Tracking Ground Movement with GNSS

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A network of GNSS/GPS stations measures plate tectonic motions and land surface deformation, horizontal and vertical, to an accuracy of better than

1 mm/yr

We can see whether the motion is 'slow and steady,' or perhaps more interestingly, is it sometimes accelerating or decelerating





Continuous and campaign GPS arrays



Campaign Survey GPS Points



Using GNSS/GPS to measure fault motion

- Track monuments located
 near active faults
- Estimate motion relative to each monumented station.
- Stations are occupied simultaneously.
- Relative positions and possible motion are determined between stations to a precision near the millimeter level.



- Determine the 3D change in relative position between stations.
- Calculate accumulated strain and slip between faults.

Secular velocity field for Western US



GPS Time Series

The Global Positioning System (GPS) is a constellation of 30 satellites which is used for navigation and precise geodetic position measurements. Data from over 2000 receivers have been analyzed at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology under contract with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. JPL's GipsyX software is used to produce these time series and other useful data products. Horizontal velocities, mostly due to motion of the Earth's tectonic plates, are represented on the map by lines extending from each site. Click on a dot or name to see detailed time series for a particular site. Additional information may be obtained from Michael.Heflin@jpl.caltech.edu.

Geodetic Positions and Velocities || Cartesian Positions and Velocities Break Estimates || Seasonal Estimates Time Series || Residuals Methods



Example of GPS Time Series produced at JPL/NASA





Measurements with GNSS/GPS reveals motion between and during earthquakes



1994 Northridge earthquake

Time series for IGS station **PYGR** South Island, New Zealand M7.8 Dusky Sound Earthquake, Wednesday, July 15, 2009



Post-seismic relaxation - 2009 Dusky Sound earthquake



GNSS monitoring velocity change

Station PYGR, South Island, New Zealand







Horizontal Displacements

Difference between estimated positions of GEONET stations at 05:00 and 06:30 UTC, March 11, 2011

GPS 1 Hz data in RINEX format provided by the Geospatial Information Authority (GSI) of Japan.



Vertical Displacements

Difference between estimated positions of **GEONET** stations at 05:00 and 06:30 UTC on March 11, 2011

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Using multi-GNSS measurements for monitoring volvanoes Data telemetered for near-real time measurements



Motions of volcanoes' flanks can indicate the arrival of new magma; GPS is used to monitor changes in activity.













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Real-time Global Positioning System at Kīlauea's summit



https://volcanoes.usgs.gov/volcanoes/kilauea/monitoring_deformation.html

Real-time GPS measurement results at Kilauea's summit Period: September 17 through 22, 2018

BYRL vertical component

South Caldera (CALS) vertical component

Uwekahuna (UWEV) north component

GPS positioning results – Kilauea Summit

Past Year (October 2017 to August 2018)

Past Five Years (October 2013 to April 2018)

GPS positioning results – Pu'u 'Ō'ō Cone

Past Year (October 2017 to August 2018)

5 km

Past Five Years (October 2013 to April 2018)

GPS/GNSS tracking for hazards management

- GPS/GNSS is an essential enabling technology for the mapping and precise monitoring needed to accomplish science missions in support of hazard warnings.
- In the aftermath of a significant disaster event, GPS/GNSS is critical in support of updating maps and geopositioning incident features - essential in support of immediate response (e.g., support Urban Search & Rescue) as well as for long-term recovery (e.g., organizing debris removal).

Thank you