



# Two CGPS Networks Operated by OVSICORI-UNA in Costa Rica

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# Summary

- OVSICORI-UNA operates two CGPS networks in Costa Rica for crustal deformation monitoring:
- A regional network on the Nicoya peninsula and its surroundings funded by US-NSF (UNAVCO, University of Miami, University of California at Santa Cruz and OVSICORI-UNA) (19 stations).
- A country wide network funded by the Government of Costa Rica (9 stations).

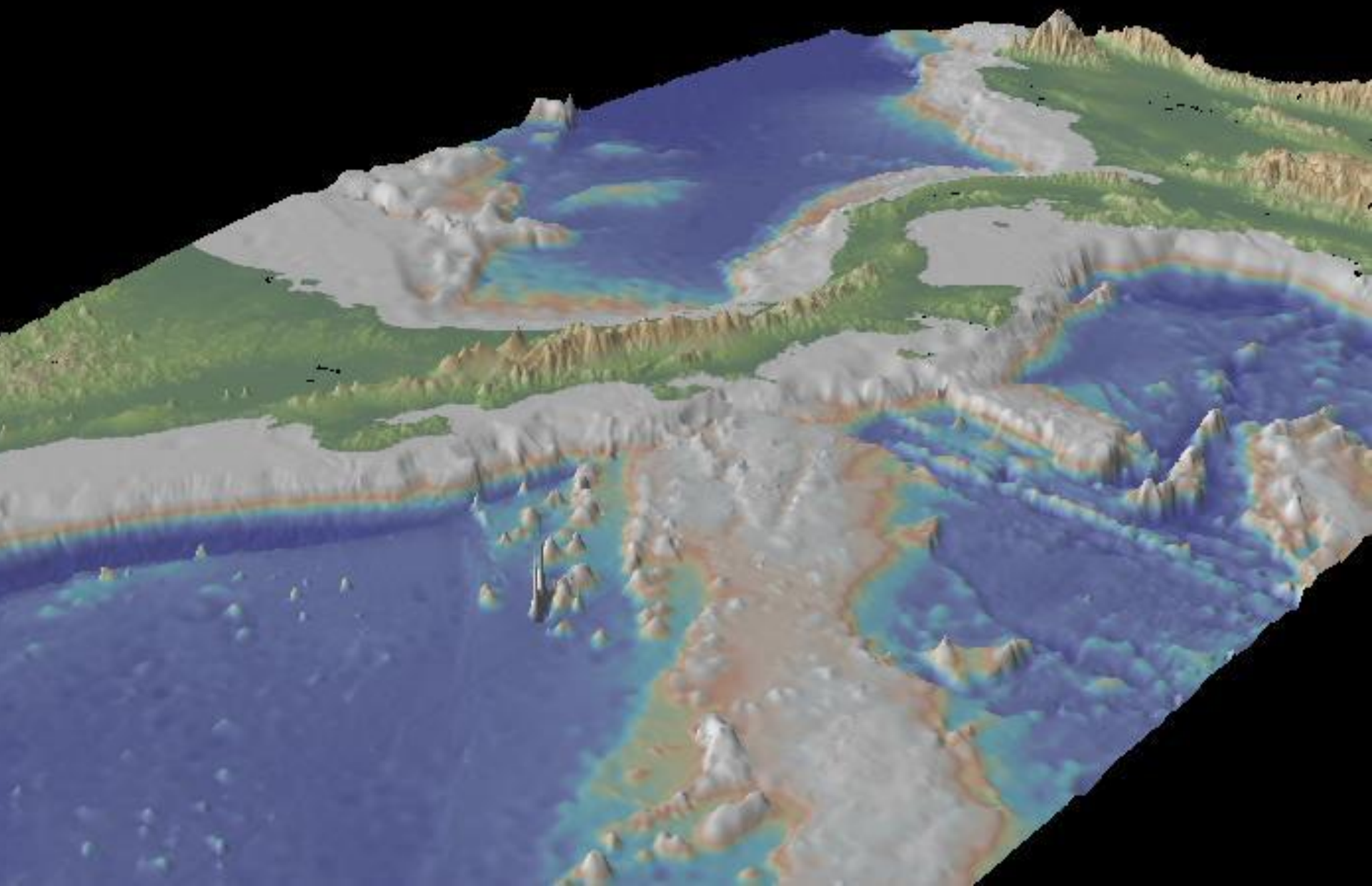
# Also

- 2 CGPS stations at Arenal volcano (since 1995) (4 by March 2011).
- 1 semipermanent GPS station at Irazú volcano (since 1999).
- 2 CGPS stations at Turrialba volcano (since 2010) (OVSICORI-UNA).



