

Modeling Collaboratory for Subduction Zone Science

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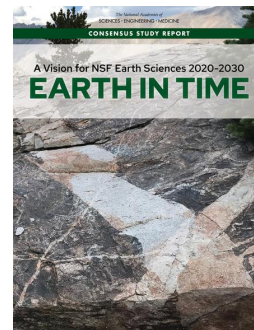
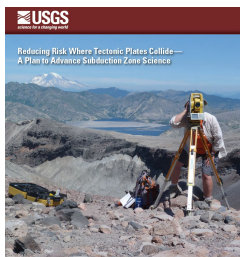


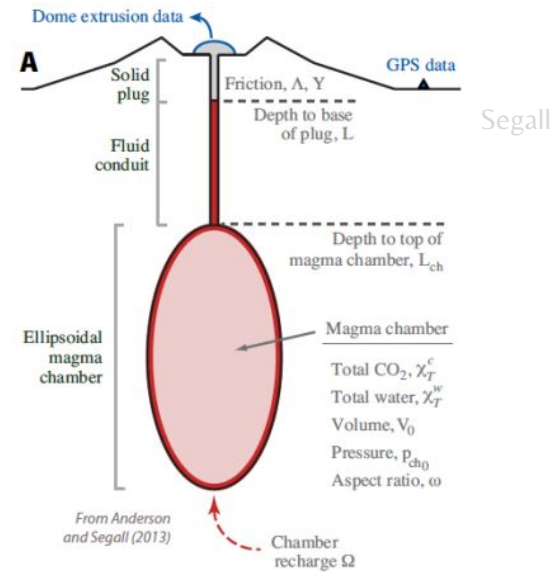
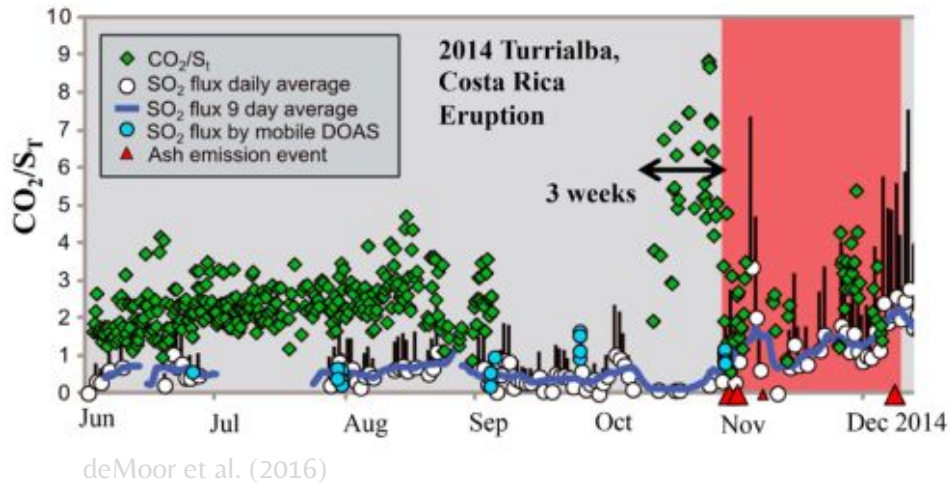
Modeling Collaboratory for Subduction (MCS): Science Goals

Understanding the physics of subduction zone systems

Key science issues:

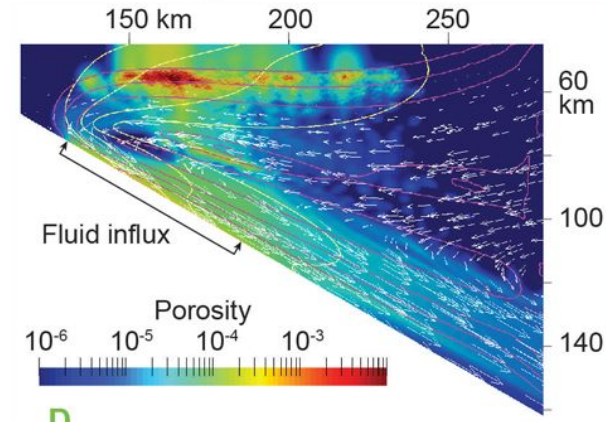
- **Nature of asperities** (stationary vs. dynamic), with implications for earthquake and tsunami hazard assessment
- Links between **geodetically determined plate boundary coupling and future earthquake ruptures**
- Linking crustal magma transport and storage, thermo-mechanical structure, and volcanic activity: **Melt production to eruption**
- Capture **long term evolution** of arcs (e.g plutons) and **short term hazards and monitoring** (active volcanoes)
- Feedbacks between **magmatic and surface processes** in controlling subduction margin tectonics and **megathrust cycle**



