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Under NEHRP funding, which was considerably reduced from that requested, three operations were conducted: The Panga Annual Meeting; Routing operation of two permanent sites; and a field campaign.

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The Corvallis and Newport continuous sites were operated through FY 2000 without significant problems. The two stations had new UNAVCO radomes installed, and other normal maintenance including firmware upgrades. The data are and site logs are now available from the Active Tectonics web site at <http://coas.activetectonics.oregonstate.edu>. The Newport site was reconfigured to log data at 1 Hz for June as part of a Scripps seafloor Geodesy experiment by David Chadwell and John Hildebrandt.

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SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROJECT

Comparison of subduction zones around the world first focused attention on the great seismic potential of the Cascadia subduction zone (Figure 1) [Heaton and Kanamori, 1984]. Since this suggestion, many geologic studies have provided local evidence for the occurrence of great earthquakes along the plate boundary (e.g., Atwater, 1987; Atwater, 1992; Atwater and Yamaguchi, 1991; Darienzo, 1990), and crustal faults within the deforming continental plate margin. PANGA, the Pacific Northwest Geodetic Array, provides first order constraints on the distribution and processes of active deformation in the Pacific Northwest, using a permanent array of Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers. The paleoseismologic work has characterized past great earthquakes, and continues to refine this important line of evidence. The current strain field in Cascadia will tell us about the coming event. GPS (and other conventional geodetic techniques) measures accumulation of elastic strain above the Cascadia subduction zone as a monitor of subduction zone dynamics. Additionally, GPS also records details of Pacific-North America plate margin deformation accompanied by crustal faulting across the arc and back-arc region. Together with sister permanent GPS arrays throughout the circum-Pacific, PANGA provides high precision resolution of crustal kinematics at unprecedented temporal scales that are simply not achievable using conventional geodesy [Bock et al., 1997; Donnellan and Webb, 1998; Heflin et al., 1998; Miller et al., 1998; Wdowinski et al., 1997]. These studies present strong evidence of rapid surface motions and temporally variable deformation rates that have not been detected by any other means, although the continuous GPS measurements are broadly confirmed by INSAR and VLBI results (e.g., Massonnet et al., 1996; Murakami et al., 1996; Ozawa et al., 1997). GPS surface velocities can be used to constrain seismic hazards associated with large crustal and plate boundary faults. In a subduction system such as Cascadia, coupling between the slab and upper plate generate surface displacements (horizontal and vertical) in the upper plate measurable with GPS. The velocity field in the upper plate is a first order indicator of the coupling processes on the megathrust. The details of whether this interaction is elastic, visco-elastic, or some other rheologic type are not entirely known, however the efficacy of using surface velocities to model plate interactions is well accepted. In general, coupling along the megathrust produces a bulge of vertical displacement centered over the downdip end of the coupled zone. Horizontal velocities also have a peak that lags behind (trenchward of) the vertical peak. We can use both the vertical and horizontal surface displacements as recorded by GPS to model the location of the coupled interface, using elastic and visco-elastic modeling techniques. The ability to establish the map pattern of interplate coupling is revolutionizing the analysis of hazards from the Cascadia plate interface in the Pacific Northwest. These models, in coming years, will allow much more realistic analysis of scenario earthquakes, which presently are modeled in a highly subjective way. With established likely source zones, planners and engineers will be able to model site, local, basin and regional ground responses in urban areas in a meaningful way that is simply out of reach at present. Tsunami modelers will likewise be able to improve tsunami hazard analysis with a better model for the source of strain release.

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PANGA Meeting and Workshop

As the GPS velocity estimates mature, other workers will model PANGA results under the umbrella of NEHRP and other funding sources, as part of companion proposals to this one and as part of future initiatives. To date, this growing PANGA community has had six annual. Until 1998 these meetings have not been funded, and have necessarily been short (1 day) workshops focused on coordination. As resources

have become available to this community, the need for a longer (2 or 3 day) meeting with sessions on site prioritization, evolving design standards, maintenance and operations issues, presentation of results, and plans for future monitoring and modeling efforts is increasingly necessary. Since 1998 these meetings have been funded by NEHRP.

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FY 2000 Field Campaign

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Objectives:

- Densifying network on the Oregon rotating block
- Test the rigidity of the block
- Identifying block boundaries and sites of internal deformation

Field Campaign:

- 120 sites occupied, 8 teams using 9 receivers over three weeks covering 2/3 of Oregon
- Average occupation time > 20 hours
- 10 new sites installed or HARN/USGS sites replaced

Appendix A Publications

R. McCaffrey, M. Long, C. Goldfinger, J. Nabelek, C. Johnson, P. Zwick and C. Smith, 2000, Rotation and plate locking at the southern Cascadia subduction zone v. 27, p. p. 3117-3120

