# **GPS Workshop**

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# Topics

#### Cosmic Day

#### ≻ The B.Y.O.D. Revolution

➢ GPS Infrastructure Developments

Show Us Your Stuff



## Definitions

<u>B.Y.O.D.</u> – Bring Your Own Device **GPS** - Global Positioning System **GLONASS** – Russian "GPS" **<u>GNSS</u>** - Global Navigation Satellite System GNSS = GPS + GLONASS**SBAS** = Satellite Based Augmentation System **RTN** = Real-Time Network



## Cosmic Day



## Cosmic Day = 11-12-13



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### The B.Y.O.D. Revolution



#### B.Y.O.D – What Does It Mean?

Bring Your Own Device:

Companies leveraging employee-owned, connected, spatially-aware hardware devices for data collection, communication, analysis, and decision-making.



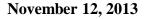
### B.Y.O.D – What Does It Mean?

- "Non-professional" workers can contribute to spatial data collection
- Mixed "fleets" of hardware becoming increasingly common
- Variable accuracy
- Utilization of "on-demand" and/or "pay-as-you-go" solutions



### B.Y.O.D – Pros

- Reduced Employer Hardware Costs
- Device-Agnostic (Typically)
- Immediate User Familiarity = Reduced Training Costs
- Access to a Vast "Army" of Contributors
- Software / App Distribution & Update Ease (via Cloud)
- Data Definition Distribution & Update Ease (via Cloud)





## B.Y.O.D – Cons

- Data security
- Data integrity
- Data ownership
- Platform/hardware inconsistencies
- Software / App availability and compatibility
- Technical support responsibility
- Hardware replacement issues



## Software / App Examples

- ArcGIS for Windows Mobile (ESRI)
- Collector for ArcGIS (ESRI)
- doForms
- Field2Base (Fulcrum)
- GeoJot (Geospatial Experts)
- GISRoam (Cogent3D)
- Myriad Private / Third Party Solutions
- Terra Flex (Trimble)



# The TerraFlex Solution

- <u>Cloud</u>: Data, Project, and User Management
  - Form template definition and management
  - Project creation and assignment
  - User management
  - Data management and import/export

- <u>Mobile</u>: Data Collection and Syncing
  - Form fulfillment
  - Dynamic syncing











### Terra Flex

#### **Business Model**

- Free Mobile App
- Back-end / Cloud Subscription
- On-line Help and Support



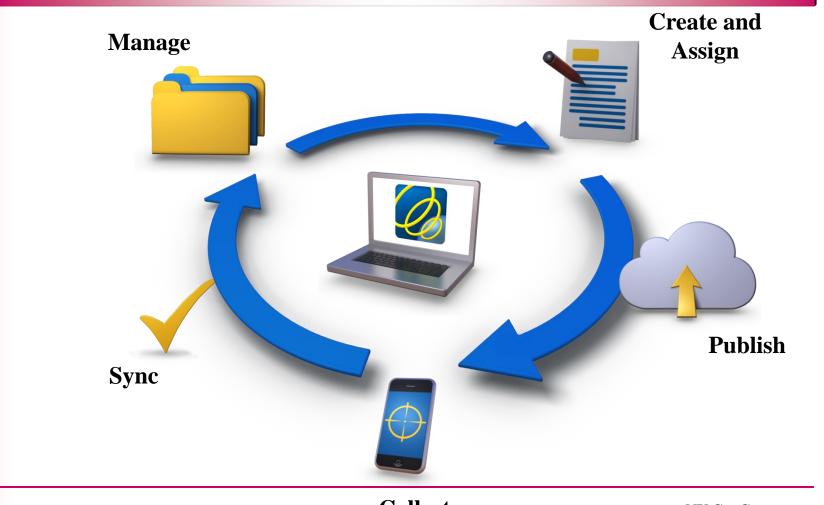
## Trimble TerraFlex Basics







## Trimble TerraFlex Workflow





## Terra Flex - Features/Benefits

| Customer Need   | <u>Feature</u>  | <u>Benefit / Value</u>                                 |
|---|---|--|
| Different data collection<br>needs                                    | Dynamic form template<br>creator:<br>• Text<br>• Numeric<br>• Multi-select<br>• Single select | • Fast, easy, efficient                                |
| Field workers on a variety of<br>devices, sometimes even their<br>own | Supports iOS, Android,<br>Windows Embedded<br>Handheld  | • Consistent, easy-to-use, confidence in the data      |
| Different field workers work<br>on different projects.                | Projects:<br>Manage your data and users   | <ul><li>Organized data</li><li>Focused crews</li></ul> |

