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Spatial
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System*

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Datums and the Integration of Cadastral Surveys in Ontario

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Agenda

- ***New proposed regulations on integrating surveys***
- ***Datum Essentials***
- ***Wide Area GPS correction services***
 - ***CDGPS, CSRS-PPP***
- ***PHASE Differential GPS techniques***
 - ***RTK, Baseline Post-Processing***
 - ***Network RTK***
- ***MSL Heights from GPS and a Geoid model***



White paper – Integrated Cadastral Surveys

Our ability to measure absolute positions has improved a hundred fold since NAD83(Original) was defined. Consequently a new system has been implemented that gives the average surveyor access to geographically referenced positioning that is accurate enough for legal surveys. The current system is the **Canadian Spatial Reference System, or NAD83(CSRS)**. It is now possible to accurately locate and re-locate boundaries using modern positioning systems and equipment.

CSRS positions are no longer concentrated in urban areas and along the corridors connecting them. These positions can be obtained anywhere in Canada using GPS. To aid the surveyor, there are many sources of free data including:

1. A network of **Canadian Active Control stations (CACs)** established by NRCan that continuously collect satellite data;
2. **Canadian Base Network stations (CBNs)** established by NRCan, a high precision network of monuments in the ground that surveyors can occupy with GPS;
3. **Precise Point Positioning (PPP)**, a service supplied by NRCan that allows a surveyor to determine an autonomous geographic position accurate to about five centimetres, practically as a by-product of normal GPS surveying;
4. **Grid Shift files and software** supplied by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and NRCan to convert NAD27 and NAD83(Original) to NAD83(CSRS).
5. Current and historical **monument coordinates** are available to surveyors from the MNR "Cosine" database.



Ontario Coordinate System

Reference Datum

2. The Ontario Coordinate System is referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83).
3. Every user of the Ontario Coordinate System must specify the reference datum, adjustment epoch and map projection utilized.

Coordinates

4. Coordinates can be expressed as Geographic values, in a Universal Transverse Mercator map projection or Modified Transverse Mercator map projection.



Surveyor's Act

12. If a survey is made for the purpose of defining, locating or describing a line, boundary or corner of a unit of land in relation to the regulated level of a body of water or defining a boundary in reference to an elevation, and no permanent bench mark exists within 300 metres of the site of the survey, a permanent bench mark, defined by a monument referred to in clause 2 (1) (a), (b), (d), (e) or (f) of Ontario Regulation 525/91 or other durable and stable object shall be established at or near the site. O. Reg. 42/96, s. 8.

(1) When undertaking a survey for a plan to be registered or deposited in the Land Registry System, a licensed member shall integrate the survey with the Ontario Coordinate System and determine the coordinates of every angle or corner on a line or boundary and all topographic information required under section 25

(2) The coordinates required under subsection 12.1 shall be accurate to:

- (a) in urban areas to 0.05 metres,
 - (b) in rural areas to 0.2 metres, or
 - (c) in remote areas to 1 metre,
- at the 95 percent confidence level.

(j) where a plan has been integrated pursuant to section 12.1, a table containing the Ontario Coordinate System coordinates of at least 2 monumented points related to the survey together with a Note stating 'These coordinates cannot, in themselves, be used to re-establish the corners or boundaries shown on this Plan'.

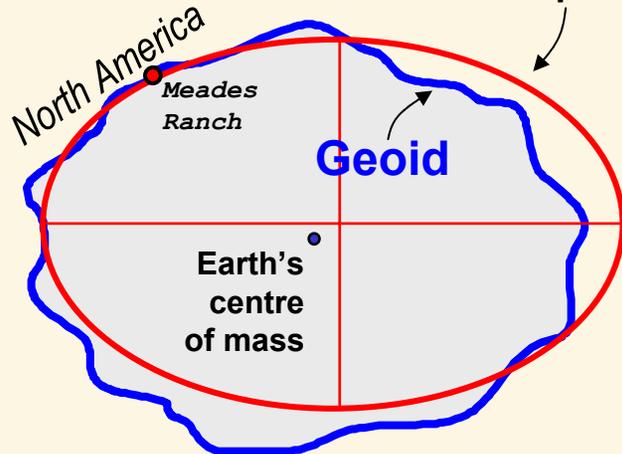
(c) if bearings have been derived from a coordinate system, a note shall be included on the plan indicating that the bearings are grid bearings, are derived from the stated values for specified known control points or observed reference points, and are referred to the stated map projection, zone datum and adjustment epoch.



Datums

NAD27

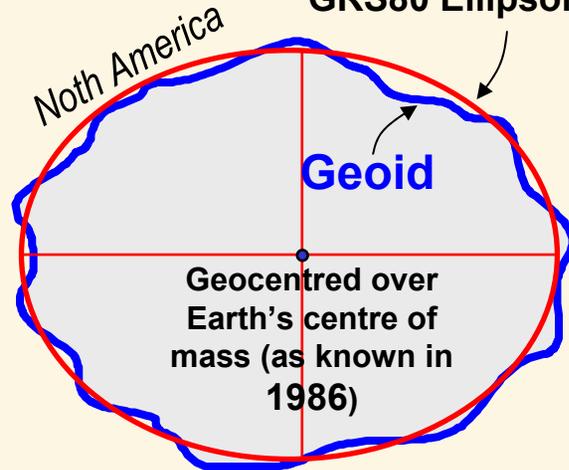
Clarke 1866 Ellipsoid



- Datum used **before 1986**
- Ellipsoid that best represented the geoid in North-America
- Not geocentric
- Origin at Meades Ranch (US)
- From traditional surveys (pre-1927) + local adjustments

NAD83

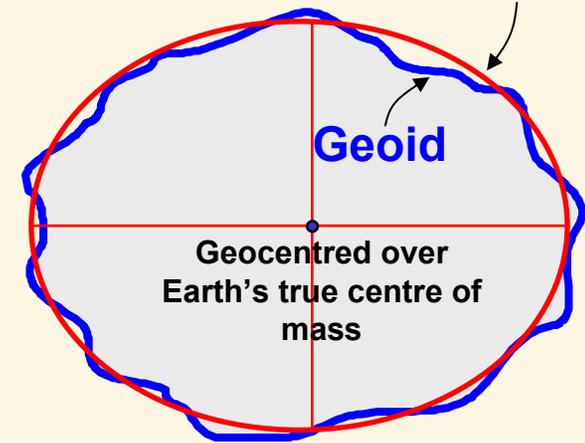
GRS80 Ellipsoid



- Datum officially adopted by Canada and US in **1986**
- Full network readjustment
- Fixed to North American tectonic plate
- Before 1994: **WGS84 (GPS datum)** was the **same as NAD83**
- NAD83 is (near) geocentric (**2m off**) + has **Axis Orientation error**

ITRF

GRS80 Ellipsoid

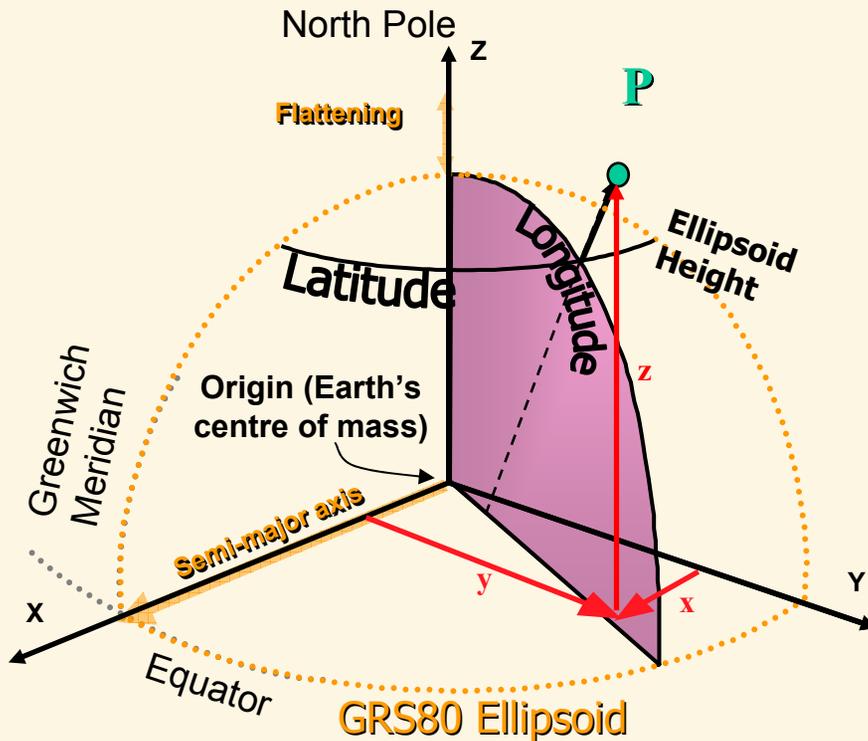


- Since **1988**: Dynamic High accuracy International Terrestrial Reference Frame
- In 1994: **WGS84** ➤ **ITRF**

Today: non-geodetic (recreational/mapping) GPS receivers still think NAD83=WGS84

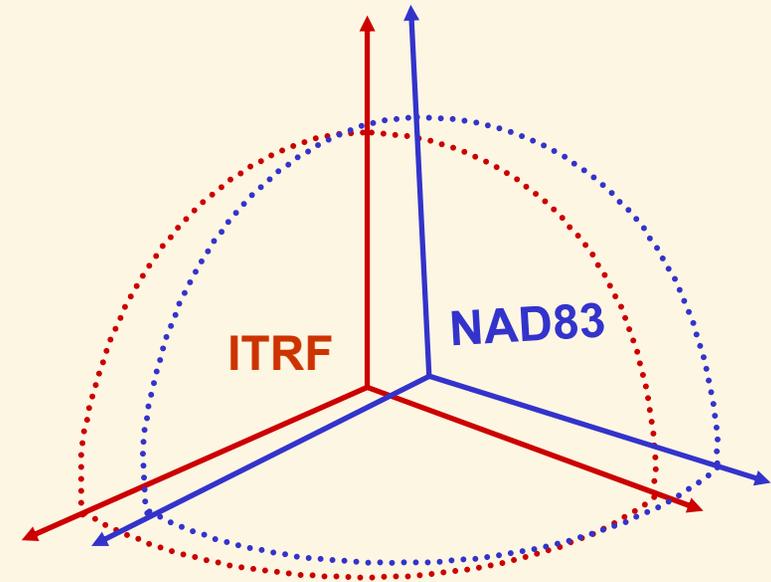


3D position



Expressed in Cartesian Coordinates (XYZ)
or Geographic Coordinates ($Lat, Long, Height$)
relative to an ellipsoid (GRS80)

Lat/Long can be expressed in
UTM or **MTM** projections



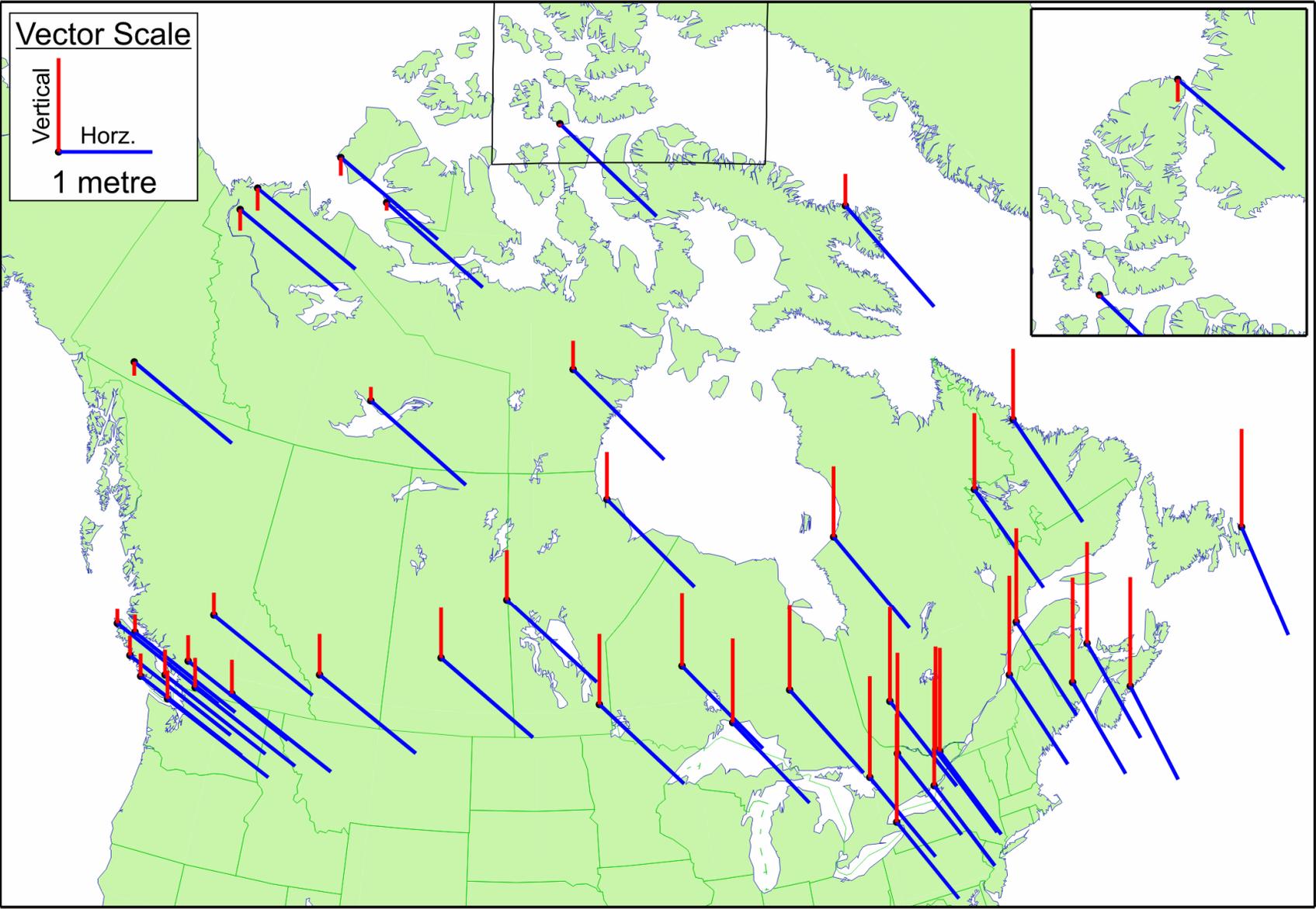
NAD83
Origin off by 2m
(translations T_X, T_Y, T_Z)
Axis Orientation error
(rotations R_X, R_Y, R_Z)

