



# OPUS Overview and Updates

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# What is OPUS

OPUS, the **On-line Positioning User Service**, is a growing set of applications offering web-based access to the tools and resources provided by the NGS.

- OPUS-S . . . . . static processing
- OPUS-DB. . . . . data base and publishing
- OPUS Projects... manage and process networks

Reviewing each of these individually...

# Overview

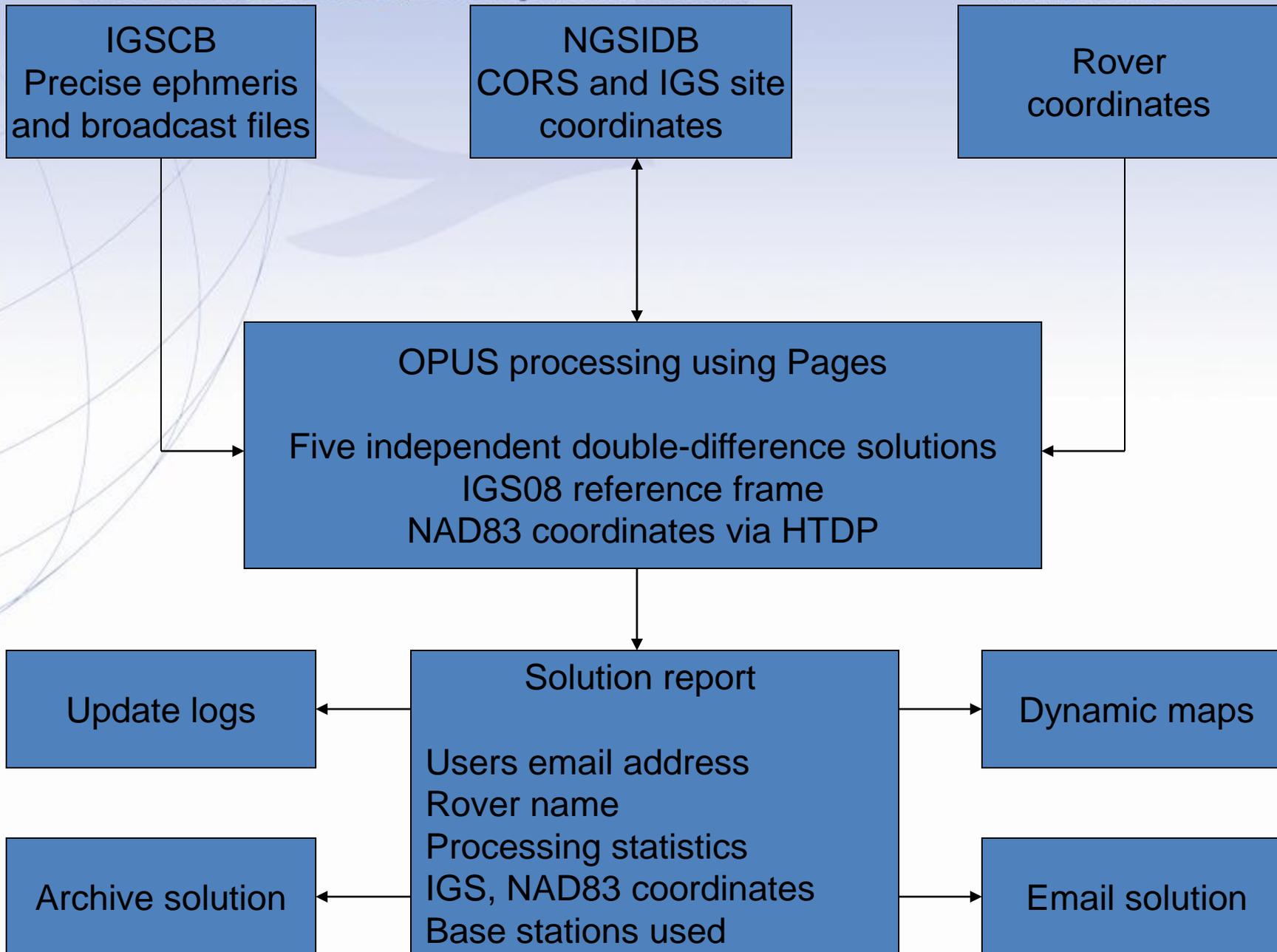
- Online Positioning User Service (OPUS) to:
  - Provide access to the US National Spatial Reference System (NSRS).
  - Provide accurate, reliable and consistent geodetic coordinates.
  - Provide coordinate accuracies to within a centimeter.
  - Provide GPS solutions in a timely fashion.

# OPUS-S Concepts

- Compute rover (user's receiver) location.
- Retrieve ancillary information.
  - Broadcast and precise ephemeris files from IGS Central Bureau.
  - CORS and IGS site coordinates from NGSIDB.
- Performs five independent double-difference solutions in the IGS08 reference frame.
- Compare and average the best three sets of results.

# OPUS-S Concepts

- Generate NAD83 coordinates using HTDP3.2
- Email solution to the user.
- Archive solution, update logs and plot rover position on dynamically generated maps.



