



# FCC Geodesy

Advances in high-precision gravity field determination, geodetic reference frames and geodetic infrastructure for the FCC region

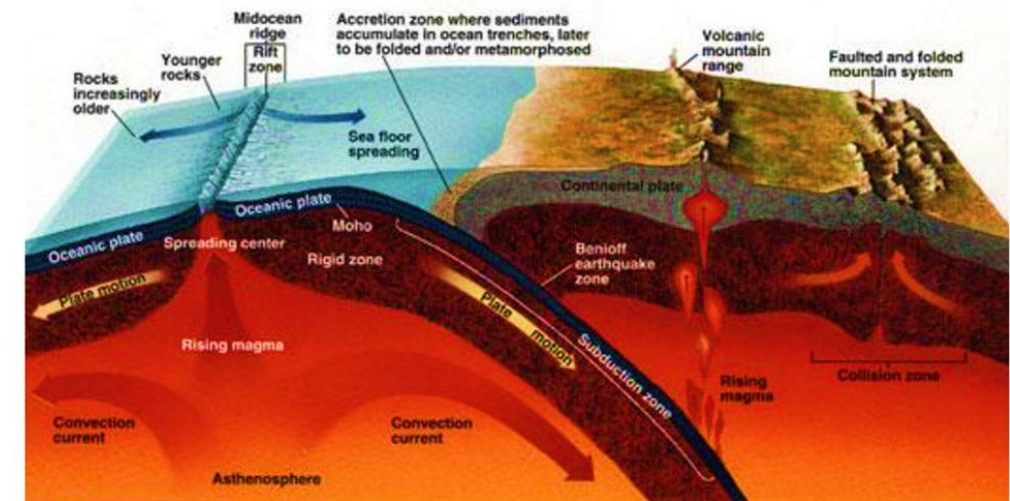
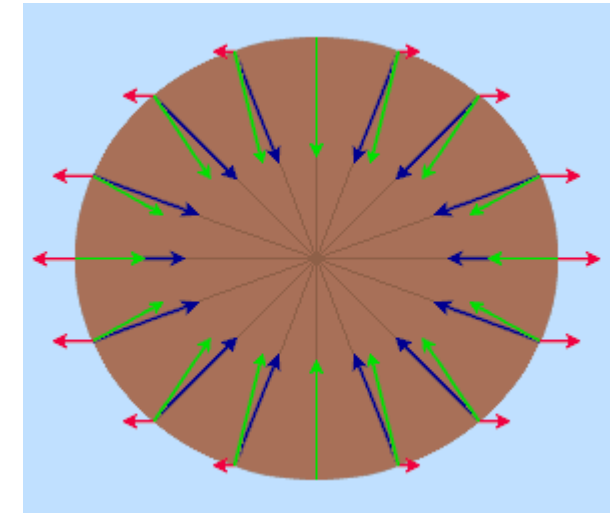
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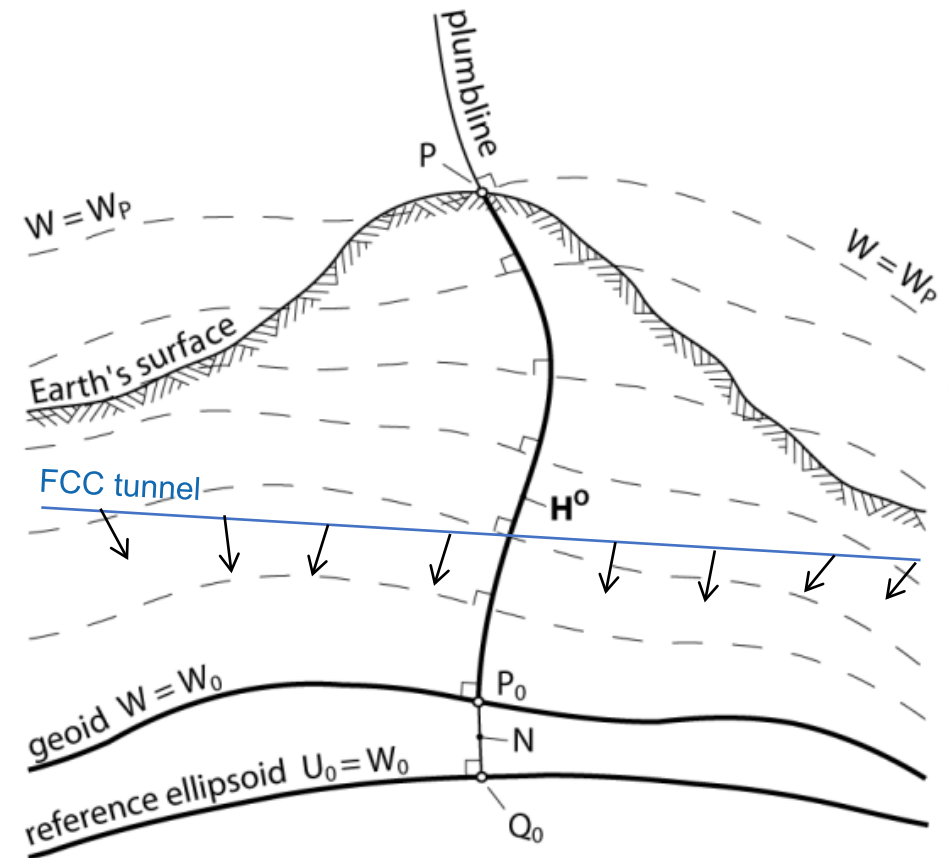
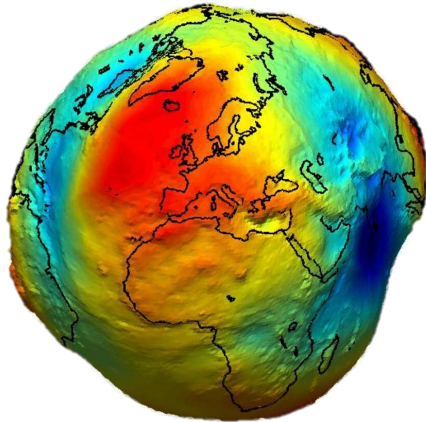
# Background

