

# **PNG2020**

## **A new geodetic datum and associated tectonic kinematic model for PNG**

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**Topographic Mapping**



**Mine survey control**



**exploration control**

**Oil and Gas well location**



**cadastral surveys**



**imagery control**



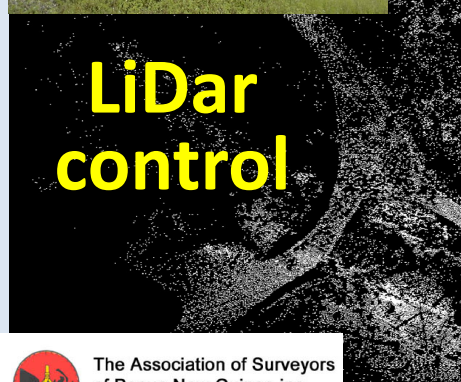
**Importance of the PNG geodetic network**



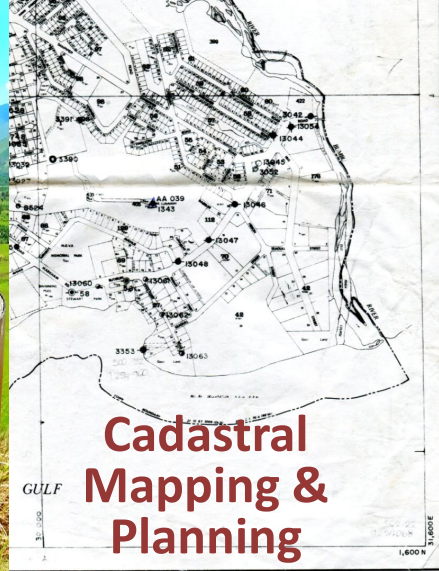
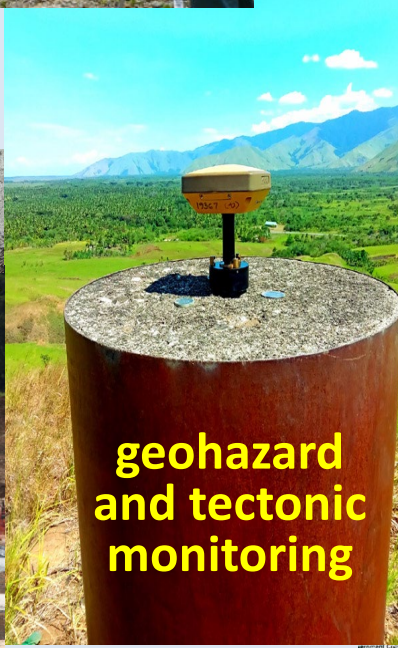
**engineering**



**LiDar control**



**geohazard and tectonic monitoring**

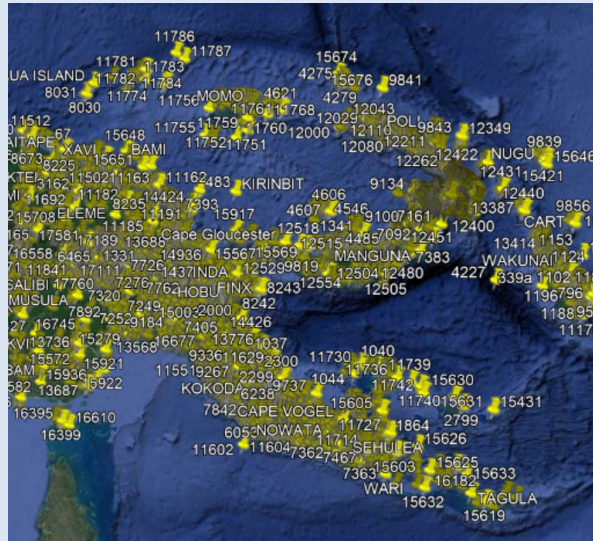
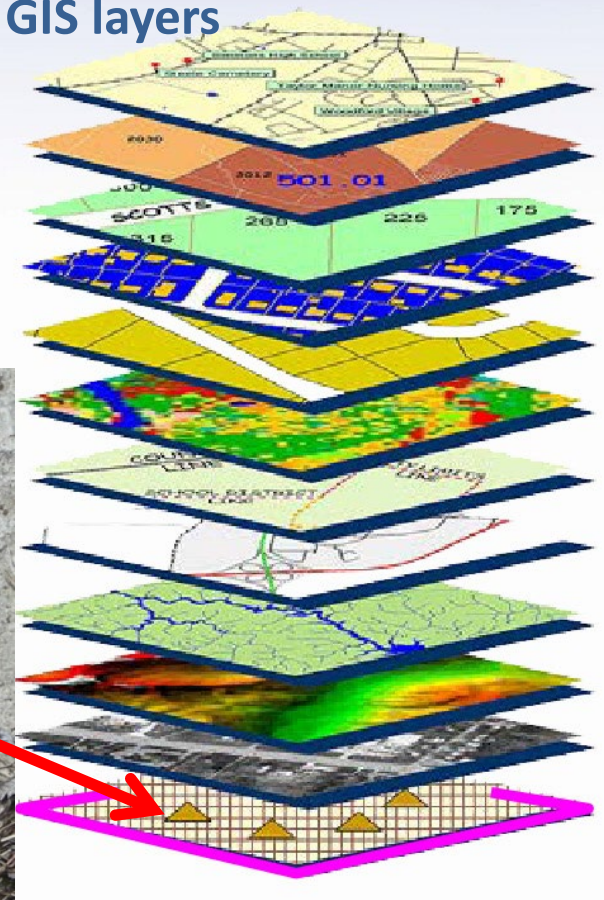


**Cadastral Mapping & Planning**

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# alignment of spatial data is underpinned by geodetic control (Permanent Survey Marks - PSM)