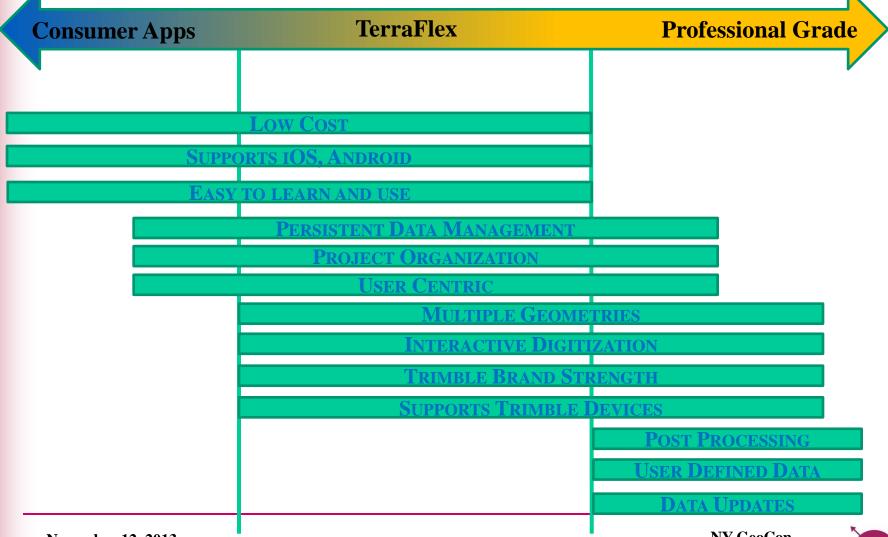


## Terra Flex - Features/Benefits

| Customer Need   | <u>Feature</u>  | <u>Benefit / Value</u>                 |
|---|---|--|
| Getting all of the field data<br>back into the office and<br>entered in | Field-Office syncing  | Faster and more accurate               |
| Field users need to work in remote areas                                | Offline capabilities  | Uninterrupted productivity             |
| Data portability  | Import and export with<br>common formats like Esri<br>ArcGIS XML schema, CSV,<br>and Google KML | Interoperability                       |
| Don't have resources to manage another system                           | Managed, hosted services  | Cost-efficient, immediate productivity |



## What Sets TerraFlex Apart?



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### How Do I Get It on My Mobile Device?





#### Terra Flex





#### **GPS** Infrastructure Developments



## **Differential Correction**

Let's review...

What is it??

.....the process of correcting GPS data collected by a user, with data recorded simultaneously at a base station, in order to <u>improve accuracy</u>.



## **Differential Correction**

Two methods:

Post-processed

➢ Real-Time

#### We'll focus on Real-Time....



# Real-time Differential GPS

#### **Benefits of Real-time Functionality**

- Navigation
- Eliminate post-processing
- Locate proposed features
- Relocate existing features
  - that are broken and need repair
  - update GIS attributes
  - prior to construction





# **Real-Time DGPS Sources**

- Subscription Satellite-based Corrections
- Radio Beacon (Ground-based) Correction
- Satellite-Based Augmentation Systems (SBAS)
- Regional/Statewide RTN's



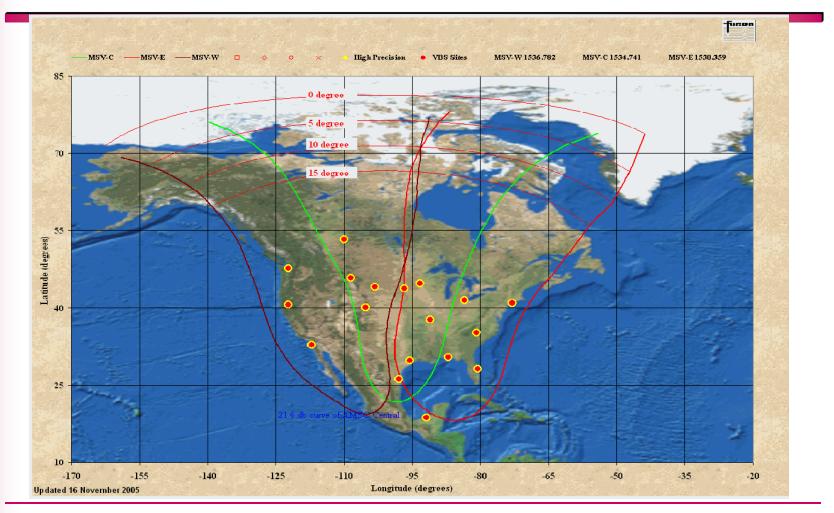
#### Subscription Satellite-based Corrections

#### **Operated by Private Enterprise (Omnistar)**

- Space-based service
- Line-of-sight required
- Fee-based business model
- Significant service area (i.e. continental)
- Variable accuracy, and priced accordingly



## **OmniStar** Coverage



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## **OmniStar Services**

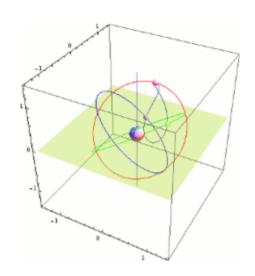
| Worldwide<br>Differential GNSS Services<br>OmniSTAR • Accuracy • Reliability • Customer Care |                     |  |
|--|---------------------|--|
| Service  | Horizontal Accuracy |  |
| VBS  | +/- 1-meter         |  |
| XP   | +/- 15 cm           |  |
| HP   | +/- 10 cm           |  |
| G2   | +/- 15 cm           |  |



# Satellite-Based Augmentation Systems (SBAS)

- Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) FAA
- European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service (EGNOS)
- Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS) Japan







