

Deformation Modelling to support the Papua New Guinea Geodetic Datum 1994 (PNG94)

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What is PNG94?

Papua New Guinea Geodetic Datum 1994

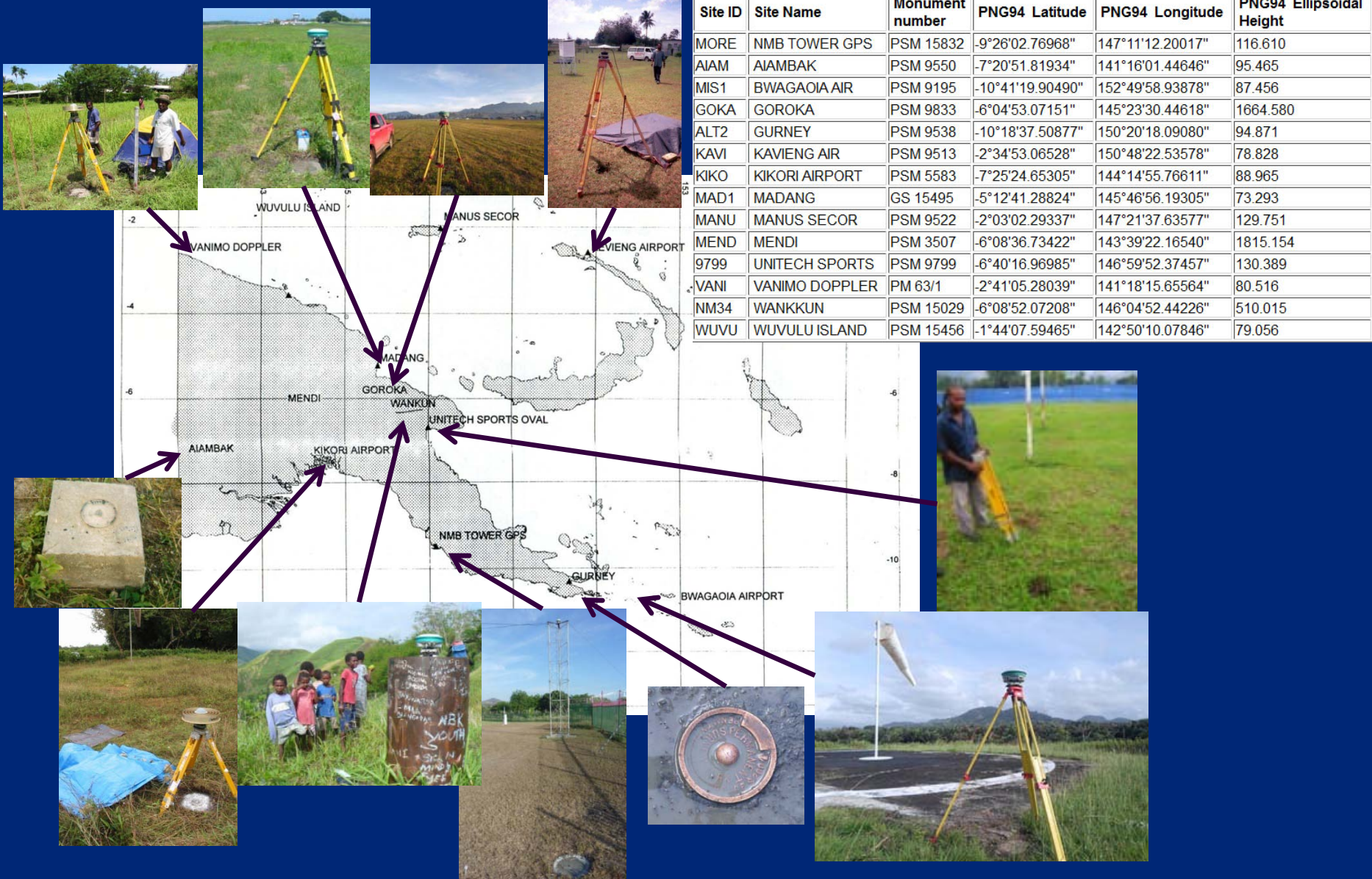
Geocentric Datum – ITRF92 realised by 14 fiducial stations computed at epoch 1994.0 (1st January 1994) – same realisation as GDA94 in Australia

Reference Ellipsoid: GRS80

Map Projection: Papua New Guinea Map Grid 1994
(PNGMG94)
Zones 54, 55 and 56

Projection type: Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM)
Southern Hemisphere

PNG94 Fiducial (zero order) Network



GPS Campaigns 1992 and 1993

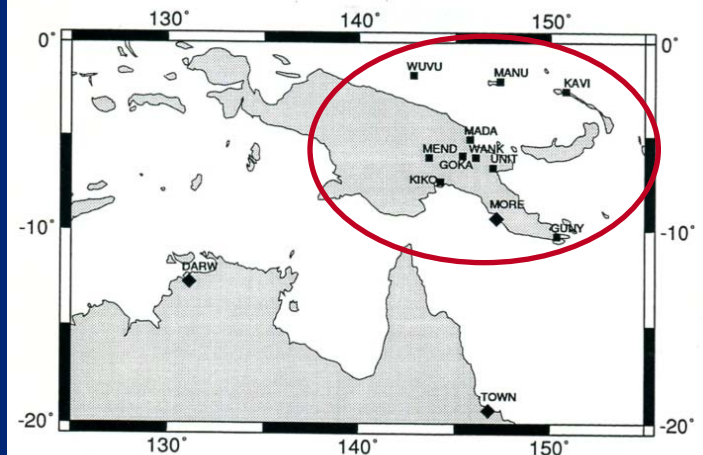
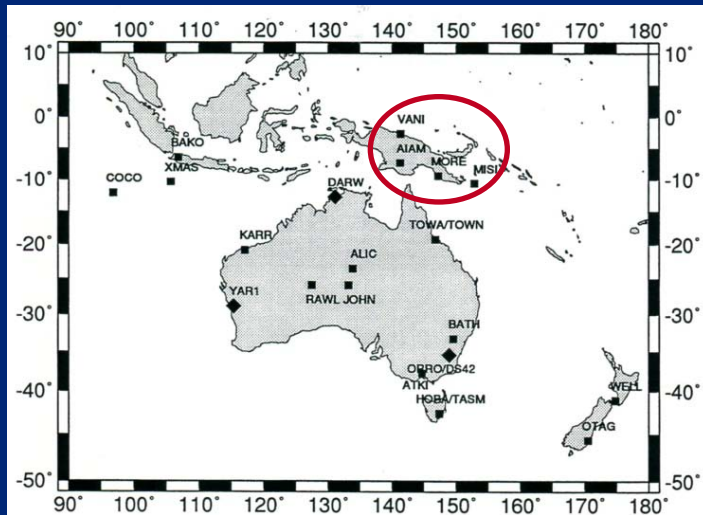
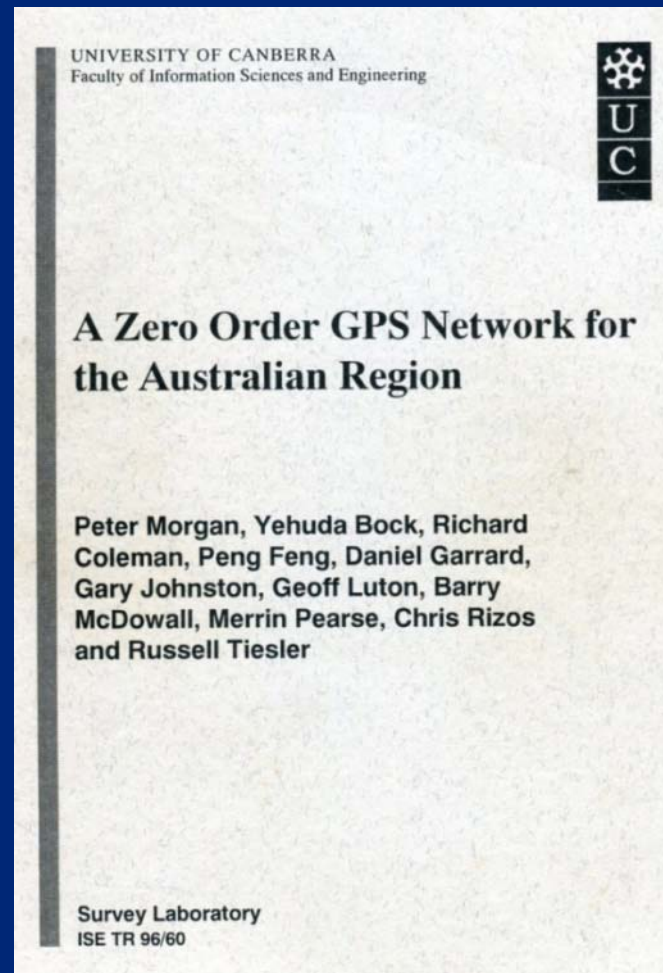


