

# Modernization of the National Spatial Reference System **2022 Datum**



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# Answers ...

## What is changing?

- All horizontal datums and vertical datums in the NSRS
  - NAD 83 , NAVD 88 , etc

## Why?

- Predominantly to keep up with technology
  - The current datums have systematic errors exceeding 1 meter.
  - New GPS Block III satellites stated Autonomous Positioning @ .63 m (95%)
  - Global proliferation of real time cm-accuracy positioning (in the hands of people who have no understanding of geodesy, datums, plate tectonics, error sources or other subtleties) is *rapidly* approaching.
    - Many surveying, mapping and navigation professionals already enjoy this accuracy.

## When is it changing?

- No later than December 31, 2022

## Will it be an immediate or gradual change?

- Immediate

# Answers...

## Possible impacts?

- Every historic position (on a map, chart, survey, etc) with an assumed accuracy of better than 1 meter will become obsolete
  - Transformations will exist before 2022 to help
- Every piece of navigating, mapping and surveying software will become obsolete
  - NGS is working with industry to get ahead of this

## Will there be conversion tables from the old datum?

- Not in the sense of “a book with pages and pages of numbers”. But there will be digital products available to transform from old to new.

## Answers...

Is WGS 84 updated too?

- Not necessarily
- WGS-84 is a military system. The military is not beholden to the civilian spatial reference system.
  - But NGS is in contact with NGA about co-defining the new system with the latest update to WGS-84

## Reminder...

### WGS-84 is not part of the NSRS

- It is a military-controlled system
- Raw data from GPS satellites are in WGS84
- That does not matter if your handheld device is only accurate to +/-10m.

### All civilian federal agencies are required to work in the NSRS (as per OMB A-16)

- NAD 83 is part of the NSRS
  - The UTM is not necessarily WGS-84, any data processed in North America, using NGS CORS or OPUS is in NAD 83 and the coordinates would be in the projection of the user's control. i.e. UTM (NAD83(2011)), (NAD83(2011)), UTM (NAD83(2007)), UTM (NAD83(1990)).....
  - Right now, it is possible that the uninformed user would say that the data is in UTM (WGS84) when it is really in UTM (NAD83(2011))
    - Replacing NAD 83 will impact the DOD if you have received survey quality data for any project in North America. I do not know about the rest of the world.

# Replacing the NAD 83's

OLD

NEW

NAD 83(2011)

The North American Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022  
(NATRF2022)  
The Caribbean Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022  
(CATRF2022)

NAD 83(PA11)

The Pacific Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022  
(PATRF2022)

NAD 83(MA11)

The Mariana Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022  
(MATRF2022)

# Replacing NAVD 88

	OLD	NEW
<b>Orthometric Heights</b>	NAVD 88	<b>The North American-Pacific Geopotential Datum of 2022 (NAPGD2022)</b>  <b>Will include GEOID2022</b>
<b>Normal Orthometric Heights</b>	PRVD 02 VIVD09 ASVD02 NMVD03 GUVD04	
<b>Dynamic Heights</b>	IGLD 85	
<b>Gravity</b>	IGSN71	
<b>Geoid Undulations</b>	GEOID12B	
<b>Deflections of the Vertical</b>	DEFLEC12B	



## Q: When should I care?

### A: When your accuracy needs are smaller than about 4 meters

- Expected latitude/longitude changes:
  - 0-2 meters CONUS
  - 2+ meters Alaska
  - 4+ meters Hawaii
- Expected (“MSL”) height changes:
  - 0-2 meters CONUS
  - 2+ meters Alaska
  - Unclear Hawaii
- Plus, time-dependent changes to all of these at ~few cm/year



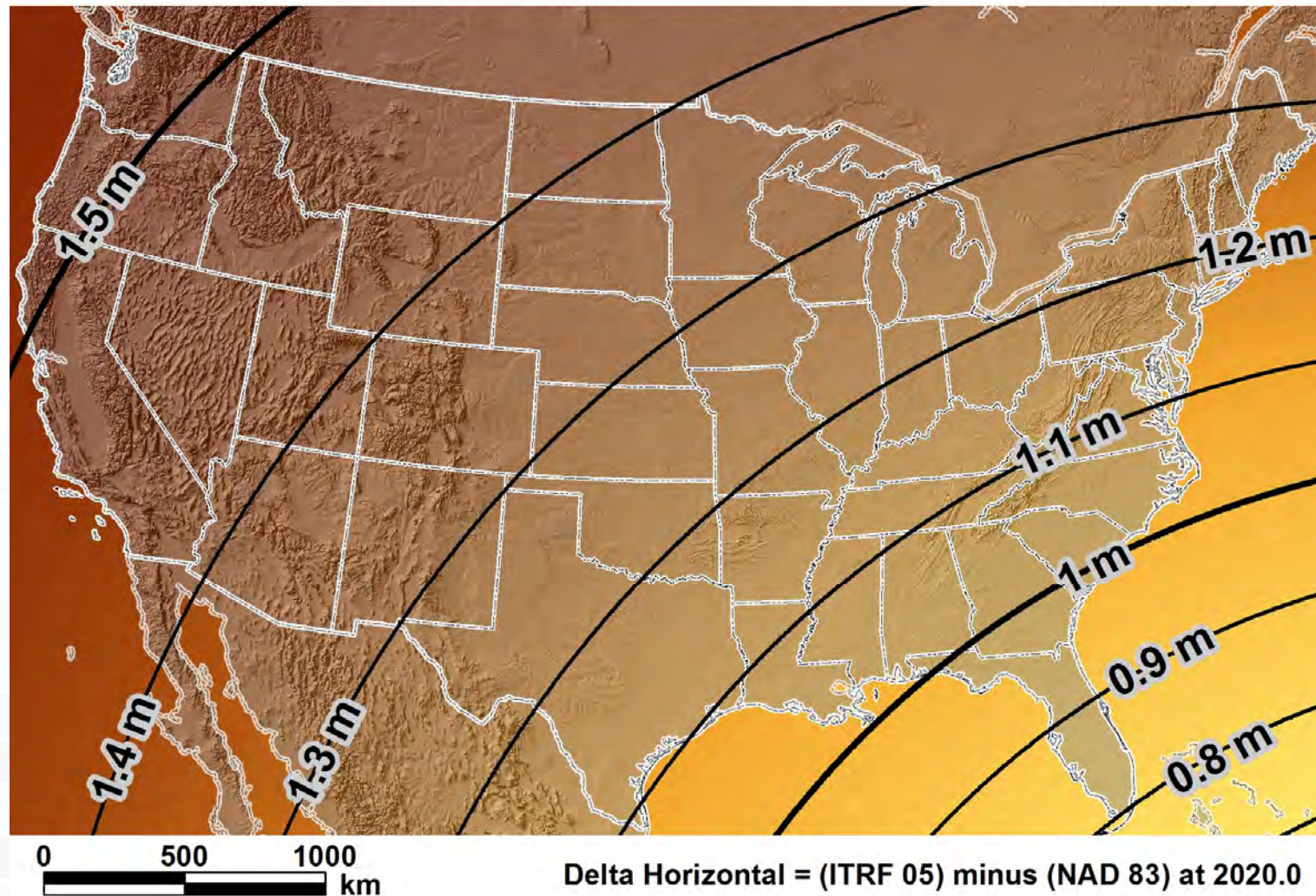
Q: When should I care?





# Expected changes to horizontal positions

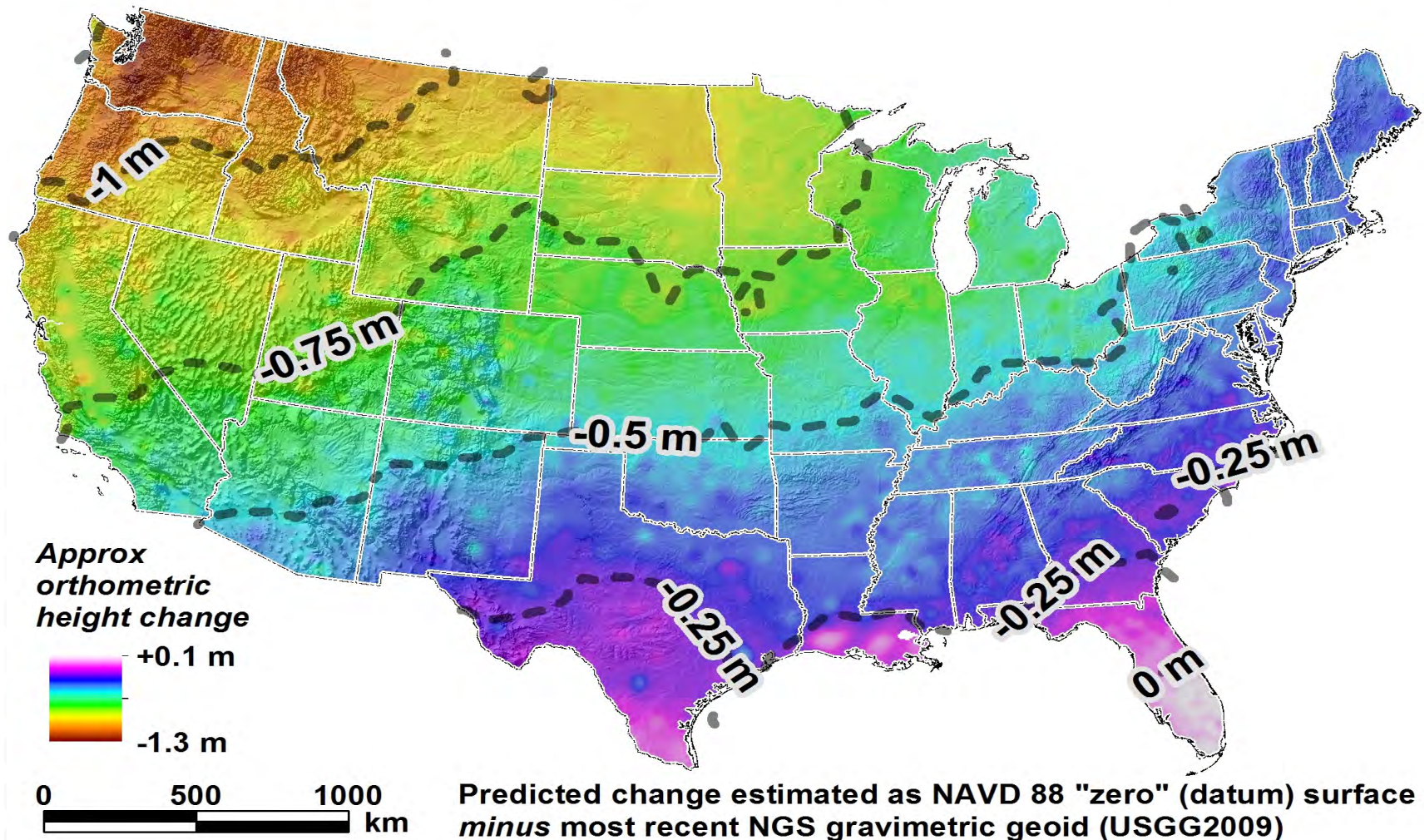
Estimated horizontal change from NAD 83 to new geometric datum





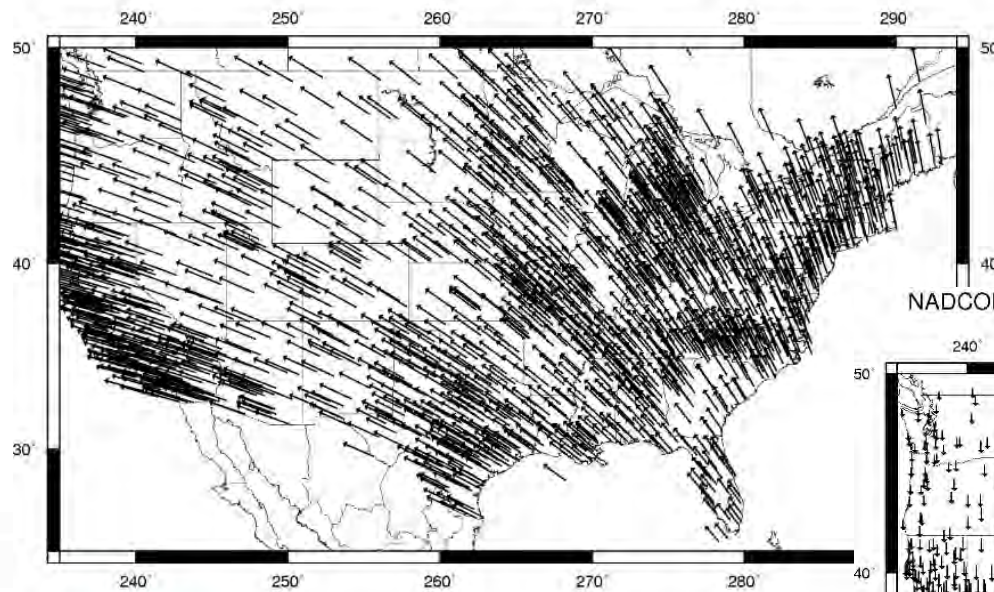
# Expected changes to orthometric heights

