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# **Geodetic Reference Frame: Australia**

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APPLYING GEOSCIENCE TO AUSTRALIA'S MOST IMPORTANT CHALLENGES



### **Australian Geodetic Observing Program**



## **Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS)**

### **GNSS Market Report 2015**



➤1 GNSS device per person on the planet by 2019

➢App downloads that rely on positioning will reach 7.5 billion by 2019 (2.8b in 2014)

High-end Multi GNSS smartphones will replace some specialised devices

Source:Cumulative Core Revenue (GNSS Chipsets) 2013 -2023 (European GNSS Agency, 2015) http://www.gsa.europa.eu/market/market-report

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### **Geodesy for Agriculture**

Australian agriculture sector contributes 2-3% of GDP
 Precision agriculture
 Typically results show 25% reduction in fertiliser
 Examples of 50% reduction in diesel fuel usage
 Important in other industries including mining and geospatial

Images: Tim Neale, Precision Agriculture, 2015

# **Australia's National Positioning Infrastructure**

### Satellite communications



Performance Monitoring & Reporting

Improved atmospheric modelling

Anywhere

Open standards & access

Research, Development & Innovation

Anytime

Flexible positioning solutions

Accurate and consistent reference frame

Traceability

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### **GNSS**

### New Australian GNSS network



### > Australia in the GNSS 'hotspot'







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## **VLBI and Satellite Laser Ranging (SLR)**



**VLBI Array** 





- VLBI: 140days/year
- VLBI: broadband
  - receiver development
- SLR: two stations in the top 5 of ILRS network



SLR





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### **Regional Contributions**

≻Asia Pacific Reference Frame (APREF)

≻600+ stations, 28 Countries, 4 analysis centres

➢Geoscience Australia central bureau





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# **New National Datum**

Modernisation of the Australian datum

- Improved alignment to ITRF
- ➢New static datum from 1 January 2017 (GDA2020)
- ITRF based datum from 1 January 2020 (dynamic)



### Post-seismic Deformation Distance between Hobart (HOB2) and Canberra (STR1)



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## **Combining GNSS and InSAR**









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## **GNSS Antenna Calibration**



- Inter-comparisons completed w.r.t.
  Geo++ and Bonn anechoic chamber
- Repeatability of calibration within +/- 0.5mm for GPS L1 and +/-1.0mm for GPS L2 w.r.t. GEO++ calibrations
- Extension to other GNSS underway







## **Australian GNSS Software**

Analysis Centre Software Development underway

Support GNSS integrity monitoring and other products

Ambiguity resolved PPP (PPP-RTK)



- > SV Orbits
- SV Clocks
- Un-calibrated Signal Delays (USDs)
- Inter System biases
- Troposphere
- Ionosphere
- Daily Earth Rotation Parameters
- Daily/Weekly Coordinates

## **Final Comments**

➢GNSS antenna calibration capability developed

>National InSAR deformation map to be derived

>VLBI array will continue to operate at 140 days/year

>New VLBI broadband receiver is being developed

New GNSS analysis software will ultimately contribute to IGS as an analysis centre

Significant investment in geodetic infrastructure in Australia recognising the importance of satellite positioning to both science and industry



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