# UTAH QUATERNARY FAULT PARAMETERS WORKING GROUP

#### Wednesday, February 15, 2006

# **WELCOME**



# **UQFPWG HISTORY**

- Expert panel convened to evaluated the paleoseismictrenching data available for Utah's Quaternary faults.
- Used experience and best professional judgment to assign preferred consensus recurrence-interval and vertical slip-rate estimates, and "best estimate" confidence limits for faults under review.
- Resulting RI and VSR estimates and associated confidence limits represent the best presently available information regarding the faults/fault sections reviewed.
- Recommended additional paleoseismic study of 20 faults/fault sections to characterize Utah's earthquake hazard to a minimally acceptable level.

# UQFPWG TODAY?

- One of four standing committees created to help set and coordinate the earthquake-hazard research agenda for the State of Utah.
- Reviews ongoing paleoseismic research in Utah.
- Provides advice/insight regarding technical issues related to fault behavior in Utah/BRP.
- Identifies & prioritizes future Utah Quaternary fault studies NEHRP or otherwise

# **UQFPWG 2006 ACTIVITIE REVIEW**

#### **Presentations of work completed**

- Latest Provo segment megatrench dating results
- Collinston & Clarkston Mountain segments paleoseismic reconnaissance
- Nephi segment trenching study
- Northern Weber segment paleoseismic study
- Corner Canyon fault trenching study
   Robert Smith discussion items
- Basin and Range Province Earthquake Working Group update

#### **Discussion items**

- Updating the UQFPWG consensus slip-rate and recurrence-interval database.
- Wasatch fault multi-segment rupture model.

# UQFPWG 2005 PALEOSEISMIC RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS

- West Valley fault zone (Salt Lake County)
- Weber segment Wasatch fault zone (Weber & Davis Counties\*
- Faults and folds beneath Utah Lake (Utah County)\*
- Washington fault (Washington County
- East Cache fault zone (Cache County)
- Classify Utah Quaternary faults as A D in a manner similar to the USGS Quaternary Fault and Fold Database
- Perform studies to resolve seismogenic vs. non-seismogenic faults

\*NEHRP proposals?

The Mapleton Megatrench: the Saga Continues More Frequent Holocene Earthquakes on the Provo Segment of the Wasatch Fault Zone, Utah

February 15, 2006

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#### Wasatch Fault Zone



#### **Mapleton Megatrench Site**







#### Surficial Geology of the Mapleton Megatrench Site

- Topographic Profiles (P1)
- Boreholes (B1, B2, B3)
- Soil Pits (SP1, SP2, SP3)







- Evidence for at least 7, possibly as many as 11, separate surface faulting earthquakes
- This talk focuses on events since mid Holocene (~6 ka)

#### **Significant Faults in the Mapleton Megatrench**



#### FOOTWALL:

4 west-dipping fault zones FZ1 through FZ4 HANGING WALL:

6 east-dipping antithetic fault zones AFZ1 through AFZ6

### Hanging Wall Stratigraphy



(Photo from W. Case)

- 35-m-wide graben (from FZ4 to AFZ6)
- Mid to late Holocene debris flows, channel alluvium, and colluvium (7,500 cal BP to historic)
- 27 alluvial fan units (6a through 6za) and 10 fault-scarp colluvium units (FC#Z through FC#V)
- Able to correlate fan stratigraphy across antithetic faults



#### Graben Surface-Faulting Event Horizons Events Z<sub>g</sub> Through V<sub>g</sub> (?)



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#### FZ4 Bench 1



Youngest event (Z<sub>g</sub>) created a scarp 8 m high

Event Z<sub>g</sub> occurred between 320 and 650 cal BP

 $\begin{array}{l} Z_g \text{ event correlates to} \\ \text{youngest event} \\ \text{identified by} \\ \text{Lund et al. (1991),} \\ \text{600} \pm 80 \text{ cal BP} \end{array}$ 



#### **Combined Ages for Trenches MM and MN**



# Event $Z_g$ occurred 600 $\pm$ 300 cal BP



#### **Surface-Faulting Event Y**<sub>g</sub> Faults FZ4, AFZ1, AFZ5, and AFZ6





#### FZ4 Bench 2

#### Symbols



#### AFZ5 Bench 1



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#### Event Y<sub>g</sub> Occurred 1600 (+300, -600) cal BP





#### **Surface-Faulting Event X**g Faults FZ4, AFZ2, and AFZ6





#### **AFZ2 Bench 2**





AFZ3

#### Event X<sub>g</sub> Occurred 3100 (+1900, -1400) cal BP





#### Surface-Faulting Event W<sub>g</sub> Faults AFZ3, AFZ5, FZ2, and/or FZ3 (?) (probably not FZ4)





# Faulting Event W<sub>g</sub> on AFZ5 – Bench 2





# Event $W_g$ Occurred 4800 (± 400) cal BP

MM-RC40 4100±100BP			M	<u> </u>	
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MM-RC21 4380±40BP	1-1-1-1-				
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MM-RC26 6090±80BP	1 1 1	(11-	1	-)	1
MM-RC27 6580±30B		 	1	+ + +	



#### Surface-Faulting Event Vg Fault AFZ4



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### Event V<sub>g</sub> (?) on AFZ4



- Differential displacements (0.5 m throw on Unit 6d, vs ~0 m throw on Unit 6i-j)
- Fault terminations at top of Unit 6d



# Event V<sub>g</sub> (?) Occurred 4900 (+400, -1100) cal BP

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#### **Graben Fault Summary**

Surface Faulting Event and Age	FZ4	AFZ1	AFZ2	AFZ3	AFZ4	AFZ5	AFZ6
Z 600 (± 300) cal BP	- wedge - fault term. - buried free face - strat. offsets	- fault term. - strat. offsets	<ul> <li>wedge</li> <li>fault term.</li> <li>strat.</li> <li>offsets</li> </ul>			- wedge - buried free face - strat. offsets	
Y 1,600 (+300, -600) cal BP	- wedge - fault term. - buried free face - strat. offsets	- diff. offsets - fault term.				- wedge on soil - buried free face - fault term. - diff. offsets	- wedge -buried free face - strat. offsets
X 3,100 (+1900, -1400) cal BP	- wedge/ fissure - strat. offsets - fault term.		- wedge - diff. offsets - fault term. - buried free face				<ul> <li>fissure/ wedge</li> <li>diff. offsets</li> <li>fault term.</li> <li>buried free face</li> </ul>
W 4,800 (± 400) cal BP	Not Active or Eroded	Not Active or Eroded		- diff. offsets - fault term. at soil		- wedge on soil - fault term. -diff. offsets	
V (?) 5,900 (+400, -1100) cal BP	Not Exposed	Not Exposed	Not Exposed	Not Exposed	- diff. Offset - fault term.		
At least / Possibly 5 Separate Events							NOT ACTIVE