# OPUS Coordinates

- IGS08 coordinates - at day of observation.
- NAD83 (2011) coordinates – epoch Jan 1, 2010
- UTM coordinates with appropriate zone.
- SPC - State plane coordinates.
- Orthometric heights – Geoid12A.

# Geodetic Standard Data

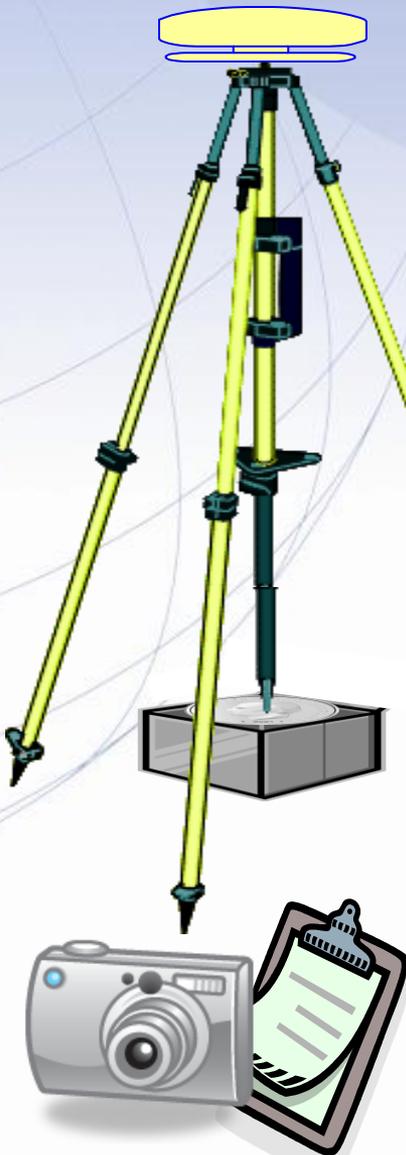
- IGS & NGS base stations & site information files
- IGS antenna calibrations & satellite orbits & reference frames
- UNAVCO's teqc converter
- PAGES baseline processor
- Geophysical models
- NGS geodetic toolkit

Online Positioning User Service

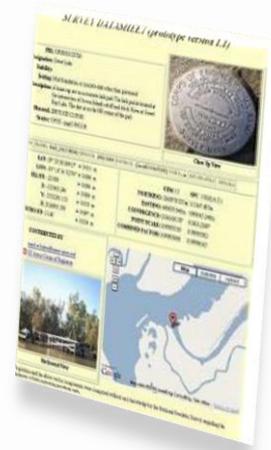
## OPUS-DB

[geodesy.noaa.gov/OPUS/](http://geodesy.noaa.gov/OPUS/)

JGE 2011v1



Options:  
Projects &  
Publishing



Mark Description

# Publishing OPUS Solutions

[Upload to OPUS](#) using options > publish

- 4+ hour GPS data file
  - Verify antenna type, height, and plumb, fixed height tripod recommended
  
- Permanent mark of public interest
  - Durable, stable setting with good satellite visibility
  - Description & photos to aid future recovery
  
- High-quality OPUS-S solution
  - $\geq 70\%$  observations used
  - $\geq 70\%$  ambiguities fixed
  - $\leq 3$  cm RMS
  - $\leq 4$  cm peak-to-peaks, lat. & lon.
  - $\leq 8$  cm peak-to-peak, ellipsoid height

# OPUS-DB Publishing vs Bluebooking

- Benefits
  - Fast, cheap, easy
  - Homogeneous, consistent, reliable
  - Maintained from RINEX data; can re-process
- Limitations
  - GPS data only
  - Tied to NSRS via CORS
  - No redundancy
  - Reduced oversight
  - Field logs not archived

PID: BBGD57

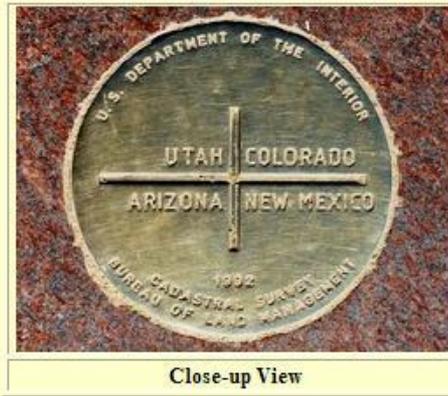
Designation: FOUR CORNERS 2010

Stamping: COLORADO UTAH ARIZONA NEW MEXICO 1992

Stability: Monument will probably hold position well

Setting: Mat foundation or concrete slab other than pavement

Description: THE STATION IS THE CENTER OF AN 8-INCH DIAMETER BRASS USDOI/BLM DISK MARKING THE POINT COMMON TO COLORADO, UTAH, ARIZONA, AND NEW MEXICO. IT IS LOCATED AT THE NAVAJO NATION'S FOUR CORNERS MONUMENT, MANAGED BY THE NAVAJO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, TEL: 928-871-6647. THE FOUR CORNERS MONUMENT INSTALLED IN 1992 (NGS PID: AD9256, NOW CONSIDERED DESTROYED) WAS REMOVED AND THE DISK RESET IN 2010 DURING RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MONUMENT AND VISITOR PLAZA. THE DISK WILL EVENTUALLY BE STAMPED "2010."