Approximate predicted change from NAVD 88 to new vertical datum



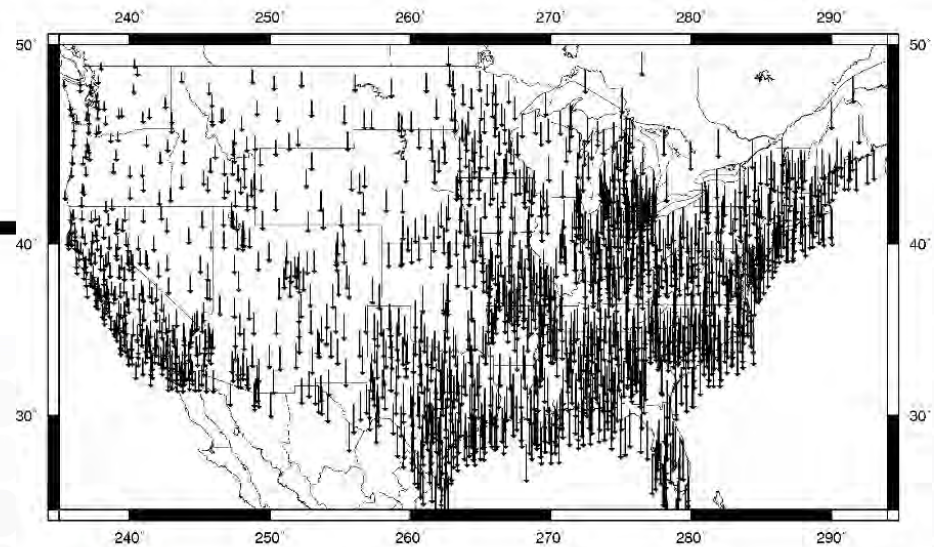
# Fixed-Epoch Transformation NAD 83 to “2022”

NADCON v5.0 igs08 minus nad83\_2011 HOR-thin(900 sec) conus-entire mtc



2,000 meters

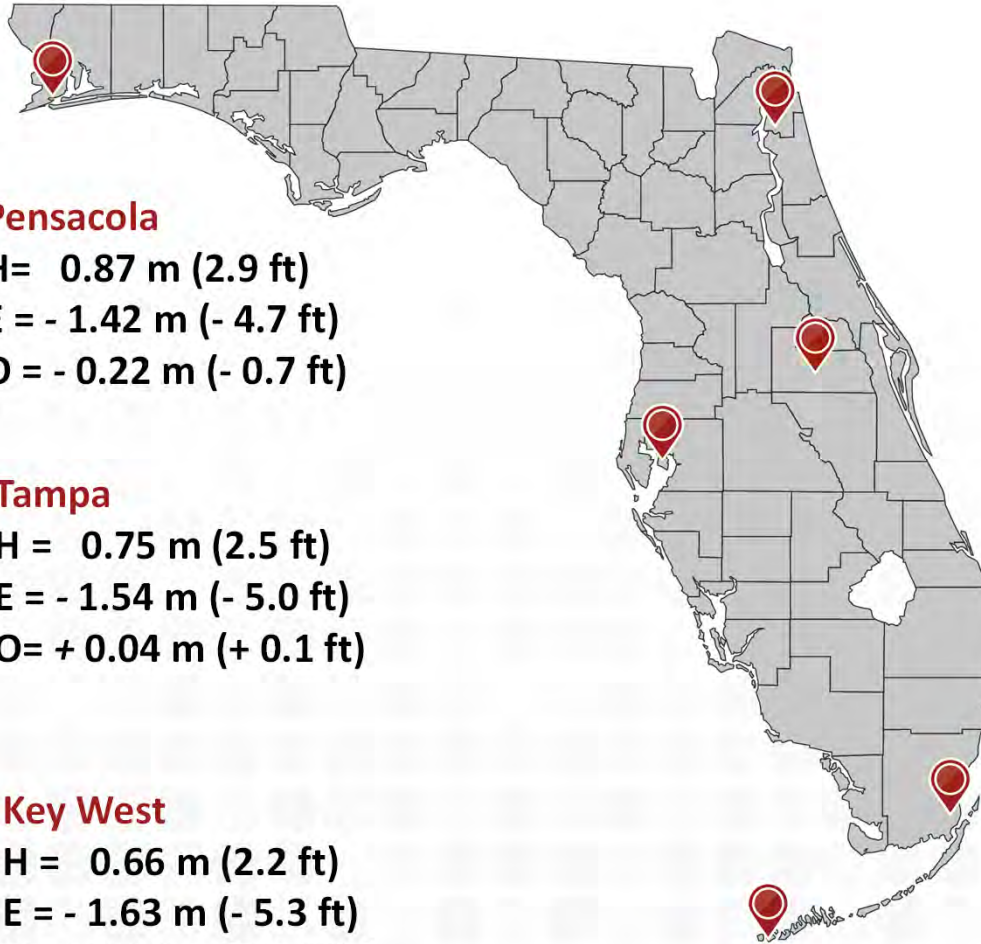
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2,000 meters



## Predicted Positional Changes in 2022 Computed with xGEOID16B



### Pensacola

H= 0.87 m (2.9 ft)  
E = - 1.42 m (- 4.7 ft)  
O = - 0.22 m (- 0.7 ft)

### Tampa

H = 0.75 m (2.5 ft)  
E = - 1.54 m (- 5.0 ft)  
O = + 0.04 m (+ 0.1 ft)

### Key West

H = 0.66 m (2.2 ft)  
E = - 1.63 m (- 5.3 ft)  
O = + 0.20 m (+ 0.7 ft)

### Jacksonville

H= 0.80 m (2.6 ft)  
E = - 1.49 m (- 4.9 ft)  
O = - 0.12 m (- 0.4 ft)

### Orlando

H = 0.75 m (2.2 ft)  
E = - 1.54 m (- 5.1 ft)  
O = + 0.01 m (0.03 ft)

### Miami

H = 0.67 m (2.2 ft)  
E = - 1.62 m (- 5.3 ft)  
O = + 0.06 m (+ 0.2 ft)

H=Horizontal Shift  
E=Ellipsoid Height Shift  
O=Orthometric Height Shift

# What to do with historic charts/maps?



Yes

Is the accuracy expected to be better than a few meters?

No

Stop. You won't likely gain much by transforming

Yes

Do you have trusted metadata which puts the chart in the NSRS? (Note, WGS 84 is not part of the NSRS)

No

Stop. Transformation tools only work in the NSRS and only if you trust the metadata

Use NADCON and VERTCON to update the datums in 2022



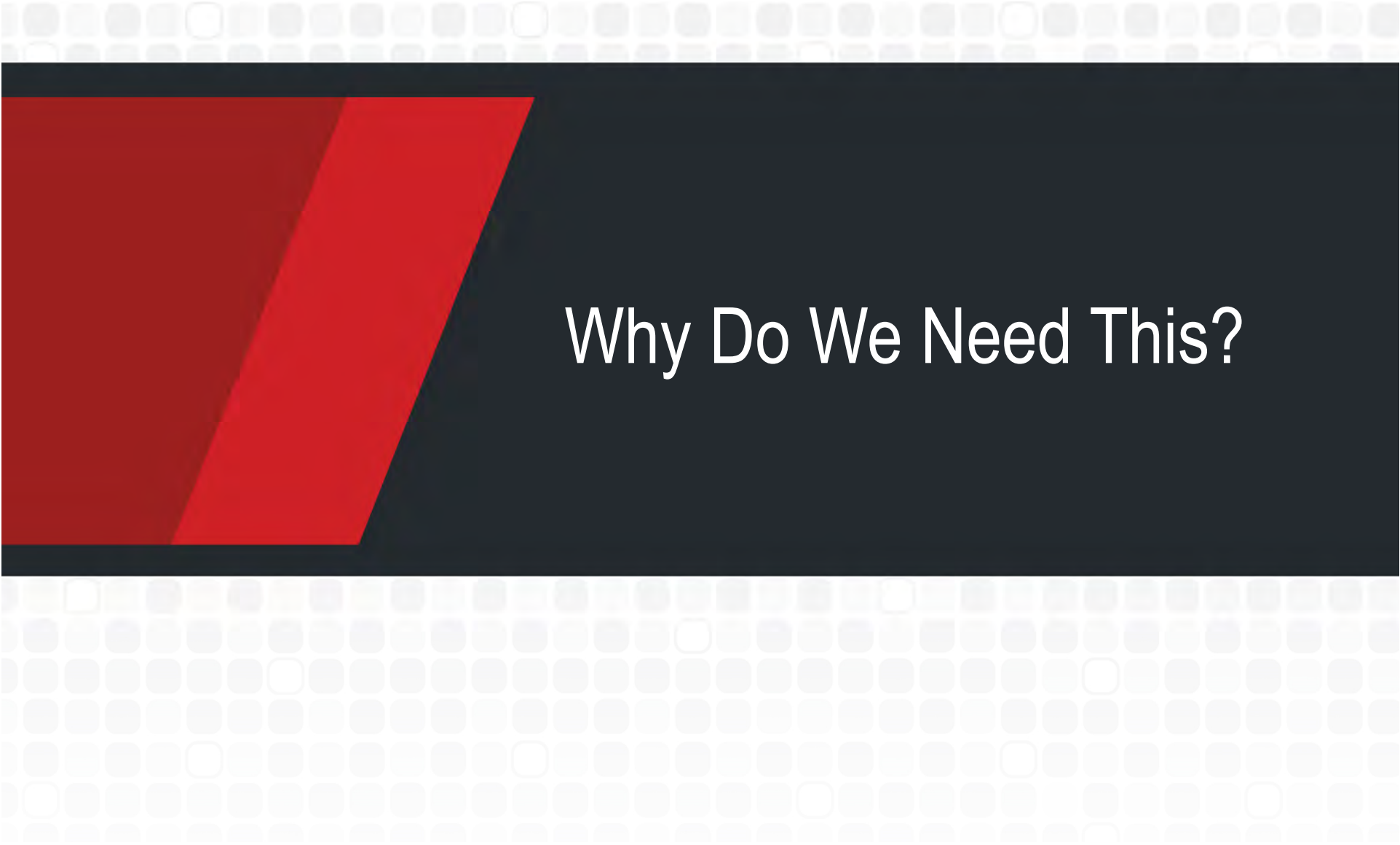
# Transformation tools

## NADCON

- Latitudes, longitudes, ellipsoid heights
- NAD 83 to the 2022 NSRS (IGS, NATRF2022, PATRF2022, MATRF2022, CATRF2022)

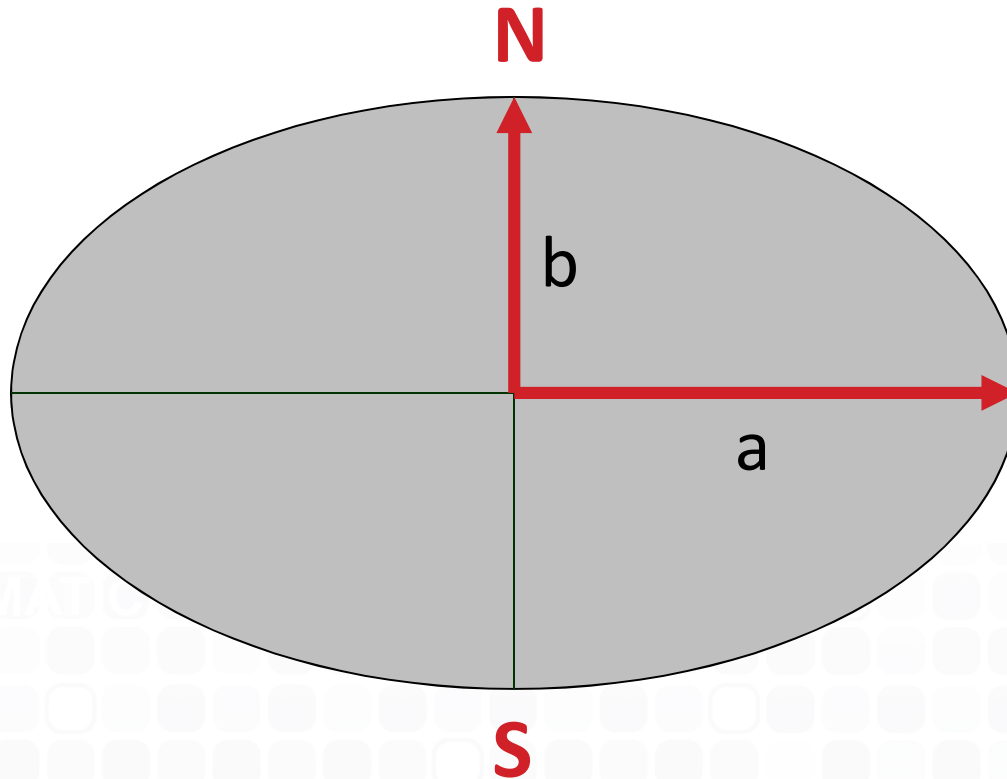
## VERTCON

- Orthometric (“MSL”) heights
- NAVD 88 to the 2022 NSRS (NAPGD2022)



Why Do We Need This?