ACTIVE

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#### At least 4, Possibly 5 Separate Events

**Between** ≈ 600 and 6,300 cal BP

#### **Footwall Surface-Faulting Events Horizons**





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#### FZ2 Uppermost Colluvial Wedge



- Event Z<sub>FZ2</sub> occurred after 5,350 to 5,590 cal BP
- 2.8 m throw
- May correlate to Event Z<sub>FZ3</sub> (both colluvial wedges overlie Unit 50)

#### **Paleoseismic Summary Since Mid Holocene**



- <sup>a</sup> Minimum estimate based on soil on Unit 6t
- <sup>b</sup> Minimum estimate based on deposition of Units 6r and 6s
- <sup>c</sup> Minimum estimate based on deposition of Units 6e to 6p with soils developed on Units 6i-j and 6k

#### **Comparison With Previous Studies**

Event	This Study MN	UQFPWG (Lund, 2005)	Lund et al. (1991)	Machette et al. (1992) American Fork Kork Kowan et al. (1980); Schwartz et al. (1983) Hobble Creek	Swan et al. (1980); Schwartz et al. (1983) Hobble Creek	Ostenaa (1990) <sup>1</sup> Water Canyon	
		Segment	MIN and MIS			WC1	WC2
						<540	
Z	600 (300 to 900)	600 ± 350	600 ± 80	500 ± 200	6 or 7	700 (500 to 900)	1,300
Y	1,600 (1,000 to 1,900)				events since Provo delta formed (Provo Phase ended 13,700 to 14,000)		(500 to 2,000)
х	3,100 (1,700 to 5,000)	$\textbf{2,850} \pm \textbf{650}$	2,820 +150/-130	2,650 ± 250		Not Exposed	3,500 (1,600 to 4,400)
W	4,800 (4,400 to 5,200)	5,300 ± 300	Not Exposed	5,300 ± 300			4,700
V (?)	5,900 (4,800 to 6,300)			5.3 to 8.1 ka			(3,700 to 5,600)

<sup>1</sup>Based on radiocarbon ages and relations provided by D. Ostenaa, USBR, pers. comm. (1/11/2006). Recalibrated using OxCal 3.10 (Bronk Ramsey, 1995; 2001) and IntCal04 calibration curve (Reimer et al., 2004)

#### Summary and Implications for UQFPWG

- At least 4, possibly 5, events occurred since 6.3 ka (more events!)
- 4 events occurred between 600 (± 300) cal BP and 4,800 (± 400) cal BP
- This indicates shorter average mid to late Holocene recurrence intervals of 1,400 ± 250 years
- Preferred estimates of individual recurrence intervals range from 1,000 to 1,700 years
- Compared to previous consensus values of 2,400 (+800, -1200) years by UQFPWG (Lund, 2005)



#### PALEOSEISMIC (NON-TRENCHING) STUDIES OF THE COLLINSTON AND CLARKSTON MOUNTAIN SEGMENTS OF THE WASATCH FAULT ZONE, BOX ELDER COUNTY, UTAH

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Research supported through funding from the USGS, contract no. 03HQAG0008.



Malad City segment: 40 km

Clarkston Mountain segment: 20 km (Biek et al., 2003)

Collinston segment: 30 km

(Oviatt, 1986a, 1986b; Personius, 1990)

Brigham City segment: 40 km


# **Collinston Segment:**

- No post-Bonneville surface faulting along most of trace (Personius, 1990)
- Northernmost scarp on Quaternary deposits in Coldwater Canyon reentrant (segment boundary) likely Brigham City-segment rupture (Personius, 1990)
- Mapped two additional multiple-event fault scarps in Coldwater Canyon reentrant

# Collinston Segment (cont.):

- Linear, steep mountain front indicates late Pleistocene activity
- Holocene strain partitioning (Machette and others, 1992): Collinston segment inactive, West and East Cache fault zones active
- Measured nine fault-scarp profiles and two Bonneville shoreline-scarp profiles to obtain data for diffusionequation modeling
  - provide insights into spatial and temporal patterns of surface faulting in segment boundary area
  - compare with patterns inferred from trench data to south

Collinston-Brigham City Segment Boundary Honeyville Area (Coldwater Canyon Reentrant) (*from Personius, 1990*)







Profile	H (m)	SO (m)	$\theta_{max}$ (°)	γ (°)
HVL-4	9.4	5.3	24.0	10.0
HVL-5	10.5	6.6	24.0	8.0



Collinston-Brigham City Segment Boundary Honeyville Area (Coldwater Canyon Reentrant) (*from Personius, 1990*)













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10 meters

## **Coldwater Canyon Scarps**

Profile	H (m)	SO (m)	$\theta_{max}$ (°)	γ (°)
HVL-8	8.9	6.6+	24.5	4.0
HVL-9	7.3	5.7+	22.0	5.0
HVL-10	13.4	9.9	25.0	6.0
HVL-11	14.8	11.2	26.0	5.0

Total SO across scarps ~16.7+ m



Collinston-Brigham City Segment Boundary Honeyville Area (Coldwater Canyon Reentrant) (*from Personius, 1990*)







## Southern Scarps, Honeyville area

Profile	H (m)	SO (m)	$\theta_{max}$ (°)	γ (°)
HVL-1 (full scarp)	9.0	3.4	24.5	16.0
HVL-1 (MRE)	4.3	1.6	24.5	16.0
HVL-1 (PE)	4.7	1.8	24.5	16.0
HVL-2 (full scarp)	11.7	3.7	27.0	16.0
HVL-2 (MRE)	5.2	1.7	27.0	16.0
HVL-2 (PE)	6.5	2.0	20.0	16.0
HVL-3	3.0	1.0	22.0	15.5

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#### Scarp Slope Angle – Scarp Height Diagram



Profile	H (m)	SO (m)	θ <sub>max</sub> (°)	γ (°)
HVL-6	26.5	17.0	32.0	13.0
HVL-7	23.0	15.8	30.0	10.0

View looking southwest

#### Scarp Slope Angle – Scarp Height Diagram



#### Slope-Offset Plots

(Lake Bonneville & Lake Lahontan shoreline scarps)