Figure F.10: Stations in the Papua New Guinea Network 1993



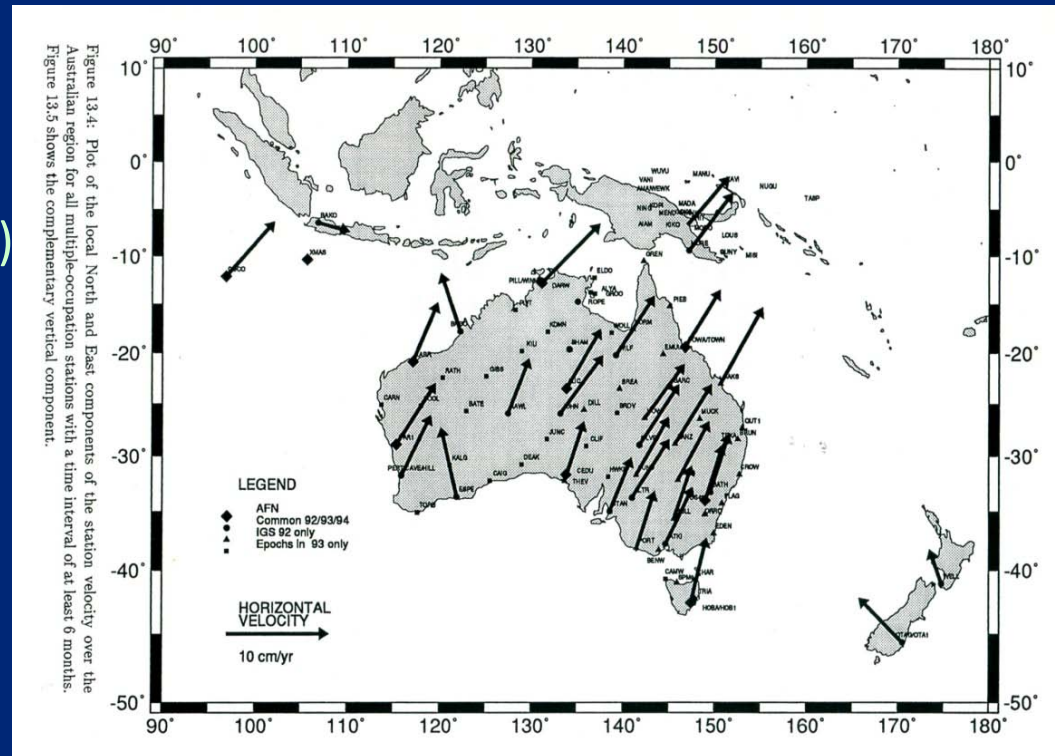
PNG94 Fiducial Network Computation

GAMIT/GLOBK software
→ ITRF92 coordinates at
epoch of measurement
(Peter Morgan at Uni of Canberra)

ITRF92 coordinates of
global IGS network used to
compute orbits

Coarse site velocity model
(derived from two year time-series)
used to compute coordinates
at epoch 1994.0 (PNG94 in PNG and GDA94 in Australia)

Formal Uncertainty of coordinates 5 cm at 1σ



PNG94 Secondary and Tertiary Networks

1999 adjustment:

Prof. John Allman, Jan van der Kevie and Robert Rosa

Doppler, terrestrial observations and additional GPS measurements were combined in a block adjustment over PNG constrained by coordinates of the PNG94 fiducial network

NEWGAN used for network least-squares adjustment

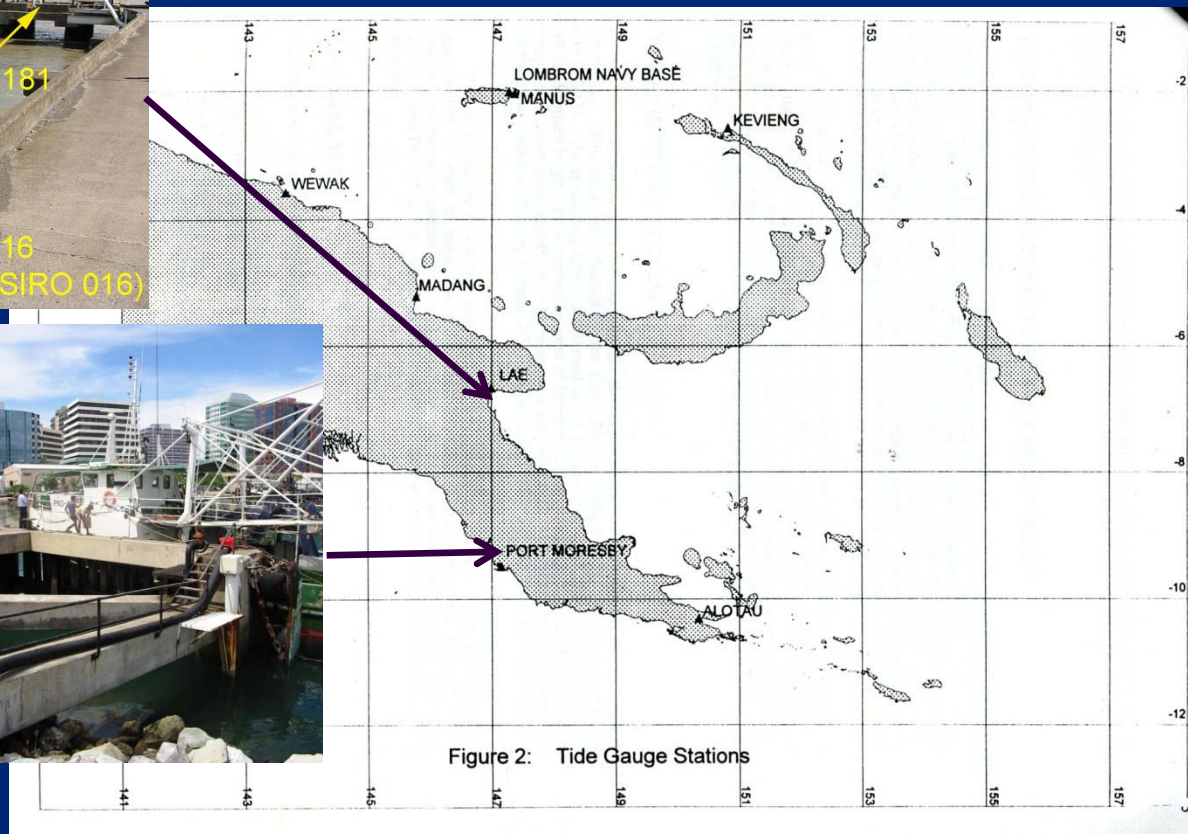
Ashtech PRISM software used for post-processing of static GPS baselines

Primary Network of 968 stations

~ 400 with positional uncertainties (PU) of < 0.25 m

Remainder with PU up to 10 metres!

