Aligning point clouds and topographic change detection

Paso Superior Fault 2.5x Vertical Exaggeration Oskin et al. (2012), Science

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- Multi-temporal topography
- Earthquake examples:
 - scientific motivation
 - aligning (registering) topography data with ICP
 - 2008 Iwate earthquake (Japan)
 - 2011 Fukushima earthquake (Japan)
 - 2010 El Mayor Cucapah earthquake (Mexico)
- Other applications

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- There is now a "baseline" of lidar topography on many active faults in the western US
- After an earthquake, repeat lidar data can be collected and differenced

Measuring fault slip – far field



Wei et al. (2011), Nat. Geosci.

Radar interferometry (InSAR)

- Precise (sub-centimetric) line-of-sight displacements over wide areas
- Breaks down amongst dense vegetation and steep deformation gradients (e.g. along surface ruptures)



Pixel cross-correlation

- Horizontal displacements over wide areas
- Decorrelates in dense vegetation and with changes in surface reflectance (e.g. agriculture, seasonal change)

Measuring fault slip – far field



Measuring fault slip – near field

- Time consuming and subject to measurement error and misinterpretation
- Typically shows high scatter genuine slip heterogeneity or not?





Gold et al. (2013), EPSL

Shallow slip deficit

• The observation that in large, ground-rupturing earthquakes, slip at depths of 100s to 1000s of meters commonly exceeds surface offsets surveyed at the fault scarp





Reflects:

- Genuine loss of slip made up during other parts of the earthquake cycle (e.g. afterslip)?
- Redistribution of slip in near-surface onto subsidiary small faults and fractures?
- artifacts that arise when InSAR data with poor correlation near the surface rupture are inverted for slip at depth?

Controlled by:

- Material properties?
- Fault structural maturity?
- Fault geometry?
- Earthquake magnitude?

Measuring fault slip – near field

Far-field





Near-field





Differential lidar

- 3-D displacements within narrow fault zone swaths
- Shallow slip and mechanical behavior of the interior fault zone
- Remains coherent over long timespans and in dense vegetation

Wei et al. (2011), Nat. Geosci.



Teran *et al.* (2014), *Geosphere* Fletcher *et al.* (2014), *Geosphere*



Pre-earthquake point cloud





3-D earthquake deformation from repeat lidar Post-earthquake LiDAR survey

Post-earthquake point cloud



Pre-earthquake point cloud





The Challenges of LiDAR differencing

- Data are irregularly spaced (we can rasterize them, but lose information doing so)
- There can be large mismatches in point density (legacy datasets vs modern surveys)
- ... and mismatches in data quality and metrics (third party vs research-grade)
- Treatment of vegetation returns in forested areas

- The **iterative closest point** algorithm (ICP) is a method for registering (aligning) irregular point clouds, well known in computer vision and medical imaging
- ICP minimizes closest point pair distances using iterative **rigid-body transformations**, each one comprising a **translation** [$t_x t_y t_z$] and a **rotation** [$\alpha \beta \gamma$]



$\boldsymbol{\Phi} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\gamma & \beta & t_x \\ \gamma & 1 & -\alpha & t_y \\ -\beta & \alpha & 1 & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$



pointclouds.org/documentation/tutorials/interactive_icp.php

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- (1) the two LiDAR datasets are first split into square "cells"
- (2) ICP is run on each equivalent pair of cells. The **translation** [$t_x t_y t_z$] corresponds to the cell displacement
- (3) this is repeated for the next pair of cells

1 Split both datasets into square cells



Nissen et al. (2012), Geophys. Res. Lett.

Pre-earthquake cell

Post-earthquake cell







Pre-earthquake cell

Post-earthquake cell







Pre-earthquake cell

Post-earthquake cell







Find closest points



Iterate Find closest points
Transform point cloud
$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\gamma & \beta & t_x \\ \gamma & 1 & -\alpha & t_y \\ -\beta & \alpha & 1 & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Find closest points



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Find closest points Transform point cloud

3-D earthquake deformation from repeat LiDAR point clouds

Caveats

- ICP will not work if there are large changes to the shape of the cell, e.g. through landsliding
- ICP will generate spurious results in areas that are very planar





Nissen et al. (2012), Geophys. Res. Lett.

3 Move on to next pair of cells and repeat step 2



- First ever partial earthquake rupture with pre-event lidar coverage
- Pre- and post-event lidar flown by commercial surveying firms
- InSAR and pixel tracking limited by dense vegetation and steep phase gradients





Photos: Tadashi Maruyama





2006 pre-earthquake bare Earth DTM (2m)





2008 post-earthquake bare Earth DTM (1m)





2006-2008 DoD (m)


2006 pre-earthquake DEM (2m)



2008 post-earthquake DEM (1m)





2006-2008 3-D displacements



Nissen et al. (2014), Earth Planet. Sci. Lett.





