



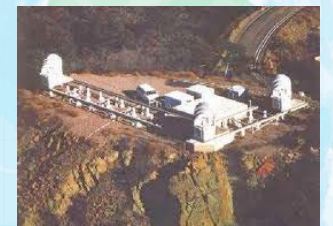
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Center for Astrophysics (CfA)
Cambridge MA USA
Harvard College Observatory (HCO)
Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (SAO)



The Center for Astrophysics

- HCO established in 1839
- SAO moved to Cambridge to be at Harvard University in 1955
- SAO Satellite Tracking Program established
- HCO and SAO formed a joint venture – CfA in 1973
- Research Areas
 - Atomic and Molecular Physics
 - High Energy Astrophysics
 - Optical and Infrared Astronomy
 - Radio and Geoastronomy
 - Solar, Stellar, and Planetary Sciences
 - Theoretical Astrophysics
- Ground-Based Telescopes
 - Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory (Arizona)
 - Submillimeter Array (Mauna Kea, Hawaii)
 - Magellan Telescopes (Cerra Las Campanas, Chile)
 - South Pole Telescope
- Space-Based Telescopes
 - Chandra
 - Spitzer





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Focus Area: Space Geodesy



- 1968** **Joined SAO as a Scientist, Satellite Tracking Program**
- 1971/2** **Visiting Scientist at NASA Headquarters (Office of Geodetic Satellites)**
- 1972** **Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (SAO and HCO) organized**
- 1972-83** **Chief, SAO Satellite Tracking Network**
- 1984 -** **Special Project Consultant, NASA Space Geodesy Program Crustal Dynamics Program**
NASA Representative to WEGENER
- 1987-2005** **Program Manager, Infrared-Optical Telescope Array (IOTA)**
- 1998-01** **Secretary, Central Bureau, IAG International Laser Ranging Service**
- 2001-** **Director, Central Bureau, IAG International Laser Ranging Service**
- 2004-09** **Member Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS) Executive Committee**
Lead for GGOS Working Group for Ground Networks and Communications
- 2009 -** **Director, GGOS Bureau for Networks and Communication/Networks and Observations**





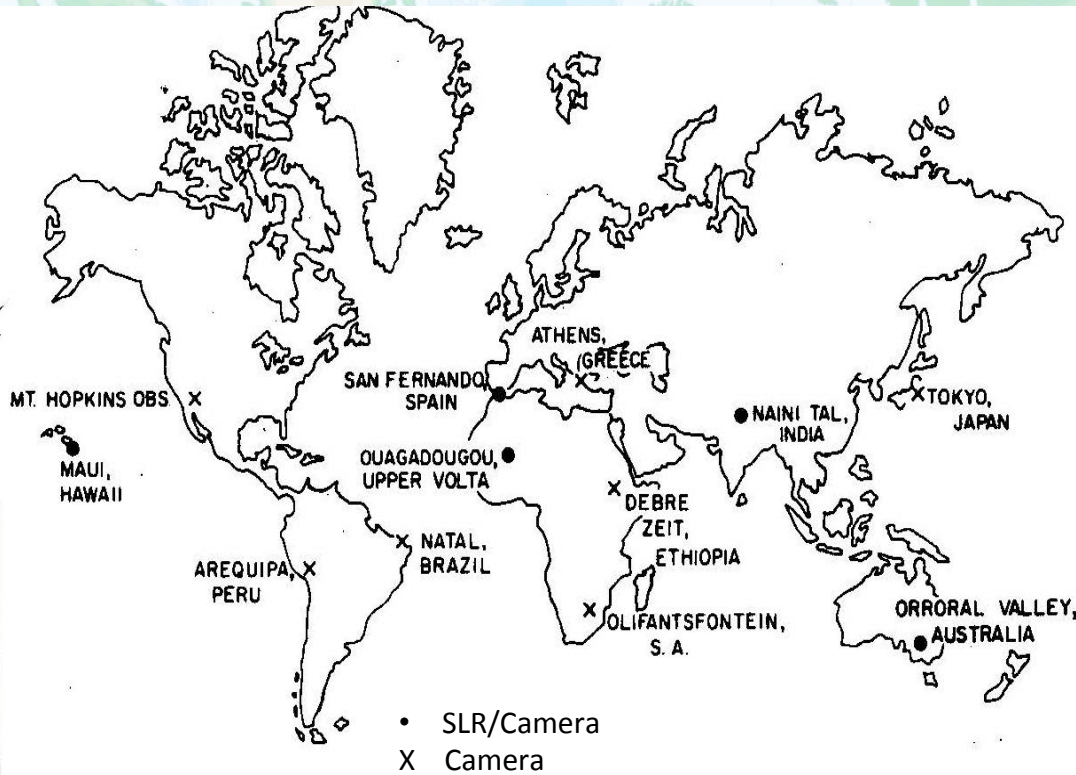
Satellite Tracking Program

SAO and Partner SLR and BN Camera Network



Moonwatch Network

Baker –Nunn Camera



Original SAO SLR

SAO Production SLR

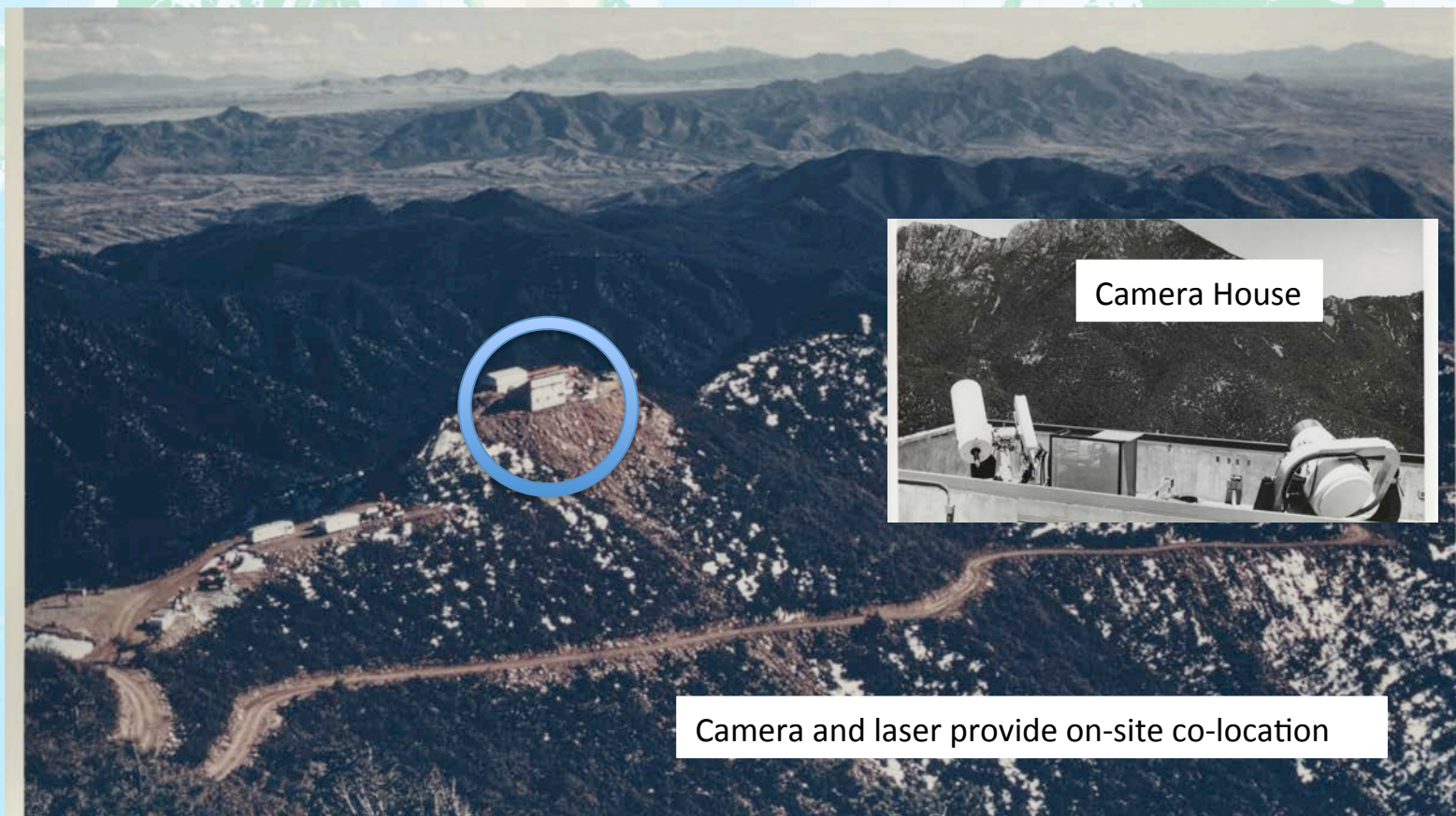


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Mt. Hopkins (Arizona) Station

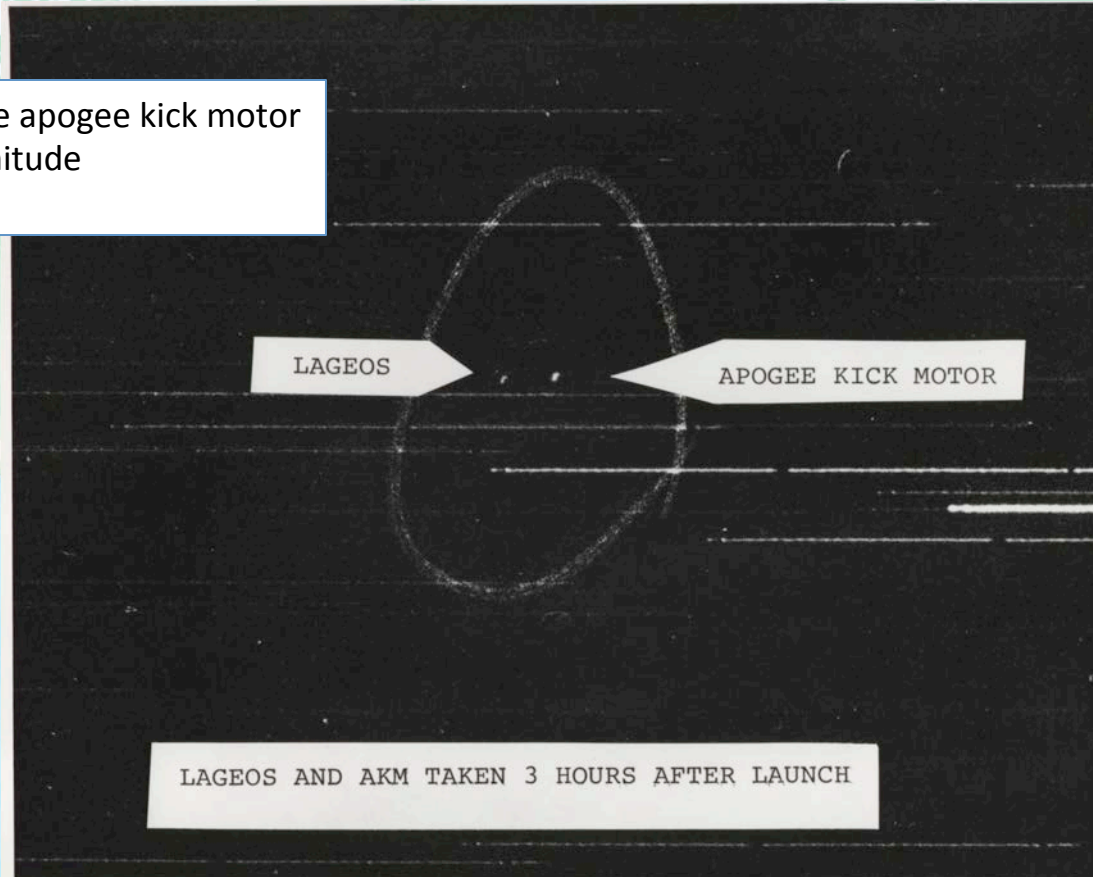
Primary Research and Development Site at 7600'





Lageos I BN Photo after Launch taken from Maui

- With 4th stage apogee kick motor
- 12 – 13 magnitude
- May 4, 1976





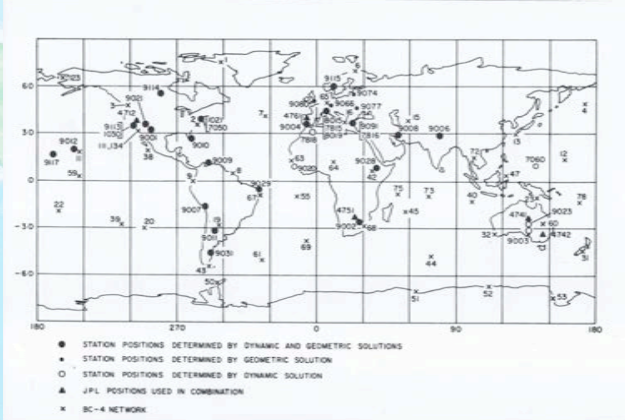
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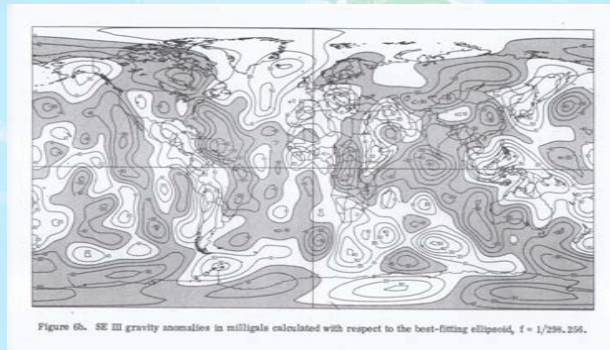
Harvard-Smithsonian
Center for Astrophysics