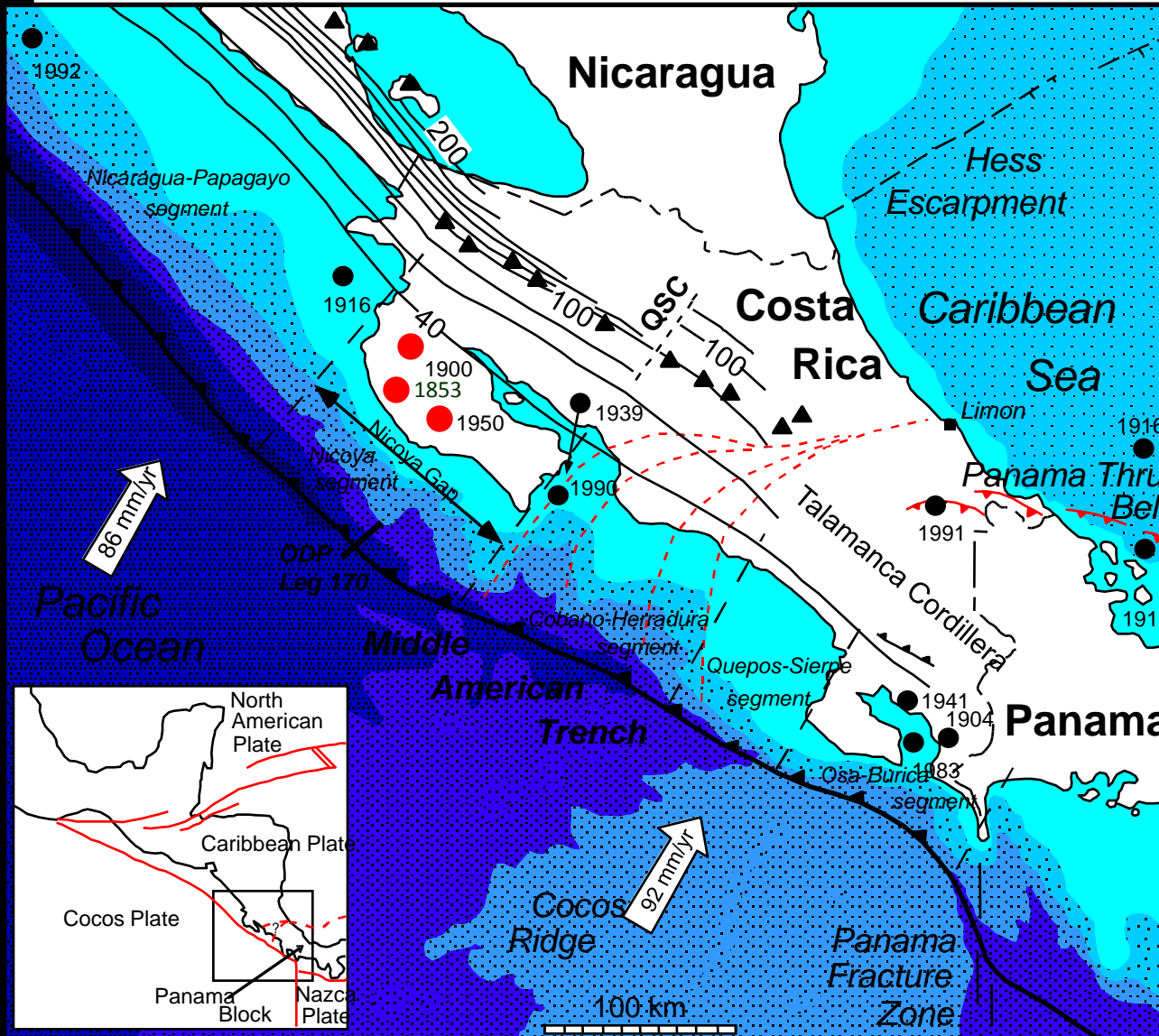
# Tectonic setting of Central America

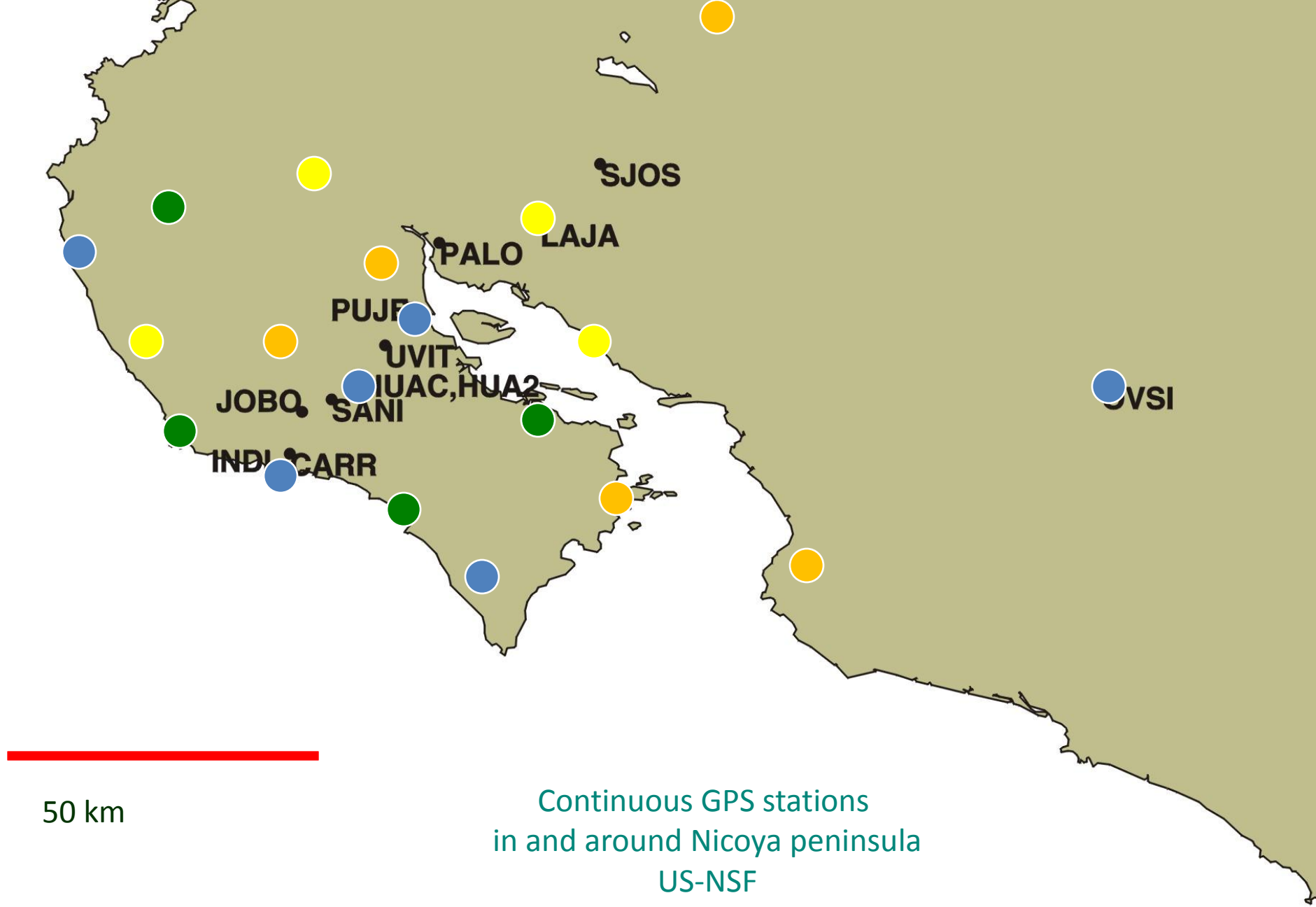






# Tectonic Setting of Costa Rica





50 km

