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# Reference Frame in Practice

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## Four Dimensional Deformation Models for Terrestrial Reference Frames

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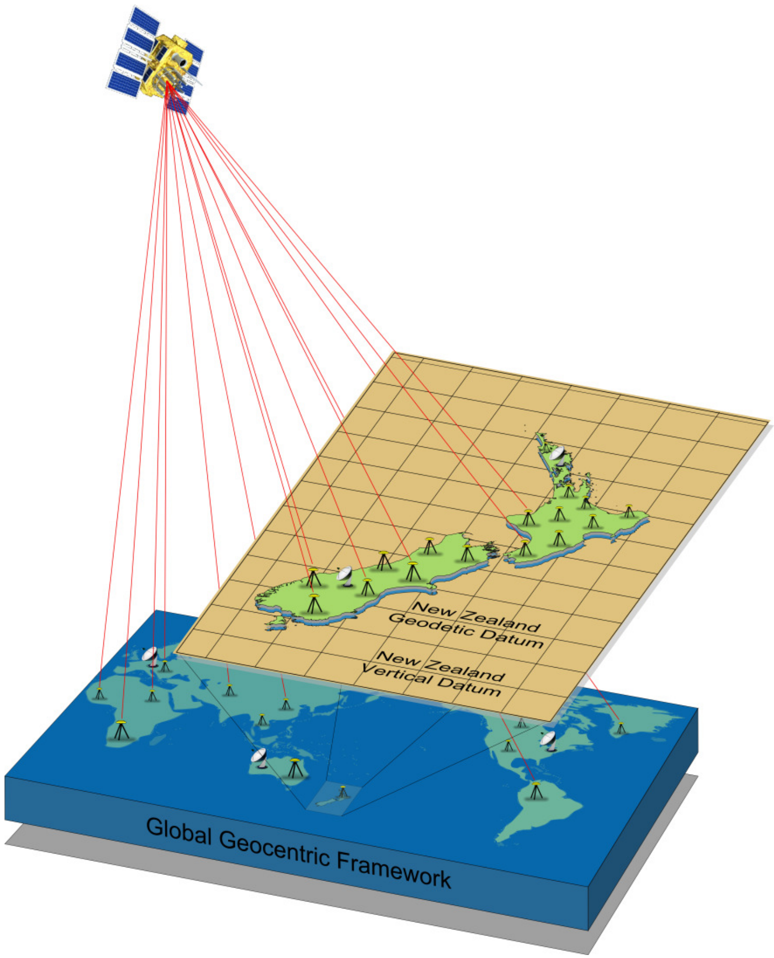
- **Introduction (10min Graeme)**
- **Concepts of 4d datums (10 min Graeme)**
- **The pros and cons of static, semi-dynamic datum and dynamic datums (10 min Grame)**
- **Development of Deformation Models (15min Richard)**
- **Incorporating the effects of events such as earthquakes into the model. (15min Richard)**
- **Case studies,**
  - **Australia (10 min Richard)**
  - **New Zealand, (10 min Graeme)**
- **Questions 10 min**

# Introduction

# Fundamental Role of Reference Frame



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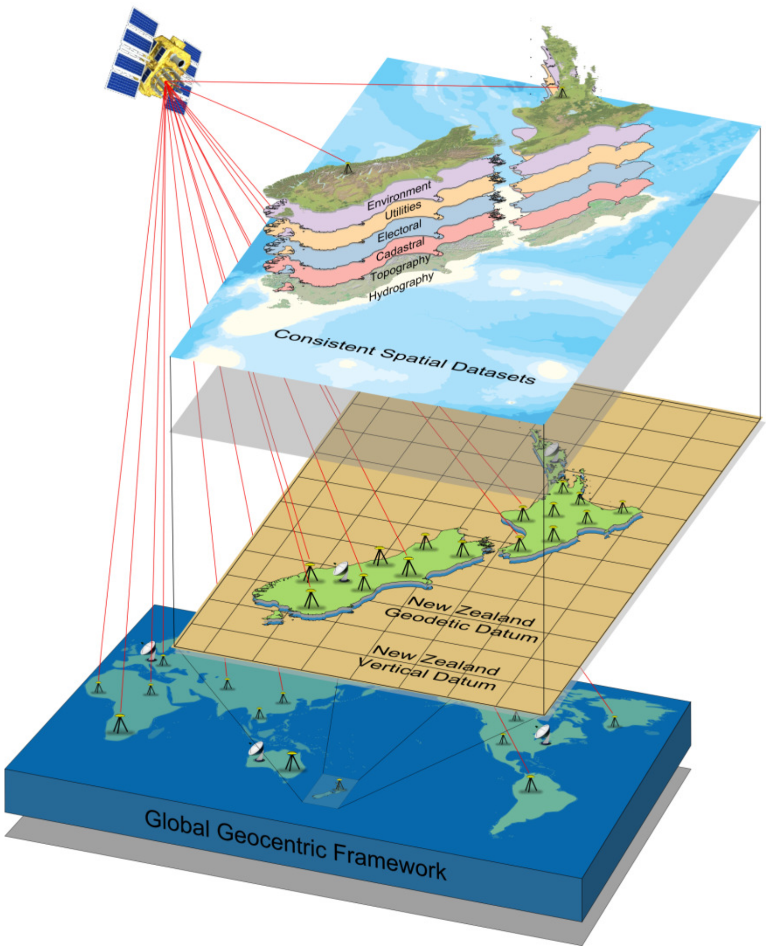


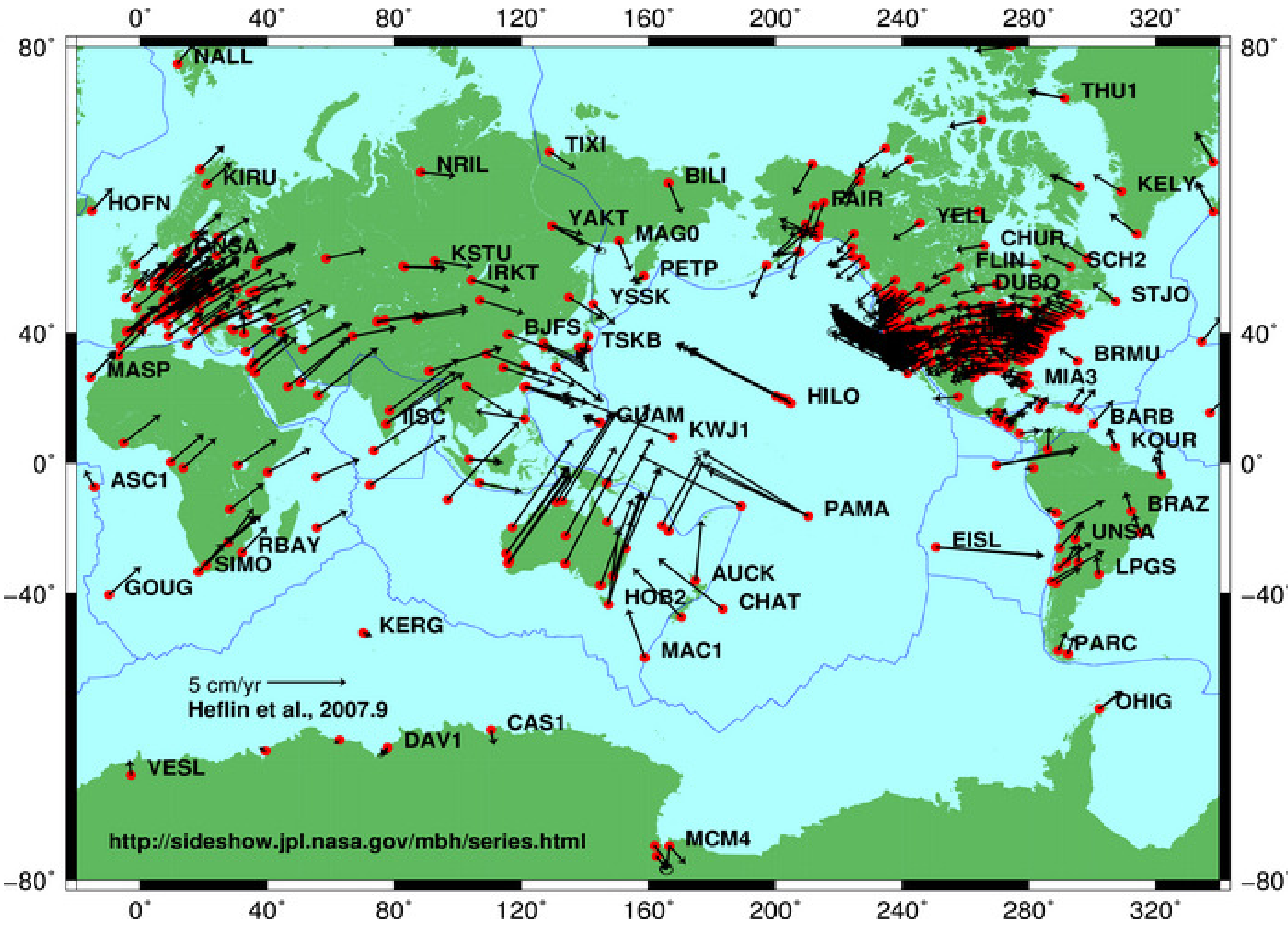
# Fundamental Role of Reference Frame



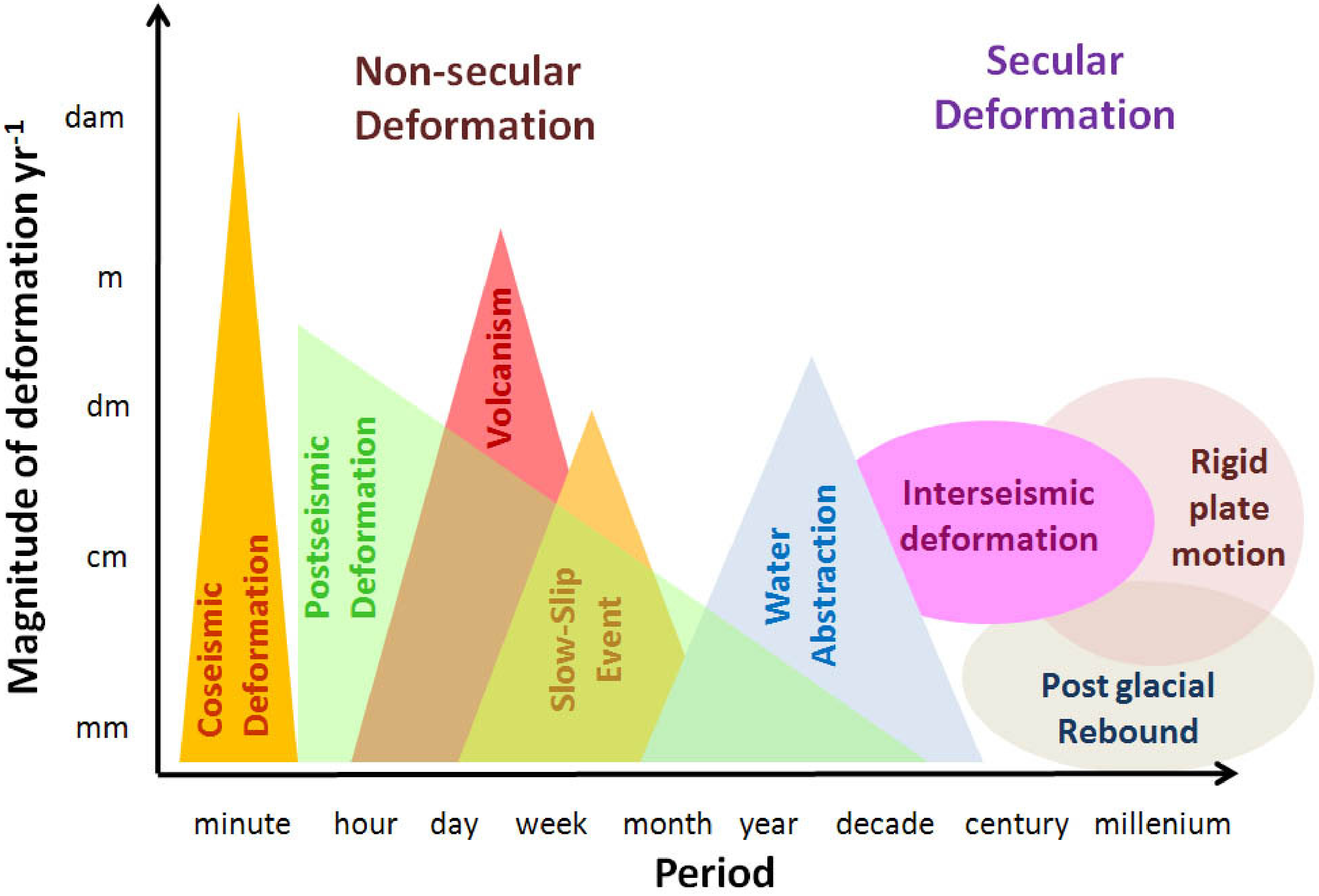
## Requirements of a National Reference System

- A coordinate framework that is **accurate, stable, reliable and accessible**
- Direct linkage to International Reference Frames
- **Simple** for users to connect to and use
- Physical infrastructure may include GNSS CORS and traditional geodetic survey marks
- Systems and tools to allow connection to the coordinate reference system and **transformation** of legacy data to the current reference system

# Crustal Dynamics



# Temporal and spatial extent of deformation



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# Concepts of a 4D Datum

# Datum Types

Static Datum (2D and 3D)

- Coordinates are fixed at a reference epoch
- Does not incorporate the effects of plate tectonics and deformation events
- Coordinates slowly go out of date, need to change periodically which is disruptive

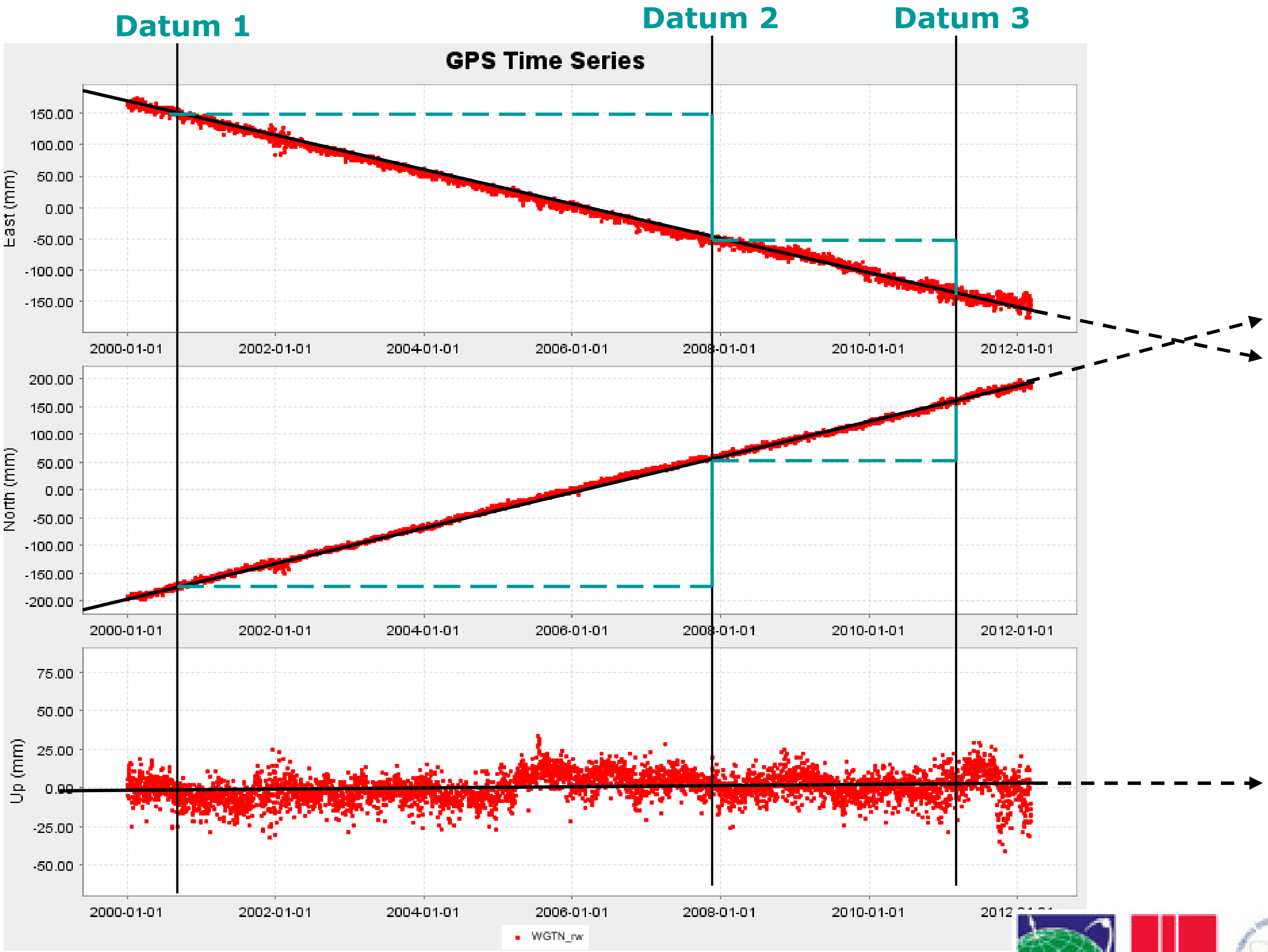
Dynamic datum (4D)

- Incorporates a deformation model to manage changes (plate tectonics and deformation events)
- Coordinates change continuously
- Can be confusing and difficult to manage

Semi - dynamic datum

- Incorporates a deformation model to manage changes (plate tectonics and deformation events)
- Coordinates fixed at a reference epoch
- Change to coordinates is minimised

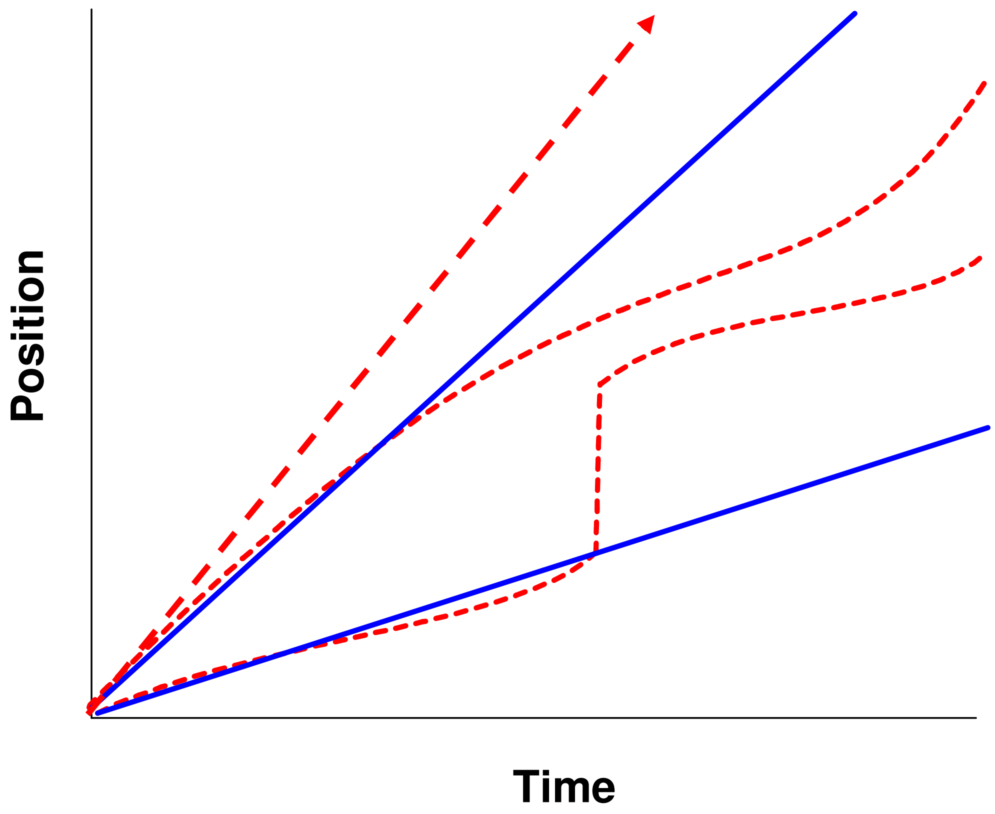
# Constant motion through time



The ideal world!

