

# National Geodetic Survey Update – Preparing for Tomorrow *(New Datums are Coming!)*

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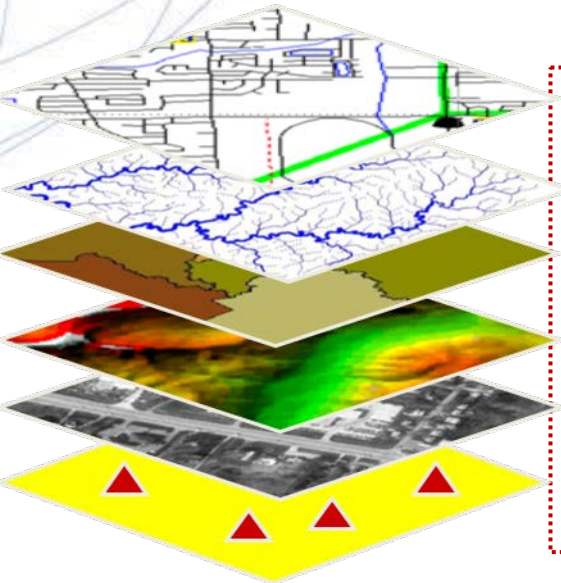
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# U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Geodetic Survey

**Mission:** To define, maintain & provide access to the  
[National Spatial Reference System \(NSRS\)](#)  
to meet our Nation's economic, social & environmental needs

## National Spatial Reference System

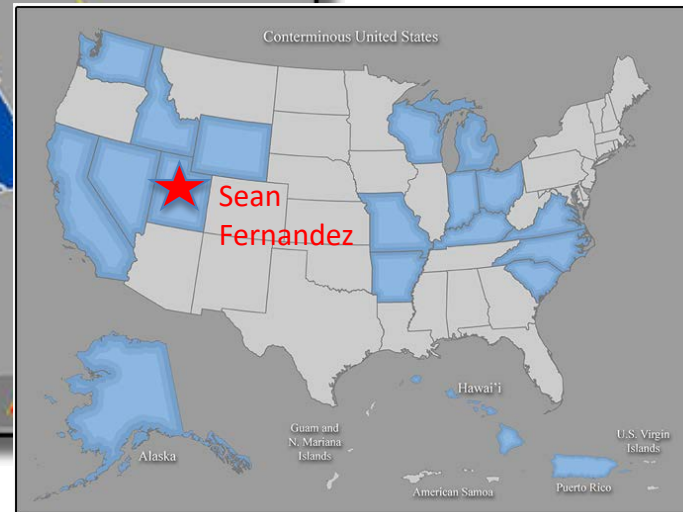
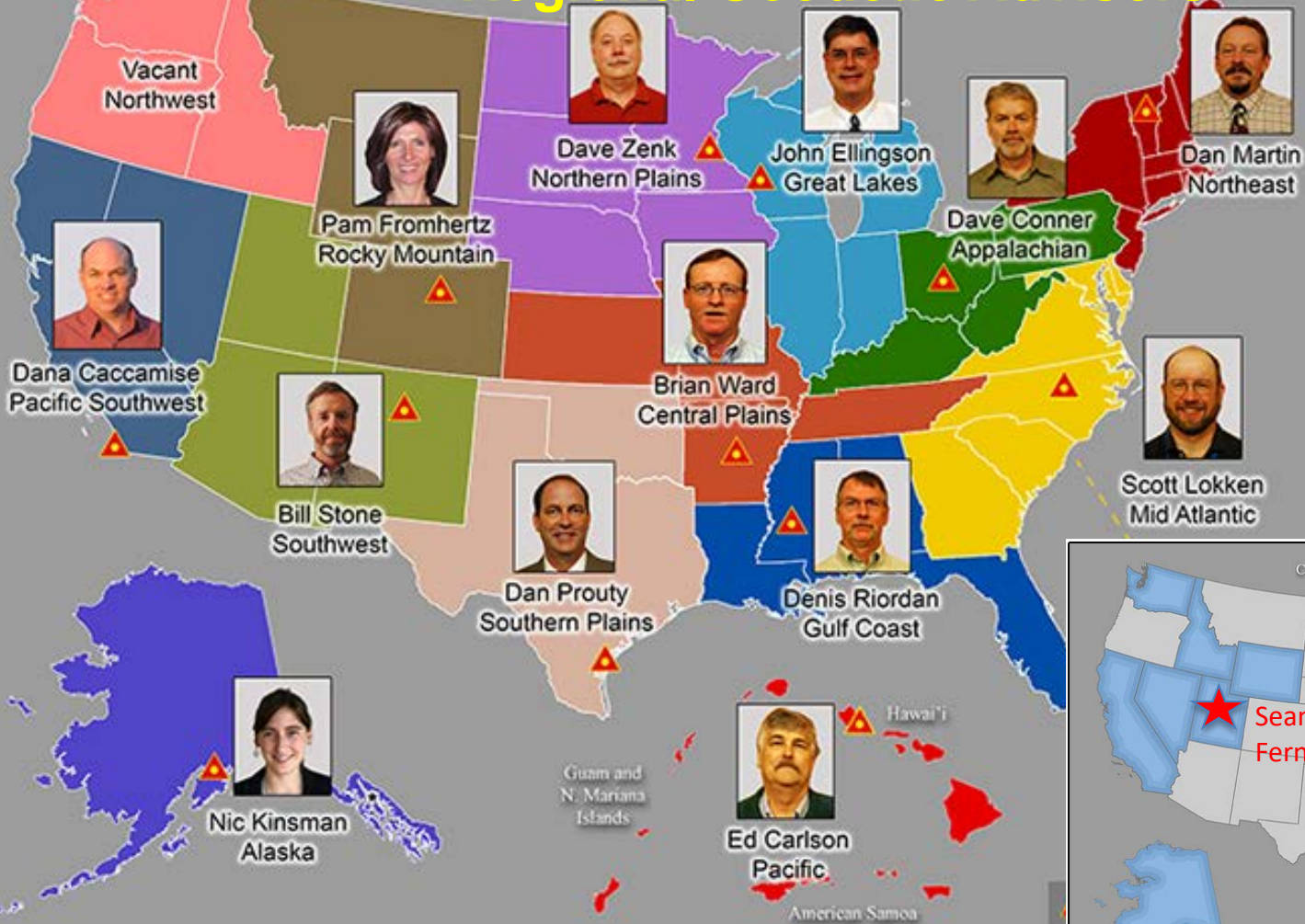


- Latitude
  - Longitude
  - Height
  - Gravity
  - Orientation
  - Scale
- & their time variations*

(& National Shoreline, etc.)

- North American Datum 1983 (NAD83)
- North American Vertical Datum 1988 (NAVD88)

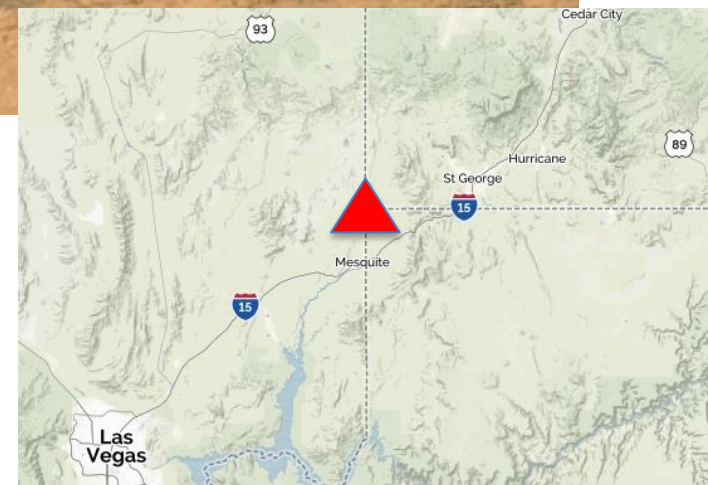
# National Geodetic Survey – Regional Geodetic Advisors



State Geodetic Coordinators

National Geodetic Survey

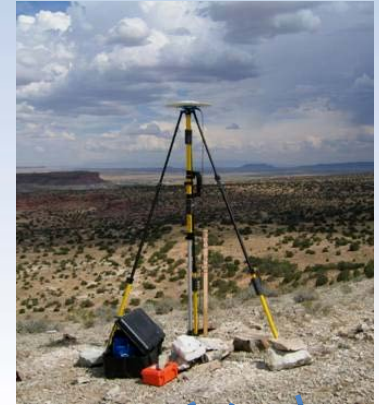
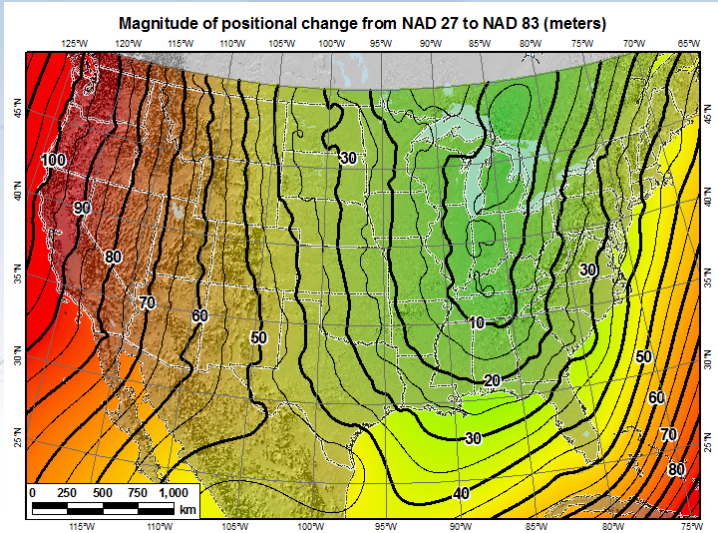






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# A (very) Brief History of U.S. Horizontal / Geometric Datums



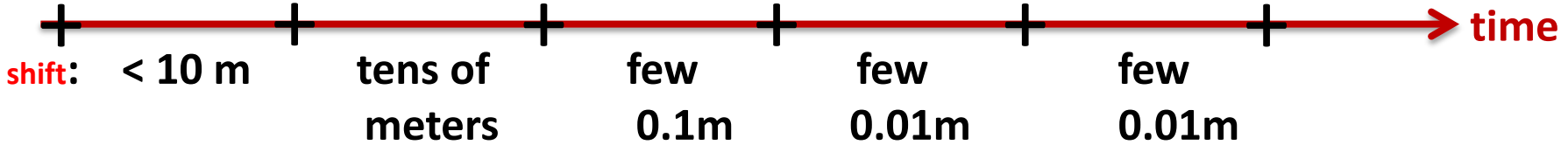
U.S. Standard Datum  
NAD27

NAD83 (1986)

NAD83 (HARN /199X)

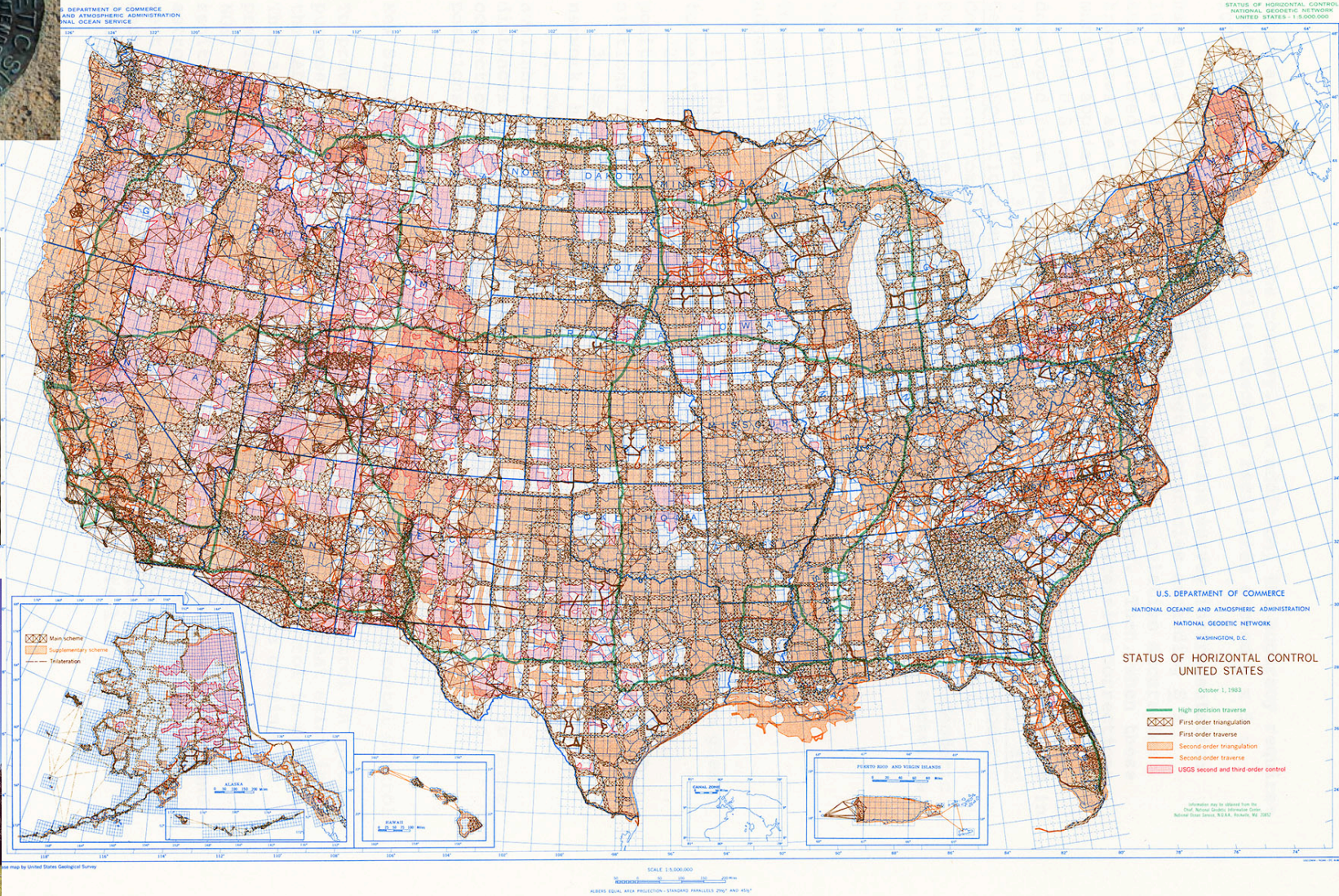
NAD83 (2007)

NAD83 (2011)





# Status of Horizontal Control 1983





# National Geodetic Survey Data Explorer

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Horizontal  
 CORS  
 GPS Sites  
 Classical Horizontal

Vertical  
 Vertical Control  
 Approximate Heights

Find Marks Clear Marks

Location radius 5 Miles  
Mark Center

Go To Location

**PID : LO0721**

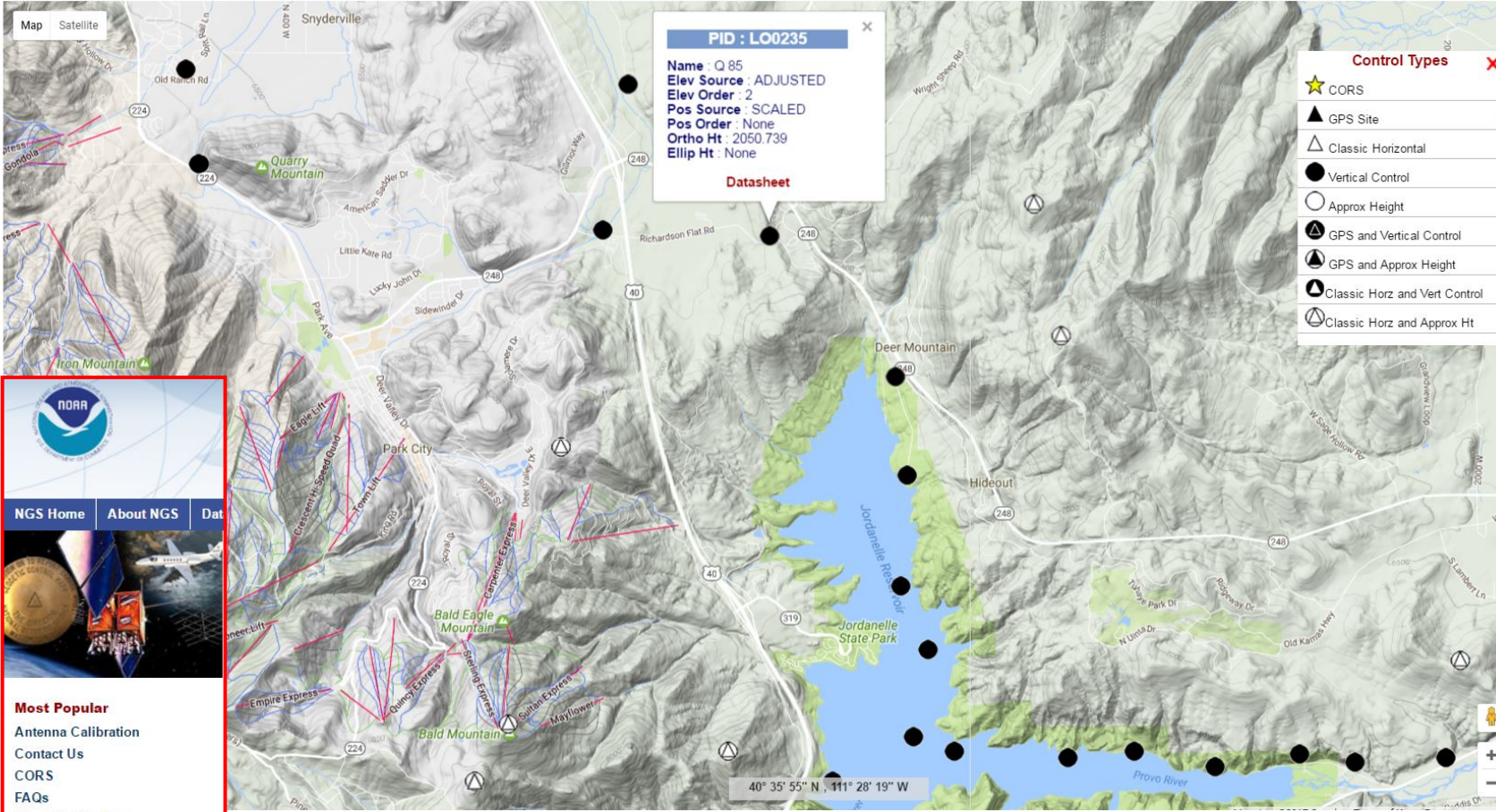
Name : BIG  
Elev Source : VERTCON  
Elev Order : None  
Pos Source : ADJUSTED  
Pos Order : 3  
Ortho Ht : 2404.7  
Ellip Ht : None

**Datasheet**

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**PID : LO0235**

Name : Q 85  
Elev Source : ADJUSTED  
Elev Order : 2  
Pos Source : SCALED  
Pos Order : None  
Ortho Ht : 2050.739  
Ellip Ht : None

**Datasheet**

**Control Types**

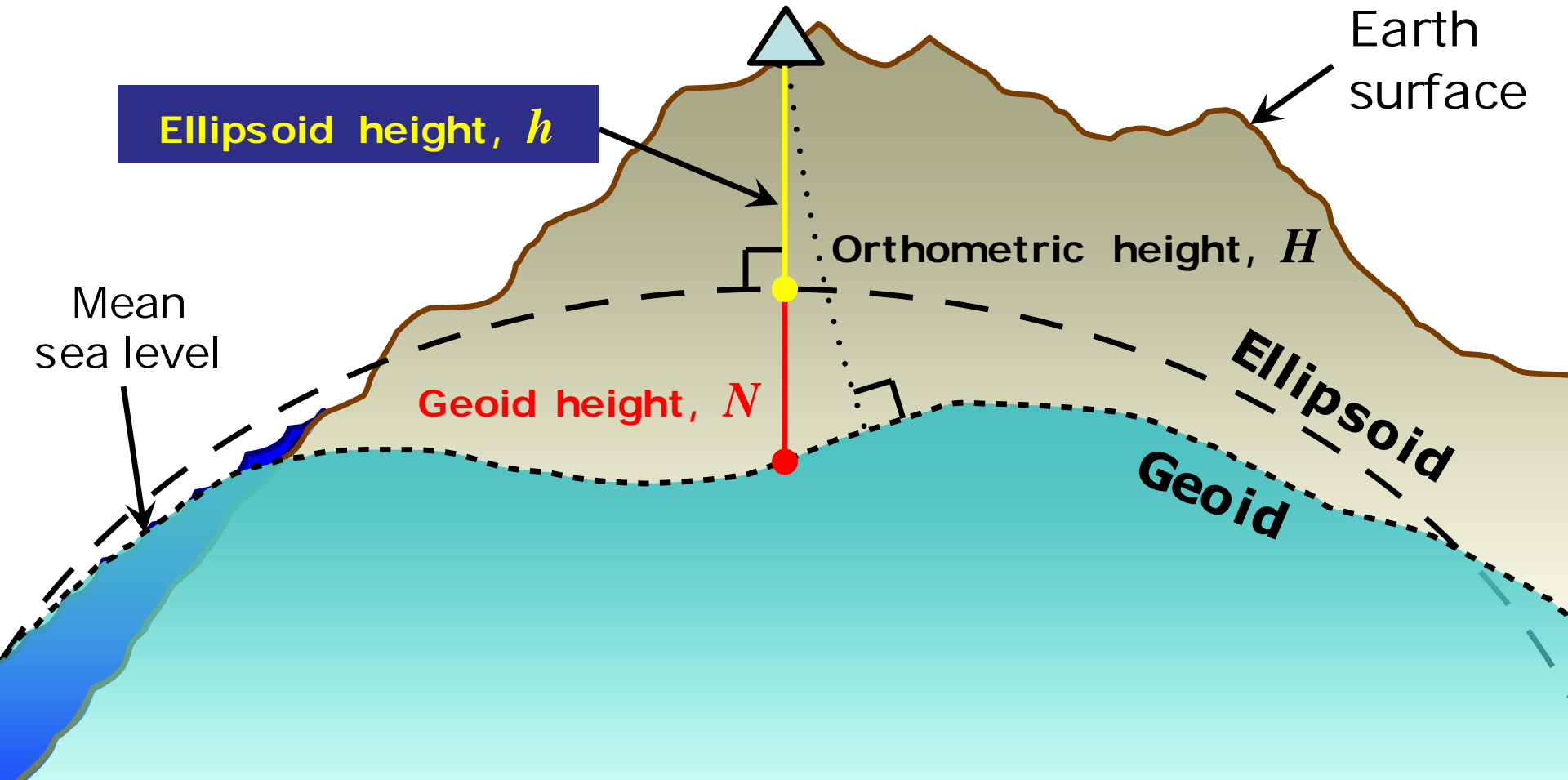
- CORS
- GPS Site
- Classic Horizontal
- Vertical Control
- Approx Height
- GPS and Vertical Control
- GPS and Approx Height
- Classic Horz and Vert Control
- Classic Horz and Approx Ht

40° 35' 55" N , 111° 28' 19" W



# Heights 101

$$H \approx h - N$$



# NAD 83(2011) epoch 2010.00

CBN - This is a Cooperative Base Network Control Station.  
 DESIGNATION - JORDANELLE  
 PID - AA3699  
 STATE/COUNTY- UT/WASATCH  
 COUNTRY - US  
 USGS QUAD - HEBER CITY (1955)

\*CURRENT SURVEY CONTROL

NAD 83(2011) POSITION-	40 35 39.26175(N)	111 24 54.64568(W)	ADJUSTED
NAD 83(2011) ELLIP HT-	1954.690 (meters)	(06/27/12)	ADJUSTED
NAD 83(2011) EPOCH	- 2010.00		
<b>NAVD 88</b> ORTHO HEIGHT -	1970.3 (meters)	6464. (feet)	GPS OBS

NAVD 88 orthometric height was determined with geoid model GEOID93  
 GEOID HEIGHT - -15.28 (meters) GEOID93  
 GEOID HEIGHT - -15.558 (meters) GEOID12B

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NAD 83(2011) X - -1,771,402.357 (meters) COMP  
 NAD 83(2011) Y - -4,516,563.471 (meters) COMP  
 NAD 83(2011) Z - 4,129,583.726 (meters) COMP  
 LAPLACE CORR - 5.35 (seconds) DEFLEC12B

Network accuracy estimates per FGDC Geospatial Positioning Accuracy Standards:

	FGDC (95% conf, cm)		Standard deviation (cm)			CorrNE (unitless)
	Horiz	Ellip	SD_N	SD_E	SD_h	
NETWORK	1.46	2.43	0.69	0.45	1.24	-0.14921160

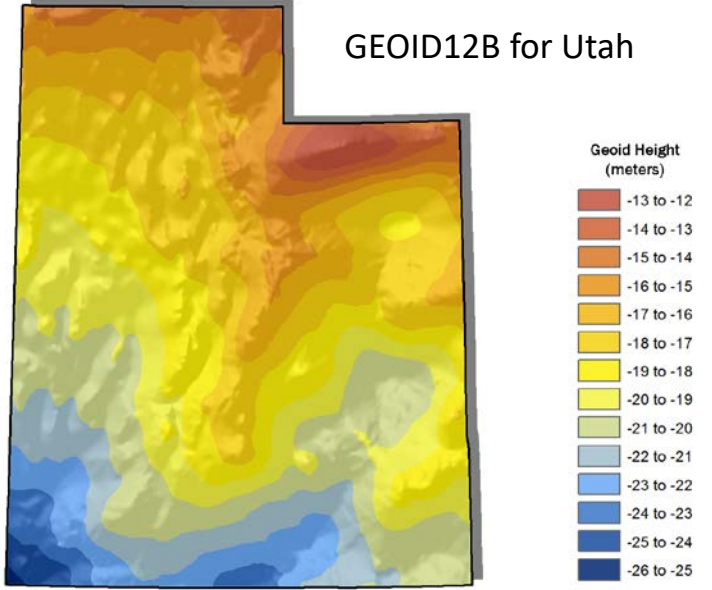
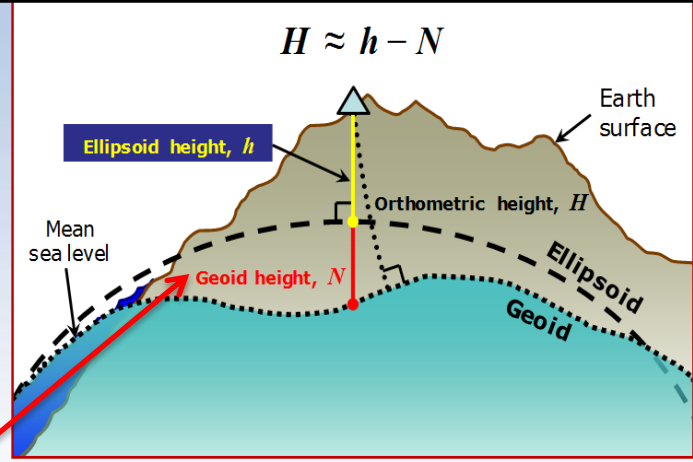
Click [here](#) for local accuracies and other accuracy information.