Rotation and Plate Locking along the Central
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INSTITUTIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Central Washington University will administer the collaborative effort, and brings considerable resources and experience in GPS studies (detailed in Management Plan). The NSF supported PANGA Data Analysis Facility, CWU routinely performs GPS data analysis using GIPSY/OASIS II software developed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory [Webb and Zumberge, 1995], in conformance with IGS standards. Dr. Dan Johnson coordinates this effort. At CWU, Dr. Dan Johnson routinely performs GPS daily solutions of permanent array data on a Sun workstation using GIPSY/OASIS II software developed by Jet Propulsion Laboratory. CWU further supports this effort by providing 50% of Johnson's salary as match to the grant that funds the Data Analysis Facility, and guarantees his continued support as a CWU employee at the end of the three year NSF project. Routine analysis of the datastream for existing Pacific Northwest sites is now in place and results are posted at <http://www.panga.cwu.edu/>. We are currently seeking approval as an IGS (International GPS Service for Geodynamics) Regional Associate Analysis Center. Under the IGS umbrella, processing protocols, data product formats, and distribution and archiving of products are standardized for use by the geophysical community. CWU also supports a computer systems administrator whose time is fully devoted to Geology and GIS computer labs. Under the NSF initiative, CWU Grants and Contracts, with the PI's, have developed bid specifications for GPS monumentation and managed the contract for UW and CWU installations by EarthSafe during the summer of 1997-98. These monuments were constructed in conformance with the Wyatt drilled braced monument design. All new monuments proposed here will be constructed to meet IGS standards, and will be constructed under a single coordinated bid request

administered through CWU. The combination of this experience, the advantage of a single contract, and cost savings achieved by indirect agreements make this a cost effective strategy.

The University of Washington has operated the first PANGA continuous GPS stations at Neah Bay and Seattle since 1995, and has added four more sites with deeply anchored drilled braced monuments in 1997-8. UW has been processing GPS data using GIPSY since 1995. UW has developed computer scripts to automatically download data from many GPS sites in the Pacific Northwest and process the data on a daily basis. Data from its GPS stations are available at <http://www.geophys.washington.edu/GPS/>.

Oregon State University has operated two permanent GPS sites at Newport and Corvallis, OR since 1996. These sites were developed and installed in conjunction with PI's at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute who have provided expertise and loaned equipment to initiate continuous GPS measurements in Oregon. OSU and RPI have developed downloading software that recovers site data each day, and performs automatic error checking for missing data, runs quality control scripts, and archives the data at mirror sites at RPI and OSU. (see <http://pandora.oce.orst.edu>). The Active Tectonics lab at OSU's College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences is equipped with a wide range of parallel computers, workstations and small computers with which to carryout geologic and geodynamic modeling. RPI performs data processing of a subset of PANGA data using MIT's GAMIT and GLOBK software. Independent processing with different methods and software serves as a crosscheck on the overall PANGA velocity field. OSU will initiate data processing during 1999, and process permanent and campaign sites using a network adjustment strategy similar to RPI.

CWU, RPI, and UW collectively own and operate more than 30 GPS receivers, most with Dorne-Margolin choke ring antennas, which are deployed in a variety of permanent and regional campaign modes. In addition, some of us have historically had access to UNAVCO-administered pools of NSF and NASA receivers to support campaign efforts.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dr. Meghan Miller is the Principal Investigator and is responsible for the successful execution of the proposed research and coordination between institutions. She is jointly appointed at Central Washington University and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and has extensive experience in field GPS campaigns including eight years work on a 19 site network in eastern California, and design and field operations expertise in four other GPS networks (Loma Prieta response GPS array, northern Baja California network, Landers post-seismic studies, and Mammoth network installations and operations). She is currently funded under the UNAVCO NSF-ARI initiative, NSF-Geophysics, NSF Instrumentation and Facilities, and NASA Dynamics of the Solid Earth programs for GPS related work. Dr. Charles Rubin's expertise in paleoseismology and active tectonics is critical to network design. In addition, he has expertise in permit negotiations and monument design, including participation in a NASA-sponsored workshop on the proposed dense array in southern California and overseeing the EarthSafe drilling contract and installations in 1997-98. He will provide technical expertise to the project, and assure that monumentation subcontractor meets IGS requirements for monument construction. Dr. Dan Johnson conducts data analysis; he holds a Ph.D. in Geophysics from the University of Hawaii and manages the CWU GPS Data Analysis Center. Dr. Johnson is routinely processing and archiving continuous and campaign GPS data using GIPSY/OASIS II with JPL products such as fiducial free precise orbits and precise clocks. His effort comes at no cost to this project as he is funded by the NSF initiative (50%) and CWU (50%). The incremental effort of processing the five additional proposed sites is small. Dr. Anthony Qamar is the Washington State Seismologist and has installed a number of permanent GPS sites. Qamar seeks ongoing support for maintenance and operation of three sites, and will be responsible for the two new sites in Washington. Dr. Chris Goldfinger at Oregon State University has participated in annual GPS campaigns and permanent site installation in Cascadia since 1996. He is operating two PANGA sites, and is responsible for downloads, quality control, and archiving of data from these sites. He is engaged in elastic modeling of PANGA data and working with hazard planners to integrate new interpretations into future hazard analyses. He will plan the Tillamook, McMinnville, and

Portland Oregon sites, and supervise follow up on upgrades at existing sites Newport and Corvallis. He will be responsible for planning of and hosting the PANGA Community Meeting during this project period. He is engaged in marine geologic investigations of the Cascadia forearc that bear on the updip position of the coupled megathrust, and is studying turbidite occurrence and distribution to address periodicity and spatial distribution of Holocene great Earthquakes in Cascadia. McCaffrey (RPI), Goldfinger (OSU), Dragert (PGC) and Qamar (UW) are funded by NSF co conduct a major margin-wide campaign in 2000.

CURRENT AND PENDING SUPPORT

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