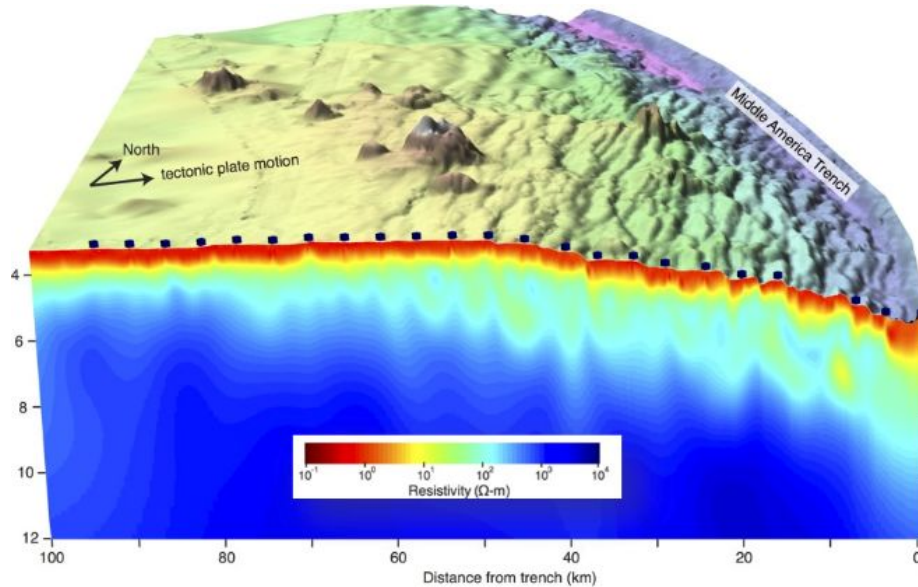


Volcano forecasting example

- How to link volcanic system state and long-term subduction margin evolution to event probabilities?
- How to quantify uncertainties and unknowns in diverse multiscale data, e.g., crystal clocks, seismicity, gas emissions?
- **How to build physics-based, predictive volcano systems models?**

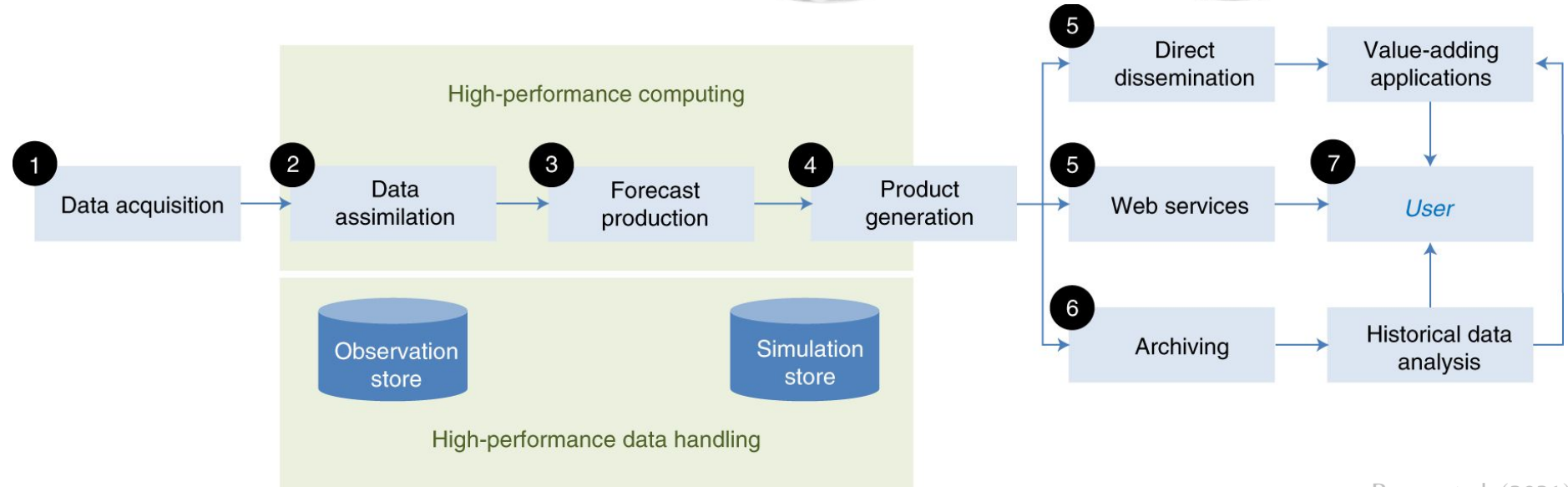
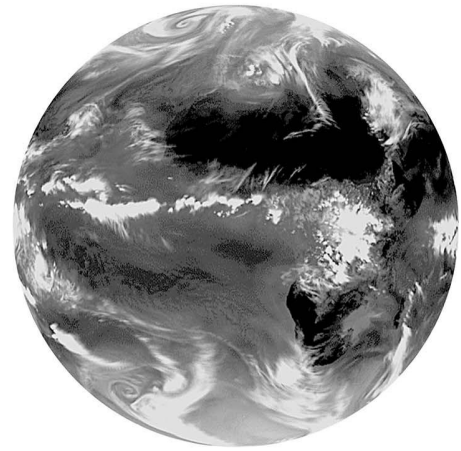
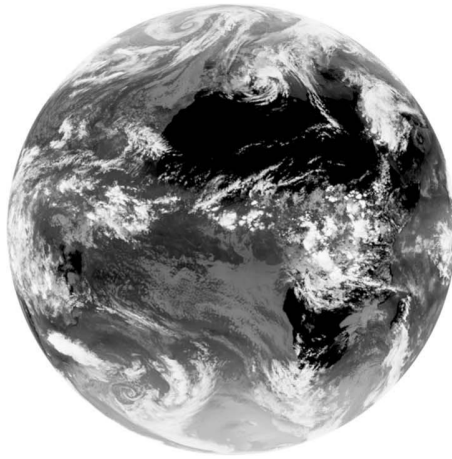


