

**2000 SCEC Annual Progress Report**

**Portable Broadband Instrument Center**

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Field activities were somewhat slow after the Hector Mine RAMP deployment, but picked up over the course of the year. General equipment usage was extensive and mainly split between several large projects. A large portion of the PBIC effort has been in the development of an online database of the PBIC's equipment. The database will simplify management of the PBIC following the completion of this phase of the SCEC program.

### Equipment Usage

After the dust settled from the Hector Mine RAMP deployment. Some of the PBIC equipment was used for some noise test projects in March. At the end of March, Dr. Steidl (UCSB) re-deployed two stations for his portable borehole project. In mid April, Javier Favella (Caltech) ran a second phase of the Millikan shake project, utilizing most of the PBIC equipment until mid July. For about the same period, several recorders, including two of the CMG 40Ts, were used by Peter Adams (UCSC) for a cliff shaking project on the UCSC campus. After those projects were completed, Ralph Archuleta (UCSB) used a large portion of the equipment for the Santa Barbara Array project aimed at characterizing shaking in the Santa Barbara area. Individual pieces of equipment were also used frequently throughout the year in both PBIC and UCSB Geological Sciences outreach presentations.

The following table summarizes the projects that used PBIC equipment this year.

Dates	Institution	PI(s)	Experiment
3/30/00-current	UCSB	Steidl	Portable Borehole Study
02/08/00-03/08/00	GeoVision Inc	Rob Steller	Noise Test
04/19/00-07/12/00	Caltech	Favella/Heaton	Millikan Shake
04/20/00-06/01/00	UCSC	Anderson/Adams	UCSC Cliff Shaking
07/25/00-current	UCSB	Archuleta	Santa Barbara Array
09/09/00-01/18/01	USC Civil Eng	Bob Nigbor	Urban Microtremors

### Telemetry

The ARGOS satellite telemetry system proved its value during the Hector Mine Ramp deployment. It was used to monitor event counts and battery usage. It provided a useful tool for gauging when batteries would need to be replaced on all stations in the array. When Dr. Steidl re-deployed his stations for the portable borehole study, the ARGOS was re-deployed as well. The web interface (<http://www.crustal.ucsb.edu/~argos>) to the ARGOS data has been slightly improved, to provide some additional information and better presentation of errors related to transmission failures.

## **Hardware: Management, Development, Repair and Quality Control**

Hardware failures were pretty minimal this past year. We saw some timing errors related to the GPS upgrades that are still being investigated. There were several instances of GPSs that had reported locks, but never really synchronized the DAS timing. This is speculated to be a failure of the DAS/GPS combination to lock to the 1.0 Hz timing signal that is produced at lock time.

A current inventory of PBIC equipment is shown in Table 1.

## **Computational Support: Web and Software Development**

The PBIC web page access nearly doubled this past year, being accessed 30946 times by 2215 users in the year 2000.

Web page development was extensive this year. The static web pages containing instrument history and specs were quickly outdated by a database driven system that provides more information and is much more expandable. The main page available to users, <http://www.crystal.ucsb.edu/scec/pbic/equip/hist> (Figure 1), provides a table of the serialized equipment sectioned into separate categories and color coded by the current project they are on. Summary links in the section headers lead to tables summarizing the specifications of the equipment of that category. Links from each of the table cells on the main page lead to specification sheets for individual pieces of equipment that list repair and deployment histories. There is still quite a bit of data entry and data validation to complete, but that is already underway.

The database administration is web based as well, but is accessible only with a password validation. This provides a possible means of updating the database from a remote location. The administration interface provides facilities for equipment tracking, shifting equipment from one project to another. This information will be used for creating timelines of equipment usage. This timeline generation is already developed, but there is still some data entry to complete before it will be of much use. The database will help automate equipment check out and check in and provide instant access to the information once its entered. It has been used for the past several months for logging and tracking equipment and seems to be working very well.