After Hanks and Andrews (1989)

Site	N	2a (m)	<i>K</i> (m²/kyr)	$K_o$ (m <sup>2</sup> /kyr)	References
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				0.39 (recalculated using t = 16.8 ka)	This study
N Ogden	3	29±3	12.9±1.7	5.9±0.1	Mattson & Bruhn, 2001
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## **Clarkston Mountain Segment**

- No evidence of post-Bonneville surface faulting (Machette and others, 1992; Biek and others, 2003)
- Fault scarp (40 m long) at mouth of Elgrove Canyon, cutting late Pleistocene fan alluvium
- Measured two scarp profiles, indicate two pre-Bonneville shoreline surface faulting events
- Linear, steep mountain front and faulted fan alluvium indicate late Pleistocene activity

Clarkston Mountain Segment Elgrove Canyon Area (from Biek and others, 2003)





Fault dip = 44°





1 km

Scale

(from Biek and others, 2003)





### Scarp Profile EC-2





#### Scarp Slope Angle – Scarp Height Diagram



Profile	Event	SO (m)
EC-1	MRE	0.6+
	PE	0.5+
EC-2	MRE	2.2+?
	PE	1.4+

Summary of surface offsets at Elgrove Canyon

Wells & Coppersmith (1994) displacements, from surface rupture length (SRL)

SRL = 20 km (M 6.6):

Av. Displacement = 0.42 m (N) to 0.52 m (All)

Max. Displacement = 0.88 m (All) to 0.96 m (N)

SRL = 27 km (incl. Short Divide fault):

Av. Displacement = 0.61 m (N) to 0.68 m (All)

Max. Displacement = 1.2 m (All) to 1.5 m (N)

SRL = 34 km (incl. Short Divide fault and concealed, parallel fault to south) (M 6.9):

Av. Displacement = 0.81 m (N) to 0.83 m (All)

Max. Displacement = 1.5 m (All) to 2.1 m (N)

W&C datasets: N, normal faults; All, strike-slip, reverse, and normal faults.
### 2005 NEPHI SEGMENT FAULT TRENCHING

Utah Geological Survey McDonald, Lund, Kirschbaum [NEHRP]

**U.S. Geological Survey** Machette, Crone, Personius, Lidke, Dart, Olig

#### 2 new trench sites (USFS)

- Santaquin (UGS)
- Willow Creek (USGS)



#### Background

#### **Existing trench sites**

- North Creek (Hanson and others, 1981)
- Red Canyon (Jackson, 1991)

# **EQ timing:** 3 earthquakes after ~5300 yr

**Recurrence interval:** 1200-**2500**-4800 yr

**Slip rate:** 0.5**-1.1-**3.0 mm/yr



#### Why trench the northern Nephi segment?

- No paleoseismic data for northern 25 km of segment
  Northern-strand EQ history?
- 2. Poor existing paleoseismic data for southern strand
  - Need to refine Holocene EQ history
- **3.** Resolve questions regarding potential for:
  - **Partial segment ruptures** on Nephi segment (N and S strands act independently?)
  - **Rupture spill-over**: Provo  $\iff$  northern Nephi
- 4. Characterize southern WFZ earthquake parameters



Trench 2, south wall



#### Trench 2, south wall



#### Trench 2, north wall







#### Santaquin Paleoseismic Data

- Single **3-m**-displacement earthquake during the mid-Holocene.
- *Preliminary* EQ timing ~500 yrs
- **Recurrence?** Y(?)-Z: > 5400-6400 yrs



#### Willow Creek site

111°45'W PROVOSEMENT Mapleton Payson SANTAQUIN STRAND Water Canyon Woodland Hills Keinley Quinry 40°0'N Santaquin Santaquin SEGMENT AGH Gosh NEPHI North Creek ATTONA NEPHI STRAND JUAB VALLEY Willow Creek 5LA 39°45'N MOUNT BALD Nephi **Red Canyon** 1 Nephi N 10 2.5 5 0 km

111°45'W

#### Willow Creek Site

Willow Creek trenches ← N

Vertical separation: ~5-7 m

#### Willow Creek Site



### Nephi Segment Earthquake Timing

Willow Cr. Paleoseismic Data

- 3 events after 3100 yrs
- Recurrence: X-Y: ≤ 1800 yrs Y-Z: ≤ 1000 yrs
- Slip rate:
  4-5m (Y & Z)/3 ky =
  1.7 mm/yr

1.3-



### Nephi Segment Earthquake Timing

#### **Questions answered**

- 1. Northern-strand EQ history? 1 mid-Holocene event
- 2. Southern-strand history?3 events after ~3100 yr
- 3. Partial segment ruptures?Yes (mostly)
- 4. Potential for Provo-segment EQ to influence Santaquin strand?High
- 5. Potential for northern-Nephi to Provo spill-over?Low



#### Nephi Segment Earthquake Timing

#### **Remaining work/questions**

- Refine Santaquin and Willow Creek MREs & PE (WC)
- Southern strand always rupture separately?
- Extent of 3-m Santaquin MRE northern strand part of large, infrequent MSRs?
- Early Holocene EQ history on both strands?

# Paleo-paleoseismology of the Weber segment of the Wasatch fault zone





UTAH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY a division of Utah Department of Natural Resources









Early and middle Holocene scarps













# East Ogden site



## 5-m scarp

8-m scarp

# Trench 1 – East Ogden

# Trench 2 – East Ogden

# Trench 3 – East Ogden

# Trench 5 – East Ogden






# **Garner Canyon site**

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# **Garner Canyon exposure**





### **Earthquake history of Weber segment?**







### **Earthquake history of Weber segment?**

East Ogden – 3 large surface-faulting earthquakes (A, B, and C) and a smaller, most recent earthquake (D)

Displacements during earthquakes A and B were probably 1.5 m less than measured (4.2 m) due to unrecognized antithetic faulting

Garner Canyon – 3 large surface-faulting earthquakes with about 1 m of displacement that correlate with earthquakes A, B, and C; plus a probable 4<sup>th</sup> earlier earthquake

Earthquakes B and C correlate with large earthquakes at Kaysville (McCalpin, 1994); 1-to-3-m displacements suggest ruptures of much of Weber segment

Earthquake A is not (?) recorded at Kaysville, but displacements to north for A are same size as for earthquakes B and C

The small displacement (0.5 m) for earthquake D, and it's identification in only 1 of 7 exposures at the 3 sites, suggest a short rupture

Scarp surface displacements in both Holocene and Pleistocene deposits decrease within 10 km of segment boundaries

Scarp displacements are smaller south of Farmington

Holocene scarp-displacement slip rates are too high using ages inferred during 1985 mapping of Weber segment

Reconciling trench-site and scarp-displacement slip rates suggests Holocene surfaces are 20-100% older than inferred in 1985

Reconciliation yields slip rates of about 1-2 mm/yr, with highest rates between Kaysville and Ogden

Because earthquake (D) was apparently much smaller than older earthquakes, using its age yields recurrence calculations that are not representative of the entire Weber segment (1.5 kyr vs. 1.1 kyr)

## Questions

When and how long was the last surface rupture on the Weber segment?

