EUVN Densification Action: completion of a continental GPS/leveling network

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OUTLINE

- HISTORICAL OVERVIEW
- 'QUASI'-FINAL STATUS
- RELATION TO EVRS2007

HANDLING OF THE PERMANENT TIDE

• RESULTS AND EXPLOITATION OF THE DATABASE

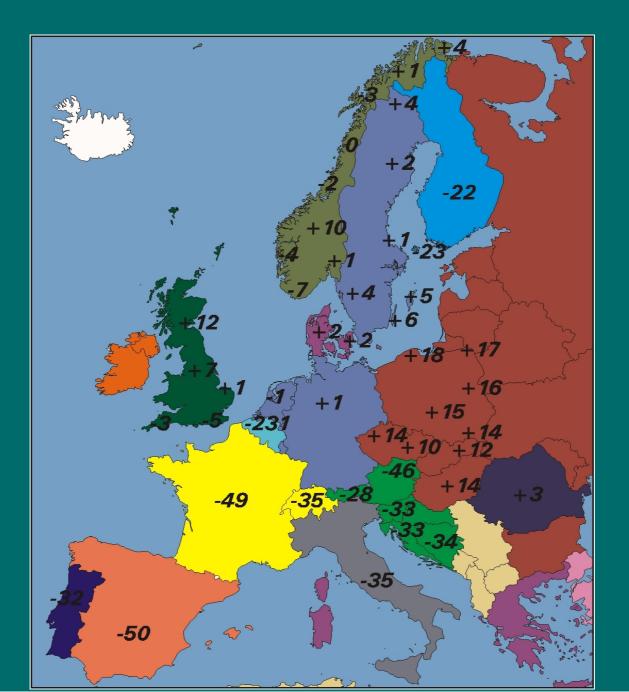
EUVN_DA BASICS

EUVN_DA: Densification Action of the European Unified Vertical Network (EUVN)

Homogeneous, 'sufficiently dense', continental GPS/leveling network

- Datum and test of the continental geoid solutions
- contribution to the realization of EVRS2007
- support the realization of a continental height reference surface consistent with UELN/EVRS and ETRS89 for GNSS applications
- scientific studies

Height datum differences from EUVN



BUILDING UP OF EUVN_DA

- Selection from the national networks following general guidelines and accuracy requirements
- New measurements (e.g. Croatia, Czech R., Hungary)

GPS guidelines

- GPS derived ellipsoidal heights (ETRS89/GRS80)
- optimally 24 h of measurement

Leveling data criteria

 connection to UELN benchmarks (to ensure accuracy and consistency)

PARTICIPATION



DATA CORRESPONDS TO THE HIGHEST REQUIREMENTS

SHORTER GPS
OBSERVATION SESSIONS
BUT DENSER NETWORK AND
NO DIRECT CONNECTION TO
UELN (EXCEPT FRANCE)

EUVN_DA POINT DISTRIBUTION



STATUS OF EUVN_DA

PROJECT TERMINATION POSTPONED IN 2008

REASONS:

- WAITING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF EVRF2007
 - NEW UELN ADJUSTMENT, THE EUVN_DA PART SCHEDULED LATER
 - DIFFERENT HANDLING OF THE PERMANENT TIDE (LEVELING, GPS, GEOID)
- UPDATED EUROPEAN GEOID SOLUTION EGG2008
- COUNTRY-SPECIFIC INCONSISTENCIES

