

GPS

Putting the first four weeks together

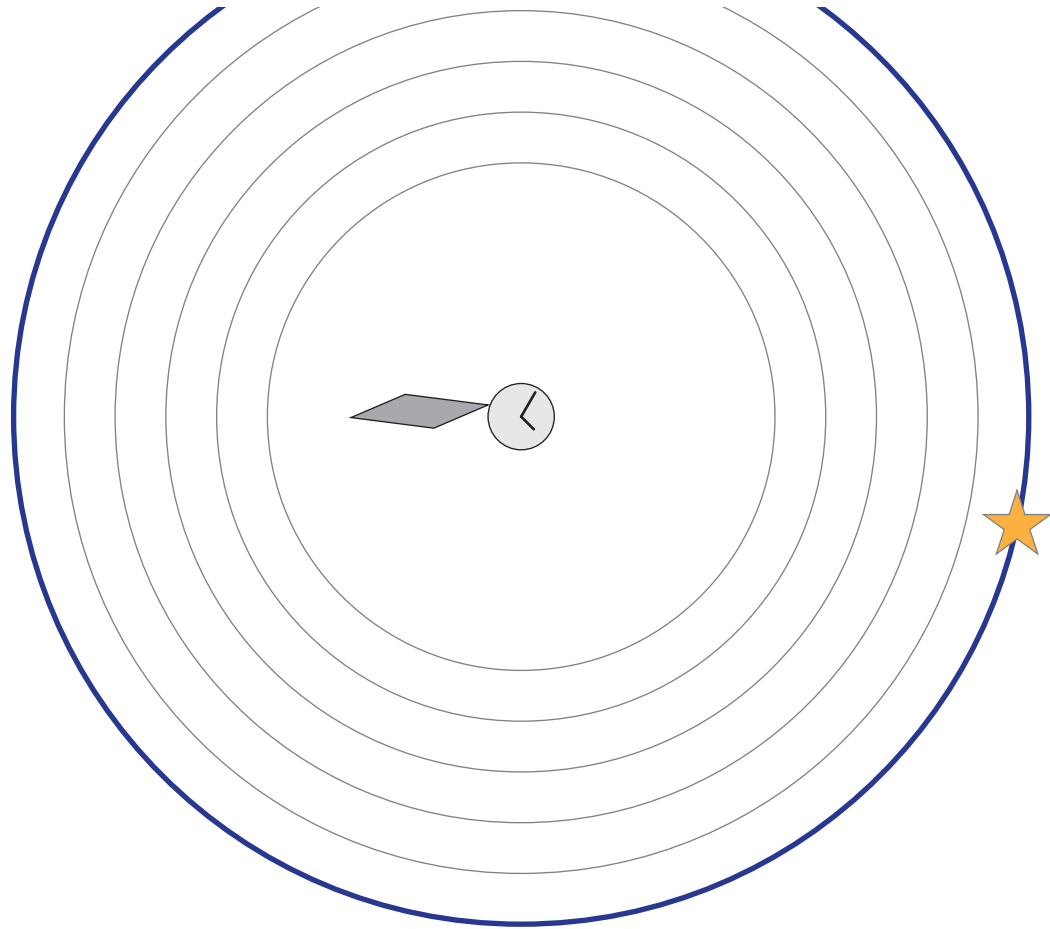
The longitude problem, in detail

Location service in the classroom

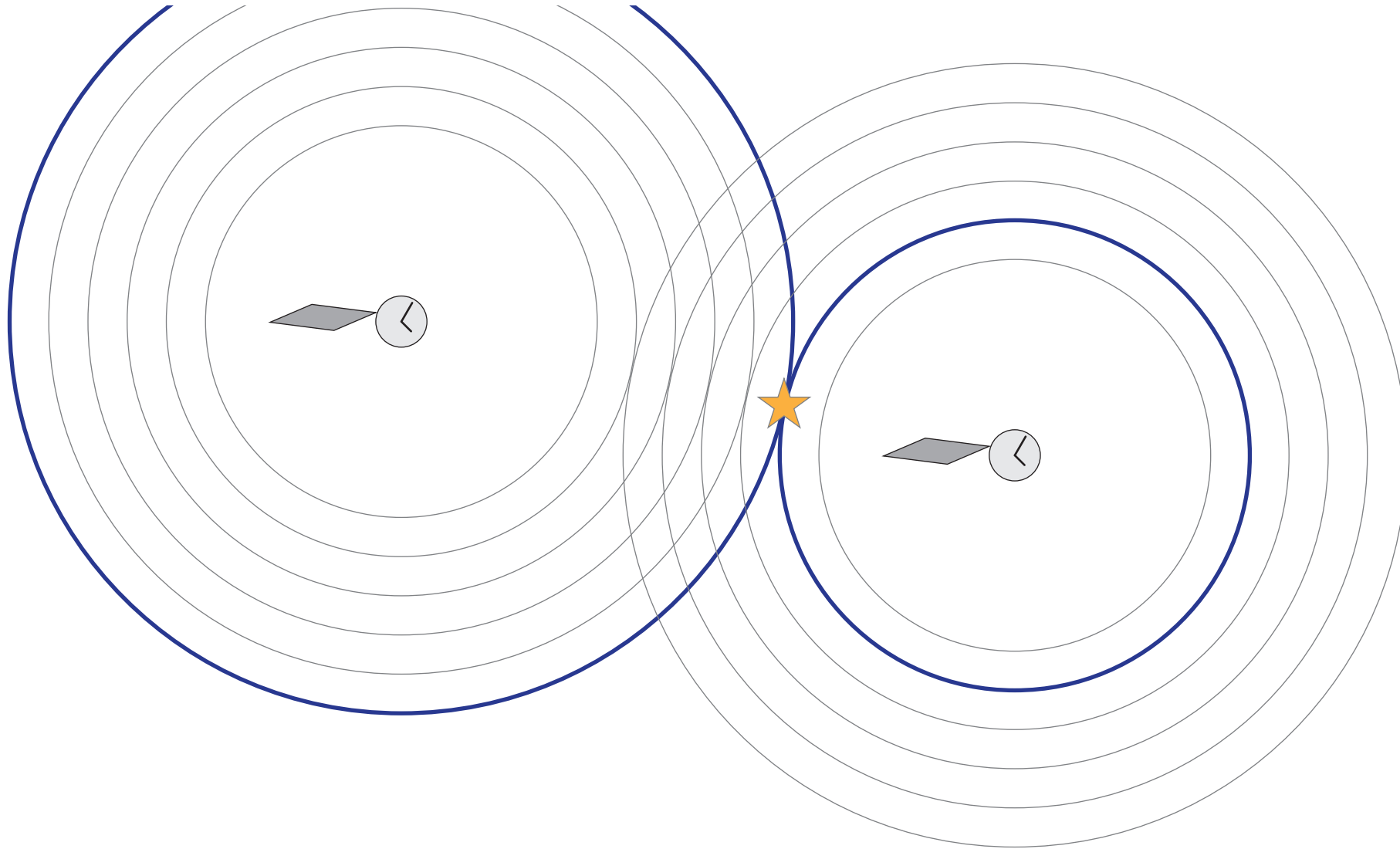
Physics we know