Close-up View

Observed: 2010-07-07T22:39:00Z

Source: OPUS - page5 1009.28

REF_FRAME: NAD_83 (CORS96)	EPOCH: 2002.0000	SOURCE: NAVD88 (Computed using GEOID09)	UNITS: m	SET PROFILE	DETAILS
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LAT: 36° 59' 56.31568" ± 0.027 m  
 LON: -109° 2' 42.62051" ± 0.011 m  
 ELL HT: 1460.802 ± 0.003 m  
 X: -1664599.638 ± 0.015 m  
 Y: -4821995.076 ± 0.009 m  
 Z: 3818181.565 ± 0.023 m  
 ORTHO HT: 1481.544 ± 0.016 m

UTM 12 SPC 3003(NM W )  
 NORTHING: 4096544.982m 666054.142m  
 EASTING: 673944.597m 722137.487m  
 CONVERGENCE: 1.17671173° -0.72935591°  
 POINT SCALE: 0.99997275 1.00005994  
 COMBINED FACTOR: 0.99974356 0.99983074

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Horizon View

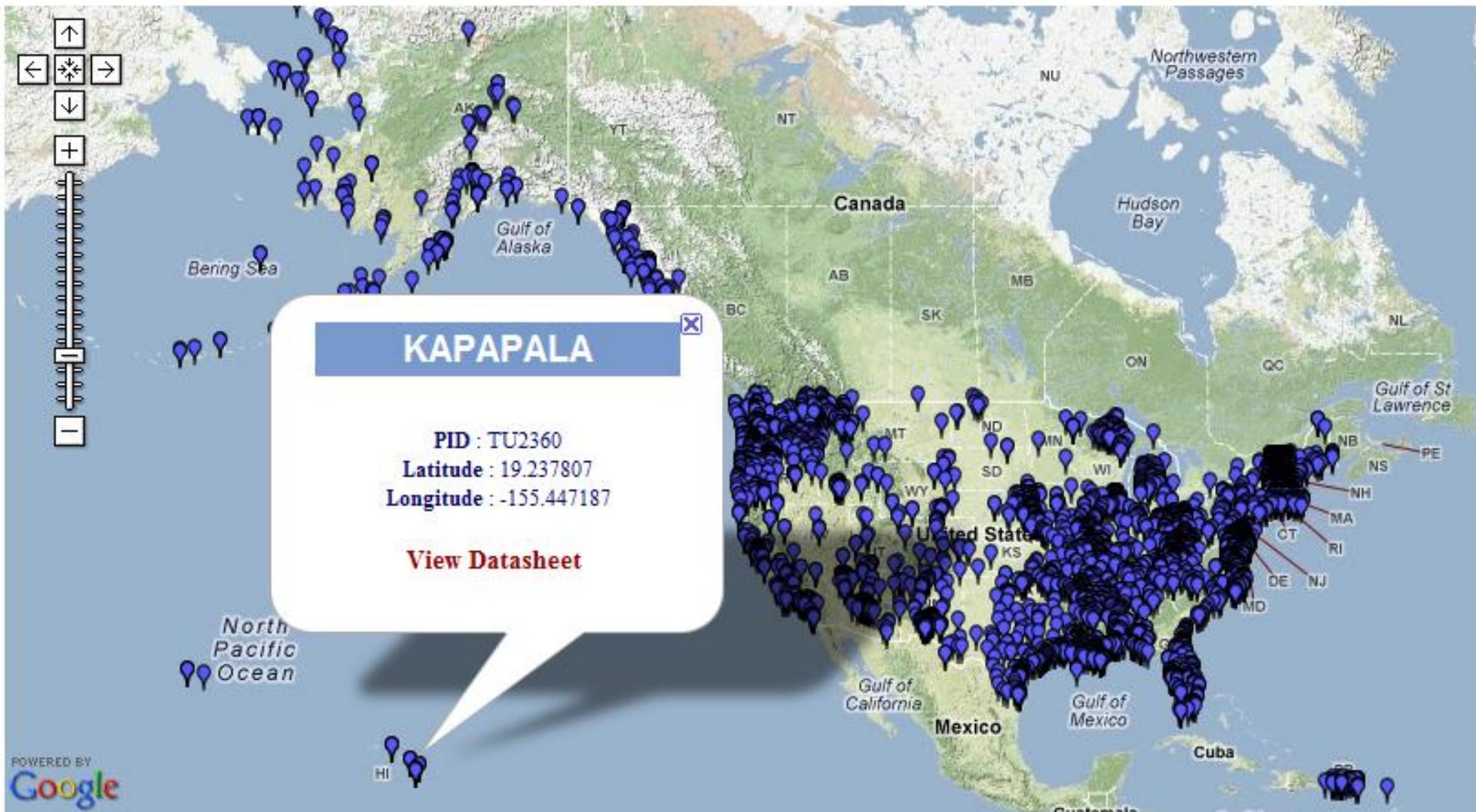


Publishing Criteria:

- NGS-calibrated GPS antenna
- > 4 hour data span
- > 70% observations used
- > 70% fixed ambiguities
- < 0.04m H peak-to-peak
- < 0.08m V peak-to-peak

# OPUS-DB - Published Solutions

Browse map to locate and access datasheets



# OPUS Projects

- A Little OPUS-Projects History.
- What Is OPUS-Projects?
- The OPUS-Projects Interface.
- How Good Can I Do With OPUS-Projects?

