



Height Reference System Modernization in Turkey : Current Status and Future Plans

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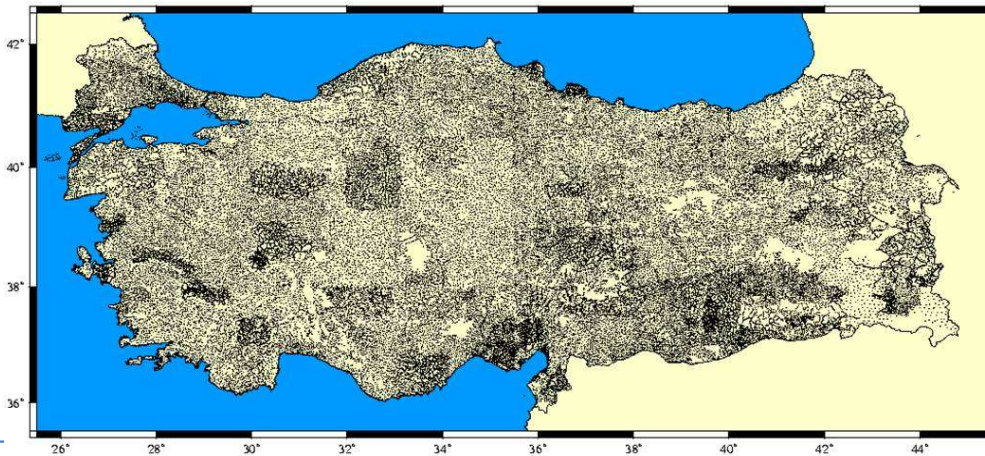
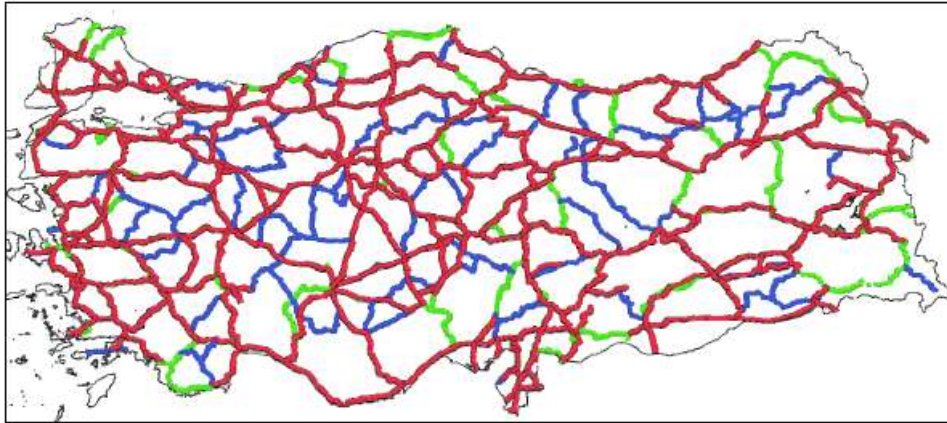


Presentation Overview

- **Rationale of Height Reference System Modernization in Turkey**
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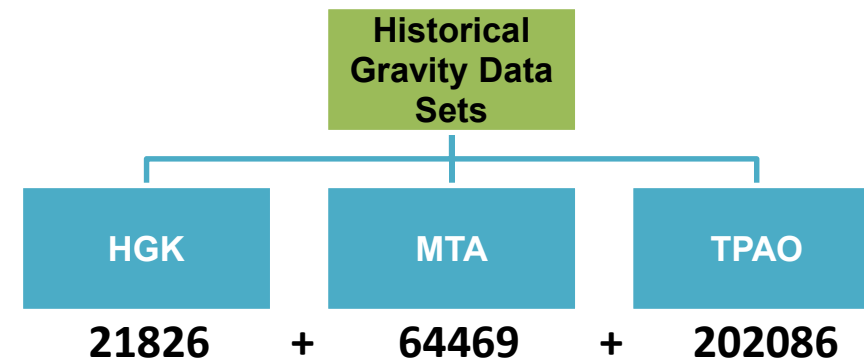
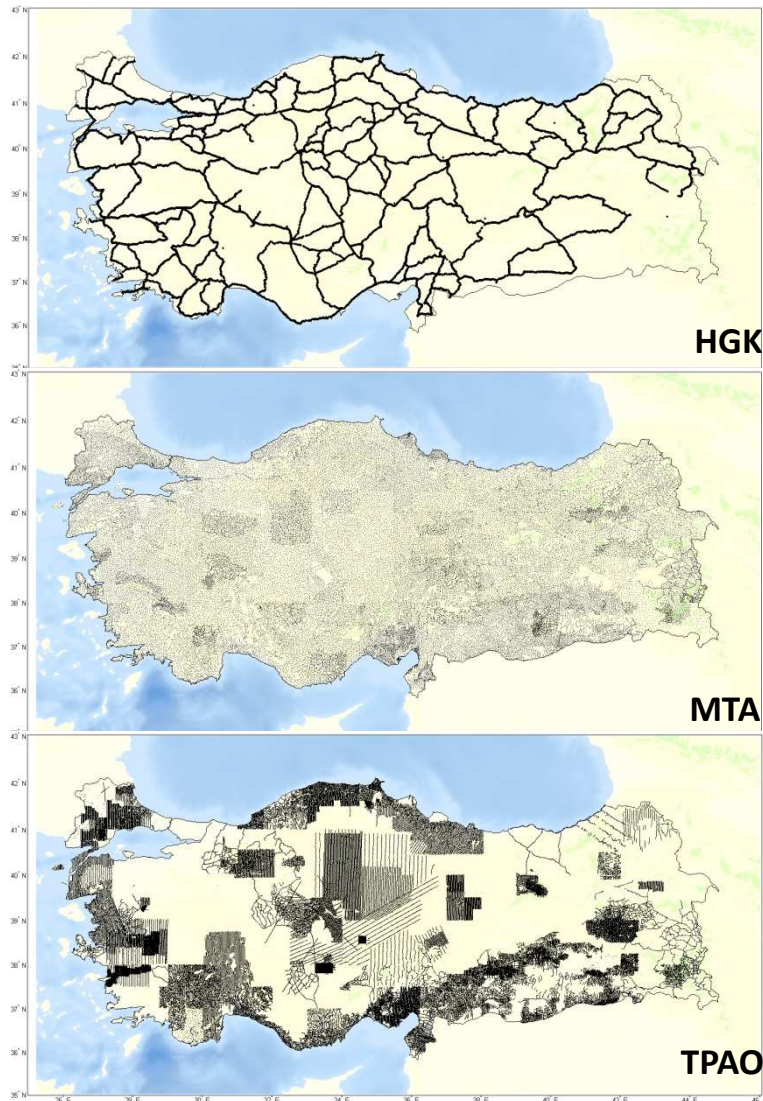
Rationale of Height Reference System Modernization

Levelling Network (**63% destroyed**)



