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# CORS, OPUS, and Reprocessing status

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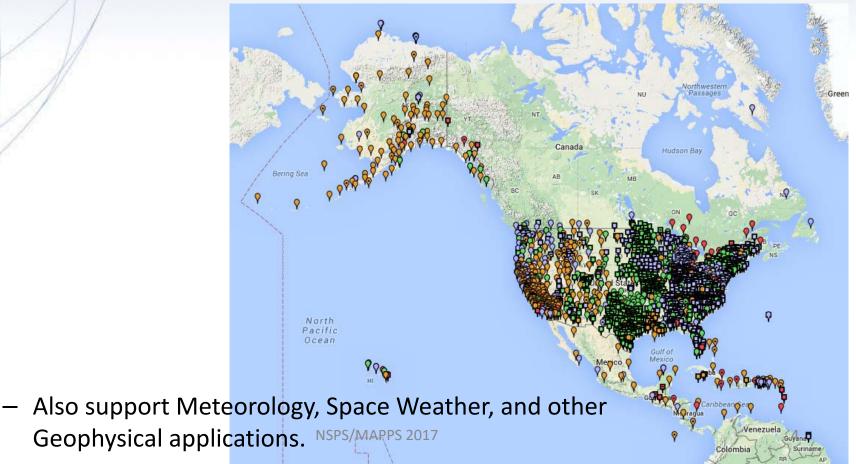
- National Spatial Reference System
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- Accessing the NSRS using OPUS
- Why Reprocessing?
- Future of CORS

