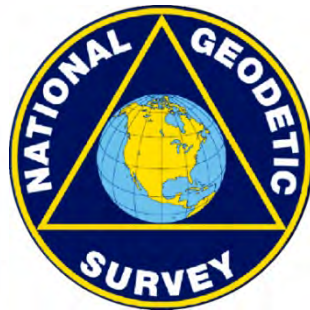


Modernization of the National Spatial Reference System



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November 18, 2011**

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Mission and Vision of NGS

- To define, maintain and provide access to the National Spatial Reference System to meet our nation's economic, social, and environmental needs
- "Maintain the NSRS" means "NGS must track all of the temporal changes to the defining points of the NSRS in such a way as to always maintain the accuracy in the NSRS definition."
- Vision - Modernize the Geopotential ("Vertical") and Geometric ("Horizontal") datums

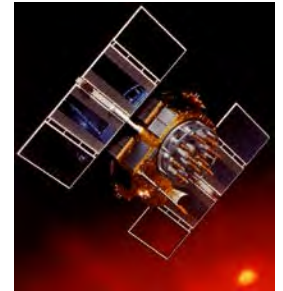
GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM



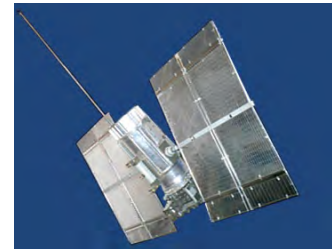
- 1978 1st NAVSTAR Satellite Launched (October 22, 1978)
- 1995 Fully Operational
- 2000 Selective Availability turned off (May 1, 2000)
- 2005 Additional Band L2C
- 2010 Additional Frequency L5 added (May 28, 2010)
- 2020? 10-50 cm real-time accuracy?

The Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) Constellations

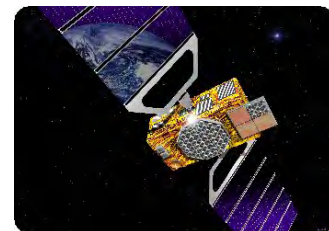
- Three positioning and navigation systems
 - Navstar/GPS – US (Currently 31)
 - GLONASS – Russia (Currently 24)
 - December 5 (3 satellites lost at launch)
 - December ? (First GLONASS-M launch)
 - GALILEO – EU (Currently 2)
 - BEIDOU (Compass) – China (Complete by 2020?)
- All satellites available for positioning purposes.



US - GPS



Russia - GLONASS



EU - Galileo

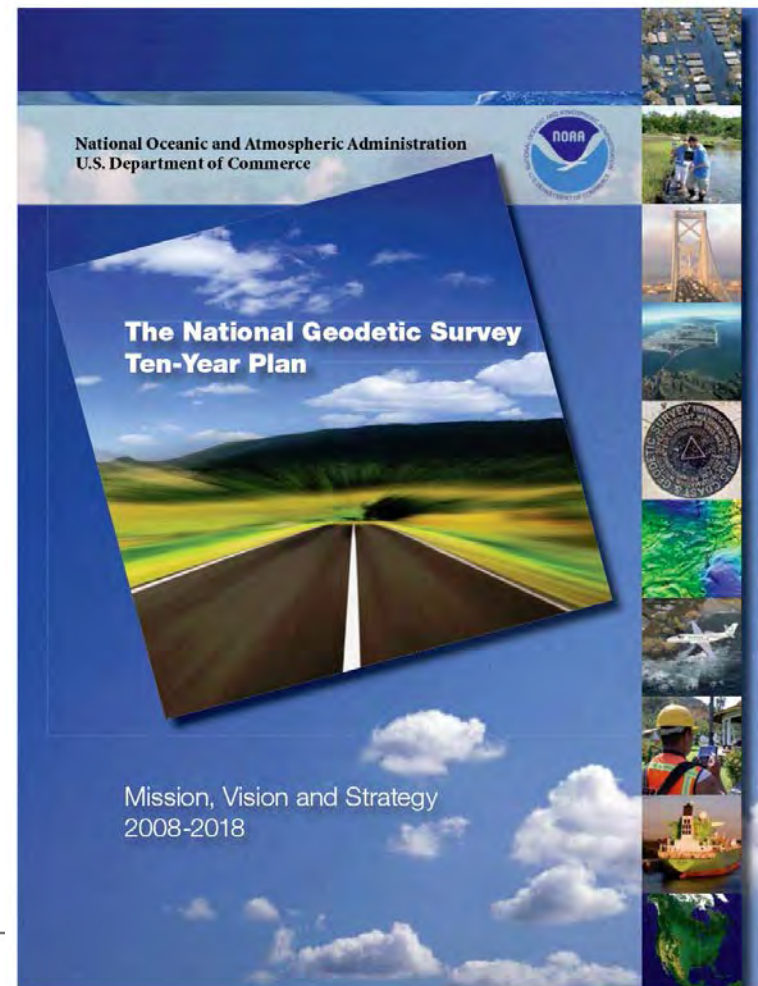
The National Geodetic Survey 10 year plan

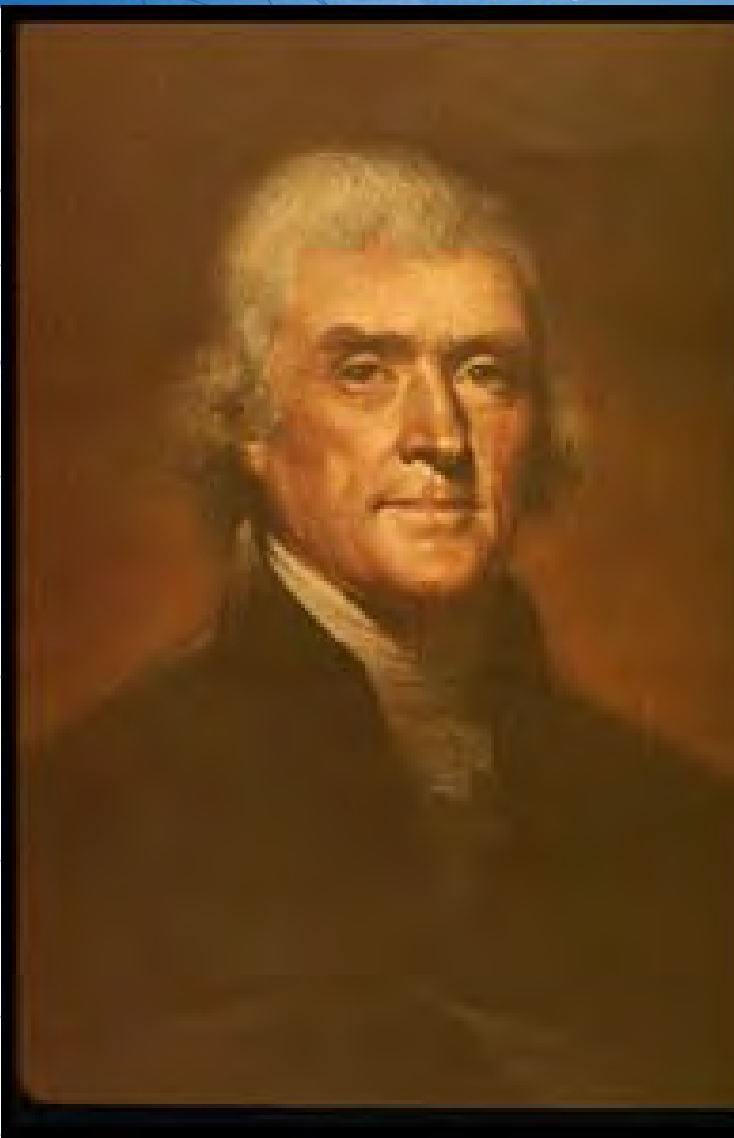
Mission, Vision and Strategy

2008 – 2018

<http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/INFO/NGS10yearplan.pdf>

- *Official NGS policy as of Jan 9, 2008*
 - *Modernized agency*
 - *Attention to accuracy*
 - *Attention to time-changes*
 - *Improved products and services*
 - *Integration with other fed missions*
- *2018 Targets:*
 - *NAD 83 and NAVD 88 re-defined*
 - *Cm-accuracy access to all coordinates*
 - *Customer-focused agency*
 - *Global scientific leadership*





NINTH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

At the Second Session.

Begun and held at the city of Washington, in the territory of Columbia,
on Monday the first of December, one thousand eight
hundred and six.

AN ACT *to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that the president of the United States shall be, and he is hereby authorized and requested, to cause a survey to be taken of the coasts of the United States, in which shall be designated the islands and shoals, with the roads or places of anchorage, within twenty leagues of any part of the shore of the United States; and also the respective courses and distances between the principal capes, or head lands, together with such other matter as he may deem proper for completing an accurate chart of every part of the coasts within the extent aforesaid.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, that it shall be lawful for the president of the United States, to cause such examinations and observations to be made, with regard to the bays, harbors, and any other bank or shoal, and the soundings and currents beyond the distance aforesaid to the gulph streams, as in his opinion may be especially advantageous to the commercial interests of the United States.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, that the president of the United States shall be, and he is hereby authorized and requested, for any of the purposes aforesaid, to cause proper and intelligent persons to be employed, and also such of the public vessels in actual service, as he may judge expedient, and to give such instructions for regulating their conduct as to him may appear proper, according to the tenor of this act.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, that for carrying this act into effect there shall be, and hereby is appropriated, a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

W. M. Wadsworth Speaker of the House of Representatives

John C. Calhoun Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate.

February 10, 1807

Approved

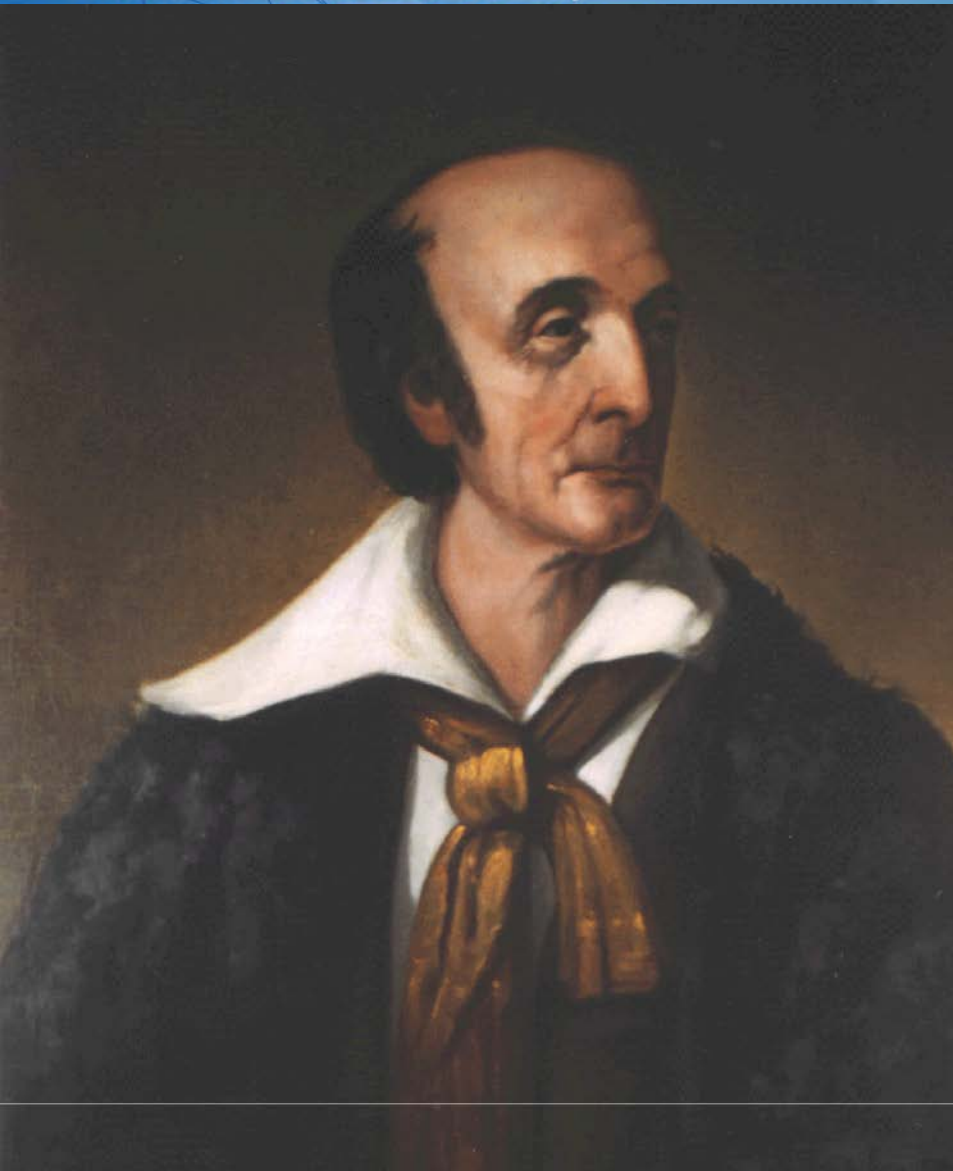
Thomas Jefferson

Testify that this act did originate
in the House of Representatives.

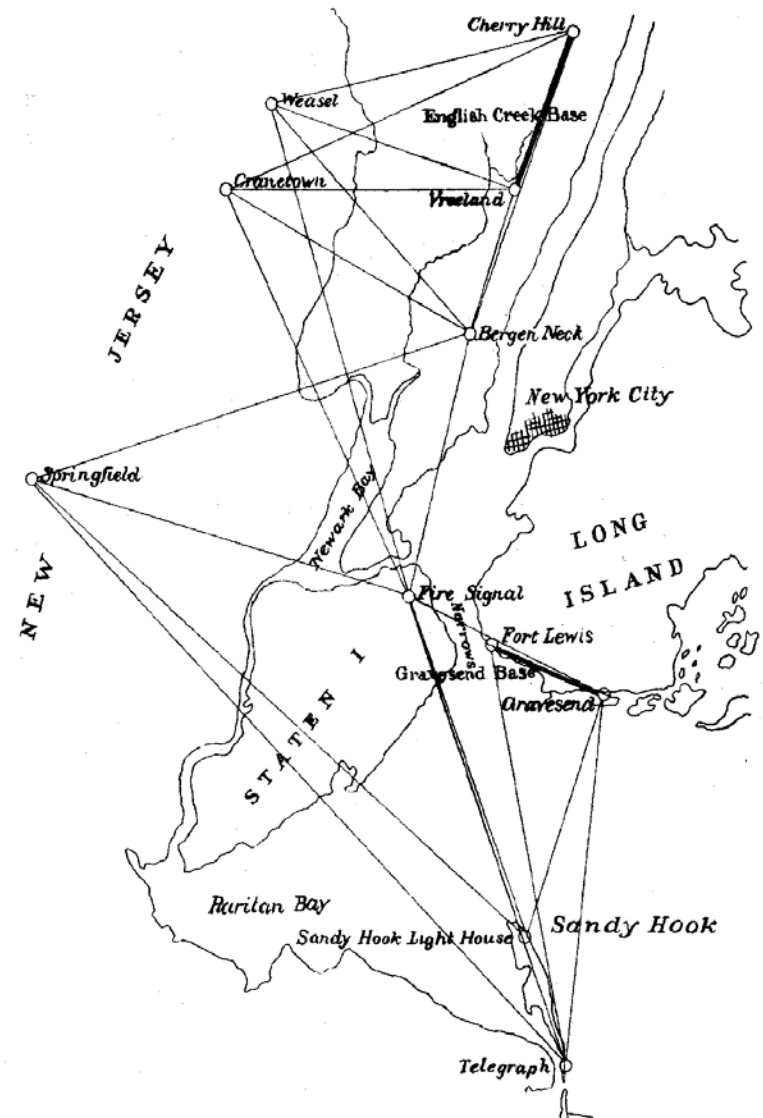
John Breckinridge

1807

President Thomas Jefferson signs legislation
establishing the Survey of the Coast



Ferdinand Hassler (1770-1843)



Hassler's First Field Work, 1816-1817

1984

An End of an Era



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



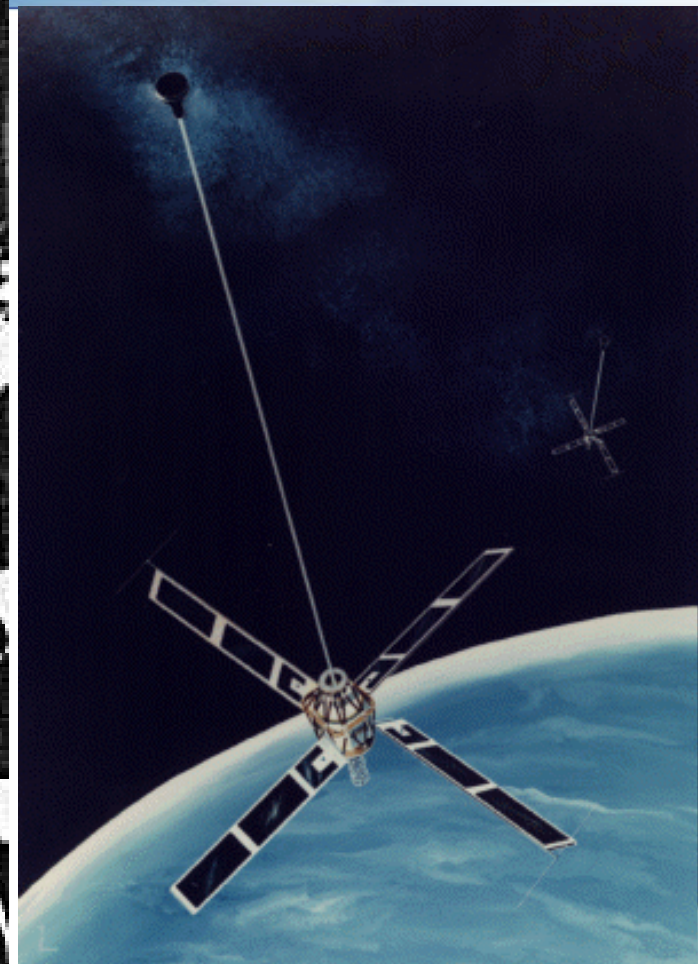
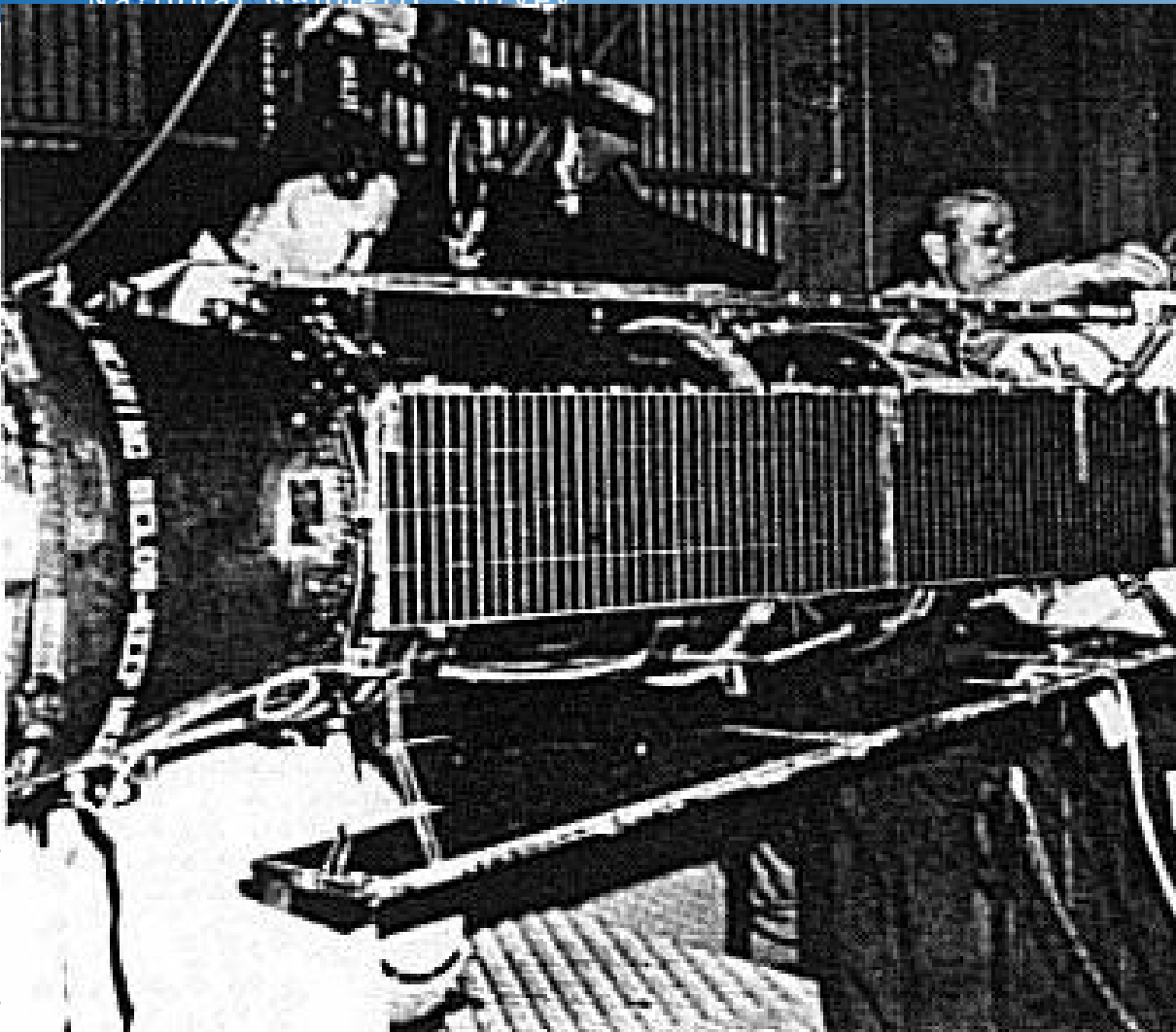
Global Satellite Triangulation Network 1964-1973



ECHO/PAGEOS Balloon Satellite
type of satellite photographed by BC-4

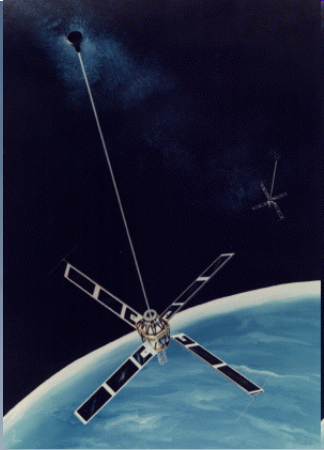


BC-4 camera photograph
stars in circular pattern
satellite is a series of dots in straight line.



