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IAG Commission 10 Global and Regional Geodetic Networks Subcommission for North America Status Report

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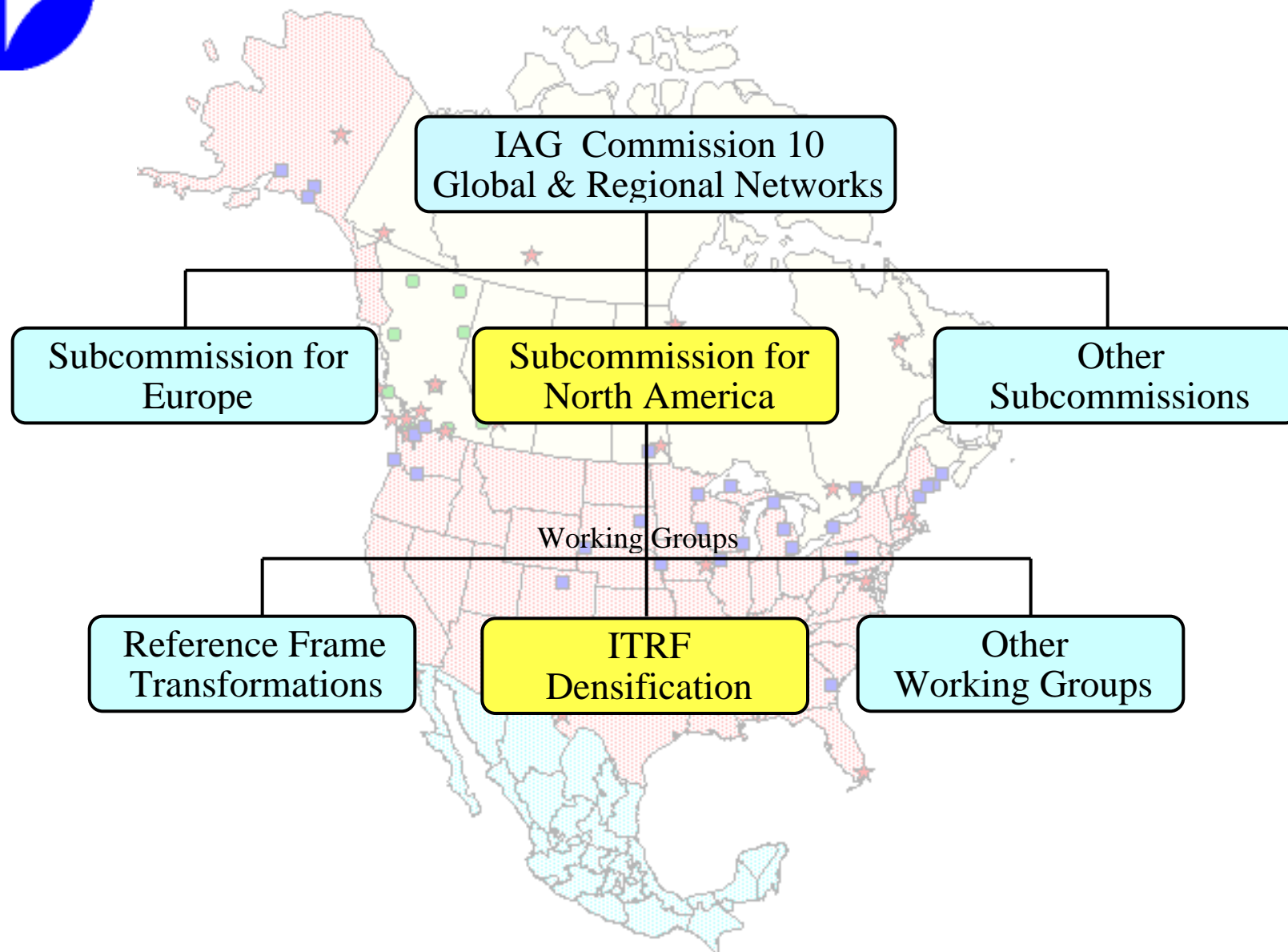


