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Preparing for National Spatial Reference System Modernization

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The National Geodetic Survey

Mission and Strategic Plan

Mission:

To define, maintain and provide access to the National Spatial Reference System to meet our nation's economic, social, and environmental needs.

Vision:

Everyone accurately knows where they are and where other things are at all times and in all places!

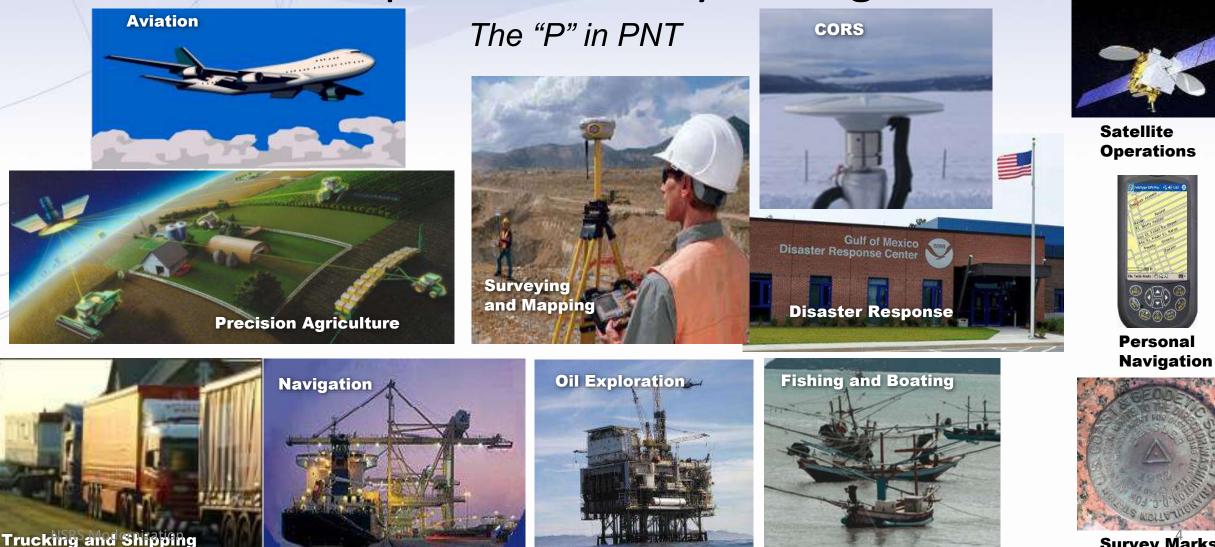
Organizational Structure

- Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
- Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- NOAA Line Office: National Ocean Service (NOS)
- NGS Leadership and Organization Chart

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NGS Provides the Geodetic Infrastructure Critical to Our Geospatial Economy through the NSRS



Survey Marks

Accurate maps begin with accurate coordinates!

Geodetic control (NSRS) is the foundation layer for all geospatial products.

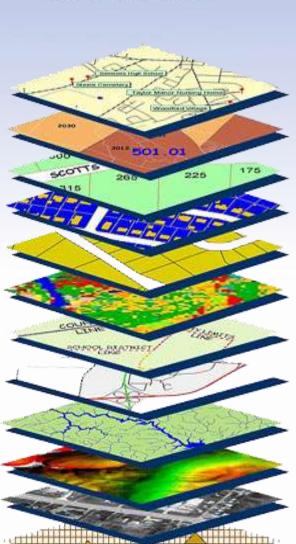
Easiest way to think of "geodetic control": Points with Coordinates ***Soon to be Coordinates as a function of time

Without a geodetic control "base map" layer, GIS applications will not align properly!

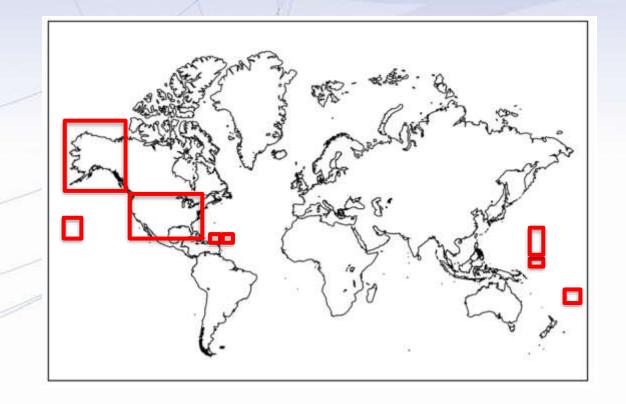
Geodetic control needs to be more accurate than any survey or map which builds upon it

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Extent of the current NSRS



Frames: Truly global but used regionally **Geoid/Vertical**: Regional

Conterminous US (CONUS; "Lower 48")

Alaska

Hawaii

Territories: Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, CNMI

Planned Changes: Replacing NAD 83

<u>The Old:</u> NAD 83(2011)

NAD 83(PAII)

NAD 83(MAII)

<u>The New:</u> The North American Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022 (NATRF2022)

The Caribbean Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022 (CATRF2022)

The Pacific Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022 (PATRF2022)

The Mariana Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022 (MATRF2022)

The Future Reference Frames

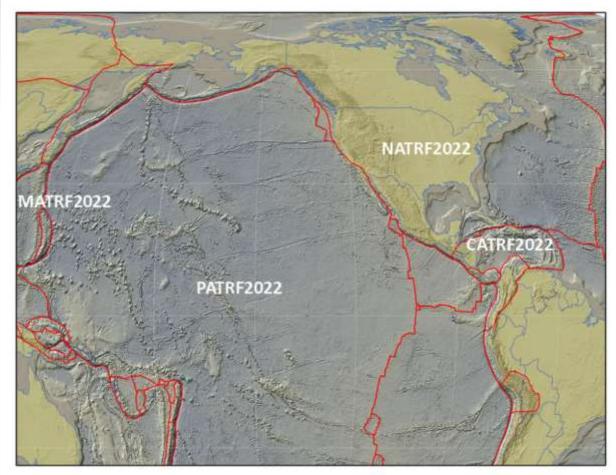
Will be based on a densified ITRF model (e.g. SIRGAS)

Tectonic Plate based

Each Plate is based on the same densified ITRF model

North America Caribbean Pacific Mariana

NATRF CATRF PATRF MATRF



The Old:

NAVD 88

PRVD 02

VIVD09

ASVD02

NMVD03

GUVD04

IGLD 85

IGSN71

GEOID 18

DEFLEC18

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Planned Changes: Replacing NAVD 88

Orthometric Heights

Normal Orthometric Heights

Dynamic Heights

Gravity

Geoid Undulations

Deflections of the Vertical

The New:

The North American-Pacific <u>*Geopotential</u>* <u>*Datum*</u> of 2022 (NAPGD2022)</u>

Will include:

- GEOID2022
- DEFLEC2022
- GRAV2022
- DEM2022
- More

A HUGE component of this effort is <u>GRAV-D</u>:

Gravity for the Redefinition of the American Vertical Datum

NAPGD2022 Geopotential Datum

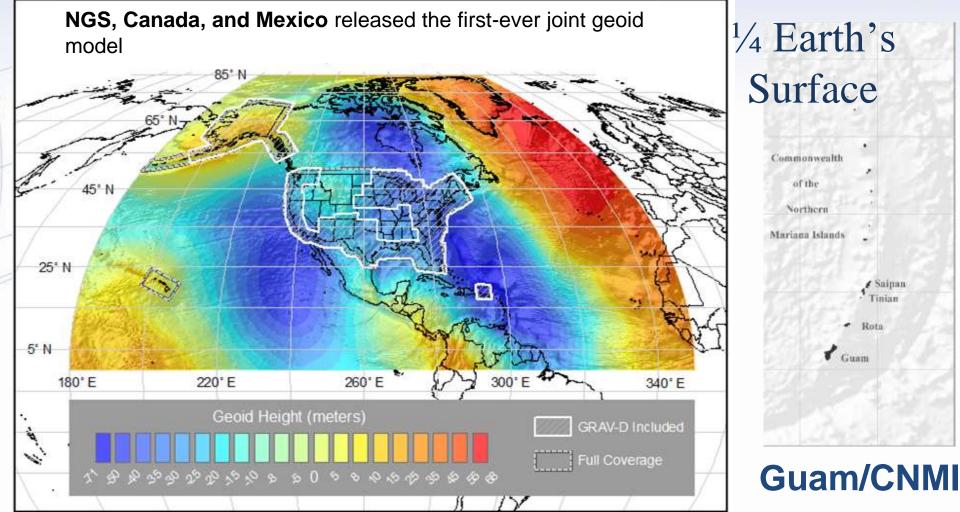
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Not just a vertical datum, it is more than just heights.