What is magnitude threshold of preservation for surface ruptures on the Weber segment?

How old are middle and late Holocene fans along the Weber segment?

Are apparent north-to-south decreases in slip rate due to differences in earthquake frequency, in amounts of surface displacement and rupture extent, or both? IN-PROGRESS TRENCHING OF THE CORNER CANYON FAULT, SEGMENT BOUNDARY BETWEEN Salt Lake City segment and Provo segment

PSI– Jamie Robinson GEO-HAZ– Jim McCalpin, Al Jones, Deb Green





#### From Biek, 2005, Geologic map of the Lehi quad









# General Stratigraphy

Q – Quaternary Swale Deposits and Soils
Taf - Tertiary Alluvial Fan Conglomerates
Tvba – Tertiary Andesite Block & Ash Flows
Tva – Tertiary Andesite

### Tertiary Block and Ash Flow



#### Tertiary Alluvial Fan Deposits – WF-1 South End



### Tertiary Alluvial Fan Deposits – WF-2 North End



#### **Quaternary Deposits-South Swale Trench**



#### Quaternary Deposits – North Swale Trench



#### Gravel Lens in Quaternary Silt & Clay – WF-2 North End



Trench 1, Wasatch Fault

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General Types of Faults – WF -1

#### **OLDER FAULTS**

Single-strand High-angle Normal Faults
 Domino-style High-angle Normal Faults
 High-angle Normal Faults that form Horsts
 Low-angle Shear Zones

#### HOLOCENE FAULTS

High-angle to Vertical Normal Faults

#### Single-Strand High-Angle Normal Fault



### Domino-style High-Angle Normal Faults



### Horst-style High-Angle Normal Faults



### Low-angle Shear Zone

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#### Holocene Fault – WF-1



#### Holocene Fault – WF-2



**TO BE CONTINUED!** Several generations of normal faults in Tertiary rocks that do not appear to displace Quaternary strata. One fault with Holocene displacement at the northern end of each of the two trenches.

# BASIN AND RANGE PROVINCE EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP

# WESTERN STATES SEISMIC POLICY COUNCIL UTAH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY






# WESTERN STATES SEISMIC POLICY COUNCIL POLICY RECOMMENDATION 04-5

WSSPC recommends convening a technical Basin and Range Province Earthquake Working Group (BRPEWG) to develop scientific consensus regarding fault behavior, ground-shaking and ground-failure modeling, and research priorities relevant to seismic policy and the USGS National Seismic Hazards Maps (NSHMs) in the Basin and Range Province (BRP). The BRPEWG will be convened under the auspices of the USGS NSHM project.

# SEISMIC-POLICY ISSUES IDENTIFIED AT BRPSHSII

- Use and relative weighting of time-dependent, Poisson, and clustering models to characterize BRP fault behavior.
- Proper magnitude-frequency distributions (Gutenberg-Richter vs. characteristic earthquake models) for BRP faults.
- 3. Use of length vs. displacement relations to estimate earthquake magnitudes.
- 4. Probabilities and magnitudes of multi-segment ruptures on BRP faults.

# SEISMIC-POLICY ISSUES IDENTIFIED AT BRPSHSII

- Resolving discrepancies between horizontal geodetic extension rates and vertical geologic slip rates.
- 6. Appropriate attenuation relations, stress drops, and kappa in modeling ground motions, including evidence from precarious rock studies.

# **BRPEWG GOALS**

- Bring together subject-matter experts to discuss evidence, evaluate issues, and define strategies for resolving issues.
- Establish consensus on issues wherever possible to advise the USGS regarding the next update of the NSHMs.
- Where consensus is not possible, outline research programs to resolve outstanding technical issues that the USGS can use when setting research priorities.

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# **BRPEWG SCHEDULE**

- BRPEWG Meeting March 8, 9, & 10, 2006, in Salt Lake City
- Draft recommendations document ready for review and approval by WSSPC Board on April 17, 2006 in San Francisco.
- Present BRPEWG recommendations to the USGS at their Intermountain West Regional Meeting in Reno, Nevada in May 2006.

# UPDATING THE UQFPWG CONSENSUS SLIP-RATE AND RECURRENCE-INTERVAL DATABASE



# **UQFPWG** 2005 RECOMMENDATIONS

- UGS perform a detailed review of new paleoseismictrenching data as it is published.
- Provide a summary of information to UQFPWG members for their review.
- UQFPWG will meet as necessary (at least annually) to evaluate new data and recommend consensus vertical-slip-rate and recurrence-interval values for inclusion in the database.



- What constitutes "published?"
- UQFPWG to meet annually, but how often should the database be updated?
- How should the database and documentation be maintained CDROM, UGS web site, other?

# NEW PALEOSEISMIC STUDY RESULTS

- Holocene Earthquake History of the Northern Weber
   Segment of the Wasatch Fault Zone, Utah USGS, in press.
- Provo Segment Megatrench Susan Olig, URS Corp.
   nearing completion final publication?
- Nephi Segment Trenching UGS and USGS.
- Promontory Segment of the Great Salt Lake Fault University of Utah; when done/when published?
- New age estimates for Little Cottonwood Canyon moraines – could change Woodward-Clyde slip rates, abstract only at this time.

### **Multi-Segment Ruptures (MSRs)**

#### **MSRs - Why Bother?**

- 1. Nonzero probability of segment boundary rupture (Andrews and Schwerer, 2000)
- 2. BRP EQs: complex and extensive surface faulting (dePolo and others; 1991)
- 3. 2007 update of NSHMs



4. Directions for future WFZ paleoseismic research

## **MSR** Analyses

#### **Approaches:**

#### Segment Boundary

Probability of SB rupture:

- SB physical characteristics
- EQ sequence & stress change (Harris, Kase, WGCEP, 2002)

#### Strain Analysis

- EQ displacement and strain accumulation important (Weldon and others, 2004)
- Displacement per earthquake

#### EQ Timing

- MSR model based on EQ timing (Chang and Smith, 2002)
- Treat all SBs equally (Andrews and Schwerer, 2000)
- Quality of paleoseismic data?