Tide Gauge GPS Connections



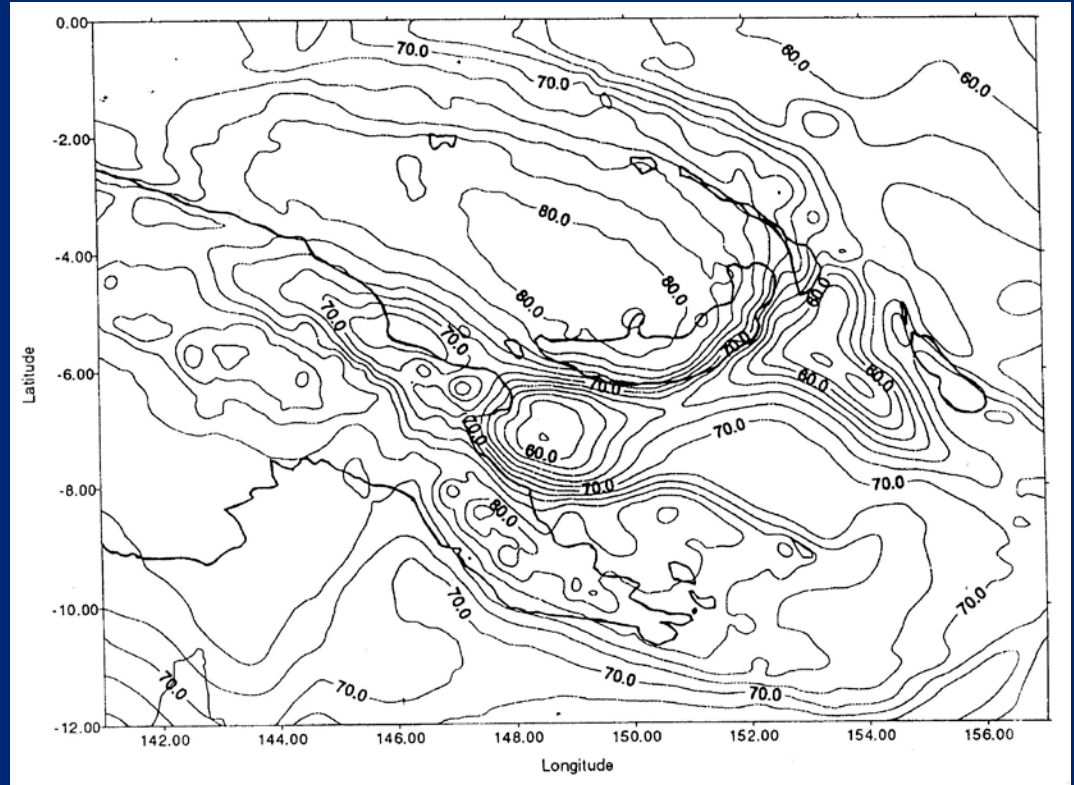
PNG Geoid Model 1994

Gravimetric geoid model developed by Prof. Bill Kearsley (UNSW) using limited gravity data and tide gauge connections.

Zero order term of 0.94 m applied to align gravimetric geoid with MSL.

Uncertainties of 2 m in some areas (e.g. Lae) but usually < 0.5 m

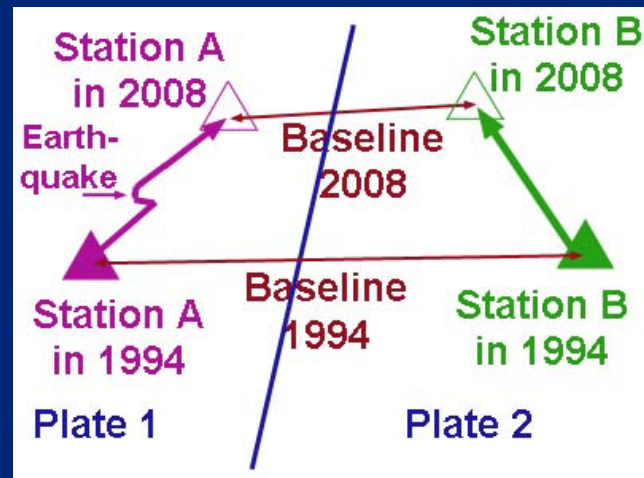
MS-DOS executable program to extract N values – not useable on Windows XP, Vista, 7 or 8 OS



Problems with PNG94

Originally realised as a static datum in a very complex tectonic environment – regular large earthquakes
(cannot measure baselines across plate boundaries)

Cannot transform current ITRF and WGS84 to PNG94 with any precision without a suitable velocity and deformation model
(conformal transformations cannot be applied)



Geodynamics studies in PNG

GPS campaigns to monitor plate tectonics
in PNG:

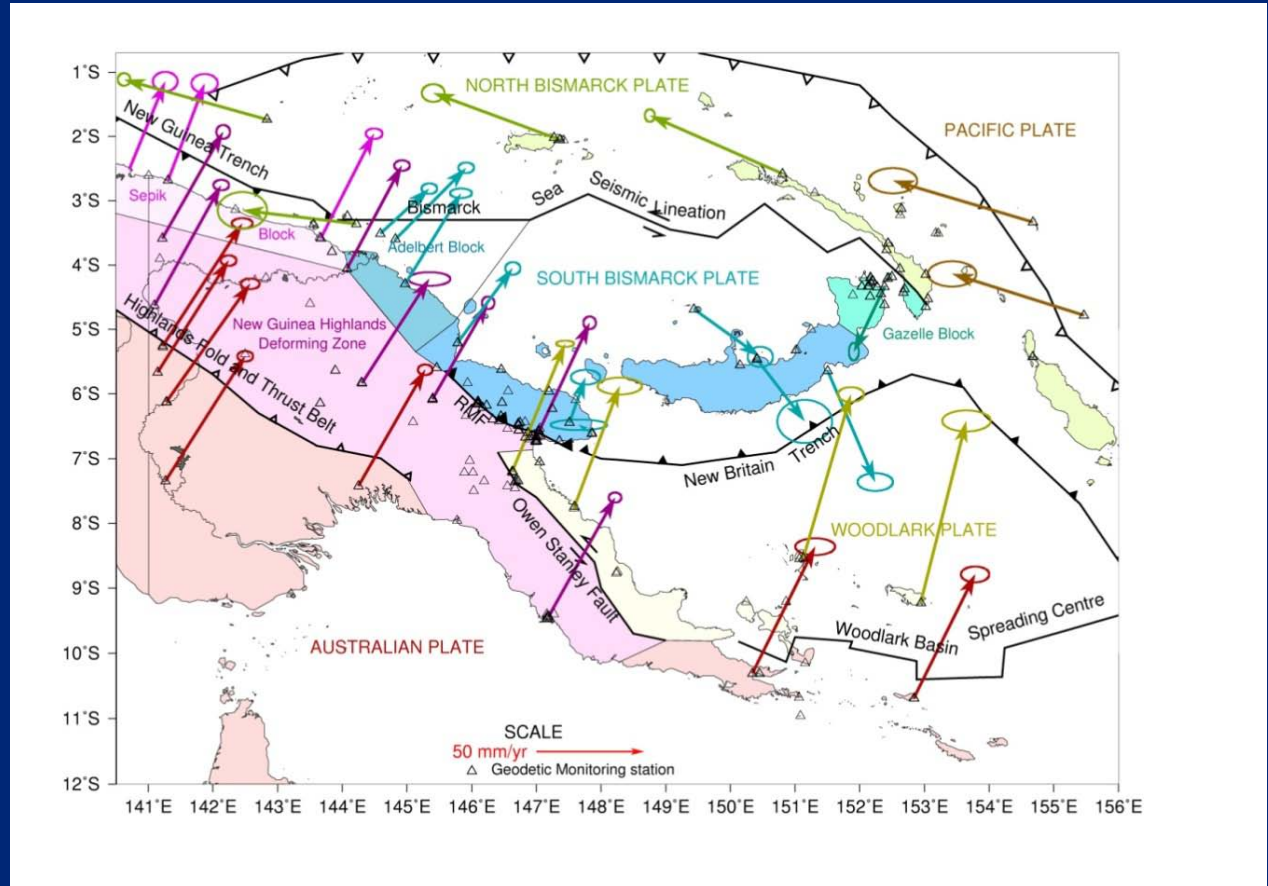
UNSW and NMB
(1990-1994)

RPI and UCSC (USA)
UniTECH and RVO
(1993-2001)

ANU
(RSES Geodynamics)
(1996-2008)

GNS-New Zealand
(2009-2013)