MCS: A digital subduction zone for SZ4D



- ❖ Science-driven and enabling computational infrastructure and large-scale community effort is needed to advance systems levels understanding

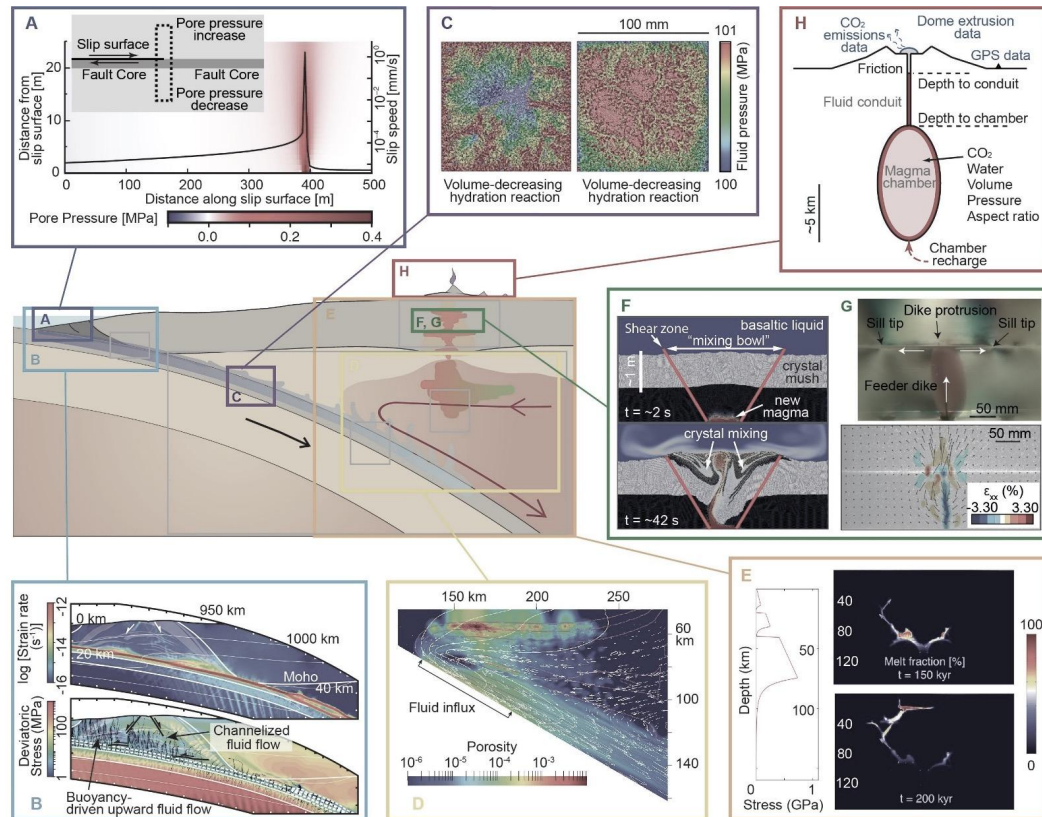
Digital twins in climate science



Uncertainty about subduction physics requires validation of fundamental models

Solid Earth systems dynamics is not climate science

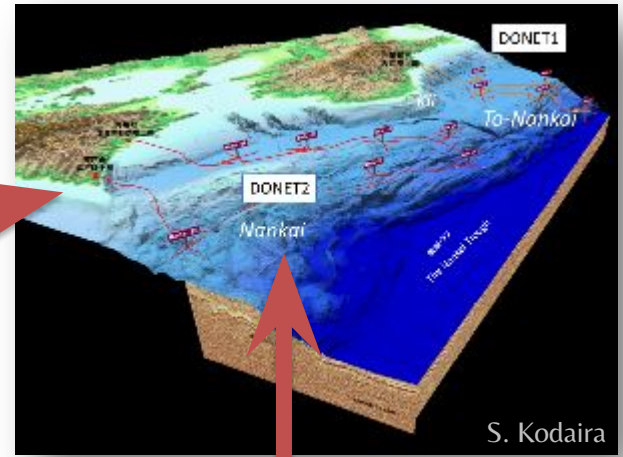
- major remaining questions regarding physics
- adjoints and data assimilation incompletely explored
- important role for modeling-based exploration of emergent dynamics