Continuous GPS stations  
in and around Nicoya peninsula  
US-NSF

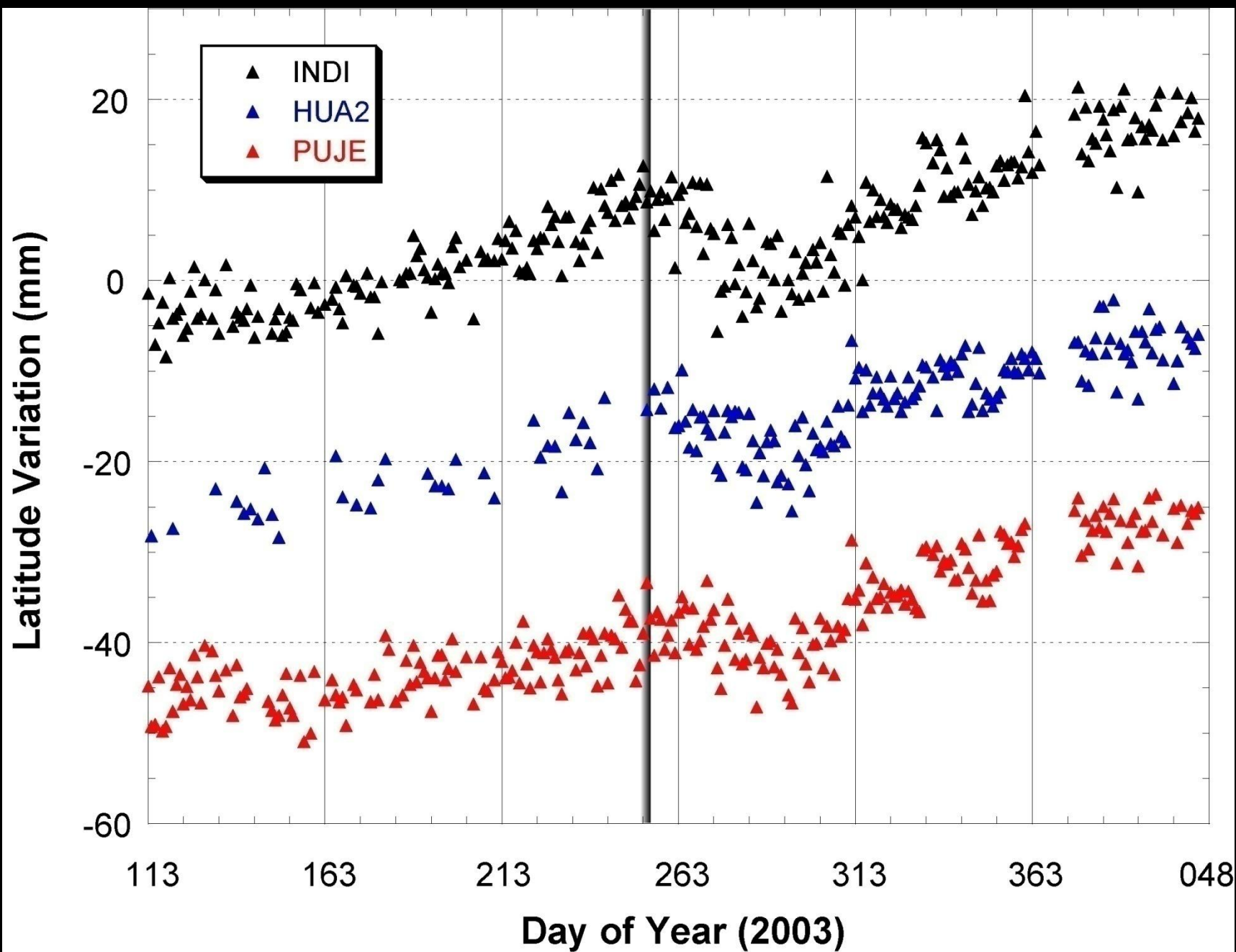
# First CGPS (JICA 2002)