HANDLING OF THE PERMANENT TIDE

UELN/EVRS2007: ZERO TIDE

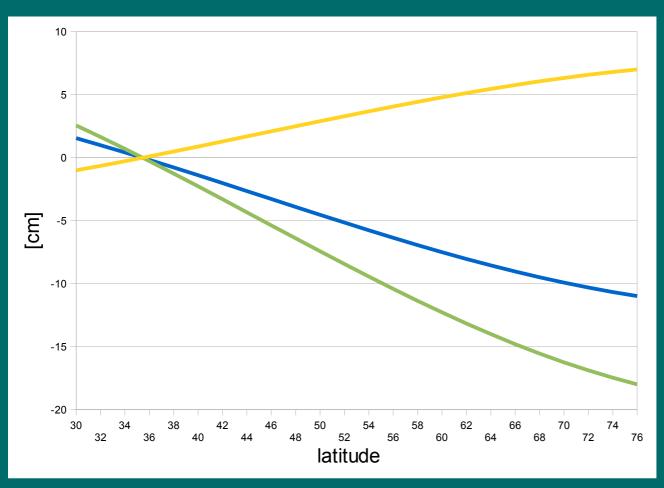
EGG2008 GEOID: ZERO TIDE

ELLIPSOIDAL HEIGHTS: TIDE FREE CRUST

UELN/EVRS2000: MEAN TIDE

tide free: all tidal (time variable and permanent)
effects (shape, potential) are removed
mean tidal: all effects of the permanent tide (Earth
shape and potential) are retained
zero tidal: only the tide generating potential is removed

CORRECTIONS DUE TO THE PERMANENT TIDE

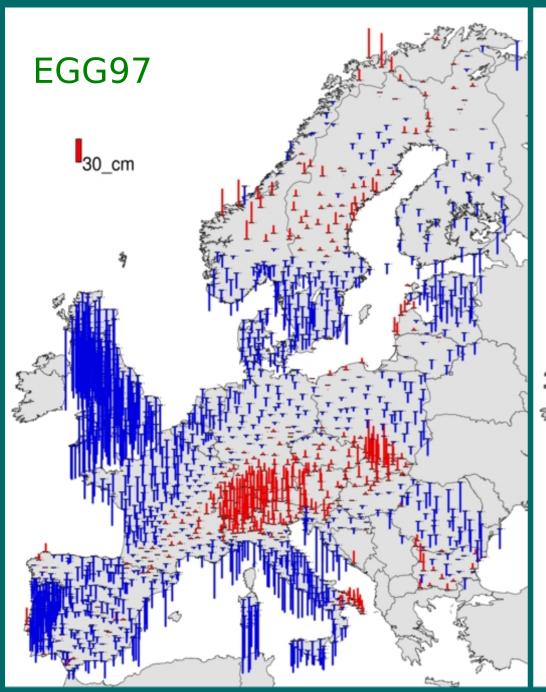


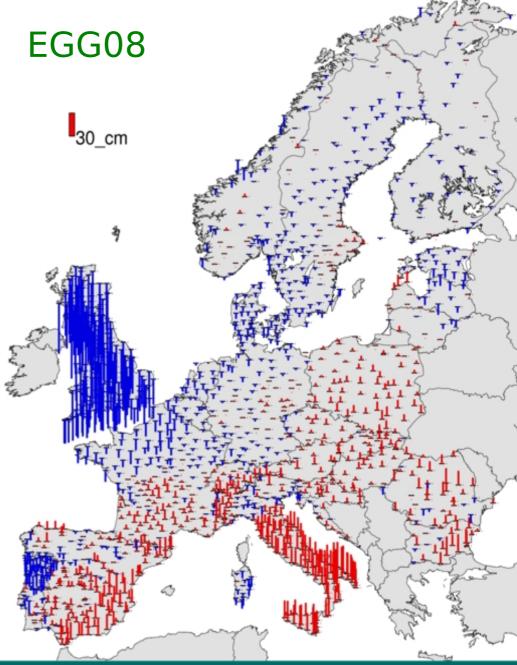
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tide free to zero crust