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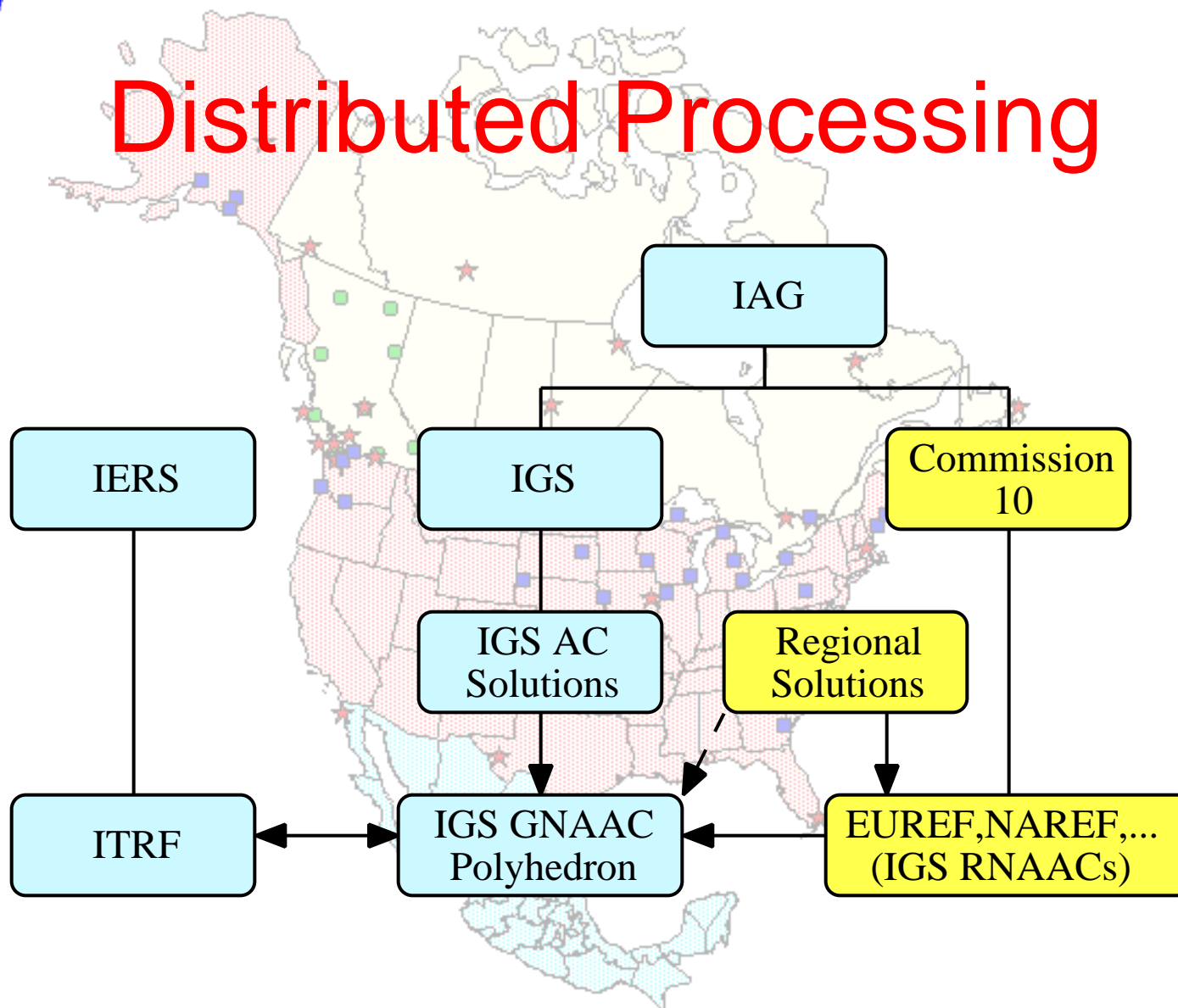
NAREF Working Group

- *Objectives*
 - Densify the ITRF reference frame in NA
 - Combine regional networks into a continental one
 - Integrate into ITRF via IGS global network
- *Produce coordinate solutions*
 - Weekly regional solutions
 - Weekly combinations of regional solutions
 - Cumulative solutions with velocity estimates
- *Web site: <<http://www.naref.org/>>*





Distributed Processing





Data Contributors

- *GSD* CACS, CAGS, GFZ, W. Arctic stations
- *BC* BCACS stations
- *Quebec* Provincial DGPS stations
- *PGC* WCDA stations
- *U. Alaska* AKDA stations
- *NGS* CORS stations
- *Soon SIO* PBO stations