Need to accommodate error in model or changes in deformation

Need to accommodate local and spatially complex deformation



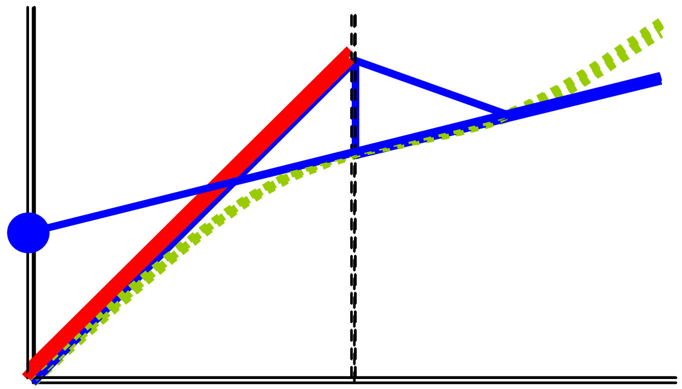
# Options - Error in model or changing deformation

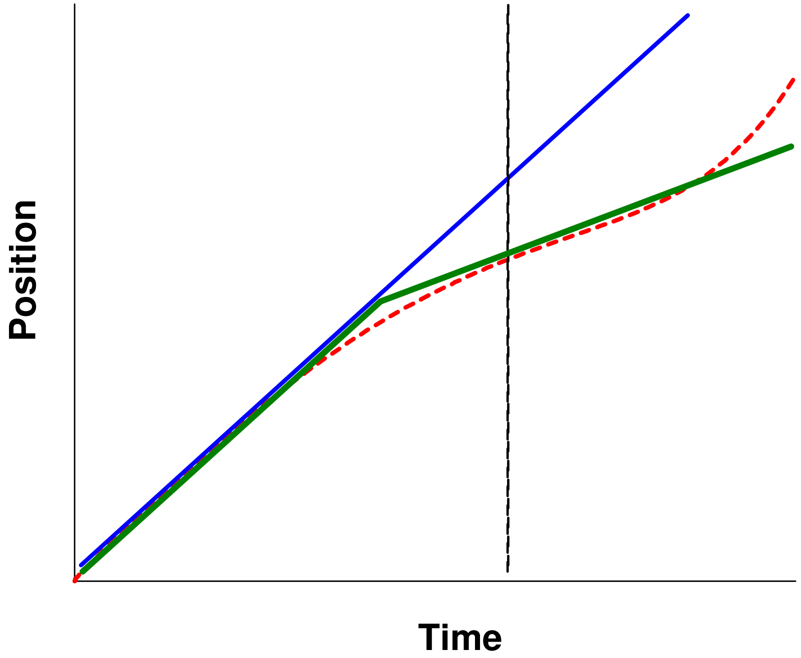
Steer to a new model

Jump to the new model

Revise the previous model

Ignore the previous model






**Solution**

**Revise the previous model**

**always preserves the best estimate of past and future position and velocity**

# Options - Spatially complex deformation

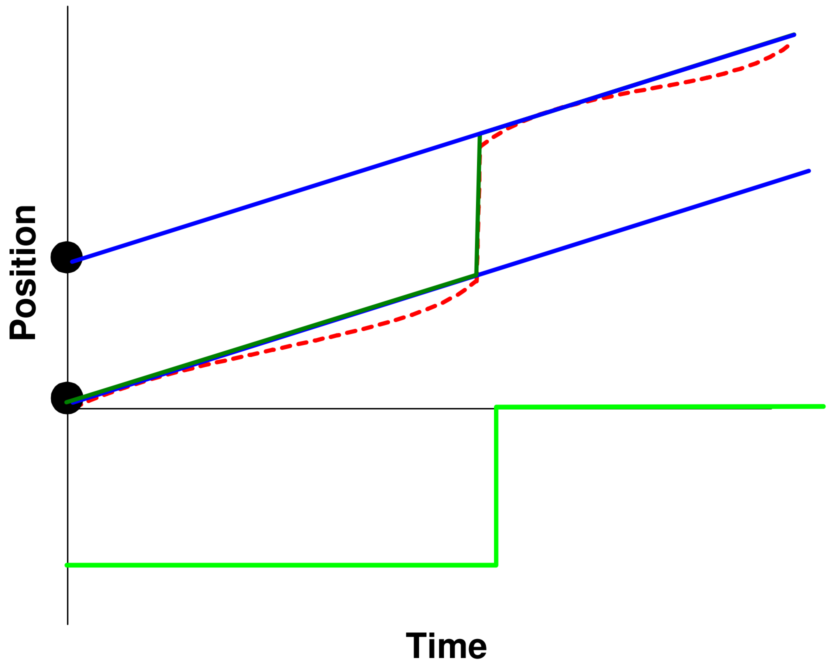
The deformation event is not incorporated into the deformation model (dot is the base epoch coordinate of the mark)

The 'patch' deformation model – in this case a discrete event

The trajectory of the mark – incorporated the national deformation model and the 'patch'

The base epoch coordinate is changed to incorporate the offset calculated from the patch

Coordinates for times after the event just use the national deformation model and coordinates before the event include the patch.



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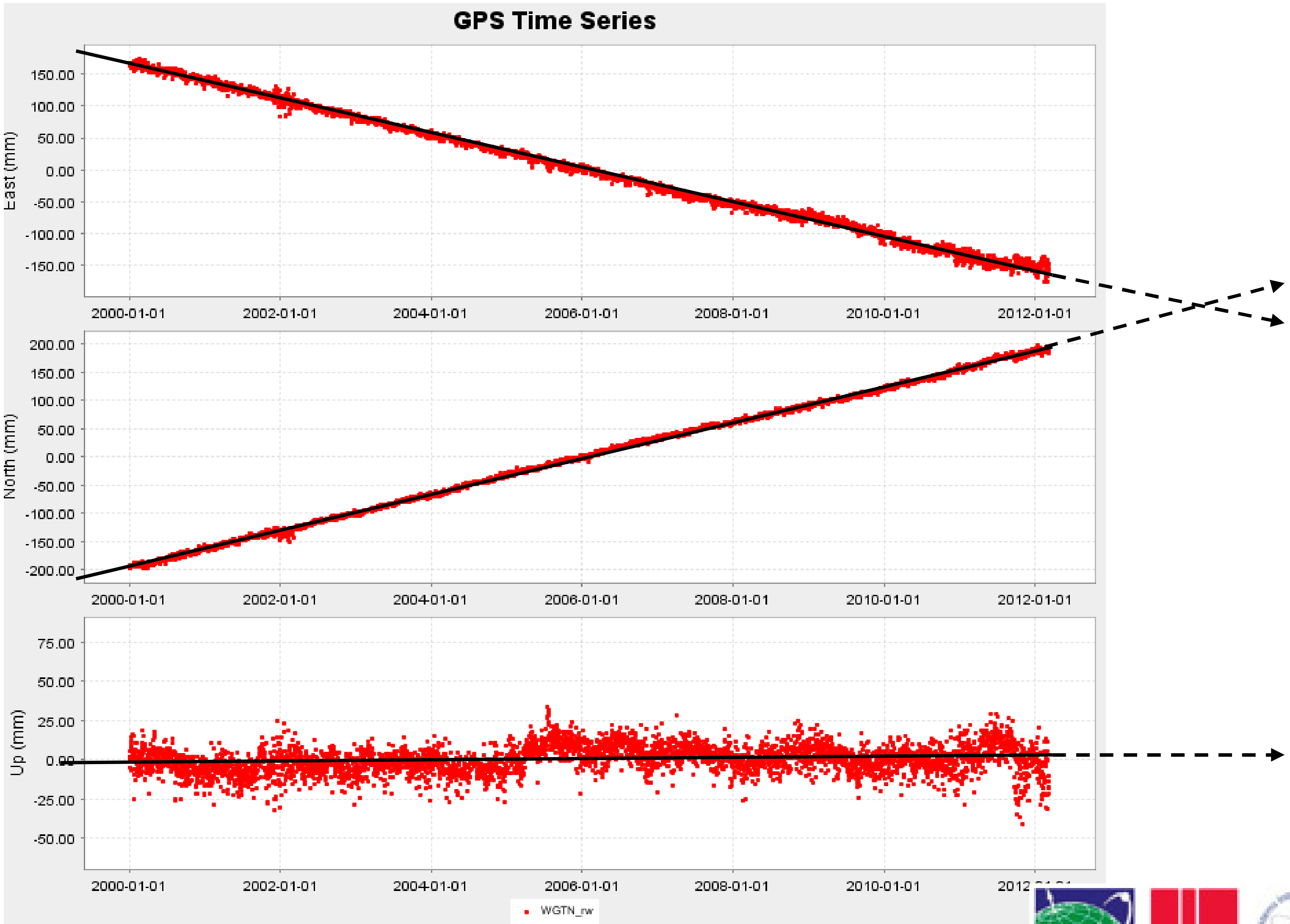
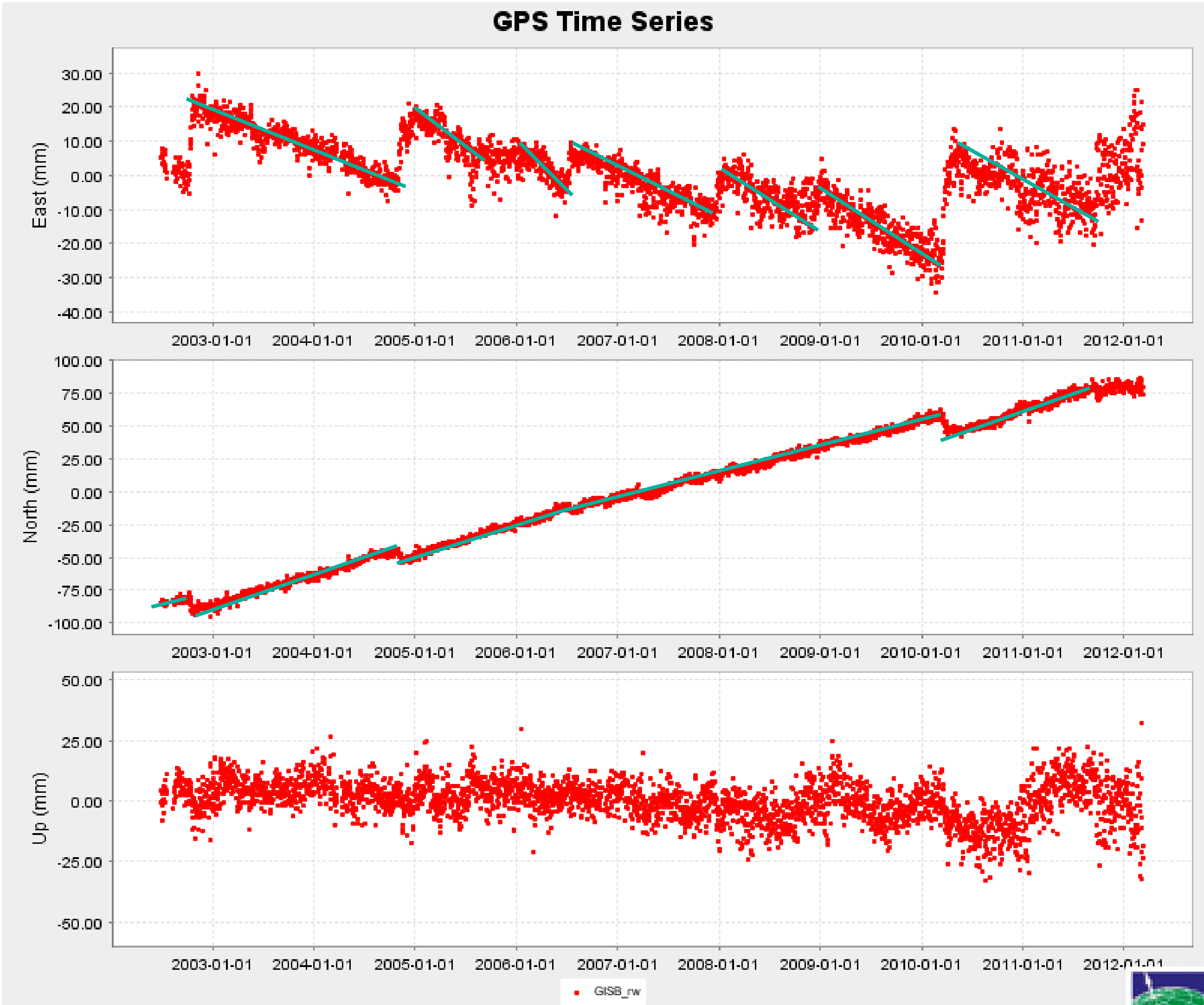
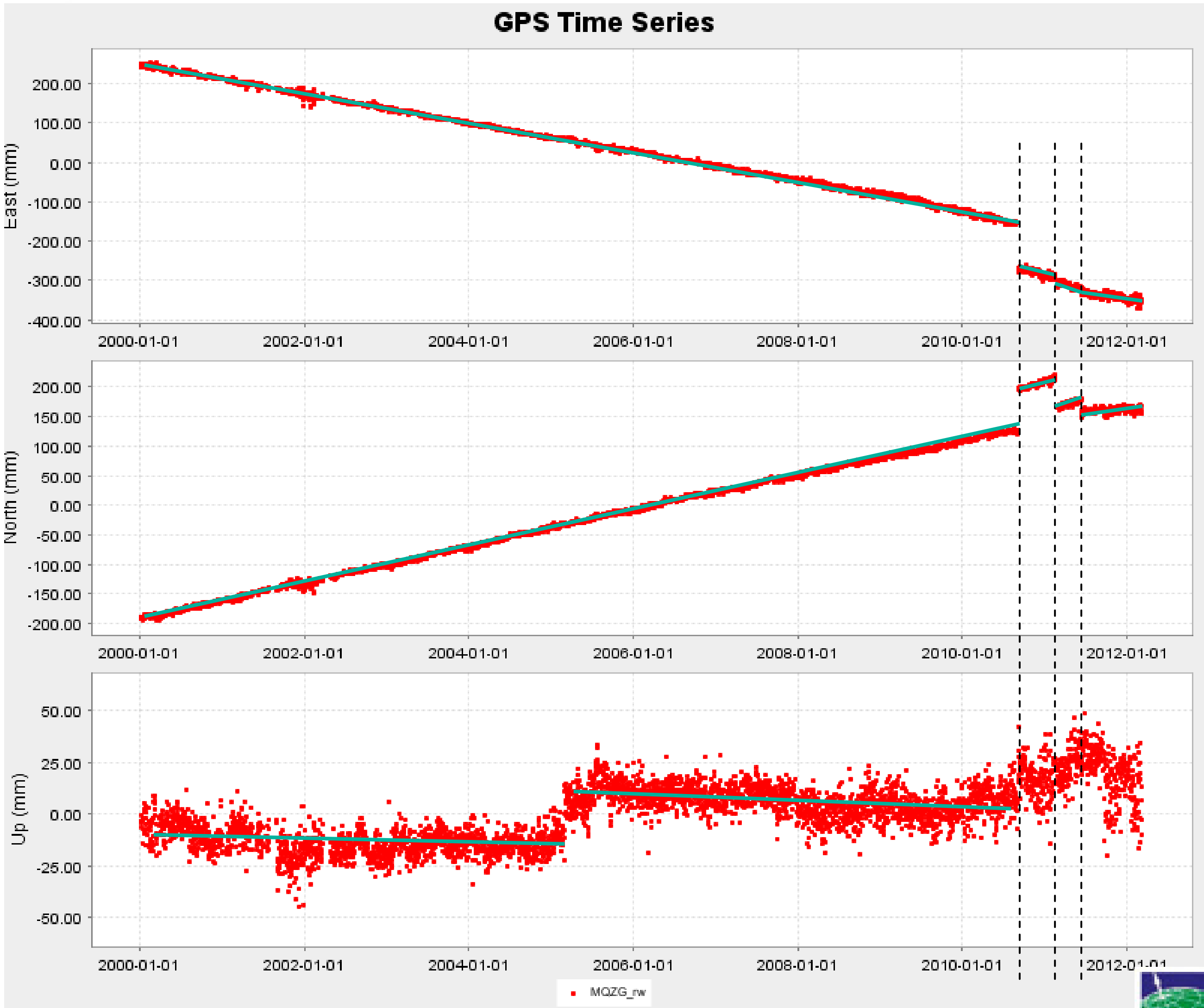