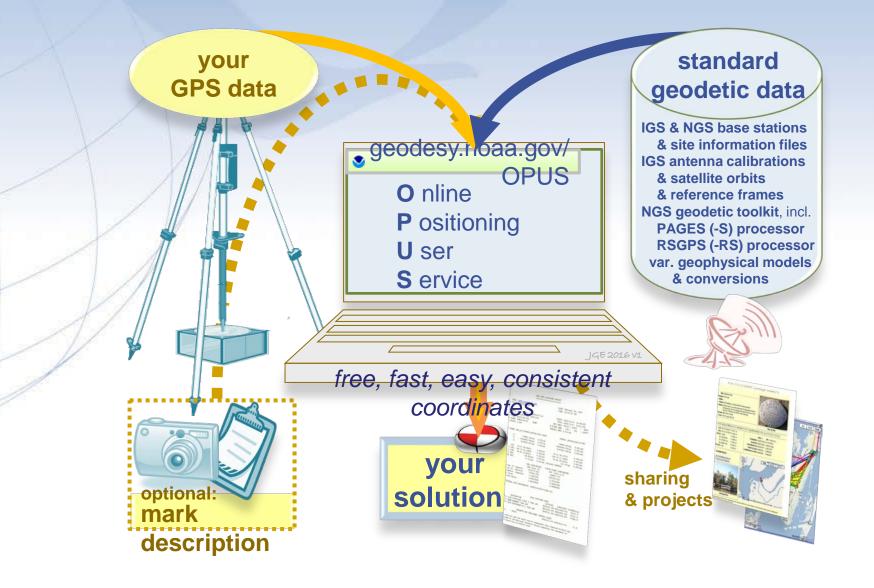
# National Spatial Reference System

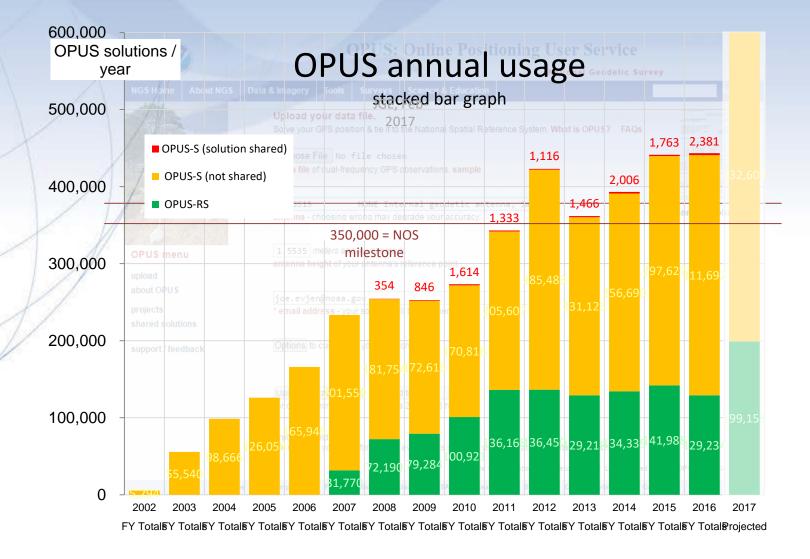
- NOAA's National Geodetic Survey (NGS) defines, maintains, and provides access to the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS)
  - Consistent coordinate system that defines latitude, longitude, height, scale, gravity, and orientation throughout the United States
  - Continuously Operating Reference Stations
    - Maintains and monitors 3-dimensional coordinates of the ground stations and GPS orbits to provide direct access to NSRS

# U.S. CORS Network

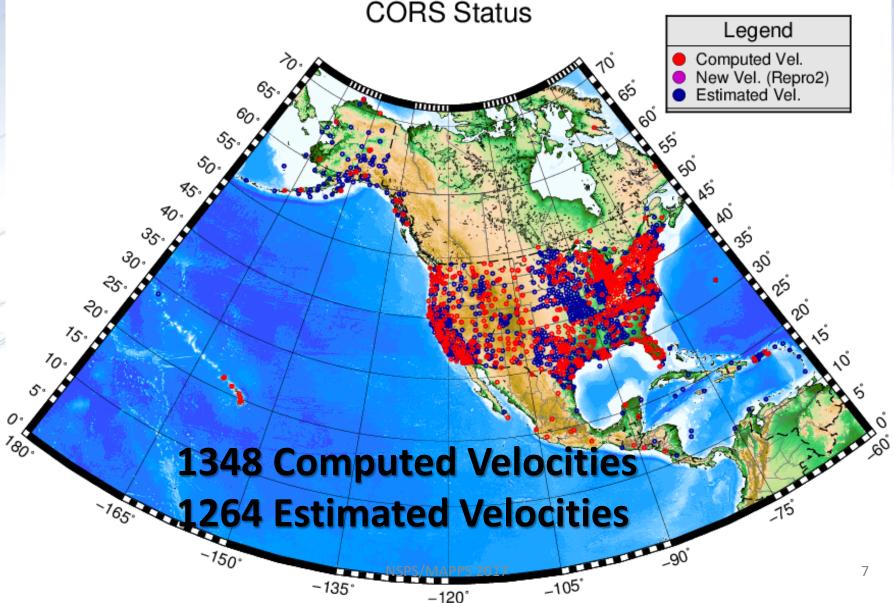
- ~2000 Continuously Operating Reference Stations
  - Run by various agencies and research groups
  - Provide access to the U.S. National Spatial Reference System