Models included: Geopotential, Geoid **Deflection of Vertical**, & Gravity



American Samoa

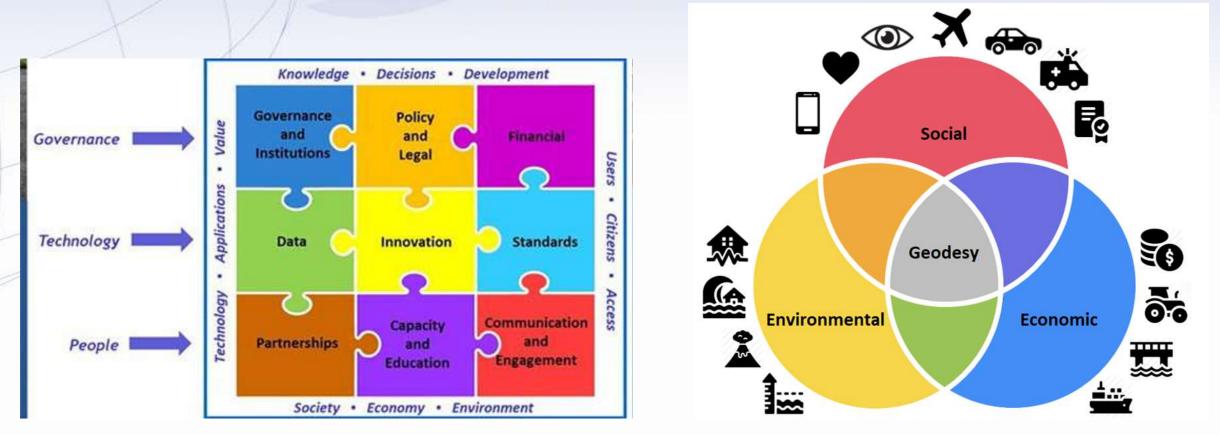
Significance to Users

- Global models accurate and precise at local scales
 - Datum shifts create meter-level changes (more in GPSonBM section)
 Will tie NSRS to ITRS directly
 - Will more closely relate to current realizations of WGS-84
 - Minimizes impacts to navigation
- Better geospatial products for improved results in government, business and research

International Motivations: UN-GGIM

Integrated Geospatial information Framework

Geodetic Component of Geospatial Data



Focus is on building capacity in governments but also the broader geospatial sector to build the NSDI

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National Motivations: the GDA and FGDC

- Geospatial Data Act
 - Many aspects of IGIF
 - Standards, etc.
 - Empowered FGDC
 - NGDA's <u>and</u> other data
- Governance piece
 - only US Agencies are covered by it
- This GeoGov Summit broadens the reach
 - Private sector, State, local, tribal & academia



Home / Geospatial Data Act 2018

The Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (GDA) was signed into law by the President on October 5, 2018. The GDA was included as a component of the FAA Reauthorization Act (H.R. 302, PL. 115-254). The GDA is now in U.S. Code, Title 43 – Public Lands, Chapter 46: GEOSPATIAL DATA. See the section cross-reference table below for a quick section mapping between the H.R. and U.S.C. versions. Note that documents provided here prior to September 2020 contained the HR section references. Resources, updates, and information about the GDA will be posted on this page as we work with partners to implement the Act.

- Geospatial Data Act of 2018 U.S. Code (pdf)
- Geospatial Data Act of 2018 H.R. 302 Final Text (pdf)
- Geospatial Data Act of 2018 H.R. 302 Final Text Web/Online Version
- GDA Section-by-Section Summary (pdf)

Resources

- GDA Plans
- GDA Reports
- GDA Fact Sheet May 2019 (pdf)
- FGDC Statement on Passage of the Geospatial Data Act of 2018
- Congressional Research Service Report on the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (pdf)
- GDA Tiger Team
- NSDI Strategic Plan

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Geoplatform.gov

- Making U.S. Government data more F.A.I.R.
 - Findable, Accessible,
 <u>Interoperable</u> and Reusable
 - Interoperable includes metadata
 - Includes coordinate reference systems
 - such as the NSRS
- Data harvested from NOAA through data.gov to geoplatform.gov

• However, it is also on our website 6-8 September 2023, Hyatt Regency Dulles, Virginia U.S.A.

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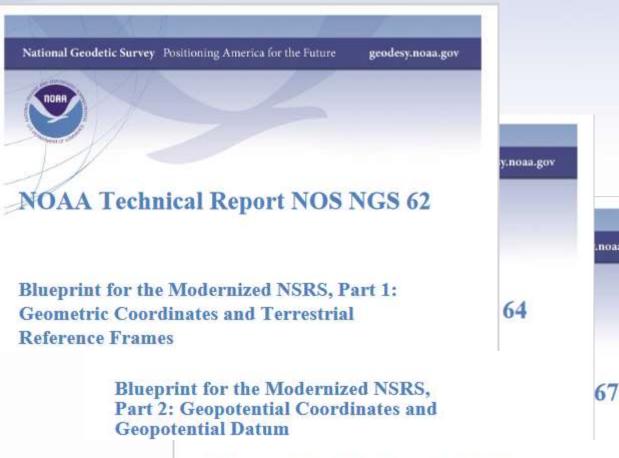
The Geospatial Platform is a cross-agency collaborative effort and Shared Service that embodies the principles and spirit of Open Government, emphasizing government-to-citizen communication, accountability, and transparency.

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How: NSRS Modernization Blueprints

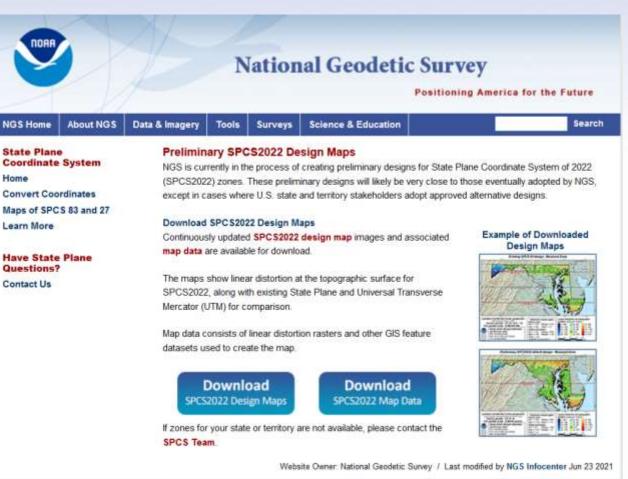
- Part 1 Geometric and TRF's
 - EPP TRF's tied to ITRF2020
 - IFDM deformation in TRF
- Part 2- Geopotential
 - Vertical Datum
 - Gravity
 - DoV's
- Part 3 User Access
 - GNSS observations by user
 - NOAA CORS Network
 - OPUS processing (more later)
 - GNSS obs to get to vertical: H = h N



Blueprint for the Modernized NSRS, Part 3: Working in the Modernized NSRS noaa.gov

