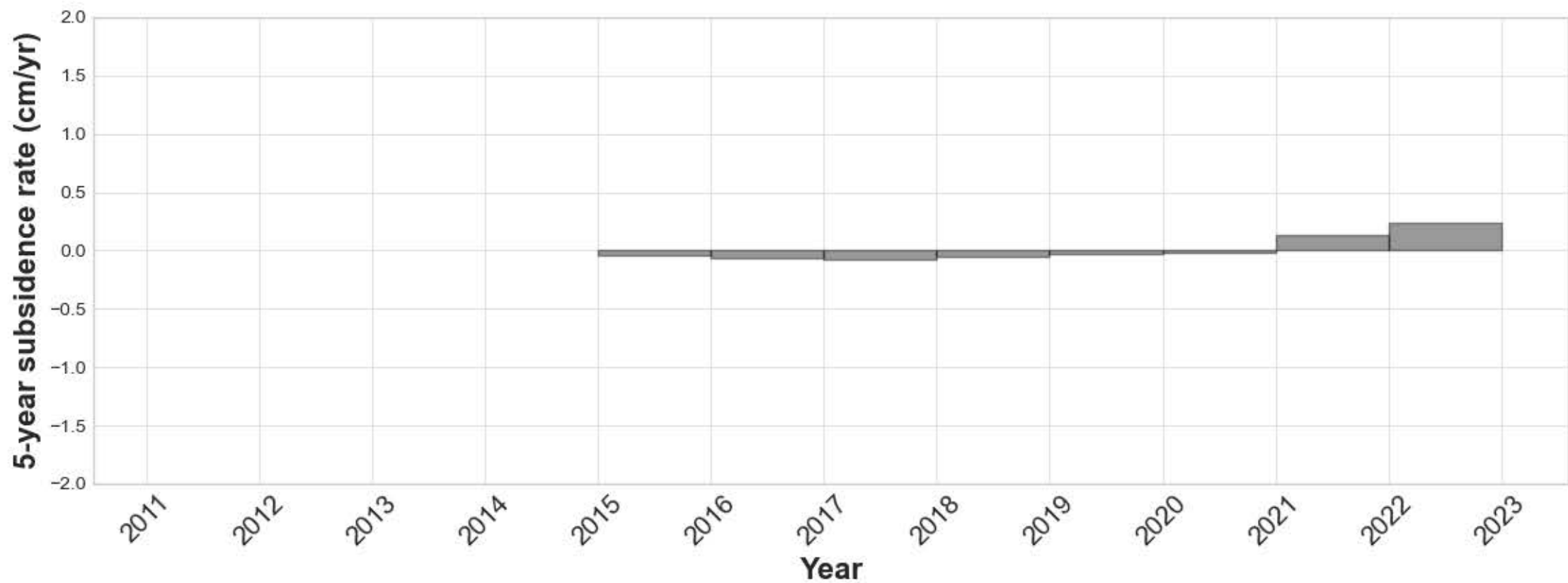
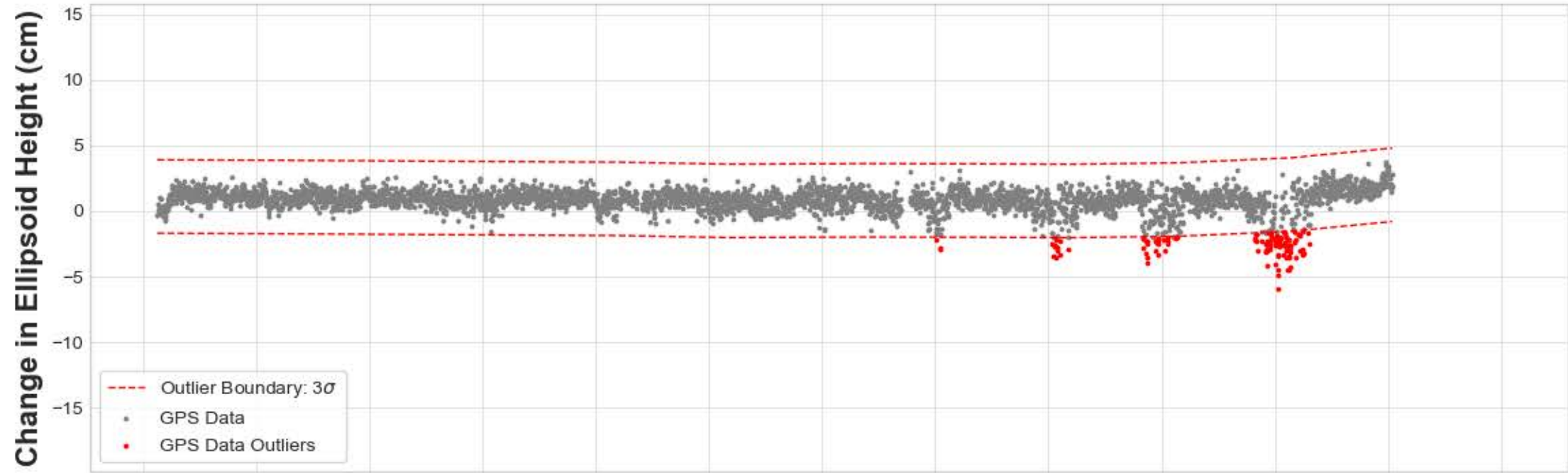
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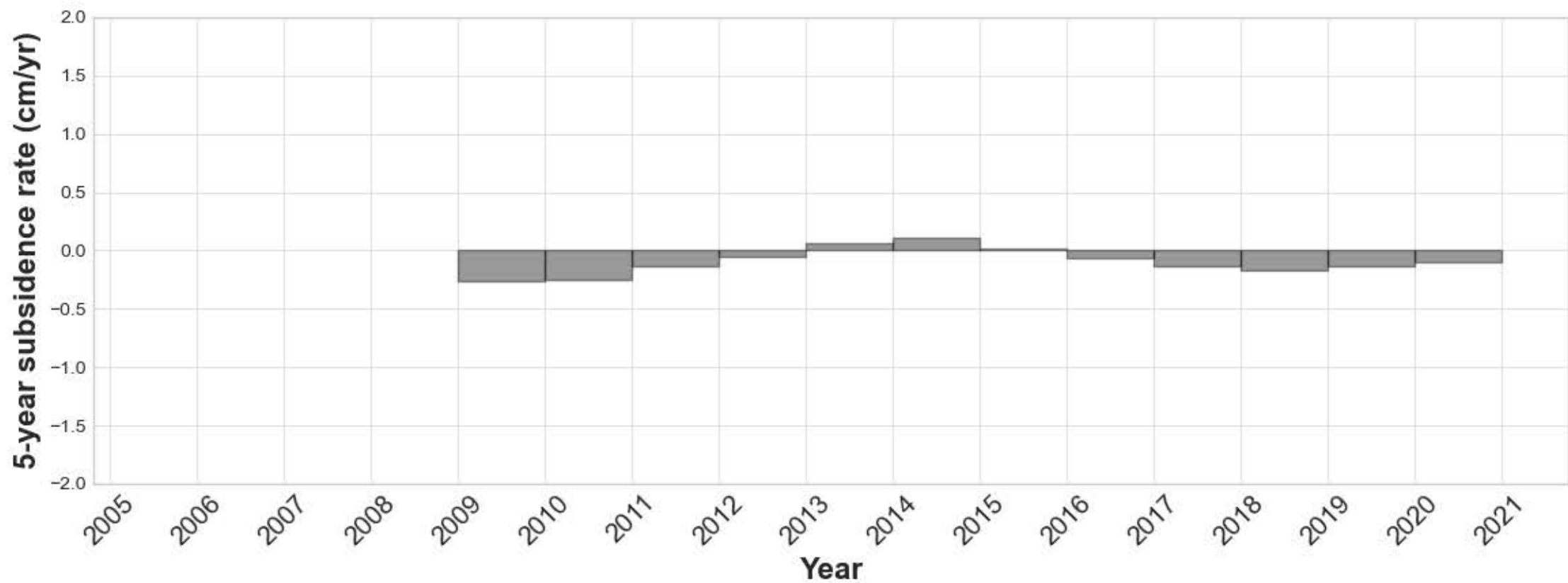
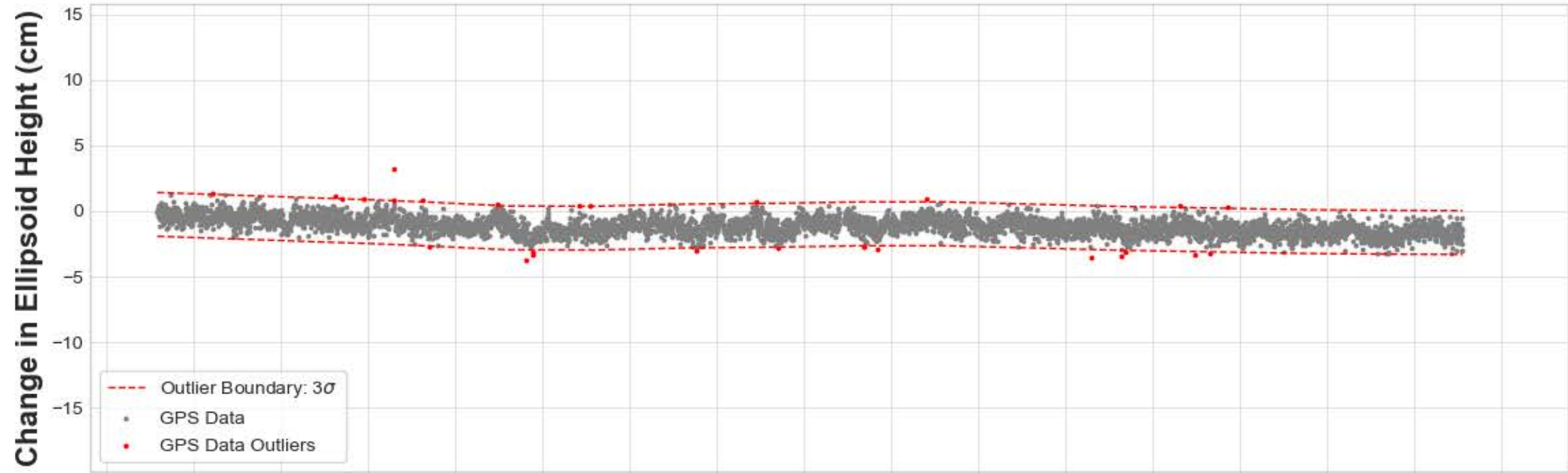
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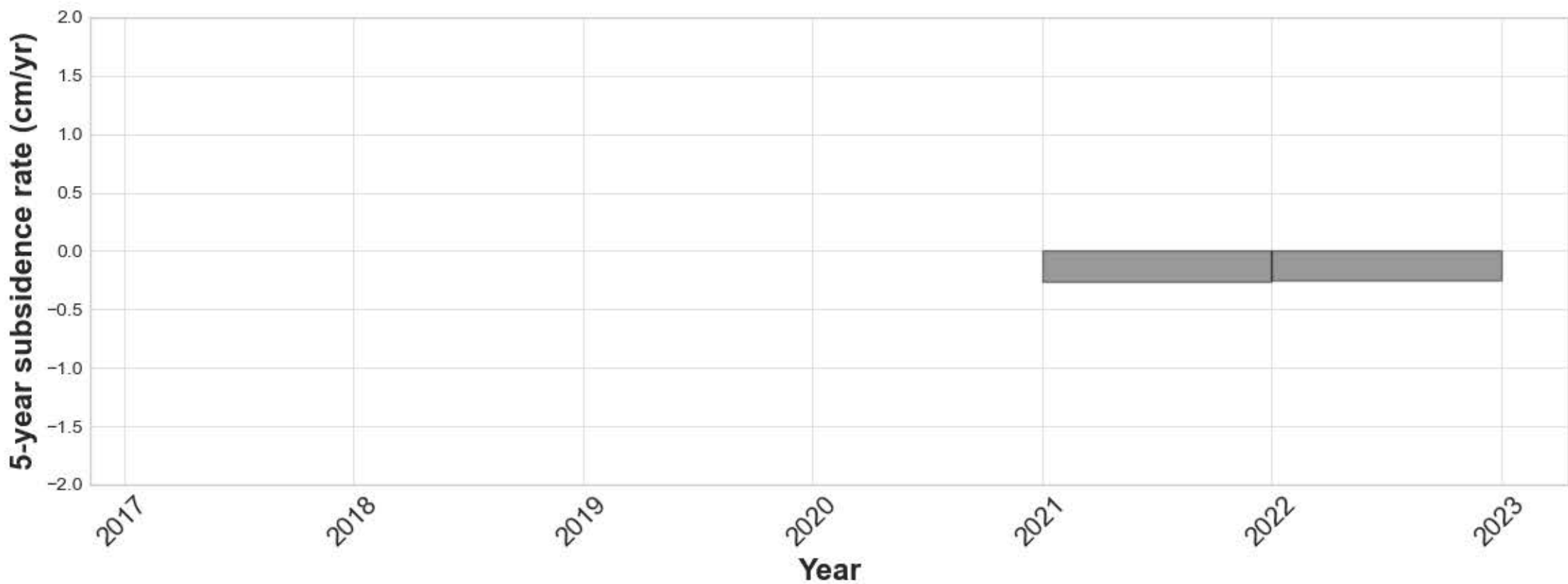
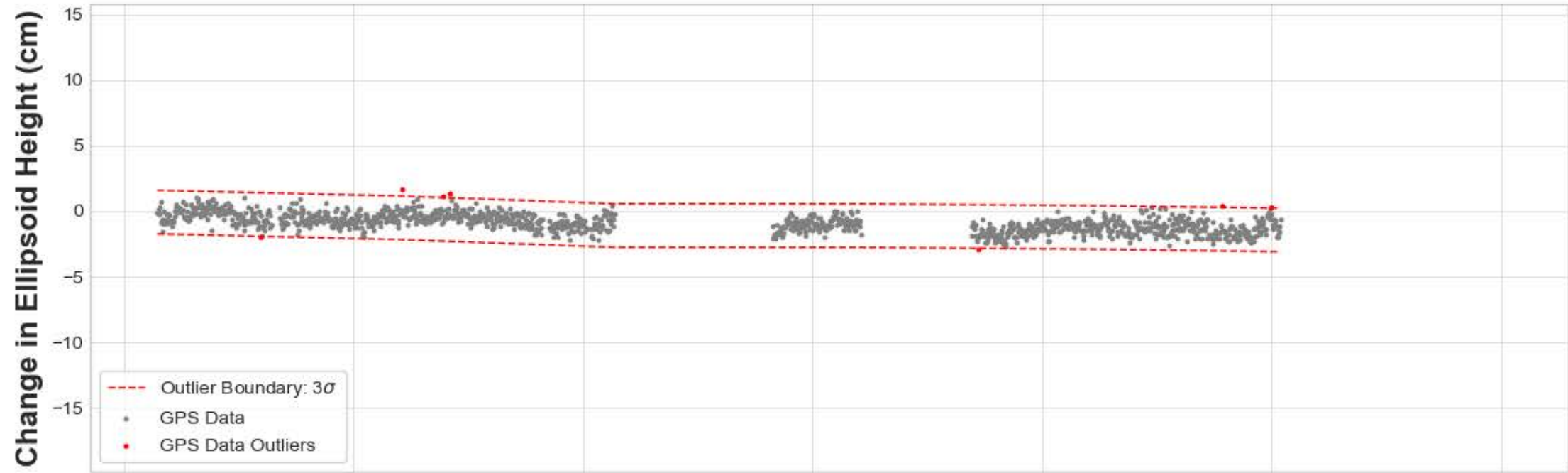
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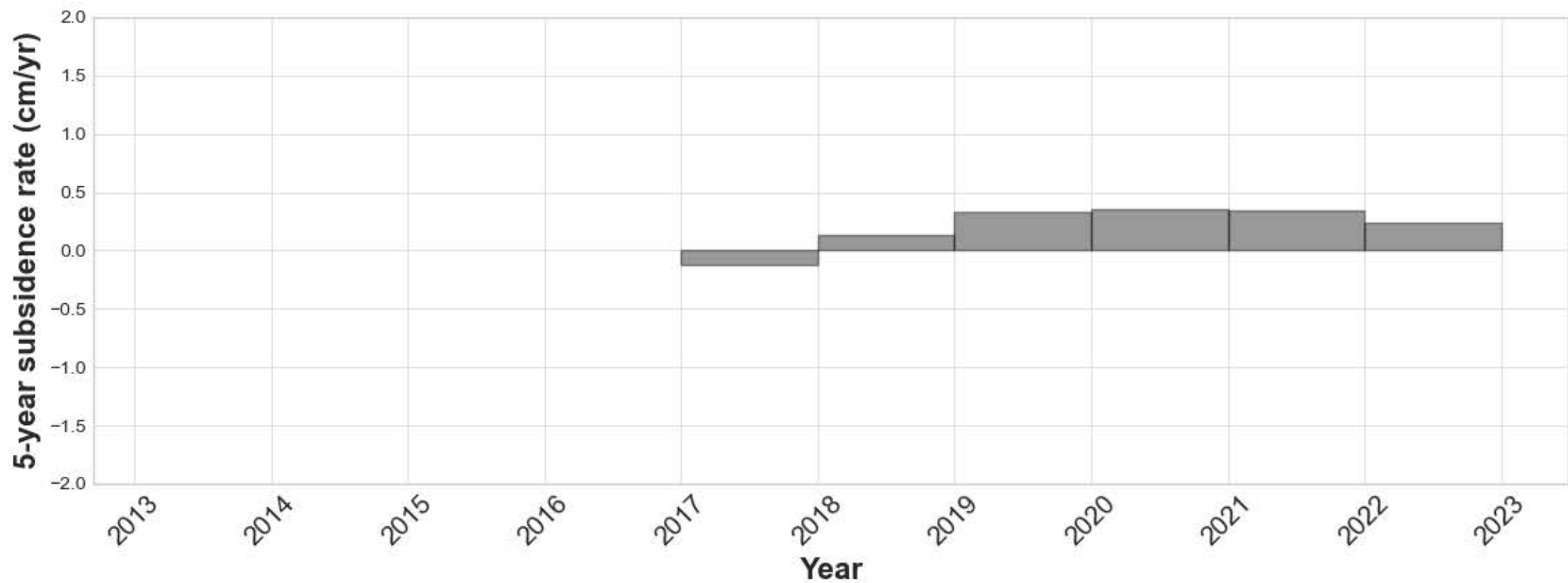
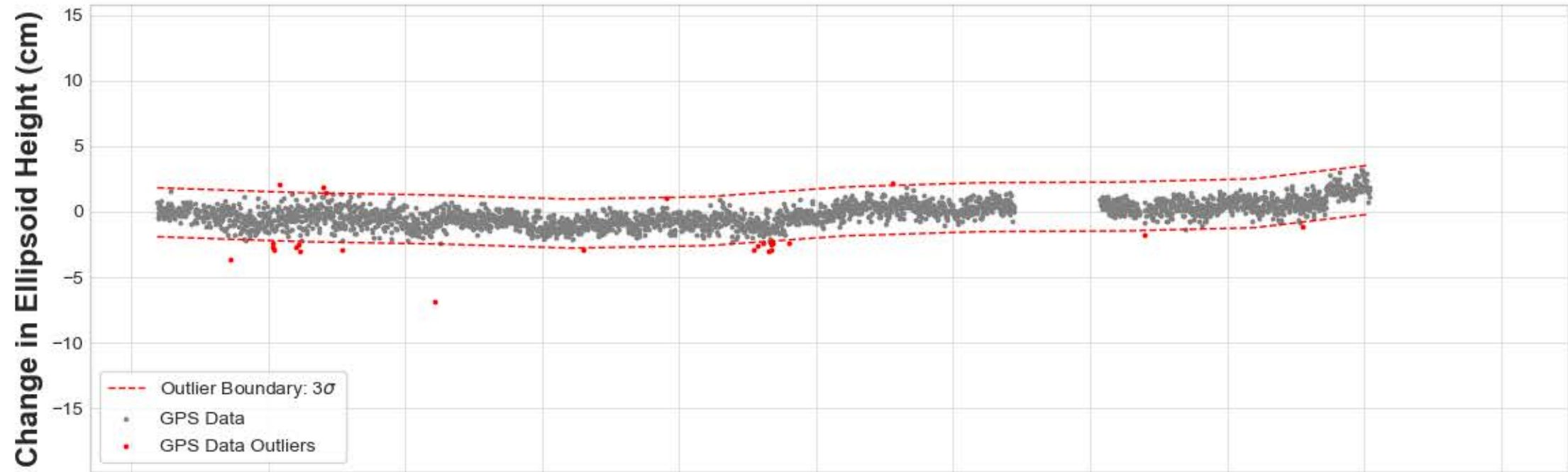
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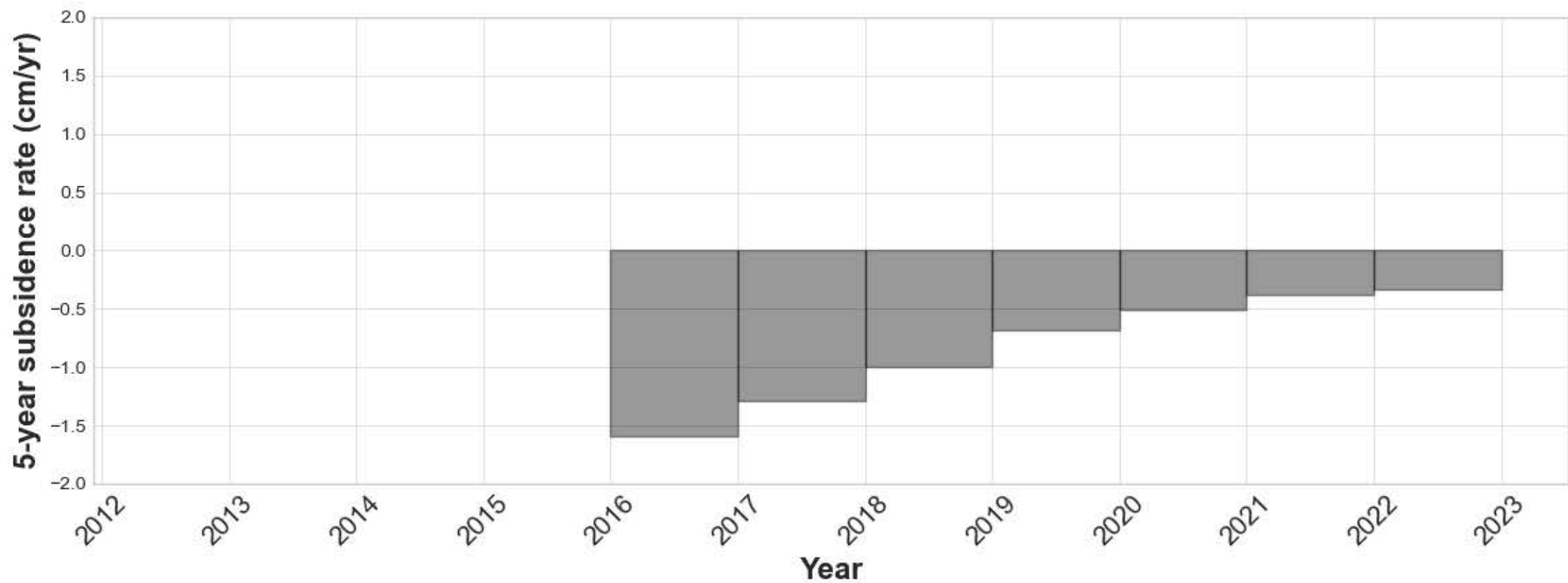
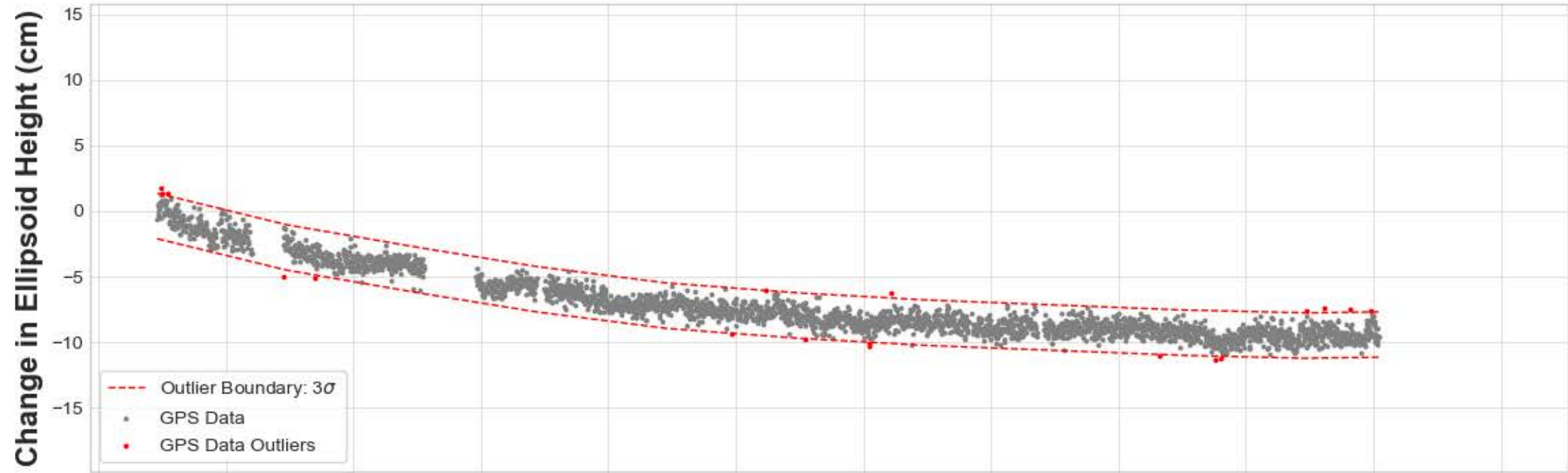
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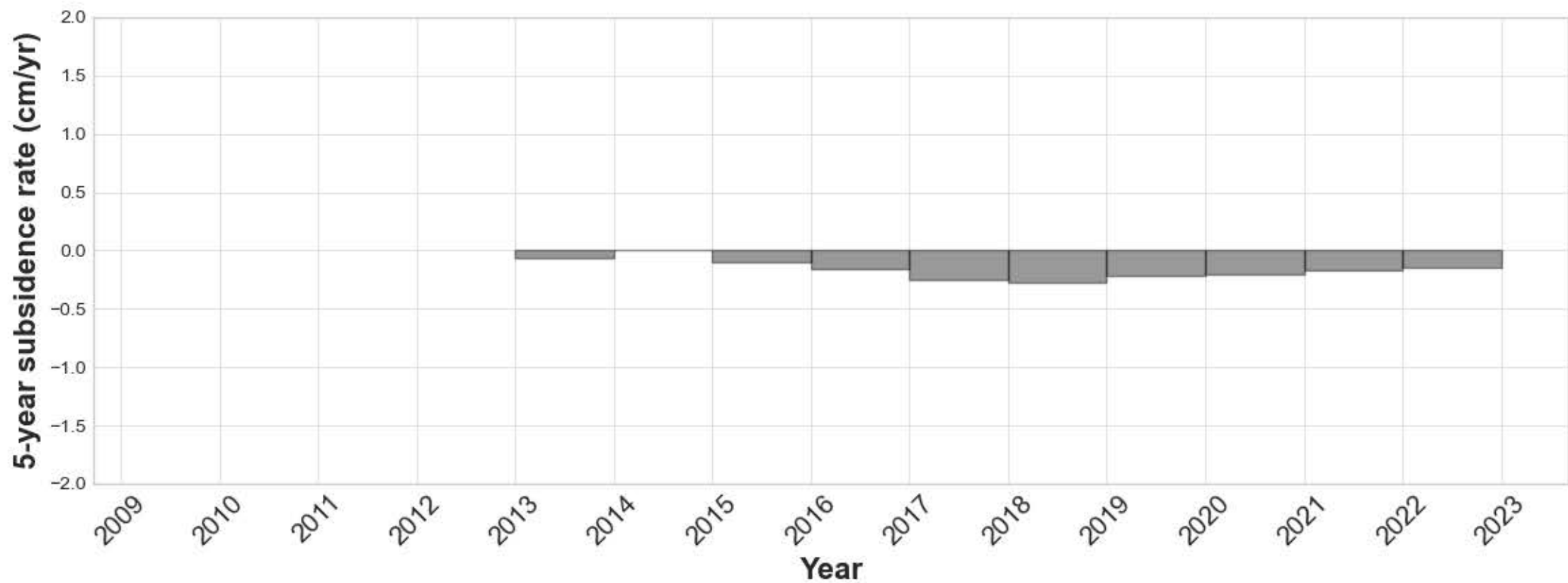
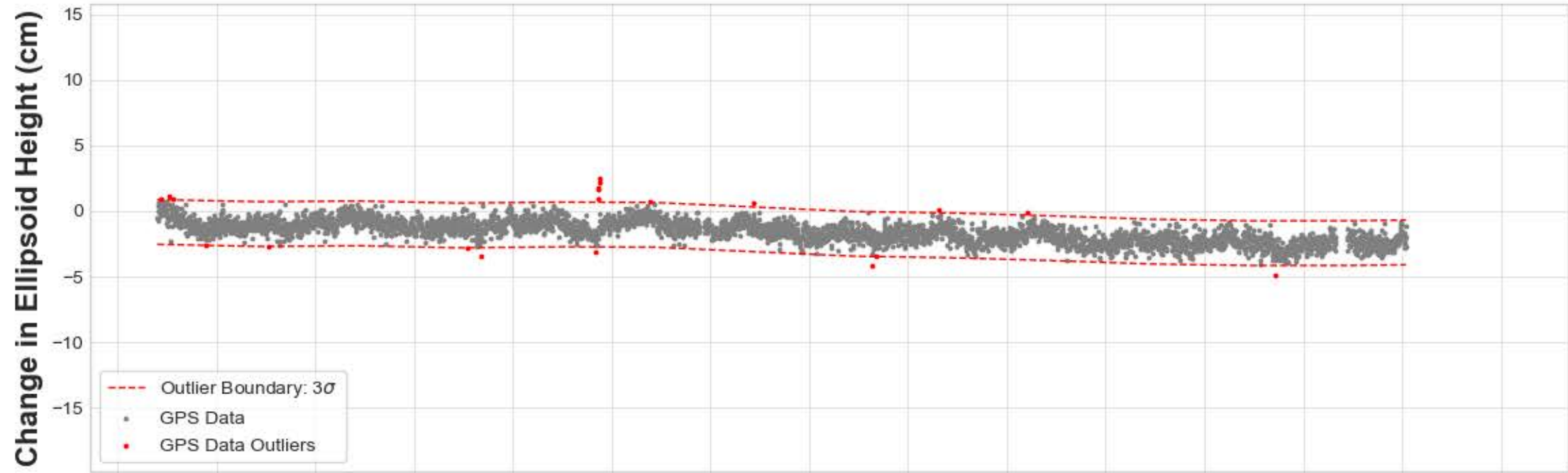
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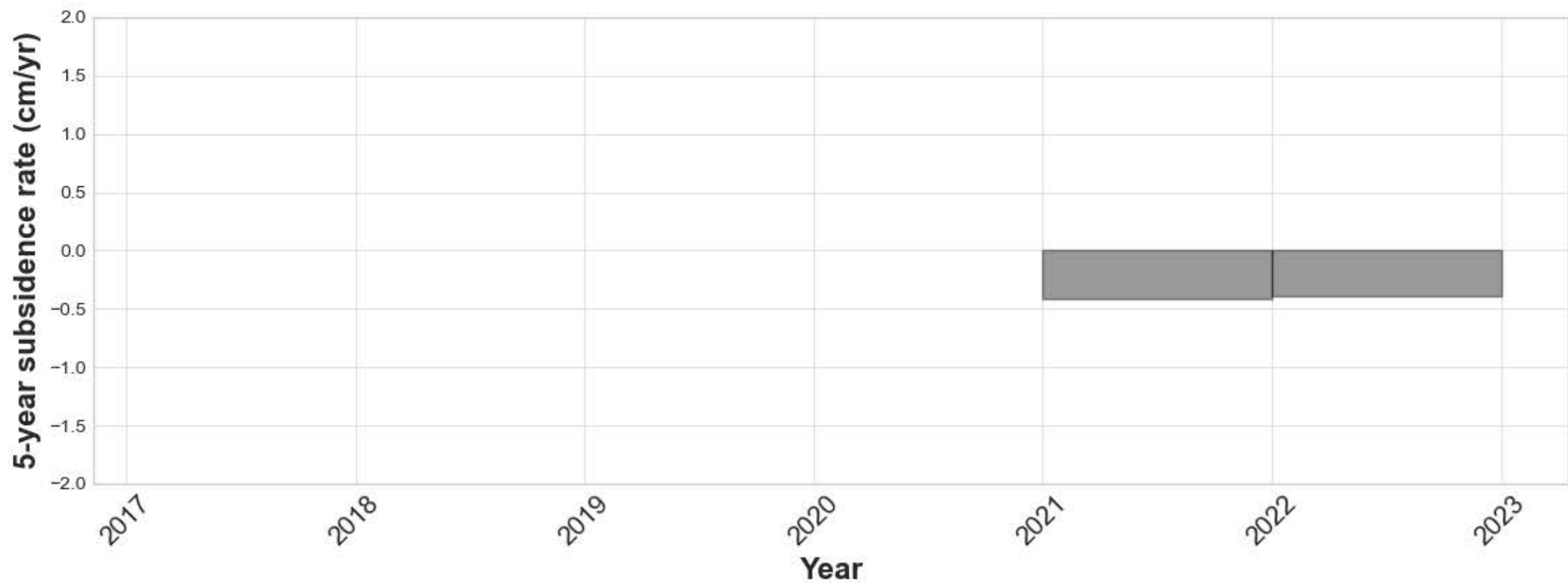
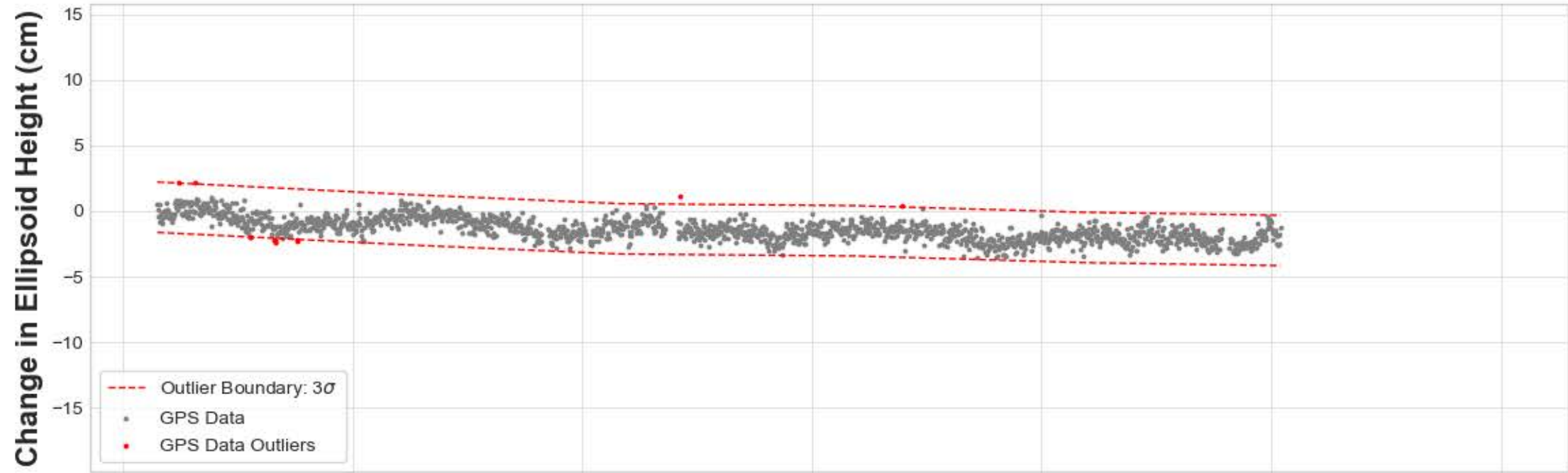
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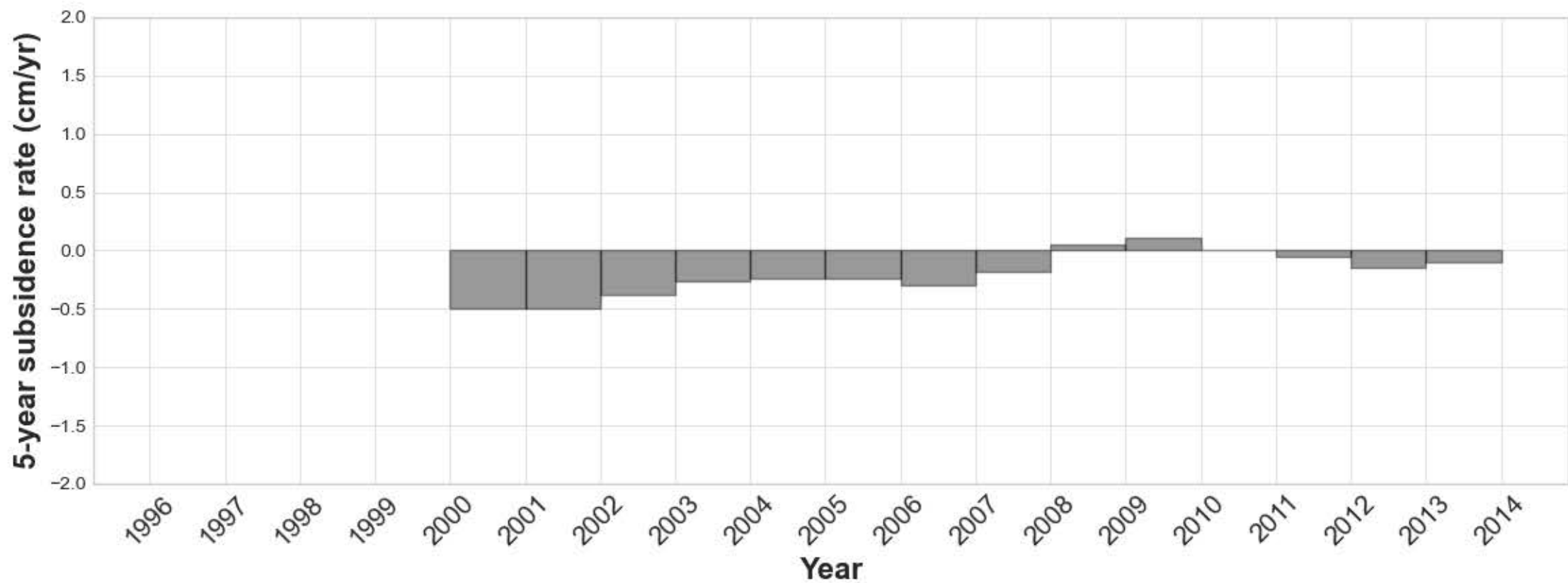
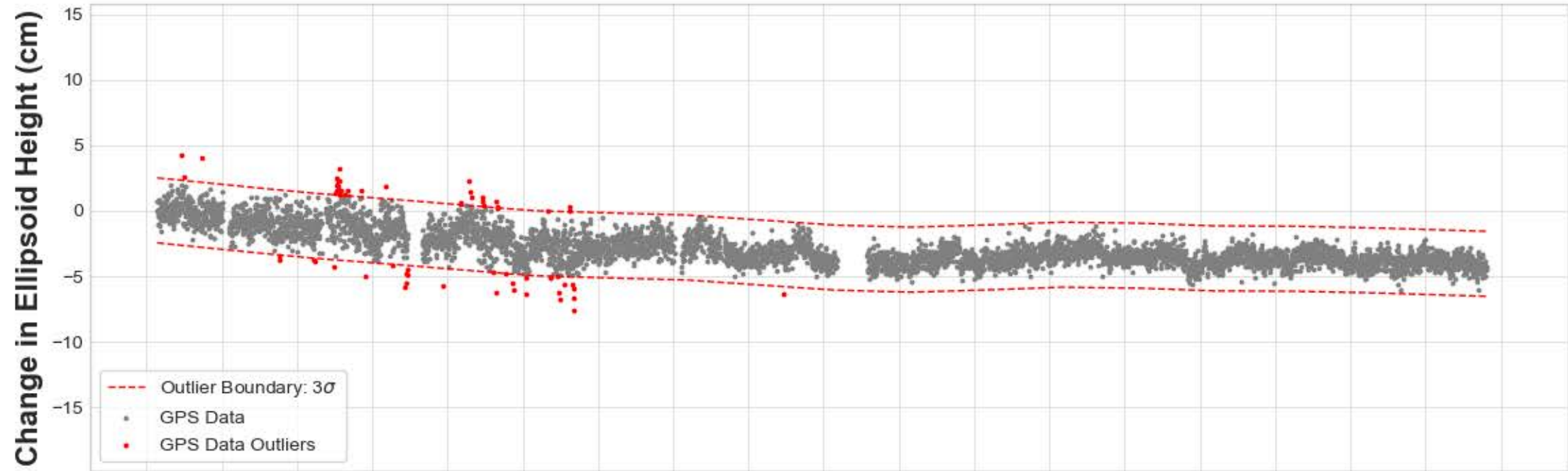
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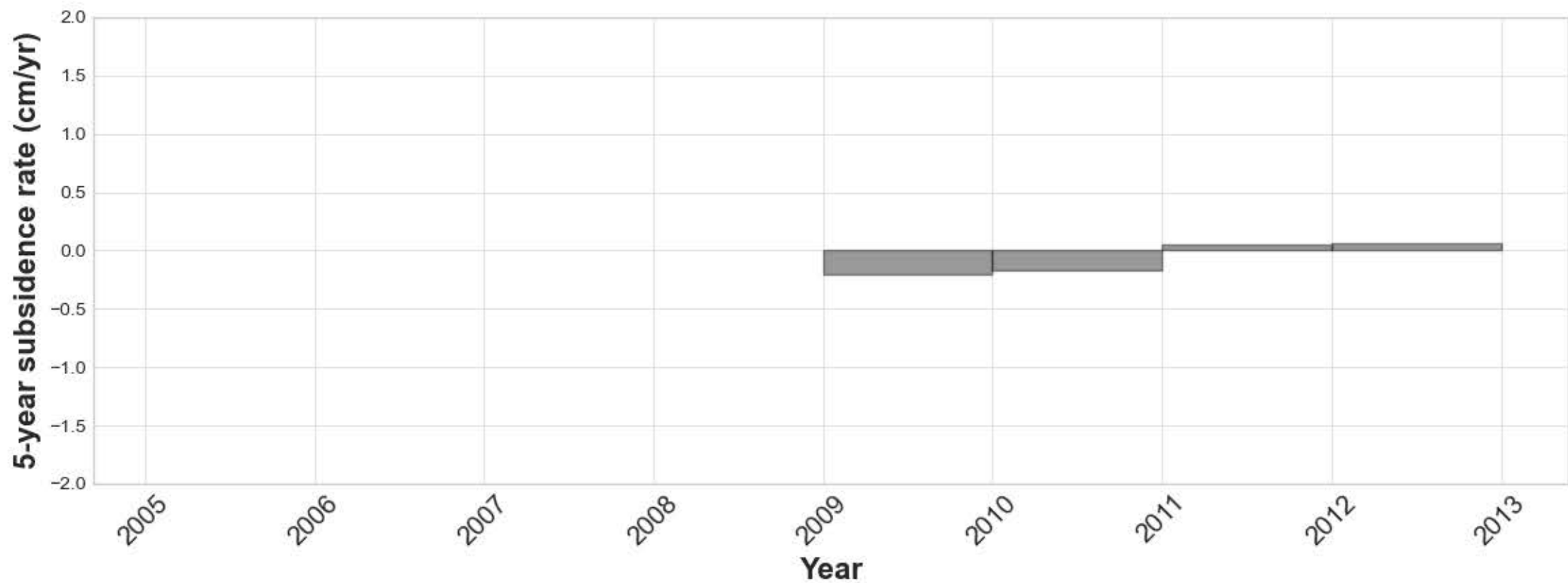
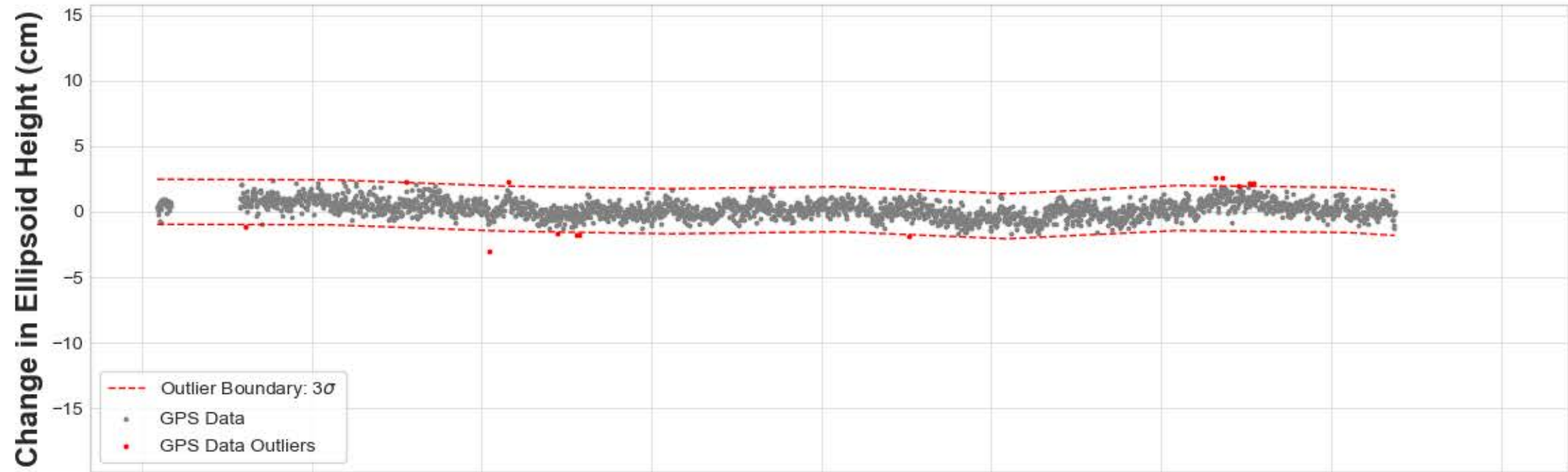
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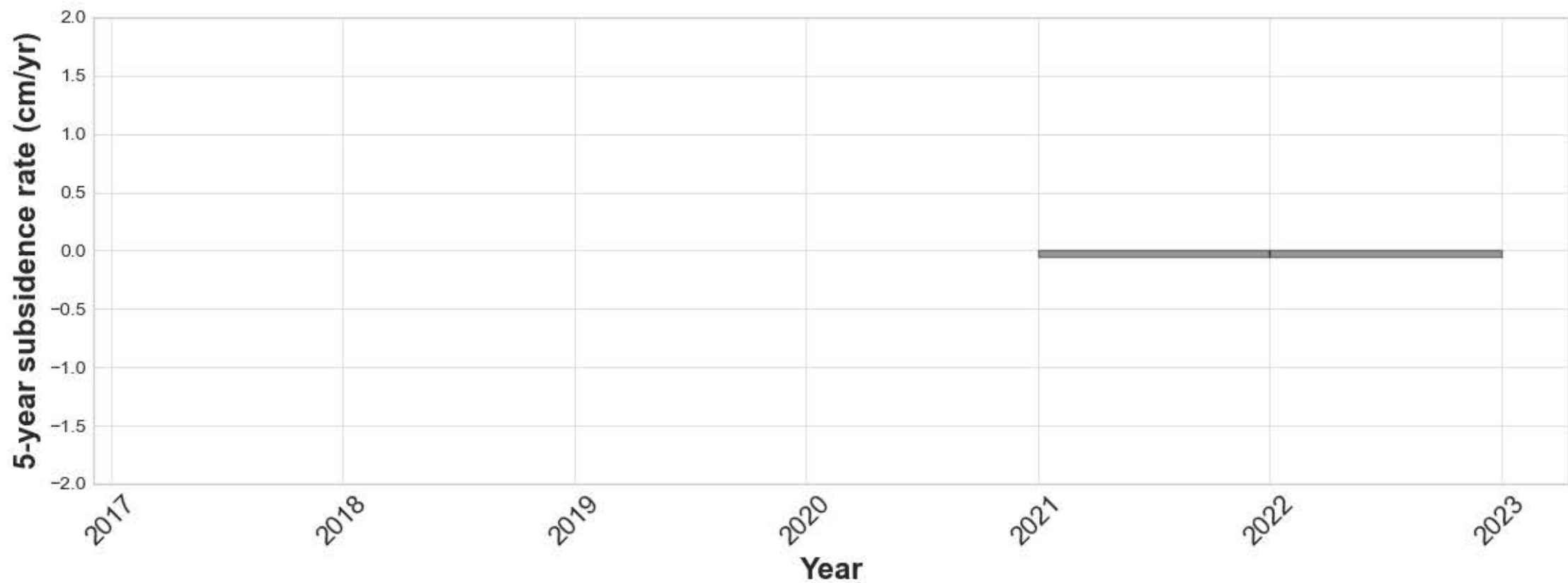
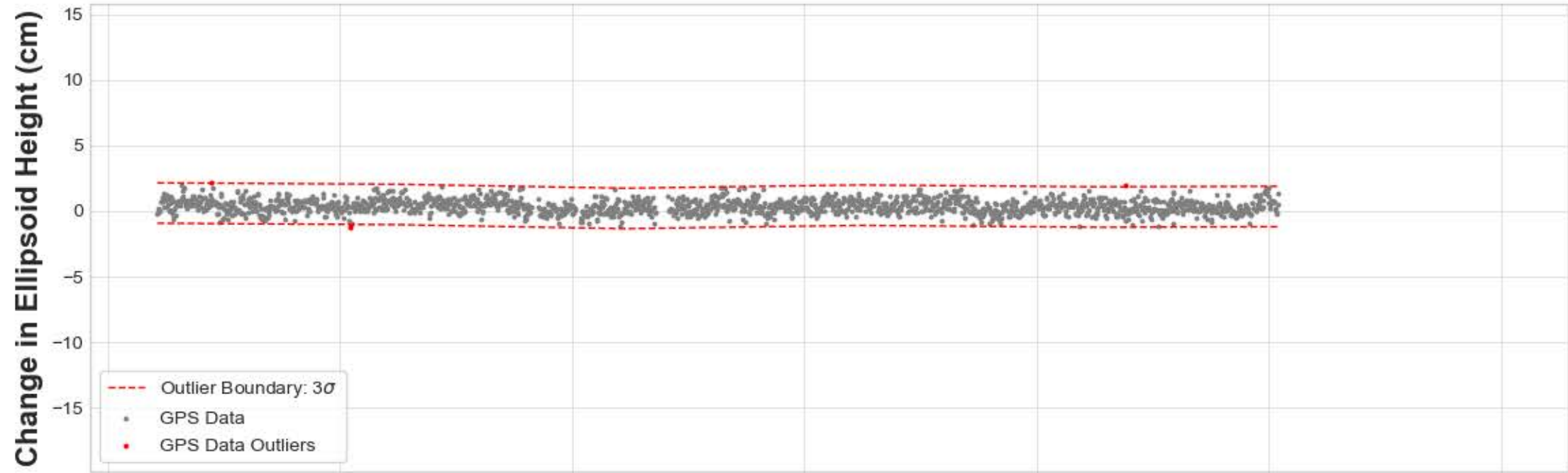
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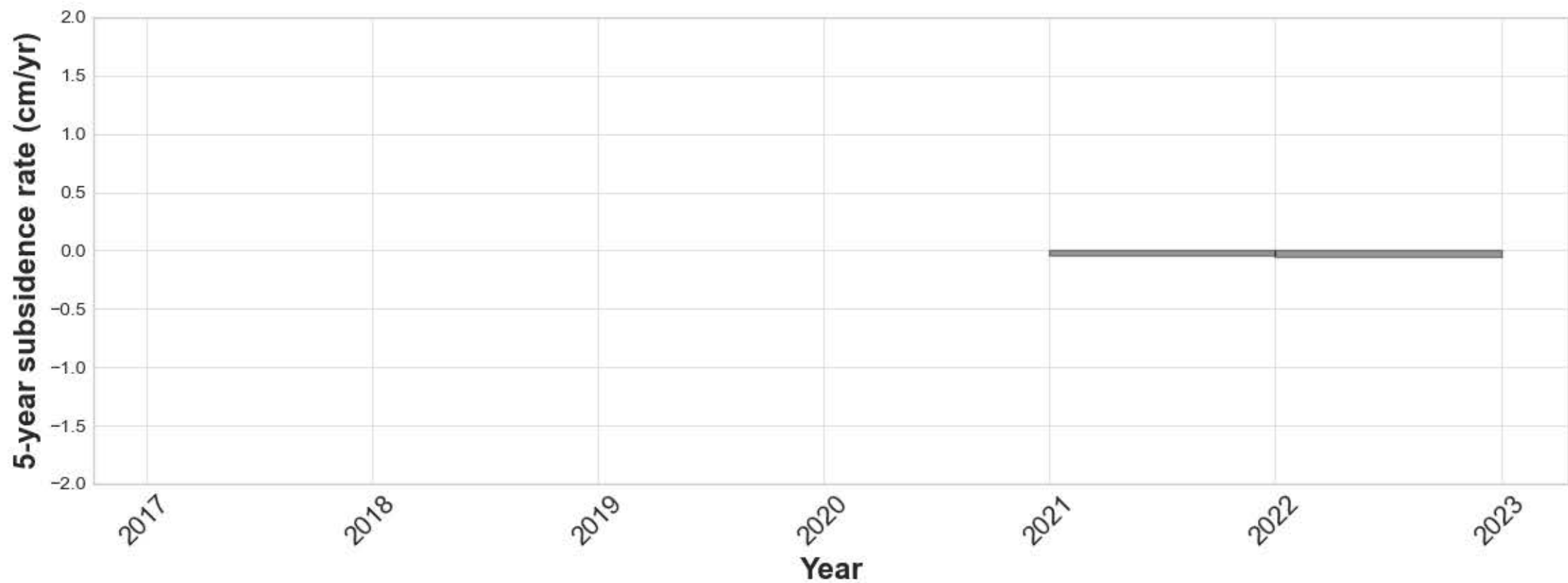
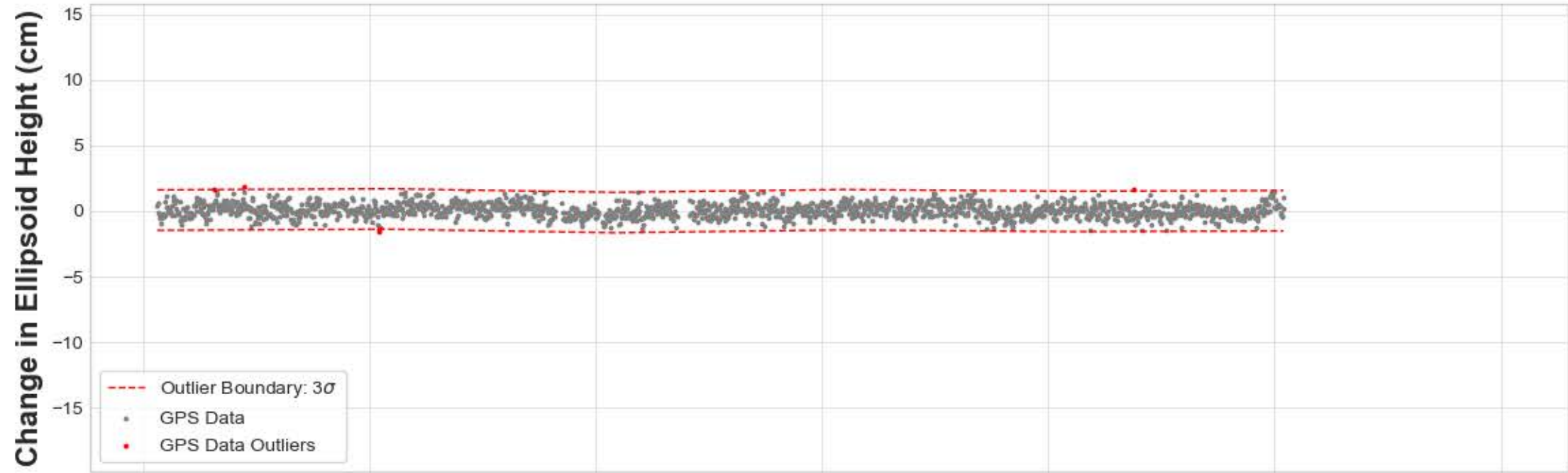
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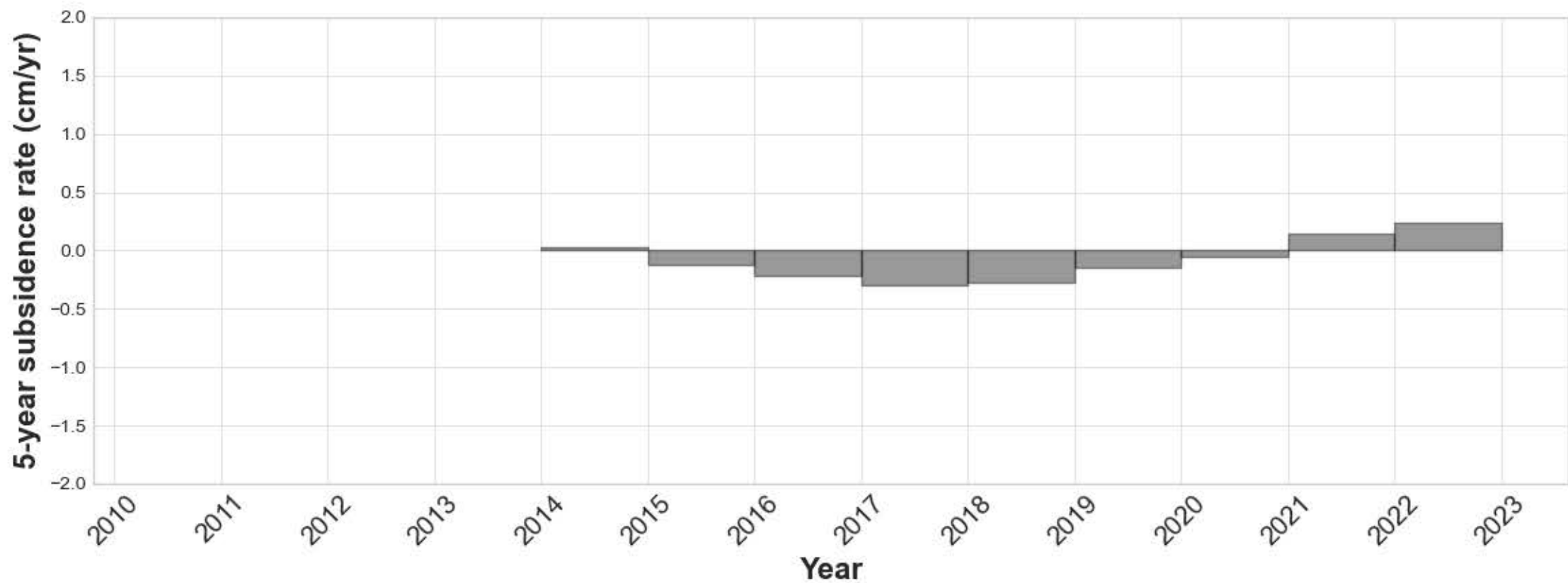
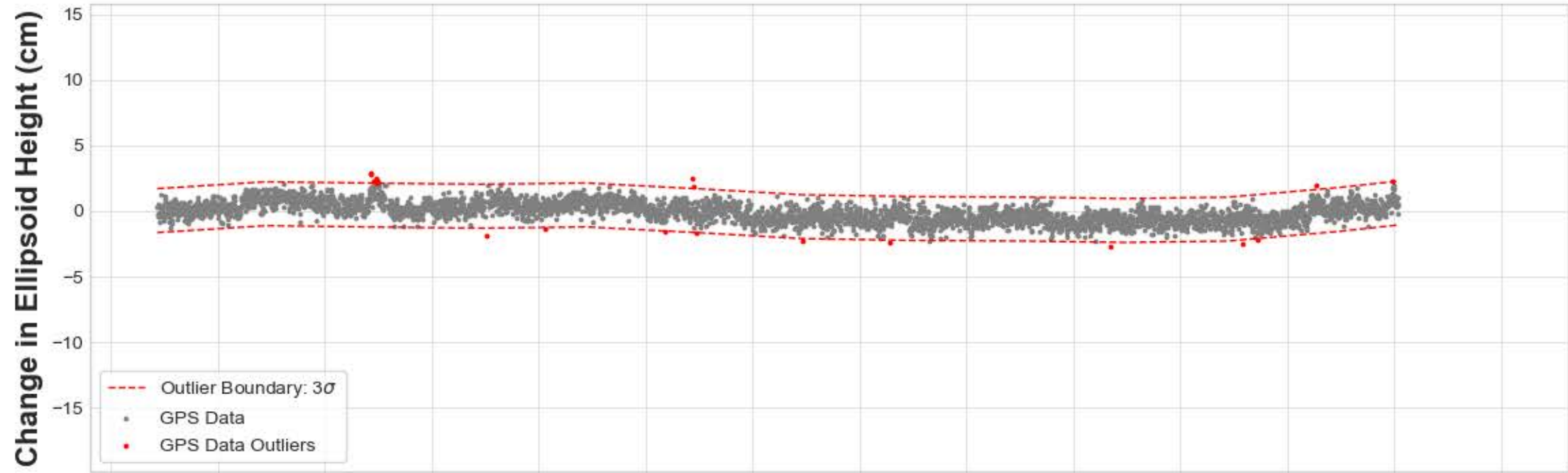
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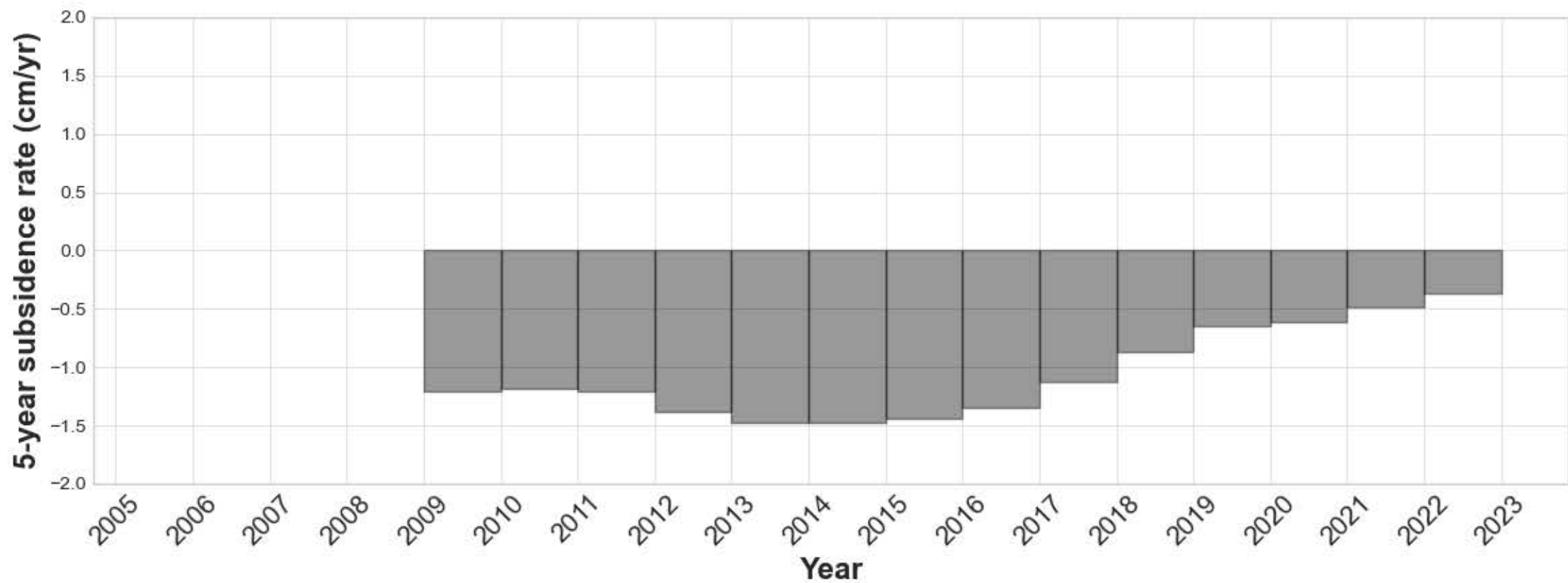
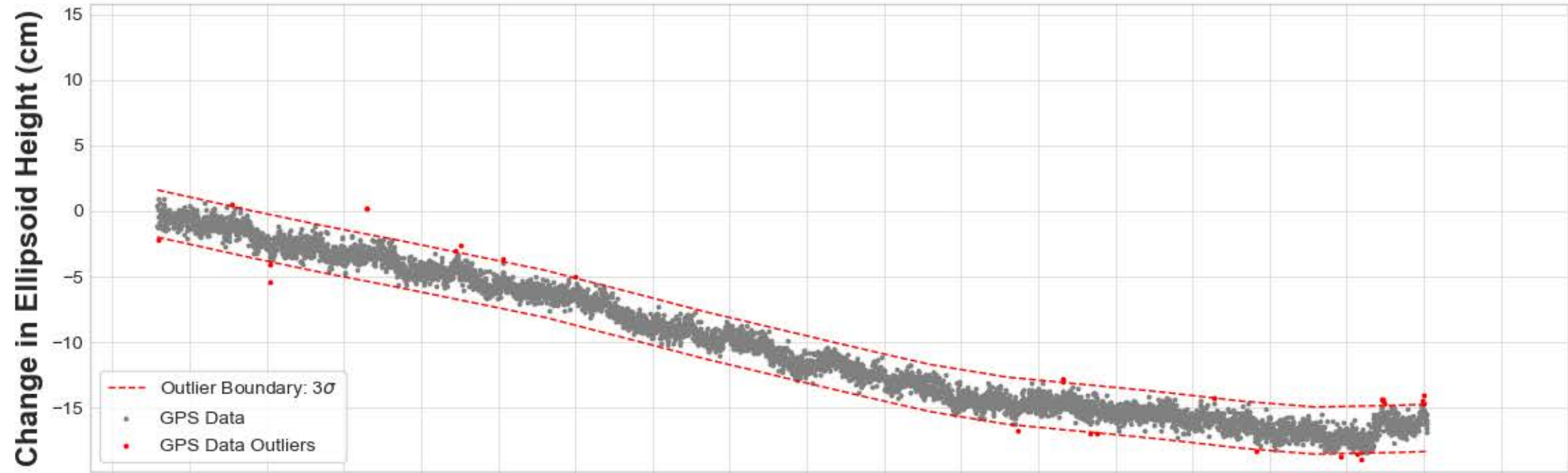