# Current CORS stations



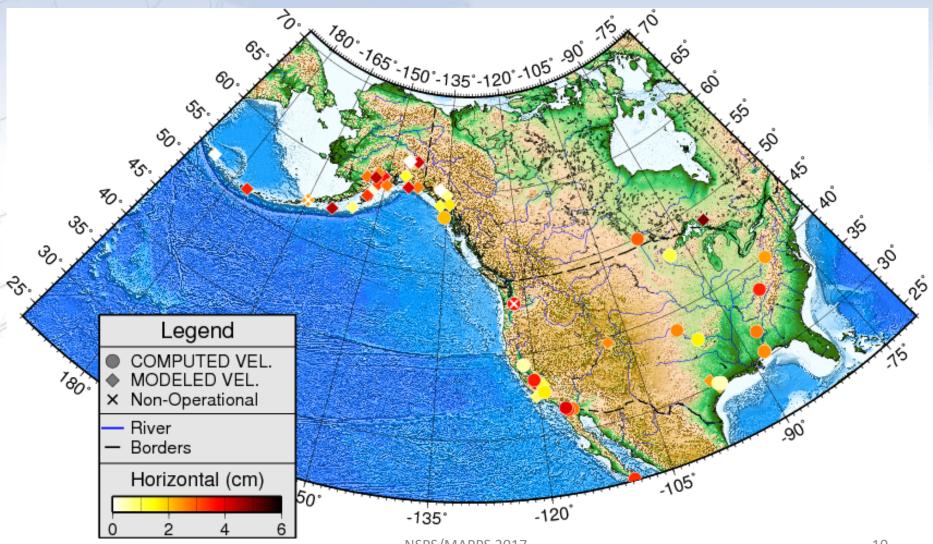
# Reprocessing Campaigns

- Why reprocessing?
  - Consistent use of up-to-date geophysical models (IERS convention)
    - Consistent processing strategies
    - Linearize plate rotation velocities
  - Refine station velocities by accommodating earthquakes and equipment changes (discontinuities)
  - Realign to the updated ITRF.
    - ITRF2014 and corresponding IGS14 has been released.

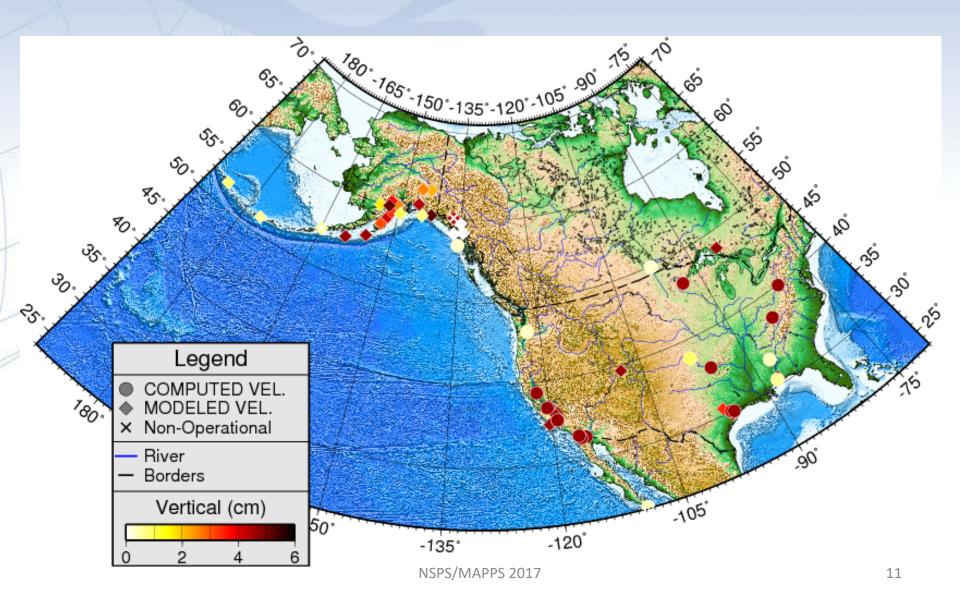
# Out-of-Tolerance CORS coordinates

- Stations outside of 2/4 cm (H/V) threshold
  - Excluded in the OPUS processing
- Sept 19 2013 Mar 19, 2016 (2.5 years)
  - 24 Repro1 stations
  - 43 Modeled velocity stations (horizontal model only)
  - Geophysically active area
    - Alaska, California
  - Short data span
  - Subsidence area
  - ~900 new CORS stations since Repro1

### **Out-of-Tolerance CORS coordinates**



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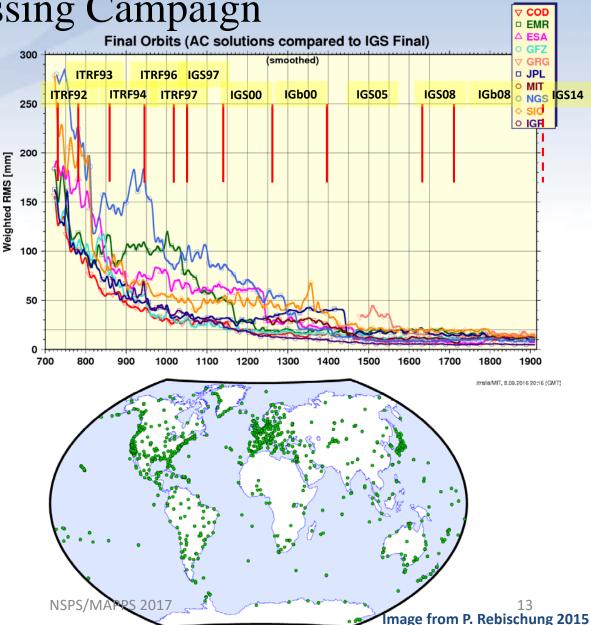


