



How Japan COULD join land and sea data

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Outline

- Current Height System in Japan
 - ✓ Land: Geodetic Leveling, Tide Gauge Station, Hybrid Geoid
 - ✓ Marine: Hydrographic Survey
- Ongoing and Future Prospects of Height System in Japan
 - ✓ Land: Gravity Geoid, Nationwide Height Update
 - ✓ Marine: Ellipsoidally Referenced Survey
- Challenges
 - ✓ Huge vertical Crustal Deformation
 - ✓ Sea Level Change, the Kuroshio Path Variation





Height System in Japan: Land

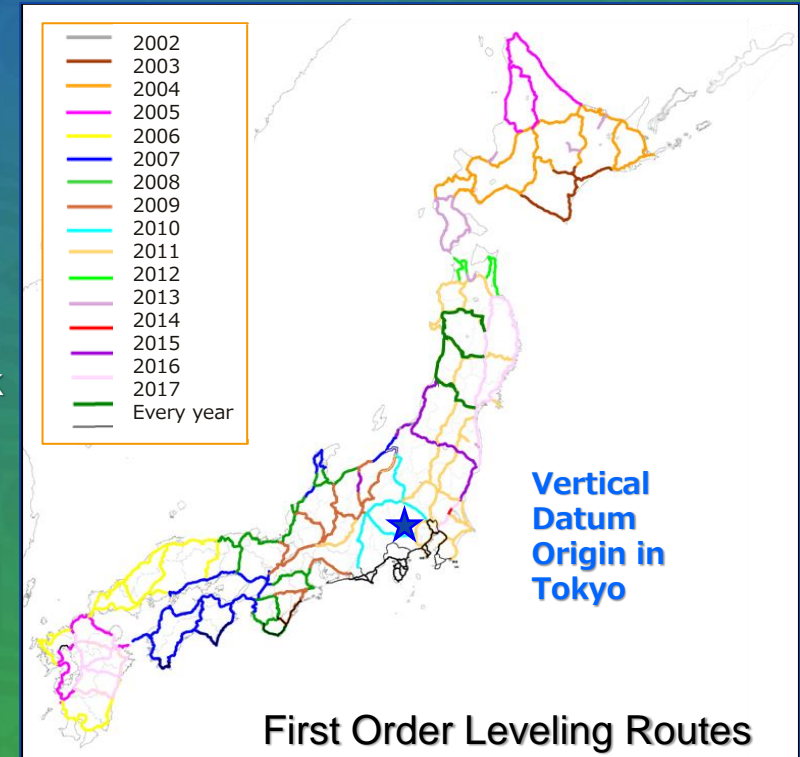
- First Order Leveling Routes 14,000km (170,000 benchmarks)
 - ✓ Repeated geodetic leveling campaign since 1983 (10-15 years for one campaign)
- Mean Sea Level in Tokyo Bay
 - ✓ Monitored by Tide Gauge Station since 1894



Vertical Datum Origin in Tokyo (& GNSS CORS Station)



First Order Benchmark

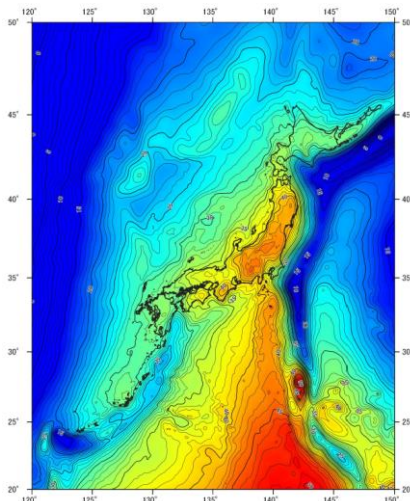




Height System in Japan: Land (Cont.)

- Hybrid Geoid Model of Japan: GSIGEO2011
 - ✓ Gravity Geoid Model fit to GNSS/Leveling geoid height by Least Square Collocation
 - ✓ Fully consistent with orthometric heights of the first order benchmarks