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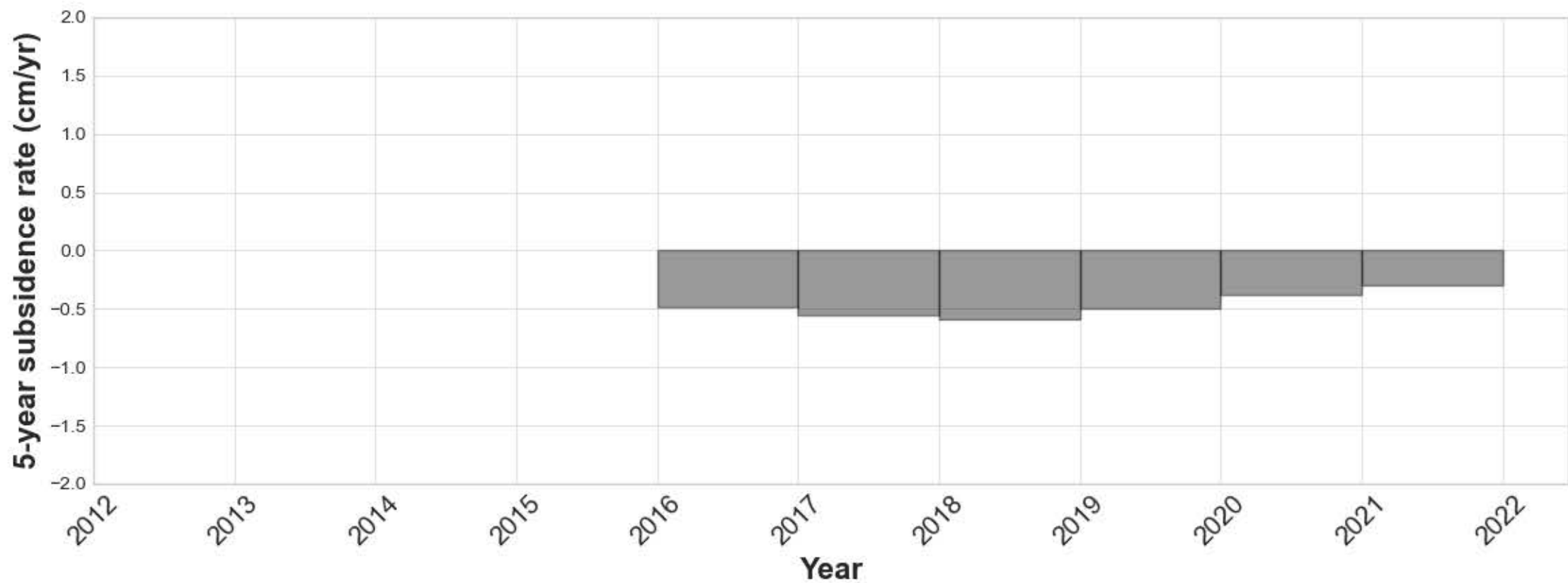
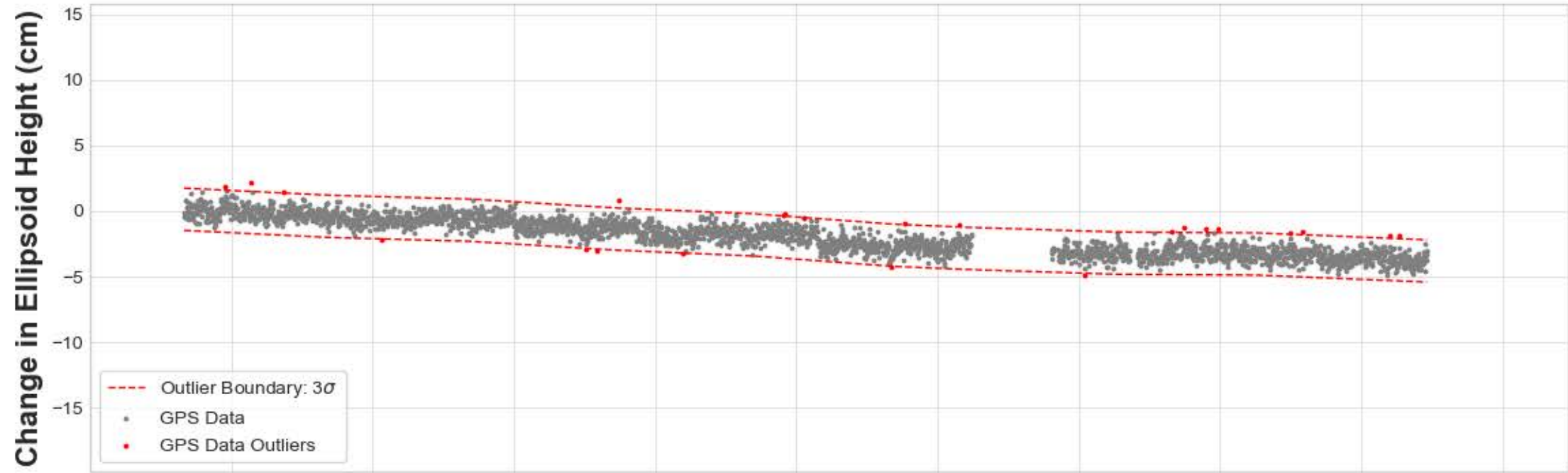