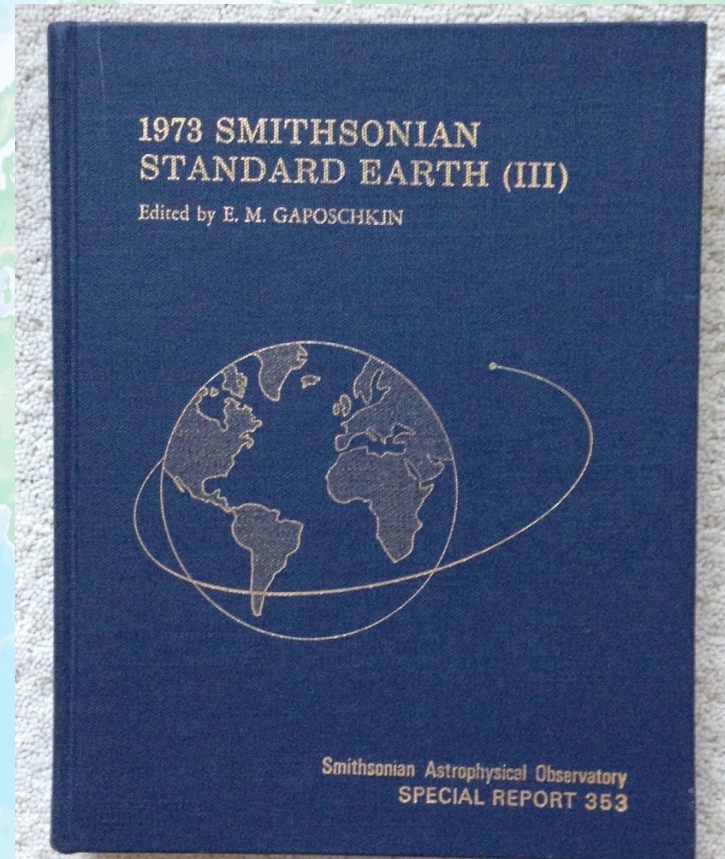
Smithsonian Standard Earth



Fiducial Networks



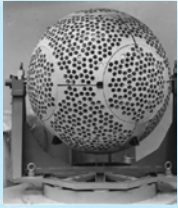
Gravity Field



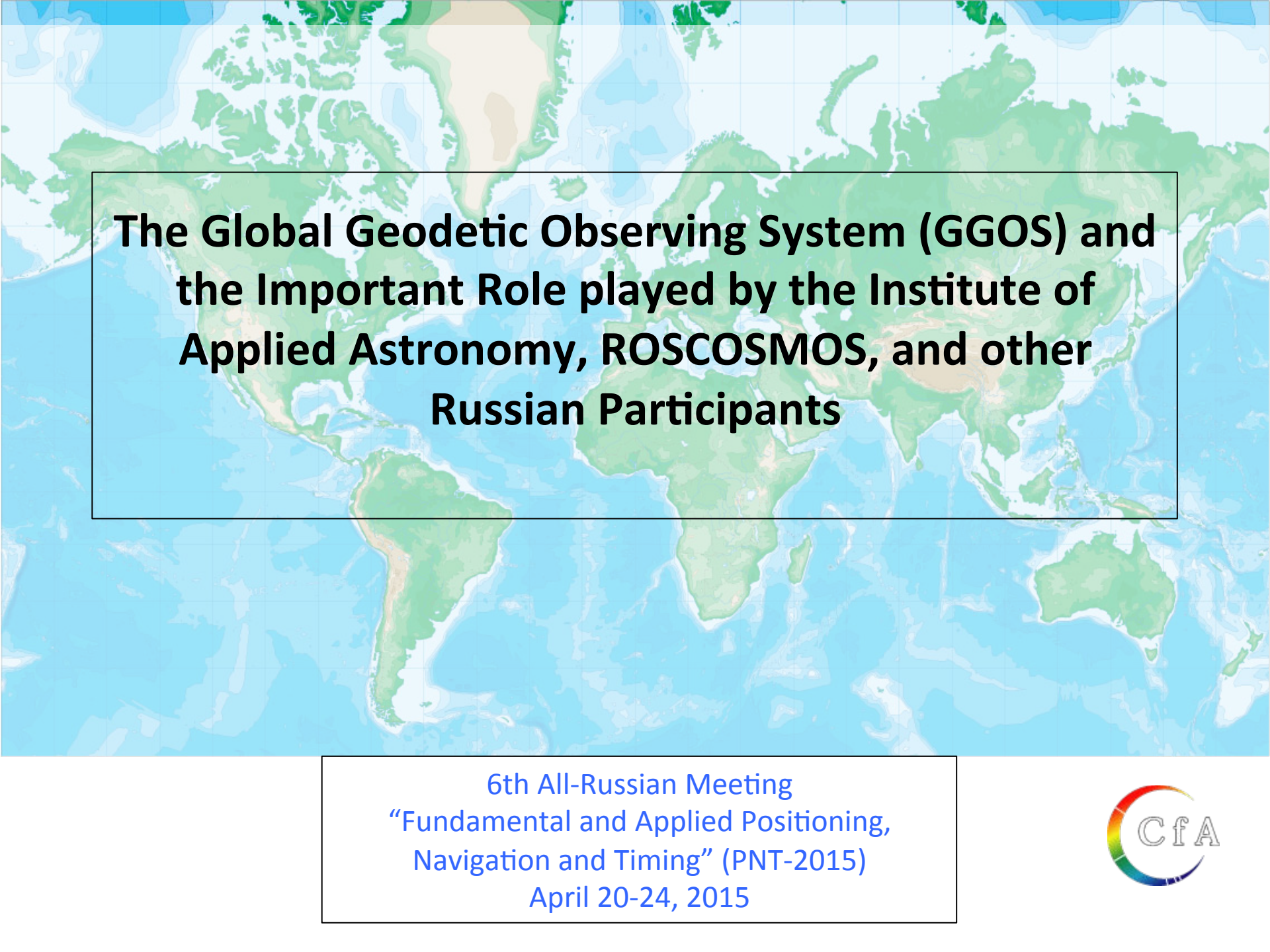


Cooperation through the Years

- Meetings between Fred Whipple and Alla Messevich prior to launch of Sputnik
- Early tracking programs on Sputnik
- Early Campaigns on Beacon, GEOS, Diademe, etc.
- ISAGEX and EPSOC Campaign
- Helwan SLR Station
- VLBI/IVS Programs
- CSTG
- Etalon Satellites
- ILRS Network and Analysis (AWG)
- GGOS
 - IAA and ROSCOSMOS membership in the GGOS Network
 - IAA membership GGOS InterAgency Committee (Charter Member)
 - IAA and ROSCOSMOS participation in LARGE (GNSS) Project



And many others

A world map with a light blue and green color scheme, showing continents and oceans. A black rectangular box is overlaid on the map, containing the main title text.

**The Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS) and
the Important Role played by the Institute of
Applied Astronomy, ROSCOSMOS, and other
Russian Participants**

6th All-Russian Meeting
“Fundamental and Applied Positioning,
Navigation and Timing” (PNT-2015)
April 20-24, 2015





Space Geodesy Provides a Suite of Ground-based Metric Tools for Studying the Dynamics of the Earth System



VLBI



SLR



GNSS



DORIS



Tide Gauge/GNSS

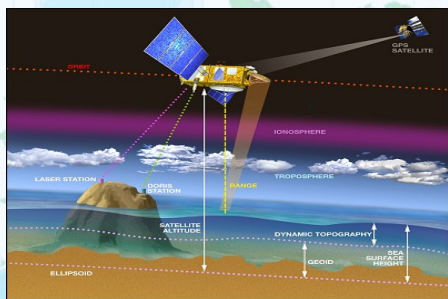


Gravimeters



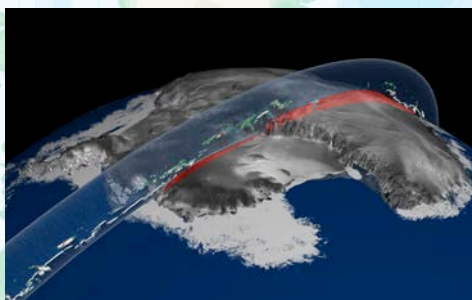
Space Geodesy Provides Space Base Metric Tools for Studying the Dynamics of the Earth System

TOPEX/Poseidon



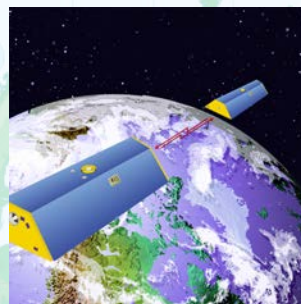
Satellite radar altimetry measures topography of ocean surfaces

IceSAT



Satellite Laser altimetry measures the topography of ice surfaces

GRACE

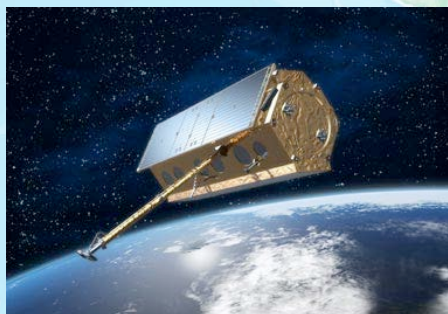


Gravity Field Missions map the gravity field structure that reflect the distribution or mass

GOCE



TerraSAR-X



Synthetic aperture radar captures new high-quality radar images of the Earth

Tandem-X



Stereo viewing to provide a consistent global Digital Elevation Model

ERS 1/2 and Envisat



InSAR gives us maps of change over time

COSMIC Constellation

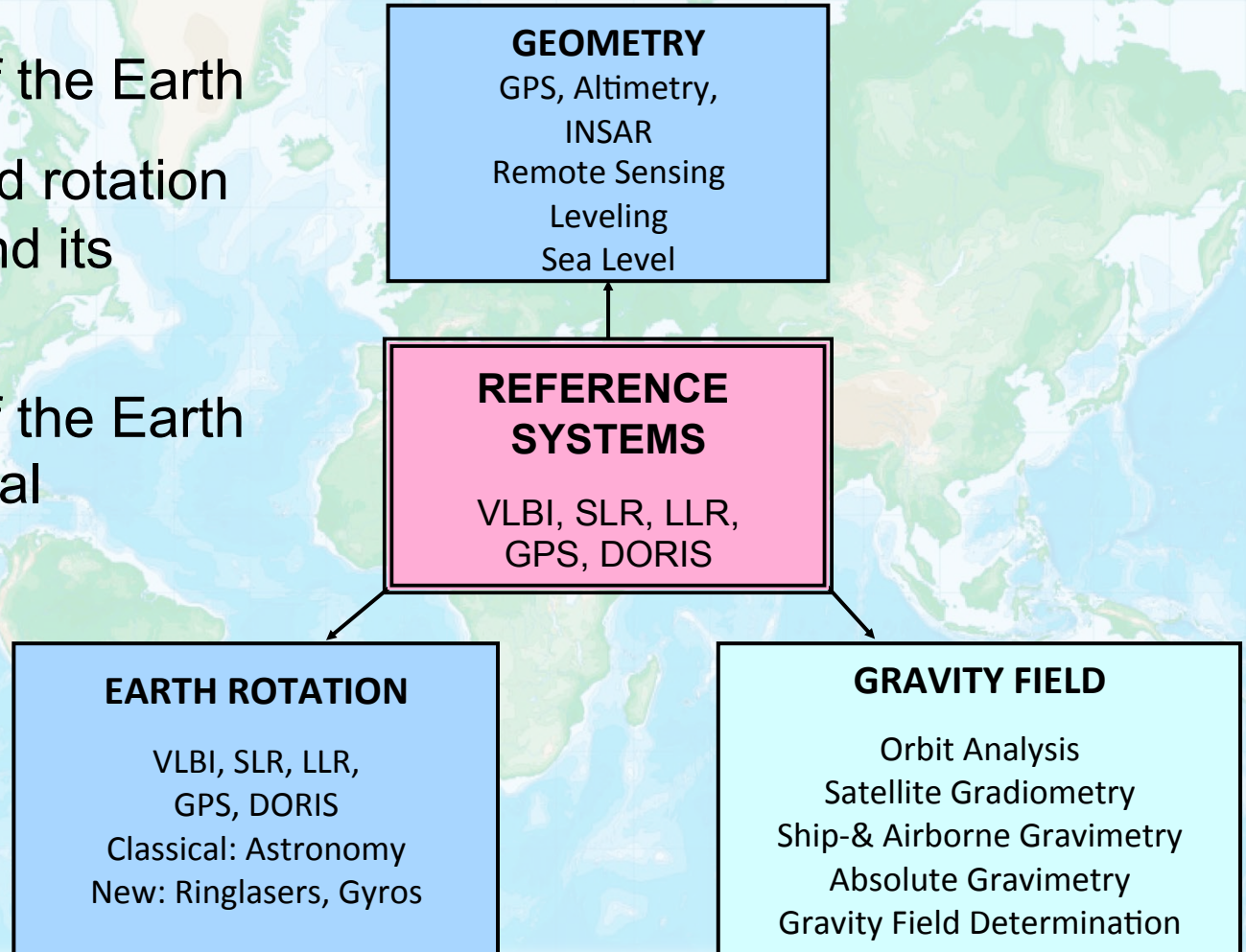


Occultation measurements using GNSS reveal density of constituents in the atmosphere



The Reference Frame and Precision Orbit Determination impact all Three Pillars of Geodesy

1. Geometry and deformation of the Earth
2. Orientation and rotation of the Earth and its variation
3. Gravity field of the Earth and its temporal changes





Geometry and Deformation of the Earth

- Problem and fascination of measuring the Earth:

Everything is moving !

- Monitoring today mainly by GPS permanent networks

- Examples:

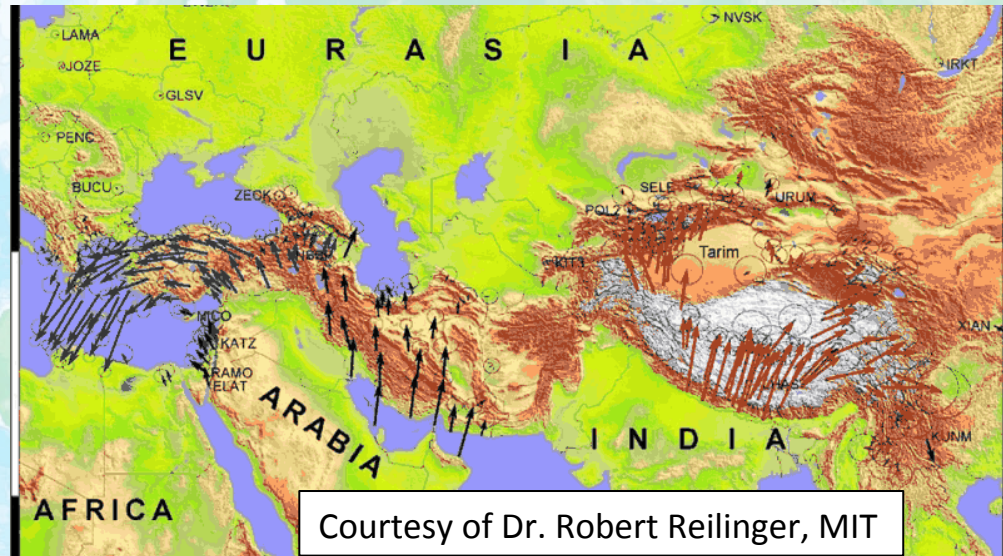
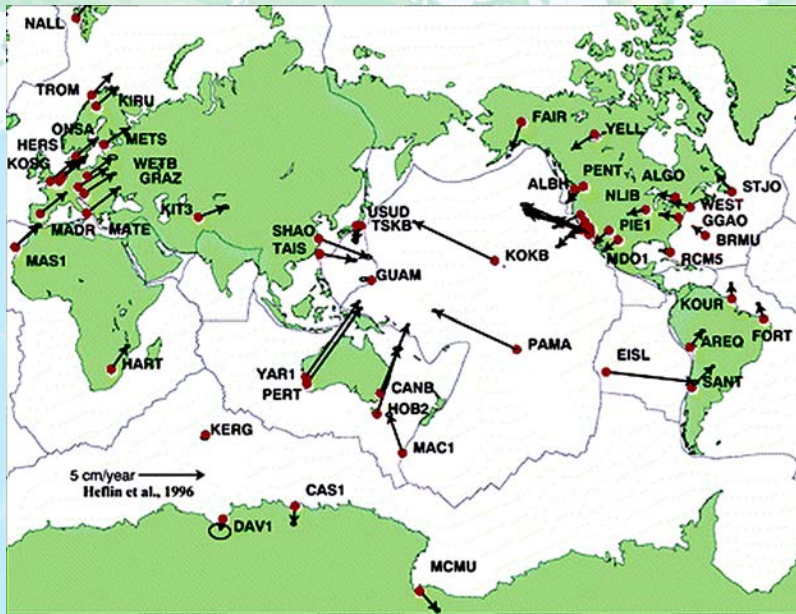
- Plate motions
- Solid Earth tides (caused by Sun and Moon)
- Loading phenomena (ice, ocean, atmosph.)
- Earthquakes ...