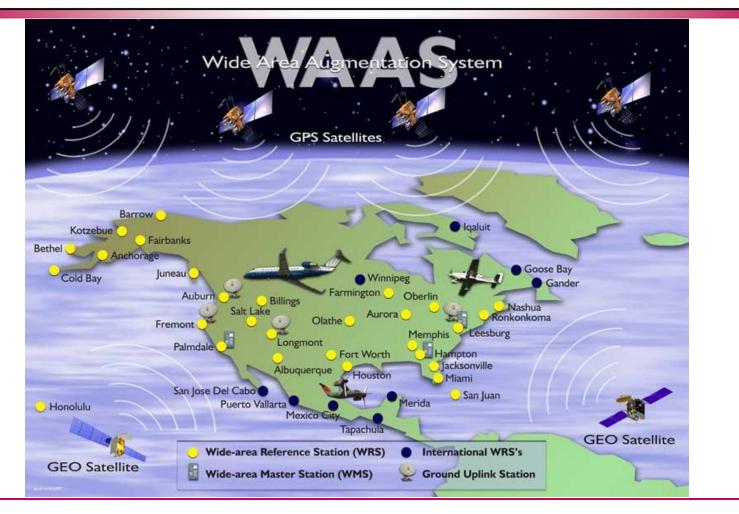
# Satellite-Based Augmentation Systems (SBAS)

#### **Operated by Federal Aviation Administration**

- Space-based service
- Line-of-sight required
- Geostationary
- Free service
- Significant service area (i.e. continental U.S.)
- Limited to sub-meter accuracy
- Future not in doubt



## WAAS Network



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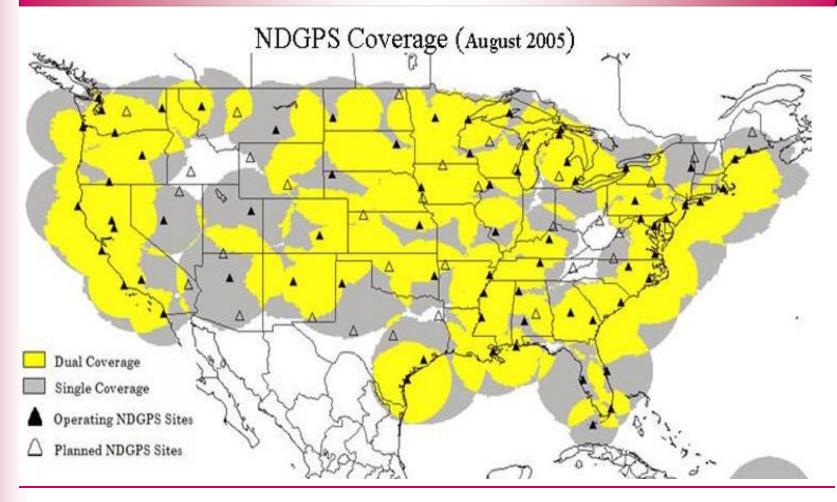
# Radio Beacon

#### **Operated by U.S. Coast Guard**

- Ground-based service
- Line-of-sight NOT required
- Free service
- Limited service area
- Limited to sub-meter accuracy
- Additional hardware required
- Future is bleak



# National USCG Beacon Coverage



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# Real-Time Networks

- Networks of reference (base) stations
- Public or private (free/subscription)
- Regional or state-wide (national in Europe)
- Serve post-processing and real-time DGPS purposes
- Often serve dual-frequency survey-grade (RTK) <u>and</u> mapping-grade (code) corrections



## NYSNet Spatial Reference Network

- Operated by New York State DOT
- Reference stations available via NGS CORS website for post-processed DGPS (5-second data)
- Internal data available at 1-second epoch rate
- Streaming broadcast via TCP/IP (cell phone/modem) of RTK (real-time kinematic) corrections



## NYSNet Spatial Reference Network

Summer '13 Status:

- 46 dual-frequency RTK corrections yield 1
  2 cm horizontal positions, state-wide
- Also broadcasting code phase DGPS stream for Mapping/GIS users (sub-meter)
- Service is free & available in areas w/cell phone coverage



## NYSNet Spatial Reference Network

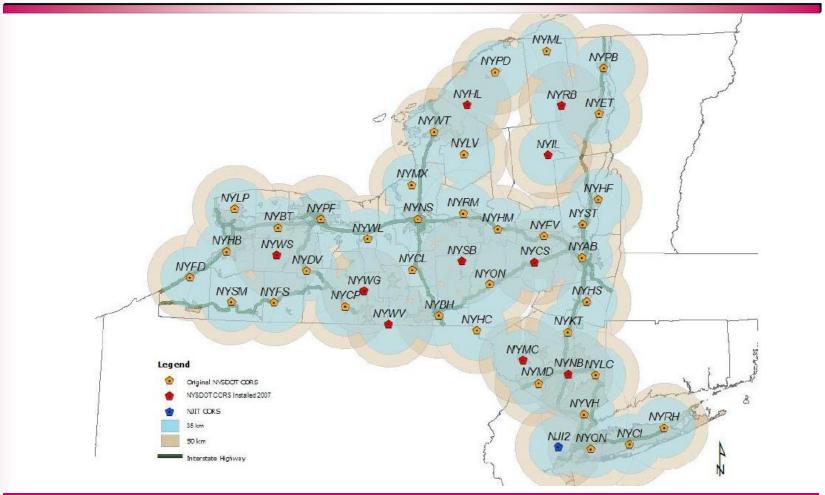
- User must sign data use agreement
- NYSDOT provides user name and password
- NYSDOT monitoring of usage (e.g. duration, location)