# OPUS Projects - History

The success of OPUS clearly demonstrated the value of web-based tools for some activities. This begged the question, could a web-based utility be made for a more complex task such as an airport or height modernization survey?

In these cases, one or more survey crews would be occupying one or more marks over several hours or days in a manner consistent with predefined project specifications.

# OPUS Projects - History

The “wish list” for such a web-based utility included:

- Visualize and organize multiple, related data submissions.
- Process all or subsets of the data according to user specifications.
- Offer the results in useful forms and formats.
- Do all this as simply as possible.

# OPUS Projects - History

But do we really need another OPUS flavor?

The practical answer is probably yes.

The NGS and other groups have a history of project's whose specifications can't be entirely supported by OPUS.

The academic answer is probably yes.

As good as OPUS does, and that is very good, sacrificing simplicity for flexibility can improve results - at least in some cases.

# What Is OPUS Projects

OPUS-Projects gives users web-based access to simple visualization, management and processing tools for multiple sites and multiple occupations.

These tools include:

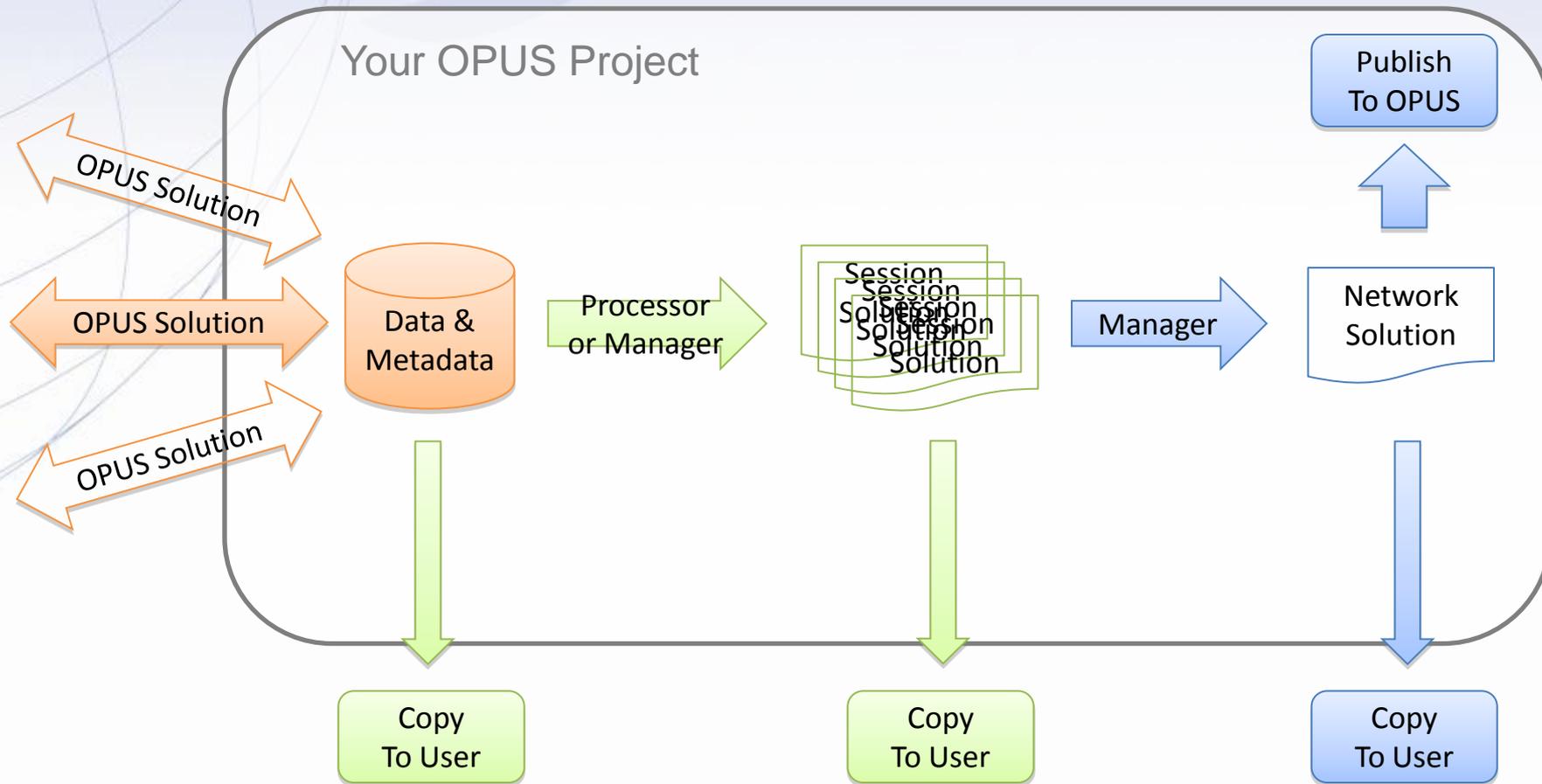
- The advantages of data uploading through OPUS.
- Data visualization and management aids.
- Enhanced data processing using the PAGES suite.
- Solution visualization aids.
- [Seamless connectivity with other OPUS tools.](#)