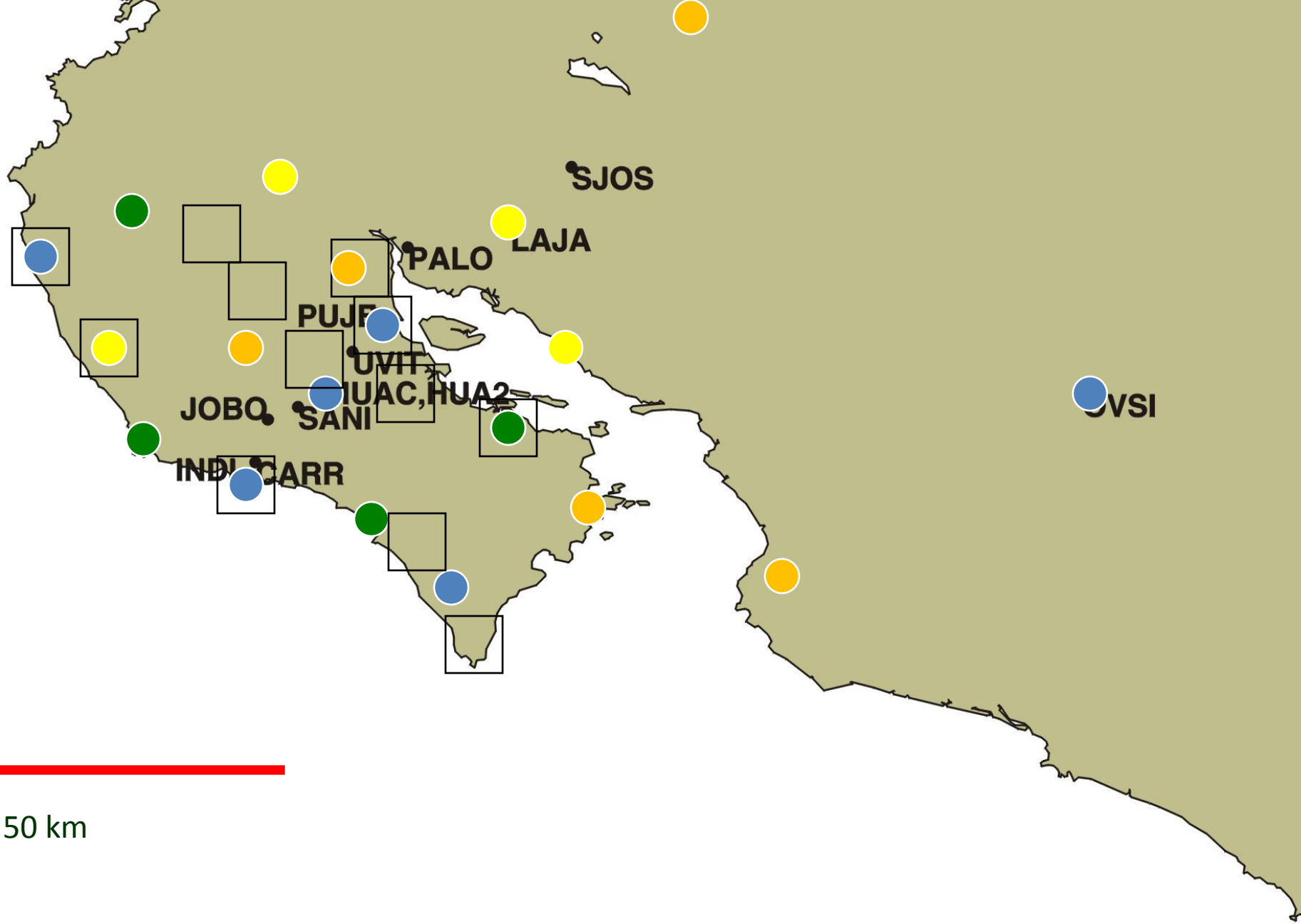


## Distribution of GPS sites







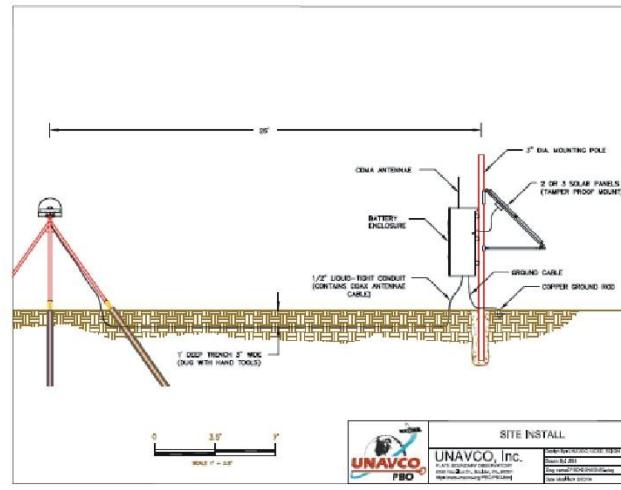
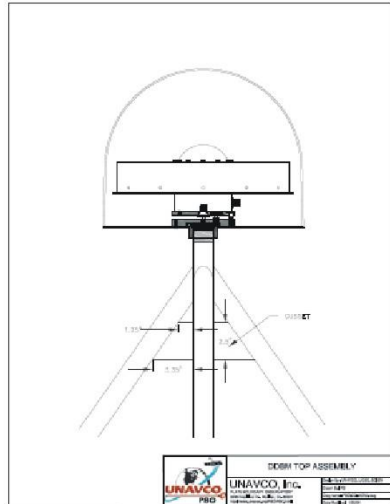
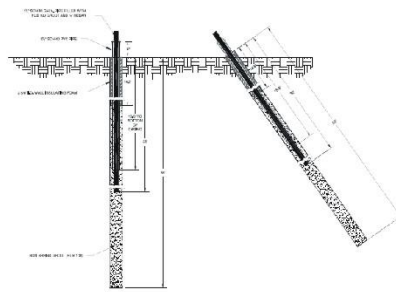
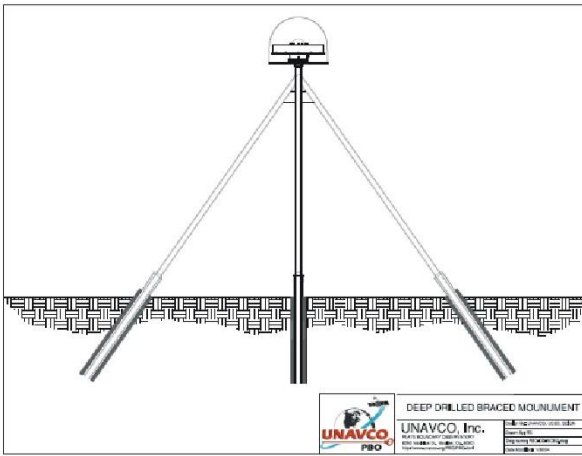
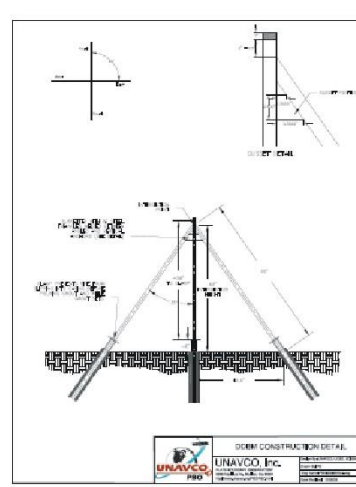
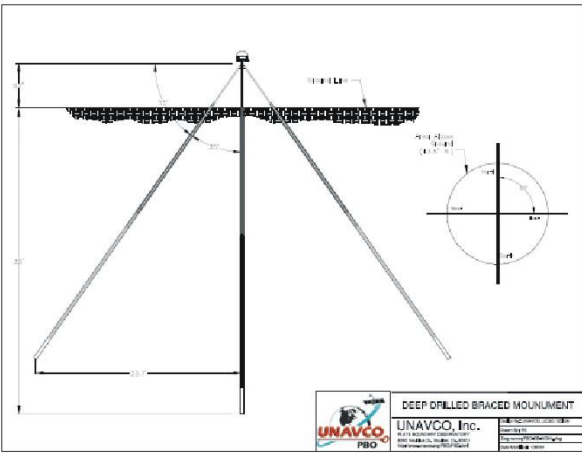


