

UTAH QUATERNARY FAULT PARAMETERS WORKING GROUP



Wasatch Fault Near Hobble Creek

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

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UQFPWG

- One of three standing committees created to help set and coordinate Utah's earthquake-hazard research agenda.
- Reviews ongoing paleoseismic research in Utah, and updates the Utah consensus slip-rate and recurrence-interval database as necessary.
- Provides advice/insight regarding technical issues related to fault behavior in Utah & the Basin and Range Province.
- Identifies and prioritizes Utah Quaternary faults for future study.



UTAH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

2012 MEETING REVIEW

Presentations on Paleoseismic Work Completed or in Progress

- Salt Lake City segment WFZ
- Granger fault WVFZ
- Utah Lake sediment study (seismic evidence)
- Hurricane fault (Lake Powell pipeline crossing)
- Blue Castle nuclear facility licensing project
- Paunsaugunt fault
- Nephi segment WFZ upcoming study
- Central Wasatch fault zone segments parameter characterization
- Wasatch fault GPS and earthquake moment rate comparisons
- Working Group on Utah Earthquake Probabilities update
- Basin and Range Province Earthquake Working Group II update www.geology.utah.gov



Technical Discussion Items

- Southern segment of the East Cache fault zone study status
- Possible evidence for previously unrecognized Quaternary faulting in northern Utah

UQFPWG Fault Study Priorities



2012 FAULT PRIORITY LIST

2012 Highest Priority Faults/Fault Sections For Study					
Fault/Fault Section ¹	Investigation Status		Investigating Institution ²		
Acquire new paleoseismic information in data gaps along the five central segments of the WFZ – e.g., (a) Brigham City segment rupture extent (north and south ends); (b) long- tern earthquake record northern Provo segment; (c) long- term earthquake record southern Weber segment.	No activity				
Penultimate event Provo segment WFZ	No activity				
West Valley fault zone – Taylorsville fault	No activity				
Other Priority	Faults/Fault Sections Requ	uiring Further Study			
Fault/Fault Section	Original UQFPWG Priority	Investigation Status	Investigating Institution ²		
Cedar City-Parowan monocline/Paragonah fault ³	10	No activity			
Enoch graben	11	No activity			
Clarkston fault ³	13	Black and others (2000)			
Gunnison fault	17	No activity			
Scipio Valley faults	18	No activity			
Faults beneath Bear Lake	19	No activity			
Eastern Bear Lake fault	20	No activity			
Carrington fault (Great Salt Lake)	2007	No activity			
Rozelle section, Great Salt Lake fault ⁴	2007	No activity			
Warm Springs fault/East Bench fault subsurface geometry and connection ⁴	2010	No activity			
Hansel Valley fault ³	2011	McCalpin, (1985), McCalpin and others (1992), Robinson (1986)			
Faults/Fa	ult Sections Studies Comp	lete or Ongoing			
Fault/Fault Section	Original UQFPWG Priority	Investigation Status	Investigating Institution ²		
Nephi segment WFZ	1	UGS Special Study 124 USGS Map 2966 New UGS study funded 2012	UGS/USGS		
Long-term earthquake record Nephi segment WFZ	1a	Funded for 2012	UGS/USGS		
West Valley fault zone (Granger fault)	2	Ongoing	UGS/USGS		
Weber segment WFZ – most recent event	3	UGS Special Study 130	UGS/USGS		
Weber segment WFZ – multiple events	4	UGS Special Study 130	UGS/USGS		
Utah Lake faults and folds	5	On going	UUGG		
Great Salt Lake fault zone	6	Ongoing	UUGG		
Collinston & Clarkston Mountain segments WFZ	7	UGS Special Study 121	UGS		
Sevier/Toroweap fault	8	UGS Special Study 122	UGS		
East Cache fault zone	12	Ongoing	USU		
Wasatch Range back-valley fault (Main Canyon fault)	14	UGS Miscellaneous Pub. 10-5	USBR		
Hurricane fault	15	UGS Special Study 119	UGS		
Levan segment WFZ	16	UGS Map 229	UGS		
Brigham City segment WFZ – most recent event	2007	Ongoing	UGS/USGS		
Bear River fault zone	2007	Ongoing	USGS		
Salt Lake City segment WFZ – north end	2009	On going	UGS/USGS		

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AGENDA QUATERNARY FAULT PARAMETERS WORKING GROUP Tuesday, February 5, 2013

8:00 Continental breakfast

8:20 Welcome, overview of meeting, and review of last year's activities

We are here

- 8:30 Utah Lake fault investigation; Ron Harris, BYU
- 8:50 Automated fault scarp offset analysis of the Nephi segment of the Wasatch fault utilizing LiDAR derived, high resolution DEMs; Billie Smathers, BYU
- 9:10 Nephi segment paleoseismic trenching; Chris DuRoss, UGS
- 9:30 Penrose Drive/Baileys Lake paleoseismic studies final results; Chris DuRoss/Mike Hylland, UGS
- 9:50 New information for the Taylorsville fault from Orange Street consultant's trench, Mike Hylland, UGS

10:10 Break

- 10:30 Does fault segmentation limit earthquake magnitude on the Wasatch fault; Scott Bennett/Rich Briggs, USGS
- **10:50** Bear River fault behavior–clues provided by LiDAR; Suzanne Hecker, USGS
- 11:10 Update on U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Joes Valley fault study; Joanna Redwine, USBR
- 11:30 GPS Monitoring of the Wasatch Fault: Earthquake Research and Hazard Assessment; R.B. Smith, W. Chang, J. Farrell, and C. Puskas, UUGG/UNAVCO

12:00 Lunch



AGENDA (Continued)

12:00 Lunch

- 1:00 Large liquefaction features and evidence for earthquakes induced by Lake Bonneville in Cache Valley; Susanne Janecke, USU
- 1:30 Washington fault mapping and fault section redefinition; Tyler Knudsen, UGS
- 1:50 Washington fault paleoseismic investigation; Bill Lund, UGS
- 2:10 Preliminary results of a high resolution seismic reflection profile at Hansel Valley, Utah; Pier Bruno, UUGG
- **2:30** Update Blue Castle nuclear facility licensing project; Dean Ostenaa, Fugro, Inc.
- 2:50 Paleoseismic-related NEHRP FTR reports for Utah; Steve Bowman, UGS
- 3:10 Break
 - 3:30 WGUEP update; Ivan Wong, URS Corp.
 - 3:50 Re-examination of trenches for early-mid Holocene climatic events and redefining "Active" faults; Darlene Batatian, Mountain Land Development Services
- 4:10 UQFPWG 2014 fault study priorities

We need to get here

5:00 Adjourn



UQFPWG 2014 Fault Study Priorities



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Fault/Fault Segment	Original UQFPWG Priority (2005)
Nephi segment WFZ	1
West Valley fault zone	2
Weber segment WFZ – most recent event	3
Weber segment WFZ – multiple events	4
Utah Lake faults and folds	5
Great Salt Lake fault zone	6
Collinston & Clarkston Mountain segments WFZ	7
Sevier/Toroweap fault	8
Washington fault	9
Cedar City-Parowan monocline/ Paragonah fault	10
Enoch graben	11
East Cache fault zone	12
Clarkston fault	13
Wasatch Range back-valley faults	14
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Brigham City segment WFZ – most recent event	2007
Carrington fault (Great Salt Lake)	2007
Provo segment WFZ – penultimate event	2007
Rozelle section – East Great Salt Lake Fault	2007
Salt Lake City segment WFZ – northern part	2009
Warm Springs fault/East Bench fault subsurface geometry and connection	2010
Brigham City segment WFZ rupture extent (north and south ends)	2011
Long-term earthquake record northern Provo segment WFZ	2011
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Washington fault zone	9	Contract deliverable FTR	UGS		
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Searching for Evidence of Seismic Events in Lacustrine Sediments of Utah Lake

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Methods

- Sediment Cores
- Establish a Chronology for lake sediments
 - Tephrachronology/magnetic susceptibility
 - Radiometric (14C) and Isotopic Ages (Pb210)
- Density Variations
 - North Anatolian Fault , Turkey (Boës et al., 2010)
 - Lake Suigetsu, central Japan (Kawakami et al., 1996)
 - Lake Lucerne, central Switzerland (Schnellmann et al., 2002)
- Soft sediment deformation
 - Seismites
 - Liquefaction

Advantages

- Advantages of using lacustrine sediments over sediments in trenches across active faults
 - Constant sedimentation record
 - Higher age resolution
 - Lake sediments extend the seismic record more than three times
 - Lacustrine sediments have the potential to record seismic events that do not rupture the surface

Sample Collection



Coring Methods



Logging cores







Labs Involved

- Core Analysis
 - Utah Museum of Natural History, University of Utah
 - Mitchell Power, Anthony Macharia
 - The Shuman Laboratory, University of Wyoming
 - Bryan Shuman
- Radiometric Ages
 - Isotope Laboratory, BYU
 - Pb210/14C Steve Nelson, Terik Daly
 - University of Georgia
 - C14, AMS

Mid-lake Core



* Ash Ages from Kuehn and Begrini 2010

Mid-lake Core



*XRF – AL2O3, Fe2O3, Cu, K2O, SiO2, TiO2, V, Y, Zr

Mid-lake Core



*XRF – AL2O3, Fe2O3, Cu, K2O, SiO2, TiO2, V, Y, Zr

Density vs Time



Salt Lake Segment



* Trench Data after Chris DuRoss

Provo Segment



* Trench Data after Chris DuRoss

Nephi Segment



* Trench Data after Chris Duross

Provo Bay





Future Work

- X-Rays
- Additional Ages
- LOI
- Deformation Model







(Boës et al., 2010)

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Automated fault scarp offset analysis of the Nephi segment of the Wasatch fault, Utah utilizing LiDAR derived, high resolution DEMs



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Objectives

•A detailed study of scarp morphology over a large area utilizing high-resolution data

•Develop new software tools to extract important morphological parameters











Field Checks

Profile	Variance	Standard Deviation
1	0.05	0.22
2	0.20	0.45
3	0.73	0.85
4	0.20	0.44
5	0.24	0.49




Software Applications

Esri ArcGIS: used to interact with DEMs, create hillshades, map fault, and visualize results

Python scripts: used to extract profiles, analyze profiles for morphological parameters

Python scripts interact with ArcGIS or can stand alone to be used with other GIS applications



Base: Point of maximum slope curvature (concave-up) between the steepest part of the scarp face and the scarp toe

Max-slope: Gradient of the steepest part of the scarp face

Crest: Point of maximum slope curvature (convex-up) between the scarp head and the steepest part of the scarp face

Far-field slope: Gradient of the faulted geomorphic surface

Vertical Offset: measurement of surface offset along vertical plane







Full Resolution First and Second Derivative



Downsampled First and Second Derivative

























Questions?



UPDATE: PALEOSEISMIC INVESTIGATION OF THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN STRANDS OF THE NEPHI SEGMENT

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Nephi Segment

- Four previous trench studies, but, important questions regarding:
 - 1. Timing and recurrence of mid- Holocene surface-faulting earthquakes
 - 2. Rupture behavior of the northern and southern strands
 - 3. Relation between the northern strand and Provo segment
- Spring Lake North and North Creek site



Nephi Segment

- Spring Lake site
 - 1 trench across prominent scarp on post-Bonnevillealluvial fan
 - Close to previous trenches excavated by UVU (Horns and others)



Northern Nephi segment – Spring Lake site



Northern Nephi segment – Spring Lake site

3.5-4.6 m high

North Wall of Spring Lake Trench

Lake Bonneville Sand and gravel

Scarp-derived colluvium

Alluvial-fan deposits

Wasatch fault

~1 m²



Prelim. Results

- Earthquakes
 - 4–6 after ~7 ka(?)
 - 5–7 earthquakes since Bonneville highstand
- Limiting ages:
 - 28 samples for ¹⁴C dating (mostly bulk soil)
 - 10 OSL samples (preliminary results from 5)



Southern Strand

- North Creek site
 - 1 trench across large, steep scarp on ~mid-Holocene alluvial-fan deposits
 - Previously investigated by Hanson, Swan, and Schwartz in 1980



Southern Nephi segment – North Creek site

North Creek 🛆

221 m

1993

North Creek site

12 S 430804.84 m E 4412430 02 m N elev 1687 m

~7.5 m high

Southern Nephi segment – North Creek site



South Wall of North Creek Trench



Prelim. Results

- Earthquakes
 - 3–4 after ~6 ka(?)
- Limiting ages:
 - 32 samples for ¹⁴C dating (mostly bulk soil)
 - 2 OSL samples



Summary & Conclusions

- Both sites yielded abundant evidence of surface faulting earthquakes:
 - Spring Lake north
 - 4–6 earthquakes since ~7 ka(?)
 - Moderate displacements (wedges <1 m thick)
 - North Creek
 - 3-4 earthquakes since ~6 ka
 - Large displacements (wedges ~1–2 m thick)
- With additional numerical ages, we hope to improve our understanding of the timing, recurrence, and displacement of earthquakes on the northern and southern Nephi strands

Results of Fault Trenching at the Baileys Lake Site, West Valley Fault Zone

Mike Hylland and Chris DuRoss (UGS)

With Greg McDonald (UGS) Susan Olig (URS) Jack Oviatt (Kansas State University) Tony Crone, Steve Personius, Shannon Mahan (USGS)

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Baileys Lake Trench Site



LiDAR image from Utah Automated Geographic Reference Center (2006; 2 m, illumination from NW)



Geologic Evidence for ≥4* Surface-faulting Paleoearthquakes



* Broad warping (0.5 ± 0.1 m vertical offset) in East trench indicates 1(?) undated (but post-Bonneville) earthquake.