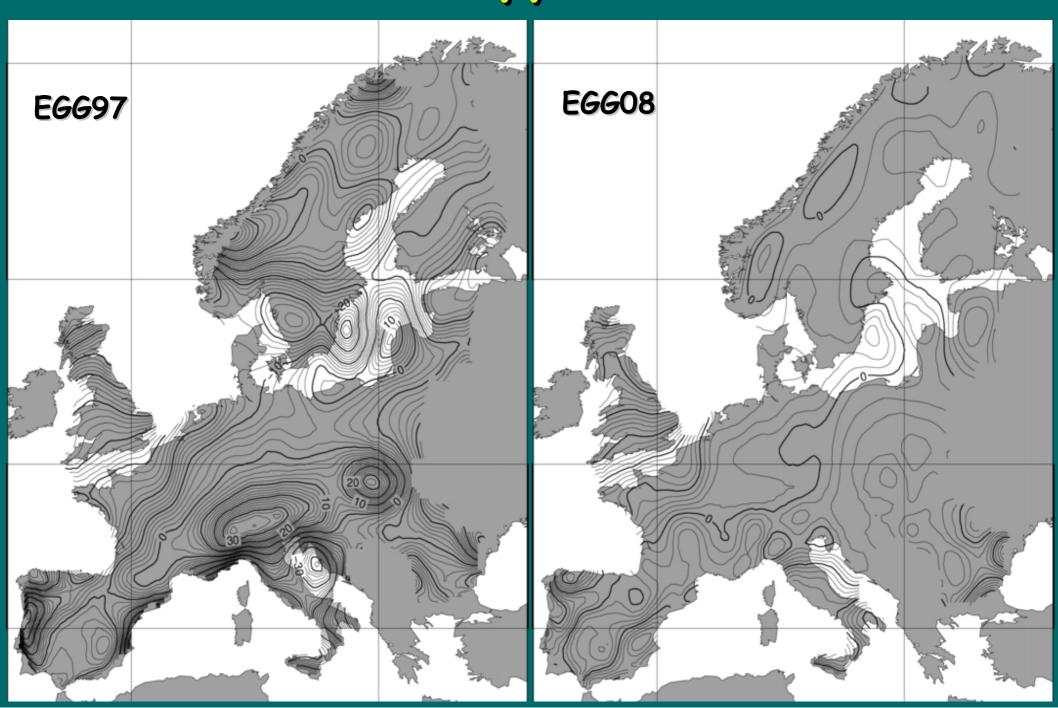
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EUVN_DA EGGYY COMPARISON

