

# Late Stage Interseismic Strain Interval, Cascadia Subduction Zone Margin, USA and Canada

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## Abstract

Modern horizontal strain (2006-2016) measured along 56 new and 108 previously published GPS station baselines are used to establish the length (800 km) and width (300 - 400 km) of the central Cascadia convergent margin seismogenic structure. Across-margin (west-east) annual rates of shortening range from  $10^{-9} \text{ a}^{-1}$  at the eastern (landward) limit of the central Cascadia seismogenic structure to  $10^{-7} \text{ a}^{-1}$  along the western onshore portion of the interplate zone. Relatively high shortening strain rates ( $10^{-8} \text{ a}^{-1}$  to  $10^{-7} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ) are also measured in western transects from the northern (Explorer plate) and southern (Gorda plate) segments of the convergent margin, demonstrating that the full length of the margin (1300 km length) is currently capable of sustaining and/or initiating a major great earthquake. Vertical GPS velocities are averaged over the last decade at 321 stations to map patterns of uplift (0 - 5 mm  $\text{yr}^{-1}$ ) and subsidence (0 - 9 mm  $\text{yr}^{-1}$ ) relative to the study area mean. Along-margin belts of relative uplift and subsidence, respectively, are approximately associated with Coast Ranges and the Cascade volcanic arc. However, the vertical velocity data are locally heterogeneous, demonstrating patchy “anomalies” within the larger along-margin belts. A large coastal subsidence anomaly occurs in southwest Washington where the modern short-term trend is reversed from the long-term ( $\sim 200 \text{ yr}$ ) tidal marsh record of coastal uplift since the last co-seismic subsidence event (AD1700). The modern vertical displacements represent a late stage of the current inter-seismic interval. If the horizontal strain is considered largely or fully elastic, extrapolating the modern strain rates over the last 100 years show the accumulated strains would be similar in magnitude to the observed co-seismic strains resulting from the Tōhoku, Japan, Mw 9.0 earthquake in 2011. We believe that the central Cascadia seismogenic structure has accumulated sufficient elastic strain energy, during the last 300 years, to yield a Mw 9.0 earthquake from a rupture of at least one-half (400 km) of its length.

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## Keywords

Convergent Margin, Cascadia, Strain, Strain-Energy, GPS

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### 1. Introduction

In previous papers [1] [2] we used continuously operating Global Positioning Stations (GPS) to document horizontal strain in the central Cascadia margin in the Pacific Northwest of the United States (Figure 1). Over 100 station-station baseline length changes (30 to 50 km spacing between GPS stations) were determined along seven west-east transects, two north-south transects and in three localized areas to determine the variation in strain over the central Cascadia convergent margin (Figure 1). These results showed (1) that strain extended further inland from the deformation front than expected, and (2) that west-east strain values substantially exceeded north-south strain values. The principle strain directions were about NW-SW, and changed orientation as the orientation of the margin changed, to remain approximately perpendicular to the margin.

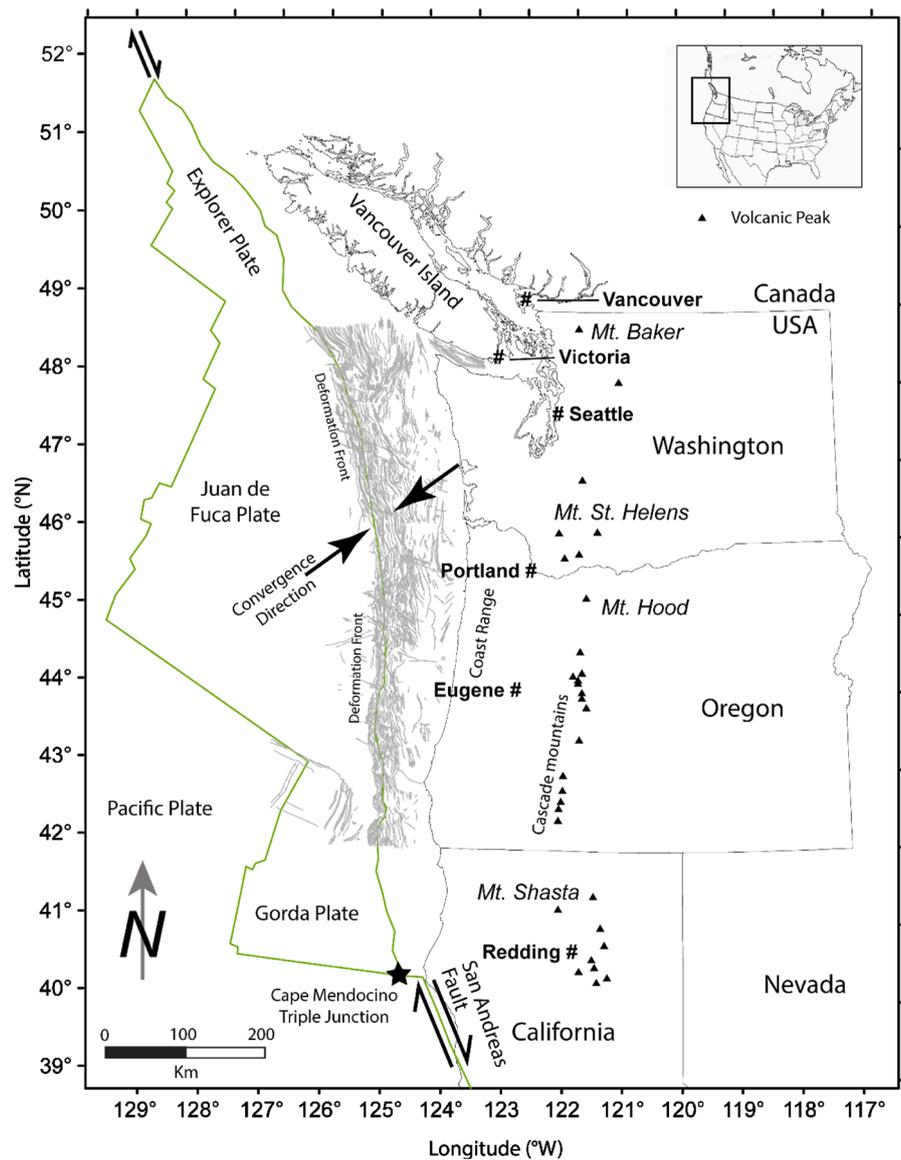
In this paper, we extend the existing GPS transects further inland from the offshore deformation belt and add several margin-normal transects in the north and south areas of the Cascadia margin (Figure 2). Transects are added to the north, across Vancouver Island, Canada, where we do not have oblique convergence, and to the south into Northern California where the tectonic regime changes from convergent to transform. In this paper, we present the use of GPS vertical velocity data [3] [4] to analyze the vertical displacement trends at 321 fixed GPS sites in the central Cascadia margin. These initial analyses, from about a decade of vertical velocity measurements, are used to discriminate between relative uplift and subsidence of the upper plate surface across and along the onshore part of the subduction zone margin.

The analyses presented in this article demonstrate that the modern convergent horizontal strain extends to as much as 400 km landward from the deformation front or buried trench in the central Cascadia margin (Figure 1). The modern convergent strain occurs on both sides of the volcanic arc (the Cascade Mountains).

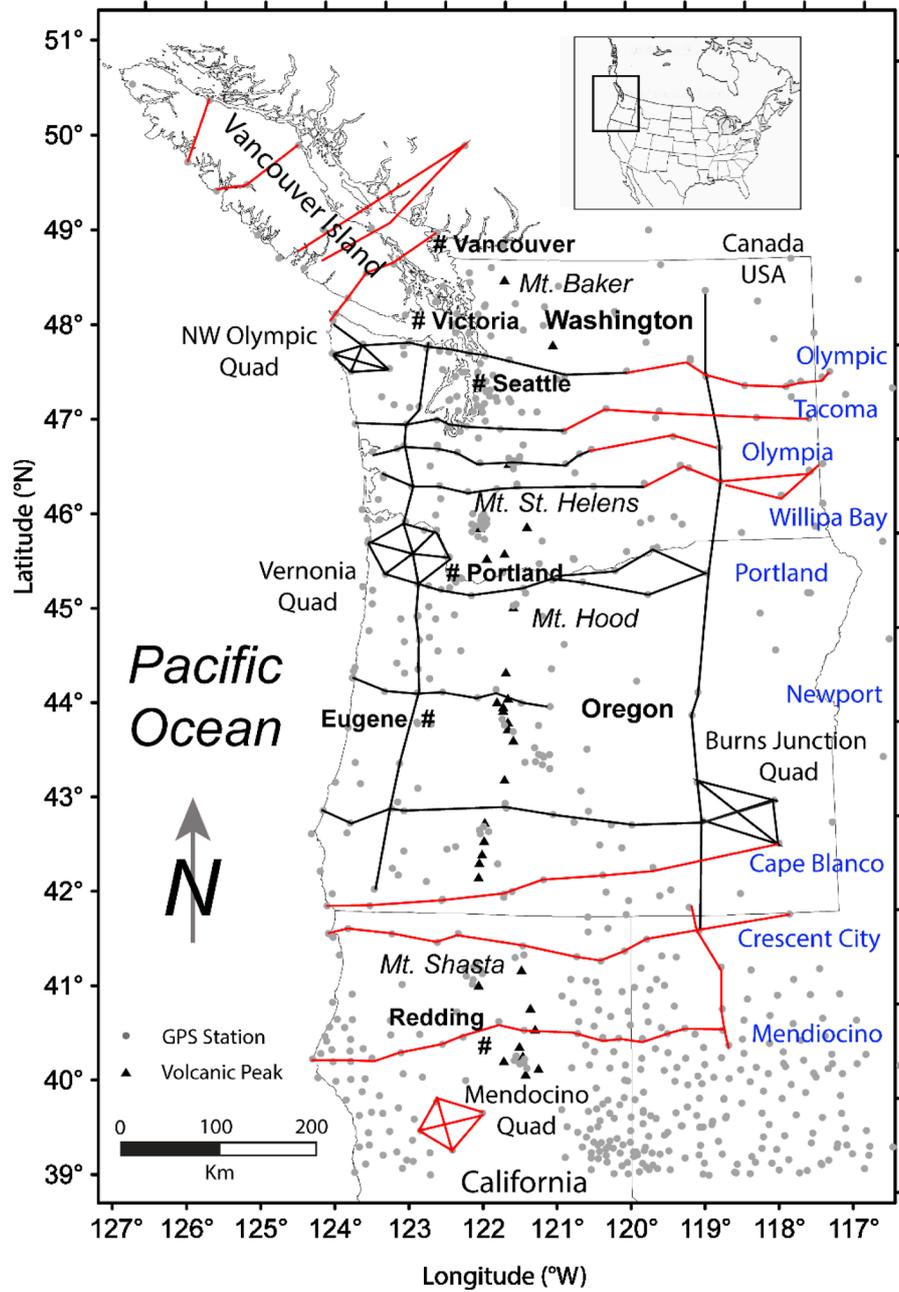
We identify a broad area of modern strain accumulation in the Cascadia margin as a large seismogenic structure, though the area extends landward of the inter-plate interface, which probably reaches the Cascade volcanic arc [1]. In the seaward portion of the seismogenic structure, the opposing plate motions impart stress to the upper plate across the plate interfaces, but the elastic strain is thought to be stored throughout the full thickness of the upper-plate and across the full width of the structure, which extends east of the Cascade Range (Figure 1). The deformed upper-plate serves as a capacitor of stored elastic strain energy prior to an earthquake. It is not known if the strain accumulated throughout the entire landward width of the Cascadia seismogenic structure is released during

megathrust rupture, but that proved to be the case in the Tōhoku, Japan,  $M_w$  9.0 earthquake in 2011 [5].

The horizontal strain is not recorded in the geologic record but paleo-cyclic vertical displacements are recorded in Cascadia tidal marshes [1] [7] [8]. The modern vertical displacements measured via GPS in this study differ from those recorded during the ~200-year interval of tidal marsh emergence after the last co-seismic rupture [AD 1700, [9]]. These results bear directly on previously unexpected relations between paleo-inter-seismic interval durations and magnitudes of interseismic uplift [10] and paleo-tsunami runup [11] in the central Cascadia margin. The patterns of GPS vertical displacements along the coast of the central Cascadia margin appear to represent a late stage of strain/vertical



**Figure 1.** The Cascadia subduction zone, extending from the northern Explorer Plate segment to the central Juan de Fuca Plate segment, to the southern Gorda Plate segment. The subduction zone is bounded at transform triple junctions (opposing arrows) to the north and south. Offshore deformation belt by from [6].



**Figure 2.** Regional map of GPS stations (dots) and horizontal strain baselines (between GPS sites) in across-margin transects (west-east orientations) and along-margin transects (north-south orientations) and previously published GPS baselines and quadrilaterals [1] are shown by black lines. New GPS baselines and one new quadrilateral, as presented in this article, are shown by red lines. The names of the E-W transects are in blue, and selected volcanoes are named.

displacement during the current interseismic strain interval, relative to prior tidal marsh uplift records after the last Cascadia rupture at AD1700 [e.g., [10]].

If all of the strain accumulated during the inter-seismic period (an average of 450 years between major ruptures for the Cascadia margin) is released during the earthquake event, as suggested using Reid’s elastic rebound theory [12], then the observed modern strain rates are too large compared to the total strain re-

leased in the Tōhoku earthquake in 2011 [e.g., [5]]. This suggests that over the seismic cycle a portion of the elastic strain must be converted to inelastic deformation or released in small amounts making that portion of the energy budget unavailable for release in an earthquake. We assume that most of the observed strain over the past decade to perhaps the century scale is elastic [1] and therefore could be released coseismically. In this paper, that amount of potential elastic strain energy, accumulated since the last rupture at AD1700, is estimated to predict a magnitude ( $M_w$  9.0) of a mega-thrust rupture of at least one-half (400 km) of the central Cascadia margin.

In summary, in this paper we suggest that based on the current Cascadia strain rates compared with the strain released during the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake that the Cascadia margin has been capable of generating a great earthquake since within 100 years from the last great earthquake (1700 AD), and that the current vertical deformation trends are similar to changes in the paleomarch subsidence records to just prior to previous great earthquakes.

## 2. Background

### 2.1. Central Cascadia Margin

Estimated oblique convergence ( $030^\circ\text{N} - 050^\circ\text{N}$ ) of the central Cascadia margin at  $\sim 4 \text{ cm}\cdot\text{yr}^{-1}$  (Figure 1) is associated with (1) episodic great subduction zone earthquakes ( $M_w 8.5 \pm 0.5$ ) with major-rupture recurrence intervals of  $450 \pm 250$  years [7] [13] [14] [15] [16], (2) large-scale paleo-liquefaction features at 100 - 170 km from the trench [17], and (3) nearfield paleo-tsunamis ( $10 \pm 5$  m) adjusted shoreline run-up [11]. It has been 316 years since the last Cascadia rupture at  $\sim$ AD1700 [18]. The current strain conditions of the central Cascadia margin, as well as the northern and southern areas of the margin (total margin length  $\sim$ 1300 km) are of great interest to coastal cities and large inland metropolitan centers, located 80 - 300 km from the trench.