# What Is OPUS Projects

OPUS-Projects exists in a hierarchical structure

1. Create . . . . . creates a project.
2. Upload . . . . . data submission.
3. Session . . . . . session review & processing.
4. Manage . . . . . network adjustments.
5. OPUS-Projects czar for general support.

# What Is OPUS Projects



# OPUS Projects Interface

It's probably easier to show the interface than describe it, so let's walk through some of the basic steps in creating and reviewing a project.

Please be aware ...

OPUS-Projects is actively being developed. The information shown here reflects many, but not all of the recent and pending changes.





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- Customizable data processing via the PAGES software suite.
- Visualization and management aids.

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:**

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### Create Project

**\* Email address**   
Refers to Project Manager who must be registered with OPUS-Projects

**\* Project title**

**\* Project type**  HtMod  FAA  Other

**\* Approx. location** Latitude: :mm and Longitude: :mm

**\* Anticipated start**

**\* Approx. size** Stations:    and Duration:    days

\* required fields

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You'll be taken to the project creation and registration page where you'll enter your email, a title for, the type of, the approximate location of, start date for and size of your project.

## Your Project Was Successfully Created

### Your New Project Was Successfully Created

**Title:** mss 2010-11-24

#### Project Manager

**Email:** mark.schenewerk@noaa.com

#### Project Keywords

**Project ID:** HRDB86FC

Used to submit data to this project.

**Manager Keyword:** FF5D3ZMU

Provides access to project management functions.

**Session Keyword:** D\_S5VK68

Provides access to process individual project sessions.

#### Reminders

These keywords were also emailed to you.

Be sure to save these keywords.

Keywords may be changed at the Project **manager's page**.

Use the OPUS Projects link on the **OPUS page** to access your Project.

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After a moment, the introduction to your newly created project is displayed. You'll also receive an email with this information.

# Uploading Data to a Project

The second step is to “Upload” data files to your project.

At this time, this is done through OPUS-S implying the same restrictions:

- Your data must be dual frequency pseudorange and phase P1 (or C1), P2, L1 and L2.
- A minimum 2-hours data span for each submission.
- A collection rate of 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15 or 30 seconds.

# View and Process a Session

OPUS-Projects groups the data into *sessions*.

Sessions are groups of site occupations that overlap significantly in time. Note that

- a site may appear in more than one session.
- as new data are submitted, the definitions of the sessions may change.

Now that some data has been submitted to the project, processing can begin.

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**Session Keyword:**

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This time we'll enter through the Session login on the OPUS-Projects gateway page.



### OPUS Projects BETA - "Training data set 1"

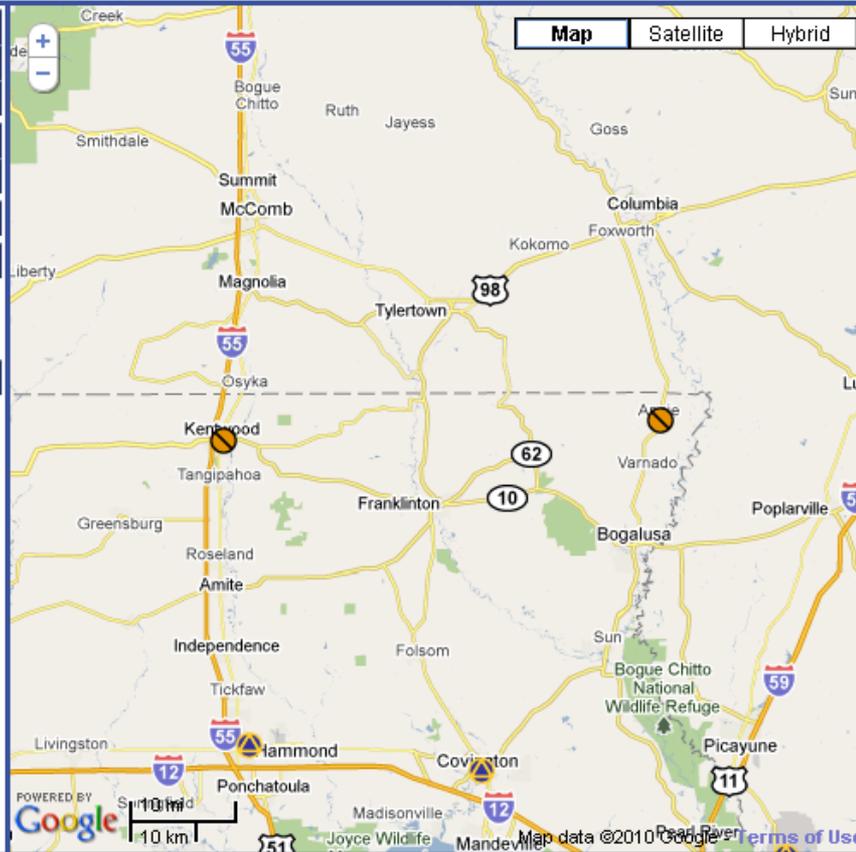
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Session : 2008-274-A Results From : OPUS