# **IGS Reprocessing Recommendations**

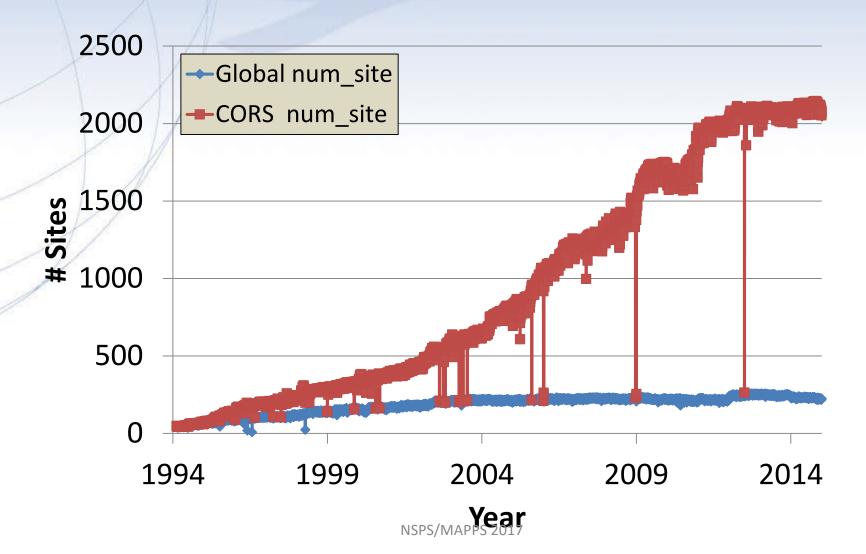
		1 <sup>st</sup> Reprocessing	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reprocessing
	Duration	1994 - 2007	1994 - 2014
~	Reference Frame	IGS05 (aligned to ITRF2005)	IGb08 (aligned to ITRF2008)
	IERS Convention	IERS 2003	IERS 2010
×	Geopotential Field	EGM96	<ul> <li>EGM2008</li> <li>time-variations of low-degree coefficients</li> <li>mean pole trajectory model</li> </ul>
1	Antenna calibration	IGS05 ANTEX (absolute calibration)	IGS08 ANTEX (absolute calibration)
	Tropospheric delay model	GPT / GMF	GPT2 / VMF1_HT
	Higher order Ionosphere	Not applied	IERS 2010 & IGRF11 (2 <sup>nd</sup> order)
	Ocean Pole Tide (Station Displ.)	Not applied	IERS 2010
	Orbit Dynamics	No Earth Albedo model NSPS/MAPPS 2017	Earth Albedo model [1][2][3] Block specific SV thrusting (ERPFBOXW.f)

# NGS 2<sup>nd</sup> Reprocessing Campaign

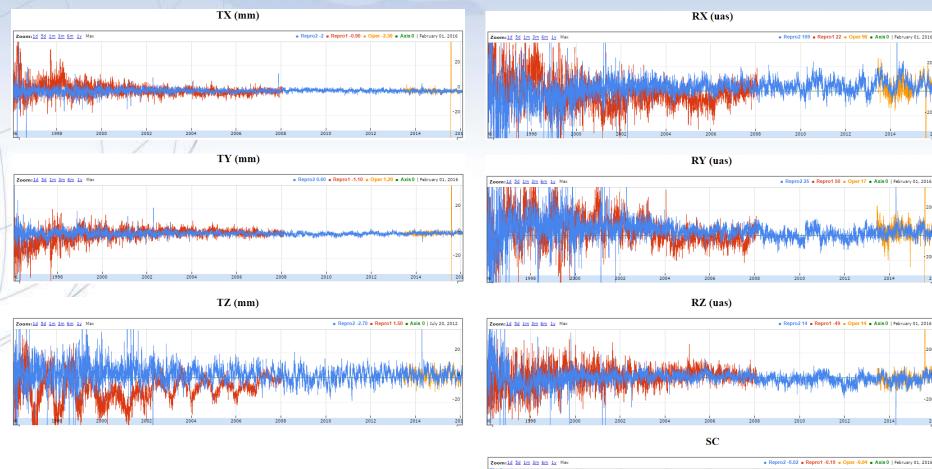
- NGS' Orbit product quality has been very stable in recent years,
- IGS Repro2 is completed and ITRF2014 was released in Jan. 2016
  - Periodic Signal models
  - Post-Seismic
     Deformation models
- IGS14 orbit/clock has been started since Jan 29, 2017