Toda & Tsutsumi (2013), BSSA











2006 pre-event 2 m DEM 🥌 KOKUSAI KOGYO GROUP



2011 post-event 1 m DEM AERO ASAHI CORPORATION









2005-2011 *y*-axis rotations











Darfield rupture (Quigley *et al.* 2010)



Izmit rupture (Rockwell et al. 2002)



 Slip at depths of a few hundred meters appears to vary smoothly

- In many places, only a small proportion of the slip makes it to the surface
- Reflects off-fault deformation in the shallow subsurface?



- First complete earthquake rupture with pre-event LiDAR coverage
- Regional lidar flown by INEGI in 2006 at high elevation (6 km AGL) with 0.01 pts/m^2
- Post-event lidar flown by NCALM along a 3 x 100 km strip in August 2010, with \sim 9 pts/m²

Wei et al. (2011), Nat. Geosci.



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Teran et al. (2014), Geosphere



- Geodetic and seismological modelling supports steep dips of 60° 90°
- Field observations support a much wider range of dips and imply slip on low-angle detachment faults with dips of ca. 20°



Teran et al. (2014), Geosphere



For high-angle slip, vertical motions dominate over faultperpendicular motions



For low-angle slip, fault-perpendicular motions dominate over vertical motions





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Optimization of legacy lidar data sets for measuring near-field earthquake displacements

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Lidar differencing vs other methods



Temporal resolution?
Temporal coherence?
Far-field deformation?
Near-field deformation?
Dense vegetation?
3-D displacements?

Good Limited Good Limited Limited Limited Good Variable Limited Good Poor Good

Limited, will get better
Good
Poor
Good
Good
Good – with potential to
measure strain, rotations





Austin Elliott, UC Davis/Oxford



10 m



Austin Elliott, UC Davis/Oxford



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RTK dGPS surveys tied to base stations occupying the same known point.

Point clouds are in exactly the same reference frame from the start.

DEMs are generated and pixel values subtracted: "DEM of Difference" of DOD

Figure 2. Detrended DEMs and DoD for 2003 to 2007. Note that the hillshades from the more recent year in the DoD are shown behind the DoD for context. This figure is available in colour online at www.interscience.wiley.com/journal/espl

Wheaton *et al.* (2010), Accounting for uncertainty in DEMs from repeat topographic surveys: improved sediment budgets, *Earth Surface Processes and Landforms*

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Repeat SfM surveys tied to ground control points surveyed with real-time kinematic GPS (2 – 4 cm accuracy).



Lucieer *et al.* (2015), Mapping landslide displacements using Structure from Motion (SfM) and image correlation of multi-temporal UAV photography, *Progress in Physical Geography*

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• DEM of Difference (left) and horizontal displacement field from pixel cross-correlation (right)

• Caltech COSI-Corr package: Co-registration of optically-sensed images and correlation http://www.tectonics.caltech.edu/slip_history/spot_coseis/index.html

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Data processing: project & clip (post event data >19Gb Alignment problems; low signal to noise



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August 24, 2014 South Napa Earthquake

Overview:

The August 24, 2014, South Napa earthquake (M6.0) produced significant damage resulting from shaking, fault rupture, fault afterslip, and ground deformation. Lidar data were collected to aid specialized work on the South Napa earthquake including: (1) fault afterslip, especially in the Browns Valley residential neighborhood; (2) shaking and correlation to damage such as red- and yellow-tagged structures, especially in the downtown Napa area; (3) seismic hazards of the West Napa Fault System, especially in residential areas; and (4) geospatial analysis and imagery support (such as post-processing of lidar and other imagery that has already been acquired).



Airborne lidar data and imagery were collected on September 9, 2014 as part of multi-agency/institutional response to the August 24, 2014 South Napa Earthquake. Details of the scientific response to this earthquake including the lidar acquisition can be found in <u>Hudnut et al., 2014</u>: <u>USGS Special Open-File Report 2014-1249</u>. Data were collected and initially processed by Towill and are available both as raw files and products as initially delivered by the vendor, as well as the USGS re-processed version of re-classified point clouds and 0.25 meter DEM's from the <u>USGS HDDS Explorer</u>. Point clouds available from USGS and OpenTopography were reclassified (metadata) by the US Geological Survey; this re-processing was funded by FEMA. Orthoimagery were collected by Towill on September 9, 2014, and by Google on August 24, 2014.



As high resolution topography data become increasingly ubiquitous, a critical cyberinfrastructure challenge will be to provide processing and analysis solutions that enable rapid extraction of information from these datasets.



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2003 points white; 2014 colored by time: swath edges evident



Cloud to cloud difference (using CloudCompare software)





SB=Swath boundary V=Vegetation change RZ=Rupture zone Liquefaction impact on critical infrastructure in Christchurch, NZ (Bray, et al., 2012) Pipeline responses to permanent ground deformation measured by differential topography



Repeat topography survey from Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority [CERA] (2012)



polyvinyl chloride (PVC) earthenware (EW) reinforced concrete pipe with rubber rings (RCRR)

of angular distortion for different pipe types