GIS layers



**PSMs are the quiet, passive infrastructure that  
the visible infrastructure depends upon!**

# PNG94 geodetic datum - zero order geodetic network

**(3 cm 2D precision 95% CL)**

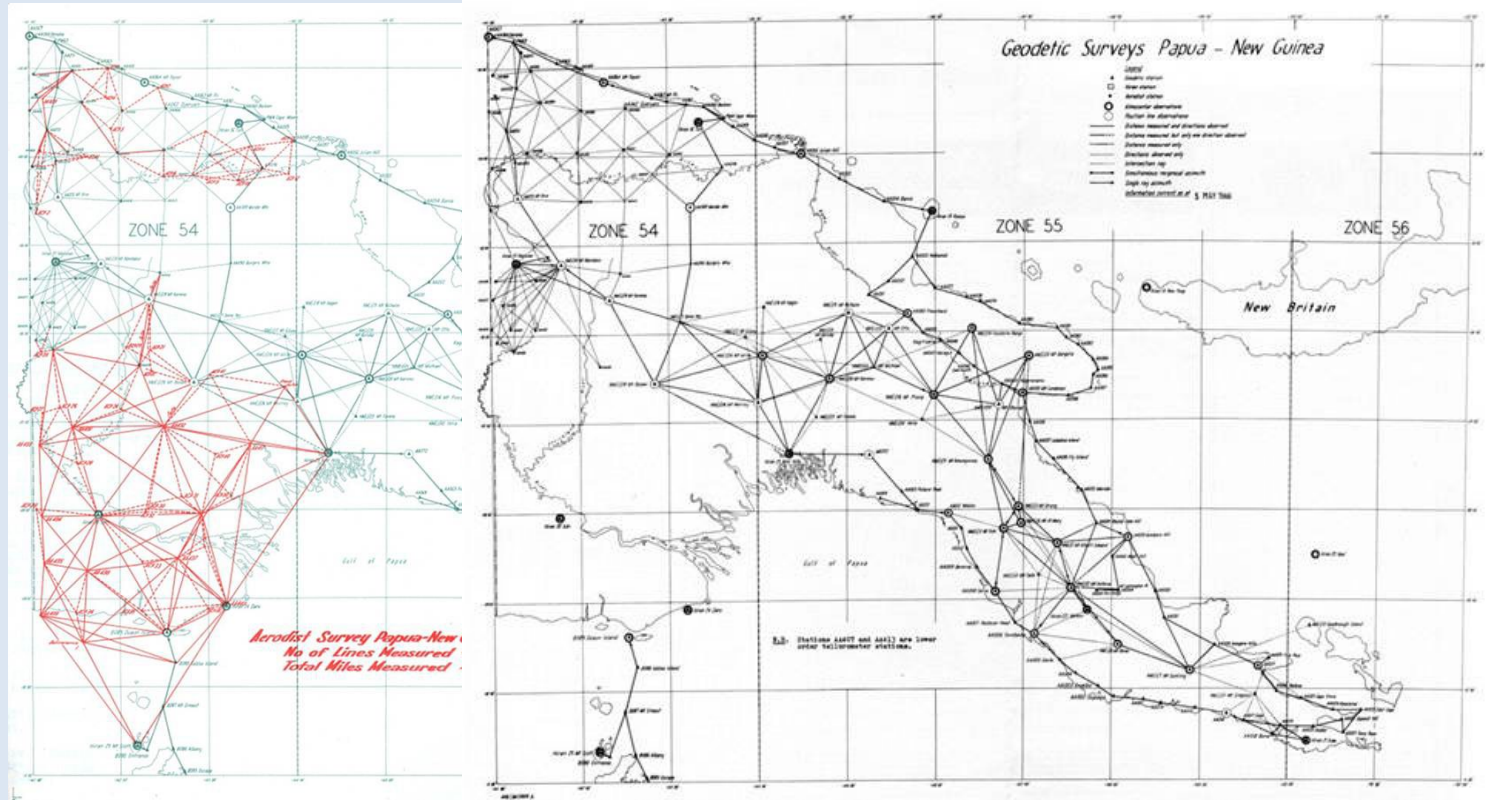
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MORE	NMB TOWER GPS	PSM 15832	-9°26'02.76968"	147°11'12.20017"	116.610
AIAM	AIAMBAK	PSM 9550	-7°20'51.81934"	141°16'01.44646"	95.465
MIS1	BWAGAIOA AIR	PSM 9195	-10°41'19.90490"	152°49'58.93878"	87.456
GOKA	GOROKA	PSM 9833	-6°04'53.07151"	145°23'30.44618"	1664.580
ALT2	GURNEY	PSM 9538	-10°18'37.50877"	150°20'18.09080"	94.871
KAVI	KAVIENG AIR	PSM 9513	-2°34'53.06528"	150°48'22.53578"	78.828
KIKO	KIKORI AIRPORT	PSM 5583	-7°25'24.65305"	144°14'55.76611"	88.965
MAD1	MADANG	GS 15495	-5°12'41.28824"	145°46'56.19305"	73.293
MANU	MANUS SECOR	PSM 9522	-2°03'02.29337"	147°21'37.63577"	129.751
MEND	MENDI	PSM 3507	-6°08'36.73422"	143°39'22.16540"	1815.154
9799	UNITECH SPORTS	PSM 9799	-6°40'16.96985"	146°59'52.37457"	130.389
VANI	VANIMO DOPPLER	PM 63/1	-2°41'05.28039"	141°18'15.65564"	80.516
NM34	WANKKUN	PSM 15029	-6°08'52.07208"	146°04'52.44226"	510.015
WUVU	WUVULU ISLAND	PSM 15456	-1°44'07.59465"	142°50'10.07846"	79.056



# older - Australian Geodetic Datum 1966 (AGD66)

(0.9 m precision 95% CL & ~ 200 m different from PNG94, WGS84, ITRF!!)

superseded by  
PNG94  
but still in use.  
(e.g. PNG Oil  
and Gas Act)  
mining projects  
started pre-  
2001

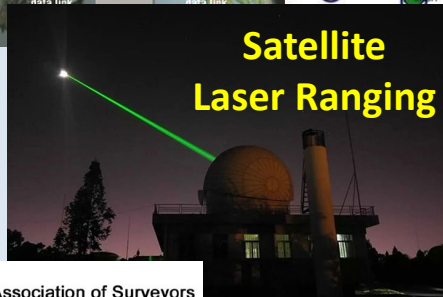
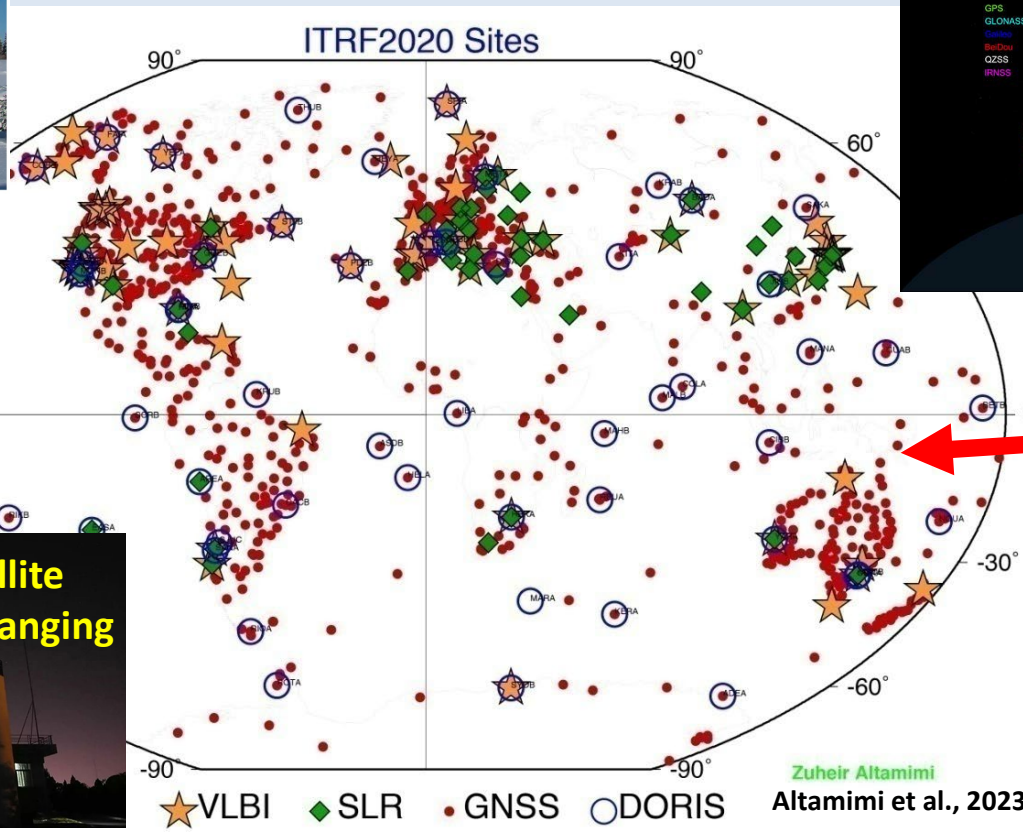
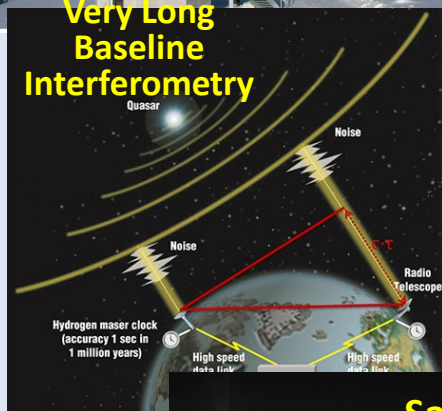