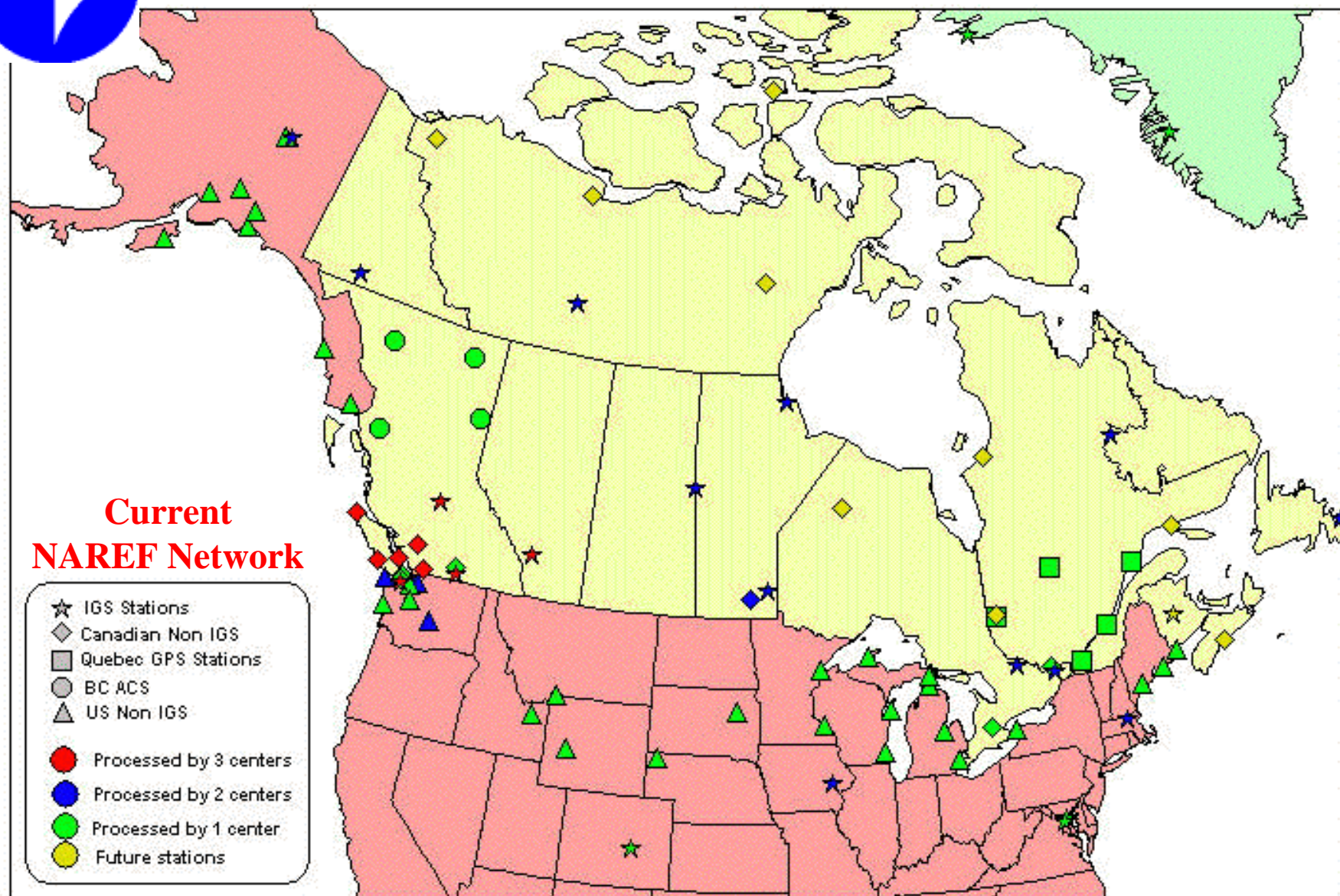
Regional Solutions

- Weekly solutions:
 - ✓ GSD (Bernese) solutions – 62 pts
 - ✓ GSD (GIPSY) solutions – 27 pts
 - ✓ PGC WCDA (Bernese) solutions – 17 pts
 - ✓ SIO PBO (GAMIT) solutions – over 100? pts
 - ✗ U. Alaska (GIPSY) solutions – about 10 pts
(unable to contribute due to lack of resources)
 - ✗ NGS CORS (PAGES) solution?? – over 100 pts
(haven't contributed anything yet!)
- ★ Need more solutions for US & Mexico