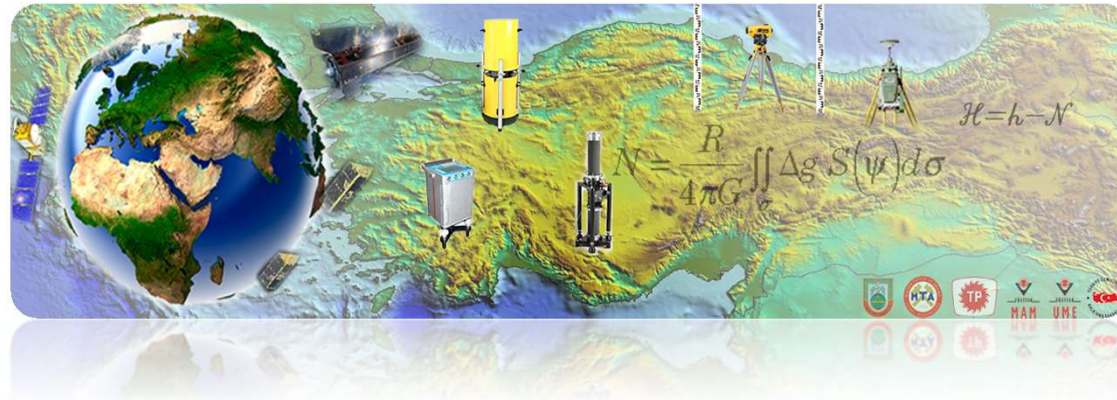
Existing Geoid Model
Accuracy : ± 8 cm

Rationale of Height Reference System Modernization



- Gravity reference system ?
- Horizontal coordinate reference system ?
- Vertical coordinate reference ?
- Positioning Method ?
- Gravity observation method ?
- Gravity data processing (tides, drifts etc.) ?
- **Consistency : ???**
- **Accuracy: ???**

Turkish Height System Modernization & Gravity Recovery Project



Turkish Height System Modernization & Gravity Recovery Project is a five-year-long (2015-2020) collaborative project of General Command of Mapping, General Directorate of Mineral Research & Exploration, Turkish Petroleum Agency, TUBITAK Marmara Research Center, and TUBITAK National Metrology Institute supported by Turkish Ministry of Development.





Turkish Height System Modernization & Gravity Recovery Project

Aims :

- ☞ To realize high accuracy and resolution geoid model (1-3 cm @ 1-3 km) for GNSS heighting
- ☞ To recover the gravity data infrastructure

Objectives :

- ☞ Turkish Geoid Model – 2020
- ☞ Turkish National Gravity Data Center (TR-GRAV)



Turkish Height System Modernization & Gravity Recovery Project

Work Packages (WP):

- ✚ 1. Provision of Instruments (2015-2016) (**~Completed**)
- ✚ 2. Standardization, training and instrument tests & calibration (2015-2016) (**Completed**)
- ✚ 3. Relative Gravimetry (2016-2019)
- ✚ 4. Absolute and Airborne Gravimetry (2016-2019)
- ✚ 5. GNSS/Motorized Leveling (2016-2019)
- ✚ 6. Quality Check and Validation of Historical Gravity Data (2017-2018)
- ✚ 7. Establishment of National Gravity Database (2015-2017)
- ✚ 8. Gravimetric Geoid Modeling and Testing (2018-2020)
- ✚ 9. Transmission of online geoid prediction through TR-CORS System (2019-2020)
- ✚ 10. Reporting and Publishing of Gravimetric Geoid Model (2020)

WP1: Provision of Instruments (2015-2016) (~Completed)



- 10 Scintrex CG-5 Relative Gravimeters
- 10 Topcon GR-5 GNSS Receivers
- 10 Kestrel 2500 Portable Meteorological Sensors
- 10 Laptops
- 1 Micro-g LaCoste A-10 Absolute Gravimeter
- 1 Micro-g LaCoste FG5-X Absolute Gravimeter
- 1 IMAR iNAV RQH-1001 INS (not completed yet)
- 2 VW Amarok
- 4 Renault Clio
- 11000 Relative/Absolute Gravimetry Benchmark
- 200 GNSS/Levelling Benchmark

WP2: Standardization, training and instrument tests & calibration



- Standards are determined.
- The instruments are tested.
- Practical education is carried out each year.
- Calibration of CG-5 is carried out annually .



WP3: Relative Gravimetry

10 Scintrex CG-5 Autgrav

6459 points out of ~13000 measured in 2016 and 2017

The profile method with the measurement sequence of “A-B-C-D-E-C-B-A”

At least 5 readings with 60 seconds reading time

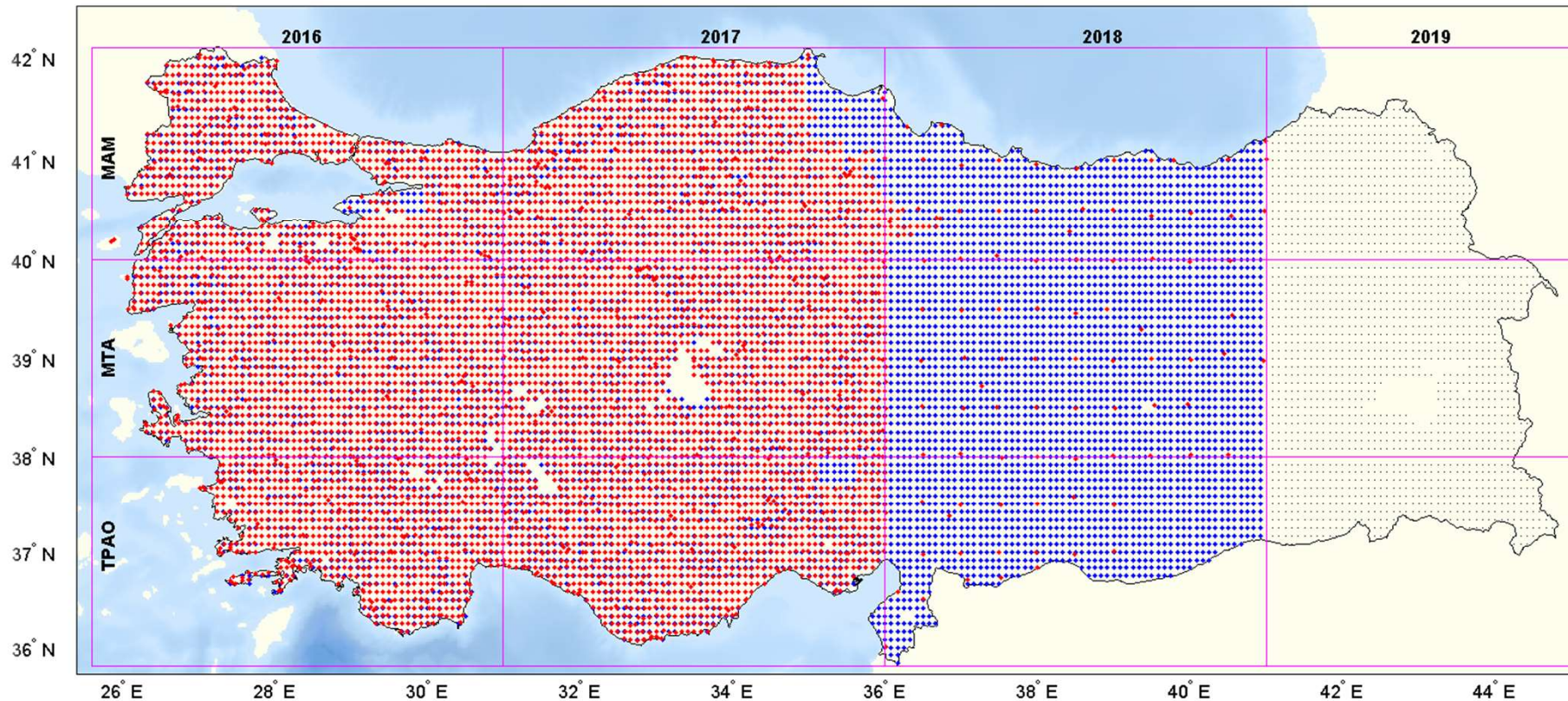
Raw gravity readings are reduced for Solid Earth tide, Ocean Loading, Pressure Changes, Polar Motion, Instrument Height & Drift