The horizontal coordinates were established by GPS observations and adjusted by the National Geodetic Survey in June 2012.

NAD 83(2011) refers to NAD 83 coordinates where the reference frame has been affixed to the stable North American tectonic plate. See [NA2011](#) for more information.

The horizontal coordinates are valid at the epoch date displayed above which is a decimal equivalence of Year/Month/Day.

The orthometric height was determined by GPS observations and a high-resolution geoid model.





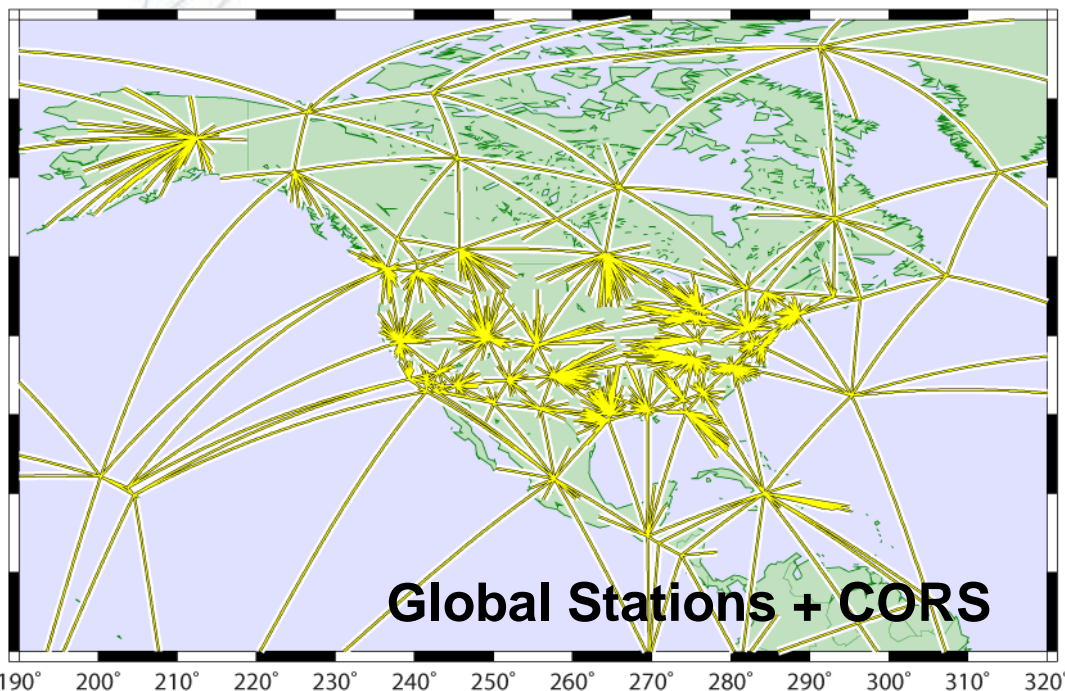
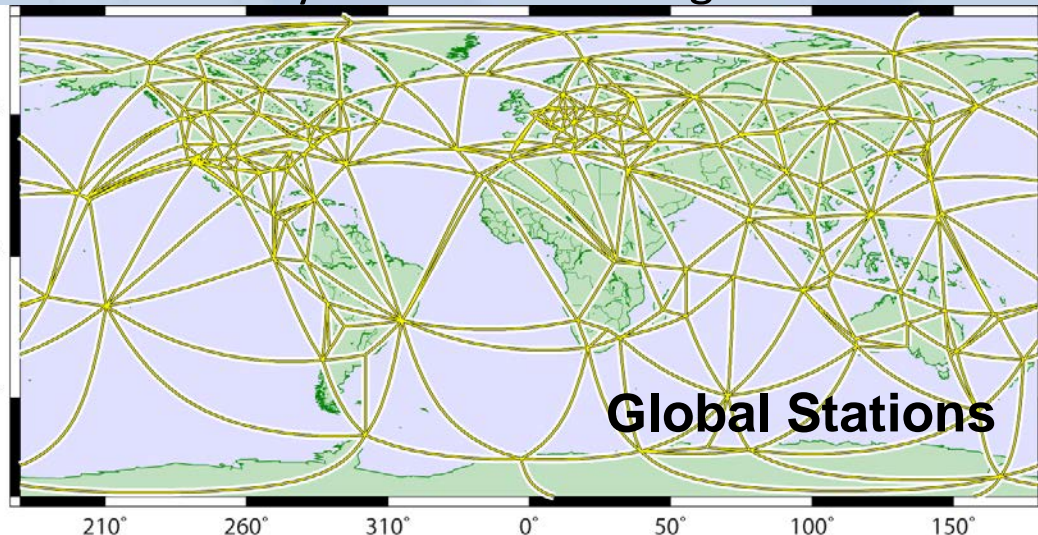
# NAD 83(2011) epoch 2010.00

- **Multi-Year CORS Solution (MYCS)**
  - Reprocessed all CORS GPS data Jan 1994 - Apr 2011
  - 2264 CORS & global stations
  - NAD 83 computed by *transformation* from IGS08
  - Published September 2011
- **National Adjustment of 2011 (NA2011)**
  - New adjustment of GNSS passive control
  - GNSS vectors tied (and constrained) to CORS
  - 80,872 stations; 424,711 GNSS vectors
  - Median shifts: 1.9 cm H / 2.1 cm V
  - Published June 2012



# Multi-Year CORS Solution: defining NAD83(2011) epoch 2010.00

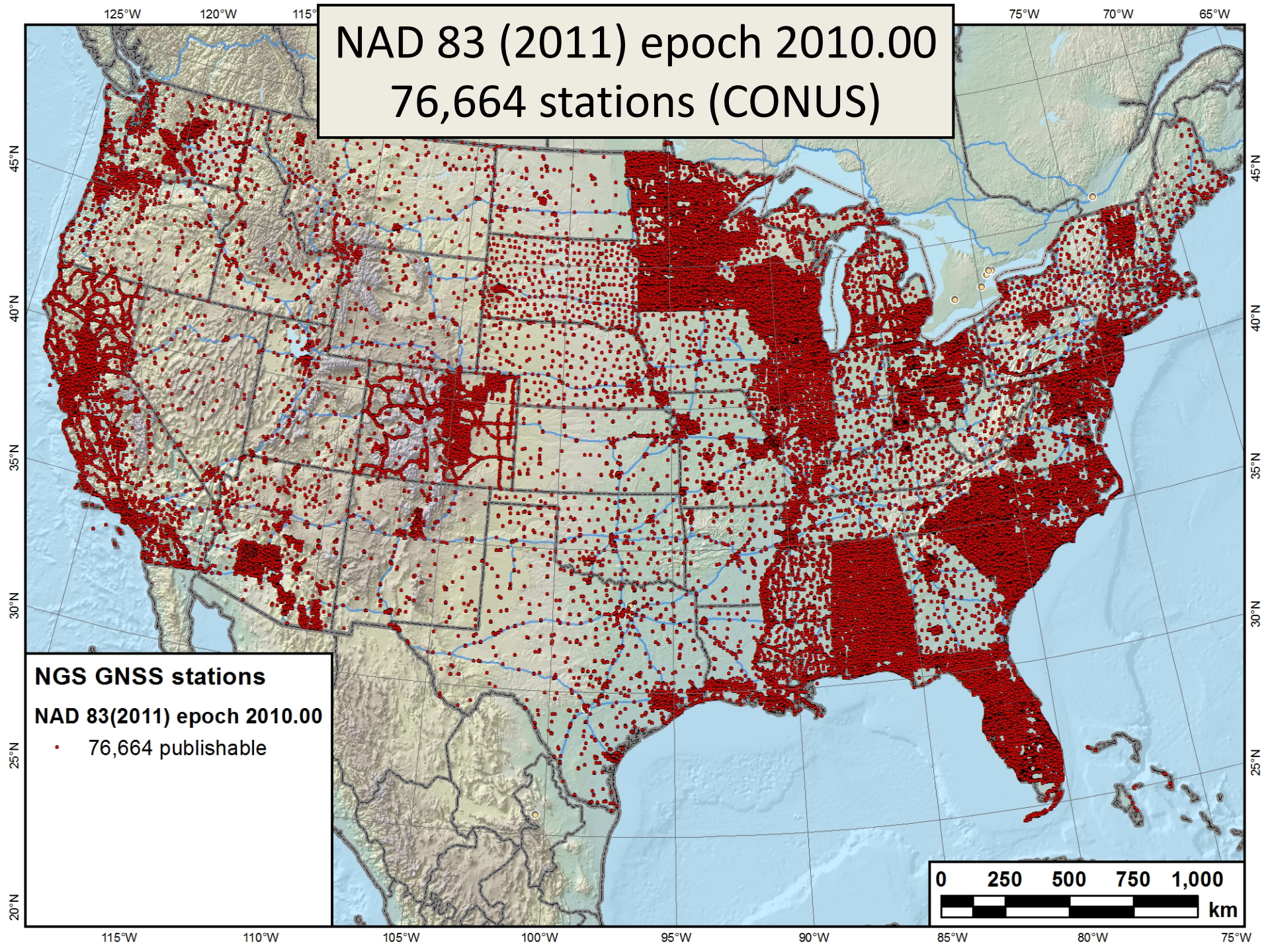
5 years in the making >>> new CORS coordinates & velocities



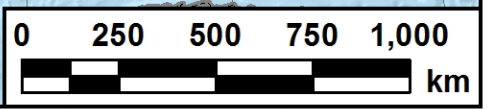
- **global tracking network:**
    - satellite orbits (15-min intervals)
    - terrestrial framework
    - Earth Orientation (EOPs)
    - global station positions (weekly averages)
  - **U.S. CORS tied to global framework via single baselines**
    - minimizes frame distortions from local effects in dense regional networks
    - ✓ 1994-2010.5 tracking history
    - ✓ 90 billion double-difference eqs.
    - ✓ relative >>> absolute antenna calcs.
- NAD83 (2011) epoch 2010.00**
  - IGS08 epoch 2005.0**
  - "few cm" change from previous**



NAD 83 (2011) epoch 2010.00  
76,664 stations (CONUS)



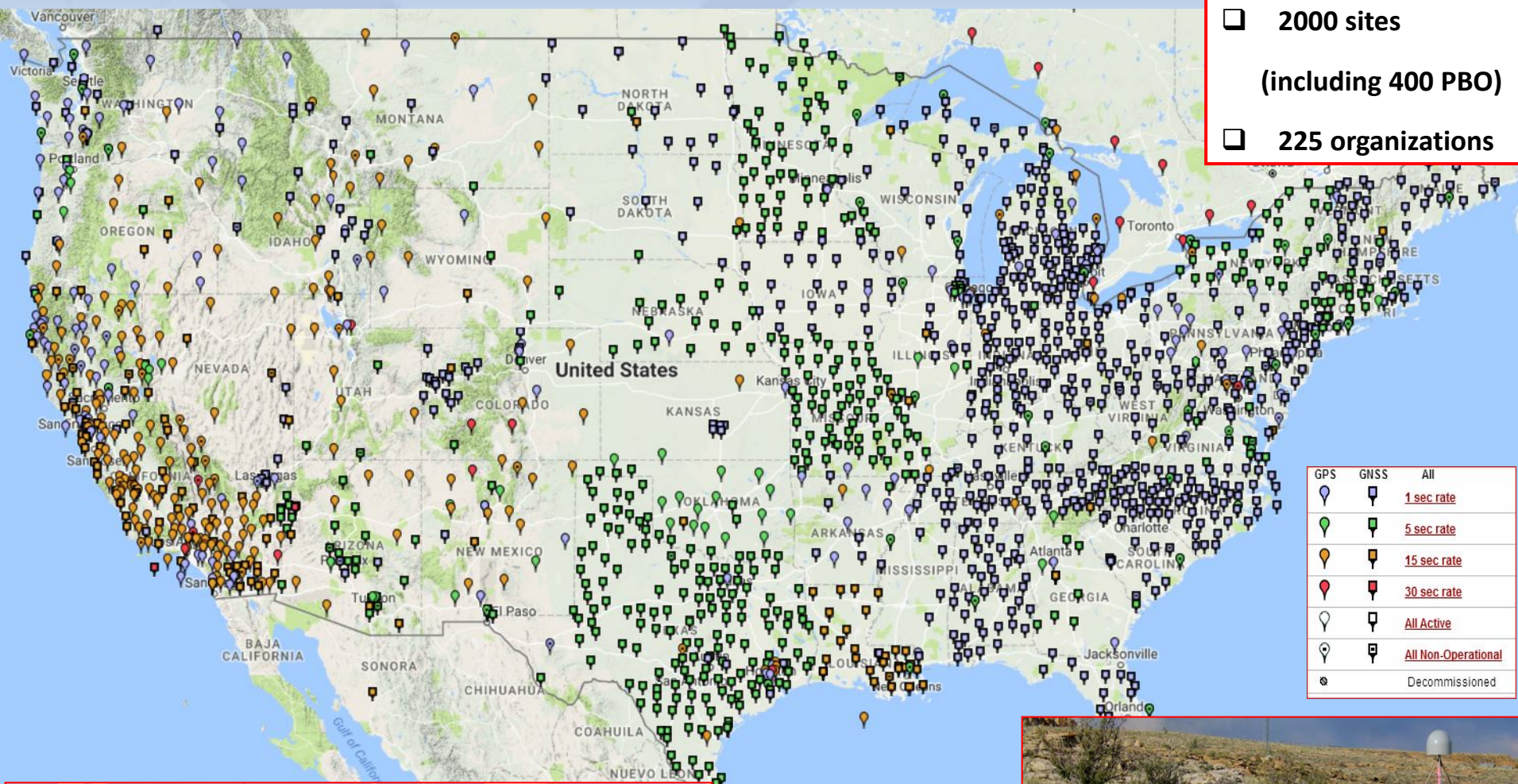
**NGS GNSS stations**  
NAD 83(2011) epoch 2010.00  
• 76,664 publishable



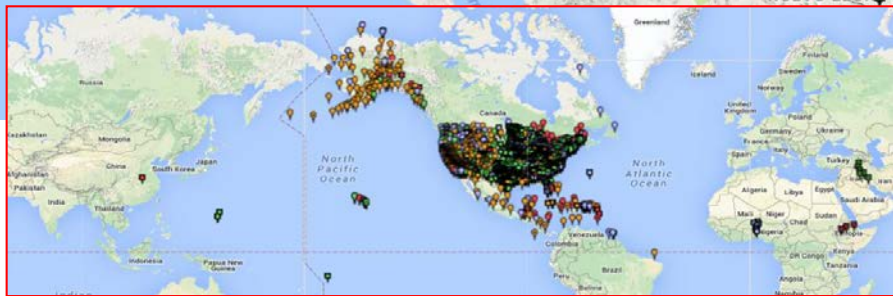


# Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) Network

- ☐ 2000 sites  
(including 400 PBO)
- ☐ 225 organizations

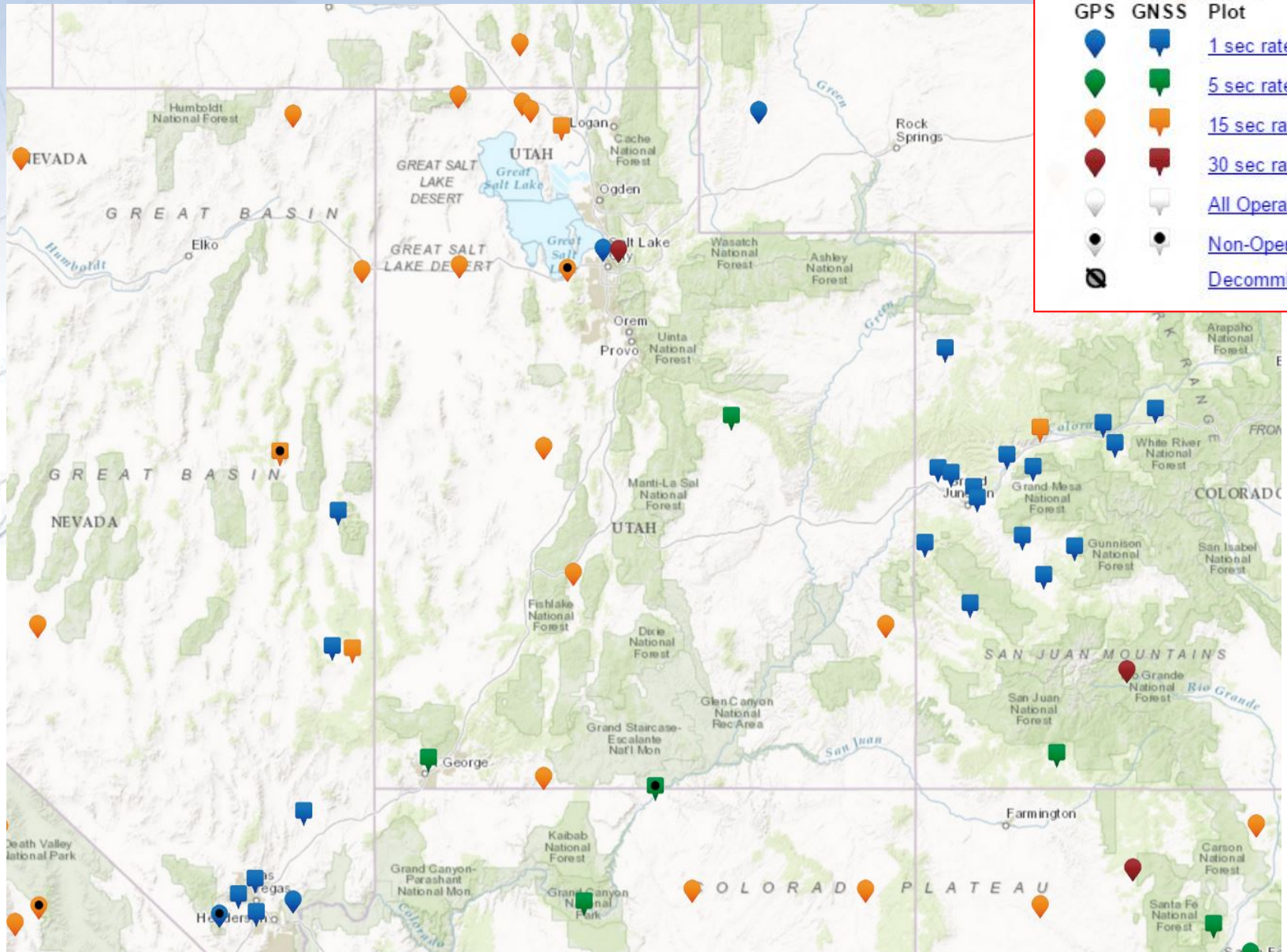


GPS	GNSS	All
		<a href="#">1 sec rate</a>
		<a href="#">5 sec rate</a>
		<a href="#">15 sec rate</a>
		<a href="#">30 sec rate</a>
		<a href="#">All Active</a>
		<a href="#">All Non-Operational</a>
		Decommissioned





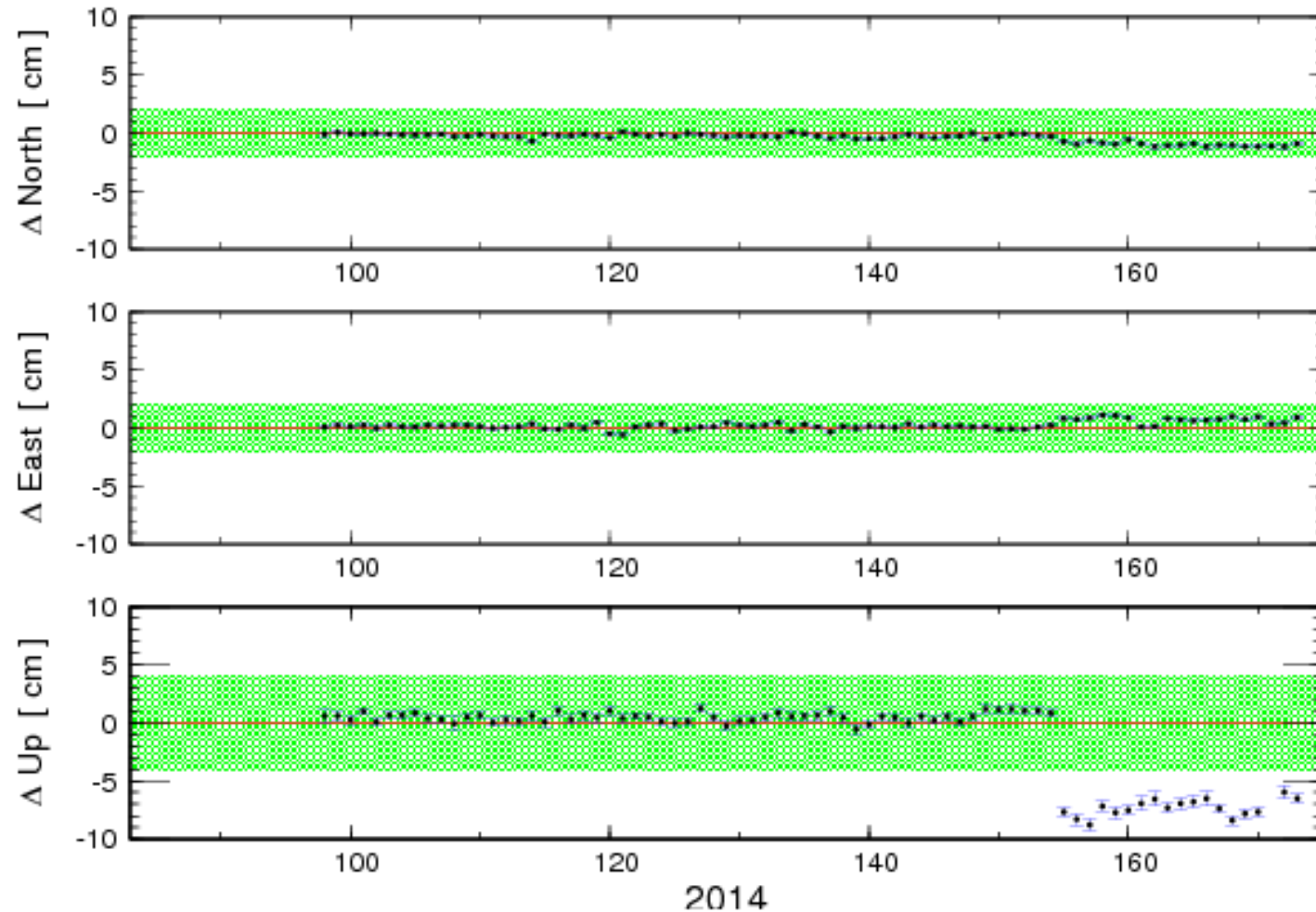
# Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) Network