~Same Scale

7-parameter transformation



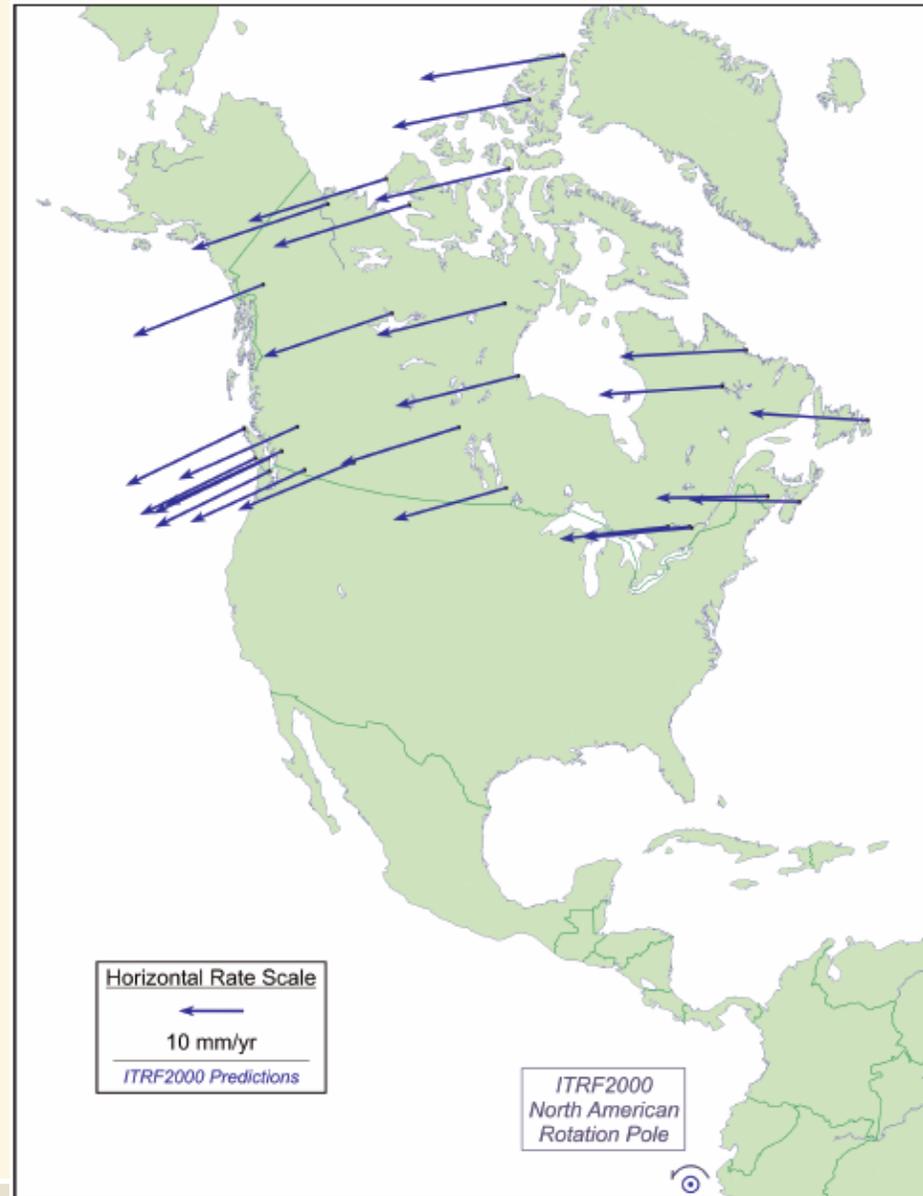
Difference between WGS84/ITRF and NAD83



Movement of North American tectonic plate

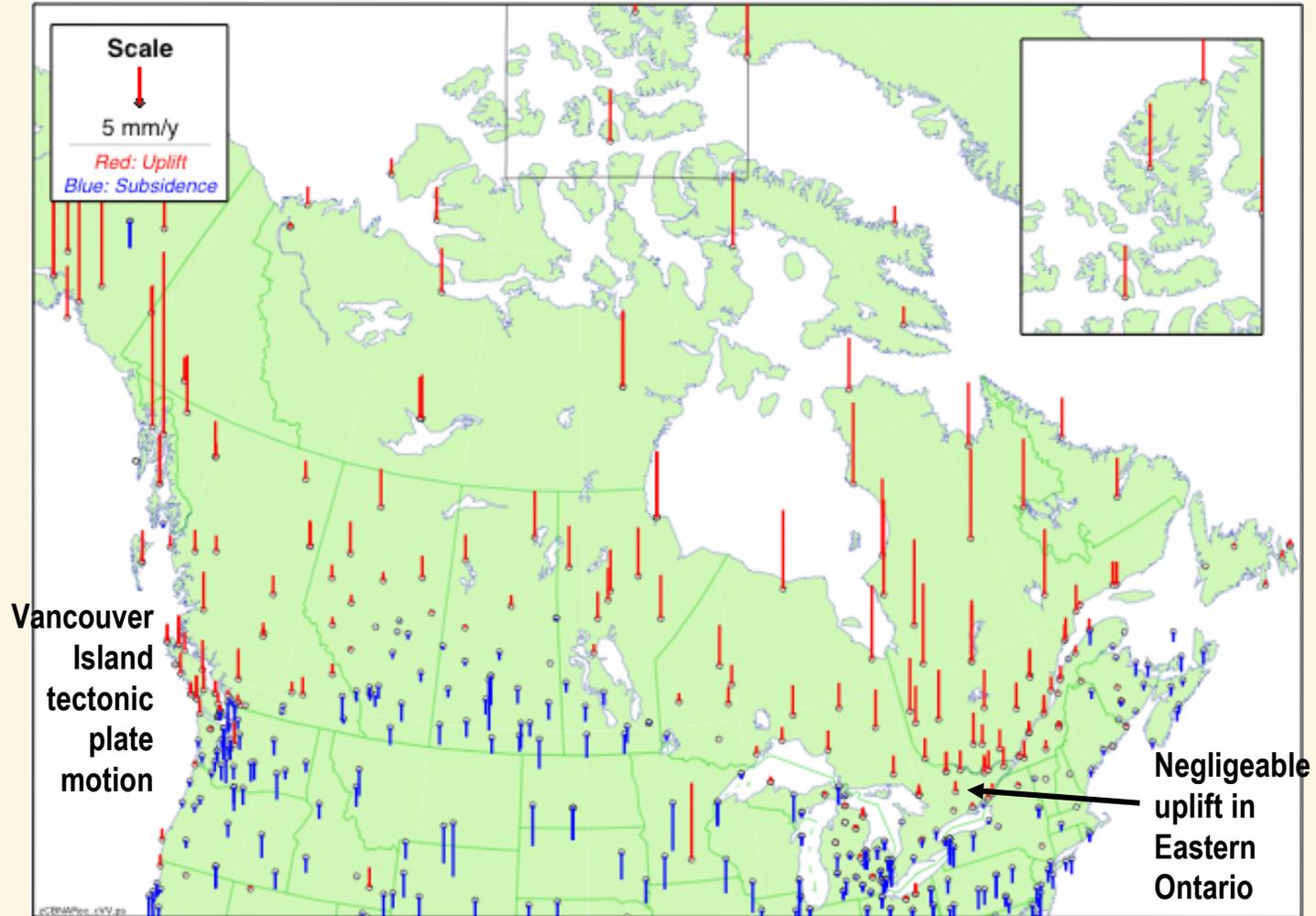
- Plate moves 2 cm per year counter-clockwise
- **WGS84/ITRF**
 - dynamic
 - coordinates change over time
- **NAD83**
 - fixed to the North American tectonic plate
 - coordinates will not change over time

except for....



Uplift/Subsidence

Due to post-glacial rebound



NAD83 “4-D” Velocity Grid available soon



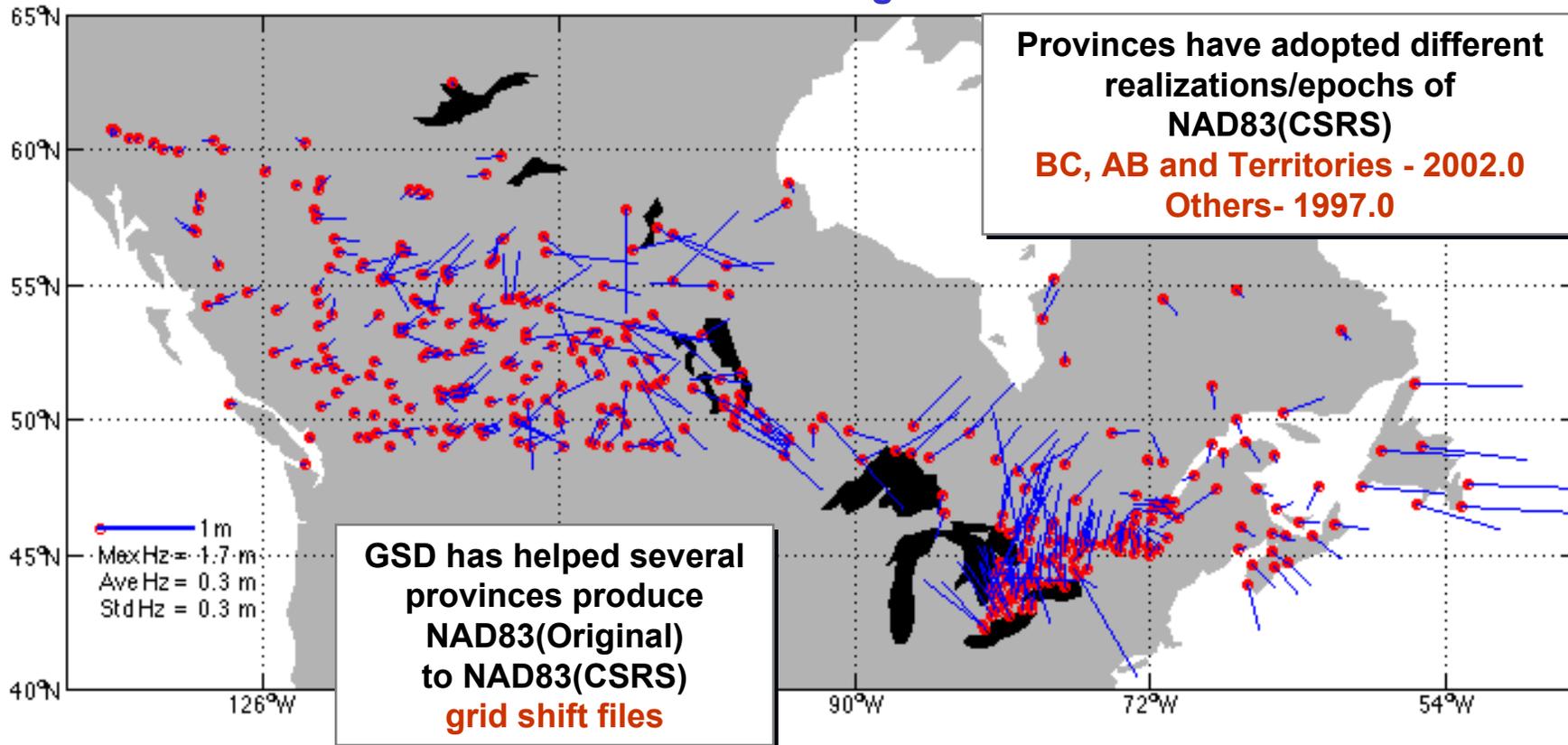
NAD83: One datum, two main realizations

NAD83(Original) and NAD83(CSRS)

From traditional surveys
Adjustment anchored to Doppler (1m)
Variable-accuracy 2D

From high-order GPS surveys
Anchored to VLBI (1cm)
Centimeter-accuracy 3D
Since 1997

NAD83(Orig.) stations re-observed with high-order GPS Difference between Original and CSRS



Datum transformation software

- **NTv2.0 (National Transformation) software**
 - Available no-charge from GSD www.geod.nrcan.gc.ca
 - For use Online
 - Free download
 - Software Licences
 - Several companies are commercially licenced to distribute software packages that include NTv2.
 - Grid shift files available from provincial survey organizations
 - Ontario (MNR) COSINE www.cosine.mnr.gov.on.ca
- **TRNOBS software**
 - NAD83(CSRS) ⇔ ITRF
 - Free Online service from GSD www.geod.nrcan.gc.ca



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GPS can answer the questions

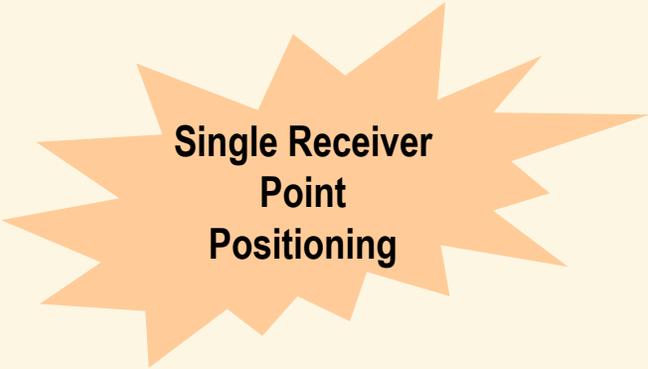
- “Where am I on Earth?”

