

Challenges of Regional Reference Frame Implementation

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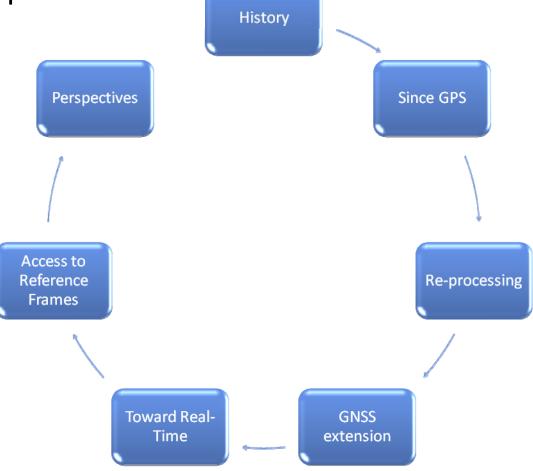
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Introduction

Development of <u>regional</u> reference frames

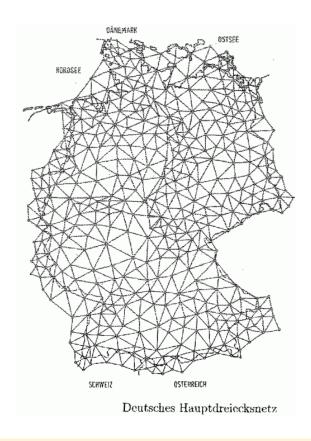
implementation practice

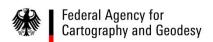




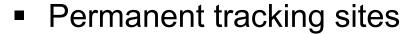
Practice in Past Century

- Renewal of networks within decades
 - e.g., computation of "European Datum ED50" and "ED79" started since 1950

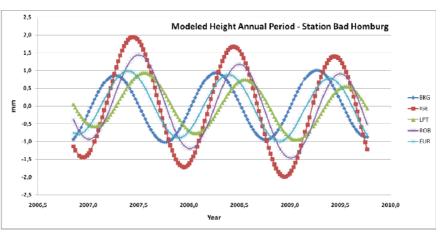




Appearance of GPS

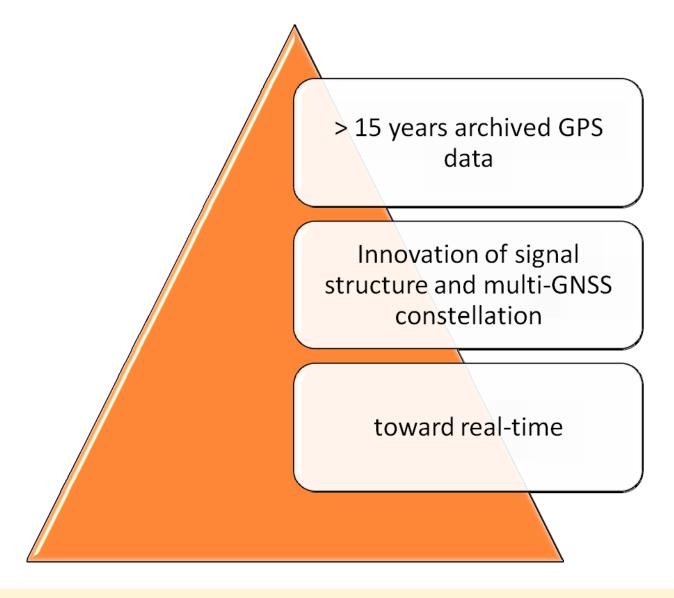


- establishment of EPN in 1995, global GPS sites since 1990
- new infrastructure goes along with networks → GPS sites, data centers, analysis centers, central bureau
- Update of station coordinates at every week
 - "weekly" is core product today
 - "daily" and "hourly" optional for purpose of monitoring
- Generation of coordinate time series
 - station position and velocity
 - long-term stability, i.e., frame alignment and jump detection
 - tectonic movement
 - equipment changes