- **Continuous monitoring is absolutely crucial**



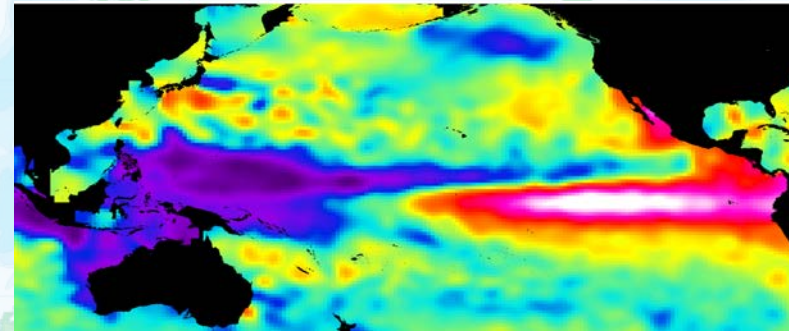
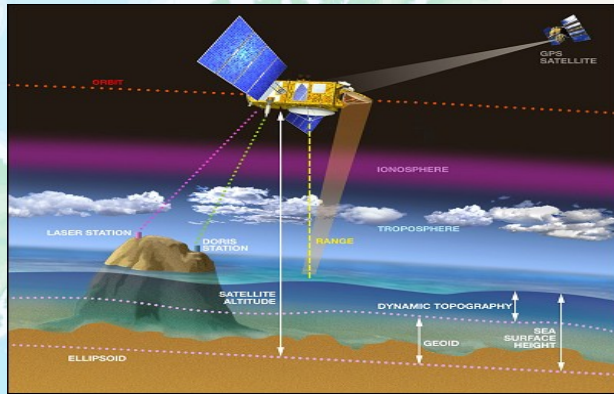


Ground based measurements with GNSS help us understand plate and regional crustal motions and their role in Earthquakes



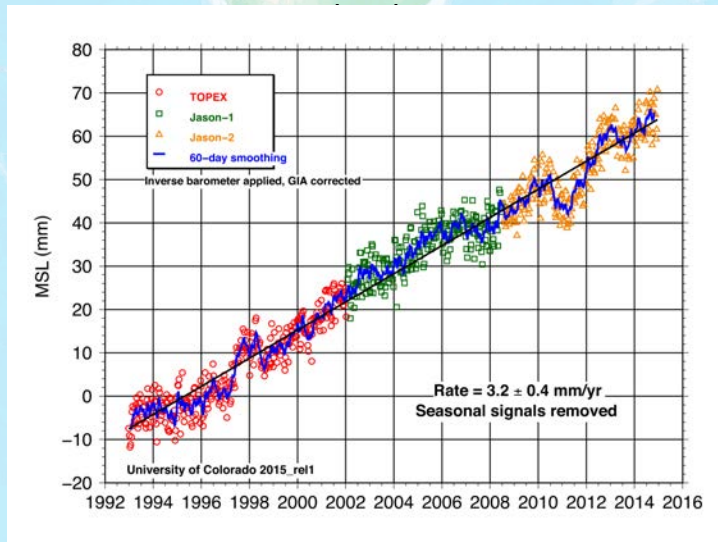


Satellite Altimeters allow us to map the ocean surface and monitor sea level changes

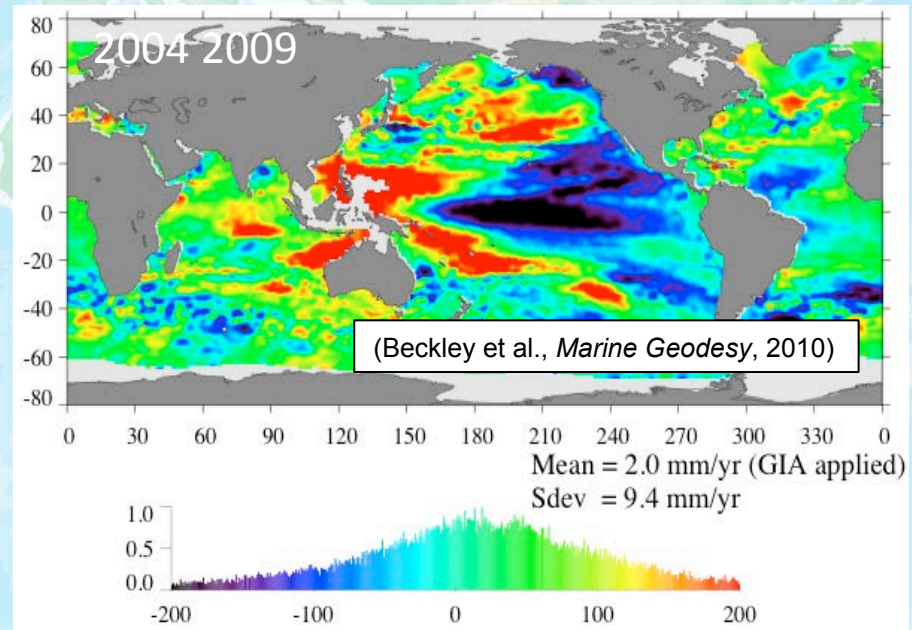


Sea level variation due to the 1997/98 El Niño observed by TOPEX/Poseidon.

Altimeter satellite orbit determination based on SLR, DORIS and GPS has improved to the 1-3



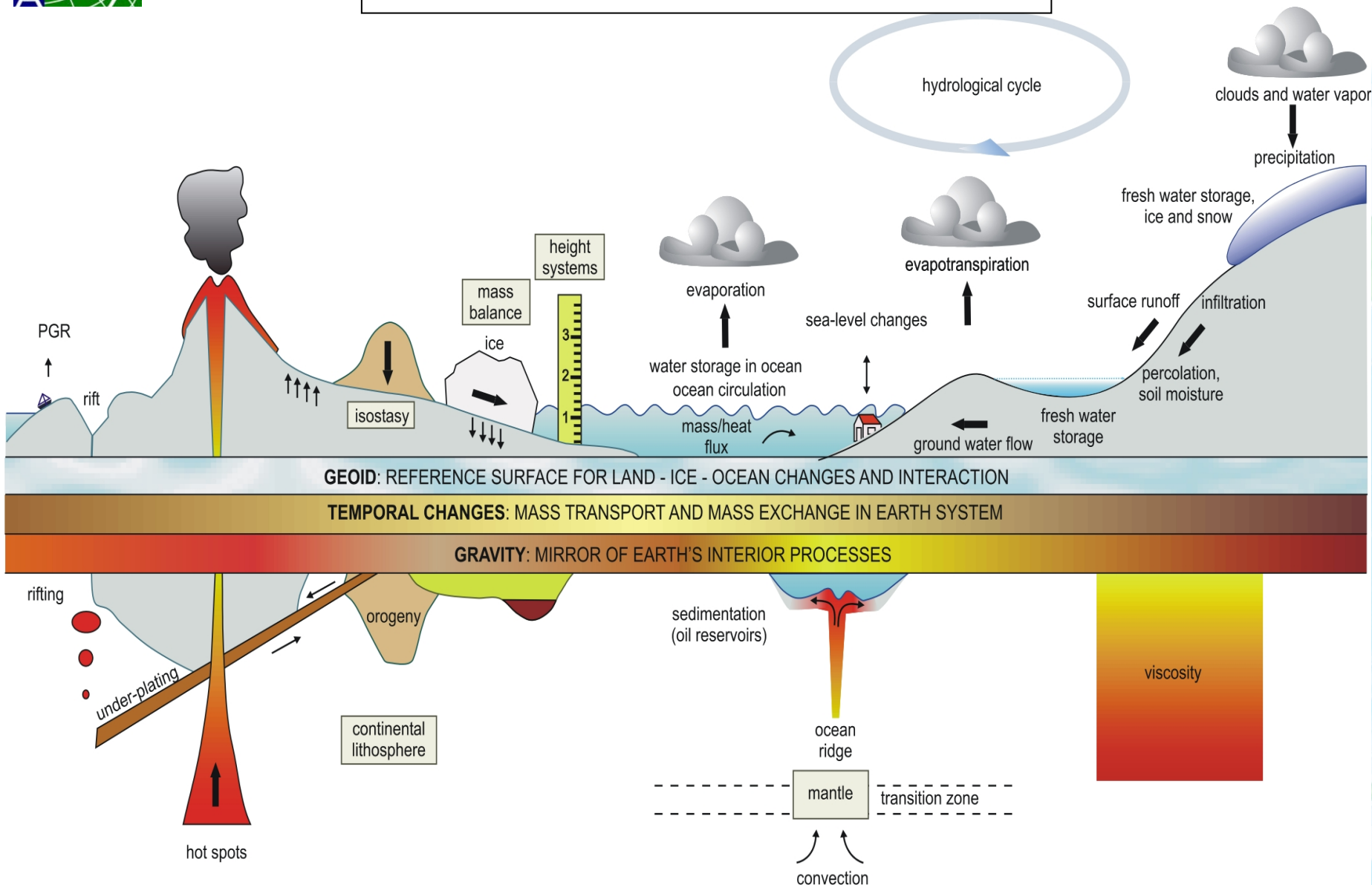
Global mean sea level change observed from TOPEX/Poseidon, Jason-1 and Jason-2 (<http://sealevel.colorado.edu/>)



Regional and shorter period changes in mean sea level.

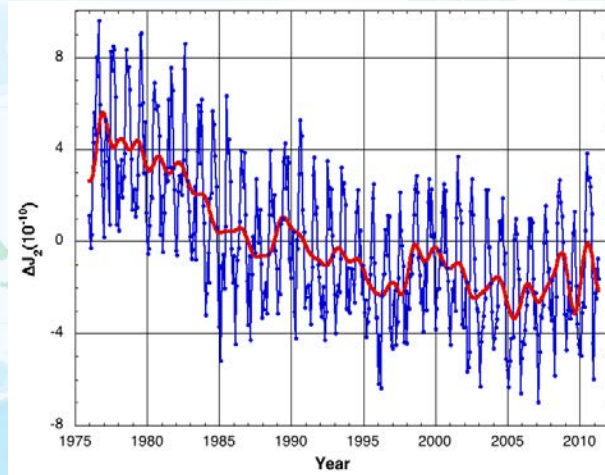


Gravity Field and Mass Transport





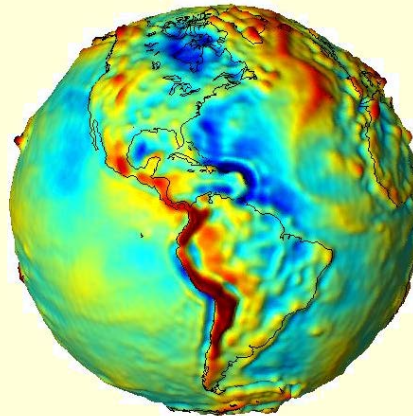
Global Gravity Structure and Changes in that structure tell us about mass distribution and how that distribution changes with time



Long-term trends in J2 due to PGR as well as mass redistribution due to water exchange between and within the cryosphere and hydrosphere

Temporal gravity changes observed by GRACE

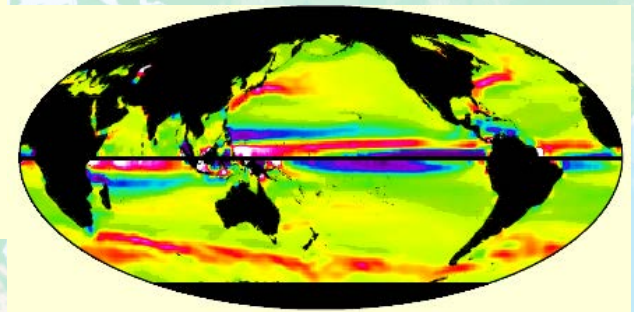
A clear separation can be observed between the large Amazon watershed and the smaller watersheds to the north, indicating that basin-scale variability is being resolved



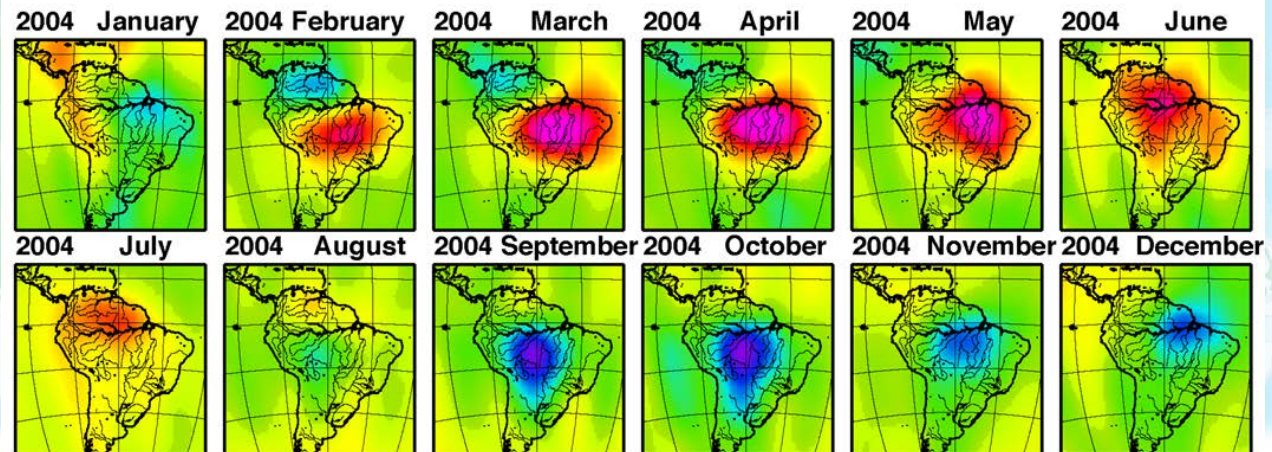
Global gravity anomalies from GRACE

Global mean gravity field model improved by orders of magnitude

Absolute ocean surface currents can be clearly resolved with unprecedented accuracy