Baileys Lake Site – OxCal Model Results

13 OSL ages, 4 ¹⁴C ages used in model

Model Output Baileys Lake Full Chronology Unmodelled (BP) Modelled (BP) Agreement mean sigma mean sigma Boundary Start R_Date BL-R4, C14 31,400 ±350 99.7 C Date BL-L1, OSL 31,590 ±1670 97.5 C_Date BL-L2, OSL 31,170 ±1940 C_Date BL-L16, OSL 31,030 ±1960 95.6 C Date BL-L3, OSL 24,440 ±2500 109.3 C_Date BL-L5, OSL 19,810 ±2380 112.5 C_Date BL-L7, OSL 19,300 ±380 100.3 **Boundary BL4** C Date BL-L8, OSL 14,070 ±820 112.5 C Date BL-L9, OSL 12,960 ±620 Boundary BL3 C_Date BL-L13, OSL 12,530 ±910 121.2 Boundary BL2 C_Date BL-L14, OSL 11,510 ±2610 136.2 C Date BL-L11, OSL 12,470 ±700 62.6 Phase Soil S1 76.8 C Date BL-L12, OSL 6020 ±500 R Date BL-R1, C14 5400±30 **Boundary BL1** Phase Unit 10, P1 Colluvium 98.9 R Date BL-R3-2, C14 4280±30 R Date BL-R3-1, C14 3890±30 99.9 C Date BL-L10, OSL 3210 ±250 Boundary Begin historical record, 1847



Baileys Lake Site – Chronostratigraphic Summary



Modeled earthquake times (red) and all numerical ages are reported with two-sigma uncertainty. Brackets indicate age out of stratigraphic order.

Comparison of WVFZ and SLCS Paleoearthquake Chronologies



Comparison of WVFZ and SLCS Per-event Vertical Displacements

West Valley Fault Zone

- 0.5 0.1 m Baileys Lake site
- 0.5 0.7 m AGRA site (Solomon, 1998; UGS unpub. data)
- 1.2 1.5 m (est. from geomorphic observations; Keaton and others, 1987)

Salt Lake City Segment

0.8 - 2.2 m (DuRoss and Hylland, 2012)



Two-dimensional boundary element modeling by Bruhn and Schultz (1996) showed that, on average, net slip and surface offset on antithetic faults was about 20–30% of the net slip on an underlying listric master fault.

(0.8–2.2 m) x (0.20–0.30) = 0.2–0.7 m

"This value is significantly less for an antithetic fault located above a planar fault zone, and the probability of surface rupturing is also less in this case because of greater difficulty in rupture propagation upward toward the surface from the point of initial failure." (Bruhn and Schultz, 1996)

Baileys Lake Site – Paleoseismic Summary

Baileys Lake site shows evidence of at least 4 large earthquakes

Earthquake timing:

- BL4 Warping event during Provo phase of Bonneville lake cycle (15.7 ± 3.4 ka)
- BL3 Surface faulting during Bonneville lowstand just prior to the Gilbert transgression (13.0 ± 1.1 ka)
- BL2 Surface faulting during latter part of Gilbert lake cycle (12.3 ± 1.1 ka)
- BL1 Surface faulting during the mid-Holocene (5.5 ± 0.8 ka)
- Broad warping in East trench indicates 1(?) undated (but post-Bonneville) earthquake; may or may not correlate with BL1

Earthquake recurrence:

- 0.7–6.8 kyr (inter-event)
- 3.4 kyr (BL4–BL1 mean)

Vertical displacement:

- 0.9 ± 0.2 m (post-13 ka)
- 1.9 ± 0.2 m (post-19 ka)
- Average per-event vertical displacement 0.5 ± 0.1 m

Slip rate:

- 0.06–0.09 mm/yr (post-13 ka)
- 0.09–0.12 mm/yr (post-19 ka)



Baileys Lake Site – Paleoseismic Summary

Distributed nature of faulting (i.e., multiple strands) complicates slip rate and recurrence estimates, and comparisons with the SLCS

Modeled timing of five latest Pleistocene–Holocene earthquakes on the WVFZ is similar to timing of SLCS events; a sixth WVFZ earthquake (W5) occurred during a time when the SLCS record may be incomplete

- Large WVFZ earthquakes are likely dependent on SLCS fault movement (coseismic or triggered)
- Mechanical model of WVFZ–SLCS fault interaction suggests synchronous rupture is likely
- Likelihood of <u>independent</u> movement of the WVFZ appears to be very low



PALEOSEISMOLOGY OF THE SALT LAKE CITY SEGMENT AND ITS SEISMOGENIC RELATION TO THE WEST VALLEY FAULT ZONE

Chris DuRoss and Mike Hylland Utah Geological Survey



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Salt Lake City Segment

- Outline:
 - Review paleoseismic data for the SLCS, including final Penrose Drive results
 - 2. Integrate these data to determine the Holocene and latest Pleistocene earthquake chronology for the SLCS
 - 3. Compute mean recurrence times and vertical slip rates for the SLCS
 - Compare SLCS earthquake-timing data with that for the West Valley fault zone (WVFZ) to assess their seismogenic relation



Previous Paleoseismic Data

Earthquake Timing per Site (ka)					
Little Cottonwood Canyon		South Fork Dry Creek			
Z	1.3 ± 0.04	D	1.3 ± 0.2		
Y	2.1 ± 0.3	С	2.2 ± 0.4		
Х	4.4 ± 0.5	В	3.8 ± 0.6		
W	5.5 ± 0.8	А	5.0 ± 0.5		
V 7.8 ± 0.7					
U 9.5 ± 0.2					
No ea	arthquakes between				
~9.5 a	and 16.5 ka				
T 16.5 ± 2.7					

Mean recurrence

- Mid-Holocene: ~1.3 kyr
- Holocene: ~1.6 kyr
- Lt. Pleistocene (post-Bonn.):
 ~2.5 kyr

- Displacement
 - ~1.5–2.5 m per event
- Vertical slip rate
 - Bells Canyon glacial moraine ~0.7–1.7 mm/yr (<~16 ka)

"Final" Penrose Drive Results

Earthquake Timing per Site (ka)						
Penrose Drive		Little Cottonwood Canyon		South Fork Dry Creek		
no evidence		Z	1.3 ± 0.04	D	1.3 ± 0.2	
no evidence		Y	2.1 ± 0.3	С	2.2 ± 0.4	
PD1	4.0 ± 0.5	Х	4.4 ± 0.5	В	3.8 ± 0.6	
PD2	5.9 ± 0.7	W	5.5 ± 0.8	А	5.0 ± 0.5	
PD3a	7.5 ± 0.8	V 7.8 ± 0.7 <i>not exposed</i>		xposed		
PD3b	9.7 ± 1.1	U	9.5 ± 0.2	"		
PD4	10.9 ± 0.2	no evidence		"		
PD5	12.1 ± 1.6	no evidence		"		
PD6	16.5 ± 1.9	T 16.5 ± 2.7 "				

- Penrose mean recurrence
 - Holocene: ~1.7–1.9 kyr
 - Lt. Pleistocene (post-Provo): ~1.6 kyr
 - Lt. Pleistocene (post-Bonn.): ~2.1 kyr, but record likely incomplete prior to ~14 ka

- Displacement
 - ~1.0–1.4 m per event
- Vertical slip rate
 - Holocene/Lt. Pleistocene (post Provo): 0.5–0.9 mm/yr

Correlation of Site Earthquakes

 9 surface-faulting earthquakes since Bonneville highstand



Quality of site-earthquake correlation



Correlation of Site Earthquakes

 9 surface-faulting earthquakes since Bonneville highstand



Integration of site PDFs (see DuRoss et al., 2011 and Personius et al., 2012)



SLCS Earthquake Chronology



Mean Recurrence and Slip Rate



Disp. interval	Time Interval	Mean SR (mm/yr)
S8-S1	S9-S1	0.7 (0.6-1.1)
S7-S1	S8-S1	1.0 (0.7-1.2)
S6-S1	S7-S1	0.9 (0.8-1.2)
S5-S1	S6-S1	0.9 (0.8-1.2)
S4-S1	S5-S1	1.0 (0.9-1.3)
S3-S1	S4-S1	1.4 (1.1-1.7)

Closed-interval vertical slip rate

Closed mean recurrence PDFs

SLCS Conclusions

- SLCS is more active than previously thought:
 - Nine surface-faulting earthquakes (S1–S9) postdate the Bonneville highstand (previously 7)
 - S7 and S8 fill a previously interpreted ~8-kyr gap in the paleoseismic record
- The earthquake record is most complete since ~14 ka, yielding a post-Provo mean recurrence of ~1.5 kyr that corresponds well with Holocene (~1.6 kyr) and late Holocene (~1.3 kyr) estimates
- Important questions remain regarding rupture extent and the behavior of the Warm Springs, East Bench, and Cottonwood faults

SLCS & WVFZ Rupture

- WVFZ Rupture Options
 - 1. Independent.
 - a) <u>Completely independent</u>. WVFZ is separate source of large earthquakes
 - b) <u>Triggered</u>. WVFZ earthquakes related to SLCS ruptures, but occur after SLCS mainshock
 - 2. Synchronous (coseismic). WVFZ ruptures synchronously with SLCS





Antithetic-Fault Rupture Examples

- Independent
 - 1934 M 6.6 Hansel Valley earthquake?
- Independent triggered
 - M 5.0 aftershock to 1984 M 5.8 Devil Canyon, Idaho earthquake
 - Triggered rupture of Lone Pine fault
- Coseismic
 - M 6.9 1980 Irpinia, Italy earthquake
 - Antithetic fault rupture (at 40s) contributed moment (~12%) to earthquake as a whole
 - Vert. slip: main–2.0 m, 0.6 m– antithetic



-12

14

-16

throw 0.3m

1-1m

20s subevent

1980 Irpinia, Italy earthquake

(Westaway, 1992)

brittle layer



SLCS & WVFZ Rupture

- Mechanical models support coseismic rupture
 - Hanging wall deforms (instantaneously) to fill void created by change in master-fault dip



Bruhn & Schultz (1996)



Possible SLCS & WVFZ geometries; after Xiao and Suppe (1992)

Conclusions

- Improved paleoseismic data for the SLCS and WVFZ allow for the comparison of earthquake times on both the master and antithetic faults of a major graben-forming system
- We prefer a model of <u>coseismic rupture on the SLCS and WVFZ</u> based on:
 - 1. Historical analogs. Based on the fault geometries and displacements, coseismic rupture in the Irpinia earthquake is good analog for SLCS-WVFZ rupture
 - 2. Paleoseismic data. Holocene earthquakes on the SLCS and WVFZ have similar earthquake times and uncertainties—supporting coseismic or triggered behavior
 - 3. Mechanical models. Significant (surface-faulting) deformation of the SLCS hanging wall (WVFZ rupture) likely occurs instantaneously with earthquake rupture—supporting coseismic behavior
- However...
 - Triggered slip is still possible. The Devil Canyon, Idaho earthquake may be a good analog for non surface-rupturing earthquakes restricted to hanging wall



Summary of Recent Consultant's Trench, Orange Street Site, Taylorsville Fault, West Valley Fault Zone

Mike Hylland, Chris DuRoss, and Ben Erickson Utah Geological Survey

Utah Quaternary Fault Parameters Working Group February 5, 2013

www.geology.utah.gov







East-west trench, 35 m long, 3 m deep Site elevation 1292 m (4240 ft) (~2 m fill)







View looking east





View looking north

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- Regularly spaced "troughs" along base of contorted sand with organics
- Spacing ~40 cm
- Possibly related to liquefaction (i.e., ground oscillation)



Evidence for two events at this site:

- 1) Earlier surface faulting (E2), displacement of block in fault zone
- 2) Later liquefaction and warping (E1)



Potential timing constraints on earthquakes:

- OS-R4 max. limit on E2
- OS-R3 min. limit on E2, max. limit on E1
- OS-R5 min. limit on E2, max. limit on E1
- OS-R2 min. limit on E2, close max. limit on E1

Also, OS-L1 – control on age of Lake Bonneville deposits
Testing the Role of Fault Segmentation in Limiting Earthquake Magnitude: A Targeted Paleoseismic Investigation Along the Structurally Segmented Wasatch Fault Zone

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Advisors: Ryan Gold, Rich Briggs, Peter Powers, Ned Field, Gavin Hayes at the Geologic Hazards Science Center, Golden, CO

Collaborator: Chris DuRoss at the Utah Geological Survey





Project Outline

Data:

- Perform trench studies to obtain paleoseismic histories of event timing and displacement at structural segment boundaries that fill data gaps along the Wasatch fault zone.
- Excavations will be joint USGS/UGS effort.