Network adjustment based on weighted constrained least squares

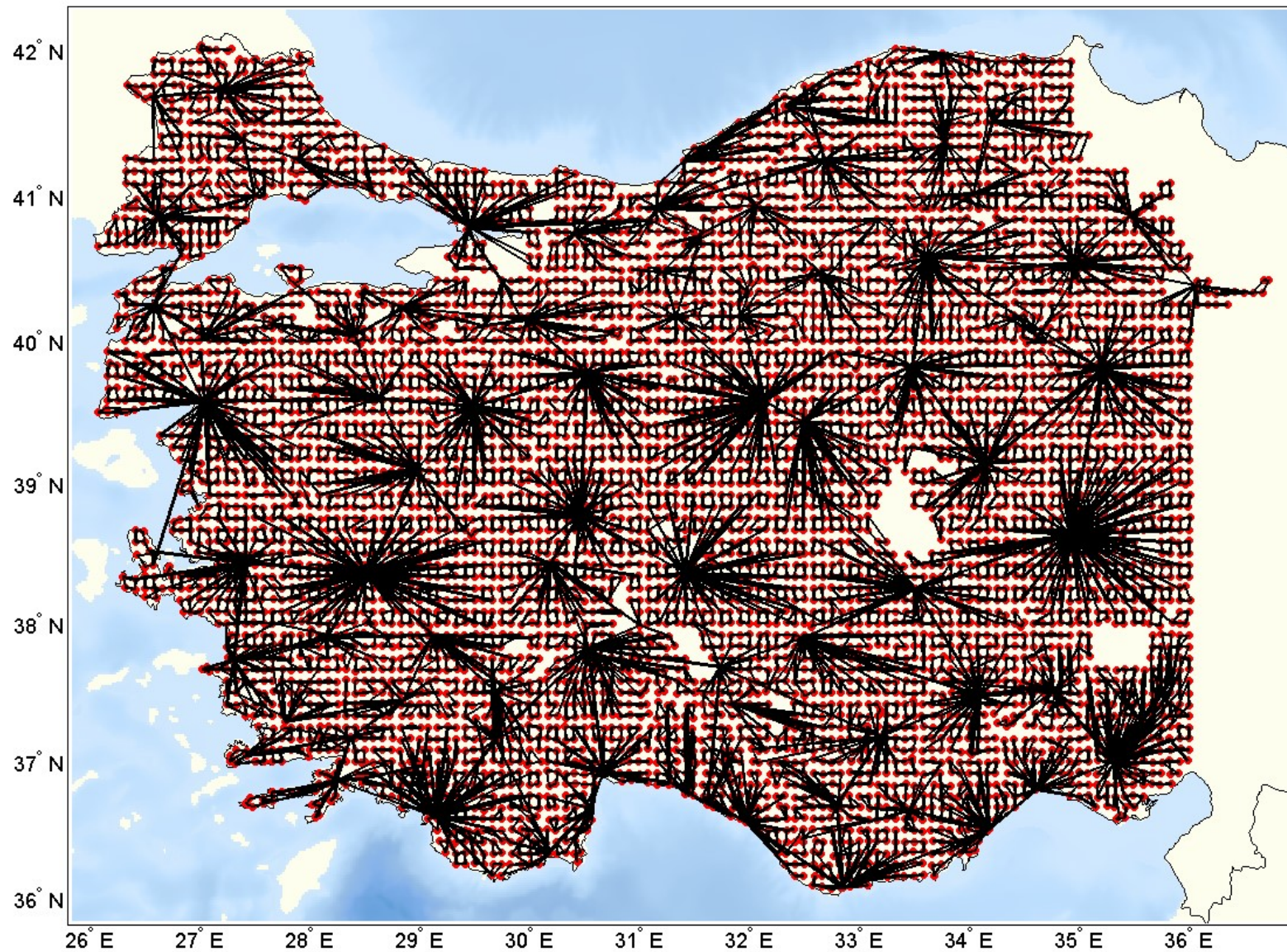
Final adjustment of available observations results in a mean SD of 14 μ Gal.



Relative gravity measurements 2016-2019



Relative gravity connections 2016-2017



Istanbul, Turkey 4-5 May 2018

Relative gravity: Data reductions

$$R_{ham} = \text{GRAV} + \text{DC} - \text{ETC}$$

Internal drift and tide corrections are removed from the gravity readings

Agnew, D.C.(2007)

$$\Delta R_g$$

New tide correction

$$\Delta R_g = - \sum_{i=Ay, Güneş} \delta_2 \frac{GM_i r}{D_i^3} (3 \cos^2 \Theta_i - 1) + \frac{3}{2} \frac{GM_i r^2}{D_i^4} (5 \cos^3 \Theta_i - 3 \cos \Theta_i) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i A_i (teo) \cos(\omega_i t + \Phi_i (teo) + \Delta \Phi_i)$$

$$\Delta R_b$$

Atmospheric correction

$$\Delta R_b = 3 \times 10^{-4} \left[P_{mbar}^{0.16} - \left(1013.25 \times \left(1 - \frac{0.0065 \times H_m}{288.15} \right)^{5.2559} \right) \right]_{mGal}$$

IAG 1983
Resolution No.9

$$\Delta R_k$$

Polar motion correction

$$\Delta R_k = \left[1.16 \omega^2 R \sin 2\varphi (x_p \cos \lambda - y_p \sin \lambda) \times 10^5 \right]_{mGal}$$

Wahr, J.(1985)

IERS Bulletin b

$$\Delta R_o$$

Ocean loading correction

$$\Delta R_o = \sum_{k=1}^{11} f_k A_k \cos(\chi_k(t) + u_k - \phi_k)$$

IERS Conventions 2010

<http://holt.oso.chalmers.se/loading/index.htm>

M2, S2, N2, K2, K1, O1, P1, Q1, MF, MM, SSA

Model: GOT4.7, EOT11a, ...

$$\Delta R_h$$

Instrument height correction

$$\Delta R_h = [0.3086 \times \Delta h]_{mGal}$$

+

$$\Delta R_d$$

Daily drift correction

$$\underline{\Delta R} = d_0 + d_1 \times \underline{\Delta t} + d_2 \times \underline{\Delta t}^2$$

$$\Delta R_d = \tilde{d}_0 + \tilde{d}_1 \times (t_i - t_0) + \tilde{d}_2 \times (t_i - t_0)^2$$

+

$$R_{ind}$$

Reduced reading

$$R_{kind}$$

Scaled reading

$$R_{kind} = R_{ind} \times k$$

Relative gravity network adjustment

$$\Delta R_{kind,i,j} + v_{i,j} = g_j - g_i + \sum_{p=1}^n d_p (t_j - t_i)^p$$

Functional model

$$L_b + V_b = A_b X \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} X_g \\ X_I \end{bmatrix}$$