# The Ellipsoid Mathematical Model of The Earth



$a$  = Semi major axis

$b$  = Semi minor axis

$f = \frac{a-b}{a}$  = Flattening

## Current United States Ellipsoid Definitions

### BESSEL 1841

$$a = 6,377,397.155 \text{ m} \quad 1/f = 299.1528128$$

### CLARKE 1866 (NAD 27)

$$a = 6,378,206.4 \text{ m} \quad 1/f = 294.97869821$$

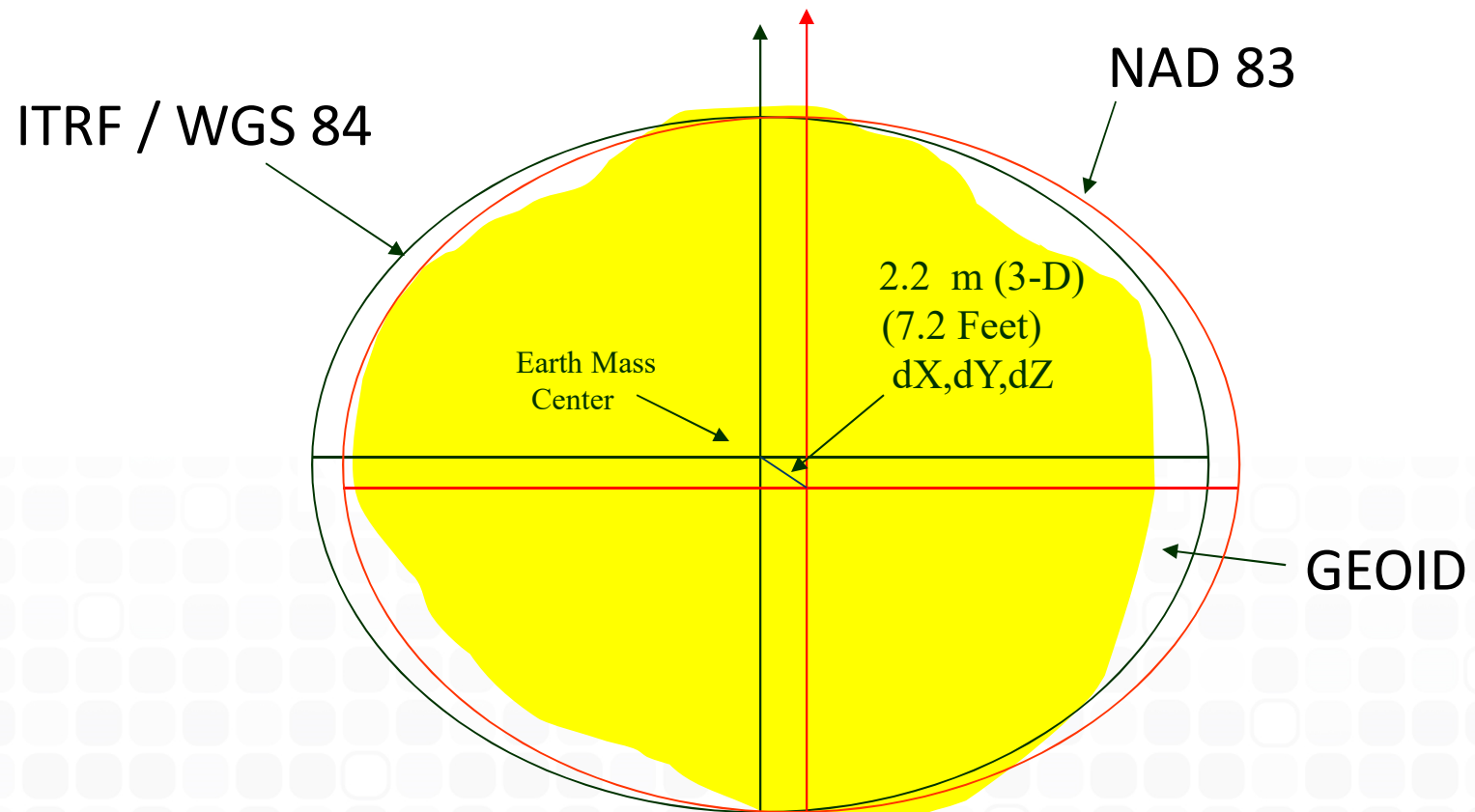
### GEODETTIC REFERENCE SYSTEM 1980 - (GRS 80)

$$a = 6,378,137 \text{ m} \quad 1/f = 298.257222101$$

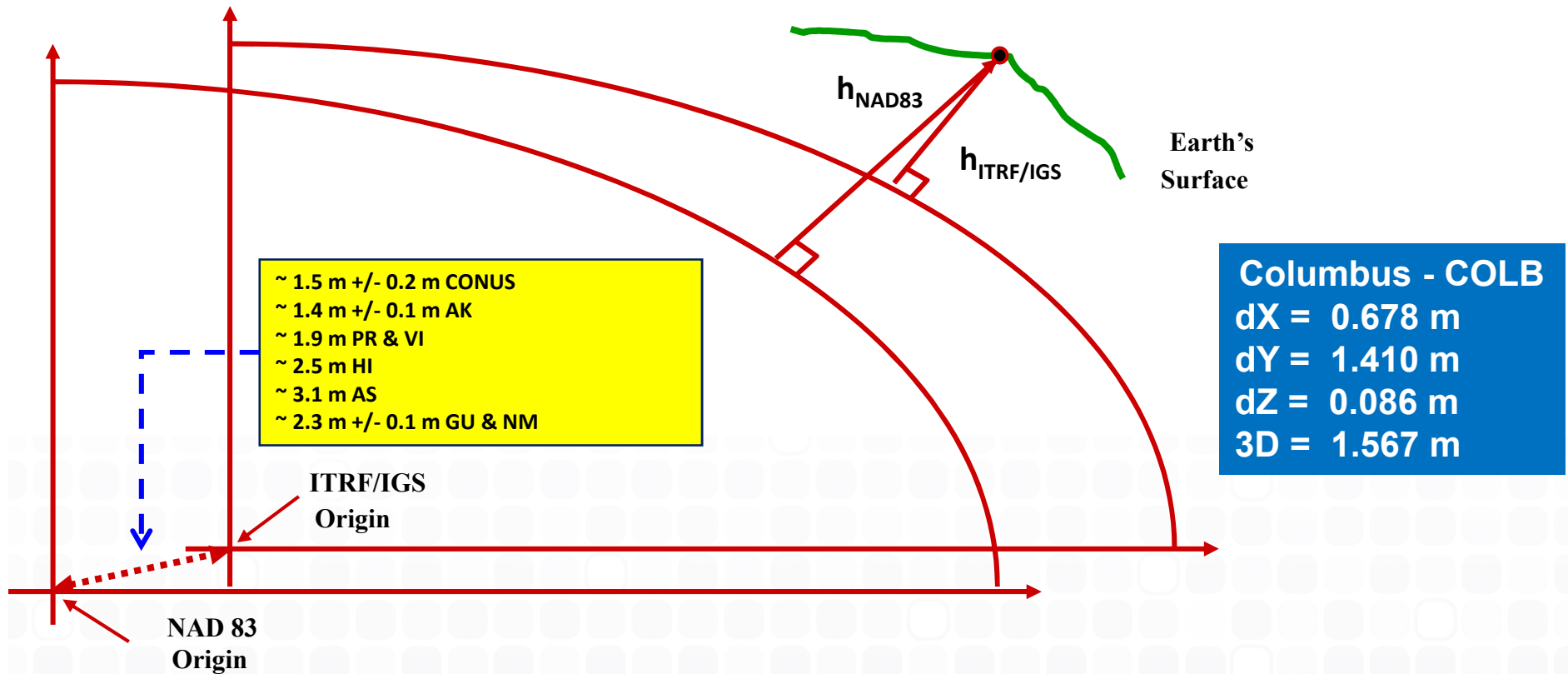
### WORLD GEODETTIC SYSTEM 1984 - (WGS 84)

$$a = 6,378,137 \text{ m} \quad 1/f = 298.257223563$$

## NAD 83 and ITRF / WGS84



# Simplified Concept of NAD 83 vs. ITRF/IGS



Identically shaped ellipsoids (GRS-80)  
 $a = 6,378,137.000$  meters (semi-major axis)  
 $1/f = 298.25722210088$  (flattening)