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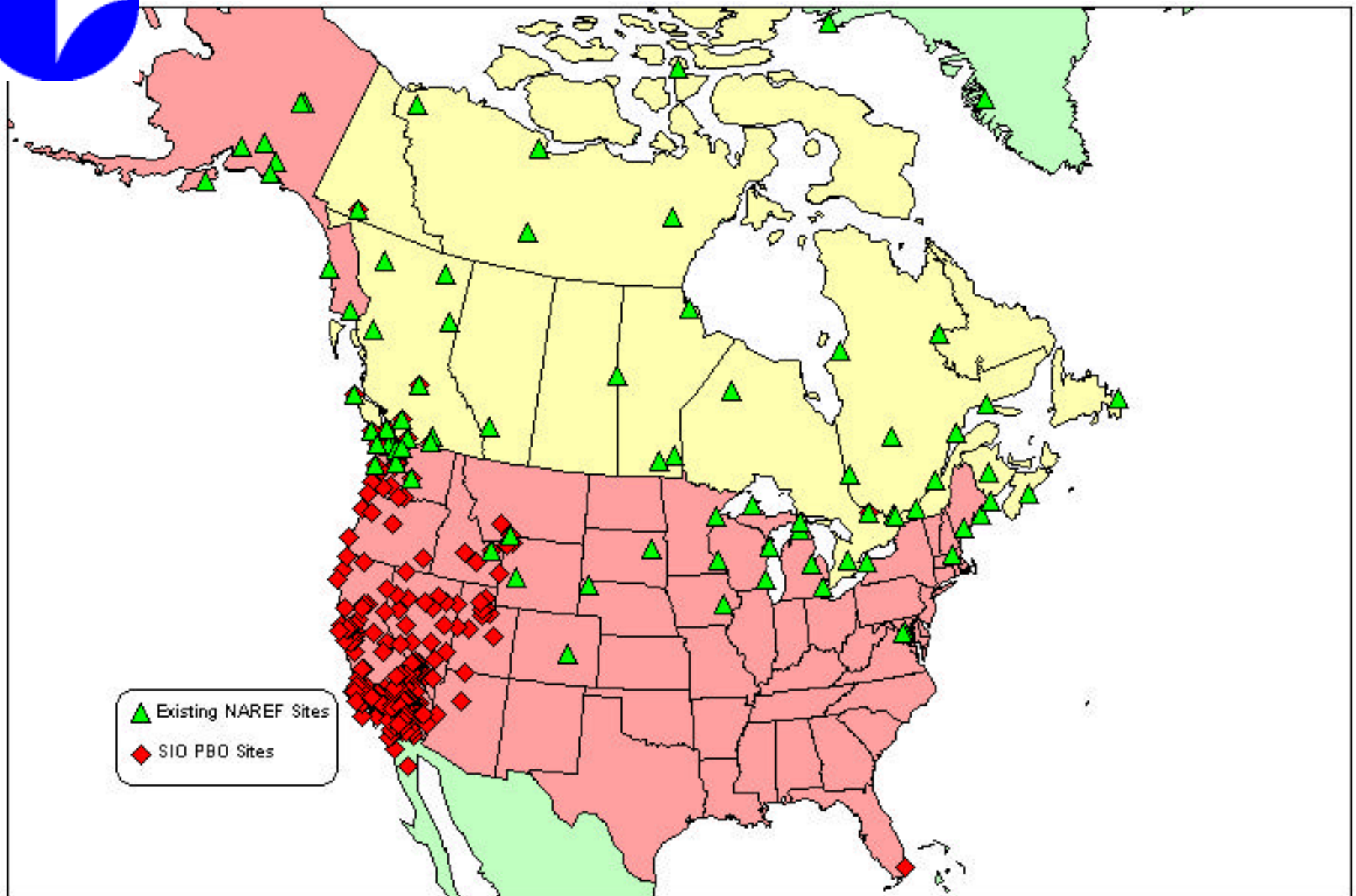


