



# **Struve Geodetic Arc as a Tool for Spatial Thinking and Cooperation Developer**

## **8th Meeting of Coordinating Committee of the Struve Geodetic Arc**

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## Introduction - infrastructure

*Geodetic benchmarks as at least one of crucial infrastructure elements for precise geodesy we do recognize in our region since 19th century with the Struve geodetic arc. We are still practically using some them for current geodetic reference network after 200 years or since 1816.*

*Nowadays we have many more accurate geodetic observation facilities available, such as VLBI, SLR, GNSS and gravity measurements that are correlating to all those mentioned natural changes. All precise geodetic observations give us detailed information, like if we would put our “finger” under microscope. However, in same time we must know all global relations to be sure about behavior of our “body” – Earth – impacting life of all forms on the planet.*

*It is part of world heritage under UNESCO.*

# 80% of the existing info can be geo-localised

Demographic

Economic

Social

Cultural

**SOCIO-ECONOMIC**

Transport

Municipal

Tourism Leisure

Education

Health

**INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES**

**Modernity for all rural areas:**  
**Geoportal** with digital cadastre and  
geo-localized information about  
territory

Soil

Fauna

Air

Natural  
resources

Water

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES**

Area  
boundaries

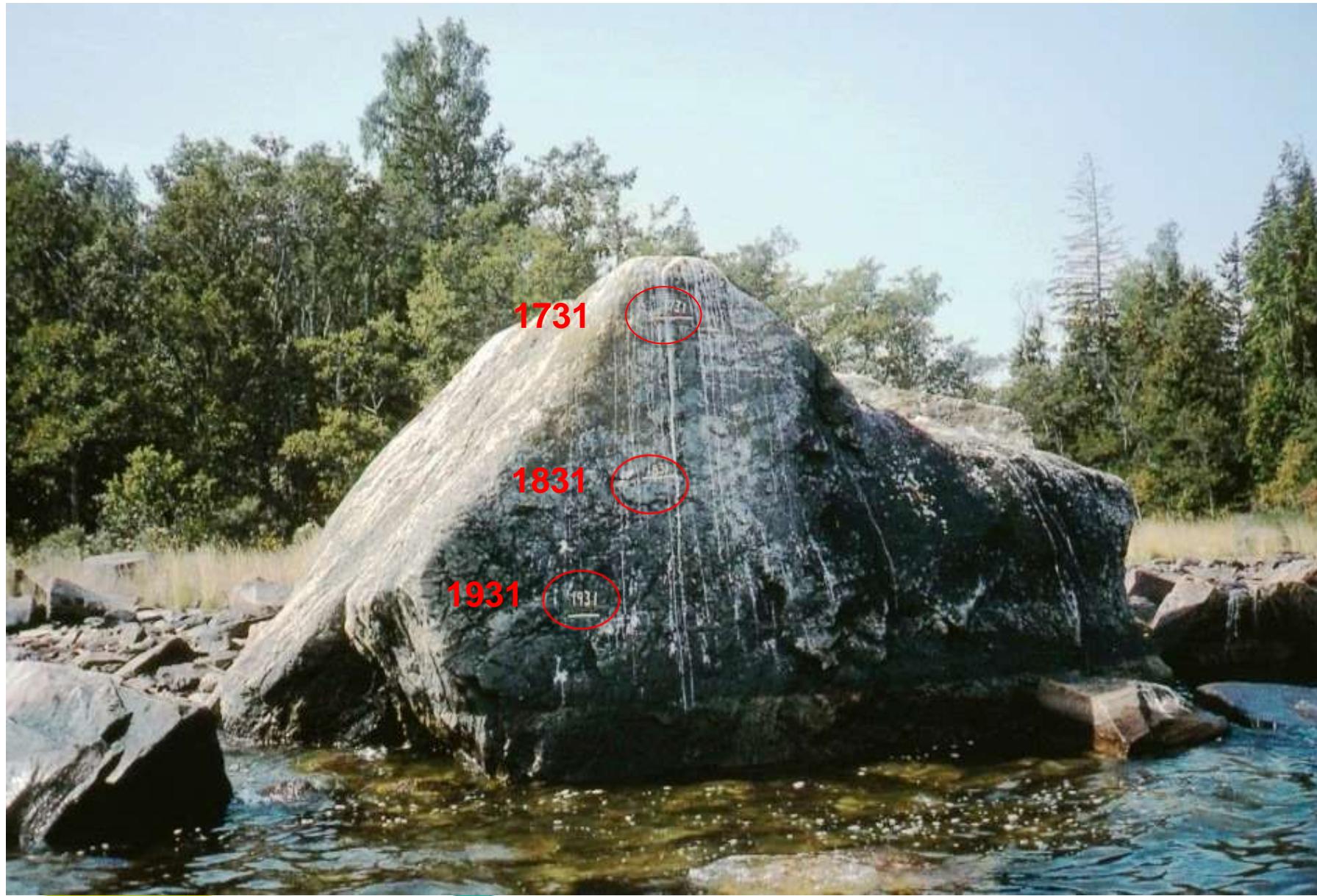
Development,  
zoning, status

Registration

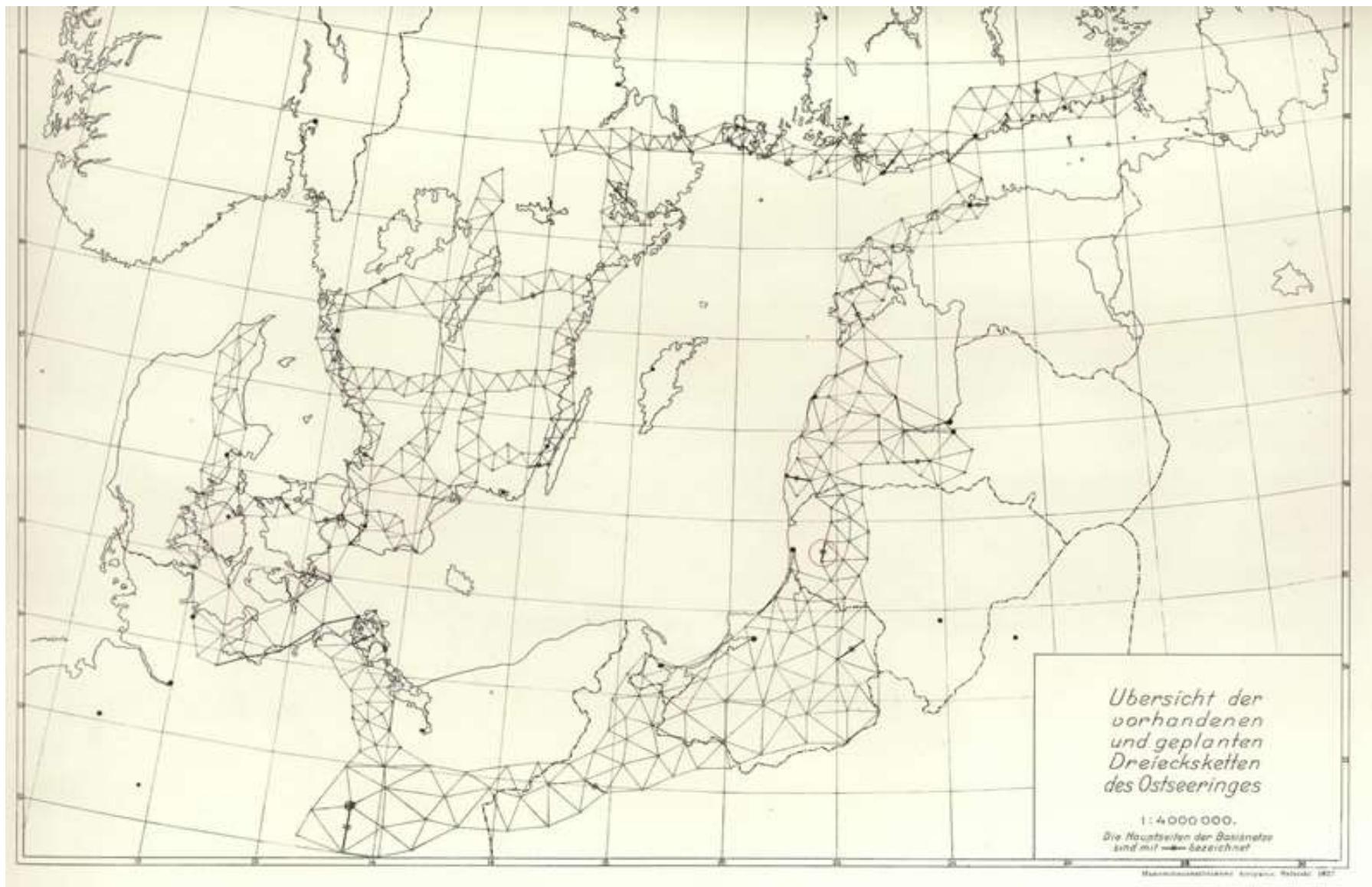
Public  
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**LEGAL**

