

The National Spatial Reference System of the Future



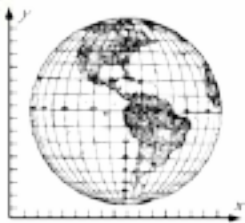
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Mission: To define, maintain & provide access to the
National Spatial Reference System (NSRS)
to meet our Nation's economic, social & environmental needs

National Spatial Reference System



- Latitude
- Longitude
- Height
- Scale
- Gravity
- Orientation

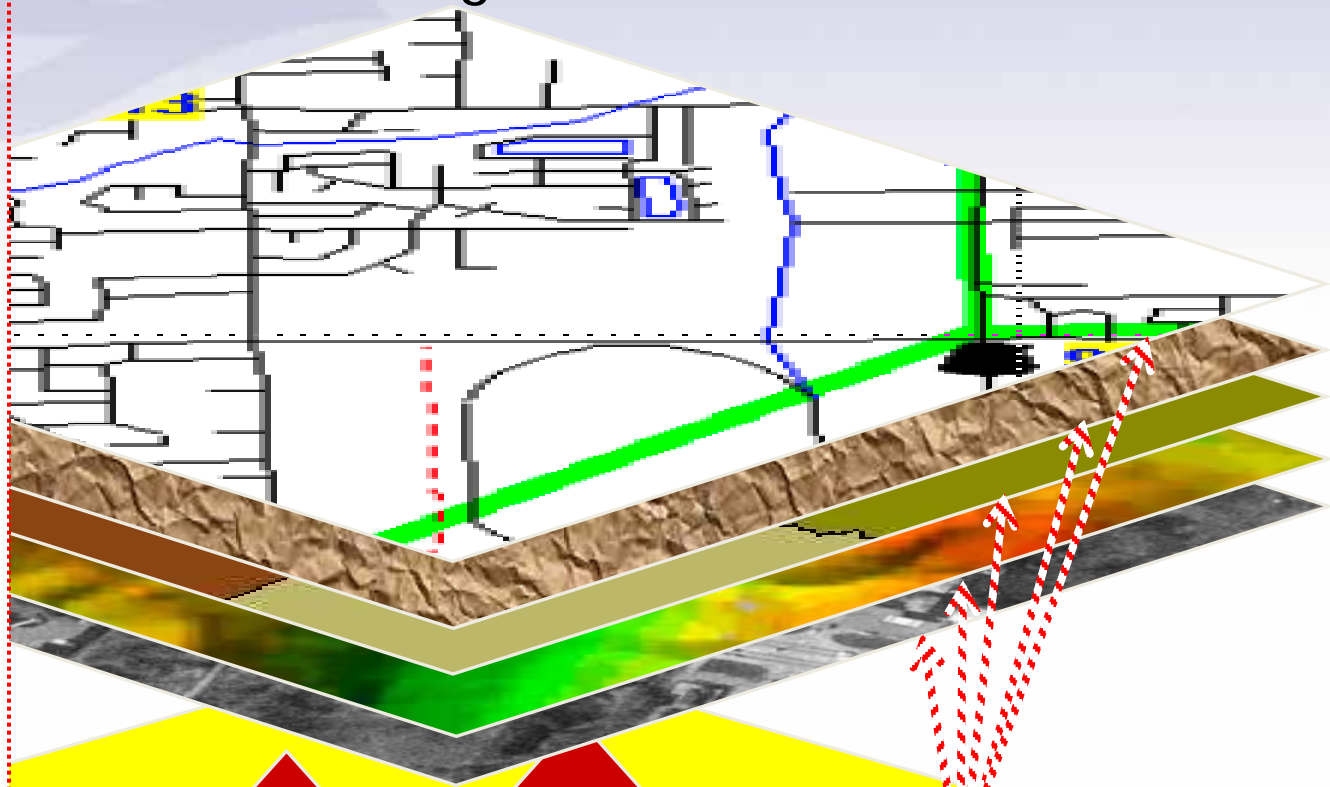
& their time variations

(& geoid models, satellite orbits
transformation tools, etc.)

**\$2.5B / year
benefit**

National Spatial Reference System - Ties It All Together

- LiDAR
- Digital Terrain Model
- Aerial Photography
- Cartography
- Parcels
- Engineering
- Laser Scan Model
- Satellite Imagery
- Hydrography
- Natural Resources
- Flood Risk

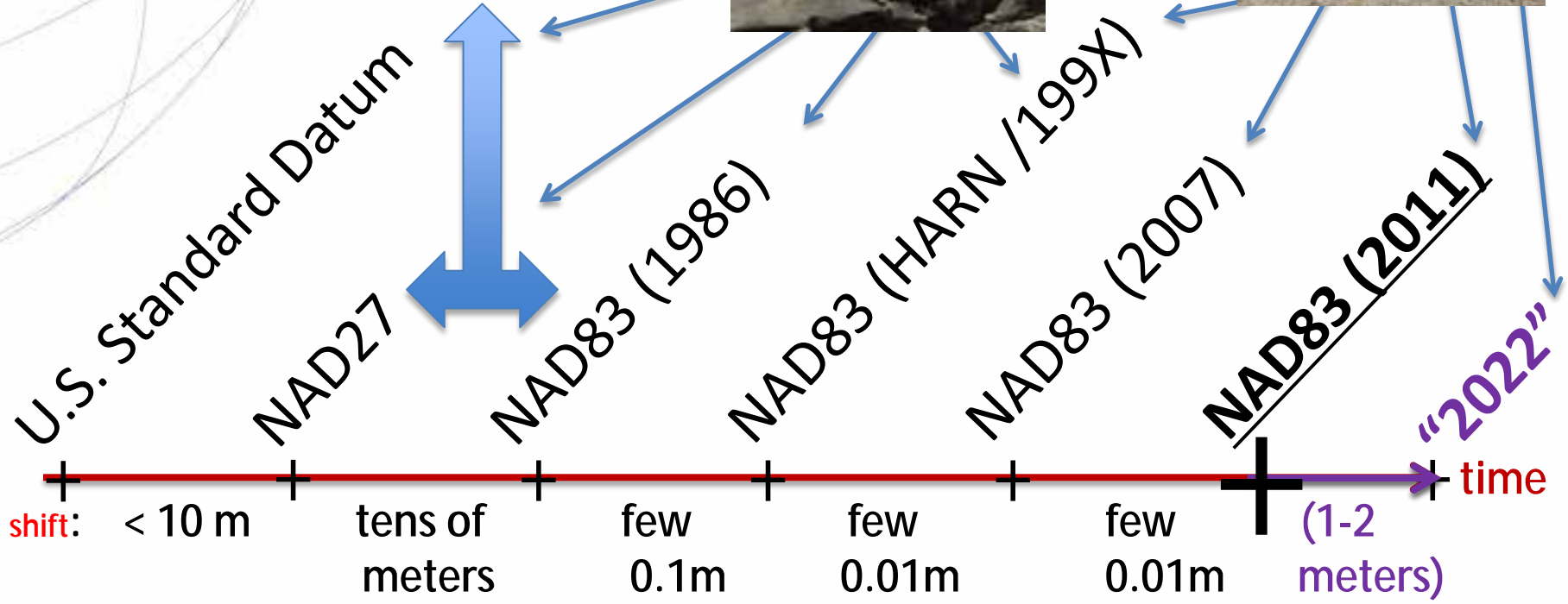
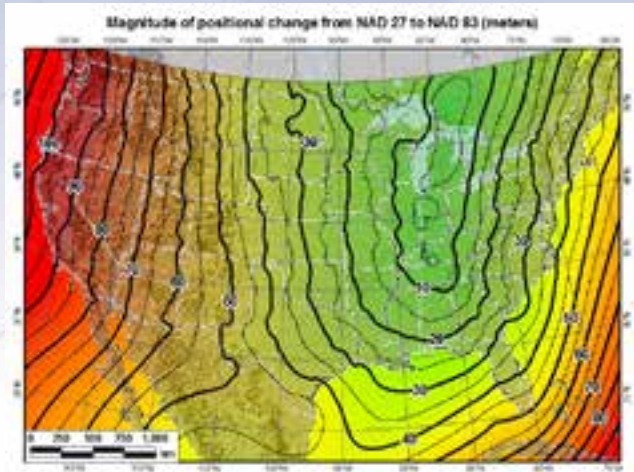


Horizontal / Vertical Geodetic Control
(National Spatial Reference System)

NAVD88

NAD83

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





DESIGNATION - OLYMPIC
 PID - DF4639
 STATE/COUNTY - UT/SALT LAKE
 COUNTRY - US
 USGS QUAD - FORT DOUGLAS (1975)

*CURRENT SURVEY CONTROL

NAD 83(2011) POSITION- 40 45 32.75742(N) 111 50 41.20648(W) ADJUSTED
 NAD 83(2011) ELLIP HT- 1419.212 (meters) (06/27/12) ADJUSTED
 NAD 83(2011) EPOCH - 2010.00
 NAVD 88 ORTHO HEIGHT - 1435.8 (meters) 4711. (feet) GPS OBS

