



# SZ4D update for Marine Seismic Research Operations Committee



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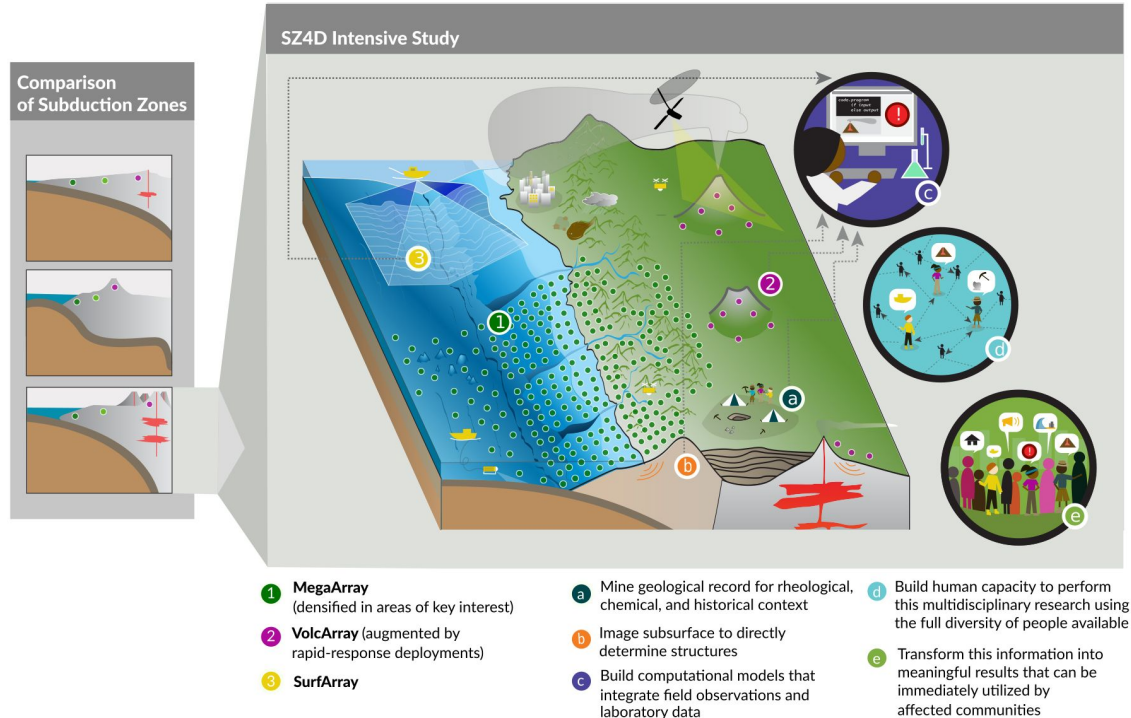
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- 1) Overview & Status
- 2) Plans
- 3) Updates
- 4) Discussion

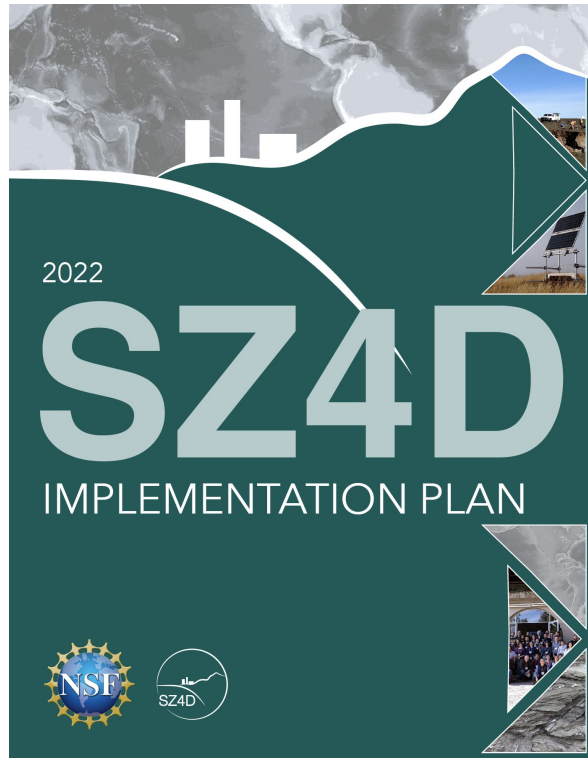
# What is SZ4D?



- A community-driven initiative for a long-term, interdisciplinary research program to understand the limits and possibilities of predicting geohazards
- Utilizes subduction zones as ideal natural laboratories
- Works to create the multifaceted infrastructure and aligned activities to enable new discoveries
- Brings together a diverse community of scientists from a wide range of disciplines and backgrounds to study earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and mass wasting



# Implementation Report Released November 2022



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# Working Groups defined science goals and strategies



Faulting & Earthquake  
Cycles Working Group  
(FEC)



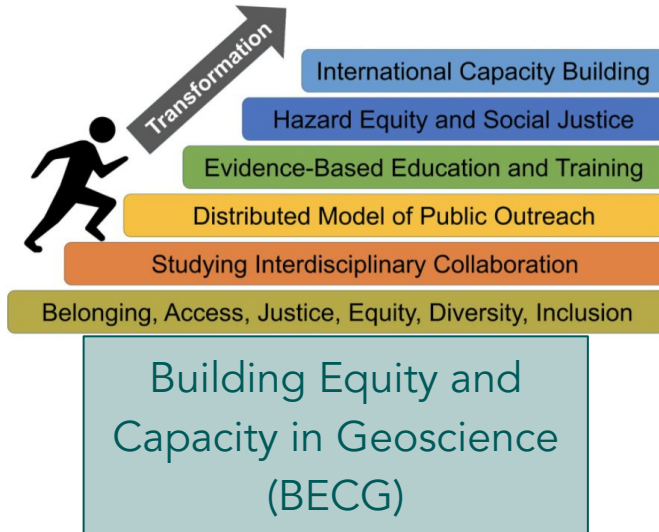
Magmatic Drivers of  
Eruption Working Group  
(MDE)



Landscapes & Seascapes  
Working Group  
(L&S)

# SZ4D RCN Accomplishments

**Integrative Groups** formed to plan infrastructure and activities that reach across the system



What do we need to do to make a real difference in defining the limits and possibilities of prediction?