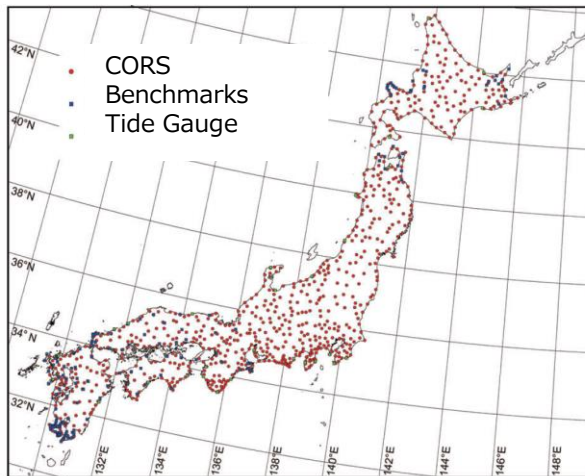
Gravity Geoid Model



JGEOID2008



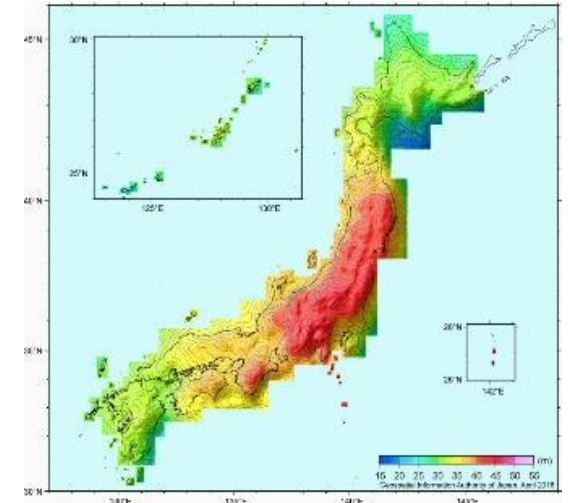
GPSS/Leveling



GNSS/Leveling Geoid Heights



Hybrid Geoid Model



GSIGEO2011

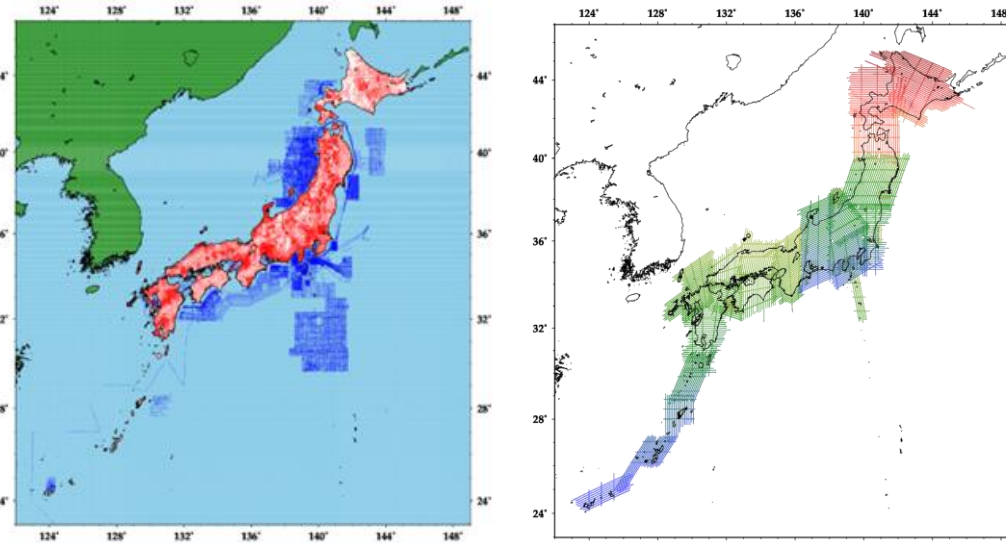




Updates of Height System in Japan: Land

- New Gravity Geoid Model of Japan: JGEOID2024
 - ✓ Nationwide Airborne gravity + land/shipborne/satellite gravity data (+Residual Terrain Model)