US Navy Transit Satellite 1964 (Military), 1967 (Civilian)

DOPPLER and VLBI





NGS Geodetic Tool Kit



on-line interactive computation of geodetic values

See the text version of an [article](#) about the NGS Geodetic Toolkit that appeared in the *Professional Surveyor* magazine, May 2003 Volume 23, Number 4

([See all the Professional Surveyor Articles about the NGS Geodetic Toolkit](#))

To learn more about a particular online program, click on its link for a description:

[DEFLEC99](#)

[DYNAMIC HT](#)

[G99SSS](#)

[GEOID99](#)

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[USGG2003](#)

[HTDP](#)

[IGLD85](#)

[Inverse/Forward/Invers3D/Forwrd3D](#)

[LVL DH](#)

[Magnetic Declination](#)

[NADCON](#)

[NAVD 88 Modelled Gravity](#)

[Online Adjustment User Services](#)

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[State Plane Coordinates](#)

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[VERTCON](#)

[XYZ Coordinate Conversion](#)

OR... Know what you want to do?

Select a function from this list:

SELECT A TOOLKIT SHORTCUT



The NSRS has evolved



**1 Million
Monuments**
(Separate Horizontal
and Vertical Systems) →

**70,000
Passive Marks**
(3-Dimensional)



**Passive
Marks**
(Limited
Knowledge of
Stability) →

**1,400 GPS
CORS**
(Time Dependent
System Possible;
4-Dimensional)



GPS CORS → GNSS CORS



GEODETIC DATUMS

HORIZONTAL

2 D (Latitude and Longitude) (e.g. NAD 27, NAD 83 (1986))

VERTICAL

1 D (Orthometric Height) (e.g. NGVD 29, NAVD 88, Local Tidal)

GEOMETRIC

3 D (Latitude, Longitude and Ellipsoid Height)

Fixed and Stable - Coordinates seldom change

(e.g. NAD 83 (1996), NAD 83 (2007), NAD 83 (CORS96))

also

4 D (Latitude, Longitude, Ellipsoid Height, Velocities) Coordinates change with time

(e.g. ITRF00, ITRF08)

ACRONYMS Я US

ITRF00

IGS08

NAD 27

FBN/CBN¹

GRS 80

CORS H

WGS 84

NSRS

NAVD 88

P

HARN

NGVD 29

NAD 83

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What is a Datum?

- "A set of constants specifying the coordinate system used for geodetic control, i.e., for calculating the coordinates of points on the Earth."
- "The datum, as defined in (1), together with the coordinate system and the set of all points and lines whose coordinates, lengths, and directions have been determined by measurement or calculation."
- NGS has used the first definition for NAD83

These differing definitions require caution when using the word "datum." The first definition makes datum synonymous with the selection of a reference coordinate system (origin and orientation). The second definition makes datum synonymous with a list of coordinates of the control points. When the first definition is used, the published coordinates of control points can change when better measurements allow better determinations. With the second definition, a change in coordinates should result in a new datum. NGS has used the first definition for NAD 1983.

Why change datums

- NAD27 based on old observations and old system
- NAD83(86) based on old observations and new system
- NAD83(92) based on new and old observations and same system
- NAD83(96) based on better observations and same system
- NAD83(NSRS2007) based on new observations and same system. Removed regional distortions and made consistent with CORS
- NAD83(2011) based on new observations and same system. Kept consistent with CORS

Horizontal Datums/Coordinates...What do we (you) use in Vermont?

- NAD 83 (Lat-Lon) SPC
 - Which one???
 - NAD 83 (1986)
 - NAD 83 (1992)
 - NAD 83 (1996)
 - NAD 83 CORS96(2002)
 - NAD 83 (NSRS2007)
- NAD 27
- WGS 84
 - WGS 84 (1987)
 - WGS 84 (G730)
 - WGS 84 (G873)
 - WGS 84 (G1150)
- ITRF00 (epoch 97)
- IGS08

COORDINATE CHANGES

ADJUSTMENT	YEARS	LOCAL ACCURACY	NETWORK ACCURACY
NAD 27	1927 – 1986	1:100,000	10 m
NAD 83 (1986)	1986 – 1990	1:100,000	1 m
NAD 83 (1992) (HARN)	1990 – 1997	1:10,000,000	0.1 m
CORS	1994 -----	0.01/0.02 m	0.02/0.04 m
NAD 83 (1996) (FBN/CBN)	1997 – 2004	0.05/0.05 m	0.05/0.05 m
NAD 83 (NSRS 2007)	2007 - 2011	0.01/0.02 m	0.02/0.04 m
NAD 83 (2011) epoch 2001.0	2011 - -----		

NAD 83 National (RE) adjustments 2007 and 2011

- NOT a new datum. A readjustment within the original NAD 83 framework
- GPS only – Classical (triangulation) will not be included
- National CORS used as control
- Each state will comprise a separate block
- Coordinates adjusted and published for both NAD83 (NSRS 2007) and ITRF
- Adjustment in NAD 83 – Transformation to ITRF
- All data submitted to NSRS will be included
- Network and Local Accuracies computed
- No changes to NAD 83 State Plane Coordinate System parameters

2007 NAD 83 National Readjustment

3065 Projects complete

- **Free Adjustment**
- **Residual Plot**
- **Outliers Rejected**
- **Connectivity to A/B Order Network Verified**
- **67,708 total stations**
- **751 stations in VT**

NEW STANDARDS FOR GEODETIC CONTROL

TWO ACCURACY STANDARDS

local accuracy ----- adjacent points
network accuracy ----- relative to CORS

Numeric quantities, units in cm (or mm)

Both are relative accuracy measures

Do not use distance dependent expression

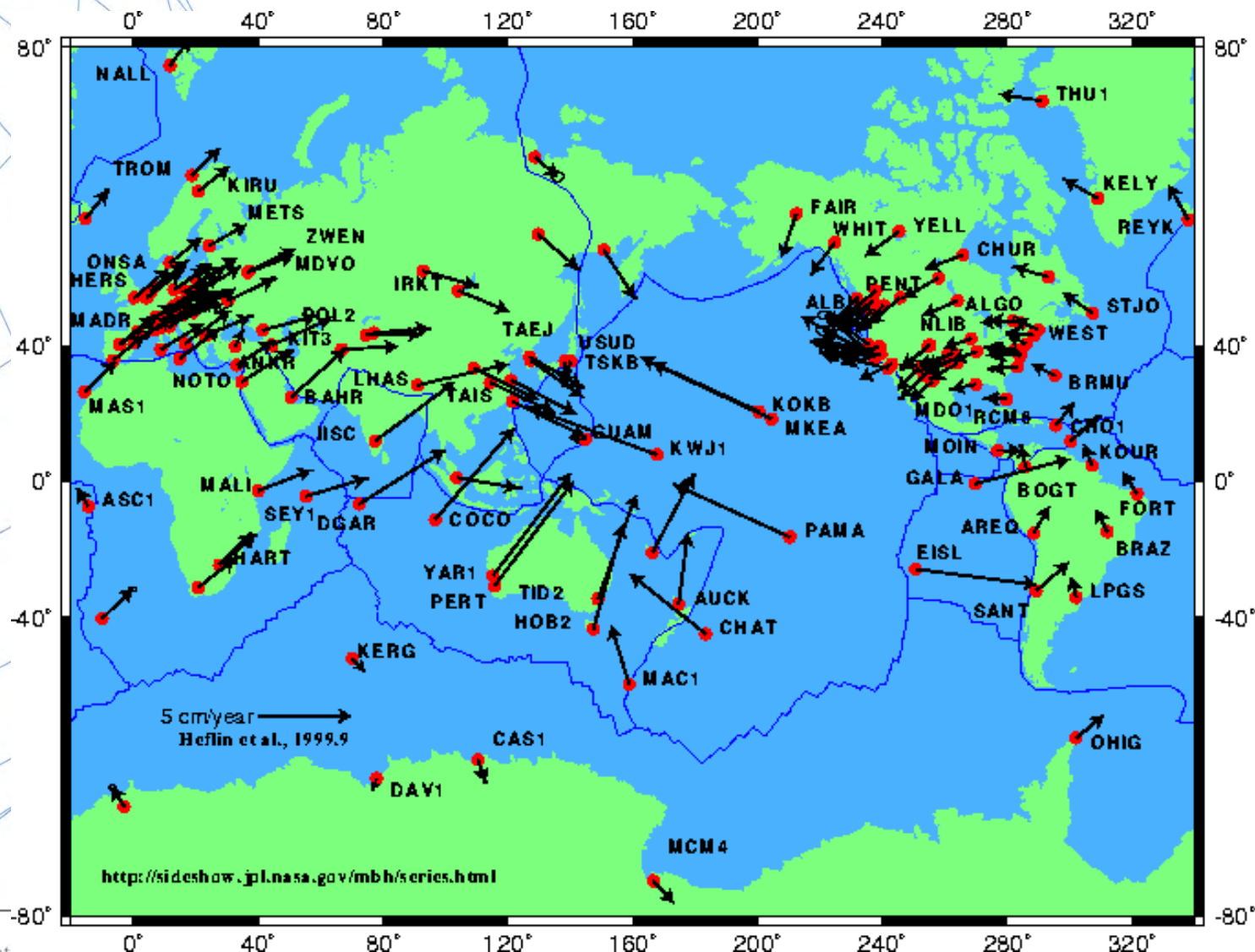
Horizontal accuracies are radius of 2-D 95% error circle

Ellipsoidal/Orthometric heights are 1-D (linear) 95% error

Problems with NAD 83 and NAVD 88

- ❖ **NAD 83** is not as geocentric as it could be (approx. 2 m)
 - ❖ Surveyors don't see this - **Yet**
- ❖ **NAD 83** is not well defined with positional velocities
- ❖ **NAVD 88** is realized by passive control (bench marks) most of which have not been releveled in at least 40 years.
- ❖ **NAVD 88** does not account for local vertical velocities (subsidence and uplift)
 - ❖ Post glacial isostatic readjustment
 - ❖ Subsurface fluid withdrawal
 - ❖ Sediment loading
 - ❖ Sea level rise
 - ❖ Newport – 2.6 mm/yr (0.008 ft/yr) Since 1930 (0.85 ft in 100 years)
 - ❖ Providence– 2.0 mm/yr (.006 ft/yr) Since 1938 (0.64 ft in 100 years)

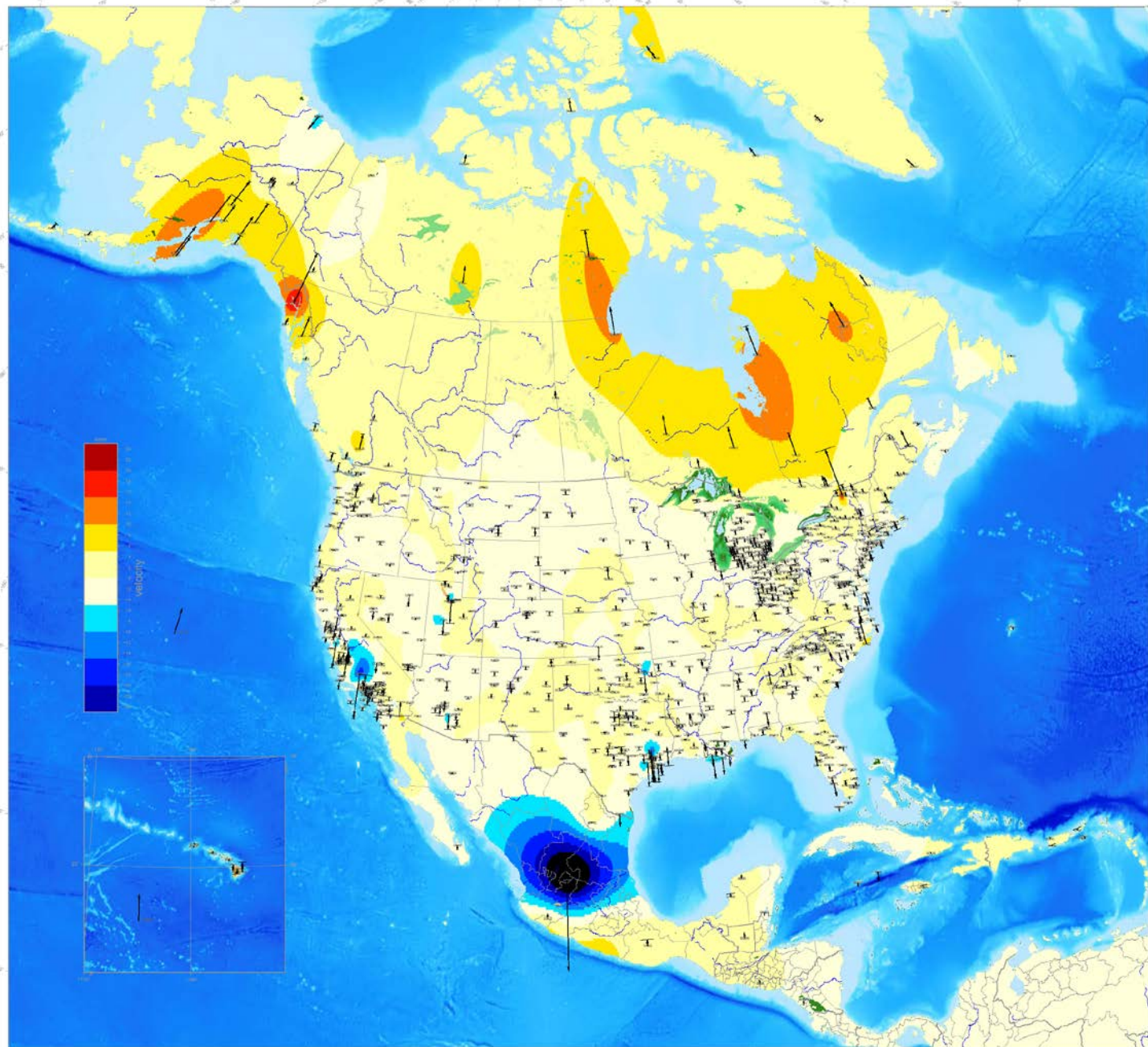
Tectonic Motions



HORIZONTAL VELOCITIES



VERTICAL VELOCITIES



International Earth Rotation and Reference System Service (IERS)

[\(http://www.iers.org\)](http://www.iers.org)

The International Terrestrial Reference System (**ITRS**) constitutes a set of prescriptions and conventions together with the modeling required to define origin, scale, orientation and time evolution

ITRS is realized by the International Terrestrial Reference Frame (**ITRF**) based upon estimated coordinates and velocities of a set of stations observed by Very Long Baseline Interferometry (**VLBI**), Satellite Laser Ranging (**SLR**), Global Positioning System and GLONASS (**GNSS**), and Doppler Orbitography and Radio- positioning Integrated by Satellite (**DORIS**).

**ITRF89, ITRF90, ITRF91, ITRF92, ITRF93, ITRF94, ITRF95, ITRF96, ITRF97,
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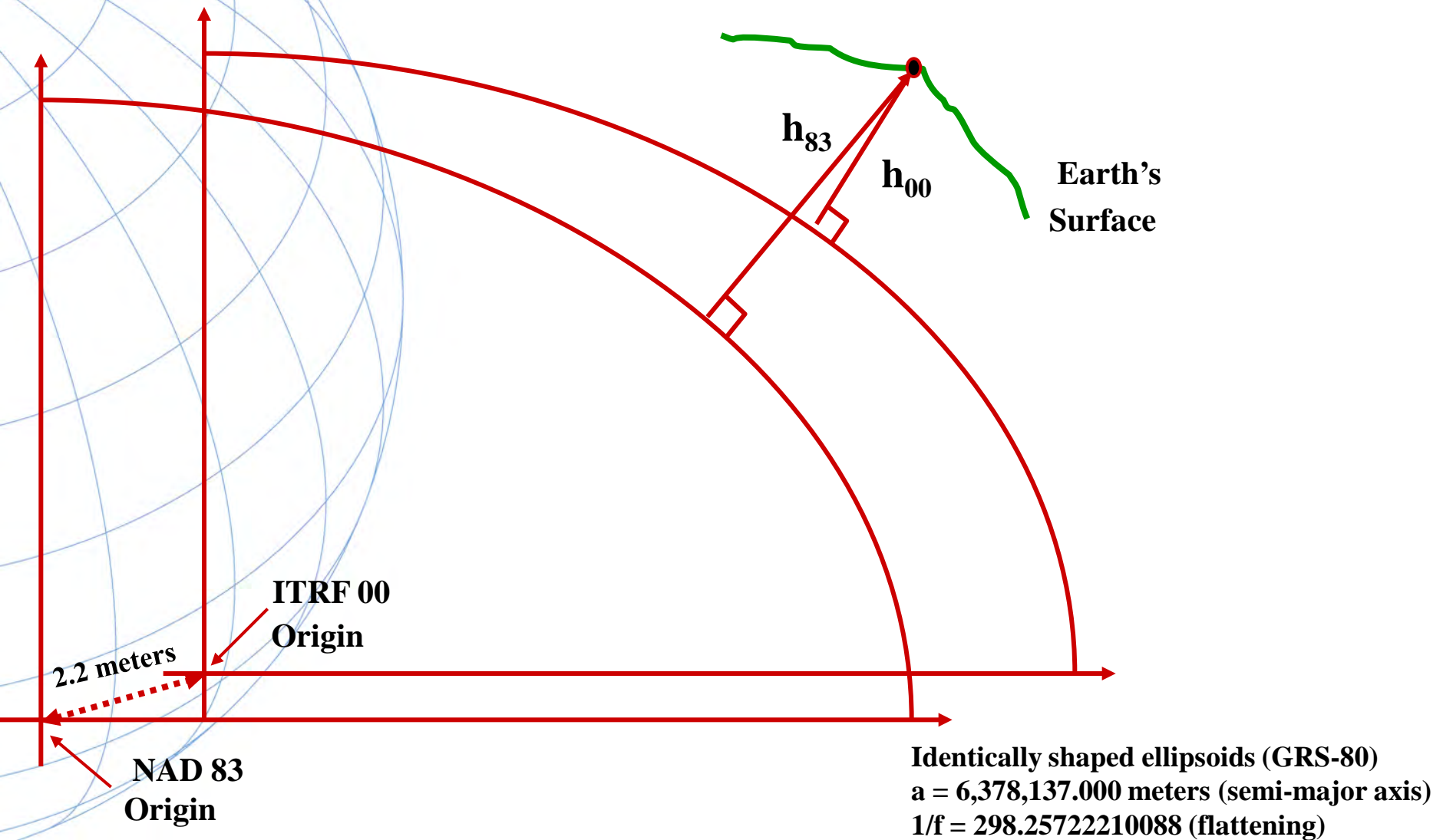


International Terrestrial Reference Frame

4 Global Independent Positioning Technologies



Simplified Concept of NAD 83 vs. ITRF00



History of vertical datums in the USA

- **Pre-National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD 29)**
 - The first geodetic leveling project in the United States was surveyed by the Coast Survey from 1856 to 1857.
 - Transcontinental leveling commenced from Hagerstown, MD in 1877.
 - General Adjustments of leveling data yielded datums in 1900, 1903, 1907, and 1912. (Sometimes referenced as the Sandy Hook Datum)
 - NGS does not offer a utility which transforms from these older datums into newer ones (though some users still work in them!)

