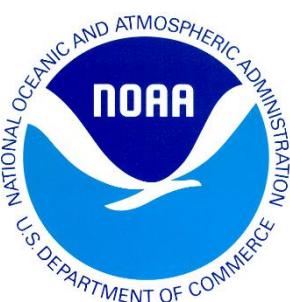


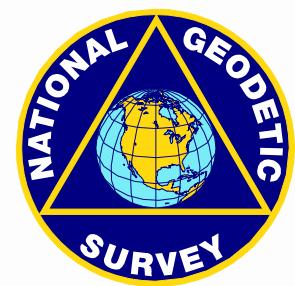


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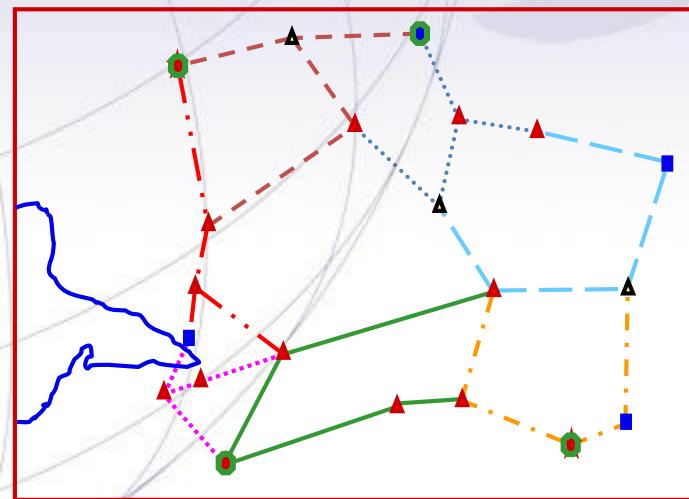
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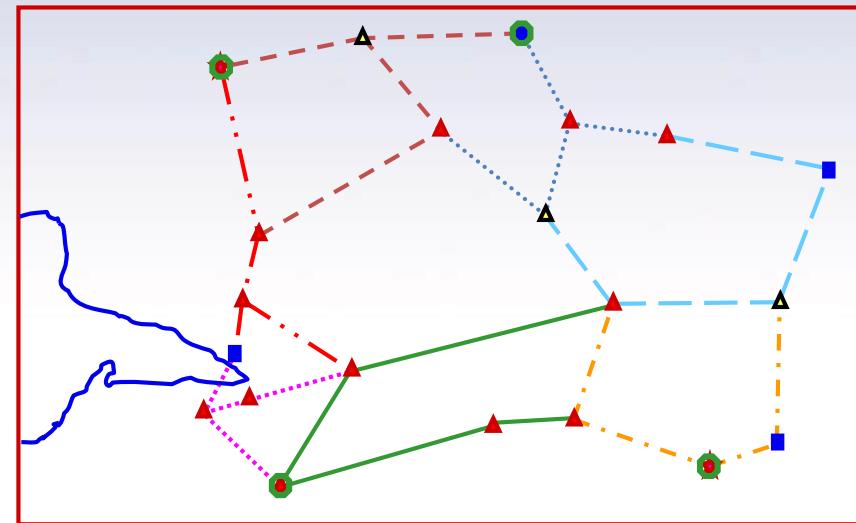
# Topics To Be Discussed



- **GPS Project**
  - Guidelines
  - Lay out
  - Observations
  - Data Processing
  - Analysis of Base Lines
  - Adjustments

# Guidelines GPS Project

- **Must repeat base lines**
  - Different days
  - Different times of day
    - Detect, remove, reduce effects due to multipath and having almost the same satellite geometry