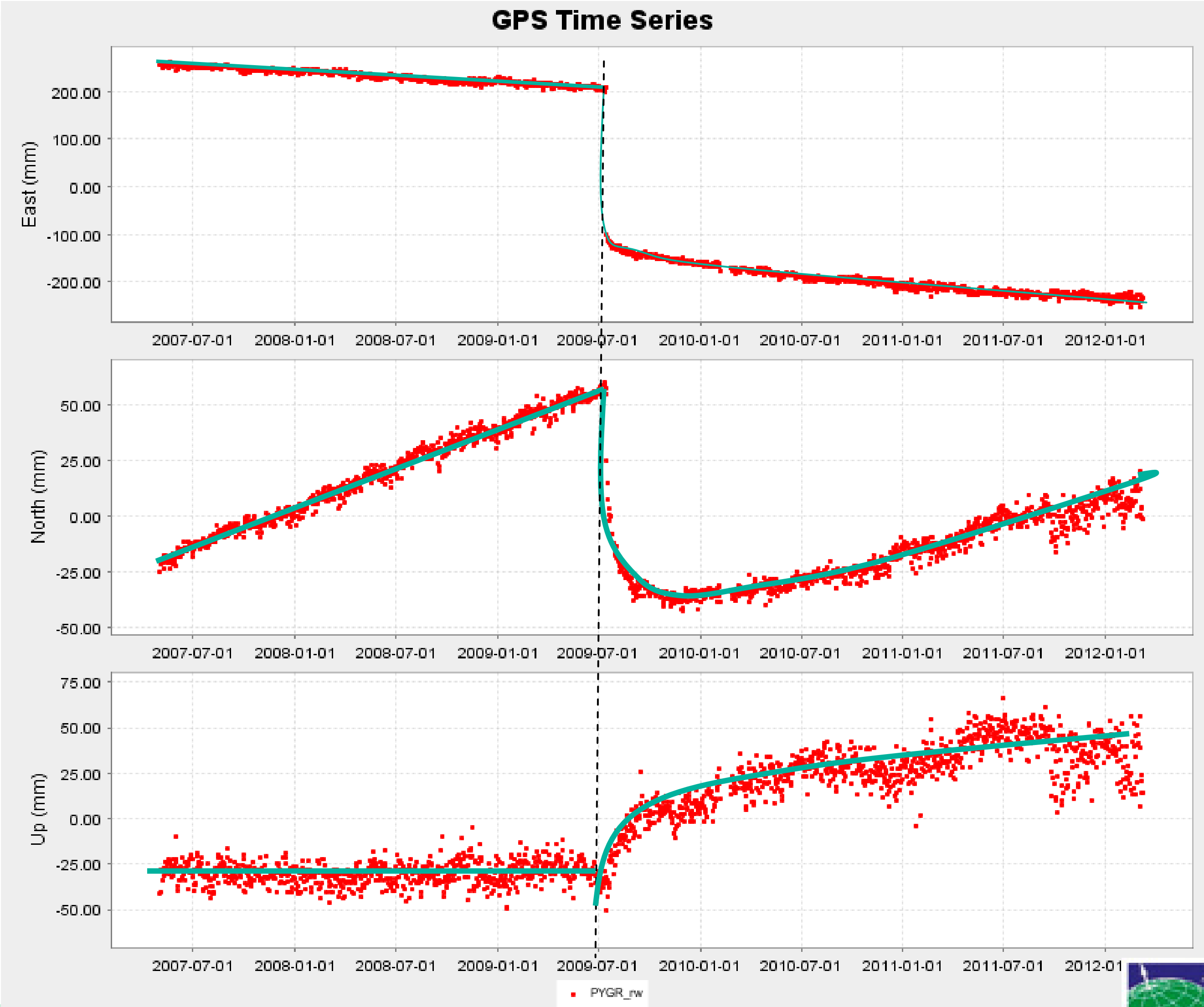
# Episodic events



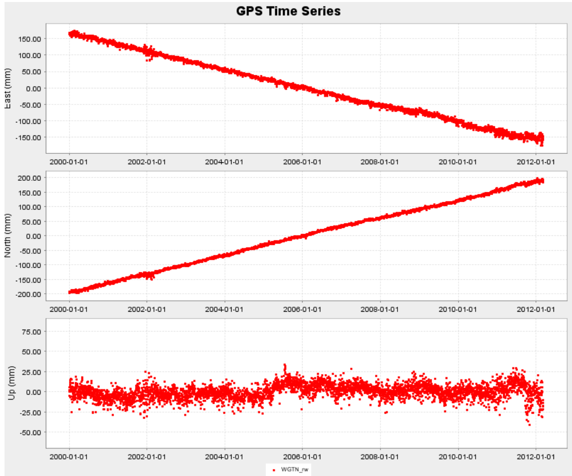
# Multiple events



# Earthquake and post-seismic deformation



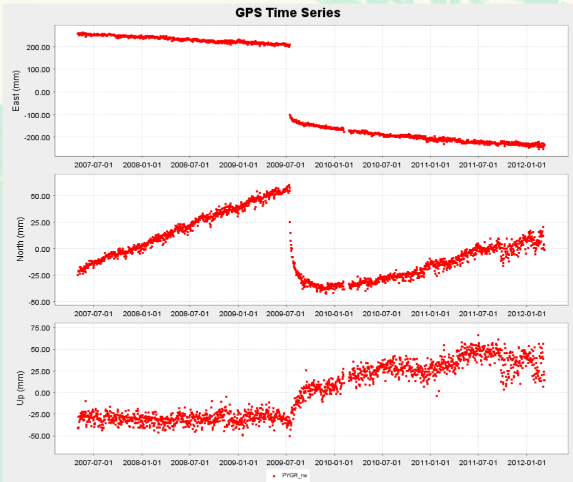
# Modelling the deformation




**Options – regional deformation**

– Simple rectangular grid (simplest method)

– Complex grid (eg curvilinear grid)




**Options – complex deformation**

– Densify the national deformation model (model becomes very complex)

– need a detailed triangulated grid – becomes complex

– define a local ‘patch’ for the model (covers the area of the event with zero deformation at the boundaries)

– change coordinates

# The pros and cons of static, semi-dynamic datum and dynamic datums

# Advantages of a Dynamic or Semi-dynamic Datum

Maintains alignment with underlying global reference frames - ITRF

Lengthen the life of the datum

New observations can be integrated with old observations

Spatial accuracy of the geodetic network/datum is maintained or increased

Enables non-expert users to be isolated from the complexities of the dynamics (semi-dynamic datum only)

For practical purposes appears as a static datum (semi dynamic datum only)

# Disadvantages of a Dynamic or Semi-dynamic Datum



- Limited by the accuracy of the deformation model
- Model can become complex over time to incorporate the effects of deformation events (e.g. earthquakes)
- Coordinates need to be time tagged – cause confusion (dynamic datum only)
- Most users do not know how to use a deformation model which is required to work with a dynamic datum
- If using real time systems (CORS networks) need to use the deformation model to manage real time coordinates (semi-dynamic datums only)

# Issues to consider

**Accommodate vertical deformation**

– vertical deformation trends may be obscured by much larger localised episodic or cyclic events

– triangulated or other irregular grid probably required

**Latency**

– may be considerable time between a deformation event and the 'patch' being implemented

– for discrete events deformation may continue for some time requiring different versions of the patch

**Extension Offshore**

– how do you model deformation offshore?

– offshore may need to incorporate global model – express velocities as global rotations

**Changing Reference Epoch**

– may ultimately need to change the reference epoch once coordinates become inconveniently different from true current positions (semi-dynamic datum only)

**Joining adjacent jurisdictions/datum's**

# Development of a Deformation Model

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## Aim of a Deformation Model

**Dynamic (kinematic) – ITRF**

↕ Deformation Model

**Semi-dynamic (kinematic) datum**

**Fixed epoch of ITRF**

**Application:**

GNSS data processing & analysis (e.g. PPP, RTK, NRTK, DGPS, Static post-processing)

Large-scale deformation analysis

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**Application:**

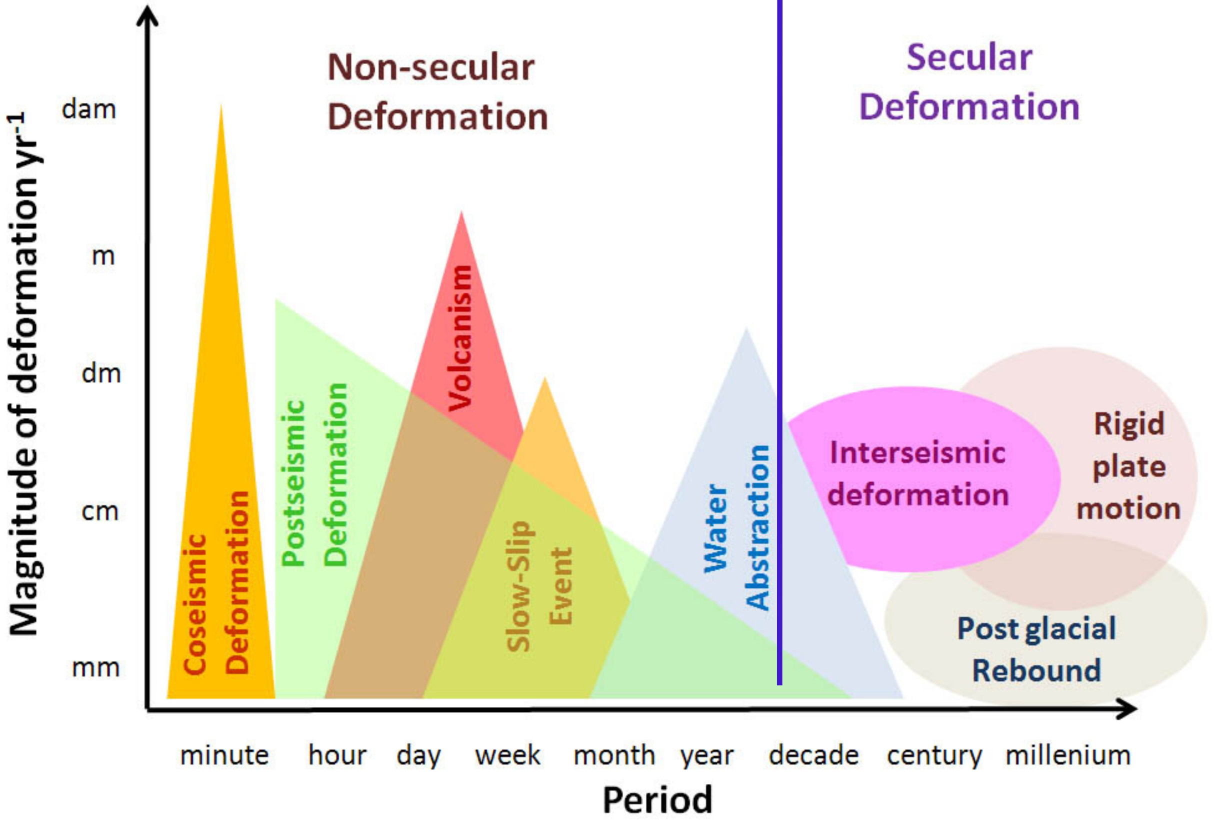
All other spatial applications (e.g. cadastral, engineering, mapping, precision agriculture, mining, LiDar products)

terrestrial surveying (e.g. TLS, total-station)

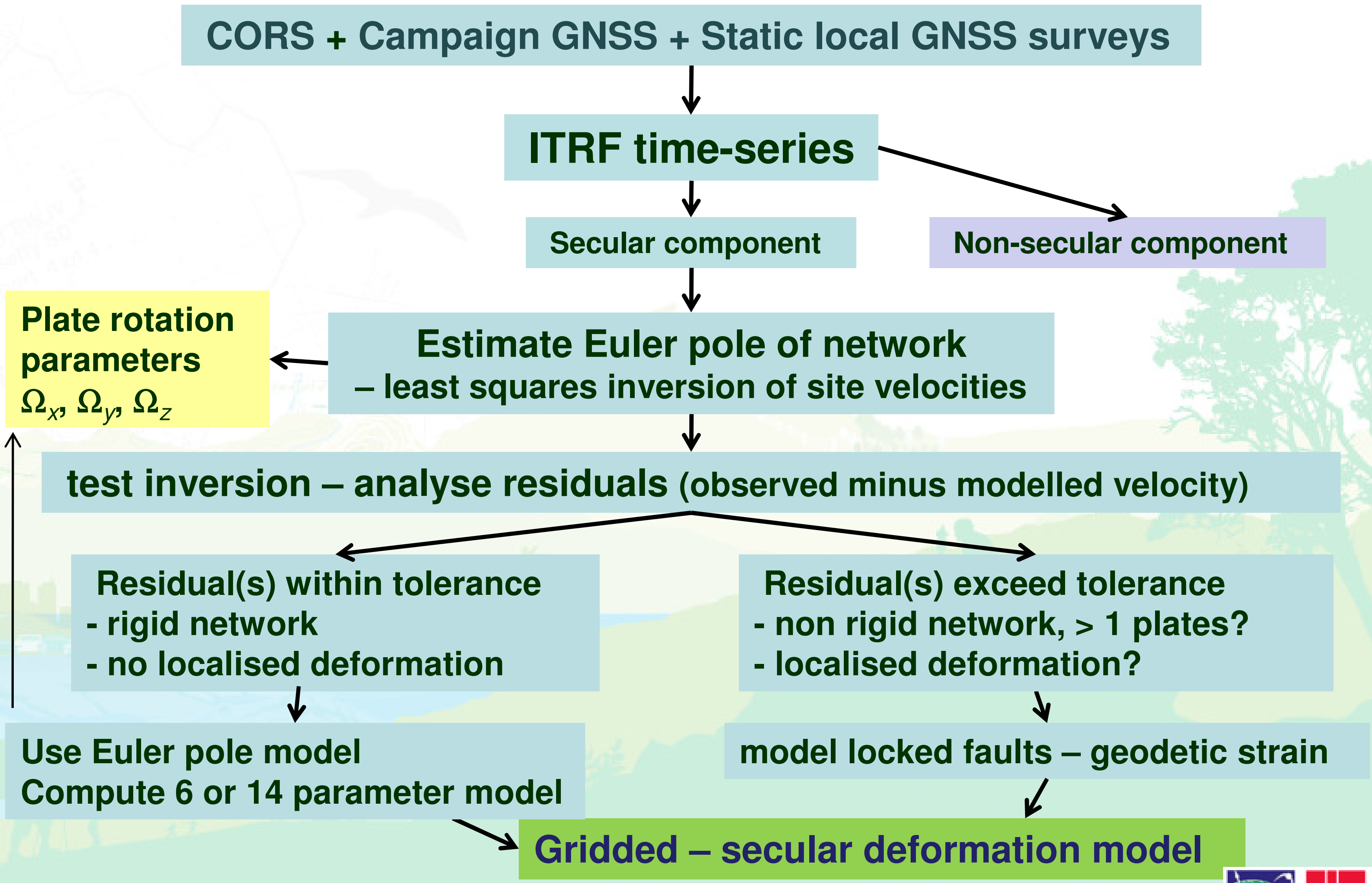
# Classification of Deformation

**Results in changes in coordinates of working frame**
**- patch model**

**Deformation is "invisible" in working frame**
**- secular model**



# Developing a Secular Deformation Model



# Secular Model format

**aligned with current ITRF**

no scale change / rate
no translation / rate
rotation of axes + rate

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**6 parameter transformation** Rx, Ry, Rz, + rates

or

**3 parameter Euler propagation** Ωx, Ω y, Ω z

**aligned with earlier ITRF realisation**
or non ITRS ellipsoid

scale change / rate
translation / rate
rotation of axes + rate

↓

**14 parameter transformation**
S, Tx, Ty, Tz, Rx, Ry, Rz, + rates

↓

Gridded secular deformation model
ITRF site velocities on a 1° or 0.1° grid

Site velocity estimated by bilinear interpolation
(as used in geoid or grid distortion modelling)

Kinematic ITRF to Semi-kinematic ITRF by Transformation

## 14 parameter transformation

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}_{t_0} = \begin{bmatrix} T_x + \dot{T}_x(t-t_0) \\ T_y + \dot{T}_y(t-t_0) \\ T_z + \dot{T}_z(t-t_0) \end{bmatrix} + \left\{S + \dot{S}(t-t_0)\right\} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \left\{R_z + \dot{R}_z(t-t_0)\right\} & -\left\{R_y + \dot{R}_y(t-t_0)\right\} \\ -\left\{R_z + \dot{R}_z(t-t_0)\right\} & 1 & \left\{R_x + \dot{R}_x(t-t_0)\right\} \\ \left\{R_y + \dot{R}_y(t-t_0)\right\} & -\left\{R_x + \dot{R}_x(t-t_0)\right\} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}_t$$

## 6 parameter transformation (no translation or scale)

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}_{t_0} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \left\{R_z + \dot{R}_z(t-t_0)\right\} & -\left\{R_y + \dot{R}_y(t-t_0)\right\} \\ -\left\{R_z + \dot{R}_z(t-t_0)\right\} & 1 & \left\{R_x + \dot{R}_x(t-t_0)\right\} \\ \left\{R_y + \dot{R}_y(t-t_0)\right\} & -\left\{R_x + \dot{R}_x(t-t_0)\right\} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}_t$$

| | |
|---|---|
| $t_0$ | is the reference epoch (years) |
| $t$ | is the epoch of measurement (years) |
| $T_x, T_y, T_z$ | Translation parameters (m) |
| $R_x, R_y, R_z$ | Rotation parameters (radians) |
| $S$ | Scale (unitless) |
| $\dot{T}_x \dot{T}_y \dot{T}_z$ | rate of change (m/yr) |
| $\dot{R}_x \dot{R}_y \dot{R}_z$ | rate of change (radians/yr) |
| $\dot{S}$ | rate of change (per yr) |

# Kinematic ITRF to Semi-kinematic ITRF by Propagation

## Site velocity from Euler pole definition

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{X} \\ \dot{Y} \\ \dot{Z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_Y Z - \Omega_Z Y \\ \Omega_Z X - \Omega_X Z \\ \Omega_X Y - \Omega_Y X \end{bmatrix} \cdot 1\text{E-}6 \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}_{t_0} = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}_{t} + \begin{bmatrix} \dot{X} \\ \dot{Y} \\ \dot{Z} \end{bmatrix} \cdot (t_0 - t)$$

| | |
|---|---|
| $t_0$ | reference epoch of the semi-kinematic datum (in decimal years) |
| $t$ | epoch of measurement (in decimal years) |
| $(\Omega_X, \Omega_Y, \Omega_Z)$ | Euler pole (Cartesian rotation format) |
| $(X, Y, Z)t_0$ | semi-kinematic coordinates computed at the reference epoch (m) |
| $(X, Y, Z)t$ | kinematic ITRF coordinates at the measurement epoch (m) |
| $(\dot{X}, \dot{Y}, \dot{Z})$ | ITRF site velocity estimated from the Euler pole definition or interpolated from the secular deformation model (m/yr) |