Observation equations and unknowns

Rank deficiency = 1

Addition of observation so as to fix the gravity value of at least one point



$$L_g + v_g = A_g X = [I \quad 0] \begin{bmatrix} X_g \\ X_I \end{bmatrix}$$

Additional observation equation

$$\emptyset = \min(V_b^T P_b V_b + V_g^T P_g V_g)$$

Target function

$$\hat{X} = (A_b^T P_b A_b + A_g^T P_g A_g)^{-1} (A_b^T P_b L_b + A_g^T P_g L_g)$$

Solution

$$\sum_{\hat{X}} = \hat{\sigma}_0^2 (A_b^T P_b A_b + A_g^T P_g A_g)^{-1}$$

Variance-covariance matrix

WP4: Absolute and Airborne Gravimetry

Micro-g LaCoste A10#044

54 points out of 100 measured in 2016 and 2017

Two set ups in opposite directions (North & south)

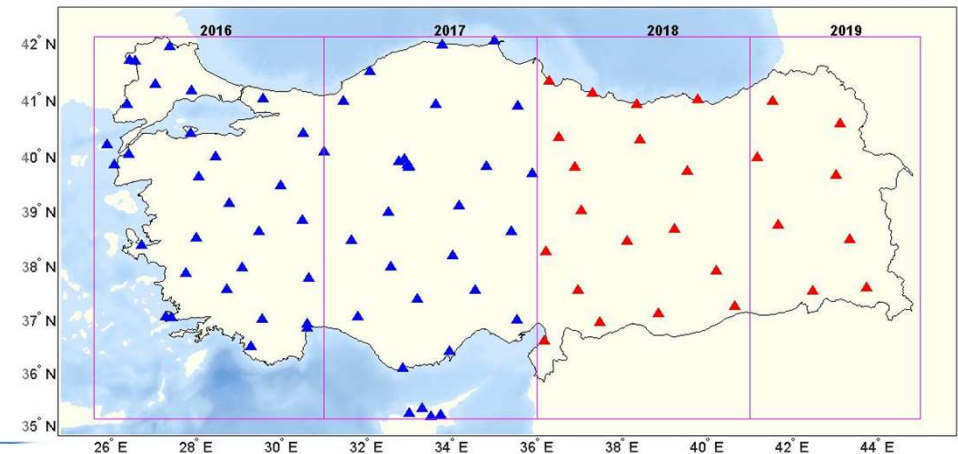
12 set sin each set up

150 drops with 1 second interval

Wzz measurements with CG5

Processing with g9 software provided by Micro-g LaCoste

The total uncertainties are about $10 \mu\text{Gal}$



Absolute gravity

$$x_i = x_0 + v_0 \tilde{t}_i + \frac{g_0 \tilde{t}_i^2}{2} + \frac{\gamma x_0 \tilde{t}_i^2}{2} + \frac{\gamma v_0 \tilde{t}_i^3}{6} + \frac{\gamma g_0 \tilde{t}_i^4}{24}$$

$$\tilde{t}_i = t_i - \frac{x_i - x_0}{c}$$

- **A-10 (#044)**
- **12 set north + 12 set south = 24 Set**
- **150 drop/set**
- **4-5 hours/point**



Vertical gravity gradient

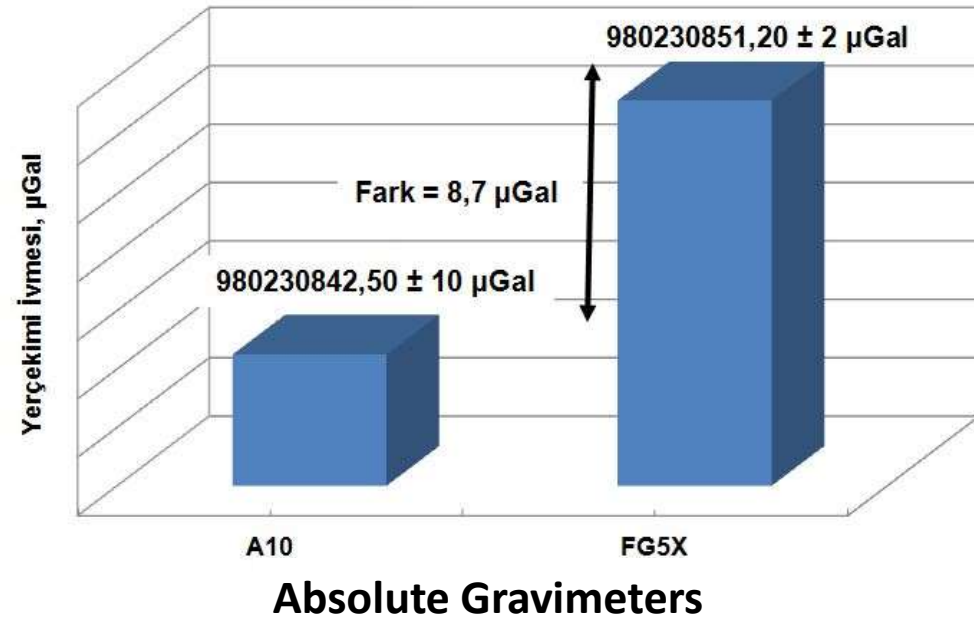
$$R_k(h) = ah^2 + bh + c$$

$$W_{zz}(h_i) = ah_i + b$$



- **Scintrex CG-5 (#40946)**
- **Bottom-Middle-Top-Middle-Bottom-Middle-Top-Bottom-Middle-Top**
- **Quasi-simultaneous with Absolute gravity measurements**

COMPARISON OF A10 WITH FG5X AT TÜBİTAK UME METROLOGY LABORATORY



FG5X of TÜBİTAK-UME attended to International comparison of absolute gravimeters (ICAG)-2017, Beijing/China , October 2017
IAG, SC 2.1: Gravimetry and Gravity Networks

Airborne Vector Gravimeter (in the procurement)



Vector gravimetry

$$g^i = \ddot{x}^i - f^i$$

Newton's second law of movement in inertial system

$$g^n = \ddot{x}^n - C_b^n f^b + (2\Omega_{ie}^n + \Omega_{en}^n) \dot{x}^n$$

Newton's second law of movement in local navigation system

GPS

IMU (Gyro, Acc)

GPS

Integration →

Kalman Filter, Smoothing

$$g^n = \gamma^n - \delta g^n$$

Gravity, normal gravity and gravity disturbance in local coordinate system

$$\delta g^n = \ddot{x}^n - C_b^n f^b + (2\Omega_{ie}^n + \Omega_{en}^n) \dot{x}^n - \gamma^n$$

(ψ : Yaw, θ : Pitch, ϕ : Roll)