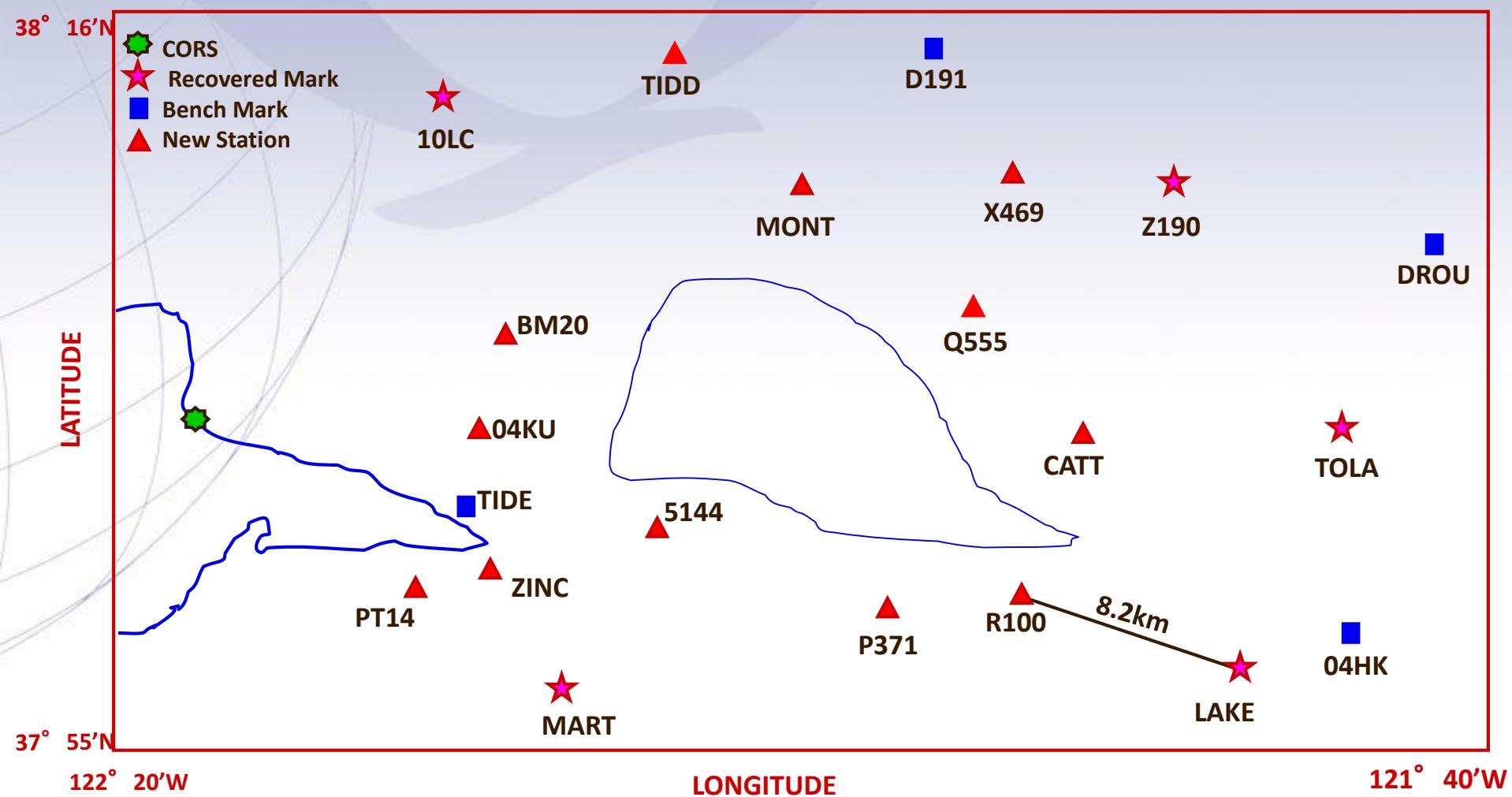


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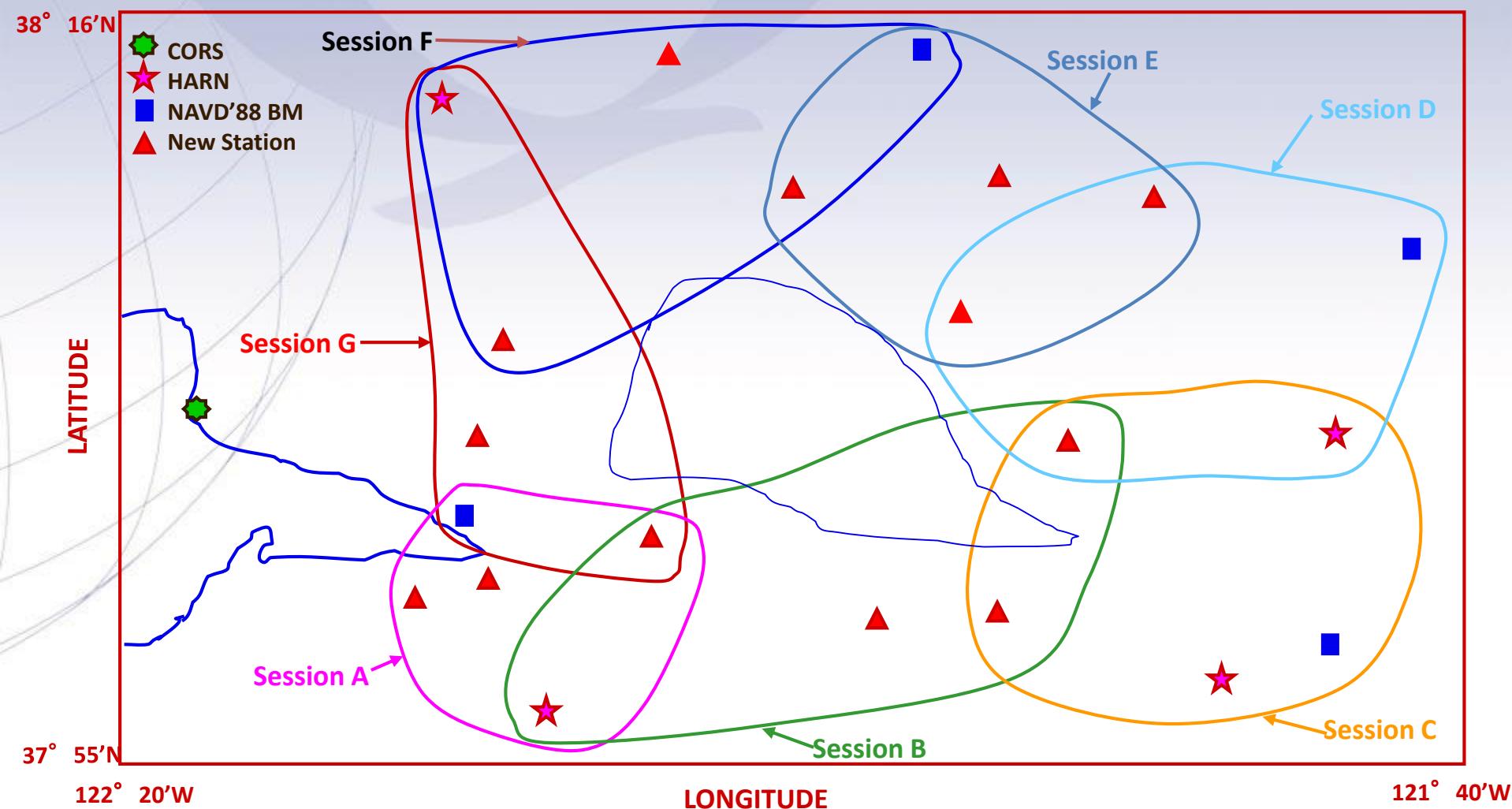
- **Area: East San Francisco Bay Project**
  - Latitude  $37^{\circ} 50''$  N to  $38^{\circ} 10''$  N
  - Longitude  $121^{\circ} 45''$  W to  $122^{\circ} 25''$  W
- **Receivers Available: 5**
- **Standards: 1 cm Horizontal , 2/3 cm Vertical**