# Gridded Deformation Models

## Regular grid deformation model

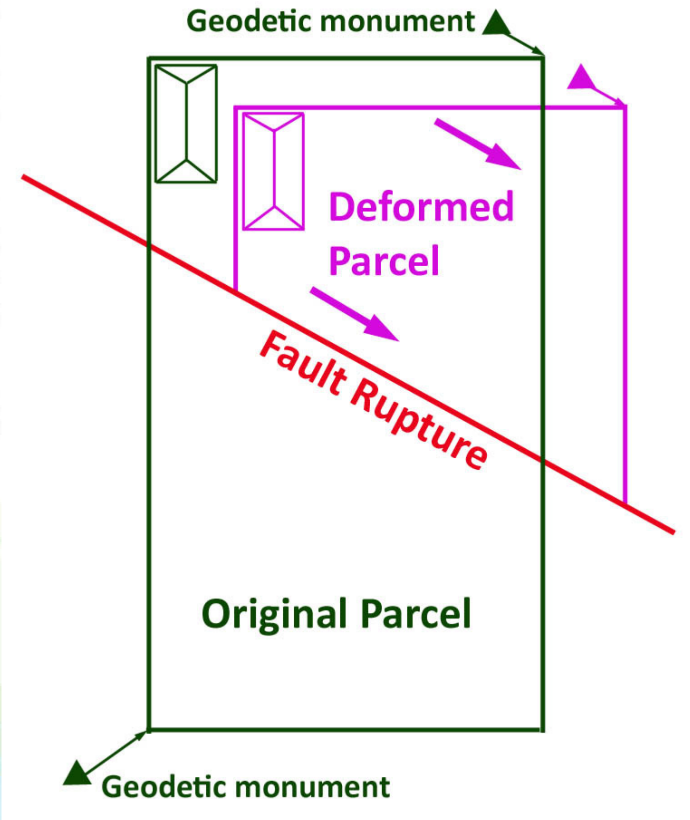
- standard ASCII format
  (latitude, longitude, latitude rate, longitude rate, vertical rate)
- 1° , 0.25° or 0.1° grid size
- bilinear interpolation
- similar format to geoid model
- planar assumption < 0.01 mm/yr error for 1° grid size
- accommodates some localised deformation and strain
  (depending upon grid size)

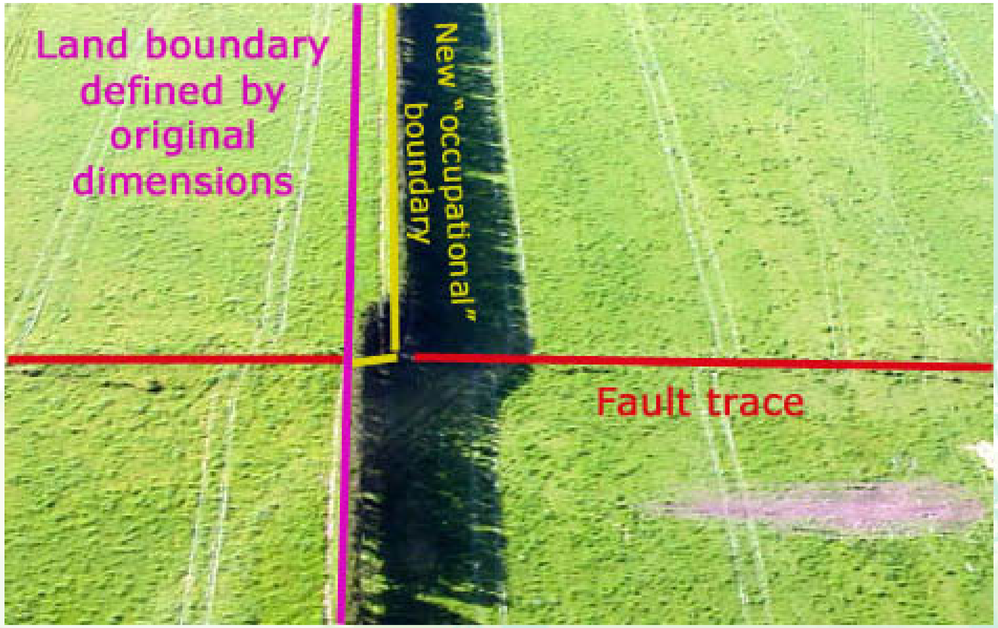
## Limitations of rigid plate and 14 parameter models

- localised deformation distributed over model
- does not work where differential geodetic rates occur
- assumes rigid or uniformly deforming tectonic plate

# Incorporating Episodic Events (e.g. earthquakes) into a Deformation Model

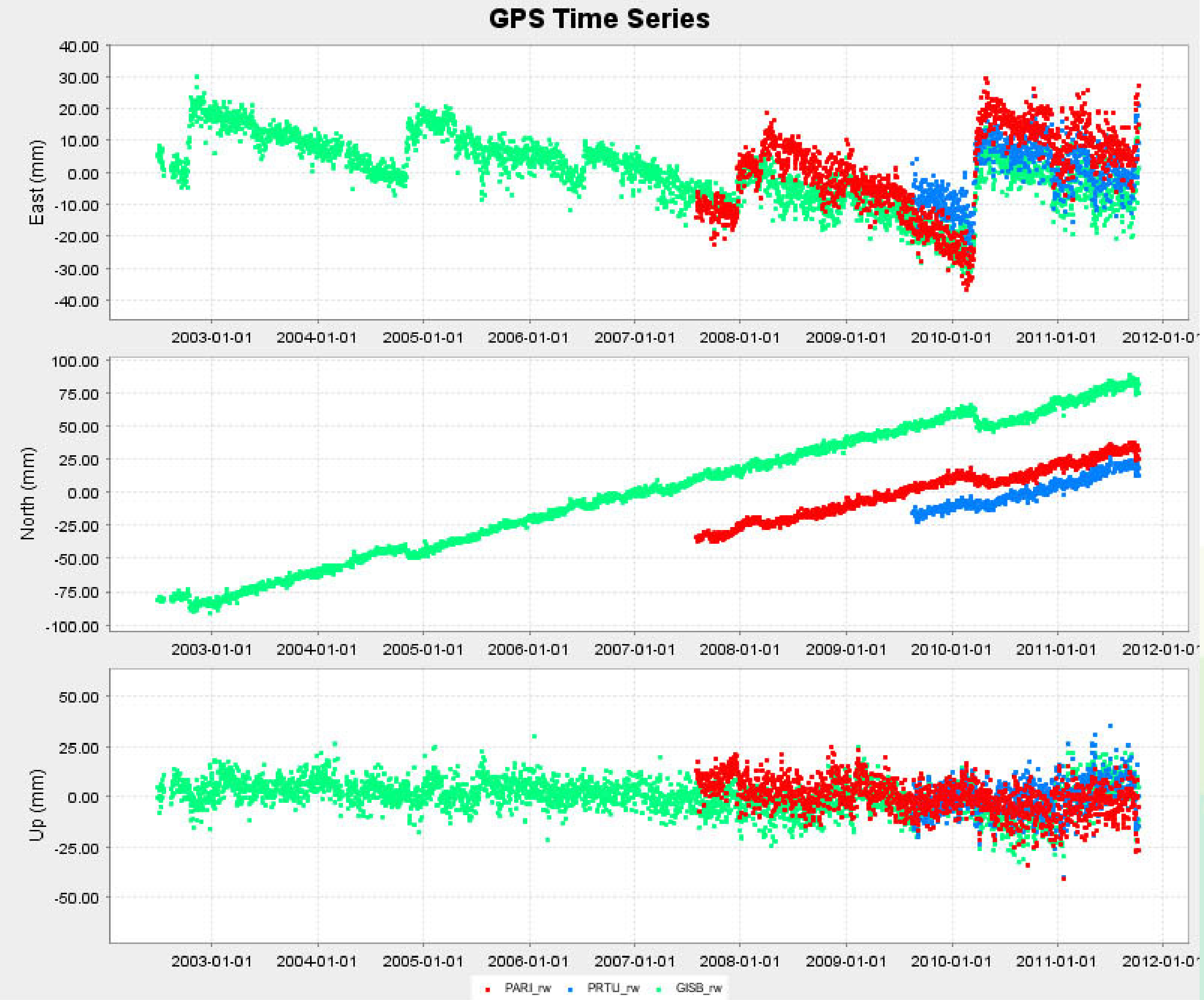
# Why episodic events need to be modelled in




Localised deformation should result in coordinate changes to reflect visible reality

# Typical time-series in a deforming zone

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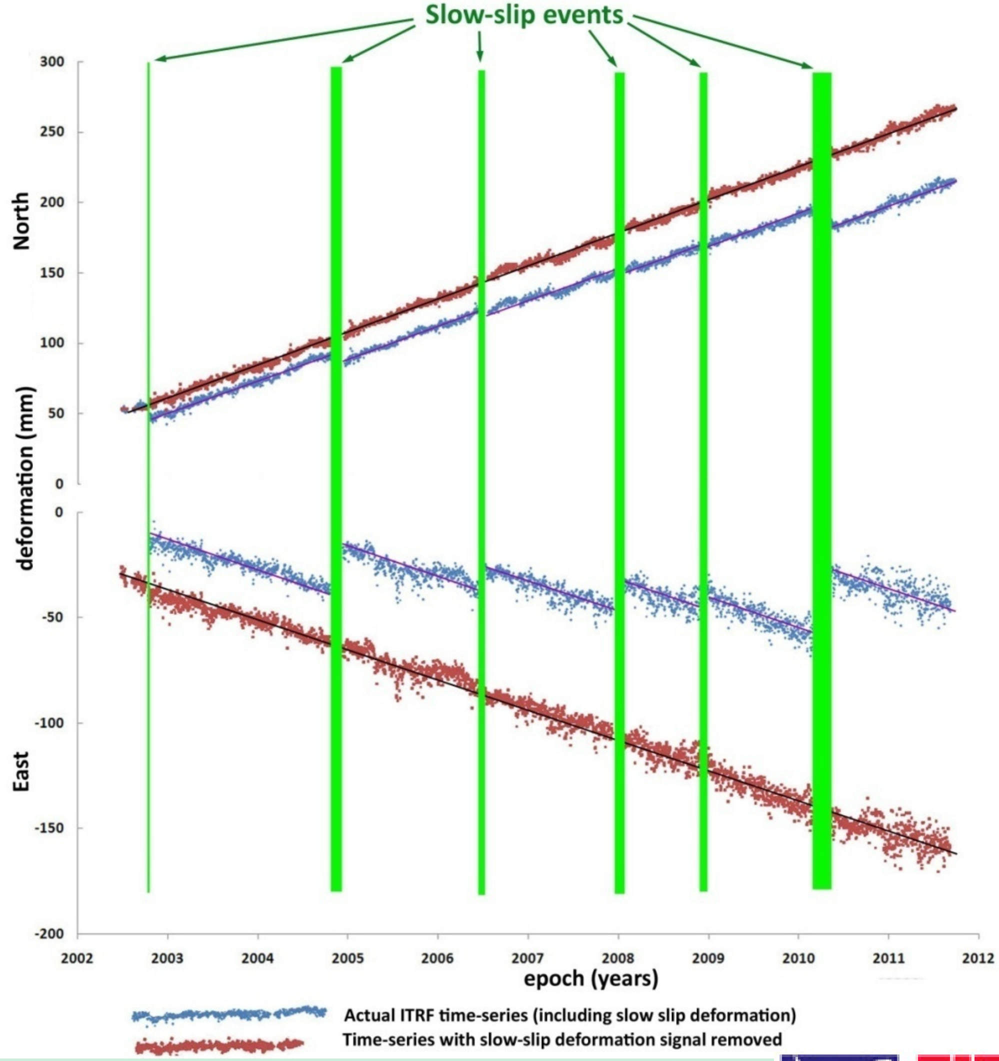
# Time-series modelling

Separating seismic and secular (interseismic) deformation from time-series

Seismic patch is a sum of all non-secular (episodic) deformation between reference and measurement epoch



# Nested model for deformation patch

**Model Inputs –**

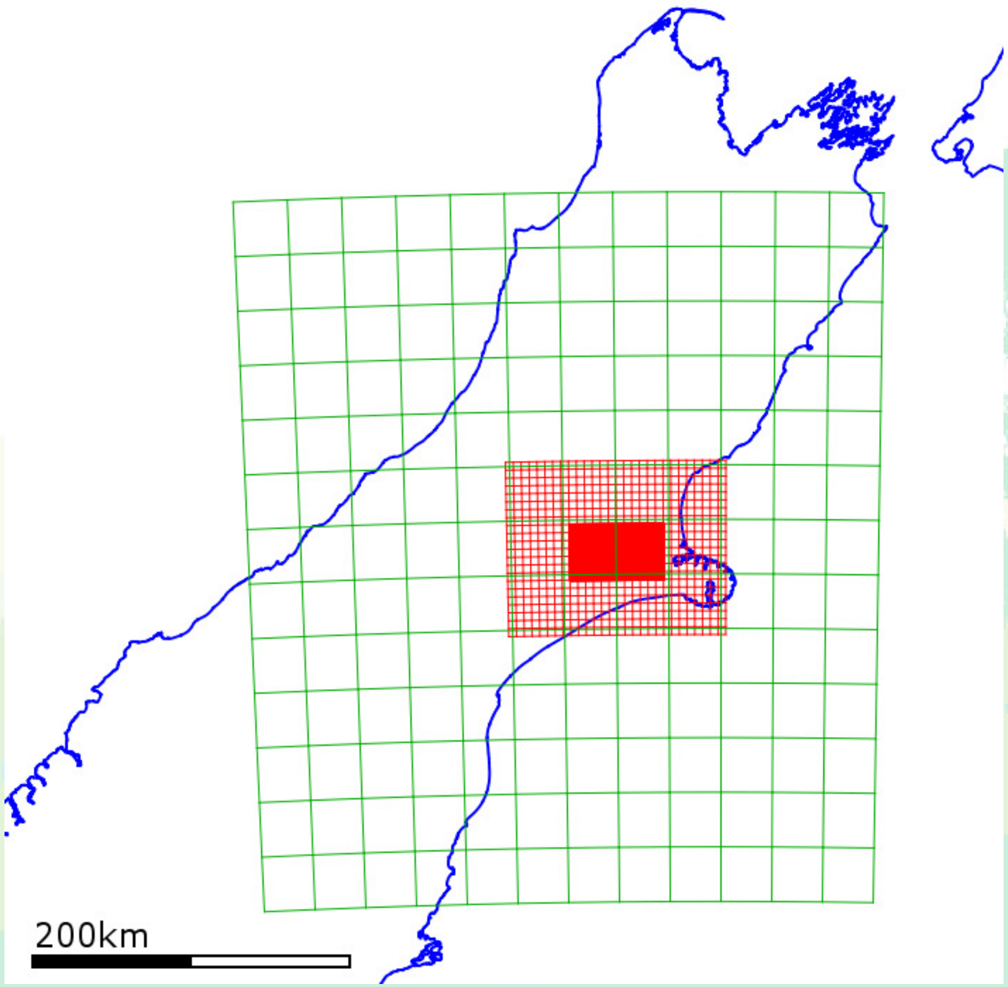
InSAR

LiDar & High-res imagery

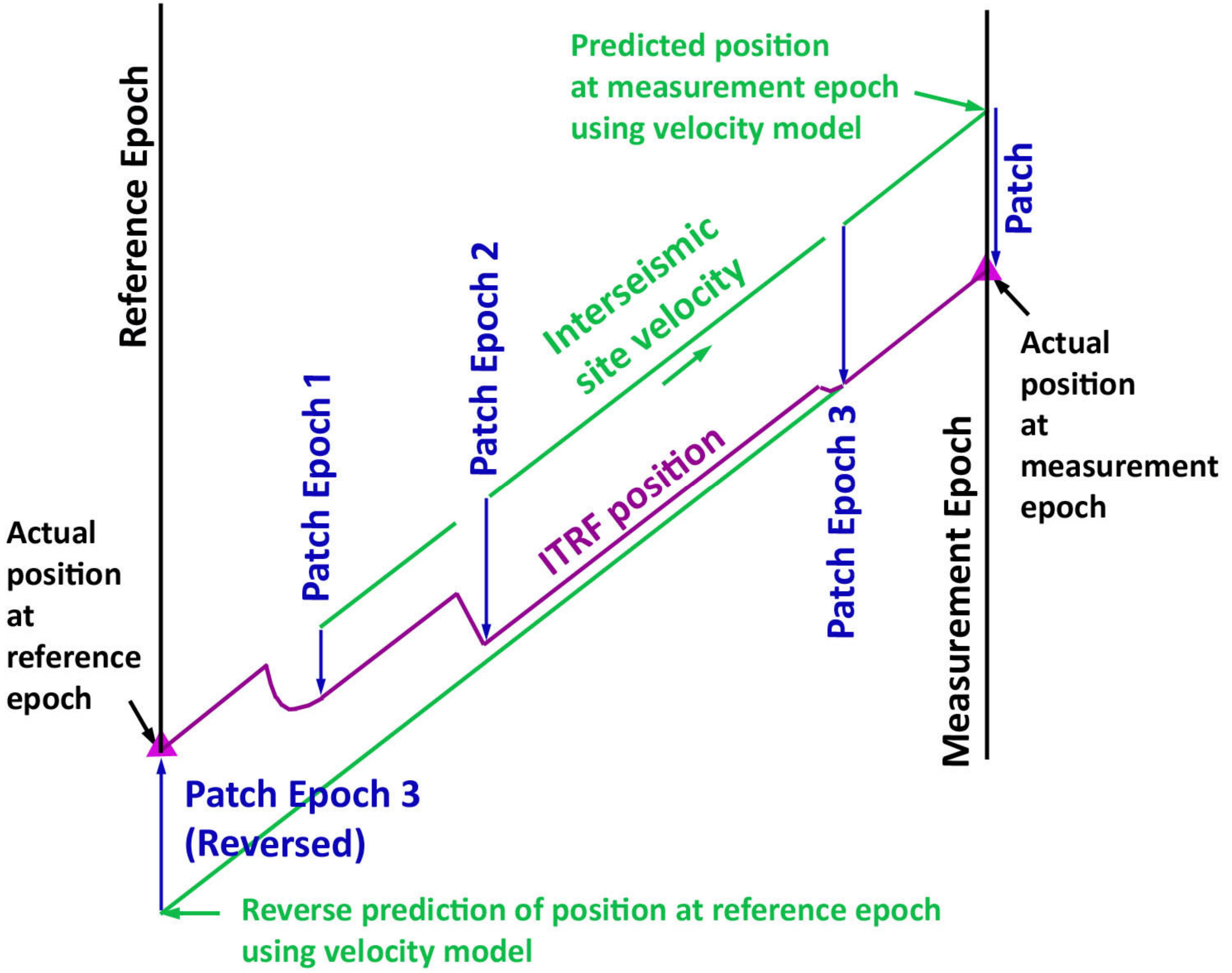
analysis of seismic
data

Repeat GNSS
obs of dense passive
network
*(Strong argument for maintaining passive geodetic infrastructure)*

