

National Geodetic Survey

NERRS  
GEODETTIC TRAINING  
CORBIN, VA

# CORS & OPUS



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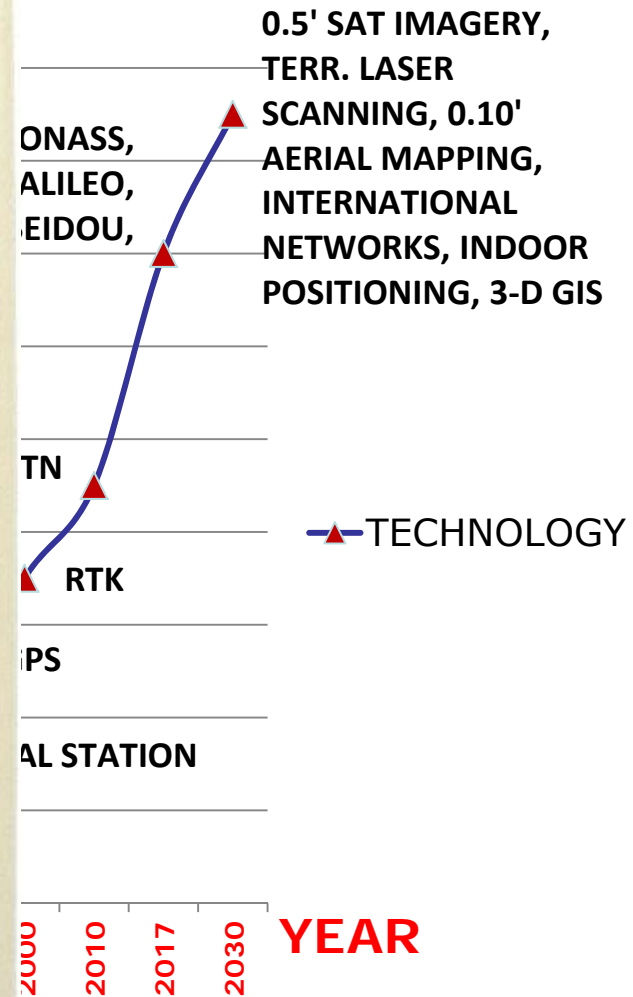
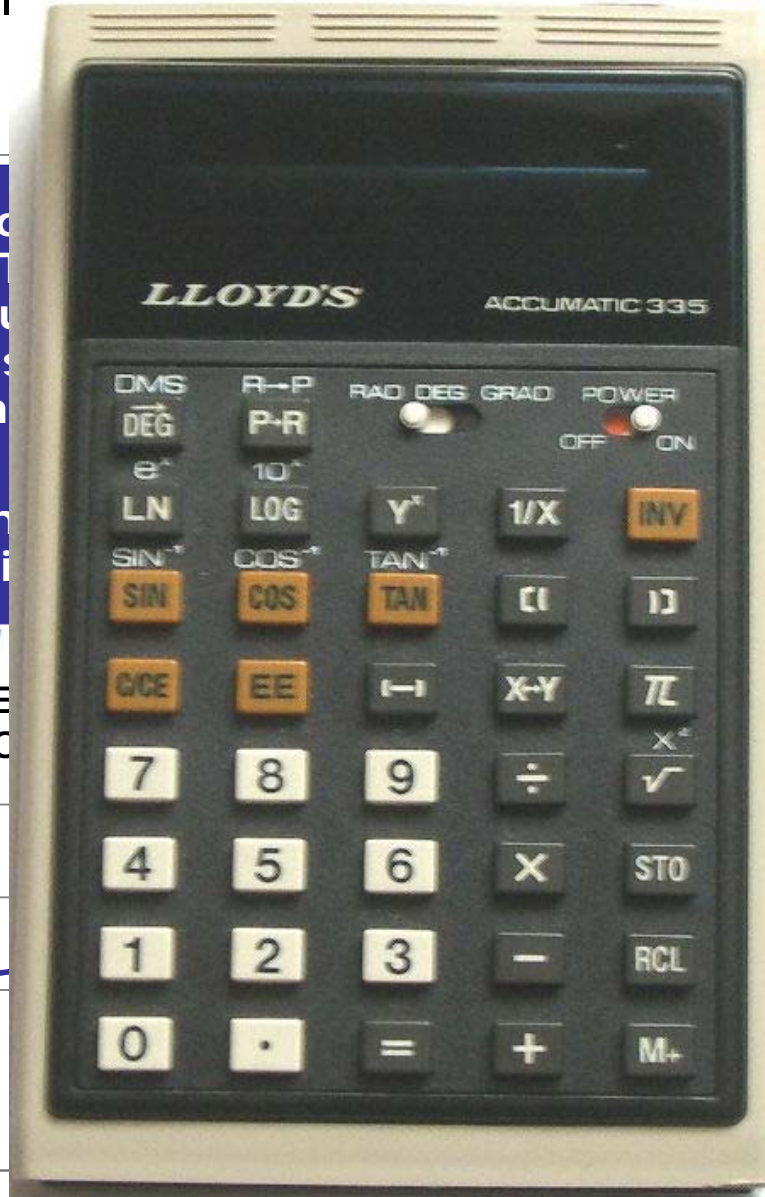
# POSITIONING TECHNOLOGY-

“Human knowledge doubles every 10 years. The knowledge produced between 1987 and 1997 is that produced in history”.

Michio Kaku- renowned theoretical physicist

THE CHANGE IN POSITIONING TECHNOLOGY FROM INTENSIVE TO

STICKS AND STRINGS-  
W.HENNING BORN



# GPS GROWTH

**2000**

**1.5 MILLION  
USERS**

**ECONOMIC  
IMPACT = \$6.2  
BILLION**



**2010**

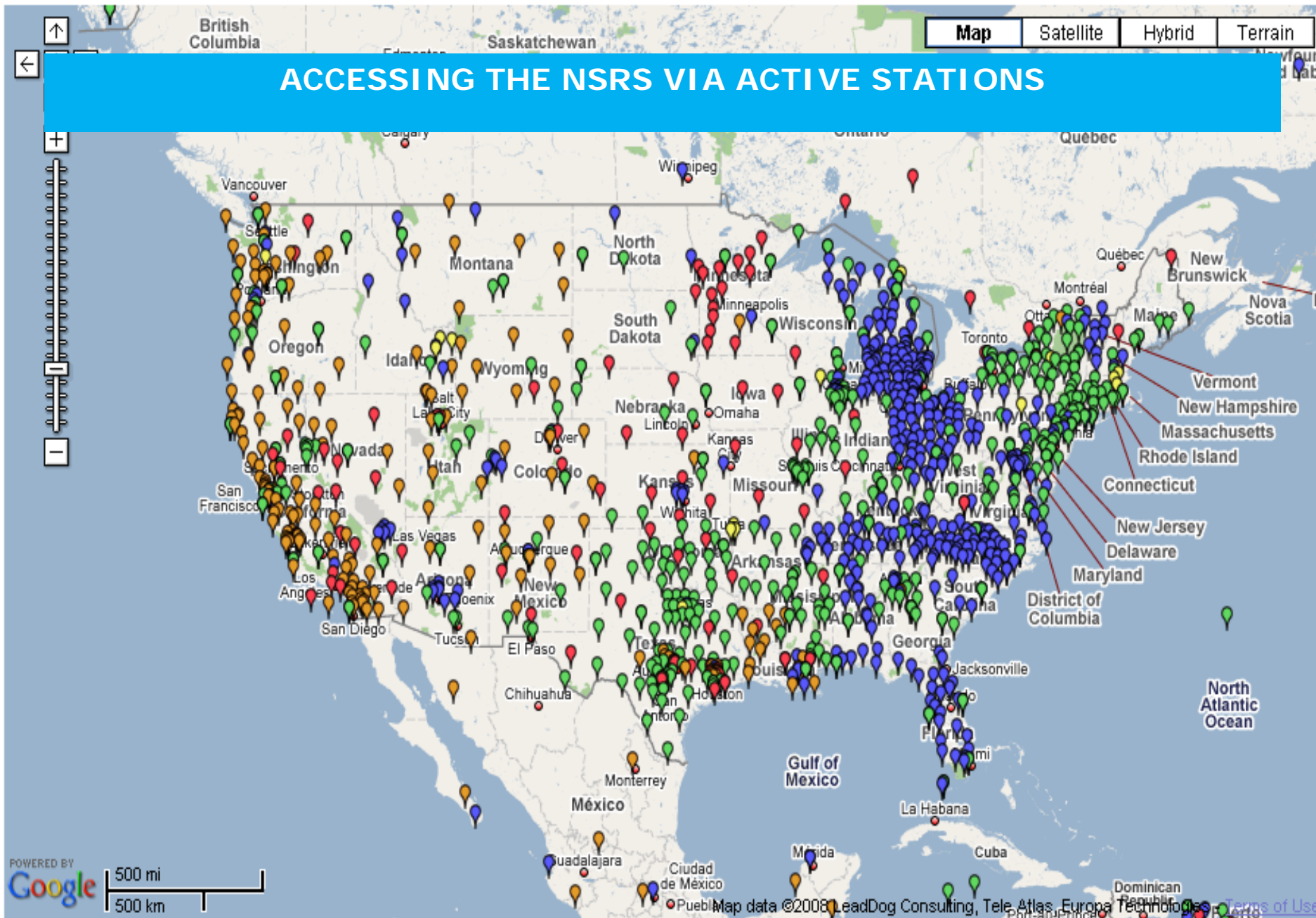
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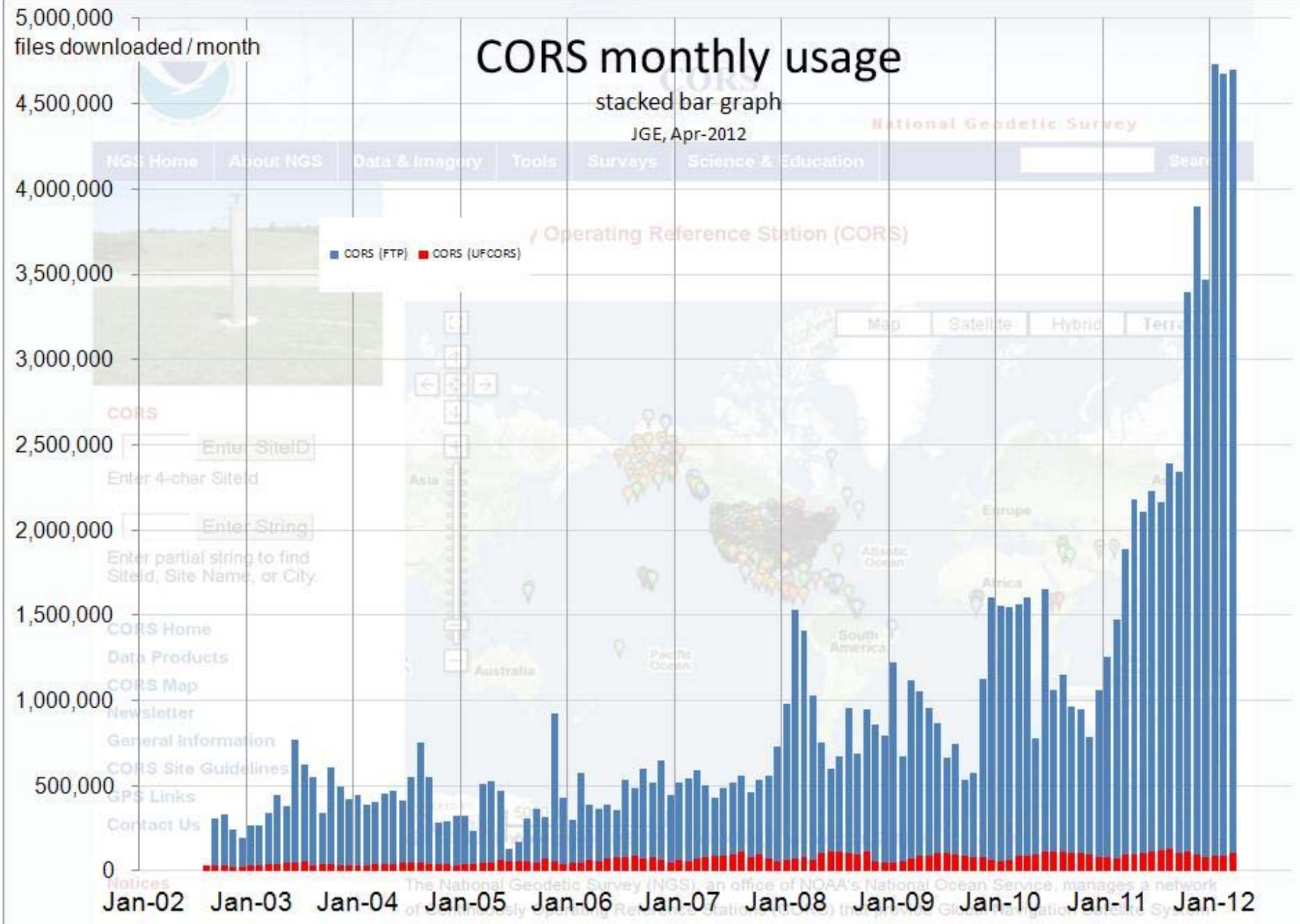
**1 BILLION  
RECEIVERS**

**ECONOMIC  
IMPACT = \$50  
BILLION**

(Source: University of Washington Olympic Natural Resources Center.)

1 sec 5 sec 10 sec 15 sec 30 sec All Decommissioned





The National Geodetic Survey (NGS), an office of NOAA's National Ocean Service, manages a network of continuously operating reference stations (CORS) that provide Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) data consisting of carrier phase and code range measurements in support of three dimensional positioning, meteorology, space weather, and geophysical applications throughout the United States. Its

National Geodetic Survey

Antenna Reference I

Antenna Reference Point (ARP): CORBIN CORS ARP

PID = AJ2122

IGS08 POSITION (EPOCH 2005)

Computed in Aug 2011 using

X = 1097041.320 m  
Y = -4897238.428 m  
Z = 3923126.259 m

ITRF00 POSITION (EPOCH 1997.0)

Transformed from ITRF97 position in Nov. 2001.

X = 1097041.441 m latitude = 38 12 07.85567 N  
Y = -4897238.428 m longitude = 077 22 24.57954 W  
Z = 3923126.231 m ellipsoid height = 35.938 m

IGS08 VELOCITY

Computed in Aug 2011 using

VX = -0.0146 m/yr  
VY = -0.0001 m/yr  
VZ = 0.0023 m/yr

ITRF00 VELOCITY

Transformed from ITRF97 velocity in Nov. 2001.

VX = -0.0161 m/yr northward = 0.0032 m/yr  
VY = -0.0018 m/yr eastward = -0.0161 m/yr  
VZ = 0.0027 m/yr upward = 0.0003 m/yr

NAD\_83 (2011) POSITION (EPOCH 2011)

Transformed from IGS08 (epoch 2005)

X = 1097041.999 m  
Y = -4897239.891 m  
Z = 3923126.362 m

NAD\_83 (CORS96) POSITION (EPOCH 2002.0)

Transformed from ITRF00 (epoch 1997.0) position in Mar. 2002.