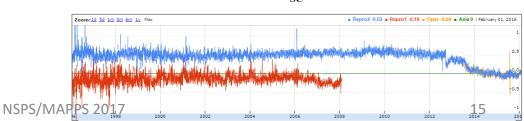
# NGS 2<sup>nd</sup> Reprocessing Campaign



# NGS 2<sup>nd</sup> Reprocessing Preliminary Orbit Quality



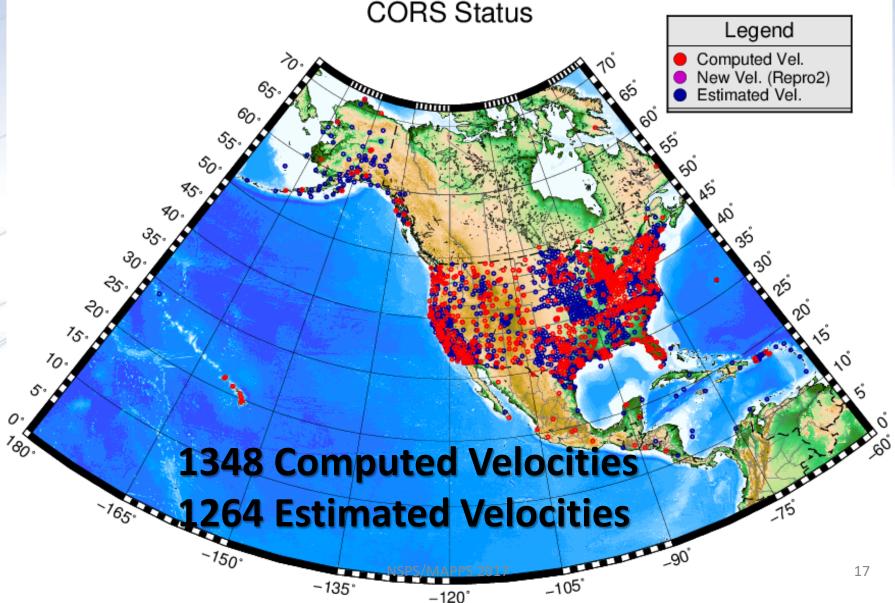
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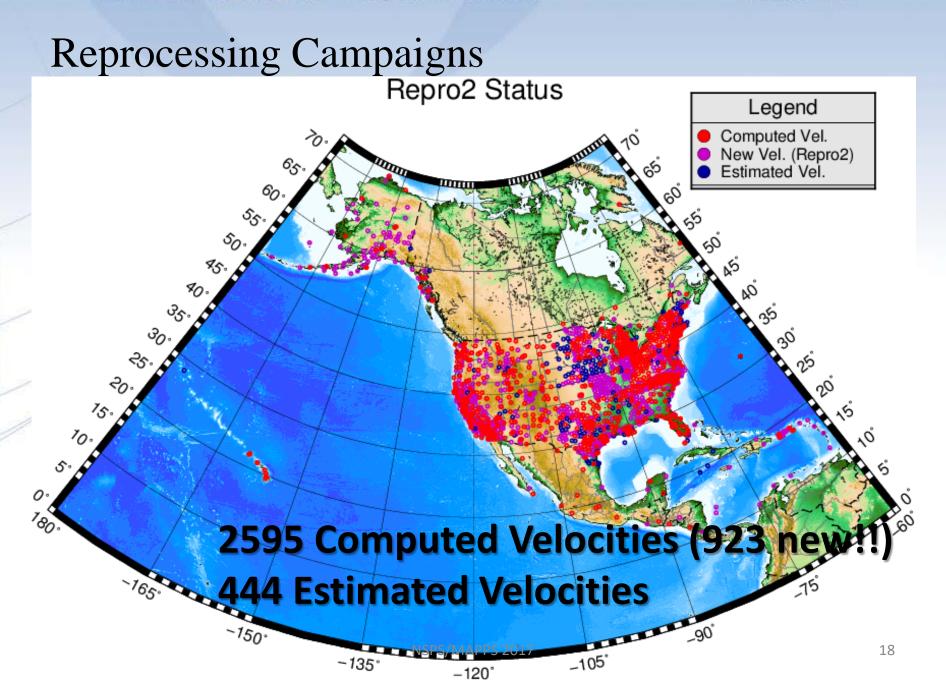