History of vertical datums in the USA

- **NGVD 29**

- National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929
- Original name: “Sea Level Datum of 1929”
- “Zero height” held fixed at 26 tide gauges
 - Not all on the same tidal datum epoch (~ 19 yrs)
- Did not account for Local Mean Sea Level variations from the geoid
 - Thus, not truly a “geoid based” datum

NGVD29

The National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 is referenced to 26 tide gauges in the US and Canada



History of vertical datums in the USA

- **NAVD 88**

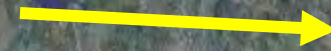
- North American Vertical Datum of 1988
- One height held fixed at “Father Point” (Rimouski, Canada)
- ...height chosen was to minimize 1929/1988 differences on USGS topo maps in the eastern U.S.
- Thus, the “zero height surface” of NAVD 88 wasn’t chosen for its closeness to the geoid (but it was close...few decimeters)

History of vertical datums in the USA

- **NAVD 88** (continued)
 - Use of one fixed height removed local sea level variation problem of NGVD 29
 - Use of one fixed height did open the possibility of unconstrained cross-continent error build up
 - But the $H=0$ surface of NAVD 88 was supposed to be parallel to the geoid...(close again)

NAVD88

The North American
Vertical Datum of 1988
is referenced to a
single tide gauge in
Canada

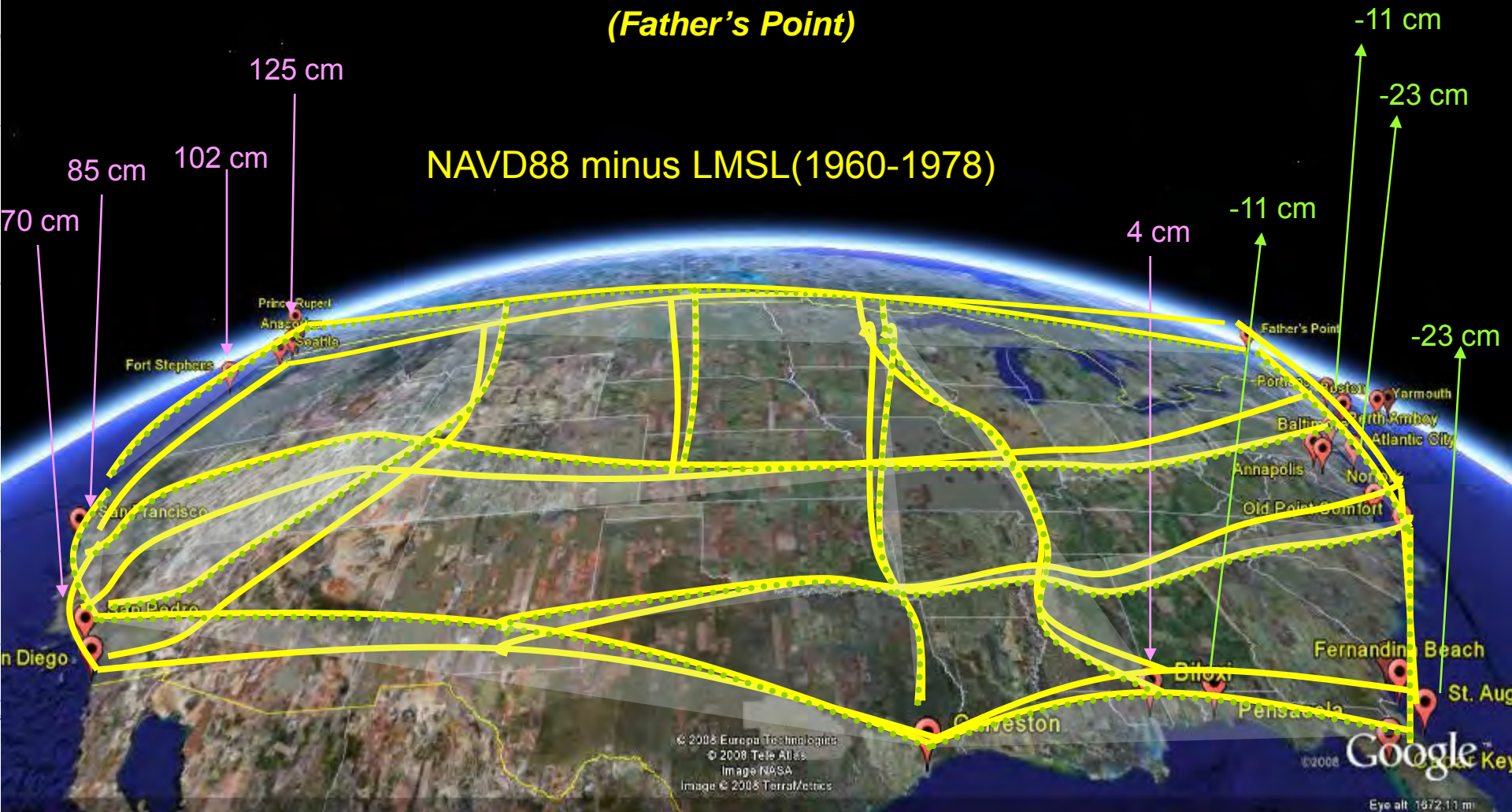


NAVD 88

~~Reference to 26 Tide Gages~~

(Father's Point)

NAVD88 minus LMSL(1960-1978)



Problems using traditional leveling (to define a National Vertical Datum)

- Leveling the country can not be done again
 - Too costly in time and money
- Leveling yields cross-country error build-up; problems in the mountains
- Leveling requires leaving behind passive marks
 - Bulldozers and crustal motion do their worst


Why isn't NAVD 88 good enough anymore

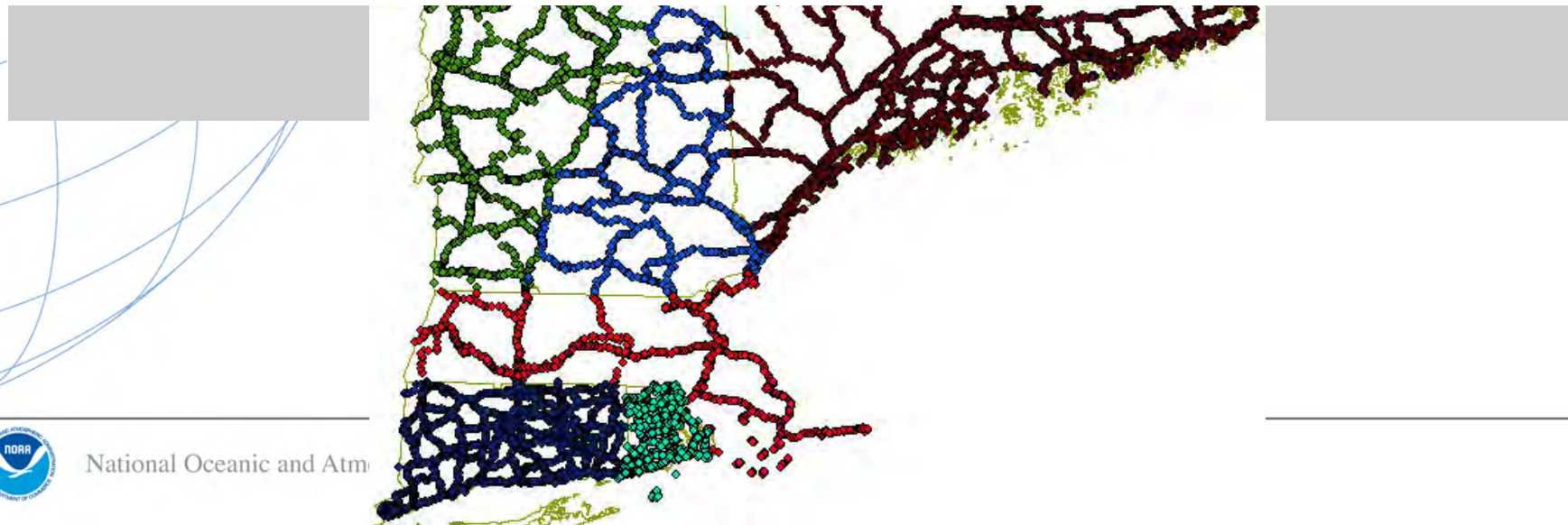
- **NAVD 88 suffers from use of bench marks that:**
 - Are almost never re-checked for movement
 - Disappear by the thousands every year
 - Are not funded for replacement
 - Are not necessarily in convenient places
 - Don't exist in most of Alaska
 - Weren't adopted in Canada
 - Were determined by leveling from a single point, allowing cross-country error build up

Why isn't NAVD 88 good enough anymore?

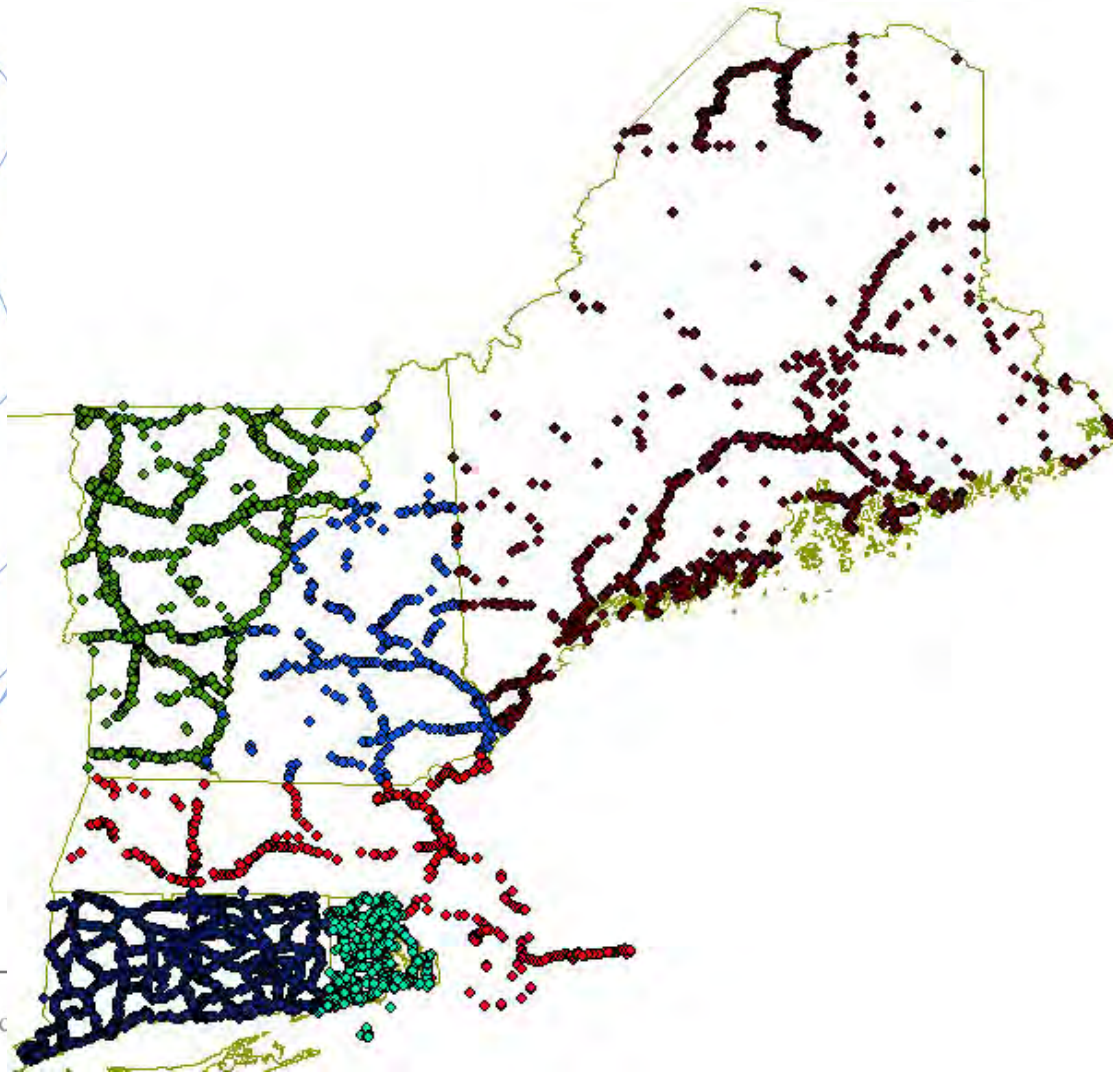
- **NAVD 88 suffers from:**
- A zero height surface that:
 - Has been proven to be ~50 cm biased from the latest, best geoid models (GRACE satellite)
 - Has been proven to be ~ 1 meter tilted across CONUS (again, based on the independently computed geoid from the GRACE satellite)

NGSIDB BM Status (1st, 2nd order)

	CT	MA	ME	NH	RI	VT
In NGSIDB	2599	1125	5401	1092	1380	2158
						



NE Vertical Control



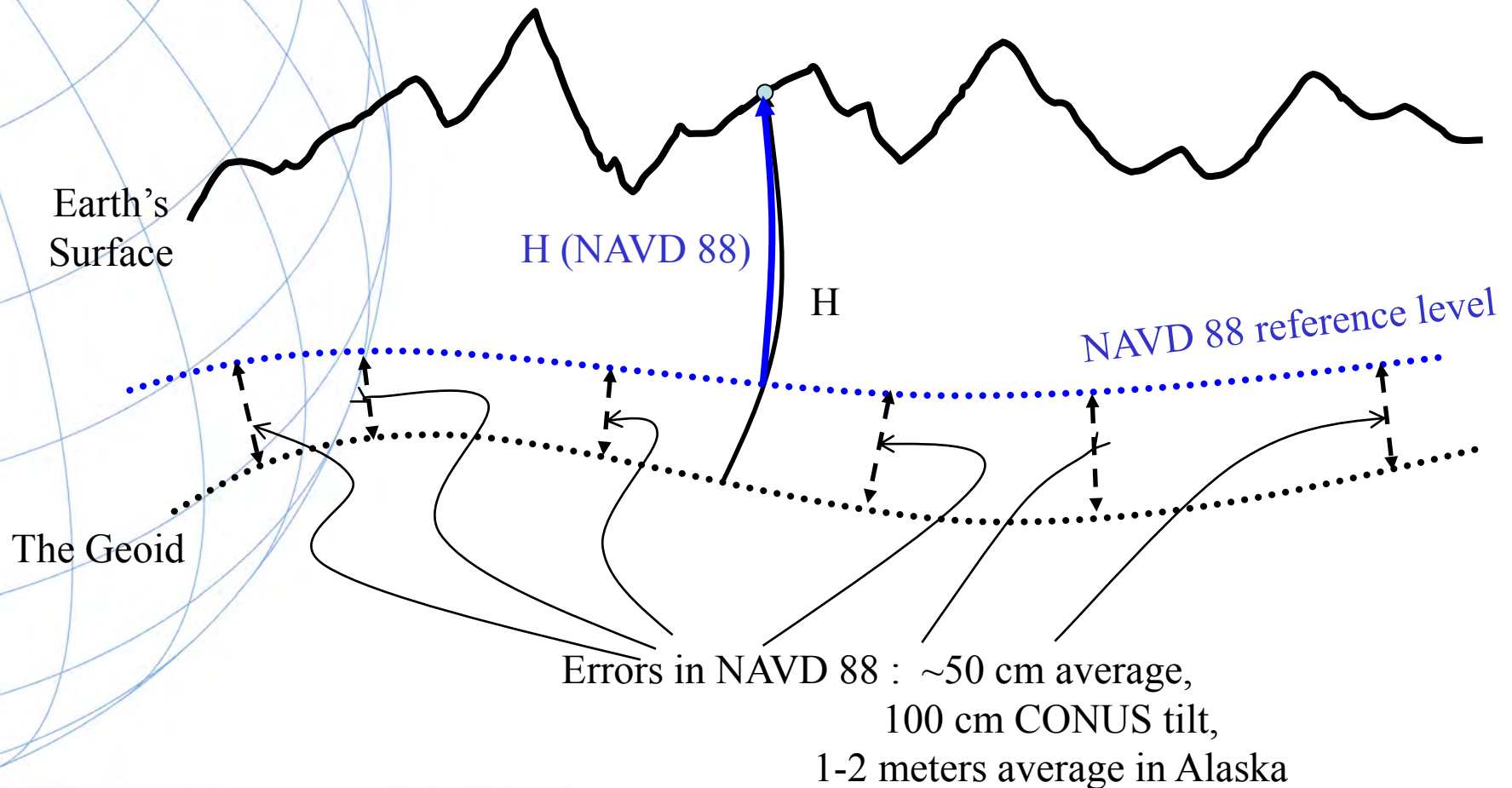
Height-Mod means More Marks

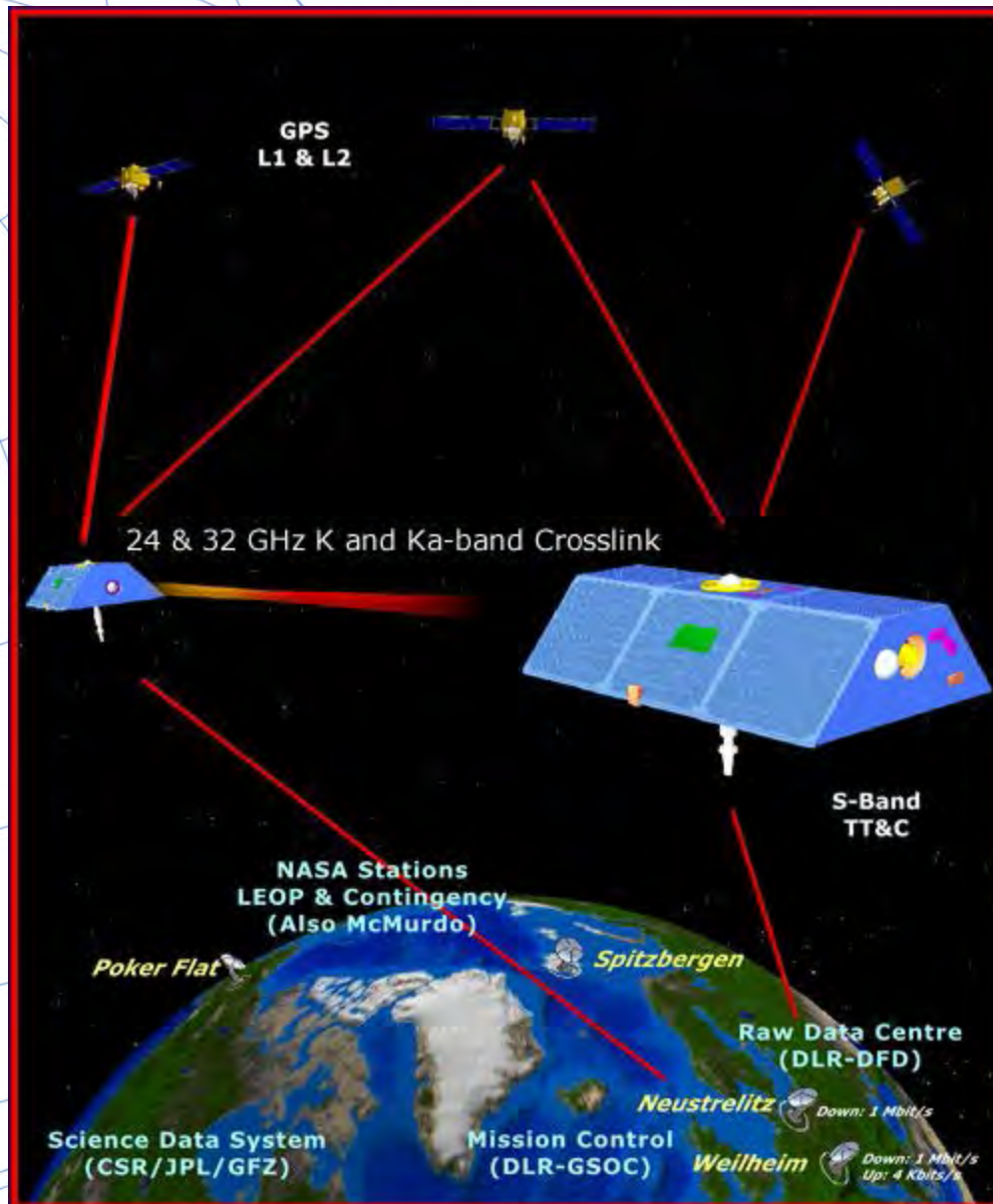


Height Modernization Bottom line

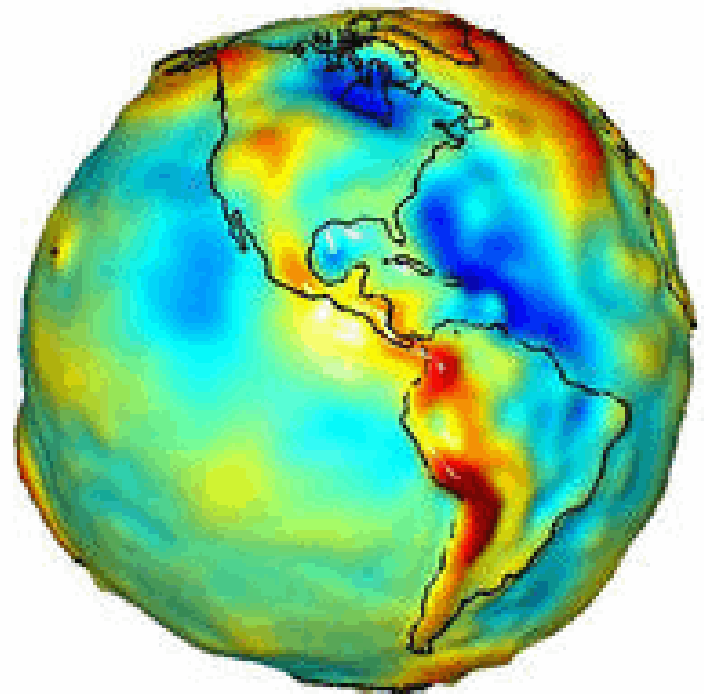
- 1. Using GNSS is cheaper, easier than leveling**
- 2. To use GNSS we need a good geoid model**

Why isn't NAVD 88 good enough anymore?