#### Working Models

- Multiple working models
- Using historical EQ and paleoseismic data
- Expert opinion (WGCEP, 2003)
- Difficult to balance EQ moment

#### **Preferred Method:**

Quantitatively combine **EQ Timing** with **Working Models** (WGCEP, 2003) Qualitatively include **SB** and **Strain Analyses** 

- *Rupture source*: single segment or combination of segments that may produce an earthquake
   <u>Central WFZ</u>: BC, WB, SLC, PV, BC+WB, WB+SLC, SLC+PV
- *Rupture scenario*: combination of rupture sources possible mode of failure of entire fault zone

#### WFZ: 5 rupture scenarios

- 1. BC, WB, SL, PV
- 2. BC+WB, SL, PV
- 3. BC, WB+SL, PV
- 4. BC, WB, SL+PV
- 5. BC+WB, SL+PV

#### **Preferred Method:**

• *Rupture model*: weighted combination of rupture scenarios, representing long-term behavior

	MSR Models:	Α	В	C
1.	BC, WB, SL, PV	100%	80%	20%
2.	BC+WB, SL, PV	0%	5%	20%
3.	BC, WB+SL, PV	0%	5%	20%
4.	BC, WB, SL+PV	0%	5%	20%
5.	BC+WB, SL+PV	0%	5%	20%

#### **Limitations:**

- Worst-case scenario: MSRs >90 km 1887 M<sub>w</sub> 7.4 Sonora, Mexico (Pitaychachi) EQ: >100 km (2-3 faults/segments) Most other BRP EQs: 20-70 km
- *Partial-segment ruptures & spill-over* not accounted for. Need a floating M ~6.5 EQ?
- Not all paleoseismic data are equal:

Older studies - fewer limiting ages Older earthquakes - more difficult to investigate

#### Approach:

- 1. Update and revise WFZ **paleoearthquake space-time diagram** (UQFPWG; Lund, 2005)
- 2. Formulate criteria to quantify the **potential for MSRs** along the WFZ
- 3. Formulate criteria to quantify **confidence in the paleoseismic data**
- 4. Generate **multiple MSR models** for the WFZ
- 5. Weight models, finalize preferred model(s), and reach UQFPWG consensus (?).

## **1. Space-Time**

#### WFZ Space-Time Diagram:

- Limiting ages: number, type, event
  (McCalpin and Nishenko, 1996; Lund and Black, 1998; McCalpin, 2002; Nelson and others, in press)
- Vertical displacement per event
- Fault-zone complexity



Figure 1. Wasatch fault zone paleoearthquake space-time diagram, based on paleoseismic trench dafa. Trench-site abbreviations (north to south): BC - Brigham City, PD - Provo delta (Box Elder Canyon), PP - Pole Patch, GG - Garner Canyon (construction-related excavation), EO - East Ogden, KV - Kaysville, LC - Little Cottonwood Canyon (megatrench), SFDC/DG - South Fork Dry Creek/Dry Gulch, AF - American Fork, RC - Rock Creek (stream cut)/Rock Canyon, MP - Mapleton north and south (Mapleton "megatrench" (MM) results pending), WC - Water Canyon, SC - Santaquin Canyon (results pending), NC - North Creek, WC - Willow Creek (results pending), RCyn - Red Canyon, PC - Pidgeon Creek, DC - Deep Creek (atream cut), and SP - Skinner Peaks.

### 2. MSR Potential

#### **MSR Potential Criteria**

#### 5 (high):

2-sigma time ranges overlap;A preferred time is within time range of B;A preferred time – B preferred time = 0-200 yrs.

#### 4 (medium-high):

2-sigma time ranges overlap;A preferred time is within time range of B;A preferred time – B preferred time = 201-400 yrs.

#### 3 (medium):

2-sigma time ranges overlap;A preferred time is within time range of B;A preferred time – B preferred time = >400 yrs.







### 2. MSR Potential

#### **MSR Potential Criteria**

#### 2 (medium-low):

2-sigma time ranges overlap; A preferred time is <u>outside</u> of time range of B; preferred time – B 2-sigma time range = **0-200** yrs.

#### 1 (low):

2-sigma time ranges overlap;
A preferred <u>outside</u> of time range of B;
A preferred time – B 2-sigma time range = 201+ yrs.

#### 0 (nonexistent):

2-sigma time ranges **<u>do not</u>** overlap.



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## 3. Data Confidence

#### Paleoseismic-Data Confidence Criteria

#### High confidence

Combination of **minimum and maximum ages**  $(\geq 3 \text{ total})$  from two or more trench sites

#### Medium-high

> 4 close limiting ages (that overlap) from two or more trench sites

#### Medium confidence

 $\geq$  2 **maximum** (or  $\geq$  2 **min**) ages from <u>two or</u> <u>more trench sites</u>







### **3. Data Confidence**

#### **Paleoseismic-Data Confidence Criteria**

**Medium-low** 

Minimum & maximum ages, or  $\geq 2$  overlapping maximum (or min) ages from a <u>single trench site</u>

Low confidence

Only minimum or maximum ages from a single trench site

#### Unknown

No paleoseismic data (numerical ages) constraining earthquake.



