

The Online Positioning User Service: An Overview & Update

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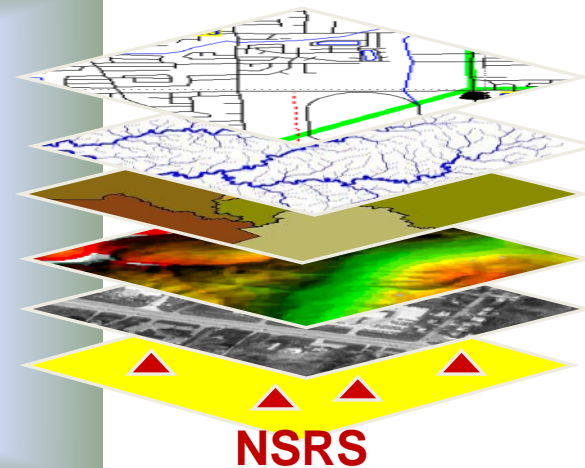
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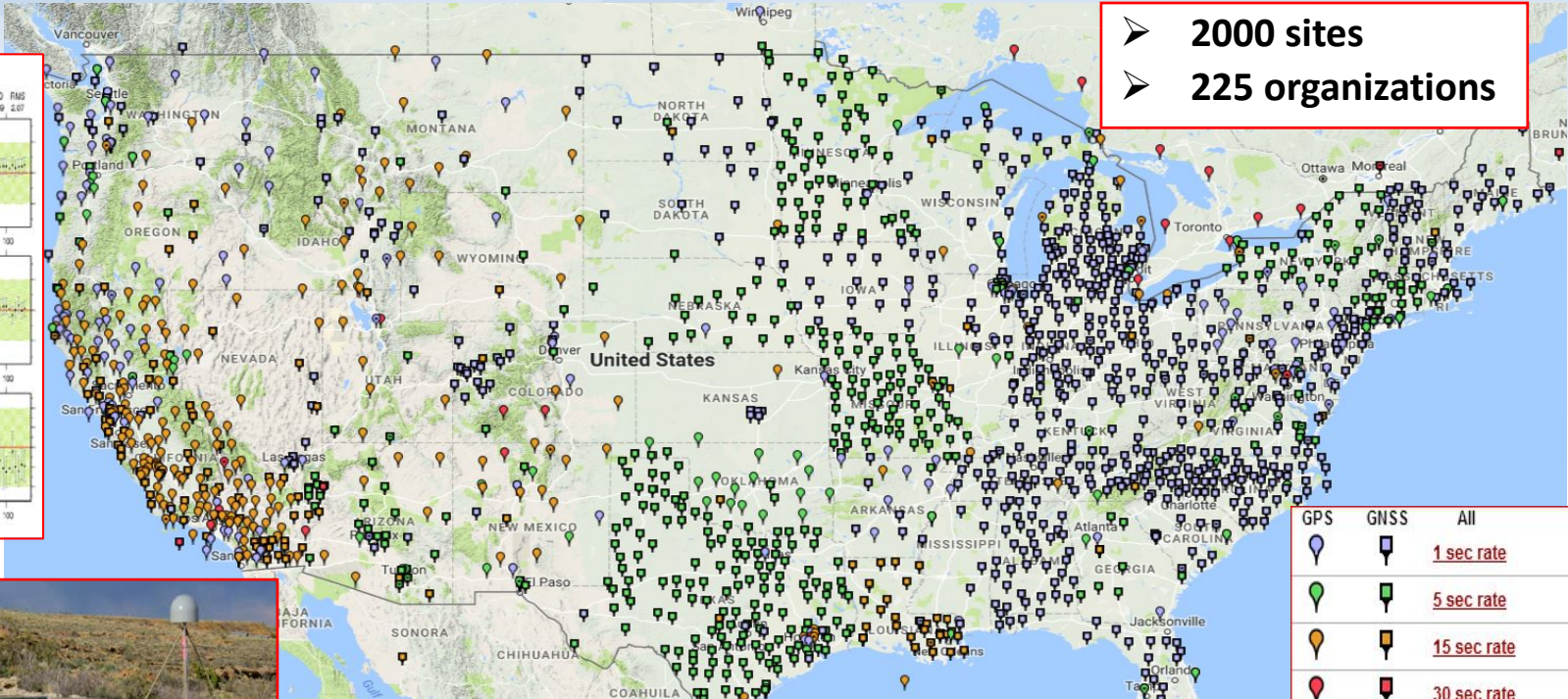
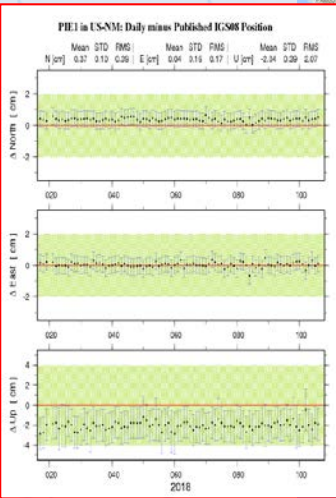
Mission: To define, maintain & ***provide access*** to the
National Spatial Reference System (NSRS)
to meet our Nation's economic, social & environmental needs