Zonal ocean circulation inferred from GRACE geoid and altimetry-based mean sea surface



Mass variations are observed in Amazon basin with ~400 km resolution (range is from -12 to +12 cm of water)

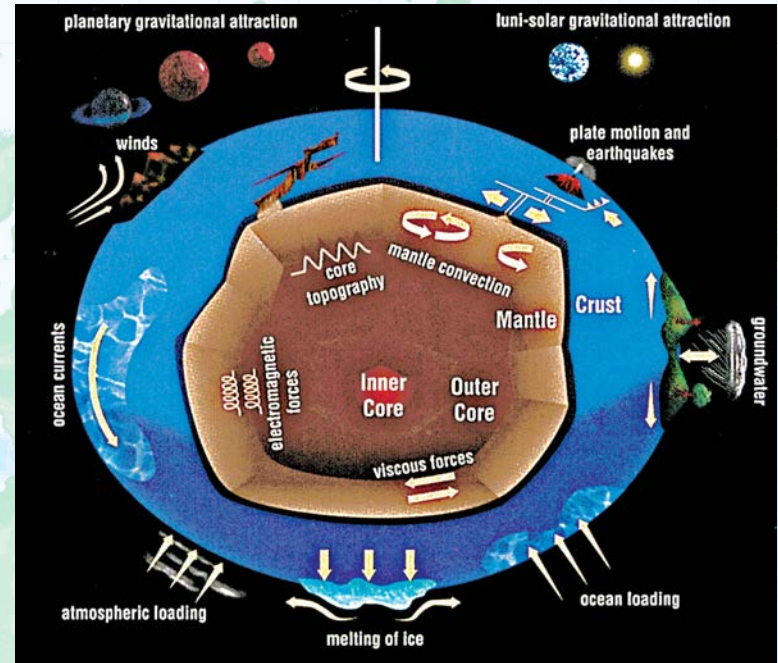


Measuring Earth Rotation tells about the Earth's Angular Momentum and how it changes- Core Effects, Atmospheric effects, Ocean Circulation, Shifting of Mass, etc

Space geodetic observations, starting in the 1970's, brought orders of magnitude improvement in Earth rotation (and polar motion) determination

High frequency changes forced by the ocean and atmosphere revealed

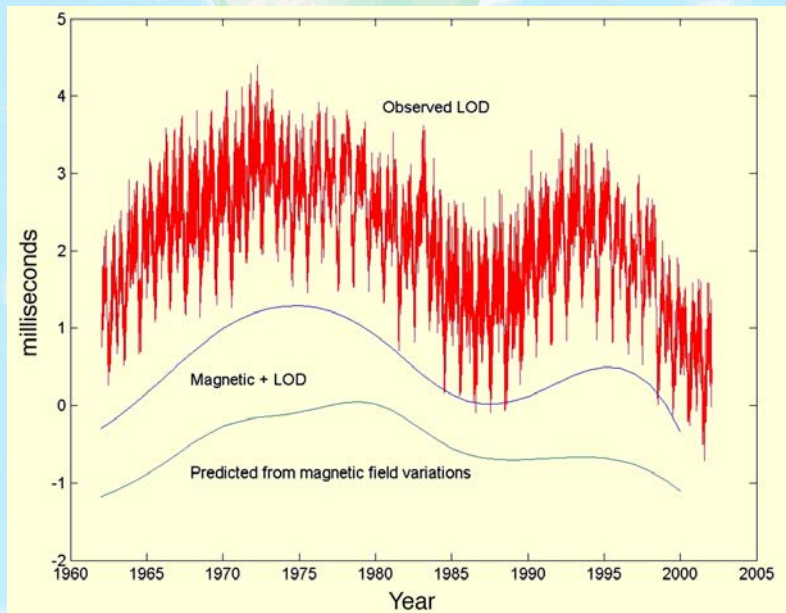
Earth rotation (and polar motion) variations provide an integrated measure of mass and momentum exchange with the atmosphere and oceans, allowing us to use the angular momentum budget to test the truth of ocean, atmosphere, and hydrologic global climate models.



On decadal time scales, the variations in the LOD have been shown to be correlated with magnetic field variations

These LOD variations are thus believed to be associated with the changes in the core angular momentum (CAM)

Core-mantle coupling is an important modulation for crustal deformations, and decade-scale correlations can be used to improve the reliability of earthquake precursor identification

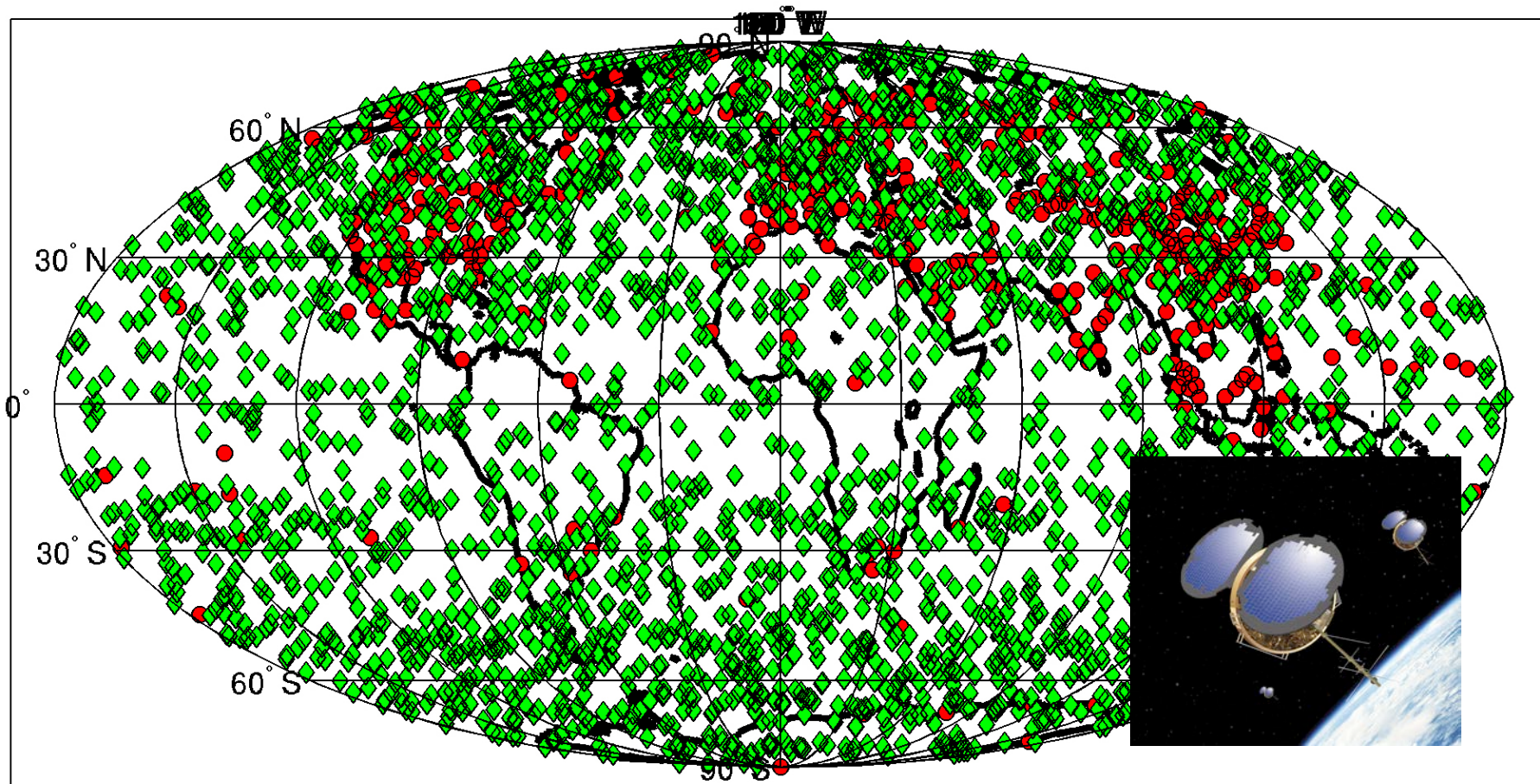


Observed Length of Day (LOD) and estimates of core effects



Occultations between the COSMIC Constellation and the GNSS Satellites will give us Synoptic Measurements of Atmospheric Constituents

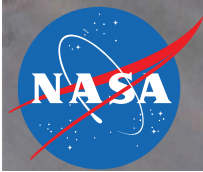
Occultation Locations for COSMIC, 6 S/C, 6 Planes, 24 Hrs



Tracking Tsunamis with GNSS: Towards an Improved Indo-Pacific Tsunami Early Warning Network

Provided by
Craig Dobson and John LaBrecque
NASA Science Mission Directorate
And

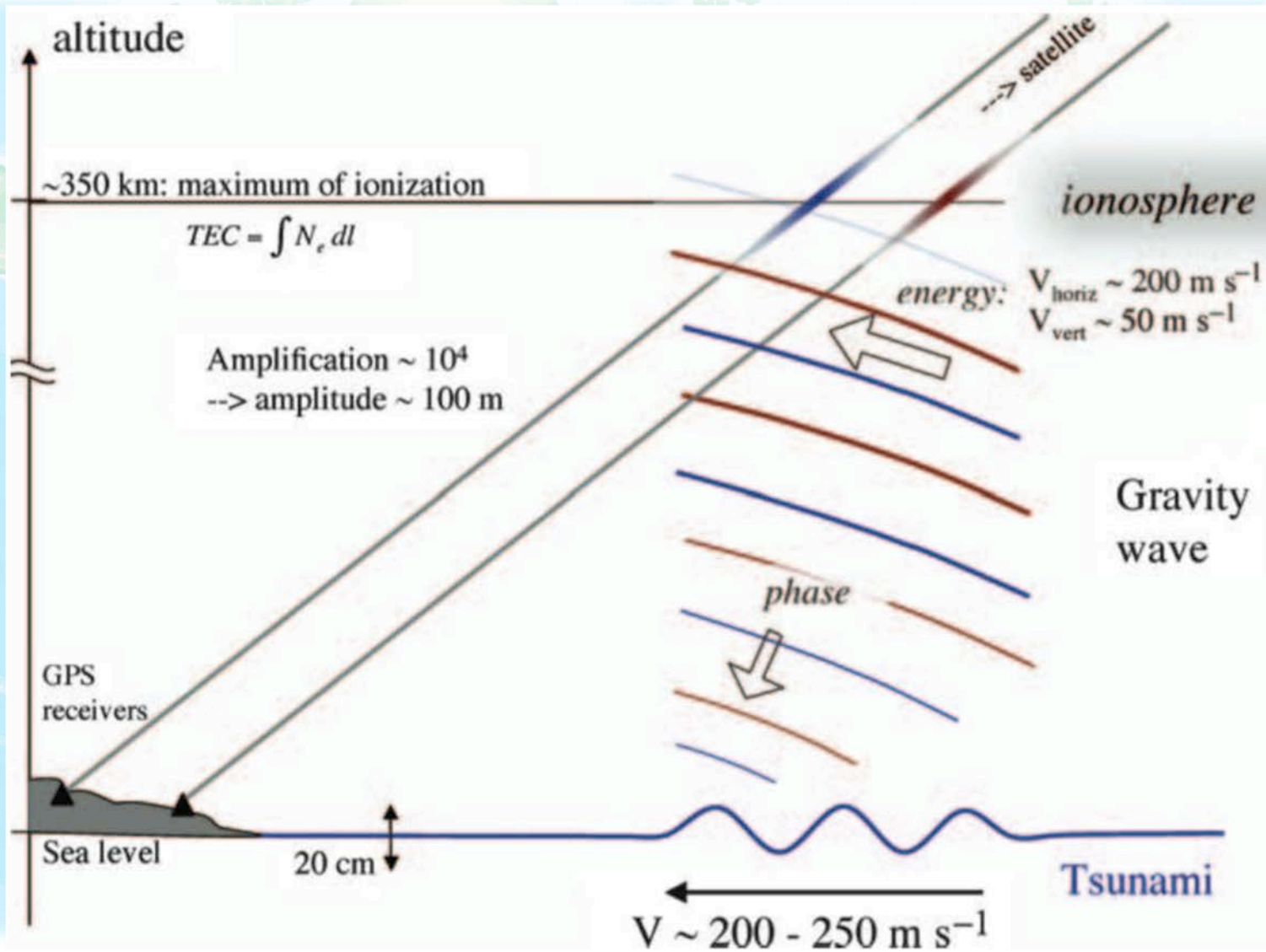
The READI Network Team



Japan, March 11, 2011



The Tsunami Generated Displacement of the Ocean Surface Couples to the Ionosphere