- The speed of light is constant
- We can make good clocks

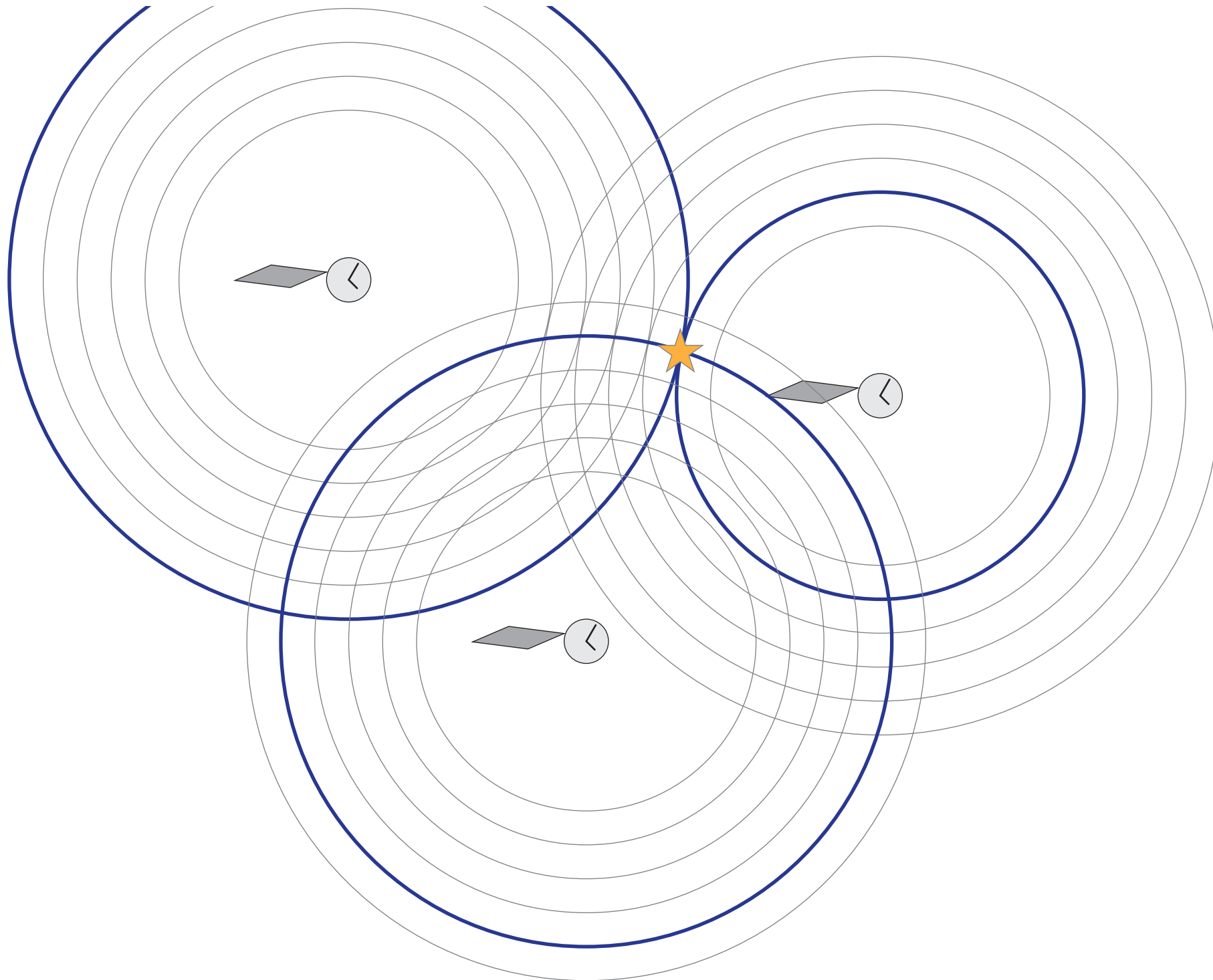
GPS in action



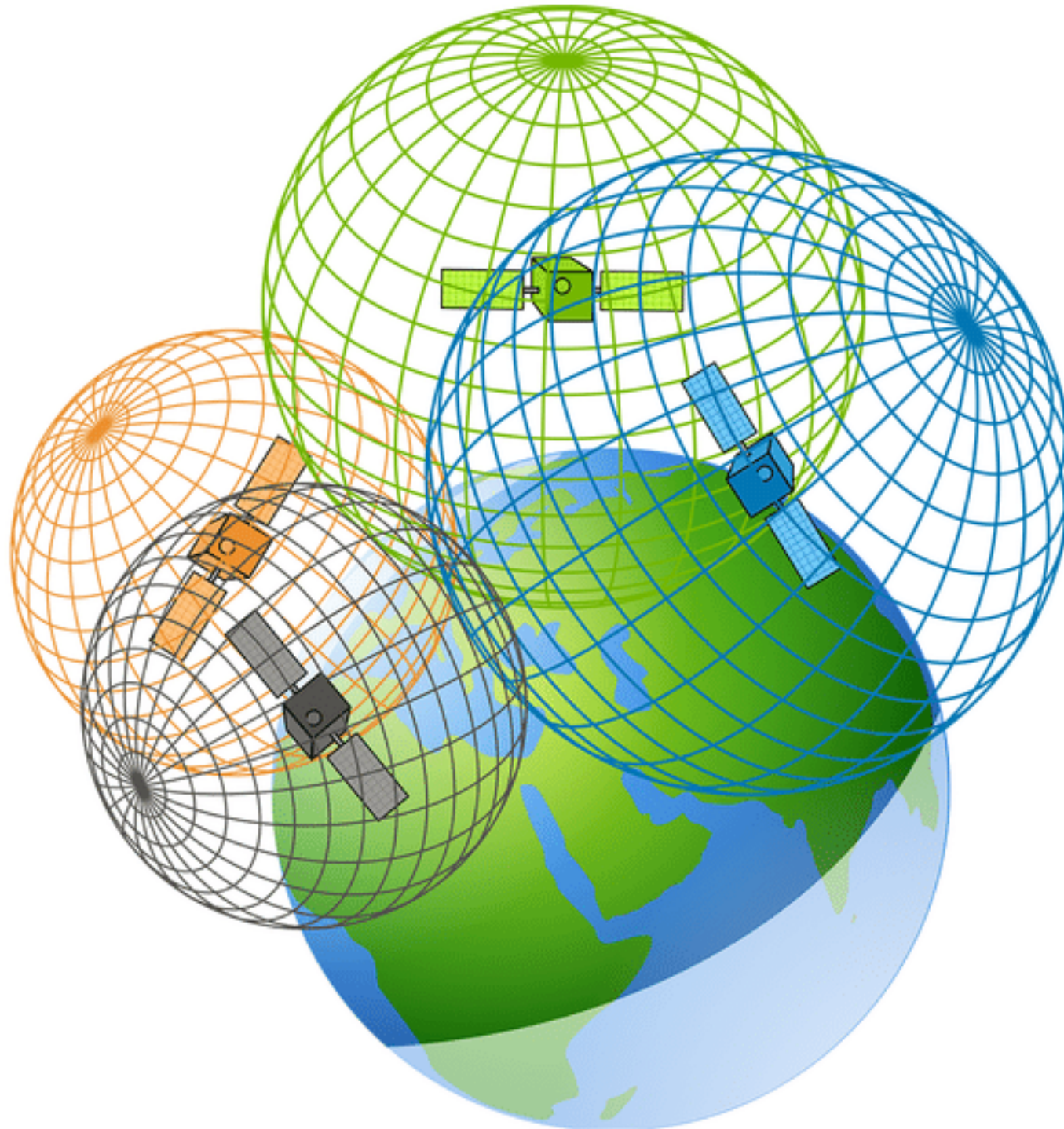
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GPS

- Each satellite has an atomic clock, and sends out times (ticks) via radio light
- The satellites move (quickly), but the orbits are known, so distance from when the satellite sent the specific tick is known
- More satellites allows triangulation

Doing it right

- Constantly updating the atomic clocks on the satellites (based on international atomic time TAI)
- Monitoring of satellite orbits to correct for small changes
- Dealing with ionosphere