# SUMMARY: NGS 2<sup>nd</sup> Reprocessing

- Catching up the international standards
   ITRF2014 and IGS14
- Utilized the new Cloud computing environment
  - Faster distributed processes
- 22 years of data (1994-2015)
- Follow the Repro1 processing strategies with updated models.
- As of March 1, 2017, discontinuity detection by stacking using CATREF 3<sup>rd</sup> iteration.
- Found some issues in some areas  $\rightarrow$  we will fix it!

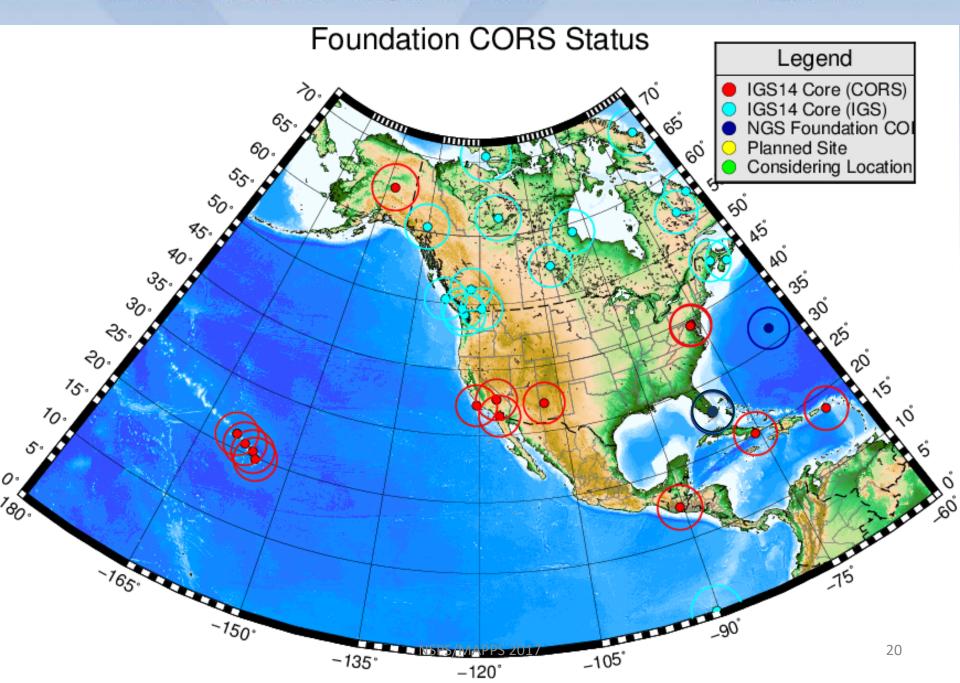
# Current CORS stations

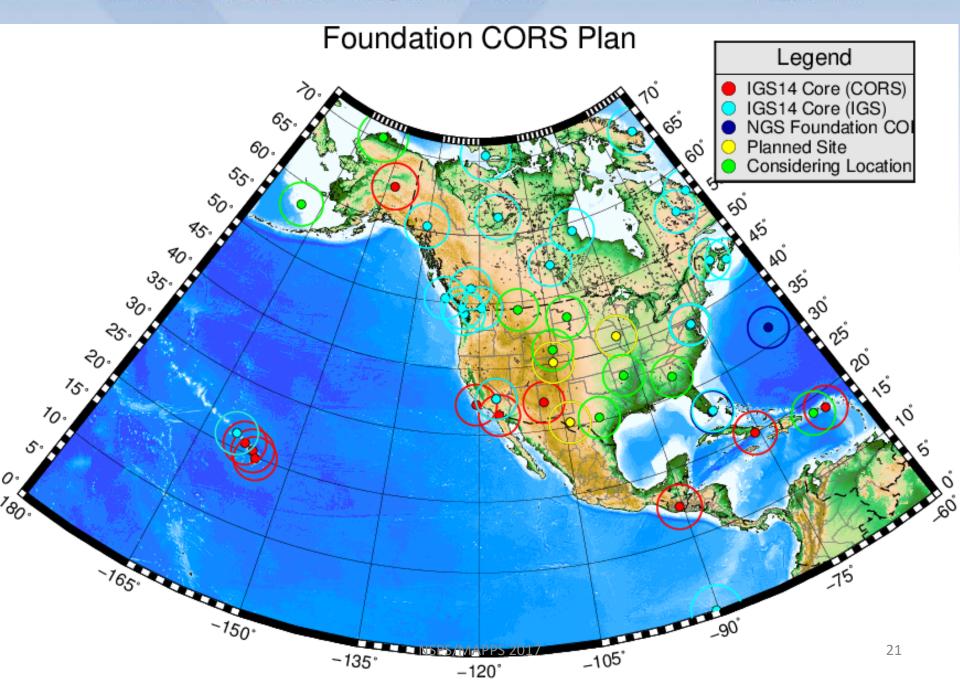




# Future Plans: Foundation CORS

- CORS rely heavily on the partners.
  - NGS owns only ~40 stations
- Contribute more on the IGS Reference Frame Stations
  - Sites collocated with other techniques: VLBI,
     SLR, DORIS
  - Locations with existing geophysical observatories (gravity, seismic, atmospheric)
  - Adopt some/build others to cover geographically deficient areas.