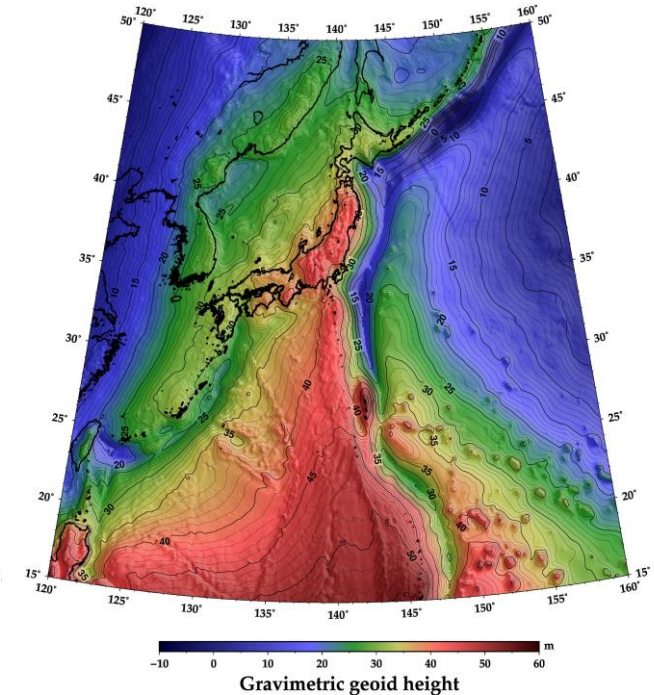
Input Gravity Data Distribution



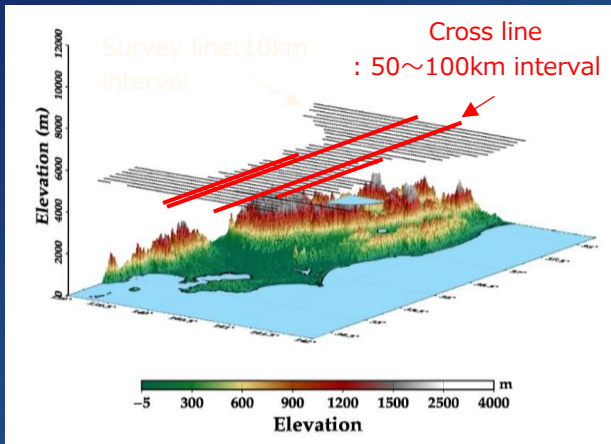
- Land gravity data (326,116 pnt.)
- Ship-borne gravity data (443,338 pnt.)
- Scripps V32.1 model (1 min grid)
- EGM2008 + RTM (1 min grid)

Observed gravity
 New Airborne gravity data
 (2019-2023)

JGEOID2024 (Matsuo, in prep.)



Flight altitude
 : 3000 - 5000m



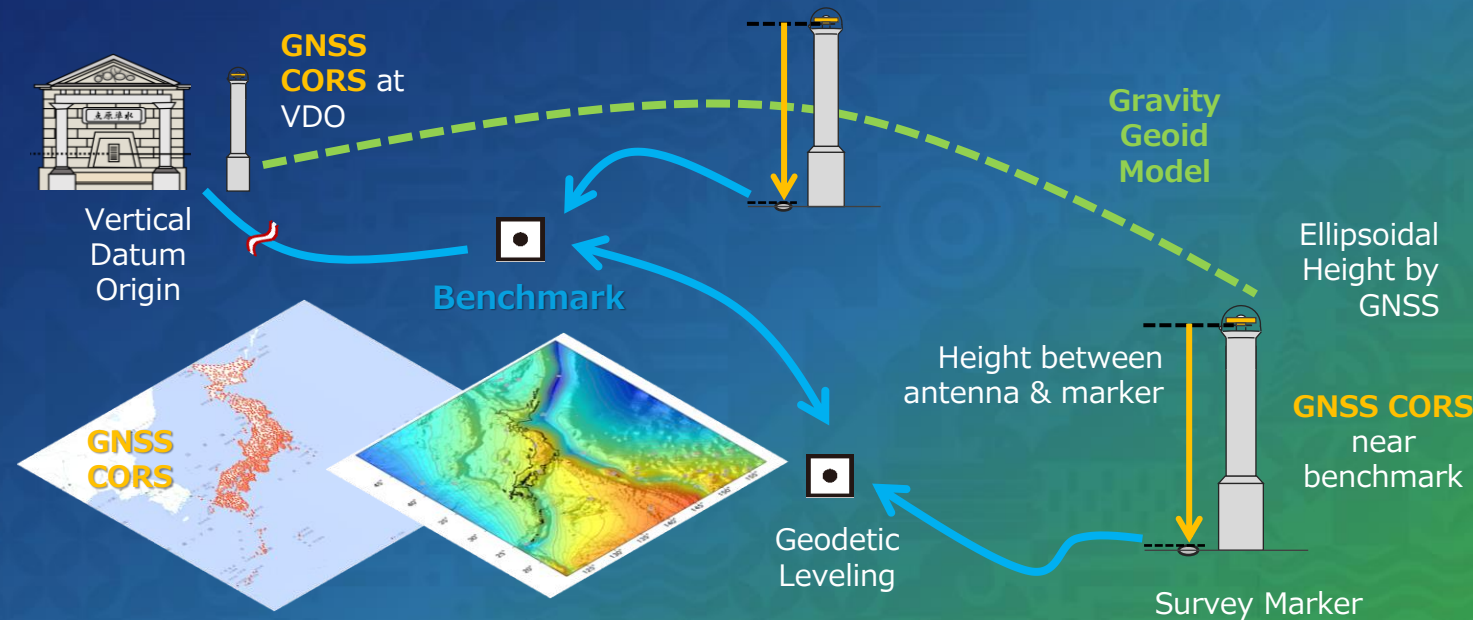
Airborne Gravity Survey





Updates of Height System in Japan: Land (cont.)