### 2.2. Short-Term Horizontal Strains

Previous horizontal strain analyses [1] [2] [19] consisted of seven west-east transects, two north-south transects, and three quadrilaterals in the central Cascadia margin. In the across-margin West-East transects many baselines showed shortening and others extension, with strain magnitudes of about  $10^{-7} a^{-1}$ . North-South baselines in one transect (Figure 2) that extends along the Coast Ranges show shortening of about  $10^{-8} a^{-1}$ . Therefore, the dominantly shortening strain in the west-east direction (across-margin) was an order of magnitude greater than in the north-south direction (along-margin). The principle shortening direction was determined to be approximately NE-SW, thus oblique to both the N-S and E-W transects.

Onshore thrust faults in the southern Cascadia margin are orientated slightly oblique to the coast (NNW) and to the offshore buried trench, however, numerous Quaternary fold axes in the fold-and-thrust belt, mapped offshore of the central Cascadia margin (Figure 1), are shore-parallel and trench-parallel [20].

Furthermore, Quaternary fold axes mapped onshore in the southern part of the central Cascadia margin [2] are also orientated shore-parallel and trench parallel. The differences between directions of the margin-parallel Quaternary structures and the margin-oblique modern strain directions have not been reconciled, though their orientations might reflect across-margin gradients in plate strength or inherited structures. In any case, the principle shortening direction associated with modern horizontal strain is consistent with an assumed oblique direction of subduction (Figure 1) in the central Cascadia margin. Additional GPS base station transects (Figure 2) are utilized in this article to establish modern convergence strain directions in the northernmost and southernmost areas of the central Cascadia margin, and in transects that cross the Cascade volcanic arc, landward of previously published GPS baseline transects.

### 2.3. Long-Term Vertical Displacements

Long-term uplift rates of the central Coast Range at 100 - 150 km from the trench ( $\sim 0.1 - 0.3 \text{ mm}\cdot\text{yr}^{-1}$ ) are based on (1) uplifted shallow marine deposits (1000 - 1500 m elevation) since late Miocene time, and (2) uplifted marine terraces (10 - 30 m) since  $\sim 83 \text{ ka}$  (MIS5a paleo-marine high-stand) [2]. The long-term uplift of the central Coast Range is assumed to represent interplate coupling and underplating in the shallow subduction zone ( $5^\circ - 15^\circ$  landward dip) (Figure 3(a)). By comparison, the more landward forearc valleys (150 - 200 km landward of the trench) generally show little to no uplift ( $< 300 \text{ m}$  elevation) of pre-Neogene shallow marine deposits. Neogene volcanic deposits have obscured potential underlying marine rock records in the Cascade Range volcanic arc (200 - 300 km landward of the trench).

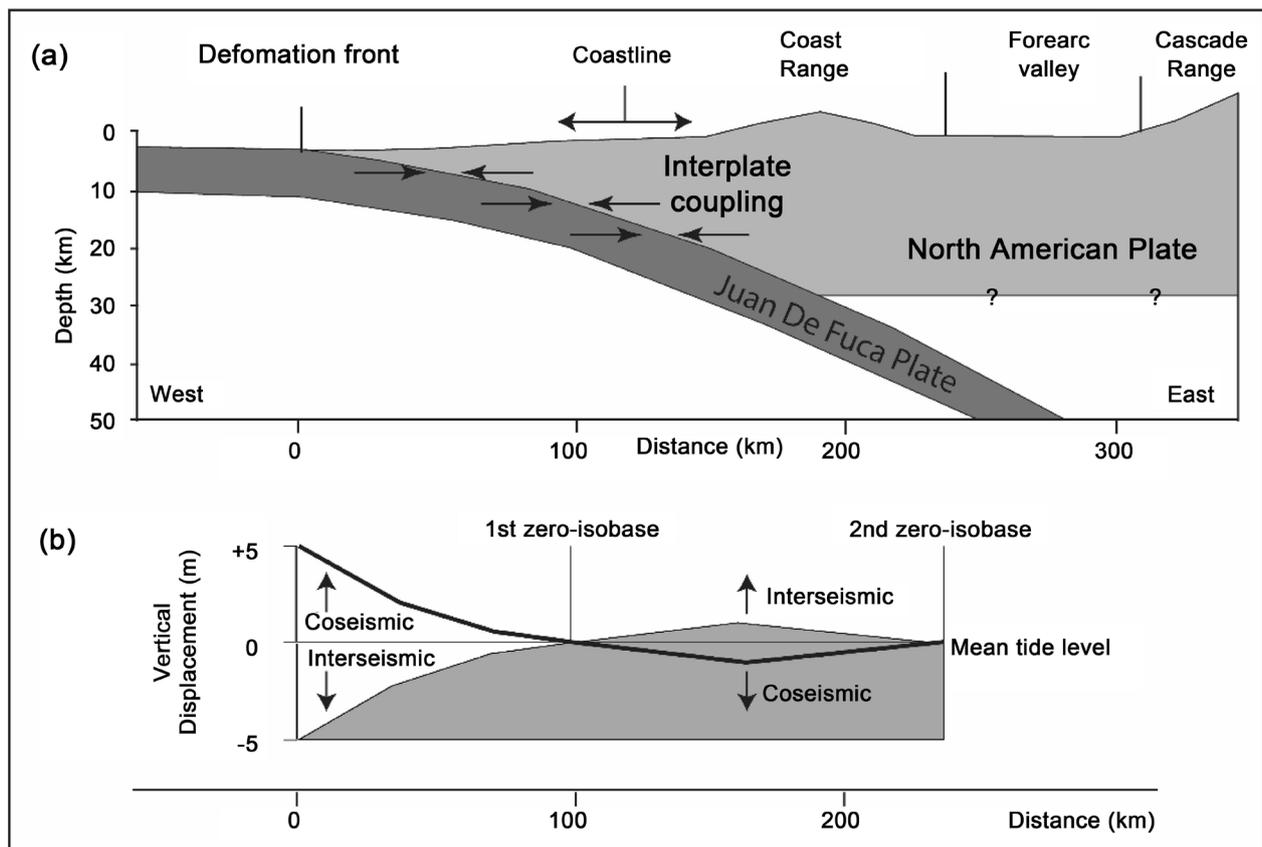
Cyclic vertical coastal displacements in the central Cascadia margin are established by interseismic uplift and co-seismic subsidence (0.5 - 2.0 m) records in late Holocene tidal marsh deposits (100 - 175 km from the trench) (Figure 3(b)). The cyclic vertical displacements of tidal marshes are associated with (1) regional mega-folding on the landward side of the 1<sup>st</sup> zero-isobase ( $> 100 \text{ km}$  from the trench) and (2) local upper plate structures in the strongly coupled zone ( $< 100 \text{ km}$  from the trench). Nearfield paleo-tsunami excitations in the Cascadia margin are attributed to coseismic ruptures of (1) the regional inter-plate mega-thrust and (2) local fault structures in the upper plate [21].

### 2.4. Unexpected Relations between Inter-Seismic Interval and Uplift

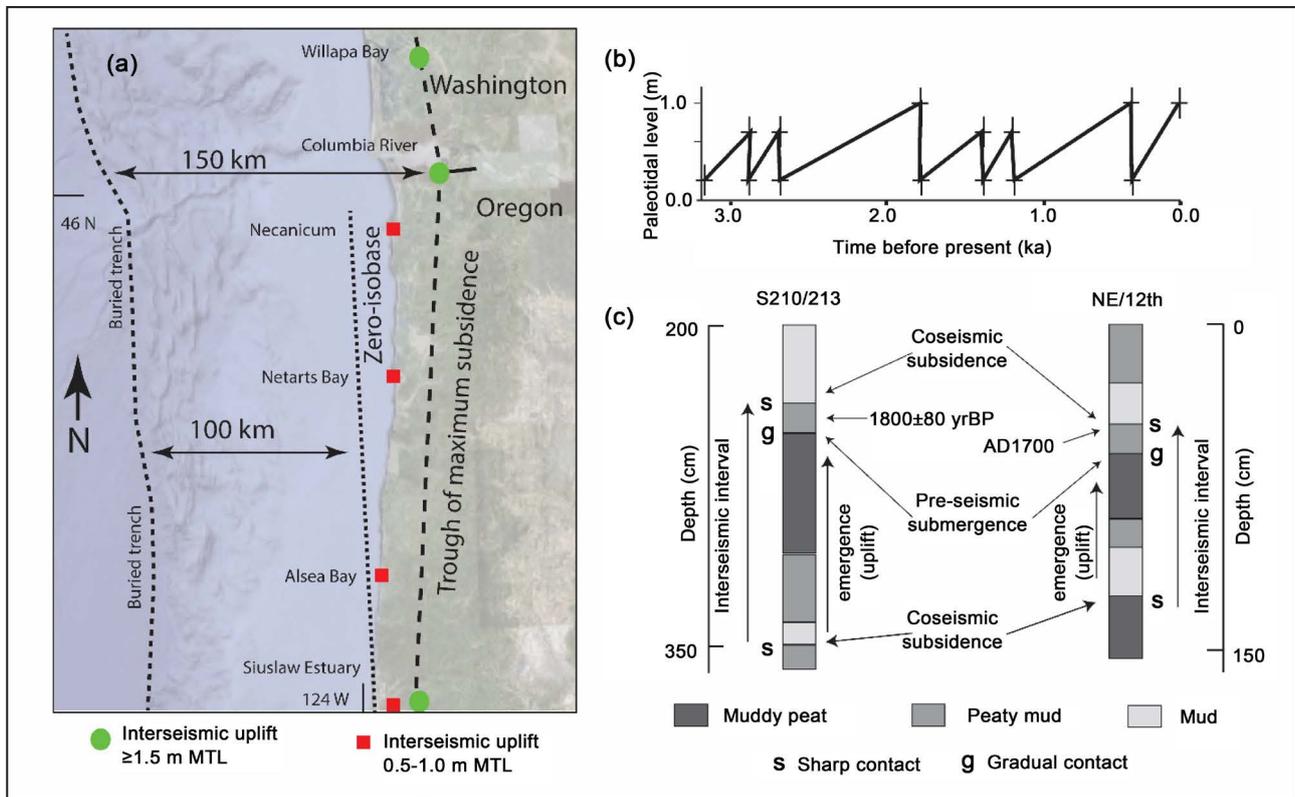
Two aspects of the interseismic uplift intervals are of special relevance to this article. They are evident in coastal marsh records of northern Oregon, where the regional uplift does not exceed the uppermost intertidal elevations, +1.5 m mean tidal level (MTL) (Figure 4(a)). In Netarts Bay, Oregon the records of maximum uplift do not show a simple linear relation between duration of uplift and total net uplift (Figure 4(b)). A doubling of the inter-seismic time interval does not result in a doubling of the interseismic uplift. Most of the net uplift ( $\sim 75 \text{ cm}$ )

occurs in the first 200 - 300 years, followed by smaller amounts of uplift (~25 cm) during the next 300 - 500 years.

Some inter-seismic intervals of tidal marsh emergence along the northern Oregon coast, such as in the Siuslaw and Necanicum estuaries (**Figure 4(c)**), demonstrate apparent minor submergence prior to co-seismic subsidence [22] [23] [24]. Higher marsh settings gradually transition (contacts marked *g* in **Figure 4(c)**) to lower marsh settings just prior to co-seismic subsidence, which is recorded as a sharp transition to mud flat. The gradual submergence contacts show that the pre-earthquake submergence is aseismic and prolonged. The duration of such pre-seismic submergence events are not established by radiocarbon methods, but some pre-seismic submergence records do represent a significant length (5% - 15%) of the inter-seismic core log interval. The pre-seismic submergence events are not consistently evident between (1) different marsh localities and/or (2) different inter-seismic intervals within a locality. Their origins have not previously been addressed, but they have been informally recognized, starting with the first Cascadia Margin studies of marsh burial and tsunami inundation records in Alsea Bay, Oregon [25].



**Figure 3.** (a) Cross-section of the north-central Cascadia Margin in southern Washington showing the Juan De Fuca oceanic plate subduction under the North American plate and (2) relative positions of the deformation front or buried trench, the uplifted Coastline and Coast Range, the forearc valley, and the Cascade Range volcanic arc. (b) Diagram of vertical displacements during inter-seismic strain accumulation and co-seismic strain release. Co-seismic subsidence is recorded in coastal marshes in the north-central Cascadia margin (northern Oregon and Washington) but the 1<sup>st</sup> zero-isobase intersects the coastline in the south-central Cascadia margin [10].



**Figure 4.** (a) Tidal marsh localities that record  $\sim 0.5 - 1.0$  m of interseismic uplift and co-seismic subsidence occur between the 1<sup>st</sup> zero-isobase and the maximum trough of co-seismic subsidence in the northern Oregon coast. (b) A time series of interseismic uplift and co-seismic subsidence cycles are shown for the last 3.2 ka in the tidal salt marsh of Netarts Bay (a). Most of the interseismic uplift apparently occurs in the first 200 - 300 years, as the longer duration intervals (2.6 - 1.7 ka and 1.1 - 0.3 ka) do not show proportionately greater net uplift. (c) Pre-subsidence events are shown in two combined pairs of tidal marsh cores from the Siuslaw River estuary cores 210/213 [22], and the Necanicum River estuary, cores NE and 12<sup>th</sup>, [23] [24]).

## 2.5. Horizontal Strain Measurements

The horizontal strain is the normalized change in distance between two material points [e.g., [26]]; a negative number indicates shortening, and a positive number indicates an extension. The larger the absolute value of the number, the greater the amount of horizontal shortening or extension. We measure the distance between two fixed GPS antennae daily, and any statistically significant change in the length over a period of several years is taken to be the average annual strain (see *Methods* section below), which is a close approximation to the strain rate.

The elastically recoverable portion of the strain, responsible for the release of energy during an earthquake is hard to determine because crustal materials inelastically deform at the timescale of earth-quake recurrence intervals [e.g., [27]]. Ninety-seven percent of the observed co-seismic strains from the 2011 Tōhoku, Japan, earthquake, were in the range of  $10^{-6}$  to  $10^{-5}$  [5]. If these strains are representative of large subduction-zone earthquakes, then that magnitude of recoverable elastic strain can accumulate in about 100 years from strain rates of about  $10^{-7} a^{-1}$ .