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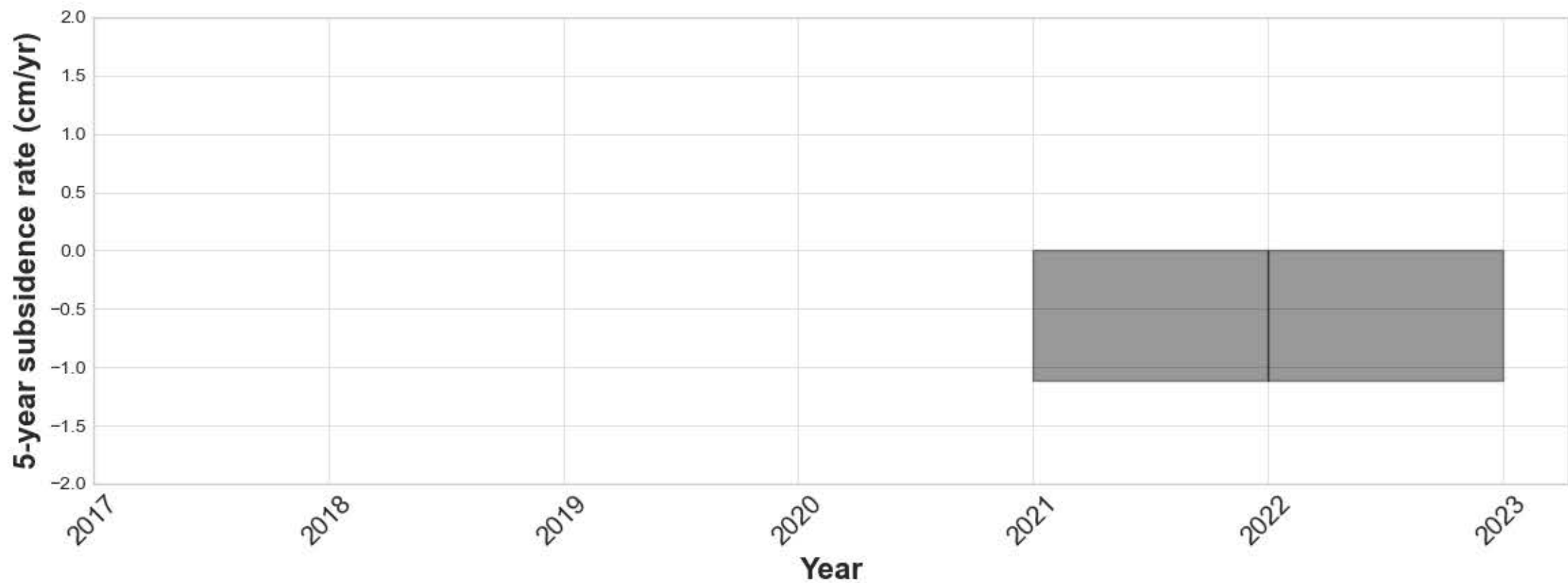
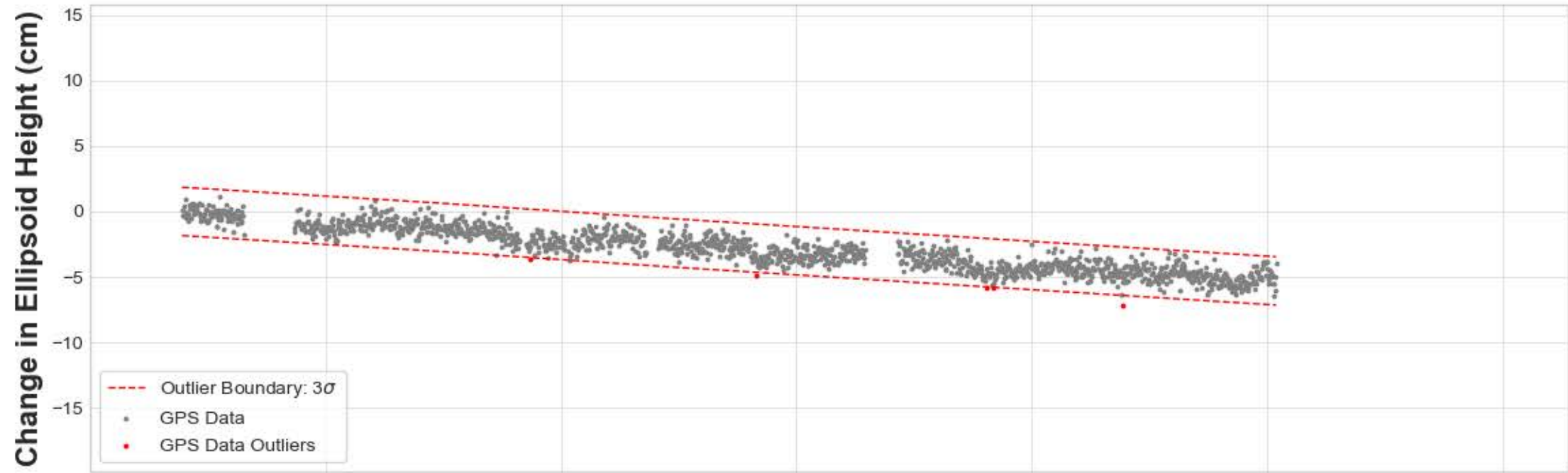
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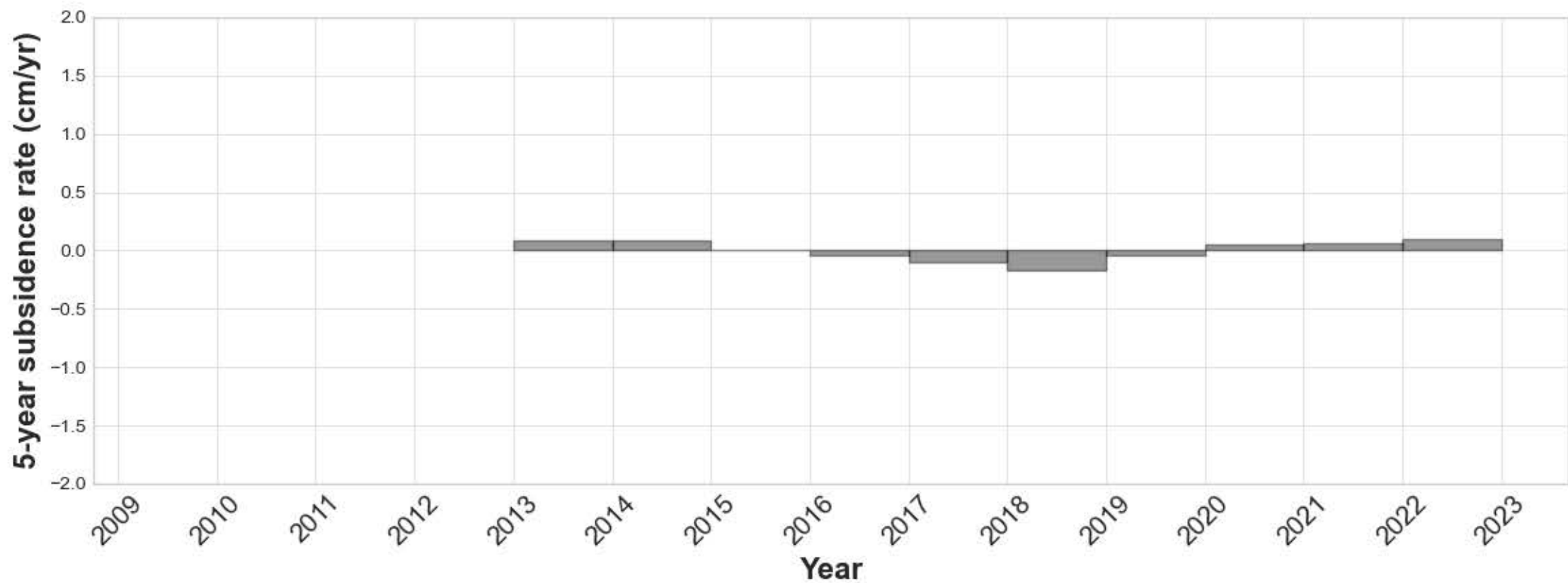
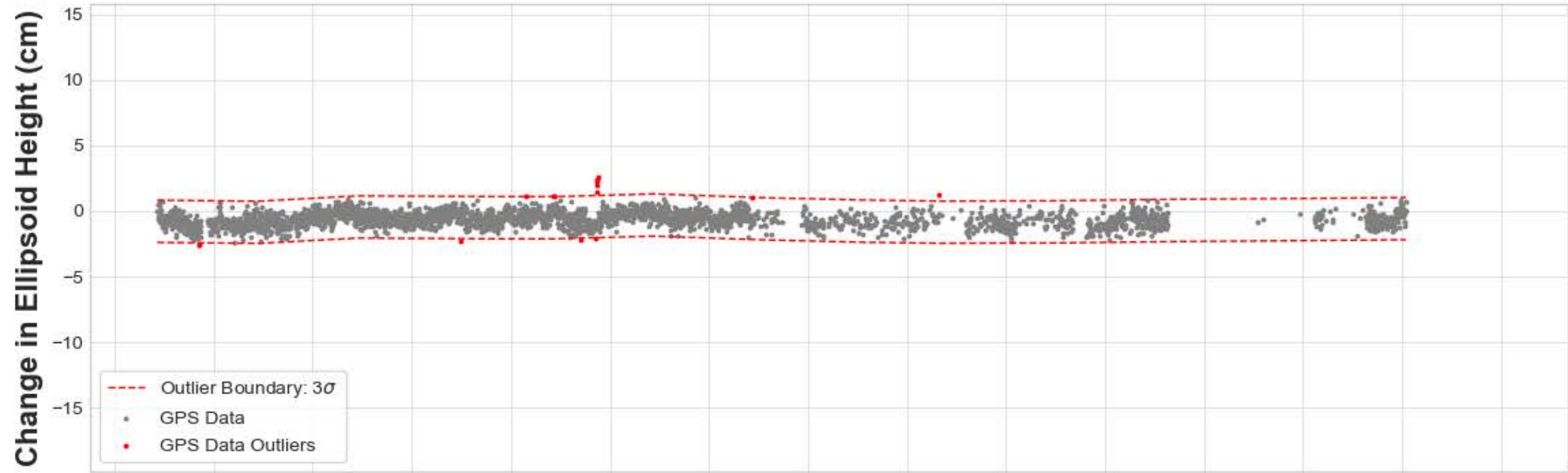
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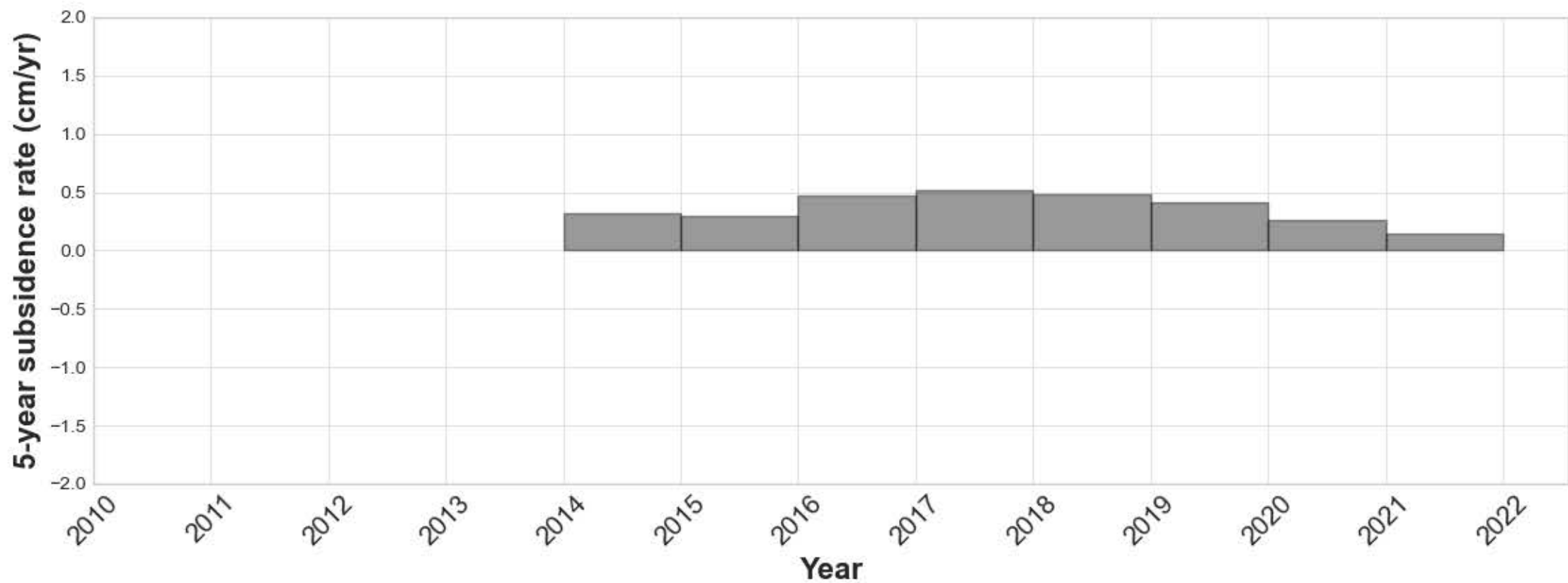
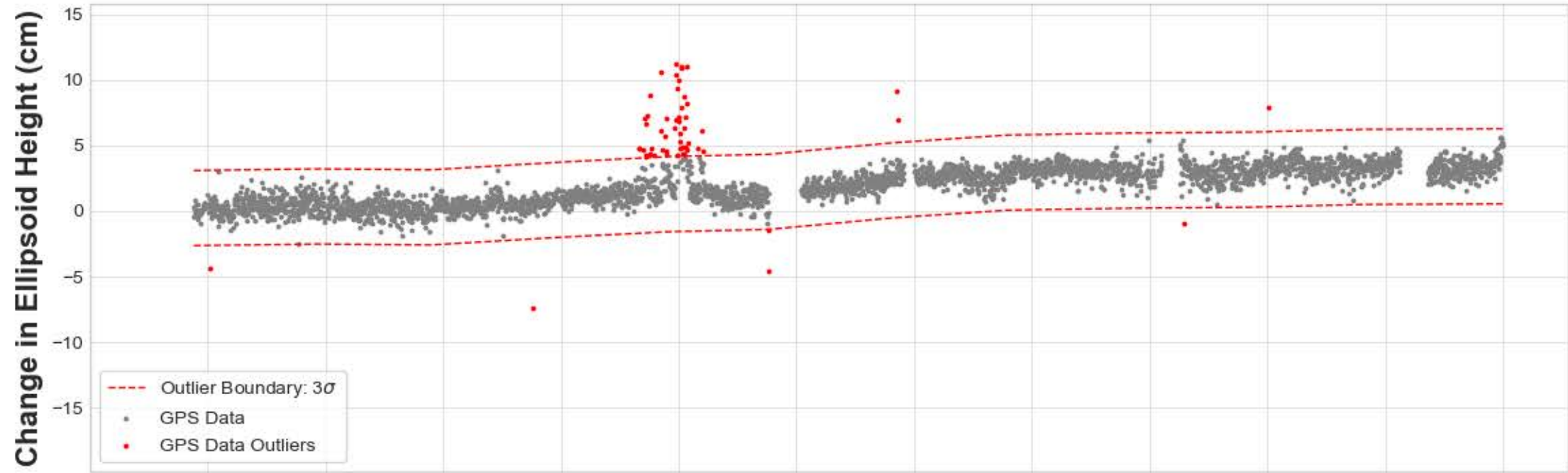
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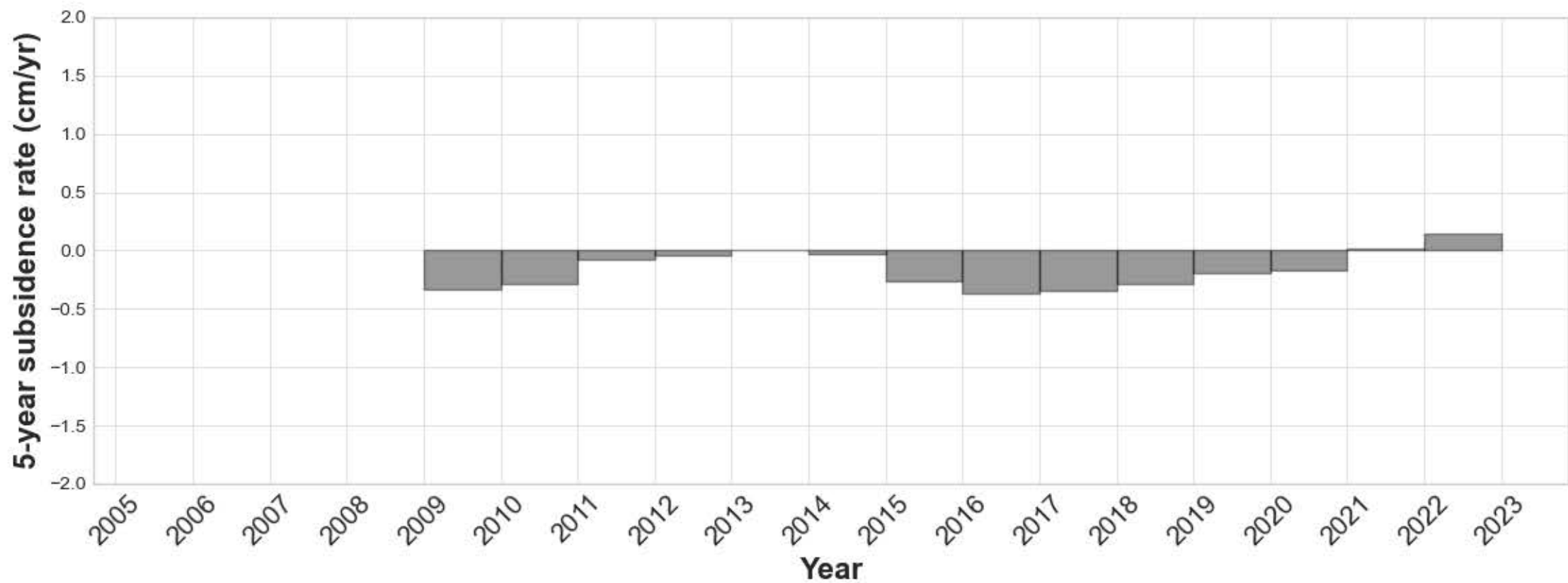
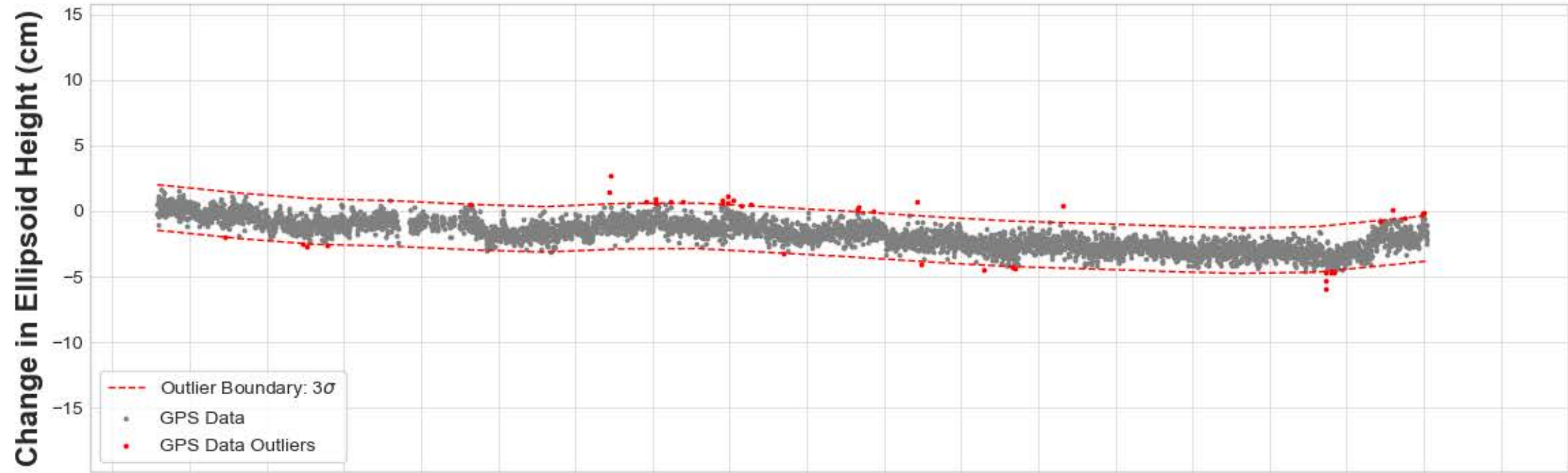
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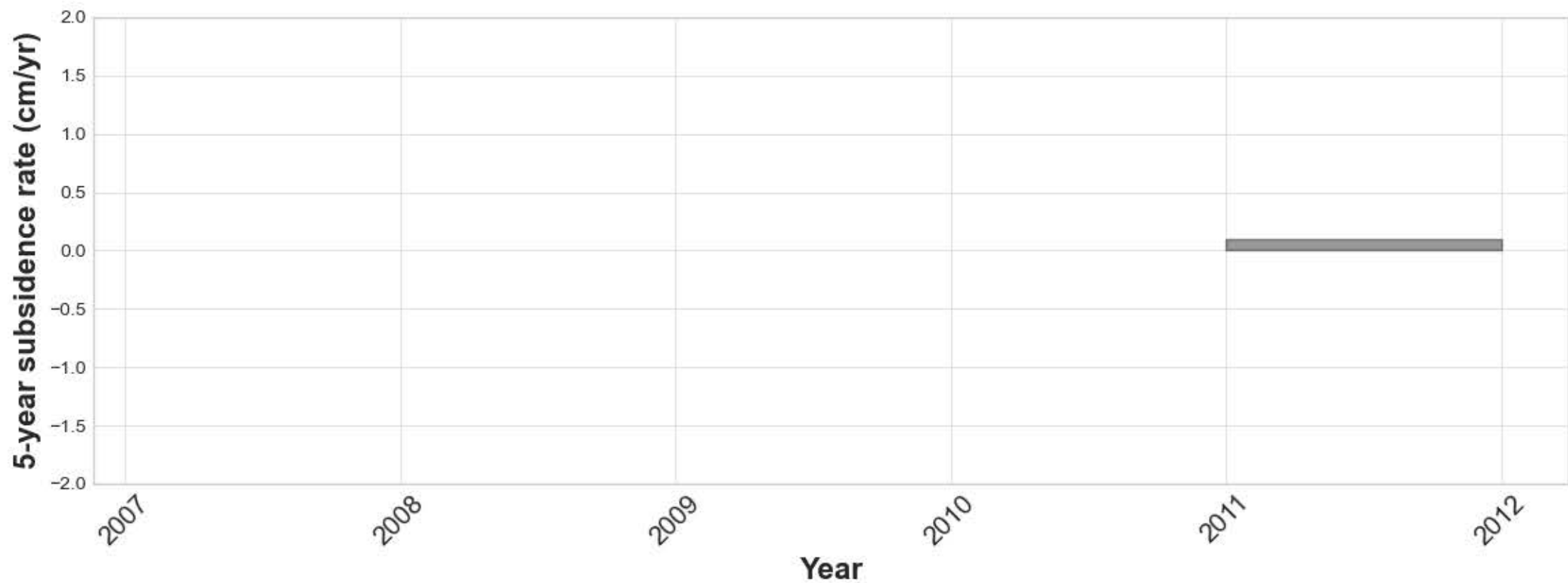
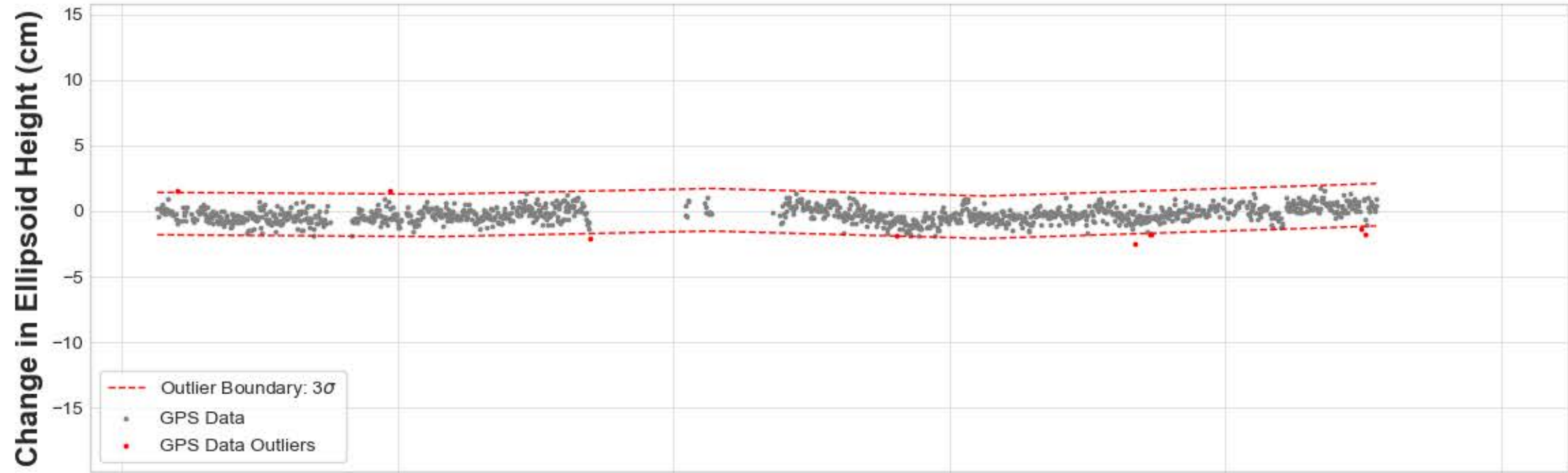
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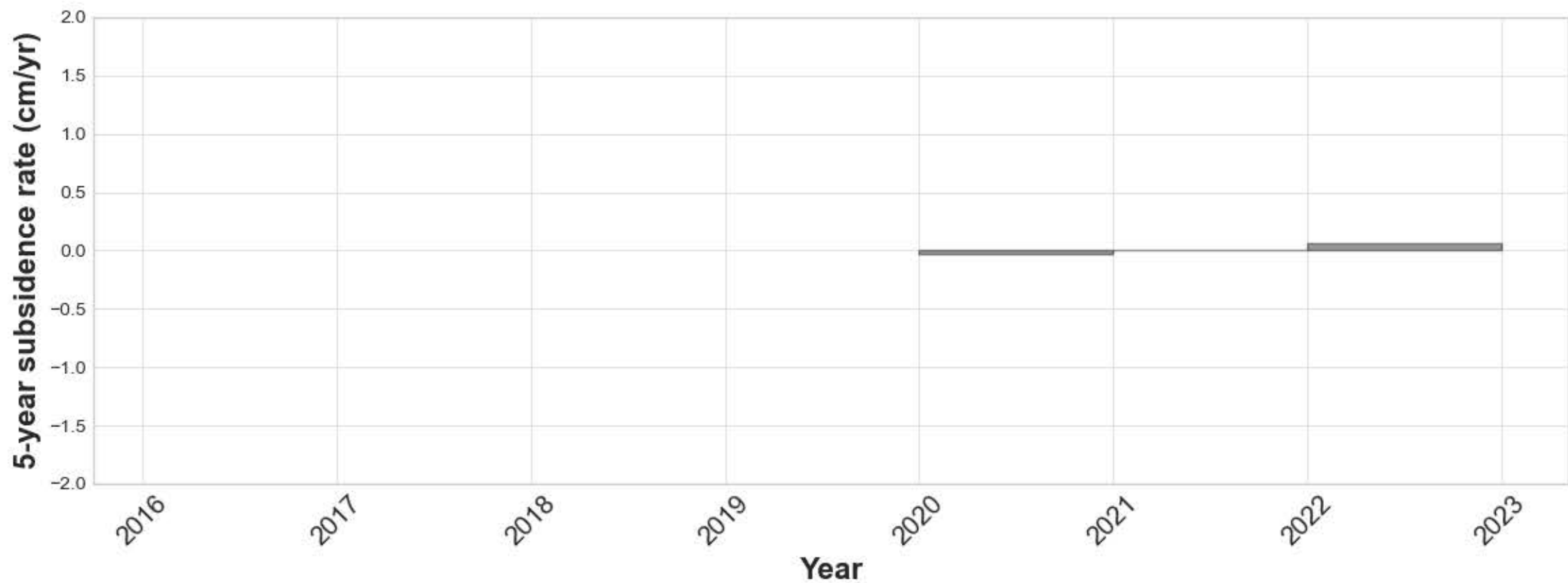
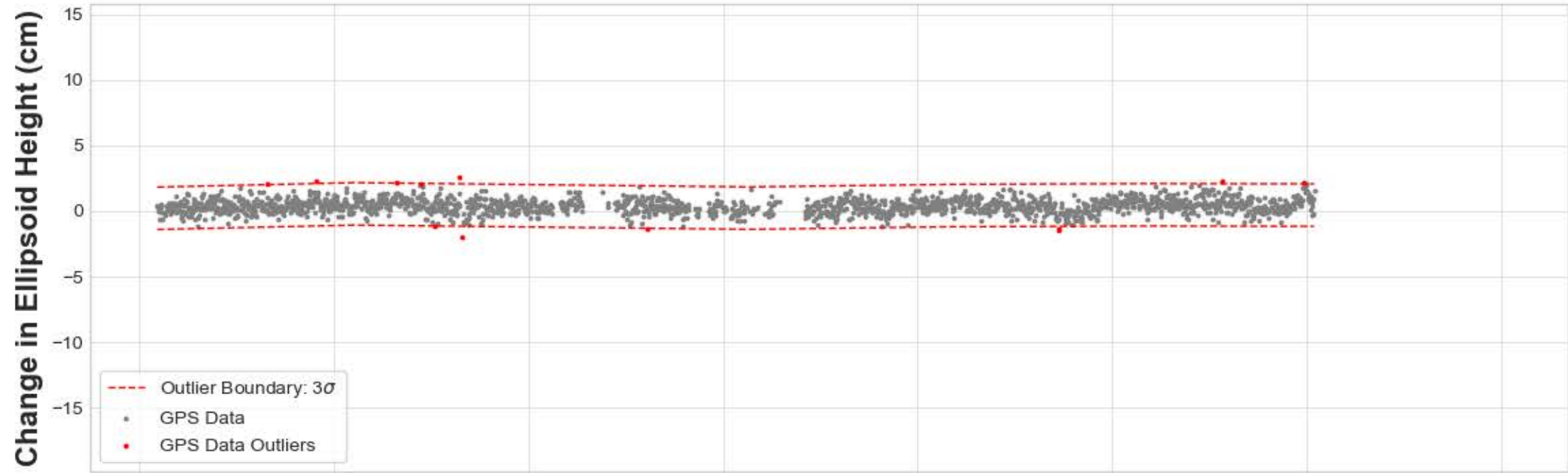
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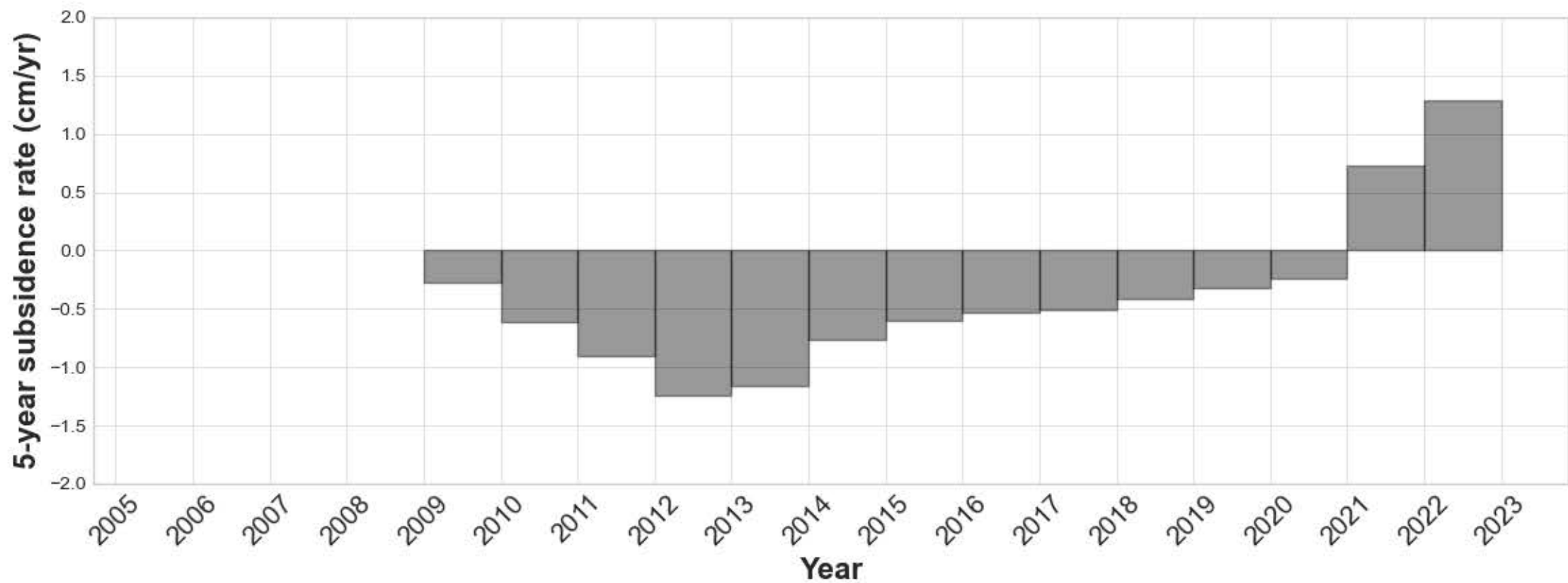
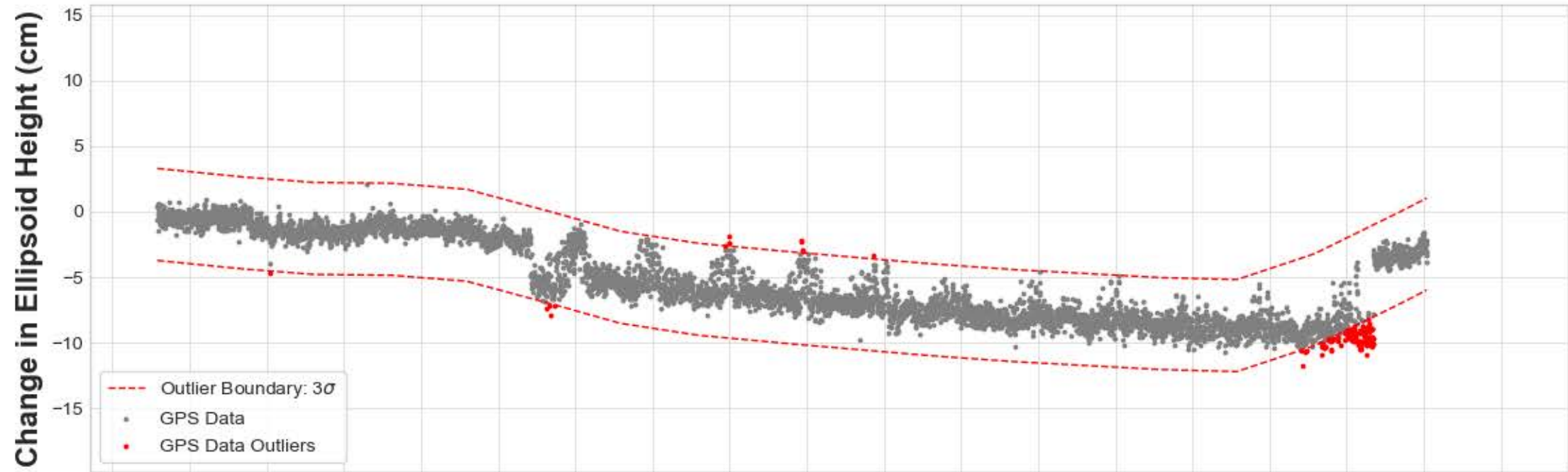
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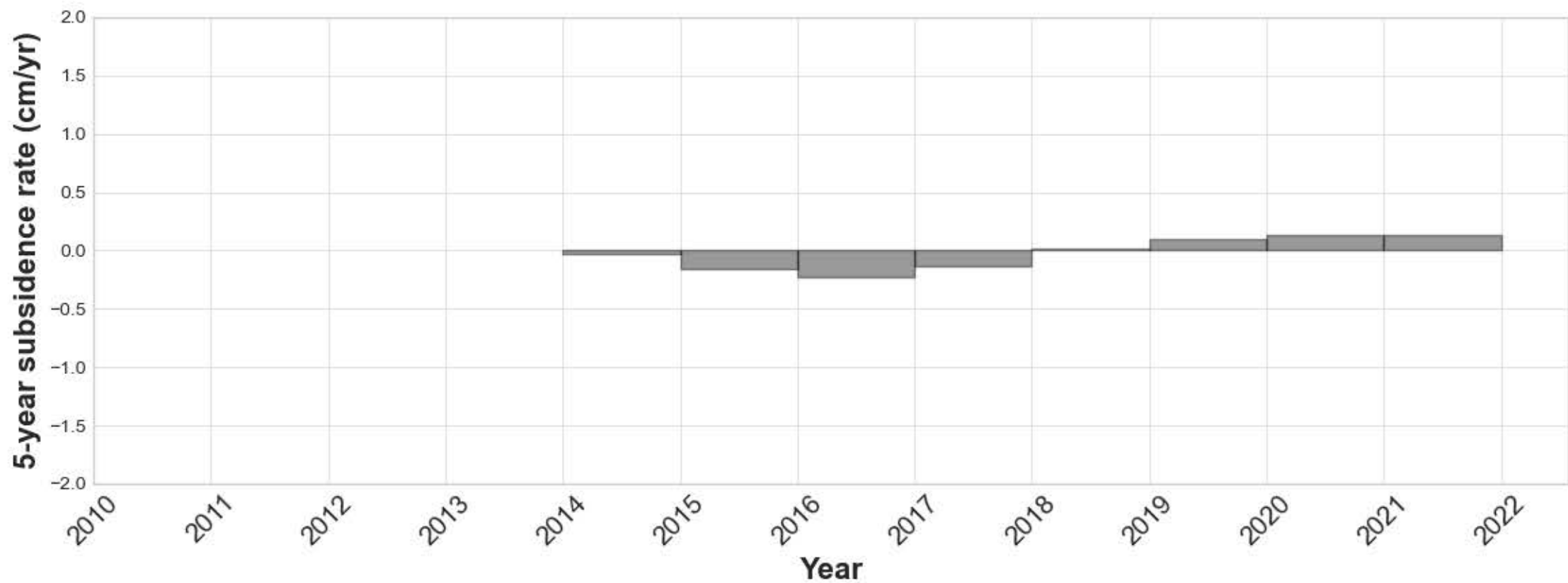
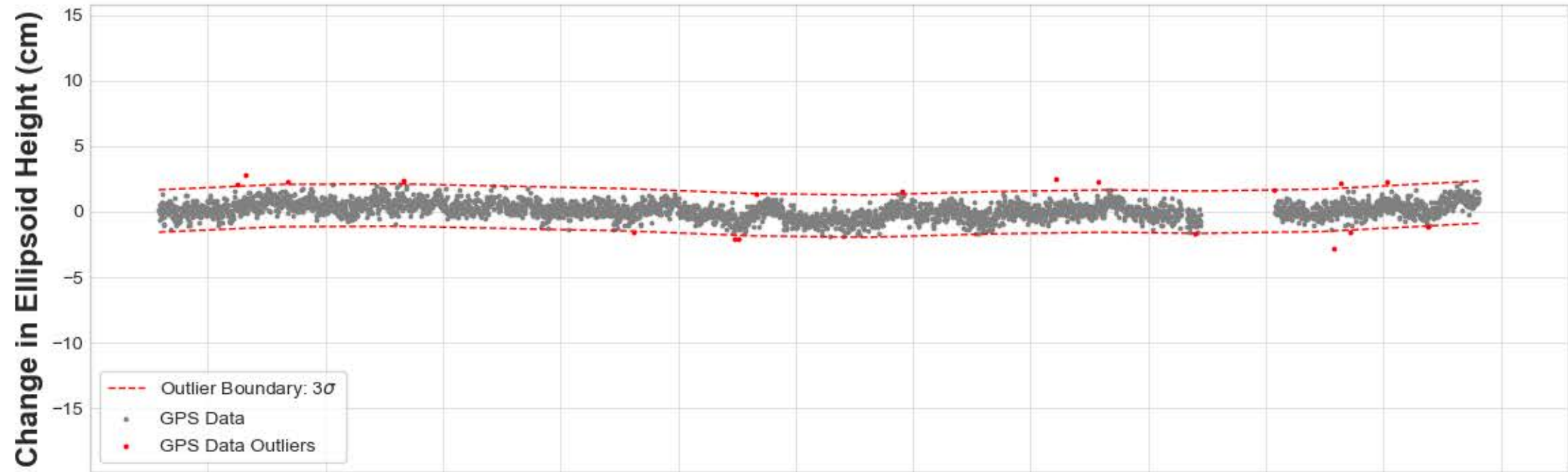
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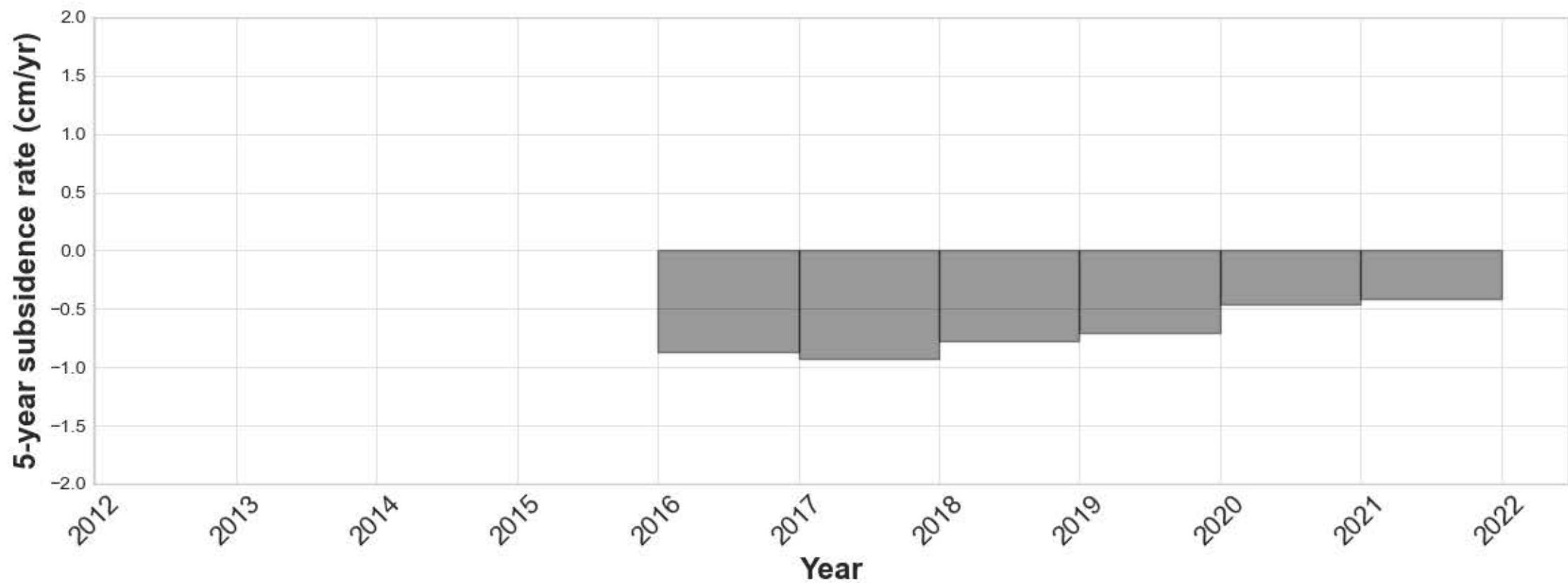
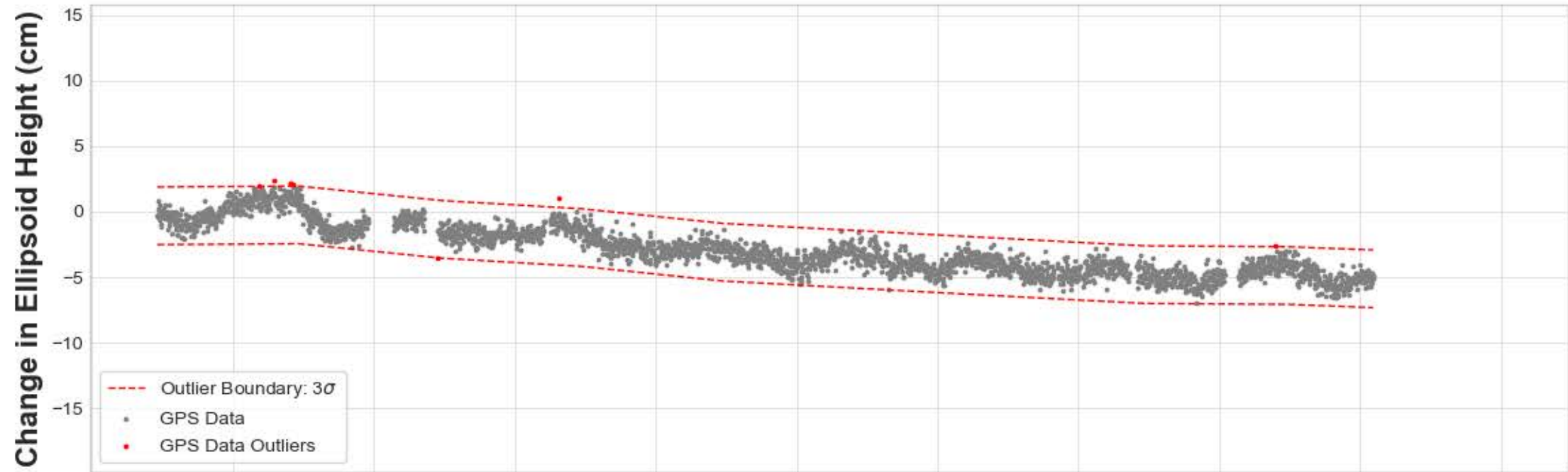
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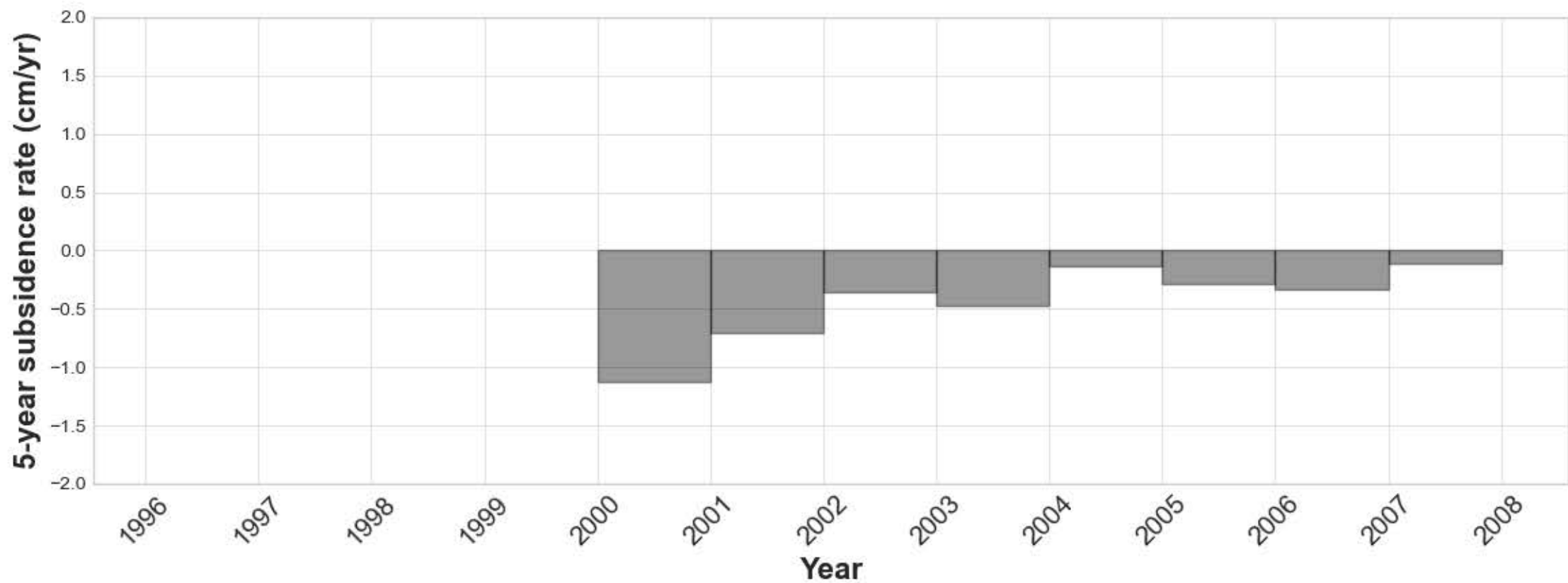
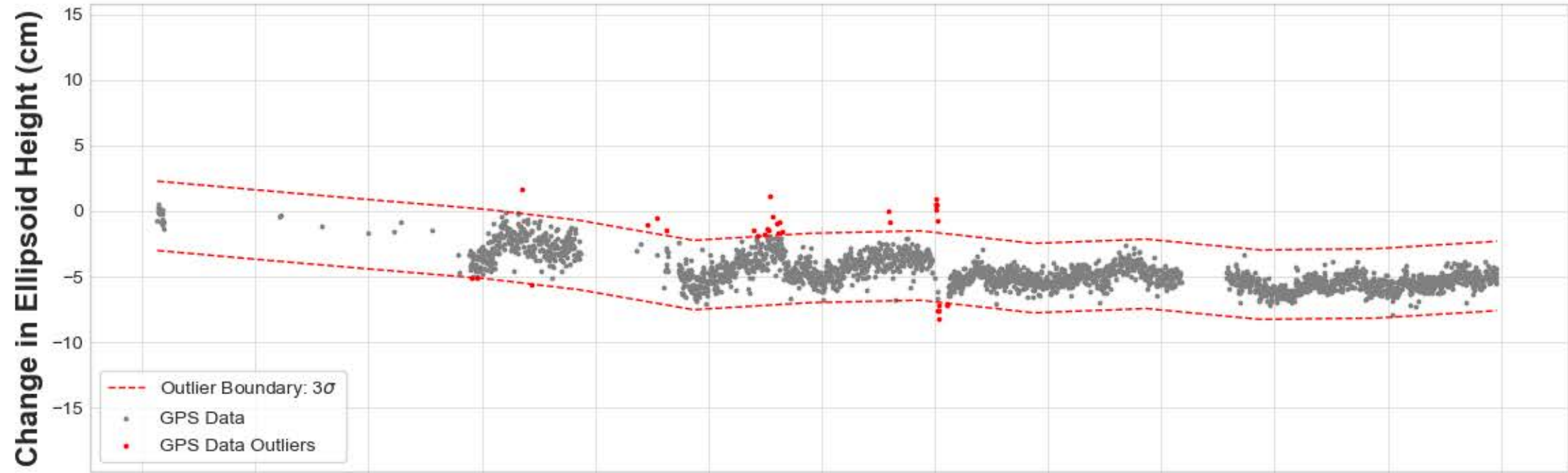
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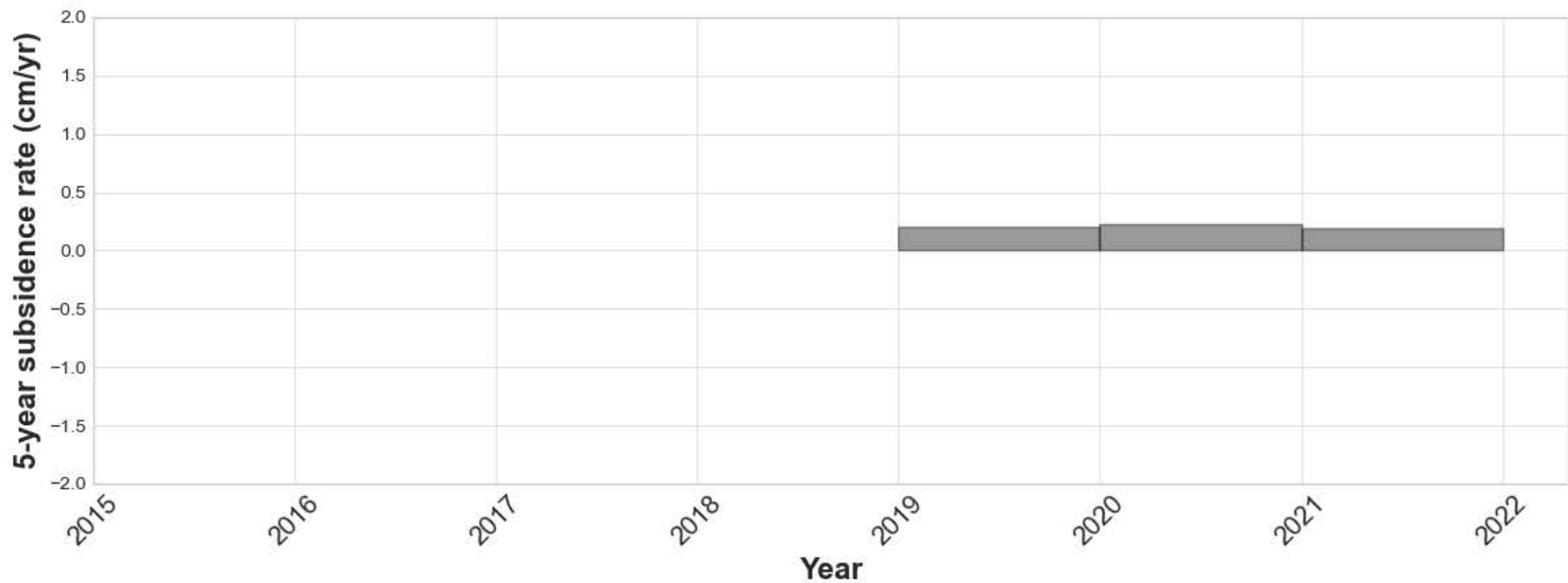
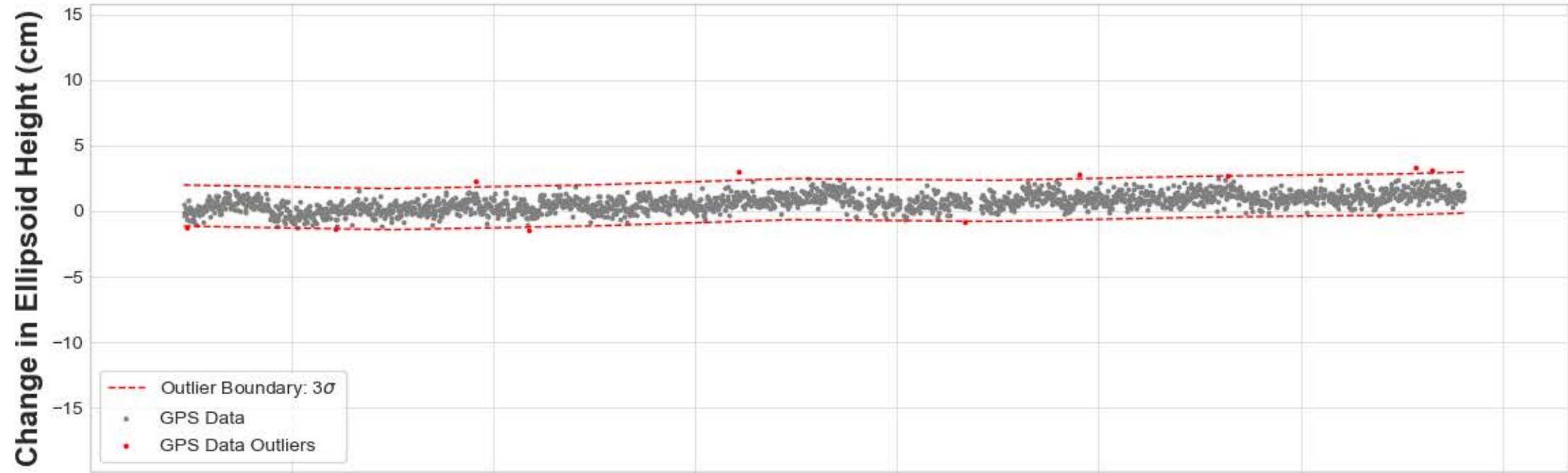
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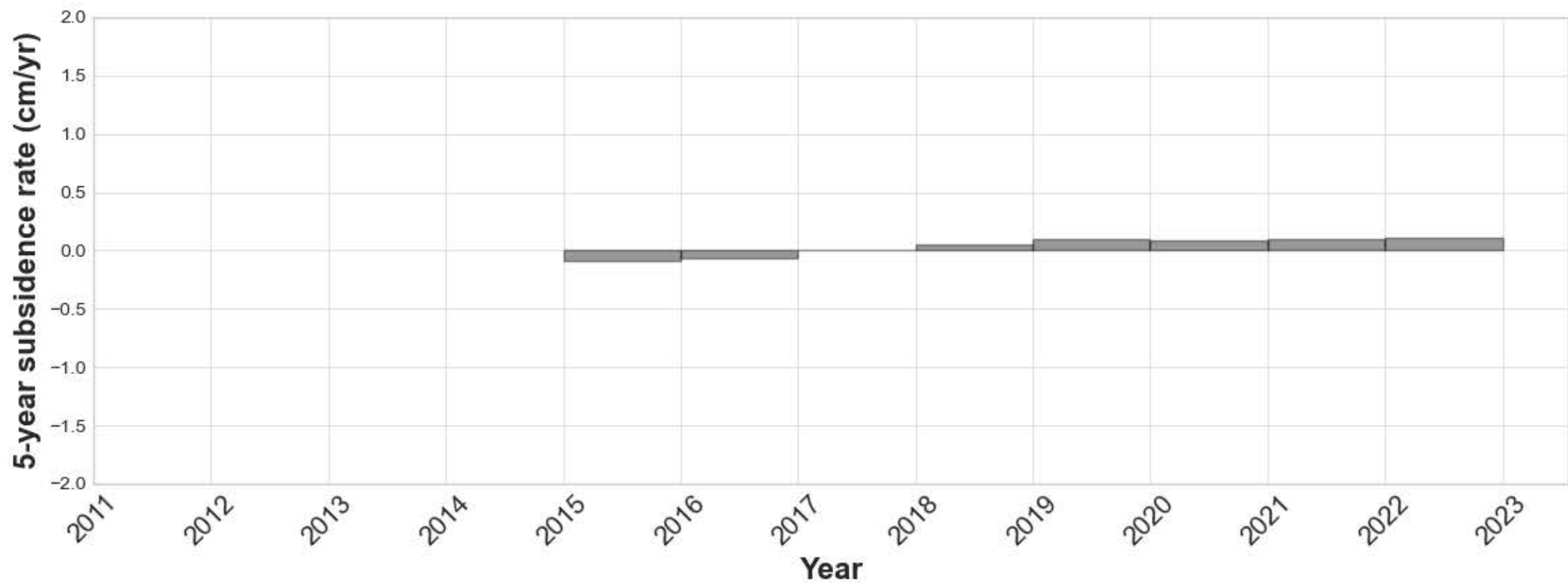
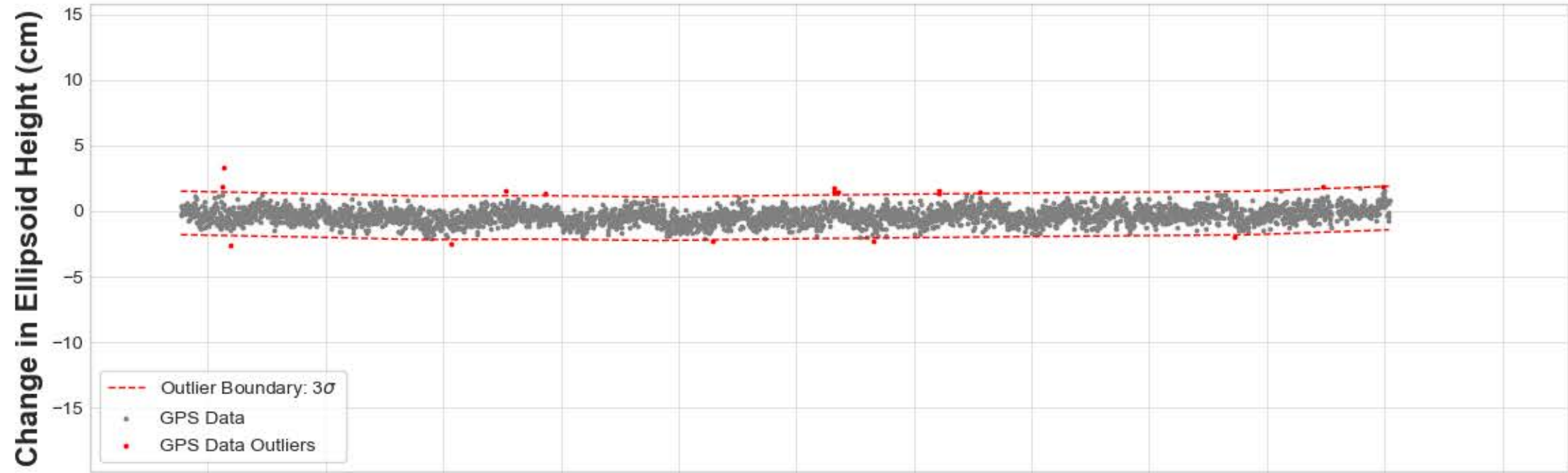
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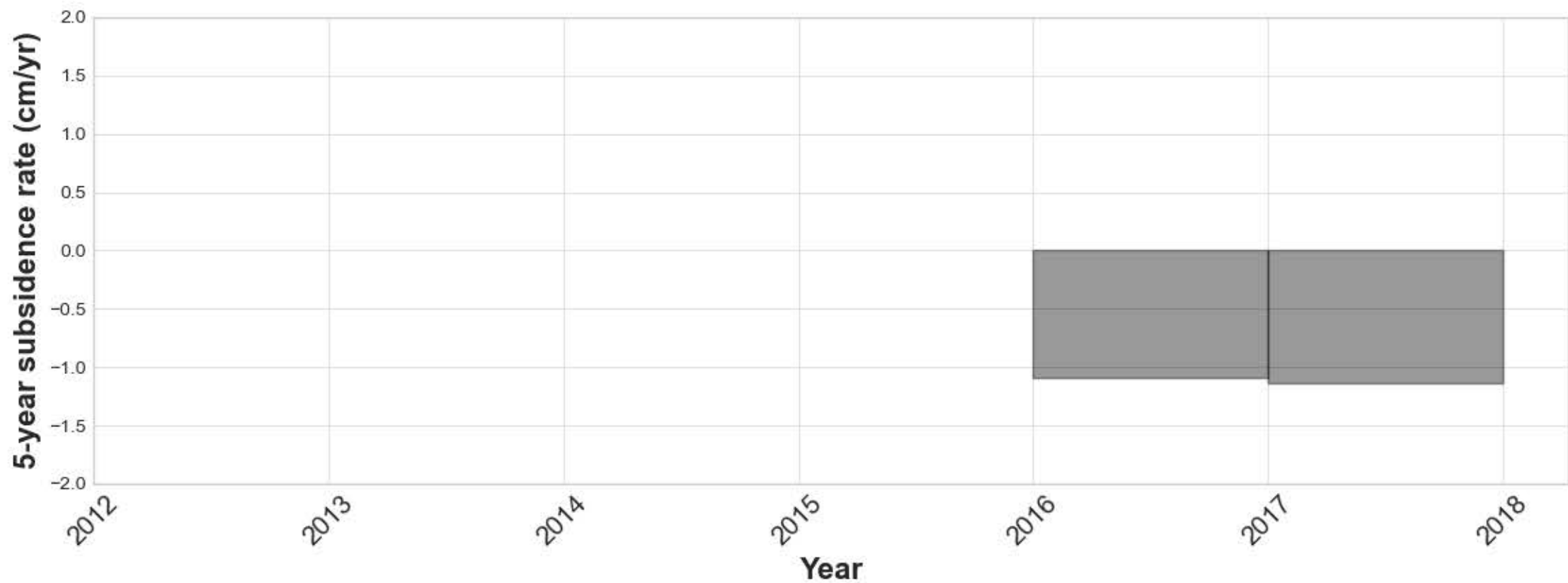
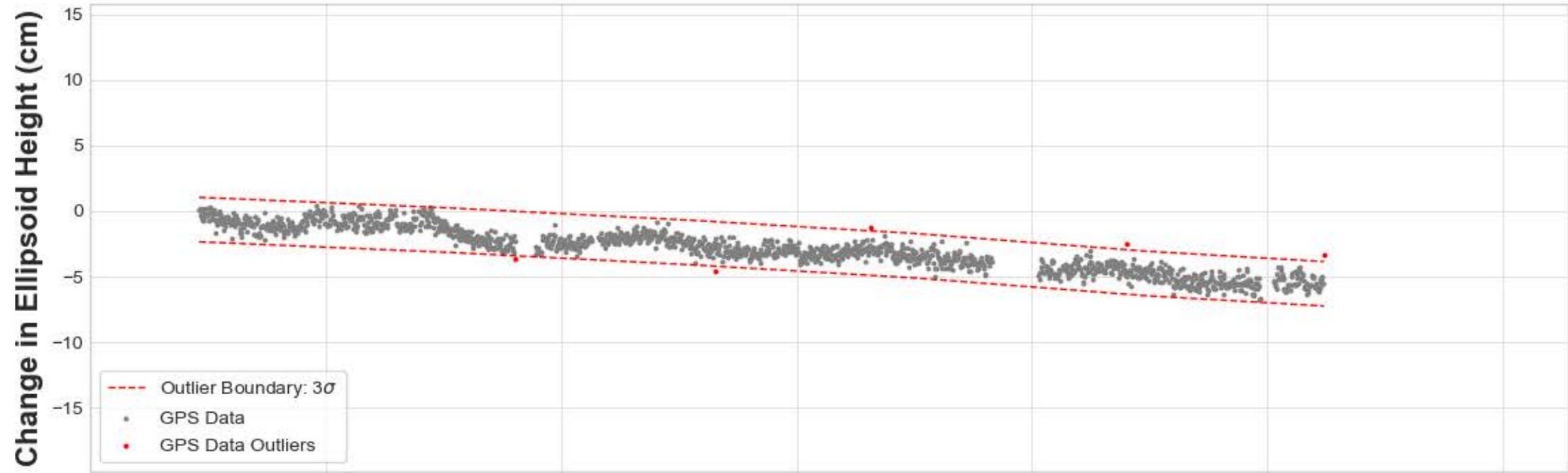
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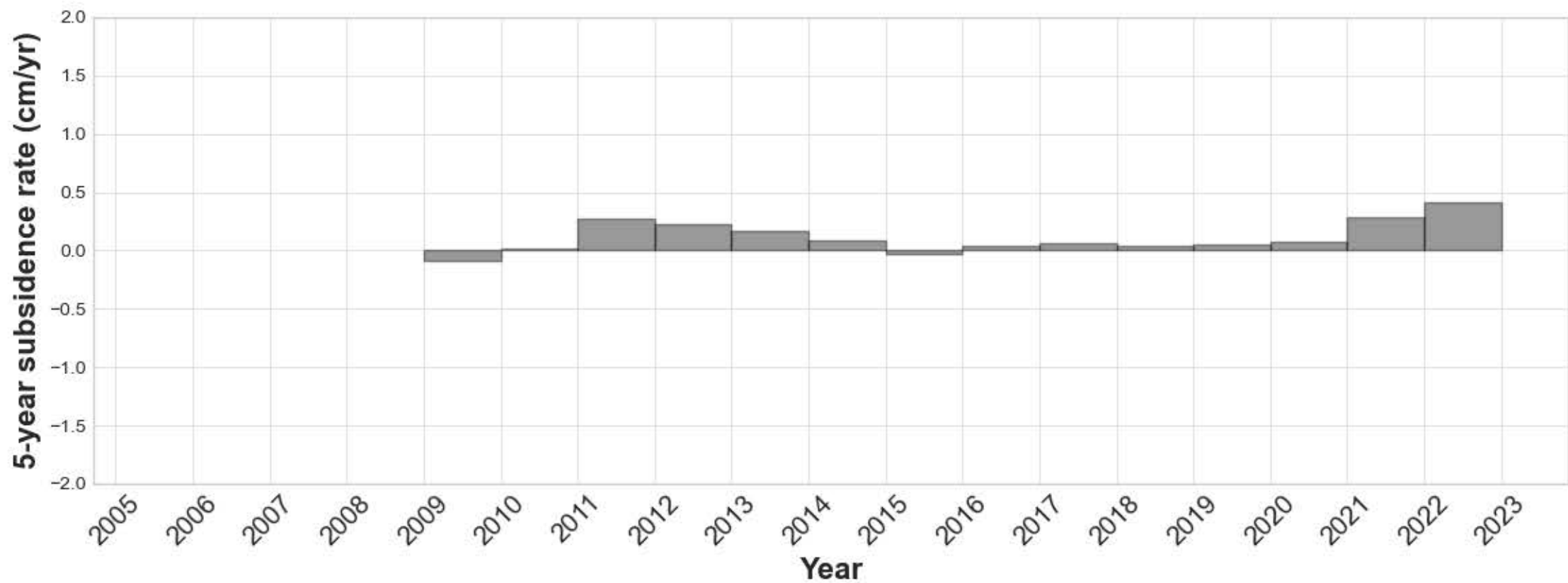
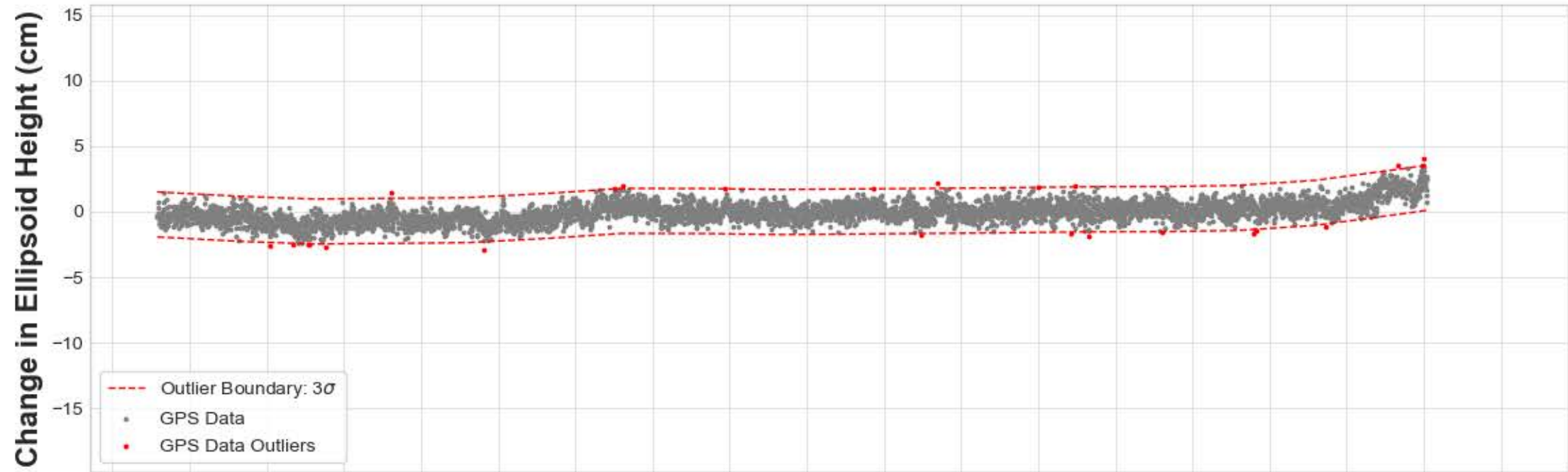
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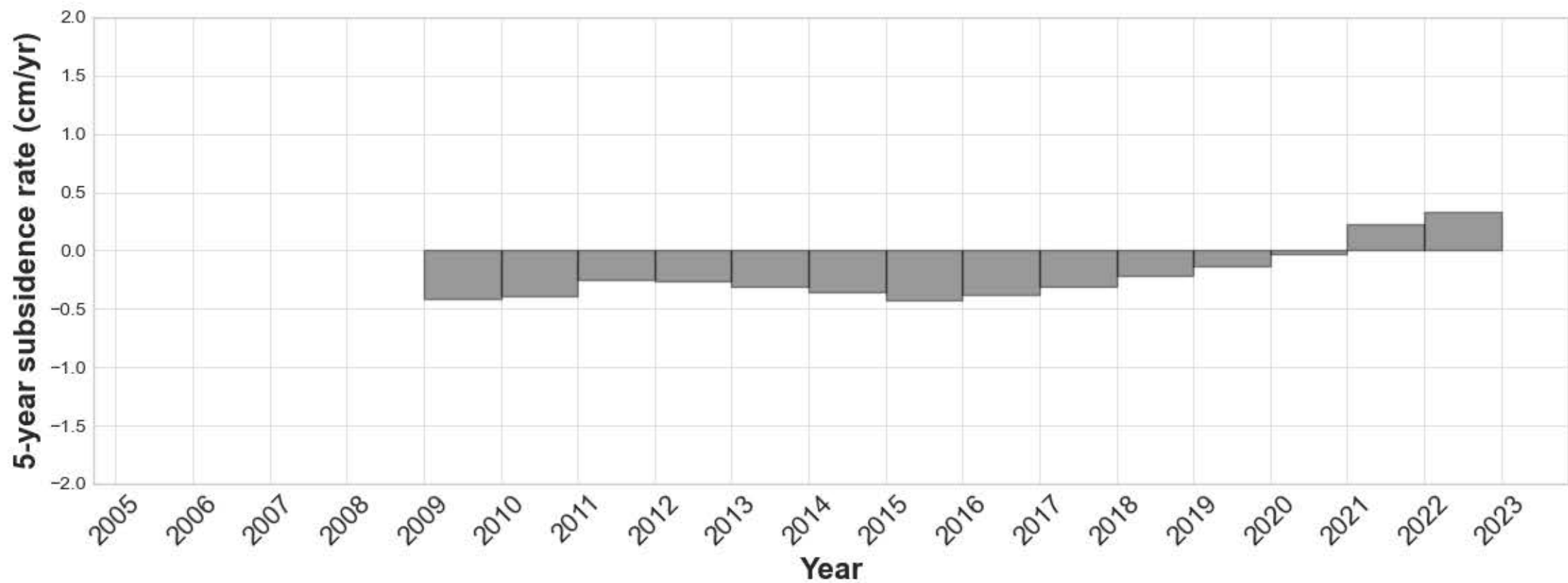
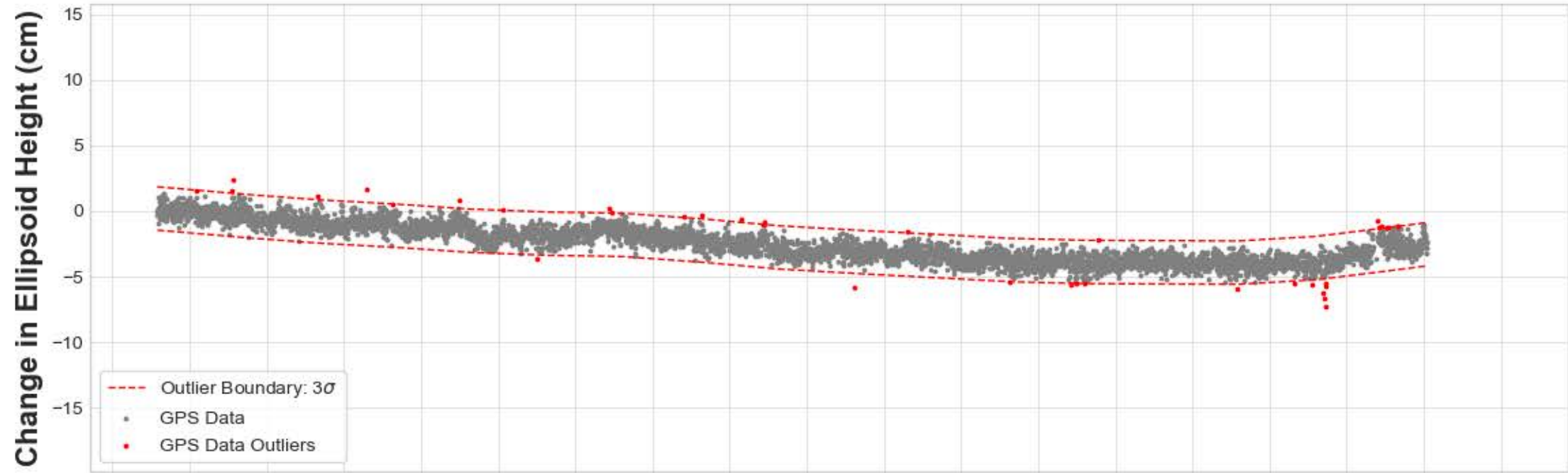
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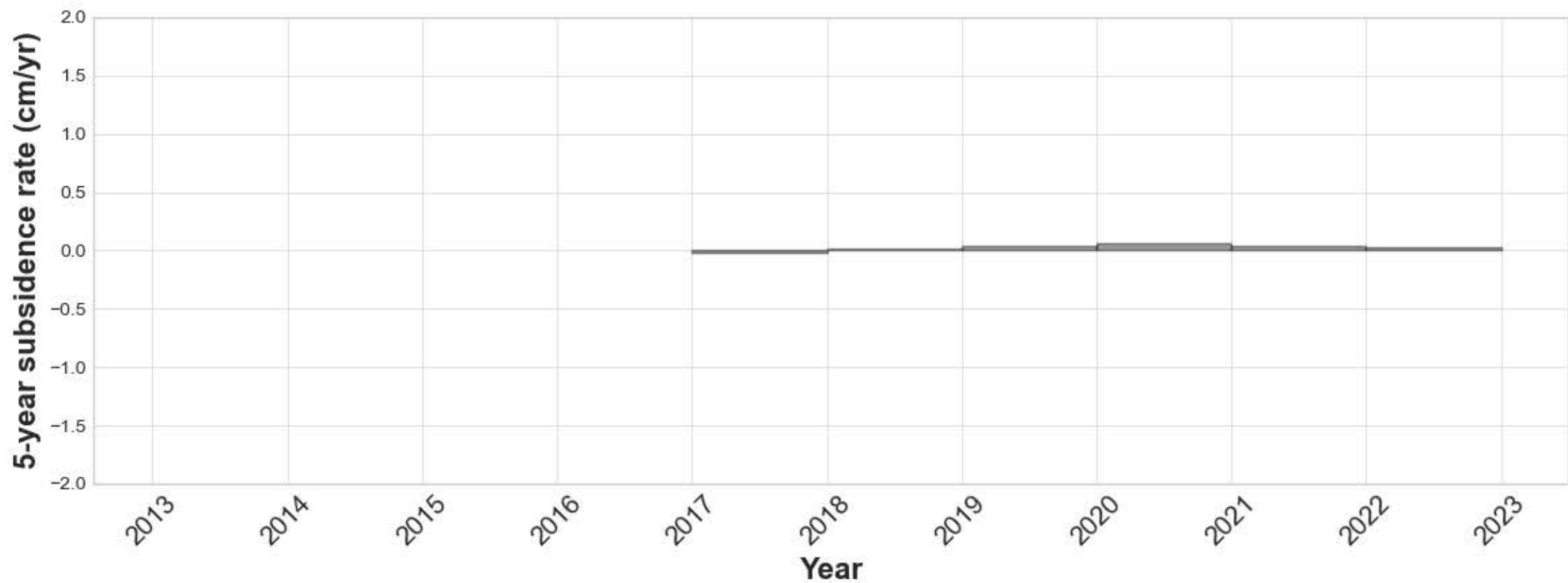
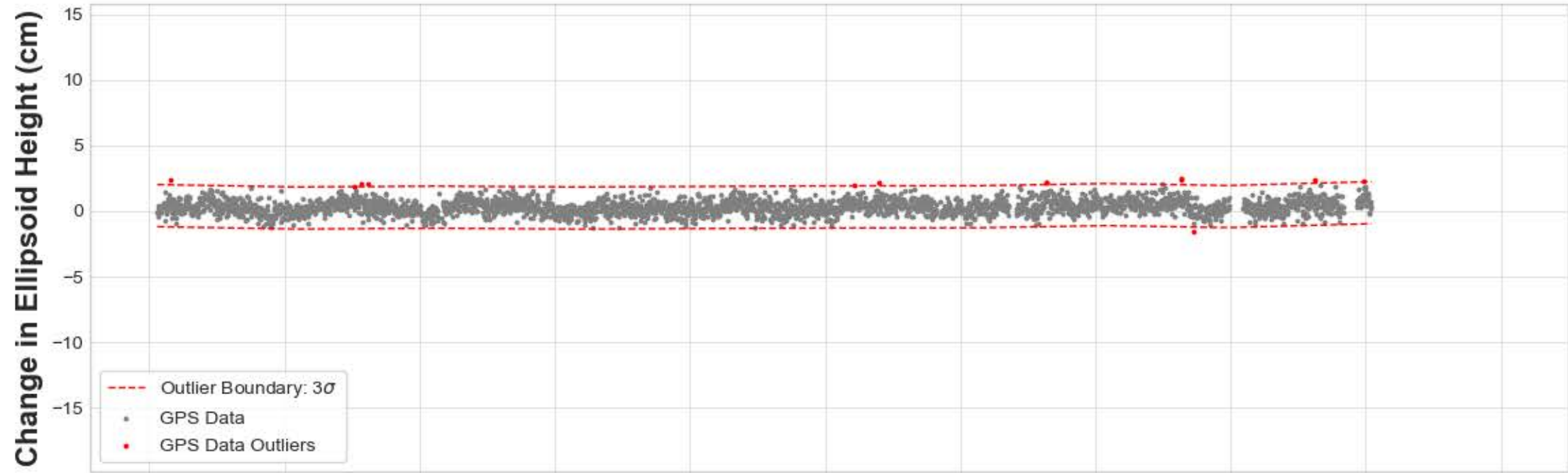
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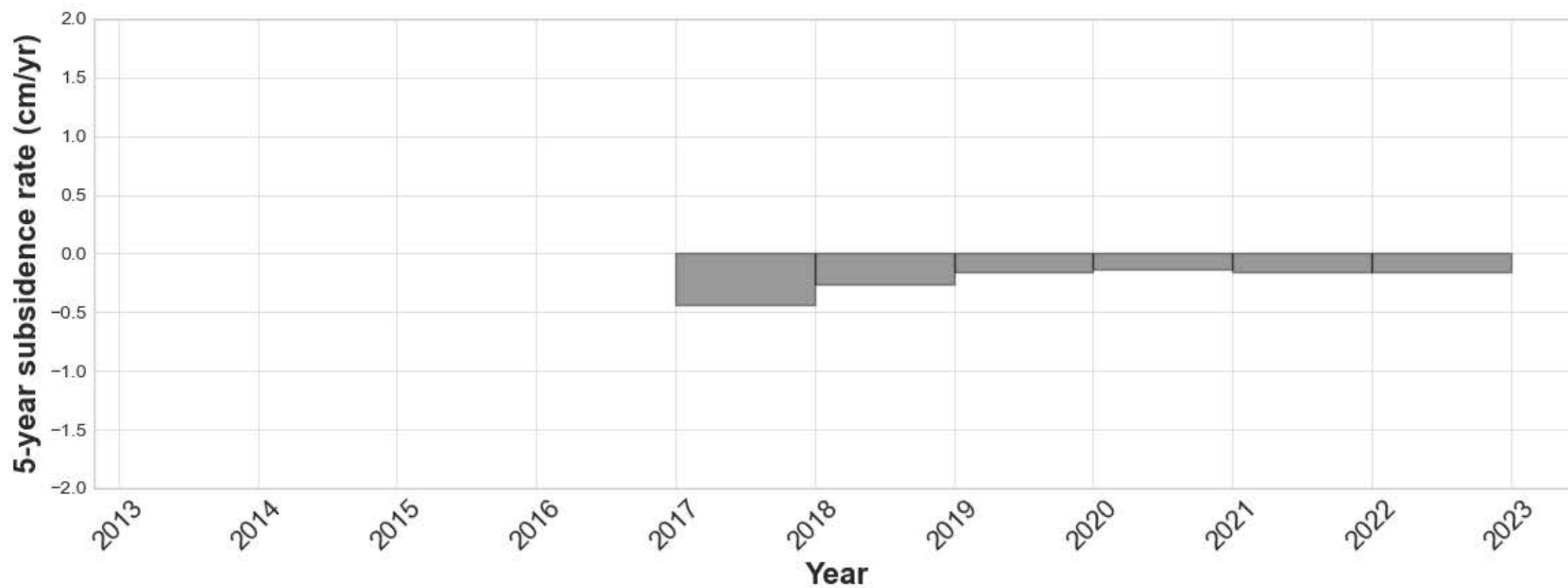
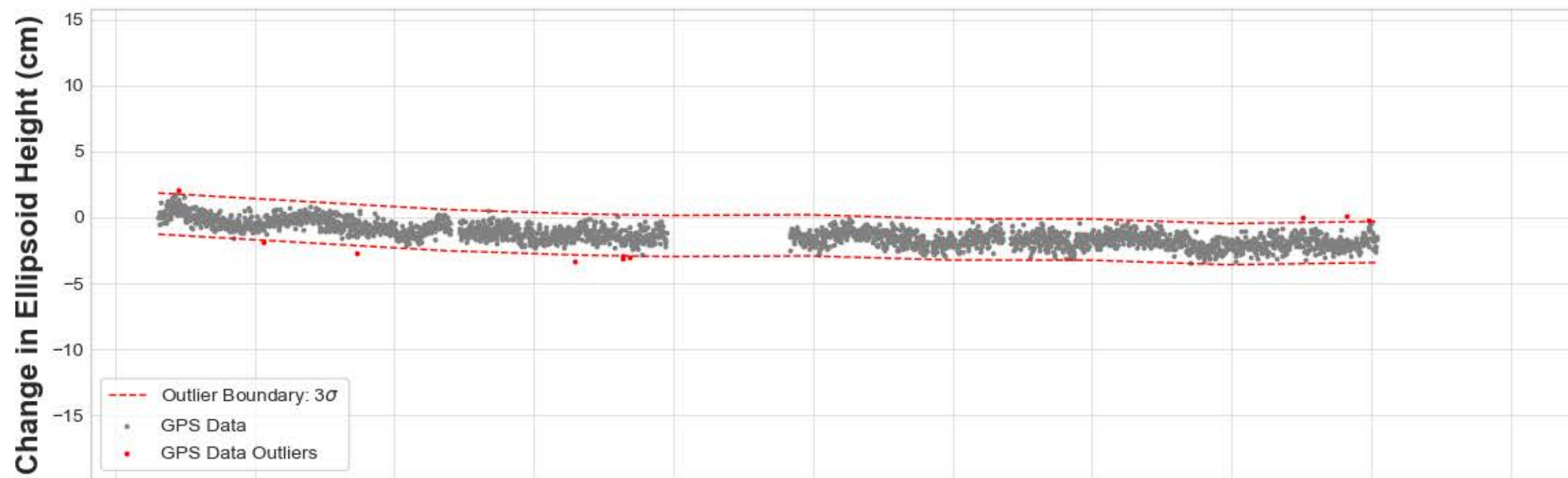
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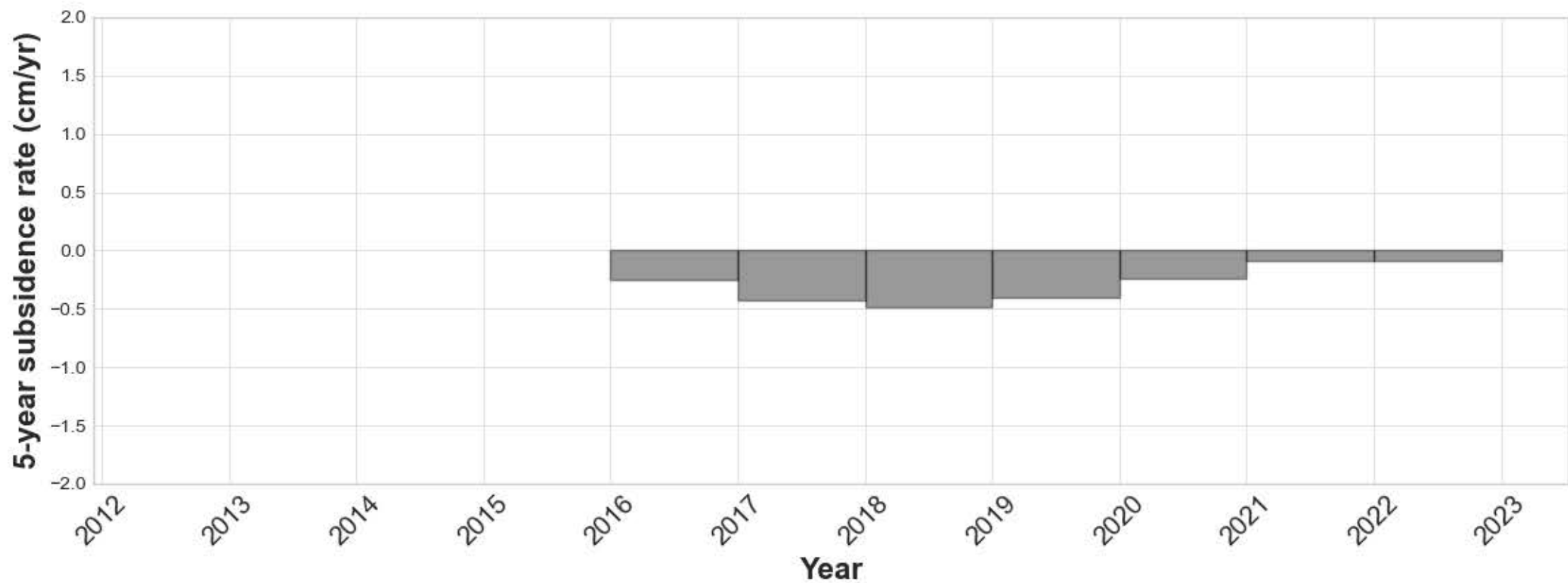
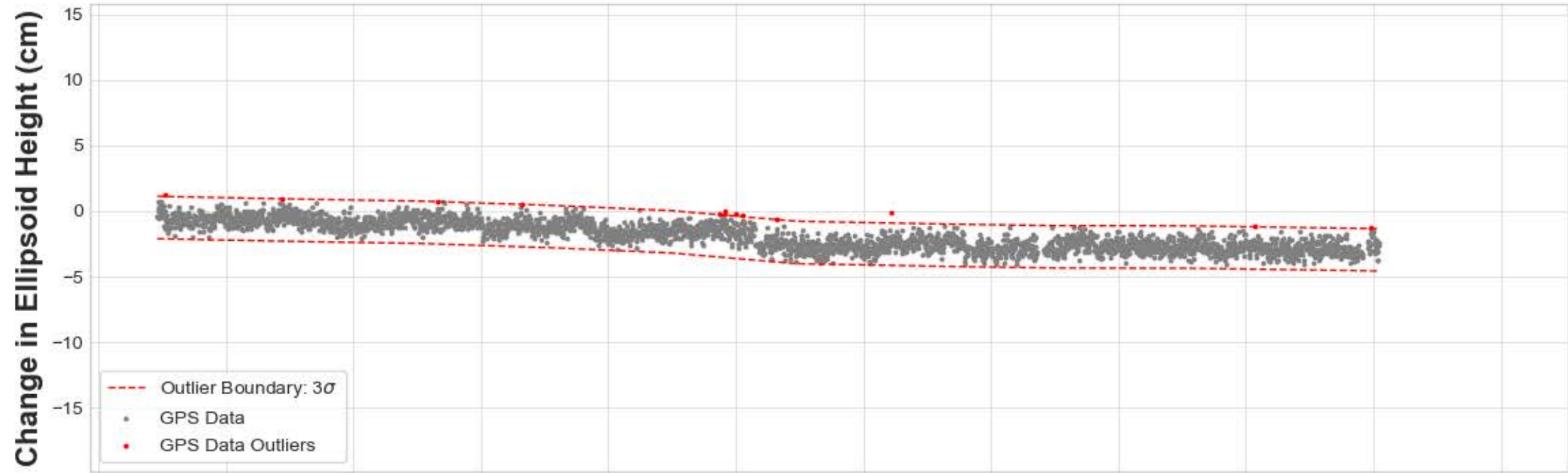
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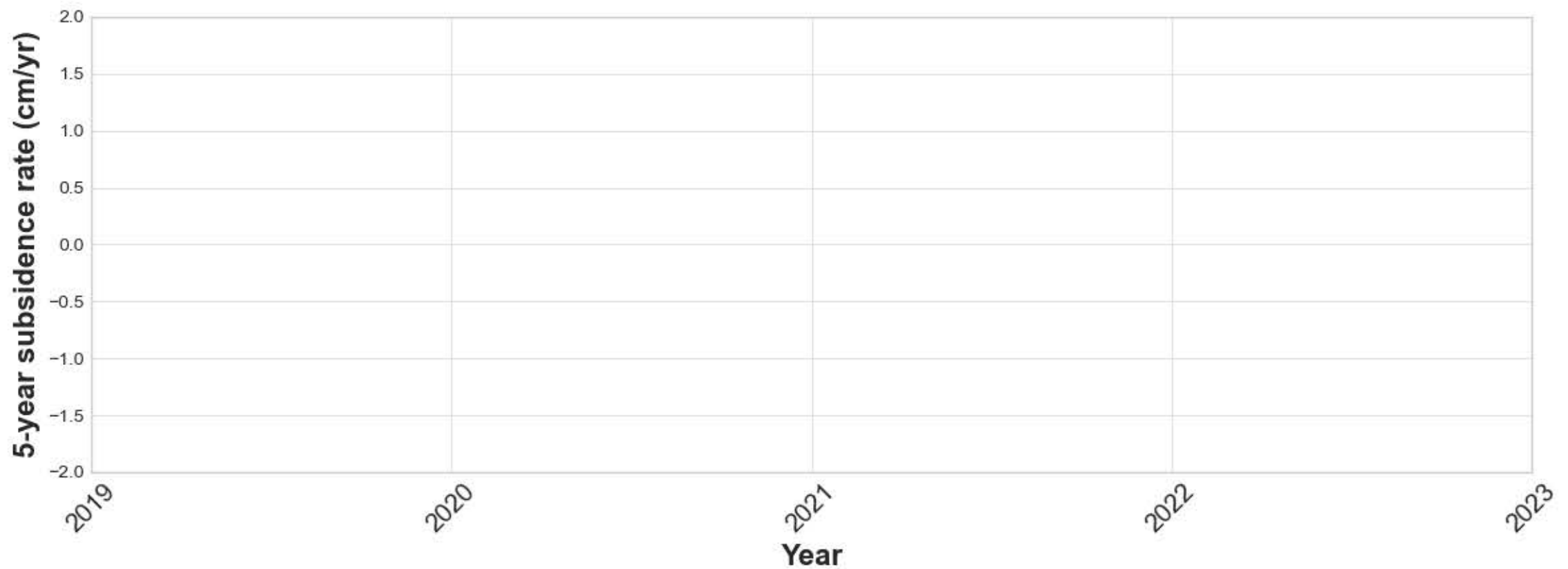
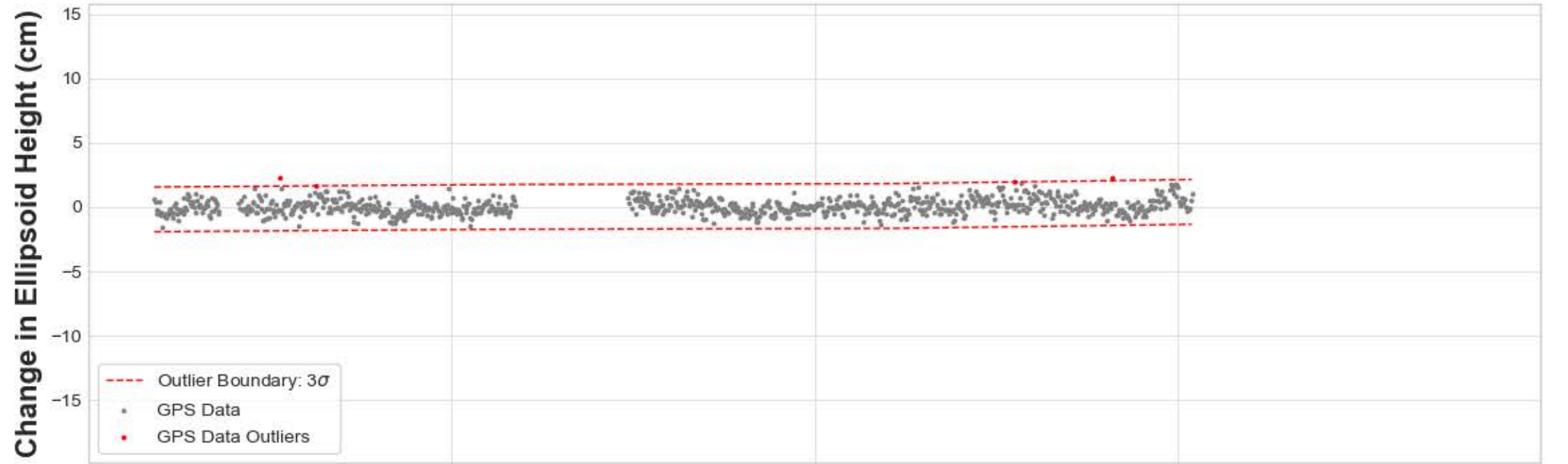
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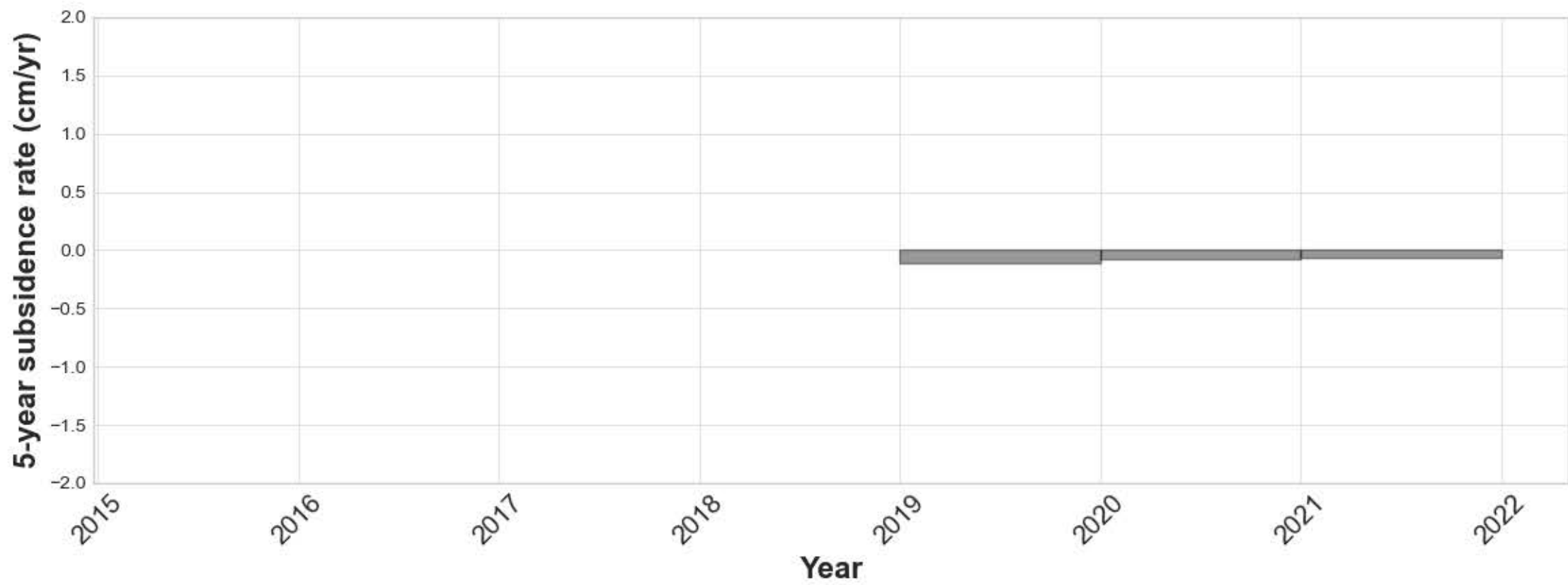
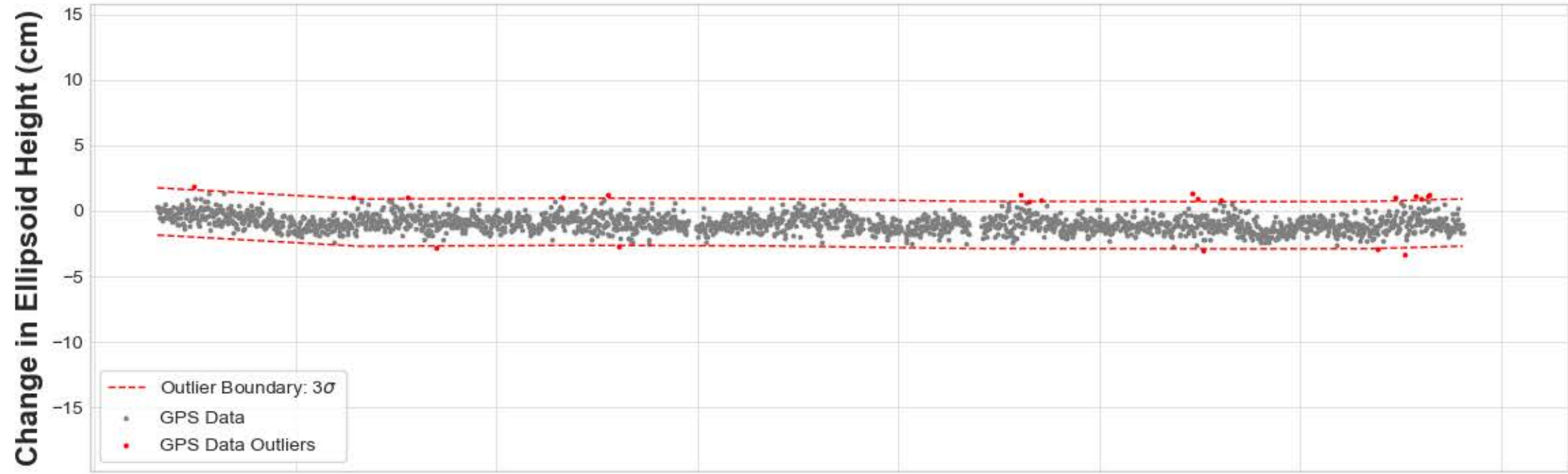
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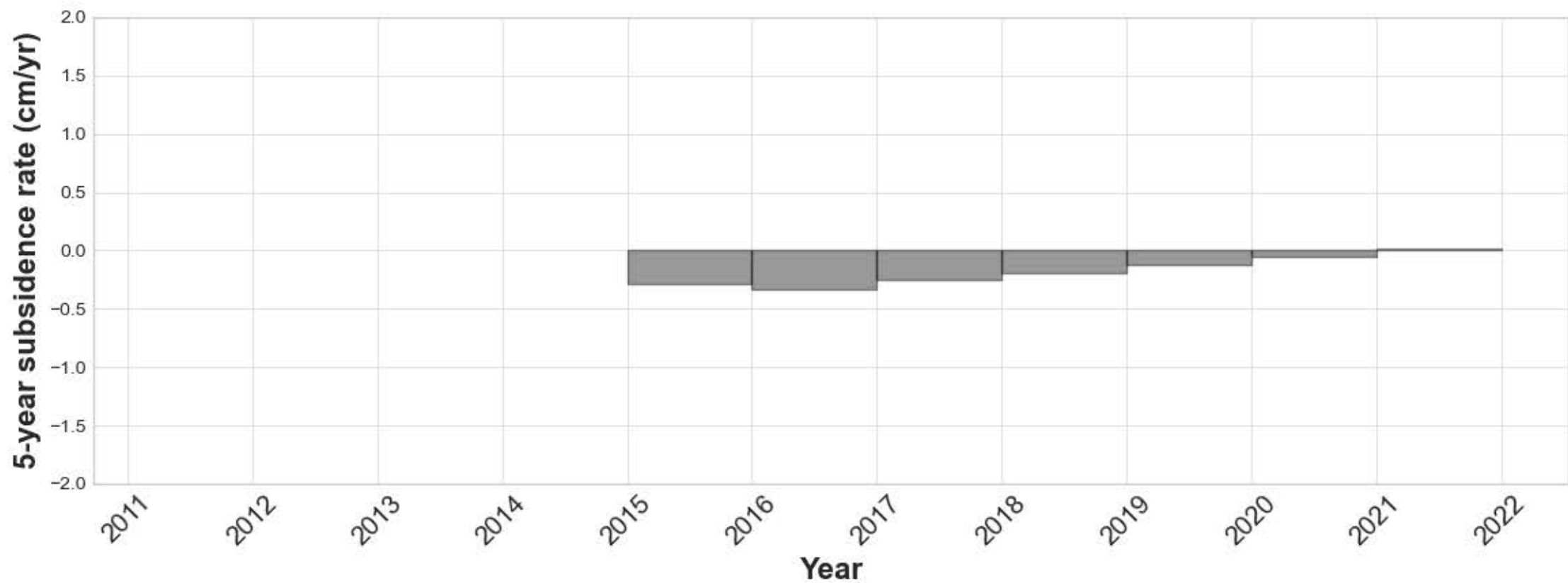
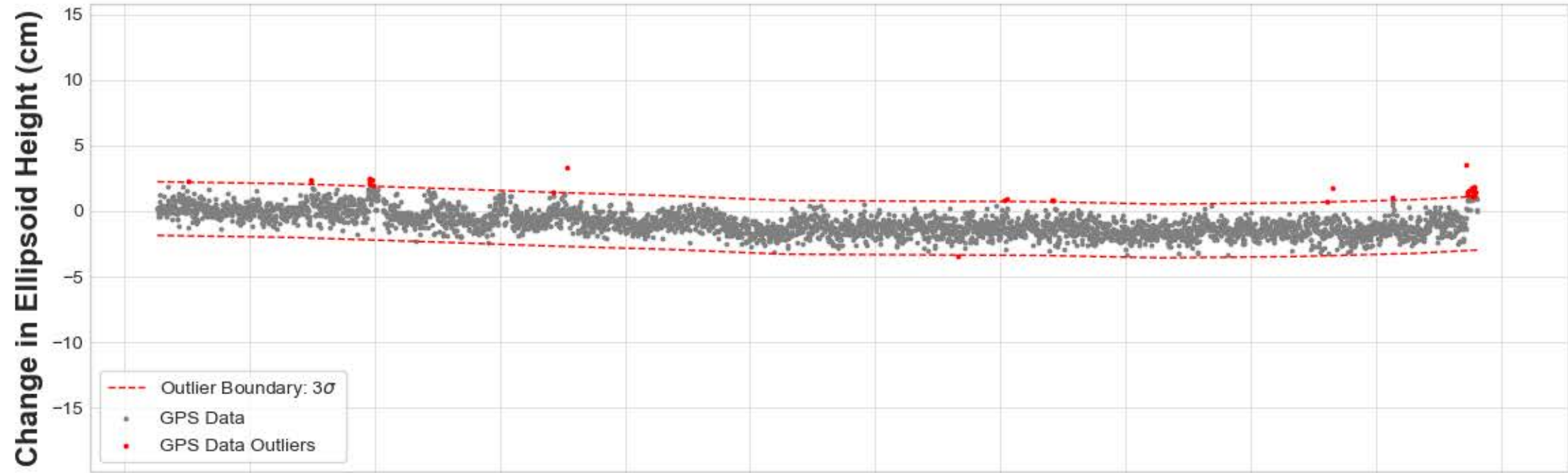