Today Challenges of Reference Frame Implementation



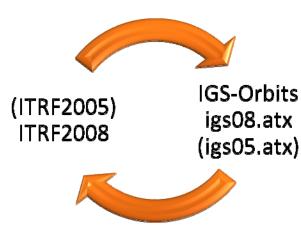


Model improvements

- model changes provoke inconsistency in product series
- antenna phase center variations for satellite and receiver
- consideration of numerical weather models in troposphere modeling (mapping function, ray tracing)
- consistent estimation of all relevant parameters (station coordinates, orbits, clocks, ERPs)
- updated model for station displacements due to ocean tidal loading

Global re-processing

- terrestrial reference frame
- satellite orbits and clocks
- satellite antenna offsets
- iterative process

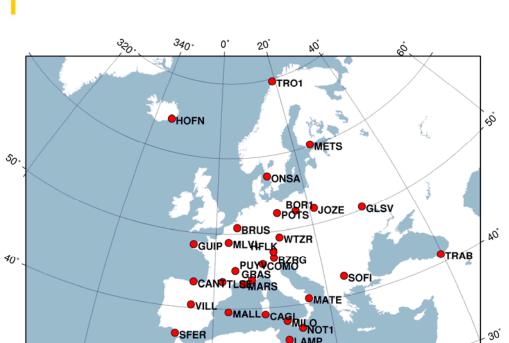




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Regional Re-Processing - EPN Repro1 Benchmark Test -

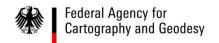


- Select a network of 30 sites.
- Identify a set of identical data (GPSWEEK 1381, July 2006).
- Apply the same PCV model.
- Any reprocessed product is permitted.
- Use the available software to your best knowledge.

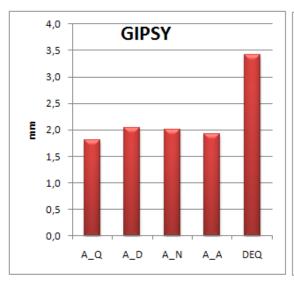
Best case → The results are identical!

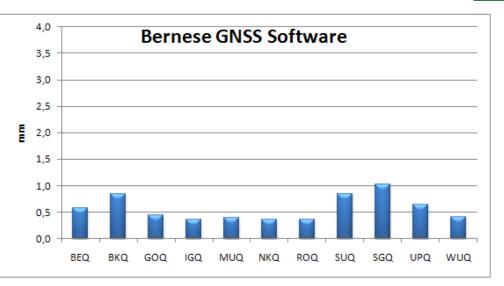
Expectation \rightarrow Differences have to be explained by

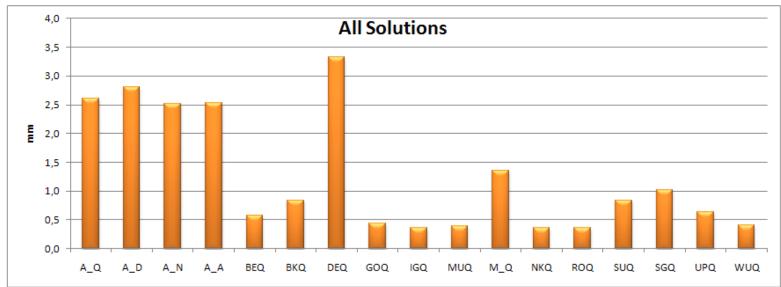
- Different strategies, models
- Impact by the software and the operator

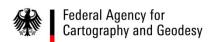


RMS Helmert Transformation (Benchmark Test)