X = 1097041.982 m latitude = 38 12 07.82819 N  
Y = -4897239.901 m longitude = 077 22 24.57106 W  
Z = 3923126.377 m ellipsoid height = 37.252 m

NAD\_83 (2011) VELOCITY

Transformed from IGS08 velocity

VX = 0.0017 m/yr  
VY = 0.0013 m/yr  
VZ = -0.0019 m/yr

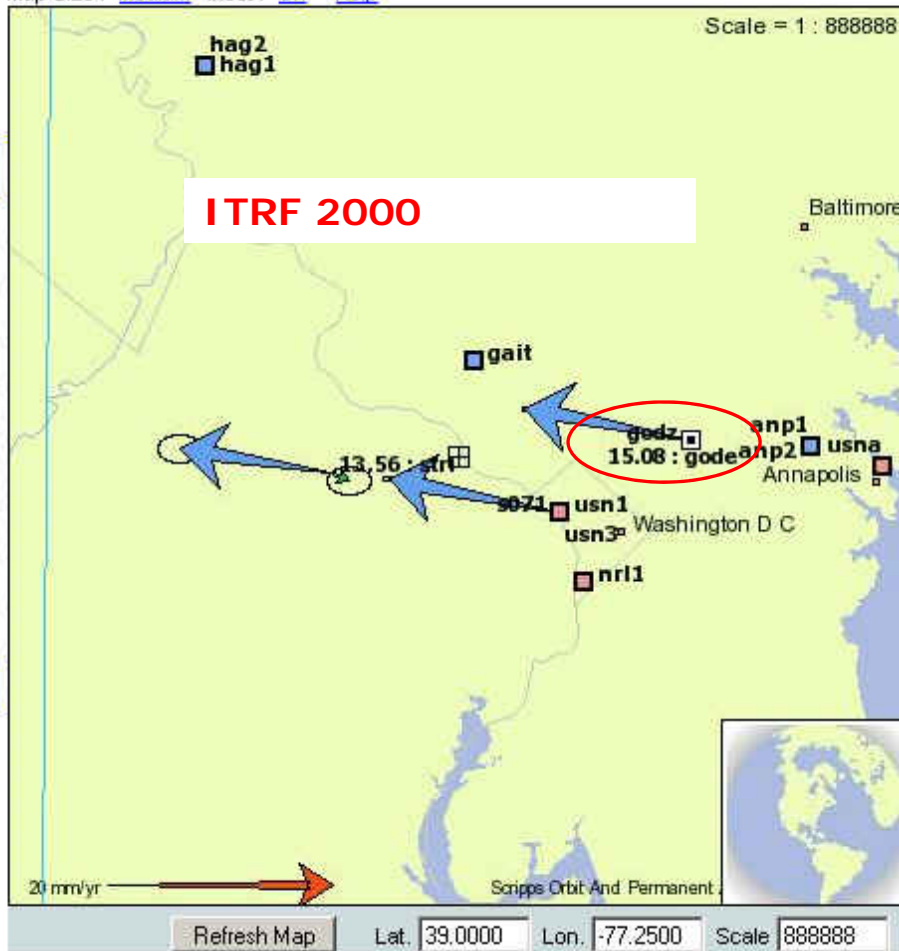
NAD\_83 (CORS96) VELOCITY

Transformed from ITRF00 velocity in Mar. 2002.

VX = 0.0000 m/yr northward = -0.0001 m/yr  
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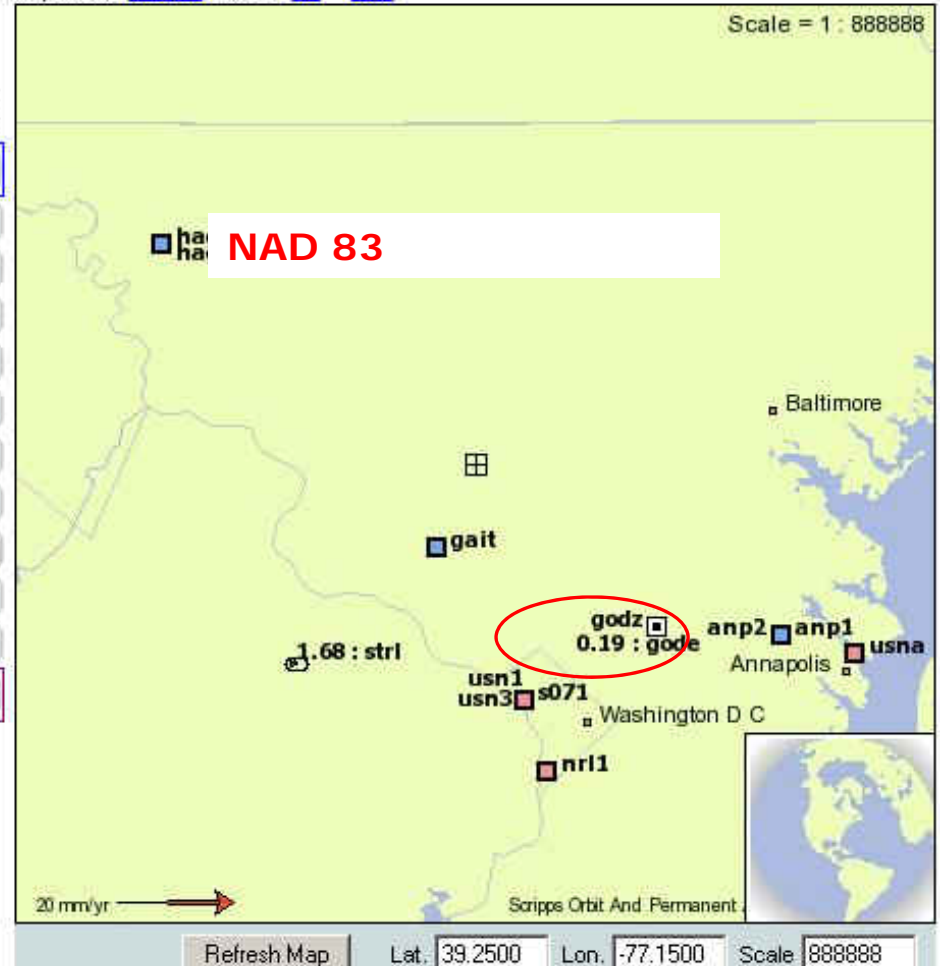


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# SILVER SPRING, MD

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# SANTA CRUZ, CA

**NAD 83  
VELOCITIES  
(GOLD)**

**ITRF 2000  
VELOCITIES  
(BLUE)**



Refresh Map

Lat. 36.9000

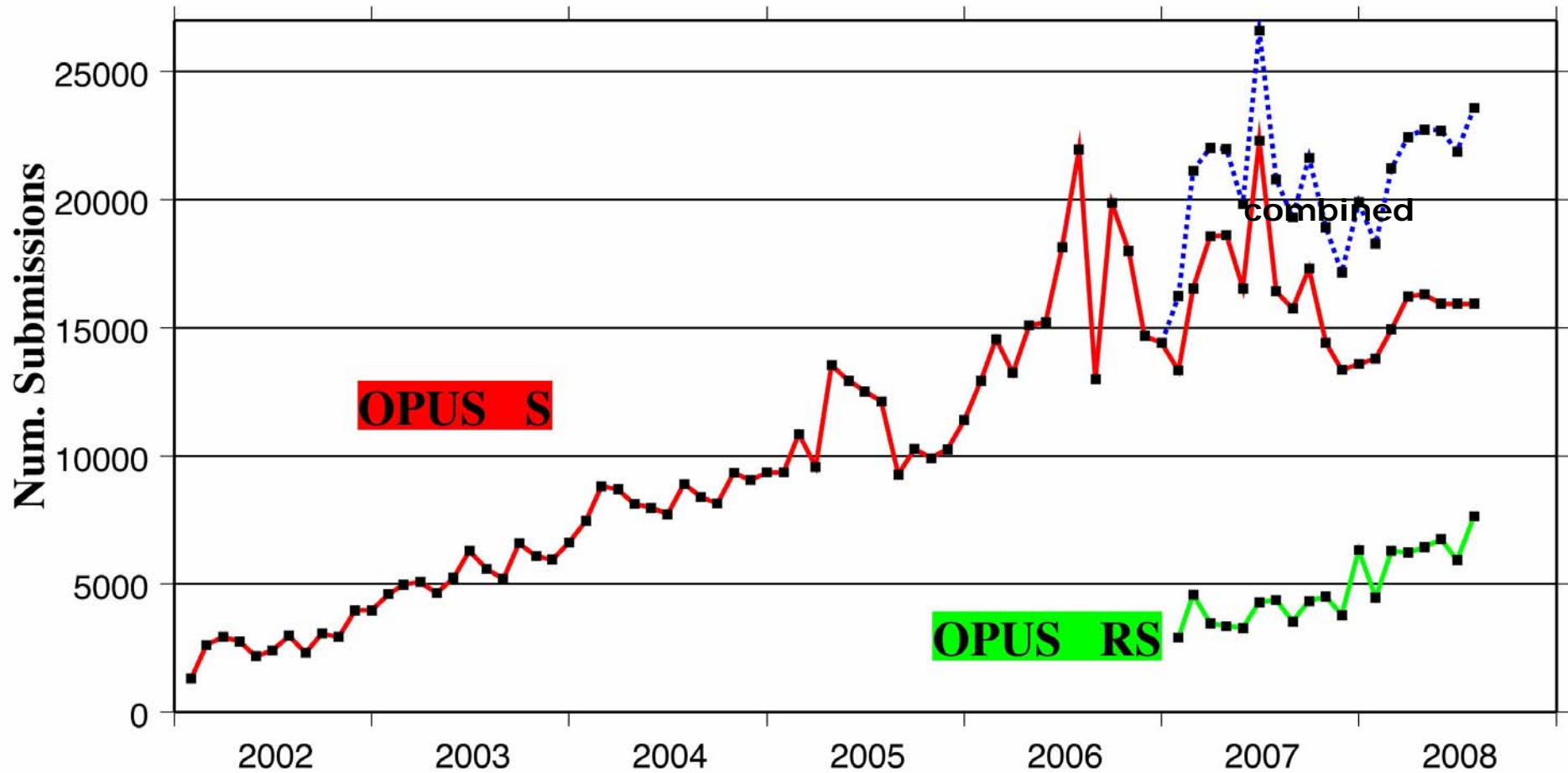
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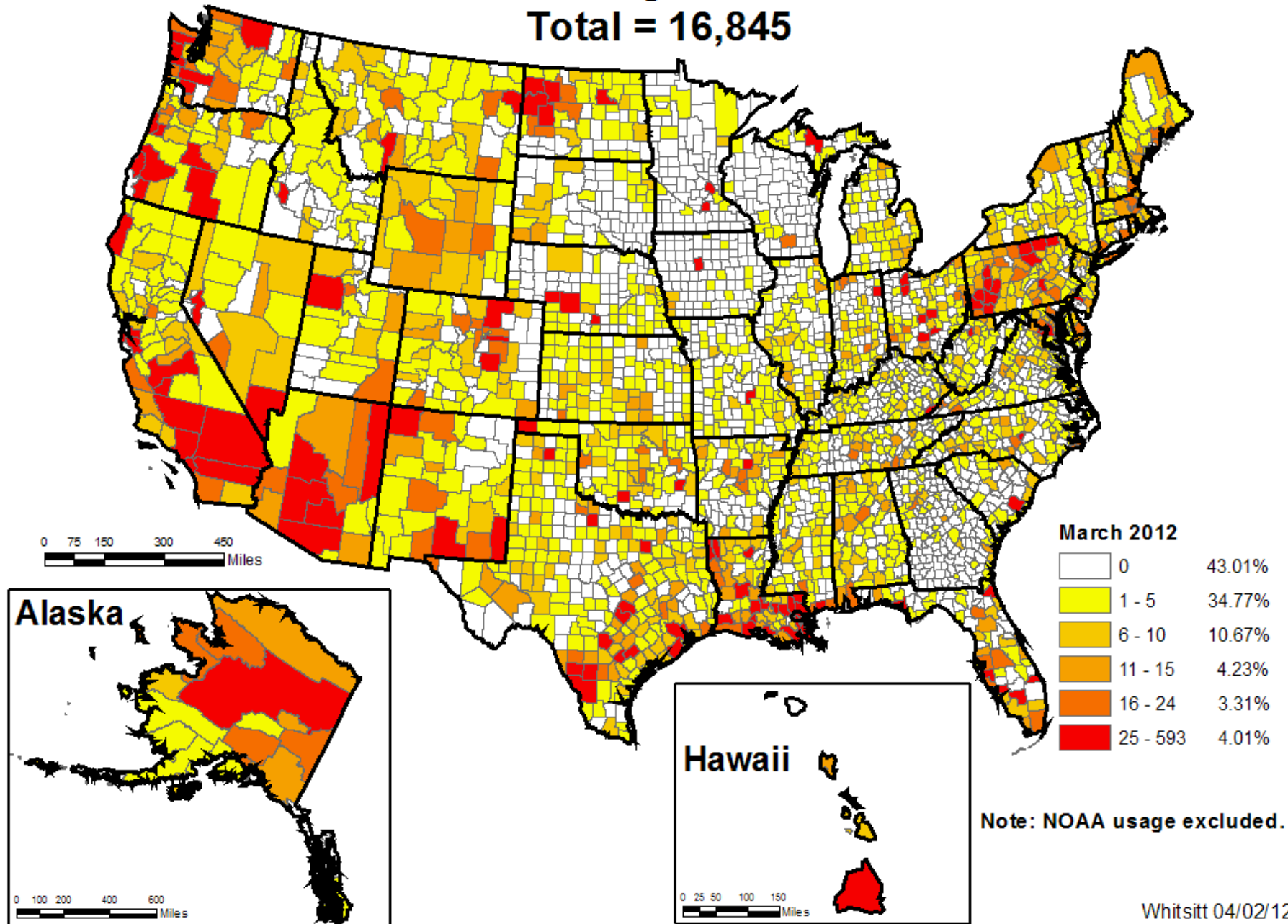