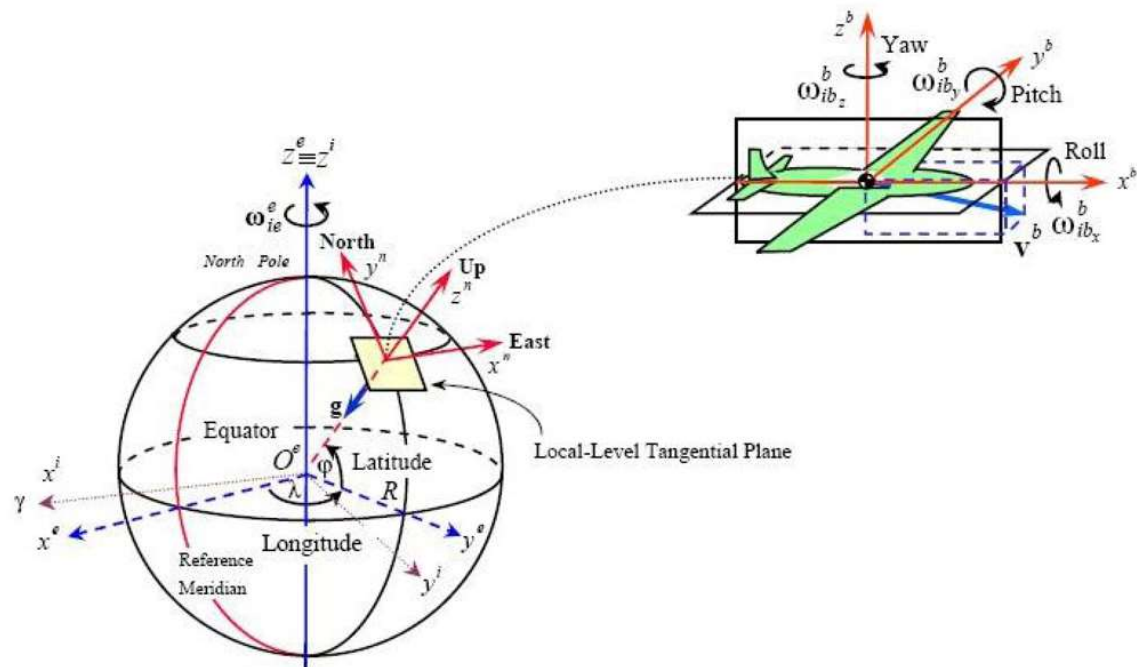
$$C_b^n = R_z(-\psi)R_y(-\theta)R_x(-\phi)$$

(ω_{ie} : Earth rotation rate, φ : geodetic latitude)

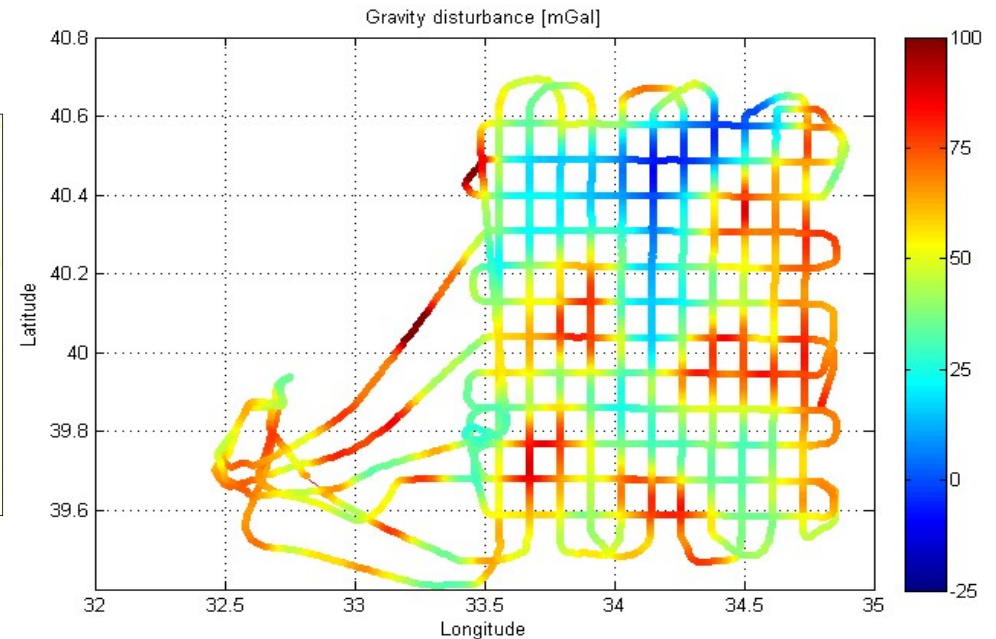
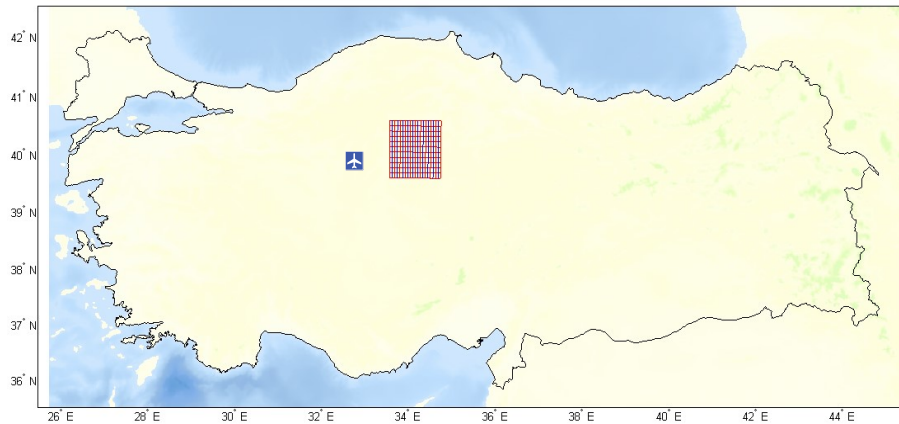
$$\Omega_{ie}^n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_{ie} \sin \varphi & \omega_{ie} \cos \varphi \\ \omega_{ie} \sin \varphi & 0 & 0 \\ \omega_{ie} \cos \varphi & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(λ : geodetic longitude, φ : geodetic latitude)

$$\Omega_{en}^n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\dot{\lambda} \sin \varphi & \dot{\lambda} \cos \varphi \\ \dot{\lambda} \sin \varphi & 0 & \dot{\varphi} \\ \dot{\lambda} \cos \varphi & -\dot{\varphi} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Airborne Gravimeter— Test-1 (Strapdown) in April 2017