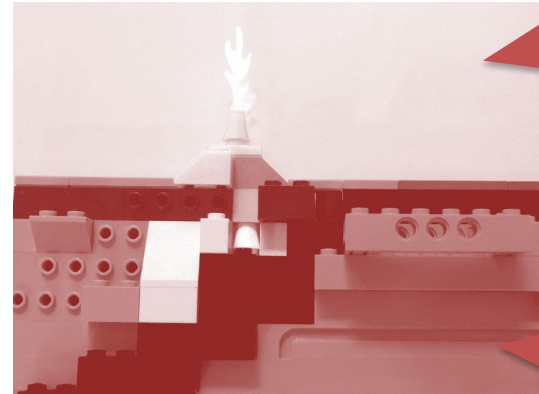
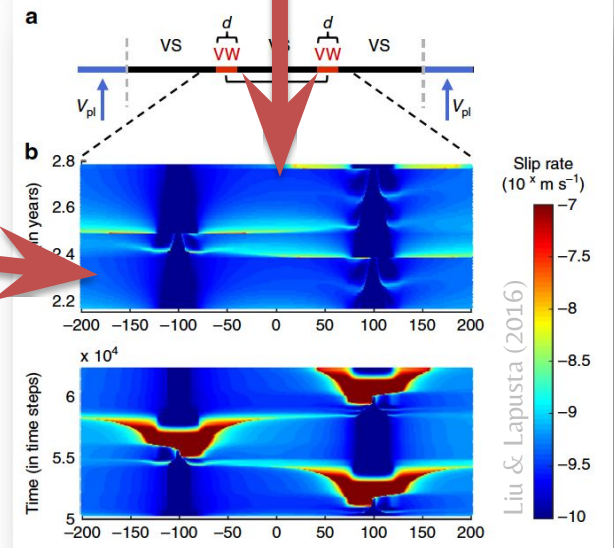
MCS: Connections for science and communities



Regional data assimilation



Fundamental physics



MCS: Modular Community Systems Science

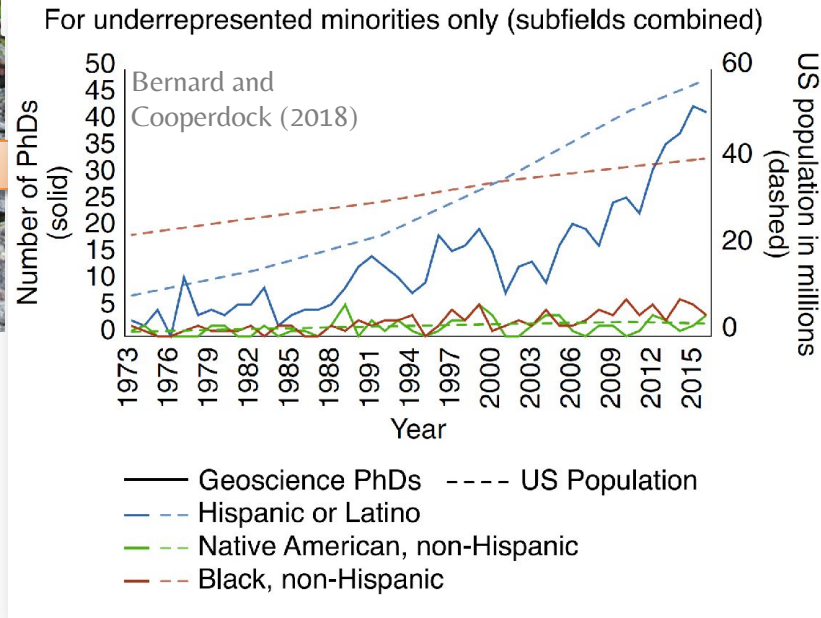
- Inclusive and equitable community building, observationalists and modelers
- International collaboration
- Science focused, distributed, open, FAIR, and sustainable model and code-development
- Data integration using verified building blocks
- Regional laboratories for validation
- Capacity building and access to leading-edge computing



