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## UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL GEODETIC CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

### MODERNISING GEOSPATIAL REFERENCE SYSTEM CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Introduction to data standardisation, tools and  
registers

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# Summary

- Geodetic data needs to be Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable (FAIR) so that it can be applied by emerging user base including location-based services.
- Despite many geospatial and geodetic standards existing, geodetic data is not FAIR.
- Member States are encouraged to update the ISO Geodetic Register with metadata about their datums and transformation parameters as this is the authoritative source for a country's information.



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# Standards



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# Introduction

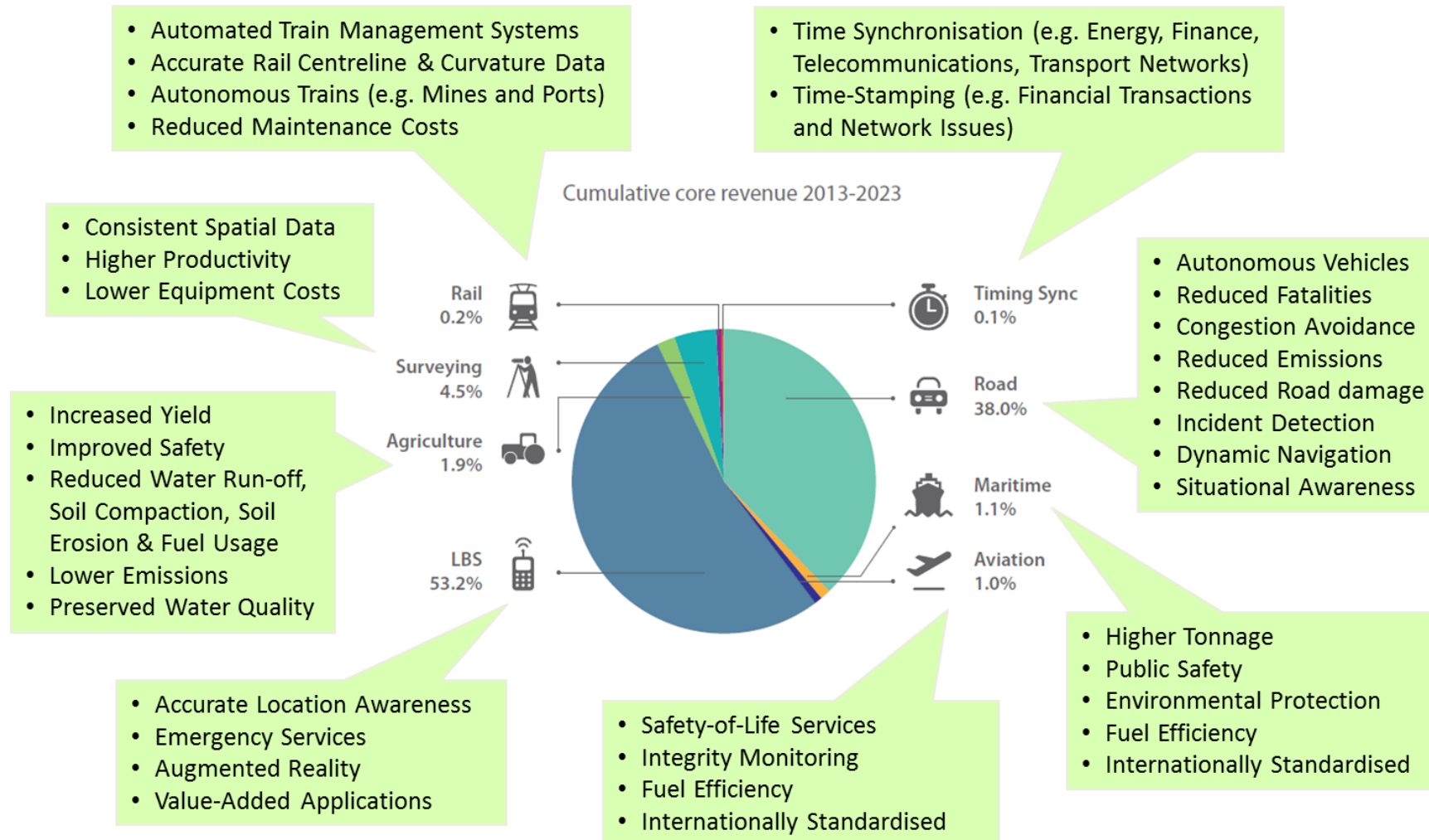
- Geodetic services (like IGS) provide data for an increasingly diverse community
- In the past, the user community was predominantly those from the geodesy and surveying industry, governments and academia
- More recently there has been widespread uptake across society of accurate and reliable positioning information in new markets