#### WASATCH FAULT ZONE MULTI-SEGMENT RUPTURE MODEL SOURCE DATA

#### WFZ MSR Model earthquake-timing data

INPUT:	B	C	N	/B	SL	.C	P\	/	NF	
	EQ timing	± 2 <sub>0</sub>	EQ timing	± 2 <sub>0</sub>	EQ timing	± 2 <sub>0</sub>	EQ timing	± 2σ	EQ timing	± 2σ
W	5950	250	6100	700	5300	750				
X	4650	500	4500	700	3950	550	5300	300	3100	400
Y	3450	300	3000	700	2450	550	2850	650	1300	400
Z	2100	800	950	450	1300	650	600	350	1000	500
		Za	500	300		*yellow indic	cates values th	at can be m	odified	
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		BC	WB	SLC	PV	NP				
w	Preferred t	5950	6100	5300	0	0				
	t + 2 <sub>0</sub>	6200	6800	6050	0	0				
	t - 2 <sub>σ</sub>	5700	5400	4550	0	0				
X	Preferred t	4650	4500	3950	5300	3100				
	t + 2 <sub>σ</sub>	5150	5200	4500	5600	3500				
	t - 2 <sub>σ</sub>	4150	3800	3400	5000	2700				
Y	Preferred t	3450	3000	2450	2850	1300				
	t + 2 <sub>0</sub>	3750	3700	3000	3500	1700				
	t - 2 <sub>σ</sub>	3150	2300	1900	2200	900				
Z	Preferred t	2100	950	1300	600	1000				
	t + 2 <sub>σ</sub>	2900	1400	1950	950	1500				
	t - 2 <sub>σ</sub>	1300	500	650	250	500				
		-	-							
MSR Poten	tial	TEST 1	TEST 2	Assignmen	t 1 (differenc	e in preferr	red t)	Assignmen	t 2 (preferred t	: - 2 <sub>0</sub> range)
highest	5	TRUE (1)	TRUE (1)	<=	200					
	4	TRUE (1)	TRUE (1)	>	200	and <=	400			
	3	TRUE (1)	TRUE (1)	>	400					
	2	TRUE (1)	FALSE (0)					<=	200	
lowest	1	TRUE (1)	FALSE (0)					>	200	
zero	0	FALSE (0)	NA							
	*yellow indica	ites values th	at can be mo	odified						

#### **MSR Potential**

#### MSR notation:

- BC+WB[W]; SLC[W]+PV[X]
- Multiple working models?

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BC-WB			WB-SLC			SLC-PV			PV-NP		
	WB[W]	5	W/B[\/]	SLC[W]	2	SLC[W]	PV[W]	0	D\/[\//]	NP[W]	5
	WB[X]	0		SLC[X]	0		PV[X]	5	L A [ A A ]	NP[X]	0
BC[X]	WB[W]	0		SLC[W]	2	SLC[X]	PV[W]	0		NP[W]	0
	WB[X]	5	WB[X]	SLC[X]	3		PV[X]	0	PV[X]	NP[X]	0
	WB[Y]	0		SLC[Y]	0		PV[Y]	1		NP[Y]	0
	WB[X]	0		SLC[X]	1		PV[X]	0		NP[X]	4
BC[Y]	WB[Y]	3	WB[Y]	SLC[Y]	3	SLC[Y]	PV[Y]	4	PV[Y]	NP[Y]	0
	WB[Z]	0		SLC[Z]	0		PV[Z]	0		NP[Z]	0
	WB[Y]	2	W/B[7]	SLC[Y]	0	SLC[Z]	PV[Y]	0	PV[Z]	NP[Y]	1
	WB[Z]	1	VV D[Z]	SLC[Z]	4		PV[Z]	2		NP[Z]	4

\*text colored gray due to unspecified Nephi and Provo events W



#### Model A

• No MSRs. 100% weight given to scenario 1.

MSR scena	Model A	
1.	BC, WB, SL, PV	100%
2.	BC+WB, SL, PV	0%
3.	BC, WB+SL, PV	0%
4.	BC, WB, SL+PV	0%
5.	BC+WB, SL+PV	0%

### Model B

- Conflicting events OK (e.g., SLC[Y] used in two MSRs)
- Only MSR potential  $\geq 3$
- Relative weighting of scenarios 2-4
- 2/15 (13.3%) single-segment, 13/15 (86.7%) MSR earthquakes

BC-WB			WB-SLC			SLC-PV		
BC[W]	WB[W]	5	WB[W]	SLC[W]	2.0	SLC[W]	PV[W]	0.0
BC[W]	WB[X]	0.0	WB[W]	SLC[X]	0.0	SLC[W]	PV[X]	5
BC[X]	WB[W]	0.0	WB[X]	SLC[W]	2.0	SLC[X]	PV[W]	0.0
BC[X]	WB[X]	5.0	WB[X]	SLC[X]	3.0	SLC[X]	PV[X]	0.0
BC[X]	WB[Y]	0.0	WB[X]	SLC[Y]	0.0	SLC[X]	PV[Y]	1.0
BC[Y]	WB[X]	0.0	WB[Y]	SLC[X]	1.0	SLC[Y]	PV[X]	0.0
BC[Y]	WB[Y]	3	WB[Y]	SLC[Y]	3.0	SLC[Y]	PV[Y]	4
BC[Y]	WB[Z]	0.0	WB[Y]	SLC[Z]	0.0	SLC[Y]	PV[Z]	0.0
BC[Z]	WB[Y]	2.0	WB[Z]	SLC[Y]	0.0	SLC[Z]	PV[Y]	0.0
BC[Z]	WB[Z]	1.0	WB[Z]	SLC[Z]	4.0	SLC[Z]	PV[Z]	2.0
Sum of	highest potent:	4.3			3.3			4.5
Su	ım of averages:	12.2						
					Relative	weight:	Total weig	ht
			1) BC, WB, S	SLC, PV			13.3	
Total we	ight for		2) BC+WB, S	SLC, PV	0.36		30.9	
MSR sce	narios (2-5):		3) BC, WB+8	SLC, PV	0.27	23.8		
86.7			4) BC, WB, S	SLC+PV	0.37		32.1	
			5) BC+WB, S	SLC+PV			0.0	
				sun	1.00	sur	n <sup>•</sup> 100.0	

### Model C

- No conflicting events (e.g., WB+SLC[Y] removed)
- Only MSR potential  $\geq 3$
- Relative weighting of scenarios 2-5
- 3/15 (20%) single-segment, 12/15 (80%) MSR earthquakes