# Summary and Conclusion

- Uncertainty of the velocity model, Earthquakes, and other regional deformations cause discrepancies in the propagated coordinates.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> reprocessing at NGS of global and U.S. CORS GPS data collected since 1994 is being processed with IGS08 Frame.
- Next step: Finalize discontinuity detection and align to IGS14 for the CORS stations once its ready
- On-going discussion with Canada and Mexico for the next NAREF definition

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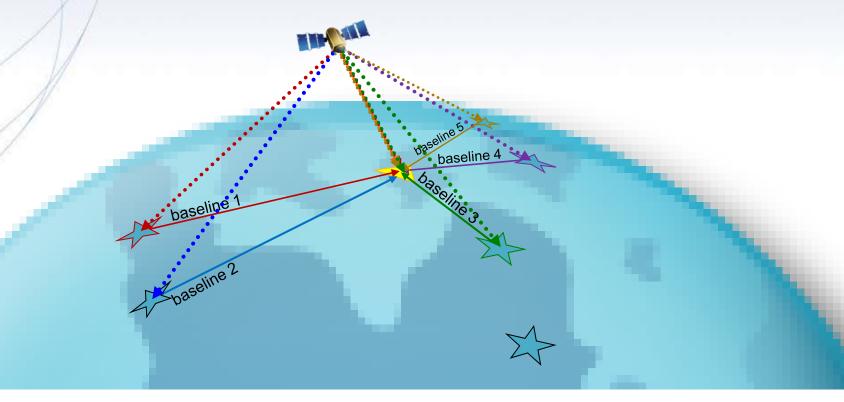
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# Thank you!

# Backup slides

Static: OPUS determines your position with a differential GPS static solution, using hours of data.

This process is repeated 4x from other CORS.



Rapid-static: OPUS first creates an atmospheric delay model from surrounding CORS data.

Your position is then quickly determined by differential GPS static solution.

#### Shared solutions: describe the mark to share it.



Located in the SW corner of a 2 ft square concrete pad projecting 0.3 ft above ground, 3.3 ft S from S edge of sidewalk ...