NAVD 88 orthometric height was determined with geoid model GEOID99
 GEOID HEIGHT - -16.51 (meters) GEOID99
 GEOID HEIGHT - -16.57 (meters) GEOID12A

NAD 83(2011) X - -1,800,624.867 (meters) COMP
 NAD 83(2011) Y - -4,491,699.191 (meters) COMP
 NAD 83(2011) Z - 4,143,122.642 (meters) COMP
 LAPLACE CORR - 14.32 (seconds) DEFLEC12M

FGDC Geospatial Positioning Accuracy Standards (95% confidence, cm)
 Type Horiz Ellip Dist(km)

NETWORK	Horiz	Ellip	Dist(km)
	0.82	1.33	
MEDIAN LOCAL ACCURACY AND DIST (013 points)	0.95	1.45	18.46

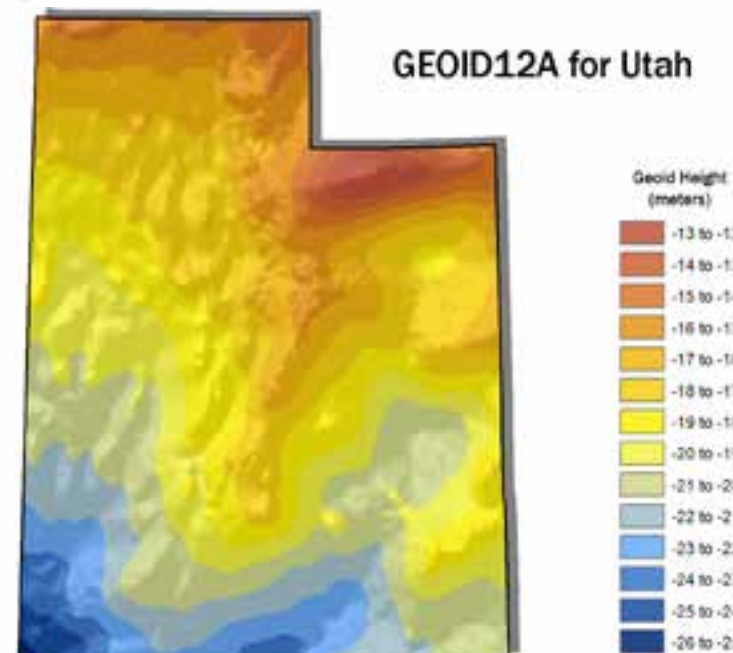
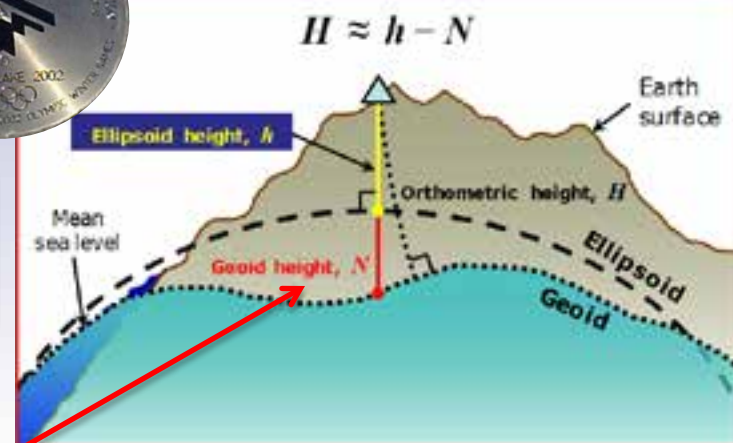
NOTE: Click [here](#) for information on individual local accuracy values and other accuracy information.

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.

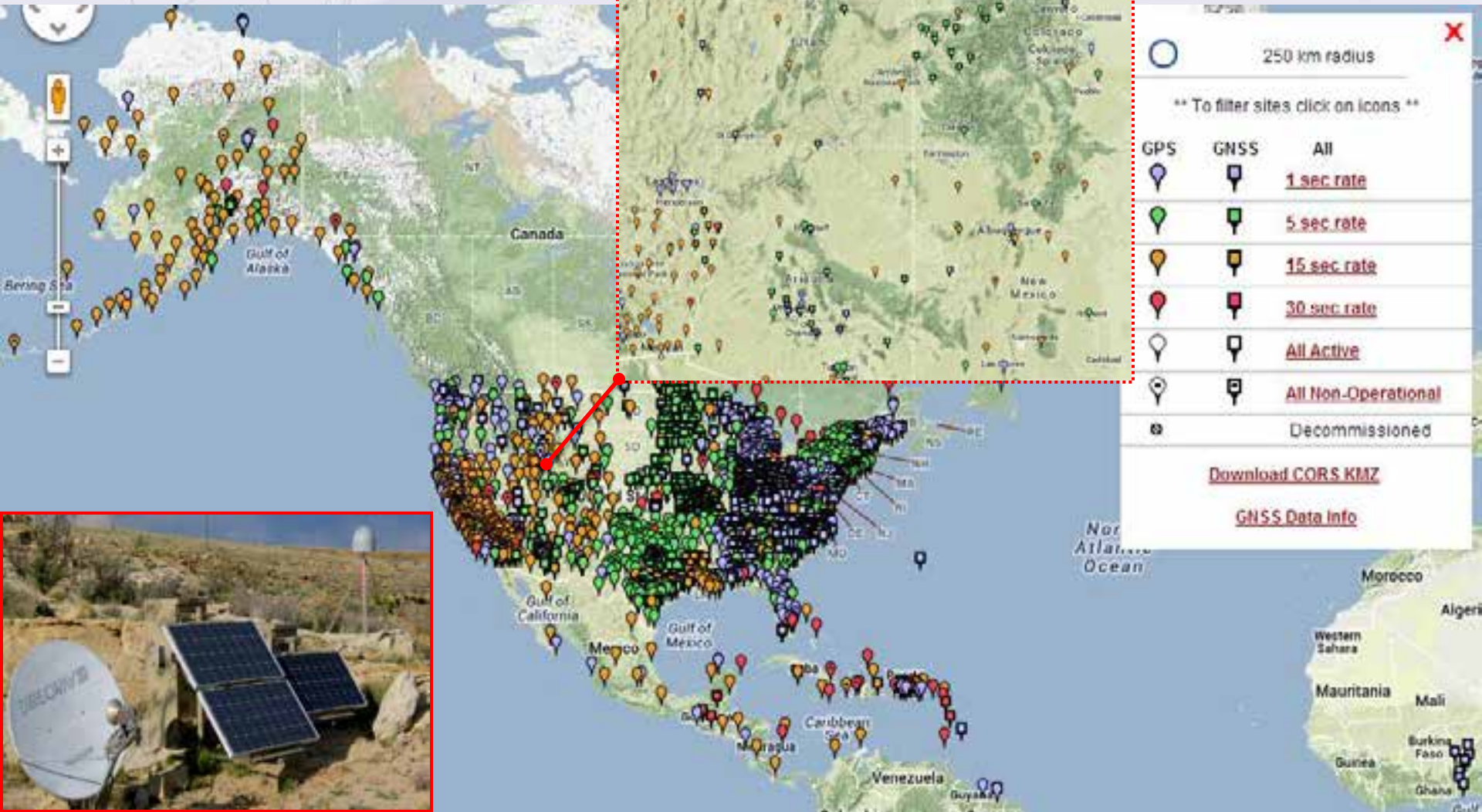
The horizontal coordinates are valid at the epoch date displayed above which is a decimal equivalence of Year/Month/Day.