1. Rotation of the Earth → geometrical shape resembles an oblate spheroid (ellipsoid)
2. Density variations in the Earth system
  - magma distributions, geological compositions, deep sea trenches, mountain ranges, ...



# Geometric vs. physical heights

- Geometric heights: based on reference ellipsoid
- Physical heights: based on “geoid”
  - Equipotential surface: no water flow
  - Gravity force acts perpendicular



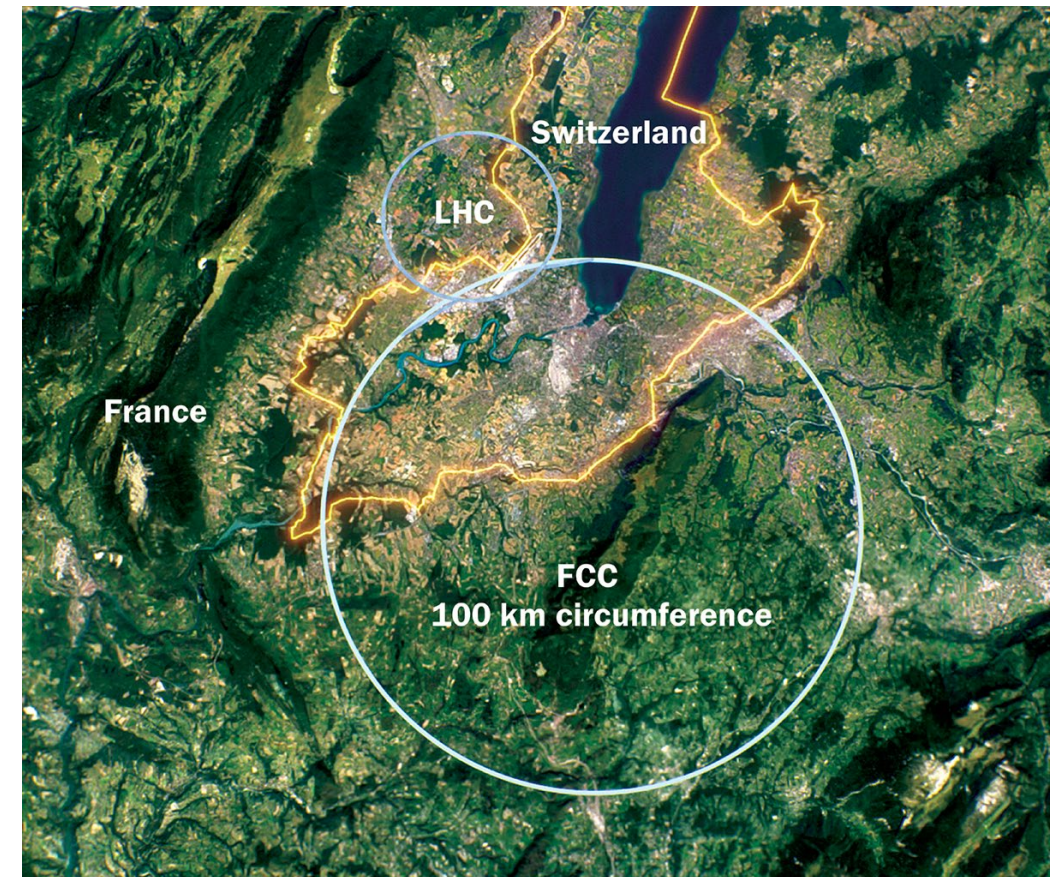
$H^o$ : orthometric height

— — : equipotential surface  $W = \text{const.}$

→ : orientation of the gravity vector

# Motivation

- FCC site around ten times larger than the current CERN site
- CERN Geoid Model – CG2000 now more than 20 years old
- Most of the related geodetic reference frames and infrastructure even older
- Increased alignment requirements for FCC experiments