- Techniques:

- Realtime : **Broadcast GPS (uncorrected), CDGPS, WAAS**
- Post-processing: **CSRS-PPP**

- “Absolute” accuracy

- Relative to a **Spatial Reference System (Datum)**



Single Receiver
Point
Positioning

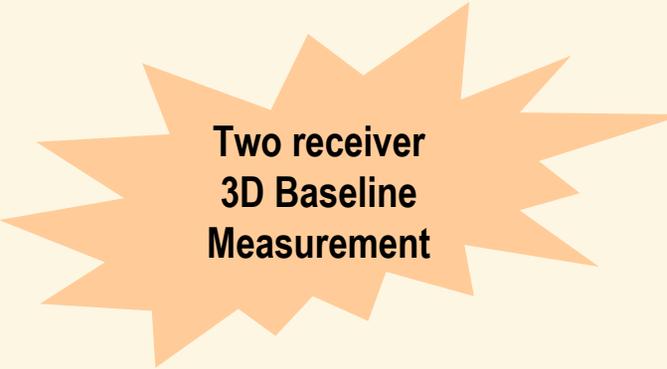
- “Where am I relative to a GPS Base Station?”

- Techniques:

- Realtime : **RTK**
- Post-processing: **Phase Differential**

- “Relative” precision

- Precision dependant on **baseline length**

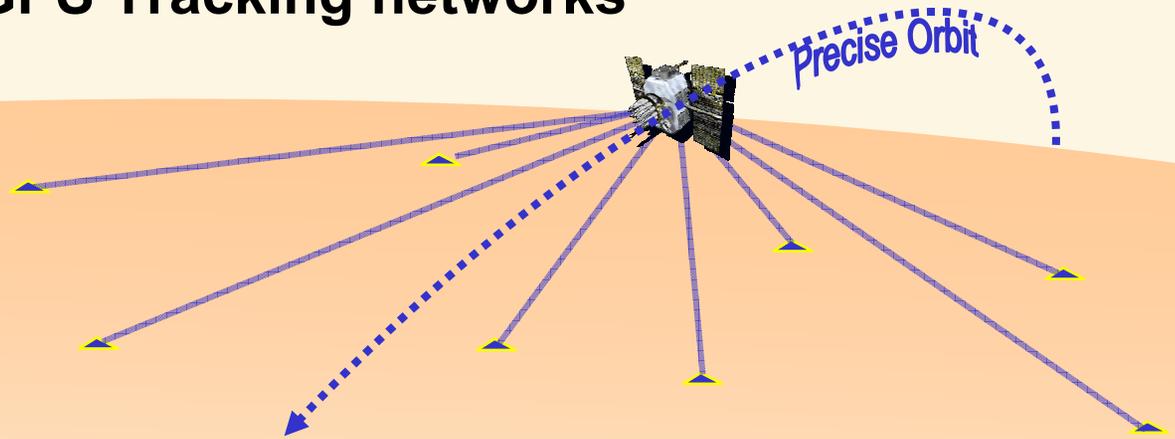


Two receiver
3D Baseline
Measurement



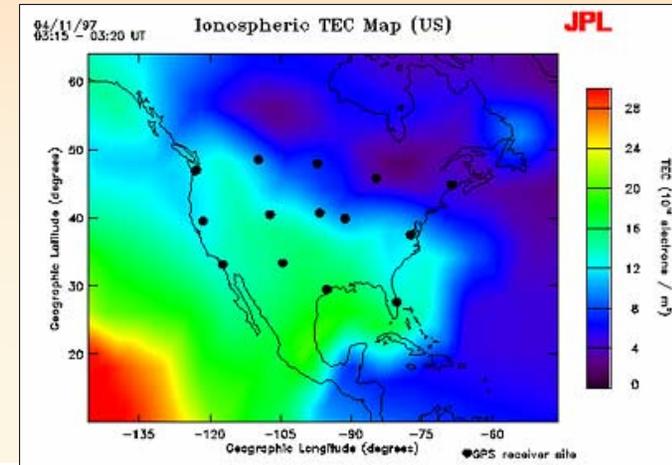
Wide Area GPS Corrections

National and Global GPS Tracking networks



– Continuously-operating **High-End Dual-frequency** GPS reference stations compute:

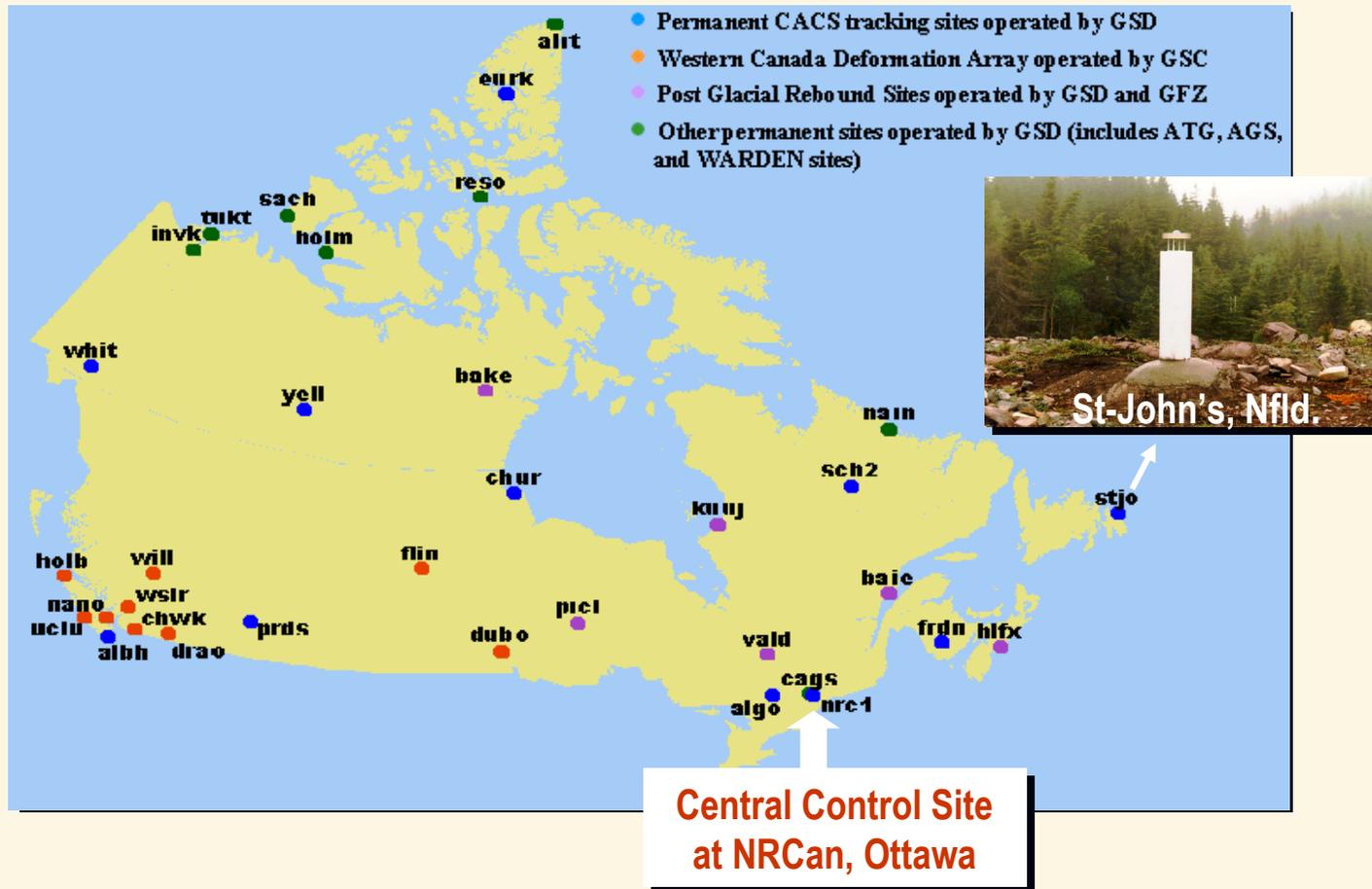
- **Precise Ephemerides**
 - Precise Satellite Orbits
 - Precise Satellite Clock Corrections
- **Ionosphere Model**



CACS

(Canadian Active Control System)

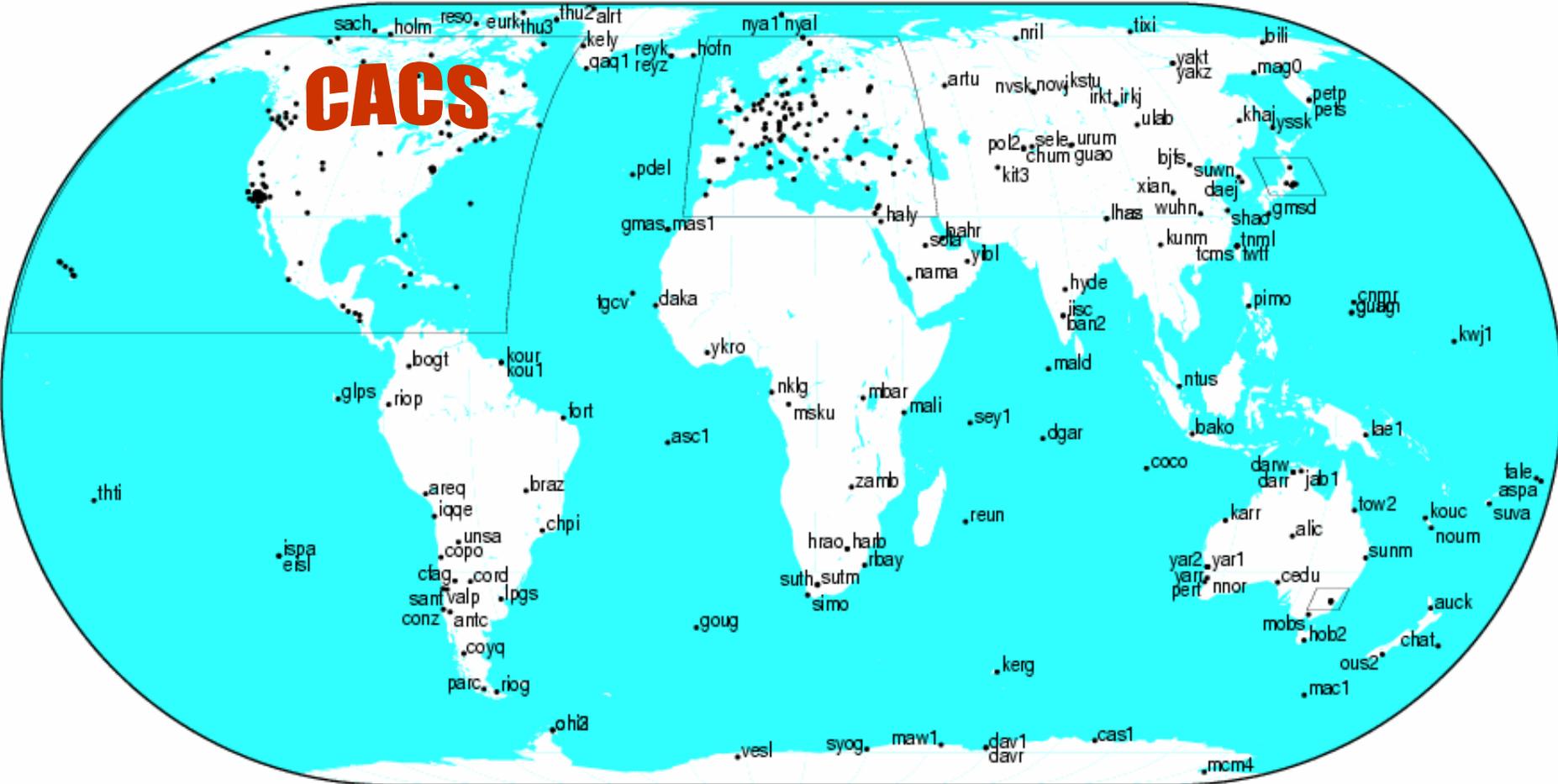
– Canadian GPS Tracking Network



IGS (International GNSS Service)

<http://igsceb.jpl.nasa.gov/>

CACS is part of the IGS Global GPS Tracking Network



from which are produced GPS Precise Ephemerides



GPS Precise Ephemerides

Broadcast Ephemerides (+/- 1 to 2 m)