- Nationwide Height Update planned in April 2025
 - ✓ New height values calculated from gravity geoid model and GNSS ellipsoidal heights
 - ✓ Introduction of new survey method: **GNSS height Survey**
 - ✓ Orthometric height will be determined only from GNSS & gravity geoid model in GNSS height Survey
 - ✓ GNSS CORS will be control points for orthometric height determination



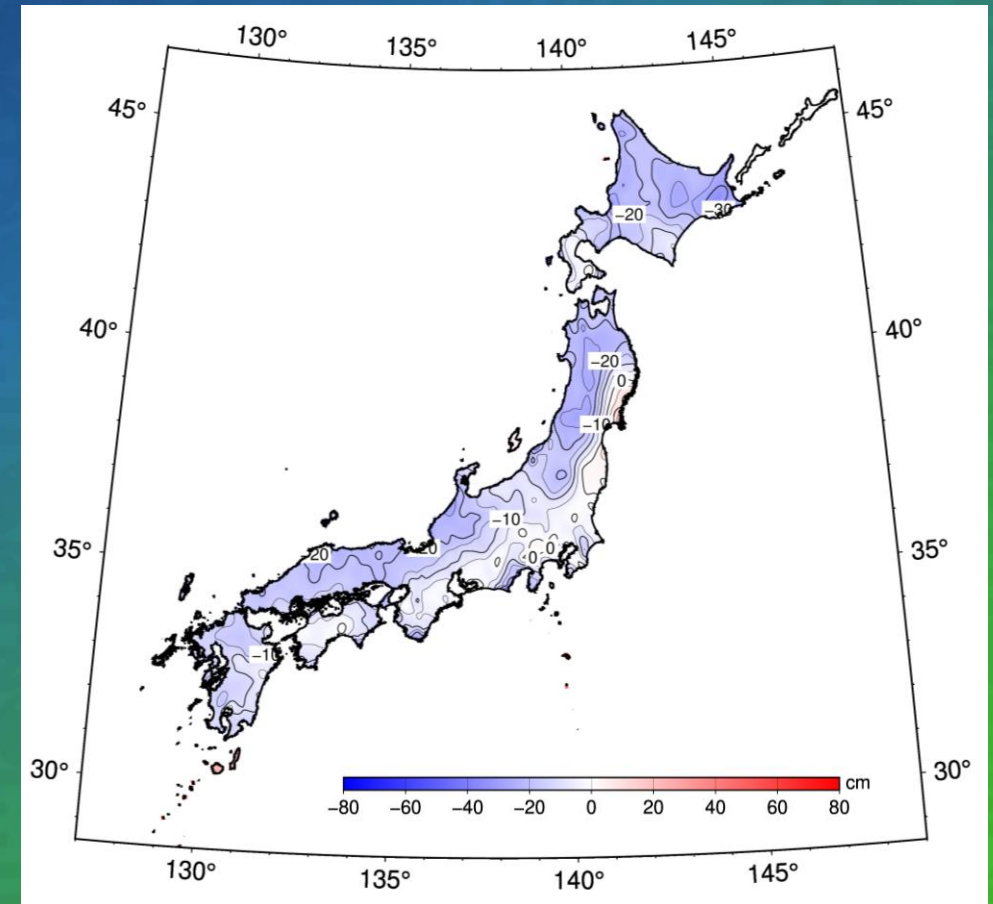
CORS Orthometric Height determination by **GNSS CORS** and **Gravity Geoid Model**





Updates of Height System in Japan: Land (cont.)

- Nationwide Height Update planned in April 2025
 - ✓ Gravity Geoid Model is first developed to fit to IAG recommendation of W0 (geopotential value of global sea level) and **shifted to fit mean sea level of Tokyo Bay** (local sea level)
 - ✓ Changes of height values at almost all benchmarks and GNSS CORS are negative and maximum change is approximately -30cm



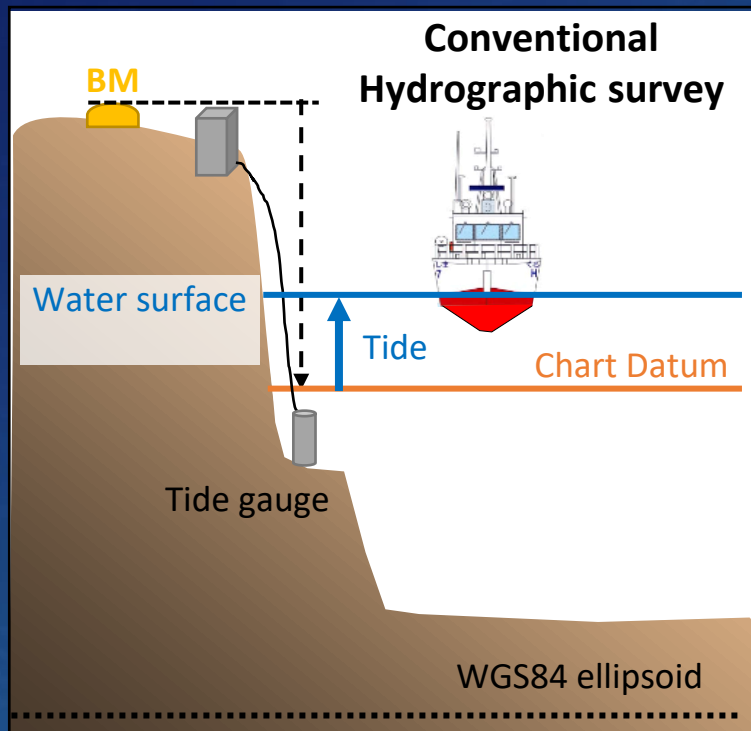
Estimated changes between current and new height values