As will be shown in this article, such active strain rates (up to  $\sim 10^{-7} a^{-1}$ ) are

currently measured in west-east baselines in the western Cascadia margin. It should be noted that the relatively short durations of horizontal baseline strain reported here, averages measured over several years in this study, might not represent the entire duration of the current inter-seismic interval, ~300 years duration since the last rupture at AD1700 [18]. Longer time scales of horizontal strain (centuries to thousands of years), which could yield inelastic strain deformation, are not addressed by these multi-year GPS baseline strain records.

At the other end of the time domain is the concern about very-short-term variations in apparent GPS station positions. It is well established that there are periodic variations in the GPS solution due to atmospheric and orbital considerations [28]. It is assumed that trends if measured over two years or more, will overcome these very-short-term variations and yield the average length changes over the several years' period. Verification of GPS station velocities, or the rates of baseline length changes, are established by statistically significant linear trends in the GPS station position data [1].

## 2.6. ETS and Other Aperiodic GPS Velocity Affects

It has been reported that Episodic Tremor Slip (ETS) events found in some Cascadia margin localities [29] affect the apparent horizontal velocity of GPS stations at monthly time scales. Summing of the apparent ETS events yields lower average east-velocities than the inter-ETS velocities [29]. To date, we have not been able to detect any significant changes in horizontal strain in our GPS baselines during reported ETS events (see *Results* section below). However, starting in 2015, these authors noticed that several baselines in western Washington State and in Vancouver Island (**Figure 2**), recorded decreased rates of baseline horizontal strain. Because it is unclear whether these strain rate anomalies are larger than average yearly cycles, or are part of a longer-term trend, we cut-off our data analysis for this article in January 2015. These 2015 and onwards strain rate anomalies will be examined more closely in future work, but the apparent effect was to lower the average changes in strain along the impacted GPS baselines. Additional work is required to establish the potential for spatially-variable episodic changes in horizontal strain accumulation based on multiple GPS baselines in continuous transects in the Cascadia margin.

## 3. Methods

### 3.1. Horizontal Strain

In previous work using the fixed GPS network in the Pacific Northwest [1] a series of West-East transects were selected to give strain profiles in linked baselines that extended from the coastline to the Cascade Mountains. The strain was larger than expected inland from the deformation front, so here we extend the existing lines to the East, and add new lines across Vancouver Island to the North, and across Northwestern California to the South (**Figure 2**).

The lines are oriented E-W and N-S so that they are at an angle to the ex-

pected principal shortening direction permitting the principle shortening direction to be better determined. A new quadrilateral (for determination of the direction of principle strains) was added in Northern California (Mendocino quadrilateral) located west (landward) of the San Andreas transform system (**Figure 2**).

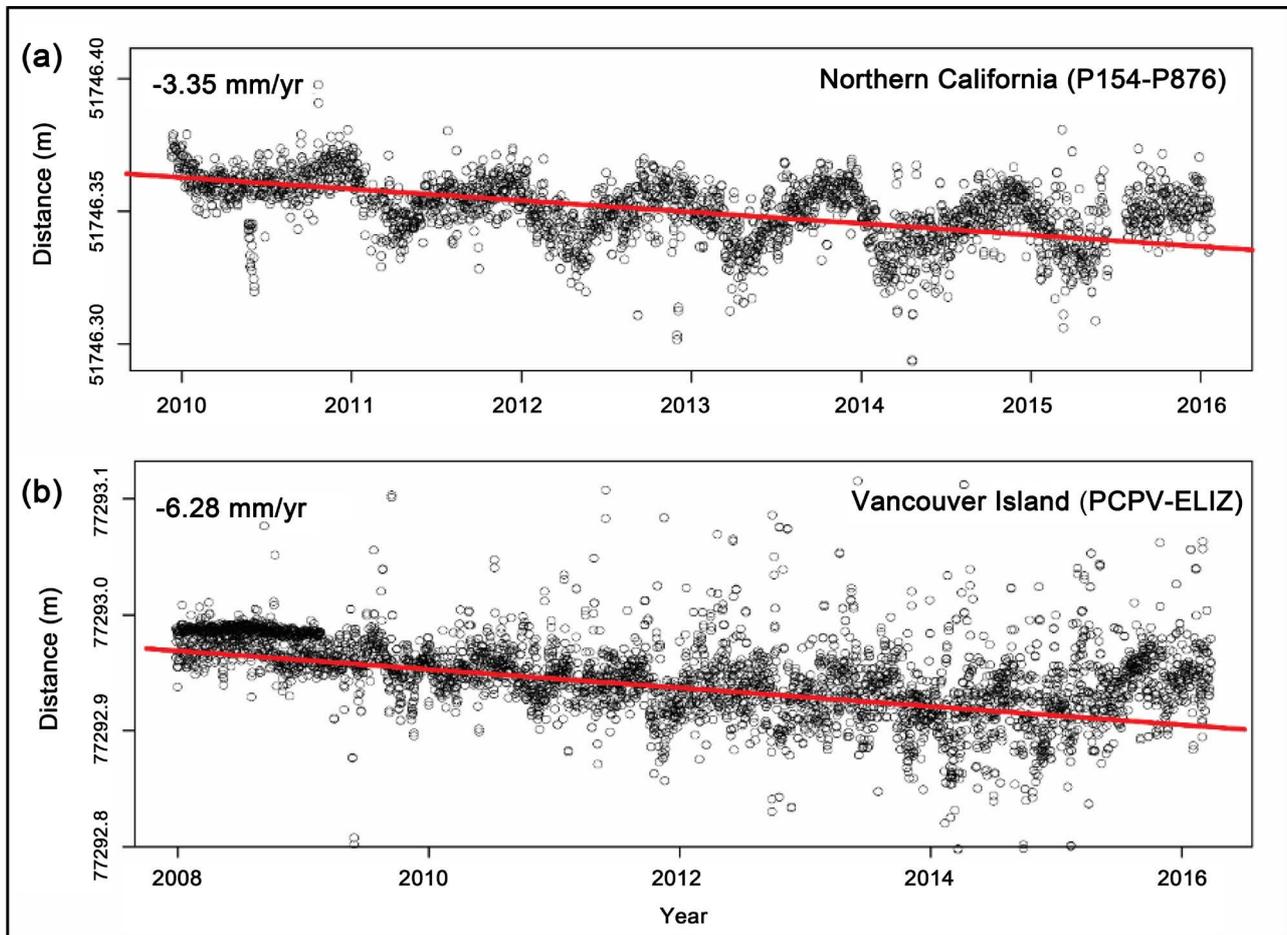
The data used in this article were collected from several sources: Daily RINEX files were obtained from the Pacific Northwest Geodetic Array [3], NOAA Continually Operating Reference stations [30] and the Plate Boundary Observation Stations [4], along with the precise ephemeris files from the International GPS Service (IGS) [31]. These data are processed using *vecsol*, [32], which is part of the GPSTK toolkit [33]. *Vecsol* solves for the baseline vector between two stations. During processing, one station is designated as the start of the vector, and the other at the end. The baselines are processed twice, using each end as the starting point of the vector and the other station is at the end-point, and the two baselines are compared for consistency. Typically, solutions are calculated for several years to look for the long-term trends in changes in the baseline. At least two years of data are needed to ensure the trend is not influenced by annual variations in baseline lengths [28]. The baseline vectors are stored in a database and analyzed using R [34].

Scatter plots are examined for outliers and may be removed from the solution. In most cases the outliers, once removed, do not change the significance or value of the solution. Baselines are also processed using different time periods to check for consistency over time.

To look for a trend in the data, the R function *rlm* (part of the MASS package) is used; this regression includes the ability to minimize the effect of outliers. If a significant trend is found in the data (as determined by the *t*- and *F*-test results generated by *rlm*), the slope of the line is expressed as the average change of length per year. This is converted to a strain to calculate the average strain per year.

For the purposes of this article, we name the distance between two GPS stations as baseline *segments*, and a collection of linked baselines is a *transect*. The locations of baseline segments and grouping of baseline segments into transects are shown in **Table A1** through **Table A3** the *Appendix*.

Examples of two baseline segments are shown in **Figure 5**. The plots show the variation in baseline lengths over several years. Variations in baseline length between stations P154 (Happy Camp, California) and P786 (Gasquet, California) are from 2010 to 2016. There are 3274 baseline lengths used in the regression. The baseline length is 51.7 km, and the regression indicates the baseline is getting shorter by 3.35 mm per year, which is an average strain of  $-6.47 \times 10^{-8}$  each year in an almost West-East direction. The variation in baseline length between stations BCOV (Beaver Cove, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada) and ELIZ (Eliza Dome, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada) from 2008 to 2016. There are 5963 baseline lengths used in the regression. The baseline length



**Figure 5.** Illustration of trends in line from (a) Northern California, and (b) Northern Vancouver Island. The Northern California (P154-P786) line shows the annual variation, but the long-term shortening of the line. The Vancouver Island line (BCOV-ELIZ) shows more scatter, but the trend of the line is clear and corresponds to an average change of 6.6 mm per year since 2008.

is 77.3 km, and the regression shows the baseline is getting shorter by 6.28 mm per year, which is an average strain of  $-8.13 \times 10^{-8}$  each year in a nearly margin-normal direction (the direction from BCOV to ELIZ is  $15^\circ$ , or  $15^\circ$  East of North). Station locations are shown in [Figure 2](#).

### 3.2. Relative Rates of Vertical Displacements

The vertical component of a GPS solution generally contains the largest uncertainty of any component of the position solution [e.g., [35]]. Vertical strain cannot be determined because we only have one material point at any GPS station. Instead, we use the trends in the vertical solution at a station, reported as the vertical velocity. These trends provide indicators of differences in relative vertical displacement between stations for a given period.

We focus on the vertical velocity because we lack any absolute measurement datum. Vertical deformation could be a combination of isostatic uplift, thickening due to shortening of the crust (as suggested by the horizontal strains), buckling of the continental crust, or downward drag of the upper-plate by the subducting lower plate. It is possible for all sites in an area to be going up variable

folding, plate thickening, buckling, etc. To differentiate between local and regional processes of vertical displacement the actual values of up or down are not as important as the relative values in areas of interest.

The vertical velocities were obtained from the Pacific Northwest Geodetic Array [3], and the Plate Boundary Observation Stations [4]. The two data sets were combined, and the mean vertical velocity for the combined dataset determined. The mean vertical velocity was subtracted from each site vertical velocity to get the difference from the mean. The velocities were calculated from periods between 2006 to 2016. Velocity values are provided in millimeters per year ( $\text{mm yr}^{-1}$ ).

## 4. Results

Here we present results from the measurement of horizontal strain along transects and in quadrilaterals (Figure 6) and vertical GPS velocities from 320 independent stations. The horizontal-strain results are presented below in sections 4.1-4.3. The vertical velocity data are presented in section 4.4.

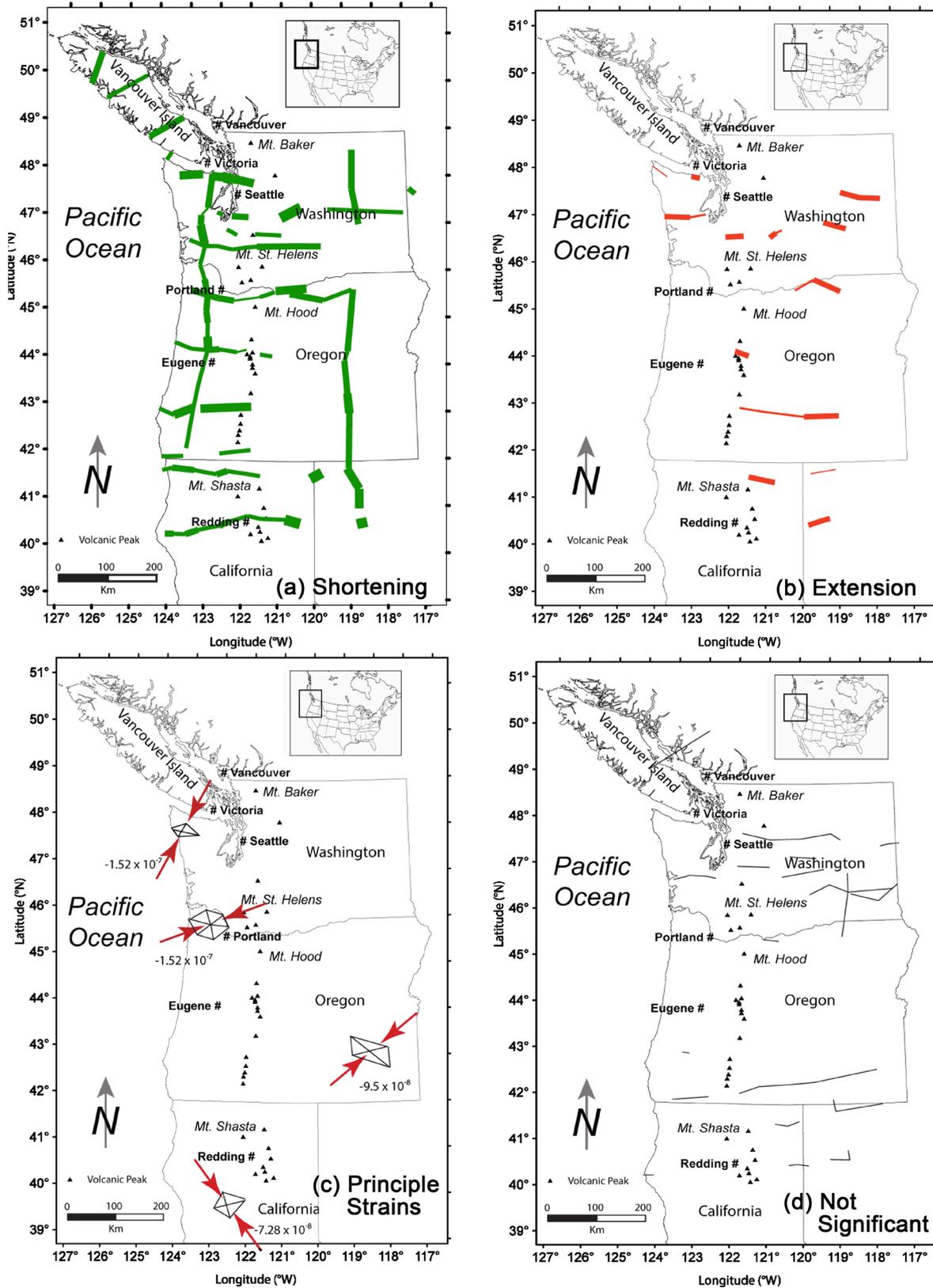
### 4.1. New Horizontal Strain Values

The horizontal strain results from the newly added west-east and north-south GPS baseline transects (Figure 2 and presented in Table A1). Strains in the new west-east baselines range from  $10^{-9}$  to  $10^{-6}$  and average  $10^{-7} \text{ a}^{-1}$ . An annual strain of  $-1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  would correspond to a shorting of one centimeter per 100 km baseline distance per year. The annual strain values in the newly added north-south baseline, located landward of the Cascade volcanic arc, range from  $10^{-9}$  to  $10^{-7}$  and average about  $10^{-8}$ .