Terrestrial surveys



# Two modes of deformation - concept

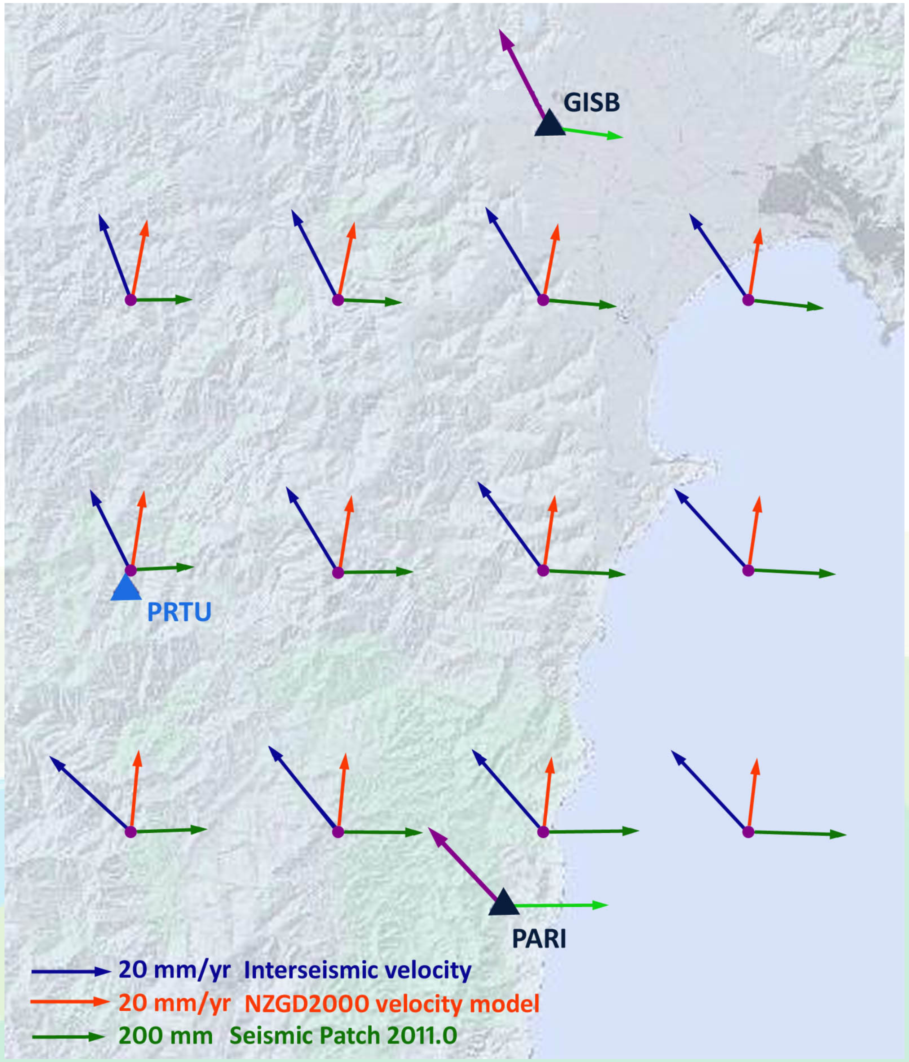


# Two modes of deformation in practice

**secular model (blue)**

**patch model (green)**

**existing model (orange)**



# Example

Rover (PRTU)
ITRF2008 Epoch 2011.008 S 38° 48' 51.0946" E 177° 41' 52.3646"

The ITRF site velocity from interseismic velocity model :
E -0.0108 m/yr N 0.0217 m/yr

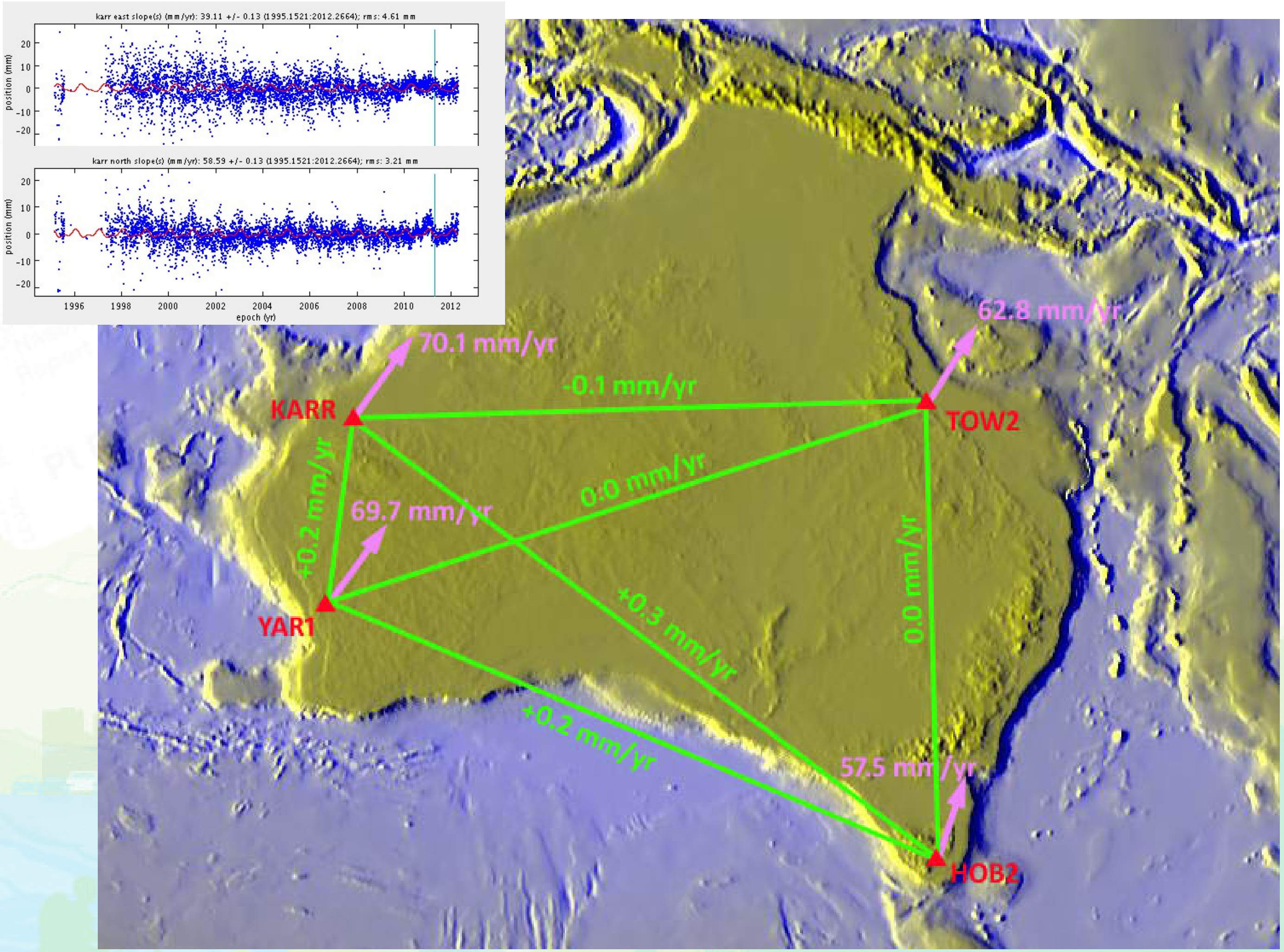
The seismic patch model at epoch 2011.0 ΔE 0.183 m ΔN 0.008 m

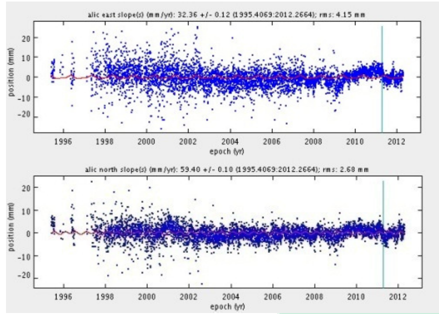
NZGD2000 (estimated from model) S 38° 48' 51.1026" E 177° 41' 52.3620"
NZGD2000 (tabulated) S 38° 48' 51.1021" E 177° 41' 52.3619"

**Tabulated – estimated:**
**ΔE -0.002 m ΔN 0.014 m**

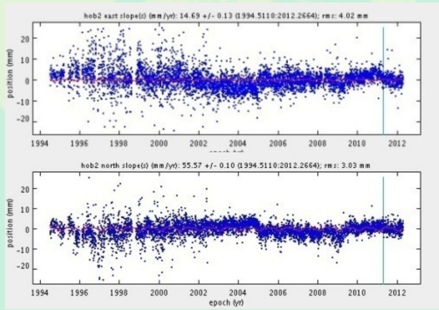
# Rigid plate case study (Australia)

# Australian Plate Deformation



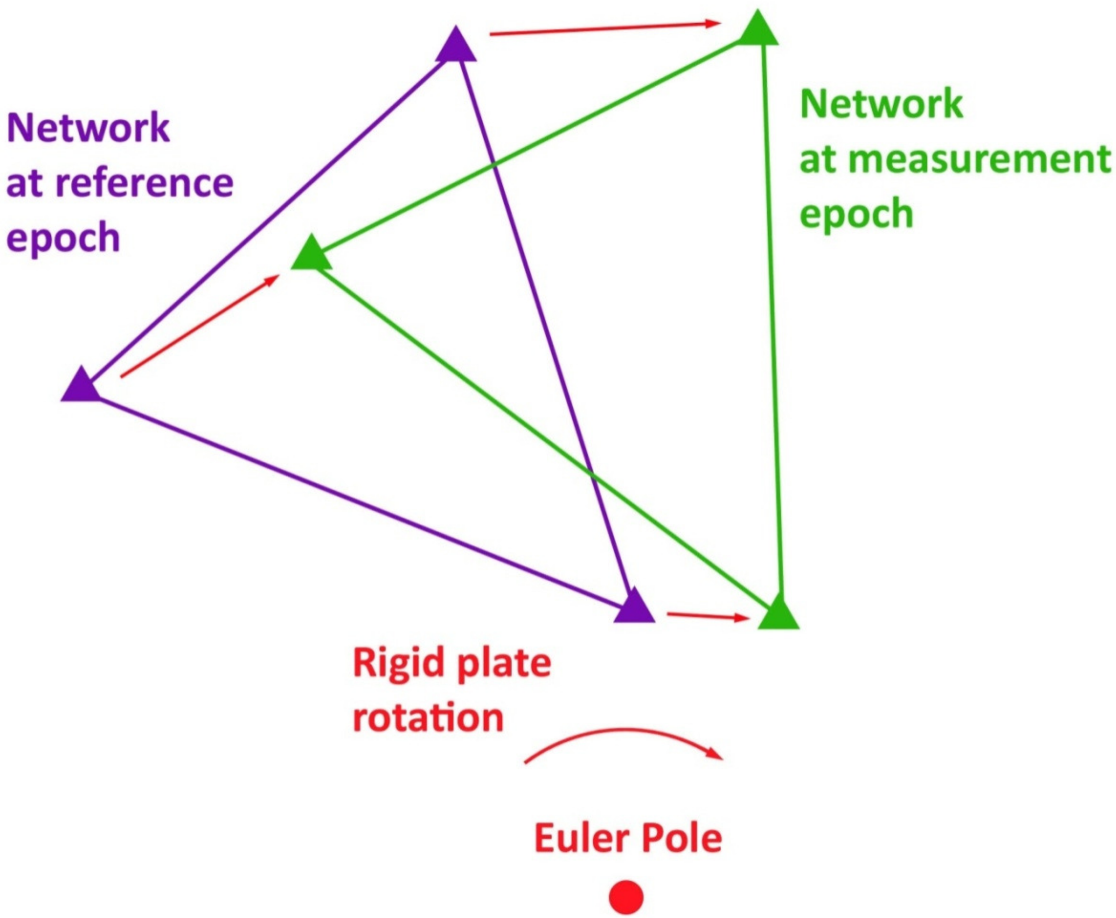



Time-series plots
SCRIPPS, UCSD



**purple arrows – tectonic movement, green lines – baseline changes per year**

# Effect of Rigid plate rotation on GNSS baselines




**Australian Plate rotates at ~0.63° / Ma**

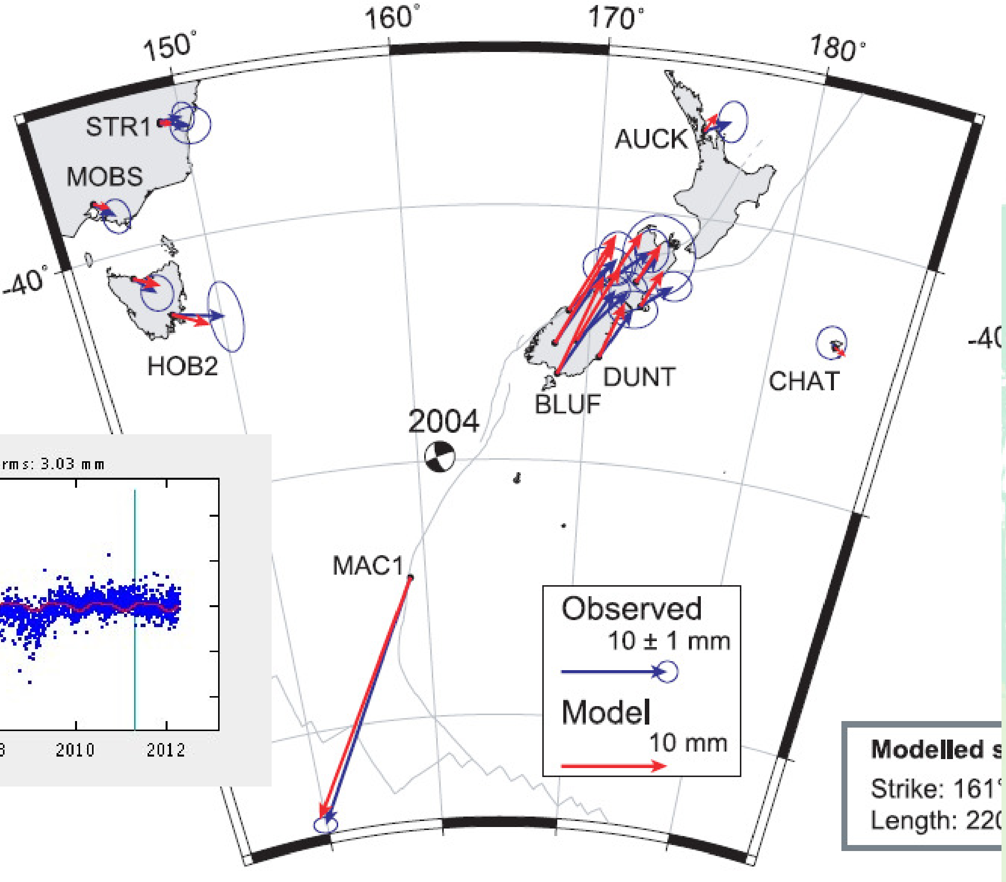
**=**

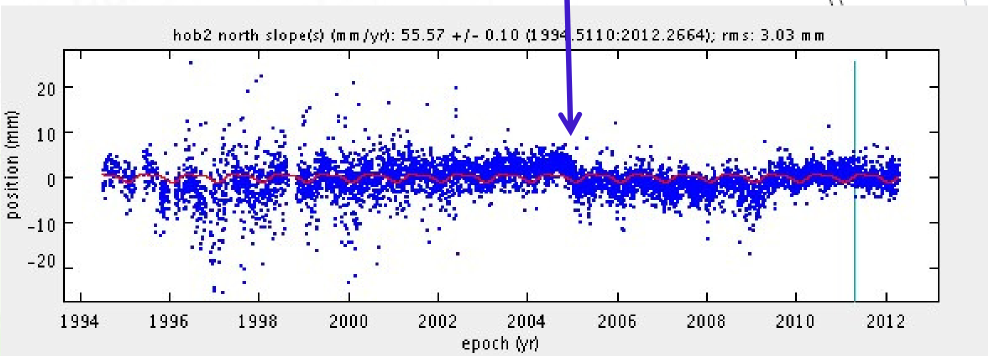
**5 mm rotation of a 30 km GNSS baseline after only 15 years**

