

GGOS Bureau of Networks and Observations

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GGOS Organization





- Advocate for the expansion and upgrade of the space geodesy network for the maintenance and improvement of the reference frame and other GGOS priorities; encourage partnerships to build and upgrade ground stations;
- Organize a GGOS Affiliated Network through a CfP;
- Provide the opportunity for representatives from the Services and the Standing Committees to meet and share progress and plans; discuss issues of common interest; meetings at EGU, AGU, GGOS Days, etc.;
- Scope the network for the Reference Frame;
- Maintain a Site Requirements Document;
- Monitor network status; projected network evolution based on input from current and expected future participants, estimate performance capability 5 and 10 years ahead;
- Talks and posters on the Bureau at EGU, AGU, JPGU-AGU, AOGS meetings, etc.;
- Letters/documentation to support stations, current/ new missions, and analysis centers;
- Develop MOU with ROSCOSMOS













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Simulation studies and analyses to assess impact on reference frame products of: network configuration, system performance, technique and technology mix, co-location conditions, site ties, and network trade-off options

Good presentations on projected benefits from network enhancements

Standing Committee on Data and Information

Metadata System development for a wide range of geodesy users including GGOS; near term strategy for data products (Carey Noll at GSFC) and a more comprehensive longer-term plan for an allinclusive system (Nick Brown at GA)

Standing Committee on Missions

Maintain lists of current and proposed satellites that contribute to GGOS Goals; advocate for new missions and project the benefit to GGOS

IERS Working Group on Site Survey and Co-location

Ground survey and co-location issues including critical co-locations for the reference frame and gravity deformation of VLBI antennas









Main Thrust is the Reference Frame





Early Simulation Studies to Scope the Network (impact on the Reference Frame) (Erricos Pavlis)



- Early simulation studies showed the we needed:
 - ~32 globally distributed, well positioned, <u>new technology</u>, colocation sites will be required to define and maintain the reference frame;
 - ~16 of these co-location stations must track GNSS satellites with SLR to calibrate the GNSS orbits which are used to distribute the reference frame.





- Design Initiative, a major challenge
- Will require time, significant resources, and strong international participation
- Not enough good sites
- Now we recognize that it will be a combination of core and colocation sites with global distribution.

Co-location in Space





GGOS Affiliated Network (CfP)





Space geodesy in South America





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Current and Projected Core Sites





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Projected Space Geodesy Network



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GGOS Site Requirements Document



Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS)

GGOS Requirements for Core Sites (Revision 2)



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GGOS Requirements for Core Sites Revision 2

- Introduction and Justification
 - What is a Fundamental Station?
 - Why do we need the Reference Frame?
 - Why do we need a global network?
 - What is the current situation?
 - What do we need?
- Site Conditions
 - Global consideration for the location
 - Geology
 - Site area
 - Weather and sky conditions
 - Radio frequency and optical Interference
 - Horizon conditions
 - Air traffic and aircraft Protection
 - Communications
 - Land ownership
 - Local ground geodetic networks
 - Site Accessibility
 - Local infrastructure and accmmodations
 - Electric power
 - Site security and safety
 - Local commitment

Site layout needs to recognize the issue of RF interference among the new technology systems





Reality



Recognizing that:

- Many sites will not be at ideal locations nor have ideal conditions;
- Some new technology stations are being deployed, but not co-located;
- Core site deployment will occur over many years;
- We will have a mix of new and legacy technologies for many years;
 As a result:
- Co-location sites (non-core sites) will continue to play a vital role in our data products;
- Quality of our output will be the product of network Core Sites, Co-location sites, mix of technologies, adherence to proper operational and engineering procedures, and making best use of the data once it leaves the field;

But:

Many groups are taking the initiative to join, build and upgrade





- Challenging program with very important science and societal benefits
- Technologies are maturing
- Global distribution is essential
- Very large opportunity for participation in analysis and scientific research
- Need to engage young scientists and students
- Success will depend on partnerships