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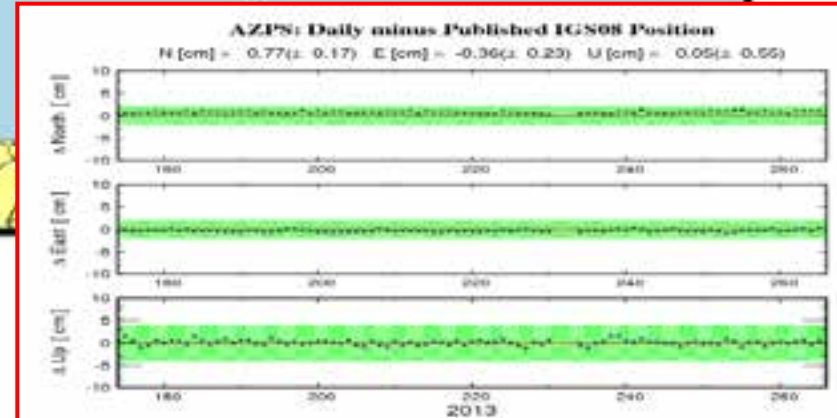
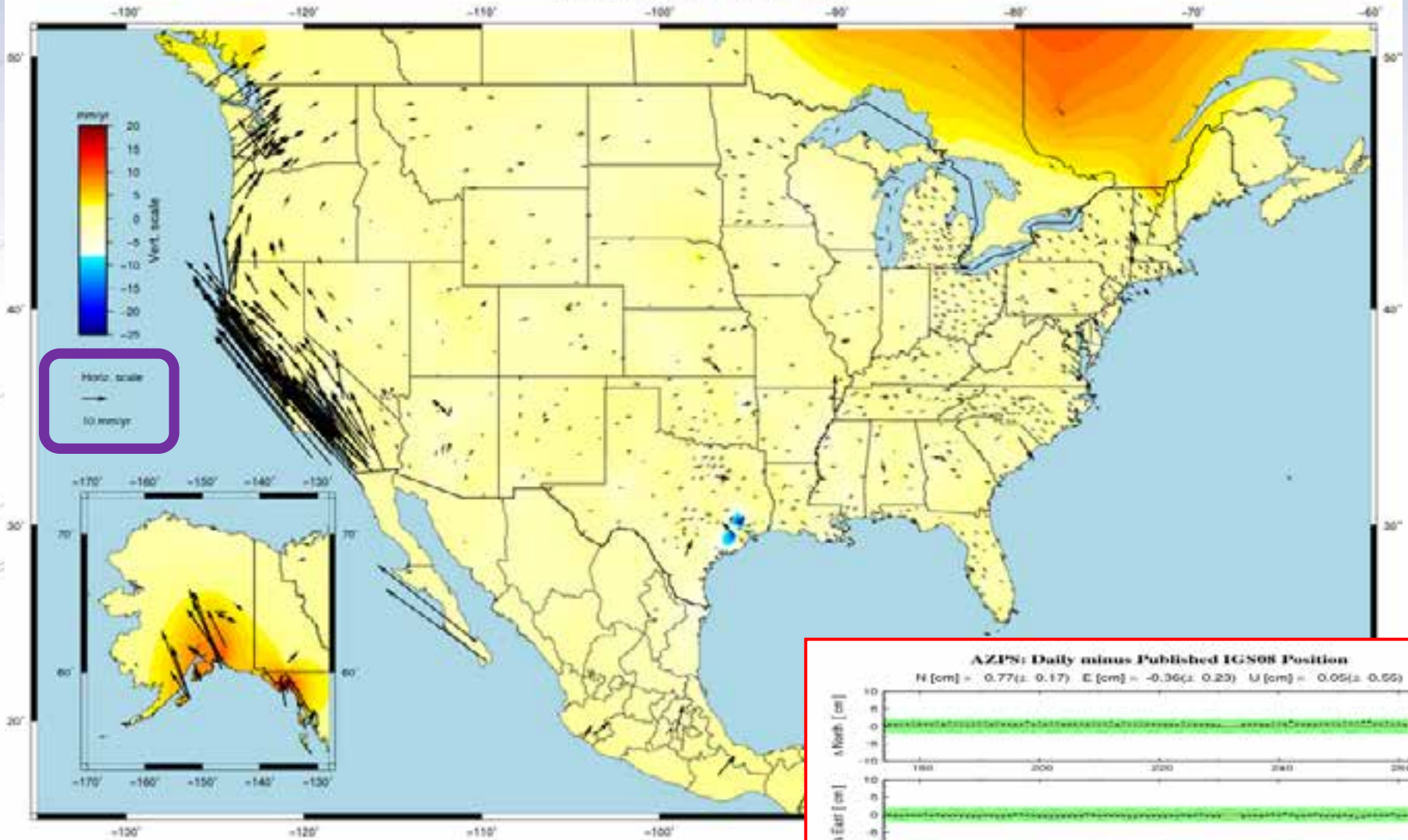
Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) Network

- q 1950 sites
- q 225 organizations

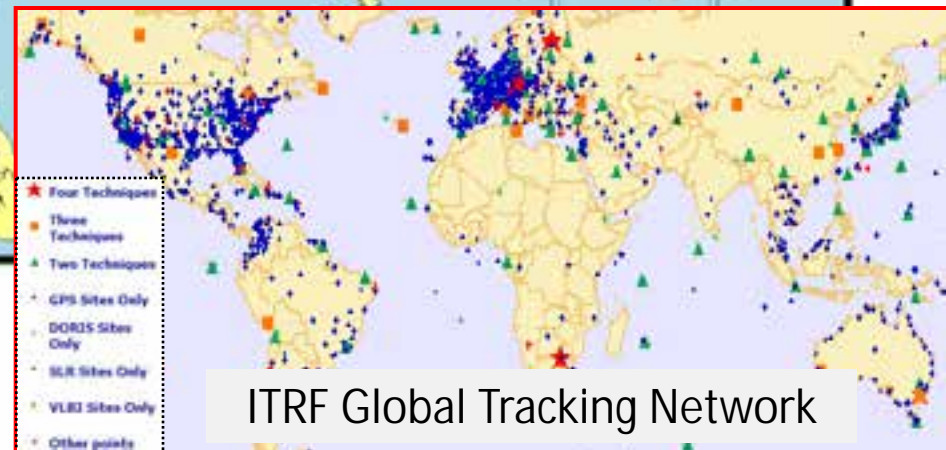
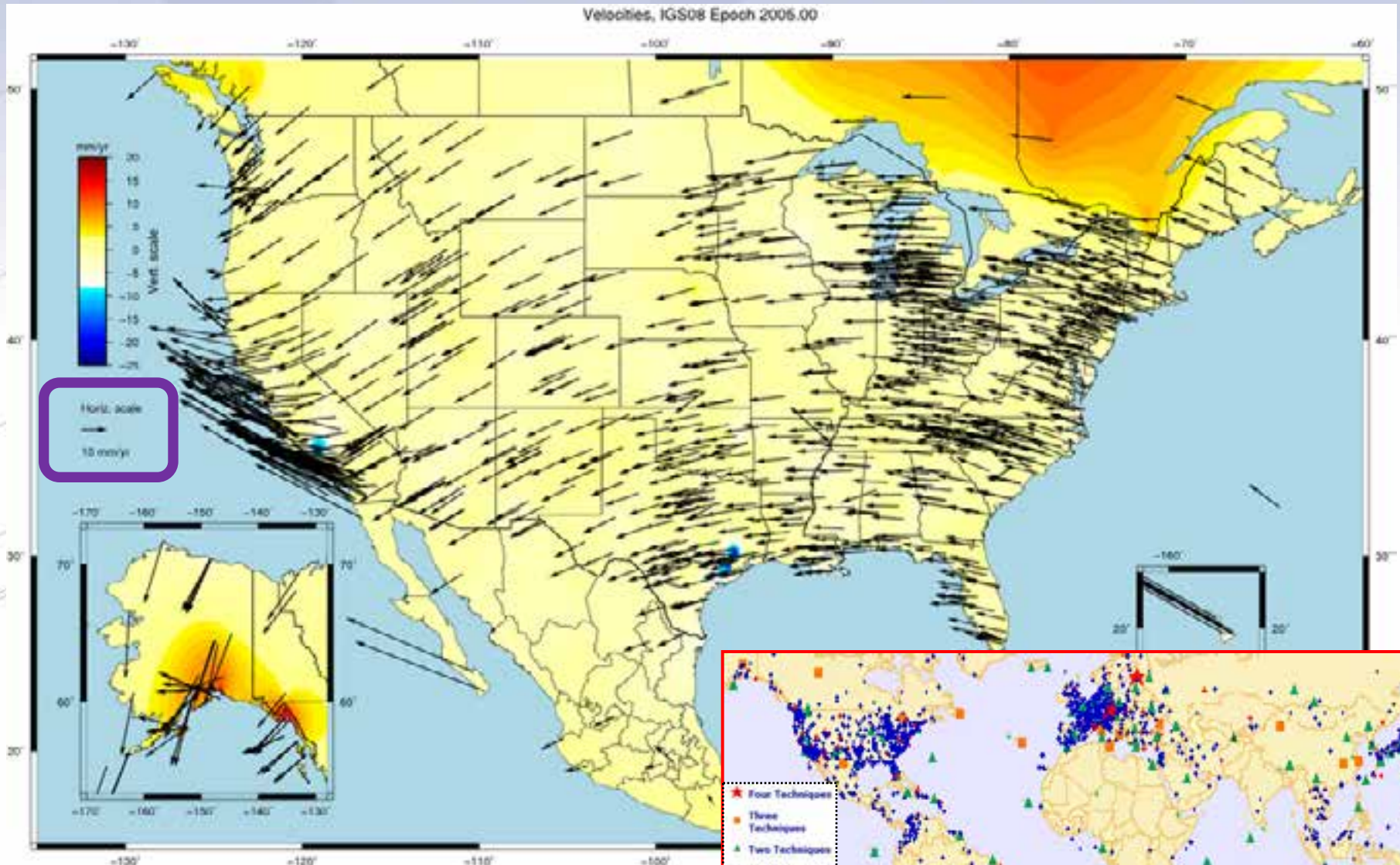