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Combination of Solutions

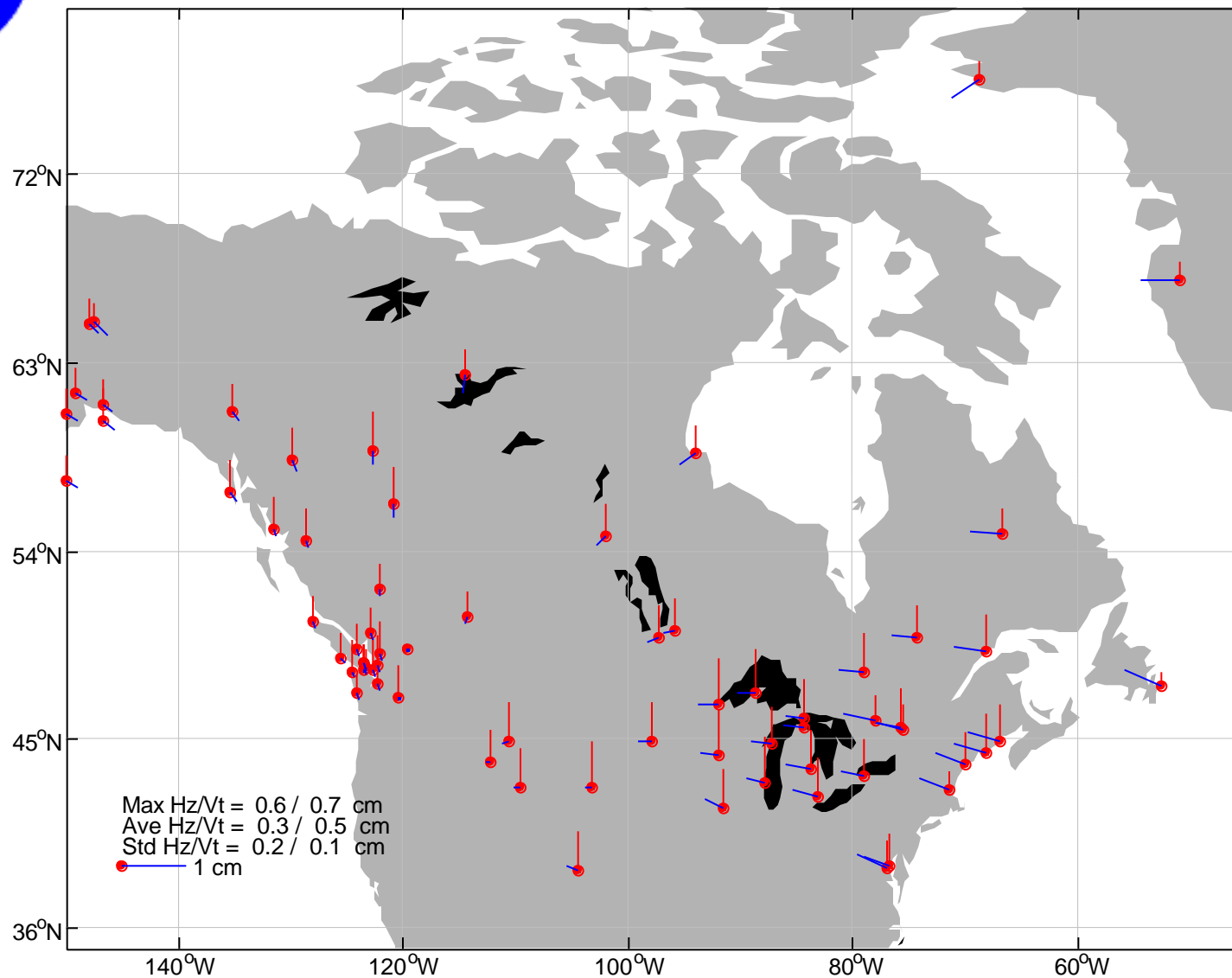
- *Still testing combination procedure*
 - Trying to use Bernese/ADDNEQ software
 - Has automated covariance matrix scaling
- *Problems*
 - Difficulties with ADDNEQ software (constraints & combination of non-Bernese solutions)
 - Presently trying GHOST
 - Initial comparisons show agreement at few mm level
 - Will also try Remi Ferland's SINEX Software





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Week 1070: NAREF GHOST-BSW (DRAO Fixed)



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Ref. Frame Transformations Working Group

- *Objectives*
 - To determine consistent relationships between international, regional and national reference frames/datums
 - To maintain (update) these relationships as needed
- *Members*
 - NRCan: Mike Craymer
 - NGS: Richard Snay
 - IGS: Remi Ferland





NAD83-ITRF Transformations

- *NAD83-ITRF96(1997.0) transformation*
 - Defines NAD83 since 1998; referred to as:
 - NAD83(CSRS[98]) in Canada
 - NAD83(NSRS) in US
- *Transformations from/to other ITRFs*
 - Use incremental transformations between ITRFs
 - Use NUVEL-1A plate motion model for points without reliable velocity estimates
- *Software*
 - TRNOBS (GSD) – Uses GHOST or GeoLab input format
 - HTDP (NGS) – Uses Blue Book format; Web version available