# STATION SELECTION & RECONNAISSANCE

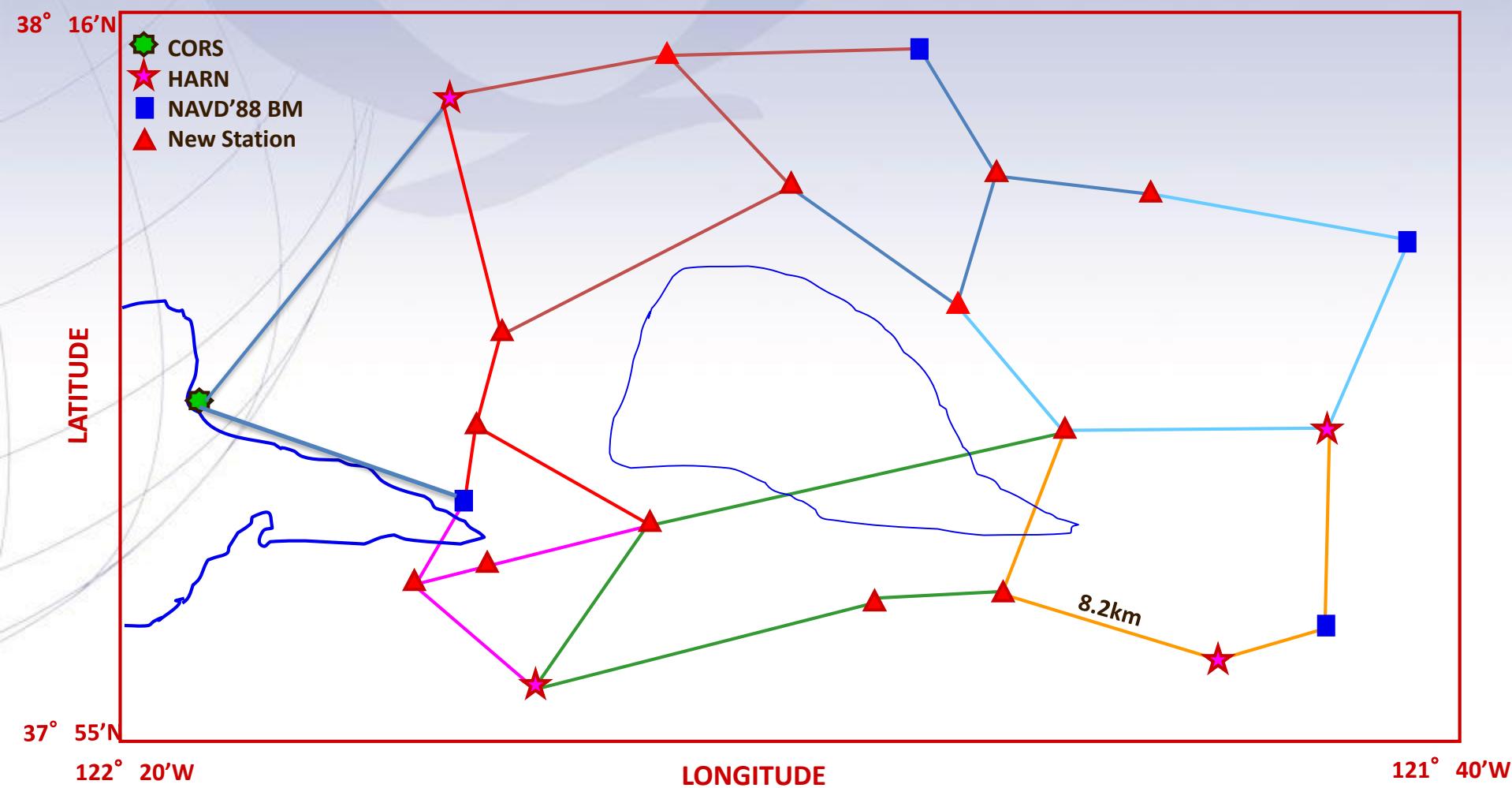
- Find accurate connections to control stations in **The National Spatial Reference System (NSRS)**
  - NGS or IGS approved CORS
  - Known Local Network Stations
  - Bench Marks (good Orthometric Heights)
- **NGS Database and data sheets**
- **Identify GPS-usable stations**



# GPS-USABLE STATIONS



# OBSERVATION SESSIONS



# INDEPENDENT BASE LINES

# OBSERVATION SCHEDULE

Day	Session		Start Time	Stop Time
1	A		8:00 AM	8:45 AM
1	B		9:15 AM	10:00 AM
1	C		10:30 AM	11:15 AM
1	D		11:45 AM	12:30 PM
1	E		1:00 PM	1:45 PM
1	F		2:15 PM	3:00 PM
1	G		3:30 PM	4:15 PM
2	D		8:00 AM	8:45 AM
2	E		9:15 AM	10:00 AM
2	F		10:30 AM	11:15 AM
2	G		11:45 AM	12:30 PM
2	A		1:00 PM	1:45 PM
2	B		2:15 PM	3:00 PM
2	C		3:30 PM	4:15 PM

# GPS RECEIVER REQUIREMENTS



- Receiver dual-frequency (full wavelength L2)
- Calibrated Dual Frequency GPS Antenna (preferably with ground plane)
- Fixed-height tripods are preferred.

# H.I. DETERMINATION

- It is crucial to determine antenna heights accurately
  - Record heights to 0.1 mm or 0.001 feet.
- You need to know the height above the monument to the Antenna Reference Point, usually the base of the pre-amplifier.

# H.I. MEASUREMENT

## B-3. Antenna Height Measurement:

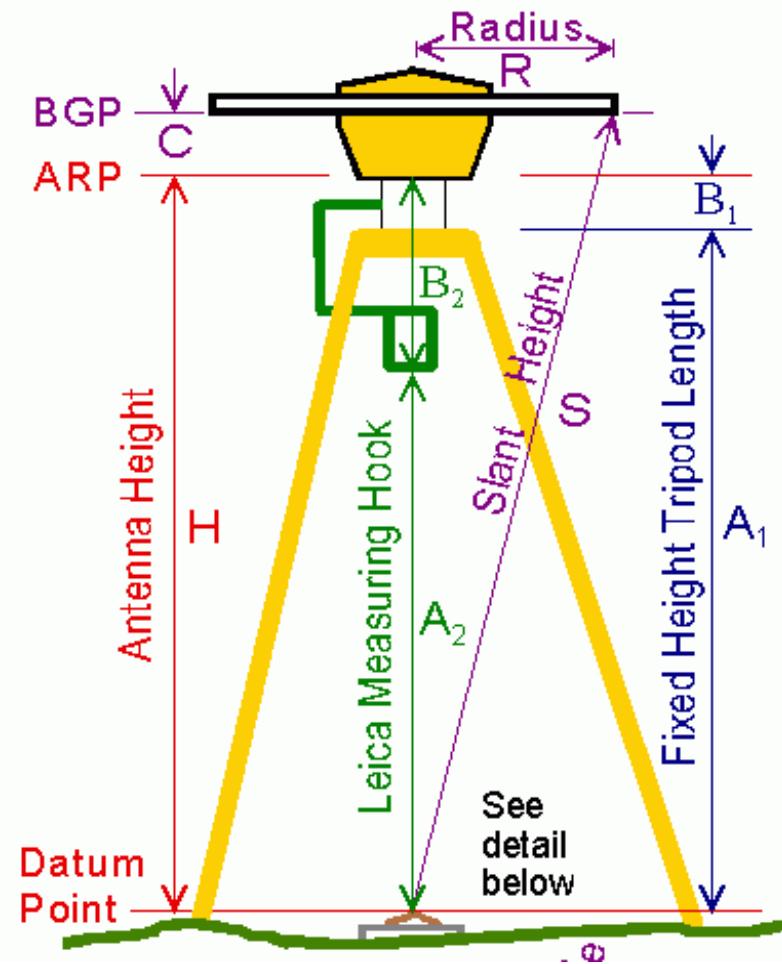
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The proper recordation of antenna height is critical. The Antenna Height used at NGS is the vertical distance between the station datum point and the Antenna Reference Point (ARP). Observers must carefully measure and check this height, and record and describe all measurements and antenna constants. Record all values to 0.0001 meters or 0.001 foot. All measurement computations must be checked and initialed by another person.

**Fixed-height tripods** simplify the measurement of antenna height (**H**). The calibrated tripod height (**A**) should be checked with a quick measurement. Ensure that the antenna mates securely with the tripod head, and that any gap (**B**) between the tripod head and ARP is measured and included. The antenna height can then be computed from the following equation:

$$\text{Antenna Height } H = (A + B) - Q$$

NOTE: Leica antennas use a measuring hook to determine the vertical distance between the mark and antenna. Record the measured distance from the mark to the hook as **A**, and the offset from the hook to the ARP as **B**.