CORS Velocity Field: NAD83(2011) epoch 2010.00

Velocities, NAD 83(2011) Epoch 2010.00



CORS Velocity Field: International Terrestrial Reference Frame 2008



NGS Ten-Year Strategic Plan: 2013-2023

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

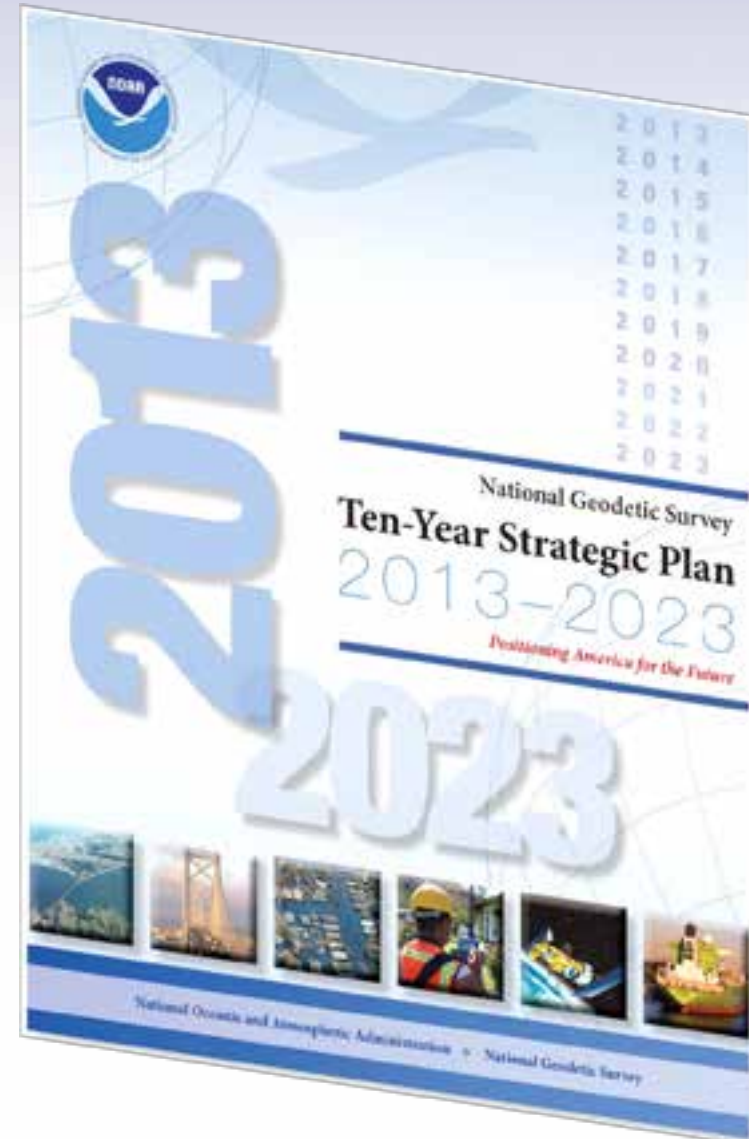
“Replace NAD83”

(North American Datum 1983)

- ✓ By 2022, reduce all definitional & access-related errors in orthometric heights (“elevation”) in geopotential reference frame to 2 cm when using 15 min of GNSS data

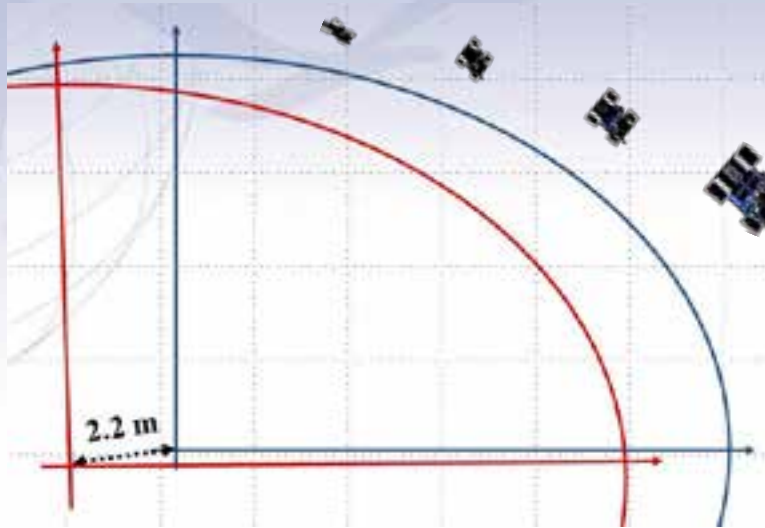
“Replace NAVD88”

(North American Vertical Datum 1988)



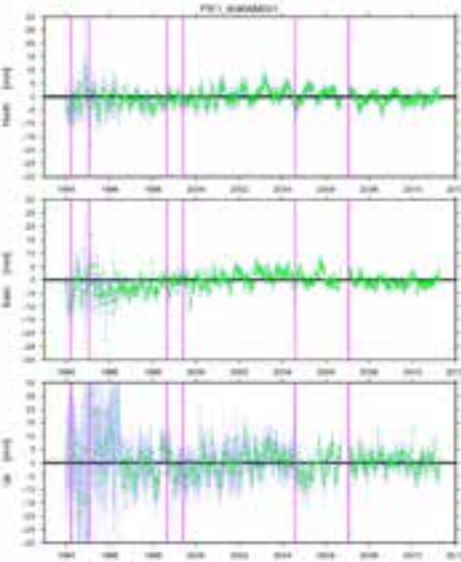
NAD83 Shortcomings

- 2.2 m offset



NAD 83
VS.
ITRF08 (& WGS84)

- CORS vs. passive network consistency challenges



VS.



Future Geometric (lat, long, eHt) Datum

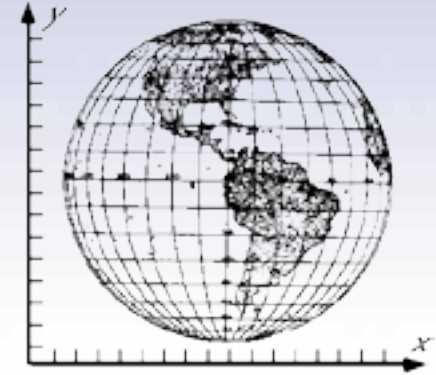
Ø by 2022 replace NAD83

Ø defined by Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) Network

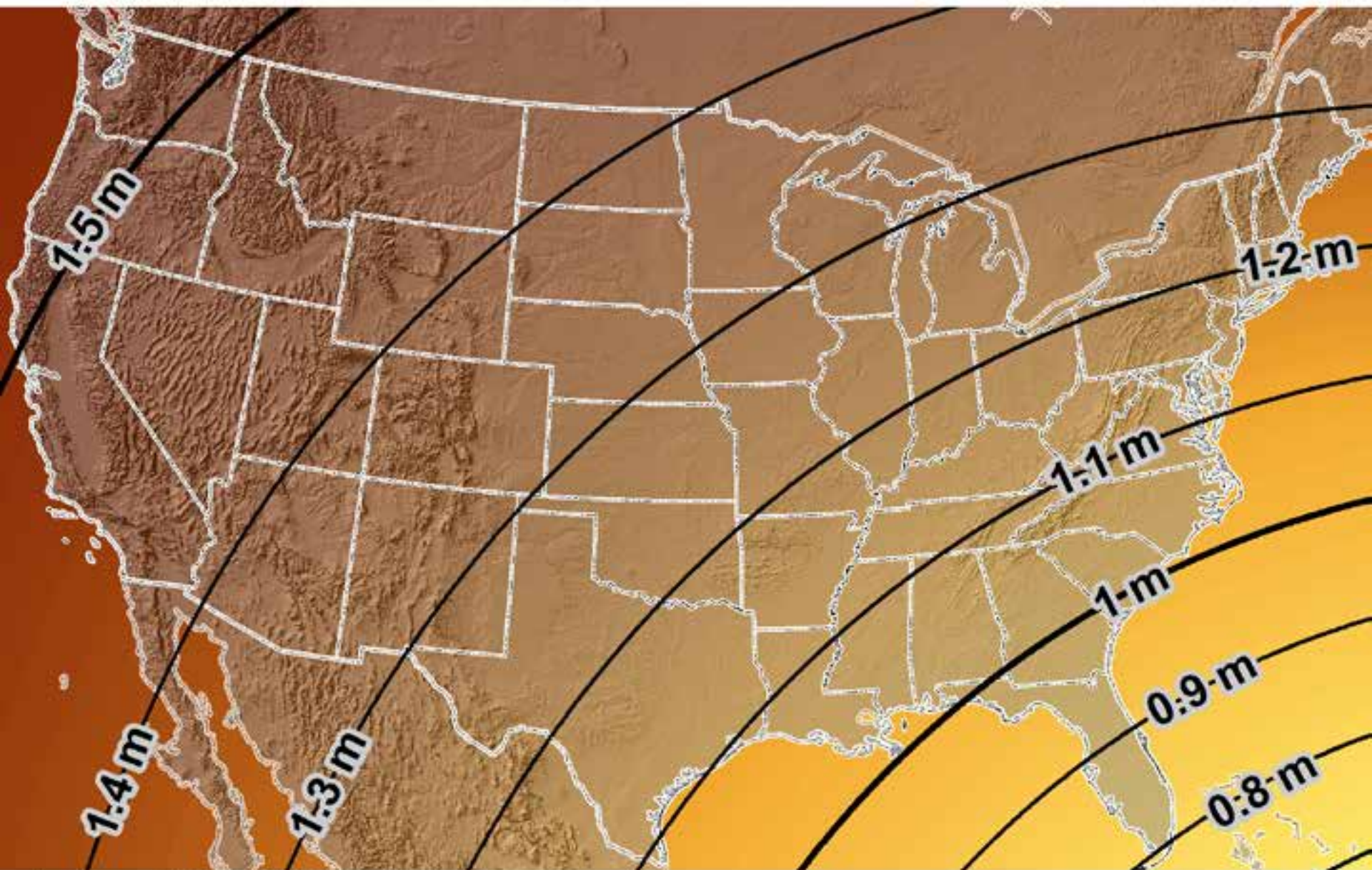
Ø accessed by GNSS observations

Ø coordinates & velocities in ITRF & "US datum"