Capture **events** in **context**

Requires long-term, systematic  
instrumentation

AND

collaborative, interdisciplinary regional focus

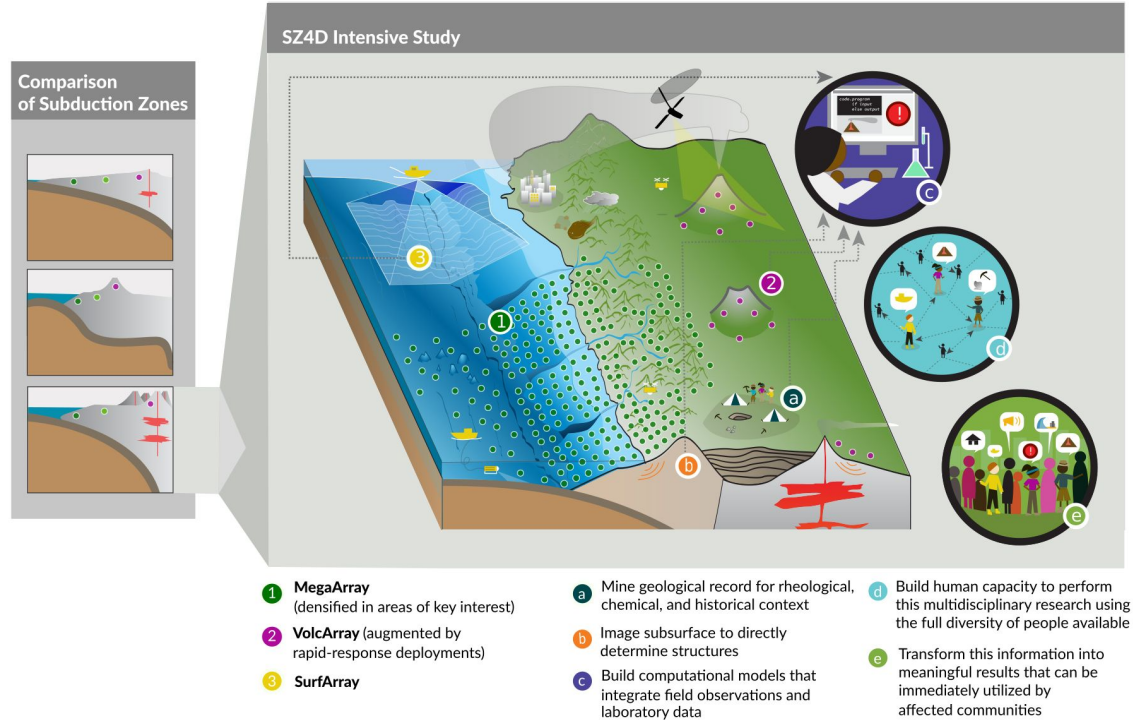
# Instrumentation and activities as described in implementation report

## Observational arrays

- MegaArray
  - VolcArray
  - SurfArray
- MultiArray

## Activities

- Analysis of data from arrays
- Other observations:
  - Field geology
  - Geophysical imaging
- Numerical modeling
- Lab experiments
- Training and outreach



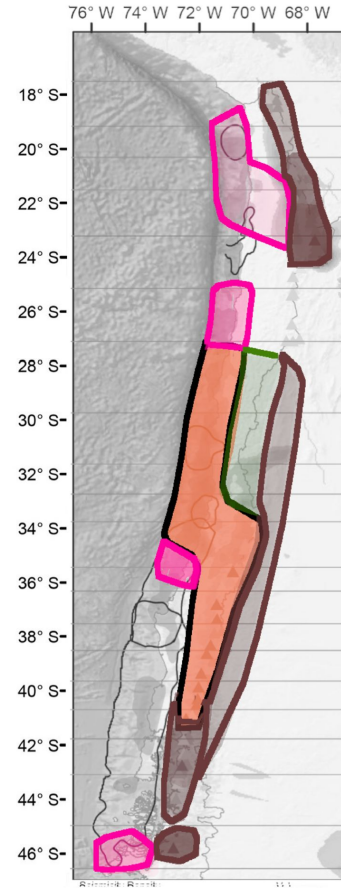
# Locations for study

## Recommend

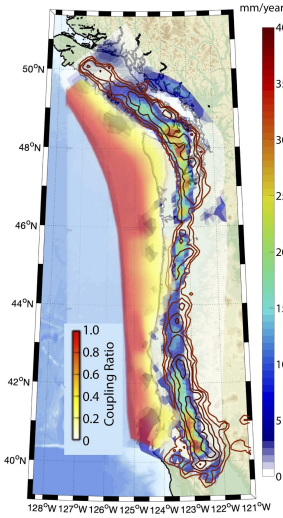
- Complementary domestic and international sites

## Focus Regions

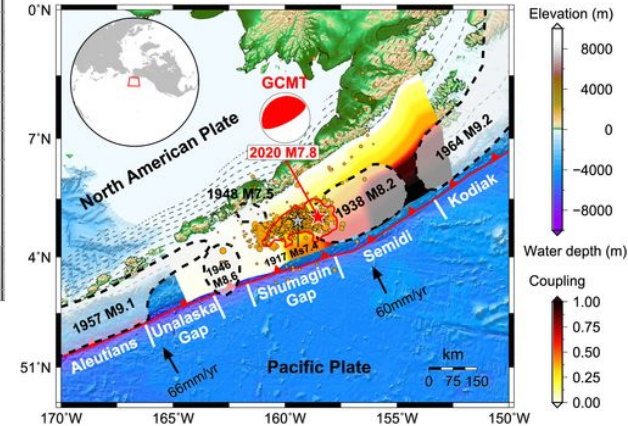
- Chile  
70% Instrumentation; 50% Activities
- Cascadia & Alaska  
30% Instrumentation; 50% Activities



Outcome of AndesNet [2023]



Bartlow (2020)