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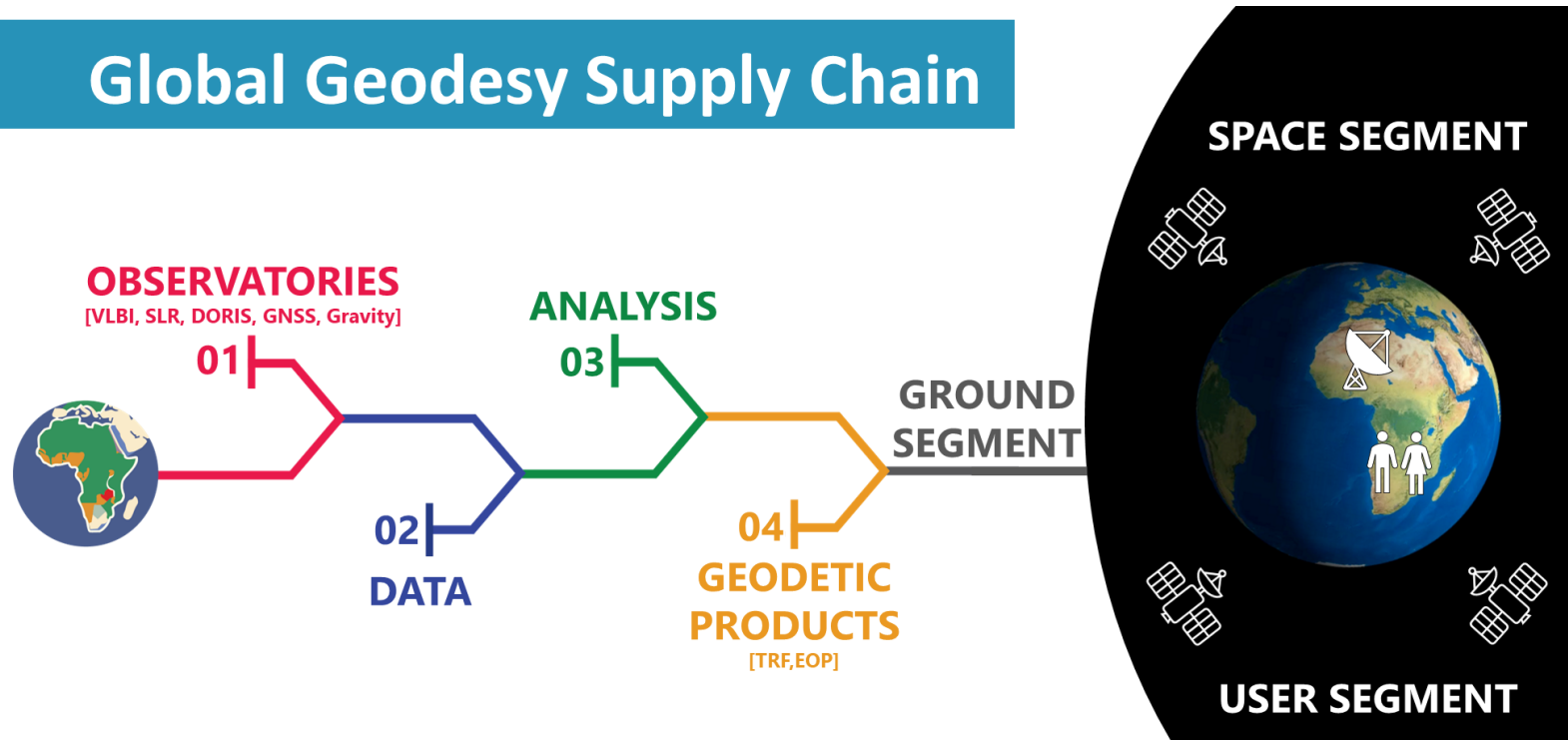
# Changing world ...

## Growing need for real-time data and interoperability



# Why do we need standards in geodesy?

## Global Geodesy Supply Chain



- **Consistency** of raw observations from various ground and space-based stations
- **Consistency** of analysed data and geodetic products
- Observations and data **quality assurance**
- **Interoperability** of different geodetic techniques
- **Compatibility** of geodetic data with another geospatial information systems
- **Seamless access** to geodetic products for users



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# What do users expect from geodetic data?

- **Users** want to determine whether **data fits their purpose**
- **Users** aren't native geodesists but **have expectations on the quality of geodetic data**, and they learned to use standard geodetic language for that.

Agriculture	Rail	Road	Maritime	Aviation	Location-Based Services	Time & Synchronisation	Surveying
Accuracy Availability Integrity Coverage Reliability	Accuracy Availability Integrity Coverage Reliability Robustness Continuity Authentication	Accuracy Availability Integrity Continuity Reliability Authentication Interoperability	Accuracy Availability Integrity Coverage Reliability Coverage	Accuracy Availability Integrity Continuity	Accuracy Availability Integrity Authentication	Accuracy Authentication	Accuracy Availability



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# What are users getting today?

I want GNSS data from Albany station from 6 June 2019, **where are the data?**

The screenshot shows the data.wa.gov.au website. The header includes the Government of Western Australia logo, the URL 'data.wa.gov.au', and the tagline 'Providing access to WA government data'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main navigation bar includes links for Home, Data, and Toolkit. Below this, a secondary navigation bar lists Data Home, Datasets, Organisations, Groups, Showcases, and About. The 'Datasets' section is active, showing a list of datasets. A search filter 'Albany' is applied, resulting in 24 datasets. The first dataset is 'Albany Region', described as 'The Regional HotSpots se context for the land use pl'. The second dataset is '1:50,000 Geolo', described as 'Detailed geological mappi mineral deposits, topograp'. A search bar at the bottom of the dataset list contains the text 'geodesy'. To the right of the search bar, there are filters for 'TAGS' including Water (7), DWER (8), SLIP Future (5), environment (4), geology (4), and Harvested (4). Below the search bar, there are options to 'Highlight All', 'Match Case', 'Whole Words', and 'Phrase not found'. The text 'Search attempt Nr.3' is overlaid on the bottom of the screenshot.

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# What are the data?

Oh, I know now, this is part of national network, so must be somewhere within the national data portal...

**Left Screenshot (Search Result):**

- Header: Australian Government, data.gov.au
- Search bar: albany gnss
- Breadcrumbs: Home > Results > Geodesy - Continuously Operating
- Dataset Title: Geodesy - Continuously Operating
- Metadata: Geoscience Australia / Created 01/01/1990 / Updated 01/01/1990
- Description: Data collected from the Australian Regional Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) network, AuScope network and other GNSS observatories located around the world over the last 15 years.
- Linked Data Rating: ★☆☆☆☆
- Contact Point: Commonwealth of Australia (Geoscience Australia), [clientservices@ga.gov.au](mailto:clientservices@ga.gov.au)
- Tags: dc2020, geodesy, geodetic data, gnss, gps, land, published\_external, rinex
- Files and APIs: Related Product(HTML) [icon]
- License: Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International Licence
- Data Source: This dataset was originally found on Geoscience Australia

**Right Screenshot (Search Attempt):**

- Header: Australian Government, data.gov.au
- Search bar: m (GNSS)
- Result: Search attempt Nr.2

**Annotations:**

- OK, OK, but where is the data?
- what? where?