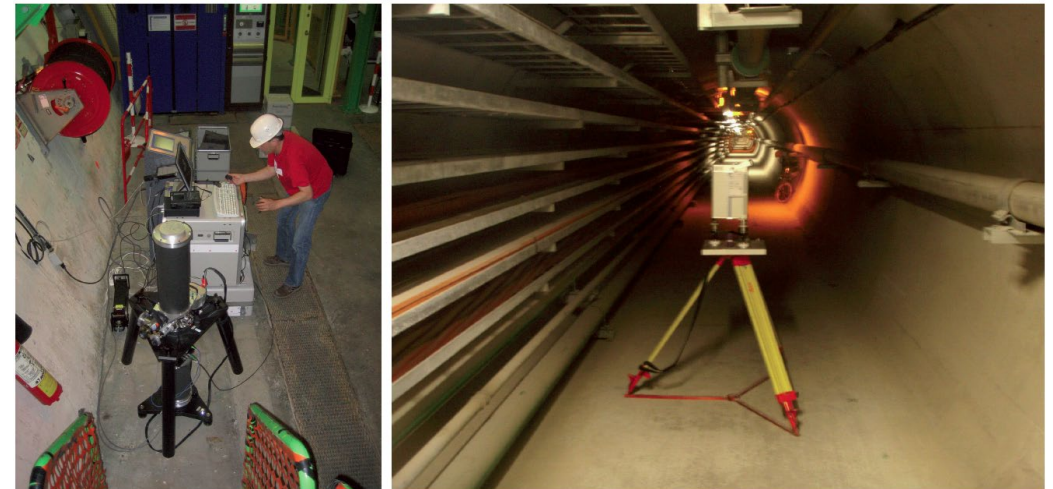


# Goals of the FCC Geodesy Study

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1. Determination of a high-precision gravity field model for the FCC region (geoid < 1 cm)
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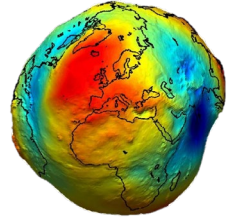
→ basis for the construction, operation and maintenance of the FCC



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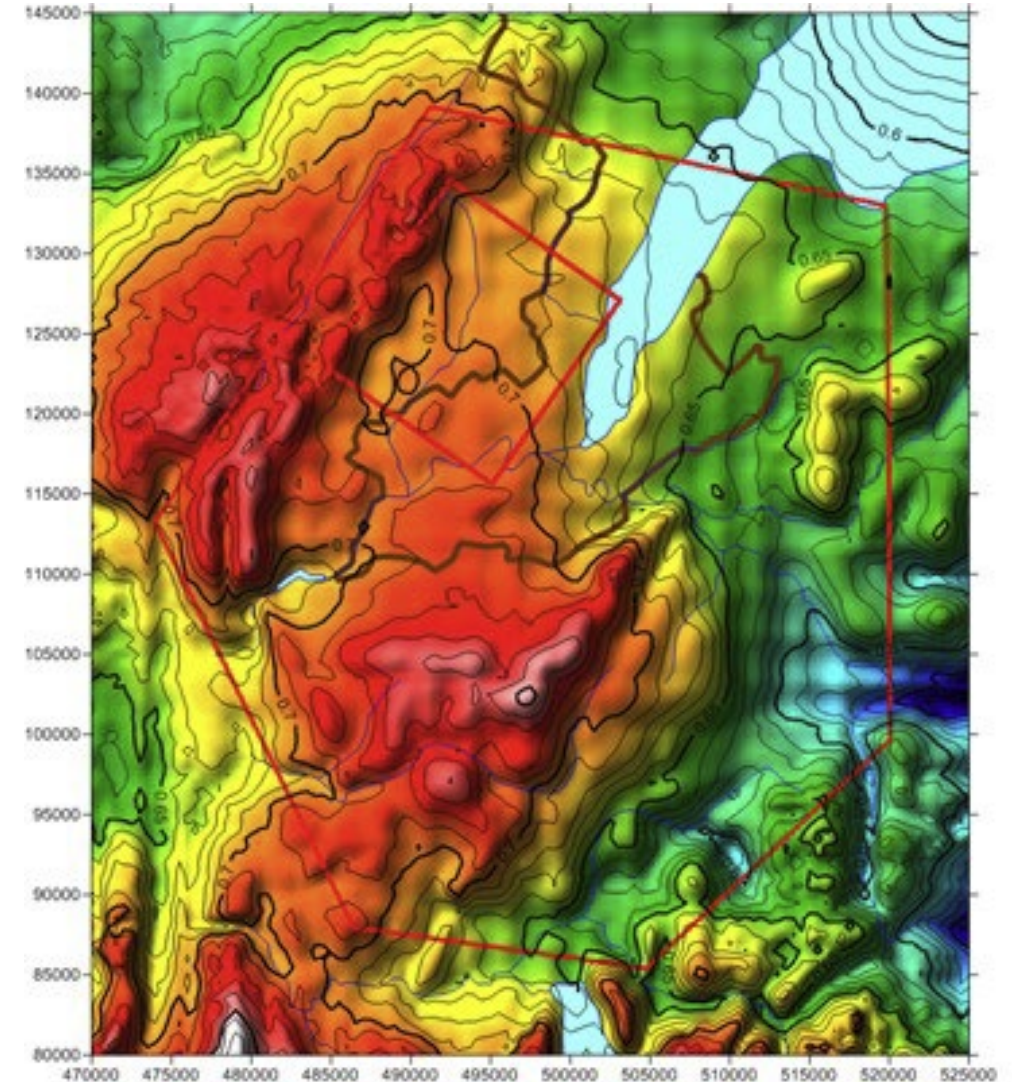
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# Available gravity field models

- Switzerland
  - CHGeo98 (CG2000)
  - CHGeo2004
- France
  - QGF98
  - RAF98
  - QGF2016
  - RAF09
  - RAF2018b
- Global Models
  - EGM2008
  - GOCO05s
- CERN
  - CG1985
  - CG2000
- D-A-CH
  - D-A-CH-Geoid
  - European Alps Geoid
- Europe
  - EGG2015