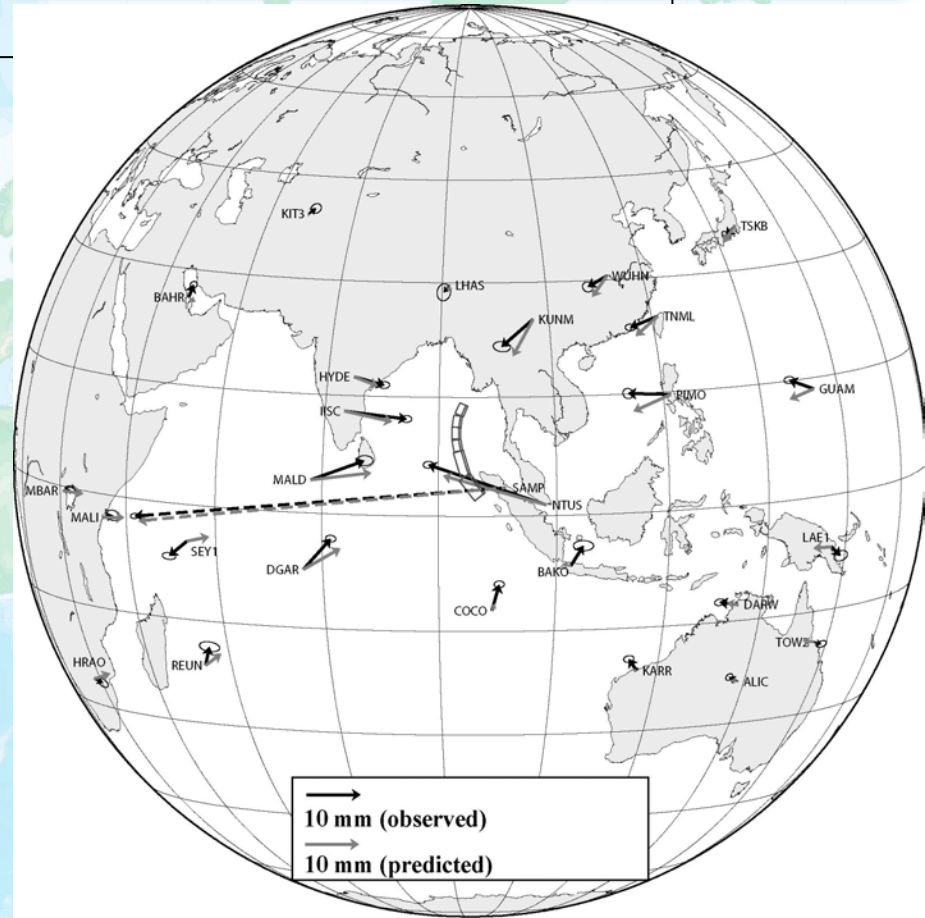
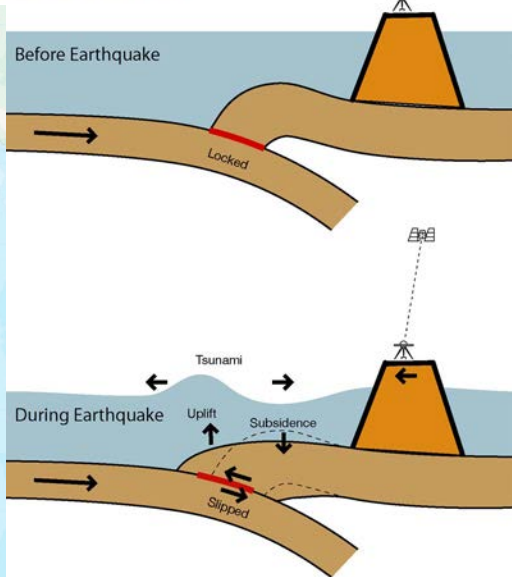
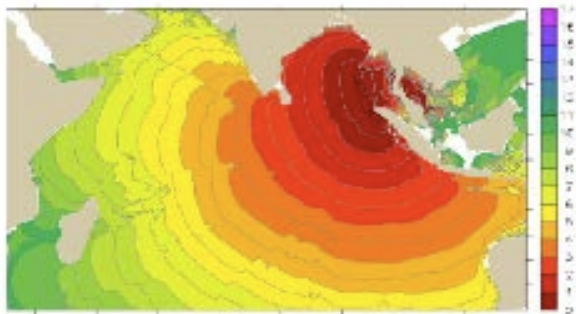
From Artru et al., 2005



Post Processing of regional geodetic data taken on December 26, 2004 Demonstrated the Value of a Global Regional GNSS Real Time Network

A Dense Global Real Time GPS Network would have warned of the Indian Ocean Tsunami within minutes- hours to days before the seismic analysis-

TSUNAMI TRAVEL TIME (hours)



GPS station displacements on 26 December, 2004 observed by the International GNSS Service Network (IGS/GGOS). The largest arrow (SAMP) has been scaled down by a factor of two for clarity.

Ref: Blewitt, Hammond, Kreemer, Plag, Stein, Okal, 2009, J. Geodesy.

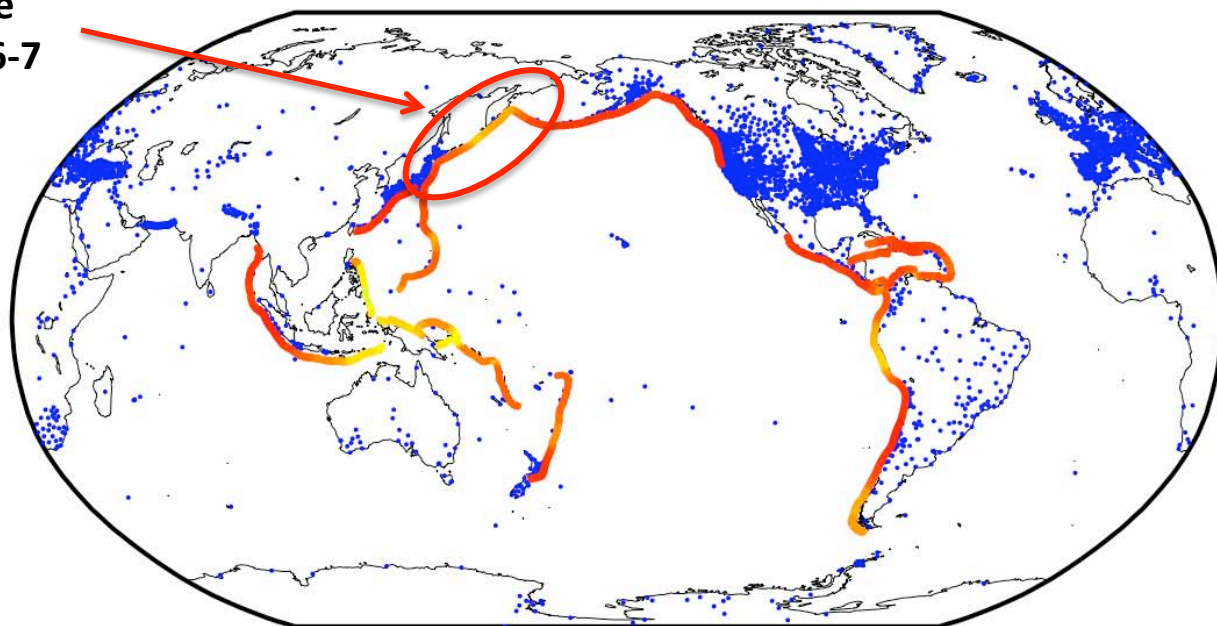


Tsunami Prediction Capability of the Current Network

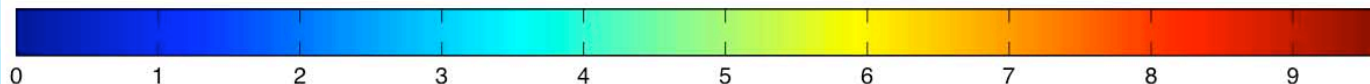
Simulating the ability to resolve a M9 Earthquake along the “Ring of Fire” using available GPS networks

M9 earthquake will be under-resolved into M6-7

Requires real-time GNSS from the full GNSS network



William Hammond, pers comm.



Simulations indicate that the Kamchatka-Kuril region (as well as many other regions along the “ring of fire”) is not equipped with sufficient density of GNSS receivers to enable GNSS-based resolution of large earthquakes



Common Thread: Reference Frame

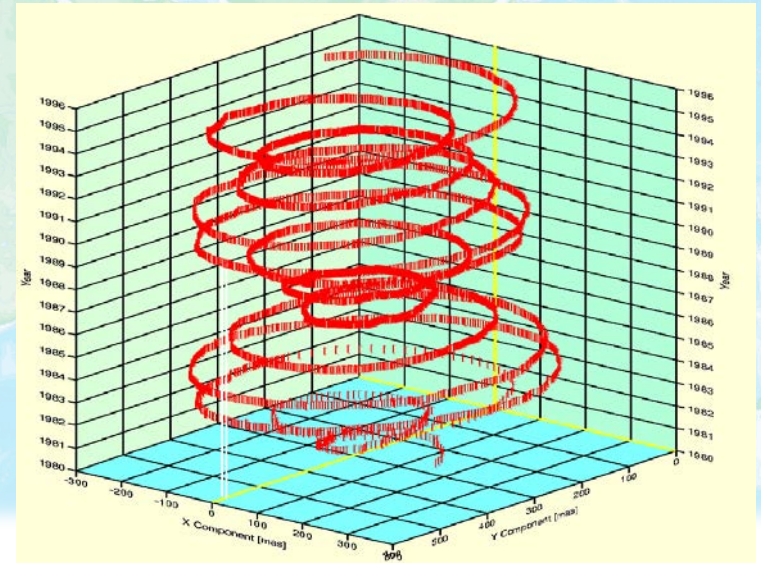
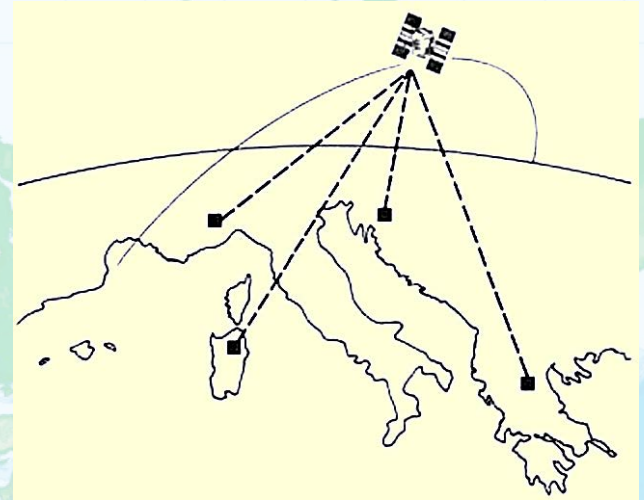
The TRF and the associated Earth Orientation Parameters provide the stable coordinate system that allows us to link measurements over space, time, and evolving technology

They provide the background against which absolute position/velocity have meaning

While VLBI uniquely provides the absolute orientation wrt the stars, only satellite-based techniques can tie the TRF to the Earth's mass center or monitor the Earth's surface motion at hundreds or thousands of locations

Satellite orbits can only be described in terms of a well-defined terrestrial reference frame

Tide gauge vertical rates can be accurately defined only in the context of a terrestrial reference frame



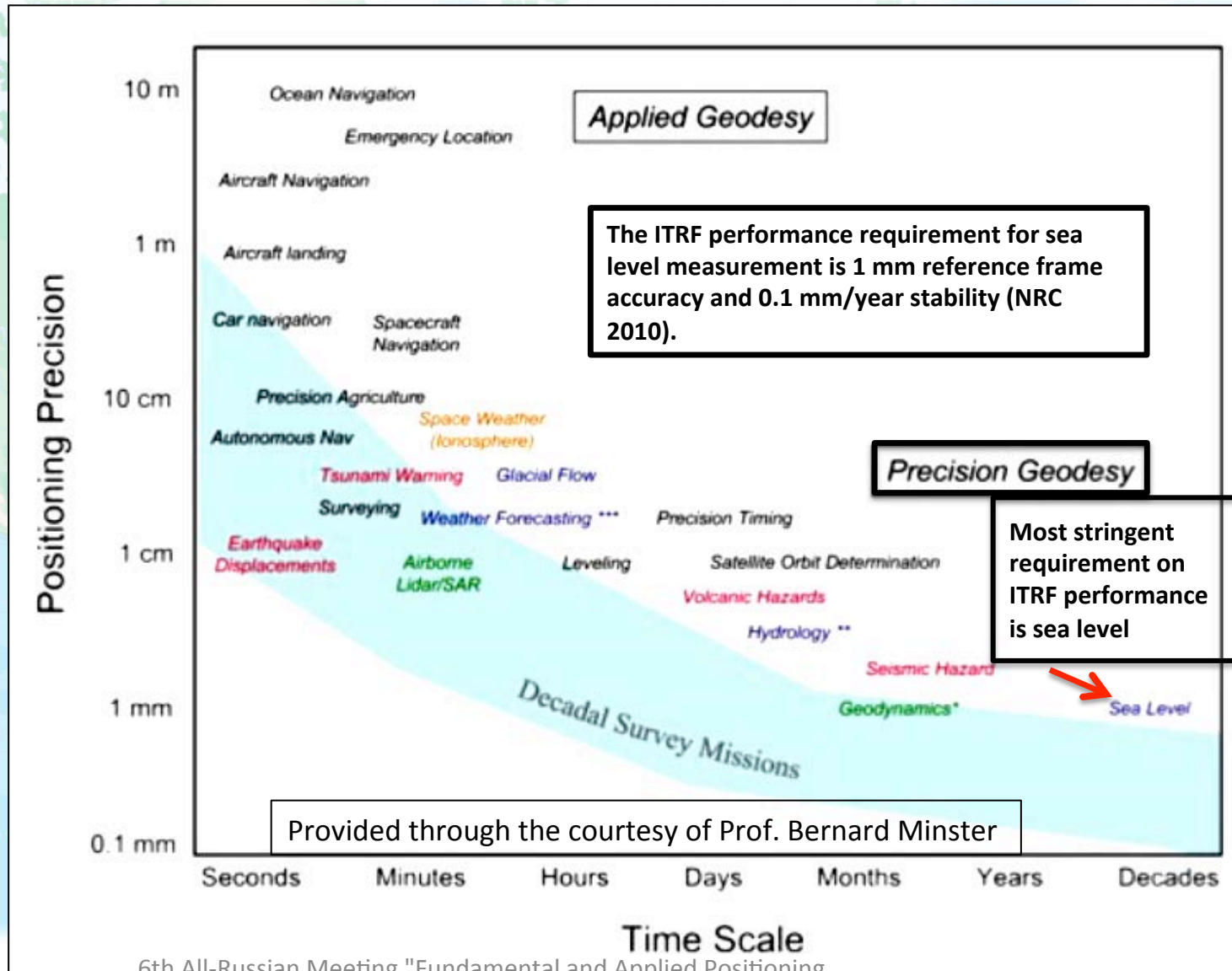


Practical Applications of Space Geodesy

US National Research Council Study

- **Geodesy** is the science of the Earth's shape, gravity and rotation, including their evolution in time.
- **Techniques** used to observe the geodetic properties of the Earth **provide the basis for the International Terrestrial Reference Frame (ITRF)**
- The ITRF is the foundation for virtually all **airborne, space-based, and ground-based Earth observations**, and is fundamentally important for **interplanetary spacecraft tracking and navigation**.