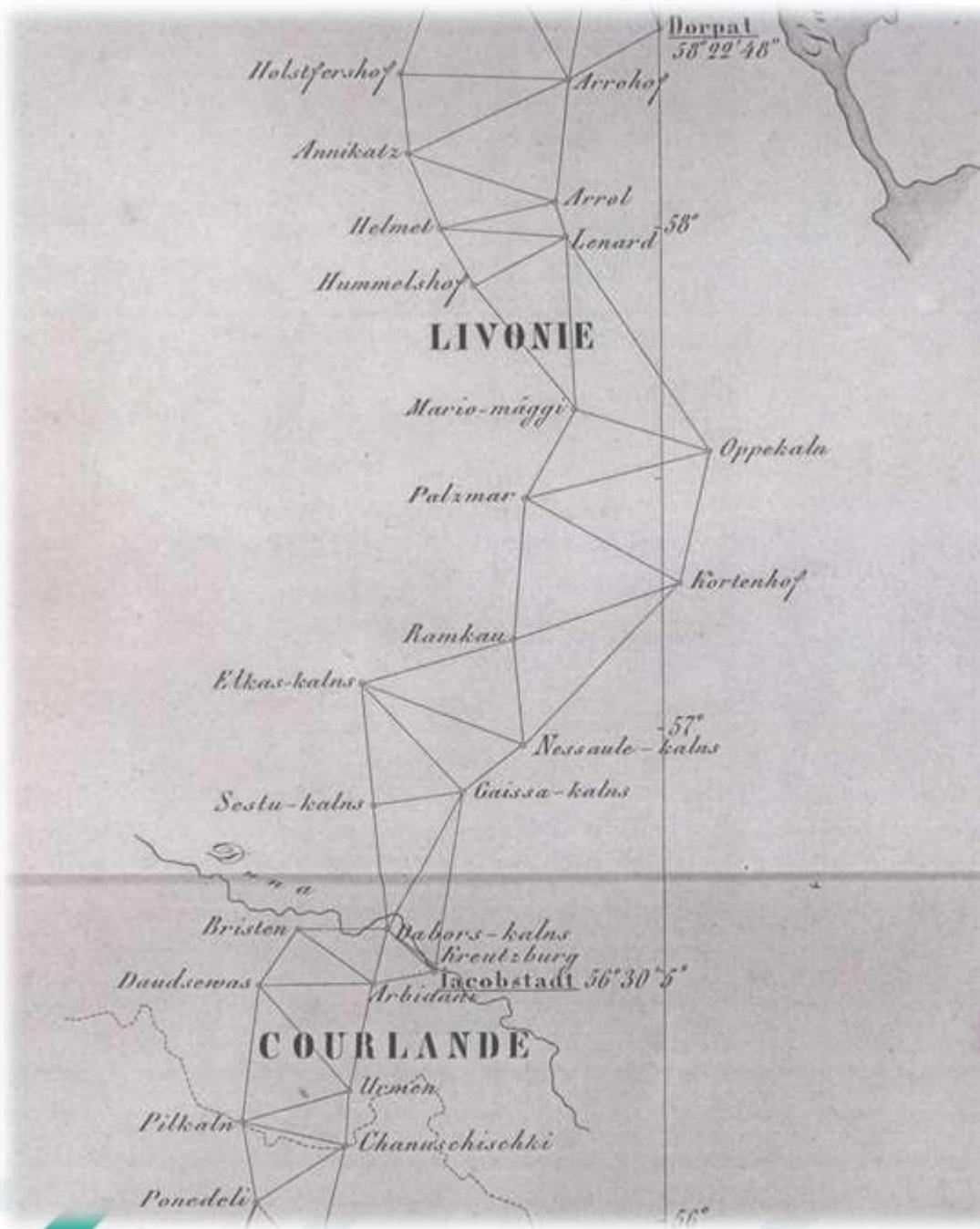
# Celsius stone more than 300 years ago



# Baltic Ring 1927



# Struve Arc through Livonia & Courland

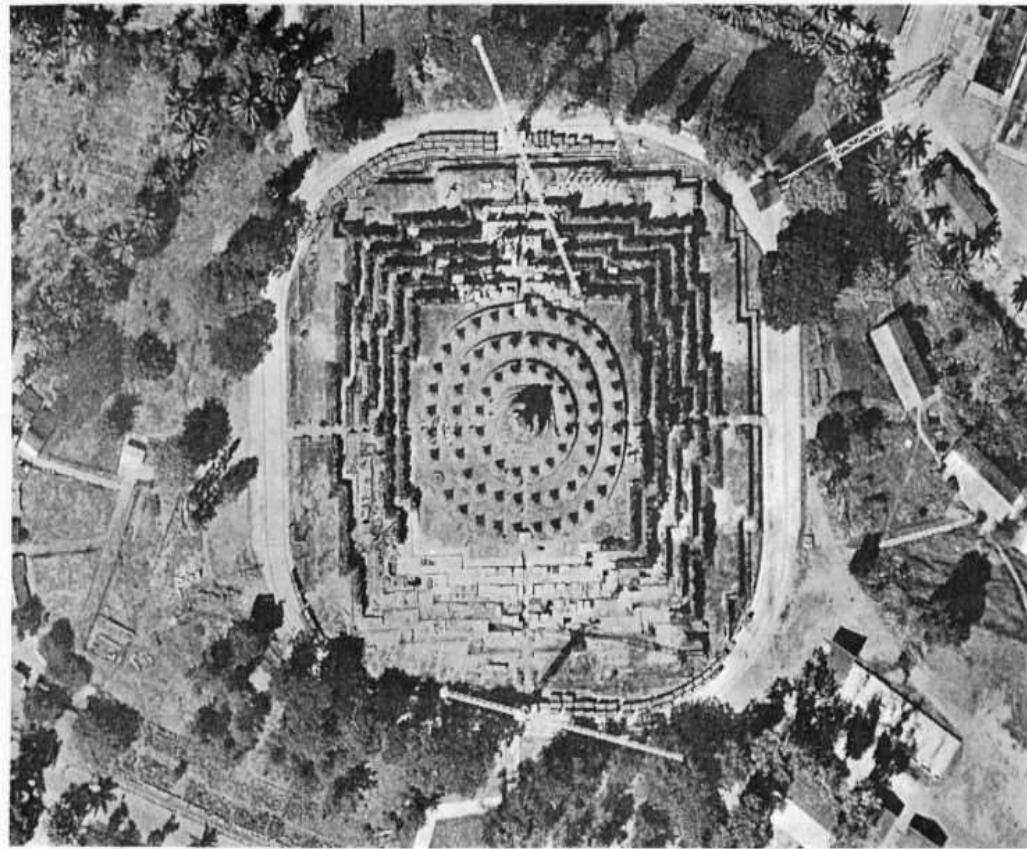


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from 1977 at  
the FGI

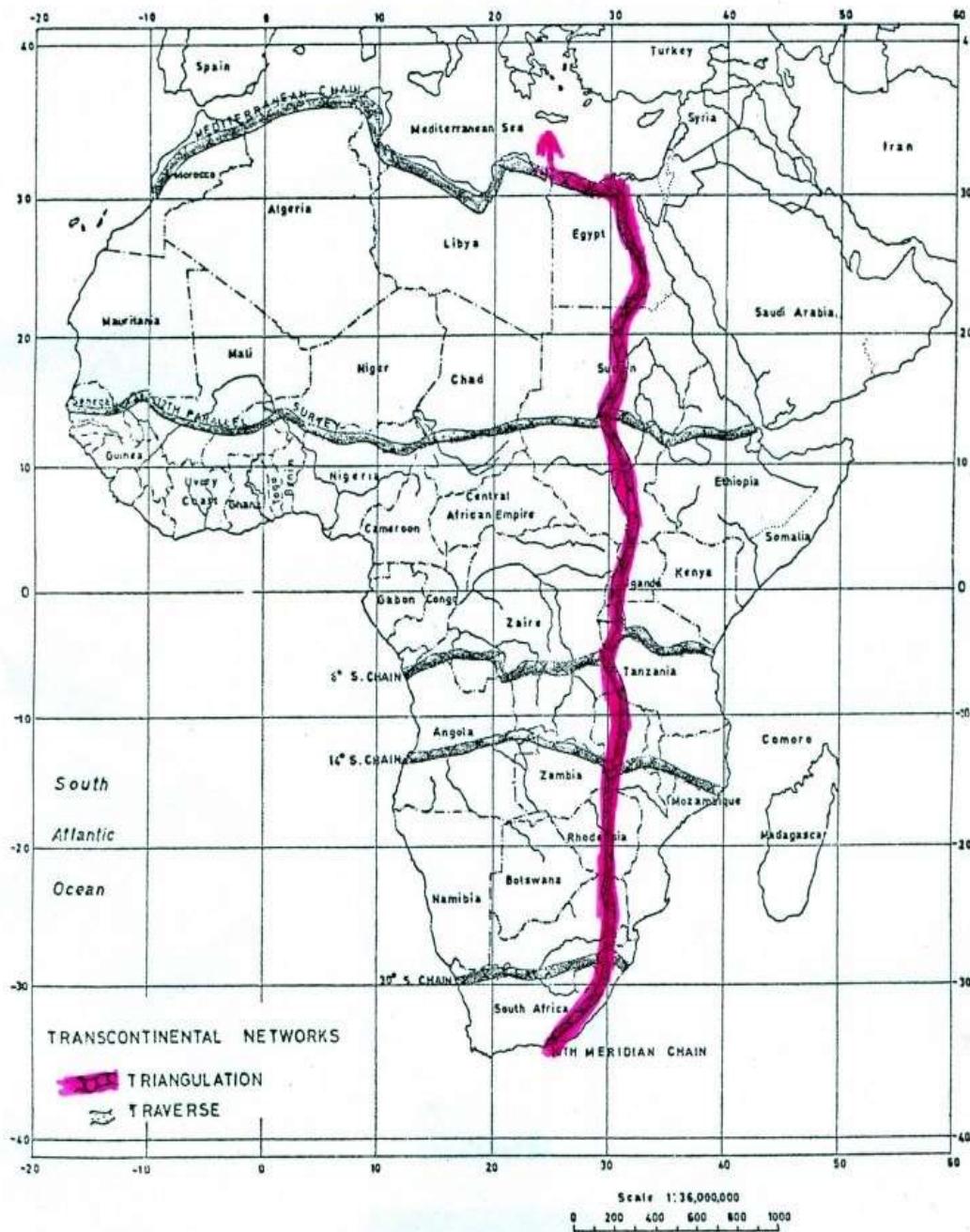
Proceedings  
of the  
