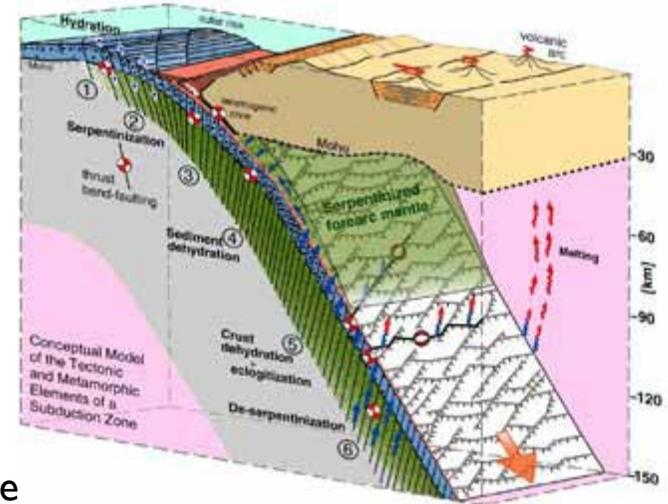
An aerial photograph of a research vessel on the ocean. The vessel is white with a blue hull and is equipped with various scientific instruments, including a large white spherical radar dome. A large, rectangular net is being deployed from the deck, creating a large, white, rectangular shape on the water's surface. The water is a deep blue color with some ripples.

NSF Notes for MLSOC Early Career Scientist Workshop

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How things work:



- Define the study
 - clearly state the problem & why its interesting
 - justify use of marine seismic data; specifically, what key questions will the data/analysis answer, and how well? do the data already exist?
 - design experiment/analysis: what coverage needed? is this feasible
 - select PIs (team?): review tasks, expertise needed, extent of analysis planned (stages for this?), designate archive duties
- Proposal Process
 - Submit: UNOLS ship request form, (OBSIP cost estimate if using Ocean Bottom Seismometers), Project Description, Budget, Data Management Plan
 - expert 'Mail' reviews, broader 'Panel' evaluation, Program decision
 - revise & re-submit if not funded on first try
- Programs to Consider
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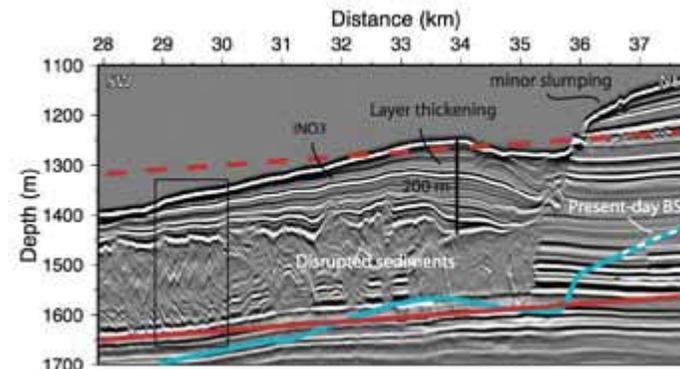


How things work:

When high priority for Program, AND funds are available, AND scheduling within 1-2 yrs is possible, Program will recommend an award

- Project Steps

- double check shiptime request
- environmental compliance review
- scheduling
- cruise: precruise planning with ship operator; at sea (possible adjustments to plans due to onsite conditions?); cruise assessment
- data processing, analysis, handling for archive
- award reporting
- publication of results
- data open for use by others



Funding Models:

The major recommendations adopted at the Lake Tahoe workshop

Open-access, community programs. Establish a hybrid model that maintains standard, PI-driven cruises for smaller projects, but that incorporates and encourages new modes of cooperative projects that create open-access, rapidly released data sets available to the entire community.

NSF considers all of these types of requests

- Individual PI or Collaborative Research with a couple PIs
- Open Access data
 - Cascadia 2-D COAST (Steve Holbrook, 2012)
 - New Jersey Shelf 3-D (Greg Mountain, 2014)
- Community Experiment ('buy-in' must be strong & process must be open)
 - Eastern North America Margin (Harm van Avendonk, 2014)

actual community use & outcomes yet to be seen

The screenshot shows the website for the EarthScope-GeoPRISMS Science Workshop for Eastern North America Margin. The page features a navigation menu with links for Home, Initiatives & Sites, Research, Data Portal, Education, Meetings, About Us, and Calendars. Below the navigation, there are social media links for Facebook and Twitter. The main content area is titled "New in ENAM: EarthScope-GeoPRISMS Science Workshop for Eastern North America Margin" and includes a circular logo with the acronym "RIE". The text describes the Eastern North America Margin (ENAM) as the final product of continental rifting, recording the full history of rift evolution and post-rift processes. It highlights large variations in fundamental rift parameters, including magmatism, lithospheric template, and rifting duration. The ENAM encompasses large variations in fundamental rift parameters, including the volume of magmatism, the pre-existing lithospheric template, and the duration of rifting. In particular, rifting along the southeastern United States was associated with voluminous magmatism, whereas the northernmost portion of this margin offshore of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland is distinctly magma-poor. ENAM also captures an extensive post-rift evolution of the passive margin sedimentary prism as well as the cooling and further evolution of the mantle lithosphere below. Finally, there are further compelling logistical benefits to studying ENAM, including the US infrastructure, including Earthscope (in particular, upcoming USArray deploy of the Sea survey activities).