Practical application:

• Data will help weight various rupture models for the National Seismic Hazard Map.

Theoretical contribution:

- What happens if you "string pearls" (Biasi and Weldon, 2009) on the Wasatch? The 2011 update of the Uniform California Earthquake Rupture Forecast (UCERF 3) nearly completely relaxes the assumption of segmentation for California strike-slip faults (WGCEP, 2011), but it's not clear if this approach is warranted for large normal fault systems like the Wasatch.
- Wasatch data are now sufficient to allow statistical assessment of structural vs. seismic segmentation of an major normal fault system, and for the findings to be compared to thrust and strikeslip faults.



Trenching targets









GS



science for a changing world





Pezzopane and Dawson, 1996 in Chang and Smith, 2002

What happens when the assumption

structural segmentation = rupture segmentation

is completely relaxed on the Wasatch?



Bear River Fault behavior – Clues provided by Lidar

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Historic

Grand Valley F

Bear Lake FZ

Rock Creek

E. Cache FZ

Evanston

Wasatch FZ

Bear River FZ

Salt Lake City

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41° 44.219' N 110° 42.810' W elev 2206 m

Eye alt 320.11 km 🔘

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West, 1992



Eocene Wasatch Fm.



West, 1992





Lester Ranch trench, Bear River fault, Wyoming

2 surface ruptures: 2.4 ± 1.1 ka 4.6 ± 0.7 ka





(West, 1993)

















NTVD ~ 8 m (max)



North Profile







Bear River Fault Scarp (7-31-2012)



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🏱 Big Burn site

here

Image USDA Farm Service Agency



Bear River Fault Zone

LiDAR view, antithetic scarps





Bear River Fault Zone, southern extension LiDAR hillshade











New insights into BRFZ behaviorgleaned from Lidar:

- Complex, evolving surface-rupture pattern
- First-order influence of pre-existing structure on fault evolution
- Near-fault distortion and large-scale graben development account for extraordinary size of scarps adjacent to Uinta Uplift.
- BRFZ is 6 km longer than previously mapped (~40 km total).
- Large net displacements (~2.5-5m/event) relative to length imply high stress drop earthquakes.

RECLANATION Managing Water in the West

Evaluation of the Quaternary History of the Joes Valley Fault Zone, Utah

Background and Update

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U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation

February 2013



Joes Valley Fault Zone

From O'Connell and others (2005)



Is Joes Valley Fault Zone Seismogenic?

- This fault system appears very ulletdifferent than the Basin and Range to the west
- Valleys are narrow and scarps • are relatively straight and discontinuous
- Similar valleys have formed • related to collapse features formed from salt dissolution
- The Arapien shale is nearby and salt-rich.

Geologic study (Foley and others, 1986)



- Mapping geology, lineaments, and scarps on aerial photographs and on the ground
- Identified grabenbounding and intragraben scarps in north Joes Valley

 Scarp profiles, 6 trenches, 20 soil pits, few charcoal dates

Kilometers 5 10 Miles RECLAMATION



Scad Valley



RECLAMATION



Scad Valley fault scarp



Scarp identified and trenched by Foley – this scarp was interpreted to have been formed by earthquakes **RECLAMATION**

Scad Valley Fault Trench



Was assessed to be a 'typical' fault trench with evidence for :

≥ 4 faulting events <250 ka; 2 events <130 ka
Total vertical displacement about 3 m
Most recent event between 6.5 ka and 14-30 ka

RECLAMATION
Foley and others (1986) subsurface review

- Reviewed proprietary good quality seismic reflection profiles. Interpreted the Navajo Sandstone to be clearly disrupted and evidence for faults extending to 5-6 km, below which data was 'incoherent'. Can not preclude the possibility the faults may extend to seismogenic depths.
- Micro-earthquakes suggest steep fault planes and at ~ 4.4 km, deeper than the Navajo Sandstone.

Results from Foley and others (1986) geologic study

- Recurrent late Quaternary surface displacements in Northern Joes Valley graben (since 11 ka to 30 ka)
- Youngest event in early Holocene (11 ka to 6.5 ka); no scarps on younger Holocene surfaces
- Single-event vertical surface displacements of <1 to 5.5 meters
- Average recurrence about 10,000 to 20,000 years
- Faults can generate large (7-7.5) earthquakes

Schelling and others (2004)



Schelling and others (2004) Part of balanced cross section B-B'



O'Connell and others (2005)

this study revisited Joe's Valley fault studies because more subsurface data had become available.

Results: Identified **2 Possibilities** (inconclusive)

'Case 1' Joes Valley and other faults on Wasatch Plateau are fully seismogenic

'Case 2' Joes Valley and other faults on Wasatch Plateau are not seismogenic

Subsurface Investigation Anderson (2008)

- New seismic reflection lines became available
- Jim Coogan (contract) interpreted seismic lines



RECLAMATION

Coogan in Anderson (2008)

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Subsurface Investigation 2008



Coogan in Anderson (2008)

RECLAMATION

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Other arguments suggesting Joes Valley faults are not typical of Basin and Range faulting and/or are not likely seismogenic

- Linearity of the faults
- Narrowness of graben
- Little or no net tectonic displacement across Joes Valley
- High vertical slip rates
- Steep fault dips
- Absence of older Quaternary basin fill

RECLAMATION

Anderson (2008)

CONCLUSIONS of Anderson (2008) -

Results

"Thus, the result for Case 2 of O'Connell and others (2005) is probably the preferred interpretation for representing the seismic hazard at Joes Valley Dam." (Joes Valley and other faults on Wasatch Plateau are not seismogenic)

Ok Great! So problem solved, right?

Well..... not so much.

The need to explore this further was identified

Because the past studies were all BOR, we contracted Jim McCalpin to give this problem a fresh look



Evaluation of the Quaternary History of the Joes Valley Fault Zone, Huntington North Dam, Utah

Work by Jim McCalpin GEO-HAZ Consulting For Bureau of Reclamation

Draft report dated 11/30/12

Jim's work

- Evaluate the likely origin of scarps in Joes Valley graben
- Literature review of Joes Valley and Salt tectonic studies for comparison

- Week long reconnaissance mapping
- Review of subsurface data

General thoughts on this problem

- Small scale features, such as scarps themselves, not clearly diagnostic of tectonic vs. non – tectonic setting.
- Of four reviews of subsurface data, only one interprets the faults as clearly shallow

Some new observations and ideas from McCalpin



5 0 5 10 Kilometers 5 0 5 10 Miles Map pattern of intragraben faults suggestive of right-lateral component of displacement

Left-stepping, en echelon pattern

Fault strike more to northeast than graben-Bounding faults

Red lines—Fault scarps mapped by Foley and others (1986)

Bedrock exposures in the fault zone near Joes Valley Dam

Structural characteristics of fault zones in bedrock
Macro-scale patterns of faulting



East Joes Valley fault exposed in road cut on SR29 650 m north of Joes Valley Dam

RECLAMATION

McCalpin (in prep)

Rotation of bedding across shear zones and slickensides suggest a lateral component to faulting





slickensides on footwall in Castlegate Sandstone fault plane N7W, 87°E rake of slickensides ~15°

Pattern, steep fault dip suggestive of right-lateral component of ~25%. Orientation suggests Reidel Sheers McCalpin (in prep)

High slip rates

- Late Quaternary vertical slip rate (north Joes Valley) are
 0.4 to 1.2 mm/yr (similar to vertical slip rates estimated for Wasatch fault)
- However these rates were calculated on single faults within a complex graben and the dating was challenging at that time. So these rates may not be great estimates.
- Need to estimate net late Quaternary vertical slip rate across entire graben (need to sum across all active faults in the graben).
 1st order estimates using bedrock are ~ 0.02-0.05 mm/yr.

RECLAMATION

McCalpin (in prep)

Evaluation of "little or no net tectonic displacement"



When measured along strike with local dips, there is offset



Local bedrock dips are different in direction and magnitude than regional bedrock dips and early estimates were not made along strike. Locally it is clear that there is offset of bedrock units across Joes Valley McCalpin (in prep)

Analysis of displacement across Joes Valley graben using bedrock mapping



Geologic formations on west side 215 to 540 feet lower than on east side

Interpret as down-to-the-west vertical offset across graben
Indicates East Joes Valley fault is main fault and West Joes Valley is antithetic

RECLAMATION

McCalpin (in prep)

Reasons for absence of thick basin fill

- Joes Valley graben is young (early Quaternary?)
 - Apparently faults do not date from early Miocene Basin and Range extension
 - Seeley Creek and Ferron Canyon established before graben formed—flow across graben and not deflected through axial valley



McCalpin (in prep)

Arguments against a seismogenic interpretation

- Linearity of the faults
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- Subsurface Data show faults do not extend deeper than ~ 3 km

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- Weak rocks possibly present at depths of about 3 km with resistant rock below????
- Subsurface Data show faults do not extend deeper than ~ 3 km RECLAMATION

OK, so there are explanations for geologic and geomorphic observations used to argue against a seismogenic structure, but what about the subsurface interpretations?

- Do the Joes Valley faults penetrate deeper than about 3 km depth and through the Navajo Sandstone (a strong reflector)?
- Can penetration to a depth below 3 km definitely be ruled out?

Subsurface Investigation Anderson (2008)



Coogan in Anderson (2008)

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Subsurface Investigation 2008



Coogan in Anderson (2008)

RECLAMATION

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William Lettis & Assoc. (2008) interpreted the same data differently



Figure R1. Figure 4 from the report with reverse fault/hinge lines indicated by the steeply-dipping dash red lines and thrust faults as the shallow-dipping dashed red lines. The "bump in CGG-WAS-207 indicates a region where the top of the Navajo is about 1000 ft higher to the west than the lowest portion of the synclinal folding of the top of the Navajo immediately east of the "bump"

McCalpin (in prep)

SE

McCalpin (in prep) interpretation of same data





Top of Navajo Sandstone and basement interpretations from Coogan McCalpin (in prep)

Current Interpretation of seismic lines

- faults that extend deeper than 3 km are possible
- regional geologic data suggests that shallow models not likely

Evidence for scarp origin is not perfectly clear

- Bedrock offset argues for tectonic.
- The footwall does not show changes in elevation, but the hanging wall does. This may suggest absolute motion is down in the graben and that argues for evaporite dissolution collapse structure.
- Willis (1986) Arapien shale evaporite facies ends beneath Joes Valley and becomes limestone to the west. Also, it is not a thick unit near Joes Valley. Argues salt-related unlikely.
- Map pattern of en echelon faults imply strike-slip component more commonly associated with tectonic features.
- Valley width : length ratios group Joes Valley clearly with salt related basins.
- Displacement : length ratios indicate tectonic is more likely than salt related

Conclusions and Recommendations from McCalpin (in prep)

- Interpretation that Joes Valley faults extend to seismogenic depths possible on seismic reflection profiles and seems likely when combined with regional geology
- Joes Valley faults should be included in PSHA
- East Joes Valley fault and intragraben faults are accommodating some right-lateral slip--Faults are normal oblique

Recommends: characteristics of Joes Valley fault be refined

Is the surficial work completed in 1986 adequate to characterize Joes Valley Fault Zone?

- More complete mapping may help better characterize the style of faulting and seismogenic potential.
 - Scarps are not mapped completely
 - Event horizons are not well dated
 - Recurrence interval estimates need to be improved
 - Fault behavior (ie segmentation) should be evaluated
 - Trench data could be improved with modern techniques.



An example of the need for more mapping:

LiDAR of Indian Creek Area

East Joes Valley fault (yellow arrows)

Red arrows show faults not previously identified

Antithetic fault across valley floor (red arrows) •Trends north •7 km long •Scarp faces east •Scarp up to 1.8 m high •Beheaded drainage suggests at least 2 late Quaternary surface rupture

LiDAR hillshade from State of Utah (only for this portion of Joes Valley)

Previously unmapped scarp (beheaded drainage) along East Joes Valley



So,

Likely starting this Spring, the USBR will:

Have LiDAR flown of the valley
Proceed with more detailed geomorphic mapping of Joes Valley
Trench more scarps within Joes Valley

And...... Whatever other approaches we can come up with that may help solve this problem.