Mean offset: 67 cm  
Stand. Dev.: 4.1 cm

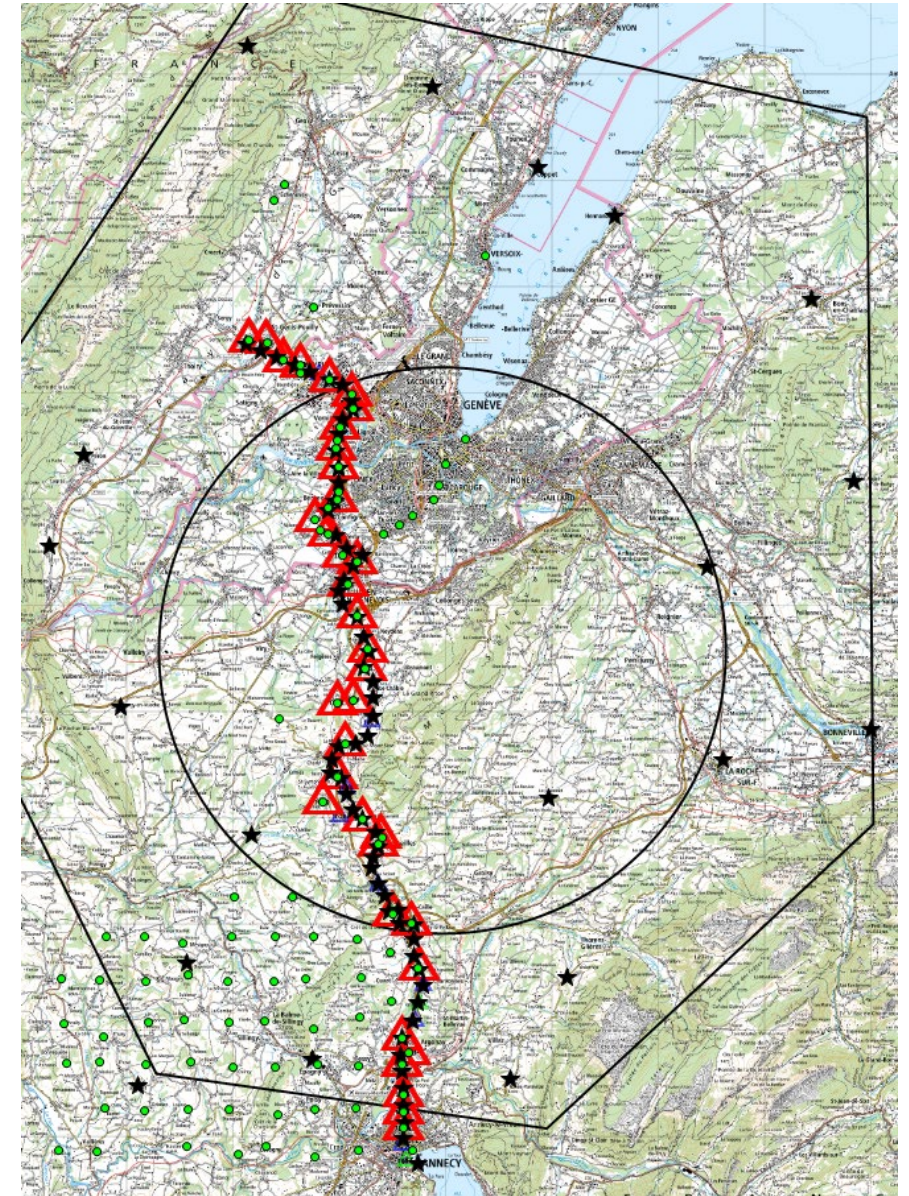
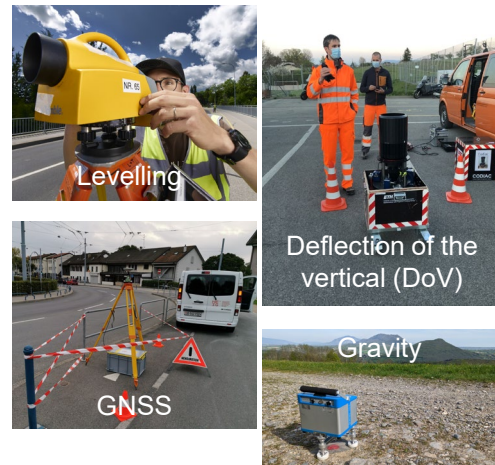


