STATUS OF PBO AND THE TRANSITION TO GAGE FOR 2013-2018

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CSRC Meeting, Oct. 24, 2013 - UCSD-SIO, La Jolla, CA
• Overview of GI program and PBO staff in GAGE

• EarthScope overview: PBO and data products

• Impacts of partial government shutdown on UNAVCO and PBO
  • Issues with permitting - unfunded liabilities going forward

• RT-GPS and GPS-Seismology in PBO

• Recent PBO Highlights: Multi-monument study, PBO East, and YNP Norris Ridge GTSM install

• PBO-related special projects: COCONet, TLALOCNet, and GeoGONAF

• Codependencies and challenges going forward...
PBO FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

1100 station cGPS network at 96% uptime

PBO is the geodetic component of EarthScope:
1100 cGPS, 78 BSM, 6 LSM, 26 tiltmeters, 122 metpacks

PBO CA (in NCE to 9/30/14) has 0.6% (~$300K) under run...

Game of Strategic Chicken...?

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- Critical non-NSF stakeholders, including NASA, NOAA, USGS, and commercial sector use PBO real-time data, archived data, and higher-level data products (position and velocity estimates, corrected and calibrated strain) to meet mission objectives - these will be compromised; PBO borehole seismic network is integrated into regional and national seismic arrays used for hazard assessment and mitigation.

- UNAVCO is responsible to maintain PBO and other NSF-sponsored geodetic data in perpetuity in its data center and its backups thereof (off-site and cloud-based). PBO was envisioned as scientific experiment within EarthScope, not a fail-safe distributed sensor network and data system. The system was not designed for shutdown!

- UNAVCO is responsible to assure the health and safety of its personnel and to protect all US government assets; if remote communications are severed, SOH data are not available and we cannot be certain as to the disposition of the deployed resources. Remote resources, including cached materials, instruments, and trucks must be secured.

- PBO is designed to have sensor data buffered on-site for periods of several weeks to months; most sites are DC, but some sites (<5%) use AC and therefore could fail if local utility bills are unpaid.
Impacts of Government Shutdown on PBO O&M

• PBO data flow and archiving can be shutdown, but in order to assure that all data and metadata are properly synched across primary and back-up systems, this must be done in an orderly way to facilitate restoration after resumption of normal operations.

  • Failure to put cellular, VSAT, and BGAN channels into “suspended” mode, could result in loss of “provisioning” to remote devices, requiring on-site visits to re-establish.
  • Compute, database, and storage infrastructure in UNAVCO data center may experience significant failure (up to 20%) after being powered down.
  • Important to notify all stakeholders of timing and extent of shutdown plan to allow contingency planning as needed.
  • UNAVCO staff are required to assure a smooth and orderly shutdown, so process must begin well in advance of final day of operations.

• The plan was to notify the UNAVCO community and all known stakeholders of PBO and UNAVCO shutdown timeline by Oct. 18, 2013 - this assumes that NSF appropriation is not restored by Oct. 21 to allow UNAVCO to ameliorate its current cash-flow challenge

  • All routine field maintenance to PBO sensors stopped - Oct. 11
  • Notification of intent to shutdown announced by email - Oct. 18
  • PBO communications are suspended and sensor data-flow is shut down - Nov. 1
  • PBO Analysis Centers (CWU & NMT) and ACC (MIT) terminate all data processing - Nov. 1
  • UNAVCO archive access (ftp-out) is suspended - Nov. 8
  • UNAVCO website shutdown and all staff furloughed - Nov. 15

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UNAVCO PBO RT-GPS Network

348 Real-time stations
243 are Archiving data
Network Latency is 570ms
Network Completeness is 86%
724 Active Connections
1044 Mount Points
ABOVE: Based on the NUMBER OF NEW USERS (new requestors) per year, the percentage of commercial users relative to academic and agency users has increased consistently over the past four years.

BELOW: Based on the VOLUME OF DATA DOWNLOADED per year, the percentage of commercial users relative to academic users has decreased consistently over the past several years.

Interpretation: there are more commercial users than academic users of RTGPS data, but academic users access larger volumes of data.