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# What are the data?

And after few more educated clicks and extra search, I get what I need

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Up to higher level directory

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	4/11/2012 12:00:00 am
	6/06/2019 6:51:00 pm
	6/06/2019 7:52:00 am
	2/01/2019 12:00:00 am

Schema: iso19115-3

Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) stations located around the world over

Geoscience Australia (Geoscience Australia)  
Last update: 2019-04-07



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# But how fit for purpose is the data?

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Let's just double-check!

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# User requirements

- To satisfy the user demands, our geodetic data and the associated metadata need to be standardized, discoverable, interoperable and authoritative
- Current standards for delivering geodetic data will not adequately serve the needs of new (non-geodetic) users, who will emerge on account of the rapid growth in precise positioning services.
- Broad, multi-domain, standards are important for combining geodetic data with data from other domains.



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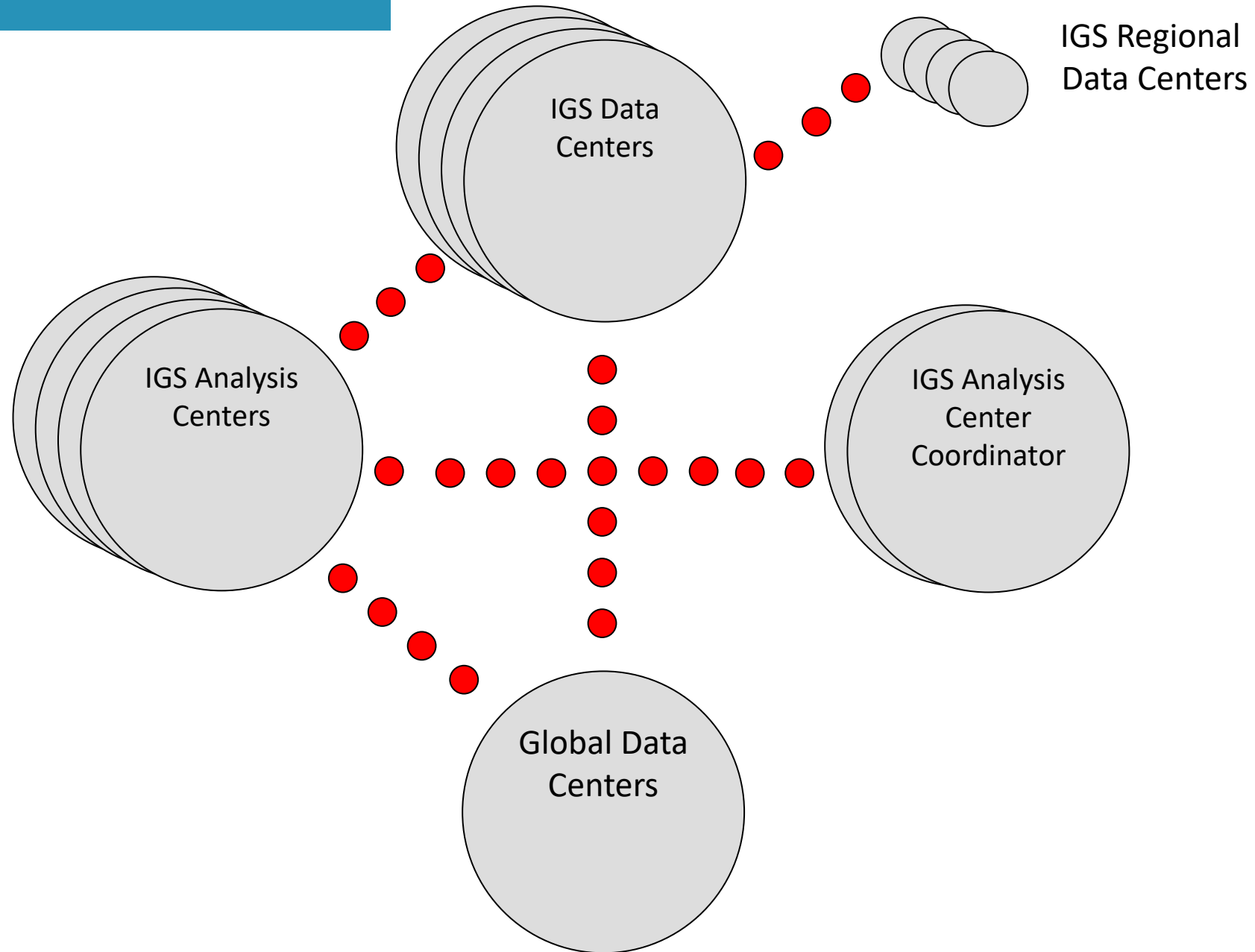
# The need for modern standards

- Well known standards are available for encoding fundamental geodetic data (e.g., SINEX, RINEX, ANTEX, SP3 etc.)
- But not all users know where or how to look for information (e.g., coordinates in a SINEX file) to fit their requirements
- Users need to be able to query, access and retrieve data in near real-time without knowing how (e.g., format) or where (e.g., data center) the information is stored
- No international standard is available which makes geodetic data and metadata openly accessible, machine-to-machine readable and interoperable for these emerging markets
- **There is a need to modernize standards to encode and exchange geodetic data and metadata**