# FIELD OBSERVATIONS

- **Observation logs**
  - Record station and observer information
  - Record complete receiver/antenna manufacturer, model part number, and serial numbers
  - Start and stop times
  - Record height of antenna
  - Record unusual conditions

Station Designation: (Leave available, then press <b>TAB</b> , <b>CTRL</b> + <b>RESET</b> )		Station ID: Ferry	Date (DD/MM/YY)
BALD 2 RESET		Q2276	31 Dec 2002
General Location: Boller Bay Wayside		Agency ID, if any: BALD	Station Address for ID: 365
Project Name: Sample GPS, 2002		Project ID: GPRS-1234	Days of Year: 365
NAVD88 Latitude: 44° 49' 17.802"		NAVD88 Longitude: 124° 03' 56.23447"	NAVD88 Elevation: -6.44 meters
UTM Zone: 15		Elevation: 17.0 meters	UTM UTM Zone: 15
UTM X: 340000 Y: 500000 Z: 17330		UTM Elevation: 10 degrees	UTM UTM Elevation: 10
Actual Start: 11:55 Stop: 17:32		UTM Height: -23.52 meters	UTM UTM Height: -23.52
Receiver Brand & Model: LEICA GS15		Antenna Code*, Brand & Model: Trimble R8 GNSS Antenna	
Antenna Serial #: 0030354		Antenna ID: 2065900 Antenna Serial #: 02200-63501	
Antenna Height: 30 meters		Antenna Length: 30 meters	
Antenna Tilt: 25.000° N		Antenna Tilt: 25.000° N	
Antenna Type or Antenna Mount: Tripod		Antenna point below horizon? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Antenna Mount Serial #: SECO		Antenna oriented to true North? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Antenna Mount Adjustment: 0.0000		Antenna point above horizon? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Antenna Mount Adjustment: 0.0000		Antenna height used: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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Barometer (if used) Brand & Model: pressureplus A2		** ANTENNA HEIGHT **	
Barometer (if used) Brand & Model: pressureplus A2		Before Session Height: 2.000 After Session Height: 2.000	
		After Session Drift: 0.000 Before Session Drift: 0.000	
		After Session Drift: 0.000 Before Session Drift: 0.000	
		Remarks, Comments on Problem, Sketches, Pen and Paper, etc: <input type="checkbox"/> Calculate	
		1. Winds, calm at start, gradually increased to 20 knots by end of session.	
		2. Semi-trailer parked 12 meters SSE of antenna from 15:17 to 15:32 UTC, possibly blocking satellites and causing multipath environment.	
		Weather codes are required. Weather notes are optional but encouraged. *Latitude note carries from site info to form field.	
		Site ID: BALD065A.dat	
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		Visibility: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Reflected <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered <input type="checkbox"/> Distant <input type="checkbox"/> None	
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- **Obtain a clear station photograph**
  - Close-up photo of mark
  - Horizon view

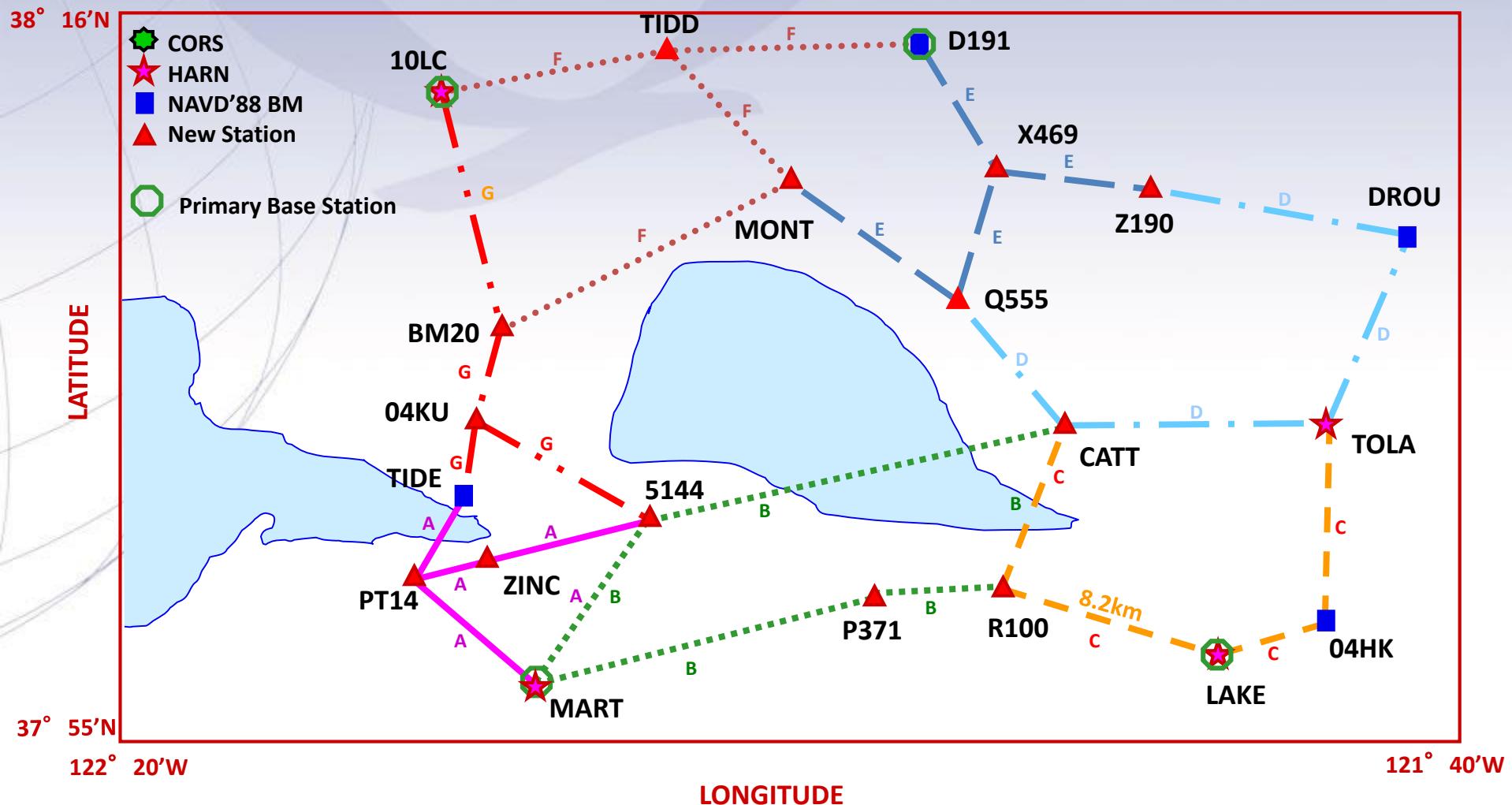


# Vector Processing Controls

- **Elevation Mask - 15 degrees**
- **Ephemeris - Precise**
- **Iono Corrections - All baselines  $\geq$  than 5 km.**
- **Fix Integers**
  - Baselines  $\leq$  5km: L1 fixed solution
  - Baselines  $\geq$  5 km: Iono free (L3) solution