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# Why so much interest in the Nicoya Peninsula?

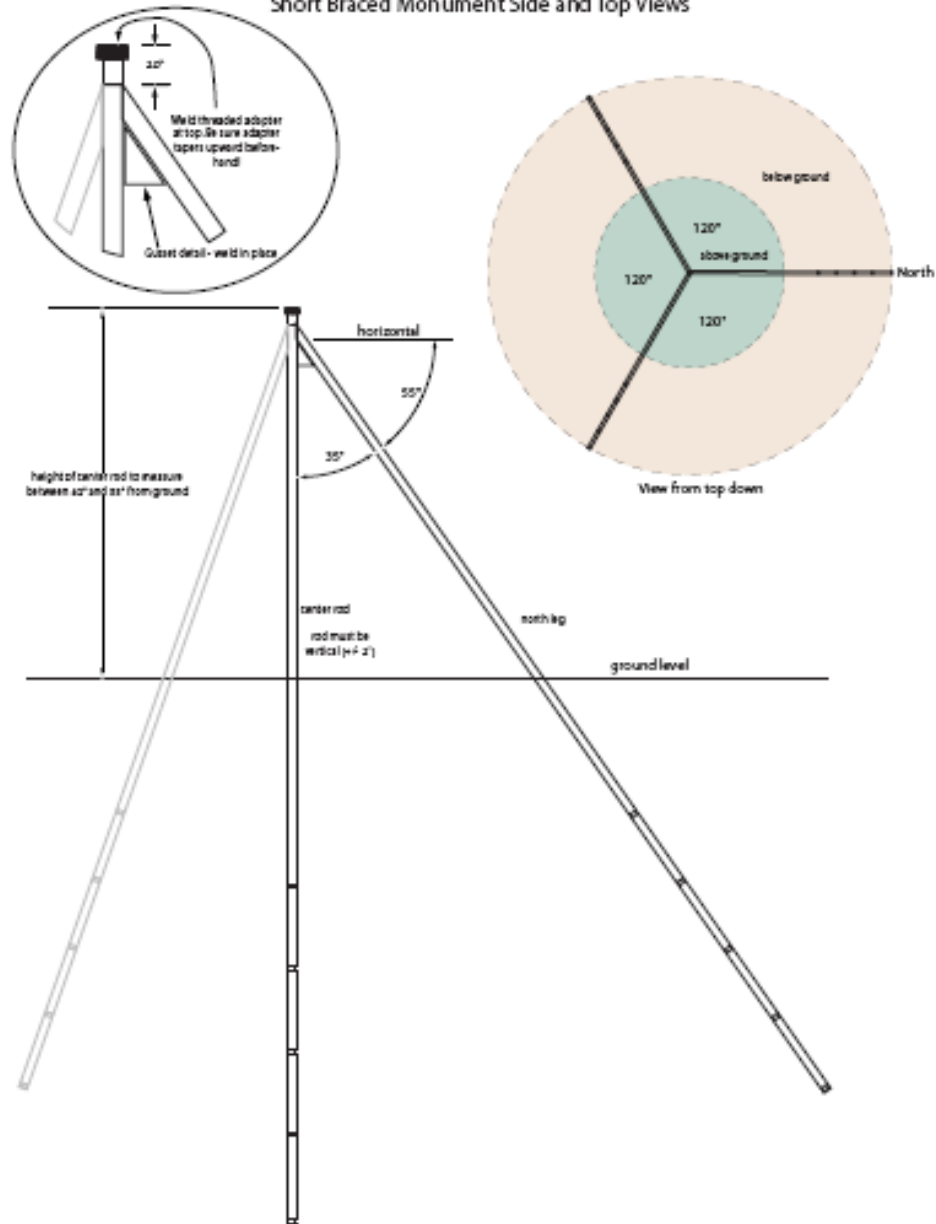
- ◆ It is the seismogenic region that generates the largest earthquakes in Costa Rica.
- ◆ It has been 60 years since its last rupture (1853, 1900 and 1950).
- ◆ The peninsula is sitting right over the seismogenic zone.
- ◆ It has been studied for many years with different techniques (high resolution marine seismics, refraction profiles, scan mapping, an ALVIN cruise, IODP legs, broadband off-shore and on shore seismic networks, GPS, electronic tiltmeters).
- ◆ The recorded deformation rates are very high.
- ◆ It was part of the target region of both, the Seismogenic Zone Experiment (SEIZE) and the Subduction Factory (SUBFAC) initiatives of MARGINS.