Waverly, New York



## Base Stations Serving New York State GPS Users



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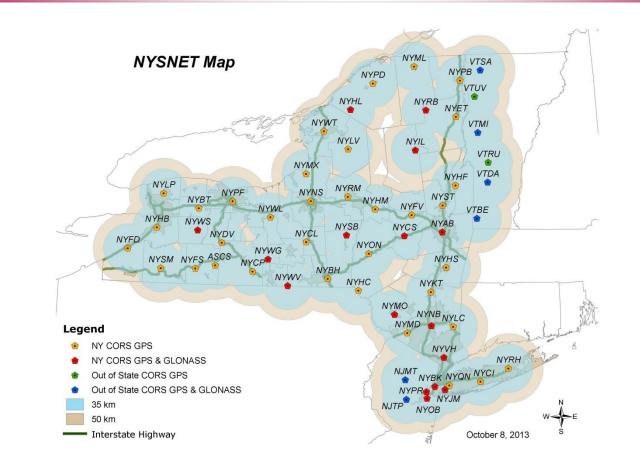
## NYSNet Spatial Reference Network

### Fall '13 Update:

- GLONASS corrections added at 15 reference stations
- GLONASS corrections currently availability only via RTN
- Complemented by out-of-state (VT, NJ) reference stations



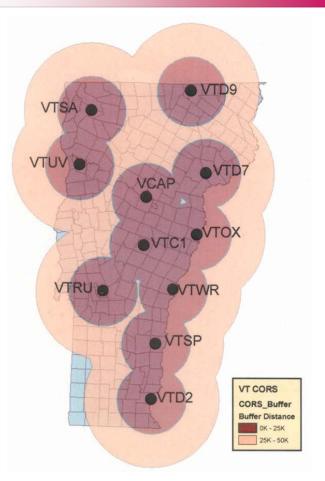
## **GLONASS** Support





## Vermont AOT

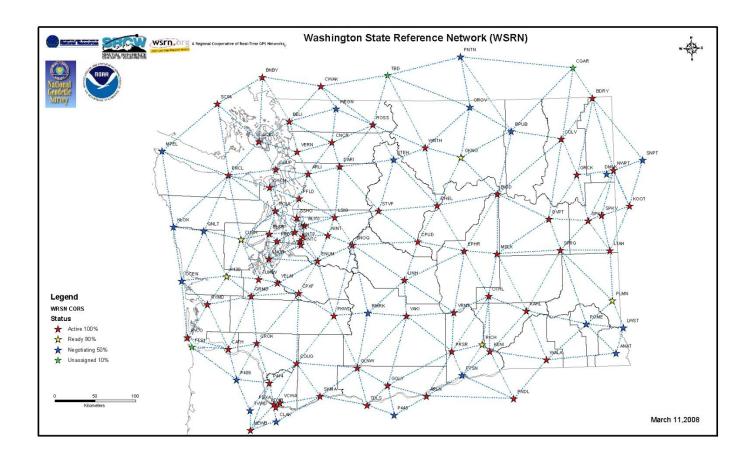
- 11 (13) reference stations
- GPS and GLONASS
- 45-day file storage
- Free





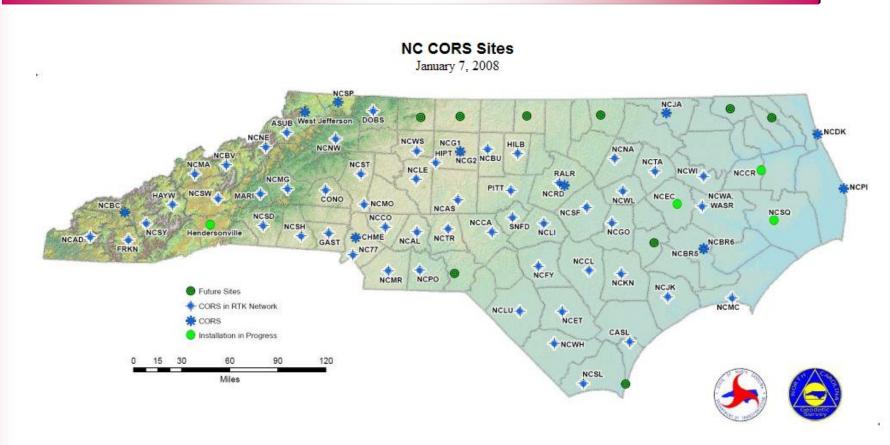
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## Washington State Reference Network





## North Carolina Dept. of Environment & NR





## Other GPS Reference Networks

- Ohio
- Michigan
- South Carolina
- Texas
- Louisiana
- California Central Valley

- Minnesota
- Georgia
- Florida
- Boston Metro
- Norfolk, VA
- Washington DC
  Metro

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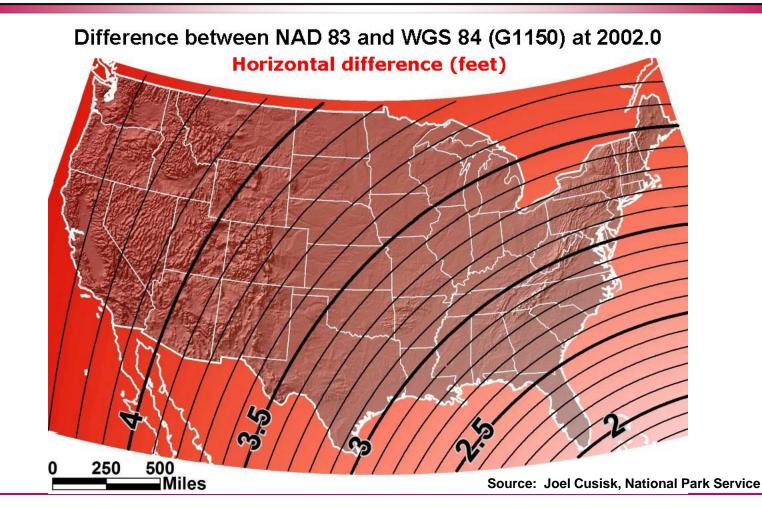
## Datum References