Ø passive control (monuments) tied to new datum

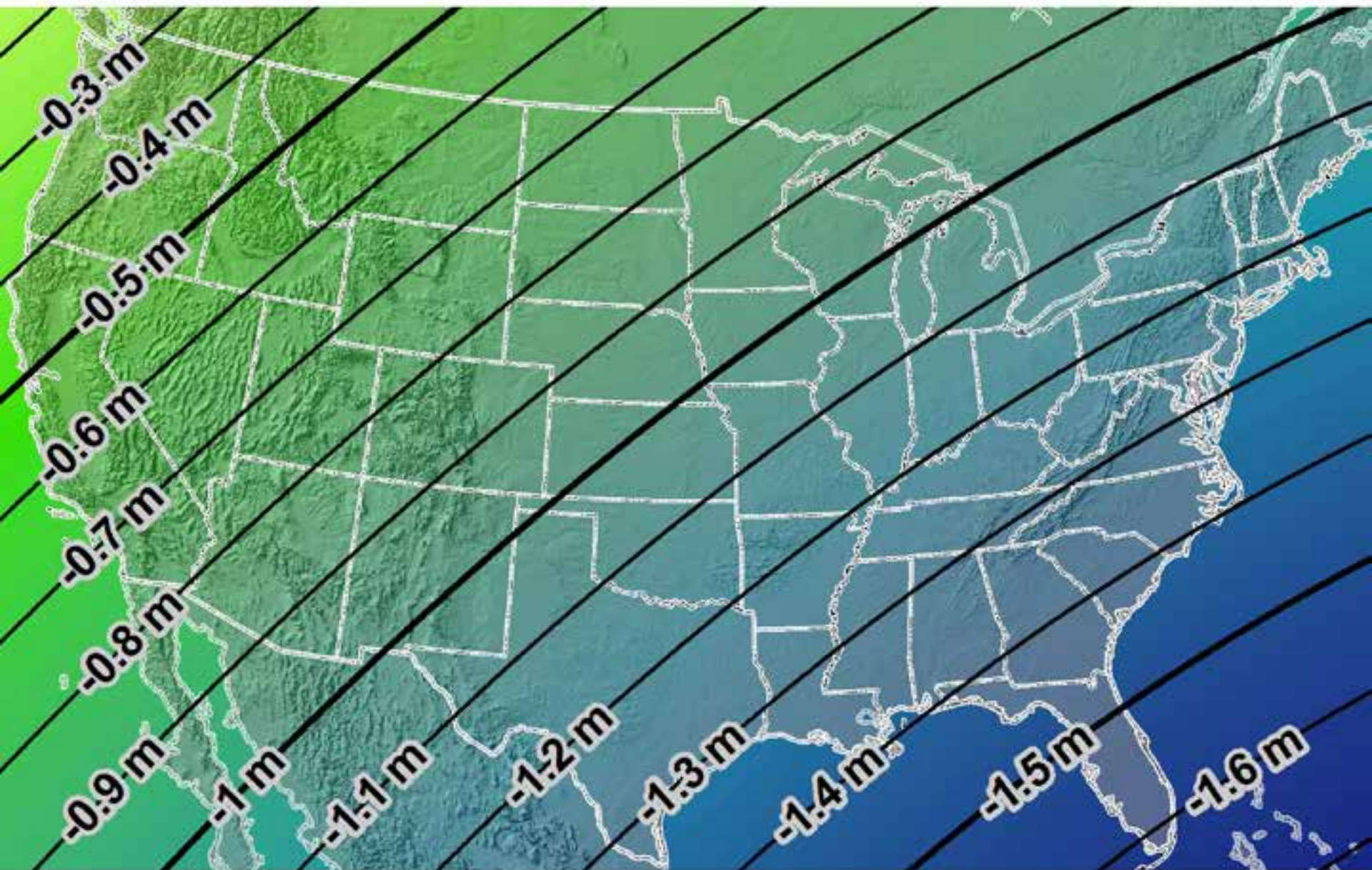


Estimated horizontal change from NAD 83 to new geometric datum



Delta Horizontal = (ITRF 05) minus (NAD 83) at 2020.0

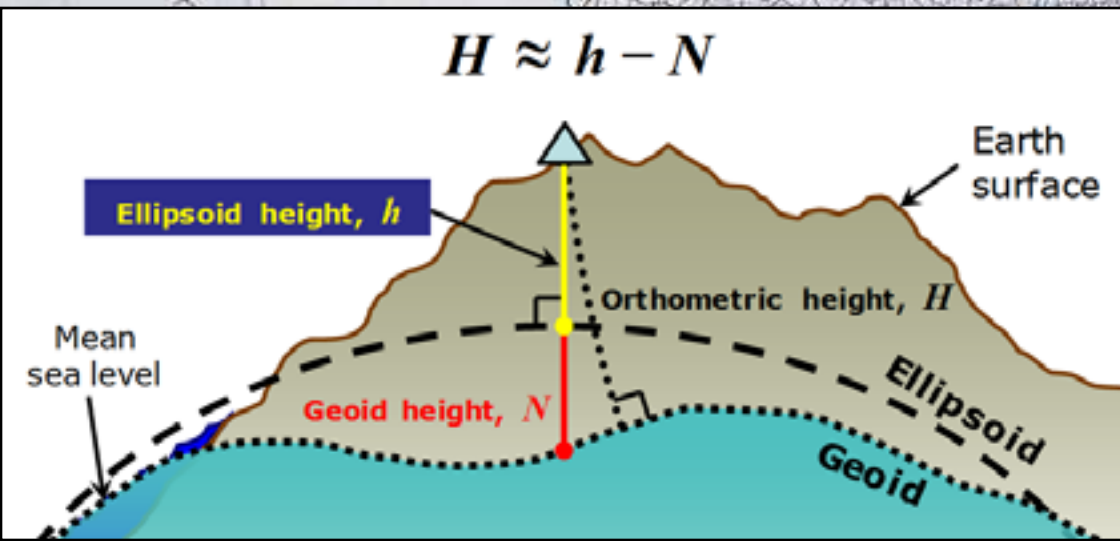
Estimated ellipsoid height change from NAD 83 to new geometric datum



0 500 1000 km

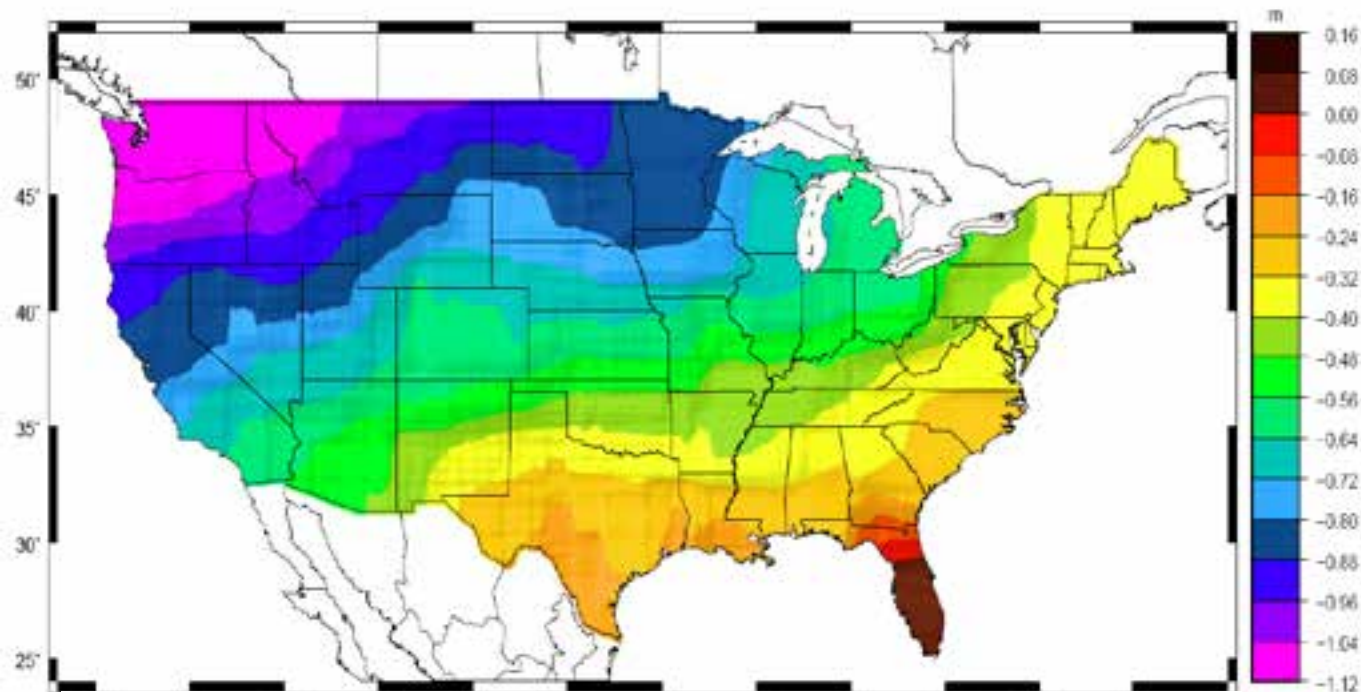
$\Delta h = h(\text{ITRF 05}) - h(\text{NAD 83})$ at 2020.0

NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM 1988 (NAVD88)



NAVD88 Shortcomings

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



Approximate Geoid Mismatch in the NAVD88 H=0 surface



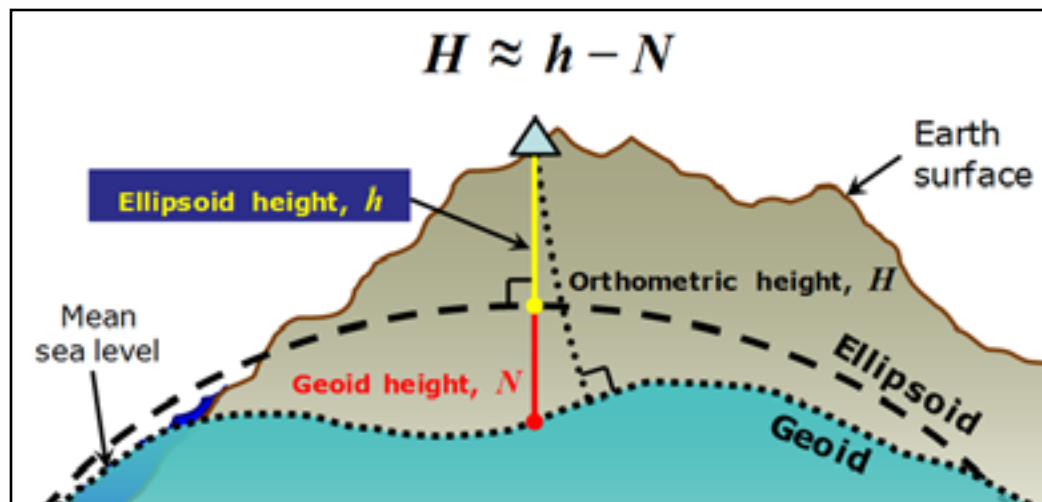
Future Geopotential (Vertical) Datum

Ø by 2022 replace NAVD88

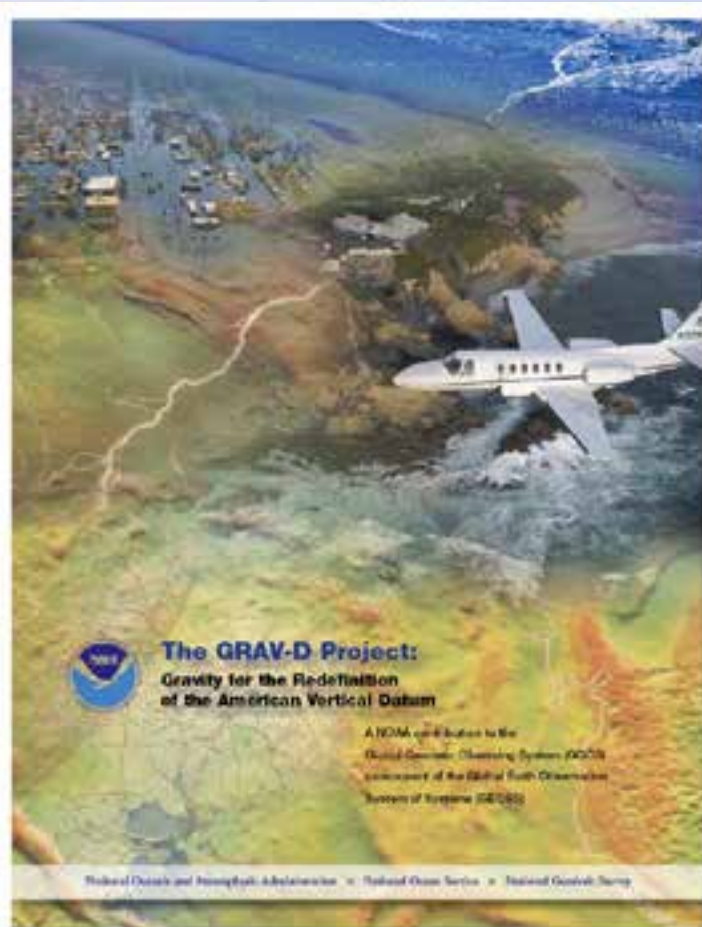
Ø accessed by GNSS & gravimetric geoid (**N**)

Ø monitor time-varying nature of gravity field

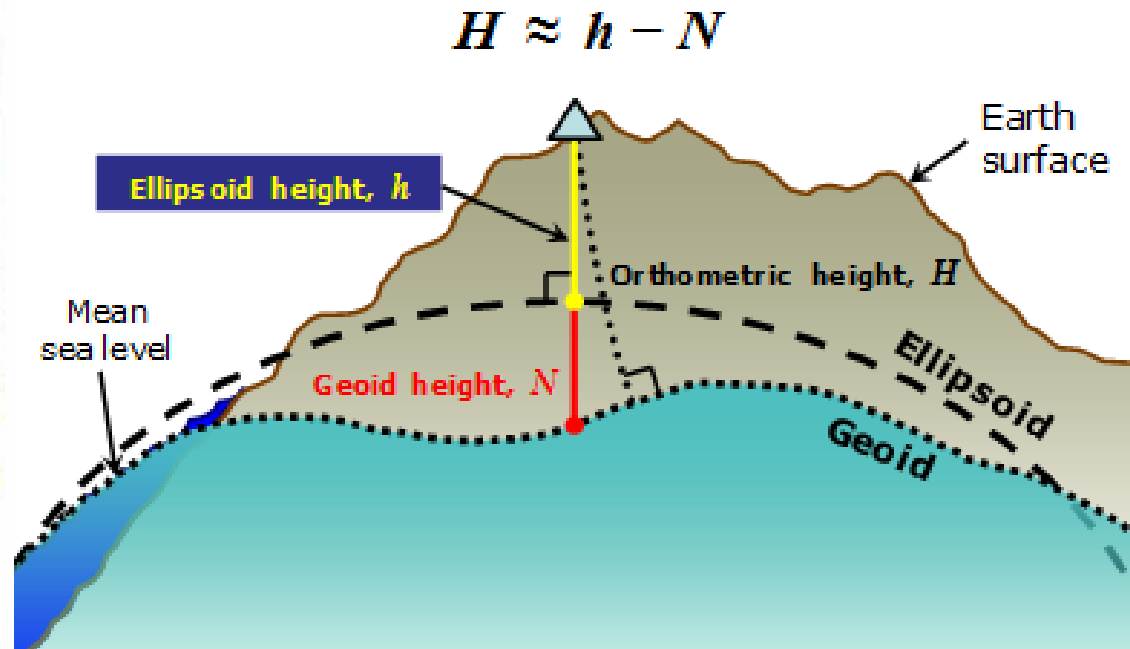
Ø most accurate continental gravimetric geoid model, ever