BC-WB			WB-SLC			SLC-PV		
BC[W]	WB[W]	5	WB[W]	SLC[W]	2.0	SLC[W]	PV[W]	0.0
BC[W]	WB[X]	0.0	WB[W]	SLC[X]	0.0	SLC[W]	PV[X]	5
BC[X]	WB[W]	0.0	WB[X]	SLC[W]	2.0	SLC[X]	PV[W]	0.0
BC[X]	WB[X]	5.0	WB[X] X	SLC[X]	3.0	SLC[X]	PV[X]	0.0
BC[X]	WB[Y]	0.0	WB[X]	SLC[Y]	0.0	SLC[X]	PV[Y]	1.0
BC[Y]	WB[X]	0.0	WB[Y]	SLC[X]	1.0	SLC[Y]	PV[X]	0.0
BC[Y]	WB[Y]	3	WB[Y] X	SLC[Y]	3.0	SLC[Y]	PV[Y]	4
BC[Y]	WB[Z]	0.0	WB[Y]	SLC[Z]	0.0	SLC[Y]	PV[Z]	0.0
BC[Z]	WB[Y]	2.0	WB[Z]	SLC[Y]	0.0	SLC[Z]	PV[Y]	0.0
BC[Z]	WB[Z]	1.0	WB[Z]	SLC[Z]	4.0	SLC[Z]	PV[Z]	2.0
Su	m of highlighted:	34.5						
				Re	lative wei	ight:	Total weig	ht
			1) BC, WB, \$	SLC, PV			20.0	
Total we	ight for	2	2) BC+WB, \$	SLC, PV	0.38		30.1	
MSR sce	narios (2-5):	:	3) BC, WB+	SLC, PV	0.12		9.3	
80.0			4) BC, WB, \$	SLC+PV	0.26		20.9	
		:	5) BC+WB, \$	SLC+PV	0.25		19.7	
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#### Model D

• Identical to Model C, but including paleoseismic data confidence

Confidence multipliers:							
high	1.00						
medium-high	0.93						
medium	0.85						
medium-low	0.78						
low	0.70						

BC-WB			Conf mod:	WB-SLC			Conf mod:	SLC-PV			Conf mod:
BC[W]	WB[W]	5.0	3.50	WB[W]	SLC[W]	2.0		SLC[W]	PV[W]	0.0	
BC[W]	WB[X]	0.0		WB[W]	SLC[X]	0.0		SLC[W]	PV[X]	5.0	3.88
BC[X]	WB[W]	0.0	7	WB[X]	SLC[W]	2.0		SLC[X]	PV[W]	0.0	
BC[X]	WB[X]	5.0	3.88	WB[X]	SLC[X]	3.0		SLC[X]	PV[X]	0.0	
BC[X]	WB[Y]	0.0		WB[X]	SLC[Y]	0.0		SLC[X]	PV[Y]	1.0	
BC[Y]	WB[X]	0.0	7	WB[Y]	SLC[X]	1.0		SLC[Y]	PV[X]	0.0	
BC[Y]	WB[Y]	3.0	2.55	WB[Y]	SLC[Y]	3.0		SLC[Y]	PV[Y]	4.0	3.70
BC[Y]	WB[Z]	0.0		WB[Y]	SLC[Z]	0.0		SLC[Y]	PV[Z]	0.0	
BC[Z]	WB[Y]	2.0	7	WB[Z]	SLC[Y]	0.0	7	SLC[Z]	PV[Y]	0.0	
BC[Z]	WB[Z]	1.0		WB[Z]	SLC[Z]	4.0	4.00	SLC[Z]	PV[Z]	2.0	

um of confidence modified: 28.31

		Relative weight:	Relative * total weight
	1) BC, WB, SLC, PV		20.0
Total weight for	2) BC+WB, SLC, PV	0.35	28.0
MSR scenarios (2-5):	3) BC, WB+SLC, PV	0.14	11.3
80.0	4) BC, WB, SLC+PV	0.27	21.4
	5) BC+WB, SLC+PV	0.24	19.2
	sum:	1.0	100.0

### Model E

- Based on Chang and Smith (2002)
- Conflicting events OK (WB[Y] used twice)
- Relative weighting of scenarios 2-5
- 2/14 (14.3%) single-segment, 12/14 (85.7%) MSR earthquakes



### **5. MSR Model Weights**

#### Weighting the models

• Weighting for single-segment vs. MSR models? (80/20)

**Model A:** single-segment earthquakes only, no MSRs

Model B: conflict OK, only MSR potential 3+

Model C: no conflict, only MSR potential 3+

Model D: no conflict, only MSR potential 3+, includes data confidence

Model E: Based on Chang and Smith (2002); relative weighting, conflict OK

MSR scenarios:	Α	В	С	D	E	
1) BC, WB, SLC, PV	100	13.3	20.0	20.0	14.3	
2) BC+WB, SLC, PV	0	30.9	30.1	28.0	36.7	
3) BC, WB+SLC, PV	0	23.8	9.3	11.3	12.2	
4) BC, WB, SLC+PV	0	32.1	20.9	21.4	24.5	
5) BC+WB, SLC+PV	0	0.0	19.7	19.2	12.2	
Model weights (%):	80	5	5	5	5	

#### Summary of relative scenario weights

	Α	В	С	D	E	
1) BC, WB, SLC, PV	80.0	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.7	83.4
2) BC+WB, SLC, PV	0.0	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.8	6.3
3) BC, WB+SLC, PV	0.0	1.2	0.5	0.6	0.6	2.8
4) BC, WB, SLC+PV	0.0	1.6	1.0	1.1	1.2	4.9
5) BC+WB, SLC+PV	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.6	2.6
					sum:	100.0

## **Preferred Model**

#### **MSR Models B-E:**

 6-8 MSRs;
 2-3 singlesegment EQs

- Incorporate Fault-zone complexity & strain?
- Relative frequency of rupture sources? Moment balance?



### **Segment Boundary Analysis**

#### **Geometric Complexity**

- *More complex:* WB+SLC
- *Less complex:* BC+WB, SLC+PV
- Supports more frequent **BC+WB** & **SLC+PV** MSRs



### **Segment Boundary Analysis**

#### **EQ displacements**

• Large displacements (~4 m) on northern Weber segment, but don't unequivocally support MSRs



#### WFZ Strain Analysis

- **Do MSRs occur during periods of relative strain accumulation?** SAF: more frequent/large EQs occur after high strain accumulation (Weldon and others, 2004)
- Strain accumulation rate  $\approx$  geodetic extension rate?
- Quality of displacement-per-event data?
- **BC to PV**: positive accumulation during mid-Holocene.






# WFZ MSR Analysis

### Summary

5 MSR models:	<ul> <li>Model A: single-segment earthquakes only, no MSRs</li> <li>Model B: conflict OK, only MSR potential 3+</li> <li>Model C: no conflict, only MSR potential 3+</li> <li>Model D: no conflict, only MSR potential 3+, includes data confidence</li> <li>Model E: Based on Chang and Smith (2002); relative weighting, conflict OK</li> </ul>						
MSR scenarios:	Α	В	С	D	E		
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3) BC, WB+SLC, PV	0	23.8	9.3	11.3	12.2		
4) BC, WB, SLC+PV	0	32.1	20.9	21.4	24.5		
5) BC+WB, SLC+PV	0	0.0	19.7	19.2	12.2	sum	
Model weights (%):	80	5	5	5	5	100	

# • 5 MSR models:

- Pre-2005 trench data, MSR potential, paleoseismic data confidence, quantitative scenario weights

- FZ complexity weakly supports scenarios 2, 4, 5
- **Displacement** per event & **strain analysis** inconclusive
- **Future work** finalize models/weights, occurrence rates, & moment balance

# WFZ MSR Analysis

# Based on the current WFZ paleoseismic data, do we go ahead with the MSR model?

• Or wait for new WB, PV, NP data and reevaluate?