### 4.2. Horizontal Strain Patterns

Figure 6 summarizes the magnitude of the strain across the region from both new and previous baseline measurements. Green represents shortening and red extension. The width of the baseline represents the magnitude of the strain. The location of the highest strain, which is shortening in Figure 6(a) ( $-5.00 \times 10^{-7}$  to  $-9.99 \times 10^{-7} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ), occurs at the northern end of the Puget sound. The lowest significant strains are all shortening. These smallest strains are located on the east side of the Olympic Mountains and in the forearc valley in northern Oregon. The extension is locally distributed, in short, disconnected, baselines, as shown in Figure 6(b). In the section below the new GPS, baseline results are reported separately.

New baseline strain data (Figure 6) are summarized in two groups, as based on baseline annual strain rates. In the west-east transects, the largest annual strain rates are all in shortening baselines ( $10^{-7} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ) and are found in northwest Washington. The annual strains decrease to the north in Vancouver Island ( $10^{-8} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ) where baselines are orientated generally northwest-southeast, which is perpendicular to the local coastline and the buried offshore trench (Figure 1 and



**Figure 6.** Horizontal strain measurements from combined new and previous work in the Cascadia margin. The thickness of the baseline (line) represent the absolute value of the strain magnitude. (a) Distribution and relative magnitude of shortening. (b) The distribution and magnitude of extension, (c), The orientation and magnitude of the principle strains, the red arrows represent the direction of maximum shortening, as determined using a strain quadrilateral. (d) Lines with no statistical change in length.

**Figure 6).** Annual strain rates in the west-east baselines in northwestern-most California are also on the order  $10^{-8} \text{ a}^{-1}$ . Several baselines located near the eastern ends of the west-east transects in southern Oregon and northernmost California show extension. These baselines are not thought to represent rifting but rather the secondary effects of dominant north-south compression. This interpretation is based on the dominant north-south shortening baselines shown for the new north-south transect, which is located well landward (east) of the Cascade volcanic arc. Though relatively small in magnitude ( $10^{-8} \text{ a}^{-1}$  to  $10^{-9} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ), the new west-east baselines located east of the Cascade volcanic arc in Washington and northernmost Oregon demonstrate shortening strain to distances of ~400 km landward) of the buried trench. The new GPS baseline data from the central Cascadia margin confirm prior observations [1] that demonstrated differences in baseline shortening between across-margin and along-margin transects. The largest strains are found in E-W transects, but there is a significant strain on the eastern side of the Cascade Range, especially along the N-S transect. The new transects across Vancouver Island show shortening perpendicular to the margin along the whole length of Vancouver Island. The strains are about  $10^{-8} \text{ a}^{-1}$ . The new baselines from southern Oregon and Northern California show East-West shortening, again about  $10^{-8} \text{ a}^{-1}$ .

In this section, the previous GPS baseline strain data [1] are combined with the new baseline strains (Table A2) to represent regional strain patterns in the central Cascadia margin. The locations of the highest annual strain rates ( $-5.00 \times 10^{-7} \text{ a}^{-1}$  to  $-9.99 \times 10^{-7} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ) occur in several west-east baselines, northeast of the Puget sound region, between Seattle and the Olympic Coast Range (Figure 6).

The second-highest strain rate group ( $1.00 \times 10^{-7} \text{ a}^{-1}$  to  $4.99 \times 10^{-7} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ) is divided between west-east transects in northern Washington State and Oregon State. These transects are dominated by shortening, but some west-east transect segments in central western Washington show localized extension. The origin(s) of the localized extensions are not known now. However, if the extensional strain is elastic, then the co-seismic release of these strains could be added to the co-seismic release of shortening strains under conditions of a major regional rupture. The next-highest annual strain group ( $5.00 \times 10^{-8} \text{ a}^{-1}$  to  $9.99 \times 10^{-8} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ) is mostly located along the north-south transect on the east side of the Cascade Range in Oregon and Washington. The group of annual strain rates in the range of  $1.00 \times 10^{-8} \text{ a}^{-1}$  to  $4.99 \times 10^{-8} \text{ a}^{-1}$  are mostly shortening and they occur in west-east transects just south of the Olympic Coast Range. Several segments of the north-south Coast Range transect also show these smaller magnitudes of strain. The smallest annual strain rates measured in this study ( $\leq 10^{-9} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ) generally occur in shortening west-east transects on the east side of the Cascade volcanic arc in northern Oregon.

### 4.3. Principle Shortening Directions

Several braced quadrilaterals are used to establish principle shortening directions at key locations in the study area. For this article we use previously published

quadrilaterals (50 to 100 km axis distance) from NW Olympic Peninsula, Vernonia and Burn Junction (southwestern Oregon) [1] and new data from a quadrilateral in northern California (**Figure 6(c)**). The Mendocino quadrilateral is located south of the triple junction between the Pacific Plate, the North American Plate, and the southern part of the Juan de Fuca plate or Gorda segment. The northern California quadrilateral represents modern strain in the North American plate near the San Andreas transform plate boundary.

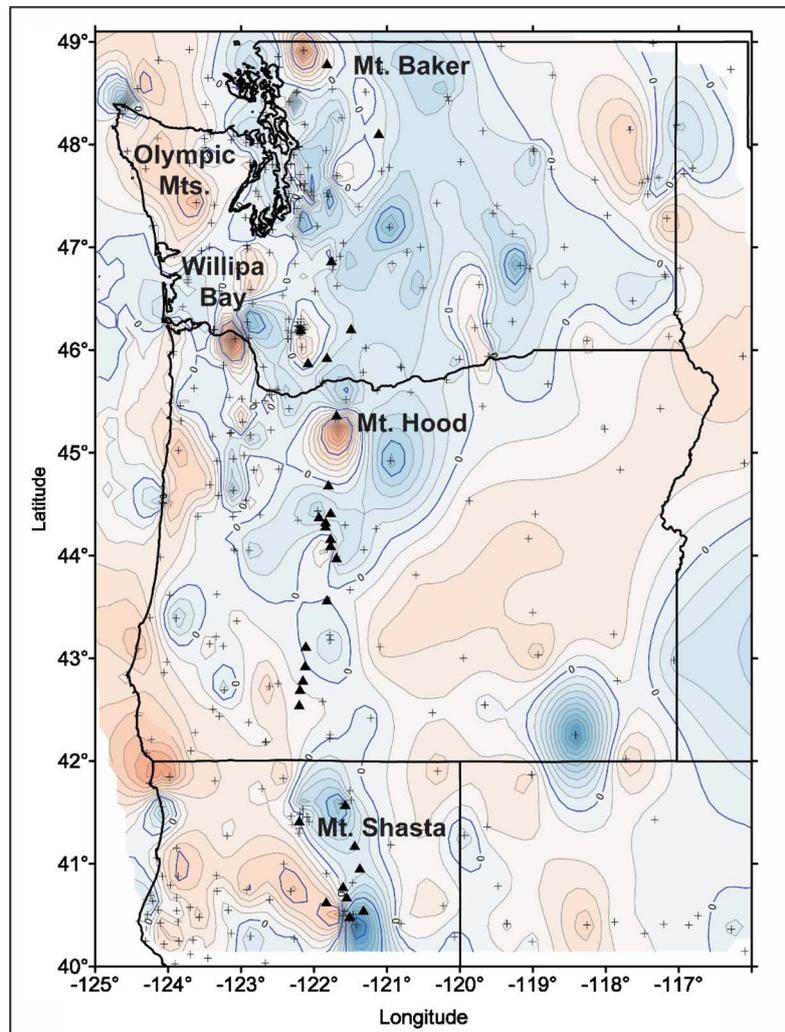
Principal strain axes in the braced quadrilaterals in the central Cascadia margin demonstrate principal shortening in northeast-southwest directions, confirming oblique convergence strain in this part of the subduction zone. In contrast, the braced quadrilateral from northern California demonstrates a northwest-southeast direction of principal shortening, reflecting strain near the right-lateral San Andreas transform boundary.

#### 4.4. Relative Rate of Vertical Displacements

The vertical velocities of 321 GPS stations, measured over about a decade period, range from  $-9$  to  $+3$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup> in the study area. The mean of the measured velocities for the study area is calculated to be  $-1.7$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>. Taking the mean to be a zero-velocity value, we find that 161 stations show a relative upwards velocity, 79 stations show zero velocity, and 81 stations show a relative downwards velocity. For the purposes of this article, we refer to the relative upwards velocities as relative uplift and relative downwards velocities as relative subsidence.

GPS station vertical velocities for the central and southern Cascadia margin are contoured in **Figure 7**. Contouring tends to smooth out local variability for spatial analysis, but relative values (*i.e.*, relatively up, or relatively down) of the reported vertical velocities are of greater certainty than given velocity values. The positive areas (shades of red in **Figure 7**) represent GPS sites that are moving up relative to the mean, and negative areas (shades of blue) are moving down relative to the mean. The Cascade volcanic arc is generally associated with relative subsidence, but several volcanic areas, including Mount Baker and Mount Saint Helens in Washington, Mount Hood in Oregon, and Mount Shasta in California, are associated with hotspots of localized relative uplift. Two other apparent anomalies of relative uplift are associated with topographic highs in the Olympic Coast Range of Washington and in the central Coast Range of Oregon. A very small area of relative uplift occurs at the eastern edge of Coast Range near a major bend in the lower Columbia River. Two large anomalies of vertical displacement occur at the coast, including relative subsidence at Willapa Bay, Washington, and relative uplift at the border between California and Oregon border. Smaller bullseyes of relative subsidence occur at Neah Bay, in the northwest corner of Washington Pacific Coast, and in southeast Oregon and southeast Washington.

Broader patterns of vertical deformation in the central Cascadia margin are characterized by heterogeneity of relative uplift and subsidence. A discontinuous belt of relative uplift is prominent along the coastline but that pattern is strongly



**Figure 7.** A Map of GPS vertical velocity sites (solid dots) and velocity contours (colors) given at  $1 \text{ mm}\cdot\text{yr}^{-1}$  velocity intervals, relative to the study area mean (Table A2). The mean is defined as zero velocity for this article. Positive values (warm colors) indicate that GPS sites are moving upwards relative to the mean and negative values (cool colors) mean that the GPS sites are moving downwards relative to the mean.

dissected by relative subsidence along the coast in southwest Washington. The discontinuous belt of relative uplift along parts of the coast transitions to a discontinuous belt of relative subsidence in the forearc valleys east of the Coast Ranges. The relative subsidence is more continuous along the Cascade volcanic range in California, Oregon, and Washington.

## 5. Discussion

In this section, we address the relations between modern horizontal strain measurements from GPS baselines and vertical displacements from GPS vertical velocities and longer-term geodetic surveys and paleo-tidal marsh records in the Cascadia margin. These different data sets are used to establish conditions of elastic strain and/or vertical displacement in the large Cascadia seismogenic structure during the late stage of the current inter-seismic interval.

## 5.1. Horizontal Strain

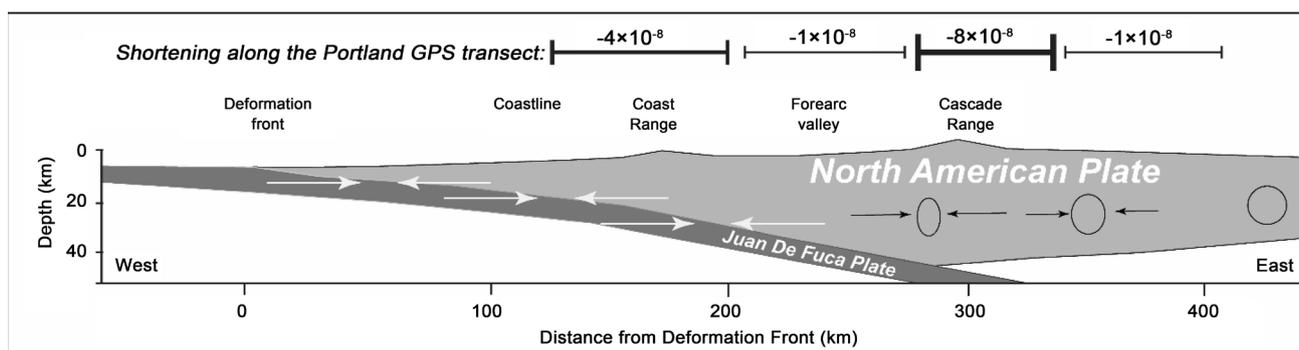
Horizontal strain measurements of shortening and extension in the Cascadia margin (Figure 6) are compared to establish regional patterns of upper-plate strain orientations and magnitudes on the landward side of the subduction zone. During the time periods that the GPS base station data were collected, generally 2006-2016 (Table A2) no anomalous large-scale strain reversals were observed that lasted longer than the annual cycles common to continuous base station records (Figure 5). For example, a reported tremor and slip event (ETS) in the northern part of the central Cascadia margin, near Seattle, Washington [36] was not recorded in the west-east GPS baselines that cross that locality (Figure 6). It is possible that the ETS events that reportedly occurred during 2006-2014 period were located between the GPS baselines used in this study. However, an anomalous change in strain rate was observed in 2015 in several GPS baselines from the northwest part of the study area, but no corresponding ETS events were reported for that period. Additional monitoring of those baselines is underway to establish the potential duration and magnitude of the localized changes in strain rates. In summary, the GPS baseline data reduction and analyses methods reported in this study have not confirmed any ETS events, by corresponding changes in surface horizontal strain rates, during the period of GPS base station monitoring.

The GPS baseline strain analyses presented here differ from other studies of GPS horizontal velocities [37] in that no plate motions or rotations, and their inherent uncertainties, are utilized in the GPS baseline analyses. A limitation of the GPS baseline approach is the limited spatial resolution of the baseline lengths, ~50 km between available GPS stations (Table A2). These length scales cannot resolve strain within discrete upper plate surface faults or smaller-wave-length folds. Redundancy of GPS baselines, within a long transect or in parallel, at spaced (~100 km) intervals along-margin (Figure 6), helps to confirm broader trends of shortening or lengthening. Future analyses of the smaller-scale heterogeneity between baselines will require increased density of GPS stations in the Cascadia margin. And, to date, no GPS stations are established offshore of the Cascadia margin coastline. The GPS baseline strain method is suited to regional scale analyses of the landward portion of the Cascadia margin. The higher strain rates that are reported in this article are assumed to be largely elastic, so they are potentially indicative of co-seismic strain energy release and earthquake magnitude, as discussed later in section 5.1. In this section, we address the regional patterns of modern horizontal strain in the Cascadia margin.