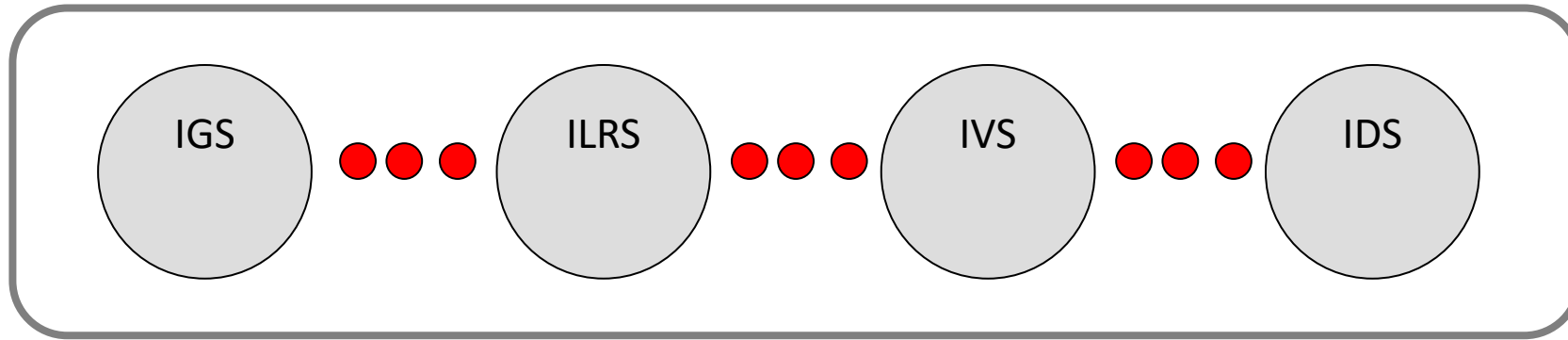
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## Reference Frame

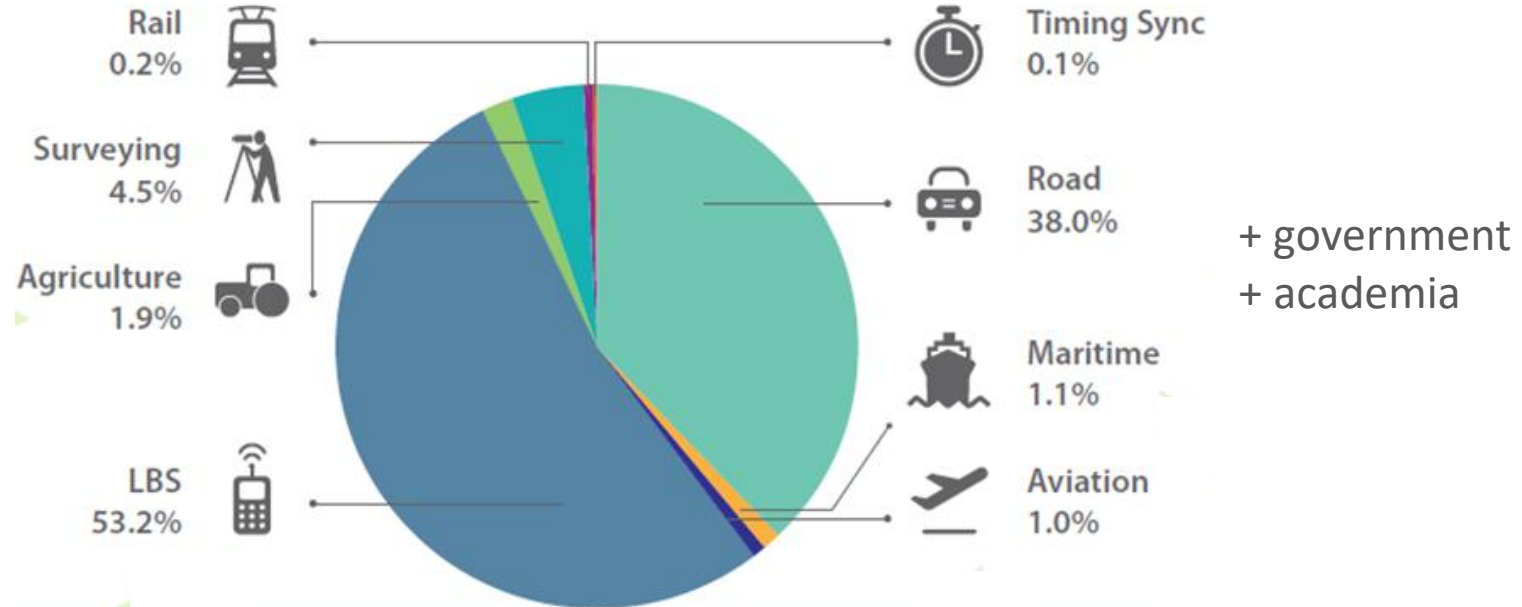
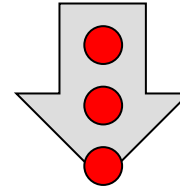