# Monthly OPUS Submissions



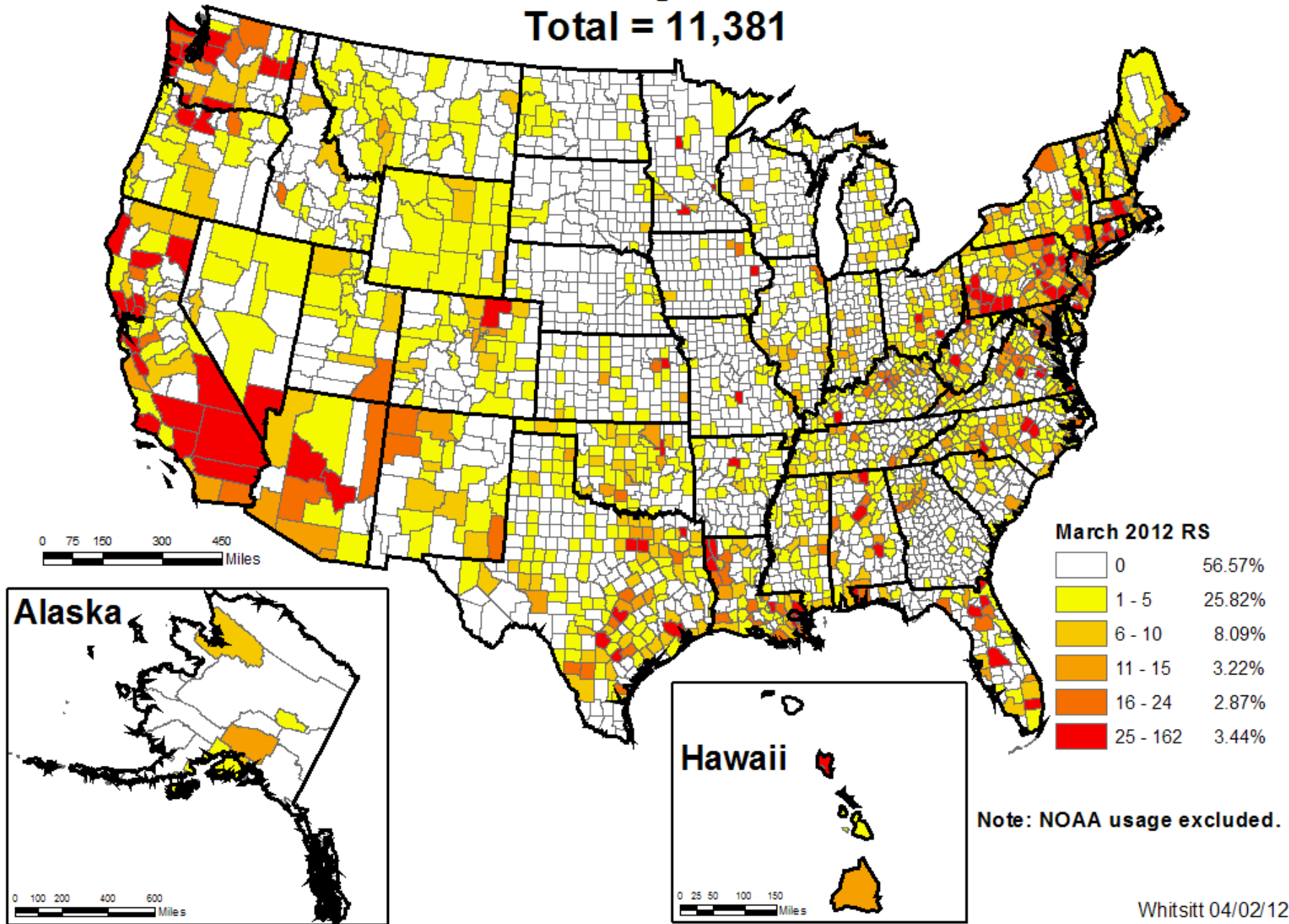
# OPUS-S Usage March 2012

Total = 16,845



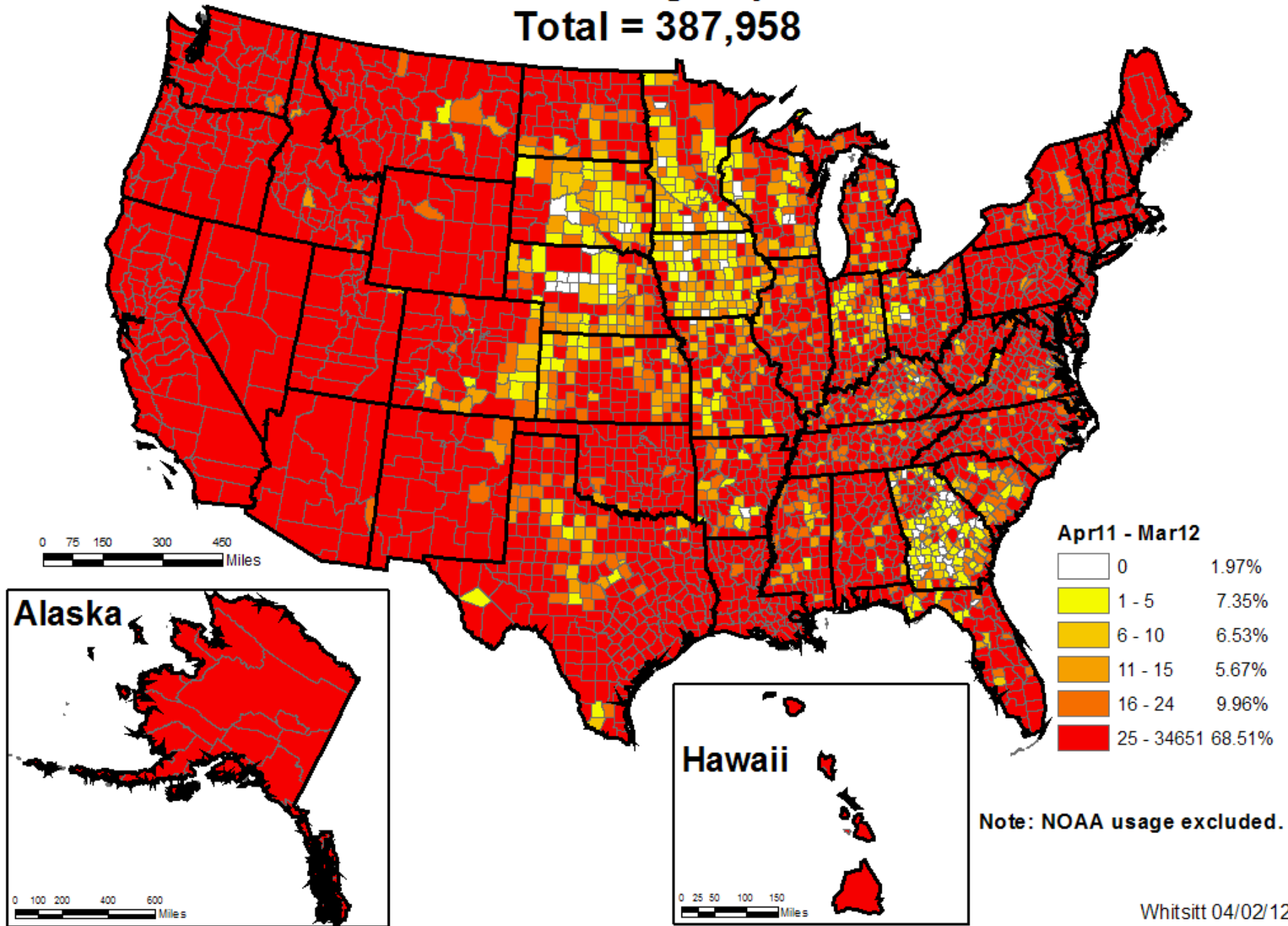
# OPUS-RS Usage March 2012

Total = 11,381



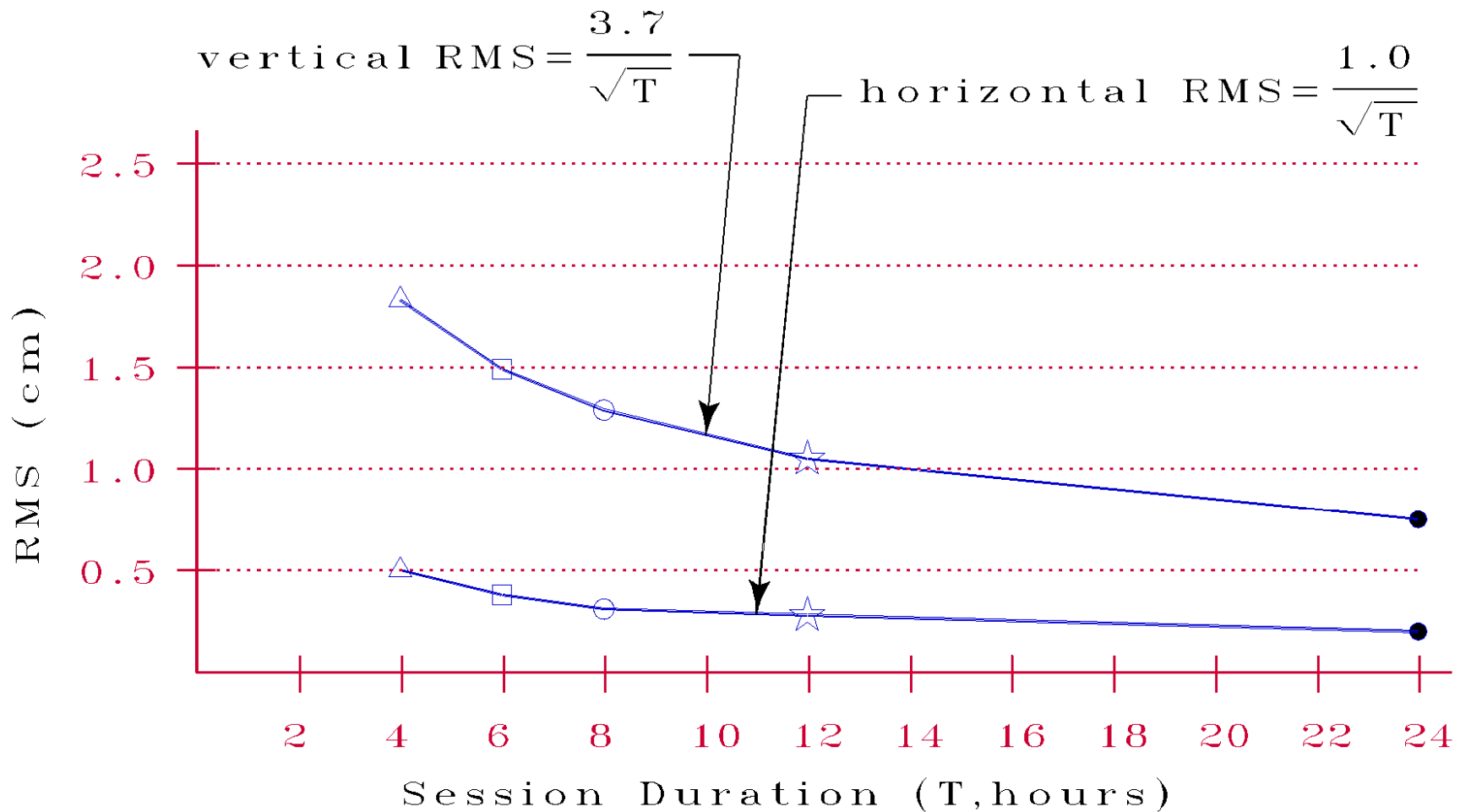
# OPUS-S and OPUS-RS Usage April 2011 - March 2012

Total = 387,958



# How to get better results...

collect more data...



# National CORs Accuracy



## COMMENTS ABOUT RESULTS WITH CORS DATA

- **MAJORITY OF TIME YOU ARE LESS THAN 300 KM FROM CORS (CONTINENTAL U.S.)**
- **BASELINE LENGTH HAS LITTLE EFFECT ON POSITIONAL ACCURACY**
  - **NO SETUP ERROR OR ANTENNA MEASUREMENT BLUNDERS**
  - **< 300 KILOMETERS**
  - **USING NGS' PAGES SOFTWARE**
  - **PRECISE EPHEMERIS, TROPO MODELS, AND ANTENNA PATTERNS**
- **HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL SPECIFICATIONS CAN BE MET IN ONE 4-HOUR SESSION**



## **PASSIVE MARKS VS. ACTIVE STATIONS CONUNDRUM**

**1,500,000 MARKS IN THE NGSIDB**

**1850 NATIONAL CORS**

**107 RTN**

**OPUS/CORS POINT (SOON PROJECT) PROCESSING**

**PASSIVE MARKS GET DISTURBED, DESTROYED, AND CAN  
BE HARD TO RECOVER**

**EVERYTHING MOVES, BUT WE KNOW WHERE THE  
ANTENNAS ARE 24/7/365.25**

**GNSS POSITIONING IS GETTING MORE AND MORE**

**PRECISE**

**GNSS POSITIONING CAN EASILY USE OUR NATIONAL  
DATUMS, MAKING GIS FIT TOGETHER AND YIELDING  
HOMOGENEOUS DATA**





# Monumented Points Deterioration

Disturbed Geodetic Control  
**Coordinates/Elevations  
Questionable!**

**MISSING MARKS-  
TYPICAL EXAMPLE**



**Control  
ation**

# WHEN WAS THE PASSIVE MARK ACCESSED?

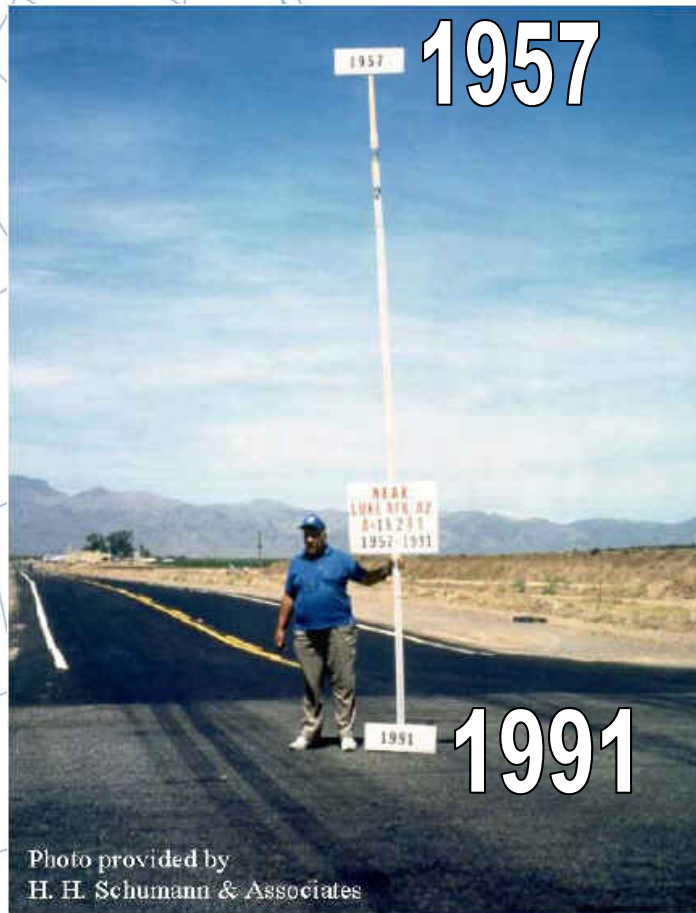
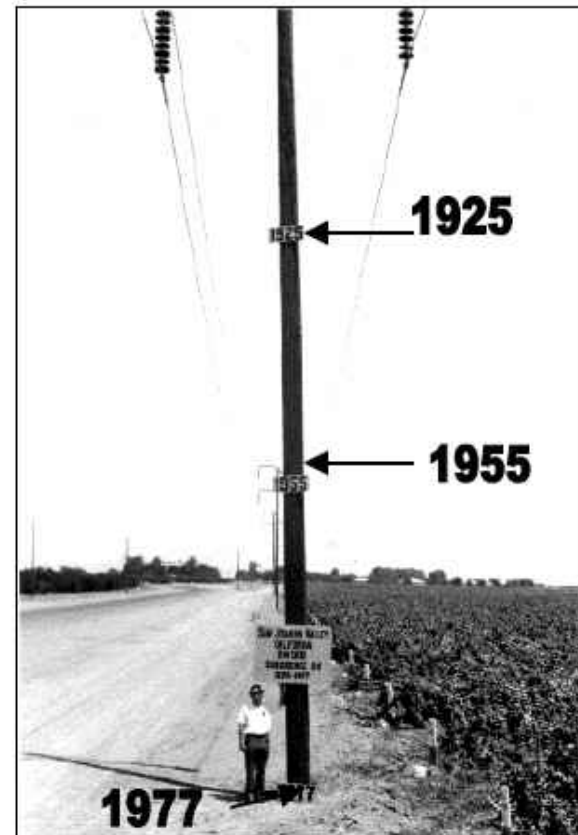


Photo provided by  
H. H. Schumann & Associates

Due to land subsidence, the elevation of this spot near Luke Air Force Base in Maricopa County has dropped by more than 18 feet over a 34-year period. Knowledge of subsidence areas is a fundamental requirement for planning infrastructure such as pipelines, canals, and power plants.