# If so, how do we pick appropriate models and weights?

- Are the rupture sources appropriate? (e.g., SLC+PV = 98 km)
- Include additional/fewer models?
- Appropriate weights for all MSR models? (e.g., 20%)
- Appropriate weights for competing MSR models? (e.g., 5% ea.)



# Some Factors Relevant To Earthquake Hazard Assessment of Utah Earthquake Areas

Continous recording GPS Station, Antelope Island

**R. B. Smith, W. Chang and J. Braun, University of Utah** 

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Chang and Smith [1997]

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# Map of Wasatch fault and Wasatch Front lifelines showing the potential of direct fault-rupture of these critical facilities.



Vickie Solomon, November 1999

Braun, 2000

# Single segment PDHA



Annual Frequency of Exceedance (/year) F

Braun, 2000

# Multi segment PDHA

Annual Frequency of Exceedance (/year) F



### **Stress Contagion Model for the Wasatch Fault**



# Fault loading from desication of Lake Bonneville and deglaciation of Wasatch Range at ~12-10 ky. produces increased fault slip rates and consequential earthquake clustering







#### **Single- and Multi-segment Model for the Wasatch Paleoearthquakes**

after McCalpin and Nishenko [1996]

Chang and Smith [2002]



UU and PBO (EarthScope) other agency real-time permanent and campaign Station GPS network

### 40 real-time permanent stations

60 campaign stations



#### Horizontal Velocity Field of the Wasatch Front, Utah



The Wasatch Fault is zone of major strain accumulation

Chang et al. [2006, submitted to JGR]

#### Rheologic Models for Estimating Postseismic Deformation







#### **GPS Velocity and Strain-Rate Field across the Central Wasatch Fault**





Note the strong strain gradients across the fault zone

Chang et al. [2006, submitted to JGR]

#### Simple-Shear <u>Finite-Strain</u> Model for Converting Geologic Vertical Displacement To Geodetic Horizontal Extension for Normal Fault





Dip of the	Dip of Simple-	Vertical Displacement	Geologic Fault Slip	Comparison of GPS Rate with Geologic Rate	
Wasatch	Shear Plane	Rate from GPS Data,	Rate (0-10 ka),		
Fault	(Antithetic Fault)	mm/yr	mm/yr		
θ = 30°	$\alpha = 55^{\circ}E-80^{\circ}E$	0.5 - 1.0	1.7 ± 0.5	GPS < Geologic	
	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$	0.7 - 1.2	$1.7\pm0.5$	GPS < Geologic	
θ = 55°	$\alpha = 55^{\circ}E-80^{\circ}E$	0.9 - 2.3	$1.7\pm0.5$	Consistent	
	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$	1.7 - 2.9	$1.7\pm0.5$	Consistent	
$\theta = 70^{\circ}$	$\alpha = 55^{\circ}E-80^{\circ}E$	1.1 - 3.7	$1.7\pm0.5$	Consistent	
	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$	3.3 - 5.5	$1.7 \pm 0.5$	GPS > Geologic	

#### Inverting for the GPS Velocity Model for Inter-seismic Loading of the Wasatch Fault



Again note the strong strain gradients across the fault zone

Chang et al. [2006, in preparation]

# **Contributions to PSHA**





#### Chang and Smith [2002]

### Wasatch Front Historic Seismicity



# Frequency of earthquake occurrence



Chang and Smith [2002]



#### Proposed High Seismic Refraction Profiles For Imaging the Wasatch Fault and Wasatch Front Basins

Red lines = airgun source profiles, stars are 0.5 to 1 ton drilled shot points, Blue = profiles of data loggers (0.5 km spacing decreased to 0.1 km for fault focusing) = locations of explosive shots (permitted and done by USGS).

Possible NEHRP-NSF proprosal

# **Upcoming Utah Earthquake Hazards Seminars and Workshops**

- 1. Ralph Archuleta, UCSB, GG Earthquake Seismology/Hazard Assessment class workshop and UU Geology and Geophysics Distinguished Lecture, Mar. 2 Normal fault mechanics, liquefaction and basin amplification effects.
- 2. Shaky Wasatch, Leonardo-Utah Science Center, Mar. 2, 7PM, Salt Lake City Auditorium, Panel (Arabasz, Archuleta, Bartlett, Carey, Lund, Smith) with community discussions.
- 3. Ed Field, USGS/SCEC, OpenSource Sesismic Hazard Analysis (online PSHA), GG Earthquake Seismology/Hazard Assessment class workshop and UU Geology and Geophysics Distinguished Lecture, Mar. 21-23.
- 4. Mary Lou Zoback, USGS and SSA Lecture, Overview of the 1906 San Franciso earthquake, SSC, lecture, Evening, Mar. 22

#### **Considered Utah Earthquake Hazards Topics** Shaky Wasatch, March 2, Utah Science Center, SL Library

- Are Utah normal faults normal? Paradigm and Paradox
- Stress drops: normal or not.
- Fault and footwall geometry and effects on PGAs
- Valley amplification with basin effects.
- Effects of low velocity layers and inter basin reflections of surface waves on energy focusing.
- Can Wasatch fault produce PGA's be > 2 g.
- How to incorporate ANSS and EarthScope data into Utah earthquake research (seismic and GPS)
- Contemporary loading and interseismic rates from GPS and how they are used in PSHA
- Rheology and time dependent fault loading from GPS and geologic rates
- Implications and updates on real-time emergency response, communication, broadcast alerts, state and HS issues.
- Wasatch fault paleohistory, geometry, directivity, footwall amplification, and enhanced PGA
- Early Holocene earthquake clustering with Bonneville and glacial unloading effects on fault slip rates.
- Footwall flood inundation from GSL and Utah Lakes accompanying large earthquakes.
- Fault displacement PDHA and lifelines.
- Multi segment models and stress contagion models, with rheology.
- Time dependent PSHA with stress interaction
- Integrated PSHA, PDHA and PLHA