Discover

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Display





**GeodesyML**  
is a solution for efficient positioning  
data (and metadata) delivery



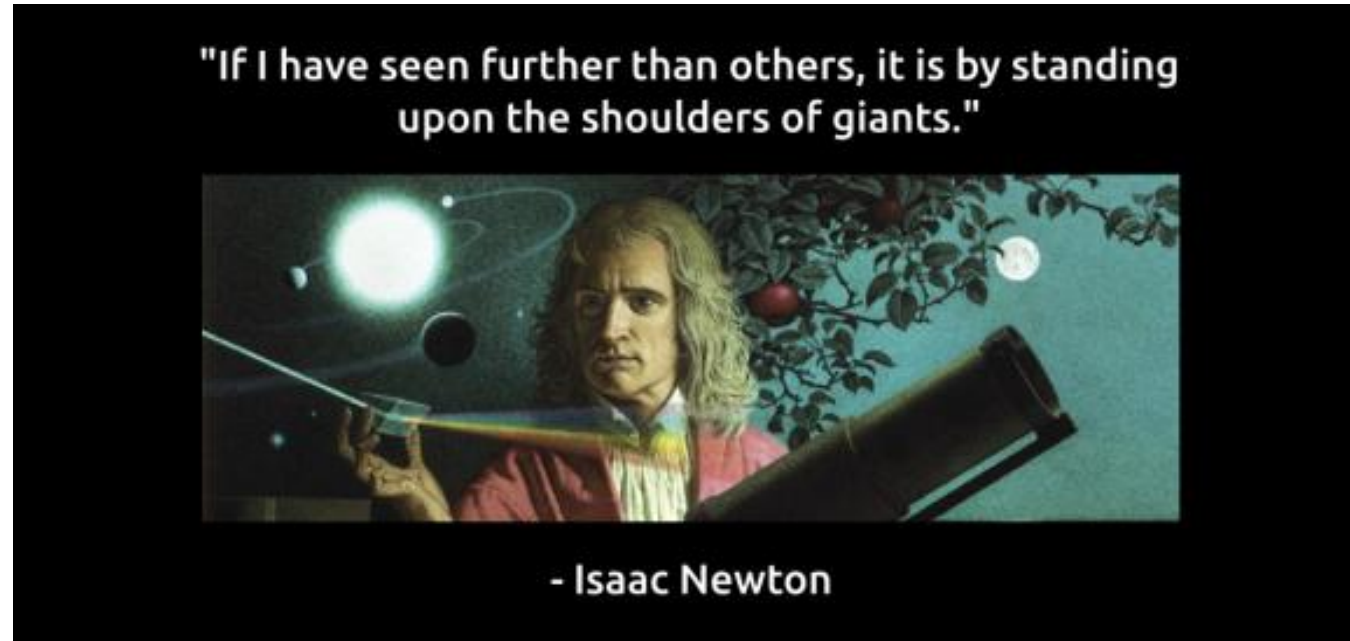
# Extending Geography Markup Language (GML)

- GML provides a rich set of primitive objects like, geometry, coordinate reference system, time etc.
- But not detailed / specific standards. For example, GML can not be used to describe everything about a GNSS, VLBI, SLR, DORIS sites.
- The geodetic standard needs objects like antenna, receiver, cable, adjustments etc.
- GML Application Schemas extend GML to meet the needs of a specific community of interest (e.g. SensorML, GeoSciML, GeodesyML)



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# GML Application Schemas



- Coordinate Reference System, Time, Unit of measures
- Many proprietary and open-source software vendors and database technology providers support GML



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- **GeodesyML** enables machine-readable access via the internet, i.e. for more than dedicated (geodetic) equipment.
- Australia and New Zealand have created the **Geodesy Markup Language (GeodesyML)**
- **GeodesyML** is a standard way of describing (encoding) and sharing geodetic data and metadata in XML format
- **GeodesyML** harmonizes language of geodesy – allows mapping of geodetic database into a common language to exchange data with others.
- **GeodesyML** is proposed Application Schema of the Geography Markup Language (ISO Standard)



# IGS Site Log Manager

- <https://github.com/International-GNSS-Service/SLM>
- The Site Log Manager (SLM) is a web framework for managing GNSS ground station meta data. SLM is maintained by the International GNSS Service and is freely licensed for general use under the MIT License. The SLM is implemented in Python and JavaScript using the Django web framework.

The screenshot displays the IGS Site Log Manager 2.0 web application. The interface is divided into three main sections: Stations, Alerts, and Activity Log.

- Stations (768 Stations):** A list of ground station identifiers with a search bar and a filter dropdown. Visible entries include AAA200USA, AAA300USA, AAA400USA, AAAA00USA, ABMF00GLP, ABPO00MDG, AC2300USA, AC2400USA, ACRG00GHA, ACSO00USA (with 1 alert), ADE100AUS, ADE200AUS, ADIS00ETH, AGGO00ARG (with 2 alerts), AIRA00JPN, AJAC00FRA (with 1 alert), ALBH00CAN (with 15 alerts), and ALGA00CAN.
- Alerts:** A central panel titled "Welcome to SLM 2.0!" containing a message about the new version and a date stamp of 4/3/2023, 10:12:09 AM.
- Activity Log:** A list of recent activities for various stations. For example, KZN200RUS and DAEJ00KOR have "Publish" buttons, while others have "Update" or "Delete" buttons. The log shows updates for Pressure, Temperature, and Humidity sensors, as well as Receiver updates.



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# OUTLINE

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## 2. ISO standards

## 3. OGC standards

## 4. Other standardisation practices

## 5. Summary and conclusions

### 2.1 What is ISO?

### 2.2 Geographic locations and coordinates (ISO 6709, ISO 19111, ISO 19161)

### 2.4 Metadata (ISO 19115)

### 2.5 Data registry (ISO 19127, ISO 19135)



# What is ISO?



- **International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** is an independent, non-governmental international organization founded in 1947, which now links 169 national standards bodies (as of 2023)<sup>1</sup>
- **ISO standards** are internationally recognised guidelines and specifications developed by ISO. They are “the formula that describes the best way of doing something”<sup>1</sup>
- **ISO Technical Committee 211 (ISO/TC 211)**<sup>2</sup>
  - Develops standards for geographic information and geomatics
  - Specifies methods, tools, and services for data management, including acquisition, processing, analysis, access, publishing and transferring of data between different users and systems
  - Links to appropriate standards for information technology and data
  - Provides a framework for the development of sector-specific applications using geographic data
  - Under the direct responsibility of ISO/TC 211<sup>3 4</sup>
    - 100 standards published<sup>5</sup>
    - 28 are under development<sup>5</sup>