Computational geoscience training as a complementary pathway for enhancing diversity in the geosciences



AAPG Explorer



SCEC USEIt (2016), USC

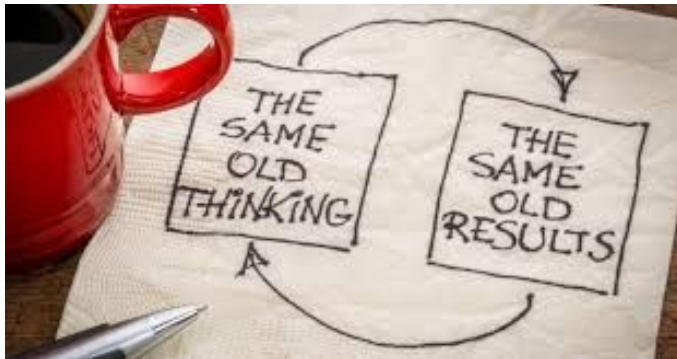
- Inclusive, scalable entry point for K12 science education underserved communities
- More students play computer games than go camping?



Building Equity and Capacity in Geoscience (BECG)

Other integrative efforts within SZ4D

- ❑ **Charge to BECG:** Identify the correct set of activities that are strategically useful and maximize the specific assets of SZ4D
- ❑ **Intrinsic Goal:** Transform the mindset of our community to embrace education, outreach, capacity building, diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice as critical for successful science



- ❑ Connects to the MCS ideas about modular community systems science

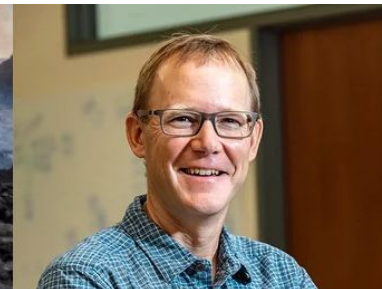


Building Equity and Capacity in Geoscience Research Targets

- Leverage international efforts into sustainable capacity building partnerships that avoid colonial attitude
- Use SZ geohazards to inform and address social justice and equity issues
- Educational efforts that are more inclusive with measurable student learning outcomes
- A more distributed model of outreach through science communication training for the SZ4D community
- Identify and develop evidenced-based best practices for interdisciplinary collaboration



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MCS RCN Activities

Workshop 1: Fluid and Melt Transport

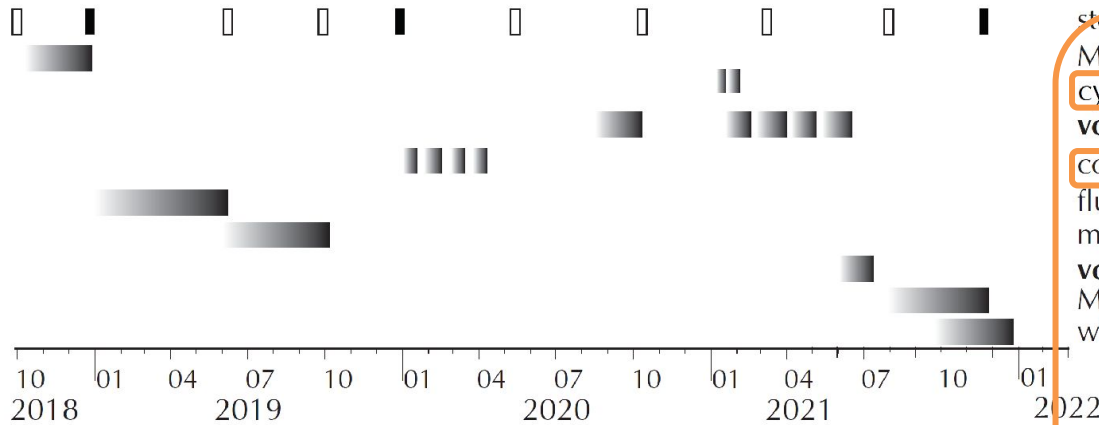
- Fluid migration & fracture formation in magma systems
- Lithosphere-scale magma transport
- Microscopic and short-time-scale processes

Workshop 2: Megathrust Modeling

- Sequences of earthquakes & aseismic slip
- Dynamic rupture and tsunamis
- Geodynamics and surface processes

Workshop 3: Volcano Modeling

- Location, timing, and magnitudes of volcanic eruptions on an arc scale
- How does the lithosphere influence magma transport?