# International Terrestrial Reference Frame

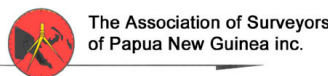
(3 mm precision 95% CL)



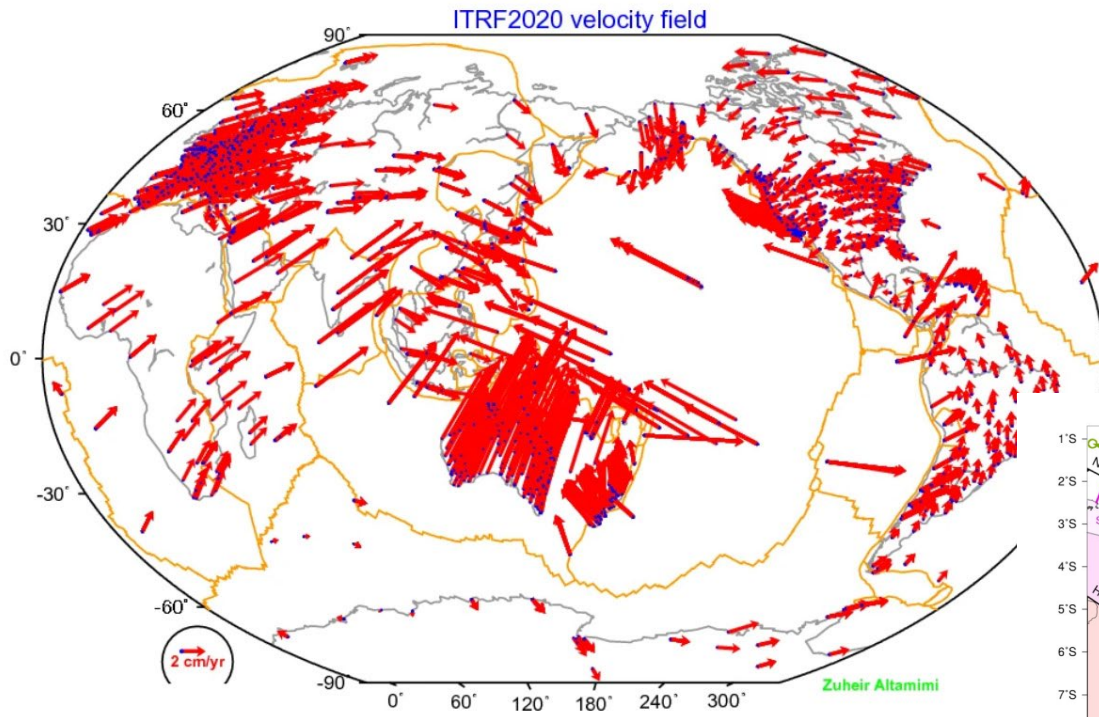
Very Long Baseline Interferometry



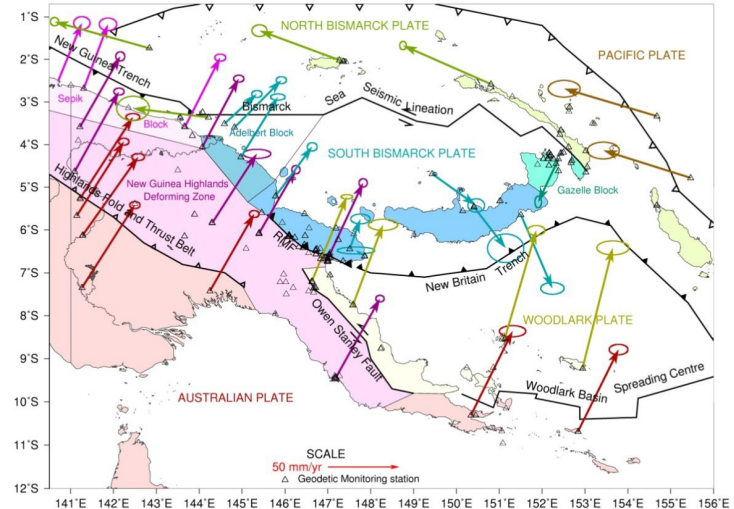
Satellite Laser Ranging



# Geodetic tracking of global and local tectonic motions (velocities)



**(0.5 mmyr<sup>-1</sup> velocity precision 95% CL)**



Stanaway, 2004

# PNG94 is looking at superannuation

PNG94 is now over **30 years old** (reference epoch)

Users of precise GNSS (and even handheld GPS) see differences between GPS coordinates (WGS 84 or ITRF2014, ITRF2020) and PNG94.

This difference is due to ~ 2 metres of tectonic displacement in PNG since 1994 (secular interseismic displacement between 1994 and 2024) and

3381  $M_w$  5.0 and larger earthquakes since 1994 (< 30 cm displacement)

112  $M_w$  6.5 and larger earthquakes since 1994 (< 1m level displacement)

**14  $M_w$  7.5 earthquakes since 1994 (1-5 metre displacement)**

Significant distortions now in the PNG94 network that exceed many surveying and positioning tolerances. Increasingly difficult to use a site velocity model to estimate PNG94 coordinates from current ITRF coordinates from precise point positioning GNSS/GPS.







# PNG2020 now funded!

The PNG Government funded development of PNG2020 in May 2024 to supersede PNG94

ITRF2020 at epoch 2020.0

(1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 reference epoch)

Static GNSS observations on as many PSMs as funds will allow.

**Support from other agencies is essential!**





# Lae seismic zone GNSS survey



56<sup>th</sup> ASPNG Annual Congress, PNGUoT, Lae , PNG, 16-18 October 2024

# PNG2020 station and observation priorities

1. Geodynamic monitoring stations (to develop tectonic velocity model)
2. Urban survey control (cadastral, construction, services)
3. International border monuments (Indonesia/PNG border)
4. Critical infrastructure (airports, ports, highways, power, water, telco/data)
5. Mining operations (SML, mine grid origins including exploration grids)
6. Oil and gas operations (well locations, pipelines, production facilities)
7. Agriculture and Forestry (oil palm, plantations, forestry mapping)
8. Geohazard monitoring (volcanoes, active tectonic faults, landslides)
9. Sea level monitoring (vertical movement of NMSA tide gauges)
10. Rural cadastral control (customary land surveys)
11. Existing geodetic stations (for transformation parameter estimation)

# PNG2020 current progress

APRGP 2024 Campaign just completed

OSG Geodetic Section will progressively complete remaining observations around key geodetic stations in PNG over the next 7 months

Currently 70% of primary geodetic stations have been reobserved to date to define PNG2020 fiducial network for government gazettal.