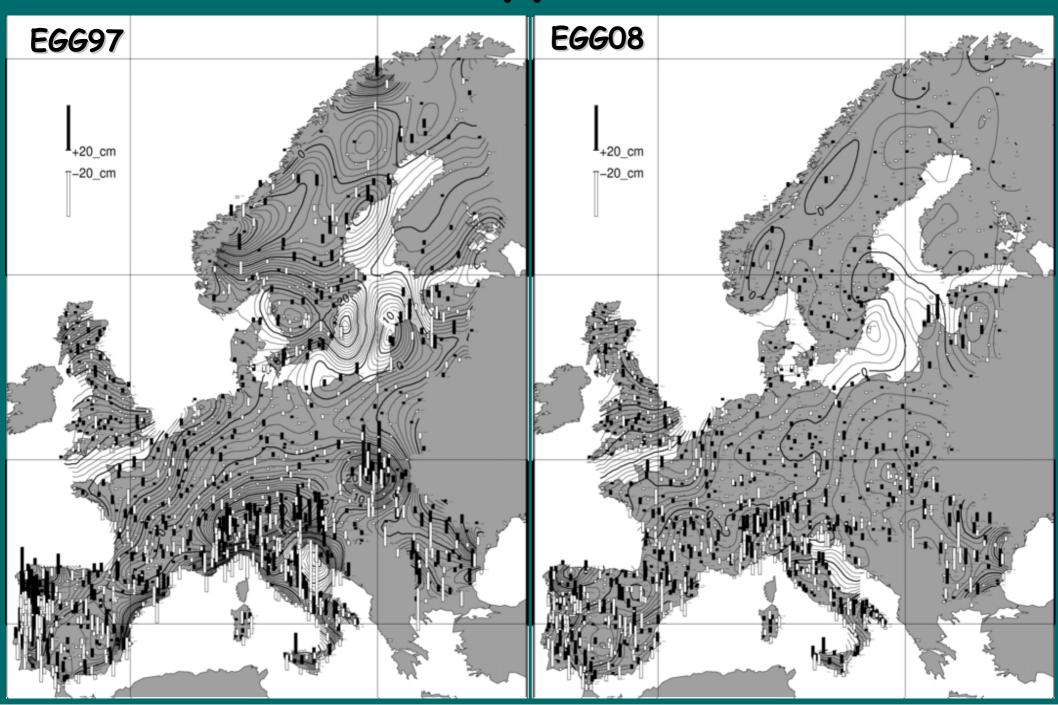




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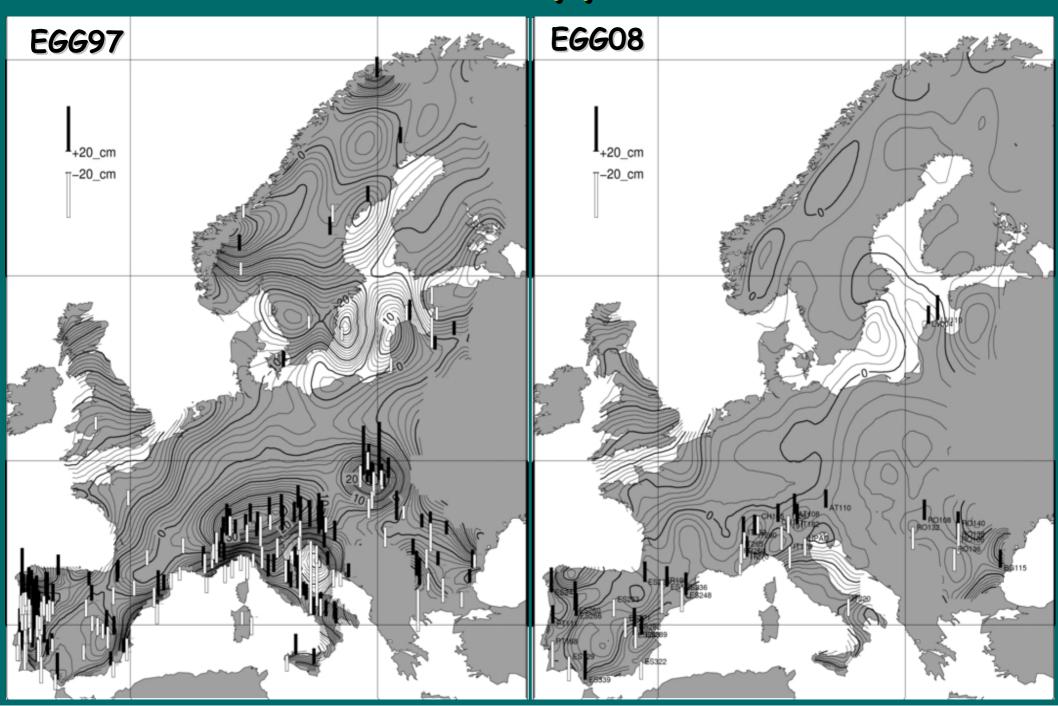


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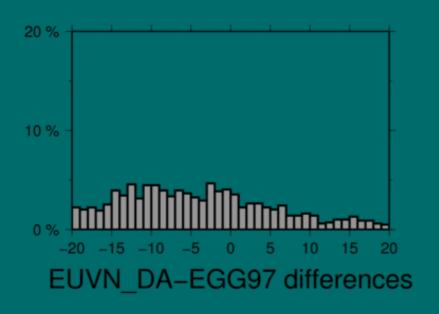