GPS	GNSS	Plot
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		<a href="#">5 sec rate</a>
		<a href="#">15 sec rate</a>
		<a href="#">30 sec rate</a>
		<a href="#">All Operational</a>
		<a href="#">Non-Operational</a>
		<a href="#">Decommissioned</a>

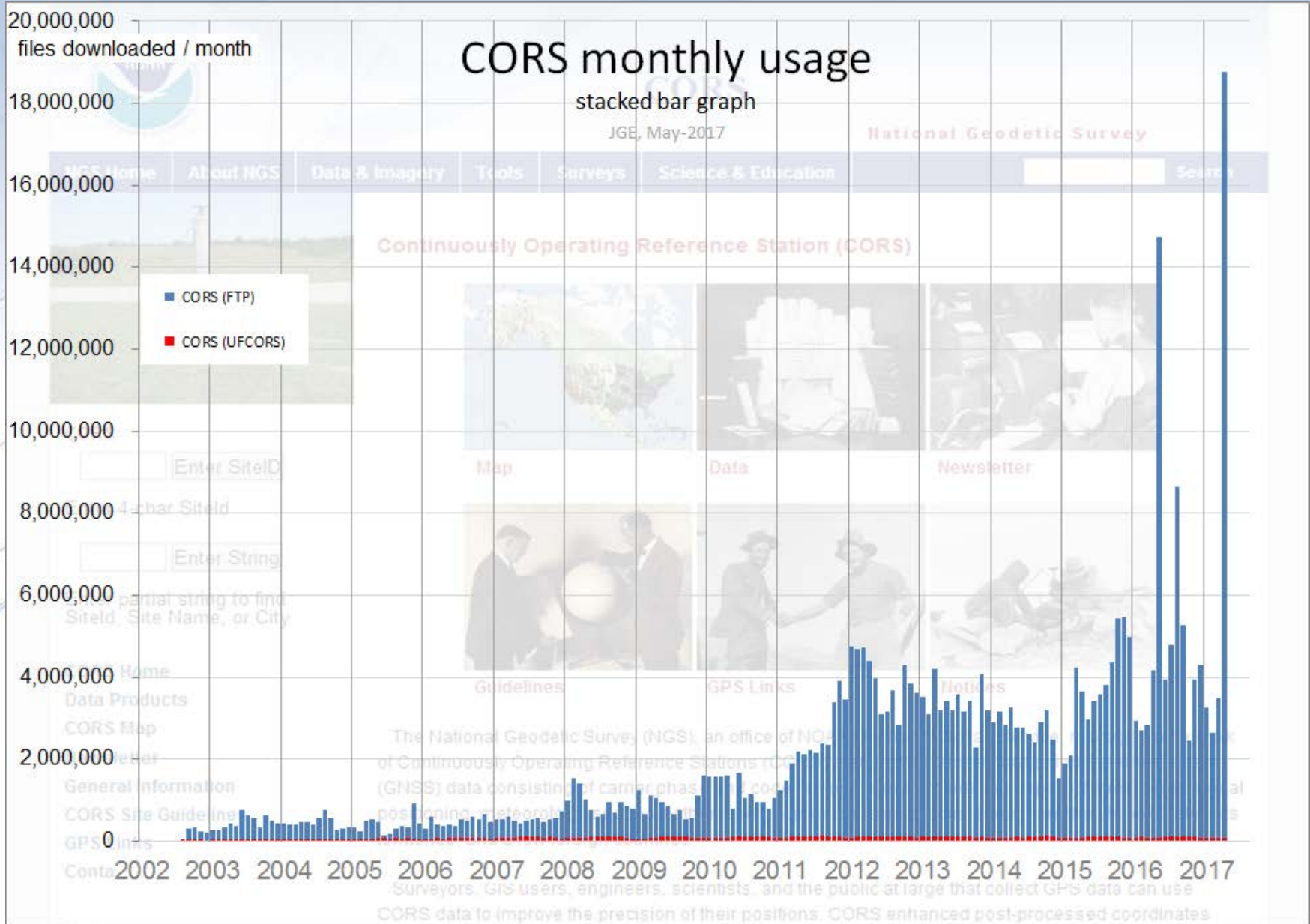
### ORSB: Daily minus Published IGS08 Position

N [cm] =  $-0.43(\pm 0.37)$  E [cm] =  $0.23(\pm 0.35)$  U [cm] =  $-1.51(\pm 3.50)$











International Terrestrial  
Reference Frame  
I T R F



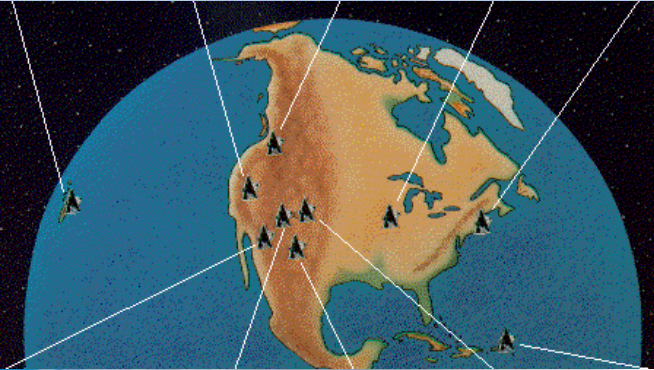
# International Terrestrial Reference Frame (ITRF)

## 4 Global Independent Positioning Technologies

- **1. Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS)**
- **2. Satellite Laser Ranging (SLR)**
- **3. Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI)**
- **4. Doppler Orbitography & Radiopositioning Integrated by Satellite (DORIS)**



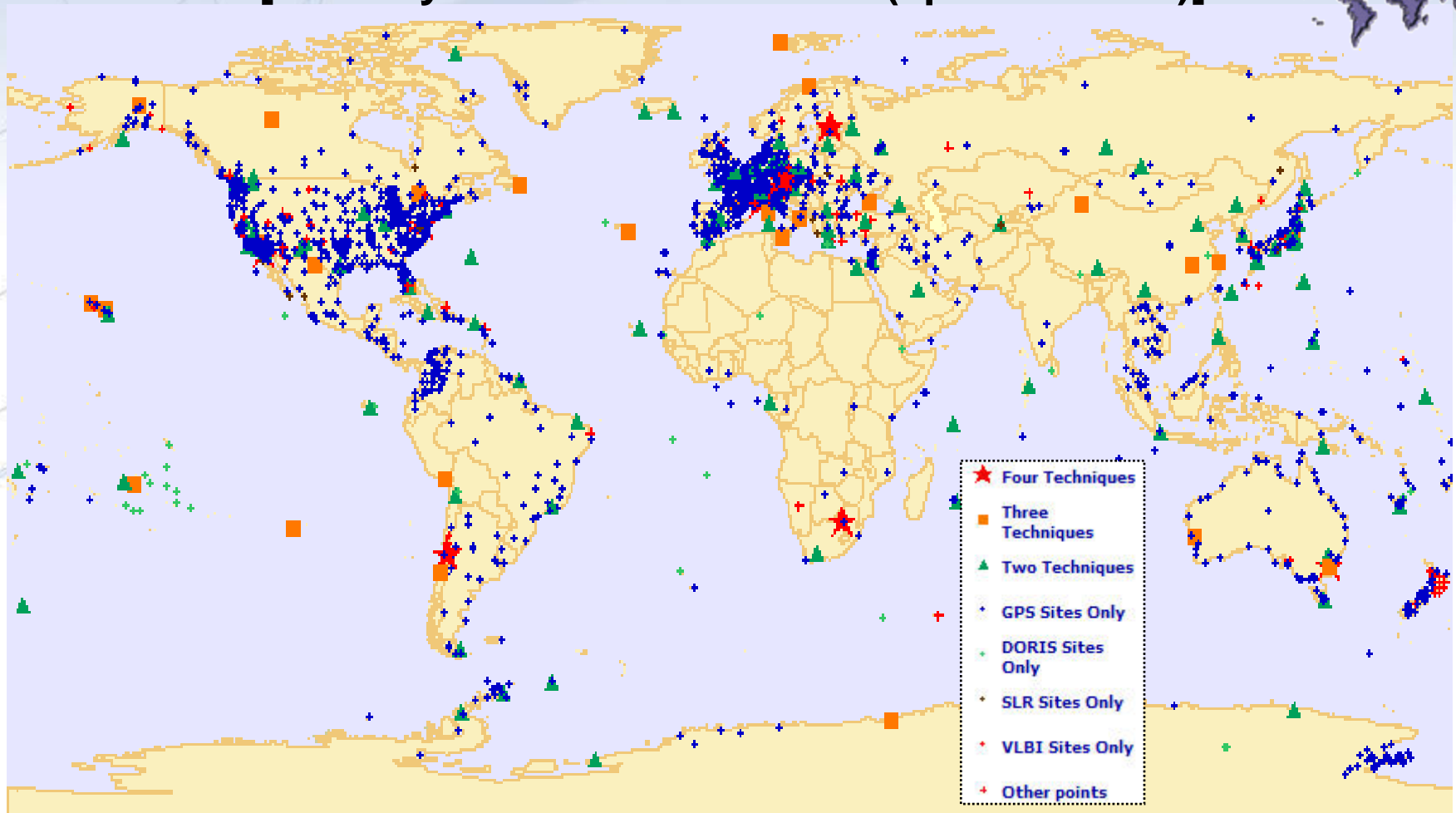






# International Terrestrial Reference Frame (ITRF)

space-based techniques: VLBI, DORIS, SLR, GNSS  
current version @ NGS: ITRF 2008 (epoch 2005.0)  
[recently released: ITRF 2014 (epoch 2010.0)]



International Earth Rotation and Reference System Service (IERS)  
(<http://www.iers.org>)



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The International [GNSS](#) Service (IGS), formerly the International GPS Service, is a voluntary federation of more than 200

worldwide agencies that pool resources and permanent GPS & GLONASS station data to generate precise GPS & GLONASS products. The IGS is committed to providing the highest quality data and products as the standard for Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) in support of Earth science research, multidisciplinary applications, and education. Currently the IGS includes two GNSS, GPS and the Russian GLONASS, and intends to incorporate future GNSS. You can think of the IGS as the highest-precision international civilian GPS community.

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- Global ionospheric maps





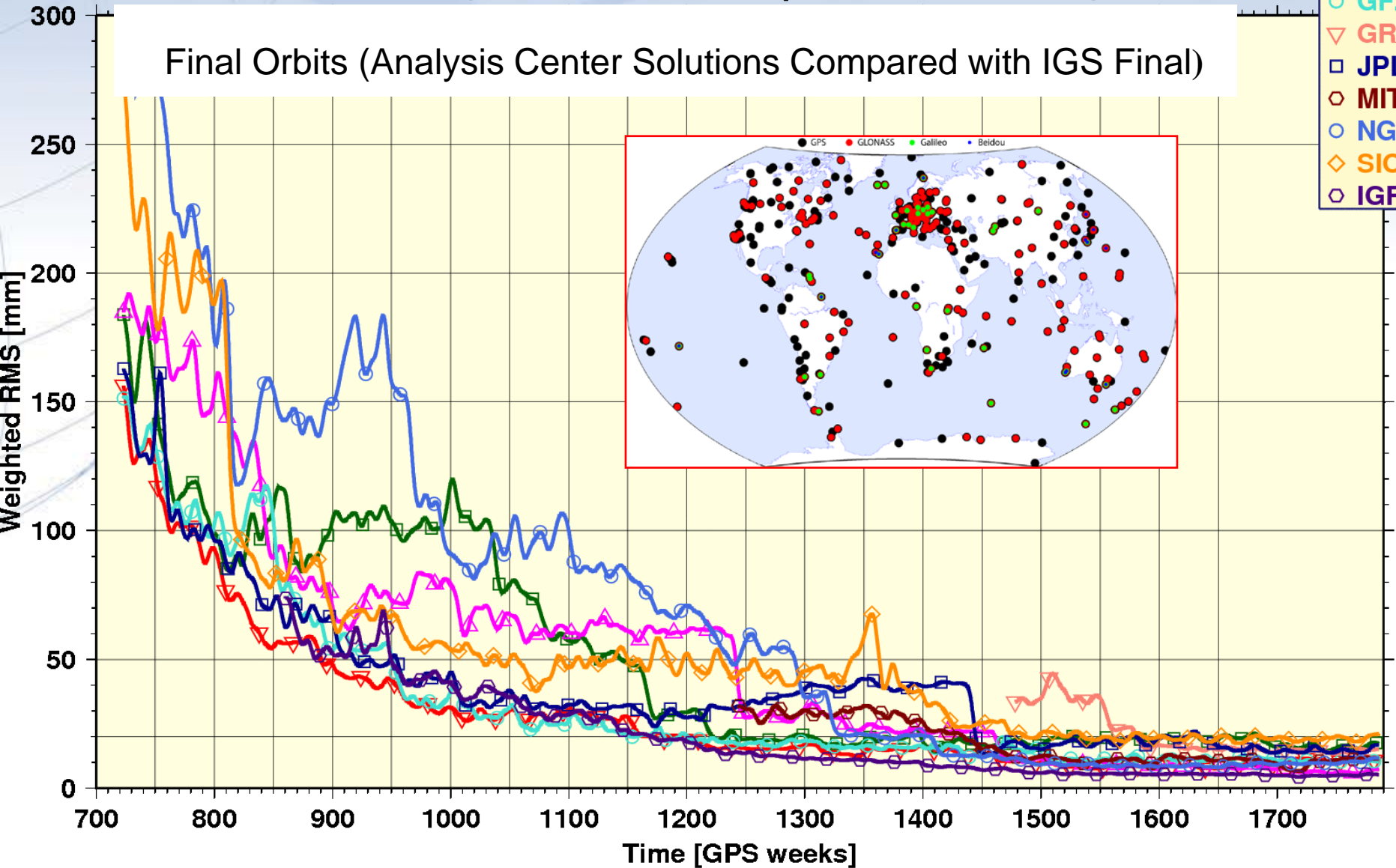
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Final Orbits (Analysis Center Solutions Compared with IGS Final)



# Absolute GNSS Antenna Calibrations




s/n 11885



## Antenna Calibrations

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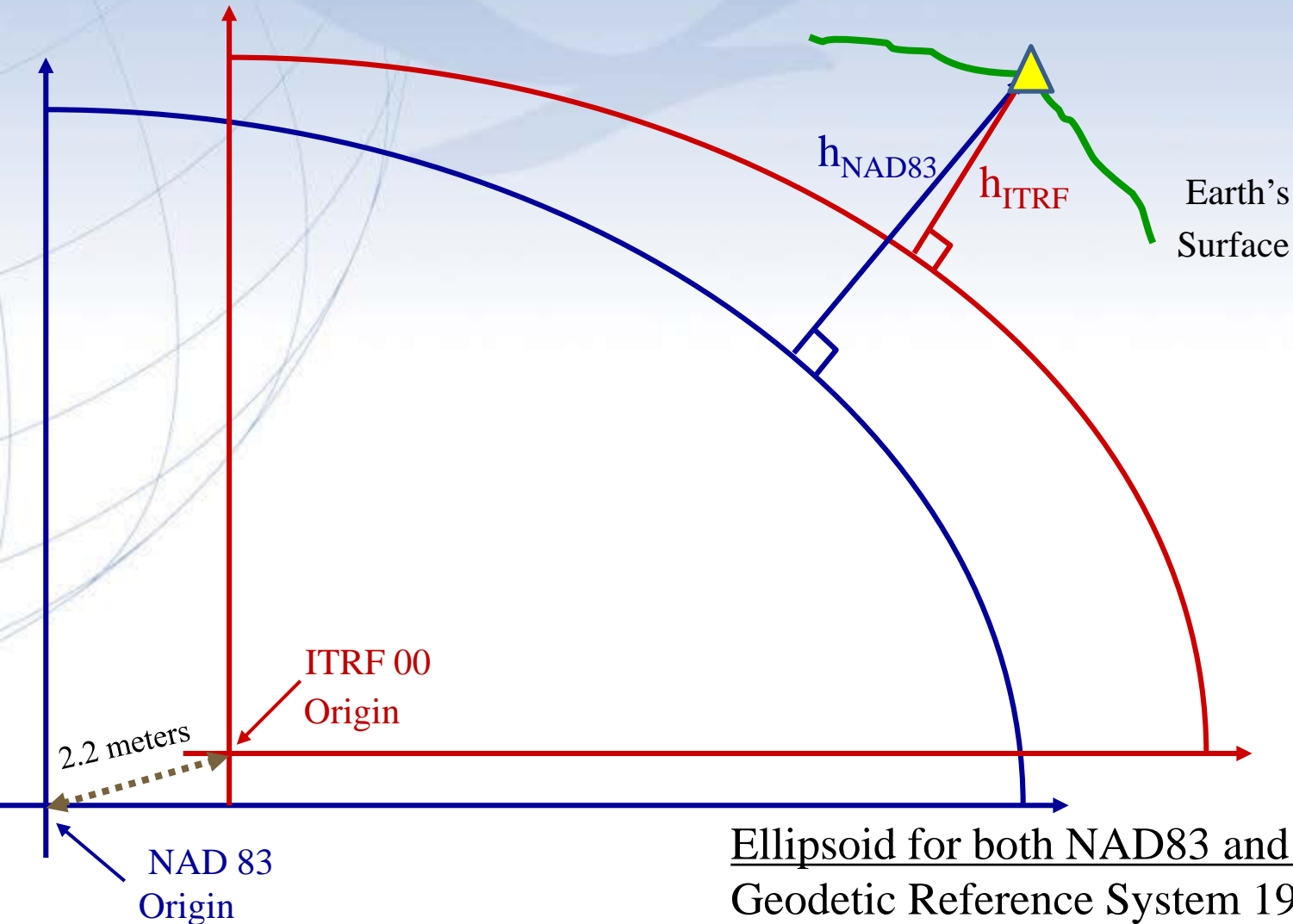
**Contact Us**

### Trimble

Antenna Model	Radome	Images	Calibrations	Description
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TRM14532.00	NONE	<a href="#">Drawing</a> <a href="#">Side</a> <a href="#">Top</a>	<a href="#">ANTEX</a> <a href="#">ANTINFO</a>	4000ST L1/L2 Geodetic, Model 14532.00
TRM14532.10	NONE	<a href="#">Drawing</a> <a href="#">Side</a> <a href="#">Top</a>	<a href="#">ANTEX</a> <a href="#">ANTINFO</a>	4000SSE Kin L1/L2, Model 14532.10
TRM22020.00+GP	NONE	<a href="#">Drawing</a> <a href="#">Side</a> <a href="#">Top</a>	<a href="#">ANTEX</a> <a href="#">ANTINFO</a>	Geod. L1/L2 compact, with groundplane, Model 22020-00
TRM22020.00-GP	NONE	<a href="#">Drawing</a> <a href="#">Side</a> <a href="#">Top</a>	<a href="#">ANTEX</a> <a href="#">ANTINFO</a>	Geod. L1/L2 compact, w/o groundplane, Model 22020-00
TRM22020.02	TCWD		<a href="#">ANTEX</a> <a href="#">ANTINFO</a>	L1/L2 w/rd and gp
TRM23903.00	NONE	<a href="#">Drawing</a> <a href="#">Side</a> <a href="#">Top</a>	<a href="#">ANTEX</a> <a href="#">ANTINFO</a>	Permanent L1/L2, Model 23903.00, cast preamp housing
TRM27947.00+GP	NONE	<a href="#">Side</a> <a href="#">Top</a>	<a href="#">ANTEX</a> <a href="#">ANTINFO</a>	Rugged L1/L2 with groundplane, Model 27947.00
TRM27947.00-GP	NONE	<a href="#">Side</a> <a href="#">Top</a>	<a href="#">ANTEX</a> <a href="#">ANTINFO</a>	Rugged L1/L2 w/o groundplane, Model 27947.00
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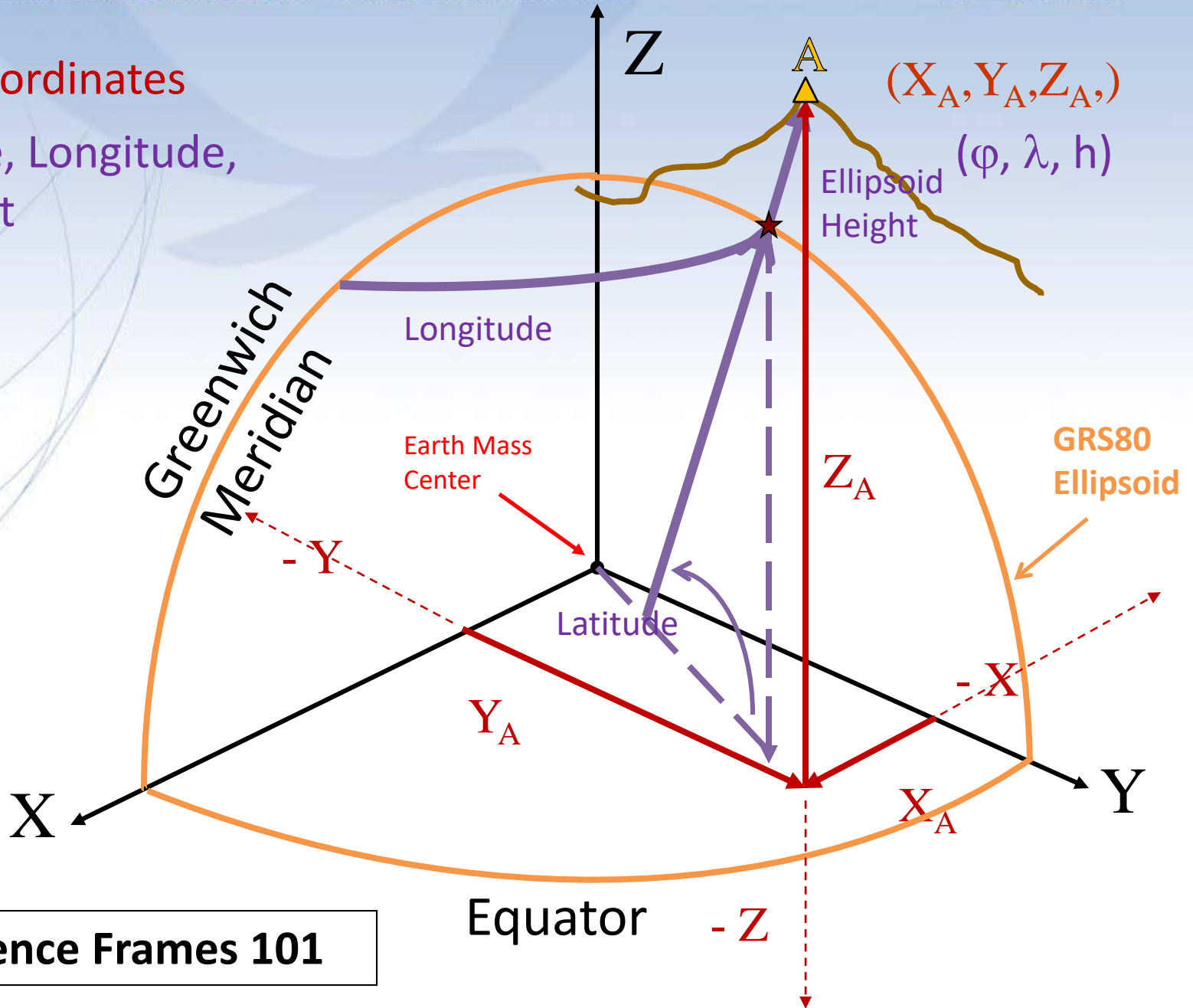
# Simplified Concept of NAD 83 vs. ITRF



Ellipsoid for both NAD83 and ITRF:  
 Geodetic Reference System 1980 (GRS80)  
 $a = 6,378,137.000$  meters (semi-major axis)  
 $1/f = 298.25722210088$  (flattening)

# ECEF Coordinates

Latitude, Longitude,  
& Height





# CORS Coordinates

Antenna Reference Point(ARP): CARBON COUNTY UT CORS ARP

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PID = DP9024

IGS08 epoch 2005.0 =  
International GNSS Service 2008  
(@ January 1, 2005)  
(GPS-only realization of ITRF2008)

IGS08 Position >>

**IGS08 POSITION (EPOCH 2005.0)**

Computed in Sep 2015 using 12 days of data.