# AllDayRTK – Launched in PNG yesterday

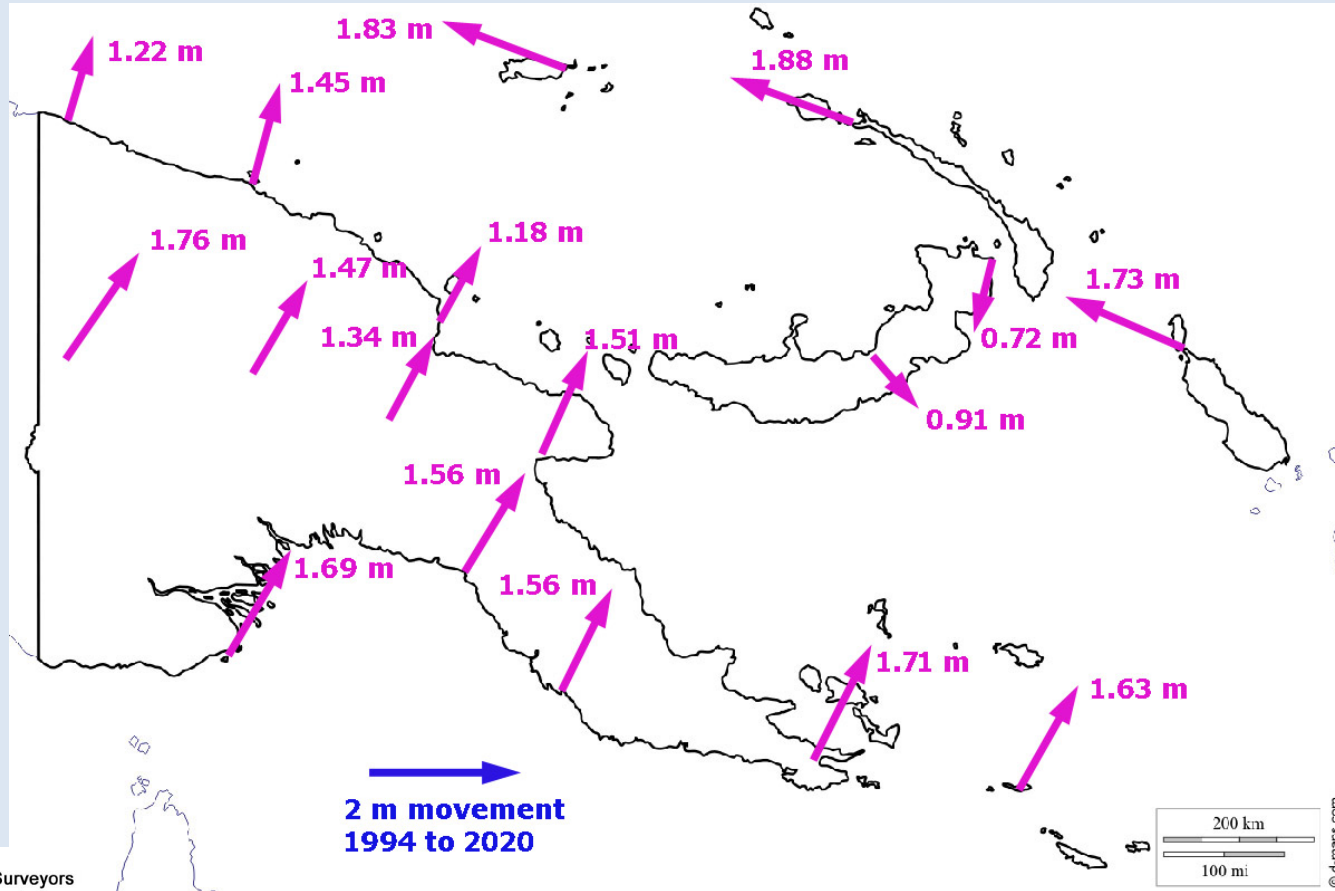
The first subscription based RTK CORS network in PNG using NTRIP (internet corrections for RTK)



Pat Gilbert (Aptella) and Fred Sioni (Theodist) demonstrating 2 cm precision at Unitech 7 km from the newly installed LAE3 CORS at Theodist Lae



# Difference between PNG94 and PNG2020





# PNG2020 data analysis



1993-2024

Data recovery and analysis of 32 years of GNSS/GPS static observation data archive processed in a consistent ITRF2020 geodetic reference frame.


1990-2024



Steve Saunders  
1998-2023

Station velocities estimated to 1 mmyr<sup>-1</sup> at 95% CL  
Positions estimated at 1 cm precision (95% CL) at ITRF2020 at epoch 2020.0 (1<sup>st</sup> January 2020)

 UNSW SYDNEY  
Simon McClusky  
1990-1994

 Australian National University  
Research School of Earth Sciences  
ANU College of Science