Precise Ephemerides

Precise Orbits and Clock Corrections

Used in
CSRS-PPP
Post-
Processing

FINAL (+/- 2 cm) available in 13 days

RAPID (+/- 5 cm) available next day

ULTRA RAPID (+/- 15 cm) available 90 min past the hour

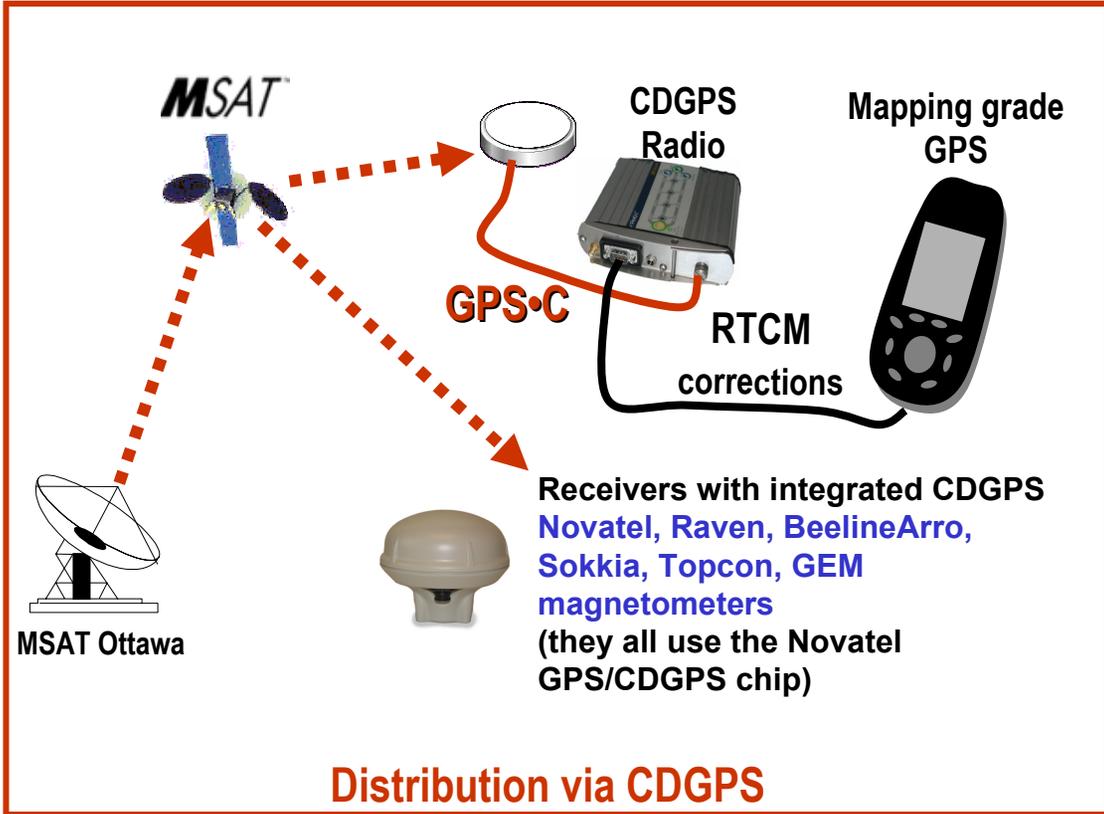
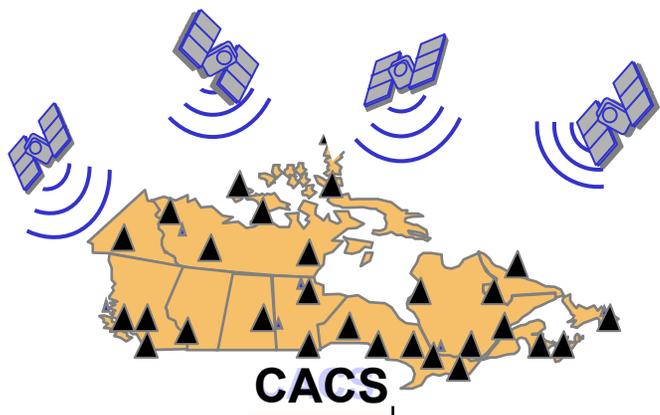
Used to produce **GPS-C** realtime corrections
(currently available via CDGPS service)



Real-Time

GPS•C Realtime Corrections

Corrected Positions are in NAD83(CSRS)



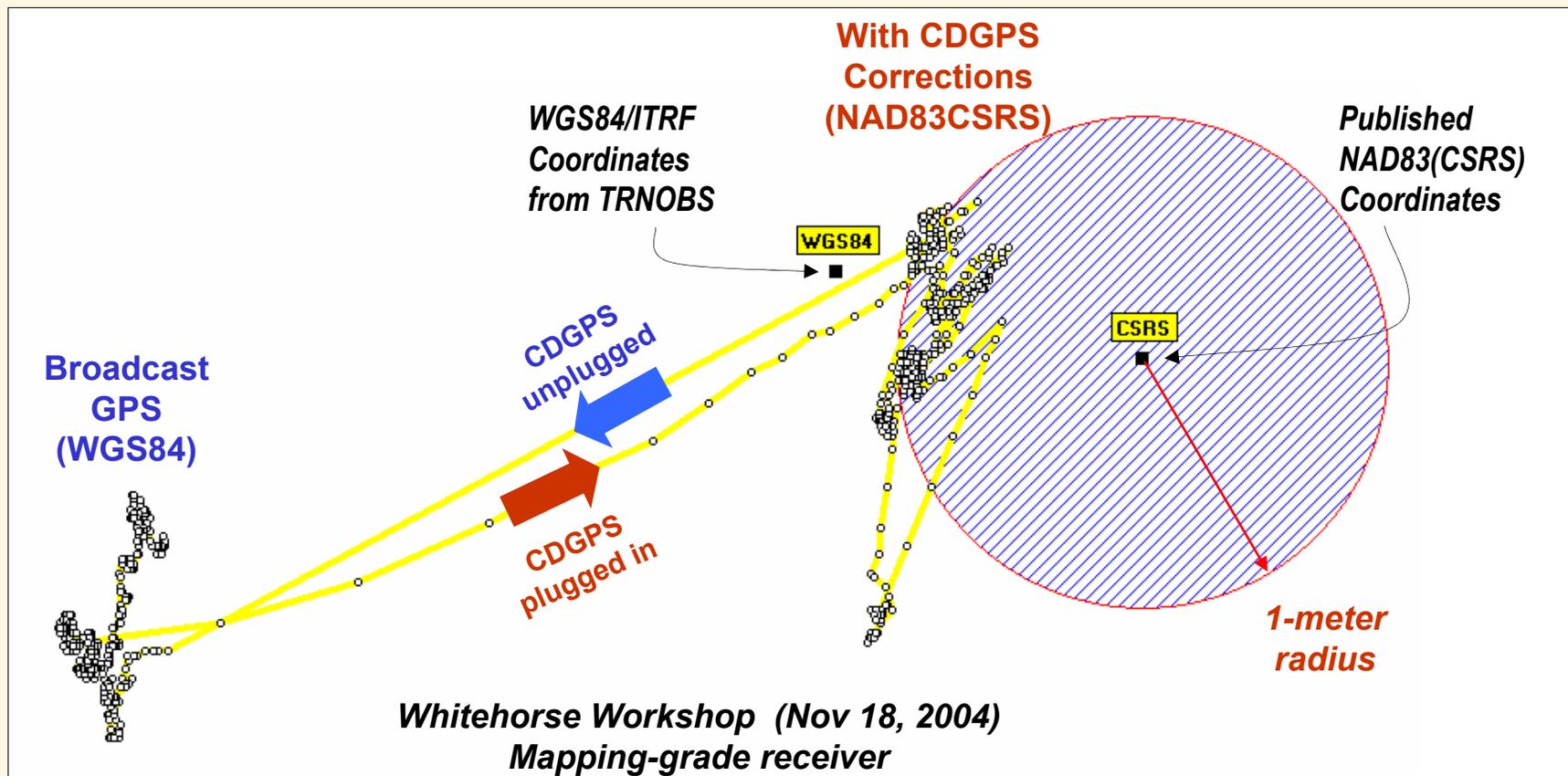
GPS•C Realtime Corrections from ULTRA RAPID ephemerides

Other possible distribution modes (Internet, cellular...)

Real-Time

CDGPS

Metre-level positioning with single frequency receiver



60cm positioning with dual-frequency receiver (Novatel)

Coming.... **Decimetric** accuracy PHASE solution with realtime global network

GSD is leading the IGS Realtime Pilot Project



CSRS-PPP

<http://www.geod.nrcan.gc.ca>

**FREE for GPS users
WORLDWIDE**



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CSRS-PPP

CSRS-PPP is an on-line application for GPS data post-processing that allows GPS users to submit observation data over the Internet and recover, using precise GPS Orbit and Clock information, enhanced positioning precisions in the Canadian Spatial Reference System (CSRS) and the International Terrestrial Reference Frame (ITRF).

Select one RINEX File:

(Compression: none or zip (.zip), gzip (.gz) or UNIX Compress (.Z))
(Format: RINEX or Compact RINEX (Hatanaka))

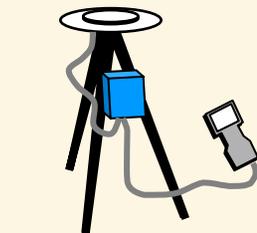
Select Mode of Processing: Static Kinematic

Select Reference System: NAD83-CSRS ITRF

Enter/Change E-Mail to which results will be sent:

File Upload/Processing:

(Note: Processing will start once the upload is completed which may take a few minutes)



RINEX



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RINEX data

Receiver INdependent EXchange format

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Delay before submitting data (◆)

- ULTRA-RAPID Ephemerides are available 90 minutes after each hour



- Soon datasets submitted early will be “held” until ULTRA-RAPID ephemerides are available

CSRS-PPP (Static)

Email Return

Results of your CSRS-PPP processing can be downloaded by clicking on the following link:

http://luna.geod.nrcan.gc.ca/ppp_data/20070126_0011_6hrs_oem3onpier13/20070126_0011_6hrs_oem3onpier13_full_output.zip

URL to PDF summary file:

http://luna.geod.nrcan.gc.ca/ppp_data/20070126_0011_6hrs_oem3onpier13/6hrs_oem3onpier13.pdf

The estimated coordinates / standard deviations for the 6hrs_oem3onpier13.05o RINEX file are as follow:

Corrected coordinates in email text

Latitude (NAD83-CSRS): 45 23 59.9769 (dms) / 0.005 (m)
Longitude (NAD83-CSRS): -75 55 08.9965 (dms) / 0.006 (m)
Ellipsoidal Height (NAD83-CSRS): 46.279 (m) / 0.014 (m)

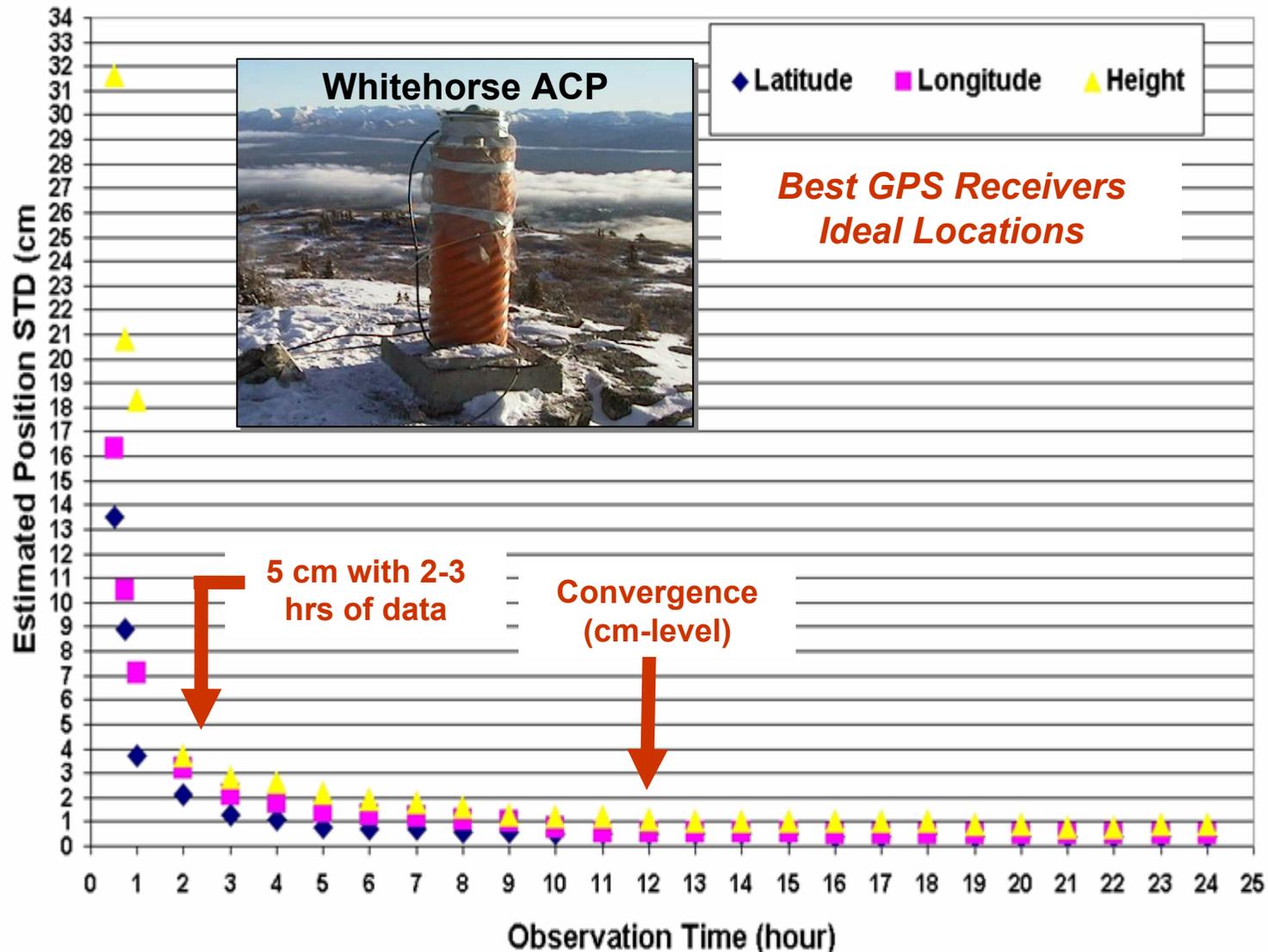
Orthometric Height CGVD28 (HTv2.0): 79.491 m