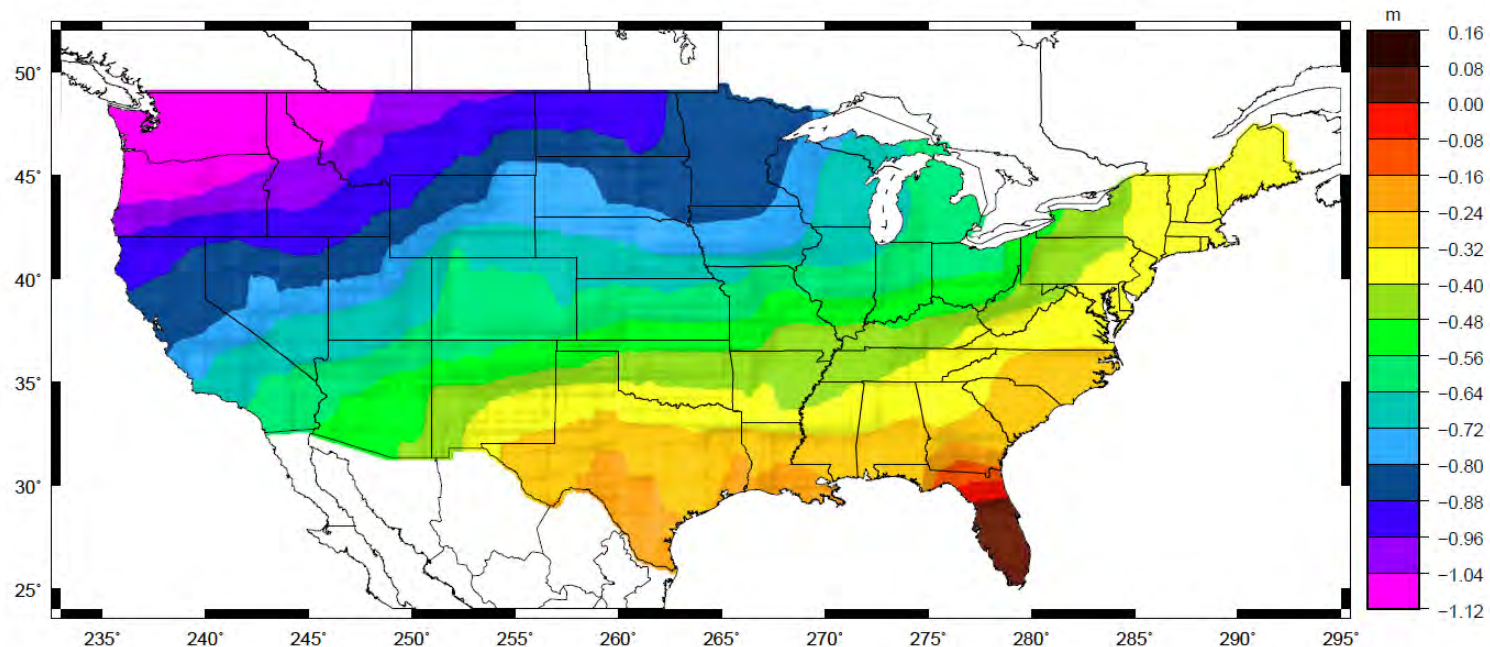


GRACE – Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment



Why isn't NAVD 88 good enough anymore?

- Approximate level of geoid mismatch known to exist in the NAVD 88 zero

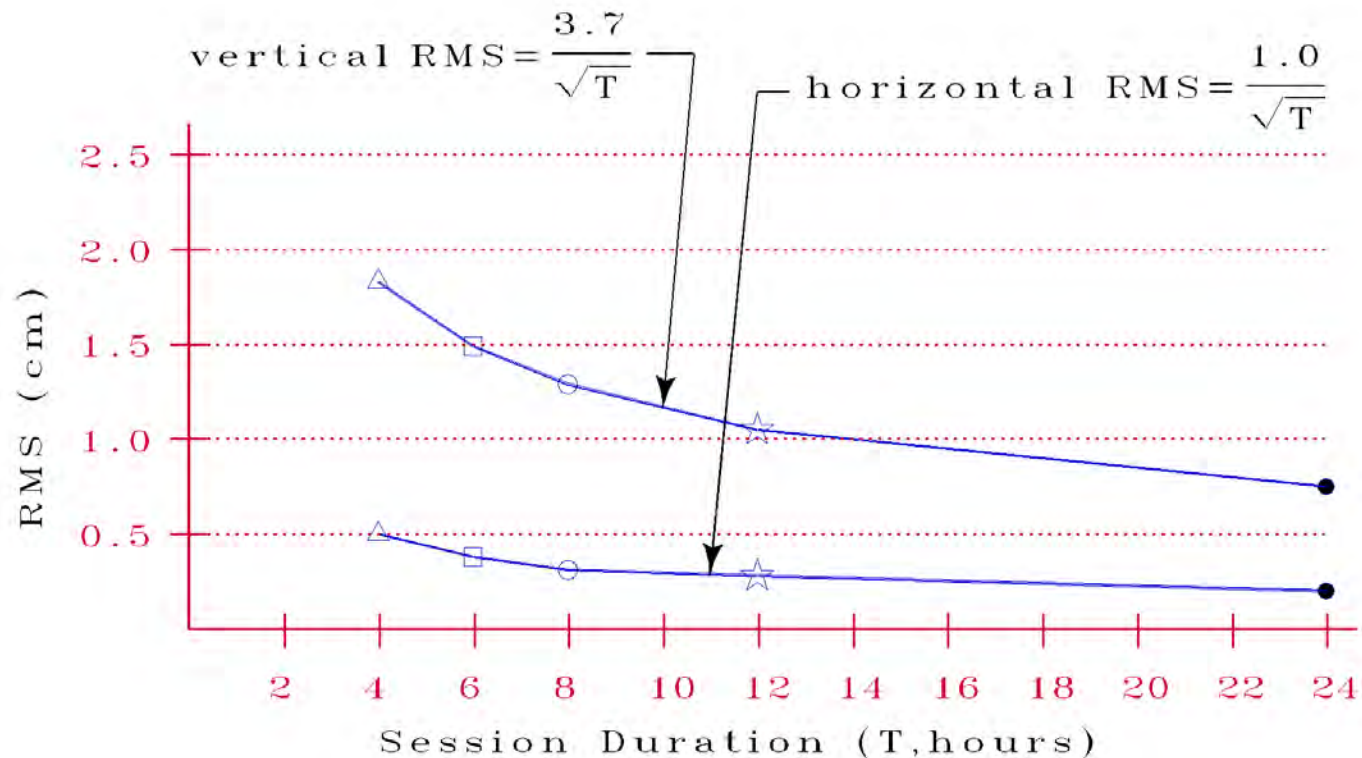


How accurate is a GPS-derived Orthometric Height?

- Relative (local) accuracy in ellipsoid heights between adjacent points can be better than 2 cm, at 95% confidence level
- Network accuracy (relative to NSRS) in ellipsoid heights can be better than 5 cm, at 95% confidence level
- Accuracy of orthometric height is dependent on accuracy of the geoid model – Currently NGS is improving the geoid model with more data, i.e. Gravity and GPS observations on leveled bench marks from Height Mod projects
- Geoid09 can have an uncertainty in the 2-5 cm range.

Positioning Error vs. Duration of the Observing Session

Dual-frequency GPS carrier-phase observations



National CORS Accuracy

Vertical Precision Using Dual-Frequency

GPS Carrier Phase Observations 95% Confidence Level





OPUS-RS MAP

National Geodetic Survey

HELP:

ABOUT THIS MAP

OPTIONS:

Choose Map:

NS or EW 15-min Data

CORS Sites:

☐ Show ☒ Hide

Predicted Precision:

Latitude : 19.85717322380°

Longitude: -147.36328125

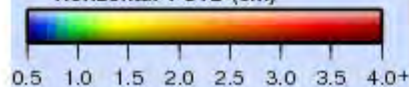
[Retrieve Accuracy](#)

Overlay Opacity:

60%

LEGEND:

Horizontal 1 STD (cm)



Data as of Nov 7 2011

OPUS-RS Estimated Precision and Availability

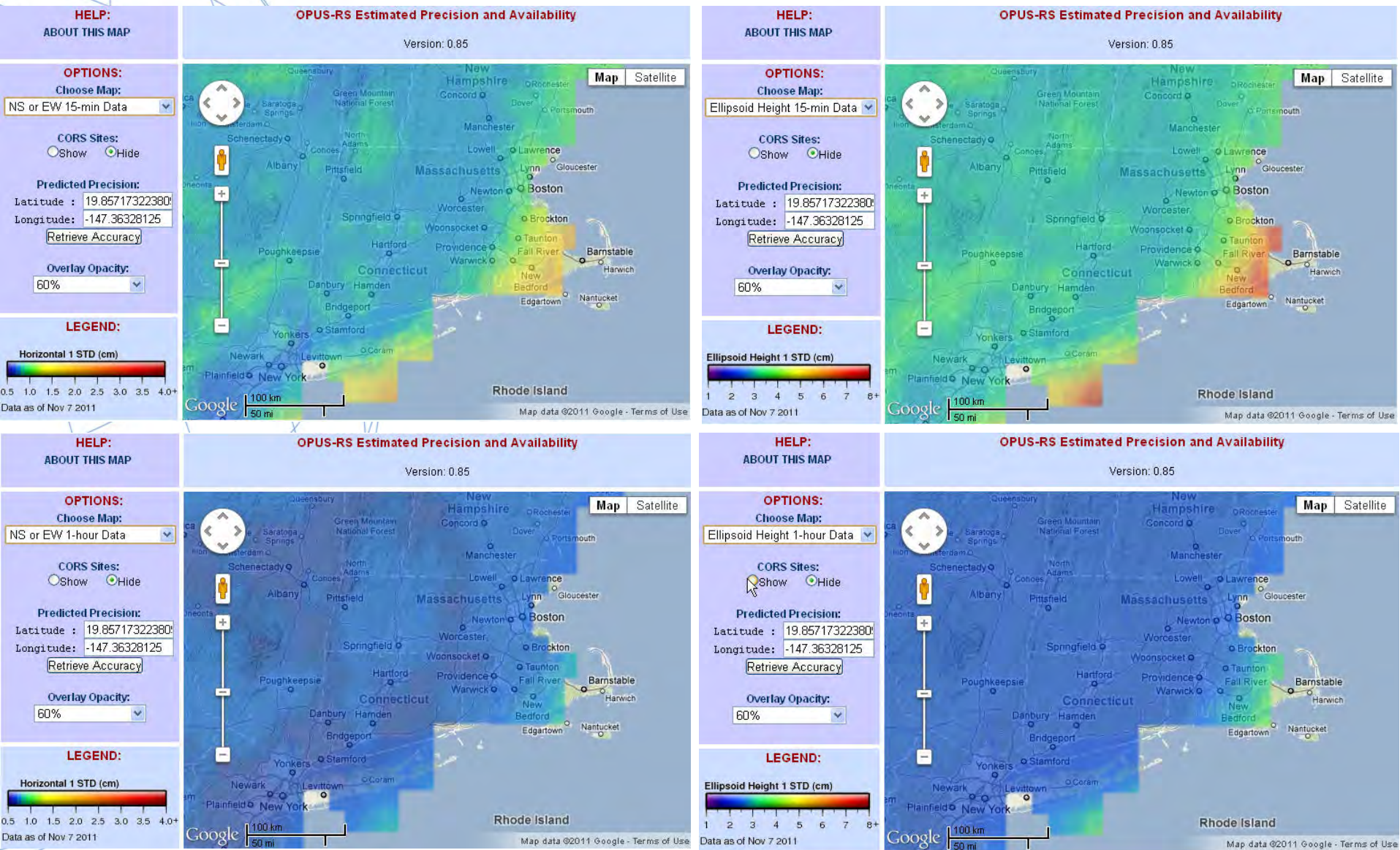
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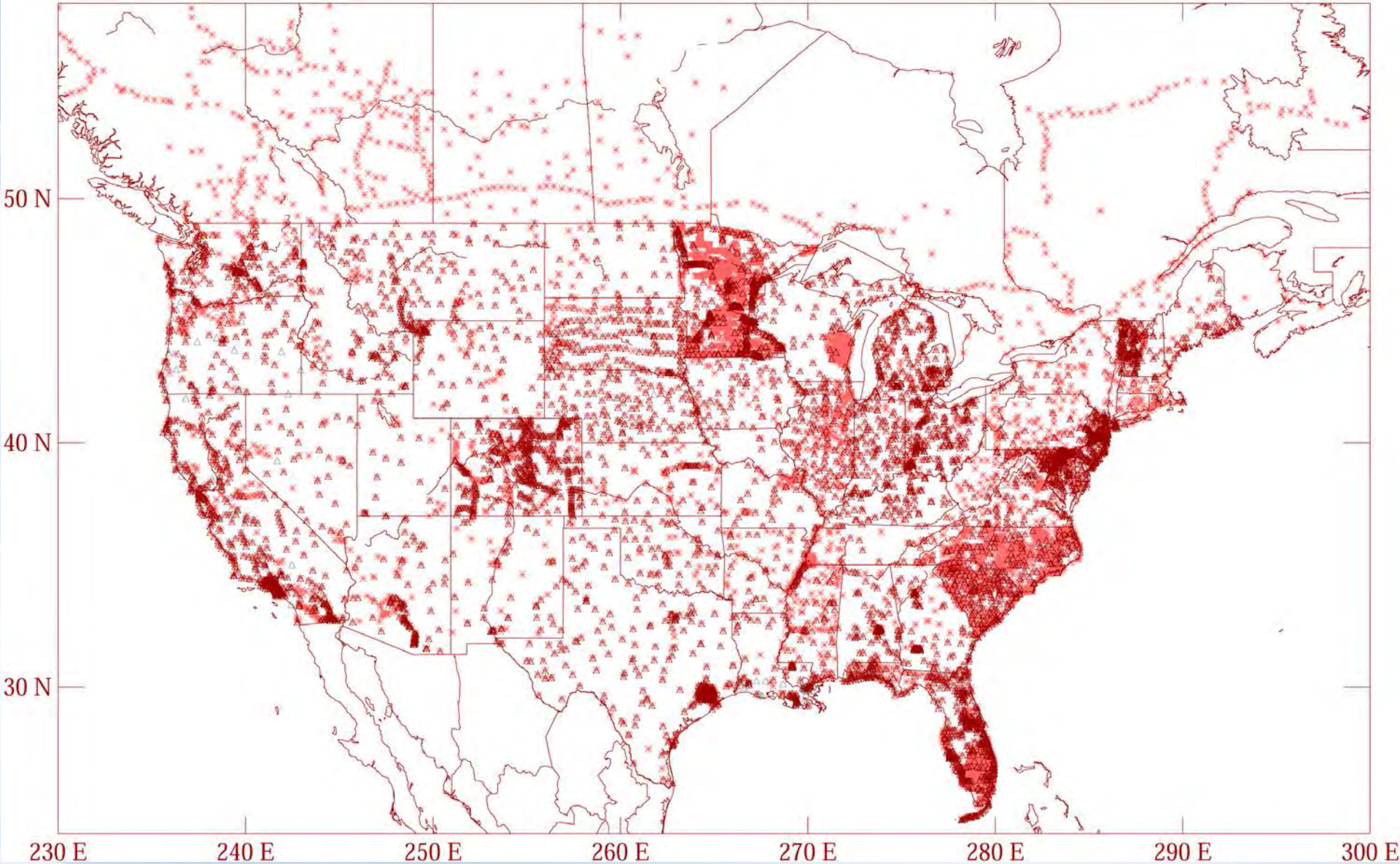
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National Geodetic Survey



Types and Uses of Geoid Height Models

- Gravimetric (or Gravity) Geoid Height Models
 - Defined by gravity data crossing the geoid
 - Refined by terrain models (DEM's)
 - Scientific and engineering applications
- Composite (or Hybrid) Geoid Height Models
 - Gravimetric geoid defines most regions
 - Warped to fit available GPSBM control data
 - Defined by legislated ellipsoid (NAD 83) and local vertical datum (NAVD 88, PRVD02, etc.)
 - May be statutory for some surveying & mapping applications

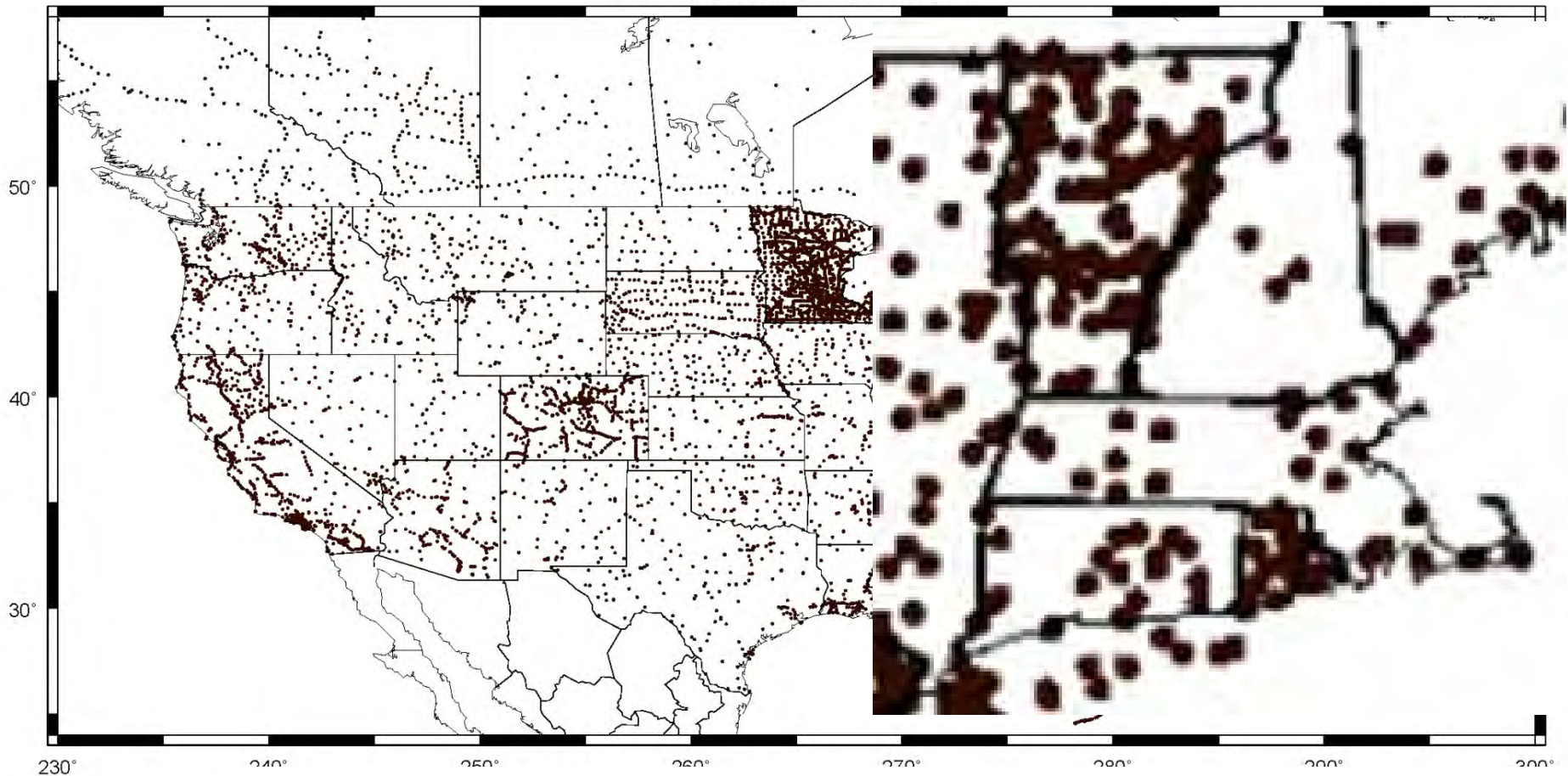


GGPSBM1999: 6,169 total 0 Canada STDEV 9.2 cm (2σ)