Difference: CHGeo2004 - QGF98



# High-accuracy profile for validation

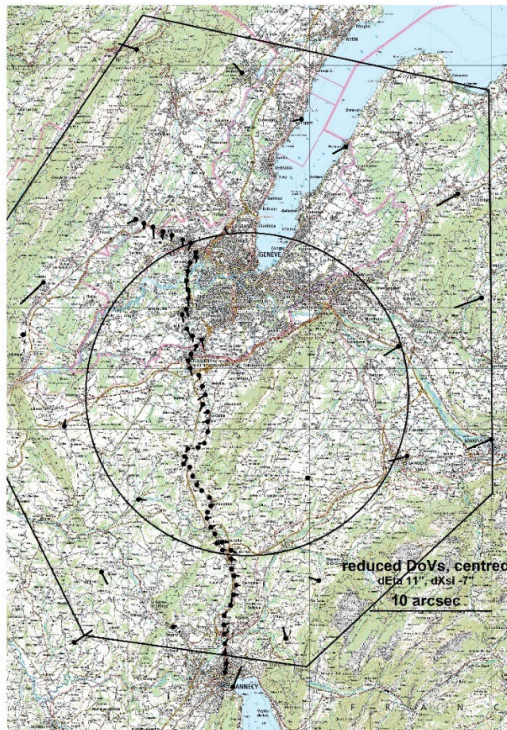
- Purpose: validation of the geoid models with independent measurements
- Successfully established a high-accuracy profile
  - Length 40 km
- Various measurements:
  - ~40 GNSS/levelling stations ( $\blacktriangle$ )
  - ~80 Deflections of the Vertical ( $\star$ )
  - ~50 gravity stations ( $\bullet$ )
  - ~50 gravity stations NW of Annecy (filling data gaps)



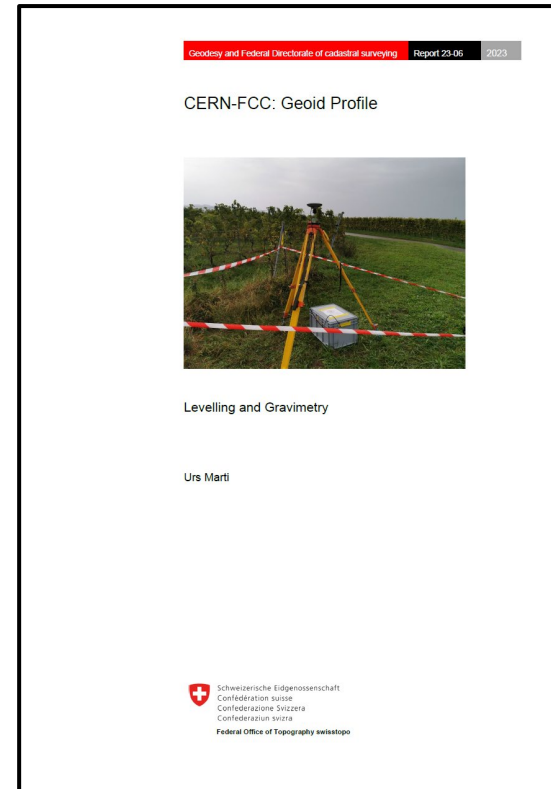


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- Final results delivered for all measurements
  - Example: deflections of the vertical
- Report on levelling and gravimetry published