Height System in Japan: Marine

- Hydrographic Survey
 - ✓ Determine Chart Datum by survey from land benchmark & tidal observation



Conventional Chart Datum List

Port Name Benchmark Lat Lon Chart datum

地名 又は 港名	基本水準標等		最低水面						最高水面	
	所 在	位 置		採 用 年 月	最 近 調 査 年 月	基本水準 標等下 m	平均 水面下 (Z0)m	TP下 m	橋 円 体 高 m	平均 水面上 m
		緯度(N) ° ' "	経度(E) ° ' "							
明石	明石験潮所そばにある県BM(金属標)頂 国土地理院BM(441号)頂	34-39	135-0	平30-11		3.15	0.70		36.42	0.70
淡路島		34-39	134-59	昭58-08	平07-03	3.74	0.70	0.67		0.70
岩屋	漁業組合南東方約100mの岸壁上面にあるHBM(金属標)頂	34-35-28.4	135-1-0.0	平18-12	平31-03	2.17	0.70		36.34	0.70
野島江崎		34-36	134-59				0.70			0.70
淡路島	播磨灘									
室津		34-32	134-52				0.80			0.80
江井	験潮所東方にあるHBM(金属標)頂	34-27-58.2	134-49-41.8	令04-12		2.36	0.80		36.44	0.80
都志	港内にあるHBM(金属標)頂	34-24-53	134-46-48	令03-10		1.90	0.80		36.35	0.80
湊		34-20	134-44				0.90			0.90
引田		34-14	134-24				1.00			1.00
小豆島										
坂手	児島北岸にあるHBM(+符)	34-26	134-20	昭44-04		2.80	1.00			1.00
大部		34-33	134-17				1.00			1.00
家島		34-41	134-32				0.90			0.90
東播磨										
二見	東二見験潮所付近にあるHBM(金属標)頂	34-41	134-53	平25-11	令04-07	2.09	0.80		36.15	0.80
別府		34-43	134-51	昭45-11			0.80			0.80
高砂	兵庫県験潮所そばにあるHBMT頂	34-44	134-48	平30-12	令02-07	4.07	0.90		36.08	0.90
	国土地理院BM(430号)頂	34-46	134-50	平07-06		7.23	0.90	0.86		0.90