Trends in PBO RT-GPS usage:

Increase in the number of new commercial sector users from 2010 to 2013

Increase in the amount of RT-GPS data downloaded by academic groups
GAGE: REAL-TIME GPS/GNSS UPGRADE PLAN

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PBO REAL-TIME GPS/GNSS GOALS

- 500+ Real-time stations
- 10 servers with 30-40 VMs
- Efficient load distribution
- Network Latency is 570ms
- Network Completeness is 95%
- 1000+ Active Connections
- 1600 Mount Points
- Synchronized Databases
- Redundant Casters
- Positions and Archiving data
- Expansion capability to 1000 stations

*image is only representative
PBO FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

- GPS Seismology Test Bed Project with SIO-UCSD
  - Upgraded 8 sites with new SIO MEMS accelerometer units - plan to upgrade 8-10 more...
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PBO FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

• Multi-monument Change Order 35
• Plan to add two additional cGPS monuments at five existing PBO sites
• $150K budget was approved by EMT in May 2012
• Final site construction completed this summer 2013 - data being analyzed by UNAVCO D&T staff and the PBO ACs and ACC
• Sites selected to evaluate response of different geological conditions:

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Wilbur, WA site: P453/P813/P814
PBO FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Eastern US upgrades and new sites**
  - Plan to upgrade three poorly performing PBO sites (in GA, TX, and NY) and install three new sites

- **New sites in Mandan, ND, Mellen, WI, and Bedford, PA**
  - $150K budget was approved by EMT in May 2012
  - Final site construction in PA completed this September 2013
  - Sites selected to improve NAM reference frame realization and GIA models

SDBM near Bedford, PA - Installed in September 2013
PBO FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Installation of new GTSM, seismometer, and tiltmeter at Norris Ridge in Yellowstone National Park
- Original BSM site was damaged by lightning strike in 2011 - difficult and laborious negotiations with NPS to obtain permit for new installation
- $140K drilling budget planned, which included all contingency funds
- First hole was abandoned because of hot, aqueous fluid flow at original target depth; second hole successfully completed under budget
- UNAVCO staff worked with Tacoma Pump and Drill and YNP NPS staff to complete site during partial government shutdown and severe weather
• Current network construction status: 63 reconnaissance completed, 56 permits accepted and 44 stations built or refurbished. Work remaining: 27 new or refurbished stations, 2 tide gauge installations

• In August 2013, two students from Venezuela worked with PBO engineers in the Pacific Northwest to learn how to install PBO-style GNSS stations.

• The COCONet Regional Data Center Request for Proposals (RFP) was announced in August 2013. Final selection of awardees is expected this week.

• Finalizing the permits with Cuban customs for importation of GPS/met equipment into the country.

• The five COCONet Fellowship Award winners were announced in late August (http://coconet.unavco.org/science/coconetfellowship2013.html).

• Upcoming installations in Guatemala - COCONet will add 6 meteorological instruments for access to data from Guatemalan GPS network.
TLALOCNet - Development of a continuous GPS-MET array in Mexico for atmospheric, climatic, and seismotectonic research in the Americas:

- Four-year MRI Instrument Development (Track 2) proposal funded for $1.50M with Sept. 1, 2013 start date
- 30% cost-share from UNAM (13 sites) and possibly SMN (original partner with World Bank funding) - total project cost of $2.14M
- Original plan was for 9 new and 29 upgraded sites ($1.95M); revised plan calls for 6 new and 18 upgraded sites ($1.50M)
- One additional FTE in Field Engineering will be supported through MRI (i.e. above GAGE core support)
- Kickoff telecon on Oct. 11th; first PI and stakeholder meeting planned for late November in Boulder, CO
A Global Network of Geodetic Networks
- Interdisciplinary & international leverage for multi-hazards observatories
- Proliferation of geodetic monumentation in multi-purpose networks
- International federations linking networks across borders
- Disseminated archives for shared capacity
- Provide leadership for the “Next Big Thing”
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NOAA and NASA are building systems that depend on PBO, but NSF is not committed to O&M beyond 2018 or upgrades to RT-GPS or GNSS...

SCEC and USGS are operating like PBO is a utility, it will always be on...
QUESTIONS?