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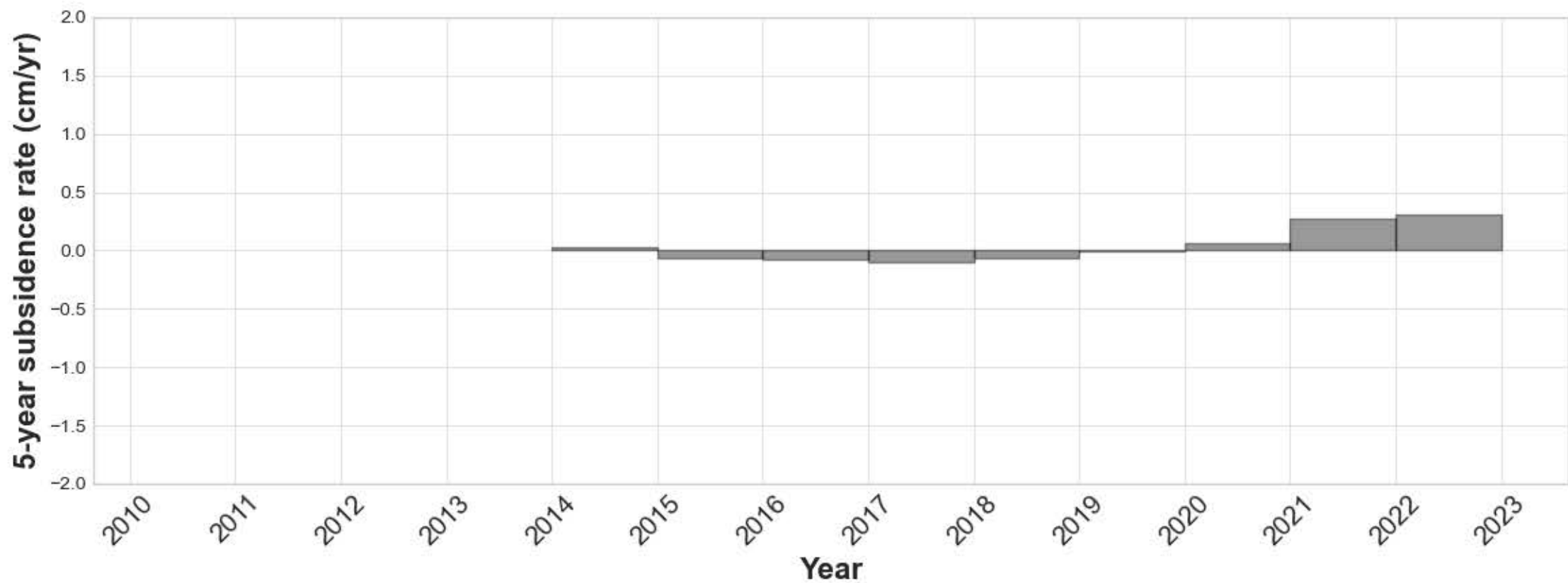
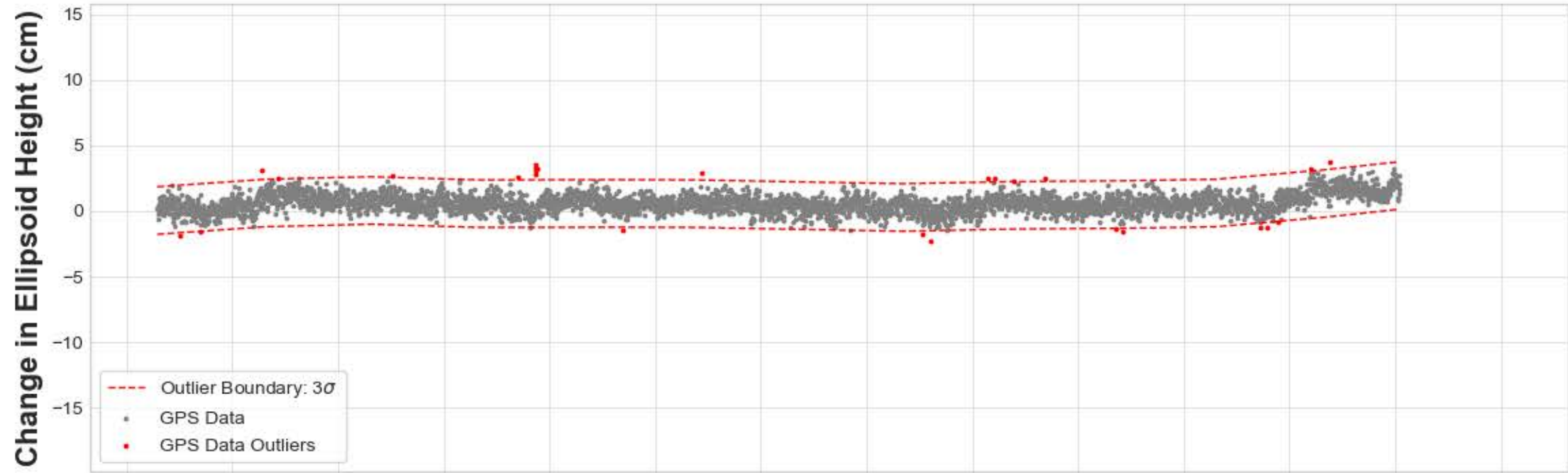