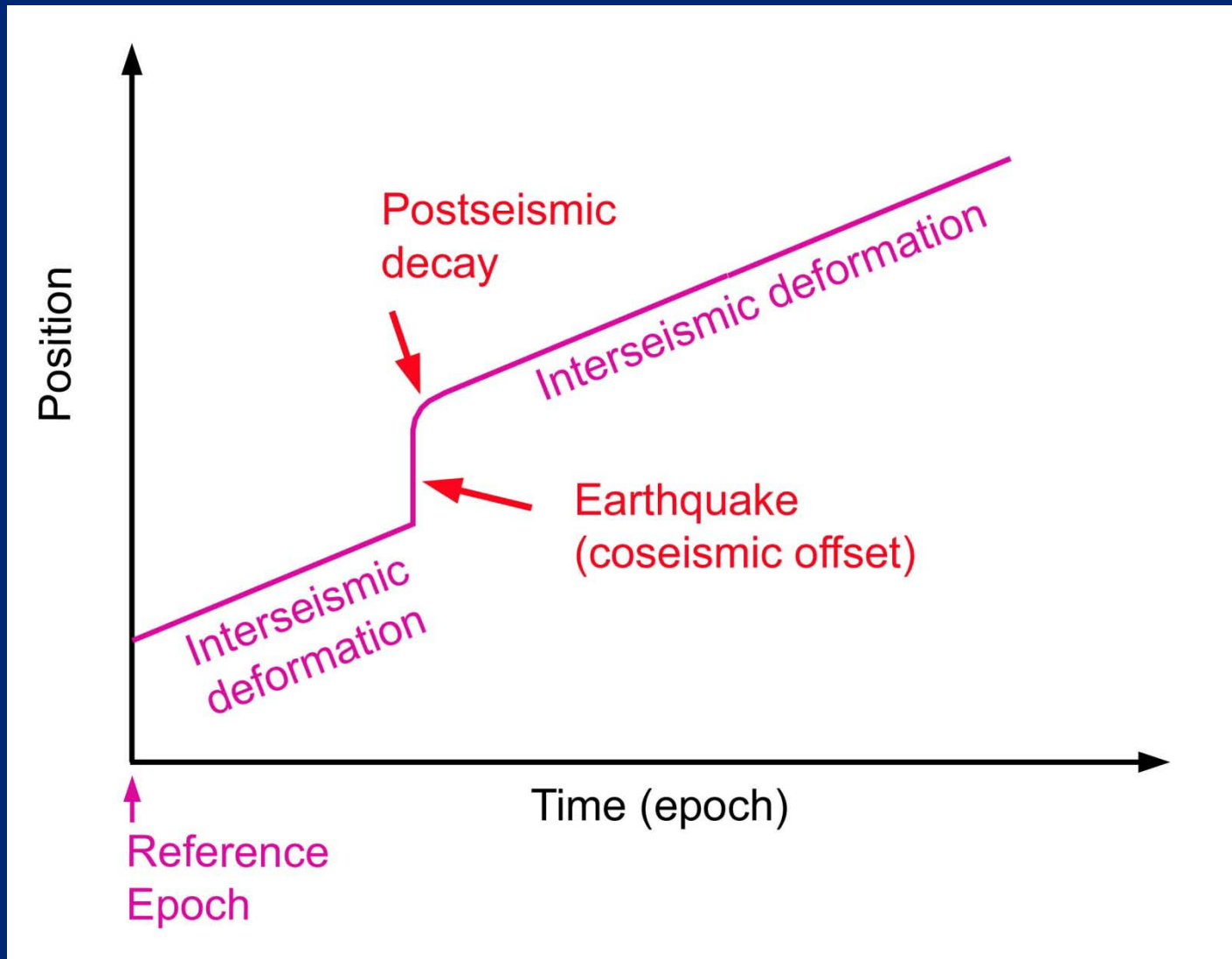
Airport Geodetic Survey
(PNGASL – AAM- ALS)
(2013-)



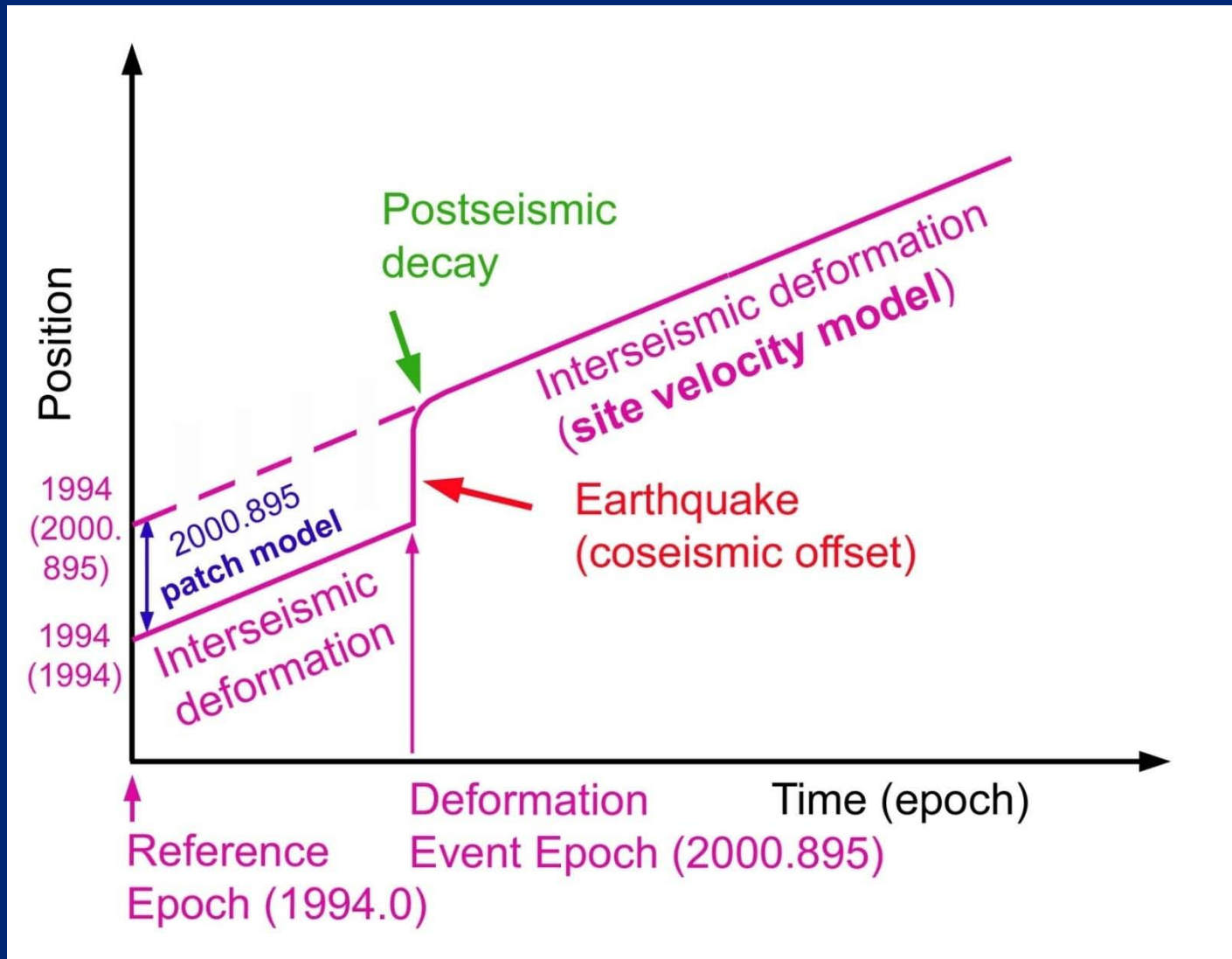
Resulting in improved plate and site velocity model for PNG

Uncertainty of coordinates now 15 mm at 1σ

Deformation characterisation



Semi-kinematic (dynamic) datum concept



Redefinition of PNG94 as a semi-kinematic datum

Quickclose in conjunction with PNG OSG geodetic section have re-computed and densified the PNG94 network to improve formal uncertainties

Implemented a semi-dynamic datum (deformation model using estimated site velocities from microplate Euler pole, fault locking models and known coseismic offsets) to enable ITRF and WGS84 coordinates to be propagated to epoch 1994.0