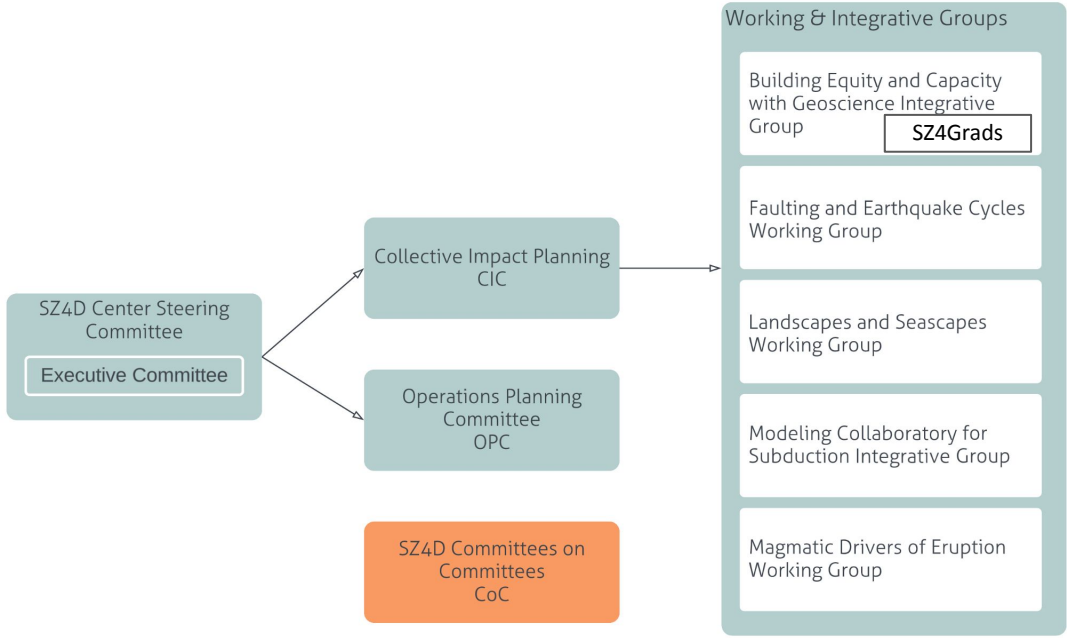


Liu et al. (2020)



# SZ4D Governance

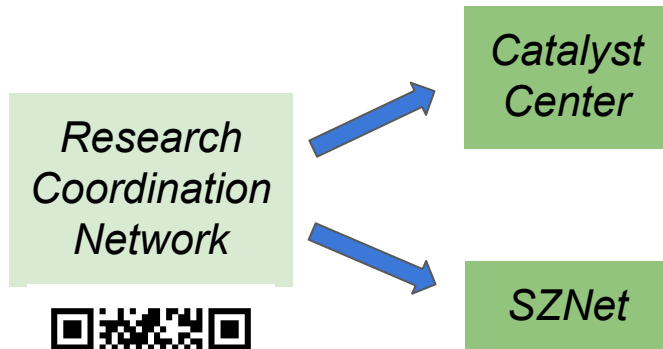
Engaging ~150 representatives from ~95 institutions across the globe



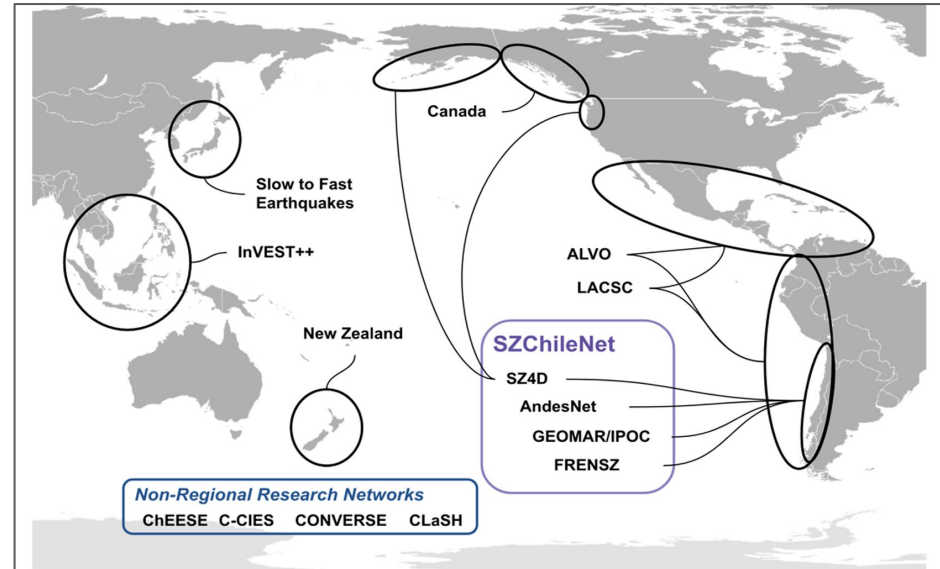
*Regular rotations of committees and annual call for volunteers - sign up!*

# Recent Accomplishments: Funding & Products

- Implementation report released November 2022
- Funding for the Catalyst Center project ~\$2M
- Funding for SZNet through Accelnet International Network-to-Network Collaborations program ~\$2M



Implementation Plan



# Accomplishments: Catalyst Center

## Catalyst Proposal

1. A staffed center that organizes the work and Builds Equity and Capacity with Geoscience (BECG) following a Collective Impact model.
  - a. E-newsletter launched (1380 subscribers), website & listserv updated
  - b. Community Meeting Houston, Nov 14-16
  - c. Townhalls/Presentations at AGU, SZS, SAGE/GAGE, SSA + Virtual (June 2023), Earth Educators Rendez-Vous
  - d. Translation services (Implementation Plan and Zoom meetings)
  - e. Bylaws and new committees launch engaging ~150 scientists
  - f. Partnership with AndesNet
  - g. BECG plan revised to focus on matchmaking and communities of practice
  - h. SZ4Grads webinars
2. Technical project management to realistically evaluate costs and trade-offs of the instrumentation options.
  - a. Array regions defined (blobs on the map) based on Termas El Corazón Meeting 2.0, June 12-14, 2023
  - b. Preliminary instrumentation lists assembled
  - c. Data management task force launched
  - d. Network performance models begun
  - e. Cable Committee Report
3. Preparatory work for the geological, modeling and laboratory facilities that include workshops and modest engineering design work.
  - a. Lab Workshop August 2022
  - b. GeoArray Workshop, Oct 8
  - c. ML/AI Virtual Workshop August 2023