**e.g. holding rigid plate coordinates at an early epoch fixed for static processing or RTK at later epochs**

# Far-field deformation effects on rigid plate

**23 December 2004**
**HOB2 (Hobart, Tasmania)**



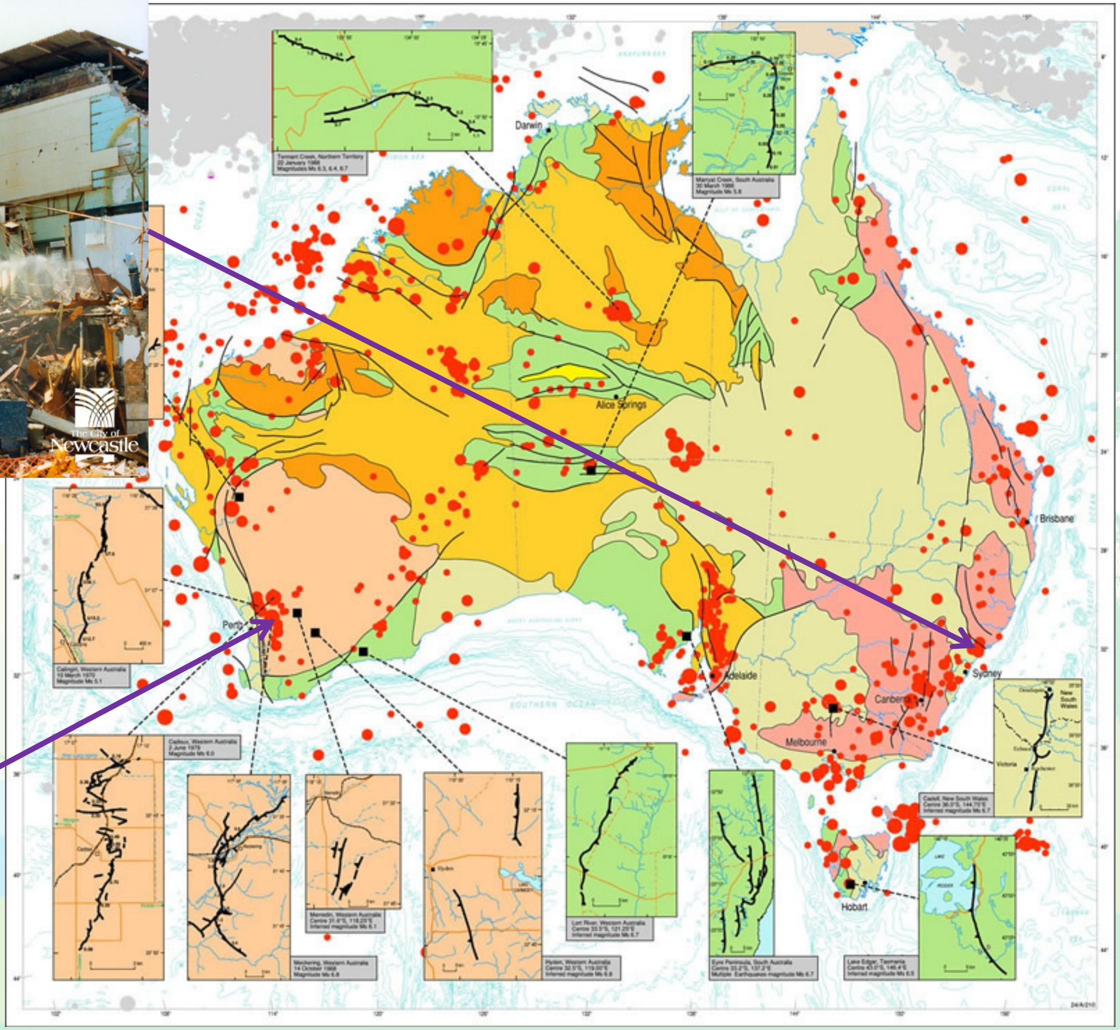




**Far-field deformation from great earthquakes around the Australian margin (e.g. Mw8.1 23 December 2004 Macquarie Island, from Watson *et. al*, 2010)**

# Intraplate deformation

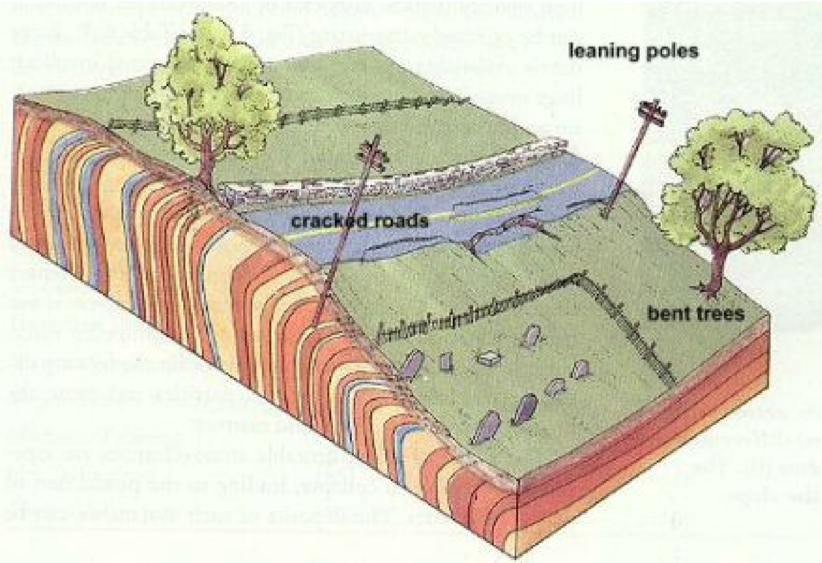

Newcastle, NSW, 1989

Meckering, WA, 1968




Images courtesy Geoscience Australia

# Localised deformation



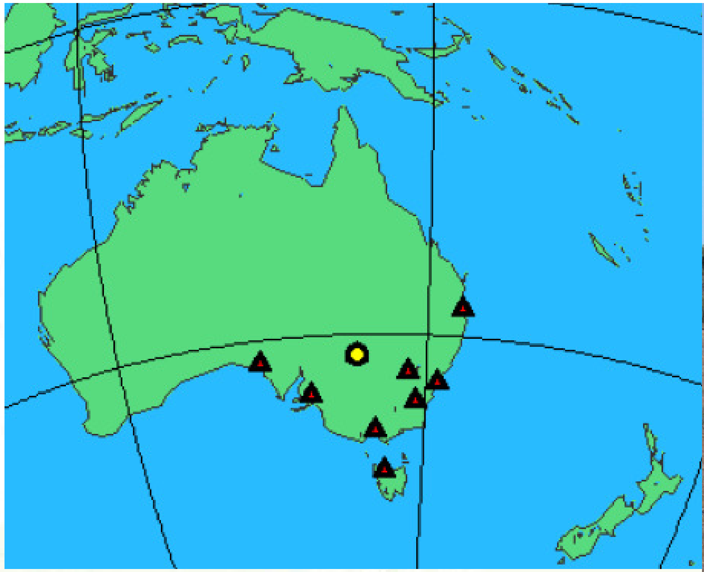

Surface creep

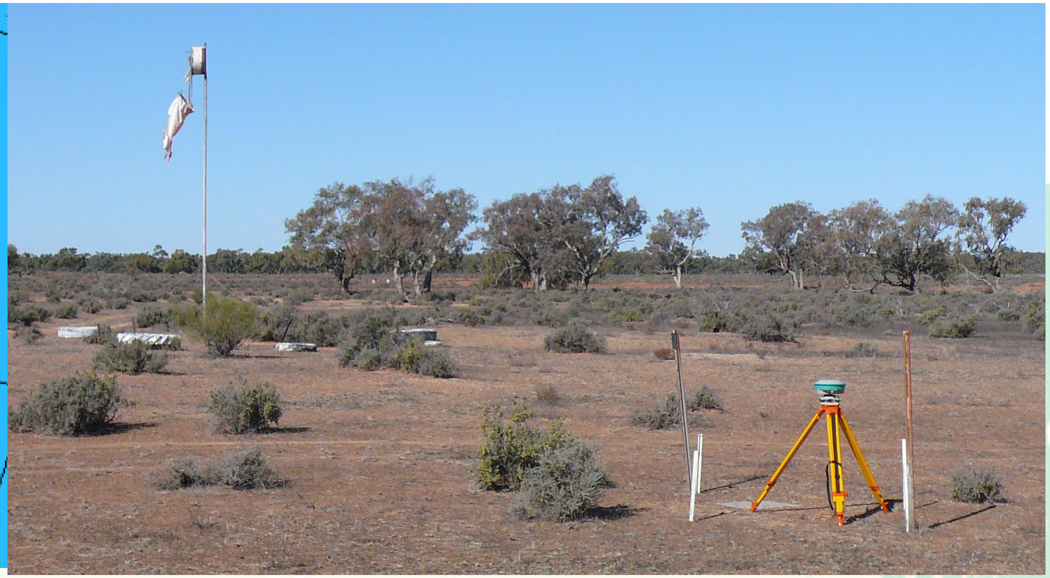
**Sedimentary basins and non-bedrock sites can be subject to significant localised deformation**


Subsidence

Images from USGS

# Australian Example - using AUSPOS





## 1 User Data

All antenna heights refer to the vertical distance from the Ground Mark to the Antenna Reference Point (ARP).

| Station (s) | Submitted File | Antenna Type | Antenna Height (m) | Start Time | End Time |
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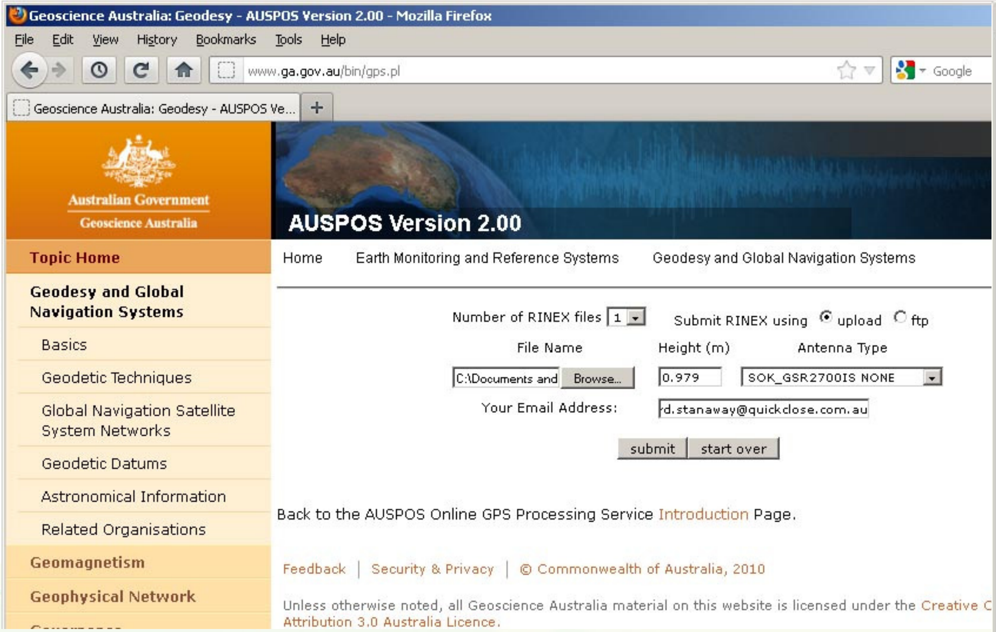
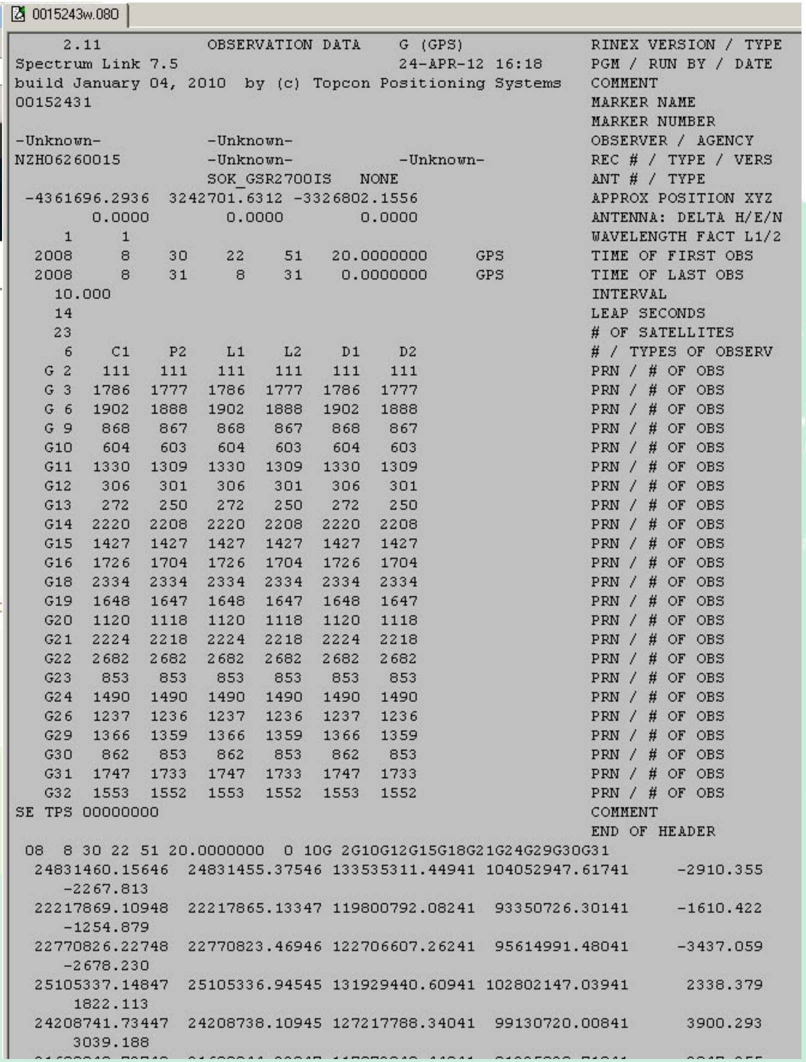
# Using AUSPOS



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   G14  2220  2208  2220  2208  2220  2208                  PRN / # OF OBS
   G15  1427  1427  1427  1427  1427  1427                  PRN / # OF OBS
   G16  1726  1704  1726  1704  1726  1704                  PRN / # OF OBS
   G18  2334  2334  2334  2334  2334  2334                  PRN / # OF OBS
   G19  1648  1647  1648  1647  1648  1647                  PRN / # OF OBS
   G20  1120  1118  1120  1118  1120  1118                  PRN / # OF OBS
   G21  2224  2218  2224  2218  2224  2218                  PRN / # OF OBS
   G22  2682  2682  2682  2682  2682  2682                  PRN / # OF OBS
   G23   853   853   853   853   853   853                  PRN / # OF OBS
   G24  1490  1490  1490  1490  1490  1490                  PRN / # OF OBS
   G26  1237  1236  1237  1236  1237  1236                  PRN / # OF OBS
   G29  1366  1359  1366  1359  1366  1359                  PRN / # OF OBS
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**cm precise ITRF coordinates from user-supplied dual-frequency RINEX data for > 8 hour observations**

**www.ga.gov.au/bin/gps.pl**

**Wait > 3 days for IGS Rapid Orbit solution or > 14 days for IGS Final Orbit solution**

**Select correct antenna model and antenna height to ARP**

# Using AUSPOS

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## AUSPOS GPS Processing Report

April 24, 2012

This document is a report of the GPS data processing undertaken by the AUSPOS Online GPS Processing Service (version: AUSPOS 2.0) . The AUSPOS Online GPS Processing Service uses International GNSS Service (IGS) products (final, rapid, ultra-rapid depending on availability) to compute precise coordinates in ITRF anywhere on Earth and GDA94 within Australia. The Service is designed to process only dual frequency GPS phase data.

| Date | User Stations | Reference Stations | Orbit Type |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2008/08/28 22:05:00 | 0015 | ADE1 BEE2 BUR2 CEDU MOBS PARK STR1 SYDN TID1 | IGS final |

### 4.1 Cartesian, ITRF2008

| Station | X (m) | Y (m) | Z (m) | ITRF2008 @ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0015 | -4361680.131 | 3242720.715 | -3326809.666 | 28/08/2008 |

### 5.1 Coordinate Precision - Geodetic, One Sigma

| Station | $\sigma$ East (m) | $\sigma$ North (m) | $\sigma$ Up (m) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0015 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.003 |

! **Kinematic coordinates at epoch of observation**

# Example

## 3.1 Cartesian, GDA94

| Station | X (m) | Y (m) | Z (m) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0015 | -4361679.624 | 3242720.803 | -3326810.422 |

## 3.2 Geodetic, GRS80 Ellipsoid, GDA94

| Station | Latitude (DMS) | Longitude (DMS) | Ellipsoidal Height(m) | Derived AHD (m) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0015 | -31 38 33.60805 | 143 22 14.83619 | 87.237 | 73.468 |

## 3.3 MGA Grid, GRS80 Ellipsoid, GDA94

| Station | East (m) | North (m) | Zone | Ellipsoidal Height (m) | Derived AHD (m) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0015 | 724826.751 | 6496729.544 | 54 | 87.237 | 73.468 |

$$T_x = -0.06386(m)$$
$$T_y = 0.00023(m)$$
$$T_z = 0.04521(m)$$
$$S_c = 1.1308e - 08$$
$$R_x = 1.07834e - 07(radians)$$
$$R_y = 9.49620e - 08(radians)$$
$$R_z = 9.37467e - 08(radians)$$

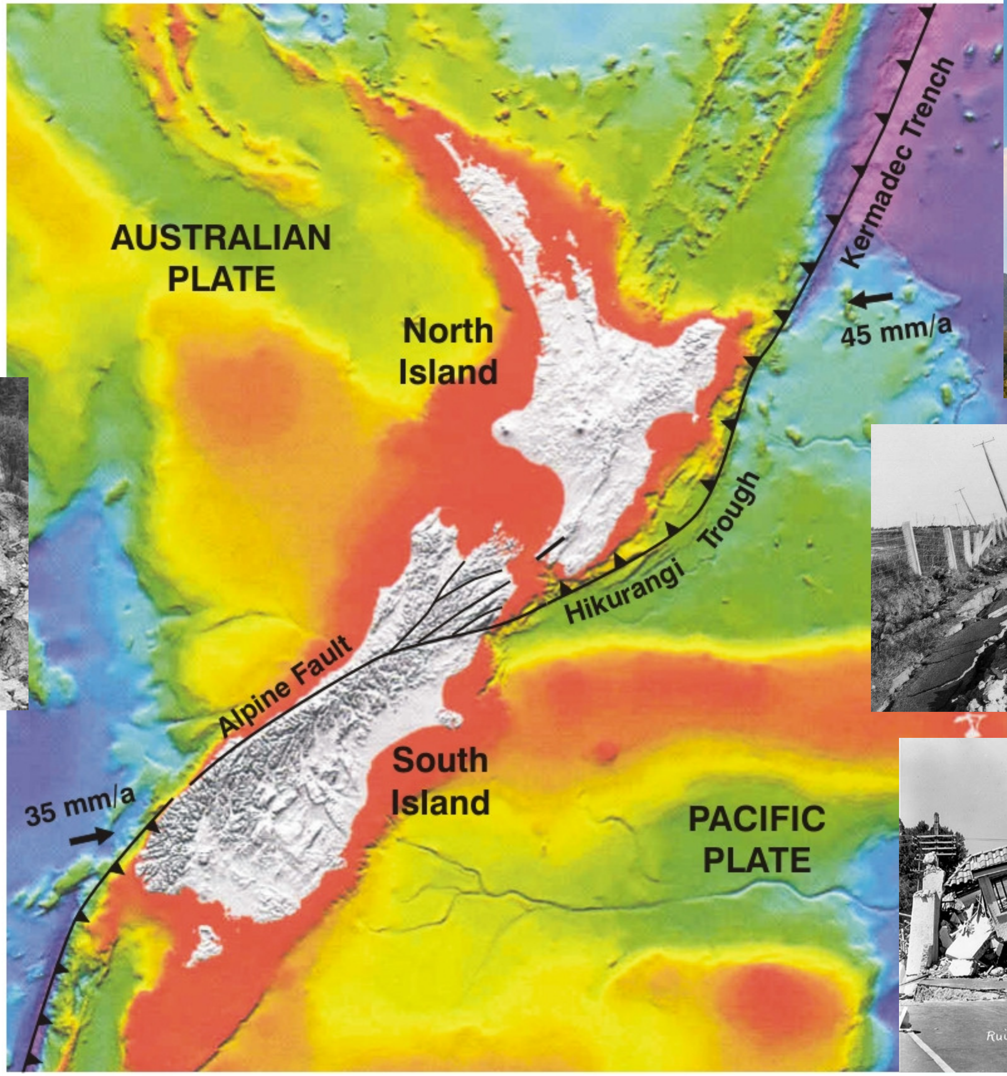
The above transformation parameters are only valid for the epoch 28/08/2008.