- steering committee meeting
- MCS kick off workshop
- cyberinfrastructure webinars
- volcanology webinars
- collaboration webinars
- fluid migration workshop
- megathrust workshop
- volcano report meeting
- MCS/SZ4D wrap-up workshop
- whitepaper/proposal writing



Community Network for Volcanic Eruption Response
(CONVERSE)



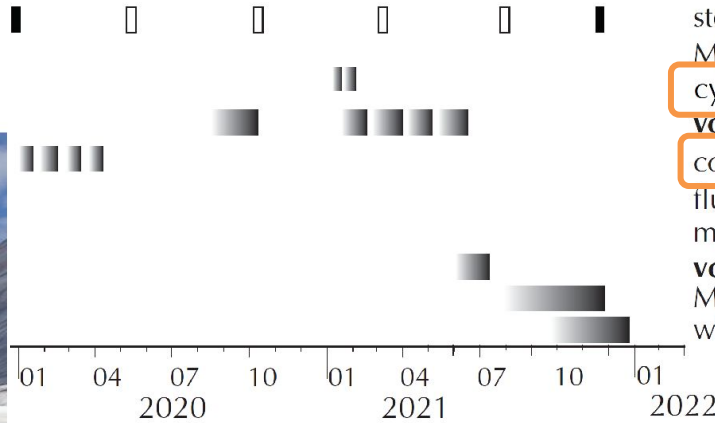
MCS RCN and Surface Processes

- Landscape evolution plays a key role in fault loading and magmatic systems
- Insights into mass wasting processes to link dynamic wave propagation with landslide hazard estimate
- Joint workshop with Landscape and Seascapes group @ SZ4D postponed to Fall 2021, integrative links with earthquake and volcano activities of SZ4D as well.

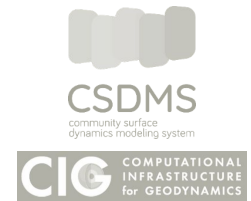
Whitepaper Reporting Outcomes from NSF-Sponsored Workshop:

CTSP: Coupling of Tectonic and Surface Processes

April 25–27, 2018; Boulder CO



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Fluid transport in subduction zones: Role of the MCS

- Need better understanding of processes that control fluid migration at huge range of scales - a grand challenge
- Community modeling resources should include approaches for model validation
- Cross-disciplinary training and knowledge exchange
- Fluid transport is a unifying framework for subduction systems, including all groups within SZ4D. Perhaps a common research framework, e.g., controls on magnitude and frequency of eruption and earthquake hazards

Modeling Collaboratory for Subduction RCN
Fluid Migration Workshop Report



May 29 – June 1, 2019
University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

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Fluids Workshop Report ([download here](#))



Understanding the physics of megathrust systems: Role of the MCS

Megathrust Report ([download here](#))

Vision for MCS as *community-building organization*:

- International and open collaboration, engaging with partner organizations in US (e.g., USGS) and abroad
- Focus groups, organized along multiple axes:
 - Regional laboratories and case histories
 - Processes
 - Links with SZ4D through community model building, and data interpretation efforts
- Integration of modeling efforts with observations and lab experiments for hypothesis testing

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Megathrust Modeling Workshop Report

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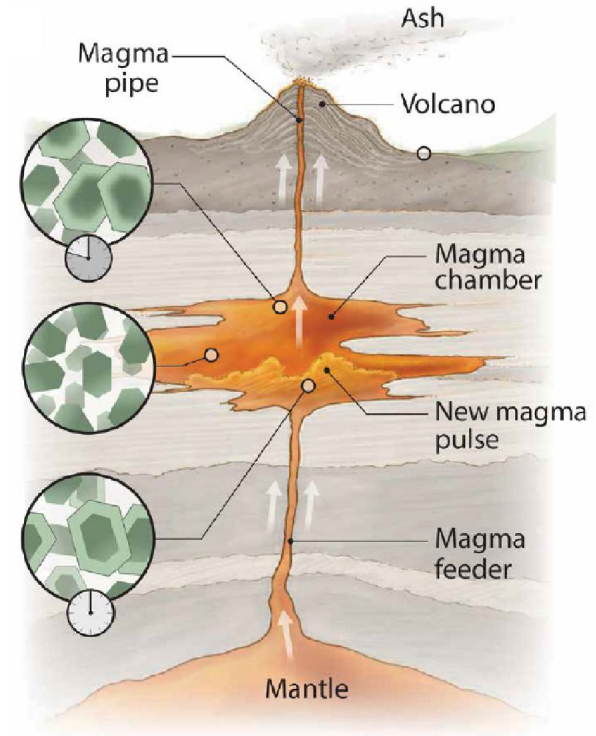
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Understanding the physics of volcanic systems:

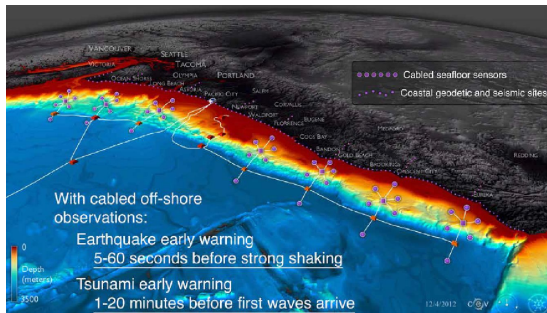
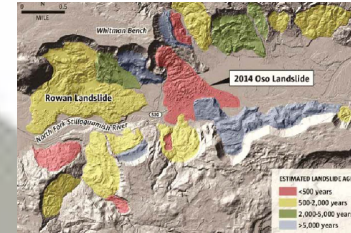
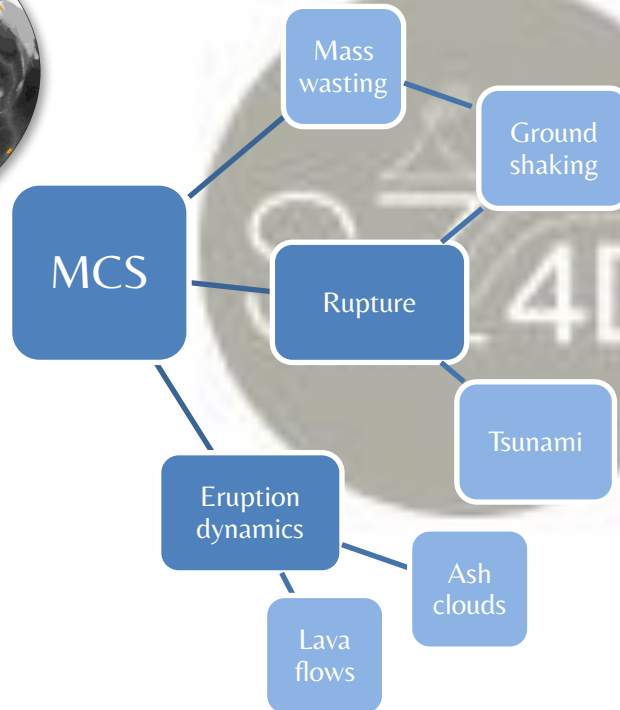
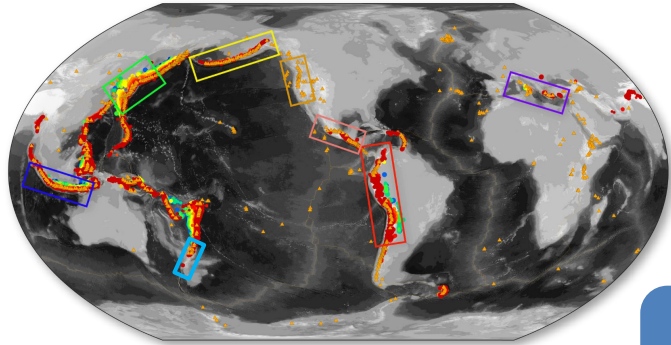
Role of the MCS

- Grants for model development and collaboration
- Modeling Collaboratory Network
 - Workshops, summer schools
 - Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Development of open-source, well-documented, interoperable models
 - Supporting/enable the development of reusable model building blocks
 - Supporting/enabling model verification, validation, and benchmarking
 - Computational support infrastructure



Rosen (2016)