# SZNet

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
<b>Overall Coordination</b>				
In Person Coordination Meetings	X		X	
Quarterly Virtual Coordination Meetings	X	X	X	X
<b>Mission 1: Compare Observations of Subduction Zones</b>				
Topical In Person Workshops	Legacy Data		Geohazard Predictability and Prediction	
International Virtual Webinars	X	X	X	X
Legacy Data Ingestion & Data Portal	X	X	X	X
<b>Mission 2: Cooperation to Consistently Instrument Critical Subduction Zones</b>				
Mission 2 Topical In Person Workshops		Ocean Floor Lab Capabilities		Geological Field Data
<b>Mission 3: Develop &amp; Nurture International &amp; Diverse Early Career Scientists</b>				
Cascadia Field School	X			
Chilean Field School		X		
Chilean Pilot Project			X	
Cascadia Pilot Project				X
Student Exchanges	X	X	X	X
<b>Milestones</b>				
	Launch of coordinating committee & initiation of activities	Launch of data portal	Execution of major in-person workshop that aligns plans	Submission of coordinated deployment proposals

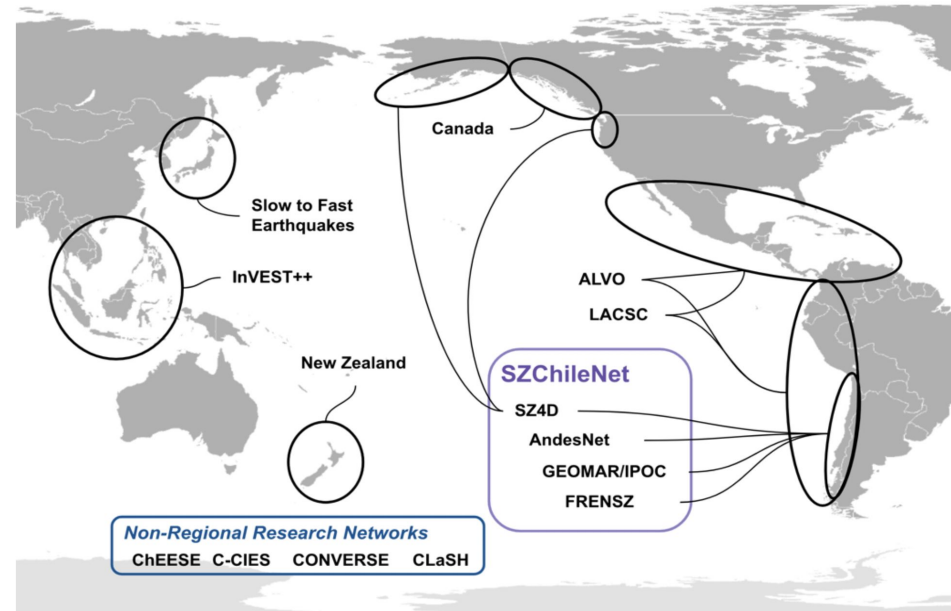
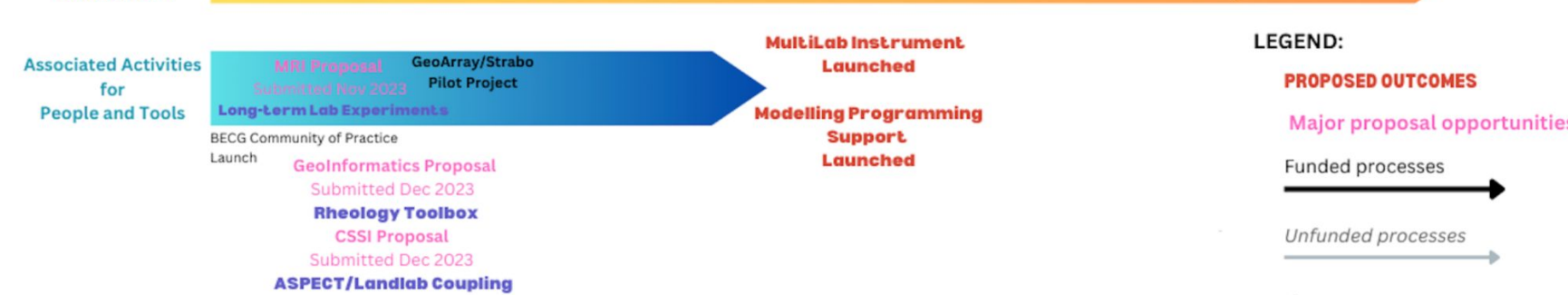


Figure 4. Geographic distribution of focus areas of partner networks. Some networks, such as ChEESE, C-CIES, CONVERSE and CLaSH, do not have a geographic focus.

(PIs: Brodsky, Carter) - \$1,999,834

AccelNet-Implementation: SZNet - A Coordinated Global Effort to Understand Subduction Geohazards

