

Paired and multi cosmogenic-nuclide data from two extreme locations with respect to the Last Glacial Maximum extent of the Scandinavian Ice Sheet

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Andøya (69°N, 16°E, 0-705 m a.s.l.) and Rendalsløen (61°N, 11°E, 900-1755 m a.s.l.) in Norway are two areas situated at extreme locations with respect to the Last Glacial Maximum extent of the Scandinavian Ice Sheet (SIS). The island Andøya was at the NW SIS margin, whereas the inland mountain massif Rendalsløen was beneath the SIS ice divide. Bedrock surfaces at both sites give apparent ¹⁰Be and ²⁶Al surface exposure ages older than the timing of the last deglaciation. Erosion rates based on Markov Chain Monte Carlo modelling of ²⁶Al and ¹⁰Be will be presented.

The island Andøya is located between the 500-m-deep Andfjorden and the shelf. The short (8-15 km) distance to the shelf-break has implications with regard to ice-sheet boundary conditions. The sampled bedrock surfaces at Andøya mainly give ¹⁰Be ages of 35-50 ka, and ¹⁰Be and ²⁶Al ages overlap. A handful of ³⁶Cl analyses from some of these surfaces provides corroborating information. Analysis of in situ ¹⁴C is expected to shed light on erosion and exposure histories at this coastal location.

Rendalsløen is an isolated mountain massif protruding the Femunden mountain plateau (600-1000 m a.s.l.). The region has experienced limited glacial erosion, as indicated by few deep glacial valleys and widespread regolith cover; this is usually explained as a result of cold-based glaciers and proximity to the ice divide. At Rendalsløen, the ¹⁰Be age range for glacial erratics is 10-16 ka and 10-130 ka for bedrock surfaces, where ¹⁰Be ages typically are 5-20 % older than ²⁶Al ages. Analysis of in situ ¹⁴C has the potential to determine time and rate of ice-sheet surface lowering in this region.