Phones



Precision clocks



Time in the outback



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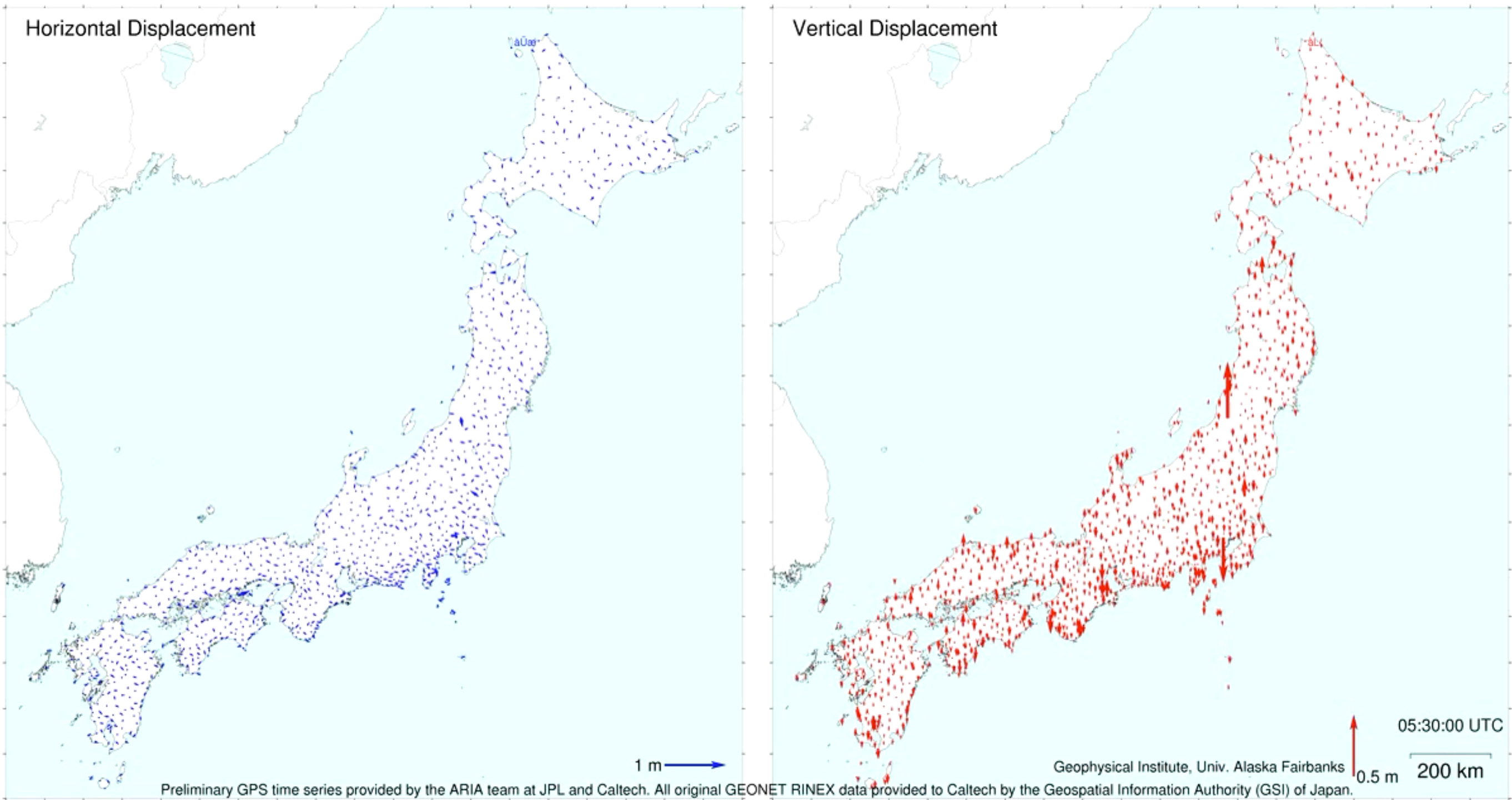