GGPSBM2003: 14,185 total 579 Canada STDEV 4.8 cm (2σ)



GPS BMs for GEOID09

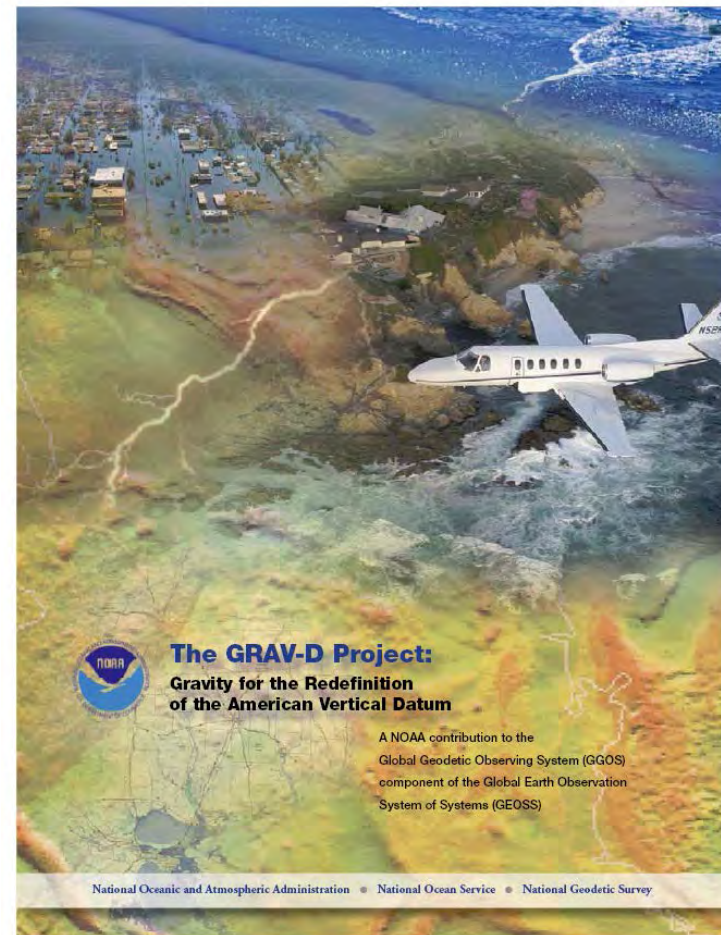


GGPSBM2009: 18,398 STDEV 2.8 cm (2σ)

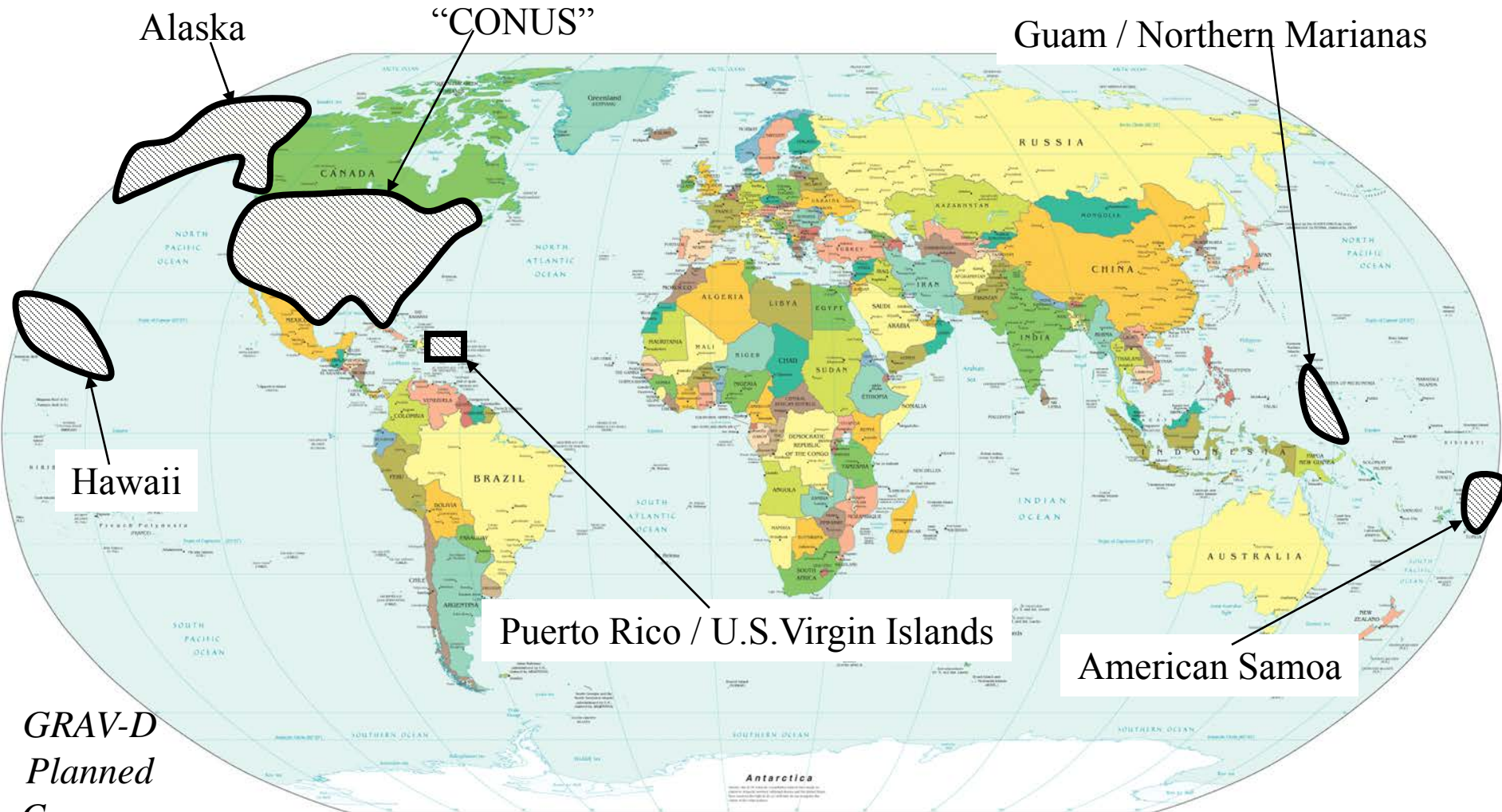
Transition to the Future – GRAV-D

Gravity for the Redefinition of the American Vertical Datum

- Official NGS policy as of Nov 14, 2007
 - \$38.5M over 10 years
- Airborne Gravity Snapshot
- Absolute Gravity Tracking
- Re-define the Vertical Datum of the USA by 2018
(2022 more likely due to funding issues)



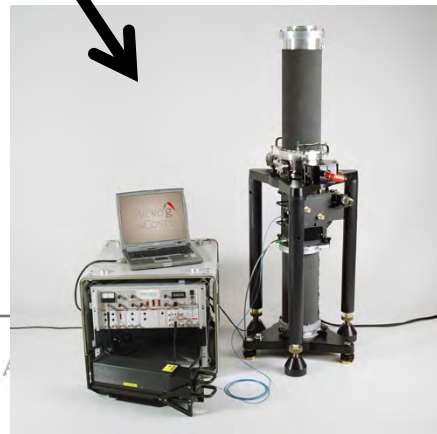
What is GRAV-D?



*GRAV-D
Planned
Coverage*

Gravity Survey Plan

- National Scale Part 1
 - Predominantly through airborne gravity
 - With Absolute Gravity for ties and checks
 - Relative Gravity for expanding local regions where airborne shows significant mismatch with existing terrestrial



What is GRAV-D?

- **GRAV-D will mean:**
 - As the $H=0$ surface, the geoid will be tracked over time to keep the datum up to date
 - The reliance on passive marks will dwindle to:
 - Secondary access to the datum
 - Minimal NGS involvement
 - Maintenance/checking in the hands of users
 - Use at your own risk

CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING REFERENCE STATIONS (CORS)

**1690+ Installed and Operated by
various Federal-State-local Agencies**

**NOAA/National Geodetic Survey
NOAA/OAR Global Systems Division
U.S. Coast Guard - DGPS/NDGPS
Corps of Engineers - DGPS
FAA - WAAS/LAAS
State DOTs
County and City
Academia
Private Companies**



1 sec 5 sec 10 sec 15 sec 30 sec All Decommissioned



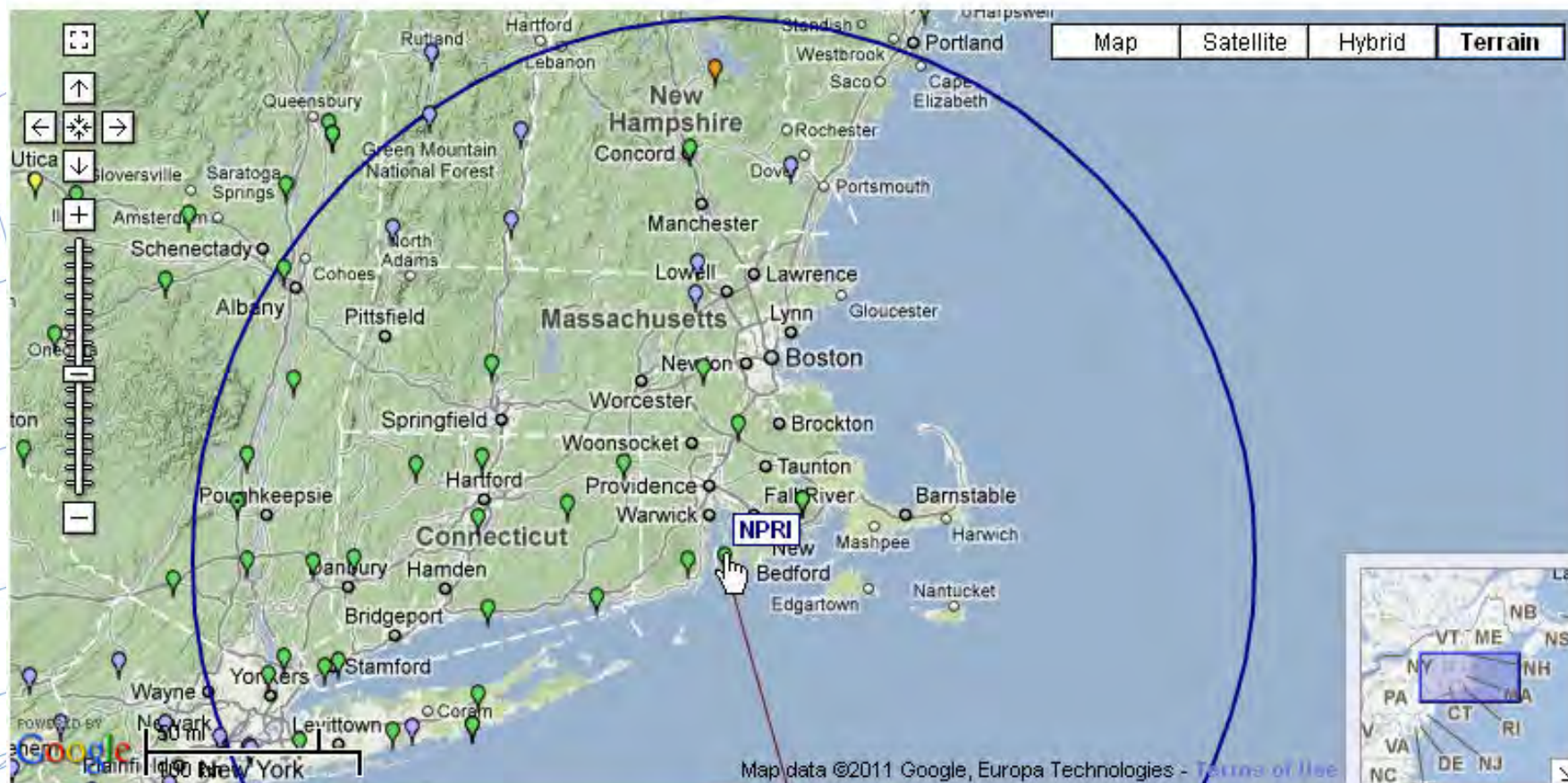
REGIONAL CORS NETWORK

Sampling Rate (clickable legend icons)

1 sec 5 sec 10 sec 15 sec 30 sec All Active Decom

Non-Operational

250 km radius



IGS 08

U OF RI COOP (URIL), RHODE ISLAND

Created on 31Aug2011 at 09:59:48.

Antenna Reference Point(ARP): U OF RI COOP CORS ARP

PID = DE6262

IGS08 POSITION (EPOCH 2005.0)

Computed in Aug 2011 using data through gpswk 1631.

X =	1516051.922 m	latitude	=	41 29 20.19043 N
Y =	-4538296.763 m	longitude	=	071 31 39.78646 W
Z =	4203281.774 m	ellipsoid height	=	44.430 m

IGS08 VELOCITY

Predicted with HTDP_3.1.2 Aug 2011.

VX =	-0.0155 m/yr	northward	=	0.0059 m/yr
VY =	-0.0010 m/yr	eastward	=	-0.0150 m/yr
VZ =	0.0044 m/yr	upward	=	-0.0001 m/yr

NAD_83 (2011) POSITION (EPOCH 2010.0)

Transformed from IGS08 (epoch 2005.0) position in Aug 2011.

X =	1516052.617 m	latitude	=	41 29 20.15772 N
Y =	-4538298.216 m	longitude	=	071 31 39.77789 W
Z =	4203281.839 m	ellipsoid height	=	45.671 m

NAD_83 (2011) VELOCITY

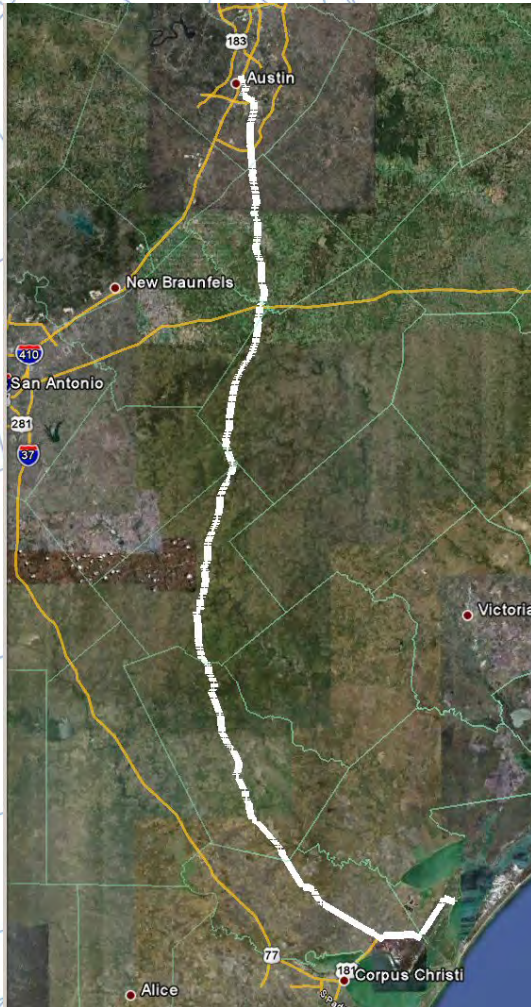
Transformed from IGS08 velocity in Aug 2011.

VX =	0.0017 m/yr	northward	=	-0.0011 m/yr
VY =	0.0006 m/yr	eastward	=	0.0018 m/yr
VZ =	-0.0015 m/yr	upward	=	-0.0010 m/yr

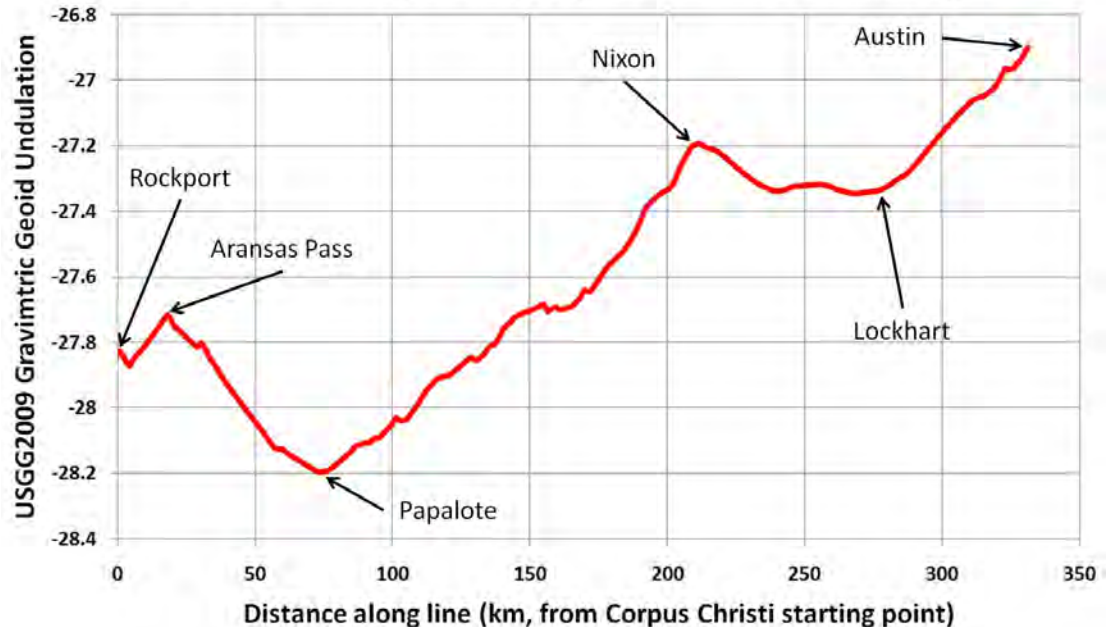
IGS08 - NAD 83(2011)

 $\Delta\text{Horiz} = 1.029 \text{ m}$ $\Delta\text{Eht} = 1.241 \text{ m}$ 

Geoid Slope Validation Survey of 2011 (GSVS11)