PNG94 (ITRF92 at epoch 1994.0) - 1st order control - Adjustment 7th June 2008 - Updated 1st December 2011														
Station location			PNG94 Ellipsoidal Coordinates			PNGMG94 Grid Coordinates			MSL RL (PNG08)	ITRF Site Velocity		PNG94		
Location	GPS ID	NMB Number	Latitude	Longitude	Ellipsoid Height	Zone	Easting	Northing		E m/yr	N m/yr	Latitude Decimal	Longitude Decimal	
Aiambak	AIAM	PSM 9550	-7 20 51.8206	141 16 1.4470	95.52	54	529475.73	9187801.94	21.20	0.037	0.058	-7.34772794	141.26706861	
Alotau - Gurney Airport	ALT2	PSM 9538	-10 18 37.5094	150 20 18.0912	94.87	56	208478.37	8859053.57	16.37	0.031	0.058	-10.31041928	150.33835867	
Bulolo - Unitech Weather	BULO	PSM 32629	-7 12 25.0357	146 37 32.2264	802.11	55	458667.37	9203356.01	722.94	0.027	0.058	-7.20695436	146.62561844	
Buka Airport	BUK1	PSM 4871	-5 25 34.3712	154 40 8.4373	73.25	56	684918.22	9399967.57	2.87	-0.059	0.031	-5.42621422	154.66901036	
Daru - Airport	DARU	AA 440/A	-9 5 15.5229	143 12 27.1952	80.28	54	742639.83	8994719.42	5.28	0.035	0.055	-9.08764525	143.20755422	
Finschhafen	FINS	PSM 19471	-6 36 55.4209	147 51 17.6868	74.24	55	594504.66	9268686.35	7.42	-0.006	0.004	-6.61539469	147.85491300	
Gobe - Airport	GOBE	PSM 15262	-6 52 45.5700	149 43 21.3500	129.24	54	800901.00	9238734.50	50.98	0.034	0.054	-6.87932500	149.72259722	
Goroka - Airport	GOKA	PSM 9833	-6 4 53.0717	145 23 30.4470	1664.47	55	322023.98	9327531.64	1584.83	0.023	0.046	-6.08140881	145.39179083	
Hoskins - Airport	HOSK	PSM 9795	-5 28 0.4073	150 24 31.6614	101.35	56	212869.72	9395119.32	18.42	0.022	-0.027	-5.46677981	150.40879483	
Kavieng - Airport	KAVI	PSM 9513	-2 34 53.0660	150 48 22.5361	78.81	56	256077.96	9714464.61	2.85	-0.067	0.027	-2.58140722	150.80626003	
Kenabot - Lands Base	KENB	PSM 23342	-4 20 45.1168	152 16 7.9951	136.69	56	418875.65	9519602.79	63.12	-0.002	-0.041	-4.34586578	152.26888753	
Kerema - Catholic Mission	KERE	PSM 31703	-7 57 28.0191	145 46 19.0726	97.57	55	364647.58	9120168.45	21.32	0.030	0.052	-7.95778308	145.77196461	
Kikori - Airport	KIKO	PSM 5583	-7 25 24.6531	144 14 55.7677	88.93	55	196298.45	9178490.00	12.38	0.035	0.054	-7.42351475	144.24882436	
Kiunga - Airport	KIU3	PSM 32685	-6 7 28.3824	141 17 12.2347	112.45	54	531725.31	9323018.83	37.48	0.038	0.056	-6.12455067	141.28673186	
Kumul - Oil Export Platform	KU34	Kumul 34	-8 3 51.3916	144 33 38.3558	103.3	54	892563.96	9106883.55	28.22	0.035	0.054	-8.06427544	144.56065439	
Lae - Unitech DLS Base	LAE1	PSM 31107	-6 40 25.3661	146 59 35.4668	140.37	55	499246.79	9262320.80	67.45	0.026	0.052	-6.67371281	146.99318522	
Lae - Unitech Sports	9799	PSM 9799	-6 40 16.9707	146 59 52.3754	130.31	55	499765.91	9262578.60	57.40	0.026	0.052	-6.67138075	146.99788206	
Lake Kopiago - Airport	KOPI	PSM 17001	-5 23 9.0852	142 29 42.1907	1412.79	54	665650.98	9404480.51	1329.45	0.031	0.055	-5.38585700	142.49505297	
Losuia	LOSU	AA 583	-8 32 7.2596	151 7 30.8181	85.16	56	293644.60	9056016.40	5.61	0.021	0.071	-8.53534989	151.12522725	
Madang - Airport	MAD1	GS 15495	-5 12 41.2891	145 46 56.1940	73.27	55	365044.17	9423829.87	4.95	0.023	0.039	-5.21146919	145.78227611	
Manus - Lombrum Secor	MANU	PSM 9522	-2 3 2.2944	147 21 37.6363	129.77	55	540084.32	9773337.48	50.77	-0.065	0.027	-2.05063733	147.36045453	
Mendi - Airport	MEND	PSM 3507	-6 8 36.7344	143 39 22.1658	1815.08	54	793981.21	9320198.80	1732.11	0.029	0.047	-6.14353733	143.65615713	
Misima - Airport	MIS1	PSM 9195	-10 41 19.9049	152 49 58.9388	87.46	56	481741.61	8818417.91	12.70	0.030	0.055	-10.68886247	152.83303856	
Moro - Airport	MORA	PSM 17442	-6 21 44.9072	143 13 46.0940	917.86	54	746627.49	9296194.53	837.64	0.033	0.054	-6.36247422	143.22947056	
Mount Hagen - Airport	HGEN	PSM 3419	-5 49 55.7591	144 18 23.7948	1710.15	55	201725.79	9354636.51	1626.57	0.030	0.048	-5.83215531	144.30660967	
Nadzab - Airport	NADZ	ST 31024	-6 33 47.9879	146 43 39.6541	148.83	55	469894.96	9274514.88	76.13	0.024	0.056	-6.56332997	146.72768169	
Namatanai - Airport	NAMA	GS 19461	-3 39 58.5422	152 26 6.1582	114.96	56	437261.32	9594742.59	42.81	-0.061	0.001	-3.66626172	152.43504394	
Nogoli Hides - Helipad	NOGO	PSM 30041	-5 56 2.4348	142 47 16.7455	1340.2	54	697930.59	9343770.78	1258.04	0.032	0.054	-5.93400967	142.78798486	
Pomio	JACQ	PSM 9515	-5 38 42.9782	151 30 19.6067	151.55	56	334476.29	9375795.22	77.26	0.020	-0.053	-5.64527172	151.50544631	
Popondetta	POPN	PSM 9371	-8 46 9.6499	148 14 0.3966	187.53	55	635667.54	9030425.34	105.82	0.024	0.054	-8.76934719	148.23344350	
Port Moresby - NMB Base	NMB2	PSM 31927	-9 26 2.7697	147 11 12.2000	123.02	55	520498.37	8957148.59	47.17	0.028	0.053	-9.43410269	147.18672222	
Rabaul - RVO Base	RVO	RVO	-4 11 27.1915	152 9 49.5108	266.24	56	407190.52	9536723.33	191.46	0.007	-0.052	-4.19088653	152.16375300	
Tabubil - Airport	TAB2	PSM 32695	-5 16 45.0122	141 13 38.9016	559.82	54	525205.42	9416471.93	478.52	0.036	0.055	-5.27917006	141.22747267	
Tari - Airport	TARI	T630	-5 50 37.7496	142 56 45.8643	1755.79	54	715472.19	9353687.25	1672.91	0.031	0.053	-5.84381933	142.94607342	
Tokua - Airport	TOKU	GS 9822	-4 20 27.7832	152 22 45.8215	82.05	56	431137.64	9520146.01	10.11	-0.010	-0.036	-4.34105089	152.37939486	
Tufi - Hospital	TUFI	PSM 7518	-9 4 46.4549	149 19 22.2495	99.44	55	755324.26	8995533.60	20.14	0.027	0.056	-9.07957081	149.32284708	
Vanimo - Doppler	YANI	PM 63/1	-2 41 5.2819	141 18 15.6562	80.59	54	533829.65	9703242.49	2.20	0.013	0.045	-2.68480053	141.30434894	
Wankun - Pillar	NM34	NM1/34	-6 8 52.0739	146 4 52.4422	509.98	55	398344.12	9320370.15	435.85	0.026	0.047	-6.14779831	146.08123394	
Wafi - Helipad	WAF1	PSM 32631	-6 51 54.6238	146 26 58.8693	501.56	55	439199.05	9241120.81	425.57	0.032	0.054	-6.86517328	146.44968592	
Wau - Airport	WAUA	GS 9840	-7 20 48.5674	146 43 2.8288	1193.56	55	468815.82	9187900.80	1112.92	0.025	0.056	-7.34682428	146.71745244	
Wewak - Airport	WEWK	PSM 15497	-3 35 2.5848	143 40 0.1481	83.91	54	796268.18	9603418.22	4.85	0.017	0.053	-3.58405133	143.66670781	
Woodlark - Guasopa	GUA1	PSM 9519	-9 13 30.0049	152 56 37.3585	78.64	56	493816.89	8980271.66	1.61	0.020	0.078	-9.22500136	152.94371069	
Wuvulu	WUVU	PSM 15456	-1 44 7.5951	142 50 10.0781	79.03	54	704257.66	9808081.66	1.34	-0.068	0.019	-1.73544308	142.83613281	