X = -1745062.460 m	latitude = 39 35 38.11967 N
Y = -4603213.161 m	longitude = 110 45 41.57151 W
Z = 4044436.503 m	ellipsoid height = 1713.494 m

IGS08 Velocity >>

**IGS08 VELOCITY**

Predicted with HDOP\_3.2.3 Sep 2015.

VX = -0.00151 m/yr	northward = -0.0071 m/yr
VY = 0.00009 m/yr	eastward = -0.0144 m/yr
VZ = -0.00055 m/yr	upward = -0.0000 m/yr

NAD83 Position >>

**NAD\_83 (2011) POSITION (EPOCH 2010.0)**

Transformed from IGS08 (epoch 2005.0) position in Sep 2015.

X = -1745061.768 m	latitude = 39 35 38.10058 N
Y = -4603214.452 m	longitude = 110 45 41.52524 W
Z = 4044436.534 m	ellipsoid height = 1714.255 m

NAD83 Velocity >>

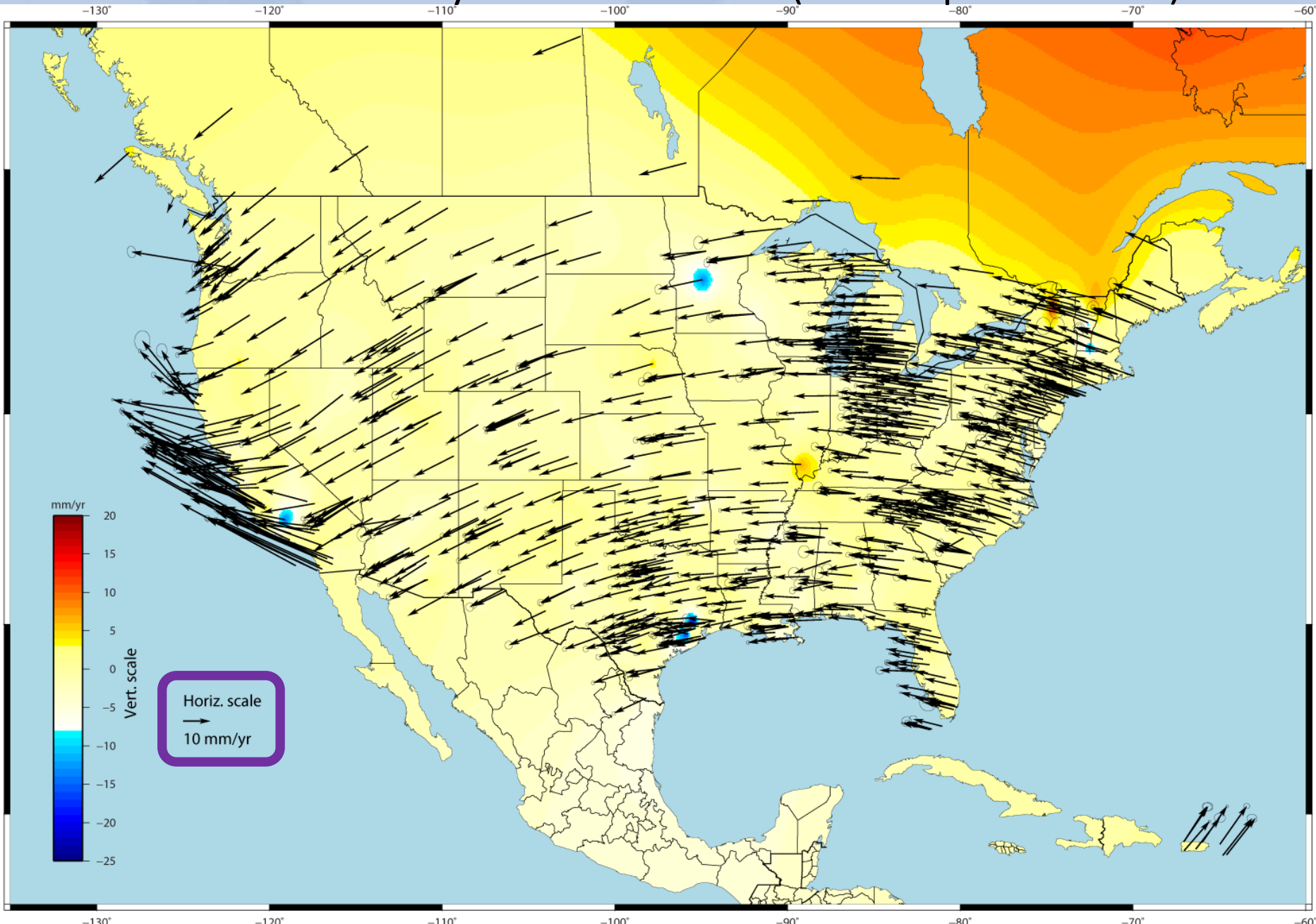
**NAD\_83 (2011) VELOCITY**

Transformed from IGS08 velocity in Sep 2015.

VX = 0.0019 m/yr	northward = 0.0018 m/yr
VY = 0.0016 m/yr	eastward = 0.0012 m/yr
VZ = 0.0006 m/yr	upward = -0.0013 m/yr

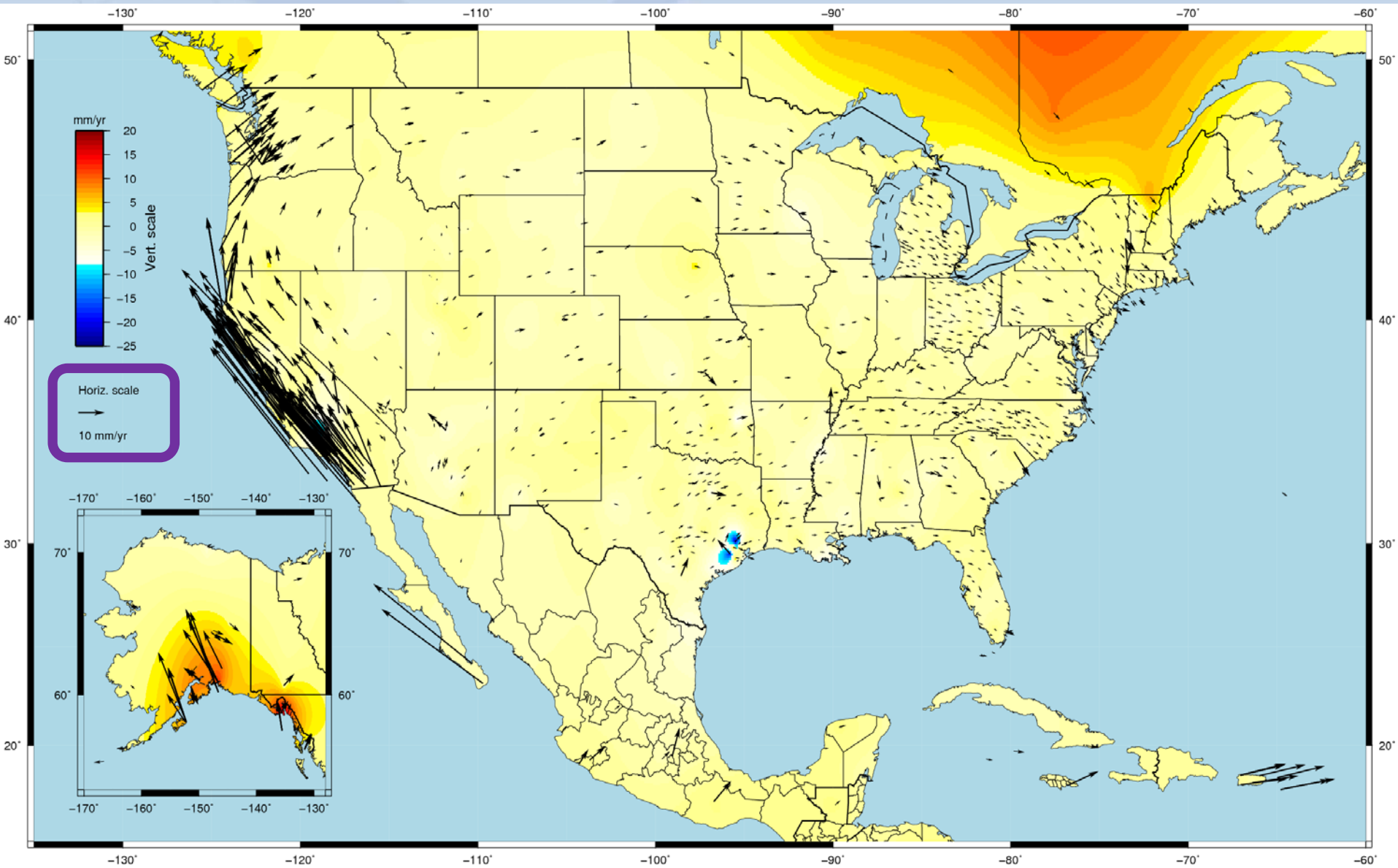
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North American Datum 1983 (2011)  
(@ January 1, 2010)

# U.S. CORS Velocity Field – ITRF2008 (IGS08 epoch 2005.0)

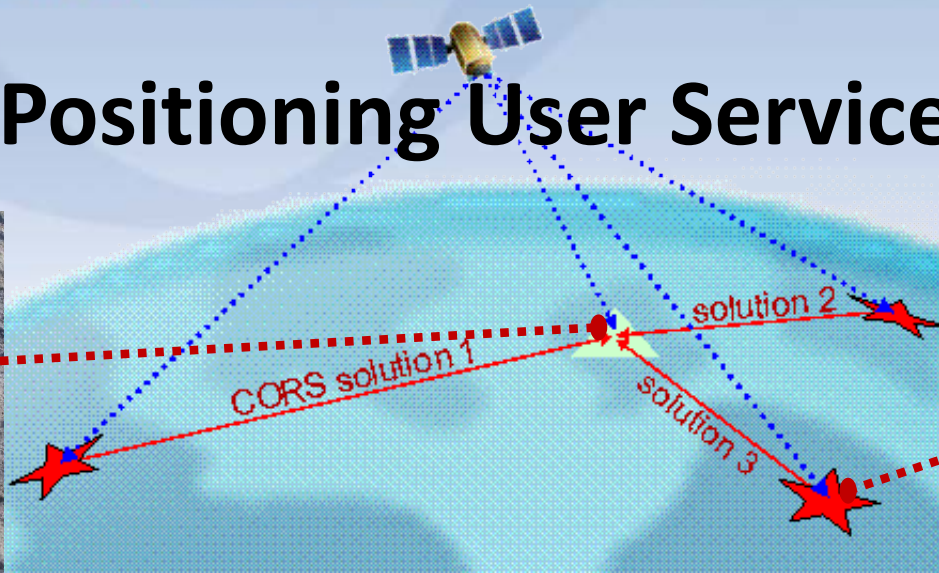




# U.S. CORS Velocity Field - NAD83(2011) epoch 2010.00



# Online Positioning User Service (OPUS)



- upload L1/L2 GPS data >>> solution via email in minutes
  - OPUS-RS (Rapid Static) ---- 15 min to 2 hr (per CORS)
  - OPUS-S (Static) ---- 2 to 48 hr (anywhere)
  - OPUS-DB (Database) --- sharing of results
  - OPUS-Projects --- network of multi-stations/occupations

*Fast, easy, consistent access to NSRS*



# OPUS – Share (aka OPUS-DB)

## Sharing Criteria:

- NGS-calibrated antenna
- > 4 hour data span
- > 70% observations used
- > 70% fixed ambiguities
- < 0.04m H peak-to-peak
- < 0.08m V peak-to-peak

## Uses:

- GPS on BMs
- PLSS / GCDB
- Data archive
- Data sharing

## Shared Solution

PID: GT0228

Designation: F 72

Stamping: F 72 1928

Stability: Most reliable; expected to hold position well

Setting: In rock outcrop or ledge

Mark: G

Condition:

Description: The station is located 6.2 miles along the Mount Whitney Trail from the trailhead at the Whitney Portal, west of Lone Pine. It is located at Trail Camp, about 250 feet south of the south shore of a lake and about 50 feet south of the trail, opposite a 10-foot-tall boulder that sits directly along the north side of the trail. The station is a USCGS bench mark disk set flush in the top of a granite outcrop measuring about 75 feet by 25 feet and standing about 10 feet above the level of the trail.

Observed: 2010-08-17T16:53:00Z See Also 1928

Source: OPUS - page5 1209.04



Close-up View

REF_FRAME: NAD_83(2011)	EPOCH: 2010.0000	SOURCE: NAVD88 (Computed using GEOID12A)	UNITS: m	SET PROFILE	DETAILS
LAT: 36° 33' 46.36644" ± 0.006 m LON: -118° 16' 46.29502" ± 0.003 m ELL HT: 3645.963 ± 0.013 m X: -2431390.178 ± 0.006 m Y: -4519449.679 ± 0.013 m Z: 3780713.238 ± 0.002 m ORTHO HT: 3671.261 ± 0.031 m			UTM 11 SPC 404(CA 4) NORTHING: 4047144.640m 636673.937m EASTING: 385501.607m 2064491.407m CONVERGENCE: -0.76230261° 0.42982529° POINT SCALE: 0.99976152 0.99994136 COMBINED FACTOR: 0.99918979 0.99936952		

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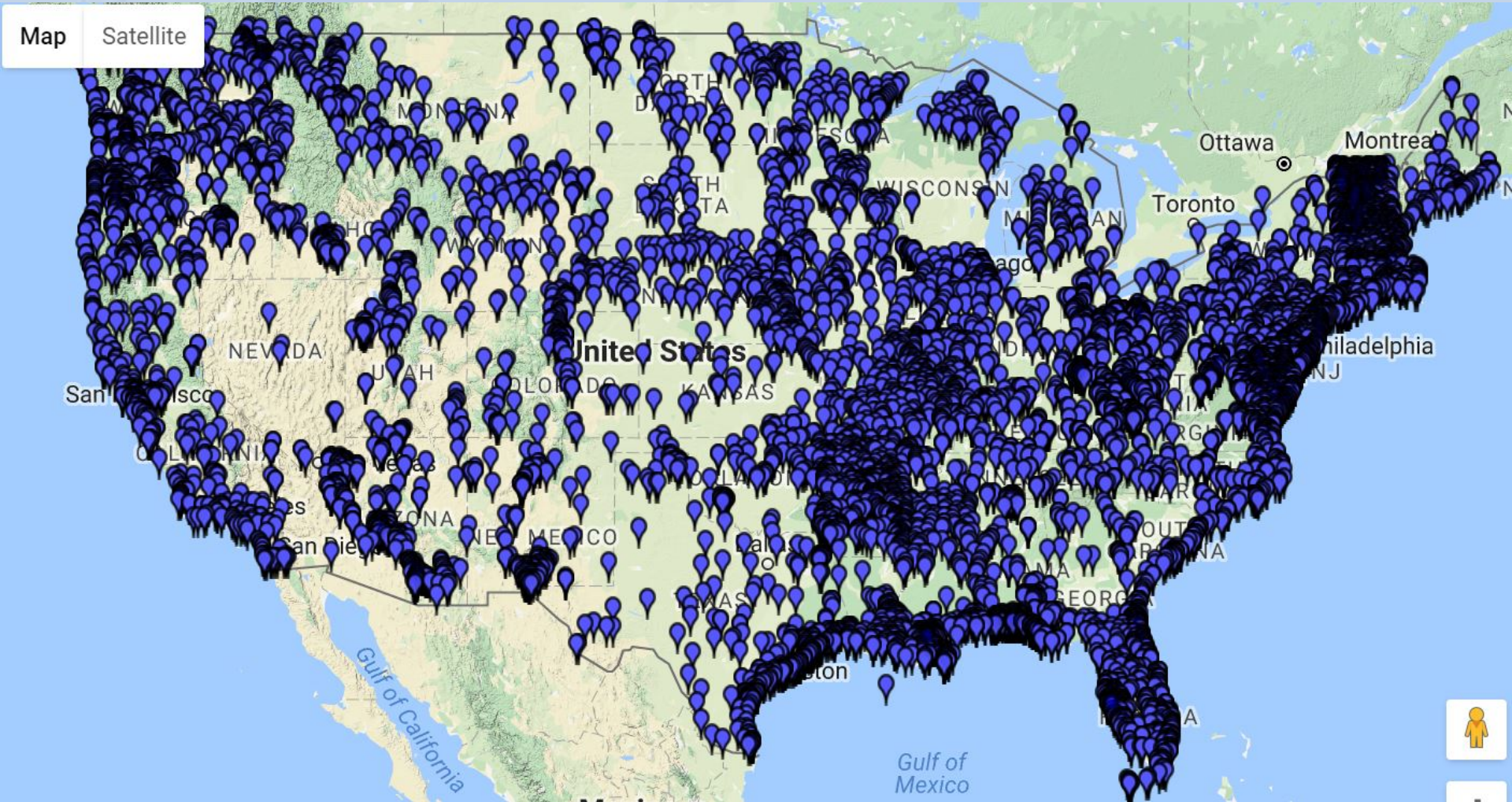


Horizon View





# Shared OPUS Solutions



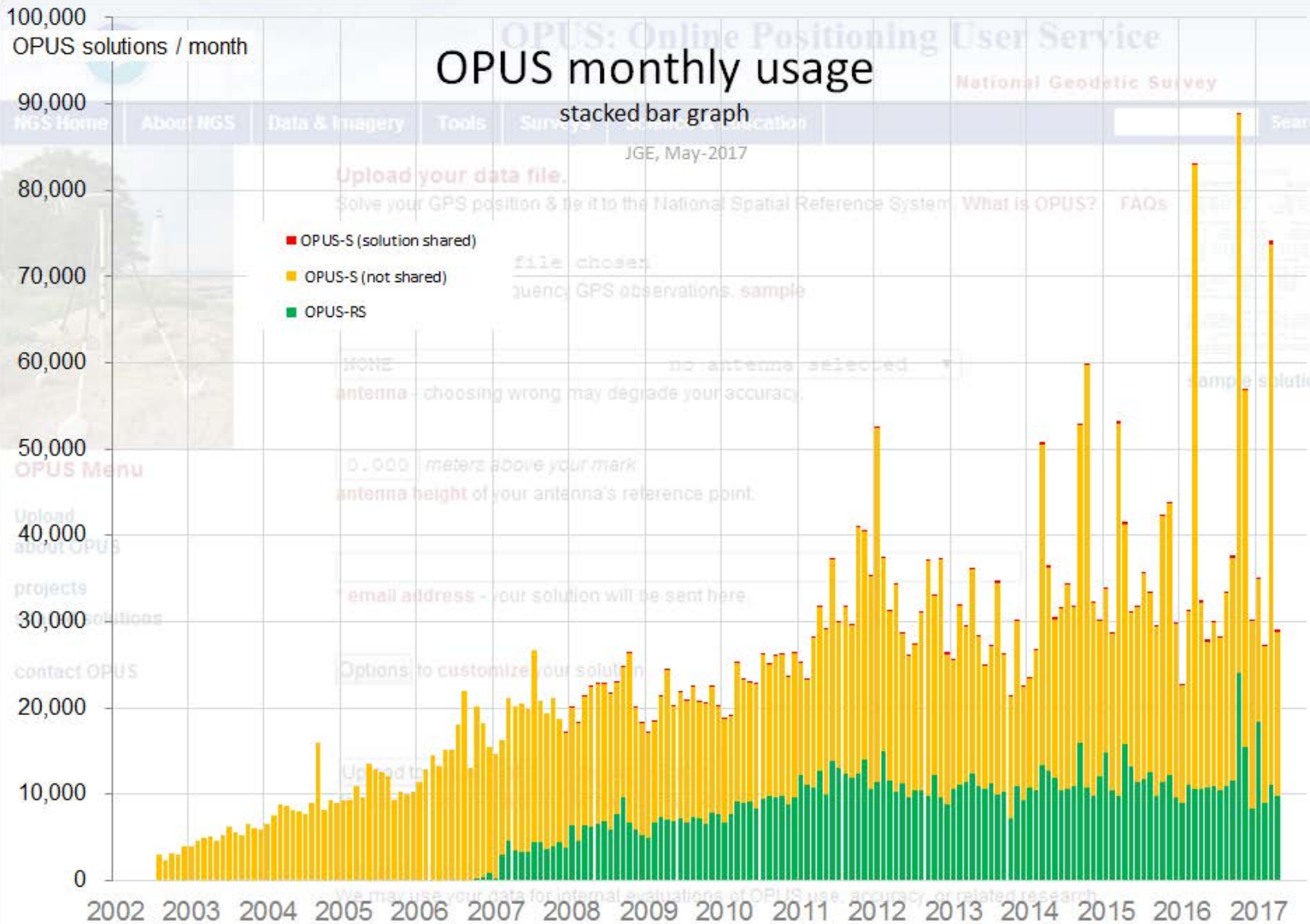


# OPUS: Online Positioning User Service

## OPUS monthly usage

stacked bar graph

JGE, May-2017



# National Geodetic Survey Ten-Year Strategic Plan

- ❖ By 2022, reduce all definitional & access-related errors in geometric reference frame to 1 cm when using 15 min of GNSS data

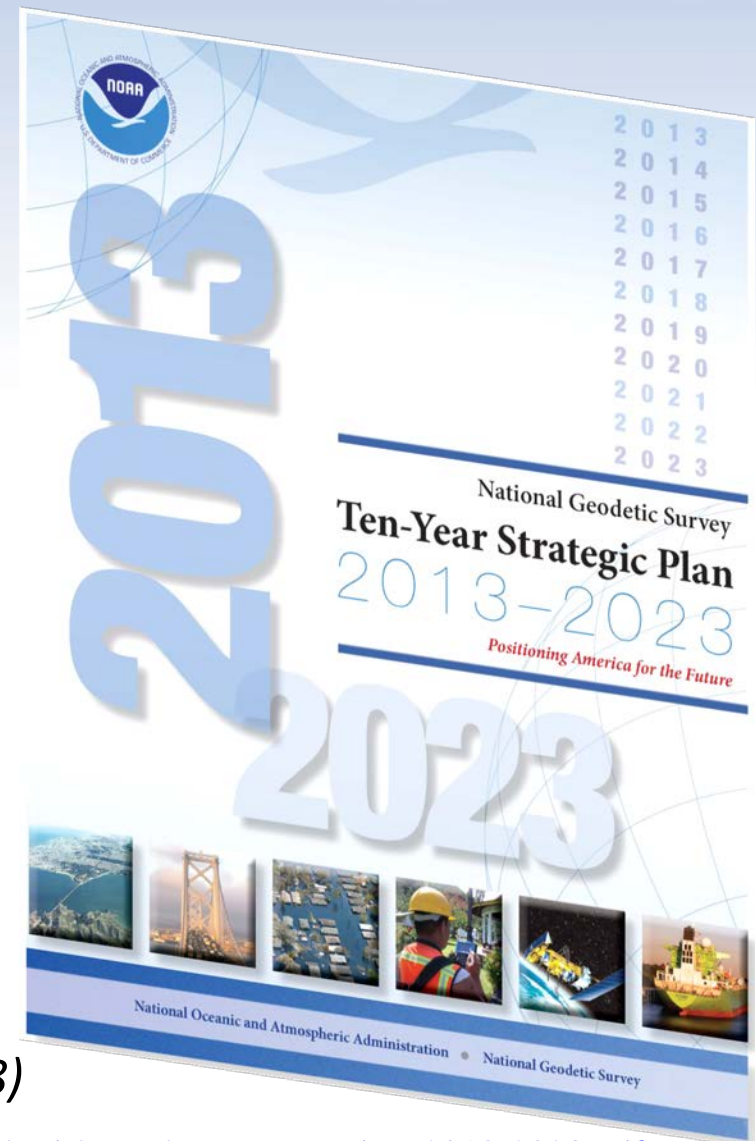
## **“Replace NAD83”**

*(NAD83 = North American Datum 1983)*

- ❖ By 2022, reduce all definitional & access-related errors in orthometric heights in geopotential reference frame to 2 cm when using 15 min of GNSS data