April 20 - 24, 2015



GLOBAL Reference Frame (Terrestrial and Celestial)

- Most stringent requirement from sea level rise, but other applications are close behind
 - “accuracy of 1 mm, and stability at 0.1 mm/yr” (a factor of 10-20 improvement)
- Accessibility: 24 hours/day; worldwide
 - Users anywhere on Earth can position their measurements in the reference frame
- Space Segment:
 - LAGEOS, LARES, Etalon, GNSS, DORIS to define the reference frame
- Ground Segment (Core Sites):
 - Global distributed network of “modern technology”, co-located SLR, VLBI, GNSS, DORIS stations locally tied together with accurate site ties
 - Dense GNSS ground station network to distribute the frame globally to the users
- Reference Frame Formulation provided by the IERS from data provided by the IAG Services: IGS, IVS, ILRS, and IDS





Global Geodetic Reference Frame (ITRF and ICRF combination) for Sustainable Development (GGRF) resolution

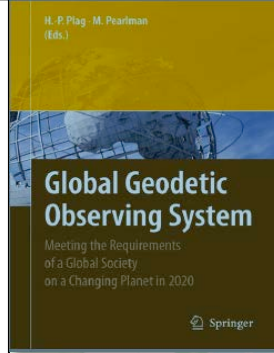
- No. A/69/L.53 -

- adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 26 Feb 2015
- co-sponsored by 52 Member States



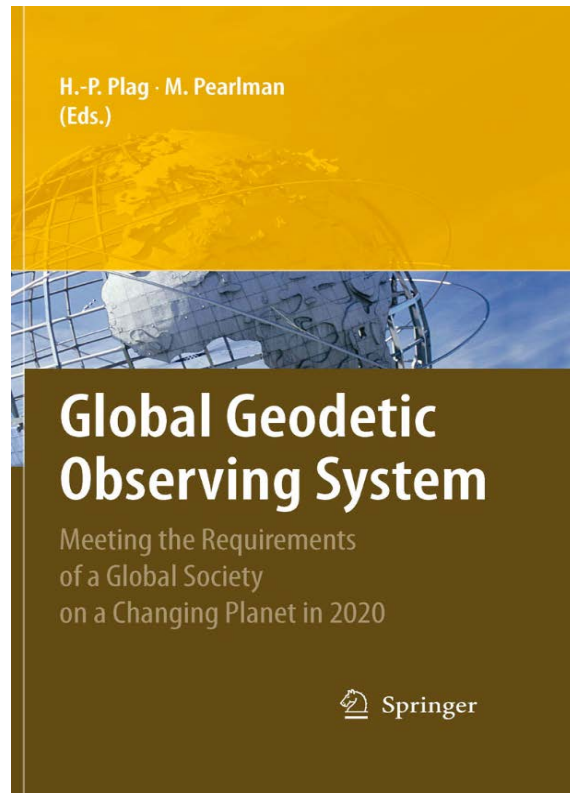
Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS)

- **Established by the International Association of Geodesy (IAG) as its Observing System**
- **Vision: Advancing our understanding of the dynamic Earth system by quantifying our planet's changes in space and time to:**
 - **Advance Earth Science (Earth, oceans, ice, atmosphere, etc)**
 - **Help us make intelligent societal decisions**
- **Mode of Operation: Works with the IAG components (IGS, ILRS, IVS, IDS, IGFS, IERS, IAG commissions, etc.) to provide the geodetic infrastructure necessary for monitoring the Earth System and Global Change:**
 - **observations needed to monitor, map, and understand changes in the Earth's shape, rotation, and mass distribution;**
 - **the TERRESTRIAL REFERENCE FRAME and CELESTIAL REFERENCE FRAME for measuring and consistently interpreting key global change processes;**
 - **Other data products that require integration among measuring techniques: Unified height systems, Unified sea level model, Natural hazard warning tools, etc**



GGOS 2020 Book (2009)

GGOS: Meeting the Requirements of a Global Society on a Changing Planet in 2020. Eds. H.-P. Plag and M. Pearlman. Springer 2009. p. 332

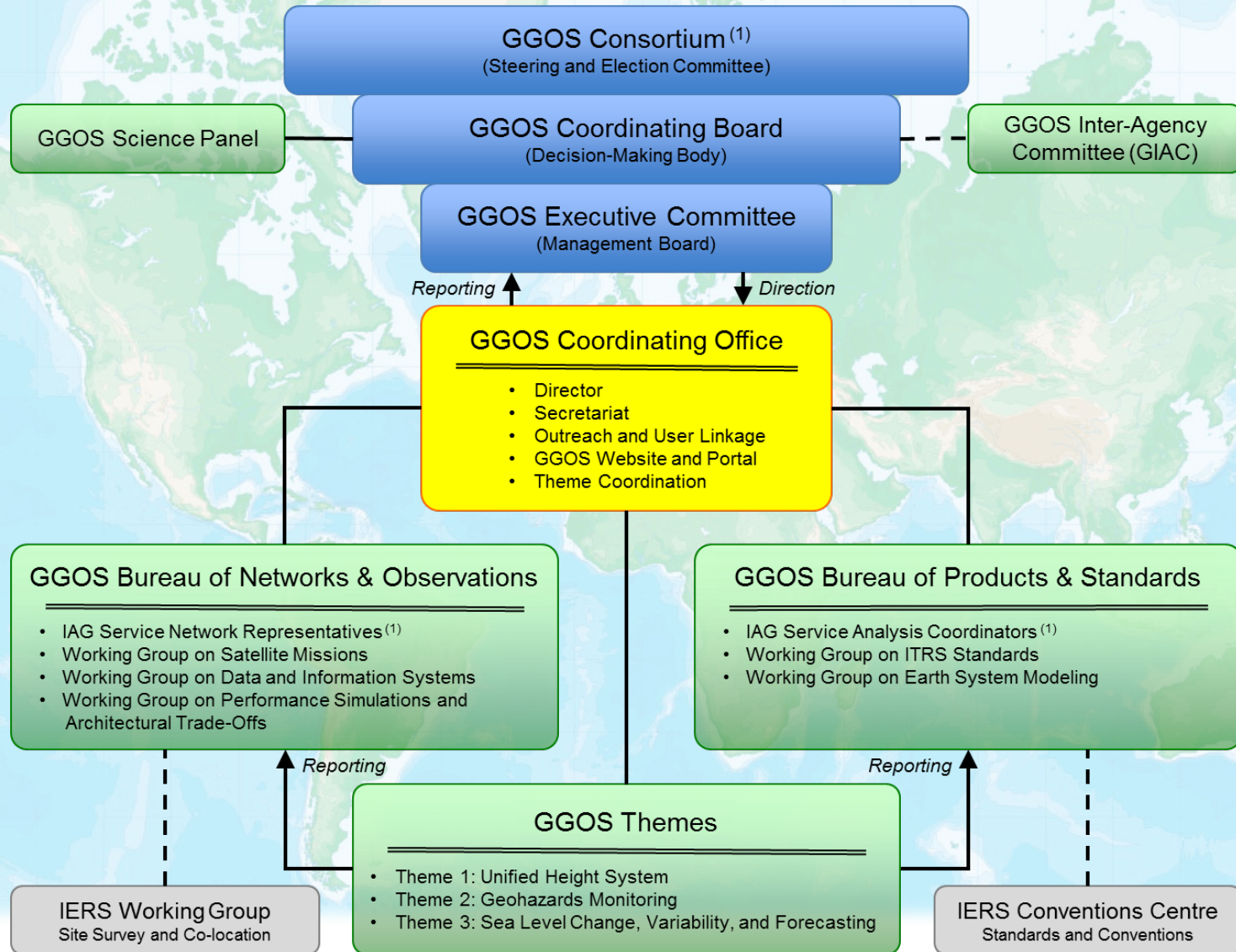


Content: main arguments for GGOS

- Goals, achievements and tools of modern geodesy
- Earth science requirements for geodesy
- Maintaining a modern society (9 societal benefit areas)
- Future geodetic reference frames
- Future Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS)
- GGOS 2020



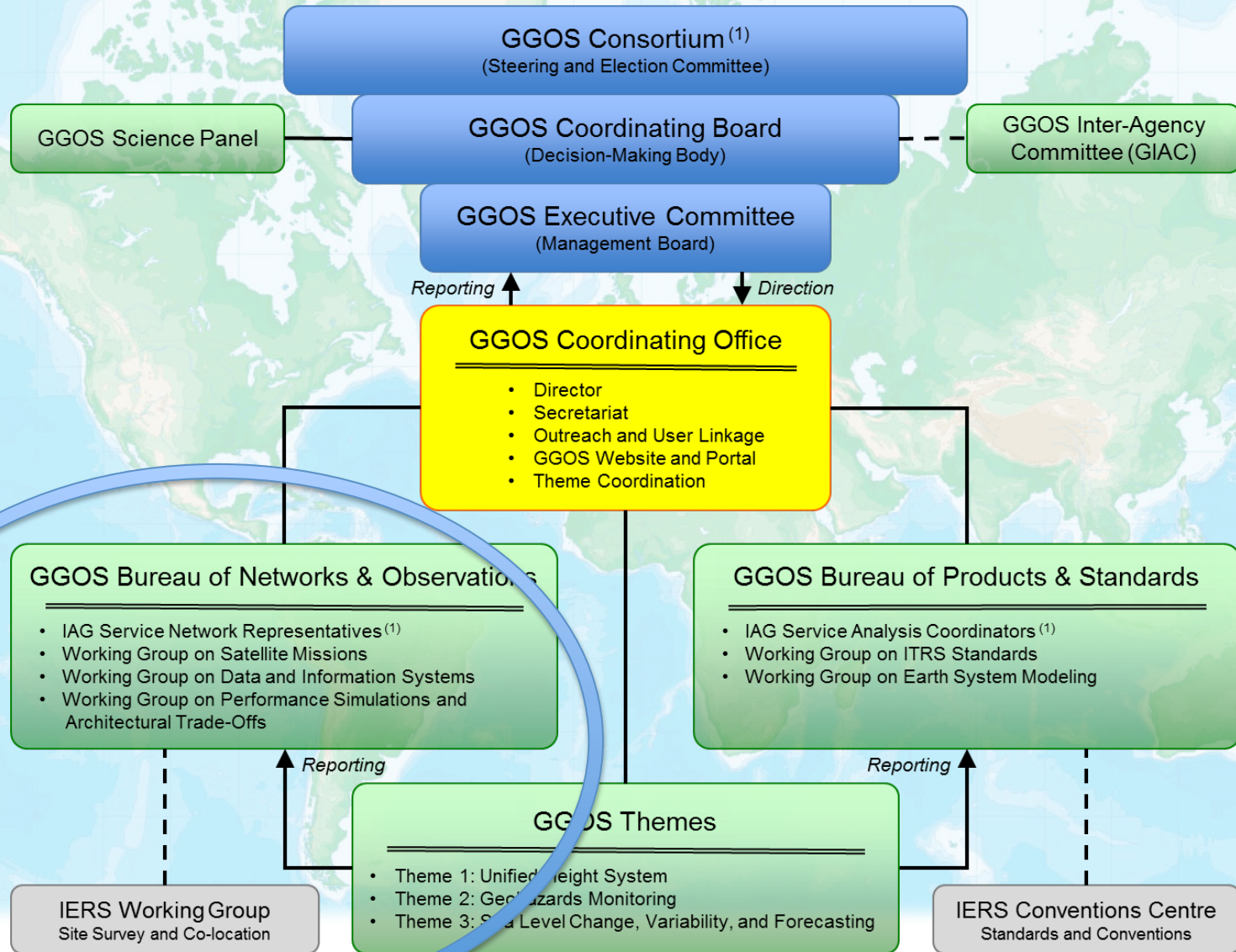
GGOS Organizational structure



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Bureau of Networks and Observations

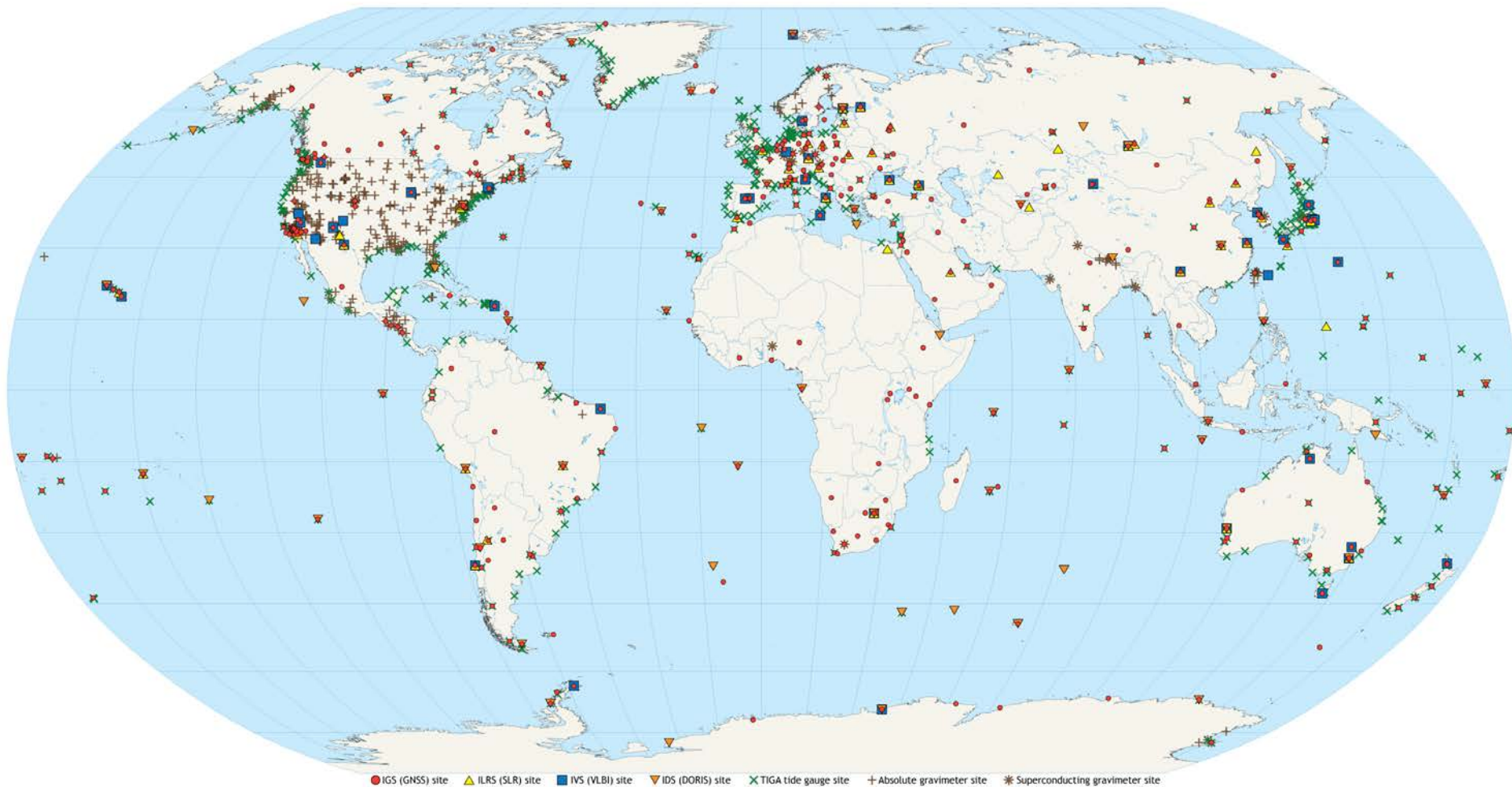
- Focus on the measurement (network) infrastructure;
 - How do we use the current infrastructure to provide the most benefit;
 - How do we advocate for expansion
- Data from multiple techniques are required to support new integrated data products;
- Currently working on the Reference Frame (ITRF and ICRF) and the networks necessary to support them;
- Currently working to provide improved global tracking coverage including GNSS;
- Working to include gravity field and tide gauges
- Working with new missions to be in a position to help support them after launch

Data Products

- Synergy of the Techniques in building more powerful data products
 - Reference Frame
 - Precision Orbit Determination
 - Unified Height System
 - Ocean Surface Monitoring
 - Monitoring for Other Natural Hazards
 - Tsunami Warning System



Stations Participating in the GGOS Affiliated Network



Why a Core Site?