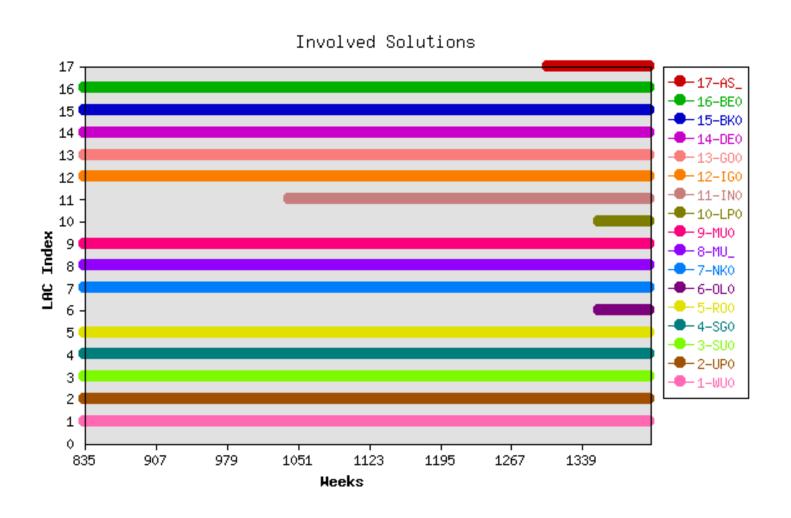






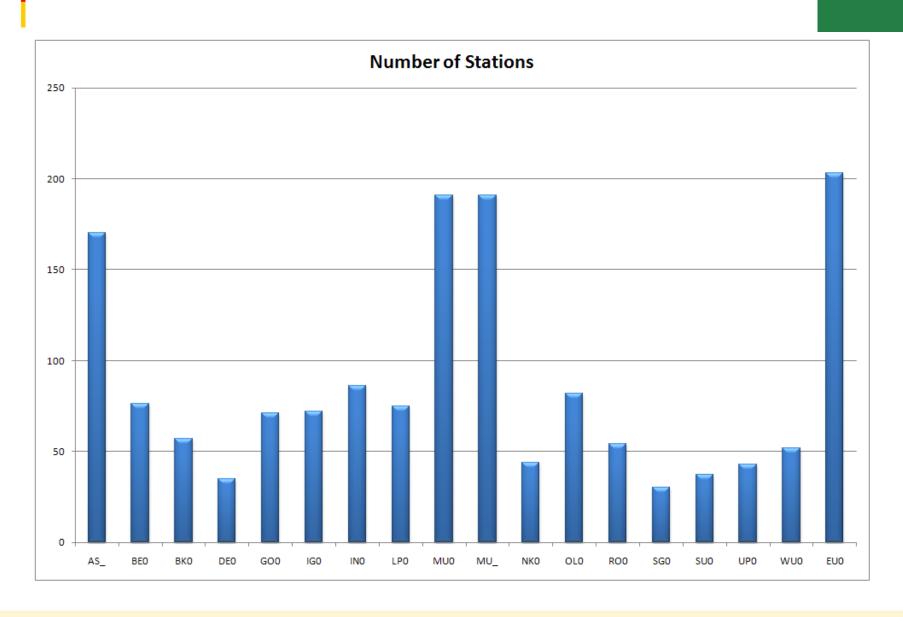


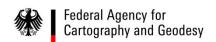
Actually Combined Weekly Solutions



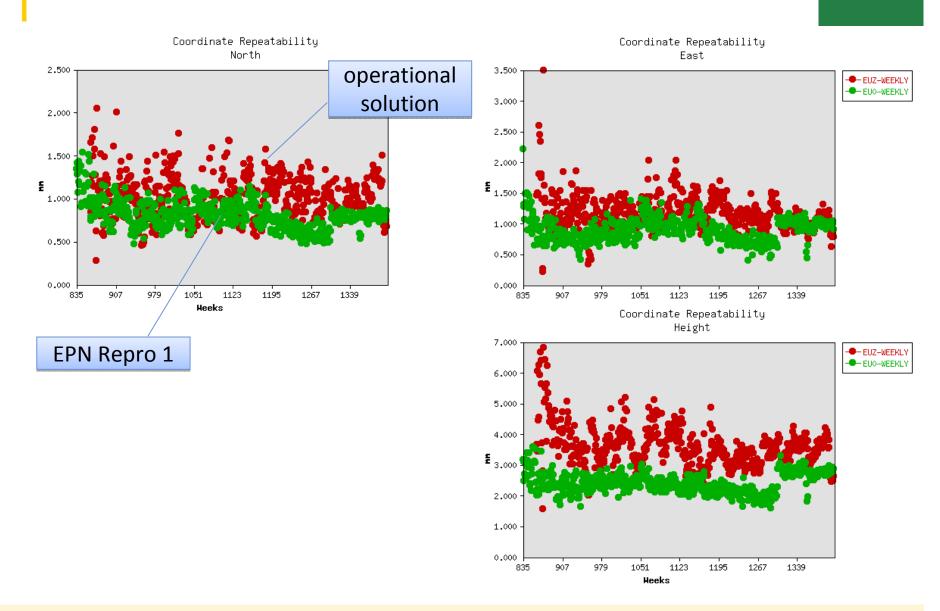


LAC's Network Size



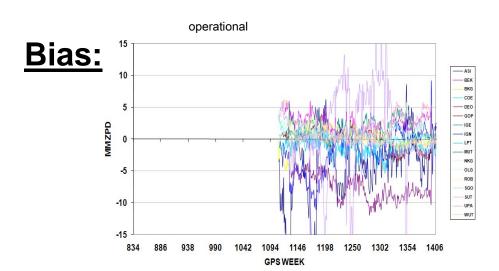


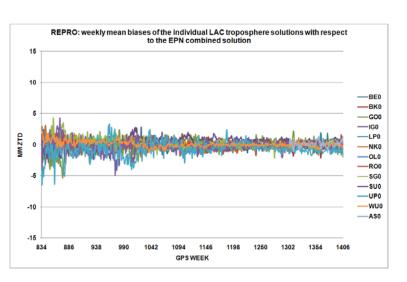
Consistency of LAC Contributions

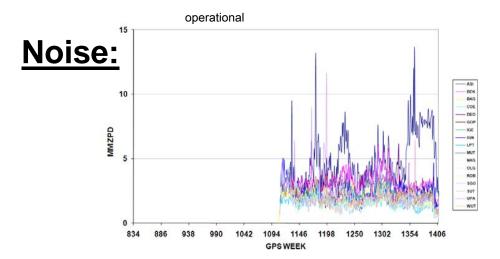


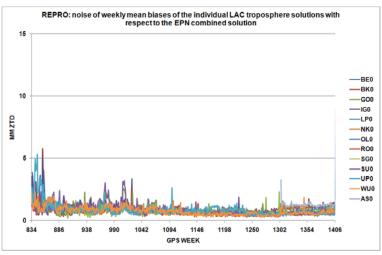


EPN-Repro1 Troposphere



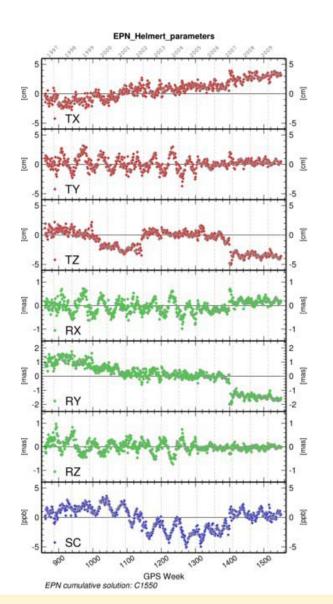


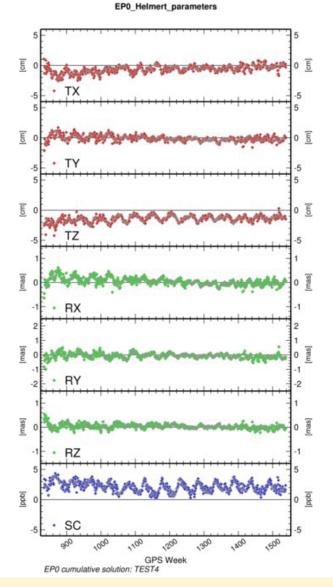






ITRF2008 Cumulative: Helmert Transformation





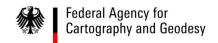


- **Planned Re-Processing Actions** - EUREF -
- Model update of analysis software
 - Analysis Centers using Bernese GPS Software will use version 5.2
 - recent version of GIPSY and GAMIT
- Use new re-processed satellite orbits and clocks
 - IGS repro 2 if available (based on IGS08 reference frame, igs08.atx calibration numbers and IERS Convention 2010)
 - re-processed CODE orbits alternatively
- Extension by global sites
 - IGS core-network (91 stations) proposed
- Contribution to IGS Tide Gauge Benchmark Monitoring (TIGA)
