PBO: A Multi-Use Geodetic Network

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Talk Summary

• UNAVCO/PBO

- Data Products
- What Impacts Data
- Uses of GPS Data









UNAVCO, a non-profit membershipgoverned consortium, facilitates geoscience research and education using geodesy.

Currently there are 149 UNAVCO Members (87 Full Members, 62 Associate Members)





UNAVCO Services and Technologies

UNAVCO Support

- Engineering Services
- Small and Large network Installation,
- O&M
- Development and Testing
- Equipment Pool
- Data Management and Archiving
- CyberInfrastructure
- Education and Outreach

Technologies - A Growing Geodetic "Toolbox"

- GNSS (GPS, GLONASS, Galileo) with ancillary meteorological instruments
- Borehole Strainmeters and Seismometers
- Accelerometers
- Borehole Tiltmeters
- Geodetic Imaging
- Terrestrial Laser Scanners
- Airborne Laser Swath Mapping project support
- InSAR Data Archives (WInSAR/EarthScope)





UNAVCO Instruments

GPS: 2000 Continuous , >2000 Campaign





75 Borehole Strainmeters and Seismometers



28 Shallow Borehole Tiltmeters





EarthScope & Partners

EarthScope is funded by the National Science Foundation and conducted in partnership with the US Geological Survey.

Three Observatories: Plate Boundary Observatory, US Array, SAFOD

The data collected by EarthScope's three observatories will help us to understand processes that control earthquakes, volcanoes and the structure of the North American Continent.

EarthScope is being constructed, operated, and maintained as a collaborative effort with UNAVCO, IRIS, and Stanford University, with contributions from NASA and several other national and international organizations.



Plate Boundary Observatory

2011

2004



Network Data Return

Network Data Delivery

Instrumentation

- 1100 continuous GPS Stations (~300 real-time stations)
- 100 MET sensors
- 74 borehole strainmeters
- 78 borehole seismometers
- 6 long baseline strainmeters
- 26 Tiltmeters
- 100 portable GPS receivers
- InSAR imagery covering the western US.
- LIDAR imagery covering active faults



Deep Drilled-Braced Monument





Short Drilled-Braced Monument







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Archiving and Analysis Centers



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PBO Level 2 GPS MIT Station Velocities

Release date: 2009-11-30 (20091130142023)



PBO's 293-Station Realtime GPS Network





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Timeline of PBO Realtime GPS Activities

2006		PBO Data Critical Design Review describes RTGPS plan for PBO			
2007	SOW issued for UStream software development work by Stark Consulting				
		UStream delivered to PBO (initial cost \$39K development + hardware)			
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		RFP issued for realtime GPS network controller software			
		Proposals from Trimble, Geodetics, and GPS Solutions received Cascadia ARRA Proposal funded			
		Decision made to purchase Trimble VRS3Net software			
		Trimble VRS3Net delivered to PBO			
2010					
		First attempt to switch over to VRS3Net (failed)			
		Second attempt to switch over to VRS3Net system (successful)			
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	-	Realtime VRS3Net GPS positioning roll out (beta)			
		293 PBO stations streaming in real time			



Timeline of PBO Realtime GPS Activities



Realtime GPS Network Performance



Completeness stable around 90%, latency increasing as we load the current 2server system. Additional hardware is waiting to be racked.

Latency by Carrier



Though our network is dominated by Verizon modems, the latency behavior is similar for all 3 of the major carriers

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P474 – Example of Good Data Quality



State of Health and QC Statistics



Voltage History: P474















Timeseries

P474 (Fallbrook_CS2004)

P474 (Fallbrook_CS2004) - Detrended



Vegetation - P561





AB14 Dillingham Recon





AC55 – top of slump





AC55



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Subsidence – S. San Joaquin Valley





LightSquared?

Freddy Blume (UNAVCO) served as a technical advisor to the "High Precision, Timing, and Networks Sub-Team" of the FCC Technical Working Group

• "LightSquared's proposed MSS transmissions would affect most, if not all, high-precision GPS/GNSS receivers such as those in use by UNAVCO and its community."



















P067 (CleggRanchCS2004) - Cleaned



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Earthquake applications of PBO GPS data



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Tom Herring, 2010

Earthquake applications of PBO GPS data





Yehuda Bock & Sharon Kedar, 2010



Transient motion associated with faults





Off Fault Deformation



Geologic versus geodetic deformation adjacent to the San Andreas fault, central California: Sarah J. Titus1,†, Mark Dyson1, Charles DeMets2, Basil Tikoff2, Frederique Rolandone3, and Roland Bürgmann, Bulletin, June 2011.

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Volcanic Deformation

Volcanic Signals

Sierra Negra, Galapagos





Dennis Geist, U. Idaho

Atmospheric Measurements

- Precipitable Water Vapor (PWV) derived from GPS signal delays
- Assimilation of PW into weather models improves forecasting for storm intensity

Measuring Snow Depth?

GPS signal to noise ratio - SNR - data are directly related to the interference of the direct and reflected signal.

observed SNR fre depends on heigh the reflector

Can we measure snow depth with GPS receivers?

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GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH LETTERS, VOL. 36, L17502, doi:10.1029/2009GL039430

Snow Depth

Snow Depth

Snow Depth 2010-2011

Airborne Lidar

K. Hudnut

P612 Base Station B4 Lidar

Tripod Lidar Scanner - TLS

Central Valley Spatial Reference Network

Baja Earthquake Response

COCOnet

Questions?

http://sideshow.jpl.nasa.gov/mbh/series.html

UNAVCO

http://sopac.ucsd.edu/maps/index.html

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Real-Time P475 Point Loma

1. Use of realtime latency and completeness data to troubleshoot the realtime network.

- Historical completeness/latency data will be stored in the PBO Operational Database (POD). Software development team is finishing up this step.
- Email notifications of problem stations (e.g. completeness < 85%, latency > 2.0 s over 24 hours) will go to all field personnel.
- PBO webpages will have region-sortable color-coded realtime SOH displays covering the previous 7 days.
- 2. Expected performance of the network and data distribution system in the event of a large earthquake within the PBO footprint (particularly in Cascadia).
- Because of the real time nature of this dataflow, users who aren't on the system at the time of an earthquake will miss it entirely and will not load the system immediately afterwards. Outgoing bandwidth is not currently a bottleneck.
- Dataflow robustness after heavy shaking is not known. Expect better performance than cellular voice traffic, but if we are skipping epochs systemwide, realtime positioning will be unstable for many of the current algorithms.
- 3. UNAVCO's realtime GPS and high-rate GPS strategies are linked. We can use them together to achieve more than either alone.

Realtime GPS Statistics

Data Usage

Since switch to VRS3Net system in 7/2010, there have been 40 unique users of PBO's realtime GPS streams and 35% of streaming data delivery has been in BINEX.

User	% Total
Earthquake Warnings INC	22.1%
Scripps Institution of Oceanography	14.3%
GPS Solutions Inc	12.9%
Topcon	12.1%
Central Washington University	9.4%
NOAA OAR ESRL	7.7%
USGS Cascades Volcano Observatory	7.2%
Oregon Department of Transportation	2.8%
GMV	2.5%
AZGPS	2.5%
Natural Resources Canada	1.1%
Utah State DTS	1.0%
Washington State Reference Network	0.8%
JPL	0.7%
USGS Menlo Park	0.7%
Other	2.3%

Realtime GPS Dataflow

Original Schematic for UStream-based Realtime GPS Dataflow

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