- NSRS**
- Latitude
 - Longitude
 - Height
 - Scale
 - Gravity
 - Orientation
- & their time variations**



Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) Network

➤ 2000 sites
➤ 225 organizations

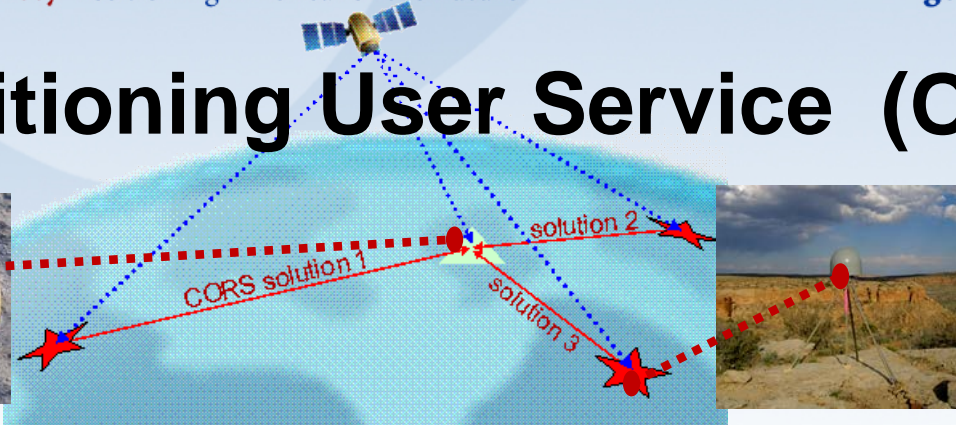


GPS	GNSS	All
		1 sec rate
		5 sec rate
		15 sec rate
		30 sec rate
		All Active
		All Non-Operational
		Decommissioned



Online Positioning User Service (OPUS)

✓ your static
L1/L2 GPS
data



✓ NGS CORS
data

✓ plus NGS processing software & geodetic models

- OPUS-RS (Rapid Static) --- 15 min to 2 hr (per CORS availability)
- OPUS-S (Static) --- 2 to 48 hr (anywhere)
- OPUS-Share --- sharing of results (> 4 hr occupation)
- OPUS-Projects --- adjusted network of multi-stations / occupations

OPUS >>> fast, easy, consistent access to NSRS

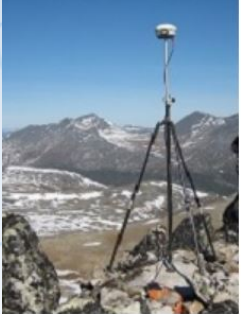


OPUS: Online Positioning User Service

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Is your data from an NGS bench mark?
 use for **GPS on Bench Mark** campaign. *(about sharing)*

Upload your data file.
 Solve your GPS position & tie it to the National Spatial Reference System.
What is OPUS? [FAQs](#)

Choose File
 * **data file** of dual-frequency GPS observations. [sample](#)

observation file

GEODETIC IV, REV A WITH GROUNDPLANE
antenna - choosing wrong may degrade your accuracy.

antenna

meters above your mark.
antenna height of your antenna's reference point.

antenna height (ARP, true vertical, meters)

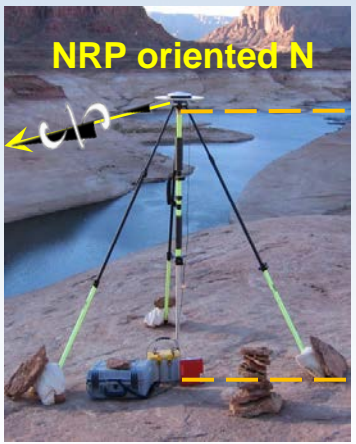
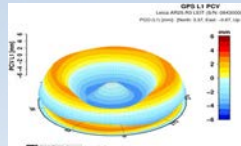
* **email address** - your solution will be sent here. [Privacy Act Statement](#)

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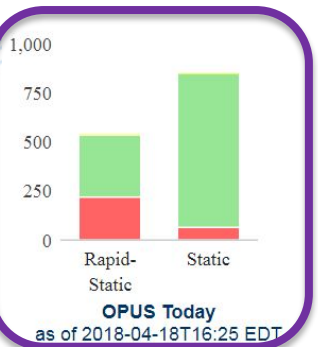
to **customize** your solution.

options

select your processor



ARP
 Antenna
 Height (m)
 mark



Options to **customize** your solution.

formats

formats explained

report format

base stations

Use:

Exclude:

ORS2
IANA
MIAR

identify any CORS you wish to explicitly include or exclude from your solution by typing in 4-char site IDs separated with line break

- sample
- find site IDs

Rectangular Snip

use/exclude CORS

state plane

your SPCS zone

SPCS zone

project identifier

enter the id provided by your project manager

project ID

my profile



customize OPUS defaults for future solutions

profile

share my solution

sharing explained

share

NGS OPUS SOLUTION REPORT

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All computed coordinate accuracies are listed as peak-to-peak values.
 For additional information: <https://www.ngs.noaa.gov/OPUS/about.jsp#accuracy>