 - re-processing scheduled for 2012



New Signals and Multi-GNSS Constellation

- Add GLONASS, Galileo, COMPASS, QZSS,...
 - is a core issue of ICG
 - EUREF accepted GLONASS observation in analysis since 2006
- Biases and calibration
 - inter-system
 - inter-channel
 - inter-frequency
 - Workshop of IGS-BCWG in Berne, Switzerland in January 2012
- Format issues
 - RINEX 2 vs. 3 (draft 3.02 including QZSS)
 - RTCM to RINEX conversion
 - RTCM HP Multiple Signal Messages (MSM)



Multiple Signal Messages (MSM) - Draft RTCM Standard -

Generate GNSS receiver observables in a universal manner

MSMs are designed to cover

Message organization for

Maximum compatibility with RINEX-3

Universality for all existing and future GNSS signals

No ambiguity in interpretation

Fully deployed GNSS GNSS transition period



Galileo E5-AltBOC Code-Plus-Carrier (CPC)

N:

Observable:
$$\frac{\rho + \phi}{2} = r - \frac{\lambda}{2} \cdot N + \left(\frac{c_2}{4 \cdot f^3} + \frac{c_3}{3 \cdot f^4} \right)$$

$$\sigma_{CPC} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\sigma_{\rho}^2 + \sigma_{\phi}^2} \approx \frac{\sigma_{\rho}}{2}$$