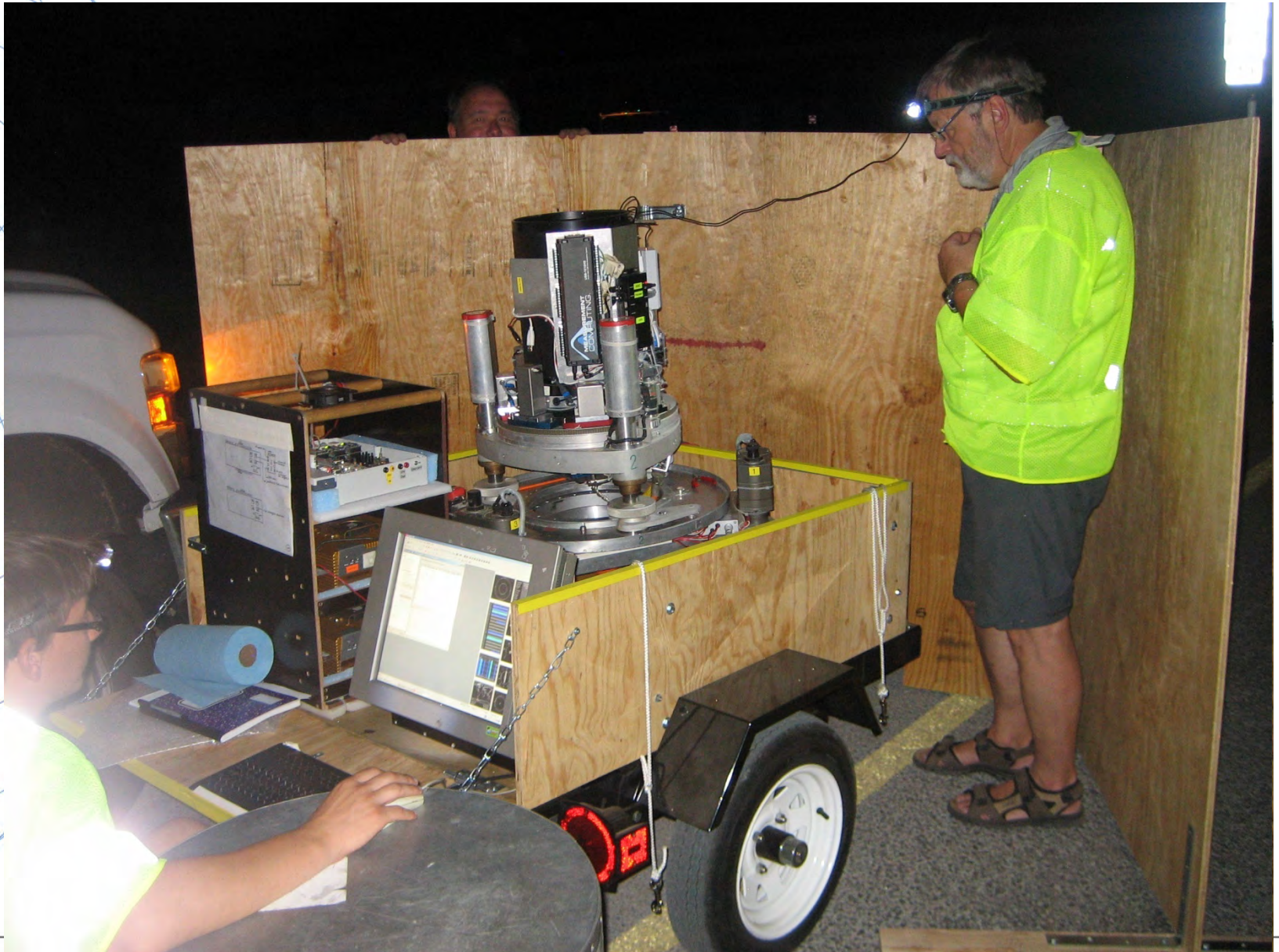


USGG2009 Gravimetric Geoid Slope along
GSVS11 Survey Line (Corpus Christi to Austin)



GSVS11 Components

- Differential Leveling
- Campaign GPS
- RTN-based GPS
- Absolute Gravity
- Gravity Gradients
- Deflections of the Vertical
- Airborne LIDAR
- Airborne Imagery



Accessing the New Vertical Datum

- **Primary access** (NGS mission)
 - Users with geodetic quality GNSS receivers will continue to use OPUS suite of tools
 - Ellipsoid heights computed, and then a gravimetric geoid removed to provide orthometric heights in the new datum
 - No passive marks needed
 - But, could be used to position a passive mark
- **Secondary access** (Use at own risk)
 - Passive marks that have been tied to the new vertical datum
 - NGS will provide a “data sharing” service for these points, but their accuracy (due to either the quality of the survey or the age of the data) will not be a responsibility of NGS

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Accessing the New Vertical Datum

- **NAVD 88 conversion to new datum**
 - A conversion will be provided between NAVD 88 and the new datum
 - Only where recent GNSS ellipsoid heights exist to provide modern heights in the new datum

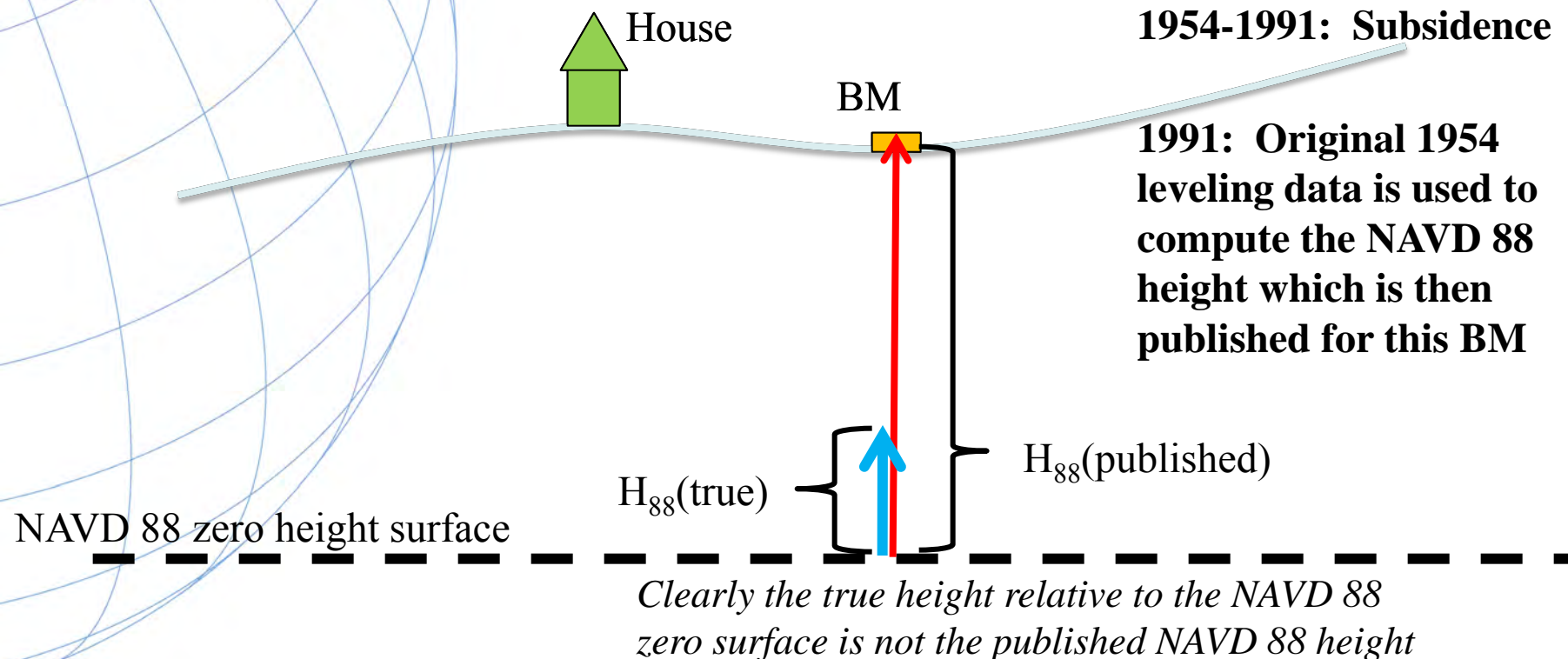
How will I access the new vertical datum?

Example 1: Flood insurance survey

1954: Leveling performed to bench mark

1954-1991: Subsidence

1991: Original 1954 leveling data is used to compute the NAVD 88 height which is then published for this BM



How will I access the new vertical datum?

Example 1: Flood insurance survey

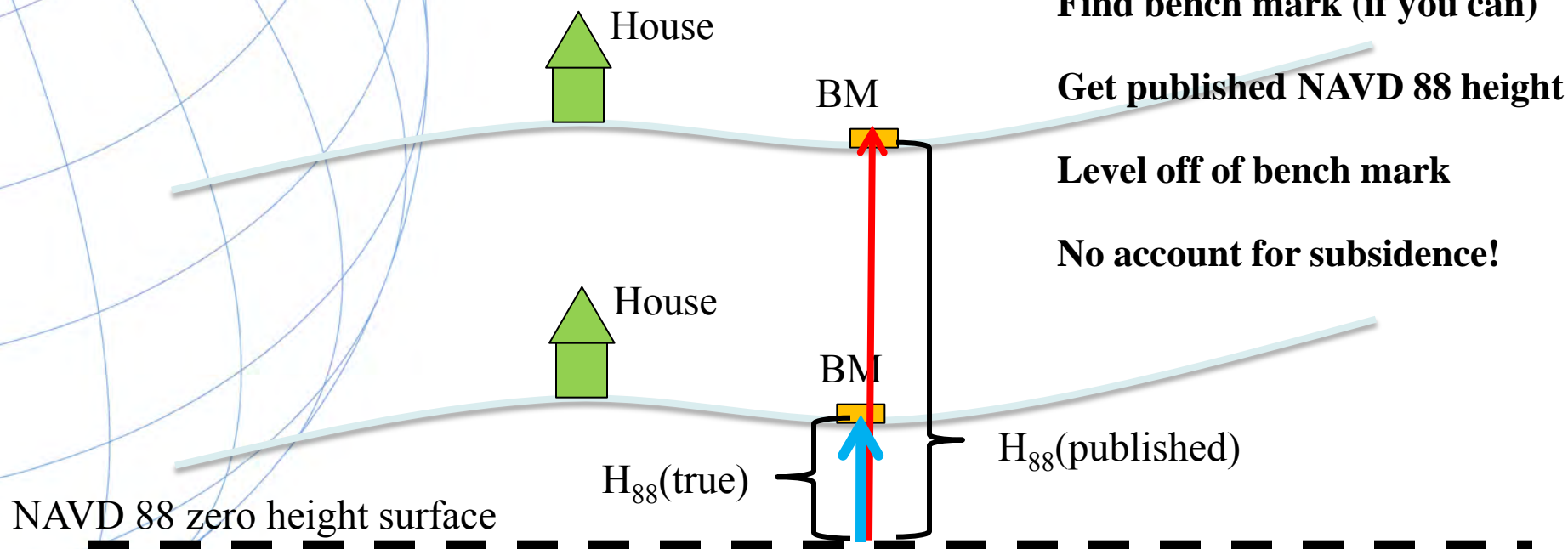
Using Existing Techniques:

Find bench mark (if you can)

Get published NAVD 88 height

Level off of bench mark

No account for subsidence!



How will I access the new vertical datum?

Example 1: Flood insurance survey

Using Future Techniques:

Find bench mark if you wish, or set a new one of your choosing

Use GNSS/OPUS to get an orthometric height in the new datum

Level off of bench mark as needed

Subsidence is accounted for by CORS and a geoid that are monitored constantly!

H(2022?) from GNSS/geoid

NAVD 2018(?) zero height surface = geoid



House



BM



House

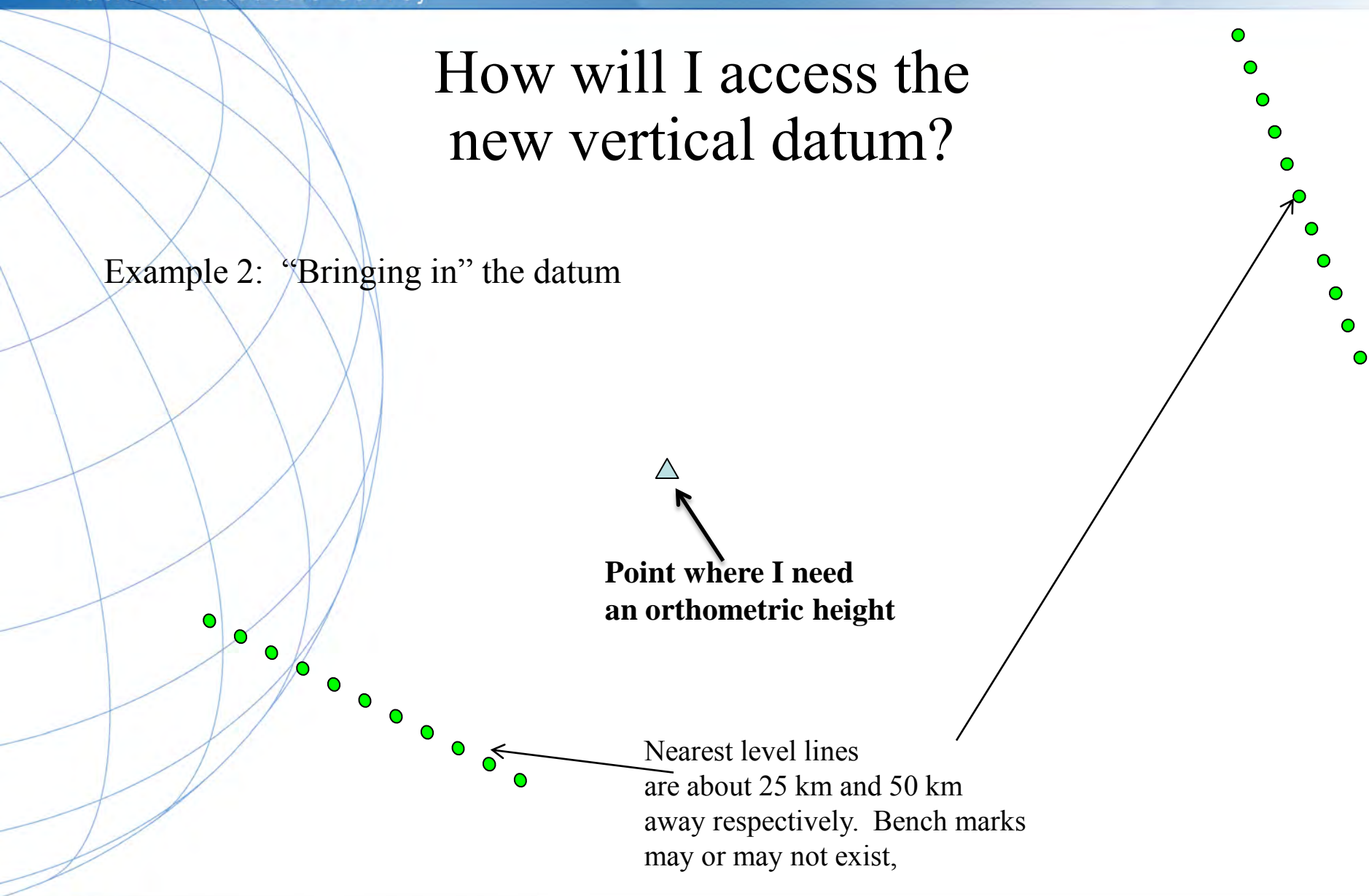


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How will I access the new vertical datum?

Example 2: “Bringing in” the datum



How will I access the new vertical datum?

Example 2: “Bringing in” the datum

Choice 2: Height Mod survey

Create passive marks
around area of interest

Using progressive GNSS
surveys (NGS 59 Guidelines),
transfer orthometric heights
to primary, secondary and
local marks

Now it's time to bluebook the
data, submit to NGS, wait for
it to be loaded into the IDB....

...and all this assumes the published
heights are correct to begin...



How will I access the new vertical datum?

Example 2: “Bringing in” the datum

Choice 3: Once GRAV-D is complete

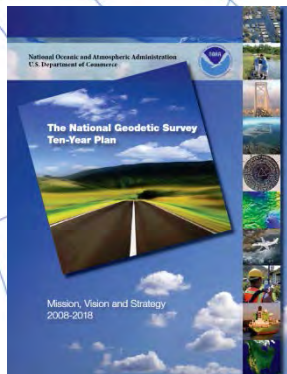


Set up GNSS receiver over mark

**Submit data to OPUS and
receive orthometric height**

**Feeling generous? Share results with
others using the NGS online data-
base (no bluebooking involved). If
not, take your height and walk away.**

Additional Information



The NGS 10 year plan (2008-2018)

<http://www.geodesy.noaa.gov/INFO/NGS10yearplan.pdf>

Socio-Economic Benefits Study:
Scoping the Value of CORS and GRAV-D

Irving Leveson



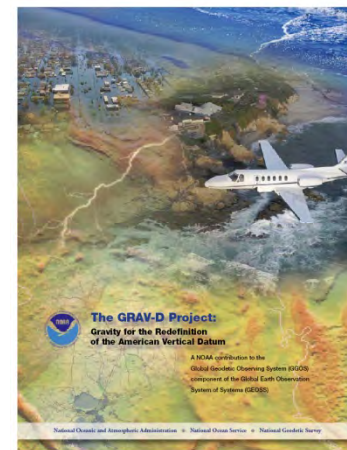
FINAL REPORT

December 22, 2008

Prepared for the National Geodetic Survey

The GRAV-D Project

<http://www.geodesy.noaa.gov/GRAV-D>



Socio-Economic Benefits of CORS and GRAV-D

http://www.geodesy.noaa.gov/PUBS_LIB/Socio-EconomicBenefitsofCORSandGRAV-D.pdf

Ten-Year Milestones (2018)

- 1) NGS will compute a pole-to-equator, Alaska-to-Newfoundland geoid model, preferably in conjunction with Mexico and Canada as well as other interested governments, with an accuracy of 1 cm in as many locations as possible
- 2) NGS redefines the vertical datum based on GNSS and a gravimetric geoid
- 3) NGS redefines the national horizontal datum to remove disagreements with the ITRF

Predicted Positional Changes in 2022 Vicinity of Providence, RI.

(Computed for station NORTH CENTRAL CBL 0 ZERO, pid LW1765)

HORIZONTAL = 1.19 m (3.9 ft)

ELLIPSOID HEIGHT = - 1.24 m (- 4.1 ft)

Predicted with **HTDP**

ORTHOMETRIC HEIGHT = - 0.38 m (- 1.3 ft)

Predicted with **HTDP** and **USGG2009**

HTDP

“Coping with Tectonic Motion”

R. Snay & C. Pearson

American Surveyor Magazine, December 2010

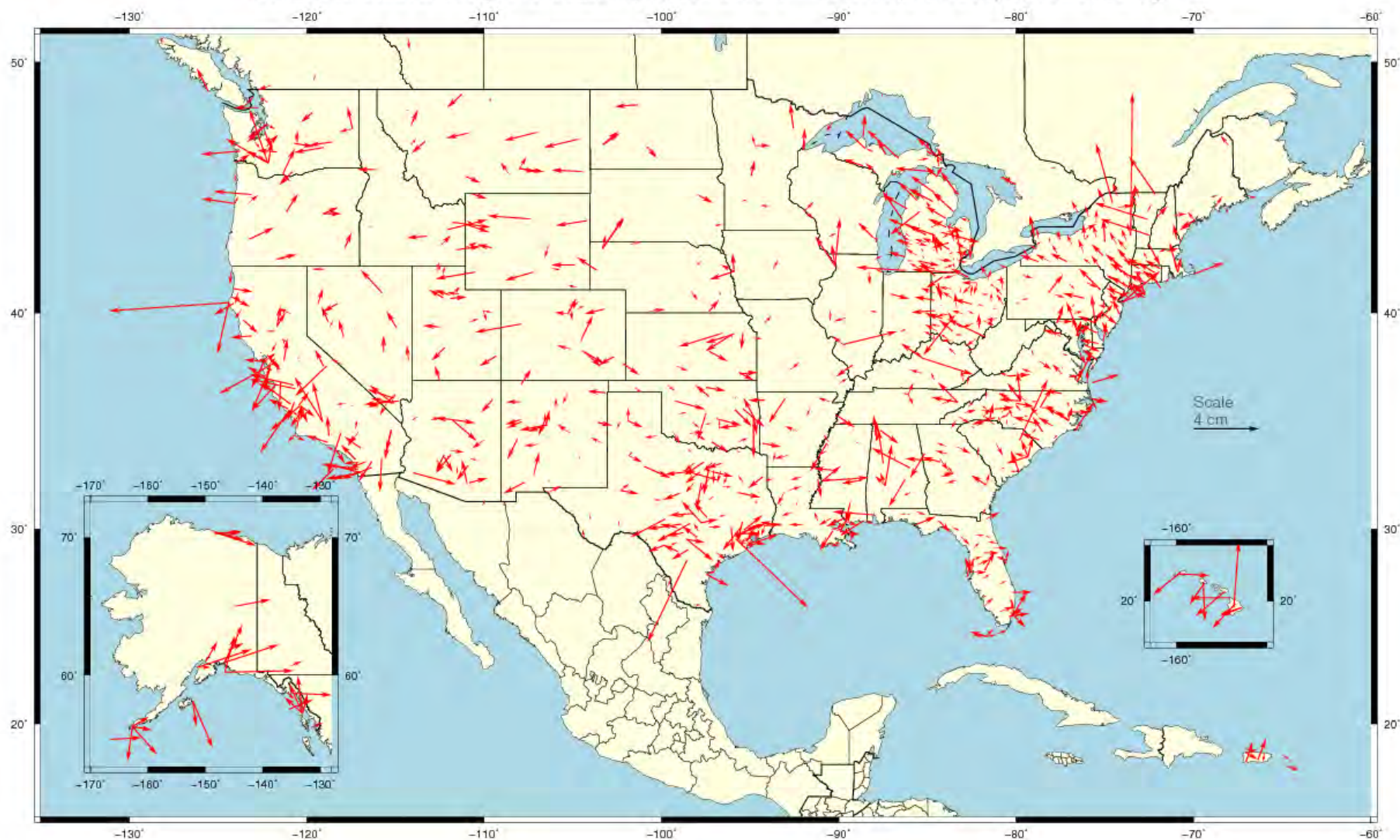
www.Ameriserv.com



Why a Multi-Year CORS Solution?