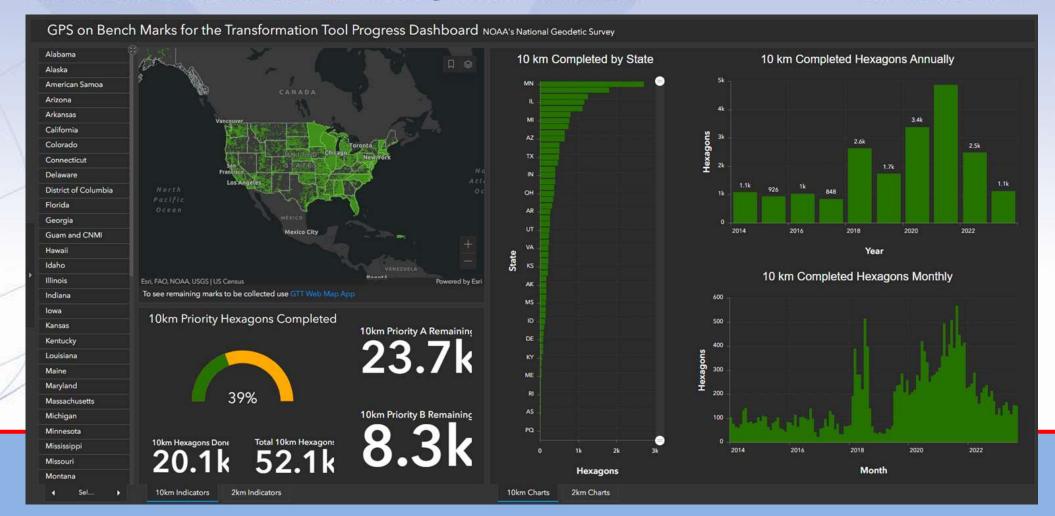
What – Modernizing the NSRS

- Defining new TRF parameters
- <u>GRAV-D</u> for NAPGD2022
- State Plane Coordinate Systems
- Continued Data collection
 - <u>GPS on BM</u> (next section)
- Geospatial data tools
 - OPUS and OPUS Projects (OP)
 - NGS Coordinate Conversion and Transformation Tool (<u>NCAT</u>)



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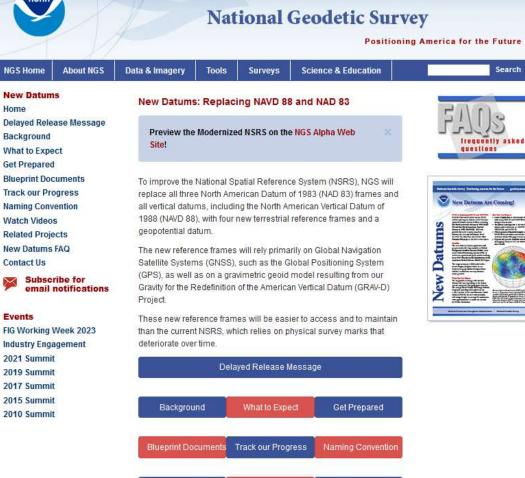
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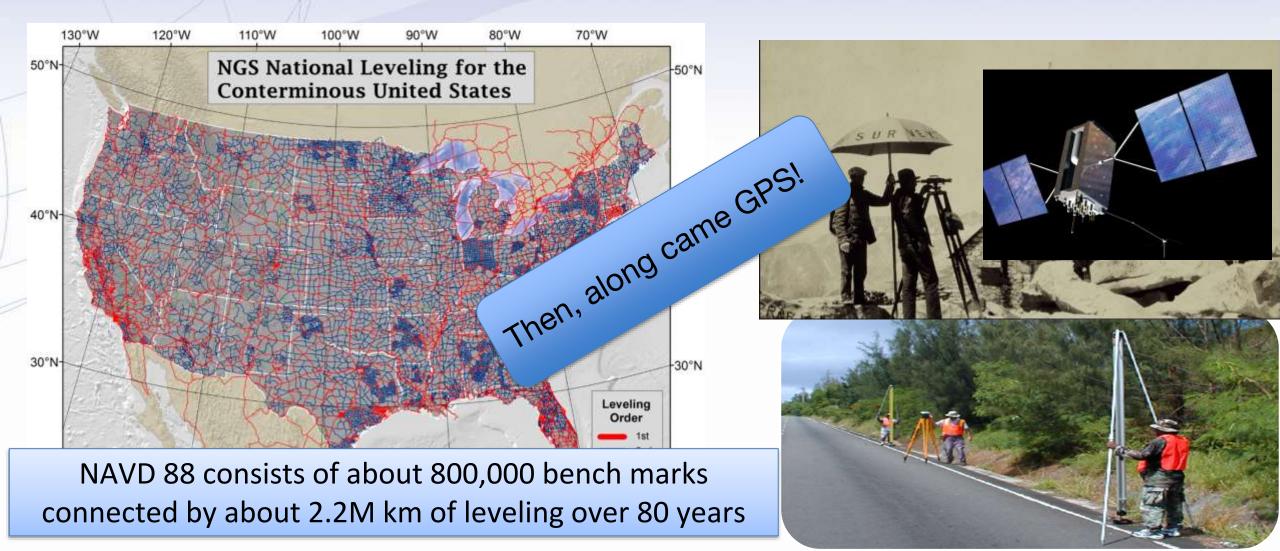
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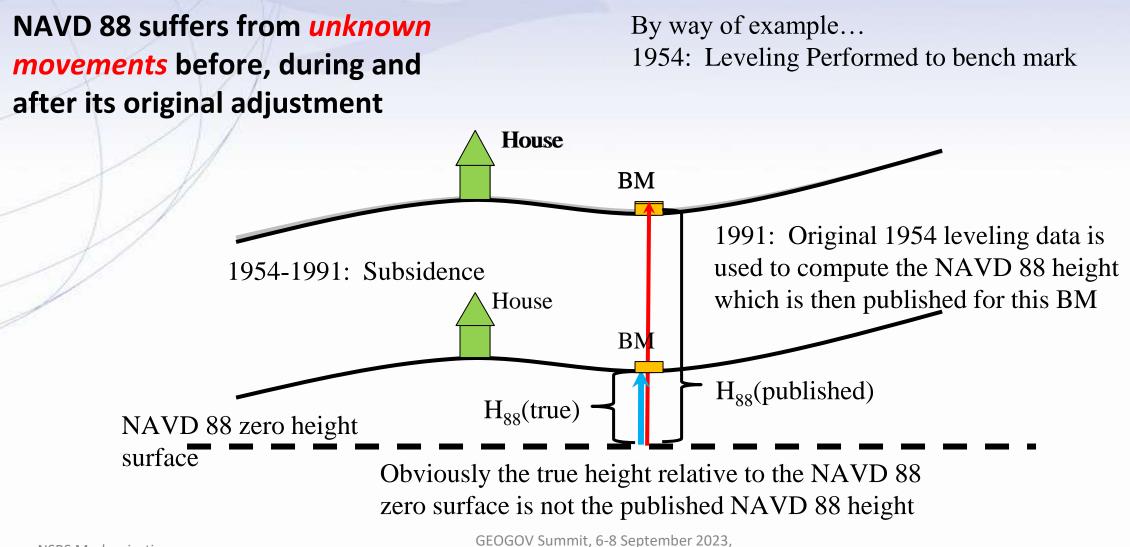
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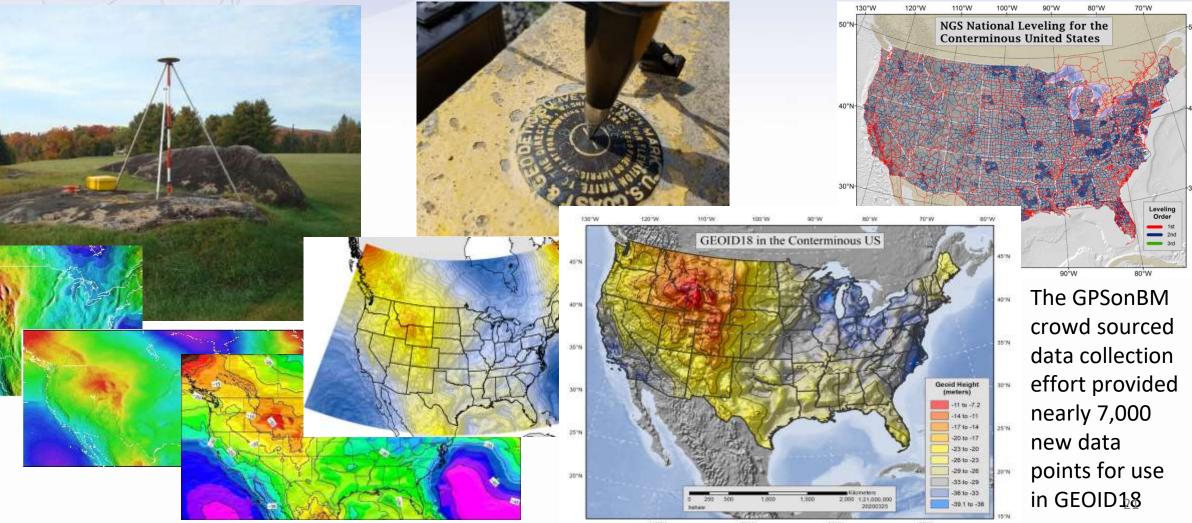
First, a little history - NAVD 88 was released in 1991, created using decades of Continental-Scale Geodetic Leveling