code range measurement [m] carrier phase measurement [m] geometrical distance [m] wavelength of carrier signal [m] ambiguity term [cycles]

eliminates ionospheric delay

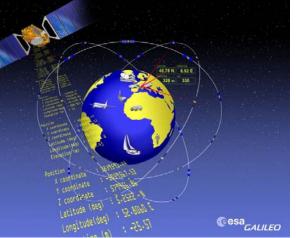
higher order remain

ultra-low multipath

• 90 MHz bandwidth

half the noise of code range

cm level



Reference:

SX5 Workshop held on 18 October 2011 University FAF Munich Germany



Towards Real-Time - The Concept -



- Replace data file by data stream
- NTRIP-RTCM standard format
- open-data-policy



- connected to **GNSS** receivers
- connected to RT processing engine
- connected to users



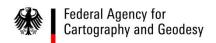
- Client application
- BKG's BNC program
- PPP
- Create RINEX



processing with short or no latency

Data





Solutions of Today

Local and regional RTK-Services

for the most part commercial

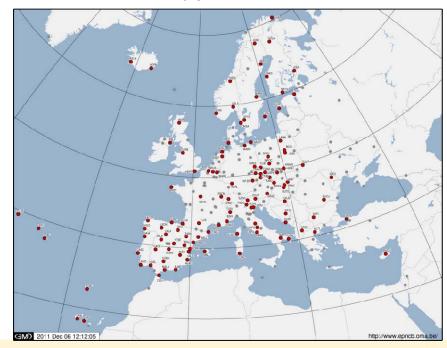
Europe

- EUREF-IP
- Providing real time observation and products

Global PPP approach

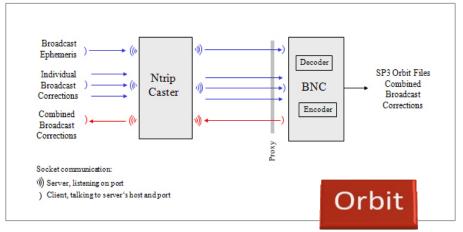
- IGS Real Time Pilot Project
- Providing real time satellite orbits and clocks
- open data policy