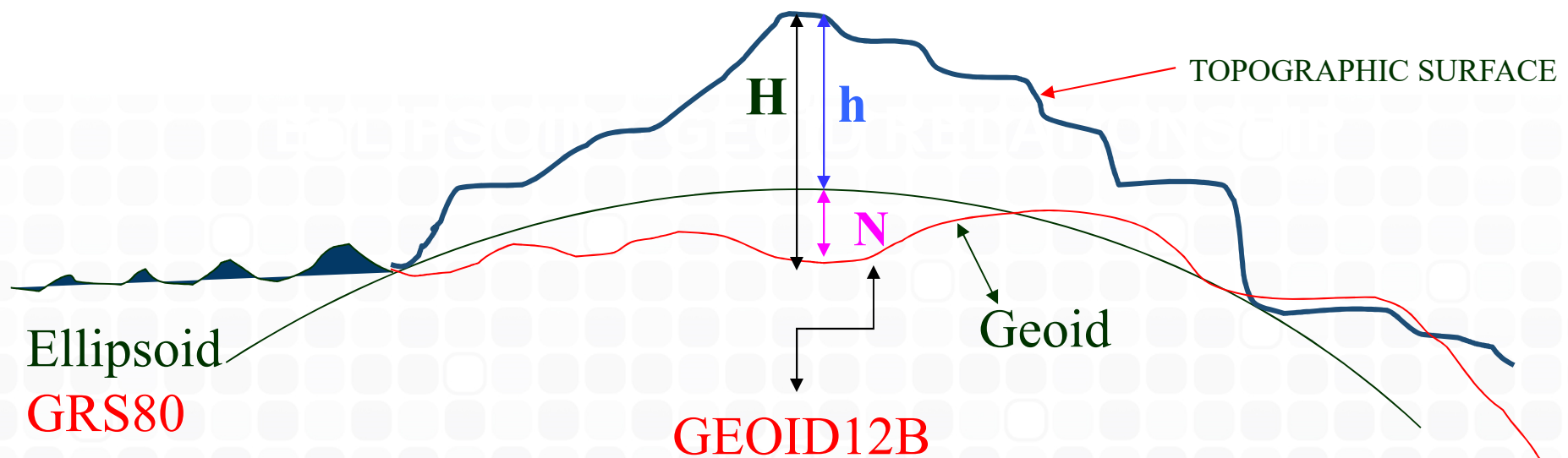
# Ellipsoid - Geoid Relationship


**H = Orthometric Height (NAVD88)**

**h = Ellipsoidal Height (from GPS)**

**N = Geoid Height (from geoid model)**

$$H = h - N$$

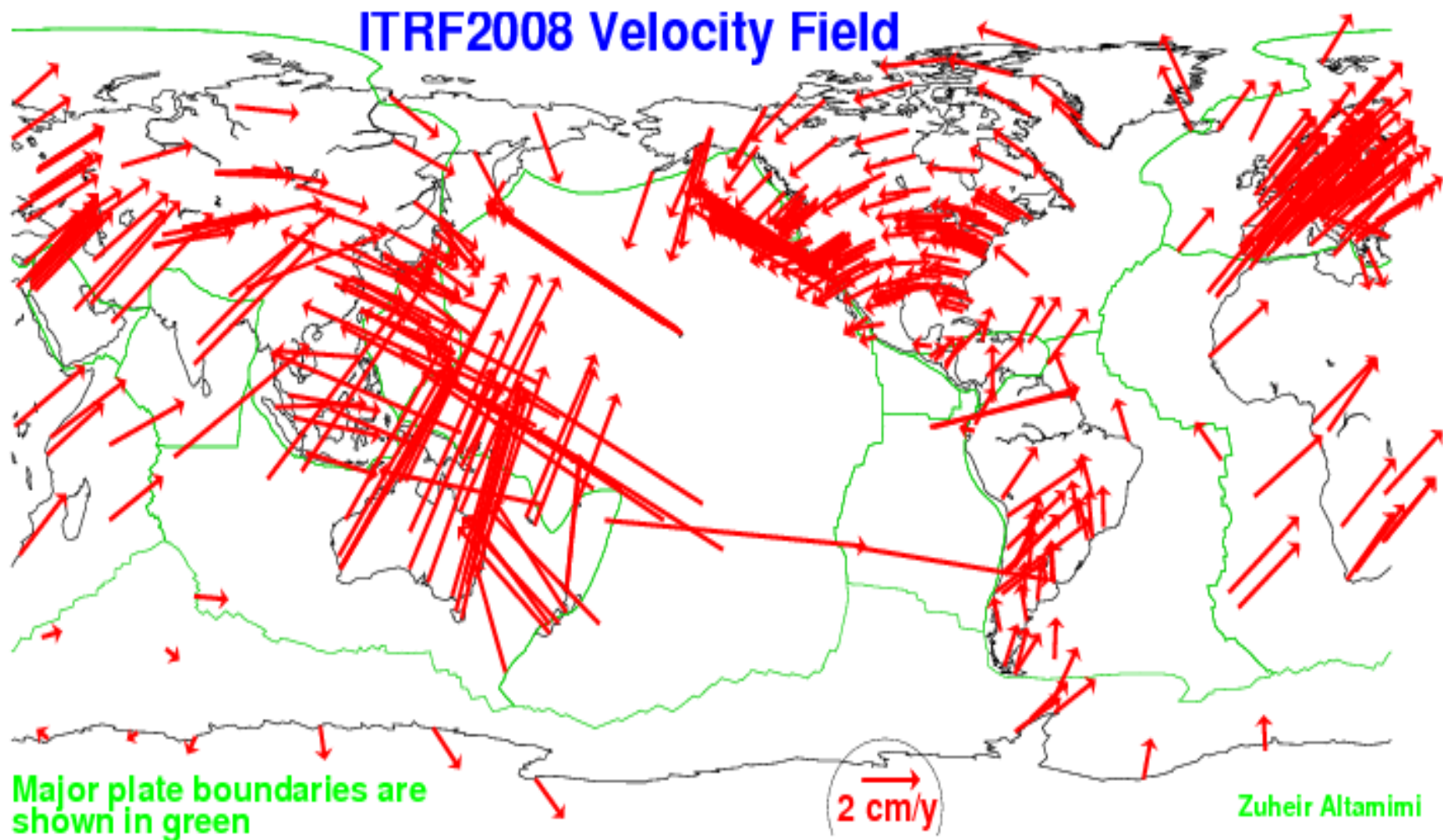




# Lateral Tectonic Plate Velocities

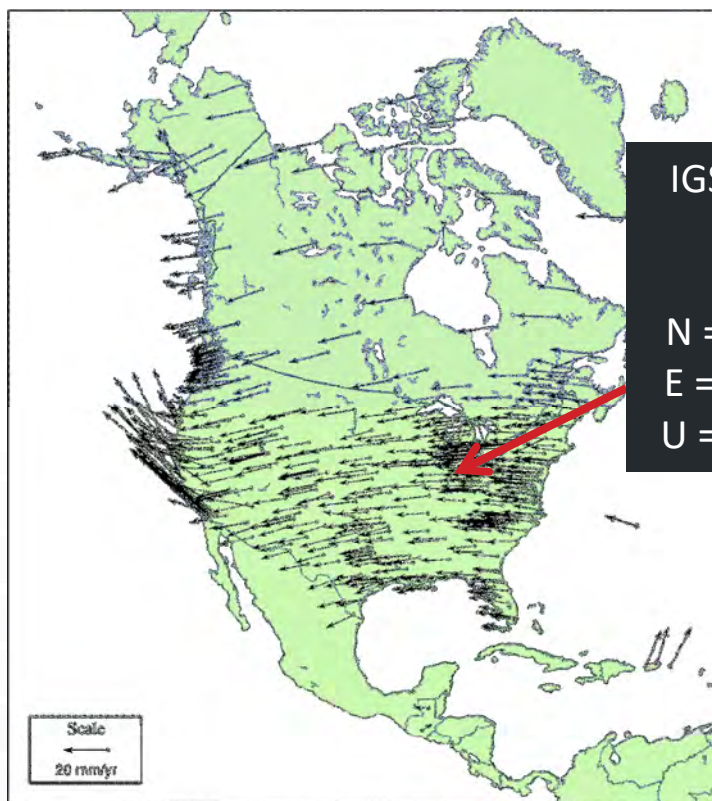


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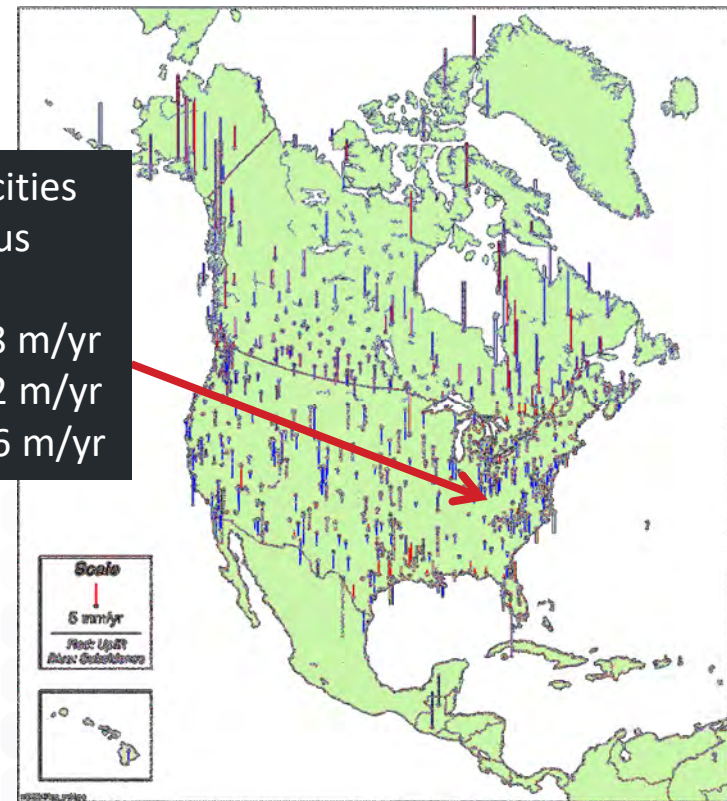
# Tectonic Plate Velocities

## Horizontal



IGS08 Velocities  
Columbus  
**COLB**  
N = - 0.0018 m/yr  
E = - 0.0152 m/yr  
U = - 0.0026 m/yr

## Vertical



# Federal Register Notice

- Announces SPCS2022 Policy and Procedures
- Public comment period through Aug 31, 2018 at [NGS.Feedback@noaa.gov](mailto:NGS.Feedback@noaa.gov)
- Also asks for input on “special purpose” zones
- Will be published on April 18, 2018

<https://www.federalregister.gov/>



Thursday, April 12th

## Current Issue

113 documents from 45 agencies (210 Pages)  
94 Notices 2 Presidential Documents 4 Proposed Rules 13 Rules 1 Significant Document

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### Special Filing

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7 Notices 5 Rules

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2022 SPCS Policy Changes



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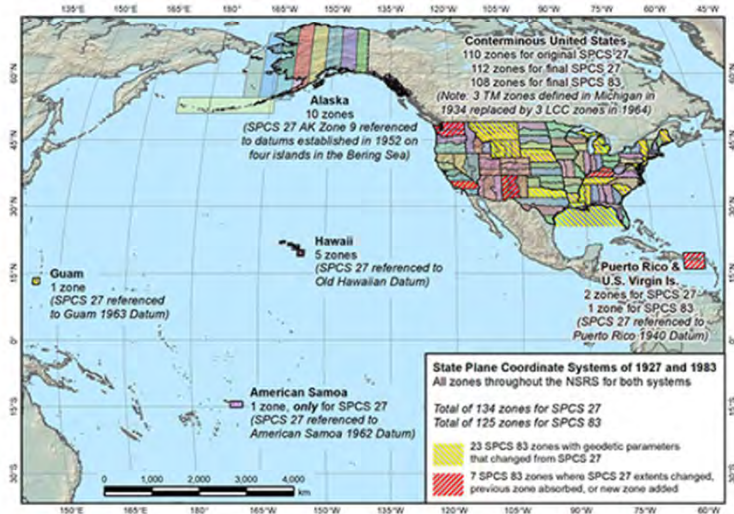
### State Plane Coordinate System (SPCS)

SPCS is a system of large-scale conformal map projections originally created in the 1930s to support surveying, engineering, and mapping activities throughout the U.S. and its territories. As a reminder, a map projection is a systematic transformation of the latitudes and longitudes of locations on the surface of a sphere or ellipsoid representing the Earth to grid coordinates (x, y or easting, northing values) on a plane.

Since its inception, SPCS has served as a practical means for NGS customers to access to the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS). These web pages will help you convert coordinates, find related NGS policies and other documents, read about the history and status of current SPCS, and learn about how SPCS will change in 2022.

The map below shows the full extents and all zones of the 1927 and 1983 versions of SPCS (select the map for a higher resolution version). View [more detailed maps](#) or a [map depicting SPCS 83 legislation](#).

#### State Plane Coordinate Systems of 1927 and 1983



State Plane Coordinate Systems of 1927 and 1983

Conterminous United States  
110 zones for original SPCS 27  
112 zones for final SPCS 27  
108 zones for final SPCS 83  
(Note: 3 TM zones defined in Michigan in 1934 replaced by 3 LCC zones in 1964)

Alaska  
10 zones  
(SPCS 27 AK Zone 9 referenced to datums established in 1952 on four islands in the Bering Sea)

Hawaii  
5 zones  
(SPCS 27 referenced to Old Hawaiian Datum)

Guam  
1 zone  
(SPCS 27 referenced to Guam 1963 Datum)

American Samoa  
1 zone, only for SPCS 27  
(SPCS 27 referenced to American Samoa 1962 Datum)

Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Is.  
2 zones for SPCS 27  
1 zone for SPCS 83  
(SPCS 27 referenced to Puerto Rico 1940 Datum)

State Plane Coordinate Systems of 1927 and 1983  
All zones throughout the NSRS for both systems  
Total of 134 zones for SPCS 27  
Total of 125 zones for SPCS 83  
23 SPCS 83 zones with geodetic parameters that changed from SPCS 27  
7 SPCS 83 zones where SPCS 27 extents changed, previous zone absorbed, or new zone added

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## Definitions in Policy & Procedures

- Stakeholders. State organizations that can give input on SPCS2022: DOTs, GIS offices, surveying & engineering societies, professional geospatial organizations, and universities that perform geospatial education or research.
- Contributing partners. Organizations or individuals that design SPCS2022 zones for stakeholders and in cooperation with NGS.
- Zone. The region where a projected coordinate system is used.
- Linear distortion. Amount a map projection distance differs from “true” horizontal distance at the ground surface.
- Conformal map projection. Linear distortion is unique (same in every direction) at a point.
- Projection axis. The line along which linear distortion is minimum and constant with respect to the reference ellipsoid.