International Geodetic Symposium  
on

**REGIONAL GEODETIC NETWORKS  
FOR THE YEAR 2000**

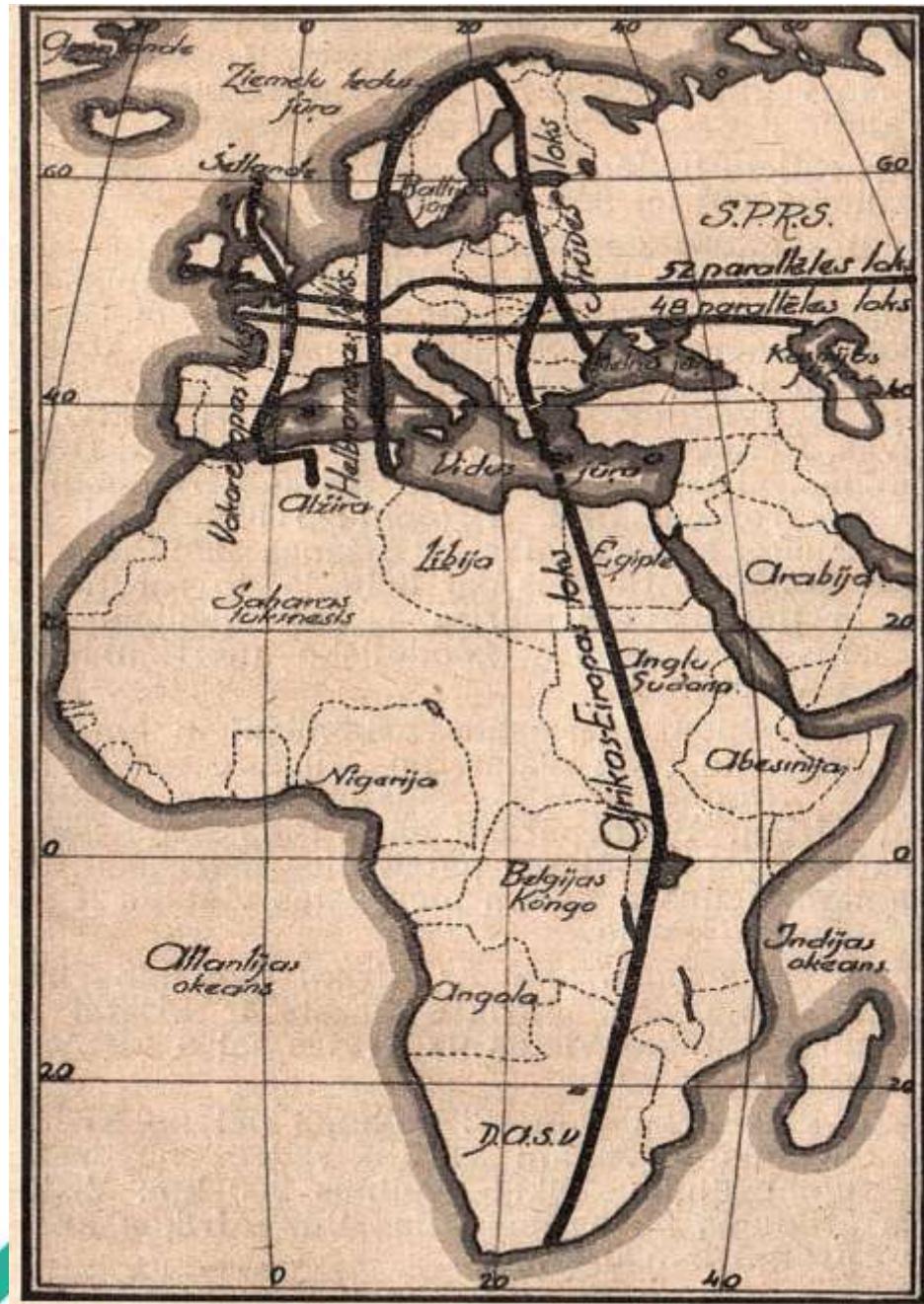
BANDUNG ( Indonesia ), October 3 – 4, 1977.



# Display of Struve Arc on the African Geodetic Networks from 1977



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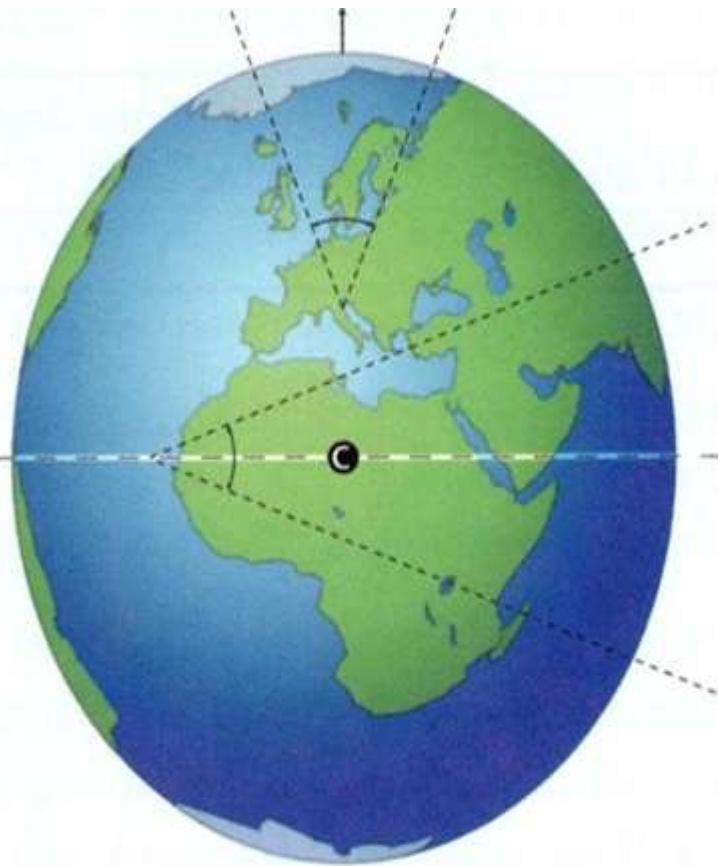