Height

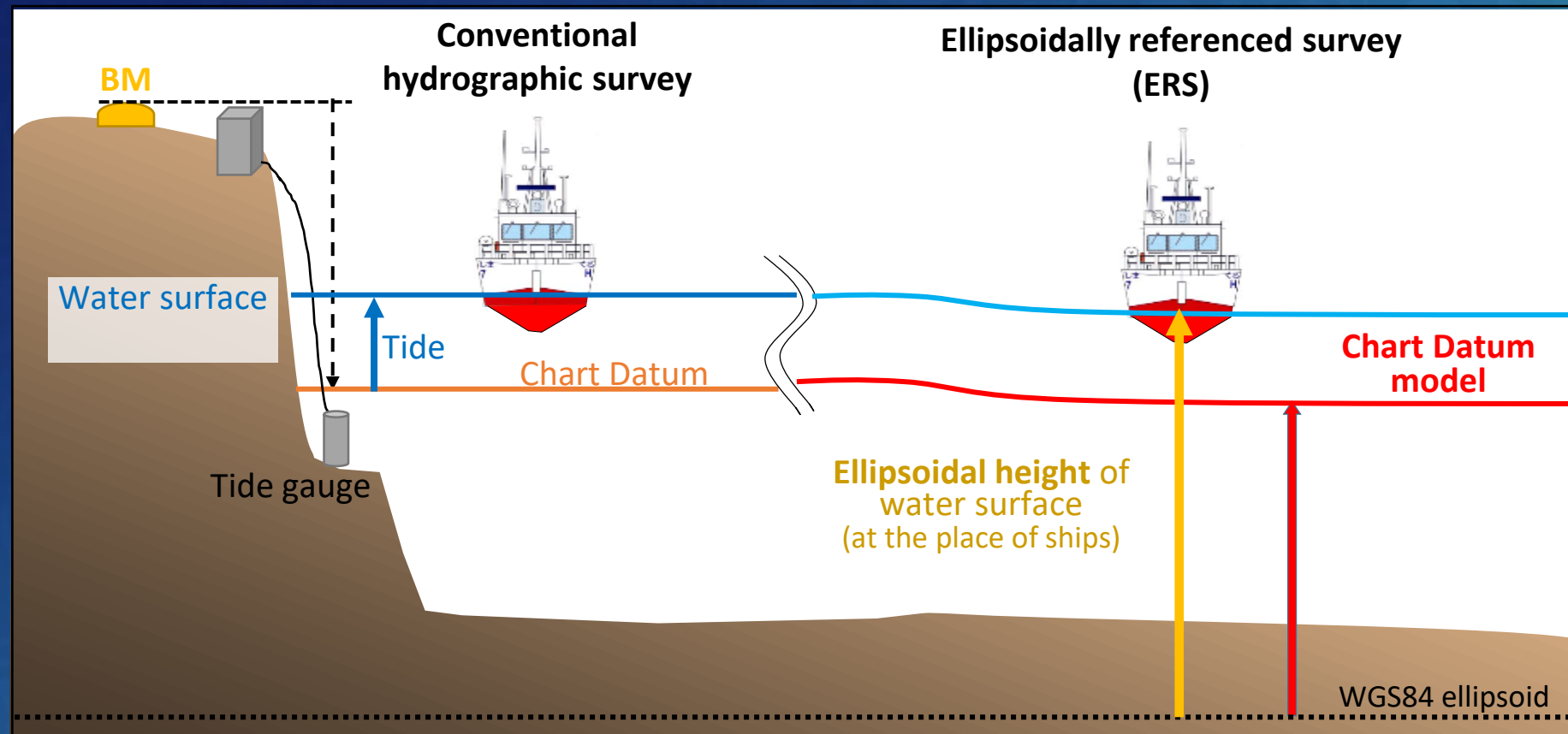
Year of Update





Mirandization of Height System in Japan: Marine

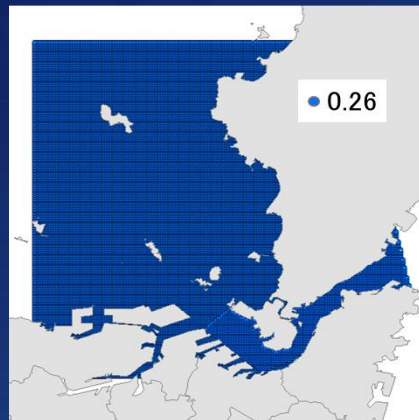
- Introduction of ellipsoidally Referenced Survey
 - ✓ Determine Chart Datum from **ellipsoidal height of water surface** & **Chart Datum model**





Mirandization of Height System in Japan: Marine (cont.)

- Development of Chart Datum model is a key
 - ✓ Determine Chart Datum by **ellipsoidal height of water surface** & Chart Datum model



Mean Sea Level above geoid [m]

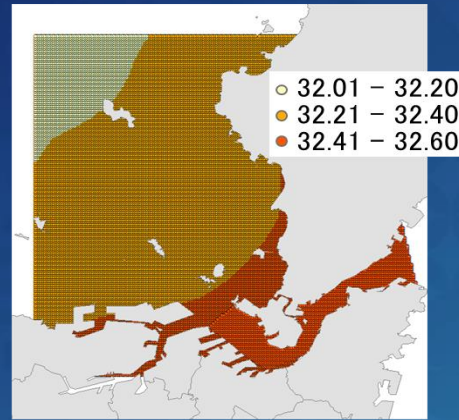
“MSL height”



Complicated variation by

- Kuroshio current
- Ground movements

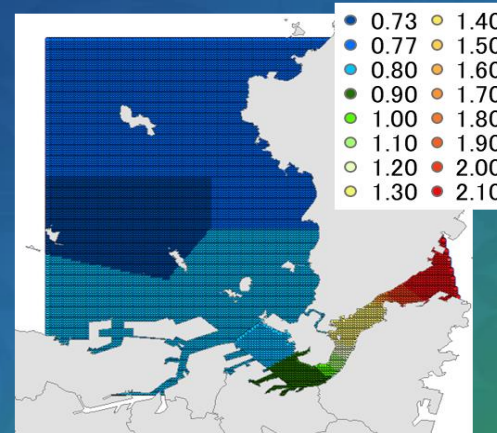
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Geoid model [m]

“JGEOID” (gravity geoid)
published by GSI

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Z₀ [m]