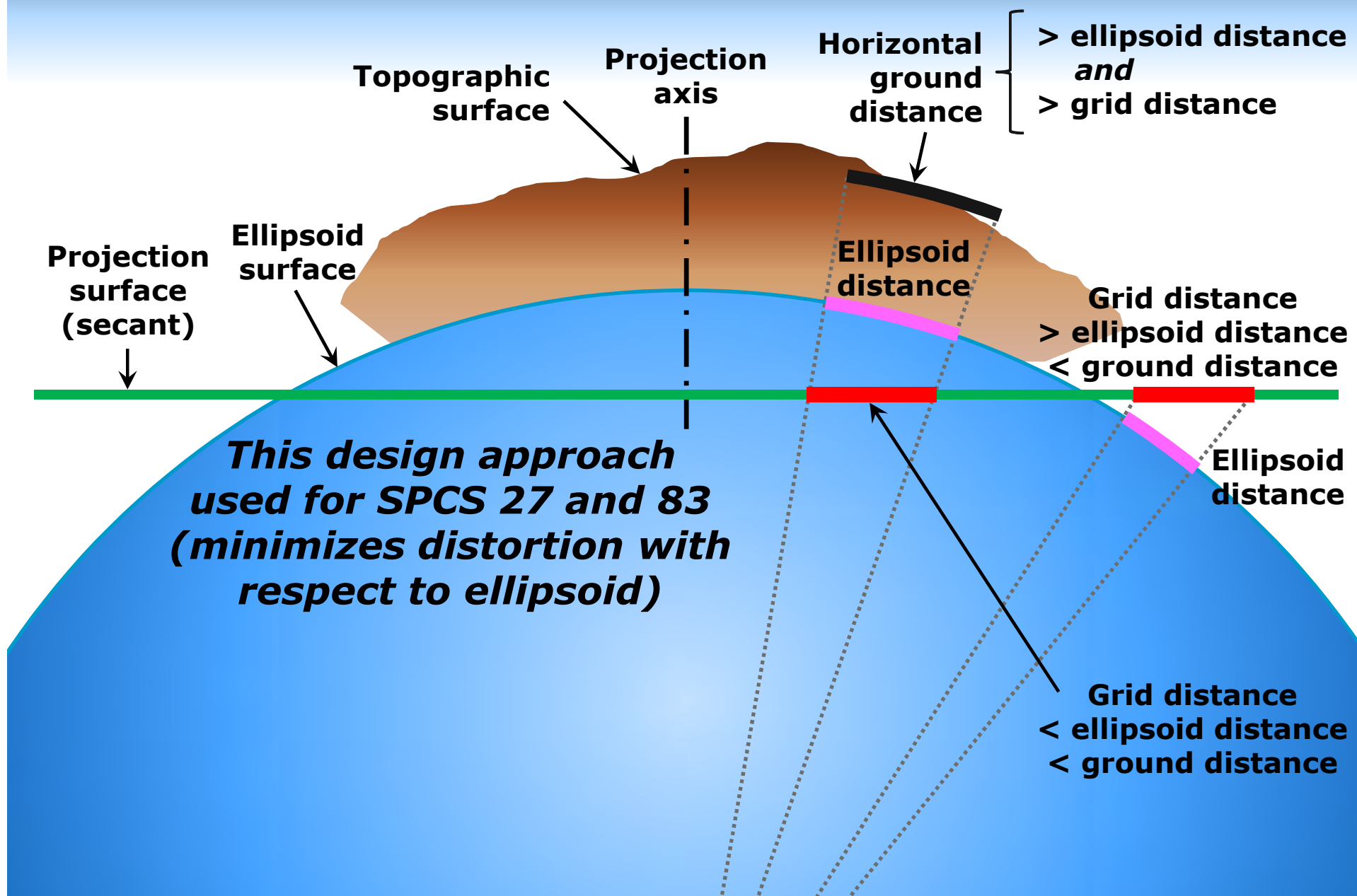
# Linear distortion magnitudes

*ppm = parts per million (mm/km)*

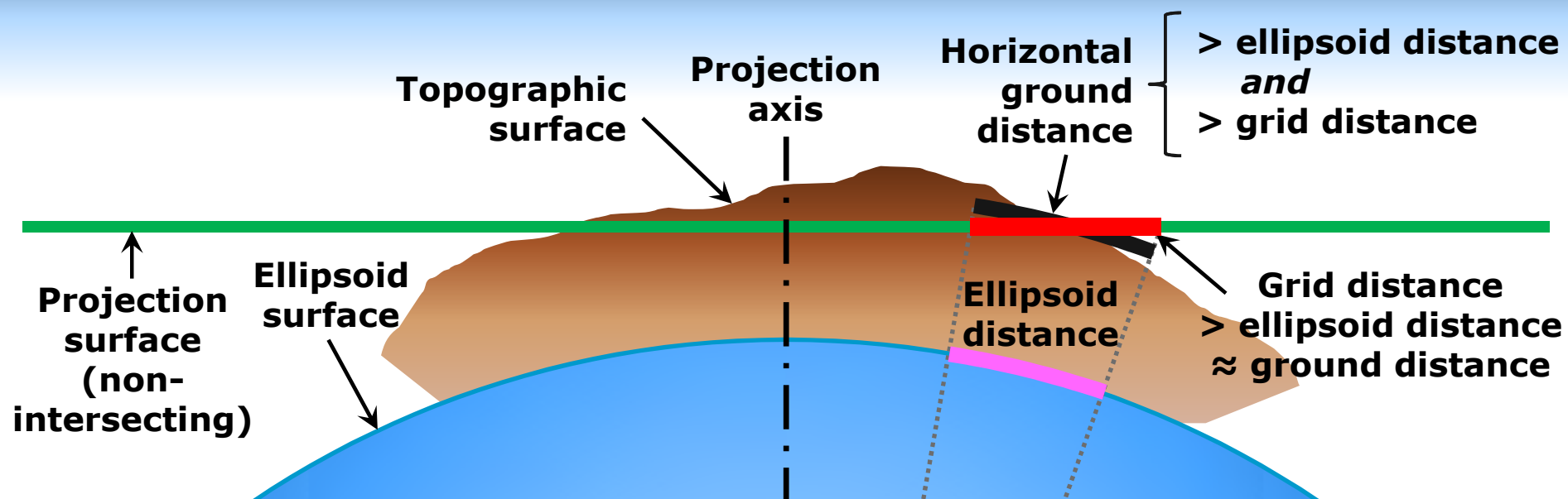
- **$\pm 20$  ppm** = 2 cm/km = 0.1 ft/mile = 1 : 50,000  
Often used as “low distortion” design criterion (***at ground***)
- **$\pm 50$  ppm** = 5 cm/km = 0.3 ft/mile = 1 : 20,000  
Minimum design criterion for SPCS2022 designs by NGS (***at ground***)
- **$\pm 100$  ppm** = 10 cm/km = 0.5 ft/mile = 1 : 10,000  
“Nominal” maximum State Plane value (***on ellipsoid***)  
Can be much greater at topo surface
- **$\pm 400$  ppm** = 40 cm/km = 2.1 ft/mile = 1 : 2,500  
Maximum design criterion for SPCS2022 zones (***at ground***)  
Maximum UTM value (***on ellipsoid***)

***Nominal distortion criterion (on ellipsoid) for SPCS 27 and 83 zones (although greatly exceeded for some zones in SPCS 83).***

# Linear distortion *with respect to topographic surface*



# Linear distortion *with respect to topographic surface*



***This design approach  
will be used for SPCS2022  
(minimizes distortion with  
respect to topography)***



# Zone widths for distortion due to curvature

**Nominal SPCS 83 and 27  
zone width**

$\pm 100$  ppm ( $\pm 0.5$  ft/mile)

255 km (158 miles)

*Projection surface*

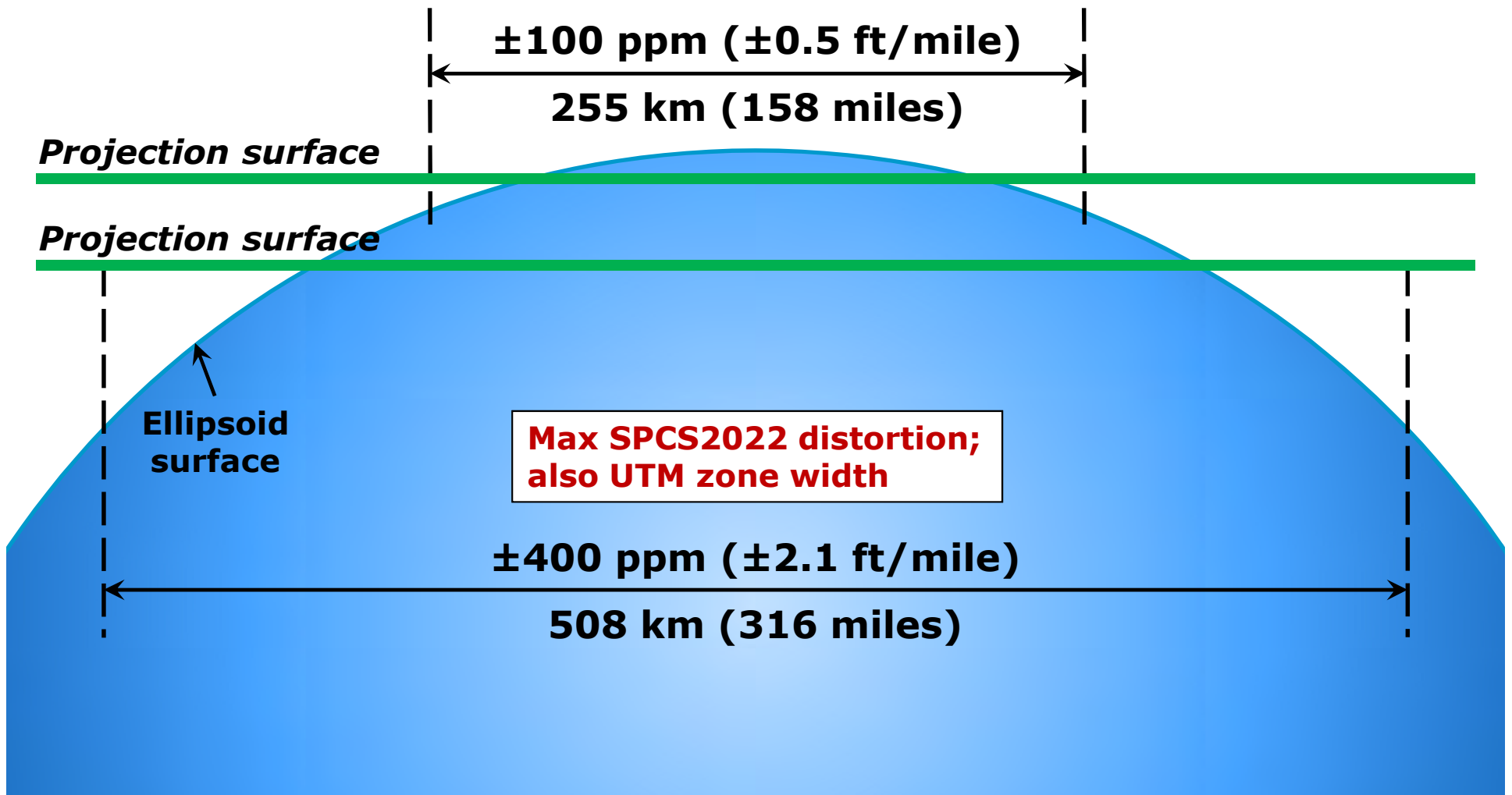
*Projection surface*

Ellipsoid  
surface

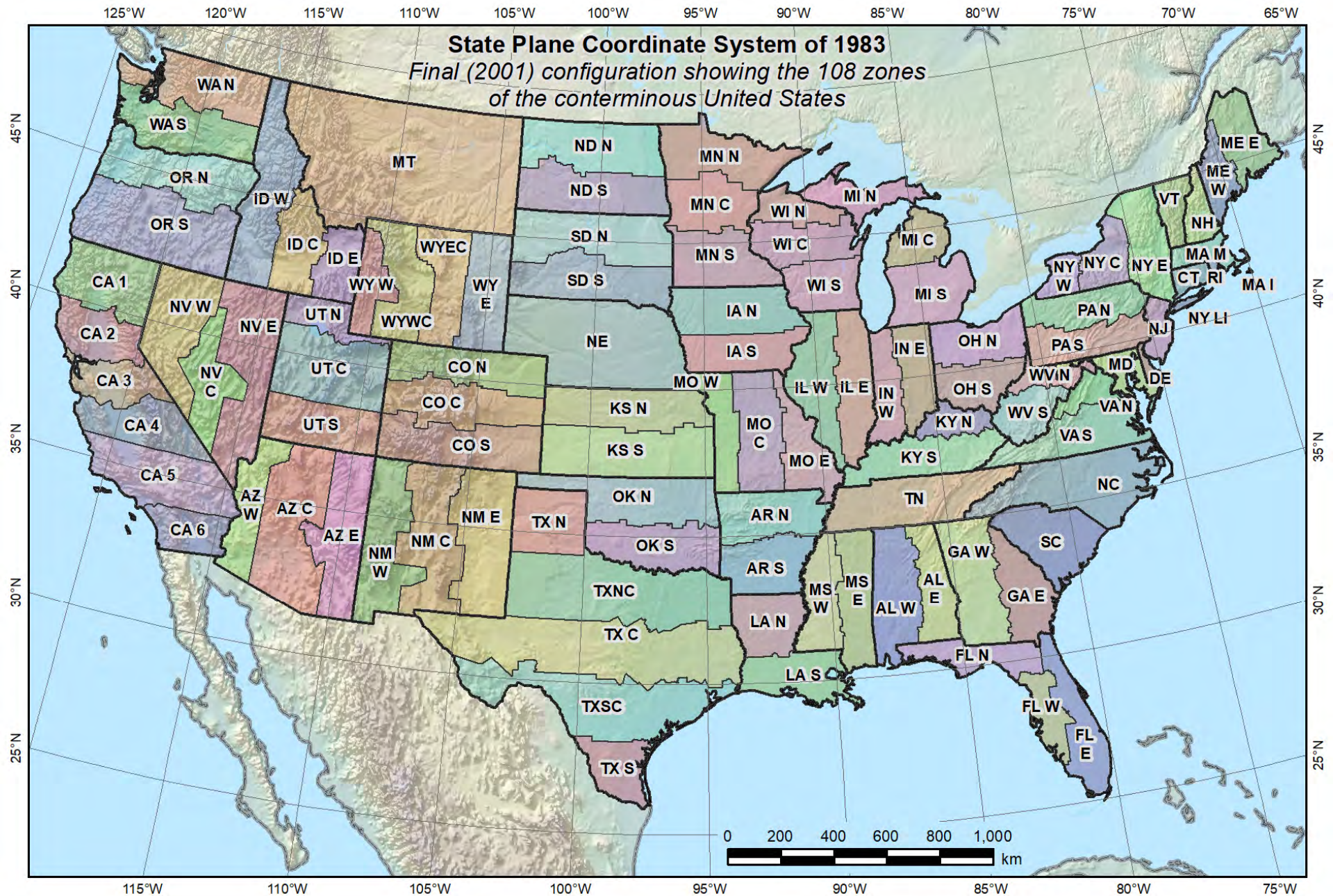
**Max SPCS2022 distortion;  
also UTM zone width**