NAVD 88 Issues



Starting in the late 1990's, NGS created a series of hybrid geoid models by using <u>GPS observations on NAVD88 marks</u>, providing users a way to produce GPS derived NAVD88 heights.



GPS on Bench Marks - What & Why?

GPS on Bench Marks is about preparing the country and our communities to take full advantage of the benefits of the Modernized NSRS, by collecting new GPS observations on bench marks with published NAVD 88 heights. maniner 812 6899 B TIDAL Campion (197) D 197

Primary GPSonBM Campaign Benefits:

- Improved Geoid18 the last hybrid geoid for NAVD 88
- 2020.0 Reference Epoch Coordinates (REC's)
- Data for NAVD 88 NAPGD2022 Transformation Tools
- Build time series of observations in areas of motion

Added benefits:

- Evaluate gravimetric geoid models
- Check your RTN results
- Update and maintain passive control marks
- Identify marks suspected of movement

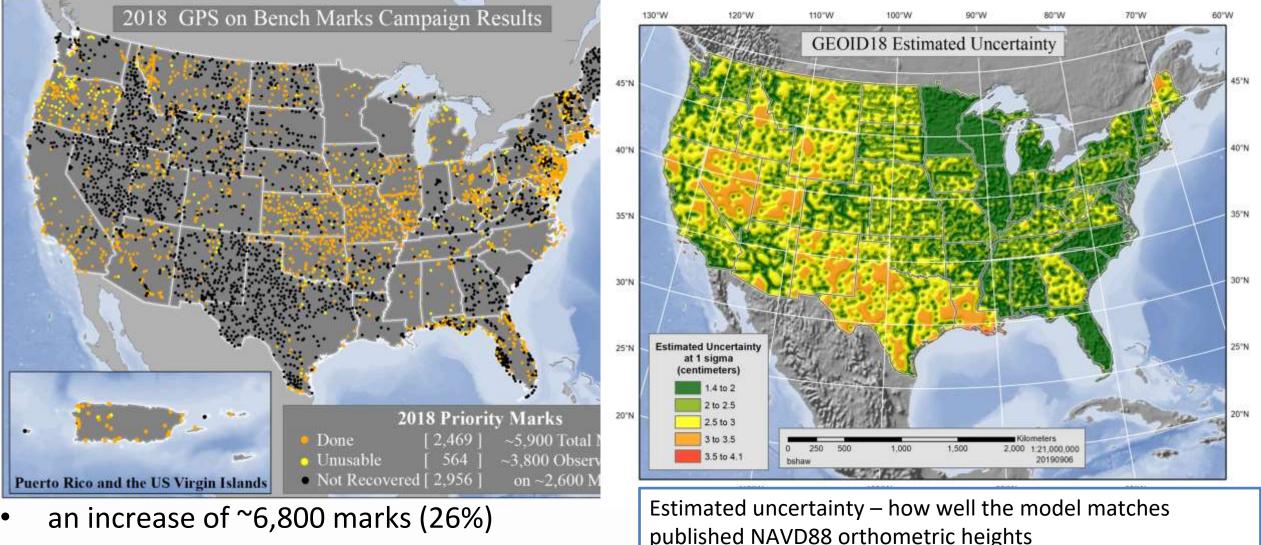
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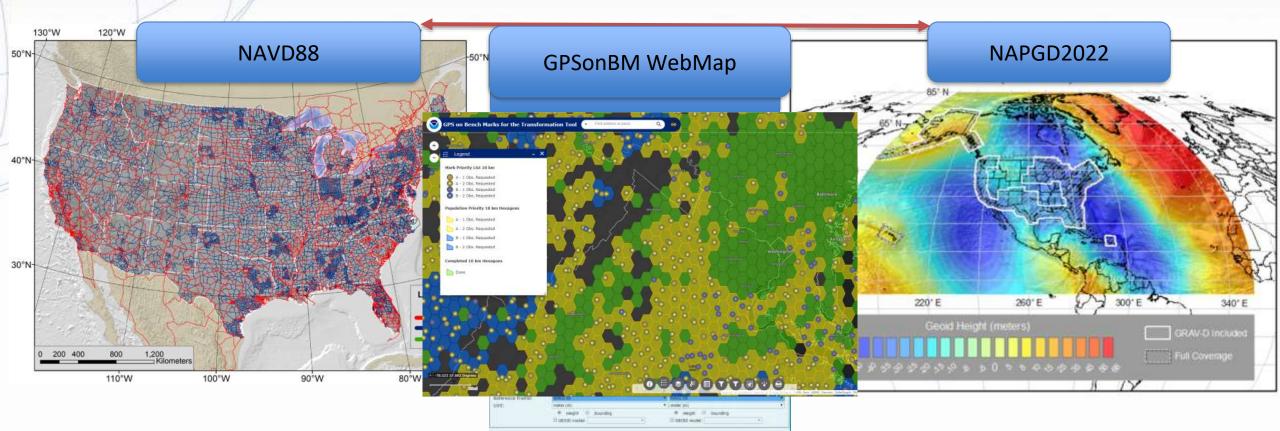
GPSonBM & Geoid 18 - last hybrid geoid for NAVD88



an increase of ~6,800 marks (26%) over GEOID12B

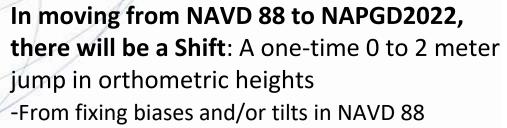
GPS on Bench Marks is currently crowdsourcing data to improve the local accuracy of the NAVD 88 - NAPGD2022 Transformation Tool

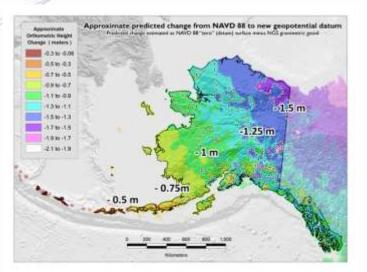
NGS will make a **national scale**, **mapping grade** transformation tool with the data we have in the NGS Database and Shared through OPUS. We have set a goal of 10 km spacing across the nation and by necessity must interpolate over areas with data gaps.