# Analysis of the Data Processing

- ❖ Fixed solutions / low RMS (<1.5cm)
- ❖ Repeatability of measurements
- ❖ Analysis of loop misclosures
- ❖ Be aware that repeatability and loop misclosures do not disclose all problems



# Repeat Base Lines

# Repeat Vector Analysis

From Station	To Station	Session	dh Meters	Diff cm	Dist Meters	RMS	Solution Type
BM20	04KU	078G	45.974*		3628	0.016	L1 float double
		077G	46.004	-3.0			L1 fixed double
		076G	46.009	-3.5			L1 fixed double
ZINC	PT14	078A	15.397		3173	0.006	L1 fixed double
		077A	15.400	0.3			L1 fixed double
		076A	15.408	1.1			L1 fixed double
TIDE	04KU	078G	43.680		3133	0.022	L1 fixed double
		077G	43.654*	2.6			L1 fixed double
		076G	43.607*	7.3			L1 fixed double
PT14	TIDE	078A	-54.703*		3765	0.047	L1 fixed double
		077A	-55.031	-32.8			L1 fixed double
		076A	-55.007*	-30.4			L1 fixed double
04KU	5144	078G	28.939		7250	0.014	Iono free fixed
		077G	28.947	-0.8			Iono free fixed
		076G	28.940	-0.1			Iono free fixed
5144	ZINC	078A	-33.045		6167	0.011	Iono free fixed
		077A	-33.051	-0.6			Iono free fixed
		076A	-33.063	-1.8			Iono free fixed

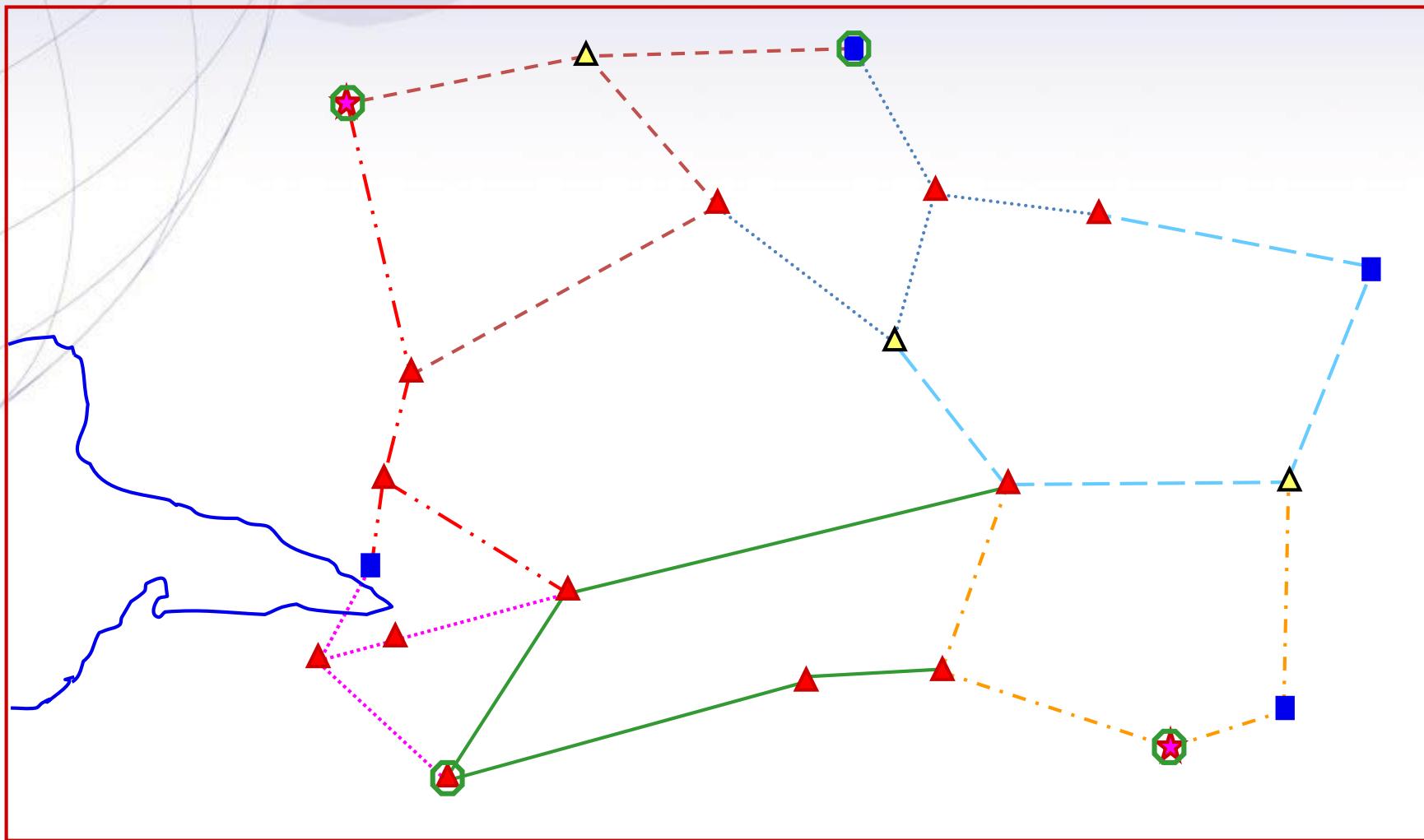
\*NOTE - Reprocess all vectors which have difference greater than 2 cm.

# Repeat Vector Analysis After Re-Processing

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		077G	46.004	0.5			L1 fixed double
		078G	46.007	0.2			L1 fixed double
ZINC	PT14	078A	15.397		3173	0.006	L1 fixed double
		077A	15.400	0.3			L1 fixed double
		076A	15.408	1.1			L1 fixed double
TIDE	04KU	078G	43.680	Reject	3133	0.022	L1 fixed double
		077G	43.654	2.6			L1 fixed double
		076G	43.658	2.2			L1 fixed double
PT14	TIDE	077A	-55.031		3765	0.022	L1 fixed double
		078A	-55.027	0.4			L1 fixed double
		076A	-55.019	1.2			L1 fixed double
04KU	5144	078G	28.939		7250	0.014	Iono free fixed
		077G	28.947	-0.8			Iono free fixed
		076G	28.940	-0.1			Iono free fixed
5144	ZINC	078A	-33.045		6167	0.011	Iono free fixed
		077A	-33.051	-0.6			Iono free fixed
		076A	-33.063	-1.8			Iono free fixed

\*NOTE - Reprocessed vectors which had differences greater than 2 cm.