SLR



VLBI

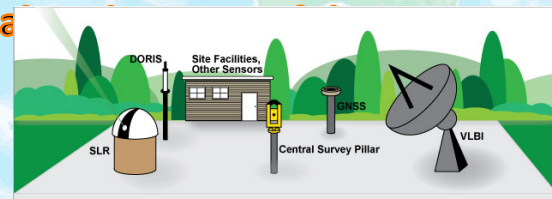


GNSS



DORIS

- Co-located SLR, VLBI, GNSS and DORIS (where available) so that their measurements can be related to sub-mm accuracy
- Why do we need multiple techniques?
 - Each technique makes its measurements in a different way and therefore each measures something a little different:
 - Terrestrial (satellite) verses celestial (quasar) reference
 - Range verses range difference measurements
 - Broadcast up verses broadcast down
 - Radio verses optical
 - Active verses passive
 - Geographic coverage
 - Each technique has different strengths and weaknesses
 - The combination (Co-location) allows us to take the strengths and mitigate the weaknesses





What does each technique provide to the Reference Frame

- SLR: Uniquely provides Earth Center of Mass;
- VLBI: Provides EOP parameters and the connection with the Celestial Reference Frame;
- SLR and VLBI independently provide Scale
- GPS: Global coverage and density
- DORIS: Global coverage
- Gravimetry: Help interpret station dynamics

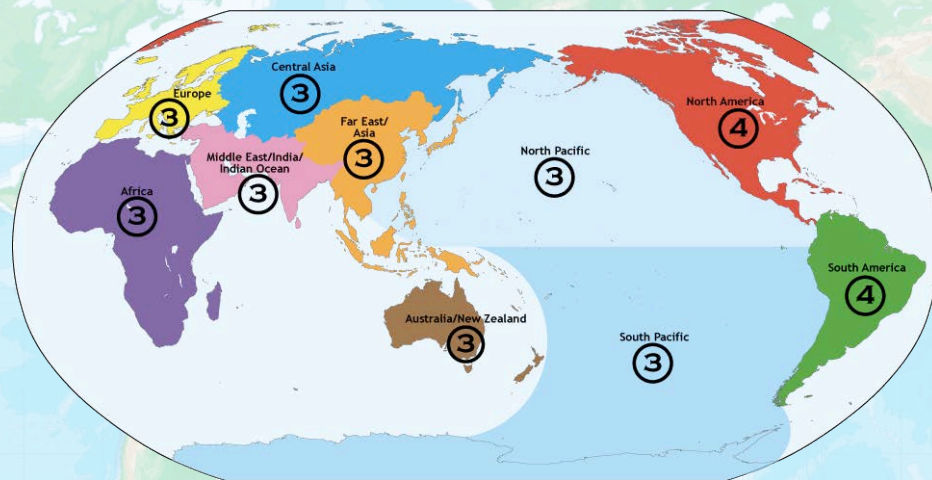
Simulation Studies to Scope the Network

(impact on the Reference Frame)

(Erricos Pavlis)

Simulation studies show:

- ~32 globally distributed, well positioned, new technology, co-location sites will be required to define and maintain the reference frame;
- ~16 of these co-location stations must track GNSS satellites with SLR to calibrate the GNSS orbits which are used to distribute the reference frame.



- Design Initiative, but it a major Challenge
- Will require time, significant resources, and strong international participation



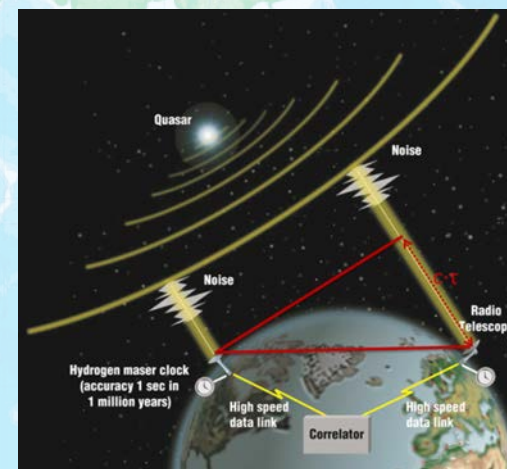
Next Generation VLBI: VGOS VLBI Global Observing System

Features:

- small and agile telescopes
 - small: 12–13 m dish diameter
 - fast: 12°/s and 6°/s slew speeds
- large bandwidth: 2–14 GHz
- flexible frequency allocation
- dual linear polarization

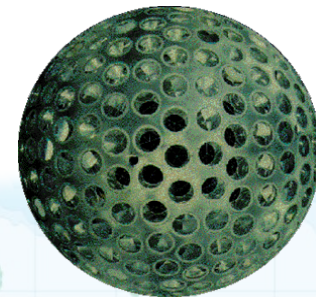
Implies:

- dense sampling of atmosphere
- up to 2 observations per minute (2880/day)

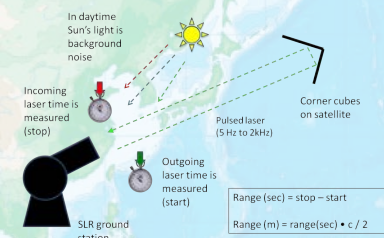




Next Generation Satellite Laser Ranging System Basis for the Next Generation System



- Higher pulse repetition rate (KHz) for faster data acquisition;
- Smaller, faster slewing telescope for more rapid target acquisition and pass interleaving;
- Range from LEO to GNSS;
- More accurate pointing for link efficiency;
- Narrower laser pulse width (10 – 30 ps) for greater precision;
- Single photon detection for greater accuracy;
- More automation for economy (24/7);
- Greater temporal and spatial filtering for improved S/N
- Modular construction and more off the shelf components for lower fabrication/operations/maintenance cost;



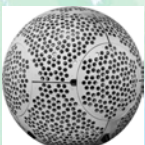




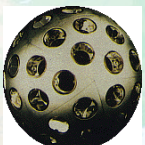



Sample of SLR Satellite Constellation


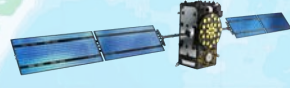
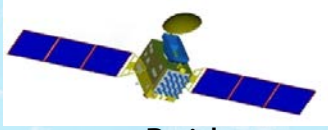


LEO Satellites

Satellite	 Swarm	 Jason-2	 GRACE	 TerraSAR-X	 SARAL
Inclination	92°	66°	89°	66°	98.55°
Perigee ht. (km)	720	1,336	450	1,350	814

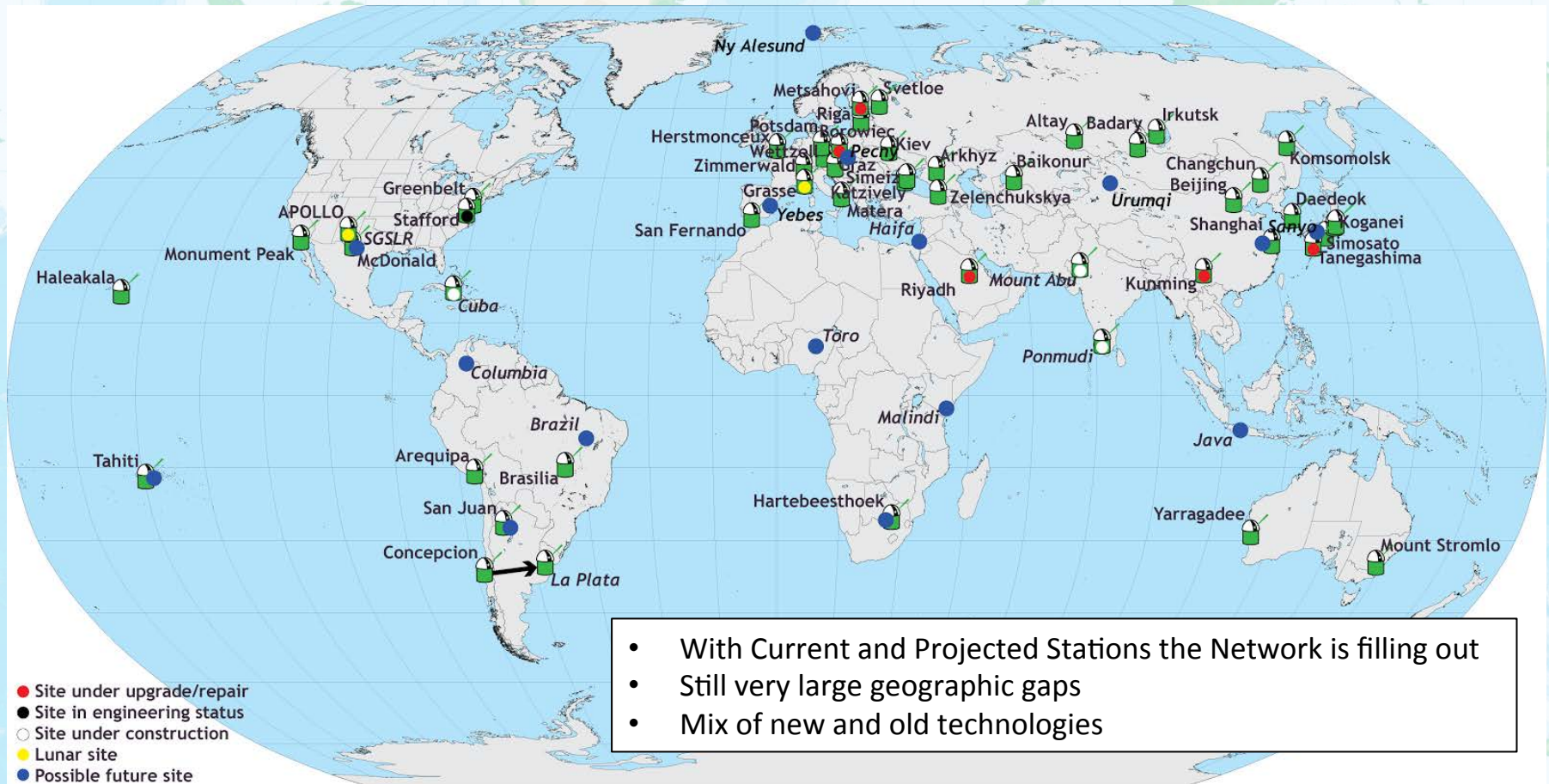
Geodetic Satellites

Satellite	 Ajisai	 LAGEOS-1	 LAGEOS-2	 Etalon-1/-2	 Starlette	 Stella	 LARES
Inclination	64.8°	109.8°	52.6°	50°	50°	98.6°	69.5°
Perigee ht. (km)	19,120	5,860	5,620	1,490	810	800	1460
Diameter (cm)	129.4	60	60	215	24	24	36.4

GNSS/GEO Satellites

Satellite	 GLONASS	 Galileo	 Beidou	 IRNSS	 QZS
Inclination	65°	56°	55.5°	29°	45°
Perigee ht. (km)	19,140	23,220	42,164	42,164	32,000

Projected SLR Network



New Generation GNSS Receiver

- Multi-constellation receiver (GPS, Galileo, GLONAS, COMPASS, etc)
- Installed with stable monumentation (deep-drilled brace monuments);
- Real-time data transmission
- Registered for the IGS



Doppler Orbitography and Radiopositioning Integrated by Satellite (DORIS)

- Global network of ~57 stations;
- New, higher performance ground stations and satellite payloads can track more satellites simultaneously;
- DORIS receivers are used on altimeter (TOPEX, Jason1, Jason2, ENVISAT, Cryosat-2) and remote sensing (SPOT) satellites; Future Missions: Jason-3, SWOT & SENTINEL-3;





Two Recent Initiatives

- Expansion of the Russian Network to Support:
 - GLONASS accuracy and time transfer
 - GGOS
- NASA Space Geodesy Project to support the NASA role in International Space Geodesy and GGOS



The development of the foreign segment of the Russian SLR network



In addition to existing stations Baikonur (Kazakhstan) and Brasilia (Brazil) the same SLR station will be installed in 2015 near Havana, Cuba (the station is ready). Four new-generation stations of submillimeter accuracy will be installed in future in 4 from 6 possible sites: San Juan (Argentina), HartRAO (South Africa), Haifa (Israel), the branch of the Shanghai Observatory (China), Java (Indonesia), Tahiti (French Polynesia).  - stations is ready  - next generation stations

NASA's Space Geodesy Project

- Demonstration of prototype next-generation core site:
 - NGSLR demonstrated required performance and is tracking current ILRS satellites including daylight ranging to GNSS.
 - Prototype VLBI2010 system demonstrated required performance and successfully performed several end-to-end geodetic sessions.
- Implementation (with USNO) of new VGOS station in Hawaii underway; Upgraded SLR site planned for Mt Haleakala;
- McDonald selected for Western US site for VLBI and SLR .
- Upgrade underway to the NASA GNSS network to support new constellations (Galileo, GLONASS, Beidou) in addition to GPS.
- Ongoing discussions and planning with international partners for the deployment of the new NASA network overseas.