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- Center All Sites
- Email
- Show A File
- 2126
- 2126274w.06a
- Process



- MARK**
- 2126
  - 2137

- CORS**
- covg
  - hamm
  - msht
  - ndbc

MARK	ANTENNA	ARP (m)	EPH	OBS (%)	FIXED (%)	RMS (m)	LAT (m)	LON (m)	HGT (m)	UPLOADED (UTC)	OBSERVER
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**Session :** 2006-274-A **Results Fr**

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National Geodetic Survey - OPUS Projects BETA - Process Session - Mozilla Firefox

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http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/OPUS/templates/OpusProjectsProcess.html

## Process Session

Name: 2006-274A from 2006-10-01T20:01:30 GPST to 2006-10-02T01:59:30 GPST

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2126	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	NONE	EL HGT 13.986	N30:58:00.80011	W089:48:34.33127	IT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2137	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	NONE	EL HGT 33.182	N30:56:11.58187	W090:30:25.29780	IT
CORS	HUB	CONSTRAINT	HEIGHT (m)	LATITUDE (° ' ")	LONGITUDE (° ' ")	IT
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**Processing Options**

Reference Frame: NAD\_83(CORS96) ▾

Geoid Model: USGG2009 ▾

GNSS: G (GPS-only) ▾

Tropo Model: Piece-wise, Linear ▾

Tropo Interval (s): 7200

Elevation Cutoff (\*): 15.0

Constraints:  Loose  Normal  Tight

Network Design:  USER  CORS  MST  TRI

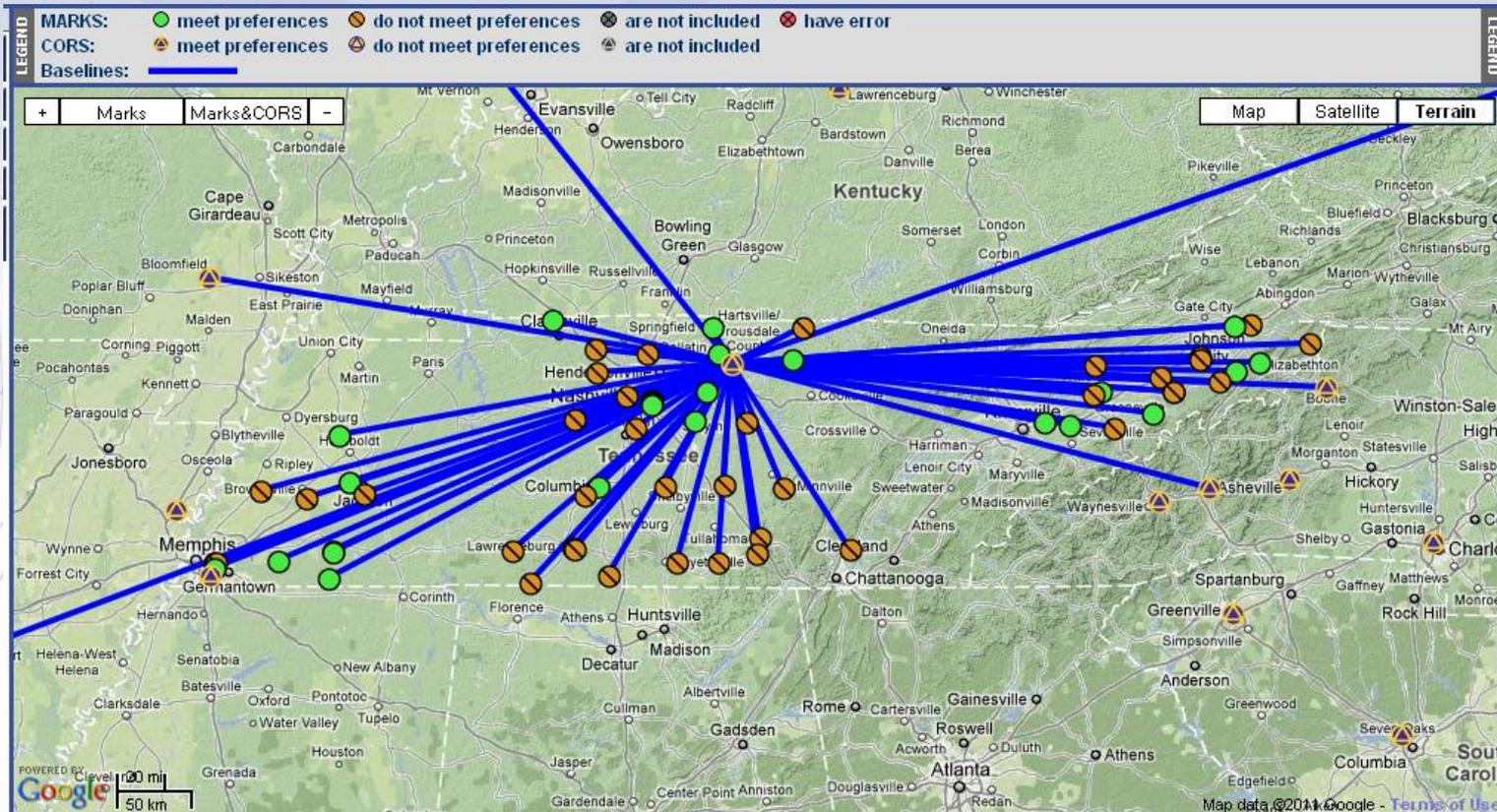
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# Processing Strategy