$\pm 400$  ppm ( $\pm 2.1$  ft/mile)

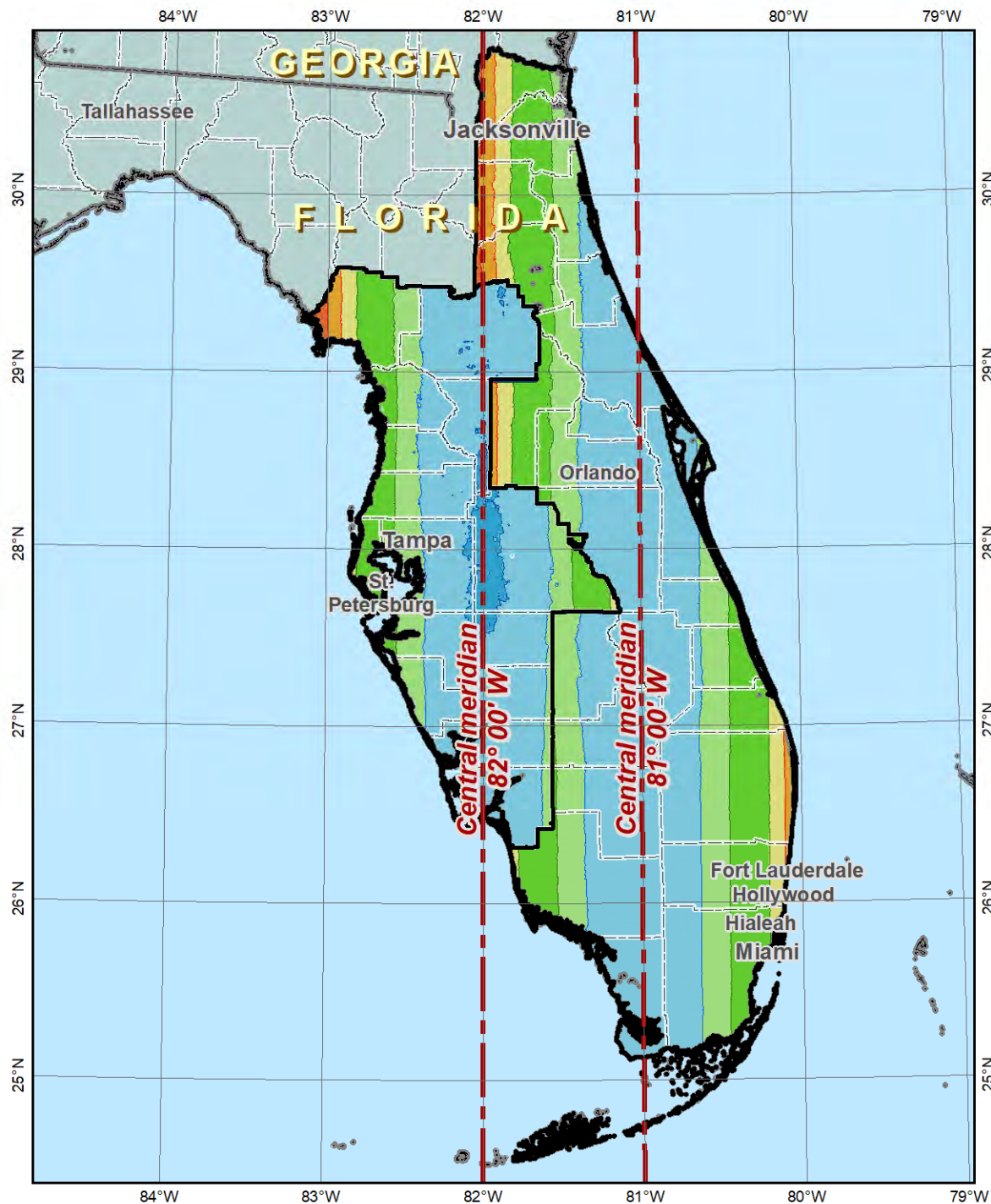
508 km (316 miles)



# Default SPCS2022 would look a lot like SPCS 83...







**Existing SPCS 83  
design:  
Florida East and West  
zones combined  
Transverse Mercator projections**

Topographic ellipsoid height

**Min** -29 m

**Max** 77 m

**Mean** -14 m

**Statistics are for area within zone boundary**

**SPCS 83  
E&W zones  
Axis scale 0.999 941...**

**Linear distortion (ppm)**

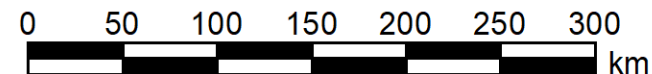
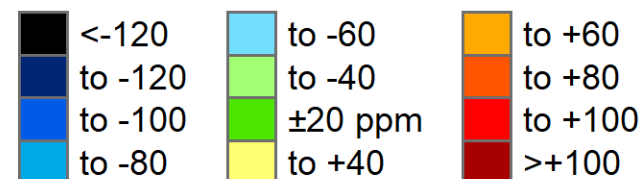
**Min** -68

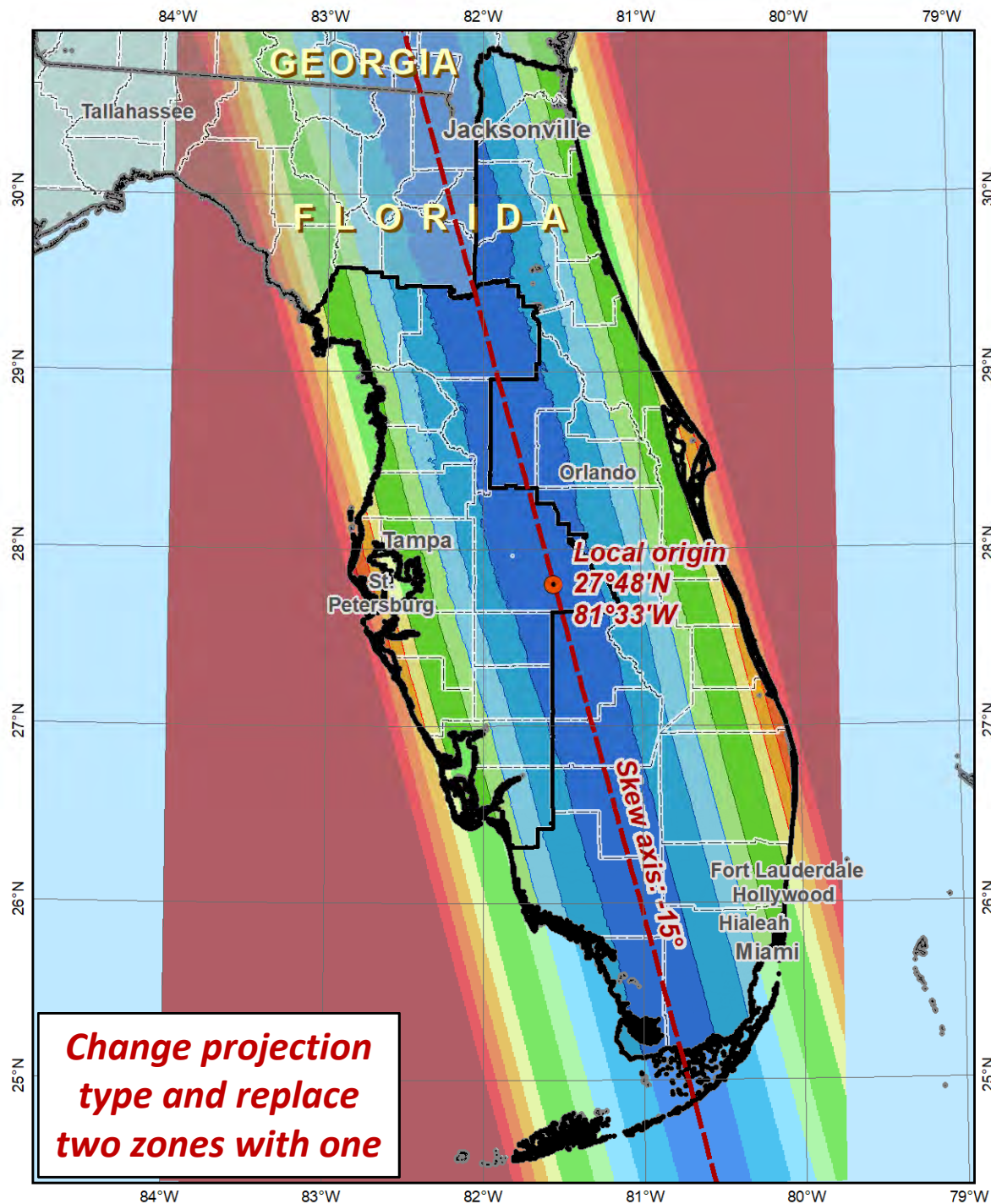
**Max** +100

**Range** 168

**Mean** -32

**Linear distortion (parts per million)**





**Preliminary SPCS2022 default design (alternative 1):**  
**Florida East and West zones combined**  
**Oblique Mercator projection**

Topographic ellipsoid height

**Min** -29 m

**Max** 77 m

**Mean** -14 m

**Statistics are for area within zone boundary**

SPCS 83	SPCS2022
E&W zones	one zone
Axis scale 0.999 941...	0.999 91

Linear distortion (ppm)

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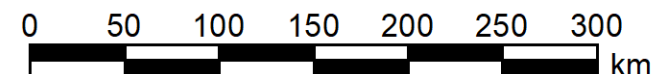
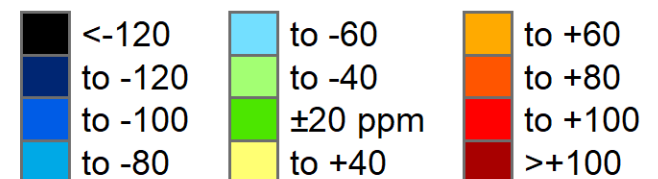
**-99**


**+97**

**196**

**-50**

Linear distortion (parts per million)

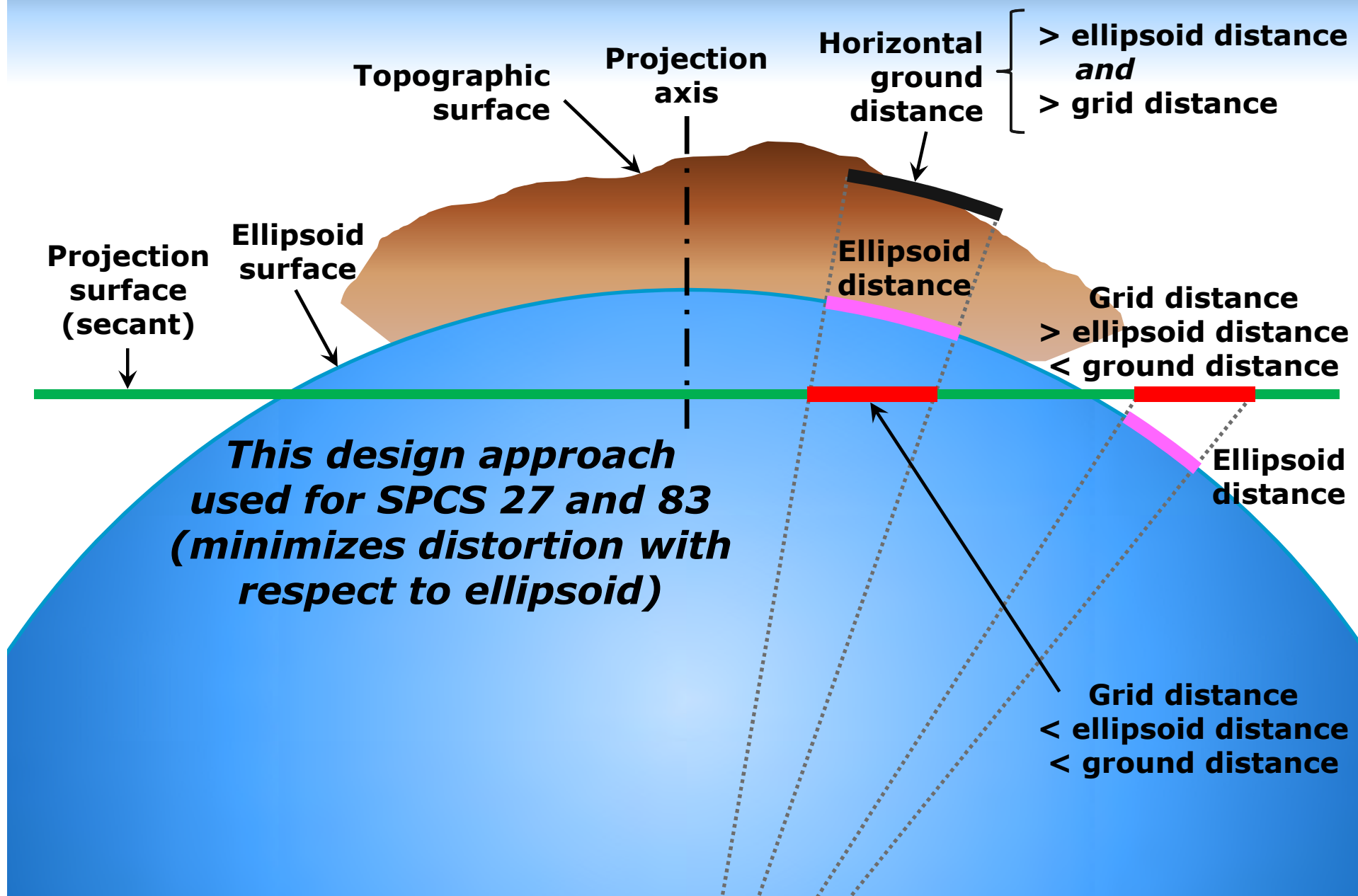




5	ppm	0.5	cm/km	0.026	ft/mile	1:200,000
10	ppm	1	cm/km	0.05	ft/mile	1:100,000
20	ppm	2	cm/km	0.1	ft/mile	1:50,000
50	ppm	5	cm/km	0.3	ft/mile	1:20,000
100	ppm	10	cm/km	0.5	ft/mile	1:10,000
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# Linear distortion *with respect to topographic surface*