Approximate levels of subsidence. The signs show the position of land surface in 1925, 1955, and 1977. Although the rate of subsidence has decreased, the continued pumping of ground water has resulted in additional subsidence in the past 20 years.

Figure 6 Subsidence in California's Central Valley



# EXPANDING GPS MARKETS

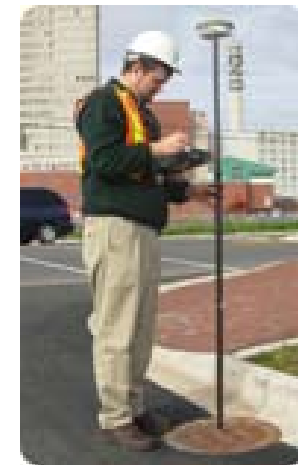


**MACHINE GUIDANCE**



**MOBILE MAPPING SYSTEMS**

**Advanced Farming Systems**



**GIS INFRASTRUCTURE**



## **MULTI-YEAR CORS SOLUTION (MYCS) = NAD 83 (2011):**

- BETTER ORBITS <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/web/surveys/NA2011/>
- MORE TRUE VELOCITIES KNOWN (1200 STATIONS +/- WITH >2.5 YEARS OF DATA-OTHERS MODELED WITH HTDP)
- ABSOLUTE ANTENNA CALIBRATIONS
- BROUGHT TO A MORE CURRENT EPOCH (2002 to 2010)
- IMPLEMENTED **JULY 2011**

## **PASSIVE CONTROL ADJUSTMENT TO MYCS:**

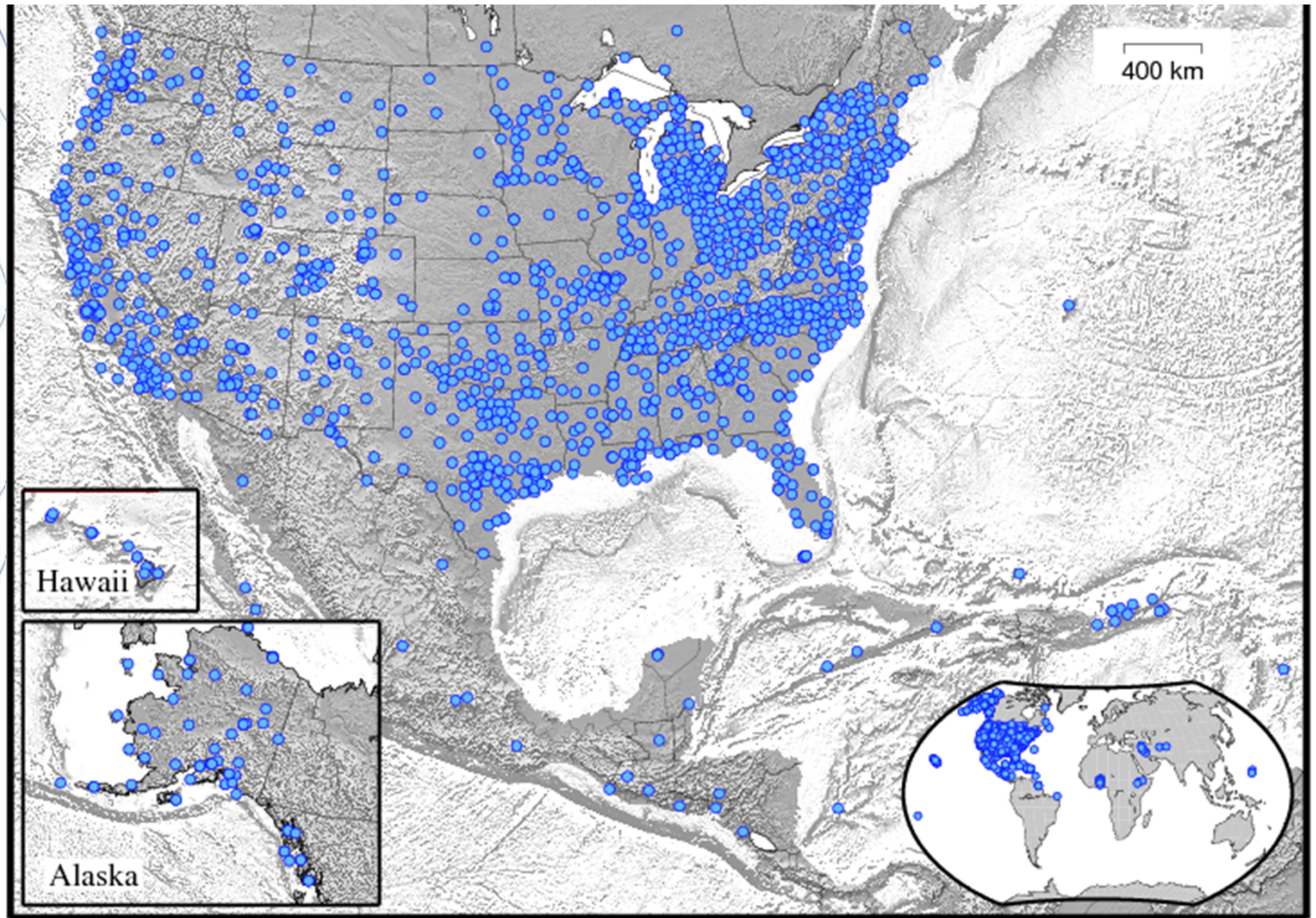
- ORIGINAL OBSERVATIONS!!
- NO VELOCITIES KNOWN (MODELED ONLY)
- NO RIGOROUS ADJUSTMENT
- 5000 GPS PROJECTS SIMULTANEOUSLY VIA "NETSTAT" TO 95% CONFIDENCE
- IMPLEMENTED **SPRING 2012**
- WILL HAVE NETWORK & **LOCAL** ACCURACIES



# RTN AND NGS "FOUNDATION CORS" WILL BE THE PRIMARY ACCESS TO THE NSRS

## CORS Network continued growth

- Active sites 1850+
- 1250 used in NAD 83(2011)



# NEW NATIONAL VERTICAL DATUM

- A PURELY GRAVIMETRIC SURFACE
- BASED ON A HIGH RESOLUTION, 1 CM GEOID FROM GRAV-D PROGRAM
- OBTAINABLE PROJECT ACCURACY TO 2 CM (ALLOWING FOR GNSS ERROR)
- ACCESSABILITY: BROUGHT TO A PROJECT SITE VIA **ACTIVE** REFERENCE STATIONS (NATIONAL CORS), DENSIFIED TO PROJECT ACCURACY NEEDS. (ALTERNATIVE: USE BMs PREVIOUSLY TIED TO THE DATUM-CAVEAT EMPTOR)
- ETD: 2022?



## **IN TEN YEARS.....**

- **115+ SATELLITES**
- **1.5 DM AUTONOMOUS POSITIONING**
- **NEW GEOMETRIC DATUM – ITRF ALIGNED GEOCENTER BUT PROBABLY FIXED ON NORTH AMERICAN PLATE. NSRS ENTIRELY REALIZED BY ACTIVE STATIONS OF THE FOUNDATION CORS**
- **NEW NATIONAL GEOPOTENTIAL DATUM – 1 CM GRAVIMETRIC GEOID, ORTHOMETRIC HEIGHT SITE CONTROL TO 2 CM RELATIVE TO THE NATIONAL DATUM.**
- **MORE REMOTE SENSING: 2 - 3 DM SATELLITE IMAGERY/MAPPING , MMS**
- **INDOOR AND UNDERGROUND POSITIONING**





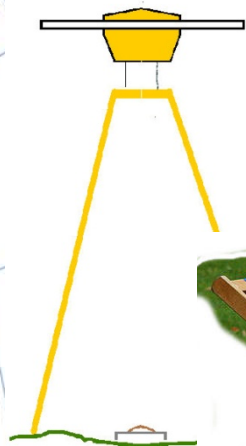
## *Planned GNSS*

- **Global Constellations**
  - GPS (24+) USA
  - GLONASS (24) Russia
  - Galileo (27) EU
  - Compass (35) China
- **Regional Constellations**
  - QZSS (3) Japan
  - IRNSS (7) India
- **Satellite-Based Augmentations**
  - WAAS (3) USA
  - MSAS (2) Japan
  - EGNOS (3) EU
  - GAGAN (3) India
  - SDCM (2?) Russia





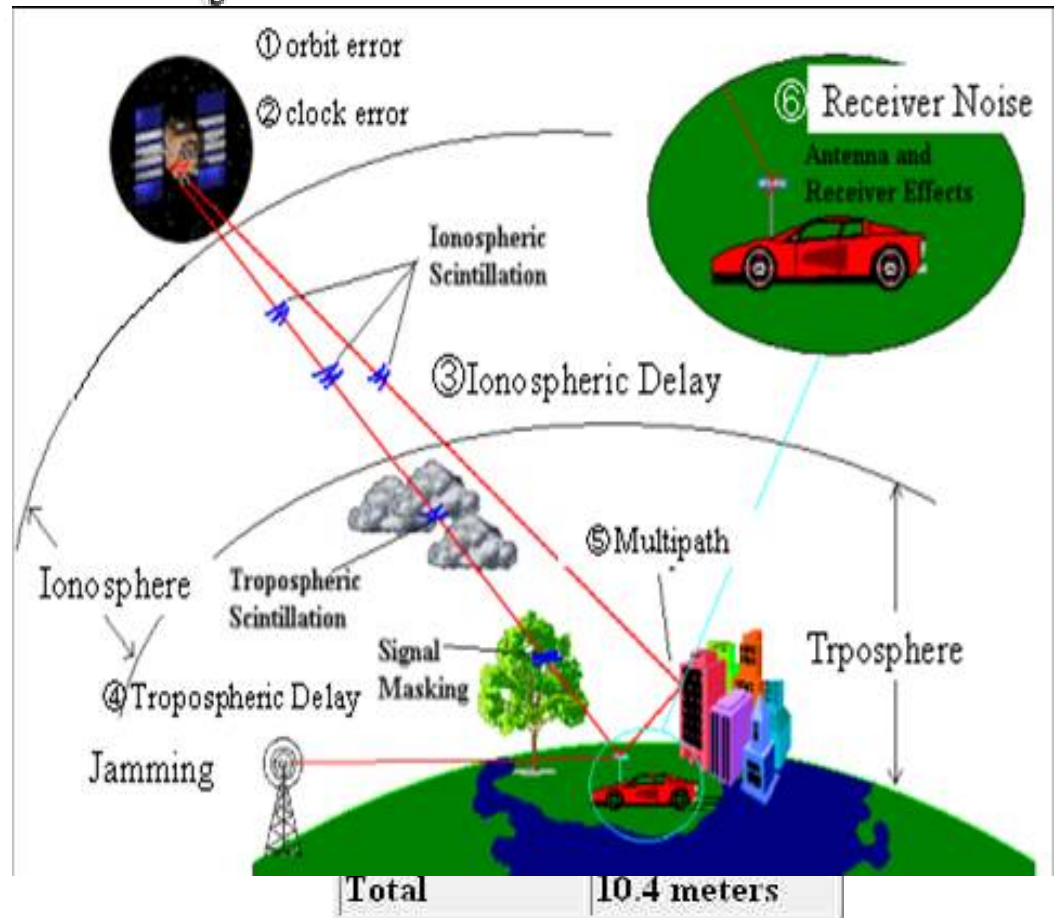
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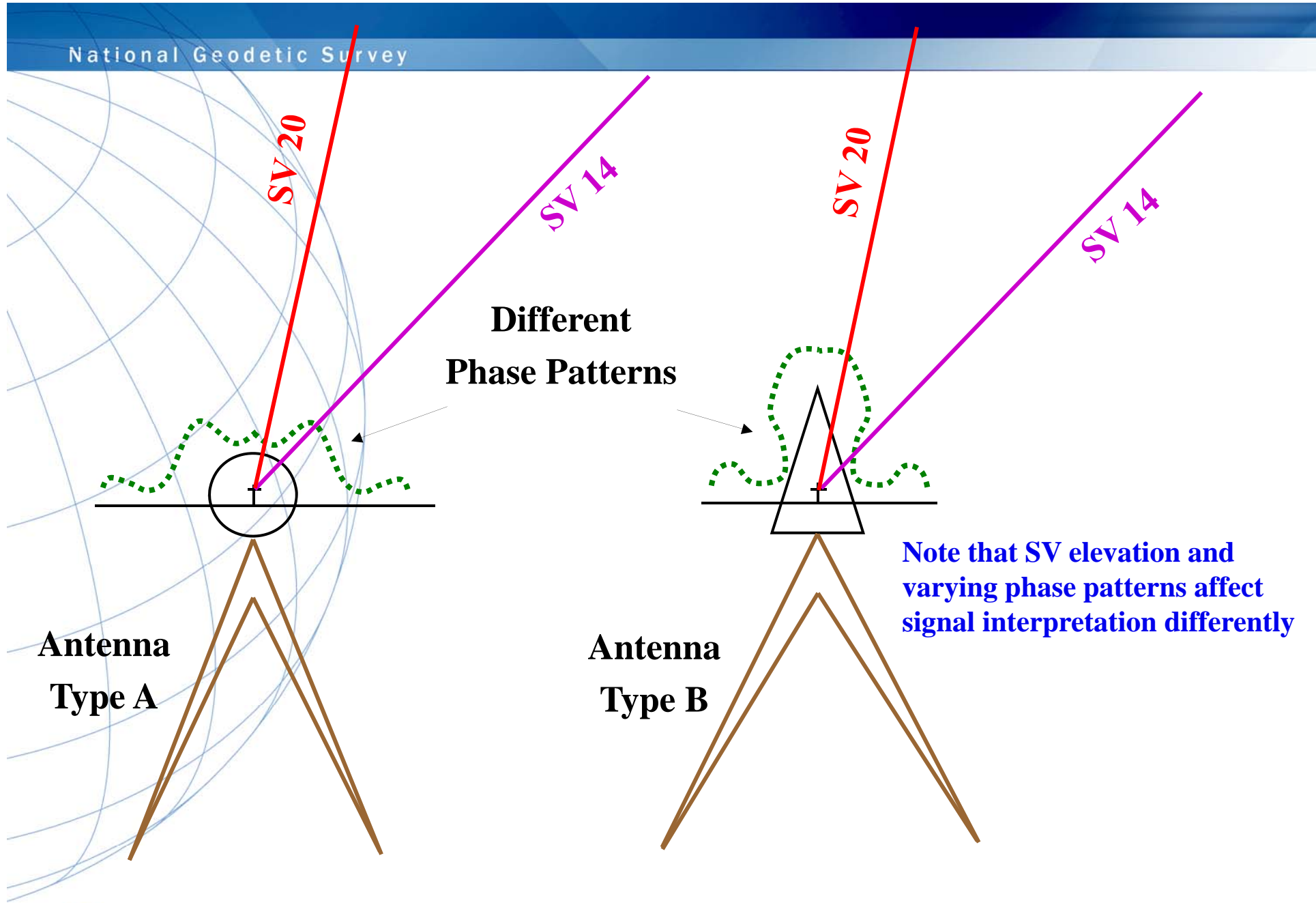