RMSE @ Cross-over points : 0.77 mGal

RMSE @ Repeated lines : 0.60 mGal

Speed : 100 m/s

Height : 3000 m

WP5 : GNSS/Motorized Leveling



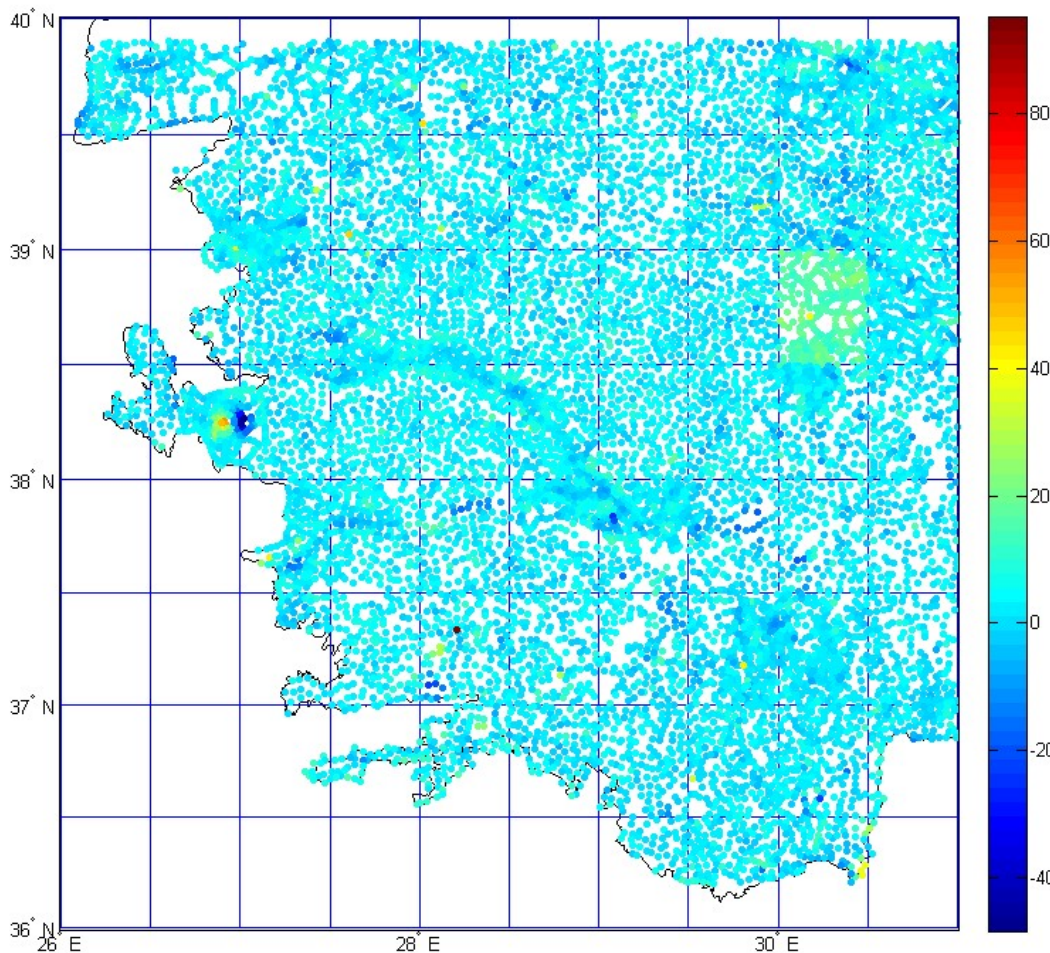
- Simultaneous GNSS/levelling measurements
- 82 km. levelling line in Burdur measured in 2017
- Precision Control: **3vk** (km)



2 Motorized levelling teams are constructed within the project.

WP6 : Quality Check and Validation of Historical Gravity Data

Difference = Prediction from new data – Historical MTA Gravity Data



(Remove – Predict - Restore)

$$\Delta g = \Delta g_{FA} - \Delta g_{EGM} - \Delta g_{RTM}$$

$$\Delta g \longrightarrow \Delta g$$

Least Squares Collocation (LSC)

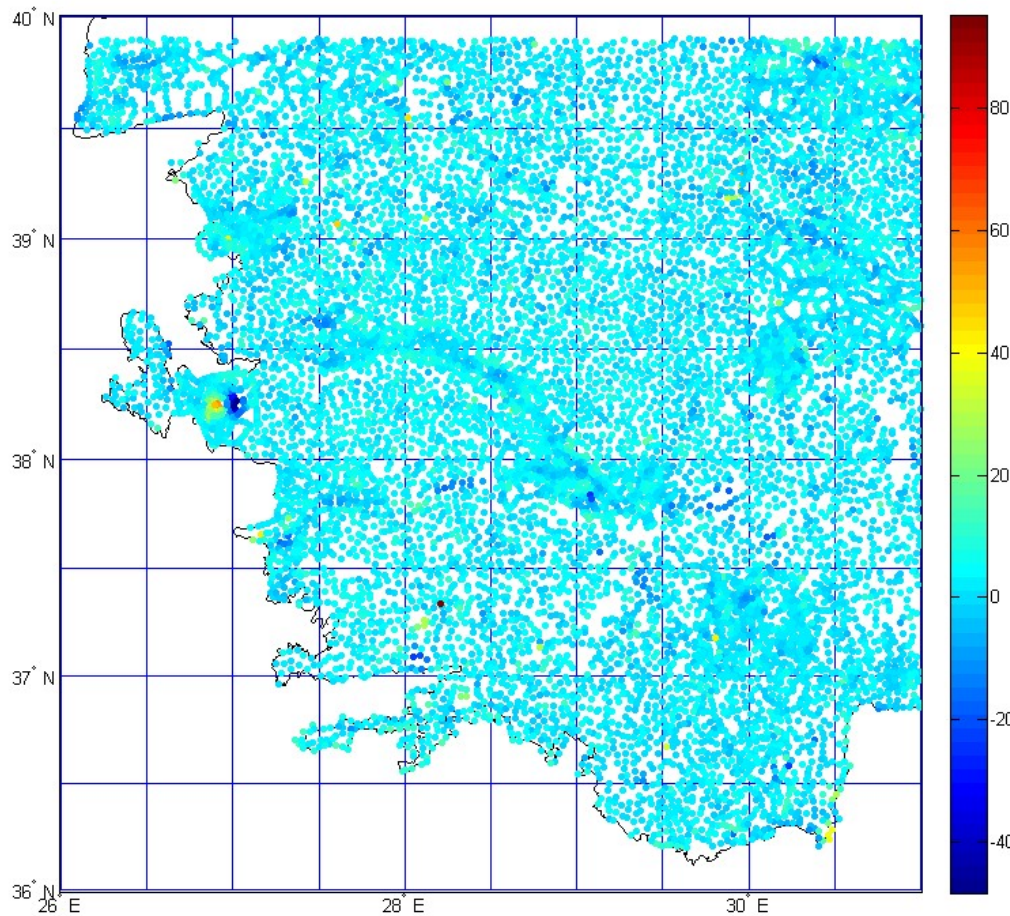
Number of Points	10740
Minimum	-48.3
Maximum	95.2
Mean	2.7
Standart Deviation	± 5.19

Unit : mGal

After Potsdam datum correction 14 mGal is applied in the related 100 K topographic map
 (30-30.5 N – 38.5-39 E)

Difference= Prediction – Historical MTA Gravity Data

(Remove –Predict - Restore)



$$\Delta g = \Delta g_{FA} - \Delta g_{EGM} - \Delta g_{RTM}$$

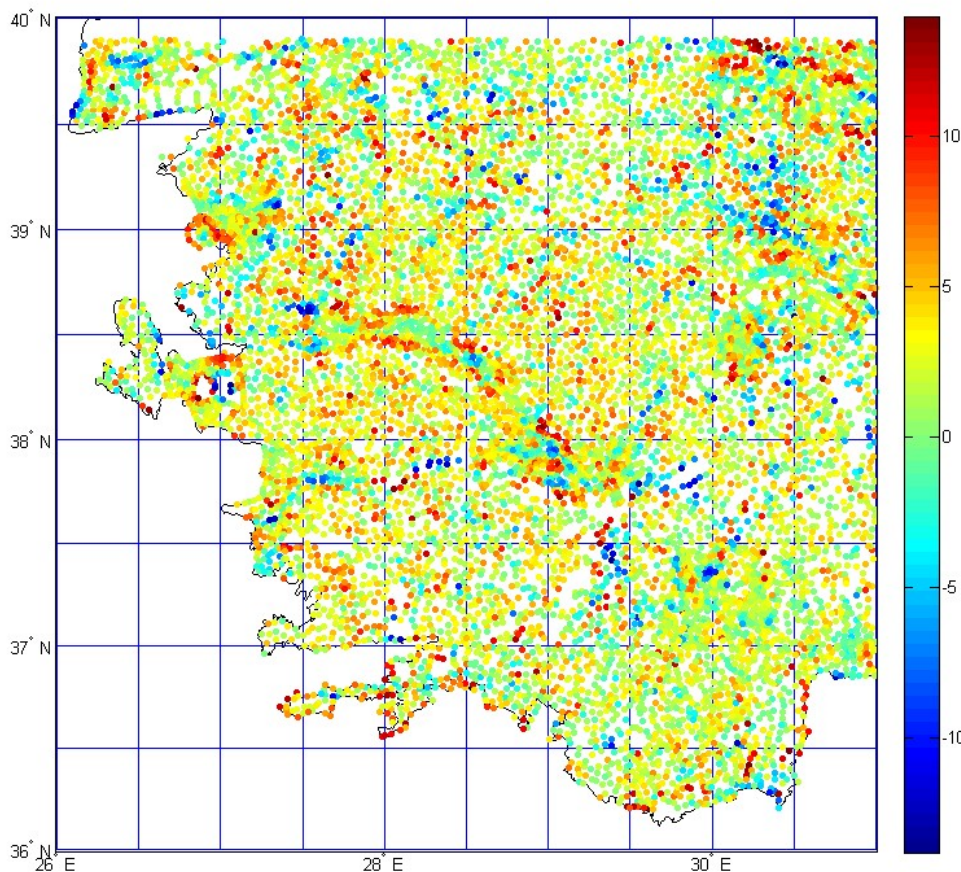
Least Squares Collocation (LSC)