Derived from the list of datum levels on the JCG website

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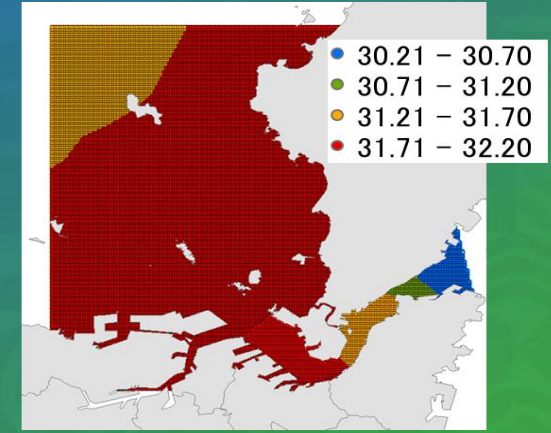


Chart datum model [m]

Gridded ellipsoidal heights of the chart datums

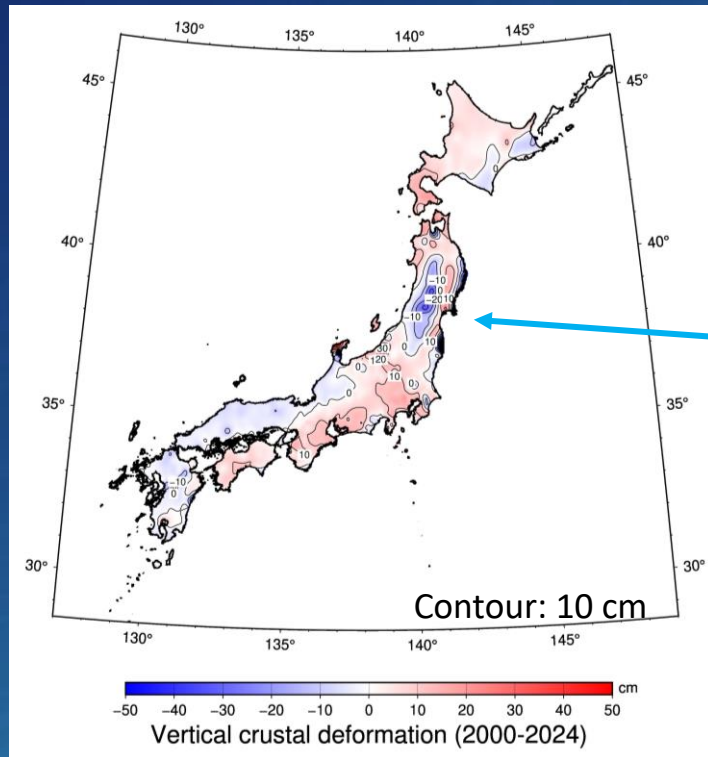
* MSL height: difference between ellipsoidal height of mean sea level and geoid model
 Z₀ : height from Chart Datum to Mean Sea Level (MSL)