NGSLR & MOBLAS-7 simultaneously ranging at the Goddard Geophysical and Astronomical Observatory (GGAO)



Next Generation Satellite Laser Ranging (NGSLR)



Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI)

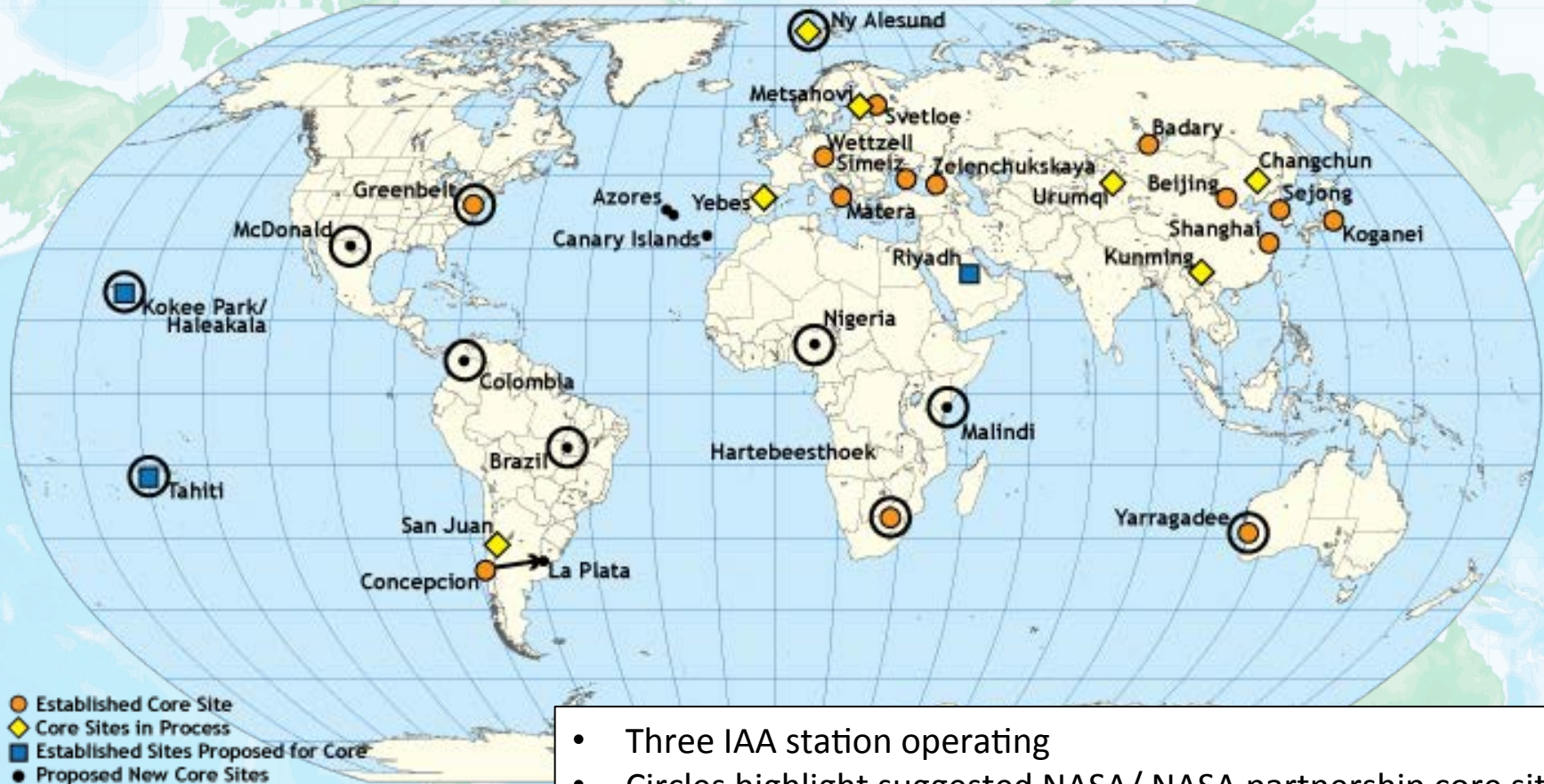


Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)



Doppler Orbitography and Radiopositioning Integrated by Satellite (DORIS)

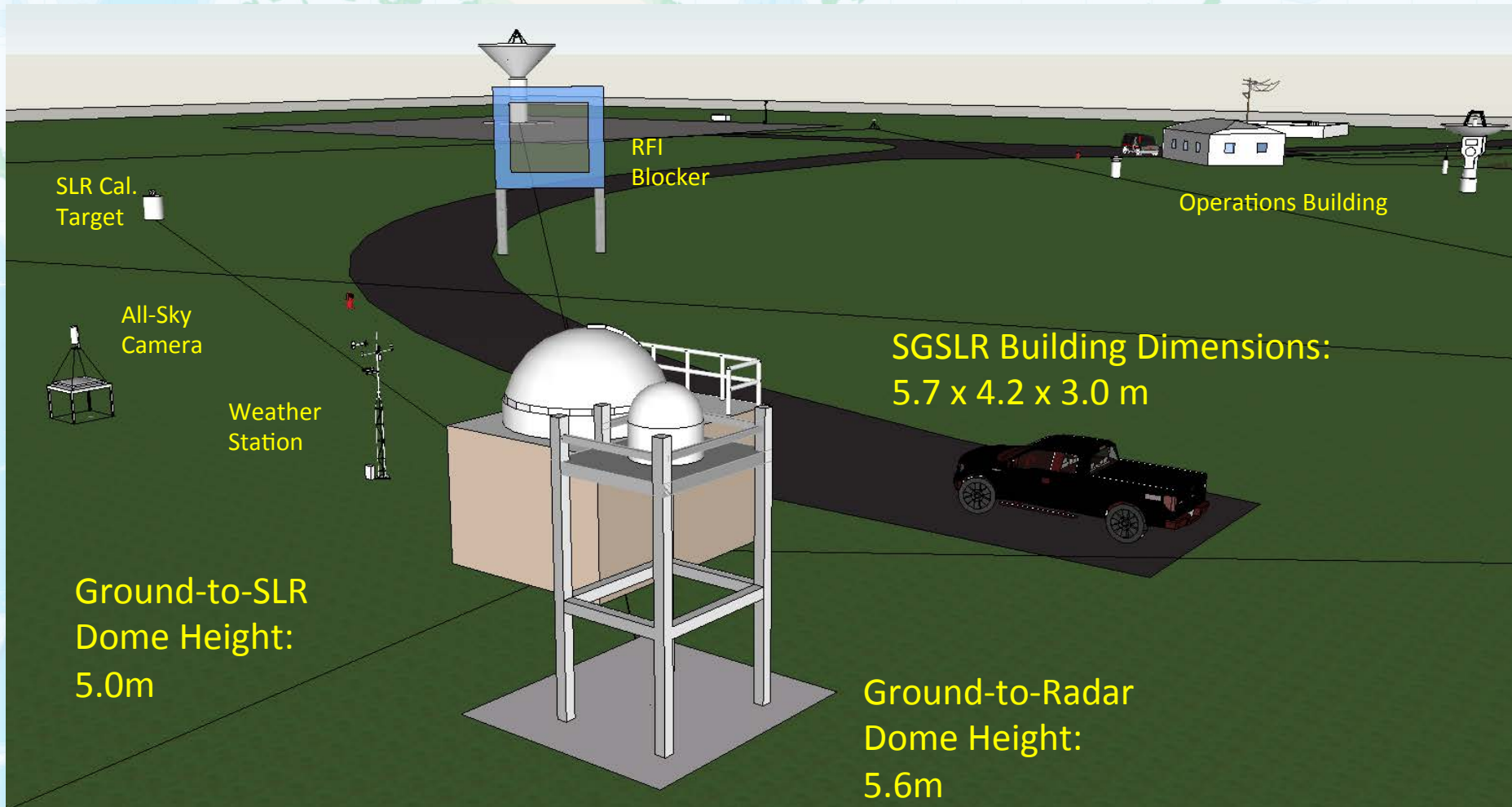
Current and Projected Core Sites



- Three IAA station operating
- Circles highlight suggested NASA/ NASA partnership core sites
- Some would be upgrades from legacy technology
- Some would be new sites to fill geographic gaps



Site layout needs to recognize the issue of RF interference among the new technology systems



Approximate building dimensions shown

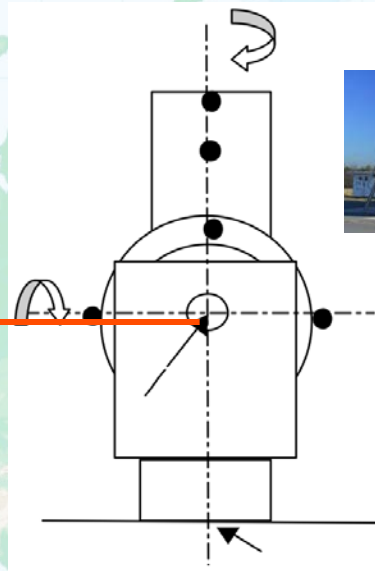
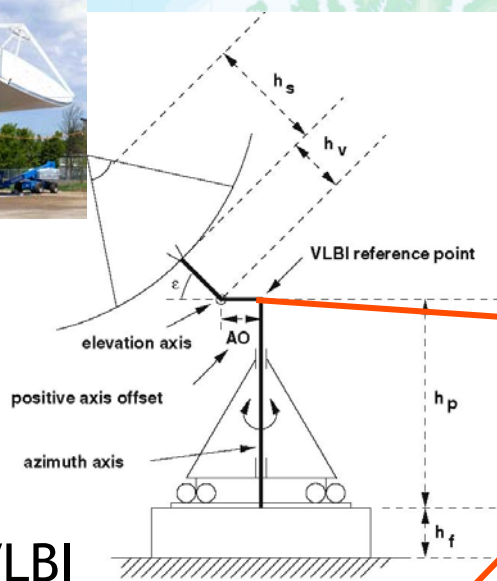


- Introduction and Justification
 - What is a Fundamental Station?
 - Why do we need the Reference Frame?
 - Why do we need a global network?
 - What is the current situation?
 - What do we need?
- Site Conditions
 - Global consideration for the location
 - Geology
 - Site area
 - Weather and sky conditions
 - Radio frequency and optical Interference
 - Horizon conditions
 - Air traffic and aircraft Protection
 - Communications
 - Land ownership
 - Local ground geodetic networks
 - Site Accessibility
 - Local infrastructure and accommodations
 - Electric power
 - Site security and safety
 - Local commitment

Local Ground Survey is an Essential Part of Co-location

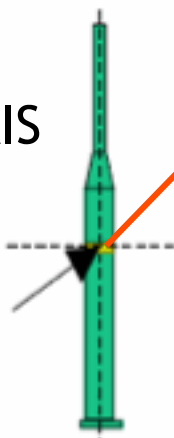
Co-Location System

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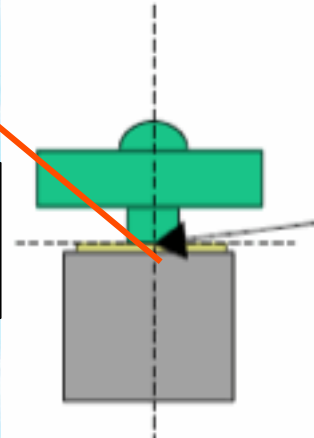
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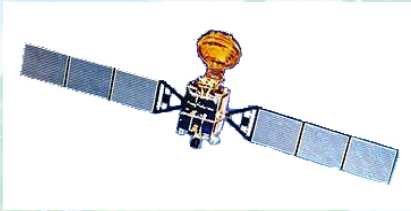


- Local survey is an essential part of co-location, but
- Great care must be taken to identify the system reference points

GPS



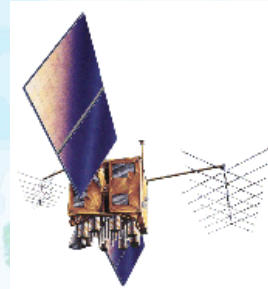
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GNSS/SLR



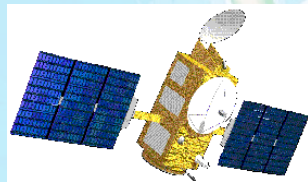
GLONASS
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GPS
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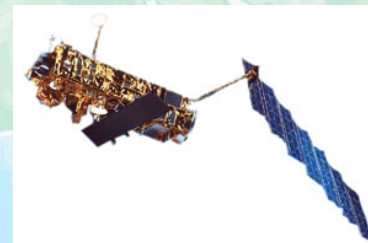
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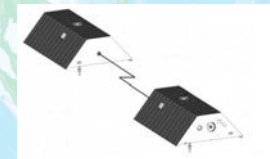
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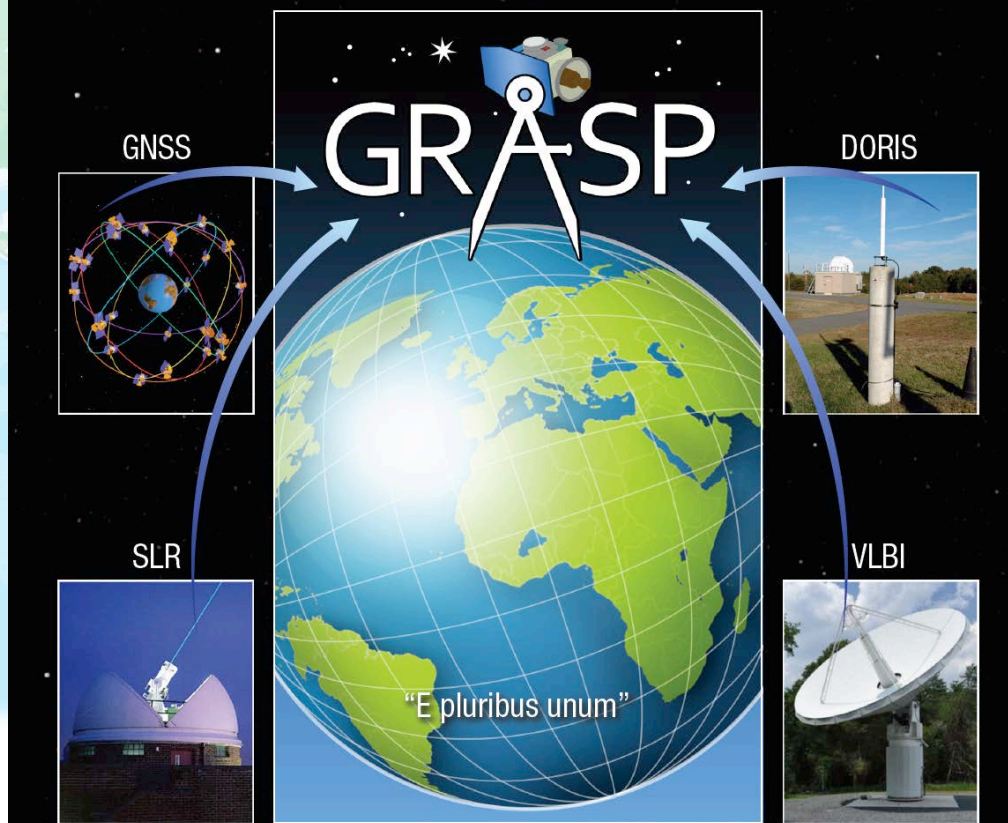
The **Geodetic Reference Antenna in Space (GRASP)**: A Mission to Enhance the Terrestrial Reference Frame

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Geodetic Reference Antenna in SPace



Reality

Recognizing that:

- Many sites will not be at ideal locations nor have ideal conditions;
- Some new technology stations are being deployed, but not co-located;
- Core site deployment will occur over many years;
- We will have a mix of new and legacy technologies for many years;

As a result:

- Co-location sites (non-core sites) will continue to play a vital role in our data products;
- Quality of our output will be the product of network Core Sites, Co-location sites, mix of technologies, adherence to proper operational and engineering procedures, and making best use of the data once it leaves the field;

But – many groups are taking the initiative to join, build and upgrade



Summary

- Challenging program with very important science and societal benefits
- Technologies are maturing
- Global distribution is essential
- Very large opportunity for participation in analysis and scientific research
- Need to engage young scientists and students
- Success will depend on partnerships

- Thank you for your attention
- I am very honored with the award. It means a great deal me.