At the regional scale, four patterns of modern horizontal strain are apparent in the study area. Firstly, shortening strains are measured to the north and to the south, respectively, of the central Cascadia margin in Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and southern Oregon and northernmost California (Figure 6). Both the Explorer plate segment to the north and the Gorda plate segment to the south of the central Cascadia margin (Figure 1) demonstrate substantial modern convergent strain ( $\sim -5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ a}^{-1}$  to  $-5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ), and can support or even in-

initiate major coseismic ruptures. Secondly, regional shortening strain (west-east) is observed in the central Cascadia margin to a landward distance of  $\sim 400$  km from the deformation front or buried trench. The shortening strain magnitudes generally decrease with increasing distance landward from the Coast Ranges, indicating strain origins from horizontal stresses, initiated at the coupled zone and transmitted through the upper plate (Figure 8). Small increases in shortening strain are locally associated with the Cascade volcanic arc, suggesting a coupling of the plate interface against the western side of the thickened upper-plate under the volcanic. Thirdly, the highest shortening strains ( $-5 \times 10^{-7}$  to  $-9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ) are found in a transect located north of the Olympic Coast Range. This locality is situated at a major bend of the convergent margin, but it is not known whether the highest strain rates there are due to (1) increased convergent stresses, (2) thinning of the Siletzia terrain [38], (3) aseismic creep on low-angle structures in the upper plate, and/or (4) other unknown mechanisms. Fourthly, west-east shortening strains ( $\sim 10^{-7} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ) are about an order of magnitude larger than north-south shortening strains ( $\sim 10^{-8} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ) in the Coast Range. The smaller north-south shortening strains in the Coast Range are thought to reflect oblique convergence in the central Cascadia margin [1]. However, the north-south shortening strains east of the Cascade volcanic arc ( $\sim 10^{-8} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ) are about an order of magnitude larger than corresponding West-East shortening strains ( $\sim 10^{-9} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ) so the larger north-south strains located along the eastern margin of the study area are not due to plate convergence. Rather, the relatively larger north-south strains on the east side of the study area could represent an eastward (landward) shift of the north-south regional strain from the transform systems that bound the Cascadia Margin to the south and north (Figure 1), as discussed further below.

Braced quadrilaterals at key localities establish principal shortening directions in the Cascadia margin (Figure 6). The two quadrilaterals (NW Olympic and Vernonia) in the western (seaward) portion of the central Cascadia margin demonstrate principal shortening in the NE-SW orientation. These directions are consistent with oblique plate convergence (Figure 1) and dominant strain in west-east GPS baselines relative to north-south baselines in the Coast Ranges. A



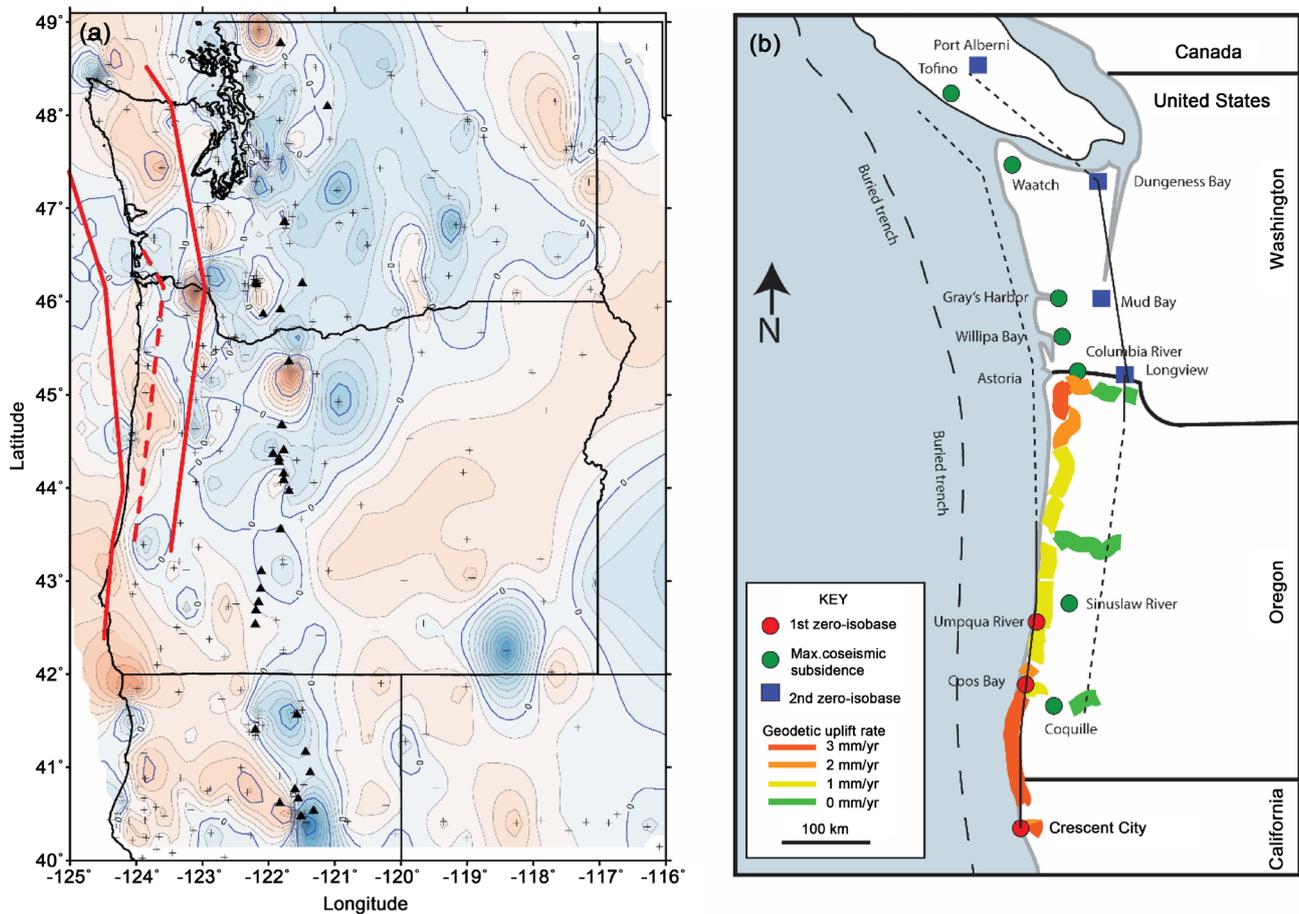
**Figure 8.** Cross-section diagram of the central Cascadia margin subduction zone, including horizontal stresses (arrows) and annual strain rates (line segment thickness proportional to shortening rates) in a west-east transect (through Portland, Oregon) (Figure 1, Figure 6; Table A2). Lower crust bottom depths are from [39]. Ellipses represent relative strain magnitudes.

new quadrilateral (Mendocino), located south of the triple junction between the North American plate, the Pacific Plate, and the Gorda plate segment shows principal shortening in a NW-SE orientation, approximately perpendicular to the principal shortening direction in the western portion of the central Cascadia margin. These results are at odds with inferences that stresses in the San Andreas transform system could trigger major ruptures of the Cascadia margin [40], especially in the central Cascadia margin, where the highest across-margin strain rates occur. Some north-south compressional stress from North American plate areas located east of the triple junction in northern California could be directed northward leading to (1) north-south shortening at the eastern side of the study area, as noted above, and (2) localized extension in the eastern portions of several west-east transects in the southern Cascadia margin. We take the major change in dominant shortening directions at the eastern side of the study area to represent a bounding condition to significant convergent elastic strain in the Cascadia margin. The change in dominant shortening directions, and the inferred corresponding stress regimes, at 300 - 400 km distance landward of the buried trench, serves as an eastern boundary to the Cascadia seismogenic structure.

## 5.2. Rates of Vertical Displacement

The substantial modern vertical deformation in the central Cascadia margin extends ~300 km landward from the coast or ~400 km from the buried trench in the central Cascadia margin (Figure 1). There is substantial uncertainty in the measured velocity values (see *Methods*) but the signs (+ or -) of the displacements, as measured over a decade in duration and relative to the study area mean, are considered to be accurate. The apparent vertical deformation is heterogeneous over shorter scales (50 to 100 km) but does generally show decreasing gradients of change (wider spaced contours) east of the Cascade volcanic arc, suggesting decreasing vertical deformation with increasing distance landward from the Coast Range (Figure 9(a)). A possible exception to this overall pattern is the apparent linear zone of relative subsidence associated approximately with the volcanic arc. A potential increased recoupling of the subducting plate may be responsible for the abrupt edge of relative subsidence along the thickened upper-plate under the volcanic arc (Figure 8).

The reported GPS relative uplift/subsidence rates along the coast are not consistent with the long-term records of inter-seismic-uplift, or the lack of it, as shown by tidal marsh paleo-tidal level changes (Figure 9). For example, the GPS relative uplift velocities on the coast average 1 - 2 mm·yr<sup>-1</sup>, so over ~200 years that would be 300 mm or 30 centimeters. If the GPS relative uplift velocities are accurate than the current displacement rates would be insufficient to account for the 1.0 - 2.0 m of inter-seismic uplift, since the last Cascadia rupture, as recorded by tidal marshes in the zone of maximum co-seismic subsidence and inter-seismic uplift. More importantly, the signs (+/-) of modern GPS relative uplift and subsidence are not consistent with the long-term inter-seismic record of



**Figure 9.** (a) Comparisons of modern GPS vertical velocity data with mega-fold zero-isobases (solid red lines) and the volcanic arc (solid black triangles) for spatial references. The left line (1<sup>st</sup> zero-isobase) and the right line (2<sup>nd</sup> zero-isobase) occur on either side of the zone maximum co-seismic subsidence (dashed line [19]). (b) Map of coastal coseismic-subsidence records (0.3 - 3 ka in age), zero-isobases, and summarized vertical displacement trends from 50-year geodetic leveling surveys [42]. Coseismic subsidence localities are named [10]. Geodetic survey segments are color coded by uplift rate (mm/yr) [42].

post-seismic uplift at key localities. The zone of maximum co-seismic subsidence, and corresponding inter-seismic uplift, has an opposite sense of trend (sign +) compared to the GPS relative subsidence contours (sign -) shown for the southwest coast of Washington at tidal marsh localities in Willapa Bay, Washington [19] [41]. The modern GPS coastal relative uplift anomaly at the California/Oregon coastal border overlies the 1<sup>st</sup> zero-isobase of no co-seismic subsidence or inter-seismic uplift (sign 0) in the Elk Creek marsh at Crescent City, California [2]. If the modern GPS vertical displacement signs do not reflect the longer-term trends of post-seismic coastal uplift or the lack of it, as recorded in corresponding tidal marsh localities, then what do they represent? This question is addressed below following a discussion of similar findings from coastal geodetic leveling surveys [42]

A 50-year record of geodetic leveling surveys [42] along the Oregon coast is summarized in Figure 9(b). The geodetic surveys show variable uplift along the coast, with decreasing vertical deviations landward of the coastline in several short cross-margin transects. The 50-year geodetic leveling survey results are

generally consistent with the GPS velocity displacements along the Oregon coast, in that both independent data sets yield 1) positive signs (+) of coastal uplift, 2) approximately similar averaged uplift rates (1 - 2 mm·yr<sup>-1</sup>), and maximum relative uplift at the Oregon/California border and just south of the Washington/Oregon border. More detailed comparative analyses of modern GPS vertical displacements and geodetic leveling lines across the central Cascadia margin are warranted.

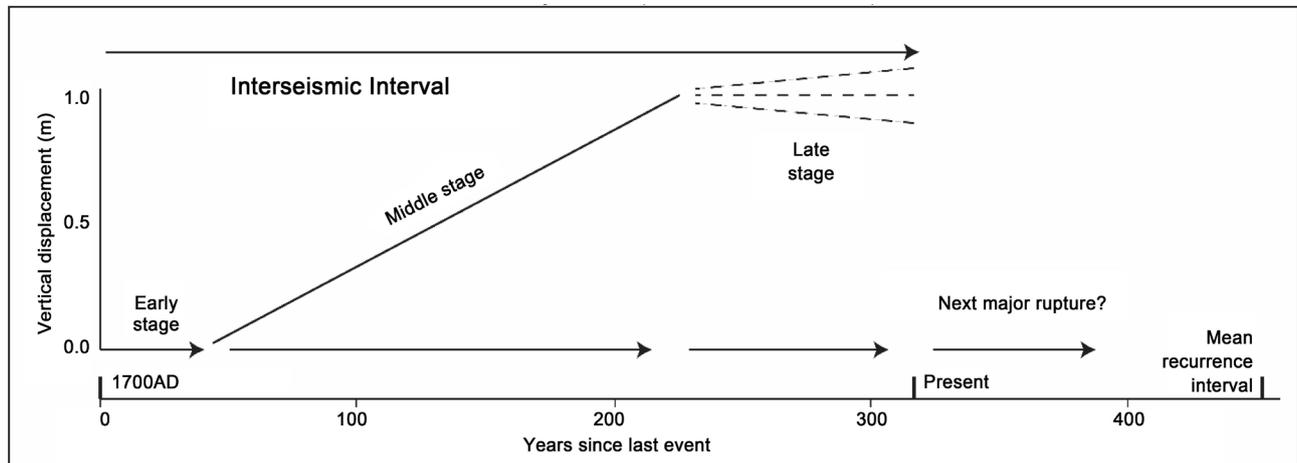
The 50-year geodetic leveling results (**Figure 7(b)**) were not previously compared [42] to long-term vertical displacement records that have been analyzed from tidal marshes in the area, as summarized in Peterson & Cruikshank [19]. As previously noted, the high geodetic leveling uplift rates (+3 mm·yr<sup>-1</sup>) near the California/Oregon border are not consistent with zero-uplift recorded in tidal marsh records in the Elk Creek estuary at Crescent City, California. In summary, neither the GPS vertical velocity data nor the 50-year geodetic leveling uplift rates consistently reflect the previous ~200-year trends of coastal vertical displacements, as shown by tidal marsh records along the coast.

The lack of correspondence between the modern GPS vertical velocity trends and the long-term tidal marsh records of inter-seismic displacements along the coasts of Washington and Oregon (**Figure 9(a)**) are consistent with three previously unexplained phenomena in the central Cascadia margin. These include (1) the observation that long inter-seismic intervals do not maintain high rates of interseismic uplift after 200-300 years following co-seismic subsidence (**Figure 4(a)**), (2) some inter-seismic intervals show an opposite sign of tidal marsh development, reflecting gradual submergence, prior to co-seismic subsidence (**Figure 4(b)**), and most importantly (3) longer inter-seismic intervals do not correspond to the largest paleo-tsunami run-ups in Cascadia margin coastlines [11]. These phenomena can be explained by decreases in vertical displacement rates, and possibly locally reversed vertical displacement signs (+/-), during a late stage of the inter-seismic interval as discussed below.