# UNDIFFERENCED PHASE OBSERVABLE (CYCLES)

$$\varphi_k^p(t) = \frac{J}{c} \rho_k^p(t) - f dt_k(t) + f dt^p(t) + N_k^p - I_{k,\varphi}^p(t) + \frac{J}{c} T_k^p(t) + d_{k,\varphi}(t) + d_{k,\varphi}^p(t) + d_\varphi^p(t) + \delta_\varphi$$

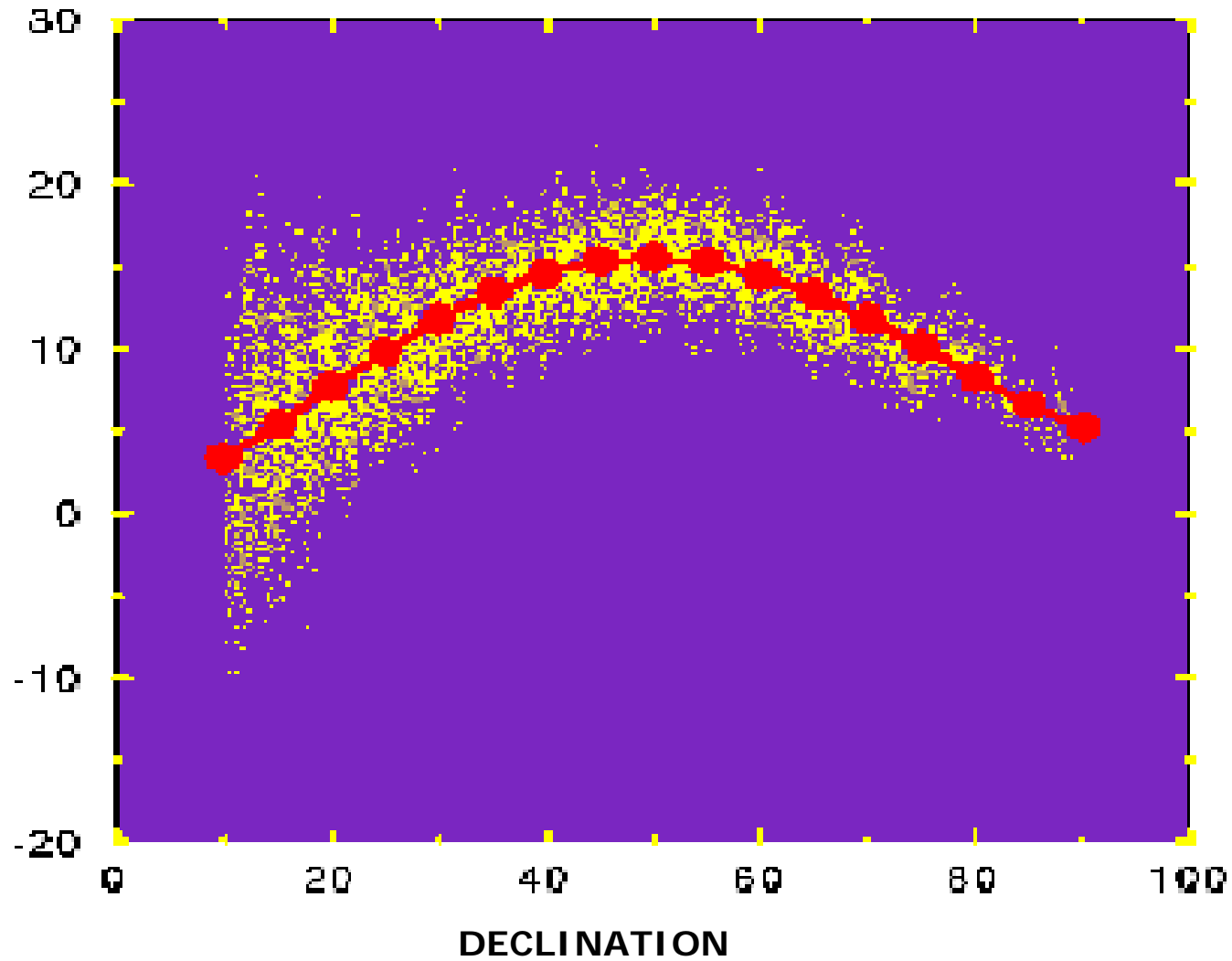
ERROR	VALUE
Ionosphere	4.0 METERS
Ephemeris	2.1 METERS
Clock	2.1 METERS
Troposphere	0.7 METERS
Receiver	0.5 METERS
Multipath	1.0 METERS
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10.4 METERS</b>
<b>UNCORRELATED ERROR</b>	<b>5.15 m (square root of sum of errors squared)</b>





# VARIATION IN THE ELECTRICAL PHASE CENTER

UNITS:  
MM



# RELATIVE & ABSOLUTE ANTENNA CALIBRATIONS

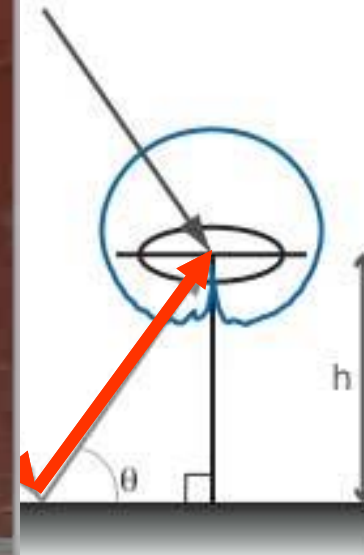
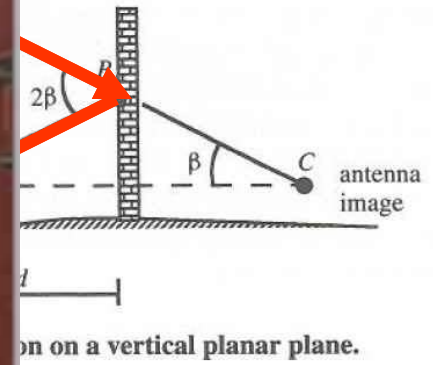
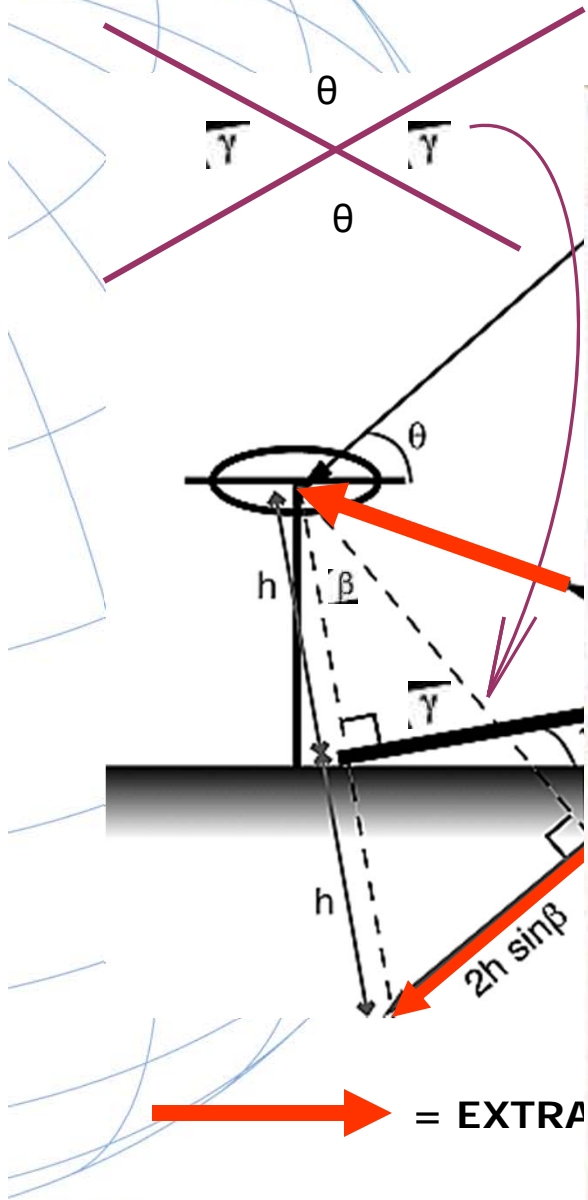




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# MULTIPATH





# **ON-LINE DATA RETRIEVAL/SUBMISSION: UFCORS & OPUS**







## CORS Data - Standard Download

### User Friendly CORS

Version 3.6.1

This utility allows you to obtain a specific block of Global Positioning System (GPS) data for a continuously operating reference station (CORS) contained in the network of GPS sites managed by the National Geodetic Survey.

The GPS data will be in "receiver independent exchange" (RINEX) format, version 2.10.

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[UFCORS Problem/Comment Form](#)

Starting Day:

Start Time of the field observation:  [Day and Time Info](#)

Time Zone relative to observation location:  [Time Zone Info](#)

Number of hours of data you wish to receive:  Please LIMIT requests for 1-second sampling rate data to 2 hours.

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- AK Anchorage , ANC2
- AK Anchorage , TBON
- AK Anchorage , TSEA
- AK Anchorage , UAAG
- AK Anchorage WAAS 1 , ZAN1
- AK Annette Island , AIS5
- AK Annette Island , AIS6
- AK Barrow , BRW1
- AK Barrow , SG27
- AK Bethel , BET1
- AK Biorka Island , BIS5
- AK Biorka Island , BIS6
- AK Buckland , AC07
- AK Cape Hinchinbrook , CHI5
- AK Cape Hinchinbrook , CHI6
- AK Cape Saichef , AC10
- AK Cape Spencer , AB43
- AK Central , CENA

- Photo
- Time Series (60-day)
- Time Series (longterm)
- Non Site Specific
- Global Navigation
- IGS Ephemeris (precise,rapid or ultra-rapid)

January

Day\*

or

Enter Day of Year (e.g. 2, 93, 365) \*

This will override the Month and Day boxes if selected!



# RECEIVER INDEPENDENT EXCHANGE FORMAT: "RINEX" – A TEXT FILE THAT YOU CAN EDIT

## ALL MAJOR GNSS MANUFACTURERS SUPPLY A CONVERSION UTILITY TO CONVERT FROM THEIR PROPRIETARY FORMATS TO RINEX



Convert to RINEX.Ink



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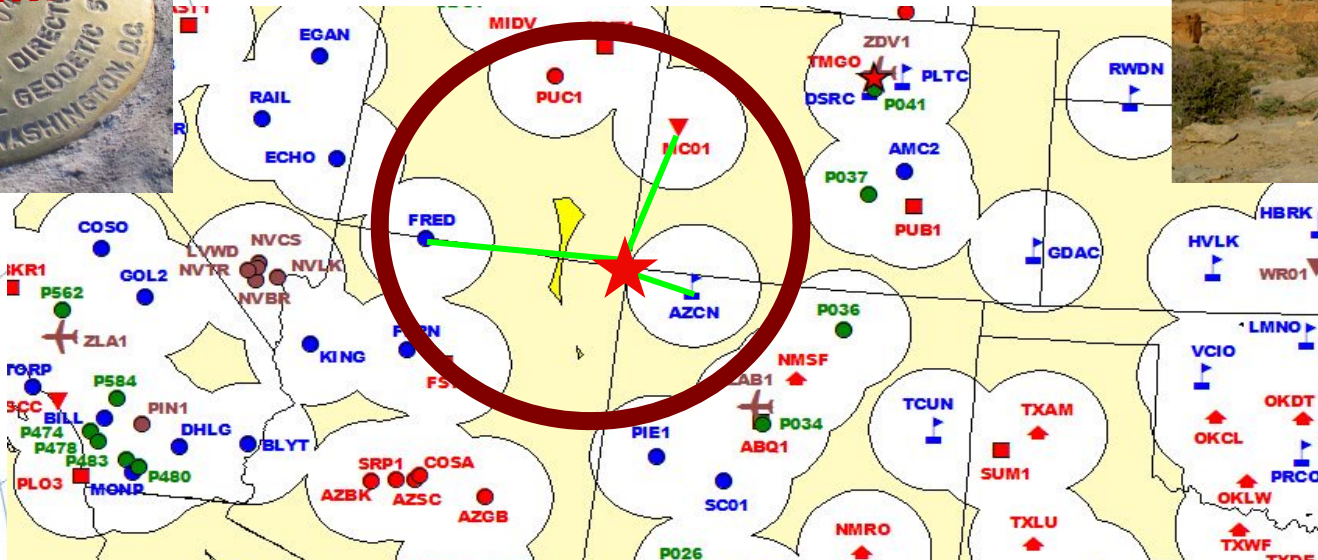
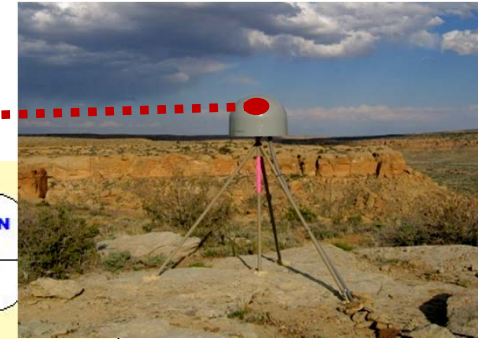
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Adobe Acrobat  
Document



# Online Positioning User Service (OPUS)



- Submit GPS data to OPUS – [www.ngs.noaa.gov/OPUS](http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/OPUS)
- Processed automatically on NGS computers
  - OPUS-S (2-48 hours): ties to 3 CORS or
  - OPUS-RS (15 minutes–2 hours): ties to  $\leq 9$  CORS
- Solution via email - in minutes
- **Fast, easy, consistent access to NSRS**



From: opus@ngs.noaa.gov  
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2007 8:58 AM  
To: Curt.Smith@noaa.gov  
Subject: OPUS solution : L1222340.07o 000200294

Attachments: l122234r.07o.xml

FILE: L1222340.07o 000200294

NGS OPUS SOLUTION REPORT  
=====

USER: Curt.Smith@noaa.gov  
RINEX FILE: l122234r.07o

DATE: August 24, 2007  
TIME: 14:57:41 UTC

SOFTWARE: page5 0612.06 master12.pl  
EPHEMERIS: igr14413.eph [rapid]  
NAV FILE: brdc2340.07n  
ANT NAME: TRM4800 NONE  
ARP HEIGHT: 2.000

START: 2007/08/22 17:25:00  
STOP: 2007/08/22 22:26:00  
OBS USED: 11651 / 11783 : 99%  
# FIXED AMB: 42 / 43 : 98%  
OVERALL RMS: 0.017(m)

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ER 19, 2007

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REF FRAME: NAD\_83(CORS96)(EPOCH:2002.0000)

ITRF00 (EPOCH:2007.6406)

X: -1872566.694(m) 0.016(m)  
Y: -4326352.439(m) 0.031(m)  
Z: 4283701.741(m) 0.007(m)

-1872567.435(m) 0.016(m)  
-4326351.192(m) 0.031(m)  
4283701.717(m) 0.007(m)

(W) SCALED  
(feet) ADJUSTED

GEOID03

(feet) COMP  
NAVD 88

LAT: 42 27 8.21603 0.013(m)  
E LON: 246 35 44.46740 0.027(m)  
W LON: 113 24 15.53260 0.027(m)  
EL HGT: 1328.228(m) 0.019(m)

42 27 8.23405 0.013(m)  
246 35 44.41598 0.027(m)  
113 24 15.58402 0.027(m)  
1327.585(m) 0.019(m)

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**THE VALUE OF OPUS SAVED THIS SURVEYOR'S  
LICENSE AND BUSINESS! OPUS ON BENCH MARKS IS  
ALSO VALUABLE TO PLACE ACCURATE POSITIONS ON  
LOCATIONS THAT COULD BE JUST SCALED FROM TOPO  
MAPS. THIS AIDS IN THE MONUMENT'S RECOVERY  
(AND LOCATES THE BENCH MARK ACCURATELY FOR  
INPUT INTO THE GEOID MODELING DONE BY NGS)**

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US NATIC

PID

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DG6570 IDPO POCATELLO CORS ARP

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N425155.995 W1122554.287 92030.4

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# OPUS: Online Positioning User Service

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### Upload your data file.