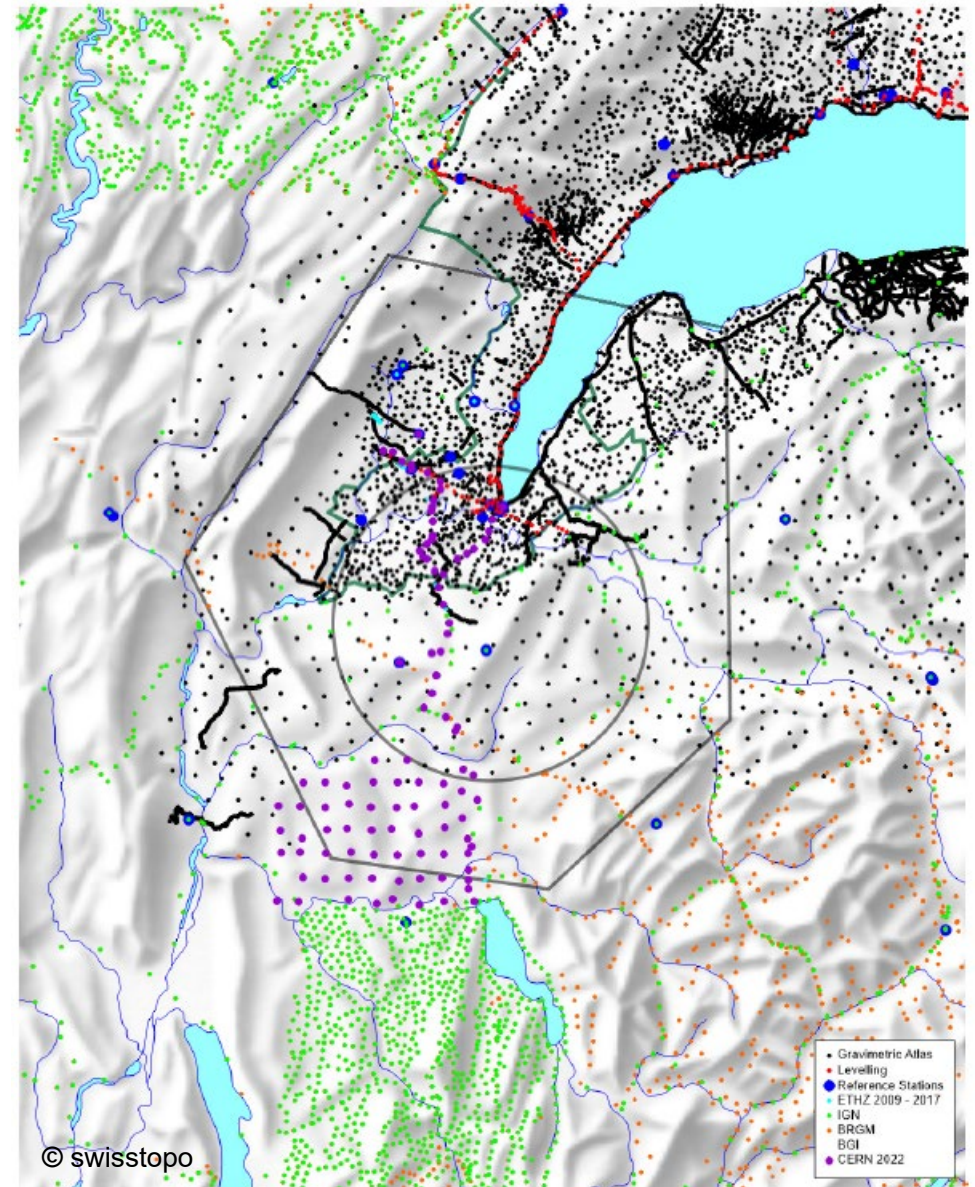
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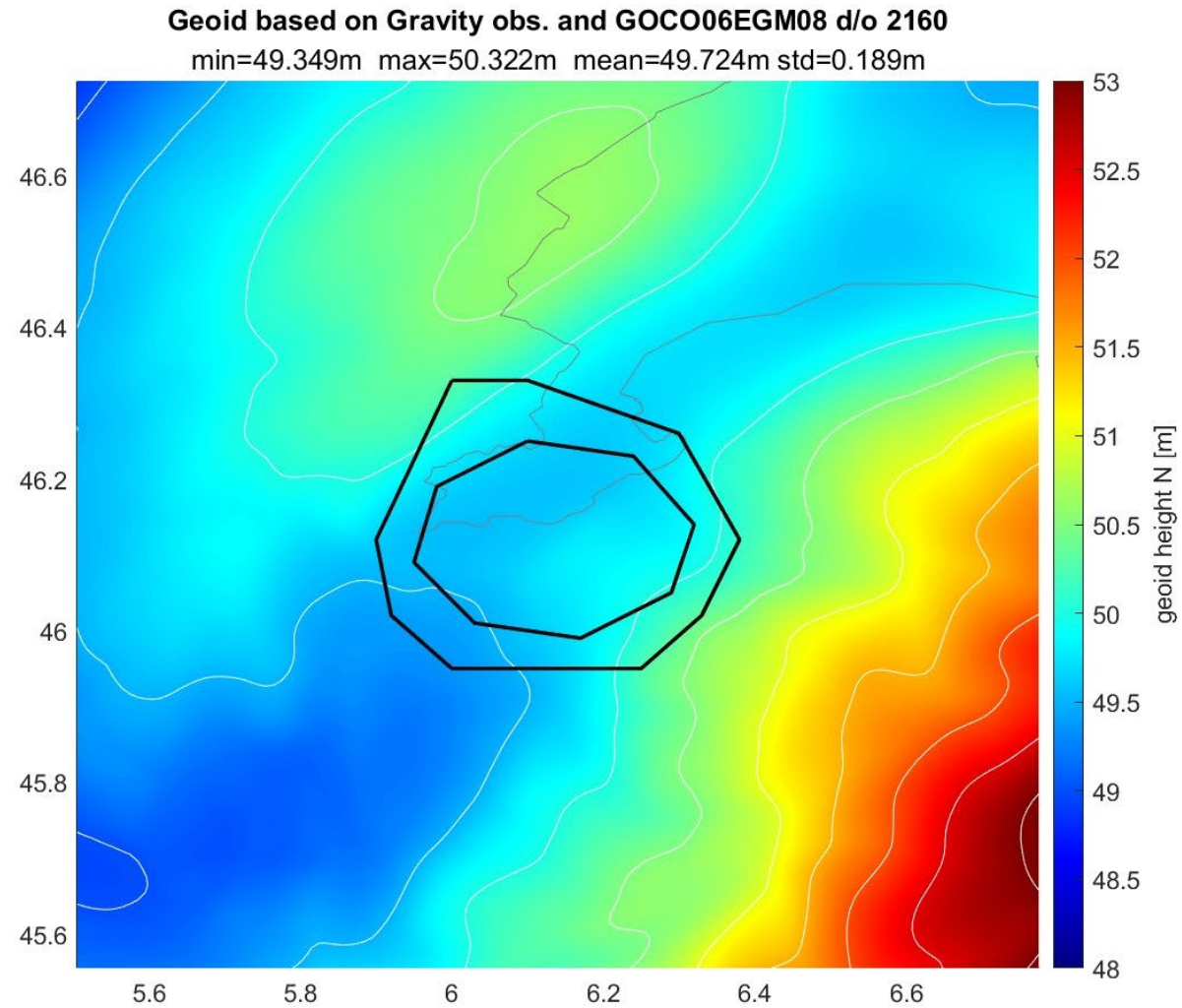
# Toward a new gravity field model for the FCC region

- Available data:
  - ~10'000 gravity measurements
  - ~50 deflections of the vertical
  - Digital elevation model
  - Density map (lakes, glaciers, Ivrea body, Po valley, GeoMol: Geneva-Savoy area, etc.)
- Available software:
  - TU Graz (Groops)
  - Swisstopo (Quawirk, Hitcol)
  - DTU Space (Gravsoft)
  - UNB (SHGeo)