MCS: Physical models to understand hazard



MCS Design Objectives

Sustained Computational Geoscience Community Support and Model Development

Natural
laboratory
focus groups

Subduction
zone science
integration

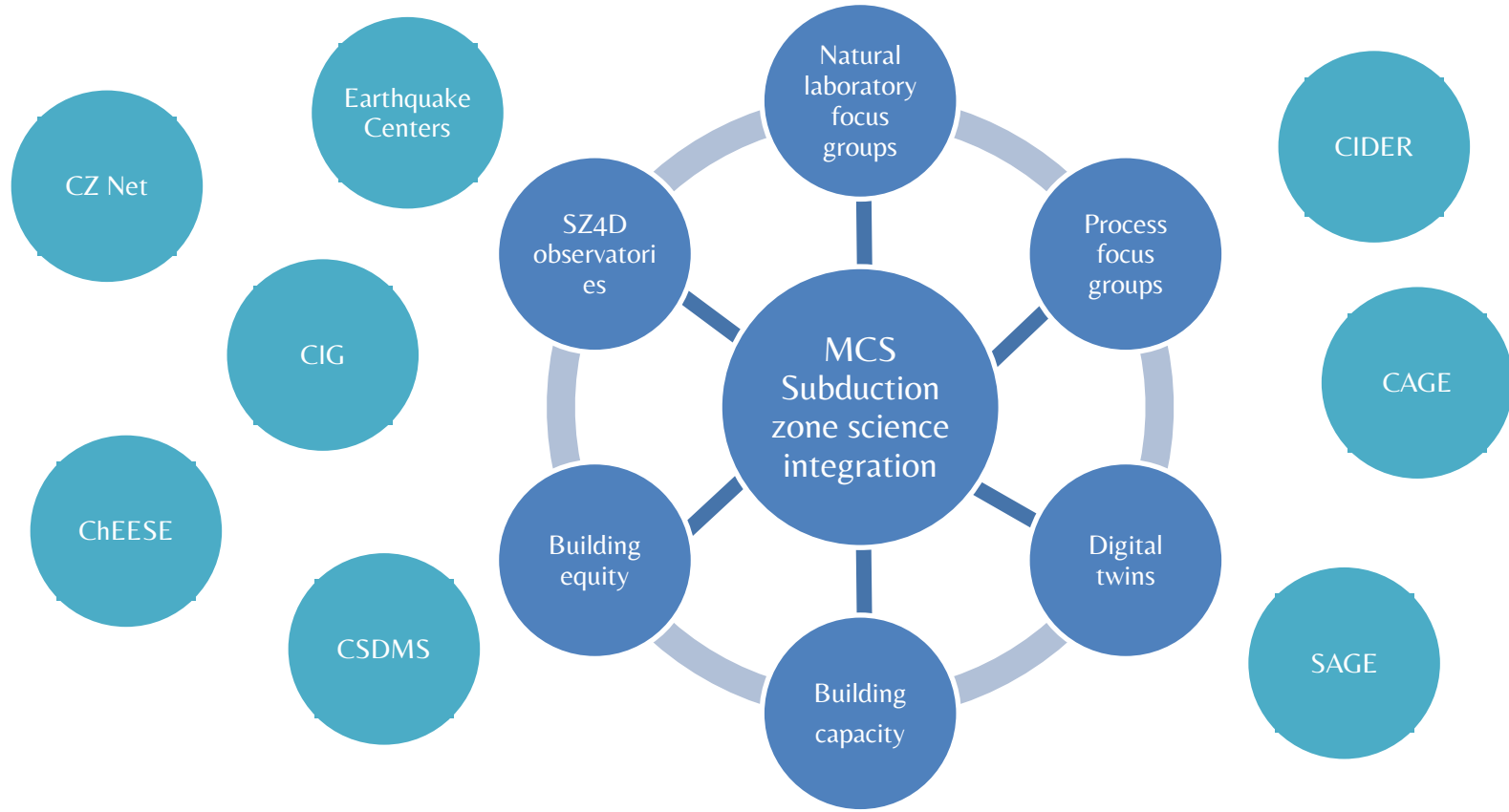
Process focus
groups

Training and
Outreach

Code and
Cookbook
development

Workflows and
Access to
Computing

MCS as a subduction zone science hub for SZ4D



MCS Design Objectives

Verification

Are we building the
system right?

Validation

Are we building the
right system?

Uncertainty
Quantification

Optimal
Experimental Design

MCS Structure and Programs

Coordination &
communication

Database and
workflow support

Applied math
support

Statistics and data
science support

Documentation and
cookbook support

Hardware support
(parallelization,
GPU, architecture)

Workshops and
hackathon support

Post-doc and grad
student program

Code development
grants

Outreach activities

HPCC allocations

Cloud compute
allocations

Example MCS Code Lego Kits driven by community input

Thermo-petrological
magma dynamics
(host rock + dike)

Visco-elastic
earthquake cycle
with fluid transport

Global, 3-D,
thermal convection
with two phase
flow

New framework for
multi-physics,
multi-scale (Julia,
FEniCS)

Complex
physico-chemical
fluid
framework

Coupled
tectonics-surface
processes

Python/Jupyter
notebook
cookbooks and
teaching modules

MCS Implementation Straw-Man

Must have:

- Workshops and collaboration between observationalists and modelers
- Structural and code database
- Program manager/coordinator
- Community driven science committee

High priority:

- Programmers at center and on loan to community
- Subawards for code development outside SZ4D program
- Compute allocations
- Post-doc program

Community impact of MCS

- New, large-scale, science-driven and science-enabling computational infrastructure needed to advance systems level problems
- Integrative science to complement and optimize new observational and laboratory efforts
- Computational geoscience for physics based hazard assessment
- Training and enhancing diversity in the geosciences
- Generating new opportunities for interdisciplinary research
- Leveraging and democratization of computational science advances

Questions for the community and breakouts

1. Which suggested MCS **activities** are the highest priority?
2. Is the suggested MCS **structure** well aligned with those priorities?
3. Which MCS **tools, codes, and repositories** would be the most useful?
4. Is the MCS well aligned to ensure observations, including from SZ4D, are best **integrated** into models?

[Slides for breakout discussions here](#)