**QUICKCLOSE**



**UC SANTA CRUZ**



Paul Tregoning  
1996-2008

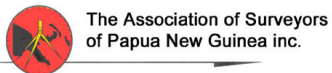
Richard Stanaway  
2000-2004

2005-2024

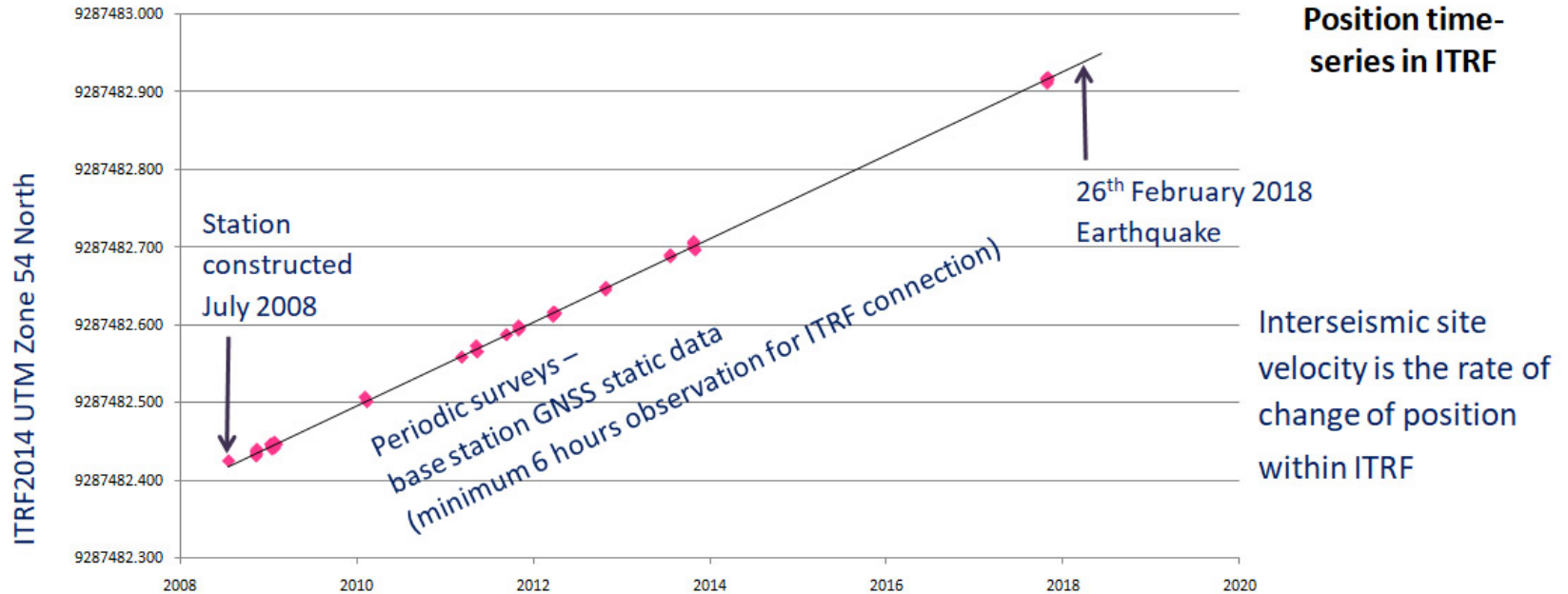
Colleen Stevens  
1993-1997

Laura Wallace  
1997-2001

2003-2013



# interseismic velocity from campaign GNSS

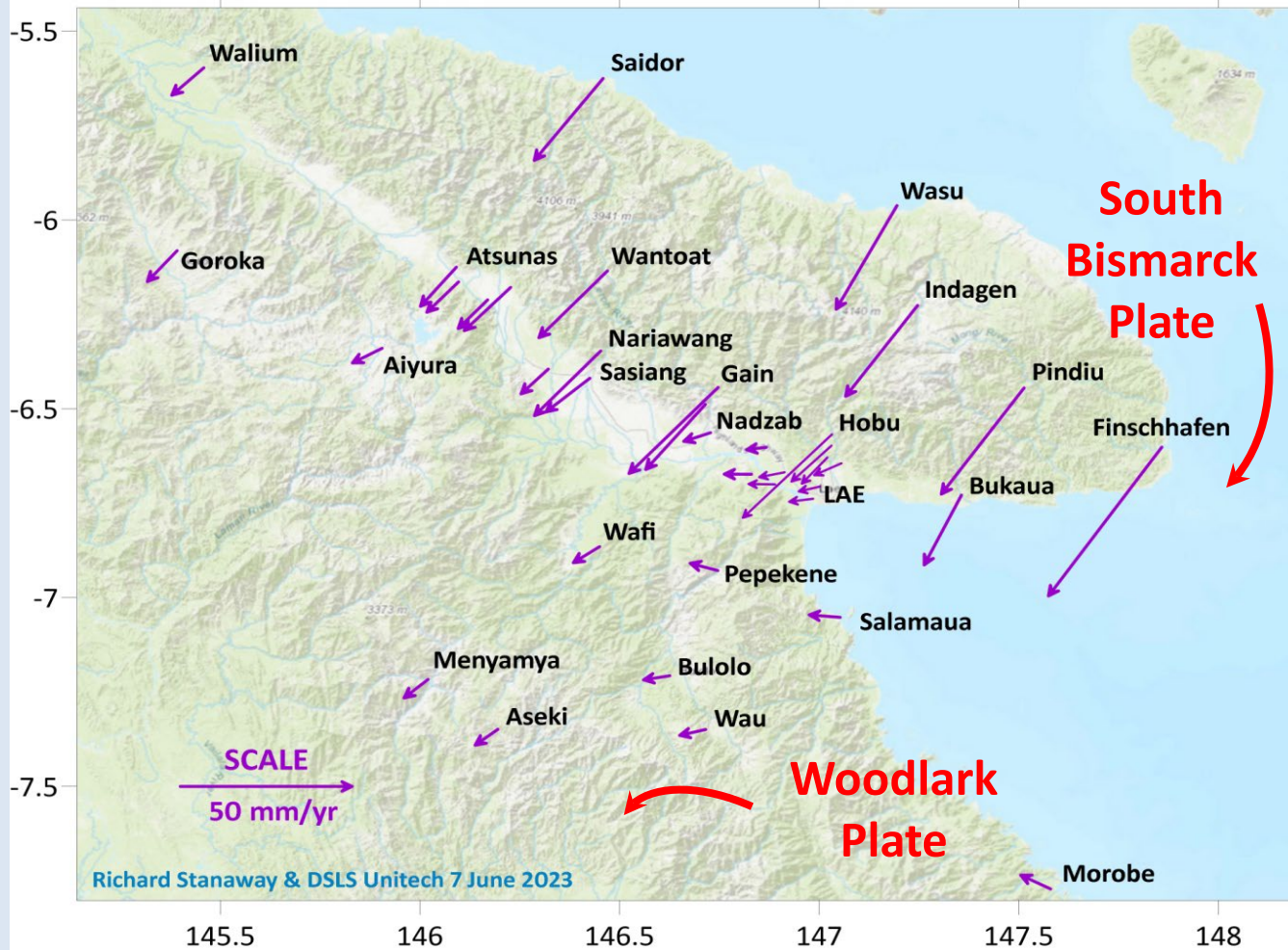


Example – PSM 32567 (IAGI) Ridge Camp – topocentric North component

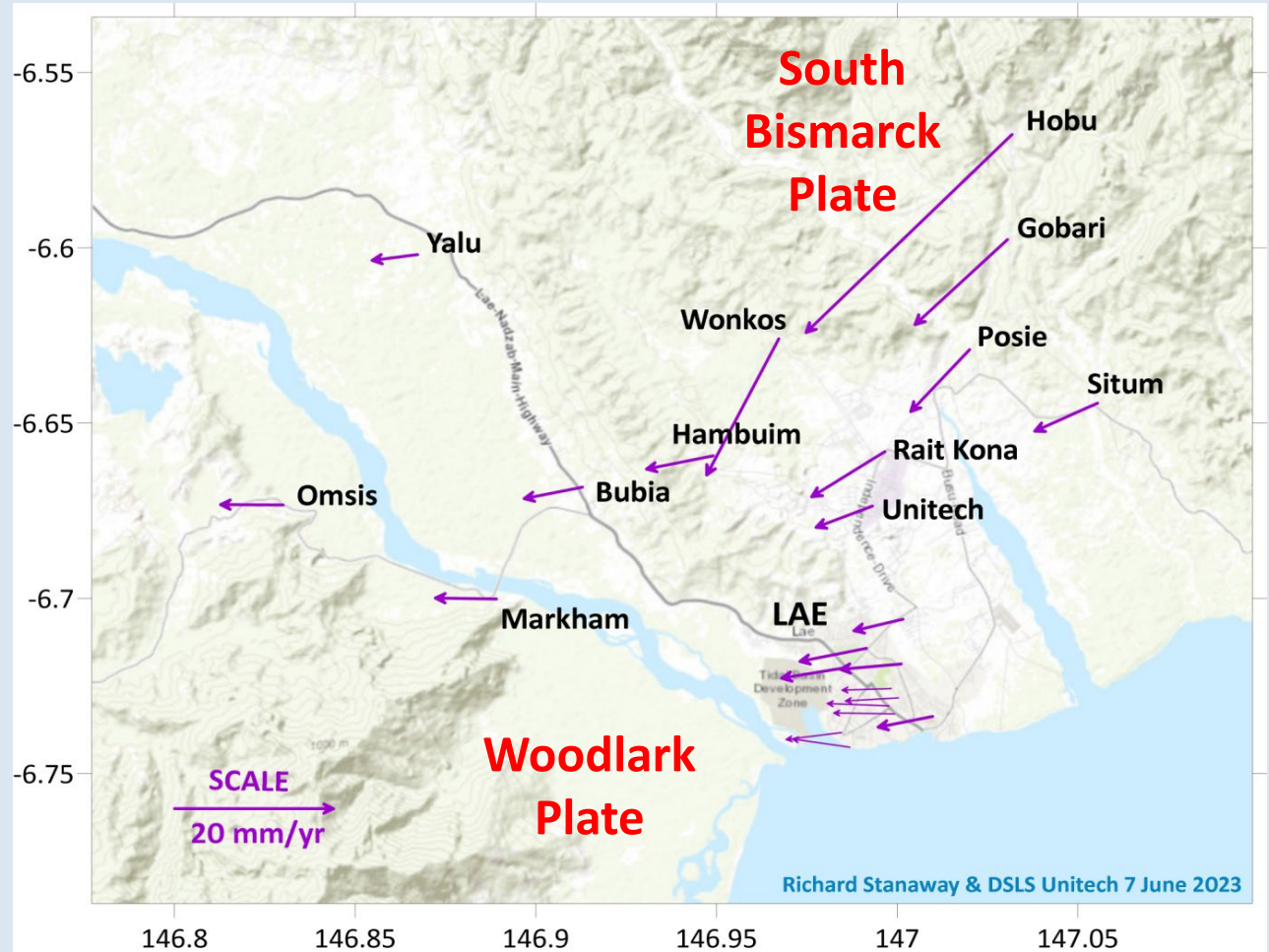
Interseismic motion is typically highly linear