Software Version: 1.04 246



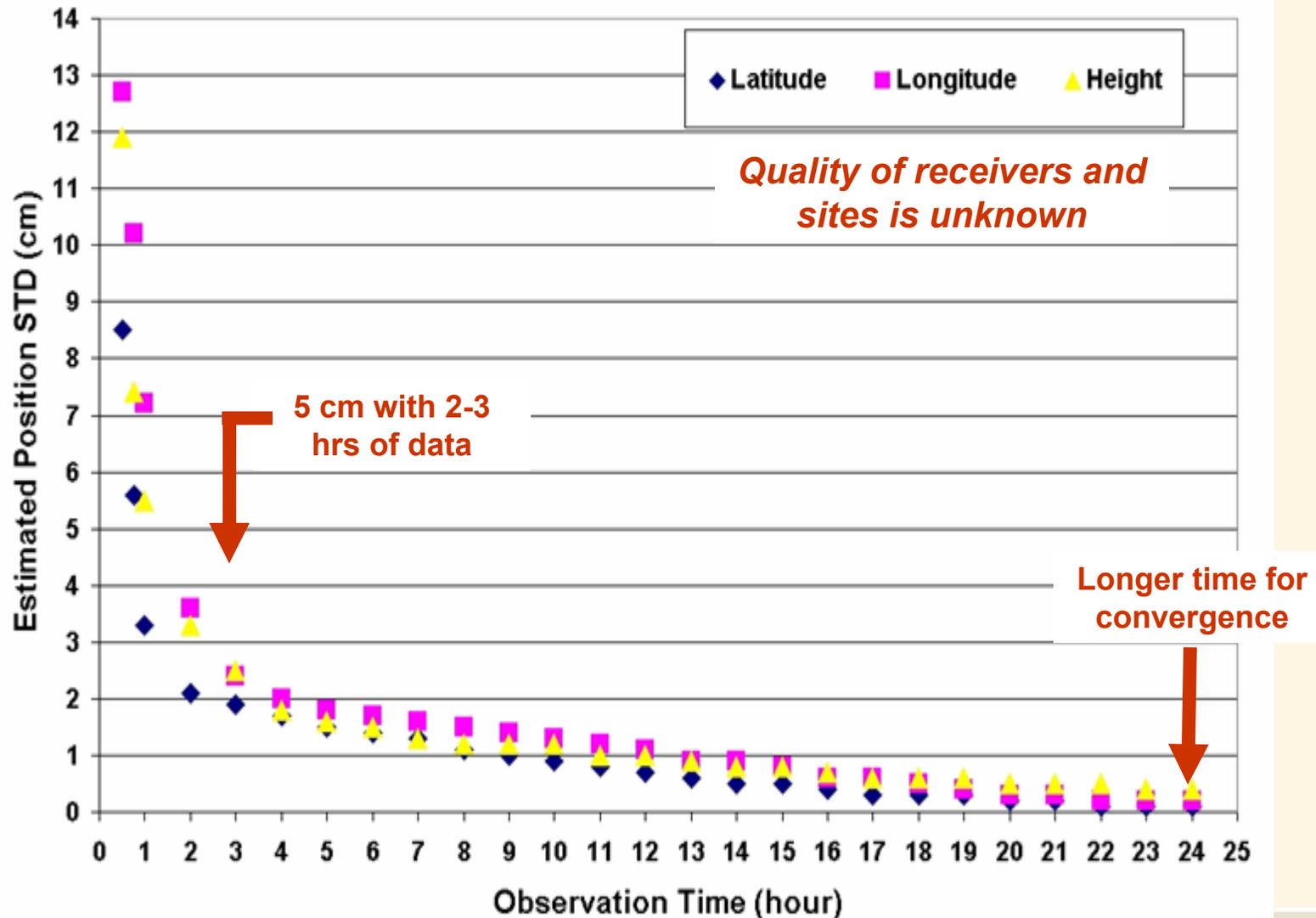
CSRS-PPP (Static)

186 RINEX file from CACS stations – known locations



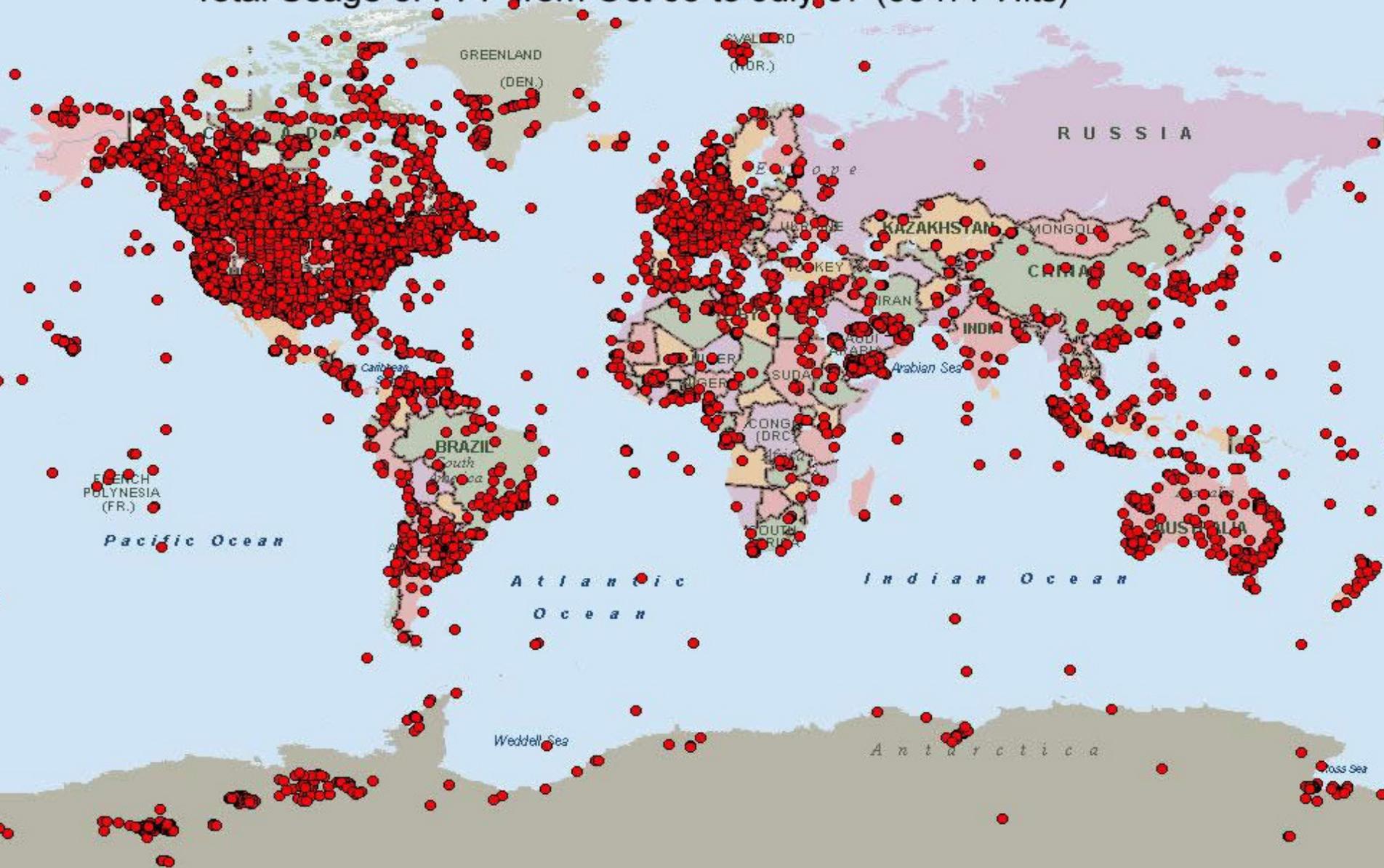
CSRS-PPP (Static)

554 RINEX files submitted by users– locations unknown



CSRS-PPP usage worldwide

Total Usage of PPP from Oct 03 to July 07 (55477 Hits) "



CSRS-PPP

Accuracy after Convergence

Receiver	Observation Processed	PPP Mode	Precision (cm)		
			Latitude	Longitude	Height
Dual Frequency	Code & Carrier	Static	1	1	2
		Kinematic	5	4	10
Single Frequency	Code Only (1)	Static	10	10	100
		Kinematic	50	50	150
Single Frequency	Code & Carrier	Static	2	3	4
		Kinematic	25	25	50

**80% of
users**

- **Kinematic PPP is ideal for airborne applications**
 - LIDAR, airphoto
 - 15 cm accuracy (with inertial system)
 - no need for a base station
- **Commercial GPS software using their own “PPP”**
 - Leica APIS 10



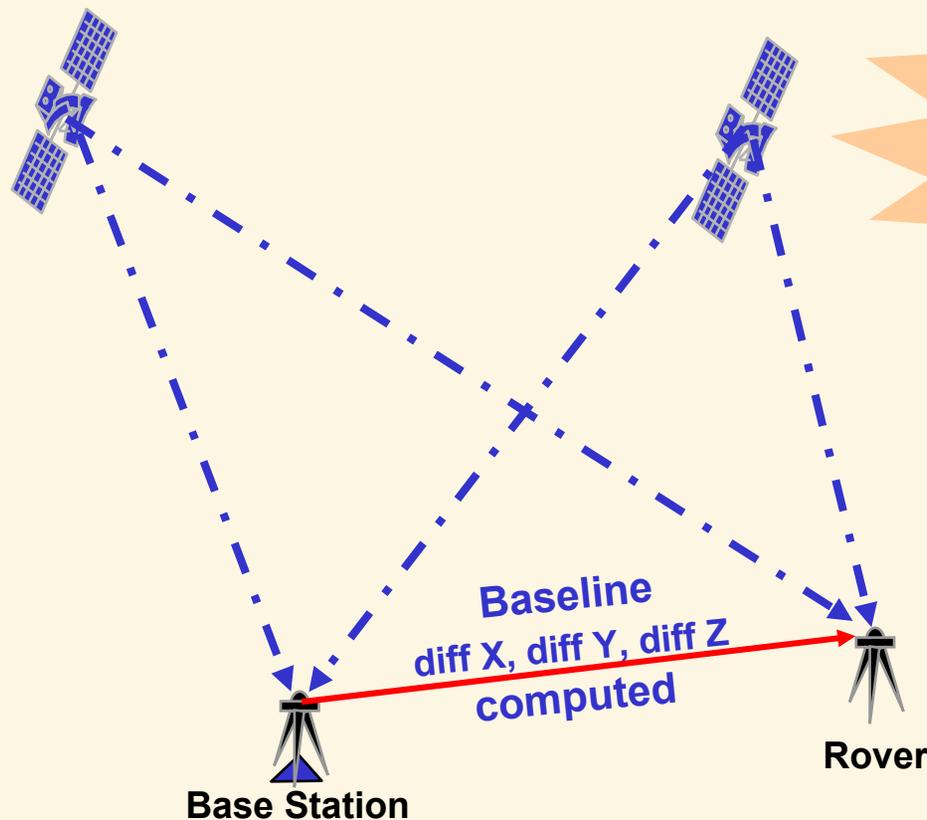
Static CSRS-PPP

- **Test your equipment at a known geodetic monument**
 - Useful graphs in PDF show coordinate convergence
- **Easy to establish centimetric-accuracy 3D geodetic control**
 - Anywhere on Earth
 - Close to your work area
 - Corrected coordinates in **NAD83(CSRS)** or **ITRF**
at epoch the data was collected
- **Perfect complement to Baseline PHASE Differential Correction Techniques**
 - Determine base station coordinates (using **CSRS-PPP**)
 - **Absolute accuracy** of a few cm
 - Do survey (**RTK** and/or **Baseline Post-Processing**)
 - Very short baselines
 - **Relative precision** of a few cm



Baseline PHASE Differential

- **Baseline (3D vector) is computed by Double-Differencing**
 - GPS **PHASE** data from Base Station and Rover are combined in such a way as to eliminate all common errors



Typical precision (rms)

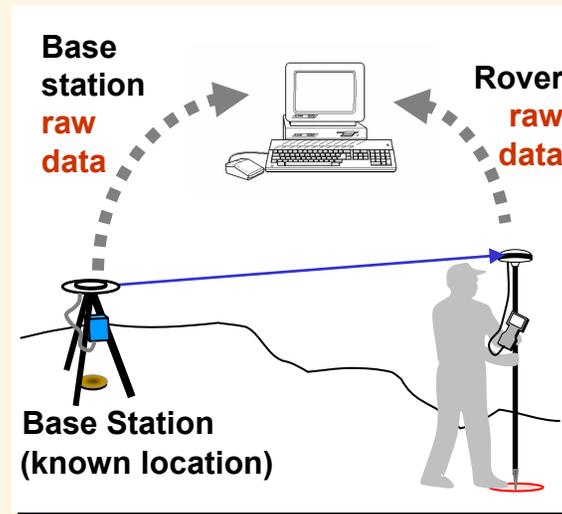
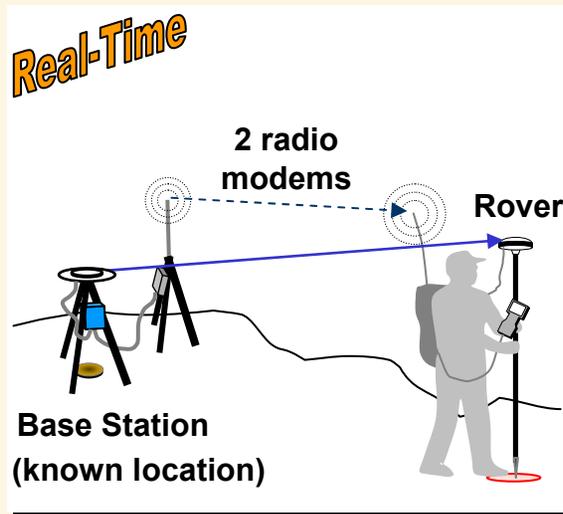
	<u>Baseline length</u>		
	<u>1km</u>	<u>10 km</u>	<u>30 km</u>
<i>Dual-freq</i>	~1cm	~2cm	~4 cm
<i>Single- freq</i>	~2cm	~4cm	

Baseline PHASE Differential

RTK

Post-Processing

Real
Time
Kinematic



- Base Station can be
 - setup by survey crew at a control point
 - existing geodetic control (Fed/Prov/Municipal)
 - established using Static **CSRS-PPP**
 - operated by a Public Agency
 - NRCan: CACS **raw data**
 - Community base stations: **raw data** or **RTK**
 - operated by Private Industry
 - GPS Manufacturer/dealer or Survey firm: **raw data** or **RTK**