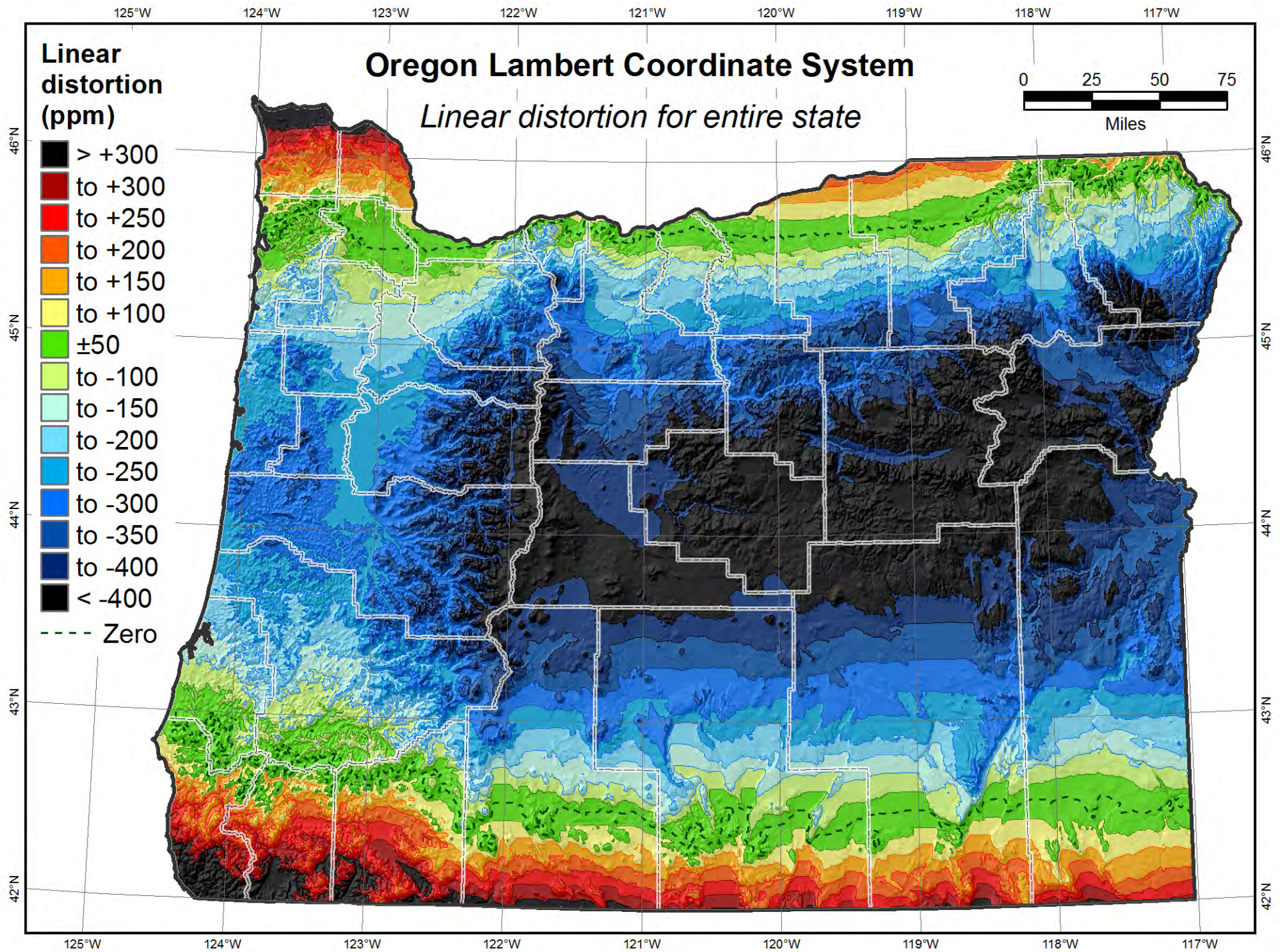


# Statewide and “layered” zones

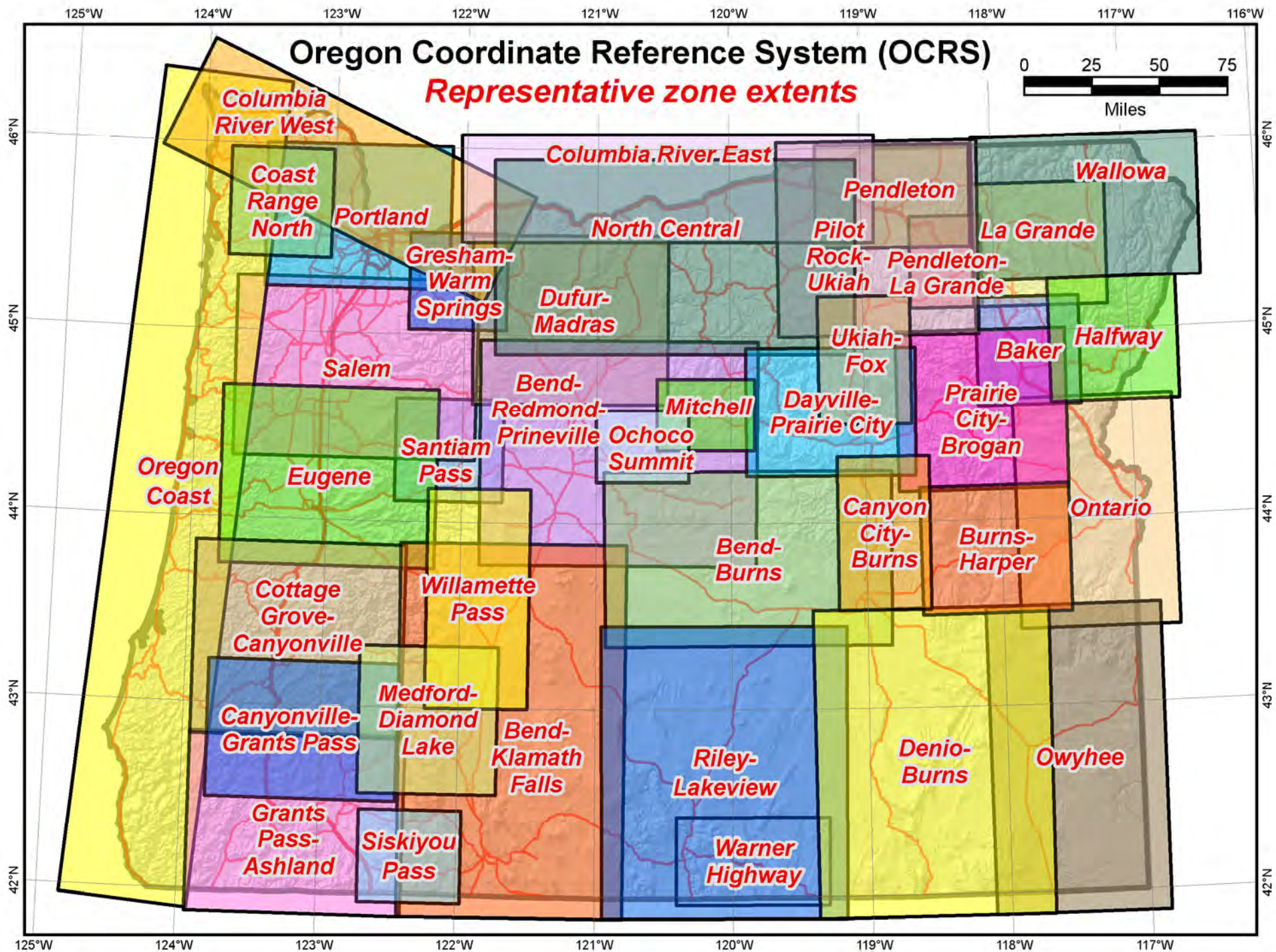
## ***Policy § III.A.2.***

- Limitations
  - Max of **TWO** layers: Statewide and sub-zones
  - If two layers, one **MUST** be statewide
  - Minimum subzone dimension > 50 km
- States often want statewide **and** small zones
  - *Statewide*: Single geometry required for state GIS
  - *Sub-zones*: Lower distortion for surveying/engineering
- Accommodates state needs, but with restrictions
  - Prevent poor design choices for statewide zones

