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Development of deformation models to support Dynamic and semi-dynamic Datums

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Deformation Models

- Models of the secular or inter-seismic velocity field
 - Assumed to be constant
 - Grid containing Ve, Vn and possibly Vu
- Patches or displacement grids for significant earthquakes that have effected the area in question
 - Grid file containing De, Dn and Du
- Possibly models of post seismic relaxation
 - Grid of coefficients for exponential decay functions



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Secular deformation

Geosystems



Istanbul, Turkey 4-5 May 2018



Secular velocity field

- Velocity from four recent studies were aligned with the ITRF2014 velocities
- The combined velocity field was used to produce a grid file with a density of 20 points/degree



Residuals from alignment



Secular velocity field

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Block models

- Block models can be used to develop velocity grids
- Useful where measured velocities are sparse or velocity field is rapidly changing
 235° 240° 245° 250° 255°

260°



"Forward" patch



Two possible models for Gorka Earthquake







models for 2015 Earthquake & aftershock







"Reverse" patch



Post seismic relexation



$$m_k(t) = v_k t + E_k H(t - t_i) + P_k H(t - t_i) (1 - e^{(t - t_i)/43})$$



Adjustment of GPS before and after the Gorkha Earthquake



Conclusions

- Deformation models involve:
 - Secular velocity field
 - Alignment is critical!
 - Earthquake displacements
 - reverse patches simplify NDM for users but cause a sequence of coordinate shifts
 - Consider changing the epoch date after the earthquake sequence.
 - Post seismic displacement
- Patches always have significant errors
 - Particularly where displacement changes suddenly
 - Consider temporarily reducing order of control marks In these areas.

4 September 2010 Darfield Earthquake