Major software development was not very heavy this year. The assc program for performing event association from the reftek log files was modified. User specified begin and end dates can be specified within which to associate the data. This is of use for large datasets where the SEG-Y format files cannot all fit on a single filesystem. Additionally some new scripts for getting statistics from the association were added in the forms of some scripts to be run on assc output files.

There were many other minor refinements to existing software and scripts.

## **Outreach**

The PBIC remained active in outreach programs, giving two presentations to local schools in association with ICS personnel in the past year, and providing additional resources for many other presentations by UCSB Geology personnel.

Another outreach program, run in conjunction with the SCEC Borehole Initiative, has proven very popular. PC-compatible computers running RedHat Linux were placed in three schools where borehole seismometers have been installed. The program's web site (<http://www.crystal.ucsb.edu/scec/outreach>), maintained at the Institute for Crustal Studies, has had 7416 accesses by 1200 different users.

## Publications

The following publications reference data collected using the PBIC equipment.

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- Martin, A., J. H. Steidl, E. Cochran, and R. J. Archuleta (2000). The SCEC Hector Mine portable Deployment, *EOS, American Geophysical Union Transactions*, 81, p. 841-842.
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**Table 1:**  
**Equipment Inventory**

The following table outlines the PBICs current major equipment inventory. Various subsystems, such as AC power and solar power, are not listed.

Qty.	Model	Description
9	72A-02	16 bit data acquisition system (DAS)
13	72A-08	16/24 bit data acquisition system (DAS)
28	72A-05/PBIC	External hard disk subsystems (1Gb)
22	111A	GPS units
18	L4C3D	1Hz velocity transducer
18	FBA23	Force Balance Accelerometer
5	CMG40T	Intermediate period 3 component sensor
5	CMG40T Interface	CMG40T Break out box interface
2	CMG40T Calibration	CMG40T interface/calibration unit
2	72A-03	Portable exabyte tape system
2		2-4 Gb Portable Data transfer disk
31	Charge Controllers	Photovoltaic charge controllers
33	Solar Panels	Photovoltaic solar panels
4		HP style palmtop computer

Figure 1:

**Netscape: Equipment inventory (php)**

Location: <http://www.crystal.ucsb.edu/soec/pbic/equip/hist/>

### Equipment Inventory Database

[Return to PBIC Home](#) | [Return to Equipment History](#)

This page is an interface to the pbic database. More and more information about the equipment and experiments is being maintained in the database. The equipment listings are color coded by experiment. The color of the table cell indicates which experiment or project the equipment is currently being used for. For simplicity, we count the PBIC lab as an experiment, so items in the lab will be color coded appropriately. The color legend to the right will show any active experiments or projects used for color coding in the tables to follow.

The "Summary Table" link allows you to see the specs for all the systems of the that type. Clicking on the equipment id in each table cell will provide you with detailed information about the specifications, mobilizations between projects and repair history of that item.

Santa Cruz Cliff Shaking

Santa Barbara Array

PBIC Lab

Van Norman Dam

Northern Baja Broadband Experiment

**Data Acquisition System Histories (Summary Table)**

DAS-0411	DAS-0416	DAS-0489	DAS-0500	DAS-0501	DAS-0502	DAS-0503	DAS-0504
DAS-0506	DAS-0507	DAS-0593	DAS-0629	DAS-0630	DAS-0631	DAS-0632	DAS-0695
DAS-0696	DAS-0717	DAS-0883	DAS-0884	DAS-1043	DAS-1044		

**Disk Recording Subsystem Histories (Summary Table)**

DRS-5088	DRS-5089	DRS-51002	DRS-51003	DRS-5228	DRS-5229	DRS-5230	DRS-5231
DRS-5232	DRS-5233	DRS-5234	DRS-5235	DRS-5346	DRS-5347	DRS-5485	DRS-5492
DRS-5493	DRS-5494	DRS-5495	DRS-5560	DRS-5561	DRS-FD01	DRS-FD02	DRS-FD03
DRS-FD04	DRS-FD05	DRS-TXD01	DRS-TXD02				