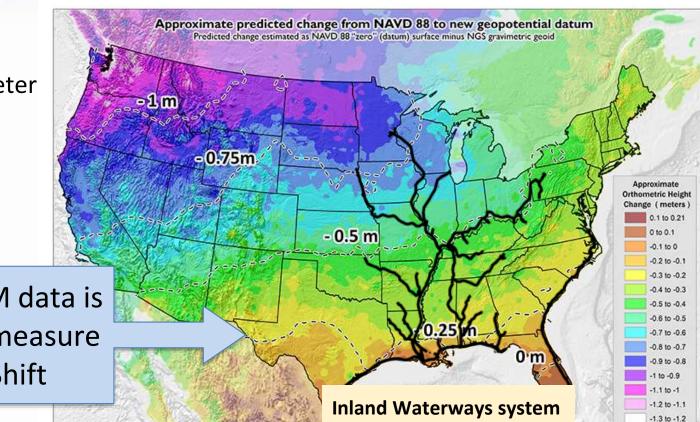
GPSonBM Measurements Connect Current and Future Datums

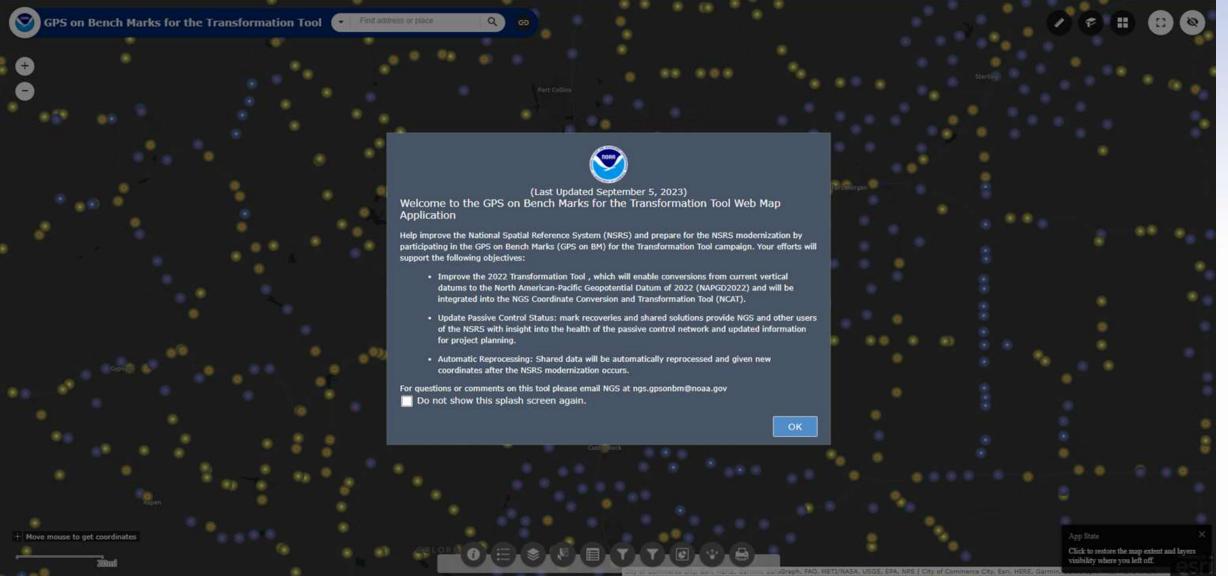
The relationship between the old and new datums vary by location. GPSonBM data is used to measure that relationship. The accuracy of the transformations in any particular place will be directly related to the density of GPSonBM data available in that area.





GPSonBM data is used to measure the Shift





Contact the GPSonBM team: ngs.gpsonbm@noaa.gov Provide Feedback: ngs.feedback@noaa.gov

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How Can You

Stay up to date and check available resources

- Participate in NGS webinars, Geospatial summits, and online training
- Contact NGS Regional Advisor

Metadata is essential

- Improves reliability and accuracy of data
- Increases value and usefulness

Consider whether to transform old data and/or collect new data

• Know your accuracy requirements

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How Can You Prepare

Require/provide complete metadata for all mapping contracts

- What datum(s)
- How data was collected and processed

Preserve all original observations

• particularly when referenced to ellipsoid (GNSS)

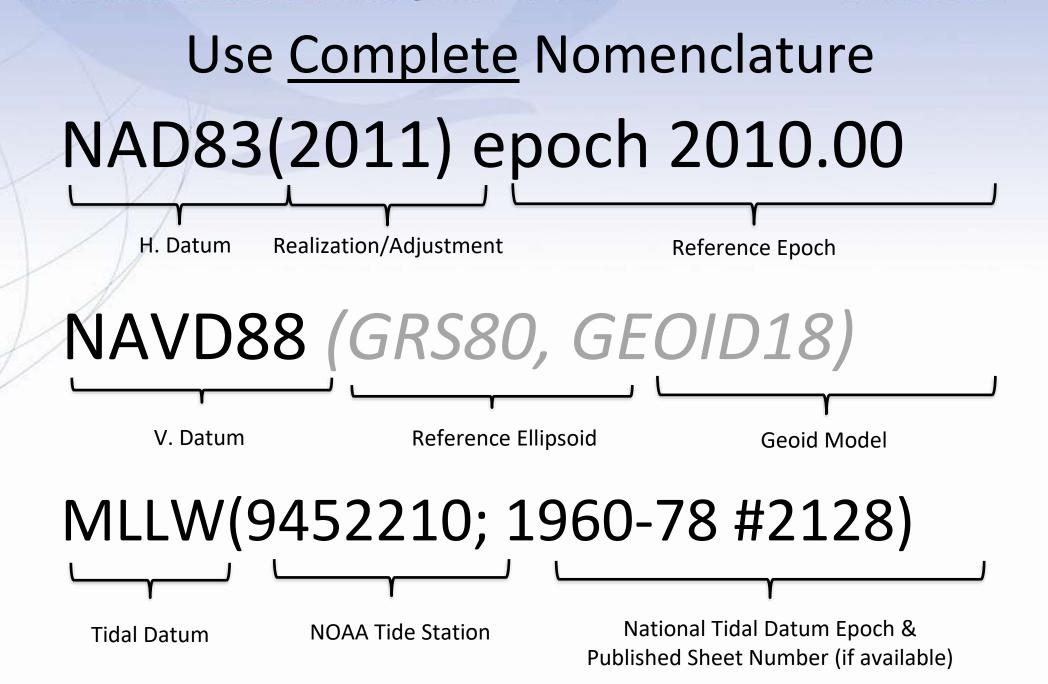
Use <u>Complete</u> Nomenclature

NAD83

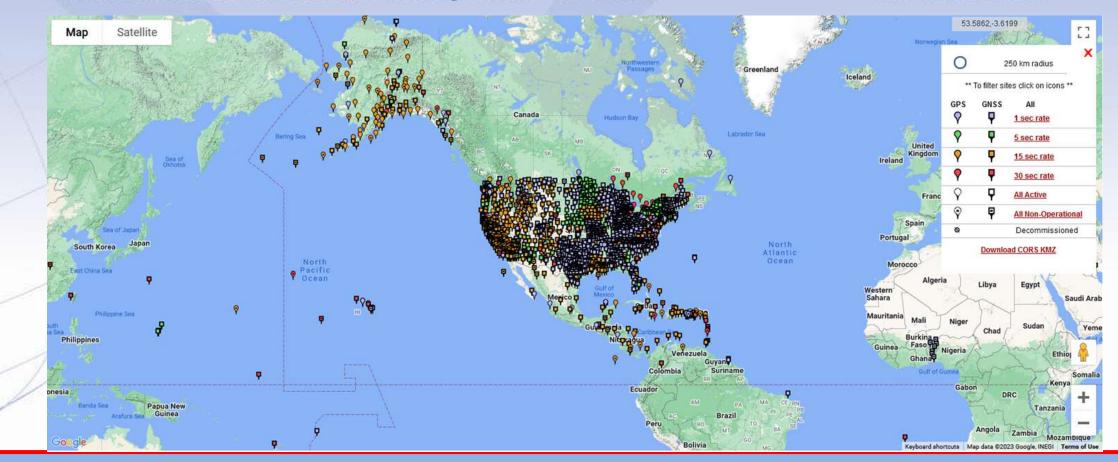
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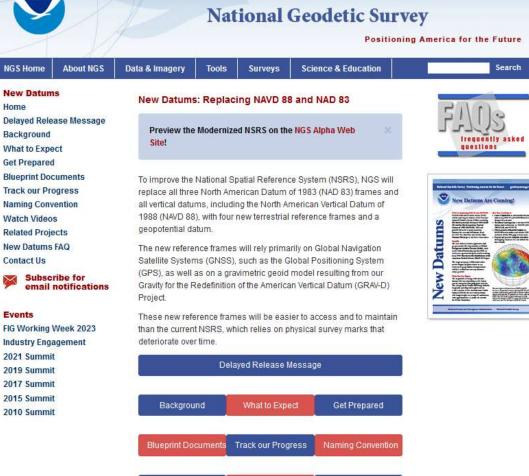
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Tools: New and In Progress