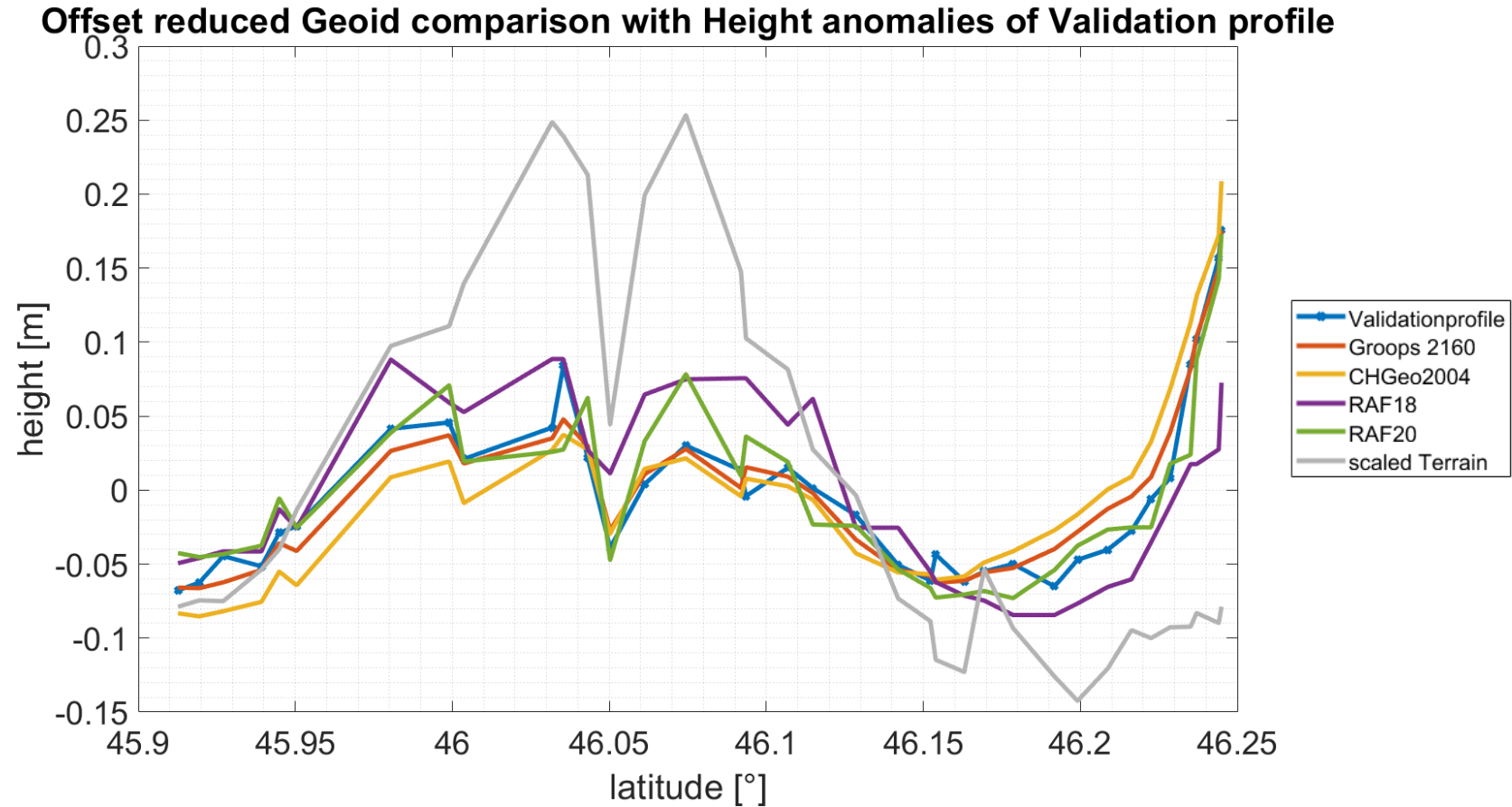




# Initial FCC geoid solution with a subset of available data



# Comparison with high-accuracy profile



Comparison with FCC validation profile	Groops 2160	CHGeo2004	RAF18	RAF20
Offset [cm]	41.9	18.8	49.6	49.6
Standard deviation [cm]	1.5	2.7	4.6	2.4