**Global Positioning System Histories (Summary Table)**

GPS-0349	GPS-0407	GPS-0444	GPS-0456	GPS-0460	GPS-0461	GPS-0462	GPS-0468
GPS-0511	GPS-0512	GPS-0513	GPS-0514	GPS-0515	GPS-0516	GPS-0517	GPS-0528
GPS-0589	GPS-0590	GPS-0890	GPS-0891	GPS-1439	GPS-1440		

**Broadband Sensor Histories (Summary Table)**

CMG-T41036	CMG-T41049	CMG-T4510	CMG-T4511	CMG-T4512			
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**Broadband Sensor Control Unit Histories (Summary Table)**

BU-G2124	BU-G2125	BU-G2141	BU-G2142	BU-G2143	CU-G0848	CU-G2146	
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**Velocity transducer Histories (Summary Table)**

L4C3D-0909	L4C3D-0910	L4C3D-1108	L4C3D-1109	L4C3D-1110	L4C3D-1111	L4C3D-1112	L4C3D-1113
L4C3D-1114	L4C3D-1115	L4C3D-1116	L4C3D-1199	L4C3D-1200	L4C3D-1201	L4C3D-1315	L4C3D-1316
L4C3D-1847	L4C3D-1848						

**Force Balance Accelerometer Histories (Summary Table)**

FBA-26866	FBA-26869	FBA-26903	FBA-26906	FBA-26914	FBA-26917	FBA-26920	FBA-26935
FBA-26938	FBA-26941	FBA-26944	FBA-33906	FBA-33909	FBA-35585	FBA-35588	FBA-36586
FBA-36589	FBA-36592						

**Active Sensor Interface Histories (Summary Table)**

AI-01	AI-02	AI-03	AI-04	AI-05	AI-06	AI-07	AI-08
AI-09	AI-10	AI-11	AI-12	AI-13	AI-14	AI-15	AI-16
AI-17							

**Photovoltaic Solar Panel Histories (Summary Table)**

MSX10-01	MSX10-02	MSX10-03	MSX10-04	MSX10-05	MSX10-06	MSX10-07	MSX10-08
MSX10-09	MSX10-10	MSX10-11	MSX10-12	MSX30-05	MSX30-06	MSX30-07	MSX30-08
MSX30-09	MSX30-10	MSX30-11	MSX30-12	MSX30-13	MSX30-14	MSX30-15	MSX30-16
MSX30-17	MSX30-18	MSX30-19	MSX30-20	MSX30-21	MSX30-22	MSX30-23	MSX30-24
MSX30-25							

**Solar Charge Controller Histories (Summary Table)**

CC-05	CC-06	CC-07	CC-08	CC-09	CC-10	CC-11	CC-12
CC-13	CC-15	CC-16	CC-17	CC-18	CC-19	CC-20	CC-21
LVD-25	LVD-26	LVD-27	LVD-29	LVD-30	LVD-31	SS-001	SS-002
SS-003	SS-004	SS-005	SS-006	SS-007	SS-008	SS-009	

**Hardigg Equipment Case Histories (Summary Table)**

HDG-001	HDG-002	HDG-003	HDG-004	HDG-005	HDG-006	HDG-007	HDG-008
HDG-009	HDG-010	HDG-101	HDG-102	HDG-103	HDG-104	HDG-105	HDG-106
HDG-107	HDG-108	HDG-109	HDG-201	HDG-202	HDG-203	HDG-204	HDG-205
HDG-206	HDG-207	HDG-208	HDG-401	HDG-402	HDG-403		

**Battery Histories (Summary Table)**

GC31-01	GC31-02	GC31-03	GC31-08	GC31-17	GC31-20	GC31-21	GC31-24
GC31-25	GC31-31	GC31-33	GC31-34	GC31-35	GC31-36	GC31-37	GC31-38

**Figure 2:**