# Adjustment Guidelines



# Least Squares Adjustments

- The adjustment minimizes the effects of random errors
- A least squares adjustment computes a single network solution, even with redundant vectors
- Least squares will highlight blunders and large errors
- It will provide estimates on the precision of the coordinates for the stations

# Horizontal Adjustments

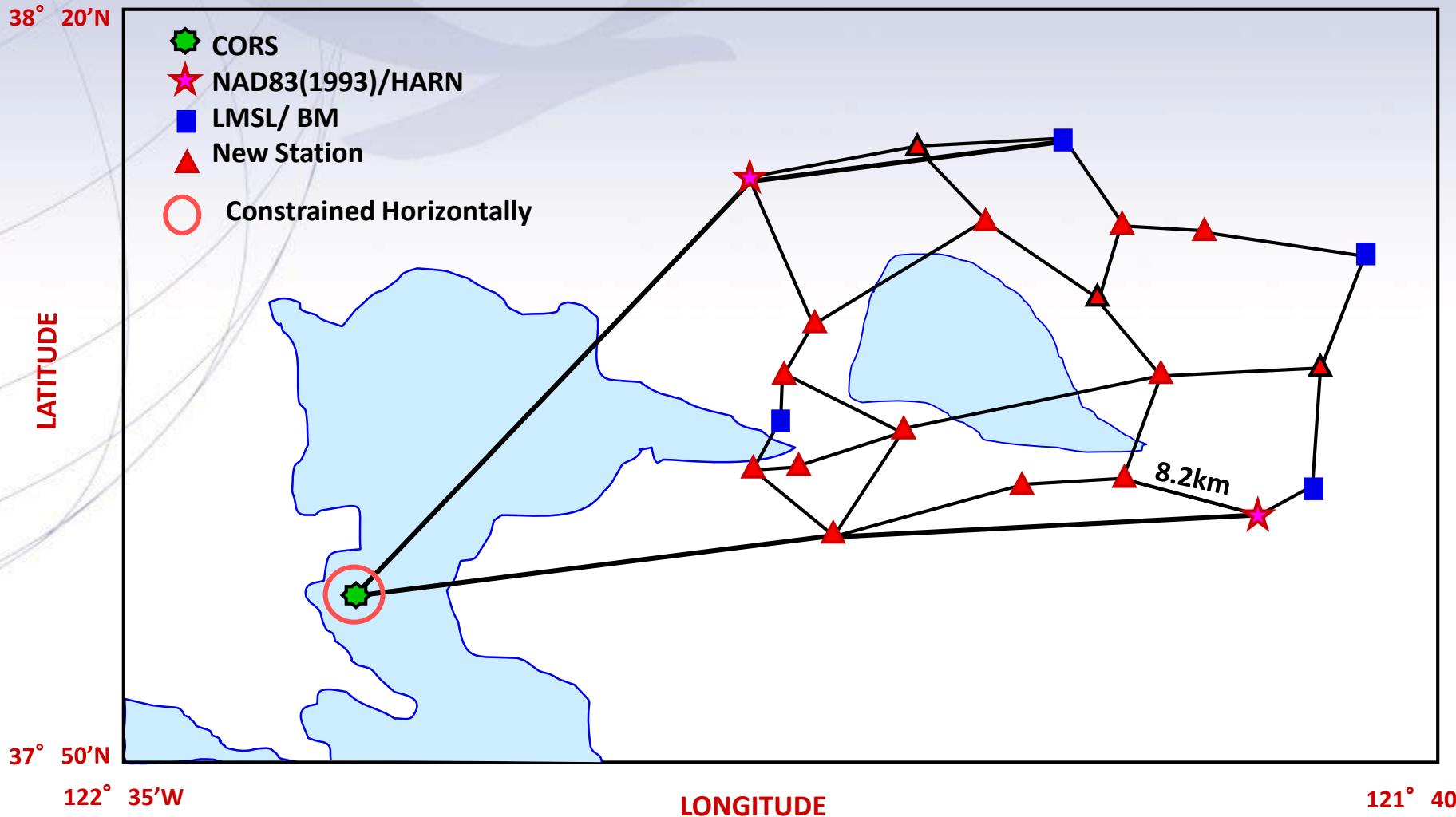
## Horizontal Adjustment

(Latitude, Longitude, Ellipsoid Heights)

- **Minimum Constrained [One fixed station]**
  - Fix latitude, longitude and ellipsoid height at one station
  - Resolve all blunders and large residuals
  - Determine which Control and known station coordinates should be fixed
- **Constrained [All suitable stations fixed]**
  - Fix latitude, longitude, and ellipsoid heights at Control and known Stations
  - Make sure the constraints did not distort the project