USER: william.stone@noaa.gov
 RINEX FILE: 4cor188c.11o

DATE: April 17, 2018
 TIME: 23:33:33 UTC

SOFTWARE: page5 1603.24 master91.pl 160321 START: 2011/07/07 02:16:00
 EPHEMERIS: igs16434.eph [precise] STOP: 2011/07/07 13:01:00
 NAV FILE: brdc1880.11n OBS USED: 26042 / 27220 : 96%
 ANT NAME: ASH701975.01AGP NONE # FIXED AMB: 134 / 139 : 96%
 ARP HEIGHT: 2.000 OVERALL RMS: 0.015(m)

**solution metadata &
summary statistics**

REF FRAME:	NAD_83(2011)(EPOCH:2010.0000)		IGS08 (EPOCH:2011.5132)	
X:	-1664599.636(m)	0.005(m)	-1664600.413(m)	0.005(m)
Y:	-4821995.065(m)	0.004(m)	-4821993.735(m)	0.004(m)
Z:	3818181.566(m)	0.007(m)	3818181.471(m)	0.007(m)
LAT:	36 59 56.31590	0.006(m)	36 59 56.33304	0.006(m)
E LON:	250 57 17.37943	0.003(m)	250 57 17.33216	0.003(m)
W LON:	109 2 42.62057	0.003(m)	109 2 42.66784	0.003(m)
EL HGT:	1460.794(m)	0.005(m)	1459.935(m)	0.005(m)
ORTHO HGT:	1481.549(m)	0.027(m)	[NAVD88 (Computed using GEOID12B)]	

**NAD83 & IGS08
coordinates/uncertainties**

	UTM COORDINATES	STATE PLANE COORDINATES
	UTM (Zone 12)	SPC (3003 NM W)
Northing (Y) [meters]	4096544.989	666054.149
Easting (X) [meters]	673944.595	722137.486
Convergence [degrees]	1.17671172	-0.72935592
Point Scale	0.99997275	1.00005994
Combined Factor	0.99974356	0.99983073

UTM, SPCS, USNG coordinates, etc.

US NATIONAL GRID DESIGNATOR: 12SXF7394496544(NAD 83)

BASE STATIONS USED

PID	DESIGNATION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	DISTANCE(m)
DI2245	P011 SPIDERROCKAZ2005 CORS ARP	N360859.363	W1093109.175	103366.8
DH6916	MC04 MESA CNTY 04 COOP CORS ARP	N384102.975	W1085825.823	187185.1
DL3642	MC09 NUCLA CORS ARP	N381435.614	W1083329.283	144670.7

CORS used

NEAREST NGS PUBLISHED CONTROL POINT

GO0510	BOUNDARY MI COR 330 CO NM	N365956.309	W1090235.673	171.8
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nearest IDB mark

This position and the above vector components were computed without any knowledge by the National Geodetic Survey regarding the equipment or field operating procedures used.

Preparing for Tomorrow & North American-Pacific Geopotential Datum of 2022 (NAPGD2022)

***** New Reference Frame Preview *****

We are replacing the nation's NAD 83 and NAVD 88 datums, to improve access and accuracy of the National Spatial Reference System. More at <https://geodesy.noaa.gov/datums/newdatums/>

Below are approximate coordinates for this solution in the new frames:

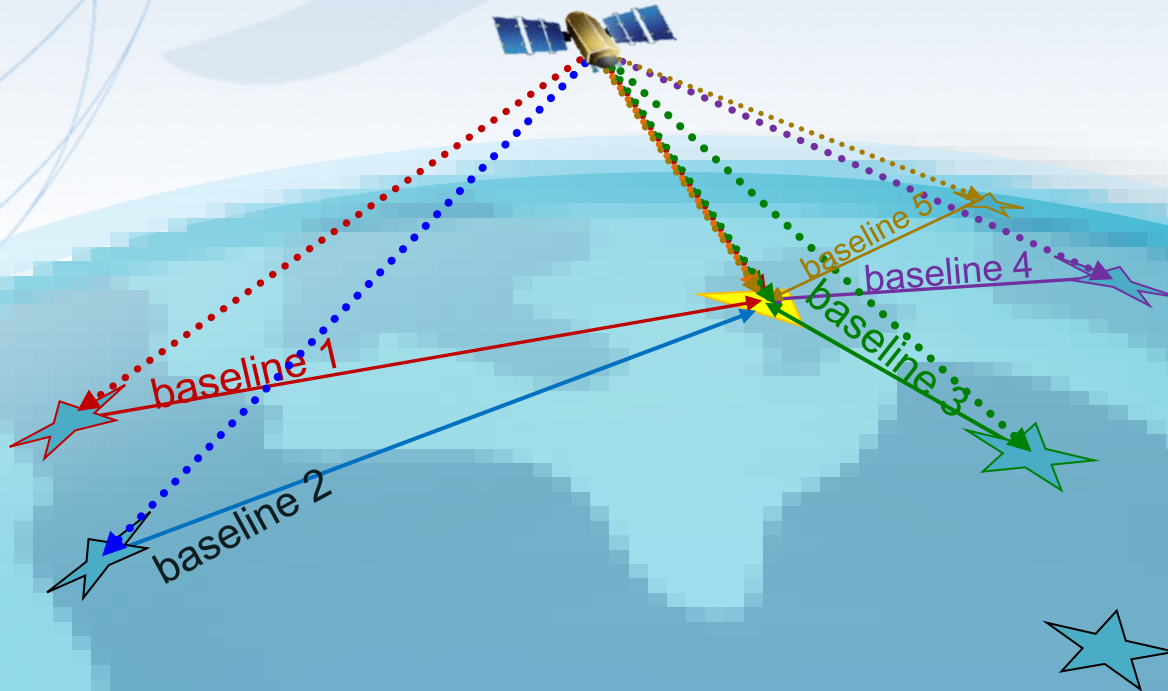
APPROX ORTHO HGT: 1480.951 (m)