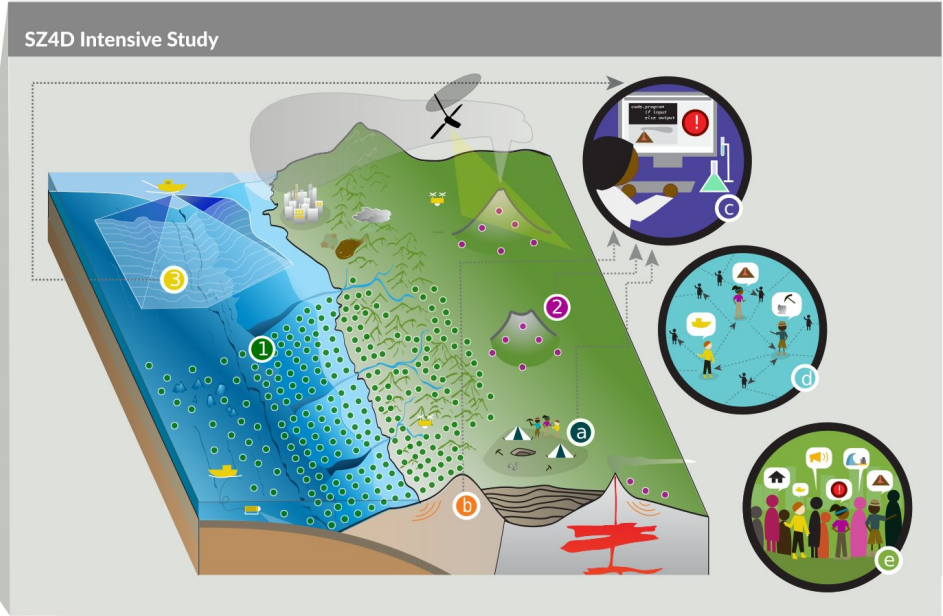
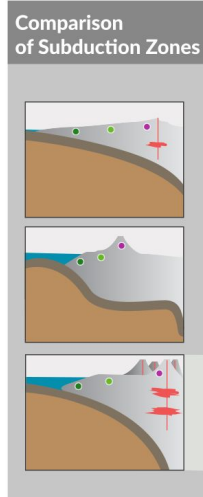
# SZ4D: Future Plans



# Components of instrumentation most relevant to marine seismic community

## Observational arrays: MultiArray

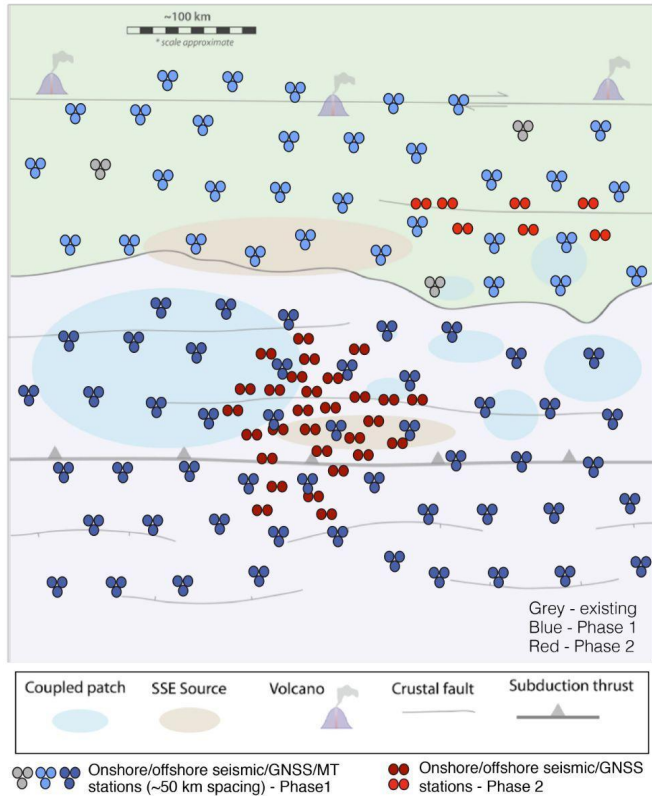
- MegaArray
  - Seafloor seismic & geodetic
- VolcArray
- SurfArray
  - Bathymetric mapping



- 1 **MegaArray**  
(densified in areas of key interest)
- 2 **VolcArray** (augmented by rapid-response deployments)
- 3 **SurfArray**
- a Mine geological record for rheological, chemical, and historical context
- b Image subsurface to directly determine structures
- c Build computational models that integrate field observations and laboratory data
- d Build human capacity to perform this multidisciplinary research using the full diversity of people available
- e Transform this information into meaningful results that can be immediately utilized by affected communities

# MegaArray

MegaArray



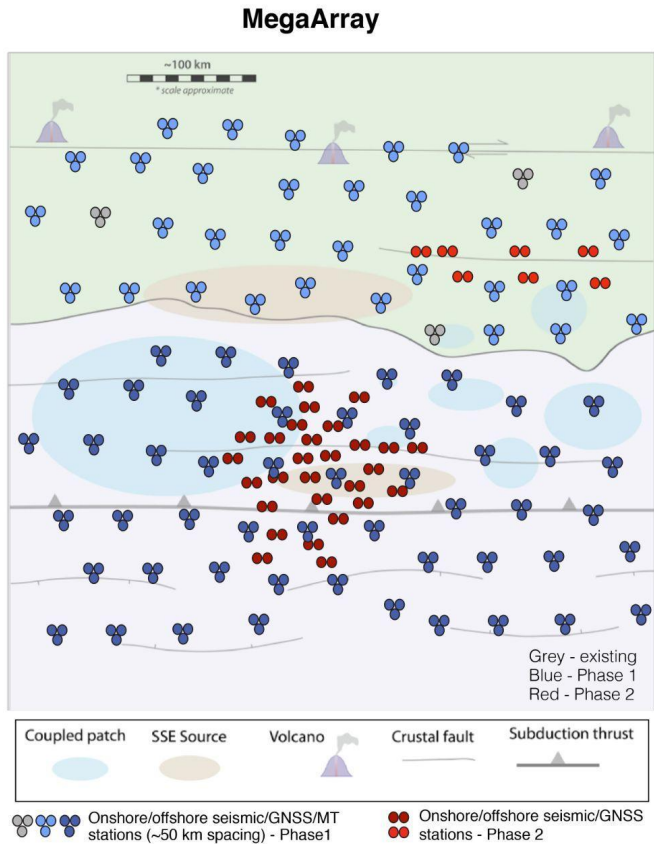
Phase 1: Backbone imaging and characterization of subduction zone behavior, *leveraging existing data*

- Exploring opportunity to use local ship
- Current costing/design based on existing OBS capabilities

