The ArabRef project
a new geodetic network for Arabia

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Summary

- **What is ArabRef?**

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ArabRef

KACST (King Abdul Aziz City for Science and Technology), as a major research center in Saudi Arabia, decided to promote the implementation of a fiducial reference network that intends to serve the entire Arabian Peninsula by creating a modern and consistent reference frame based on Space-Geodesy techniques.

This project, called ArabRef (Arabian Reference Frame), and is due to start this year.

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Goals

•Geodetic infrastructure for regional and multinational technical and scientific projects:

  •Three-dimensional positioning,

  •Geodynamics,

  •Ionospheric and Tropospheric research.

•Unification of existing multiple datums in the region.

•Once established, it will lead to the realization of a Fundamental Geodetic International Station (GNSS, Galileo, SLR and DORIS)

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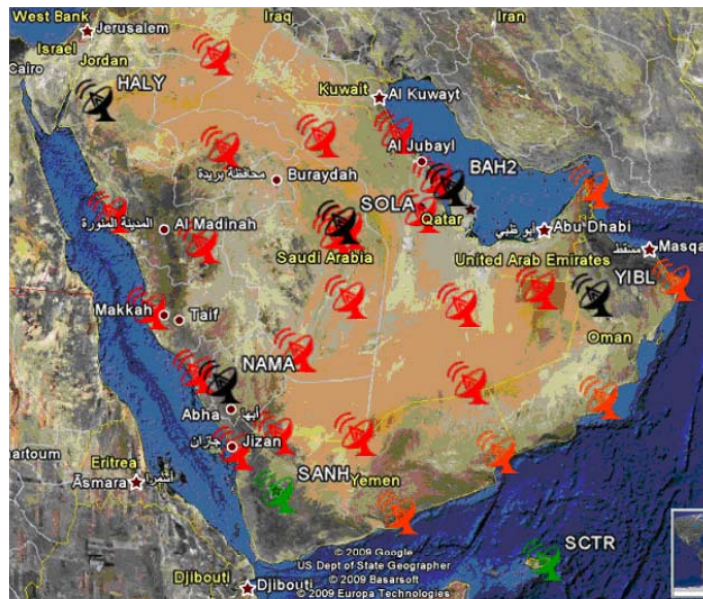
Current Status and Planned Stations

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Future Plans

• **Expand the project into several phases to establish a network of about 60 stations to achieve RTK capability**

• **Provide local and international institutions with highly accurate data for scientific research**

• **Once concluded, it will be part of SGC – Space Geodetic Center**

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