- OPUS Single point solutions
- <u>OPUS Projects 5.1</u> Geometric solutions for Campaign GNSS
 - Calls OPUS but organizes and adjusts campaign data
 - Upload real-time (RTK) and post-processed vectors via GVX format
 - Export adjustments to various geospatial formats
 - OPUS 6 will also adjust leveling data but is still IP
- There will be a new leveling manual out next year
 - Must Include 3+ GNSS occupations on points 30 km or more apart
- Updating the Leveling Online Computations User Service
 <u>LOCUS</u> to support leveling adjustments until OPUS 6

New types of Coordinates

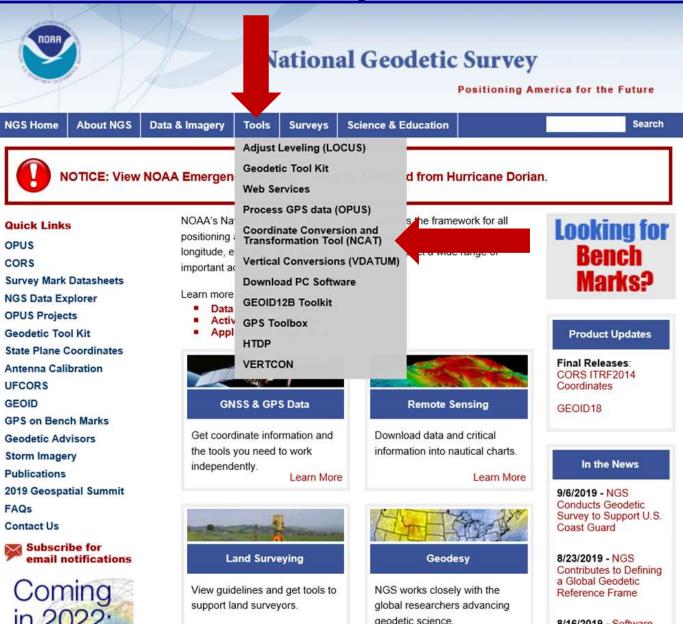
Reference Epoch Coordinates

- An estimated "snapshot" of entire network
- Every 5 or 10 years
- Similar to NAD 83(2011) epoch 2010.00

Survey Epoch Coordinates

- Time-dependent!
- Reflects coordinates at the time of observation
- Multiple Survey Epoch Coordinates (SECs) can show changes over time

NGS Products Update - NCAT



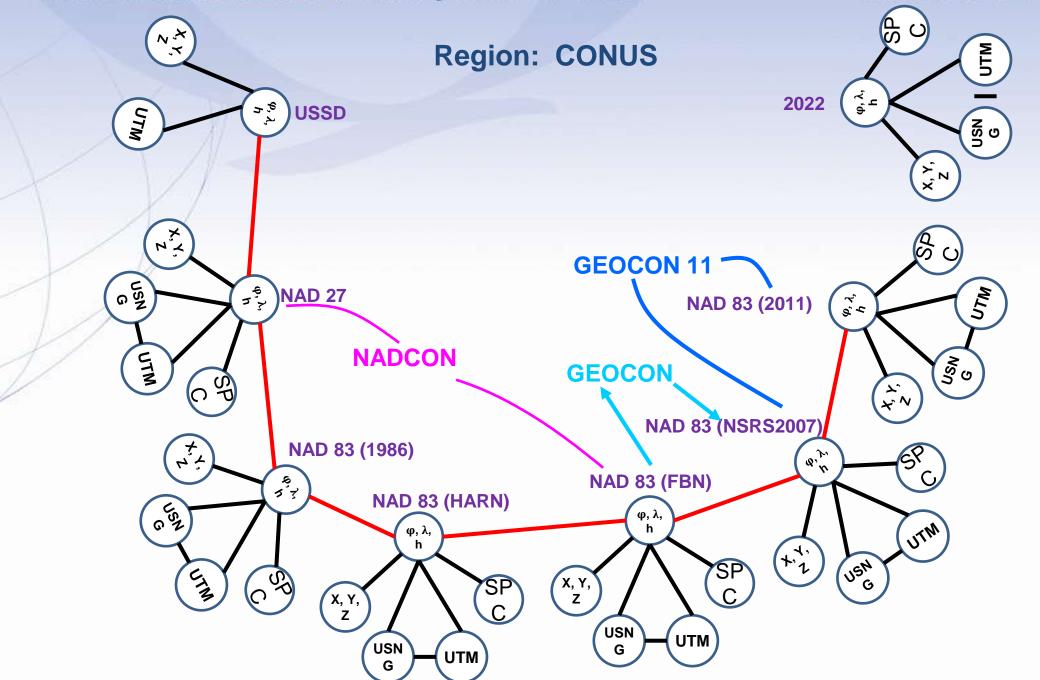
NGS Products Update - NCAT

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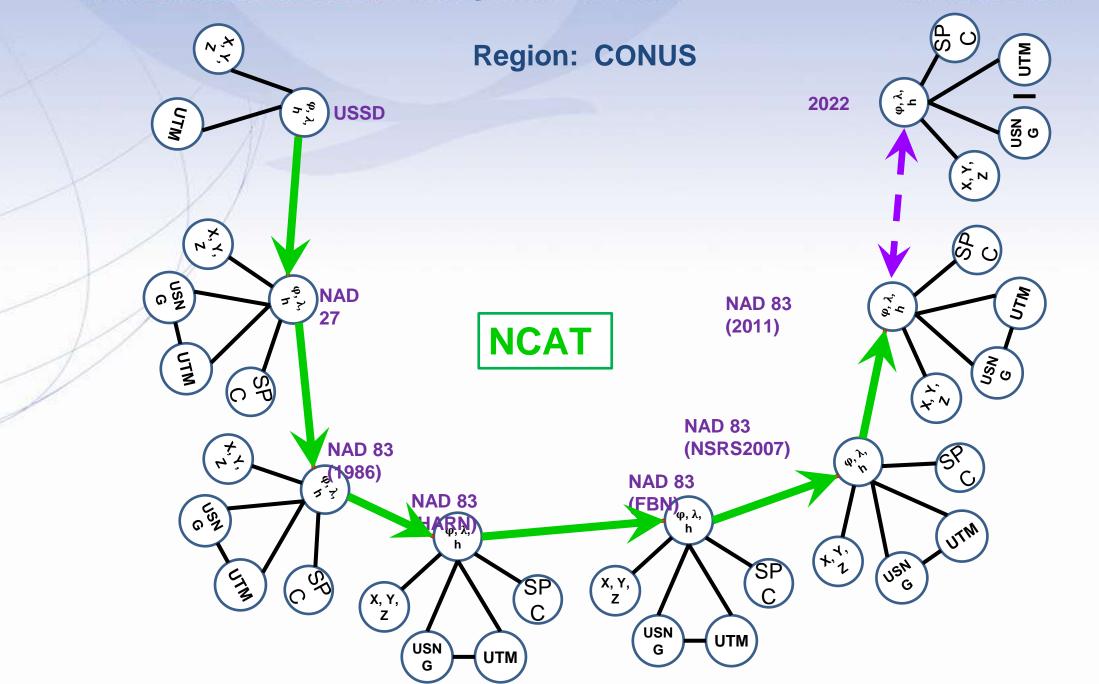
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Tools available in 2025 (rollout)

A new least-squares adjustment suite: LASER

- Least-squares Adjustments: Statistics, Estimates and Residuals
- Replaces all existing NGS LSA software – ADJUST, ASTA, CALIBRAT, others
- Supports 3D networks (GNSS+total station), leveling, CBLs, gravity networks
- C++, no Helmert blocking needed, numerous support tools
- Will be the main engine in OPUS for the modernized NSRS

A common geodetic data format: GDX

• In 2021, NGS released GVX

- GNSS Vector Exchange format
- After lengthy discussions with industry
 - Today, OPUS and many industry receivers make use of GVX
- In 2022, NGS announced it will replace GVX with GDX
 - Geodetic Data Exchange format
 - Expands upon and corrects some issues with GVX
 - Supports data from:
 - GNSS receivers, total stations, levels and relative gravimeters
 - Will replace GVX in late 2023

A common grid format

- USA and Canada are nearing an agreement on a common grid format
 - When finalized:
 - *Future* gridded products from either country's geodetic agencies will be in the chosen format
 - Work will begin translating *existing* gridded products to the chosen format
 - Current leading candidate: GGXF
 - This is pre-decisional

GeoTIFF GeopDF?