Tie your GPS observation to the National Spatial Reference System.

#### What is OPUS? FAQs

You selected 2011 frame for processing your observation.

\* **Email address** - your solution will be sent here.

\* **Data file** of dual-frequency GPS observations. [sample](#)

 no antenna selected

\* **Antenna type** - choosing wrong may degrade your accuracy.

 meters above your mark.

\* **Antenna height** of your antenna's reference point.

 to **customize** your solution. 

for data > 15 min. < 2 hrs.      for data > 2 hrs. < 48 hrs.

\* required fields

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

passive network is

## ONLINE EXAMPLE?



# Is Your OPUS-S Solution Good?

## NGS OPUS SOLUTION REPORT

=====

USER: william.stone@noaa.gov  
 RINEX FILE: satt142p.03o

- > 90% observations used
- > 50% ambiguities fixed
- < 3 cm overall RMS

- check ephemeris

EPHEMERIS: igs12194.eph [precise]  
 NAV FILE: brdc1420.U3n  
 ANT NAME: ASH701975.01B NONE  
 ARP HEIGHT: 2.0

OBS USED: 5443 / 5491 : 99%  
 # FIXED AMB: 27 / 27 : 100%  
 OVERALL RMS: 0.011(m)

- check antenna info

REF FRAME: NAD\_83(CORS96)(EPOCH:2002.0000) ITRF00 (EPOCH:2003.3882)

X:	-1483421.741(m)	0.011(m)	-1483422.387(m)	0.011(m)
Y:	-5020822.786(m)	0.018(m)	-5020821.428(m)	0.018(m)
Z:	3633944.541(m)	0.011(m)		

- < 5 cm peak-to-peak

LAT:	34 56 43.60684	0.005(m)	34 56 43.62530	0.005(m)
E LON:	253 32 24.06657	0.005(m)	253 32 24.02700	0.005(m)
W LON:	106 27 35.93343	0.005(m)	106 27 35.97300	0.005(m)
EL HGT:	1810.320(m)	0.023(m)	1809.352(m)	0.023(m)
ORTHO HGT:	1830.434(m)	0.034(m)		

[Geoid03 NAVD88]

...and which CORS were used? ...  
 resubmit later for better CORS scenario & ephemeris

SOFTWARE: page5 1108.09 [master31.pl](#) 082511 START: 2012/03/05 21:00:00  
 EPHEMERIS: igu16781.eph [ultra-rapid] STOP: 2012/03/05 23:00:00  
 NAV FILE: brdc0650.12n OBS USED: 5596 / 6003 : 93%  
 ANT NAME: MPL\_WAAS\_2225NW NONE # FIXED AMB: 41 / 42 : 98%  
 ARP HEIGHT: 0.0 OVERALL RMS: 0.014(m)

SOFTWARE: page5 1108.09 [master81.pl](#) 060711 START: 2012/03/05 21:00:00  
 EPHEMERIS: igu16781.eph [ultra-rapid] STOP: 2012/03/05 23:00:00  
 NAV FILE: brdc0650.12n OBS USED: 5514 / 5995 : 92%  
 ANT NAME: MPL\_WAAS\_2225NW NONE # FIXED AMB: 38 / 41 : 93%  
 ARP HEIGHT: 0.0 OVERALL RMS: 0.013(m)

REF FRAME: NAD\_83(2011)(EPOCH:2010.0000) IGS08 (EPOCH:2012.1774)

REF FRAME: NAD\_83(CORS96)(EPOCH:2002.0000) ITRF00 (EPOCH:2012.1774)

X: -1488630.619(m) 0.027(m) -1488631.393(m) 0.027(m)  
 Y: [-5003949.257](#)(m) 0.029(m) [-5003947.897](#)(m) 0.029(m)  
 Z: 3654557.565(m) 0.020(m) 3654557.443(m) 0.020(m)

X: -1488630.625(m) 0.021(m) -1488631.385(m) 0.021(m)  
 Y: [-5003949.252](#)(m) 0.024(m) [-5003947.898](#)(m) 0.024(m)  
 Z: 3654557.554(m) 0.006(m) 3654557.409(m) 0.006(m)

LAT: 35 10 24.85211 0.006(m) 35 10 24.86911 0.006(m)  
 E LON: 253 25 57.80711 0.018(m) 253 25 57.76247 0.018(m)  
 W LON: 106 34 2.19289 0.018(m) 106 34 2.23753 0.018(m)  
 EL HGT: 1620.721(m) 0.040(m) 1619.766(m) 0.040(m)

LAT: 35 10 24.85188 0.012(m) 35 10 24.86824 0.012(m)  
 E LON: 253 25 57.80682 0.013(m) 253 25 57.76279 0.013(m)  
 W LON: 106 34 2.19318 0.013(m) 106 34 2.23721 0.013(m)  
 EL HGT: 1620.713(m) 0.027(m) 1619.745(m) 0.027(m)

ORTHO HGT: [Geoid Model Not Yet Available w/ NAD83 (2011).]

ORTHO HGT: 1641.542(m) 0.046(m) [NAVD88 (Computed using GEOID09)]

UTM COORDINATES STATE PLANE COORDINATES

	UTM (Zone 13)	SPC (3002 NM C)
Northing (Y) [meters]	3893416.216	462874.619
Easting (X) [meters]	357280.108	471100.606
Convergence [degrees]	-0.90299007	-0.18276968
Point Scale	0.99985103	0.99991029
Combined Factor	0.99959674	0.99965598

UTM COORDINATES STATE PLANE COORDINATES

	UTM (Zone 13)	SPC (3002 NM C)
Northing (Y) [meters]	3893416.209	462874.612
Easting (X) [meters]	357280.101	471100.599
Convergence [degrees]	-0.90299012	-0.18276972
Point Scale	0.99985103	0.99991029
Combined Factor	0.99959674	0.99965598

US NATIONAL GRID DESIGNATOR: 13SCU5728093416(NAD 83)

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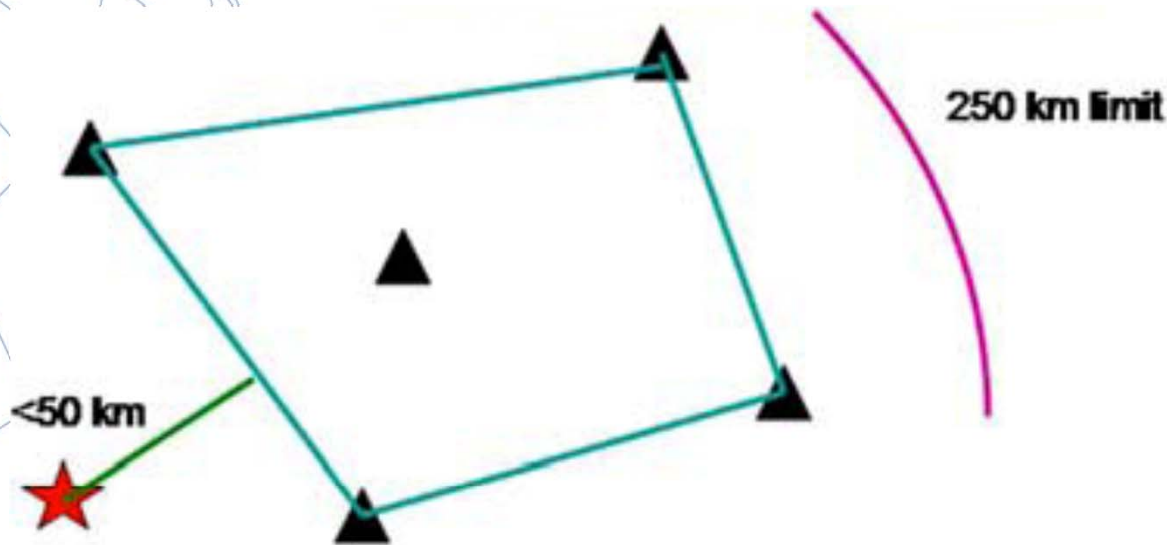
# OPUS-Rapid Static (OPUS-RS)

- 15-minute to 2-hour sessions
- ties to 3 – 9 CORS (< 250km)
- uses RSGPS vs. PAGES software
- P1/P2 code & L1/L2 phase observations
- resolves all ambiguities with LAMBDA
- similar to Real-Time Network computations
- RSGPS solution modes:
  - network: solves ambiguities, tropo, iono
  - rover: tropo and ion interpolated to rover
- ~10,000 lines of code





## OPUS-RS REFERENCE STATION SEARCH ALGORITHM



- Sort stations in CORS network by distance from rover. Select up to nine CORS that are less than 250 km from rover, with suitable data.
- No solution is attempted if fewer than three CORS selected.
- No solution attempted if distance from rover to polygon enclosing selected CORS is greater than 50 km.



**THE 28 NERRS, BEING ALONG COASTAL REGIONS,  
MIGHT HAVE PROBLEMS USING OPUS-RS!**



# OPUS-RS Output

## NGS OPUS-RS SOLUTION REPORT

USER:	william.stone@noaa.gov	DATE:	October 29, 2007
RINEX FILE:	1207287x.07o	TIME:	14:39:04 UTC
SOFTWARE:	rsgps 1.09 RS11.prl 1.12	START:	2007/10/14 23:27:15
EPHEMERIS:	igr14490.eph [rapid]	STOP:	2007/10/15 00:00:15
NAV FILE:	brdc2870.07n	OBS USED:	1962 / 2082 : 94%
ANT NAME:	ASH701975.01A	QUALITY IND.	34.21/ 37.91 *
ARP HEIGHT:	0.0	NORMALIZED RMS:	0.307
REF FRAME:	NAD_83(CORS96)(EPOCH:2002.0000)	ITRF00 (EPOCH:2007.78627)	
LAT:	36 2 52.79767 0.008(m)	36 2 52.81498 0.008(m)	
E LON:	252 2 18.45532 0.013(m)	252 2 18.41156 0.013(m)	
W LON:	107 57 41.54468 0.013(m)	107 57 41.58844 0.013(m)	
EL HGT:	1974.304(m) 0.005(m)	1973.396(m) 0.005(m)	
ORTHO HGT:	1995.280(m) 0.026(m)	[Geoid03 NAVD88]	

### "#Fixed Ambiguities" replaced by "Quality Indicator"

- average of  $W$ -ratio (separation between candidate sets of ambiguities) of last 3 epochs
- reported as network mode / rover mode
- look for values  $> 3$  for confidence in solution

# OPUS-RS Output

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### "Overall RMS" replaced by "Normalized RMS"

- unitless quantity, "expected" = 1
- aka standard deviation of unit weight
- if > 1, noisy data somewhere
- typically < 1, meaning noise less than expected

# OPUS-RS Output

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USER:	william.stone@noaa.gov	DATE:	October 29, 2007
RINEX FILE:	1207287x.07o	TIME:	14:39:04 UTC
SOFTWARE:	rsgps 1.09 RS11.prl 1.12	START:	2007/10/14 23:27:15
EPHEMERIS:	igr14490.eph [rapid]	STOP:	2007/10/15 00:00:15
NAV FILE:	brdc2870.07n	OBS USED:	1962 / 2082 : 94%
ANT NAME:	ASH701975.01A	QUALITY IND.	34.21/ 37.91
ARP HEIGHT:	0.0	NORMALIZED RMS:	0.307

REF FRAME: NAD_83(CORS96)(EPOCH:2002.0000)		ITRF00 (EPOCH:2007.78627)		
LAT:	36 2 52.79767	0.008(m)	36 2 52.81498	0.008(m)
E LON:	252 2 18.45532	0.013(m)	252 2 18.41156	0.013(m)
W LON:	107 57 41.54468	0.013(m) *	107 57 41.58844	0.013(m) *
EL HGT:	1974.304(m)	0.005(m)	1973.396(m)	0.005(m)
ORTHO HGT:	1995.280(m)	0.026(m)	[Geoid03 NAVD88]	

### Peak-to-Peak replaced by Est. Standard Deviations

- approximately 95% confidence
- derived from scatter of single baseline solutions
- formal standard deviations (optimistic) available in

Extended Output

# National Geodetic Survey

SOFTWARE: rsgps 1.37 RS4.prl 1.78      START: 2012/03/05 21:00:00  
 EPHEMERIS: igu16781.eph [ultra-rapid]      STOP: 2012/03/05 23:00:00  
 NAV FILE: brdc0650.12n      OBS USED: 15102 / 15381 : 98%  
 ANT NAME: MPL\_WAAS\_2225NW NONE      QUALITY IND. 28.20/ 17.13  
 ARP HEIGHT: 0.0      NORMALIZED RMS: 0.266

SOFTWARE: rsgps 1.37 RS84.prl 1.78      START: 2012/03/05 21:00:00  
 EPHEMERIS: igu16781.eph [ultra-rapid]      STOP: 2012/03/05 21:14:59  
 NAV FILE: brdc0650.12n      OBS USED: 1200 / 1272 : 94%  
 ANT NAME: MPL\_WAAS\_2225NW NONE      QUALITY IND. 18.18/ 22.01  
 ARP HEIGHT: 0.0      NORMALIZED RMS: 0.230

REF FRAME: NAD\_83(2011)(EPOCH:2010.0000)      IGS08 (EPOCH:2012.1:

X: -1488630.607(m) 0.005(m)      -1488631.381(m) 0.005(m)  
 Y: -5003949.246(m) 0.010(m)      -5003947.886(m) 0.010(m)  
 Z: 3654557.568(m) 0.007(m)      3654557.446(m) 0.007(m)

LAT: 35 10 24.85245 0.003(m)      35 10 24.86945 0.003(m)  
 E LON: 253 25 57.80744 0.004(m)      253 25 57.76281 0.004(m)  
 W LON: 106 34 2.19256 0.004(m)      106 34 2.23719 0.004(m)  
 EL HGT: 1620.712(m) 0.012(m)      1619.756(m) 0.012(m)

ORTHO HGT: [Geoid Model Not Yet Available w/ NAD83 (2011).]