Coordinate list will be updated after completion of Airports Survey

Current PNG94 zero and first order network



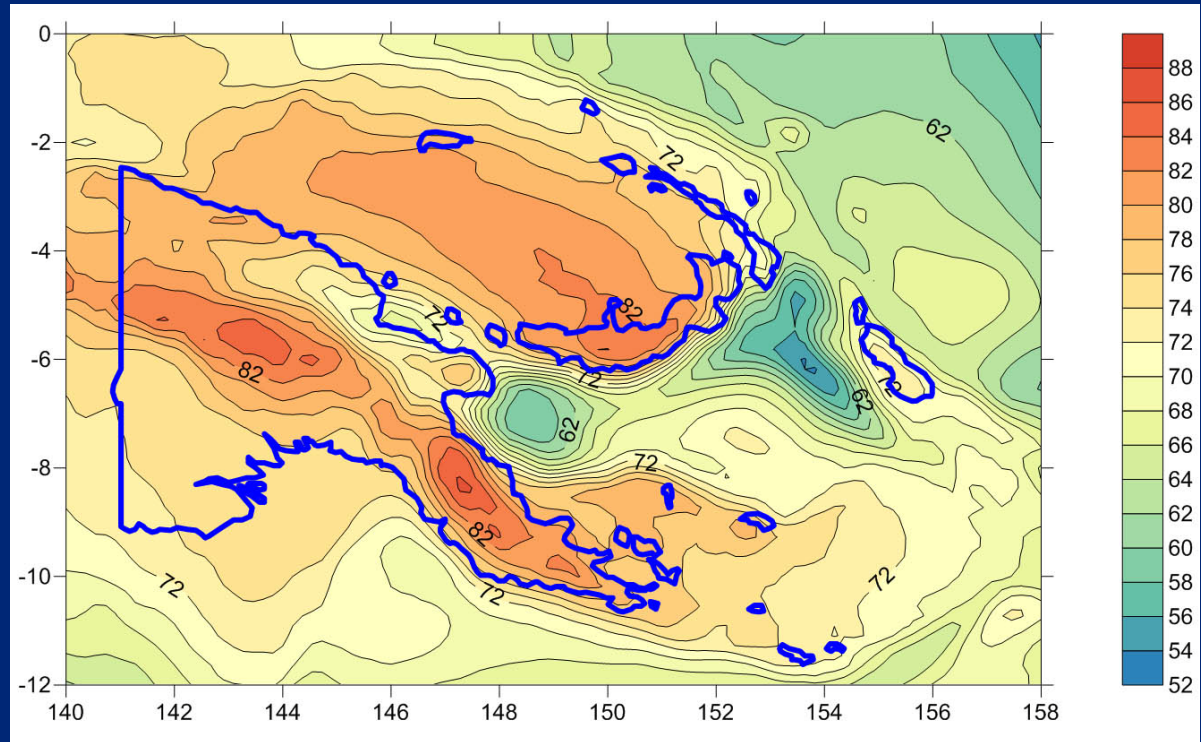
New PNG08 “MSLoid” model

EGM2008 model
fitted to observed MSL at
limited TG around PNG
2.5' grid of N values

Precision 0.2 m 1σ

ASCII, Leica, Topcon and
Trimble formats for use in
GNSS and GIS

Future improvements:
Dynamic height model
MDT updates & denser TG



Improved AGD66(PNG) to PNG94 transformation Model

GNSS observations on legacy datum AGD66 primary survey control will enable better transformation parameters to be estimated – e.g. Bevan Rapids origin as required by the PNG *Oil and Gas Act*.

Unfortunately many primary control stations are on remote mountain peaks and are very costly to access / limited utility – so reliance on second and third order control in towns to estimate parameters.

Complicated by overlapping and inconsistent realisations of AGD66 as well as tectonic deformation between 1970 and 1994