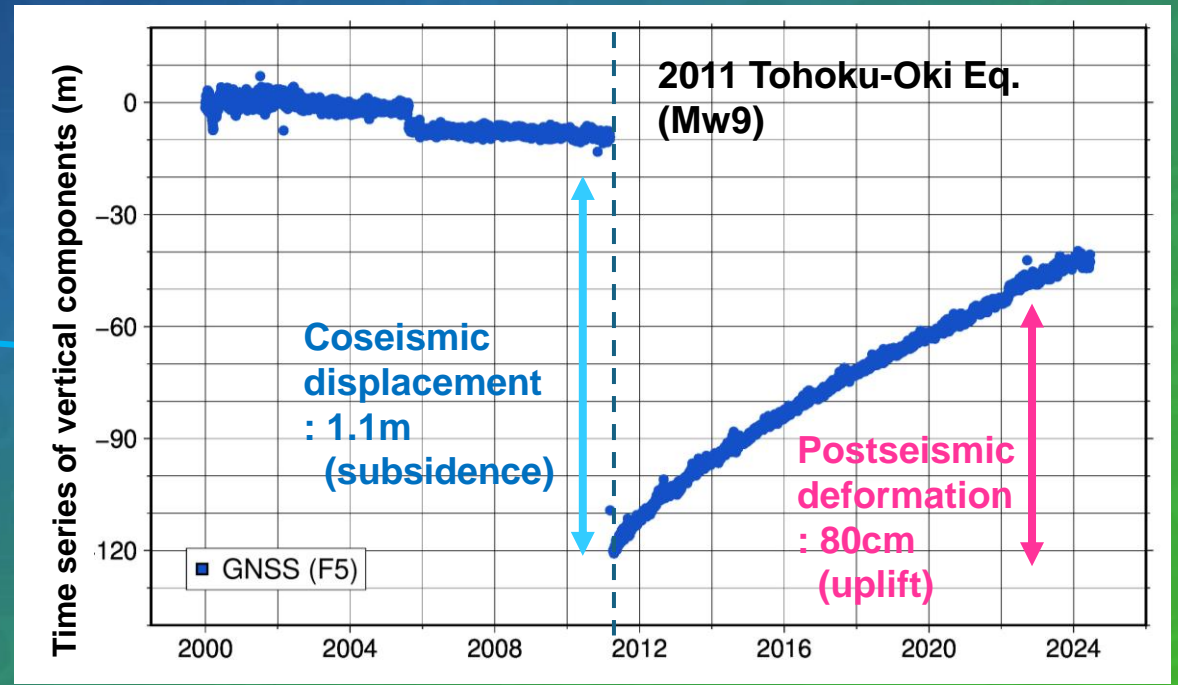


Challenges On Height System in Japan: Land

- Cumulative crustal deformation along coasts
 - ✓ Vertical crustal deformation continues long-term especially after trench-type megaquakes (**80cm uplift in 13 years** after the Tohoku-Oki earthquake)



Cumulative vertical crustal deformation from 2000 to 2024



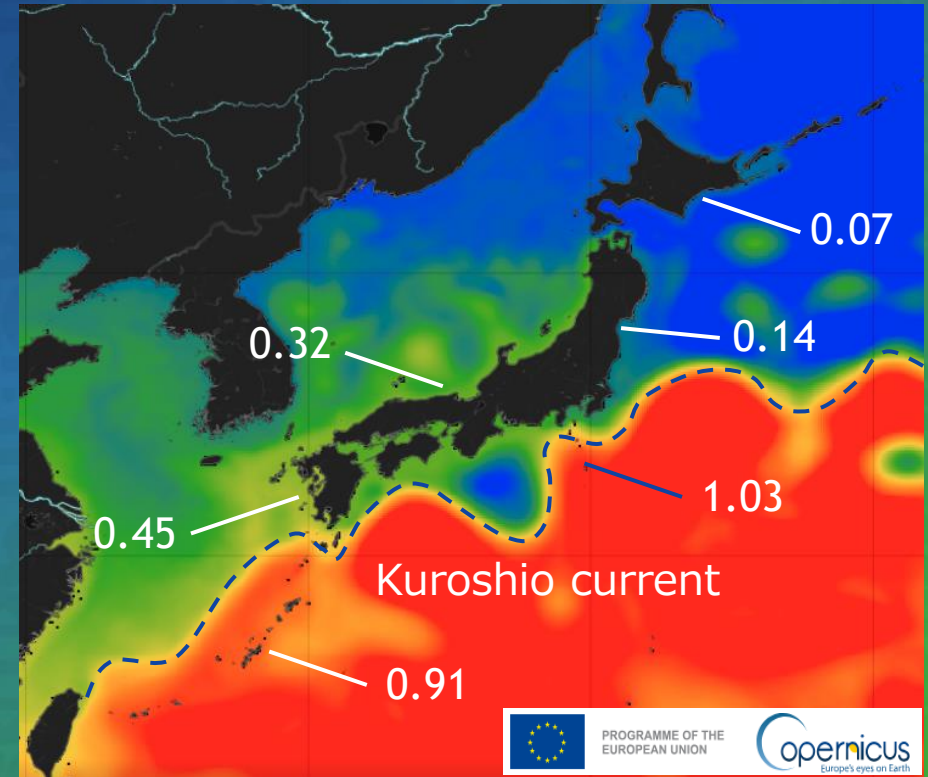
Vertical crustal deformation at GNSS site in Tohoku area (Oshika)





Challenges On Height System in Japan: Marine

- The difficulties in calculating MSL height in Japan
 - ✓ Kuroshio current is a western boundary current that passes near Japan.
 - ✓ Around Japan, MSL height varies greatly from place to place due to the effects of Kuroshio current and the topography.
 - ✓ Due to irregular Kuroshio current meander, **MSL height on the Pacific side varies greatly** from year to year.





Future Perspective and Challenges

- Introduction of new surveys both in land and marine
 - ✓ The both of new surveys use ellipsoidal heights from the same reference ellipsoid
 - ✓ Relationship between **heights in land and marine around Japan** will be clear and be able to **connect each other via the reference ellipsoid**
- Remaining challenges: spatiotemporal variations in related surface
 - ✓ Sea level change cannot be negligible because of **increasing sea level rise & cumulative large crustal deformation** especially after trench-type megaquakes
 - ✓ The **Kuroshio path variation** is causing unignorable complex changes in ocean surface around Japan
- Possible Solutions
 - ✓ Land: Dynamic height reference frame capable to track the crustal deformation
 - ✓ Marine: Continuous routine observation to track the changes in ocean surface