Phase 2: Detailed characterization of areas of interest informed by Phase 1

- Exploring how new technologies could address science needs

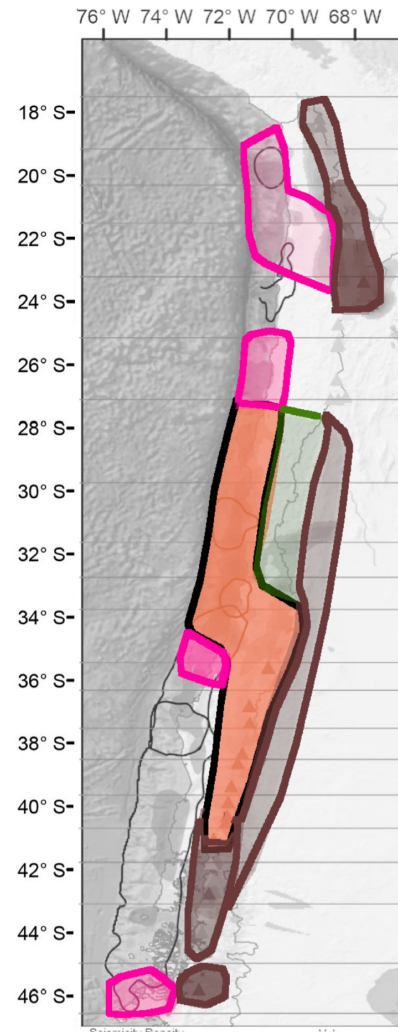
# MegaArray



Current effort to adapt “notional” arrays to real geography

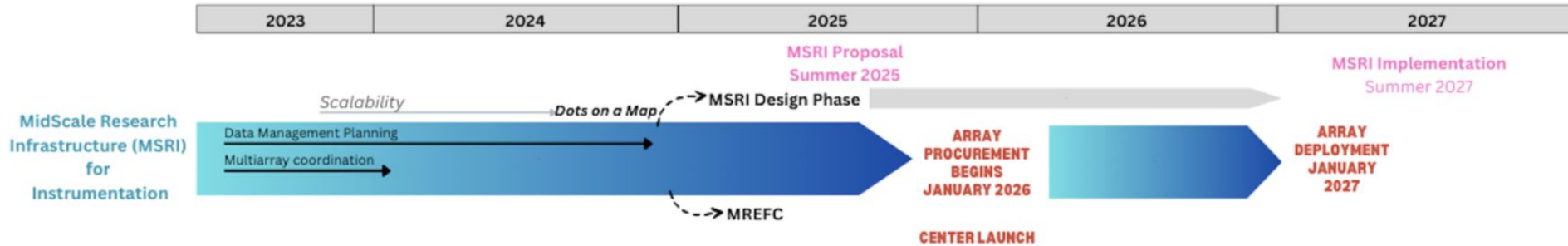


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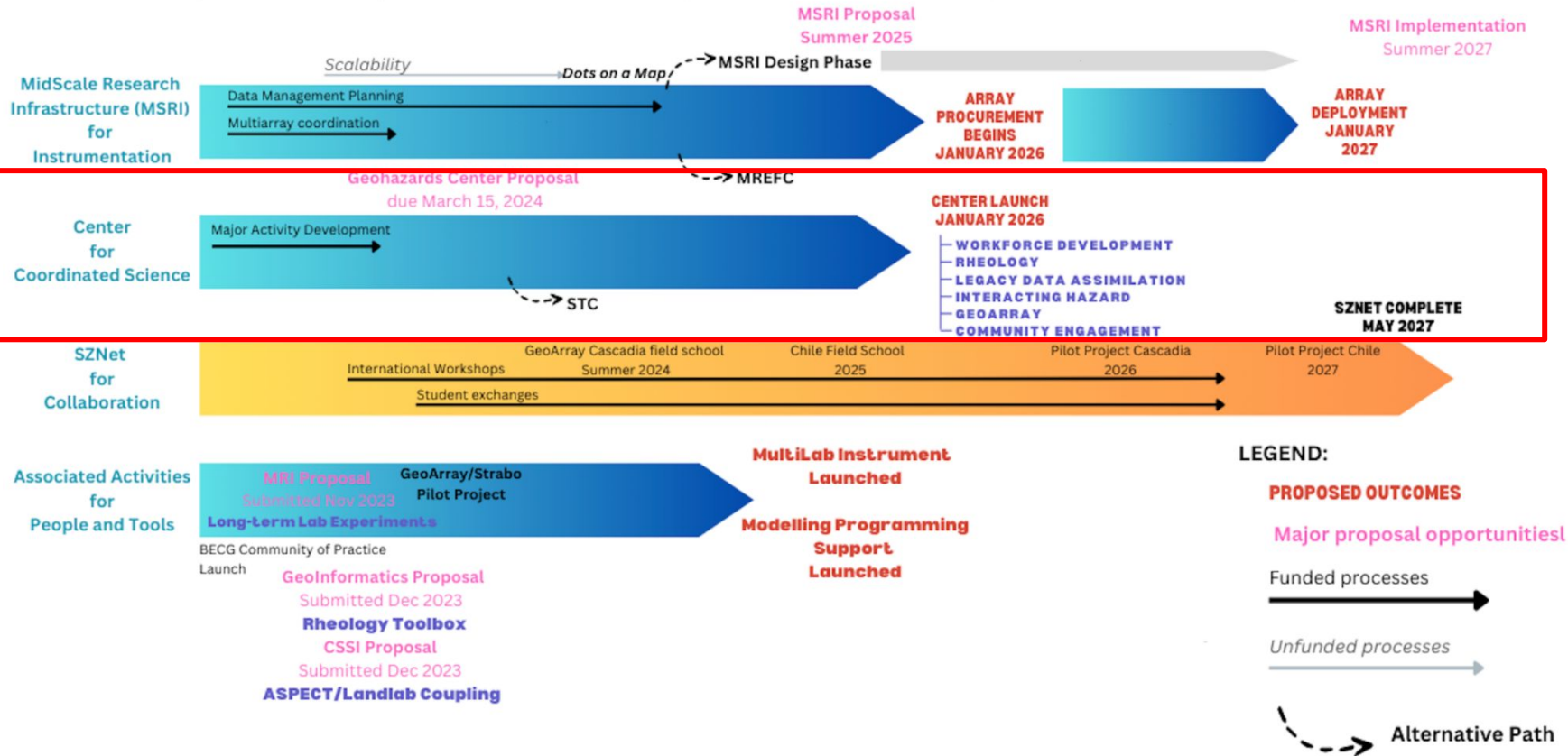
# Timeline for the Equipment and Arrays



