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earthquake occurred in Cheng Kung, eastern Taiwan. The earthquake is well-defined crustal-scale listric thrust: the Chihshang fault. We use GPS measurements of the Cheng Kung earthquake to estimate the coseismic displacements in the study area. The Land Survey Bureau (LSB) of Taiwan collected 133 GPS observations within 6 and 3 months before and after the earthquake, respectively. The original goal of this investigation was to use the GPS network for surveying engineering purposes, in that the observation time was about 1.5 hrs in most sessions. The Bernese 4.2 software was used to process the GPS data. The orbits data were obtained from International GPS Service (IGS) data center. The station USUD in Japan, which is part of the IGS network. For the study area, the magnitudes of horizontal displacements increase from 7-8 cm in the west to 4-5 cm in the east. The horizontal displacements in the southern part of the network are larger than those in the northern part. On the hanging-wall the measurements are only 1-3 cm. After correcting for the secular motion, the resulting coseismic horizontal displacements are larger along the hanging wall and footwall of the Chihshang fault, respectively. This appears to contradict to the focal mechanism solution of the mainshock and subsequent larger aftershocks. A layer-elastic model is used to explain the observed large fault parallel motions along the hanging-wall can be attributed to the mainshock and subsequent larger aftershocks. We will present the coseismic displacements of a thrust fault along an arc-continent collision boundary.

Data and Method

- 2003/5-11: 133 stations (pre-earthquake data)
- 2003/12/17-12/19 and 2003/2/4-2/5: 74 stations (post-earthquake data)
 2003/2/20-2/25: 59 stations (post-earthquake data)
- Coseismic displacements: Bernese software v.4.2 (Hugentobler *et al.*, 2001)
- Inversion model: Layer-elastic dislocation model (Zeng and Chen, 2001)

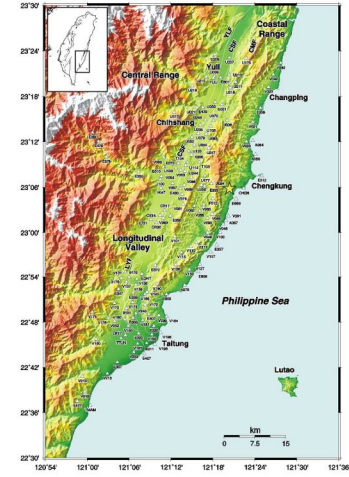


Figure 3 GPS stations in south-eastern Taiwan. Triangles are GPS stations. Yellow star is epicentral location of the mainshock. CMF: Chimei fault; CSF: Chihshang fault; LYF: Luyeh fault; YLF: Yuli fault.

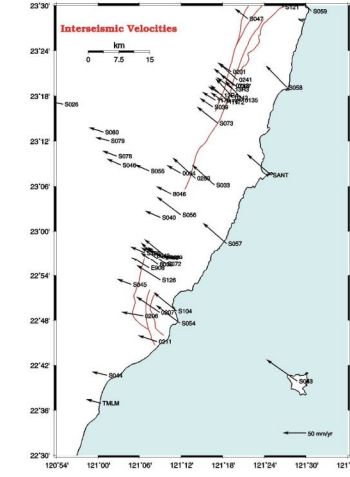


Figure 4 Secular GPS velocities relative to the stable continental margin (S01R), in study area from 1992 to 1999 (Yu *et al.*, 2001). The correction of secular motion for each station is determined from interpolation value.

Coseismic Displacements

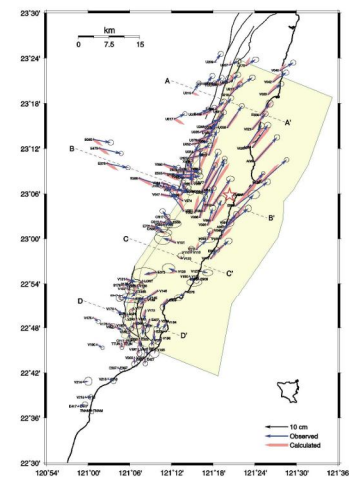


Figure 5 Observed (blue vectors with 95% confidence ellipses) and predicted (red thick vectors) coseismic displacements relative to station S01R. The yellow square is surface projection of model fault plane. Four black dash lines are locations of GPS profiles shown in figure 8.