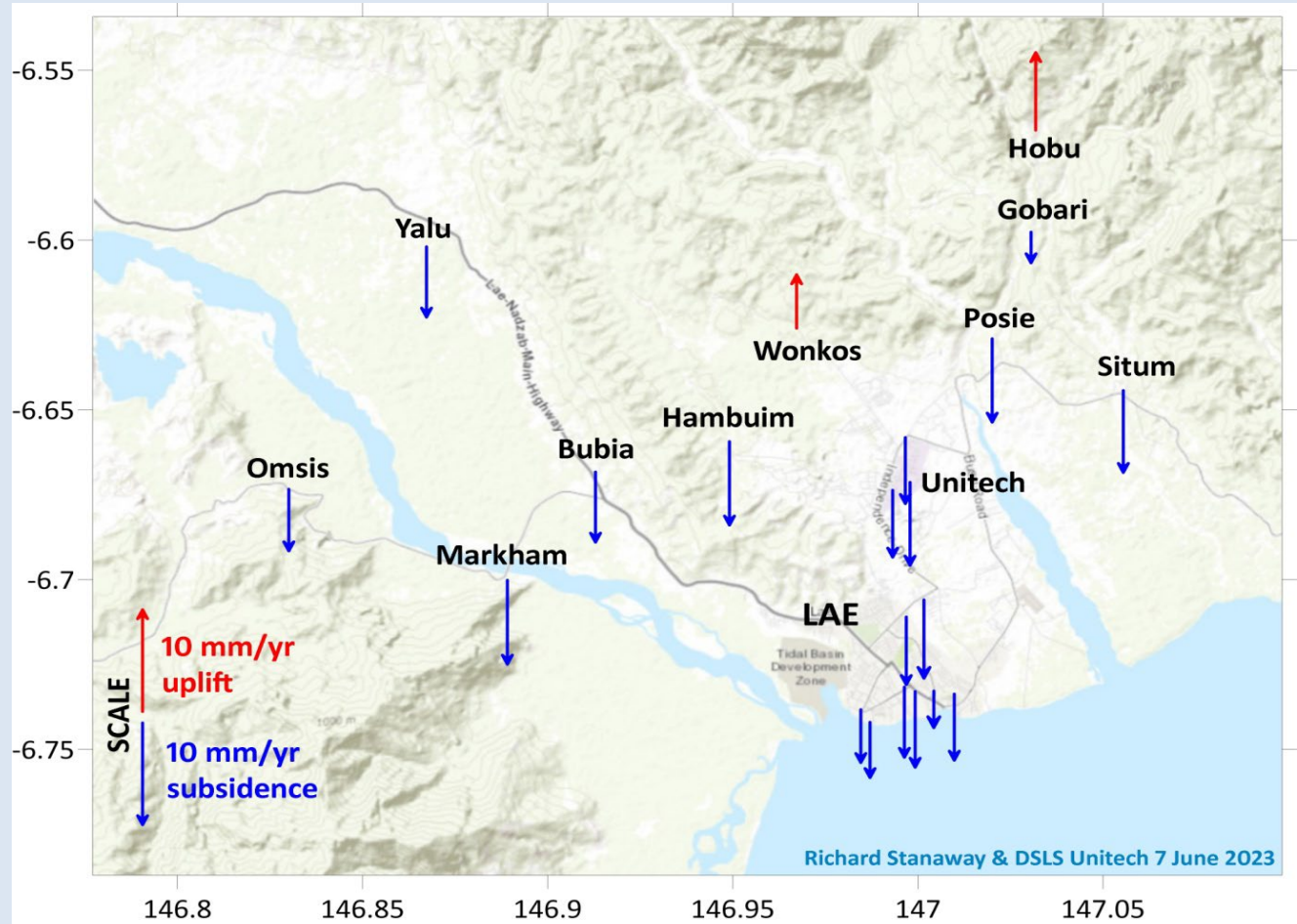
# RMFZ & LSZ velocities in a stable Australian Plate reference frame