# Problems before or still

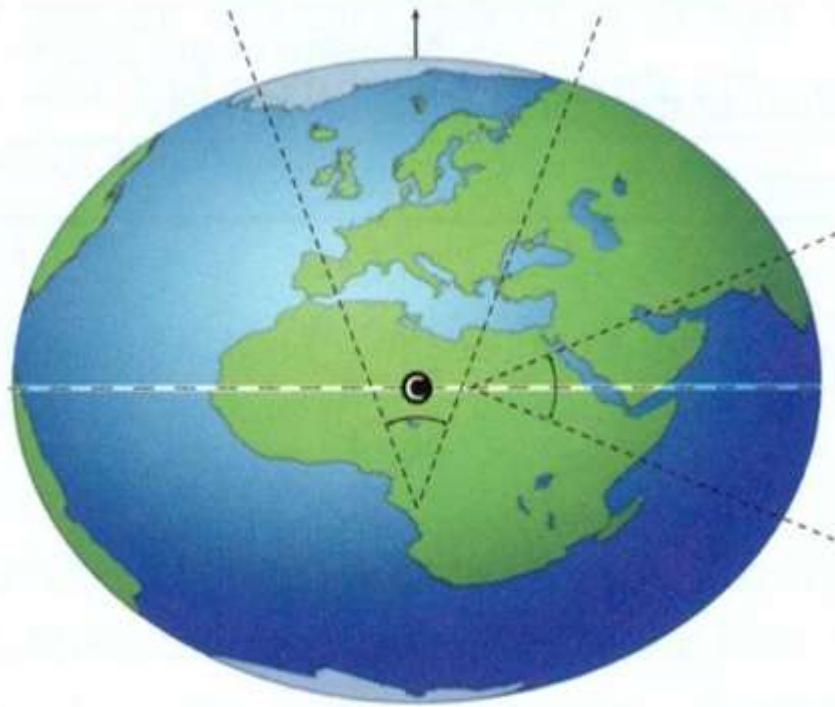
- Traditionally each country has its own geodetic reference system resulting in non compatible Coordinates systems between countries;
- Maps in neighboring countries do not match at the national boundaries;
- Very important is cooperation in new situation of technical development.



# Two different positions about age old question

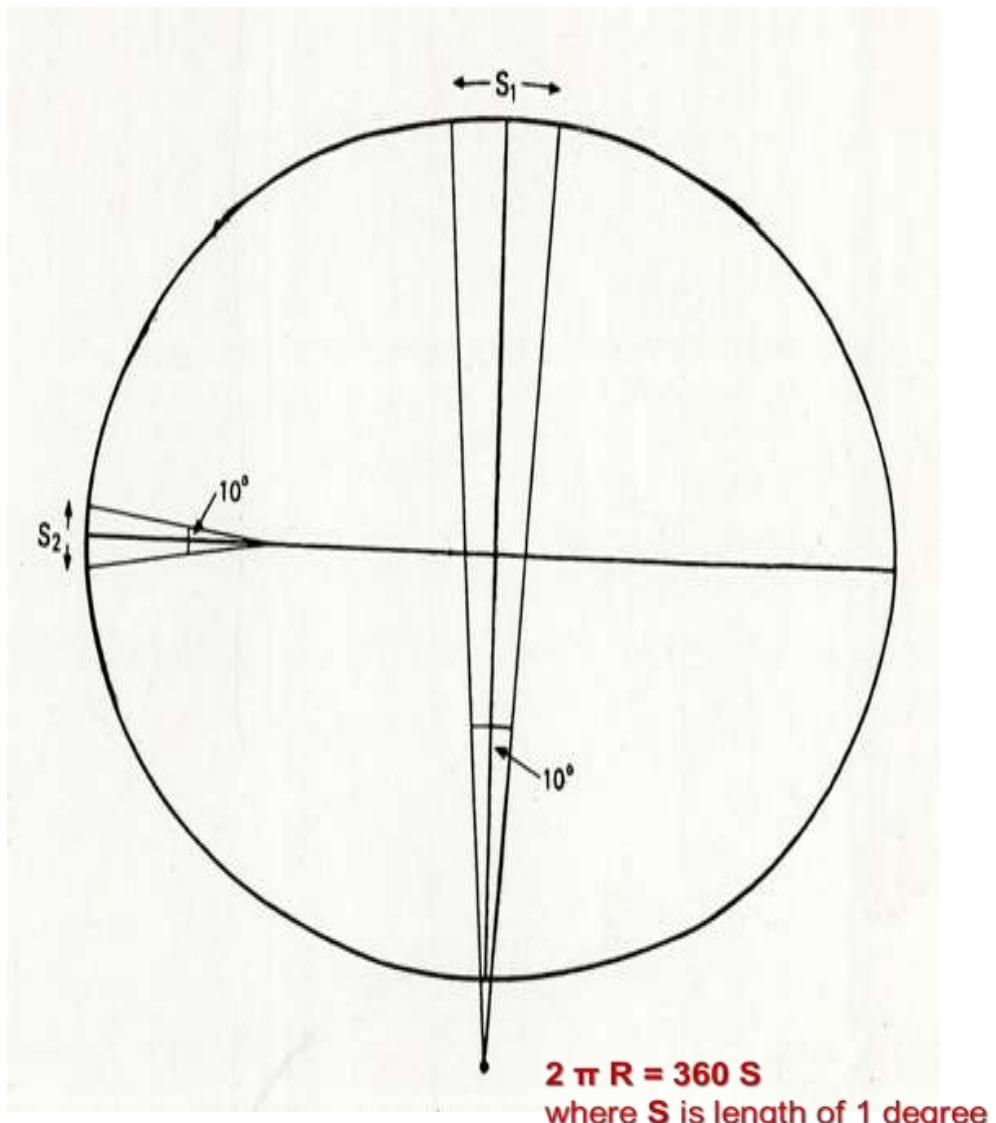


Dž.Kasīni  
(1625 – 1712)



Ī.Nūtons  
(1643 – 1727)

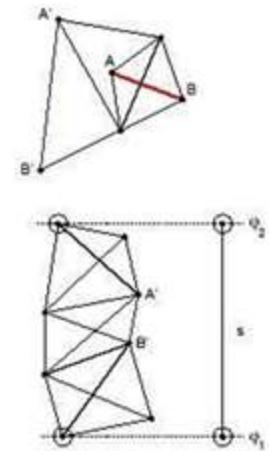
## Elements in arc measurement



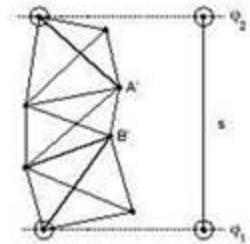
### 1. Base



### 2. Expansion network



### 3. Meridian arc network



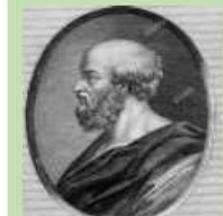
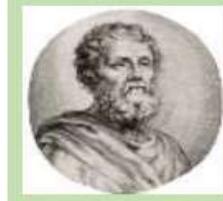
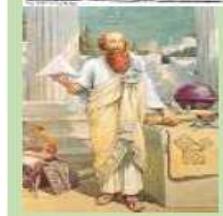
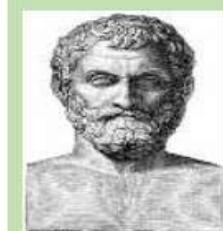
● Angles, measured

◎ Astronomical observation

$d$  – distance, tape measured

$s$  – distance, computed

# Geodesy – one of the oldest sciences



624 – 546 BC **Thales of Miletus:** **Geometry** (Earth measurement) “The Earth is floating on the ocean”  
Prediction of the solar eclipse on May 28, 585 BC

580 – 500 BC **Pythagoras of Samos:** The **Earth is a sphere** levitating in space (for esthetical reasons)

384 – 322 BC **Aristotle:** **Geodesy** (Earth division, partitioning)  
“Application of geometry in practice”

310 – 230 BC **Aristarchus of Samos:** **Heliocentric system** “The Sun in the centre of very large universe”

276 – 195 BC **Eratosthenes of Cyrene:** **Measurement of the Earth's radius** (astronomic – geodetic method)

100 – 160 AD **Claudius Ptolemy:** **Geocentric coordinates** of  $\approx$ 1000 stars and  $\approx$  8000 locations on Earth  
***This system is valid until the end the Middle ages***

# IAG / IUGG for GGOS portal



The image shows the homepage of the Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS) Portal. The header features the IAG logo and the text "Global Geodetic Observing System GGOS Portal". The main content area includes a "Geodetic Applications" section with a "More ..." link, a map of the world with a color gradient, and a photograph of a surveyor using a total station. The sidebar on the left lists "SCIENCE APPLICATIONS", "GEODETIC APPLICATIONS", "Home", "GGOS Themes", "Topics", "Discovery", "Viewer", "GGOS Products", and "GIAC". The sidebar on the right lists "SATELLITE MISSIONS", "TECHNIQUES", and "SERVICES". The footer includes a "Search" bar and the website address "www.ggos.org".