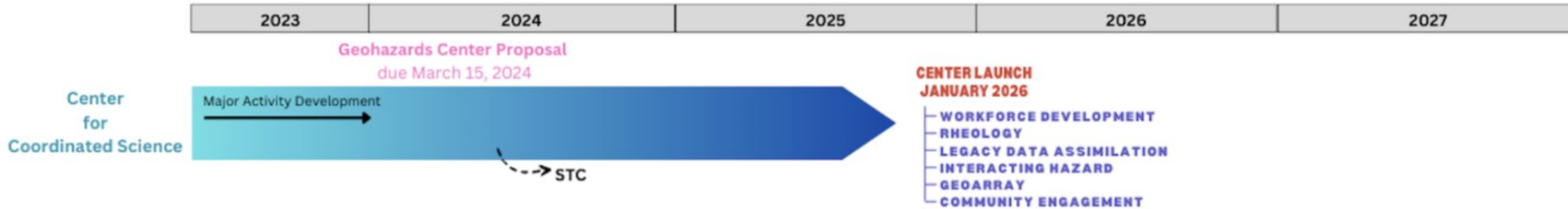
Current plan: NSF Mid-Scale Research-2 Implementation (\$20-100M)

- Can fund equipment but not research
- Planning: Management, Multiarray, Scalability
- Alternatives
  - 1) MSRI-1 Design - <\$4M to design array configuration and new technology
  - 2) MREFC - Major Research Equipment and Facility Construction (>\$100M)

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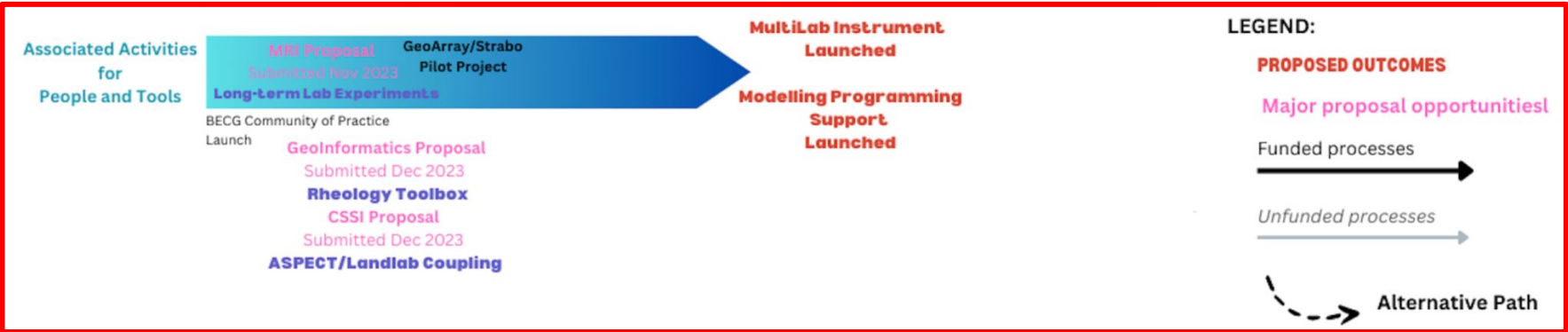
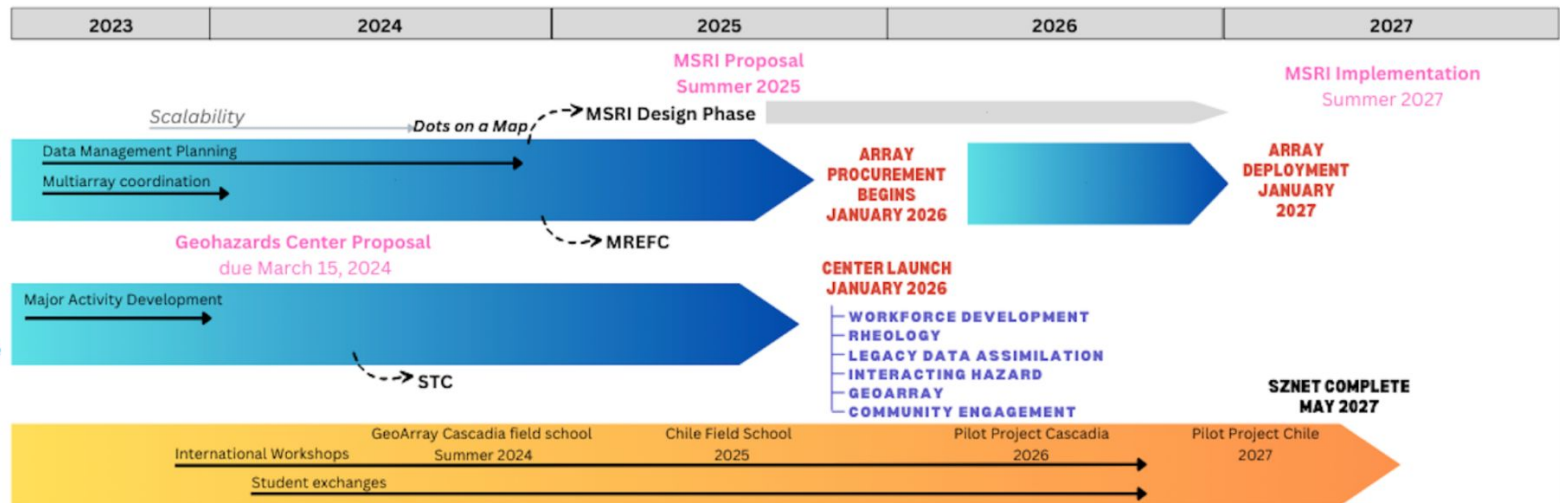
# Timeline for Center



