Chinese Geodetic Coordinate Reference Frame 2000

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1. Overview on CTRF2000

**What kind of geodetic reference coordinate system do we need for satellite navigation?**

- The satellite moves round the Earth mass center — the orbit of the satellite should be expressed in a geocentric terrestrial reference system (TRS).

1. Overview on CTRF2000

What does TRF serve for in navigation?

- Tracking the satellite to determine the orbit
- Expressing the coordinate system of navigation system
- Augmenting in local area for satellite navigation
- ...
1. Overview on CTRF2000

- What does Chinese Geodetic Coordinate System (CGCS) need?
  ---Definition, establishment, maintenance and applications.

- Definition of CTRS
- Establishment of CTRF
- Maintenance of CTRF
- Application of CTRF
CGCS2000 meets the following rules of IERS:

- **Origin**: Its origin is at the center of mass for the whole Earth, including oceans and atmosphere;
- **Unit of length**: meter SI, consistent with TCG (Geocentric Coordinate Time);
- **Orientation**: The orientation is initially given by the BIH orientation at 1984;
- **Time evolution**: The time evolution in orientation will create no residual global orientation with regard to the crust.
2. Structure of CTRF2000

- Reference Frame: ITRF1997;
- Epoch: 2000.0.

- The first order: 28 CORS, which is the key frame of CGCS2000 with mm accuracy.
- The second order: “2000’ national GPS network”, with about 2500 stations with cm accuracy.
- The third order: National astro-geodetic network, with about 50,000 stations with 0.3m accuracy.
2.1 The first order frame —— 28 CORS

- The first order frame is composed of 28 continuous operational stations.
- An integrated adjustment of the CORS in China with selected IGS stations was carried out.
- The accuracy of the coordinates of the adjusted CORS is about 3mm.
2.2 The second order frame
—— 2000’ national GPS network
2.2 The Second Order Frame of CGCS 2000

- The CTRF 2000 is mainly expressed by 2000’ National GPS Network

1. The frame and epoch of the GPS network 2000
   - Frame: ITRF97; Epoch: 2000.0.

2. What are the initial constraints?
   - 47 IGS stations are selected to define the reference frame;
   - The coordinates of IGS stations with $1\sigma$ are introduced in the integrated adjustment of GPS networks;
   - The coordinates are reduced into the epoch 2000.0 according to their velocities.
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IGS stations

2000’ GPS network
3. How to deal with the functional and stochastic model errors?

- Systematic parameters are introduced in functional model
- Variance component estimation based on the improved functional model
- Robust estimation is applied to the improved functional model
- To control the cross error influences
4. Results of the GPS network 2000

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- Average standard deviation for horizontal position is about 0.5cm;
- Average standard deviation for height is about 2cm;
- Average standard deviation for 3D position is better than 2.5cm.
2.2 The Second Order Frame of CGCS 2000

- B: 93% <0.01m, 7% >0.01m
- L: 73% <0.01m, 27% >0.01m
- H: 54% <0.01m, 46% >0.01m
2.3 The third order frame

--- Astro-geodetic network
2.3. The Third Order Frame of CGCS 2000
---Astro-Geodetic Network

- The third order frame of CGCS 2000 is the astro-geodetic network with about 50,000 stations.
- The astro-geodetic network itself cannot be employed as reference frame.
- Combined adjustment of astro-geodetic network and 2000’ GPS network can provide unified coordinates of stations in a given reference system.
- The combined adjustment can improve the coordinate accuracy of the astro-geodetic network in controlling of the high accurate GPS network.
1. Main strategies of the adjustment

- Coordinate datum
  - The uncertainty of the coordinates of the GPS network 2000 was given $1\sigma$ to propagate the datum

- Crust deformation and other systematic errors
  - Parameters to compensate the systematic errors are introduced

- Effects of outliers
  - Outlier diagnosis and robust estimation are used

- Inconsistent inner precision
  - Variance component estimation (VCE) is used
1. Main strategies of the adjustment

(1) Datum and systematic errors

- 2000’ GPS network acts as a reference of the combined adjustment, thus the coordinates given by the combined adjustment will refer to the same datum as that of the 2000’ GPS net.

- The systematic errors of the astro-geodetic network are mainly controlled by the GPS network.
1. Main strategies of the adjustment

(2) Functional model of the combined adjustment

- The parameters are the 3D coordinates.
- The height fixed 3D model is employed if the stations have no vertical angle measurements.
- Some systematic parameters are introduced in the functional model:
  - 1 orientation parameter is introduced to adjust the orientation error;
  - 8 scale parameters are introduced to compensate distance errors.
2.3. The Third Order Frame of CGCS 2000
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1. Main strategies of the adjustment

(3) Stochastic model

- The initial weights are the inverses of the variances;
- Variance component estimation is applied to the combined adjustment in order to adjust the inhomogeneous accuracies of the measurements.
- By iteration 2 times, all the variance components are nearly equal to 1 (the prior assumption value).
2. The results and quality

Precision of 3D position

- The standard deviations of 38693 (80.2%) stations are smaller than 0.2m;
- Std of 44384 (92.1%) stations are smaller than 0.3 m;
- Average std is 0.15m.
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Relative precision comparison with old adj. (ppm)

The relative precision is $\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}$ as much as that of the adjustment carried out in 1980 and 1998.
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3. Main achievements of the project

- The geodetic measurements lasting more than 70 years in China are integrated and adjusted.
- The reference datum is unified, and some systematic error influences are controlled.
- The CTRF 2000 has been established and strengthened with higher precision and more density.
- The relative precision is 4 times better than that of the project carried out in 1980.
3. Main technical progress of the CTRF 2000

- **2D+1D geodetic networks**
- **3D geodetic network**
  - It is suitable for space geodesy

- **Non geocentric coordinate system**
- **Geocentric coordinate system**
  - It is suitable for aerospace and navigation etc.
3. Main technical progress of the CTRF 2000

- Original accuracy 5-10m.
- New accuracy 3cm-0.3m

- Inhomogeneous accuracy of the frame with the error more than 10m in the boundary area of the country.
- Homogeneous accuracy without significant systematic errors (the error of boundary stations is about 0.5m)

- Least squares adj.
- LS + VC + robust estimations Reliability has been improved

CGCF2000 is an alignment of ITRF, it will be updated to new ITRF series.
4. Main problems of CTRF 2000

- The accuracy of the CTRF is not so homogeneous, compared to the ITRF.
- The CTRF 2000 cannot provide accurate velocities at present stage.
- There are many continuously operating reference stations (CORS) in China have not been integrated in the unified coordinate frame, which results in sources waste and the datum confusion.
- The fundamental control stations are too few, the structure of 2000’ GPS network is quite weak for the large territory.
4. Main problems of CTRF 2000

- The structure of the CTRF in the west part of the country is very weak.
- The control stations in the overlapping areas of lands and seas are less.
- The geodetic control stations in island and reef are nearly empty.
- The tracking stations of COMPASS have not integrated in the CGCF 2000, which will be modified in the future.
Conclusion

CGCS — has got great progress
— heavy tasks to strengthen and maintain
— a long way to go!
Thank you for your attention