### Short Braced Monument Side and Top Views

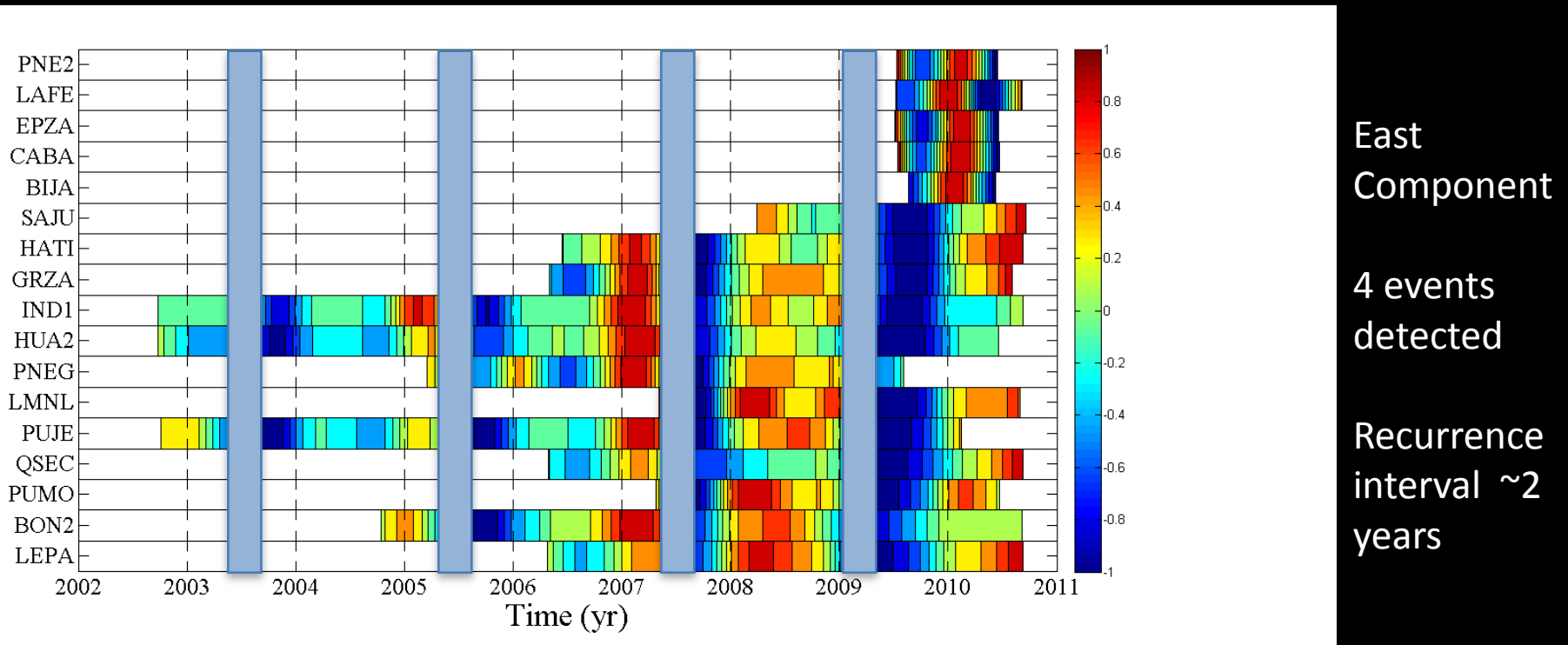




# El Viejo



# Costa Rica Network Positionogram



From: Dixon, T.H.; Y. Jiang; S. Wdowinski; S. Y. Schwartz; M. Protti; V. M. Gonzalez;  
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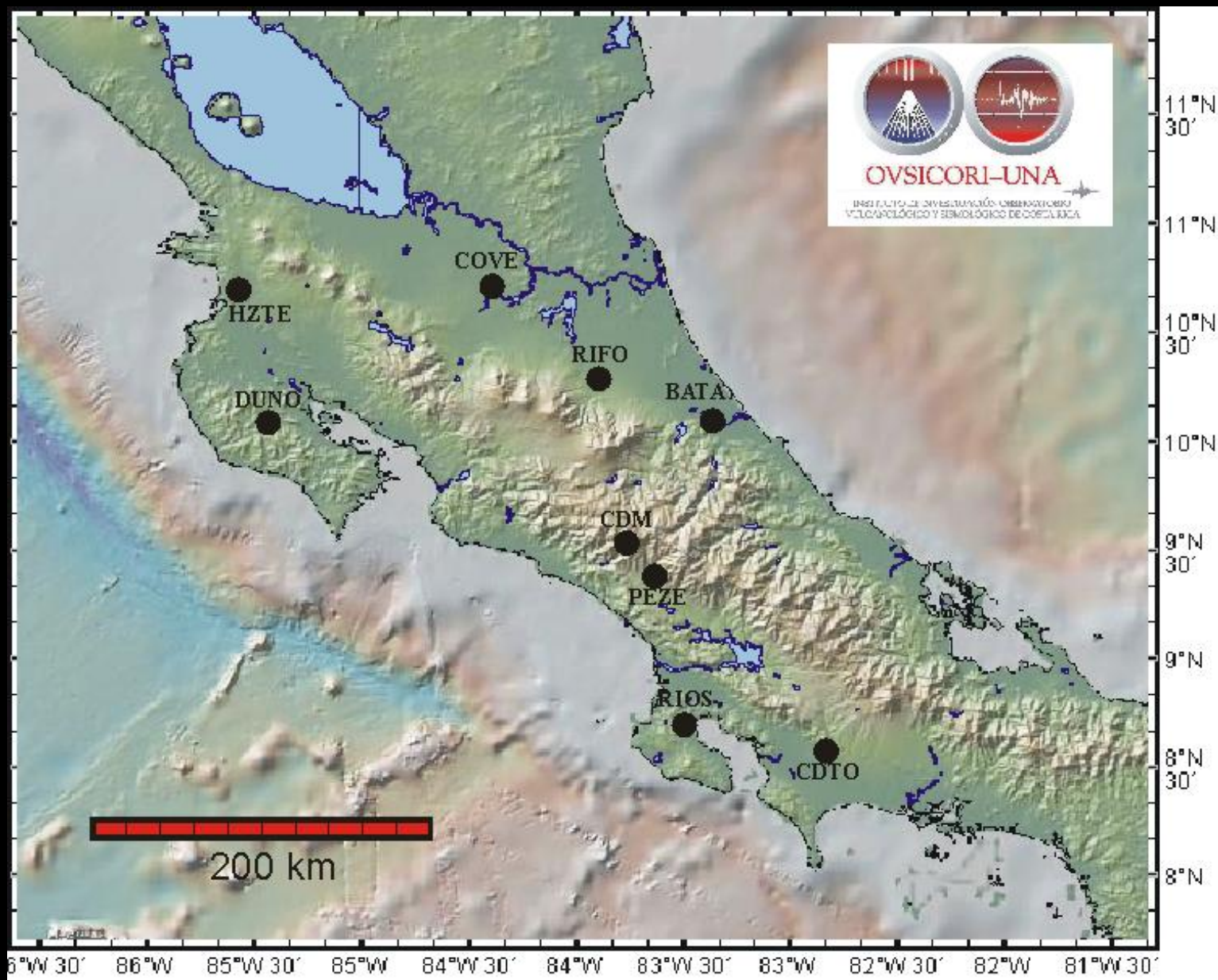