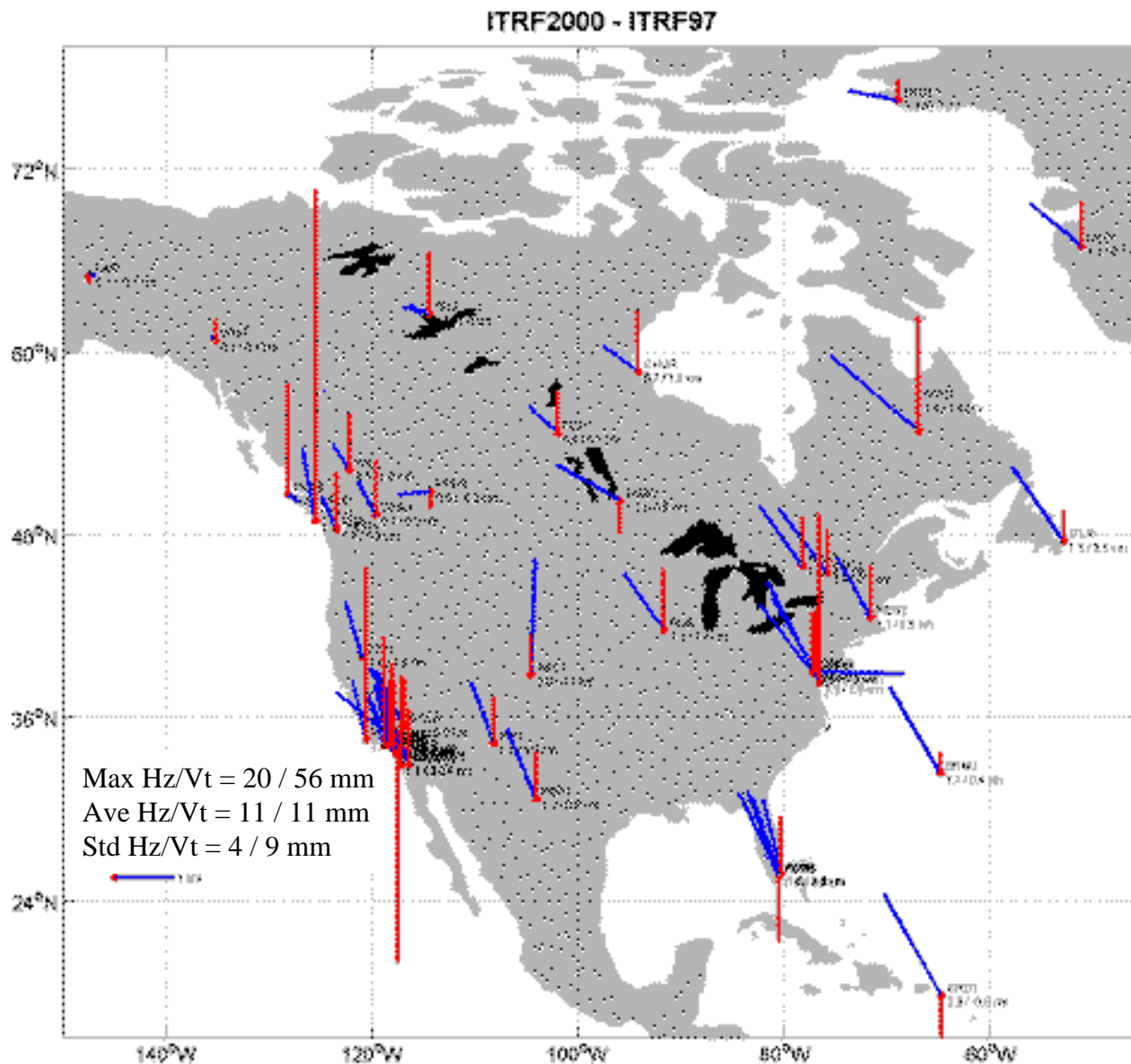


- *New ITRF2000*
 - Preliminary version available now
 - Shows **significant differences with ITRF97 in N.A.** (used by CBN 3.0)
 - Ave horizontal: 1.1 ± 0.4 cm
 - Ave vertical: 1.1 ± 0.9 cm
 - Will likely need to adopt a transformation between ITRF97 and ITRF2000
- *NAREF Web site*
 - <http://www.naref.org/>
 - For papers, conference presentations, software





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