

ERTH 491-01 / GEOP 572-02
**Geodetic Methods for Understanding Earth's
Surface Deformation**

– Lecture 01: Logistics, Introduction–

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- Syllabus
- Course Website (in progress):
http://grapenthin.org/teaching/geop572_2015
- Field trip? When is best time?: Valles, local?
- Term Projects
- Labs
- This class is for YOU ...

Navigation improved them all . . .

- Geodesy: study of size and shape of the Earth; mapping of its surface (positioning, earth rotation/orientation, gravity)
- Timekeeping: Art and science of measuring time
- Astronomy: provided reference system

Longitude and Time

- difference in longitude between 2 places == difference in local time
- Earth rotates $360^\circ / 24 \text{ hrs} = 15^\circ / \text{hr}$
- Challenge (for centuries!): Knowing local times in 2 places instantaneously
- Mechanical clocks: in 16th century good clock had error of 10 min/day ($\propto 1^{\text{circ}}$, integrate over voyage!)
- Astronomy: observe celestial event and determine longitude ... for navigation requires prediction of these events (decipher patterns of heavenly bodies)

Old Geodesy, Astronomy

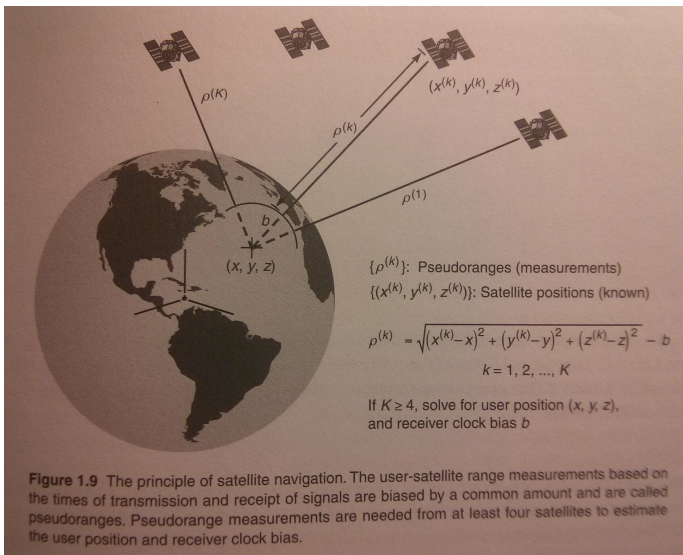
Measurement of angles:

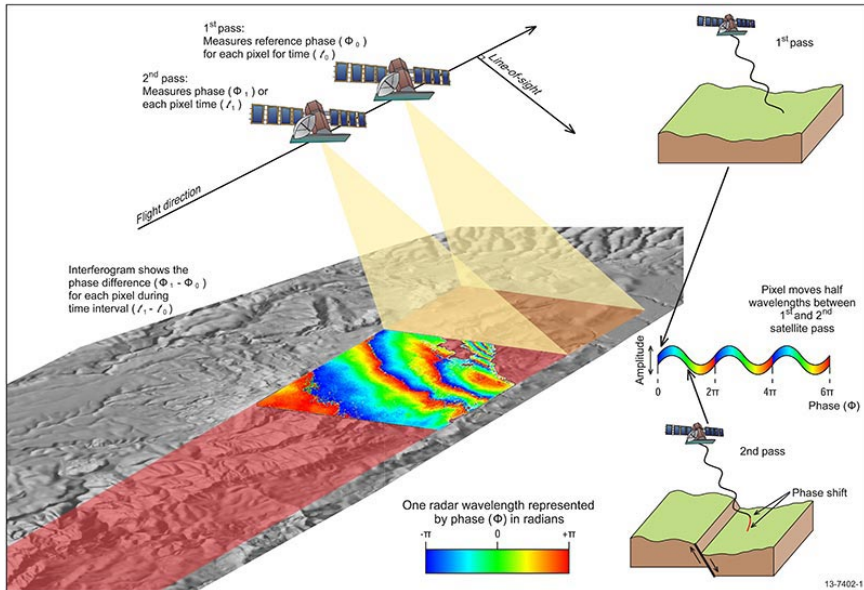


Peter Apian's *Geographia* 1533

Space Age Revolution (and atomic clocks!)

- Change from measuring angles to measuring **distances**
- Precise distance measurement requires precise timing: atomic clocks in 1950s
- Different satellite systems predecessors of GPS
- GPS: provide position, time, velocity
- Fundamental ideas in GPS:
 - passive system broadcasts signal, user listens
 - positioning through trilateration (70s: great clocks!)
 - spread spectrum signaling: all satellites transmit simultaneously on one radio frequency
 - constellation: each user needs 4+ satellites . . . economic choice: Medium earth orbit at 20,000 km





GRACE Mission

Science Goals
High resolution, mean & time variable gravity field mapping for Earth System Science applications.

Mission Systems

Instruments

- KBR (JPL/SSL)
- ACC (ONERA)
- SCA (DTU)
- GPS (JPL)

Satellite (JPL/DSS)
Launcher (DLR/Eurockot)
Operations (DLR/GSOC)
Science (CSR/JPL/GFZ)

Orbit

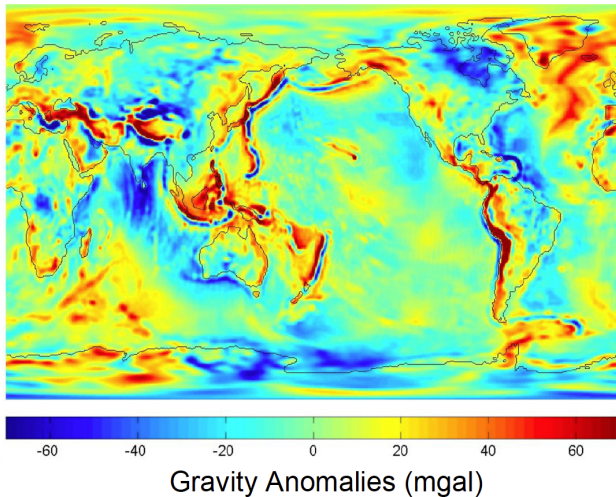
Launch: June 2001
Altitude: 485 km
Inclination: 87 deg
Eccentricity: ~0.001
Lifetime: 5 years
Non-Repeat Ground Track
Earth Pointed, 3-Axis Stable

The diagram illustrates the GRACE mission components. Two satellites are shown in orbit, connected by a 24 & 32 GHz Crosslink. They communicate with ground stations via S-Band TT&C. The Earth's surface shows various stations: Poker Flat, Spitzbergen, Neustrelitz, and Weilheim, each with a Downlink & Uplink link. Mission Control (DLR-GSOC) and SDS (CSR/JPL/GFZ) are also indicated. The RDC (DLR-DFD) is located near Spitzbergen. NASA Stations LEOP & Contingency (Also McMurdo) are shown near the South Pole.

courtesy: Geoscience Australia, <http://www.ga.gov.au/scientific-topics/positioning-navigation/geodesy/geodetic-techniques/interferometric-synthetic-aperture-radar>

Gravity Field(from GRACE)

GGM03S (47 months)



Tapley et al. 2007, AGU