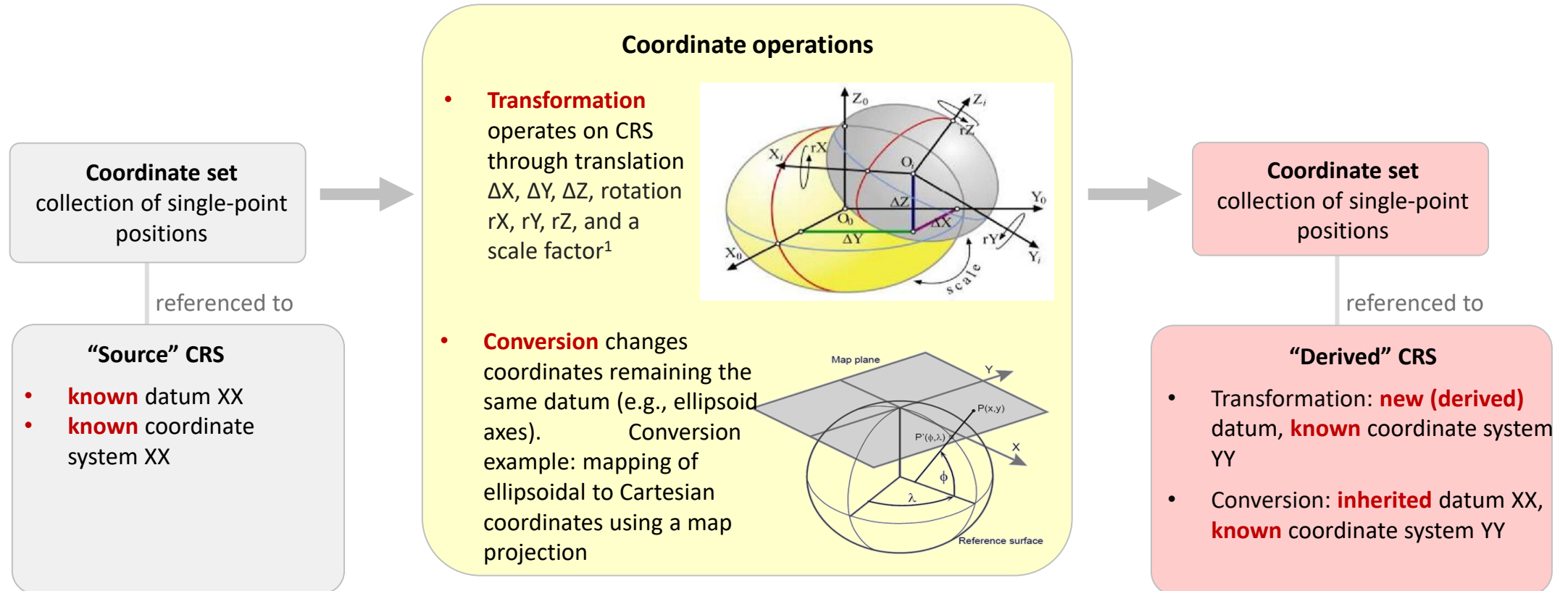
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# ISO19111 for coordinate referencing

ISO 19111:2019 “Geographic information – Referencing by coordinates”, <https://www.iso.org/standard/74039.html>.

This standard includes conceptual schema (i.e., a structured framework or a technical drawing) to describe referencing by coordinates. It defines the elements necessary to determine coordinate reference systems (CRS)<sup>1</sup>, including a datum<sup>2</sup> and a coordinate system and provides description of operations, such as transformation or conversion, between two different CRSs.



1. Coordinate reference system (CRS) is a coordinate system that is related to an object (e.g., the Earth) by a datum or a reference frame. In other words, it is a framework for mapping Earth's geographic locations and vice versa, for relating maps to real-world locations on the Earth's surface. It encompasses a coordinate system, datum or a reference frame, units, and coordinate operations. References: "Introduction to Coordinate Reference Systems", <https://www.earthdatascience.org/courses/earth-analytics/spatial-data-r/intro-to-coordinate-reference-systems/>; ISO 19111:2019 "Geographic information – Referencing by coordinates", <https://www.iso.org/standard/74039.html>.

2. Datum and reference frame is used interchangeably according to the modern ISO notations. For details see ISO 19111:2019 "Geographic information – Referencing by coordinates", <https://www.iso.org/standard/74039.html>.

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# ISO 19161-1, 19161-2 for ITRS and ground stations identification

**ISO 19161-1:2020 “Geographic information – Geodetic references – Part 1: International terrestrial reference system (ITRS)”**,  
<https://www.iso.org/standard/70655.html>.

- Sets standards on how to “realise” the ITRS according to different categories (e.g., general, primary, secondary) and intended purposes.

(under development, approved)

**ISO 19161-2 “Geographic information – Geodetic references – Part 2: Unique identification of geodetic ground stations”**,  
<https://www.iso.org/standard/89134.html#lifecycle>.

- Modernises the method for unique identification of ground geodetic stations by replacing the existing Directory Of MERIT<sup>1</sup> Sites (DOMES) numbering system.
- Contributes to interoperability among various Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS).
- Supports the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) actions on global geodetic reference frame.