Ferron Canyon



RECLAMATION

Joes and Snow Lake Valleys are not like <u>'typical' Basin and Range Valleys</u>

Basin and Range Valleys Star Valley

Faults are more sinuous

> Bear – Lake Valley





More Narrow, linear Valleys

Joes Valley

Snow Lake Valley

RECLAMATION

Faults are more linear

Joes Valley is similar to Spanish Valley, currently interpreted as formed as a result of salt tectonics

Joes Valley

> Spanish Valley

RECLAMATION

Fault Scarps



Foley's fault scarps in North Joes Valley Foley's fault scarps near Joes Valley Dam RECLAMATION

Close Proximity to salt-rich deposits

White arrows point to **ROUGHLY** the location of the salt-rich bedrock units

HOWEVER, these bedrock units remain ≥ 3 km deep in Joes Valley itself & the saltrich facies may transition to limestone at Joes Valley



Diagrammatic cross section across Wasatch Plateau in area of Joes Valley



Anderson and Mahrer (2002) O'Connell and others (2005)

Proposed models of subsurface geology

- 4 models proposed for origin of geomorphic features in Joes Valley (Jim added another)
- One model assumes faults penetrate deep enough (10-15 km) to generate large earthquakes
- 3 models assume faults do not penetrate deeper than 3 km
- One model assumes faults result of evaporite dissolution and collapse

RECLAMATION

GPS Monitoring of the Wasatch fault and related earthquake hazards assessment

- GPS-derived deformation
- Wasatch fault behavior in a western U.S. framework
- Contributions to PSHA
- Implications for earthquake hazard

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Seismology and Active





Western U.S. GPS-derived velocity and total strain deformation





Zeng and Petersen, 2013

Earthquake Cycle



GPS measures interseismic loading rate that is taken as proxy for geologically determined fault slip rate.

GPS Deformation Closely Correlates With Earthquake Hazards

GPS derived strain rate

Earthquakes in the Western US

Spectral Acceleration 2% Probability of Exceedance in 50 Years

2007 PSHA, 5-Hz SA w/2%PE50Yr. 760 m/s Rock



High deformation rates correlate with

- Seismically active areas
- Regions of increased seismic hazard

Requires integration into hazard modeling

- Improving geodetic data set
- Deformation data available where paleoearthquake info. not well-known

Kinematics

Velocity Field

Strain Rate Field



Continuum model solves for strain rates and velocities

- Obtain extension at Yellowstone Plateau and Basin-Range
- Contraction+shear in Eastern Snake River Plain
- Clockwise rotation of velocities

Utah seismicity and Wasatch GPS Network

Utah Seismicity



Data recorded and transmitted daily

- 55 permanent stations (Univ of Utah and PBO)
- Installed as part of the "tectonic extensional regime" EarthScope program
- 90 campaign, temporary stations
- Processed data real-time products

Horizontal and Vertical Velocities



Plate Boundary Observatory/ University of Utah operate GPS stations

 University of Utah processes data and monitors regional deformation

55 stations in network across Utah and Wasatch Front

Updated processing software in 2011

- Bernese 5 replaced version 4.2
- Improved station positions
- Data available at university web site: www.uusatrg.utah.edu

N. Wasatch Profile

3.18E23 dyne cm/yr geodetic loading (BC only)110-km wide seismic zone

2.75 mm/yr net extension rate

C. Wasatch Profile

6.13E23 dyne cm/yr geodetic loading (SLC only)80-km wide seismic zone

2.35 mm/yr net extension rate 2.17 mm/yr net extension rate

S. Wasatch Profile

6.71E23 dyne cm/yr geodetic loading (SLC only) 50-km wide seismic zone













(Puskas and Smith, 2012)

Moment Tensor Strain Rate



 Use Kostrov's formulation to convert deformation rate to geodetic moment rate

 Moment is measure of energy required for deformation

Moment from earthquakes depends on:

- Seismogenic volume
- Strain rate for network area



Strain Rate Magnitude



Shear Strain Rate



(Puskas and Smith, 2012)

Interpolate horizontal GPS velocities to strain rates
Eliminate outliers SLCU and GOUT

Higher strain rates reflect larger changes of deformation over smaller areas

Prehistoric Earthquakes Identified for Wasatch Fault

EQ Ref #	Segment Ref #	Age (yrs)	∆Age (2-σ)	SRL (km)	ΔSRL (2-σ)
E1	N1	206	86	43	11.5
E2	P1	576	48	59	11.5
E3	W1	561	68	56	6.5
E4	W2	1137	641	65	8.5
E5	N2	1234	96	43	11.5
E6	S1	1343	162	40	6.5
E7	P2	1479	378	59	11.5
E8	N3	2004	388	43	11.5
E9	P3	2240	406	59	11.5
E10	S2	2160	215	40	6.5
E11	B1	2417	256	36	6
E12	W3	3087	275	56	6.5
E13	B2	3430	153	36	6
E14	B3	4452	543	36	6
E15	W4	4471	303	36	13
E16	S3	4147	315	40	6.5
E17	P4	4709	285	59	11.5
E18	N4	4699	1768	43	11.5
E19	S4	5250	221	40	6.5
E20	B4	5603	660	36	6
E21	P5	5888	1002	59	11.5
E22	W5	5891	502	56	6.5



(DuRoss et al., 2011)

- 4-5 earthquake on each segment
- Events dated within last 6000 years

(Puskas and Smith, 2012)





Model predicts smoothly varying surface velocities

- Width of deformation zone: ~65 km
- Deformation amplitude depend on dip, slip rate
- Observed GPS velocity profiles
 - 2-D station distribution with more complex deformation

OPU

Have at least 100-km wide deformation zone

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Wasatch fault stress-loading (elastic) scenario earthquake



DCFS (Coulomb stress change) induced by a scenario earthquake on the Provo segment (PV

60 km ruptute 2 m of slip (Ms 7.1 and Mw 7.1).

DCFS is shown (a) at the center of each fault patch, and (b) as a mapview of 10-km depth.

Large earthquakes on the Provo segment can increase the failure stress of the Salt Lake City segment

Time dependent stress contagion on Wasatch fault



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Faults never stop loading? because of viscoelastic flow of the lower crust



Time-dependent motion following a normal-faulting earthquake: interseismic loading

Interseismic Deformation: Post-seismic relaxation requiring knowledge of rheology and ground motion rates





Wasatch Front Prehistoric earthquake, post-seismic deformation (Chang, et al., 2013)

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Brigham City Profile

Salt Lake City Profile

Nephi Profile



•1-D vertical dislocations for fault creeping at depth

Model predicts smoothly varying surface velocities

Observed GPS velocity profiles

- Do not resemble model profiles
- More complex, noisy deformation pattern

Possible multiple dislocations

Fault Segment Moment Rates (dyne cm/yr)

GPS-Derived Moment Rates	BC	SLC	Nephi
Interpolated Strain Rates	3.18E23	6.13E23	6.71E23
Direct Calc from GPS Vels	5.61E23	4.46E23	1.10E23
Paleoseismic Moment Rates (scale t	o 6000 yrs)		
Paleoseismic Moment Rates (scale t Single Segment Ruptures	o 6000 yrs) 1.86E23	2.19E23	2.46E23
Paleoseismic Moment Rates (scale t Single Segment Ruptures Nephi + Provo	o 6000 yrs) 1.86E23	2.19E23	2.46E23 2.83E23

Single Segment Ruptures	1.99E23	2.50E23	3.14E23
Nephi + Provo			2.18E23
Wasatch + Other Known EQs	2.10E23	2.68E23	

Seismic and Geodetic Moment Comparisons Time Series vs. Network Solution

Geodetic Moment Rates (dyne cm/yr)

Fault Loading Moment Rates (dyne cm/yr)



Comparative moment release rates



Seismic moment budget

- GPS: total moment release
- Historic earthquakes: earthquake recurrence rate
- Fault slip rates: fault slip rate from trenching



Section	Total (dyne cm/yr)	Seismic (dyne cm/yr)	Fault Slip (dyne cm/yr)
North	2.18 x 10 ²⁴	5.94 x 10 ²²	8.26 x 10 ²³
Central	2.39 x 10 ²⁴	1.44 x 10 ²²	5.91 x 10 ²³
South	3.42 x 10 ²⁴	3.45 x 10 ²²	1.04 x 10 ²⁴

A Notable Deficit!

Integrated earthquake probabilistic seismic hazard assessment for the middle of Salt Lake Valley



(Chang and Smith, 2007)

Wasatch Front block model deformation models: Original and used in new US earthquake hazard map

Older Deformation Models



Proposed New Block Model



Western U.S. block model for the 2013 US Hazard Map



Zeng and Petersen, 2012

Conclusions

- GPS data provide key areal coverage not covered by trenching adding a wider area to earthquake hazard assessment.
- GPS data provide time-dependent deformation and key information on the interseismic earthquake cycle
- Wasatch geodetic moment rate exceeds L. Quat fault moment rate by up to 2X
- Stress contagion by the M7 earthquakes are an important aspect of earthquake hazard evaluation of the Wasatch fault, i.e., implies need to assess multisegment hazard models.
- GPS rates are estimated to reflect ~1000 year time history, i.e., a time window considered directly applicable to seismic hazard assessment.

Large liquefaction features and evidence for earthquakes induced by Lake Bonneville in Cache Valley: A progress report



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Please come and visit (and bring a shovel)



Janecke et al., 2013 UQFPWG

Please come and visit (and bring a shovel)



Why here?

- An earthquake may have triggered the Bonneville flood in lateansel Valley 1934, M6.6, Pleistocene (Janecke and Oaks, analogue 2011)
- That realization prompted our on-going examination of an outcrop near Logan UT

<u>Central WFZ segments:</u> BCS – Brigham City segment WS – Weber segment SLCS – Salt Lake City segment

PS – Provo segment NS – Nephi segment



DuRoss 2005

Janecke et al., 2013 UC

(latitude 39.00" - 42.50", longitude 110.75" - 113.25")
- A. Normal faults in Cache Valley have low slip rates and long recurrence intervals in the Holocene.
- Riverdale fault produced a igodolsignificant earthquake around the time of the Bonneville flood..
- Janecke and Oaks, 2011
- We wondered whether the liquefaction in an outcrop near Logan might be a record that event.



Marsh



That exposure of liquefied sand existed since ~1980s and has been a field trip stop for many geology students. This is the exposure ~35 years ago (Oaks' slides)



Site is ~40 m below Bonneville shoreline 225 m west of Bonneville shoreline All outcrop shots are looking NNE

2011 Remnant



The outcrop had shrunk to this

Bag

Site is within a segment boundary: Central and northern segment



Central segment of ECF: MRE 4 ka on central segment Penultimate event is 13-15.5 ka during Provo time Northern segment: No evidence of latest Quaternary slip except for a lateral spread (McCalpin 1987, 1994)



This map is modified from Janecke et al. (2003)

Figure 1. Simplified geologic map showing the distribution of the Salt Lake Formation around Cache Valley and the active Basin-and-Range normal faults. Some older normal faults are also shown (graved). The Clifton horst is the up-thrown block between the Deep Creek and Dayton-Oxford faults. Abbreviations are: CV = Cottowood Valley. DCF = Deep Creek Fault, DCHG = Deep Creek half graben, DOF = Dayton-Oxford Fault, ECF = East Cache Fault (N = northern, C = central, S = southern segment), OP = Oxford Peak, Q = Quaternary sediment, RRP = Red Rock Pass, Tsl = Salt Lake Formation, WCF = West Cache fault zone (CM = Clarkston Mountain, JH = Junction Hills, RNF=Riverdale normal fault, W = Wellsville segment), WF = Wasatch Fault. Some buried faults (dotted) from Zoback (1983). This map is modified from Janecke et al. (2003), with updates from unpublished gravity data of Oaks et al., in Fig. 15, and Eversaul (2004).



Basic units:



• Soil

Provo? aged alluvial gravel,
over Bonneville deltaic sand and silt (ss)
over Bonneville prodelta muds (m)
Bonneville deltaic? gravel in foresets at west end (g)

Study site is near East Cache fault

McCalpin inferred a buried strand of East Cache fault within 10-15 m of the site

on NE side



Evolution of the project

Phase one
 Field Methods
 class, Fall 2011,
 studied the
 outcrop and
 exposed a little
 more of the
 original

Main result was discovery of slip surfaces at west end of exposure and unfaulted overlap



All deformation is older than Bonneville flood

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Evolution of the project

- Phase two
 - Senior thesis research: AJ Knight, Dallas Nutt, Susanne Janecke, Robert Q Oaks Jr., Tammy Rittenour

1 m

- Main question: what is significance of west dipping fault in the outcrop?
- Where there earthquakes involved in deformation?
- How? How many? When?
 Why?