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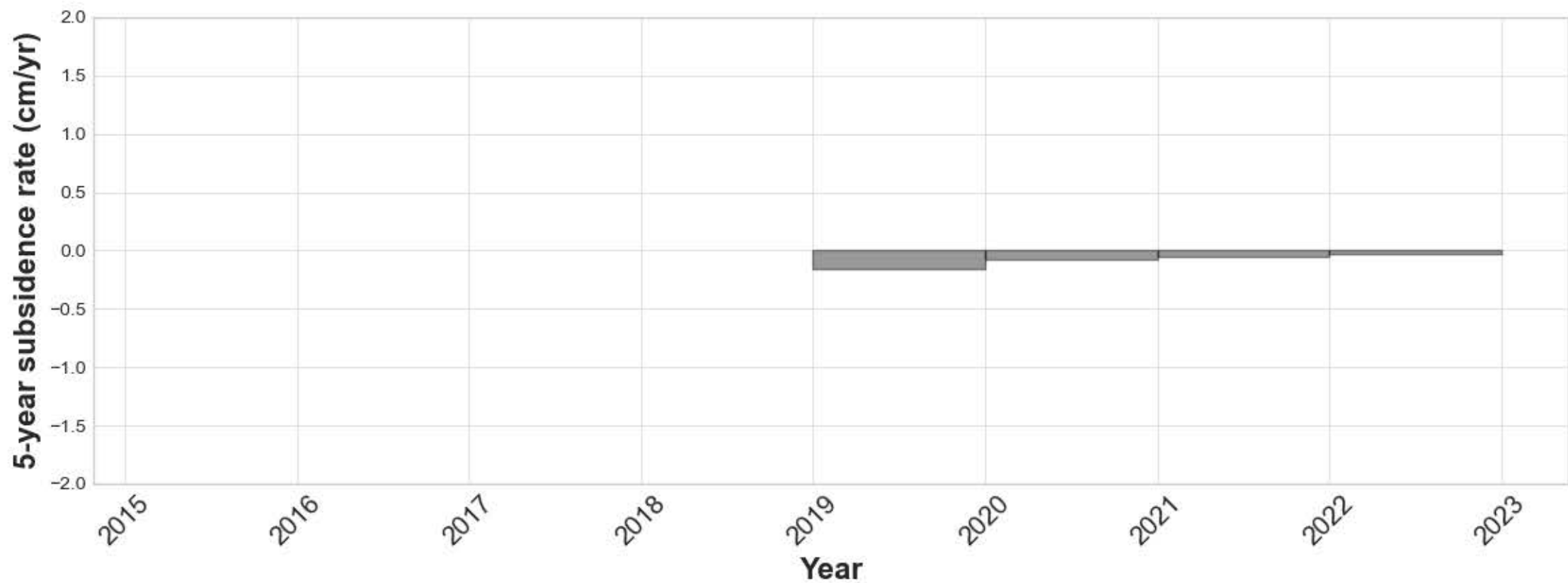
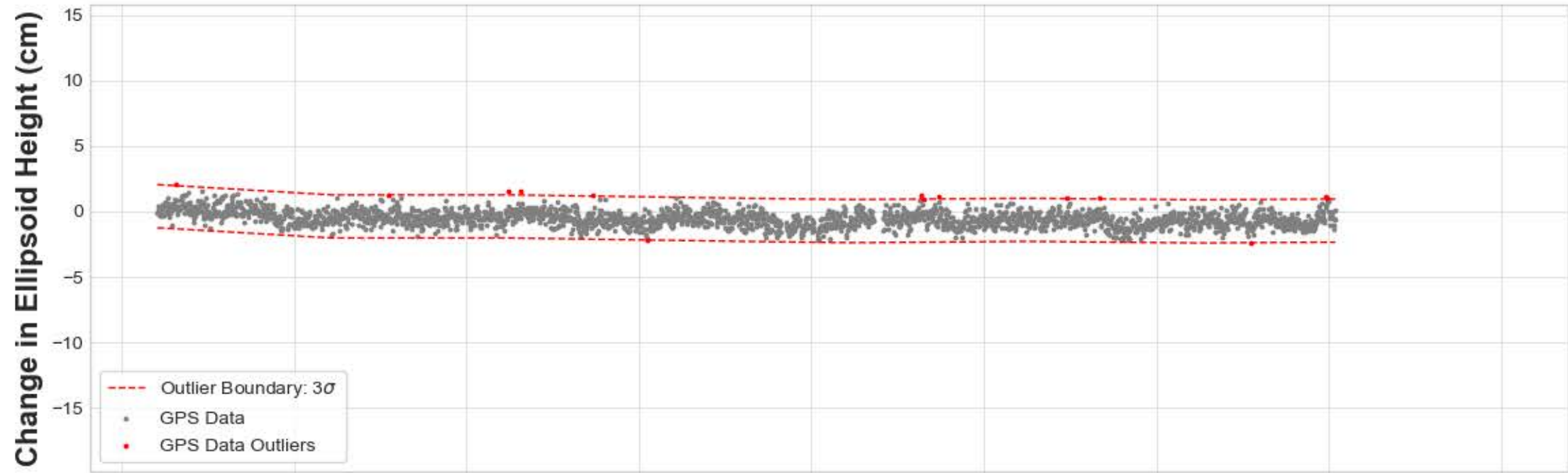
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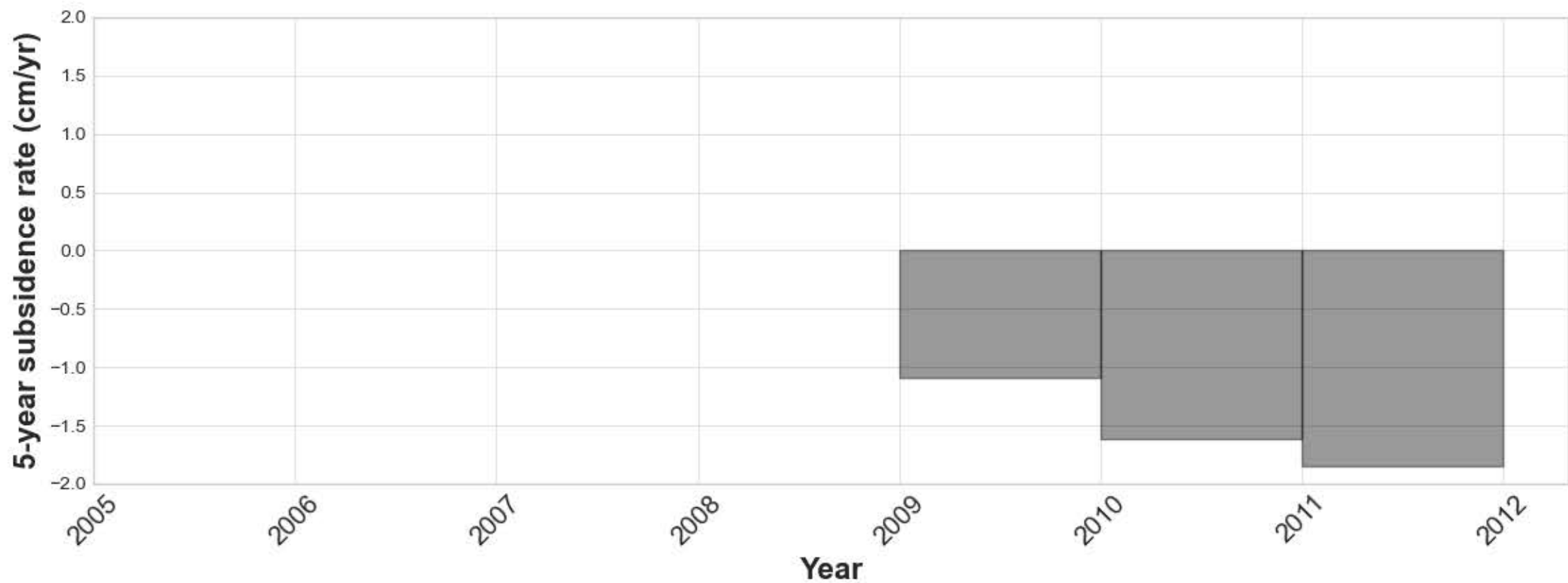
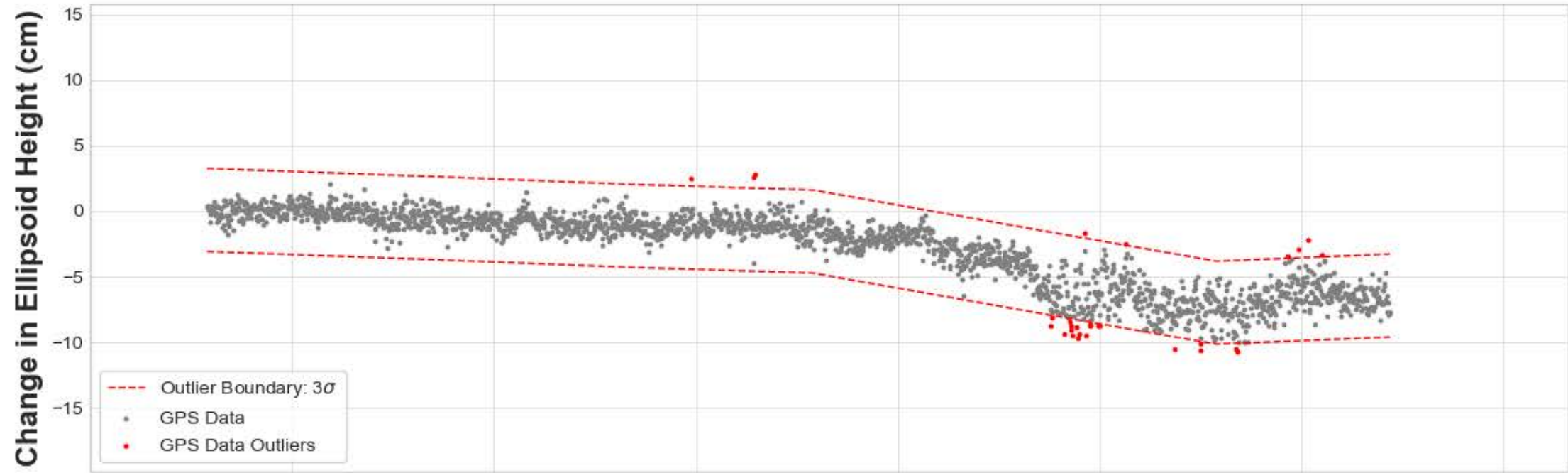
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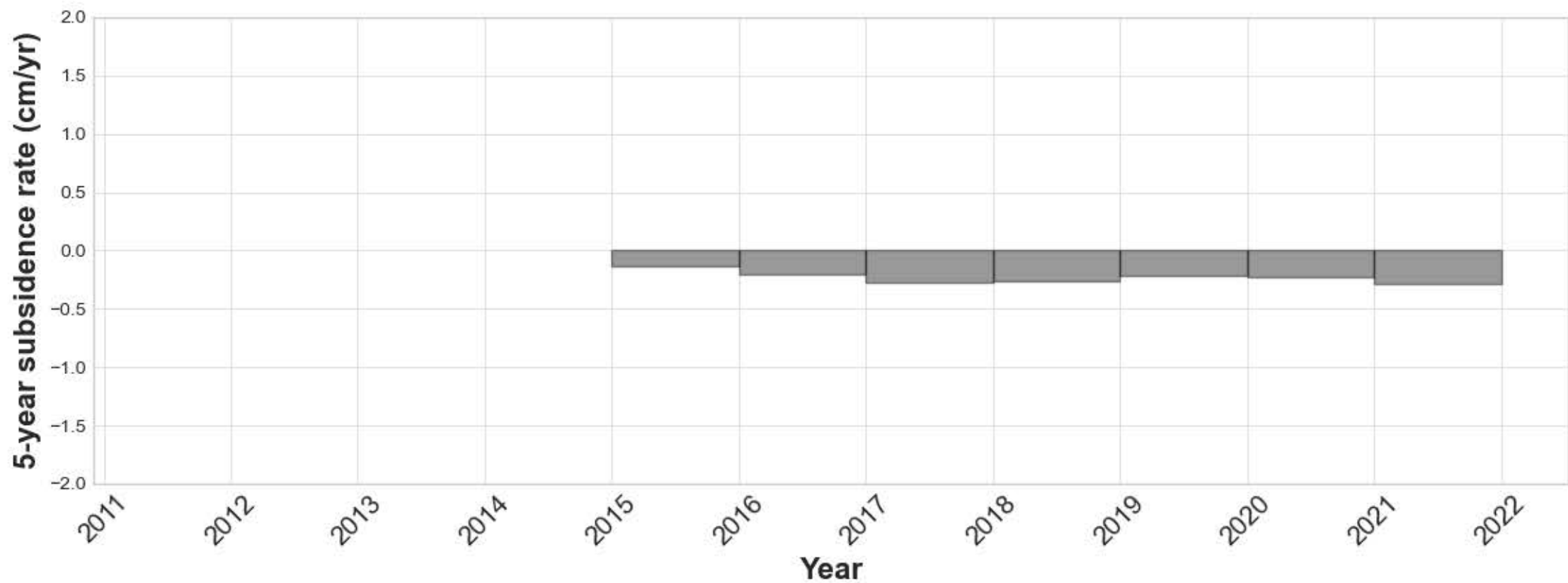
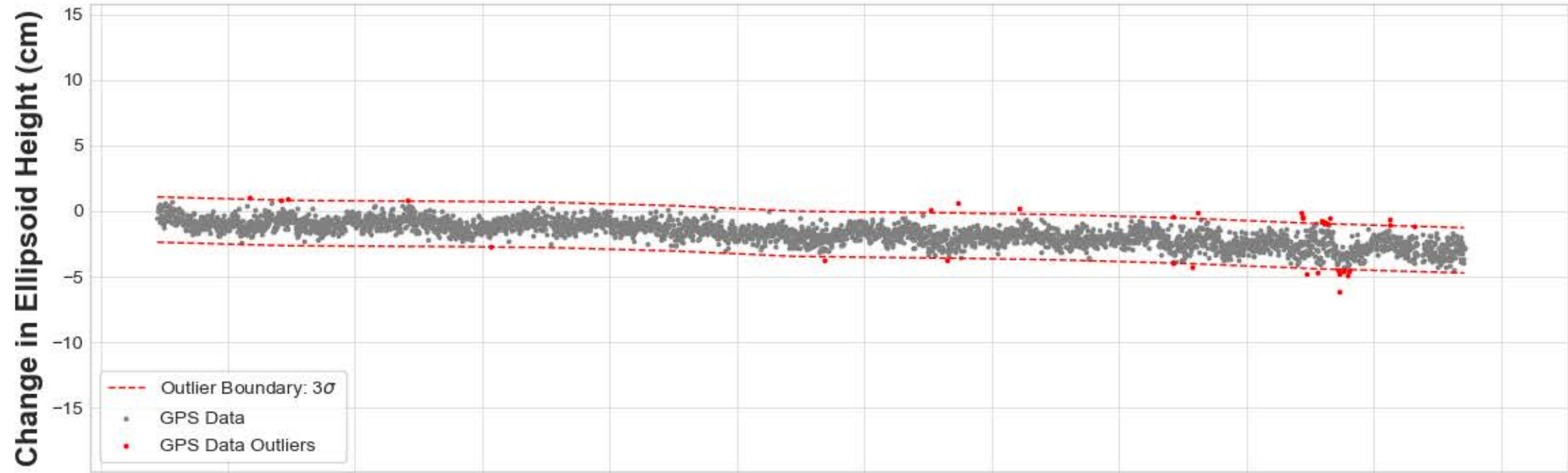
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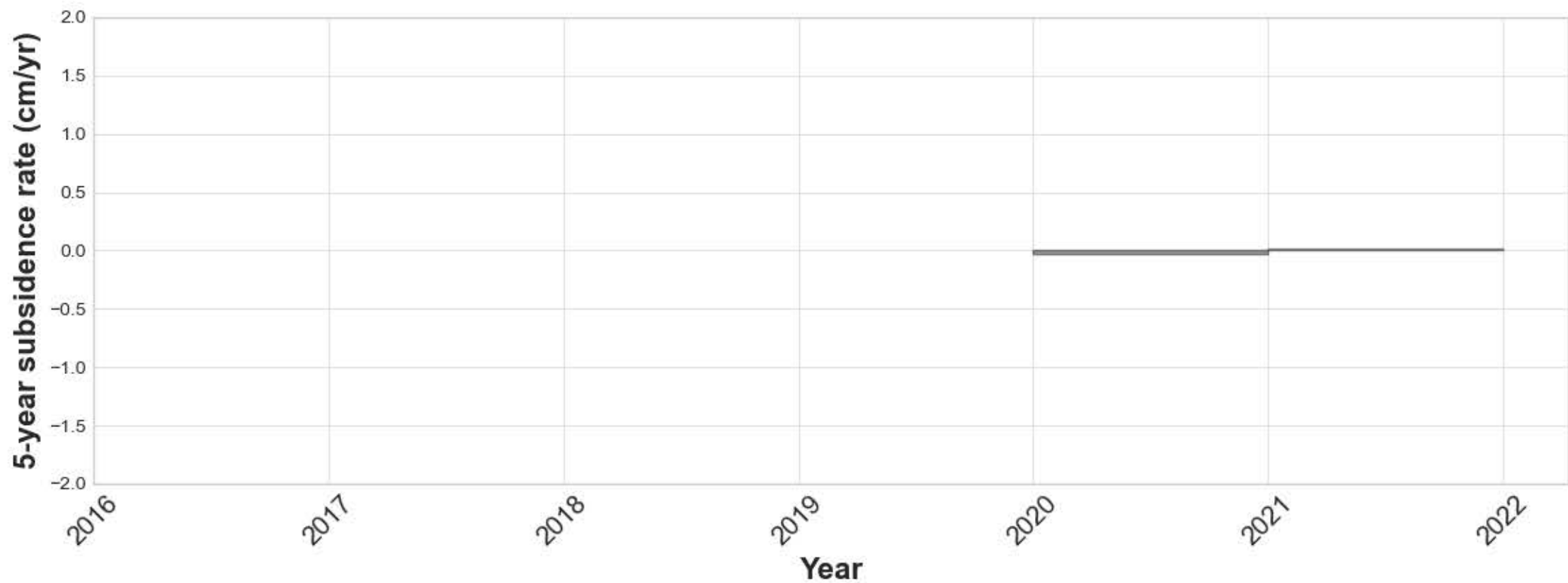
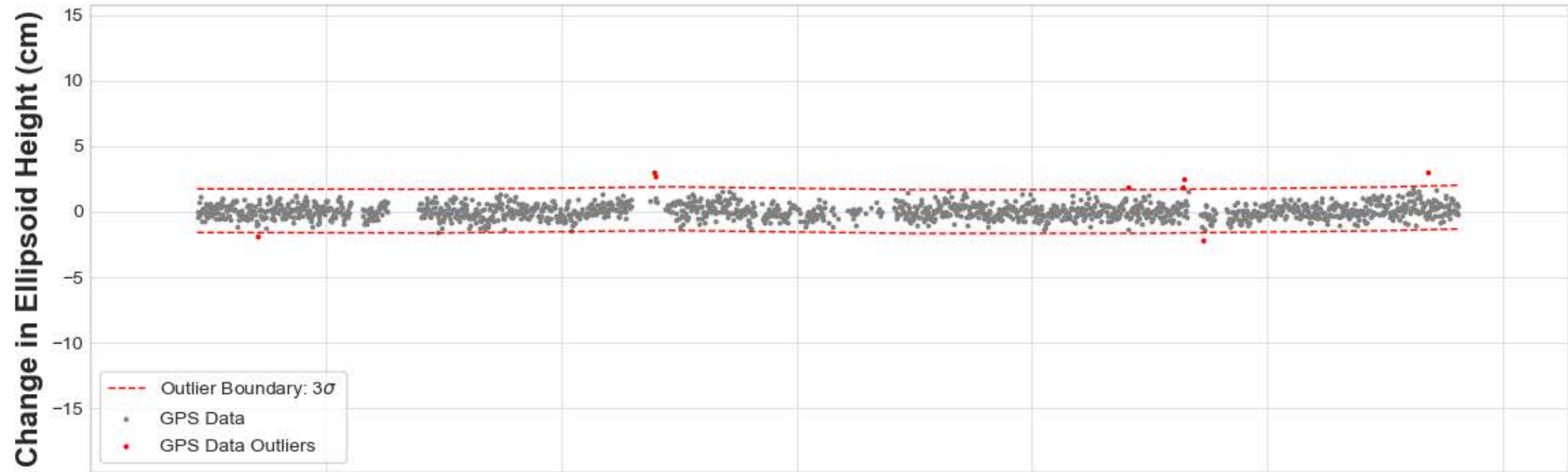
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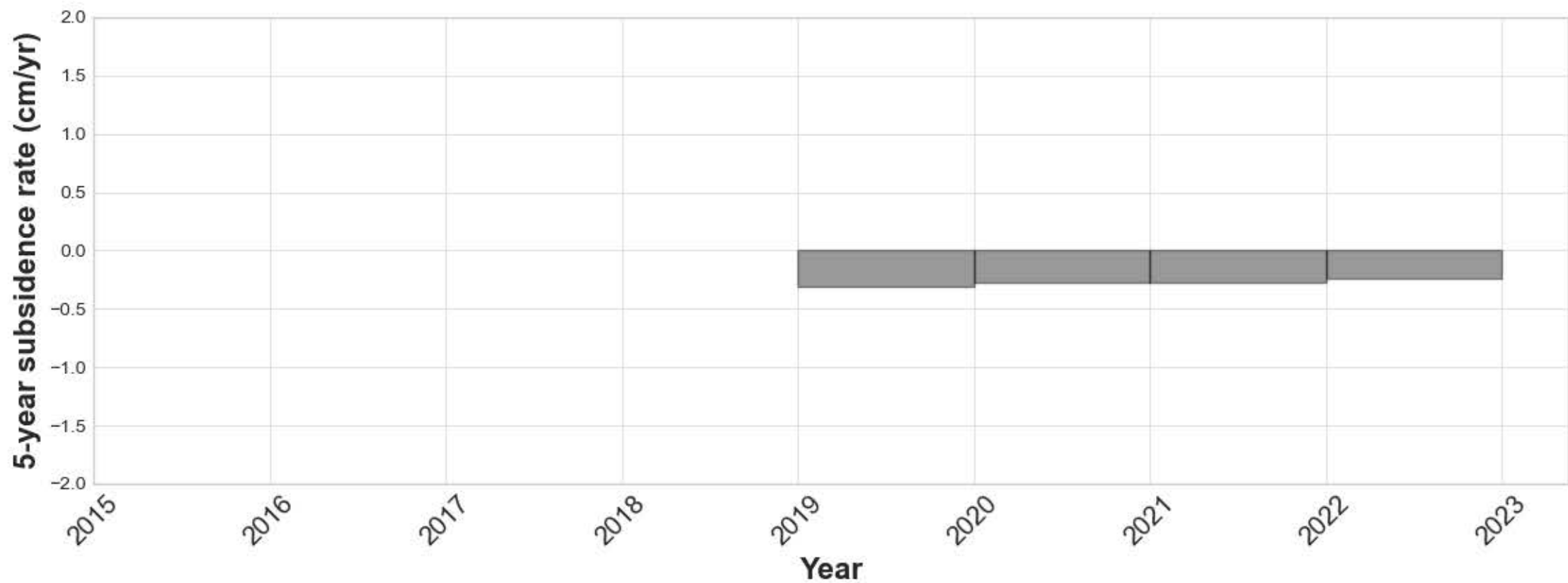
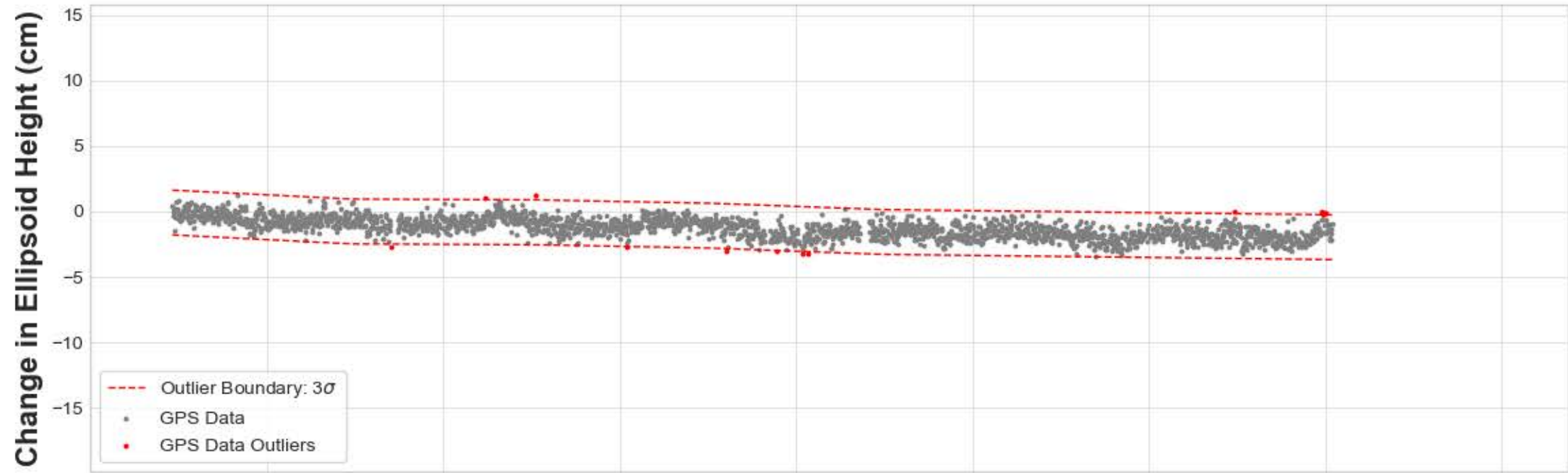
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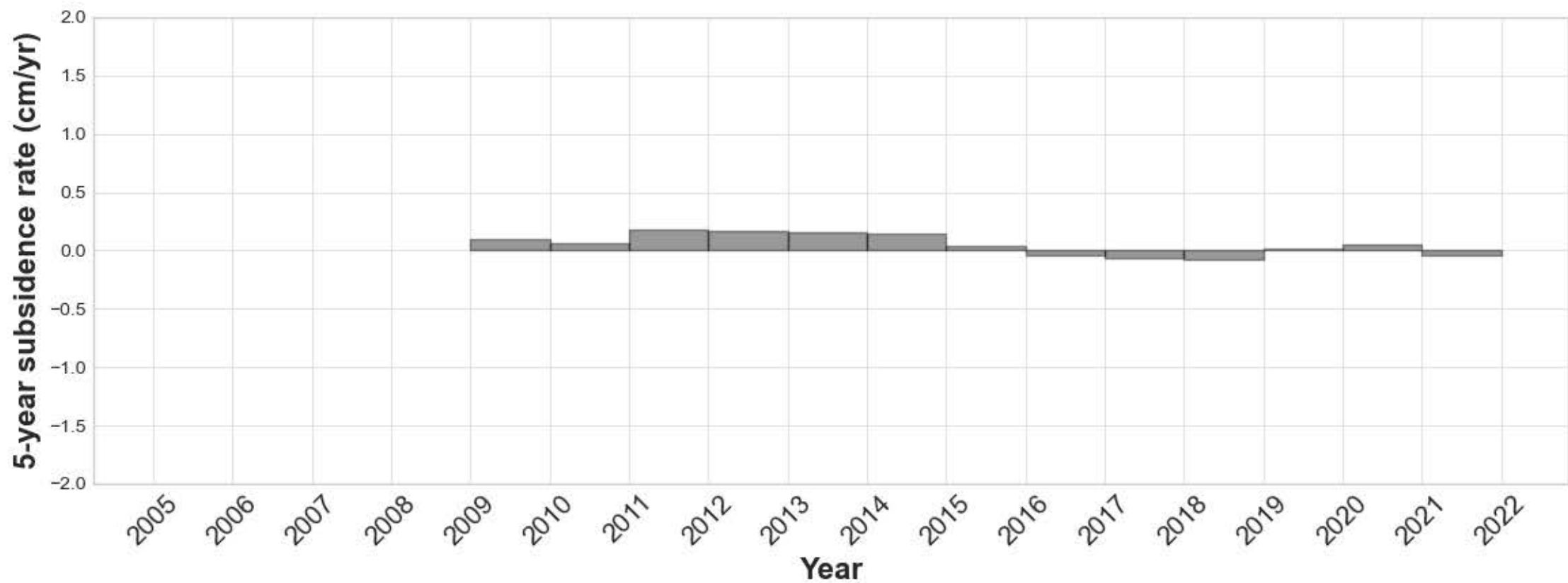
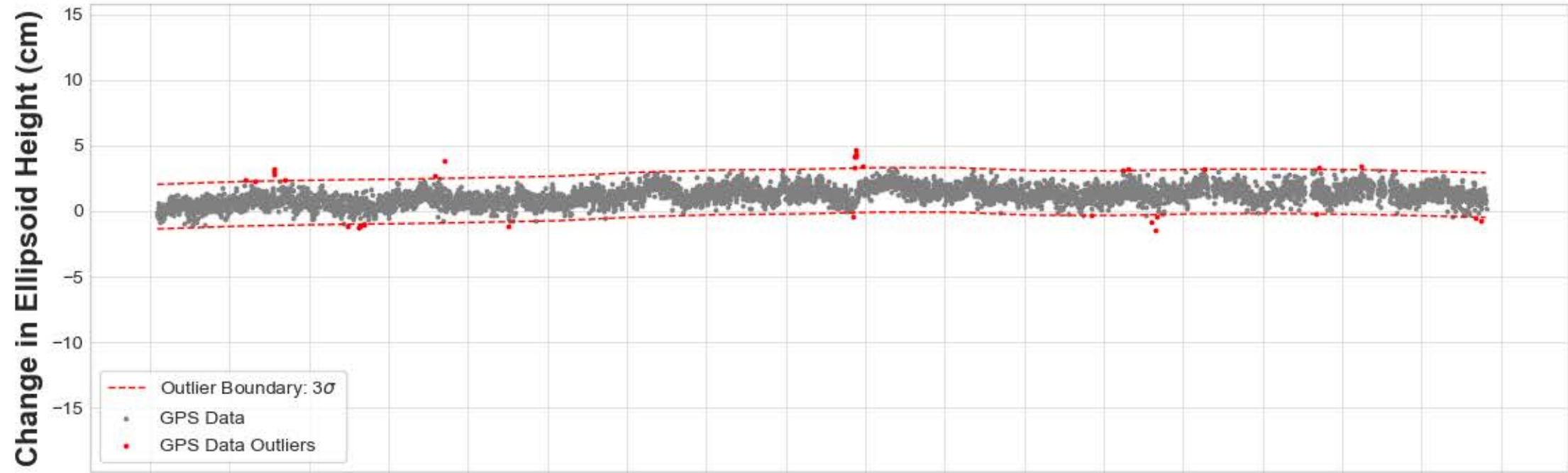
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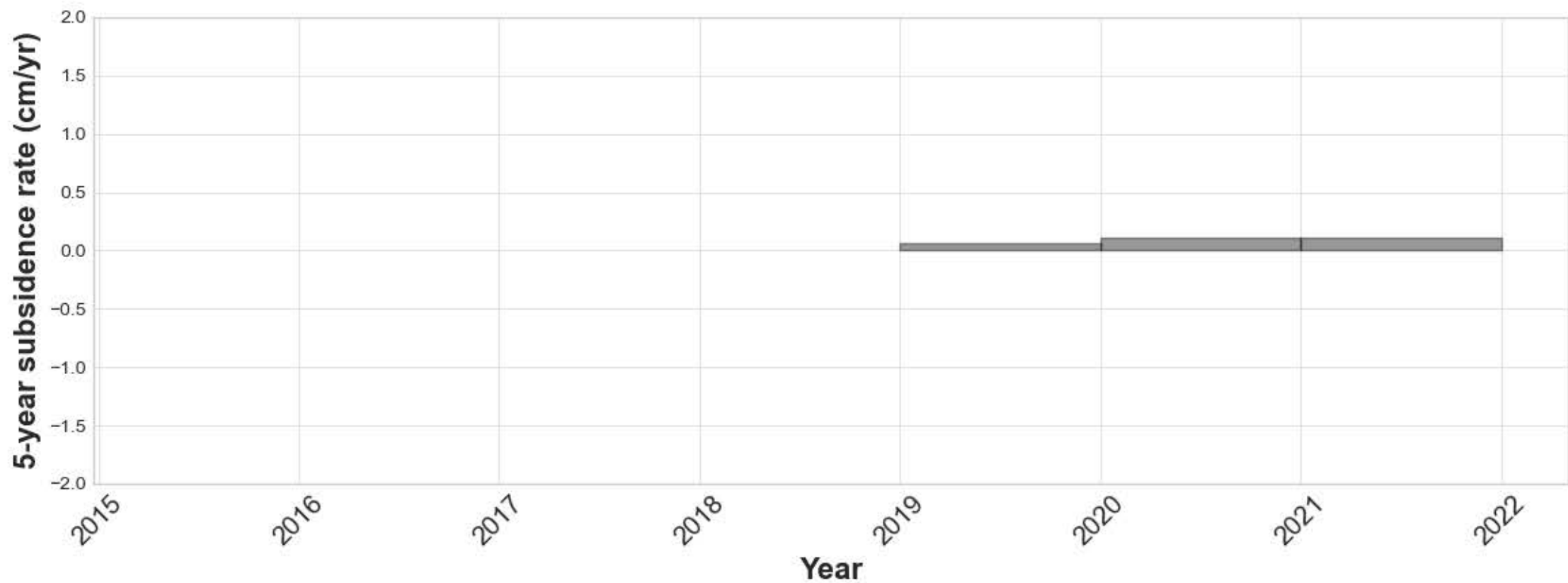
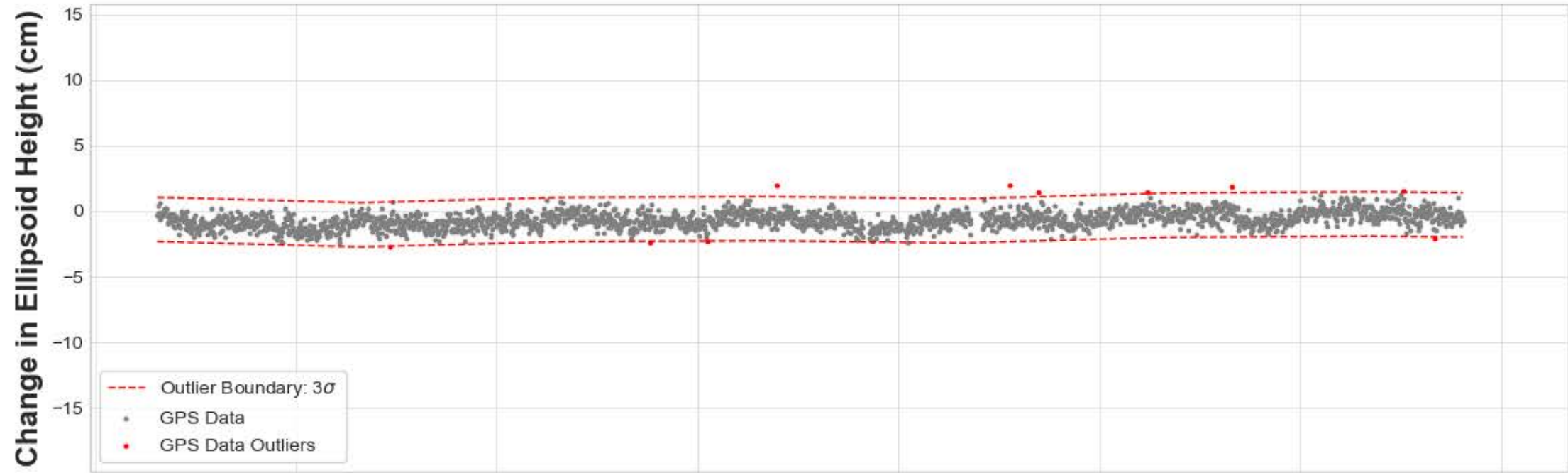
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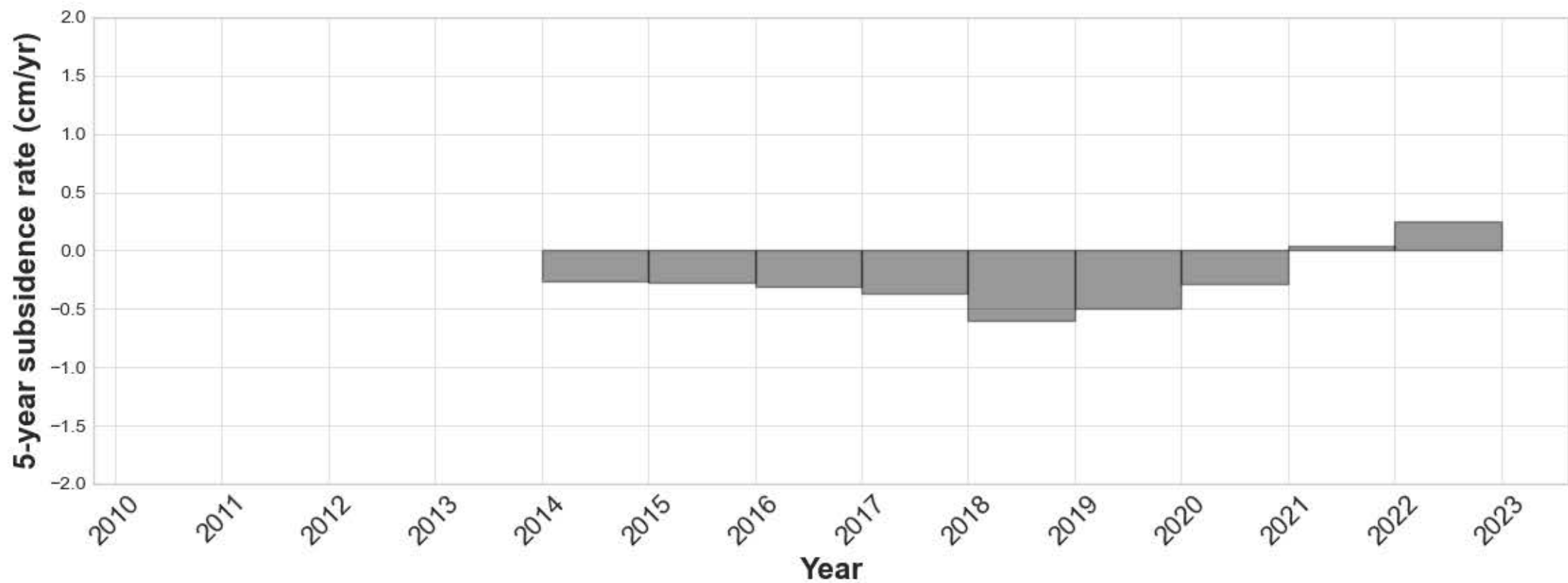
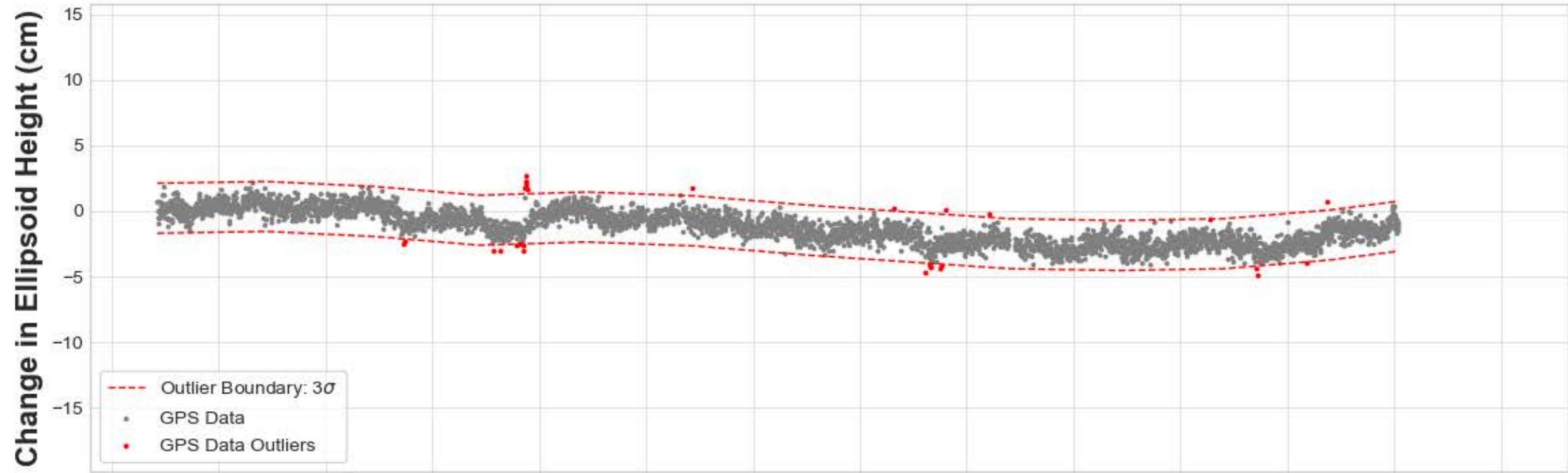
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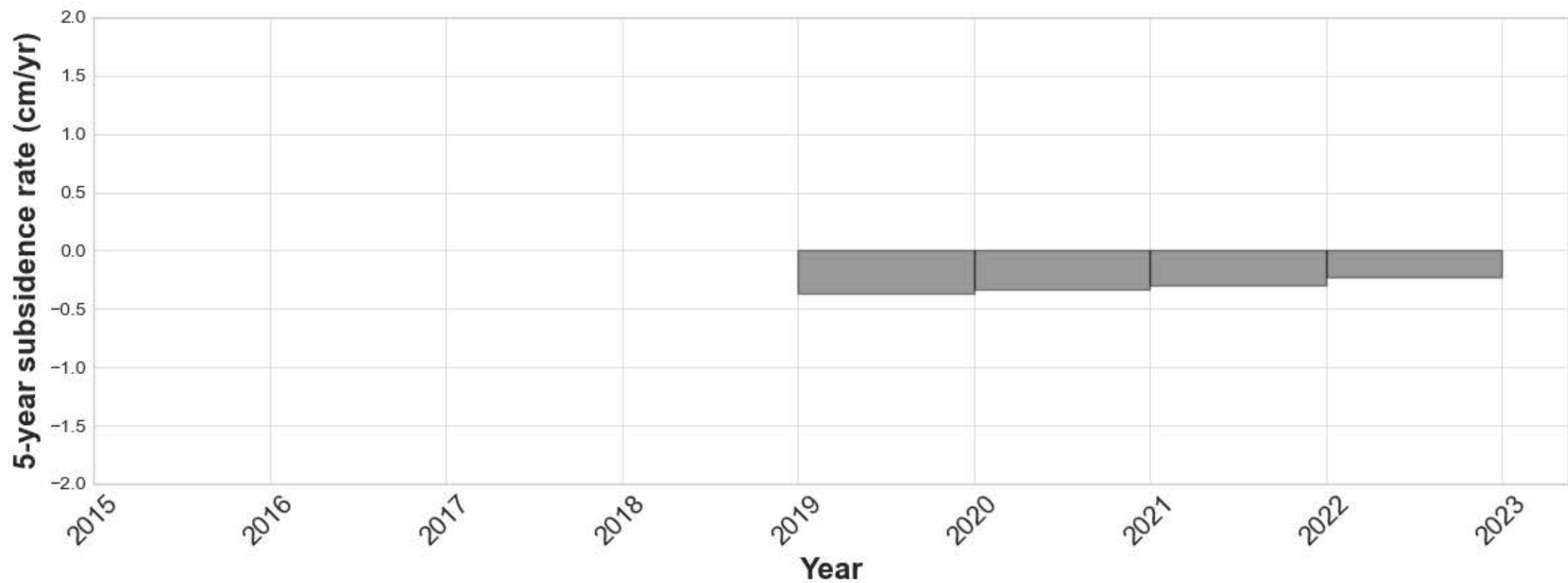
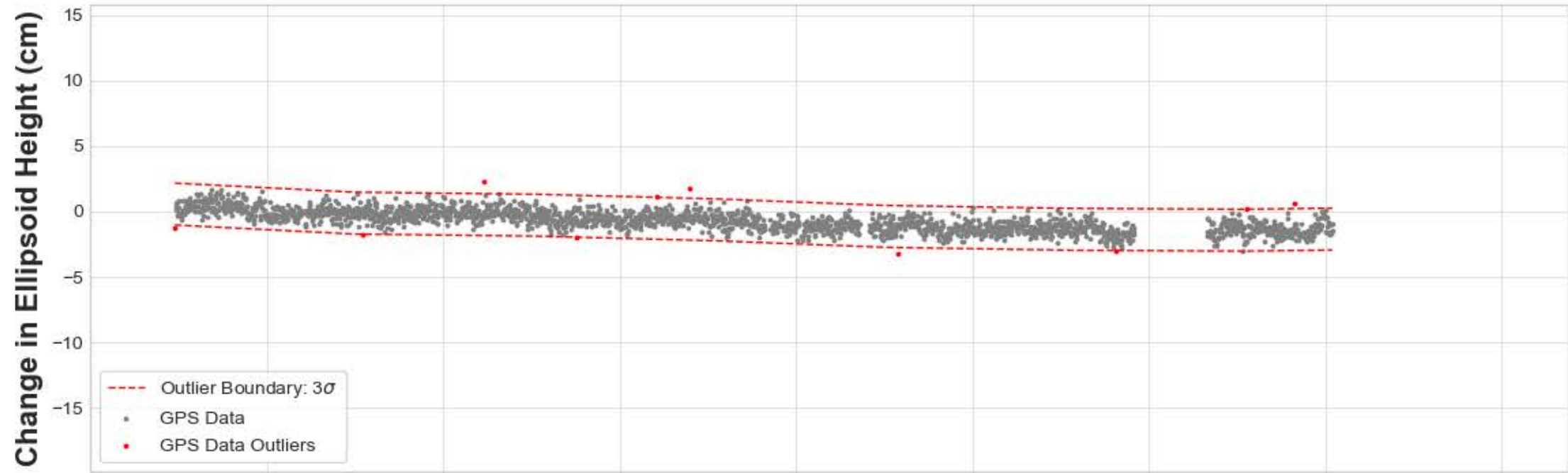
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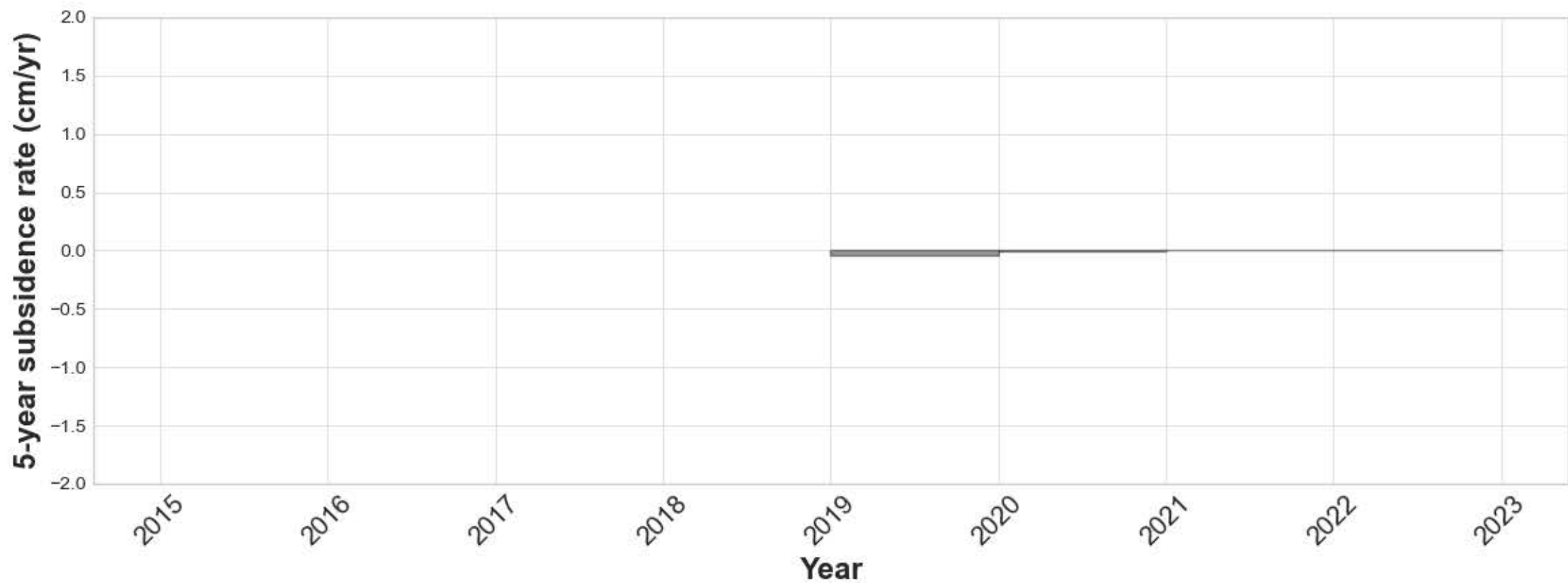
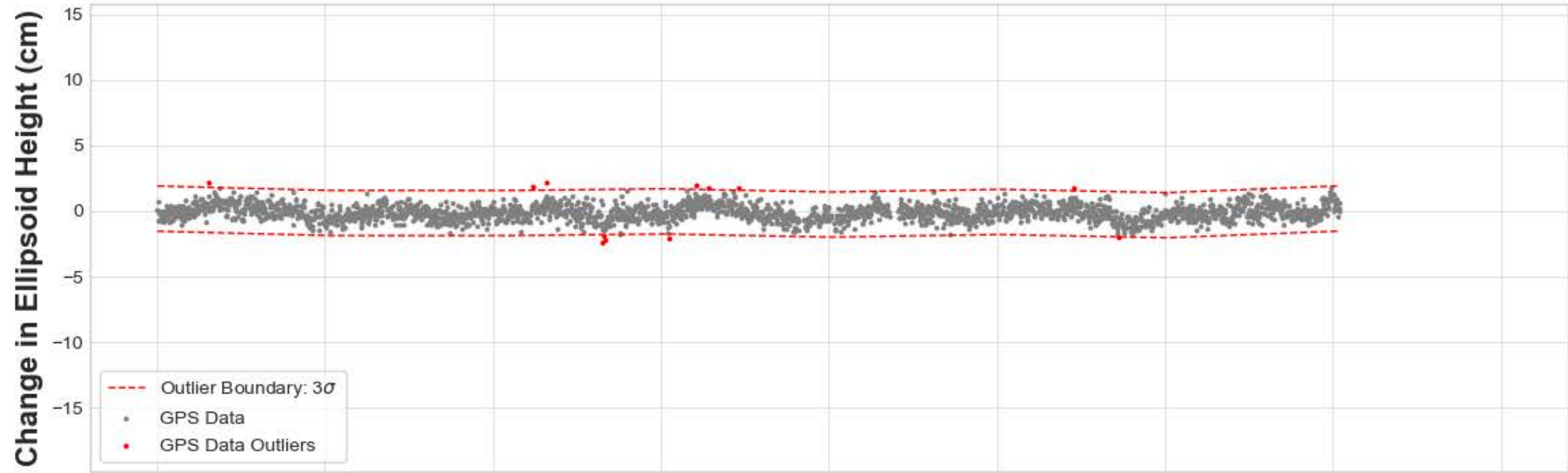
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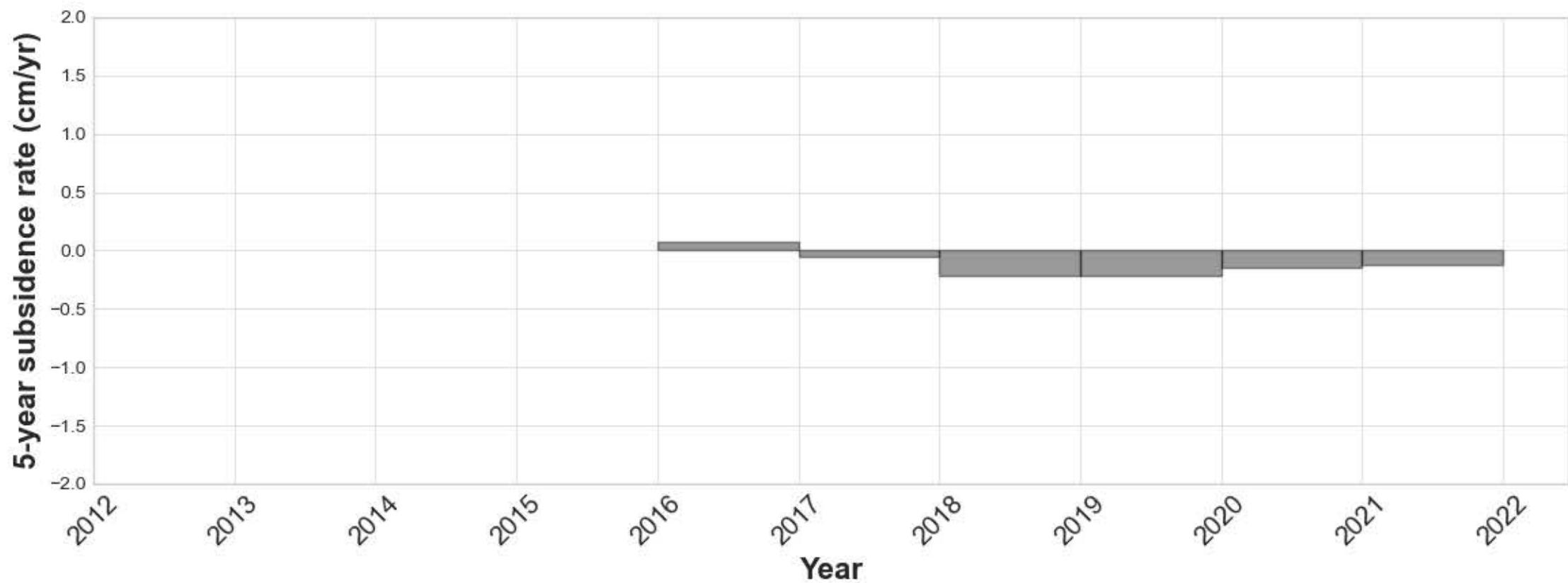
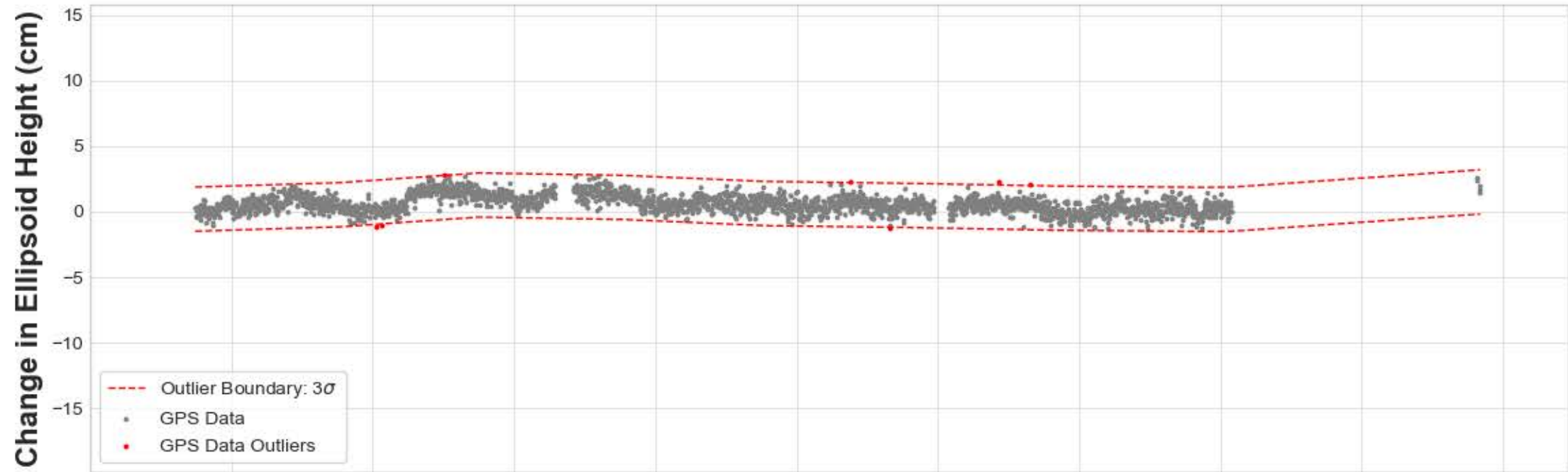
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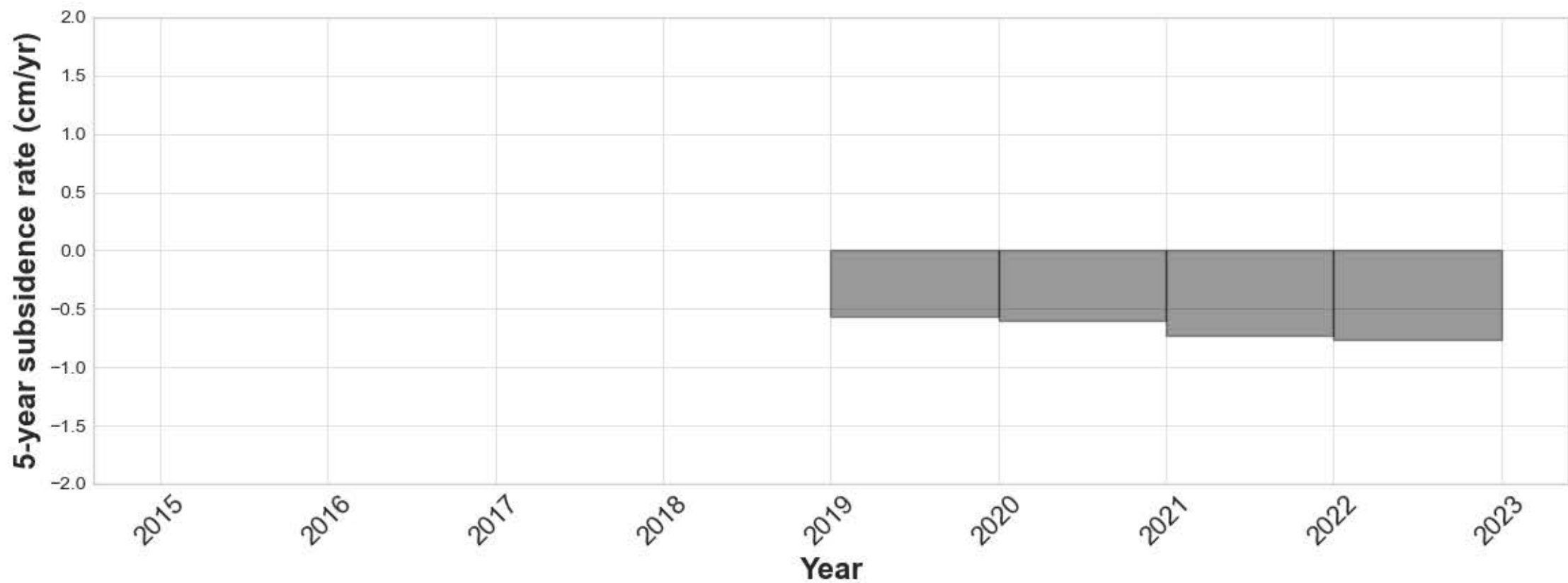
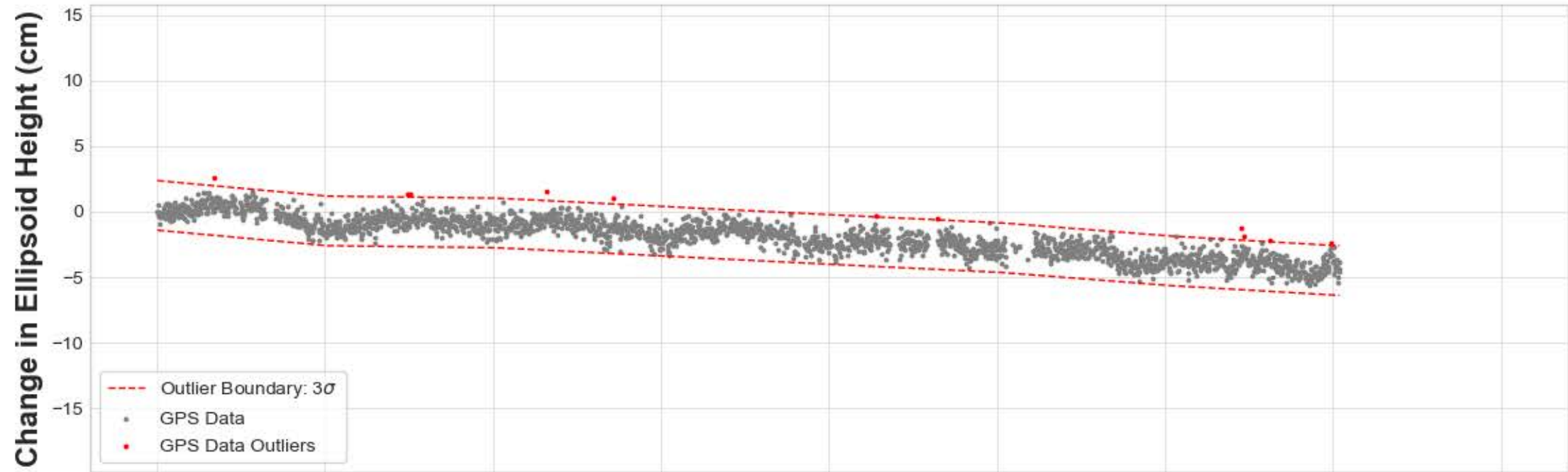