Inversion Model

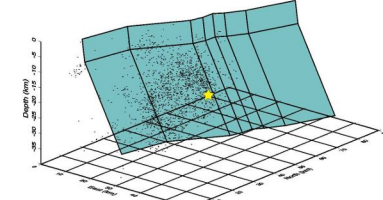


Figure 6 Modeling fault geometry for Cheng Kung Earthquake. Dip of the upper fault plane is 76° (73°- 79°); Dip of the lower fault plane is 43° (41°- 45°); Hinge depth is 7 km (6 km - 9 km). Circles are locations of aftershocks. Yellow star is location of the mainshock.

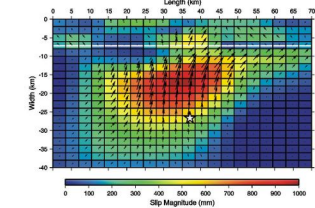


Figure 7 Slip distributions on the fault plane. White star is location of the mainshock. Rupture area is 2394.00 km². Average slip is 30.16 cm. Geodetic moment derived from this model is 2.2 × 10²⁶ dyne-cm.

GPS Profiles

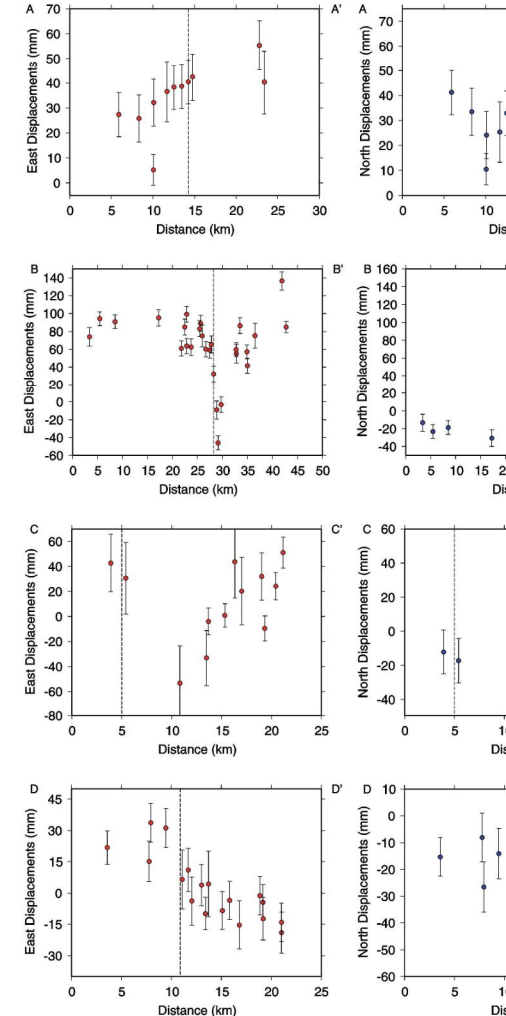


Figure 8 Spatial variations in East and north components for Cheng Kung earthquake. Dashed lines are locations of GPS profiles shown in figure 5.

Discussion and Conclusions

- Fault dip-angle variation controls the pattern of surface displacements.
- Coseismic displacements of Cheng Kung Earthquake were induced by a large slip on the fault plane.

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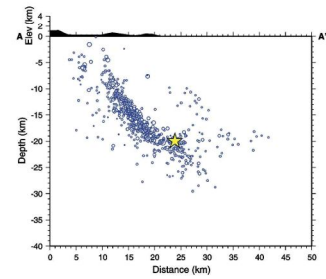


Figure 2 Cross section of hypocentral locations of the mainshock and aftershocks of Cheng Kung earthquake by double difference approach. Star is the epicentral location of the mainshock.

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