PNG94 access on internet

ASPNG web-site

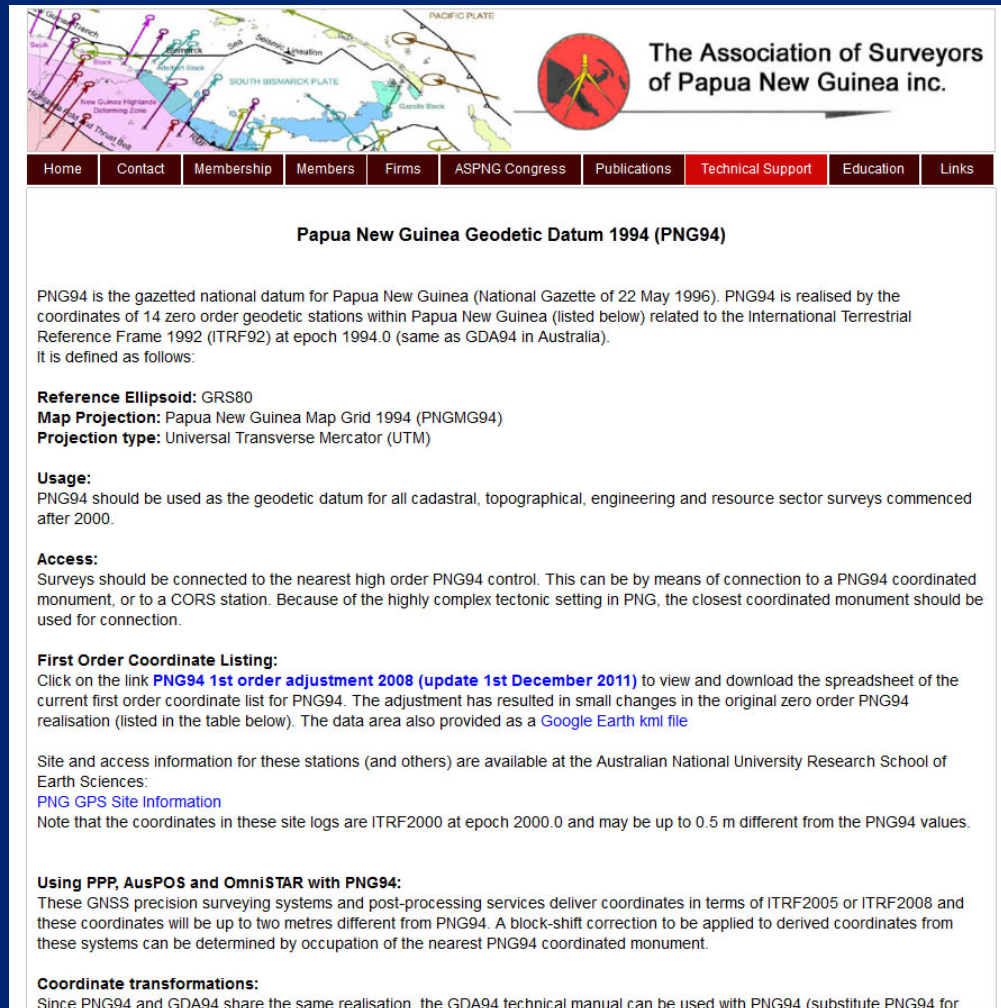
<http://www.aspng.org>

Coordinate lists

Technical Data

Station diagrams coming
soon but many available at

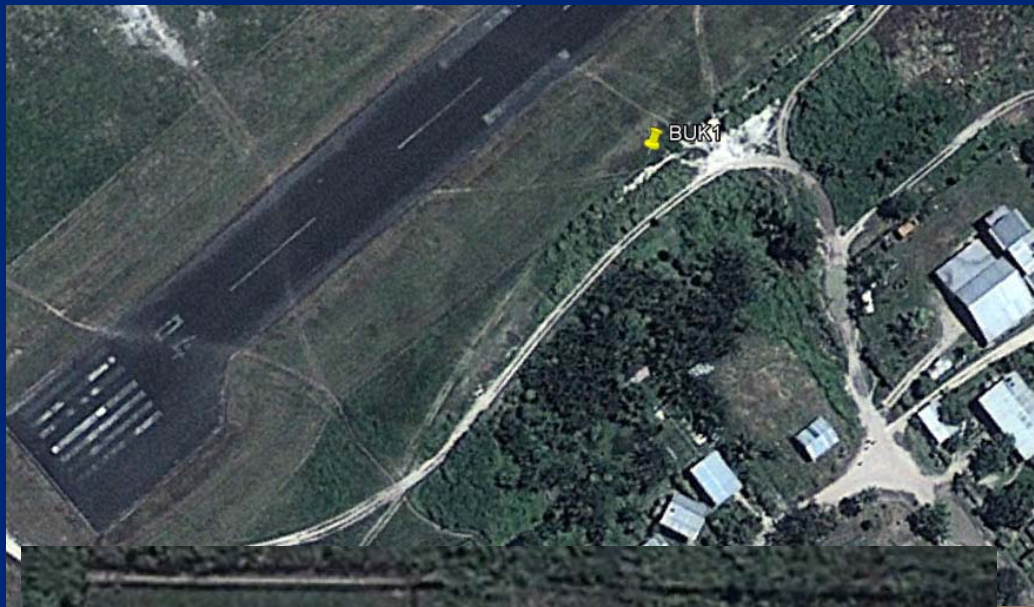
http://rses.anu.edu.au/geodynamics/gps/png/site_info/sitelogs.html



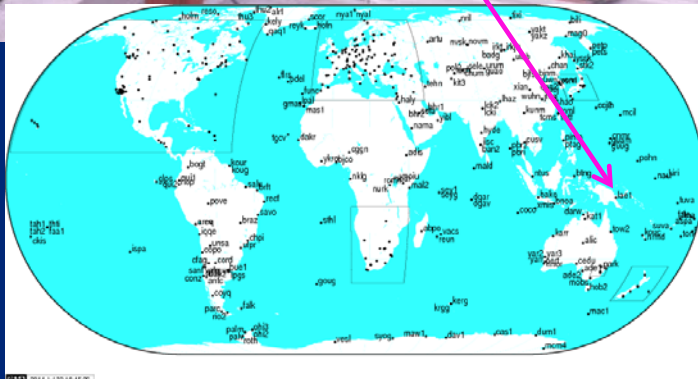
The screenshot shows the ASPNG website with a map of Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Plate. The page title is "Papua New Guinea Geodetic Datum 1994 (PNG94)". The content includes:

- PNG94** is the gazetted national datum for Papua New Guinea (National Gazette of 22 May 1996). PNG94 is realised by the coordinates of 14 zero order geodetic stations within Papua New Guinea (listed below) related to the International Terrestrial Reference Frame 1992 (ITRF92) at epoch 1994.0 (same as GDA94 in Australia). It is defined as follows:
- Reference Ellipsoid:** GRS80
- Map Projection:** Papua New Guinea Map Grid 1994 (PNGMG94)
- Projection type:** Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM)
- Usage:** PNG94 should be used as the geodetic datum for all cadastral, topographical, engineering and resource sector surveys commenced after 2000.
- Access:** Surveys should be connected to the nearest high order PNG94 control. This can be by means of connection to a PNG94 coordinated monument, or to a CORS station. Because of the highly complex tectonic setting in PNG, the closest coordinated monument should be used for connection.
- First Order Coordinate Listing:** Click on the link [PNG94 1st order adjustment 2008 \(update 1st December 2011\)](#) to view and download the spreadsheet of the current first order coordinate list for PNG94. The adjustment has resulted in small changes in the original zero order PNG94 realisation (listed in the table below). The data area also provided as a [Google Earth kml file](#).
- Site and access information for these stations (and others) are available at the Australian National University Research School of Earth Sciences: [PNG GPS Site Information](#)
- Note that the coordinates in these site logs are ITRF2000 at epoch 2000.0 and may be up to 0.5 m different from the PNG94 values.
- Using PPP, AusPOS and OmniSTAR with PNG94:** These GNSS precision surveying systems and post-processing services deliver coordinates in terms of ITRF2005 or ITRF2008 and these coordinates will be up to two metres different from PNG94. A block-shift correction to be applied to derived coordinates from these systems can be determined by occupation of the nearest PNG94 coordinated monument.
- Coordinate transformations:** Since PNG94 and GDA94 share the same realisation, the GDA94 technical manual can be used with PNG94 (substitute PNG94 for

PNG94 1st order control on Google Earth



International - IGS Contributions – LAE1 CORS



LAE1 in operation since 1998 and on IGS network since 2001 – Run by Surveying Dept at PNG Uni of Technology (Unitech)

An important IGS Reference Frame station and used for ITRF

Problems in recent years with software incompatibility with new Windows software and with internet and power outages as well as lack of funding.

Regional Contributions – APREF - NMB2 and WAIG GNSS CORS

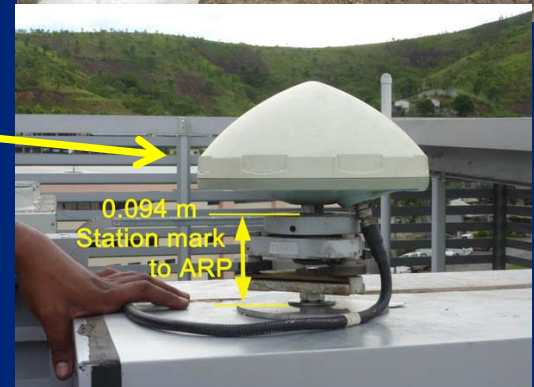


PNG Government funded CORS station at NMB **NMB2** in Port Moresby – October 2011