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# OVSICORI-UNA CGPS network





# Permanent broadband-CGPS vault





+ STS-2  
+ Episensor

+ Quanterra QT-330  
+ Trimble NetRs  
+ VSAT





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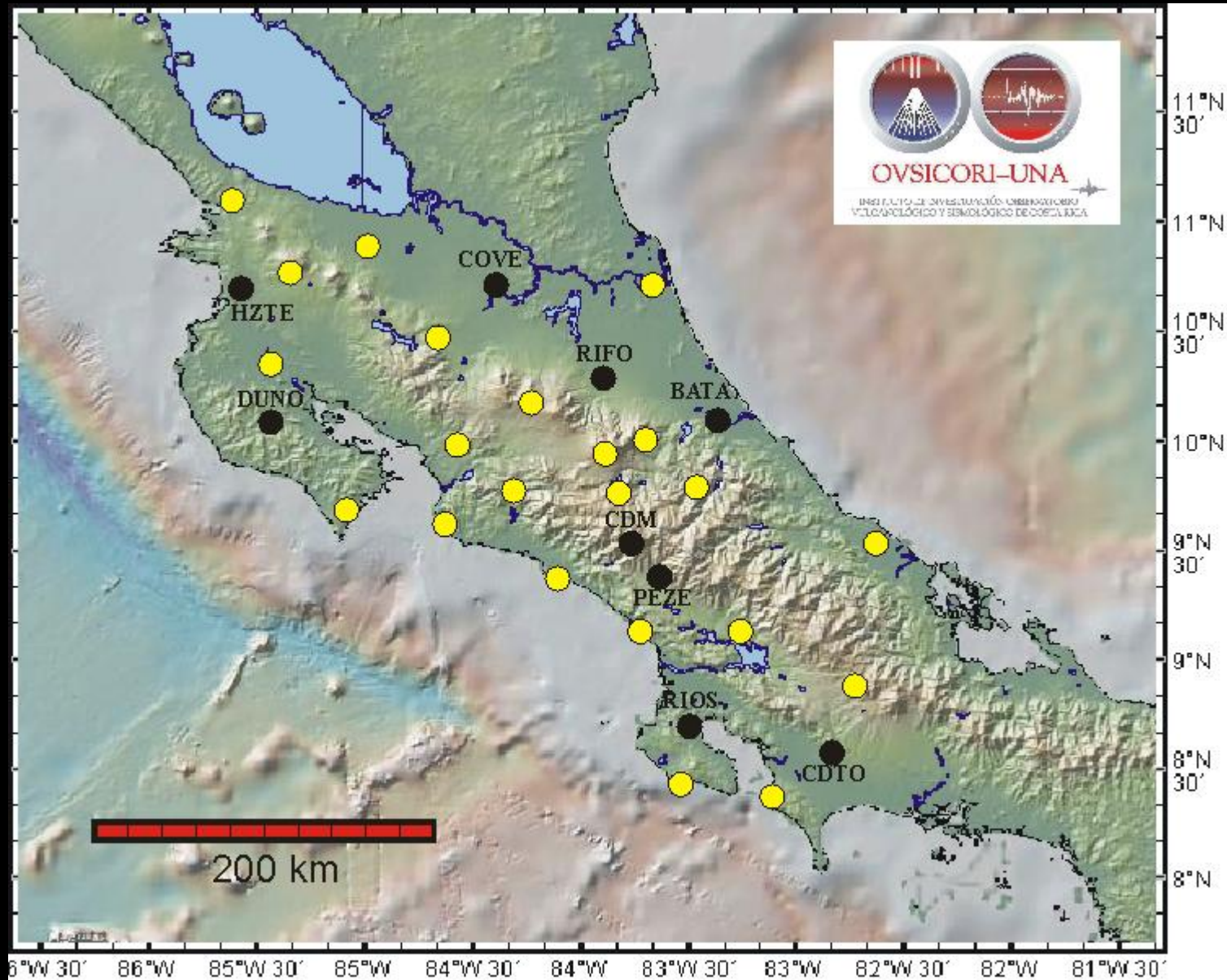