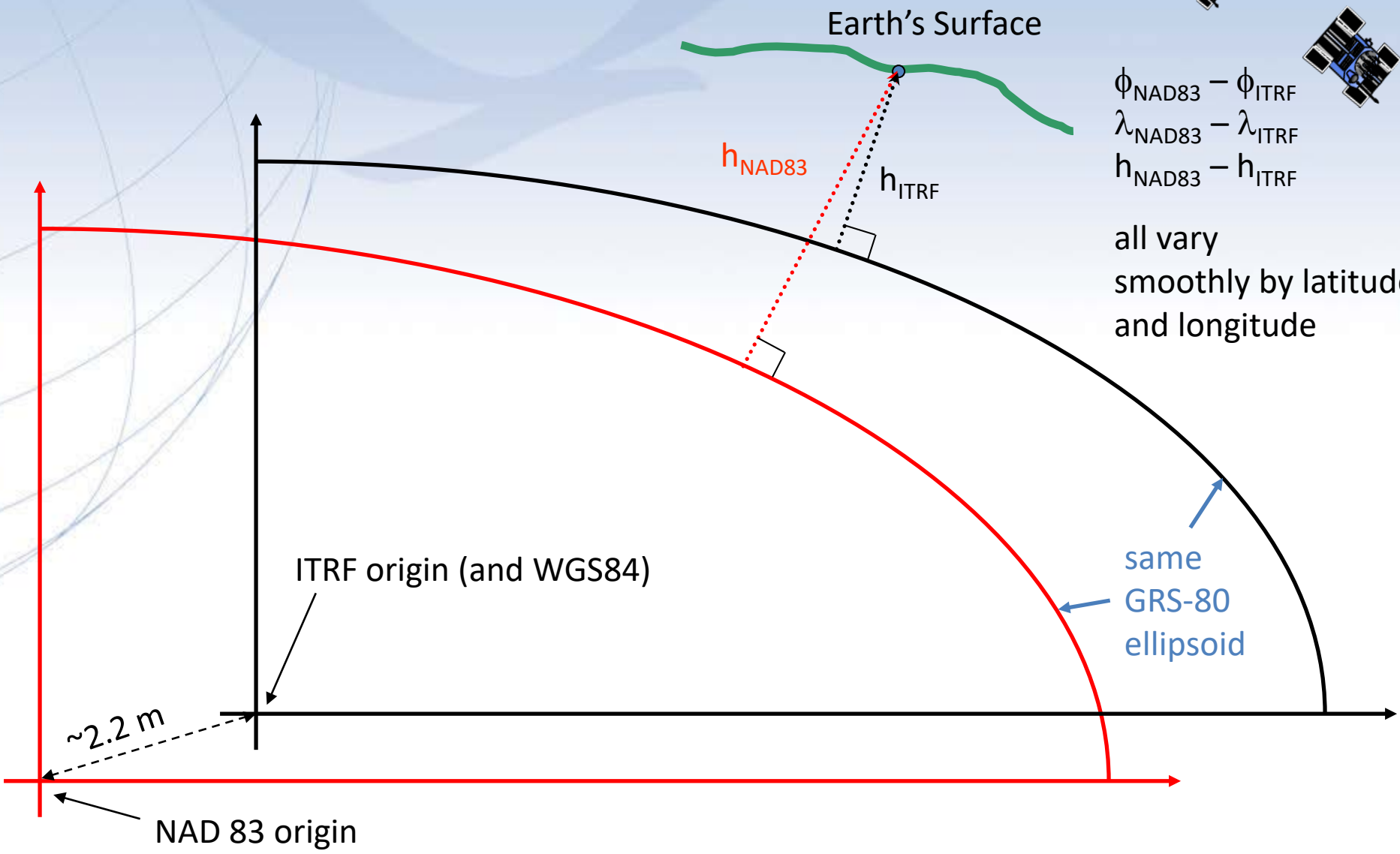
## **“Replace NAVD88”**

*(NAVD88 = North American Vertical Datum 1988)*





# NAD 83's non-geocentricity



# Future Geometric (3-D) Reference Frame

- **replace NAD83 with new geometric reference frames – by 2022**
- **CORS-based, accessed via GNSS observations**
- **coordinates & velocities in ITRF & new US reference frame**
- **passive control tied to new reference frame (not a component)**
- **transformation tools to relate historical to new US reference frames**  
**( HTDP / NADCON / GEOCON ... )**



# And it shall be called...

## North American Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022 (NATRF2022)

(& Pacific/Mariana/Caribbean Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022)

- 4 (essentially) tectonic-plate-fixed reference frames
- identical to IGS~~XX~~ reference frame at TBD epoch (2022.0?)
- over time, will relate to IGS frame via Euler Pole Rotation
- all CORS velocities deviating from rigid-plate (Euler) rotation will be captured in 3-D velocity model (a secondary product to transform to fixed epoch)

# Four Frames/Plates in 2022

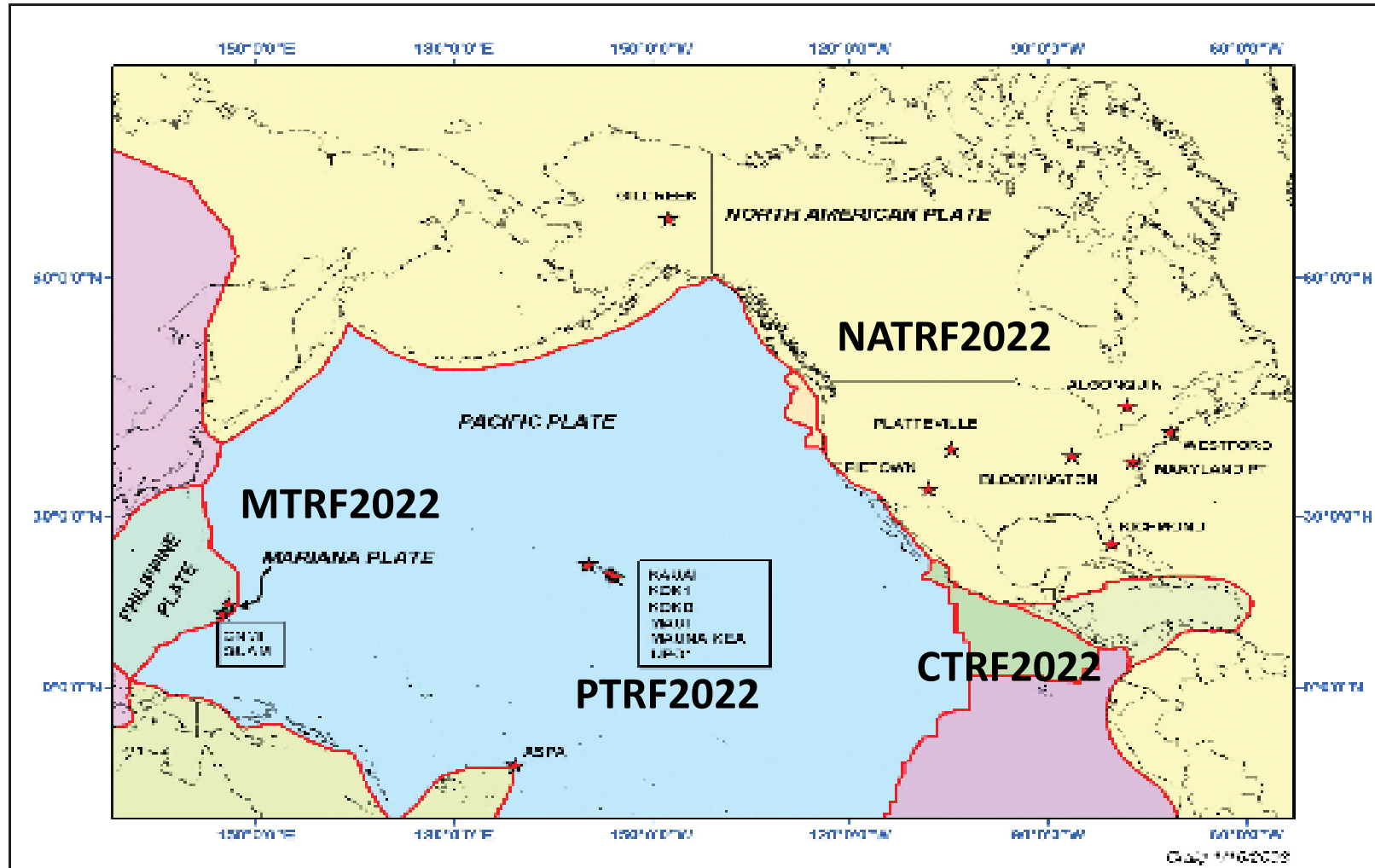


Image from Snay 2003



# Euler Poles

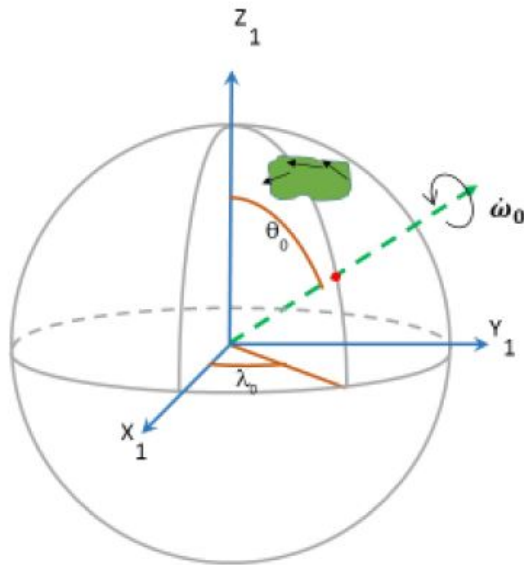
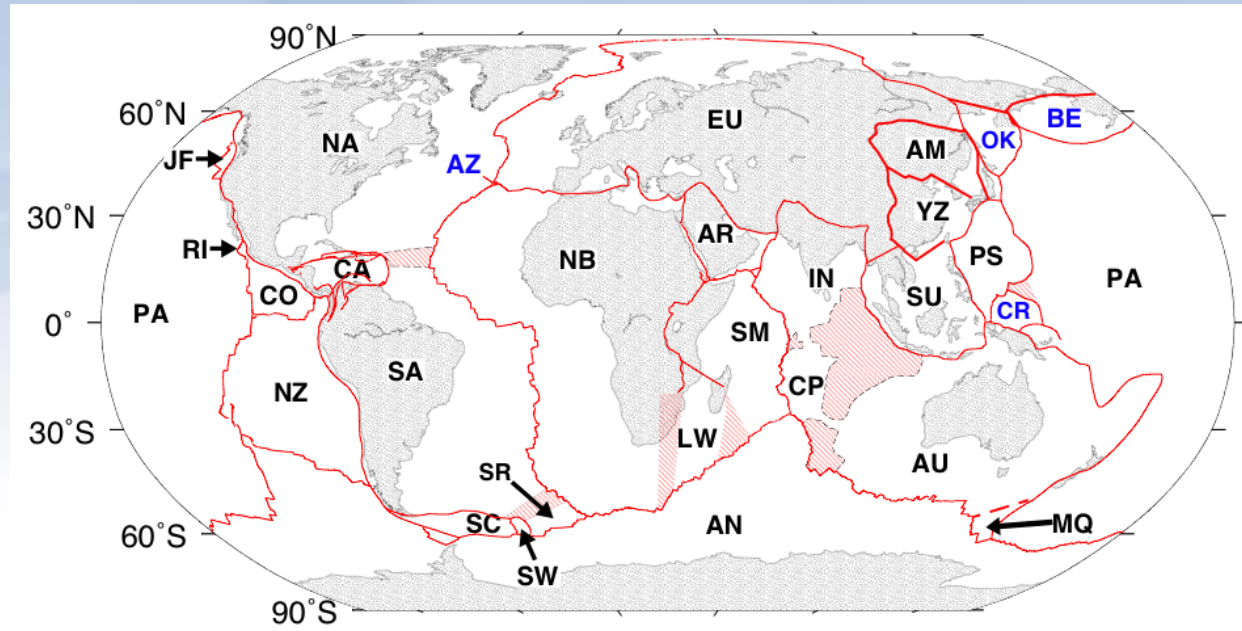


Figure 6: A rotating tectonic plate (green) and its Euler Pole (dashed green arrow and red dot).





$$\widetilde{[R_2^\alpha]^{-1}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha & 0 \\ -\alpha & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \alpha & 0 \\ -\alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = (I + A) \quad (39)$$

Where the tilde is used to indicate "approximation". The reason for splitting the matrix into  $I$  and  $A$  components will be obvious soon.

Applying equation 39 to 35:

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{M}^{-1} &= [R_1^{\lambda_0}]^{-1} [R_2^{\theta_0}]^{-1} \widetilde{[R_2^\alpha]^{-1}} R_2^{\theta_0} R_1^{\lambda_0} = [R_1^{\lambda_0}]^{-1} [R_2^{\theta_0}]^{-1} (I + A) R_2^{\theta_0} R_1^{\lambda_0} \\ &= [R_1^{\lambda_0}]^{-1} [R_2^{\theta_0}]^{-1} (I) R_2^{\theta_0} R_1^{\lambda_0} + [R_1^{\lambda_0}]^{-1} [R_2^{\theta_0}]^{-1} (A) R_2^{\theta_0} R_1^{\lambda_0} \\ &= I + \alpha(t) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cos\theta_0 & -\sin\lambda_0 \sin\theta_0 \\ -\cos\theta_0 & 0 & \cos\lambda_0 \sin\theta_0 \\ \sin\lambda_0 \sin\theta_0 & -\cos\lambda_0 \sin\theta_0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (40) \end{aligned}$$

See now that by splitting into  $I$  and  $A$ , the  $I$  portion of the equation collapses into another  $I$ , while the  $A$  component collapses into a simple skew symmetric matrix.

Acknowledging that the effect of the total rotation,  $\alpha(t)$  must be split into rotations among the three axes of the ideal frame, and since  $\alpha(t)$  is "small", it can be concluded that the axial rotations must also be small. Thus, matrix  $R_{ZYX}$  reduces to:

$$\widetilde{R}_{ZYX} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \omega_Z & -\omega_Y \\ -\omega_Z & 1 & \omega_X \\ \omega_Y & -\omega_X & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (41)$$

Now equate the approximations of  $M^{-1}$  and  $R_{ZYX}$  to one another (applying equations 39 and 40 to equation 34):

$$I + \alpha(t) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cos\theta_0 & -\sin\lambda_0 \sin\theta_0 \\ -\cos\theta_0 & 0 & \cos\lambda_0 \sin\theta_0 \\ \sin\lambda_0 \sin\theta_0 & -\cos\lambda_0 \sin\theta_0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \omega_Z & -\omega_Y \\ -\omega_Z & 1 & \omega_X \\ \omega_Y & -\omega_X & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (42)$$

Equation 42 allows for an easy solution to the three axial rotations in terms of the Euler Pole's location and angular velocity:

$$\omega_X = \alpha(t) \cos\lambda_0 \sin\theta_0 \quad (43)$$

$$\omega_Y = \alpha(t) \sin\lambda_0 \sin\theta_0 \quad (44)$$

$$\omega_Z = \alpha(t) \cos\theta_0 \quad (45)$$

Recall, however, that the  $\omega_x$ ,  $\omega_y$  and  $\omega_z$  values are time-dependent (see equation 27). Applying equation 27 and also applying the expansion of  $\alpha(t)$  into its components, yields:

$$\omega_X(t_0) + (\Delta t)\dot{\omega}_X = [\dot{\omega}_0 \Delta t] \cos\lambda_0 \sin\theta_0 \quad (46)$$

$$\omega_Y(t_0) + (\Delta t)\dot{\omega}_Y = [\dot{\omega}_0 \Delta t] \sin\lambda_0 \sin\theta_0 \quad (47)$$

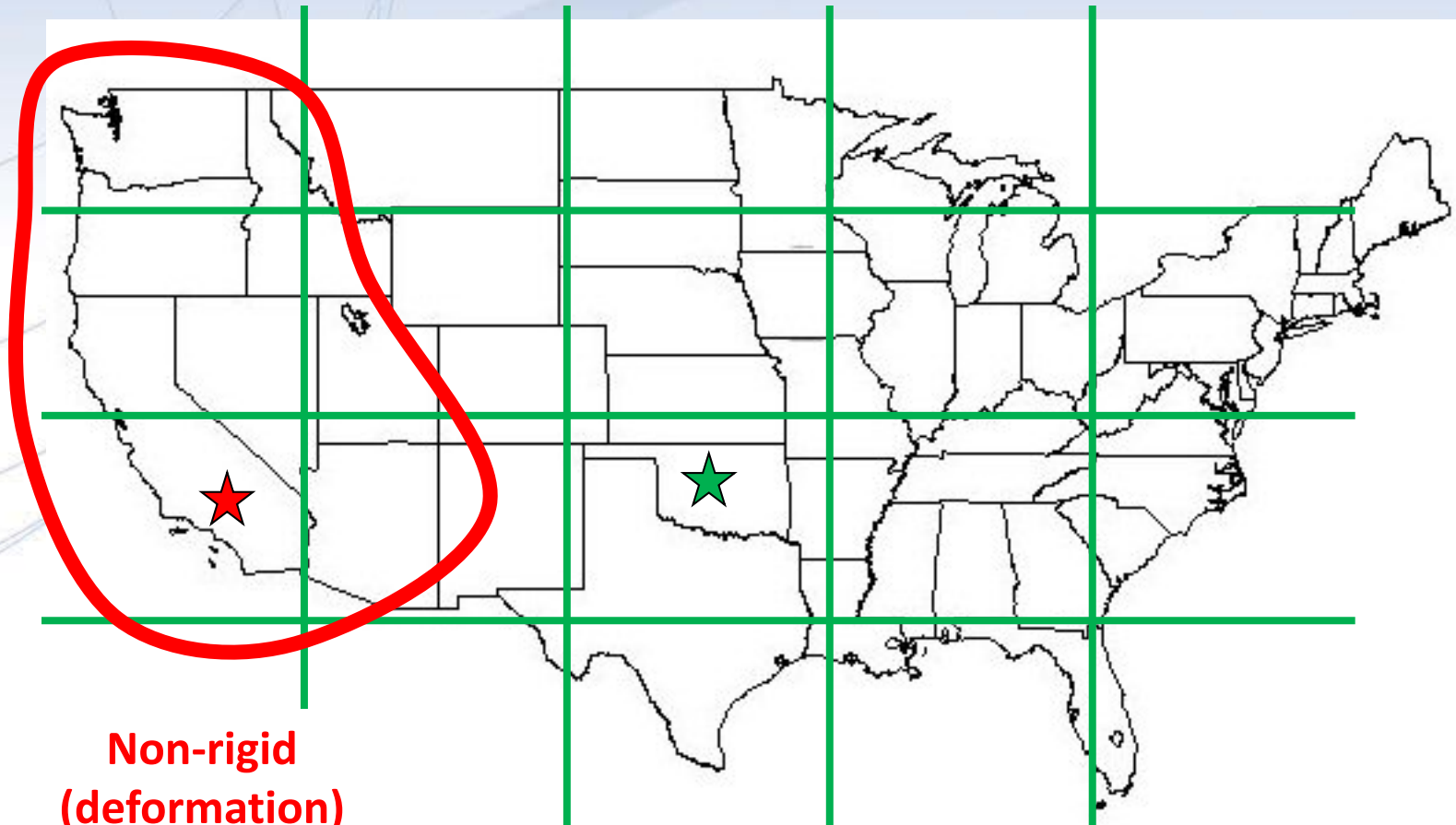
$$\omega_Z(t_0) + (\Delta t)\dot{\omega}_Z = [\dot{\omega}_0 \Delta t] \cos\theta_0 \quad (48)$$



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### Blueprint for 2022, Part 1: Geometric Coordinates

# Frame is rigid and fixed to rigid part of plate



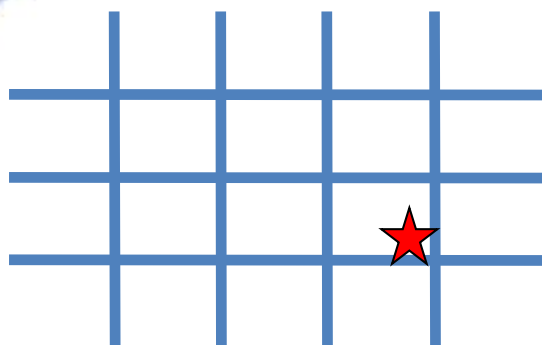
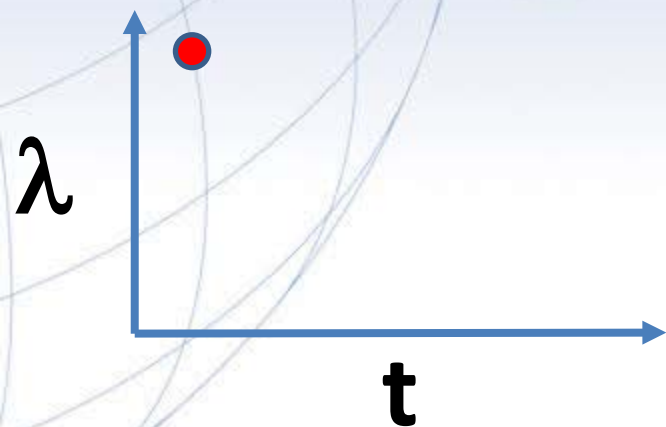
**Non-rigid  
(deformation)  
area**



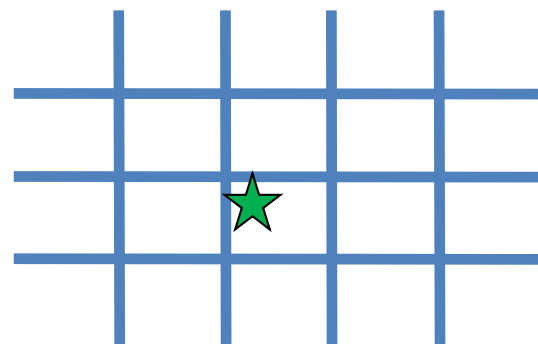
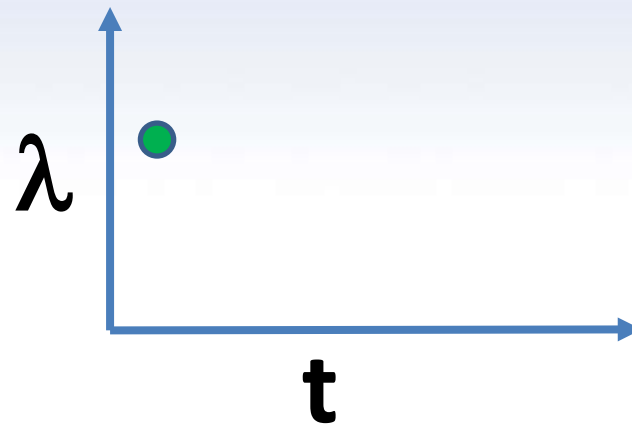
# NATRF2022 coordinates over time

(Remember: The NATRF2022 frame is rigid)