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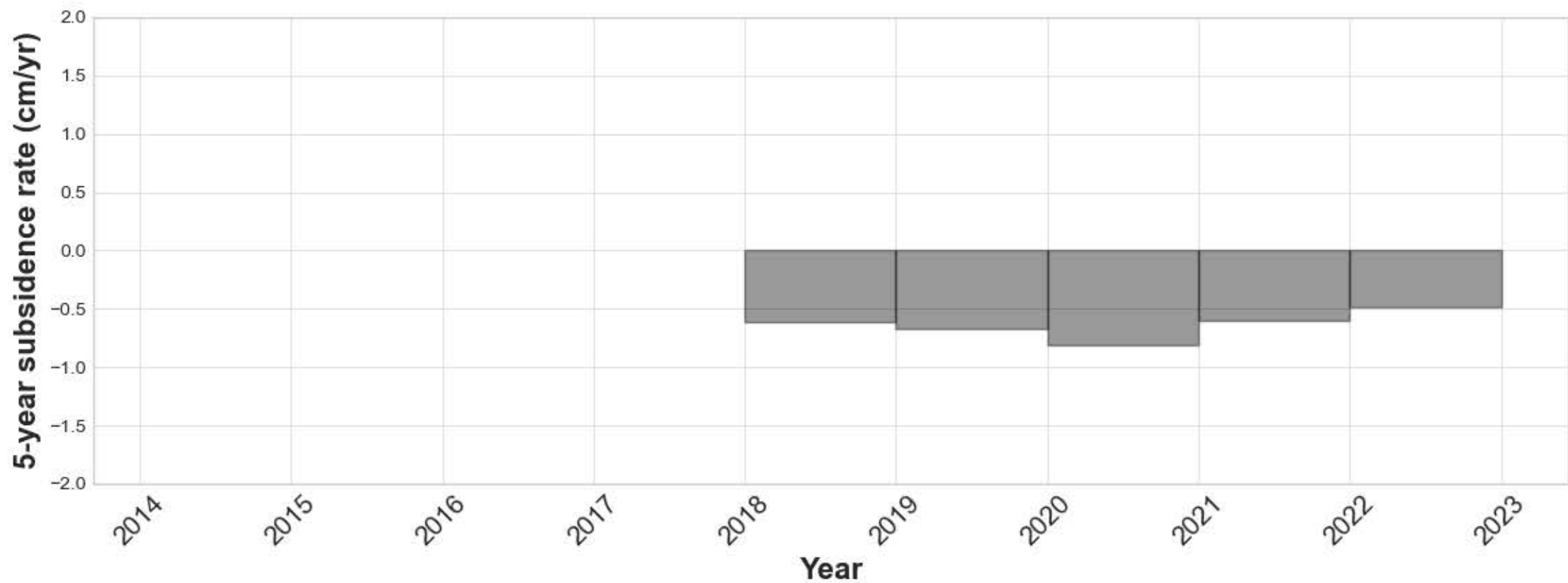
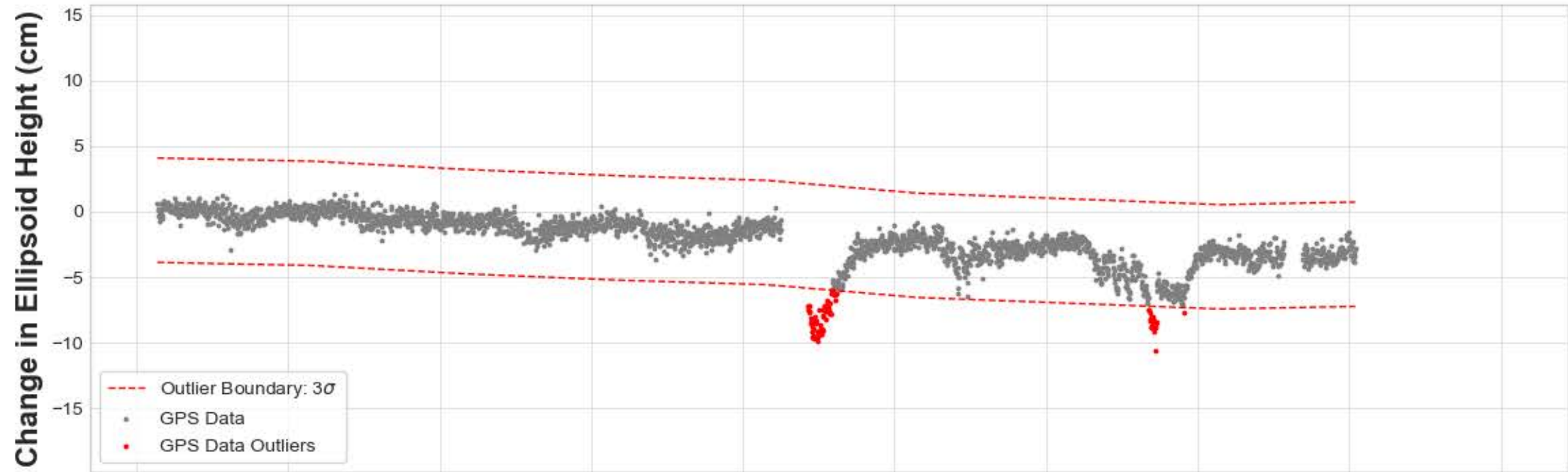
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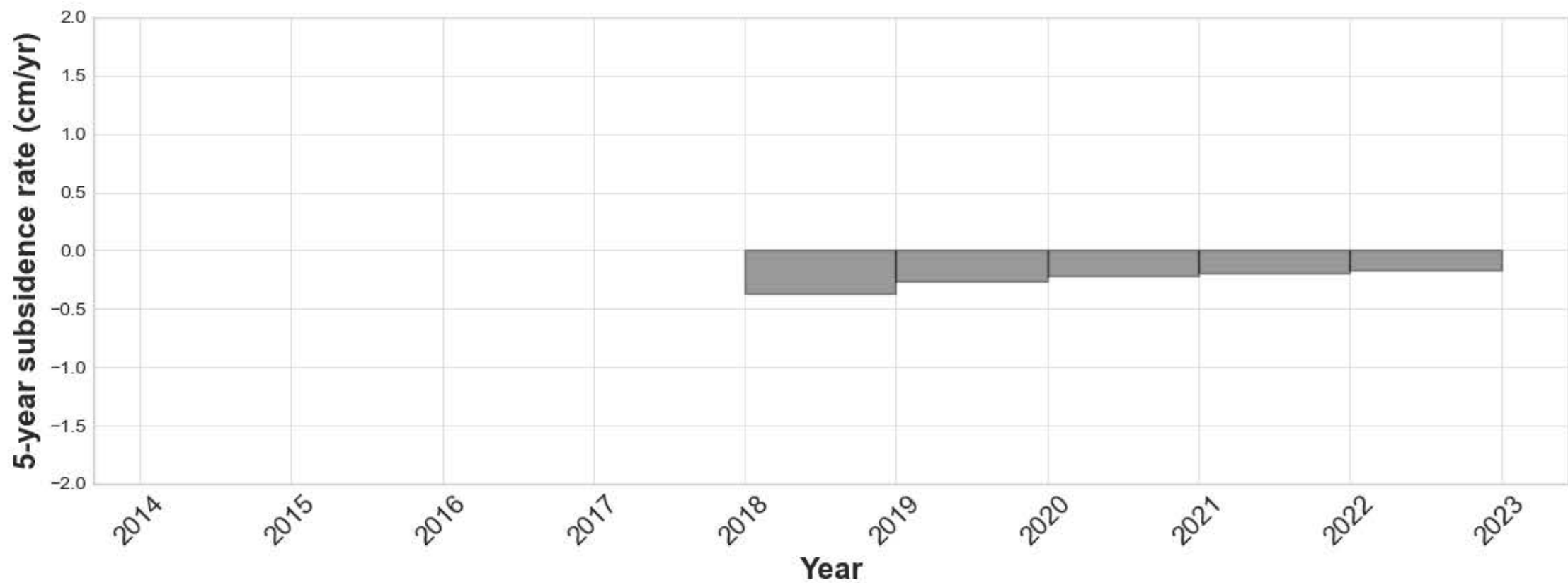
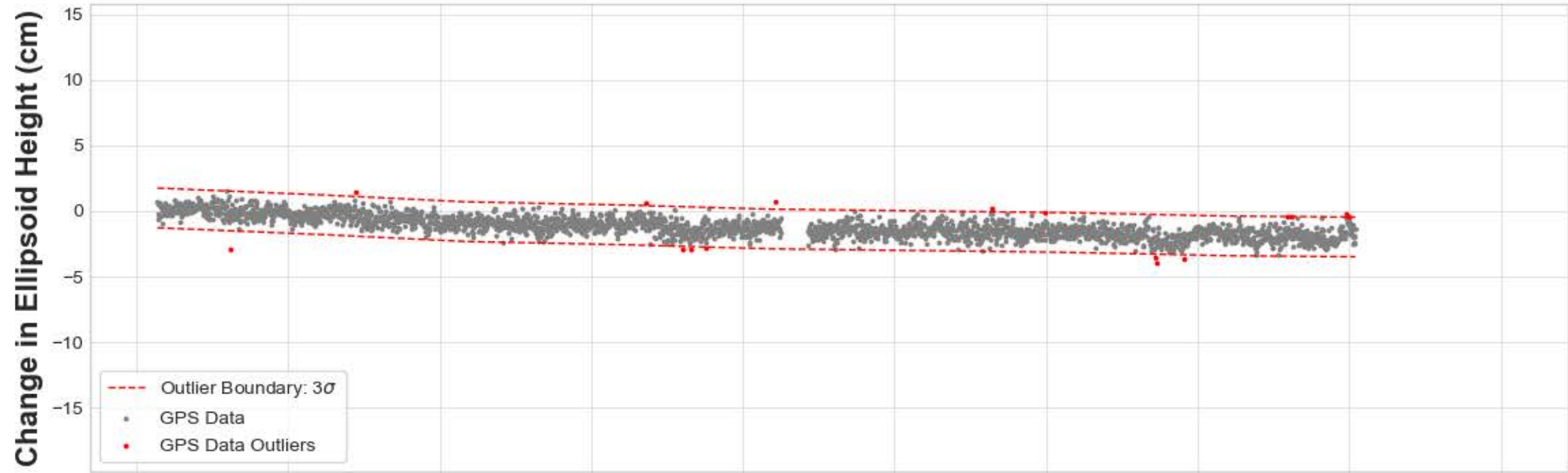
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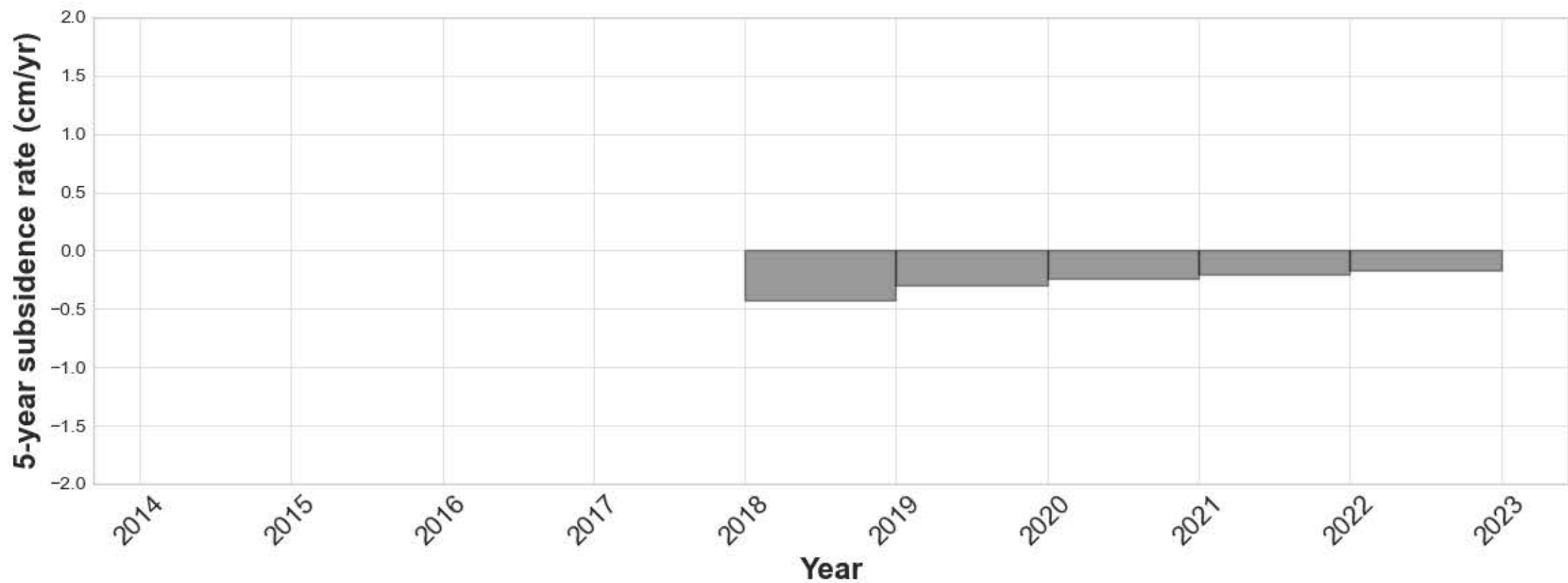
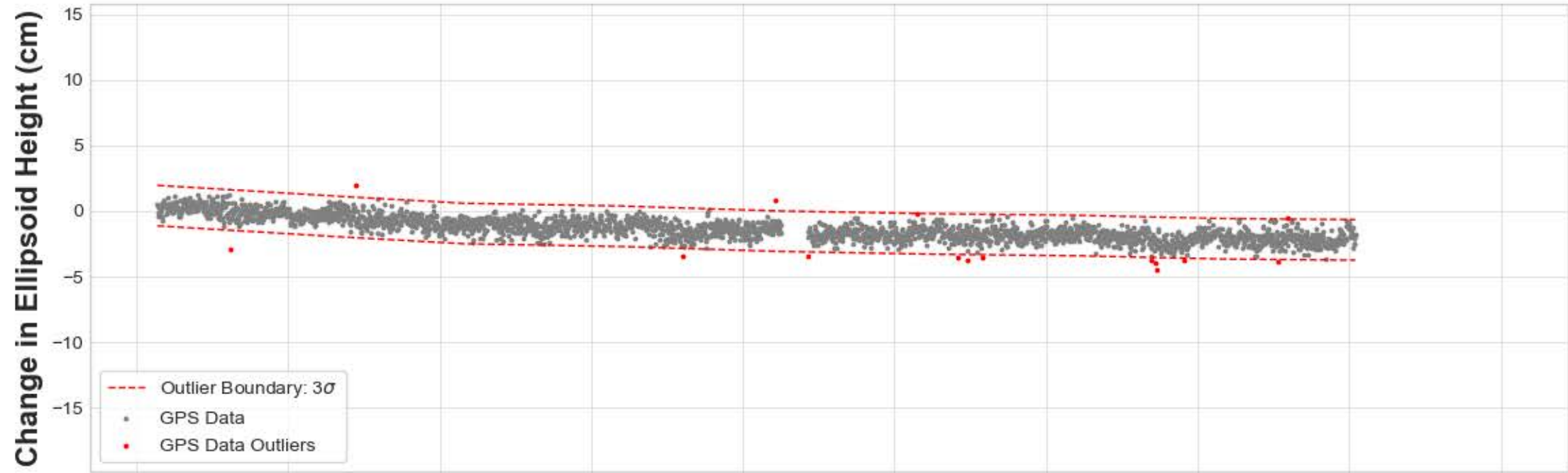
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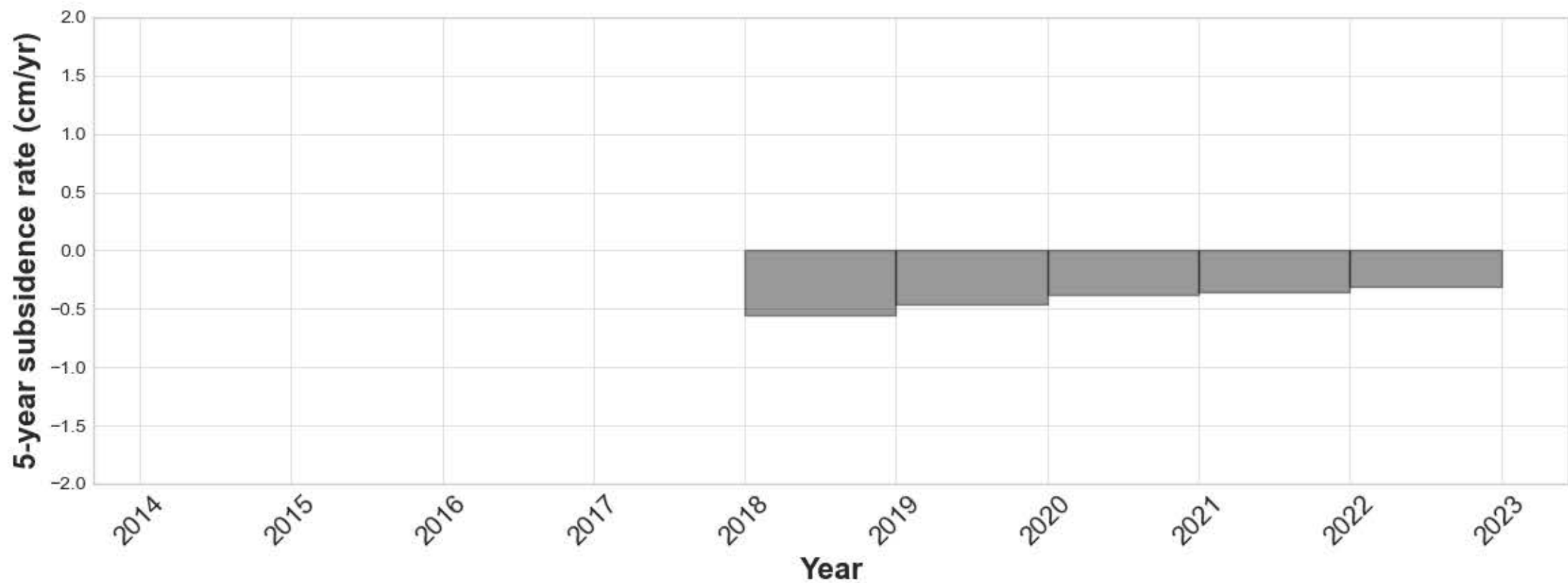
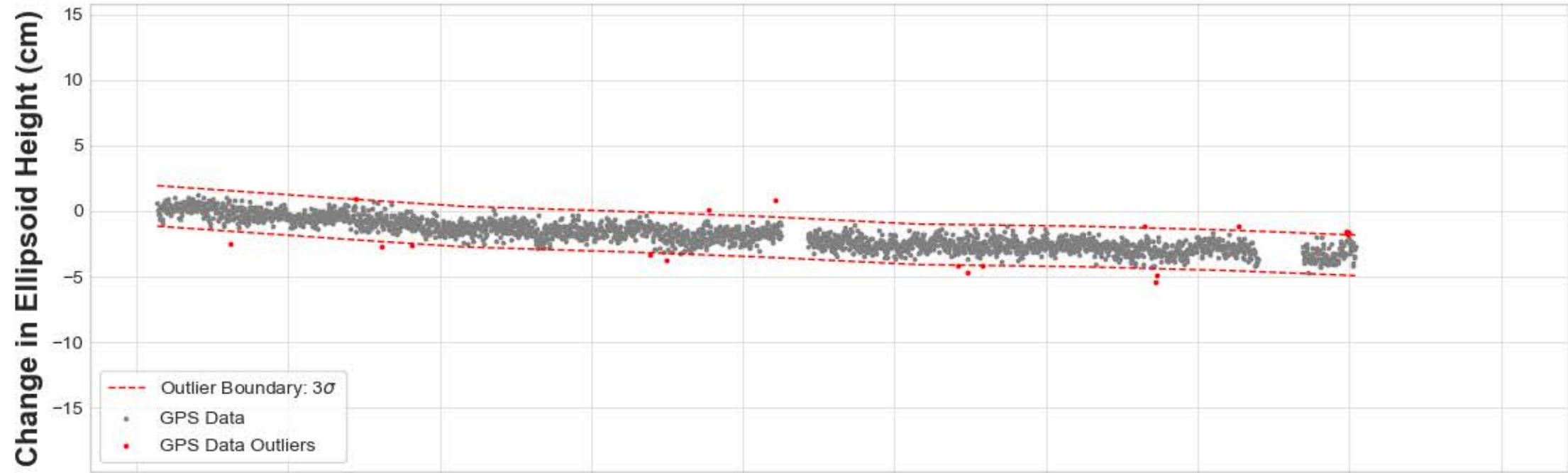
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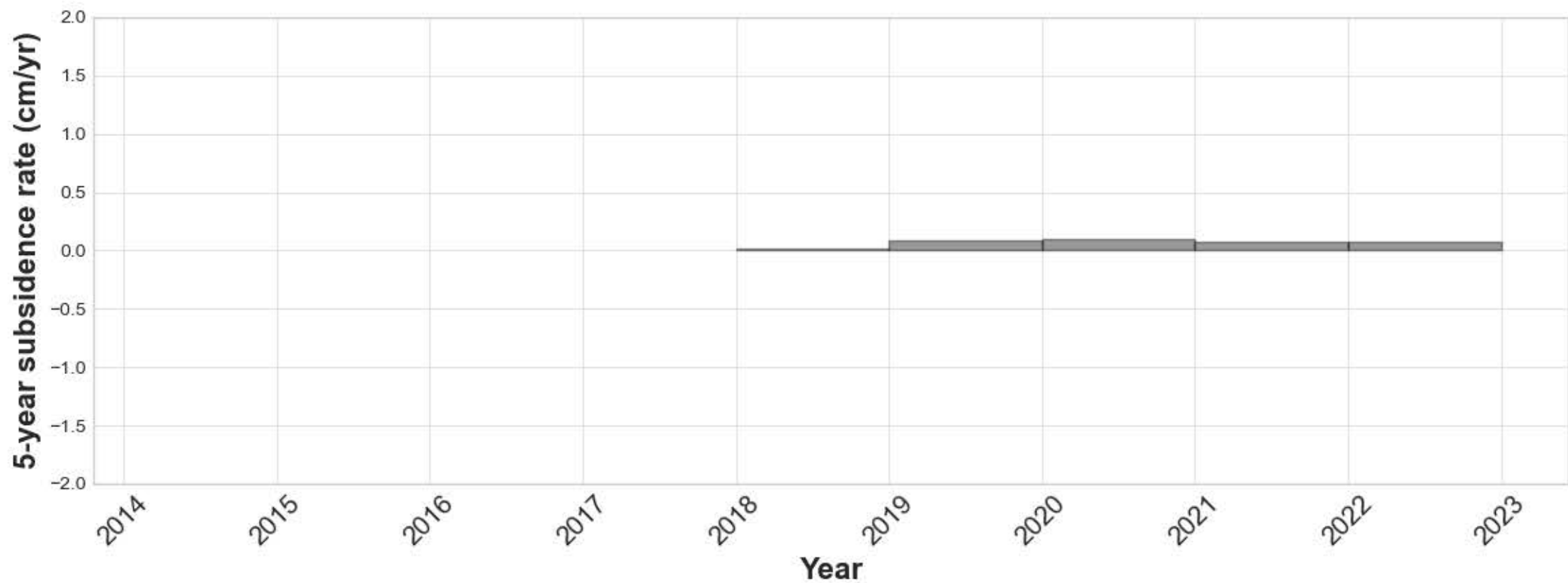
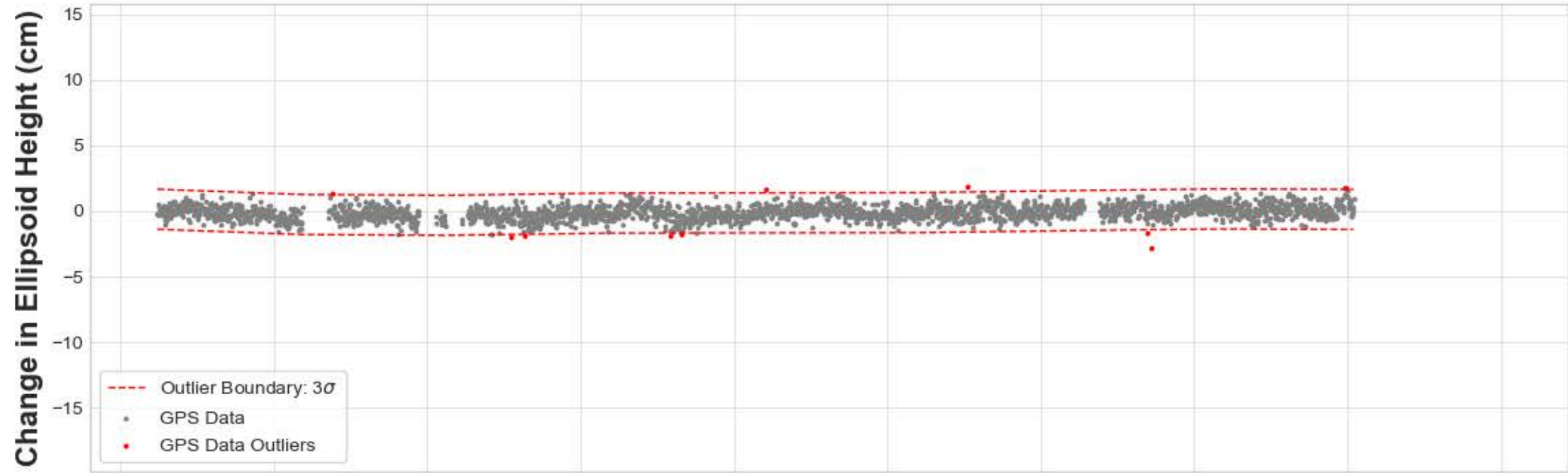
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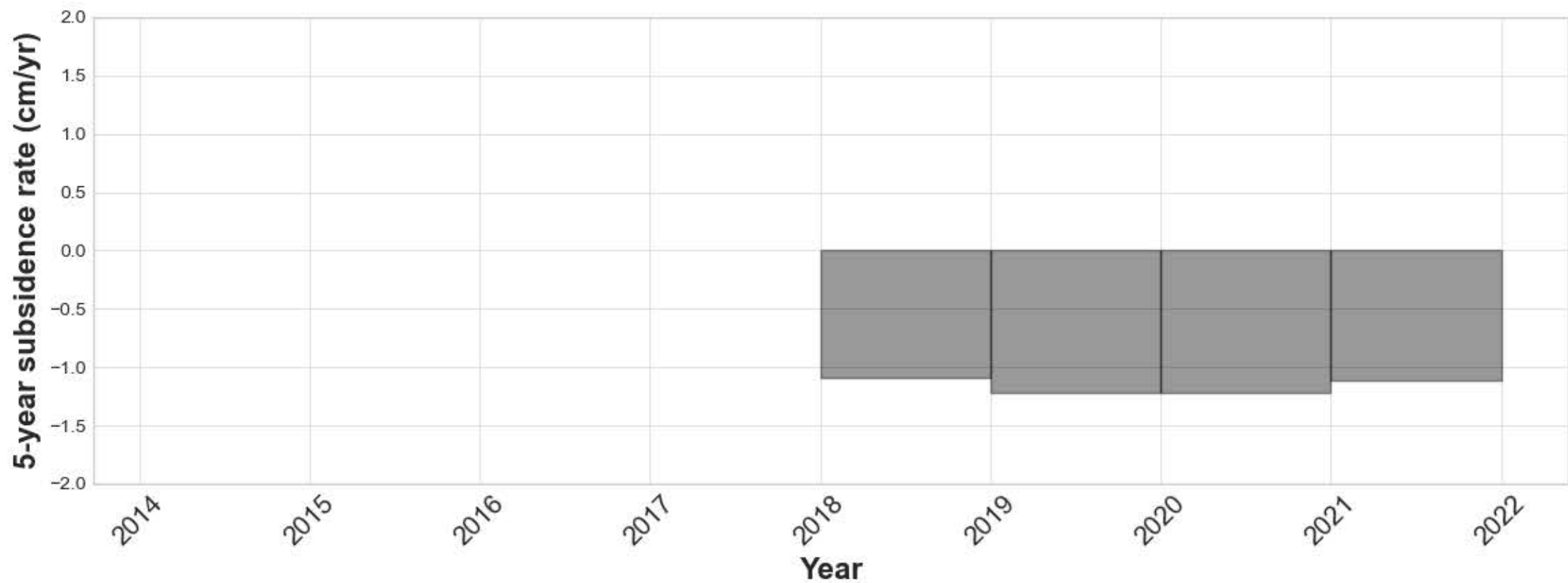
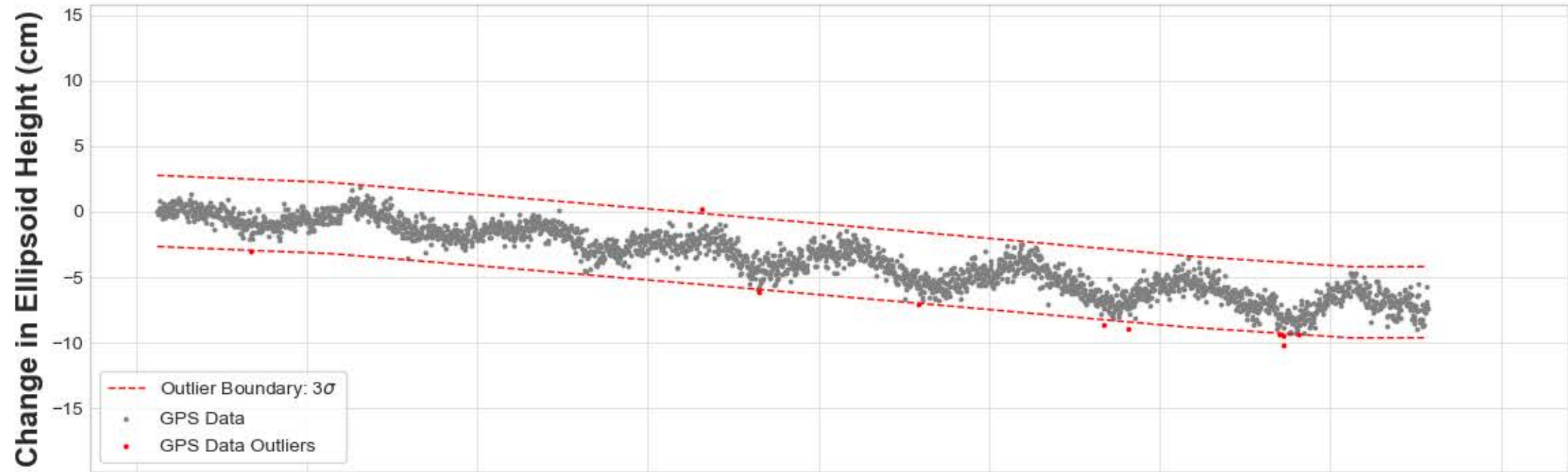
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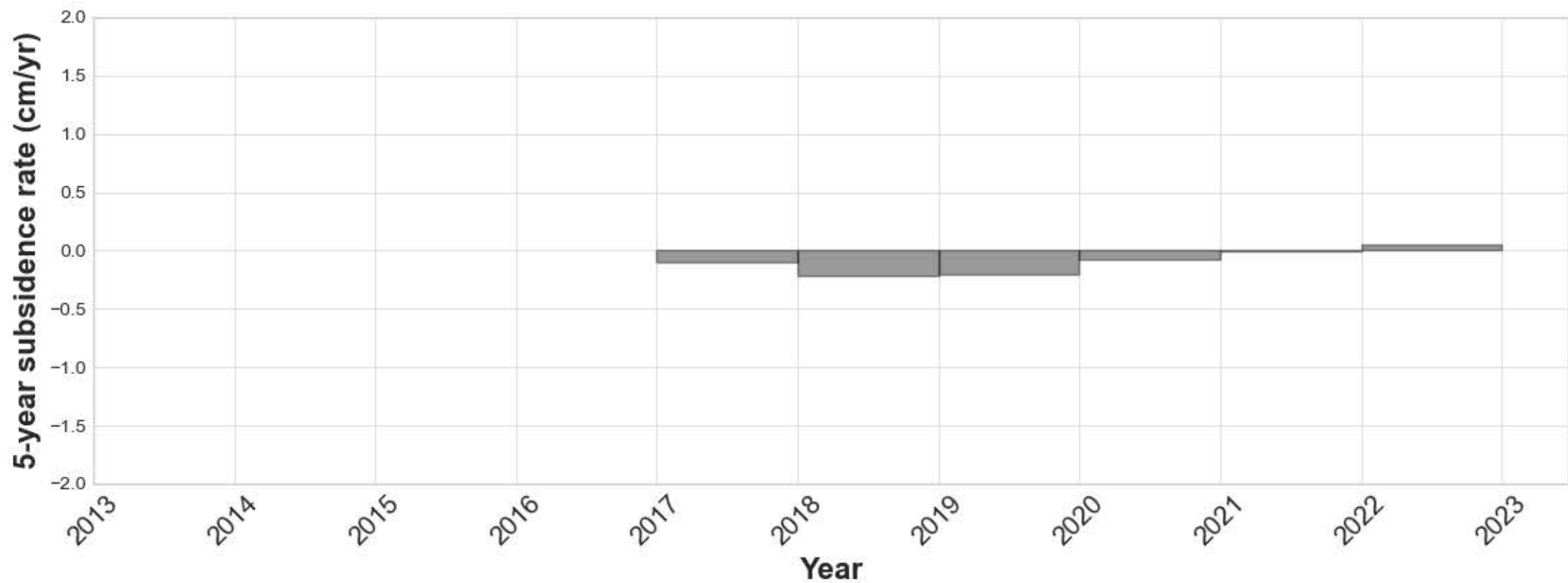
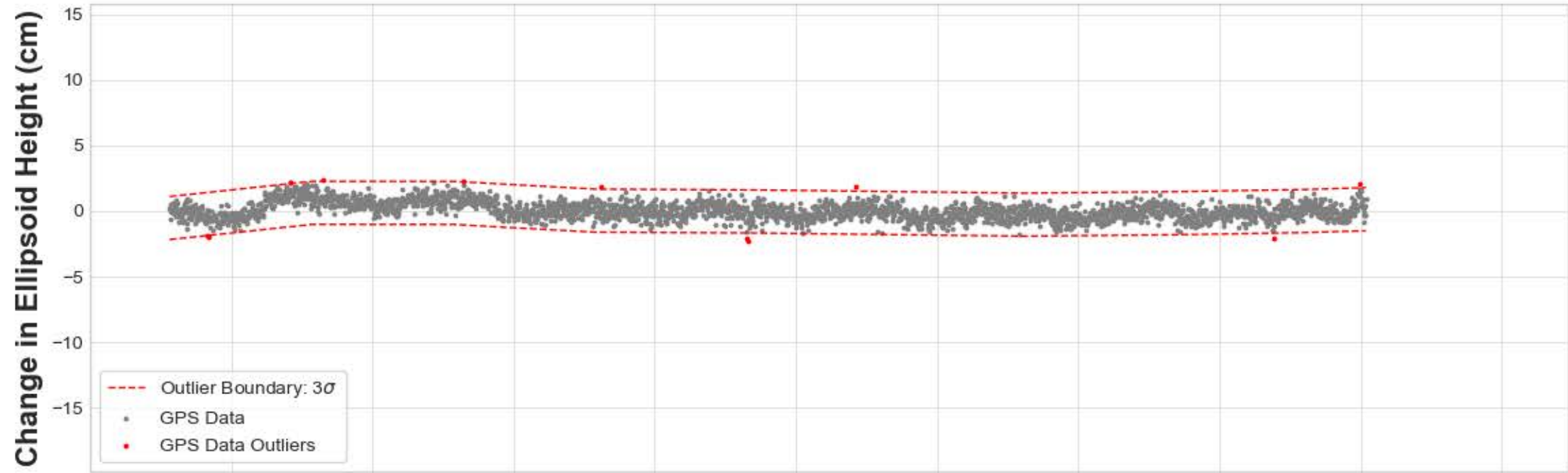
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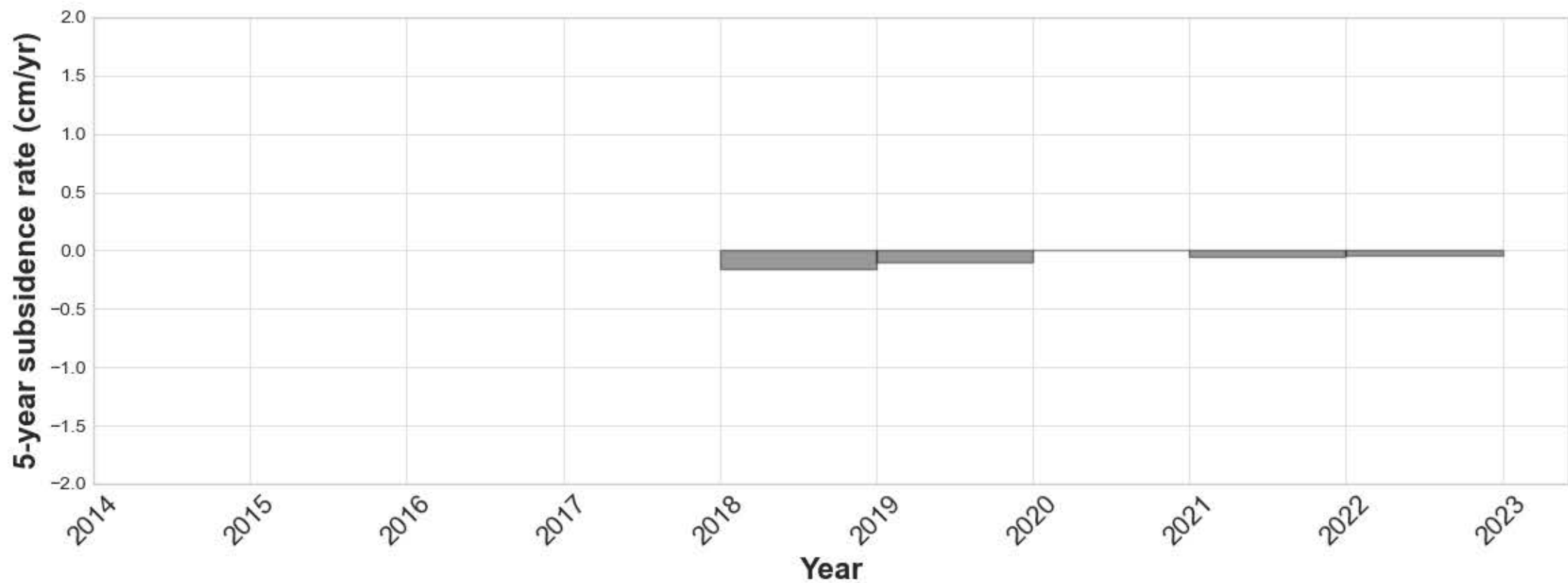
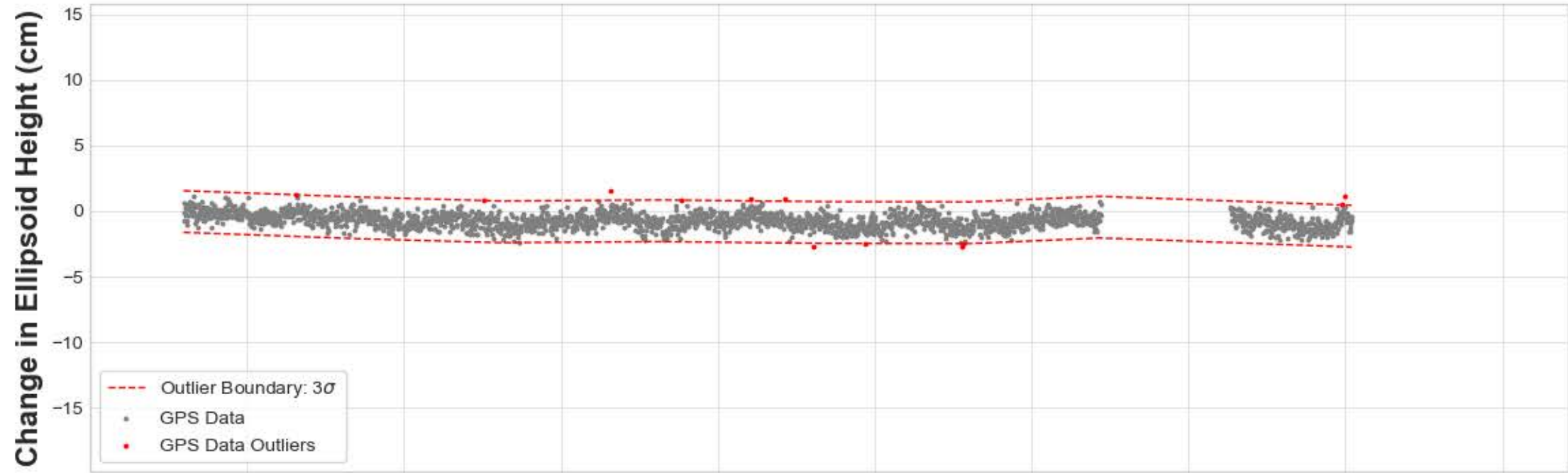
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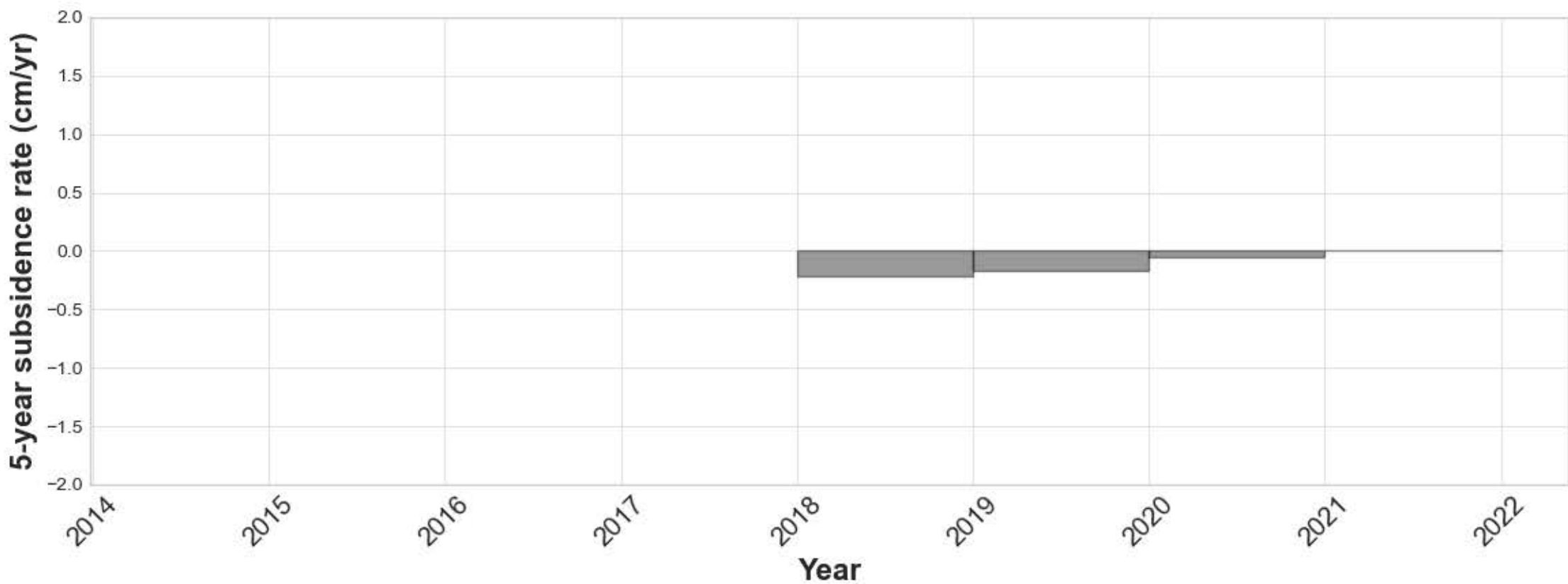
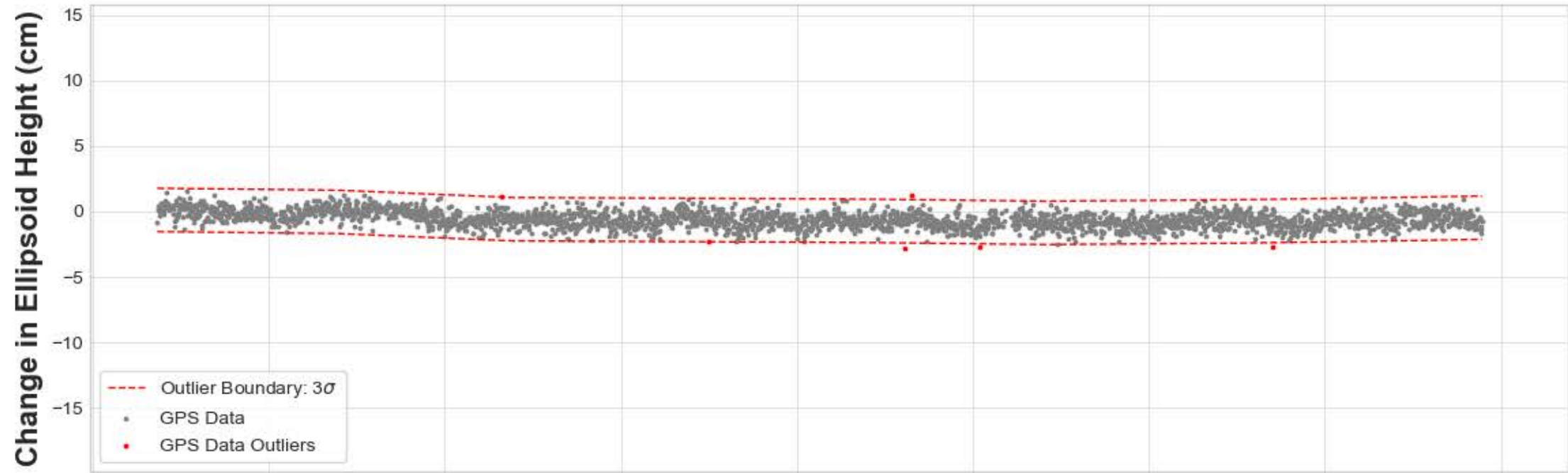
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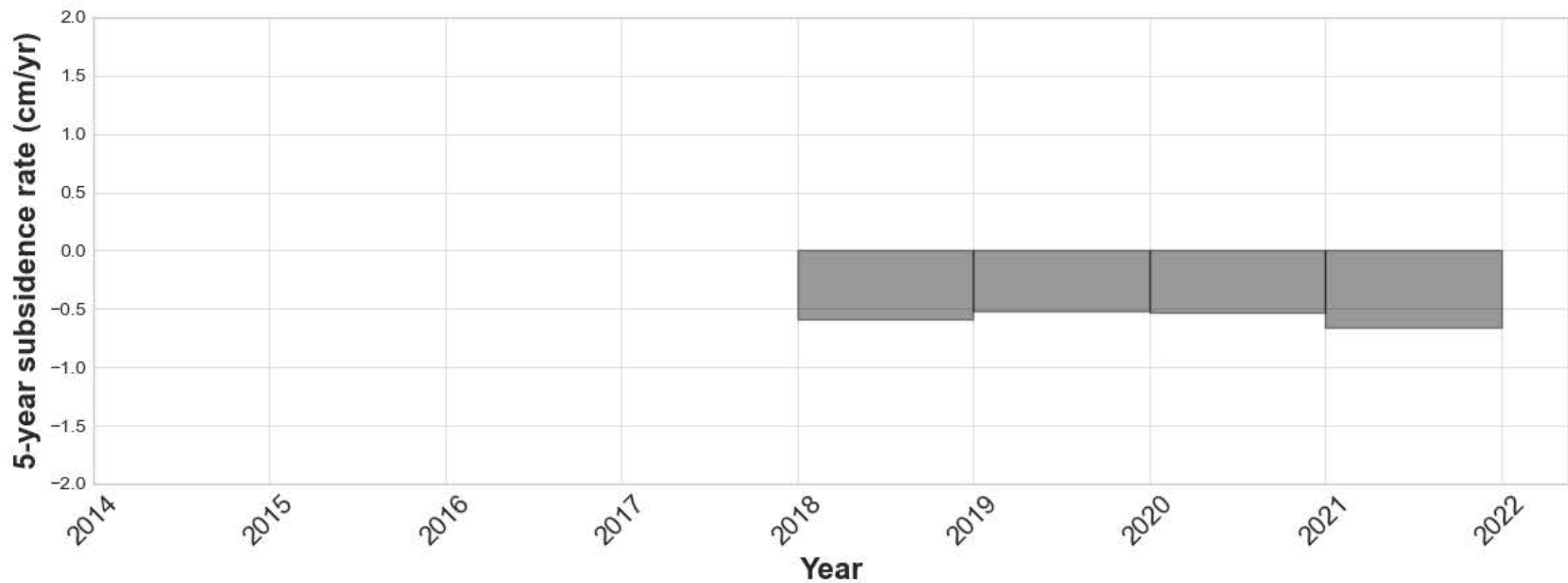
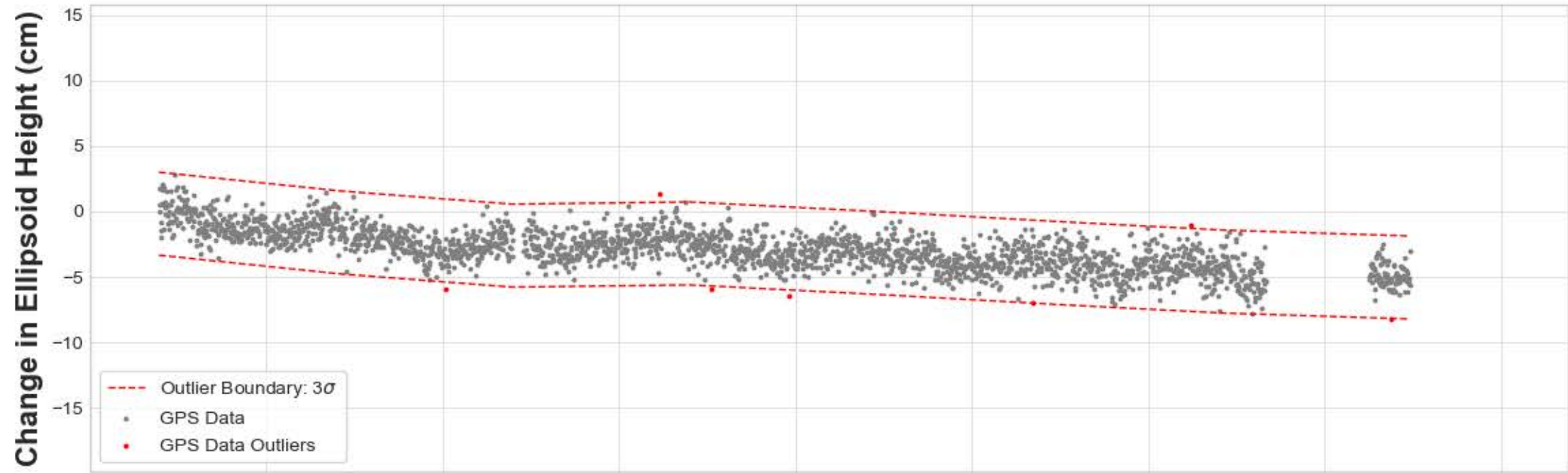
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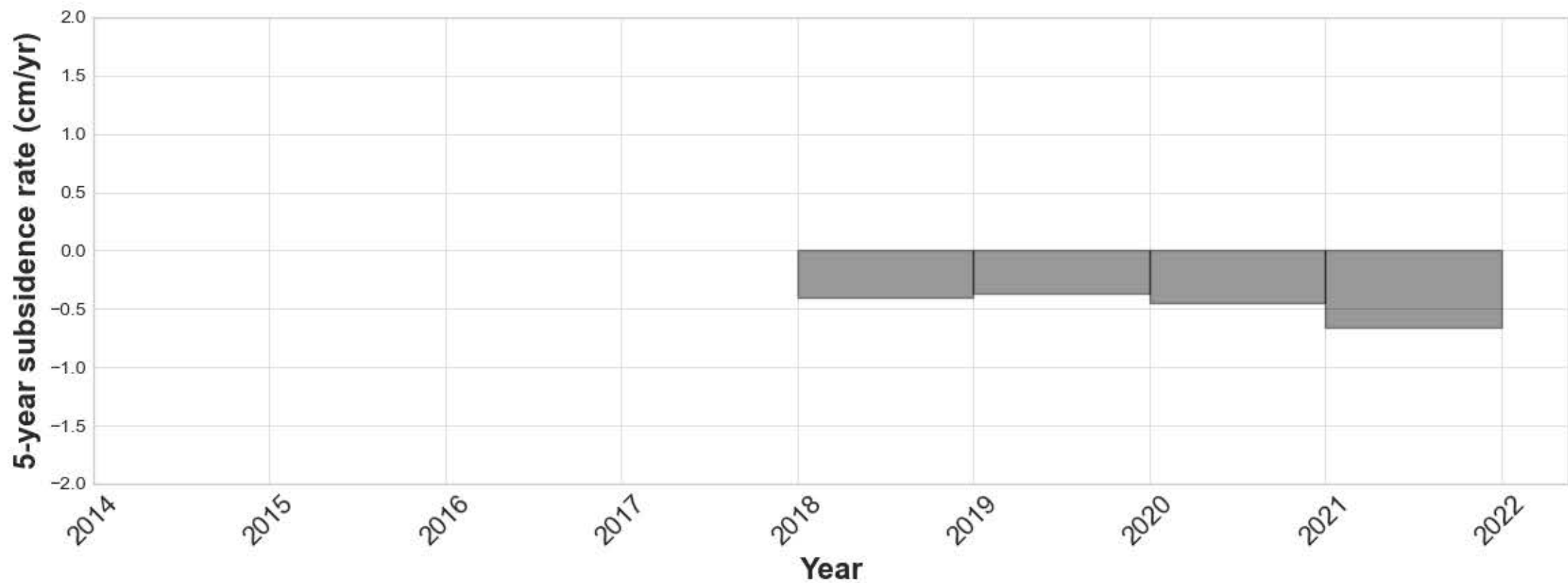
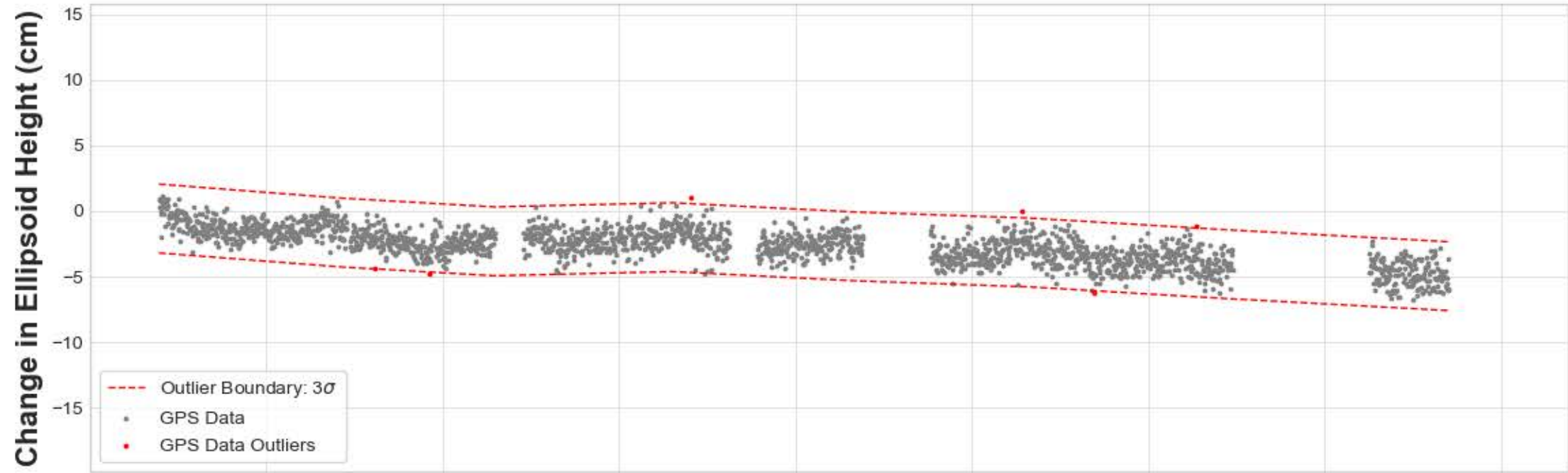
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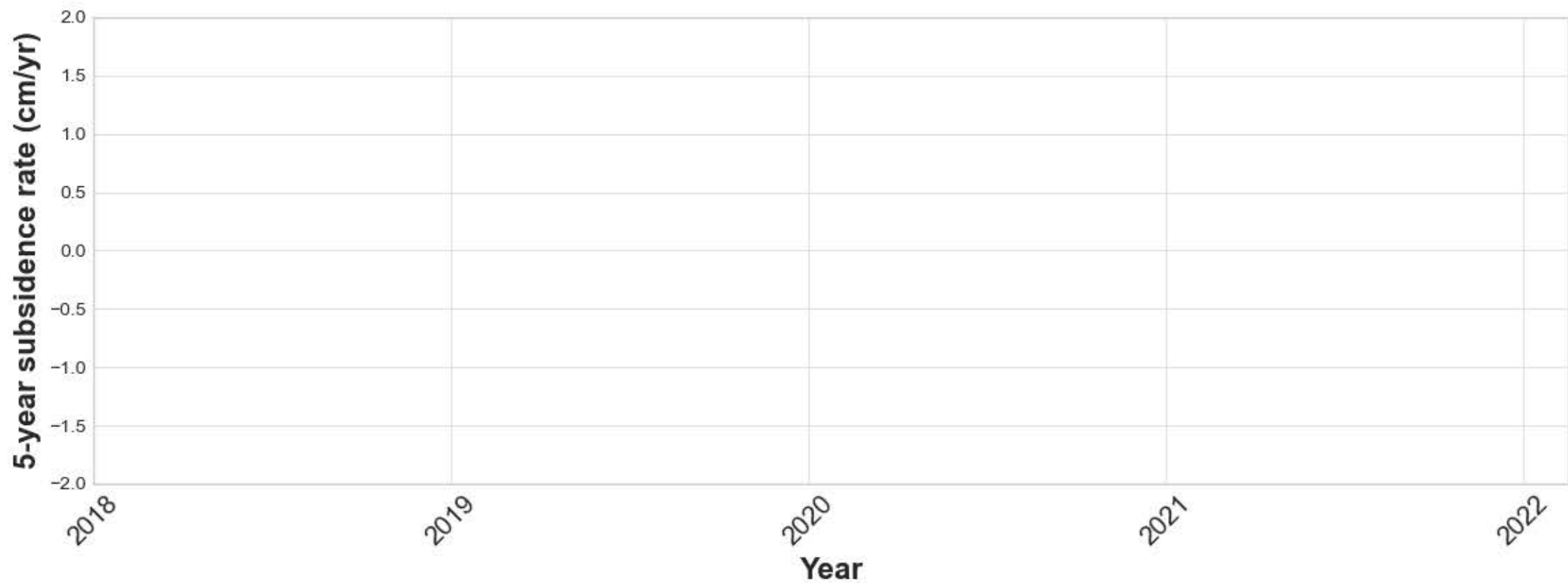
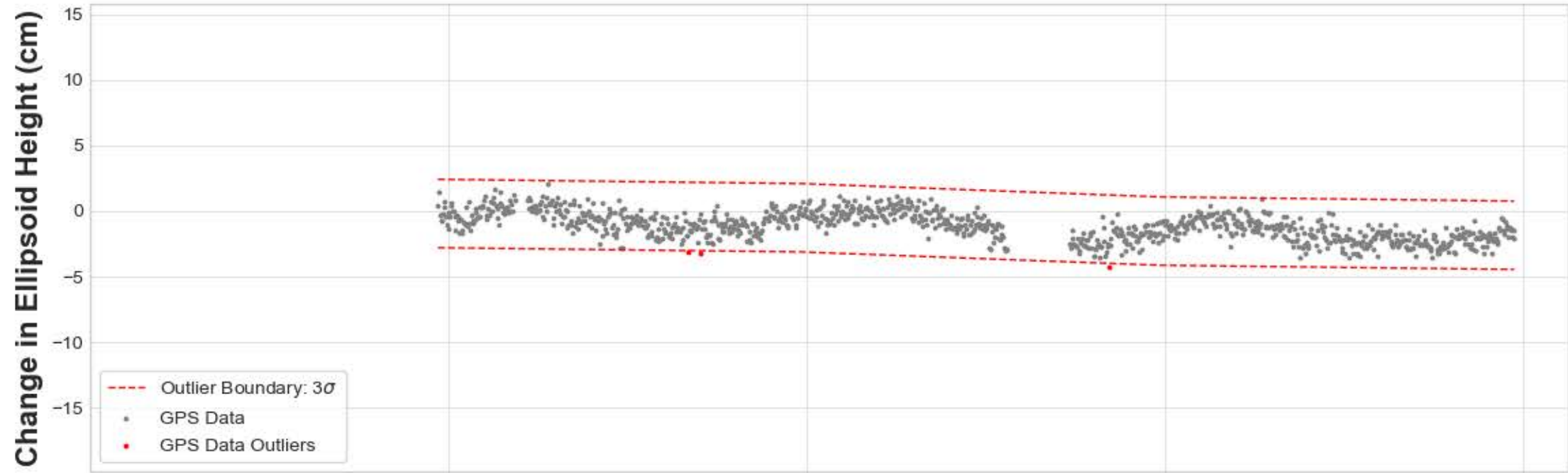