### 5.3. Definition, and Implications of Late-Stage of Interseismic Strain

Studies of coastal subsidence and uplift records from the Cascadia margin suggest that the inter-seismic interval (between earthquakes) can be broken into three broad stages. The early stage defined as the period just following an event where there is no definitive record of marsh emergence, due to recovery period of marsh recolonization of subsided mud flats. Wang and others [27] suggest this stage represents a relatively short period of interplate-interface recoupling after the co-seismic rupture. We assume that such an early stage of little to no convergent strain would occur in the Cascadia margin for several decades after a major co-seismic rupture, such as after the AD1700 great earthquake (**Figure 10**).

Once the interplate interface was sufficiently recoupled in the Cascadia margin (early stage) then convergent strain began to accumulate in the upper plate.



**Figure 10.** The three stage of the interseismic strain/displacement interval are shown between the last coseismic rupture at AD1700 and the present time (~300 years interval). The early stage, possibly several decades in duration, is not well recorded by tidal marsh records of emergence, due to a period of marsh plant recolonization of the subsidised mud flats. The middle stage is well recorded in subsidised tidal marsh sites at multiple localities along with the northern Oregon coast (Figure 4(a)). The late stage is recorded in some localities, such as at Necanicum, by a decrease in uplift rate, leading to pre-rupture submergence (Figure 4(b)), and in other localities, by GPS and/or geodetic records that are opposite in vertical displacement to the middle stage of tidal marsh uplift (Figure 9). The potential duration of the late stage of interseismic strain/displacement is not known, but sufficient horizontal strain could have already accumulated during the last 100 years in the central Cascadia margin to yield a Mw 9 event, as discussed below in section 5.4.

The prolonged middle stage of interseismic strain accumulation, possibly up to 200 years in duration (Figure 10) was recorded by high rates of interseismic uplift of tidal marshes that are located between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> zero-isobases (Figure 3(b) and Figure 4(a)). The middle stage vertical displacements are widespread, reaching 100's of kilometers along-margin and 10's of kilometers across the margin. The long-term uplift rates are estimated to have exceeded  $0.75 \text{ cm}\cdot\text{yr}^{-1}$  in the zone of maximum co-seismic subsidence, as based on;  $>150 \text{ cm uplift}/200 \text{ yr duration} = 0.75 \text{ cm}\cdot\text{yr}^{-1}$  displacement rate. The middle stage of elastic strain accumulation yielded the mega-fold in the upper plate, which is in part, responsible for near-field tsunami excitation [21].

The current late stage of inter-seismic strain accumulation in the Cascadia margin is recorded by both GPS vertical velocities (this article) and the 50-year geodetic leveling surveys of the Oregon coast [42]. The two independent measures of current vertical displacement (late stage) differ in magnitude and spatial patterns from the previous mega-fold development (middle stage). The horizontal strain accumulation rates that are occurring during this late stage of the inter-seismic interval ( $10^{-8} \text{ a}^{-1} - 10^{-7} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ), and certainly during the middle stage of coastal mega-fold displacement (Figure 10) in the Cascadia margin are sufficient to yield a large magnitude great earthquake, as discussed further below in Section 5.4.

The recognition of a late stage of strain/vertical displacement in the Cascadia margin bears directly on several aspects of hazard mitigation. Firstly, sufficient inter-seismic elastic strain has already accumulated, during the middle stage of the inter-seismic interval (Figure 10), to produce a large magnitude great

earthquake. Secondly, the Cascadia margin is poised to excite a maximum-runup tsunami now. Indeed, the runup could decrease with possible ongoing/future relaxation of the mega-fold, during a prolonged late stage of the inter-seismic interval (**Figure 10**). Thirdly, previous probability estimates of earthquake magnitude and tsunami runup, based on inter-seismic interval durations are not relevant once the Cascadia margin has passed into the late stage of the inter-seismic interval. Finally, it is not known whether further/future rate changes in horizontal strain or vertical displacement will significantly precede the next major co-seismic rupture.

#### **5.4. Estimate of Earthquake Magnitude for the Central Cascadia Margin**

The energy released during an earthquake is thought to come from stored elastic strain energy [12]. To evaluate the relative magnitude of a great earthquake that could occur now in the central Cascadia margin we use the observed co-seismic strains from the 2011 Japan earthquake (400 km along-margin rupture length) as a measure of the strain energy released during a Mw 9.0 subduction zone earthquake. If the observed modern strains over the last decade in the central Cascadia margin represent the average rate that strain can accumulate in the central Cascadia seismogenic structure (400 km width) then it would have taken about 100 years for the magnitude of the observed Cascadia strains ( $10^{-8}$  to  $10^{-7}$ ) to match those observed resulting from the 2011 Japan earthquake ( $10^{-6}$  to  $10^{-5}$ ). That is to say that, a 400 km along-margin rupture length of the central Cascadia seismogenic structure is apparently capable of generating up to a magnitude 9.0 earthquake after as little as 100 years of strain accumulation at the modern rates. However, the strain has been accumulating in the central Cascadia margin since the last megathrust rupture at AD1700 (~300 years ago). The rheology of the crustal material is probably viscoelastic. At some point, the material reaches an equilibrium state, where strain energy is being added at about the same rate that energy is used in permanent deformation, aseismic slip and/or in short-term events such as ETS events, or micro-seismicity. An earthquake occurs when the stress/strain state changes, possibly propagated from a small initiation area, so that a sudden, rapid release of the stored elastic portion of the strain occurs throughout the affected seismogenic structure (up to 400 km width in the central Cascadia margin). We believe that a one-half rupture length (400 km) of the central Cascadia margin (800 km total length) has accumulated sufficient elastic strain energy during the last ~300 years since the last megathrust rupture at AD1700 to yield a Mw 9.0 great earthquake. Longer rupture lengths could increase the earthquake magnitude, based on modern convergent strain rates measured throughout the margin.

### **6. Conclusions**

In this article measurements of convergent horizontal strain, as recorded in GPS station-to-station baselines over several years, have been extended north of the

central Cascadia margin into Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada, and south of the central margin into southern Oregon and northern California. The modern accumulation of horizontal strain in the upper plate has also been observed to occur well landward of the Cascade volcanic arc, demonstrating a very wide seismogenic structure. Convergent (across-margin) strain dominates over north-south (along-margin) strain in the Cascadia seismogenic structure. However, north-south strain dominates landward of the convergent seismogenic structure, possibly representing a landward displacement of transform stress from the southern and northern boundaries of the Cascadia subduction zone. The upper plate serves as a capacitor, storing accumulated elastic strain throughout its thickness and width in the seismogenic structure. Dominant convergent-plate strain in the central Cascadia margin is nearly perpendicular to margin-parallel strain in the San Andreas transform area located south of the subduction zone triple junction. There is no modern strain evidence to suggest that major ruptures of the central Cascadia margin are triggered by stresses in the San Andreas transform system. Indeed, the greatest strain rates in the Cascadia margin currently occur in the central Cascadia margin, and a coseismic rupture there could propagate north and south to impact large inland metropolitan centers.

In this article, GPS station, vertical velocities are averaged over about a decade to establish upper-plate uplift and subsidence patterns relative to the study area mean. The vertical displacement patterns are patchy, but several regional patterns emerge. The Cascade volcanic range is associated with subsidence, except for local uplift anomalies at several volcanic centers. A narrow discontinuous belt of uplift is associated with the Coast Ranges in Washington and Oregon. Two important vertical displacement anomalies occur at the coast in southwest Washington (subsidence) and in the coastal border area between southwest Oregon and northwest California (uplift). The origins for these anomalies are not known, but they are inconsistent with long-term cyclic vertical displacement records from tidal marshes. For example, the southwest coast of Washington had experienced substantial uplift after the last Cascadia rupture ~300 years ago, which is opposite to the current GPS vertical velocity sign (-). The tidal marshes near the Oregon/California border showed no co-seismic uplift or subsidence during the last Cascadia rupture, and no apparent post-seismic uplift or subsidence following that event. The modern uplift anomaly at the Oregon/California border is in contradiction with the lack of previous long-term inter-seismic uplift in the area. We interpret these inconsistencies to represent changes in the rate(s) of vertical displacement during the current inter-seismic interval. We differentiate the modern patchy distribution of moderate uplift or localized subsidence along the coast to a late stage of elastic strain accumulation during the current inter-seismic interval.

The identification of a late stage of elastic strain accumulation addresses three previously unexplained phenomena in the Cascadia margin, including (1) lack of linear proportionality between the duration of inter-seismic intervals and net

uplift, (2) apparent intervals of coastal tidal marsh submergence prior to co-seismic subsidence, and (3) a negative correspondence between paleo-tsunami runup heights and durations of preceding inter-seismic intervals. The recognition of a late stage of inter-seismic strain accumulation has important implications for hazard mitigation. Firstly, the central Cascadia margin has already accumulated sufficient elastic strain to produce a large magnitude rupture now. Secondly, the tsunami modeling community has misinformed some coastal city officials in falsely diminishing the present tsunami runup threat due to the relatively short period of interseismic strain accumulation (~300 years since the last Cascadia rupture). Indeed, a near future rupture could yield maximum tsunami runups, relative to the 3000-year record of major paleo-tsunami runup events in the Cascadia margin. Future time-based probability analyses of great earthquake magnitudes and tsunami runup heights need to address the time variable rates of strain accumulation between the three stages of the inter-seismic interval including (1) an early stage of interplate recoupling, (2) a middle stage of interplate coupling and mega-fold development under conditions of convergent elastic strain accumulation, and (3) a late stage of smaller scale vertical displacements but ongoing relatively high rates of convergent elastic strain accumulation.

The relatively high rates of modern horizontal strains in the central Cascadia margin are troubling. These rates, if assumed to be fully elastic, and projected backward for 100 years, could yield an earthquake equivalent in size to the 2011 Japanese earthquake (Mw 9.0 for a 400 km rupture length). The central Cascadia margin is 800 km in length. Ruptures of the entire central margin, and/or parts of the north and southern margin would exceed the 9.0 magnitude, as estimated for a 400 km rupture length of the central Cascadia margin.

It is not known whether potential future short-term changes in GPS measured horizontal strain or vertical displacement will significantly precede the next major rupture of the Cascadia megathrust, though we recommend that the capabilities of the GPS networks in the Pacific Northwest for such monitoring be continued.

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## Appendix—Data Tables

**Table A1.** Results for the new and extended EW baselines. This data updates and extends that presented in [1]. The location of the transects is shown in Figure 2.

<i>From Station</i>	<i>To Station</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>	<i>Num Points</i>	<i>Direction</i>	<i>dl</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>Strain</i>	<i>t value</i>	<i>Significant</i>
<b>Vancouver Island Baselines</b>												
bcov	eliz	50.5442420	-126.8424360	1/1/2008	3/31/2016	5963	-165	-0.0063	77,292.9455	$-8.13 \times 10^{-8}$	-46.06	Yes
ntka	quad	49.5923260	-126.6165100	1/1/2008	3/31/2016	5963	57	0.0114	110,249.3835	$1.04 \times 10^{-7}$	22.78	Yes
ptal	uclu	49.2561950	-124.8606970	1/1/2008	3/31/2016	5953	-127	0.0000	61,840.1894	$-3.21 \times 10^{-15}$	-3.71	Yes
ptal	wslr	49.2561950	-124.8606970	1/1/2008	3/31/2016	5797	56	0.0000	170,168.7370	$6.19 \times 10^{-16}$	3.57	Yes
bamf	nano	48.8353360	-125.1348970	1/1/2008	3/25/2016	5889	57	-0.0050	92,102.6511	$-5.39 \times 10^{-8}$	-20.15	Yes
nano	wslr	49.2947010	-124.0862740	1/1/2008	3/25/2016	5730	43	-0.0083	124,993.1290	$-6.64 \times 10^{-8}$	-43.49	Yes
clrs	sc04	48.8202130	-124.1307170	1/1/2008	3/31/2016	6715	70	0.0000	33,330.6820	$8.02 \times 10^{-16}$	1.33	No
clrs	ptrf	48.8202130	-124.1307170	1/1/2008	3/31/2016	5901	-146	0.0000	37,071.8469	$-2.55 \times 10^{-15}$	-2.71	Yes
neah	ptrf	48.2977270	-124.6245760	1/1/2008	3/31/2016	5748	30	-0.0548	175,000.7323	$-3.13 \times 10^{-7}$	-2.55	Yes
gl dr	ntka	49.6814819	-126.1273131	4/22/2009	3/31/2016	4889	-106	-0.0028	36,706.3126	$-7.51 \times 10^{-8}$	-28.46	Yes
gl dr	quad	49.6814819	-126.1273131	4/22/2009	3/31/2016	4889	49	-0.0047	76,102.5821	$-6.12 \times 10^{-8}$	-15.45	Yes
<b>Northern Olympic Transect</b>												
neah	p403	48.2977270	-124.6245760	1/7/2006	3/31/2016	4549	126	0.0003	44,517.3471	$7.73 \times 10^{-9}$	3.17	Yes
p403	p435	48.0619860	-124.1404210	4/13/2007	1/18/2011	1871	91	-0.0050	47,527.3362	$-1.05 \times 10^{-7}$	-11.34	Yes
p435	p436	48.0595010	-123.5030430	4/13/2007	7/26/2015	2668	93	0.0007	27,550.2545	$2.37 \times 10^{-8}$	5.28	Yes
blyn	chem	48.0158260	-122.9273800	5/5/2007	12/3/2013	1704	93	0.0304	11,348.0046	$2.68 \times 10^{-6}$	15.31	Yes
blyn	p436	48.0158260	-122.9273800	4/13/2007	9/29/2013	2004	-78	-0.0218	15,769.3536	$-1.38 \times 10^{-6}$	-6.68	Yes
chcm	p437	48.0105420	-122.7756750	10/14/2008	7/26/2015	1020	92	-0.1019	23,652.5177	$-4.31 \times 10^{-6}$	-23.09	Yes
p437	weez	48.0017310	-122.4589990	10/14/2008	8/5/2010	598	98	-0.0026	19,192.0564	$-1.34 \times 10^{-7}$	-2.70	Yes
lkcp	weez	47.9443420	-121.8306780	10/11/2008	8/5/2010	1586	-83	-0.0112	28,155.3026	$-3.99 \times 10^{-7}$	-8.29	Yes
lkcp	qmar	47.9443420	-121.8306780	12/20/2007	7/26/2015	7529	107	0.0483	67,434.6435	$7.17 \times 10^{-7}$	14.48	Yes
chel	qmar	47.8314360	-119.9897190	1/1/2010	6/30/2016	1075	-95	0.4238	73,361.7659	$5.78 \times 10^{-6}$	13.06	Yes
chel	lkcp	47.8314360	-119.9897190	1/1/2010	7/16/2015	738	-85	-1.0842	138,246.8515	$-7.84 \times 10^{-6}$	-17.36	Yes
chel	p453	47.8314360	-119.9897190	1/1/2010	6/30/2016	1075	95	-0.0782	93,585.9195	$-8.35 \times 10^{-7}$	-1.28	No
dvpt	p453	47.6559440	-118.1475100	1/1/2009	6/30/2016	2313	-76	0.0144	46,297.7414	$3.12 \times 10^{-7}$	1.23	No
dvpt	spkn	47.6559440	-118.1475100	1/1/2010	6/30/2016	1277	94	1.7034	48,556.4879	$3.51 \times 10^{-5}$	26.76	Yes
spkn	inw1	47.6279570	-117.5021140	1/1/2010	2/12/2011	280	78	4.2592	44,090.3013	$9.66 \times 10^{-5}$	27.88	Yes
koot	inw1	47.7706230	-116.8094200	1/1/2010	2/12/2011	288	-125	-0.0012	10,974.3311	$-1.14 \times 10^{-7}$	-0.11	No
bigd	chel	47.9331160	-118.9885440	1/1/2010	6/30/2016	1086	-99	1.2760	75,732.4254	$1.68 \times 10^{-5}$	94.41	Yes
chel	p454	47.8314360	-119.9897190	1/1/2010	6/30/2016	1094	80	-0.4442	94,463.2880	$-4.70 \times 10^{-6}$	-5.44	Yes
<b>Tacoma E-W Transect</b>												
enum	pcol	47.2058120	-121.9551470	5/15/2007	7/26/2015	857	-95	0.1129	46,781.5885	$2.41 \times 10^{-6}$	18.89	Yes
p418	p423	47.2363450	-123.4073760	4/21/2007	7/26/2015	1175	81	0.0006	35,771.1680	$1.58 \times 10^{-8}$	3.89	Yes