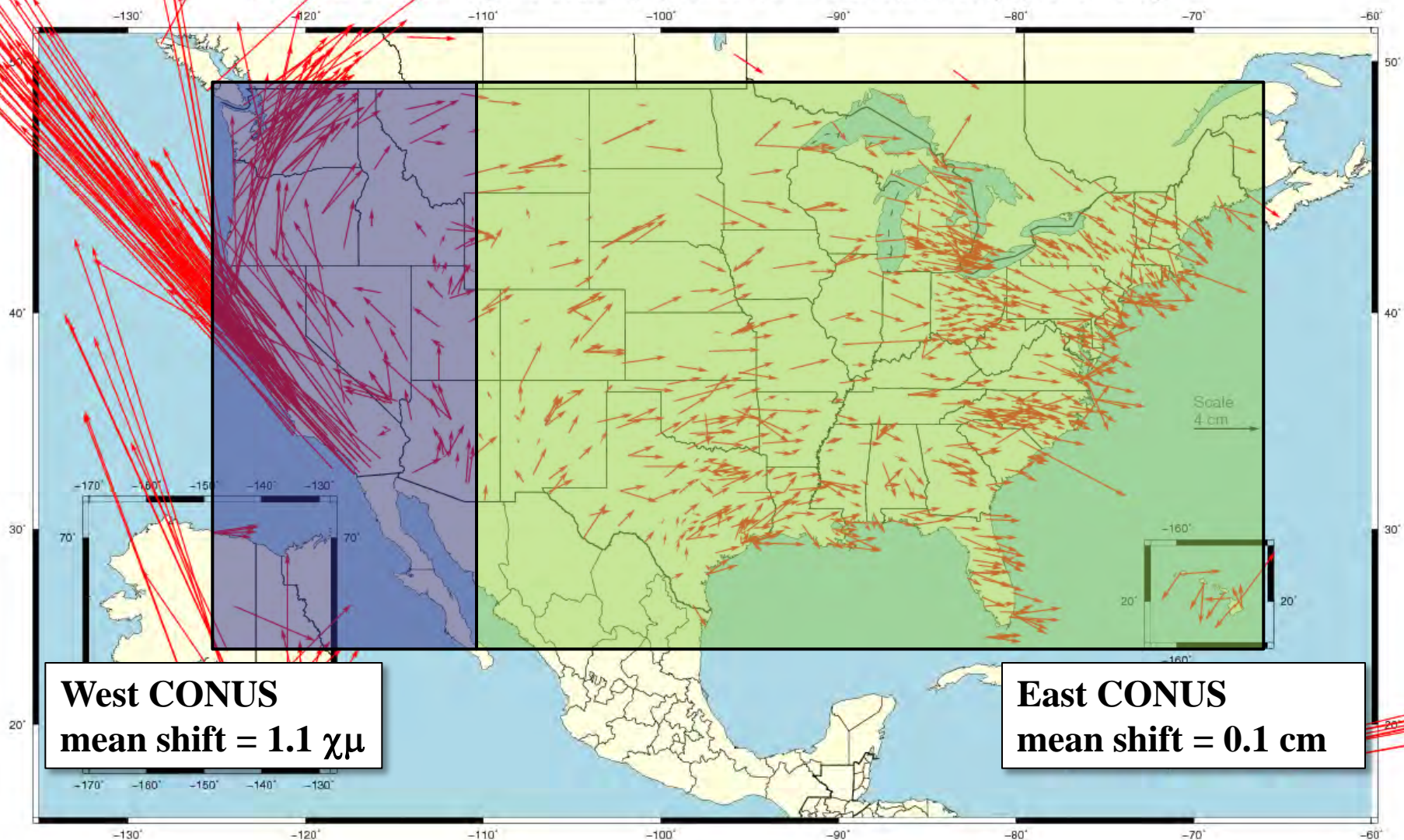
- Consistent coordinates and velocities from combined solution
 - Previous a mix of station and velocity sources, few ties to global frame
 - Previous vertical velocities of zero for most CORS
- Aligned with most recent realization of global frame (IGS08)
 - **IGS08 epoch 2005.0** (previous aligned at epoch 1997.0)
 - **NAD 83 epoch 2010.0** (previous epochs of 2002.0 and 2003.0)
- Major processing algorithm, modeling, metadata improvements
 - Conformance with current international conventions (IERS)
- Absolute phase center antenna calibrations
 - Both ground (receiving) and satellite (transmitting) antennas
 - Previous (CORS96) used relative calibrations (significant change)
- **Highly accurate *and* consistent CORS coordinates *and* velocities determined using *Best Available Methods***
 - ***Needed because CORS network is foundation of NSRS***

Horizontal Differences [NAD 83(2011) epoch 2002.0 – NAD 83(CORS96) epoch 2002.0]



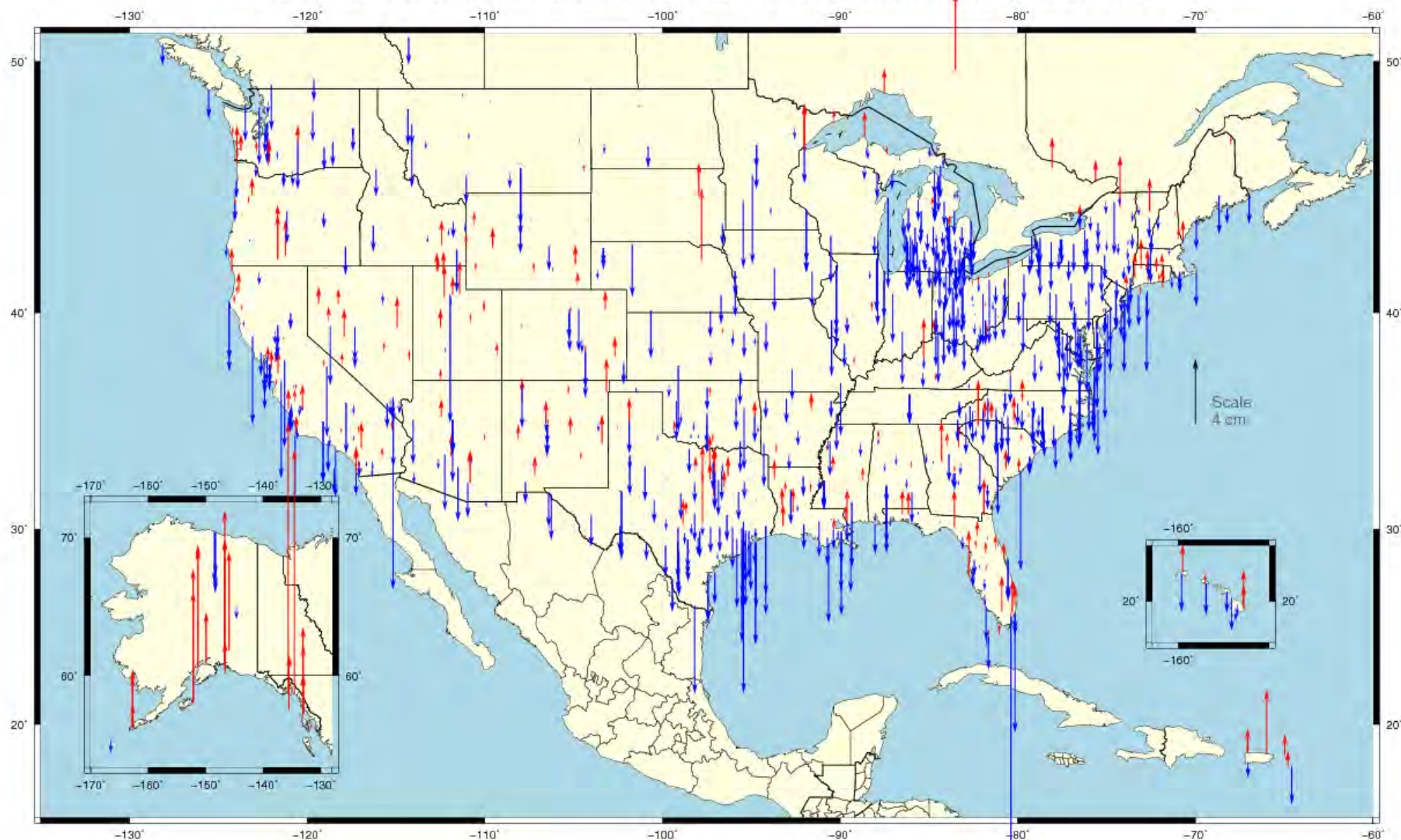
Mean horizontal shift = 0.2 cm (2 cm) at epoch 2002.0

Horizontal Differences [NAD 83(2011) epoch 2010.0 – NAD 83(CORS96) epoch 2002.0]



Mean horizontal shift = 2.0 cm (8 cm) from 2002.0→2010.0

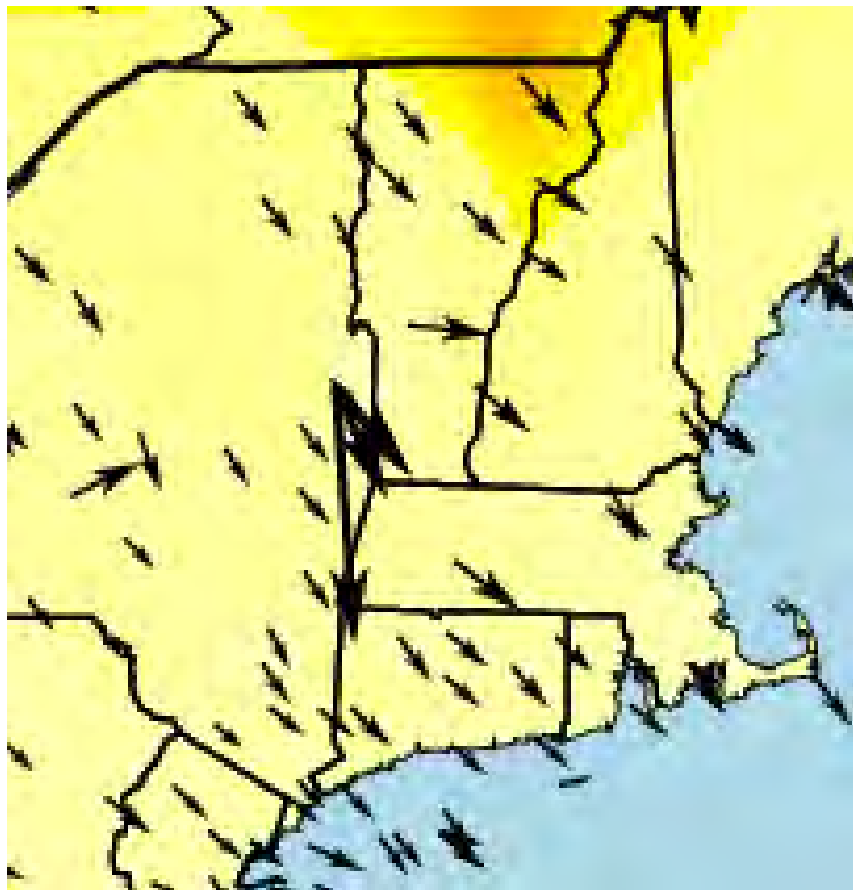
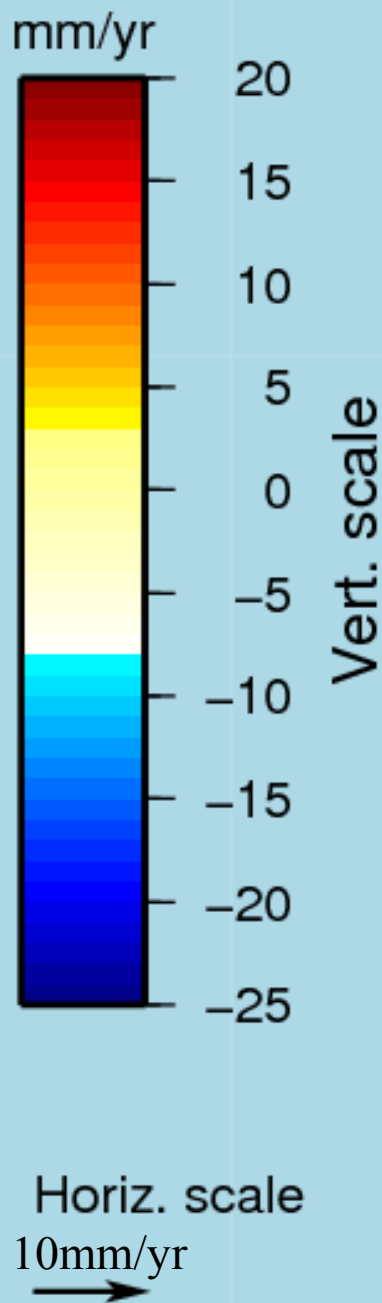
Vertical Differences [NAD 83(2011) epoch 2010.0 – NAD 83(CORS96) epoch 2002.0]



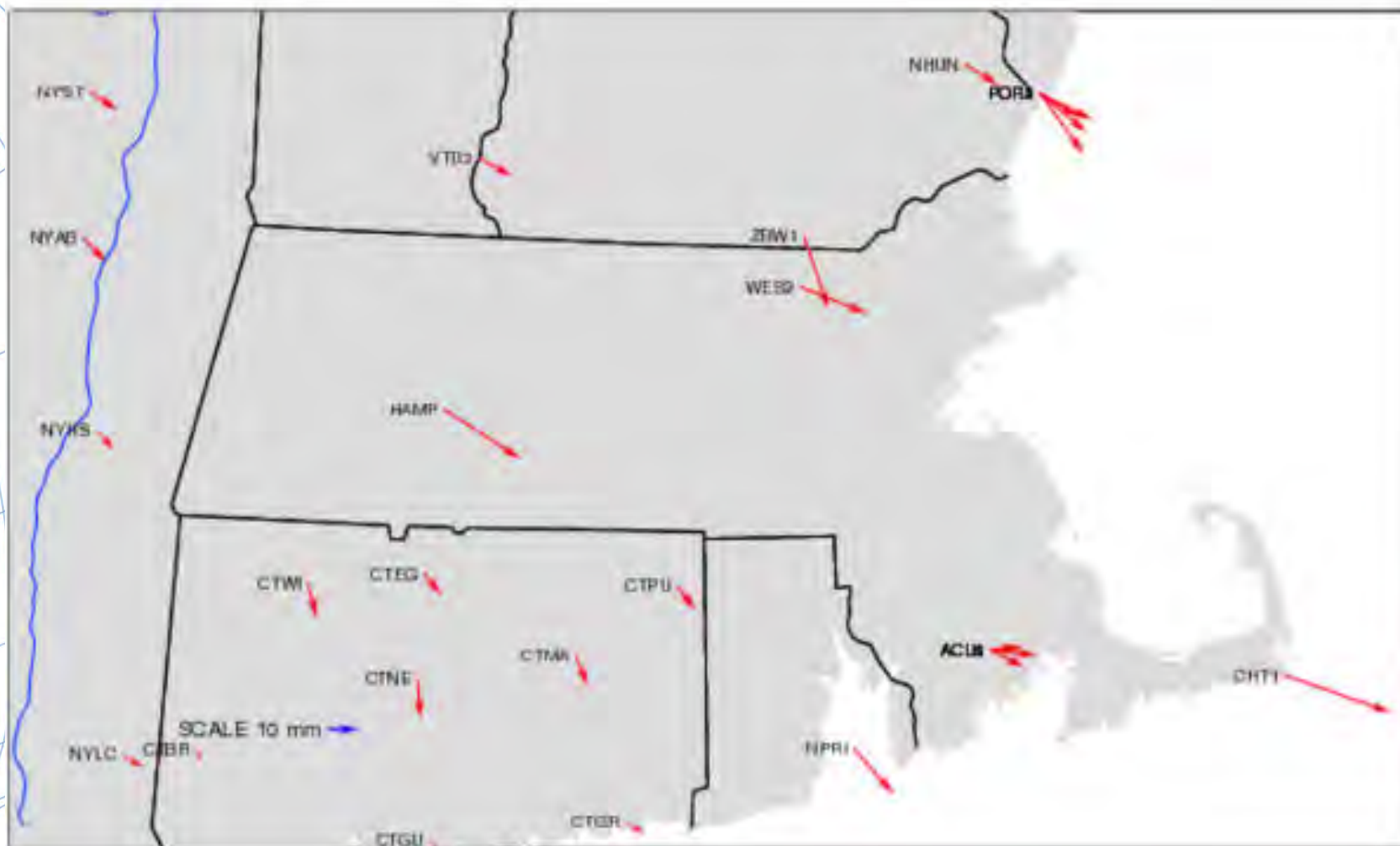
Mean vertical shift = -0.8 cm (2 cm) from 2002.0→2010.0

Mean vertical shift = +0.7 cm (2 cm) at epoch 2002.0

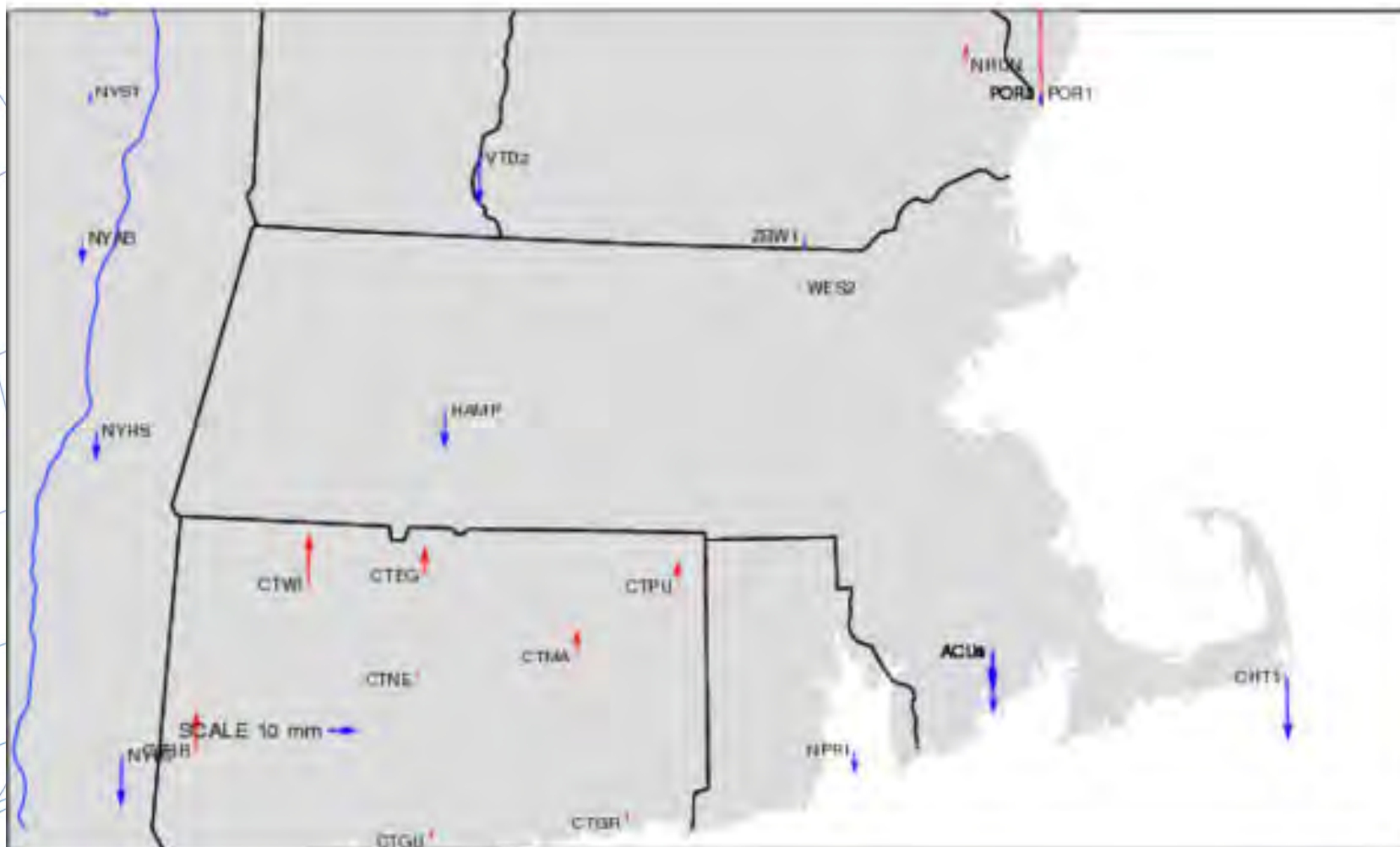
NAD 83 (2011) Velocity



MA Horizontal POSITIONS NAD 83(2011) 2010.00 minus NAD 83(CORS96) 2002.00



MA Vertical POSITIONS NAD 83(2011) 2010.00 minus NAD 83(CORS96) 2002.00



Introducing...