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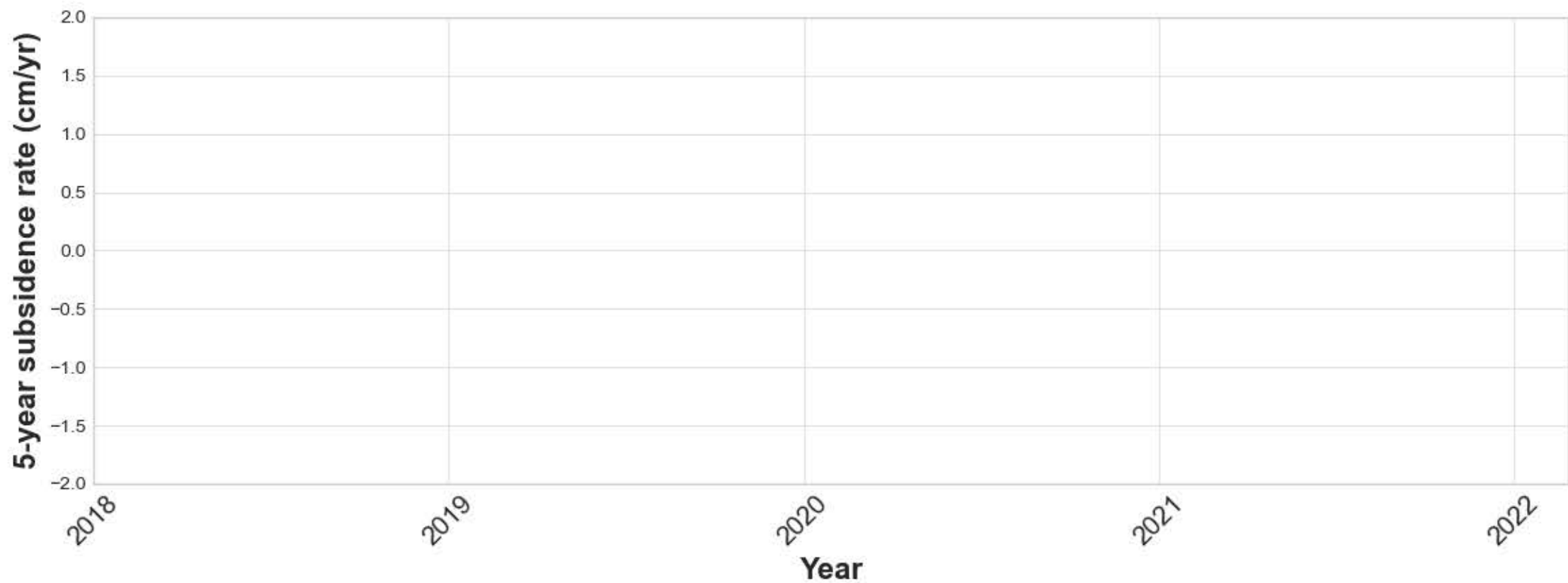
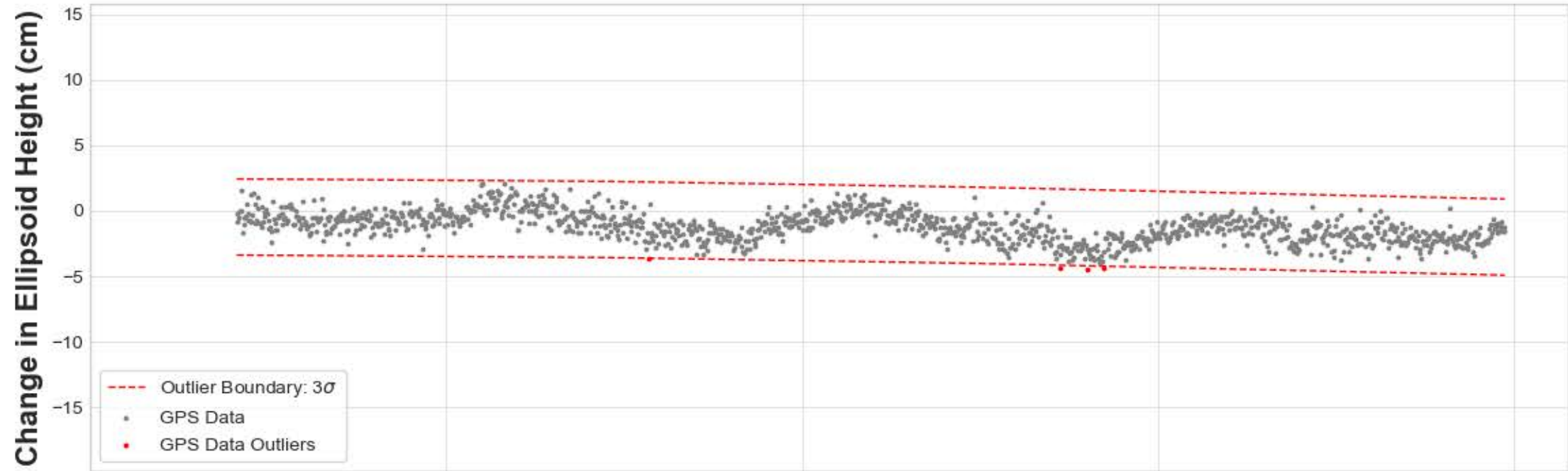
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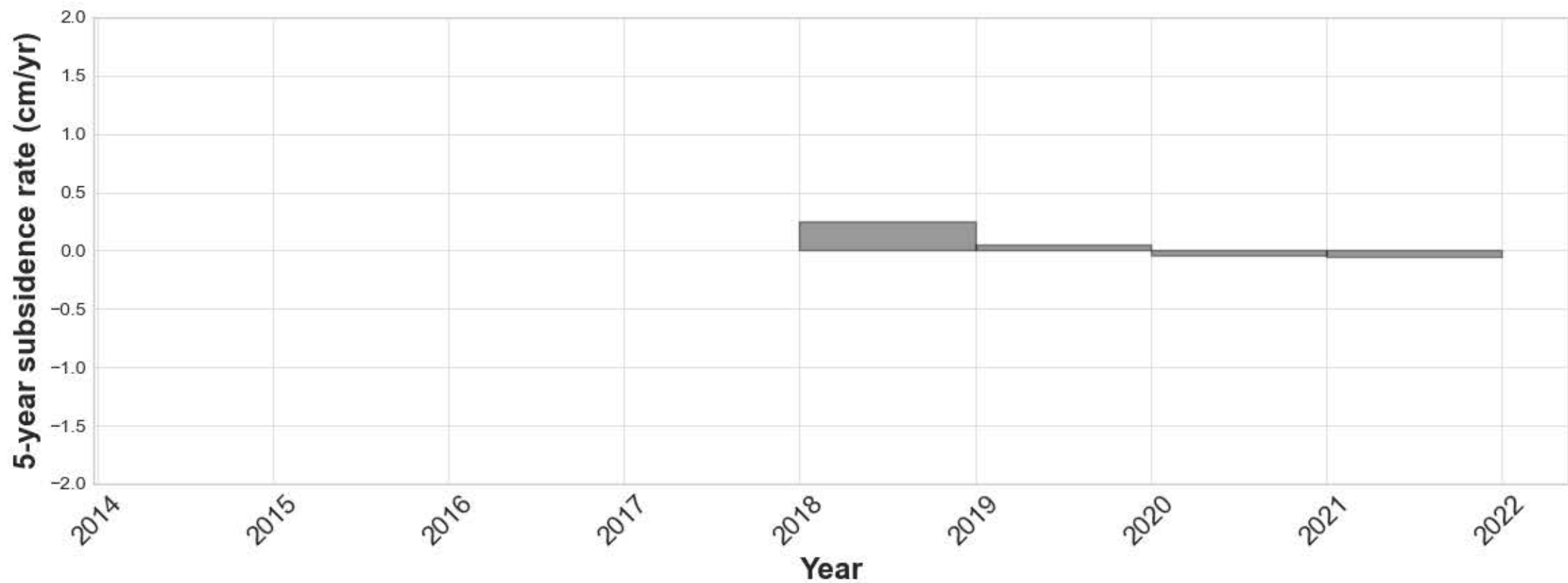
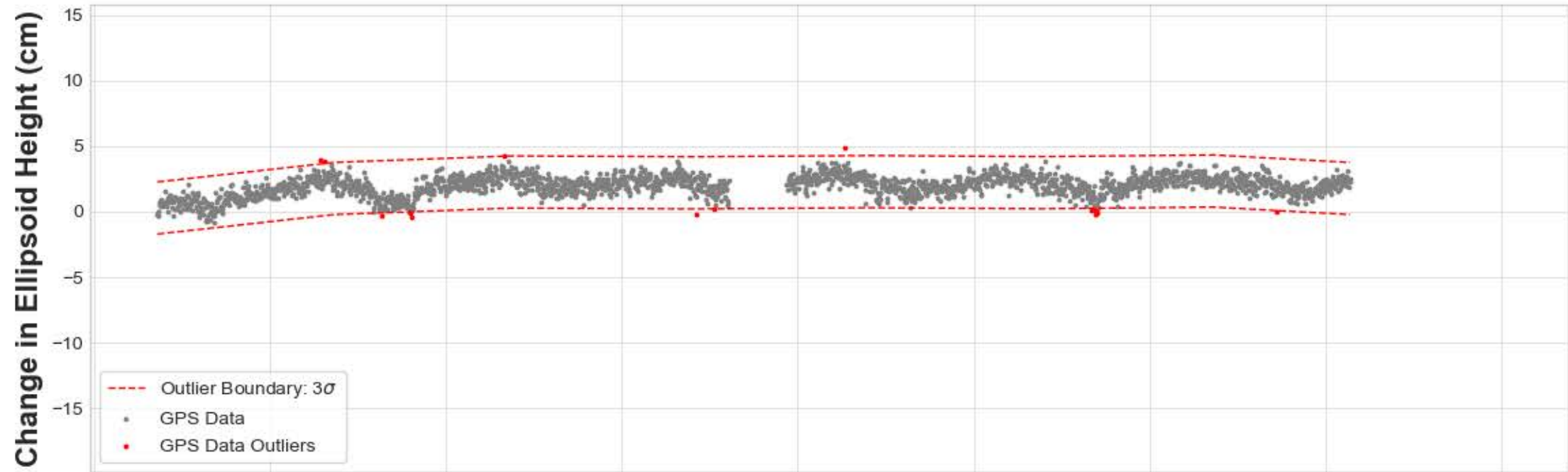
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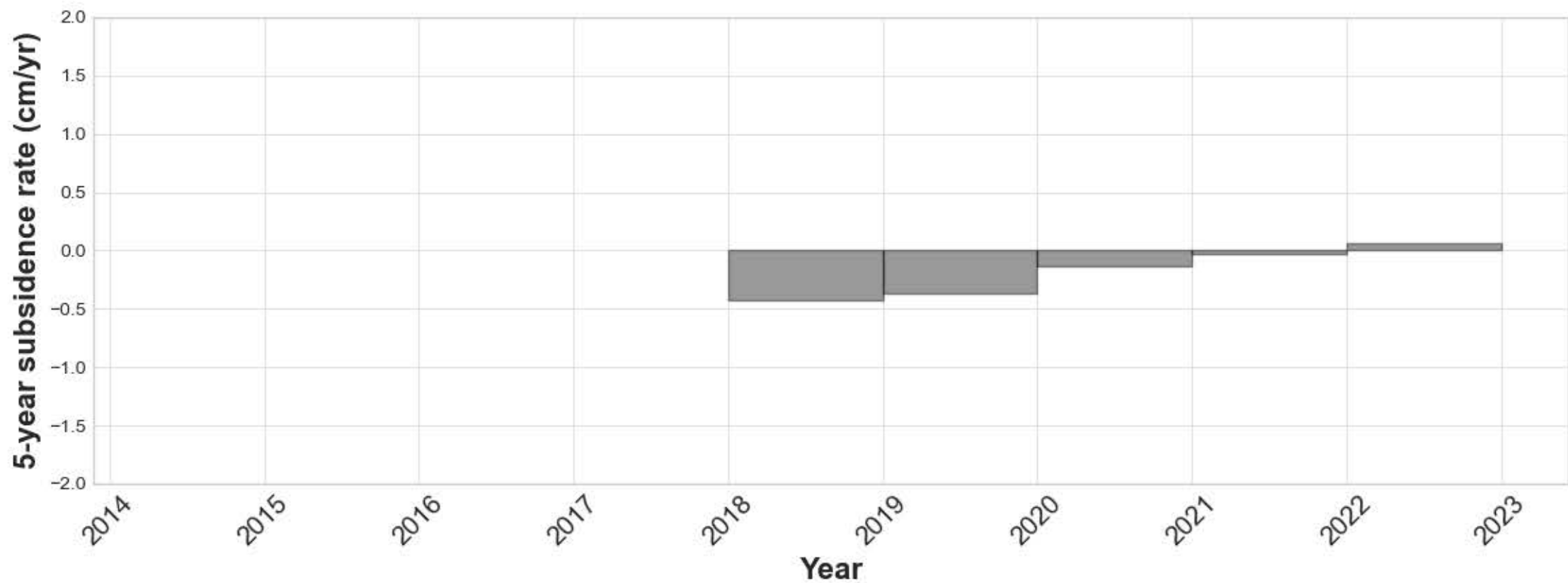
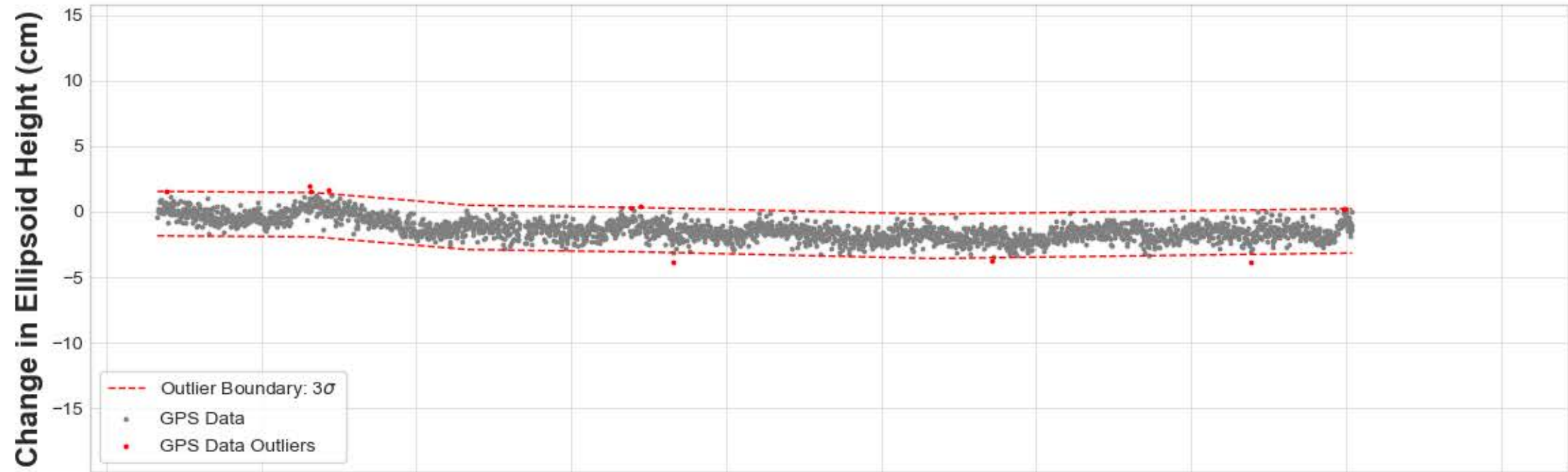
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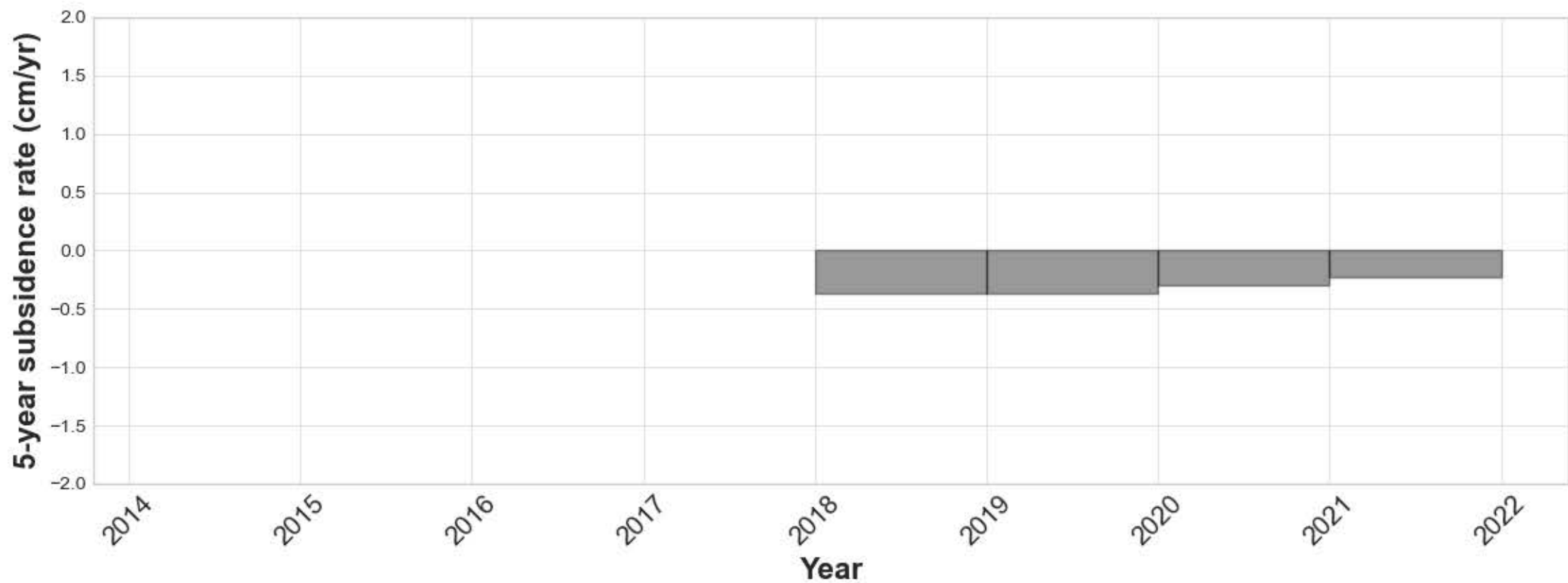
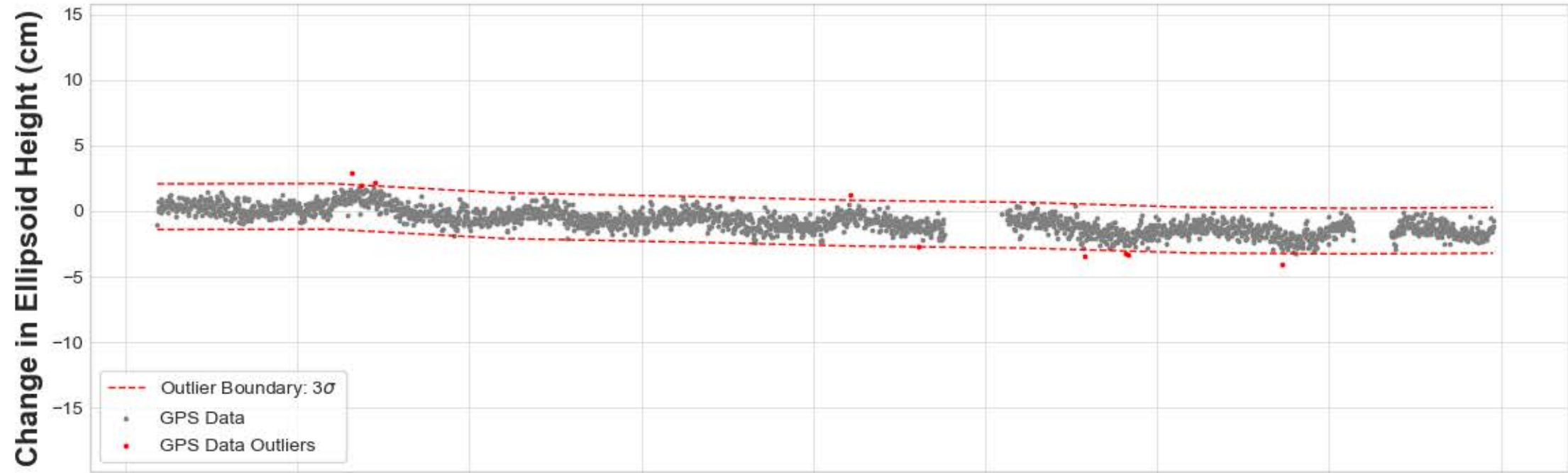
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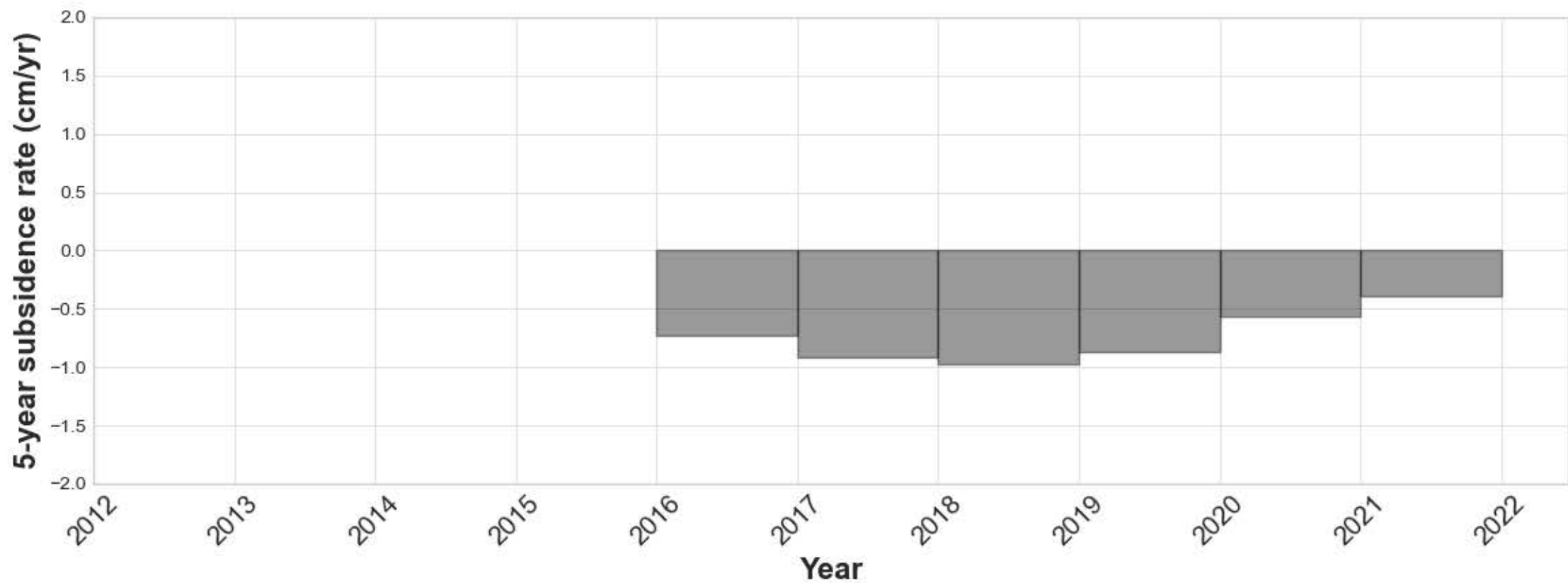
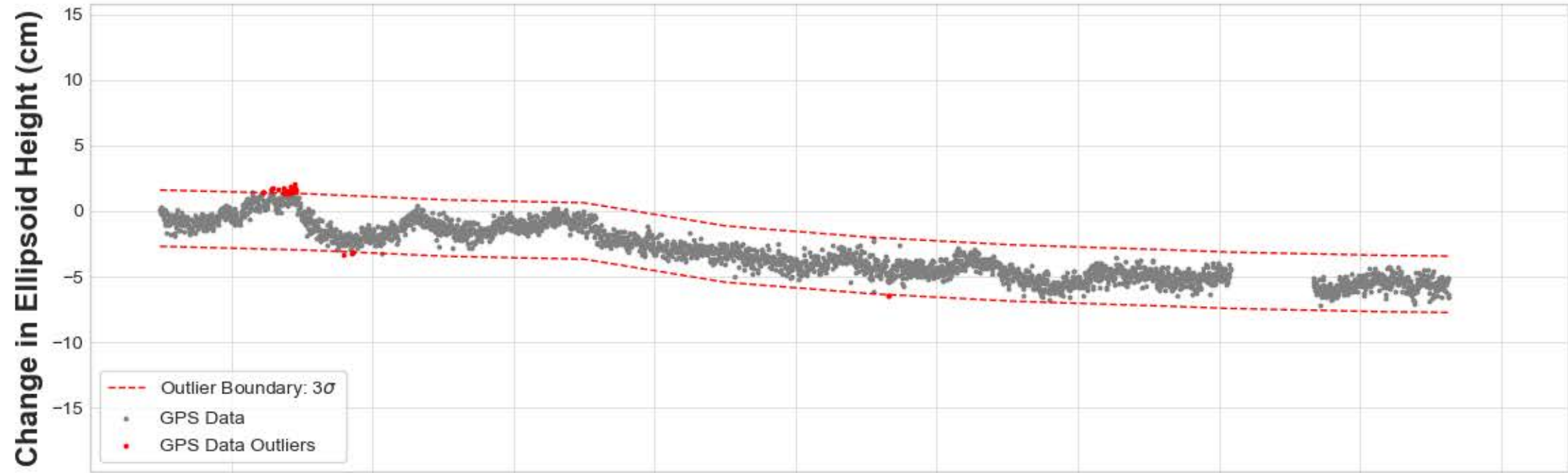
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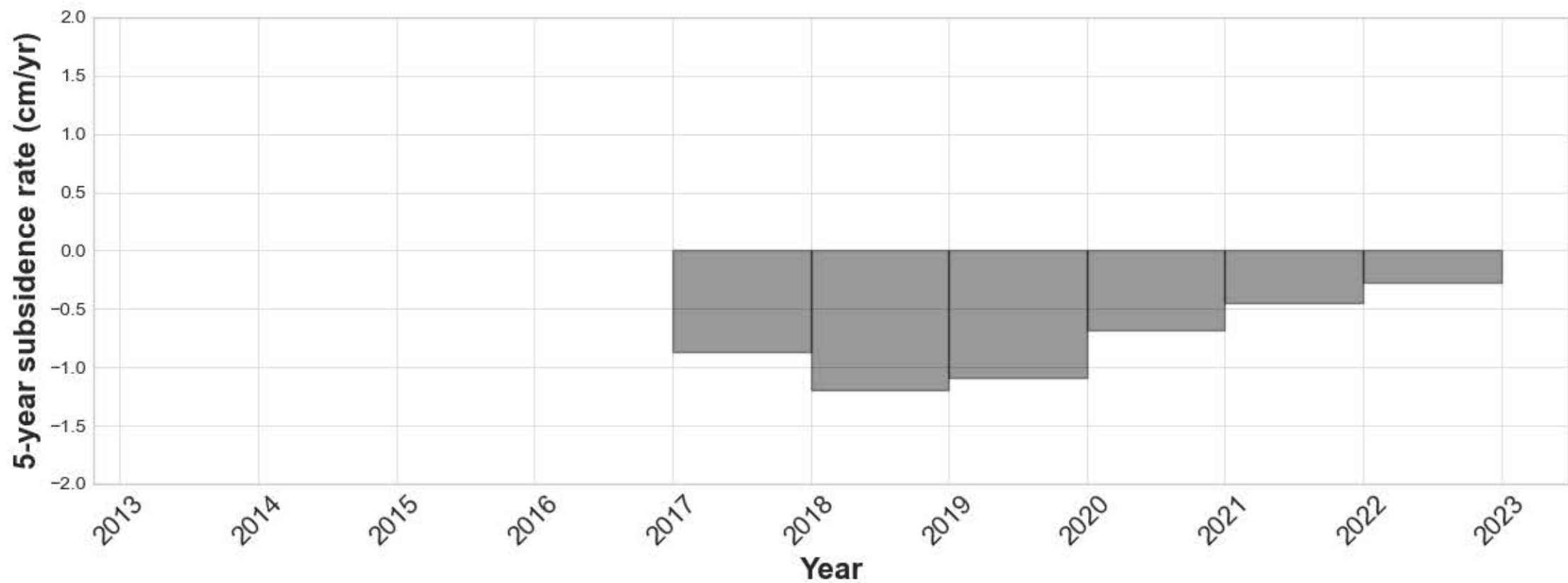
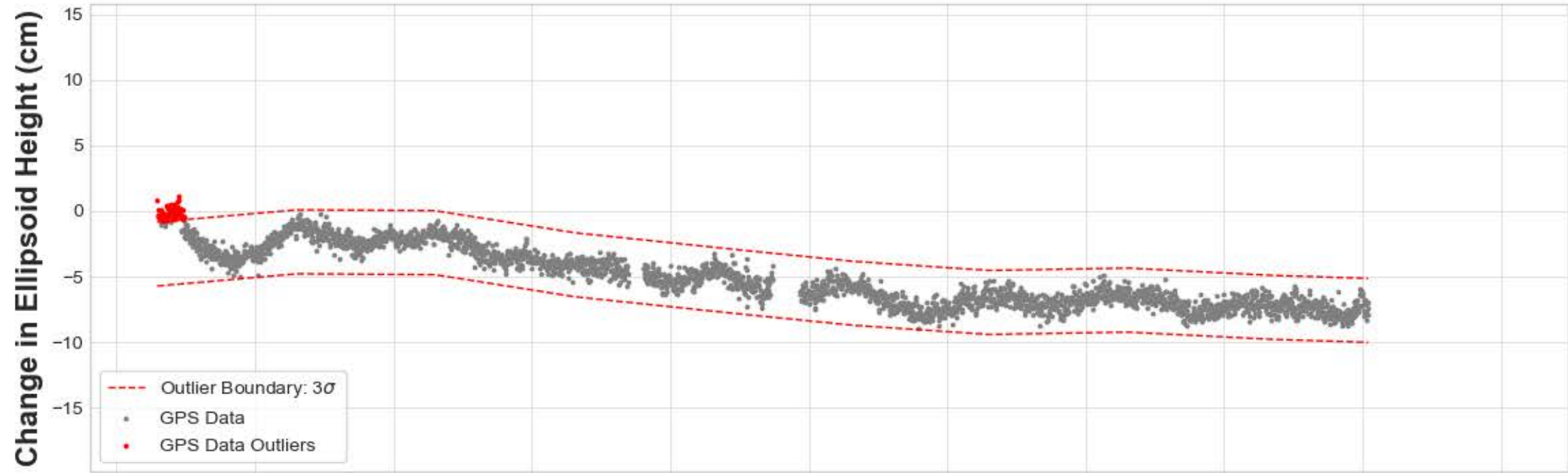
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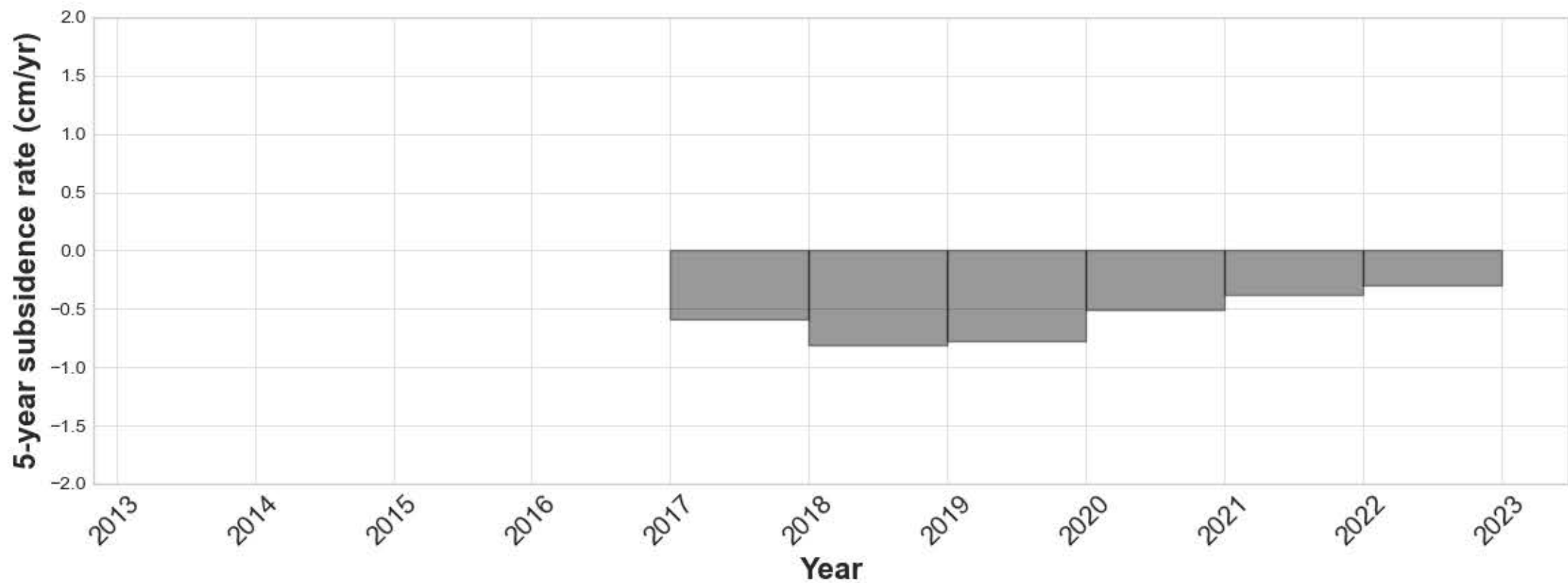
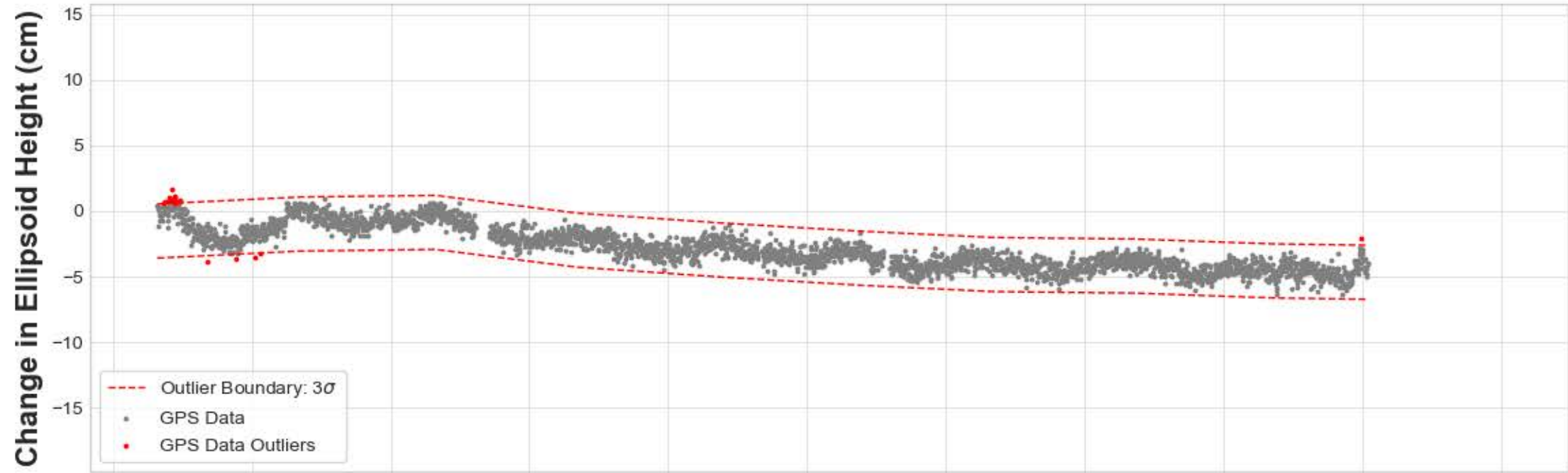
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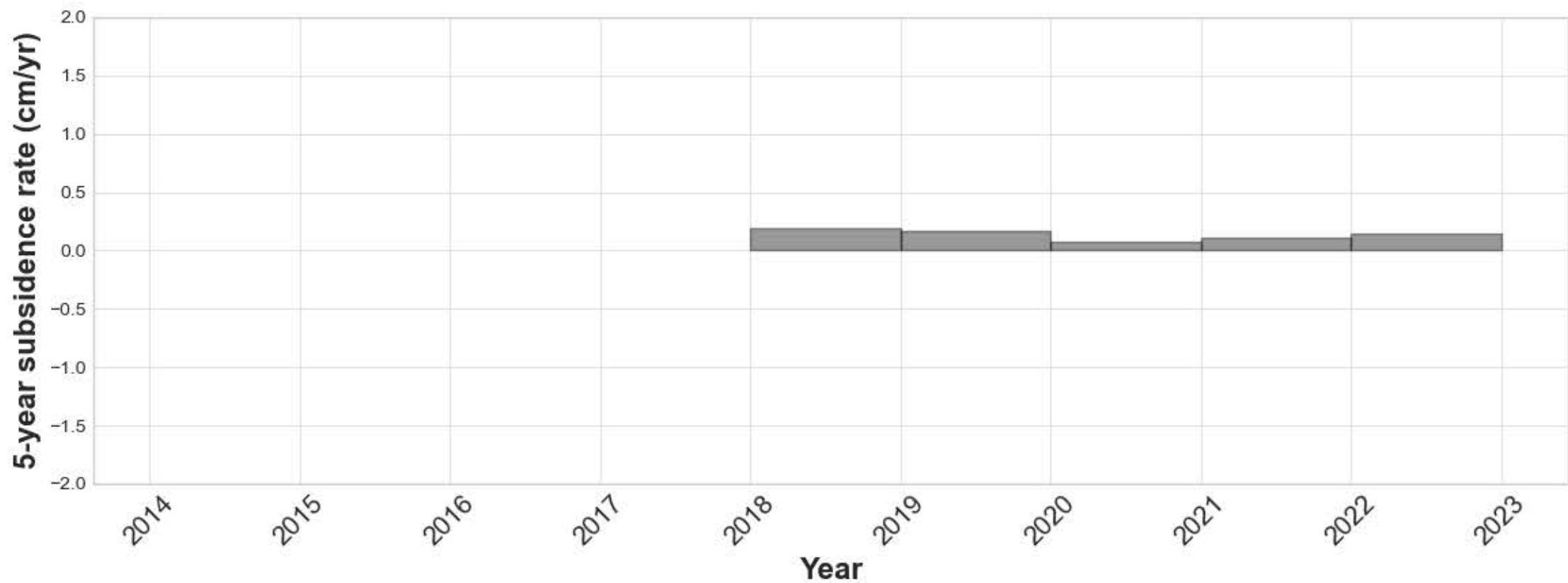
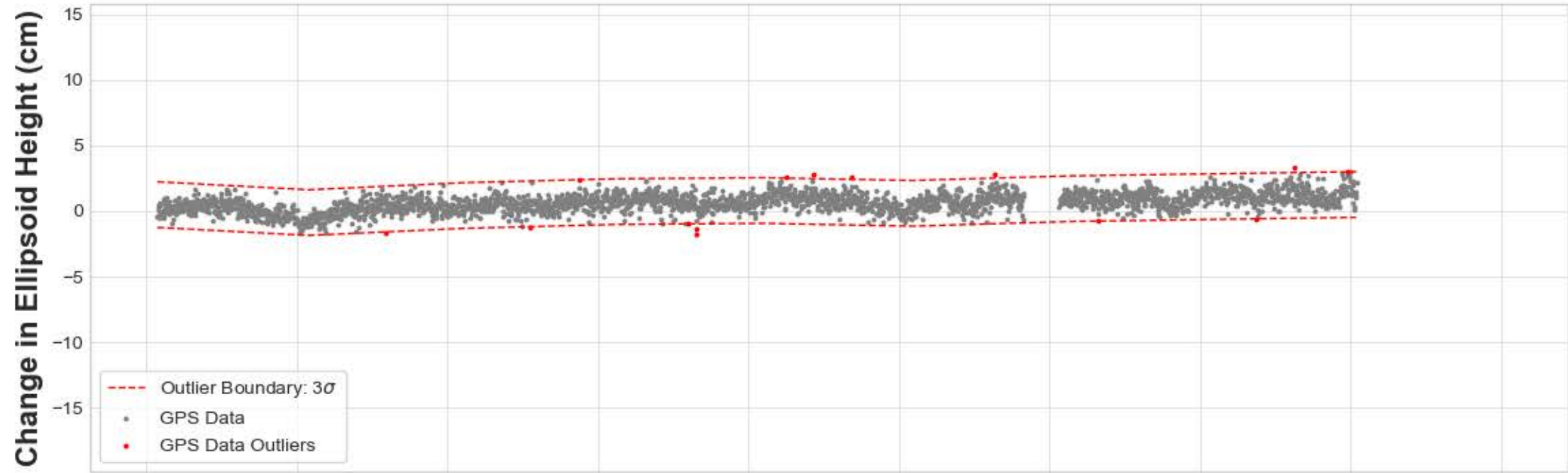
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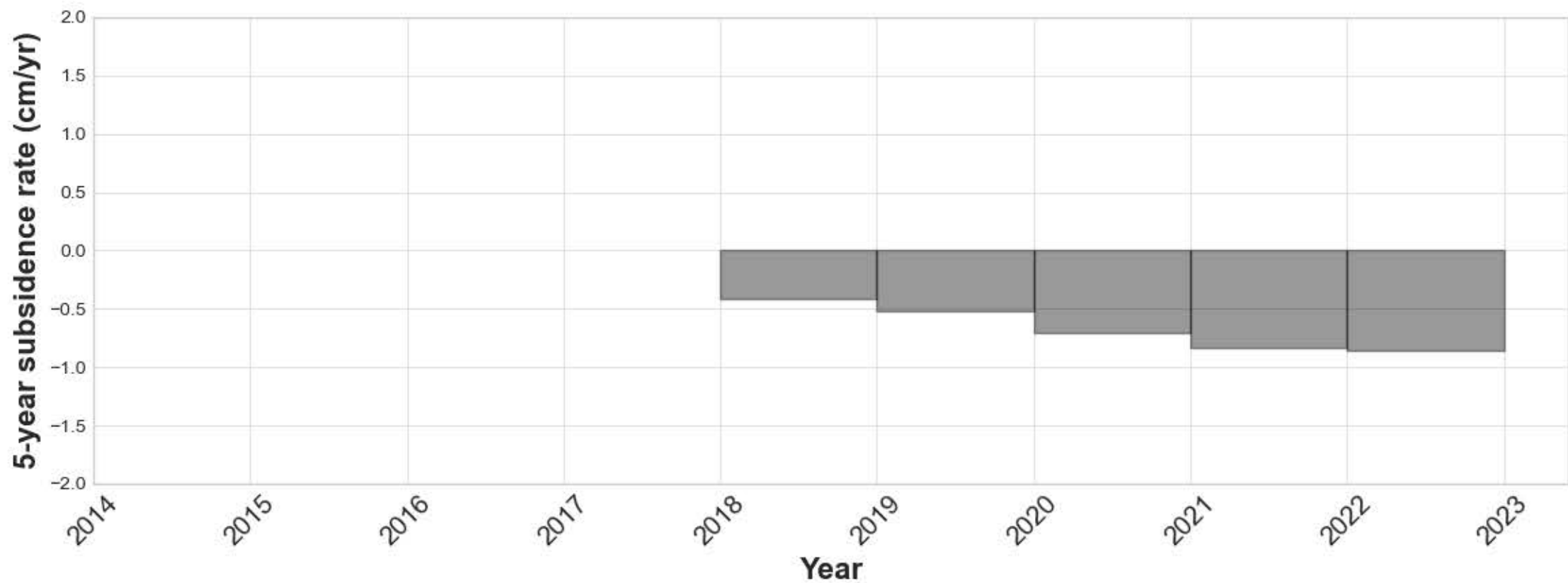
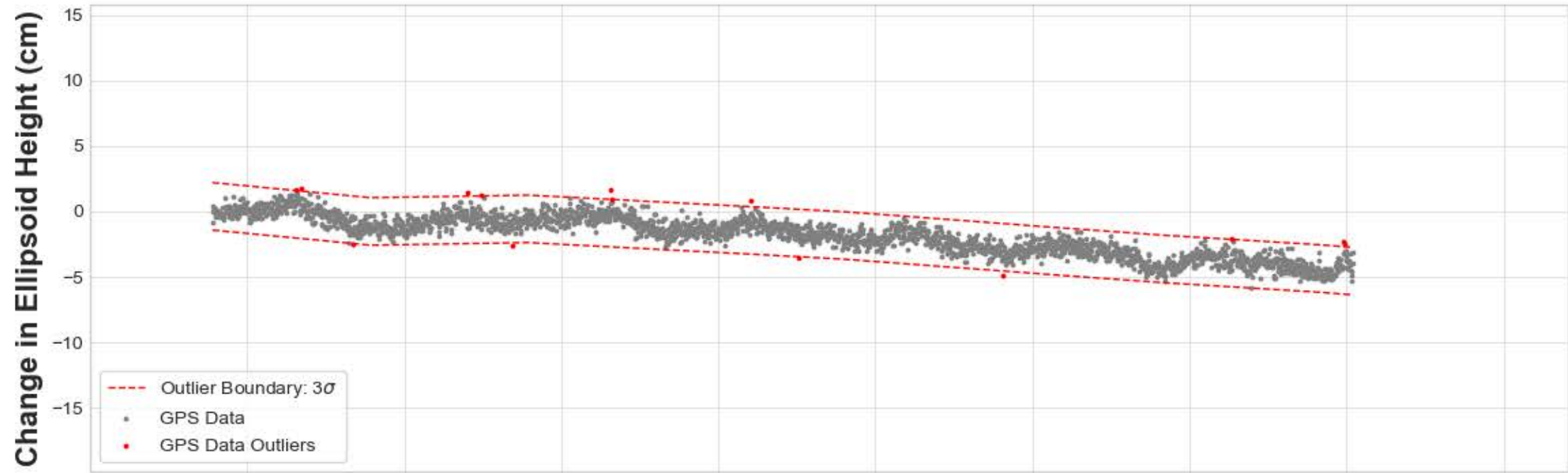
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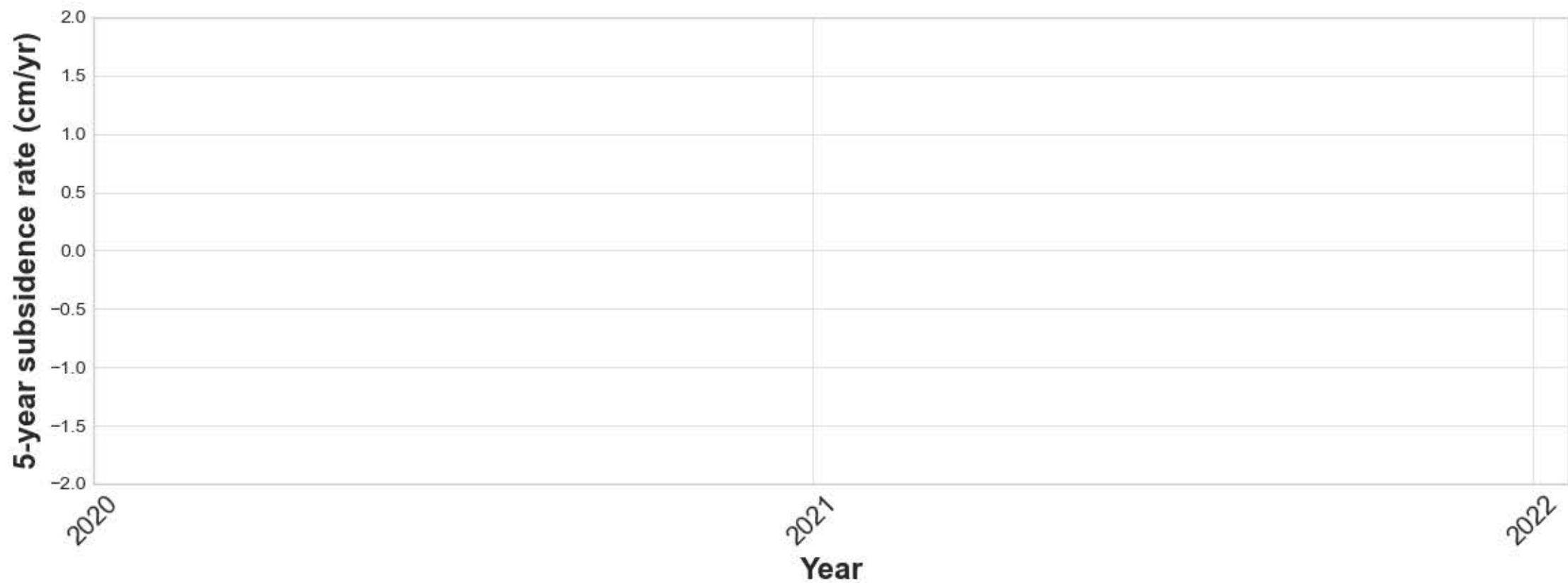
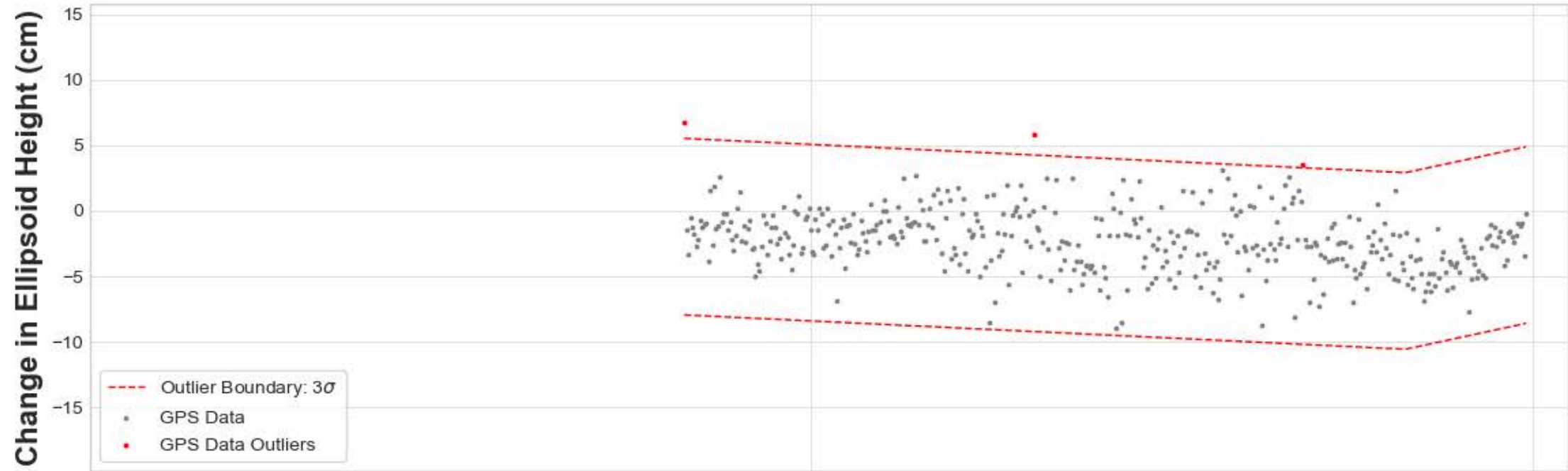
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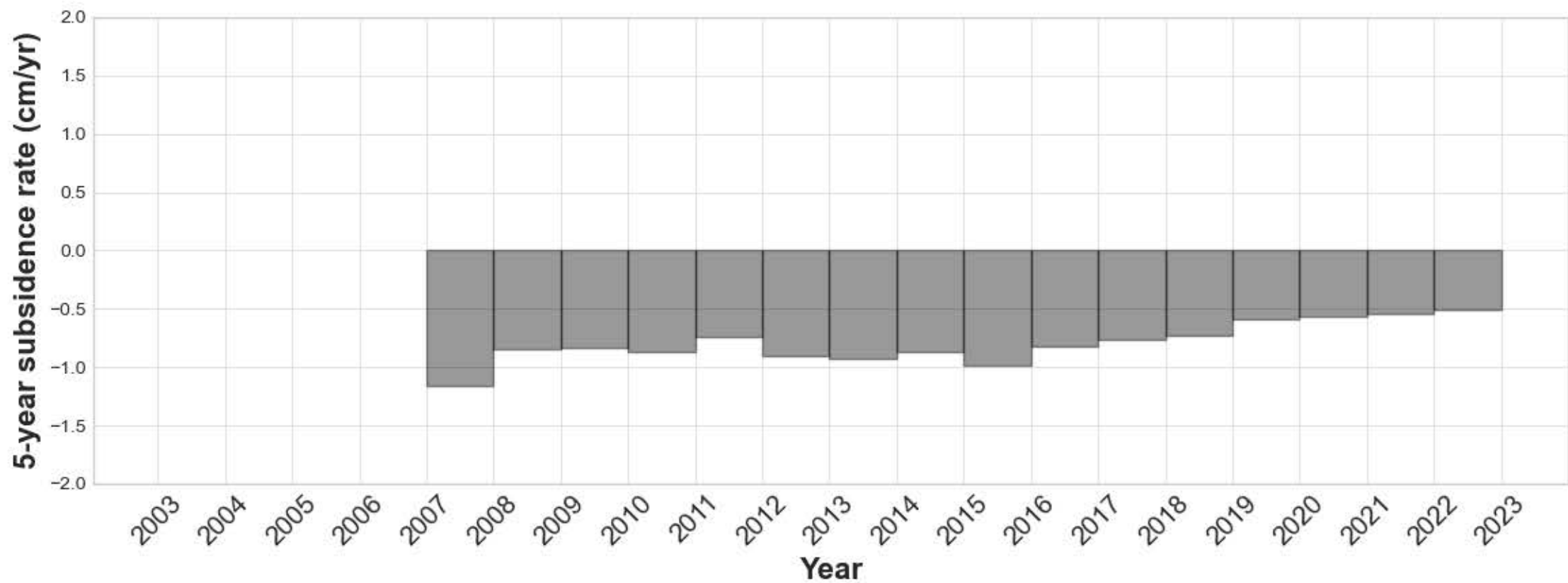
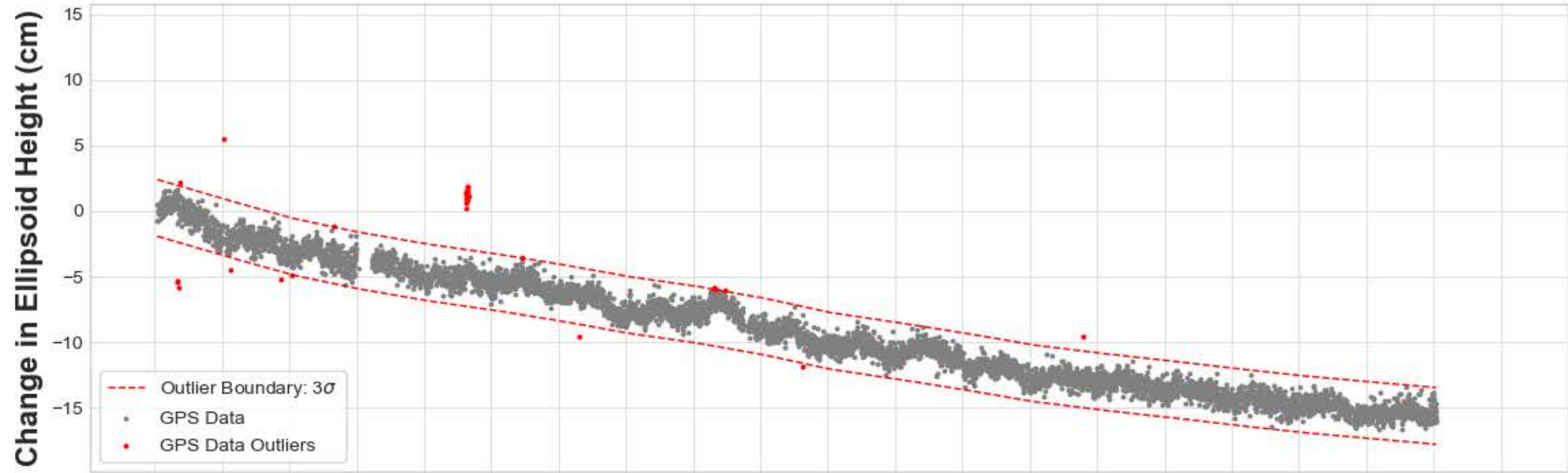
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Appendix D – Testimony and Public Comment from the Public Hearing