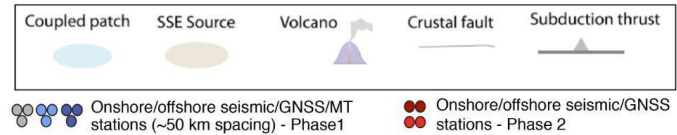
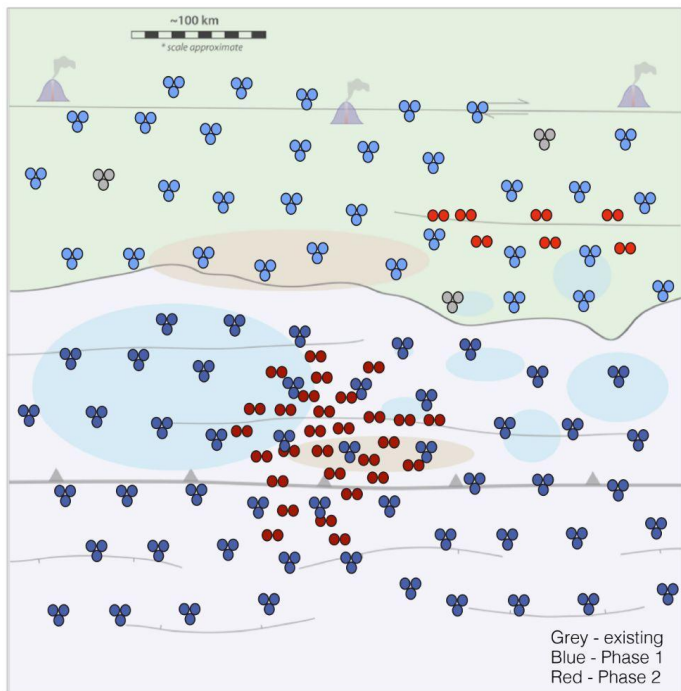
Current plan: NSF Track II Geohazards Center (\$3 Million/yr over 5 years)

- Alternative: Science and Technology Center (\$5M/yr over 5 years, no deadline)
- Main Pillars for Center
  - 1) Interacting Hazards
  - 2) Multidisciplinary Rheology
  - 3) Data Assimilation
  - 4) Geo-Array
  - 5) Workforce Development & Community Engagement

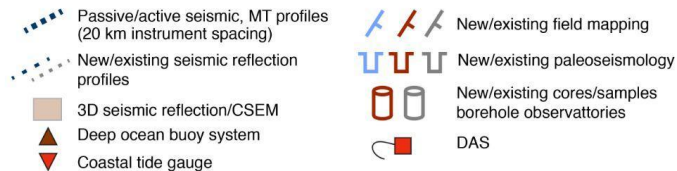
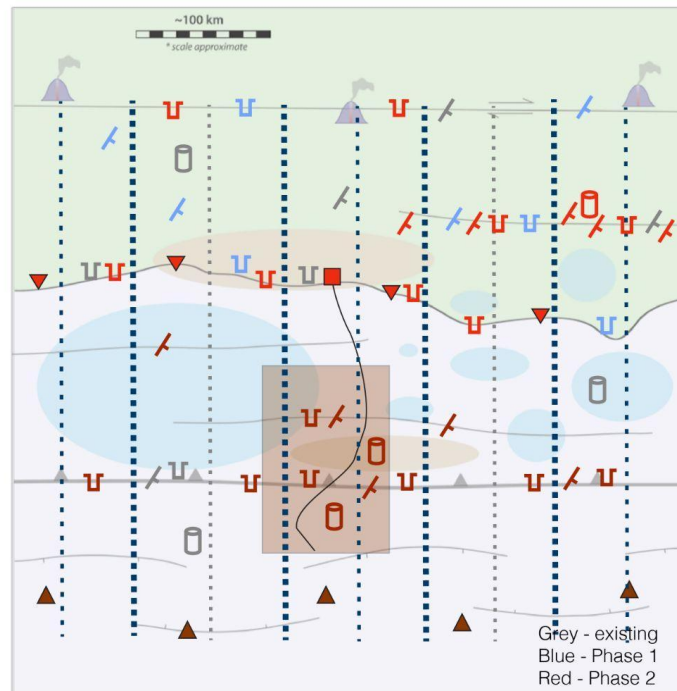
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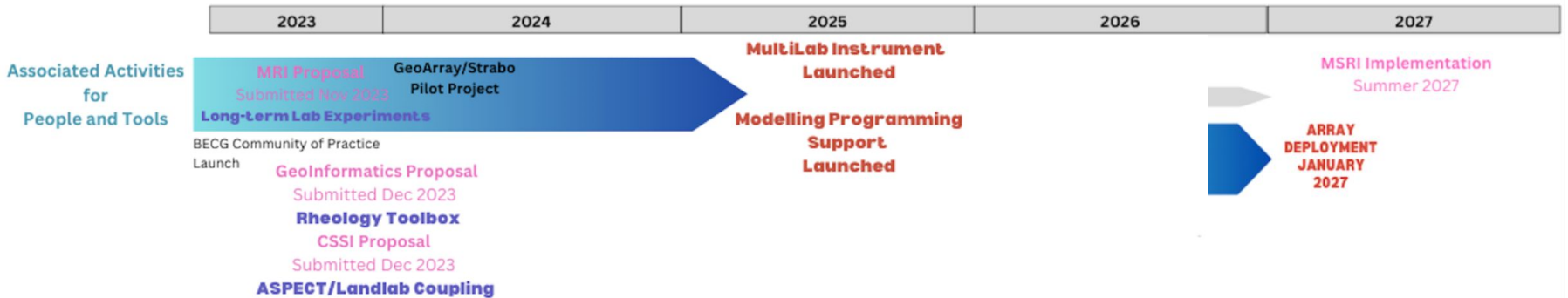
## MegaArray



## Geological & Geophysical Studies



# Other activities



- Many aspects of SZ4D science cannot be included in infrastructure proposal or GeoHazards Center proposal
- PI-led science to core programs can leverage SZ4D Implementation plan and connect to science community through SZ4D office/community
  - Example: several community proposals under development for Chile, Cascadia and Alaska that would address SZ4D science



# Connect with us!

- Sign up for newsletter, follow us on twitter, **talk to us**
- Volunteer for committees
- AGU Townhall: Weds 6:30-7:30 pm, Marriott Marquis Hotel - SoMa Room (there will be food!)



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