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



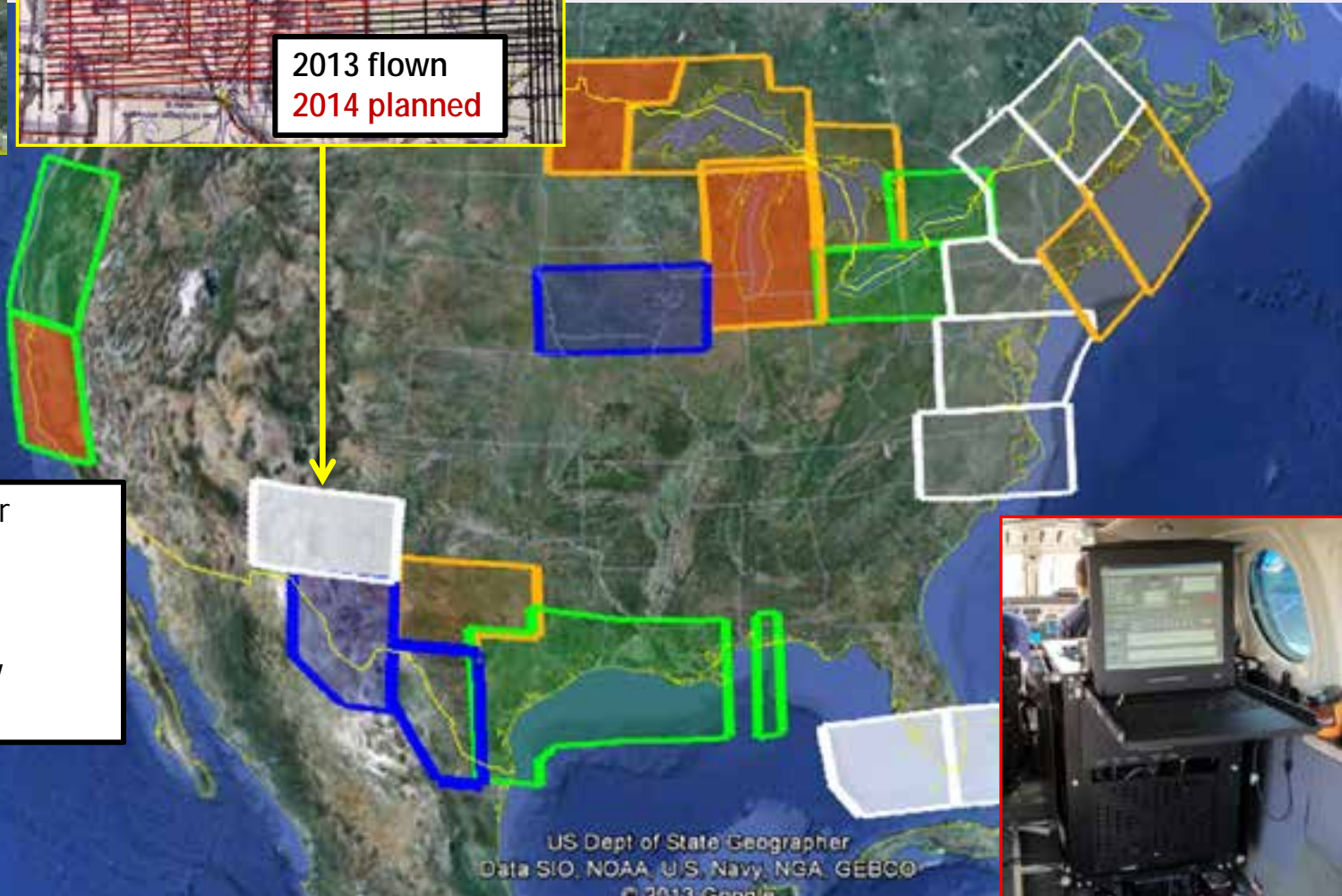
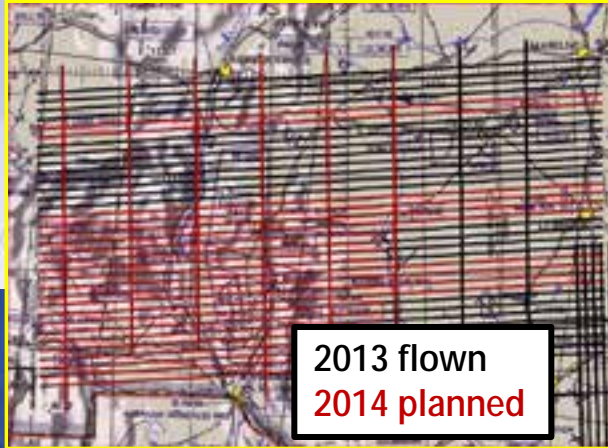
- Replace the US Vertical Datum by 2022 with gravimetric geoid (**N**) accurate to 1 cm
- 2 cm accurate orthometric heights via GNSS
- Airborne gravity survey of entire country
- Long-term monitoring of geoid change



Gravity and Heights are inseparably connected

GRAV-D Status (11/2013)

- 10 km spaced data lines
- 70 km spaced cross lines
- 20,000 ft altitude
- 230 kt flight speed
- 25% of US complete



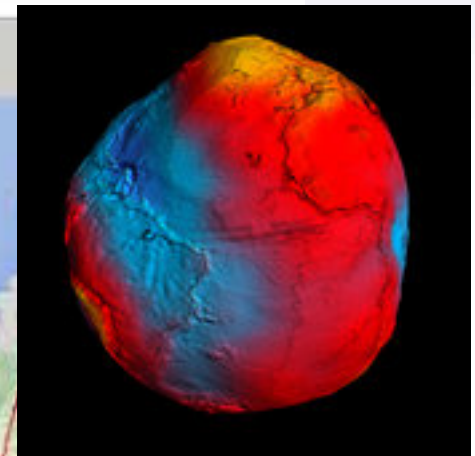
Green = FY11 and earlier
Orange = FY12
White = FY13
Blue = FY14 Plan
Filled white = Underway
Filled red = Incomplete



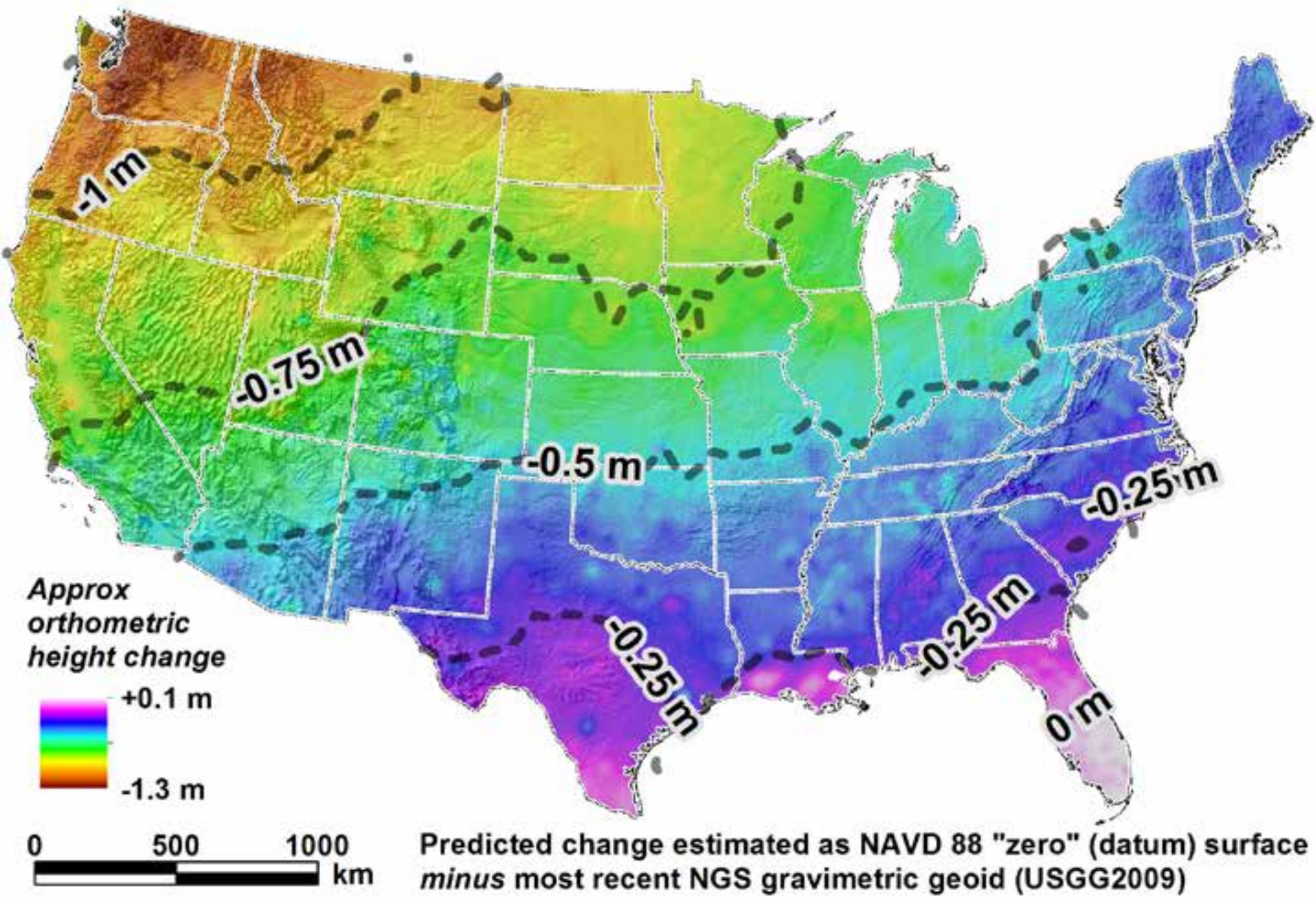
Gravity field & steady-state Ocean Circulation Explorer (GOCE)

Track Europe's falling, 2,000-pound satellite in real-time

A defunct satellite from the European Space Agency the size of a Chevy Suburban is set to plunge to Earth somewhere between Sunday and Monday — and experts say there's no way to precisely determine where it will crash. Where is it now? Thanks to a neat widget built by the satellite-tracking website N2YO.com, you can watch the falling satellite as it courses through the heavens.