- GPS: WGS 84
- OmniStar VBS (North America): NAD 1983
- OmniStar XP & HP: ITRF 2000
- WAAS: ITRF 2000
- USCG Beacon Network: NAD 1983
- NYSNet: NAD 1983

### • What datum is your GIS data referenced to?



## Why Should I Care?



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## Image Reference





### Summary



## Summary

- Make Something Cosmic Happen Today
- The B.Y.O.D. Revolution is Real Embrace It!
- Differential Correction (DGPS) Infrastructure Networks are Proliferating – You Have Options



### Thank You!



### What's New?



## GeoExplorer 7X

• Image



## GeoExplorer 7X

• New Features



## GeoExplorer 7X

• Benefits



### **Connections and Convergence: New Products**

- GeoExplorer 6000/Floodlight
- Trimble Municipal Reporter
- Trimble Assistant



### GeoExplorer 6000/Floodlight



### **GPS Data Collection for GIS**

Issue Focus: Heavily Canopied and Urbanized Areas

Historic Approaches/"Remedies"

Heeting the Challenge Using "Floodlight"

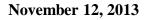


## **Heavy Canopy and Urban Areas**

#### In what types of environments do GIS professionals operate?







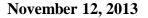


### **Heavy Canopy and Urban Areas**

#### What, specifically, is the problem with GPS data collection in "hostile" environments?

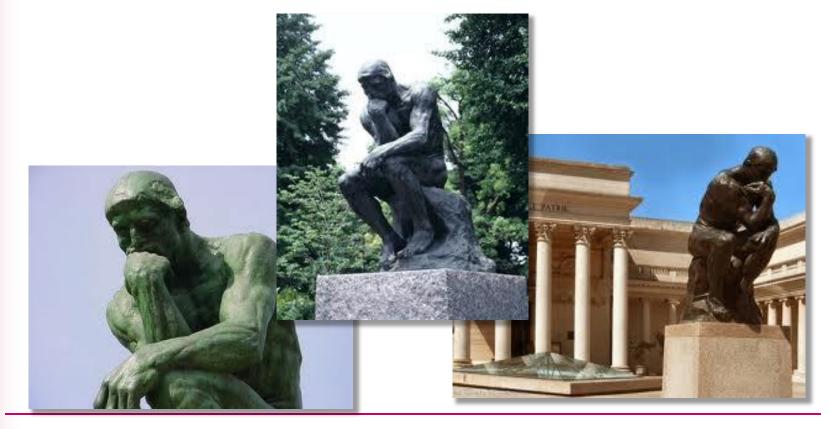
**Limited GPS Satellite Availability** 







✤ Wait..... and wait..... and wait..... and wait.....





#### Deferral/Come Back Later





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## Floodlight Shadow Reduction Technology

 More positions and better accuracy in obstructed GNSS conditions



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## Floodlight Shadow Reduction Technology

### **Floodlight - Meeting the Challenge**

Increase satellite availability

Stable satellite tracking

 Improve accuracy and prevent position outages in hostile GNSS conditions





# Floodlight Shadow Reduction Technology

### **Floodlight - Meeting the Challenge**

- Multi-constellation (GPS + GLONASS)
- Advanced tracking algorithms and filters
- Altitude-constrained positioning





### **GPS + GLONASS**

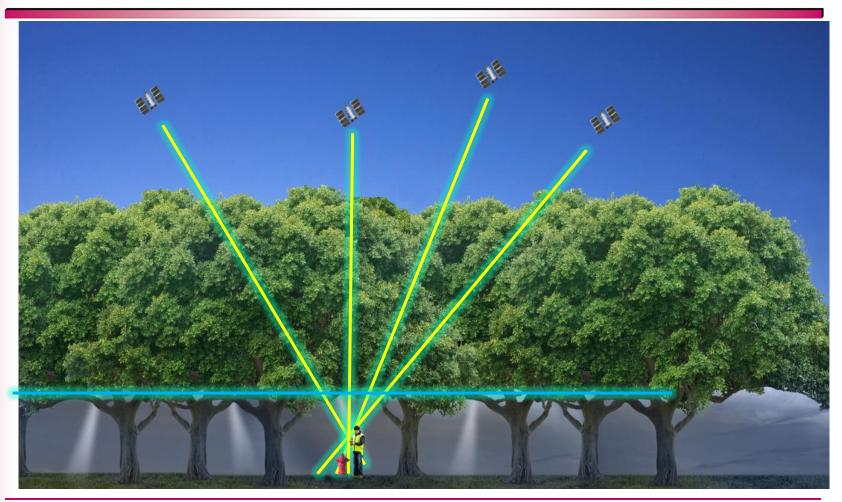


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### **GPS + GLONASS**



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### **Tracking and Algorithms**