Logging string is spaced 50 cm apart My jake staff is 160 cm long

Hand digging: exposed another 15 m

Current research team



Bob and Susanne





Tammy Rittenour

Today's talk will be about phase 1 and 2:

- Results from original and hand-dug exposures
- A few new results from backhoe work
- Educational concepts



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Methods





- Geologic mapping, analysis of other outcrops in the gravel pit
- Digging, cleaning and logging of the "liquefied outcrop"
- Radiocarbon and OSL dating of beds below and above deformed layers
- Stereo analysis of 1980's photos of outcrop
- Use of backhoe to restore the outcrop

Research questions evolved as we uncovered more and more of the outcrop

- Does the deformed outcrop at Green Canyon record an earthquake at the time of the Bonneville flood?
- 2. Is the fault in the outcrop a strand of the East Cache fault or a slip surface in a lateral spread?

3. Was the lateral spread activated by an earthquake?

4. How many large liquefaction events are preserved in the outcrop?

5. Did earthquakes produce any or all of the large liquefaction features?

Except for capping gravel and soil, all sediment was deposited in Lake Bonneville



Evidence: Gastropod shell, ripples, cross beds, sedimentary facies, radiocarbon anc OSL ages



Gastropod shells are common in sandy deltaic beds

3 radiocarbon and 2 OSL dates All Bonneville age ~17-23 ka



Logging string is spaced 50 cm apart

Results of phase 2



Summary result:

- Deltaic Bonneville transgressive sand
- Cut by faults or slip surfaces of a lateral spread,
- liquefied,
- Repeatedly

Central fault or slip surface has a fault wedge, slipped >once, and is overlapped by unfaulted sediment



Logging string is spaced 50 cm apart Janecke et al., 2013 UQFPWG

Lacustrine fault wedge contains blocks of footwall



subsidiary structures



The liquefied beds are full of round features called pseudonodules, flames, fluid escape structures and load casts First we'll examine them in original outcrop

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Fig. 1. Definition diagram for load structures.

Fluid escape strcts, sand dikes and slip surfaces/faults



1980's outcrop

fluid escape paths are white

Pseudonodules are unusually large They are overlain by 2.5-3 m of nearly structureless sand with dispersed pseudonodules



Today;s outcrop: Structure-less sand has both attached and detached pseudo-nodules in it



Jake staff is 160 cm long Logging string is spaced 50 cm apart



Fault graded bedding is diagnostic of seismic shaking of a lake bed



Rodriguez et al., 2000

Fault-graded beds ?



~6 m high exposure, 1980s



Intensity of fault graded bedding has been related to earthquake magnitude

Outcrop has every one of these features

Notice the bar scalenone of these features exceed tens of centimeter

> Modified from Rodriguez et al., 2000

RESULT: There are 4 THICK liquefied intervals numbered and colored from oldest to youngest



Cross-cutting relationships between these beds and show that each is a different age, from 1 to 4 Unconformities, slip surfaces and overlapping beds

Bed 3 intruded into overlap beds at its east end



Logging string is spaced 50 cm apart Janecke et al., 2013 UQFPWG

Some flames from Bed 3 intrude into overlap unit



Janecke et al., 2013 UQFPWG Logging string is spaced 50 cm apart

New exposure reveals that bed 3 is very thick



Bed 3 is mostly structureless sand + a few pseudonodules

Brittle faults and escaping fluids require high strain rates



Janecke et al., 2013 UQFPWG

Fluid escape across brittle faults requires varying conditions



Soft sediment deformation or seismite?

- Features consistent with loading processes
 - -Delta fronts are known to fail in lateral spreads and slumps
 - -Possible association of deformational events and regressions in Paola et al's lab experiments

- Features consistent with seismite interpretation
 - Location near E Cache Flt.
 - Great thickness of structureless, liquefied beds
 - Injections, sand dikes and sills
 - The delta seems too small and gentle for such massive and repeated collapses
 - Structures are "fault graded bedding"
 - Brittle faults indicate high strain rates,
 loading
 - Fluid escape across brittle faults from varying conditions
 - Hansel Valley earthquake produced similar liquefaction and lateral spreads (Robison, McCalpin)

Features in the liquefied outcrop seem too big, too intense and too frequent to be loading structures



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Permission to dig came late in 2012


Backhoe exposed ~50% more and we dug as deep as possible to expose fault/or lateral spread



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Excavation had an eye toward creating a public exposure with wide benches



It snowed



Backhoe work restored ~ half of original outcrop



New results (so far)



Central fault is not ECF, but a slip surface in a lateral spread



Listric geometry of slip surface proves a lateral spread

Prodelta mud is below the decollement horizon



Four major liquefied "beds"



Cross-cutting relationships reveal sequence of events

- •1 to 4
- •All deformation was in a 5-6 ky interval when Lake Bonneville was at this level or higher

Possible chronology





- Event bed number 1
- erosion
- deposition
- Event bed 2 ± lateral spreading
- Overlap beds are deposited across lateral spread

- Event bed 3 invades overlap succession
- Lateral spread slips again, cuts overlap and event 3 bed
- event 4 is a thick sand dike along western slip surface
- More deltaic gravel deposition

Possible gravel dike?



Interpretation

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Repeat several times

Purple box shows what is preserved in the outcrop

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Delta prograded across the site~4 times

Lateral spread was triggered at least twice and slid on prodelta mud



Fig. 9. Reconstruction of the landslide immediately after the initial movement.

Results

- Transgressive deltaic sand of Lake Bonneville preserves:
 - several large liquefied packages of sand
 - Each probably represents a major earthquake
 - a lateral spread with multiple slip events
- If this interpretation holds up we are probably documenting clustered slip events and loading induced seismicity during transgression of Lake Bonneville.

Future opportunities to use this outcrop

- Chance to refine the hydrograph of Lake Bonneville's transgression
- And refine events with more dating and analysis
- OSL and radiocarbon dating confirm the short time period of deposition- 22.7 to 17.4 ka.



Figure 3. Hydrograph of Lake Bonneville modified to incorporate results from this study. Original data from Oviatt et al. (1992) and Godsey et al. (2005) were converted to calendar years using Marrero (2009) and Guido et al. (2007). Slightly different ages reported in Benson et al. (2011) suggest a shorter Provo occupation, a slightly younger Bonneville flood, but no change in the relative ages of the event. An oscillation of the lake below the Provo level at ~15.9 ka (Godsey et al., 2005; Benson et al., 2011) might have separated the main higher 4775 ft (1455 m) Provo shoreline from the lower 4745 ft (1446 m) Provo shoreline, as shown, but this is uncertain. Colors represent the possible times and durations of the upper and lower Provo shorelines in the Benson et al. (2011) chronology. Isotopic data from caves in Arizona (lower curves) (Wagner et al., 2010) provide evidence for glacial conditions during the Bonneville highstand and most of the Provo stillstand, followed by abrupt warming late in the Provo occupation.

Research questions: Some answers

- Does the deformed outcrop at Green Canyon record an earthquake at the time of the Bonneville flood?
- 2. Is the fault in the outcrop a strand of the East Cache fault or a slip surface in a lateral spread?
- No-all deformation was lacustrine and dates from the Bonneville transgression (Field Methods class showed this).
- 2. Backhoe exposed a basal decollement surface. Central fault is a slip surface in a lateral spread

More work is needed to fully resolve these questions

3. Was the lateral spread activated by an earthquake?

3. Probably, but more work is needed

 4. How many large liquefaction events are preserved in the outcrop?

4. At least 4 major events, they are unlikely to be coeval

• 5. Did earthquakes produce any or all of the large liquefaction features?

5. All large liquefaction features appear to be result of earthquakes. More work is needed.

Educational Goals

- 1. To continue using the site for field trips in Geology courses
 - Introductory Geology
 - Sedimentology and Stratigraphy
 - Field Methods
 - Historical
 - Structural Geology
 - Geomorphology-all levels



Example of fault arrays in the upper 2 m of the central slip zone

Advantages of the site

- Close to urban centers
- Easy access
- Visually compelling

 Collapse hazard is minimized by cementation in liquefied sand and hillslope



Biggest advantage of the site

 Location will be within a large park for water retention of Green Canyon

Your ideas for catchy names?

Possible name: Bonneville Quicksand trail?



Janecke et al, USU, UQFPWG Feb. 2013

Educational Goals

- 2. To educate the public about geologic hazards
 - a) Geologic nature trail could be a side spur from the Bonneville trail
 - b) Focus on paleo-liquefaction in the outcrop
 - c) And its potential in Cache Valley now
 - d) Illustrate and explain the lateral spread
 - e) Relationships to the East Cache fault and Lake Bonneville
 - f) Age relationships, clustering of paleo-earthquakes?



The Ed Clark Museum of Missouri Geology is located at the Division of Geology and Land Survey, 111 Fairgrounds Road, Rolla.

http://dnr.mo.gov/newsrel/images/AEKioskRolla.jpg

Thanks for your attention and suggestions



Is this a sand volcano?



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Another fault wedge in a younger pseudo nodule??



Fluid escape across brittle faults

NW

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SE

Fluid escape across slip surfaces



Hansel Valley has ~7 liquefaction events in West Gully

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Evaluations

in Seismic Hazard Basin, Utah



Composite stratigraphic section from the West Gully. Evidence from sedimentology and ostracod assemblages (interpreted by R. Forester, USGS) is compatible with TL, 14C, and amino-acid dates.

Is this a dike/sill?



Comments?



How can we best deal with the vertical wall of sediment?



Central fault or slip surface



Logging string is spaced 50 cm apart

Brittle slip during escape of fluids suggests high strain rate



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sand dike/sill



New Surficial Geologic Mapping Redefines the Northernmost Sections of the Washington Fault Zone in SW Utah and NW Arizona

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Tyler Knudsen

Utah Geological Survey

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Washington Fault Zone

- Within transition zone
- Extends into Utah & Arizona
- 75 97 km long
- Maximum displacement of ~700 m just south of UT-AZ border



Background

- Traverses heavily populated St. George Basin
- Only cursory study in 80s & 90s
- #9 on 2005 UQFPWG priority list
- Moved to near top of priority list in 2008
- NEHRP funding to complete & publish:
 - Detailed geologic mapping
 - Trenching
 - Basalt sampling



Washington Fault

- Divided into three sections by Pearthree (1998)
 - 1. Sullivan Draw (36 km)
 - 2. Northern (39 km)
 - 3. Mokaac (16 km)
- New mapping focused on parts of fault in UT
- Additional structures mapped:
 - Dutchman Draw & Washington Hollow faults


Mapping Goals

- Identify suitable trench site(s)
- Refine fault-section model

Methods

- Air-Photo and field Mapping at 1:24k
- Largely a compilation of parts of 12 7.5' quads (Hayden, Biek, Willis in UT and Billingsley in AZ)



Washington Fault Characteristics

- Erosion dominates: region is deeply dissected by Virgin River & tributaries
- Escarpment formation due mostly to differential erosion (up to 250 m high)
- Commonly bedrock on bedrock fault with thin, discontinuous cover of Quaternary-deposits
- Only three scarps developed on unconsolidated deposits identified





Sullivan Draw-Northern Section Boundary

- Pearthree (1998) placed boundary at change in scarp morphology near Quail Hill
- Change in scarp height due to differential erosion
- 50° change in strike & large displacement gradient a better choice



<u>Washington Hollow Fault</u> a Northern Extension of the Washington Fault?

- Aligned with Washington fault
- Similar geometry
 - Both are west-dipping
 - Both are NNW-striking



Washington Hollow Fault

 Has been mapped as either a separate fault or an extension of the Washington fault



WHF Most Likely is Part of the Washington Fault

- Evidence for a through-going fault
 - Brecciation zones
 - 2-3-m-wide crushed zones
 - Minor-displacement faulting





Washington Hollow Section

- Thoroughgoing structure appears to be relatively minor
- Does not displace Cretaceous-age joint set (dashed blue lines)
- Limited net vertical displacement



Washington Hollow Section

- Boundary placed near Washington flow cinder cone
 - 45° change in strike
 - Increased structural complexity
 - Decreased net displacement
- Newly defined Washington Hollow section is 22 km long



Fort Pearce Section

- Northern section as described by Pearthree (1998) is no longer the northernmost section
- Renamed the Fort Pearce section 37 km long





Mokaac Section(?)

- 16 km long
- Vertical displacement greatest at junction with Fort Pearce section
- No obvious rupture barrier with Fort Pearce section
- More likely to rupture sympathetically with Fort Pearce section
- Best described as a <u>strand</u> of the Fort Pearce section



Dutchman Draw Fault

- 16 km long
- Vertical displacement greatest at junction with Fort Pearce section
- No obvious rupture barrier with Fort Pearce section
- More likely to rupture sympathetically with Fort Pearce section
- Best described as a strand of the Fort Pearce section



Regional Relations in Transition Zone

- Map patterns:
 - Intersecting
 - Branching
 - En echelon
 - Rhombic
 - Salients & reentrants at similar latitudes
- Similar activity rates
 - All faults displace
 Quaternary alluvium
- Structurally linked?