**NOTE - Geoid model NOT applied at this time**

# Free Horizontal Adjustment

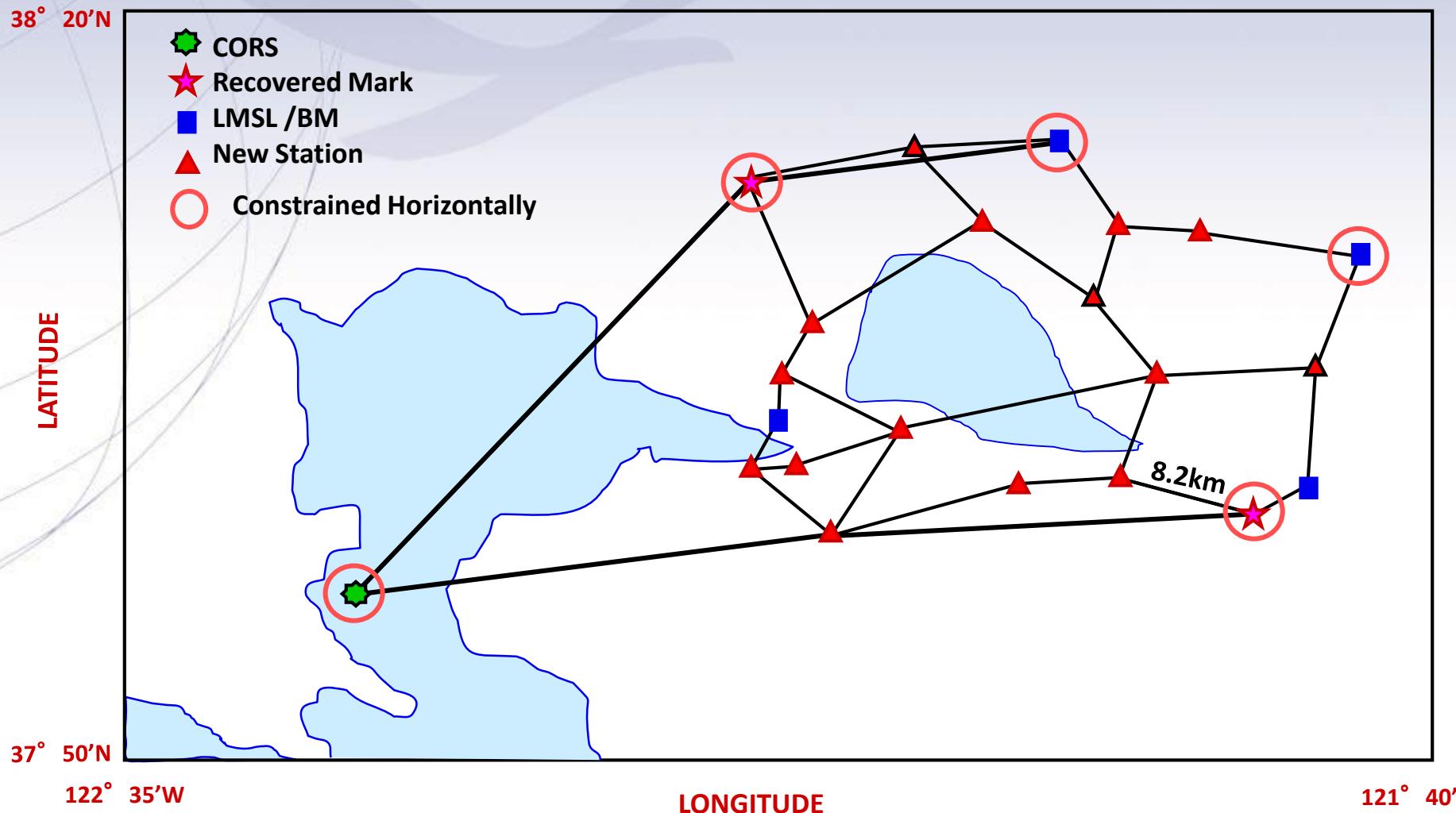


One Control horizontal

latitude, longitude, and ellipsoid heights

No LSML orthometric heights constrained at this time

# Constrained Horizontal Adjustment



Existing Control horizontal

latitude, longitude, and ellipsoid heights

No LSML orthometric heights constrained at this time

# Vertical Adjustment

## 3-D Vertical Adjustment (Orthometric Heights)

- **Apply the Latest Geoid Model**
- **Minimum Constrained [One fixed station]**
  - Fix latitude, longitude, and orthometric height at one station
  - Resolve all blunders and large residuals
  - Compare orthometric heights from adjustment with published bench marks
  - Determine which bench marks should be fixed
- **Constrained** [All suitable orthometric heights fixed]
  - Fix latitude, longitude at one station
  - Fix orthometric heights at all suitable stations
  - Make sure the constraints did not distort the project