# Lae Seismic Zone (LSZ) velocities in a stable Australian Plate reference frame

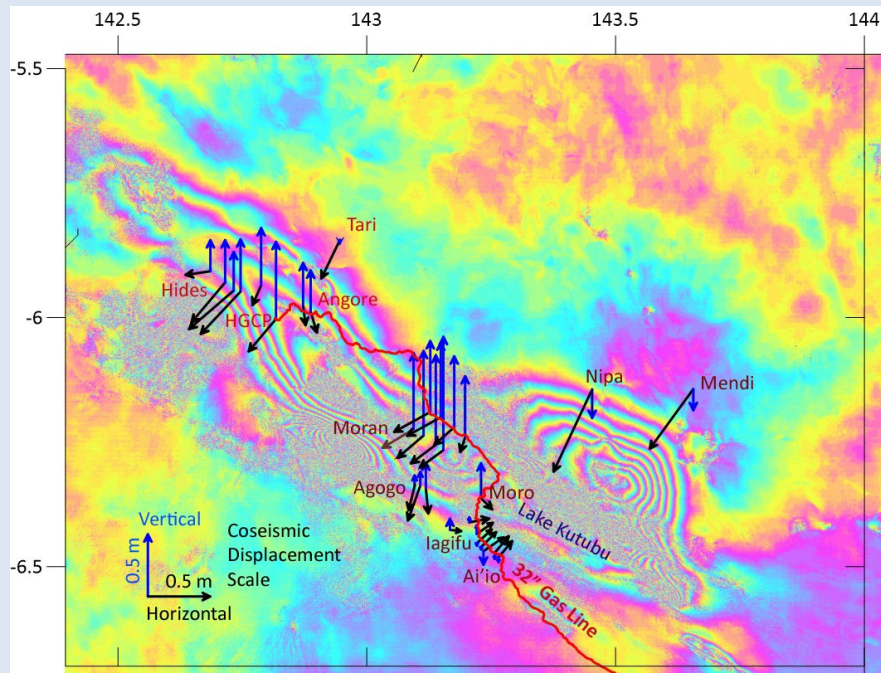


# Lae Urban area vertical velocities

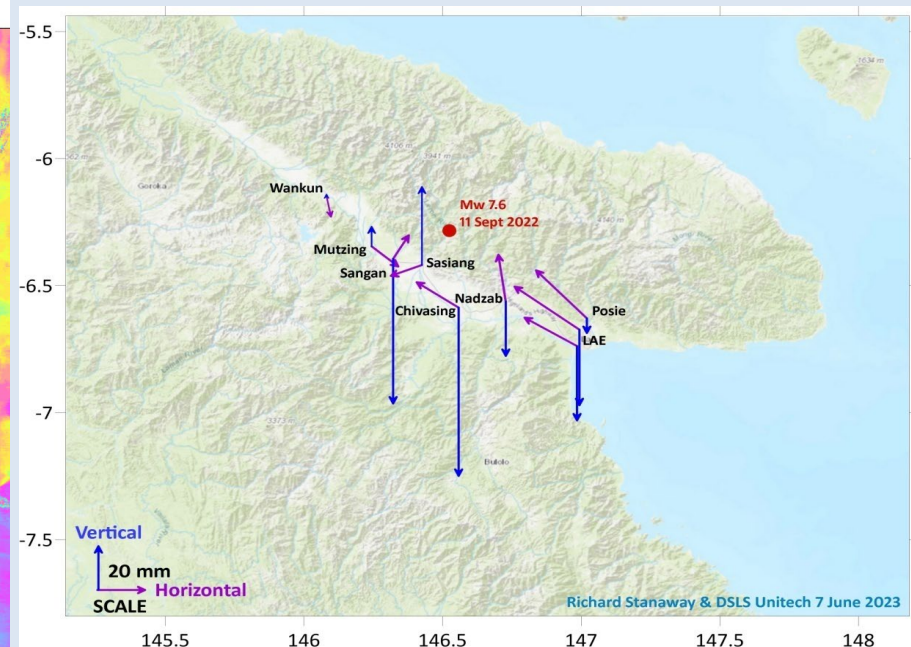


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# coseismic displacement from GNSS



2018 PNG Highlands  $M_w$  7.5 Earthquake sequence displacement observed by GNSS and InSAR (ALOS2 Interferogram, Jaxa, 2018)

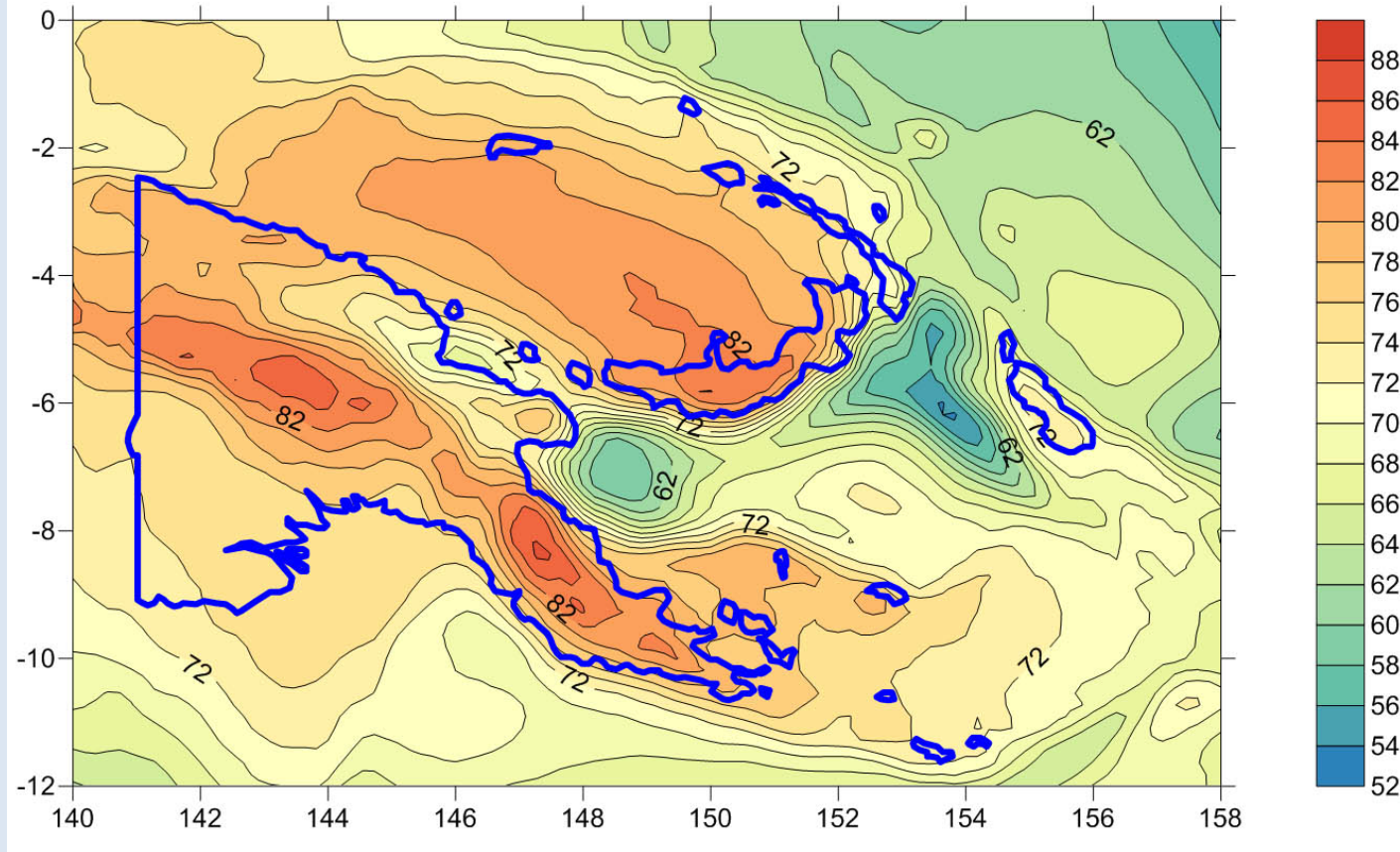


Coseismic displacement from 11 September 2022  $M_w$  7.6 eq. (depth ~ 90 km)



# PNG geoid model

PNG08 geoid model to be updated with new tide-gauge connections, modelling and gravity observations