Displacement Transfer Zone or Regional Relay Ramp (?) (Schramm, 1994)

- Similar geometries
- Slip on Grand Wash and Hurricane faults increases in opposite directions
- All faults displace Quaternary units
- Limited Earthquake record indicates WF, GWF, HF are all seismically active



Regional Transfer Zone (Relay Ramp)

- Grand Wash fault initiates in Miocene
- Locus of extension shifts east, Hurricane fault initiates in Pliocene
- Strain in intervening block creates Washington fault zone
- More data/analyses

 necessary to evaluate
 existence of a master
 detachment



Summary

- High erosion rates
 - Fault-line scarps
 - Few scarps on unconsolidated units
- Washington Hollow fault is part of the Washington fault zone→ Washington Hollow section (22 km long)
- Northern section renamed the Fort Pearce section (37 km long)
- Mokaac section and Dutchman Draw fault are redefined as major strands of the Fort Pearce section
- Faults in the transition zone may be structurally linked as a regional transfer system





Results Paleoseismic Trenching Investigation of the Northern (Fort Pearce) Section of the Washington Fault Zone SW Utah and NW Arizona

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Pointer 37°02'14.41" N 113°28'27.37" W elev 2938 (t

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Eye alt 10650 ft

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The Utah Geological Survey has conducted an integrated investigation of the Washington fault zone (WAFZ) in southwestern Utah that included:

- Making a 1:24,000-scale geologic strip map along the fault in Utah and northernmost Arizona.
- Trenching a fault scarp formed on a Holocene/latest Pleistocene alluvial fan in Arizona to obtain paleoseismic information for the fault.
- Dating (⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar) and geochemically correlating mafic volcanic flows displaced across the fault, and using that information together with the displacement information to calculate long-term (middle Quaternary) vertical slip rates for the fault.
- Cooperating with a Utah Department of Transportation surface-fault-rupture hazard investigation for proposed interchange structures to obtain additional paleoseismic information on the WAFZ in Utah.

The study was chiefly funded by the Utah Geological Survey, with additional funding provided by the U.S. Geological Survey through the National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program.



Why the Washington Fault Zone?

- The WAFZ lies within the Intermountain seismic belt, an interplate zone of increased earthquake activity and Quaternary faulting that extends from northern Montana to southern Nevada.
- The WAFZ has formed scarps on Holocene and latest Pleistocene unconsolidated geologic deposits, indicating that the fault has produced large surface-faulting earthquakes in recent geologic time.
- The WAFZ trends directly into the St. George metropolitan area (Washington County pop. ~ 138,000), and more specifically directly through the rapidly urbanizing community of Washington, Utah.
- The WAFZ was identified in 2008 by the UQFPWG as a high priority fault requiring additional paleoseismic investigation.





The Intermountain seismic belt (ISB) has been the locus of all Intermountain West historical surface-faulting earthquakes, including Utah's only historical surface-faulting event, the 1934 Hansel Valley **M** 6.6 earthquake.

The ISB also produced southwestern Utah's two largest historical events, the 1902 Pine Valley ~ M 6 earthquake, and the 1992 St. George M_L 5.8 earthquake.



University of Utah Seismograph Station Earthquake Catalog (Jan. 1980 - Dec 31 2010)



Intermountain Seismic Belt defined by Utah Earthquake Epicenters

The WAFZ study area is near the southern end of the ISB in an area of contemporary earthquake activity.





2006 Washington City, Utah

The photo that launched a 1000 backhoes well, one anyway

Horizon Elementary School

It was this photo shown at the 2008 UQFPWG meeting that caused the Working Group to elevate the WAFZ to its list of highest priority faults for study.



2011 – Washington City, Utah









Dutchman Draw Fault Scarp – Mohave County, Arizona







Dutchman Draw Area Geologic Map



Contour interval 0.25 m Datum = mean sea level



Dutchman Draw Trench Site Geologic and Topographic Map DNR

Scarp Profiles





TRENCHING RESULTS





NORTH TRENCH FAULT ZONE (south wall)





SOUTH TRENCH (south wall)





SUMMARY OF TRENCHING RESULTS

Two Holocene paleoearthquakes
 P1 – 1.0 ± 0.6 ka
 P2 – 7.7 ± 2.4 ka
 (OxCal analysis of ¹⁴C and OSL ages, rounded to nearest 100 yrs, 2σ uncertainty)

•Single closed-seismic-cycle recurrence interval $(P2 - P1) = 6.6 \pm 2.4$ kyr.

•Indirect stratigraphic evidence in the trenches permissive of at least one latest Pleistocene earthquake between 13.8 ± 1.2 and 17.1 ± 1.4 ka.

•Net vertical displacement estimates range from ~1.0 m (P1) to 2.4 m (P2). (Combination of scarp profiles, trench stratigraphy, and scarp free-face heights extrapolated from colluvial-wedge thicknesses. Caveats associated with all three methods, consider these displacement values poorly constrained "best estimates".)

•The vertical slip rate for the P2–P1 recurrence interval (6.6 ± 2.4 kyr) and a P1 net vertical displacement (1.0-1.2 m) is 0.11-0.29 mm/yr.



Paleomagnitude Estimates

Reflect current WGUEP regression relations (SRL scenarios – 25 and 37 km, fault dip – $50 \pm 15^{\circ}$, seismogenic crust – 15 ± 3 km)

• Hanks and Kanamori (1979) – Seismic moment

 $M_{w(25)}$ 6.9-7.2 & $M_{w(37)}$ 7.0-7.3

• Stirling and others (2002) – Censored instrumental SRL relation

 $M_{w(25)} 7.0 \& M_{w(37)} 7.1$

• Wesnousky (2008) – SRL all fault types

 $M_{w(25)} 6.7 \& M_{w(37)} 6.9$

• Wells and Coppersmith (1994) – SRL all fault types

 $M_{w(25)} 6.7 \& M_{w(37)} 6.9$

• Anderson and others (1996) – SRL for all fault types and SR

 $M_{w(25)} 6.9 \& M_{w(37)} 7.1$



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K-Ar: 1.7+0.4 Ma

113°30'W

Pearce

LBM

Joe Blake

0 Little Black

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Mtn

EXPLANATION

- Sample location for ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar-age and geochemistry analyses
- Sample location for geochemistry analysis
- ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar ages from Downing \odot and others (2001)
- o K-Ar ages from Wenrich and others (1995)
- -☆ Volcanic vent area from Billingsley and Workman (2000)



Long-Term Vertical Slip Rate Estimates Southern Fort Pearce and Northern Sullivan Draw Sections Washington Fault Zone

113°24'W

⁰Ar/³⁹Ar: 1.28+0.07 Ma

37°N



Available radiometric ages – Fort Pearce and Sullivan Draw sections WAFZ

Location	Radiometric age (Ma)	Reference
East Mesa flow	1.4 <u>+</u> 0.25 (K-Ar)	Wenrich and others (1995)
West Mesa flow	1.6 <u>+</u> 0.3 (K-Ar)	Wenrich and others (1995)
Little Black Mountain flow	1.7 <u>+</u> 0.4 (K-Ar)	Wenrich and others (1995)
Seegmiller Mountain flow	2.35 <u>+</u> 0.31 and 2.44 <u>+</u> 0.51 (K-Ar)	Wenrich and others (1995)
Wolf Hollow Mountain flow	3.1 <u>+</u> 0.4 (K-Ar)	Wenrich and others (1995)
Quail Draw-1 flow	$3.32 \pm 0.04 ({}^{40}\text{Ar}/{}^{39}\text{Ar})$	Downing and others (2001)
Seegmiller Mountain flow	$4.17 \pm 0.18 ({}^{40}\text{Ar}/{}^{39}\text{Ar})$	Downing and others (2001)

Newly acquired radiometric ages – Fort Pearce and Sullivan Draw sections WAFZ

Sample	Location	⁴⁰ Ar/ ³⁹ Ar Age ² (Ma)
EM	East Mesa flow	1.211 <u>+</u> 0.015
WM	West Mesa flow	1.05 ± 0.05
SF	Seegmiller Mountain flow	2.32 <u>+</u> 0.02
QD1	Quail Draw-1 flow	2.779 <u>+</u> 0.017



Geochemical Classification and Correlation



Geochemical analysis performed by the GeoAnalytical Lab at Washington State University


Long-term vertical slip-rate estimates for the southern Fort Pearce and northern Sullivan Draw sections of the WAFZ.

Correlated Flows	Elev. A ¹ (m)	Elev. B ¹ (m)	Elevation Difference (m)	Horizontal Distance ² (km)	Radiometric Age ³ (Ma)	Vertical Slip Rate (mm/yr)	Vertical Slip Across
Seegmiller Mountain Flow – Dutchman Draw-2 Flow Remnant	1650	1020	630	9.2	2.32 0.02	0.27^{4}	Fort Pearce section main strand
West Mesa Flow– Dutchman Draw-1 Flow Remnant	1270	940	330	7.9	1.05 0.05	0.31 ⁴	Fort Pearce section composite
East Mesa Flow – Dutchman Draw-1 Flow Remnant	1220	940	280	6.3	1.211 0.015	0.23^{4}	Fort Pearce section composite
East Mesa Flow – East Mesa Flow	1220	1170	50	Adjacent	1.211 0.015	0.04	Dutchman Draw strand single splay
Seegmiller Mountain Flow - Seegmiller Mountain Flow	1800	1710	90	Adjacent	2.32 0.02	0.04	Sullivan Draw section

⁴Elevation obtained in feet from Google Earth imagery dated 10/2/2011. We converted elevations in feet to meters by dividing the elevations by 3.2808 feet and rounded the result to the nearest 10 m. ²Straight line distance measured on Google Earth imagery dated 10/2/2011. ³New ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar radiometric ages obtained for this study (see appendix C). See table 1 for older radiometric ages available for some flows. ⁴Horizontal distances between these correlated points are measured in multiple kilometers. Based on geologic mapping, the flows are thought to have originated in the east and then to have flowed downslope to the west prior to faulting. The reported slip rates do not take into account the effect of pre-faulting topography (i.e., original elevation difference between the two points due to the pre-faulting topography), so we consider the slip rates reported here to be maximum values. It is also assumed, but cannot be confirmed, that the flows did not cascade over a pre-existing fault escarpment.



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THANK YOU OUESTIONS?

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Preliminary results from a high resolution seismic reflection profile at Hansel Valley, Utah;

Pier Paolo G. Bruno

G&G Dept. – The University of Utah, U.S.A





NGV – Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia, **Italy** 1934 M 6.6 Hansel Valley Earthquake: Analog for Antithetic Fault Rupture?

> Chris DuRoss Mike Hylland



Working Group on Utah Earthquake Probabilities June, 2011



Geologic Observations

- 5–8-km-long, NE-oriented zone of ground cracks and minor surface faulting
- Down-to-the-east scarps related to 1934 earthquake
 - Maximum vertical displacement:
 ~50 cm, mostly down to the east
 - Maximum strike-slip displacement: ~25 cm (poorly documented)
- No reports of rupture along prehistoric rupture to the north, which has evidence of larger displacements (1+ m)





Seismologic Observations

- Left-lateral strike-slip on nearvertical, NE oriented fault
- Rupture length: ~11 km using rupture time and velocity; NE propagation?
- Average horizontal slip: 2.3 m using seismic moment (M₀ = rigidity*area*slip)
- Average vertical slip: 20–25 cm using focal mechanism



Other puzzle pieces

- 1909 M ~6 Hansel Valley earthquake
 - No report of surface rupture, but newspaper report of waves passing over 3.5-m high railroad trestle
 - A: Bathymetry & shoreline data (1850–1934) could include displacement from this event
 - B: Linear shoreline south of 1934 rupture (and epicenter) suggests down-to-the-west faulting.
 - C: Lineaments and down-tothe-west scarps east of 1934 rupture related to 1909 earthquake?



Remaining Questions

- Was the1934 M 6.6 earthquake a normal or strike slip event?
 - Normal surface rupture (~5–8km L, 0.5 m vertical D)
 - Strike-slip focal mechanism (~11-km L, ~2 m horizontal D)
- Did the 1934 event occur as a strike slip event, only initiating normal faulting (or non-tectonic slip?) near the northern end of the rupture?
- How does the 1909 M~6 earthquake fit in? Did this event rupture faults in Spring Bay?



Speculation...

Possible kinematic model: the 1934 earthquake was a dominantly strike-slip event that released strain accumulated between two normal faults.