## Single 24hr Hub station

- Is connected to each IGS station
- Gets placed accurately in IGS frame
- Provides consistent reference for each remote station
- Is suitable for projects up to several hundred km with > 2-4hr of data
- Tightly constrain IGS, loosely constrain hub

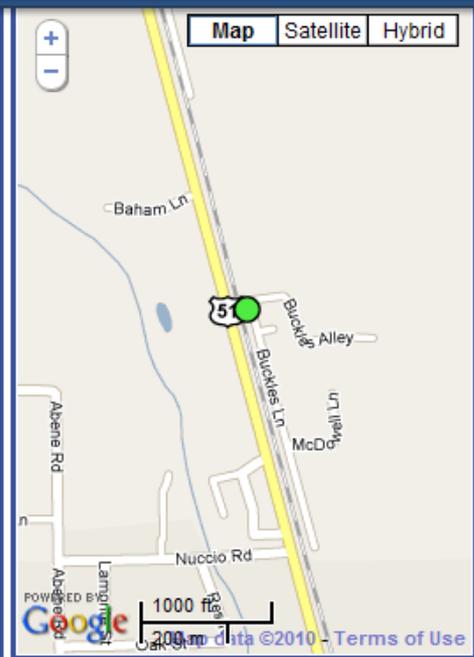
# Below the summary by occupation are the coordinate and status summary tables.

Coordinate Source: network-final

<b>REF FRAME:</b> ITRF2000 (2006.7552)	<b>NAD_83(CORS96) (2002.0000)</b>
<b>LAT:</b> N30:35:23.60927 ±0.001 m	N30:35:23.59010 ±0.001 m
<b>EAST LON:</b> E269:30:47.26256 ±0.001 m	E269:30:47.28806 ±0.001 m
<b>WEST LON:</b> W090:29:12.73744 ±0.001 m	W090:29:12.71194 ±0.001 m
<b>EL HGT:</b> -8.792 ±0.007 m	-7.421 ±0.007 m
<b>X:</b> -46695.480 m ±0.000 m	-46694.813 m ±0.000 m
<b>Y:</b> -5495062.789 m ±0.001 m	-5495064.275 m ±0.001 m
<b>Z:</b> 3226832.681 m ±0.001 m	3226832.871 m ±0.001 m

**ORTHO HGT:** 19.491 m ±0.013 m [USGG2009]

<b>COORDINATE SYSTEM:</b> SPC 1702 LA S	<b>UTM 15</b>
<b>NORTHING:</b> 231955.817 m	3386842.986 m
<b>EASTING:</b> 1081182.799 m	740977.296 m
<b>CONVERGENCE:</b> 0.42324519°	1.27952542°
<b>POINT SCALE:</b> 0.99997843	1.00031642
<b>COMBINED FACTOR:</b> 0.99997960	1.00031759
<b>U.S. NATIONAL GRID:</b> 15RYP4097786843(NAD 83)	



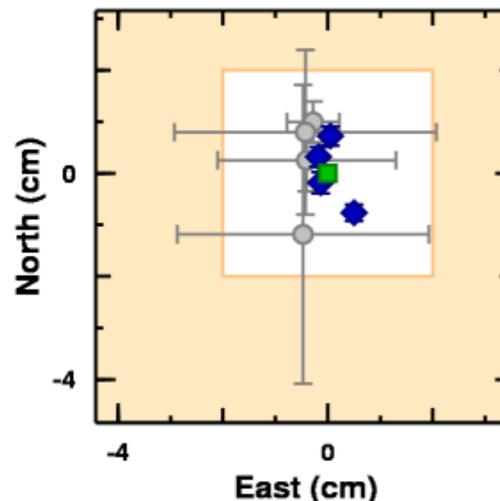
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2123276s.06o	TRM55971.00 NONE	2.000	precise	93.9	92.2	-	0.001	0.001	0.007	network-final
2123277g.06o	TRM55971.00 NONE	2.000	precise	93.9	92.2	-	0.001	0.001	0.007	network-final
<b>Preferences</b>			<b>BEST AVAILABLE</b>	≥80.0	≥80.0	≤0.025	≤0.020	≤0.020	≤0.040	<b>Preferences</b>