UTM COORDINATES      STATE PLANE COORDINATES

	UTM (Zone 13)	SPC (3002 NM C)
Northing (Y) [meters]	3893416.226	462874.630
Easting (X) [meters]	357280.117	471100.615
Convergence [degrees]	-0.90299002	-0.18276963
Point Scale	0.99985103	0.99991029
Combined Factor	0.99959674	0.99965598

US NATIONAL GRID DESIGNATOR: 13SCU5728093416(NAD 83)

REF FRAME: NAD\_83(2011)(EPOCH:2010.0000)      IGS08 (EPOCH:2012.17727) 1)

X: -1488630.610(m) 0.005(m)      -1488631.384(m) 0.005(m)  
 Y: -5003949.276(m) 0.015(m)      -5003947.916(m) 0.015(m)  
 Z: 3654557.596(m) 0.013(m)      3654557.474(m) 0.013(m)

LAT: 35 10 24.85264 0.003(m)      35 10 24.86964 0.003(m)  
 E LON: 253 25 57.80766 0.004(m)      253 25 57.76303 0.004(m)  
 W LON: 106 34 2.19234 0.004(m)      106 34 2.23697 0.004(m)  
 EL HGT: 1620.752(m) 0.019(m)      1619.797(m) 0.019(m)

ORTHO HGT: [Geoid Model Not Yet Available w/ NAD83 (2011).]

UTM COORDINATES      STATE PLANE COORDINATES

	UTM (Zone 13)	SPC (3002 NM C)
Northing (Y) [meters]	3893416.232	462874.635
Easting (X) [meters]	357280.122	471100.620
Convergence [degrees]	-0.90298999	-0.18276959
Point Scale	0.99985103	0.99991029
Combined Factor	0.99959673	0.99965598

US NATIONAL GRID DESIGNATOR: 13SCU5728093416(NAD 83)



# VARIOUS OPUS SOLUTIONS USING "CORB"



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4/1/12.15M



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12/1/11.15M



Adobe Acrobat Document

12/1/11.1 H



Adobe Acrobat Document

3/09/12. 1 H



Adobe Acrobat Document

4/1/12. 1st4 H



Adobe Acrobat Document

4/1/12. 2last RS



Adobe Acrobat Document

4/1/12.1last RS



Adobe Acrobat Document

4/1/12. 2nd4 H



Adobe Acrobat Document

4/1/12. 2last S



Adobe Acrobat Document

4/1/12. 1first RS



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	N	E	h	H
CORB: PUBLISHED (OLD)	2060045.533	3598666.726	37.252	"CORB" REFLECTS A PERFECT SCENARIO FOR A
CORB: 8 HOURS AS "TRUTH" SOLUTION DAY 92	2060045.532	3598666.740	37.239	POINT POSITION NOTES
	D N	D E	D h	
OPUS-S: 1ST 4 HOURS	0.000	-0.002	0.005	THESE ARE NOT INDEPENDENT OBSERVATIONS
OPUS-S: 2ND 4 HOURS	0.001	-0.002	-0.011	THEY SHOW DIFFERENCES WITH SLICING A PIECE OF
OPUS-S: 1ST 2 HOURS	-0.005	-0.003	-0.005	THE PIE, AND PROCESSING WITH THE TWO PROGRAMS
OPUS-RS: 1ST 2 HOURS	0.006	-0.007	0.002	"
OPUS -S: LAST 2 HOURS	-0.004	0.003	0.015	"
OPUS-RS: LAST 2 HOURS	0.004	-0.005	0.011	"
OPUS-RS: 1ST 1 HOUR	0.009	-0.008	0.008	"
OPUS-RS: LAST 1 HOUR	0.006	-0.007	-0.009	"
OPUS-RS: 15 MINUTES	0.009	-0.006	-0.005	"

## SOME OPUS COMPARISONS WITH A "PERFECT" SITE





# COMPARISON WITH 3/9/12 & 12/1/11

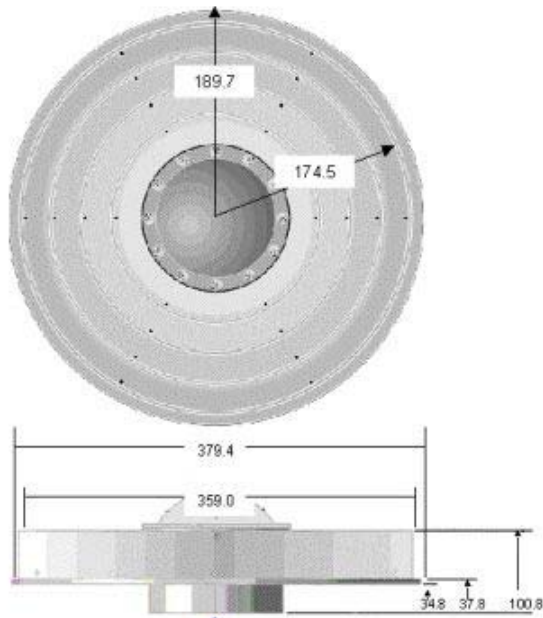
<b>DAY 69</b>				
OPUS-S: 9 HOURS	-0.001	-0.004	0.000	THESE ARE NOT INDEPENDENT OBSERVATIONS
OPUS-S: MID 2 HOURS	0.012	-0.010	-0.021	THEY SHOW DIFFERENCES WITH SLICING A PIECE OF
OPUS-RS: MID 2 HOURS	0.008	-0.008	0.000	THE PIE, AND PROCESSING WITH THE TWO PROGRAMS
OPUS-S: 2 HOURS	-0.014	0.013	-0.003	"
OPUS-RS: 2 HOURS	0.010	-0.009	0.022	"
OPUS-RS: 1 HOUR	0.010	-0.010	0.002	"
<b>2011 DAY 335</b>				
OPUS-RS: 15 MINUTES	0.009	-0.008	-0.005	THESE ARE NOT INDEPENDENT OBSERVATIONS
OPUS-RS: 1 HOUR	0.006	-0.008	-0.017	THEY SHOW DIFFERENCES WITH SLICING A PIECE OF THE PIE, AND PROCESSING WITH THE TWO PROGRAMS



# ASHTECH 700936E ANTENNA AT CORB

## ASH 700936E

### Choke Ring Antenna



All dimensions in millimeters

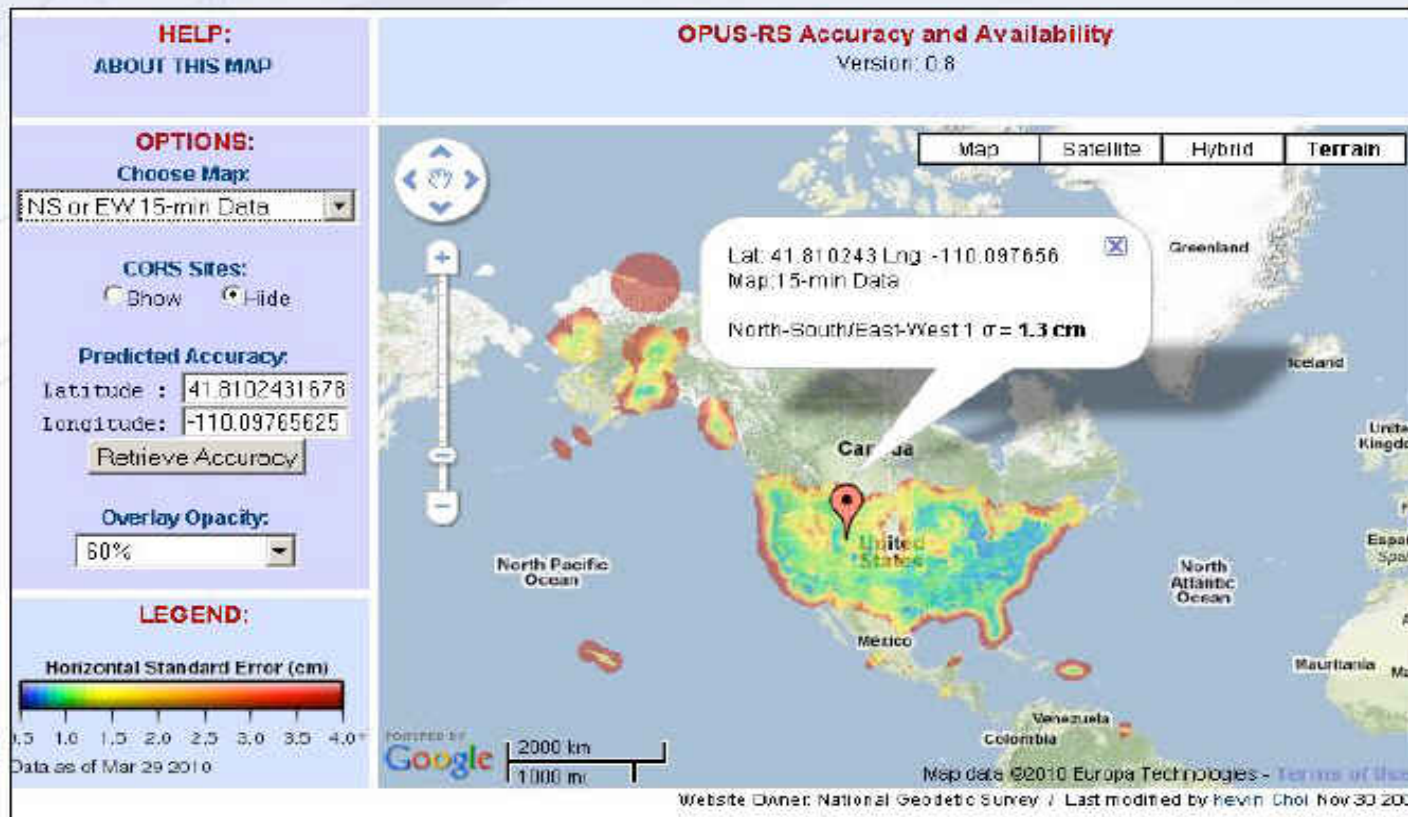
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	Antenna Reference Point	: BPA	
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	Marker->ARP North Ecc (m)	: 0.0000	
	Marker->ARP East Ecc (m)	: 0.0000	
	Alignment from True N	: 0	
	Antenna Radome Type	: NONE	
	Radome Serial Number	: (A4 from rcvr_ant.tab; see instructions)	
	Antenna Cable Type	: (vendor & type number)	
	Antenna Cable Length	: (m)	
	Date Installed	: 2012-02-09T20:50Z	
	Date Removed	: (CCYY-MM-DDThh:mmZ)	
	Additional Information	: (multiple lines)	

Reference Surface for  
NGS Offset  
Measurements



# How Good Can I Do With OPUS-RS?

## The OPUS-RS Accuracy and Availability Tool.



[http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/OPUS/Plots/Gmap/OPUSRS\\_sigmap.shtml](http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/OPUS/Plots/Gmap/OPUSRS_sigmap.shtml)

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# OPUS-RS MAP

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**HELP:**  
ABOUT THIS MAP

## OPUS-RS Estimated Precision and Availability

Version: 0.85

### OPTIONS:

Choose Map:

NS or EW 15-min Data

CORS Sites:

Show  Hide

Predicted Precision:

Latitude : 39.7747933829

Longitude: -89.6411132812

Retrieve Accuracy

Overlay Opacity:

60%

### LEGEND:

Horizontal 1 STD (cm)



0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0+

Data as of Feb 13 2012








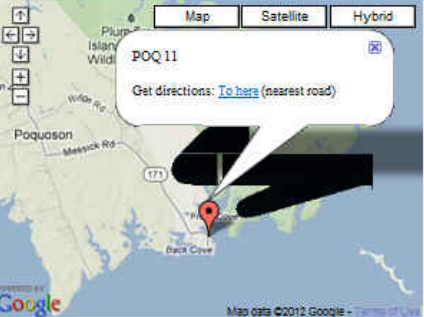
Map Satellite

Lat: 39.774793 Lng: -89.641113  
Map: 15-min Data  
North-South/East-West 1  $\sigma$  = 1.0 cm

# OPUS –DB: CREATE A POINT IN THE NGS OPUS DATABASE

- OBS USED  $\geq 70\%$
- # FIXED AMB  $\geq 70\%$
- OVERALL RMS  $\leq 3$  cm
- PEAK TO PEAK  $\leq 4$  cm,  
8 cm ellipsoid
- DESCRIPTION
- PICTURES

## SURVEY DATASHEET (Version 1.0)

<b>FID:</b> DG9731 <b>Designation:</b> POQ 11 <b>Stamping:</b> POQ 11 <b>Stability:</b> Most reliable, expected to hold position well <b>Setting:</b> Set in top of concrete monument <b>Mark:</b>  <b>Condition:</b> 		 <b>Close-up View</b>			
<b>Description:</b> The station is located in Poquoson, VA, at the Messick Point public boat landing on the left bank of Back River. The mark is a City of Poquoson aluminum disk set in the top of a concrete monument and is 0.2' below grade. The mark is located in a curb island at the south limits of the boat ramp area, 30' East of the centerline of Messick Rd, 50' NE of power pole HE96, 6' West of the parking lot curb, 8' south of the nose of the curb island. <b>Observed:</b> 2010-03-11T14:17:00Z <a href="#">See Also 2004-12-14</a> <b>Source:</b> OPUS - page5 0909.08					
<b>REF FRAME:</b> NAD 83 <small>(COG836)</small>	<b>EPOCH:</b> 2002.0000	<b>SOURCE:</b> NAVD83 (Computed using GEOID09)	<b>UNITS:</b> m	<b>SET PROFILE</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
<b>LAT:</b> 37° 6' 37.53134" $\pm 0.012$ m <b>LON:</b> -76° 19' 10.15559" $\pm 0.029$ m <b>ELL HT:</b> -35.511 $\pm 0.022$ m <b>X:</b> 1204434.358 $\pm 0.025$ m <b>Y:</b> -4948101.766 $\pm 0.025$ m <b>Z:</b> 3827151.789 $\pm 0.013$ m <b>ORTHO HT:</b> 1.027 $\pm 0.030$ m		<b>UTM 18 SFC 4502(VA S)</b> <b>NORTHING:</b> 4107936.899m 1088475.275m <b>EASTING:</b> 382764.326m 3693784.138m <b>CONVERGENCE:</b> -0.79620765° 1.32340712° <b>POINT SCALE:</b> 0.99976931 0.99995541 <b>COMBINED FACTOR:</b> 0.99977488 0.99996098			
<b>CONTRIBUTED BY</b> <a href="#">robert.v.switzer</a>  US Army Corps of Engineers					
 <b>Horizon View</b>		 <b>Map</b> <b>Satellite</b> <b>Hybrid</b> <b>POQ 11</b> Get directions: <a href="#">To here</a> (nearest road)			

The numerical values for this position solution have satisfied the quality control criteria of the National Geodetic Survey. The contributor has verified that the information submitted is accurate and complete.