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### **Tracking and Algorithms**

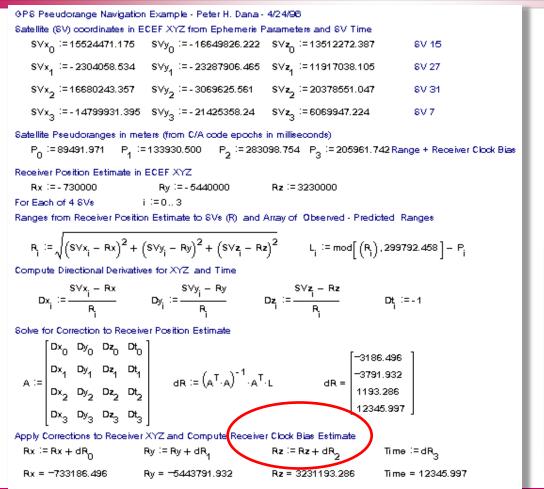
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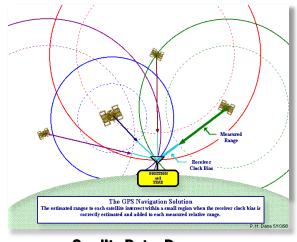
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### **Altitude-constrained Positioning**

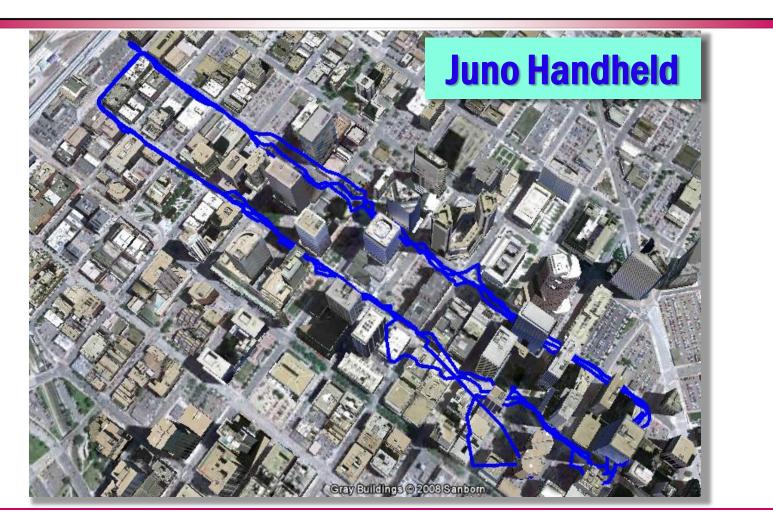


### Integrated Barometric Altimeter

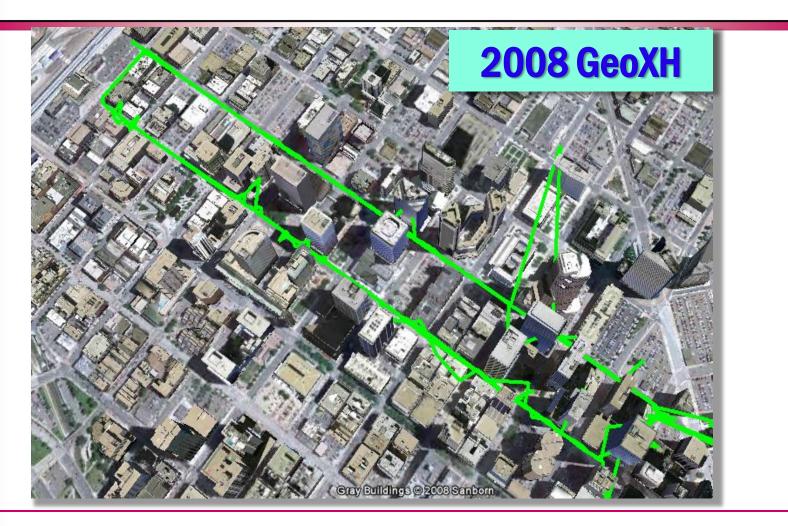


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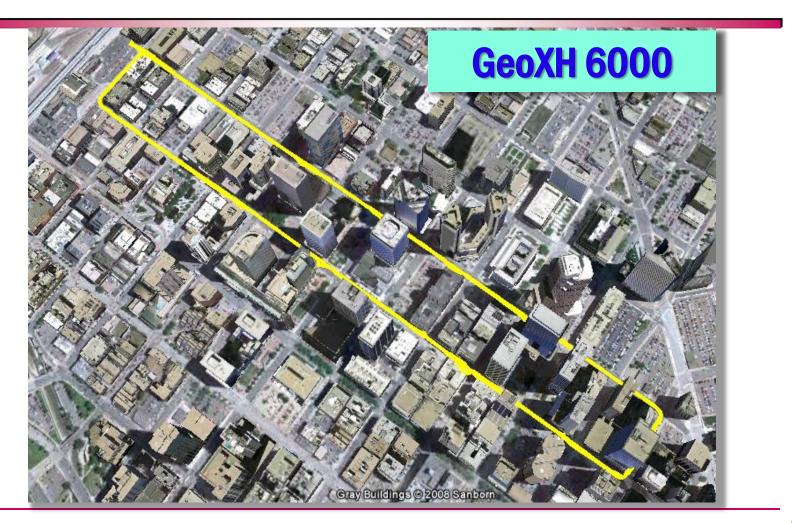