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# Current & Future OVSICORI's CGPS network



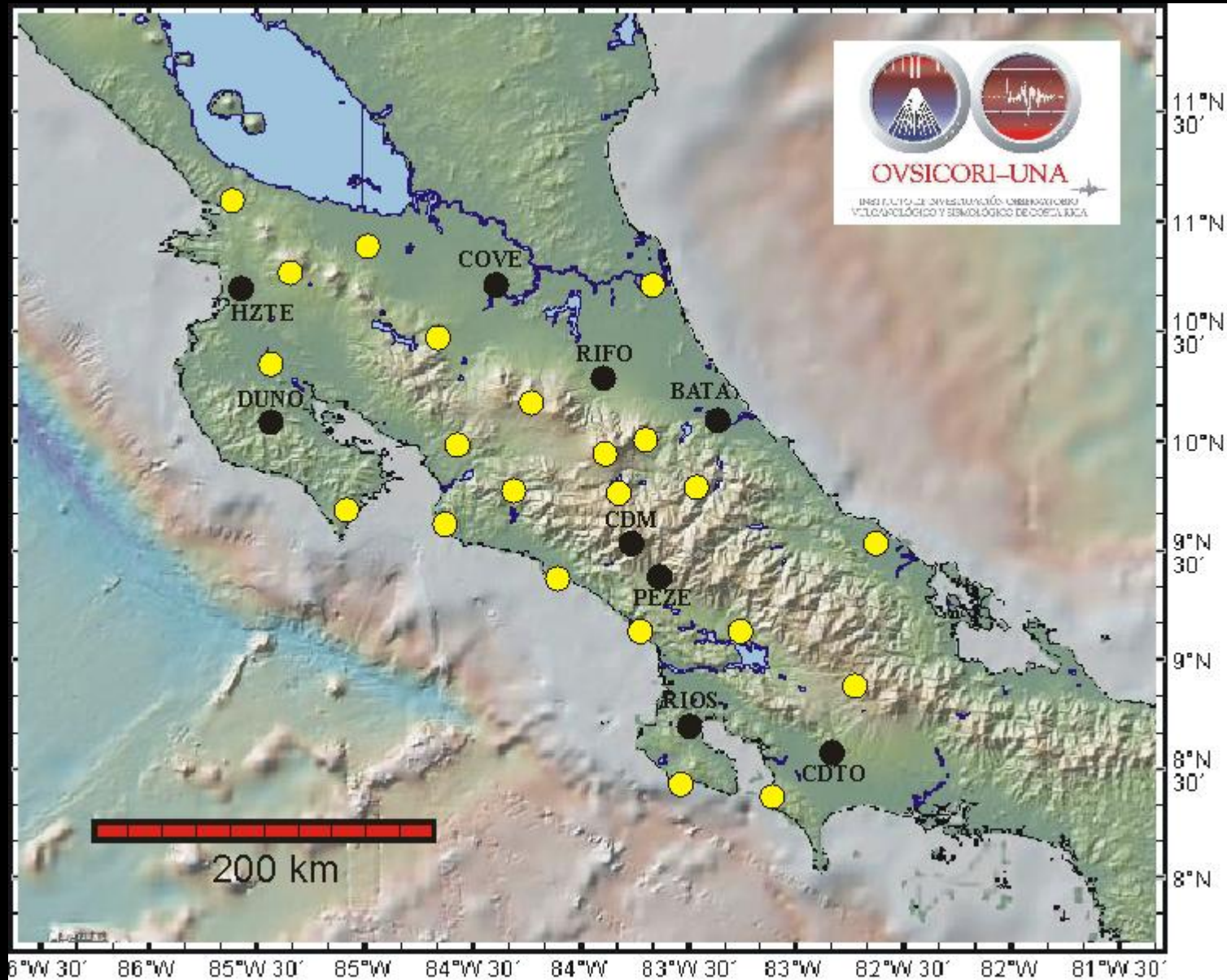


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And the objective of this session

- Land-use access
- Data Communication
- Security

# Current & Future OVSICORI's CGPS network



# In Summary

- Right now, OVSICORI-UNA operates 28 CGPS in Costa Rica to monitor crustal deformation and 5 for volcano deformation.



# Plans and goals

- To expand the CGPS network to ~50 stations.
- Improve monuments for OVSICORI's CGPS sites.
- Install a CGPS station in Cocos Is. (only place a.s.l. on the Cocos plate).
- Archive all CGPS data at UNAVCO.
- Train at least two people to process GPS data.
- Include data from all sites into an automated daily solution algorithm to generate daily-updated time series.