Surveyor's GPS

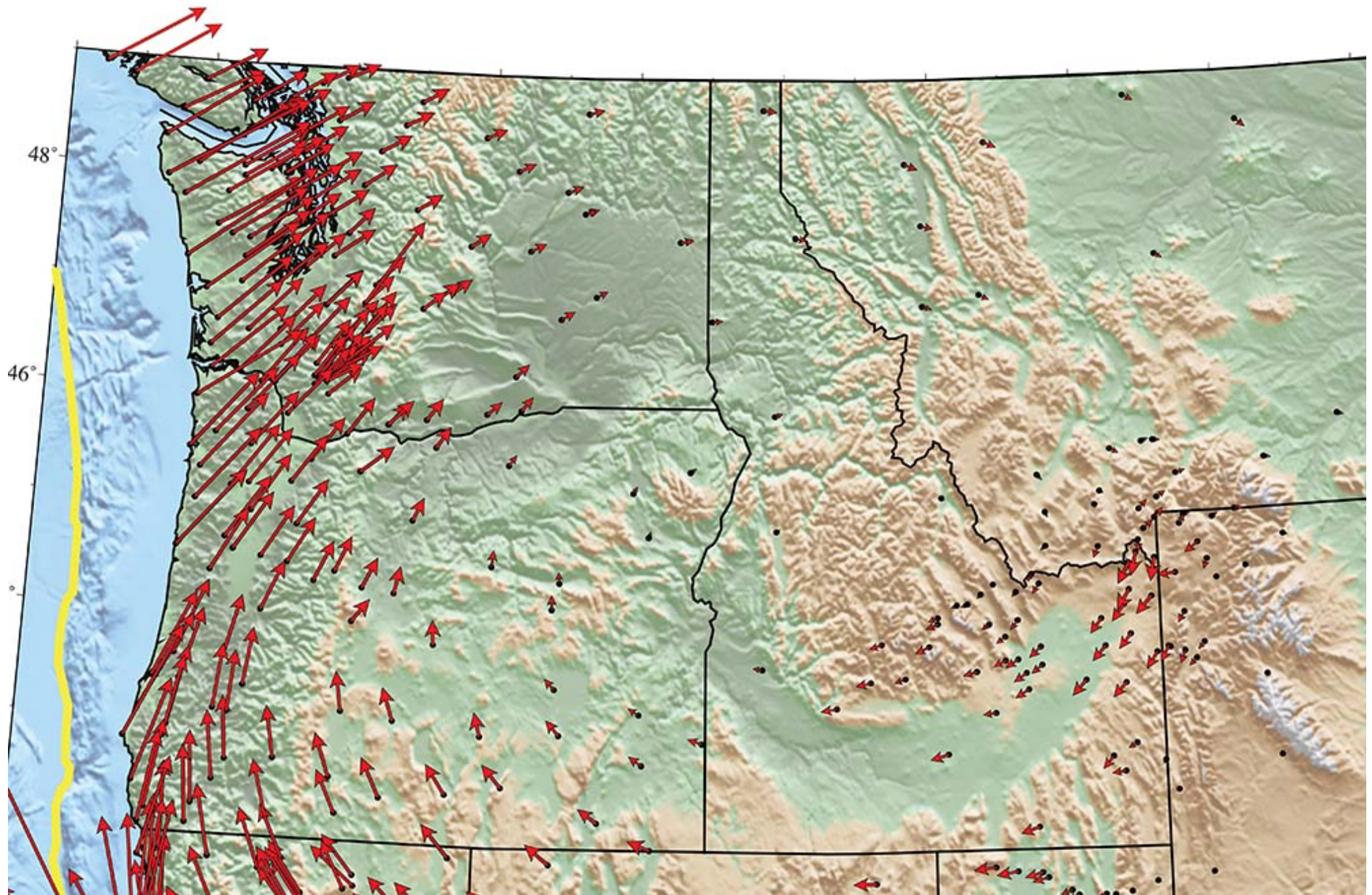




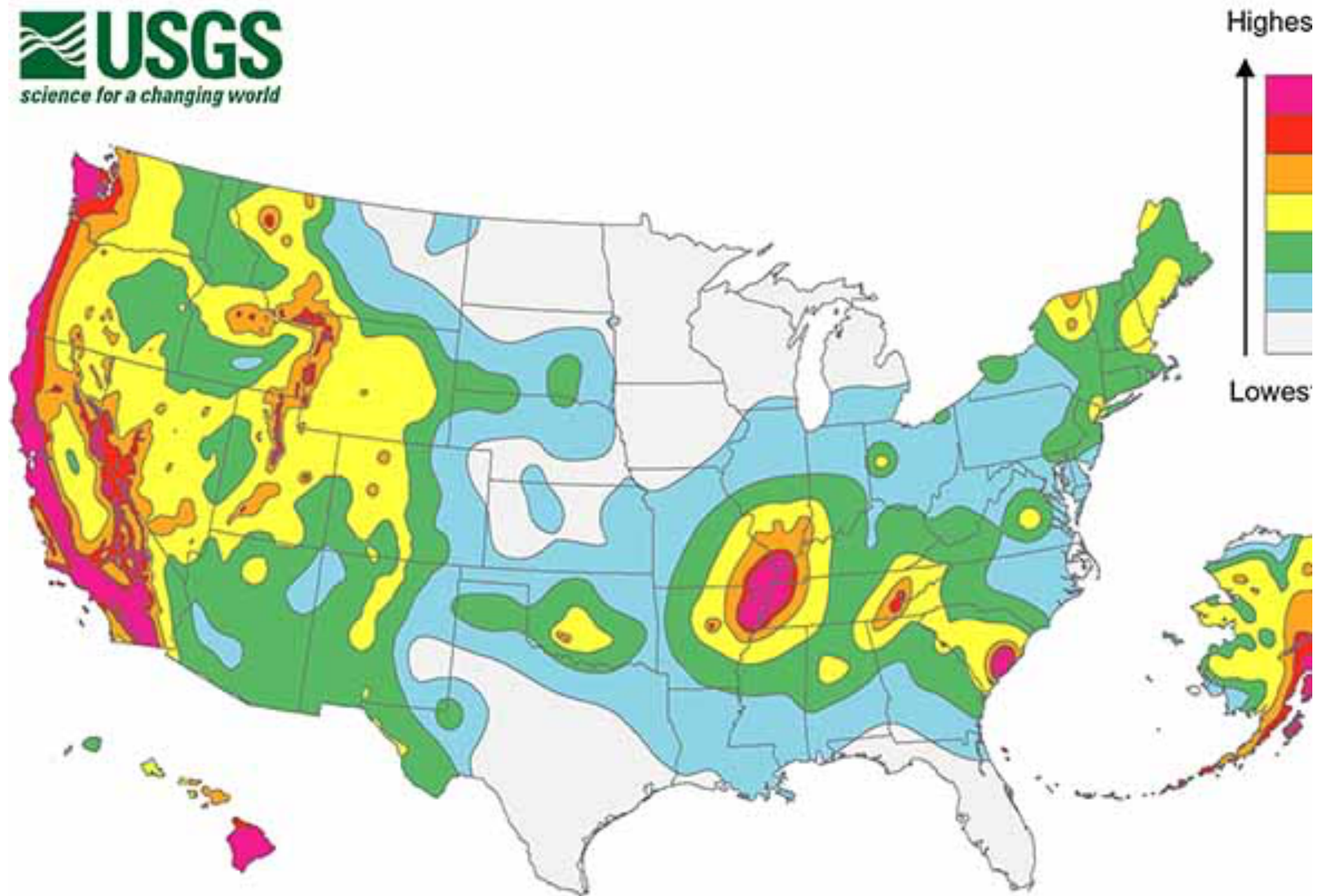
Japan Earthquake



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Geology



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- Atomic clocks
- Speed of light is constant
- Solves the longitude problem