(NAVD88: 1481.549 m)

[PROTOTYPE (Computed using xGeoid17B,GRS80,IGS08)]

OPUS-Static

1. single-baseline differential static ties to 5 CORS
2. your position is the mean of the "best" 3 (of the 5)



OPUS-Share (aka OPUS-DB)

Sharing Criteria:

- > 4 hour data span
- quality solution
- brief description
- 2 photos (mark/horizon)
- calibrated antenna

Uses:

- NGS GPSBM campaign
- NGS transformation tools
- data archive/sharing
- for fun!

PID: GT0228

Designation: F 72

Stamping: F 72 1928

Stability: Most reliable; expected to hold position well

Setting: In rock outcrop or ledge

Mark: G

Condition: G

Description: The station is located 6.2 miles along the Mount Whitney Trail from the trailhead at the Whitney Portal, west of Lone Pine. It is located at Trail Camp, about 250 feet south of the south shore of a lake and about 50 feet south of the trail, opposite a 10-foot-tall boulder that sits directly along the north side of the trail. The station is a USCGS bench mark disk set flush in the top of a granite outcrop measuring about 75 feet by 25 feet and standing about 10 feet above the level of the trail.

Observed: 2010-08-17T16:53:00Z

See Also 1928

Source: OPUS - page5 1209.04



Close-up View

REF_FRAME:	EPOCH:	SOURCE:	UNITS:	SET	DETAILS
NAD_83(2011)	2010.0000	NAVD88 (Computed using GEOID12A)	m	PROFILE	
LAT: 36° 33' 46.36644" ± 0.006 m LON: -118° 16' 46.29502" ± 0.003 m ELL HT: 3645.963 ± 0.013 m X: -2431390.178 ± 0.006 m Y: -4519449.679 ± 0.013 m Z: 3780713.238 ± 0.002 m ORTHO HT: 3671.261 ± 0.031 m		UTM 11 SPC 404(CA 4) NORTHING: 4047144.640m 636673.937m EASTING: 385501.607m 2064491.407m CONVERGENCE: -0.76230261° 0.42982529° POINT SCALE: 0.99976152 0.99994136 COMBINED FACTOR: 0.99918979 0.99936952			