PNG08 geoid model, Stanaway, 2011

# PNG2020 Datum components

**Physical Monuments** – PSMs, CORS antenna mounts

**Information** – geodetic database (Coordinates, elevations, metadata), PSM sketches, kml files etc..

**Access** – CORS data portal, RTCM/NTRIP, online access to database

**Models** – tectonic interseismic velocity grids, geoid models

**Legal** – Geodetic Registry (EPSG) - GIS, PNG Government Gazette

**Knowledge** – stakeholder involvement and training, guidelines (DLPP, MRA, DPE, NAC, Urban Authorities, utilities)

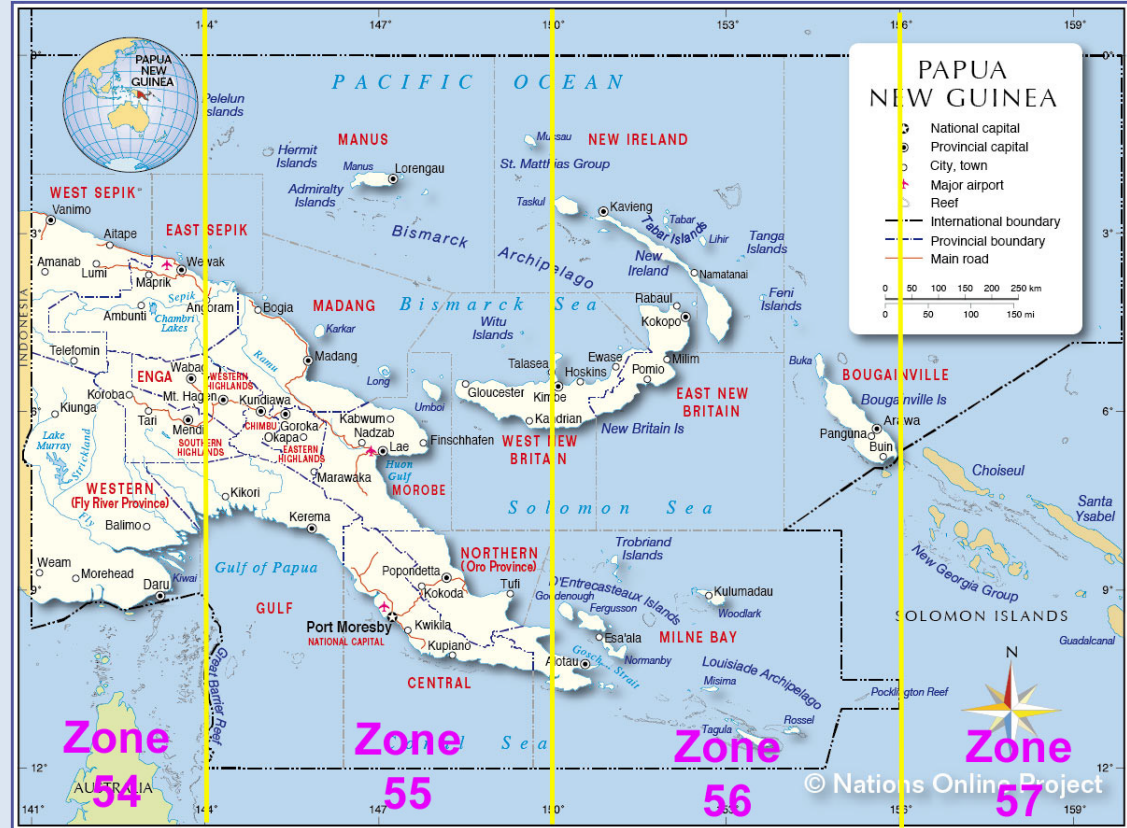
# PNG2020 Projected Grids

## Mapping grids

PNGMG2020 based on UTM

same as with PNG94 (PNGMG94) and AGD66 (AMG66)

Zones 54 to 58



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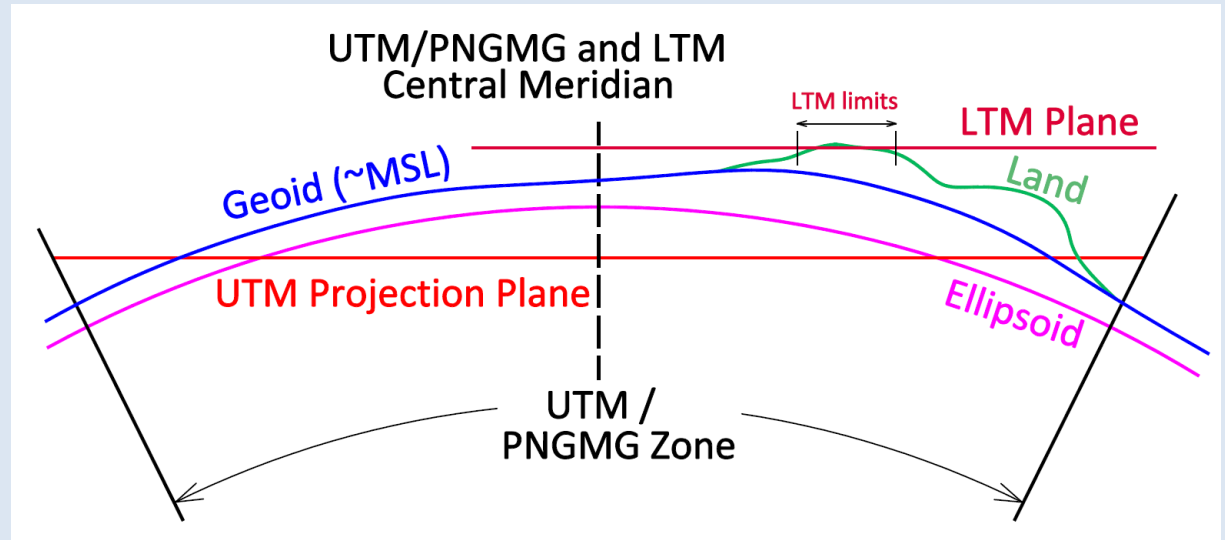
## Town grids

Local Transverse Mercator (LTM) projections with SF close to 1.000000 for use with cadastral and engineering surveys

Same latitude/longitude (PNG2020) as PNGMG2020

Bearing equality with PNGMG2020 (no rotation)

POM2020 – NCD  
LAE2020 – Lae  
HGN2020 – Mt Hagen  
WWK2020 - Wewak  
RAB2020 – Rabaul  
and all major towns





# Town Grid LTM formulation

$$\lambda_{0(\text{LTM})} = \lambda_{0(\text{PNGMG2020})}$$

LTM Central meridian is same as PNGMG2020

$$\phi_{0(\text{LTM})} = \phi_{0(\text{PNGMG2020})} = 0^\circ$$

LTM latitude origin is same as PNGMG2020

$$E_{0(\text{LTM})} = E_{LO} + \frac{500000 - E_{UO}}{C}$$

False Easting of LTM CM

$E_{UO}$  PNGMG coordinates  
of local origin

$$N_{0(\text{LTM})} = N_{LO} + \frac{10000000 - N_{UO}}{C}$$

False Northing of  
LTM latitude origin

$E_{LO}$  LTM coordinates of  
local origin

$$k_{0(\text{LTM})} = \frac{0.9996}{C}$$

LTM CM scale factor

$$C \approx \frac{\left(0.9996 + \left(E_{\text{PNGMG2020}} - 500000\right)^2 \cdot 1\text{E}^{-14} \cdot 1.2379\right) \cdot 6357000}{6357000 + h}$$

PNGMG2020 combined scale factor

# PNG2020 – Geodetic Registry

## EPSG geodetic registry (and ISO TC 211 registry)

This is an industry standard for GIS/Mapping and positioning software

EPSG codes for the PNG2020 datum, projected map grids  
(PNGMG2020 Zone 54 to Zone 58 and LTM based town grids)

**Kinematic tectonic model (velocity grid)** – to transform between  
ITRF2020 (dynamic coordinates) and PNG2020 (NTv2 & GGXF format)

**PNG94(2022) to PNG2020 transformation grid (NTv2 & GGXF)**

**AGD66 to PNG2020 transformation grid (NTv2 & GGXF)**

# Thank You!



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