Global Geodetic Observing System  
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The Global Geodetic Observing System Portal (GGOS Portal)

GGOS is the Observing System of the International Association of Geodesy (IAG). GGOS works with the IAG components to provide the geodetic infrastructure necessary for monitoring the Earth system and for global change research.

The GGOS Portal provides a unique access point to all geodetic products. Thus, the Portal will emphasize Geodesy's contribution to Earth Observation for assessing geohazards and reducing disaster. The Portal consists of information to GGOS topics, a metadata catalog including a search engine and an editor, a map viewer, and a list of GGOS products.

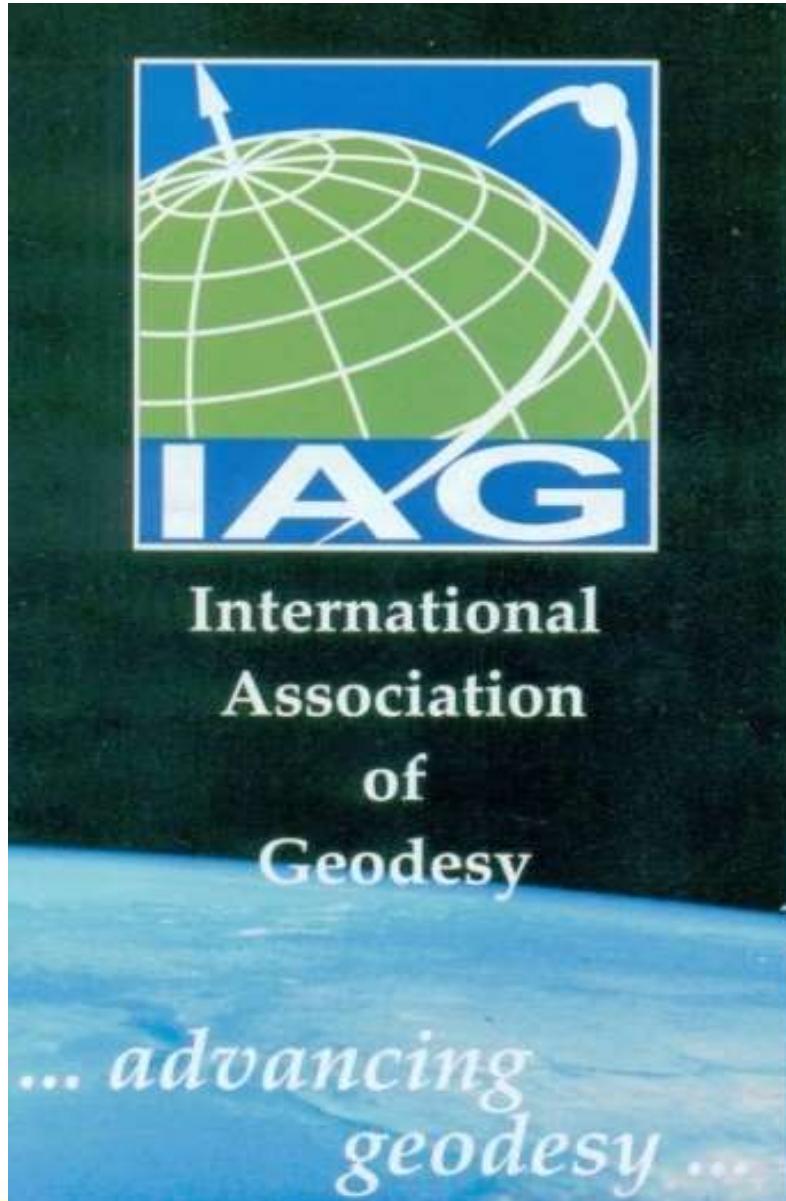
News GGOS Portal

- The Global Geodetic Core Network: new version of "Call for Participation"
- GGOS Themes and Template for Proposals under Theme 3
- Pages Topics - Services - ILRS and Topics - Services - IDS updated
- More

Search

www.ggos.org

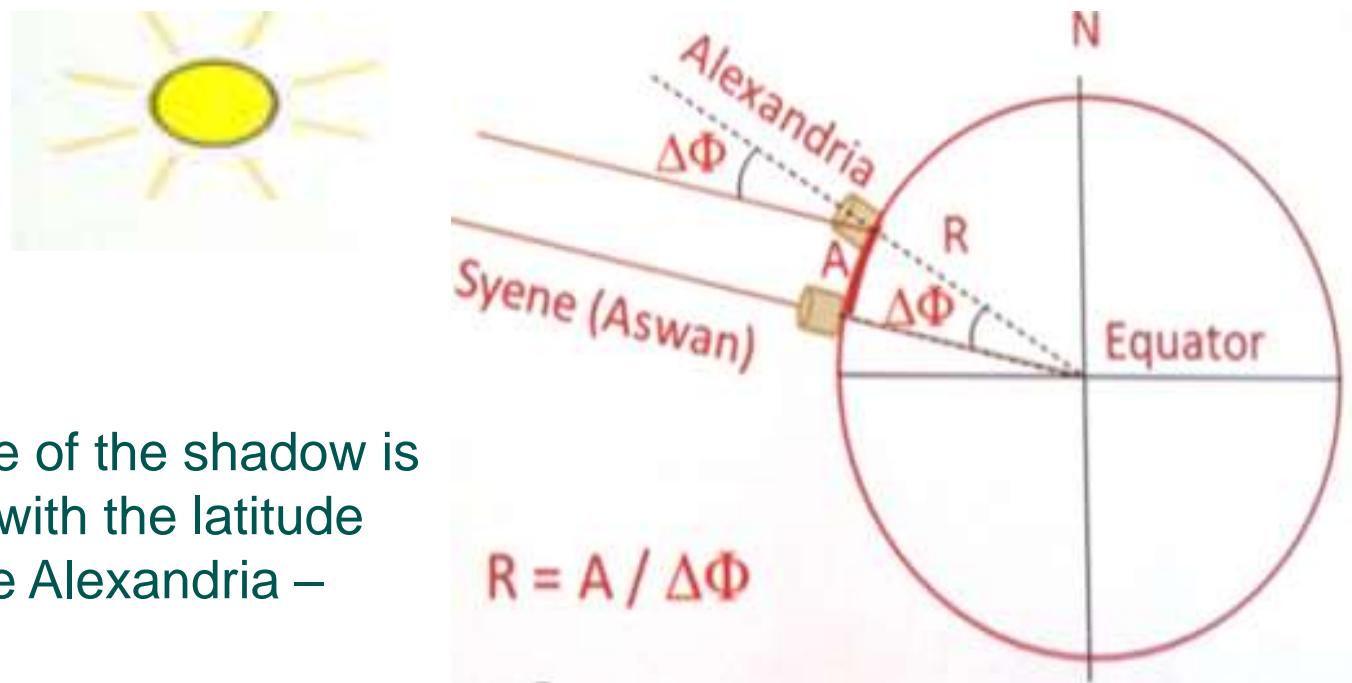
# From our surveying roots to nowadays



Triangulation tower ("ground reference point") in the Struve Chain, a member on UNESCO's World Heritage List

# Geodesy for the determination of Earth's radius

Astronomic – geodetic method of Eratosthenes: At summer solstices (June 21) the sun is mirrored in well in Syene (latitude  $\Phi = 23.4^\circ$  N, today's Aswan High Dam), but in Alexandria ( $\Phi = 31.1^\circ$  N) the sun is casting a shadow with a length corresponding to angle  $\Delta\Phi = 7.7^\circ$



The angle of the shadow is identical with the latitude difference Alexandria – Syene:

# Base measurements (1744, France)



From Paul Murdin book: «Full Meridian of Glory», USA, 2009  
Time of Cassini III

Voltaire → Maupertuis «flattener of the Earth and the Cassinis»

# Meridian of Tartu





Struve conference in Jekabpils, August 22, 2008



Struve conference in Sestukalns, August 23, 2008



25/07/2011

<http://www.failiem.lv/list.php?i=gfzuwx>



**Kortenhof, 2011**

# Итоги

## Завершилась экспедиция «Миссия Струве»

Экспедиция на трех внедорожниках стартовала 19 июля 2011 г. из Одессы и пройдя 245 км в 17 ч 32 мин по московскому времени достигла южного пункта Геодезической дуги Струве «Старо-Некрасовка/STARONEKRASSOWKA», в селе Старая Некрасовка (Украина). Далее маршрут экспедиции проходил по территории Молдавии (пункт «Водолуй/Wodolui»), Украины («Кременец/Kremenetz»), Белоруссии («Белин/Belin»), Латвии («Немеж/Nemesch», «Якобштадт/JACOBSTADT»), Эстонии («Дерпт/DORPAT Tartu Observatory»), Финляндии («Торнио/TORNEA Alatornion kirkko»), Швеции («Авасакса/AVASAKSA», «Пуллинки/PULLINKI»), Норвегии («Бельяц-ваара/BALJATZ-VAARA», «Фугленес/FUGLENAES»). «Фугленес» — самый северный пункт «Геодезической дуги Струве», расположенный в городе Гаммерфест на берегу Норвежского моря, экспедиция достигла 31 июля 2011 г. в 20 ч 30 мин по московскому времени.