Hansel Valley profile location

- profile total length: 6595 m (1320 geophone locations spaced each 5 m)
- number of source positions: 1207 vibration points (spaced each 5 m)
 2 linear sweeps from 5 to200 Hz, with 15 s. duration
 listening time: 16.5 s



dense wide aperture seismic array



Setting up the seismic array



We used 168 vertical geophones spaced of 5 m, for a total active array length of 835m

ULNV T7000 minivib



example of shot records (Hansel Valley)



Amplitude = 1494425 Time = 286 ms CHAN = 166 FFID = 480

MB1: click-and-drag to zoom, click to unzoom, release outside to cancel

Zoom or unzoom

Source-Receiver-Offset Chart (Hansel Valley)







Button1: click-and-drag to zoom, click to unzoom, release outside to cancel

Zoom or unzoom

Frequency content (Hansel Valley)



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Hansel Valley profile location



Data di acquisizione delle immagini: 9/14/2011

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Google earth

Hansel Valley profile location



Hansel Valley profile Zoom to the west



Hansel Valley profile centre





Hansel Valley profile eastern side





conclusions

- the clear evidence of faulting in the basin should put to rest a hypothesis that surface faulting in the 1934 earthquake was actually related to liquefaction-induced settlement rather than tectonic faulting.
- the preliminary stack shows evidence of variation of fault throw with depth (e.g. evidence multiple earthquakes)
- Possible kinematic model: the 1934 earthquake was a dominantly strike-slip event that released strain accumulated between two normal faults.







Utah Paleoseismic-Related USGS NEHRP FTR Report Compilation and Some New Data Resources

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UGS Paleoseismology of Utah Series

The UGS has published 22 paleoseismic-related reports.
 – Two are compilations of historical reports.





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2011 UGS 1 m LiDAR Acquisition

- Hurricane Fault
- East Great Salt Lake
- West half of Ogden Valley
- Southern Great Salt Lake
- Cedar & Parowan Valleys
- North Odgen
 (FEMA/UDEM)
- Wasatch Plateau (Lowry Water area)

1867 square miles (4913 km²) Raw, DEM, and DSM data available shortly.







2011 LiDAR Data

- DEM data available from AGRC in March-April, 2013.
- All data, including raw data, to be available from OpenTopography (<u>http://opentopography.org</u>) this spring.



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Proposed UGS Wasatch Fault LiDAR Acquisition Plan

- 1365 km² for the entire fault
- 1 meter data
 - At ~\$330/mi² = \$174k
- 1 km footwall buffer
- 1.5 km hanging wall buffer
- LiDAR data will be used to:
 - Improve fault mapping for
 - Utah/USGS fault database
 - Geologic and hazard maps
 - Special study zones
 - Provide pre-rupture topography
 - Identify potential paleoseismic trench sites

High-Resolution LiDAR Wasatch Fault Zone Phases Phase 2: Northern Segments Phase 1: Central Segments Phase 3: Southern Segments 265 km^2 884 km² 216 km²

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Proposed 2013 Wasatch Front LiDAR Acquisition Partnership

- Utah Geological Survey
- Salt Lake County Surveyor's Office
- Salt Lake Valley Cities
- Utah Division of Emergency Management and FEMA
- U.S. Geological Survey
- Utah Geographic Reference Center


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Proposed Wasatch Fault LiDAR Acquisition

- Segments Potentially Funded
 - Salt Lake City
 - Provo

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- Weber
- Brigham City
- Segments not Funded
 - Southern segments (~\$21k)
 - Levan and Fayette
 - Northern segments (~\$25k)
 - Collinston, Clarkston Mountain, and Malad City

Bottom Line = \$46k needed

High-Resolution LiDAR Wasatch Fault Zone Phases

Phase 1: Central Segments 884 km²

Phase 2: Northern Segments 265 km² Phase 3: Southern Segments



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 - 71,800 in database (as of February 1)
 - 260 individual aerial projects
- Digitally scanned
 - Paper prints scanned at 600 or 800 (starting 2010) dpi
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Aerial Imagery Collection

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SLA 1-50 B		1	50		20000	Aug 10, 1938	800	40.49740	-111.82280
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AAL_16V-35		16V	35		10000	May 27, 1958	600	40.48930	-111.82500
AAL_16V-36		16V	36		10000	May 27, 1958	600	40.49660	-111.82400
AAL_16V-37		16V	37		10000	May 27, 1958	600	40.50290	-111.82414
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AAL_33V-7	1 A	33V	7		10000	Jun 28, 1959	600	40.51410	-111.81470
AAL_33V-8		33V	8		10000	Jun 28, 1959	600	40.50900	-111.81540
AAL_35V-90		35V	90		10000	Oct 15, 1958	600	40.51000	-111.84530
AAL_35V-91_A		35V	91		10000	Oct 15, 1958	600	40.50250	-111.84630
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 - Fault evaluation reports
 - UGS Technical Reports
 - Unpublished Geologic-Hazard Information
 - Field Investigations
 - Documents
 - Maps
 - Photographs



GeoData Archive System

- New system based on open-source software (web-based).
 - ResourceSpace Digital Asset Management System
 - mySQL Database
- Compatible with several hundred document, graphic, audio, and video formats.
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Forecasting Large Earthquakes Along the Wasatch Front

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Introduction

A consensus-based estimate of earthquake probabilities for the



Wasatch Front can be used to raise public awareness and incorporated into public policy that will drive greater and more sustained earthquake mitigation efforts in Utah.

Previous estimates of Wasatch Front earthquake probabilities have been made by individual authors using the limited data available at the time. The results of these investigations had little impact on public policy.



Introduction (cont.)

Data developed by the WGUEP can be incorporated into the USGS National Hazard Maps.

Wasatch Front urban hazard maps are planned by the USGS, and time-dependent probabilities can also be incorporated into those maps.





Introduction (cont.)



- The final forecast will undergo a formal internal USGS review, and will be sent to the National Earthquake Prediction Council for review and comment as well.
- There will be a media release of the WGUEP results. Project results will also be presented at meetings for the general public and at professional and scientific society meetings.





WGUEP

- The Working Group on Utah Earthquake Probabilities was formed in late 2009.
- Funded by the USGS through the NEHRP external grants program for 3 years and the Utah Geological Survey.
- The final report and results will be released by end of 2013.





WGUEP Members

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Scope of Work

- Calculate time-dependent probabilities of large earthquakes on the major faults where the data is available on the expected mean frequency of earthquakes and the elapsed time since the most recent large earthquake.
- Even for these faults, some weight will be given to the time-independent model.
- Where such information is lacking on less well-studied faults, time-independent probabilities are estimated.
- Epistemic uncertainties in all input parameters will be explicitly addressed by the WGUEP using logic trees.



Products

- The WGUEP will calculate the probability of moderate to large earthquakes (M > 5.0) in the Wasatch Front region for a range of intervals varying from annually to 100 years.
- Time-dependent and time-independent earthquake probabilities that will be estimated are:
 - **1.** Segment-specific for the 5 central segments of the Wasatch fault.
 - 2. Total for the Wasatch fault central segments and the whole fault including the end segments.
 - 3. Segment-specific and fault-specific for the Great Salt Lake Fault.
 - Time-independent fault-specific for all other faults (46) in the Wasatch Front.
 - 5. Time-independent for background earthquakes (M 5.0 to 6.75).
 - 6. Total for the Wasatch Front region.



WGUEP Wasatch Front

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Segments of the Wasatch Fault Zone (WFZ) in Southern Idaho and Northern Utah





Accomplishments

- Developed earthquake chronology for central segments of the Wasatch fault. Selected single and multiple-segment rupture scenarios for Wasatch fault central segments.
 - Examined the original paleoseismic site investigation reports and associated trench logs/maps to evaluate geologic and chronologic evidence for interpreted events.
 - Considered common limitations in dating paleoearthquake event horizons.
 - Constructed time-stratigraphic OxCal models for each site.
 - Qualitatively correlated events between sites to develop segment-wide earthquake histories.
 - Computed composite PDF for each earthquake.
 - Used the composite earthquake PDFs to construct segment-wide PDF data to calculate mean recurrence and evaluate associated uncertainties.



Paleoseismic Trench Sites Along the Central Segments of the WFZ





Surface-Faulting Earthquake Histories for the Central Segments of the WFZ





Composite Coefficient of Variation on Recurrence for the Central WFZ







Single-Segment Rupture Model for the Central WFZ



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Intermediate Rupture Models for the Central WFZ

- A B4+W5, B3+W4 and S2+P3
- B P3+N3 in place of S2+P3
- C B4+W5 and B3+W4





Multi-Segment Rupture Models for the Central WFZ




Generalized Logic Tree for Calculating the Recurrence of the Central Segments of WFZ





Segments of the Oquirrh-Great Salt Lake Fault Zone

O-GSLFZ SEGMENTS

Rozelle (RZ) - 25 km Promontory (PY) - 25 km Fremont Is. (FI) - 25 km Antelope Is. (AI) - 35 km No. Oquirrh (NO) - 30 km So. Oquirrh (SO) - 31 km Topliff Hills (TH) - 26 km East Tintic (ET) - 35 km





Proposed Rupture Models and Weights for the Oquirrh-Great Salt Lake Fault Zone

Rupture Scenarios		Weights
1	RZ, PY, FI, AI, NO+S0, TH, ET	0.15
2	RZ, PY, FI, AI NO, SO, TH, ET	0.4
3	RZ, PY, FI+AI, NO, SO, TH, ET	0.15
4	RZ, PY, FI, AI, NO, SO+TH, ET	0.1
5	Unsegmented (floating)	0.2



"Other" Faults/Fault Segments in the Wasatch Front Region Retained in the WGUEP Probabilistic Earthquake Forecast

Bear River fault zone Broadmouth Canyon faults¹ Carrington fault Crater Bench fault² Crawford Mountains (west side) fault Curlew Valley faults Drum Mountains fault zone² East Cache fault zone Northern segment Central segment Southern segment¹ East Dayton – Oxford faults Eastern Bear Lake fault Northern segment Central segment Southern segment Gunnison fault Hansel Valley fault³ Hansel Valley (east side) faults³ Hansel Valley (valley floor) faults³ James Peak fault¹ Joes Valley faults Little Valley faults Main Canyon fault Maple Grove faults⁴

Morgan fault Northern section⁵ Central section⁵ Southern section⁵ North Promontory fault Porcupine fault Pavant Range fault⁴ Reactivated section Absaroka thrust fault Red Canyon faults⁴ Rock Creek fault Scipio fault zone⁴ Scipio Valley faults⁴ Skull Valley (mid valley) faults Snow Lake graben Stansbury fault Stinking Springs fault Strawberry fault Utah Lake faults West Cache fault zone Clarkston fault Junction Hills fault Wellsville fault West Valley fault zone Granger fault Taylorsville fault Western Bear Lake fault



Accomplishments (cont.)

- Characterized end segments of Wasatch fault and other faults in Wasatch Front.
- Characterized all other "significant" faults in the Wasatch Front.
- Developed model for coseismic rupture of antithetic faults
 - SLC Segment/West Valley (0.75/0.25)
 - Provo Segment/Utah Lake (0.5/0.5)
 - Hansel Valley/North Promontory (0.4/0.6)
 - Western/Eastern Bear Lake (0.5)/0.5)
- Compiled new consensus historical catalog through 2010 for the Wasatch Front.



Accomplishments (cont.)

> Developed a methodology to estimate Mmax.

<u>A faults</u> (segmented with 2+ paleoseismic sites): 45% Mo (Hanks and Kanamori) 45% SRL-c (Stirling) 5% SRL (W&C-all) 5% W-SRL (Wesnousky)

<u>B faults</u> (segmented, but limited D data): 60% SRL-c (Stirling) 40% SRL (W&C-all) <u>C faults</u> (not segmented, limited D data): 50% SRL-c (Stirling) 50% SRL (W&C-all)

We have adopted a background earthquake Mmax of M 6.75 ± 0.25. USGS recurrence approach (e.g., recurrence models) is being used.

Fault dip uncertainty adopted is 50 ± 15 degrees.



Accomplishments (cont.)

Seismogenic crustal depths (km):

- East of WFZ
 12 (0.1), 15 (0.7), 18 (0.2)
- West of WFZ
 12 (0.2), 15 (0.7), 18 (0.1)

Considerable effort has been expended comparing moment rates derived from available geodetic, historical seismicity, and paleoseismic data. A discrepancy remains between geodetic rates and the paleoseismic and historical seismicity-based rates that is difficult to reconcile; the geodetic rates are at least 50% higher. The WGUEP will use the geodetic data as a constraint on regional moment rates. (Smith, Puskas, Petersen)











REDEFINING 'ACTIVE' FAULTS:

PROPOSAL TO EVALUATE PALEO-SEISMOLOGY STUDIES FOR EVIDENCE OF HOLOCENE CLIMATIC VARIATION & BASIN-WARD MIGRATION OF FAULTING

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STATUS OF FAULT HAZARD GUIDELINES

- > 2003 UGS Guidelines (Christenson et al) defined "active" Holocene fault:
 - Minimum 4" displacement
 - Evidence of deformation within past 10,000 years
- Poor post-Bonneville stratigraphy... Faults that displace post-Bonneville sediments are (by default) usually defined as "ACTIVE"
- Improvements in last 10 years:
 - Better resolution of Wasatch fault rupture timing, recurrence intervals (Past 6 EQ)
 - More detailed Holocene climate chronology (Madsen, et al)
 - Basin-Range normal-fault kinematics- Lateral migration of active fault splays
- IF we can refine the Holocene stratigraphic record and fault timing...
- Can we narrow the definition of 'active' faulting to exclude 'inactive' fault traces?
- What is a 'hazardous' fault? (Bray, 2013)

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Approached by developer (Sandy City) to re-consider large areas within fault setback at Pepperwood Hills (SBI, 2009) I,000-wide fault zone- Several discrete fault splays Buried faults <u>do not</u> offset thick debris flow sequences Loess deposits (radiometric age dates ~5,950 cal YBP) Mapleton Presidio Fault Investigation (IGES, 2006) Buried fault traces- Displaced sediments overlain by undeformed loess deposits w/ ages ~5,700 & 9,400 YBP (<10,000 yrs) Still defined as 'active' faults even though no displacement during most recent (# events?) along the Provo fault??