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**W 728**

PID : QE1506  
Latitude : 44.127957  
Longitude : -123.195925

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# SURVEY DATASHEET (Version 1.0)

**PID:** QE1506

**Designation:** W 728

**Stamping:** W 728 1987

**Stability:** Monument will probably hold position well

**Setting:** Stainless steel rod without sleeve (10FT+ or 3.048M+)

**Mark** G

**Condition:**

**Description:** Found mark as described. Designation and stamping are W 728 set in 1987.



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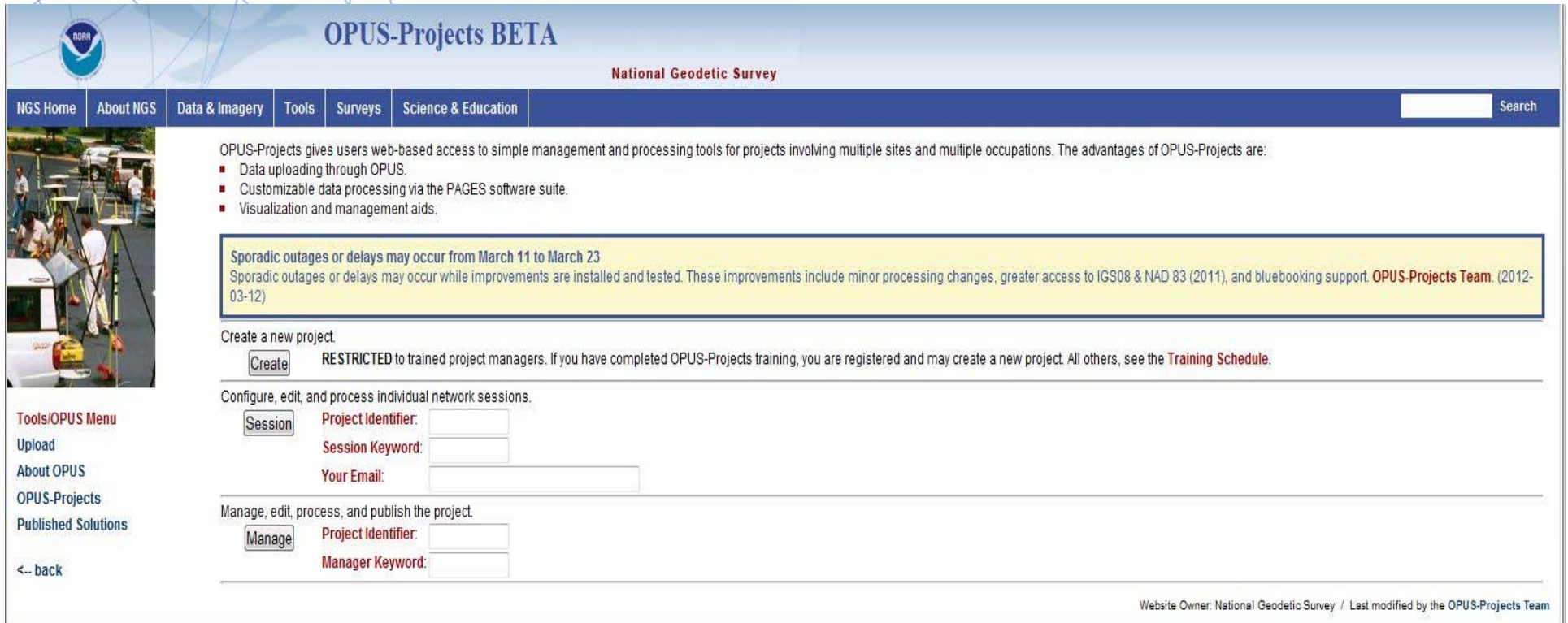
Horizon View



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# OPUS – PROJECTS: PROJECT SESSION PROCESSING



The screenshot shows the OPUS-Projects BETA website. At the top left is the NOAA logo. The main header reads "OPUS-Projects BETA" and "National Geodetic Survey". A navigation bar includes links for "NGS Home", "About NGS", "Data & Imagery", "Tools", "Surveys", and "Science & Education", along with a search box. A sidebar on the left lists "Tools/OPUS Menu", "Upload", "About OPUS", "OPUS-Projects", "Published Solutions", and "<- back". The main content area features a list of advantages for OPUS-Projects, a yellow warning box about outages from March 11 to 23, and two forms: "Create a new project" (with a "Create" button and fields for Project Identifier, Session Keyword, and Your Email) and "Manage, edit, process, and publish the project" (with a "Manage" button and fields for Project Identifier and Manager Keyword). The footer notes the website owner as the National Geodetic Survey and the last modified date by the OPUS-Projects Team.

OPUS-Projects gives users web-based access to simple management and processing tools for projects involving multiple sites and multiple occupations. The advantages of OPUS-Projects are:

- Data uploading through OPUS.
- Customizable data processing via the PAGES software suite.
- Visualization and management aids.

Sporadic outages or delays may occur from March 11 to March 23  
Sporadic outages or delays may occur while improvements are installed and tested. These improvements include minor processing changes, greater access to IGS08 & NAD 83 (2011), and bluebooking support. **OPUS-Projects Team.** (2012-03-12)

Create a new project.

**RESTRICTED** to trained project managers. If you have completed OPUS-Projects training, you are registered and may create a new project. All others, see the **Training Schedule**.

Configure, edit, and process individual network sessions.

**Project Identifier:**   
**Session Keyword:**   
**Your Email:**

Manage, edit, process, and publish the project.

**Project Identifier:**   
**Manager Keyword:**

Website Owner: National Geodetic Survey / Last modified by the OPUS-Projects Team

## VARYING LEVELS OF ACCESS





## OPUS - S

- DUAL FREQUENCY DATA
- $\geq 2, \leq 48$  HOURS DATA
- PAGES ENGINE
- OBS USED  $> 90\%$
- # FIXED AMB  $> 50\%$
- OVERALL RMS  $< 3$  cm
- PEAK TO PEAK  $< 5$  cm

## OPUS - DB

- OBS USED  $\geq 70\%$
- # FIXED AMB  $\geq 70\%$
- OVERALL RMS  $\leq 3$  cm
- PEAK TO PEAK  $\leq 4$  cm, 8 cm ellipsoid
- DESCRIPTION
- PICTURES

## OPUS - RS

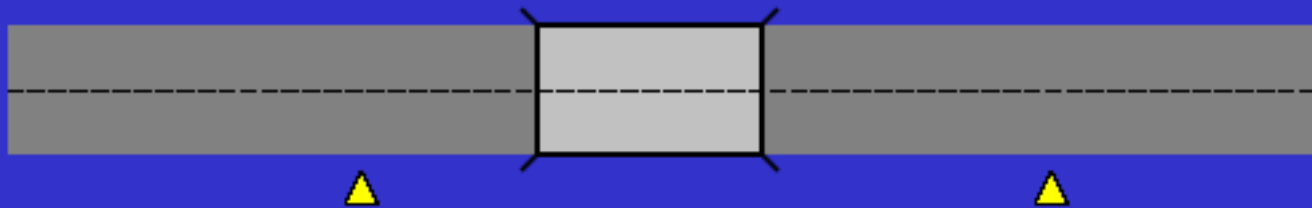
- DUAL FREQUENCY DATA
- $\geq 15$  MINUTES,  $\leq 2$  HOURS DATA
- RSGPS ENGINE
- $\geq 3, \leq 9$  CORS, 250 KM
- OBS USED  $> 50\%$
- QUALITY INDICATOR  $\geq 3$
- NORMALIZED RESIDUAL  $\approx 1$



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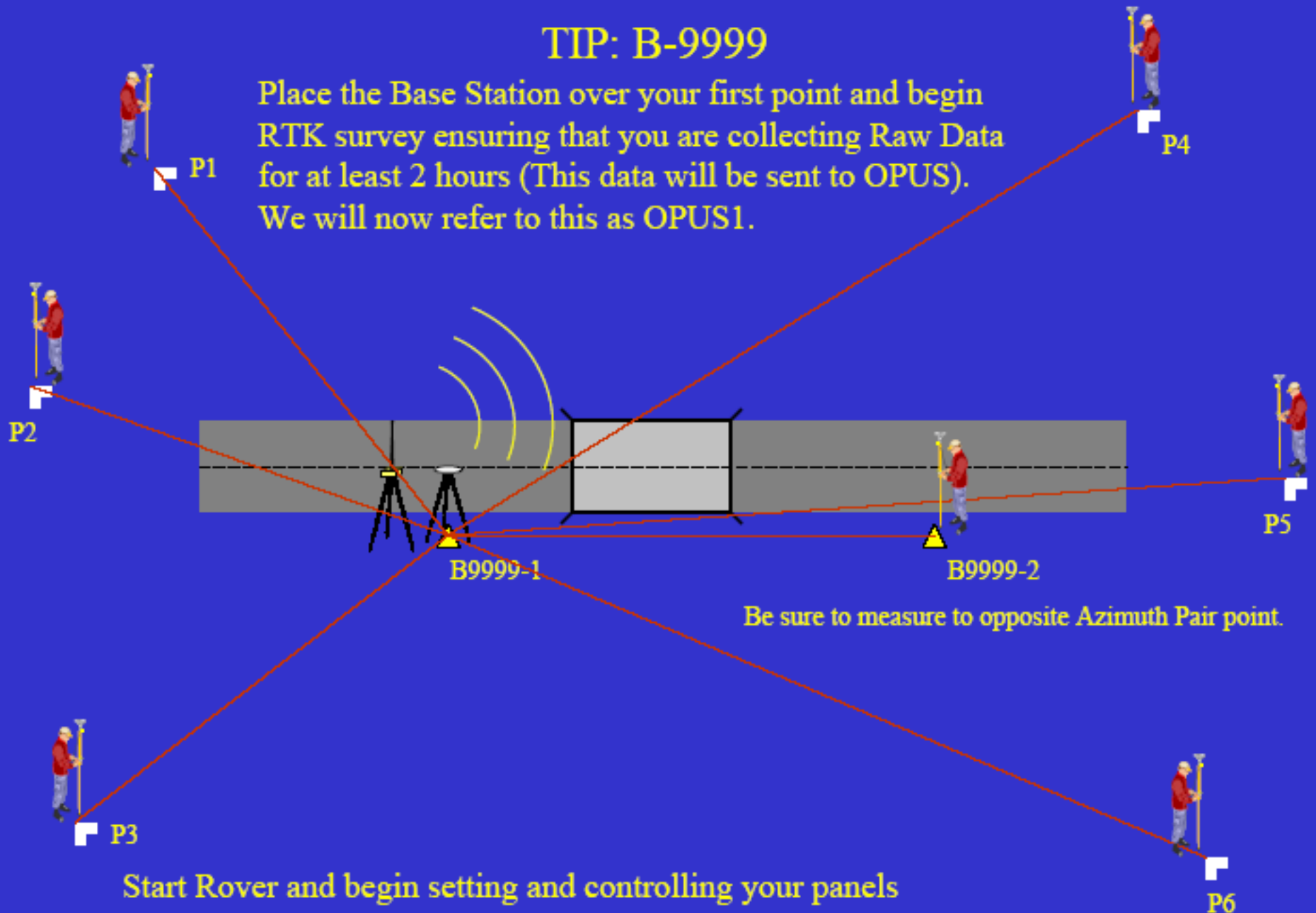
# USING OPUS-S OR OPUS -RS WITH REAL TIME POSITIONING FOR SMALL PROJECTS



On a typical Bridge job we set an azimuth pair and have approximately 6-7 panels to control. Following is an example of how we can effectively control this site with 2 receivers.

## TIP: B-9999

Place the Base Station over your first point and begin RTK survey ensuring that you are collecting Raw Data for at least 2 hours (This data will be sent to OPUS). We will now refer to this as OPUS1.

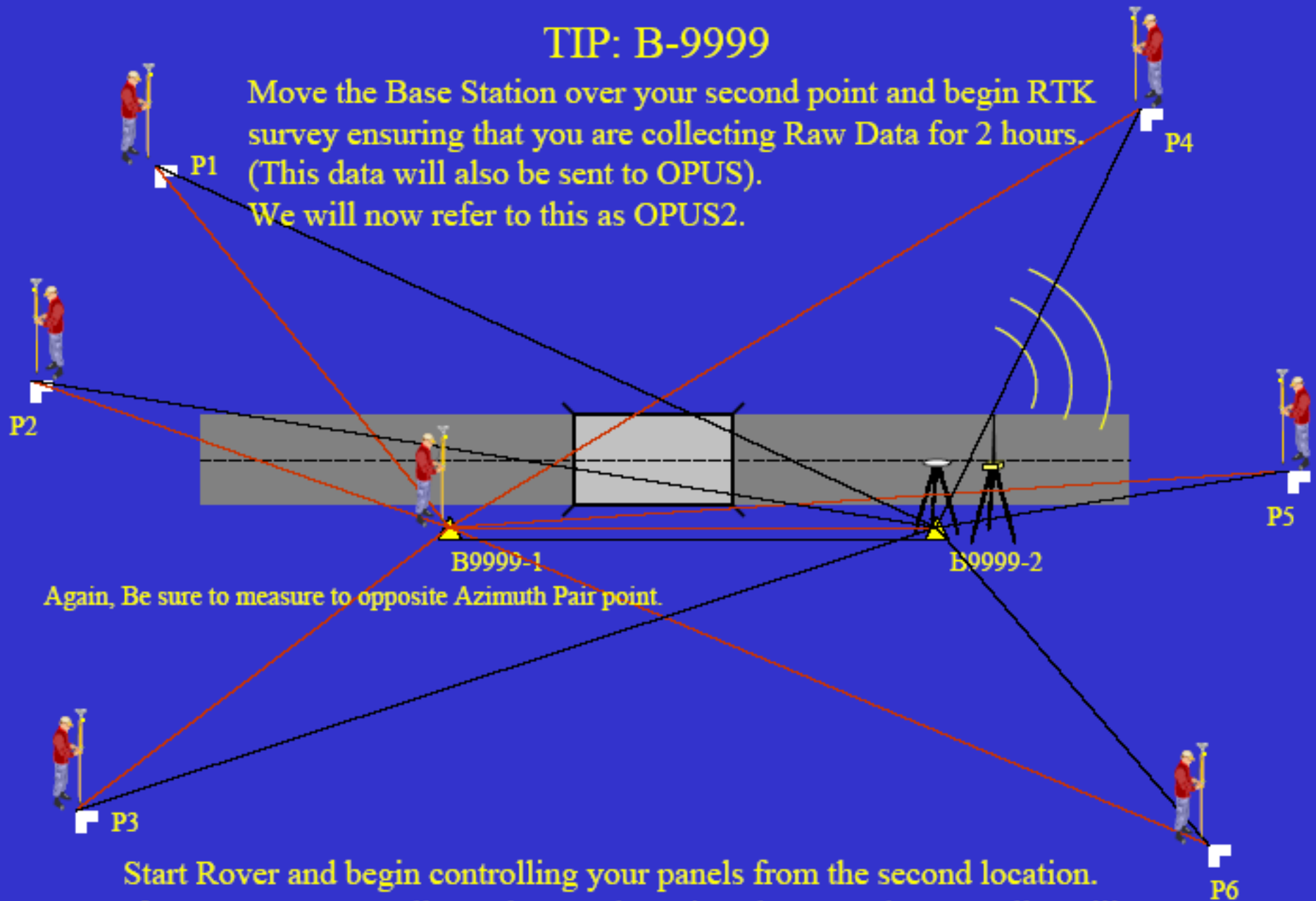


Be sure to measure to opposite Azimuth Pair point.

Start Rover and begin setting and controlling your panels

## TIP: B-9999

Move the Base Station over your second point and begin RTK survey ensuring that you are collecting Raw Data for 2 hours. (This data will also be sent to OPUS). We will now refer to this as OPUS2.



Again, Be sure to measure to opposite Azimuth Pair point.

Start Rover and begin controlling your panels from the second location. If you use one controller and name the points the same the controller will provide comparisons in the field.