The U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) has begun using a Chicot and Evangeline Aquifer “Undifferentiated” designation that combines the Chicot Aquifer and Evangeline Aquifer into one “shallow” aquifer system for the purpose of illustrating the altitudes of annual static water levels and historical changes in static water levels in water wells located in Harris County and parts of surrounding counties. USGS personnel presented information regarding the Chicot and Evangeline “Undifferentiated” aquifer system as part of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District (HGSD) public hearing for the 2021 Annual Groundwater Report that has held on Thursday, April 28, 2022 and related information and comments follow.

Within the past fifty years or more, the differences in the aquifer pressures or heads, the static water levels in water wells and many of the hydrogeologic properties between the Chicot Aquifer and Evangeline Aquifer have been studied and documented in published and unpublished data, reports and publications prepared by the USGS and other state agencies, scientists, consultants, geologists, hydrogeologists and engineers. In addition to differences in the aquifer depths and the aquifer pressures or heads and static water levels in wells completed in the Chicot Aquifer and Evangeline Aquifer, there also can be measurable or observable differences in the geophysical log signatures, sand thickness, grain size distributions, sand to clay ratios, permeabilities, hydraulic conductivities, aquifer transmissivities and/or groundwater quality of the two aquifers.

In many areas in southeast Texas, including Harris County and surrounding counties, there is some groundwater movement between the sands and formations in the overlying Chicot Aquifer and the Evangeline Aquifer beneath it and these two aquifers have been called “leaky” aquifers, as groundwater in the aquifers is not normally under confined conditions. There are clay layers in both aquifers and the clays slow but don’t prevent the movement of some groundwater between the two aquifers due to the differences in the heads or pressures in the formations. Generally, the groundwater movement or leakage is from the Chicot Aquifer, which normally has higher heads in the aquifer and shallower static water levels in water wells, into the Evangeline Aquifer, which normally has lower heads and deeper static water levels in wells versus those in the Chicot Aquifer.

The USGS verbal report and presentation on April 28, 2022 indicate that the Gulf 2023 model surfaces are comprised of updated aquifer tops and bases, which results in significant increases in the total Chicot Aquifer depths and Chicot Aquifer thickness for much of Harris County and Galveston County to the south toward the coast. In addition, many water wells that were previously designated as Evangeline Aquifer wells are now reclassified as Chicot Aquifer wells for the USGS water well and groundwater monitoring program.

Although the Chicot and Evangeline “Undifferentiated” aquifer system has now been combined into a “shallow” aquifer system, it is our understanding that water well data and properties based on the updated aquifer designations will be utilized in the corresponding individual Gulf 2023 model layers.

Based on review of the available aquifer, hydrogeologic and water well records, data and logs, a Chicot and Evangeline “Undifferentiated” aquifer designation that combines the Chicot and

Evangeline Aquifers is not a shallow aquifer system and the undifferentiated aquifer does not reflect the aquifer heads or the static water levels in wells in the vertical depth range of the combined aquifer.

The aquifer thickness of the combined Chicot and Evangeline (Undifferentiated) aquifer system can range from about 900 to 1,300 feet in northwest Harris County to more than approximately 2,600 to 2,900+ feet in southeast Harris County. These moderate to deep depths for the base of the Chicot and Evangeline “Undifferentiated” aquifer shouldn’t be categorized as shallow.

Per the previous USGS designations for the Chicot Aquifer and Evangeline Aquifer wells, the historical static water level data for some wells that have been measured periodically by the USGS show modest to substantial differences in the static water levels in wells completed in the Chicot Aquifer and those completed in the Evangeline Aquifer. In addition, historical static water level data for many other water wells that are not monitored by the USGS show generally similar modest to substantial differences in the static water levels and seasonal water level changes in the Chicot Aquifer wells and Evangeline Aquifer wells. The static water level differences and seasonal water level changes in the two aquifers are driven by the differences in the depths of the well screens, the aquifer properties, the pressure heads in the aquifers and the different responses in the aquifers to short-term and long-term changes in local and regional groundwater pumping.

Depending on the well locations and depths of the well screens in Harris County and surrounding counties, the static water levels in water wells that were previously designated as completed in the Chicot Aquifer may be less than 50 feet shallower than the static water levels in some wells in the same general area with screens that were previously designated as being in the Evangeline Aquifer. However, the static water levels in some water wells completed in the Chicot Aquifer are more than 50 feet to more than 150 feet shallower than the static water levels in wells in the general vicinity with screens in the Evangeline Aquifer.

Water well and static water level data for three sets of closely spaced wells that screen sands in the Chicot Aquifer or Evangeline Aquifer and have moderate to significant differences in their static water levels follow in a table at the end of this document. The locations of these water wells are in the southwest or west parts of Harris County. In the past and currently, the USGS designation for the shallower wells listed was and remains the Chicot Aquifer and the designation for the deeper wells listed was and remains the Evangeline Aquifer. Comparison of the well and static water level data for the three sets of closely spaced wells at the end of this document shows that there are static water level differences that range from about 85 to 160 feet for these wells, which screen different depths in the Chicot Aquifer and Evangeline Aquifer as listed in the table.

In summary, the Chicot and Evangeline “Undifferentiated” aquifer designation runs contrary to the previous well-established understanding of the distinct differences between the Chicot Aquifer and Evangeline Aquifer along the upper part of the Texas Gulf Coast. The information outlined is provided due to concerns that: 1) combining the two aquifers results in a mischaracterization of the aquifers; and 2) it is possible that the static water level data or water

level contouring for the undifferentiated aquifer may not accurately reflect the moderate to large differences between the Chicot Aquifer and Evangeline Aquifer in parts of Harris County and surrounding counties.

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Examples of Closely Spaced Water Wells Completed in the Chicot Aquifer or Evangeline Aquifer

<p>LJ-65-11-809 City of Houston Park Ten Well 5 Screen Interval: 300 to 533 feet Aquifer: Chicot Aquifer Date & Depth to Water: 12/16/2020 166 feet 1/18/2022 162.97 feet</p>	<p>LJ-65-11-803 City of Houston Park Ten Well 1 Screen Interval: 616 to 1,384 feet Aquifer: Evangeline Aquifer Date & Depth to Water: 12/16/2020 338.88 feet 1/18/2022 314.69 feet</p>
<p>LJ-65-12-801 Lakeside Country Club Screen Interval: 280 to 467 feet Aquifer: Chicot Aquifer Date & Depth to Water: 12/16/2020 165.02 feet 1/5/2022 162.8 feet</p>	<p>LJ-65-20-104 City of Houston District 71 Screen Interval: 1,045 to 1,435 feet Aquifer: Evangeline Aquifer Date & Depth to Water: 12/1/2020 327.89 feet 1/20/2022 292.69 feet</p>
<p>LJ-65-20-814 City of Houston Park Glen Well 3 Screen Interval: 550 to 697 feet Aquifer: Chicot Aquifer Date & Depth to Water: 12/7/2020 202.18 feet 1/25/2022 196.26 feet</p>	<p>LJ-65-20-813 City of Houston Park Glen Well 2 Screen Interval: 1,039 to 1,733 feet Aquifer: Evangeline Aquifer Date & Depth to Water: 12/7/2020 305.74 feet 1/25/2022 282.92 feet</p>