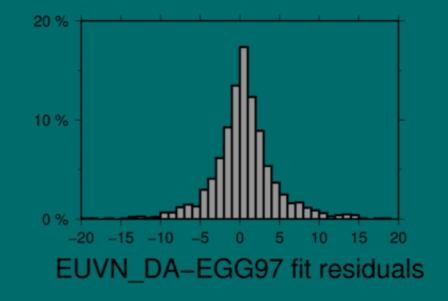
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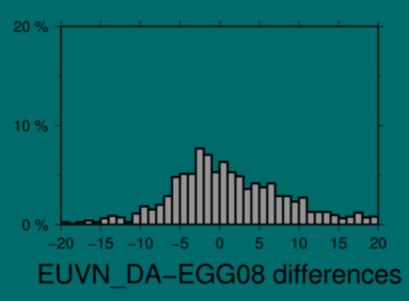
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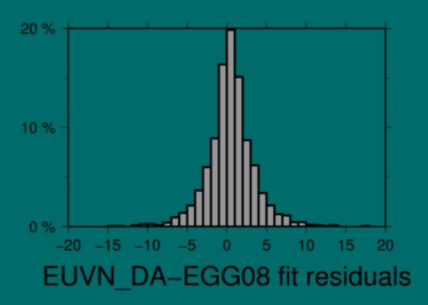


HISTOGRAMMS OF THE DIFFERENCES









CONCLUSIONS OF THE COMPARISON

- EGG08 MADE ABOUT 50% IMPROVEMENT OVER EGG97 AT THE COMPARISONS WITH EUVN_DA,
- THE RMS OF THE EGGO8/EUVN_DA DIFFERENCES IS WELL BELOW 10 CM
- THE DIFFERENCES CAN BE EASILY MODELED BY LOW ORDER LOCAL POLINOMIALS, THE RESIDUAL RMS IS 3 CM.
- THE DATABASE MAKES FEASIBLE THE REALIZATION OF THE CM-ACCURACY CONTINENTAL HEIGHT REFERENCE SURFACE
- THIS WILL BE DONE IN COOPERATION BETWEEN EGGP AND EUREF, WHEN THE CURRENT HIGH DISCREPANCIES ARE CLARIFIED.

SKELETONS IN THE CUPBOARD ...

- UK
 - <u>EUROTUNNEL CONNECTION NOT YET</u> FINALIZED
 - TILT IN THE UK LEVELING NETWORK (ALREADY PUBLISHED IN 1959)
- FRANCE TILT IN THE HEIGHT NETWORK
- BALKAN WEAK GEOID DATABASE
- SPAIN OLD DATA, SOON UPDATED
- ITALY SYSTEMATIC DISCREPANCY OF EGG AND GPS/LEVELING BEING CLARIFIED

PRODUCTS OF EUVN_DA

EUREF PRODUCT

HIGH QUALITY, HOMOGENOUS, CONTINENTAL SET OF REFERENCE GPS/LEVELING POINTS

WHEN ALL COUNTRIES AGREE WILL BE FREELY AVAILABLE

EGGP/EUREF PRODUCT

ACCURATE CONTINENTAL HEIGHT REFERENCE SURFACE FOR THE PRACTICE

DEVELOPMENT IS FORESEEN, WHEN THE PENDING DATA PROBLEMS SOLVED

EUVN_DA WEB PAGES

CRS.BKG.BUND.DE/EVRS/DRAFT EUVNDA.HTML

USES THE CRS LAYOUT

- GENERAL DESCRIPTION
- COUNTRY SPECIFIC PAGES
 ONLY METADATA AND A MAP OF SITE DISTRIBUTION
- COMPARISIONS WITH THE EGG QUASIGEOID SOLUTIONS

-- SUMMARY --

- THE 1ST VERSION OF THE EUVN_DA DATABASE IS FINALIZED IN NOVEMBER 2009
- FINAL REPORT DISTRIBUTED SAME TIME
- THE EGG08/EUVN_DA COMBINED HEIGHT REFERENCE SURFACE CREATED AND PUBLISHED LATER
- THE EUVN_DA DATABASE WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE EVRS WEBSITE. REGISTERED, ACADEMIC USERS, WILL GET FREE ACCESS TO THE DATABASE
- THE EUVN_DA DATABASE WILL BE PERIODICALLY UPDATED AND MAINTAINED
- · ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE DATA PROVIDERS.

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