★ Point on deforming part of plate



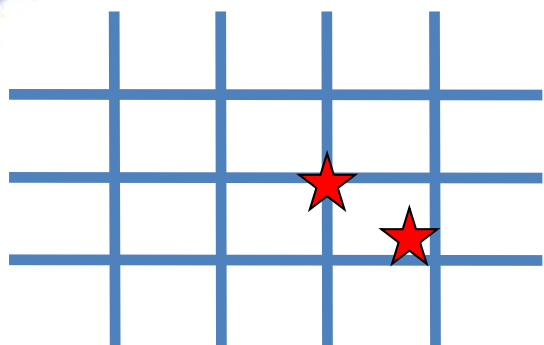
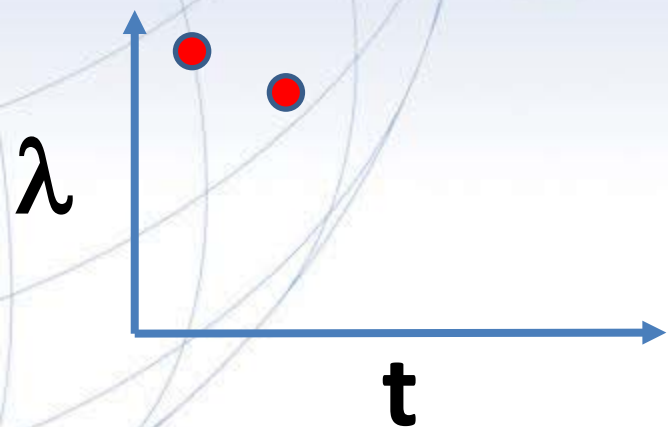
★ Point on rigid part of plate



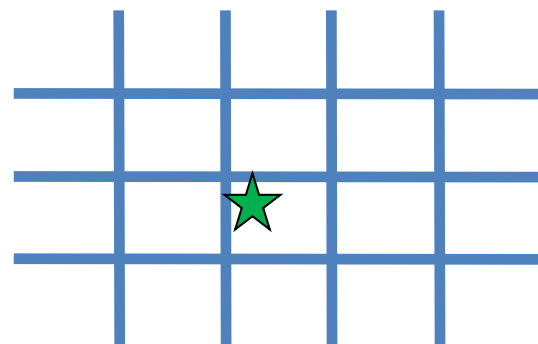
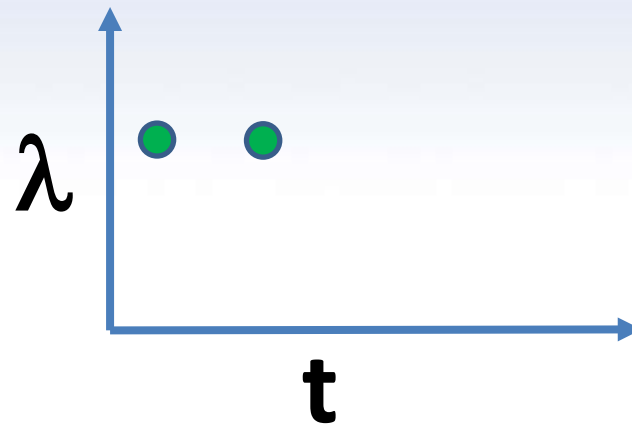
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★ Point on deforming part of plate



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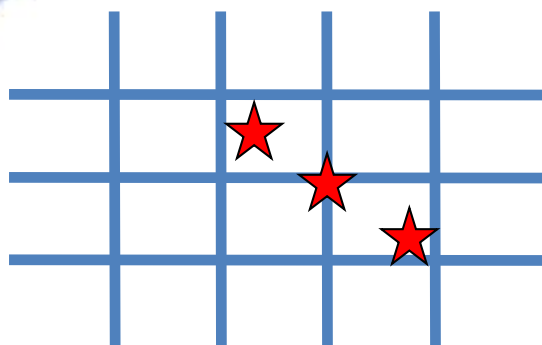
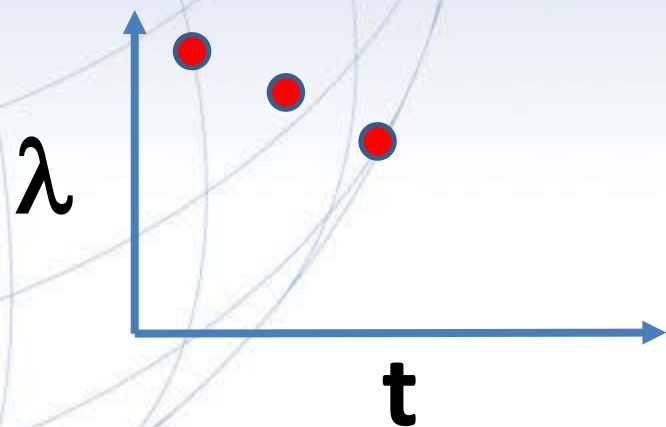




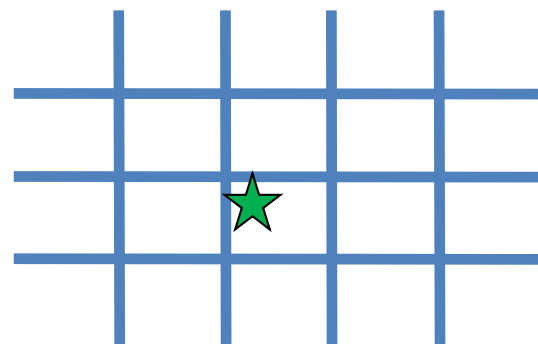
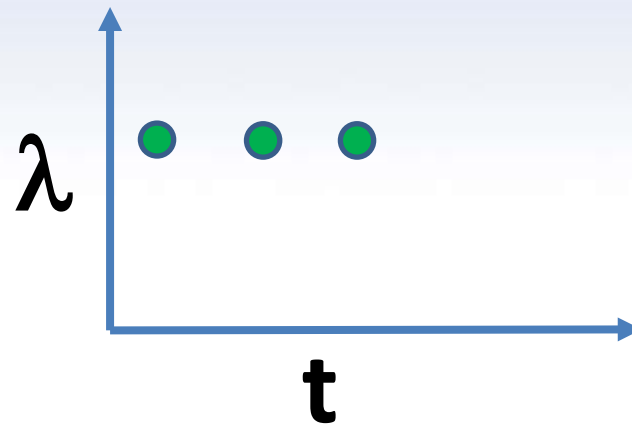
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★ Point on deforming part of plate



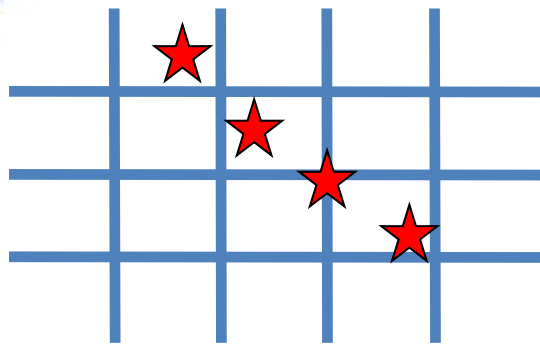
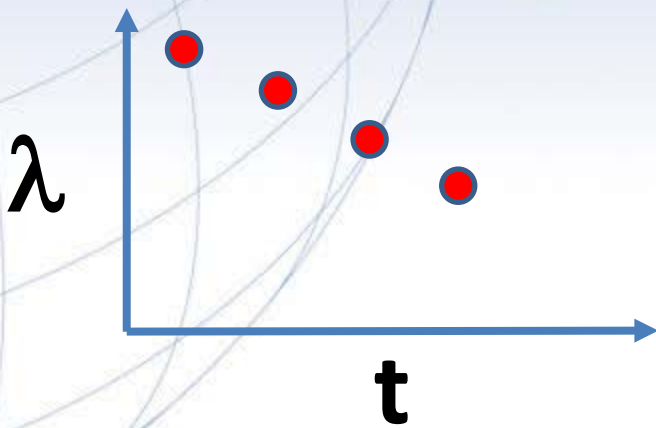
★ Point on rigid part of plate



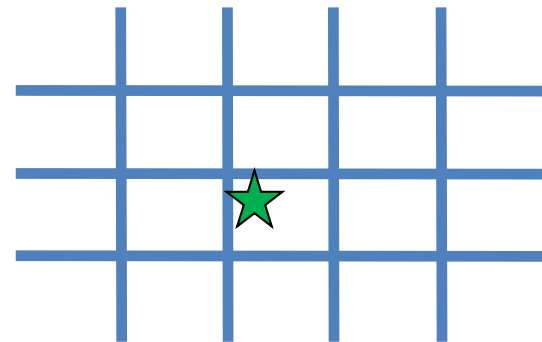
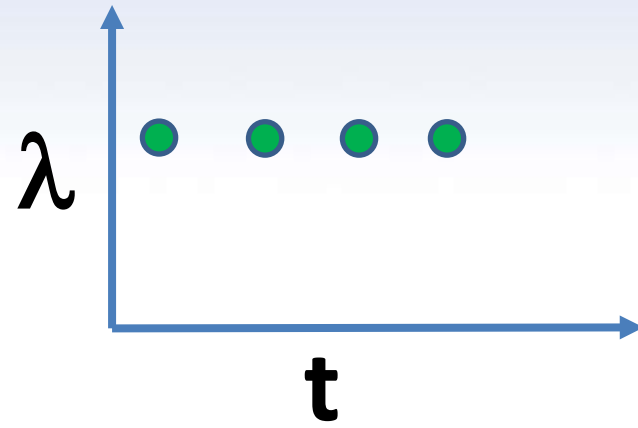
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★ Point on deforming part of plate

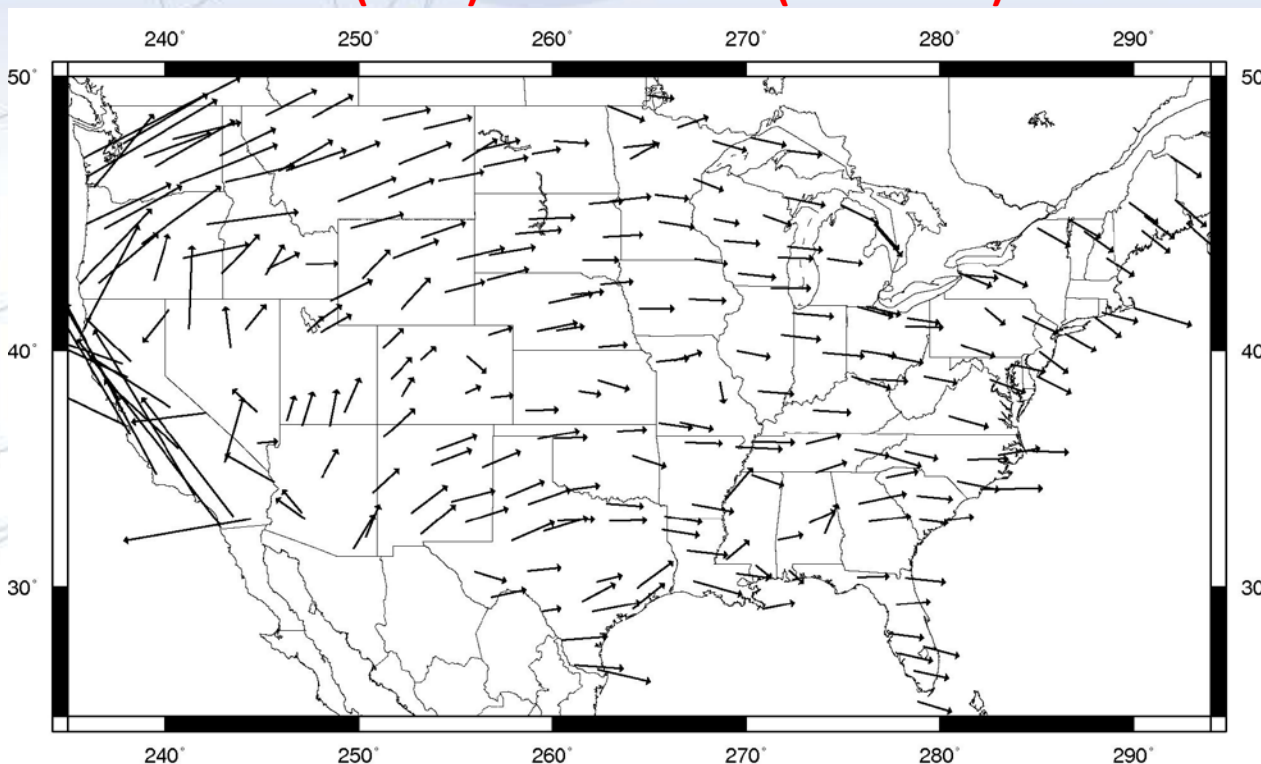


★ Point on rigid part of plate



# Plate-(pseudo)fixed frames

**NAD 83(2011) minus NAD 83(NSRS2007)**



→  
0.040 meters

NAD 83(NSRS2007)

- Epoch **2002.0**

NAD 83(2011)

- Epoch **2010.0**

If NAD 83 were truly “plate fixed” then an 8 year epoch change would not yield the systematic plate rotation seen here.

(\*)TRF2022 will determine a new Euler Pole rotation for each of 4 plates.

(\*)=NA, C, T or P



# Approximate Horizontal Change North American Plate

North American Plate  
(Meters)



High: 2 m

Low: 0 m

Pacific Plate  
(Meters)

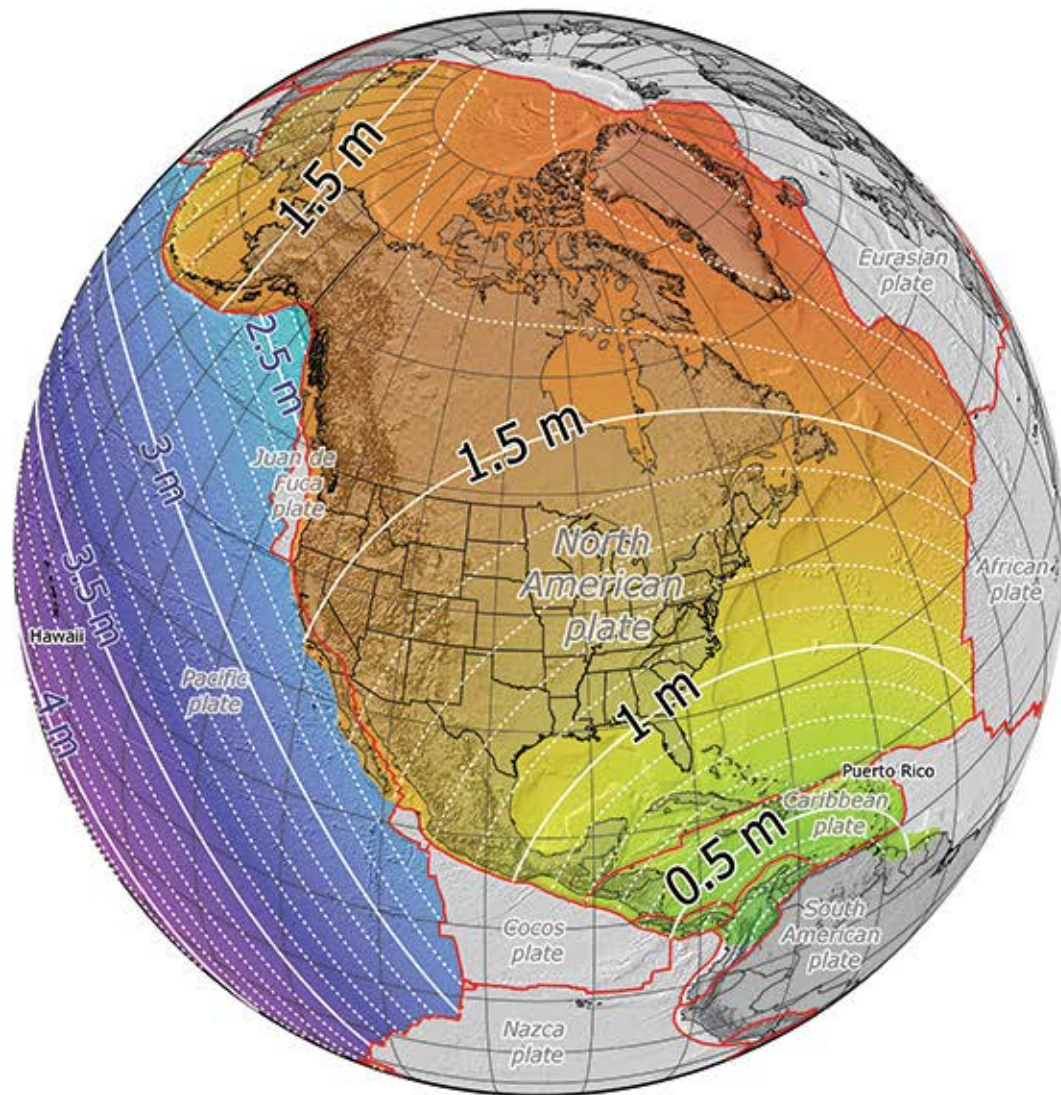


High: 4.3 m

Low: 2.3 m



Tectonic Plate  
Boundaries



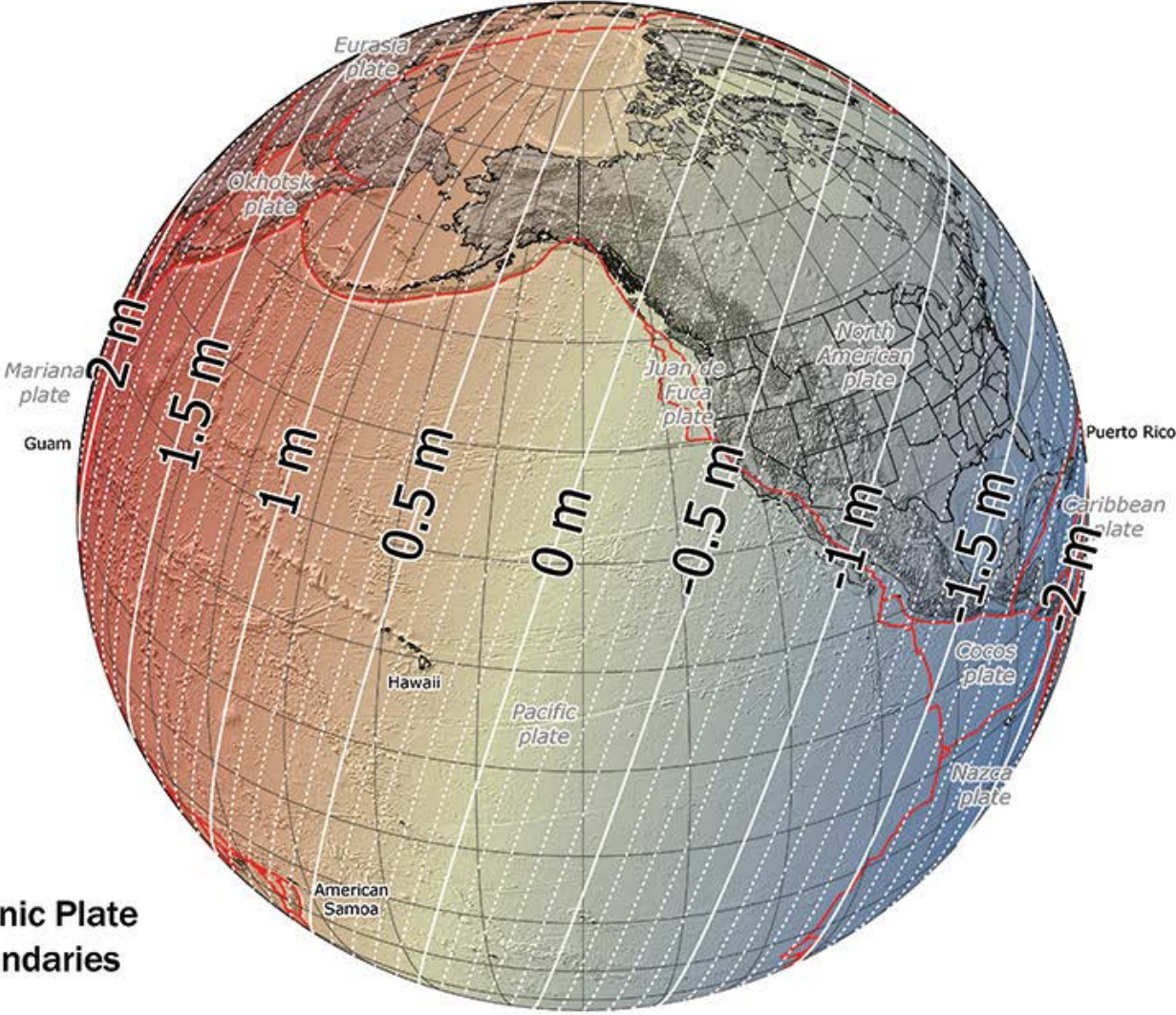
# Approximate Ellipsoid Height Change

Ellipsoid Height  
(Meters)



High: 2 m

Low: -2 m

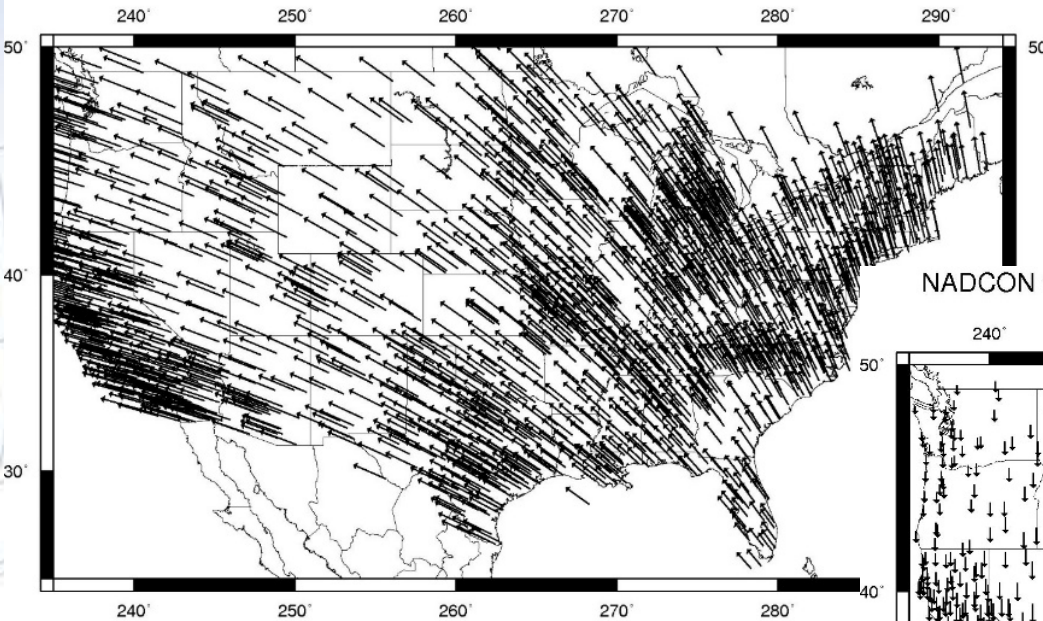


Tectonic Plate  
Boundaries



# Fixed-Epoch Transformation NAD 83 to NATRF2022

NADCON v5.0 igs08 minus nad83\_2011 HOR-thin(900 sec) conus-entire mtd

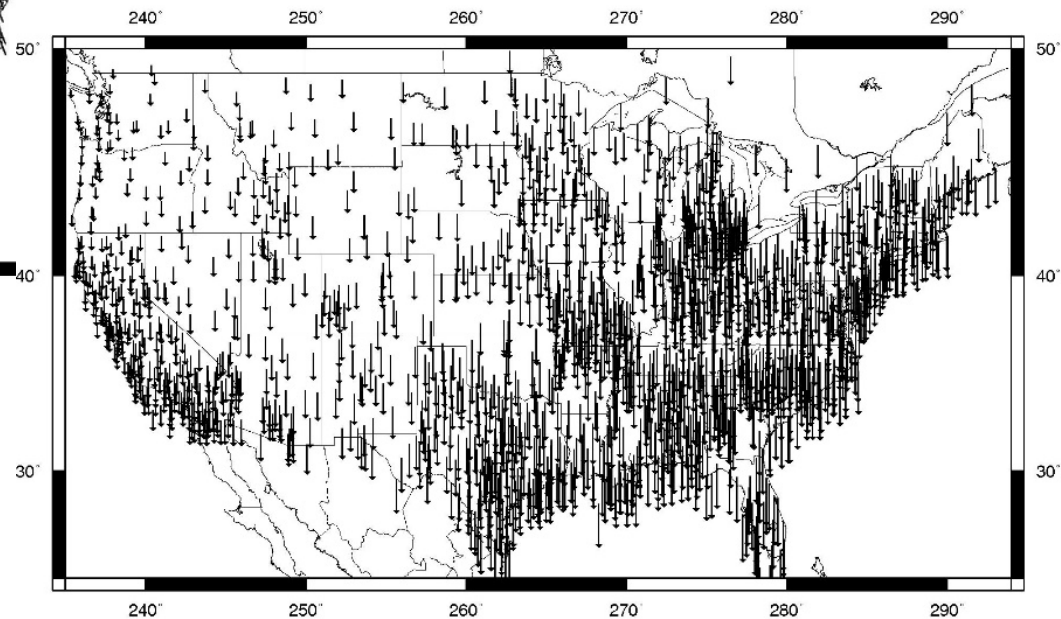


→  
2.000 meters

Horizontal Shift

## Ellipsoid Height Shift

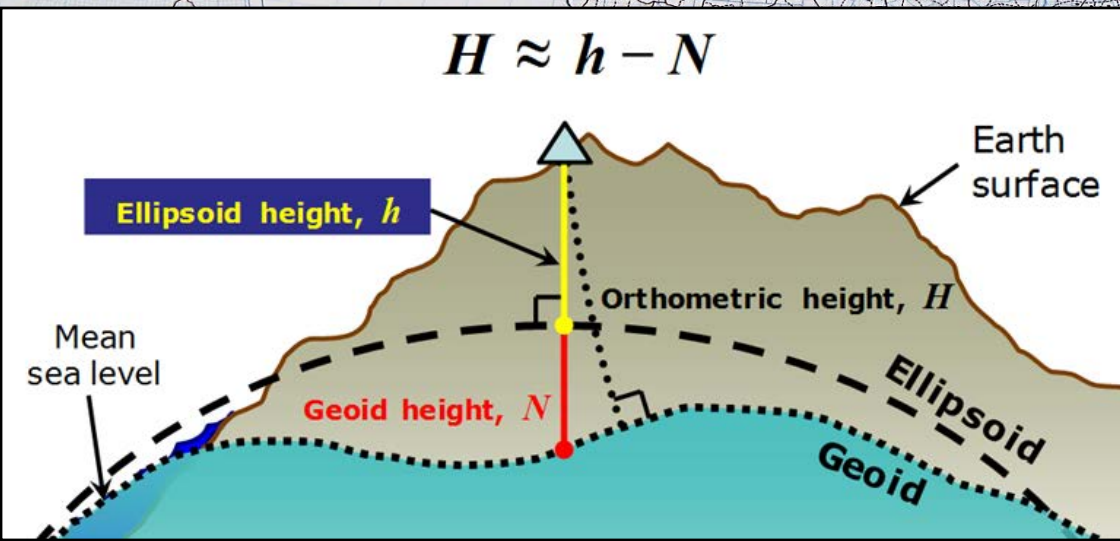
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→  
2.000 meters