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p418	pabh	47.2363450	-123.4073760	4/21/2007	7/26/2015	1086	-93	-0.0052	60,402.4794	$-8.54 \times 10^{-8}$	-10.34	Yes
lngb	p423	47.2187860	-122.7583160	4/22/2005	7/26/2015	6804	-61	-0.0026	15,834.2221	$-1.64 \times 10^{-7}$	-40.59	Yes
lngb	pcol	47.2187860	-122.7583160	9/5/2013	7/26/2015	438	110	-0.0104	15,129.2994	$-6.87 \times 10^{-7}$	-7.65	Yes
enum	htch	47.2058120	-121.9551470	9/21/2008	1/19/2011	220	92	0.0379	75,010.1278	$5.05 \times 10^{-7}$	2.04	Yes
cpud	htch	47.4301070	-120.3140770	1/1/2010	2/12/2011	288	-118	-0.2108	55,962.9731	$-3.77 \times 10^{-6}$	-7.68	Yes
cpud	p452	47.4301070	-120.3140770	1/1/2010	6/30/2016	464	93	-0.6247	62,472.9933	$-1.00 \times 10^{-5}$	-20.53	Yes
p452	sprg	47.4034790	-119.4871330	1/1/2010	6/30/2016	1043	96					No
sprg	ltah	47.3097530	-117.9751110	1/1/2010	6/30/2016	1221	93	0.2129	61,455.7538	$3.46 \times 10^{-6}$	35.95	Yes
<b>Olympic E-W Transect</b>												
p430	hgp1	47.0035450	-123.4358230	8/6/2007	9/28/2011	2252	88	0.5282	39,705.8588	$1.33 \times 10^{-5}$	33.50	Yes
p430	tumw	47.0035450	-123.4358230	5/14/2007	7/26/2015	3301	93	0.0023	39,939.6333	$5.73 \times 10^{-8}$	8.46	Yes
p430	twhl	47.0035450	-123.4358230	4/12/2005	6/18/2015	4603	88	-0.0040	39,117.6621	$-1.02 \times 10^{-7}$	-6.63	Yes
cpxf	muir	46.8400000	-122.2565180	6/9/2008	7/25/2015	2718	91					No
cpxf	mrsd	46.8400000	-122.2565180	6/14/2008	7/25/2015	2782	99	-0.0354	39,764.0035	$-8.90 \times 10^{-7}$	-1.28	No
muir	p065	46.8354930	-121.7329330	6/9/2008	7/25/2015	2613	89	-0.1082	61,091.1351	$-1.77 \times 10^{-6}$	-7.25	Yes
mrsd	p065	46.7851970	-121.7417540	6/14/2008	7/25/2015	2693	84	0.0091	62,099.3006	$1.47 \times 10^{-7}$	12.54	Yes
p065	sc00	46.8439240	-120.9326380	4/14/2007	7/26/2015	3579	53	0.0129	19,847.8839	$6.49 \times 10^{-7}$	9.43	Yes
sc00	linh	46.9509250	-120.7246090	1/1/2007	7/26/2015	4012	69	0.0005	15,207.4010	$2.97 \times 10^{-8}$	5.49	Yes
<b>Willapa Bay E-W Transect</b>												
p415	p417	46.6559910	-123.7298650	7/20/2005	7/26/2015	3855	105	-0.0042	34,297.3486	$-1.22 \times 10^{-7}$	-60.34	Yes
p421	p431	46.5314880	-122.4287890	5/15/2007	5/31/2015	3446	83	-0.0018	34,122.7837	$-5.34 \times 10^{-8}$	-25.51	Yes
p417	p420	46.5744520	-123.2975050	1/5/2010	7/26/2015	3750	87	-0.0029	33,222.0447	$-8.81 \times 10^{-8}$	-10.54	Yes
p420	p421	46.5886028	-122.8663310	1/5/2010	7/26/2015	4422	101					No
p431	p432	46.5717410	-121.9880850	1/1/2010	5/31/2015	3113	76	-0.0035	26,782.5801	$-1.31 \times 10^{-7}$	-1.92	No
p432	yaki	46.6228556	-121.6832290	1/1/2010	7/26/2015	4067	92	-0.0030	90,274.7981	$-3.36 \times 10^{-8}$	-21.44	Yes
vrnt	yaki	46.6367140	-119.7318030	1/1/2010	7/10/2015	4031	-94	-0.0034	59,316.3111	$-5.80 \times 10^{-8}$	-28.47	Yes
<b>Portland E-W Transect</b>												
p405	p411	45.6291810	-123.6435610	5/4/2007	7/26/2015	6374	105	0.0016	39,336.0558	$4.12 \times 10^{-8}$	12.14	Yes
p411	p427	45.5379790	-123.1571040	4/13/2007	7/26/2015	5256	101	-0.0007	64,971.4228	$-1.06 \times 10^{-8}$	-4.80	Yes
p427	pkdl	45.4300420	-122.3404790	1/23/2009	7/26/2015	3586	81	0.0001	61,540.8547	$2.19 \times 10^{-9}$	1.32	No
pkdl	tdls	45.5181860	-121.5634530	1/23/2009	8/15/2015	3593	74	-0.0075	35,317.6913	$-2.12 \times 10^{-7}$	-85.96	Yes
p445	tdls	45.5899740	-120.6720680	9/23/2008	7/26/2015	3768	-87	-0.0035	35,833.2726	$-9.64 \times 10^{-8}$	-13.19	Yes
p445	p447	45.5899740	-120.6720680	10/14/2008	7/26/2015	3897	102	0.0061	78,238.6865	$7.74 \times 10^{-8}$	18.30	Yes
arln	p445	45.7080840	-120.1830700	9/23/2008	7/26/2015	3696	-109	-0.0038	40,401.5620	$-9.32 \times 10^{-8}$	-54.98	Yes
arln	p450	45.7080840	-120.1830700	9/23/2008	1/12/2015	3327	61	0.0050	57,072.4825	$8.69 \times 10^{-8}$	5.07	Yes
p450	pndl	45.9531750	-119.5439850	5/24/2010	3/1/2011	432	119	0.0207	66,463.5300	$3.12 \times 10^{-7}$	14.83	Yes
p447	pndl	45.4526800	-119.6899450	5/24/2010	3/1/2011	432	71	-0.0035	74,180.2729	$-4.73 \times 10^{-8}$	-1.41	No

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Newport E-W Transect												
hlsy	p374	44.3776050	-123.1086830	4/20/2007	12/3/2013	1903	-89	-0.0040	38,377.3118	$-1.03 \times 10^{-7}$	-17.57	Yes
hlsy	sthm	44.3776050	-123.1086830	12/27/2006	9/29/2013	1928	86	-0.0024	29,944.5179	$-7.95 \times 10^{-8}$	-13.77	Yes
p383	sthm	44.3419990	-122.2169000	10/22/2007	9/29/2013	2061	-82	-0.0082	41,664.0462	$-1.96 \times 10^{-7}$	-12.98	Yes
p383	p385	44.3419990	-122.2169000	10/23/2007	7/8/2015	421	65	-0.0006	23,955.7932	$-2.61 \times 10^{-8}$	-3.31	Yes
p385	p387	44.4348480	-121.9458340	8/23/2007	7/26/2015	524	118	0.0011	33,348.0252	$3.40 \times 10^{-8}$	8.13	Yes
p387	rmdb	44.2966300	-121.5742880	4/13/2007	7/26/2015	3737	97	-0.0040	34,307.3942	$-1.17 \times 10^{-7}$	-93.10	Yes
redm	rmdb	44.2597667	-121.1478810	1/22/2005	8/15/2015	4312	101					No
p367	p374	44.5852465	-124.0615700	4/13/2007	7/26/2015	3699	121	-0.0075	43,749.1439	$-1.72 \times 10^{-7}$	-9.63	Yes
Cape Blanco E-W Transect												
ddsn	p369	43.1187917	-123.2442410	1/11/2006	7/26/2015	1176	-81	-0.0002	15,276.3993	$-1.14 \times 10^{-8}$	-1.21	No
p061	p364	42.9673860	-124.0137910	10/16/2008	7/8/2015	969	-67	-0.0010	34,992.6460	$-2.74 \times 10^{-8}$	-4.47	Yes
chem	ddsn	43.2242320	-121.7856240	12/21/2008	8/15/2015	922	-96	0.0228	119,187.1383	$1.91 \times 10^{-7}$	19.37	Yes
chem	p062	43.2242320	-121.7856240	12/21/2008	7/26/2015	888	103	0.0069	57,890.5638	$1.19 \times 10^{-7}$	13.64	Yes
p062	p381	43.1122360	-121.0905500	10/16/2008	7/26/2015	900	98	0.0115	93,611.9844	$1.23 \times 10^{-7}$	16.37	Yes
p061	p369	42.9673860	-124.0137910	4/20/2007	7/8/2015	1047	68	0.0018	51,345.2464	$3.59 \times 10^{-8}$	5.61	Yes
p381	p390	43.0016180	-119.9516460	10/16/2008	7/26/2015	908	88	0.0099	83,513.7964	$1.19 \times 10^{-7}$	15.50	Yes
Ashland E-W Transect												
p179	p734	42.0989420	-123.6853670	10/31/2008	3/31/2016	92	-93	-0.0075	50,341.6685	$-1.48 \times 10^{-7}$	-1.75	No
p370	p380	42.1907820	-122.6561430	7/4/2010	7/26/2015	3682	84	-0.0024	72,792.3819	$-3.36 \times 10^{-8}$	-15.42	Yes
mdmt	p380	42.4183417	-121.2216010	7/4/2010	7/26/2015	3481	-111	-0.0006	49,266.6980	$-1.32 \times 10^{-8}$	-4.59	Yes
Crescent City E-W Transect												
p154	ptsg	41.8070830	-123.3600500	1/2/2010	3/25/2016	4199	-92	-0.0043	74,452.3090	$-5.81 \times 10^{-8}$	-31.04	Yes
p154	p784	41.8070830	-123.3600500	1/2/2010	3/31/2016	4378	88	-0.0021	78,118.2927	$-2.69 \times 10^{-8}$	-17.24	Yes
p154	yhbh	41.8070830	-123.3600500	1/2/2010	3/31/2016	4383	99	-0.0015	54,646.7908	$-2.76 \times 10^{-8}$	-10.30	Yes
ptsg	p387	41.7825350	-124.2550260	1/2/2010	3/25/2016	4160	39	-0.0219	354,511.1109	$-6.17 \times 10^{-8}$	-22.30	Yes
p786	ptsg	41.8457000	-123.9801000	1/2/2010	2/15/2016	4113	-107	-0.0078	23,842.9414	$-3.26 \times 10^{-7}$	-2.05	Yes
p154	p786	41.8070830	-123.3600500	1/2/2010	2/15/2016	4290	-85	-0.0033	51,746.3376	$-6.47 \times 10^{-8}$	-35.60	Yes
p784	yhbh	41.8308160	-122.4204560	1/2/2010	3/31/2016	4381	-115	-0.0024	26,531.6901	$-8.93 \times 10^{-8}$	-21.10	Yes
p672	porc	41.7116000	-121.5069000	9/24/2011	7/29/2014	238	101	0.0234	64,839.1346	$3.61 \times 10^{-7}$	6.03	Yes
porc	wrn	41.5995000	-120.7432000	9/24/2011	7/29/2014	236	100	0.0113	28,622.1398	$3.95 \times 10^{-7}$	1.78	No
lngv	supr	41.7852000	-119.7524000	8/26/2011	2/5/2015	274	-118	-0.0474	29,702.4152	$-1.60 \times 10^{-6}$	-6.72	Yes
lngv	shld	41.7852000	-119.7524000	8/26/2011	10/5/2015	666	82	0.0004	61,908.7275	$7.12 \times 10^{-9}$	0.12	No
p672	p784	41.7116000	-121.5069000	1/2/2010	3/25/2016	4138	-80	-0.0017	77,117.4536	$-2.19 \times 10^{-8}$	-13.97	Yes
Cape Mendocino E-W Transect												
p158	p160	40.4225000	-124.1072000	1/1/2009	3/31/2016	4442	-9	-0.0037	14,489.9683	$-2.53 \times 10^{-7}$	-78.43	Yes
p160	p793	40.5513000	-124.1333000	4/30/2009	3/25/2016	4133	100	-0.0066	48,155.8429	$-1.36 \times 10^{-7}$	-82.47	Yes
p332	p793	40.5467000	-123.1745000	4/30/2009	3/25/2016	4095	-103	-0.0024	34,618.9983	$-6.80 \times 10^{-8}$	-35.70	Yes

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p332	p341	40.5467000	-123.1745000	1/1/2009	3/31/2016	4396	77	-0.0024	49,417.4060	$-4.90 \times 10^{-8}$	-32.40	Yes
p341	p349	40.6507000	-122.6069000	1/1/2009	3/31/2016	4416	70	-0.0017	25,896.4010	$-6.73 \times 10^{-8}$	-33.18	Yes
p348	p349	40.9055000	-121.8280000	1/1/2009	3/31/2016	4302	-115	-0.0012	45,784.8402	$-2.51 \times 10^{-8}$	-15.34	Yes
hcro	p348	40.8159000	-121.4699000	1/1/2009	3/31/2016	4306	-72	-0.0015	31,804.3640	$-4.58 \times 10^{-8}$	-24.91	Yes
heav	hcro	40.7828000	-120.7286000	11/19/2009	4/18/2014	118	-87	-0.0181	62,679.4272	$-2.89 \times 10^{-7}$	-3.77	Yes
obsv	rave	40.7354000	-120.1575000	1/18/2014	1/24/2014	14	-87	-0.7642	18,771.0019	$-4.07 \times 10^{-5}$	-0.21	No
heav	rave	40.7828000	-120.7286000	1/14/2012	1/23/2014	70	99	-0.0363	29,822.8603	$-1.22 \times 10^{-6}$	-1.58	No
bflo	obsv	40.7288000	-119.8287000	9/19/2015	3/31/2016	106	-89	-0.4817	27,788.0314	$-1.73 \times 10^{-5}$	-1.68	No
bflo	p137	40.7288000	-119.8287000	7/8/2009	3/31/2016	146	79	0.0438	30,264.4815	$1.45 \times 10^{-6}$	8.53	Yes
blrk	p137	40.7697000	-119.0933000	11/5/2011	1/6/2014	41	-88	0.0603	32,400.9835	$1.86 \times 10^{-6}$	1.10	No

Table A2. Results for the new and extended NS baselines. This data extends that presented in [1].