Number of Points	10740
Minimum	-48.3
Maximum	95.2
Mean	2.27
Standart Deviation	± 4.68

Unit : mGal

After Potsdam datum correction 14 mGal subtracted in the related 100 K topographic map (30-30.5 N – 38.5-39 E) and after the outlier ($> 3\sigma$) are removed

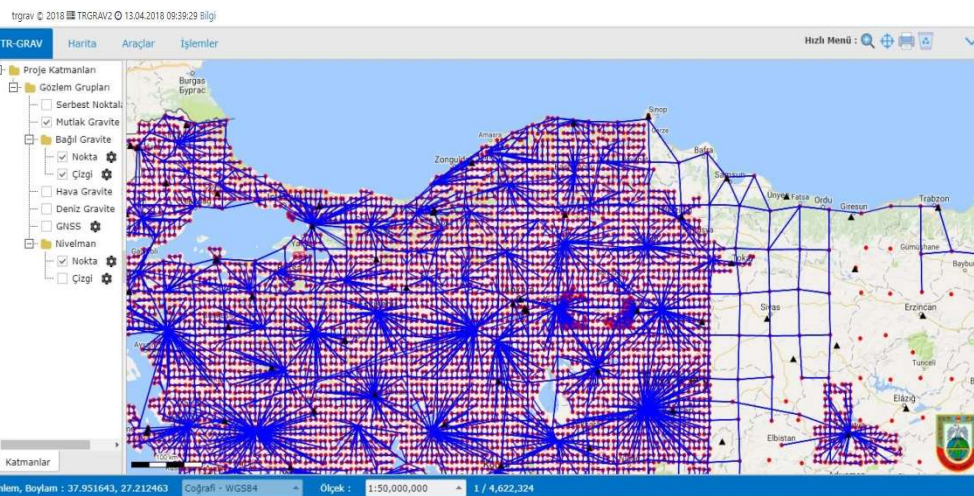
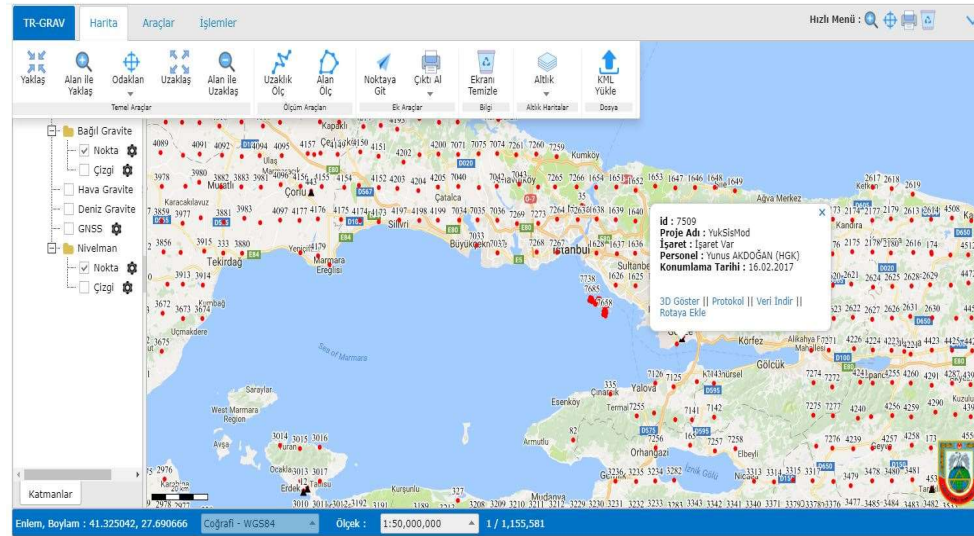
Difference= Prediction – Historical MTA Gravity Data



Number of Points	10740
Minimum	-13.8
Maximum	14.0
Mean	2.10
Standart Deviation	± 3.63

Unit : mGal

WP7 : Establishment of National Gravity Database (TR-GRAV Web Portal)



Authorized users can reach via some authentication processes. Through this portal the users can:

- Define the positions and position metadata of absolute/relative/airborne/shipborne gravimetry, GNSS, levelling, astrogeodetic vertical deflection measurement points, and to list, visualize, edit and delete them.
- Download the point location description sheets in PDF-file generated on the fly.
- Upload, visualize, list, edit and delete data
- Make detailed queries about the projects registered in the database.

Istanbul, Turkey 4-5 May 2018

WP8 :Gravimetric Geoid Modeling and Testing

$$N = \frac{R}{4\pi\gamma} \iint_{\sigma_0} S^M(\psi) \Delta g d\sigma + \frac{R}{2\gamma} \sum_{n=2}^M (s_n + Q_n^M) \Delta g_n^{EGM} + \delta\zeta_{COMB} + \delta\zeta_{DWC} + \delta\zeta_{ATM}^{COMB} + \delta\zeta_{ELL}$$

$S^M(\psi)$ Modified Stokes' function chosen according to Sjöberg (1991)
 Least squares modification (stochastic kernel modification)

$\delta\zeta_{COMB}$ Combined topographic effect

$\delta\zeta_{DWC}$ Downward continuation effect (includes analytical continuation to point-level of both the gravity anomalies (Moritz, 1980) and the spherical harmonic expansion (Sjöberg (2003) and Ågren (2004)).