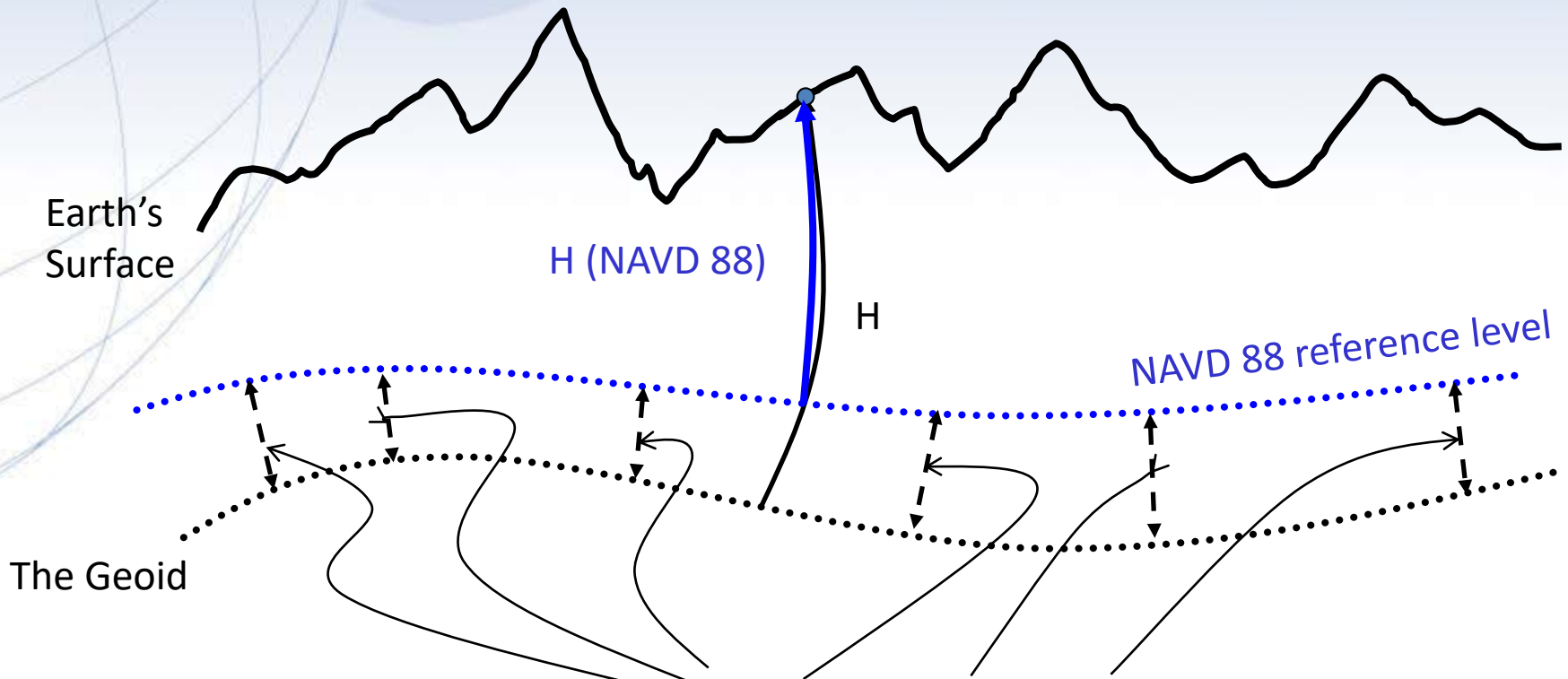


# NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM 1988 (NAVD88)





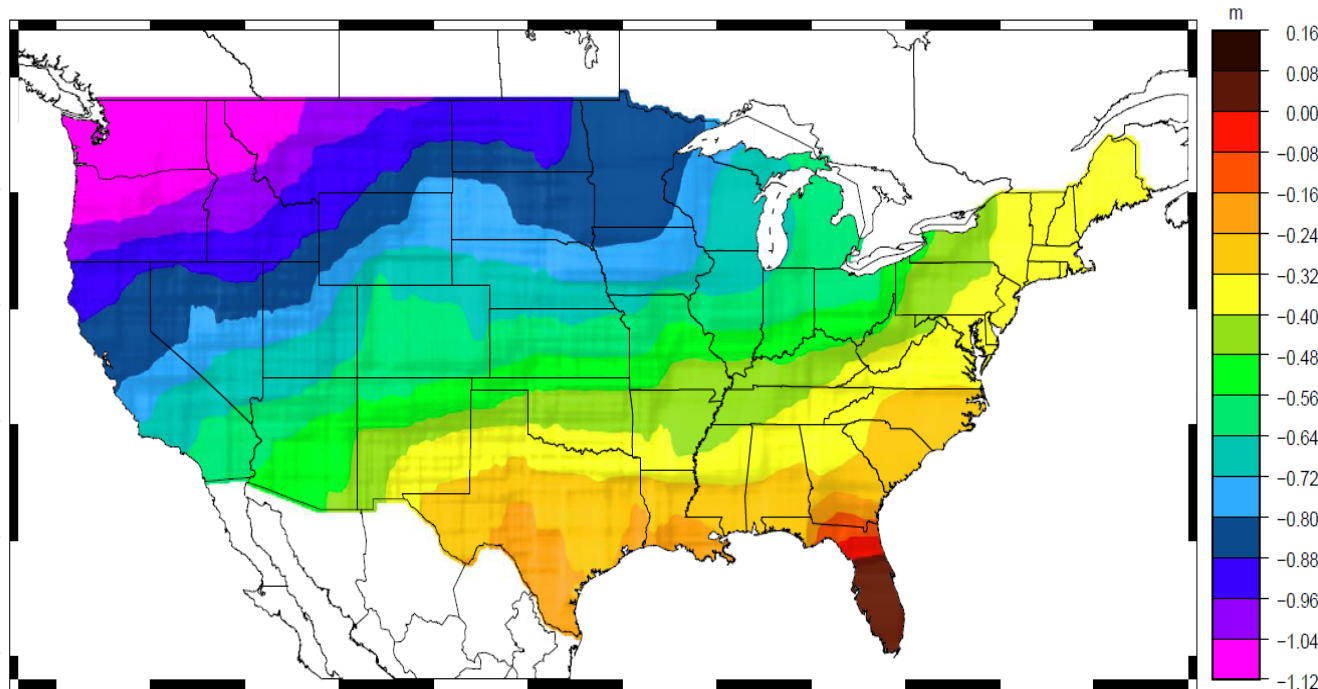
# Why isn't NAVD 88 good enough anymore?



**Errors in NAVD 88 : ~50 cm average,  
100 cm CONUS tilt,  
1-2 meters average in Alaska  
NO tracking**

# North American Vertical Datum 1988 (NAVD88) Shortcomings

- Cross-country errors (1-m tilt)
- 0.5 m bias in reference surface vs. global mean sea level
- Subsidence, uplift, freeze/thaw invalidate BM elevations
- LIMITED AVAILABILITY / ACCESS



Approximate Geoid Mismatch in the NAVD88 H=0 surface







# And they shall be called...

## North American-Pacific Geopotential Datum of 2022 (NAPGD2022)

&

## GEOID2022

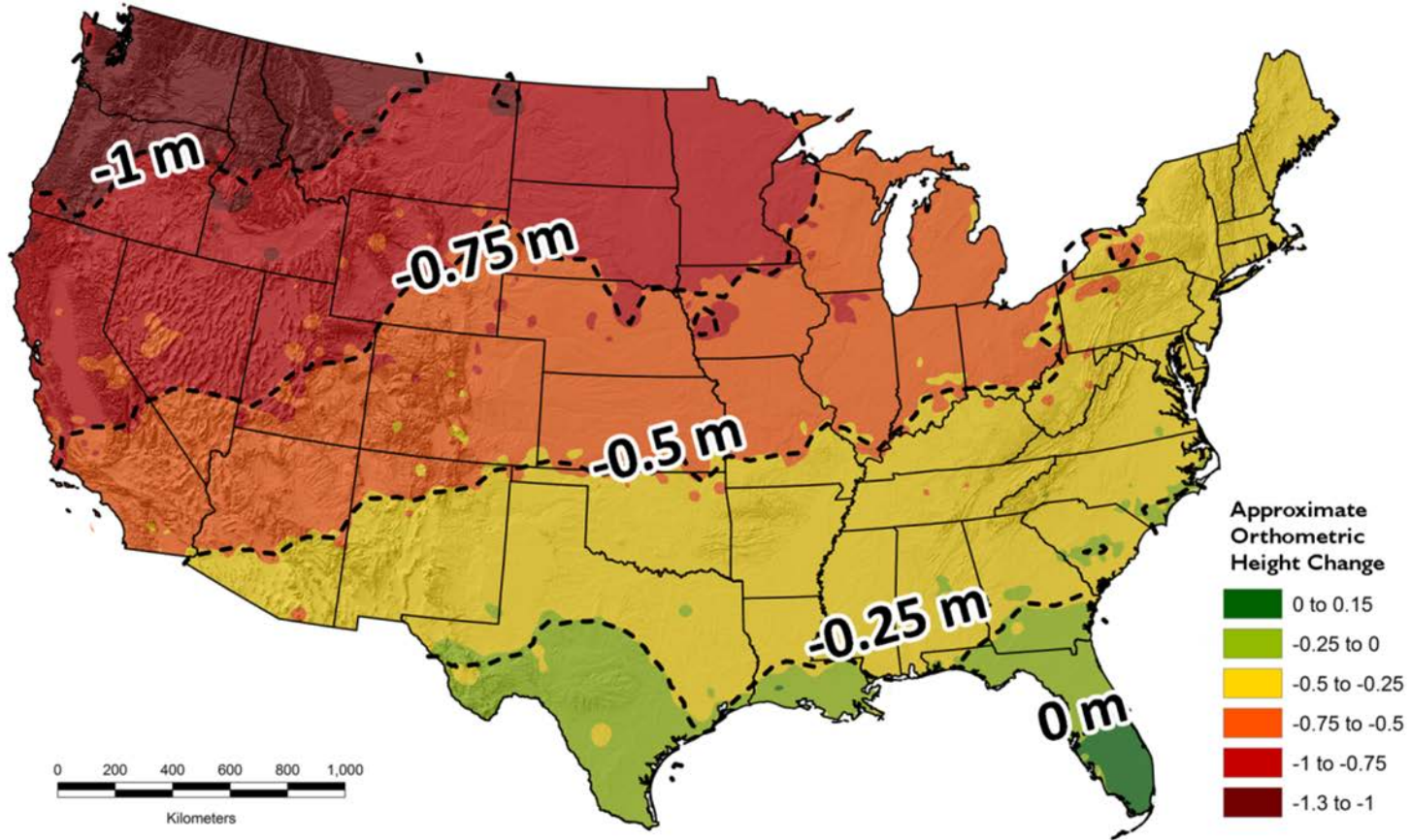
- NAPGD2022 will contain information for:
  - Orthometric heights
  - Geoid undulations
  - Gravity anomalies
  - Deflections of the vertical
  - & other gravity field information
- GEOID2022 will be time-dependent



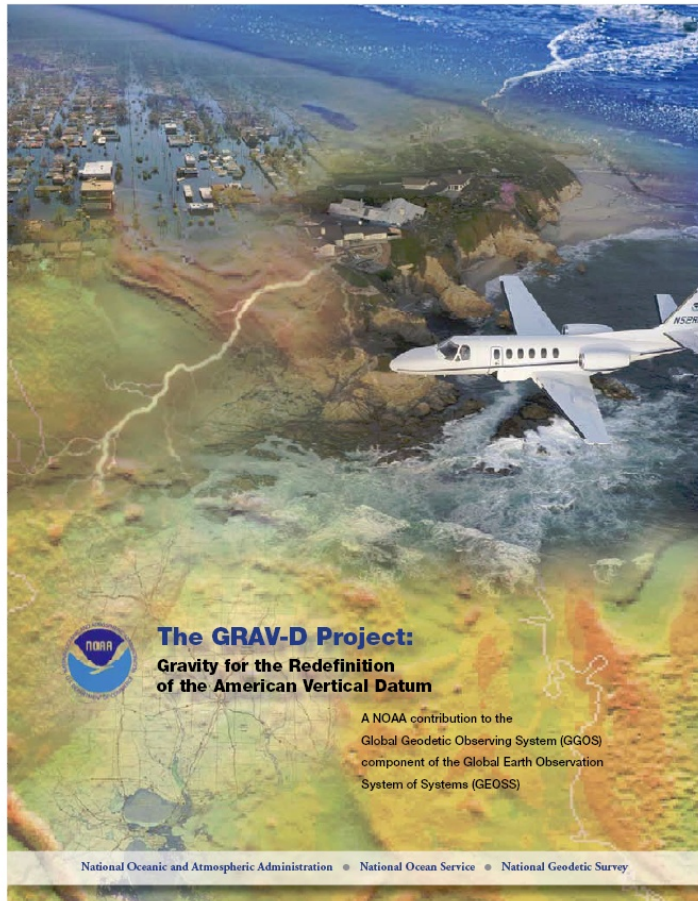
# Future Geopotential (Vertical) Datum

## Approximate predicted change from NAVD 88 to new vertical datum

Predicted change estimated as NAVD 88 "zero" (datum) surface minus NGS gravimetric geoid



# Gravity for the Redefinition of the American Vertical Datum (GRAV-D)

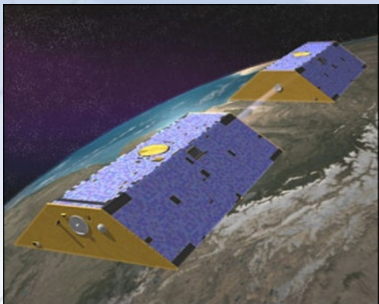


- Replace the national vertical datum (NAVD88) by 2022 with a **1 cm accurate gravimetric geoid**
- Orthometric heights accessed via GNSS **accurate to 2 cm**
- Thrusts of project:
  - Airborne gravity survey of entire country and its holdings
  - Long-term geoid change monitoring
  - Partnership surveys

**Gravity and Heights are  
inseparably connected**

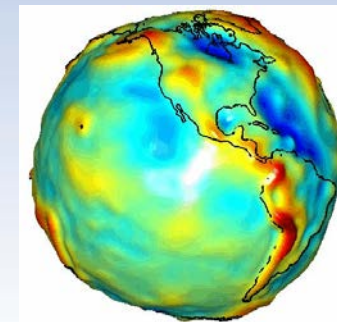


# Building a Gravity Field



GRACE/GOCE/Satellite Altimetry

Long Wavelengths  
( $\geq 250$  km)

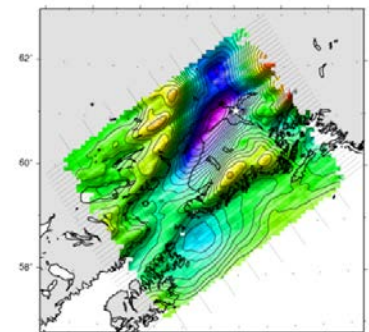


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Airborne Measurement

Intermediate Wavelengths  
(300 km to 20 km)

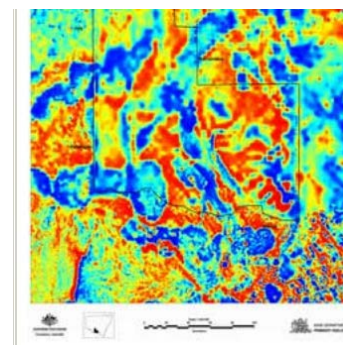


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Surface Measurement and  
Predicted Gravity from Topography

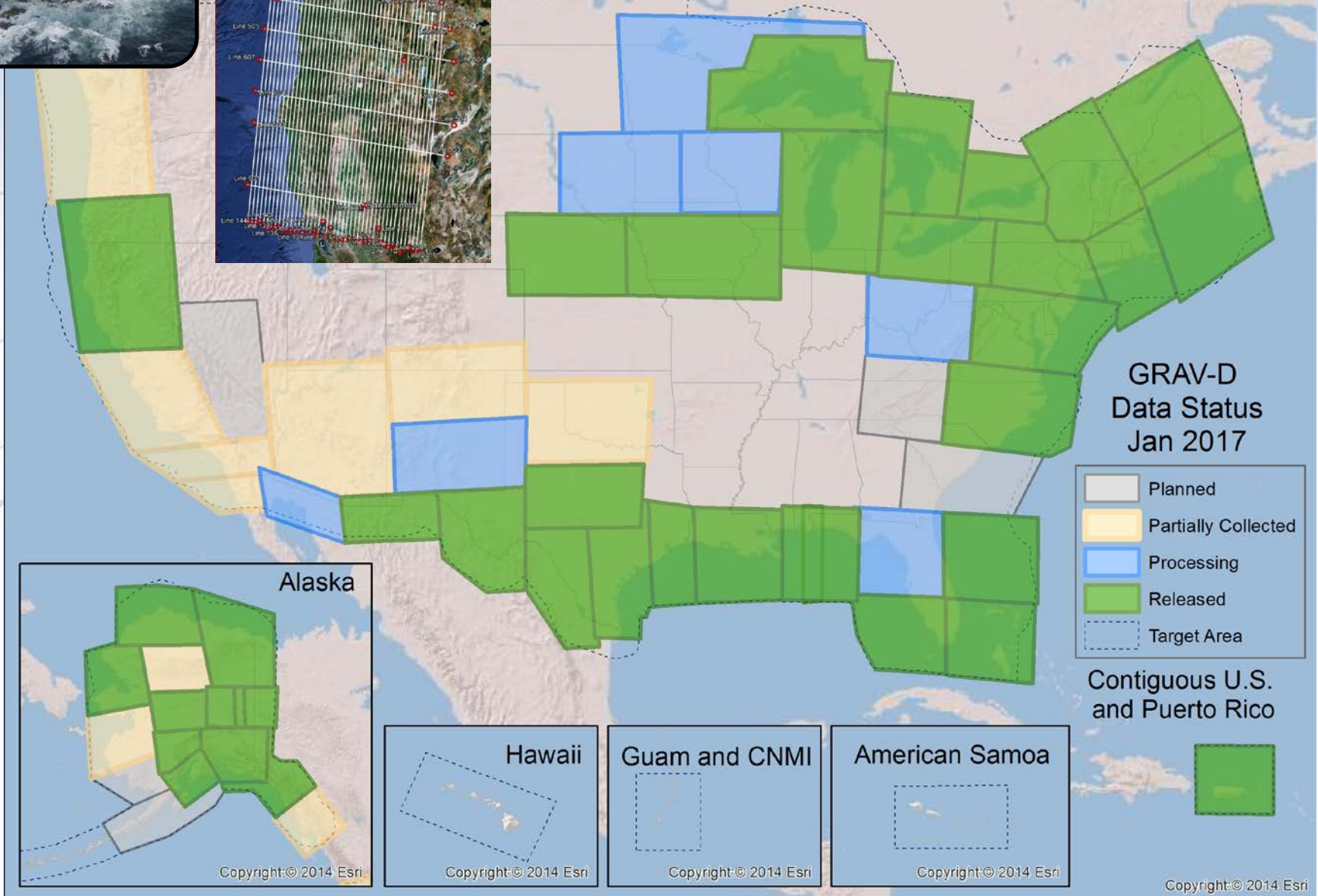
Short Wavelengths  
( $< 100$  km)





# GRAV-D Status (58%)

- 10 km data lines
- 70 km cross lines
- 20,000 ft altitude
- 230 kt flight speed



GRAV-D Data Status Jan 2017

	Planned
	Partially Collected
	Processing
	Released
	Target Area

Contiguous U.S. and Puerto Rico



Alaska

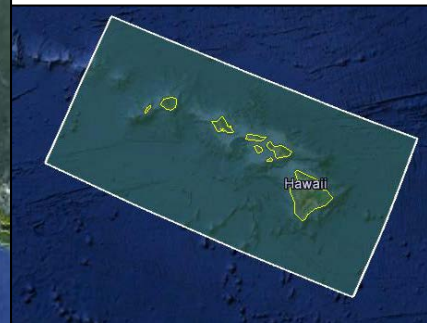
Hawaii

Guam and CNMI

American Samoa

# GRAV-D Data Collection Scope

- Entire U.S. and territories
  - Area: 15.6 million sq km
  - Initial target area for 2022
  - ~200 km buffer around territory or shelf break