NORMAL FAULT KINEMATICS: BASIN-WARD MIGRATION OF ACTIVE NORMAL FAULTING

- Basin-ward migration of surface traces of normal faults is reported from rift zones; Working assumption in the Basin & Range
- Kinematic/Geometric spatial problems with extensional slip along a curvi-planar surface
- As fault trace matures, less and less extension can be accomplished along the plane of displacement
- New active fault splays form in hanging wall
- Locus of faulting shifts towards hanging wall (basinward)
- Should leave behind de-activated fault traces.... (?)
- Is this observed along Wasatch fault?

RYAN & PITMAN, 1998

- Cross-disciplinary synthesis of geology, anthropology, Biblical & Sumerian texts, pottery, art, language, genetics, etc.
- Geological analysis of freshwater/lacustrine and marine deposits, changes in sea & lake levels, climate & glacial history
- Identify significant post-glacial intervals:
 - Pulses of rapid melting
 - Hiatus' of glacial melting
- Cold, dry, arid climate intervals= Loess
- Resulted in widespread loess deposits

NOAH'S Flood

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LOCAL CLIMATIC EVIDENCE?

- Similar setting around shoreline of former Lake Bonneville: De-glaciation, exposed lakeshore, abundant parent material (unconsolidated glacial sediments), wind, mountains act as topographic barriers to loess dispersal
- Is there evidence for Holocene "cold snaps" along the Wasatch Front?
- Loess observed in trenches, overlies faults
- Are loess deposits of comparable age?
- Can loess marker beds be used to constrain 'active' vs.' inactive' fault traces?

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SEASONAL WIND CIRCULATION PATTERNS DURING GLACIATION

(LAABS ET AL, 2006 AFTER MUNROE, 2001)

HOLOCENE TEMPERATURE VARIATIONS-GREAT SALT LAKE BASIN

FROM POLLEN SAMPLES, SNOWBIRD BOG (AFTER MADSEN & CURRY, 1979)



Figure 5. Estimate of Holocene temperature change in the Great Sa Lake basin based on changes in the relative proportion of comp pollen to all other pollen at Snowbird Bog, Little Cottonwood Car-Wasatch Range, Utah. The curve is smoothed by a weighted three-level moving average. Modified from Madsen and Currey (1979).



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PITMAN & RYAN, 1998 HIATUS IN GLACIAL MELTING (COLD, ARID CLIMATE INTERVAL)

5,900 YBP

9,700 YBP

LOESS RADIOMETRIC DATES (QUICK OVERVIEW)

Mapleton Trenches (IGES, 2006)- Provo segment, Wasatch fault
5,740-5,940+/- 40 YBP (Two samples, closely correlated)
6,480 +/- 50 YBP
9,370 +/- 50 YBP
Pepperwood Hills (SBI, 2009)- Salt Lake segment
5,990-5,930 cal YBP
McCalpin Mega-Trench- Salt Lake segment
9,535 – 9,880 cal YBP



Figure 5. Estimate of Holocene temperature change in the Great Sa Lake basin based on changes in the relative proportion of comp pollen to all other pollen at Snowbird Bog, Little Cottonwood Car Wasatch Range, Utah. The curve is smoothed by a weighted three-level moving average. Modified from Madsen and Currey (1979).

LOCAL LOESS AGE RESULTS

PEPPERWOOD HILLS (SBI, 2009) 5,990-5,930 CAL YBP

MAPLETON (IGES, 2006) 5,740 & 5,940+/- 40 YBP 6,480 +/- 50 YBP

9,370 +/- 50 YBP

MCCALPIN 9,535 – 9,880 CALYBP

PEPPERWOOD HILLS (SBI, 2006)



TRENCH 2a NORTH WALL

East







TRENCH 8b West SOUTH WALL M^{*} Approximate location of Feast Unit Descriptions A: A Horizon material. Dark Organic rich layer containing silty sand, poots/poot traces also fine-grained. 1: Possible loess: Dark reddish brown fine-grained silty sand. non-stratified 2: Possible paleosol or losss: Dark organic rich, fine-grained sandy silt that is non-stratified 3: Massive Lake Bonneville sand: Sand with no bodding. fine-grained, and well sorted. 4: Lake Bonneville Sand: Bedded, fine and coarse sand, interbedded with clay, relatively unaltered. 9,370 4.50 BP Sample # 8B (8) \$ ft SCALE Sample # 88 @ 13 ft 802 46 Fissure. 1 INCH = 4 FEET

6,490 4.50 BP

N 30"E 80"NW

Trench 8b South Wall Hand Log

Plate.

A-20

Horizontal-Vertical







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OTHER TYPES OF HOLOCENE DEPOSITS W/ POTENTIAL CLIMATE VARIABILITY:

HYPER-VOLUMINOUS, HYPER-MASSIVE DEBRIS FLOWS (DATES?) (LOST CREEK ESTATES, PEPPERWOOD)

PROGRESSIVE FILLING AND/OR INCISION ALONG AXIAL GRABEN CHANNELS (CANYON RACQUET CLUB, WASATCH OFFICE BLGS, MCCALPIN, MAPLETON)

PROPOSED STUDY

- Research Holocene climate variation & chronology (Madsen, Curry, Oviatt, et al)
- Compile available paleoseismology investigations:
- Document loess, etc. deposits that are/can be reliably dated:
 - Pepperwood Hills (SBI), Mapleton (IGES), Megatrench (McCalpin)
 Others??
- Determine if loess etc horizons correlate reliably- Are the ages consistent? Do they correlate with significant climatic event(s)?
- What is the nature of loess vs. faulting history at each site?
- Is basin-ward migration of active fault splays observed?
- If certain fault traces are inactive during last 5-7 EQ events-Are these 'active' traces?

POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS TO ACTIVE FAULT CLASSIFICATION

Depends on results of assessment, and
 Based on discussions w/ Working Group, etc professionals
 OPTIONS:

Performance-based: "Hazardous" vs. "Active"

 Following Bray (2013): "Hazardous" fault based on observed displacements (Δhoriz, Δvert), potential for damage to structure, design/engineering limitations

If specific fault traces are demonstrated to be inactive during past (5-7?) EQ events AND if faulting is demonstrated to have shifted, Are these 'inactive' fault traces?

PROPOSED TIMELINE

Spring: Research & Interviews

- Research Holocene climate variation & chronology
- Review available paleoseismology investigations
- Summer: Field Work: Re-occupy trenches (if needed)
 - Pepperwood Hills (SBI), Mapleton (IGES), Megatrench (McCalpin)
 Others??

Fall: Reconvene to discuss findings

Gauge appetite & basis for reconsidering 'active' fault definition
 <u>Shlemon Conference:</u> Dialogue about "active" fault definition vs using a completely new criteria (hazardous vs. non-hazardous)

Please contact myself or Dave Simon with any information

HAZARDOUS VS NON-HAZARDOUS FAULT? ONE POSSIBLE APPROACH?

- No longer use "Active" in regards to fault mitigation
- Possible Approach to fault mitigation based on engineering technology and fault characteristics – not age of fault
- Replace "active fault" with "hazardous fault" and "nonhazardous fault"
- Hazardous Fault: Cannot be mitigated by contemporary engineering technology
- Non-Hazardous Fault: Regardless of antiquity, surface displacement associated with the fault can be mitigated by contemporary engineering technology

HAZARDOUS VS NON-HAZARDOUS FAULT?

What about schools, hospitals, critical facilities?
How to address the low-probability high-consequence events?

Does recurrence interval factor in?

MCCALPIN, 2000 LOESS UNIT 6



PITMAN & RYAN, 1998 "NOAH'S FLOOD"



PITMAN & RYAN, 1998 "NOAH'S FLOOD"





UTAH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Fault/Fault Segment	Original UQFPWG Priority (2005)
Nephi segment WFZ	1
West Valley fault zone	2
Weber segment WFZ – most recent event	3
Weber segment WFZ – multiple events	4
Utah Lake faults and folds	5
Great Salt Lake fault zone	6
Collinston & Clarkston Mountain segments WFZ	7
Sevier/Toroweap fault	8
Washington fault	9
Cedar City-Parowan monocline/ Paragonah fault	10
Enoch graben	11
East Cache fault zone	12
Clarkston fault	13
Wasatch Range back-valley faults	14
Hurricane fault	15
Levan segment WFZ	16
Gunnison fault	17
Scipio Valley faults	18
Faults beneath Bear Lake	19
Eastern Bear Lake fault	20
Bear River fault zone	2007
Brigham City segment WFZ – most recent event	2007
Carrington fault (Great Salt Lake)	2007
Provo segment WFZ – penultimate event	2007
Rozelle section – East Great Salt Lake Fault	2007
Salt Lake City segment WFZ – northern part	2009
Warm Springs fault/East Bench fault subsurface geometry and connection	2010
Brigham City segment WFZ rupture extent (north and south ends)	2011
Long-term earthquake record northern Provo segment WFZ	2011
West Valley fault zone – Taylorsville fault	2011
Hansel Valley fault	2011
Acquire new paleoseismic information in data gaps along the five central segments of the WFZ	2012

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2012 Highest Priority Faults/Fault Sections For Study						
Fault/Fault Section ¹	Investigation Status		Investigating			
i autor auto Section	Investigation Status		Institution ²			
Acquire new paleoseismic information in data gaps along the five central segments of the WFZ – e.g., (a) Brigham City segment rupture extent (north and south ends); (b) long-tern earthquake record northern Provo segment; (c) long-term earthquake record southern Weber segment.	BYU LiDAR study BYU Utah Lake sediment study		BYU			
Penultimate event Provo segment WFZ	No activity					
West Valley fault zone – Taylorsville fault	Consultant's trench of opportunity		UGS			
Other Priority Faults/Fault Sections Requiring Further Study						
Fault/Fault Section	Original UQFPWG Priority	Investigation Status	Investigating Institution ²			
Cedar City-Parowan monocline/Paragonah fault ³	10	No activity				
Enoch graben	11	No activity				
Clarkston fault ³	13	Black and others (2000)				
Gunnison fault	17	No activity				
Scipio Valley faults	18	No activity				
Faults beneath Bear Lake	19	No activity				
Eastern Bear Lake fault	20	No activity				
Carrington fault (Great Salt Lake)	2007	No activity				
Worm Springs fault/East Darish fault	2007	No activity				
warm Springs fault/East Bench fault	2010	No activity				
Subsurface geometry and connection	Sections Studies Com	unlete or Ongoing				
Fault/Fault Section	Original UQFPWG Priority	Investigation Status	Investigating Institution ²			
Nephi segment WFZ	1	UGS Special Study 124 USGS Map 2966 Ongoing	UGS/USGS			
West Valley fault zone (Granger fault)	2	Ongoing	UGS/USGS			
Long-term earthquake record Nephi segment WFZ	2012	Ongoing	UGS/USGS			
Weber segment WFZ - most recent event	3	UGS Special Study 130	UGS/USGS			
Weber segment WFZ – multiple events	4	UGS Special Study 130	UGS/USGS			
Utah Lake faults and folds	5	Ongoing	UUGG/BYU			
Great Salt Lake fault zone	6	Ongoing	UUGG			
Collinston & Clarkston Mountain segments WFZ	7	UGS Special Study 121	UGS			
Sevier/Toroweap fault	8	UGS Special Study 122	UGS			
Washington fault zone	9	Contract deliverable FTR	UGS			
East Cache fault zone	12	Contract deliverable FTR	USU			
Wasatch Range back-valley fault (Main Canyon fault)	14	UGS Miscellaneous Publication 10-5	USBR			
Hurricane fault	15	UGS Special Study 119	UGS			
Levan segment WFZ	16	UGS Map 229	UGS			
Brigham City segment WFZ – most recent event	2007	Ongoing	UGS/USGS			
Bear River fault zone	2007	Ongoing	USGS			
Salt Lake City segment WFZ – north part	2009	Ongoing	UGS/USGS			
Hansel Valley fault ³	2011	McCalpin, (1985), Robinson (1986), McCalpin and others (1992), UUGG ongoing	UUGG			