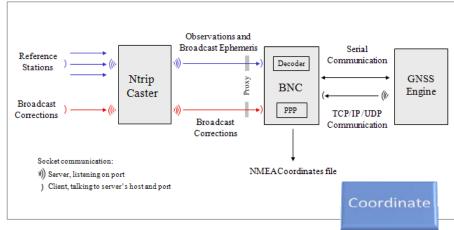
EUREF Permanent Tracking Network Stations belonging to the EUREF-IP network

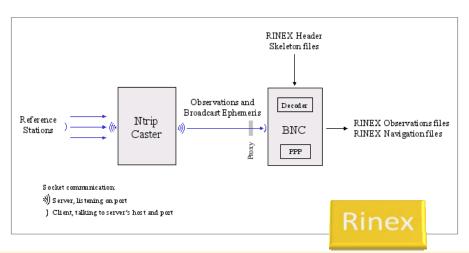


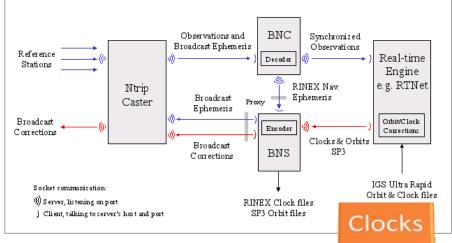


Real-Time Applications - Examples for BNC-



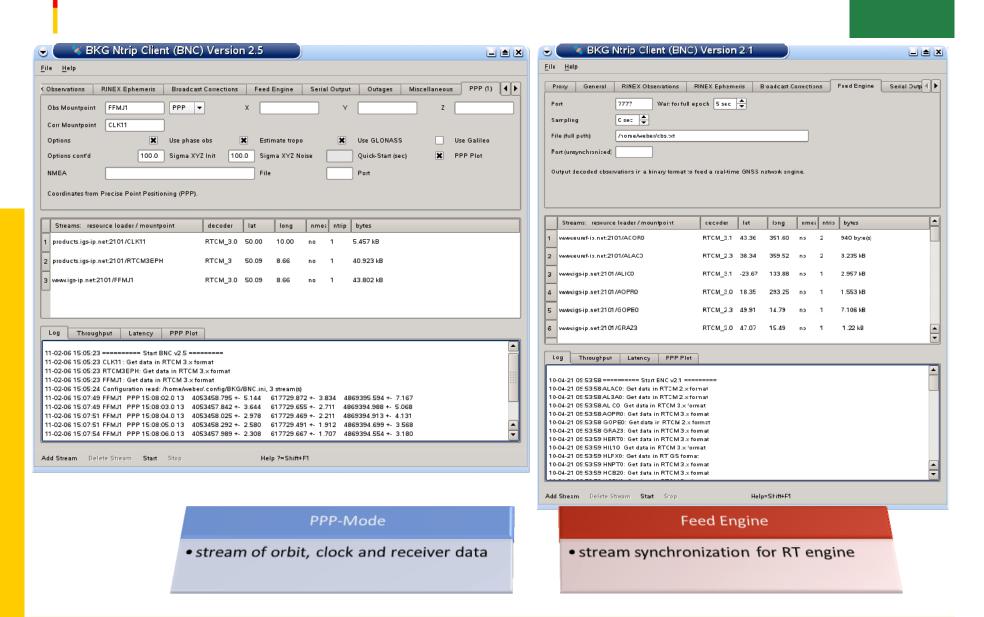






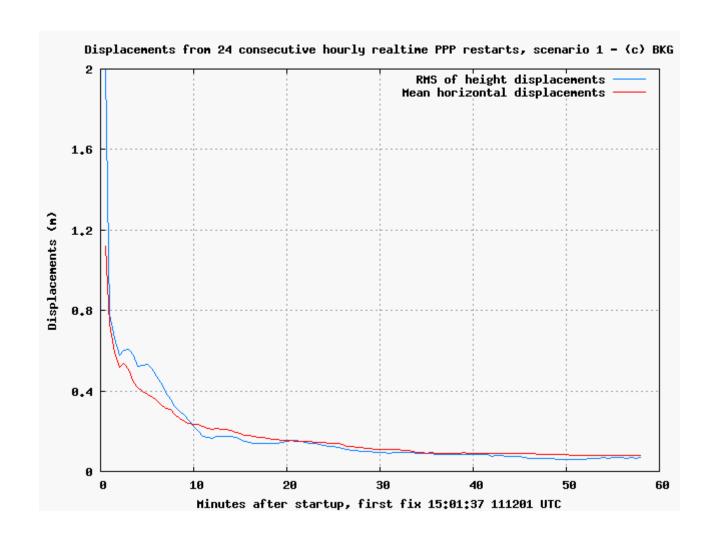


BNC Performance





BNC Performance





Real-Time - Recent Developments -

- Combination of various RT clock solutions and streaming of combined clock product
- Definition of RTCM HP MSM to support all GNSSs
- Definition of RTCM State Space Representation, e.g.
 Troposphere information in real-time
- Ambiguity resolution on zero-difference level, e.g., for instantaneous PPP solution on the cm-level
- Handling of phase biases





Access to Reference Frames - Why fundamental?

Navigation Solution may not satisfy the user needs

broadcasted WGS84 satellite orbit and clocks applied

Existing demand of "cm "or even "subcm " accuracy in a specified reference frame

Augmentation of satellite signals is required and combined with the question, how to access the reference frame in a suitable way



Access to Reference Frames - Fixed Terrestrial Coordinate List -

Reference frame realized by coordinates of reference markers



User selects reference coordinates, e.g., ITRF2008



Simultaneous observation at rover and reference position



Connection to reference frame by GNSS analysis procedure

- User defines reference frame during GNSS analysis
 - easy to change the selected reference frame