Initiatives

- Science Overview
- Subduction Cycles and Deformation
 - ExTerra
- Rift Initiation and Evolution

Sites

- Alaska
- Cascadia
 - Cascadia DCL
 - CIET Cruises 2013
- East Africa Rift
- Eastern North America
 - Community Seismic Experiment

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A few things relatively firm, now

IPS continues to have ship and technician funds for ~180 days of Langseth work per year (less if 3-D seismics planned for a given year)

MGG/MARGINS has supported 50-150 days/yr on Langseth since 2008 (*Holik review*)

NSF-supported 2014 schedule appears on the low side of this average

Prospects for 2015- likely slimmer but subsequent year/two look like they could be strong

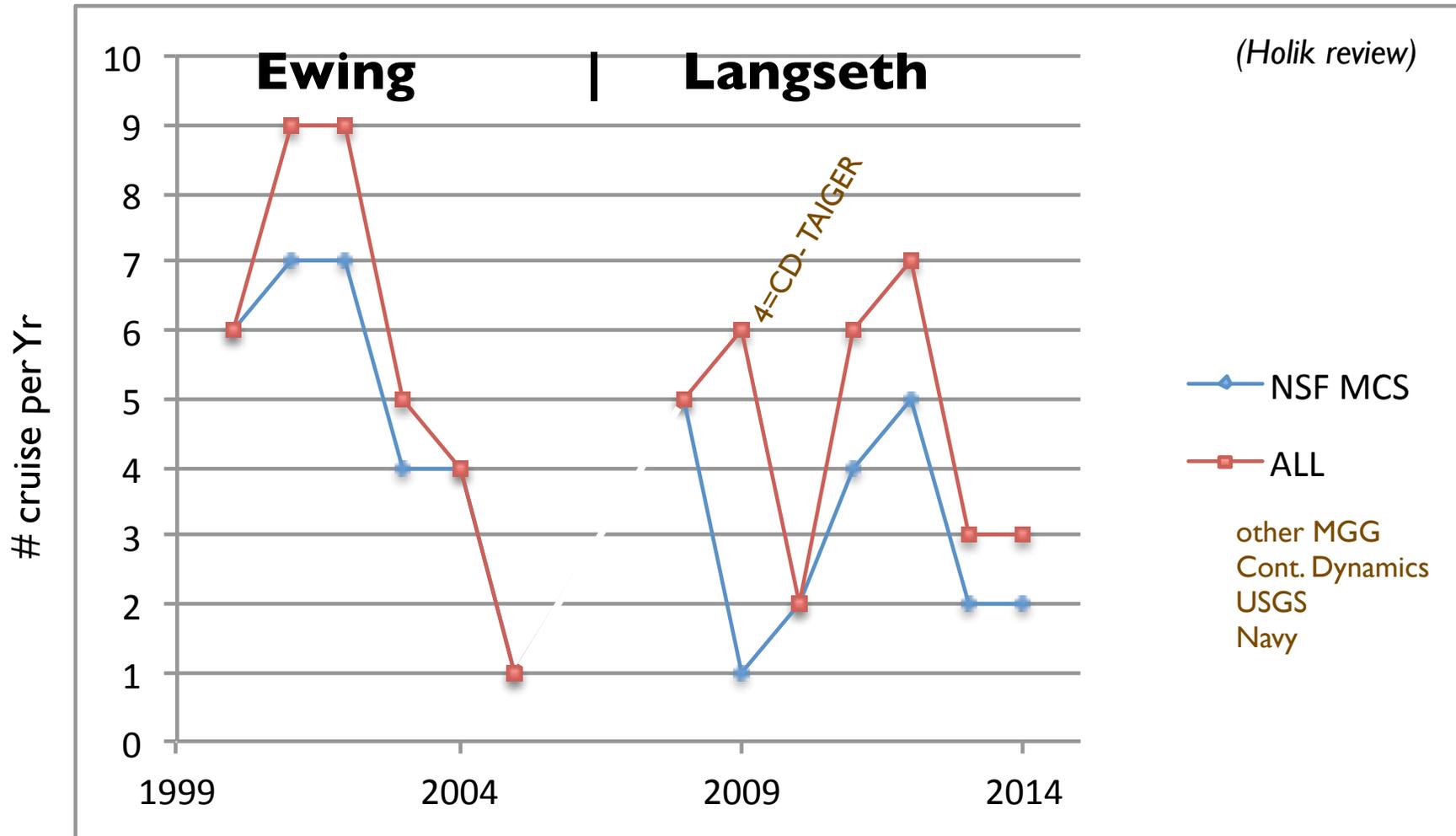
combination of scientific readiness, region of highest priority projects, ongoing large geophysics-heavy projects

'outlook' regions currently in view

Additional Atlantic/Mediterranean region prospects

SW Pacific, Eastern Indian Ocean, Central & N Pacific

Seismic Ship Use



Recent MCS Funding MGG (incl GeoPRISMS) 2008-2013

2042 Total # proposals

316 (15%) seismic proposals (MCS, OBS, hydrophone, onshore; anal & exp)

163 (8%) MCS proposals: 52% of seismic proposals; 82 projects

27-30% annual success rate (by # proposals, slightly lower PI rate)

24 (15%) 3-D MCS proposals

28 (17%) MCS + OBS refraction

24 (15%) portable or hi-res system

39 (24%) analysis of existing data

45 MCS PIs (4.2% of all 2008-2013 PIs)



Points to Consider

We are still learning about the strengths, challenges, and outcomes for Community Experiments

assessment is needed (planning process, acquisition, data provision, pace of analyses & number involved, impact of findings, publications)

just moving into post-acquisition phase for COAST (and Cascadia Initiative); Do have record for IRIS GSN/Passcal/DMC but does specific community matter?

Projects that can (sensibly) leverage other assets/funds could extend the scope of research that NSF supports

Multiple NSF programs have science objectives that can advance via use of MCS

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