From Station	To Station	Latitude	Longitude	Start Date	End Date	Num Points	Direction	dI	I	Strain	t value	Significant
<b>East of Cascades Transect</b>												
hlsy	obec	44.377605	-123.108683	3/24/2009	9/29/2013	888	179	-0.017456	34,635.269703	$-5.04 \times 10^{-7}$	-7.6	Yes
hlsy	lcso	44.377605	-123.108683	11/22/2006	9/29/2013	1316	0	0.023635	28,530.766851	$8.28 \times 10^{-7}$	19.1	Yes
lcso	p376	44.633997	-123.106207	4/10/2006	9/29/2013	1784	1	-0.001717	34,102.609541	$-5.04 \times 10^{-8}$	-5.7	Yes
p406	p411	45.190386	-123.151974	4/13/2007	7/26/2015	3487	-1	0.002231	38,636.527132	$5.78 \times 10^{-8}$	20.1	Yes
p408	p417	46.200451	-123.376223	6/30/2005	7/26/2015	4236	8	0.000054	42,037.722881	$1.29 \times 10^{-9}$	0.8	No
p417	p430	46.574452	-123.297505	6/28/2005	7/26/2015	4381	-13	-0.002473	48,857.534727	$-5.06 \times 10^{-8}$	-21.2	Yes
p418	p430	47.236345	-123.407376	4/13/2007	7/26/2015	3362	-175	-0.000073	25,971.306086	$-2.80 \times 10^{-9}$	-1.2	No
p368	p369	42.503331	-123.383210	4/13/2007	7/26/2015	3084	-3	0.004520	70,819.857464	$6.38 \times 10^{-8}$	21.2	Yes
p179	p191	42.098942	-123.685367	8/14/2007	7/26/2015	2942	13	0.000748	20,082.174166	$3.73 \times 10^{-8}$	11.8	Yes
p376	p406	44.941203	-123.102266	7/8/2005	7/26/2015	4424	-8	0.002129	27,970.245025	$7.61 \times 10^{-8}$	19.2	Yes
cush	p418	47.423303	-123.219685	1/1/2009	7/26/2015	2278	-146	-1.403389	25,157.800508	$-5.58 \times 10^{-5}$	-17.2	Yes
cush	p436	47.423303	-123.219685	1/1/2009	7/26/2015	1364	5	0.012449	69,451.493592	$1.79 \times 10^{-7}$	24.6	Yes
p191	p369	42.275220	-123.632060	8/14/2007	7/26/2015	2824	10	0.009537	97,491.967105	$9.78 \times 10^{-8}$	33.8	Yes
p191	p368	42.275220	-123.632060	8/14/2007	7/26/2015	2902	39	0.002941	32,593.774580	$9.02 \times 10^{-8}$	28.7	Yes
p369	p373	43.139753	-123.429036	1/7/2006	6/16/2015	3881	8	-0.000484	54,161.381620	$-8.94 \times 10^{-9}$	-5.4	Yes
hlsy	p373	44.377605	-123.108683	2/27/2007	9/29/2013	1822	-168	-0.008702	85,805.164705	$-1.01 \times 10^{-7}$	-17.1	Yes
p408	p409	46.200451	-123.376223	9/8/2005	7/26/2015	4225	165	0.004340	40,241.355698	$1.08 \times 10^{-7}$	38.4	Yes
p409	p411	45.851314	-123.239169	4/13/2007	7/26/2015	4073	170	0.003009	35,447.749620	$8.49 \times 10^{-8}$	26.3	Yes
p154	p179	41.807083	-123.360050	1/1/2010	12/31/2013	2908	-40	-0.003416	42,186.908832	$-8.10 \times 10^{-8}$	-23.2	Yes
p154	p155	41.807083	-123.360050	1/1/2010	12/31/2013	2892	167	-0.005321	61,103.137167	$-8.71 \times 10^{-8}$	-19.2	Yes
p155	p343	41.272400	-123.188800	1/1/2010	12/31/2013	2500	-164	-0.003626	44,513.290975	$-8.15 \times 10^{-8}$	-14.1	Yes
p331	p343	40.732900	-123.324100	1/1/2010	12/31/2013	2512	-3	-0.001433	17,150.925775	$-8.35 \times 10^{-8}$	-13.6	Yes
p331	p332	40.732900	-123.324100	1/1/2010	12/31/2013	2846	149	-0.002720	24,269.250431	$-1.12 \times 10^{-7}$	-24.8	Yes
p330	p332	40.324100	-123.135600	1/1/2010	12/31/2013	2846	-8	-0.003505	24,959.104575	$-1.40 \times 10^{-7}$	-25.0	Yes

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Coast Range Transect												
p020	p453	47.002208	-118.565770	1/1/2007	7/26/2015	6053	-9	-0.002518	85,247.284330	$-2.95 \times 10^{-8}$	-13.4	Yes
kahl	p020	46.641066	-118.557222	5/11/2007	10/11/2011	3200	-1	0.003173	40,147.931110	$7.90 \times 10^{-8}$	1.7	No
p021	p453	48.674580	-118.730067	1/1/2007	7/26/2015	5128	-179	-0.002568	101,826.055700	$-2.52 \times 10^{-8}$	-15.0	Yes
kahl	pndl	46.641066	-118.557222	5/24/2010	3/1/2011	434	-171	0.080378	109,499.943100	$7.34 \times 10^{-7}$	2.2	Yes
pndl	p386	45.669631	-118.790797	5/24/2010	3/1/2011	436	-174	-0.011790	141,474.358300	$-8.33 \times 10^{-8}$	-1.7	No
ors1	p386	44.164247	-119.058800	8/14/2007	7/26/2015	4709	15	-0.006238	27,493.848940	$-2.27 \times 10^{-7}$	-18.0	Yes
ors1	p392	44.164247	-119.058800	8/14/2007	7/26/2015	4840	177	0.001288	79,871.055820	$1.61 \times 10^{-8}$	4.5	Yes
ors2	p386	44.164139	-119.058800	8/25/2007	7/26/2015	3782	15	-0.006714	27,499.058230	$-2.44 \times 10^{-7}$	-15.1	Yes
p390	p392	43.033886	-118.928351	10/14/2008	7/26/2015	7958	-7	-0.000454	46,243.089850	$-9.81 \times 10^{-9}$	-4.4	Yes
ors2	p392	44.164139	-119.058800	8/25/2007	7/26/2015	3942	177	-0.001518	79,857.565980	$-1.90 \times 10^{-8}$	-4.0	Yes
lnrd	shld	41.476600	-118.710100	7/1/2011	6/13/2013	288	-30	-0.014553	50,415.310840	$-2.89 \times 10^{-7}$	-2.1	Yes
lnrd	sknd	41.476600	-118.710100	7/1/2011	5/17/2013	234	180	-0.022861	49,430.747750	$-4.62 \times 10^{-7}$	-2.2	Yes
rose	tire	40.804100	-118.712500	1/1/2010	12/28/2011	96	158	-0.121327	18,817.648370	$-6.45 \times 10^{-6}$	-19.2	Yes

**Table A3.** Results for the new and extended quadrilateral data (see **Figure 2** for locations of quadrilaterals). This data updates and extends that presented in [1].

<i>From Station</i>	<i>To Station</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>	<i>Num Points</i>	<i>Direction</i>	<i>dl</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>Strain</i>	<i>t value</i>	<i>Significant</i>
Northern California Quadrangle												
p339	p344	40.034100	-122.668200	1/1/2008	10/17/2015	5288	102	-0.003415	55,930.899054	$-6.11 \times 10^{-8}$	-51.4	Yes
p336	p344	39.528100	-122.430500	1/1/2008	3/31/2016	5924	38	-0.003279	56,335.350101	$-5.82 \times 10^{-8}$	-40.7	Yes
p335	p336	39.726200	-122.873600	6/13/2008	3/31/2016	5440	120	-0.000529	43,999.345782	$-1.20 \times 10^{-8}$	-6.4	Yes
p335	p339	39.726200	-122.873600	6/13/2008	10/17/2015	4804	27	-0.004239	38,469.198010	$-1.10 \times 10^{-8}$	-50.5	Yes
p335	p344	39.726200	-122.873600	6/13/2008	3/31/2016	5440	73	-0.003888	75,865.106799	$-5.12 \times 10^{-8}$	-35.9	Yes
p336	p339	39.528100	-122.430500	1/1/2008	10/17/2015	5288	-20	-0.005197	59,772.517588	$-8.69 \times 10^{-8}$	-53.6	Yes
Olympic Quadrangle												
p401	p402	47.937050	-124.556820	1/1/2008	11/15/2011	2822	135	-0.003475	26,731.265988	$-1.30 \times 10^{-7}$	-50.3	Yes
p401	p403	47.937050	-124.556820	1/1/2008	11/15/2011	2764	66	-0.007943	34,031.164555	$-2.33 \times 10^{-7}$	-24.3	Yes
p402	sc03	47.766113	-124.305714	1/1/2008	11/15/2011	2778	83	-0.004031	45,365.495642	$-8.89 \times 10^{-8}$	-14.8	Yes
p403	sc03	48.061986	-124.140421	1/1/2008	11/15/2011	2720	130	-0.007729	42,509.902266	$-1.82 \times 10^{-7}$	-14.6	Yes
p401	sc03	47.937050	-124.556820	1/1/2008	12/3/2013	3445	102	0.001334	65,114.528597	$2.05 \times 10^{-8}$	2.7	Yes
p402	p403	47.766113	-124.305714	1/1/2008	11/15/2011	2749	21	-0.005246	35,159.695802	$-1.49 \times 10^{-7}$	-37.7	Yes
neah	p403	48.297727	-124.624576	1/7/2006	11/15/2011	4549	126	0.000344	44,517.347117	$7.73 \times 10^{-9}$	3.2	Yes
neah	p401	48.297727	-124.624576	1/1/2008	12/3/2013	3423	173	-0.003981	40,424.468086	$-9.85 \times 10^{-8}$	-33.3	Yes
SE Oregon (Burns Junction) Quadrangle												
p390	p392	43.033886	-118.928351	10/14/2008	7/26/2015	7958	-7	-0.000454	46,243.089846	$-9.81 \times 10^{-9}$	-4.4	Yes
p392	p393	43.446599	-119.000837	10/14/2008	10/31/2013	3485	105	-0.006059	92,982.354934	$-6.52 \times 10^{-8}$	-29.6	Yes

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burn	p392	42.779500	-117.843529	8/14/2007	7/26/2015	4646	-52	0.002749	119,895.360158	$2.29 \times 10^{-8}$	7.5	Yes
burn	p390	42.779500	-117.843529	10/14/2008	7/26/2015	3805	-73	0.002058	93,022.922122	$2.21 \times 10^{-8}$	7.6	Yes
burn	p393	42.779500	-117.843529	10/14/2008	10/31/2013	3404	-4	-0.004888	50,710.530964	$-9.64 \times 10^{-8}$	-31.2	Yes
p390	p393	43.033886	-118.928351	10/14/2008	10/31/2013	3466	76	-0.004234	87,239.021448	$-4.85 \times 10^{-8}$	-26.5	Yes
<b>Vernonia Quadrangle</b>												
p405	p407	45.629181	-123.643561	5/4/2007	7/26/2015	2347	-32	-0.000494	42,514.295553	$-1.16 \times 10^{-8}$	-3.8	Yes
p407	p408	45.954651	-123.930828	4/13/2007	7/26/2015	3273	58	-0.001433	50,853.212199	$-2.82 \times 10^{-8}$	-7.0	Yes
p407	p409	45.954651	-123.930828	4/13/2007	7/26/2015	3380	102	0.002081	54,878.092183	$3.79 \times 10^{-8}$	10.2	Yes
p408	p409	46.200451	-123.376223	9/8/2005	7/26/2015	4225	165	0.004340	40,241.355698	$1.08 \times 10^{-7}$	38.4	Yes
p405	p409	45.629181	-123.643561	5/4/2007	7/26/2015	2479	52	0.004123	39,992.976944	$1.03 \times 10^{-7}$	19.5	Yes
p405	p411	45.629181	-123.643561	5/4/2007	7/26/2015	6374	105	0.001620	39,336.055845	$4.12 \times 10^{-8}$	12.1	Yes
p409	p411	45.851314	-123.239169	4/13/2007	7/26/2015	4073	170	0.003009	35,447.749620	$8.49 \times 10^{-8}$	26.3	Yes
p409	p414	45.851314	-123.239169	1/31/2008	7/26/2015	975	93	-0.001068	42,503.618734	$-2.51 \times 10^{-8}$	-5.4	Yes
p411	p414	45.537979	-123.157104	1/31/2008	7/26/2015	981	48	0.002912	48,974.955184	$5.95 \times 10^{-8}$	8.4	Yes
p408	p446	46.200451	-123.376223	4/9/2008	7/26/2015	2712	104	0.001834	38,541.187943	$4.76 \times 10^{-8}$	2.9	Yes
p409	p446	45.851314	-123.239169	4/9/2008	7/26/2015	2782	43	-0.002315	39,814.452101	$-5.82 \times 10^{-8}$	-8.1	Yes
p414	p446	45.834868	-122.692838	5/13/2008	7/26/2015	881	-26	-0.000509	34,846.944770	$-1.46 \times 10^{-8}$	-1.2	No



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