Access to Reference Frames - Fixed satellite Coordinates -





User occupies rover position



Receive augmentation information



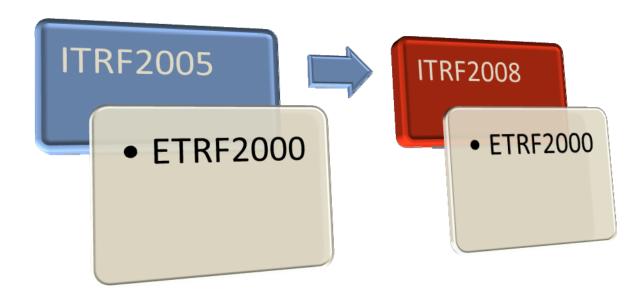
Estimate rover coordinates

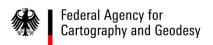
- RTK
 - local
- PPP
 - local or global
 - real-time or post processing
- Transformation into requested reference frame
 - transformation of satellite orbits
 (and clocks) → service provider
 - transformation of rover coordinates on client site → user
- Users like this approach to access the RF



Maintenance of Regional Reference Frames

- Movement of surface points caused by plate tectonics, earthquakes, post-glacial uplift, ...
- Coordinate comparison for 5 epochs:
 1995.0, 2000.0, 2005.0,2010.0, 2015.0
 (ITRF volocities applied)

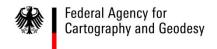




ETRF2000 (1) vs ETRF2000(2)

Epoch	RMS Trans.	RMS North	RMS East	RMS UP	TX mm	TY mm	TZ mm	T North mm	T East mm	T Up mm
1995	6.4	1.8	2.7	11.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2.7	1.5	1.9	4.0	-5.7	1.0	-8.3	-0.9	2.1	-9.8
2000	4.2	0.8	1.7	7.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1.8	0.8	1.1	2.8	-4.1	0.6	-5.3	-0.3	1.4	-6.5
2005	2.5	0.5	1.0	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1.7	0.5	0.5	2.8	-2.5	0.3	-2.2	0.5	0.7	-3.2
2010	2.4	1.3	1.2	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2.4	0.9	1.2	3.9	-0.9	-0.1	0.8	1.2	0.0	0.1
2015	4.0	2.3	2.2	6.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3.5	1.5	2.1	5.5	0.8	-0.6	3.9	2.0	-0.7	3.4