After a long day hopping across dry parameter space, a cold beer is near.

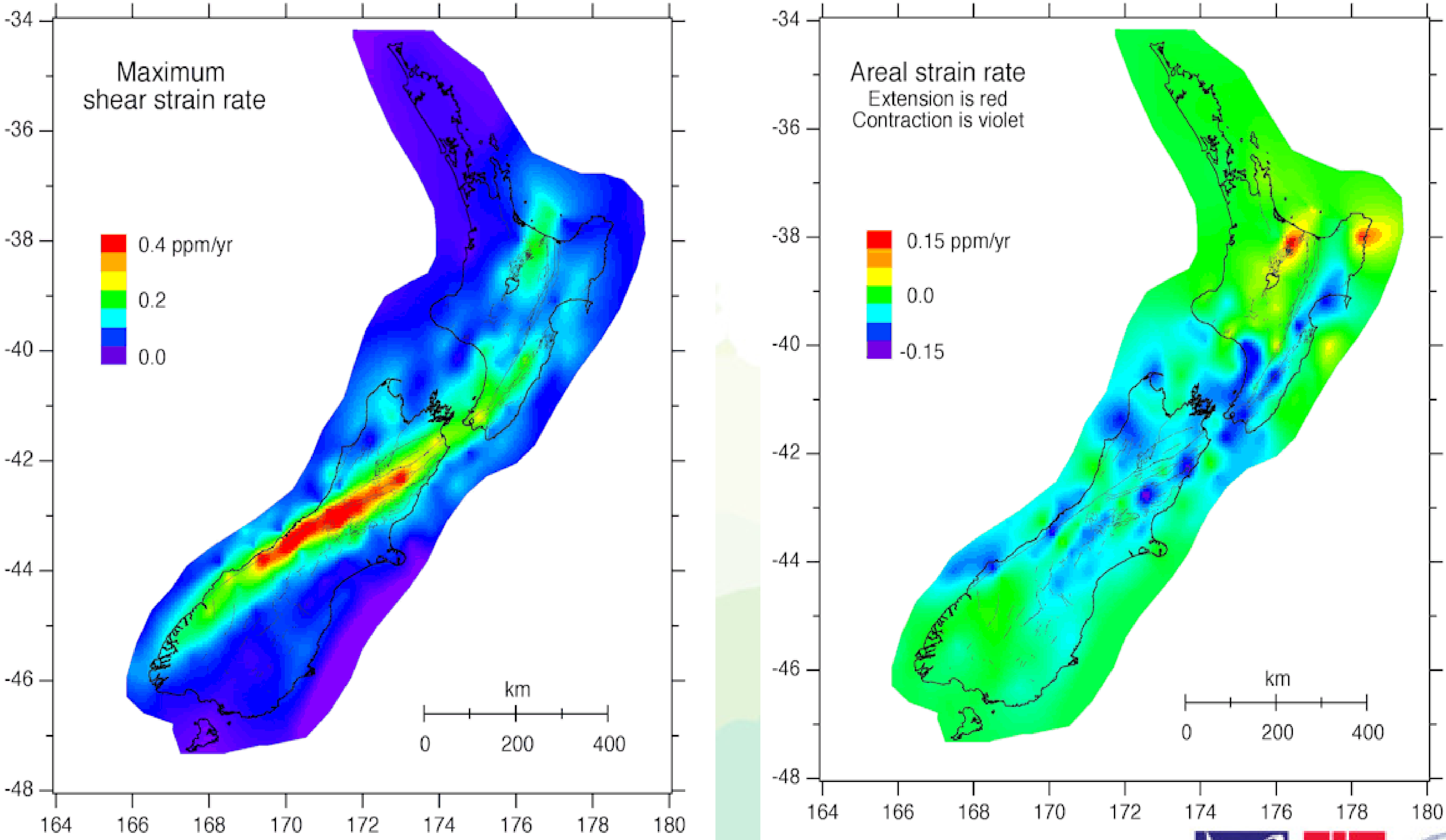
**Thank you!**

# New Zealand Case Study

# But we don't live on a stable planet



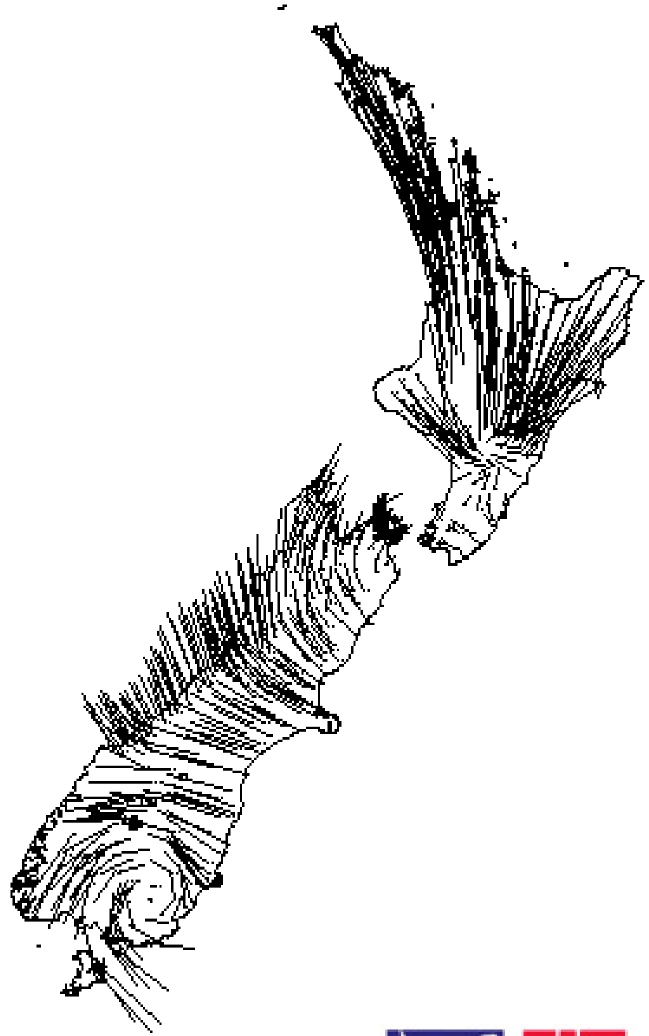

# Measuring deformation - strain



# Limitations with NZGD49



- Regional distortions up to 5m present
- Built up in a piecemeal fashion
- Incompatible with global systems
- It is of limited spatial coverage
- It is static



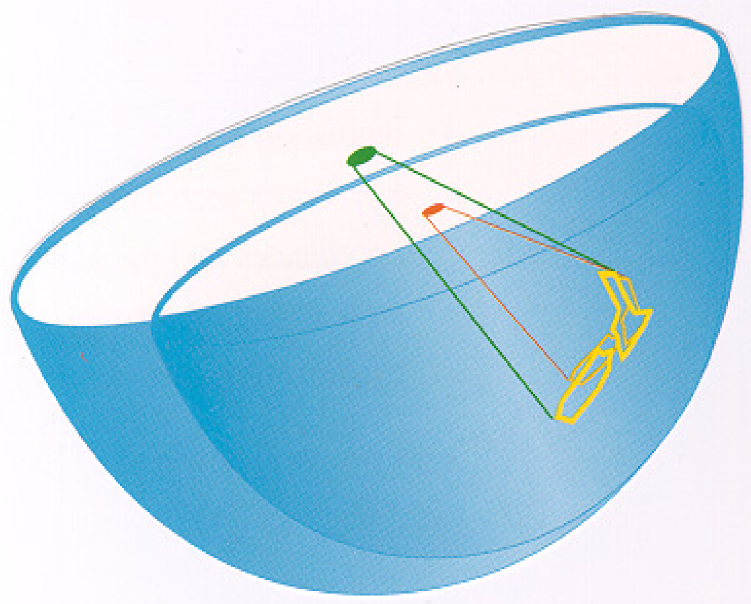
## NZGD2000

**1998 – NZ introduced NZGD2000** (ref epoch 1 Jan 2000)

- geocentric origin
- aligned with the ITRS
- ITRF96 with epoch 2000.0 coordinates

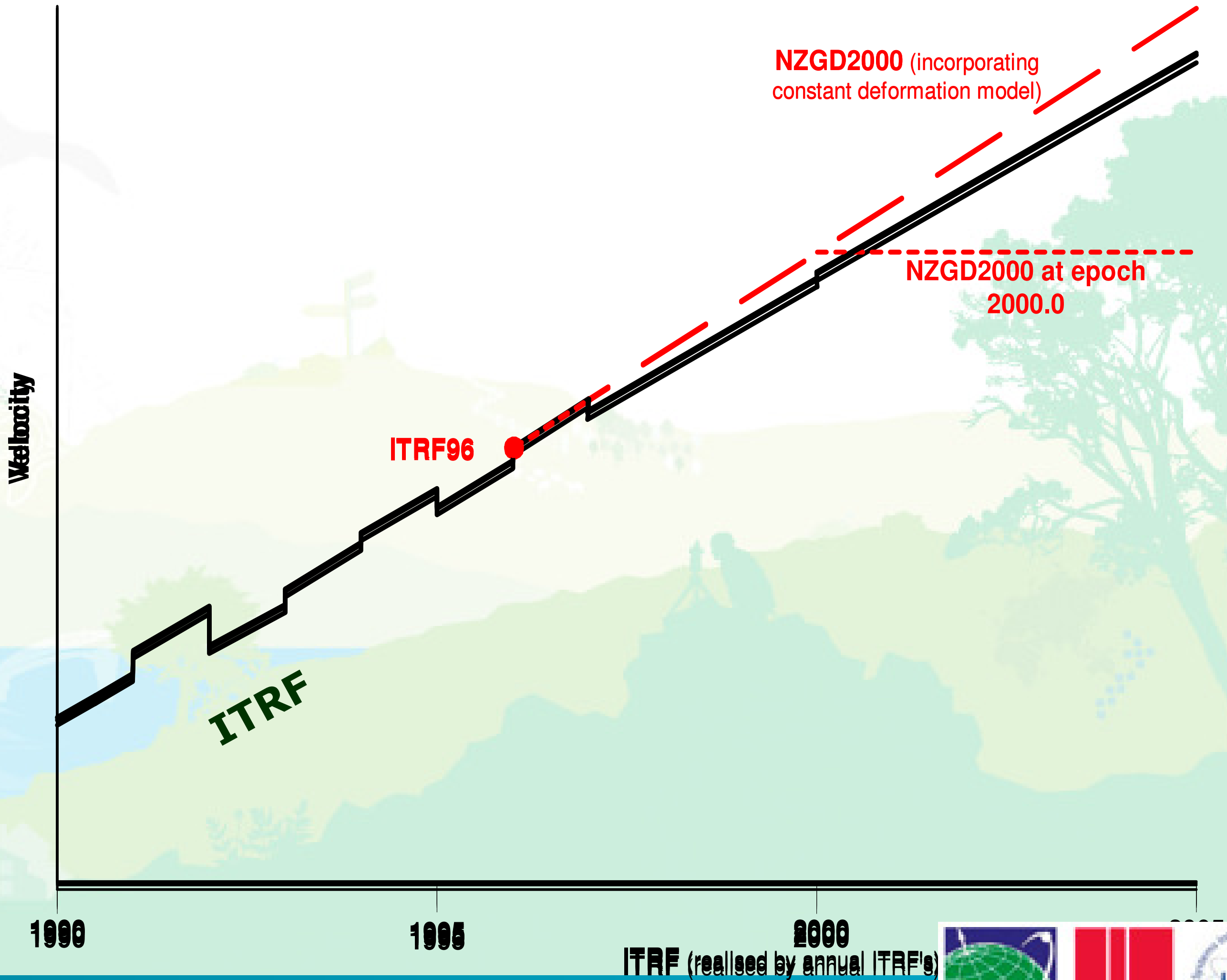
**NZGD2000 - semi-dynamic datum**

- generalised motion of points modelled using a deformation model



# NZGD2000

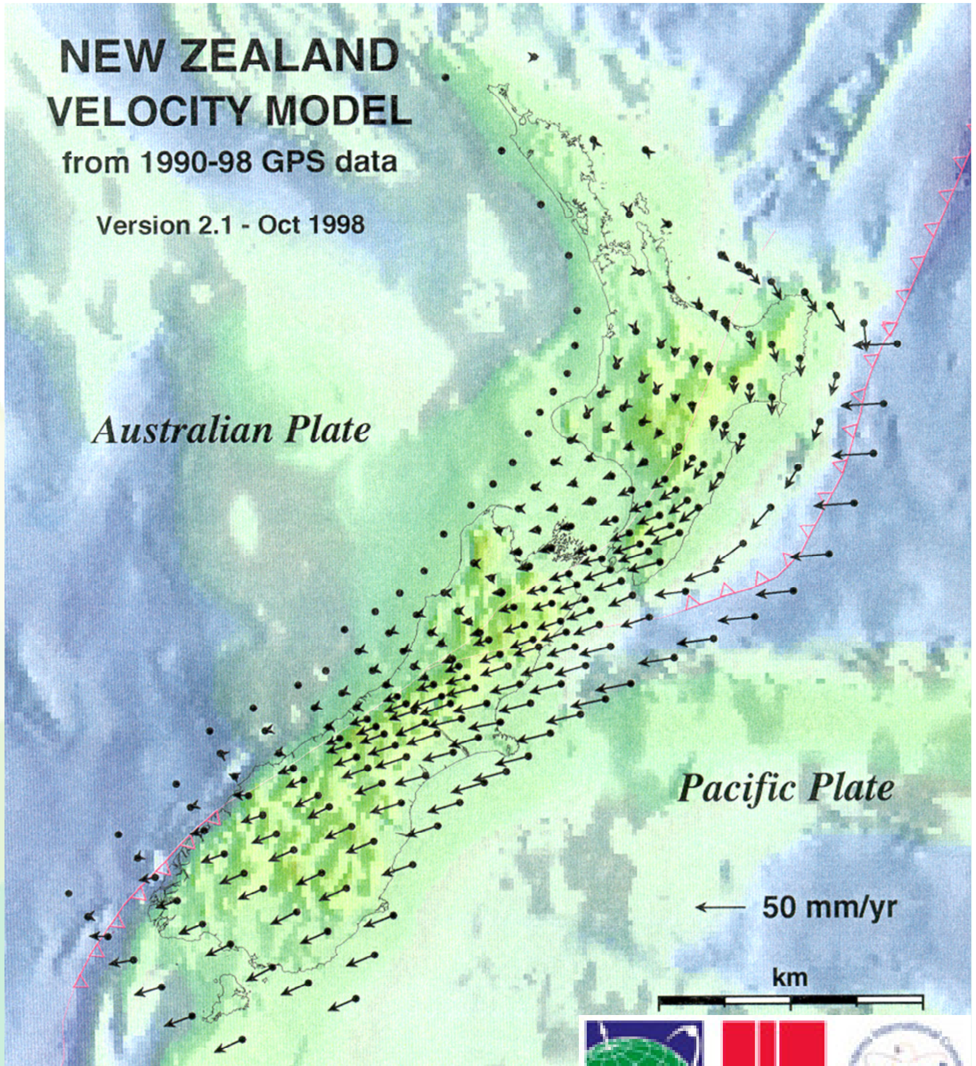
- Tied to ITRF96
- Generalised motion of points modelled using a constant velocity deformation model
- Epoch 2000 coordinates generated at 2000.0



## NZGD2000

**Semi-dynamic datum**

- deformation model – calculated by holding fixed the Aust plate and uses the euler rotation parameters to bring in terms of ITRF96
- velocities provided in a rectangular grid (0.1 degree) for ease of computations
- current deformation model has horizontal constant velocities only
- generated using repeat surveys between 1992 and 1998
- enables propagation of coordinates and observations between reference epoch and observation epoch
- for many uses has the



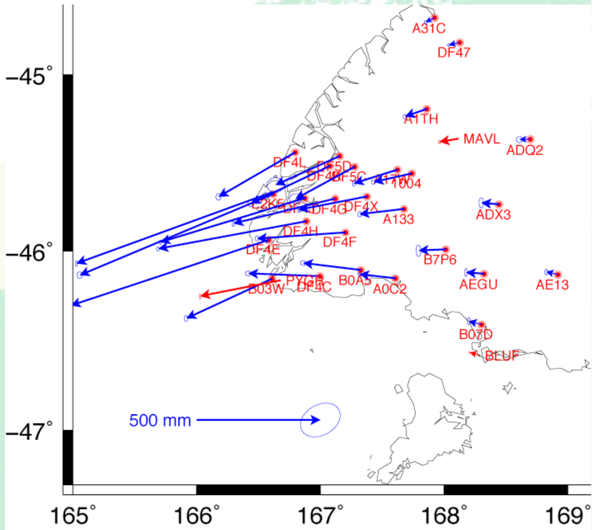
## Where are we at

### What has gone well

- User acceptance
- Implementation of the deformation model in LINZ
- Maintaining the accuracy of datum

### Issues

- Managing the deformation model
- Accuracy of deformation model versus CORS real time positions
- Managing the spatial alignment of the cadastral system
- Misalignment of readjusted historic geodetic control with new surveyed geodetic control