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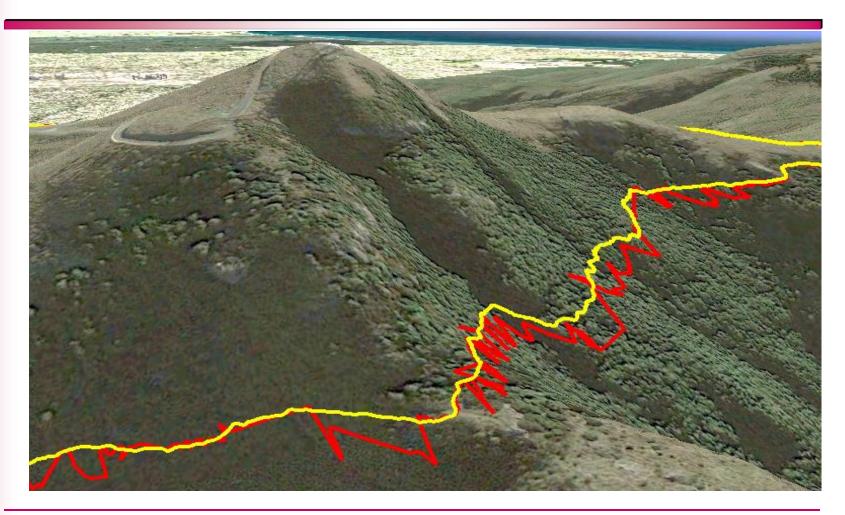




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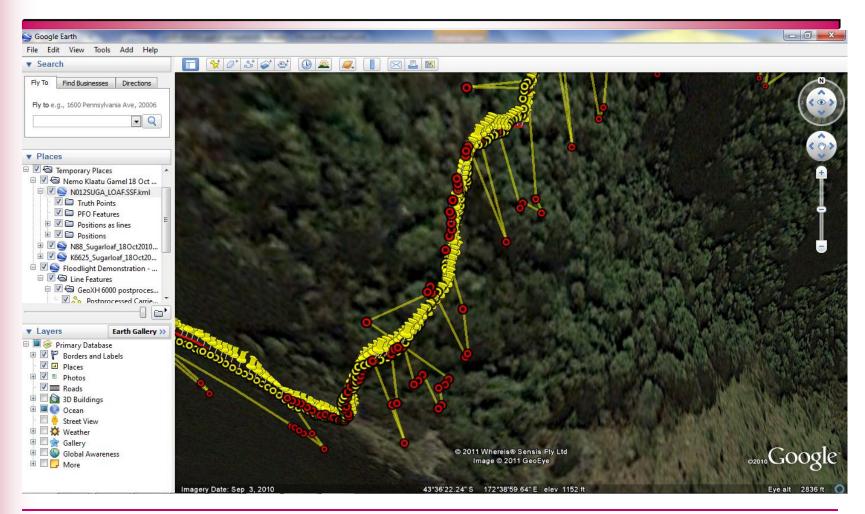


# Floodlight





# New Zealand





# Floodlight Examples

• New Zealand

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#### • Denver

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#### **GeoExplorer XH 6000**

#### Floodlight Enabled

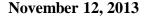
Integrated Digital Camera

Integrated 3G Modem (optional)

"Field-swappable" Battery







#### **Benefits**

Speed

#### Accuracy

#### Simplicity

#### Frustration Reduction/Elimination



#### Limitations

GPS Base/Reference Station Infrastructure

> WAAS - GPS only

US Coast Guard Beacons – GPS only

Legacy reference station networks - GPS only

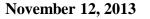
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# Trimble GeoExplorer 6000 series

- Handheld computer with integrated high accuracy GNSS
- Exceptional GNSS performance in difficult environments
- A completely integrated data capture solution
- Optimized for mapping and GIS data collection activities
- Windows Mobile<sup>®</sup> versatility







# Configurations & Receiver Options

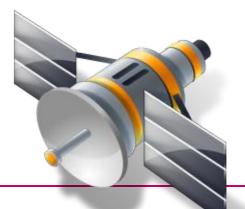
| GeoXH <sup>™</sup> standard edition | <b>GeoXT<sup>TM</sup> standard edition</b> |
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| GeoXH 3.5G edition                  | GeoXT 3.5G edition                         |
| (adds cellular modem)               | (adds cellular modem)                      |

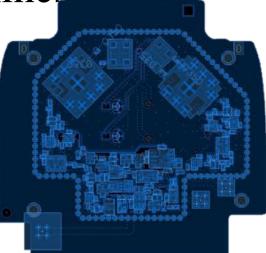
| GeoXH receiver options | GeoXT receiver options        |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| NMEA output upgrade    | NMEA output upgrade           |
|                        | Floodlight Technology upgrade |



# Integrated High-Accuracy GNSS System

- Decimeter H-Star<sup>TM</sup> accuracy in the hand
- Available in real time and after postprocessing
- Fast accuracy and at longer baselines
- Better precision estimates







