New data of Belarus and Estonia and the new Nordic land uplift model contribute to UELN

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Development since 2008

Latvia (2011) update
Russia (2012) extension
Spain (2012) update

*Report on results Paris 2012*
Latvia (2012) update
Germany (2015) update

*Report on results Leipzig 2015*
France (2015) addition of NIREF
Switzerland (2015) update

*Report on results San Sebastian 2016*
Netherlands (2016) corrections
Estonia (2016) update
Belarus (2017) extension
Currentness of leveling data
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Leveling data of Estonia

Epoch 1970-1996

Epoch 2003-2016
### Adjustment results for Estonia

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<td>Number of nodal points</td>
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<td>68</td>
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<td>Number of observations</td>
<td>418</td>
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<td>A-posteriori standard deviation (in kgal·mm)</td>
<td>0,25</td>
<td>1,27</td>
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Border connections to:
- Latvia (4, new)
- Russia (2, old)
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Including of leveling network of Belarus
## Adjustment results for Belarus

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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<td>A-posteriori standard deviation (in kgal·mm)</td>
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Border connections:
- 2 to Poland (1977, 1975)
- 1 to Lithuania (1972)
- 2 to Latvia (1980, 1986)

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Corrections of the Dutch dataset

- Within the scope of a master’s thesis at TU Delft (in collaboration with Rijkswaterstaat) a corrected dataset of the Netherlands has been provided.
- Geopotential numbers are corrected because of corrected gravity values in some areas.
- Deleting of some long lines which run through German territory - there are more recent measurements in the German dataset from 2015.
- Tilt in the N-S direction from +6 to -3 mm.
- Local differences up to -8mm.
Effect of the new data on the adjusted heights

Difference Adjustment results
UELN 2017/03 minus UELN 2016/08
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NKG2005LU
NKG2005LU with contour line of -2mm/year

Outside contour line -2mm/year all values are truncated to this value

velocity in mm/year

-2.99 - -2.00
-1.99 - -1.00
-0.99 - 0.00
+0.01 - +1.00
+1.01 - +2.00
+2.01 - +3.00
+3.01 - +4.00
+4.01 - +6.00
+6.01 - +8.00
+8.01 - +9.83

Contour of -2mm/year in NKG2005LU
UELN lines status 03/2017
NKG2016LU_lev with contour line of NKG2005LU -2mm/year

In contrast to the former model the new one has impact on:
- Netherlands
- parts of France
- Parts of Czech Republic
- More southern parts of Poland, Germany
Consideration of the vertical velocities of the Swiss points

- Velocities from dataset UELN2015
- Graphic shows all points in UELN adjustment – including any instable points
- A posteriori - Standard deviation from adjustment CH in kgal·mm:
  - Static: 1.09
  - Kinematic: 0.86

Velocities from:
CHVRF15/UELN15
Bundesamt für Landestopografie swisstopo
Bereich Vermessung
Dr. Andreas Schlatter / Dr. Urs Marti
Effect of the new uplift model on the adjusted heights

Adjustment UELN 2017/03 with NKG2016LU_lev (+ CH kinematic) minus NKG2005LU (CH static)
Effect of land uplift model on accuracy of adjustment results

- On one hand: A realistic model should result in a higher accuracy of the adjustment
- On the other hand: on the edges of the model the effect of the land uplift is probably smaller than other effects including leveling errors
Effect on the standard deviation from single adjustments

COMPARISON OF SINGLE ADJUSTMENTS WITHOUT UPLIFT MODEL, WITH NKG2005LU AND NKG2016LU OR WITH A NATIONAL MODEL

A-PRIORI STANDARD DEVIATION FOR 1 KM LEVELING IN KGAL-MM

CH  DE  DK  NL  CS  NO1915-1971  NO1972-2004  SE  FI  PL  LV  EE  LT  BY  RU

CH  1.087  0.864  0.628  0.628  0.630  0.869  0.881  0.865  0.917  0.919  1.087  0.628  0.881  0.725  0.917

Comparison with NKG2005LU and NKG2016LU or national model.
Effect of land uplift model on accuracy of adjustment results

- On one hand: A realistic model should result in a higher accuracy of the adjustment
- On the other hand: on the edges of the model the effect of the land uplift is probably smaller than other effects including leveling errors
- Altogether the effect on the standard deviation is very small: in the most cases only the 3rd decimal place is affected
- Effect of the land uplift model on leveling adjustment depends on time difference between neighboring measurements (time required for closing a loop)
Adjustment results with the new data of Belarus and Estonia and small corrections in the Netherlands

Results of free adjustment with 13 datum points of EVRF2007:

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<td>Mean standard deviation of adjusted heights (in kgal·mm)</td>
<td>19,13</td>
<td>19,18</td>
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Conclusions and Outlook (1)

- Still waiting for data from Italy
- Update of the network of Slovenia announced
- More recent data of Belgium announced
- Contact with Ukraine has been resumed
  - They still intend to join UELN
  - Data preparation nearly finished
- Any further new data?
  - Resolution No. 4 EUREF 2015: “asks the NMAs to provide any new levelling to the UELN data center“
- All incoming data are promptly analyzed – a new EVRS realization can be published upon request
Difference adjustment results UELN 2017/03 - EVRF2007
Conclusions and Outlook (2)

- EVRF2007 was published 2008
- New EVRS realization should be provided 2018/2019
- Consideration of the kinematic characteristics
  - postglacial land uplift model NKG2016LU_lev
  - Swiss vertical uplift model
  - At the time of publication the reference epoch 2000 will be dated back nearly 20 years
  - Influence of the velocity errors increases with the difference between epoch of the measurements and reference epoch
  - Providing an additional reference epoch close to the time of publication of EVRFxx
  - and/or publishing also the velocities of the leveling points
Conclusions and Outlook (3)

- **Choice of the Tidal system**
  - **IAG resolution No. 16** adopted in **Hamburg 1983** recommends **zero tide** for various geodetic quantities (never implemented by the GNSS community)
  - **IAG resolution No. 1** adopted in **Prague 2015** resolves **mean tide** for an International Height System
  - Users expect conformance of heights with mean see level
  - Providing mean tide for “normal users” + conversion term to zero tide for scientific approaches

- **Subsequent providing a corresponding gravity field approach**
  - EUVN_DA update
  - Leveling part can easily be changed
  - Request for available new GNSS data
  - Finally providing of a correction surface to a European geoid model
Thank you for your kind attention!

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