Пройдет немного времени, эмоции поутихнут, мысли выстроются в ряд и обязательно появится подробный рассказ и фотоотчет о путешествии. А пока хотим поблагодарить всех тех, кто оказал помощь и поддержку на различных этапах подготовки и проведения экспедиции:

Санкт-Петербургское общество геодезии и картографии и его секретаря В.Б.Капцюга (Россия , Санкт-Петербург)

ЗАО «Геостройизыскания» (Россия , Москва)

Группу компаний «М2М Телематика» (Россия , Москва)

ОАО «Мобильные ТелеСистемы» (Россия , Москва)

ООО «Лентерра» (Россия , Москва)

Дилерский центр «Ниссан на Таганке» (Россия , Москва)

КБ Панорама (Россия , Москва)

ГК «Геотехнологии» (Россия , Москва)

Интерактивный канал TV2.0 (Россия , Москва)

## Итоги

О проекте

Цели экспедиции

Маршрут экспедиции

Уникальность

Историческая справка

Пресс-релиз

Справка

Маршрут

Никому не известная Дуга, повесть в 11 частях. Том 1

Никому не известная Дуга, повесть в 11 частях. Том 2

## Другие проекты



25 апреля 2014

### Грузия

Двухнедельная экспедиция в Грузию. Общий маршрут - 5200 км. Сотни километров городских трасс, пересеченной местности и горных перевалов. Каждая точка на карте пробега связана с богатым историческим наследием страны.



<http://itoc.su/rus/items/missiya-struve/itogi.phtml>

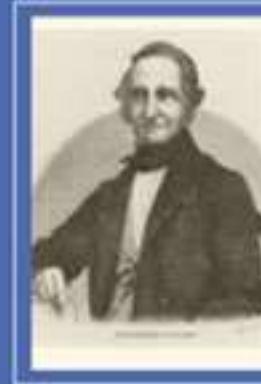
# Научно-популярная международная автомобильная экспедиция «Миссия Струве»



Василий Яковлевич Струве



Карл Иванович Тоннер



Кристофер Ханстен



Нильс Селандер

# Project «Struve unites through the centuries» in Gulbene (Latvia)

*the meeting was  
held  
on May 16, 2013*

**“Struve unites through the centuries”**

PROJEKTS



# Facts about the Struve Geodetic Arc →

## *The longest meridian arc ever measured*

In North: Hammerfest	$70^{\circ} 40' 11.23''$
In South: Ismail (Black Sea)	$45^{\circ} 20' 02.94''$
Distance in latitude:	$25^{\circ} 20' 08.29''$
Distance in km:	2 821.853 711

Number of main points:	265
Number of astronomical stations:	13
Number of bases:	10

# What is especially for the Struve Geodetic Arc →

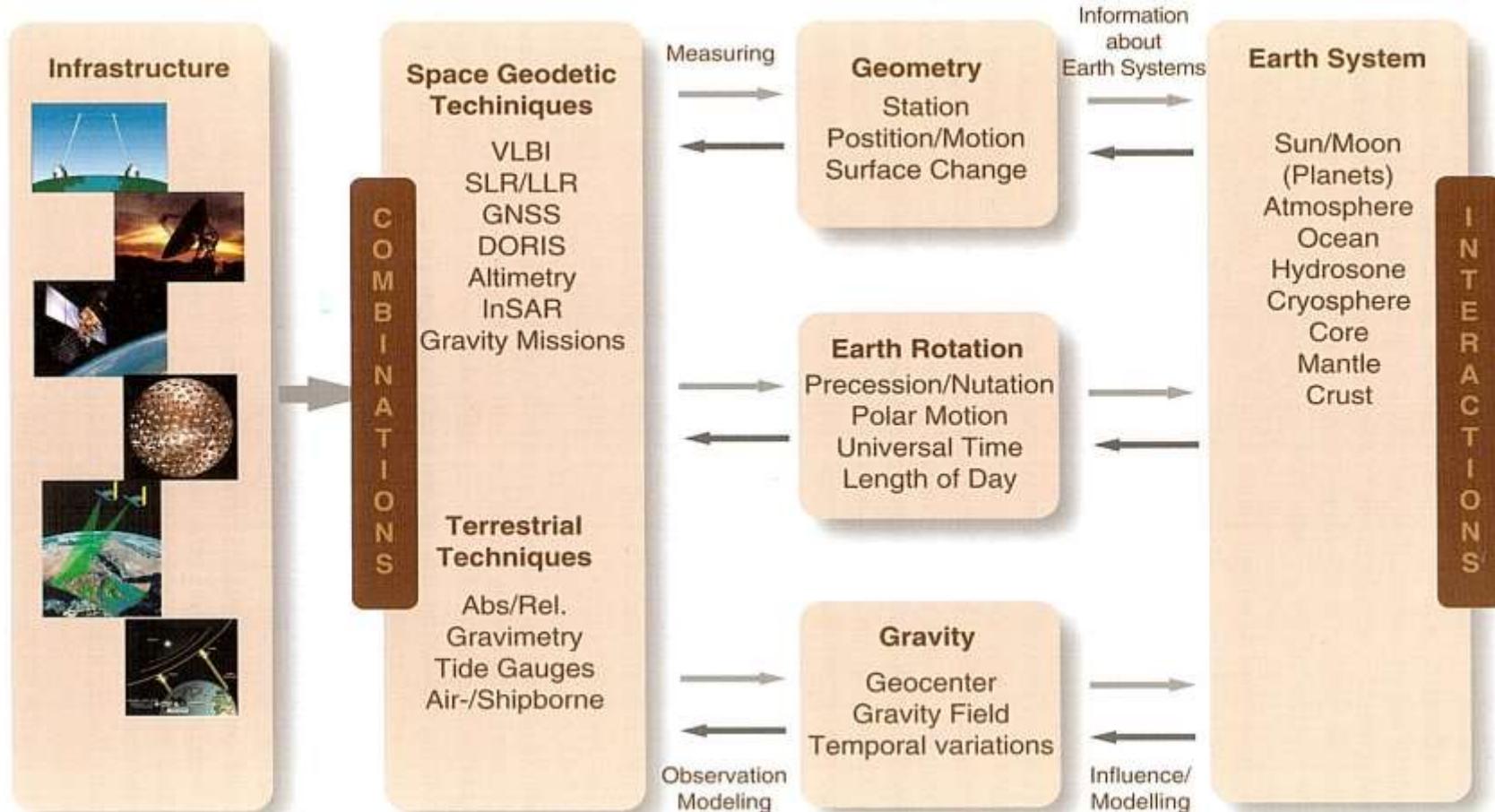
1. Geodesy is the first scientific subject to appear on the World Heritage List
2. The Struve Geodetic Arc is the first case in the history of the List where more than two countries cooperate in the preparations
3. The Struve Geodetic Arc project is the precursor for international scientific cooperation, predecessor of IAG and IUGG

# History of the most significant measurements of mankind and related to Struve Geodetic Arc →

1. The value of Earth's diameter
2. The distance between Earth and Sun  
(*Astronomical Unit*)
3. Parallax of the stars (*cosmic triangulation*)