# Future developments



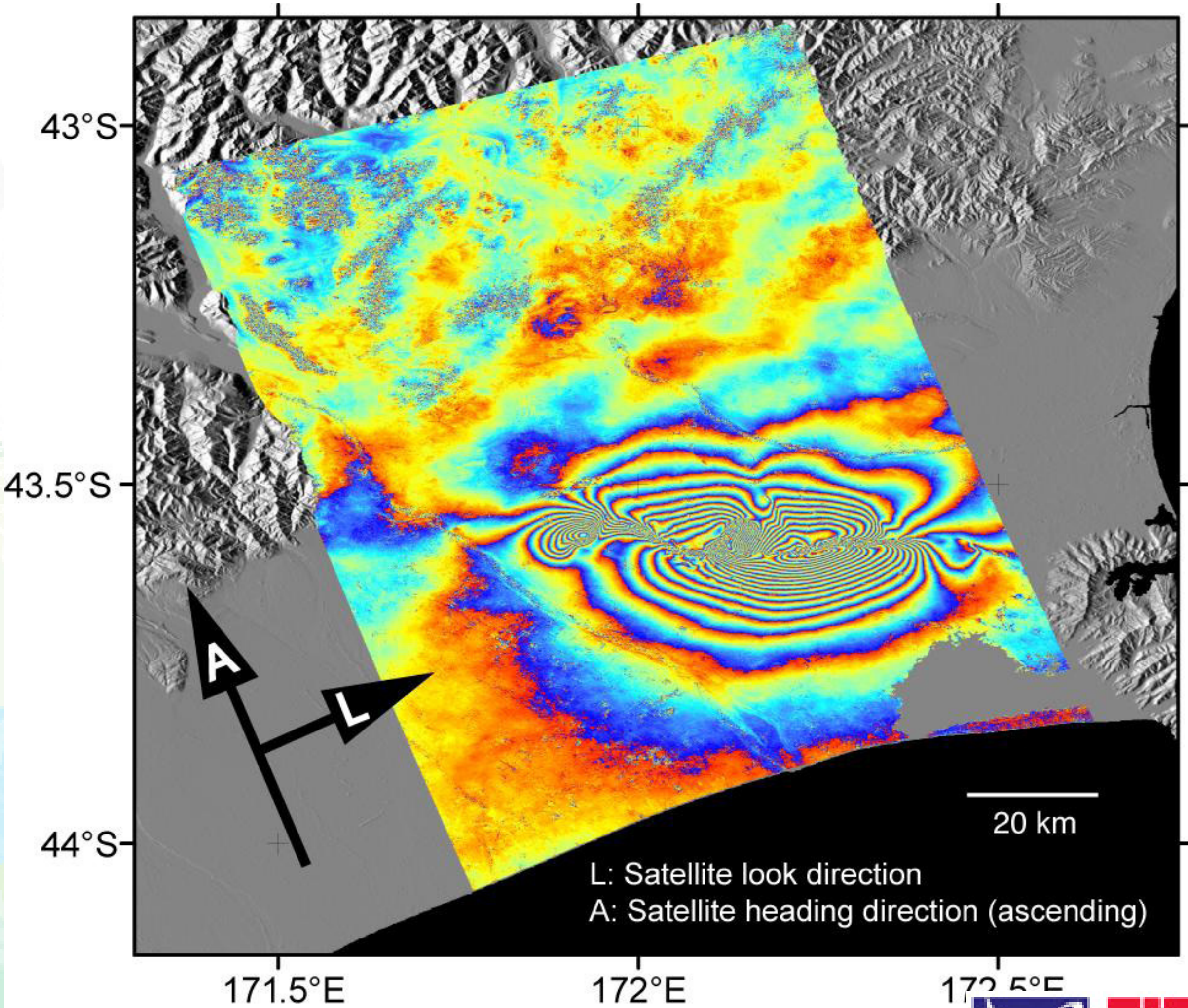
- **Updating the Deformation Model**
- **Vertical Deformation Model**
- **CORS Real Time – Tools for Managing Coordinates**
- **Tie to the ITRF - Going Fully Dynamic?**

# Darfield Earthquake

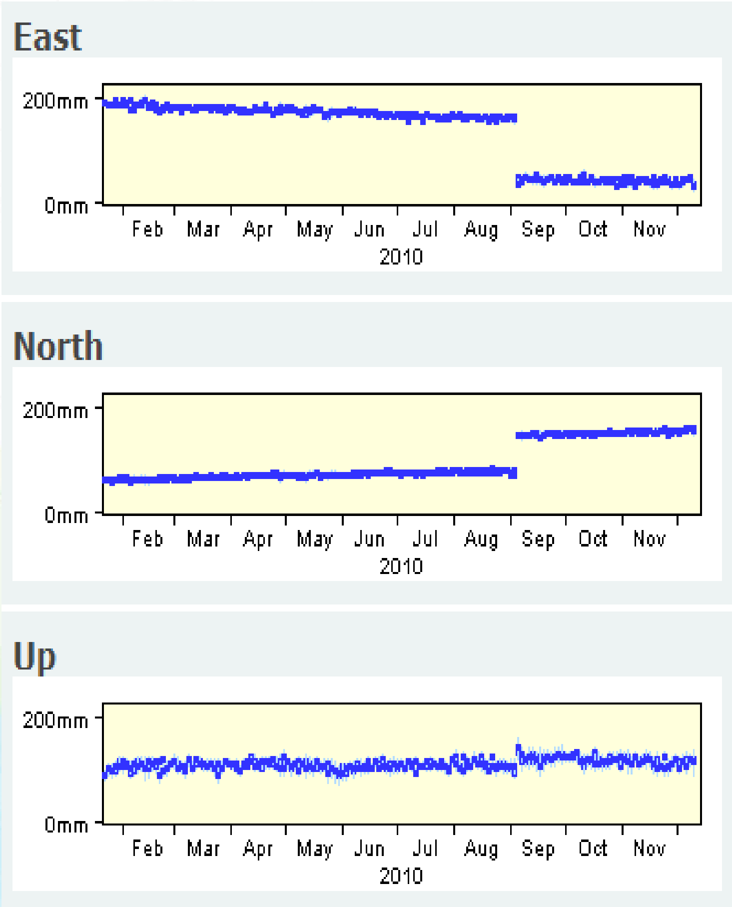
# InSAR interference pattern as a result of the Darfield earthquake

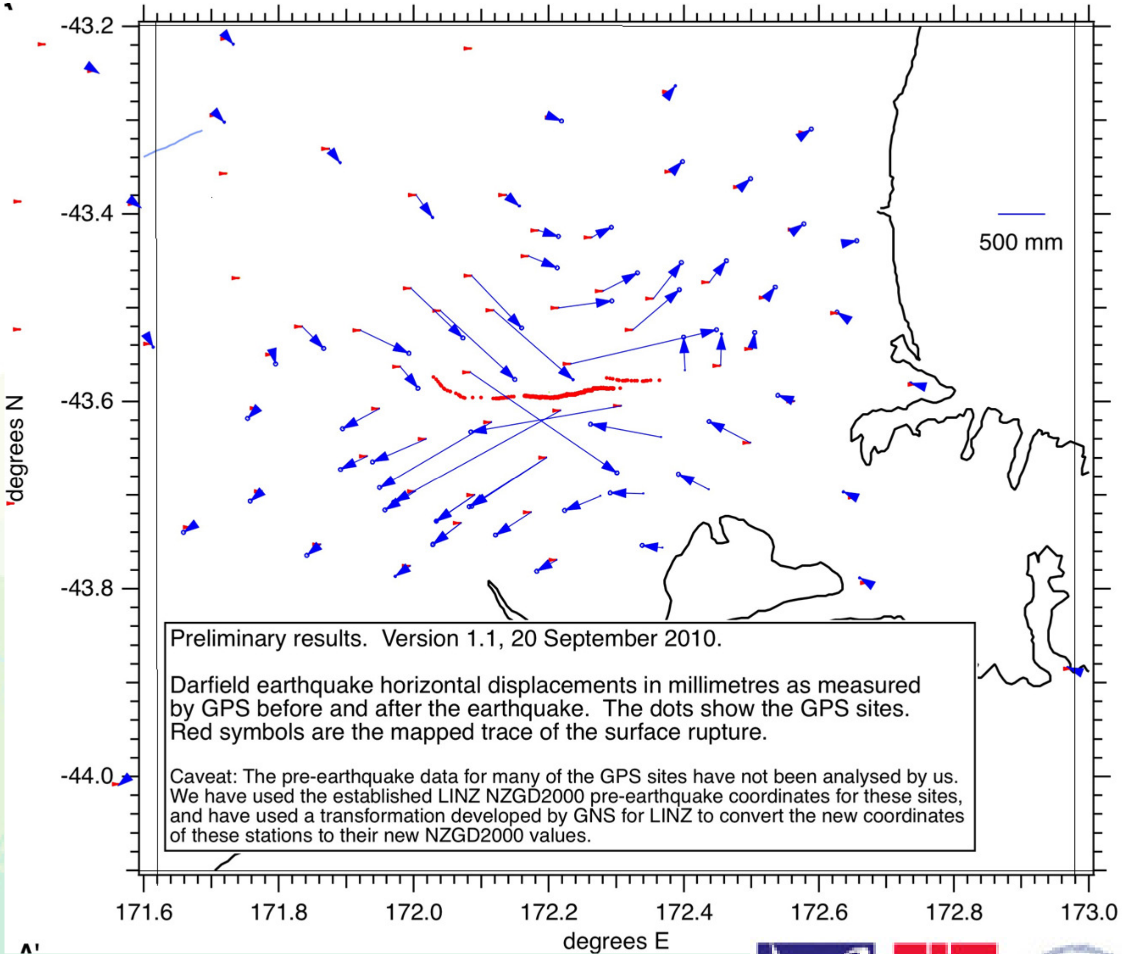
Each coloured fringe represents 1.5 cm of ground displacement in line-of-sight to the satellite

Incoherent regions indicate ground damage



# Creating a patch – Canterbury earthquakes



# Impact on geodetic control

Range is based on the distance from the centre of the fault rupture.

| Maximum Range (km) | Geodetic marks (order 5 or better) | Cadastral control (order 6 or better) | Total marks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0-20 | 223 | 4816 | 56835 |
| 20-40 | 1269 | 49538 | 565892 |
| 40-60 | 3176 | 28632 | 387606 |
| 60-80 | 673 | 3681 | 143593 |
| 80-100 | 487 | 2182 | 103995 |
| **Total** | **5828** | **88849** | **1257921** |

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# Model out the effects of the earthquake

Land Information New Zealand
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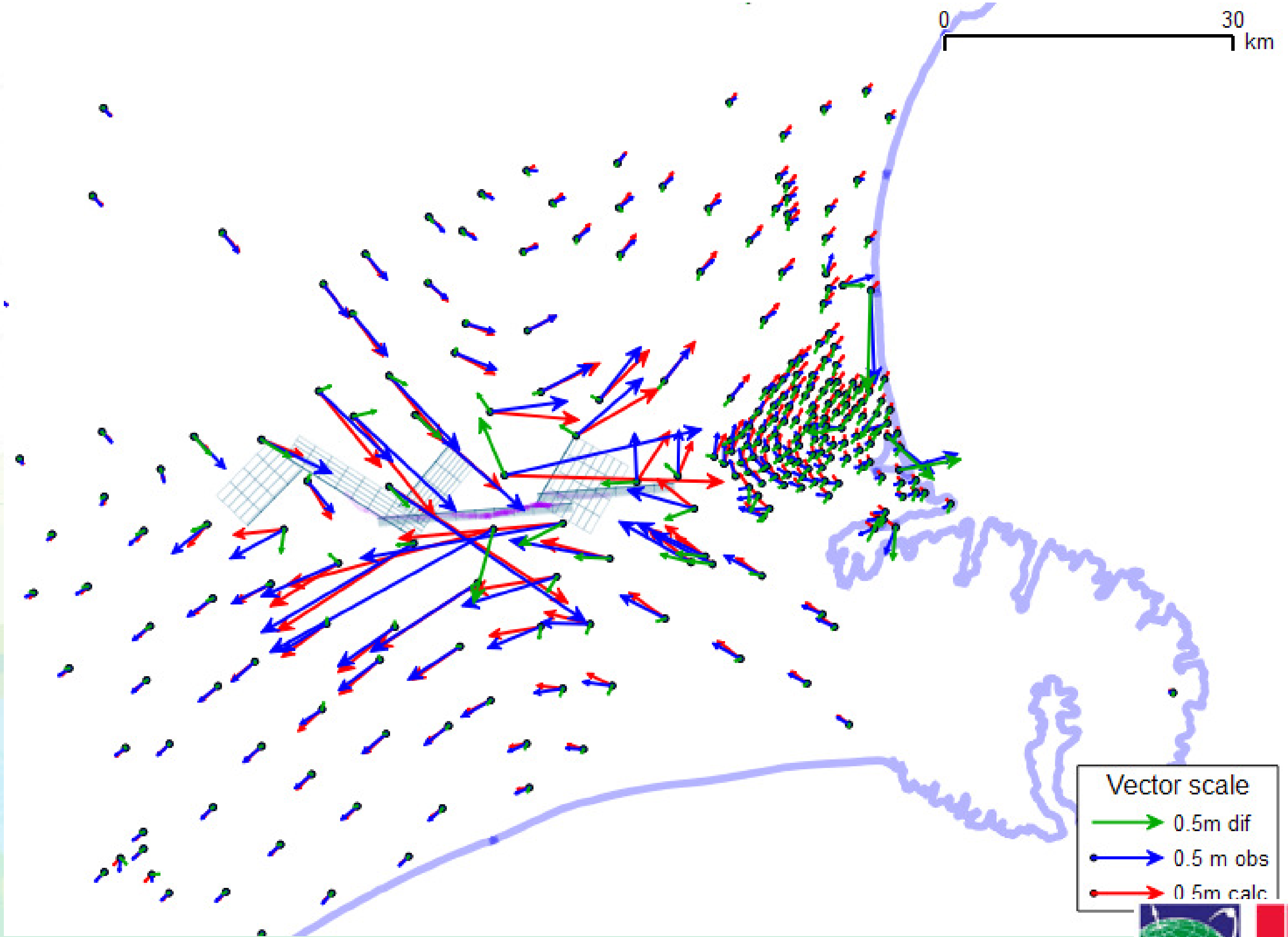
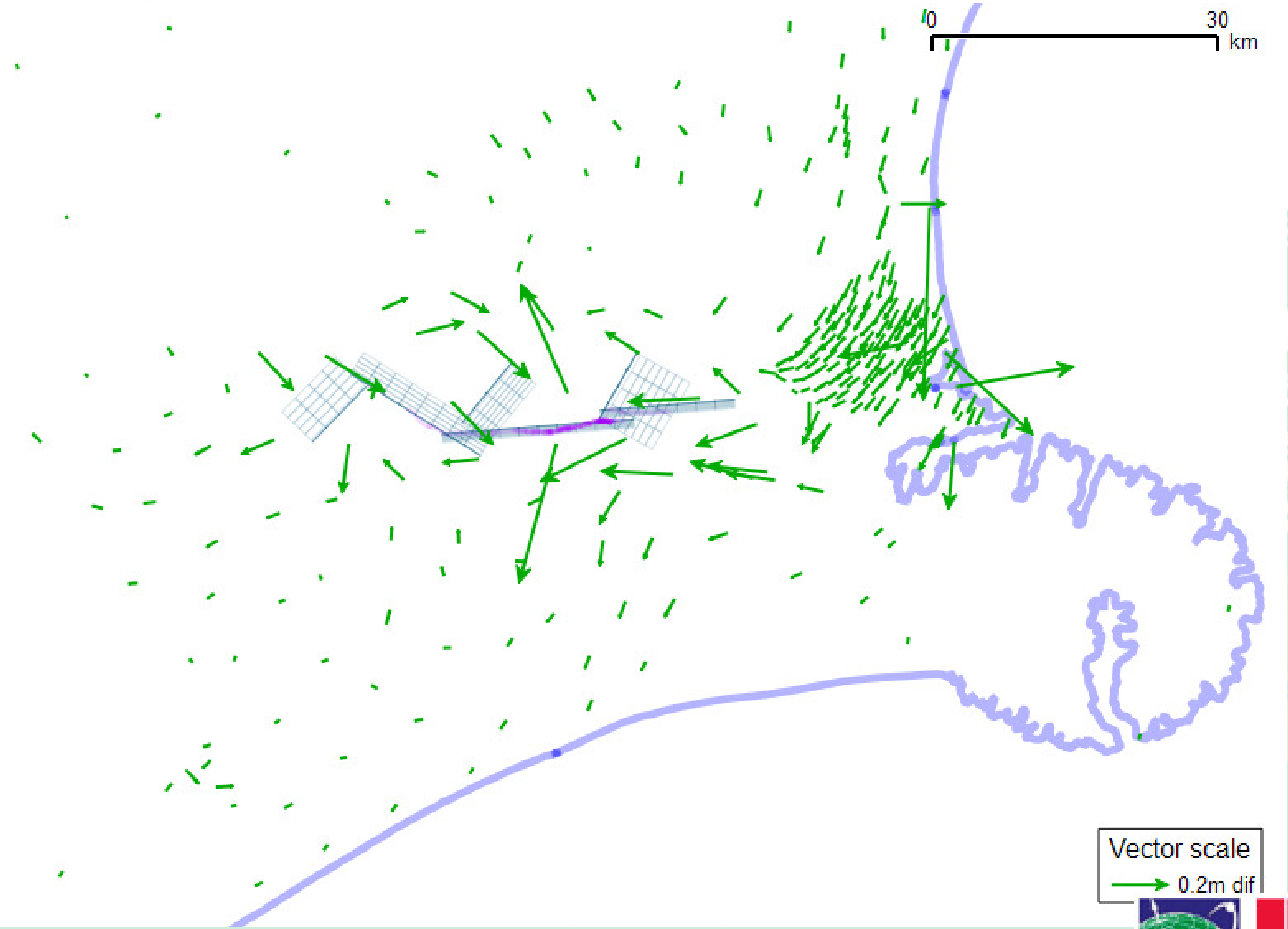


# Residuals



# Summary

- The incorporation of a deformation model in NZGD2000 has enabled
  - the life of the datum to be lengthened
  - new observations to be integrated with old observations
  - the accuracy of the datum to be maintained
- But
  - how complex deformation events will be incorporated in the model have yet to be fully determined and resolved

# Four dimensional deformation models for Terrestrial Reference Frames

## Questions