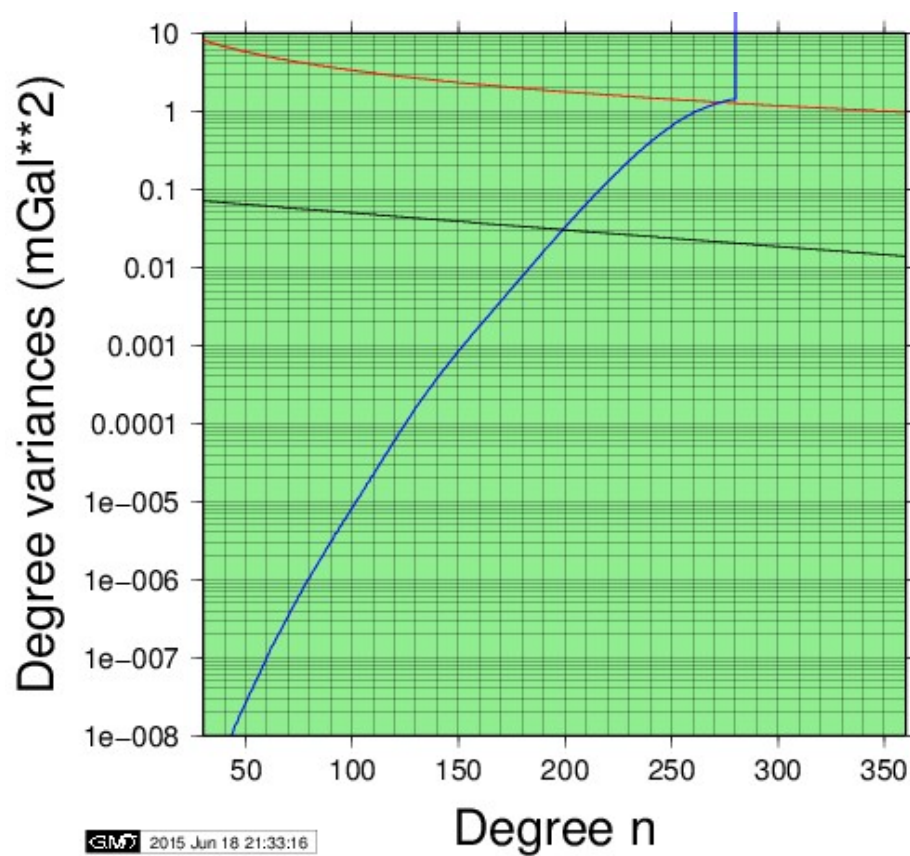
$\delta\zeta_{ATM}^{COMB}$ Atmospheric correction (Sjöberg and Navadanchi, 2000)

$\delta\zeta_{ELL}$ is the atmospheric correction (Sjöberg, 2004)

LEAST SQUARES MODIFICATION OF STOKES'S FORMULA WITH ADDITIVE CORRECTIONS
 (see Sjöberg 1991, 2003, ...)

WP8 :Gravimetric Geoid Modeling and Testing

LEAST SQUARES MODIFICATION OF STOKES'S FORMULA WITH ADDITIVE CORRECTIONS



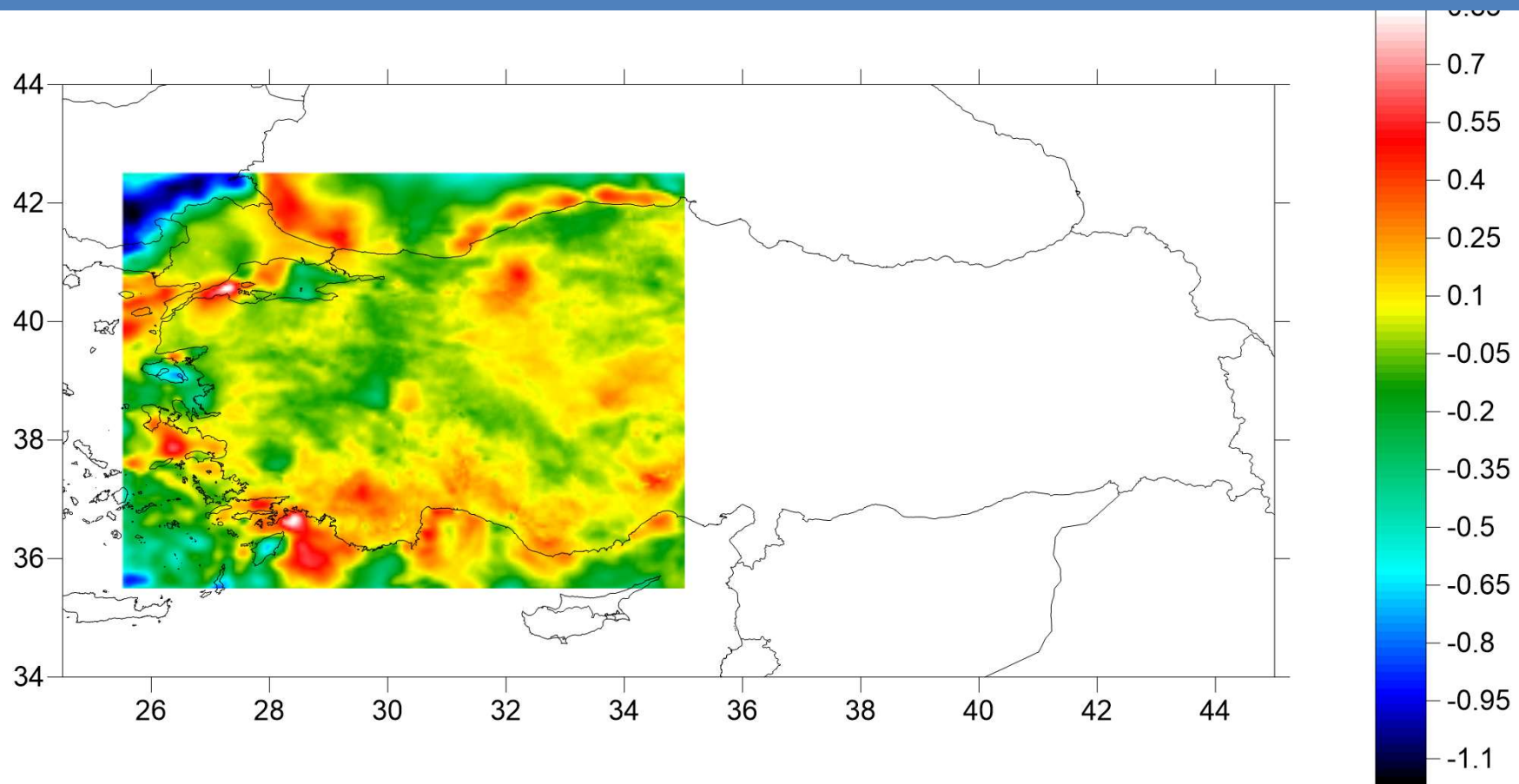
Type of degree Variance	Description
Signal	Tscherning and Rapp (1974).
EGM error	GOCO05S (Mayer-Gürr T. et al. 2015).
Terrestrial gravity error	Reciprocal distance noise part : 1 mGal std The white noise part : 1 mGal std

WP8 :Gravimetric Geoid Modeling and Testing

Comparison with simultaneous GNSS/levelling in 2017 data in Burdur

Statistics (Unit is in meters)	Gravimetric geoid computed within the project	TG-03 Hybrid geoid model (in official use)
Number of points	14	14
Minimum	-0.028	-0.064
Maximum	0.041	0.036
Mean	0.0	0.0
Standart Deviation	0.021	0.028

Differences between new gravimetric geoid model and TG-03 (Unit: in meters) (mean extracted)





Future Plans

- Testing different geoid determination methods (Least Squares Collocation, Least Squares Modification of Stokes's Formula, FFT, Harmonic Continuation)
- Airborne Software Development : IDGU implementation
- Airborne Gravity Tests at different flight heights
- Airborne gravimetry for geophysical exploration
- Using Airborne Gravimetry System on ships or boats for coastal and marine areas
- Airborne gravity surveys over lakes and mountains.