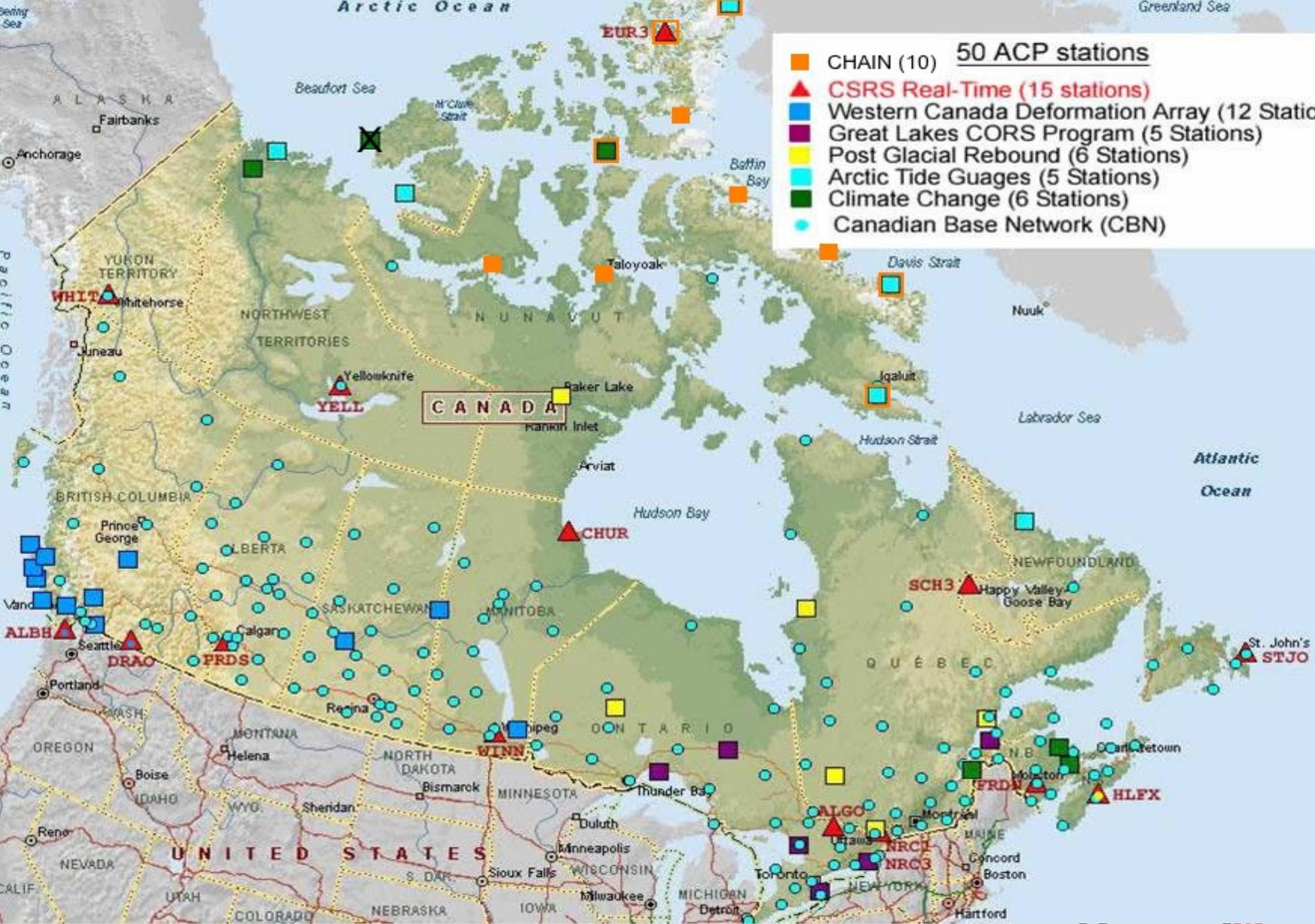
Centimetric-
accuracy
RELATIVE
positioning



RTK Methodology

- **Base Station**
 - Clear view of sky
 - Set it to log raw data
- **First initialization (solving ambiguities)**
 - usually takes 10 minutes
- **Rover will have centimetric precision**
 - **Fixed Solution**
 - Continuous (on the fly) initialization
- **When insufficient # of common satellites**
 - Problem is usually at the Rover
 - **Float solution** (precision of +/- 2-3 cycles) until re-initialization
- **When loss of radio-communication**
 - **Collect raw data**: see manufacturers suggested times (typically 5 minutes + 1 minute per km over 5km)
 - **Baseline PHASE differential post-processing**
- **Baseline length**
 - Dual-Freq: Max. **30 km** (recommended < 10km)
 - Single freq: Max. **10km** (licence-free radio range of 1 to 4 km)





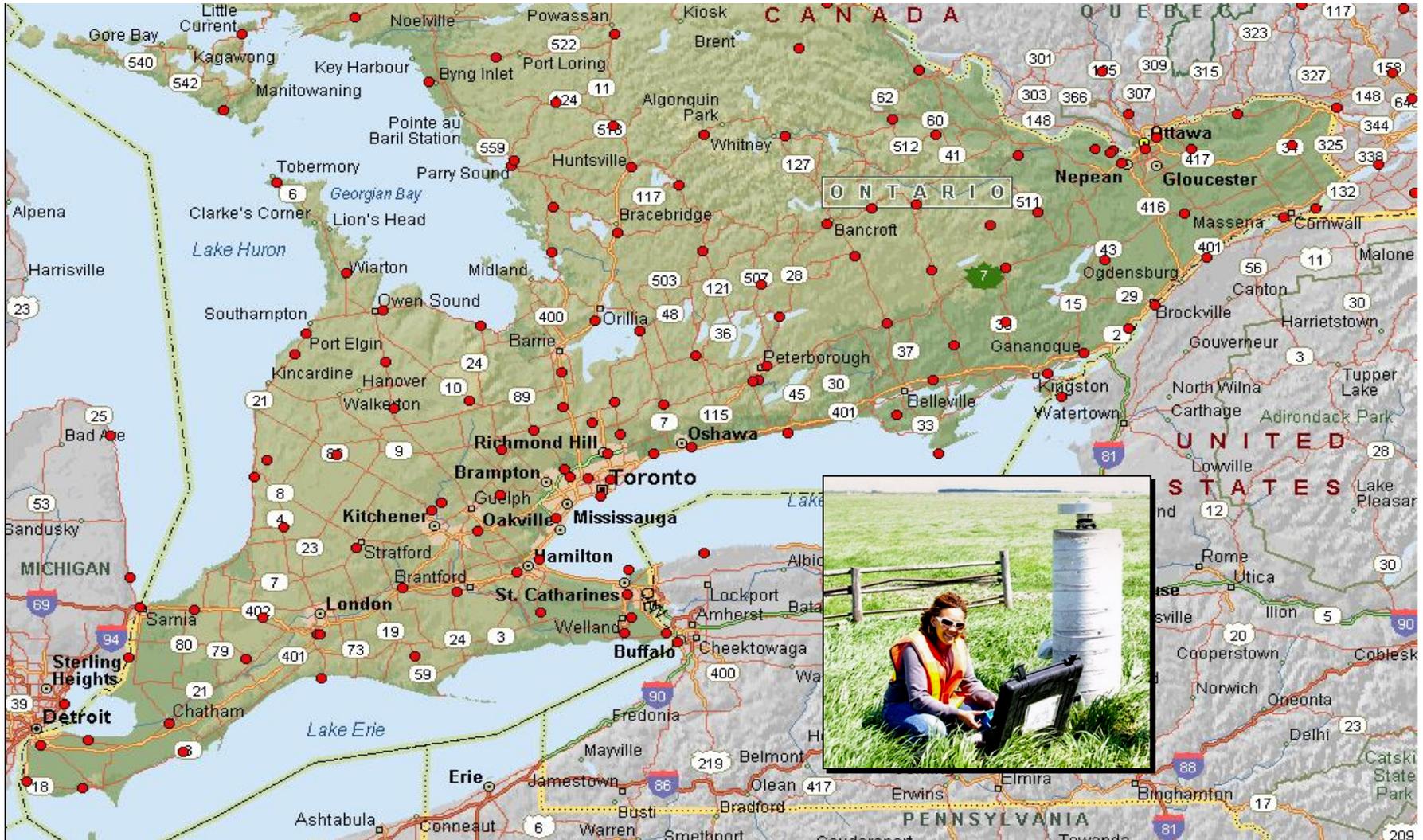
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NAD83(CSRS)

CBN and Ontario HPN (High Precision Network)

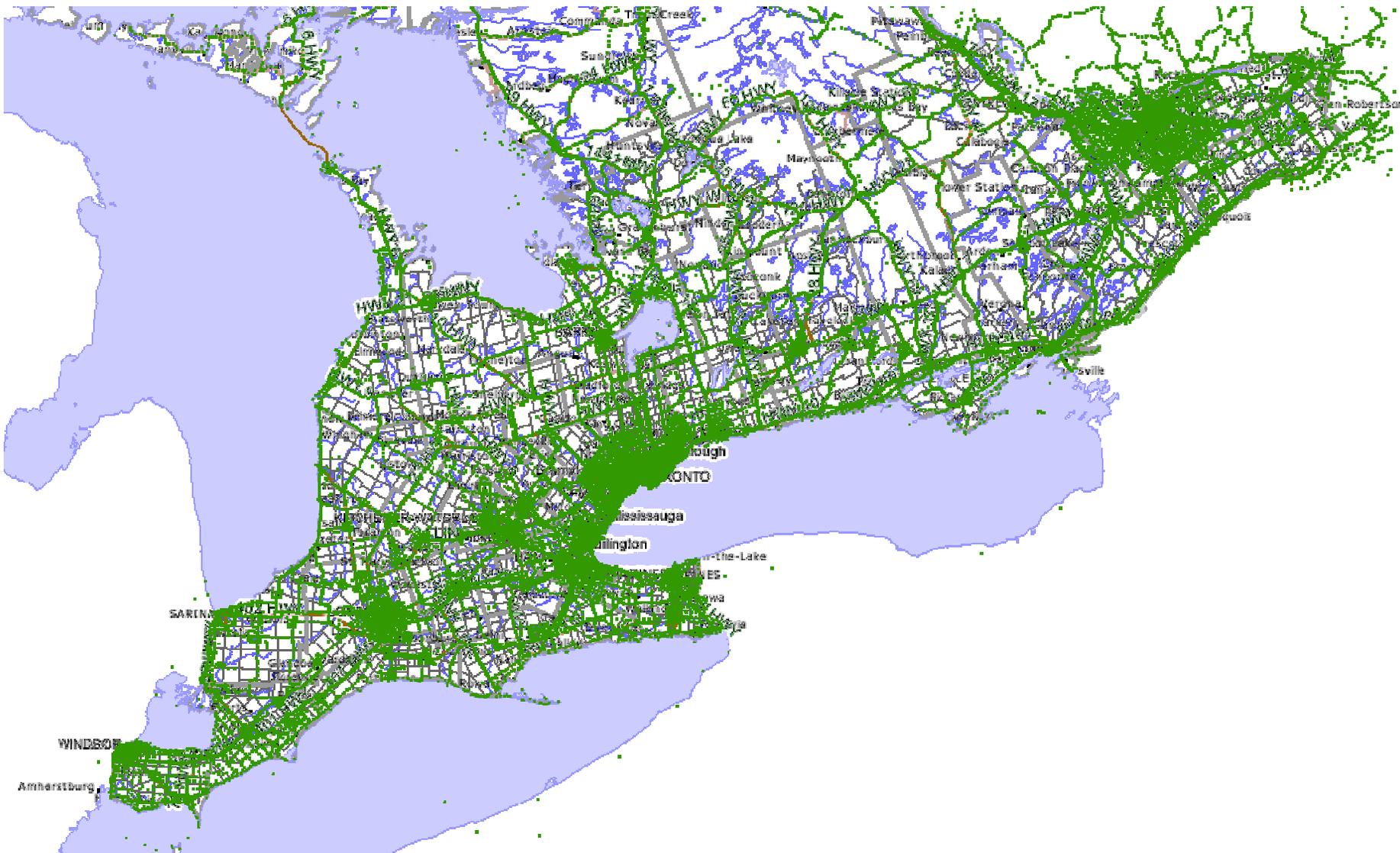


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NAD83(Orig)