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**Plotted Solution Results From All Sources**

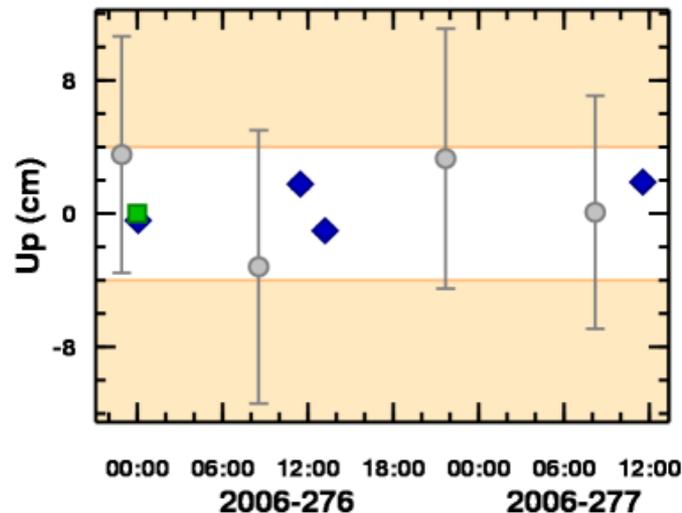
NETWORK SOLUTION	EAST (cm)	NORTH (cm)
network-final	0.0 ±0.0	0.0 ±0.1
SESSION SOLUTION	EAST (cm)	NORTH (cm)
2006-275-B	0.5 ±0.0	-0.8 ±0.2
2006-276-A	-0.1 ±0.0	-0.2 ±0.2
2006-276-B	0.0 ±0.0	0.7 ±0.2
2006-277-A	-0.2 ±0.0	0.3 ±0.2
OPUS SOLUTION	EAST (cm)	NORTH (cm)
2123275u.06o	-0.3 ±0.5	1.0 ±0.4
2123276g.06o	-0.4 ±2.5	0.8 ±1.6
2123276s.06o	-0.5 ±2.4	-1.2 ±2.9
2123277g.06o	-0.4 ±1.7	0.3 ±0.6

The (0, 0) point represents W90:29:12.737 by N30:35:23.609.



NETWORK SOLUTION	EPOCH	UP (cm)
network-final	2006-10-02T23:59:45 GPST	0.0 ±0.1
SESSION SOLUTION	EPOCH	UP (cm)
2006-275-B	2006-10-03T00:03:57 GPST	-0.4 ±0.2
2006-276-A	2006-10-03T11:27:49 GPST	1.8 ±0.3
2006-276-B	2006-10-03T13:12:34 GPST	-1.0 ±0.2
2006-277-A	2006-10-04T11:32:25 GPST	1.9 ±0.2
OPUS SOLUTION	EPOCH	UP (cm)
2123275u.06o	2006-10-02T22:54:28 GPST	3.5 ±7.1
2123276g.06o	2006-10-03T08:32:38 GPST	-3.2 ±8.2
2123276s.06o	2006-10-03T21:41:02 GPST	3.3 ±7.8
2123277g.06o	2006-10-04T08:11:45 GPST	0.1 ±7.0

The UP 0 point represents -8.79205 m.



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**Announcements**

- NGS Releases Beta LOCUS for User Service, LOCUS, for a 90-day trial. March 2012, NGS is requesting their leveling projects with LOCUS... [more](#)
- NGS Announces New Photo Stationing Service. <http://geodesy.noaa.gov/web/stationing>
- NGS Releases Final Report for the 1983 (NAD 83) and the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83). NGS is interacting closely with the geodesy community in the transition to the new datum. [more](#)
- Notice: Planned Updates to NGS Datasheet Format. In response to stakeholder and NGS staff concerns, NGS has developed several modifications to the format of the NGS datasheet—the primary method for accessing the passive control network of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS)... [more](#)
- Trial Version of the New NOAA Shoreline Data Explorer Available: [http://beta.ngs.noaa.gov/shoreline\\_raster](http://beta.ngs.noaa.gov/shoreline_raster)
- 2010 Federal Geospatial Summit Proceedings on Improvements to the National Spatial Reference System available: <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/2010Summit/proceedings.shtml>
- A 2009 independent study shows the benefits to the U.S. economy from NOAA's positioning products and services are in the billions of dollars. Click [here](#) for a one page overview of the study. Click [here](#) for a copy of the full report

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- 01/12/2012 - Federal Geodetic Control Subcommittee Meeting Updates Users on NGS Products and Services

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