**DOMES number<sup>2</sup>: 10002M006**

- The first 3 digits indicate the area, usually the country **100=France**
- The next 2 digits indicate the site number within the country **02=Grasse**
- The next letter indicates the tracking point **"M" for monuments**
- the last 3 digits represent a sequential point number **006 is GPS Pillar/brass mark**



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# ISO Geodetic Registry (ISOGR)



TC 211

<https://geodetic.isotc211.org>

- Maintained by the ISO Technical Committee on geographic information/geomatics (ISO/TC 211)
- **Main purpose is to serve as the authoritative source for reference frames and transformation parameters**
  - Information in the ISOGR has been either directly entered or approved by the agencies responsible for defining and maintaining the reference systems and transformations
  - Serves as an authoritative source for other registers (e.g., EPSG)
  - Not meant to compete with other registries but complement them



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# ISO 19127 Geodetic Register

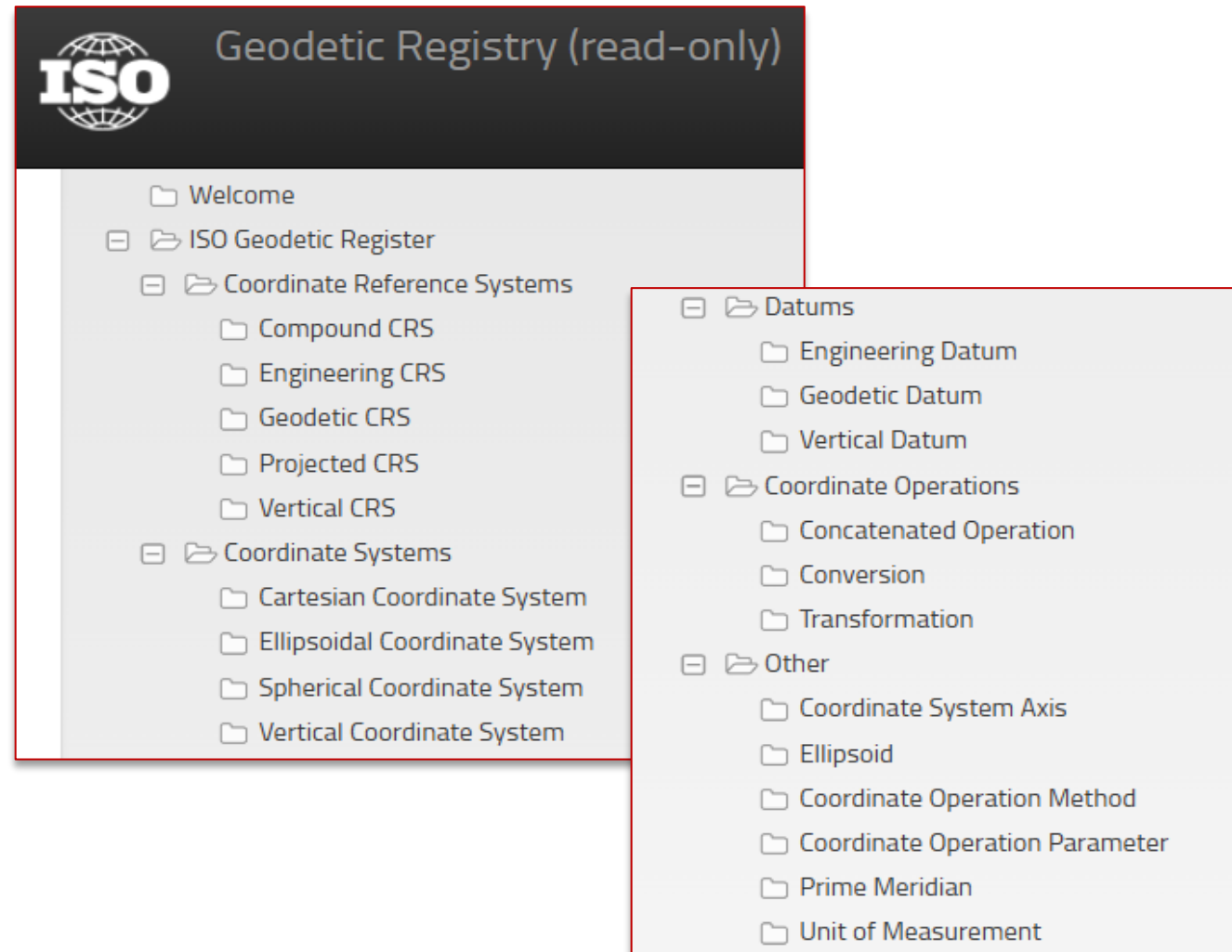
## ISO 19127:2019 “Geographic information – Geodetic register”,

<https://www.iso.org/standard/67252.html>

- Specifying the data elements required within the geodetic register, in accordance with ISO 19111:2007 “Spatial referencing by coordinates” and ISO 19135-1:2015 “Procedures for item registration”.
- Defines the management and operations of the ISO geodetic register, including roles, responsibilities, rules, and procedures.

**Example of a geodetic registry:** ISO Geodetic Registry (ISOGR), <https://geodetic-v1.isotc211.org>

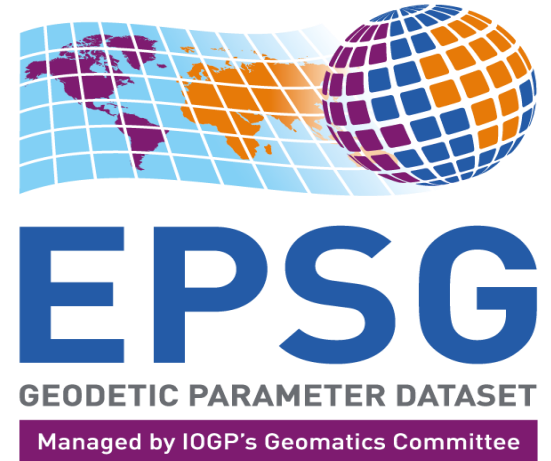
- Structured database of coordinate reference systems (CRS) and their transformations



# EPSG registry

<https://epsg.org/>

- **European Petroleum Survey Group (EPSG)**
  - Online registry
  - Holds data, has a graphic user interface (GUI) and application programming interface (API)
  - Data is stored in a data model which implements ISO 19111
- **EPSG Database**
  - EPSG Geodetic Parameter Dataset – the data in the EPSG registry
  - The Dataset contains definitions of coordinate reference systems and coordinate transformations which may be global, regional, national or local
  - One of the Dataset export options, MS Access used as carrier
  - Dataset export also available as MySQL, Oracle or PostgreSQL scripts
  - The Dataset is maintained by the Geodesy Subcommittee of the IOGP Geomatics Committee