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
- **National Adjustment of 2011 (NA2011)**
 - New adjustment of GNSS passive control
 - GNSS vectors tied (and constrained) to COG 2011 NAD 83(2011) epoch 2010.00
 - Approximately 80,000 stations and more than 400,000 GNSS vectors
- **Realization SAME for CORS and passive marks**
- **This is *NOT* a new datum! (still NAD 83)**



Why a new national adjustment?

- Optimally align passive control with new CORS
- Add >1000 projects submitted since 2007 project
 - Also observations for Hawaii, other Pacific islands
- Network and local accuracies on all stations
 - Including future submitted projects
- More consistent results in tectonically active areas
 - More current data, better tectonic modeling
- Better computations and analysis techniques
 - E.g., improved outlier detection
 - Incorporation of lessons learned from previous national adjustment

Transformation & Tectonic Complications

- NAD 83(2011) transformation tools?
 - NAD 83(2011) \leftrightarrow (NSRS2007/CORS96) \leftrightarrow (HARN)
 - Under study by NGS
- When is North America not North America?
 - Not all stations on the North American tectonic plate
 - Pacific plate: Hawaii and American Samoa
 - Mariana plate: Guam and CNMI
 - Caribbean plate: Referenced to North American plate
 - Can relate frames (and epoch dates) with HTDP

What's in a name?

That which we call a datum

By any other name would smell as sweet...

- **NAD 83(2011) epoch 2010.00**
 - “2011” is datum tag → year adjustment complete
 - “2010.00” is “epoch date” (January 1, 2010)
 - Date associated with coordinates of control station
 - Frame fixed to North American tectonic plate
 - Includes California, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and US Virgin Islands
- **NAD 83(PA11) epoch 2010.00**
 - Frame fixed to Pacific tectonic plate (Hawaii and American Samoa)
- **NAD 83(MA11) epoch 2010.00**
 - Frame fixed to Mariana tectonic plate (Guam and CNMI)



When will it all be done?

- Multi-Year CORS Solution
 - Beta results released in May 2011
 - Official release of coordinates August 2011
 - OPUS (Online Positioning User Service)
 - Will provide solutions referenced both to previous (CORS96) and new (MYCS) coordinates
 - Dual solutions will be available until NA2011 complete
- National Adjustment of 2011
 - Goal: Complete by end of CY 2011/early 2012
 - Deadline for submitted projects: Aug 31, 2011

Near-future plans & possibilities

- New hybrid geoid model (GEOID12)
 - Use NAD 83(2011) epoch 2010.00 ellipsoid heights on NAVD 88 benchmarks
 - Might also use OPUS-Database results on NAVD 88 BMs
- **May** perform national vertical adjustment
 - Constrain vertically to NAVD 88 benchmarks
 - Perform as simultaneous nationwide adjustment
 - GNSS-derived orthometric heights
 - NAD 83(2011) ellipsoid heights with GEOID12
 - **NOT** a readjustment of NAVD 88 leveling



More information...

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In The News

2010 Federal Geospatial Summit Proceedings on Improvements to the National Spatial Reference System available:

<http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/2010Summit/proceedings.shtml>

A 2009 independent study shows the benefits to the U.S. economy from NOAA's positioning products and services are in the billions of dollars.

Click [here](#) for a one page overview of the study

Click [here](#) for a copy of the full report

Trial Version of the New NOAA Shoreline Data Explorer Available:

http://beta.ngs.noaa.gov/shoreline_raster

National Geodetic Survey Announces National Adjustment of 2011 Project

As part of the National Geodetic Survey's (NGS) continuing efforts to improve the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS), on May 27, NGS was pleased to announce the National Adjustment of 2011 (NA2011) project...[more](#)

08/11/2011 - NOAA Gravity Survey to Begin in the Great Lakes

The National Geodetic Survey's Gravity for the Redefinition of the American Vertical Datum (GRAV-D) Project is working with Fugro Airborne Surveys to begin an airborne gravity survey in the eastern Great Lakes...[more](#)

NRC Highlights Importance of NGS Products...



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Summary of the Reanalysis of GPS Data and Release of Revised CORS Positions and Velocities

Beta results, subject to change

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The National Geodetic Survey (NGS) operates the Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) Network that provides Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) data in RINEX format, and associated positions and velocities (coordinates) for each site. Currently NGS provides these coordinates in ITRF00 epoch 1997.00, and in NAD 83(CORS96) epoch 2002.00. NGS has completed a full reanalysis of all data from CORS and a set of global sites with the goal to compute a fully consistent set of coordinates, GPS satellite orbits and Earth Orientation Parameters (EOP). This initial Multi-Year CORS (MYCS1) effort is the first of a series reprocessing projects that will occur periodically in the coming years.

Part 1: Why Reprocess?

- 1) Mixed coordinates from an earlier solution (1994-2002) that used only 3-8 ITRF reference frame sites to align to the global frame
- 2) Mixed horizontal velocities: modeled from HTDP vs. computed
- 3) Mixed vertical velocities, which for many of the NAD 83(CORS96) epoch 2002.00 stations are assigned a value of 0 mm/yr
- 4) NGS's current global frame is ITRF00 epoch 1997.00; projecting positions 13 years to the present is unrealistic
- 5) NGS's current plate-fixed frame is NAD 83(CORS96) epoch 2002.00; projecting positions 8 years to the present is also questionable



National Adjustment 2011 FAQ

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National Adjustment of 2011 (NA2011) Project

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Last updated June 13, 2011

List of abbreviations used in these Frequently Asked Questions:

CNMI	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
CONUS	Conterminous United States
CORS	Continuously Operating Reference Stations
FGDC	Federal Geographic Data Committee
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
GPS	Global Positioning System
HTDP	Horizontal Time-Dependent Positioning (NGS software)
IGS	International GNSS Service
MYCS	Multi-Year CORS Solution
NA2011	National Adjustment of 2011
NAD 27	North American Datum of 1927
NAD 83	North American Datum of 1983
NAVD 88	North American Vertical Datum of 1988
NADCON	North American Datum CONversion (NGS software)
NGS	National Geodetic Survey

Announcing...

A New NGS Datasheet Format

- **Update to new Datasheet version (8.00)**
 - Changed location, length, and text for many fields
 - Added new fields, deleted fields, augmented existing fields
 - Implemented by end of calendar year 2011
 - Will add announcement and prototype to NGS web site soon
- **Summary of content changes**
 - Added country (e.g., USA) where control station located
 - Hyperlinked vertical datum designation to datum web page
 - Ortho height epoch date, if applicable (e.g., subsidence areas)
 - Note for geoid model used on Ht Mod stations if not current geoid
 - Network and (median) local accuracies
 - Horizontal and ellipsoid height accuracy at 95% confidence (per FGDC)
 - Includes link to detailed accuracy info, list of all local accuracies
 - Superseded Ht Mod ortho heights indicate geoid model used

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1 National Geodetic Survey, Retrieval Date = AUGUST 19, 2011

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AC6803 PACS - This is a Primary Airport Control Station.

AC6803 DESIGNATION - AZC A

AC6803 PID - AC6803

AC6803 STATE/COUNTY- AZ/MOHAVE

AC6803 USGS QUAD - LOST SPRING MTN EAST (1988)

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AC6803 *CURRENT SURVEY CONTROL

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AC6803* NAD 83(2007)- 36 57 59.55377(N) 113 00 32.22917(W) ADJUSTED

AC6803* NAVD 88 - 1485.56 (meters) 4873.9 (feet) GPS OBS

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AC6803 EPOCH DATE - 2007.00

AC6803 X - -1,994,789.496 (meters) COMP

AC6803 Y - -4,697,388.731 (meters) COMP

AC6803 Z - 3,815,306.819 (meters) COMP

AC6803 LAPLACE CORR- 3.37 (seconds) DEFLEC09

AC6803 ELLIP HEIGHT- 1462.787 (meters) (02/10/07) ADJUSTED

AC6803 GEOID HEIGHT- -22.80 (meters) GEOID09

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AC6803 ----- Accuracy Estimates (at 95% Confidence Level in cm) -----

AC6803 Type PID Designation North East Ellip

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AC6803 NETWORK AC6803 AZC A 0.74 0.61 1.37

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AC6803.This mark is at Colorado City Municipal Airport (AZC)

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AC6803.The horizontal coordinates were established by GPS observations

AC6803.and adjusted by the National Geodetic Survey in February 2007.

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AC6803.The datum tag of NAD 83(2007) is equivalent to NAD 83(NSRS2007).

AC6803. See [National Readjustment](#) for more information.

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AC6803* NAD 83(2007) EPOCH - 2007.00

AC6803* NAVD 88 ORTHO HEIGHT - 1485.56 (meters) 4873.9 (feet) GPS OBS

AC6803* NAVD 88 EPOCH - 2006.81 (for example only, n/a for AC6803)

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AC6803 NOTE: NAVD 88 ortho height was determined from prior model GEOID03.

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AC6803 GEOID09 HEIGHT - -22.80 (meters)

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AC6803 FGDC Geospatial Positioning Accuracy Standards (95% confidence, cm)

AC6803 Type Horiz Ellip Dist(km)

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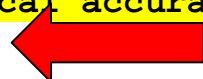
AC6803 MEDIAN LOCAL ACCURACY AND DIST (11 points) 0.67 1.22 1.64

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AC6803 NOTE: Individual local accuracy values and other accuracy information

AC6803 are available [here](#).

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AC6803 MEDIAN 0.67 1.22 1.64

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AC6803 NOTE: Documentation for the accuracy information is available [here](#).

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*** retrieval complete.

Elapsed Time = 00:00:00

AC6803.part of the NAVD 88 network.

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AC6803.The X, Y, and Z were computed from the position and the ellipsoidal ht.

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AC6803.The Laplace correction was computed from DEFLEC09 derived deflections.

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AC6803.The ellipsoidal height was determined by GPS observations

AC6803.and is referenced to NAD 83.

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AC6803.The geoid height was determined by GEOID09.

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AC6803	AE3181	AZC CL END RWY 20	68.963 METERS	15655	
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SUPERSEDED SURVEY CONTROL

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AC6803	ELLIP H (01/12/01)	1462.805 (m)	GP()	4 1
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AC6803	NAD 83(1992)-	36 57 59.55345(N)	113 00 32.22767(W)	AD() B
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AC6803	ELLIP H (03/14/97)	1462.873 (m)	GP()	3 1
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AC6803	NAVD 88 (03/14/97)	1485.51 (m)	4873.7 (f)	GPS OBS	
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AC6803.Superseded values are not recommended for survey control.

AC6803.NGS no longer adjusts projects to the NAD 27 or NGVD 29 datums.

AC6803.[See file dsdata.txt](#) to determine how the superseded data were derived.

AC6803.The X, Y, and Z were computed from the position and the ellipsoidal ht.

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AC6803.The Laplace correction was computed from DEFLEC09 derived deflections.

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AC6803.The ellipsoidal height was determined by GPS observations

AC6803.and is referenced to NAD 83.

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AC6803.The geoid height was determined by GEOID09. (remove line)

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AC6803.The following values were computed from NAD 83(2007).

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	North	East	Units	Scale Factor	Converg.
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AC6803;SPC AZ W	- 662,036.150	279,346.877	MT	0.99998696	+0 26 44.3
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AC6803;SPC AZ W	- 2,172,034.61	916,492.38	iFT	0.99998696	+0 26 44.3
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AC6803;UTM 12	- 4,093,046.689	321,162.779	MT	0.99999401	-1 12 30.2
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AC6803! - Elev Factor x Scale Factor = Combined Factor

AC6803!SPC AZ W - 0.99977049 x 0.99998696 = 0.99975746

AC6803!UTM 12 - 0.99977049 x 0.99999401 = 0.99976451

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PID	Reference Object	Distance	Geod. Az ddmmss.s
AE3181	AZC CL END RWY 20	68.963 METERS	15655

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AC6803 SUPERSEDED SURVEY CONTROL

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AC6803 ELLIP H (03/14/97) 1462.873 (m) GP() 3 1

AC6803 NAVD 88 (03/14/97) 1485.51 (m) GEOID96 model used GP(epoch if appl)

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OPUS-S

\$\$ Receivers
2 Hours of data
Results not shared

OPUS-RS

\$\$ Receivers
15 Minutes of data
Results not shared

OPUS-DB

\$\$ Receivers
4 Hours of data
Results shared

OPUS-Projects

\$\$ Receivers
2-4 Hours of data
Multiple Receivers
Network Solution
Results shared or not



LOCUS

Leveling On Line Computing Service
Integration with GPS?
Results shared or not

OPUS – DB

Simple Shared Data NGS Archived

SURVEY DATASHEET (Version 1.0)

PID: BBCL97
Designation: USCG RI 2
Stamping: USCG RI 2 2011
Stability: Monument will probably hold position well
Setting: Massive structures (other than listed below)
Description: GENERAL LOCATION - US NAVY BASE NEWPORT, RI

TO REACH FROM GATE 17 OF THE NEWPORT NAVAL BASE, FOLLOW ACCESS ROAD TO PIER 2. DRIVE 0.25 MI WEST ALONG PIER 2 TO THE MARK ON THE RIGHT (NORTH) LOCATED IN THE W SIDE OF A RAISED CONCRETE PAD FOR A MOORING BIT WHICH IS THE 5TH DOUBLE BIT COUNTING FROM THE WEST END OF THE PIER.

THE MARK IS 46.3 FT EAST OF A SINGLE MOORING BIT, 41.3 FT WEST OF AN ELECTRIC TRANSFORMER BOX, AND 2.9 FT SOUTH OF THE NORTH EDGE OF THE PIER.

Observed: 2011-07-19T13:11:00Z

Source: OPUS - page 5 1108.09



Close-up View

REF FRAME: NAD_83(2011)	EPOCH: 2010.0000	SOURCE: NAVD88 (Computed using GEOID09)	UNITS: m	SET PROFILE	DETAILS
LAT: 41° 31' 49.07514" ± 0.003 m LONG: -71° 19' 4.79257" ± 0.006 m ELL HT: -26.880 ± 0.006 m X: 1531661.122 ± 0.005 m Y: -4529782.795 ± 0.007 m Z: 4706674.147 ± 0.004 m			UTM 19 SPC 3800(RI) NORTHING: 4600222.313m 49655.583m EASTING: 306617.198m 115189.298m CONVERGENCE: -1.53734509° 0.12067051° POINT SCALE: 1.00006024 0.999999659		

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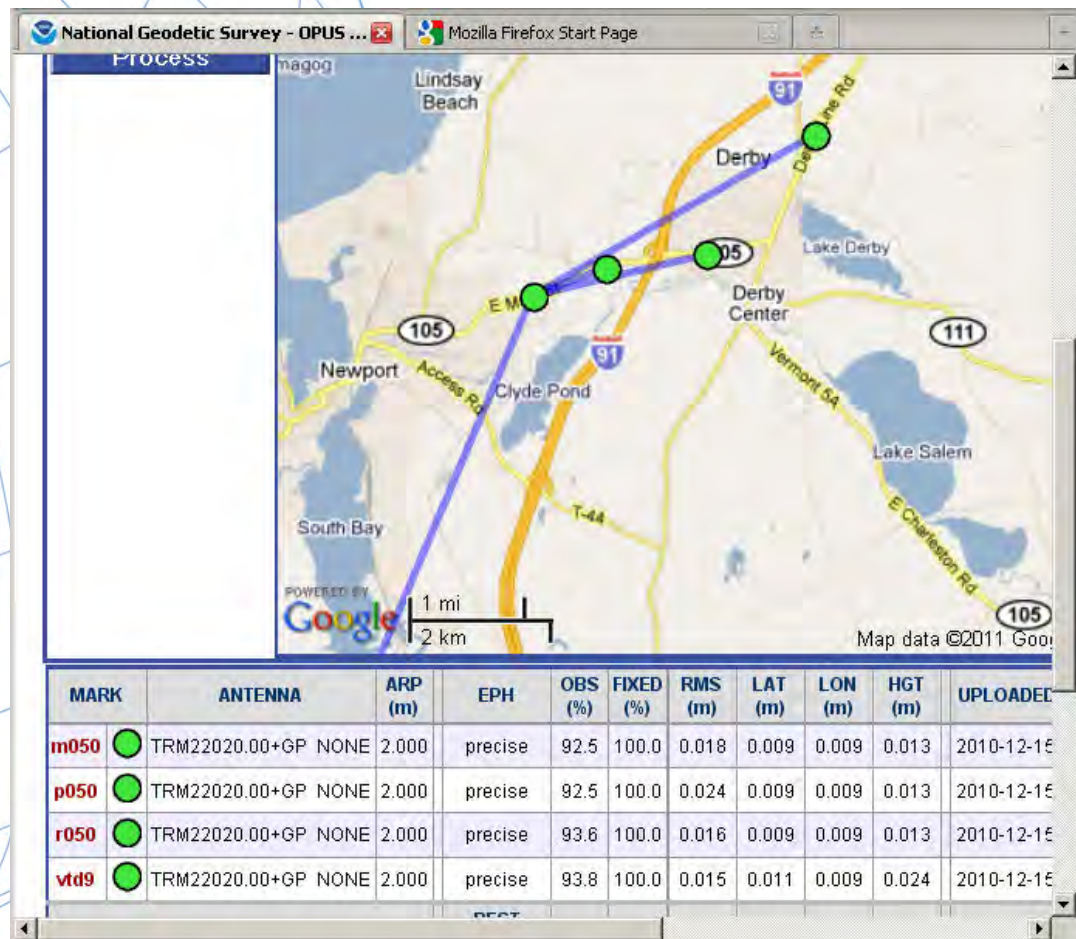


Horizon View



The numerical values for this position solution have satisfied the quality control criteria of the National Geodetic Survey. The contributor has verified that the information submitted is accurate and complete.

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Processing Options

Output Ref Frame: NAD_83(CORS96)

Geoid Model: USGG2009

GNSS: G (GPS-only)

Tropo Model: Piece-wise, Linear

Tropo Interval (s): 7200

Elevation Cutoff (deg): 15.0

Constraints: ☐ Loose ☒ Normal ☐ Tight

Network Design: ☒ USER ☐ CORS ☐ MS



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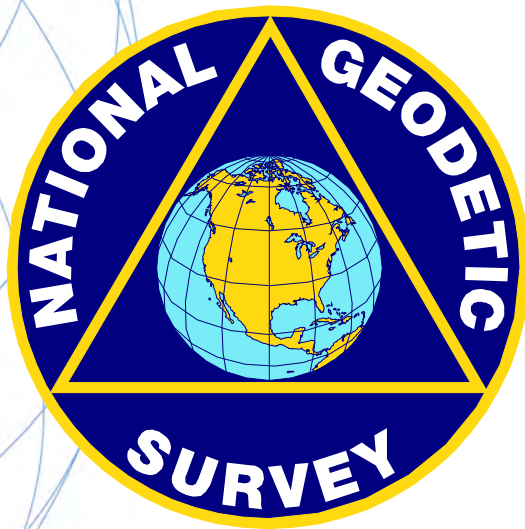
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