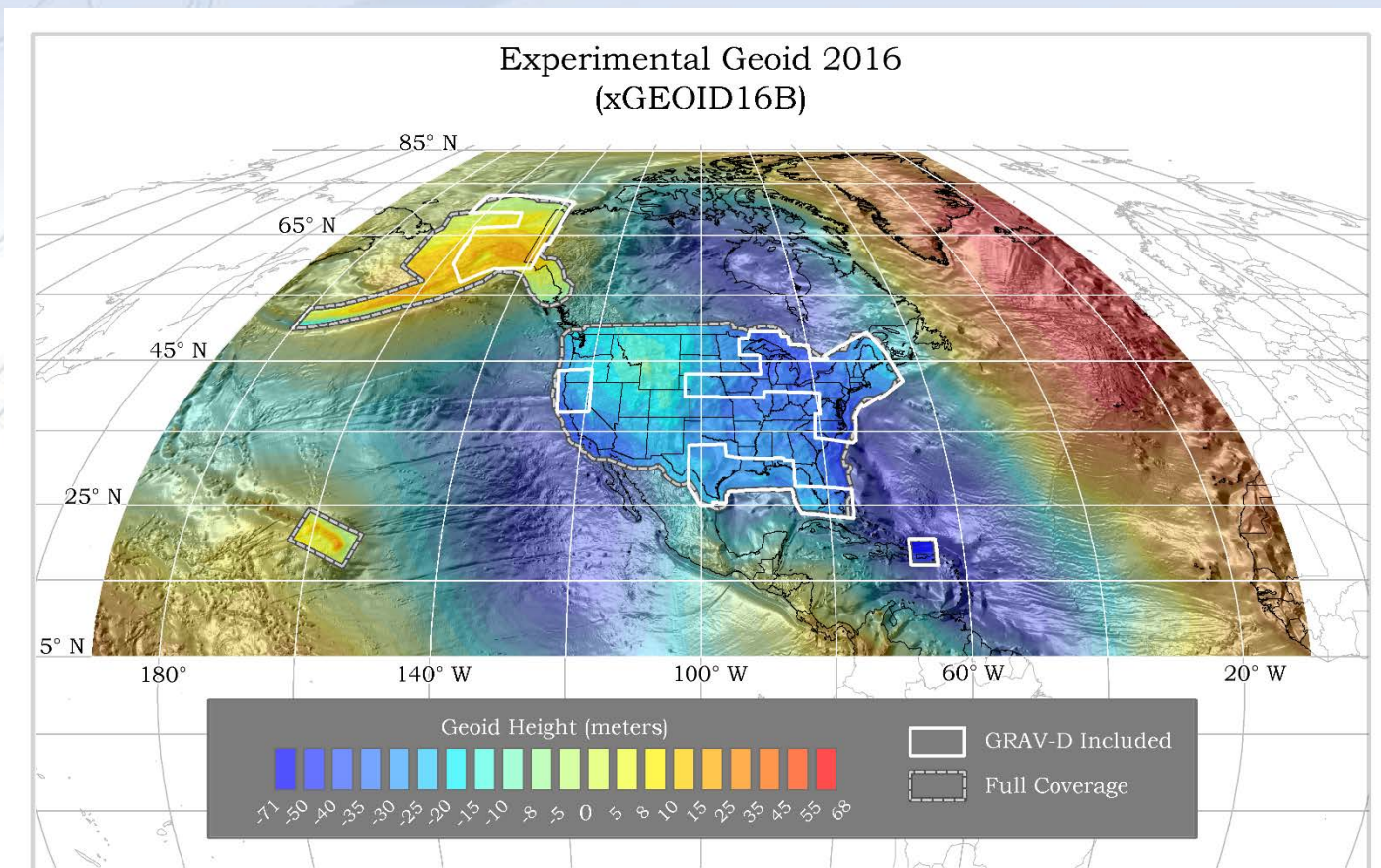


# Extent of 2022 gravimetric geoid model used for new geopotential reference frame





# Experimental Geoid 2016 xGEOID16B



<https://beta.ngs.noaa.gov/GEOID/xGEOID16/>

# OPUS – Extended Report

\*\*\*\*\* New Reference Frame Preview \*\*\*\*\*

We are replacing the nation's NAD 83 and NAVD 88 datums, to improve access and accuracy of the National Spatial Reference System. More at <https://geodesy.noaa.gov/datums/newdatums/>

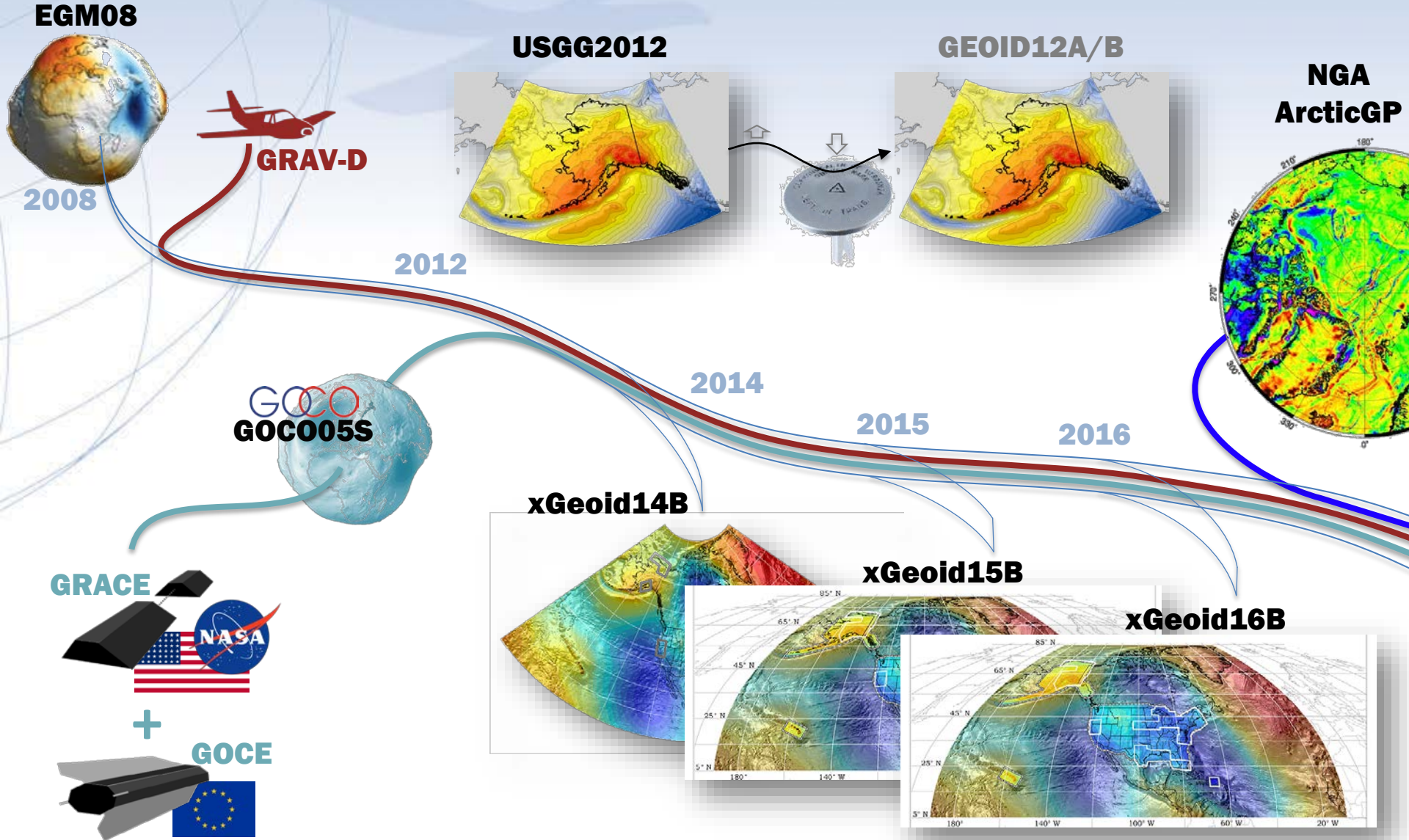
Below are approximate coordinates for this solution in the new frames:

APPROX ORTHO HGT: 778.126 (m) [PROTOTYPE  
(Computed using xGeoid16B,GRS80,IGS08)]

*[for comparison, NAVD88 = 778.806 (m)]*



# Evolution of the Gravimetric Geoid



# Geoid Slope Validation Survey: 3 phases to validate accuracy of the gravimetric geoid model

## Phase 1- GSVS11

- 2011; Low/Flat/Simple: **Texas**



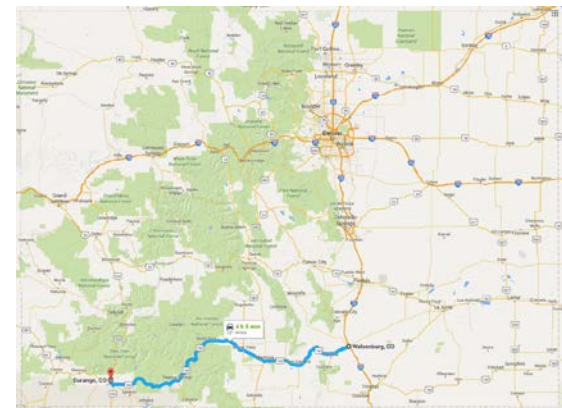
## Phase 2- GSVS14

- 2014; High/Flat/Complicated: **Iowa**



## Phase 3 – GSVS17

- 2017; High/Rugged: **Colorado** (10,860ft)





# Geoid Slope Validation Surveys – 2011 & 2014



GPS



LIDAR/  
Imagery



DoV



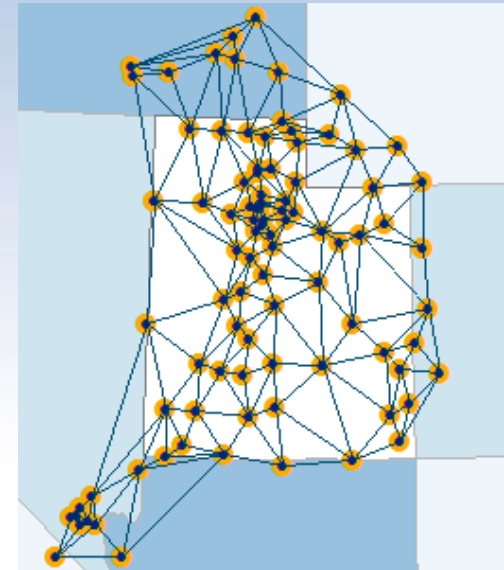
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Gravity

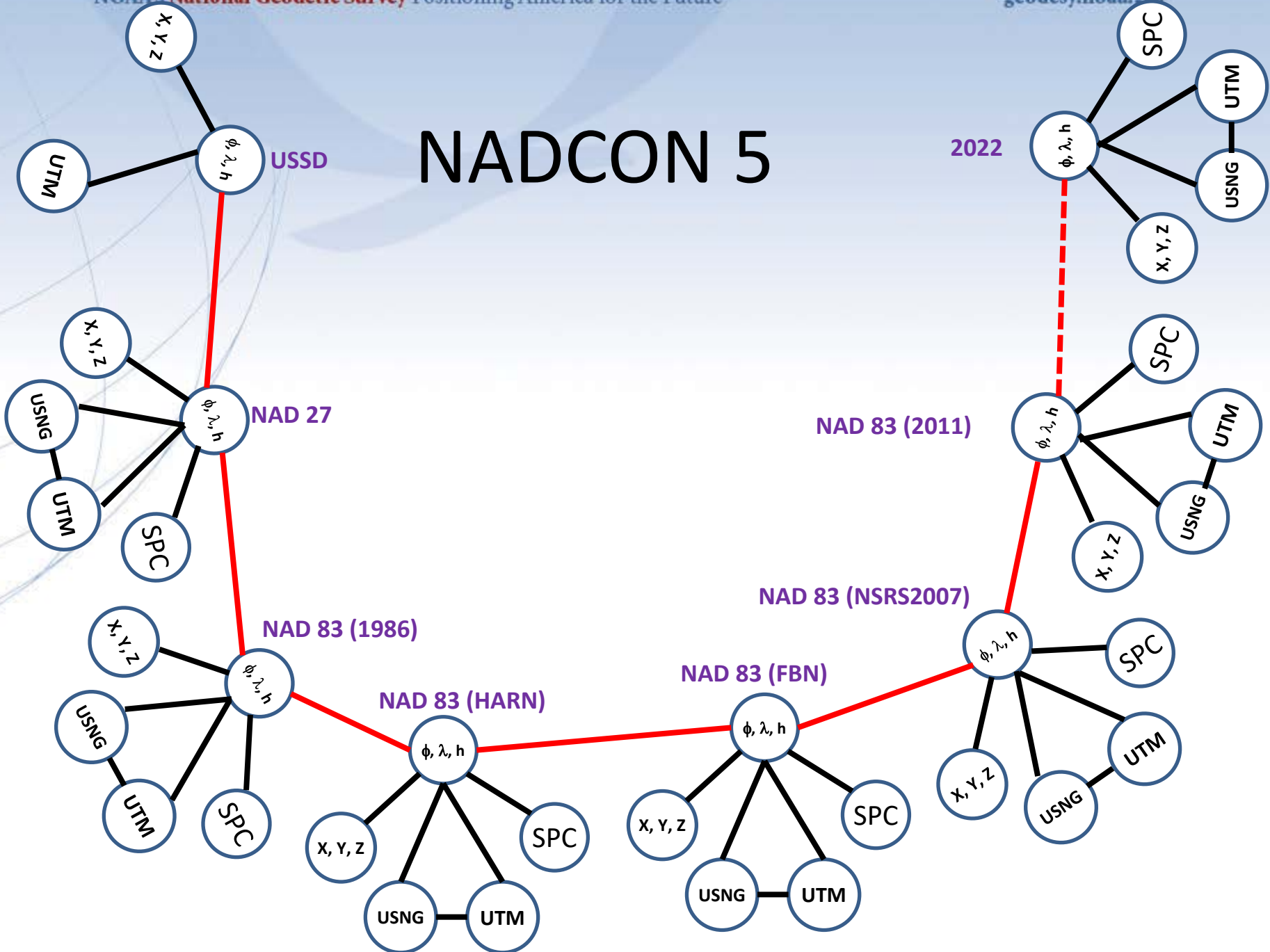
# How to Plan for 2022

- **Move to NAD 83(2011) epoch 2010.00**
  - via surveys (or *possibly* via NADCON/GEOCON)
- **Move to NAVD 88**
  - via surveys (or *possibly* via VERTCON)
- **Move from reliance on passive marks to GNSS infrastructure**
  - utilize CORS, OPUS, real-time networks (eg TURN), etc.
- **Use OPUS-Share/Database for GPSBMs & NAD83(2011) ties**
  - improve next geoid model & relationship with new datum
- **METADATA!!!!**





# NADCON 5



# Legislation

- When NAD 83 replaced NAD 27, Federal NSRS users were required to switch to NAD 83
- Through the 1980s and 1990s NGS worked with *states* to update their laws
  - To encourage use of the new system beyond Feds
- 48 states now have laws that refer to NAD 83
  - A name which will be *retired* in 2022



# Legislation

- In 2016, NSPS, AAGS, and NGS formed a committee to address this issue
  - The NSPS/AAGS/NGS Advisory Committee on National Spatial Reference System Legislation
- New Legislative Template completed June 2016
  - Generic terminology: “NSRS or its successor,” etc.
  - NSPS will work with states to adopt new template
    - 2017 - 2022



# Your NAD 83-Based State Plane-Legislated Coordinates *Will Not* Be Maintained after 2022!

What will you and your fellow professionals do?  
**Panic? Ignore the Issue? or Act?**  
Please let us know!

## What Is changing?

The North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) will be replaced in 2022. The new datum will have a different name.

The North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88) will also be replaced in 2022. Its replacement will also have a new name.

Expected horizontal shifts from NAD 83 to the new datum are in the 1-2 meter range. The National Geodetic Survey will provide a coarse, map-grade transformation tool (such as NADCON and GEOCON) to connect NAD 83 with the new datum.

## Who will be affected?

All states and territories will be transitioned to the new datums. Forty-eight states have a state-specific coordinate system law tied to NAD 83. **Your state law will not reflect the National Spatial Reference System after 2022.**

## Who can help?

The National Geodetic Survey (NGS), the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) and the American Association for Geodetic Surveying (AAGS) are here to help your state make these changes in legislation!

**You can help** by understanding your own state's laws and how these changes will impact you.

## Should you change or modify your state law?

NGS, NSPS and AAGS believe it would benefit state surveyors and mapping professionals for laws or regulations to reflect the latest federal geodetic infrastructure, namely **the National Spatial Reference System**.

### Why should you change or modify your state law?

**1.** Federal agencies will adopt the new datum, so national products like **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood insurance rate maps** will no longer reference NAD 83, nor NAVD 88. Using the current (most updated) datum will avoid confusion and increase consistency with federal engineering or constructions projects.

**3.** More geospatial data is being collected and shared every day. A consistent and regularly updated NSRS will provide greater efficiency across surveying and mapping sectors.

### What do you think?

We welcome your feedback! Please provide any feedback you like to one of our committee members, below.

#### NSPS/AAGS/NGS Advisory Committee on National Spatial Reference System Legislation

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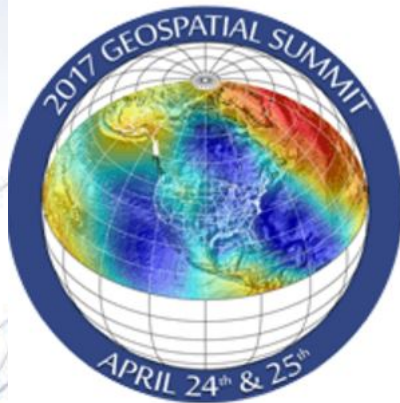


# NGS 2017 Geospatial Summit



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## 2017 Geospatial Summit



On April 24-25, 2017 NGS hosted the 2017 Geospatial Summit at the Silver Spring Civic Building at 1 Veterans Pl, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

The 2017 Geospatial Summit provided updated information about the planned modernization of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS). Specifically, NGS plans to replace the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) and the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88) in 2022.

The Summit provided an opportunity for NGS to share updates and discuss the progress of projects related to NSRS Modernization. NGS also heard feedback and collected requirements from its stakeholders across the federal, public and private sectors. This event continued discussions from previous Geospatial Summits held in **2010** and **2015**.

Additional information about the 2017 Geospatial Summit will be posted online. If you have questions or comments, [contact us](#).



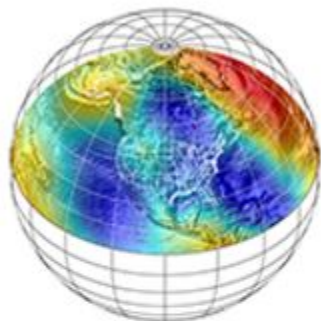


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## Replacing NAVD 88 and NAD 83

NAD 83 and NAVD 88 will be replaced in 2022, and there are many related projects to make sure the transition goes smoothly. Read the **NGS Ten-Year Plan** to learn more and continue to visit this web-page for more information.

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### Why is NGS replacing NAD 83 and NAVD 88?

NAD 83 and NAVD 88, although still the official horizontal and vertical datums of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS), have been identified as having shortcomings that are best addressed through defining new horizontal and vertical datums.



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# NSRS Modernization News

For all issues of **NSRS Modernization News**, visit:  
[geodesy.noaa.gov/datums/newdatums/TrackOurProgress.shtml](http://geodesy.noaa.gov/datums/newdatums/TrackOurProgress.shtml)

## Decision Points

The National Geodetic Survey (NGS), through a series of both internal debates and external discussions with the Canadian Geodetic Survey, has finalized certain key decisions in the replacement of the three NAD 83 reference frames, and in the replacement of the various vertical datums of the NSRS. These decisions cover both the science and nomenclature of the changes coming in 2022.

### Four Terrestrial Reference Frames

Replacing the three existing NAD 83 reference frames will be four plate-fixed *terrestrial reference frames*. The tectonic plate for each frame may be inferred from their names, which are:

### North American Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022 (NATRF2022)

### Pacific Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022 (PTRF2022)

### Mariana Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022 (MTRF2022)

### Caribbean Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022 (CTRF2022)

### Relationship to the IGS Frame

Each of the above four frames will be identical to the latest IGS reference frame (as available in 2022) at an epoch to be determined. Away from that epoch, the four frames will relate to the IGS frame through the definition of an Euler Pole rotation specific to that plate. All Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) velocities which deviate from the rotation of a rigid plate will be captured in a residual 3-D velocity model.

### Heights and Other Physical Coordinates

A *geopotential datum* will be created which will contain all of the necessary information to provide mutually consistent orthometric heights, geoid undulations, gravity anomalies, deflections of the vertical, and all other geodetic coordinates related to the gravity field. This geopotential datum will be called:

### North American-Pacific Geopotential Datum of 2022 (NAPGD2022)

### Geoid Model

Within NAPGD2022, a variety of products will exist. The most prominent of these products will be a *time-dependent model of the geoid*, provided in three regions (the first covering the entirety of North and Central America, Hawaii, Alaska, Greenland, and the Caribbean; the second covering American Samoa; and the third covering Guam and the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands). The name of this model will be:

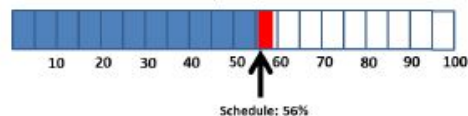
### GEOID2022


### Further Information

A comprehensive white paper, outlining the technical details of the above decisions, is currently being drafted in NGS and we plan for it to be ready by the upcoming 2017 Geospatial Summit. In addition, details may be released on the NGS website and through our email listserv.

GRAV-D progress last quarter: **up 3.0% to 58.4%**  
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New Educational Video

The Importance of Accurate Coastal Elevation and Shoreline Data



This short video explains the role of space-borne light detection and ranging (lidar) products in the National Coastal Survey's 3D mapping and planning program, and how these products provide a critical dataset for coastal resilience, coastal intelligence, and place-based conservation.

The video is available for you to view both on COMET's YouTube channel, as well as on our [public social page](#) of our website.

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- the release of new products
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### NGS Webinar Series

NADCONs: your tool for easy, consistent coordinate transformations

20 - One hour on CD, recorded, 2017

September 8, 2016, 2-3 pm eastern time

Register

As a reminder, the NGS Webinar Series offers presentations on various topics related to NGS products, projects, and services to educate constituents about NGS activities.

- The geodetic control
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NGS Webinar Series - Each month, a speaker will give a presentation on various topics related to NGS programs, projects, products and services to educate constituents about NGS activities.

Sign up to receive a monthly notice describing the upcoming presentation.

### NGS Training

New Training Events Added

High training standards, high-quality content and world-class speakers. Join the NGS Program Manager's Training seminar in December and a 3-day, 10-hour training course and/or a 3-day, 10-hour training course from the National Geodetic Survey. Please visit the training calendar for more information about these and other events.

We look forward to the next edition of our NGS Online Webinar Series. Thank you for your interest in our products and services.

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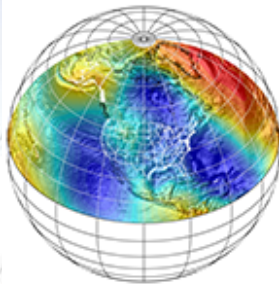
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**Geodetic  
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### Overview

Each month, a speaker will give a presentation on various topics related to NGS programs, projects, products and services to educate constituents about NGS activities.

Webinars are held on the second Thursday of every month, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. East Coast time. You can register for any presentation on the **"Upcoming Webinars" page**, and you can **sign-up to receive a monthly notice** describing the upcoming presentation.

This webinar series is a continuation of **monthly presentations sponsored by the National Height Modernization Program**, and you can download previous presentations from the Program's online meeting archive.

Many additional NGS resources are available online, including:

- **Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) weekly newsletter archive**
- **Ecosystem and Climate Operations newsletter archive**
- **Educational videos**
- **Height Modernization monthly meeting archive**
- **Online Learning Resources** (e.g. recorded webinars and online training modules)
- **Presentation library**





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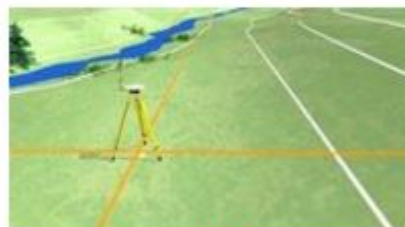
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[OPUS Projects Manager's Training \(webinar\) - 5/16/17](#)

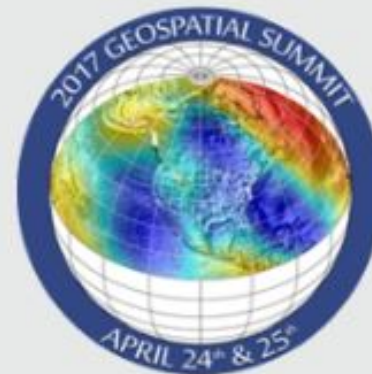
[OPUS Projects User Forum \(webinar\) - 6/7/17](#)

### Registration Open for 2017 Geospatial Summit April 24-25, Silver Spring, MD

#### You're Invited!

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We will share updates and discuss the progress of related modernization projects. Stakeholders across the federal, public, and private sectors will also be providing feedback on these efforts.





# *Accurate* positioning begins with *accurate* coordinates



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