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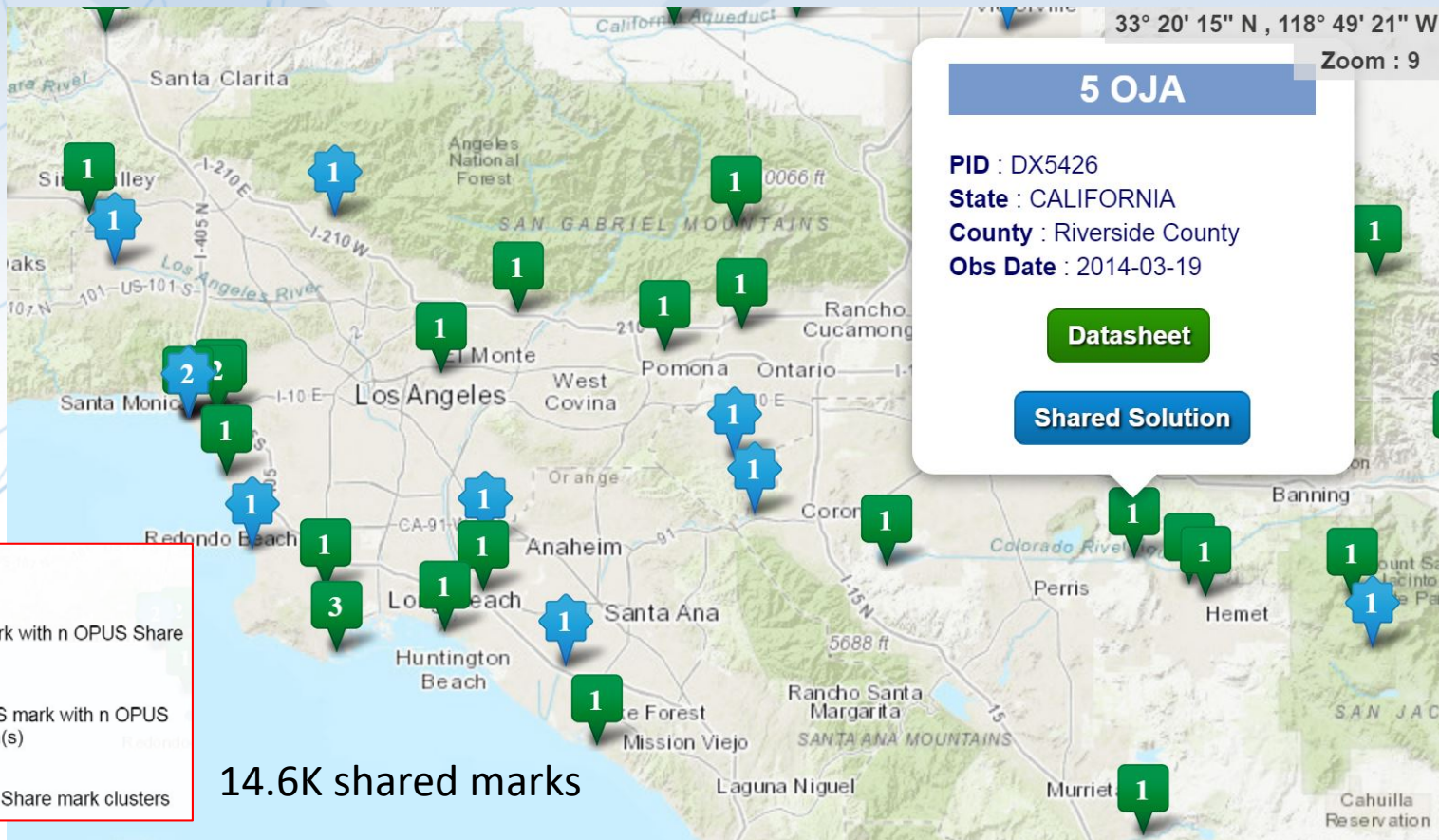
Horizon View



Google

Map Data Terms of Use Report a map error

OPUS-Share Solutions



Help NGS build GEOID18 w/ your GPSBMs!

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Welcome to the GPS on Bench Marks 2018 Web Map. This provides a view of the priority marks that have been selected to help improve GEOID18 and the Transformation Tool that will be created for NAPGD2022.

Geographic Location Search

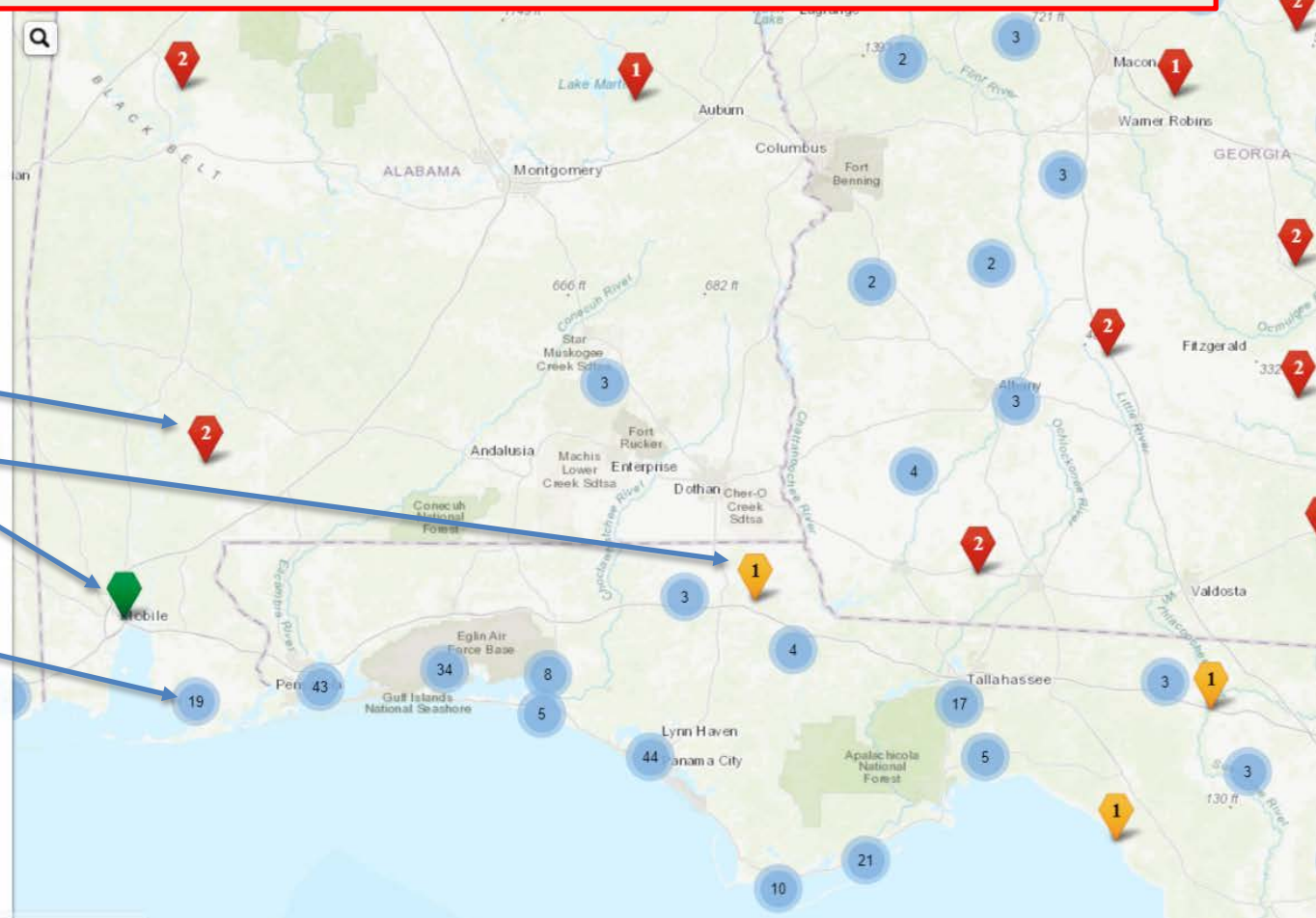
Search by location or decimal coordinates (lat/lon). An X is placed at the top result with the specified km buffer. You can also place an X by right clicking at a location on the map.