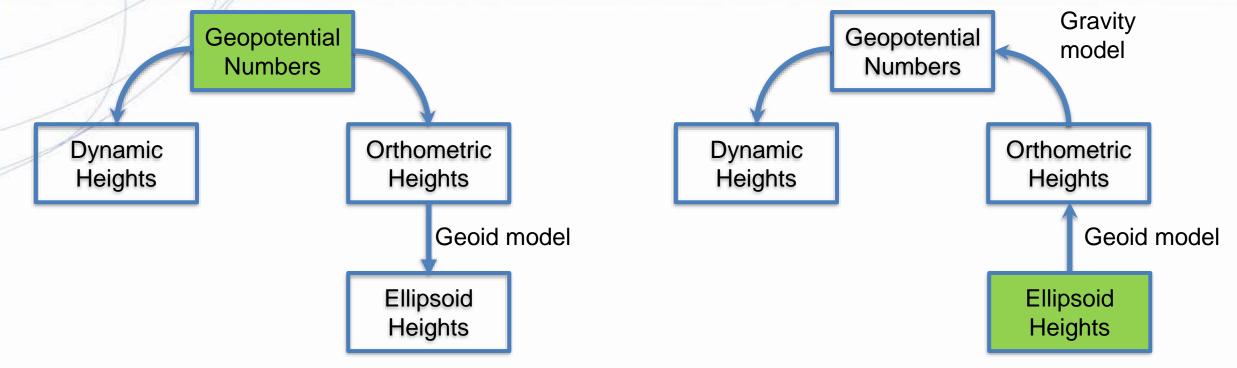




Dynamic Heights from GPS

Current NSRS relations:

Modernized NSRS relations:



Reference Epoch Coordinates

- Geometric
 - Epoch: 2020.00
 - ITRF2020
 - Then to N/P/C/MATRF2022
 - All GNSS and classical observations
 - Constrained to GRPs at CORSs
 - ~115,000 pts will get XYZ coords
 - Then to lat/lon/eht
 - Then to orthometric and dynamic heights

- Orthometric
 - Epoch: 2020.00
 - NAPGD2022
 - All leveling observations
 - Constrained to Geometric RECs + GEOID2022 (orthometric constraints)
 - ~960,000 pts will get H coords
 - Then to eht and dynamic heights

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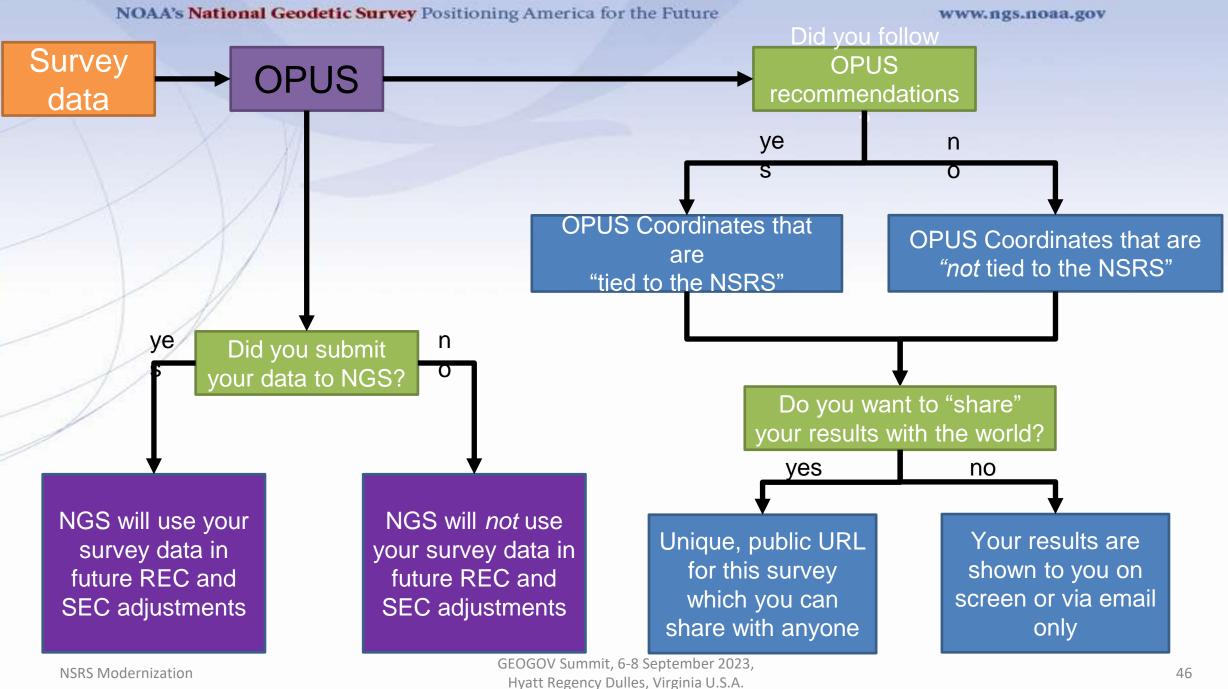
OPUS

- OPUS-S and OPUS-Projects are being transitioned
 From current NSRS to modernized NSRS
- Both current and modernized:
 - GNSS only (for now)*
 - ITRF2020
 - M-PAGES (multi constellation)
 - Simultaneous GNSS vector processing



- Modernized:
 - GDX, not bluebooking
 - LASER, not ADJUST
 - Choose your epoch
 - N/P/M/CATRF2022
 - IFDM2022, not HTDP
 - OPUS recommendations
 - OPUS coordinates

* OPUS 6 will come after 2025



NADCON

• Current version: 5.0.1

- Expansion will bridge current NSRS to modernized NSRS

Region	Current	Modernized
CONUS	NAD 83(2011) epoch 2010.00	NATRF2022 epoch 2020.00
Alaska	NAD 83(2011) epoch 2010.00	NATRF2022 epoch 2020.00
Hawaii	NAD 83(<mark>PA</mark> 11) epoch 2010.00	PATRF2022 epoch 2020.00
PR / USVI	NAD 83(2011) epoch 2010.00	CATRF2022 epoch 2020.00
American Samoa	NAD 83(PA11) epoch 2010.00	PATRF2022 epoch 2020.00
Guam / CNMI	NAD 83(MA11) epoch 2010.00	MATRF2022 epoch 2020.00

VERTCON

• Current version: 3.0.0

- Expansion will bridge current NSRS to modernized NSRS

Region	Current	Modernized
CONUS	NAVD 88	NAPGD2022 epoch 2020.00
Alaska	NAVD 88	NAPGD2022 epoch 2020.00
Hawaii	Has no defined vertical datums. VEI	RTCON will not work here.
PR	PRVD02	NAPGD2022 epoch 2020.00
USVI	VIVD09	NAPGD2022 epoch 2020.00
American Samoa	ASVD02	NAPGD2022 epoch 2020.00
Guam	GUVD04	NAPGD2022 epoch 2020.00
CNMI	NMVD03	NAPGD2022 epoch 2020.00

Data Delivery System

- Everything NGS uses will be stored in the NSRS Database
- Requests made of that database will go through the Data Delivery System (DDS)
 - "Datasheets" are being designed for MARKS and STATIONS
 - Similar to, but much better than existing datasheets
 - Support for querying about other things (papers, models, surveys, adjustments, etc.) will be added over time

What will have to wait...