Julia Koch, ETH



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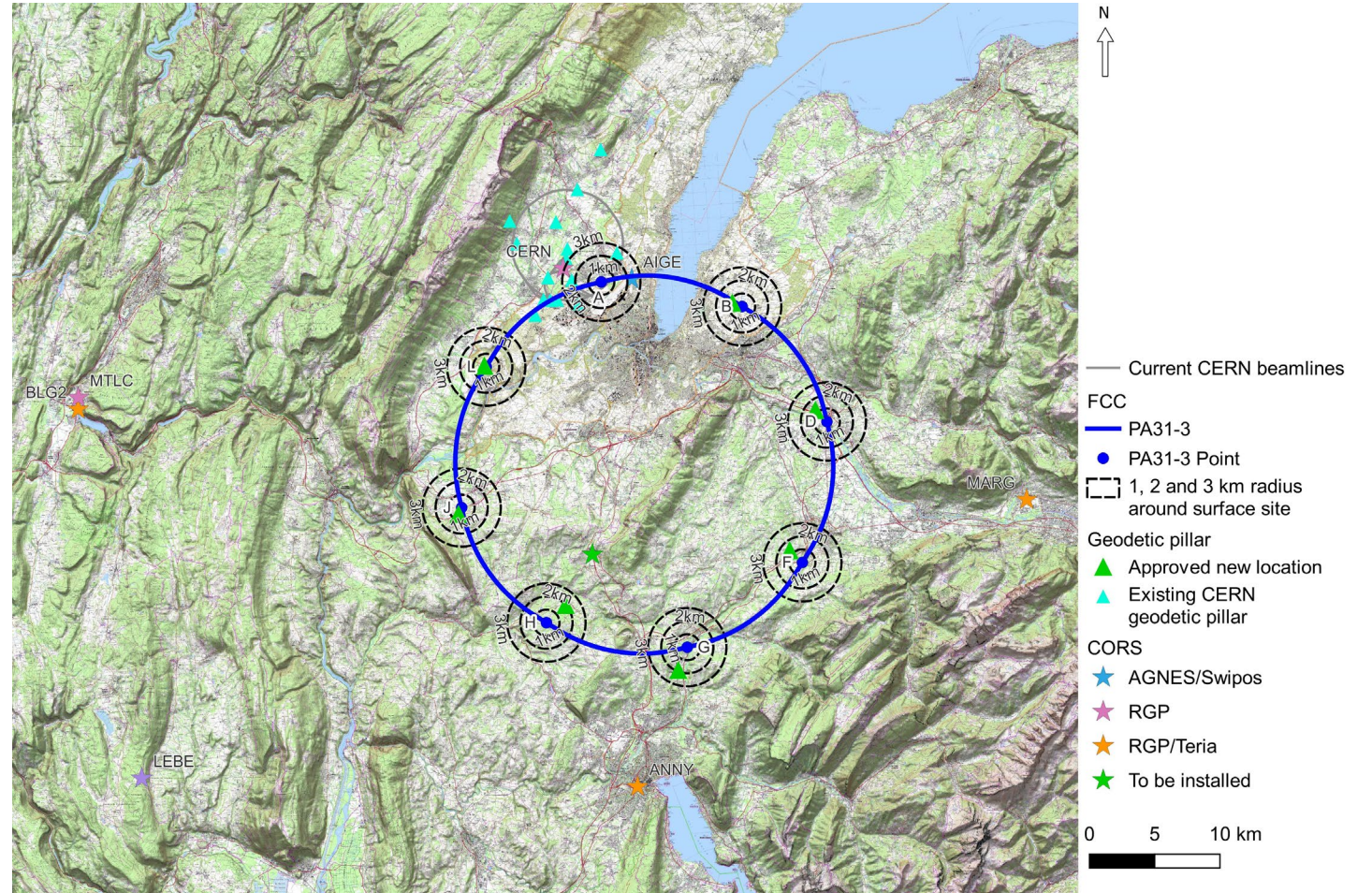
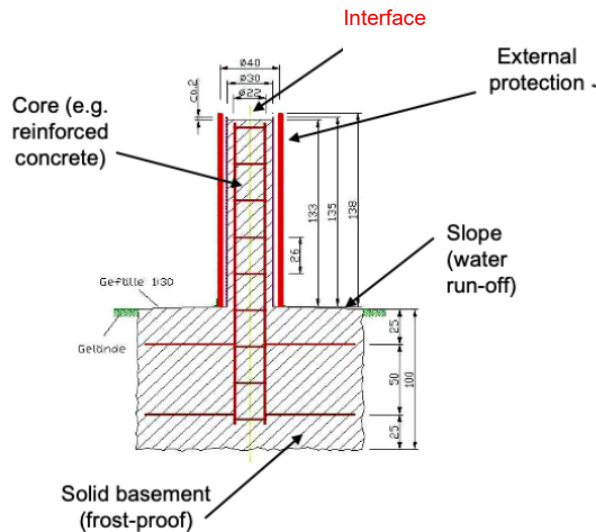






# Implementation of Primary Surface Geodetic Network (P-SGN)

- Sites selected
- Agreement to build the pillars



Benjamin Weyer, CERN

# Calibration of geodetic equipment during the operational phase

- Proposed concept for quality control of the geodetic equipment
  - (field) tests to be performed by CERN for all instruments
  - calibration to be performed mostly by CERN



	CERN	Manufacturer	Research /public institution	Independent private company
Laser scanner	●●	●●●		
Laser tracker		●●●	●●	
Level staff	●●●		●●	
Level, Digital	●●●	●●	●●	
Meteo sensors	●●●	●●●	●●	●●
Prism/reflector	●●●	●●	●●	
RGB camera	●●●		●●	
Total station	●●●	●●	●●	

Legend: (●●●): preferably; (●●): optionally; (●): only if required; (no dot): not recommended

Matej Varga, ETH



# Conclusions

- FCC requires a **< 1 cm geoid**, not possible with existing solutions
- **High-accuracy profile for validation**: final solutions delivered for all measurement types
- **Initial geoid successfully computed**, agreement with validation profile of 1.5 cm
- **Conceptual for geodetic surface network** approaching realization
- **Concept for instrument calibration** proposed for operational phase
  
- Next steps:
  - **Improved geoid model**, considering deflections of the vertical and dynamic changes
  - Methods for **position and orientation transfer** into the FCC tunnel

# Backup

# Dynamic gravity field: modeling of time-variable effects

- Example: surges, Lake of Geneva