On APREF network and collocated with DORIS beacon

MOSB on IDS network

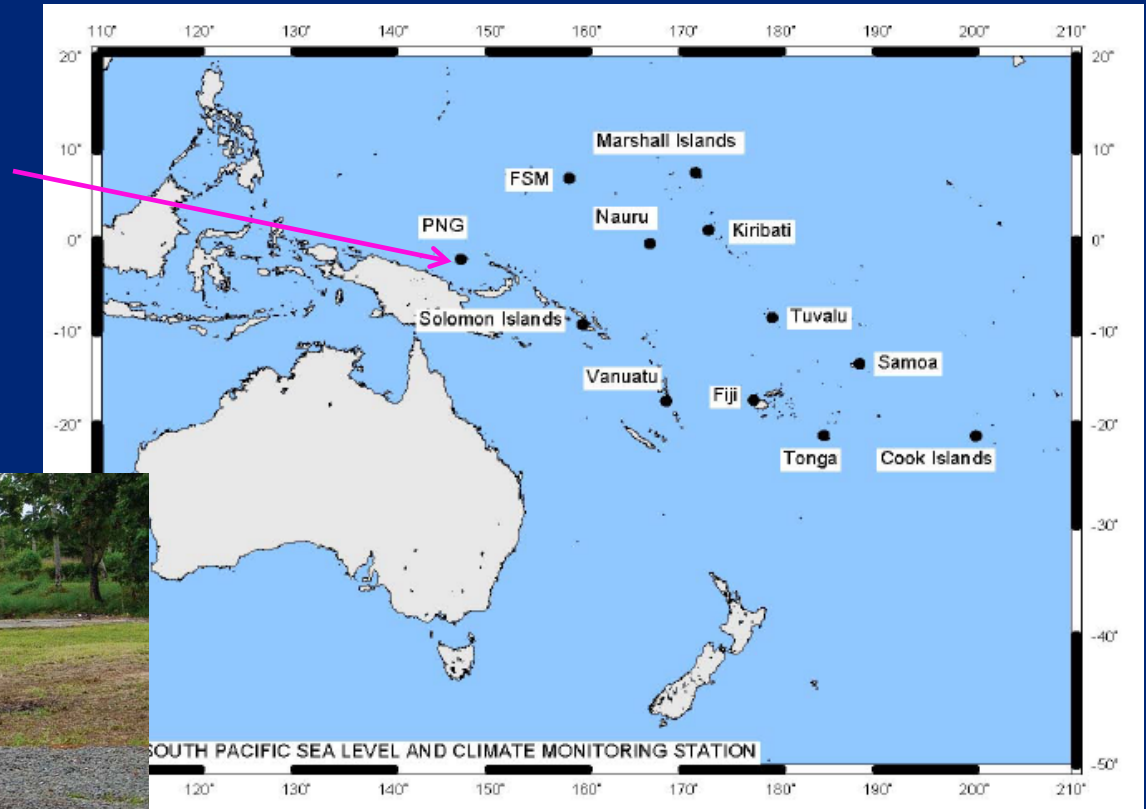
NMB2 replaced by WAIG in January 2014



Contributions to SPSLCMP

SEAFRAME

Tide Gauge and
CORS at Manus Island
Managed by
Geoscience Australia



Impediments to geodetic surveying in PNG

Insufficient funding from national government to fund geodetic infrastructure. Situation has improved however as there was no funding between 2001 and 2011.

International contractors and consultants not connecting their surveys to PNG94 and established height datum.

adhoc realisation of ITRF and WGS84 leading to inconsistent spatial data and DEM on major projects (by not connecting to PNG94). Increase in “private” and overlapping geodetic networks.

Vandalism of geodetic infrastructure by raskols and landowners

Inadvertent destruction of geodetic control by construction

Unreliable power supply and internet for active CORS operation

Lack of robust transformation parameters between AGD66 and PNG94 leading to 8 metre errors in GIS data (default parameters are often used)

Planned improvements to PNG's datum

Airports survey for PNGASL currently underway (AAM and Arman Larmer Surveys). High precision GNSS survey of 29 major airports in PNG

(Acknowledgements to Carl Nangi and Michael Sury for their work)

Repeat GNSS observations on all geodynamics stations concurrent with airports survey will provide sufficient data for precise site velocity model in PNG (Direct input from scientific studies into the datum)

Gridded velocity and seismic patch model for PNG, to enable PPP and Auspos solutions to be propagated to epoch 1994.0 and to facilitate GNSS post-processing within ITRF using input PNG94 coordinates

Construction of CORS at each major provincial capital to support local GNSS surveys and DCDB updates. This aspect could be run by the private sector as a subscription service to surveyors. RTK corrections by radio link or GSM.

Tide Gauge observations and connections to improve geoid model and develop offset models for Chart Datum, LAT and CDW height datums

What can the geodetic section do for surveyors?

- Provide PNG94 control connection to your survey
(in some instances this may be free of charge, otherwise charges will be minimal)
- WAIG base station data for surveys in POM, Oro and Central Province
- Process static GNSS data to obtain PNG94 and MSL
(free or minimal charge on the proviso that a PSM is established and sketch provided)
- Geodetic surveys for resource sector projects
(charged according to ASPNG scale of fees)
- Provide guidance and PSM numbers (John Oa)

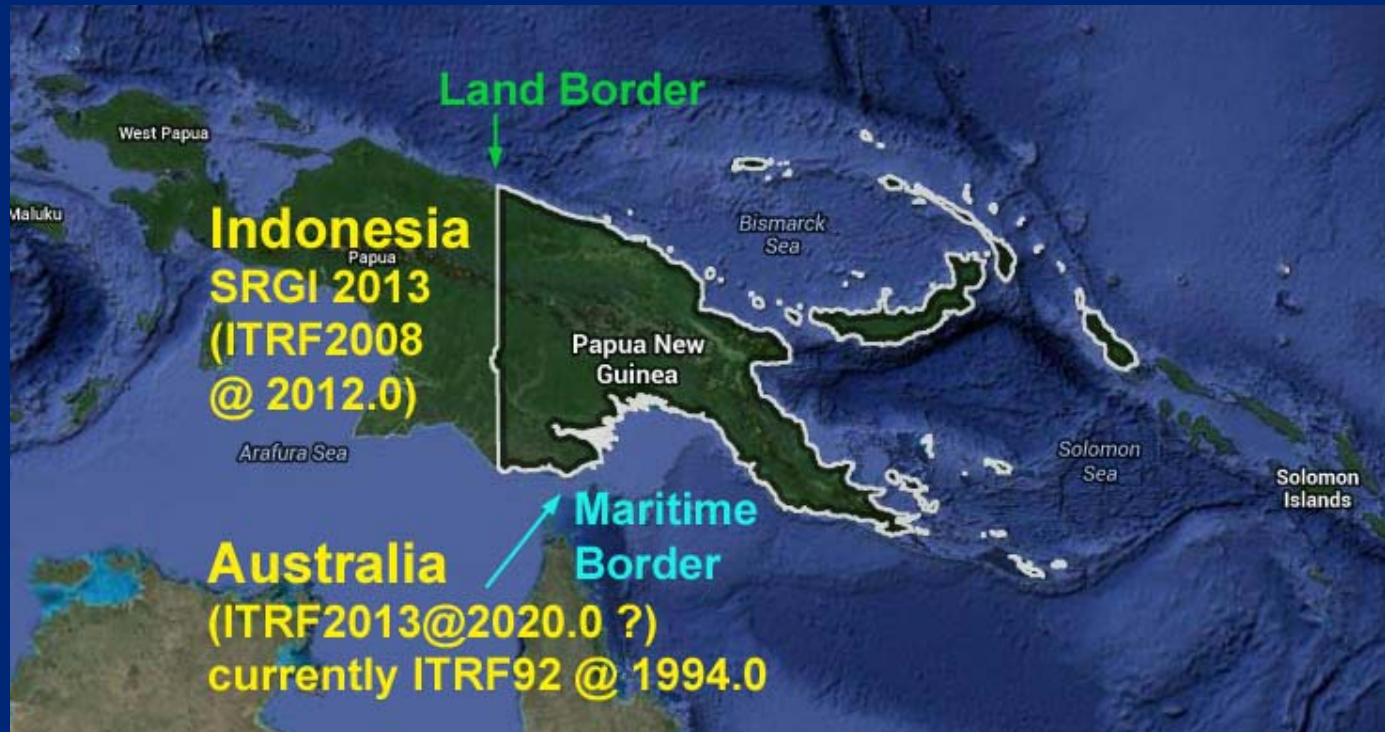
Key personnel: John Kwasi, John Oa (oajgeodesy@gmail.com),
Richard Stanaway (richard.stanaway@quickclose.com.au)

What PNG surveyors can do for PNG Geodesy!

- Connect all your surveys to PNG94 1st order control
- Submit PSM sketches!!! Many hundreds not provided.
- Provide GNSS static data on existing 1st order stations
(8 hrs + data for these will be processed for free !)
(email this data to Richard Stanaway at richard.stanaway@quickclose.com.au
for free PNG94 derivation until free online processing facility becomes active)
- Maintain survey control and witness posts in your area
(replace witness posts and do a sketch showing new connections)
- Get PSM numbers for good quality stations

**Geodetic PSMs are the fundamental physical
infrastructure of PNG!**

Options for a new PNG datum - neighbours



2012 option – aligned with Indonesian datum and extensive land border along 141 degrees E (1.2 m offset from 1994)

2020 option? Australian alignment (epoch 2020?) – maritime border – Torres Strait (1.8 m offset from 1994 and 0.6 m offset between 2012 and 2020)

Updated epoch will reduce uncertainties with site velocity and earthquake patch models.

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