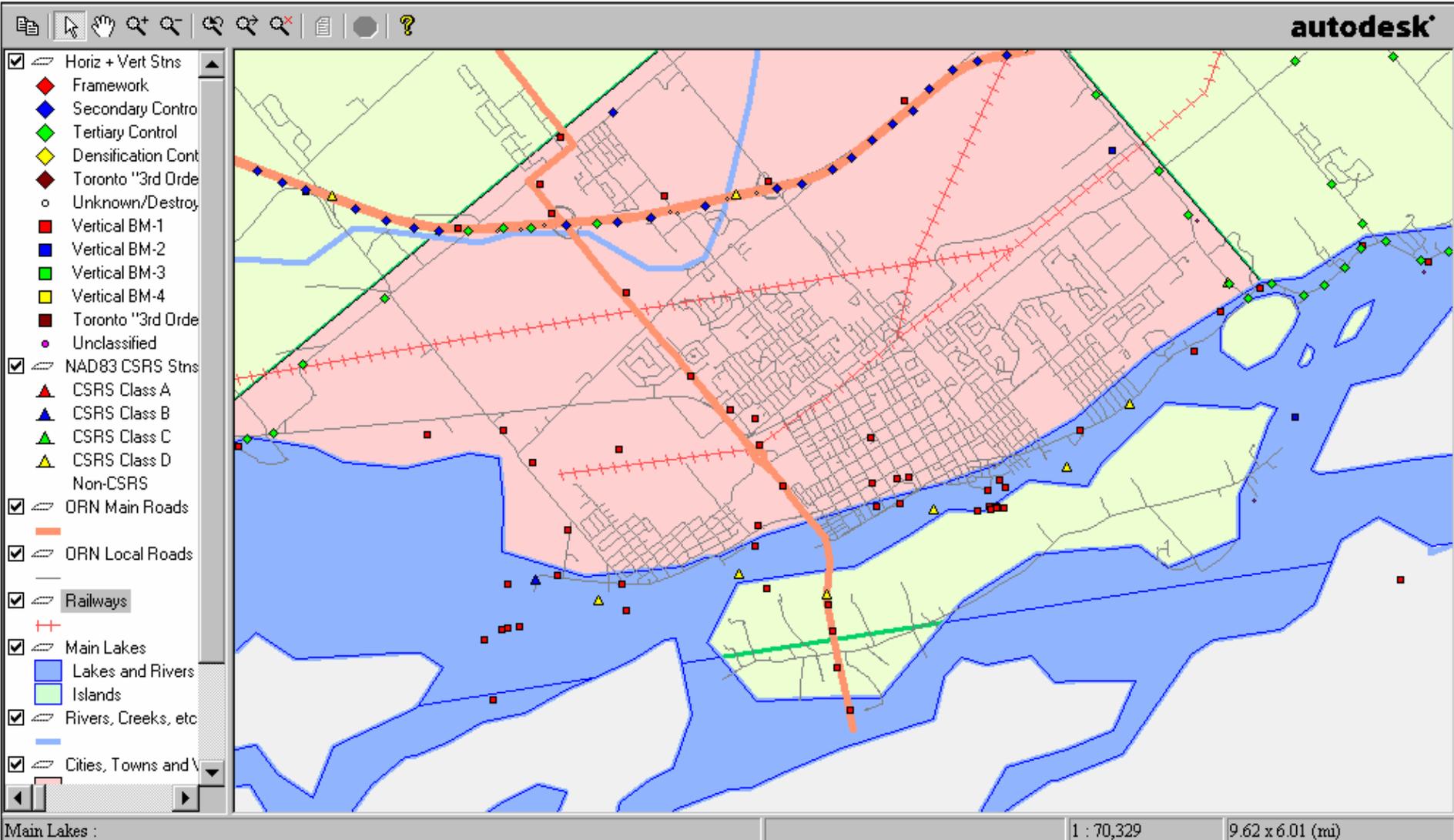
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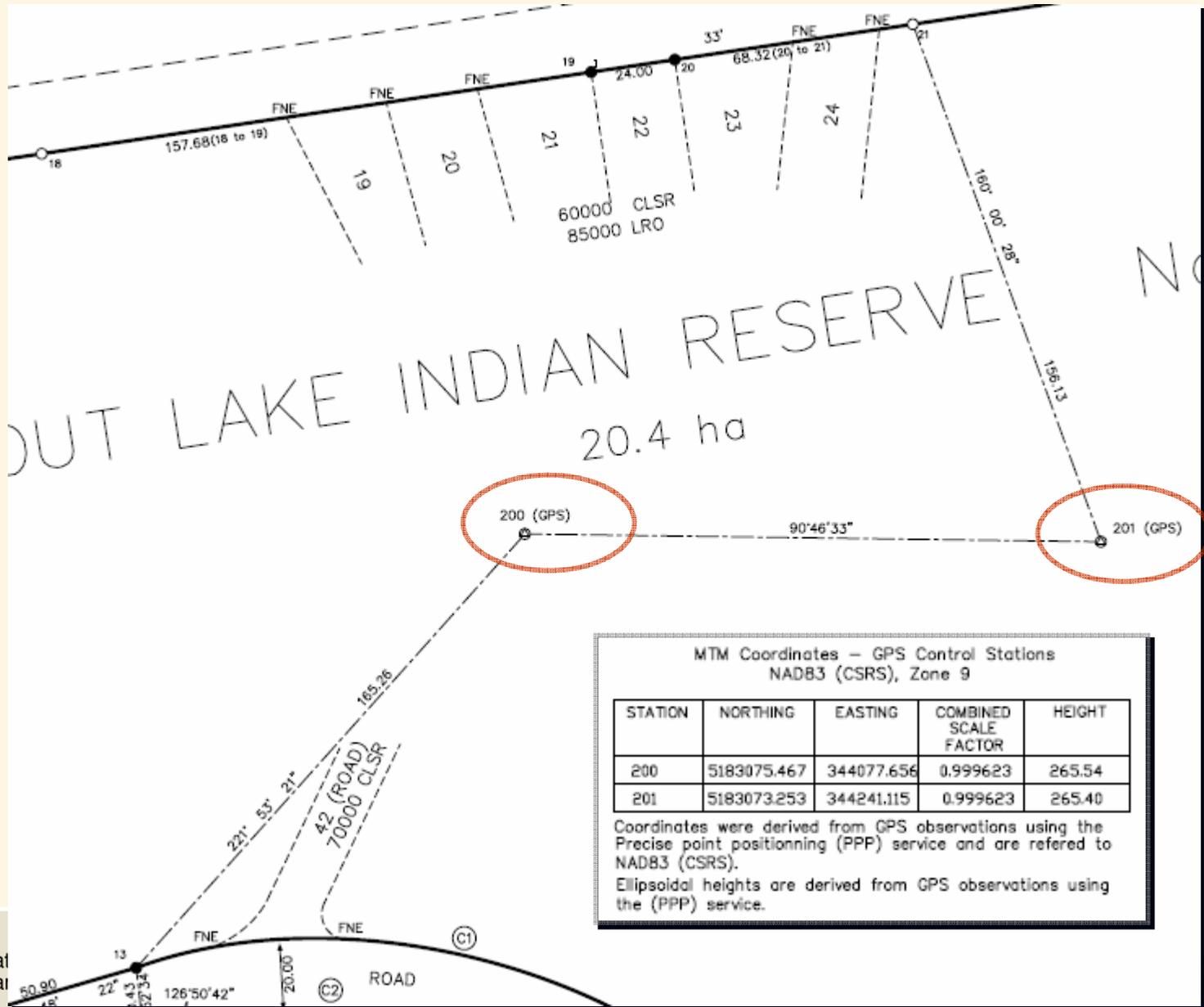
Popular methodology in remote areas

- **Equipment: 2 receivers (dual or single-frequency)**
- **Select 2 (intervisible) points and collect raw GPS data at both simultaneously**
 - Run **Static CSRS-PPP** on both datasets
 - Compute distance and azimuth (GSD's **INDIR** software)
 - Do **baseline PHASE post-processing** and compare with CSRS-PPP results
 - Confirms the CSRS-PPP results
 - You now have 2 geodetic control points
 - One point can serve as backsight for the other (for conventional surveys)
- **Select one of the two points as the base station**
 - Perform your survey (RTK and/or baseline PHASE post-processing)
 - Tie-in the second point for additional verification



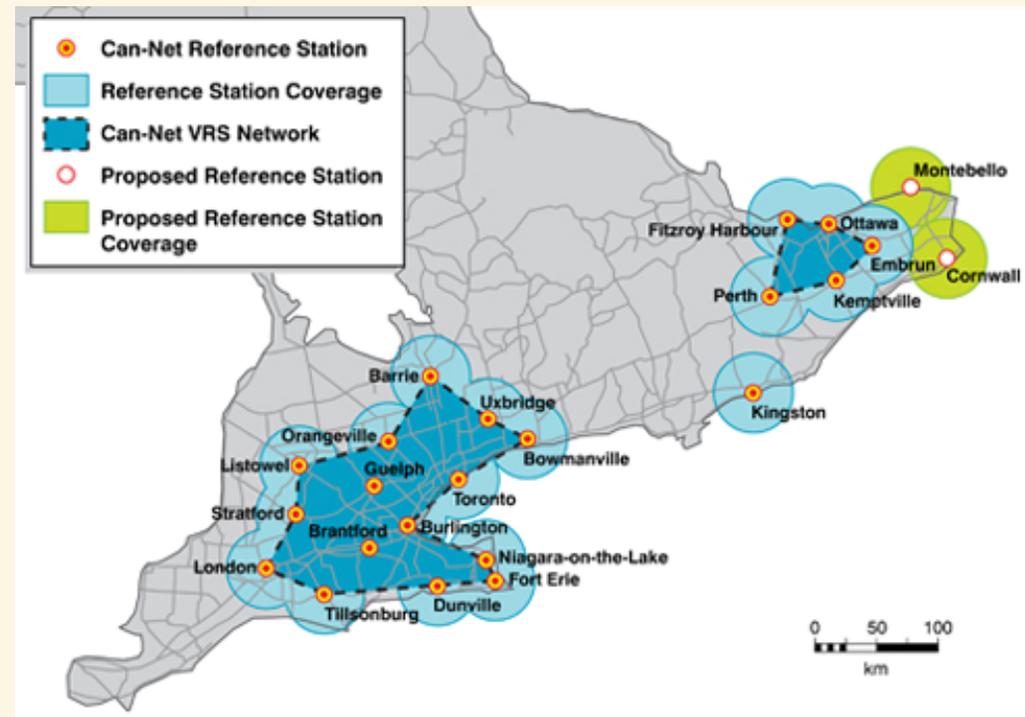
Canada Centre for Cadastral Management

Now integrating Canada Lands to 20cm or better



Network RTK (Can-Net)

- Reference station coordinates are NAD83(CSRS)
 - Checked using CSRS-PPP?
- Rover uses cellular wireless
- Single baseline RTK
- Network RTK using **VRS** (Virtual Reference Station) concept
- RINEX raw data (*for post-processing*)



VRS (Virtual Reference Station) concept

- **Control centre**

- Continuously gathers information from all reference stations
- Performs integrity checks on all observables
- Computes ionospheric, tropospheric and ephemeris errors (by double-differencing)
- Creates a living database of regional area corrections

- **Rover**

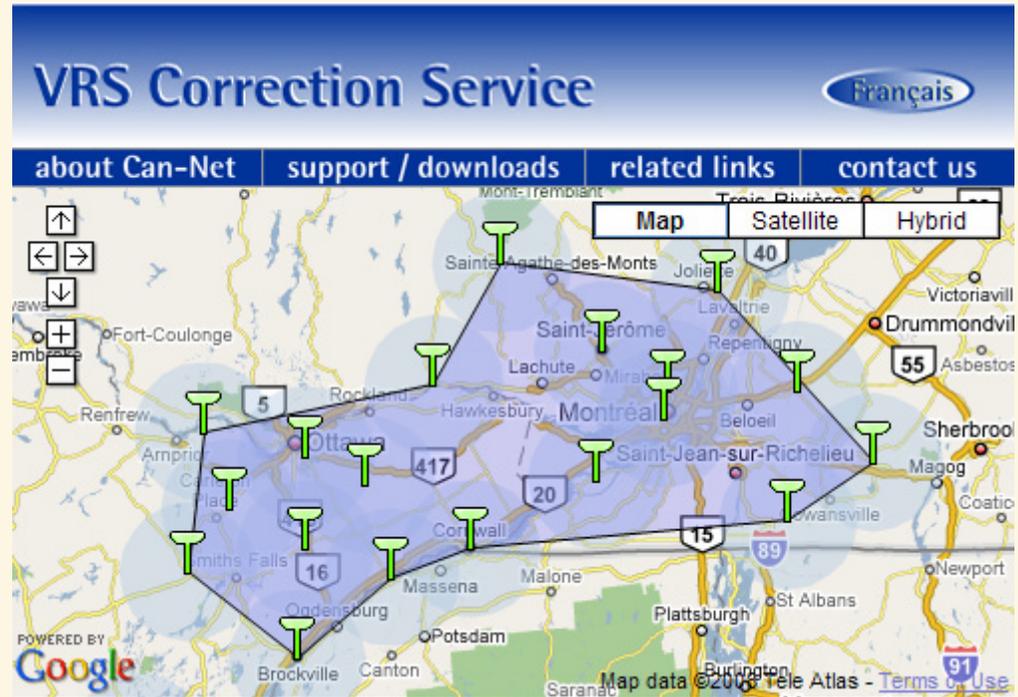
- send its approx. position to control centre
- NMEA \$GPGGA string

- **Control centre**

- Creates a “localized” set of corrections
- Sends it to Rover as pseudorange corrections (RTCM format)

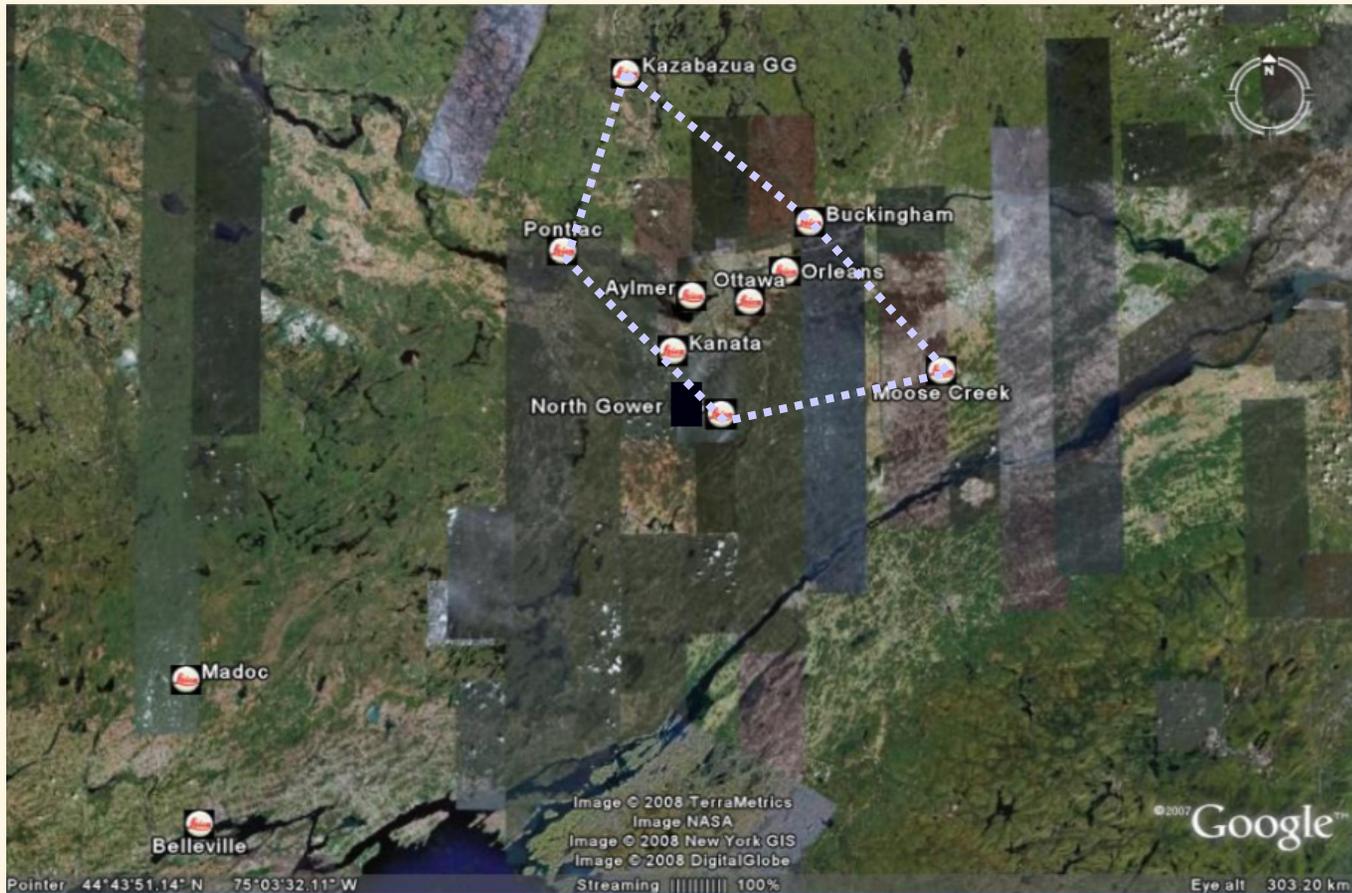
- **Rover**

- applies these as if they came from an invisible reference station located approx. 1-2 m away



Network RTK (Leica SmartNet)

- Single baseline RTK
- Network RTK using **MAC** (Master Auxilliary Concept)
- RINEX raw data (*for post-processing*)



Network RTK

- **How good are the reference station coordinates?**
 - CGRSC (Canadian Geodetic Reference System Committee) currently looking into regulation of Network RTK
- **Can your GPS/GIS software use Ontario grid shift files?**
 - Some manufacturers offer their own NAD83(CSRS) – NAD83(Orig.) grid shift file
- **Methodology recommends Site Calibration**

Site Calibration Notes

It is highly recommended that a site calibration be performed for every field survey the uses CanNet. The CanNet reference stations are tied to the national reference system NAD83(CSRS) and thus may not fit the local coordinate reference system of your work area. Thus a site calibration is recommended to ensure ties to the local/provincial control network. If the map projection and datum transformation are known they should be entered into the project properties prior to a site calibration.