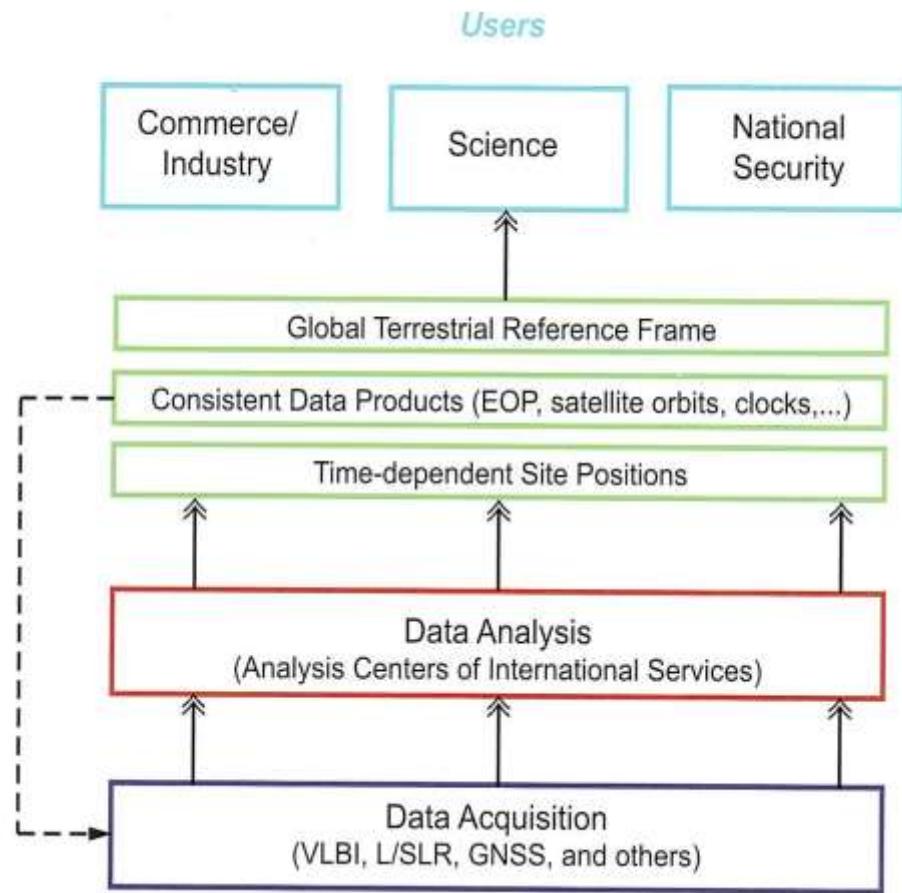
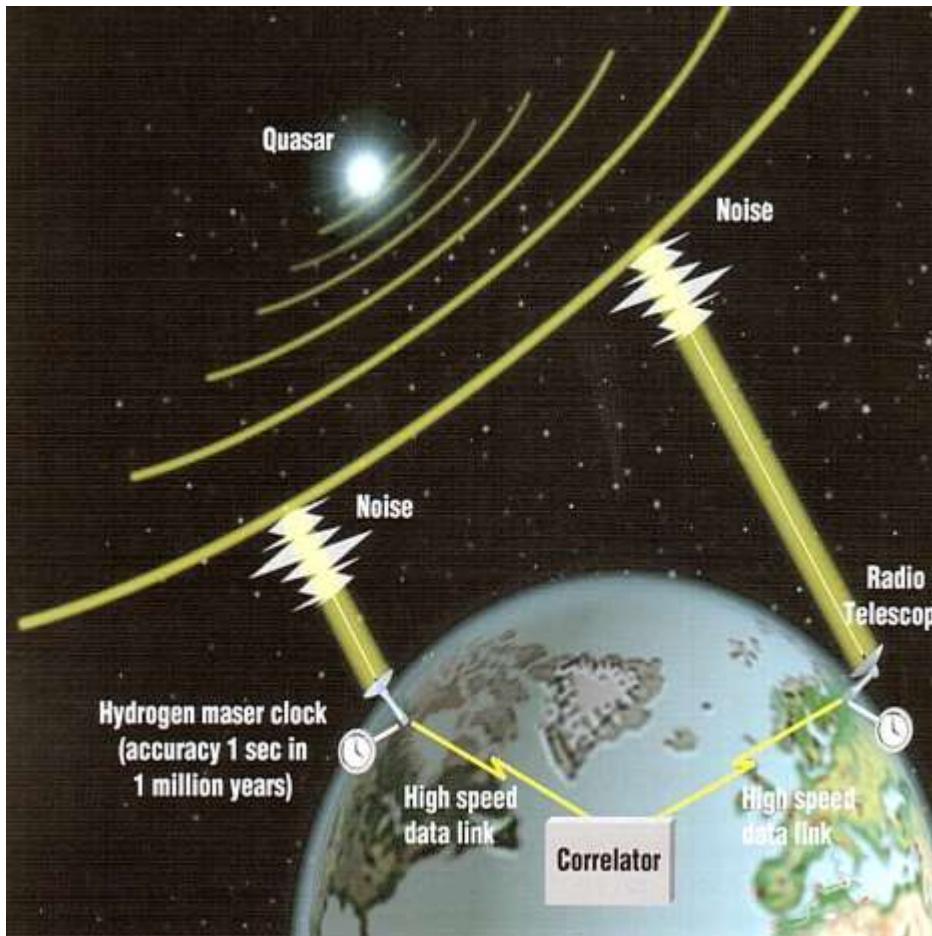
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# Geodetic infrastructure



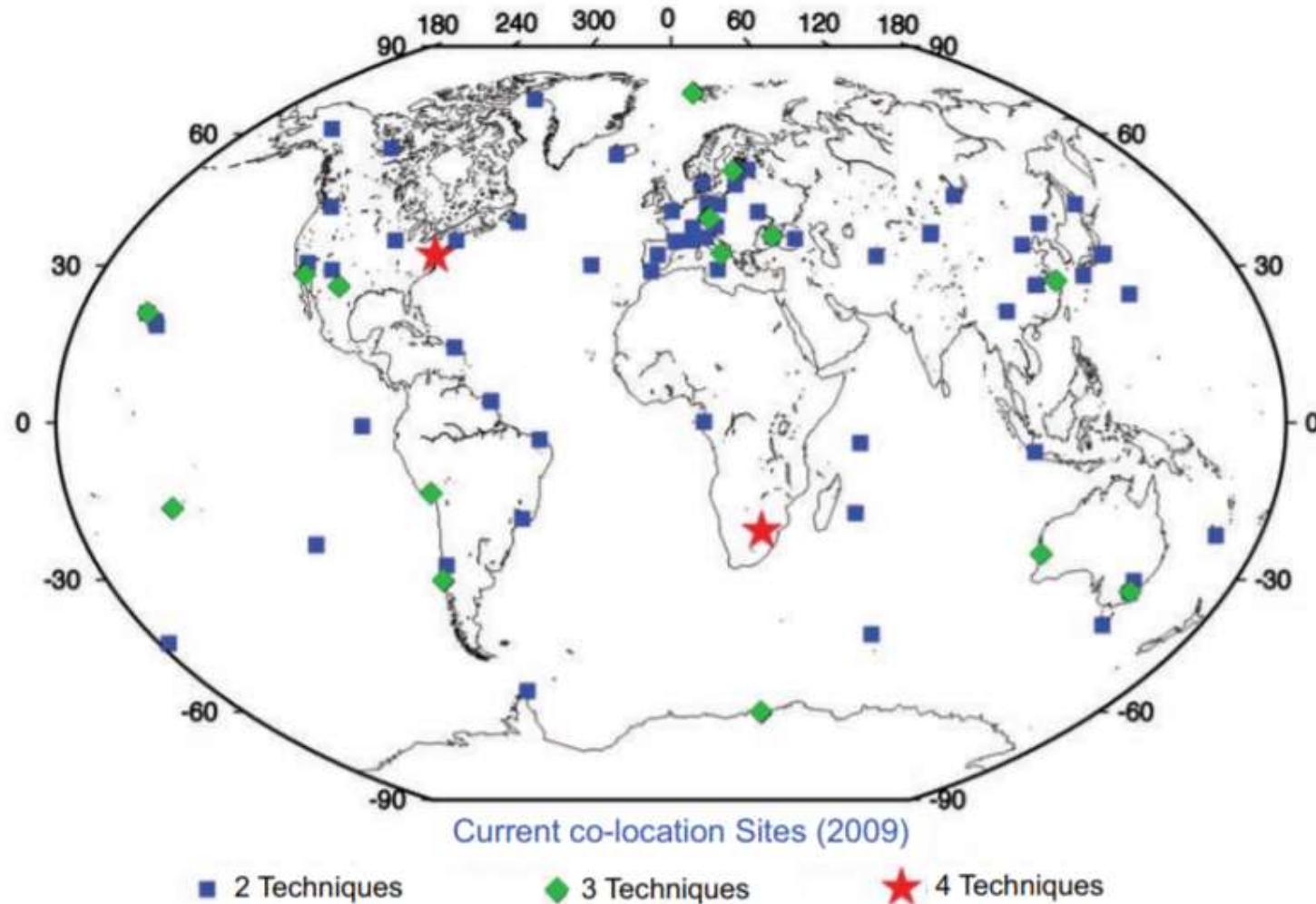
All time-dependent elements, also triangulation