#### requires 4+ hours on a permanent mark of public interest



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OPUS-projects: first, run OPUS to harvest all project data

PUS automatically forms sessions from simultaneously bserved marks, enabling multi-baseline processing and distment of redundant observations.

Review and Share

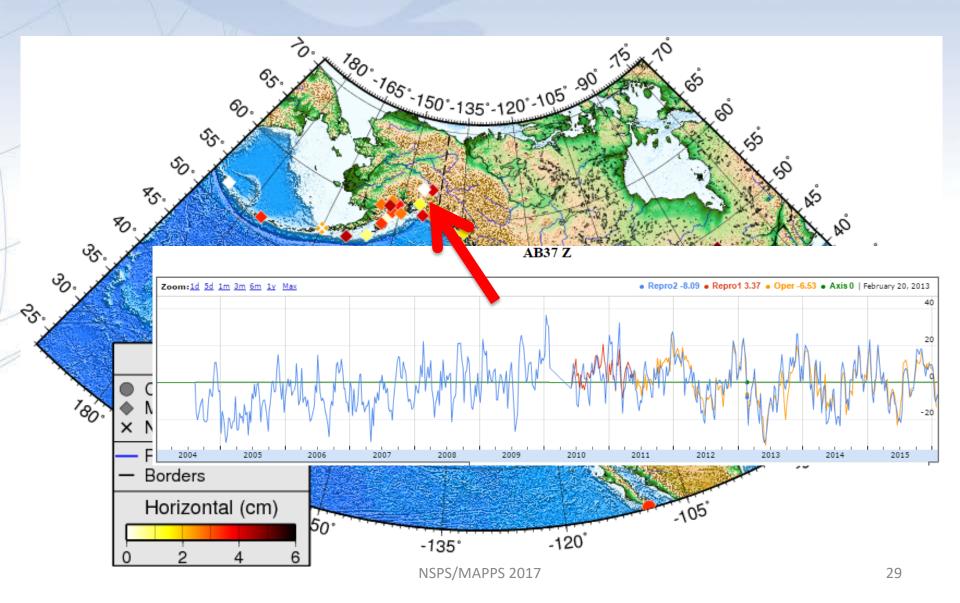
Bluebooking via OPUS projects is expected in 2017.

Improved solutions for simultaneous or repeated observations harvest data from multiple observers

share upload & processing tasks publ customize your processing using PAGES

simple data quality analysis improve survey accuracy constrain to local networks publishing support (limited)

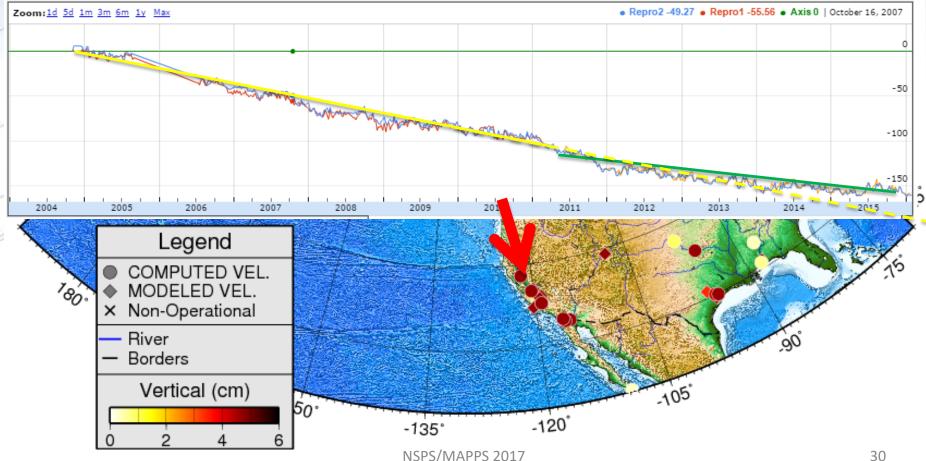
### Out-of-Spec CORS coordinates (AB37)



### Out-of-Tolerance CORS coordinates (P304)

20. 180.





P304 X

### Out-of-Tolerance CORS coordinates (ASPA)

#### ASPA X