Click magnifying glass on the map to search by PID

Symbology

- Priority A Mark with n observation(s) requested
- Priority B Mark with n observation(s) requested
- Meets current criteria, no more observations needed
- Mark reported unfound or not GPSable.
- Priority mark clusters with # listed.

Notice:
Boundary representation is not necessarily authoritative



OPUS-RS Estimated Precision (1-sigma)

N-S or E-W coordinates with 15 minutes of data

HELP:

ABOUT THIS MAP

OPTIONS:

Choose Map:

NS or EW 15-min Data

CORS Sites:

Show Hide

Predicted Precision:

Latitude : 36.985003092856

Longitude: -109.0597102046

Retrieve Accuracy

Overlay Opacity:

60%

LEGEND:

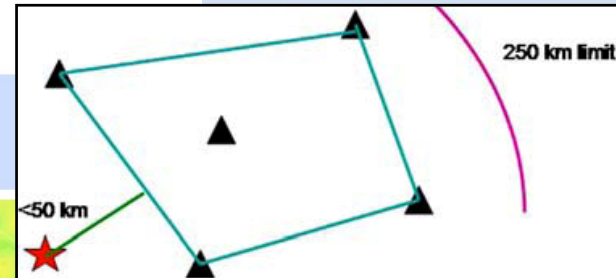
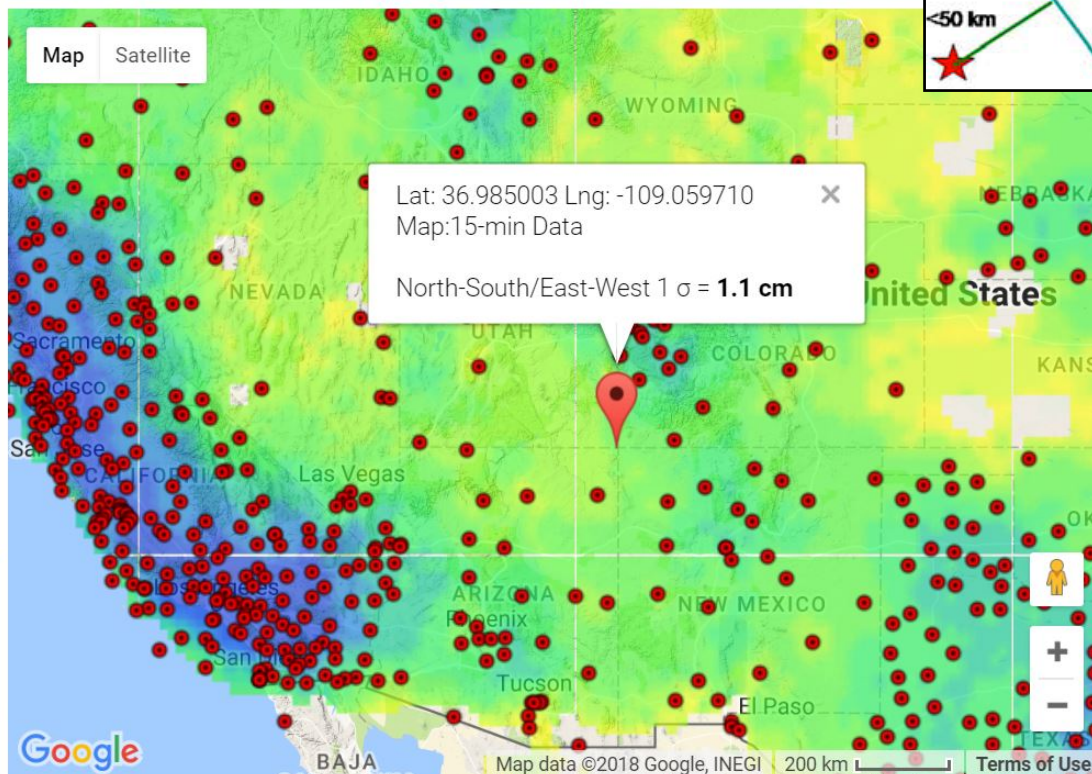
Horizontal 1 SD (cm)



