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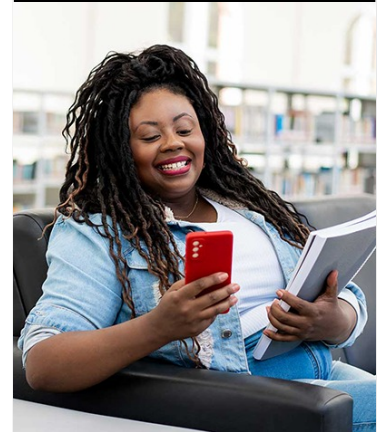
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Description:

Apply NASA technology (GPS, INSAR, VLBI, SLR, and GRACE) to a range of Earth phenomena, including earthquake strain accumulation, metropolitan Los Angeles deformation, western North America plate tectonics, plate motion, postglacial rebound, ice sheet changes, sea level rise, the earth's reference frame, spin axis wander, and earth center motion. Analyze positions of the 250 Global Positioning System receivers in the metropolitan Los Angeles SCIGN array, distinguish motion due to man managing water and oil resources from earthquake strain accumulation (building upon the study of Argus et al. [2005], and evaluate which faults are going to slip in moderate and large earthquakes to release the strain. Evaluate the slip rate and locking depth of the Puente Hills fault beneath Los Angeles and the Mojave segment of the San Andreas fault due north of Los Angeles (building also upon the study of Argus and Gordon [2001]). The research will result in a more accurate assessment of seismic hazard in metropolitan Los Angeles (bringing societal benefit, Strategic Sub-Goal 3A.7). Help build a model of postglacial rebound of Canada, Fennoscandia, and Antarctica using space geodesy, which will allow gravity change observed with GRACE due to current ice sheet changes in Greenland and Antarctica to be distinguished from gravity change due to postglacial rebound. This will allow the rate at which Greenland and Antarctic ice is disappearing into ocean water to be determined.



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Location:

Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Pasadena, California

Field of Science:Earth Science

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Eligibility Requirements • **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.