- Significant translation before and after epoch 2010.0
- Trend for translation in height, minimum at epoch 2010.0



Maintain "Static" ETRS89 Coordinates in Europe, e.g. Official National Coordinates

Repeat and re-define the realization of the national reference frame

• Define "lifetime" of coordinates, A. Caporali et al., 2011

Apply local velocities to extrapolate the reference coordinates to the epoch of observations

Mostly not accepted by nation mapping agencies

Apply velocity model of the surface area to extrapolate observed coordinates to the reference epoch

• Determine and provide surface model to the users



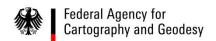
Perspectives 1/3 - Identification of User Groups and User Needs

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- Conclusions for regional reference frame implementation
 - Today's range of products: Approaches from cm/dm-level in RT to few mm in long-term
- High-end users
 - ⊠ mm level
- Science
 Science

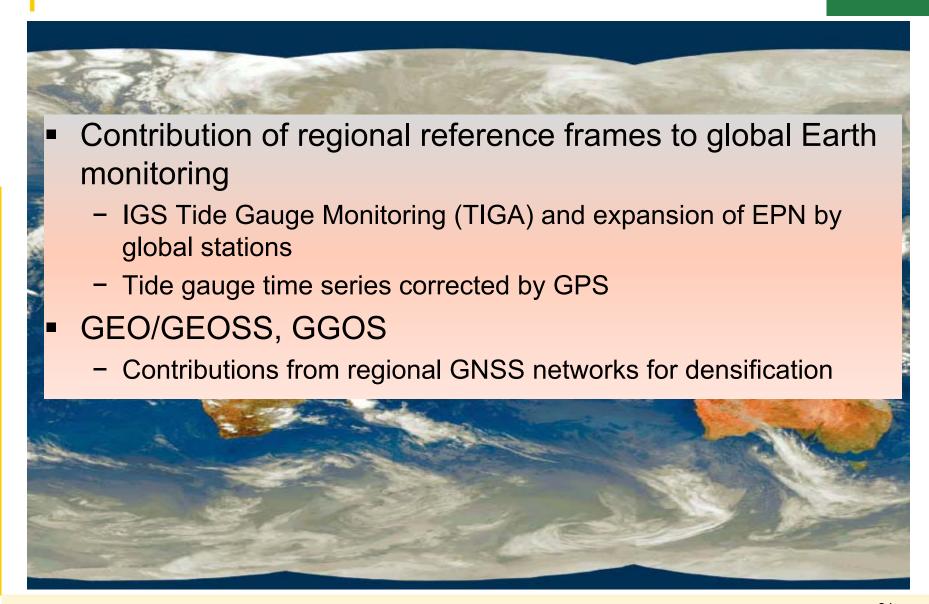
- Mass market
 - satisfied with few cm or even less accurate
 - ☑ GIS applications
 - may request monitoring of reliability, vulnerability?

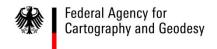


Guide the users to the correct area!



Perspective 2/3 - Earth Observation





Perspective 3/3 - Upgrade the Tracking

- **Networks to GNSS**
- Important to foster developments of GNSS applications
- IGS M-GEX experiment launched
- XXth EUREF Symposium in Gävle, June 2 6, 2010, Resolution No. 3
 - "... Encourages members of EUREF to provide the necessary infrastructure, data and analysis from these new GNSS

developments..."

CONGO network





COoperative Network for GIOVE Observations

- Global real-time tracking network for GPS and GIOVE signals
- Established in 2009, currently 21 stations
- O'Higgins added in 2010

Jointly operated by



+ local station hosts