Data as of Apr 12 2018

OPUS-RS Estimated Precision and Availability

Version: 0.85



OPUS-RS

- 3-9 CORS
- <250 km

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OPUS monthly usage

stacked bar graph

100,000
OPUS solutions / month

90,000

80,000

70,000

60,000

50,000

40,000

30,000

20,000

10,000

0

2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

- OPUS-S (solution shared)
- OPUS-S (not shared)
- OPUS-RS

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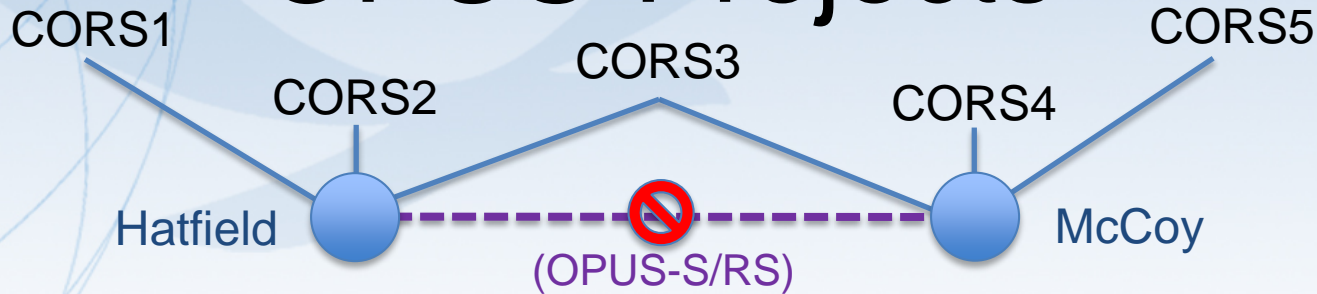
* email address - your solution will be sent here.

Options to customize your solution

Upload

We may use your data for internal evaluations of OPUS use, accuracy, or related research

OPUS-Projects



- combine simultaneous, repeated, networked observations
- harvest data from multiple observers, sessions, stations, days
- constrain adjustments to CORS, local control, elevation control
- publish results to NGS database (optional) (Try Beta **OP2IDB**)
- OPUS-Projects 1.5-day workshops

Controls

Preferences
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Serfil
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Show File
Send Email

Set up Adjustment
Review and Publish
Delete Project

LEGEND

MARKS: ● meet preferences ● do not meet preferences ● are not included ● have error

CORS: ● meet preferences ● do not meet preferences ● are not included

Baselines: —

LEGEND

MARKS

- n1a1
- n1a2
- n1a3
- n3a1
- nis2
- nis4
- nis5

Add MARKS

CORS

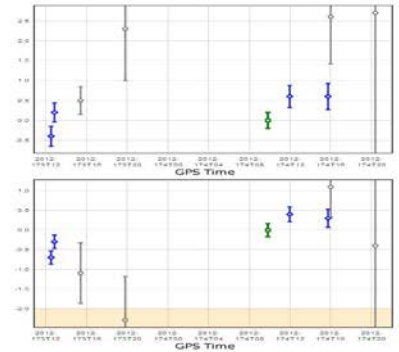
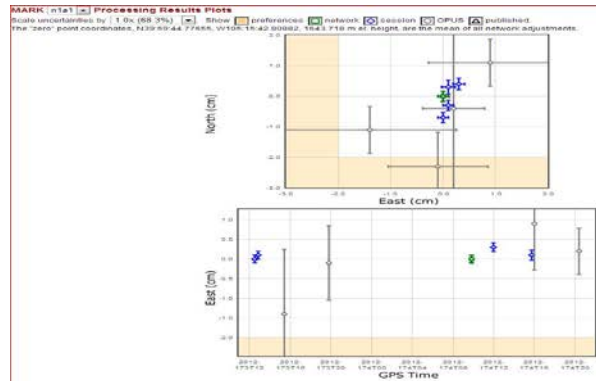
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- ▲ pitc
- ▲ tmgo
- ▲ zdv1

Add CORS

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Sessions & Solutions

MARKS	Sessions																net work - Final - Adjustments		net work - TEST	net work - Final - Adjustments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	1	2		
n1a1																	⊗	⊗	●	⊗
n1a2																	⊗	⊗	●	⊗
n1a3																	⊗	⊗	●	⊗
n3a1	⊗	⊗															⊗	⊗	●	⊗
nis2																	⊗	⊗	●	⊗