#### Integrated 3.5G cellular data modem

• Internet connectivity in the field







## Integrated 5 megapixel autofocus camera

• Capture photo attributes directly in the field without additional equipment

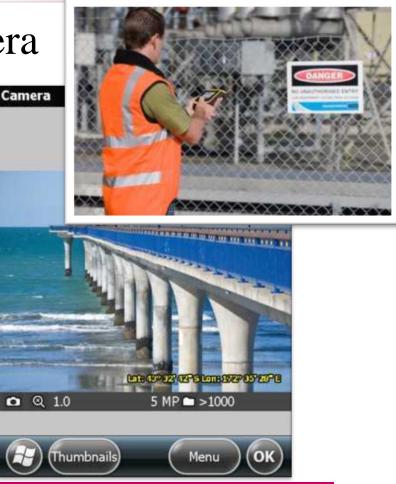






# Camera specifications

- 5 megapixel autofocus camera
  - 7-stop exposure adjustment
  - 6 resolution options
  - 3 JPEG quality modes
  - Macro mode (20 cm)
  - Geotagging capable
  - VGA video with audio





## 4.2 inch sunlight readable display

• Crystal clear maps and forms





## Long-life field-swappable battery

- Up to 11 hours operation on a single charge
- Field swappable without shutting down

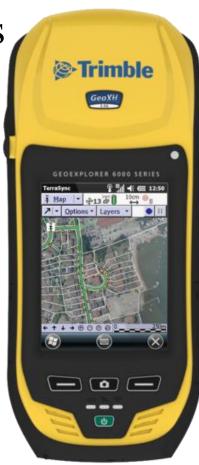




# Powerful computing and rugged hardware

• Efficient operation in all conditions







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# GNSS receiver specifications

| Receiver          | Trimble Maxwell <sup>™</sup> 6 GNSS chipset |
|-------------------|---|
| Antenna           | GeoXT models: L1, GeoXH models: L1/L2       |
| Channels          | 220 channels                                |
| Systems           | GPS, GLONASS*, SBAS                         |
| GPS               | L1C/A, L2C, L2E                             |
| GLONASS           | L1C/A, L1P, L2C/A, L2P                      |
| SBAS              | WAAS/MSAS/EGNOS                             |
| Update rate       | 1 Hz  |
| Time to first fix | 45 s (typical)                              |
| NMEA-0183 output  | Optional                                    |
| RTCM support      | RTCM2.x/RTCM3.x                             |
| CMR support       | CMR/CMRx/CMR+                               |

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## GNSS accuracy specifications

| Real Time                            |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| H-Star (GeoXH only)                  | 10 cm + 1 ppm  |  |
| DGNSS Code                           | 75 cm + 1 ppm  |  |
| SBAS (WAAS/EGNOS/MSAS)               | Submeter   |  |
| Postprocessed                        |  |  |
| H-Star (GeoXH only)                  | 10 cm + 1 ppm  |  |
| GeoXT Postprocessed Carrier          | after 20 minutes: 10 cm + 2 ppm<br>after 10 minutes: 20 cm + 2 ppm |  |
| GeoXT/GeoXH Postprocessed<br>Carrier | after 45 minutes: 1 cm + 2 ppm                                     |  |
| Code/SBAS (WAAS/EGNOS/MSAS)          | 50 cm + 1 ppm  |  |



# Floodlight Satellite Shadow Reduction Technology

Increase satellite availability Multi-constellation Positioning (GNSS)

Stabilize acquisition and tracking Advanced tracking algorithms and filters

Improve accuracy and yield Altitude-constrained positioning





# Cellular, Wi-Fi, and Bluetooth

#### Cellular (optional)

- Siemens HC25 HSDPA cellular modem
- Quad band GPRS/EDGE
  - 850/900/1800/1900 MHz
- Tri-band UMTS/HSDPA
  - 850/900/2100 MHz

#### Wi-Fi

• 802.11b/g

#### Bluetooth

- Version 2.0 + EDR
- Supports SPP, DUN, PAN, OPP,







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- <u>Remote</u> support technology
- Supports multiple operating systems Windows CE/Pocket PC, Windows Mobile 5/6, Linux, Windows Desktop, Mac
- Drag and drop file transfer
- VOIP
- Session Recording/Playback
- Secure/Encrypted





- Applications
  - Technical support/trouble shooting
  - Training
  - Software/firmware upgrades
  - Sales demonstrations



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- Candidates
  - Government agencies
  - Construction contractors / land surveyors
  - Utilities
- Benefits
  - Reduce technical support costs
  - Save time / improve productivity
  - Record and replay for distribution



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#### Summary



# Leveraging Public Data Sources for Mobile GIS - Benefits

- Minimize pre-field prep time no need to identify correct ortho tiles in advance
- Improved GPS accuracy (closest base station)
- Built-in DGPS redundancy (USCG and WAAS still available)
- "Instant" gratification/validation
- Potential to migrate to bi-directional, realtime, data flows



# Leveraging Public Data Sources for Mobile GIS - Limitations

- Connectivity (e.g. cell phone signal)
- Bandwidth
- Technological complexity (i.e. integrating multiple hardware and software components)
- Over-reliance



# Summary

- Technological Convergence, including:
  - <u>Cell Phone Service</u>
  - <u>Bluetooth</u>
  - <u>GPS</u>
  - <u>DGPS</u>
  - <u>Web Services</u>
  - <u>Internet</u>
- Data feeds are free (generally)
- Web Map Services Expanding
- Differential Correction (DGPS) Infrastructure Networks Growing Rapidly



# Questions?

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