# Geodetic infrastructure for users



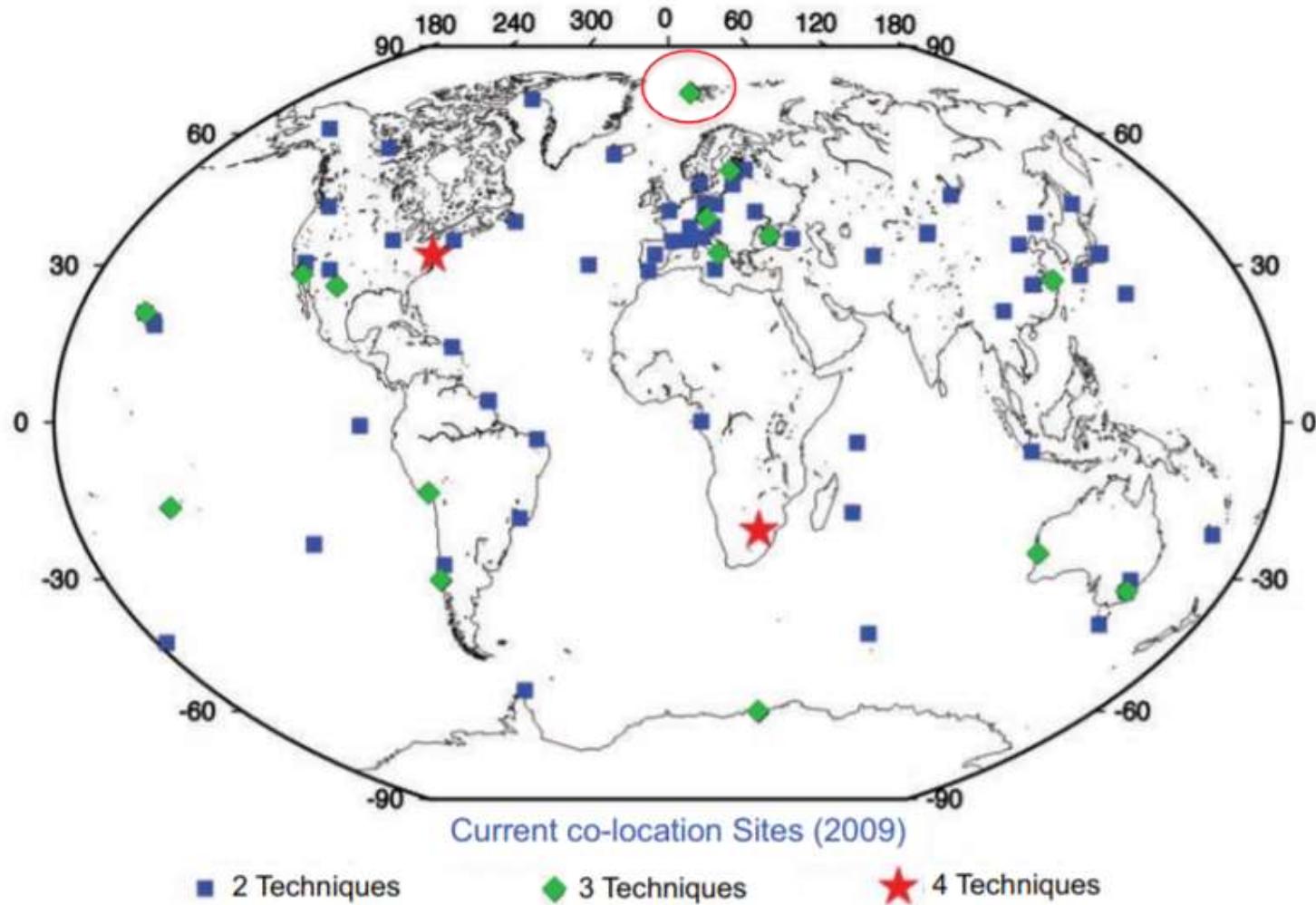
# Also in «deep» space with quasars (like C273)

# Geodetic infrastructure in Future



Co-location Sites

# Geodetic infrastructure in Future



Co-location Sites

# Our opinion about Earth in space age



# Monument in Struve's park, Jekabpils



## The evocative comparison with mission on Mars





Welcome to Struve team board



Mobile exposition, with lecture, from I.Berke



**Struve in city center, since 2015**



[http://demo.mikrokods.lv/Krustpils\\_pils\\_3dtiles/App\\_CCWebViewer2/index.html](http://demo.mikrokods.lv/Krustpils_pils_3dtiles/App_CCWebViewer2/index.html)

**3D model of Struve site *Kreutzburg* (15.06.2018)**



Magnet for Tourists, Rõuge



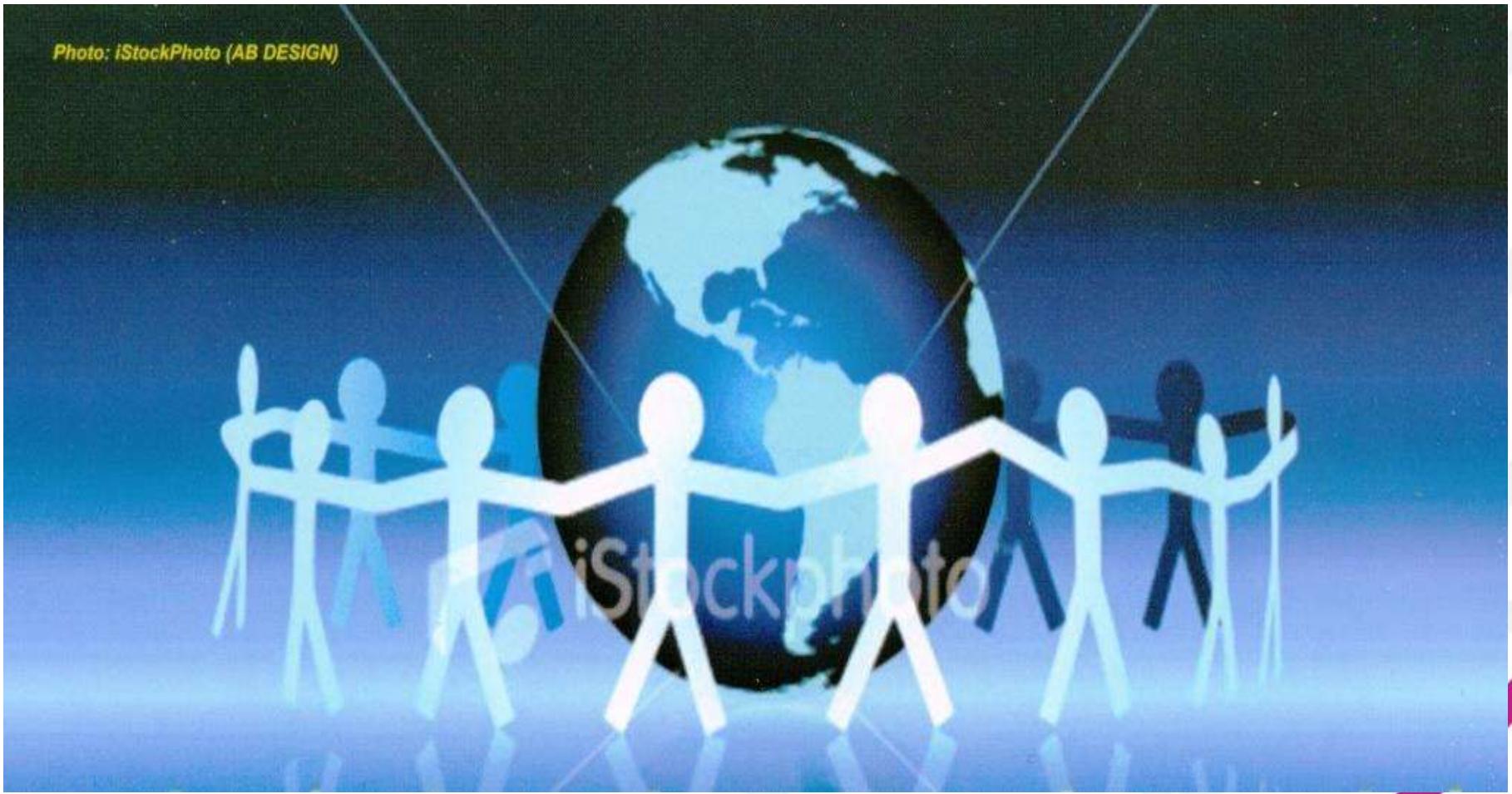
**International Conference «Struve Arc – the Past and the Future», June 21 (2018), Oshmyany, Byelorussia**



## Future plans:

- ✓ *Happiness will never come to those who fail to appreciate what they already have.*
- ✓ *Have been created on 08.06.2018. the Council of Preservation and Development of the Struve Geodetic Arc, which is now developing work plans up to 2023.*
- ✓ *There is much more common with Struve Geodetic ARC in the world (at least 80 %) than different.*

# Thank You for Your attention!



**«Struve Geodetic Arc – 13 Years in UNESCO World Heritage List»**  
**That happened in summer of 2005 !**

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