# Overview of ISO standardisation

## Benefits

- Globally recognised
- Compliant with legal regulatory requirements
- Enhances operational efficiency
- Reduces risks and operational cost
- Improves geodetic product and service quality
- Enhances system compatibility with other sectors
- Improves data discoverability
- Enhances system sustainability

## Deficits

- High implementation and maintenance cost
- Time-consuming implementation process
- Heavy bureaucracy
- Requires special expertise
- Requires continuous commitment to sustain the standards



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**3.1 What is OGC?**

**3.2 Types of OGC standards**

**3.3 OGC and ISO standards compatibility**





# What is OGC?



- **Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)** is a non-profit international voluntary open-membership consensus standards organisation founded in 1994
- **OGC mission** is to develop open **free of charge** standards that “enable interoperability<sup>1</sup> and seamless integration of geospatial information, geoprocessing software, and geospatial services”<sup>2</sup>
- **OGC standards** are internationally recognized technical documents, developed by OGC, that describe specifications and protocols to ensure optimal interoperability of different geospatial systems<sup>2</sup>
- **OGC** has
  - **500+ members** including vendors, government agencies, universities and research institutions (as of 2017)<sup>3</sup>
  - **50+ standards**<sup>4 5</sup>
- **OGC** closely cooperates with **ISO** and other standards developing organisations



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# Selection of GNSS Data and Metadata Formats

## Format/Standard    Information

<b>SSR v1.0</b>	The IGS State Space Representation (SSR) format is an open standard for dissemination of real-time products to support the IGS Real-Time Service and the wider community. The messages support multi-GNSS and include corrections for orbits, clocks, DCBs, phase-biases and ionospheric delays.
<b>RINEX v. 4.02</b>	RINEX 4.02 (2024) is an upgrade of the format document that introduces the pico-second resolution to the observations time tagging, as well as new navigation messages for NavIC L1 and GLONASS L1 and L3 CDMA. In addition, navigation messages subtypes have been introduced, to support dual ION models available for the QZSS and NavIC systems. Additional editorial changes have been introduced to improve clarity.
<b>SINEX</b>	station position and velocity solutions
<b>sp3 version d</b>	GNSS and SBAS orbit solutions
<b>sp3 version c</b>	GPS and GLONASS orbit solutions
<b>erp</b>	Earth rotation parameter files
<b>clock RINEX 3.04</b>	station and satellite clock solutions
<b>Bias-SINEX V1.00</b>	GNSS code and phase biases for satellites and stations
<b>IONEX V1.00</b>	ionospheric TEC grid products
<b>Tropo SINEX v2.00</b>	Solution (Software/Technique) Independent Exchange (SINEX) format for TROpospheric and meteorological parameters
<b>Tropo SINEX</b>	Zenith path delay products
<b>site log v2.0</b>	History of site installation
<b>ANTEX Format</b>	ANTEX: The Antenna Exchange Format, Version 1.4



# INSPIRE

- The European INSPIRE (Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe) program is an initiative aimed at creating a **unified spatial data infrastructure across Europe**. This program is designed to facilitate the sharing of environmental spatial information among public sector organizations and improve public access to spatial information across Europe. The **INSPIRE Directive, which was established in 2007, sets the legal framework** for this initiative.
- The main objectives of the INSPIRE program include:
  - **Interoperability:** Ensuring that spatial data from different sources across Europe can be combined and used seamlessly.
  - **Accessibility:** Making spatial data more accessible to the public and various stakeholders.
  - **Harmonization:** Standardizing spatial data to ensure consistency and compatibility across different regions and sectors.
  - **Support for Environmental Policies:** Providing reliable spatial data to support environmental policies and decision-making processes.
  - The INSPIRE program covers a wide range of spatial data themes, including land use, transportation networks, hydrography, and protected sites, among others. It aims to create a more efficient and effective way of managing and using spatial data to address environmental and societal challenges.



# Content of the INSPIRE directive

## INSPIRE Directive

The INSPIRE Directive establishes an **infrastructure for spatial information in Europe** to support Community **environmental policies, and policies or activities which may have an impact on the environment.**

Implementing Rules (IR) are adopted in a number of specific areas:

- Metadata,
- Data Specifications,
- Network Services,
- Data and Service Sharing
- Monitoring and Reporting

The Directive addresses [34 spatial data themes](#)

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# FAIR<sup>1,2</sup> principles for data management

Concise and measurable set of principles to increase reusability of digital assets



## Findability

- (Meta)data are assigned a globally unique and persistent identifier
- Data are described with rich metadata (see “Reusable”)
- Metadata clearly and explicitly include the identifier of the data they describe
- (Meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource

## Accessibility

- (Meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a standardised communications protocol
- The protocol is open, free, and universally implementable
- The protocol allows for an authentication and authorisation procedure, where necessary
- Metadata are accessible, even when the data are no longer available

## Interoperability

- (Meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation.
- (Meta)data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles
- (Meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data

## Reuse

- (Meta)data are richly described with a plurality of accurate and relevant attributes
- (Meta)data are released with a clear and accessible data usage license
- (Meta)data are associated with detailed provenance
- (Meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards

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# Summary

Explored standardisation practices throughout the data lifecycle in geodesy

- **ISO standards** (ISO 6709, ISO 19111, ISO 19115, ISO 19161, ISO 19127, ISO 19135)
- **Types of OGC standards**
- **ISO and OGC compatibility**
- **International System of Unites (SI) and fundamental physical constants**
- **Resolutions and conventions**
- **FAIR principles for data management**

## Learnt definitions

- **Standard**
- **Standardisation**
- **Metadata**
- **Identifier**
- **Register**
- **Registry**
- **Registration**





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