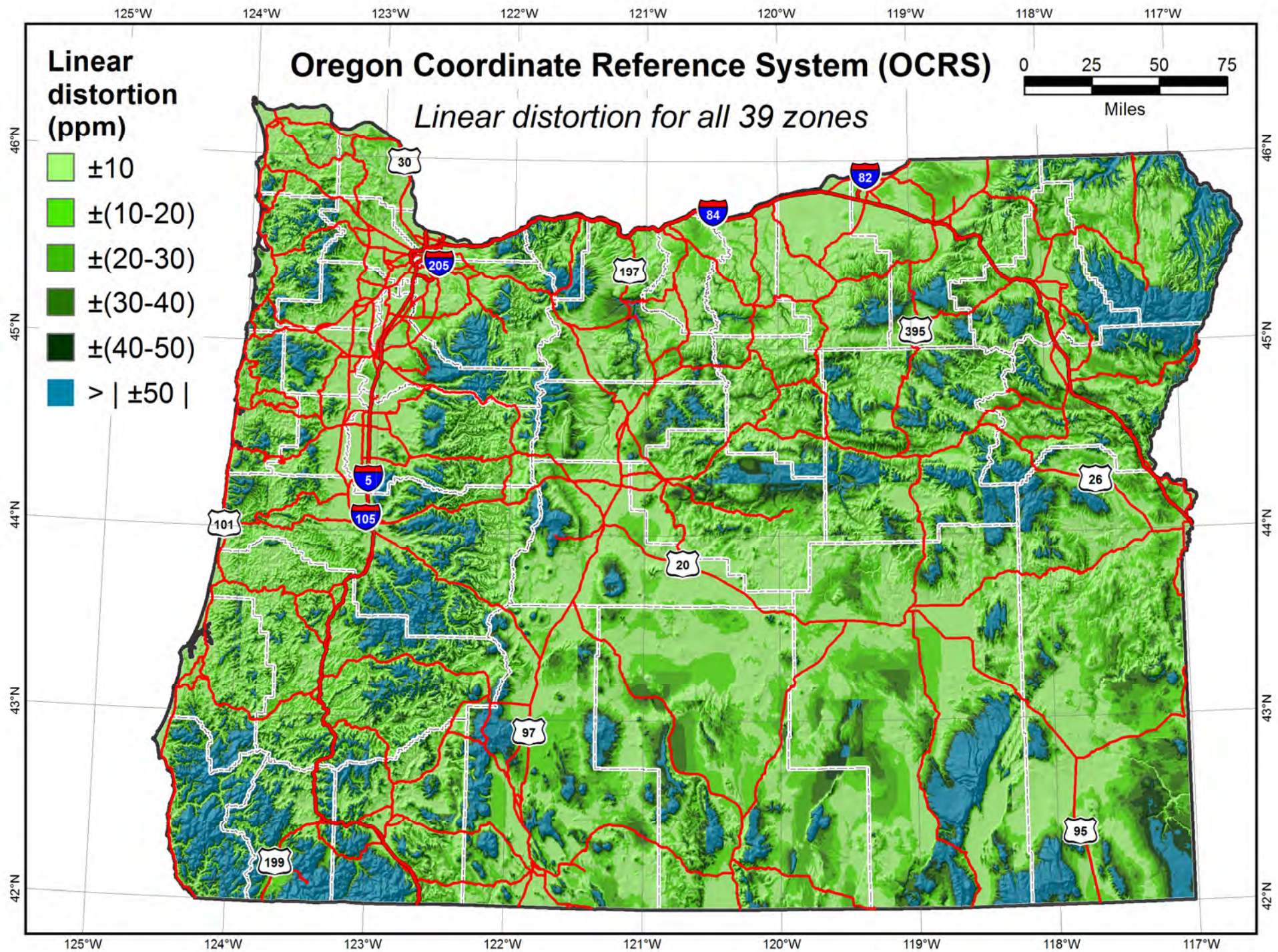




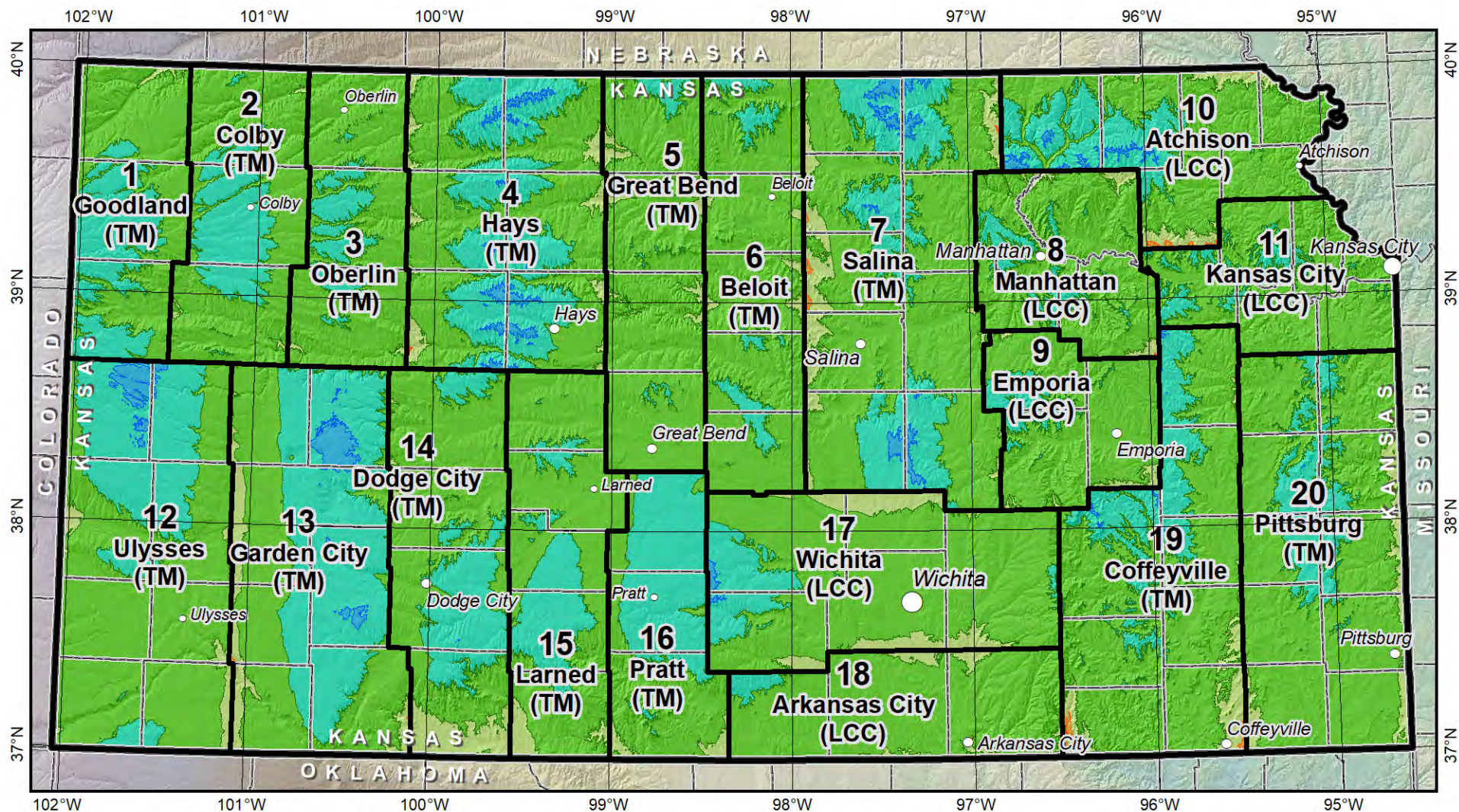












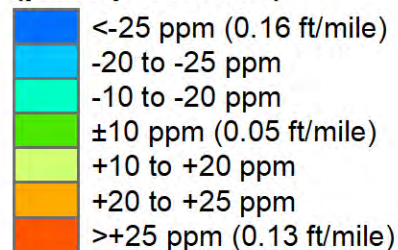
## Kansas Regional Coordinate System (KRCS)

All zones referenced to the North American Datum of 1983

### Statewide Distortion Statistics

Minimum: -26.9 ppm	Area of the state that is:
Maximum: +26.0 ppm	within $\pm 10$ ppm = 68.330%
Mean: -4.0 ppm	within $\pm 20$ ppm = 98.802%
Std dev: $\pm 8.2$ ppm	within $\pm 25$ ppm = 99.998%

### Linear Distortion (parts per million)



### Projection Types

TM = Transverse Mercator  
LCC = Lambert Conformal Conic





## What Can You Do to Get Ready for 2022?

Understand the magnitude of changing positions and heights for your clients and community

Watch for upcoming NGS status reports/webinars

[www.geodesy.noaa.gov/corbin/calendar.shtml](http://www.geodesy.noaa.gov/corbin/calendar.shtml)

Watch for upcoming NGS status reports/webinars

<https://www.ngs.noaa.gov/datums/newdatums/TrackOurProgress.shtml>

NGS plans on new State Plane Coordinates using the same geometric parameters as NAD83 (mostly)

# What Can You Do to Get Ready for 2022?

## NGS Webinar Series

### Building a State Plane Coordinate System for the Future

Presented by Michael Dennis, National Geodetic Survey

April 12, 2018 at 2:00 pm EDT

**Register  
For This Webinar**

**Webinar Description:**

NGS has begun defining the State Plane Coordinate System of 2022 (SPCS2022). This webinar builds on the March 8 SPCS2022 webinar by going into more detail about how SPCS2022 will be created, including the role of NGS customers in the process, and changes from how the SPCS was defined in the past.

**Technical Content Rating:**

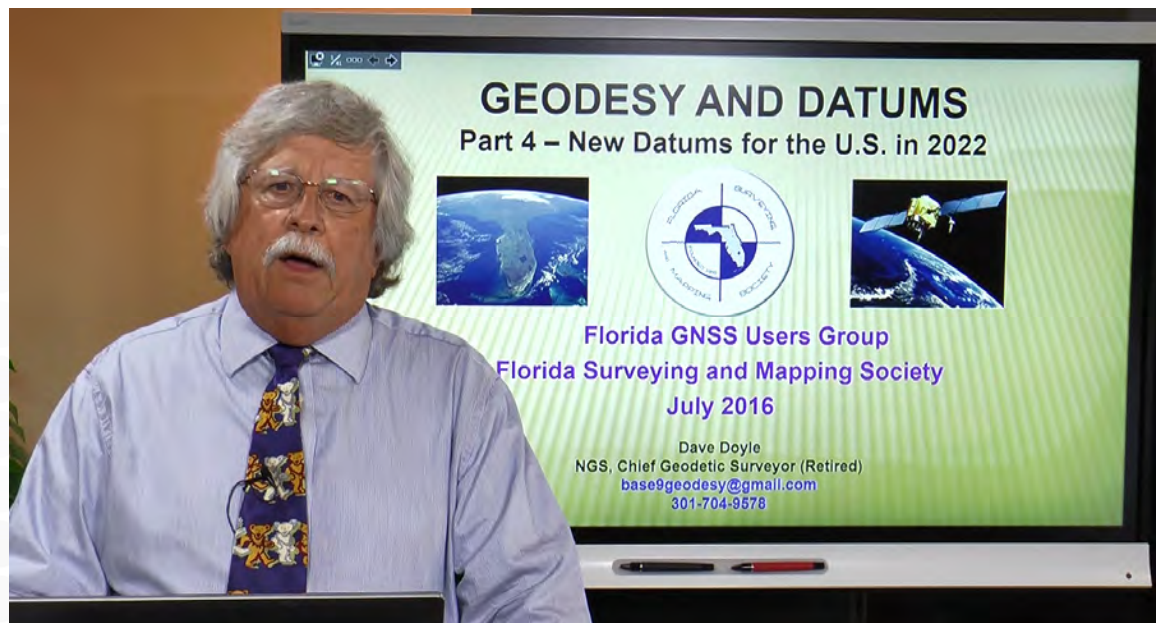
Intermediate - Some prior knowledge of the topic is helpful.



# What Can You Do to Get Ready for 2022?

Videos – several very good 1 hour videos on Datums, Surfaces, and the new 2022 Datum change presented by Dr. David Doyle, retired chief of the National Geodetic Survey (NGS).

Geospatial Users Group – [www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)  
search for “Geospatial Users Group”

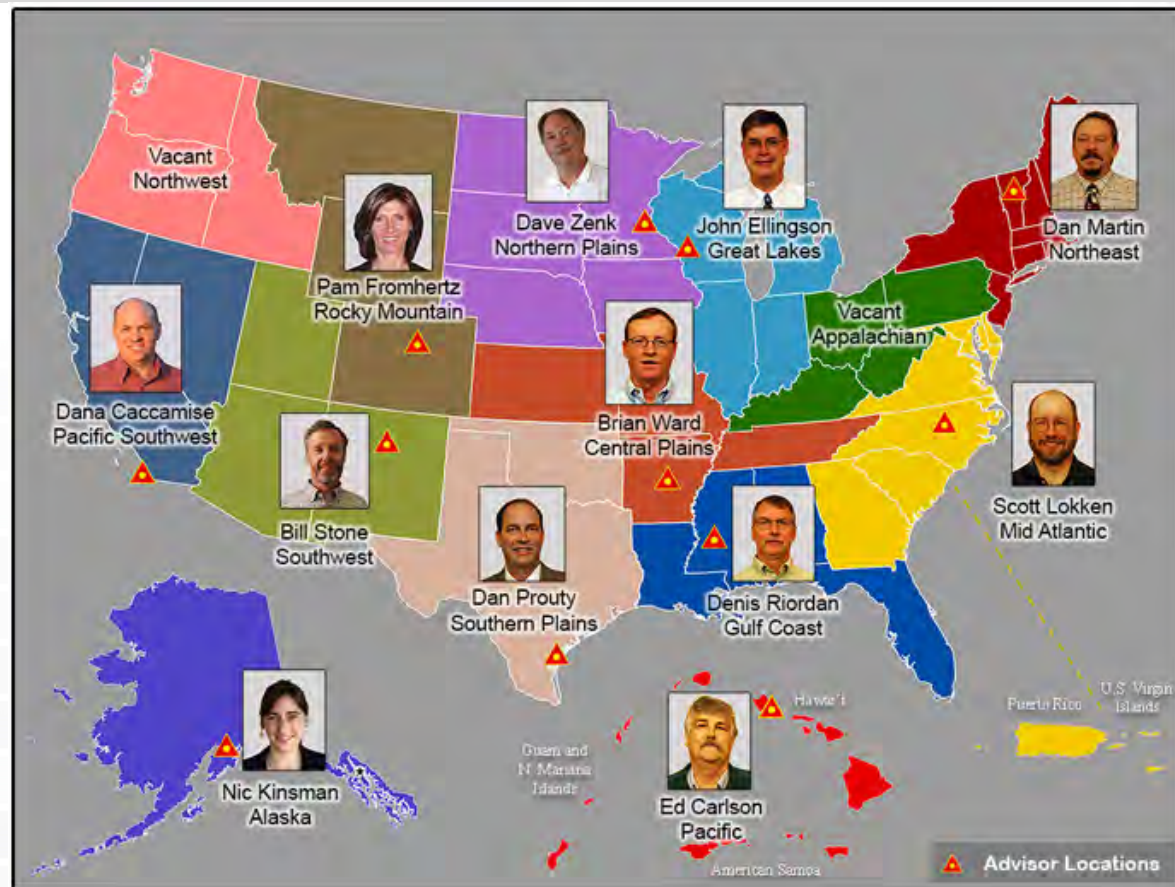


# What Can You Do to Get Ready for 2022?

Communicate your issues directly to NGS

NGS Local Regional Advisor -

<https://www.ngs.noaa.gov/ADVISORS/index.shtml>



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