OPUS Miscellanea

- accepts raw or RINEX (ver 2.x / 3.x) observation file
- accepts zipped files (same antenna type / height)
- processes 30-sec data
- processes with 10-deg elevation mask
- 2-hr observation can go to -Static OR -RapidStatic
- signal environment issues – sky visibility, multipath
- antenna issues – type, height, plumb, N-orient, stability
- quick submission failure? > wait a day or so & try again

OPUS Future Plans

- implement International GNSS Service 2014 (IGS14) global reference frame (following CORS adoption)
- ingest RTK/RTN GNSS vectors into OPUS-Projects
- beta OPUS-Projects (OP2IDB) >> production product for direct bluebooking from OPUS-Projects
- OPUS-Projects for Leveling
- ongoing tweaks / improvements
- and ... your ideas, please!





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Coming in 2022:
New Datums!
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NOAA's National Geodetic Survey (NGS) provides the framework for all positioning activities in the Nation. The foundational elements of latitude, longitude, elevation, shoreline information impact a wide range of important activities.

Learn more about:

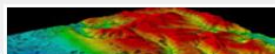
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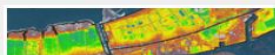
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Datums & Transformations

NGS defines datums to help align data and tools to transform coordinates.

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Notices

Live Release: NGS Coordinate Conversion and Transformation Tool (NCAT)

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04/06/2018 - NGS Participates in Inaugural Global Surveyors' Day

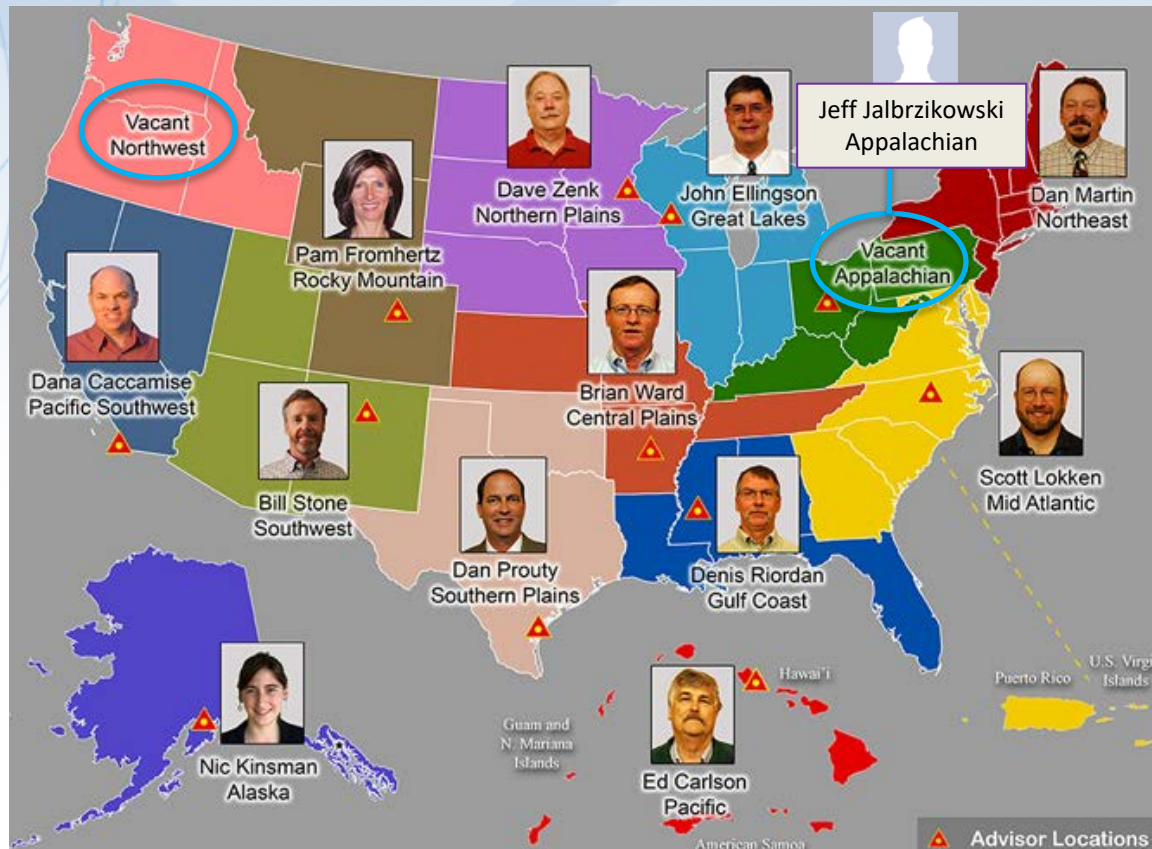
03/29/2018 - NGS and Canadian Counterparts Foster Lidar Integration

03/22/2018 - State Plane Coordinate System Report and Training Materials are Available

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Always sandbag your tripod! ...



... and Happy OPUS-ing!

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CORS and OPUS for Engineers

Tools for Surveying and
Mapping Applications

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