# Minimally Constrained Vertical Adjustment

38° 20'N

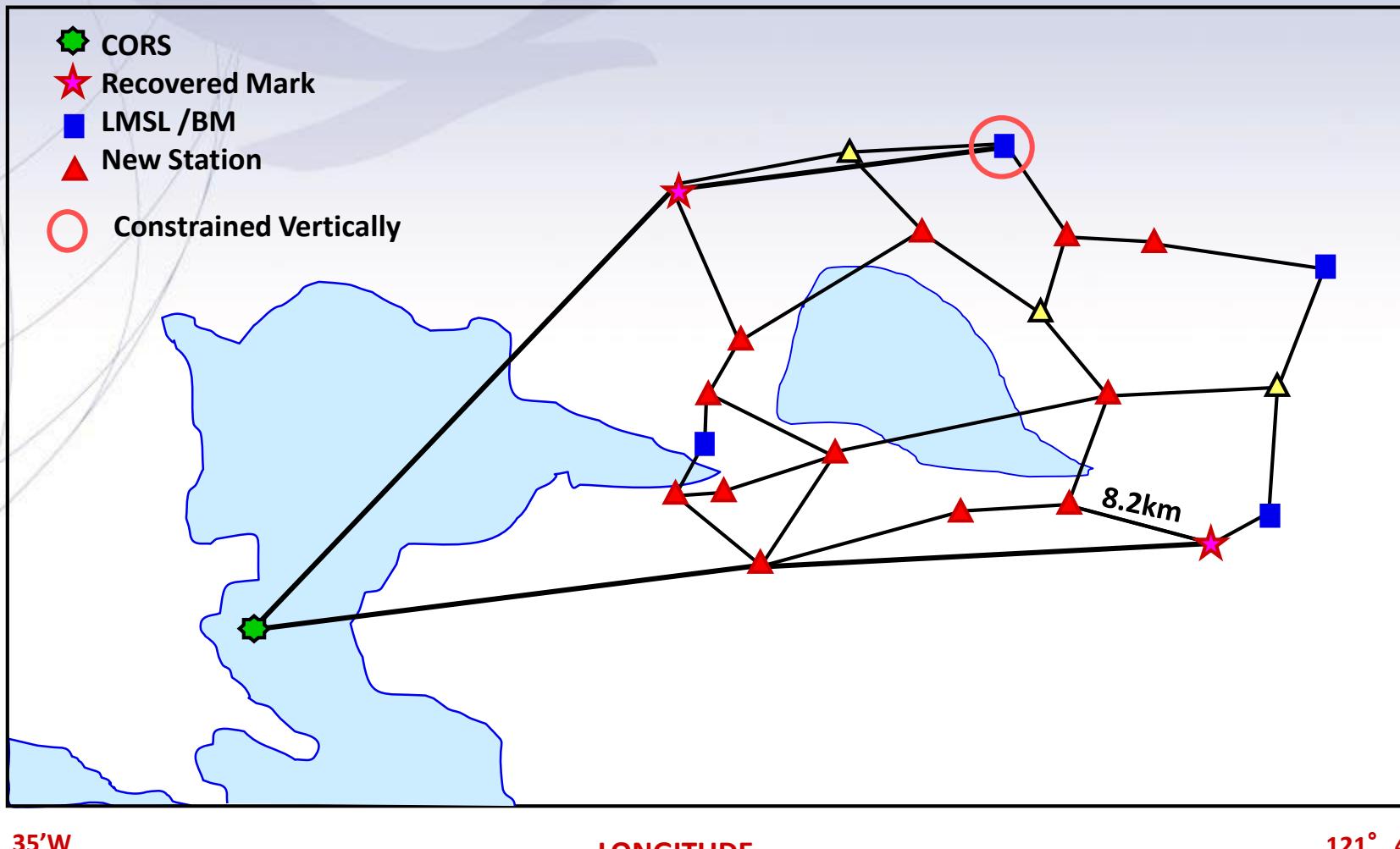
LATITUDE

37° 50'N

122° 35'W

LONGITUDE

121° 40'W



1 horizontal latitude and longitude

1 Local Mean Sea Level (LMSL) orthometric heights

# Constrained Vertical Adjustment

38° 20'N

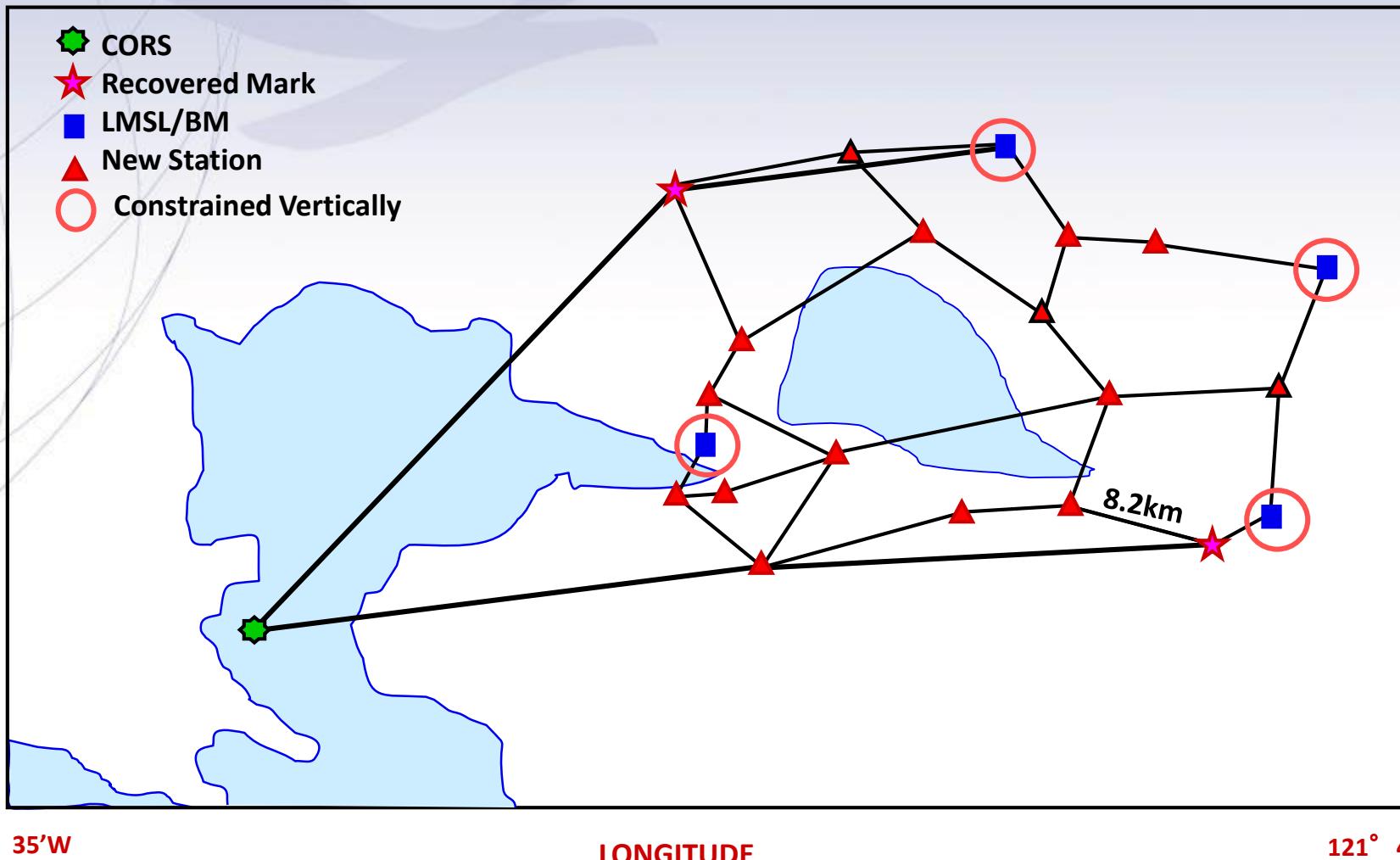
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122° 35'W

LONGITUDE

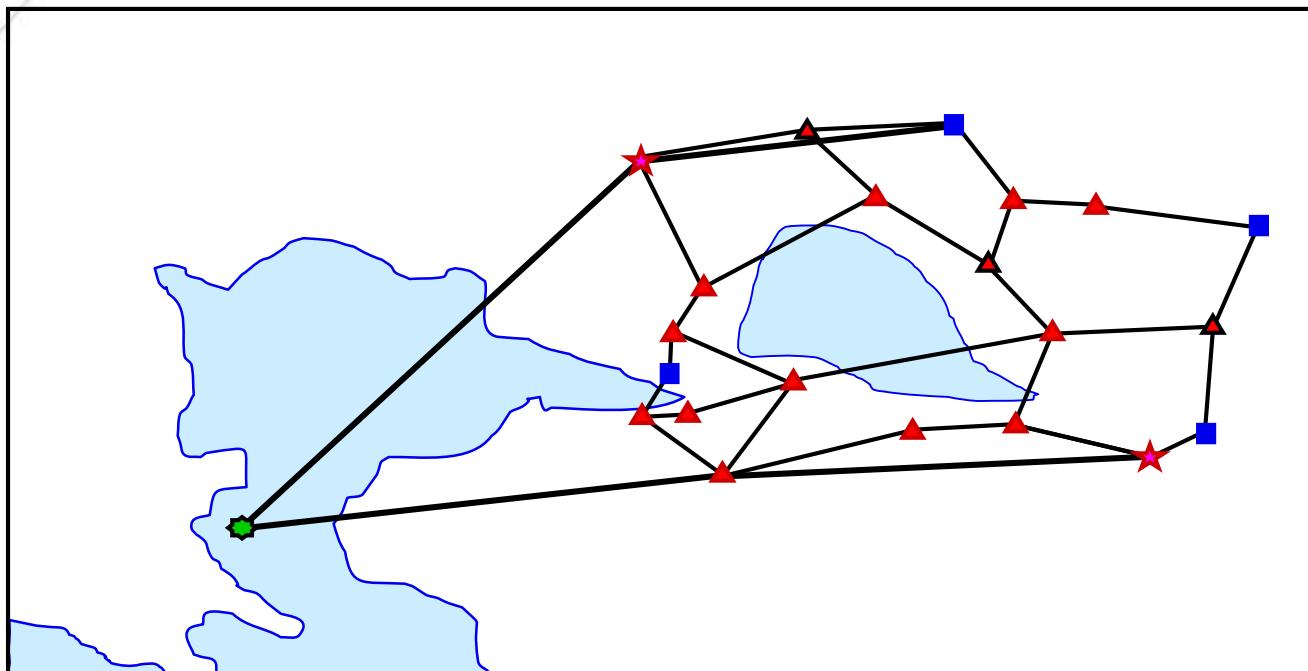
121° 40'W



1 horizontal latitude and longitude  
All valid orthometric heights fixed

# Final Products

- Horizontal Constrained Adjustment  
(Latitude, Longitude, and Ellipsoid Heights)
- 3D Vertical Constrained Adjustment  
(Orthometric Heights)



# Summary

- Mistakes and systematic errors must be removed before the adjustment
- A least squares adjustment handles random errors and provides a single solution
- The Minimally Constrained adjustment checks the internal consistency of the network
- The Constrained adjustment checks the existing control and references the network to the datum
- The vertical adjustment estimates GPS-derived Orthometric heights



# Mahalo - Questions ????