Approximate predicted change from NAVD 88 to new vertical datum



How to Plan for 2022

- Move to NAD 83(2011) epoch 2010.00
 - conversion tools - NADCON, GEOCON & GEOCON11
- Move to NAVD 88
 - conversion tool – VERTCON (NGVD29 <> NAVD88)
- Move from reliance on passive marks to GNSS
 - utilize CORS, OPUS, real-time infrastructure, etc.
- Use NGS Online Positioning User Service (OPUS) for GPSBMs
 - improve next geoid model & relationship with new datum
- METADATA!!!!



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Notices

November 8, 2013

Updated Release: Beta Version of NGS Datasheet Shape File Format, 05.30.2013

NGS Announces Release of Geodetic Data from Geoid Slope Validation Survey 2011 (GSVS11), 02.01.2013

NGS Releases Updated Ten-Year Strategic Plan 2013-2023, 01.24.2013

NGS Announces Joint Beta Release of GEOCON and GEOCON11, 01.18.2013

NGS updates "Bluebooking" process for GPS projects, 11.27.2012

DEFLEC12A and USDOV2012 Models Released, 10.19.2012

GEOID12A Model Released, 09.11.2012

In The News

11/07/2013 - NGS Surveys the Washington Monument
This week, the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) performed a geodetic survey of the peak of the Washington Monument. NGS fabricated an adapter to enable a GPS antenna and traditional survey instruments to be affixed to the peak for the project. [more](#)

10/31/2013 - Volunteers Construct the Last Bilby Tower to Commemorate Jasper Bilby
National Geodetic Survey (NGS) employees volunteered their services in mid-October to assist the Surveyor Historical Society (SHS) with building a Bilby tower in Osgood, Indiana, the hometown of Jasper Bilby who invented the tower in 1927. [more](#)

10/24/2013 - NGS' Kinematic Positioning Research Earns Attention and Award
National Geodetic Survey (NGS) researchers were recently awarded "Best Presentation in Session" at the Institutes of Navigation (ION) GNSS+ 2013 meeting. The talk presented the results of the "Kinematic GPS Processing

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Height Modernization Western States Regional Webinar

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

10:00 am to 2:00 pm Pacific Time

Remote participation only (internet access required)

Meeting webpage:

http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/corbin/class_description/HM_WesternRegion.shtml

Online registration:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/952765650>

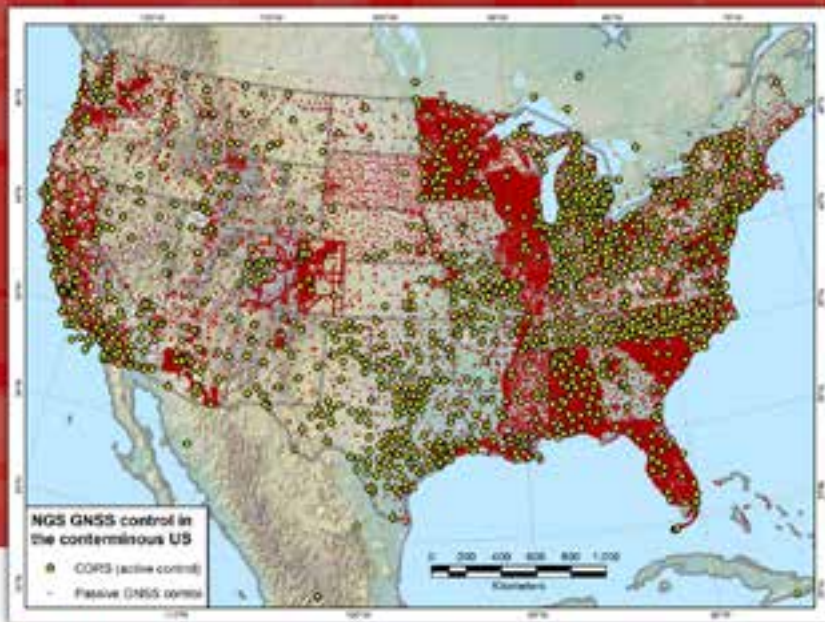


Figure 1 NGS active (CORS) and passive GNSS control stations in the contiguous US. As of December 2011, there were approximately 1900 operational CORS and 78,000 passive GNSS stations.

Frames for the Future

New Datum Definitions for Modernization of the U.S. National Spatial Reference System (Part 1 of 4)

In 2008, the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) released its 10-Year Plan (NGS, 2008). In this plan, NGS describes the replacement of the two national datums currently in use. These are the horizontal datum (the North American Datum of 1983, or NAD 83) and the vertical datum (the North American Vertical Datum of 1988, or NAVD 88). Note that NAD 83 (1986) was

originally a two-dimensional datum in that only latitude and longitude were provided (that is, it was a horizontal datum and is still commonly referred to as a horizontal datum). Subsequent realizations of NAD 83, such as NAD 83 (EARTH) or NAD 83 (NSRS2007), also provide ellipsoidal heights; they are three-dimensional and properly called a geocentric datum. For the remainder of this article there will be no further use

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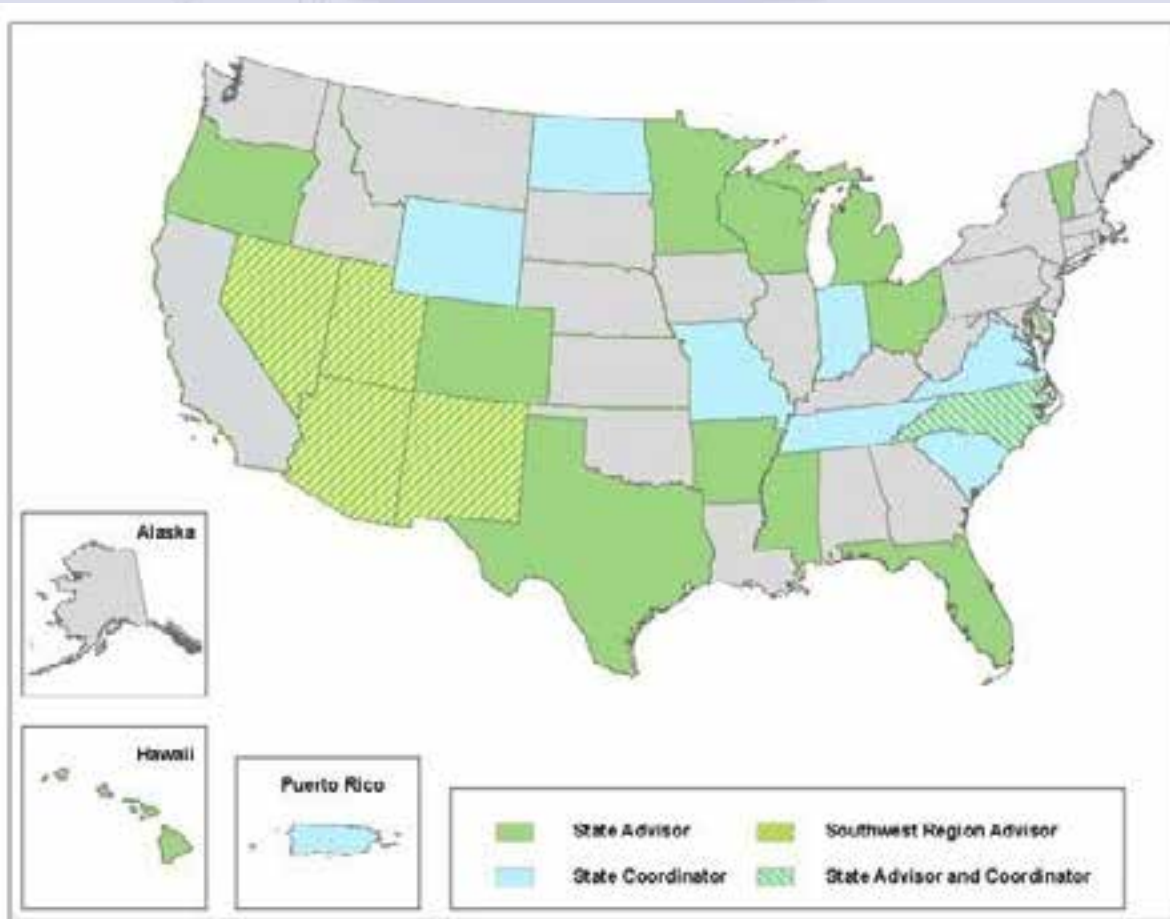
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Accurate positioning begins with *accurate* coordinates



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