- Promises we intend to keep, but not until after the initial release of the modernized NSRS include:
 - Integrating leveling, classical data and gravity into OPUS
 - Full integration of all old tools into NCAT and Vdatum
 - SECs for pre-1994 (AKA "pre-NCN") years, plus SECs for post-2020

Summary

- Align NSRS to ITRS (ITRF2020)
- International agreements
 - UN GGRF
 - SIRGAS/Americas
 - Pacific
- Meets U.S. Law (GDA)
 - F.A.I.R.
 - Geoplatform and Data.gov

- Modernized NSRS
 - Four new TRFs
 - One new Geopotential datum
- Blueprints describe
- GPS on BM for better transforms
- Keep GNSS obs/metadata
- New tool to transform NCAT
 - 14-parameter/grids for realizations
 - OP 5.1 for Capaign GNSS
 - LOCUS for leveling
- Future OP tool will adjust leveling

Get Prepared

- Evaluate your business models, practices and geospatial data
 - Transform Data <u>NCAT</u>
 - Record metadata time/date/CRS
 - Perform GPS on BM operations
 - Will improve conversion grids
 - Review SPCS 2022
 - Prepare to update legislation
 - Some states have codified NAD 83
 - Need to make non-unique
 - Use NSRS not specific realization
- Keep your GNSS Observations
 - Can re-run in later realizations



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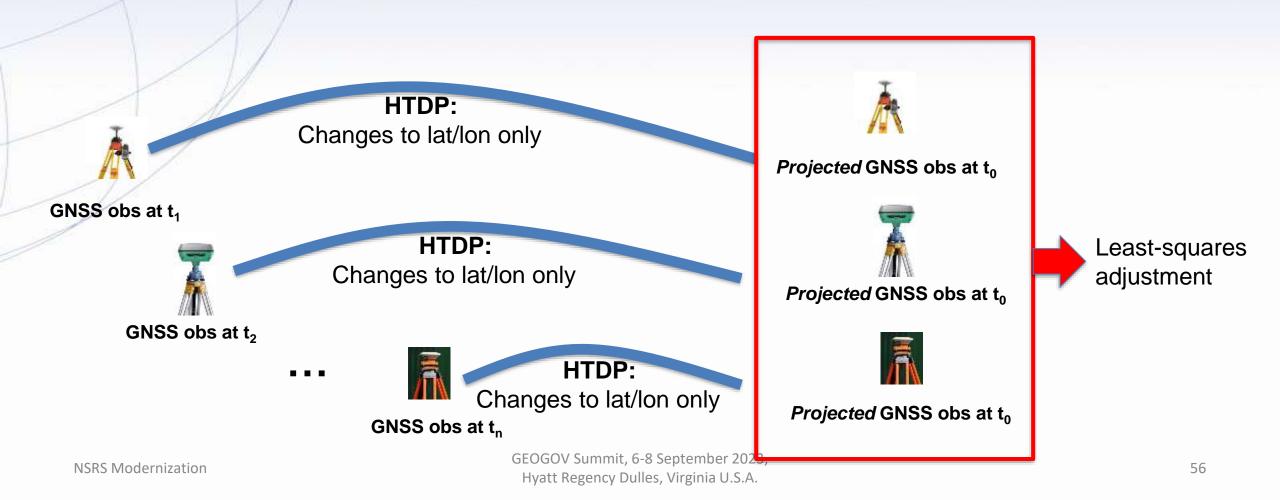
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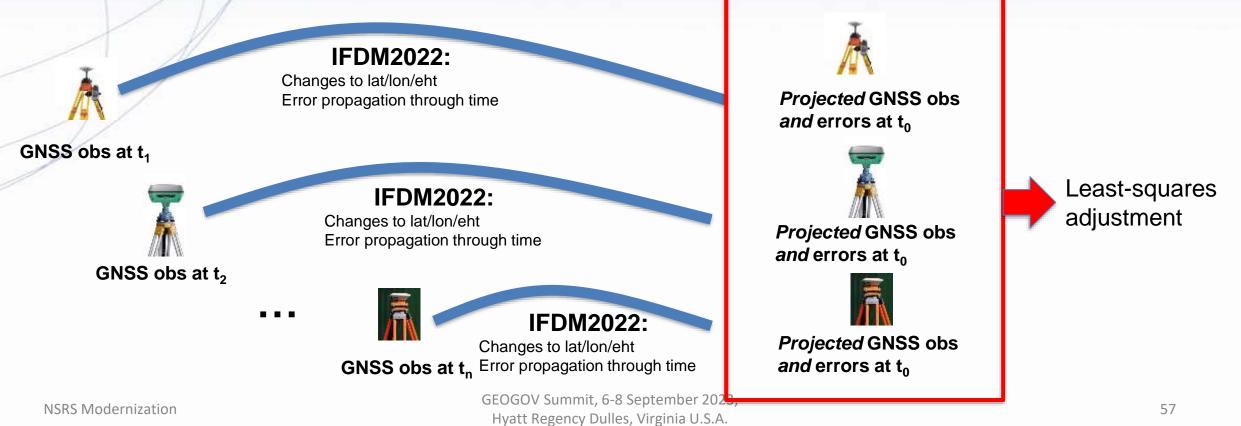
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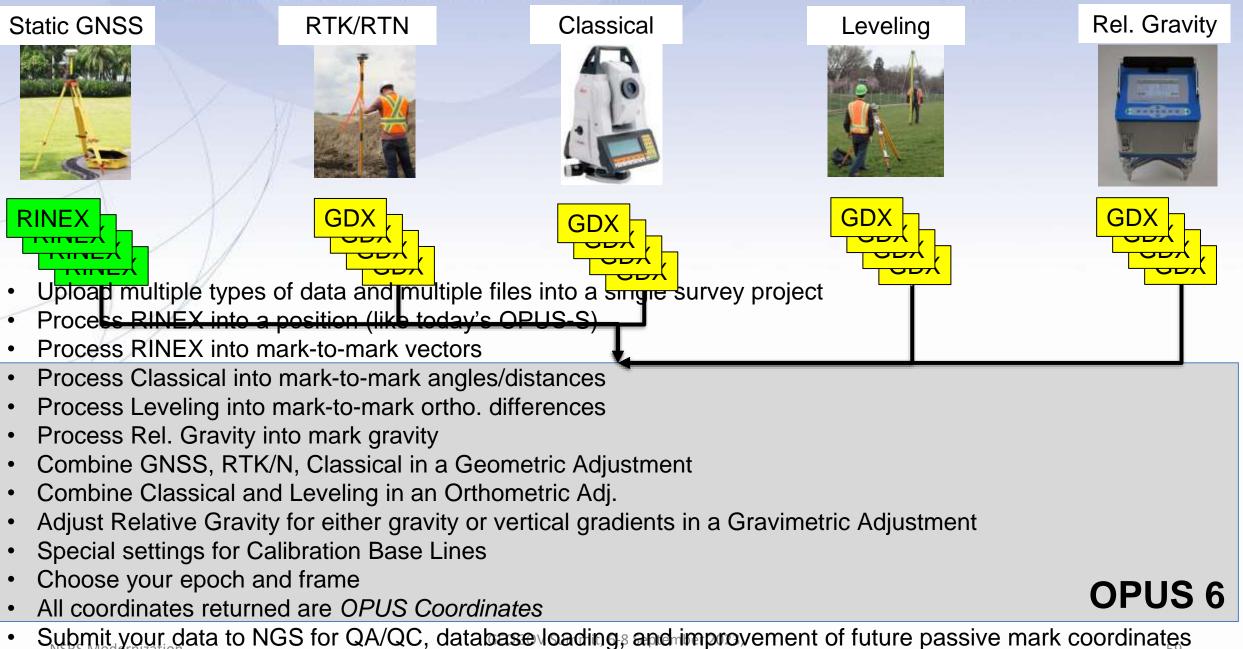


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