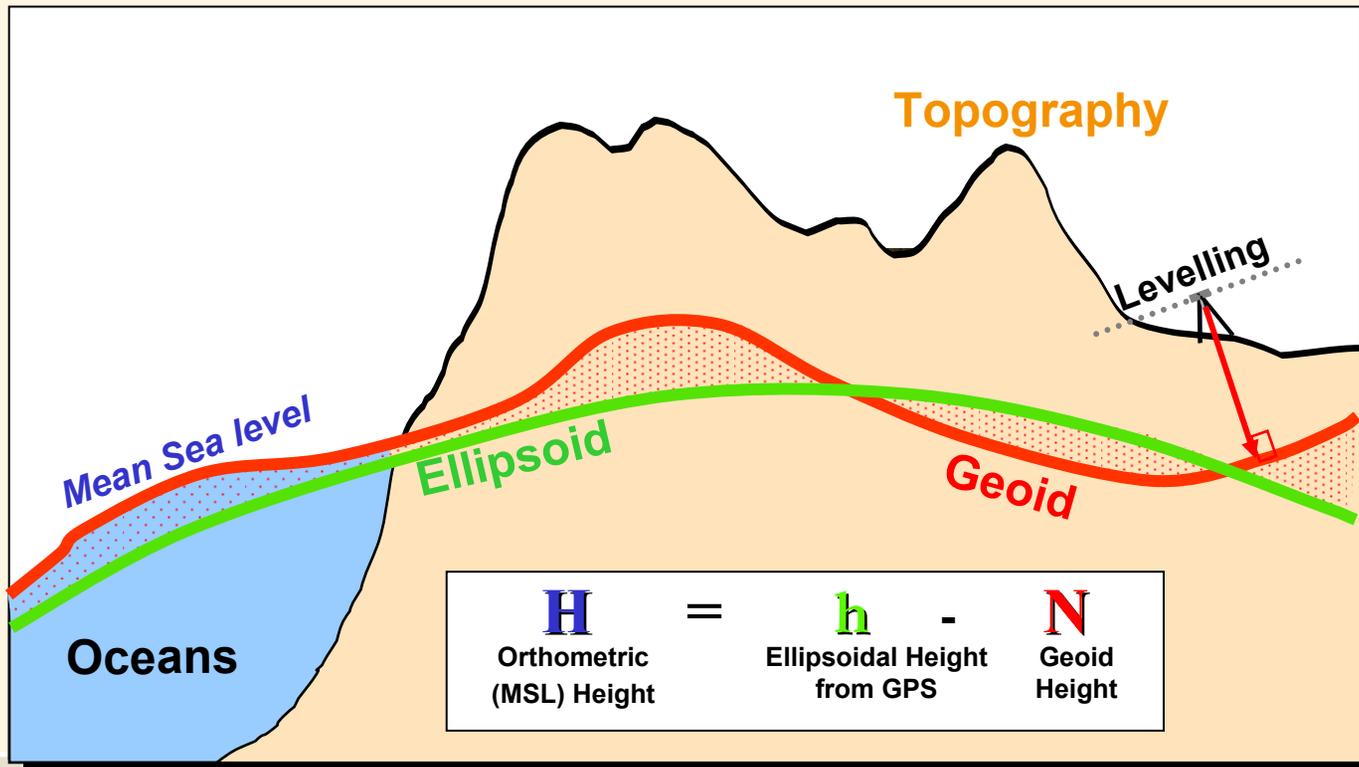
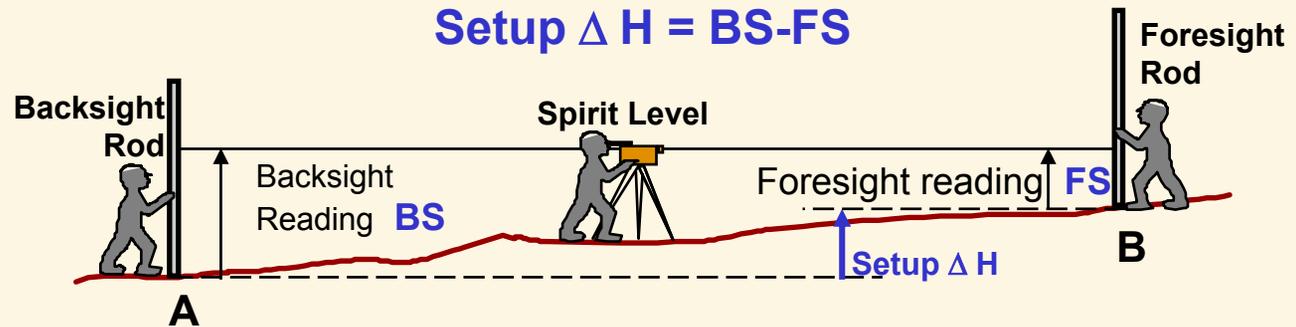
- Important to **not to lose the tie to CSRS**



Orthometric Height Differences (ΔH)

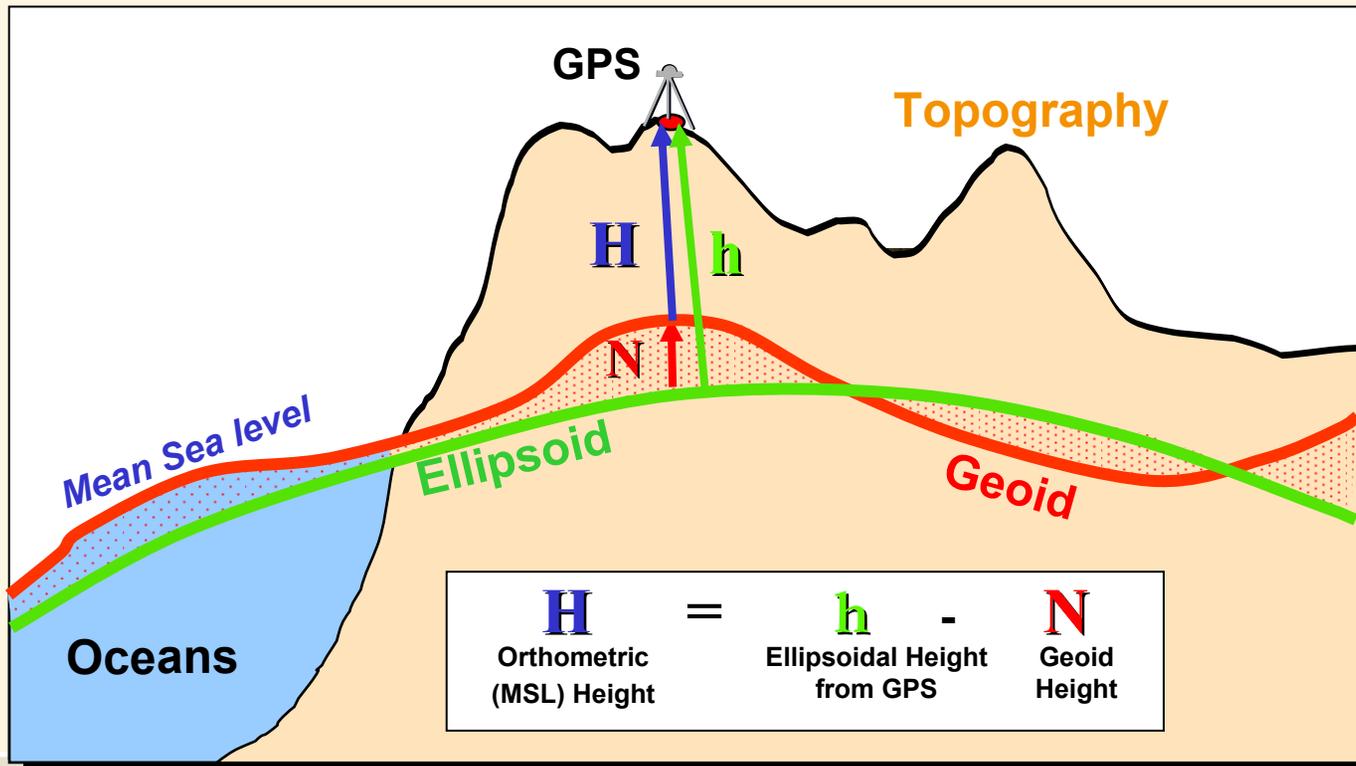
- Most accurately obtained using **Spirit Levelling**

- Costly and laborious but still the **best method over short distances**



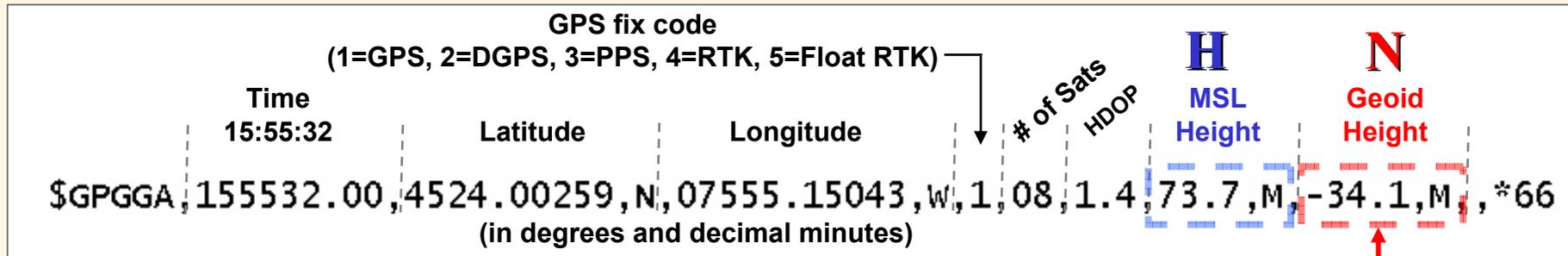
GPS and the Geoid

- GPS determines 3D positions with respect to an **Ellipsoid**
 - Ellipsoid heights **h** are not consistent with Mean-Sea-Level (**MSL**)
- **The Geoid** (*derived from gravimetric measurements*)
 - Equipotential surface that best represents **global Mean-Sea-Level**
 - Expressed practically through **Geoid Heights (N)**



NMEA (National Marine Electronic Association) format

- Ellipsoidal heights **h** computed by the receiver are not included in the data stream (NMEA)



- Your GPS/GIS software should

- recover the ellipsoidal height **h**

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{h} - \mathbf{N} \quad \mathbf{H} \text{ is always in the same datum as the Lat/Long}$$

$$\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{N} = 73.7\text{m} - 34.1\text{m} = 39.6\text{ m}$$

- produce accurate MSL heights $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{h} - \mathbf{N}$

- by letting you enter one Geoid Height value **N** (get it using **GPS-H**)
- and/or by applying a geoid model (**HT2.0**, **CGG2000**, **CGG05**)

From receiver's
low-accuracy
WGS84 Geoid
Heights Table



GPS•Hv2.1 Software

- **Geoid models available**

- Most recent Geoid model **CGG05** (Canadian Gravity Geoid 2005)
- **HT2.0** height transformation (Geoid “adjusted” to the levelling network)

Formats

Absolute accuracy:
+/- 5 cm in southern
 Canada and a **few**
decimeters in remote
 or **northern regions**

Relative accuracy
 (local geoid height
 differences) at **1-2 cm**



GPS•H v2.1 Online Transform ellipoidal heights to MSL

using the HT2.0 height transformation

Longitude Code	<input checked="" type="radio"/> west <input type="radio"/> east				
Reference System	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NAD83 <input type="radio"/> ITRF				
Latitude:	degrees	<input type="text" value="45"/>	minutes	<input type="text" value="19"/>	seconds <input type="text" value="43.4927"/>
Longitude:	degrees	<input type="text" value="75"/>	minutes	<input type="text" value="52"/>	seconds <input type="text" value="01.2046"/>
Ellipsoidal Height (m)	<input type="text" value="83.49"/>				
<input type="button" value="Compute"/>			<input type="button" value="Help"/>		

Results	
Input Data	
Longitude Code:	west
Reference System:	NAD83
Latitude:	45 degrees 19 minutes 43.4927 seconds
Longitude:	75 degrees 52 minutes 01.2046 seconds
Ellipsoidal Height (m):	83.49
Output Data	
Geoid Height (m):	-33.120
Orthometric Height (m):	116.610

